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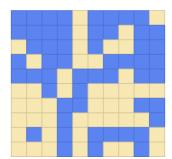
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Fact

For every n, there is a number R(n) such that if |X| = |Y| = n and $E \subseteq X \times Y$ is a graph relation, then there are subsets $A \subseteq X$, $B \subseteq Y$, each of size at least R(n), that are E-homogeneous: either $A \cap B \subseteq E$, or $A \times B \cap E = \emptyset$. The numbers R(n) grow to infinity, but very, very slowly.



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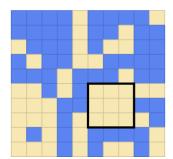
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Semialgebraic Graphs

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Measures and Regularity In many examples we actually care about, X and Y are both subsets of Euclidean spaces - $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$, $Y \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, and $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n$ is given by a system of polynomial (in)equalities. We call this case *semialgebraic*.

Example

Let \mathcal{F} be some family of polynomial curves of degree n. Let X be a set of points, Y a set of (coefficients of) curves in \mathcal{F} , and let E be the incidence graph.

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Fact (Alon, Pach, Pinchasi, Radoičić, and Sharir)

Let $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{m+n}$ be a semialgebraic graph. There is some $\delta > 0$ such that if $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$, $Y \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ are finite, then there are subsets $A \subseteq X$, $B \subseteq Y$ of size $|A| \ge \delta |X|$, $|B| \ge \delta |Y|$, that are E-homogeneous.

We call this property of *E* the *strong Erdős-Hajnal property*.

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Measures and Regularity Semialgebraic sets are just the *definable sets* in the structure $(\mathbb{R}; 0, 1, +, \times, \leq)$. Definable sets are the solution sets of *formulas*:

- A structure interprets the symbols of a language (e.g. $\mathcal{L} = \{0, 1, +, \times, \leq\}$)
- Terms are built from variables and function symbols (e.g. $x^2 + y^2$)
- Atomic formulas are built from terms and relation symbols (e.g. $x^2 + y^2 \le 1$)
- Atomic formulas are combined with logical symbols such as \vee , \wedge , \neg , \exists , \forall to make *formulas*.

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Measures and Regularity The structure $(\mathbb{R}; 0, 1, +, \times, \leq)$ is *distal*.

A structure M is distal if and only if it has the *definable strong* $Erd\Hos-Hajnal$ property:

Fact (Chernikov-Starchenko)

Let $E \subseteq M^{m+n}$ be definable.

There is some $\delta > 0$ such that if $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$, $Y \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ are finite, then there are subsets $A \subseteq X$, $B \subseteq Y$ of size $|A| \ge \delta |X|, |B| \ge \delta |Y|$, that are E-homogeneous. Furthermore, A and B are definable (within X and Y) by formulas depending only on the definition of E.

Strong Erdős-Hajnal for $x \le y$

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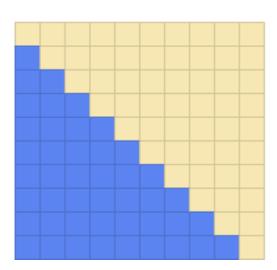
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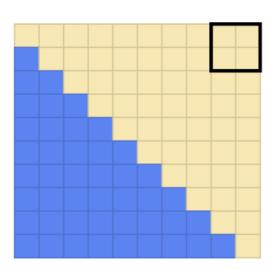
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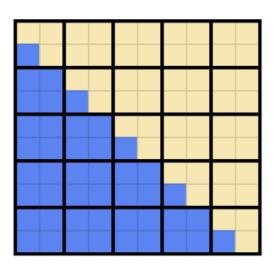
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Examples of Distal Structures

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lacksquare Valued field or valued vector space structures on \mathbb{Q}_p

To find more examples, use *continuous logic* to replace E with a real-valued function $M^{m+n} \rightarrow [0,1]$.

- Discrete classical structures are still distal in continuous logic
- Real closed metric valued fields (think o-minimal)
- Dual linear continua

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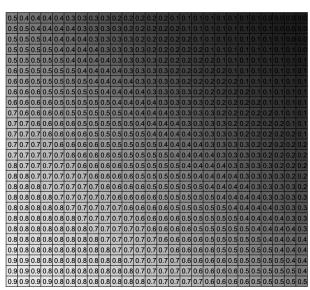
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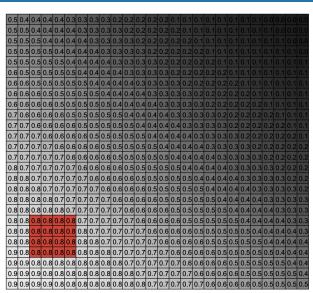
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Definition

A *metric language* is just like a regular first-order language, but each symbol gets a Lipschitz constant.

Definition

A metric structure consists of:

- A complete bounded metric space
- For each n-ary k-Lipschitz function symbol, a k-Lipschitz function $M^n \to M$
- For each *n*-ary *k*-Lipschitz relation symbol, a *k*-Lipschitz function $M^n \rightarrow [0,1]$

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Definition

A atomic formula is defined as usual, except instead of =, the basic relation is d(x, y).

Definition

A formula is

- An atomic formula
- A continuous combination $u(\phi_1, \ldots, \phi_n)$ of formulas.
- \blacksquare $\sup_{x} \phi$ or $\inf_{x} \phi$

Definition

A *definable predicate* is a uniform limit of formulas. This allows countably infinitely many variables.

The Lazy Caterer's Problem

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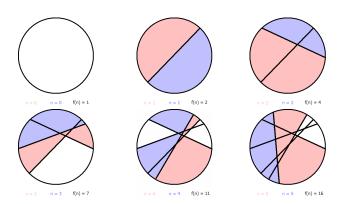


Figure: The maximum number of pieces that n slices cut a circle into

ϕ -Types and Cell Decompositions

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Measures and Regularity Fix $\phi(x; y)$ such as, on the last slide, $x_1y_1 + x_2y_2 \le 1$.

Definition

For $B \subseteq M^y$, let $S_{\phi}(B)$ be the set of consistent ways to assign a value of true or false to $\phi(x;b)$ for each $b \in B$.

The function $B \mapsto S_{\phi}(B)$ is an abstract cell decomposition:

Definition

An abstract cell decomposition for $\phi(x;y)$ is a function $\mathcal T$ that assigns to each finite $B\subset M^{|y|}$ a set $\mathcal T(B)$ whose elements (cells)

- cover M^{\times} : $M^{\times} = \bigcup \mathcal{T}(B)$
- are not crossed by $\phi(x; B)$: for each $b \in B$, $\phi(x; b)$ is true on the whole cell, or false on the whole cell.

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Definition

Let $\pi_{\phi}^*(n)$ be the maximum of $|S_{\phi}(B)|$ over all B with |B|=n.

Fact (Sauer-Shelah)

Either $\pi_{\phi}^*(n) = 2^n$ for all n, or there is a maximum value d where $\pi_{\phi}^*(d) = 2^d$. We call this the dual VC-dimension of ϕ , and get the bound $\pi_{\phi}^*(n) = O(n^d)$.

Definition

If every formula ϕ has has finite VC-dimension, we call \emph{M} NIP.

Abstract vs. Distal Cell Decompositions

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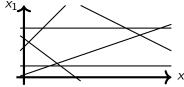
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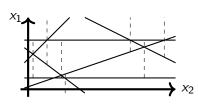
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Definition

A distal cell decomposition \mathcal{T} for a formula $\varphi(x;y)$ is an abstract cell decomposition where each cell of $\mathcal{T}(B)$ is defined by $\theta(x;d)$, where $\theta(x;z)$ is a fixed formula, and d is a tuple of elements of B.

Fact (Chernikov-Simon, Chernikov-Starchenko)

A structure M is distal iff every formula has a distal cell decomposition.

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Theorem (A., generalizing Chernikov-Simon)

A metric structure M is distal iff every formula $\phi(x; y)$ has a strong honest definition:

A definable predicate $\theta(x; z)$ such that for any $a \in M^x$ and finite $B \subseteq M^y$, there is a tuple d in B with

- $\theta(a; d) = 0$
- for all $a' \in M^{\times}$, $b \in B$, $|\phi(a'; b) \phi(a; b)| \le \theta(a'; d)$.

Intuitively, $\theta(x; d)$ bounds how much $\phi(x; b)$ can vary from $\phi(a; b)$, so $\{\theta(x; d) \le \varepsilon\}$ is a good candidate for a cell containing a.

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Definition

Call a predicate $\phi: M^{\times} \times M^{y} \to [0,1]$ a *VC-class* when for every ε , there exists n such that for every counting measure μ on M^{\times} , there is a tuple (a_{1}, \ldots, a_{n}) such that for all $b \in M^{y}$,

$$\left|\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \phi(a_i;b)}{n} - \mathbb{E}_{\mu}[\phi(x;b)]\right| \leq \varepsilon.$$

Call a structure *M NIP* when every definable predicate is a VC-class.

In classical logic, any $\phi: M^{\times} \times M^{y} \to \{0,1\}$ satisfies this "uniform law of large numbers" iff it has finite VC dimension.

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Theorem (A., generalizing Haussler-Welzl)

For every VC-class $\phi(x;y)$ and $\varepsilon > 0$, there is n such that for any counting measure μ on M^{\times} , there is a tuple (a_1, \ldots, a_n) which is a ε -net for ϕ with respect to μ :

For all $b \in M^y$, if $\mu(\{\phi(x;b)=0\}) \ge \varepsilon$, then $\exists a_i, \phi(a_i;b) < 1$.

Fractional Helly Property and (p, q)-Theorem

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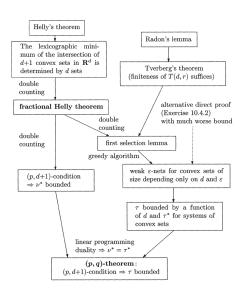
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Keisler Measures

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Definition

A Keisler measure in x over A is a regular Borel probability measure on $S_x(A)$ - call the space of these $\mathfrak{M}_x(A)$.

We could also define these in terms of linear functionals on the space of definable predicates:

$$C(S_x(A), [0, 1]) \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

$$\phi(x) \mapsto \int_{S_x(A)} \phi(x) d\mu$$

Generically Stable Measures

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Keisler measures in general behave terribly, except:

Theorem (A. generalizing Hrushovski-Pillay-Simon)

Assume NIP. The following are equivalent for $\mu \in \mathfrak{M}_{x}(M)$:

- $\mu(x) \otimes \mu(y) = \mu(y) \otimes \mu(x)$
- For any $\phi(x; y)$, the "uniform law of large numbers" holds for ϕ with respect to μ .

We call these measures *generically stable*. They are our best generalization of counting measures, because

- They include counting measures
- They are closed under ultraproducts
- Products $\mu \otimes \cdots \otimes \mu$ behave enough like i.i.d. distributions to prove the uniform LLN and existence of ε -nets.

Real-Valued Distal Cutting Lemma, Roughly

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Measures and Regularity Assuming distality, find ε -nets for strong honest definitions:

Lemma (A. generalizing Chernikov-Galvin-Starchenko)

Let $\phi(x;y)$ be a definable predicate, and fix $\varepsilon>0$. For every generically stable $\nu\in\mathfrak{M}_y(M)$, there is a finite cover of M^\times such that

- The cover has bounded size
- The cells are uniformly "definable"
- On each cell, $\phi(x; b)$ varies by at most ε , for all but a small-measure set of $b \in M^y$.

If we put a measure on M^{\times} , at least one cell is reasonably large, and we can split the values of b that work for that cell into $\approx \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$ buckets.

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Theorem (A. generalizing Chernikov-Starchenko)

Assume T distal. For any $\phi(x;y)$, $\varepsilon>0$, there are $\theta(x;w),\chi(y;z),\delta>0$ such that for all μ,ν generically stable, there are $c\in M^w, d\in M^z$ where

- $\{\theta(x;c)>0\}$ and $\{\chi(y;d)>0\}$ are (ϕ,ε) -homogeneous

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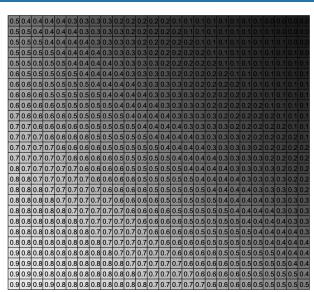
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