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Introduction

1. The limit

1.1 Basic examples

1.1.1 $\mathcal{G}_k = \text{EDGE}_k$

We consider the classes of graphs

$$\text{EDGE}_k := \{(k, E); |E| = 1\},$$

and we let $\mathcal{G}_k = \text{EDGE}_k$ and $F = F_{\text{tree}}$.

Intuitively one should not be able to find the edge on a significant i.e. non-infinitesimal fraction of samples with a tree that is allowed to explore only an infinitesimal fraction of edges.

Theorem 1.1.1. We will prove that

$$\llbracket (\exists x)(\exists y)\Gamma(x, y) \rrbracket = \mathbf{0}.$$

Proof. Let $T \in F_{\text{tree}}$ be a tree of depth $n^{1/t}$, for some $t > \mathbb{N}$ that outputs a pair of numbers less than n .

Start from the root of T and always choose the path that corresponds to an edge not existing. At the end we obtain some answer, that gives us a set of at most $2 \cdot n^{1/t} + 2$ vertices. Now we can find at least:

$$\binom{n - 2n^{1/t} - 2}{2} = \frac{(n - 2n^{1/t} - 2)(n - 2n^{1/t} - 3)}{2} \quad (1.1)$$

different $\omega \in \Omega$ such that $T(\omega)$ is not an edge in ω .

The probability that any of those graphs is sampled is

$$\frac{\binom{n - 2n^{1/t} - 2}{2}}{|\mathcal{G}_k|} = \frac{(n - 2n^{1/t} - 2)(n - 2n^{1/t} - 3)}{n(n - 1)} \quad (1.2)$$

$$= \left(1 - \frac{2n^{1/t} - 2}{n}\right) \cdot \left(1 - \frac{2n^{1/t} - 3}{n - 1}\right) \quad (1.3)$$

$$\geq \left(1 - \frac{2n^{1/t} - 2}{n}\right)^2 \quad (1.4)$$

$$\geq 1 - \frac{4n^{1/t} - 4}{n}. \quad (1.5)$$

And one can clearly see that $\text{st}(1 - \frac{4n^{1/t} - 4}{n}) = 1$. This proves that the boolean value we are considering is $\mathbf{0}$ since we can the two witnesses for x and y into a tree that could find an edge with depth $n^{1/t}$ for some $t > \mathbb{N}$. \square

1.1.2 Sparse \mathcal{G}_k

One can see that in Theorem 1.1.1 the exact properties of graphs in \mathcal{G}_k do not play a crucial role. If \mathcal{G}_k consisted of all graphs on k vertices containing say

exactly one triangle, or any other fixed subgraph of constant size, and no other edges, we would still find that the non-existence is valid in the limit graph.

A more general case would be to consider a family of graphs in which there is an infinitesimally small chance that two independent uniformly random vertices have an edge between. However, this is not sufficient.

Example 1.1.2. Let \mathcal{G}_k consist of those graphs on the vertex-set k which contain the edge $E(0, 1)$ and then has exactly one other edge.

As k increases, the number of edges get smaller than any standard positive fraction. But

$$\llbracket (\exists x)(\exists y)E(x, y) \rrbracket = \mathbf{1},$$

as witnessed by x being the constant 0 and y the constant 1 both of which are computable by a tree of depth 0.

One can see that having distinguished vertices can ruin the sparseness implying the non-existence of edges in the limit graph. We want to distinguish from this situation by considering the sequences \mathcal{G}_k satisfying the following natural definition.

Definition 1.1.3. We say that $\{\mathcal{G}_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$ is **isomorphism closed**, if there is k_0 such that for every $k > k_0$ if we have that $G_1 \in \mathcal{G}_k$, $V_{G_2} = g_k$ and $G_1 \cong G_2$ then $G_2 \in \mathcal{G}_k$.

Theorem 1.1.4. Let an isomorphism closed \mathcal{G}_k have the following property. There is a sequence $\{b_k\}_k$ and for big enough k , a uniformly sampled 2-element $\{u, v\} \subseteq g_k$ and every $G \in \mathcal{G}_k$ we have

$$\Pr[E_G(u, v)] \leq b_k,$$

and some k_0 such that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} k^{1/k_0} b_k = 0$. Then

$$\llbracket (\exists x)(\exists y)\Gamma(x, y) \rrbracket = \mathbf{0}.$$

Proof. Let us define the number $c_{u,v} := |\{G \in \mathcal{G}_k; E_G(u, v)\}|$, which is the number of graphs G in \mathcal{G}_k satisfying $E_G(u, v)$. Of course $c_{u,u} = 0$ for every u .

Claim: Let $u \neq v, u' \neq v'$ be vertices, then $c_{u,v} = c_{u',v'}$.

proof of claim: Let $\rho := (uu')(vv')$ be a permutation with cycles (uu') and (vv') . We can let ρ act on \mathcal{G}_k by sending G to a graph $\rho(G)$ which renames the edges coordinate-wise.

The fact that \mathcal{G}_k is isomorphism closed implies that ρ restricts to a bijection:

$$\rho' : \{G \in \mathcal{G}_k; E_G(u, v), \neg E_G(u', v')\} \rightarrow \{G \in \mathcal{G}_k; E_G(u', v'), \neg E_G(u, v)\}$$

which proves the claim. □

Now we define a matrix with entries

$$a_{G, \{u, v\}} := \begin{cases} 1 & E_G(u, v) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where the rows are indexed by one of $|\mathcal{G}_k|$ many graphs in \mathcal{G}_k and the columns are indexed by the $\frac{k(k-1)}{2}$ many 2-element sets of numbers in k . We take any distinct

vertices u, v and define $p := \Pr_{G \in \mathcal{G}_k}[E_G(u, v)] = \frac{c_{u,v}}{|\mathcal{G}_k|}$, by the claim the choice of u, v does not matter.

The assumption from the statement is equivalent to the equality

$$\sum_{\{u,v\}} a_{G,\{u,v\}} \leq \frac{k(k-1)}{2} b_k$$

for every G . We combine this with the claim and the definition of p to get

$$\frac{k(k-1)}{2} |\mathcal{G}_k| p = \sum_{\{u,v\}} \sum_{G \in \mathcal{G}_k} a_{G,\{u,v\}} \quad (1.6)$$

$$= \sum_{G \in \mathcal{G}_k} \sum_{\{u,v\}} a_{G,\{u,v\}} \quad (1.7)$$

$$\leq |\mathcal{G}_k| \frac{k(k-1)}{2} b_k \quad (1.8)$$

which implies

$$p \leq b_k.$$

Now let $k := n$ and let $T \in F_{tree}$ be a tree of depth $n^{1/t}$ for some $t > \mathbb{N}$, where every leaf of T is labeled by some edge. Walk down the tree T from the root by answering negatively to every edge, this gives us a set E_T of all edges T inspected or outputted and $|E_T| \leq n^{1/t} + 1$.

Now we just need to prove that the probability T find an edge is infinitesimally small. This is enough to prove the theorem, since the trees computing any two witnesses for x and y in the statement can be combined to construct T and if any tree T succeeds with only infinitesimally small probability, no random vertices can witness an edge on a set of non-zero measure.

For that we just use the fact that $p \leq b_n$ and derive

$$\Pr_{G \in \mathcal{G}_n} [T \text{ finds an edge}] \leq \sum_{\{u,v\} \in E_T} \Pr_{G \in \mathcal{G}_n} [E_G(u, v)] \quad (1.9)$$

$$= \sum_{\{u,v\} \in E_T} \frac{c_{u,v}}{|\mathcal{G}_n|} \quad (1.10)$$

$$\leq \sum_{\{u,v\} \in E_T} p \quad (1.11)$$

$$= (n^{1/t} + 1)p \quad (1.12)$$

$$\leq (n^{1/t} + 1)b_k \quad (1.13)$$

$$\leq n^{1/k_0} b_k \quad (1.14)$$

$$\approx 0. \quad (1.15)$$

□

2. $F = F_{tree}$

2.1 Basic observations

Example 2.1.1. Let

$$\mathcal{G}_k = \{([k], E); E \text{ consists of exactly one } n/2\text{-clique}\},$$

and $F = F_{tree}$.

We will prove that for every $t > \mathbb{N}$:

$$\llbracket \Gamma \text{ has an } n^{1/t}\text{-clique} \rrbracket \quad (2.1)$$

$$= \llbracket (\exists \Lambda)(\forall u)(\forall v)((u, v \leq n^{1/t}) \rightarrow \Gamma(\Lambda(u), \Lambda(v))) \wedge (\Lambda : [n^{1/t}] \hookrightarrow \mathcal{M}) \rrbracket \quad (2.2)$$

$$= \bigvee_{\Lambda} \bigwedge_u \bigwedge_v \llbracket (u \neq v < n^{1/t}) \rightarrow (\Gamma(\Lambda(u), \Lambda(v)) \wedge \Lambda(u) \neq \Lambda(v)) \rrbracket \quad (2.3)$$

$$= 1. \quad (2.4)$$

For $j \in [n^{1/t}]$ let Λ_j to be a tree of depth $j \cdot (n^{1/t})^2$ which first tries to find an edge $1 \leftrightarrow k$ for $k \in [n^{1/t}]$ if it fails than it tries to find $2 \leftrightarrow k$ and so on. Once it finds some edge (i, k) , then it starts again but from $i + 1$ until it finds the first j elements of Δ_ω and responds with the j -th element. Since j is always bounded by $n^{1/t}$, Λ really sends F to F .

Example 2.1.2. Let

$$\mathcal{G}_k = \{([k], E); E \text{ consists of exactly one edge}\}$$

and $F = F_{tree}$.

We will prove that

$$\llbracket (\exists x)(\exists y)\Gamma(x, y) \rrbracket = 0.$$

Let T be any binary tree of depth $n^{1/t}$, $t > \mathbb{N}$, whose leaves are labeled by unordered pairs of edges.

Start from the root of T and always choose the path that corresponds to an edge not existing. At the end we obtain some answer, that gives us a set of at most $2 \cdot n^{1/t} + 2$ vertices. Now we can find at least:

$$\binom{n - 2n^{1/t} - 2}{2} = \frac{(n - 2n^{1/t} - 2)(n - 2n^{1/t} - 3)}{2} \quad (2.5)$$

$$=: m \quad (2.6)$$

different $\omega \in \Omega$ such that $T(\omega)$ is not an edge in ω . The standard part of the ratio the number of these counterexamples to $\text{st}(\frac{m}{|\mathcal{G}_n|}) = 1$.

This proves that the boolean value we are considering is 0 since we can combine the two witnesses for x and y into a tree that could find an edge with depth $n^{1/t}$ for some $t > \mathbb{N}$. \square

Theorem 2.1.3. Let $\varphi = (\forall \bar{x})\varphi_0(\bar{x})$ be a universal $\{E\}$ -sentence, such that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Pr_{G \in \mathcal{G}_k} (G \models \varphi) = 1.$$

Then φ is valid in the b.v. structure.

Proof. From \aleph_1 -saturation of \mathcal{M} and our assumption, we know that for each $m \in \mathbb{N}$ there exists a $k_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\mathcal{M} \models (\forall k > k_0) \left(\Pr_{G \in \mathcal{G}_k} (G \models \varphi) > 1 - 1/m \right).$$

Therefore, since $n > \aleph_1$, we have that $\text{st}(\Pr_{G \in \mathcal{G}_n} (G \models \varphi)) = 1$ and therefore $\llbracket \varphi_0(\bar{\alpha}) \rrbracket = \mathbf{1}$ for each tuple $\bar{\alpha}$ in F .

Therefore

$$\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket = \bigwedge_{\bar{\alpha}} \llbracket \varphi_0(\bar{\alpha}) \rrbracket \quad (2.7)$$

$$= \bigwedge_{\bar{\alpha}} \mathbf{1} \quad (2.8)$$

$$= \mathbf{1}. \quad (2.9)$$

□

Theorem 2.1.4. Let $F = F_{tree}$. Let $\varphi_0(x_0, \dots, x_{l-1})$ be a q.f. $\{E\}$ -formula. Let $0 < p \leq 1$, consider subset $A \subseteq [g_k]^l$ such that for all $\bar{a} \in A$

$$\Pr_{G \in \mathcal{G}_k} (G \models \varphi_0(\bar{a})) \geq p$$

and

$$\{\{G \models \varphi_0(\bar{a})\} \subseteq \mathcal{G}_k; \bar{a} \in A\} \text{ are mutually independent.}$$

moreover let A_k be the set with the largest cardinality that has this property.

If $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |A_k| = \infty$, then $\llbracket (\exists \bar{x})\varphi_0(\bar{x}) \rrbracket = \mathbf{1}$.

Proof. Let $\bar{x} = (x_0, \dots, x_{l-1})$. Let $T_{\bar{a}}$ be a tree of some standard depth d , that tests whether $G \models \varphi_0(\bar{a})$.

From \aleph_1 -saturation of \mathcal{M} we have $n' > \aleph_1$ many tuples $\bar{a}_0, \dots, \bar{a}_{n'-1} \in A_n$, such that $\Pr_{G \in \mathcal{G}_k} (G \models \varphi_0(\bar{a}_i)) \geq p$, we can assume $n' < n^{1/t_0}$ for some $t_0 > \aleph_1$.

For $j \in [l]$ construct a tree T_j inductively as follows: Start with $T_{\bar{a}_0}$. Replace the label of every accepting leaf by $(\bar{a}_0)_j$ and remove the label of every rejecting leaf. Call this tree T_j^0 . Assume we have already constructed T_j^m . Construct T_j^{i+1} by appending $T_{\bar{a}_{m+1}}$ to every undefined leaf, relabeling every satisfied leaf to $(\bar{a}_{i+1})_j$ and removing labels from every rejecting leaf. We will define T_j as $T_j^{n'}$ with undefined leafs labeled by 0. (This can be done, because all instances of induction are in $\text{Th}(\mathbb{N})$.) Note that $\text{dp}(T_j) = d \cdot n' < n^{1/t}$ for some $t > \aleph_1$.

Call $\bar{\alpha}$ the tuple computed by T_0, \dots, T_{l-1} . We will prove that probability of $\bar{\alpha}$ being a witness to $\varphi_0(\bar{x})$ is 1. For each \bar{a}_i we have, that the probability of $G \models \varphi_0(\bar{a}_i)$ is at least p . The mutual independence of $\{G \models \varphi_0(\bar{a}_i); i \in [n']\}$ and the construction of T_j implies that T_j has a probability of $(1 - p)^{n'}$ of failing, which is obviously almost 0. □

Example 2.1.5. Let

$\mathcal{G}_k = \{([k], E); E \text{ has at least one edge, and can have a second one } 0E1\},$

and let $F = F_{tree}$. Then $\mu(\llbracket (\exists x)(\exists y)\Gamma(x, y) \rrbracket) = \frac{1}{2}$.

Proof. Let T_0 be a tree that always outputs 0 and T_1 be a tree that always outputs 1. We can prove that $\llbracket \Gamma(0, 1) \rrbracket \geq \llbracket \Gamma(\alpha, \beta) \rrbracket$ for any α, β . \square

Example 2.1.6. Let

$\mathcal{G}_k = \{([k], E); E \text{ at least one edge, and may have exactly } k/2 \text{ more from start}\}$

and let $F = F_{tree}$. Then $\mu(\llbracket (\exists x)(\exists y)\Gamma(x, y) \rrbracket) = \frac{1}{2}$.

Definition 2.1.7. We say that $\{\mathcal{G}_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$ is **isomorphism closed**, if there is k_0 such that for every $k > k_0$ if we have that $G_1 \in \mathcal{G}_k$, $V_{G_2} = [g_k]$ and $G_1 \cong G_2$ then $G_2 \in \mathcal{G}_k$.

We say that $\{\mathcal{G}_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$ is **categorical** if there is k_0 such that for every $k > k_0$ if we have $G_1, G_2 \in \mathcal{G}_k$ then $G_1 \cong G_2$. For a categorical sequence $\{\mathcal{G}_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$ we denote G_k the lexicographically minimal element of \mathcal{G}_k .

Lemma 2.1.8. Let $\{\mathcal{G}_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$ be categorical and isomorphism closed, then for large enough k

$$|\mathcal{G}_k| = \frac{g_k!}{|\text{Aut}(G_k)|}.$$

Proof. Every $\rho \in S_{g_k}$ defines an isomorphism $\rho : G_k \rightarrow \rho(G_k)$, where $\rho(G_k)$ is a graph obtained from G_k by renaming every vertex v to $\rho(v)$.

Claim: For any $\rho, \pi \in S_{g_k}$:

$$\rho(G_k) = \pi(G_k) \iff \exists \tau \in \text{Aut}(G_k) : \rho \circ \tau = \pi.$$

Proof of claim. “ \Rightarrow ” Let $\rho(G_k) = \pi(G_k)$, therefore $\tau := \rho^{-1} \circ \pi \in \text{Aut}(G_k)$ and $\rho \circ \tau = \rho \circ \rho^{-1} \circ \pi = \pi$.

“ \Leftarrow ” Let $\rho \circ \tau = \pi$. Then $\pi(G_k) = \rho(\tau(G_k)) = \rho(G_k)$. \square

Notice that the τ in the statement of the claim is uniquely determined by $\rho^{-1} \circ \pi$. Therefore if we defined a quotient set S_{g_k} / \sim with $\rho \sim \pi \iff \rho(G_k) = \pi(G_k)$ then $|S_{g_k} / \sim| = \frac{g_k!}{|\text{Aut}(G_k)|}$.

The Lemma follows from noticing that if we start with $\{G_k\}$ and then we build \mathcal{G}_k by finding isomorphic graphs on the vertex set $[g_k]$ we can only do so by trying different permutation from S_{g_k} and these permutations find the same graph if and only if they are in the same \sim -class. Therefore there is a bijection between S_{g_k} / \sim and \mathcal{G}_k . \square

Lemma 2.1.9 (Candidate for optimal search trees). Let $\{\mathcal{G}_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$ be categorical and isomorphism closed, let $\varphi(x_0, \dots, x_{l-1})$ be an open $\{E\}$ -formula, let $\models \varphi(\bar{x}) \rightarrow \bigwedge_{i,j=0}^{l-1, l-1} x_i =^{b_{ij}} x_j$ for some $b_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}$, let $k_0 \geq 0$ and define $\{q_k\}_{k=k_0}^\infty$ as follows

$$q_k := \frac{g_k!}{|\text{Aut}(G_k)|} \cdot \frac{|\varphi(G_k)|}{|\bigcup_{G \in \mathcal{G}} \varphi(G_k)|}.$$

Then there is $c \in \mathbb{N}$ and trees T_0, \dots, T_{l-1} of depth $n^{(r)} \cdot c$, (with $n^{(r)}$ being defined in the proof) such that for the $\bar{\alpha}$ computed by \bar{T} we have $\llbracket \varphi(\bar{\alpha}) \rrbracket = 1$.

Proof. We will use the identity from the statement to construct a search tree (iterated $T_{\bar{a}}$) which almost always finds a witness to φ .

We will analyze the problem in the finite case for big enough $k > 0$. We should only check those tuples included in $\bigcup_{G \in \mathcal{G}_k} \varphi(G)$. For example, if we are trying to find an edge then we need not check the constant tuples (a, a) . Moreover, to succeed we only need to check one specific tuple in each $\varphi(G), G \in \mathcal{G}_k$.

Consider the set $S = \{(G, \bar{a}); G \in \mathcal{G}_k, G \models \varphi(\bar{a})\}$ and a projection to the second coordinate $p_2 : S \rightarrow \bigcup_{G \in \mathcal{G}_k} \varphi(G)$. Since $|S| = \frac{q_k!}{|\text{Aut}(G)|} \cdot |\varphi(G_k)|$ we have that q_k is the average size of a p_2 preimage of any $\bar{a} \in \bigcup_{G \in \mathcal{G}_k} \varphi(G)$.

Claim: For all $\bar{a}, \bar{b} \in \bigcup_{G \in \mathcal{G}_k} \varphi(G)$ we have $|p_2^{-1}[\bar{a}]| = |p_2^{-1}[\bar{b}]| = q_k$.

Proof of claim. We will prove that for any $\bar{a}, \bar{b} \in \bigcup_{G \in \mathcal{G}_k} \varphi(G)$ we have $|p_2^{-1}[\bar{a}]| \leq |p_2^{-1}[\bar{b}]|$, by symmetry, they must be equal and also equal to q_k which is the average size of any singleton preimage.

Let $p_2^{-1}[\bar{a}] = \{G_0, \dots, G_{s-1}\} \times \{\bar{a}\}$ and let $\rho = (b_0 a_0) \dots (b_{l-1} a_{l-1})$, this is a permutation from the condition on φ . Then

$$p_2^{-1}[\bar{b}] \supseteq \{\rho(G_0), \dots, \rho(G_{s-1})\} \times \{\rho(\bar{a}) = \bar{b}\}. \quad \square$$

Now consider the multiset $M = (\bigcup_{G \in \mathcal{G}_k} \varphi(G), \text{count} : \bar{a} \mapsto |p_2^{-1}[\bar{a}]|)$, we will construct the searching tree by plucking elements from this multiset in the following way.

Let $M^{(0)} := M, \mathcal{G}_k^{(0)} = \mathcal{G}_k$. For $i \geq 0$ and $M^{(i)}, \mathcal{G}_k^{(i)}$ built, take some $\bar{a} \in M^{(i)}$ with maximal $\text{count}(\bar{a})$, put $\mathcal{G}_k^{(i+1)} = \mathcal{G}_k^{(i)} \setminus p_2^{-1}[\bar{a}]$ and form $M^{(i+1)}$ by removing \bar{a} , and for every $\bar{b} \in p_1[p_2^{-1}[\bar{a}]] \setminus \{\bar{a}\}$ setting $\text{count}_{M^{(i+1)}}(\bar{b}) = \max\{0, \text{count}_{M^{(i)}}(\bar{b}) - (\varphi(G_k))\}$. We also add $T_{\bar{a}}$ to the leaves of the tree we are constructing T_i and call it T_{i+1} .

For each $i \geq 0$ we have that T_i finds a witness in $G \in \mathcal{G}_k$ iff $G \notin \mathcal{G}_k^{(i)}$. So to calculate the probability of success of T_i we just need to find upper bounds on the cardinality of $\mathcal{G}_k^{(i)}$.

Define $m_i := \max\{\text{count}(\bar{a}); \bar{a} \in M^{(i)}\}$. Let $k^{(0)} \geq 0$ be the greatest number such that for all $i < k^{(0)}$: $m_i = q_k$.

Define a set $M_m^{(i)} = \{\bar{a}; \text{count}_{M_i}(\bar{a}) = m_i\}$. We can see, that $k^{(0)} \geq 1$ and $M^{(0)} = \bigcup_{G \in \mathcal{G}_k} \varphi(G)$. At each step $i < k^{(0)}$ we construct T_{i+1} by searching for some $\bar{a} \in M_m^{(i)}$, this results in $|\mathcal{G}_k^{(i+1)}| = |\mathcal{G}_k^{(i)}| - q_k$. We also remove one instance of every $\bar{b} \in p_1[p_2^{-1}(\bar{a})] \setminus \{\bar{a}\}$ from $M^{(i)}$ to form $M^{(i+1)}$, this results in $|M_m^{(i+1)}| \geq |M_m^{(i)}| - 1 - q_k \cdot (|\varphi(G_k)| - 1)$.

Therefore

$$k^{(0)} \geq \left\lfloor \frac{|M_m^{(0)}|}{q_k \cdot |\varphi(G_k)|} \right\rfloor \quad (2.10)$$

$$= \left\lfloor \frac{|\bigcup_{G \in \mathcal{G}_k} \varphi(G)|}{q_k \cdot |\varphi(G_k)|} \right\rfloor, \quad (2.11)$$

$$\text{and } |\mathcal{G}_k^{(k^{(0)})}| = |\mathcal{G}_k| - k^{(0)} \cdot q_k = \frac{|\text{Aut}(G_k)|}{g_k!} - \left\lfloor \frac{|\bigcup_{G \in \mathcal{G}_k} \varphi(G)|}{q_k \cdot |\varphi(G_k)|} \right\rfloor \cdot q_k \leq \frac{|\text{Aut}(G_k)|}{g_k!} - \left\lfloor \frac{|\bigcup_{G \in \mathcal{G}_k} \varphi(G)|}{|\varphi(G_k)|} \right\rfloor.$$

However the right hand side of the last inequality is rarely ≤ 0 , so generally one has to continue with plucking even after $k^{(0)}$ -many steps. We define $k^{(j)}$ as the greatest number such that for all $i < k^{(j)} : m_i \geq q_k - j$ and continue for $k^{(r)}$ steps, where r is the smallest number such that

$$|\mathcal{G}_k^{k^{(r)}}| = |\mathcal{G}_k| - k^{(0)} \cdot q_k - \sum_{j=1}^r (k^{(j)} - k^{(j-1)}) \cdot (q_k - j) \quad (2.12)$$

$$= 0. \quad (2.13)$$

However, this requires a general analysis of $k^{(j)}$ and I haven't manage to compute that.

For $k = n$ in \mathcal{M} we put $n^{(r)} := k^{(r)}$. \square

2.2 $\mathcal{G}_k = \text{ALL}_k$

Theorem 2.2.1 (Everything exists). Let $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \bigwedge_{i=0}^{m-1} \psi_i(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \wedge \bigwedge_{i=0}^{l-1} \vartheta_i(\bar{y})$, where ψ_i, ϑ_i are literals and ψ_i are not of the form $(y_i = y_j)^b$, $E(y_i, y_j)^b$, $x_i \neq x_i$, $E(x_i, x_i)$, $b \in \{0, 1\}$.

Let $\bar{\beta}$ be a tuple of vertices computed by F_{tree} of the same length as \bar{y} . Then $\llbracket (\exists \bar{x}) \varphi^\Gamma(\bar{x}, \bar{\beta}) \rrbracket = \llbracket \bigwedge_{i=0}^{l-1} \vartheta_i(\bar{\beta}) \rrbracket$, specifically if $l = 0$ then $(\exists \bar{x}) \phi_0(\bar{x}, \bar{\beta})$ is valid in the b.v. graph.

Proof. We will construct one tree T computing the whole tuple of witnesses $\bar{\alpha}$, such a construction can be straightforwardly split into a tuple of tree each computing the specific element.

First we concatenate all the trees used to compute $\bar{\beta}$. At each leave we can now proceed knowing the value of $\bar{\beta}$ at the specific $\omega \in \Omega$. Now we just construct a tree as in Theorem 2.1.4 but searching only over edges not checked previously and only to fulfill each ψ_i . Luckily we have so far searched only an infinitesimal part of the edges and since we assume $\mathcal{G}_k = \text{ALL}_k$ both of the conditions of the theorem are satisfied, so by analogous argument, we have a tree that finds a witness all of the $\psi_i(\bar{x}, \bar{\beta})$ with probability infinitesimally close to 1.

Therefore

$$\llbracket (\exists \bar{x}) \varphi^\Gamma(\bar{x}, \bar{\beta}) \rrbracket = \llbracket (\exists \bar{x}) \bigwedge_{i=0}^{m-1} \psi_i(\bar{x}, \bar{\beta}) \rrbracket \wedge \llbracket \bigwedge_{i=0}^{l-1} \vartheta_i(\bar{\beta}) \rrbracket \quad (2.14)$$

$$= \llbracket \bigwedge_{i=0}^{l-1} \vartheta_i(\bar{\beta}) \rrbracket. \quad (2.15)$$

\square

Corollary 2.2.2. For each $\varphi(\bar{x})$ that is not a tautology in the theory of graphs we have that $\llbracket (\forall \bar{x}) \varphi^\Gamma(\bar{x}) \rrbracket = 0$.

Corollary 2.2.3. For each $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ that is not falsifiable by \bar{y} in the theory of graphs we have that $\llbracket (\forall \bar{y}) (\exists \bar{x}) \varphi^\Gamma(\bar{x}) \rrbracket = 1$.

3. $F = F_{nbtree}$

3.1 $\mathcal{G}_k = *PATH_k$

Definition 3.1.1. We define $*PATH_k$ (the pointed paths on k vertices) as the set of all (undirected) graphs G on the vertex set $[k]$, where G is isomorphic to the path on n vertices and $\deg_G(0) = 1$.

Definition 3.1.2. After we fix n , we define F_{nbtree} as the set of all functions computed by some some labeled tree with the following shape:

- Each non-leaf node is labeled by some $v \in [n]$.
- For each $\{u, v\} \subseteq [n]$ and a node N there is an outgoing edge from N labeled A .
- Each leaf is labeled by some $m \in \mathcal{M}_n$.
- The depth of the tree is at most $n^{1/t}$ for some $t > \mathbb{N}$.

Computation of such a tree on a undirected graph G goes as follows. We interpret the non-leaf nodes as questions "what is the neighbour set of v ?" and the edges as answers from our graph G , and thus we follow a path determined by G until we find a vertex for which the answer is not an edge (in which case the computation returns 0) or until we find a leaf, in which case the computation returns the label of the leaf.

We now shift out focus to analysing the ability of trees from F_{nbtree} to find the non-zero degree 1 vertex in $G \in *PATH_n$. We say a tree $T \in F_{nbtree}$ fails at a graph G if $T(G)$ is not a non-zero vertex of degree one in G .

Definition 3.1.3. Let $m \leq n$ and $v \in [w]$ and $U \subseteq [w]$ with $|U| \leq 2$, then we define

$$\mathcal{G}_m^{v?=U} := \{G \in \mathcal{G}_m; N_G(v) = U\},$$

where N_G is the neighbour-set function of G .

Lemma 3.1.4. There are bijections for all nonstandard $m \leq n$ and distinct $u, v, w \in [m] \setminus \{0\}$:

$$\mathcal{G}_m^{v?=\{u,w\}} \cong \mathcal{G}_{m-2} \times [2] \tag{3.1}$$

$$\mathcal{G}_m^{v?=\{u,0\}} \cong \mathcal{G}_{m-2} \tag{3.2}$$

$$\mathcal{G}_m^{0?=\{u\}} \cong \mathcal{G}_{m-1}. \tag{3.3}$$

Proof. (sketch) For (3.1) we can just contract all of u, v, w into one vertex and relabel the rest of the graph, leaving the orientation as a one remaining bit of information. This is obviously reversible and a bijection.

For (3.2) we can do the same, but the orientation is given by 0. \square

Lemma 3.1.5. Let $T \in F_{nbtree}$, with root labeled $v \in [m] \setminus 0$, we have for each $T_{v?=\{u,w\}}$ a tree $\tilde{T}_{v?=\{u,w\}}$ of the same depth, such that

$$P_m(T_{v?=\{u,w\}} \text{ fails} | v? = \{u, w\}) = P_{m-2}(\tilde{T}_{v?=\{u,w\}}). \quad (3.4)$$

For a tree T with the root labeled 0, we have a tree $\tilde{T}_{v?=\{u,w\}}$ of the same depth, such that

$$P_m(T_{v?=\{u\}} \text{ fails} | v? = \{u\}) = P_{m-1}(\tilde{T}_{v?=\{u\}}). \quad (3.5)$$

Proof. (sketch) To construct the tree, we just replace all vertices in labels of $T_{v?=\{u,w\}}$ by there renumbering from the bijection in (3.1).

(TODO: Elaborate) One can then check that the trees $T_{v?=\{u,w\}}$ and $\tilde{T}_{v?=\{u,w\}}$ are isomorphic in a sense that their computation of a graph G and \tilde{G} respectively, \tilde{G} being the corresponding $(m-2)$ -vertex graph, agree with the structure of the path and that correctness of leaves is preserved under the renumbering. Essentially they emulate the same computation but on a smaller graph. \square

Lemma 3.1.6. For all nonstandard $t > \mathbb{N}$, $m \geq n - 2n^{1/t}$ and $k \in [n^{1/t} + 1]$ for all trees $T \in F_{nbtree}$ of depth k we have

$$P_m(T \text{ fails}) \geq \prod_{i=0}^k \left(1 - \frac{2}{m - 2i - 2}\right).$$

Proof. We proceed by induction on k .

$k = 0$: We have that the probability of success of a straight guess is at most $\frac{1}{m-1}$. Therefore

$$P(T \text{ fails}) \geq \left(1 - \frac{1}{m-1}\right) \geq \left(1 - \frac{2}{m-2}\right). \quad (3.6)$$

$(k-1) \Rightarrow k$: First we assume that the root is labeled 0. Then we have

$$P(T \text{ fails}) = \sum_{u \in V \setminus \{0\}} P_{m-1}(0Eu) P_{m-1}(T_{0?=\{u\}} \text{ fails} | 0Eu) \quad (3.7)$$

$$\geq P_{m-1}(T_{0?=\{u\}} \text{ fails} | 0Eu) \quad (3.8)$$

$$= P_{m-1}(\tilde{T}_{0?=\{u\}} \text{ fails}) \quad (3.9)$$

$$\geq \prod_{i=0}^{k-1} \left(1 - \frac{2}{m - 2i - 2}\right) \quad (3.10)$$

$$\geq \prod_{i=0}^k \left(1 - \frac{2}{m - 2i - 2}\right). \quad (3.11)$$

Now we assume that the root is labeled $v \neq 0$. First we notice that

$$P_m(vE0) = \frac{1}{m-1} \quad (3.12)$$

$$P_m(N(V) = 1) = \frac{1}{m-1} \quad (3.13)$$

$$P_m(|N(V) \setminus \{0\}| = 2) = 1 - \frac{2}{m-1}, \quad (3.14)$$

the first two probabilities are obviously $\frac{1}{m-1}$ because they correspond to v being positioned on one of the ends of the non-zero segment which has length $m-1$. The event in (3.14) is the complement of the union of the first two events, which have empty interseption, giving us that stated probability.

Then we have

$$P_m(T \text{ fails}) = P_m(vE0)P_m(T \text{ fails}|vE0) \quad (3.15)$$

$$+ P_m(|N(v) \setminus \{0\}| = 2)P_m(T \text{ fails}| |N(v) \setminus \{0\}| = 2) \quad (3.16)$$

$$+ P_m(|N(v)| = 1)P_m(vE0)P_m(T \text{ fails}| |N(v)| = 1) \quad (3.17)$$

$$\geq P_m(|N(v) \setminus \{0\}| = 2)P_m(T \text{ fails}| |N(v) \setminus \{0\}| = 2) \quad (3.18)$$

$$\geq (1 - \frac{2}{m-1}) \quad (3.19)$$

$$\cdot \sum_{\substack{u, w \in V \setminus \{0\} \\ u \neq w}} P_m(v? = \{u, w\})P_m(T_{v?=\{u, w\}} \text{ fails}|v? = \{u, w\}) \quad (3.20)$$

$$\geq (1 - \frac{2}{m-1})P_m(T_{v?=\{u_0, w_0\}} \text{ fails}|v? = \{u_0, w_0\}) \quad (3.21)$$

$$\geq (1 - \frac{2}{m-1})P_{m-2}(\tilde{T}_{v?=\{u_0, w_0\}} \text{ fails}) \quad (3.22)$$

$$\geq (1 - \frac{2}{m-1}) \prod_{i=0}^{k-1} (1 - \frac{2}{m-2i-4}) \quad (3.23)$$

$$\geq (1 - \frac{2}{m-2}) \prod_{i=1}^k (1 - \frac{2}{m-2i-2}) \quad (3.24)$$

$$\geq \prod_{i=0}^k (1 - \frac{2}{m-2i-2}). \quad (3.25)$$

where in (3.21) we choose u_0, w_0 with the lowest value of

$$P_m(T_{v?=\{u_0, w_0\}}|v? = \{u_0, w_0\}),$$

the bound follows the fact that all $P_m(v? = \{u, w\})$ are the same for distinct non-zero u, w . In (3.22) we use the lemma 3.1.5 and in (3.23) we use the induction hypothesis. \square

Corollary 3.1.7. For a tree $T \in F_{nbtree}$ we have that

$$P_n(T \text{ fails}) \approx 1.$$

Proof. Since T has depth at most $n^{1/t}$ for some $t > \mathbb{N}$ we by the previous lemma that

$$P_n(T \text{ fails}) \geq \prod_{i=0}^{n^{1/t}} \left(1 - \frac{2}{n-2i-2}\right) \quad (3.26)$$

$$\geq \left(1 - \frac{2n^{1/t}}{n-2n^{1/t}-2}\right) \quad (3.27)$$

$$\approx 1. \quad (3.28)$$

\square

Finally we can prove the following theorem.

Theorem 3.1.8.

$$\llbracket (\exists v)(\exists u)(\forall w)((v \neq 0) \wedge (\Gamma(v, u)) \wedge (\Gamma(v, w) \rightarrow u = w)) \rrbracket = \mathbf{0}$$

Proof. Expanding the value of the formula in the statement we get

$$\bigvee_{\alpha} \bigvee_{\beta} \bigwedge_{\gamma} \llbracket (\alpha \neq 0) \wedge (\Gamma(\alpha, \beta)) \wedge (\Gamma(\alpha, \gamma) \rightarrow \beta = \gamma) \rrbracket,$$

to prove it evaluates to $\mathbf{0}$ we need to find for every α, β some γ such that

$$\llbracket (\alpha \neq 0) \wedge (\Gamma(\alpha, \beta)) \wedge (\Gamma(\alpha, \gamma) \rightarrow \beta = \gamma) \rrbracket = \mathbf{0}.$$

For any α, β we define

$$\gamma(\omega) := \begin{cases} v & N(\alpha(\omega)) = \{v\} \\ w & w \in N(\alpha(\omega)) \setminus \{\beta(\omega)\}, \end{cases}$$

such a function can be computed by a tree in F_{nbtree} which we can construct by concatenation of trees computing α and β .

Let T be the tree computing α . Now we proceed by contradiction, let

$$\epsilon := \mu(\llbracket (\alpha \neq 0) \wedge (\Gamma(\alpha, \beta)) \wedge (\Gamma(\alpha, \gamma) \rightarrow \beta = \gamma) \rrbracket) > 0,$$

by definition this means that

$$\epsilon = \text{st}(P_n[(\alpha \neq 0) \wedge (\Gamma(\alpha, \beta)) \wedge (\Gamma(\alpha, \gamma) \rightarrow \beta = \gamma)]) > 0.$$

But by definition of γ and Corollary 3.1.7 we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \epsilon \\ &= \text{st}(P_n[(\alpha \neq 0) \wedge (\Gamma(\alpha, \beta)) \wedge (\Gamma(\alpha, \gamma) \rightarrow \beta = \gamma)]) \\ &\leq \text{st}(P_n[(\alpha \neq 0) \wedge (\Gamma(\alpha, \beta)) \wedge |N(\alpha)| = 1]) \\ &\leq \text{st}(P_n[(\alpha \neq 0) \wedge |N(\alpha)| = 1]) \\ &= \text{st}(P_n[T \text{ does not fail}]) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

A contradiction. □

Conclusion

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