# The Logic of Random Graphs 

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## A Possible Solution

Analyzing the typical behaviour of a graph with "similar properties". There are several known models for doing this.

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Let $G \in G\left(n, \frac{1}{2}\right), n \leq 2^{k / 2}$. We calculate:

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\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{P}(\omega(G) \geq k) & \leq\binom{ n}{k} 2^{-\binom{k}{2}} \leq\left(\frac{n}{2 \cdot 2^{-(k-1) / 2}}\right)^{k} \\
& \leq\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)^{k}<\frac{1}{2}
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Partition the vertices of $G$ into sets of 3 . Each set contains a triangle with probability $1 / 8$, hence the probability that $G$ does not contain a triangle is no higher than $\left(\frac{7}{8}\right)^{n / 3}$.

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Suppose $B$ is deduced from an almost sure theory $T$; hence, it can be deduced from a finite subset of $T, A_{1}, \ldots, A_{k}$. $\mathbb{P}\left(G(n, p) \mid=\neg A_{1} \wedge \ldots \wedge \neg A_{k}\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{k} \mathbb{P}\left(G(n, p) \models \neg A_{i}\right)$

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The sentence "False" does not hold almost surely, hence it is not in $T$.

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Let $T$ be a theory with no finite models. Then $T$ is complete iff all of its infinite models are elementarily equivalent.

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- Suppose $T$ is incomplete. Let $B$ be a first-order sentence for which neither $T \models B$ nor $T \models \neg B$. Let $T^{+}$be the theory given by adding $B$ to $T$, and let $T^{-}$be the theory given by adding $\neg B$. Both are consistent, hence by Gödel both have models, $G^{+}$and $G^{-}$, which are models of $T$, but are not elementarily equivalent, since they disagree on $B$.

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There is a unique graph G (up to isomorphism) for which $G \models A R P$.

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Otherwise $T \models \neg B$; switching the roles of $B$ and $\neg B$ yields the desired result.

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## Observation

If $G_{1}, G_{2}$ satisfy Alice's Restaurant Property, Duplicator wins $\operatorname{EHR}\left(G_{1}, G_{2} ; k\right)$ for any $k$.

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## Equivalence Classes

## Definition

Given $G_{1}, G_{2}$ and a non-negative integer $k$, we say $\left(G_{1} ; x_{1}, \ldots, x_{s}\right) \equiv_{k}\left(G_{2} ; y_{1}, \ldots, y_{s}\right)$ whenver Duplicator has a winning strategy on the Ehrenfeucht game played on $G_{1}, G_{2}$, assuming the first $s$ moves out of $k$ done, having marked $x_{i}, y_{i}$.

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If $s=0$ we obtain our original game. We write: $G_{1} \equiv G_{2}$ if it is a win for Duplicator.

# Random Graphs <br> The Ehrenfeucht Game 

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$\left(G_{2} ; y_{1}, \ldots, y_{s+1}\right) \equiv_{k}\left(G_{3} ; z_{1}, \ldots, z_{s+1}\right)$. Duplicator replies to Spoiler's $x_{s+1}$ by marking $z_{s+1}$, and wins by induction.

Combinatorialists like games. Logicians like truth. Fortunately, there is a connection.

## The Logic Behind the Game

## Theorem

(1) $G_{1} \equiv{ }_{k} G_{2}$ iff $G_{1}, G_{2}$ agree on all first-order sentences of quantifier depth $k$.
(2) For each equivalence class $[G]_{\equiv_{k}}$ there exists a first-order sentence $A$ of quantifier depth $k$ for which $[G]_{\equiv_{k}}=\left\{G^{\prime}\left|G^{\prime}\right|=A\right\}$.

## The Logic Behind the Game

## Theorem (stronger)

For each $k \geq 1$ and $0 \leq s \leq k$
(1) $\left(G_{1} ; x_{1}, \ldots, x_{s}\right) \equiv_{k}\left(G_{2} ; y_{1}, \ldots, y_{s}\right)$ iff $G_{1}, G_{2}$ agree on all first-order predicates of quantifier depth $k-s$ with $s$ free variables, when we assign $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{s}$ or $y_{1}, \ldots, y_{s}$ to these variables.
(2) For each equivalence class $\left[\left(G ; x_{1}, \ldots, x_{s}\right)\right]_{\equiv_{k}}$ there exists a first-order predicate $A$ of quantifier depth $k-s$ with $s$ free variables, for which
$\left[\left(G ; x_{1}, \ldots, x_{s}\right)\right]_{\equiv_{k}}=\left\{\left(G^{\prime} ; y_{1}, \ldots, y_{s}\right) \mid G^{\prime} \models A\left(y_{1}, \ldots, y_{s}\right)\right\}$.

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We note that $\left(G_{1} ; x_{1}, \ldots, x_{k}\right) \equiv_{k}\left(G_{2} ; y_{1}, \ldots, y_{k}\right)$ iff the induced subgraphs of $G_{1}, G_{2}$ on their designated vertices are the same. Any predicate of quantifier depth $k-s=0$ is a boolean combination of $x_{i} \sim x_{j}$ and $x_{i}=x_{j}$, hence the equivalence implies agreement with regard to such a predicate, while inequivalence implies disagreement with regard to one such predicate.

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The predicate $A$ that lists the adjacencies and nonadjacencies amongst the $x_{i}$ 's will be the one to define $\left[\left(G_{1} ; x_{1}, \ldots, x_{k}\right)\right]_{\equiv_{k}}$.

## The Logic Behind the Game

Proof of the case $s<k$, assuming correctness for $s+1$
From induction, each $\beta$ of the form $\left[\left(G^{\prime} ; y_{1}, \ldots, y_{s}, y_{s+1}\right)\right]_{\equiv_{k}}$ is defined by a predicate $A_{\beta}$ of quantifier depth $k-s-1$, having $s+1$ free variables. Let $\alpha=\left[\left(G ; x_{1}, \ldots, x_{s}\right)\right]_{\equiv_{k}}$ and let $\bar{\alpha}$ be the representative $\left(G ; x_{1}, \ldots, x_{s}\right)$. Define $\varphi(\beta)=\exists x A_{\beta}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{s}, x\right)$. Define also Yes $[\bar{\alpha}]=\{\beta \mid \bar{\alpha} \models \varphi(\beta)\}$ and No $[\bar{\alpha}]=\{\beta \mid \bar{\alpha} \models \neg \varphi(\beta)\}$. We will later show that these sets do not depend on the representative $\bar{\alpha}$, hence we can mark them Yes $[\alpha]$ and No $[\alpha]$. We define
$A_{\alpha}=\bigwedge_{\beta \in \mathrm{Yes}[\alpha]} \varphi(\beta) \wedge \bigwedge_{\beta \in \operatorname{No}[\alpha]} \neg \varphi(\beta)$.

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## The Logic Behind the Game

## Proof (cont.) — why $A_{\alpha}$ works?

First we note that $A_{\alpha}$ is of quantifier depth $k-s$ and with $s$ free variables, as wanted. Clearly, $\alpha \models A_{\alpha}$. Suppose $\bar{\gamma} \models A_{\alpha}$. The set of equivalence classes generated by $\bar{\gamma}$ with an additional designated $x$ is exactly Yes $[\alpha]$, hence $\bar{\gamma} \in \alpha$.

## The Logic Behind the Game

## Proof (cont.) - why the representative does not matter?

Suppose $\alpha_{1}, \alpha_{2} \in \alpha$, two representatives. Assume $\beta \in \operatorname{Yes}\left[\alpha_{1}\right]$. Hence $\alpha_{1} \models \exists x A_{\beta}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{s}, x\right)$. We want to show that $\alpha_{2} \vDash \exists x A_{\beta}\left(y_{1}, \ldots, y_{s}, x\right)$. Indeed, $\left(G_{1} ; x_{1}, \ldots, x_{s}\right) \equiv_{k}\left(G_{2} ; y_{1}, \ldots, y_{s}\right)$, hence $\left(G_{1} ; x_{1}, \ldots, x_{s}, z\right)$ models $A_{\beta}$ form some $z$. Let $z^{\prime}$ be the winning reply of Duplicator to $z$ on the $\operatorname{EHR}\left(G_{1}, G_{2} ; k\right)$ game. Hence
$\left(G_{1} ; x_{1}, \ldots, x_{s}, z\right) \equiv_{k}\left(G_{2} ; y_{1}, \ldots, y_{s}, z^{\prime}\right)$, hence by induction $\left(G_{2} ; y_{1}, \ldots, y_{s}, z^{\prime}\right)$ models $A_{\beta}$, hence $\alpha_{2} \models \exists x A_{\beta}\left(y_{1}, \ldots, y_{s}, x\right)$, as wanted.

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Conversely, let $G_{1}, G_{2}$ (with designated vertices) be $k$-equivalent, and let $P$ be some predicate of quantifier depth $k-s$ and $s$ free variables. We can express $P$ is a boolean combination of phrases of the form $\exists x Q$ where $Q$ is of quantifier depth $k-s-1$ and $s+1$ free variables. By induction, the value of $Q$ is determined by the equivalence class of $\left(G ; x_{1}, \ldots, x_{s}, x\right)$ for every $x$, hence the value of $P$ is determined by the equivalence class of $\left(G ; x_{1}, \ldots, x_{s}\right)$, hence $G_{1}, G_{2}$ agree on $P$.

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Connectivity is not first-order expressible.

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We take $G_{1}$ to be a cycle of length $2 n$ and $G_{2}$ to be a cycle of length $2 n+1$, for large enough $n$, and use a similar argument.

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