

# Homogeneous coloured multipartite graphs

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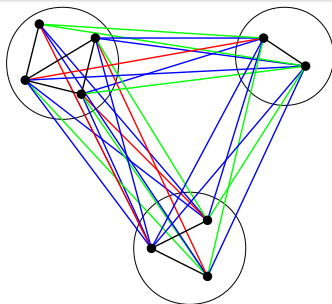
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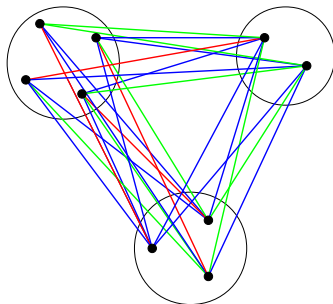
For  $n$  a positive integer, an  $n$ -graph is a graph on  $n$  pairwise disjoint sets of vertices  $V_0, V_1, \dots, V_{n-1}$  (called *parts*) each of which is an ordinary countable graph, with finitely many edge-types between pairs of parts (i.e. finite set of colours  $C_{ij}$  on  $V_i \times V_j$ ).



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An  $n$ -partite graph is an  $n$ -graph for which each part is null (contains no edges within parts).



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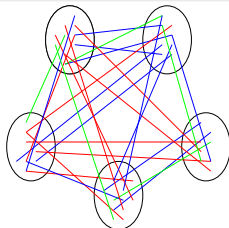
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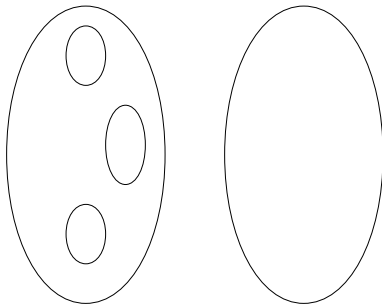
*Any restriction of a homogeneous multipartite graph to a subset of its set of parts is homogeneous.*



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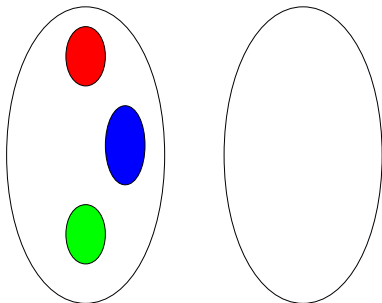
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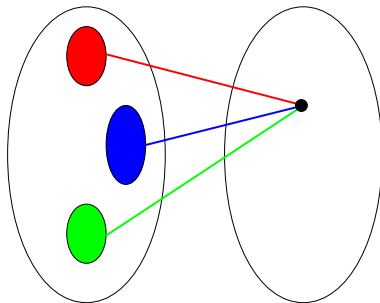
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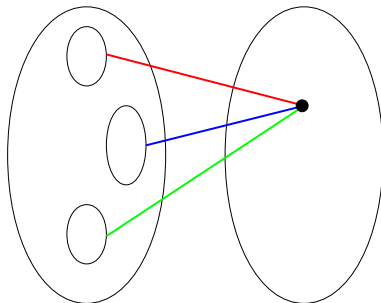
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## Theorem (J,S,T)

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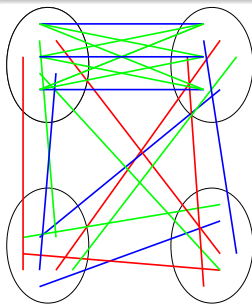
- 1  $|C| = 1$  and all edges are the same colour;
- 2  $|C| = 2$  and edges of one colour are a perfect matching, and edges of the other colour are its complement;
- 3  $|C| \geq 2$  and  $G$  is generic.



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A countable  $m$ -partite graph  $G$  is  $m$ -generic if each bipartite restriction is generic.

We aim to classify the homogeneous  $m$ -generic graphs.

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## Example

Suppose we work in a language for 3-partite graphs, such that  $C_{01} = C_{02} = C_{12} = \{\text{red, green, blue}\}$ . There is a homogeneous 3-generic graph which does not embed a red triangle or a blue triangle, but does embed all other possible finite  $L$ -graphs.

# Amalgamation

## Definition

An *amalgamation class*  $\mathcal{C}$  is a family of finite structures in a countable relational language, which is closed under isomorphism and taking substructures, and which has the *amalgamation property* (AP):

for  $A, B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{C}$ , if there exist embeddings  $f_1 : A \rightarrow B_1$  and  $f_2 : A \rightarrow B_2$ , then there exists  $C \in \mathcal{C}$  and embeddings  $g_1 : B_1 \rightarrow C$  and  $g_2 : B_2 \rightarrow C$  such that  $g_1 \circ f_1 = g_2 \circ f_2$ .

So, two structures in  $\mathcal{C}$  with isomorphic substructures can be “glued together” so that the substructures are identified, to give a larger structure in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

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Aim: Use Fraïssé's Theorem to classify  $m$ -generic graphs by classifying amalgamation classes.

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## Lemma

*Two countable homogeneous  $L$ -graphs  $G_1, G_2$  are isomorphic if and only if they minimally omit the same family of finite  $L$ -graphs.*

(Note: can reduce the classification using “colour-isomorphism”, but will not go into detail here.)

# Forbidden families

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a family of finite  $L$ -graphs.

## Definition

$Forb(\mathcal{F}) :=$  family of all finite  $L$ -graphs which omit members of  $\mathcal{F}$ .

If  $G$  is a countable homogeneous  $L$ -graph with  $O(G) = \mathcal{F}$ , then  $Age(G) = Forb(\mathcal{F})$ .

Classifying countable homogeneous  $m$ -generic  $L$ -graphs

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To prove this, the first (easy) step is to show:

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A set of multipartite graphs  $\mathcal{A}$  covers  $C_{ij}$  if for each  $c \in C_{ij}$  there is some  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  which covers  $c$  on  $V_i \times V_j$ . Then we call  $\mathcal{A}$  a  $C_{ij}$ -cover set.



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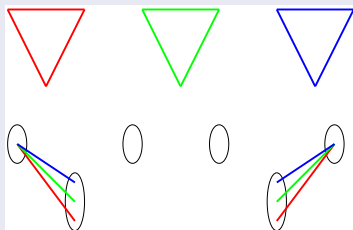
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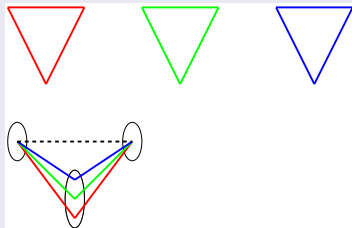
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( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a family of triangles which does not contain any cover sets. We verify that  $\text{Forb}(\mathcal{F})$  is an amalgamation class. Only need two-point amalgamations:  $B_1 = A \cup \{x\}$ ,  $B_2 = A \cup \{y\}$ . These amalgamations can always be done since there is always a free colour not covered by any member of  $\mathcal{F}$ , which we may assign to the edge  $xy$ .  $\square$

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However we will see that if  $m > 3$  and  $G$  is a homogeneous  $m$ -generic graph, then  $O(G)$  may contain cover sets. But certain conditions must be satisfied ...

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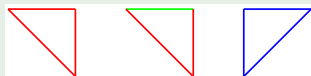
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Let  $m = 4$ ,  $|C_{ij}| = 3$  for each distinct  $i, j \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ . Then the following is a  $C_{01}^{23}$ -omission set:





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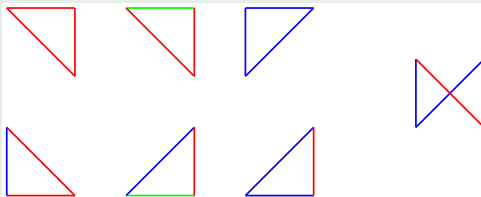
Note that no cover sets are defined on just 3 parts, so omission sets always have two types of triangles.

# Corresponding omission sets

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If the  $C_{kl}^{ij}$ -omission set  $S_{kl}$  has the same code as  $S_{ij}$  (i.e. has the same colours on all edges other than the  $E_{kl}$ -edges), then we say that  $S_{ij}$  and  $S_{kl}$  are *corresponding* omission sets.

## Example



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## Lemma

*Let  $G$  be a homogeneous  $m$ -generic graph. If there is a  $C_{ij}^{kl}$ -omission set  $\mathcal{S}$  in  $O(G)$ , then there is a corresponding  $C_{kl}^{ij}$ -omission set in  $O(G)$ .*

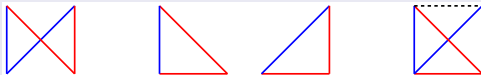
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## Proof.

If not, then for some colour  $d \in C_{kl}$ , the two triangles with  $d$ -coloured  $E_{kl}$ -edge which agree with the code of  $\mathcal{S}$  are both realized in  $G$ .



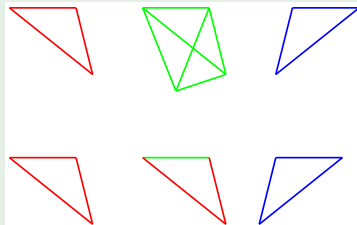
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# 'Based on' ordering

## Definition

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $C_{ij}$ -cover set. We say that  $\mathcal{S}$  is a  $C_{ij}^{kl}$ -omission set *based on*  $\mathcal{A}$  if there are  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$  with the colours on the  $E_{ik}, E_{jk}$ -edges of  $\mathcal{S}$  agreeing with  $A$ , and the colours on the  $E_{il}, E_{jl}$ -edges of  $\mathcal{S}$  agreeing with  $B$ .

## Example



# Non-complication

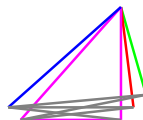
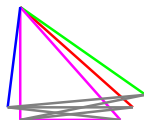
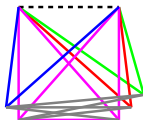
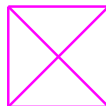
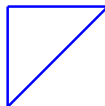
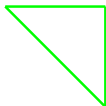
Omission sets are as complicated as things get.

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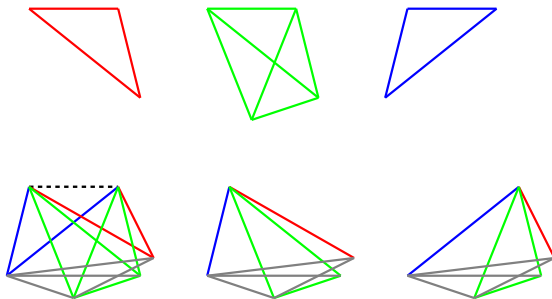
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Proof outline for  $m$ -partite case, for  $m > 4$ :



Assume for a contradiction that there are no omission sets based on the cover set. Now aim to show that the above  $(m - 1)$ -partite graphs can be realised. This is possible, but much more complicated than in the 4-partite case!



# $m$ -generic graphs

## Theorem

Let  $L$  be a language for coloured  $m$ -partite graphs, and let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a family of monic  $L$ -graphs. Then there is a unique countable homogeneous  $m$ -generic  $L$ -graph  $G$  with  $\text{Age}(G) = \text{Forb}(\mathcal{F})$  if and only if:

- 1 If  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{F}$  is a  $C_{ij}$ -cover set, then there is a  $C_{ij}^{kl}$ -omission set in  $\mathcal{F}$  based on  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- 2 If there is a  $C_{ij}^{kl}$ -omission set in  $\mathcal{F}$ , then there is a corresponding  $C_{kl}^{ij}$ -omission set in  $\mathcal{F}$ .

The theorem gives sufficient conditions for  $\mathcal{F}$  to verify whether or not  $\text{Forb}(\mathcal{F})$  is an amalgamation class.

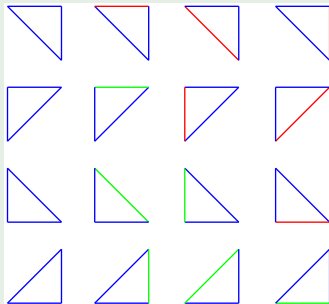
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We can use the classification theorem to construct examples of families of monics  $\mathcal{F}$  such that  $Forb(\mathcal{F})$  is an amalgamation class.

The following examples will be 'maximal', i.e. there is no family  $\mathcal{F}'$  with  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{F}'$  such that  $Forb(\mathcal{F}')$  is an amalgamation class.

For each of the examples, let  $L$  be a language for 4-partite graphs, and let  $|C_{ij}| = 3$  for each distinct  $i, j \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ .

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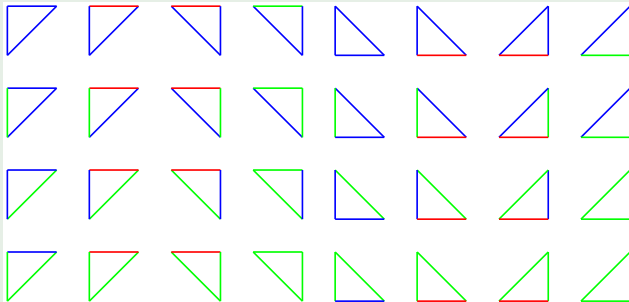
Example ( $\mathcal{F}_1$ )

$\text{Forb}(\mathcal{F}_1)$  is an amalgamation class, giving homogeneous 4-generic  $L$ -graph  $G_1$  with  $O(G_1) = \mathcal{F}_1$ .

$\mathcal{F}_1$  contains  $C_{ij}$ -cover sets for each distinct  $i, j$ .

$\mathcal{F}_1$  contains three pairs of corresponding omission sets.

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Example ( $\mathcal{F}_2$ )

$\text{Forb}(\mathcal{F}_2)$  is an amalgamation class, giving homogeneous 4-generic  $L$ -graph  $G_2$  with  $O(G_2) = \mathcal{F}_2$ .

$\mathcal{F}_2$  only contains  $C_{01}$ -cover sets and  $C_{23}$ -cover sets.

$\mathcal{F}_2$  contains 16 overlapping pairs of  $C_{01}^{23}$ -omission sets and corresponding  $C_{23}^{01}$ -omission sets.