

Independence Relations in Abstract Elementary Categories

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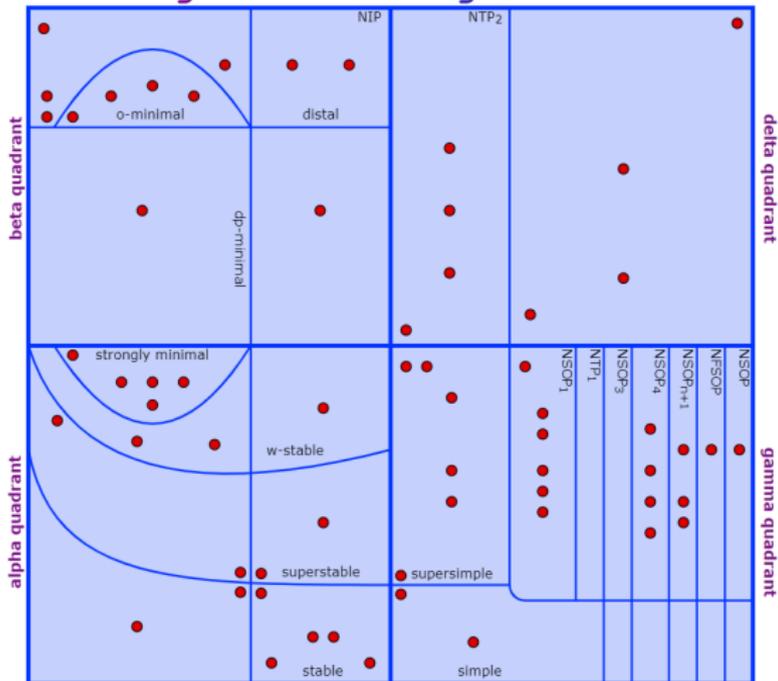
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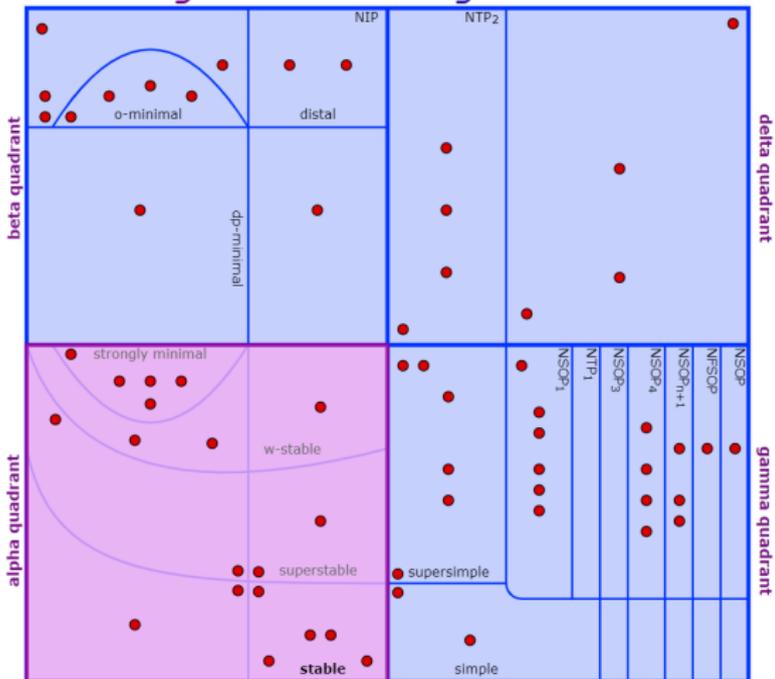


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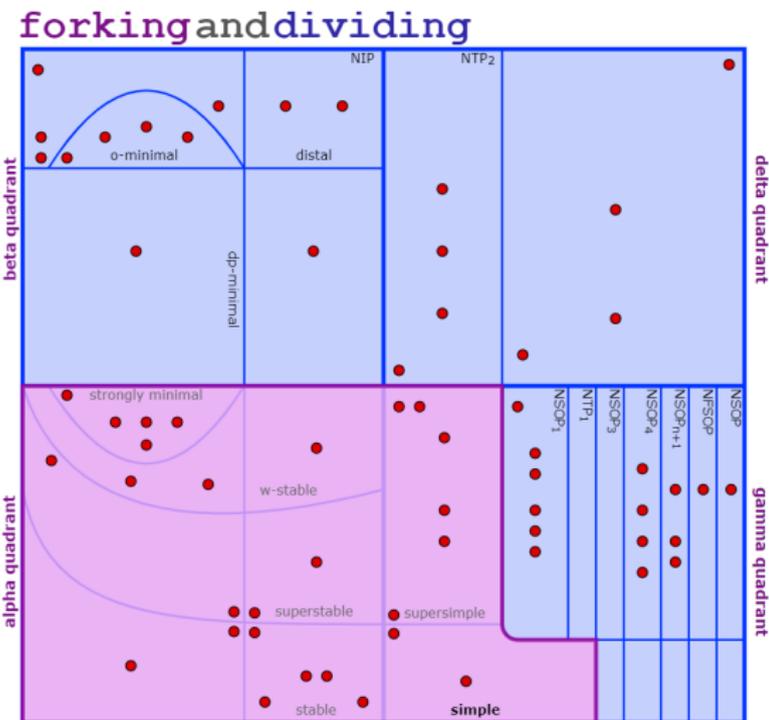
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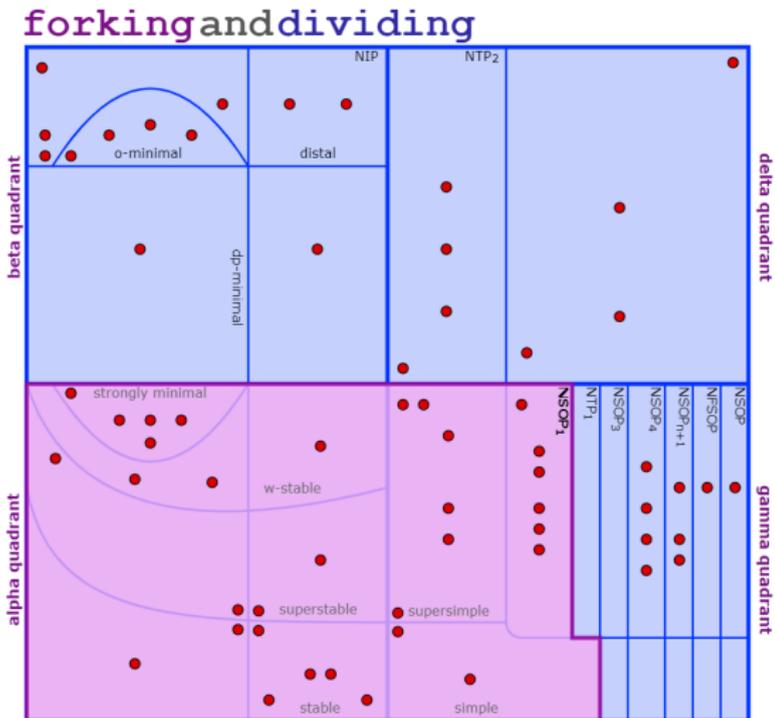
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Existentially closed exponential fields [Haykazyan and Kirby, 2021] are also NSOP₁ non-simple. This is in positive logic.

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An *AECat*, short for *abstract elementary category*, consists of a pair $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{M})$ where \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{M} are accessible categories and \mathcal{M} is a full subcategory of \mathcal{C} such that:

- 1 \mathcal{M} has directed colimits, preserved by $\mathcal{M} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{C}$;
- 2 all arrows in \mathcal{C} (and thus in \mathcal{M}) are monomorphisms.

The objects in \mathcal{M} are called *models*. We say that $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{M})$ has the *amalgamation property* (or *AP*) if \mathcal{M} has the amalgamation property.

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- 4 Any Abstract Elementary Class (AEC) \mathcal{K} yields AECats $(\text{SubSet}(\mathcal{K}), \mathcal{K})$ and $(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{K})$, which have AP precisely when \mathcal{K} has AP.

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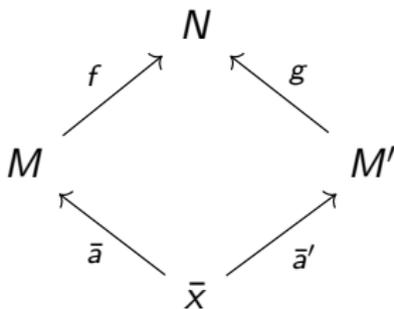
Proposition

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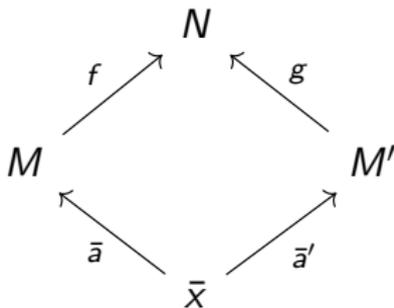
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This inspires the definition of Galois types. In AECs Galois types are widely used, but are still phrased in terms of elements. We replace those elements by arrows.

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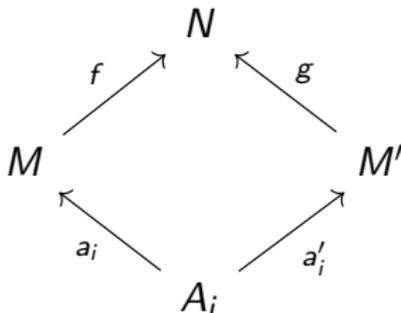
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Galois types correspond to the usual syntactic types from a first-order theory in the sense that they induce the same equivalence classes. This is also true for AECats obtained from positive logic and continuous logic.

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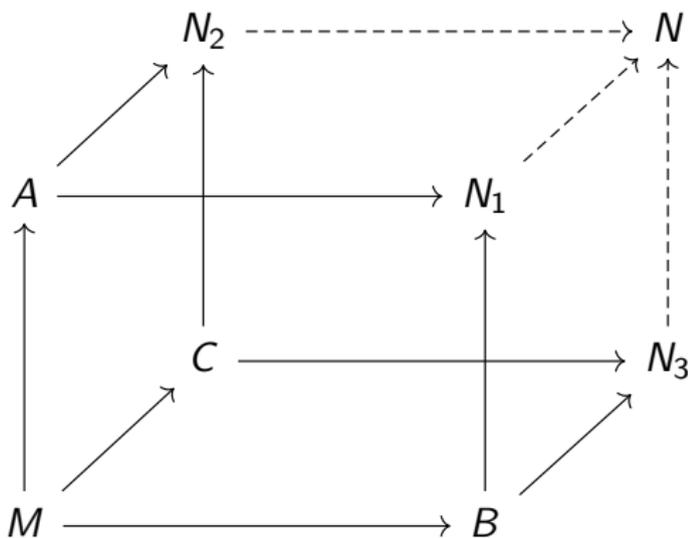
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