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Introduction

Preliminaries

1. Forcing with random variables and the limit

1.1 Setup

Our goal in this chapter is to provide a definition of a limit of a set an infinite set of finite graphs in which arbitrarily large graphs occur.

The following definition makes our requirements of such a class of graphs precise.

Definition 1.1.1. Let $\{\mathcal{G}_k\}_{k>0}$ be a sequence of finite sets of finite graphs. We call it a **wide sequence** if the following hold.

- There is an increasing sequence of positive whole numbers $\{g_k\}_{k>0}$ such that the underlying set of each $G \in \mathcal{G}_k$ is $\langle g_k \rangle$.
- $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |\mathcal{G}_k| = \infty$

The second condition guarantees that \mathcal{G}_n is an infinite set for $n > \mathbb{N}$. Many interesting classes of graphs form a wide sequence if we restrict the vertex-sets to $\langle g_k \rangle$, where $\{g_k\}_{k>0}$ can be taken as the increasing sequence of all cardinalities in such a class.

Example 1.1.2. TODO: Add some examples!

1.2 The first order limit

Let \mathcal{M} be the \aleph_1 -saturated model of true arithmetic discussed in the previous chapter and let \mathcal{G}_k be a wide sequence of graphs and $\Omega := \mathcal{G}_n$ for $n \in \mathcal{M} \setminus \mathbb{N}$.

The model \mathcal{M} treats all its elements (including those which represent sets) as “finite objects” which lets us define uniform probability even on sets which are infinite from the set-theoretical perspective.

Definition 1.2.1. Let $\mathcal{A} := \{A \in \mathcal{M}; A \subseteq \Omega\}$ the set of all subsets of Ω represented by an element in \mathcal{M} .

We define the **counting measure** as the uniform probability of A when we sample Ω uniformly, so we have

$$A \in \mathcal{A} \rightarrow |A| / |\Omega|,$$

the counting measure takes values in \mathcal{M} -rationals.

One can check that \mathcal{A} is a boolean algebra, but not a σ -algebra as it is not closed under all countable unions. Indeed all singleton sets are part of \mathcal{A} but the set of all elements with standardly many predecessors in Ω is not in \mathcal{A} .

Definition 1.2.2. We call an \mathcal{M} -rational **infinitesimal** if it is smaller than all standard fractions $\frac{1}{k}, k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Define an ideal in \mathcal{A} as $\mathcal{I} := \{A \in \mathcal{A}; |A| / |\Omega| \text{ is infinitesimal}\}$. Define the boolean algebra $\mathcal{B} := \mathcal{A}/\mathcal{I}$. The induced measure on \mathcal{B} is a real-valued measure and can be written as

$$\mu(A/\mathcal{I}) = \text{st}(|A| / |\Omega|).$$

We can also check, that now μ is a measure in the ordinary sense and that \mathcal{B} is an σ -algebra. In fact the following key lemma holds.

Lemma 1.2.3. \mathcal{B} is a complete boolean algebra.

Now we define a \mathcal{B} -valued arithmetical model through which we define the \mathcal{B} -valued first order limit of \mathcal{G}_k relative to a family of arithmetical functions.

Definition 1.2.4. Let $L \subseteq L_{all}$ and let F be a non-empty set of functions in \mathcal{M} . We call it an **L -closed family** if it satisfies the following:

- The domain of any function in F is Ω and the range is \mathcal{M} .
- F is closed under all L -functions and contains all L constants, where the L -functions are interpreted by composition

$$f(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k)(\omega) := f(\alpha_1(\omega), \dots, \alpha_k(\omega)),$$

for $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $f \in L$ k -ary and $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k \in F$.

Note that while every $\alpha \in F$ is represented by some element in \mathcal{M} this need not be the case for the whole family F .

Definition 1.2.5. Let F be an L -closed family for some $L \subseteq L_{all}$. Then $K(F)$ will denote a \mathcal{B} -valued L -structure defined as follows.

The universe of $K(F)$ is F . The boolean evaluations of L -sentences are defined by the following inductive conditions:

- $\llbracket \alpha = \beta \rrbracket := \{\omega \in \Omega; \alpha(\omega) = \beta(\omega)\} / \mathcal{I}$.
- $\llbracket R(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k) \rrbracket := \{\omega \in \Omega; R(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k)\} / \mathcal{I}$ for any k -ary L -relation R .
- $\llbracket - \rrbracket$ commutes with \wedge, \vee, \neg .
- $\llbracket (\exists x) A(x) \rrbracket := \bigvee_{\alpha \in F} \llbracket A(\alpha) \rrbracket$.
- $\llbracket (\forall x) A(x) \rrbracket := \bigwedge_{\alpha \in F} \llbracket A(\alpha) \rrbracket$.

Finally, using $K(F)$ we can define the first order limit of \mathcal{G}_k using the following notions.

Definition 1.2.6. We call a function $\alpha \in F$ an F -vertex if $\alpha : \Omega \rightarrow \langle g_n \rangle$.

We define a \mathcal{B} -valued graph $\lim_{k \rightarrow n}^F G_k$ as an $\{\Gamma\}$ -structure, where Γ is a binary relation symbol, with universe $\{\alpha \in F; \alpha \text{ is an } F\text{-vertex}\}$ and Γ -sentences being evaluated by the following inductive conditions:

- $\llbracket \alpha = \beta \rrbracket := \{\omega \in \Omega; \alpha(\omega) = \beta(\omega)\} / \mathcal{I}$.

- $\llbracket \Gamma(\alpha, \beta) \rrbracket := \{\omega \in \Omega; E_G(\alpha, \beta)\} / \mathcal{I}$.
- $\llbracket - \rrbracket$ commutes with \wedge, \vee, \neg .
- $\llbracket (\exists x)A(x) \rrbracket := \bigvee_{\alpha \in F} \llbracket A(\alpha) \rrbracket$.
- $\llbracket (\forall x)A(x) \rrbracket := \bigwedge_{\alpha \in F} \llbracket A(\alpha) \rrbracket$.

1.3 The second order limit

While we can find a truth value of a sentence in the language of graphs in the limit $\lim_F \mathcal{G}_n$, we will encounter situations where this is not sufficient to analyze the wide sequence $\{\mathcal{G}_k\}_{k>0}$.

In Chapter 3 we will investigate how does existence of large cliques correspond to the size of cliques in the limit graph. But we cannot just measure the set-theoretical cardinality of any such clique, for specific n we could very well have $\text{card}(\langle \lfloor \log n \rfloor \rangle) = \text{card}(\langle \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor \rangle)$ but from the point of view of complexity theory cliques of size $\lfloor \log n \rfloor$ and $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ are dramatically different. In other words, our goal is also to have means to count the number elements of subsets or relations with values in (random variables in) \mathcal{M} .

Definition 1.3.1. Let $L \subseteq L_{all}$, we call a set of functions $G \subseteq \mathcal{M}$ an F -closed **functional family** if every $\Theta \in G$ assigns to every $\omega \in \Omega$ a function $\Theta_\omega \in \mathcal{M}$ and after we define

$$\Theta(\alpha)(\omega) := \begin{cases} \Theta_\omega(\alpha(\omega)) & \alpha(\omega) \in \text{dom}(\Theta_\omega) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

we have that for every $\alpha \in F$ and $\Theta \in G$ we have $\Theta(\alpha) \in F$.

We call $\Theta \in G$ a (graph) G -**relation** if for every $\omega \in \Omega$ we have for some $k > 0$ that $\text{dom } \Theta_\omega \supseteq \langle g_n \rangle^k$ and $\Theta_\omega : \text{dom } \Theta_\omega \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$.

Definition 1.3.2. Let $L \subseteq L_{all}$, F an L -closed family and G an F -compatible functional family. We define the L^2 -structure $K(F, G)$ as a two sorted L -structure with sorts F and G interpreting L -sentences as $K(F)$ and treating the sort G as follows. First for equality we let

$$\llbracket \Theta = \Xi \rrbracket := \{\omega \in \Omega; \Theta_\omega = \Xi_\omega\} / \mathcal{I}$$

and for the second order quantifiers we have the following inductive clauses

- $\llbracket (\exists X)A(X) \rrbracket := \bigvee_{\Theta \in G} \llbracket A(\Theta) \rrbracket$
- $\llbracket (\forall X)A(X) \rrbracket := \bigwedge_{\Theta \in G} \llbracket A(\Theta) \rrbracket$.

If there is a $\Gamma \in G$ such that for every $\alpha, \beta \in F$ we have

$$\Gamma(\alpha, \beta)(\omega) := \chi_{E_\omega}(\alpha(\omega), \beta(\omega)),$$

where χ_{E_ω} is the characteristic function of E_ω , we call $K(F, G)$ the **underlying arithmetic of a second order wide limit**.

We define $\lim_{F,n}^G \{\mathcal{G}_k\}_{k>0}$ as the L^2 -substructure with universe consisting of all F -vertices and all G -relations. By abuse of notation we will mostly use the notation $\lim_F^G \mathcal{G}_n$.

1.4 The L -closed family F_{rud} and G_{rud}

Throughout this thesis we will mostly work with the L -closed family F_{rud} which ties the properties of $\lim_F \mathcal{G}_n$ with decision tree complexity.

After we choose the sequence $\{\mathcal{G}_k\}_{k>0}$ and $n > \mathbb{N}$ we again put $\Omega := \mathcal{G}_n$ and define F_{rud} as follows.

Definition 1.4.1. We define a **decision tree** to be a binary tree $T \in \mathcal{M}$ with a labelling of vertices and edges ℓ . The non-leaf vertices are labeled by pairs of numbers (u, v) , where $u, v \in \langle g_n \rangle$ and each edge is labeled either by 1 or 0. Each leaf vertex is then labeled by some element of \mathcal{M} .

Each $\omega \in \Omega$ uniquely determines a path in (T, ℓ) by interpreting the vertex labels as “is $(u, v) \in E_\omega$?” and the edge labels as true (1) and false (0). The path then uniquely determines an output.

We define F_{rud} to be the set of all functions computed by some (T, ℓ) of depth at most $n^{1/t}$.

One can verify that F_{rud} is an L -closed family for any $L \subseteq L_{all}$.

The definition of G_{rud} is a bit more involved. The functionals in it will be computed by tuples of elements from F_{rud} in the following sense.

Definition 1.4.2. Let $\hat{\beta} = (\beta_0, \dots, \beta_{m-1}) \in \mathcal{M}$ be a m -tuple of elements in F_{rud} , for any $\alpha \in F_{rud}$ and $\omega \in \Omega$ we define

$$\hat{\beta}(\omega) = \begin{cases} \beta_{\alpha(\omega)}(\omega) & \alpha(\omega) < m \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Definition 1.4.3. The family G_{rud} consists of all functionals Θ such that there is $m \in \mathbb{N}$ and some $\hat{\beta} = (\beta_0, \dots, \beta_{m-1})$ that computes it.

Lemma 1.4.4. G_{rud} is (F_{rud}) -compatible.

Proof. By induction in \mathcal{M} we have that all the depth of all the trees is bounded by $n^{1/t}$ for some $t > \mathbb{N}$.

If we take some $\Theta \in G_{rud}$ and $\alpha \in F_{rud}$ we can compute $\Theta(\alpha)$ also by a tree in F_{rud} by concatenating the trees computing α and β_i s. \square

1.5 Different choices of n

Even though we generally pose no requirements on $n > \mathbb{N}$ there are examples of wide sequences for which the limit is sensitive on the choice of the non-standard number n .

Example 1.5.1. Let

$$G_k := \begin{cases} \{(\langle k \rangle, E); |E| = 2, E(0, 1)\} & k \text{ even} \\ \{(\langle k \rangle, E); |E| = 1, \neg E(0, 1)\} & k \text{ odd.} \end{cases}$$

Let $n > \mathbb{N}$ then

$$\lim_{F_{rud}} \mathcal{G}_{2n+1} \llbracket \Gamma(0, 1) \rrbracket = \mathbf{0}, \quad (1.1)$$

but

$$\lim_{F_{rud}} \mathcal{G}_{2n}[\Gamma(0, 1)] = \mathbf{1}. \quad (1.2)$$

Even though the concrete wide limits we will investigate in the following chapters do not depend on the specific n , it is important to note that we cannot generally remove the parameter n from the definition of the limit.

2. The limit

2.1 Basic examples

2.1.1 $\mathcal{G}_k = \text{EDGE}_k$

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 2.1.1. 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:

$$\binom{n - 2n^{1/t} - 2}{2} = \frac{(n - 2n^{1/t} - 2)(n - 2n^{1/t} - 3)}{2} \quad (2.1)$$

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

The probability that any of those graphs is sampled is

$$\frac{\binom{n - 2n^{1/t} - 2}{2}}{|\mathcal{G}_k|} = \frac{(n - 2n^{1/t} - 2)(n - 2n^{1/t} - 3)}{n(n - 1)} \quad (2.2)$$

$$= \left(1 - \frac{2n^{1/t} - 2}{n}\right) \cdot \left(1 - \frac{2n^{1/t} - 3}{n - 1}\right) \quad (2.3)$$

$$\geq \left(1 - \frac{2n^{1/t} - 2}{n}\right)^2 \quad (2.4)$$

$$\geq 1 - \frac{4n^{1/t} - 4}{n}. \quad (2.5)$$

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

2.1.2 Sparse \mathcal{G}_k

One can see that in Theorem 2.1.1 the exact shape of graphs in \mathcal{G}_k does 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 2.1.2. 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 2.1.3. 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 2.1.4. 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

$$\frac{k(k-1)}{2} |\mathcal{G}_k| p = \sum_{\{u,v\}} \sum_{G \in \mathcal{G}_k} a_{G,\{u,v\}} \quad (2.6)$$

$$= \sum_{G \in \mathcal{G}_k} \sum_{\{u,v\}} a_{G,\{u,v\}} \quad (2.7)$$

$$\leq |\mathcal{G}_k| \frac{k(k-1)}{2} b_k \quad (2.8)$$

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 outputed 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.

We use the fact that $p \leq b_n$ to derive

$$\Pr_{G \in \mathcal{G}_n} [T \text{ finds an edge}] \leq \sum_{\{u,v\} \in E_T} \Pr_{G \in \mathcal{G}_n} [E_G(u, v)] \quad (2.9)$$

$$= \sum_{\{u,v\} \in E_T} \frac{c_{u,v}}{|\mathcal{G}_n|} \quad (2.10)$$

$$\leq \sum_{\{u,v\} \in E_T} p \quad (2.11)$$

$$= (n^{1/t} + 1)p \quad (2.12)$$

$$\leq (n^{1/t} + 1)b_k \quad (2.13)$$

$$\leq n^{1/k_0} b_k \quad (2.14)$$

$$\approx 0, \quad (2.15)$$

which proves the theorem. \square

The assumption $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} k^{1/k_0} b_k = 0$ for some k_0 may seem unintuitive at first. However, it precisely reflects what is “sparse” for the trees in T_{tree} . The following example shows that without the assumption the theorem fails.

Example 2.1.5. Let \mathcal{G}_k consist of all graphs on the vertex set $\langle k \rangle$ with precisely $\lceil \frac{k(k-1)}{2 \log k} \rceil$ edges.

Then we claim that

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

Let α and β be vertices computed by the tree of the same shape which inspects a set of any $n^{1/t}$ distinct edges for some $t > \mathbb{N}$. If it finds an edge we define α and β in any way so they are the distinct vertices incidental with this edge. Otherwise we let $\alpha(\omega) = \beta(\omega) = 0$.

Let T be a tree of the same shape, that computes the pair $\{\alpha, \beta\}$ then we can compute the probability where such a tree fails as the fraction of all graphs which have no edges that T inspects. Let $m = \binom{n}{2}$. We get

$$\Pr_{G \in \mathbb{G}_n} [T \text{ fails}] = \frac{\binom{m - n^{1/t}}{\lceil \frac{n(n-1)}{2 \log n} \rceil}}{\binom{m}{\lceil \frac{n(n-1)}{2 \log n} \rceil}} \quad (2.16)$$

$$= \frac{(m - n^{1/t})!}{\frac{\lceil \frac{n(n-1)}{2 \log n} \rceil! (m - \lceil \frac{n(n-1)}{2 \log n} \rceil - n^{1/t})!}{m!}} \quad (2.17)$$

$$= \frac{(m - n^{1/t})! (m - \lceil \frac{n(n-1)}{2 \log n} \rceil)!}{m! (m - \lceil \frac{n(n-1)}{2 \log n} \rceil - n^{1/t})!} \quad (2.18)$$

$$= \prod_{i=0}^{n^{1/t}-1} \frac{m - \lceil \frac{n(n-1)}{2 \log n} \rceil - i}{m - i} \quad (2.19)$$

$$= \left(1 - \frac{\lceil \frac{n(n-1)}{2 \log n} \rceil}{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} \right)^{n^{1/t}} \quad (2.20)$$

$$\leq \left(1 - \frac{\lceil \frac{n(n-1)}{2 \log n} \rceil}{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} \right)^{n^{1/t}} \quad (2.21)$$

$$\leq \left(1 - \frac{1}{\log n} \right)^{n^{1/t}} \quad (2.22)$$

And for any standard k we have

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{\log n} \right)^{n^{1/t}} \leq \left(1 - \frac{1}{\log n} \right)^{k \cdot \log n} \quad (2.23)$$

$$\leq (e^{-\frac{1}{\ln 2}})^k. \quad (2.24)$$

So $\text{st}(\Pr_{G \in \mathbb{G}_n} [T \text{ fails}]) = 0$ and we get

$$\mu(\llbracket (\exists x)(\exists y)\Gamma(x, y) \rrbracket) \geq \mu(\llbracket \Gamma(\alpha, \beta) \rrbracket) \quad (2.25)$$

$$= \text{st}(1 - \Pr_{G \in \mathbb{G}_n} [T \text{ fails}]) \quad (2.26)$$

$$= 1. \quad (2.27)$$

2.2 Isomorphism closed \mathcal{G}_k

So far the measure of every truth value we encountered was either 0 or 1. Is there a sequence \mathcal{G}_k whose F_{tree} -limit and an $\{E\}$ -sentence φ such that

$0 < \llbracket \varphi^\Gamma \rrbracket < 1$? As in the case of edge existence for a limit of sparse graphs, it is not hard to come up with an example if we allow distinguishing elements in \mathcal{G}_k .

Example 2.2.1. Let

$$\mathcal{G}_k = \{(\langle k \rangle, E); E \text{ has exactly two edges, one of them being } \{0, 1\}\},$$

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

For the case of isomorphism closed \mathcal{G}_k we prove that every $\{E\}$ -sentence has truth value either **0** or **1**. We start with the existential case.

Example 2.2.2. NOT TRUE! Consider all graphs with one edge, or one non-edge. $\mu(\llbracket (\exists x)(\exists y)\Gamma(x, y) \rrbracket) = \frac{1}{2}$.

Theorem 2.2.3. Let $\varphi(\bar{x})$ be an open $\{E\}$ -formula, and let \mathcal{G}_k be isomorphism closed and categorical then

$$\llbracket (\exists \bar{x})\varphi(\bar{x}) \rrbracket \in \{\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}\}.$$

Proof. Let \bar{T} be a tuple of trees computing $\bar{\alpha}$ such that

$$p := \mu(\llbracket \varphi(\bar{\alpha}) \rrbracket) > \mathbf{0}.$$

We want to iterate \bar{T} to amplify the probability of success. \square

3. $F = F_{tree}$

3.1 Basic observations

Example 3.1.1. 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 $t > \mathbb{N}$:

$$\llbracket \Gamma \text{ has an } n^{1/t}\text{-clique} \rrbracket \quad (3.1)$$

$$= \llbracket (\exists \Lambda)(\forall u)(\forall v)((u, v \leq n^{1/t}) \rightarrow \Gamma(\Lambda(u), \Lambda(v))) \wedge (\Lambda : [n^{1/t}] \hookrightarrow \mathcal{M}) \rrbracket \quad (3.2)$$

$$= \bigvee_{\Lambda} \bigwedge_u \bigwedge_v \llbracket (u \neq v < n^{1/t}) \rightarrow (\Gamma(\Lambda(u), \Lambda(v)) \wedge \Lambda(u) \neq \Lambda(v)) \rrbracket \quad (3.3)$$

$$= \mathbf{1}. \quad (3.4)$$

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 3.1.2. Let

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

and $F = F_{tree}$.

Theorem 3.1.3. 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 $n > \mathbb{N}$, 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

$$\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket = \bigwedge_{\bar{\alpha}} \llbracket \varphi_0(\bar{\alpha}) \rrbracket \quad (3.5)$$

$$= \bigwedge_{\bar{\alpha}} \mathbf{1} \quad (3.6)$$

$$= \mathbf{1}. \quad (3.7)$$

□

Theorem 3.1.4. 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 $n' > \mathbb{N}$ 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 $t_0 > \mathbb{N}$.

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 leaves 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 $t > \mathbb{N}$.

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. \square

Example 3.1.5. 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 $\mu(\llbracket (\exists x)(\exists y)\Gamma(x, y) \rrbracket) = \frac{1}{2}$.

3.2 $\mathcal{G}_k = \text{ALL}_k$

Theorem 3.2.1 (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 3.1.4 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

$$\llbracket (\exists \bar{x}) \varphi^\Gamma(\bar{x}, \bar{\beta}) \rrbracket = \llbracket (\exists \bar{x}) \bigwedge_{i=0}^{m-1} \psi_i(\bar{x}, \bar{\beta}) \rrbracket \wedge \llbracket \bigwedge_{i=0}^{l-1} \vartheta_i(\bar{\beta}) \rrbracket \quad (3.8)$$

$$= \llbracket \bigwedge_{i=0}^{l-1} \vartheta_i(\bar{\beta}) \rrbracket. \quad (3.9)$$

□

Corollary 3.2.2. For each $\varphi(\bar{x})$ that is not a tautology in the theory of graphs we have that $\llbracket (\forall \bar{x}) \varphi^\Gamma(\bar{x}) \rrbracket = \mathbf{0}$.

Corollary 3.2.3. For each $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ that is not falsifiable by \bar{y} in the theory of graphs we have that $\llbracket (\forall \bar{y}) (\exists \bar{x}) \varphi^\Gamma(\bar{x}) \rrbracket = \mathbf{1}$.

4. $F = F_{nbtree}$

4.1 $\mathcal{G}_k = *PATH_k$

Definition 4.1.1. 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 4.1.2. 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 4.1.3. 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 4.1.4. There are bijections for all nonstandard $m \leq n$ and distinct $u, v, w \in [m] \setminus \{0\}$:

$$\mathcal{G}_m^{v?=\{u,w\}} \cong \mathcal{G}_{m-2} \times [2] \tag{4.1}$$

$$\mathcal{G}_m^{v?=\{u,0\}} \cong \mathcal{G}_{m-2} \tag{4.2}$$

$$\mathcal{G}_m^{0?=\{u\}} \cong \mathcal{G}_{m-1}. \tag{4.3}$$

Proof. (sketch) For (4.1) 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 (4.2) we can do the same, but the orientation is given by 0. \square

Lemma 4.1.5. 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

$$P_m(T_{v?=\{u,w\}} \text{ fails} | v? = \{u, w\}) = P_{m-2}(\tilde{T}_{v?=\{u,w\}}). \quad (4.4)$$

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

$$P_m(T_{v?=\{u\}} \text{ fails} | v? = \{u\}) = P_{m-1}(\tilde{T}_{v?=\{u\}}). \quad (4.5)$$

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 (4.1).

(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 4.1.6. 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

$$P(T \text{ fails}) \geq \left(1 - \frac{1}{m-1}\right) \geq \left(1 - \frac{2}{m-2}\right). \quad (4.6)$$

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

$$P(T \text{ fails}) = \sum_{u \in V \setminus \{0\}} P_{m-1}(0Eu) P_{m-1}(T_{0?=\{u\}} \text{ fails} | 0Eu) \quad (4.7)$$

$$\geq P_{m-1}(T_{0?=\{u\}} \text{ fails} | 0Eu) \quad (4.8)$$

$$= P_{m-1}(\tilde{T}_{0?=\{u\}} \text{ fails}) \quad (4.9)$$

$$\geq \prod_{i=0}^{k-1} \left(1 - \frac{2}{m - 2i - 2}\right) \quad (4.10)$$

$$\geq \prod_{i=0}^k \left(1 - \frac{2}{m - 2i - 2}\right). \quad (4.11)$$

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

$$P_m(vE0) = \frac{1}{m-1} \quad (4.12)$$

$$P_m(N(V) = 1) = \frac{1}{m-1} \quad (4.13)$$

$$P_m(|N(V) \setminus \{0\}| = 2) = 1 - \frac{2}{m-1}, \quad (4.14)$$

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 (4.14) is the complement of the union of the first two events, which have empty interseption, giving us that stated probability.

Then we have

$$P_m(T \text{ fails}) = P_m(vE0)P_m(T \text{ fails}|vE0) \quad (4.15)$$

$$+ P_m(|N(v) \setminus \{0\}| = 2)P_m(T \text{ fails}| |N(v) \setminus \{0\}| = 2) \quad (4.16)$$

$$+ P_m(|N(v)| = 1)P_m(vE0)P_m(T \text{ fails}| |N(v)| = 1) \quad (4.17)$$

$$\geq P_m(|N(v) \setminus \{0\}| = 2)P_m(T \text{ fails}| |N(v) \setminus \{0\}| = 2) \quad (4.18)$$

$$\geq (1 - \frac{2}{m-1}) \quad (4.19)$$

$$\cdot \sum_{\substack{u, w \in V \setminus \{0\} \\ u \neq w}} P_m(v? = \{u, w\})P_m(T_{v?=\{u, w\}} \text{ fails}|v? = \{u, w\}) \quad (4.20)$$

$$\geq (1 - \frac{2}{m-1})P_m(T_{v?=\{u_0, w_0\}} \text{ fails}|v? = \{u_0, w_0\}) \quad (4.21)$$

$$\geq (1 - \frac{2}{m-1})P_{m-2}(\tilde{T}_{v?=\{u_0, w_0\}} \text{ fails}) \quad (4.22)$$

$$\geq (1 - \frac{2}{m-1}) \prod_{i=0}^{k-1} (1 - \frac{2}{m-2i-4}) \quad (4.23)$$

$$\geq (1 - \frac{2}{m-2}) \prod_{i=1}^k (1 - \frac{2}{m-2i-2}) \quad (4.24)$$

$$\geq \prod_{i=0}^k (1 - \frac{2}{m-2i-2}). \quad (4.25)$$

where in (4.21) 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 (4.22) we use the lemma 4.1.5 and in (4.23) we use the induction hypothesis. \square

Corollary 4.1.7. 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

$$P_n(T \text{ fails}) \geq \prod_{i=0}^{n^{1/t}} \left(1 - \frac{2}{n-2i-2}\right) \quad (4.26)$$

$$\geq \left(1 - \frac{2n^{1/t}}{n-2n^{1/t}-2}\right) \quad (4.27)$$

$$\approx 1. \quad (4.28)$$

\square

Finally we can prove the following theorem.

Theorem 4.1.8.

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

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

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

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But by definition of γ and Corollary 4.1.7 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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