

What the 20260312 Response Set Does and Does Not Claim

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It does claim

1. the MCP tail is stronger after normalization than before it;
2. the recent empirical pressure should be faced directly, not waved away;
3. the main pressure appears to land on the combination rule more than on count structure itself;
4. the current MCP is best read as the exact tropical theory;
5. a broader post-tropical theory is a live and legitimate target.

It does not claim

1. that the benchmark question is already settled beyond rerun and artifact verification;
2. that Track U and Track C are the only possible final ontology;
3. that the current MCP is obsolete;
4. that entropy-weighted combination is already theoretically understood;
5. that more papers alone count as progress.

It cannot yet claim

1. a verified final empirical ranking of combination rules;
2. a finished post-tropical theory;
3. a clean derivation of the new winning rule from first principles;
4. a stable synthesis that supersedes the whole cluster.