

Logical Limit Laws for Layered Permutations and Related Structures

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- Convergence to zero or one is a rather strict requirement

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- “Unlabeled limit law” — class of *unlabeled* structures admits a limit law
- “Labeled limit law” — class of *labeled* structures admits a limit law

Theorem

Convex linear orders and layered permutations admit both unlabeled and labeled limit laws. Compositions admit an unlabeled limit law.

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Definition

Let \mathcal{L} be the language containing two binary relations: $<$ and E . A convex linear order is an \mathcal{L} -structure satisfying:

- $<$ is a total order on points
- E is an equivalence relation
- $x E z, x < y < z \Rightarrow z E x, y$

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Proof

Proceed by induction.

- Base case: $n = 1$ trivial
- When $n = 2$, two possible cases: $\mathcal{C} \simeq \bullet \oplus \bullet$ or $\mathcal{C} \simeq \widehat{\bullet}$
- In general: last class of \mathcal{C} contains one or more points.
Apply $- \oplus \bullet$ or $\widehat{(-)}$ appropriately. □

- Ehrenfeucht–Fraïssé game on two structures:
back-and-forth game between players Spoiler and Duplicator in which corresponding points are marked on each structure
- In game of length k between \mathfrak{A} and \mathfrak{B} , Duplicator has a winning strategy iff \mathfrak{A} and \mathfrak{B} agree on all sentences of quantifier depth at most k .
- Write $\mathfrak{A} \equiv_k \mathfrak{B}$ in this case

Lemma

Let $\mathfrak{M}, \mathfrak{N}, \mathfrak{M}', \mathfrak{N}'$ be convex linear orders such that $\mathfrak{M} \equiv_k \mathfrak{N}$ and $\mathfrak{M}' \equiv_k \mathfrak{N}'$. The following equivalences hold:

- $\mathfrak{M} \oplus \mathfrak{M}' \equiv_k \mathfrak{N} \oplus \mathfrak{N}'$
- $\widehat{\mathfrak{M}} \equiv_k \widehat{\mathfrak{N}}$

Lemma

For a convex linear order \mathfrak{M} and $k \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for all $s, t > \ell$,

$$\bigoplus_s \mathfrak{M} \equiv_k \bigoplus_t \mathfrak{M}$$

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- Unlabeled: count all structures *up to isomorphism*
- Finite linearly ordered structures have no nontrivial automorphisms, hence, no distinction in this case

General idea:

- For first-order sentence φ (with quantifier rank k), associate a Markov chain M_φ
- States of M_φ are \equiv_k -classes
- Probability that randomly selected structure of size n satisfies φ is probability that M_φ is in a state that satisfies φ after n transitions

The limit law

For an \equiv_k -class C , define

$$C \oplus \bullet := [\mathfrak{M} \oplus \bullet]_{\equiv_k}$$

and

$$\widehat{C} := [\widehat{\mathfrak{M}}]_{\equiv_k}$$

For φ an \mathcal{L} -sentence (with quantifier depth k), construct a Markov chain M_φ as follows:

- Starting state: $[\bullet]_{\equiv_k}$
- From any \equiv_k -class C , there are two possible transitions out: to $C \oplus \bullet$ or \widehat{C}
- Each transition probability is $1/2$

Definition

A Markov chain M is *fully aperiodic* if there do not exist disjoint sets of M -states P_0, P_1, \dots, P_{d-1} for some $d > 1$ such that for every state in P_i , M transitions to a state in P_{i+1} with probability 1 (with P_{d-1} transitioning to P_0).

Lemma

Let M be a finite, fully aperiodic Markov chain with initial state S , and let $Pr^{n-1}(S, Q)$ denote the probability that M is in state Q after $n - 1$ steps. For any Q , $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Pr^{n-1}(S, Q)$ converges.

Theorem

M_φ is fully aperiodic for any first-order sentence φ .

Proof

Suppose M_φ were not fully aperiodic.

- There would exist disjoint sets of M_φ -states (\equiv_k -classes) P_0, P_1, \dots, P_{d-1} for $d > 1$ where every state in P_i , M_φ transitions to a state in P_{i+1} with probability 1 (P_{d-1} transitioning to P_0).
- Thus, for any $Q \in P_0$, $Q \oplus i\bullet$ is in P_0 iff $d \mid i$.
- By equivalence lemmas, this is not possible □

Theorem

Convex linear orders admit a logical limit law.

Proof

Fix a first-order sentence φ , and consider M_φ .

- For each state S in M_φ , either each structure in S satisfies φ or no structures in S satisfy φ .
- Let S_φ denote the set of states in M_φ for which all structures in that state satisfy φ .
- $\widehat{(-)}$ and $- \oplus \bullet$ are well-defined on \equiv_k -classes, hence, moving $n - 1$ steps in M_φ is equivalent to starting with any structure in the current state, applying $\widehat{(-)}$ or $- \oplus \bullet$ $n - 1$ times, and taking the \equiv_k -class.

Proof (continued)

- The probability that after n steps, M_φ is in a state of S_φ equals probability that uniformly randomly selected structure of size n satisfies φ
- Suffices to show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{Q \in S_\varphi} Pr^{n-1}(\bullet, Q)$ converges, which follows from Markov chain lemma □

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Transfer lemmas

Fix languages $\mathcal{L}_0, \mathcal{L}_1$ and classes C_0, C_1 of $\mathcal{L}_0, \mathcal{L}_1$ structures respectively.

Lemma

Let f be a map from the set of \mathcal{L}_0 -structures to the set of \mathcal{L}_1 -structures, and g a map from the set of \mathcal{L}_0 -sentences to the set of \mathcal{L}_1 -sentences such that, for any C_0 -structure \mathfrak{M} and \mathcal{L}_0 -sentence φ :

- 1 $\mathfrak{M} \models \varphi \iff f(\mathfrak{M}) \models g(\varphi)$
- 2 f is a bijection between C_0 and C_1 structures of size n
- 3 The class C_1 admits a logical limit law

Then, C_0 admits a logical limit law as well.

Definition

The classes C_0 and C_1 (over a with a common domain of $\{1, \dots, n\}$) are said to be *uniformly interdefinable* if there exists a map $f_I : C_0 \rightarrow C_1$ (bijective on structures), along with formulae $\varphi_{R_{0,i}}, \varphi_{R_{1,i}}$ for each relation $R_{0,i}$ in \mathcal{L}_0 and $R_{1,i}$ in \mathcal{L}_1 such that, for each \mathfrak{M}_0 in C_0 and \mathfrak{M}_1 in C_1 :

- $\mathfrak{M}_0 \models R_{0,i}(\bar{x}) \iff f_I(\mathfrak{M}_0) \models \varphi_{R_{0,i}}(\bar{x})$
- $\mathfrak{M}_1 \models R_{1,i}(\bar{x}) \iff f_I^{-1}(\mathfrak{M}_1) \models \varphi_{R_{1,i}}(\bar{x})$

Theorem

Let C_0, C_1 be uniformly interdefinable classes of $\mathcal{L}_0, \mathcal{L}_1$ structures. If C_1 admits a logical limit law, C_0 admits one as well.

Proof

Take the transfer maps f, g to be:

- $f = f_I$
- g is the map sends an \mathcal{L}_0 -sentence to the \mathcal{L}_1 -sentence with each occurrence of $R_{0,i}$ replaced with $\varphi_{R_{0,i}}$

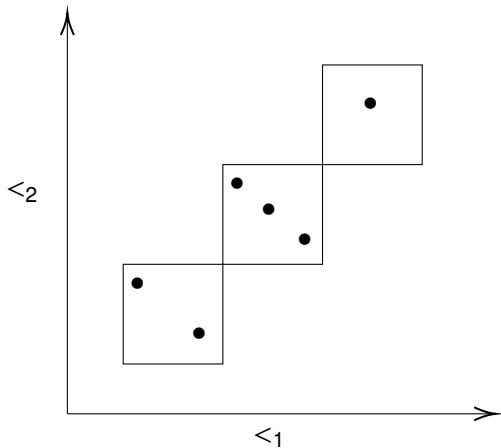


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Layered permutations

- Permutations can be viewed as structures in the language $\mathcal{L} = \{<_1, <_2\}$ with two linear orders. The order $<_1$ gives the unpermuted order of the points (before applying the permutation) and $<_2$ describes the points in permuted order.
- *Blocks* are maximal subsets which are monotone $<_1/<_2$ -intervals
- A *layered permutation* is composed of increasing blocks, each of which contains a decreasing permutation

Layered permutations



Layered permutations

Lemma

Layered permutations and ordered equivalence relations are uniformly interdefinable.

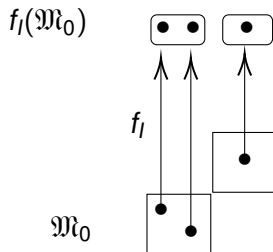
Proof

Define f_l to be the map taking blocks of a layered permutation to classes of a convex linear order, and points in an order-preserving manner. The relations $<_1$ and $<_2$ are rewritten as:

- $\varphi_{<_1} : a <_1 b \rightsquigarrow a < b$
- $\varphi_{<_2} : a <_2 b \rightsquigarrow (a E b \wedge b < a) \vee (\neg(a E b) \wedge a < b)$



Layered permutations



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Theorem

Layered permutations admit a logical limit law.

Proof

Layered permutations are uniformly interdefinable with convex linear orders. Because convex linear orders admit a logical limit law, layered permutations admit one as well. □

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- Let $\mathcal{L}_0 = \{E, <\}$ be the language of convex linear orders
- Define $\mathcal{L}_1 = \{E, <_1, <_2\}$
- Fractured orders take a convex linear order $<$ and break it into two parts: $<_1$ *between* E -classes, and $<_2$ *within* E -classes.

Definition

A *fractured order* is an \mathcal{L}_1 -structure satisfying:

- 1 $<_1, <_2$ are partial orders
- 2 E is an equivalence relation
- 3 Distinct points a, b are $<_1$ -comparable iff they **are not** E -related
- 4 Distinct points a, b are $<_2$ -comparable iff they **are** E -related
- 5 $a E a', a <_1 b \Rightarrow a' <_1 b$ (convexity)

We denote the class of all finite fractured orders by \mathcal{F} .

Theorem

Fractured orders and convex linear orders are uniformly interdefinable.

Proof

Define $f_I : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow C_0$ such that:

- $\mathfrak{M}_1 \models a E b \iff f_I(\mathfrak{M}_1) \models a E b$
- $\mathfrak{M}_1 \models a <_1 b \iff f_I(\mathfrak{M}_1) \models \neg a E b \wedge a < b$
- $\mathfrak{M}_1 \models a <_2 b \iff f_I(\mathfrak{M}_1) \models a E b \wedge a < b$

This map satisfies the requirements for uniform interdefinability. □

Lemma

Let \mathcal{L} be a language and $\mathcal{L}' \subset \mathcal{L}$. Given a class \mathcal{C} of \mathcal{L} -structures which admits a logical limit law, any class \mathcal{C}' of \mathcal{L}' -structures which expand uniquely to \mathcal{C} -structures also admits a logical limit law.

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Proof

Construct the transfer maps f and g from earlier:

- f is taken to be the map sending a structure in \mathcal{C}' to its unique expansion in \mathcal{C}
- This expansion is unique, hence f is bijective on structures of size n for all n
- g is given by the identity map on formulas



- *Compositions* are structures in the reduct $\mathcal{L}_2 \subset \mathcal{L}_1$ given by $\mathcal{L}_2 = \{E, <_1\}$
- Order defined on equivalence classes, but not on points within each class

Lemma

Every composition expands uniquely to a fractured order, up to isomorphism.

Proof

There is a unique way to linearly order each E -class individually. Because ordering these classes determines $<_2$, there is a unique way to define $<_2$ on any composition, expanding it to a fractured order. □

Theorem

The class of compositions admit an unlabeled logical limit law.

Proof

The language of compositions is a reduct of the language of fractured orders, and every composition expands uniquely to a fractured order. The class of fractured orders admits a logical limit law, therefore, by the previous lemma, compositions admit a limit law as well. □



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