

# The size of conjugacy classes of automorphism groups

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# Fraïssé limits

Let  $\mathcal{A} = \langle A, (R_{i,n_i}^{\mathcal{A}})_{i \in I}, (f_{j,n_j}^{\mathcal{A}})_{j \in J} \rangle$  be a countable structure.

**Definition.** The structure  $\mathcal{A}$  is called *ultrahomogeneous* if every isomorphism between its finitely generated substructures extends to an automorphism of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Definition.** The *age* of a structure  $\mathcal{A}$  is the collection of the finitely generated substructures of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Theorem.** (Fraïssé) For a countable class of structures  $\mathcal{K} = \text{age}(\mathcal{A})$  for some ultrahomogeneous structure  $\mathcal{A}$  iff  $\mathcal{K}$  has HP, JEP and AP.

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**Theorem.** Let  $G$  be a Polish group. TFAE:

- $G$  is isomorphic to an automorphism group of a Fraïssé limit of relational structures
- $G < S_\infty$  and  $G$  is closed

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Kechris, Rosendal: Characterisation of the existence of generic and locally generic elements for a limit of a class  $\mathcal{K}$ , in terms of properties of the class  $\mathcal{K}_p$ , that is,

$$\{(\mathcal{A}, \Psi) \mid \mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{K}, \Psi : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{C} \text{ isomorphism and } \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C} < \mathcal{A}\}.$$

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**Theorem.** (Haar, Weil) Let  $(G, \cdot)$  be a Polish topological group. There exists a left Haar measure on  $G$  if and only if  $G$  is locally compact.

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- If for every compact set  $K$  there exist  $g, h$  with  $gKh \subset B$  then  $B$  is not Haar null.

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**Theorem.** Suppose that  $\mathcal{A}$  is a Fraïssé limit with no algebraicity. Then almost all elements of  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{A})$  have finitely many finite cycles and infinitely many infinite ones.

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# Questions

1. How many Haar positive conjugacy classes are there?
2. Is the union of the Haar null conjugacy classes is Haar null?

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**Problem.** Formulate necessary and sufficient model theoretic conditions which characterise the measure theoretic behaviour of the conjugacy classes!

Thank you for your attention!