

The theory of graphs – Section 5.3

The theory of graphs has an \aleph_0 -categorical model companion and this has EQ .

A graph (in this sense) consists of **nodes** (its elements) some of which are connected and some of which are not.

connected	not connected
$a \text{ --- } b$	$a \text{ --- } b$
mates	not mates

This is a symmetric irreflexive relation, so we have a rather simple first order language.

In this language $T(Gph)$ is \forall_1 -axiomatizable.

Solving ‘equations’ in graphs

On board

A graph is **random** if for each finite disjoint sets L, R of nodes the problem

$$L \text{ --- } v \text{ --- } R$$

is solvable.

The theory $T(Rdm)$ of random graphs is \forall_2 -axiomatizable.

Some random graphs

Each ec graph is random.

The set V_ω of hereditarily finite sets (in the Zermelo hierarchy) gives a random graph.

In fact, for each limit ordinal λ the level V_λ of the ZF-hierarchy gives a random graph.

For each cardinal κ the level V_κ can solve infinite sets of equations up to a certain cardinality.

Back-and-forth properties

For each pair U, V of random graphs the set of all finite partial isomorphisms form a b&f system.

A finite partial isomorphism is merely an isomorphism f between two finite subgraphs.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U & & V \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \end{array}$$

For random graphs U, V we have

$$U \subseteq V \implies U \prec V$$

so that

$$\text{random} = \text{ec}$$

$T(Rdm)$ is model complete and \aleph_0 -categorical

We have just seen that

$$\mathcal{E}(T(Gph)) = Md(T(Rdm))$$

and hence

$$T(Rdm) = Th(\mathcal{E}(T(Gph)))$$

is model complete.

Trivially, $T(Gph)$ has *JEP*, so the b&f properties ensure that $T(Rdm)$ is \aleph_0 -categorical.

Or: Let U, V be two countable random graphs. Trivially there is a partial isomorphism between them (using 1-node graphs), so $U \equiv_p V$, hence $U \cong V$.

We may check that $T(Gph)$ has *AP* hence $T(Rdm)$ has *EQ*.

Existentially universal

V_ω is the unique countable random (ec) graph.

Since this ensure there are few \exists_1 -types, this means there is a countable eu graph. This must be V_ω .

Thus we can solve certain infinite graph ‘equations’ in V_ω .

Is this surprising?