Characterization of Logics on Infinite Linear Orderings

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Range of set quantifiers	Name of the logic
singleton sets	first-order logic (FO) « is dense », « has length k »
cuts	first-order logic with cuts (FO[cut]) « is well ordered », « is complete », « is finite »
finite sets	weak monadic second-order logic (WMSO) « is finite », « has even length »
finite sets and cuts	MSO[finite,cut] « there is an even number of gaps »
well ordered sets	MSO[ordinal]
scattered sets	MSO[scattered] « is scattered »
all sets	MSO « there are two sets 'dense in each other' »





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An algebraic approach: o-monoid

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> For all K such that $e = K^{\eta}$, and a such that $e \cdot a \cdot e = e$, $(K \cup \{a\})^{\eta} = e$.









Results



To be continued...