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*the space of orderings of a group*

A group is left-orderable if there is a strict total ordering  $<$  of its elements so that  $y < z$  implies  $xy < xz$ . If a group  $G$  is left-orderable, the set  $\text{LO}(G)$  of all left orderings has a natural topology, introduced by Sikora. I will outline the current state-of-the-art in understanding the space of orderings, and some of the applications of this theory.