# Big Ramsey degrees of homogeneous structures part 3: current developments and open problems 

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## "Unrestricted" structures

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Let $L$ be a relational language. Let $\mathcal{M}$ be a Fraïssé limit of a free amalgamation class defined by a set of forbidden structures $\mathcal{F}$. Assume that:
(1) for every $\mathbf{F} \in \mathcal{F}$ there exists $R \in L$ and $\vec{x} \in R_{\mathbf{F}}$ containing all vertices of $\mathbf{F}$, and
(2) $\mathcal{M}$ is $\omega$-categorical.

Then $\mathcal{M}$ has finite big Ramsey degrees.
(1) All results makes use of the product (or vector) form of the Milliken tree theorem.
(2) Lower bounds are currently work in progress.
(3) We know that the
(4) The results can be extended by interposing linear orders and unary functions.

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## Example

Consider the binary tree of $\{0,1\}$-words $(B, \sqsubseteq)$ and denote by $r$ its root. $\mathcal{S}$ can be defined only for empty $\bar{p}$ as a concatenation.

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Proof outline ( 5 pages)
(1) Use Hales-Jewett theorem to prove 1-dimensional pigeonhole
(2) Use combinatorial forcing to prove $\omega$-dimensional pigeonhole
(3) Use fusion like in proof of Milliken's theorem to prove the theorem

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## Fun fact

It turns out that both $\preceq$ and $\unlhd$ are partial orders and whenever $a \preceq b$ also $a \unlhd b$. One can think of the level structure $(\bar{A}, \preceq, \unlhd)$ as of an finite approximation of the infinite partial order located above the given level.

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(2) Branching: There is $w \in \bar{S}_{\ell}$ such that

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## Definition (Trianglefree-type)

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$$
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$$

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$$
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## Thank you!



Sleeping Child, Fred Payne Clatworthy, Autochrome, $7 \times 5$ inches, c1916
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