

# Dual Ramsey properties for classes of algebras

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

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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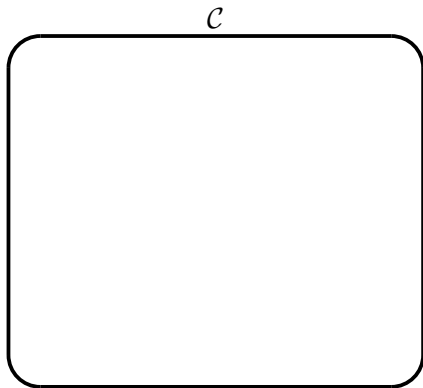
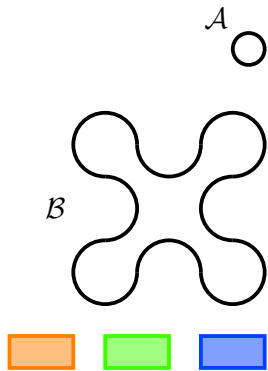
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**Finite Ramsey Theorem (chains).** For all finite chains  $a$  and  $b \geq a$  and all  $k \geq 2$  there is a finite chain  $c$  such that  $c \rightarrow (b)_k^a$ .

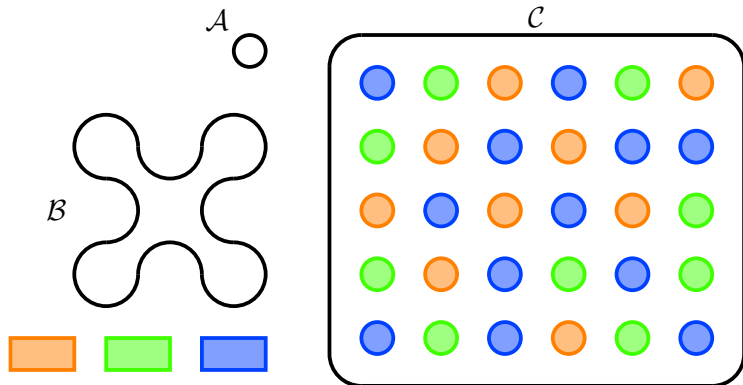
**Definition.** A class  $\mathbf{K}$  of finite structures has the **Ramsey property** if:

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  $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow (\mathcal{B})_k^{\mathcal{A}}$ .

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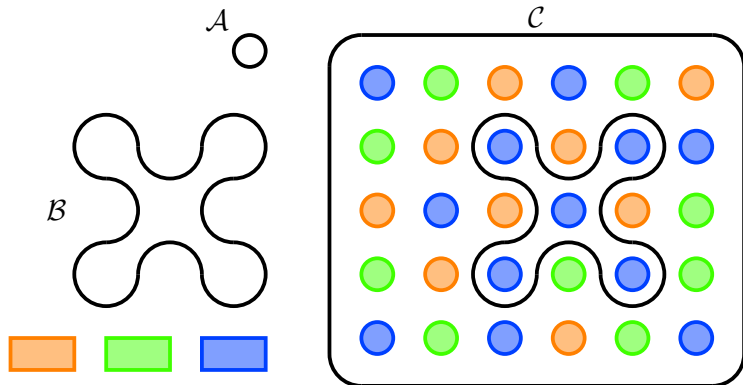


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there is a  $\tilde{\mathcal{B}} \in \binom{\mathcal{C}}{\mathcal{B}}$  such that  $\left| \chi \left( \binom{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}}{\mathcal{A}} \right) \right| = 1$ .

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Two approaches to rectify the injustice:

- 1 early 1970's  $\rightarrow$  add more structure to get the Ramsey property ( $\rightsquigarrow$  *precompact Ramsey expansions*, Nguyen Van Thé 2013);
- 2 late 1990's, Fouché  $\rightarrow$  relax the Ramsey property (*Ramsey degrees*).



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## Adding structure.

Combinatorially interesting classes equipped with an appropriate linear order **enjoy** the Ramsey property:

- 1 Finite graphs **with a linear order**:  $(V, E, <)$
- 2 Finite posets **with a linear extension**:  $(A, \sqsubseteq, <_e)$
- 3 Finite equiv rels **with a convex lin order**:  $(A, \varrho, <_c)$

**Nešetřil-Rödl Theorem.** The class of **linearly ordered** finite relational structures of the same type defined by a finite set of *forbidden substructures* ( $\text{Forb}(\mathcal{F})$  where structs in  $\mathcal{F}$  are *amalgamation irreducible*) has the Ramsey property.

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## Relaxing the property.

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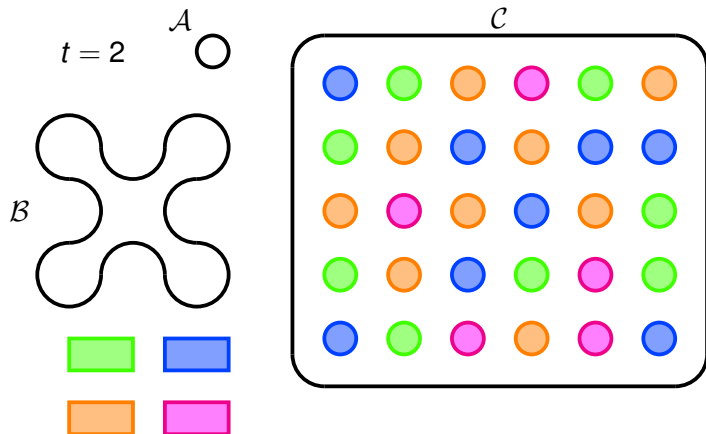
(small) Ramsey degrees

A class  $\mathbf{K}$  of finite structures has *small Ramsey degrees* if for every  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbf{K}$  there is a positive integer  $t = t(\mathcal{A})$  such that

$$\mathcal{C} \longrightarrow (\mathcal{B})_{k,t}^{\mathcal{A}} \text{ in } \mathbf{K}.$$

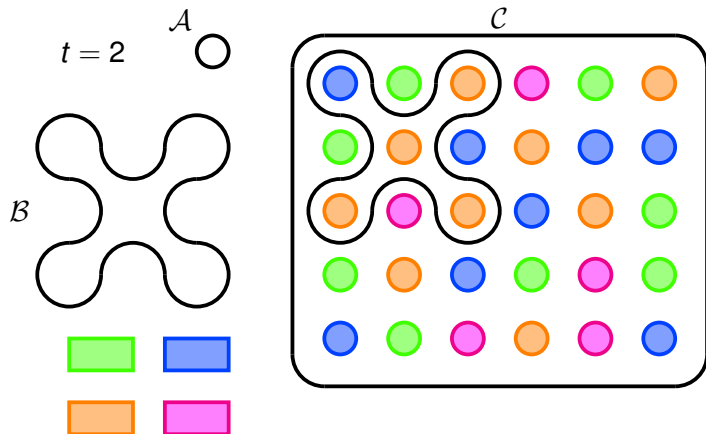
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**Hypothesis.** Every amalgamation class of finite relational structures has a precompact Ramsey expansion (or, equivalently, small Ramsey degrees).

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Generalization to structs ... Kechris-Pestov-Todorčević 2005

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## Examples.

- 1 [Ramsey 1930]  $T(n, \omega) = 1$
- 2 [Galvin, Devlin 1968/79]  $T(n, \mathbb{Q}) < \infty$
- 3 [Sauer 2006]  $T(G, \mathcal{R}) < \infty$  ( $\mathcal{R}$  is the Rado graph)
- 4 [Dobrinen 2017]  $T(G, \mathcal{H}_n) < \infty$  ( $\mathcal{H}_n$  is the Henson graph)
- 5 [Hubička 2021]  $T(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{P}) < \infty$  ( $\mathcal{P}$  is the random poset)

**Zucker's Theorem (2020).** Let  $\mathbf{K}$  be the class of all finite relational systems of the same finite binary type defined by a finite set of *forbidden substructures* ( $\text{Forb}(\mathcal{F})$ ), and let  $\mathcal{L}$  be the Fraïssé limit of  $\mathbf{K}$ . Then  $T(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{L}) < \infty$  for all  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbf{K}$ .

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►  $c \xleftarrow{rs} (b)_k^a$ :

for every coloring  $\chi : \text{RSurj}(c, a) \rightarrow k$  there is a  $w \in \text{RSurj}(c, b)$  such that  $|\chi(\text{RSurj}(b, a) \circ w)| = 1$ .

- $\text{RSurj}(c, a) \dots$  rigid surjections from  $c$  to  $a$  ( $c$  and  $a$  are finite chains)
- $f : c \rightarrow a$  is a **rigid surjection** if the image of every initial segment of  $c$  is an initial segment of  $a$ .

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**Theorem (Carlson, Simpson 1984).** For every finite chain  $n$  and every  $k \geq 2$  we have that  $\omega \overset{b}{\leftarrow} (\omega)_k^n$ .

- $\omega \overset{b}{\leftarrow} (\omega)_k^n$ : for every **Borel coloring**  $\chi : \text{RSurj}(\omega, n) \rightarrow k$  there is a  $w \in \text{RSurj}(\omega, \omega)$  such that  $|\chi(\text{RSurj}(\omega, n) \circ w)| = 1$ .

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**Corollary.** The following classes of algebras have small dual Ramsey degrees (wrt epimorphisms):

- 1 finite groups in an arbitrary nontrivial variety of groups; (in particular, all finite groups, all finite abelian groups. . . );

(NB. We do not know whether the class of all finite groups has a precompact Ramsey expansion!)

- 2 finitely dimensional vector spaces over a finite field;
- 3 finite lattices in an arbitrary nontrivial variety of lattices; (in particular, all finite lattices, finite distributive lattices, finite modular lattices. . . ).

# Infinite Dual Ramsey for varieties of algebras

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**Theorem.** If  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbf{V}$  is a finite algebra then  $\mathcal{A}$  has finite big dual Ramsey degree (wrt Borel coloring of epimorphisms) in the free algebra on  $\omega$  generators. More precisely, if  $\mathcal{A}$  has  $n$  elements then

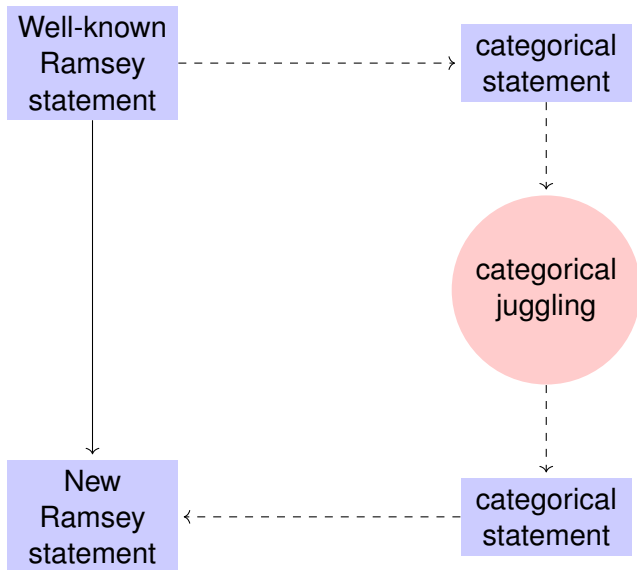
$$T_{\mathbf{V}_{epi}}^{\text{bd}}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{V}}(\omega)) \leq n \cdot n!.$$

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**Corollary.** With respect to Borel colorings of epimorphisms:

- 1 every finite group has finite big dual Ramsey degree in the free group on  $\omega$  generators;
- 2 every finitely dimensional vector space over a finite field  $F$  has finite big dual Ramsey degree in  $F^\omega$ ;
- 3 every finite (distrib/modular/...) lattice has finite big dual Ramsey degree in the free (distrib/modular/...) lattice on  $\omega$  generators.

# Proof strategy



# Structural Ramsey Theory and Category Theory

Ramsey property (for morphisms) in a locally small category  $\mathbf{C}$ :

▶  $\mathbf{C} \longrightarrow (B)_{k,t}^A$ :

for every coloring  $\chi : \text{hom}(A, C) \rightarrow k$  there is a  $w \in \text{hom}(B, C)$  such that  $|\chi(w \cdot \text{hom}(A, B))| \leq t$ .

▶  $\mathbf{C}$  has the Ramsey property:

for every  $k \geq 2$  and all  $A, B \in \text{Ob}(\mathbf{C})$  there is a  $C \in \text{Ob}(\mathbf{C})$  such that  $\mathbf{C} \longrightarrow (B)_{k,1}^A$ .

▶  $\mathbf{C}$  has the dual Ramsey property if  $\mathbf{C}^{op}$  has the Ramsey property.

# Structural Ramsey Theory and Category Theory

Small Ramsey degrees in a locally small category  $\mathbf{C}$ :

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▶  $t_{\mathbf{C}}(A) = \min\{s : \mathbf{C} \longrightarrow (B)_{k,s}^A\}$ , or  $\infty$  if no such  $s$  exists

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# Structural Ramsey Theory and Category Theory

Big Ramsey degrees for Borel colorings in a locally small category  $\mathbf{C}$  enriched over  $\mathbf{Top}$ :

▶  $C \xrightarrow{b} (B)_{k,t}^A$ :

for every Borel coloring  $\chi : \text{hom}(A, C) \rightarrow k$  there is a  $w \in \text{hom}(B, C)$  such that  $|\chi(w \cdot \text{hom}(A, B))| \leq t$ .

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# Monads

Let  $\mathbf{C}$  be a category and  $T : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  an endofunctor.

A **monad** is a triple  $(T, \mu, \eta)$  where:

- ▶  $\mu : TT \rightarrow T$  is a **multiplication** (associative):

$$\begin{array}{ccc} TTT(A) & \xrightarrow{\mu_{T(A)}} & TT(A) \\ T(\mu_A) \downarrow & & \downarrow \mu_A \\ TT(A) & \xrightarrow{\mu_A} & T(A) \end{array} \quad \text{for all } A \in \text{Ob}(\mathbf{C}),$$

- ▶ and  $\eta : \text{ID} \rightarrow T$  is a **unit** for  $\mu$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} T(A) & \xrightarrow{\eta_{T(A)}} & TT(A) & \xleftarrow{T(\eta_A)} & T(A) \\ & \searrow \text{id} & \downarrow \mu_A & \swarrow \text{id} & \\ & & T(A) & & \end{array} \quad \text{for all } A \in \text{Ob}(\mathbf{C}).$$

## Example.

- ▶ The **term algebra monad** (over a fixed alg language  $\Omega$ ):  
 $(T, \mu, \eta)$  where

$$T : \mathbf{Set} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set} : X \mapsto \text{Term}_{\Omega}(X)$$

$$\eta_X : X \rightarrow T(X) : x \mapsto x$$

$$\mu_X : TT(X) \rightarrow T(X) : t_0(\langle t_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle t_n \rangle) \mapsto t_0(t_1, \dots, t_n)$$

# Algebras for an endofunctor

Let  $T : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  be an endofunctor.

A  **$T$ -algebra** is a pair  $(A, \alpha)$  where  $A \in \text{Ob}(\mathbf{C})$  and  $\alpha : T(A) \rightarrow A$ .

A **homomorphism** between  $T$ -algebras  $(A, \alpha)$  and  $(B, \beta)$  is a  $\mathbf{C}$ -morphism  $f : A \rightarrow B$  such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T(A) & \xrightarrow{T(f)} & T(B) \\ \alpha \downarrow & & \downarrow \beta \\ A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \end{array}$$

# Algebras for a monad

Let  $(T, \mu, \eta)$  be a monad where  $T : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ .

An **Eilenberg-Moore algebra** is a  $T$ -algebra  $(A, \alpha)$  such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} TT(A) & \xrightarrow{T(\alpha)} & T(A) \\ \mu_A \downarrow & & \downarrow \alpha \\ T(A) & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & A \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\eta_A} & T(A) \\ & \searrow \text{id}_A & \downarrow \alpha \\ & & A \end{array}$$

The **Eilenberg-Moore category**  $\mathbf{EM}(T, \mu, \eta)$ :

- ▶ objects are Eilenberg-Moore algebras;
- ▶ morphisms are homomorphisms between  $T$ -algebras.

# Algebras for “half a monad”

Let  $T : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  be an endofunctor and  $\mu : TT \rightarrow T$  a multiplication.

A **weak Eilenberg-Moore algebra** is a  $T$ -algebra  $(A, \alpha)$  such that

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*Proof.* Easy but technical – use pre-adjunctions.

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- 1 FDRT:  $\mathbf{Wch}_{rs}^{fin}$  has dual Ramsey property
- 2 upgrade the free algebra monad from  $\mathbf{Set}$  to  $\mathbf{Wch}_{rs}$ ;
- 3 form the weak Eilenberg-Moore category for this monad (these are now **well-ordered** algs + **rigid** epis);



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- 5 use a compactness argument to prove that  $\hat{C} \leftarrow (\hat{B})_k^{\hat{A}}$  for some finite  $\hat{C}$ ;
- 6 finally, use additive property of small (dual) Ramsey degrees to get rid of linear orders.

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- 1 NB: categories are enriched over **Top** in the obvious way
- 2  $\infty$ DRT:  $T_{\mathbf{Wch}_{rs}}^{\text{bd}}(n, \omega) = 1$ .
- 3 Use weak E-M construction to piggyback on that

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- 4 Result: in the category of **ordered** algs + **rigid** epis:  
 $T^{b\partial}(\hat{\mathcal{A}}, \hat{\mathcal{F}}_{\mathbf{V}}(\omega)) \leq n$  for every  $\hat{\mathcal{A}}$  with  $n$  elements.
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- ▶ Strengthen some of Sokić's results about the Ramsey classes of unary algebras. Are there more colorful classes of algebras that can fit into this setting?
- ▶ Comonads have been in effective use in the functional programming community for at least two decades. Coalgebras for a comonad are abstract models of special computational processes. What does it mean that a class of computational processes has the Ramsey property?