### A first intermediate class with limit object

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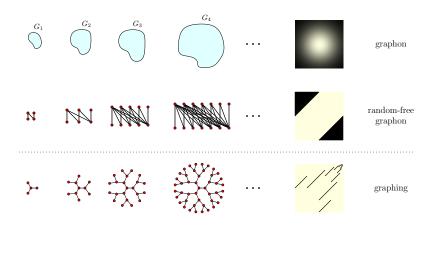
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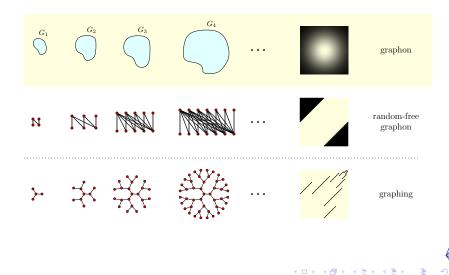
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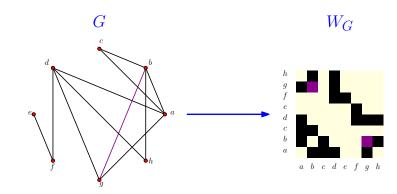


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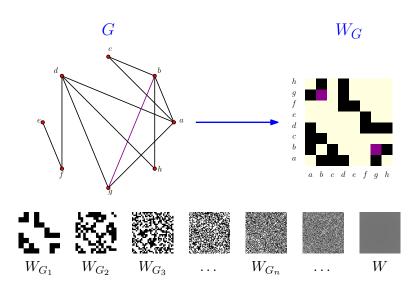


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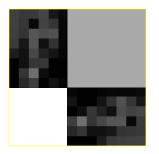
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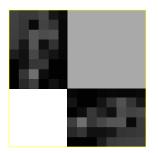


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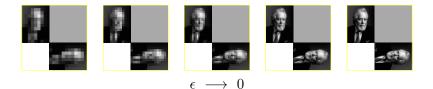


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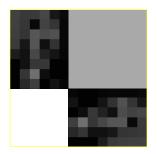
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• Convergence of  $\delta_{\Box}$  or of *Lovász profile* 

$$t(F,G_n) = \frac{\hom(F,G_n)}{|G_n|^{|F|}}$$

• Limit as a *graphon* (Lovász–Szegedy)

symmetric  $W:[0,1]\times [0,1]\to [0,1]$ 

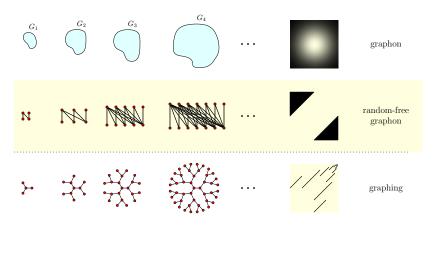
(up to weak-equivalence)

• Limit as an exchangeable random infinite graph (Aldous–Hoover–Kallenberg, Diaconis–Janson).



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### Limit objects: random-free case



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### Random-free graphons & Borel graphs

#### Definition

A graphon is *random-free* if it is a.e.  $\{0, 1\}$ -valued.

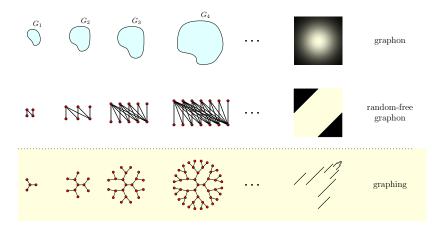
A *Borel graph* is a graph on a standard probability space, whose edge set is measurable.

Connections with ...

- Vapnik–Chervonenkis dimension (Lovász-Szegedy)
- $\delta_1$ -metric (Pikhurko)
- entropy (Aldous, Janson, Hatami & Norine)
- class speed (Chatterjee, Varadhan)

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### Limit objects: bounded degree case





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# Bounded degree graphs: BS-convergence

• Convergence of

$$\frac{|\{v, B_d(G_n, v) \simeq (F, r)\}|}{|G_n|}.$$

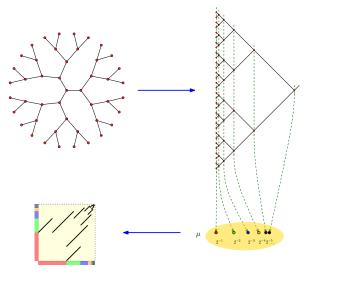
• Limit as a *graphing* = Borel graph satisfying the *Mass Transport Principle* (Aldous-Lyons, Elek)

$$\forall A, B \in \Sigma \qquad \int_A \mathrm{d}_B(x) \,\mathrm{d}\nu(x) = \int_B \mathrm{d}_A(x) \,\mathrm{d}\nu(x).$$

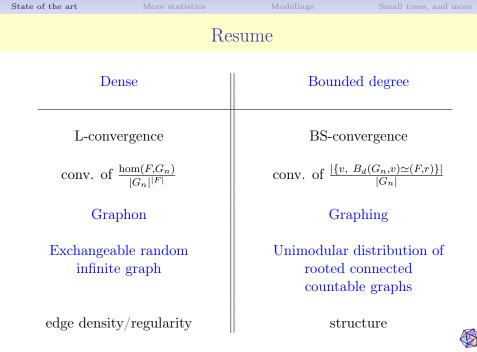
• Limit as a unimodular distribution on rooted connected countable graphs (Benjamini–Schramm).



# **BS-**convergence

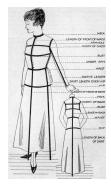






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### More statistics





# Probabilistic approach of properties

#### Definition (Stone pairing)

Let  $\phi$  be a first-order formula with p free variables and let G = (V, E) be a graph.

The *Stone pairing* of  $\phi$  and *G* is

$$\langle \phi, G \rangle = \Pr(G \models \phi(X_1, \dots, X_p)),$$

for independently and uniformly distributed  $X_i \in V$ . That is:

$$\langle \phi, G \rangle = \frac{\left| \{ (v_1, \dots, v_p) \in V^p : G \models \phi(v_1, \dots, v_p) \} \right|}{|V|^p},$$



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### Structural Limits

#### Definition

A sequence  $(G_n)$  is FO-convergent if, for every  $\phi \in FO$ , the sequence  $\langle \phi, G_1 \rangle, \ldots, \langle \phi, G_n \rangle, \ldots$  is convergent.

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|         | QF                             | Quantifier free formulas | L-limits                 |                       |
| _       | FO <sub>0</sub>                | Sentences                | Elementary limit         | 5                     |
| _       | $\mathrm{FO}^{\mathrm{local}}$ | Local formulas           | (BS-limits)              |                       |
| _       | FO                             | All first-order formulas | FO-limits                |                       |
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# Structural Limits

| Boolean algebra $\mathcal{B}(X)$              | Stone Space $S(\mathcal{B}(X))$                     |
|---|---|
| Formula $\phi$                                | Continuous function $f_{\phi}$                      |
| Vertices $v_1, \ldots, v_p, \ldots$           | Type $T$ of $v_1, \ldots, v_p, \ldots$              |
| Graph $G$                                     | statistics of types<br>=probability measure $\mu_G$ |
| $\langle \phi, G \rangle$                     | $\int f_{\phi}(T)  \mathrm{d}\mu_G(T)$              |
| X-convergent $(G_n)$                          | weakly convergent $\mu_{G_n}$                       |
| $\Gamma = \operatorname{Aut}(\mathcal{B}(X))$ | $\Gamma$ -invariant measure                         |



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Modelings





# Modelings

#### Definition

A *modeling*  $\mathbf{A}$  is a graph on a standard probability space s.t. every first-order definable set is measurable.



From "Manga Guide to Statistics", Shin Takahashi, 2008



$$G = (V, E) \mapsto I(G) = (V, E')$$
$$E' = \{(x, y) : G \models \theta(x, y)\}.$$

#### Examples

$$\begin{array}{rccc} x \not\sim y & \longrightarrow & I(G) = \overline{G} \\ (x \sim y) \lor (\exists z \ (x \sim z) \land (z \sim y)) & \longrightarrow & I(G) = G^2 \end{array}$$



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#### Properties

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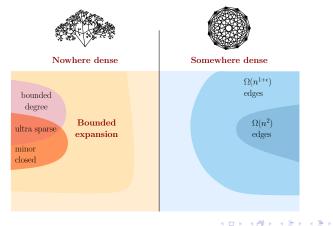


# Modelings as FO-limits?

### Theorem (Nešetřil, POM 2013)

If a monotone class  $\mathcal{C}$  has modeling FO-limits then the class  $\mathcal{C}$  is nowhere dense.



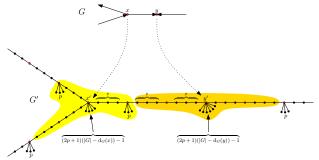




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|                  | Proof           | (sketch)  |                       |

- Assume C is somewhere dense. There exists  $p \ge 1$  such that  $\operatorname{Sub}_p(K_n) \in C$  for all n;
- For an oriented graph G, define  $G' \in \mathcal{C}$ :



•  $\exists$  basic interpretation I, such that for every graph G,  $I(G') \cong G[k(G)] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} G^+$ , where k(G) = (2p+1)|G|.



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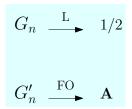
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$$\begin{array}{ccc} G_n & \_ & 1/2 \\ & & \\ & & \\ \bullet \\ G'_n \in \mathcal{C} \end{array}$$

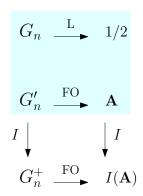


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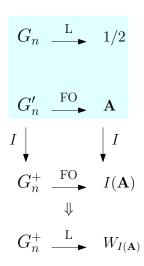


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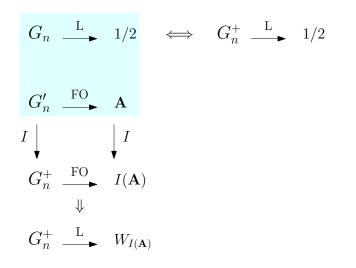


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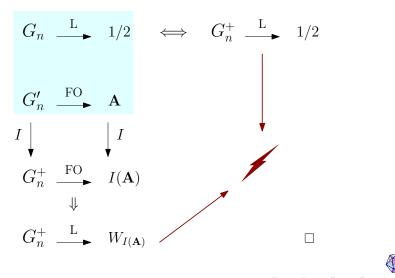


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#### Conjecture (Nešetřil, POM)

Every nowhere dense class has modeling FO-limits.

- true for bounded degree graphs (Nešetřil, POM 2012)
- true for colored bounded height trees (Nešetřil, POM 2013)
- true for bounded tree-depth graphs (Nešetřil, POM 2013)



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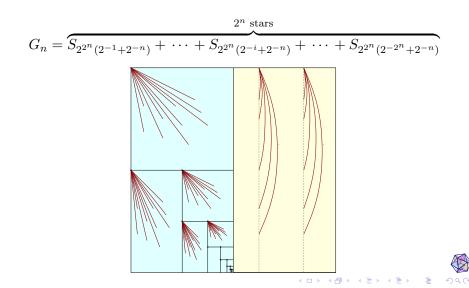
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#### Are star forests easy?

$$G_n = \overbrace{S_{2^{2^n}(2^{-1}+2^{-n})}^{2^n} + \dots + S_{2^{2^n}(2^{-i}+2^{-n})}^{2^n} + \dots + S_{2^{2^n}(2^{-2^n}+2^{-n})}^{2^n}}_{2^n}}^{2^n \text{ stars}}$$



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#### Rooted colored trees with height $\leq t$ (proof by induction on t)

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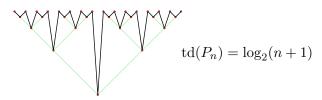
#### Tree-depth



The *tree-depth* td(G) of a graph G is the minimum height of a rooted forest Y s.t.

 $G \subseteq \text{Closure}(Y).$ 

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### Tree-depth at most t

- Let  $(G_n)$  be an FO-convergent sequence of graphs with tree-depth  $\leq t$ .
- There is a basic interpretation I and rooted colored trees  $Y_n$  with height  $\leq t + 1$  such that  $G_n = I(Y_n)$ .
- By compactness, there is a subsequence  $(Y_{f(n)})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , which is FO-convergent.
- Let  $Y_{f(n)} \xrightarrow{\mathrm{FO}} \mathbf{A}$ .
- Then  $G_n \xrightarrow{\text{FO}} I(\mathbf{A})$ .

### Colored Trees

- Reduction (mod countable) to countably many essentially connected sequences and a residual sequence, by cuting the trees and taking subsequence;
- For a residual sequence, construction via Stone space;
- For an essentially connected sequence, inductive construction of a modeling limit.



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# Thank you for your attention.

