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Generic automorphisms as Fraïssé limits

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Model theory is a field of mathematics that classifies and constructs structures with particular properties (particularly those expressible in first order logic). It describes classical mathematical objects in a broader context, abstracts their properties and studies connections between seemingly unrelated structures. This work studies limits of Fraïssé classes with additional combinatorial and categorical properties. Fraïssé classes are frequently used in model theory, both as a source of examples and to analyse particular “generic” structures.

The notion of Fraïssé class and its limit is due to the French logician Roland Fraïssé. He also introduced the back-and-forth argument, a fundamental model theoretical method in construction of elementarily equivalent structures, upon which Ehrenfeucht-Fraïssé games are based.

The prototypical example for this paper is the random graph 3.13 (also known as the Rado graph), the Fraïssé limit of the class of finite undirected graphs. It serves as a useful example, gives an intuition of the Fraïssé limits, weak Hrushovski property and free amalgamation. Perhaps most importantly, the random graph has a so-called generic automorphism 2.6, which was first proved by Truss in [10], where he also introduced the term.

The key Theorem 4.5 says that a Fraïssé class with canonical amalgamation and weak Hrushovski property has a generic automorphism. The fact that such an automorphism exists in this case follows from the classical results of Ivanov [3] and Kechris-Rosendal [5]. In this work we show a new way to construct a generic automorphism by expanding the structures of the class by a (total) automorphism and considering limit of such extended Fraïssé class. We achieve this by using the Banach-Mazur games, a well known method in the descriptive set theory, which proves useful in the study of comeagre sets.

Finally, we show how this construction of the generic automorphism can be used to deduce some properties of generic automorphisms (see 4.7). In the last section we give examples and anti-examples of Fraïssé classes with weak Hrushovski property and canonical amalgamation, characterize Fraïssé limits and generic automorphism of these classes.

## WSTĘP

Teoria modeli jest działem matematyki zajmującym się klasyfikacją i konstrukcją struktur z określonymi cechami (szczególnie takimi, które da się wyrazić logiką pierwszego rzędu). Opisuje klasyczne matematyczne obiekty w szerszym kontekście, abstrahuje ich własności i opisuje połączenia między pozornie niepowiązanymi strukturami. Niniejsza praca bada granicę klas Fraïsségo z dodatkowymi kombinatorycznymi i kategoryjnymi własnościami. Klasy Fraïsségo są powszechnie znanym i używanym konceptem w teorii modeli, zarówno jako narzędzie opisujące “generyczne” struktury, jak i źródło przykładów.

Klasy Fraïsségo i ich granice zostały opisane po raz pierwszy przez francuskiego logika Rolanda Fraïsségo. Zawdzięczamy mu również argument “back-and-forth”, fundamentalną teoriomodelową metodę konstrukcji elementarnie równoważnych struktur, na podstawie której bazują gry Ehrenfeuchta-Fraïsségo.

Graf losowy 3.13, zwany również grafem Rado, jest prototypową strukturą tej pracy. Graf losowy można skonstruować jako granicę Fraïsségo klasy skończonych grafów nieskierowanych. Służy on jako użyteczny przykład, daje intuicję stojącą za konstrukcją granicy Fraïsségo, słabej własności Hrushovskiego oraz wolnej amalgamacji. Ponadto, co najważniejsze dla niniejszej pracy, graf losowy ma tak zwany *generyczny automorfizm* 2.6, co zostało po raz pierwsze zdefiniowane i udowodnione przez Trussa w [10].

Kluczowe twierdzenie 4.5 mówi, że klasa Fraïsségo z kanoniczną amalgamacją i słabą własnością Hrushovskiego ma generyczny automorfizm. Istnienie takiego automorfizmu w tym przypadku wynika z wcześniejszych klasycznych wyników Ivanova [3] oraz Kechrisa-Rosendala [5]. W tej pracy pokazujemy nowy sposób konstrukcji generycznego automorfizmu poprzez rozszerzenie struktur klasy o (totalny) automorfizm oraz analizę granicy Fraïsségo nowo powstałej klasy. Posługujemy się przy tym gramami Banacha-Mazura, które są dobrze znanym narzędziem w deskryptywnej teorii mnogości.

Opisana konstrukcja generycznego automorfizmu okazuje się pomocna w dowodzeniu niektórych własności tego automorfizmu (patrz 4.7). W ostatnim rozdziale przytaczamy przykłady klas Fraïsségo ze słabą własnością Hrushovskiego i kanoniczną amalgamacją oraz charakteryzujemy ich granice oraz generyczny automorfizm.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Before we get to the main work of the paper, we need to establish basic notions, known facts and theorems. This section provides a brief introduction to the theory of Baire spaces and category theory. Most of the notions are well known, interested reader may look at [4], [6]

**2.1. Descriptive set theory.** In this section we provide an important definition of a *comeagre* set. It is purely topological notion, the intuition may come from the measure theory though. For example, in a standard Lebesgue measure on the real interval  $[0, 1]$ , the set of rationals is of measure 0, although being a dense subset of the  $[0, 1]$ . So, in a sense, the set of rationals is *meagre* in the interval  $[0, 1]$ . On the other hand, the set of irrational numbers is also dense, but have measure 1, so it is *comeagre*.

This is only a rough approximation of the topological definition. The definitions are based on the Kechris' book *Classical Descriptive Set Theory* [4]. One should look into it for more details and examples.

**Definition 2.1.** Suppose  $X$  is a topological space and  $A \subseteq X$ . We say that  $A$  is *meagre* in  $X$  if  $A = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$ , where  $A_n$  are nowhere dense subsets of  $X$  (i.e.  $\text{Int}(\bar{A}_n) = \emptyset$ ).

**Definition 2.2.** We say that  $A$  is *comeagre* in  $X$  if it is a complement of a meagre set. Equivalently, a set is comeagre if and only if it contains a countable intersection of open dense sets.

Every countable set is meagre in any  $T_1$  space. So,  $\mathbb{Q}$  is meagre in  $\mathbb{R}$  (although it is dense), which means that the set of irrationals is comeagre. The Cantor set is nowhere dense, hence meagre in the  $[0, 1]$  interval.

**Definition 2.3.** We say that a topological space  $X$  is a *Baire space* if every comeagre subset of  $X$  is dense in  $X$  (equivalently, every meagre set has empty interior).

**Definition 2.4.** Suppose  $X$  is a Baire space. We say that a property  $P$  holds *generically* for a point  $x \in X$  if  $\{x \in X \mid P \text{ holds for } x\}$  is comeagre in  $X$ .

Let  $M$  be a structure. We define a topology on the automorphism group  $\text{Aut}(M)$  by the basis of open sets: for a finite function  $f : M \rightarrow M$  we have a basic open set  $[f]_{\text{Aut}(M)} = \{g \in \text{Aut}(M) \mid f \subseteq g\}$ . This is a standard definition.

**Fact 2.5.** For a countable structure  $M$ , the topological space  $\text{Aut}(M)$  is a Baire space.

This is in fact a very weak statement, it is also true that  $\text{Aut}(M)$  is a Polish space (i.e. separable completely metrizable), and every Polish space is Baire. However, those additional properties are not important in this study.

**Definition 2.6.** Let  $G = \text{Aut}(M)$  be the automorphism group of structure  $M$ . We say that  $f \in G$  is a *generic automorphism*, if the conjugacy class of  $f$  is comeagre in  $G$ .

**Definition 2.7.** Let  $X$  be a nonempty topological space and let  $A \subseteq X$ . The *Banach-Mazur game* of  $A$ , denoted as  $G^{**}(A)$  is defined as follows: Players  $I$  and  $II$  take turns in playing nonempty open sets  $U_0, V_0, U_1, V_1, \dots$  such that  $U_0 \supseteq V_0 \supseteq U_1 \supseteq V_1 \supseteq \dots$ . We say that player  $II$  wins the game if  $\bigcap_n V_n \subseteq A$ .

There is an important Theorem 2.13 on the Banach-Mazur game:  $A$  is comeagre if and only if  $II$  can always choose sets  $V_0, V_1, \dots$  such that it wins. Before we prove it we need to define notions necessary to formalise and prove the theorem.

**Definition 2.8.**  $T$  is the tree of all legal positions in the Banach-Mazur game  $G^{**}(A)$  when  $T$  consists of all finite sequences  $(W_0, W_1, \dots, W_n)$ , where  $W_i$  are nonempty open sets such that  $W_0 \supseteq W_1 \supseteq \dots \supseteq W_n$ .

**Definition 2.9.** We say that  $\sigma$  is a pruned subtree of the tree of all legal positions  $T$  if  $\sigma \subseteq T$ , for any  $(W_0, W_1, \dots, W_n) \in \sigma, n \geq 0$  there is a  $W$  such that  $(W_0, W_1, \dots, W_n, W) \in \sigma$  (it simply means that there's no finite branch in  $\sigma$ ) and  $(W_0, W_1, \dots, W_{n-1}) \in \sigma$  (every node on a branch is in  $\sigma$ ).

**Definition 2.10.** Let  $\sigma$  be a pruned subtree of the tree of all legal positions  $T$ . By  $[\sigma]$  we denote the set of all infinite branches of  $\sigma$ , i.e. infinite sequences  $(W_0, W_1, \dots)$  such that  $(W_0, W_1, \dots, W_n) \in \sigma$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Definition 2.11.** A strategy for  $II$  in  $G^{**}(A)$  is a pruned subtree  $\sigma \subseteq T$  such that

- (i)  $\sigma$  is nonempty,
- (ii) if  $(U_0, V_0, \dots, U_n, V_n) \in \sigma$ , then for all open nonempty  $U_{n+1} \subseteq V_n$ ,  $(U_0, V_0, \dots, U_n, V_n, U_{n+1}) \in \sigma$ ,
- (iii) if  $(U_0, V_0, \dots, U_n) \in \sigma$ , then for a unique  $V_n$ ,  $(U_0, V_0, \dots, U_n, V_n) \in \sigma$ .

Intuitively, a strategy  $\sigma$  works as follows:  $I$  starts playing  $U_0$  as any open subset of  $X$ , then  $II$  plays unique (by (iii))  $V_0$  such that  $(U_0, V_0) \in \sigma$ . Then  $I$  responds by playing any  $U_1 \subseteq V_0$  and  $II$  plays unique  $V_1$  such that  $(U_0, V_0, U_1, V_1) \in \sigma$ , etc.

We will often denote a sequence  $U_0 \supseteq V_0 \supseteq U_1 \supseteq V_1 \supseteq \dots$  of open sets as an instance of a Banach-Mazur game, or just simply by a game.

**Definition 2.12.** A strategy  $\sigma$  is a winning strategy for  $II$  if for any instance  $(U_0, V_0, \dots) \in [\sigma]$  of the Banach-Mazur game player  $II$  wins, i.e.  $\bigcap_n V_n \subseteq A$ .

**Theorem 2.13** (Banach-Mazur, Oxtoby). *Let  $X$  be a nonempty topological space and let  $A \subseteq X$ . Then  $A$  is comeagre  $\Leftrightarrow II$  has a winning strategy in  $G^{**}(A)$ .*

The statement of the theorem is once again taken from Kechris [4] 8.33. However, the proof given in the book is brief, thus we present a detailed version. In order to prove the theorem we add an auxiliary definition and lemma.

**Definition 2.14.** Let  $S \subseteq \sigma$  be a pruned subtree of tree of all legal positions  $T$  and let  $p = (U_0, V_0, \dots, V_n) \in S$ . We say that  $S$  is comprehensive for  $p$  if the family  $\mathcal{V}_p = \{V_{n+1} \mid (U_0, V_0, \dots, V_n, U_{n+1}, V_{n+1}) \in S\}$  (it may be that  $n = -1$ , which means  $p = \emptyset$ ) is pairwise disjoint and  $\bigcup \mathcal{V}_p$  is dense in  $V_n$  (where we put  $V_{-1} = X$ ). We say that  $S$  is comprehensive if it is comprehensive for each  $p = (U_0, V_0, \dots, V_n) \in S$ .

**Fact 2.15.** *If  $\sigma$  is a winning strategy for  $II$  then there exists a nonempty comprehensive  $S \subseteq \sigma$ .*

*Proof.* We construct  $S$  recursively as follows:

- (1)  $\emptyset \in S$ ,
- (2) if  $(U_0, V_0, \dots, U_n) \in S$ , then  $(U_0, V_0, \dots, U_n, V_n) \in S$  for the unique  $V_n$  given by the strategy  $\sigma$ ,
- (3) let  $p = (U_0, V_0, \dots, V_n) \in S$ . For a possible player move of player  $I$   $U_{n+1} \subseteq V_n$  let  $U_{n+1}^*$  be the unique set player  $II$  would respond with by  $\sigma$ . Now, by Zorn's Lemma, let  $\mathcal{U}_p$  be a maximal collection of nonempty open subsets  $U_{n+1} \subseteq V_n$  such that the set  $\{U_{n+1}^* \mid U_{n+1} \in \mathcal{U}_p\}$  is pairwise disjoint. Then put in  $S$  all  $(U_0, V_0, \dots, V_n, U_{n+1})$  such that  $U_{n+1} \in \mathcal{U}_p$ . This way  $S$  is comprehensive for  $p$ : the family  $\mathcal{V}_p = \{V_{n+1} \mid (U_0, V_0, \dots, V_n, U_{n+1}, V_{n+1}) \in S\}$  is exactly  $\{U_{n+1}^* \mid U_{n+1} \in \mathcal{U}_p\}$ , which is pairwise disjoint and  $\bigcup \mathcal{V}_p$  is obviously dense in  $V_n$  by the maximality of  $\mathcal{U}_p$  – if there was any open set  $\tilde{U}_{n+1} \subseteq V_n$  disjoint from  $\bigcup \mathcal{V}_p$ , then  $\tilde{U}_{n+1}^* \subseteq \tilde{U}_{n+1}$  would be also disjoint from  $\bigcup \mathcal{V}_p$ , so the family  $\mathcal{U}_p \cup \{\tilde{U}_{n+1}\}$  would violate the maximality of  $\mathcal{U}_p$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.16.** *Let  $S$  be a nonempty comprehensive pruned subtree of a strategy  $\sigma$ . Then:*

- (i) *For any open  $V_n \subseteq X$  there is at most one  $p = (U_0, V_0, \dots, U_n, V_n) \in S$ .*

*Let  $S_n = \{V_n \mid (U_0, V_0, \dots, V_n) \in S\}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  (i.e.  $S_n$  is a family of all possible choices player  $II$  can make in its  $n$ -th move according to  $S$ ).*

- (ii)  $\bigcup S_n$  *is open and dense in  $X$ .*
- (iii)  $S_n$  *is a family of pairwise disjoint sets.*

*Proof.* (i): Suppose that there are some  $p = (U_0, V_0, \dots, U_n, V_n)$ ,  $p' = (U'_0, V'_0, \dots, U'_n, V'_n)$  such that  $V_n = V'_n$  and  $p \neq p'$ . Let  $k$  be the smallest index such that those sequences differ. We have two possibilities:

- $U_k = U'_k$  and  $V_k \neq V'_k$  – this cannot be true simply by the fact that  $S$  is a subset of a strategy (so  $V_k$  is unique for  $U_k$ ).
- $U_k \neq U'_k$ : by the comprehensiveness of  $S$  we know that for  $q = (U_0, V_0, \dots, U_{k-1}, V_{k-1})$  the set  $\mathcal{V}_q$  is pairwise disjoint. Thus  $V_k \cap V'_k = \emptyset$ , because  $V_k, V'_k \in \mathcal{V}_q$ . But this leads to a contradiction –  $V_n$  cannot be a nonempty subset of both  $V_k, V'_k$ .

(ii): The lemma is proved by induction on  $n$ . For  $n = 0$  it follows trivially from the definition of comprehensiveness. Now suppose the lemma is true for  $n$ . Then the set  $\bigcup_{V_n \in S_n} \bigcup \mathcal{V}_{p_{V_n}}$  (where  $p_{V_n}$  is given uniquely from (i)) is dense and open in  $X$  by the induction hypothesis. But  $\bigcup S_{n+1}$  is exactly this set, thus it is dense and open in  $X$ .

(iii): We will prove it by induction on  $n$ . Once again, the case  $n = 0$  follows from the comprehensiveness of  $S$ . Now suppose that the sets in  $S_n$  are pairwise disjoint. Take some  $x \in V_{n+1} \in S_{n+1}$ . Of course  $\bigcup S_n \supseteq \bigcup S_{n+1}$ , thus by the inductive hypothesis  $x \in V_n$  for the unique  $V_n \in S_n$ . It must be that  $V_{n+1} \in \mathcal{V}_{p_{V_n}}$ , because  $V_n$  is the only superset of  $V_{n+1}$  in  $S_n$ . But  $\mathcal{V}_{p_{V_n}}$  is disjoint, so there is no other  $V'_{n+1} \in \mathcal{V}_{p_{V_n}}$  such that  $x \in V'_{n+1}$ . Moreover, there is no such set in  $S_{n+1} \setminus \mathcal{V}_{p_{V_n}}$ , because those sets are disjoint from  $V_n$ . Hence there is no  $V'_{n+1} \in S_{n+1}$  other than  $V_n$  such that  $x \in V'_{n+1}$ . We have chosen  $x$  and  $V_{n+1}$  arbitrarily, so  $S_{n+1}$  is pairwise disjoint.  $\square$

Now we can move to the proof of the Banach-Mazur theorem.

*Proof of Theorem 2.13.*  $\Rightarrow$ : Let  $(A_n)$  be a sequence of dense open sets with  $\bigcap_n A_n \subseteq A$ . Then  $II$  simply plays  $V_n = U_n \cap A_n$ , which is nonempty by the denseness of  $A_n$ .

$\Leftarrow$ : Suppose  $II$  has a winning strategy  $\sigma$ . We will show that  $A$  is comeagre. Take a comprehensive  $S \subseteq \sigma$ . We claim that  $\mathcal{S} = \bigcap_n \bigcup S_n \subseteq A$ . By the lemma 2.16, (ii) sets  $\bigcup S_n$  are open and dense, thus  $A$  must be comeagre. Now we prove the claim towards contradiction.

Suppose there is  $x \in \mathcal{S} \setminus A$ . By the lemma 2.16, (iii) for any  $n$  there is unique  $x \in V_n \in S_n$ . It follows that  $p_{V_0} \subset p_{V_1} \subset \dots$ . Now the game  $(U_0, V_0, U_1, V_1, \dots) = \bigcup_n p_{V_n} \in [S] \subseteq [\sigma]$  is not winning for player  $II$ , which contradicts the assumption that  $\sigma$  is a winning strategy.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.17.** *If we add a constraint to the Banach-Mazur game such that players can only choose basic open sets, then the Theorem 2.13 still suffices.*

*Proof.* If one adds the word *basic* before each occurrence of word *open* in previous proofs and theorems then they still will be valid (except for  $\Rightarrow$ , but its an easy fix – take for  $V_n$  a basic open subset of  $U_n \cap A_n$ ).  $\square$

This corollary will be important in using the theorem in practice – it’s much easier to work with basic open sets rather than arbitrary open sets.

**2.2. Category theory.** In this section we will give a short introduction to the notions of category theory that will be necessary to generalize the key result of the paper.

We will use a standard notation. If the reader is interested in a more detailed introduction to the category theory, then it’s recommended to take a look at [6]. Here we will shortly describe the standard notation.

A *category*  $\mathcal{C}$  consists of a collection of objects (denoted as  $\text{Obj}(\mathcal{C})$ , but most often simply as  $\mathcal{C}$ ) and a collection of *morphisms*  $\text{Mor}(A, B)$  between each pair of objects  $A, B \in \mathcal{C}$ . We require that for each pair of morphisms  $f : B \rightarrow C$ ,  $g : A \rightarrow B$  there was a morphism  $f \circ g : A \rightarrow C$ . If  $f : A \rightarrow B$  then we say that  $A$  is the domain of  $f$  ( $\text{Dom } f$ ) and that  $B$  is the range of  $f$  ( $\text{Rng } f$ ).

For every  $A \in \mathcal{C}$  there is an *identity morphism*  $\text{id}_A : A \rightarrow A$  such that for any morphism  $f \in \text{Mor}(A, B)$  we have that  $f \circ \text{id}_A = \text{id}_B \circ f$ .

We say that  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is an *isomorphism* if there is (necessarily unique) morphism  $g : B \rightarrow A$  such that  $g \circ f = \text{id}_A$  and  $f \circ g = \text{id}_B$ . Automorphism is an isomorphism where  $A = B$ .

A *functor* is a “(homo)morphism“ of categories. We say that  $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  is a functor from category  $\mathcal{C}$  to category  $\mathcal{D}$  if it associates each object  $A \in \mathcal{C}$  with an object  $F(A) \in \mathcal{D}$ , associates each morphism  $f : A \rightarrow B$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  with a morphism  $F(f) : F(A) \rightarrow F(B)$ . We also require that  $F(\text{id}_A) = \text{id}_{F(A)}$  and that for any (compatible) morphisms  $f, g$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $F(f \circ g) = F(f) \circ F(g)$  should hold.

In category theory we distinguish *covariant* and *contravariant* functors. Here, we only consider covariant functors, so we will simply say *functor*.

**Fact 2.18.** *Functor  $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  maps isomorphism  $f : A \rightarrow B$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  to the isomorphism  $F(f) : F(A) \rightarrow F(B)$  in  $\mathcal{D}$ .*

A notion that will be very important for us is a “morphism of functors“ which is called *natural transformation*.



**Definition 2.19.** Let  $F, G$  be functors between the categories  $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}$ . A *natural transformation*  $\eta$  is function that assigns to each object  $A$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  a morphism  $\eta_A$  in  $\text{Mor}(F(A), G(A))$  such that for every morphism  $f : A \rightarrow B$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & F(A) \xrightarrow{\eta_A} & G(A) \\ \downarrow f & \downarrow F(f) & \downarrow G(f) \\ B & F(B) \xrightarrow{\eta_B} & G(B) \end{array}$$

Natural transformation has, *nomen omen*, natural properties. One particularly interesting to us is the following fact.

**Fact 2.20.** Let  $\eta$  be a natural transformation of functors  $F, G$  from category  $\mathcal{C}$  to  $\mathcal{D}$ . Then  $\eta$  is an isomorphism if and only if all of the component morphisms are isomorphisms.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\eta_A$  is an isomorphism for every  $A \in \mathcal{C}$ , where  $\eta_A : F(A) \rightarrow G(A)$  is the morphism of the natural transformation corresponding to  $A$ . Then  $\eta^{-1}$  is simply given by the morphisms  $\eta_A^{-1}$ .

Now assume that  $\eta$  is an isomorphism, i.e.  $\eta^{-1} \circ \eta = \text{id}_F$ . *Ad contrario* assume that there is  $A \in \mathcal{C}$  such that the component morphism  $\eta_A : F(A) \rightarrow G(A)$  is not an isomorphism. It means that  $\eta_A^{-1} \circ \eta_A \neq \text{id}_A$ , hence  $F(A) = \text{Dom}(\eta^{-1} \circ \eta)(A) \neq \text{Rng}(\eta^{-1} \circ \eta)(A) = F(A)$ , which is obviously a contradiction.  $\square$

**Definition 2.21.** In category theory, a *diagram* of type  $\mathcal{J}$  in category  $\mathcal{C}$  is a functor  $D : \mathcal{J} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ .  $\mathcal{J}$  is called the *index category* of  $D$ . In other words,  $D$  is of *shape*  $\mathcal{J}$ .

For example,  $\mathcal{J} = \{-1 \leftarrow 0 \rightarrow 1\}$ , then a diagram  $D : \mathcal{J} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is called a *cospan*. For example, if  $A, B, C$  are objects of  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $f \in \text{Mor}(C, A), g \in \text{Mor}(C, B)$ , then the following diagram is a cospan:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & & B \\ & \swarrow f & \nearrow g \\ & C & \end{array}$$

From now we omit explicit definition of the index category, as it is easily referable from a picture.

**Definition 2.22.** Let  $A, B, C, D$  be objects in the category  $\mathcal{C}$  with morphisms  $e : C \rightarrow A, f : C \rightarrow B, g : A \rightarrow D, h : B \rightarrow D$  such that  $g \circ e = h \circ f$ . Then the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & D & & \\ & g \nearrow & & \nwarrow h & \\ A & & & & B \\ & e \nwarrow & & \nearrow f & \\ & & C & & \end{array}$$

is called a *pushout diagram*.

In both definitions of cospan and pushout diagrams we say that the object  $C$  is the *base* of the diagram.

**Definition 2.23.** The *cospan category* of category  $\mathcal{C}$ , referred to as  $\text{Cospan}(\mathcal{C})$ , is the category of cospan diagrams of  $\mathcal{C}$ , where morphisms between two cospans are natural transformations of the underlying functors.

We define *pushout category* analogously and call it  $\text{Pushout}(\mathcal{C})$ .

From now on we work in subcategories of cospan diagrams and pushout diagrams where we fix the base structure. Formally, for a fixed  $C \in \mathcal{C}$ , category  $\text{Cospan}_C(\mathcal{C})$  is the category of all cospans in  $\text{Cospan}(\mathcal{C})$  such that the base of the diagram is  $C$ . Natural transformation  $\eta$  of two diagrams in  $\text{Cospan}_C(\mathcal{C})$  are such that the morphism  $\eta_C : C \rightarrow C$  is an automorphism of  $C$ .  $\text{Pushout}_C(\mathcal{C})$  is defined analogously. In most contexts we consider only one base structure, hence we will often write  $\text{Pushout}(\mathcal{C})$  instead of  $\text{Pushout}_C(\mathcal{C})$ .

### 3. FRAÏSSÉ CLASSES

In this section we will take a closer look at classes of finitely generated structures with some characteristic properties. More specifically, we will describe a concept developed by a French mathematician Roland Fraïssé called Fraïssé limit.

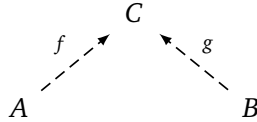
#### 3.1. Definitions.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $L$  be a signature and  $M$  be an  $L$ -structure. The *age* of  $M$  is the class  $\mathcal{C}$  of all finitely generated structures that embed into  $M$ . The age of  $M$  is also associated with class of all finitely generated structures embeddable in  $M$  up to isomorphism.

**Definition 3.2.** We say that a class  $\mathcal{C}$  of finitely generated structures is *essentially countable* if it has countably many isomorphism types of finitely generated structures.

**Definition 3.3.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a class of finitely generated structures.  $\mathcal{C}$  has the *hereditary property (HP)* if for any  $A \in \mathcal{C}$  and any finitely generated substructure  $B$  of  $A$  it holds that  $B \in \mathcal{C}$ .

**Definition 3.4.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a class of finitely generated structures. We say that  $\mathcal{C}$  has the *joint embedding property (JEP)* if for any  $A, B \in \mathcal{C}$  there is a structure  $C \in \mathcal{C}$  such that both  $A$  and  $B$  embed in  $C$ .



In terms of category theory we may say that  $\mathcal{C}$  is a category of finitely generated structures where morphisms are embeddings of those structures. Then the above diagram is a *span* diagram in category  $\mathcal{C}$ .

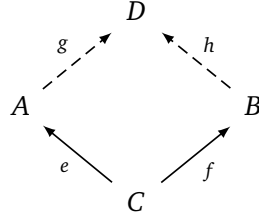
Fraïssé has shown fundamental theorems regarding age of a structure, one of them being the following one:

**Fact 3.5.** Suppose  $L$  is a signature and  $\mathcal{C}$  is a nonempty essentially countable set of finitely generated  $L$ -structures. Then  $\mathcal{C}$  has the HP and JEP if and only if  $\mathcal{C}$  is the age of some finite or countable structure.

*Proof.* One can read a proof of this fact in Wilfrid Hodges' classical book *Model Theory* [1, Theorem 7.1.1].  $\square$

Beside the HP and JEP Fraïssé has distinguished one more property of the class  $\mathcal{C}$ , namely the amalgamation property.

**Definition 3.6.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a class of finitely generated  $L$ -structures. We say that  $\mathcal{C}$  has the *amalgamation property (AP)* if for any  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{C}$  and embeddings  $e: C \rightarrow A, f: C \rightarrow B$  there exists  $D \in \mathcal{C}$  together with embeddings  $g: A \rightarrow D$  and  $h: B \rightarrow D$  such that  $g \circ e = h \circ f$ .



In terms of category theory,  $\mathcal{C}$  has the amalgamation property if every cospan diagram can be extended to a pushout diagram in category  $\mathcal{C}$ . We will get into more details later, in the definition of canonical amalgamation 3.19.

**Definition 3.7.** Class  $\mathcal{C}$  of finitely generated structures is a *Fraïssé class* if it is essentially countable, has HP, JEP and AP.

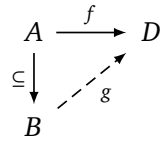
**Definition 3.8.** Let  $M$  be an  $L$ -structure.  $M$  is *ultrahomogeneous* if every isomorphism between finitely generated substructures of  $M$  extends to an automorphism of  $M$ .

Having those definitions we can provide the main Fraïssé theorem.

**Theorem 3.9** (Fraïssé theorem). Let  $L$  be a countable language and let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a nonempty countable set of finitely generated  $L$ -structures which has HP, JEP and AP. Then  $\mathcal{C}$  is the age of a countable, ultrahomogeneous  $L$ -structure  $M$ . Moreover,  $M$  is unique up to isomorphism. We say that  $M$  is a Fraïssé limit of  $\mathcal{C}$  and denote this by  $M = \text{Flim}(\mathcal{C})$ .

*Proof.* Check the proof in [1, theorem 7.1.2].  $\square$

**Definition 3.10.** We say that an  $L$ -structure  $M$  is *weakly ultrahomogeneous* if for any  $A, B$ , finitely generated substructures of  $M$ , such that  $A \subseteq B$  and an embedding  $f: A \rightarrow M$  there is an embedding  $g: B \rightarrow M$  which extends  $f$ .



**Lemma 3.11.** A countable structure is ultrahomogeneous if and only if it is weakly ultrahomogeneous.

*Proof.* Proof can be again found in [1, lemma 7.1.4(b)].  $\square$

This lemma will play a major role in the later parts of the paper. Weak ultrahomogeneity is an easier and more intuitive property and it will prove useful when recursively constructing the generic automorphism of a Fraïssé limit.

**3.2. Random graph.** In this section we'll take a closer look on a class of finite undirected graphs, which is a Fraïssé class.

The language of undirected graphs  $L$  consists of a single binary relational symbol  $E$ . If  $G$  is an  $L$ -structure then we call it a *graph*, and its elements *vertices*. If for some vertices  $u, v \in G$  we have  $G \models uEv$  then we say that there is an *edge* connecting  $u$  and  $v$ . If  $G \models \forall x \forall y (xEy \leftrightarrow yEx)$  then we say that  $G$  is an *undirected graph*. From now on we consider only undirected graphs and omit the word *undirected*.

**Proposition 3.12.** *Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be the class of all finite graphs.  $\mathcal{G}$  is a Fraïssé class.*

*Proof.*  $\mathcal{G}$  is of course countable (up to isomorphism) and has the HP (substructure of a graph is also a graph). It has JEP: having two finite graphs  $G_1, G_2$  take their disjoint union  $G_1 \sqcup G_2$  as the extension of them both.  $\mathcal{G}$  has the AP. Having graphs  $A, B, C$ , where  $B$  and  $C$  are supergraphs of  $A$ , we can assume without loss of generality that  $B \cap C = A$ . Then  $A \sqcup (B \setminus A) \sqcup (C \setminus A)$  is the graph we are looking for (with edges as in  $B$  and  $C$  and without any edges between  $B \setminus A$  and  $C \setminus A$ ).  $\square$

**Definition 3.13.** The *random graph* is the Fraïssé limit of the class of finite graphs  $\mathcal{G}$  denoted by  $\Gamma = \text{Flim}(\mathcal{G})$ .

The concept of the random graph emerges independently in many fields of mathematics. For example, one can construct the graph by choosing at random for each pair of vertices if they should be connected or not. It turns out that the graph constructed this way is isomorphic to the random graph with probability 1.

The random graph  $\Gamma$  has one particular property that is unique to the random graph.

**Fact 3.14** (Random graph property). *For each finite disjoint  $X, Y \subseteq \Gamma$  there exists  $v \in \Gamma \setminus (X \cup Y)$  such that  $\forall u \in X$  we have that  $\Gamma \models vEu$  and  $\forall u \in Y$  we have that  $\Gamma \models \neg vEu$ .*

*Proof.* Take any finite disjoint  $X, Y \subseteq \Gamma$ . Let  $G_{XY}$  be the subgraph of  $\Gamma$  induced by the  $X \cup Y$ . Let  $H = G_{XY} \cup \{w\}$ , where  $w$  is a new vertex that does not appear in  $G_{XY}$ . Also,  $w$  is connected to all vertices of  $G_{XY}$  that come from  $X$  and to none of those that come from  $Y$ . This graph is of course finite, so it is embeddable in  $\Gamma$  by some  $h: H \rightarrow \Gamma$ . Let  $f$  be the partial isomorphism from  $X \sqcup Y$  to  $h[H] \subseteq \Gamma$ , with  $X$  and  $Y$  projected to the part of  $h[H]$  that come from  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. By the ultrahomogeneity of  $\Gamma$  this isomorphism extends to an automorphism  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(\Gamma)$ . Then  $v = \sigma^{-1}(w)$  is the vertex we sought.  $\square$

**Fact 3.15.** *If a countable graph  $G$  has the random graph property, then it is isomorphic to the random graph  $\Gamma$ .*

*Proof.* Enumerate vertices of both graphs:  $\Gamma = \{a_1, a_2, \dots\}$  and  $G = \{b_1, b_2, \dots\}$ . We will construct a chain of partial isomorphisms  $f_n: \Gamma \rightarrow G$  such that  $\emptyset = f_0 \subseteq f_1 \subseteq f_2 \subseteq \dots$  and  $a_n \in \text{Dom}(f_n)$  and  $b_n \in \text{Rng}(f_n)$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Suppose we have  $f_n$ . We seek  $b \in G$  such that  $f_n \cup \{(a_{n+1}, b)\}$  is a partial isomorphism. If  $a_{n+1} \in \text{Dom } f_n$ , then simply  $b = f_n(a_{n+1})$ . Otherwise, let  $X = \{a \in \text{Dom } f_n \mid aE_\Gamma a_{n+1}\}$ ,  $Y = \text{Dom } f_n \setminus X$ , i.e.  $X$  are vertices of  $\text{Dom } f_n$  that are connected with  $a_{n+1}$  in  $\Gamma$  and  $Y$  are those vertices that are not connected with  $a_{n+1}$ . Let  $b$  be a vertex of  $G$  that is connected to all vertices of  $f_n[X]$  and to none  $f_n[Y]$  (it exists by the random graph property). Then  $f_n \cup \{(a_{n+1}, b)\}$  is a partial isomorphism. We find  $a$  for the  $b_{n+1}$  in the similar manner, so that  $f_{n+1} = f_n \cup \{(a_{n+1}, b), (a, b_{n+1})\}$  is a partial isomorphism.

Finally,  $f = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n$  is an isomorphism between  $\Gamma$  and  $G$ . Take any  $a, b \in \Gamma$ . Then for some big enough  $n$  we have that  $aE_\Gamma b \Leftrightarrow f_n(a)E_G f_n(b) \Leftrightarrow f(a)E_G f(b)$ .  $\square$

Using this fact one can show that the graph constructed in the probabilistic manner is in fact isomorphic to the random graph  $\Gamma$ .

**Definition 3.16.** We say that a Fraïssé class  $\mathcal{C}$  has the *weak Hrushovski property (WHP)* if for every  $A \in \mathcal{C}$  and an isomorphism of its finitely generated substructures  $p: A \rightarrow A$  (also called a partial automorphism of  $A$ ), there is some  $B \in \mathcal{C}$  such that  $p$  can be extended to an automorphism of  $B$ , i.e. there is an embedding  $i: A \rightarrow B$  and a  $\bar{p} \in \text{Aut}(B)$  such that the following diagram commutes:

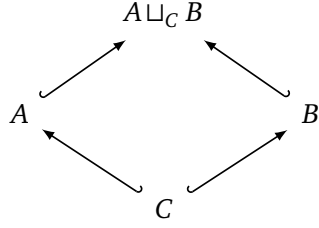
$$\begin{array}{ccc} B & \xrightarrow{\bar{p}} & B \\ \uparrow i & & \uparrow i \\ A & \xrightarrow{p} & A \end{array}$$

**Proposition 3.17.** *The class of finite graphs  $\mathcal{G}$  has the weak Hrushovski property.*

The proof of this proposition can be done directly, in a combinatorial manner, as shown in [8]. Hrushovski has also shown in [2] that finite graphs have stronger property, where each graph can be extended to a supergraph so that every partial automorphism of the graph extend to an automorphism of the supergraph.

Moreover, there is a theorem saying that every Fraïssé class  $\mathcal{C}$ , in a relational language  $L$ , with *free amalgamation* (see the definition 3.18 below) has WHP. The statement and proof of this theorem can be found in [9, theorem 3.2.8]. We provide the definition of free amalgamation that is coherent with the notions established in our paper.

**Definition 3.18.** Let  $L$  be a relational language and  $\mathcal{C}$  a class of  $L$ -structures.  $\mathcal{C}$  has *free amalgamation* if for every  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{C}$  such that  $C = A \cap B$  the following diagram commutes:



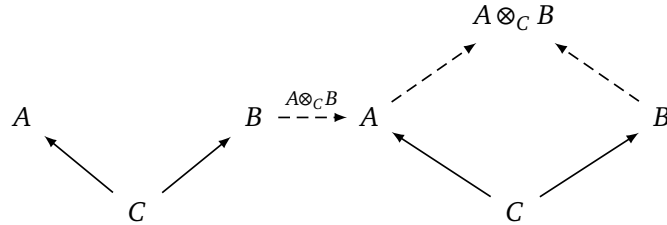
and  $A \sqcup_C B \in \mathcal{C}$ .  $A \sqcup_C B$  here is an  $L$ -structure with domain  $A \cup B$  such that for every  $n$ -ary symbol  $R$  from  $L$ ,  $n$ -tuple  $\bar{a} \subseteq A \cup B$ , we have that  $A \sqcup_C B \models R(\bar{a})$  if and only if  $[\bar{a} \subseteq A$  and  $A \models R(\bar{a})]$  or  $[\bar{a} \subseteq B$  and  $B \models R(\bar{a})]$ .

Actually we did already implicitly work with free amalgamation in the Proposition 3.12, showing that the class of finite graphs is indeed a Fraïssé class.

**3.3. Canonical amalgamation.** Recall,  $\text{Cospan}(\mathcal{C})$ ,  $\text{Pushout}(\mathcal{C})$  are the categories of cospan and pushout diagrams of the category  $\mathcal{C}$ . We have also denoted the notion of cospans and pushouts with a fixed base structure  $C$  denoted as  $\text{Cospan}_C(\mathcal{C})$  and  $\text{Pushout}_C(\mathcal{C})$ .

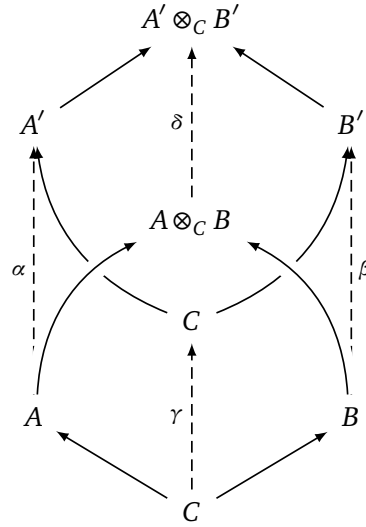
**Definition 3.19.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a class of finitely generated  $L$ -structures. We say that  $\mathcal{C}$  has *canonical amalgamation* if for every  $C \in \mathcal{C}$  there is a functor  $\otimes_C: \text{Cospan}_C(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \text{Pushout}_C(\mathcal{C})$  with following properties:

- Let  $A \leftarrow C \rightarrow B$  be a cospan. Then  $\otimes_C$  sends it to a pushout that preserves “the bottom” structures and embeddings, i.e.:



We have deliberately omitted names for embeddings of  $C$ . Of course, the functor has to take them into account, but this abuse of notation is convenient and should not lead into confusion.

- Let  $A \leftarrow C \rightarrow B, A' \leftarrow C \rightarrow B'$  be cospans with a natural transformation  $\eta$  given by  $\alpha: A \rightarrow A', \beta: B \rightarrow B', \gamma: C \rightarrow C$ . Then  $\otimes_C$  preserves the morphisms of  $\eta$  when sending it to the natural transformation of pushouts by adding the  $\delta: A \otimes_C B \rightarrow A' \otimes_C B'$  morphism:

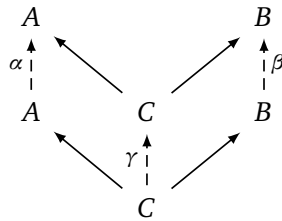


**Remark 3.20.** *Free amalgamation is canonical.*

From now on in the paper, when  $A$  is an  $L$ -structure and  $\alpha$  is an automorphism of  $A$ , then by  $(A, \alpha)$  we mean the structure  $A$  expanded by the unary function corresponding to  $\alpha$ , and  $A$  constantly denotes the  $L$ -structure.

**Theorem 3.21.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a Fraïssé class of  $L$ -structures with canonical amalgamation. Then the class  $\mathcal{D}$  of  $L$ -structures with automorphism is a Fraïssé class.*

*Proof.*  $\mathcal{D}$  is obviously countable and has HP. It suffices to show that it has AP (JEP follows by taking  $C$  to be the empty structure). Take any  $(A, \alpha), (B, \beta), (C, \gamma) \in \mathcal{D}$  such that  $(C, \gamma)$  embeds into  $(A, \alpha)$  and  $(B, \beta)$ . Then  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  yield an automorphism  $\eta$  (as a natural transformation, see 2.20) of a cospan:



Then, by the Fact 2.18,  $\otimes_C(\eta)$  is an automorphism of the pushout diagram that looks exactly like the diagram in the second point of the Definition 3.19. This means that the morphism  $\delta: A \otimes_C B \rightarrow A' \otimes_C B'$  has to be automorphism. Thus, by the fact that the diagram commutes, we have the amalgamation of  $(A, \alpha)$  and  $(B, \beta)$  over  $(C, \gamma)$  in  $\mathcal{D}$ .  $\square$

The following theorem is one of the most important in construction of the generic automorphism given in the next section. Together with canonical amalgamation it gives a general fact about Fraïssé classes, namely it says that expanding a Fraïssé class with an automorphism of the structures does not change the limit.

**Theorem 3.22.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a Fraïssé class of finitely generated  $L$ -structures. Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be the class of structures from  $\mathcal{C}$  with additional unary function symbol interpreted as an automorphism of the structure. If  $\mathcal{C}$  has the weak Hrushovski property and  $\mathcal{D}$  is a Fraïssé class then the Fraïssé limit of  $\mathcal{C}$  is isomorphic to the Fraïssé limit of  $\mathcal{D}$  reduced to the language  $L$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\Gamma = \text{Flim}(\mathcal{C})$  and  $(\Pi, \sigma) = \text{Flim}(\mathcal{D})$ . By the Fraïssé Theorem 3.9 it suffices to show that the age of  $\Pi$  is  $\mathcal{C}$  and that it is weakly ultrahomogeneous. The former comes easily, as for every structure  $A \in \mathcal{C}$  we have the structure  $(A, \text{id}_A) \in \mathcal{D}$ , which means that the structure  $A$  embeds into  $\Pi$ . On the other hand, if a structure  $(B, \beta) \in \mathcal{D}$  embeds into  $(\Pi, \sigma)$ , then obviously  $B \in \mathcal{C}$  by the definition of  $\mathcal{D}$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{C}$  is indeed the age of  $\Pi$ .

Now, to show that  $\Pi$  is weakly ultrahomogeneous, take any structures  $A, B \in \mathcal{C}$  such that  $A \subseteq B$  with a fixed embedding of  $A$  into  $\Pi$ . Without the loss of generality assume that  $A = B \cap \Pi$  (i.e.  $A$  embeds into  $\Pi$  by inclusion). Let  $\bar{A} \subseteq \Pi$  be the smallest substructure closed under the automorphism  $\sigma$  and containing  $A$ . It is finitely generated as an  $L$ -structure, as  $\mathcal{C}$  is the age of  $\Pi$ . Let  $C$  be a finitely generated structure such that  $\bar{A} \rightarrow C \leftarrow B$ . Such structure exists by the JEP of  $\mathcal{C}$ . Again, we may assume without the loss of generality that  $\bar{A} \subseteq C$ . Then  $\sigma \upharpoonright_{\bar{A}}$  is a partial automorphism of  $C$ , hence by the WHP it can be extended to a structure  $(\bar{C}, \gamma) \in \mathcal{D}$  such that  $\gamma \upharpoonright_{\bar{A}} = \sigma \upharpoonright_{\bar{A}}$ .

Then, by the weak ultrahomogeneity of  $(\Pi, \sigma)$  we can find an embedding  $g$  of  $(\bar{C}, \gamma)$  such that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\bar{A}, \sigma \upharpoonright_{\bar{A}}) & \xrightarrow{\subseteq} & (\Pi, \sigma) \\ \downarrow \subseteq & \nearrow g & \\ (\bar{C}, \gamma) & & \end{array}$$

Thus, we have that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{\subseteq} & \bar{A} & \xrightarrow{\subseteq} & \Pi \\ \downarrow \subseteq & & \downarrow \subseteq & & \uparrow g \\ B & \xrightarrow{f} & C & \xrightarrow{\subseteq} & \bar{C} \end{array}$$

which proves that  $\Pi$  is indeed a weakly ultrahomogeneous structure. Hence, it is isomorphic to  $\Gamma$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.23.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a Fraïssé class of finitely generated  $L$ -structures with WHP and canonical amalgamation. Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be the class consisting of structures from  $\mathcal{C}$  with an additional automorphism. Let  $\Gamma = \text{Flim}(\mathcal{C})$  and  $(\Pi, \sigma) = \text{Flim}(\mathcal{D})$ . Then  $\Gamma \cong \Pi$ .*

*Proof.* It follows from Theorems 3.21 and 3.22.  $\square$

#### 4. CONJUGACY CLASSES IN AUTOMORPHISM GROUPS

Let  $M$  be a countable  $L$ -structure. Recall, we define a topology on the  $G = \text{Aut}(M)$ : for any finite function  $f : M \rightarrow M$  we have a basic open set  $[f]_G = \{g \in G \mid f \subseteq g\}$ .



**4.1. Prototype: pure set.** In this section,  $M = (M, =)$  is an infinite countable set (with no structure beyond equality).

**Remark 4.1.** If  $f_1, f_2 \in \text{Aut}(M)$ , then  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are conjugate if and only if for each  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\aleph_0\}$ ,  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  have the same number of orbits of size  $n$ .

*Proof.* It is easy to see.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(M)$  be an automorphism with no infinite orbit and with infinitely many orbits of size  $n$  for every  $n > 0$ . Then the conjugacy class of  $\sigma$  is comeagre in  $\text{Aut}(M)$ .

*Proof.* We will show that the conjugacy class of  $\sigma$  is an intersection of countably many comeagre sets.

Let  $A_n = \{\alpha \in \text{Aut}(M) \mid \alpha \text{ has infinitely many orbits of size } n\}$ . This set is comeagre for every  $n > 0$ . Indeed, we can represent this set as an intersection of countable family of open dense sets. Let  $B_{n,k}$  be the set of all finite functions  $\beta: M \rightarrow M$  that consist of exactly  $k$  distinct  $n$ -cycles. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} A_n &= \{\alpha \in \text{Aut}(M) \mid \alpha \text{ has infinitely many orbits of size } n\} \\ &= \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} \{\alpha \in \text{Aut}(M) \mid \alpha \text{ has at least } k \text{ orbits of size } n\} \\ &= \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{\beta \in B_{n,k}} [\beta]_{\text{Aut}(M)}, \end{aligned}$$

where indeed,  $\bigcup_{\beta \in B_{n,k}} [\beta]_{\text{Aut}(M)}$  is dense in  $\text{Aut}(M)$ : take any finite  $\gamma: M \rightarrow M$  such that  $[\gamma]_{\text{Aut}(M)}$  is nonempty. Then also  $\bigcup_{\beta \in B_{n,k}} [\beta]_{\text{Aut}(M)} \cap [\gamma]_{\text{Aut}(M)} \neq \emptyset$ , one can easily construct a permutation that extends  $\gamma$  and has at least  $k$  many  $n$ -cycles.

Now we see that  $A = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$  is a comeagre set consisting of all functions that have infinitely many  $n$ -cycles for each  $n$ . The only thing left to show is that the set of functions with no infinite cycle is also comeagre. Indeed, for  $m \in M$  let  $B_m = \{\alpha \in \text{Aut}(M) \mid m \text{ has finite orbit in } \alpha\}$ . This is an open dense set. It is a union over basic open sets generated by finite permutations with  $m$  in their domain. Denseness is also easy to see.

Finally, by the Remark 4.1, we can say that

$$\sigma^{\text{Aut}(M)} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cap \bigcap_{m \in M} B_m,$$

which concludes the proof.  $\square$

## 4.2. More general structures.

**Fact 4.3.** Suppose  $M$  is an arbitrary structure and  $f_1, f_2 \in \text{Aut}(M)$ . Then  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are conjugate if and only if  $(M, f_1) \cong (M, f_2)$  as structures with one additional unary function that is an automorphism.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $f_1 = g^{-1}f_2g$  for some  $g \in \text{Aut}(M)$ . Then  $g$  is the isomorphism between  $(M, f_1)$  and  $(M, f_2)$ . On the other hand if  $g: (M, f_1) \rightarrow (M, f_2)$  is an isomorphism, then  $g \circ f_1 = f_2 \circ g$  which exactly means that  $f_1, f_2$  conjugate.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.4.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a Fraïssé class of finitely generated  $L$ -structures. Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be the class of structures from  $\mathcal{C}$  with additional unary function symbol interpreted as an automorphism of the structure. If  $\mathcal{C}$  has the weak Hrushovski property,  $\mathcal{D}$  is a Fraïssé class and  $(\Pi, \sigma) = \text{Flim}(\mathcal{D})$ , then  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{C})$  has a comeagre conjugacy class and  $\sigma$  is in this class (i.e.  $\sigma$  is a generic automorphism).*

Before we get to the proof, it is important to mention that an isomorphism between two finitely generated structures is uniquely given by a map from generators of one structure to the other. This allow us to treat a finite function as an isomorphism of finitely generated structures (if it yields one) and *vice versa*.

*Proof.* Let  $\Gamma = \text{Flim}(\mathcal{C})$  and  $(\Pi, \sigma) = \text{Flim}(\mathcal{D})$ . First, by the Theorem 3.22, we may assume without the loss of generality that  $\Pi = \Gamma$ . Let  $G = \text{Aut}(\Gamma)$ , i.e.  $G$  is the automorphism group of  $\Gamma$ . We will construct a winning strategy for the second player in the Banach-Mazur game (see 2.7) on the topological space  $G$  with  $A$  being  $\sigma$ 's conjugacy class. By the Banach-Mazur theorem (see 2.13) this will prove that this class is comeagre.

Recall,  $G$  has a basis consisting of sets  $\{g \in G \mid g \upharpoonright_A = g_0 \upharpoonright_A\}$  for some finite set  $A \subseteq \Gamma$  and some automorphism  $g_0 \in G$ . In other words, a basic open set is a set of all extensions of some partial automorphism  $g_0$  of finitely generated substructures of  $\Gamma$ . By  $B_g \subseteq G$  we denote a basic open subset given by a partial isomorphism  $g$ . Again, Note that  $B_g$  is nonempty because of ultrahomogeneity of  $\Gamma$ .

With the use of Corollary 2.17 we can consider only games where both players choose partial isomorphisms. Namely, player  $I$  picks functions  $f_0, f_1, \dots$  and player  $II$  chooses  $g_0, g_1, \dots$  such that  $f_0 \subseteq g_0 \subseteq f_1 \subseteq g_1 \subseteq \dots$ , which identify the corresponding basic open subsets  $B_{f_0} \supseteq B_{g_0} \supseteq \dots$

Our goal is to choose  $g_i$  in such a manner that  $\bigcap_{i=0}^{\infty} B_{g_i} = \{g\}$  and  $(\Gamma, g)$  is ultrahomogeneous with age  $\mathcal{D}$ . By the Fraïssé theorem (see 3.9) it will follow that  $(\Gamma, \sigma) \cong (\Gamma, g)$ , thus by the Fact 4.3 we have that  $\sigma$  and  $g$  conjugate.

Fix a bijection  $\gamma: \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that for any  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  we have  $\gamma(n, m) \geq n$ . This bijection naturally induces a well ordering on  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ . This will prove useful later, as the main ingredient of the proof will be a bookkeeping argument.

For technical reasons, let  $g_{-1} = \emptyset$  and  $X_{-1} = \emptyset$ . Enumerate the elements of the Fraïssé limit  $\Gamma = \{v_0, v_1, \dots\}$ . Suppose that player  $I$  in the  $n$ -th move chooses a partial automorphism  $f_n$ . We will construct a partial automorphism  $g_n \supseteq f_n$  together with a finitely generated substructure  $\Gamma_n \subseteq \Gamma$  and a set  $X_n \subseteq \mathbb{N}^2$  such that the following properties hold:

- (i)  $g_n$  is a partial automorphism of  $\Gamma$  and an automorphism of finitely generated substructure  $\Gamma_n$ ,
- (ii)  $g_n(v_n)$  and  $g_n^{-1}(v_n)$  are defined.

Before we give the third point, suppose recursively that  $g_{n-1}$  already satisfy all those properties. Let us enumerate  $\{(A_{n,k}, \alpha_{n,k}), (B_{n,k}, \beta_{n,k}), f_{n,k}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  all pairs of finitely generated structures with automorphisms such that the first substructure embed into the second by inclusion, i.e.  $(A_{n,k}, \alpha_{n,k}) \subseteq (B_{n,k}, \beta_{n,k})$ , and  $f_{n,k}$  is an embedding of  $(A_{n,k}, \alpha_{n,k})$  in the  $(\Gamma_{n-1}, g_{n-1})$ . We allow  $A_{n,k}$  to be empty. Although  $g_{n-1}$  is a finite function, we may treat it as a partial automorphism as we have said before.

- (iii) Let  $(i, j) = \min\{(\{0, 1, \dots, n\} \times \mathbb{N}) \setminus X_{n-1}\}$  (with the order induced by  $\gamma$ ). Then  $X_n = X_{n-1} \cup \{(i, j)\}$  and  $(B_{i,j}, \beta_{i,j})$  embeds in  $(\Gamma_n, g_n)$  so that this diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & (\Gamma_n, g_n) & \\
 \hat{f}_{i,j} \nearrow & & \nwarrow \subseteq \\
 (B_{i,j}, \beta_{i,j}) & & (\Gamma_{n-1}, g_{n-1}) \\
 \subseteq \swarrow & & \nearrow f_{i,j} \\
 & (A_{i,j}, \alpha_{i,j}) &
 \end{array}$$

First, we will satisfy the item (iii). Namely, we will construct  $\Gamma'_n, g'_n$  such that  $g_{n-1} \subseteq g'_n, \Gamma_{n-1} \subseteq \Gamma'_n, g'_n$  gives an automorphism of  $\Gamma'_n$  and  $f_{i,j}$  extends to an embedding of  $(B_{i,j}, \beta_{i,j})$  to  $(\Gamma'_n, g'_n)$ . But this can be easily done by the fact, that  $\mathcal{D}$  has the amalgamation property.

It is important to note that  $g'_n$  should be a finite function and once again, as it is an automorphism of a finitely generated structure, we may think it is simply a map from one generators of  $\Gamma'_n$  to the others. By the weak ultrahomogeneity of  $\Gamma$ , we may assume that  $\Gamma'_n \subseteq \Gamma$ .

Now, by the WHP of  $\mathcal{C}$  we can extend  $\langle \Gamma'_n \cup \{v_n\} \rangle$  together with its partial isomorphism  $g'_n$  to a finitely generated structure  $\Gamma_n$  together with its automorphism  $g_n \supseteq g'_n$  and (again by weak ultrahomogeneity) without the loss of generality we may assume that  $\Gamma_n \subseteq \Gamma$ . This way we've constructed  $g_n$  that has all desired properties.

Now we need to see that  $g = \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} g_n$  is indeed an automorphism of  $\Gamma$  such that  $(\Gamma, g)$  has the age  $\mathcal{D}$  and is weakly ultrahomogeneous. It is of course an automorphism of  $\Gamma$  as it is defined for every  $v \in \Gamma$  and is an union of an increasing chain of automorphisms of finitely generated substructures.

Take any  $(B, \beta) \in \mathcal{D}$ . Then, there are  $i, j$  such that  $(B, \beta) = (B_{i,j}, \beta_{i,j})$  and  $A_{i,j} = \emptyset$ . By the bookkeeping there was  $n$  such that  $(i, j) = \min\{\{0, 1, \dots, n\} \times \mathbb{N} \setminus X_n\}$ . This means that  $(B, \beta)$  embeds into  $(\Gamma_n, g_n)$ , hence it embeds into  $(\Gamma, g)$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{D}$  is a subclass of the age of  $(\Gamma, g)$ . The other inclusion is obvious. Hence, the age of  $(\Gamma, g)$  is  $\mathcal{H}$ .

It is also weakly ultrahomogeneous. Having  $(A, \alpha) \subseteq (B, \beta)$ , and an embedding  $f : (A, \alpha) \rightarrow (\Gamma, g)$ , we may find  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(i, j) = \min\{\{0, 1, \dots, n-1\} \times X_{n-1}\}$  and  $(A, \alpha) = (A_{i,j}, \alpha_{i,j}), (B, \beta) = (B_{i,j}, \beta_{i,j})$  and  $f = f_{i,j}$ . This means that there is a compatible embedding of  $(B, \beta)$  into  $(\Gamma_n, g_n)$ , which means we can also embed it into  $(\Gamma, g)$ .

Hence,  $(\Gamma, g) \cong (\Gamma, \sigma)$ . By this we know that  $g$  and  $\sigma$  are conjugate in  $G$ , thus player II have a winning strategy in the Banach-Mazur game with  $A = \sigma^G$ , thus  $\sigma^G$  is comeagre in  $G$  and  $\sigma$  is a generic automorphism.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.5.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a Fraïssé class of finitely generated  $L$ -structures with WHP and canonical amalgamation. Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be the class of structures from  $\mathcal{C}$  with additional unary function symbol interpreted as an automorphism of the structure. Then  $\mathcal{D}$  is a Fraïssé class and for  $(\Pi, \sigma) = \text{Flim}(\mathcal{D})$  we have that the conjugacy class of  $\sigma$  is comeagre in  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{C})$ .*

*Proof.* It follows trivially from Corollary 3.23 and the above Theorem 4.4.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.6.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a Fraïssé class of finitely generated  $L$ -structures with WHP and canonical amalgamation. Then  $\text{Flim}(\mathcal{C})$  has a generic automorphism.*

**4.3. Properties of the generic automorphism.** The key Theorem 4.5 yields some corollaries and we present one of them below.

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a Fraïssé class of finitely generated  $L$ -structures with weak Hrushovski property and canonical amalgamation. Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be the Fraïssé class (by the Theorem 4.5 of the structures of  $\mathcal{C}$  with additional automorphism of the structure). Let  $\Gamma = \text{Flim}(\mathcal{C})$ .

**Corollary 4.7.** *Let  $\sigma$  be the generic automorphism of  $\Gamma$ . Then the set of fixed points of  $\sigma$  is isomorphic to  $\Gamma$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $S = \{x \in \Gamma \mid \sigma(x) = x\}$ . It is a substructure of  $\Gamma$ , as it is closed under operations. For any  $n$ -tuple  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in S$  and  $n$ -ary function symbol  $f$  we have that  $f(a_1, \dots, a_n) = f(\sigma(a_1), \dots, \sigma(a_n)) = \sigma(f(a_1, \dots, a_n))$ , which exactly says that  $f(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  is a fixed point. Also, constant symbols have to be fixed under  $\sigma$ .

It is obvious that the age of  $S$  is  $\mathcal{C}$ , as every structure from  $\mathcal{C}$  with identity embeds into  $\Gamma$ , and hence into  $S$ . Also it is weakly ultrahomogeneous. Take  $A \subseteq B$  with embedding  $f : A \rightarrow S$ . It can be thought as embedding of  $(A, \text{id}_A)$  into  $(\Gamma, \sigma)$  and thus by its weak ultrahomogeneity we have  $\hat{f} : (B, \text{id}_B) \rightarrow (\Gamma, \sigma)$  and hence  $\hat{f}$  is also an embedding of  $B$  into  $S$  such that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & S \\ \downarrow \subseteq & \nearrow \hat{f} & \\ B & & \end{array}$$

□

## 5. EXAMPLES

In this section we give examples and anti-examples of Fraïssé classes with WHP or CAP.

**Example 5.1.** The class of all finite graphs  $\mathcal{G}$  is a Fraïssé class with WHP and free amalgamation.

We have already shown this fact. Thus get that the random graph has a generic automorphism.

**Example 5.2.** A  $K_n$ -free graph is a graph with no  $n$ -clique as its subgraph. Let  $\mathcal{G}_n$  be the class of finite  $K_n$ -free graphs.  $\mathcal{G}_n$  is a Fraïssé class with WHP and free amalgamation.

Showing that  $\mathcal{G}_n$  is indeed a Fraïssé class is almost the same as in normal graphs, together with free amalgamation. WHP is trickier and the proof can be seen in [7] Theorem 3.6. Hence,  $\text{Flim}(\mathcal{G}_n)$  has a generic automorphism.

**Example 5.3.** The class  $\mathcal{V}$  of all finitely generated vector spaces over a countable field is a Fraïssé class with WHP and CAP.

Vector spaces of the same dimension are isomorphic, thus it is obvious that  $\mathcal{V}$  is essentially countable. Also *HP* and *JEP* are obvious, as we can always embed space with smaller dimension into the bigger one.

Amalgamation is a little more complex but still comes intuitively. Let  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  be finitely dimensional vector spaces such that  $C = A \cap B$ . Thus, we can write that  $A = C \oplus C_A$  and  $B = C \oplus C_B$ . Then let  $D = C_A \oplus C \oplus C_B$  with embedding of  $A$  and  $B$  into  $C_A \oplus C$  and  $C_B \oplus C$  respectively. This is also canonical amalgamation.

The Fraïssé limit of  $\mathcal{V}$  is an  $\omega$ -dimensional vector space (which is easy to see by Theorem 3.9). Hence we can conclude that it has a generic automorphism.

Now we give some anti-examples:

**Example 5.4.** Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be the class of all finite linear orderings. Then:

- (1)  $\mathcal{L}$  is a Fraïssé class.
- (2)  $\mathcal{L}$  has canonical amalgamation.
- (3)  $\mathcal{L}$  does not have WHP.

$\mathcal{L}$  of course has *HP* and is essentially countable. *JEP* is also easy, as having two finite linear orderings we can just embed the one with fewer elements into the bigger one.

We will show that  $\mathcal{L}$  has canonical amalgamation (*CAP*). Let  $C$  be a finite linear ordered set. We will define  $\otimes_C$ . Let  $A, B$  be finite linear orderings that  $C$  embeds into. We may suppose that  $C = A \cap B$ . Then we define an ordering on  $D = A \cup B$ . For  $d, e \in D$ , let  $d \leq_D e$  if one of the following hold:

- $d, e \in A$  and  $d \leq_A e$ ,
- $d, e \in B$  and  $d \leq_B e$ ,
- $d \in A, e \in B$  and there is  $c \in C$  such that  $d \leq_A c$  and  $c \leq_B e$ ,
- $d \in B, e \in A$  and there is  $c \in C$  such that  $d \leq_B c$  and  $c \leq_A e$ ,
- $d \in A, e \in B$  and for all  $c \in C$   $d \leq_A c \Leftrightarrow e \leq_B c$

One can imagine that  $D$  can be constructed by laying elements of  $C$  in a row and putting elements of  $A$  and  $B$  appropriately between elements of  $C$  with all elements of  $A$  to the left and all elements of  $B$  to the right between two adjacent elements of  $C$ . This clearly is a canonical amalgamation.

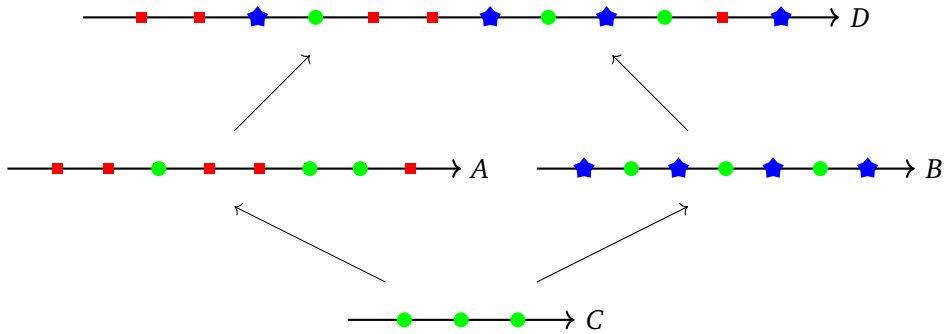


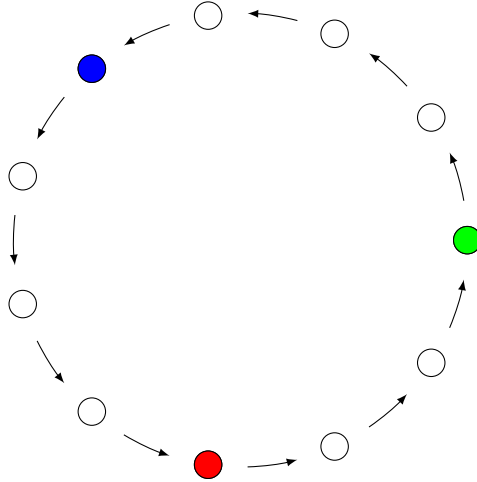
FIGURE 1. Visual representation of the construction.

On the other hand  $\mathcal{L}$  cannot have WHP. This follows from the fact that the only automorphism of a finite linear ordering is identity, so we cannot extend a partial automorphism sending exactly one element to some distinct element. However, in this case, generic automorphism exists which was shown by Truss [10].

**Definition 5.5.** Let  $X$  be a set. A ternary relation  $\leq^C \subseteq X^3$  is a *cyclic order*, where we denote  $(a, b, c) \in \leq^C$  as  $a \leq_b^C c$  (or simply  $a \leq_b c$  when there's only one relation in the context), when it satisfies the following properties:

- If  $a \leq_b c$ , then  $b \leq_c a$ .
- If  $a \leq_b c$ , then not  $c \leq_b a$ .
- If  $a \leq_b c$  and  $a \leq_c d$ , then  $a \leq_b d$ .
- If  $a, b, c$  are pairwise distinct, then either  $a \leq_b c$  or  $c \leq_b a$ .

It is easy to visualize a cyclic ordering as a directed (*nomen omen*) cycle. For example, a 11-element cyclic order could be drawn like this:



For three elements  $a, b, c$  we say that  $a \leq_b c$  if after "cutting" the cycle at  $b$  we have a path from  $a$  to  $c$ . In this particular example we can say that the green element is red-element-smaller than the blue one.

**Example 5.6.** The class  $\mathcal{C}$  of all finite cyclic orders is a Fraïssé class, but does not have WHP or CAP.

It is not hard to show that  $\mathcal{C}$  is indeed the Fraïssé class. As usual, the hardest part is showing AP, which in this case is done analogously to the linear orders. The Fraïssé limit of  $\mathcal{C}$  is a countable unit circle.

$\mathcal{C}$  hasn't WHP by the similar argument to this for linear orderings. Imagine a cycling order of three elements and a partial automorphism with one fixed point and moving second element to the third. This cannot be extended to automorphism of any finite cyclic order.

Also,  $\mathcal{C}$  cannot have CAP. A reason to that is that it do not admit canonical amalgamation over the empty structure (see this by taking 1-element cyclic order and 3-element cyclic order with automorphism other than identity).

In contrast to linear orderings the Fraïssé limit  $\Sigma = \text{Flim } \mathcal{C}$  has no generic automorphism. Consider the set  $A$  of automorphisms of  $\Sigma$  with at least one

finite orbit of size greater than 1. It is open, not dense and closed on conjugation. Openness follows from the fact that all finite orbits of a given automorphism have the same size. Thus  $A$  can be represented as a union of basic set generated by finite cycles of length greater than 1. It is not dense, as it has empty intersection with basic set generated by identity of a single element. It is also closed on taking conjugation, as the order of elements does not change when conjugating. Thus there cannot be a dense conjugacy class in  $\text{Aut}(\Sigma)$  and so there's no generic automorphism.

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