

Actions of automorphism groups of Fraïssé limits on the space of linear orderings

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If you denote $\text{LO}(\mathbb{N})$ the space of linear orderings on \mathbb{N} , then there is an action $\text{Aut}(R) \curvearrowright \text{LO}(\mathbb{N})$ in the following way :

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finite graphs	Random graph	$\text{Aut}(R)$
finite sets	\mathbb{N}	S_∞
finite linear orderings	$(\mathbb{Q}, <)$	$\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Q})$
finite partial orderings	The generic poset \mathcal{PO}	$\text{Aut}(\mathcal{PO})$
finite complete partite graphs	ω -partite graph	$\text{Aut}(\text{Part})$

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Theorem (Ben Yaacov-Melleray-Nguyen Van Thé-Tsankov '14-'17,
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MAIN RESULT

Theorem (J.)

Let \mathbb{F} be a transitive, ω -categorical Fraïssé limit with no algebraicity that admits weak elimination of imaginaries. Denote $G = \text{Aut}(\mathbb{F})$ and consider the action $G \curvearrowright \text{LO}(\mathbb{F})$. Then exactly one of the following holds :

- 1. The action $G \curvearrowright \text{LO}(\mathbb{F})$ has a fixed point (i.e., there is a definable linear order on \mathbb{F});*
- 2. The action $G \curvearrowright \text{LO}(\mathbb{F})$ is uniquely ergodic.*

DISCUSSING THE HYPOTHESIS

- a) ω -categoricity : for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ there are finitely many n -types. This is the only hypothesis we are not sure is necessary. Allows us to use a theorem of Tsankov on group representations (Tsankov '12).

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- b) No algebraicity : fixing finitely many points in the structure fixes no other point.

Counterexample : Take \mathbb{F} the countable-dimensional vector space over \mathbf{F}_2 , the $M(\text{Aut}(\mathbb{F}))$ is a proper subflow of $LO(\mathbb{F})$ (KPT) and the group is uniquely ergodic (AKL).

The group therefore admits at least two invariant measures on $LO(\mathbb{F})$: the uniform and the one supported on a proper subflow. There is also no definable ordering on \mathbb{F} .

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- c) Weak elimination of imaginaries : for every proper, open subgroup $V < G$, there exists k and a tuple $\bar{a} \in M^k$ such that $G_{\bar{a}} \leq V$ and $[V : G_{\bar{a}}] < \infty$.

Counterexample : ω -partite complete graph : we saw that again the UMF of its automorphism group is a proper subflow of $\text{LO}(\mathbb{F})$ and it also is the support for a measure.

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d) Transitivity : for any $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$, there is $g \in G$ such that $g(a) = b$.

Counterexample : Take \mathbb{N} with two unary predicates P, Q . Consider the measure that orders elements of P above elements of Q and orders each part uniformly.

CONSEQUENCES OF THE RESULT

a) Recovers a lot of known unique ergodicity results.

The random graph, the homogenous K_n -free graph, the generic tournament...

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- b) Since there is always one invariant fully supported measure on $\text{LO}(\mathbb{F})$, this allows us to prove non-amenability results.

Corollary

Suppose that \mathbb{F} satisfies the assumptions of the Theorem and let $G = \text{Aut}(\mathbb{F})$. If the action $G \curvearrowright \text{LO}(\mathbb{F})$ is not minimal and has no fixed points, then G is not amenable.

Applies for instance for the generic poset (Kechris and Sokić).

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Suppose that \mathbb{F} satisfies the assumptions of the Theorem. If \mathbb{F} has the Hrushovski property, then it has the ordering property, i.e. for every $A \in \text{Age}(\mathbb{F})$, there exists $B \in \text{Age}(\mathbb{F})$ such that for any two linear orders $<$ and $<'$ on A and B respectively, there is an embedding of $(A, <)$ into $(B, <')$.

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Counterexample : ω -partite complete graph. Denote E the equivalence relation being in the same part. There is a map from $[0, 1]^{\mathbb{F}/E}$ to $[0, 1]^{\mathbb{F}}$. The pushforward of $\nu^{\mathbb{F}/E}$ to $[0, 1]^{\mathbb{F}}$ is not of the form $\nu^{\mathbb{F}}$.

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Moreover μ_{λ} is S_{∞} -invariant, so

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Therefore μ_{λ} does not depend on λ and we really produced just one measure.

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Consequence of Tsankov's Theorem.

We can now define for almost all $x \in \text{LO}(\mathbb{F})$

$$\eta_a^\tau(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{b \in F_n \cap D_\tau(a) : b <_x a\}}{\#F_n \cap D_\tau(a)}.$$

Lemma

If we denote λ the distribution of η_a^τ , then the family $(\eta_a^\tau)_{a \in \mathbb{F}}$ has distribution $\lambda^{\mathbb{F}}$.

This is again a consequence of Tsankov's Theorem.

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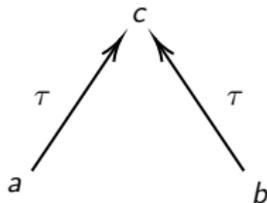
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1) is not always true, we will have to assume it (for now), and prove 2).

Remark

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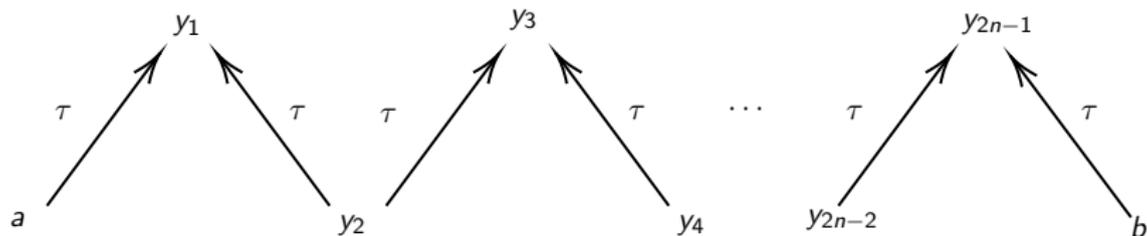
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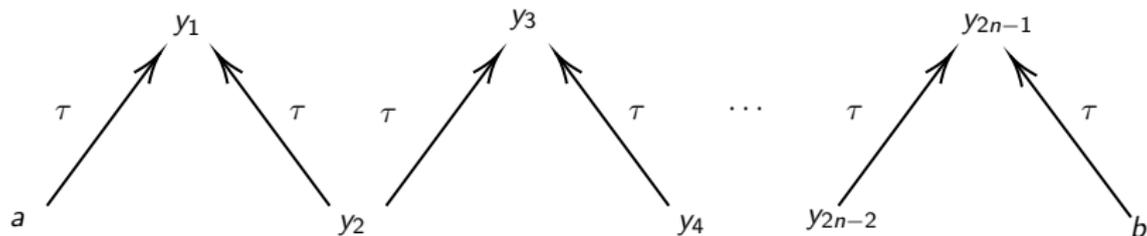
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Since $\eta_a^\tau < \eta_b^\tau$ and $\mu(\eta_{y_k}^\tau = \eta_{y_j}^\tau) = 0$ for all $k \neq j$, there must be a path such that

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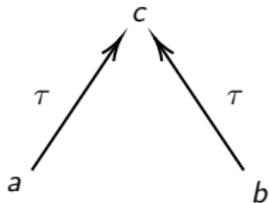
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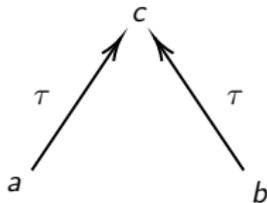


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ν is supported on a proper subflow of $G \curvearrowright \text{LO}(\mathbb{F})$.

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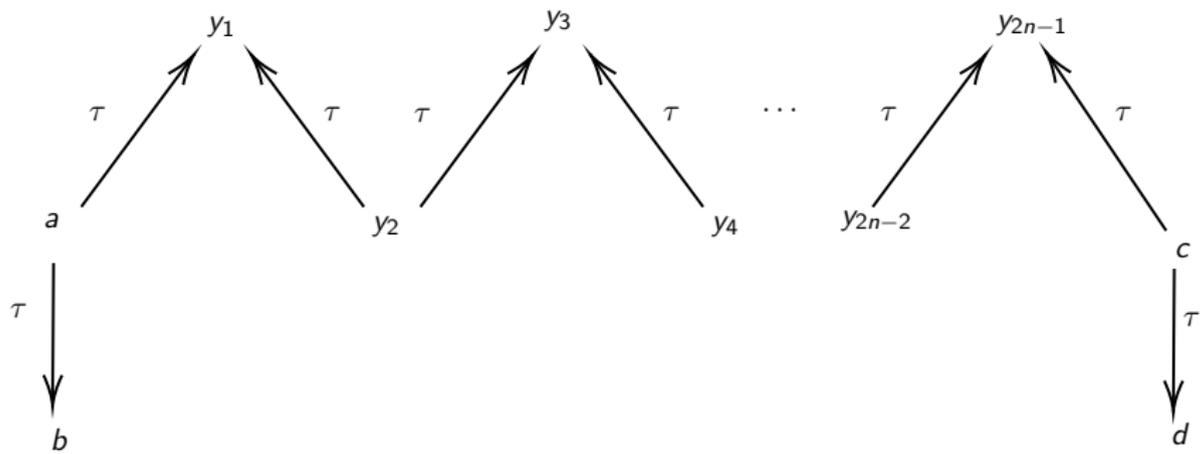
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Take $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{F}$ such that $\text{tp}(ab) = \text{tp}(cd) = \tau$, then ν' -as $a < b$ iff $c < d$.

We say that ν' respects τ .



By iterating this process for all 2-types, we get a measure that is a Dirac mass. Therefore we have a fixed point !

Thank you !