

# ASCENDING PATHS AND FORCINGS THAT SPECIALIZE HIGHER ARONSZAJN TREES

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ABSTRACT. One of the most basic questions asked about set-theoretical trees is the question whether they contain a cofinal branch. Special trees are important examples of trees without cofinal branches, because the non-existence of cofinal branches through such trees is absolute in a strong sense. In this talk, I want to consider properties of trees that cause them to be non-special in an absolute way.

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