

# RAMSEY THEORY

Def: For cardinals  $\kappa, \lambda, \mu$  and  $\mathfrak{k} \in \omega$  the expression

$$\kappa \rightarrow (\lambda)_{\mu}^{\mathfrak{k}}$$

means that  $\forall x: |x| = \kappa$  and  $\forall \mu$ -coloring of  $\mathfrak{k}$ -element subsets of  $x$

$f: [x]^{\mathfrak{k}} \rightarrow \mu$ , there  $\exists A \subseteq x$  s.t.  $|A| = \lambda$  &  $f \upharpoonright [A]^{\mathfrak{k}}$  is constant.  
 $\Rightarrow$  there is always a large subset on which the coloring is monochromatic

Examples:

- $6 \rightarrow (3)_2^2$  ... 6 element set, coloring pairs using 2 colors  $\Rightarrow$  find  $\Delta$
- $(\forall m)(\forall r)(\exists N): N \rightarrow (m)_r^1$  ... pigeonhole for  $r$  colors ... take  $N \geq (m-1)r + 1$
- Finite Ramsey Thm for graphs:  $(\forall m)(\forall r)(\exists N): N \rightarrow (m)_r^2$
- hypergraphs:  $(\forall m)(\forall r)(\forall \mathfrak{k})(\exists N): N \rightarrow (m)_r^{\mathfrak{k}}$
- Infinite RT:  $(\forall r)(\forall \mathfrak{k}): \omega \rightarrow (r)_{\mathfrak{k}}^{\mathfrak{k}}$

? Why in the definition  $\mathfrak{k} \in \omega$  and not  $\mathfrak{k} \in \mathcal{C}m$ ?

Proposition:  $\forall$  cardinal  $\kappa: \kappa \not\rightarrow (\omega)_2^{\omega}$ .

Intuition: Ramsey-style theorems only make sense for coloring finite tuples

Pf: We will construct a bad coloring of  $[K]^{\omega} =$  countable subsets of  $K$

• let  $\sqsubseteq$  be a well-ordering of  $[K]^{\omega}$  given by AC

• define coloring  $\chi: [K]^{\omega} \rightarrow \{\text{red}, \text{blue}\}$  as

$\chi(A) := \text{red} \iff (\exists B \subseteq A): B \sqsubseteq A$  ...  $A$  not minimal

$\chi(A) := \text{blue} \iff$  otherwise ...  $A$  minimal

• now assume that some  $X \in [K]^{\omega}$  is monochromatic (for contradiction)

1) if  $\chi(X) = \text{red}$ , we want  $A \in [X]^{\omega}$  s.t.  $\chi(A) = \text{blue}$

$\rightarrow$  take  $A := \min \{Y \in [X]^{\omega} \mid Y \subseteq X\}$  ...  $A$  is blue  $\zeta$

2) if  $\chi(X) = \text{blue}$ , we want  $A \in [X]^{\omega}$  s.t.  $\chi(A) = \text{red}$

$\rightarrow$  let  $A' = \min \{Y \in [X]^{\omega} \mid X \setminus Y \text{ is infinite}\}$

$\rightarrow$  choose  $a \in X \setminus A'$  and take  $A := A' \cup \{a\}$  ...  $A$  is red  $\blacksquare$

Pf #2: Define an equivalence relation on  $[K]^\omega$  as

$X \sim Y \equiv X$  and  $Y$  differ only in finitely many elements

• using AC, choose from each equivalence class  $[X]_\sim$  a representative  $\bar{X}$

• now define coloring  $\chi: [K]^\omega \rightarrow \{\text{red}, \text{blue}\}$  as

$$\chi(A) = \text{red} \quad \equiv \quad |A \cap \bar{X}| \text{ is odd}$$

$$\chi(A) = \text{blue} \quad \equiv \quad |A \cap \bar{X}| \text{ is even}$$

• assume that some  $X \in [K]^\omega$  is monochromatic

→ choose  $x \in X$  and let  $Y = X \setminus \{x\}$ , then  $X \sim Y$  and  $\bar{X} = \bar{Y}$ , so

$|X \cap \bar{X}|$  and  $|Y \cap \bar{Y}|$  have different parities  $\Rightarrow X, Y$  different colors  $\square$

? What about coloring all finite subsets?

Def:  $K \rightarrow (\lambda)_\mu^{<\omega}$  means that for  $\forall$   $\mu$ -coloring of finite subsets of  $K$   
 $f: [K]^{<\omega} \rightarrow \mu$ , there  $\exists A \subseteq K$  s.t.  $|A| = \lambda$  &  $\forall n < \omega: f \upharpoonright [A]^n$  is constant, although the value of  $f$  on  $[A]^n$  may differ based on  $n$ .

Def: A cardinal  $K$  is  $\lambda$ -Erdős  $\equiv K \rightarrow (\lambda)_2^{<\omega}$

A cardinal  $K$  is Ramsey  $\equiv K \rightarrow (\aleph_2)_2^{<\omega}$

Fact: These are large cardinals

↳ their existence cannot be proved in ZFC

?  $\omega \rightarrow (\omega)_2^\omega$  says that there  $\exists$  bad colorings, but which colorings are good?

Def: A set  $X \subseteq [\omega]^\omega$  (countable subsets of  $\omega$ ) is Ramsey  $\equiv$

$\exists A \in [\omega]^\omega$  either  $[A]^\omega \subseteq X$  or  $[A]^\omega \subseteq \bar{X}$

In other words:  $\exists$  infinite  $A \subseteq \omega$  such that

•  $A \in X \Rightarrow \forall$  infinite  $B \subseteq A: B \in X$

•  $A \notin X \Rightarrow \forall$  infinite  $B \subseteq A: B \notin X$

👁️ set  $X := \{Y \in [\omega]^\omega \mid \chi(Y) = \text{red}\}$  is not Ramsey

👁️  $X \subseteq [\omega]^\omega$  is Ramsey  $\Leftrightarrow$  the coloring  $\chi: [\omega]^\omega \rightarrow \{R, B\}$ ,  $A \mapsto R$  if  $A \in X$   
 $B$  if  $A \notin X$   
 is good ( $\exists \infty$  monochromatic subset)

Theorem (Galvin-Priberg, 1972): All subsets  $X \subseteq [\omega]^\omega$  which can be constructed without AC are Ramsey.

Corollary: It is impossible to prove  $\omega \rightarrow (\omega)_2^\omega$  in ZF.

# INFINITE RAMSEY THEOREM - 1930

Theorem:  $(\forall k)(\forall r): \omega \rightarrow (\omega)_r^k$

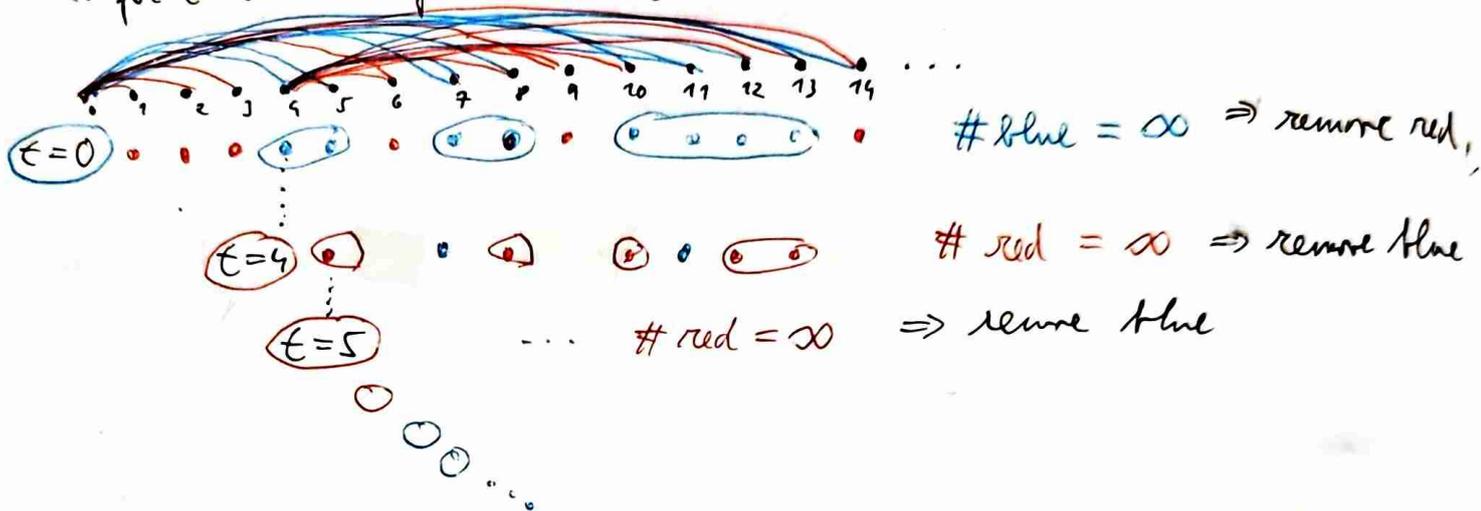
Proof: Induction on  $k$  (dimension)

We are given a coloring  $\chi: [\omega]^k \rightarrow r$

•  $k=1$ : is pigeonhole principle

•  $k=2, r=2$ : we will prune the vertex set to make the coloring behave nicely

$\rightarrow$  for  $t \in \omega$  we define a coloring of  $\omega \setminus \{t\}$  as  $\chi_t(m) := \chi(\{t, m\})$



- at each step we are left with  $\infty$  many elements
- after repeating this for  $\infty$  many values of  $t$ , we have a sequence of blue and red  $t$ s  $\Rightarrow$  pick those whose color repeats  $\infty$  many times, this is a monochromatic subset

•  $k-1 \rightarrow k$  ... we formalize the picture above

• let  $\chi$  be a  $r$ -coloring of  $k$ -element subsets of  $\omega$

• denote  $t_0 := 0$  and consider all subsets of  $\omega$  containing  $t_0 = 0$

$\rightarrow$  for  $t \in \omega$  define a coloring of  $[\omega \setminus \{t\}]^{k-1}$  as  $\chi_t(A) := \chi(A \cup \{t\})$

• use induction hypothesis for  $k-1$  and coloring  $\chi_{t_0}$  to get an infinite  $A_0 \subseteq \omega$  where  $\chi_{t_0}$  is homogeneous

$\Rightarrow$  all  $k$ -element subsets of  $A_0 \cup \{t_0\}$  containing  $t_0$  have the same color w.r.t.  $\chi$

• now define  $t_1 := \min A_0$  and find infinite  $A_1 \subseteq A_0$  where  $\chi_{t_1}$  is homogeneous

$\Rightarrow$  all  $k$ -element subsets of  $A_1 \cup \{t_1\}$  containing  $t_1$  have the same color w.r.t.  $\chi$

• repeat this to construct the set  $\{t_m \mid m < \omega\}$  where the color of a  $k$ -element subset is determined by its smallest element

$\Rightarrow$  by pigeonhole, there  $\exists$  a subsequence  $t_{i_1}, t_{i_2}, \dots$  where all  $t_{i_j}$  correspond to the same color (as there are only finitely many colors)

$\Rightarrow$  the set  $\{t_{i_j} \mid j < \omega\}$  is homogeneous w.r.t.  $\chi$ .  $\blacksquare$

# FINITE RAMSEY THEOREM - 1930

Theorem:  $(\forall m)(\forall r)(\forall r)(\exists N): N \rightarrow (n)_r^k$

Proof: The same idea as for IRT but we don't have  $\infty$  many numbers, so for each step  $t_i$ ,  $A_i$  we need to invoke the induction hypothesis for a sufficiently large  $n_i = |A_i|$  so that  $A_i$  is large enough and we can keep going - the final set has to have size  $\geq 1$  to pick the  $t_i$   
 $\rightarrow$  to use pigeonhole at the very end we need to do  $(m-1)r+1$  steps to get enough  $t_1, t_2, \dots$  so that there is a homogeneous subset of size  $m$

? How large are Ramsey numbers?

Def:  $R_{k,r}(m) := \min \{ N \mid N \rightarrow (n)_r^k \}$ ,  $R_k(m) := R_{2,2}(m)$  ... makes sense for  $m \geq 2$

$R_1(m) = 2m-1 \leq 2m$ ,  $R_{1,r}(m) = (m-1)r+1 \leq r \cdot m$  ... pigeonhole

Notation:  $f(m): \omega \rightarrow \omega$ , then  $f^k(m) := \overbrace{f(f(\dots f(m)\dots))}^k$  repeated  $k$  times.

Ex:  $f(m) = m+1 \Rightarrow f^4(m) = m+4$

Proposition:  $R_2(m) \leq R_{2-1}^{2m-1}(2)$ ,  $R_{2,r}(m) \leq R_{2-1,r}^{r \cdot m - 1}(k)$

Corollary: Upper bounds for graph FRT ...  $k=2$

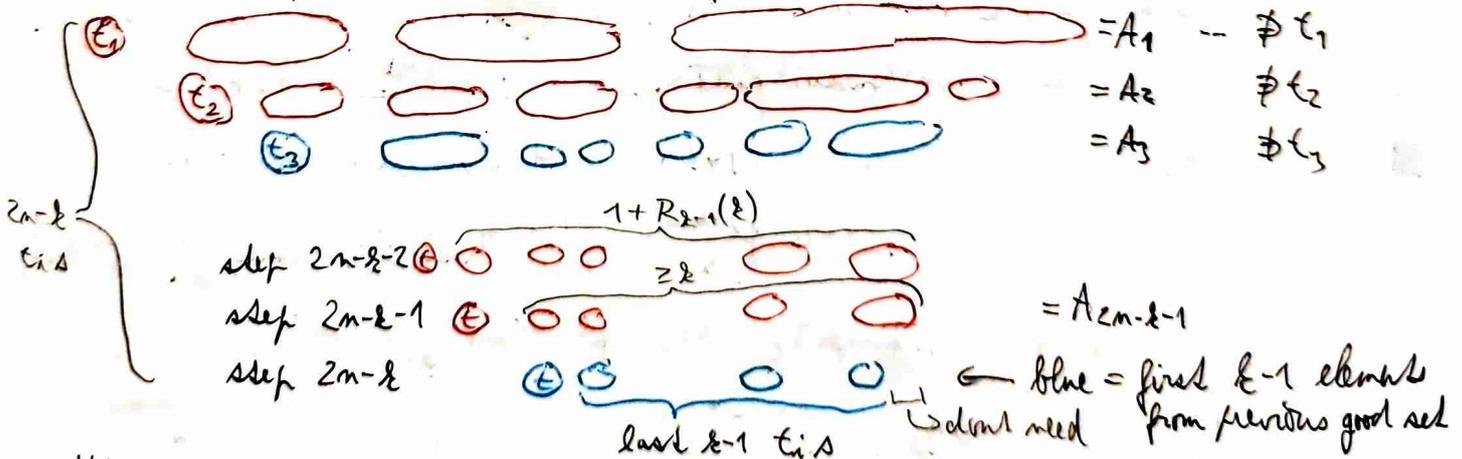
• 2 colors:  $R_2(m) \leq R_1^{2m-1}(2) \leq \overbrace{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \dots 2 \cdot 2}^{2m-1} = 2^{2m} = 4^m$

•  $r$  colors:  $R_{2,r}(m) \leq R_{1,r}^{r \cdot m - 1}(2) \leq \overbrace{r \cdot r \dots r \cdot 2}^{r \cdot m - 1} \leq r^{r \cdot m}$

Ramsey numbers for graphs are exponentially bounded

Proof: We will examine more closely what happens in the proof of FRT, specifically  $\otimes$

We shall focus on  $r=2$ , similar for more colors  $\Rightarrow r=2$  needs  $2m-1$   $t_i$ 's



$\otimes$  we want the color of a  $k$ -set to be determined by its first element

$\Rightarrow$  we can choose the last  $k-1$   $t_i$ 's arbitrarily, they will never be first

$\Rightarrow$  at step  $2m-k$  we take the first  $k$  elements from  $A_{2m-k-1}$

$\Rightarrow A_{2m-k-1}$  has to have size  $\geq k \Rightarrow |A_{2m-k-1}| \geq 1 + R_{2-1}(k)$

$\Rightarrow |A_{2m-k-3}| \geq 1 + R_{2-1}(1 + R_{2-1}(k)) \dots |A_{i+1}| \geq 1 + R_{2-1}(|A_i|)$

→ if we continue from  $|A_{i-1}| \geq 1 + R_{k-1}(|A_i|)$  and  $|A_{2m-k-1}| \geq k$

we get that  $|A_1| \geq 1 + R_{k-1}(1 + R_{k-1}(1 + R_{k-1}(\dots 1 + R_{k-1}(k) \dots)))$

where  $R_{k-1}$  is repeated  $2m-k-2$  times

⇒ the original set has to have size  $\geq N = 1 + R_{k-1}(|A_1|)$ , so  $R_{k-1}$  repeated  $2m-k-1$  times

→ the +1s are annoying, but they can be easily disregarded

Lemma: Let  $f: \omega \rightarrow \omega$  satisfy  $\forall k: f(k) \geq 2k-1, f(k+1) - f(k) \geq 2$ . Let  $g(k) = 1 + f(k)$ .  
Then  $\forall k \geq 2$  we have  $g^m(k) \leq f^{m+1}(k)$ .

Pf: By induction we show that  $g^m(k) \leq f^{m+1}(k) - 1$ , skip here  $\blacksquare$

→ since  $R_1(x) = 2x-1$  and for  $k > 1, R_k(x) \geq R_1(x)$  we have  $\forall k \geq 2$ :

$R_k(m) \leq N = R_{k-1}^{2m-k}(k)$ , the proposition only claims  $R_k(m) \leq R_{k-1}^{2m-1}(k)$

↳ such  $N$  is enough for  $N \rightarrow (n)_k^2$   $\blacksquare$

Def: The fast growing hierarchy functions  $f_\alpha: \omega \rightarrow \omega$  are defined for  $\alpha \in On$  as

- $f_0(m) = m+1$
- $f_{\alpha+1}(m) = f_\alpha^m(m) = f_\alpha(f_\alpha(\dots f_\alpha(m) \dots))$   $\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{n \text{ times}}$
- $f_\alpha(m) = f_{\alpha[m]}(m)$  for limit  $\alpha$ , where  $\sup\{\alpha[0], \alpha[1], \dots, \alpha[m], \dots\} = \alpha$

Ex:  $f_1(m) = 2m, f_2(m) = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot 2m = 2^m \cdot m$

Proposition:  $R_k(m) \leq f_k(4m), R_{k,m}(m) \leq f_k(24m) < f_{k+1}(m)$   $\forall m$  large enough

Pf:  $R_1(m) = 2m-1 \leq 2m = f_1(m)$

$$R_2(m) \leq R_1^{2m}(k) \leq f_1^{2m}(k) \leq f_1^{2m}(2m) = f_2(2m) < f_2^2(m)$$

$$R_3(m) \leq R_2^{2m}(k) \leq f_2^{4m}(k) \leq f_2^{4m}(4m) = f_3(4m) < f_3^2(m)$$

$$R_4(m) \leq R_3^{2m}(k) \leq f_3^{4m}(k) \leq f_3^{4m}(4m) = f_4(4m) < f_4^2(m)$$

→ for  $n$  colors:

$$R_1(m) \leq n \cdot m = 2^{\log_2 n} \cdot m = f_1^{\log_2 n}(m)$$

$$R_2(m) \leq R_1^{nm}(k) \leq f_1^{nm \cdot \log_2 n}(k) \leq f_1^{nm \cdot \log_2 n}(nm \cdot \log_2 n) = f_2(m \cdot \log_2 n) < f_2^2(m)$$

$$R_3(m) \leq R_2^{nm}(k) \leq f_2^{24nm}(k) \leq f_2^{24nm}(24nm) = f_3(24nm) < f_3^2(m)$$

$n$  large enough  
↓

$$< f_2^2(m) < f_3^2(m)$$

$\blacksquare$

# LOWER BOUND ON RAMSEY NUMBERS

→ famous Erdős probabilistic argument

very quickly goes to 0

Theorem:  $R_{2,r}(n) > \frac{1}{e\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot n \sqrt{n}^m \cdot (1-o(1))$ ,  $R_{2,r}(n) > \frac{1}{e} \cdot n \frac{2! \sqrt{n}^{(m-1)^{2-1}}}{(1-o(1))}$

Proof: We are coloring  $[N]^k$  randomly using  $r$  colors

⇒ for  $\forall S \subseteq N$  s.t.  $|S|=m$  define random variable  $X_S = \begin{cases} 1, & S \text{ is monochr.} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Define  $X_m := (\# \text{ monochr. subsets } S \subseteq N \text{ with } |S|=m) = \sum_{|S|=m} X_S$

👁  $\mathbb{E}[X_S] = \mathbb{P}[S \text{ colored monochr.}] = \frac{\# \text{ monochr. colorings}}{\# \text{ all colorings}} = \frac{r}{r^{\binom{m}{2}}} = r^{1-\binom{m}{2}}$

⇒  $\mathbb{E}[X_m] = \sum_{|S|=m} \mathbb{E}[X_S] = \binom{N}{m} \cdot r^{1-\binom{m}{2}}$

If we pick  $N$  small enough so that  $\mathbb{E}[X_m] < 1$ , then there must exist a coloring of  $N$  which has 0 monochr. subsets of size  $m$  ⇒  $R_{2,r} > N$

Fact:  $\binom{N}{m} \leq \left(\frac{e \cdot N}{m}\right)^m$ , we pick  $N$  s.t.  $\left(\frac{e \cdot N}{m}\right)^m r^{1-\binom{m}{2}} < 1$

⇔  $N^m < \left(\frac{e}{m}\right)^m \cdot r^{\binom{m}{2}-1}$  ⇔  $N < \frac{e}{m} \cdot r^{\frac{1}{m} \binom{m}{2} - \frac{1}{m}}$   $\left| \binom{m}{2} = \frac{m \cdot 2}{2!} \right.$

$N < \frac{e}{m} \cdot r^{(m-1) \frac{2-1}{2!}} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)$  →  $\sqrt{2\pi} \rightarrow 1$ , as  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} = 1+o(1)$

$N < \frac{e}{m} \cdot \frac{2! \sqrt{m}^{(m-1)^{2-1}}}{2!}$

For  $k=2$  we have  $N < \frac{e}{2} \cdot \sqrt{m}^{m-1} = \frac{e}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \sqrt{m}^m$  ▀

Theorem: If  $m \geq \frac{r^2}{2\pi}$ , then we can change  $(1-o(1))$  to  $(1+o(1))$ .

Proof: Instead of  $\binom{N}{m} \leq \left(\frac{e \cdot N}{m}\right)^m$  we use  $\binom{N}{m} \leq \frac{N^m}{m!}$ , as  $\frac{N^m}{m!} r^{1-\binom{m}{2}} < 1$

$N < (m!)^{\frac{1}{m}} \cdot r^{\frac{1}{m} \binom{m}{2}} \cdot r^{-\frac{1}{m}}$ , use  $m! > \sqrt{2\pi m} \left(\frac{m}{e}\right)^m$

⇒  $(m!)^{\frac{1}{m}} > \sqrt{2\pi m}^{\frac{1}{m}} \cdot \frac{m}{e}$  ... we will make less demands on  $N$

$N < \frac{m}{e} \cdot r^{\frac{1}{m} \binom{m}{2}} \cdot \underbrace{\sqrt{2\pi m}^{\frac{1}{m}} \cdot r^{-\frac{1}{m}}}_{\left(\frac{\sqrt{2\pi m}}{r}\right)^{\frac{1}{m}}} = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi m}{r^2}}^{\frac{1}{m}} = 1+o(1)$  if  $m \geq \frac{r^2}{2\pi}$  ▀

# COMPACTNESS PRINCIPLE

→ finite edges

Def:  $H = (V, E)$  is a hypergraph  $\equiv V$  is a set and  $E \subseteq [V]^{<\omega}$ .

Def:  $f: V \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  is an  $r$ -coloration of  $H \equiv \forall X \in E$  is monochromatic

Def: The chromatic number  $\chi(H)$  is the min.  $r$  s.t.  $H$  can be  $r$ -colored.

⚙️ Finite Ramsey theory results can be expressed using hypergraphs

$$N \rightarrow (m)_r^k \iff H = (V, E) \rightarrow V = [N]^k$$

$$\hookrightarrow E = \{[A]^k \mid |A| = m\} \quad \text{has } \chi(H) > m$$

Def: For a hypergraph  $H = (V, E)$  and  $W \subseteq V$  define

$$H_W = (W, E_W) \text{ as } E_W = \{X \in E \mid X \subseteq W\} = E \cap [W]^{<\omega}$$

↓  
for  $r$  colors  $\exists$  monochromatic edge

Theorem (Compactness principle): Let  $H = (V, E)$  be a hypergraph:  $V$  arbitrary,  $E \subseteq [V]^{<\omega}$ .

$$(\forall \text{ finite } W \subseteq V): \chi(H_W) \leq m \implies \chi(H) \leq m.$$

Intuition: There are other formulations of the compactness principle, this one is the most useful for Ramsey theory. It will allow us to prove finite Ramsey theorems from infinite ones, using the following contrapositive:

$$\text{Corollary: } \chi(H) > m \implies (\exists \text{ finite } W \subseteq V): \chi(H_W) > m$$

Example: IRT  $\Rightarrow$  FRT

→ we want to show that  $\exists N: N \rightarrow (m)_r^k$

infinite  $\textcircled{1} \implies$  finite  $\textcircled{2}$

$$V = [W]^k \quad \leftarrow \text{what we are coloring}$$

$$E = \{[A]^k \mid A \in [W]^m\} \quad \leftarrow \text{what we want to find}$$

$\textcircled{1} \chi(H) > m: (\forall r\text{-coloring } f: [W]^k \rightarrow \mathcal{M}) (\exists X = [A]^k \in E): X \text{ is } f\text{-monochromatic}$

IRT  $\Rightarrow \textcircled{1}$ : IRT in fact gives us infinite  $A$  s.t.  $X = [A]^k$  is monochromatic

$\Rightarrow$  take any  $n$ -element subset of this  $A$

$\textcircled{2} (\exists \text{ finite } W \subseteq V): \chi(H_W) > m: \exists \text{ finite } W \subseteq [W]^k \text{ s.t. } \forall r\text{-coloring } f: W \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$

$\exists X = [A]^k \in E_W$  s.t.  $X$  is  $f$ -monochromatic

$\textcircled{2} \Rightarrow$  FRT:  $W$  contains finitely many  $k$ -sets of  $W \Rightarrow$  collect the elements into

$A = \cup W$ , now  $A \subseteq W$  is finite.

$\Rightarrow$  for FRT take  $N = \max A$

## Proof of compactness principle: $H = (V, E)$

①  $V$  is countable  $\rightarrow$  König's lemma, requires  $AC_\omega$

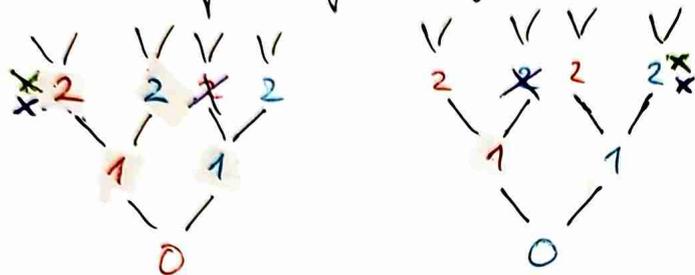
②  $V$  arbitrary  $\rightarrow$  Zorn's lemma, requires  $AC$

We will show only ①. Assume  $V = \omega$  and that for  $\forall n \in \omega \exists$  coloring

$\chi_n: m \rightarrow r$  s.t. none  $A \in E, A \subseteq m$  is monochromatic

$\hookrightarrow$  good coloring

Consider the forest of colorings: example  $r=2$



$\rightarrow \exists \{R, B\}$ -colorings of  $\{0, 1, 2\}$

$\bullet$  we want only good colorings

$\rightarrow$  suppose  $\{0, 2\} \in E$  and  $\{0, 1, 2\} \in E$

$\odot$  if  $\chi_m: m \rightarrow r$  is good then  $\forall m < n: \chi_n \upharpoonright m$  is good

- $\bullet$  # colors is finite  $\Rightarrow$  finite branching factor
- $\bullet$  each level has at least 1 good coloring ( $\chi_m$ )  $\Rightarrow$  infinite forest

} König's lemma:  
 $\exists \infty$  branch

$\rightarrow$  the  $\infty$  branch corresponds to a coloring  $\chi^*: \omega \rightarrow r$

$\odot$   $\chi^*$  is good, otherwise one of its finite restrictions would not be good  $\blacksquare$

Intuition: We might sometimes need different versions of the compactness principle, but they can be proven in a similar fashion — just use König's lemma.

## PROVABILITY OF RAMSEY THEOREMS

$\approx$  theory of finite sets

- $\bullet$  Infinite RT: cannot even be formulated in Peano Arithmetic
- $\bullet$  Finite RT: if we used IRT  $\xrightarrow{\text{comp.}}$  FRT then we would not know if FRT can be proved in PA, but we proved FRT directly, without  $\infty$  infinity, so  $\checkmark$
- $\bullet$  Large-FRT: natural extension of FRT, unprovable in PA

Def:  $A \subseteq \omega$  is large  $\equiv |A| \geq \min(A)$

$\hookrightarrow$  if the sets starts late ( $\min A$  is large), then it has to be big

Def:  $N \xrightarrow{*} \binom{k}{r}$  means  $(\forall f: [N]^k \rightarrow r)(\exists A \subseteq N): |A| \geq n, A \text{ large, and } f \text{ is homogeneous on } A$

$\hookrightarrow$  like  $N \rightarrow \binom{k}{r}$ , but the monochromatic subset has to be large.

Theorem (Paris - Harrington, 1977):

①  $(\forall m)(\forall k)(\forall r)(\exists N): \underline{N \xrightarrow{*} (m)_r^k}$

② PA cannot prove this theorem

→ or draw a tree of colorings when assuming it does not hold

Proof: ① By compactness principle

$V = [w]^k, E = \{[A]^k \mid A \in [w]^{<w}, |A| \geq m, A \text{ large}\} \rightsquigarrow H = (V, E)$

• IRT  $\Rightarrow \chi(H) > m \dots (\forall r\text{-coloring of } V): \exists \text{ monochromatic } [A]^k \in E$

↳ IRT gives us infinite  $A^*$  s.t.  $[A^*]^k$  is monochromatic

$\Rightarrow$  Take the first  $\max(m, \min A^*)$  elements of  $A^*$  to form  $A$

↳  $|A| \geq m, A$  is large as  $|A| \geq \min A$  and  $[A]^k$  is monochromatic

• Compactness:  $\exists$  finite  $W \subseteq V$  s.t.  $\chi(H_W) > m, \text{ ①} \blacksquare$

② Fact: If  $F: w \rightarrow w$  grows like  $f_{\epsilon_0}$  or faster, then PA cannot prove its totality ... that it gives an output for  $\forall$  input

Ketonen and Solovay gave in 1991 a purely combinatorial proof that the numbers  $N$  grow roughly like  $f_{\epsilon_0}$ , hence PA cannot find them all  $\blacksquare$

Idea: We used IRT to prove ①, but ② claims that it cannot be proved without using some kind of infinite argument (at least as strong as  $TI(\epsilon_0)$ )

CONSEQUENCES OF RAMSEY THEOREMS

Def:  $\alpha(G) :=$  size of largest independent set in  $G$

$\omega(G) :=$  size of largest clique in  $G$

Theorem: If  $\mathcal{C}$  is an infinite class of graphs and  $\exists k$  s.t.

a)  $\forall G \in \mathcal{C}: \alpha(G) \leq k \Rightarrow \sup \{\omega(G) \mid G \in \mathcal{C}\} = \infty$

b)  $\forall G \in \mathcal{C}: \omega(G) \leq k \Rightarrow \sup \{\alpha(G) \mid G \in \mathcal{C}\} = \infty$

} bounded  $\alpha / \omega$   
 $\Downarrow$   
 unbounded  $\omega / \alpha$

Proof: edges = red, non-edges = blue

→ the sizes (# vertices) of graphs in  $\mathcal{C}$  are unbounded (otherwise  $\mathcal{C}$  cannot be  $\infty$ )

→ suppose  $\alpha$  is bounded, then

FRT:  $(\forall m)(\exists N): |G| \geq N \Rightarrow \exists$  monochromatic  $A \subseteq V(G)$  of size  $\geq m$

↳  $\alpha$  (blue) is small  $\Rightarrow$  for large  $m$  we have large blue  $(\omega) \blacksquare$

Theorem: Every infinite ordered set  $X$  has an  $\infty$ -chain or  $\infty$ -antichain.

Pf: Define coloring of  $[X]^2$  as  $\chi(a, b) =$  red if  $a, b$  comparable, blue otherwise. Use IRT  $\blacksquare$

# WHERE RAMSEY BREAKS DOWN

? what instead of coloring  $[M]^k$  we colored  $[M]^{\leq k} = \{A \subseteq M \mid |A| \leq k\}$ ?

Theorem:  $(\forall n)(\forall r)(\forall k)(\exists N): N \rightarrow (M)_n^{\leq k}$

Recall: This means that  $(\forall r\text{-coloring } f: [N]^{\leq k} \rightarrow r)(\exists A \subseteq N): |A| = n \text{ \& } \forall l \leq k: f \upharpoonright [A]^l \text{ is constant}$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  monochromatic in each dimension, but colors may differ between dimensions

Proof: Define a sequence  $N_1, N_2, \dots, N_k$  and take  $N := N_k$

$$N_1 \rightarrow (n)_n^1$$

We are given  $\chi: [N]^{\leq k} \rightarrow M$

$$N_2 \rightarrow (N_1)_n^2$$

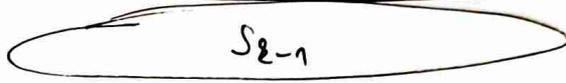
$$N = N_k$$



use Ramsey for  $k$

$$N_3 \rightarrow (N_2)_n^3$$

$$N_{k-1}$$



use Ramsey for  $k-1$

$$\vdots$$

$$N_k \rightarrow (N_{k-1})_n^k$$

$$N_{k-2}$$



We take  $S = S_k$  of size  $N$  with coloring  $\chi$ .

• FRT for  $k$ : find  $S_{k-1} \subseteq S_k, |S_{k-1}| = N_{k-1}$  and  $[S_{k-1}]^k$  is monochromatic

• FRT for  $k-1$ : find  $S_{k-2} \subseteq S_{k-1}, |S_{k-2}| = N_{k-2}$  and  $[S_{k-2}]^{k-1}$  is monochromatic

At the end:  $S_k, S_{k-1}, \dots, S_0$ , where  $|S_0| = n$  &  $\forall l \leq k: [S_0]^l$  is monochromatic

$\hookrightarrow$  since  $S_0 \subseteq S_{k-1}$ , so  $[S_0]^k \subseteq [S_{k-1}]^k$ , which is monochromatic  $\blacksquare$

Theorem:  $(\forall r)(\forall k): \omega \rightarrow (C)_r^{\leq k}$

Proof: Essentially the same, but we use  $\forall l \leq k: \omega \rightarrow (C)_r^l$   $k$ -times,

so always find an infinite subset where all  $l$ -sets are monochromatic  $\blacksquare$

Theorem:  $\omega \not\rightarrow (C)_2^{<\omega}$ . coloring all finite subsets fails

Proof: We define a bad coloring  $\chi: [C]^{<\omega} \rightarrow \{\text{red, blue}\}$ . Let  $A \in [C]^k$ , then

$$\chi(A) := \begin{cases} \text{red}, & k \in A \\ \text{blue}, & k \notin A \end{cases}$$

Now let  $S \subseteq C$  be an infinite subset.

Take  $k = \min(S)$ . Then  $[S]^k$  contains both  $\left\langle \begin{array}{l} k\text{-sets with } k \rightarrow \text{red} \\ k\text{-sets without } k \rightarrow \text{blue} \end{array} \right\rangle \blacksquare$

Fact: ZFC cannot prove the existence of a cardinal  $\aleph$  satisfying

$\aleph \rightarrow (C)_2^{<\omega}$ . Such a large cardinal is said to be  $\omega$ -Erdős.

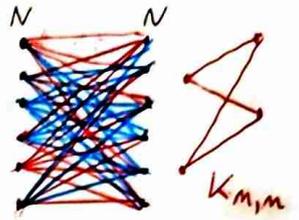
Recall (AC):  $\forall$  cardinal  $\aleph: \aleph \not\rightarrow (C)_2^{\omega}$

$\leftarrow$  start of this notebook

# PRODUCT RAMSEY THEOREM

Def:  $N_1, N_2 \rightarrow (m_1, m_2)_r^{\ell_1, \ell_2}$  means that  $r$ -coloring  $f: [N_1]^{\ell_1} \times [N_2]^{\ell_2} \rightarrow M$  of  $\ell_1$ -sets of  $N_1$  and  $\ell_2$ -sets of  $N_2$ , there exists  $A_1 \subseteq N_1$  and  $A_2 \subseteq N_2$  such that  $|A_1| = m_1$ ,  $|A_2| = m_2$  and  $[A_1]^{\ell_1} \times [A_2]^{\ell_2}$  is monochromatic

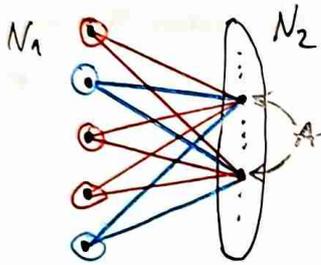
Example:  $N, N \rightarrow (m, m)_2^{1,1}$  means that if we 2-color the edges of  $K_{N,N}$ , then we will find monochromatic  $K_{m,m}$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  this is essentially 2-D pigeonhole ... standard:  $N \rightarrow (m)_2^1$



Theorem:  $(\forall r)(\forall m_1, m_2)(\forall \ell_1, \ell_2)(\exists N_1, N_2): N_1, N_2 \rightarrow (m_1, m_2)_r^{\ell_1, \ell_2}$

Proof: First focus on  $N_1, N_2 \rightarrow (m_1, m_2)_r^{1,1}$  ... bipartite graphs,  $r$ -colors

It would be nice if the coloring had the following property:



Want:  $\exists A \subseteq N_2$  s.t.  $\forall v \in N_1$ : all edges from  $v$  to  $A$  are monochromatic  
 $(|A| = m_2)$

That is, the signature of colors  $\rightarrow$  is the same  $\forall v \in A$

Now if  $N_1 \rightarrow (m_1)_r^1$  then  $\exists m_1$  elements from  $N_1$  associated with the same color  $\Rightarrow$  take them and  $A$   $\checkmark$

How to do this?

important trick! we let  $N_2 \rightarrow (m_2)_{r^{N_1}}^1 = \# \text{ colors}$  and  $N_1 \rightarrow (m_1)_r^1$

For a given  $\chi: N_1 \times N_2 \rightarrow r$  define coloring  $\chi_2$  of  $N_2$  using  $r^{N_1}$  labels as follows. Treat the  $N_1$ -tuples  $(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{N_1}) \in r^{N_1}$  (vector of colors) as labels and notice that there is exactly  $r^{N_1}$  of them. For  $v \in N_2$  define

$$\chi_2(v) := (\chi(0, v), \chi(1, v), \dots, \chi(N_1, v)) \in r^{N_1}$$

Since  $N_2 \rightarrow (m_2)_{r^{N_1}}^1$ , we find a monochromatic  $A \subseteq N_2$  of size  $m_2$

$\rightarrow$  the elements of  $A$  have the same color signature  $\otimes$ , and we are done

To show  $N_1, N_2 \rightarrow (m_1, m_2)_r^{\ell_1, \ell_2}$  use

$$N_1 \rightarrow (m_1)_r^{\ell_1} \quad \text{and} \quad N_2 \rightarrow (m_2)_{r^{\binom{N_1}{\ell_1}}}^{\ell_2} \quad \text{where} \quad T = \binom{N_1}{\ell_1}$$

The same argument works, just now on the right are not points, but  $\ell_2$ -sets and their signature is a list of  $\binom{N_1}{\ell_1}$  colors, as the elements being colored on the left-hand side are not points but  $\ell_1$  sets of  $N_1$

Def:  $N_1, N_2, \dots, N_d \rightarrow (m_1, m_2, \dots, m_d)_{r, k_1, k_2, \dots, k_d}$  means that

$\forall r$ -coloring  $f: [N_1]^{k_1} \times [N_2]^{k_2} \times \dots \times [N_d]^{k_d} \rightarrow r$  of  $d$ -tuples of  $k_i$ -sets of  $N_i$ , there exist subsets  $A_1 \subseteq N_1, A_2 \subseteq N_2, \dots, A_d \subseteq N_d$  s.t.  $|A_i| = m_i, \forall i$  and  $[A_1]^{k_1} \times [A_2]^{k_2} \times \dots \times [A_d]^{k_d}$  is monochromatic

Theorem:  $(\forall r)(\forall d)(\forall m_1, \dots, m_d)(\forall k_1, \dots, k_d)(\exists N_1, \dots, N_d): N_1, \dots, N_d \rightarrow (m_1, \dots, m_d)_{r, k_1, \dots, k_d}$

Example: if  $\forall k_i = 1$ , then this says that  $\forall r$ -coloring of a complete  $d$ -partite graph with partites  $N_1, \dots, N_d$  contains a monochromatic  $K_{m_1, \dots, m_d}$ .

Proof: By induction on  $d$ . Very similar to the proof of  $d=2$ , just take

$$N_1 \rightarrow (m_1)_{r, k_1} \quad \text{and} \quad N_2, \dots, N_d \rightarrow (m_2, \dots, m_d)_{r, T, k_2, \dots, k_d}, \quad \text{where } T = \binom{N_1}{k_1}$$

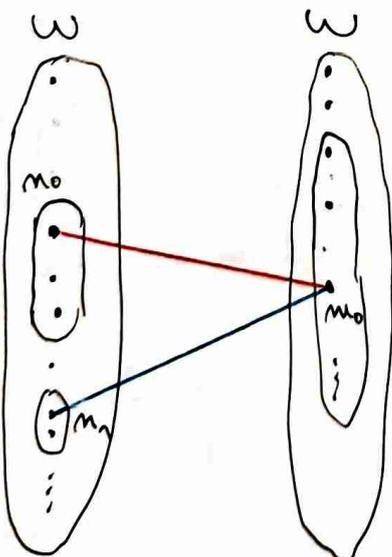
This allows us to pick a subset  $A \subseteq [N_2]^{k_2} \times \dots \times [N_d]^{k_d}$  with the proper  $m_i$  sizes such that the color-signature of each  $X \in A$  is the same. ▣

? Infinite 1-D pigeonhole  $\omega \rightarrow (\omega)_2^1$   
 What about 2-D pigeonhole  $(\omega, \omega) \rightarrow (\omega, \omega)_2^{1,1}$ ?

Theorem:  $\omega, \omega \rightarrow (\omega, \omega)_2^{1,1}$

Proof: We define a bad coloring  $\chi: \omega \times \omega \rightarrow \{\text{red, blue}\}$  as

$$\chi(m, m) := \begin{cases} \text{red} & \text{if } m < m \\ \text{blue} & \text{if } m \geq m \end{cases}$$

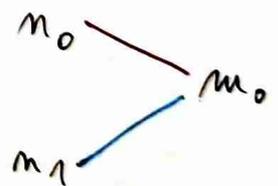


Given infinite  $N \subseteq \omega, M \subseteq \omega$ , find

$$m_0 := \min N$$

$$m_0 := \min \{m \in M \mid m > m_0\}$$

$$m_1 := \min \{m \in N \mid m \geq m_0\}$$



All these numbers must exist since the infinite sets  $N, M$  are unbounded ▣

# TREES AND STRONG SUBTREES

→ we will be dealing only with countable trees.

Def: A (model-theoretic) forest is a partial order  $(T, <_T)$  where  $|T| \leq \omega$  and

•  $\forall x \in T$  is the set  $\{y \in T \mid y <_T x\}$  finite and linearly ordered

↳ predecessors of  $x = (\leftarrow, x)$

👁 Every forest  $T$  has a minimal element ... pick any  $x \in T$  and take  $\min(\leftarrow, x)$

Def: The roots of a forest  $T$  are its minimal elements.

Def: If a forest has a single root  $r = \min(T)$ , then it is called a tree.

Def: The branching factor of a node  $x \in T$  is # of its immediate successors.

The forest  $T$  is finitely branching  $\equiv \forall x \in T$  has finite branching factor.

Def: A subtree of a tree  $(T, <_T)$  is a subset  $S \subseteq T$  with inherited order  $<_S$ .

Examples:

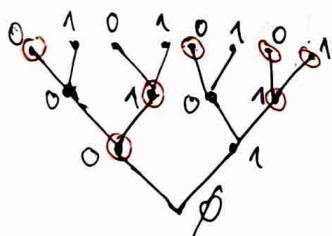
• motivation from graph trees:



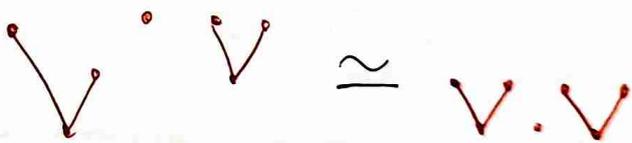
$a < b \equiv a$  lies on the unique path from  $r$  to  $b$

• Cantor's tree:  $T = 2^{<\omega} =$  all finite words in the alphabet  $\{0, 1\}$

$a \sqsubseteq b \equiv a$  is a prefix (initial segment) of  $b$



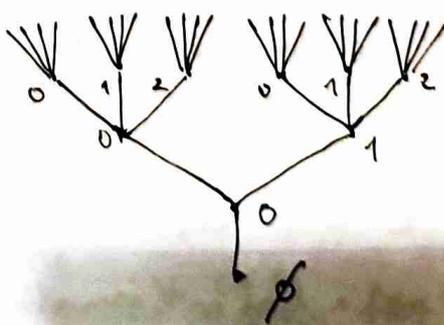
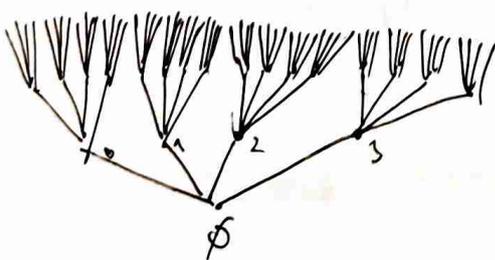
subforest



• more wildly branching trees:

$T = 4^{<\omega}$

# characters in alphabet increases on each level



$A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$

$A = \{0, 1, 2\}$

$A = \{0, 1\}$

$A = \{0\}$

$A = \emptyset$

Tree vocabulary: Let  $(T, <_T)$  be a tree

•  $x \in T$  is a leaf if it has no immediate successor

• the level of  $x$  in  $T$  is  $|x|_T := |\{y \in T \mid y <_T x\}| \dots |root|_T = 0$

• the level  $m \in \mathbb{W}$  of  $T$  is  $T(m) := \{x \in T \mid |x|_T = m\}$

• the height of  $T$  is the least  $\alpha \leq \omega$  s.t.  $\forall x \in T: \alpha > |x|_T$



• a branch of  $T$  is a  $\leq$ -maximal chain  $A \subseteq T$

☞ infinite branch  $\Rightarrow$  infinite height

König's lemma:  $\infty$  height & finitely branching  $\Rightarrow \infty$  branch

! from now on we only consider finitely branching trees = FB tree

☞ For  $\forall$  FB tree  $T$  of height  $\omega$ , and  $\forall$  2-coloring of nodes of  $T$

there  $\exists$  FB subtree  $S \subseteq T$  of height  $\omega$ , with all nodes monochromatic.

$\hookrightarrow$  suppose we color  $T$  with red and blue, and assume the root is red

$\rightarrow$  try to make a red subtree starting from the root, that is taking  $x$  and adding everything red above it ... that is all red nodes.

$\rightarrow$  if  $\#$  red nodes =  $\infty$ , then this is a red subtree of height  $\omega$ .

$\rightarrow$  if  $\#$  red nodes is finite, then  $\exists$  blue vertex  $x$  such that nothing above  $x$  is red (find an infinite branch and go until there are no red vertices). Then the entire subtree starting at  $x$  is blue

? Can we strengthen this so that the subtree retains some of the structure of the original tree?

Def: A tree  $S$  of height  $\alpha$  is a strong subtree of a tree  $T$  if

①  $S$  is a subtree of  $T$ , namely  $S$  has a root  $r(S) \in T$

②  $S$  is level preserving, that is  $\exists$  function  $f: \alpha \rightarrow \omega$  called a level function s.t.

$$(\forall m < \alpha): x \in S(m) \Rightarrow x \in T(f(m)) \quad \dots \quad S(m) \subseteq T(f(m))$$

③  $\forall x \in S$  which is not a leaf in  $S$  satisfies

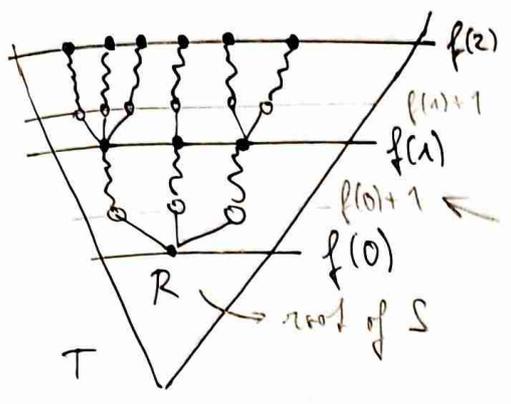
$$\underline{BF_S(x) = \ell} \iff \underline{BF_T(x)} \quad \text{where } BF_S(x) = \text{branching factor of } x \text{ in } S$$

☞ ③  $\Rightarrow$   $(\forall x \in S)$  not a leaf,  $\forall$  immediate successor  $y$  of  $x$  in  $T$

$\exists$  unique immediate successor  $y'$  of  $x$  in  $S$  s.t.  $x <_T y \leq_T y'$

Def: Given a tree  $T$  and  $1 \leq d \leq w$ , denote by  $\text{STR}_d(T)$  the set of all strong subtrees of  $T$  of height  $d$ .

Example:  $S$  strong subtree of  $T$

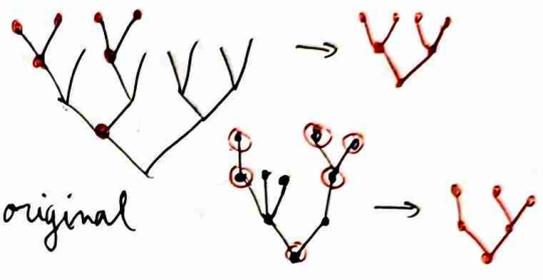


← strong subtree of height  $d=3$   
levels are preserved

← level in  $T$  but not in  $S$

⊙  $d \leq \beta, S_\beta \in \text{STR}_\beta(T), S_\alpha \in \text{STR}_\alpha(S_\beta) \Rightarrow S_\alpha \in \text{STR}_\alpha(T)$

⊙ a strong subtree of a binary tree is a binary tree, but in general, a strong subtree is not isomorphic to the original



⊙  $T$  is a forest  $\Leftrightarrow$  it is a union of disjoint trees

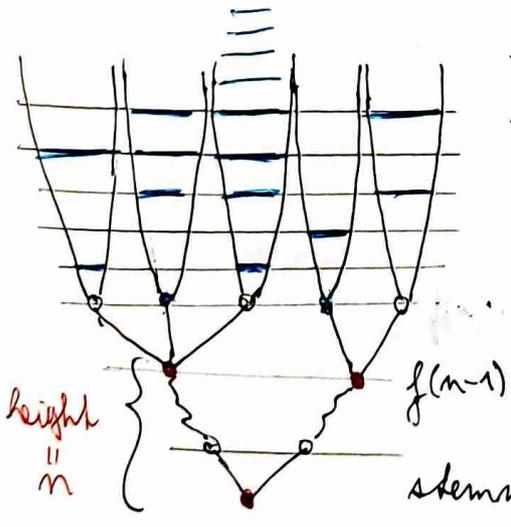
$\Rightarrow$  we will use the same terminology as for trees when talking about forests

Proposition: Let  $T$  be a FB tree of height  $w$  with no leaves, and let  $r \in w$ .

Then for  $\forall$   $r$ -coloring of nodes of  $T$  there  $\exists$  monochromatic strong subtree  $S \subseteq T$  of height  $w$ .

Proof: Consider  $r=2$ , red and blue, general idea is the same.

Assume that the root is red and attempt to build a red strong subtree  $S$  starting from the root. If this fails and the resulting subtree has height  $n < w$ . Then the final level of  $S$  is  $n-1$ , which corresponds to the level  $f(n-1)$  in  $T$ . The strong subtree cannot be extended



$\Rightarrow$  if  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$  are the immediate successors of  $S(n-1)$  and  $T_1, \dots, T_k$  are the subtrees of  $T$  stemming from  $x_1, \dots, x_k$ , then for  $\forall$  level  $N \geq 0$  in  $T_1, \dots, T_k$

there must be a subtree  $T_i$  such that everything in  $T_i(N)$  is blue

$\rightarrow$  as such a tree exists for  $\forall$  level, there are  $\infty$  many of these blue segments

$\rightarrow$  there are finitely many  $T_i$ s  $\Rightarrow \exists j: T_j$  contains  $\infty$  many blue levels

$\Rightarrow$  we can create  $\infty$  blue strong subtree in  $T_j$

# HALPERN-LÄUCHLI and MILLIKEN TREE THEOREMS

Def: A product tree of dimension  $d$  is a sequence of  $d$  trees  $\pi = (T_1, \dots, T_d)$ .

• the product of a product tree  $\pi$  is

$$\prod_{\pi} = \prod_i T_i := \{(x_1, \dots, x_d) \mid x_1 \in T_1, \dots, x_d \in T_d\} = T_1 \times \dots \times T_d$$

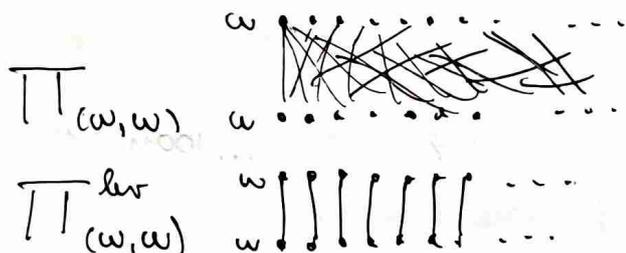
• the level product is

$$\prod_{\pi}^{\text{lev}} = \prod_i^{\text{lev}} T_i := \left\{ (x_1, \dots, x_d) \mid \begin{array}{l} x_1 \in T_1, \dots, x_d \in T_d \\ |x_1|_{T_1} = |x_2|_{T_2} = \dots = |x_d|_{T_d} \end{array} \right\}$$

that is, all  $x_i$  have to be on the same level in their respective trees

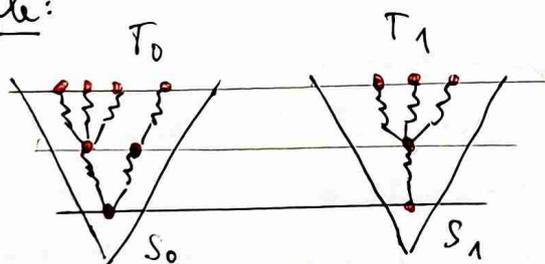
Intuition: Forest  $\sim$  unordered collection of trees, product tree  $\sim$  ordered forest

Example:



Def: Given a product tree  $\pi = (T_1, \dots, T_d)$ , a strong product subtree of height  $\alpha \leq \omega$  is a product tree  $S = (S_1, \dots, S_d)$  s.t.  $\forall i: S_i \in \text{STR}_{\alpha}(T_i)$ , and all these strong subtrees  $S_i$  share the same level function  $f: \alpha \rightarrow \omega$ .

Example:



same height & share levels

Def: For a product tree  $\pi = (T_1, \dots, T_d)$  and  $\alpha \leq \omega$  we denote by  $\text{STR}_{\alpha}(\pi)$  the set of all strong product subtrees of  $\pi$  of height  $\alpha$ .

Theorem (Halpern-Lauchli, 1966): For  $\forall d, \forall r$ ,  $\forall$  product tree  $\Pi = (T_1, \dots, T_d)$  of FB trees of height  $\omega$  with no leaves, and  $\forall r$ -coloring of  $\Pi_{\Pi}^{\text{lev}}$ , the level product of  $\Pi$ , there  $\exists$  homogeneous  $S = (S_1, \dots, S_d) \in \text{STR}_{\omega}(\Pi)$ .

☞ If  $\Pi = (\omega)$  then this is pigeonhole principle  $\hookrightarrow \Pi_{\Pi}^{\text{lev}}$  monochromatic

Theorem (Milliken's tree theorem, 1974): For  $\forall n, \forall r$ ,  $\forall$  FB tree  $T$  of height  $\omega$  with no leaves, and  $\forall r$ -coloring of  $\text{STR}_n(T)$ , the strong subtrees of  $T$  of height  $n$ , there  $\exists$  homogeneous  $S \in \text{STR}_{\omega}(T)$ .  $\rightarrow S_n(S)$  monochromatic.

☞ Milliken  $\Rightarrow$  Infinite Ramsey Theorem

$\hookrightarrow$  take the tree  $T = 2^{<\omega}$  of finite  $\{0,1\}$  strings and prefix order

$\rightarrow$  given a coloring  $f: [\omega]^k \rightarrow r$ , define a coloring  $g: \text{STR}_n(T) \rightarrow r$  as:

- for  $S \in \text{STR}_n(T)$  define  $\vec{x}_S := \{\# \text{bits in } x \mid x \in S\} \dots |\vec{x}_S| = n$

- set  $g(S) := f(\vec{x}_S)$   $\hookrightarrow$  bits of levels of  $S \dots |00111| = |10011| = 4$

$\rightarrow$  let  $S \in \text{STR}_{\omega}(T)$  be given by Milliken's theorem for this  $g$ .

then  $A = \{\# \text{bits in } x \mid x \in S\}$  is homogeneous for  $f$   $\blacksquare$

Theorem (Product version of Milliken): For  $\forall n, \forall d, \forall r$ ,  $\forall$  product tree  $\Pi = (T_1, \dots, T_d)$

of FB trees of height  $\omega$  with no leaves, and  $\forall r$ -coloring of  $\text{STR}_n(\Pi)$ ,

the strong product subtrees of  $\Pi$  of height  $n$ , there  $\exists$  homogeneous

$S = (S_1, \dots, S_d) \in \text{STR}_{\omega}(\Pi)$ .  $\rightarrow \text{STR}_n(S)$  is monochromatic

☞ Halpern-Lauchli is product Milliken for  $n=1$

# PROOF OF HALPERN-LAÜCHLI

Def: Given a tree  $T$ , we say that  $y \in T$  extends  $x \in T$  if  $x \leq_T y$ .  
 When we talk about nodes "above"  $x$ , we mean the set of its extensions.  
 Similarly, when we talk about the nodes above a set of nodes  $X \in T$ .

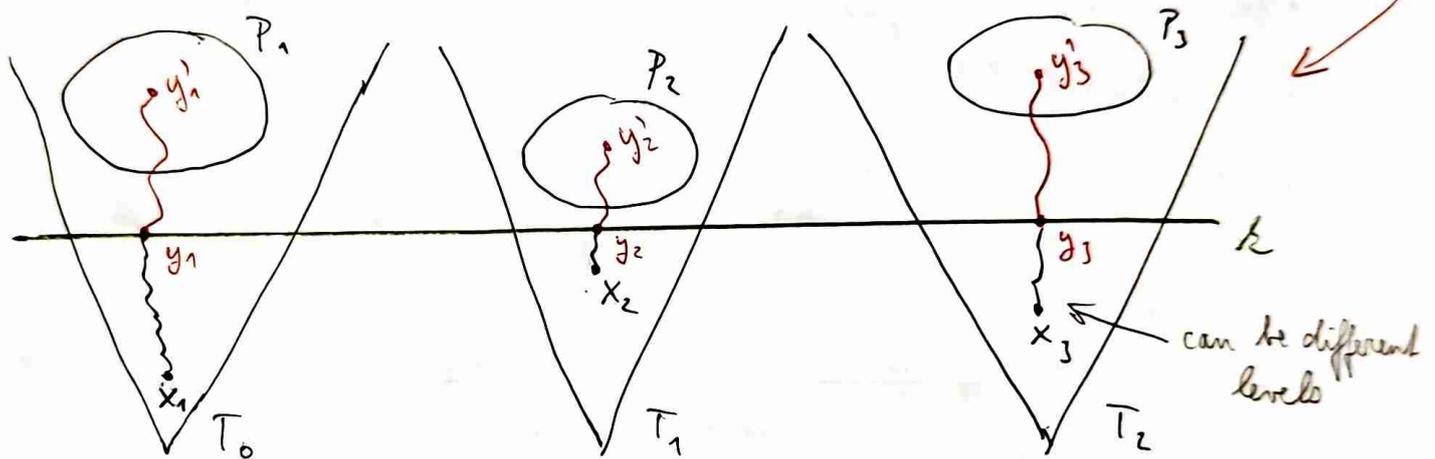
Def: Given a tree  $T$ , node  $x \in T$  and  $k \in \omega$  s.t.  $k > |x|_T$ , a subset  $P \subseteq T$  is  $k$ - $x$ -dense  $\equiv \forall y \in T(k)$  above  $x$  has an extension  $y' \in P$ .

$\rightarrow$  for all successors of  $x$  at level  $k$ , there  $\exists$  a path to  $P$

$P$  strictly above  $k$

Def: Given a product tree  $\Pi = (T_1, \dots, T_d)$ , nodes  $\bar{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \Pi_\Pi$  and  $k \in \omega$  s.t.  $k > |x_i|_{T_i}$  for  $\forall i$ , a subset  $P = P_1 \times P_2 \times \dots \times P_d \subseteq \Pi_\Pi$  is a  $k$ - $\bar{x}$ -dense matrix  $\equiv \forall P_i$  is a  $k$ - $x_i$ -dense subset of  $T_i$ .

$\rightarrow$  dense matrix = product of dense subsets for each component



$\rightarrow$  for  $\forall \bar{y} \in \Pi_\Pi^{\text{lev}}$  in level  $k$  extending  $\bar{x}$ , there  $\exists \bar{y}' \in \Pi_\Pi$  extending  $\bar{y}$  such that  $\forall i : y'_i \in P_i$

Note:  $\Pi = (T_1, \dots, T_d)$  will always be a product tree of FB trees of height  $\omega$  with no leaves

$\rightarrow$  Halpern-Laüchli = SS

$\rightarrow$  As prove will use 4 versions of the theorem and an induction based on them

**SSd**  $\forall$  finite coloring of  $\Pi_\Pi^{\text{lev}}$  :  $\exists$  homogeneous  $S \in \text{STR}_\omega(\Pi)$

**SDd**  $\forall$  finite coloring of  $\Pi_\Pi$  :  $\exists \bar{x} \in \Pi_\Pi, \exists k \in \omega$  s.t.  $\exists$  homogeneous  $k$ - $\bar{x}$ -dense matrix

**DSd**  $\forall$  finite coloring of  $\Pi_\Pi$  :  $\exists \bar{x} \in \Pi_\Pi$  s.t.  $\forall k$  large enough  $\exists$  homogeneous  $k$ - $\bar{x}$ -dense matrix, and all of those matrices have the same color.

$\Rightarrow$  clearly DSd  $\Rightarrow$  SDd

**DS<sub>d</sub><sup>lev</sup>**  $\forall$  finite coloring of  $\Pi_{\pi}^{\text{lev}}$ :  $\exists \bar{x} \in \Pi_{\pi}$  s.t.  $\forall k$  large enough  $\exists$  homogeneous  $k$ - $\bar{x}$ -dense matrix  $TP_{\bar{x}} = P_1 \times P_2 \times \dots \times P_d$  such that all sets  $P_1, \dots, P_d$  are contained in a single shared level ...  $\exists m: \forall P_i \subseteq T_i(m)$ .  
 Furthermore, all of the matrices  $TP_{\bar{x}}$  share the same color.

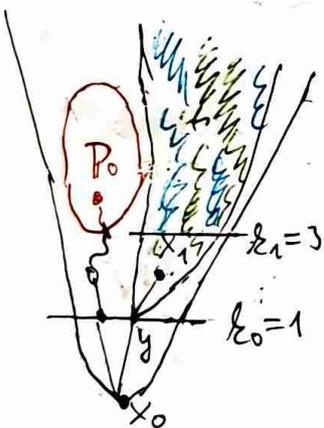
**SD<sub>d</sub><sup>lev</sup>**  $\forall$  finite coloring of  $\Pi_{\pi}^{\text{lev}}$ :  $\exists \bar{x} \in \Pi_{\pi}$ ,  $\exists k \in \omega$  s.t.  $\exists$  homogeneous  $k$ - $\bar{x}$ -dense matrix  $TP = P_1 \times P_2 \times \dots \times P_d$  s.t. all  $P_i$  are contained in a single shared level ...  $\exists m: \forall P_i \subseteq T_i(m)$

Strategy:

- ① prove  $SD_1$
- ② prove  $\forall d: SD_d \Rightarrow DS_d$
- ③ prove  $\forall d: SD_d \Rightarrow SD_d^{\text{lev}}$
- ④ prove  $\forall d: SD_d^{\text{lev}} \Rightarrow DS_d^{\text{lev}}$
- ⑤ prove  $\forall d: DS_d^{\text{lev}} \Rightarrow SS_d$
- ⑥ prove  $\forall d: SD_d \ \& \ DS_d \ \& \ DS_d^{\text{lev}} \ \& \ SS_d \Rightarrow SD_{d+1}$

}  $\forall d$ : all above statements:

Proving  $SD_1$  - homogeneous  $x$ - $k$ -dense matrix in a tree =  $x$ - $k$ -dense subset



Suppose there are 3 colors: red, blue and green

$\rightarrow$  try  $x_0 = \text{root}$ ,  $k_0 = |x_0|_{T+1} = 1$  and  $P_0 = \text{red vertices above level } k_0$

• if  $P_0$  is a  $x_0$ - $k_0$ -dense subset, we are done

☹ otherwise  $\exists$  some  $y \in T(1)$  in level  $k_0 = 1$  such

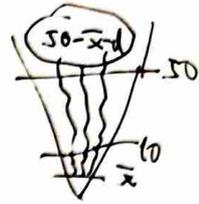
that all nodes above  $y$  are either blue or green

- $\rightarrow$  pick any  $x_1$  immediate successor of  $y$  and set  $k_1 = |x_1|_{T+1} = 3$
- $\rightarrow$  red has been eliminated, try blue next:  $P_1 = \text{blue vertices above } k_1$
- $\rightarrow$  if blue fails as well, select  $x_3$  and green above  $x_3$  will work, as everything above  $x_3$  must be green

SD<sub>d</sub>  $\Rightarrow$  DS<sub>d</sub> assume DS<sub>d</sub> fails for a given coloring of  $\Pi_{\Pi}$

$\Rightarrow \forall \bar{x} \in \Pi_{\Pi} \exists \epsilon_{\bar{x}}$  s.t. there is no  $\epsilon_{\bar{x}}-\bar{x}$ -dense matrix

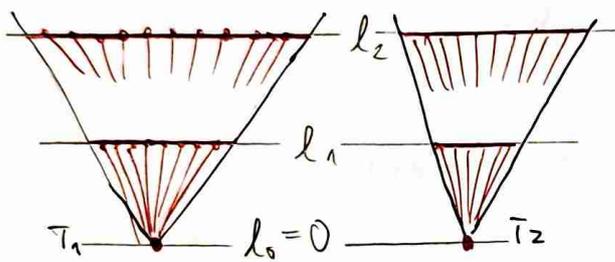
$\odot$  if  $\epsilon > \epsilon_{\bar{x}}$ , then  $\epsilon-\bar{x}$ -dense is also  $\epsilon_{\bar{x}}-\bar{x}$ -dense  
 $\odot$  50- $\bar{x}$ -dense is 10- $\bar{x}$ -dense



$\rightarrow$  define levels (integers)  $l_0, l_1, l_2, \dots$  as  $l_0 := 0$  and

- to get  $l_{i+1}$  look at all  $\bar{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_d)$  s.t.  $\forall i: |x_i|_{T_i} \leq l_i$  at most on level  $l_i$ , and set  $l_{i+1}$  to be greater than all of their  $\epsilon_{\bar{x}}$  values. So if  $\bar{x}$  is at most at level  $l_i$  with value  $\epsilon_{\bar{x}}$ , then since  $l_{i+1} > \epsilon_{\bar{x}}$ , there is no  $l_{i+1}-\bar{x}$ -dense matrix

$\rightarrow$  the compressed subtree  $S \subseteq \Pi$  is the product subtree of  $\Pi$  with exactly those elements of  $\Pi$  which lie on one of the  $l_i$  levels



$\odot$  S has no  $\epsilon-\bar{x}$ -dense matrix,  $\nexists$  SD<sub>d</sub>

$\rightarrow$  suppose  $\epsilon = l_{i+1}$ , so  $\bar{x}$  is strictly below  $l_{i+1}$ , that is, at most  $l_i$

$\rightarrow$  if there was a  $\epsilon-\bar{x}$ -dense matrix, then it would also be a  $\epsilon_{\bar{x}}-\bar{x}$ -dense in  $T$

Hence  $\exists \bar{x} \forall \epsilon$  large enough there  $\exists \epsilon-\bar{x}$ -dense matrix of color  $C_{\epsilon}$

$\rightarrow$  we want all matrices to have the same color

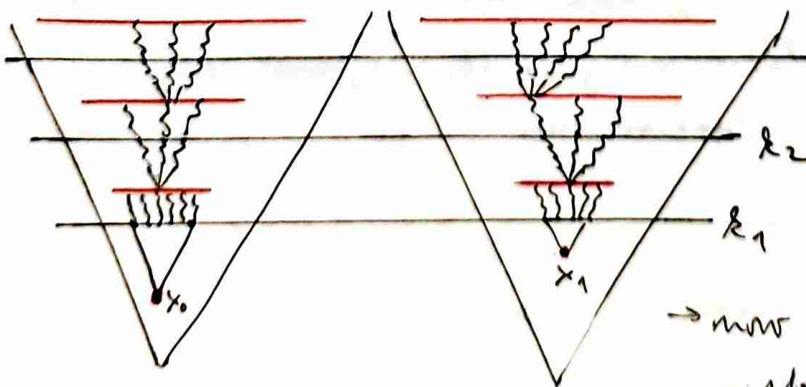
- finitely many colors  $\Rightarrow \exists C \in \mathcal{C}$  s.t. there are  $\infty$  many  $\epsilon$  s.t.  $C_{\epsilon} = C$

$\hookrightarrow$  specifically, matrices of this color are unbounded

$\rightarrow$  combining with  $\odot$  we have matrix of color  $C$  for  $\forall \epsilon$  large enough  $\blacksquare$

SP<sub>d</sub><sup>lev</sup>  $\Rightarrow$  DS<sub>d</sub><sup>lev</sup> : the same proof works

DS<sub>d</sub><sup>lev</sup>  $\Rightarrow$  SS<sub>d</sub> : DS<sub>d</sub><sup>lev</sup> gives us  $\bar{x}$  s.t.  $\forall \epsilon$  large enough  $\exists$  homogeneous pancake above  $\epsilon$



• take  $l_1$  as the first such  $\epsilon$

• to get  $l_{i+1}$ , find a dense pancake above  $l_i$  and set  $l_{i+1}$  to any level above this pancake

$\rightarrow$  now we can easily find a homogeneous  $\infty$  strong product subtree using these pancakes

Proving  $SD_d \Rightarrow SD_d^{low}$

if  $\exists$  homogeneous  $\mathcal{L}$ - $\bar{x}$ -dense matrix  $P = P_1 \times P_2 \times \dots \times P_d$ , then  
 $\Rightarrow$  homogeneous  $P' = P'_1 \times P'_2 \times \dots \times P'_d$  contained below some finite level  $N$

$\hookrightarrow$  the trees have finite branching factor, so there are only finitely  $y \in T_i(\mathcal{L})$  above  $x_i$  for each  $T_i$ . We need only one  $y' \in P_i$  above  $y$ , so we can take  $P'_i \subseteq P_i$  by keeping only these finitely many  $y'$ .

$\Rightarrow$  hence  $P'_1, P'_2, \dots, P'_d$  are finite, so contained below some finite level

claim:  $(\forall \text{ num colors } \kappa) (\exists \text{ finite level } N) \text{ s.t. } \nexists \kappa\text{-coloring of } \Pi_\pi$   
 $\exists \bar{x} \in \Pi_\pi, \exists \mathcal{L} \text{ s.t. } \exists \text{ homogeneous } \mathcal{L}\text{-}\bar{x}\text{-dense matrix below level } N.$

Proof: We use a compactness argument. Suppose that  $\forall N$  existed a bad  $\kappa$ -coloring  $\chi_N$  of  $\Pi_{\pi \upharpoonright N}$  (where  $\pi \upharpoonright N$  is the restriction of  $\pi$  to the first  $N$  levels). That is, there is no  $\chi_N$ -homogeneous  $\mathcal{L}$ - $\bar{x}$ -dense  $m$ . in  $\Pi \upharpoonright N$ .

$\rightarrow$  Imagine a forest whose elements are:

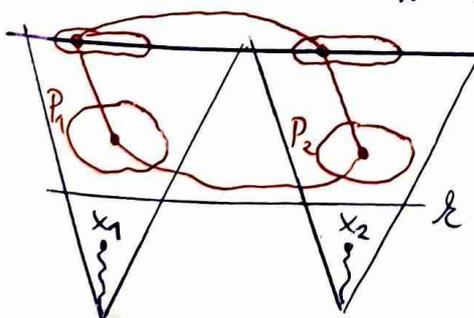
- level 0: colorings  $\chi$  of  $\Pi_{\pi \upharpoonright 0}$
  - level 1: colorings  $\chi$  of  $\Pi_{\pi \upharpoonright 1}$
  - level  $n$ : colorings  $\chi$  of  $\Pi_{\pi \upharpoonright n}$
- } node  $\chi$  extends node  $\chi'$  if  $\chi' \subset \chi$   
 $\odot$  finite color  $\Rightarrow$  it has finite branching factor

$\odot$  if  $\chi$  is a bad coloring of  $\Pi_{\pi \upharpoonright n}$ , then  $\forall \mathcal{L} < n$  is the restriction of  $\chi$  to the first  $\mathcal{L}$  levels a bad coloring of  $\Pi_{\pi \upharpoonright \mathcal{L}}$ . So if we remove all good colorings from our forest, the levels do not change.

$\Rightarrow$  since  $\forall N (\exists \text{ bad } \chi_N)$ , the forest is infinite with finite branching factor

$\rightarrow$  König's lemma:  $\exists$  infinite branch = bad coloring of the entire  $\Pi_\pi \quad \square$

To show  $SD_d \Rightarrow SD_d^{low}$  let  $N$  be the level from the claim, and  $\chi: \Pi_\pi \rightarrow \kappa$ .



$N \rightarrow$  define a coloring  $\chi': \Pi_{\pi \upharpoonright N} \rightarrow \kappa$  as

$$\chi'(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d) := \chi(x'_1, x'_2, \dots, x'_d), \text{ where}$$

$x'_i$  is the left-most successor of  $x_i$  in level  $N$

$\rightarrow$  find a  $\mathcal{L}$ - $\bar{x}$ -dense matrix  $P$  homogeneous for  $\chi'$  using  $SD_d$

$\rightarrow$  notice that  $P' := \{\text{leftmost successors of } \bar{y} \text{ in level } N \mid \bar{y} \in P\}$  is a  $\mathcal{L}$ - $\bar{x}$ -dense matrix homogeneous for  $\chi$  contained entirely in level  $N \quad \square$

Note: The compactness claim follows from the hypergraph formulation

$V =$  what we are coloring  $= \prod \Pi$

$E =$  what we are looking for  $= \{P \subseteq \prod \Pi \mid \exists \bar{x}, \exists \bar{z} : P \text{ is a } \bar{z}\text{-dense matrix}\}$

$\chi(H) > \kappa \Rightarrow (\exists \text{ finite } W \subseteq V) : \chi(H) > \kappa$

SDd:  $(\forall \kappa\text{-coloring}) (\exists \text{ homogeneous } \bar{z}\text{-dense matrix})$

$\Rightarrow \exists \text{ monochromatic edge} \Rightarrow \chi(H) > \kappa$

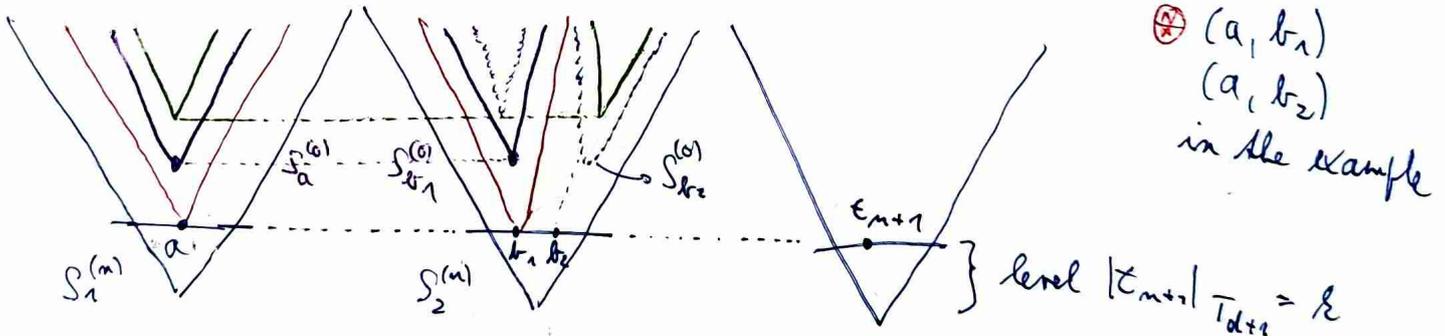
$\Rightarrow (\exists \text{ finite } W \subseteq \prod \Pi) (\forall \kappa\text{-coloring of } W) (\exists \text{ monochr edge})$

$\otimes = \exists \text{ homogeneous } \bar{z}\text{-dense matrix inside } W$

$\rightarrow$  we let  $N$  be the first level above everything in  $W$

We will now fix the roots of  $S_1^{(0)}, \dots, S_d^{(0)}$  and construct new strong subtrees with those roots that work for  $\epsilon_1$  as well, and then  $\epsilon_2$ , and  $\epsilon_3, \dots$

improving the subtrees for  $\epsilon_{m+1}$  — suppose it already works for  $\epsilon_0, \epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_m$   
 $\rightarrow$  we have  $S_1^{(m)}, \dots, S_d^{(m)}$ , want  $S_1^{(m+1)}, \dots, S_d^{(m+1)}$



$\rightarrow$  suppose  $\epsilon_{m+1}$  is not level  $k$  and consider all  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{S_1, \dots, S_d}^{\text{lev}}$  on level  $k$

proof by example: consider  $(a, b_1)$  and their subtrees  $S_a, S_{b_1}$  in red  $V V$

$\rightarrow$  SSd: we find  $\chi_{\epsilon_{m+1}}$ -homogeneous strong subtree of  $S_a, S_{b_1} \rightarrow S_a^{(0)}, S_{b_1}^{(0)}$

$\rightarrow$  we take  $S_{b_2}^{(0)}$  ... a strong subtree of  $S_{b_2}$  that shares levels with  $S_a^{(0)}, S_{b_1}^{(0)}$

$\rightarrow$  now consider  $(a, b_2)$  and  $S_a^{(0)}, S_{b_2}^{(0)}$  ... SSd: for  $\chi_{\epsilon_{m+1}}$ , find homogeneous strong subtree of  $(S_a^{(0)}, S_{b_2}^{(0)}) \rightarrow S_a^{(1)}, S_{b_2}^{(1)}$  in green  $V V$

$\rightarrow$  take  $S_{b_1}^{(1)}$  ... a strong subtree of  $S_{b_1}^{(0)}$  sharing levels with  $S_a^{(1)}, S_{b_2}^{(1)}$

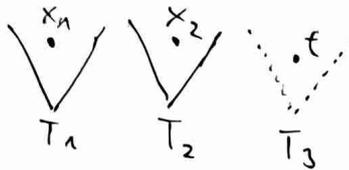
$\rightarrow$  these trees work for all  $\epsilon_0, \dots, \epsilon_{m+1}$

$\rightarrow$  after we make them work for  $\forall t$  on level  $k$ , then the roots of  $S_a^{(t)}, S_{b_1}^{(t)}, S_{b_2}^{(t)}$  will become level  $k$  of the final subtrees  $S_1, \dots, S_d$

$SS_d \& DS_d^{lev} \Rightarrow SD_{d+1}$

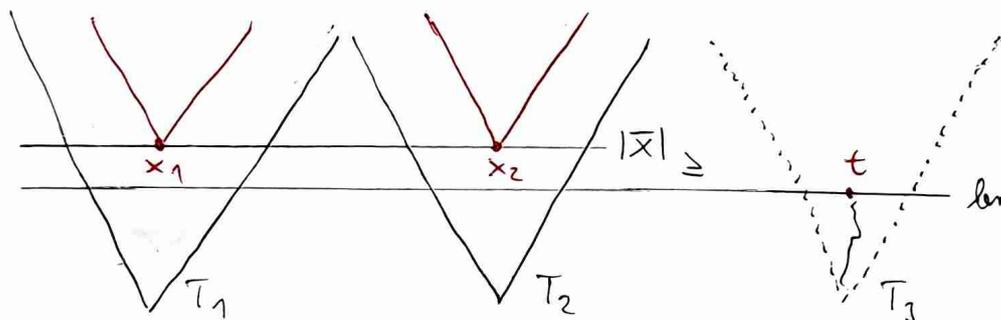
→ suppose we can do everything for  $d$  trees  $T_1, T_2, \dots, T_d$  and want to find a  $k$ - $\bar{x}$ -dense matrix in  $d+1$  trees  $T_1, T_2, \dots, T_d, T_{d+1}$

→ we have a coloring  $\chi$  of  $\Pi_{(T_1, \dots, T_{d+1})}$ , to apply induction step, we define for  $\forall t \in T_{d+1}$  a coloring  $\chi_t$  of  $\Pi_{(T_1, \dots, T_d)}$  as  $\chi_t(\bar{x}) = \chi_t(\bar{x} \hat{\ } t)$



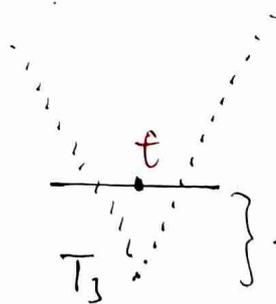
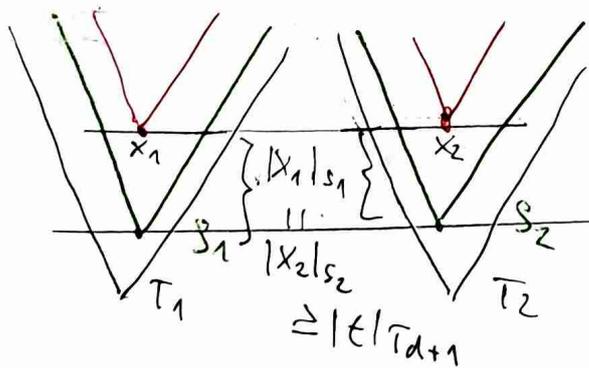
$\chi_t(x_1, x_2) := \chi(x_1, x_2, t)$  *similar to Ramsey theorem*

Def: A coloring  $\chi$  of  $\Pi_{(T_1, \dots, T_{d+1})}$  is good  $\equiv (\forall t \in T_{d+1})(\forall \bar{x} \in \Pi_{(T_1, \dots, T_d)}^{lev})$  s.t.  $\bar{x}$  is on level  $|\bar{x}| \geq |t|_{T_{d+1}}$ , the coloring  $\chi_t$  is monochromatic on all  $\bar{x}' \in \Pi_{(T_1, \dots, T_d)}^{lev}$  on level  $|\bar{x}'| \geq |\bar{x}|$  s.t.  $x'_i$  extends  $x_i$  for  $\forall i$



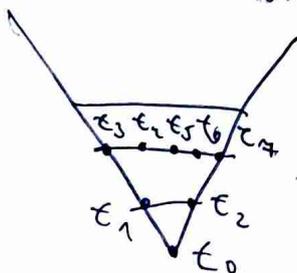
$\hookrightarrow x'_i$  form a subtree stemming from  $x_i$   
 $\forall$  the color can differ for distinct  $t \in T_{d+1}$

Lemma 1: There  $\exists$  strong product subtree  $(S_1, \dots, S_d) \in STR_w(T_1, \dots, T_d)$  s.t. the coloring  $\chi$  is good on  $\Pi' := (S_1, \dots, S_d, T_{d+1})$



$\bar{x}$  is on the same level inside  $(S_1, \dots, S_d)$  and  $(T_1, \dots, T_d)$  since  $S_1, \dots, S_d$  share levels

Proof: enumerate vertices of  $T_{d+1}$  based on levels



• use  $SS_d$  to find a strong product subtree in  $T_1, \dots, T_d$  for the coloring  $\chi_{t_0}$

$\Rightarrow S_1^{(0)}, S_2^{(0)}, \dots, S_d^{(0)}$  works for  $t_0$

We have found  $(S_1, \dots, S_d) \in \text{STR}_w(T_1, \dots, T_d)$  s.t. the given

$r$ -coloring  $\chi$  is good for  $(S_1, \dots, S_d, T_{d+1})$

" $\infty$ -max chain (infinite)  
 $\hookrightarrow$  no leaves

Lemma 2: Given a tree  $T$  denote  $[T] := \{b \mid b \text{ is a branch of } T\}$

$\dagger$  finitely branching tree  $T$  of height  $w$  with no leaves,  $\forall \chi: [T] \rightarrow \omega$

$\exists \epsilon^* \in T$ , and  $\exists$  color  $C^* \in \omega$ , and  $\exists$  set of nodes  $D$  s.t.

①  $(\forall s \in D) (\exists b \in [T])$  s.t.  $\chi(b) = C^*$  &  $s \in b$

$\hookrightarrow$  there is a color  $C^*$  s.t. every  $s \in D$  has a branch with color  $C^*$  going through  $s$

②  $D$  is dense above  $\epsilon^*$  ...  $(\forall t \geq_T \epsilon^*) (\exists s \geq_T t) s \in D$

$\hookrightarrow$  for  $\forall t$  above  $\epsilon^*$  there is some  $s \in D$  above  $t$

$\Rightarrow D$  has to be

"infinitely tall"

Proof: Try  $t_0 = \text{root}$ ,  $C_0 = 0$ ,  $D =$  all nodes  $s$  above  $t_0$  s.t.  $\exists$  branch  $b \ni s$  with color 0

$\rightarrow$  if it fails, then  $\exists t$  above  $t_0$  s.t. no  $s$  above  $t$  has a branch of color 0 going through

$\Rightarrow$  color 0 has "died out" in the subtree above  $t$

• take  $t_1 := t$  and try  $C_1 = 1$ ,  $D =$  all nodes above  $t_1$  s.t.  $\exists$  branch going through of color 1

$\rightarrow$  if fails, then  $\exists t_2$  above  $t_1$  s.t. no  $s$  above  $t_2$  has a branch of color 0 or 1 going through

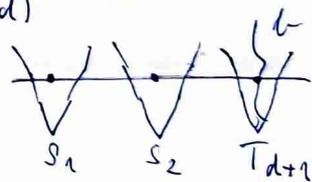
$\rightarrow$  repeat this to construct a sequence  $t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n, \dots$

$\rightarrow$  if at some point success  $\checkmark$ , if no, then this is an infinite branch of no color, since  $t_n$  has no branch of color  $0, 1, \dots, n$  going through  $\square$

Def: For a branch  $b$  of  $T_{d+1}$  define a coloring  $\chi^{(b)}: \prod_{(S_1, \dots, S_d)}^{\text{lev}} \rightarrow \omega$

as  $\chi^{(b)}(x_1, \dots, x_d) := \chi(x_1, \dots, x_d, X_{d+1})$  where  $X_{d+1}$  is

the unique node  $\in b$  at height  $|x_1|_{S_1} = \dots = |x_d|_{S_d}$



$\rightarrow$  We now for each branch  $b$  of  $T_{d+1}$  use  $\text{DS}_d^{\text{lev}}$  on  $S_1, \dots, S_d$  for  $\chi^{(b)}$

$\Rightarrow$  we get  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{(S_1, \dots, S_d)}^{\text{lev}}$  s.t.  $\forall k$  large enough  $\exists \bar{x}$ -dense fanlike, homogenous for  $\chi^{(b)}$  with color  $C_k$

$\odot$  WLOG  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{(S_1, \dots, S_d)}^{\text{lev}}$  ... the  $x_i$  which are low can be moved more up

$\Rightarrow \forall b$  we have a pair  $(\bar{x}, C)$  ... basically a coloring  $b \mapsto (\bar{x}, C)$

$\odot$  only countably many "colors",  $C \in \omega < \omega$

$x_i \in S_i \approx \omega$  ... finite levels  $\Rightarrow \text{AC}_\omega$ :  $S_i$  is countable

$\Rightarrow \# \text{ colors} \leq |\underbrace{\omega \times \dots \times \omega}_d| = \omega^d = \omega$  (basic cardinal arithmetic)

$\Rightarrow$  Lemma 2:  $\exists$  winning "color"  $(\bar{x}^*, C^*)$  and  $\epsilon^*$  and dense  $D \subseteq T_{d+1}$  s.t.

$\forall t$  above  $\epsilon^*$  in  $T_{d+1}$  there is  $s$  above  $t$  that has a branch  $b \ni s$  going

through it s.t.  $\forall k$  large enough  $\exists \bar{x}$ -dense fanlike in  $S_1, \dots, S_d$  with  $\chi^{(b)}$ -color  $C^*$

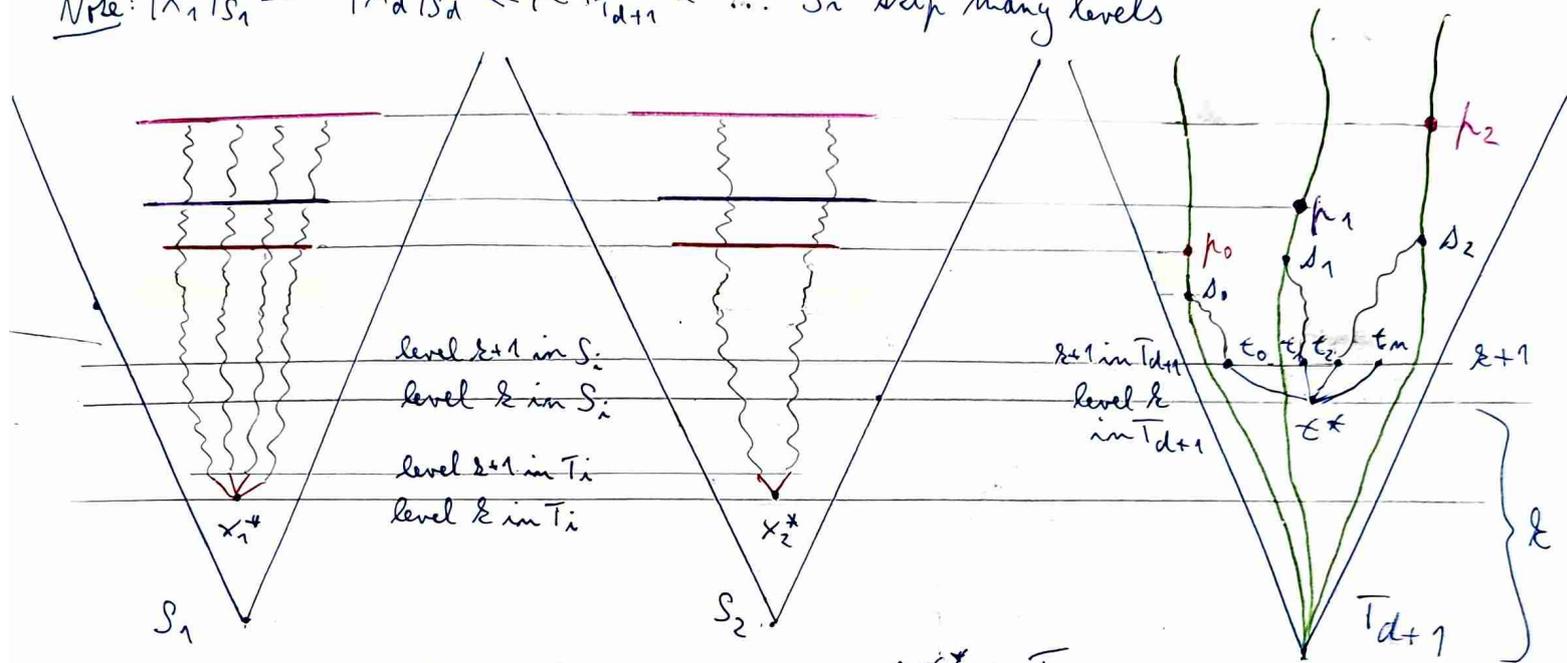
Goal:  $SD_{d+1} \dots$  we want to find a  $\ell$ - $\bar{x}$ -dense matrix in  $(T_1, \dots, T_d, T_{d+1})$

⊙ we can move  $x_i^*$  up (through  $S_i$ ) and  $\epsilon^*$  up (through  $T_{d+1}$ )

⇒ we move them up to the same level:  $|x_1^*|_{T_1} = \dots = |x_d^*|_{T_d} = |\epsilon^*|_{T_{d+1}} =: \ell$ ,  
but note that still  $\bar{x}^* \in T_{(S_1, \dots, S_d)}^{\text{br}}$

→ we will construct a  $(\ell+1)$ - $(x_1^*, \dots, x_d^*, \epsilon^*)$ -dense matrix in  $T_1, \dots, T_d, T_{d+1}$

Note:  $|x_1^*|_{S_1} = \dots = |x_d^*|_{S_d} \ll |\epsilon^*|_{T_{d+1}} = \ell \dots$   $S_i$  skip many levels



→ let  $t_0, t_1, \dots, t_m$  be the immediate successors of  $\epsilon^*$  in  $T_{d+1}$

→ there  $\exists s_0$  above  $t_0$  s.t. there is a branch  $b_0$  going through  $s_0$ , and  $\forall \ell$  large enough (level in  $S_i$ ) there  $\exists \ell$ - $\bar{x}^*$ -dense pancake in  $S_1, \dots, S_d$  with  $\chi^{(b_0)}$ -color  $C^*$

⇒ take a pancake for  $\ell > |s_0|_{T_{d+1}}$ , so we have  $P_1^{(0)}, \dots, P_d^{(0)}$ , pancake strictly above level  $|s_0|_{T_{d+1}}$  in  $S_i$ , such that  $\forall \bar{y} \in P_1^{(0)} \times \dots \times P_d^{(0)}$  we have  $\chi^{(b_0)}(\bar{y}) = C^*$

→ the color of  $\bar{y}$  is determined by the unique  $p_0 \in b_0$  on the same height (in  $T_{d+1}$ ) as is the height of  $P^{(0)}$  in  $S$ . Note that  $p_0$  is strictly above  $s_0$ , so  $p_0$  extends to

Note:  $\forall \bar{y} \in P_1^{(0)} \times \dots \times P_d^{(0)}$  we have  $\chi^{(b_0)}(\bar{y}) = \chi_{p_0}(\bar{y}) = \chi(y_1, \dots, y_d, p_0) = C^*$

We have:  $\forall i \leq d$ :  $\otimes$   $x_i^*$ -dense set  $P_i^{(0)}$ , and for  $t_0$  we have  $p_0$  strictly above  $t_0$  s.t.  $\chi^{(b_0)}$   
 $P_1^{(0)} \times \dots \times P_d^{(0)} \times \{p_0\}$  is monochromatic w.r.t.  $\chi$

$\otimes$ :  $P_i^{(0)}$  is  $(\ell+1)$ - $x_i^*$ -dense in  $T_i$  since it is (something big)- $x_i^*$ -dense in  $S_i$  and  $x_i^* \in T_i(\ell)$

Extending to  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m$ :

→ there  $\exists s_1$  above  $t_1$  s.t. there is a branch  $b_1$  going through  $s_1$  and ...  $\forall \ell$  large enough...

→ take a pancake  $P_1^{(1)}, \dots, P_d^{(1)}$  for  $\ell > \text{level of } P_i^{(0)} \text{ in } S_i$  and  $\ell > |s_1|_{T_{d+1}}$

•  $\forall \bar{y} \in P_1^{(1)} \times \dots \times P_d^{(1)}$  we have  $\chi^{(b_1)}(\bar{y}) = \chi_{p_1}(\bar{y}) = \chi(y_1, \dots, y_d, p_1) = C^*$ , where  $p_1$  is above  $s_1$

→ problem: we want  $\chi(y_1, \dots, y_d, p_0) = C^*$ , but why should that hold?

⇒  $\boxtimes$  every  $\bar{y} \in P_1^{(0)} \times \dots \times P_d^{(0)}$  has an extension  $\bar{y}' \in P_1^{(1)} \times \dots \times P_d^{(1)}$  and because  $\chi$  is good on  $S_i$ , we have  $\chi_{p_0}(\bar{y}) = \chi_{p_0}(\bar{y}') = C^*$  since the level of  $\bar{y}$  in  $S$  is the same as  $|p_0|_{T_{d+1}}$

→  $P_i^{(0)}$  is already dense for  $x_i^*$ , we do not need the full  $P_i^{(1)}$

⇒ for each  $y \in P_i^0$ , take some extension  $y' \in P_i^{(1)}$

→ and remove from  $P_i^{(1)}$  everything else ... so  $P_i^{(1)}$  is reduced to extensions of  $P_i^{(0)}$

Now:  $P_i^{(1)}$  is  $(k+1)$ - $x_i^*$ -dense in  $T_i$ , and  $\{p_0, t_1\}$  is strictly above  $t_0, t_1$ ,

and  $P_1^{(1)} \times \dots \times P_d^{(1)} \times \{p_0, t_1\}$  is monochromatic w.r.t.  $\chi$

→ iteratively, we construct  $(k+1)$ - $\epsilon^*$ -dense subset  $P = \{p_1, \dots, p_m\}$  in  $T_{d+1}$ ,

such that  $p_j$  is strictly above  $\tilde{t}_j$ , and  $P_1^{(m)} \times \dots \times P_d^{(m)} \times P$  is monochromatic 

# FILTERS AND ULTRAFILTERS

Def: Let  $X \neq \emptyset$ . A non-empty family of subsets  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$  is a filter on  $X \equiv$   
 ... so  $\mathcal{F} \neq \mathcal{P}(X)$

①  $\emptyset \notin \mathcal{F}$

②  $A \in \mathcal{F} \ \& \ A \subseteq B \Rightarrow B \in \mathcal{F}$  ... upward closed

③  $A, B \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow A \cap B \in \mathcal{F}$

Observations: For every filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $X$ :

Notation:  $\bar{A} := X \setminus A$

•  $X \in \mathcal{F}$  ... since  $\mathcal{F} \neq \emptyset$  and ②

•  $\forall A, B \in \mathcal{F} : A \cap B \neq \emptyset$  ... from ③ and ①

•  $\mathcal{F}$  is closed under finite intersections ... ③

•  $\nexists A \subseteq X$  s.t.  $A, \bar{A} \in \mathcal{F}$  ... from ③ and ①

Def: A filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $X$  is an ultrafilter if in addition

④  $\nexists A \subseteq X$  s.t.  $A, \bar{A} \in \mathcal{F}$ . Hence  $\forall A \subseteq X$  exactly one of  $A, \bar{A}$  is in  $\mathcal{F}$ .

Proposition: If  $\mathcal{F}$  is an ultrafilter on  $X$  and  $A = \underline{A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n} \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  
 then there is a unique index  $j$  s.t.  $A_j \in \mathcal{F}$ .

Proof: From ③ and ① there can be at most one such index.

Suppose that  $A_j \notin \mathcal{F}$  for  $\forall j$ . Then from ④  $\bar{A}_j \in \mathcal{F}$  for  $\forall j$  and ③ gives  $\bigcap \bar{A}_j \in \mathcal{F}$ . But  $\bigcap \bar{A}_j = \bar{A}$ . So both  $A, \bar{A} \in \mathcal{F}$   $\nexists$  ■

Example: For every set  $X$  and every  $\emptyset \neq Y \subseteq X$  is the set

$\mathcal{F}_Y := \{A \subseteq X \mid Y \subseteq A\}$  a filter on  $X$ .

Def: Filters of this form are called principal filters.

Proposition: A principal filter  $\mathcal{F}_Y$  on  $X$  is an ultrafilter  $\Leftrightarrow |Y| = 1$  ...  $Y = \{x\}$ .

Proof:  $\Rightarrow$ : suppose  $x, y \in Y, x \neq y$ . Then  $Y = (Y \setminus \{x\}) \cup \{x\} \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  
 but neither  $Y \setminus \{x\}$  or  $\{x\}$  is in  $\mathcal{F}$   $\nexists$

$\Leftarrow$ : To show ④ let  $A \subseteq X$  and  $Y = \{x\}$ . Either  $x \in A$ , then  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ , or  
 $x \notin A$ , then  $x \in \bar{A}$  so  $\bar{A} \in \mathcal{F}$  ■

Def: Ultrafilters of the form  $\mathcal{F}_x = \{A \subseteq X \mid x \in A\}$  for some  $x \in X$  are called principal,  
 and the other ultrafilters are called non-principal.

Def: A filter  $\mathcal{F}$  is maximal  $\equiv$  there is no other filter  $\mathcal{F}'$  s.t.  $\mathcal{F} \subsetneq \mathcal{F}'$ .

⊙ every principal ultrafilter is maximal

↳ suppose  $\mathcal{F}_x = \{A \mid x \in A\}$  and  $B \notin \mathcal{F}_x$ , so  $x \notin B$ . Then  $x \in \bar{B}$ , so  $\bar{B} \in \mathcal{F}_x \Rightarrow B \notin \mathcal{F}_x$

Theorem: Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a filter on  $X$ . The following statements are equivalent:

- i)  $\mathcal{F}$  is an ultrafilter
- ii)  $\mathcal{F}$  is a maximal filter
- iii)  $A \cup B \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow A \in \mathcal{F} \vee B \in \mathcal{F}$



Proof: (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): suppose  $A, B \notin \mathcal{F}$ . so  $\bar{A}, \bar{B} \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\bar{A} \cap \bar{B} = \overline{A \cup B} \in \mathcal{F}$   $\nabla$

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): suppose  $\mathcal{F} \subsetneq \mathcal{F}'$  for some filter  $\mathcal{F}'$ . Hence there  $\exists A \in \mathcal{F}'$  such that  $A \notin \mathcal{F}$ , so  $\bar{A} \in \mathcal{F}$ . Because  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{F}'$ , also  $\bar{A} \in \mathcal{F}'$ , so  $A, \bar{A} \in \mathcal{F}'$   $\nabla$

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): suppose that  $\mathcal{F}$  is not an ultrafilter. Hence there  $\exists A \subseteq X$  such that  $A, \bar{A} \notin \mathcal{F}$ . Note that  $\forall B \in \mathcal{F}: A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ , otherwise  $B \subseteq \bar{A}$ , so from (2) we would have  $\bar{A} \in \mathcal{F}$   $\nabla$ . Define a filter

$$\mathcal{F}' := \{B' \subseteq X \mid (A \cap B) \subseteq B' \text{ for some } B \in \mathcal{F}\}$$

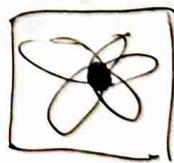
It is indeed a filter:  $\emptyset \notin \mathcal{F}'$  because always  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ . It is upward closed from definition. To check (3) suppose  $B'_1, B'_2 \in \mathcal{F}'$ , so for some  $B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{F}$ :  $(A \cap B_1) \subseteq B'_1$  and  $(A \cap B_2) \subseteq B'_2$ . Notice that  $(A \cap B_1 \cap B_2) \subseteq B'_1 \cap B'_2$

Since  $B_1 \cap B_2 \in \mathcal{F}$ , we have  $B'_1 \cap B'_2 \in \mathcal{F}'$  ... definition of  $\mathcal{F}'$ .

$\Rightarrow$  so  $\mathcal{F}'$  is a filter such that  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{F}'$  and  $A \in \mathcal{F}', \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  not max  $\nabla$

Theorem: Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be an ultrafilter on  $X$ . The following statements are equivalent:

- i)  $\mathcal{F}$  is a principal ultrafilter  $\mathcal{F}_x = \{A \subseteq X \mid x \in A\}$
- ii)  $\mathcal{F}$  contains a finite set
- iii)  $\bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{F}} A \neq \emptyset$



Proof: (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) since  $\{x\} \in \mathcal{F}_x$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Define  $A_0 := \bigcap \mathcal{F}$ . Note that  $\bar{A}_0 \notin \mathcal{F}$  (since  $A_0 \subseteq A$  for  $\forall A \in \mathcal{F}$ ), so because  $\mathcal{F}$  is an ultrafilter, we have  $A_0 \in \mathcal{F}$ .

• claim:  $|A_0| = 1$ . Suppose  $|A_0| > 1$ , so  $A_0$  has a proper nonempty subset  $B \subseteq A_0$ .

⊙  $B, \bar{B} \notin \mathcal{F}$ , contradicting that  $\mathcal{F}$  is an ultrafilter

↳ neither  $B$  or  $\bar{B}$  contains  $A_0$ , but  $A_0$  is contained in every  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Let  $A_0 \in \mathcal{F}$  be a set of the smallest (finite) size. We want

to show that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a principal ultrafilter.

A) if  $A_0 = \{x\}$ , then  $\forall B \in \mathcal{F}: x \in B$ , otherwise  $B \cap A_0 = \emptyset \nmid (\forall A, B \in \mathcal{F}: A \cap B \neq \emptyset)$

$\Rightarrow$  so  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{F}_x = \{A \mid x \in A\}$ , we want to show  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_x$ .

claim:  $\forall A$  s.t.  $x \in A$  we have  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ .

$\hookrightarrow \mathcal{F}$  is an ultrafilter so if  $A \notin \mathcal{F}$ , then  $\bar{A} \in \mathcal{F}$ . But  $x \notin \bar{A} \nmid \textcircled{+}$

B) if  $|A_0| > 1$ , then  $A_0$  contains a proper nonempty subset  $B \subset A_0$ .

$\rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  is an ultrafilter and  $B \notin \mathcal{F}$  ( $A_0$  is the smallest), we have  $\bar{B} \in \mathcal{F}$

 Hence  $\bar{B} \cap A_0 \in \mathcal{F}$ , but  $|\bar{B} \cap A_0| < |A_0| \nmid$  

Corollary: If  $X$  is finite, then all ultrafilters on  $X$  are principal.

$\textcircled{?}$  Are there non-principal ultrafilters on infinite sets?

Example: If  $X$  is an infinite set, then  $\mathcal{F}_\infty = \{A \subseteq X \mid \bar{A} \text{ is finite}\}$

is a filter on  $X$  called the co-finite filter, or Fréchet filter.

$\textcircled{\text{eye}}$  If  $\mathcal{F}$  is a non-principal ultrafilter on an infinite set  $X$ , then  $\mathcal{F}_\infty \subseteq \mathcal{F}$

$\hookrightarrow$  for  $\forall A$  s.t.  $\bar{A}$  is finite,  $\bar{A} \notin \mathcal{F}$  (last theorem), so  $A \in \mathcal{F}$

Theorem (The Ultrafilter lemma, Tarski, 1930): Every filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on a set  $X$  can be extended to an ultrafilter  $\mathcal{U} \supseteq \mathcal{F}$  on  $X$ .

Corollary: Every infinite set has a non-principal ultrafilter.

Proof: First recall Zorn's lemma: Every partially ordered set  $A$  where chains have upper bounds, contains a maximal element.  $\vdash$  above every  $a \in A$ .

$\rightarrow$  let  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(X))$  be the set of all ultrafilters on an infinite set  $X$

$\rightarrow (\mathcal{F}, \subseteq)$  is a partially ordered set, notice that

if  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$  is a chain of filters  $\mathcal{F}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{F}_2 \subseteq \dots$ , then  $\mathcal{U}_{\mathcal{C}} = \bigcup_{\mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{C}} \mathcal{F}$  is also a filter and an upper bound of  $\mathcal{C}$

$\rightarrow$  hence we can use Zorn's lemma to obtain a maximal filter (and thus an ultrafilter)  $\mathcal{U} \in \mathcal{F}$  above the given filter  $\mathcal{F}$  (so  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{U}$ ) 

Proof of corollary: Choose  $\mathcal{F}$  as the co-finite filter  $\mathcal{F}_\infty$  on  $X$  and get  $\mathcal{U} \supseteq \mathcal{F}_\infty$ .

$\rightarrow$  since  $\mathcal{U}$  extends  $\mathcal{F}_\infty$ , it contains no finite sets ... otherwise  $A, \bar{A} \in \mathcal{U} \nmid$

$\hookrightarrow$  hence  $\mathcal{F}$  is not a principal ultrafilter 

$\uparrow$   
finite

Remark: We have used Zorn's lemma to prove the existence of nonprincipal ultrafilters, but we do not actually need the full strength of AC.

→ In fact, the Ultrafilter lemma is equivalent in ZF to the Boolean prime ideal theorem, which is strictly weaker than AC.

→ however, we need something stronger than ZF to prove the existence of nonprincipal ultrafilters even for  $X = \omega$ .  $AC_\omega$  or DC are not enough.

Fact: There are models of ZF where  $\omega$  has no nonprincipal ultrafilters.

## ULTRAFILTERS AND RAMSEY THEORY

→ we will now use ultrafilters to prove the Infinite Ramsey Theorem

→ however, note that this proof (or any other Ramsey theory ultrafilter proofs) does not work in ZF or even in ZF + DC

Theorem: The ultrafilter lemma  $\Rightarrow$  (RT):  $\omega \rightarrow (\omega)_r^2$

Proof: Suppose  $\chi: [\omega]^2 \rightarrow \{\text{red}, \text{blue}\}$  is a 2-coloring - the general case is similar

• let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a non-principal ultrafilter on  $\omega$

• let  $m \in \omega$  and notice that we have a partition of  $\omega$ :

$$\omega = \{m\} \cup \{a \in \omega \mid \chi(a, m) = \text{red}\} \cup \{a \in \omega \mid \chi(a, m) = \text{blue}\}$$

→ since  $\mathcal{U}$  is an ultrafilter, exactly one of these pieces belongs to  $\mathcal{U}$

→ since  $\mathcal{U}$  is non-principal,  $\{m\} \notin \mathcal{U}$ , so either

•  $\{a \in \omega \mid \chi(a, m) = \text{red}\} \in \mathcal{U} \rightsquigarrow m$  is  $\mathcal{U}$ -red, or

•  $\{a \in \omega \mid \chi(a, m) = \text{blue}\} \in \mathcal{U} \rightsquigarrow m$  is  $\mathcal{U}$ -blue

→ this induces another partition:  $\omega = \{m \in \omega \mid m \text{ is } \mathcal{U}\text{-red}\} \cup \{m \in \omega \mid m \text{ is } \mathcal{U}\text{-blue}\}$

→ again, exactly one of these belongs to  $\mathcal{U}$ , WLOG assume that

$$A := \{m \in \omega \mid m \text{ is } \mathcal{U}\text{-red}\} \in \mathcal{U}$$

→  $\forall m \in A$ : since  $m$  is  $\mathcal{U}$ -red,  $\mathcal{U}$  contains the set  $A_m = \{a \in \omega \mid \chi(a, m) = \text{red}\}$

→ to construct an infinite homogeneous subset of  $\omega$ , we create a sequence

•  $m_0 \in A$ ,  $m_1 \in A \cap A_{m_0}$ ,  $m_2 \in A \cap A_{m_0} \cap A_{m_1}$ ,  $m_3 \in A \cap A_{m_0} \cap A_{m_1} \cap A_{m_2}, \dots$

→ since filters are closed on finite intersections, all of these sets are in  $\mathcal{U}$  and they are nonempty (in fact infinite), so the sequence is correctly defined

→ also notice that  $\{m_i \mid i \in \omega\}$  is a homogeneous subset of  $\omega$

•  $m_i \in \bigcap_{j < i} A_{m_j} \Rightarrow m_i$  is connected to all  $m_j$  for  $j < i$  with a red edge  $\blacksquare$

→ this argument can be generalized for  $k > 2$  but it just mimics the standard IRT proof

Def: Let  $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V}$  be ultrafilters on  $X, Y$ . Their tensor product (sometimes also Fubini product) is the ultrafilter  $\mathcal{U} \otimes \mathcal{V}$  on  $X \times Y$  defined as

$$\forall A \subseteq X \times Y: A \in \mathcal{U} \otimes \mathcal{V} \equiv \{x \in A_x \mid A_Y(x) \in \mathcal{V}\} \in \mathcal{U},$$

where  $A_x := \{y \in Y \mid (x, y) \in A\}$  and  $A_Y(x) = \{y \in Y \mid (x, y) \in A\}$  for  $x \in X$ .

Intuition: Ultrafilters are a way of defining "large" sets. Given an ultrafilter

$\mathcal{U}$  on  $X$ , we say that  $A \subseteq X$  is  $\mathcal{U}$ -large  $\equiv A \in \mathcal{U}$ .

👁 If  $A$  is  $\mathcal{U}$ -large and  $B \supseteq A$ , then  $B$  is also  $\mathcal{U}$ -large

$\Rightarrow A \in \mathcal{U} \otimes \mathcal{V} \Leftrightarrow$  there are  $\mathcal{U}$ -many  $x \in A_x$  for which  $A_Y(x)$  is  $\mathcal{V}$ -large

→ if  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$  are non-principal ultrafilters (so no finite elements), then

$A \in \mathcal{U} \otimes \mathcal{V} \Rightarrow$  there are  $\infty$ -many  $x \in A_x$  for which  $A_Y(x)$  is infinite

👁  $\mathcal{U} \otimes \mathcal{V}$  is an ultrafilter on  $X \times Y$

•  $\emptyset \notin \mathcal{U} \otimes \mathcal{V}$  as empty sets are not large ...  $\emptyset \notin \mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V}$

• if  $A \in \mathcal{U} \otimes \mathcal{V}$  and  $B \supseteq A$ , then  $B \in \mathcal{U} \otimes \mathcal{V}$ , since adding more stuff to  $A_x$  and  $A_Y(x)$  will not make them not large

• if  $A, B \in \mathcal{U} \otimes \mathcal{V}$ , then  $A \cap B \in \mathcal{U} \otimes \mathcal{V}$  since intersections of large sets are large

👁 If  $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V}$  are non-principal, then  $\mathcal{U} \otimes \mathcal{V}$  is also non-principal

• if  $A \in \mathcal{U} \otimes \mathcal{V}$ , then  $A$  cannot be finite because finite sets are not large

Def: For an ultrafilter  $\mathcal{U}$  on  $\omega$  we define  $\mathcal{U}^1 := \mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{U}^{k+1} := \mathcal{U} \otimes \mathcal{U}^k$ .

Proposition: For  $\forall$  non-principal ultrafilter  $\mathcal{U}$  on  $\omega$  and  $\forall k \in \omega$ :

$$\Delta_k^+ := \{(m_1, \dots, m_k) \mid m_1 < \dots < m_k\} \in \mathcal{U}^k$$

Proof: By induction over  $k$  we show that  $\forall k \in \omega$  we have

$$(\Delta_k^+)_\ell := \{(m_1, \dots, m_k) \in \Delta_k^+ \mid \ell < m_1\} \in \mathcal{U}^k$$

Then clearly the superset  $\Delta_k^+$  is also  $\mathcal{U}^k$ -large.

• base case: for  $k=1$  we have  $(\Delta_1^+)_\ell = \{m_1 \in \omega \mid \ell < m_1\}$ , which is co-finite (its complement is finite), so  $(\Delta_1^+)_\ell \in \mathcal{U}^1 = \mathcal{U}$

↳ complement  $\notin \mathcal{U} \Rightarrow$  original  $\in \mathcal{U}$

•  $k \rightarrow k+1$ : by definition  $\Delta_{k+1}^+ \in \mathcal{U}^{k+1} = \mathcal{U} \otimes \mathcal{U}^k \iff$  the set  $\Gamma := \{m_0 \in \omega \mid (\Delta_k^+)_{m_0} \in \mathcal{U}^k\} \in \mathcal{U}$ , and this is true because  $\Gamma = \omega$ .  
 Indeed, for  $\forall m_0 \in \omega$  by the induction hypothesis for  $k$  we have  $(\Delta_k^+)_{m_0} = \{(m_1, \dots, m_k) \in \Delta_k^+ \mid m_0 < m_1\} \in \mathcal{U}^k$  ▣

Proposition: Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a nonprincipal ultrafilter on  $\omega$ . Then for  $\forall A \in \mathcal{U}^2$  there exists an infinite set  $H$  s.t.  $[H]_k^+ := \{(h_1, \dots, h_k) \in H^k \mid h_1 < \dots < h_k\} \subseteq A$ .

Corollary: IRT:  $(\forall \kappa)(\forall \pi): \omega \rightarrow (\omega)^\kappa$  ... different ultrafilter proof

Proof: Notice that there is a bijection between  $k$ -sets  $\{m_1, \dots, m_k\} \in [\omega]^k$  and component-wise ordered  $k$ -tuples  $(m_1, \dots, m_k) \in \Delta_k^+$ .  
 $\rightarrow$  hence we can identify  $[\omega]^k \simeq \Delta_k^+$  and  $[H]^k \simeq [H]_k^+$ .  
 $\Rightarrow$  a partition of  $[\omega]^k$  into  $\pi$  colors, also partitions  $\Delta_k^+ = C_1 \dot{\cup} \dots \dot{\cup} C_\pi$ .  
 $\rightarrow$  pick a nonprincipal ultrafilter  $\mathcal{U}$  on  $\omega$ .  
 $\rightarrow$  we know that  $\Delta_k^+ \in \mathcal{U}^k$ , so there is a unique  $j$  s.t.  $C_j \in \mathcal{U}^k$ .  
 $\rightarrow$  use the proposition on  $A = C_j$  to get an infinite  $H$  s.t.  $[H]^k$  has color  $j$  ▣

Proof of claim: We directly construct the set for  $\forall k \geq 1$ . For  $k=1$ :

$\forall A \in \mathcal{U} \exists$  infinite  $H$  s.t.  $[H]_1^+ = H \subseteq A$  ... true since  $A$  is infinite

•  $k=2$ :  $A \in \mathcal{U}^2 \iff \{x \in A_1 \mid A_2(x) \in \mathcal{U}\} \in \mathcal{U}$  ...  $A_1 = \{x \mid (x,y) \in A\}$   
 $A_2(x) = \{y \mid (x,y) \in A\}$



Thus there are  $\mathcal{U}$ -many  $x_i \in A_1$  for which  $A_2(x_i)$  is  $\mathcal{U}$ -large  $\Rightarrow$  denote the set of all of these  $x$  by  $X$

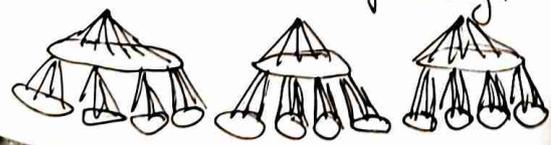
• set  $h_0 := x_1$ , then  $A_2(h_0) \cap X$  is  $\mathcal{U}$ -large, namely infinite, so  $\exists h_1 \in A_2(h_0) \cap X$  s.t.  $h_1 > h_0$  ...  $(h_0, h_2) \in A$

• to get  $h_m$ , let  $\Gamma_m = X \cap (\bigcap_{i < m} A_2(h_i)) \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{U}$ -large  $\Rightarrow$  infinite, so  $\exists h_m \in \Gamma_m$  s.t.  $h_m > h_{m-1} > \dots > h_1 > h_0$

$\rightarrow$  since  $\forall i < m: h_m \in A(h_i)$  we have  $(h_i, h_m) \in A$

🐛  $H := \{h_i \mid i < \omega\}$  has the property  $\forall i < j: h_i < h_j$  and  $(h_i, h_j) \in A \Rightarrow [H]_2^+ \subseteq A$

•  $k \geq 3$ : It starts getting messy for bigger  $k$ . For  $k=3$  we will need each  $h_j$  (for  $j \geq 2$ ) to be contained in all 3 levels at the same time - so that it can appear in each coordinate ▣



# RAMSEY THEORY AND EQUATIONS

→ statements of the form: given any finite coloring of  $\omega$ , there exist  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in \omega$  with the same color, which satisfy some prescribed condition

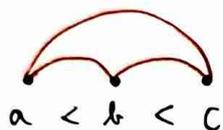
Theorem (Schur, 1916): If  $\omega$  is finitely colored, there exist  $x, y, z \in \omega \setminus \{0\}$  having the same color such that  $x+y=z$

not necessarily distinct

Proof: Assume that  $r$  colors are used and  $\chi: \omega \rightarrow r$ .

→ define a coloring  $\chi'$  of  $[\omega]^2$  as  $\chi'(\{a, b\}) := \chi(|a-b|)$

Ramsey:  $\exists \{a, b, c\}$  homogenous for  $\chi'$ , WLOG  $a < b < c$



$$\begin{aligned} \chi'(a, b) &= \chi'(b, c) = \chi'(a, c) \\ \chi(b-a) &= \chi(c-b) = \chi(c-a) \end{aligned}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{2em}}_x \quad \underbrace{\hspace{2em}}_y \quad \underbrace{\hspace{2em}}_{x+y}$

■

Remark: Schur actually proved this to show the following corollary:

Corollary (Schur):  $\forall m, \forall$  sufficiently large prime  $p, \exists x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  s.t.

$$x^m + y^m = z^m \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_p \quad \dots \text{ Fermat's last theorem modulo } p$$

Theorem (Schur, finite version):  $(\forall r)(\exists N)$  s.t. if  $N$  is  $r$ -colored, there  $\exists$  nonzero  $x, y, z < N$  having the same color such that  $x+y=z$

Proof: By compactness, we use the hypergraph

$V = \omega$  ... what we are coloring

$E = \{\{x, y, z\} \in [\omega]^3 \mid x+y=z\}$  ... what we want to find

■

Def: Given  $m > 0$ , the Schur number  $S(m)$  is the smallest integer  $N$  s.t. if  $\{1, 2, \dots, N\}$  is  $m$ -colored, there  $\exists$  monochromatic  $x, y, x+y \leq N$

Example: We know that

$$S(1) = 2 : \quad i \quad i \quad 1+1=2$$

$$S(2) = 5, \quad S(3) = 14, \quad S(4) = 45, \quad S(5) = 162$$

→ required 2 petabytes of RAM to calculate this number

Theorem (Rado, 1933): Let  $S(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  be a linear homogeneous constraint:

$$c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2 + \dots + c_n x_n = 0, \quad c_i \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Then Schur's Theorem generalizes to  $S$ , that is:  $\forall$  finite coloring of  $\omega$  there  $\exists$  monoch  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \omega$  with the same color s.t.  $S(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ ,

$\Leftrightarrow$  some nonempty subset of the  $c_i$  sums to zero

 Schur's Theorem corresponds to  $S(x_1, x_2, x_3): x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 0$

Example: Schur's Theorem

- generalizes to  $2x + 3y - 5z + w = 0$  as  $2+3-5=0$
- does not generalize to  $2x + 3y - 6z = 0$

Remark: Rado also proved a similar iff statement for systems of linear homogeneous constraints

## HINDMAN'S THEOREM

Schur:  $\exists$  monoch  $x, y$  s.t.  $x, y, x+y$  are monoch.

?  $\exists$  monoch  $x, y, z$  s.t.  $x, y, z, x+y, x+z, y+z, x+y+z$  are monoch?

Def: For  $X \subseteq \omega$  define the (finite) sum-set of  $X$  as  $FS(X) \subseteq \omega$ :

$$FS(X) := \{y \in \omega \mid y = \sum_{x \in A} x \text{ for some finite nonempty } A \subseteq X\}$$

Theorem (Folkman, 1970): If  $\omega$  is finitely colored, there exist arbitrarily

$\uparrow$  large finite sets  $X \subseteq \omega$  s.t.  $FS(X)$  is monochromatic.

Theorem (Hindman, 1974): If  $\omega$  is finitely colored, there exists an infinite set  $X \subseteq \omega$  s.t.  $FS(X)$  is monochromatic.

Def:  $\text{Fin}(\omega) := \{A \subseteq \omega \mid A \neq \emptyset \text{ \& } A \text{ is finite}\} = [\omega]^{<\omega} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$

Def: For  $D \subseteq \text{Fin}(\omega)$  define the finite union-set of  $D$  as  $FU(D) \subseteq \text{Fin}(\omega)$ :

$$FU(D) := \{Y \in \text{Fin}(\omega) \mid Y = \bigcup A \text{ for some finite nonempty } A \subseteq D\}$$

Def:  $D \subseteq \text{Fin}(\omega)$  is a disjoint collection  $\equiv \forall X, Y \in D: X \cap Y = \emptyset$

Theorem (FS version of H): If  $\text{Fin}(\omega)$  is finitely colored, there exists an infinite disjoint collection  $D \subseteq \text{Fin}(\omega)$  s.t.  $FU(D)$  is monochromatic.

Observation: FU version of H  $\Rightarrow$  FS version of H

Proof: Given  $\chi: \omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we want infinite  $X \subseteq \omega$  s.t.  $FS(X)$  is monochr

$\rightarrow$  define an injection  $a: Fin(\omega) \rightarrow \omega$  as  $a(X) := \sum_{i \in X} 2^i$

$\odot$   $X, Y$  disjoint  $\Rightarrow a(X) + a(Y) = a(X \dot{\cup} Y)$

$$\begin{array}{r} X: 1001 \\ Y: 10100 \\ \hline X \dot{\cup} Y: 11101 \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow$  define a  $\mathbb{R}$ -coloring of  $Fin(\omega)$  as  $\chi'(X) := \chi(a(X))$

$\rightarrow$  FU version of H gives us an infinite disjoint collection  $B \subseteq Fin(\omega)$  s.t.  $FU(B)$  is monochromatic w.r.t.  $\chi'$

$\rightarrow$  suppose  $B = \{X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots\}$ . If  $A = X_1 \dot{\cup} X_3 \dot{\cup} X_7$ , then

$$\chi'(X_1) = \chi'(X_3) = \chi'(X_7) = \chi'(A)$$

$$\chi(a(X_1)) = \chi(a(X_3)) = \chi(a(X_7)) = \chi(a(X_1) + a(X_3) + a(X_7))$$

}  $FU \approx FS$

$\Rightarrow$  take  $X := \{a(Y) \mid Y \in B\}$  ▣

## PROOF OF FINITE UNIONS VERSION OF HINDMAN

Note:  $D, D'$  etc. always denote an infinite disjoint collection

$\hookrightarrow$  always  $D \subseteq Fin(\omega)$

$\odot$   $D \subseteq Fin(\omega)$  &  $D' \subseteq FU(D) \Rightarrow FU(D') \subseteq FU(D)$

Def: We define an order on infinite disjoint collections as

$$D' \sqsubseteq D \equiv D' \subseteq FU(D)$$

Def: We say that  $S \subseteq Fin(\omega)$  is  $D$ -large  $\equiv \forall D' \sqsubseteq D: S \cap FU(D') \neq \emptyset$

$\hookrightarrow$   $S$  is "unavoidable", we cannot miss it for any smaller  $D' \sqsubseteq D$

Observations:

•  $D' \sqsubseteq D \Rightarrow FU(D') \subseteq FU(D)$

•  $D'' \sqsubseteq D' \sqsubseteq D \Rightarrow D'' \sqsubseteq D$

•  $FU(D)$  is  $D$ -large ... in particular  $Fin(\omega)$  is  $[\omega]^1$ -large

•  $S$  is  $D$ -large &  $D' \sqsubseteq D \Rightarrow S$  is  $D'$ -large

•  $S$  is  $D$ -large  $\Leftrightarrow S \cap FU(D)$  is  $D$ -large

•  $S$  is  $D$ -large &  $S \subseteq S' \Rightarrow S'$  is  $D$ -large

all singletons  $\{0\}, \{1\}, \{2\}, \dots$

$\uparrow$

Example:  $\{A \in Fin(\omega) \mid |A| \text{ even}\}$  is  $[\omega]^1$ -large

$\{A \in Fin(\omega) \mid |A| \text{ odd}\}$  is not  $[\omega]^1$ -large

Lemma [1]: If  $S$  is  $D$ -large and  $S = S_1 \cup S_2 \cup \dots \cup S_k$ , then  
 $\exists i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}, \exists D' \subseteq D$  s.t.  $S_i$  is  $D'$ -large.

Intuition: Large sets almost survive partitioning. We prove for  $S = S_1 \cup S_2$

Proof: Suppose not. Since  $S_1$  is not  $D$ -large, there  $\exists D' \subseteq D$  s.t.  $S_1 \cap FU(D') = \emptyset$

Since  $S_2$  is not  $D'$ -large, there  $\exists D'' \subseteq D'$  s.t.  $S_2 \cap FU(D'') = \emptyset$

$\rightarrow$  so  $S_1 \cap FU(D'') = \emptyset$  &  $S_2 \cap FU(D'') = \emptyset \Rightarrow S \cap FU(D'') = \emptyset$   $\nexists$

• The general case follows by induction ▣

$\rightarrow$  our goal will be to prove the following:

Theorem: If  $S$  is  $D$ -large, then  $\exists D^* \subseteq D$  s.t.  $FU(D^*) \subseteq S$ .

Corollary: This implies FU version of Hindman. Let  $Fin(\omega)$  be  $\kappa$ -colored,  
that is partitioned as  $Fin(\omega) = S_1 \cup S_2 \cup \dots \cup S_\kappa$ .

$\rightarrow$  since  $Fin(\omega)$  is  $[\omega]^1$ -large, Lemma [1] implies that  $\exists i \exists D \subseteq [\omega]^1$   
such that  $S_i$  is  $D$ -large

$\rightarrow$  by the theorem  $\exists D^* \subseteq D$  s.t.  $FU(D^*) \subseteq S_i$

$\rightarrow$  that is  $FU(D^*)$  is monochromatic (color  $i$ ). Hindman is looking for  $D^*$  ▣

mechanism so  $\ddot{\smile}$

# WELL-QUASI ORDERINGS

Def: A relation  $\leq$  on a set  $A$  is a

- preorder (or quasi-order)  $\equiv$  it is reflexive and transitive
- partial order  $\equiv$  it is an antisymmetric preorder
- well-quasi-order  $\equiv \forall$  infinite sequence  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots \in A$  is good,  
preorder and  $\rightarrow$  that is:  $\exists i < j$  s.t.  $x_i \leq x_j$

Lemma: WQO  $\Leftrightarrow$  no  $\infty$  decreasing sequences & no  $\infty$  antichains

Proof:  $\Rightarrow$ : obviously

$\hookrightarrow$  strictly decreasing:  $x_i < x_j \equiv x_i \leq x_j$  &  $x_j \not\leq x_i$

$\Leftarrow$ : suppose there  $\exists x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots$  s.t.  $\forall i < j: x_i \not\leq x_j$

$\odot$  all  $x_i$  are distinct, otherwise  $x_i = x_j$  for some  $i < j$

We say that  $x_i$  is terminal  $\equiv \nexists x_j, j > i$  s.t.  $x_i > x_j$

$\odot$  there are only finitely many terminal elements,  
otherwise they form an  $\infty$  antichain:  $x_i \not\leq x_j$  &  $x_i \not> x_j$

$\Rightarrow$  WLOG the sequence  $(x_i)_i$  contains no terminal elements

$\hookrightarrow$  otherwise we can just remove them

$\rightarrow$  no  $\infty$  antichains:  $\exists i_1 < i_2$  s.t.  $x_{i_1} > x_{i_2}$

$\rightarrow x_{i_2}$  is not terminal  $\Rightarrow \exists i_3 > i_2$  s.t.  $x_{i_2} > x_{i_3}$

$\rightarrow x_{i_3}$  is not terminal ... we construct an  $\infty$  decreasing sequence  $\zeta$   $\blacksquare$

Lemma: WQO  $\Rightarrow \forall$  infinite sequence  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots \in A$

$\exists i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_m < \dots$  s.t.  $x_{i_1} \leq x_{i_2} \leq \dots \leq x_{i_m} \leq \dots$

Intuition: There is an infinite nondecreasing subsequence

Proof: We say that  $x_i$  is terminal  $\equiv \nexists x_j, j > i$  s.t.  $x_i \leq x_j$

$\odot$  there are only finitely many terminal elements, otherwise the infinite subsequence of them is a bad sequence

$\rightarrow$  remove all terminal elements from the sequence and take some  $i_1 < i_2$

s.t.  $x_{i_1} \leq x_{i_2}$ . Now  $x_{i_2}$  is not terminal, so  $\exists i_3 > i_2$  s.t.  $x_{i_2} \leq x_{i_3} \dots$   $\blacksquare$

Lemma:  $(A, \leq)$  WQO  $\Rightarrow \forall B \subseteq A$  has at least one, but only finitely many min. elements.

Proof: If  $\infty$  many then they form an  $\infty$  antichain  $\zeta$

• if it had no min. el., then we could construct (assuming AC $\omega$ ) an infinite decreasing sequence  $\zeta$   $\blacksquare$

Def: Given two preorders  $(A, \leq_A)$ ,  $(B, \leq_B)$  define a preorder  $\leq$  on  $A \times B$  as

$$(a, b) \leq (a', b') \equiv a \leq_A a' \ \& \ b \leq_B b'$$

Def: Given a preorder  $(A, \leq)$  we can define a preorder  $\leq_m$  on  $A^m$  as

$$(a_1, \dots, a_m) \leq_m (a'_1, \dots, a'_m) \equiv \forall i: a_i \leq a'_i$$

Lemma: If  $(A, \leq_A)$  and  $(B, \leq_B)$  are WQO, then  $(A \times B, \leq)$  is also a WQO.

Proof: Any infinite sequence  $(s_i)_i \subset A \times B$  consists of pairs  $s_i = (a_i, b_i)$  and defines an  $\infty$  seq.  $(a_i)_i \subset A$  and  $(b_i)_i \subset B$

→ since  $\leq_A$  is a WQO, the  $\infty$  sequence  $(a_i)_i$  has an  $\infty$  nondecreasing subsequence  $(a_{i_k})_k$ , that is,  $\exists i_1 < i_2 < \dots$  s.t.  $a_{i_1} \leq_A a_{i_2} \leq_A \dots$

→ restrict your attention only to the pairs  $(a_i, b_i)$  containing these elements — so they are nondecreasing in the first coordinate

→ since the corresponding  $(b_{i_k})_k$  is an  $\infty$  seq. and  $\leq_B$  is WQO,

there  $\exists l < k$  s.t.  $b_{i_l} \leq b_{i_k}$ , hence  $(a_{i_l}, b_{i_l}) \leq (a_{i_k}, b_{i_k})$  ■

👁 The lemma extends to any finite number of preorders  $(A_i, \leq_i)$  by induction

Corollary (Dickson, 1913):  $\forall n: (\omega^n, \leq_n)$  is a WQO. Here  $\omega^n$  denotes the set of all  $n$ -tuples of natural numbers and  $\leq$  is the standard order on  $\omega$ .

## HIGMAN'S THEOREM

Def: Let  $(A, \leq)$  be a preorder. Denote by  $A^* = A^{<\omega}$  the set of all finite strings (words) over the alphabet  $A$ , and define a preorder  $\sqsubseteq$  on  $A^*$  as

$$w \sqsubseteq w' \equiv w = w_1 w_2 \dots w_k, \quad w' = w'_1 w'_2 \dots w'_m, \quad k \leq m$$

$$\exists i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \text{ s.t. } w_1 \leq w'_{i_1}, \dots, w_k \leq w'_{i_k}$$

If  $\leq$  is equality  $=$ , then  $\sqsubseteq$  is called string embeddings

Theorem (Higman, 1952):  $(A, \leq)$  WQO  $\Rightarrow (A^*, \sqsubseteq)$  WQO

Corollary: If  $A$  is finite, then string embeddings are a WQO on  $A^*$

↳ equality on any finite set is a WQO from the pigeonhole principle

Note:  $\forall w \in A^*: e \sqsubseteq w$ , where  $e$  denotes the empty string.

Proof: For contradiction suppose that  $\exists$  bad sequence  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n, \dots \in A^*$

$\rightarrow$  we will construct a minimal bad sequence as follows: ! we need AC $\omega$

• let  $w_1^0$  be a string of minimal length starting a bad sequence

• look at all bad sequences starting with  $w_1^0$  and from there pick  $w_2^0$ ,

$w_1^0, w_2^0, w_3^0, w_4^0, \dots$  a string  $w_2^0$  of minimal length

$w_1^0, w_2^0, w_3^0, w_4^0, \dots \Rightarrow w_{n+1}^0$  is a string of min. length s.t. there

$w_1^0, w_2^0, w_3^0, w_4^0, \dots$  is a bad sequence whose first  $n$  elements are  $w_1^0, \dots, w_n^0$

$\rightarrow$  for  $\forall i$  write  $w_i^0$  as  $w_i^0 = a_i w_i^1$ , where  $a_i$  is the first letter of  $w_i^0$ , and  $w_i^1$  is the rest of the string

Note:  $w_i^0 \neq \emptyset$ , since otherwise the sequence is not bad ( $\emptyset \in w$  for  $\forall w \in A^*$ ), but  $w_i^1$  might be empty

$\rightarrow$  since  $(A, \leq)$  is a WQO and  $a_i$  define an  $\omega$  sequence, there

$\exists i_1 < i_2 < \dots$  s.t.  $a_{i_1} \leq a_{i_2} \leq \dots$  is an  $\omega$  nondecreasing subsequence

claim: The infinite subsequence  $(w_{i_1}^1), w_{i_2}^1, \dots$  is good:  $\exists l < k : w_{i_l}^1 \subseteq w_{i_k}^1$

corollary: we have  $a_{i_l} \leq a_{i_k}$  }  $w_{i_l}^0 \subseteq w_{i_k}^0$  } that  $(w_i^0)_i$  is bad and we are done

proof of claim: Suppose  $(w_{i_j}^1)_j$  is bad (so all  $w_{i_j}^1$  are nonempty)

case 1:  $i_1 = 1$ , so  $w_{i_1}^1 = w_1^1$ . Then  $w_1^1, w_{i_2}^1, \dots$  is a bad sequence with  $|w_1^1| < |w_{i_1}^0|$ , contradicting the minimality of  $w_1^0$

case 2:  $i_1 > 1$ . Then the sequence

$w_1^0, w_2^0, \dots, w_{i_1-1}^0, w_{i_1}^1, w_{i_2}^1, \dots$  is also a bad sequence

Indeed, if  $w_k^0 \subseteq w_{i_j}^1$ , then  $w_k^0 \subseteq w_{i_j}^0 \Rightarrow (w_{i_j}^0)_j$  is good

$\rightarrow$  but notice that  $|w_{i_1}^1| < |w_{i_1}^0|$ , contradicting the minimality of  $w_{i_1}^0$

Remark: This minimal bad sequence technique is very useful, and we will employ it to prove other WQO statements

Remark: So if  $A$  is a finite alphabet, then  $(A^*, \subseteq)$  has no antichain,

$\left. \begin{array}{l} 000 \dots 01 \\ 000 \dots 11 \\ \vdots \\ 111 \dots 11 \end{array} \right\} n$

but it has an antichain of any finite length  $n$

( $\subseteq$  = string embeddings)

? Higman orders  $A^*$  = finite ordered tuples, does it also work for  $[A]^{<\omega}$  = finite unordered tuples?

Def: Given a preorder  $(A, \leq)$  define a preorder  $\ll$  on  $[A]^{<\omega}$  as:

$$X \ll Y \equiv \exists \text{ injection } \varphi: X \hookrightarrow Y \text{ s.t. } \forall x \in X: x \leq \varphi(x)$$

Namely  $\emptyset \ll Y$  for  $\forall Y \in [A]^{<\omega}$ .

Theorem (Nash-Williams):  $(A, \leq)$  WQO  $\Rightarrow ([A]^{<\omega}, \ll)$  WQO

Proof: For contradiction let  $X_1^0, X_2^0, X_3^0, \dots$  be a minimal bad seq. in  $[A]^{<\omega}$  constructed the same way as in the proof of Higman's theorem

$\rightarrow$  note that all  $X_i^0$  have to be nonempty, and let  $X_i^0 = X_i^1 \cup \{a_i\}$

$\rightarrow$  since  $(A, \leq)$  is a WQO,  $\exists i_1 < i_2 < \dots$  s.t.  $a_{i_1} \leq a_{i_2} \leq \dots$

claim:  $X_{i_1}^1, X_{i_2}^1, \dots$  is a good sequence ...  $\exists l < k$  s.t.  $X_{i_l}^1 \ll X_{i_k}^1$

corollary:  $X_{i_l}^1 \ll X_{i_k}^1$  &  $a_{i_l} \leq a_{i_k} \Rightarrow X_{i_l}^0 \ll X_{i_k}^0$   $\nabla$  and we are done

proof of claim: suppose  $(X_{i_j}^1)_j$  is bad,  $\hookrightarrow$  so  $(X_{i_j}^0)_j$  is not bad

then the sequence  $X_1^0, X_2^0, \dots, X_{i_1-1}^0, X_{i_1}^1, X_{i_2}^1, \dots$  is also bad

$\rightarrow$  indeed, if  $X_k^0 \ll X_{i_j}^1$ , then  $X_k^0 \ll X_{i_j}^0$  so  $(X_{i_j}^0)_j$  is not bad  $\nabla$

$\rightarrow$  but  $|X_{i_1}^1| < |X_{i_1}^0|$ , contradicting the minimality of  $X_{i_1}^0$   $\nabla$

Note: we didn't explicitly state the case when  $i_1 = 1$  here  $\blacksquare$

Remark: This theorem is in fact a direct consequence of Higman's theorem

$\rightarrow$  given a sequence  $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots$  we can order each set  $X_i$

arbitrarily to form a tuple  $W_i$ , and apply Higman:  $W_i \leq W_j \Rightarrow X_i \ll X_j$

What about infinite sequences?

Example (Rado):  $(Q, \leq)$  WQO  $\nRightarrow (Q^{<\omega}, \sqsubseteq)$  WQO  $\rightarrow$  lexicographical

$$Q = \{(i, j) \mid i < j < \omega\}, (i, j) \leq (k, l) \equiv (i = k \ \& \ j \leq l) \vee (i < k)$$

Def:  $Q^{\text{fin}} := \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} Q^k$  ... all set-long sequences

Theorem (Nash-Williams, 1968):  $Q$  finite  $\Rightarrow Q^{\text{fin}}$  WQO.  $Q$  ordered using =

$\hookrightarrow$  in fact he proved something much stronger about so-called better-quasi-orderings

# WQOs ON GRAPHS

Def: Undirected graphs  $G, H$

• subgraph  $G \subseteq H \equiv V_G \subseteq V_H \text{ \& } E_G \subseteq E_H \cap \binom{V_G}{2}$

• induced subgraph  $G \leq H \equiv V_G \subseteq V_H \text{ \& } E_G = E_H \cap \binom{V_G}{2}$

• minor

$G \leq_m H \equiv G$  can be obtained from  $H$  by

• topological minor  $G \leq_{\epsilon} H \equiv (a \text{ subdivision of } G) \subseteq H$

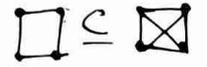
deleting vertices  
deleting edges  
contracting edges

👁  $\subseteq, \leq, \leq_m, \leq_{\epsilon}$  are all partial orders on the class of all (finite) graphs

Note: We take isomorphic graphs to be identical

👁  $G \leq H \Rightarrow G \subseteq H \Rightarrow G \leq_{\epsilon} H \Rightarrow G \leq_m H$

👁  $G \leq H \not\Leftarrow G \subseteq H \not\Leftarrow G \leq_{\epsilon} H \not\Leftarrow G \leq_m H$

Proof: ①   $\subseteq$   but  $\not\Leftarrow$

②   $\leq_m$   but  $\not\Leftarrow_{\epsilon}$

③   $\leq_{\epsilon}$   but  $\not\Leftarrow$

$\hookrightarrow \text{max deg} = 4 \Rightarrow \text{any subdivision also } 4$   
 $\hookrightarrow \text{but } \text{star graph has max deg} = 3$

Def: Given a preorder  $(A, \leq)$ , we say that a property  $\mathcal{P}(x)$  is  $\leq$ -monotone  $\equiv$

$$\forall x, y \in A: \mathcal{P}(x) \text{ \& } y \leq x \Rightarrow \mathcal{P}(y)$$

Principle:  $(A, \leq)$  WQO  $\Rightarrow$  every  $\leq$ -monotone property  $\mathcal{P}(x)$  is finitely testable

Explanation: We want to test if a given  $x \in A$  has property  $\mathcal{P}(x)$

$\rightarrow$  look at  $\bar{A} := \{x \in A \mid \neg \mathcal{P}(x)\}$  ... the elements not having  $\mathcal{P}(x)$

$\rightarrow$  since  $\leq$  is WQO,  $\bar{A}$  has finitely many minimal elements  $F_1, \dots, F_m$

👁  $\mathcal{P}(x) \Leftrightarrow \nexists j: F_j \leq x$

$\Leftarrow$ : if  $\neg \mathcal{P}(x)$  then  $x \in \bar{A}$  so  $\exists j: F_j \leq x$ , since there  $\exists$  a minimal element below  $x$  ( $\leq$  is WQO) and  $F_i$  are all of the min. elements of  $\bar{A}$ .

$\Rightarrow$ : if  $F_j \leq x$ , then  $\mathcal{P}(F_j)$  since  $\mathcal{P}$  is  $\leq$ -monotone ▣

Example:  $G$  is planar  $\Leftrightarrow K_5 \not\leq_m G$  &  $K_{3,3} \not\leq_m G$

Corollary: WQOs on classes of graphs allow us to make finite forbidden graph characterizations of any monotone property

Theorem (Robertson-Seymour):  $\leq_m$  is WQO on finite graphs.

Remark: This is considered one of the deepest results of the 20th century, and was proven in a series of articles in years 1983-2004

Theorem (Thomas, 1989):  $\leq_m$  is not WQO on all (including infinite) graphs.

Conjecture (Thomas, 1989):  $\leq_m$  is WQO on countable graphs.

Observation: None of  $\leq$ ,  $\leq$ ,  $\leq_t$  are WQO on all finite graphs

Proof: We find  $\infty$  antichains

$\leq \rightarrow$   $\dots$

$\leq_t$ : spiky cycles:  $\dots$

long lines:  $\dots$  counterexample used graphs of size  $2^w = \infty$

If  $\leq_m$  is WQO on all (finite) graphs, then it is also WQO on any smaller class of graphs

### KRUSKAL'S TREE THEOREM

Theorem (Kruskal, 1960):  $\leq_t$  is WQO on finite trees.

neither  $\leq$  nor  $\leq$  are WQO on trees

$\hookrightarrow$  are  $\infty$  antichain

$\rightarrow$  we will in fact prove something much more general

Def: Given a set of labels  $\Sigma$ , a  $\Sigma$ -labeled rooted tree is a rooted tree  $T$  together with a function  $f: T \rightarrow \Sigma$ . For  $x \in T$  we denote  $T(x) := f(x)$ .

Def:  $T_\Sigma :=$  the set of all  $\Sigma$ -labeled (finite) rooted trees.

Def: Given a preorder  $(\Sigma, \leq)$  we define a preorder  $\sqsubseteq$  on  $T_\Sigma$  as

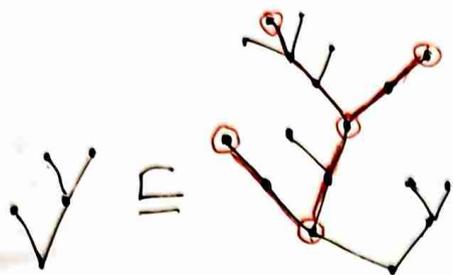
$$T_1 \sqsubseteq T_2 \equiv \exists \text{ injection } \varphi: T_1 \hookrightarrow T_2 \text{ s.t. } \forall x \in T_1: T_1(x) \leq T_2(\varphi(x))$$

$$\text{and } \forall x, y \in T_1: \varphi(x \wedge y) = \varphi(x) \wedge \varphi(y)$$

where  $x \wedge y$  is the meet of  $x$  and  $y$  = nearest common ancestor.

Theorem:  $(\Sigma, \leq)$  WQO  $\Rightarrow (T_\Sigma, \sqsubseteq)$  WQO.

👁 if  $\Sigma = \{\bullet\}$ , then  $\subseteq$  is the topo-minor relation for rooted trees:



The injection  $\checkmark \mapsto \checkmark$  is called an embedding

👁 This implies that  $\subseteq$  is WQO on trees.

↳ given a sequence  $T_1, T_2, \dots$  root each tree in any way, and find an embedding between two of the rooted trees.

👁 Kruskal's Theorem  $\Rightarrow$  Higman's Theorem

↳ each  $w \in A^*$  can be treated as a tree  $T_w \in T_A$



👁  $v \subseteq w \Leftrightarrow T_v \subseteq T_w$

Proof of Kruskal's Thm:

→ for contradiction suppose that  $\exists$  a bad sequence in  $T_\Sigma$  and construct a minimal bad sequence  $T_1^\circ, T_2^\circ, \dots, T_n^\circ, \dots$ , where  $T_{n+1}^\circ$  is a tree with minimal size  $|T_{n+1}^\circ|$  s.t. there  $\exists$  a bad sequence whose first  $n$  elements are  $T_1^\circ, \dots, T_n^\circ$  and  $(n+1)$ -th element is  $T_{n+1}^\circ$

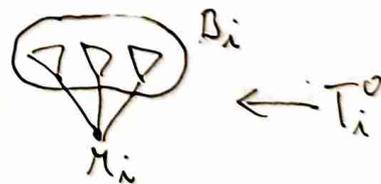
👁  $|T_i^\circ| \geq 2$  for all but finitely many  $i$

↳ otherwise there is an  $\infty$  subsequence of one-node trees, and since  $(\Sigma, \subseteq)$  is a WQO, there are  $i < j$  s.t.  $T_i^\circ \subseteq T_j^\circ$  ( $T_i, T_j$  one-node)  $\nexists (T_i^\circ)_i$  bad

$\Rightarrow$  WLOG  $|T_i^\circ| \geq 2$  for  $\forall i$  ... otherwise we just forget them

→ for each  $T_i^\circ$  let  $r_i \in \Sigma$  be the root of  $T_i^\circ$  and

$B_i \subseteq T_\Sigma$  be the set of "branches" of  $T_i^\circ$



claim:  $\subseteq$  is WQO on  $B := \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i$

proof: for contradiction let  $R_1, R_2, \dots$  be a bad sequence in  $B$

→  $\forall i$  let  $f(i)$  be the smallest integer s.t.  $R_i$  is a branch of  $T_{f(i)}^\circ$

→ let  $k$  be such that  $f(k)$  is minimal

case 1: if  $f(k) = 1$ , then  $R_1, R_2, \dots$  is a bad sequence in  $T_\Sigma$  with  $|R_1| < |T_1^\circ|$ , contradicting the minimality of  $T_1^\circ \in$

case 2:  $f(x) > 1$ : Consider the sequence  $T_1^0, T_2^0, \dots, T_{f(x)-1}^0, R_x, R_{x+1}, \dots$

⊛ it is bad, contradicting the minimality of  $T_{f(x)}^0$  since  $|R_x| < |T_{f(x)}^0|$  ⊞

↳ indeed, if  $i < f(x)$  and  $T_i^0 \in R_j$  for  $j \geq x$ ,

then  $T_i^0 \in T_{f(j)}^0$  and  $f(j) > i$  since  $f(j) \geq f(x) > i$

(\*\*)

corollary of claim: since  $(B, \subseteq)$  is WQO, by the Nash-Williams theorem the finite subsets  $[B]^{<\omega}$  are WQO by the order induced by  $\subseteq$  as:

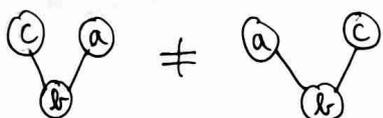
$$\textcircled{*} \{R_1, \dots, R_m\} \ll \{L_1, \dots, L_m\} \iff \exists \text{ injection } \varphi: R_i \mapsto L_j \text{ s.t.} \\ \forall R_i: R_i \subseteq \varphi(R_i)$$

• since  $(\mathbb{N}, \leq)$  is WQO there  $\exists i_1 < i_2 < \dots$  s.t. the roots  $r_{i_1} \leq r_{i_2} \leq \dots$

$\Rightarrow$  we now use  $\textcircled{*}$  on the sequence  $B_{i_1}, B_{i_2}, \dots$  to find  $l < k$  s.t.  $B_{i_l} \ll B_{i_k}$

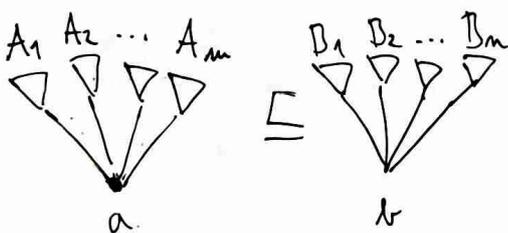
⊛  $r_{i_l} \leq r_{i_k}$  &  $B_{i_l} \ll B_{i_k} \Rightarrow T_{i_l}^0 \subseteq T_{i_k}^0 \Rightarrow (T_i^0)_i$  is good ⊞

Remark: The theorem holds even for ordered labeled rooted trees, that is trees where the order of immediate successors matters:



We need to adjust the definition of the preorder  $(T, \subseteq)$  to reflect this:

so we will now also want the following:



$$\Rightarrow \exists i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_m \text{ s.t.} \\ A_{i_1} \subseteq B_{i_1}, \dots, A_{i_m} \subseteq B_{i_m}$$

⊛ This generalized theorem can be proved in the same way, the only difference is that we use Higman's theorem at (\*\*) instead of Nash-Williams.

What about infinite trees/graphs?

Theorem (Nash-Williams, 1965):  $\leq_\epsilon$  is WQO on the class of all (possibly  $\infty$ ) trees.

Remark: These are graph-trees, so connected acyclic graphs. They correspond to model-theory trees of height  $\leq \omega$ . Galvin showed that  $\leq_\epsilon$  is not WQO for height  $> \omega$ .

Theorem (Thomas, 1989):  $\leq_m$  is WQO on any class of graphs (possibly  $\infty$ ) with a forbidden finite planar minor. Hence if we choose the minor to be a  $n \times n$  grid , we get that  $\leq_m$  is WQO on any class of graphs with bounded tree-width.

Kruskal's theorem and  $\Gamma_0$   $\rightarrow (\Sigma, =)$  is WQO

Theorem 1 (Kruskal):  $\Sigma$  finite  $\Rightarrow (T_\Sigma, \leq)$  is WQO

Theorem 2 (Friedman):  $\Sigma$  finite  $\Rightarrow$  for  $\forall k \geq 2$  exists some large  $N \geq 2$

s.t. for any finite sequence  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_N$  of trees in  $T_\Sigma$  with

$\forall m \in [N]: |t_m| \leq m$ , there  $\exists i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k$  s.t.  $t_{i_1} \leq t_{i_2} \leq \dots \leq t_{i_k}$ .

Idea: Kruskal:  $\forall$  infinite sequence in  $T_\Sigma$  contains infinite monotone subsequence

Friedman: if we only want finite monotone subsequences, (from WQO) we do not need to look at infinite sequences - some  $N$  is enough

Theorem: Neither 1 nor 2 for  $\Sigma = \{\circ\}$  can be proved in PA or even in ATR<sub>0</sub>.

Proof: Denote by  $T$  the set  $T_\Sigma$ , that is all finite rooted trees.

Fact:  $\exists$  surjective mapping  $h: T \rightarrow \Gamma_0$  s.t.  $\forall s, t \in T: s \leq t \Rightarrow h(s) \leq h(t)$ .

We now show that both 1 and 2 imply that  $\Gamma_0$  is well-founded. ↑ (rooted) top-minor

Hence no proof of 1 or 2 can be formalized in ATR<sub>0</sub> as ATR<sub>0</sub>  $\not\vdash$  WF( $\Gamma_0$ ).

$\rightarrow$  assume for contradiction that  $\exists \infty$ -sequence  $\alpha_0 > \alpha_1 > \alpha_2 > \dots$  of ordinals in  $\Gamma_0$ .

Using the fact above and AC<sub>w</sub> there  $\exists \infty$  sequence  $t_1, t_2, t_3, \dots$  of trees in  $T$

such that  $\forall i: h(t_i) = \alpha_i$ . Now:

1  $(T, \leq)$  is WQO  $\Rightarrow \exists i < j$  s.t.  $t_i \leq t_j \Rightarrow \alpha_i = h(t_i) \leq h(t_j) = \alpha_j$

$\rightarrow$  contradiction since  $i < j \Rightarrow \alpha_i > \alpha_j$

2 We can only look at the first  $N$  trees in the sequence (for  $k=2$ )

$\rightarrow$  we again get  $i < j$  s.t.  $t_i \leq t_j \Rightarrow \alpha_i \leq \alpha_j$   $\S$

Thus  $\Gamma_0$  is well founded. ▀

Theorem: The function  $F: k \mapsto N$  from theorem 2 cannot be proved total recursive by PA.

Proof: Recall that PA can prove that  $F$  is total recursive  $\Leftrightarrow F$  is dominated by some  $f_\alpha$  for  $\alpha < \epsilon_0$ .

Fact:  $F$  dominates  $\{f_\alpha\}$  in fact  $F \sim f_\alpha$  for some  $\alpha > \Gamma_0$  ▀

# WQO USING INDUCED SUBGRAPHS

Def: The tree depth of a graph  $G$  is

$$td(G) := \min \text{ height of a rooted forest } F \text{ s.t. } G \subseteq \text{Closure}(F)$$

$$\text{Closure}(V) = \text{star}$$

$$\text{Closure}(\cdot) = K_4$$

subgraph



ancestral relation

tree width ~ similarity to a tree  
tree depth ~ similarity to a star

👁  $\forall G: \underline{td(G) \leq |V_G|}$  ... since  $\text{Closure}(P_n) = K_n$

👁  $H \subseteq G \Rightarrow td(H) \leq td(G)$

- empty graph  $E_n: td(\overset{\sim}{\dots}) = 1$  with forest  $F = \overset{\sim}{\dots}$
- complete graph  $K_n: td(K_n) = n$

👁  $\forall G \exists$  forest  $F$  with  $|V_F| = |V_G|$  of height  $td(G)$  s.t.  $G \subseteq \text{Closure}(F)$

↳ take any min height forest - if we did not use some vertex, then we can remove it, and we will still have some forest, height cannot increase

👁 if  $G$  has components  $G_1, \dots, G_k$ , then  $\underline{td(G) = \max_i td(G_i)}$

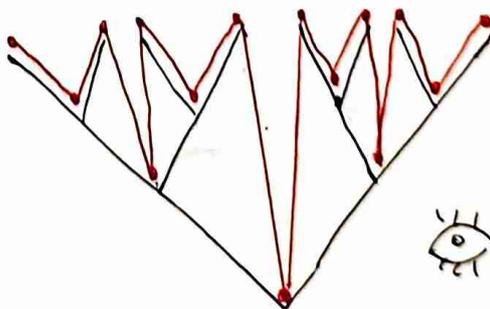
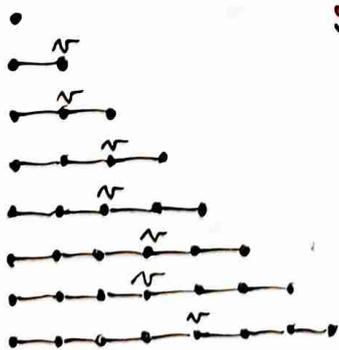
Equivalently: We can define tree depth recursively as

$$td(G) := \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } |G|=1 \\ \max_i td(G_i), & \text{if } G \text{ has components } G_1, \dots, G_k \\ 1 + \min_{v \in G} td(G-v), & \text{if } G \text{ is connected} \end{cases}$$

Intuition: We place the vertex  $v$  into the root of the tree and place each component  $G_i$  into a subtree of height  $td(G)-1$

Example: Paths on  $n$  vertices

$n$	$td$
1	1
2	1
3	2
4	2
5	2
6	3
7	3
8	3
9	3



👁  $\underline{td(P_n) \approx \log_2(n)}$

More precisely:  $td(P_{2^m-1}) = m$   
 $td(P_{2^m}) = m+1$

Theorem (Ding, 1992): Induced subgraphs  $\leq$  are WQO on

- ① every class of graphs with bounded tree depth
- ② every class of graphs not containing  $P_m$  as a subgraph for some  $m$

👁  $\subseteq$  and  $\leq_\epsilon$  are also WQO on these classes as  $\leq$  is stronger

Observation: statements ① and ② are in fact equivalent

$\text{TD}_m$  := class of graphs  $G$  with  $\text{td}(G) \leq m$

$\text{NP}_m$  := class of graphs  $G$  s.t.  $P_m \not\subseteq G$

①  $\Leftrightarrow \forall m: (\text{TD}_m, \leq)$  is WQO ... hence also any subclass

②  $\Leftrightarrow \forall m: (\text{NP}_m, \leq)$  is WQO ... hence also any subclass

• ①  $\Rightarrow$  ② since  $\text{NP}_m \subseteq \text{TD}_m$

↳ if  $P_m \subseteq G$ , then  $\exists$  component  $G_i$  of  $G: G_i \subseteq K_{m-1} \Rightarrow \text{td}(G_i) \leq m-1$

• ②  $\Rightarrow$  ① since  $\text{TD}_m \subseteq \text{NP}_{2m}$

↳ if  $\text{td}(G) \leq m$ , then  $P_{2m} \not\subseteq G$  since  $\text{td}(P_{2m}) > m$  ▣

→ we will in fact prove something more general

Def: Given a set of labels  $Q$ , a  $Q$ -labeled graph is a graph  $G$  together with a function  $f: V_G \rightarrow Q$ . We denote for  $v \in V_G: G(v) := f(v)$ .

Def: If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a class of graphs, then  $\mathcal{C}(Q)$  is the class of all  $Q$ -labeled graphs  $(G, f)$  s.t.  $G \in \mathcal{C}$ .

Def: Given a preorder  $(Q, \leq)$  we define a preorder  $\ll$  on  $\mathcal{C}(Q)$  as

$G \ll H \equiv G \leq H$  &  $\forall v \in V_G: G(v) \leq H(\sigma(v))$ , where

(\*\*)  $\sigma$  is an isomorphism from  $G$  to some  $H' \leq H$  s.t.  $G \cong H'$

👁 If  $Q = \{0\}$  then  $\ll$  is just the induced subgraphs relation.

Theorem:  $(\forall m): (\underline{Q, \leq}) \text{ WQO} \Rightarrow (\underline{\text{TD}_m(Q), \ll}) \text{ WQO}$ .

Corollary: by letting  $Q = \{0\}$  we get the result for standard graphs

Proof: Notice that it is enough to prove the theorem for classes of connected graphs

👁 once we have that, Higman's / Nash-Williams will imply it for general graphs  
 ↳ we will know  $(\text{Connected graphs} \in \text{TD}_m(\mathbb{Q}), \ll)$  is WQO

→ disconnected graph  $\sim$  finite set of connected graphs, and

$$G_1 \ll H_1, \dots, G_k \ll H_k \Rightarrow G_1 \dot{\cup} \dots \dot{\cup} G_k \ll H_1 \dot{\cup} \dots \dot{\cup} H_k \quad \checkmark$$

Hence consider only connected graphs. We proceed by induction on  $m$

•  $m=1$ : the only connected graph with  $\text{ed} = 1$  is  $K_1$ , so  $(\text{TD}_1(\mathbb{Q}), \ll)$  is nothing but  $(\mathbb{Q}, \leq)$ , which is WQO

•  $m > 1$ : let  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_m, \dots$  be an infinite sequence of connected  $G_i \in \text{TD}_m(\mathbb{Q})$   
 ↳ since  $\text{ed}(G_i) \leq m$  there  $\exists v_i \in G_i$  s.t.  $\forall$  component of  $G_i - v_i$  has  $\text{ed} \leq m-1$

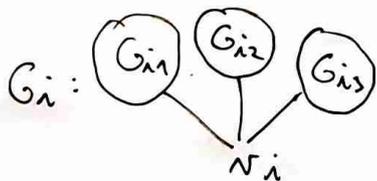
👁 WLOG:  $G_1(v_1) \leq G_2(v_2) \leq G_3(v_3) \leq \dots$

↳ since  $(\mathbb{Q}, \leq)$  is WQO,  $(G_i(v_i))_i$  has an  $\infty$  nondecreasing subsequence

→ for each  $G_i$  let  $G_{i1}, G_{i2}, \dots, G_{ik_i}$  be the components of  $G_i$

→ let  $\mathbb{Q}' := \mathbb{Q} \times \{0, 1\}$  and define a  $\mathbb{Q}'$ -labeling  $f_{ij}$  on  $G_{ij}$  as

$$f_{ij}(v) = (G_i(v), e_i(v)), \text{ where } e_i(v) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } v v_i \in E(G_i) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



and  $f_{ij}(v)$  remembers the label of  $v$ , but also encodes whether it's connected to  $v_i$

→ define a preorder  $\leq'$  on  $\mathbb{Q}'$  as  $(q, e) \leq' (q', e') \iff q \leq q' \ \& \ e = e'$

👁  $(\mathbb{Q}', \leq')$  is WQO ... since  $(\mathbb{Q}, \leq)$  and  $(\{0, 1\}, =)$  are WQO

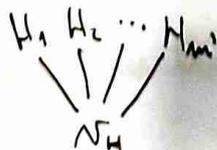
⇒ induction hypothesis for  $m-1$ :  $\text{TD}_{m-1}(\mathbb{Q}')$  is WQO by  $\ll'$

→ we now use Higman's theorem on the sequence of finite tuples of components  $(G_{i1}, \dots, G_{ik_i})$  labeled using  $\mathbb{Q}'$  by  $f_{ij}$ . We obtain  $i < j$  s.t.

$$(G_{i1}, \dots, G_{ik_i}) \sqsubseteq (G_{j1}, \dots, G_{jk_j})$$

→ to make notation easier let  $G_i = G$ ,  $H_i = H$ ,  $v_i = v_G$ ,  $v_j = v_H$

$k_i = m$ , and  $k_j = m'$ . So  $\exists i_1 < \dots < i_m$  s.t.  $G_1 \ll' H_{i_1}, \dots, G_m \ll' H_{i_m}$



👁  $G \ll' H \dots G_i \ll' H_{ij}$  means that  $G_i \ll' H_{ij}$  and  $\forall v \in G_i: v v_G \in E(G) \iff v v_H \in E(H)$   $\square$

→ we have already observed that the graphs,

$C_n$ : , , , , ...

$F_n$ : , , , , ...

are antichains for both  $\subseteq$  and  $\leq$

→ we have also seen that the classes of graphs  $NP_n$  and  $TD_n$  are WQO for both  $\subseteq$  and  $\leq$   $\rightarrow G \in \mathcal{C} \ \& \ H \subseteq G \Rightarrow H \in \mathcal{C}$

Theorem (Ding, 1992): Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a subgraph closed class of graphs.

Then the following are equivalent:

①  $(\mathcal{C}, \subseteq)$  is WQO

②  $(\mathcal{C}, \leq)$  is WQO

③  $\mathcal{C}$  contains only finitely many graphs  $C_n$  and  $F_n$

Intuition: ②  $\Rightarrow$  ① and ①  $\Rightarrow$  ③ are clear. ③  $\Rightarrow$  ② is the hard part

  $TD_n$  and  $NP_n$  are subgraph closed

## WQO USING SUBGRAPHS

? are there any interesting classes of graphs which are WQO by  $\subseteq$  but not by  $\leq$ ? Clearly such a class can't be  $\subseteq$ -closed

Recall:  $\Delta(G)$  = size of max ind. set

$\omega(G)$  = size of max clique

$\rightarrow$  bounded by some  $n \geq 3$

Theorem:  $\subseteq$  is WQO on any class of graphs with bounded  $\Delta(G)$

Proof: We are given an  $\omega$  sequence  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_m, \dots$

 sizes (# vertices) of these graphs are unbounded, otherwise there can't be  $\omega$  many

$\Rightarrow \forall m \exists i$  s.t.  $K_m \subseteq G_i$  ... from finite Ramsey theorem,

we have arbitrarily large graphs with small  $\Delta$   $\Rightarrow$  must be big  $\omega$

$\Rightarrow$  hence  $G_1 \subseteq G_i$  when we take  $m = |V(G_1)|$  

 these classes are not  $\subseteq$ -closed ... deleting all edges boosts  $\Delta$

Observation: Classes with bounded  $\Delta$  are not WQO by  $\leq$ .

Proof:  $\mathcal{C} = \{G \mid \Delta(G) < m\} = \{G \mid \exists H: K_m \not\subseteq H \text{ \& } G = \overline{H}\}$

$\Delta \geq m$   
 $\Uparrow$

$\odot$   $G \leq H \iff \overline{G} \leq \overline{H}$

= complements of  $K_m$ -free graphs

$\hookrightarrow$  after taking the complement  $K_m$  becomes  $E_m$

$\hookrightarrow$  ind. subgraphs are injections  $G \rightarrow H$ , where edges go to edges and non-edges go to non-edges

Take complements of  $\succleftarrow, \succleftarrow\leftarrow, \succleftarrow\leftarrow\leftarrow, \dots \leftarrow K_m$ -free  $\forall m \geq 3$

$\hookrightarrow$  since  $\succleftarrow, \succleftarrow\leftarrow, \succleftarrow\leftarrow\leftarrow$  are antichain for  $\leq$ , they complements are as well, thanks to  $\odot \Rightarrow$  we have  $\infty$  antichain in  $(\mathcal{C}, \leq)$   $\blacksquare$

## GRAPH WQO SUMMARY

•  $\leq_m$ : all graphs ...  $\leq_e$  does not work  $\Rightarrow$  neither  $\leq, \leq$

$\Uparrow$

•  $\leq_e$ : all trees ...  $\leq$  does not work  $\Rightarrow$  neither  $\leq$

$\Uparrow$

•  $\leq$ : graphs with bounded  $\Delta(G)$  ...  $\leq$  does not work

$\Uparrow$

•  $\leq$ : graphs with bounded  $Ed(G)$

# HOMOMORPHISMS

→ directed / undirected, can have loops

①

Def:  $G=(V_G, E_G)$ ,  $H=(V_H, E_H)$ ,  $f: G \rightarrow H$  is a homomorphism  $\equiv$

$f: V_G \rightarrow V_H$  s.t.  $xy \in E_G \Rightarrow f(x)f(y) \in E_H$  ; equiv:  $f \upharpoonright N_G(x): N_G(x) \rightarrow N_H(f(x))$

Def: Isomorphism:  $f: V_G \xrightarrow{H} V_H$  s.t.  $xy \in E_G \Leftrightarrow f(x)f(y) \in E_H$

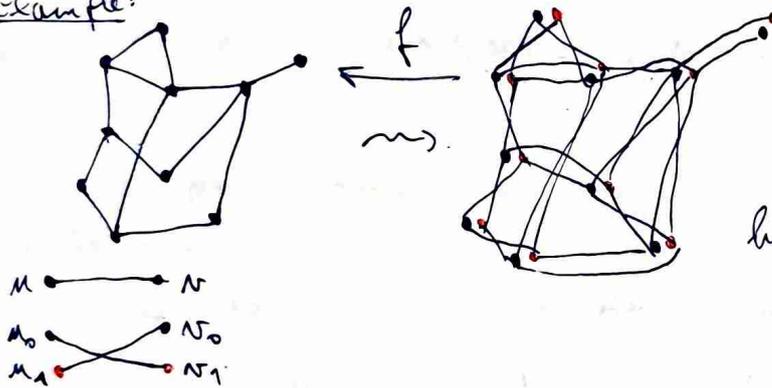
Lemma:  $\exists$  injective homomorphism  $G \rightarrow H$   $\Leftrightarrow$   $\exists$  isomorphism  $G \rightarrow H'$ ,  $H' \subseteq H$  (only take the stuff from H we need)

Def:  $f: G \rightarrow H$  is an isomorphism  $\Leftrightarrow f$  is bijective &  $f, f^{-1}$  are homomorphisms.

Def: Covering map:  $f: V_G \rightarrow V_H$  s.t.  $\forall x \in V_G: f \upharpoonright N_G(x): N_G(x) \xrightarrow{H} N_H(f(x))$

Def: Covering maps are homomorphisms which are locally isomorphic  
 Isomorphisms are injective covering maps

Example:



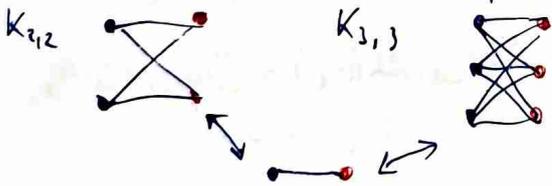
$f: N_0 \mapsto N, N_1 \mapsto N$

→ covering map

homomorphism  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{surjective } \checkmark \\ n_i N_j \in E \Rightarrow n N \in E \checkmark \end{array} \right.$

Def: local isomorphism

Def: G and H are homomorphically equivalent  $\equiv G \rightarrow H$  and  $H \rightarrow G$



... all  $K_{n,m}$  are homo-equivalent

Def:  $G' \subseteq G$  is a retract of G  $\equiv \exists$  hom.  $G \rightarrow G'$  s.t.  $f \upharpoonright G' = \text{Id}$  ...  $f(n) = N$

Def: G is a core  $\equiv$  G is the only retract of G

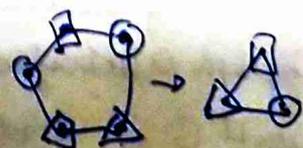
$H \rightarrow G \because H \subseteq G$

Def: is a core which is a retract of any  $K_{n,m}$

Theorem:  $\forall$  finite G  $\exists$  unique (up to isomorphism)  $H \subseteq G$  s.t. H is a core &  $G \rightarrow H$

Def: All  $K_n$  and  $C_{2n+1}$  are cores, the core of any  $K_{n,m}$  is

! However, if  $l < k$ , then  $C_{2l+1} \rightarrow C_{2k+1}$



Connection to vertex colorings:

$\rightarrow V(K_2) = [k]$

Thm:  $f: G \rightarrow [k]$  is a  $k$ -coloring of  $G \iff f: G \rightarrow K_2$  is a homomorphism

$\Rightarrow: u \sim v \Rightarrow u, v$  have different colors  $c_u, c_v$ ,  $f(u) = c_u \in K_2$  and since  $c_u \neq c_v$   
 $f(v) = c_v \in K_2$   $\downarrow$   
 $c_u c_v \in E(K_2)$   $\square$

$\Leftarrow$  no two adjacent vertices can be mapped to the same color as then  $uv \in E \nRightarrow c_u c_v \in E \nRightarrow \square$

Corollary: If  $\chi(G) = 3$  &  $K_3 \subseteq G$ , then  $\text{core}(G) = K_3$   
 If  $\chi(G) = 2$  &  $K_2 \subseteq G$ , then  $\text{core}(G) = K_2$

$\chi(G) \leq k \iff G \rightarrow K_k$

$\chi(G) \leq k$  &  $H \rightarrow G \Rightarrow \chi(H) \leq k \dots H \rightarrow G \rightarrow K_k \Rightarrow H \rightarrow K_k$

$G \rightarrow H \Rightarrow \chi(G) \leq \chi(H) \mid \chi(H) < \chi(G) \Rightarrow G \nrightarrow H$

More general colorings:  $V_H =$  available colors,  $c_1, c_2 \in V_H \equiv$  colors  $c_1, c_2$  are compatible

$G \rightarrow H \dots$  assignment of colors to  $V_G$  s.t.  $\forall uv \in E_G$  get compatible colors

$\rightarrow$  standard vertex colorings: any two different colors are compatible  $\rightarrow H = K_k$

Def:  $\text{OddGirth}(G) := \min\{2k+1 \mid C_{2k+1} \subseteq G\}$

$G \rightarrow H \Rightarrow \text{OddGirth}(H) \leq \text{OddGirth}(G)$

$C_7 \nrightarrow C_9$   
 (num' or  $C_9$  wearing walk dilly?)

$\hookrightarrow$  like cyclic  $G$  se robrajin' na kratin' (nebr rom) uvidim' walks in  $H$

Theorem (Erdős):  $(\forall k, l < \omega) \exists G : \chi(G) = k, \text{OddGirth}(G) \geq l$

Corollary:  $\exists$  constantly many graphs  $(G_m)_{m < \omega}$  s.t.  $G_i \nrightarrow G_j$  &  $G_j \nrightarrow G_i \forall i \neq j$

$\hookrightarrow$  we just need  $i < j \Rightarrow \chi(G_i) < \chi(G_j)$  &  $\text{OddGirth}(G_i) < \text{OddGirth}(G_j)$   
 $G_j \nrightarrow G_i \quad G_i \nrightarrow G_j$

Proposition: For digraphs  $G \rightarrow H \iff$  the vertices of  $G$  can be partitioned into sets  $S_x, x \in V_H$  s.t. the following holds:

- ①  $xx$  is not a loop in  $H$ , then  $S_x$  is independent in  $G$
- ②  $xy \in E(H) \Rightarrow (\forall u \in S_x)(\forall v \in S_y) : uv \in E_G$

Colorings and digraphs

Def:  $T_k$  is the oriented version of  $K_k \dots V = [k], ab \in E \equiv a < b$

$\hookrightarrow$  the  $k$ -coloring characterization for digraphs works with  $T_k$

Lemma: Digraph  $G$  satisfies  $G \rightarrow T_k \iff \vec{P}_k \rightarrow G$

Theorem: Graph  $G$  is  $k$ -colorable  $\iff \exists$  cyclic orientation of  $G$  not containing  $\vec{P}_k$

Def:  $G$  is rigid  $\equiv$  the only  $G \rightarrow G$  hom. is identity.

Theorem: There  $\exists$  a rigid graph on every vertex set

Theorem: For  $\forall$  cardinal  $\aleph$  there is a set  $\{G_\alpha \mid \alpha < \aleph\}$  of size  $\aleph$  s.t.

- ① all  $G_\alpha$  are rigid
- ②  $\forall \alpha \neq \beta: G_\alpha \not\rightarrow G_\beta$  &  $G_\beta \not\rightarrow G_\alpha$

Vopěnka's principle: If  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{G}$  is a proper class, then  $\exists H, G \in \mathcal{C}: H \rightarrow G \vee G \rightarrow H$ .

Theorem: Equivalently: no sequence of graphs  $\langle G_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \mathcal{O}_m \rangle$  has both of the properties:

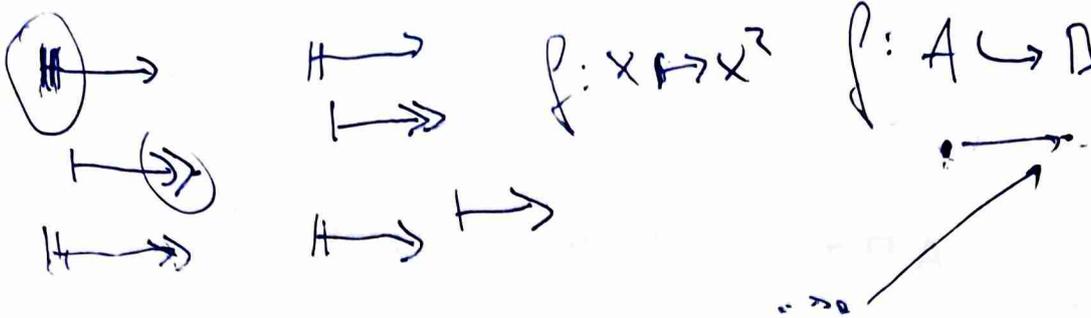
- ①  $\alpha \leq \beta \Rightarrow G_\alpha \rightarrow G_\beta$  *uniquely*
- ②  $\alpha < \beta \Rightarrow G_\beta \not\rightarrow G_\alpha$



👁️ all  $G_\alpha$  are rigid

Weak Vopěnka's principle: No sequence of graphs  $\langle G_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \mathcal{O}_m \rangle$  has both of the properties

- ①  $\alpha \leq \beta \Rightarrow G_\beta \rightarrow G_\alpha$  (*uniquely*)  
↳ not needed
- ②  $\alpha < \beta \Rightarrow G_\alpha \not\rightarrow G_\beta$



# A Rigid Graph for Every Set

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**Abstract:** A graph  $G$  is called *rigid* if the identical mapping  $V(G) \rightarrow V(G)$  is the only homomorphism  $G \rightarrow G$ . In this note we give a simple construction of a rigid oriented graph on every set. © 2002 John Wiley & Sons, Inc. *J Graph Theory* 39: 108–110, 2002

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## 1. CONSTRUCTION

Let  $X$  be an infinite set and assume that  $X$  is an ordinal  $X = \{\beta; \beta \leq \alpha\}$ . Let  $X' = \{\beta'; \beta' \leq \alpha'\}$  be a disjoint copy of  $X$ . Further let  $\{a, b, c, a', b', c'\}$  be six vertices disjoint with  $X$  and  $X'$ . For every ordinal  $\beta \leq \alpha$  with countable cofinality let us choose a sequence  $\{\beta_n\}$  such that  $\text{supp } \beta_n = \beta$ . We define the oriented graph  $(V, E)$  by the following set of arcs:



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- $(0, a), (a, b), (b, c), (c, 0), (b, 0)$  and  $(0', a'), (a', b'), (b', c'), (c', 0'), (a', c')$ ;
- $(\beta, \gamma)$  and  $(\beta', \gamma')$  for all  $\beta < \gamma \leq \alpha$ ;
- $(\beta, \beta')$  for all  $\beta \leq \alpha$ ;

for every ordinal  $\beta \leq \alpha$  with countable cofinality let  $\beta$  be joined with  $\beta'_n$  by an oriented path of length  $n + 2$ . (All these paths are supposed to be vertex disjoint.)

Let  $V$  be the set of all vertices thus obtained. Clearly  $V$  is a countable union of sets of cardinality  $\leq \alpha$  and thus  $V$  and  $X$  are in 1-1 correspondence.

**Theorem 1.1.** *The oriented graph  $G = (V, E)$  is rigid.*

## 2. PROOF

Let  $f : V \rightarrow V$  be a homomorphism. As  $X$  and  $X'$  are transitive orientations of complete graphs,  $f$  restricted to both  $X$  and  $X'$  is an injection (Fig. 1). The graph  $G$  is acyclic with the exception of vertices  $\{a, b, c, 0\}$  and  $\{a', b', c', 0'\}$ . The graphs induced by these sets are isomorphic, but there is no homomorphism between them which would preserve vertices  $0$  and  $0'$ . However, the mapping  $f$  restricted to  $\{a, b, c, 0\}$  satisfies either  $f(0) = 0$  or  $f(0) = 0'$  (as vertices  $0, 0'$  are distinguished by large clique which includes them). This shows that both  $f(0') = 0$  and  $f(0) = 0'$  are impossible and thus  $f(0) = 0, f(0') = 0'$ . Consequently  $f$  restricted to the set  $\{a, a', b, b', c, c'\}$  is the identity. It follows that  $f$  maps  $X$  to  $X$  and  $X'$  to  $X'$ . As pairs  $(\beta, \beta')$  are the only arrows between  $X$  and  $X'$  we have  $(f(\beta))' = f((\beta)')$  for every  $\beta < \alpha$ . Let  $\beta(0)$  be the smallest  $\beta$  for which  $f(\beta) \neq \beta$ . Then necessarily  $f(\beta(0)) > \beta(0)$  (as, if  $f(\beta(0)) < \beta(0)$  then  $f(f(\beta(0))) < f(\beta(0))$  which violates that  $\beta(0)$  was minimal). Thus  $\beta(0) < f(\beta(0))$ . We put  $f(\beta(0)) = \beta(1)$  and  $\beta(n) = f^n(\beta(0))$  (the  $n$ -times iterated mapping  $f$ ). Let  $\underline{\beta} = \sup \beta(n)$ .  $\beta$  is also the limit of the sequence  $\{\beta_n\}$ . However as the sequences  $\beta(n)$  and  $\beta_n$  are interlacing and as  $f$  maps the set  $\{\beta(n)\}$  into a subset we get by monotonicity that that the sets  $\{\beta(n)\}$  and

$f(\alpha) = \omega$

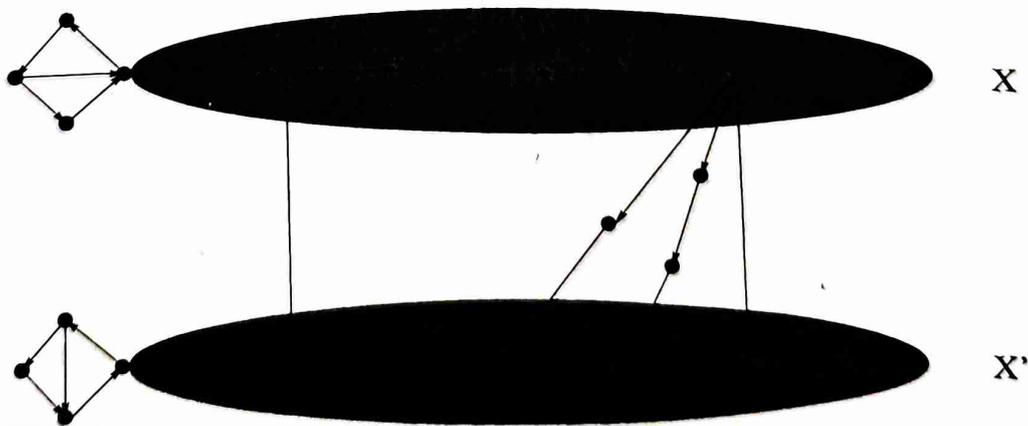


FIGURE 1. The oriented graph  $G = (V, E)$  is rigid.

$\{f(\beta_n)\}$  are interlacing again and thus by the definition of the graph  $G$  we get  $f(\beta) = \beta$  (as  $\beta$  is the only vertex joined to the set  $\{\beta'_n\}$  by directed paths). But then  $f(\beta_n) = \beta_n$  for every  $n$  (as in our situation the mapping  $f$  has to preserve the length of paths between  $\beta$  and  $\beta'_n$ ). This is a contradiction as if we choose  $m$  and  $n$  such that  $\beta(m) < \beta_n < \beta(m+1)$  then  $f(\beta_n) > \beta(m+1)$ , a final contradiction.

### 3. REMARKS

The existence of a rigid graph on every set is an important result which lies in the heart of several combinatorial and non-combinatorial embeddings (see [4]). The problem of existence of rigid relations appeared first in [2] and the existence on every set has been proved by Vopěnka, et al. [5] and reproved in [1] and [4]. All these proofs are modification of the original proof in that they either use embeddings for relational systems with countably many relations (as in [1]) or depend more on the ordinal arithmetic (as in [4], pp. 63–65). This is not necessary as shown by our direct construction.

Perhaps the importance of this result justifies yet another simpler proof. Let us remark that all the proofs (including the present one) are using “fixing” ordinals with countable cofinality (this original idea of [5] is credited to Vopěnka in [4]).

Finally, let us remark that this is an infinite problem as all finite directed paths are rigid. These simplest finite rigid graphs serve as building blocks of our construction. It is important that one can prove the existence of a rigid graph on every set in ZFC. This is in a sharp (and surprising) contrast with difficulties when one wants to construct a proper class of mutually rigid graphs (see [4] for a discussion of this).

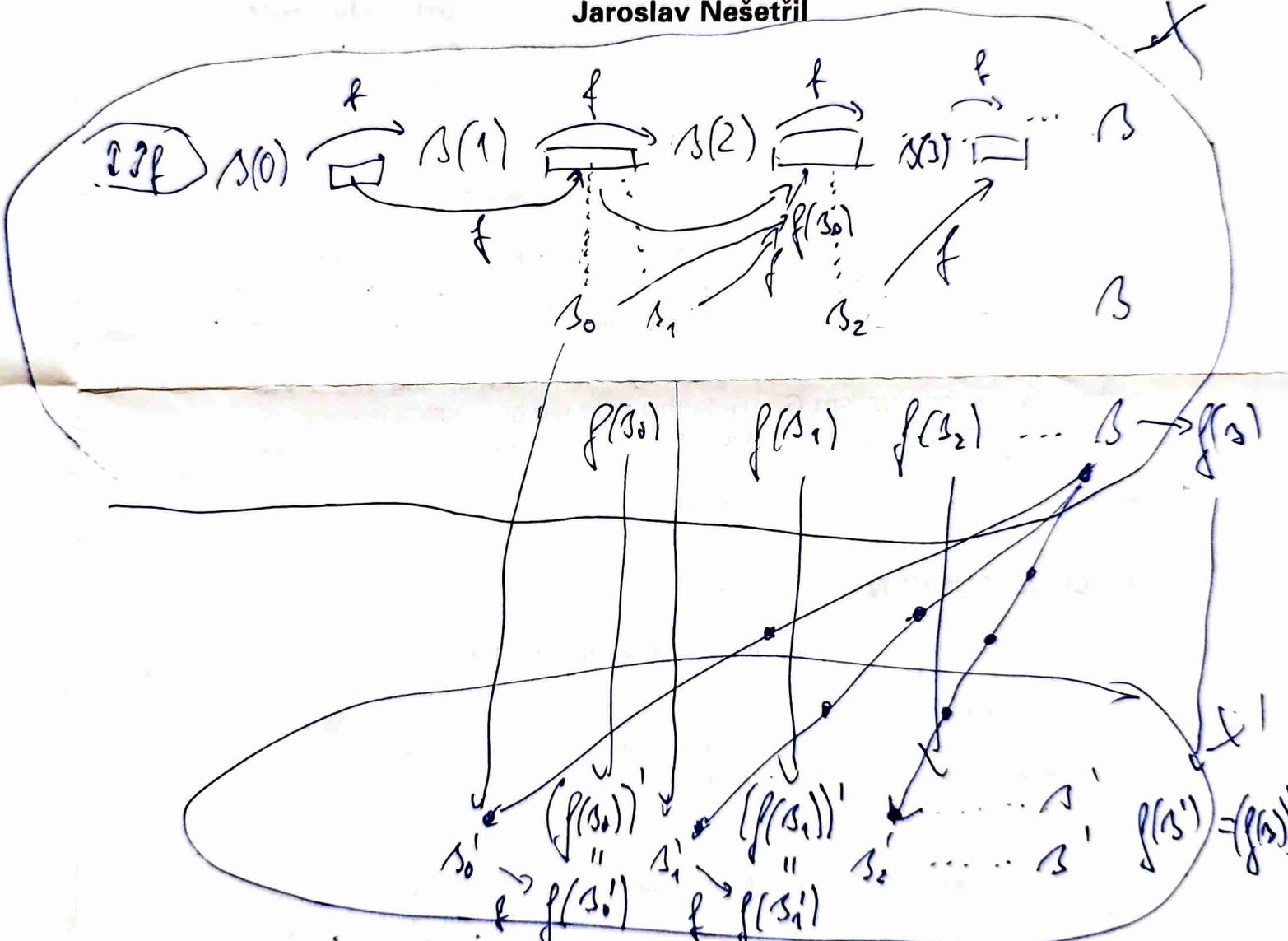
If we want to construct a rigid undirected graph (or graphs with some special properties) we can replace each edge by one suitable finite undirected rigid graph. As can be expected the same is true if we want to get an acyclic or well founded relation (we use, e.g., rigid balanced orientation of a path, see [3] and [4]).

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$\rightarrow$  protože  $B$  je nejmenší částí  $\{S_0, S_1, S\}$   
 $f(S)$  musí být  $\{f(S_n) = (f(S_n))'\}$ , definice funkce  $(f(S))'$   
 $\rightarrow$   $f(S)$  je funkce  $f(S) \rightarrow B$ , takže  $(f(S))' = B$   
 $\Rightarrow f(S) = B$

# Many pairwise rigid graphs

⑧

Def:  $\{G_i \mid i \in I\}$  are pairwise rigid  $\equiv \forall i: G_i$  is rigid &  $\forall i \neq j: G_i \not\cong G_j$

Examples: Finite rigid graphs:



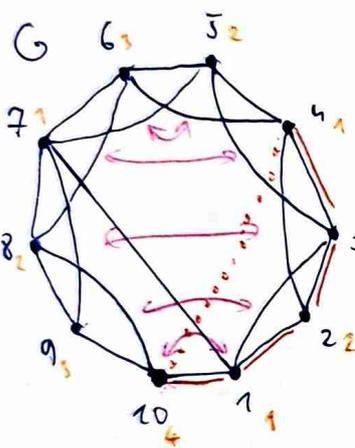
→ there are three  $C_7$ s, each has to map to a  $C_7$   
 →  $C_7$  has to map to a closed walk of length 7 ... only  $C_7$ s here, because there is no shorter cycle

- $\circ \rightarrow \circ$  ∴ it is the only node included in each  $C_7$
- $(\square, \square, \square) \rightarrow (\square, \square, \square)$  ∴ the only nodes included in two  $C_7$ s
- $\square_1 \rightarrow \square_1$  ∴ the only  $\square$  with  $d(\circ, \square) = 1$

PROBABLY NOT SUFFICIENT ARGUMENTATION

⇒ from this  $\square_2 \rightarrow \square_2$  and  $\square_3 \rightarrow \square_3$

10 vertices



$\chi(G) = 4$ , remove any vertex  $\Rightarrow \chi = 3$

⇒ any  $f: G \rightarrow G$  is surjective (⇒ bijective)

↳ we have to use all vertices as if  $\chi(G') < \chi(G)$  then  $G \not\cong G'$

1 ↦ 1 or 10, 2 ↦ 2 or 9, 3 ↦ 3 or 8, ...

↳ triangles have to go to triangles and  $1, 10 \in$  only 1  $\Delta$   
 $2, 9 \in$  only 2  $\Delta$   
 $3 \dots 8 \in$  3  $\Delta$

also maybe here

⇒ we want to prevent the homomorphism shown as ↪

⇒ add the edge  $\{1, 7\}$ , everything said before still works ∴ the new cycle is = main triangle

→ the first homomorphism fails because the red ... edge is missing  $\Rightarrow f(1) f(7) \notin E$

This construction allows us to do arbitrary large rigid graphs, just make the cycle longer ... 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, 22, ...

## Replacing edges by indicator graphs

indicator

Def: For digraph  $\vec{G}$  and (connected) rigid graph  $I$  define by  $\vec{G} * I$  the graph obtained from  $\vec{G}$  by replacing each arc by  $I$

Idea: when making a  $\vec{G} \rightarrow \vec{G}$  hom, arcs are fundamental units, now  $I$  is the fundamental unit and  $I$  has to map to another  $I$  in the same way



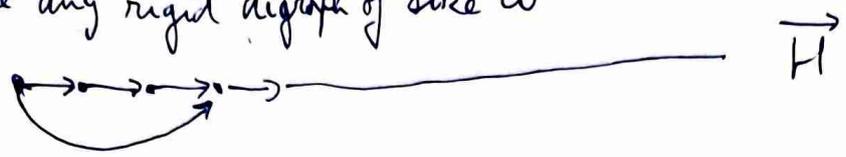
$I$  serves as an oriented edge

→ probably not all rigid graphs used as indicators and how we find them matters

👁 # countable graphs =  $2^{\omega}$  ... functions  $[\omega]^2 \rightarrow (0,1)$

Theorem: There is a set of  $2^{\omega}$  countable graphs  $\hookrightarrow 2$  element sets,  $[\omega]^2 \approx \omega$   
 s.t. all graphs are pair-wise rigid (and themselves rigid)

Pf: Take any rigid digraph of size  $\omega$



Take  $G := \vec{H} * I$  for any indicator  $I$  to get a rigid graph  $G$

Define  $\mathcal{G} := \{ \vec{G}_\sigma \mid \vec{G}_\sigma \text{ is an orientation of } G \}$

- 👁 all  $\vec{G}_\sigma$  are rigid ... otherwise the underlying  $G$  would not be
- 👁  $\vec{G}_\sigma$  are pairwise-rigid ... if not, after forgetting the orientation we would get a homeomorphism  $G \rightarrow G$

Refine  $\otimes \{ \vec{G}_\sigma * I \mid \vec{G}_\sigma \in \mathcal{G} \}$  ... still all pairwise rigid  
 $\hookrightarrow$  the size of this set =  $|\mathcal{G}| = 2^{\omega}$  ▣

👁 If we started with a graph of size  $\aleph$ , then we would get that:

Thm: There are  $2^{\aleph}$  graphs of size  $\aleph$  & there  $\exists$  a set of  $2^{\aleph}$  pairwise-rigid graphs of size  $\aleph$ .  
 $\hookrightarrow$  just use a starting graph of size  $\aleph$

▽ Nešetřil uses a clever construction to define a <sup>rigid</sup> graph on  $\aleph$

$\rightarrow$  idea of taking the  $2^{\omega}$  many countable graphs from  $\otimes$  and making a disjoint union to get a rigid graph of size  $2^{\omega}$  and iterating this process of the above proof to get large rigid graphs fast

$\rightarrow$  suppose we have  $2^{\omega}$  many pairwise rigid digraphs  $\mathcal{G}$  as in the proof  
 $\Rightarrow$  define  $\vec{H}_1$  as the disjoint union of these digraphs  $\therefore \mathcal{G}_1 \mid \vec{H}_1 = 2^{\omega}$

$\vec{H}_1 = 0000$  ... only 4 for simplicity  $\hookrightarrow$  👁  $\vec{H}_1$  is rigid

$\rightarrow$  iterating:  $G_1 := \vec{H}_1 * I$  and  $\mathcal{G}_1 := \{ \vec{G}_{1\sigma} \mid \vec{G}_{1\sigma} \text{ orientation of } G_1 \}$

$\rightarrow$  all good so far. However, imagine we want to go to  $\vec{H}_2$

$\vec{H}_2 = \overbrace{0000}^{\vec{G}_1} \overbrace{0000}^{\vec{G}_1} 0000 \dots$  The blocks  $\sim$  orientations of  $\vec{H}_1$

$\rightarrow$  even though the total orientation of  $\square$  and  $\square$  is different, the first all is oriented the same  $\rightarrow$  can swap them  
 $\Rightarrow \vec{H}_2$  is no longer rigid

Def: Relativní struktura na množině  $X$  je  $(X) \in \{E_1, E_2, \dots, E_m\}$  kde  $E_i$  jsou relace s aritami  $a_1, \dots, a_m$ .

Def: Homomorfismus mezi dvěma strukturami  $X, Y$  se stejnou signaturou je

$$f: X \rightarrow Y \text{ je } \forall (x' \subseteq X) : x' \in \bar{E}_i^X \Rightarrow \{f[x']\} \in \bar{E}_i^Y$$

Thm: Existuje relativní struktura s.ř. jehna k arit je neomezená, ale množin jich

Pf: udělat vlastní třída množin a řešit to bude navzájem struktury

$S_\alpha = (\alpha \mid R_\alpha, K_\alpha, \{\alpha\})$  → relace aritů  $\alpha$  obsahující jediný prvek, a sice  $\{\delta \mid \delta < \alpha\}$   
 ↪ struktura na  $\alpha$  ↪ množina  $\alpha$

Ordinal

Suppose  $S_\alpha \rightarrow S_\beta$   $\forall \alpha, \beta$  jsou kardinály

a)  $\alpha = \beta$ , což je to identita  $\because R_\alpha$  je struktura

b)  $\alpha < \beta$ , což bychom chtěli aby  $\forall x \in \{\alpha\}$  bylo  $\{f[x]\} \in \{\beta\}$ ,  
 čili  $\alpha = \{\delta \mid \delta < \alpha\} \mapsto \{f[\delta] \mid \delta < \alpha\} \in \{\beta\}$  což nejde  $\because$

c)  $\alpha > \beta$ , což bychom chtěli aby  $|\beta| > |\alpha|$  = kardinály

$K_\alpha \rightarrow K_\beta$  ... graf s větším  $X$  na graf s menším  $X$ ,  
 to ale nejde → v rámci  $C_n$

Thm: VP  $\Leftrightarrow$  pro relativní struktury s omezenými aritami nejde udělat vlastní třída vzájemně struktur

→ relativní struktura s omezenými aritami lze embedovat do grafů

→ neomezené aritky  $\Rightarrow$  lze sestavit vlastní třída množin (množin)

- $(VP_1): \forall \langle G_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \mathcal{A} \rangle \text{ stabi} \exists \alpha < \beta: G_\alpha \rightarrow G_\beta$
- $(VP_2): \forall \langle G_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \mathcal{A} \rangle \text{ stabi} \exists \alpha < \beta: G_\alpha \subseteq G_\beta \text{ nebo } G_\alpha \subseteq G_\beta$   $\otimes$
- $(VP_3): \forall \langle G_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \mathcal{A} \rangle \text{ stabi} \exists \alpha < \beta: G_\alpha \rightarrow G_\beta \vee G_\beta \rightarrow G_\alpha$
- $(VP_4): \mathbb{A} \dots \rightarrow \dots$ , musí být  $\dots \rightarrow \dots$   $\hookrightarrow$  vlasti křida vřejni rřidit
- $(VP_5): \mathbb{A} \dots \rightarrow \dots$ , musí být  $\dots$  nebo  $\dots$

Thm:  $(VP_1) \Leftrightarrow (VP_2) \Leftrightarrow (VP_3)$

- $\textcircled{2} \Rightarrow \textcircled{1}$ ,  $\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow \textcircled{3}$  - obviously
- $\textcircled{3} \Rightarrow \textcircled{2}$  ... obnoven:  $\neg \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow \neg \textcircled{1}$

$\otimes$  sřiditř, protoe  $\subseteq$  jsou sřiditř  
 $reverse \subseteq \leftarrow reverse \subseteq$

- $\rightarrow$  předpokládáme že  $\exists \langle G_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \mathcal{A} \rangle$  st.  $\forall \alpha < \beta: G_\alpha \not\subseteq G_\beta$  *dobrořzene to sřiditř*
- $\rightarrow$  poř najdeme vlasti křidu vřejni stabiřich grafů
- $\rightarrow G_\alpha = (V_\alpha, E_\alpha)$  rozřitřm o jině druhy "barvy" hrany
  - $E_\alpha^1 = \binom{V_\alpha}{2} \dots$  řitřij graf
  - $E_\alpha^2 = \binom{V_\alpha}{2} \setminus E_\alpha \dots$  dopřil  $G_\alpha$
  - $E_\alpha^3 =$  stabiřil na  $V_\alpha$

celkem supergraf  $G^*$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  rřeni hrany lze řadit přes indikatore

- pokud máme  $f: G_\alpha^* \rightarrow G_\beta^*$  homomorfism, př je to rřiditř dily  $E_\alpha^3$
- pokud máme  $f: G_\alpha^* \rightarrow G_\beta^*$  homomorfism:  $\hookrightarrow G_\alpha^*$  jsou stabiřil
  - dily  $E_\alpha^1$  to musí být injektř ... rřeniře rřiditř dva vrcholy na stejnj vrchol, jink by mi rřiditř sřiditř; rřiditř křiditř řpřimě grafu
  - homomorfismus rřiditř hrany, rřiditř
    - rřiditř hrany  $\Rightarrow$  rřiditř hrany  $\otimes \otimes$

$E_\alpha^2$  rřiditřuje: rřiditř rřiditř  $\Rightarrow$  rřiditř rřiditř

$\nabla$  sřiditř se jenom na  $G_\alpha$  kde  $\alpha$  je křiditř, přid jich je  $\mathcal{A}$  nebo

- pokud  $G_\alpha^* \rightarrow G_\beta^*$ , kde  $\beta \geq \alpha$ , přiditř je injektř a  $\alpha, \beta$  křiditř
- $\rightarrow \alpha = \beta$  jřitř rřiditř, rřiditř nřis  $\alpha < \beta$

$\otimes \otimes$   $G_\alpha^*$  je indudovnj podgraf  $G_\beta^*$  podle toho homomorfismu, kde  $G_\alpha^* \subseteq G_\beta^*$  př  $\alpha < \beta$ , spř  $\otimes$

- řiditř dily rřiditř  $\leq$  př  $\subseteq$  rřiditř rřiditř  $E_\alpha^2$
- řiditř př homomorfismu (vlasti  $\textcircled{3} \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$ ) rřiditř rřiditř rřiditř  $E_\alpha^2$

