

Structure in mappings on the random graph

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Why did you reprove a 20-years old theorem?

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Groups: First-order interdefinability.

Monoids: Existential positive interdefinability.

Clones: Primitive positive interdefinability.

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Corollary

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A class \mathcal{C} of structures of the same signature is called a *Ramsey class* iff for all $H, P \in \mathcal{C}$ there is N in \mathcal{C} such that $N \rightarrow (H)^P$.

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Conjecture

Any homogeneous structure **whose set of finite induced substructures (+ order) is a Ramsey class** has only finitely many reducts.

Enjoy your coffee break!

Where can we find your paper?

Manuel Bodirsky and Michael Pinsker,
All reducts of the random graph are model-complete,
available from arXiv.