# GENERIC STRUCTURES AND CONTROL FUNCTIONS (A COMMENTARY ON EVANS'PREPRINT)

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ABSTRACT. We survey the results in "Some remarks on generic structures" [E] written by Evans, and give some detailed proofs which are omitted in his note.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

In simplicity theory, Hrushovski's generic constructions yield various results. As in his  $\omega$ -categorical stable pseudoplane, he constructed an  $\omega$ -categorical, simple, rank one, non-locally modular theory by amalgamating finite graphs whose local rank is controlled by an increasing unbounded convex function. In [E1], Evans gave a sufficient condition on control functions for constructing  $\omega$ -categorical simple generic structures. We review this in fifth section. In [E], Evans gave an  $\omega$ -categorical non-simple generic structure by carefully setting a control function (In this note, sixth section). This non-simple generic structure has 3-strong order property. For any  $n \geq 3$ , n-strong order property was introduced by Shelah. (See [Sh] and third section in this note.) Strict order property implies n-strong order property, and n + 1-strong order property implies n-strong order property for any  $n \geq 3$ . Evans showed that generic structures given by control functions do not have 4-strong order property, we follow this result in fourth section.

In [P], Pourmahdian conjectured that generic stuructures without control function, so-called ( $\mathbf{K}_0$ , <)-generic structure, will be non-simple. In [P], Pourmahdina considered a natural expansioned inductive (incomplete) theory  $T_{nat}$  of a universal theory  $T_0$  only axiomatizing that any finite substructure has non-zero positive local rank. Pourmahdian showed that  $T_{nat}$  is a Robinson theory and its universal domain is simple as a structure, and  $T_{nat}$  does not have model companion. (Natural expansioned structure of ( $\mathbf{K}_0$ , <)-generic structure is an existentially closed model of  $T_{nat}$ .) Evans gave an example of ( $\mathbf{K}_0$ , <)-generic structure having strict order property, we discuss this issue in second section.

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This note is organized as follows.

Section 2: We will follow the proof that  $Th(M_0)$  has strict order property, where  $M_0$  is  $(\mathbf{K}_0, <)$ -generic structure with one ternary relation.

Section 3: Review of [Sh].

Section 4: We will follow the proof that  $Th(M_f)$  does not have  $SOP_4$ , where  $M_f$ is a  $(\mathbf{K}_f, <)$ -generic structure and  $\mathbf{K}_f$  is the class of finite graph A satisfying with  $\delta(A) \geq f(|A|)$  and control function f is a convex increasing unbounded function from  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Section 5: Review of [E].

Section 6: We will follow the proof that for some control function f, Th $(M_f)$ has SOP<sub>3</sub>, where  $\delta(*) = 2|*| - e(*)$ .

Section 7,8: Long appendices for Section 6, which are omitted in [E1].

## 2. Th( $M_0$ ) has SOP. (Definable correspondence between graphs AND TERNARY HYPERGRAPHS)

Let  $\Re$  be a ternary relation. For finte ternary-hypergraph  $\mathfrak{A}$ , we define the predimension as follows.

$$\delta(\mathfrak{A}) = |\mathfrak{A}| - |\mathfrak{R}^{\mathfrak{A}}|$$

For finite  $\mathfrak{A} \subseteq \mathfrak{B}$  we define a partial order < as follows

$$\mathfrak{A} < \mathfrak{B} \Leftrightarrow \delta(\mathfrak{X}) > \delta(\mathfrak{A})(\mathfrak{A} \subset \forall \mathfrak{X} \subseteq \mathfrak{B}).$$

For possibly infinite  $\mathfrak{A} \subseteq \mathfrak{B}$  we define

$$\mathfrak{A}<\mathfrak{B}\Leftrightarrow\mathfrak{X}\cap A<\mathfrak{X}(\forall\mathfrak{X}\subset_{\omega}\mathfrak{B}).$$

Note that  $\mathfrak{A} < \mathfrak{A}$ . For possibly infinite  $\mathfrak{A} \subseteq \mathfrak{B}$ , there exists the <-closure  $\operatorname{cl}_{\mathfrak{B}}(\mathfrak{A})$  of  $\mathfrak{A}$  in  $\mathfrak{B}$ .  $K_0$  is the class of finite 3-hypergraphs defined by

$$\mathfrak{A} \in \mathbf{K}_0 \Leftrightarrow \emptyset < \mathfrak{A}$$

 $\overline{\mathbf{K}_0}$  is the class of 3-hypergraphs whose finite sub-hypergraph is all in  $\mathbf{K}_0$ .  $M_0$  denotes the  $(\mathbf{K}_0, <)$ -generic structure.

**Notation 2.1.** Let (A, R) be a graph, where R is the binary relation for the graph. We define the following ternary graph  $(\mathfrak{H}_A, \mathfrak{R})$ .

- $\mathfrak{H}_A = A \cup R^A \cup \{x_A, y_A\}$ , where  $x_A, y_A$  are new elements.  $(\mathfrak{R})^{\mathfrak{H}_A} = \{(x_A, y_A, a) : a \in A\} \cup \{(a, b, (a, b)) : (a, b) \in R^A\}$

 $(\mathfrak{H}_A,\mathfrak{R})$  is definable in (A,R) with two new constants.

**Lemma 2.2.** Let (A, R) be a graph. Then

- (1)  $\mathfrak{H}_A \in \overline{\mathbf{K}_0}$ .
- (2)  $\mathfrak{H}_A = \operatorname{cl}_{\mathfrak{H}_A}(x_A, y_A)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathfrak{X} \subset_{\omega} \mathfrak{H}_A$ , and let  $V(\mathfrak{X})$  be the vertex set of  $\mathfrak{X}$ . Then  $V(\mathfrak{X}) \subseteq$  $A \cup R^A \cup \{x_A, y_A\}$  follows. If  $x_A, y_A \in \mathfrak{X}$ , then  $\delta(\mathfrak{X}) = |V(\mathfrak{X})| - (|V(\mathfrak{X})|)$  $|R^A| + |V(\mathfrak{X}) \cap A| > 0$ , since  $V(\mathfrak{X}) = \{x_A, y_A\} \cup (V(\mathfrak{X}) \cap R^A) \cup (V(\mathfrak{X}) \cap A)$ . Otherwise,  $\delta(\mathfrak{X}) = |V(\mathfrak{X})| - (|V(\mathfrak{X}) \cap R^A|) > 0$ , since  $|V(\mathfrak{X}) \cap R^A| > 0$  implies  $|V(\mathfrak{X}) \cap A| > 0.$ 

Let  $c \in A$ . Then  $\delta(c/x_A, y_A) = 0$ . So, if  $c \notin \operatorname{cl}_{\mathfrak{H}_A}(x_A, y_A)$ , then 0 < c $\delta(c/\operatorname{cl}_{\mathfrak{H}_A}(x_A,y_A)) \leq \delta(c/x_A,y_A) = 0$ , a contradiction. Next, let  $c = (a,b) \in$  $R^A$ . Then  $\delta(c/a,b)=0$ . By the above argument, we see  $c\in \mathrm{cl}_{\mathfrak{H}_A}(a,b)$ . As  $a, b \in \operatorname{cl}_{\mathfrak{H}_A}(x_A, y_A)$ , we see that  $c \in \operatorname{cl}_{\mathfrak{H}_A}(x_A, y_A)$ .

Next, for any symmetric 3-hypergraph having at least two vertices, we construct a graph as follows.

Notation 2.3. Let  $(\mathfrak{A},\mathfrak{R})$  be a symmetric 3-hypergraph having at least two vertices. Fix two vertices  $a, b \in \mathfrak{A}$ . We define the following graph  $G_{(\mathfrak{A}, a, b)} =$  $(G_{\mathfrak{A}}, R)$  as follows.

- $\begin{array}{l} \bullet \ \ G_{\mathfrak{A}} = \{c \in \mathfrak{A} : \mathfrak{A} \models \mathfrak{R}(c,a,b)\} \\ \bullet \ \ R^{G_{\mathfrak{A}}} = \{(c,d) \in \mathfrak{A}^2 : \mathfrak{A} \models \mathfrak{R}(c,a,b) \land \mathfrak{R}(d,a,b) \land \exists x \mathfrak{R}(x,c,d)\} \end{array}$

 $G_{(\mathfrak{A},a,b)}=(G_{\mathfrak{A}},R)$  is definable in  $(\mathfrak{A},\mathfrak{R})$  with parameters  $a,b\in\mathfrak{A}$ .

(1)  $\mathfrak{A} \not\simeq \mathfrak{H}_{G_{(\mathfrak{A},a,b)}}$ , where  $a,b \in \mathfrak{A}$ . (If  $\mathfrak{A} \models \neg \mathfrak{R}(d,a,b), d$  will not appear in the righthand.)

(2)  $A \simeq G_{(\mathfrak{H}_A, x_A, y_A)}$ .

*Proof.* Clearly,  $G_{\mathfrak{H}_A} = A$  and  $R^{G_{\mathfrak{H}_A}} = R^A$ , as desired.

**Lemma 2.5.** Let  $(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{R})$  be a symmetric 3-hypergraph having at least two vertices. Then

- $(1) \ a,b \not\in G_{\mathfrak{A}} \subseteq \operatorname{cl}_{\mathfrak{A}}(a,b)$
- (2) If  $(c,d) \in R^{\mathfrak{A}}$ , then  $\mathfrak{R}^{\operatorname{cl}_{\mathfrak{A}}(a,b)} \models \exists x \mathfrak{R}(x,c,d)$
- (3) If  $\mathfrak{A} < \mathfrak{B}$ , then  $G_{(\mathfrak{A},a,b)} = G_{(\mathfrak{B},a,b)}$

*Proof.* If  $\mathfrak{A} \models \mathfrak{R}(c,a,b)$ , then  $c \in cl_{\mathfrak{A}}(a,b)$ . (1),(2) follow. If  $\mathfrak{A} < \mathfrak{B}$ , then  $\operatorname{cl}_{\mathfrak{A}}(a,b) = \operatorname{cl}_{\mathfrak{B}}(a,b)$ . So, (3) follows.

**Notation 2.6.** Let  $\varphi$  be a sentence in the language of graphs with binary relation symbol  $R(x_1, x_2)$ . We construct a fourmula  $\sigma_{\varphi}$  having free variable y, z in the the language of 3-hypergraphs with ternary relation symbol  $\Re(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  as follows.

- Replace all atomic subformulas  $R(x_1, x_2)$  by  $\Re(x_1, y, z) \wedge \Re(x_2, y, z) \wedge$  $\exists w \Re(w,y,z)$
- Replace  $\forall x(\psi(\bar{x})), \exists x(\psi(\bar{x}))$  by  $\forall x(\Re(x,y,z) \to \psi(\bar{x})), \exists x(\Re(x,y,z) \land x) \in \mathbb{R}$  $\psi(\bar{x})$ ).

**Remark 2.7.** Let  $(\mathfrak{A},\mathfrak{R}) \in \overline{\mathbf{K}_0}$ ,  $a,b \in \mathfrak{A}$  and  $\varphi$  be a sentence in the language of graphs. Then

$$G_{(\mathfrak{A},a,b)}\models \varphi \Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{A}\models \psi_{\varphi}(a,b)$$

The above remark follows from "REDUCTION THEOREM", a (non-onto) map from  $G_{(\mathfrak{A},a,b)}$  to  $\mathfrak{A}$ , and the way of replacement of quantifiers. Reduction theorem needs a onto map, but our  $\psi_{\varphi}$ 's quatifiers are bounded in  $\mathfrak{R}(*,a,b)$ . So we need not a onto map, here.

Fact 2.8. Let M be an L-structure, and N be an L'-structure. Suppose that

- there exists a partial onto map f from  $M^n$  to N (for some  $n < \omega$ )
- for every positive atomic L-formula  $\theta$ , there exists an L'-formula  $\psi_{\theta}$  such that  $M \models \theta(\bar{a}) \Leftrightarrow N \models \psi_{\theta}(f(\bar{a}))$

THEN, by induction on the complexity of formulas, for every L-formula  $\varphi$ , there exists an L'-formula  $\psi_{\varphi}$  such that  $M \models \varphi(\bar{a}) \Leftrightarrow N \models \psi_{\varphi}(f(\bar{a}))$ 

**Lemma 2.9.** Let  $\varphi$  be a sentence in the language of graphs. THEN, "there exists a finite graph  $A \models \varphi$ " iff  $M_0 \models \exists yz\psi_{\varphi}(y,z)$ .

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ): We may assume that  $\mathfrak{H}_A < M_0$ . So, by Remark 2.4,  $A \simeq G_{(\mathfrak{H}_0,x_A,y_A)} \simeq G_{(M_0,x_A,y_A)}$ . Therefore,  $M_0 \models \psi_{\varphi}(x_A,y_A)$ . ( $\Leftarrow$ ):  $G_{(M_0,a,b)} \models \varphi$  and  $G_{(M_0,a,b)} \subseteq \operatorname{cl}_{M_0}(a,b) \subset_{\omega} M_0$ 

**Proposition 2.10.** Let  $\varphi$  be a sentence in the language of graphs. Suppose that  $\varphi$  has arbitralily large finite model. Then there exists an infinite model, definable in some model of  $\operatorname{Th}(M_0)$ .

*Proof.* By our assumption, for any  $n < \omega$ , there exists a finite graph  $A_n$  such that  $A_n \models \varphi$  and  $|A_n| \geq n$ . As  $A_n \simeq G_{(\mathfrak{H}_{A_n}, x_{A_n}, y_{A_n})}$  (by Remark 2.4) and  $\omega > |\mathfrak{H}_{A_n}| \geq |A_n| \geq n$ , for any  $n < \omega$ ,

$$\mathfrak{H}_{A_n} \models \psi_{\varphi}(x_A, y_A) \wedge |\mathfrak{R}^{\mathfrak{H}_{A_n}}(*, x_A, y_A)| \geq n.$$

As  $M_0$  is  $(\mathbf{K}_0, <)$ -generic, there exists  $\mathfrak{H}_{A_n} \simeq \mathfrak{A} < M_0$ . Since  $G_{(\mathfrak{H}_{A_n}, x_{A_n}, y_{A_n})} \simeq G_{(\mathfrak{A}, a, b)} = G_{(M, a, b)}$ , where  $x_A y_A \mapsto ab$ ,

$$\operatorname{Th}(M_0) \vdash \exists yz\psi_{\varphi}(y,z) \land |\mathfrak{R}(*,y,z)| \geq n.$$

By compactness, there exist infinite  $M \models \operatorname{Th}(M_0)$  and  $a', b' \in M$  such that  $G_{(M,a',b')} \models \varphi$ , where  $G_{(M,a',b')}$  is definable in M.

**Theorem 2.11.** Th( $M_0$ ) has strict order property.

*Proof.* Let  $A_n$  be the graph as follows;

- Vertices:  $\{b_i : i < n\} \cup \{c_i : i < n\}$
- Edges:  $\{(b_i, c_j) : 0 \le i < j < n\}$

Let  $a_i = (b_i, c_i)$ , and  $\varphi(xy, zw) \equiv R(x, y) \land R(z, w) \land R(x, w) \land \neg R(x, z) \land \neg R(y, w) \land \neg R(y, z)$ . Then  $A_n \models \varphi(a_i, a_j) \Leftrightarrow i < j < n$ .

By Lemma 2.9, we can find a linear (uniformly definable) ordering of arbitraily finite length in  $M_0$ . By compactness, we see that  $Th(M_0)$  has the strict order property.

# 3. REVIEW OF STRONG ORDER PROPERTY

This section consists of Shelah's results in [Sh].

**Definition 3.1.** A complete theory T has n-strong order property, denoted  $SOP_n$  if there exists a formula  $\varphi(x,y)$  (lh(x) = lh(y)) and a sequence  $(a_i : i < \omega)$  in some model N of T such that

- (1)  $N \models \varphi(a_i, a_j)$  for  $i < j < \omega$
- (2) there is no n- $\varphi$ -loops;

$$N \models \neg \exists x_0, x_1, \dots x_{n-1} \varphi(x_0, x_1) \land \varphi(x_1, x_2) \land \dots \land \varphi(x_{n-2}, x_{n-1})$$

Fact 3.2. (1) SOP implies  $SOP_n$ .

- (2)  $SOP_{n+1}$  implies  $SOP_n$ .
- (3) If T has SOP<sub>3</sub>, then T has the tree property.

Proof. (1): By way of contradiction, suppose that T has SOP and  $NSOP_n$ . So, there exist  $\varphi(x,y)$ ,  $N \models T$  and  $(a_i : i < \omega) \subset N$  such that  $\forall x(\varphi(x,a_i) \rightarrow \varphi(x,a_j)) \land \exists x(\neg \varphi(x,a_i) \land \varphi(x,a_j))$  for  $i < j < \omega$ . Let  $\psi(x_0,x_1) = \forall x(\varphi(x,x_0) \rightarrow \varphi(x,x_1)) \land \exists x(\neg \varphi(x,x_0) \land \varphi(x,x_0))$ . As T has  $NSOP_n$ , there exists n- $\psi$ -loop, but it is impossible.

(2): Let  $\varphi(x, y)$ , a model M, and  $(a_i : i < \omega) \in M$  be witness for  $SOP_{n+1}$ . We may assume that  $(a_i : i < \omega)$  is indiscernible. We divide the arugument into two cases, whether

$$M \models \exists x_0, \dots x_{n-1} [x_0 = a_1 \land x_{n-1} = a_0 \land \bigwedge_{i,j < n, k \equiv l+1 \pmod{n}} \varphi(x_i, x_j)$$

or not.

• The case that  $M \models \exists x_0, \dots x_{n-1} [x_0 = a_1 \land x_{n-1} = a_0 \land \bigwedge_{i,j < n,k \equiv l+1 \pmod{n}} \varphi(x_i,x_j)]$ 

As  $a_1 \equiv_{a_0} a_2$ , we have  $M \models \exists x_0, \dots x_{n-1} [x_0 = a_2 \land x_{n-1} = a_0 \land \bigwedge_{i,j < n,k \equiv l+1 \pmod{n}} \varphi(x_i, x_j)]$ . Let  $a_2, c_1, \dots c_{n-2}, a_0$  be the witness for  $x_0, \dots x_{n-1}$ . By the way,  $M \models \varphi(a_1, a_2) \land \varphi(a_0, a_1)$ , so  $a_1, a_2, c_1, \dots c_{n-2}, a_0$  is an (n+1)- $\varphi$ -loop, a contradiction.

• The case that  $M \not\models \exists x_0, \dots x_{n-1} [x_0 = a_1 \land x_{n-1} = a_0 \land \bigwedge_{i,j < n,k \equiv l+1 \pmod{n}} \varphi(x_i, x_j)]$ 

Put  $\psi(x,y) \equiv \varphi(x,y) \land \neg \exists x_0, \dots x_{n-1} [x_0 = x \land x_1 = y] \land \bigwedge_{i,j < n,k \equiv l+1 \pmod{n}} \varphi(x_i,x_j)$ Then  $M \models \psi(a_i,a_i) (i < j < \omega)$ , and n- $\psi$ -loops never exist. (3): Let  $\kappa = \operatorname{cf}(\kappa) > |T|$  and  $\lambda > \kappa$  be such that  $\operatorname{cf}(\lambda) = \kappa$  and " $\mu < \lambda$  implies

(3): Let  $\kappa = \operatorname{cl}(\kappa) > |T|$  and  $\lambda > \kappa$  be such that  $\operatorname{cl}(\lambda) = \kappa$  and " $\mu < \lambda$  implies  $2^{\mu} < \lambda$ " (strongly limit singular cardinal of cofinality  $\kappa$ ). Put  $J = {}^{\kappa}\lambda$  and

 $I \subset J$  be such that  $\eta \in I$  iff  $\eta(i) = 0$  for every  $i < \kappa$  large enough.

Let  $\varphi(x,y)$  be the witnee for SOP<sub>3</sub>. By compactness, there exist a sequence  $(a_n : \eta \in I)$  in some model M shch that  $M \models \varphi(a_n, a_\nu)$  for any  $\eta < \nu$ .

The lexicographic order on I is as usual; if i is the least such that  $\eta|i=\nu|i$ , then  $\eta(i)=\nu(i)$ .

We may assume that M is  $\kappa^+$ -saturated, and  $|M| \geq \lambda$ . Fix an  $\eta \in {}^{\kappa}(\lambda \setminus \{0\}) \setminus I$ . We will define  $a_{\eta}$  as follows.

Put  $p_{\eta} = \{ \varphi(a_{(\eta|i)\mathbf{0}_{[i,\kappa)}}, x) \land \varphi(a_{(\eta|i,\eta(i)+1)\mathbf{0}_{(i,\kappa)}}, x) : i < \kappa \}.$ 

Note that  $(\eta|i)0_{[i,\kappa)}$ ,  $(\eta|i,\eta(i)+1)0_{(i,\kappa)} \in I$ , and

 $a_{(\eta|i\eta(i))0_{(i,\kappa)}} \models \varphi(a_{(\eta|i)0_{[i,\kappa)}}, x) \land \varphi(a_{(\eta|i\eta(i)+1)0_{[i,\kappa)}}, x).$ 

As M is  $\kappa^+$ -saturated, there exists a realization of  $p_{\eta}$  in M, say  $a_{\eta}$ .

**Claim.** If  $\eta_1 \neq \eta_2 \in {}^{\kappa}(\lambda \setminus \{0\})$ , then  $p_{\eta_1} \cup p_{\eta_2}$  is inconsitent.

Suppose that  $\eta_1 < \eta_2$ . Then there exists  $i < \kappa$  such that  $\eta_1 | i = \eta_2 | i, \eta_1(i) < \eta_2(i)$ . Take  $\nu < \rho \in I$  be with  $\eta_1 < \nu < \rho < \eta_2$  as follows.

 $\eta_1|i=\eta_2|i=
u|i=
ho|i, 
u(i)=\eta_1(i)+1, 
otag(i)=
u_2(i), 
u(j)=0 (j>i), 
otag(i+1)=
u_2(i+1), 
otag(j)=0 (j>i+1).$ 

As  $\varphi(x, a_{\nu}) \in p_{\eta_1}, \varphi(x, a_{\rho}) \in p_{\eta_2}$ , and  $M \models \varphi(a_{\nu}, a_{\rho})$ , if we found the realization of  $p_{\eta_1} \cup p_{\eta_2}$ , say c, then  $c, a_{\nu}, a_{\rho}$  would be the 3- $\varphi$ -loop, a contradiction.

We also have  $|p_{\eta}| = \kappa$ ,  $|\bigcup \{\text{Dom}(p_{\eta}) : \eta \in {}^{\kappa}(\lambda \setminus \{0\})\}| \leq \lambda$  (as  $\bigcup \{\text{Dom}(p_{\eta}) : \eta \in {}^{\kappa}(\lambda \setminus \{0\})\} \subseteq \{a_{\nu} : \nu \in I\}$ )

By 7.7(3) and 7.6(2) on p.141 of Shelah's 2nd editon book,  $\lambda = \lambda^{<\kappa} > 2^{|T|}$  (by cf( $\lambda$ ) =  $\kappa < \lambda$ ) and  $\kappa > |T|$  imply that T has the tree property.

It is conjectured that SOP<sub>4</sub> is a good dividing line for existence of universal models, i.e. if T does not have SOP<sub>4</sub>, it will have universal models of cardinality  $\lambda > |T|$  (Shelah showed that if T is simple and  $\lambda > |T|$ , then there exists universal models of cardinality  $\lambda^{++}$ . As the above, simplicity implies NSOP<sub>3</sub>.)

# 4. Th $(M_f)$ does not have $\mathrm{SOP}_4$

Let  $\delta$  be a local rank on relational finite structures such that  $\delta(A/B) \leq \delta(A/A \cap B)$ , where  $\delta(A/B) = \delta(AB) - \delta(B)$ . Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0} \to \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$  be upper unbounded and monotone increasing. Let  $\mathbf{K}_f = \{A \in \mathbf{K}_0 : \delta(X) \geq f(|X|) (\forall X \subseteq A)\}$  and  $\beta(X) = \min\{\delta(X/A) : A < X \in \mathbf{K}_0, A \neq X, |X| \leq x\}$ .

Fact 4.1. Suppose that

$$f'(x) \le \frac{\beta(x)}{x}$$
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Then  $\mathbf{K}_f$  is closed under free amalgamation, so  $(\mathbf{K}_f, <)$ -generic  $M_f$  exists,  $\mathrm{cl} = \mathrm{acl}$  in  $M_f$  and  $\mathrm{Th}(M_f)$  is  $\omega$ -categorical. ( $\omega$ -categoricity follows from  $|\mathrm{cl}(*)| \leq f^{-1}(\delta(*))$  for finite graphs.)

*Proof.* Let  $A < B_1, B_2 \in \mathbf{K}_f$  and let  $C = B_1 \otimes_A B_2$ . We need to show that if  $X \subseteq C$ , then  $\delta(X) \ge f(|X|)$ . We may assume that X < C, because  $\delta(X) \ge \delta(\operatorname{cl}(X))$  and  $f(|\operatorname{cl}(X)|) \ge f(|X|)$ .

Let  $X_i = X \cap B_i (i = 1, 2)$  and let  $X_0 = X \cap A$ . Suppose that

$$\frac{\delta(X_1) - \delta(X_0)}{|X_1| - |X_0|} \le \frac{\delta(X) - \delta(X_0)}{|X| - |X_0|} \le \frac{\delta(X_2) - \delta(X_0)}{|X_2| - |X_0|}.$$

As  $X_0 < X_1$ ,  $\beta(|X_1|) \le \delta(X_1/X_0)$ . Therefore  $\frac{\delta(X_1) - \delta(X_0)}{|X_1| - |X_0|} \ge \frac{\beta(|X_1|)}{|X_1|} \ge$ 

 $f'(|X_1|)$ . So, the line between  $(|X_0|, \delta(X_0))$  and  $(|X_1|, \delta(X_1))$  lies above f. As f' is decreasing and  $\delta(X_1) \geq f(|X_1|)$ ,  $\delta(X) \geq f(|X|)$  follows.

Let  $d(A) = \delta(\operatorname{cl}(A))$ , and  $d(a/A) = \delta(\operatorname{cl}(aA)/\operatorname{cl}(A))$ . For possibly infinite B, let  $d(a/B) = \inf\{d(a/B_0) : B_0 \subset_{\omega} B\}$ .

**Fact 4.2.** Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a relational structure having  $\delta$ -rank. Let  $a, A, B \subset_{\omega} \mathcal{M}$ . Suppose that  $A < B < \mathcal{M}$  and  $\operatorname{cl}(aA) \subset_{\omega} \mathcal{M}$ . Then  $\operatorname{d}(a/B) = \operatorname{d}(a/A)$  iff  $\operatorname{cl}(aA) \cap B = A, \operatorname{cl}(aA)B = \operatorname{cl}(aA) \otimes_A B$  and  $\operatorname{d}(aB) = \delta(\operatorname{cl}(aA)B)$  (i.e.  $\operatorname{cl}(aA)B \leq \operatorname{cl}(aB)$ ).

*Proof.* As  $A < \operatorname{cl}(aA) \cap B$  or  $A = \operatorname{cl}(aA) \cap B$ , we have  $\delta(A) \le \delta(\operatorname{cl}(A) \cap B)$ . So,  $\delta(\operatorname{cl}(aA)/\operatorname{cl}(aA) \cap B) \le \delta(\operatorname{cl}(aA)/A)$ . Therefore

$$d(a/B) \leq \delta(\operatorname{cl}(aA)/B) \leq \delta(\operatorname{cl}(aA)/\operatorname{cl}(aA) \cap B) \leq \delta(\operatorname{cl}(aA)/A) = d(a/A).$$

Now we can see the conclusion.

By Fact 4.2, for  $a, b, A \subset_{\omega} \mathcal{M}_{!}$ 

$$d(a/Ab) = d(a/A) \Leftrightarrow d(b/Aa) = d(b/A).$$

 $(\text{By } d(a/Ab) = d(a/A) \Leftrightarrow \text{``cl}(aA) \cap \text{cl}(bA) = \text{cl}(A), \text{cl}(aA) \text{cl}(bA) = cl(aA) \otimes_{\text{cl}(A)} \text{cl}(bA) \leq \text{cl}(abA)$ ".)

From now on, we assume that the control function f saitsfies " $f'(x) \leq \frac{\beta(x)}{x}$ ". Let  $\overline{\mathbf{K}_f}$  be the class of possibly infinite structures whose finite substructures are all in  $\mathbf{K}_f$ . Let  $T_f = \{ \forall \overline{x} \neg \mathrm{Diag}_A(\overline{X}) : \delta(A) < f(|A|), |A| < \omega \}$ . Then  $M \models T_f \Leftrightarrow M \in \overline{\mathbf{K}_f}$ . Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a big model of  $M_f$ . Note that if  $A \subset_{\omega} \mathcal{M}$ , then  $A \in \mathbf{K}_f$ .

**Proposition 4.3.** Suppose that, in  $\mathcal{M}$ , if  $A = \operatorname{acl}(A)$ , d(a/A) = d(a/Ab),  $\operatorname{acl}(aA) \cap \operatorname{acl}(bA) = A$ , then there exists  $A_0 \subset_{\omega} A$  such that  $d(a/A_0b) = d(a/A_0)$ . THEN Th( $M_f$ ) has NSOP<sub>4</sub>.

*Proof.* Let  $(a_i : i < \omega)$  be an infinite indiscernible sequence in  $\mathcal{M}$ . Put  $p(x_0x_1) = \operatorname{tp}(a_0a_1)$ . We will show that

$$p(x_0x_1) \cup p(x_1, x_2) \cup p(x_2x_3) \cup p(x_3x_0)$$

is consistent.

Claim. There exists  $B \subset_{\omega} \mathcal{M}$  such that  $(a_i : i < \omega)$  is B-indiscernible, and  $d(a_2/Ba_0a_1) = d(a_2/Ba_1) = d(a_2/B)$ . (Then  $a_2 \equiv_{a_0} a_1$ ,  $d(a_2/Ba_0a_1) = d(a_2/Ba_2)$  follows.)

Extend  $(a_i: i < \omega)$  to  $(a_i: i < \mathbb{Z})$ . As  $(a_i: i \ge 0)$  is indiscernible over  $(a_i: i < 0)$ ,  $(a_i: i \ge 0)$  is indiscernible over  $\operatorname{acl}(a_i: i < 0) =: A_0$ . As  $a_{< i} \equiv_{a_i} a_{< 0}$ , we see that  $d(a_i/A_0a_{< i}) = d(a_i/A_0)$ .

By extending  $(a_i : i \ge 0)$  over  $A_0$  and applying Erdos-Rado Theorem, we may assume that  $\operatorname{acl}(A_0a_k) \cap \operatorname{acl}(A_0a_ia_j) =: C$  is constant for any i < j < k, and  $(a_i : i \ge 0)$  is indiscernible over C.

Now, by our assumption, take  $B \subset_{\omega} C$  such that  $d(a_2/Ba_0a_1) = d(a_2/B)$ , as desired. The claim is proven.

As  $d(a_2/Ba_0a_1) = d(a_2/B)$ , we have

$$\operatorname{cl}(a_2B)\operatorname{cl}(a_0a_1B) = \operatorname{cl}(a_2B) \otimes_{\operatorname{cl}(B)} \operatorname{cl}(a_0a_1B) \le \operatorname{cl}(a_0a_1a_2B).$$

As  $cl(a_0a_1a_2B) \in \mathbf{K}_f$ , we may assume that

$$\operatorname{cl}(a_0 a_1 a_2 B) < M_f.$$

So, we can work inside  $M_f$  (i.e. we have  $a_0, a_1, a_2, B \subset_{\omega} M_f$  such that  $(a_0, a_1, a_2)$  is B-indiscernible and  $d_{M_f}(a_2/Ba_0a_1) = d_{M_f}(a_2/B)$ .)

Let  $C_{i,j} = \operatorname{cl}(a_i a_j B)$ ,  $C_i = \operatorname{cl}(a_i B)$ . By  $d(a_2/B a_0 a_1) = d(a_2/B a_1)$  and Fact 4.2, we see that  $C := C_{0,1} C_{1,2} = C_{0,1} \otimes_{C_1} C_{1,2}$ . And  $C_{0,1} \cap C_{0,2} = C_0$  and  $C_{1,2} \cap C_{0,2} = C_2$  follow by  $d(a_2/B a_0 a_1) = d(a_2/B a_1)$ ,  $d(a_1/B a_0 a_2) = d(a_1/B a_2)$  and Fact 4.2. So we have

$$C \cap C_{0,2} = C_0 C_2 = C_0 \otimes_B C_2 < C.$$

Let  $f: C_0C_2 \to C_2C_0$  be an isomorphism over B sending  $a_0a_2$  to  $a_2a_0$ , and let  $g: C_0C_2 \to C$  be the inclusion map. Put  $g' = g \circ f$ . As  $\mathbf{K}_f$  is closed under free amalgamation, there exist  $D \in K_f$  and  $h, h': C \to D$  such that  $h \circ g|C_0C_2 = h' \circ g'|C_0C_2$  and  $D = h(C) \otimes_{h \circ g(C_0C_2)} h'(C)$ . We may assume that  $D < M_f$ . Put  $a'_0 = h \circ g(a_0), a'_1 = h(a_1), a'_2 = h' \circ g'(a_2), a'_3 = h'(a_1)$ .

Claim.  $a'_0a'_1, a'_1a'_2, a'_2a'_3, a'_3a'_0 \models p = \operatorname{tp}(a_0a_1)$ . (This proposition is proven.)

Note that

$$h(a_0a_1) = a_0'a_1', h(a_1a_2) = a_1'a_2', h'(a_0a_1) = (h' \circ g'(a_2))a_3' = a_2'a_3',$$
  
$$h'(a_1a_2) = a_3'(h' \circ g'(a_0)) = a_3'(h \circ g(a_0)) = a_3'h(a_0) = a_3'a_0'.$$

On the other hand,

$$h(C_{0,1}), h(C_{1,2}) < h(C) < D < M_f,$$
  
 $h'(C_{0,1}), h'(C_{1,2}) < h'(C) < D < M_f.$ 

Put  $B' = h \circ g(B) = h' \circ g'(B)$ . Then

$$h(\mathrm{cl}(a_0a_1B))=h(C_{0,1})=\mathrm{cl}(a_0'a_1'B'), h(\mathrm{cl}(a_1a_2B))=h(C_{1,2})=\mathrm{cl}(a_1'a_2'B'),$$

$$h'(\operatorname{cl}(a_0a_1B))=h'(C_{0,1})=\operatorname{cl}(a_2'a_3'B'), h(\operatorname{cl}(a_1a_2B))=h(C_{1,2})=\operatorname{cl}(a_3'a_0'B').$$

By genericity of  $M_f$ , we see that

$$\operatorname{cl}(a_0a_1B) \equiv \operatorname{cl}(a_1a_2B) \equiv \operatorname{cl}(a_0'a_1'B') \equiv \operatorname{cl}(a_1'a_2'B') \equiv \operatorname{cl}(a_2'a_3'B') \equiv \operatorname{cl}(a_3'a_0'B').$$

**Remark 4.4.** Suppose that for any  $a, A \subset \mathcal{M}$ , there exists  $A_o \subset_{\omega} A$  such that  $d(a/A) = d(a/A_0)$ . Then the assumption of Proposition 4.3 holds.

*Proof.* Take 
$$A_0, A_1 \subset_{\omega} A$$
 such that  $d(a/Ab) = d(a/A_0b)$  and  $d(a/A) = d(a/A_1)$ . Then  $d(a/A_0A_1) = d(a/A_0A_1b)$ .

5. Review of Evans' paper on simple  $\omega$ -categorical generic structures

Let  $\delta$  be a local rank on relational finite structures such that  $\delta(A/B) \leq \delta(A/A \cap B)$ , where  $\delta(A/B) = \delta(AB) - \delta(B)$ . Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0} \to \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$  be upper unbounded, monotone increasing, convex (f'(x) is monotone decreasing) and  $f'(x) \leq \frac{\beta(x)}{x}$ , where  $\beta(x) = \min\{1, \delta(X/A) : A < X \in \mathbf{K}_0, A \neq X, |X| \leq x\}$ . Let  $\mathbf{K}_f = \{A \in \mathbf{K}_0 : \delta(X) \geq f(|X|) (\forall X \subseteq A)\}$ .

The following fact is Corollary 2.20 of [E1].

**Fact 5.1.** Let  $M_f$  be  $(\mathbf{K}_f, <)$ -generic. And suppose the condition on  $\mathcal{M}$  (big model of  $\operatorname{Th}(M_f)$ ) as in Proposition 4.3. Furthermore, suppose the following.

- (1) (d-extension property in  $\mathcal{M}$ )
  Let  $A \subset B \subset \mathcal{M}$  be algebraically closed and  $c \subset_{\omega} \mathcal{M}$ . Then there exists  $c' \subset_{\omega} \mathcal{M}$  such that  $\operatorname{tp}(c/A) = \operatorname{tp}(c'/A)$ , d(c'/B) = d(c/A) and  $\operatorname{acl}(c'A) \cap B = A$ .
- (2) (Independence theorem over finite closed sets in  $M_f$ )
  Let  $A, B_1, B_2 < M_f$  be finite such that  $B_1 \cap B_2 = A$  and  $d(B_1/B_2) = d(B_1/A)$ . Suppose that  $c_1, c_2 \subset_{\omega} M_f$ ,  $\operatorname{tp}(c_1/A) = \operatorname{tp}(c_2/A)$  and  $d(c_i/B) = d(c_i/A)$ . then there exists  $c \subset_{\omega} M_f$  such that  $\operatorname{tp}(c/B_i) = \operatorname{tp}(c_i/B_i)$  and  $d(c/B_1B_2) = d(c/A)$ .

THEN Th( $M_f$ ) is simple and " $c \downarrow_A B \Leftrightarrow d(c/B) = d(c/A)$  and  $acl(cA) \cap B = A$ , for A, B algebraically closed in  $\mathcal{M}$ ".

We give the proof of the following lemma. (Theorem 3.6 of [E1])

**Lemma 5.2.** Supose that d-extension property over finite closed sets in M and  $f(3x) \leq f(x) + \beta(x)$ . Then the independence theorem over finite closed sets holds in  $M_f$ .

*Proof.* Let  $c_i, B_i, A$  be as in Fact 5.1. Then  $\operatorname{acl}(c_1 A) \simeq_A \operatorname{acl}(c_2 A)$ . Put  $E_{12} = \operatorname{acl}(B_1B_2), E_{13} = \operatorname{acl}(c_1B_1), E_{23} = \operatorname{acl}(c_2B_2).$  By considering free amalgamation and copies, we may assume that

 $B_1 = E_{12} \cap E_{13}, B_2 = E_{12} \cap E_{23}, B_3 := E_{13} \cap E_{23} = \operatorname{acl}(c_i A),$  $B_1 \cap B_2 \cap B_3 = A$ ,  $B_1, B_2, B_3$  are d-independent over A,  $E_{ij}E_{jk} = E_{ij} \otimes_{B_i} E_{jk}$ . Let  $E = E_{12}E_{13}E_{23}$ . We need to show that A < E and  $E \in \mathbf{K}_f$ .

Claim. A < E.

By Fact 4.2,  $B_iB_j \leq E_{ij}$ . As  $E = E_{ij} \otimes_{B_iB_j} E_{ik}E_{jk}$ ,  $E_{ik}E_{jk} \leq E$  follows. We also have  $E_{ik}E_{jk} = E_{ik} \otimes_{B_k} E_{jk}$  and  $B_k < E_{jk}$ ,  $E_{ik} < E_{ik}E_{jk}$  follows. Thus  $E_{ik} < E$ . As  $A < B_i < E_{ik}$ , A < E follows.

Claim.  $E \in \mathbf{K}_f$ .

We have  $E = E_{ij} \otimes_{B_iB_i} E_{ik} E_{jk}$ , but we do not have  $B_i B_j < E_{ij}, E_{ik} E_{jk}$ . So we can not conclude this claim by using Fact 4.1.

We need to show  $\delta(D) \leq f(|D|)$  for any D < E as in Fact 4.1. Put  $D_{ij} = D \cap E_{ij}$ and  $d_{ij} = \delta(D_{ij})$ . Suppose that  $d_{12}$  is the largest of these.

As  $E_{12}E_{23} \in \mathbf{K}_f$ , we may assume that  $D \neq D_{12}D_{23}$ . Put  $D^1 = D_{12}D_{13}$ . As  $E_{12}E_{13} \leq E$ , we see that  $D^1 \leq D$ . As  $D^1 = D_{12} \otimes_{D \cap B_1} D_{13}$  and  $D \cap B_1 < D_{13}$ ,

$$\delta(D^1) = d_{12} + \delta(D_{13}/D \cap B_1) \ge d_{12} + \beta(|D_{13}|).$$

As  $d_{13} \le d_{12}$ ,  $|D_{13}| \le f^{-1}(d_{13}) \le f^{-1}(d_{12})$ .

So, as  $\beta$  is monotone decreasing,  $d_{12} \leq \delta(D^1) - \beta(|D_{13}|) \leq \delta(D^1) - \beta(f^{-1}(d_{12}))$ .

By our assumption on f

 $(f(3x) \le f(x) + \beta(x), \text{ so } 3f^{-1}(x) \le f^{-1}(x + \beta(f^{-1}(x))),$ 

$$3f^{-1}(d_{12}) = f^{-1}(d_{12} + \beta(f^{-1}(d_{12}))).$$

So,  $3f^{-1}(d_{12}) \leq f^{-1}(\delta(D^1))$ . As  $|D| \leq \sum_{ij} |D_{ij}| \leq \sum_{ij} f^{-1}(d_{ij}) \leq 3f^{-1}(d_{12})$ and  $\delta(D^1) \leq \delta(D)$ , we see that

$$|D| \le f^{-1}(\delta(D)).$$

## 6. Th $(M_f)$ has SOP<sub>3</sub> for some f

We work with undirected graphs, and  $\delta(A) = 2|A| - e(A)$ . Note that  $\beta(x) = 1$ . The control function  $f: \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0} \to \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$  is an upper unbounded, monotone increasing satisfying the following five conditions;

(F1): 
$$f(0) = 0, f(2) = 2, f(4) = 3, f(8) = 4 < f(10) < 4\frac{1}{2} < f(12) < 5 < f(14) < 5\frac{1}{3} < f(16) < f(18) \le 6.$$

(F2): 
$$2f'(2n) \le \frac{1}{n} \text{ for } n \ge 7$$

(F3): 
$$f(\frac{k^2}{2}) \le k \text{ if } k \ge 6$$

(F4): 
$$f(3n) \le f(n) + 1$$
 for  $n \ge 10$ .

(F5): 
$$f(10) + 1 \ge f(14), f(12) + 1 \ge f(16)$$
.

Let  $f_1(x) = f(2x)$ . So,  $f'_1(x) = 2f'(2x)$  and F2:  $f'_1(n) \le \frac{1}{n}$  for  $n \ge 7$ . We consider  $K_{f_1}$ .

**Remark 6.1.** (1)  $\delta(3\text{-cycle}) = 6 - 3 = 3 = f(4) < f(6) = f_1(3)$ , so 3-cycle does not belong to  $K_{f_1}$ .  $\delta(4\text{-cycle}) = 8 - 4 = 4 = f(8) = f_1(4)$ , so 4-cycle belongs to  $K_{f_1}$ .

- (2) The graph does not belong to  $\mathbf{K}_{f_1}$ , because its  $\delta$ -rank= 14  $9 = 5 < f(14) = f_1(7)$ .
- (3) (F1) and (F2) give the free amalgamation property of  $(\mathbf{K}_{f_1}, <)$ .
- (4) (F1) and (F3) are needed to show that the graphs  $G(A_n, B_n, x_0)$  belong to  $\mathbf{K}_{f_1}$ . (Lemma 6.4.)
- (5) (F4) is needed to show Subclaim 2 in the proof of Lemma 6.7. Lemma 6.7 ensures that the important graphs  $E_n$  can be closedly embedded into  $M_{f_1}$  and the graphs  $E_n$  will give the witness formula for  $SOP_3$ .
- (6) (F1), (F2) and (F5) are needed to show Lemma 6.6. (Lemma 6.6 gives a very important key to get Lemma 6.7.)

By the graphs  $E_n < M_{f_1}(n \in \omega)$ , we will give a formula  $\varphi(x, y)$  and infinite sequence  $(a_i)_{i < \omega}$  in  $M_{f_1}$  such that  $M_{f_1} \models \varphi(a_i, a_j)$  whenever i < j. But if there were a 3- $\varphi$ -loop in some model N of  $\operatorname{Th}(M_{f_1})$ , then N would have the

graph as in (2) of Remark 6.1. As any finite graph of N belongs to  $\mathbf{K}_{f_1}$ , so  $SOP_3$  follows.

**Lemma 6.2.**  $\mathbf{K}_{f_1}$  has the free amalgamation property.

*Proof.* Let  $A < B_1, B_2 \in \mathbf{K}_f$  and let  $C = B_1 \otimes_A B_2$ . We need to show that if  $X \subseteq C$ , then  $\delta(X) \geq f_1(|X|)$ . We may assume that X < C, because  $\delta(X) \geq \delta(\operatorname{cl}(X))$  and  $f_1(|\operatorname{cl}(X)|) \geq f_1(|X|)$ .

Let  $X_i = X \cap B_i (i = 1, 2)$  and let  $X_0 = X \cap A$ . Suppose that

$$\frac{\delta(X_1) - \delta(X_0)}{|X_1| - |X_0|} \le \frac{\delta(X) - \delta(X_0)}{|X_1| - |X_0|} \le \frac{\delta(X_2) - \delta(X_0)}{|X_2| - |X_0|}, |X_1| \ge 7.$$

As  $X_0 < X_1$ ,  $\beta(|X_1|) \le \delta(X_1/X_0)$ . So, by (F2),  $\frac{\delta(X_1) - \delta(X_0)}{|X_1| - |X_0|} \ge \frac{1}{|X_1|} \ge f_1'(|X_1|)$ . So, the line between  $(|X_0|, \delta(X_0))$  and  $(|X_1|, \delta(X_1))$  lies above  $f_1$ . As  $f_1'$  is decreasing and  $\delta(X_1) \ge f_1(|X_1|)$ ,  $\delta(X) \ge f_1(|X|)$  follows. In Appendix 1, we give the proof when  $|X_1| \le 6$ .

**Notation 6.3.** Consider the following graphs  $G(A_n, B_n, x_0)$  for each  $n < \omega$ .

- Vertex set:  $A_n \cup B_n \cup \{x_0\} \cup \{z_{ij} : 0 \le i < j \le n\}$ , where  $A_n = \{a_i : 0 \le i \le n\}$ ,  $B_n = \{b_i : 0 \le i \le n\}$ .
- Edges:  $R(x_0, a_i)$ ,  $R(x_0, b_i)$  for  $0 \le i \le n$  and  $R(z_{ij}, a_i)$ ,  $R(z_{ij}, b_j)$  for  $0 \le i < j \le n$ .

**Lemma 6.4.** (1)  $G(A_n, B_n, x_0) \in \mathbf{K}_{f_1}$ 

- (2)  $x_0 A_n < G(A_n, B_n, x_0)$
- (3)  $d(A_n/B_n) = d(A_n/x_0)$ , where  $d(*) = d_{G(A_n,B_n,x_0)}(*)$ .

Proof. Put  $G = G(A_n, B_n, x_0)$ ,  $A = A_n$ ,  $B = B_n$ ,  $Z = \{z_{ij} : 0 \le i < j \le n\}$ . (1): It suffices to show that if X < G, then  $\delta(X) \ge f_1(|X|)$ . It is clear in case of |X| = 1. If  $|X| \ge 2$ , then  $x_0 \in X$ . (If  $x_0 \ne a, b \in X$ , then  $\delta(x_0/ab) = 0$ , so  $x_0 \in \operatorname{cl}_G(ab) \subset X$ .)

Claim.  $a_i, b_j \in X \Leftrightarrow z_{ij} \in X$ .

This claim follows from  $\delta(z_{ij}/a_ib_j)=\delta(a_i/x_0z_{ij})=\delta(b_j/x_0z_{ij})=0$  and X< G.

Put  $X_A = X \cap A_n, X_B = X \cap B, X_Z = X \cap Z$  and  $m = |X_A| + |X_B|$ . By claim, we see that  $\delta(X_Z/x_0X_AX_B) = 0$ , so we have

$$\delta(X) = \delta(x_0 X_A X_B) = 2(m+1) - m = m+2 =: k \dagger$$

As  $|X_Z| \le |X_A||X_B| \le |X_A|(m - |X_A|) = (\frac{m}{2})^2 - (|X_A| - \frac{m}{2})^2 \le (\frac{m}{2})^2$ , we have

$$|X| \le 1 + m + (\frac{m}{2})^2 = (1 + \frac{m}{2})^2 = \frac{k^2}{4}$$

If  $k \ge 6$ , by (F3),  $\delta(X) = k \ge f(\frac{k^2}{2}) = f_1(\frac{k^2}{4}) \ge f_1(|X|)$ , as desired. If  $k \le 5$ , then  $|X_A| + |X_B| \le 3$ . If  $|X_A| = 3$ , then  $X_Z = \emptyset$  and  $\delta(X) = 2 \cdot 4 - 4 = 4 = f_1(4)$ .

If  $|X_A|=2, |X_B|=1$ , then  $\delta(X)\geq \left\{\begin{array}{l} 2\cdot 5-5=5>f_1(6)>f_1(5)\\ 2\cdot 4-3=5>f_1(6)>f_1(5) \end{array}\right.$ If  $|X_A|=2, |X_B|=0$ , then  $X_Z=\emptyset$  and  $\delta(X)=2\cdot 3-2=4=f(8)>f(6)=f_1(3)$ . If  $|X_A|=1, |X_B|=0$ , then  $X_Z=\emptyset$  and  $\delta(X)=2\cdot 2-1=3=f(4)=f_1(2)$ . By symmetry, we see that  $X\in \mathbf{K}_{f_1}$ .

(2):Let  $x_0A \subset X \subseteq G$ . We show that  $\delta(X/x_0A) > 0$ . We may assume X < G. By  $\dagger$  we have

$$\delta(X/x_0A) = \delta(x_0X_AX_B/x_0A) = \delta(X_B/x_0A) = \delta(X_B/x_0) = 2|X_B| - |X_B| > 0.$$

(3): It is clear that  $\operatorname{cl}_G(x_0) = x_0, \operatorname{cl}_G(x_0A) = x_0A, \operatorname{cl}_G(x_0B) = x_0B$ , and  $\delta(A/Bx_0) = \delta(A/x_0)$ . We also have  $x_0AB \leq \operatorname{cl}_G(x_0AB) = G$ , because  $\delta(Z'/x_0AB) = \sum_{z \in Z'} \delta(z/x_0AB) = 0$ . So, by Fact 4.2, we are done.

**Notation 6.5.** Suppose that  $C_n = \{c_i : 0 \le i \le n\}$  and  $C_n \cap A_n B_n = \emptyset$ . Let  $E_n$  be the free amalgam of  $G(A_n, B_n, x_0), G(B_n, C_n, x_0)$  and  $G(C_n, A_n, x_0)$ . i.e.

Edges = edges of  $G(A_n, B_n, x_0)$ ,  $G(B_n, C_n, x_0)$  and  $G(C_n, A_n, x_0)$ , only. In particular, we have  $G(A_n, B_n, x_0)G(B_n, C_n, x_0) = G(A_n, B_n, x_0) \otimes_{B_n x_0} G(B_n, C_n, x_0)$ ,  $G(B_n, C_n, x_0)G(C_n, A_n, x_0) = G(B_n, C_n, x_0) \otimes_{C_n x_0} G(C_n, A_n, x_0)$  and  $G(C_n, A_n, x_0)G(A_n, B_n, x_0) = G(C_n, A_n, x_0) \otimes_{A_n x_0} G(A_n, B_n, x_0)$ .

**Lemma 6.6.** Suppose that  $A, B, C \in \mathbf{K}_{f_1}$ ,  $|A|, |B|, |C| \leq 4$ . Suppose that  $A \cap B < A, B, A \cap C < A, C$  and  $B \cap C < B, C, A$  and  $AB = A \otimes_{A \cap B} B, AC = A \otimes_{A \cap C} C, BC = B \otimes_{B \cap C} C$ . Put  $X = A \cap B \cap C, Z = A \setminus (B \cup C), W = B \setminus (A \cup C), U = C \setminus (A \cup B)$ . Suppose that  $D = ABC \notin \mathbf{K}_{f_1}$ 

Then D is isomorphic to x, where  $a \in A \cap C, b \in A \cap B, c \in B \cap C, x \in X, z \in Z, w \in W, u \in U$ .

*Proof.* See Appendix 2. As  $A \cap B < A$ , if  $c \in A \setminus (A \cap B)$ , there is no  $a,b \in A \cap B$  such that  $R(a,c) \wedge R(b,c)$ . This easy fact is important for the proof. (F1),(F2) and (F5) are also needed.

**Lemma 6.7.** (1)  $E_n \in \mathbf{K}_{f_1}$  (2)  $E_n < E_{n+1}$ , so we may assume  $E_n < E_{n+1} < M_{f_1}$  for any  $n < \omega$ .

Proof. (1): Let  $D \subseteq E_n$  and  $D_{AB} = D \cap G(A_n, B_n, x_0), D_{BC} = D \cap G(B_n, C_n, x_0), D_{CA} = D \cap G(B_n, C_n, x_0)$  $D \cap G(C_n, A_n, x_0)$  and  $D_A = D \cap x_0 A_n, D_B = D \cap x_0 B_n, D_C = D \cap x_0 C_n$ . By way of contradiction, suppose that  $\delta(D) < f_1(|D|)$ .

Claim.  $|D_{AB}|, |D_{BC}|, |D_{CA}| \leq 4$ .

Suppose that  $\delta(D_{BC}), \delta(D_{CA}) \leq \delta(D_{AB}) =: d_{AB}$ . Put  $D' = D_{AB}D_{CA}$ . By Fact 6.2,  $G(A_n, B_n, x_0)G(C_n, A_n, x_0) \in \mathbf{K}_{f_1}$ . So we have  $D' \neq D$ . As  $E_n =$  $G(A_n, B_n, x_0)G(C_n, A_n, x_0) \otimes_{B_nC_nx_0} G(B_n, C_n, x_0)$  and  $B_nC_nx_0 \leq G(B_n, C_n, x_0)$ by (3) of Lemma 6.4, we see

$$D' \leq D$$
.

As  $x_0A_n < G(C_n, A_n, x_0)$  (so  $D_A < D_{CA}$ ) and  $D' = D_{AB} \otimes_{D_A} D_{CA}$ , so

$$\delta(D') \ge d_{AB} + 1.$$

Subclaim 1:  $f^{-1}(d_{AB}+1) < 3f^{-1}(d_{AB})$ .

Note that  $f^{-1}(d_{AB}) \geq f^{-1}(\delta(D_{**})) \geq 2|D_{**}|$ . Suppose that this subclaim does not hold, then we have

$$f^{-1}(d_{AB}+1) \ge 3f^{-1}(d_{AB}) \ge 2(|D_{AB}|+|D_{BC}|+|D_{CA}|) \ge 2|D|.$$

So, we have  $\delta(D) \geq \delta(D') \geq d_{AB} + 1 \geq f_1(|D|)$ , a contradiction. This subclaim is proven.

**Subclaim 2**:  $d_{AB} < f(10)$ .

Otherwise, we have  $f^{-1}(d_{AB}) \geq 10$ . Thus, by  $((F4): f(3n) \leq f(n)+1)$ , we have  $3f^{-1}(d_{AB}) \leq f^{-1}(f(f^{-1}(d_{AB}))+1) = f^{-1}(d_{AB}+1)$ , this contradicts subclaim 1. Subclaim 2 is proven.

As  $\delta(D_{**}) \leq d_{AB} < f(10)$ , and  $D_{**} \in \mathbf{K}_{f_1}$ , we see the claim.

By this claim and Lemma 6.6, we have the following graph , where  $a \in D_A, b \in D_B, c \in D_C, z \in D_{AB} \setminus D_A D_B, w \in D_{BC} \setminus D_B D_C, u \in \check{D}_{CA} \setminus D_A D_C.$ But this is impossible by definition of  $E_n$ .

(2): Let  $V = \{z_{i,n+1}, w_{i,n+1}, u_{i,n+1} : 0 \le i \le n\}$  be the vertices of  $E_{n+1} \setminus (E_n \cup E_n)$  $\{a_{n+1}, b_{n+1}, c_{n+1}\}\)$ . Then

$$E_{n+1} = E_n \cup \{a_{n+1}, b_{n+1}, c_{n+1}\} \cup V.$$

Let  $X \subseteq \{a_{n+1}, b_{n+1}, c_{n+1}\} \cup V$ . Then  $e(X, E_n) = |X|$ , so  $\delta(X/E_n) = \delta(X) - |X| = |X| - e(X)$ . If  $X \cap V = \emptyset$  or  $X \cap \{a_{n+1}, b_{n+1}, c_{n+1}\} = \emptyset$ , then e(X) = 0. Otherwise,  $e(X) = |X \cap V| < |X|$ , as desired.

Theorem 6.8.  $Th(M_{f_1})$  has  $SOP_3$ .

Proof. Let  $\varphi(x_1y_1z_1, x_2y_2z_2) \equiv \bigwedge_{i=1,2} (R(x_0, x_i) \wedge R(x_0, y_i) \wedge R(x_0, z_i)) \wedge \exists z, w, u(R(x_1, z) \wedge R(z, y_2) \wedge R(y_1, w) \wedge R(w, z_2) \wedge R(z_1, u) \wedge R(u, x_2)).$  Let  $a_n, b_n, c_n$  be as in  $E_n$   $(n < \omega)$ , and put  $d_n = a_n b_n c_n$ . Then  $M_{f_1} \models \varphi(d_i, d_j)$  for  $i < j < \omega$ .

By way of contradiction, suppose that there exist  $N \models \operatorname{Th}(M_{f_1})$  and  $d'_0, d'_1, d'_2 \in N$  such that  $N \models \varphi(d'_0, d'_1) \land \varphi(d'_1, d'_2) \land \varphi(d'_2, d'_0)$ . Let  $d'_i = a'_i b'_i c'_i$ .

Now we have  $v_{i_1}^{i_2}$  in N. But any substructure of N is in  $\mathbf{K}_{f_1}$ , a contradiction.

7. APPENDIX 1 (FREE AP OF  $\mathbf{K}_{f_1}$ )

We show Lemma 6.2, when  $|X_1| \leq 6$  and

$$\frac{\delta(X_1) - \delta(X_0)}{|X_1| - |X_0|} \le \frac{\delta(X) - \delta(X_0)}{|X| - |X_0|} \le \frac{\delta(X_2) - \delta(X_0)}{|X_2| - |X_0|}.$$

By assumption and  $|X|-|X_1|=|X_2|-|X_0|$ ,  $\delta(X_2/X_0)\geq \delta(X_1/X_0)\frac{|X|-|X_1|}{|X_1|-|X_0|}$  follows.

**Remark 7.1.** (1)  $\delta(X) \ge \delta(X_1) + \delta(X_1/X_0) \frac{|X| - |X_1|}{|X_1| - |X_0|}$ .

- (2)  $f'(x) (\leq \frac{1}{14})$  is decreasing for  $x \geq 14$  by (F2).
- (3)  $e(X_1 \setminus X_0^{14}, X_0) \le |X_1 \setminus X_0|$  by  $X_0 < X_1$ . So we have  $\delta(X_1/X_0) \ge |X_1 \setminus X_0| e(X_1 \setminus X_0)$ .
- (4)  $X_0, X_1, X_2$  do not contain 3-cycles, since they belong to  $\mathbf{K}_{f_1}$ .

Proof. (3): 
$$\delta(X_1/X_0) = \delta(X_1 \setminus X_0) - e(X_1 \setminus X_0, X_0) \ge \delta(X_1 \setminus X_0) - |X_1 \setminus X_0| = |X_1 \setminus X_0| - e(X_1 \setminus X_0).$$

Now we check  $\delta(X) \ge f(2|X|)$  for each case on the size of  $X_1 \setminus X_0$ ,  $X_0$ . Recall (F1): f(0) = 0, f(2) = 2, f(4) = 3,  $f(8) = 4 < f(10) < 4\frac{1}{2} < f(12) < 5 < f(14) < 5\frac{1}{3}$ .

The case that 
$$|X_1 \setminus X_0| = 1$$

•  $|X_1 \setminus X_0| = 1, |X_0| = 0$ 
 $\delta(X) \ge 2 + 2 \frac{|X| - 1}{1} = 2|X| \ge f(2|X|).$ 

(By  $\delta(X_1) = \delta(X_1/X_0) = 2$  and  $2x \ge f(2x)$  for  $x \ge 2$ )

•  $|X_1 \setminus X_0| = 1, |X_0| = 1$ 
 $\delta(X) \ge (4-1) + (2-1) \frac{|X| - 2}{1} = 1 + |X| \ge f(2|X|).$ 

(By  $1 + x \ge f(2x)$  and  $\delta(X_1) \ge 4 - 1, \delta(X_1/X_0) \ge 2 - 1.$ )

•  $|X_1 \setminus X_0| = 1, |X_0| = 2$ 
 $\delta(X) \ge (6-2) + 1 \frac{|X| - 3}{1} = 1 + |X| \ge f(2|X|).$ 

(By  $\delta(X_1) \ge 6 - 2, \delta(X_1/X_0) \ge 2 - 1$  and  $1 + x \ge f(2x)$ )

•  $|X_1 \setminus X_0| = 1, |X_0| = 3$ 
 $\delta(X) \ge (8 - 3) + 1 \frac{|X| - 4}{1} = 1 + |X| \ge f(2|X|).$ 

(By  $\delta(X_1) \ge 8 - 3, \delta(X_1/X_0) \ge 2 - 1$  and  $1 + x \ge f(2x)$ )

•  $|X_1 \setminus X_0| = 1, |X_0| = 4$ 
 $\delta(X) \ge (10 - 5) + 1 \frac{|X| - 5}{1} = 1 + |X| \ge f(2|X|).$ 

(By  $\delta(X_1) \ge 10 - 5, \delta(X_1/X_0) \ge 2 - 1$  and  $x \ge f(2x)$  if  $x \ge 6$ .)

•  $|X_1 \setminus X_0| = 1, |X_0| = 5$ 
 $\delta(X) \ge (12 - 6) + 1 \frac{|X| - 6}{1} = |X| \ge f(2|X|).$ 

(By  $\delta(X_1) \ge 12 - 6, \delta(X_1/X_0) \ge 2 - 1$  and  $x \ge f(2x)$  if  $x \ge 6$ .)

The case that  $|X_1 \setminus X_0| = 2$ 

•  $|X_1 \setminus X_0| = 2, |X_0| = 0$ 
 $\delta(X) \ge 3 + 3 \frac{|X| - 1}{1} \ge f(2|X|).$ 

(By  $\delta(X_1) = \delta(X_1/X_0) \ge 3$  and  $3x + 2 \ge f(2x).$ )

•  $|X_1 \setminus X_0| = 2, |X_0| = 1$ 
 $\delta(X) \ge 4 + 2 \frac{|X| - 3}{2} \ge f(2|X|).$ 

(By  $\delta(X_1) \ge 6 - 2, \delta(X_1/X_0) \ge 3 - 1$  and  $x + 1 \ge f(2x).$ )

•  $|X_1 \setminus X_0| = 2, |X_0| = 2$ 
 $\delta(X) \ge 4 + 1 \frac{|X| - 3}{2} \ge f(2|X|).$ 

(As  $\delta(X_1) \ge 8 - 4$ ,  $\delta(X_1/X_0) \ge 3 - 2$  and  $4 + \frac{x - 4}{2} \ge f(2x)$  if  $x \ge 5$ .)

$$\bullet |X_1 \setminus X_0| = 2, |X_0| = 3$$

$$\delta(X) \ge 5 + 1 \frac{|X| - 5}{2} \ge f(2|X|).$$

$$(\operatorname{As} \delta(X_1) \ge 10 - 5, \delta(X_1/X_0) \ge 3 - 2 \text{ and } 5 + \frac{x - 5}{2} \ge f(2x) \text{ if } x \ge 6.)$$

$$\bullet |X_1 \setminus X_0| = 2, |X_0| = 4$$

$$\delta(X) \ge 5 + 1 \frac{|X| - 6}{2} \ge f(2|X|).$$

$$(\operatorname{As} \delta(X_1) \ge 12 - 7, \delta(X_1/X_0) \ge 3 - 2 \text{ and } 5 + \frac{x - 6}{2} \ge f(2x) \text{ if } x \ge 7.)$$

$$The \text{ case that } |X_1 \setminus X_0| = 3$$

$$\bullet |X_1 \setminus X_0| = 3, |X_0| = 0$$

$$\delta(X) \ge 4 + 4 \frac{|X| - 3}{3} \ge f(2|X|).$$

$$(\operatorname{As} \delta(X_1) = \delta(X_1/X_0) \ge 6 - 2 \text{ and } 4 + 4 \frac{x - 3}{3} \ge f(2x) \text{ if } x \ge 4.)$$

$$\bullet |X_1 \setminus X_0| = 3, |X_0| = 1$$

$$\delta(X) \ge 5 + 3 \frac{|X| - 4}{3} \ge f(2|X|).$$

$$(\operatorname{As} \delta(X_1) \ge 8 - 3, \delta(X_1/X_0) \ge 4 - 1 \text{ and } 5 + 3 \frac{x - 4}{3} = x + 1 \ge f(2x) \text{ if } x \ge 5.)$$

$$\bullet |X_1 \setminus X_0| = 3, |X_0| = 2$$

$$\delta(X) \ge 5 + 2 \frac{|X| - 5}{3} \ge f(2|X|).$$

$$(\operatorname{As} \delta(X_1) \ge 10 - 5, \delta(X_1/X_0) \ge 4 - 2 \text{ and } 5 + 2 \frac{x - 5}{3} \ge f(2x) \text{ if } x \ge 6.)$$

$$\bullet |X_1 \setminus X_0| = 3, |X_0| = 3$$

$$\delta(X) \ge 5 + 1 \frac{|X| - 6}{3} \ge f(2|X|).$$

$$(\operatorname{As} \delta(X_1) \ge 12 - 7, \delta(X_1/X_0) \ge 4 - 3 \text{ and } 5 + 1 \frac{x - 6}{3} \ge f(2x) \text{ if } x \ge 7. )$$

The case that 
$$|X_1 \setminus X_0| = 4$$

$$\bullet \ |X_1\setminus X_0|=4, |X_0|=0$$

$$\delta(X) \ge 4 + 4 \frac{|X| - 4}{4} \ge f(2|X|).$$

(As 
$$\delta(X_1) = \delta(X_1/X_0) \ge 8 - 4$$
 and  $4 + 4\frac{x-4}{4} = x \ge f(2x)$  if  $x \ge 5$ .)

• 
$$|X_1 \setminus X_0| = 4, |X_0| = 1$$

$$\delta(X) \ge 5 + 3 \frac{|X| - 5}{4} \ge f(2|X|).$$

$$(\text{As } \delta(X_1) \ge 10 - 5, \ \delta(X_1/X_0) \ge 4 - 1 \text{ and } 5 + 3 \frac{x - 5}{4} \ge f(2x) \text{ if } x \ge 6.)$$

$$\bullet |X_1 \setminus X_0| = 4, |X_0| = 2$$

$$\delta(X) \ge 5 + 2 \frac{|X| - 6}{4} \ge f(2|X|).$$

$$(\text{As } \delta(X_1) \ge 12 - 7, \ \delta(X_1/X_0) \ge 4 - 2 \text{ and } 5 + \frac{x - 6}{2} \ge f(2x) \text{ if } x \ge 7.)$$

The case that  $|X_1 \setminus X_0| = 5$ 

• 
$$|X_1 \setminus X_0| = 5, |X_0| = 0$$

$$\delta(X) \ge 5 + 5 \frac{|X| - 5}{5} = |X| \ge f(2|X|).$$
(As  $\delta(X_t) = \delta(X_t/X_0) \ge 10 - 5$  and  $x \ge f(2x)$  if  $x \ge 10 - 5$ 

(As 
$$\delta(X_1) = \delta(X_1^0/X_0) \ge 10 - 5$$
 and  $x \ge f(2x)$  if  $x \ge 6$ .)

• 
$$|X_1 \setminus X_0| = 5, |X_0| = 1$$

$$\delta(X) \ge 5 + 3\frac{|X| - 6}{5} \ge f(2|X|).$$

(As 
$$\delta(X_1) \ge 12 - 7$$
,  $\delta(X_1/X_0) \ge 5 - 2$  and  $5 + 3\frac{x - 6}{5} \ge f(2x)$  if  $x \ge 7$ .)

The case that  $|X_1 \setminus X_0| = 6$ 

• 
$$|X_1 \setminus X_0| = 6, |X_0| = 0$$

$$\delta(X) \ge f(12) + f(12) \frac{|X| - 6}{6} = f(12)|X| \ge f(2|X|).$$
(As  $\delta(X_1) = \delta(X_1/X_0) \ge f(12)$  and  $f(12)|X| > 4|X| \ge f(2x)$  if  $x \ge 7$ .)

## 8. Appendix 2 (The proof of Lemma 6.6)

We show the following.

**Lemma 6.6** Suppose that  $A, B, C \in \mathbf{K}_{f_1}$ ,  $|A|, |B|, |C| \leq 4$ . And suppose that  $A \cap B < A, B, A \cap C < A, C \text{ and } B \cap C < B, C, \text{ and } AB = A \otimes_{A \cap B} B, AC =$  $A \otimes_{A \cap C} C, BC = B \otimes_{B \cap C} C.$  Put  $X = A \cap B \cap C, Z = A \setminus (B \cup C), W =$  $B \setminus (A \cup C), U = C \setminus (A \cup B).$ 

If  $D = ABC \notin \mathbf{K}_{f_1}$ , then D is isomorphic to  $\emptyset$ , where  $a \in A \cap C, b \in A$  $A \cap B, c \in B \cap C, x \in X, z \in Z, w \in W, u \in U.$ 

*Proof.* We use the following easy fact: If X < Y,  $c \in Y \setminus X$ ,  $a, b \in X$ , then  $R(a,c) \wedge R(b,c)$  does not hold.

Clearly, D = BCZ.

We may assume that  $Z, W, U \neq \emptyset$ , since, for example, if  $Z = \emptyset$ , then  $D = B \otimes_{B \cap C} C \in \mathbf{K}_{f_1}$  by free AP. As  $|A|, |B|, |C| \leq 4$ , we have  $|A \cap C| \leq 3$ .

a, a' denote elements of  $A \cap C$ , b, b' denote elements of  $A \cap B$ , c, c' denote elements of  $B \cap C$ , z, z' denote elements of Z, w, w', w'' denote elements of W, u, u' denote elements of U and x, x' denote elements of X.

We check each case on the size of  $|A \cap C|$ .

The case that  $|A \cap C| = 3$ 

We have  $6 \le |D| \le 9$ . As  $|A| \le 4$ , |Z| = 1 and  $A \cap B \setminus X = \emptyset$  follow. So, we have  $\delta(Z/BC) \ge 1$ . Thus  $\delta(D) = \delta(BC) + \delta(Z/BC) \ge f(2|D|-2) + 1 \ge f(2|D|)$ .

The case that  $|A \cap C| = 2$ 

•  $|(A \cap C) \setminus X| = 2$  (i.e.  $X = \emptyset$ .)

Suppose that |Z| = 2. So,  $6 \le |D| \le 10$ .

As  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ ,  $\delta(Z/BC) \ge 3 - 2$  follows. So,  $\delta(D) \ge \delta(BC) + 1 \ge f(2|D| - 4) + 1 \ge f(2|D|)$  by (F5),  $f(8) + 1 = 5 \ge f(12)$ ,  $f(14) + 1 \ge 6 \ge f(18)$  and (F2).

Suppose that |Z| = 1, so  $|A \cap B| \le 1$ .

If  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , then  $5 \le |D| \le 9$ ,  $\delta(Z/BC) \ge 2 - 1$  follows. So,  $\delta(D) \ge \delta(BC) + 1 \ge f(2|D| - 2) + 1 \ge f(2|D|)$ .

If  $|A \cap B| = 1$ , then  $6 \le |D| \le 9$ .

If |D| = 6, then D = aa'zbwu. Then  $\delta(D) = 12 - 5 = 7 \ge f(12)$ .

If |D| = 7, then D = aa'zbwuu', aa'zbwuu' or aa'zbww'u, because  $Z, W, U \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $\delta(D) \geq 14 - 7 = 7 \geq f(14)$ .

If |D| = 8, then D = aa'zbww'uu' or aa'zbww'cu, because  $Z, W, U \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $\delta(D) > 16 - 9 = 7 > f(16)$ .

If |D| = 9, then D = aa'zbww'w''uu', because  $Z, W, U \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $\delta(D) \geq 18 - 9 = 9 \geq f(18)$ .

•  $|(A \cap C) \setminus X| = |X| = 1$ .

Suppose that  $|A \cap B \setminus X| = 0$ . Then  $\delta(Z/BC) \ge 1$ . So,  $\delta(D) \ge f(2|D| - 2|Z|) + 1$ .

If |Z|=1, then  $5 \le |D| \le 8$ , so  $f(2|D|-2)+1 \ge f(2|D|)$  holds. If |Z|=2, then  $6 \le |D| \le 9$ .  $f(2|D|-4)+1 \ge f(2|D|)$  holds for |D|=6,9.  $(f(8)+1=5 \ge f(12))$  and  $f(14)+1 \ge 6 \ge f(18)$ . For |D|=7, D=xazz'wcu, xazz'wuu' or xazz'ww'u and then  $\delta(D) \ge 14-8 \ge f(14)$  holds. For |D|=8, D=xazz'ww'cu or xazz'ww'uu' and then  $\delta(D) \ge 16-10 \ge f(16)$  holds.

Suppose that  $|A \cap B \setminus X| = 1$ . Then  $6 \le |D| \le 8$ . If |D| = 6, then D = xazbwu and  $\delta(D) \ge 12 - 6 \ge f(12)$ . If |D| = 7, then D = xazbwuu', xazbww'u or xazbwcu. If the former two cases hold, then  $\delta(D) \ge 14 - 8 \ge f(14)$ .

In the latter case, D is  $\frac{d}{dt}$  if and only if  $\delta(D) = 14 - 9 < f(14)$ . If |D| = 8, then D = xazbww'uu' and  $\delta(D) \ge 16 - 10 \ge f(16)$ .

• 
$$|(A \cap C) \setminus X| = 0, |X| = 2$$

We have  $5 \le |D| \le 8$ .

If |D| = 5, then D = xx'zwu and  $\delta(D) \ge 10 - 4 \ge f(10)$ .

If |D| = 6, then D = xx'zz'wu, xx'zbwu, xx'zww'u, xx'zwcu or xx'zwuu' and  $\delta(D) \ge 12 - 7 \ge f(12)$ .

If |D| = 7, then D = xx'zz'ww'u, xx'zbwuu', xx'zww'uu', xx'zz'wcu, xx'zz'wuu', xx'zbwuu' or xx'zww'uu'.

If  $D \neq xx'zz'wcu, xx'zbwuu'$ , then  $\delta(D) \geq 14 - 8 \geq f(14)$ . And we have

 $\delta(D)=14-9 < f(14)$  if and only if D is the present of the contract of  $B\cap C$  is an ever happens, because  $B\cap C < B$  and  $A\cap B < B$ , so w does not have two edges to  $B\cap C$ , also to  $A\cap B$ . If |D|=8, then D=xx'zz'ww'uu' and  $\delta(D)=16-10\geq f(16)$ .

The case that  $|A \cap C| = 1$ 

• 
$$|(A \cap C) \setminus X| = 1$$
 ( $|X| = 0$ )

By symmetry, we may assume  $|A \cap B|, |B \cap C| \leq 1$ .

Suppose that  $|A \cap B|, |B \cap C| = 1$ . Then  $6 \le |D| \le 9$ . If |D| = 6,  $\delta(D) \ge 12 - 6 \ge f(12)$ . If |D| = 7,  $\delta(D) \ge 14 - 7 \ge f(14)$ . If |D| = 8,  $\delta(D) \ge 16 - 8 \ge f(16)$ . If |D| = 9,  $\delta(D) \ge 18 - 9 \ge f(18)$ . Suppose that  $|A \cap B| = 0$  or  $|B \cap C| = 1$ . By symmetry, we assume that  $|A \cap B| = 0$ . Then  $AC \cap B = B \cap C$ . By assumption on  $A, B, C, B \cap C < C < AC$  and  $AC = A \otimes_{A \cap C} C \in \mathbf{K}_{f_1}$  by free AP. As  $B \cap C < AC, B$  and  $D = AC \otimes_{A \cap C} B$ , we have  $D \in \mathbf{K}_{f_1}$  by free AP.

•  $|(A \cap C) \setminus X| = 0$  and |X| = 1.

As we have shown tha case that  $|A \cap C| = 2, 3$ , by symmetry, we may assume that D = XZWU. (i.e.  $|(A \cap B) \setminus X| = 0$  and  $|(B \cap C) \setminus X| = 0$ ) As  $X < XZW = XZ \otimes_X XW \in \mathbf{K}_{f_1}$  and  $X < XU \in K_{f_1}$ , we have  $D = XZW \otimes_X XZ \in \mathbf{K}_{f_1}$  by free AP.

The case that  $|A \cap C| = 0$ 

As we have shown tha case that  $|A \cap C| = 1, 2, 3$ , by symmetry, we may assume that D = ZWU. (i.e.  $|A \cap B| = 0$  and  $|B \cap C| = 0$ .) By free AP, we see  $D \in \mathbf{K}_{f_1}$ .

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