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## The Countable Boolean Vector Space and Bit Vector CSPs PhD Defence

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## Conjecture (Feder-Vardi'93)

This dichotomy holds for every finite structure  $\Gamma$ .

- Bulatov'03: confirmed Feder-Vardi's conjecture for domains of size 3.
- Markovic'12: confirmed for domains of size 4 (announced but not published yet).
- The conjecture is already open for domains of size  $\geq$  5.

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There is up to isomorphism a unique countably infinite vector space over the field  $\mathbb{F}_2$ . We denote it by (V; +).

## Characteristics:

- fundamental structure in Model Theory
- Fraïssé limit of the class of finite  $\mathbb{F}_2$ -vector spaces
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- *f* is called a polymorphism of a relational structure Γ if it preserves every relation of Γ.
- A unary polymorphism of  $\Gamma$  is called an endomorphism of  $\Gamma$ .

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