

# Checking the CB-Property and Related Problems

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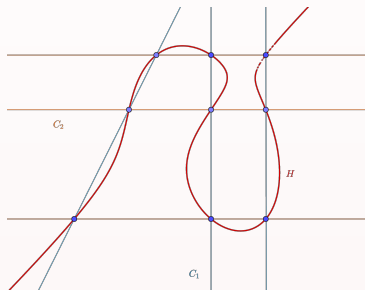
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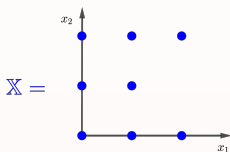


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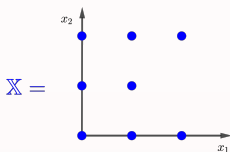


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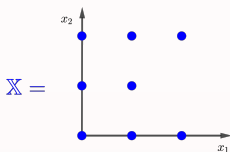
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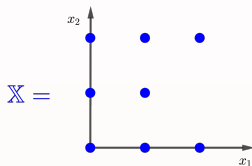
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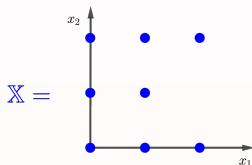
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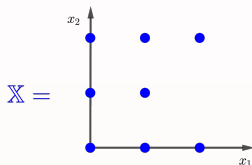
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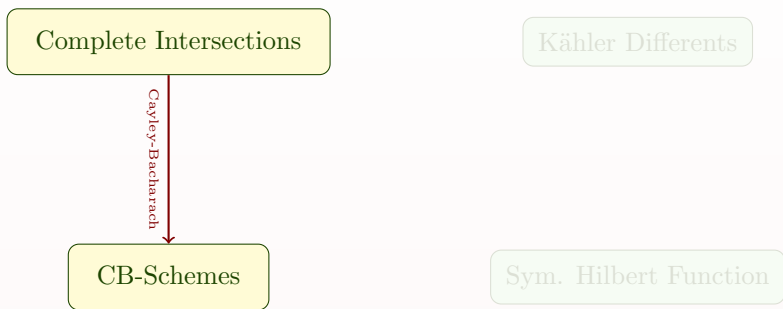
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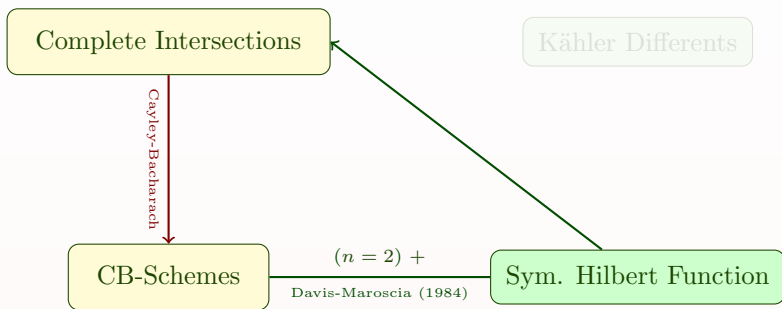
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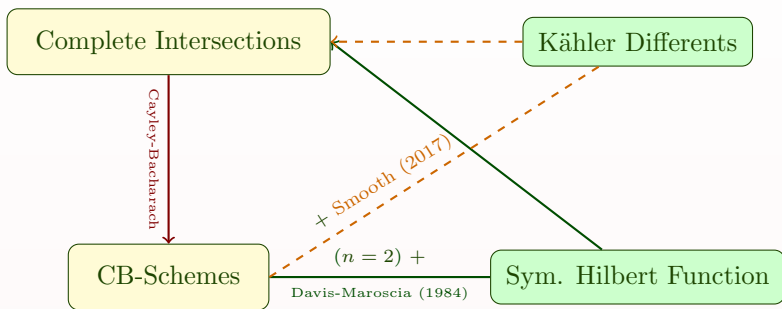


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## Theorem 10

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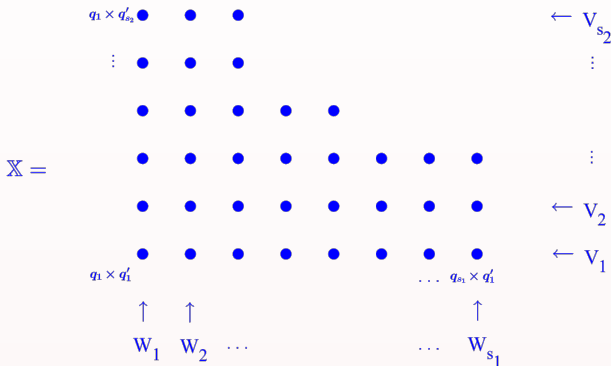
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We say that  $\mathbb{X}$  has the  $(\star)$ -property, if for two points  $q_1 \times q'_1$  and  $q_2 \times q'_2$  of  $\mathbb{X}$  with  $q_1 \neq q_2$  and  $q'_1 \neq q'_2$ ,  $q_1 \times q'_2$  or  $q_2 \times q'_1$  belong to  $\mathbb{X}$ .









## Proposition 15 (HKLNN, 2022)

*Suppose  $\mathbb{X} \subseteq \mathbb{P}^m \times \mathbb{P}^n$  has the  $(\star)$ -property. Then  $\mathbb{X}$  is a CB-scheme if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:*

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