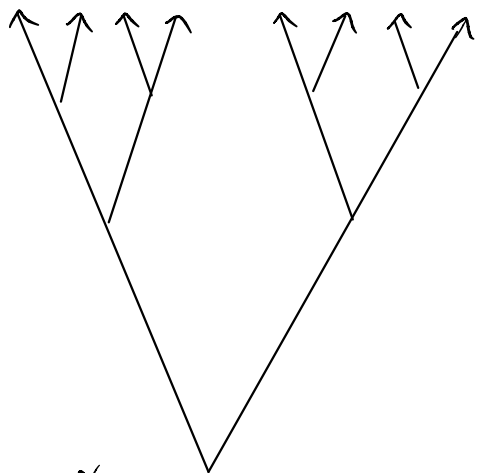


THE TOPOLOGICAL END SPACE  
PROBLEM

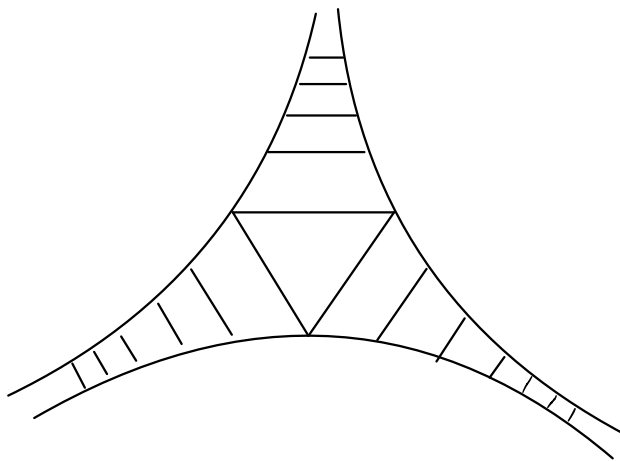
MAX PITZ

TOPOSYM 2022

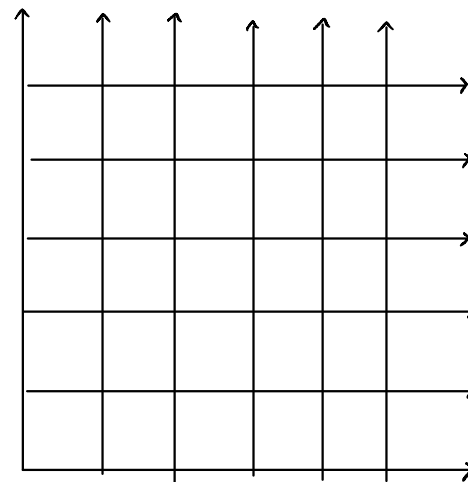
# END SPACES OF GRAPHS



•  $2^{\aleph_0}$  many ends

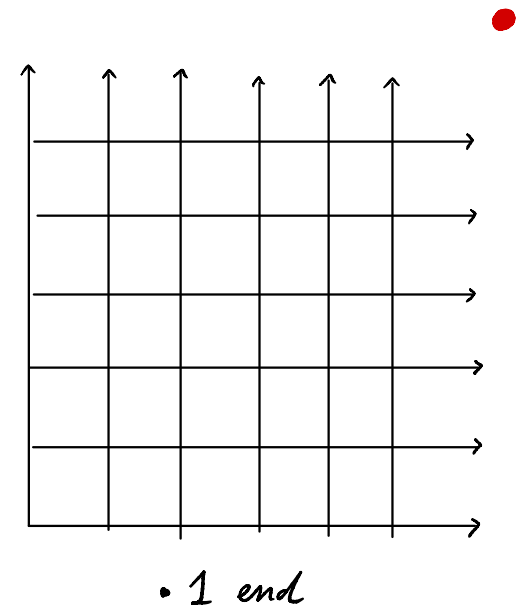
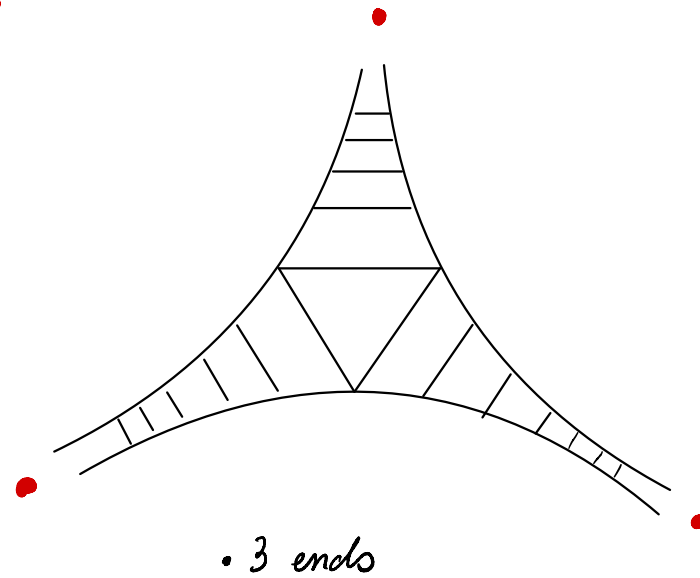
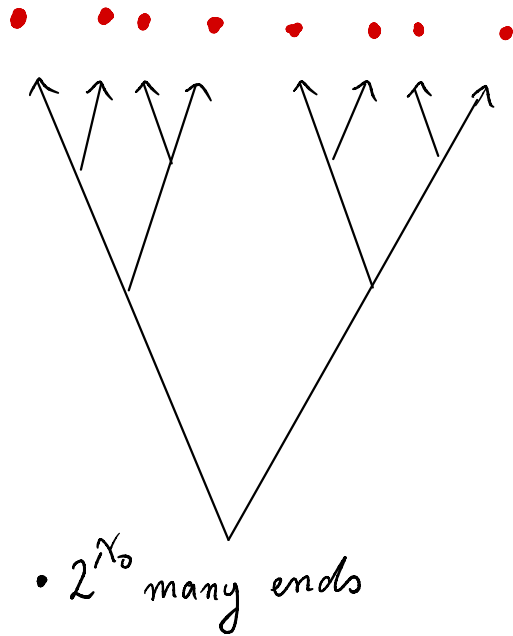


• 3 ends



• 1 end

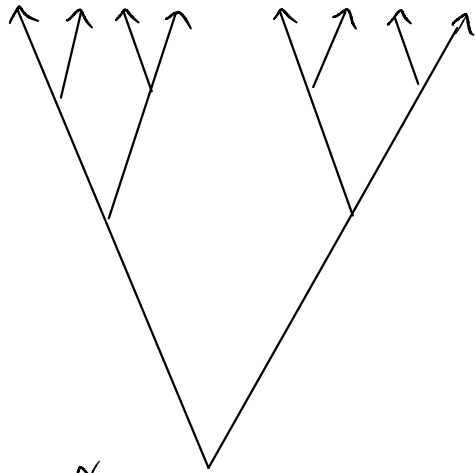
# END SPACES OF GRAPHS



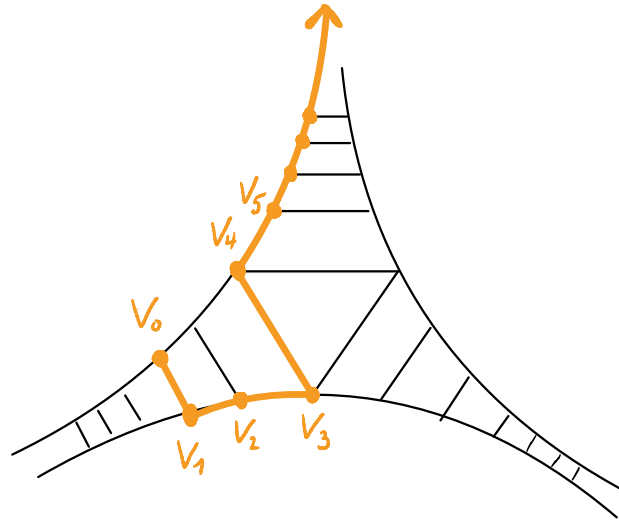
Intuition: End  $\hat{=}$  directions into which graph extends to  $\infty$ .

(Freudenthal, Hopf '40's; Halin, Jung '60's)

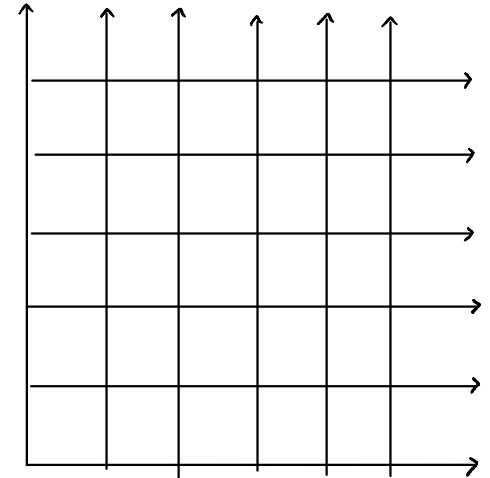
# END SPACES OF GRAPHS



•  $2^{\aleph_0}$  many ends



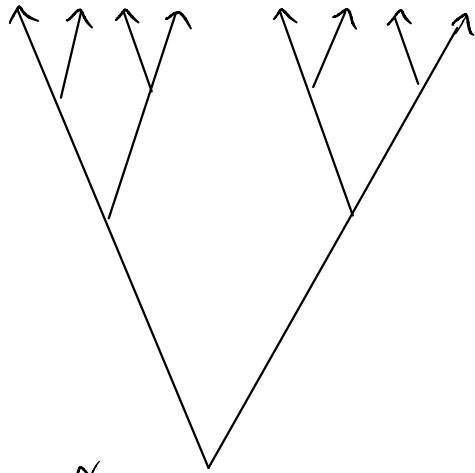
• 3 ends



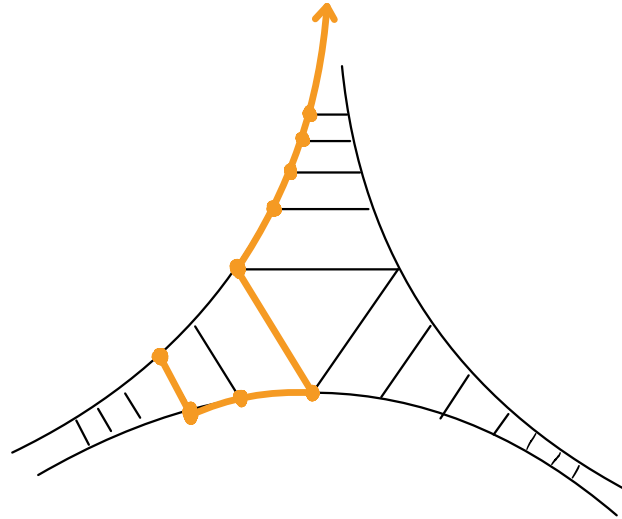
• 1 end

Def: • **Ray** = 1-way infinite path  $R = v_0 v_1 v_2 v_3 \dots$

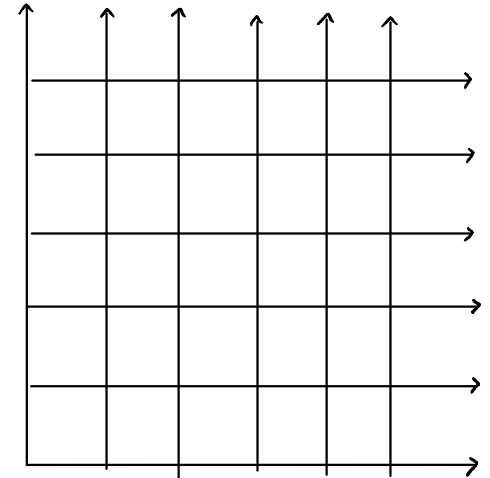
# END SPACES OF GRAPHS



•  $2^{\aleph_0}$  many ends



• 3 ends

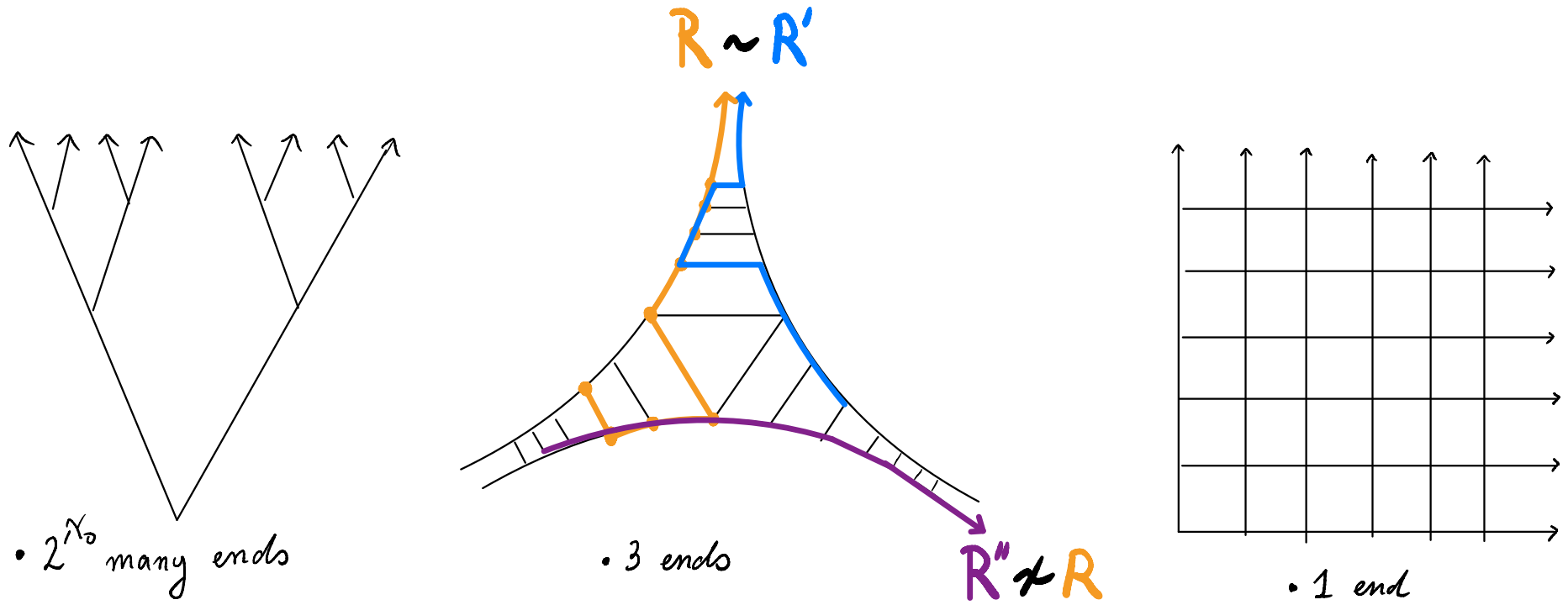


• 1 end

Def: • **Ray** = 1-way infinite path  $R = v_0 v_1 v_2 v_3 \dots$

•  $R \sim R'$  if  $\exists \infty$  disjoint  $R-R'$  paths

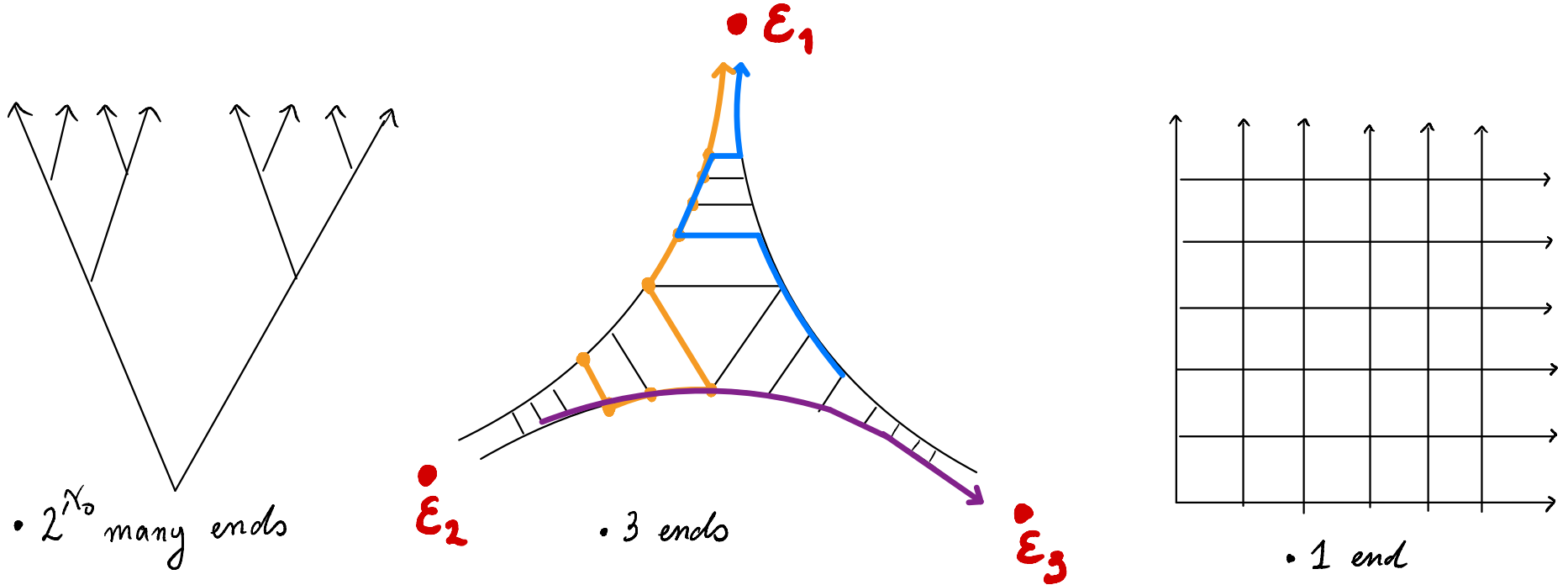
# END SPACES OF GRAPHS



Def: • **Ray** = 1-way infinite path  $R = v_0 v_1 v_2 v_3 \dots$

•  $R \sim R'$  if  $\exists \infty$  disjoint  $R-R'$  paths

# END SPACES OF GRAPHS

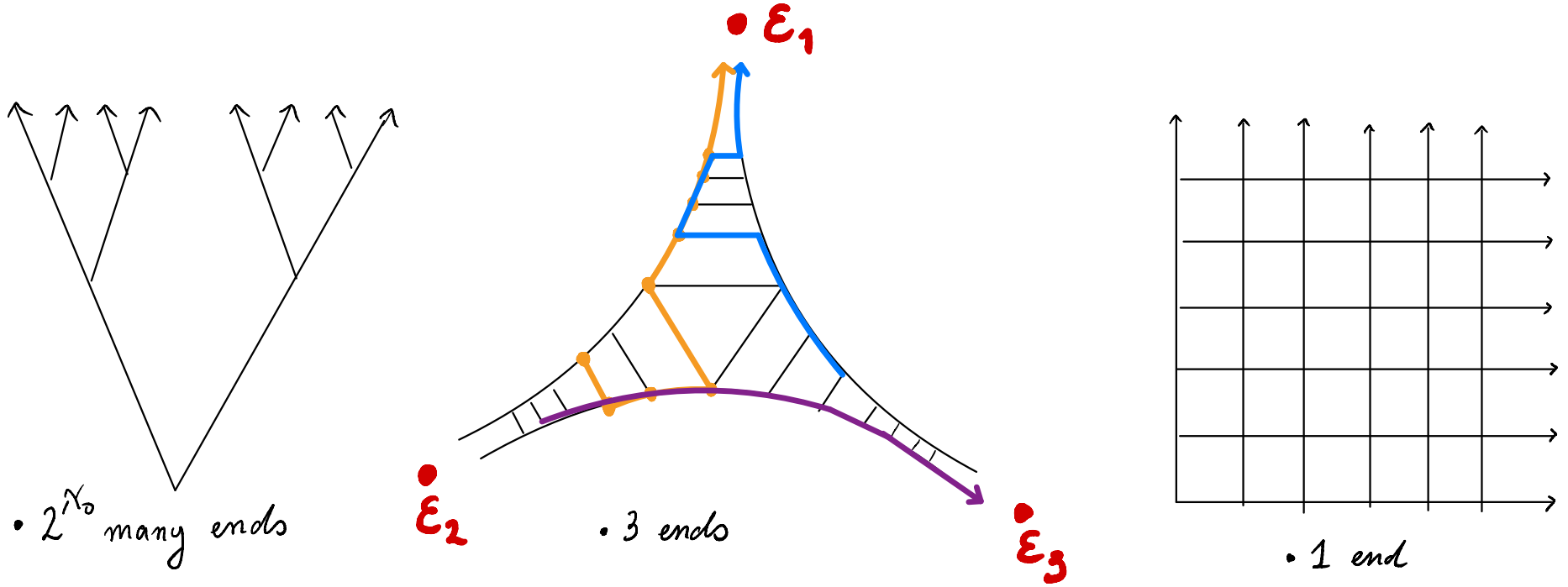


Def: • **Ray** = 1-way infinite path  $R = v_0 v_1 v_2 v_3 \dots$

•  $R \sim R'$  if  $\exists \infty$  disjoint  $R-R'$  paths

• **End** = equ. class of rays  $\mathcal{E} = [R]_{\sim}$

# END SPACES OF GRAPHS

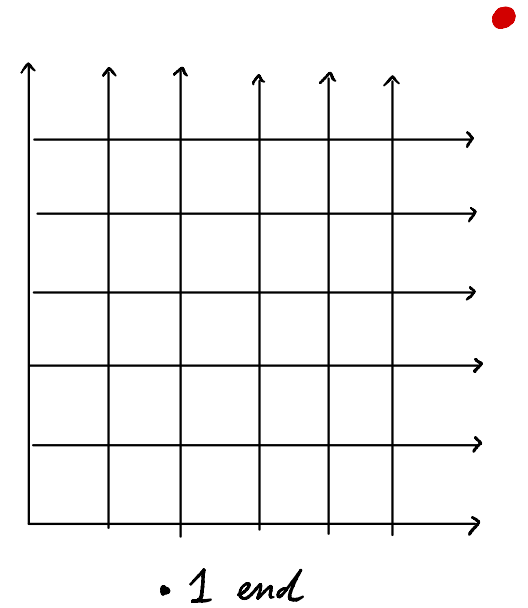
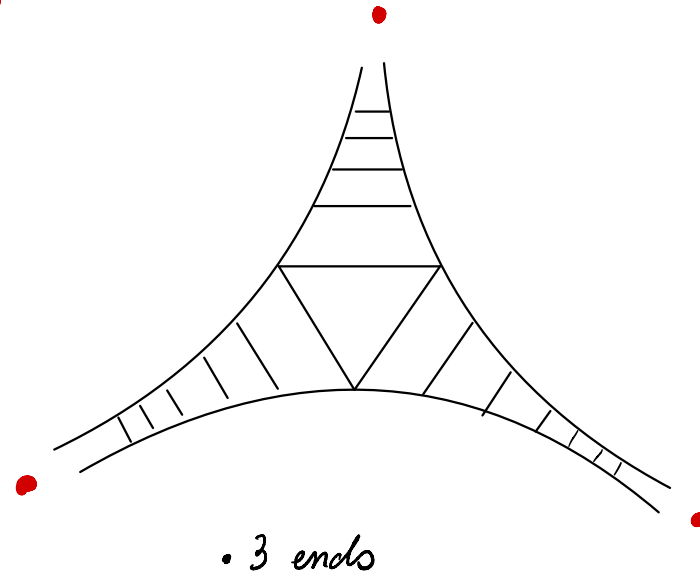
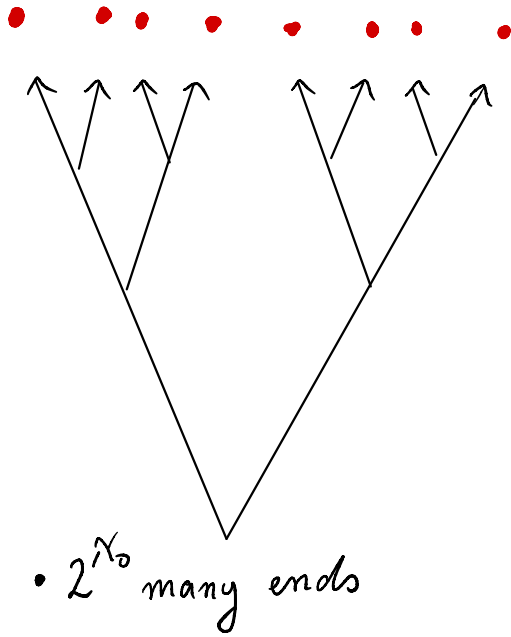


Def: • **Ray** = 1-way infinite path  $R = v_0 v_1 v_2 v_3 \dots$

- $R \sim R'$  if  $\exists \infty$  disjoint  $R-R'$  paths
- **End** = equ. class of rays  $\epsilon = [R]_{\sim}$
- $\Omega(G) = \{ \epsilon : \epsilon \text{ an end of } G \}$

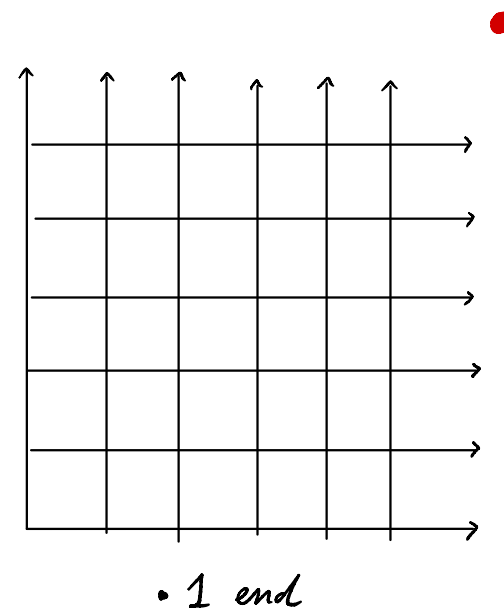
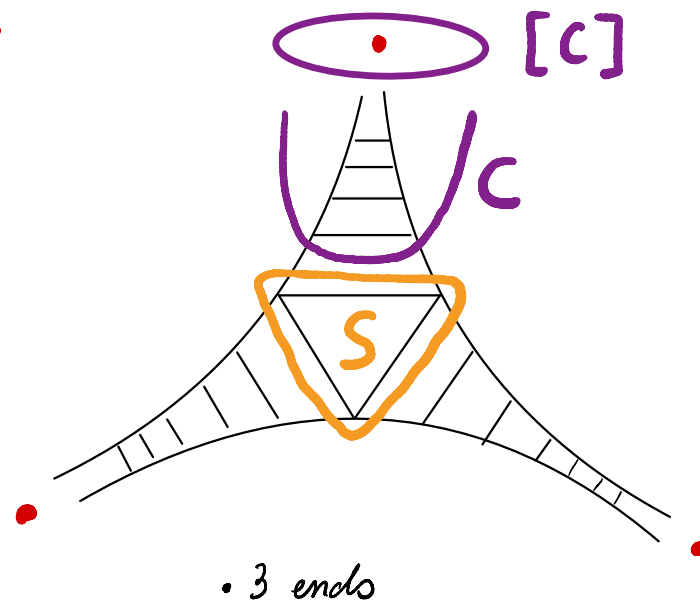
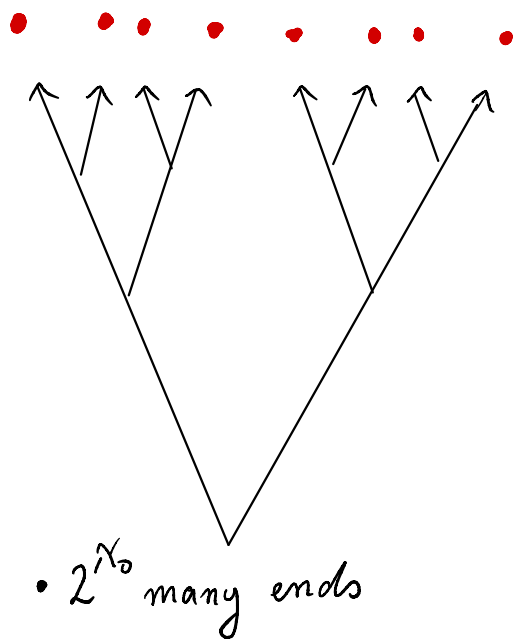


# END SPACES OF GRAPHS



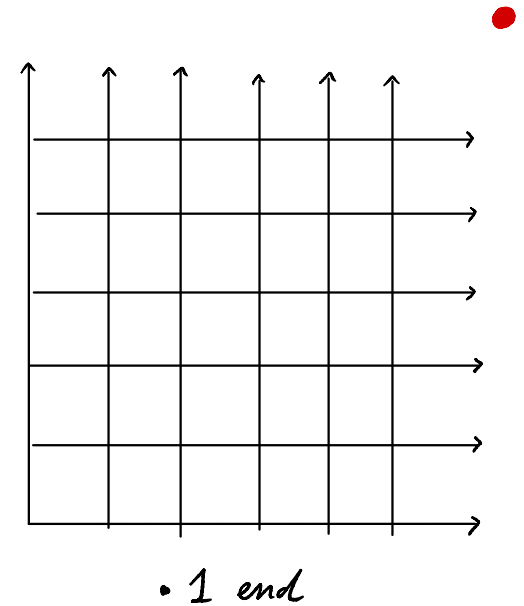
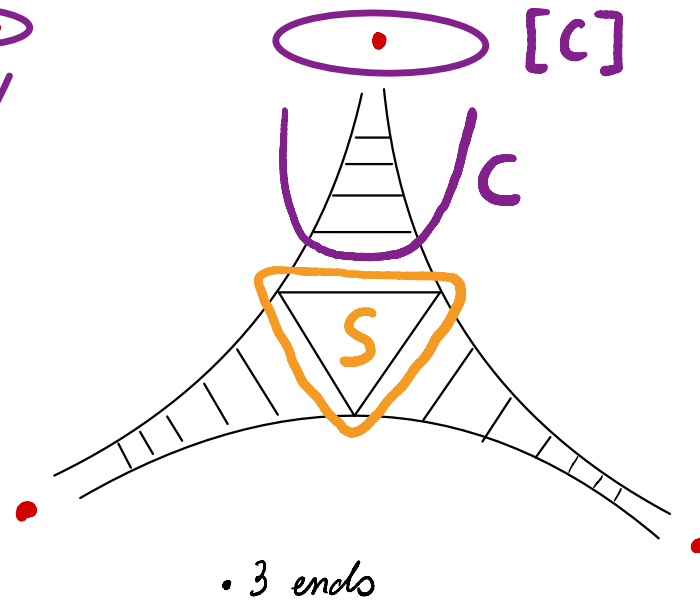
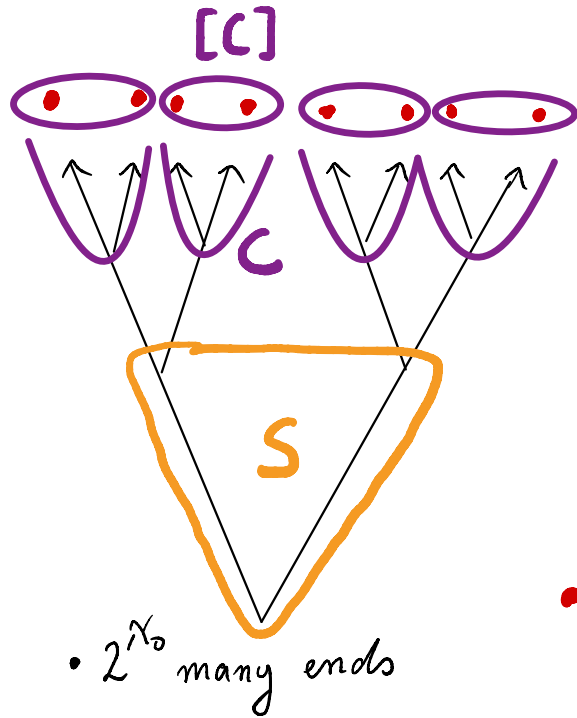
- Def:
- $\Omega(G) = \{ \varepsilon : \varepsilon \text{ an end of } G \}$
  - $S \subseteq G$  finite,  $C$  a conn't'd component of  $G - S$
  - $[C] = \{ \varepsilon : \forall R \in \varepsilon : R \subseteq^* C \}$

# END SPACES OF GRAPHS



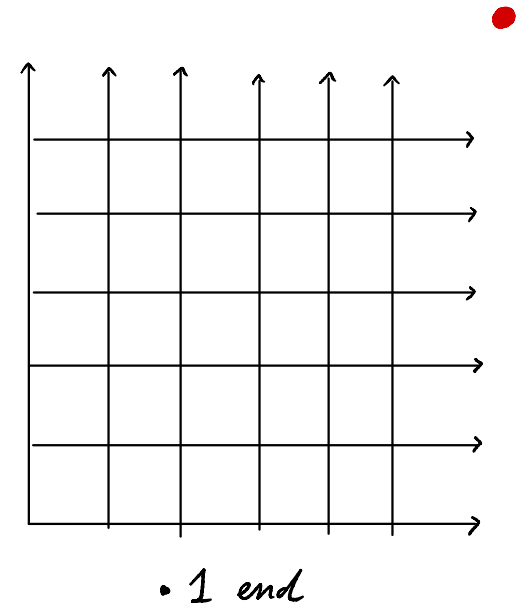
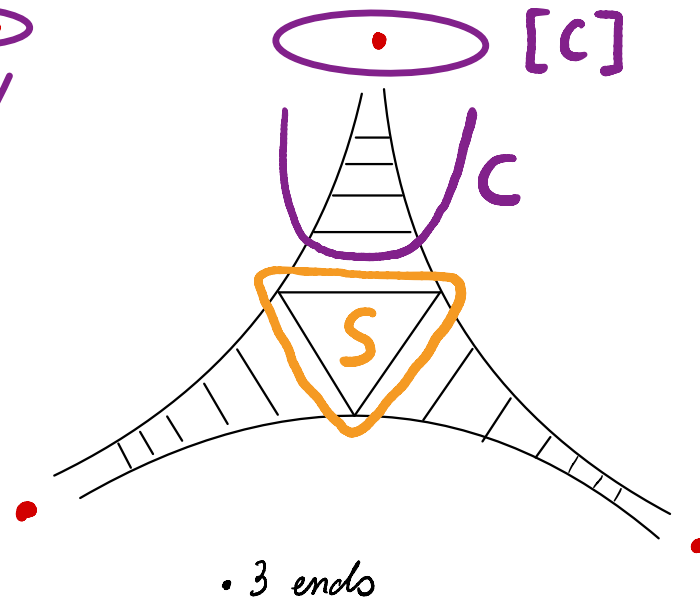
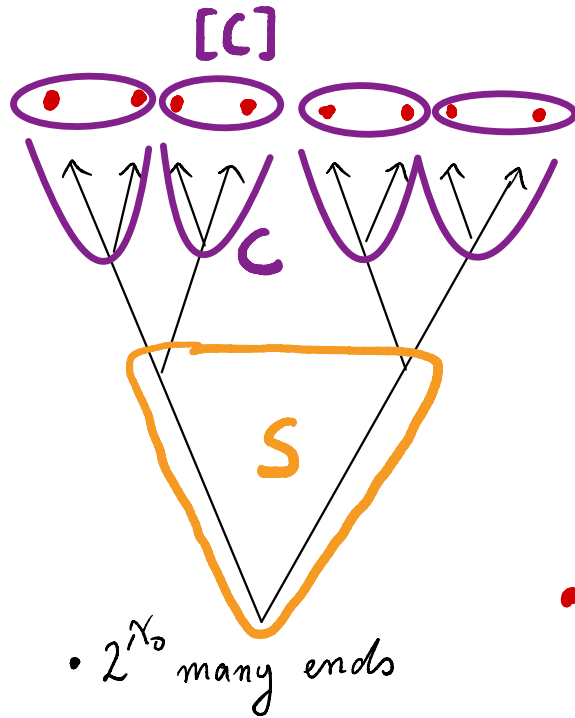
- Def:
- $\Omega(G) = \{ \varepsilon : \varepsilon \text{ and end of } G \}$
  - $S \subseteq G$  finite,  $C$  a conn't'd component of  $G - S$
  - $[C] = \{ \varepsilon : \forall R \in \varepsilon : R \subseteq^* C \}$

# END SPACES OF GRAPHS



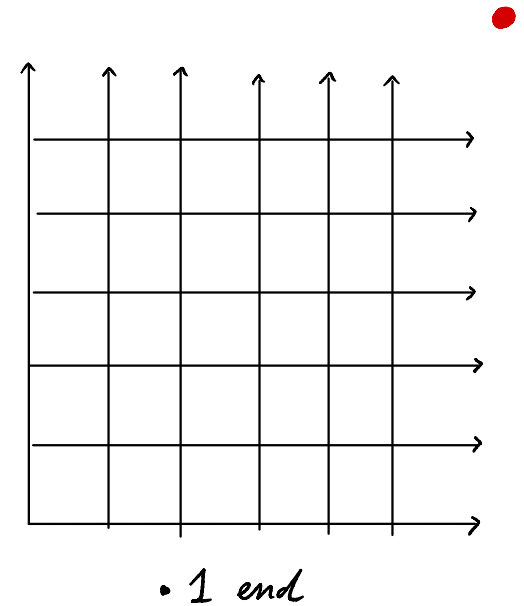
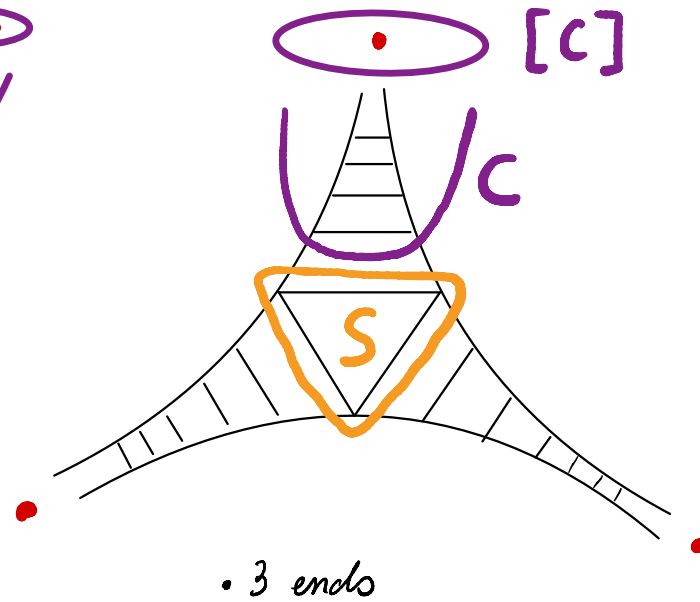
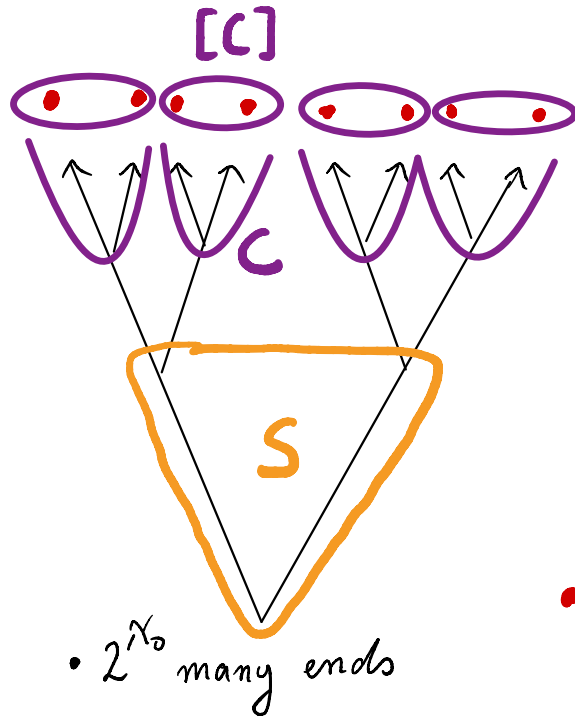
- Def:
- $\Omega(G) = \{ \varepsilon : \varepsilon \text{ and end of } G \}$
  - $S \subseteq G$  finite,  $C$  a conn't'd component of  $G - S$
  - $[C] = \{ \varepsilon : \forall R \in \varepsilon : R \subseteq^* C \}$

# END SPACES OF GRAPHS



- Def:
- $\Omega(G) = \{ \varepsilon : \varepsilon \text{ and end of } G \}$
  - $S \subseteq G$  finite,  $C$  a conn't'd component of  $G - S$
  - $[C] = \{ \varepsilon : \forall R \in \varepsilon : R \subseteq^* C \}$
  - $\swarrow$  basis for a 0-dim top on  $\Omega(G)$

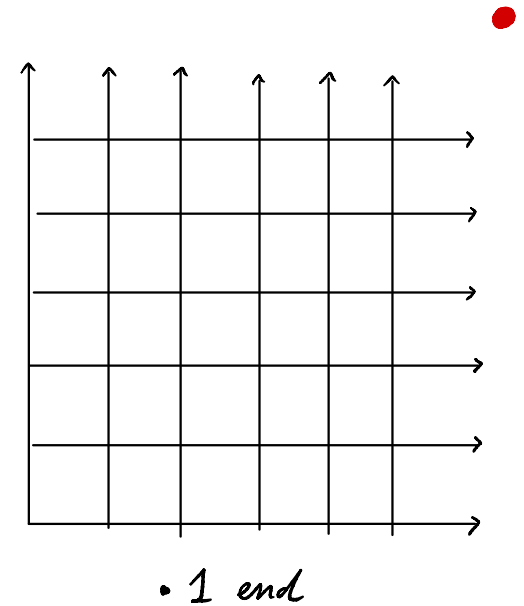
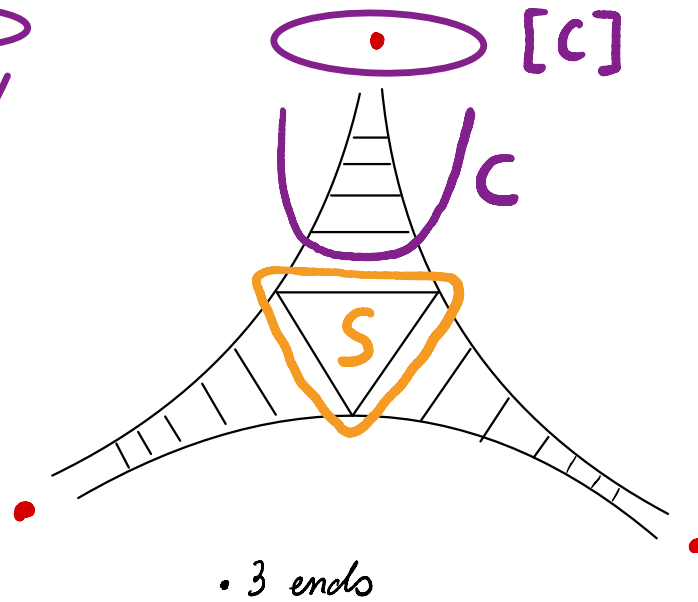
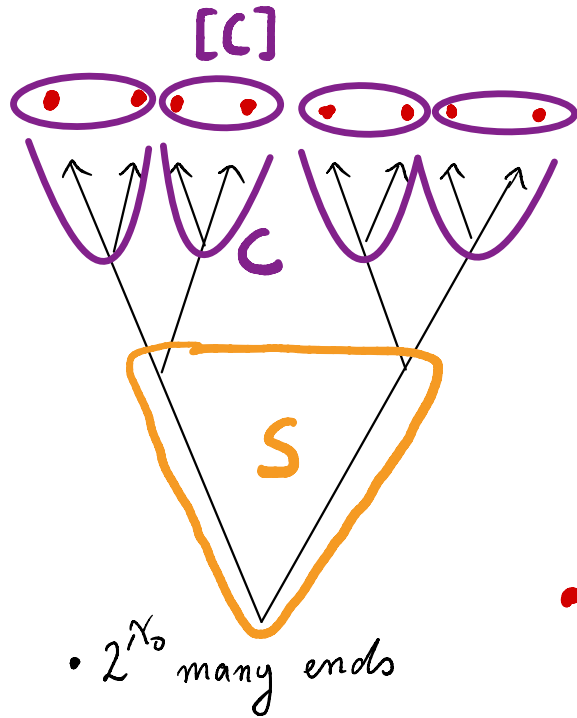
# END SPACES OF GRAPHS



TOPL. END SPACE PROBLEM (Diestel, 1992)

Which  $\text{top}^{\aleph}$  spaces occur as end spaces of graphs?

# END SPACES OF GRAPHS



## TOPL. END SPACE PROBLEM (Diestel, 1992)

Which  $\text{top}^2$  spaces occur as end spaces of graphs?

$X$  end space of a tree  $\Leftrightarrow X$  completely ultramet.  
 $X$  end space of a graph  $\Leftrightarrow$  ???

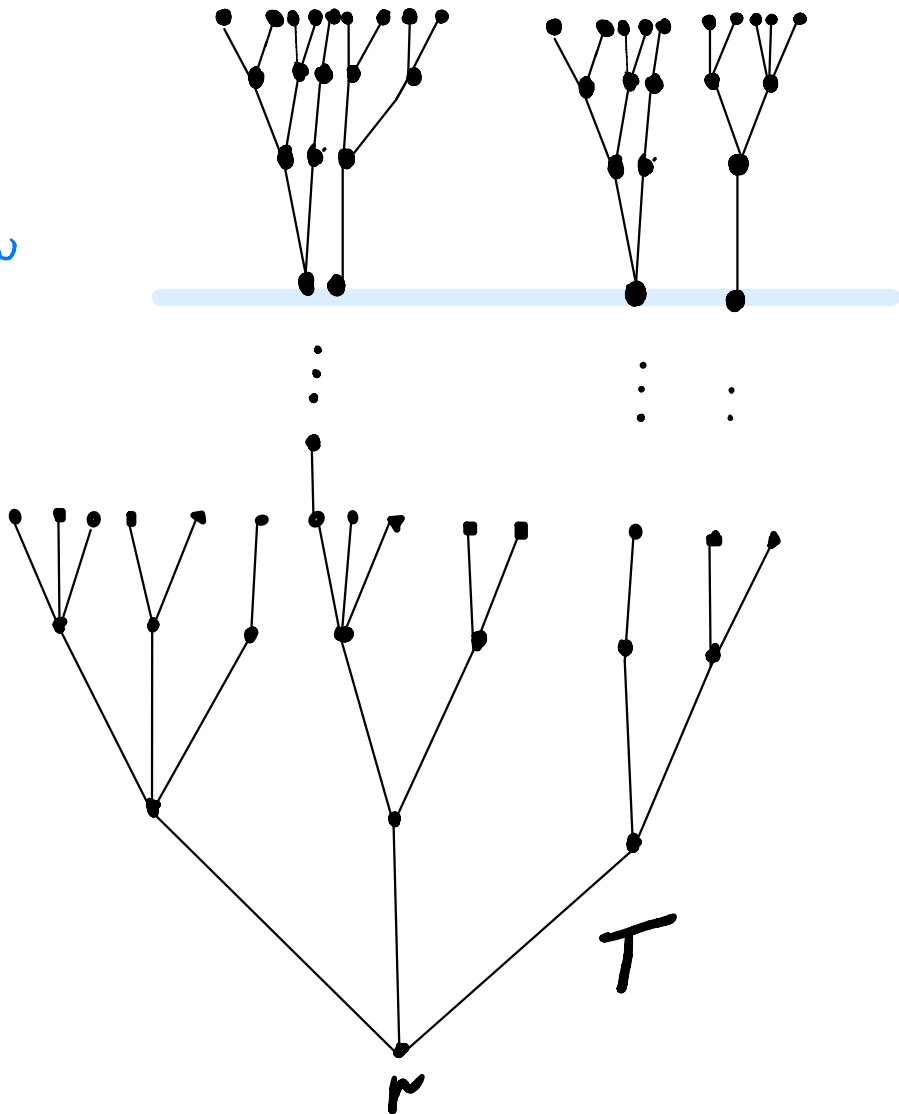
# A REPRESENTATION THEOREM FOR END SPACES

(Kurkofka, Pitz 21<sup>+</sup>)

# BRANCH AND RAY SPACES OF ORDER TREES

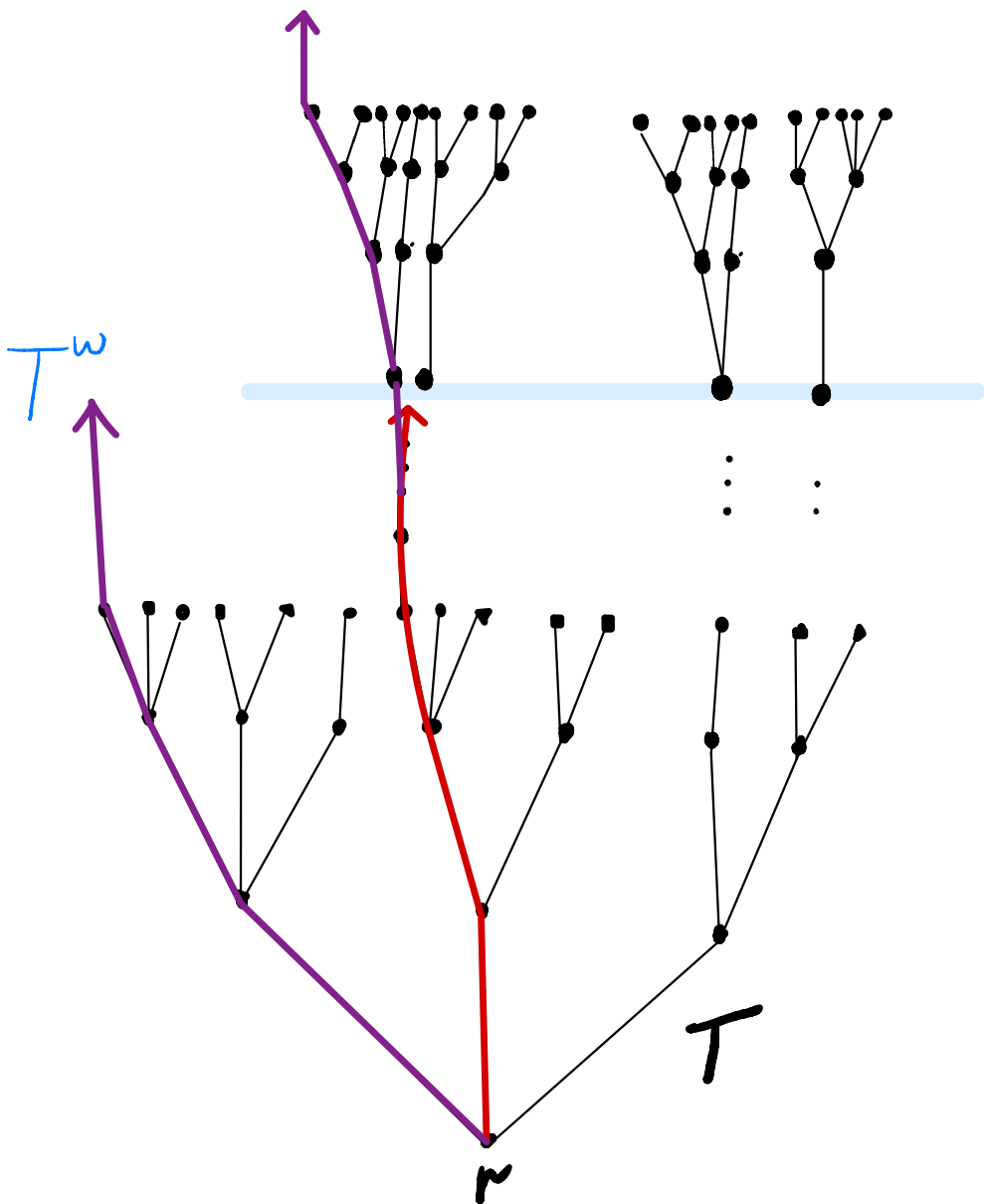
- $T$  = rooted order tree, pruned, not nec.  $T_2$

$T^w$



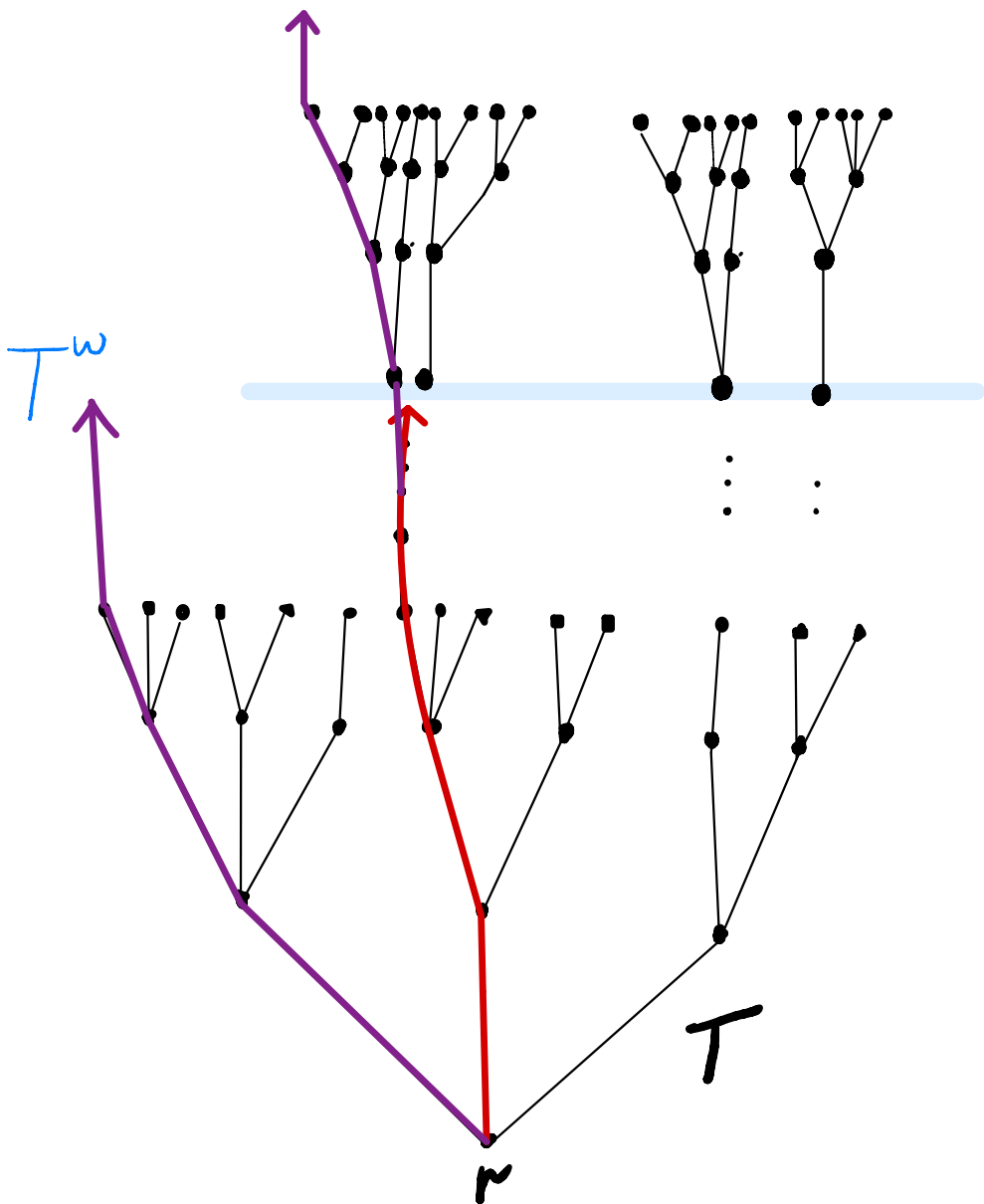


# BRANCH AND RAY SPACES OF ORDER TREES



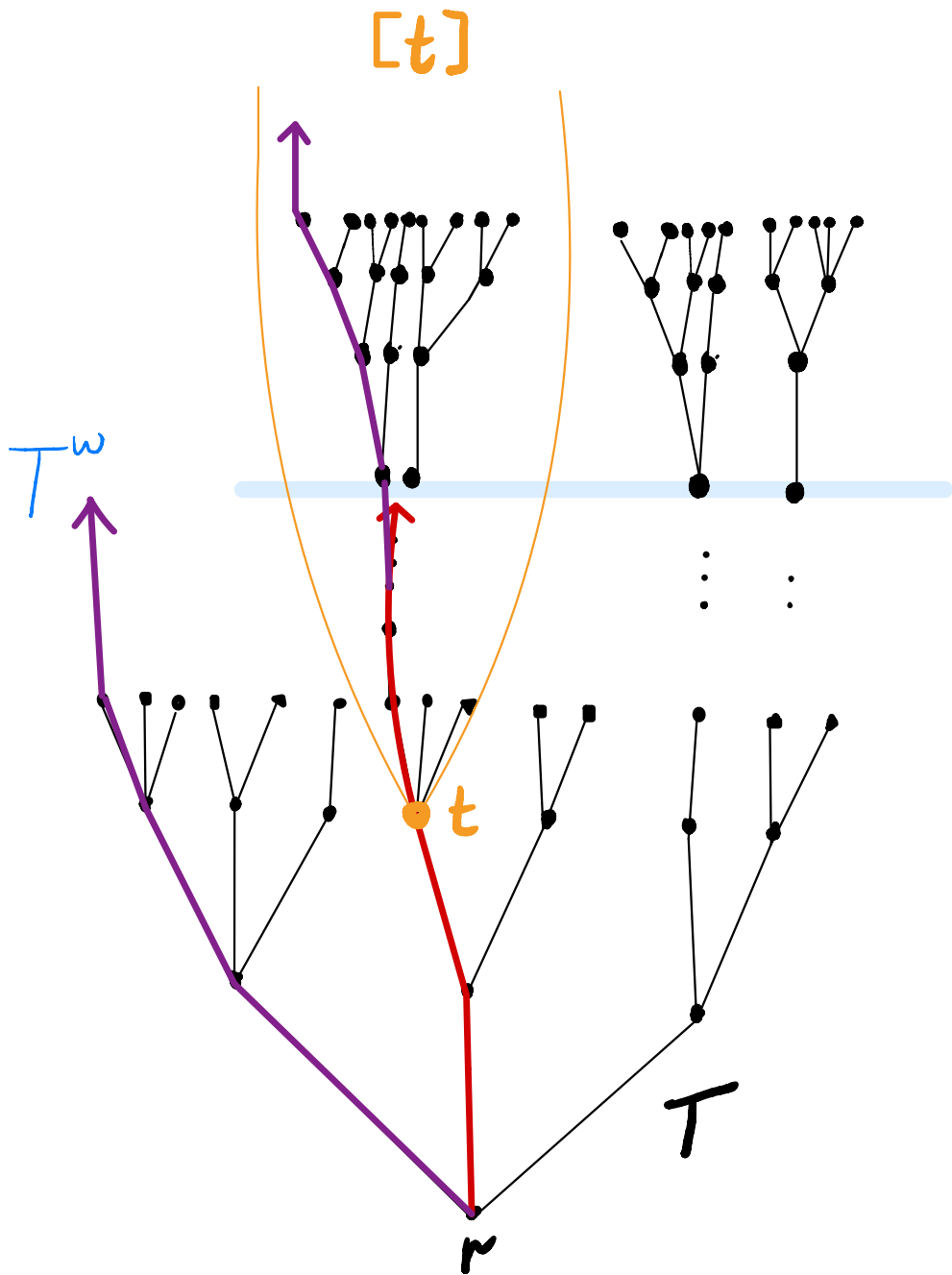
- $T$  = rooted order tree, pruned, not nec.  $T_2$
- **Ray** = down-closed chain without max. element
- **Branch** =  $\subseteq$ -max **ray**

# BRANCH AND RAY SPACES OF ORDER TREES



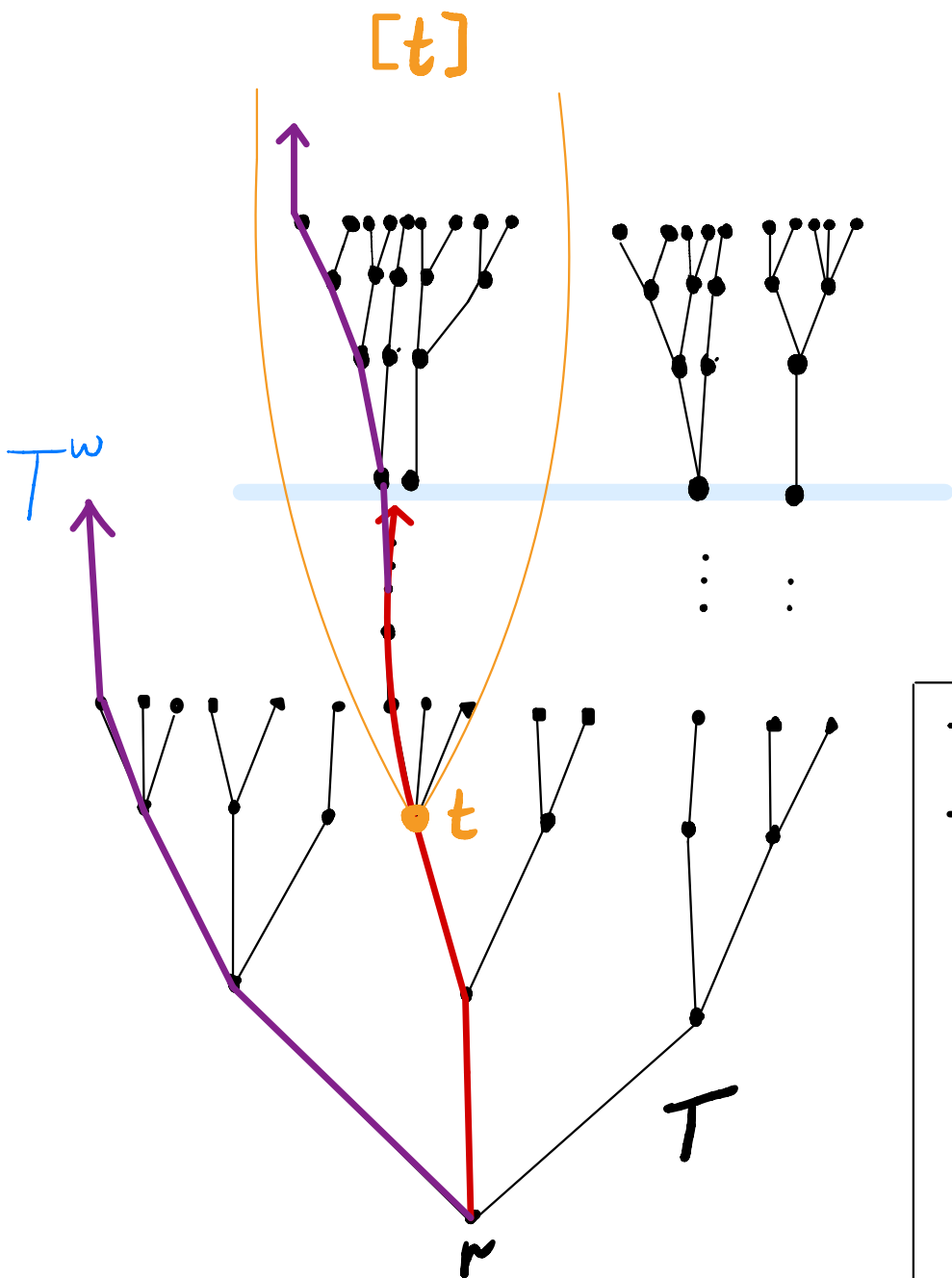
- $T$  = rooted order tree, pruned, not nec.  $T_2$
- **Ray** = down-closed chain without max. element
- **Branch** =  $\subseteq$ -max **ray**
- $R(T) \cong B(T)$ 
  - ↑ set of rays
  - ↑ set of branches

# BRANCH AND RAY SPACES OF ORDER TREES



- $T$  = rooted order tree, pruned, not nec.  $T_2$
  - **Ray** = down-closed chain without max. element
  - **Branch** =  $\subseteq$ -max **ray**
  - $\mathcal{R}(T) \cong \mathcal{B}(T)$
  - clopen subbase
- $$[t] = \{x \in \mathcal{R}(T) : t \in x\}$$

# BRANCH AND RAY SPACES OF ORDER TREES



- **Ray** = down-closed chain without max. element
- $R(T)$  ray space
- clopen subbase

$$[t] = \{x \in R(T) : t \in x\}$$

THM (K+P '21):  $X$  top. space:  
 $X \cong \Omega(G)$  for graph  $G$   
 $\Leftrightarrow$   
 $X \cong R(T)$  for special order tree  $T$ .

# BRANCH AND RAY SPACES OF ORDER TREES

- **Ray** = down-closed chain without max. element
- $\mathcal{R}(T)$  ray space
- clopen subbase

$$[t] = \{x \in \mathcal{R}(T) : t \in x\}$$

“ $\Leftarrow$  Builds on an idea of Diestel-Leader-Todorćević (2001)”

THM (K+P '21):  $X$  top. space:

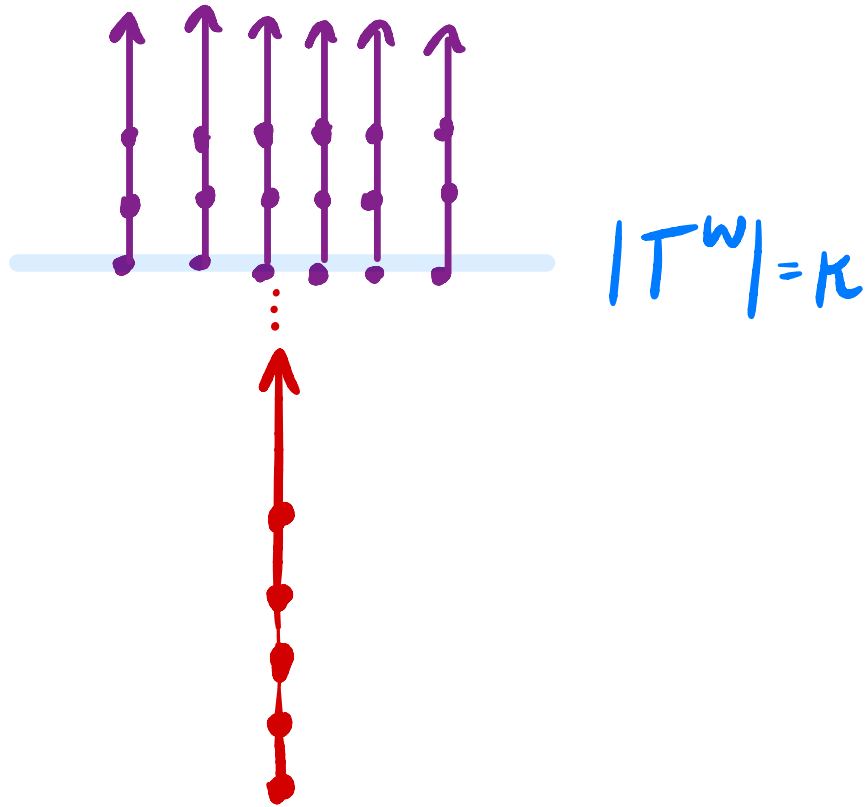
$$X \cong \Omega(G) \text{ for graph } G$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$X \cong \mathcal{R}(T)$  for special order tree  $T$ .

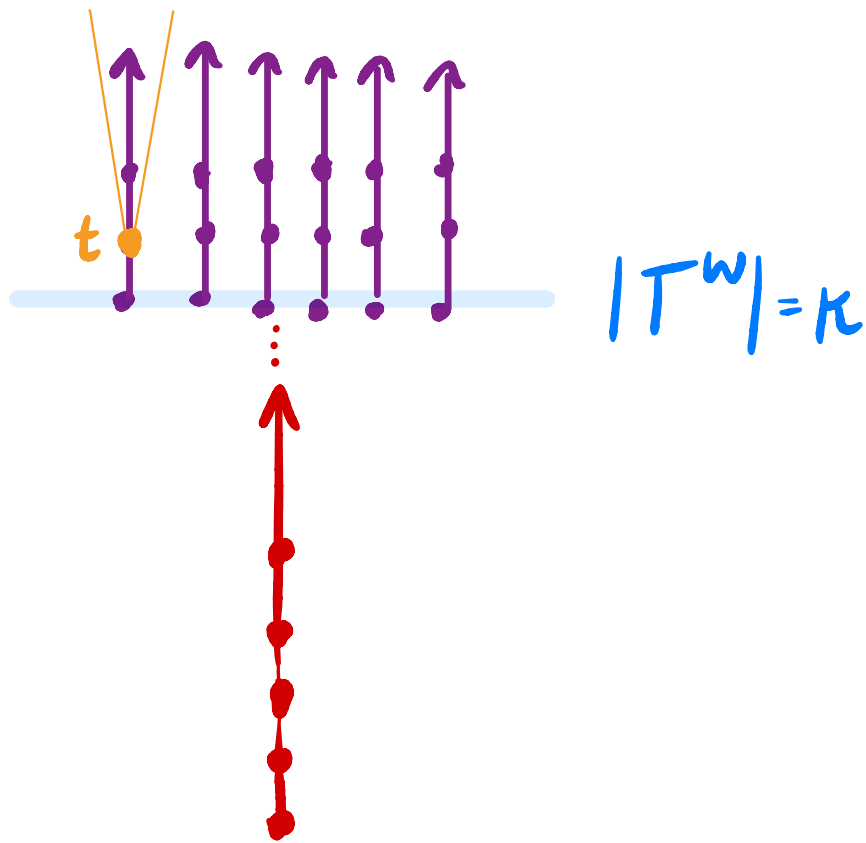
# PROPERTIES OF RAY SPACES

An example :



# PROPERTIES OF RAY SPACES

An example:

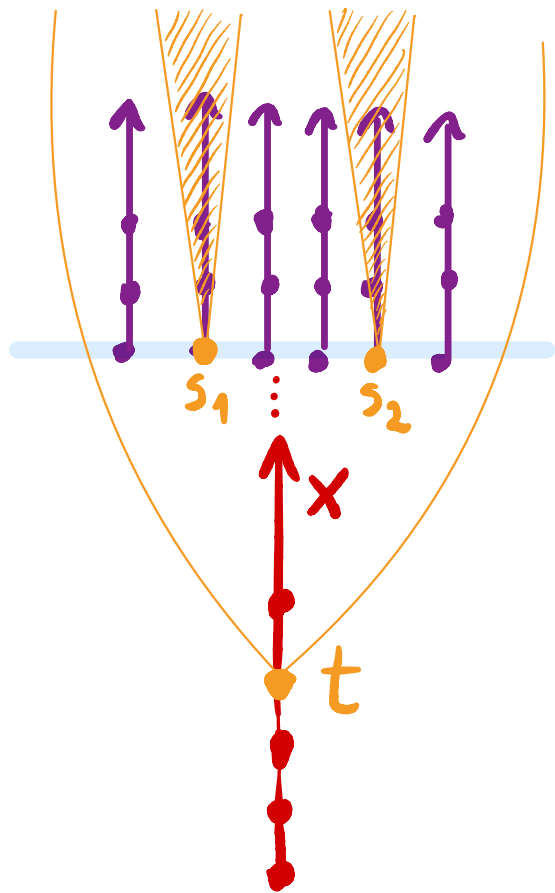


$$|T^w| = k$$

$B(T)$  = discrete of size  $k$

# PROPERTIES OF RAY SPACES

An example:



$$|T^w| = k$$

$B(T)$  = discrete of size  $k$

$$R(T) = \alpha(B(T))$$



1-pt compactification

Basis at  $x$  given by

$$[t] \setminus ([s_1] \cup \dots \cup [s_n])$$

where  $s_i$  are tops of ray  $x$



# PROPERTIES OF RAY SPACES

Every ray space is

- ultraparacpt
- monotonically normal
- base compact
- not necessarily Čech-complete

• for branch spaces: folklore

• for end spaces: Kurkofka, Melcher,  
Pitz '20

∃ clopen base  $\mathcal{B}$  s.t.

$\forall \tilde{\mathcal{F}} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$  with f.i.p. :  $\bigcap \tilde{\mathcal{F}} \neq \emptyset$ .

# PROPERTIES OF RAY SPACES

Every ray space is ultraparacpt:

Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be open cover of  $\mathcal{R}(T)$ .

Want: open partition  
refinement  $\mathcal{U}^* \leq \mathcal{U}$ .

# PROPERTIES OF RAY SPACES

Every ray space is ultraparacompact:

Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be open cover of  $\mathbb{R}(T)$ .

Want: open partition  
refinement  $\mathcal{U}^* \leq \mathcal{U}$ .

Repeat as long as possible:

- pick an  $\epsilon$ -max  
uncovered ray  $x_\alpha \in \mathbb{R}(T)$
- pick basic open  $x_\alpha \in V_\alpha$   
 $= [t_\alpha] \setminus ([s_1] \cup \dots \cup [s_n]) \subseteq U \in \mathcal{U}$

# PROPERTIES OF RAY SPACES

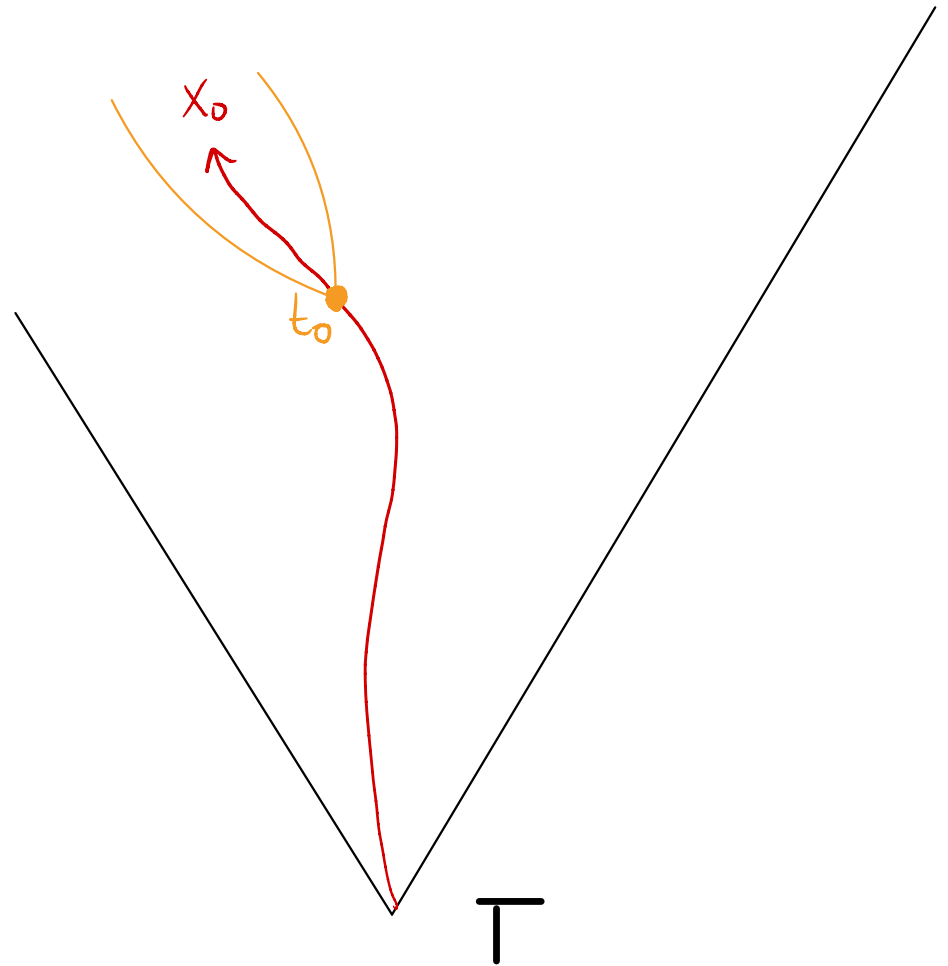
Every ray space is ultraparacompact:

Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be open cover of  $\mathcal{R}(T)$ .

Want: open partition  
refinement  $\mathcal{U}^* \leq \mathcal{U}$ .

Repeat as long as possible:

- pick an  $\varepsilon$ -max  
uncovered ray  $x_\alpha \in \mathcal{R}(T)$
- pick basic open  $x_\alpha \in V_\alpha$   
 $= [t_\alpha] \setminus ([s_1] \cup \dots \cup [s_n]) \subseteq U \in \mathcal{U}$



# PROPERTIES OF RAY SPACES

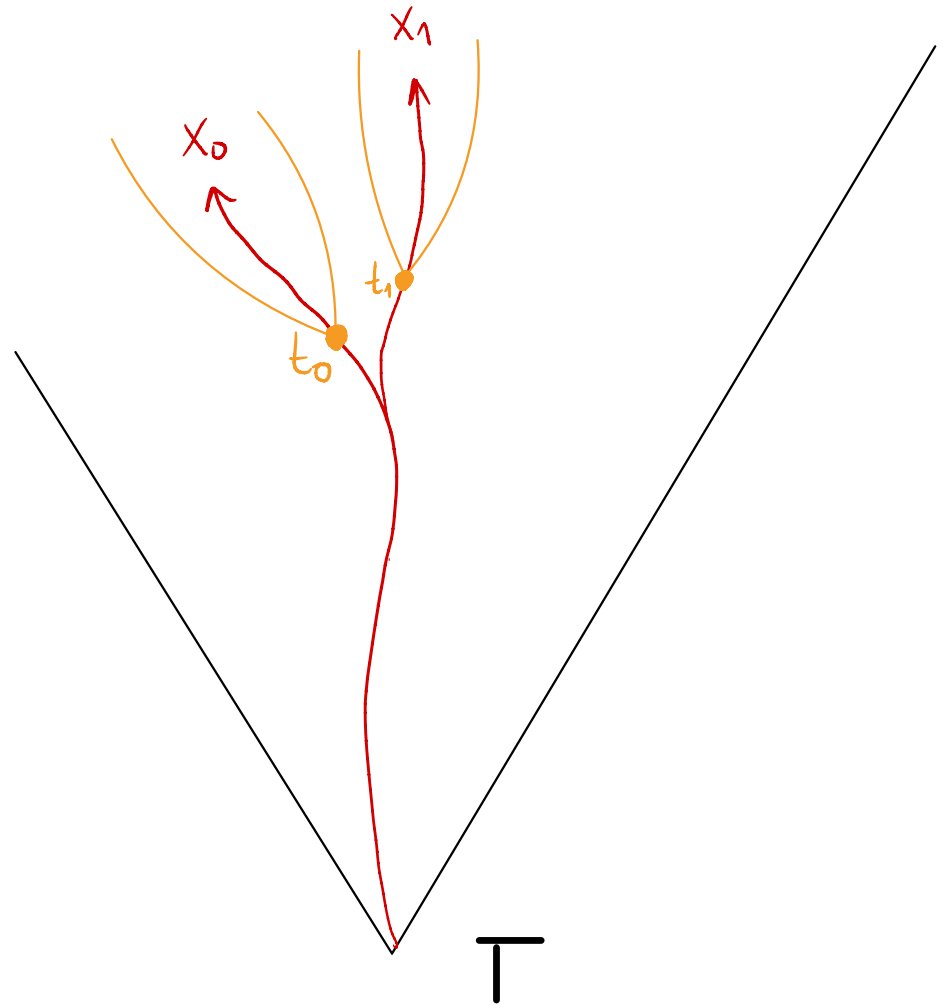
Every ray space is ultraparacompact:

Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be open cover of  $\mathcal{R}(T)$ .

Want: open partition  
refinement  $\mathcal{U}^* \leq \mathcal{U}$ .

Repeat as long as possible:

- pick an  $\varepsilon$ -max  
uncovered ray  $x_\alpha \in \mathcal{R}(T)$
- pick basic open  $x_\alpha \in V_\alpha$   
 $= [t_\alpha] \setminus ([s_1] \cup \dots \cup [s_n]) \subseteq U \in \mathcal{U}$



# PROPERTIES OF RAY SPACES

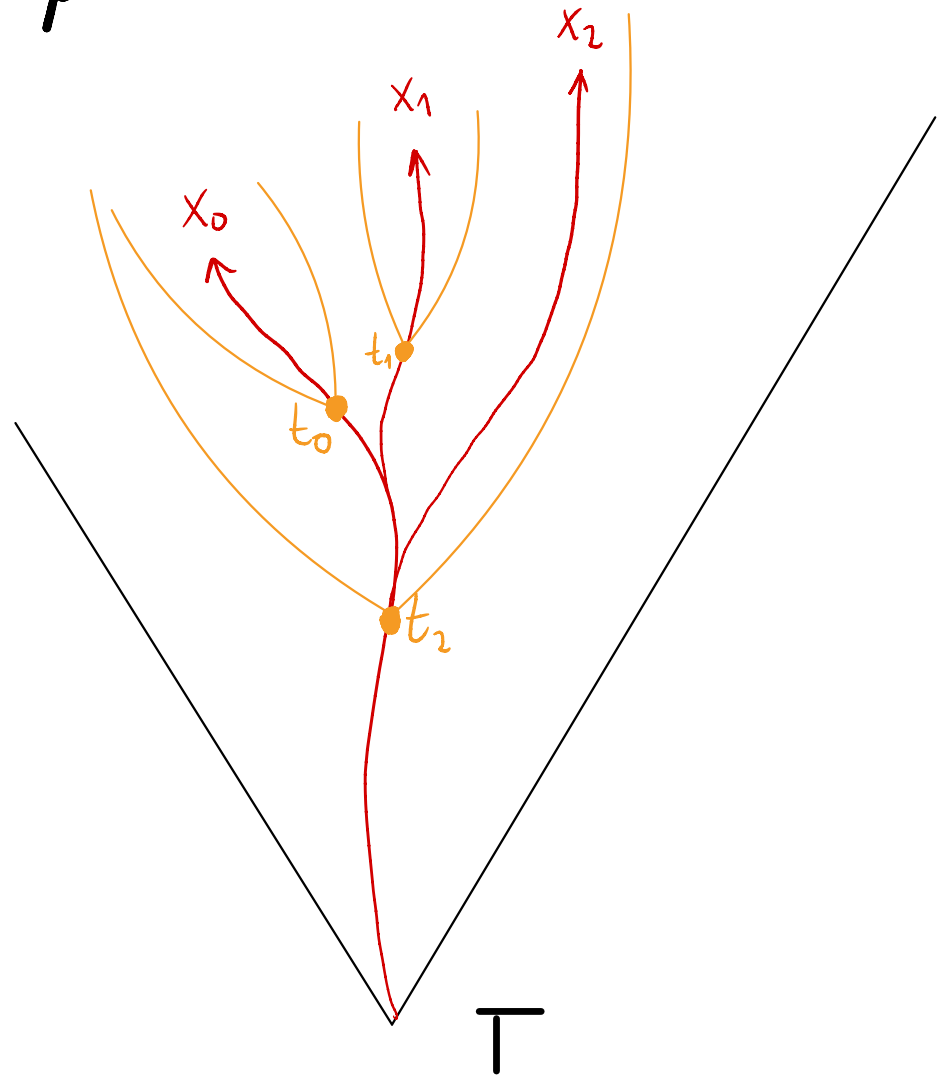
Every ray space is ultraparacompact:

Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be open cover of  $\mathcal{R}(T)$ .

Want: open partition  
refinement  $\mathcal{U}^* \leq \mathcal{U}$ .

Repeat as long as possible:

- pick an  $\varepsilon$ -max  
uncovered ray  $x_\alpha \in \mathcal{R}(T)$
- pick basic open  $x_\alpha \in V_\alpha$   
 $= [t_\alpha] \setminus ([s_1] \cup \dots \cup [s_n]) \subseteq U \in \mathcal{U}$



# PROPERTIES OF RAY SPACES

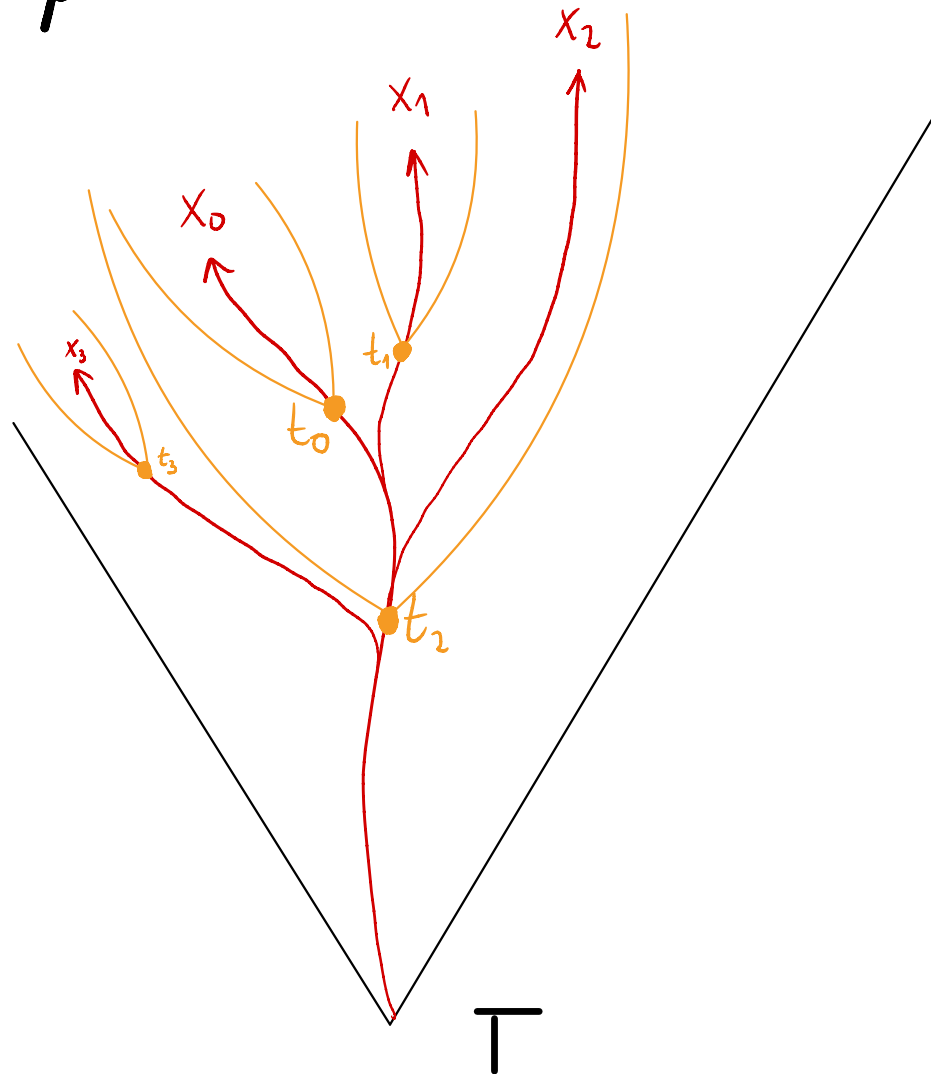
Every ray space is ultraparacpt:

Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be open cover of  $\mathcal{R}(T)$ .

Want: open partition  
refinement  $\mathcal{U}^* \leq \mathcal{U}$ .

Repeat as long as possible:

- pick an  $\leq$ -max  
uncovered ray  $x_\alpha \in \mathcal{R}(T)$
- pick basic open  $x_\alpha \in V_\alpha$   
 $= [t_\alpha] \setminus ([s_1] \cup \dots \cup [s_n]) \subseteq U \in \mathcal{U}$



# PROPERTIES OF RAY SPACES

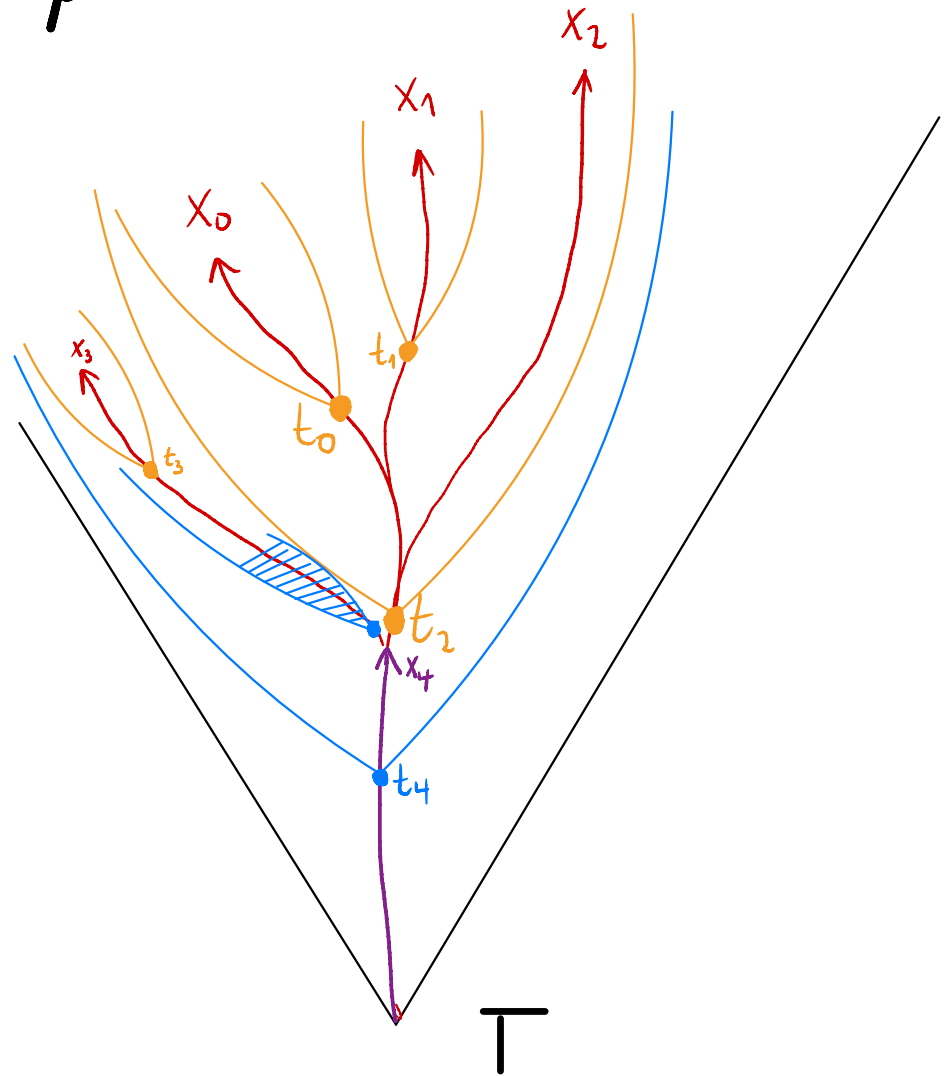
Every ray space is ultraparacompact:

Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be open cover of  $\mathcal{R}(T)$ .

Want: open partition refinement  $\mathcal{U}^* \leq \mathcal{U}$ .

Repeat as long as possible:

- pick an  $\leq$ -max uncovered ray  $x_\alpha \in \mathcal{R}(T)$
- pick basic open  $x_\alpha \in V_\alpha = [t_\alpha] \setminus ([s_1^\alpha] \cup \dots \cup [s_n^\alpha]) \subseteq U \in \mathcal{U}$





# PROPERTIES OF RAY SPACES

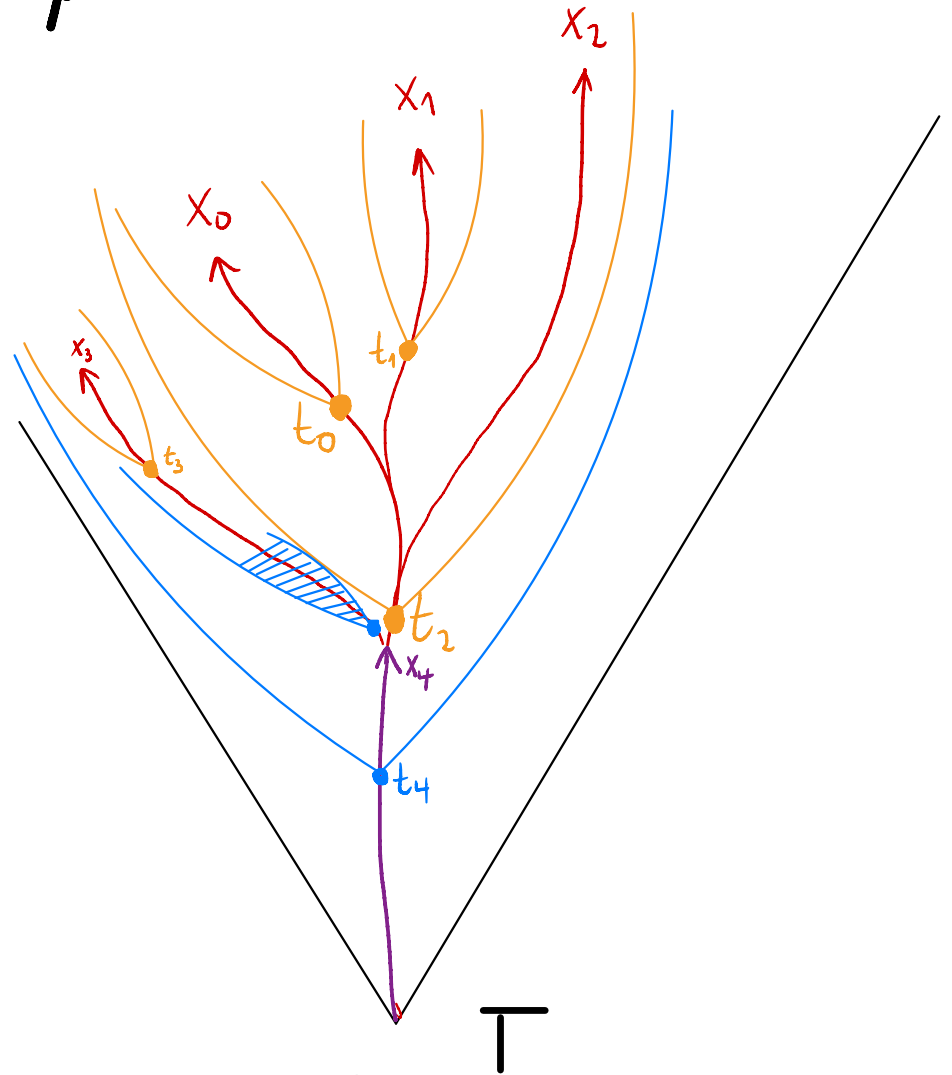
Every ray space is ultraparacpt:

Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be open cover of  $\mathcal{R}(T)$ .

Want: open partition refinement  $\mathcal{U}^* \leq \mathcal{U}$ .

Repeat as long as possible:

- pick an  $\subseteq$ -max uncovered ray  $x_\alpha \in \mathcal{R}(T)$
- pick basic open  $x_\alpha \in V_\alpha = [t_\alpha] \setminus ([s_1^\alpha] \cup \dots \cup [s_n^\alpha]) \subseteq U \in \mathcal{U}$



$\Rightarrow \mathcal{U}^* = \{ \subseteq\text{-max elmts in } \{V_\alpha : \alpha \in \mathcal{O}_n\} \}$  works.  $\square$

# PROPERTIES OF RAY SPACES

Every ray space is

- ultraparacpt
- monotonically normal
- base compact

Every ray space of a special tree is

- hereditarily ultraparacpt
- contains a dense, completely metr. subset

↑ for branch spaces : Todorčević, '81

# PROPERTIES OF RAY SPACES

Every ray space is

- ultraparacpt
- monotonically normal
- base compact

Every ray space of a special tree is

- hereditarily ultraparacpt
- contains a dense, completely metr. subset

Every ray space of a special Aronszajn tree is

- Lindelöf
  - $\Rightarrow$  not metrizable
- } for branch spaces :
- Todorćević '86,
  - Frank,utzer '05.

# A TOPL CHARACTERISATION OF RAY SPACES?

$X$ homeomorphic to for $T_a$	$R(T)$	$B(T)$
height- $w$ tree	$X$ completely ultrametrizable	

# A TOPL CHARACTERISATION OF RAY SPACES?

$X$ homeomorphic to for $T_a$	$R(T)$	$B(T)$
height- $w$ tree	$X$ completely ultrametrizable	
order tree	?	$T_2$ , base-cpt, <u>nonarchimedean</u>

(builds on Nyikos '99)

$\exists$  base  $\mathcal{B}$  s.t.  $\forall B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{B}$ :

$$B_1 \cap B_2 \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow B_1 \subseteq B_2 \text{ or } B_2 \subseteq B_1.$$

# A TOPL CHARACTERISATION OF RAY SPACES?

$X$ homeomorphic to for $T_a$	$R(T)$	$B(T)$
height- $w$ tree	$X$ completely ultrametrizable	
order tree	?	$T_2$ , base-cpt, nonarchimedean
Hausdorff order tree	?	(builds on Nyikos '99)

# A TOPL CHARACTERISATION OF RAY SPACES?

$X$ homeomorphic to for $T_a$	$R(T)$	$B(T)$
height- $w$ tree	$X$ completely ultrametrizable	
order tree	?	$T_2$ , base-cpt, nonarchimedean
Hausdorff order tree	?	(builds on Nyikos '99)
special order tree	???	+ $\exists \mathcal{G}$ -disjoint base (builds on Funk/Yutzer '05)

For the history of the TOPL. END SPACE PROBLEM  
& proof details of the REPRESENTATION THM



see Kurkofka & Pitz: A REP. THEOREM FOR END SPACES