# A Ramsey theorem for relational structures consisting of several partial orders

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# Ramsey Theory

#### Finite Ramsey Theorem.

For all  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k \ge 2$  there is a  $c \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $c \longrightarrow (b)_k^a$ .

Here,  $c \longrightarrow (b)_k^a$  means:

for every *c*-element set *C* and every coloring

$$\chi:\binom{\textit{C}}{\textit{a}}\to\textit{k}$$

there is a *b*-element set  $B \subseteq C$  such that  $|\chi({B \choose a})| = 1$ .



Frank P. Ramsey 1903 – 1930

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Deep structural property developed in the 1970's by Erdős, Graham, Leeb, Rothschild, Rödl, Nešetřil and many more.

Instead of sets, consider structures!

**Definition.** A class **K** of finite structures has the Ramsey property if:

for all  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \in \mathbf{K}$  such that  $\mathcal{A} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{B}$  and all  $k \ge 2$  there is a  $\mathcal{C} \in \mathbf{K}$  such that  $\mathcal{C} \longrightarrow (\mathcal{B})_k^{\mathcal{A}}$ .

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for every coloring  $\chi : \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{C} \\ \mathcal{A} \end{pmatrix} \to k$ 

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there is a  $\tilde{\mathcal{B}} \in \binom{\mathcal{C}}{\mathcal{B}}$  such that  $\left|\chi\left(\binom{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}}{\mathcal{A}}\right)\right| = 1$ .



#### Example.

finite chains: (A, ≤)
[Ramsey 1930]



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▶ finite posets with a linear extension: (A, ⊑, ≤)
[Nešetřil, Rödl 1984]



#### Example.

 Finite posets with a linear extension and another linear order: (A, ⊑, ≤, ≤') [Sokić 2010]



#### Example.

► a set with *n* linear orders: (A, ≤<sub>1</sub>,..., ≤<sub>n</sub>) [Sokić 2010]



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▶ finite posets with *n* linear extensions: (A, ⊑, ≤<sub>1</sub>, ..., ≤<sub>n</sub>)
[Solecki, Zhao 2017]



In each of these cases we have:

- a class of structures with several ordering relations,
- the relations are required to form a fixed partially ordered set under set inclusion, and
- the maximal elements in this poset of relations are linear orders.

## **Multiposets**

$$\mathcal{T} = (\{1, 2, \dots, t\}, \preccurlyeq), t \ge 1$$
 — a poset

A  $\mathcal{T}$ -multiposet is a structure

$$\mathcal{A}=(\mathcal{A},\leqslant_1,\ldots,\leqslant_t)$$

where:

- $\leq_1, \ldots, \leq_t$  are partial orders on *A*,
- ► if *i* is a maximal element of *T* then ≤<sub>i</sub> is a linear order, and
- if  $i \preccurlyeq j$  in  $\mathcal{T}$  then  $(\leqslant_i) \subseteq (\leqslant_j)$ .

 $K(\mathcal{T})$  — all finite  $\mathcal{T}$ -multiposets





The "Multiposet Ramsey" Theorem. [Draganić, M. 2017+] The class K(T) has the Ramsey property for every template T.

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#### The Ramsey property in a category

Let  $\mathbb{C}$  be a category and  $A, B, C \in Ob(\mathbb{C})$ .

 $C \longrightarrow (B)_k^A$  if:

- ▶ hom(A, B)  $\neq \emptyset$ , hom(B, C)  $\neq \emptyset$ , and
- ► for every mapping  $\chi$  : hom(A, C)  $\rightarrow k$  there is a  $\mathbb{C}$ -morphism  $w : B \rightarrow C$  such that  $|\chi(w \cdot hom(A, B))| = 1$ .

A category  $\mathbb{C}$  has the Ramsey property if:

for all  $k \ge 2$  and all  $A, B \in Ob(\mathbb{C})$  such that  $hom(A, B) \ne \emptyset$ there is a  $C \in Ob(\mathbb{C})$  satisfying  $C \longrightarrow (B)_k^A$ 

## Transfer principles

- Products of categories.
- Categorical equivalence.
- Adjunctions.
- ► Pre-adjunctions.
- Passing to a subcategory.

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**Example.** The category  $\mathbb{C}$  of finite posets with a linear extension (with embeddings) has the Ramsey property.



#### Diagrams in a category

A binary diagram  $F : \Delta \to \mathbb{C}$ :



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A consistent binary diagram  $F : \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ :



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A subcategory  $\mathbb{D}$  of  $\mathbb{C}$  is closed for binary diagrams if every binary diagram  $F : \Delta \to \mathbb{D}$  which is consistent in  $\mathbb{C}$  is also consistent in  $\mathbb{D}$ .

# The "Closed Subcategory" Theorem. [M 2017+]

Let  $\mathbb{C}$  be a category such that

- ▶ hom<sub> $\mathbb{C}$ </sub>(*A*, *B*) is finite for all *A*, *B* ∈ Ob( $\mathbb{C}$ ), and
- every morphism in  $\mathbb{C}$  is monic.

Let  $\mathbb D$  be a (not necessarily full) subcategory of  $\mathbb C$  such that

 $\blacktriangleright$   $\mathbb D$  is closed for binary diagrams.

If  $\mathbb C$  has the Ramsey property then  $\mathbb D$  has the Ramsey property.

## The proof of the "Multiposet Ramsey" Theorem

Step 1. The following classes have the Ramsey property:

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Step 3.

- $\blacktriangleright$  We show that  $\textbf{K}(\mathcal{T})$  is closed for binary diagrams in  $\mathbb{C},$  and
- ► infer the Ramsey property for K(T) using the "Closed Subcategory" Theorem.



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