# Projective Fraïssé limits and homogeneity for tuples of points of the pseudoarc

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# **Outline of Topics**

1 The pseudoarc and projective Fraïssé limits

2 Partial homogeneity of the pre-pseudoarc

3 Transfer theorem and homogeneity of the pseudoarc

# The pseudoarc and projective Fraïssé limits

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The metric completion  $\mathbb U$  of  $\mathbb U_0$  is the Urysohn space, the unique universal separable, complete metric space that is ultrahomogeneous with respect to finite subspaces.

**Aim:** By analogy with the above approach, develop a logic/combinatorics-based point of view to:

- find canonical/combinatorial models for some topological spaces, for example, the pseudoarc, the Menger compacta, the Brouwer curve etc.;
- find a unified approach to topological homogeneity results for these spaces.

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the pseudoarc P = a certain compact, connected, second countable space

**the pre-pseudoarc**  $\mathbb{P}$  = the Cantor set and a certain compact equivalence relation R on it with  $\mathbb{P}/R = P$  and with a certain relationship to a family of finite structures

the augmented pre-pseudoarc  $\mathbb{P}_{\textit{RU}} = \mathbb{P}$  with additional structure

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The pseudoarc is a **hereditarily indecomposable** continuum, that is, if  $C_1, C_2 \subseteq P$  are continua with  $C_1 \cap C_2 \neq \emptyset$ , then  $C_1 \subseteq C_2$  or  $C_2 \subseteq C_1$ .

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# **Projective Fraïssé limits**

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 $\mathcal{F}$  is called a **projective Fraïssé family** if it has **Joint Epimorphism Property** and **Projective Amalgamation Property**.



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- M is a compact, 0-dimensional, second countable space,
- each relation symbol is interpreted as a closed relation on M,
- each continuous function  $M \to X$ , with X finite, factors through an epimorphism  $M \to A$  for some  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ .

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# **Connection with the pseudoarc**

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# Partial homogeneity of the pre-pseudoarc

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# Partial homogeneity of $\mathbb{P}$

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A set  $K \subseteq \mathbb{P}$  is called an *R*-substructure if it is compact, non-empty, and for each finite *R*-structure *A* and each epi  $f : \mathbb{P} \to A$ , f[K] is an interval.

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### For $p \in \mathbb{P}$ , let

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#### Minimal types and independence

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 $p \in \mathbb{P}$  has minimal types if for each continuous  $f : \mathbb{P} \to X$  with X finite

 $\operatorname{tp^p}(f) = \operatorname{Tp^p}(f).$ 

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A tuple of points is called **independent** if every two of its elements are.

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# Augmented *R*-structures as a projective Fraïssé family

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If U is a chain on X and  $f: X \to Y$  is a surjection, then

 $f(U) = \{f[I] \colon I \in U\}$ 

is also a chain.

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#### Side-observation

 $p \in \mathbb{P}$  has minimal types if and only if, for each continuous  $f : \mathbb{P} \to X$  with X finite,  $\operatorname{Tp}^{p}(f)$  is a chain.

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Let A and B be RU-structures. Then  $f: B \rightarrow A$  is an RU-epimorphism if it is an *R*-epimorphism and

$$f(U_i^B) = U_i^A$$
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The proof uses a combinatorial chessboard theorem due to Steinhaus.
# Generic tuples and their characterization

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The **proof** is purely combinatorial.

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#### The Menger curve $\mu_1$

