

# Finite big Ramsey degrees in countable universal structures

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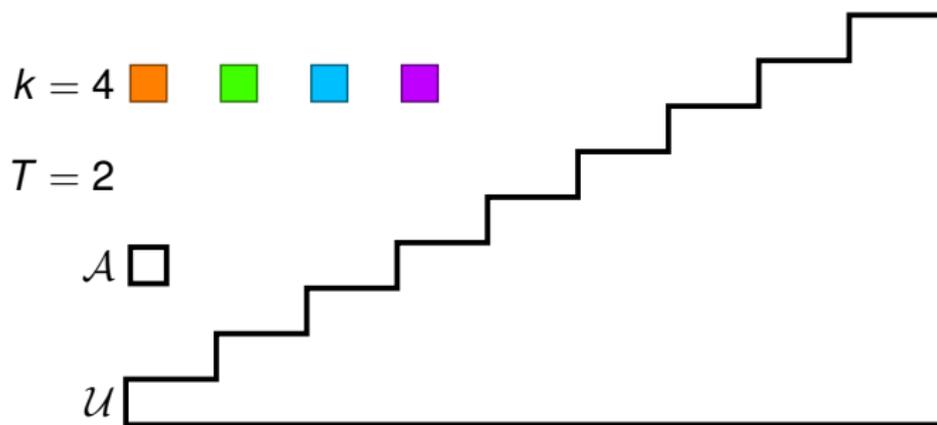
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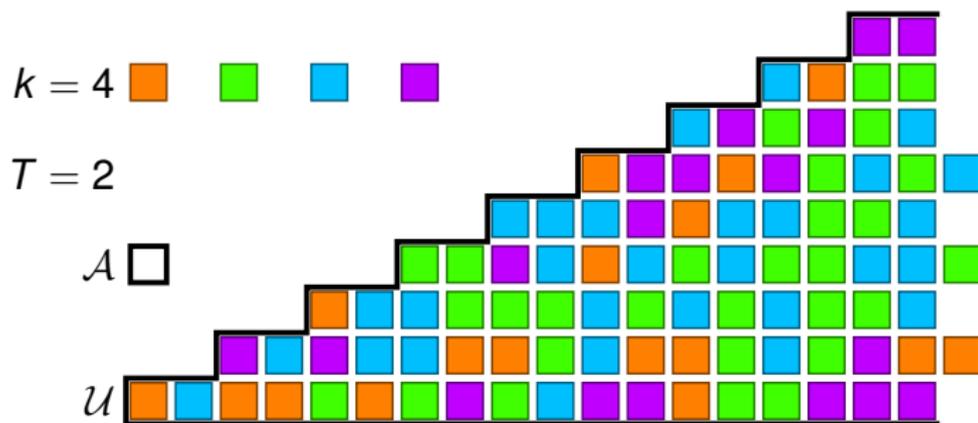


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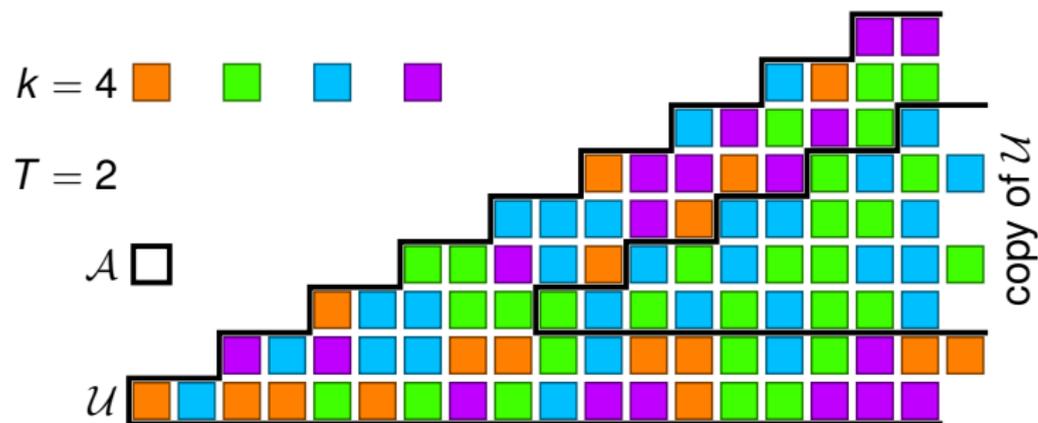


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$\mathcal{U} \rightarrow (\mathcal{U})_{k,T}^{\mathcal{A}}$  in this talk:

For every coloring  $\chi : \text{Emb}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{U}) \rightarrow k$

there is a  $w \in \text{Emb}(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{U})$

such that  $|\chi(w \circ \text{Emb}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{U}))| \leq T$

**NB.** Coloring embeddings VS coloring substructures

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$$T(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{U}) = \begin{cases} T, & \text{if such an integer exists,} \\ \infty, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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## Finite big Ramsey degrees in some Fraïssé limits:

- ▶ Finite chains ... in  $\mathbb{Q}$   
[Devlin 1979]
- ▶ Finite graphs ... in the Rado graph  $\mathcal{R}$   
[Sauer 2006]
- ▶ Finite  $S$ -ultrametric spaces ... in the “Urysohn space”  $\mathcal{U}_S$   
[Van Thé 2008]
- ▶ Finite local orders ... in  $\mathcal{S}(2)$   
[Laflamme, Van Thé, Sauer 2010]
- ▶ Finite triangle-free graphs ... in the Henson graph  $\mathcal{H}_3$   
[PREVIOUS LECTURE]

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**Ramsey's Theorem.**

*For all  $m \geq 1$  and  $k \geq 2$  and for every coloring  $\chi : [\omega]^m \rightarrow k$  there is an infinite  $S \subseteq \omega$  such that  $|\chi([S]^m)| = 1$ .*

In other words,

$$T(m, \omega) = 1, \quad \text{for all } m \geq 1.$$

Frank P. Ramsey



*Image courtesy of Wikipedia*

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For all  $m \geq 1$ :

$$T(m, \omega) = 1 \quad \text{VS} \quad T(m, \mathbb{Q}) = \left( \frac{d}{dx} \right)^{2m-1} \text{tg}(0)$$

# A piggyback result

**Theorem.** *Assume the following:*

- ▶  $\mathcal{F}$  is a countably infinite relational structure
- ▶  $\text{Age}(\mathcal{F})$  has the strong amalgamation property
- ▶  $\mathbf{K} = \{(\mathcal{A}, \prec) : \mathcal{A} \in \text{Age}(\mathcal{F}) \text{ and } \prec \text{ is a linear order on } \mathcal{A} \text{ such that } (\mathcal{A}, \prec) \text{ is finite or has order type } \omega\}$
- ▶  $\sqsubset$  is a linear order on  $F$  of order type  $\omega$ .

*Then:*

- ▶  $\text{Age}(\mathcal{F}, \sqsubset) = \mathbf{K}$ .
- ▶ *If  $\mathcal{A}$  has finite big Ramsey degree in  $\mathcal{F}$  then  $(\mathcal{A}, \prec)$  has finite big Ramsey degree in  $(\mathcal{F}, \sqsubset)$ .*

# A piggyback result

## Corollary.

- ▶ *Every finite linearly ordered graph has finite big Ramsey degree in  $(\mathcal{R}, \sqsubset)$ , where  $\sqsubset$  is a linear order on  $\mathcal{R}$  of order type  $\omega$ .*
- ▶ *Every finite permutation has finite big Ramsey degree in the permutation  $(\mathbb{Q}, <, \sqsubset)$ , where  $<$  is the usual ordering of the rationals and  $\sqsubset$  is a linear order on  $\mathbb{Q}$  of order type  $\omega$ .*

**NB.** A *linearly ordered graph* is a pair  $(G, <)$  where  $G$  is a graph and  $<$  is a linear order on the vertices of  $G$ .

**NB.** A *permutation* is a structure  $(A, <_1, <_2)$  where  $<_1$  and  $<_2$  are linear orders on  $A$ .

# Acyclic digraphs

**Theorem.** *There exists a countably infinite acyclic digraph  $\mathcal{D}$  such that every finite acyclic digraph  $\mathcal{A}$  has finite big Ramsey degree in  $\mathcal{D}$ .*

# A class of posets

**Theorem.** Let  $\mathbf{K}$  be a class of all finite linearly ordered posets which omit

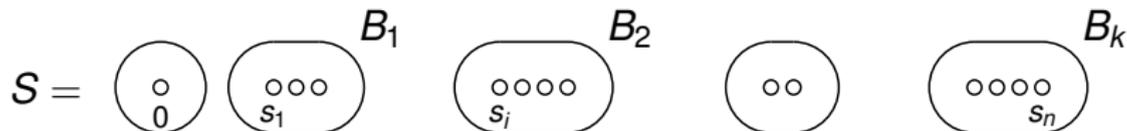


There exists a countably infinite linearly ordered poset  $\mathcal{P}$  such that every  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbf{K}$  has finite big Ramsey degree in  $\mathcal{P}$ .

**NB.** A linearly ordered poset =  $(A, \leq, \prec)$  where  $(A, \leq)$  is a poset and  $\prec$  is a linear extension of  $\leq$ .

# A class of metric spaces

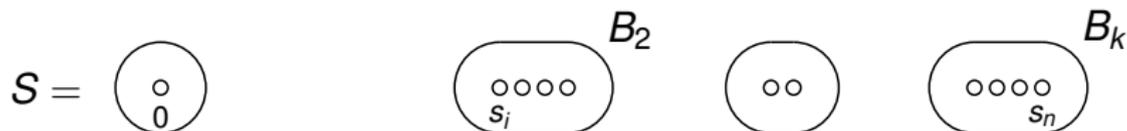
Every finite distance set  $S = \{0 = s_0 < s_1 < \dots < s_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  splits naturally into *blocks*:



**Definition.** A distance set  $S$  is compact if

$$x \approx y \Leftrightarrow |x - y| \leq s_1, \quad \text{for all } x, y \in S.$$

Let  $S^+ = S \setminus B_1$ :

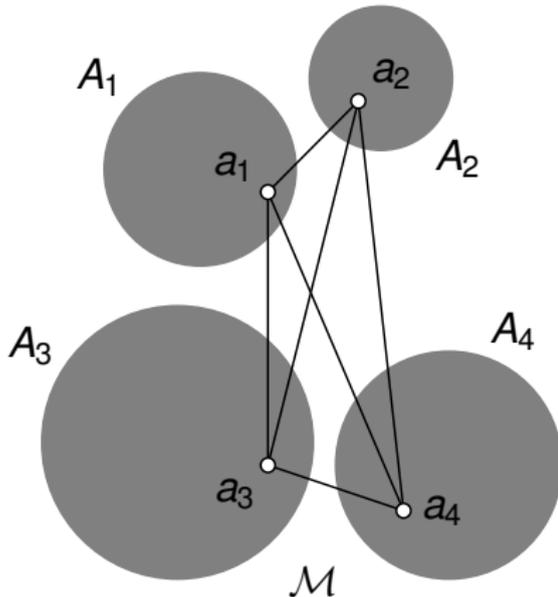


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**Definition.** A finite  $S^+$ -metric space  $\mathcal{L}$  spans an  $S$ -metric space  $\mathcal{M}$  if the partition  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m\}$  of  $M$  into  $B_1$ -balls has a transversal  $a_1 \in A_1, a_2 \in A_2, \dots, a_m \in A_m$  such that  $\mathcal{M} \upharpoonright_{\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m\}} \cong \mathcal{L}$ .



$\mathcal{L}$



# A class of metric spaces

**Theorem.** *Let*

- ▶  *$S$  be a compact distance set,*
- ▶  *$\mathcal{L}$  be a finite  $S^+$ -metric space, and*
- ▶  *$\mathbf{K}_{S,\mathcal{L}}$  be the class of all finite  $S$ -met. spaces spanned by  $\mathcal{L}$ .*

*Then there exists a countably infinite  $S$ -metric space  $\mathcal{U}_{S,\mathcal{L}}$  such that every  $\mathcal{M} \in \mathbf{K}_{S,\mathcal{L}}$  has finite big Ramsey degree in  $\mathcal{U}_{S,\mathcal{L}}$ .*

In other words,

*Every finite  $S$ -metric space  $\mathcal{M}$  has finite big Ramsey degree in  $\mathcal{U}_{S,\mathcal{L}}$  for every  $S^+$ -metric space  $\mathcal{L}$  which spans  $\mathcal{M}$ .*

# Tools

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

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

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

for all  $k \geq 2$  and all  $A, B \in \text{Ob}(\mathbb{C})$  such that  $\text{hom}(A, B) \neq \emptyset$   
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for all  $k \geq 2$  we have that  $U \rightarrow (U)_{k,T}^A$ .

## Theorem. *Let*

- ▶  $\mathbb{B}$  and  $\mathbb{C}$  be categories,
- ▶  $B \in \text{Ob}(\mathbb{B})$  and  $C \in \text{Ob}(\mathbb{C})$ ,
- ▶ there is a forgetful functor  $U : \overline{\text{Age}}_{\mathbb{B}}(B) \rightarrow \overline{\text{Age}}_{\mathbb{C}}(C)$ ,
- ▶  $U(B) = C$ ;
- ▶ if  $U(B') = C$  then  $\text{hom}_{\mathbb{B}}(B, B') \neq \emptyset$ ; and
- ▶ for every  $f \in \text{hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(C, C)$  there is a  $B' \in \text{Ob}(\mathbb{B})$  such that  $U(B') = C$  and  $f \in \text{hom}_{\mathbb{B}}(B', B)$ .

Then  $T_{\mathbb{B}}(A, B) \leq T_{\mathbb{C}}(U(A), C)$  for all  $A \in \overline{\text{Age}}_{\mathbb{B}}(B)$ .

**NB.**  $\overline{\text{Age}}_{\mathbb{C}}(C) = \{A \in \text{Ob}(\mathbb{C}) : \text{hom}(A, C) \neq \emptyset\}$

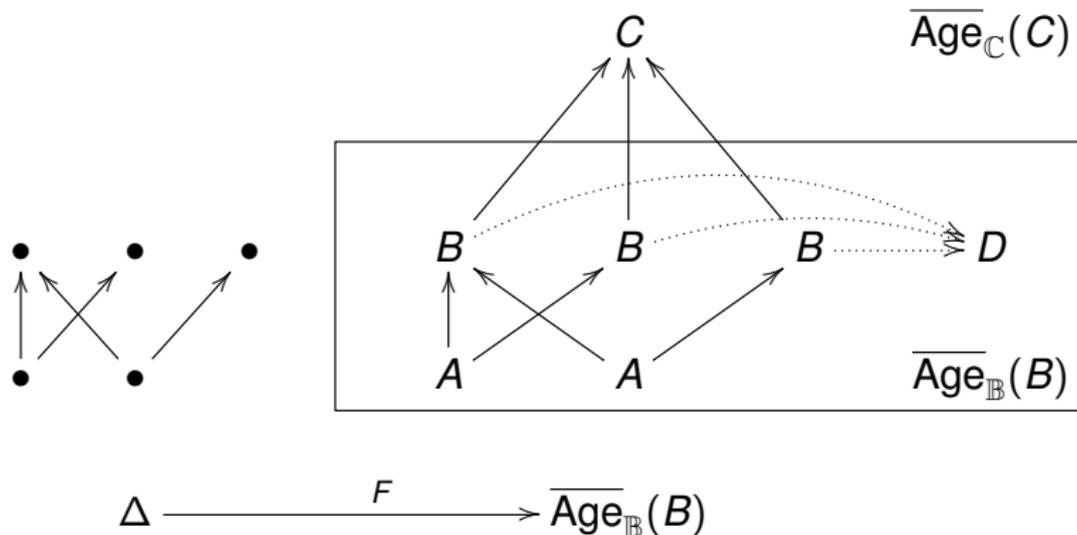
**Theorem.** *Let*

- ▶  $\mathbb{C}$  be a category whose every morphism is monic,
- ▶  $\mathbb{B}$  be a (not necessarily full) subcategory of  $\mathbb{C}$ ,
- ▶  $B \in \text{Ob}(\mathbb{B})$  and  $C \in \text{Ob}(\mathbb{C})$  be such that  $\text{hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(B, C) \neq \emptyset$ ,
- ▶  $A \in \overline{\text{Age}}_{\mathbb{B}}(B)$
- ▶ for every  $(A, B)$ -diagram  $F : \Delta \rightarrow \overline{\text{Age}}_{\mathbb{B}}(B)$  the following holds: if  $F$  has a commuting cocone in  $\overline{\text{Age}}_{\mathbb{C}}(C)$  whose tip is  $C$ , then  $F$  has a commuting cocone in  $\overline{\text{Age}}_{\mathbb{B}}(B)$ .

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**Fact.** *If  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$  are emb-equivalent structures then  $T(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{U}) = T(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{V})$  for all finite  $\mathcal{A} \in \text{Age}(\mathcal{U}) = \text{Age}(\mathcal{V})$ .*

Non-scattered countable chains ✓

**NB.**  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$  are emb-equivalent if  $\mathcal{U} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{V}$  and  $\mathcal{V} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{U}$ .

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**Goal:** Prove that scattered countable chains also have the property.