



# A Look at Limits in Random Graphs

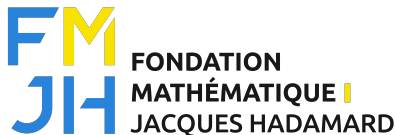
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# Outline

- 1 thanks to fmjh, msri, univ of paris saclay, lecturers, tas and deford
- 2 looks at limits – regular definition, sequence definition, sequence of function convergence (limits of uniformly cont funcs are uniformly cont)
- 3 what do “similar graphs” have in common, motivate notion of closeness under dloc topology
- 4 local limit examples
- 5 describe uniformly pointed version of a graph concept
- 6 examples of convergence here
- 7 unimodularity
- 8 limit of unimodular graphs is unimodular
- 9 interlude regarding bus paradox tomas told me and how it allows us to transform the theorems from uniformly pointed graphs to uniformly rooted ones.
- 10 uniformly rooted graphs

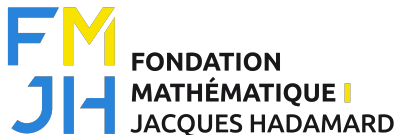
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# The Prairie

If  $f(x)$  is a function defined on an interval containing  $a$  (except possibly at  $a$ ), then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$$

if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists some  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$|f(x) - L| < \epsilon \quad \text{when} \quad |x - a| < \delta$$

i.e. under certain conditions your function will get arbitrarily *close* to some limiting object

# The Treeline

If  $x_n = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, \dots\}$  is a sequence, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$$

if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists some  $N > 0$  such that

$$|x_n - x| < \epsilon \text{ when } n \geq N \text{ for every natural number } n$$

i.e. under certain conditions your sequence will get arbitrarily *close* to some limiting object



# Okay I Am Standing Next to a Tree Now

## Theorem

*If  $f_n = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, \dots\}$  is a sequence of continuous functions such that  $f_n$  converges uniformly to  $f$ , then  $f$  is continuous.*

i.e. under certain conditions your sequence will get arbitrarily *close* to some limiting object *and* you know something about the object

# The Forest?

## Theorem (?)

If  $f_n(G_n) = \{f_1(\text{edge}), f_2(\text{triangle}), f_3(\text{path of length 3}), f_4(\text{star with 3 leaves}), \dots\}$  is a sequence of \_\_\_\_\_ functions such that  $f_n(G_n)$  converges \_\_\_\_\_ to  $f(\text{infinite cluster})$ , then  $f(\text{infinite cluster})$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

i.e. we need new concepts!

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# What does it mean for graphs to be 'close'?

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# Interlude

