

On almost disjoint families and Johnson-Lindenstrauss Spaces

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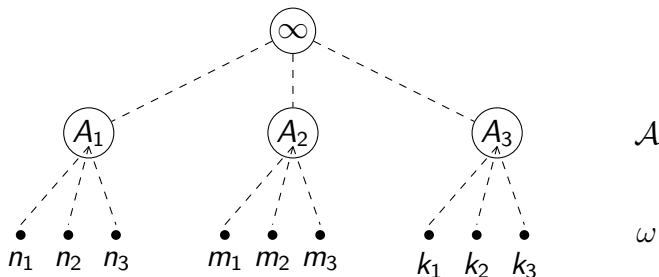
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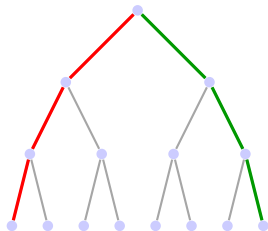
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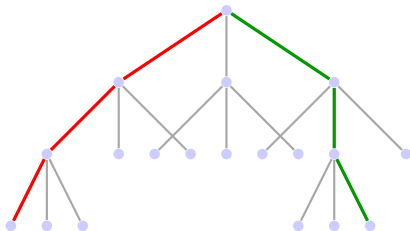
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Basic problem

$\mathcal{A}_2$



$\mathcal{A}_3$



Are $K_{\mathcal{A}_2}$ and $K_{\mathcal{A}_3}$ different? Are $JL_p(\mathcal{A}_2)$ and $JL_p(\mathcal{A}_3)$ isomorphic?

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Problem

Let T and T' be subtrees of $\omega^{<\omega}$ and let $\mathcal{A}$ and $\mathcal{A}'$ be the almost disjoint families of corresponding branches.

Are $K_{\mathcal{A}}$ and $K_{\mathcal{A}'}$ homeomorphic?

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We partially build on Marciszewski and Pol (2009).

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- $\text{odeg}(K_{\mathcal{A}^{[m]}}) = m + 1$;
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