

Homogeneous Ordered Graphs

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Theorem

All homogeneous ordered graphs are known.

Proof.

[Cherlin1998, Chap. IV] — as modified in
<http://www.math.rutgers.edu/~cherlin/Paper/HomOG3.pdf>.

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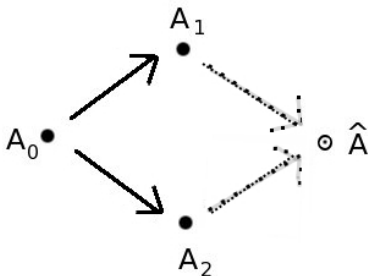
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- The rational order \mathbb{Q} .
- The Random Graph Γ_∞ .
- The generic triangle-free graph Γ_3
- The generically ordered version of any of the above (e.g. for 1: the [generic permutation](#))

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From my perspective this raises two problems in particular.

- Classify the homogeneous ordered graphs (Nguyen Van Thé, 2012; avoided by Macpherson [2010] and Cherlin [2011])
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Remark on [Cherlin1998, Appendix]:

We described 27 homogeneous structures with 4 nontrivial symmetric 2-types, not accounted for by general principles. 18 can be interpreted as metrically homogeneous, three are generic liftings of a metrically homogeneous graph of diameter 3 by generically splitting a type, and 6 remain unexplained.

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An interesting exceptional example is the *generic local order* \mathbb{S} .

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A *local order* is a tournament such that the in-neighbors and the out-neighbors of any vertex form a linear order.

Theorem (Lachlan)

The infinite homogenous tournaments are

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These are two good questions.

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- There are five homogenous tournaments, and only three of them are infinite. The difficulty is to characterize the generic tournament (Lachlan's Ramsey argument).
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- There are uncountably many homogeneous digraphs, which may also be listed explicitly, using a real parameter. This Lachlan's Ramsey method—originally used to characterize **one** structure.

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Alternatively, if we had embarked on the homogeneous ordered graph problem without considering the homogeneous tournaments we would have had to reproduce Lachlan's work, which was one the fundamental advances in methodology!

Conclusion: A **homogeneous ordered** graph need not be an **ordered homogeneous** graph.

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Returning to Altinel's question: **Haven't you done this already?**

This turns out to be the key question. Here “you” needs to be construed broadly, as including Lachlan and Woodrow.

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There are two proofs of the classification of the homogeneous graphs.

Lachlan/Woodrow 1980 Introduced subtle inductive methods relating to amalgamation classes.

Cherlin 1998, Chap. 4 A proof based on Lachlan's ideas from 1984 involving use of Ramsey's Theorem.

In the second proof the sequence of ideas was: Generalize from tournaments to directed graphs, then specialize back to the symmetric case.

Cherlin 1998, Chap. 4

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Graphs vs. Tournaments

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Corollary

The classification of homogeneous tournaments with trivial acl follows from the classification of homogeneous ordered graphs.

Proof.

Generically order the tournament and view it as a homogenous ordered graph. □

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We view our structures as ordered tournaments or as ordered graphs, interchangeably.

Replacing the structure by its complement, we may suppose that the graph contains an infinite independent set I_∞ (as an ordered tournament, this is \mathbb{Q} with its usual ordering, twice).

Special Omits some ordered form of the 3-cycle C_3 .

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Theorem

Let Γ be a homogeneous ordered tournament which omits some ordered form of the 3-cycle C_3 . Then:

- If Γ omits both forms of C_3 , it is a homogeneous permutation (by definition)*
- If Γ omits exactly one ordered form of C_3 then Γ or its complement is a linear extension of a homogeneous partial order with strong amalgamation, namely one of the following:*
 - If Γ is primitive, the linear order may be the generic linear order with convex equivalence classes;*
 - Γ may be the generic linear extension of a homogeneous partial order with strong amalgamation.*

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Theorem

Let Γ be a homogeneous ordered tournament which contains both ordered forms of C_3 , as well as \vec{I}_∞ , but not $[\vec{I}_1 \rightarrow \vec{C}_3^+]$. Then Γ is the generically ordered generic local order.

Proof.

Brute force. □

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Theorem (Generic Case)

Let Γ be a homogeneous ordered graph which contains \vec{P}_3^c , $\vec{I}_1 \perp \vec{P}_3$, and \vec{I}_∞ . Then the underlying graph of Γ is either a Henson graph or the Rado graph, and Γ is generically ordered.

This is where Lachlan's methods come into play.

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We follow [Cherlin1998, Chap. IV], with the following changes:

- The disjoint union of graphs A, B becomes their ordered disjoint union with $A < B$.
- “1-types” x/A are assumed to have $x < A$ or occasionally $A < x$. We call these **initial** or **terminal** 1-types.

The Main Theorem Rephrased

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Theorem (Main Theorem)

$$\mathcal{A}(n) \implies \mathcal{K}_n$$

Notation

- \mathcal{K}_n is the set of \vec{K}_{n+1} -free finite ordered graphs.
- $\mathcal{A}(n)$ is a set of *generators* for \mathcal{K}_n , specifically

$$\{\vec{I} \perp \vec{P}_3, \vec{P}_3^c, \vec{K}_n\} \cup \{\vec{I}_k \mid k < \infty\}$$

- $\mathcal{A} \implies \mathcal{B}$ (\mathcal{A} generates \mathcal{B} means:

Whenever an amalgamation class of finite ordered graphs contains \mathcal{A} , then it contains \mathcal{B} .

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The theorem says that a homogeneous ordered graph which embeds the ordered graphs in $\mathcal{A}(n)$ but not $\mathcal{A}(n+1)$ is the generically ordered Henson graph, while a homogenous ordered graph that embeds the ordered graphs in all $\mathcal{A}(n)$ is the generically ordered random graph.

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Proposition

Fix n and suppose that \mathcal{A} is an amalgamation class of finite ordered graphs containing $\mathcal{A}(n)$. Then the following four statements hold.

- 1 *Any ordered direct sum $A \in \perp \mathcal{A}(n)$ belongs to \mathcal{A} .*
- 2 *Any extension vA with $v < A$ of $A \in \perp \mathcal{A}(n)$ belongs to \mathcal{A} .*
- 3 *For some 2-type r any r -linear extension LA of $A \in \mathcal{A}(n)$ belongs to \mathcal{A} .*
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Notation

$\perp \mathcal{A}(n)$ consists of all $\perp_1^k A_i$ with $A_i \in \mathcal{A}(n)$

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1 *Any ordered direct sum $A \in \perp \mathcal{A}(n)$ belongs to \mathcal{A} .*

Proof.

Induction on the number of factors. If $A \subseteq \Gamma$ then $A^\perp = \{v > A \mid A \perp v\}$ is homogeneous. □

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Lemma

$$2 \implies 3 \implies 4$$

- ② *Any extension vA with $v < A$ of $A \in \perp \mathcal{A}(n)$ belongs to \mathcal{A} .*
- ③ *For some 2-type r any r -linear extension LA of $A \in \mathcal{A}(n)$ belongs to \mathcal{A} .*
- ④ $\mathcal{K}_n \subseteq \mathcal{A}$.

Proof.

(2 \implies 3): Ramsey's Theorem

(3 \implies 4): Trivial, as it turns out



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A Sketch of the Proof

The Main Theorem follows by a trivial induction:

Lemma

$$3 \implies 4$$

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- 4 $\mathcal{K}_n \subseteq \mathcal{A}$.

Proof.

$$\mathcal{A}(n) \subseteq \mathcal{A}$$

$$\mathcal{A}' = \{X \mid \text{All } LX \text{ are in } \mathcal{A}\}$$

$$\mathcal{A}(n) \subseteq \mathcal{A}'$$

$$A' \in \mathcal{A}', \text{ so } A = LA' \in \mathcal{A}$$

$$A \in \mathcal{K}_n$$

$$v = \{\min A\}, L = \{v\},$$

$$A' = A \setminus R$$

$$A = LA', L < A'$$



One more thing

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How to prove (2)? Like (1)—but that's another story, and leads to complications.

Details at

<http://www.math.rutgers.edu/~cherlin/Paper/HomOG3.pdf>.