

# Ramsey Theory on Infinite Structures, Part II

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# Day 2: Big Ramsey Degree Methods and Characterizations

## I. Fraïssé Theory and Big Ramsey Degrees

## II. Milliken Methodology

- (a) Works for structures with universals that can be encoded as regularly finitely branching trees (unrestricted FAP).
- (b) Does not work for triangle-free Henson graph or FAP in general.

## III. Coding trees of 1-types and 3 elements of BRD's

- (a) Enumerated structures and their coding trees of 1-types
- (b) Diagonal Antichains
- (c) Passing Types

## IV. Forcing Ramsey Theorems on Coding Trees

- (a) Rado graph
- (b) Triangle-free Henson graph

## V. Big Ramsey Degrees of Posets

# I. Fraïssé Theory and Big Ramsey Degrees

# I(a). Fraïssé Theory

Language  $\mathcal{L}$ : countably (for us, usually finitely) many relation symbols  $\{R_i : i < n\}$ , with  $k_i$  denoting the arity of  $R_i$ .

An  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure is an object  $\mathbf{A} = \langle A, R_0^{\mathbf{A}}, \dots, R_{n-1}^{\mathbf{A}} \rangle$ , where  $A$ , the universe of  $\mathbf{A}$ , is non-empty and  $R_i^{\mathbf{A}} \subseteq \mathcal{A}^{k_i}$ .

For  $\mathcal{L}$ -structures  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ , an **embedding**  $e : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  is an injection on their universes  $e : A \rightarrow B$  with the property that for all  $i < n$ ,

$$R_i^{\mathbf{A}}(a_1, \dots, a_{n_i}) \iff R_i^{\mathbf{B}}(e(a_1), \dots, e(a_{n_i}))$$

The notions of **copy** of  $\mathbf{A}$  in  $\mathbf{B}$ , **substructure** of  $\mathbf{B}$ , and **isomorphism** are natural.

$\mathbf{A} \leq \mathbf{B}$  means  $\mathbf{A}$  embeds into  $\mathbf{B}$ .

$\mathbf{A} \cong \mathbf{B}$  means  $\mathbf{A}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{B}$ .

A class  $\mathcal{K}$  of finite structures is called a **Fraïssé class** if it is nonempty, closed under isomorphisms, and satisfies

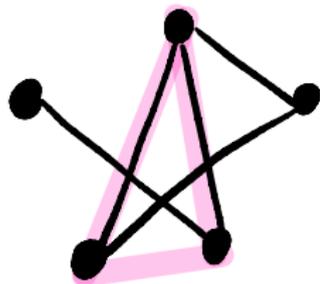
- **Hereditary Property:** Whenever  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $\mathbf{A}$  is a substructure of  $\mathbf{B}$ , then also  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{K}$  (for relational languages).
- **Joint Embedding Property:** For any  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathcal{K}$ , there is a  $\mathbf{C} \in \mathcal{K}$  such that  $\mathbf{A} \leq \mathbf{C}$  and  $\mathbf{B} \leq \mathbf{C}$ .
- **Amalgamation Property:** For any embeddings  $f : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  and  $g : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ , with  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C} \in \mathcal{K}$ , there is a  $\mathbf{D} \in \mathcal{K}$  and there are embeddings  $r : \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$  and  $s : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$  such that  $r \circ f = s \circ g$ .

Note: For a relational language with finitely many relation symbols of any fixed arity, there are only countably many finite structures up to isomorphism.

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Graph  $\mathbf{B}$



Linear Order

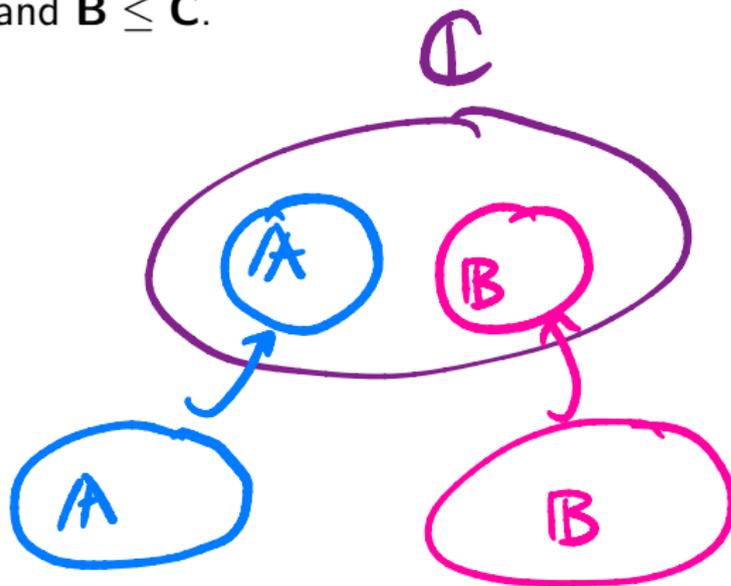
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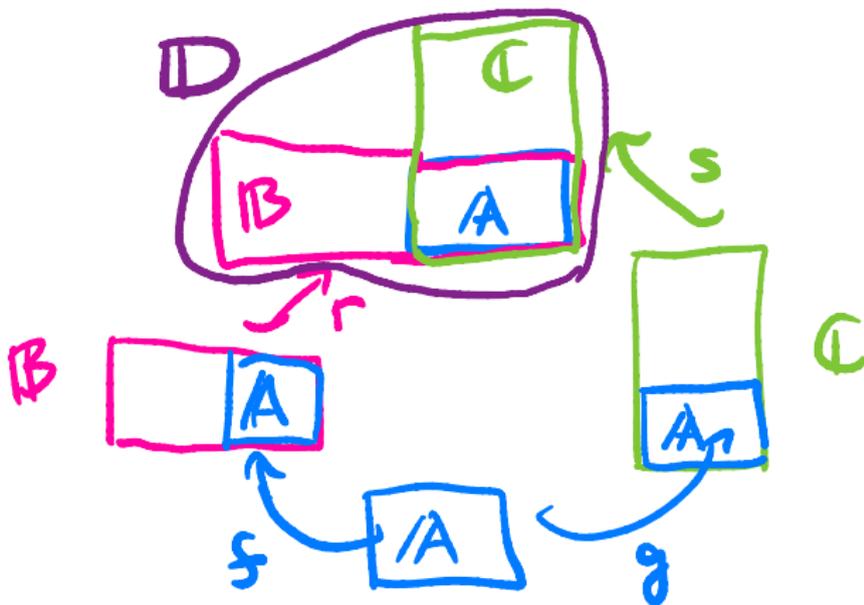


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The **Fraïssé limit**

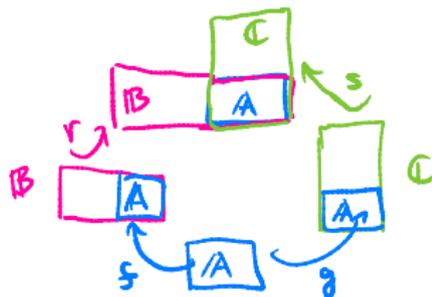
$$\mathbf{K} = \text{Flim}(\mathcal{K})$$

is the unique (up to isomorphism) countable structure which is homogeneous and universal for  $\mathcal{K}$ .

# Disjoint and Free Amalgamation

A class  $\mathcal{K}$  of finite structures satisfies the **disjoint amalgamation property (DAP)** (disjoint = strong (SAP)) if

given  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C} \in \mathcal{K}$  and embeddings  $f: \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  and  $g: \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ , there is some  $\mathbf{D} \in \mathcal{K}$  and embeddings  $r: \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$  and  $s: \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$  such that  $r \circ f = s \circ g$ , and  $r[B] \cap s[C] = r \circ f[A] = s \circ g[A]$ .

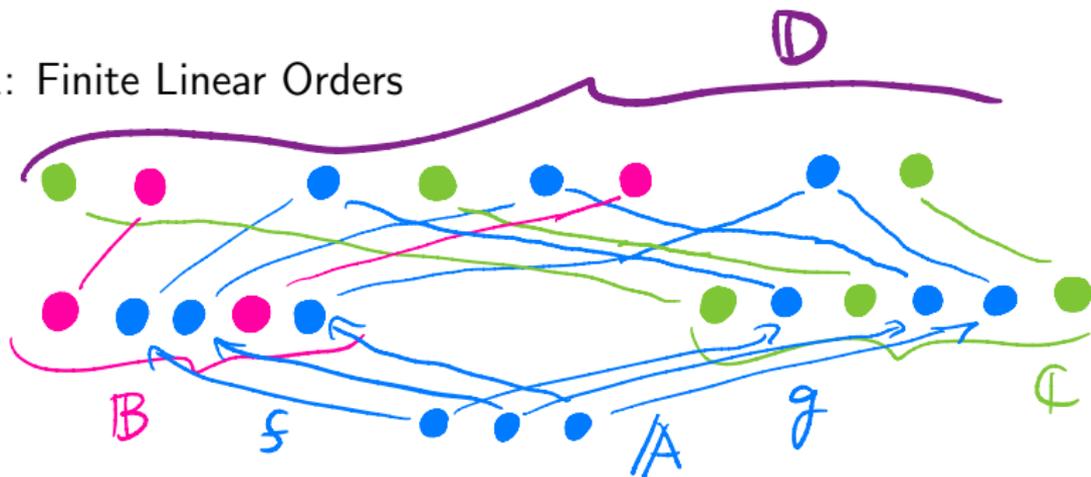


$\mathcal{K}$  satisfies the **free amalgamation property (FAP)** if it satisfies the DAP and moreover,  $\mathbf{D}$  can be chosen so that  $\mathbf{D}$  has no additional relations other than those inherited from  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{C}$ .

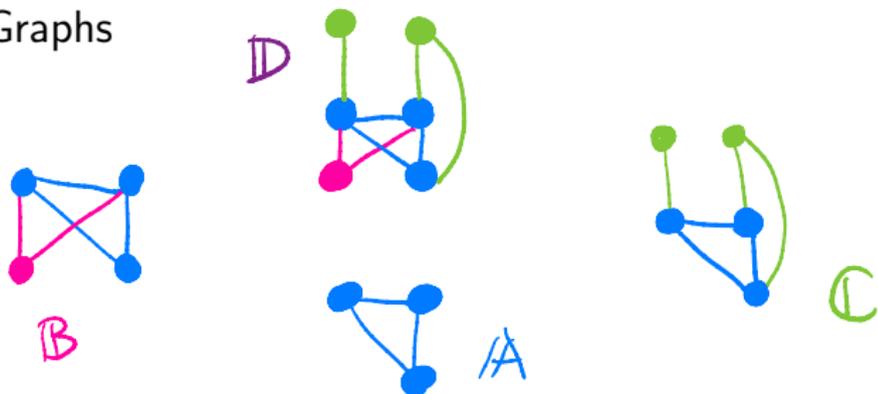
# Disjoint and Free Amalgamation

Example 1: Finite Linear Orders

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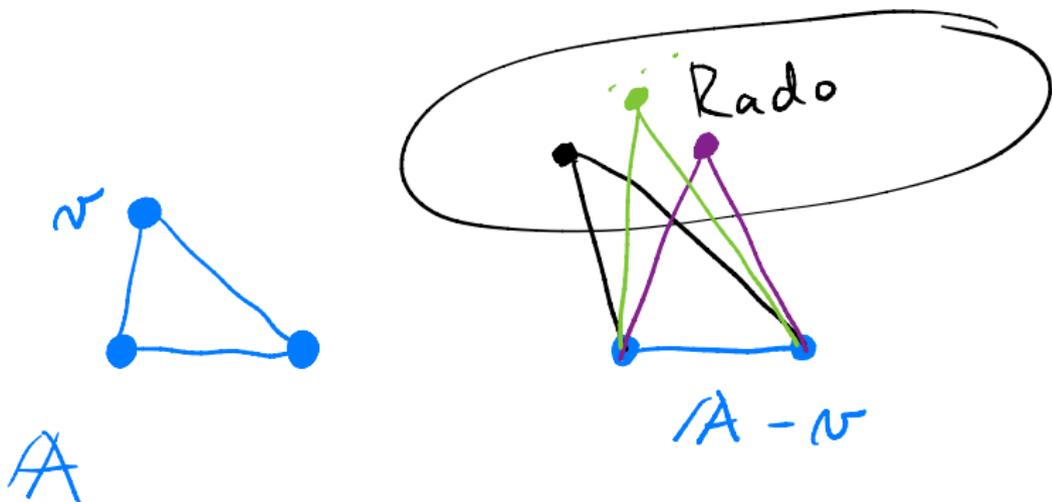


Example 2: Finite Graphs



# Disjoint and Free Amalgamation

DAP is equivalent to the **strong embedding property**: For any  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{K}$ ,  $v \in A$ , and embedding  $e : (\mathbf{A} - v) \rightarrow \mathbf{K}$ , there are infinitely many different extensions of  $e$  to embeddings of  $\mathbf{A}$  into  $\mathbf{K}$ .



This makes DAP classes good for Ramsey Theory.

## I(b). Big Ramsey Degrees

# Finite Structural Ramsey Theory

For structures  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}$ , write  $\mathbf{A} \leq \mathbf{B}$  iff  $\mathbf{A}$  embeds into  $\mathbf{B}$ .

$\binom{\mathbf{B}}{\mathbf{A}}$  denotes the set of all copies of  $\mathbf{A}$  in  $\mathbf{B}$ .

A class  $\mathcal{K}$  of finite structures has the **Ramsey Property** if given  $\mathbf{A} \leq \mathbf{B}$  in  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $r$ , there is  $\mathbf{C} \in \mathcal{K}$  so that

$$\forall \chi : \binom{\mathbf{C}}{\mathbf{A}} \rightarrow r \quad \exists \mathbf{B}' \in \binom{\mathbf{C}}{\mathbf{B}}, \chi \upharpoonright \binom{\mathbf{B}'}{\mathbf{A}} \text{ is constant.}$$

Lots of work done! (e.g., Nešetřil–Rödl(77/83),  
Hubička–Nešetřil(2019))

**Examples:** The classes of **finite** linear orders, ordered graphs, ordered  $k$ -clique-free graphs, ordered  $k$ -regular hypergraphs, partial orders with linear extension,...

Take the orders away and you get small Ramsey degrees.

A class  $\mathcal{K}$  of finite structures has **small Ramsey degrees** if for each  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{K}$  there is a positive integer  $t(\mathbf{A})$  such that for any  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathcal{K}$  with  $\mathbf{A} \leq \mathbf{B}$ , there is a  $\mathbf{C} \in \mathcal{K}$  with  $\mathbf{B} \leq \mathbf{C}$  so that

$$\forall \chi : \binom{\mathbf{C}}{\mathbf{A}} \rightarrow r \quad \exists \mathbf{B}' \in \binom{\mathbf{C}}{\mathbf{B}}, \chi \upharpoonright \binom{\mathbf{B}'}{\mathbf{A}}_{r, t(\mathbf{A})}$$

That is, for any coloring of the copies of  $\mathbf{A}$  in  $\mathbf{C}$  into  $r$  colors, there is a copy of  $\mathbf{B}$  in  $\mathbf{C}$  in which the copies of  $\mathbf{A}$  take no more than  $t(\mathbf{A})$  colors.

## Theorem (Kechris–Pestov–Todorćević, 2005)

*A Fraissé class  $\mathcal{K}$  of finite structures has the Ramsey property if and only if  $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{K})$  is extremely amenable, where  $\mathbf{K}$  is the homogeneous structure universal for  $\mathcal{K}$ .*

# Infinite Structural Ramsey Theory

Let  $\mathbf{K}$  be an infinite structure.

$\mathbf{K}$  has **finite big Ramsey degrees** if for each finite  $\mathbf{A} \leq \mathbf{K}$ ,  $\exists T$  such that  $\forall r, \forall \chi : \binom{\mathbf{K}}{\mathbf{A}} \rightarrow r, \exists \mathbf{K}' \in \binom{\mathbf{K}}{\mathbf{K}}$  such that  $|\chi \upharpoonright \binom{\mathbf{K}'}{\mathbf{A}}| \leq T$ .

The **big Ramsey degree** of  $\mathbf{A}$  in  $\mathbf{K}$ ,  $T(\mathbf{A})$ , is the least such  $T$ .

We already saw that Devlin computed the big Ramsey degrees in the rationals.

Develop topological dynamics related to structural Ramsey theory for the

*both finite and infinite dimensional*

- (i) The rationals;
- (ii) The ordered Rado graph;
- (iii) The  $k$ -clique-free ordered Henson graphs;
- (iv) The random  $\mathcal{A}$ -free ordered hypergraph, where  $\mathcal{A}$  is a set of finite irreducible ordered structures;
- (v) The ordered rational Urysohn space;
- (vi) The  $\aleph_0$ -dimensional vector space over a finite field with the canonical ordering;
- (vii) The countable atomless Boolean algebra with the canonical ordering.

## Theorem (Zucker, 2019)

*If  $\mathbf{K}$  has a big Ramsey structure, then  $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{K})$  admits a unique universal completion flow.*

A **big Ramsey structure** for a Fraïssé structure  $\mathbf{K}$  is an optimal (minimal) expansion  $\mathbf{K}^*$  which produces exact big Ramsey degrees in a way that coheres.

A big Ramsey structure for  $\mathbb{Q}$  is an expansion that encodes a diagonal antichain representing  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

# Big Ramsey Degrees are almost always $> 1$

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a Fraïssé class with limit  $\mathbf{K}$ .

Except for vertex colorings, exact analogues of Ramsey's Theorem usually fail.

- If  $|\text{Aut}(\mathbf{K})| > 1$ , then  $\exists \mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{K}$  with  $T(\mathbf{A}) > 1$ , or infinite.  
(Hjorth 2008)

# Big Ramsey Degree results, a sampling

- 1933.  $T(\text{Pairs}, \mathbb{Q}) \geq 2$ . (Sierpiński)
- 1975.  $T(\text{Edge}, \mathcal{R}) \geq 2$ . (Erdős, Hajnal, Pósa)
- 1979.  $(\mathbb{Q}, <)$ : All BRD computed. (D. Devlin)
- 1986.  $T(\text{Vertex}, \mathcal{H}_3) = 1$ . (Komjáth, Rödl)
- 1989.  $T(\text{Vertex}, \mathcal{H}_n) = 1$ . (El-Zahar, Sauer)
- 1996.  $T(\text{Edge}, \mathcal{R}) = 2$ . (Pouzet, Sauer)
- 1998.  $T(\text{Edge}, \mathcal{H}_3) = 2$ . (Sauer)
- 2006, 2008. The Rado graph: All BRD characterized; computed. (Laflamme, Sauer, Vuksanović); (J. Larson)
- 2008, Rational Urysohn sphere. (Nguyen Van Thé)
- 2010. Dense Local Order  $\mathbf{S}(2)$  and  $\mathbb{Q}_n$ : All BRD computed. (Laflamme, Nguyen Van Thé, Sauer)

- 2017. Triangle-free Henson graphs: Very good Bounds. Exact bounds via small tweak in 2020. (D.)
- 2019.  $k$ -clique-free Henson graphs: Upper Bounds. (D.)
- 2020. Finitely constrained binary FAP: Upper Bounds. (Zucker)
- 2020. Exact BRD for binary (Part II) and indivisibility for higher arity (Part I) SDAP<sup>+</sup> structures. (Coulson, D., Patel)
- 2021. Binary rel.  $\text{Forb}(\mathcal{F})$ : Exact BRD. (Balko, Chodounský, D., Hubička, Konečný, Vena, Zucker)
- Also some  $\infty$ -dimensional Ramsey theorems (tomorrow).

# Developments not using forcing (arxiv dates)

- 2018. Certain homogeneous metric spaces: Upper Bounds. (Mašulović) [category theory](#).
- 2019. 3-uniform hypergraphs: Upper Bounds. (Balko, Chodounský, Hubička, Konečný, Vena) [Milliken Theorem](#).
- 2020. Circular directed graphs: Exact BRD Computed. (Dasilva Barbosa) [category theory](#).
- 2020. Homogeneous partial order: Upper Bounds. (Hubička) [Ramsey space of parameter words](#). **First non-forcing proof for  $\mathcal{H}_3$** .
- 2021. Homogenous graphs with forbidden cycles (metric spaces): Upper Bounds. (Balko, Chodounský, Hubička, Konečný, Nešetřil, Vena) [parameter words](#).
- 2023. Homogeneous partial order: Exact BRD. (Balko, Chodounský, D., Hubička, Konečný, Vena, Zucker) [parameter words](#).
- 2023+. Certain  $\text{Forb}(\mathcal{F})$  binary and higher arities. (BCDHKNVZ) [New methods](#).
- And more...

## II. Classic (and current) methodology using Milliken's Theorem

Yesterday we saw that the big Ramsey degree of an  $m$ -sized subset of  $\mathbb{Q}$  is exactly the number of diagonal antichains of size  $m$ .

We used Milliken's Theorem to obtain upper bounds, then made a diagonal antichain inside  $2^{<\omega}$  representing a dense linear order, and we finished with a lower bound argument.

## II. Classic Methodology using Milliken's Theorem

### Theorem (Milliken, 1979)

*Let  $T$  be a finitely branching subtree of  $\omega^{<\omega}$  with no terminal nodes. Given  $n \geq 1$  and a coloring of all  $n$ -strong subtrees of  $T$  into finitely many colors, there is an infinite strong subtree of  $T$  in which all  $n$ -strong subtrees have the same color.*

## II. Classic Methodology using Milliken's Theorem

For  $\mathbf{K}$  = the Rationals, Rado graph, and more generally, FAP classes with finitely many binary relations and no forbidden substructures of size  $\geq 3$ , one can

- 1 represent a universal structure via all nodes in  $k^{<\omega}$
- 2 apply Milliken's envelopes to diagonal antichains
- 3 prove upper bounds exist.
- 4 Make a lower bound argument.

# Rado graph and a universal

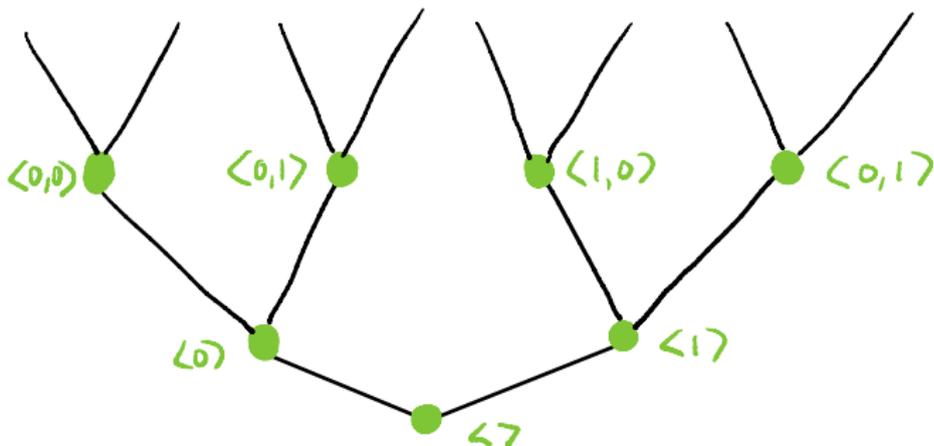
$2^{\omega}$  with passing number 1 representing Edge  
and 0 representing No edge

is a universal graph.

$\langle 1,0 \rangle \in \langle \rangle$

$\langle 1,0 \rangle \notin \langle 1 \rangle$

nodes of same length  
have no edges.



# Unrestricted higher arity FAP classes

Theorem (Balko, Chodounský, Hubička, Konečný, Vena, 2022)

*The 3-uniform generic hypergraph has finite big Ramsey degrees.*

Proof uses product tree Milliken Theorem.

Theorem (Braunfeld, Chodounský, de Rancourt, Hubička, Kawach, Konečný, 2023)

*Given a countable relational language  $\mathcal{L}$  with finitely many relations of every arity  $> 1$ , let  $\mathcal{K}$  be the Fraïssé class of finite unrestricted  $\mathcal{L}$ -structures. The Fraïssé limit has finite big Ramsey degrees.*

Proof uses [Laver 1984] Ramsey Theorem for product of infinitely many trees. They also prove that if there are infinitely many relations with the same arity, then there is a finite structure with  $\text{BRD} = \infty$ .

## II(b). Where Milliken's Theorem is not useful

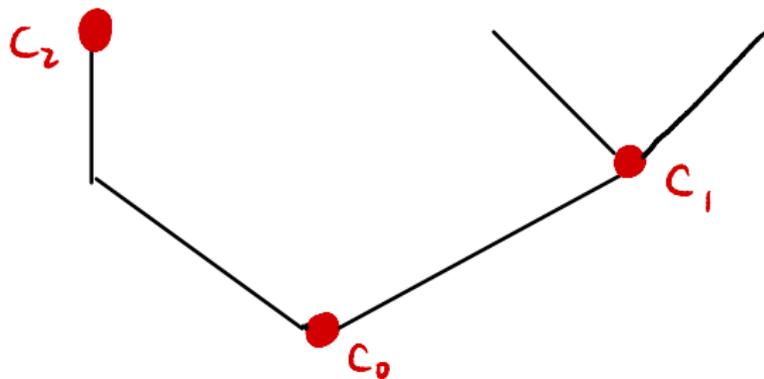
Milliken's Theorem and accompanying classic (and current for higher arities) methods are useful for proving upper bounds for finite big Ramsey degrees for FAP classes  $\mathcal{K}$  for which there is a universal structure for  $\mathcal{K}$  which can be represented by a tree  $k^{<\omega}$  for some fixed  $k$ , or by the product of some uniformly branching trees.

Milliken's Theorem cannot handle the triangle-free Henson graph, nor more generally, FAP classes for which some set of finite irreducible structures with universe larger than the arity of the largest relation in it are forbidden. e.g. triangle-free graphs.

### III. Coding Trees of 1-types

### III(a). Enumerated structures and their coding trees of 1-types

What happens next?



●  
 $q_4$

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 $q_2$

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 $q_0$

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 $q_2$

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 $q_1$

$\mathbb{Q}$  indexed  
by  $w$ .

Big Ramsey Degrees for  $\mathbb{Q}$  are characterized by diagonal antichains.

BRD of  $m$ -sized linear orders in  $\mathbb{Q}$

= # of distinct types of diagonal antichains of size  $m$

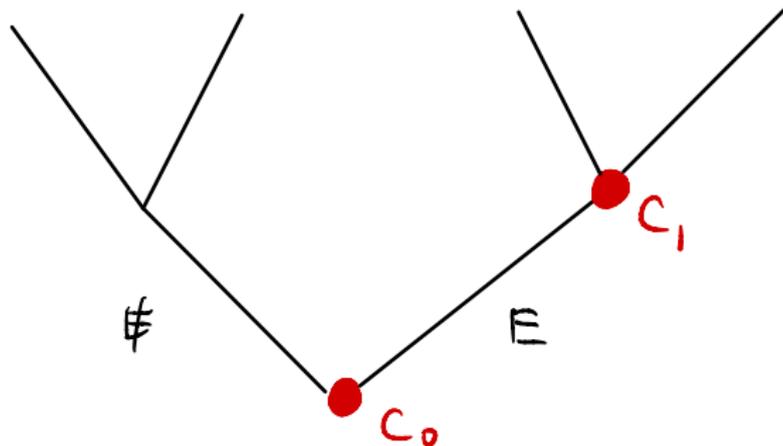
= # of diaries for  $m$ -sized subsets of  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

# Coding tree for Rado graph

Rado with universe  $\omega$ .



*What happens next?*



## Coding tree for Rado graph

Big Ramsey Degrees for Rado graph are characterized by

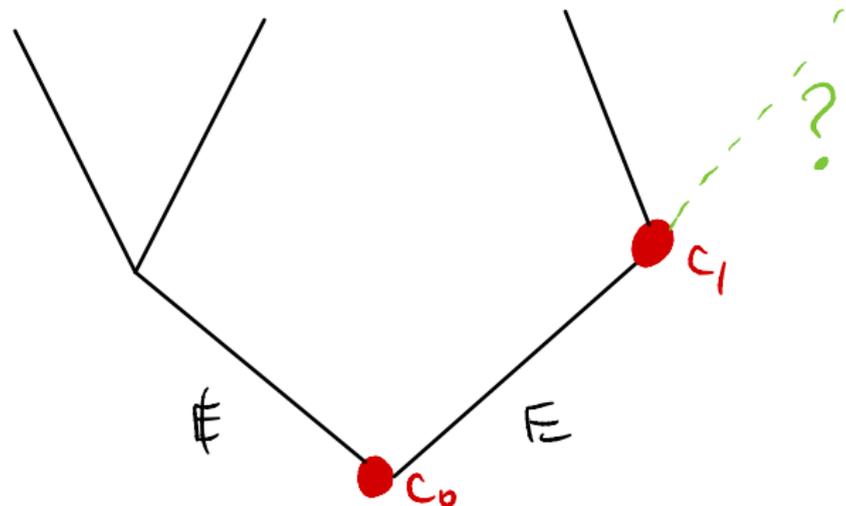
- 1) Diagonal antichains
- 2) Passing Numbers

BRD of a finite graph  $G = \#$  of distinct types of diagonal antichains encoding  $G$ .

# Coding tree for triangle-free Henson graph

$\mathcal{H}_3$  with universe  $\omega$

What happens next?



How are the BRD's of triangle-free graphs characterized?

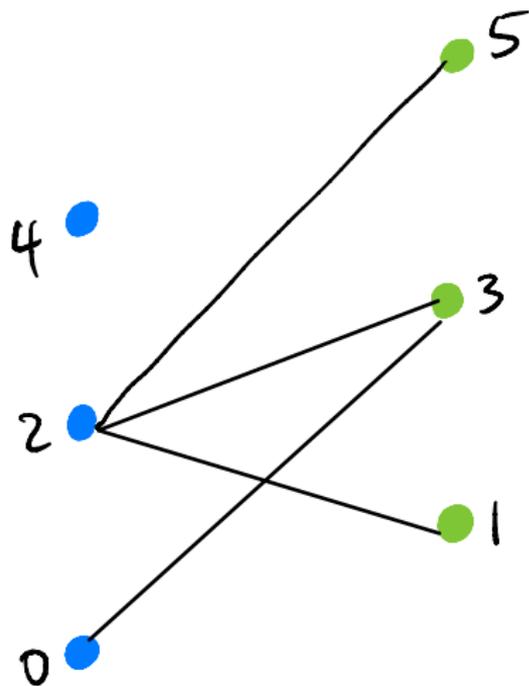
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2) Passing Numbers

3) Something more. Can you guess?

# Coding tree for homogeneous bipartite graph

Bipartite graph:  $\mathcal{L} = \{U_0, U_1, E\}$   
unary relations



Make the coding tree.

Big Ramsey degrees of bipartite graphs  
are characterized by

1) Diagonal antichains

2) Passing Numbers.

## IV. Forcing Ramsey Theorems on Coding Trees.

# Case Study: Triangle-Free Graphs

The **Henson graph**,  $\mathcal{H}_3$ , is the infinite homogeneous triangle-free graph into which every finite triangle-free graph embeds.

Previous Results:

- $T(\text{vertex}, \mathcal{H}_3) = 1$ , Pigeonhole Principle (Komjáth–Rödl, 1986)
- $T(\text{Edge}, \mathcal{H}_3) = 2$  (Sauer, 1998)

# Forcing opened new paths

The method of coding trees and using forcing on them was developed in December 2015 during my stay at the Newton Institute Semester on Set Theory. *(but I initially started working on the problem in 2012)*

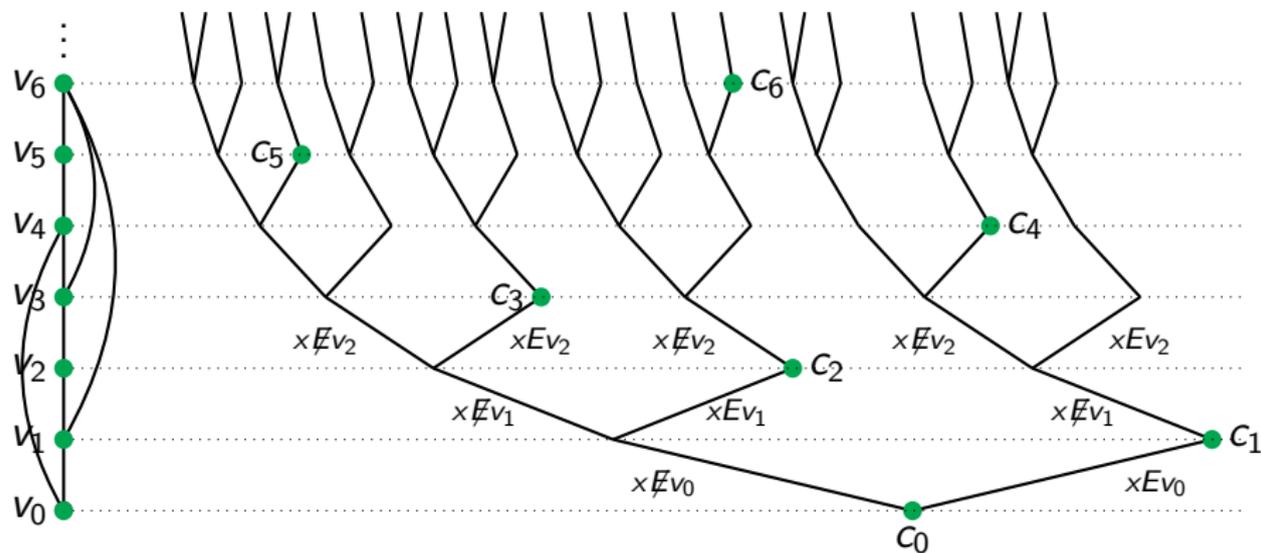
- Start with the end in sight, and
- Try big machinery first: forcing.  
precursor: Harrington's forcing proof of Halpern-Läuchli.

- Try to make a topological Ramsey space where each point is a Henson graph.

This last bullet would imply big Ramsey degrees and much more. This last part is recently completed in joint work with Andy Zucker

*Share anecdotes. Friends help!*

# Coding Tree of 1-types for $\mathcal{H}_3$



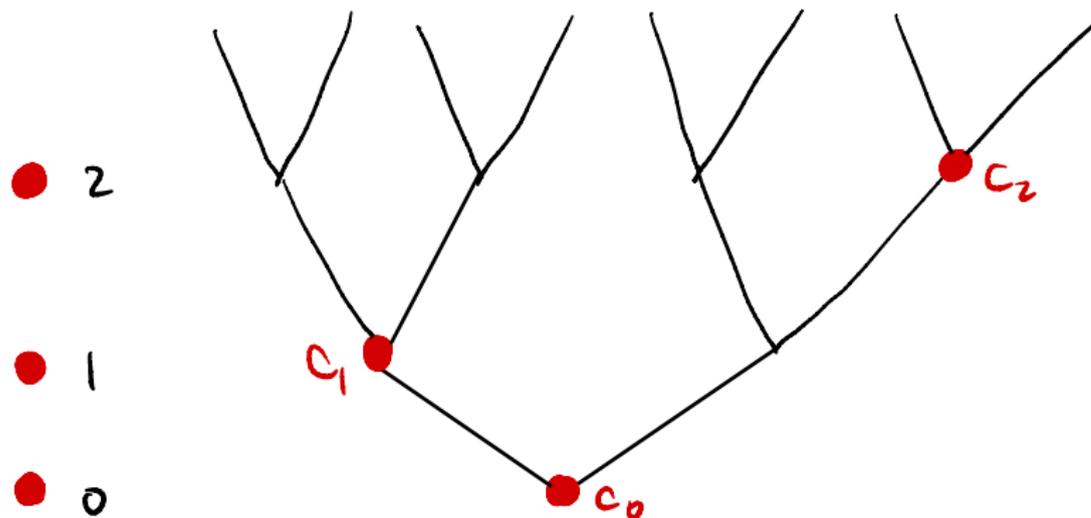
- (1) Prove a version of Halpern-Läuchli for level sets in the coding tree.
- (2) Do an inductive argument to prove a Milliken-like theorem for coding trees.
- (3) Make a new notion of envelope.
- (4) Figure out exactly what characterizes the BRD's.
- (5) Show this characterization is exact (lower bounds argument).

IV(a). Forcing Level Set Ramsey Theorems for the  
Rado graph

# IV(a). Forcing in Rado graph coding tree

Rado graph

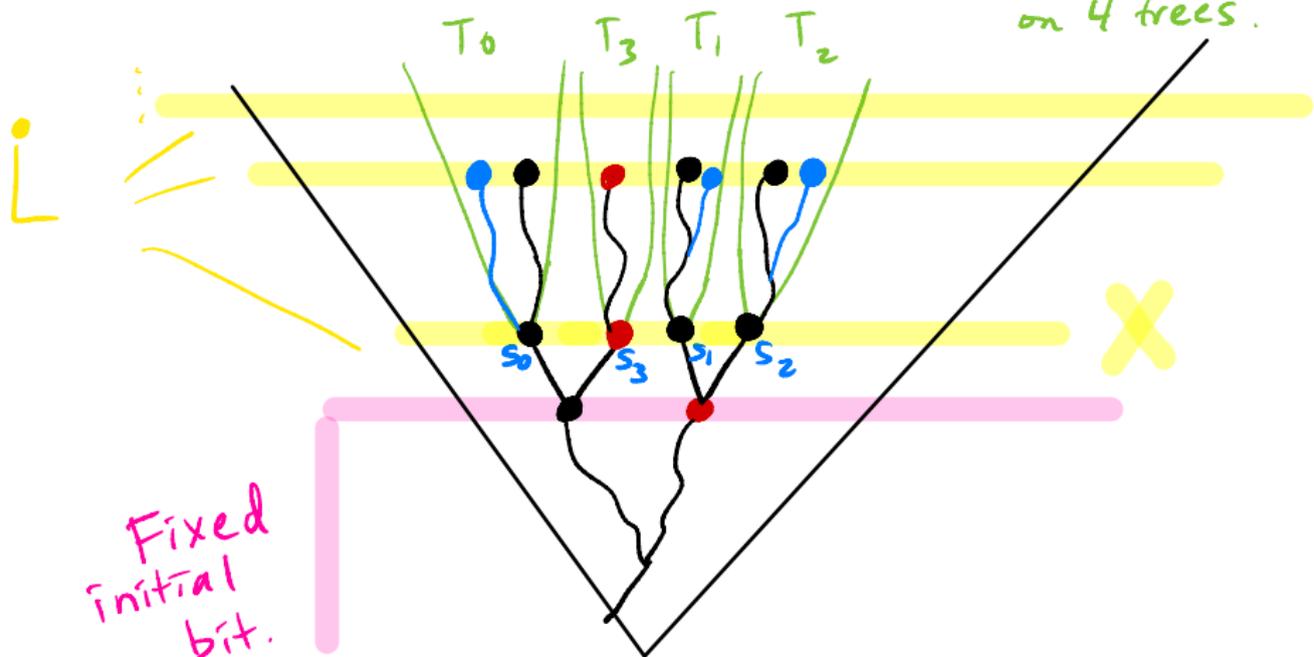
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# IV(a). Forcing in Rado graph coding tree (full branching version)

Given a coloring of the copies of  $X$  end-extending  $X$ .

Similar to HL on 4 trees.



## IV(a). Forcing in Rado graph coding tree

Let  $K \longrightarrow (X_i)_{x_0}^G$ .

$p \in P$  iff  $p: (d \times \vec{\delta}_p) \cup \{d\} \longrightarrow \bigcup_{i \leq d} T_i \upharpoonright l_p$

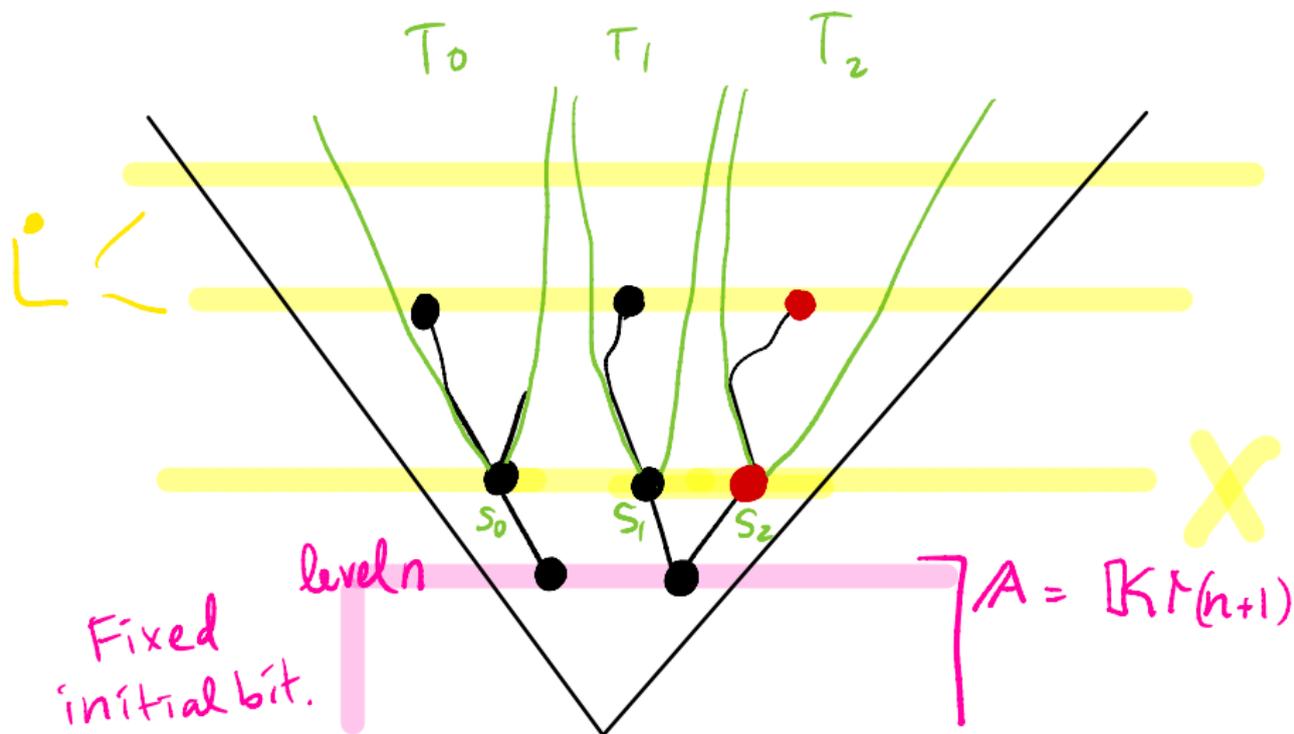
where  $\vec{\delta}_p \in [K]^{<\omega}$ ,  $l_p \in L = \text{levels with copies of } X$

$q \leq p$  iff  $q \supseteq p$  on  $\text{dom}(p)$ .

$d=3$  on previous slide.

IV(b). Forcing Level Set Ramsey Theorems for the  
triangle-free Henson graph

# IV(b). Forcing triangle-free Henson graph coding tree



# IV(b). Forcing triangle-free Henson graph coding tree

Let  $K \longrightarrow (X_1)_{x_0}^6$ .

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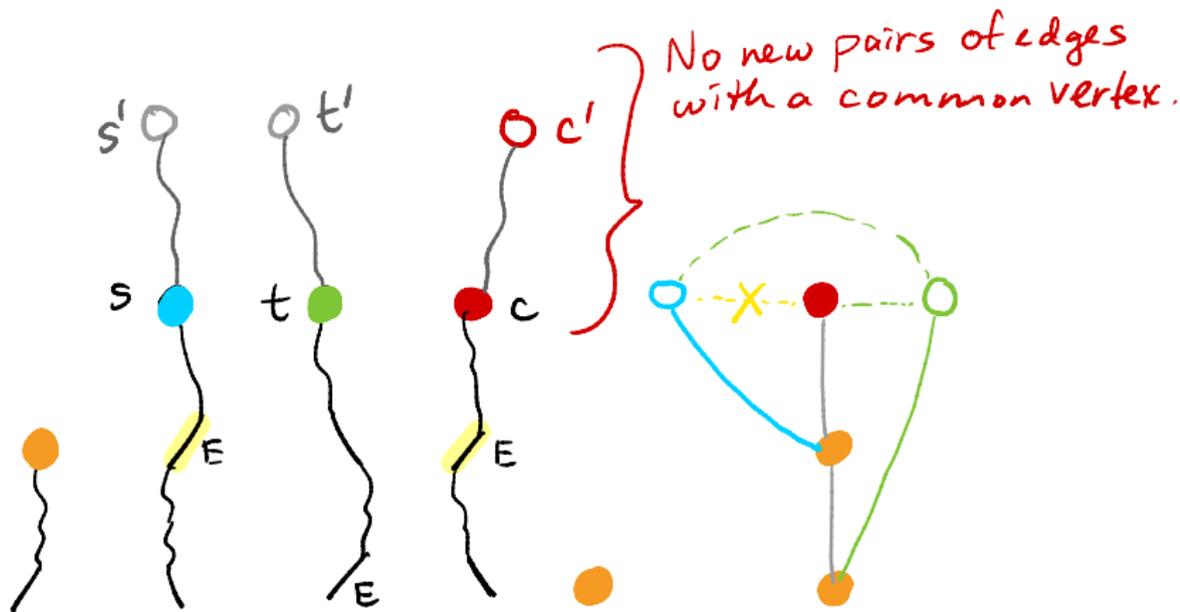
where  $\vec{\delta}_p \in [K]^{<\omega}$ ,  $l_p \in L =$  levels with copies of  $X$   
 (in diag tree case, also require  $\text{ran}(p)$  can extend to structures as  $X$  does)

$q \leq p$  iff  $q \supseteq p$  on  $\text{dom}(p)$   
and  $A \cup \text{ran}(q \upharpoonright \text{dom}(p))$  has same "age" as  $A \cup \text{ran}(p)$ .

# IV(b). Forcing triangle-free Henson graph coding tree

$\text{Age}\{s, t, c\} = \{B \in \mathcal{B}_3 : B \text{ can be glued on top of the structure determined by } c \text{ and below}\}$

$q \leq p$  requires  $\text{Age}(q \upharpoonright \text{dom}(p)) = \text{Age}(p)$ .



## IV(b). Forcing triangle-free Henson graph coding tree

Big Ramsey degrees of triangle-free graphs are characterized by

1) Diagonal antichains

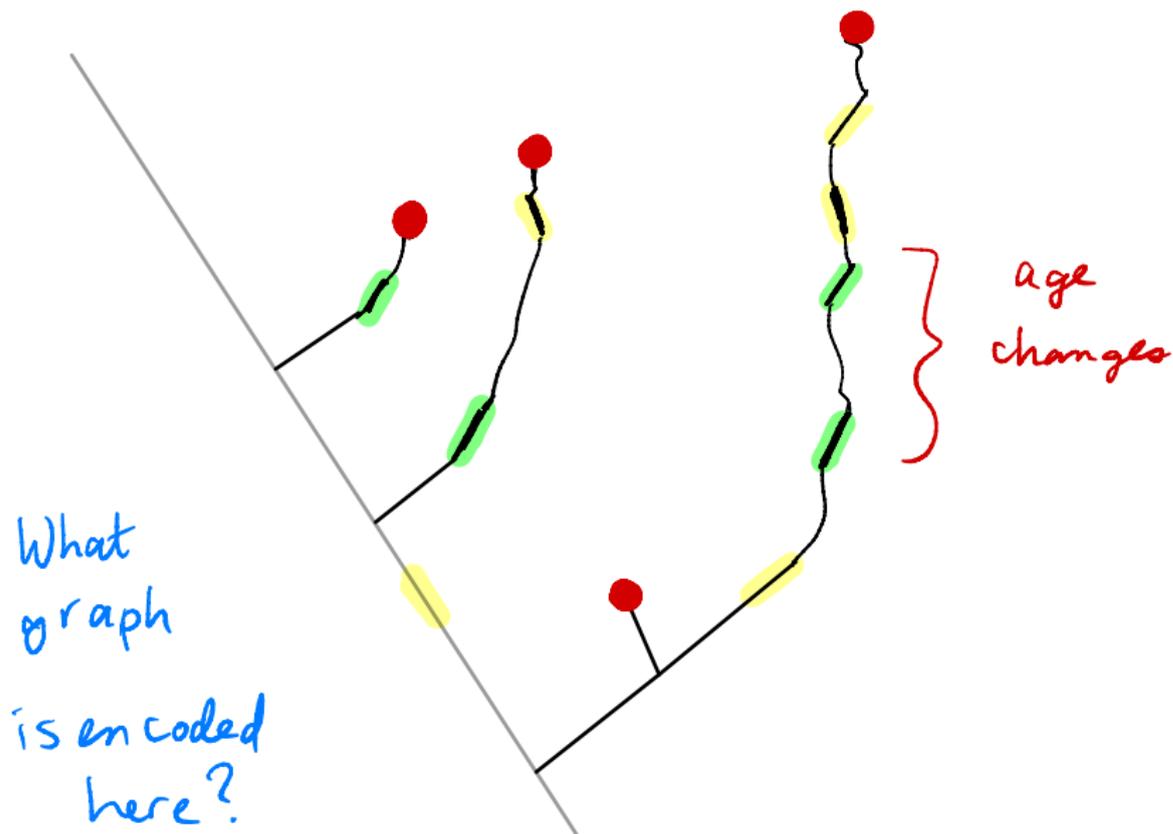
2) passing numbers

3) first levels off  $O^w$  (the leftmost branch)

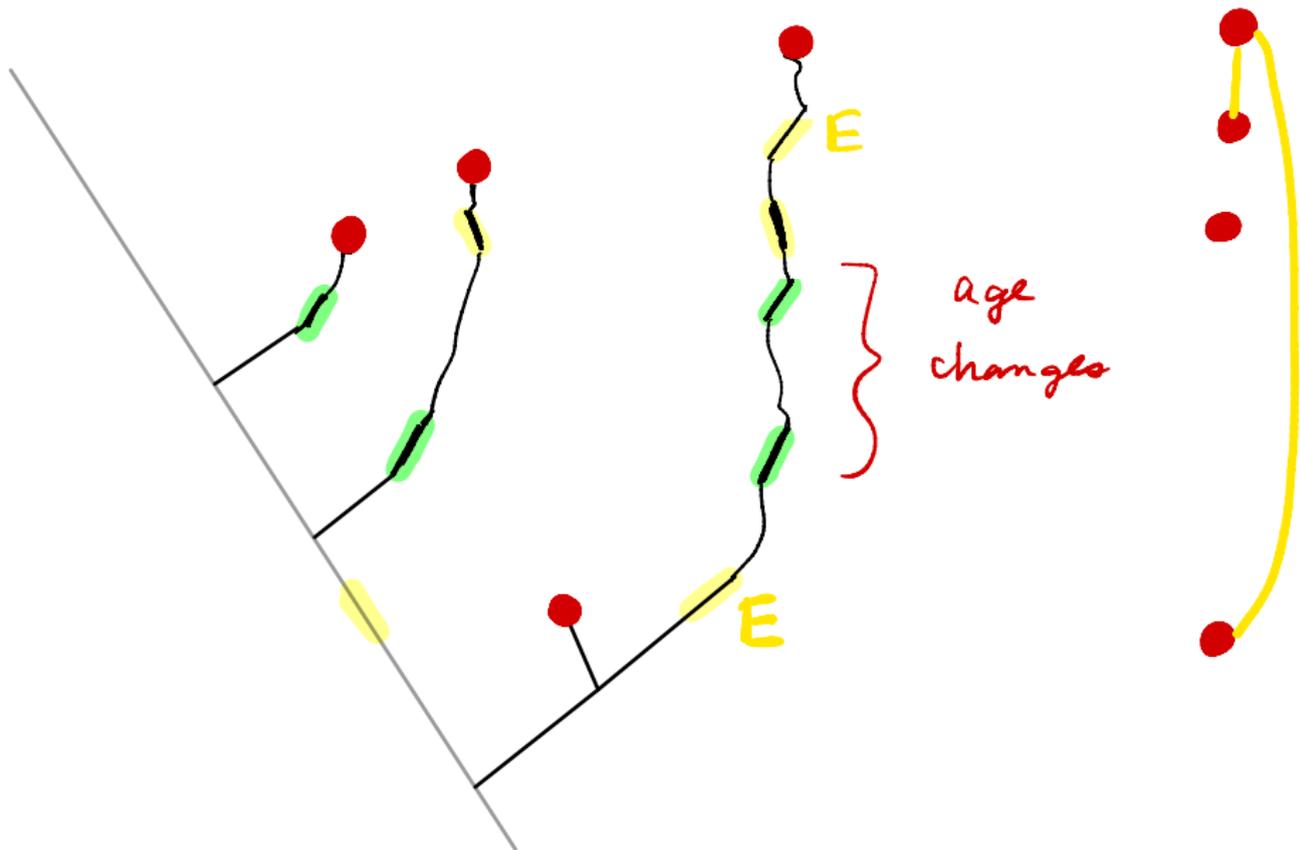
4) least  $n$  where a pair of vertices has edges with  $V_n$

5) A gadget at each coding node.

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# Upper bounds for Triangle-free Henson Graph

Theorem (D., JML 2020) *and* (JML 2023)

*The triangle-free and more generally all  $k$ -clique-free Henson graphs have finite big Ramsey degrees.*

Proofs directly reproduce indivisibility. *because they work on diagonal subtrees of the coding tree of 1-types.*

# Exact BRD for triangle-free Henson graph

A small tweak of the trees in [D.2020] produces exact big Ramsey degrees.

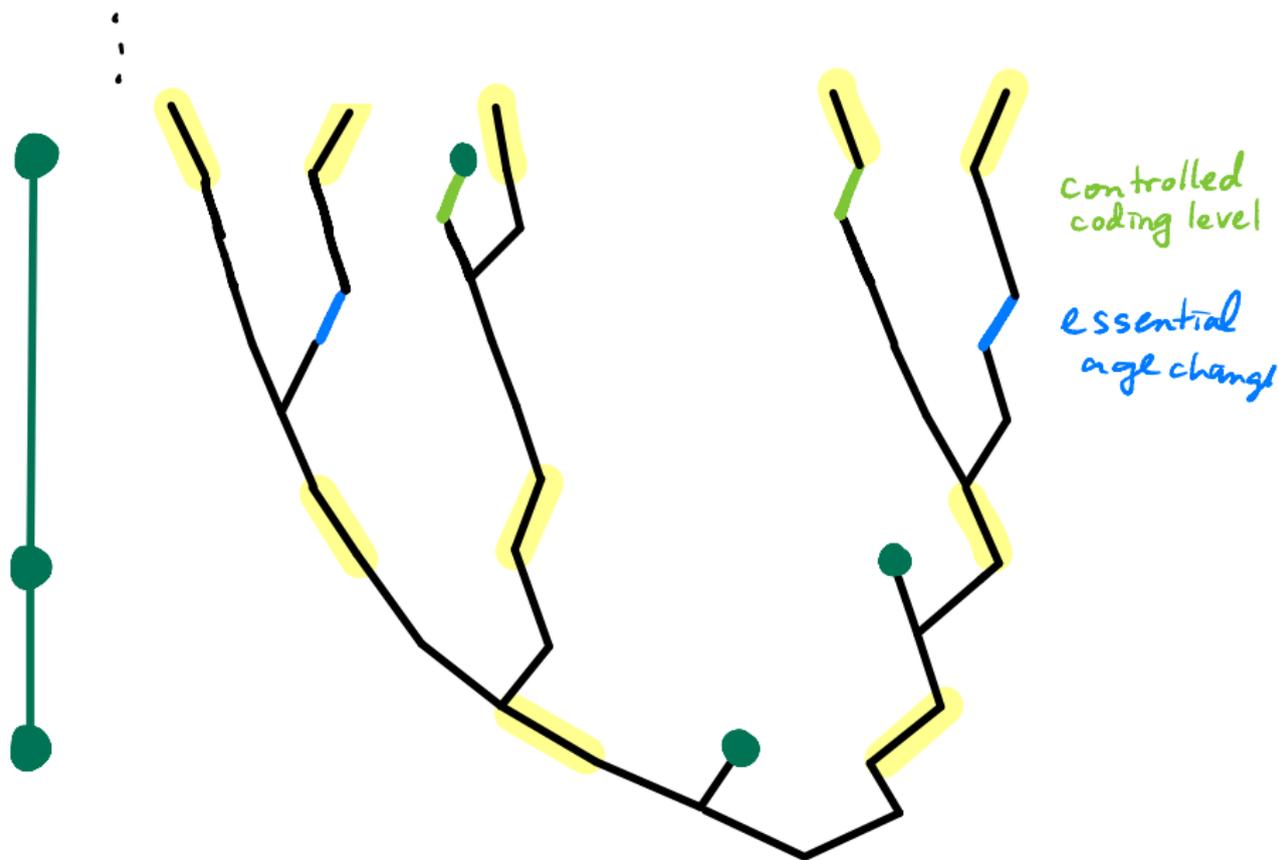
Theorem (D. and independently, Balko, Chodounský, Hubička, Konečný, Vena, Zucker, 2020)

*Exact big Ramsey degrees of the triangle-free Henson graph are characterized.*

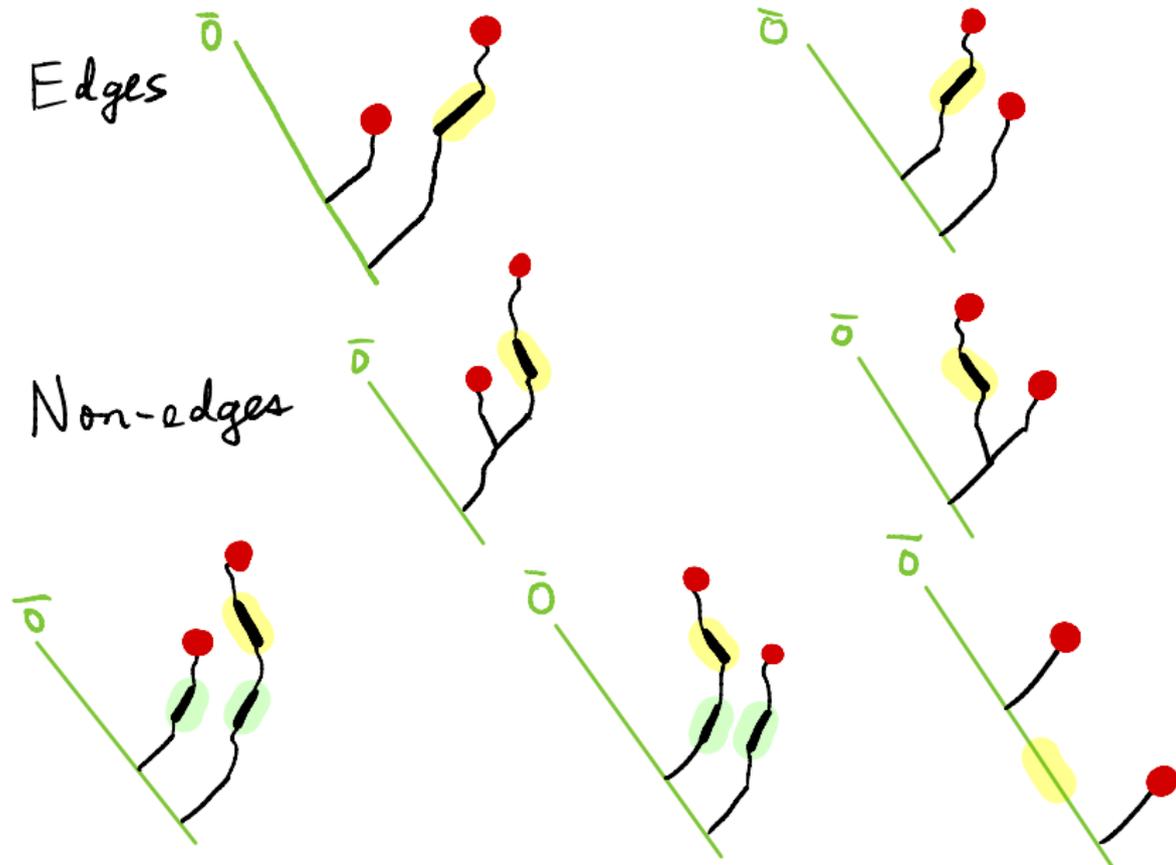
The characterization involves

- (1) Diagonal antichains;
- (2) Controlled age-change levels: first levels of pairs coding of edges with a common vertex in  $\mathcal{H}_3$ ;
- (3) Controlled coding levels;
- (4) Controlled paths: first level off of leftmost branch.

# A Strong (Diagonal) Diary for $\mathcal{H}_3$



# BRD for pairs in Triangle-Free Henson Graph



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Fix a language  $\mathcal{L}$  with finitely many relations of arity at most 2.

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Theorem (Zucker, 2022)

*All finitely constrained binary FAP classes have finite big Ramsey degrees.*

Theorem (Balko, Chodounský, D., Hubička, Konečný, Vena, Zucker, 2021+)

*The exact big Ramsey degrees of finitely constrained binary FAP classes are characterized by the following:*

- 1 *Diagonal antichains*
- 2 *Controlled splitting levels*
- 3 *Controlled age-change levels (essential changes in the class of structures which can be glued above a finite structure to make a member of  $\mathcal{K}$ )*
- 4 *Controlled coding levels (reducing the ages of the extending class as much as possible)*
- 5 *Controlled paths (only matter for non-trivial unary relations)*

Unexpected applications of coding trees and forcing to structures which behave like  $\mathbb{Q}$  or the Rado graph:

II (b). Applications of Forcing and Coding Trees to  $\text{SDAP}^+$  classes.

## Theorem (Coulson–D.–Patel)

Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a finite relational language and let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a Fraïssé class with Fraïssé limit satisfying the Substructure Disjoint Amalgamation Property<sup>+</sup>. Let  $\mathbf{K} = \text{Flim}(\mathcal{K})$ .

I.  $\mathbf{K}$  is indivisible.

II. If  $\mathcal{L}$  has no relations of arity greater than two, then  $\mathbf{K}$  has big Ramsey degrees characterized by diagonal antichains.

This class of structures includes

- $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}_n$  [Laflamme, Nguyen Van Thé, Sauer],  $\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbb{Q}}$ ,  $(\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbb{Q}})_n$ ,
- Rado graph, all structures in [LSV], generic  $k$ -partite graph, ordered versions of these.

- 1 Given enumerated  $\mathbf{K}$ , form the induced coding tree of 1-types.
- 2 Take a diagonal sub-coding tree.
- 3 Use forcing to prove a Halpern-Läuchli-style theorem on diagonal coding trees.

This yields indivisibility for all arities. [Coulson–D.–Patel, Part I]

- 4 For structures with only unary and binary relations, do induction argument to get one color per diagonal antichain representing a finite structure. (no envelopes needed!)
- 5 Show the upper bounds in (4) are exact BRD. [Coulson–D.–Patel, Part II]

## V. The Homogeneous Poset with Linear Extension

## V. The Generic Partial Order with Linear Extension

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the Fraïssé class of finite partial orders with linear extensions.  $\mathbf{P} = \text{Flim}(\mathcal{P})$ .

$\mathcal{L} = \{\leq, \prec\}$ . For  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{P}$ ,  $(v \leq w \wedge v \neq w) \Rightarrow v \prec w$ .

**Theorem (Hubička, 2020+)**

*The generic partial order with linear extension has finite big Ramsey degrees.*

- Hubička also gave a short proof of finite BRD for the triangle-free Henson graph. Interestingly, this proof directly yields indivisibility.

Theorem (Balko, Chodounský, D., Hubička, Konečný, Vena, Zucker, 2023+)

*The generic partial order with linear extension has big Ramsey degrees characterized by poset diaries.*

# Words encoding partial orders

$\Sigma = \{L, X, R\}$  is the alphabet, ordered by  $L <_{\text{lex}} X <_{\text{lex}} R$ .

$\Sigma^*$  is set of all finite words in the alphabet  $\Sigma$ .  $\leq_{\text{lex}}$  extends to  $\Sigma^*$ .

$$w = w_0 w_1 \dots w_{|w|-1}$$

## Definition (Partial order $(\Sigma^*, \preceq)$ )

For  $w, w' \in \Sigma^*$ , we set  $w \prec w'$  if and only if there exists  $i$  such that:

- 1  $0 \leq i < \min(|w|, |w'|)$ ,
- 2  $(w_i, w'_i) = (L, R)$ ,
- 3  $w_j \leq_{\text{lex}} w'_j$  for every  $0 \leq j < i$ .

- $(\Sigma^*, \preceq)$  is a **universal partial order** and  $(\Sigma^*, \leq_{\text{lex}})$  is a linear extension of it. (Hubička, 2020+)

# Carlson–Simpson Ramsey Theorem for Parameter Words

Let  $\{\lambda_i : i < \omega\}$  be parameters.

For  $n \leq \omega$ , given an  $n$ -parameter word  $W$  and a parameter word  $s$  of length  $k \leq n$ ,  $W(s)$  is the word created by replacing each occurrence of  $\lambda_i$ ,  $i < k$ , by  $s_i$  and truncating before first occurrence of  $\lambda_k$  in  $W$ .

## Theorem (Carlson–Simpson, 1984)

*If  $\Sigma^*$  is colored with finitely many colors, then there is an infinite-parameter word  $W$  such that  $W[\Sigma^*] := \{W(s) : s \in \Sigma^*\}$  is monochromatic.*

- Apply Carlson–Simpson Theorem on a universal poset to get upper bounds. Afterward, pull out an enumerated copy of  $\mathbb{P}$ .
- Steps are similar to classic approach with Milliken's Theorem, BUT it can handle posets and  $\mathcal{H}_3$  (but not  $\mathcal{H}_4$ ).
- Forcing methods on coding trees fail for the generic partial order.

For  $\ell > 0$  and words  $w, w' \in \Sigma_\ell^*$ , write  $w \trianglelefteq w'$  iff  $w_i \leq_{\text{lex}} w'_i$  for every  $0 \leq i < \ell$ .  $w \perp w'$  iff  $w$  and  $w'$  are  $\trianglelefteq$ -incomparable.

$S \subseteq \Sigma^*$  is a **poset-diary** if  $S$  is a diagonal antichain in  $(\Sigma^*, \trianglelefteq)$  and precisely one of the following four conditions is satisfied for every level  $\ell$  with  $0 \leq \ell < \sup_{w \in S} |w|$ :

- (1) Leaf.
- (2) Splitting: One node splits into X,R.
- (3) New  $\perp$ .
- (4) New relation  $\prec$ .

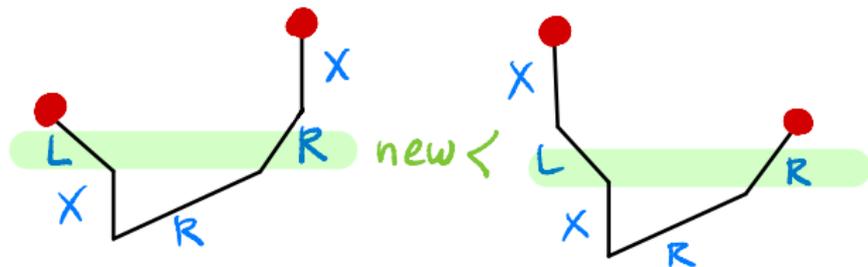
(3) and (4) are the 'interesting levels'.

# Examples of Poset Diaries

Antichain  
of size 2



Chain of  
size 2



Hubička has calculated 464 poset diaries  
of partial orders of size 3.

# I. Summary: BRD's and Diaries

All Diaries characterizing exact big Ramsey degrees (so far) involve

- (a) Diagonal antichains
- (b) passing types or interesting levels

Some (restricted FAP/posets) also involve

- (c) essential age-changes/interesting levels

Some (restricted FAP) also involve

- (d) controlled coding levels and paths.

Minimize ages, but make the changes happen as slowly as possible.

Next time,

$\infty$ -dimensional Ramsey Theory!