QUANTIFIER ELIMINATION IN SHELAH-SPENCER GRAPHS

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Abstract. We simplify [?] proof of quantifier elimination in Shelah-Spencer graphs.

1. Introduction

Laskowski's paper [?] provides a combinatorial proof of quantifier elimination in Shelah-Spencer graphs. Here we provide a simplification of the proof using only maximal chains and avoiding technical lemmas of sections 3 and 4.

2. Proof

Definition 2.1. Fix $\mathcal{B} \in \boldsymbol{K}_\alpha$, Φ, Γ finite subsets of $\boldsymbol{K}_\alpha$, and $m \in \omega$ such that for each $\mathcal{C} \in \Phi$ or $\mathcal{C} \in \Gamma$ we have $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$ and $|C \backslash B| < m$. Define $Z(\mathcal{B}, \Phi, \Gamma, m)$ to be all $\mathcal{B}^* \in X_m(\mathcal{B})$ such that

(1) For every $\mathcal{C} \in \Phi$ there *are no* $\mathcal{H}$ with $|H \backslash B^*| < m$ satisfying

$$\begin{tikzcd}
& \mathcal{H} & \\
\mathcal{B}^* \arrow[ur, "\leq"] & & \mathcal{C} \arrow[ul] \\
& \mathcal{B} \arrow[ul] \arrow[ur] &
\end{tikzcd}$$

(2) For every $\mathcal{D} \in \Gamma$ there *is some* $\mathcal{G}$ with $|G \backslash B^*| < m$ satisfying

$$\begin{tikzcd}
& \mathcal{G} & \\
\mathcal{B}^* \arrow[ur, "\leq"] & & \mathcal{D} \arrow[ul] \\
& \mathcal{B} \arrow[ul] \arrow[ur] &
\end{tikzcd}$$

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