How To Read the 20260312 Response Cluster

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Abstract

The March 12 response cluster can be read quickly or slowly, from an MCP-first angle or from a compression-first angle. This guide gives a recommended reading order depending on what the reader wants to learn.

1 If You Want The MCP First

Read in this order:

1. *mcp-tail-review*

2. *price-of-tropical-semiring*

3. *post-tropical-mcp*

4. *why-pay-tropical-tax*

This path starts from the stabilized MCP tail, then asks what the empirical pressure means for it, how a broader theory might be framed, and finally why the exact tropical object may still be worth keeping.

2 If You Want The Empirical Split First

Read in this order:

1. *combination-problem*

2. *blend-analysis*

3. *price-of-tropical-semiring*

4. *response-cluster-questions*

This path starts from the conflict, then reads the strongest mechanism claim, then the theoretical response, then the unresolved questions.

3   If You Want The Whole Set As One Argument

Read in this order:

1. *response-cluster-overview*

2. *mcp-tail-review*

3. *combination-problem*

4. *blend-analysis*

5. *price-of-tropical-semiring*

6. *post-tropical-mcp*

7. *why-pay-tropical-tax*

8. *response-cluster-questions*

9. *response-cluster-program*

4   What Not To Expect

Do not expect the cluster to settle the benchmark question by itself. It reacts to strong claimed empirical pressure, but it does not replace artifact verification or reruns.

Do not expect the cluster to collapse into one slogan either. Its point is to stop several different questions from being confused with one another.

5   Conclusion

The cluster is best read as a map of the current terrain, not as the last word. Its value is that it makes the disagreement legible.