

# Structurable equivalence relations and $\mathcal{L}_{\omega_1\omega}$ interpretations

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Instead of “Borel structures with countable pieces”, we look at “Borel families of countable structures” on the classes of a CBER.

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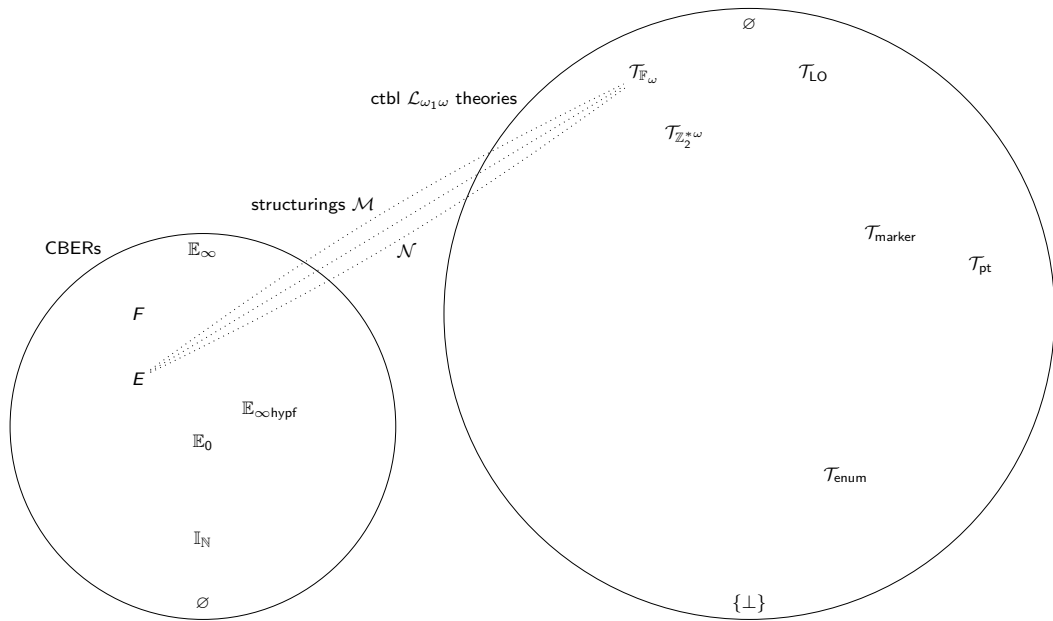
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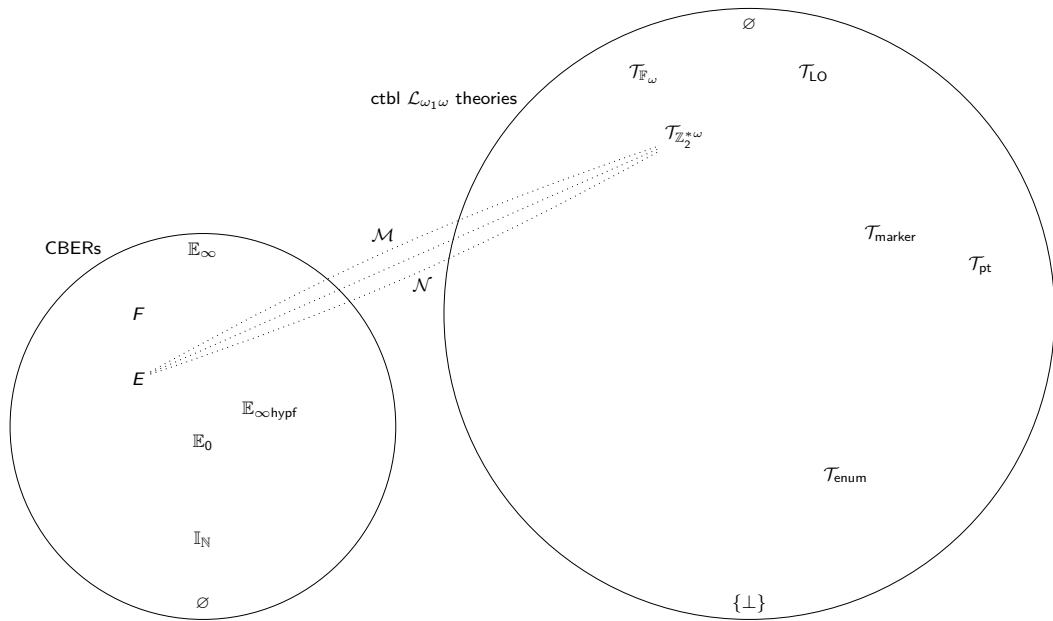
$\mathcal{L}_{\omega_1\omega}$  is countably infinitary first-order logic with  $\bigwedge_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \phi_n, \bigvee_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \phi_n$  (plus  $\neg, \exists, \forall$ ).

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For a (ctbl  $\mathcal{L}_{\omega_1\omega}$ ) theory  $\mathcal{T}$ , a  **$\mathcal{T}$ -structuring** is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -structuring  $\mathcal{M}$  s.t. each  $\mathcal{M}_C \models \mathcal{T}$ .





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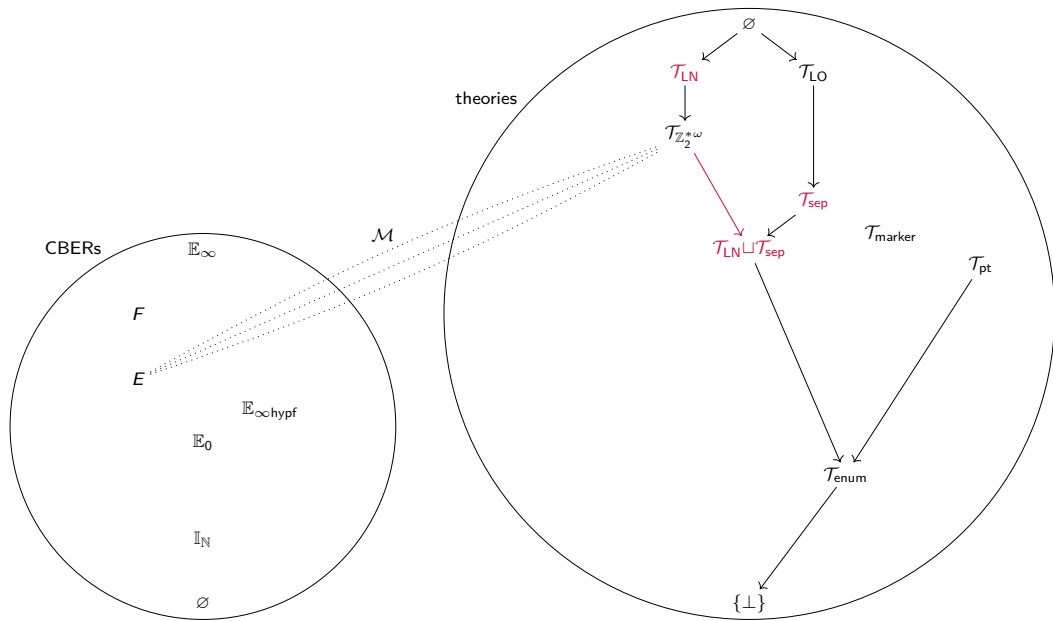
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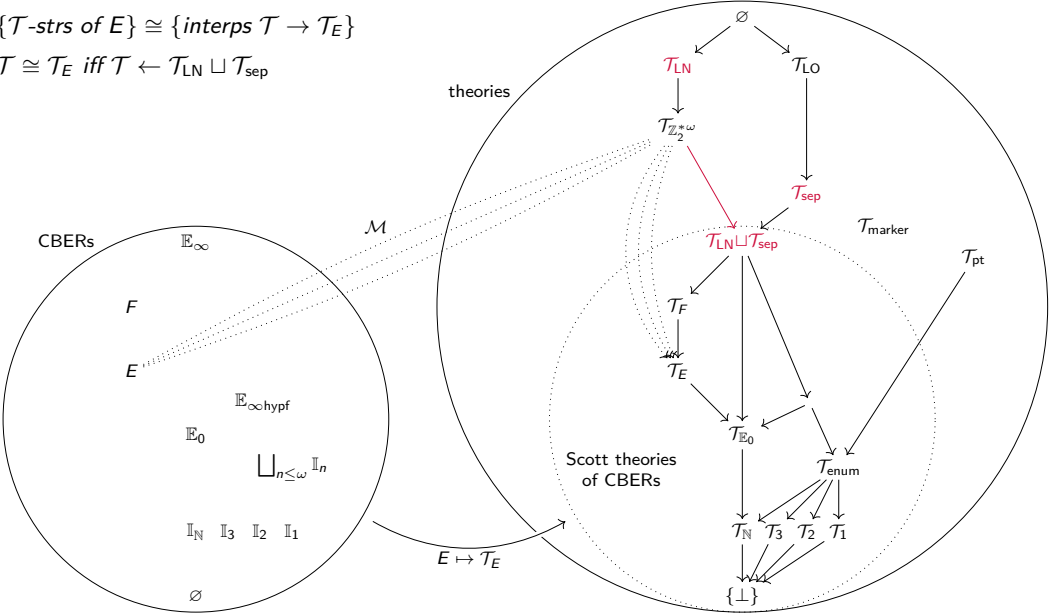
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# Main Theorem

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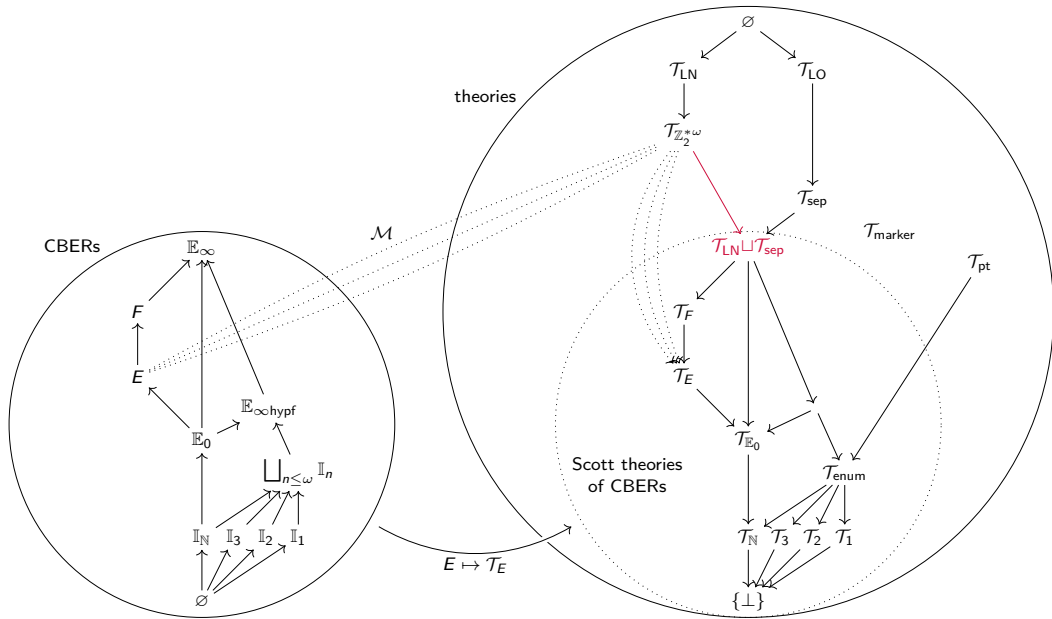
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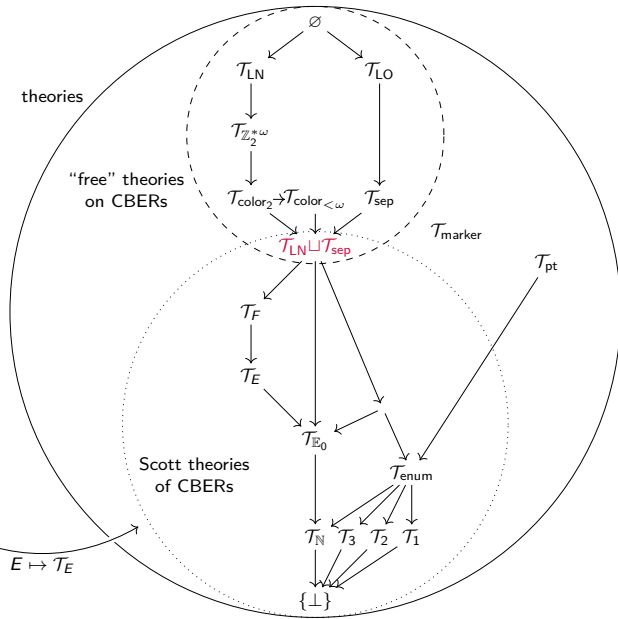
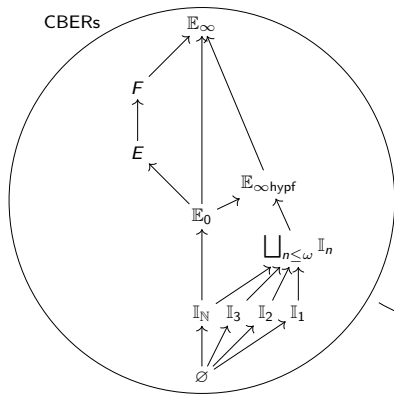
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