

On small height and local degrees

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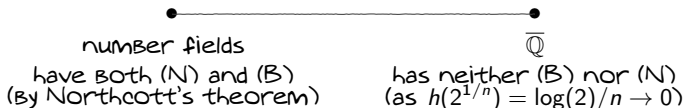
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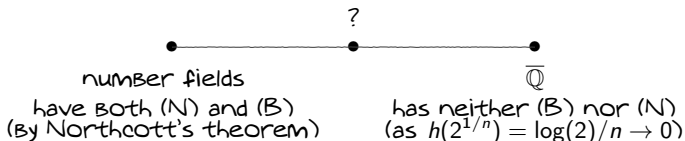


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Problem: Given a infinite extension L/\mathbb{Q} , decide whether it has (N) or (B). Hard in general!

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- L/\mathbb{Q} Galois with bounded local degrees at some prime p i.e. that can be embedded into a finite extension of \mathbb{Q}_p (Bombieri-Zannier, 2001)

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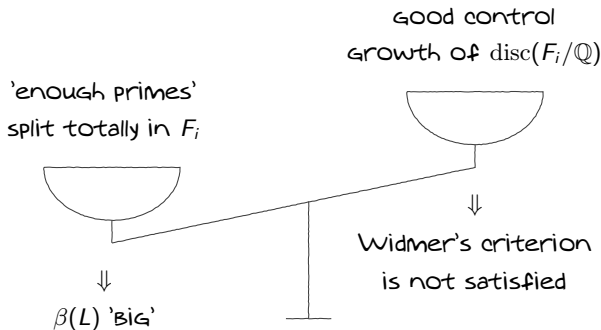
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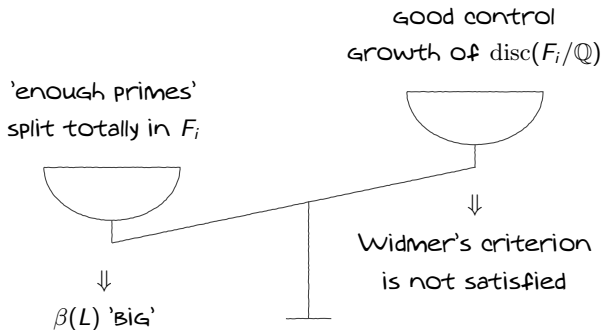
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