Logic Seminar

Some new logical zero-one laws

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Abstract: Suppose \mathcal{L} is a finite first-order language and for each integer n, suppose F(n) is a set of \mathcal{L} -structures with underlying set $\{1, \ldots, n\}$. We say the family $F = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} F(n)$ has a zero-one law if for every first order sentence ϕ , the proportion of elements in F(n) which satisfy ϕ goes to zero or one as $n \to \infty$. In this talk we give a brief overview of the history of this topic, then present some new examples of families with zero-one laws. This is joint work with Dhruv Mubayi.

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