

The difficulty of marriage

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This theorem can be extended to infinite graph.

Theorem (M. Hall, 1948)

*Let $G = (B, G; R)$ be a bipartite graph and B -locally finite.
Then G has a solution if G satisfies Hall condition.*

- B -locally finite : for all $b \in B$, $|N(b)| < \infty$.
- Solution of G : injection $M : B \rightarrow G$ s.t. $M \subset R$.

That is, B -locally finite means that each boy is acquainted with finitely many girls and the solution means the appropriate marriage.

Note that if “ B -locally finite” is dropped, the above statement does not hold.

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Kierstead also indicated that a bipartite graph which satisfies expanding Hall condition has a solution even if “ B -locally finite” is dropped.

Fact.

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Reverse Mathematics of Marriage Theorems

Hirst analyzed the strength of several marriage theorems with respect to reverse mathematics.

Theorem (J.Hirst, 1990)

The following is provable within RCA_0 .

If $G = (B, G; R)$ is a bipartite graph which satisfies Hall condition and B is finite, then G has a solution.

This theorem is used throughout as a basic tool to analyze the strength of marriage theorems.

Theorem (J.Hirst, 1990)

- $\text{RCA}_0 \vdash B'_H \text{GM} \leftrightarrow \text{ACA}_0$
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$B'_H \text{GM}$: If $\mathbf{G} = (B, G; R)$ is a bipartite graph which is B -locally finite and satisfies Hall condition, then \mathbf{G} has a solution.

$B''_H \text{GM}$: If $\mathbf{G} = (B, G; R)$ is a bipartite graph which is B -strong locally finite and satisfies Hall condition, then \mathbf{G} has a solution.

“ B -strong locally finite” is written as follows within RCA_0 .

$$\exists p : B \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall b, g ((b, g) \in R \rightarrow g < p(b))$$

Hirst also analyzed the strength of symmetric marriage theorems.

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- “ G -locally finite” and “ G -strong locally finite” and “Hall Condition for G ” are defined in the same manner for B .
- A **symmetric solution** is a bijective solution. That is, the symmetric solution requires **any girl also can marry**.

Marriage Theorems with Expanding Hall Condition

“Expanding Hall condition” and “expanding Hall condition with recursive h_B ” are written as follows within RCA_0 .

- H' :
$$\forall n \exists m \forall X \subseteq_{fin} B (|N(X)| - |X| \geq 0 \wedge |X| \geq m \rightarrow |N(X)| - |X| \geq n)$$
- H'' : $\exists h_B : B \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ s.t.
$$\forall n \forall X \subseteq_{fin} B (|N(X)| - |X| \geq 0 \wedge |X| \geq h_B(n) \rightarrow |N(X)| - |X| \geq n)$$

We analyze the strength of all the considerable marriage theorems and symmetric marriage theorems with respect to reverse mathematics.

The strength of marriage theorems

	Hall condition	Expanding Hall condition	Strongly expanding Hall condition
ACA ₀	*	B _{H'} GM	B _{H''} GM
	*	B _{H'} G'M	B _{H''} G'M
	*	B _{H'} G''M	B _{H''} G''M (+ RCA ₀ + Σ ₃ ⁰ -IND)
	B' _H GM (Hirst)	B' _{H'} GM	B' _{H''} GM
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WKL ₀	B'' _H GM (Hirst)	B'' _{H'} GM	B'' _{H''} GM
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	B'' _H G''M	B'' _{H'} G''M	B'' _{H''} G''M (Kierstead)
RCA ₀			

* : false X' : X-locally finite X'' : X-strong locally finite

Corollary.

If G is recursive bipartite graph which is G -strong locally finite and satisfies expanding Hall condition with a recursive h_B , then G has a recursive solution.

$$\therefore \text{RCA}_0 + \Sigma_3^0\text{-IND} \vdash B_{H''} G''M.$$

Corollary.

There exists a recursive bipartite graph which is B -strong locally finite and G -locally finite and satisfies expanding Hall condition with a recursive h_B , but does not have a recursive solution.

$$\therefore \text{RCA}_0 \vdash B_{H''} G''M \rightarrow \text{WKL}_0.$$

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- It does not make sense for each assertion to consider the assertion which assumptions for B and G are interchanged, for those are pairwise equivalent clearly. Therefore the above table lists strength of all considerable symmetric marriage theorems.
- There is a counter example of the green assertions.

Corollary.

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Indexed Marriage Problem and Recursive Solution

Theorem (A.Manaster and J.Rosenstein, 1972)

*There exists a recursive bipartite graph which is **B, G -strong locally finite** and satisfies **Hall condition**, but has no recursive solution.*

As the method of modifying the above marriage problem to have a recursive solution, the following two ways are considerable.

- 1 **Strengthening the condition about locally finite**
- 2 **Strengthening the Hall condition** \rightarrow by Kierstead.

We go about the modification by the first method.

Indexed Marriage Theorem

Let $B = G = \omega$ and $R \subset \omega \times \omega$ and there is a function $q : \omega \rightarrow \omega$ s.t. $\forall(i, j) \in R(j \leq i + q(i))$.

Then $\mathbf{G} = (B, G; R)$ has a solution if \mathbf{G} satisfies Hall condition.

- We regard the function q as the parameter and consider the indexed marriage theorems dependent on q .
- By the result of Manaster-Rosenstein, in general we can not take the solution of this indexed marriage problem recursively even if the function q is recursive.
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Theorem

$\text{RCA}_0 \vdash (q : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \wedge \forall i (q(i) \leq \bar{k})) \rightarrow \text{IM}^{(q)}.$

$\text{IM}^{(q)}$: If $\mathbf{G} = (\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{N}; R)$ is a bipartite graph which satisfies Hall condition and $\forall (i, j) \in R (j \leq i + q(i))$, then \mathbf{G} has a solution.

Corollary.

Suppose q is a function from ω to ω and bounded by some constant.

If $\mathbf{G} = (\omega, \omega; R)$ be a recursive bipartite countable graph which satisfies Hall condition and $\forall (i, j) \in R (j \leq i + q(i))$, then \mathbf{G} has a recursive solution.

Remark.

$\text{RCA}_0 + \Pi_2^0\text{-IND} \vdash (q : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \wedge \exists k \forall i (q(i) \leq k)) \rightarrow \text{IM}^{(q)}.$

Question.

$\text{RCA}_0 \vdash (q : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \wedge \exists k \forall i (q(i) \leq k)) \rightarrow \text{IM}^{(q)}$? or not?

Theorem

$$\text{RCA}_0 \vdash (q : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \wedge \forall i (q(i) \leq \bar{k})) \rightarrow \text{IM}^{(q)}.$$

$\text{IM}^{(q)}$: If $\mathbf{G} = (\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{N}; R)$ is a bipartite graph which satisfies Hall condition and $\forall (i, j) \in R (j \leq i + q(i))$, then \mathbf{G} has a solution.

Corollary.

Suppose q is a function from ω to ω and bounded by some constant.

If $\mathbf{G} = (\omega, \omega; R)$ be a recursive bipartite countable graph which satisfies Hall condition and $\forall (i, j) \in R (j \leq i + q(i))$, then \mathbf{G} has a recursive solution.

Remark.

$$\text{RCA}_0 + \Pi_2^0\text{-IND} \vdash (q : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \wedge \exists k \forall i (q(i) \leq k)) \rightarrow \text{IM}^{(q)}.$$

Question.

$$\text{RCA}_0 \vdash (q : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \wedge \exists k \forall i (q(i) \leq k)) \rightarrow \text{IM}^{(q)}? \text{ or not?}$$

Theorem

$\text{RCA}_0 \vdash [\text{U}(q) \rightarrow \text{IM}^{(q)}] \leftrightarrow \text{WKL}_0,$

where $\text{U}(q)$ means

$q : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \wedge \forall k \exists i (q(i) > i + k) \wedge \forall i, i' (i < i' \rightarrow q(i) \leq q(i'))$

Corollary.

Suppose q is a recursive function from ω to ω and unbounded and nondecreasing.

Then there exists a recursive bipartite graph $\mathbf{G} = (\omega, \omega; R)$ which satisfies Hall condition and $\forall (i, j) \in R (j \leq i + q(i))$, but has no recursive solution.

We also analyze the symmetric indexed marriage problem.

Theorem

$$\text{RCA}_0 \vdash (q : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \wedge \forall i (q(i) \leq \bar{k})) \rightarrow \text{IM}_s^{(q)}.$$

$\text{IM}_s^{(q)}$: If $\mathbf{G} = (\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{N}; R)$ is a bipartite graph which satisfies symmetric Hall condition and $\forall (i, j) \in R (j \leq i + q(i) \wedge i \leq j + q(j))$, then \mathbf{G} has a symmetric solution.

Corollary.

Suppose q is a function from ω to ω and bounded by some constant.

If $\mathbf{G} = (\omega, \omega; R)$ be a recursive bipartite countable graph which satisfies symmetric Hall condition and $\forall (i, j) \in R (j \leq i + q(i) \wedge i \leq j + q(j))$, then \mathbf{G} has a recursive symmetric solution.

Remark.

$$\text{RCA}_0 + \Pi_2^0\text{-IND} \vdash (q : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \wedge \exists k \forall i (q(i) \leq k)) \rightarrow \text{IM}_s^{(q)}.$$

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Thank you for your attention.

...Who should I marry?