



# On Reducts of Hrushovski's Non-Collapsed Construction

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## Introduction

In this poster we show that Hrushovski's original non-collapsed construction has a proper reduct with an isomorphic geometry. This is a first step in a project aimed at finding the right setup for a reformulation of Zilber's conjecture.

## Hrushovski-type Fraïssé Limits

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a class of countably many (up to isomorphism) finite structures in a given language with  $\mathcal{C}$  closed under isomorphism and taking substructures (i.e.  $A \subseteq B \in \mathcal{C} \implies A \in \mathcal{C}$ ). Let  $d_0 : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  with

1.  $d_0(\emptyset) = 0$
2.  $d_0(X) \leq 1$  for any  $X \in \mathcal{C}$  with  $|X| = 1$
3.  $d_0(A \cup B) \leq d_0(A) + d_0(B) - d_0(A \cap B)$  (Submodularity)

We call  $d_0$  the *pre-dimension function* of  $(\mathcal{C}, d_0)$ .

**Definition.** Define  $d(A, N)$ , for  $A$  a finite substructure of  $N$  and  $N$  a structure whose age is a subset of  $\mathcal{C}$ , by

$$d(A, N) = \min\{d_0(D) \mid A \subseteq D \subseteq N\}$$

We call  $d$  the *dimension function* associated with  $d_0$ .

**Definition.** For  $A \subseteq B \in \mathcal{C}$  define  $A \leq B$  if and only if  $d(A, B) = d_0(A)$ . If  $A \leq B$  we say that  $A$  is *self-sufficient* or *strong* in  $B$ .

**Definition.** We say  $(\mathcal{C}, d_0)$  is a Hrushovski-type amalgamation class if the following holds:

(AP) Let  $A, B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{C}$  with  $B_1 \cap B_2 = A$  and  $A \leq B_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Then there exists some  $D \in \mathcal{C}$  and embeddings  $f_i : B_i \rightarrow D$  such that  $f_1 \upharpoonright A = f_2 \upharpoonright A$  and  $f_i B_i \leq D$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .

**Theorem.** For  $(\mathcal{C}, d_0)$  a Hrushovski-type amalgamation class, there is a single (up to isomorphism) countable structure  $M$  with age  $\mathcal{C}$  that is homogeneous in the following sense:

- Any partial isomorphism  $f : A \rightarrow B$  where  $A, B \leq M$ , extends to an automorphism of  $M$ .

We call  $M$  the *Fraïssé-Hrushovski limit* of  $(\mathcal{C}, d_0)$ .

**Definition.** Let  $M$  be the Fraïssé-Hrushovski limit of a Hrushovski-type amalgamation class  $(\mathcal{C}, d_0)$ . Define the  $d$ -closure of  $A$ , a finite subset of  $M$ , to be

$$cl_d(A) = \{a \in M \mid d(A \cup \{a\}, M) = d(A, M)\}$$

For  $N$  an infinite subset of  $M$ , define its  $d$ -closure to be the union of the  $d$ -closures of all its finite subsets.

The  $d$ -closure operator defined above on  $M$ , in fact defines a pregeometry  $(M, cl_d)$ , which in turn has an associated geometry. We call this associated geometry the geometry of  $M$  and denote it by  $G(M)$ .

## The Original and Symmetric Constructions

Consider the language  $\mathcal{L} = \{R\}$  where  $R$  is a ternary relation symbol. Assume that whenever  $(a, b, c) \in R$  then  $a, b, c$  are distinct elements.

Define the following for finite  $\mathcal{L}$ -structures:

$$d_0(A) = |A| - |R^A|$$

$$\mathcal{C} = \{A \mid A \text{ is a finite } \mathcal{L}\text{-structure with } d_0(B) \geq 0 \text{ for every } B \subseteq A\}$$

$$d_0^\sim(A) = |A| - |\{(a, b, c) \mid A \models R(a, b, c)\}|$$

$$\mathcal{C}_\sim = \{A \mid A \text{ is a finite } \mathcal{L}\text{-structure with } d_0^\sim(B) \geq 0 \text{ for every } B \subseteq A\}$$

**Theorem.** The pairs  $(\mathcal{C}, d_0)$  and  $(\mathcal{C}_\sim, d_0^\sim)$  are Hrushovski-type amalgamation classes

We denote the corresponding Fraïssé-Hrushovski limits of  $(\mathcal{C}, d_0)$  and  $(\mathcal{C}_\sim, d_0^\sim)$  by  $M$  and  $M_\sim$  respectively.

**Theorem.**  $G(M)$  and  $G(M_\sim)$  are isomorphic

The structure  $M$  is commonly referred to as Hrushovski's non-collapsed construction. Similarly  $M_\sim$  is Hrushovski's non-collapsed symmetric construction. Now, consider the formula

$$R_\sim(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \bigvee_{\sigma \in S_3} R(x_{\sigma(1)}, x_{\sigma(2)}, x_{\sigma(3)})$$

**Theorem.** The reduct  $(M, R_\sim)$  is a proper reduct of the structure  $M$ , and it is isomorphic to  $M_\sim$ .

## Definition of the Reduct $M_s$

We prove that  $M_\sim$ , too, has a proper reduct with an isomorphic geometry. Consider the formula

$$S(x_1, x_2, x_3) := \exists x_4, x_5 \left[ \bigwedge_{i \in \{1, 2, 3\}} R_\sim(x_i, x_4, x_5) \wedge \bigwedge_{i \neq j} x_i \neq x_j \right]$$

We denote the reduct  $(M_\sim, S)$  by  $M_s$ . As it so happens, this will be a proper reduct of  $M_\sim$  with an isomorphic geometry. In fact  $M_s$  is, too, the limit of a Hrushovski-type amalgamation class.

## A New Kind of Dimension Function

We would like to define some  $d_{0s}$ , a pre-dimension function for the age of  $M_s$ , that will allow us to construct  $M_s$  as a Fraïssé-Hrushovski limit.

- Difficulty: A function of the sort  $A \mapsto c_1|A| - c_2|S^A|$  is unbounded from below on the age of  $M_s$ , and so cannot be an appropriate pre-dimension function.

Solution: We count the sizes of maximal cliques under the relation  $S$  (with some minor technical modifications) rather than the individual  $S$ -relations.

## A New Kind of Dimension Function - Continued

- Difficulty: A small clique (of size  $< 5$ ) in  $A \subseteq M_s$  may extend to several distinct cliques in the structure  $M_s$ . In order to satisfy submodularity, the number of extensions that a clique may have must be reflected in the pre-dimension function.

Solution: We introduce  $\mathfrak{m}$ , the *multiplicity* function for cliques, which associates each clique with the number of extensions it has. The function  $\mathfrak{m}$  is definable in  $M_s$ .

- By definition of  $S$ , given an  $S$ -clique  $C$  in  $M_\sim$ , there are two elements  $x_C, y_C$  with  $\models R(a, x_C, y_C)$  for all  $a \in C$ . Thus, adding  $\{x_C, y_C\}$  to  $C$  generically lowers the dimension by  $(|C| - 2)$ . Accordingly, we estimate the negative contribution of a clique  $C$ , by  $|C|_* = (|C| - 2)$ .

We may now define  $d_{0s}$ .

**Definition.** For  $A$  a finite  $\{S\}$ -structure with set of maximal cliques  $\mathcal{C}(A)$  and multiplicity function  $\mathfrak{m}$ , define

$$d_{0s}(A) = |A| - \sum_{C \in \mathcal{C}(A)} \mathfrak{m}(C) \cdot |C|_*$$

We denote the dimension function associated with  $d_{0s}$  by  $d_s$  and the associated self-sufficiency notion by  $\leq_s$ .

## Main Results

Define  $\mathcal{C}_s = \{A \mid A \text{ is a finite } \{S\}\text{-structure with } \emptyset \leq_s A\}$ . Then

**Theorem.** The pair  $(\mathcal{C}_s, d_{0s})$  is a Hrushovski-type amalgamation class

**Theorem.** The geometry of the Fraïssé-Hrushovski limit of  $(\mathcal{C}_s, d_{0s})$  is isomorphic to  $G(M_\sim)$

**Theorem.** The age of  $M_s$  is  $\mathcal{C}_s$

**Theorem.** Let  $A, B \leq_s M_s$  be finite and let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a partial isomorphism, then  $f$  extends to an automorphism of  $M_s$ .

**Corollary.**  $M_s$  is a proper reduct of  $M$  and  $G(M) \cong G(M_s)$

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