

FINITE RELATION ALGEBRAS

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Abstract. We will show that almost all nonassociative relation algebras are symmetric and integral (in the sense that the fraction of both labelled and unlabelled structures that are symmetric and integral tends to 1), and using a Fraïssé limit, we will establish that the classes of all atom structures of nonassociative relation algebras and relation algebras both have 0–1 laws. As a consequence, we obtain improved asymptotic formulas for the numbers of these structures and broaden some known probabilistic results on relation algebras.

§1. Introduction. The calculus of relations is a branch of logic that was developed in the nineteenth century, largely due to the work of De Morgan, Peirce, and Schröder; see [6, 22, 24], for example. By the beginning of twentieth century, the calculus of relations was considered to be an important branch of logic. Indeed, in [23], Russell stated that “the subject of symbolic logic is formed by three parts: the calculus of propositions, the calculus of classes, and the calculus of relations.” The calculus of relations even played a role in the birth of model theory. Indeed, Leopold Löwenheim stated and proved the earliest known version of the Löwenheim–Skolem Theorem as a result on the calculus of relations; for more details, see [1]. Interest in the field mostly faded until the publication of [25], where Tarski defined an abstract algebraic counterpart to the calculus of relations, namely relation algebras. Tarski and many of his students took an interest in these algebras, which lead to relation algebras becoming a fairly popular area of research that is still active.

The idea of defining the probability of a property holding in a class of finite structures as a limit is due to Carnap (see [3]), but similar ideas appeared earlier. In [7, 8], Fagin looked at the probability of certain sentences holding in the classes of all relational structures of a given type as well as asymptotic formulas for the numbers of these structures. The study of 0–1 laws was initiated by Glebskiĭ et al. in the 1970s; see [12, 16]. The study of conditions that guarantee the existence of 0–1 laws for first-order and monadic second-order properties were studied extensively by Compton in [4, 5]. In the context of relation algebras, there has been surprisingly little research published on probabilistic results of this nature. In [19], Maddux finds an asymptotic formula for the number of nonassociative relation algebras in which the identity is an atom and the number of integral relation algebras, and shows that almost all of these algebras are rigid and satisfy any finite set of equations that hold in all representable relation algebras. In the present article, we show that almost all

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finite nonassociative relation algebras are symmetric and have e as an atom, and establish a 0–1 law for the class of all atom structures of finite nonassociative relation algebras. Combining these results with the results of Maddux, we obtain a simple asymptotic formula for both the number of nonassociative relation algebras and the number of relation algebras, and show that almost all finite nonassociative relation algebras are integral relation algebras.

§2. Preliminaries. We begin by giving a formal definition of labelled and unlabelled probabilities of properties. We will mostly follow the approach taken in [10]. Note that by \mathbb{N} we mean $\{1, 2, \dots\}$.

DEFINITION 1 (Probabilities). Let \mathcal{K} be a class of finite structures of a finite signature F that is closed under isomorphism and has no upper bound on the size of its members. For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let \mathcal{U}_n be a set with precisely one representative from each isomorphism class of n -element structures from \mathcal{K} and let \mathcal{L}_n be the set of all structures in \mathcal{K} with universe $\{1, \dots, n\}$. Let P be some property of F -structures that is invariant under isomorphisms (for example, a first-order property). Let $s : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ be the increasing sequence of values of n with $\mathcal{U}_n \neq \emptyset$. If the limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\{\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{U}_{s(n)} \mid \mathbf{A} \models P\}|}{|\mathcal{U}_{s(n)}|},$$

exists, we call it the *unlabelled probability of P* and denote it by $\text{Pr}_{\text{U}}(P, \mathcal{K})$. If the limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\{\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{L}_{s(n)} \mid \mathbf{A} \models P\}|}{|\mathcal{L}_{s(n)}|},$$

exists, we call it the *labelled probability of P* and denote it by $\text{Pr}_{\text{L}}(P, \mathcal{K})$. If $\text{Pr}_{\text{U}}(P, \mathcal{K}) = 1$, we say that *almost all structures in \mathcal{K} satisfy P* .

We will mostly work with classes where there are elements of every possible cardinality, so the sequence s will be the identity sequence.

The result we will need from Freese [10] is stated below; this result is stated for algebras, but the proof also works for relational structures. Similar results appear in earlier articles, such as Fagin [8].

PROPOSITION 2. *Let \mathcal{K} be a class of similar finite structures of a finite signature F that is closed under isomorphism and has no upper bound on the size of its members, let R be the property of being rigid (i.e., having a trivial automorphism group), let P be a property F -structures that is invariant under isomorphism, and assume that we have $\text{Pr}_{\text{L}}(R, \mathcal{K}) = 1$. If one of $\text{Pr}_{\text{U}}(P, \mathcal{K})$ and $\text{Pr}_{\text{L}}(P, \mathcal{K})$ exists, then both quantities exist and are equal.*

Now we are in the position to recall the definition of an almost sure theory.

DEFINITION 3 (Almost sure theory). Let \mathcal{K} be a class of finite structures of a finite signature F that is closed under isomorphism and has no upper bound on the size of its members. We call the set of all first-order sentences σ with $\text{Pr}_{\text{L}}(\sigma, \mathcal{K}) = 1$ the *almost sure theory of \mathcal{K}* .

Next, we will give a brief introduction to relation algebras. For a more extensive introduction, we refer the reader to Hirsch and Hodkinson [13], Maddux [21], and Givant [11]. We begin by defining relation algebras. To match the notation used in lattice theory, we will use \vee and \wedge rather than $+$ and \cdot . This allows us to use a more group theoretic notation by using \cdot and e rather than $;$ and $1'$. We will assume that unary operations are applied first and use multiplicative notation for \cdot . Therefore $x\check{z} \wedge y'$ means $((x\check{\cdot}) \cdot z) \wedge (y')$, for example. We call $d := e'$ the *diversity element*. We use \approx for logical equality, as in universal algebra. To avoid reusing symbols, we will use \vee for logical disjunction, \wedge for logical conjunction, and \neg for logical negation. Where it is possible, we will usually drop superscripts on operations.

DEFINITION 4 (Relation algebras). An algebra $\mathbf{A} = \langle A; \vee, \wedge, \cdot, ', \check{\cdot}, \check{\cdot}, 0, 1, e \rangle$ is called a *nonassociative relation algebra* iff $\langle A; \vee, \wedge, ', 0, 1 \rangle$ is a Boolean algebra, e is an identity element for \cdot , and the *triangle laws* hold, i.e., we have

$$xy \wedge z = 0 \iff x\check{z} \wedge y = 0 \iff zy\check{\wedge} x = 0,$$

for all $x, y, z \in A$. The class of all nonassociative relation algebras will be denoted by NA. An algebra $\mathbf{A} \in \text{NA}$ is called a *relation algebra* iff \cdot is associative. The class of all relation algebras will be denoted by RA. An algebra $\mathbf{A} \in \text{NA}$ is said to be *symmetric* iff $\mathbf{A} \models x\check{\approx} x$.

We extend ideas from Boolean algebra to these algebras in the obvious way. For example, an atom of a nonassociative relation algebra is an atom of its Boolean algebra reduct.

Some basic properties of these algebras are summarised in the following result.

PROPOSITION 5. *Let $\mathbf{A} \in \text{NA}$.*

1. $\mathbf{A} \models x(y \vee z) \approx xy \vee xz$ and $\mathbf{A} \models (x \vee y)z \approx xz \vee yz$.
2. $\mathbf{A} \models (x \vee y)\check{\cdot} \approx x\check{\cdot} \vee y\check{\cdot}$.
3. $\mathbf{A} \models 0\check{\cdot} = 0$, $\mathbf{A} \models 1\check{\cdot} = 1$, $\mathbf{A} \models e\check{\cdot} = e$, and $\mathbf{A} \models d\check{\cdot} = d$.
4. $\mathbf{A} \models x\check{\approx} x$.
5. *If a is an atom, then $a\check{\cdot}$ is an atom.*
6. *If $\mathbf{A} \models e \approx 0$, then \mathbf{A} is trivial.*

Based on Proposition 5, the operations of a complete atomic (and, in particular, a finite) nonassociative relation algebra are completely determined by their values on its atoms. Since a finite $\mathbf{A} \in \text{NA}$ has $\log_2(|A|)$ atoms, this means these algebras are determined by a small subset of its elements. This motivates the following definitions. When e is an atom, it is sometimes convenient to include it in the signature rather than a unary relation.

DEFINITION 6 (Atom structure). Let \mathbf{A} be a complete atomic nonassociative relation algebra. We call $\text{At}(\mathbf{A}) := \langle \text{At}(\mathbf{A}); f_{\mathbf{A}}, I_{\mathbf{A}}, T_{\mathbf{A}} \rangle$ the *atom structure* of \mathbf{A} , where $\text{At}(\mathbf{A})$ denotes the set of all atoms of \mathbf{A} , $f_{\mathbf{A}}$ is defined by $x \mapsto x\check{\cdot}$, $I_{\mathbf{A}} := \{a \in \text{At}(\mathbf{A}) \mid a \leq e\}$, and $T_{\mathbf{A}} := \{(a, b, c) \in \text{At}(\mathbf{A})^3 \mid ab \geq c\}$. If e is an atom, we put $\text{At}_e(\mathbf{A}) := \langle \text{At}(\mathbf{A}); f_{\mathbf{A}}, e, T_{\mathbf{A}} \rangle$.

It turns out that these structures can be axiomatised.

DEFINITION 7 (FAS, FSIA_S, and FSIA_{S_e}). Let FAS denote the class of all finite structures of the signature $\{f, T, I\}$ (where f is a unary operation symbol, I is a unary relation symbol, and T is a ternary relation symbol) that satisfy

- (P) for all $a, b, c \in U$, we have $(f(a), c, b), (c, f(b), a) \in T$ whenever $(a, b, c) \in T$,
 (I) for all $a, b \in U$, we have $a = b$ if and only if $i \in I$ with $(a, i, b) \in T$.

We call a $\{f, T, I\}$ -structure \mathbf{U} *integral* iff we have $|I| = 1$, and *symmetric* iff $\mathbf{U} \models f(x) \approx x$. The class of all symmetric and integral members of FAS will be denoted by FSIA_S. Now, let FSIA_{S_e} be the class of all finite structures of the signature $\{f, e, T\}$ (where f is a unary operation symbol, e is a nullary operation symbol, i.e., a constant, and T is a ternary relation symbol) that satisfy $f(x) \approx x$ and

- (IP) for all $a, b, c \in U$, we have $(f(a), c, b), (c, f(b), a) \in T$ whenever $(a, b, c) \in T$,
 (II) for all $a, b \in U$, we have $a = b$ if and only if there is some $(a, e, b) \in T$.

The above definition abuses language slightly; a non-trivial $\mathbf{A} \in \text{NA}$ is called *integral* iff $xy = 0$ implies that $x = 0$ or $y = 0$, which is equivalent to e being an atom when $\mathbf{A} \in \text{RA}$, but not in general. We refer to Maddux [20, 21] for further details.

PROPOSITION 8. FAS is precisely the class of all atom structures of finite members of NA, FSIA_S is precisely the class of all atom structures of finite, integral, and symmetric members of NA. There are bijective correspondences between the sets of isomorphism classes from:

1. the class of finite members of NA and FAS;
2. the class of finite, integral, and symmetric members of NA and FISAS;
3. FSIA_S and FSIA_{S_e}.

Next, we introduce the notion of a cycle (from Maddux [19]) which can be used to define and describe these structures.

DEFINITION 9 (Cycles). Let \mathbf{U} be a $\{f, T, I\}$ -structure and let $a, b, c \in U$. We call $(a, b, c), (f(a), c, b), (b, f(c), f(a)), (f(b), f(a), f(c)), (f(c), a, f(b)),$ and $(c, f(b), a)$ the *Peircean transforms* of (a, b, c) . The set of all of these triples is called a *cycle*, and is denoted by $[a, b, c]$. We call (a, b, c) an *identity triple* iff $I \cap \{a, b, c\} \neq \emptyset$, and a *diversity triple* otherwise. We call $[a, b, c]$ an *identity cycle* iff it contains an identity triple, and a *diversity cycle* otherwise. We call (a, b, c) *consistent* iff $(a, b, c) \in T$, and *forbidden* otherwise. We call $[a, b, c]$ *consistent* iff $[a, b, c] \subseteq T$, and *forbidden* iff $[a, b, c] \cap T = \emptyset$. We call a an *identity atom* iff $a \in I$ and a *diversity atom* otherwise. We extend these ideas to $\{f, e, T\}$ in the obvious way.

The following result from [19] illustrates the connection between cycles and the axioms for FAS and FSIA_{S_e}.

PROPOSITION 10. 1. Let \mathbf{U} be an $\{f, T, I\}$ -structure.

- (a) The following are equivalent:
- i. \mathbf{U} satisfies (P);
 - ii. for all $a, b, c \in U$, the cycle $[a, b, c]$ is either consistent or forbidden.

- (b) *The following are equivalent:*
 - i. U satisfies (I);
 - ii. for all $a, b \in U$, we have $a = b$ if and only if $[a, i, b]$ is consistent, for some $i \in I$.
- (c) *If U is integral, then the following are equivalent:*
 - i. U satisfies (I);
 - ii. $f(e) = e$ and $\{[a, e, a] \mid a \in U\}$ is the set of consistent identity cycles, where e is the unique element of I .
- 2. Let U be a $\{f, e, T\}$ -structure.
 - (a) *The following are equivalent:*
 - i. U satisfies (IP);
 - ii. for all $a, b, c \in U$, the cycle $[a, b, c]$ is either consistent or forbidden.
 - (b) *The following are equivalent:*
 - i. U satisfies (II);
 - ii. $f(e) = e$ and $\{[a, e, a] \mid a \in U\}$ is the set of consistent identity cycles.

Based on Propositions 8 and 10, once given a finite set U , some $e \in U$, and an involution $f: U \rightarrow U$ with $f(e) = e$, each $U \in \text{FAS}$ that is an expansion of $\langle U; f, \{e\} \rangle$ is completely determined by which cycles are consistent or forbidden. Using this observation, it is possible count the number of atom-structures of a given (finite) size. Indeed, in [19], Maddux obtains asymptotic formulas using this method. The results we will need from [19] are summarised in the following results.

PROPOSITION 11. *Let U be an n -element set, for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $e \in U$, let f be an involution of U with $f(e) = e$, and let $s := |\{a \in U \mid f(a) = a\}|$.*

1. *There are $s - 1$ diversity cycles with 1 triple; ones of the form $[a, a, a]$.*
2. *There are $(n - s)/2$ diversity cycles with 2 triples; ones of the form $[a, a, f(a)]$, where $f(a) \neq a$.*
3. *There are $(s - 1)(n - 2)$ diversity cycles with 3 triples; ones of the form $[a, b, b]$, where $f(a) = a$ and $a \neq b$.*
4. *There are $(n - 1)((n - 1)^2 - 3s + 2)/6 + (s - 1)/2$ diversity cycles with 6 triples.*
5. *There are $Q(n, s) := (n - 1)((n - 1)^2 + 3s - 1)/6$ diversity cycles in total.*
6. *There are $P(n, s) := (s - 1)!((n - s)/2)!2^{(n-s)/2}$ automorphisms of $\langle U; f, \{e\} \rangle$.*

Before we state the next result, we will pause to recall the definition of representability.

DEFINITION 12 (RRA). Let E be an equivalence relation over a set D . We call the structure $\langle \mathcal{P}(E); \cup, \cap, |, ^c, ^{-1}, \emptyset, E, \text{id}_D \rangle$ the *proper relation algebra* on E , where $\mathcal{P}(E)$ be the powerset (i.e., set of all subsets) of E , $|$ is relational composition, c is set complement relative to E , $^{-1}$ is relational inverse, and id_D is the identity relation on D . Thus, for each $R, S \subseteq E$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 R | S &= \{(x, z) \in D^2 \mid (x, y) \in R, (y, z) \in S, \text{ for some } y \in D\}, \\
 R^{-1} &= \{(y, x) \in D^2 \mid (x, y) \in R\}, \\
 \text{id}_D &= \{(x, y) \in D^2 \mid x = y\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

A relation algebra is said to be *representable* iff it embeds into a proper relation algebra. The class of representable relation algebras will be denoted by RRA.

The problem of determining whether every relation algebra is representable was the main focus of research into relation-type algebras for many years, until it was solved in the negative by Lyndon in [17]. Therefore one might be interested in the asymptotics of the fraction of representable relation algebras. Maddux took the first steps in this direction in [19].

PROPOSITION 13. 1. *Almost all integral labelled structures in FAS are rigid.*
 2. *If E is the conjunction of a finite set of equations that hold in all members of RRA, then E holds in almost all finite elements of NA in which e is an atom. In particular, almost all nonassociative relation algebras in which e is an atom are relation algebras.*

PROPOSITION 14. *For all $n, s \in \mathbb{N}$ with $s \leq n$ and $n - s$ even, let $F(n, s)$ be the number of isomorphism classes of n -atom integral relation algebras with s atoms satisfying $\tilde{x} = x$. Then $2^{Q(n,s)}/P(n, s)$ is an asymptotic formula for $F(n, s)$, in the sense that, for all $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that if $n, s \in \mathbb{N}$ with $n > N$, $s \leq n$, and $n - s$ even, then*

$$\left| 1 - \frac{F(n, s)P(n, s)}{2^{Q(n,s)}} \right| < \varepsilon.$$

Further, the same statement holds for nonassociative relation algebras in which e is an atom.

We conclude with a reminder of Fraïssé limits, which were defined by Fraïssé in [9]. We will mostly follow Hodges [15]. Firstly, we recall some definitions.

DEFINITION 15 (Age). Let \mathbf{A} be a structure. The *age of \mathbf{A}* is the class of all finitely generated structures that embed into \mathbf{A} .

DEFINITION 16 (HP, JEP, and AP). Let \mathcal{K} be a class of similar structures. We say that \mathcal{K} has the *hereditary property* (HP) iff \mathcal{K} is closed under forming finitely generated structures. We say that \mathcal{K} has the *joint embedding property* (JEP) iff, for all $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathcal{K}$, there is some $\mathbf{C} \in \mathcal{K}$ that both \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} embed into. We say that \mathcal{K} has the *amalgamation property* (AP) iff, for all $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C} \in \mathcal{K}$ and embeddings $\mu: \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ and $\nu: \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$, there is some $\mathbf{D} \in \mathcal{K}$ and embeddings $\mu': \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$ and $\nu': \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$ such that $\mu' \circ \mu = \nu' \circ \nu$.

DEFINITION 17 (Homogeneity). Let \mathbf{A} be a structure. We call \mathbf{A} *ultrahomogeneous* iff every isomorphism between finitely generated substructures of \mathbf{A} extends to an automorphism of \mathbf{A} . We call \mathbf{A} *weakly homogeneous* iff, for all finitely generated structures \mathbf{B} and \mathbf{C} of \mathbf{A} with $\mathbf{B} \leq \mathbf{C}$ and all embeddings $\mu: \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$, there is an embedding $\nu: \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$ extending μ .

The following result shows that these definitions coincide

PROPOSITION 18. *A finite or countable structure is ultrahomogeneous if and only if it is weakly homogeneous.*

The main result on these structures is the following existence and uniqueness result, known as Fraïssé’s Theorem.

PROPOSITION 19 (Fraïssé’s Theorem). *Let S be a countable signature and let \mathcal{K} be a class of at most countable S -structures, that has the HP, JEP, and AP. Then there is an S -structure \mathbf{F} (called a Fraïssé limit of \mathcal{K}), unique up to isomorphism, such that \mathbf{F} is at most countable, \mathcal{K} is the age of \mathbf{F} , and \mathbf{F} is ultrahomogeneous.*

To state the last result of this section, we need to recall some definitions.

DEFINITION 20 (Uniform local finiteness). Let \mathcal{K} be a class of similar structures. We say that \mathcal{K} is *uniformly locally finite* iff there is a function $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, such that, for all $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{K}$, each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and every subset S of A with $|S| \leq n$, the substructure of \mathbf{A} generated by S has cardinality at most $f(n)$.

PROPOSITION 21. *Let S be a finite signature, let \mathcal{K} be a uniformly locally finite class of S -structures with the HP, JEP, and AP, and at most countably many isomorphism types of finitely generated S -structures, and let \mathbf{F} be a Fraïssé limit of \mathcal{K} . Then the first-order theory of \mathbf{F} is \aleph_0 -categorical and has quantifier elimination.*

§3. Main results. First, we show that almost all finite nonassociative relation algebras are symmetric and have e as an atom. The proof and the observation that almost all nonassociative relation algebras in which e as an atom are symmetric were discovered independently by the author, but this result was also conjectured by Roger Maddux in a private communication.

THEOREM 22. *Almost all members of FAS are in FSIAS.*

PROOF. Let $n \geq 5$, let U be an n -element set, and let $1 \leq i < n$. Clearly, there are $\binom{n}{i}$ ways to select i identity atoms. Now, let $0 \leq p \leq \lfloor (n - i)/2 \rfloor$. There are at most $\binom{n-i}{2}^p$ involutions of U with p non-fixed pairs, i.e., with sets of the form $\{u, f(u)\}$ with $u \neq f(u)$, since $\binom{n-i}{2}^p$ is the number of p independent selections of 2-element sets of diversity atoms. Based on Proposition 10(1b), there are $(2^i - 1)^n$ possible ways of selecting identity cycles, since each element of U must appear in at least one of the i cycles of the given form. Lastly, based on Proposition 11(5), there are $2^{Q(n-i+1, n-i+1-2p)}$ ways to select diversity cycles; the number of choices of diversity cycles in a $(n - i + 1)$ -element structure satisfying $|I| = 1$ and a n -element structures such that $|I| = i$ and $|U \setminus I| = n - i$ is clearly the same. Hence, by Proposition 5(5), the fraction of members of FAS with universe $\{1, \dots, n\}$ that belong to FSIAS is bounded below by

$$\frac{n2^{Q(n,n)}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{p=0}^{\lfloor (n-i)/2 \rfloor} \binom{n}{i} \binom{n-i}{2}^p (2^i - 1)^n 2^{Q(n-i+1, n-i+1-2p)}} = \frac{1}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{p=0}^{\lfloor (n-i)/2 \rfloor} \binom{n}{i} \binom{n-i}{2}^p (2^i - 1)^n 2^{Q(n-i+1, n-i+1-2p)-Q(n,n)}\right)/n}.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{p=0}^{\lfloor (n-i)/2 \rfloor} \binom{n}{i} \binom{n-i}{2}^p (2^i - 1)^n 2^{Q(n-i+1, n-i+1-2p) - Q(n, n)} \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{p=0}^{\lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor} n \binom{n-1}{2}^p 2^{Q(n, n-2p) - Q(n, n)} \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} \sum_{p=0}^{\lfloor (n-i)/2 \rfloor} \binom{n}{i} \binom{n-i}{2}^p (2^i - 1)^n 2^{Q(n-i+1, n-i+1-2p) - Q(n, n)}. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly,

$$\binom{n-1}{2}^p \leq \left(\frac{n^2}{2}\right)^p.$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} Q(n, n-2p) - Q(n, n) &= \frac{1}{6}(n-1)((n-1)^2 + 3(n-2p) - 1) \\ & \quad - \frac{1}{6}(n-1)((n-1)^2 + 3n - 1) \\ &= \frac{1}{6}(n-1)((n-1)^2 + 3n - 6p - 1 - ((n-1)^2 + 3n - 1)) \\ &= \frac{1}{6}(n-1)(3n - 6p - 3n) \\ &= (1-n)p, \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{n^2}{2}\right)^p 2^{Q(n, n-2p) - Q(n, n)} &= \left(\frac{n^2}{2}\right)^p 2^{(1-n)p} \\ &= \left(\frac{n^2}{2^n}\right)^p. \end{aligned}$$

Since $n \geq 5$, we have $0 < n^2/2^n < 1$, so the formula for a geometric sum gives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{p=0}^{\lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor} n \binom{n-1}{2}^p 2^{Q(n, n-2p) - Q(n, n)} &\leq \sum_{p=0}^{\lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor} \left(\frac{n^2}{2^n}\right)^p \\ &= \frac{1 - (n^2/2^n)^{\lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor + 1}}{1 - n^2/2^n}. \end{aligned}$$

Using basic limits, $n^2/2^n$ and $(n^2/2^n)^{\lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor + 1}$ tend to 0, and so

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1 - (n^2/2^n)^{\lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor + 1}}{1 - n^2/2^n} \right) = 1.$$

Define $S(m) := Q(m, m)$, for each $m \in \mathbb{N}$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} S(m) &= \frac{1}{6}(m-1)((m-1)^2 + 3m - 1) \\ &= \frac{1}{6}(m-1)(m^2 - 2m + 1 + 3m - 1) \\ &= \frac{1}{6}(m-1)(m^2 + m) \\ &= \frac{1}{6}(m^3 - m), \end{aligned}$$

for each $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Using the formula for a difference of cubes, we get

$$\begin{aligned} S(n-i+1) - S(n) &= \frac{1}{6}((n-i+1)^3 - (n-i+1) - n^3 + n) \\ &= \frac{1}{6}((n-i+1-n)((n-i+1)^2 + n(n-i+1) + n^2) + i-1) \\ &= \frac{1}{6}(-(i-1)(n^2 - 2(i-1)n + (i-1)^2 + n^2 - (i-1)n + n^2) + i-1) \\ &= \frac{1}{6}(-3(i-1)n^2 + 3(i-1)^2n - (i-1)^3 + i-1). \end{aligned}$$

In particular,

$$\begin{aligned} i = 2 &\implies S(n-i+1) - S(n) = -\frac{1}{2}n^2 + \frac{1}{2}n, \\ i = 3 &\implies S(n-i+1) - S(n) = -n^2 + 2n - 1, \\ i = 4 &\implies S(n-i+1) - S(n) = -\frac{3}{2}n^2 + \frac{9}{2}n - 4. \end{aligned}$$

If $1 \leq i < n$ and $1 \leq p \leq \lfloor (n-i)/2 \rfloor$, then $\lfloor (n-i)/2 \rfloor \leq n$, $\binom{n}{i} \leq n^n$, $\binom{n-i}{2}^p \leq (n^2)^n = n^{2n}$, $(2^i - 1)^n \leq 2^{in}$, and $Q(n-i+1, n-i+1-2p) \leq S(n-i+1)$. Over the interval $[1, \infty)$, $x \mapsto (x^3 - x)/6$ is increasing, hence $S(n-i+1) - S(n)$ is maximised when i is minimised. Since $n \geq 5$, we have $n-1 \geq 4$ and $2^n > 1$. Hence, using the formula for a geometric sum, we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=2}^n \sum_{p=0}^{\lfloor (n-i)/2 \rfloor} \binom{n}{i} \binom{n-i}{2}^p (2^i - 1)^n 2^{Q(n-i+1, n-i+1-2p) - Q(n, n)} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=2}^n \sum_{p=0}^{\lfloor (n-i)/2 \rfloor} n^n n^{2n} (2^i - 1)^n 2^{S(n-i+1) - S(n)} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=2}^n n n^{3n} (2^i - 1)^n 2^{S(n-i+1) - S(n)} \\ &= \sum_{i=2}^n n^{3n} (2^i - 1)^n 2^{S(n-i+1) - S(n)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= n^{3n} 3^n 2^{-n^2/2+n/2} + n^{3n} 7^n 2^{-n^2+2n-1} + \sum_{i=4}^n n^{3n} (2^i - 1)^n 2^{S(n-i+1)-S(n)} \\
 &\leq n^{3n} 3^n 2^{-n^2/2+n/2} + n^{3n} 7^n 2^{-n^2+2n-1} + \sum_{i=4}^n n^{3n} 2^{in} 2^{-3n^2/2+9n/2-4} \\
 &\leq n^{3n} 3^n 2^{-n^2/2+n/2} + n^{3n} 7^n 2^{-n^2+2n-1} + n^{3n} 2^{-3n^2/2+9n/2-4} \sum_{i=0}^n (2^n)^i \\
 &= n^{3n} 3^n 2^{-n^2/2+n/2} + n^{3n} 7^n 2^{-n^2+2n-1} + n^{3n} 2^{-3n^2/2+9n/2-4} \frac{2^{n(n+1)} - 1}{2^n - 1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$n^{3n} 3^n 2^{-n^2/2+n/2} = 2^{3n \log_2(n) + \log_2(3)n - n^2/2 + n/2},$$

which clearly tends to 0. Similarly,

$$n^{3n} 7^n 2^{-n^2+2n-1} = 2^{3n \log_2(n) + \log_2(7)n - n^2 + 2n - 1},$$

which tends to 0. Lastly,

$$\begin{aligned}
 n^{3n} 2^{-3n^2/2+9n/2-4} \frac{2^{n(n+1)} - 1}{2^n - 1} &= 2^{3n \log_2(n) - n^2/2 + 11n/2 - 4} \frac{2^{-n^2-n} (2^{n^2+n} - 1)}{2^n - 1} \\
 &= 2^{3n \log_2(n) - n^2/2 + 11n/2 - 4} \frac{1 - 2^{-n^2-n}}{2^n - 1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, it is clear that $2^{3n \log_2(n) - n^2/2 + 9n/2 - 4}$ tends to 0 and $(1 - 2^{-n^2-n}) / (2^n - 1)$ tends to 0, hence the term above has limit 0. Combining these results with basic limits, we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{p=1}^{\lfloor (n-i)/2 \rfloor} \binom{n}{i} \binom{n-i}{2}^p (2^i - 1)^n 2^{Q(n-i+1, n-i+1-2p) - Q(n, n)} \right) \leq 1,$$

and so

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{p=1}^{\lfloor (n-i)/2 \rfloor} \binom{n}{i} \binom{n-i}{2}^p (2^i - 1)^n 2^{Q(n-i+1, n-i+1-2p) - Q(n, n)} \right) / n} \right) \geq 1.$$

By the Squeeze Principle, the fraction of members of FAS with universe $\{1, \dots, n\}$ in FSIAS tends to 1. Combining these results, Propositions 2, 8, and 13(1), we find that almost all members of FAS belong to FSIAS, which is what we wanted. \dashv

Combining this with Propositions 8 and 13(2), we obtain the following.

COROLLARY 23. *Almost all finite nonassociative relation algebras are symmetric integral relation algebras.*

Using Propositions 10 and 14, we obtain the following.

COROLLARY 24. *$2^{Q(n, n)} / (n - 1)!$ is an asymptotic formula for the number of n -atom nonassociative relation algebras. The same formula holds if we add the assumption of associativity, symmetry, or e being an atom.*

Next, we aim to establish a 0–1 law for FAS. Based on Proposition 22, it will be enough to establish a 0–1 law for FSIAS. We essentially follow the method outlined in the introduction of Bell and Burris in [2]. For the completeness proof required for this method, we will make use of a Fraïssé limit. It will be convenient to work with the class FSIAS_e rather than FSIAS, then translate the result, as FSIAS does not have the HP. First, we show that a limit exists.

LEMMA 25. FSIAS_e has a Fraïssé limit.

PROOF. By Theorem 19, it is enough to show that FSIAS_e has the HP, JEP, and AP.

By definition, FSIAS_e is the class of finite members of a universal class. Based on this, FSIAS_e is closed under forming substructures, so FSIAS_e clearly has the HP.

For the AP, let $\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{V}, \mathbf{W} \in \text{FSIAS}_e$ and let $\mu: \mathbf{S} \rightarrow \mathbf{V}$ and $\nu: \mathbf{S} \rightarrow \mathbf{W}$ be embeddings. Without loss of generality, we can assume that $V \cap W = S$ and μ and ν are inclusion maps. Thus, we can define $\mathbf{U} := \langle U: f^{\mathbf{U}}, e, T^{\mathbf{U}} \rangle$, where $U := V \cup W$, $f^{\mathbf{U}}$ is given by

$$f^{\mathbf{U}}(x) = \begin{cases} f^{\mathbf{V}}(x), & \text{if } x \in V, \\ f^{\mathbf{W}}(x), & \text{if } x \in W, \end{cases}$$

and $T^{\mathbf{U}} := T^{\mathbf{V}} \cup T^{\mathbf{W}}$. Let $a, b, c \in U$ and assume that $(a, b, c) \in T^{\mathbf{U}}$. By construction, we have $(a, b, c \in V \text{ and } (a, b, c) \in T^{\mathbf{V}})$ or $(a, b, c \in W \text{ and } (a, b, c) \in T^{\mathbf{W}})$. In the first case, $(f^{\mathbf{U}}(a), c, b), (c, f^{\mathbf{U}}(b), a) \in T^{\mathbf{U}}$, since $T^{\mathbf{V}} \subseteq T^{\mathbf{U}}$, $f^{\mathbf{U}}|_V = f^{\mathbf{V}}$, and \mathbf{V} satisfies (IP). Similarly, we have $(f^{\mathbf{U}}(a), c, b), (c, f^{\mathbf{U}}(b), a) \in T^{\mathbf{U}}$ in the second case, so \mathbf{U} satisfies (IP). Let $a \in U$. If $a \in V$, then we have $(a, e, a) \in T^{\mathbf{U}}$, since $T^{\mathbf{V}} \subseteq T^{\mathbf{U}}$ and \mathbf{V} satisfies (II). Similarly, $(a, e, a) \in T^{\mathbf{U}}$ when $a \in W$. Since $U = V \cup W$, it follows that $(a, e, a) \in T^{\mathbf{U}}$ in every case. Lastly, let $a, b \in U$ such that $(a, e, b) \in T^{\mathbf{U}}$. By construction, $(a, b \in V \text{ and } (a, e, b) \in T^{\mathbf{V}})$ or $(a, b \in W \text{ and } (a, e, b) \in T^{\mathbf{W}})$. Since \mathbf{V} and \mathbf{W} satisfy (II), we have $a = b$, so (II) holds. Since \mathbf{V} and \mathbf{W} both satisfy $f(x) \approx x$, it follows that $f^{\mathbf{V}}$ and $f^{\mathbf{W}}$ are both identity maps. By construction, $f^{\mathbf{U}}$ is an identity map, so $\mathbf{U} \models f(x) \approx x$. By definition, $U = V \cup W$, hence $|U| \leq |V| + |W|$. Thus, U is finite. Based the above results, we have $\mathbf{U} \in \text{FSIAS}_e$. Clearly, the inclusion maps $\iota_V: V \rightarrow U$ and $\iota_W: W \rightarrow U$ are embeddings and $\iota_V \circ \mu = \iota_W \circ \nu$. Combining these results, we find that FSIAS_e has the AP, which is what we wanted to show.

Clearly, FSIAS_e contains a trivial structure. This structure embeds into all $\mathbf{A} \in \text{FSIAS}_e$, so the JEP follows from the AP. Thus, FSIAS_e has the HP, JEP and AP, as required. ◻

DEFINITION 26 (\mathbf{L}_{S_1} , T_{S_1} , and S_{S_1}). Let \mathbf{L}_{S_1} be a Fraïssé limit of FSIAS_e , let T_{S_1} be the first-order theory of \mathbf{L}_{S_1} , and let S_{S_1} be the almost sure theory of FSIAS_e .

The elements of FSIAS_e are symmetric, so generated substructures contain at most one extra element, namely e . So, by Proposition 21, we have the following.

COROLLARY 27. T_{S_1} is \aleph_0 -categorical and has quantifier elimination.

Next we introduce what Bell and Burris call extention axioms in [2]. The sentences essentially assert that a substructure can be extended by a single point in all possible ways. Here \neg^0 and \neg^1 mean no symbol and \neg , respectively.

DEFINITION 28. Let A_{S_1} be the set of first-order sentences of the form

$$\forall x_1, \dots, x_m: \bigwedge_{i=1}^m x_i \not\approx e \rightarrow \exists y: y \not\approx e \wedge \left(\bigwedge_{i=1}^m y \not\approx x_i \right) \wedge \neg^c T(y, y, y) \wedge \left(\bigwedge_{i=1}^m \neg^{c_i} T(x_i, y, y) \right) \wedge \left(\bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq j \leq m} \neg^{c_{ij}} T(x_i, x_j, y) \right),$$

where $m \in \omega$ and $c, c_i, c_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}$, for all $1 \leq i \leq j \leq m$.

LEMMA 29. Let \mathbf{L} be countable model of (II), (IP), and $f(x) \approx x$. Then $\mathbf{L} \cong \mathbf{L}_{S_1}$ if and only if $\mathbf{L} \models A_{S_1}$.

PROOF. For the forward direction, assume that $\mathbf{L} \cong \mathbf{L}_{S_1}$. Then \mathbf{L} is a Fraïssé limit of FSIAS_e , hence the age of \mathbf{L} is FSIAS_e and \mathbf{L} is ultrahomogeneous. Let $n \in \omega$, let $c, c_i, c_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}$, for all $1 \leq i \leq j \leq n$, and let $u_1, \dots, u_n \in L \setminus \{e^L\}$. Let \mathbf{U} denote the substructure of \mathbf{L} generated by $U := \{u_1, \dots, u_n\}$. Fix some element $v \notin U$ and define $\mathbf{V} := \langle V; f^V, e^V, T^V \rangle$, where $V := U \cup \{e^V, v\}$, $f^V = \text{id}_V$, $e^V = e^L$, and T^V is given by

$$\begin{cases} T^U \cup [v, e^L, v] \cup [v, v, v] \\ \cup \left(\bigcup \{[u_i, v, v] \mid c_i = 0\} \right) \cup \left(\bigcup \{[u_i, u_j, v] \mid c_{ij} = 0\} \right) & \text{if } c = 0, \\ T^U \cup [v, e^L, v] \cup \left(\bigcup \{[u_i, v, v] \mid c_i = 0\} \right) \\ \cup \left(\bigcup \{[u_i, u_j, v] \mid c_{ij} = 0\} \right) & \text{if } c = 1. \end{cases}$$

Since the age of \mathbf{L} is FSIAS_e , we must have $\mathbf{U} \in \text{FSIAS}_e$, so it is easy to see that $\mathbf{V} \in \text{FSIAS}_e$. Again, since the age \mathbf{L} is FSIAS_e , there is a substructure \mathbf{W} of \mathbf{L} that is isomorphic to \mathbf{V} . Let $\mu: \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{W}$ be an isomorphism. Then $\mu \circ \iota_U$ is an isomorphism from \mathbf{U} to the substructure of \mathbf{L} generated by $\mu[U]$. As \mathbf{L} is ultrahomogeneous, $\mu \circ \iota_U$ extends to an automorphism, say ν . Then, by construction, $\nu^{-1}(\mu(v))$ is the witness to the sentence from A_{S_1} given by n, c , and each c_i , and c_{ij} , when choosing $x_i = u_i$, for each $1 \leq i \leq n$. Thus, $\mathbf{L} \models A_{S_1}$.

Conversely, assume that $\mathbf{L} \models A_{S_1}$. To show that $\mathbf{L} \cong \mathbf{L}_{S_1}$, we need to show that FSIAS_e is the age of \mathbf{L} and that \mathbf{L} is ultrahomogeneous. As \mathbf{L} is a symmetric model of (IP) and (II), the age of \mathbf{L} is a subset of FSIAS_e . Assume, for a contradiction, that this inclusion is proper. Let \mathbf{U} be an element of minimal size in FSIAS that is not in the age of \mathbf{L} . Clearly, $|U| > 1$. Now, let $u \in U \setminus \{e^U\}$ and let \mathbf{V} denote the substructure of \mathbf{U} generated by $V := U \setminus \{u\}$. By our minimality assumption, \mathbf{V} embeds into \mathbf{L} . Let $\mu: \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{L}$ be such an embedding. Let $m := |V| - 1$, let $\{v_1, \dots, v_m\}$ be an enumeration of $V \setminus \{e^V\}$, let

$$c := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } [u, u, u] \subseteq T^U, \\ 1 & \text{if } [u, u, u] \not\subseteq T^U, \end{cases}$$

let

$$c_i := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } [v_i, u, u] \subseteq T^U, \\ 1 & \text{if } [v_i, u, u] \not\subseteq T^U, \end{cases}$$

for all $1 \leq i \leq m$, and let

$$c_{ij} := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } [v_i, v_j, u] \subseteq T^U, \\ 1 & \text{if } [v_i, v_j, u] \not\subseteq T^U, \end{cases}$$

for all $1 \leq i \leq j \leq m$. As $\mathbf{L} \models A_{S_1}$, \mathbf{L} satisfies the sentence defined by c and each c_i and c_{ij} , so there is a witness, say y , for the choice of $x_i := \mu(v_i)$, for all $1 \leq i \leq m$. By construction, the substructure of \mathbf{L} generated by $\mu[V] \cup \{y\}$ is isomorphic to \mathbf{U} . Thus, \mathbf{U} embeds into \mathbf{L} , so \mathbf{U} is in the age of \mathbf{L} , contradicting our assumption.

Lastly, based on Lemma 18, it will be enough to establish that \mathbf{L} is weakly homogeneous. Let $\mathbf{U} \leq \mathbf{V}$ be finitely generated substructures of \mathbf{L} and let $\mu: \mathbf{U} \rightarrow \mathbf{L}$ be an embedding. Note that since \mathbf{L} is symmetric, e is the only new element that can be generated by a subset. If $\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{V}$, then we are done. Assume that $\mathbf{U} \neq \mathbf{V}$ and fix some $v \in V \setminus U$. Let $m := |U| - 1$, let $\{u_1, \dots, u_m\}$ be an enumeration of $U \setminus \{e^U\}$, let

$$c := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } [v, v, v] \subseteq T^V, \\ 1 & \text{if } [v, v, v] \not\subseteq T^V, \end{cases}$$

let

$$c_i := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } [u_i, v, v] \subseteq T^V, \\ 1 & \text{if } [u_i, v, v] \not\subseteq T^V, \end{cases}$$

for all $1 \leq i \leq m$, and let

$$c_{ij} := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } [u_i, u_j, v] \subseteq T^V, \\ 1 & \text{if } [u_i, u_j, v] \not\subseteq T^V, \end{cases}$$

for all $1 \leq i \leq j \leq m$. As $\mathbf{L} \models A_{S_1}$, \mathbf{L} satisfies the sentence defined by c and each c_i and c_{ij} , so there is a witness, say y , for the choice of $x_i = \mu(u_i)$, for all $1 \leq i \leq m$. By construction, the map $v: U \cup \{v\} \rightarrow L$ given by

$$v(x) = \begin{cases} \mu(x) & \text{if } x \in U, \\ y & \text{if } x = v \end{cases}$$

embeds the substructure of \mathbf{V} generated by $U \cup \{v\}$ into \mathbf{L} . By assumption, \mathbf{V} is finite, hence μ can be extended to an embedding $v: \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{L}$ by repeating this construction. Thus, \mathbf{L} is weakly homogeneous, which is what we wanted to show. \dashv

Based on Theorem 19, we have the following.

COROLLARY 30. *Together, (IP), (II), $f(x) \approx x$, and A_{S_1} form a \aleph_0 -categorical and therefore complete theory.*

LEMMA 31. $A_{S_1} \subseteq S_{S_1}$.

PROOF. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $m \in \omega$, let $c, c_i, c_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}$, for all $1 \leq i \leq j \leq m$, and let σ be the sentence from A_{S_1} defined by these parameters. Clearly, given non-identity elements $x_1, \dots, x_m, y \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ such that $y \neq x_i$, for all $1 \leq i \leq m$, at most

$$1 + m + \frac{m^2 + m}{2} = \frac{m^2 + 3m + 2}{2},$$

cycles are forced to be consistent for σ to be satisfied for these given choices. Thus, the fraction of structures failing the sentence with these choices is below $1 - 2^{-(m^2+3m+2)/2}$. There are $(n-1)^m$ ways to select x_1, \dots, x_m , $n-m-1$ ways to select y given x_1, \dots, x_m , and the choices of y are independent once x_1, \dots, x_n are selected. Based on these results, the fraction of structures not modelling σ is bounded above by

$$(n-1)^m (1 - 2^{-(m^2+3m+2)/2})^{n-m-1}.$$

Clearly, $(n-1)^m \leq n^m = 2^{m \log_2(n)}$ and $n-m-1 < n$, so this quantity is below

$$2^{m \log_2(n) + n \log_2(1 - 2^{-(m^2+3m+2)/2})}.$$

Since $1 - 2^{-(m^2+3m+2)/2} < 1$, we have $\log_2(1 - 2^{-(m^2+3m+2)/2}) < 0$, hence

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^{m \log_2(n) + n \log_2(1 - 2^{-(m^2+3m+2)/2})} = 0.$$

By the Squeeze Principle, the fraction of structures not modelling σ tends to 0. Thus, $A_{S_I} \subseteq S_{S_I}$, as claimed. \dashv

So, based on Proposition 19 and Lemma 29, we have the following.

COROLLARY 32. S_{S_I} is \aleph_0 -categorical, and therefore complete. Thus, $FSIAS_e$ has a 0–1 law.

This result can be translated to a result for $FSIAS$.

COROLLARY 33. $FSIAS$ has a 0–1 law.

PROOF. Let $\mathbf{U} \in FSIAS$, let $e^{\mathbf{U}}$ be the unique element of I , let $\mathbf{U}_e := \langle U; f^{\mathbf{U}}, e^{\mathbf{U}}, T^{\mathbf{U}} \rangle$, let σ be a $\{f, T, I\}$ -sentence, and let σ_e be the $\{f, e, T\}$ -sentence obtained from σ by replacing all occurrences of $I(x)$, for some x , with $x \approx e$. By construction, $\mathbf{U} \models \sigma$ if and only if $\mathbf{U}_e \models \sigma_e$. As there is a one-to-one correspondence between isomorphism classes in $FSIAS$ and $FSIAS_e$, this observation and Corollary 32 tell us that $FSIAS$ has a 0–1 law, as required. \dashv

Hence, by Theorem 22, we have the following.

COROLLARY 34. FAS has a 0–1 law.

§4. Further work. Perhaps the most obvious open problem in this area is problem of determining whether almost all nonassociative relation algebras are representable; this problem is mentioned by Maddux in [21] and by Hirsch and Hodkinson in [13]. A possible first step to solving this problem could be solving the corresponding problems for the classes of feebly and qualitatively representable algebras introduced by Hirsch et al. in [14].

PROBLEM 1. Determine whether almost all nonassociative relation algebras are feebly, qualitatively, or (strongly) representable.

Determining whether or not Corollary 34 extends to the classes of nonassociative relation algebras and relation algebras would also be an interesting problem.

PROBLEM 2. Determine whether NA and RA have 0–1 laws.

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