

# Categorical Constructions and the Ramsey Property

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# Important notice



**Thesis.** *Category theory is an appropriate context for understanding Ramsey property.*

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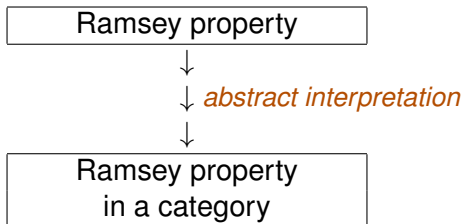
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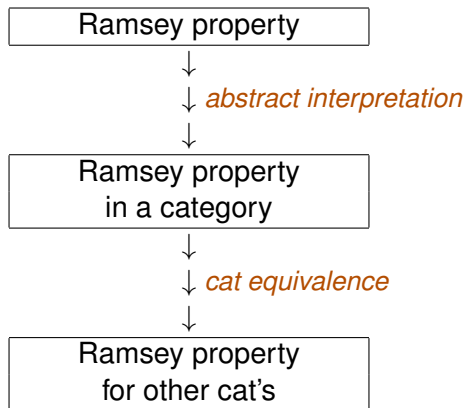
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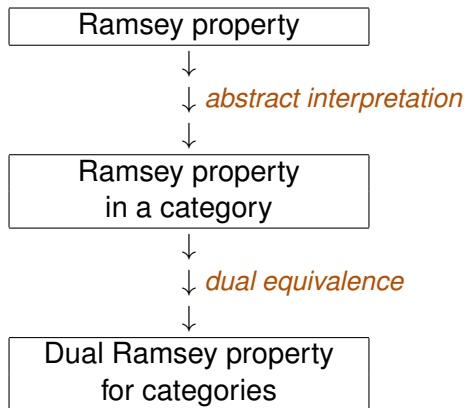
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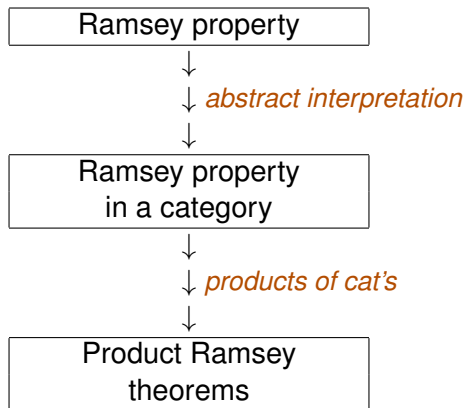
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Ingredients:

- ▶ Fraïssé theory,
- ▶ structural Ramsey theory,
- ▶ topological dynamics.

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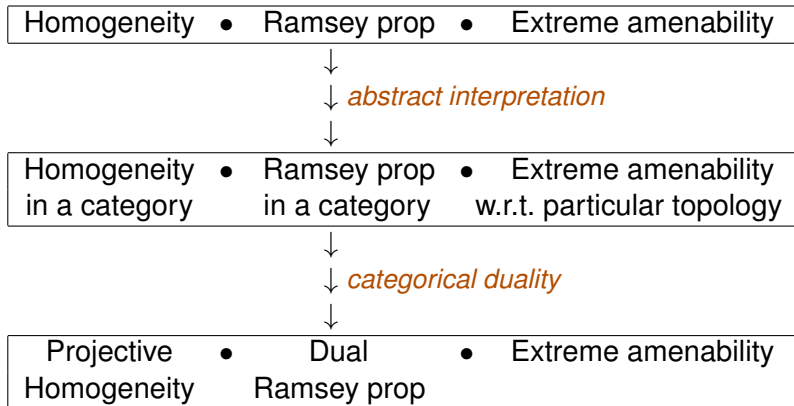


↓ *specialization*



Homogeneity • Ramsey prop • Extreme amenability  
*for ultrahomog structs that are not Fraïssé limits  
(e.g. uncountable ultrahomog structs)*

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# Ramsey Theory

## **Finite Ramsey Theorem.**

*For all  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k \geq 2$  there is a  $c \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for every  $c$ -element set  $C$  and every coloring*

$$\chi : \binom{C}{a} \rightarrow k$$

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



Frank P. Ramsey  
1903 – 1930

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**Finite Dual Ramsey Theorem.** *For all  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k \geq 2$  there is a  $c \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for every  $c$ -element set  $C$  and every  $k$ -coloring of the set  $\binom{C}{a}$  of all partitions of  $C$  with exactly  $a$  blocks there is a partition  $\beta$  of  $C$  with exactly  $b$  blocks such that the set of all partitions from  $\binom{C}{a}$  which are coarser than  $\beta$  is monochromatic.*

# Structural Ramsey theory

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

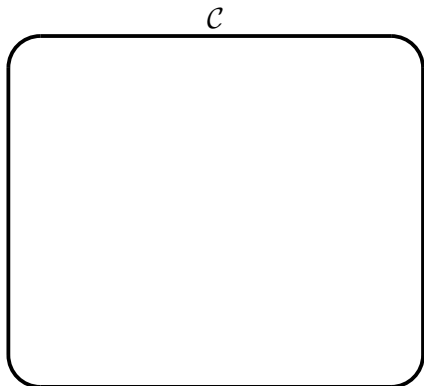
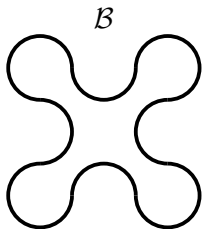
Instead of sets, consider structures!

**Definition.** A class  $\mathbf{K}$  of finite structures has the *Ramsey property* if:

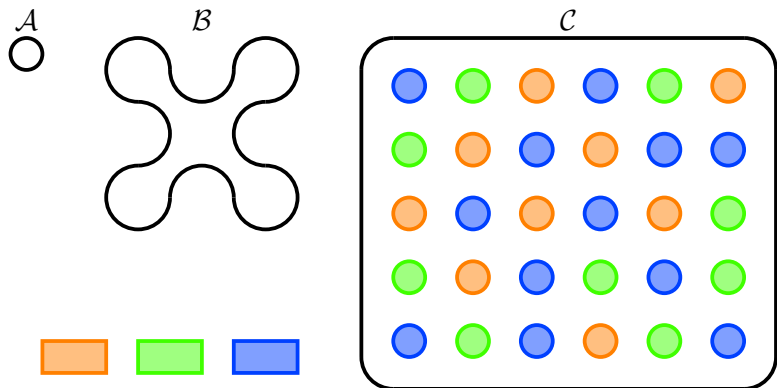
for all  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \in \mathbf{K}$  such that  $\mathcal{A} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{B}$  and all  $k \geq 2$  there is a  $\mathcal{C} \in \mathbf{K}$  such that  $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow$



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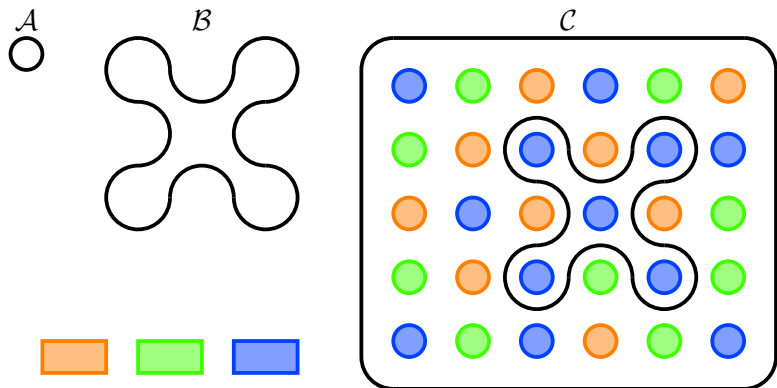


# Structural Ramsey theory



for every coloring  $\chi : \binom{C}{A} \rightarrow k$

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

# Categories

In order to specify a category  $\mathbb{C}$  one has to specify:

- 1 a class of objects  $\text{Ob}(\mathbb{C})$ ,
- 2 a set of morphisms  $\text{hom}(A, B)$  for all  $A, B \in \text{Ob}(\mathbb{C})$ ,
- 3 an identity morphism  $\text{id}_A$  for all  $A \in \text{Ob}(\mathbb{C})$ , and
- 4 the composition of morphisms  $\cdot$  so that
  - ▶  $(f \cdot g) \cdot h = f \cdot (g \cdot h)$ , and
  - ▶  $\text{id}_B \cdot f = f \cdot \text{id}_A$  for all  $f \in \text{hom}(A, B)$ .

# Ramsey properties in a category

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$$\binom{B}{A} = \text{hom}(A, B) / \sim_A$$

►  $f \sim_A g$  for  $f, g \in \text{hom}(A, B)$  iff  $f = g \cdot \alpha$  for some  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(A)$ .

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

for all  $k \geq 2$  and all  $A, B \in \text{Ob}(\mathbb{C})$  such that  $\text{hom}(A, B) \neq \emptyset$

there is a  $C \in \text{Ob}(\mathbb{C})$  such that for every SET-mapping

$\chi : \binom{C}{A} \rightarrow k$  there is a  $\mathbb{C}$ -morphism  $w : B \rightarrow C$  such that

$$|\chi(w \cdot \binom{B}{A})| = 1.$$

# Ramsey properties in a category

**Example.**  $\text{SET}_{\text{fin}}$

- ▶ objects are finite sets
- ▶  $\text{hom}(A, B) =$  injective maps  $A \rightarrow B$ ,
- ▶ identity is the identity map,
- ▶ composition:  $f \cdot g = f \circ g$ .

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**Example.**  $\mathbb{BA}_{\text{fin}}$

- ▶ objects are finite boolean algebras
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Ramsey property for  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{H}_{\text{fin}} \iff$  Ramsey property for finite chains.

# Ramsey properties in a category

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- ▶ identity is the identity map,
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Ramsey property for  $\mathbb{C}H_{\text{fin}}^{(\leftarrow)} \iff$  *dual* Ramsey property for partitions of finite chains into intervals.

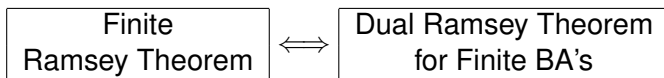
# Ramsey property and categorical equivalence

**Proposition.** *Assume that  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $\mathbb{D}$  are equivalent categories. Then  $\mathbb{C}$  has the Ramsey property for morphisms (objects) iff  $\mathbb{D}$  has the Ramsey property for morphisms (objects).*

- ▶ Categories  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $\mathbb{D}$  are *equivalent* if there exist functors  $E : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$  and  $H : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , and natural isomorphisms  $\eta : \text{ID}_{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow HE$  and  $\varepsilon : \text{ID}_{\mathbb{D}} \rightarrow EH$ .

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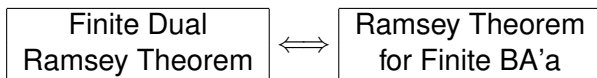
**Dual Ramsey Theorem for Finite BA's.** Let  $\text{Con}(\mathcal{B})$  denote the set of congruences of  $\mathcal{B}$ , and let

$$\text{Con}(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{A}) = \{\Phi \in \text{Con}(\mathcal{B}) : \mathcal{B}/\Phi \cong \mathcal{A}\}.$$

*For every finite boolean algebra  $\mathcal{B}$ , every  $\Phi \in \text{Con}(\mathcal{B})$  and every  $k \geq 2$  there is a finite boolean algebra  $\mathcal{C}$  such that for every  $k$ -coloring of  $\text{Con}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}/\Phi)$  there is a congruence  $\Psi \in \text{Con}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B})$  such that the set of all congruences from  $\text{Con}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}/\Phi)$  which are coarser than  $\Psi$  is monochromatic.*

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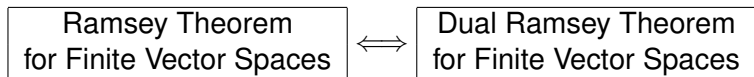


**Example.** Hu's equivalence:



# Ramsey property and categorical equivalence

**Example.** By the standard duality of fin dim vector spaces:



**Dual Ramsey Theorem for Finite Vector Spaces.** *Let  $F$  be a finite field and for a vector space  $V$  over  $F$  let*

$$\left[ \begin{smallmatrix} V \\ d \end{smallmatrix} \right]_{\text{lin}} = \{V/W : W \leq V, \dim(V/W) = d\}.$$

*For all  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k \geq 2$  there is a  $c \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for every  $c$ -dimensional vector space  $V$  over  $F$  and every  $k$ -coloring of  $\left[ \begin{smallmatrix} V \\ a \end{smallmatrix} \right]_{\text{lin}}$  there is a partition  $\beta \in \left[ \begin{smallmatrix} V \\ b \end{smallmatrix} \right]_{\text{lin}}$  such that the set of all partitions from  $\left[ \begin{smallmatrix} V \\ a \end{smallmatrix} \right]_{\text{lin}}$  which are coarser than  $\beta$  is monochromatic.*

# Ramsey property and products of categories

**Theorem.** *Assume that both  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $\mathbb{D}$  satisfy the following finiteness condition:*

- ▶  *$\text{hom}(A, B)$  is finite for all objects  $A$  and  $B$  in the category.*

*If both  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $\mathbb{D}$  have the Ramsey property for morphisms (objects) then  $\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{D}$  has the Ramsey property for morphisms (objects).*

- ▶ Objects of  $\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{D}$  are pairs  $(A, B)$  where  $A \in \text{Ob}(\mathbb{C})$  and  $B \in \text{Ob}(\mathbb{D})$ .
- ▶ Morphisms of  $\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{D}$  are pairs  $(f, g) : (A_1, B_1) \rightarrow (A_2, B_2)$  where  $f : A_1 \rightarrow A_2$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $g : B_1 \rightarrow B_2$  in  $\mathbb{D}$ .
- ▶ The composition is componentwise.



## Ramsey property and products of categories

**Corollary.** *Assume that  $\text{hom}(A, B)$  is finite for all  $A, B \in \text{Ob}(\mathbb{C})$ . If  $\mathbb{C}$  has the Ramsey property for morphisms (objects) then  $\mathbb{C}^n$  has the Ramsey property for morphisms (objects).*

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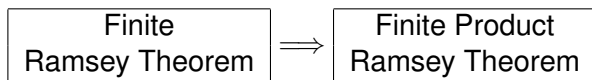
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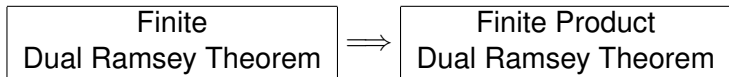
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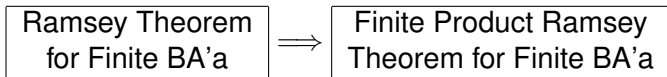


**Finite Product Dual Ramsey Theorem.** *For all  $s, a_1, \dots, a_s, b_1, \dots, b_s \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k \geq 2$  there exist  $c_1, \dots, c_s \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all sets  $C_1, \dots, C_s$  of cardinalities  $c_1, \dots, c_s$ , respectively, and every  $k$ -coloring of the set  $\binom{C_1}{a_1} \times \dots \times \binom{C_s}{a_s}$ , there exist a partition  $\beta_1$  of  $C_1$  with  $b_1$  blocks,  $\dots$ , a partition  $\beta_s$  of  $C_s$  with  $b_s$  blocks such that the following set is monochromatic:*

$$\{(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_s) \in \binom{C_1}{a_1} \times \dots \times \binom{C_s}{a_s} : \gamma_i \text{ is coarser than } \beta_i, 1 \leq i \leq s\}.$$

# Ramsey property and products of categories

## Example.



**Finite Product Ramsey Theorem for Finite BA'a.** *For all positive integers  $s, k$  and all finite boolean algebras  $\mathcal{A}_1, \dots, \mathcal{A}_s, \mathcal{B}_1, \dots, \mathcal{B}_s$  there exist finite boolean algebras  $\mathcal{C}_1, \dots, \mathcal{C}_s$  such that for every  $k$ -coloring of the set  $\binom{\mathcal{C}_1}{\mathcal{A}_1} \times \dots \times \binom{\mathcal{C}_s}{\mathcal{A}_s}$ , where  $\binom{\mathcal{C}}{\mathcal{A}}$  is the set of all subalgebras of  $\mathcal{C}$  that are isomorphic to  $\mathcal{A}$ , there exist  $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_1 \in \binom{\mathcal{C}_1}{\mathcal{B}_1}, \dots, \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_s \in \binom{\mathcal{C}_s}{\mathcal{B}_s}$  such that the set  $\binom{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_1}{\mathcal{A}_1} \times \dots \times \binom{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_s}{\mathcal{A}_s}$  is monochromatic.*

# Ramsey property and products of categories

**Example.** Finite product Ramsey theorem for

- ▶ finite linearly ordered graphs,
- ▶ finite linearly ordered posets,
- ▶ finite linearly ordered metric spaces with rational distances,
- ▶ (and so on)

# Self-dual Ramsey results

**Example.**  $\text{SET}_{\text{fin}} \times \text{SET}_{\text{fin}}^{(\leftarrow)}$  has the Ramsey property for objects since both the factors do, so:

*For all  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k \geq 2$  there exists a  $c \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for every set  $C$  with  $|C| = c$  and for every coloring*

$$\chi : \binom{C}{a} \times \left[ \begin{smallmatrix} C \\ a \end{smallmatrix} \right] \rightarrow k$$

*there is a set  $B \subseteq C$  with  $|B| = b$  and a partition  $\beta$  of  $C$  with  $b$  blocks such that the following set is monochromatic:*

$$\binom{B}{a} \times \left\{ \gamma \in \left[ \begin{smallmatrix} C \\ a \end{smallmatrix} \right] : \gamma \text{ is coarser than } \beta \right\}.$$

(Cf. S. SOLECKI: *Abstract approach to finite Ramsey theory and a self-dual Ramsey theorem.* Adv. Math. 248 (2013), 1156–1198.)

# Silly self-dual Ramsey results

**Example.**  $\mathbb{B}A_{\text{fin}} \times \mathbb{V}_{\text{fin}}^{(\leftarrow)}$  has the Ramsey property for obj's, so:

*Let  $F$  be a finite field. For all  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k \geq 2$  there exists a  $c \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for every finite boolean algebra  $\mathcal{C}$  with  $c$  atoms, every vector space  $V$  over  $F$  of dimension  $c$  and for every coloring*

$$\chi : \binom{\mathcal{C}}{\mathcal{P}(a)} \times [a]_{\text{lin}}^V \rightarrow k$$

*there is a subalgebra  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  with  $b$  atoms and a  $\beta \in [b]_{\text{lin}}^V$  such that the following set is monochromatic:*

$$\binom{\mathcal{B}}{\mathcal{P}(a)} \times \{\gamma \in [a]_{\text{lin}}^V : \gamma \text{ is coarser than } \beta\}.$$

- ▶  $\mathbb{V}_{\text{fin}}^{(\leftarrow)}$  are finite vector spaces over a finite field  $F$  with surjective linear maps  $V \leftarrow W$ .



# Ramsey property and extremely amenable groups

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**Theorem.** *TFAE for a countable locally finite ultrahomogeneous first-order structure  $F$ :*

- 1  $\text{Aut}(F)$  is extremely amenable
  - 2  $\text{Age}(F)$  has the Ramsey property and consists of rigid elements.
- A group  $G$  is *extremely amenable* if every continuous action of  $G$  on a compact Hausdorff space  $X$  has a common fixed point.

# KPT theory in a category – the setup

Let  $\mathbb{C}$  be a category and  $\mathbb{C}_0$  a full subcategory of  $\mathbb{C}$  such that:

- (C1) all morphisms in  $\mathbb{C}$  are monic (= left cancellable);
- (C2)  $\text{Ob}(\mathbb{C}_0)$  is a set;
- (C3) for all  $A, B \in \text{Ob}(\mathbb{C}_0)$  the set  $\text{hom}(A, B)$  is finite;
- (C4) for every  $F \in \text{Ob}(\mathbb{C})$  there is an  $A \in \text{Ob}(\mathbb{C}_0)$  such that  $A \rightarrow F$ ;
- (C5) for every  $B \in \text{Ob}(\mathbb{C}_0)$  the set  $\{A \in \text{Ob}(\mathbb{C}_0) : A \rightarrow B\}$  is finite.

$\mathbb{C}_0$  are (templates of) *finite objects* in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

$$\text{Age}(F) = \{A \in \text{Ob}(\mathbb{C}_0) : A \rightarrow F\}.$$

# KPT theory in a category – the setup

## Example. $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{H}$

- ▶ objects are all chains,
- ▶  $\text{hom}(A, B) = \text{embeddings } A \rightarrow B$ ,
- ▶ composition:  $f \cdot g = f \circ g$ ,
- ▶  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{H}_0$  objects are finite chains  $(\{1, \dots, n\}, \leq)$ ,  $n \geq 1$ .

# KPT theory in a category – the setup

**Example.**  $\text{HAUS}^{(\leftarrow)}$

- ▶ objects are Hausdorff spaces,
- ▶  $\text{hom}(A, B) =$  continuous surjective maps  $A \leftarrow B$ ,
- ▶ composition:  $f \cdot g = g \circ f$ ,
- ▶  $\text{HAUS}_0^{(\leftarrow)}$  objects are finite discrete spaces  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  
 $n \geq 1$ .

An age of a structure in an op-category will be referred to as the *projective age* and denoted by  $\partial\text{Age}(A)$ .

**Example.**  $\mathcal{K} =$  Cantor set  $2^\omega$ .

$\partial\text{Age}(\mathcal{K}) =$  all finite discrete spaces.

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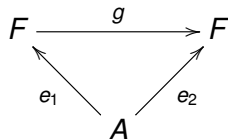
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**Example.**  $\mathcal{K}_{\leq} = \mathcal{K}$  with the lexicographic order.  
 $\partial\text{Age}(\mathcal{K}_{\leq}) =$  all finite chains.

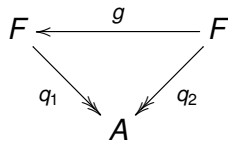
# Homogeneous objects

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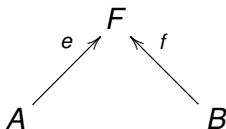


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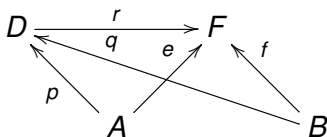
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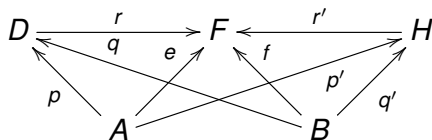




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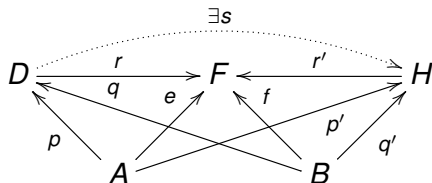
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# Finitely separated automorphisms

The automorphisms of  $F \in \text{Ob}(\mathbb{C})$  are *finitely separated* if the following holds for all  $f, g \in \text{Aut}(F)$ :

if  $f \neq g$  then there is an  $A \in \text{Age}(F)$  and an  $e : A \rightarrow F$  such that  $f \cdot e \neq g \cdot e$ .

**Example.** Automorphisms of every relational structure are finitely separated.

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# The topology generated by the age of an object

$$F \in \text{Ob}(\mathbb{C})$$

For  $A \in \text{Age}(F)$  and  $e_1, e_2 \in \text{hom}(A, F)$  let

$$N_F(e_1, e_2) = \{f \in \text{Aut}(F) : f \cdot e_1 = e_2\}.$$

**Lemma.** *Let  $F$  be a locally finite object in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Then*

$$\mathcal{M}_F = \{N_F(e_1, e_2) : A \in \text{Age}(F); e_1, e_2 \in \text{hom}(A, F)\}$$

*is a base of a topology  $\alpha_F$  on  $\text{Aut}(F)$ . If, in addition, the automorphisms of  $F$  are finitely separated,  $\text{Aut}(F)$  endowed with the topology  $\alpha_F$  is a Hausdorff topological group.*

## The topology generated by the age of an object

**Example.** In the category  $\text{REL}(\Delta)$  of relational structures of a fixed relational type  $\Delta$  and embeddings,  $\alpha_{\mathcal{F}}$  is the pointwise convergence topology for every  $\Delta$ -structure  $\mathcal{F}$ .

**Example.** In the category of Hausdorff topological spaces and topological embeddings  $\alpha_{\mathbb{R}}$  is nontrivial, but it is **not** the pointwise convergence topology.

# The topology generated by the age of an object

**Example.** In  $\text{HAUS}^{(\leftarrow)}$ :  $\alpha_{\mathcal{K}}$  = compact-open topology on  $\mathcal{K}$ .

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**Example.** In the op-category of metric spaces and nonexpansive maps  $\alpha_{\mathbb{R}}$  is antidiscrete.

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$\Theta = (\theta_i)_{i < n}$  – a **finite** relational language

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For  $F \in \text{Ob}(\mathbb{C})$ , a  $\Theta$ -*expansion* of  $F$  is a tuple  $(F, (\rho_i)_{i < n})$  where  $\rho_i$  is a finitary relation on  $\Omega_F$ .

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$\mathbb{C}(\Theta)$  – a category of  $\Theta$  expansions of objects from  $\mathbb{C}$ :

- objects are  $\Theta$ -expansions of objects from  $\mathbb{C}$ ;
- $f : (F, (\rho_i)_{i < n}) \rightarrow (H, (\sigma_i)_{i < n})$  is a  $\mathbb{C}(\Theta)$ -morphism if
  - ▶  $f \in \text{hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(F, H)$ , and
  - ▶  $(e_0, \dots, e_{m-1}) \in \rho_i \Rightarrow (f \cdot e_0, \dots, f \cdot e_{m-1}) \in \sigma_i$ , for all  $i < n$ .

$\text{Age}(F, (\theta_i)_{i < n})$  has the *expansion property* w.r.t.  $\text{Age}(F)$  if

for every  $A \in \text{Age}(F)$  there is a  $B \in \text{Age}(F)$  such that for all  $(A, (\rho_i)_{i < n}), (B, (\sigma_i)_{i < n}) \in \text{Age}(F, (\theta_i)_{i < n})$  we have a morphism  $(A, (\rho_i)_{i < n}) \rightarrow (B, (\sigma_i)_{i < n})$  in  $\mathbb{C}(\Theta)$ .



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$$F \in \text{Ob}(\mathbb{C}), G = \text{Aut}(F)$$

$$E_F = \{\text{all the tuples } (\rho_i)_{i < n} \text{ where } \rho_i \subseteq \Omega_F^{m_i}\}$$

$G$  acts on  $E_F$  *logically*, that is

$$\begin{aligned} (\rho_i)_{i < n}^g &= (\rho_i^g)_{i < n} \quad \text{and} \\ (\mathbf{e}_0, \dots, \mathbf{e}_{m-1}) \in \rho_i^g &\Rightarrow (g^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{e}_0, \dots, g^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{e}_{m-1}) \in \rho_i \end{aligned}$$

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- 2  $\text{Age}(F, (\rho_i)_{i < n})$  has the expansion property w.r.t.  $\text{Age}(F)$ .

## Minimal flows and the expansion property

**Example.** Let  $S$  be an infinite set, let  $G = \text{Sym}(S)$  and let  $(S, \leq)$  be an ultrahomogeneous chain. Then

$$X^\ominus = \overline{\leq^G} = \text{all lin orders on } S$$

is a minimal  $G$ -flow.

**Example.** Let  $G = \text{Aut}(\mathcal{K})$  and recall that  $\mathcal{K}_\leq$  is the Cantor set with the lexicographic order. Then  $X^\ominus = \overline{\leq^G}$  is a minimal  $G$ -flow.

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