

SOME LOWER BOUNDS ON SHELAH RANK IN THE FREE GROUP - LECTURE NOTES

We will give equivalent definition of forking, with notion of definable sets.

Lemma. *(Alternative Definition Of Forking) A formula ϕ forks over A iff there is a sequence $\{\sigma_n\} \subset \text{Aut}_A(\mathbb{M})$ and an integer $k < \omega$ such that $\sigma_n(X)$ (where X is the set defined by ϕ) is k -wise disjoint. Thus we can say that “The definable set forks over A ” instead talking about the formula defining X .*

There is an important lemma for evaluating Shelah Rank

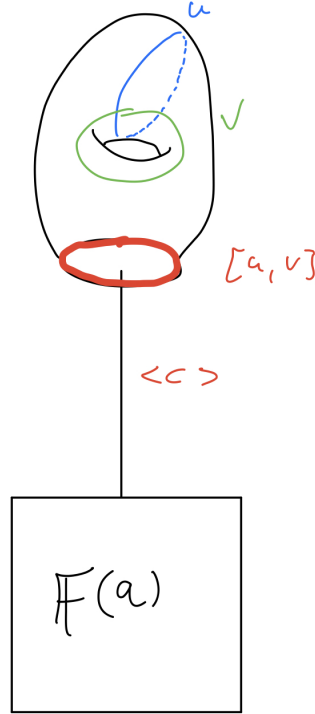
Lemma. *Let \mathbb{M} be a model with a fixed parameter subset A . Suppose that $X \subset M^d$ is definable (not necessarily over A only). If there exist a subset Y of X , definable over \mathbb{M} , an integer k , and a sequence $\sigma_n \in \text{Aut}_A(\mathbb{M})$ such that the translates $\sigma_n(Y)$ are k -wise disjoint, and the σ_n preserve X set-wise, then*

$$R_A^\infty(X) \geq R_A^\infty(Y) + 1$$

[Talk about graph of groups, floor and structures]

Let T be a tower structure with one floor of the graph of groups Γ

FIGURE 0.1. *



We want to show that

$$R_{\mathbb{F}(a,b)}^{\infty}(V^T) \geq \omega$$

Recall that

$$T = \left\langle a, b, u, v \mid \overbrace{[a, b] = [u, v]}^{\Sigma_T} \right\rangle$$

Fact. T is a model of the theory of the free groups, and it's an elementary extension of $\mathbb{F}(a, b)$.

So we may look at V^T as $V^T = \{(x, y) \in T^2 \mid [a, b] = [x, y]\}$

In order to see that $R_{\mathbb{F}(a,b)}^{\infty}(V^T) > \omega$ we will show that for every $n < \omega$ there is X_n such that $R_{\mathbb{F}(a,b)}^{\infty}(X_n) \geq n$, and we will get that

$$R_{\mathbb{F}(a,b)}^{\infty}(V^T) \geq R_{\mathbb{F}(a,b)}^{\infty}(X_n) \geq n$$

for every n so

$$R_{\mathbb{F}(a,b)}^{\infty}(V^T) \geq \omega$$

In order to see it we will construct, for every $n < \omega$ a set X_n where $R_{\mathbb{F}(a,b)}^{\infty}(X_n) \geq n$.

Definition. Define $\tau_a, \tau_b \in \text{Aut}_{\mathbb{F}(a,b)}(T)$ by

$$\tau_u = \begin{array}{l} a \mapsto a \\ b \mapsto b \\ u \mapsto u \\ v \mapsto vu \end{array}, \tau_v = \begin{array}{l} a \mapsto a \\ b \mapsto b \\ u \mapsto uv \\ v \mapsto v \end{array}$$

Fact. τ_u^2 and τ_v^2 form a base for a free sup-group of $\text{Aut}_{\mathbb{F}(a,b)}(T)$ of rank 2.

PROOVING THAT $R_{\mathbb{F}(a,b)}^\infty(V^T) \geq \omega$

Define

- For $n = 0$ $X_0 = \emptyset$, of course $R_{\mathbb{F}(a,b)}^\infty(X_0) \geq 0$.
- For $n = 1$ we define $X_1 = \{(u, v)\}$. If we take $\sigma_n = I_T$ we get $\sigma_n(X_0) = \emptyset$ are disjoint (they are empty), and $\sigma_n(X_1) = X_1$ so $R_{\mathbb{F}(a,b)}^\infty(X_1) \geq R_{\mathbb{F}(a,b)}^\infty(X_0) + 1 \geq 1$
- For $n = 2$ we define

$$X_2 = \{(u, uv^{2k}) \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

X_2 is definable by the formula

$$\varphi(x, y) \sim x = u \wedge \exists z ([z, u] = 1 \wedge y = uz^2)$$

For every $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ $\tau_u^{2k}(X_1) = \{(u, vu^{2k})\}$ and they form a disjoint sequence $\{\tau_u^{2k}(X_1)\}$ and τ_u^{2k} preserve X_2 set-wise, so

$$R_{\mathbb{F}(a,b)}^\infty(X_2) \geq R_{\mathbb{F}(a,b)}^\infty(X_1) + 1 \geq 2$$

- For $n = 3$ we notice that $X_2 = \langle \tau_u^2 \rangle \cdot (u, v)$ and we define

$$\begin{aligned} X_3 &= \langle \tau_u^2 \rangle \cdot \tau_v^2 \cdot \langle \tau_u^2 \rangle \cdot X_1 = \langle \tau_u^2 \rangle \cdot (\tau_v^2[X_2]) = \\ &= \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \bigcup_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \{\tau_u^{2k} \tau_v^2 \tau_u^{2m}(u, v)\} \end{aligned}$$

If this union is not disjoint we get that there is $k_1 m_1 k_2, m_2$ such that

$$\tau_u^{2k_1} \tau_v^2 \tau_u^{2m_1}(u, v) = \tau_u^{2k_2} \tau_v^2 \tau_u^{2m_2}(u, v)$$

this means that $\tau_u^{2k_1} \tau_v^2 \tau_u^{2m_1}$ and $\tau_u^{2k_2} \tau_v^2 \tau_u^{2m_2}$ identify on u and v , and so on a and b , so they identify on the generators so they are identical. $\langle \tau_u^2, \tau_v^2 \rangle$ is free group so $k_1 = k_2, m_1 = m_2$ and X_3 is disjoint union. Furthermore $\tau_u^{2k}(X_3) = X_3$ so

$$R_{\mathbb{F}(a,b)}^\infty(X_3) \geq R_{\mathbb{F}(a,b)}^\infty(X_2) + 1 \geq 3$$

- For each n , after we defined X_n we define

$$\begin{aligned} X_{n+1} &= \langle \tau_u^2 \rangle \cdot \tau_v^2(X_n) = \\ &= \{w(\tau_u^2, \tau_v^2)(u, v) \mid w \text{ is a word in } x, y \text{ that starts and ends with } x \text{ and has no powers of } y \text{ and has } y \text{ } n \text{ times}\} \\ &= \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \tau_u^{2k} \circ \tau_v^2(X_n) \end{aligned}$$

If this union is not disjoint then there are two words that start with some power of τ_u^2 and agree on the generators of T , so this they that same so the first power of τ_u^2 is the same, so they are in the same set in the union.

X_{n+1} is preserved by τ_u^{2k} ($k \in \mathbb{Z}$). This means that $R_{\mathbb{F}(a,b)}^\infty(X_{n+1}) \geq R_{\mathbb{F}(a,b)}^\infty(X_n) + 1 \geq n + 1$.

FOR TORUOS WITH GENUSE BIGGER THEN 1

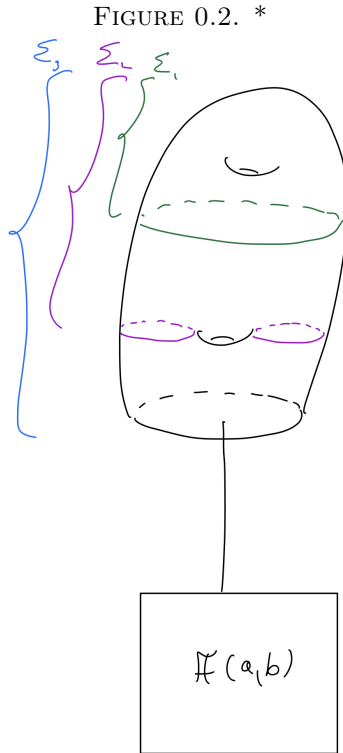
We will give general idea about the prove for the case of the two hole toruse, and hopefully the reader will see understand the general idea for some genuse.

A theorem that will be with out proof will help us to do the same trick as before.

Theorem. *If $\Sigma_0 \subset \Sigma_1$ are surfaces with boundaries where $\pi_1(\Sigma_0)$ is proper subgroup of $\pi_1(\Sigma_1)$ then there is a $\varphi \in \text{Aut}(\Sigma_1)$ such that*

$$\langle \text{Aut}(\Sigma_0), \varphi \rangle = \text{Aut}(\Sigma_0) * \langle \varphi \rangle$$

If we divide the double toruse to three surfaces like so



In this case we get

$$V^T = \{(\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, \bar{x}_3) \in T^3 \mid \Sigma_T()\}$$

Where $\Sigma_T()$ are the relation defining T .

$$Y_1 = \{(y_1, z_1, \bar{x}_2, \bar{x}_3) \mid \Sigma_T(), [y_1, z_1] = [u_1, v_1]\}$$

$$Y_2 = \{(y_1, z_1, q_2, p_2, \bar{x}_3) \mid \Sigma_T(), [y_1, z_1] = [u_1, v_1], q_2 p_2 = [y_1, z_1]\}$$

We can think about the groups like subgroups $\text{Aut}_{\partial\Sigma_0}(\Sigma_0) \leq \text{Aut}_{\partial\Sigma_1}(\Sigma_1) \leq \text{Aut}_{\mathbb{F}(a,b)}(T)$