

# Hereditary Zero-One Laws for Graphs

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**Abstract.** We consider the random graph  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$  on the set  $[n]$ , where the probability of  $\{x, y\}$  being an edge is  $p_{|x-y|}$ , and  $\bar{p} = (p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots)$  is a series of probabilities. We consider the set of all  $\bar{q}$  derived from  $\bar{p}$  by inserting 0 probabilities into  $\bar{p}$ , or alternatively by decreasing some of the  $p_i$ . We say that  $\bar{p}$  hereditarily satisfies the 0-1 law if the 0-1 law (for first order logic) holds in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$  for every  $\bar{q}$  derived from  $\bar{p}$  in the relevant way described above. We give a necessary and sufficient condition on  $\bar{p}$  for it to hereditarily satisfy the 0-1 law.

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## 1 Introduction

In this paper we will investigate the random graph on the set  $[n] = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  where the probability of a pair  $i \neq j \in [n]$  being connected by an edge depends only on their distance  $|i - j|$ . Let us define:

**Definition 1.** For a sequence  $\bar{p} = (p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots)$  where each  $p_i$  is a probability, i.e. a real in  $[0, 1]$ , let  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$  be the random graph defined by:

- The set of vertices is  $[n] = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .
- For  $i, j \leq n$ ,  $i \neq j$ , the probability of  $\{i, j\}$  being an edge is  $p_{|i-j|}$ .
- All the edges are drawn independently.

**Convention 1.** Formally speaking Definition 1 defines a probability on the space of subsets of  $G^n := \{G : G \text{ is a graph with vertex set } [n]\}$ . If  $H$  is a subset of  $G^n$  we denote its probability by  $\Pr[M_{\bar{p}}^n \in H]$ . If  $\phi$  is a sentence in some logic we write  $\Pr[M_{\bar{p}}^n \models \phi]$  for the probability of  $\{G \in G^n : G \models \phi\}$ . Similarly if  $A_n$  is some property of graphs on the set of vertices  $[n]$ , then we write  $\Pr[A_n]$  or  $\Pr[A_n \text{ holds in } M_{\bar{p}}^n]$  for the probability of the set  $\{G \in G^n : G \text{ has the property } A_n\}$ .

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If  $\mathcal{L}$  is some logic, we say that  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$  satisfies the 0-1 law for the logic  $\mathcal{L}$  if for each sentence  $\psi \in \mathcal{L}$  the probability that  $\psi$  holds in  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$  tends to 0 or 1, as  $n$  approaches  $\infty$ . The relations between properties of  $\bar{p}$  and the asymptotic behavior of  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$  were investigated in [2]. It was proved there that for  $L$ , the first order logic in the vocabulary with only the adjacency relation, we have:

- Theorem 2.** 1. Assume  $\bar{p} = (p_1, p_2, \dots)$  is such that  $0 \leq p_i < 1$  for all  $i > 0$  and let  $f_{\bar{p}}(n) := \log(\prod_{i=1}^n (1 - p_i)) / \log(n)$ . If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_{\bar{p}}(n) = 0$  then  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$  satisfies the 0-1 law for  $L$ .
2. The demand above on  $f_{\bar{p}}$  is the best possible. Formally for each  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists some  $\bar{p}$  with  $0 \leq p_i < 1$  for all  $i > 0$  such that  $|f_{\bar{p}}(n)| < \epsilon$  but the 0-1 law fails for  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$ .

Part (1) above gives a sufficient condition on  $\bar{p}$  for the 0-1 law to hold in  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$ , but the condition is not necessary and a full characterization of  $\bar{p}$  seems to be harder. However we give below a complete characterization of  $\bar{p}$  in terms of the 0-1 law in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$  for all  $\bar{q}$  “dominated by  $\bar{p}$ ”, in the appropriate sense. Alternatively one may ask which of the asymptotic properties of  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$  are kept under some operations on  $\bar{p}$ . The notion of “domination” or the “operations” are taken from examples of the failure of the 0-1 law, and specifically the construction for part (2) above. Those are given in [2] by either adding zeros to a given sequence or decreasing some of the members of a given sequence. Formally define:

**Definition 3.** For a sequence  $\bar{p} = (p_1, p_2, \dots)$ :

1.  $Gen_1(\bar{p})$  is the set of all sequences  $\bar{q} = (q_1, q_2, \dots)$  obtained from  $\bar{p}$  by adding zeros to  $\bar{p}$ . Formally  $\bar{q} \in Gen_1(\bar{p})$  iff for some increasing  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  we have for all  $l > 0$

$$q_l = \begin{cases} p_i & f(i) = l \\ 0 & l \notin Im(f). \end{cases}$$

2.  $Gen_2(\bar{p}) := \{\bar{q} = (q_1, q_2, \dots) : l > 0 \Rightarrow q_l \in [0, p_l]\}$ .
3.  $Gen_3(\bar{p}) := \{\bar{q} = (q_1, q_2, \dots) : l > 0 \Rightarrow q_l \in \{0, p_l\}\}$ .

**Definition 4.** Let  $\bar{p} = (p_1, p_2, \dots)$  be a sequence of probabilities and  $\mathcal{L}$  be some logic. For a sentence  $\psi \in \mathcal{L}$  denote by  $Pr[M_{\bar{p}}^n \models \psi]$  the probability that  $\psi$  holds in  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$ .

1. We say that  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$  satisfies the 0-1 law for  $\mathcal{L}$ , if for all  $\psi \in \mathcal{L}$  the limit  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Pr[M_{\bar{p}}^n \models \psi]$  exists and belongs to  $\{0, 1\}$ .
2. We say that  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$  satisfies the convergence law for  $\mathcal{L}$ , if for all  $\psi \in \mathcal{L}$  the limit  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Pr[M_{\bar{p}}^n \models \psi]$  exists.
3. We say that  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$  satisfies the weak convergence law for  $\mathcal{L}$ , if for all  $\psi \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} Pr[M_{\bar{p}}^n \models \psi] - \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} Pr[M_{\bar{p}}^n \models \psi] < 1$ .
4. For  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  we say that  $\bar{p}$   $i$ -hereditarily satisfies the 0-1 law for  $\mathcal{L}$ , if for all  $\bar{q} \in Gen_i(\bar{p})$ ,  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$  satisfies the 0-1 law for  $\mathcal{L}$ .
5. Similarly to (4) for the convergence and weak convergence law.

The main theorem of this paper is the following strengthening of Theorem 2:

**Theorem 5.** *Let  $\bar{p} = (p_1, p_2, \dots)$  be such that  $0 \leq p_i < 1$  for all  $i > 0$ , and  $j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ . Then  $\bar{p}$   $j$ -hereditarily satisfies the 0-1 law for  $L$  iff*

$$(*) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log\left(\prod_{i=1}^n (1 - p_i)\right) / \log n = 0.$$

Moreover we may replace above the “0-1 law” by the “convergence law” or “weak convergence law”.

Note that the 0-1 law implies the convergence law which in turn implies the weak convergence law. Hence it is enough to prove the “if” direction for the 0-1 law and the “only if” direction for the weak convergence law. Also note that the “if” direction is an immediate consequence of Theorem 2 (in the case  $j = 1$  it is stated in [2] as a corollary at the end of section 3). The case  $j = 1$  is proved in section 2, and the case  $j \in \{2, 3\}$  is proved in section 3. In section 4 we deal with the case  $U^*(\bar{p}) := \{i : p_i = 1\}$  is not empty. We give an almost full analysis of the hereditary 0-1 law in this case as well. The only case which is not fully characterized is the case  $j = 1$  and  $|U^*(\bar{p})| = 1$ . We give some results regarding this case in section 5. The case  $j = 1$  and  $|U^*(\bar{p})| = 1$  and the case that the successor relation belongs to the dictionary, will be dealt with in [3]. Table 1 summarizes the results in this article regarding the  $j$ -hereditary laws.

**Table 1.** Summation of Results

	$ U^*  = \infty$	$2 \leq  U^*  < \infty$	$ U^*  = 1$	$ U^*  = 0$
$j = 1$	The weak convergence law fails	The 0-1 law holds $\Downarrow$ $\{l : 0 < p_l < 1\} = \emptyset$	See section 5	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(\prod_{i=1}^n (1 - p_i))}{\log n} = 0$
$j = 2$		The 0-1 law holds $\Downarrow$ $ \{l : p_l > 0\}  \leq 1$		The 0-1 law holds $\Downarrow$ The convergence law holds
$j = 3$		The 0-1 law holds $\Downarrow$ $\{l : 0 < p_l < 1\} = \emptyset$		The weak convergence law holds

- Notation 1.**
1.  $\mathbb{N}$  is the set of natural numbers (including 0),  $\mathbb{N}^*$  denotes the set  $\mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ .
  2.  $n, m, r, i, j$  and  $k$  will denote natural numbers.  $l$  will denote a member of  $\mathbb{N}^*$  (usually an index).
  3.  $p, q$  and similarly  $p_i, q_i$  will denote probabilities, i.e. reals in  $[0, 1]$ .
  4.  $\epsilon, \zeta$  and  $\delta$  will denote positive reals.
  5.  $L = \{\sim\}$  is the vocabulary of graphs, i.e.  $\sim$  is a binary relation symbol. All  $L$ -structures are assumed to be graphs, i.e.  $\sim$  is interpreted by a symmetric irreflexive binary relation.
  6. If  $x \sim y$  holds in some graph  $G$ , we say that  $\{x, y\}$  is an edge of  $G$  or that  $x$  and  $y$  are “connected” or “neighbors” in  $G$ .

## 2 Adding Zeros

In this section we prove Theorem 5 for  $j = 1$ . As the “if” direction is immediate from Theorem 2 it remains to prove that if (\*) of 5 fails then the 0-1 law for  $L$  fails for some  $\bar{q} \in \text{Gen}_1(\bar{p})$ . In fact we will show that it fails “badly” i.e. for some  $\psi \in L$ ,  $\text{Pr}[M_{\bar{q}}^n \models \psi]$  has both 0 and 1 as limit points. Formally:

- Definition 6.** 1. Let  $\psi$  be a sentence in some logic  $\mathfrak{L}$ , and  $\bar{q} = (q_1, q_2, \dots)$  be a series of probabilities. We say that  $\psi$  holds infinitely often in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$  if  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{Prob}[M_{\bar{q}}^n \models \psi] = 1$ .
2. We say that the 0-1 law for  $\mathfrak{L}$  strongly fails in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$ , if for some  $\psi \in \mathfrak{L}$  both  $\psi$  and  $\neg\psi$  hold infinitely often in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$ .

Obviously the 0-1 law strongly fails in some  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$  iff  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$  does not satisfy the weak convergence law. Hence in order to prove Theorem 5 for  $j = 1$  it is enough if we prove:

**Lemma 7.** Let  $\bar{p} = (p_1, p_2, \dots)$  be such that  $0 \leq p_i < 1$  for all  $i > 0$ , and assume that (\*) of 5 fails. Then for some  $\bar{q} \in \text{Gen}_1(\bar{p})$  the 0-1 law for  $L$  strongly fails in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$ .

In the remainder of this section we prove Lemma 7. We do so by inductively constructing  $\bar{q}$ , as the limit of a series of finite sequences. Let us start with some basic definitions:

- Definition 8.** 1. Let  $\mathfrak{P}$  be the set of all, finite or infinite, sequences of probabilities. Formally each  $\bar{p} \in \mathfrak{P}$  has the form  $\langle p_l : 0 < l < n_{\bar{p}} \rangle$  where each  $p_l \in [0, 1]$  and  $n_{\bar{p}}$  is either  $\omega$  (the first infinite ordinal) or a member of  $\mathbb{N} \setminus \{0, 1\}$ . Let  $\mathfrak{P}^{inf} = \{\bar{p} \in \mathfrak{P} : n_{\bar{p}} = \omega\}$ , and  $\mathfrak{P}^{fin} := \mathfrak{P} \setminus \mathfrak{P}^{inf}$ .
2. For  $\bar{q} \in \mathfrak{P}^{fin}$  and increasing  $f : [n_{\bar{q}}] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ , define  $\bar{q}^f \in \mathfrak{P}^{fin}$  by  $n_{\bar{q}^f} = f(n_{\bar{q}})$ ,  $(\bar{q}^f)_l = q_i$  if  $f(i) = l$  and  $(\bar{q}^f)_l = 0$  if  $l \notin \text{Im}(f)$ .
3. For  $\bar{p} \in \mathfrak{P}^{inf}$  and  $r > 0$ , let  $\text{Gen}_1^r(\bar{p}) := \{\bar{q} \in \mathfrak{P}^{fin} : \text{for some increasing } f : [r + 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, (\bar{p}|_{[r]})^f = \bar{q}\}$ .
4. For  $\bar{p}, \bar{p}' \in \mathfrak{P}$  denote  $\bar{p} \triangleleft \bar{p}'$  if  $n_{\bar{p}} < n_{\bar{p}'}$  and for each  $l < n_{\bar{p}}$ ,  $p_l = p'_l$ .
5. If  $\bar{p} \in \mathfrak{P}^{fin}$  and  $n > n_{\bar{p}}$ , we can still consider  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$  by putting  $p_l = 0$  for all  $l \geq n_{\bar{p}}$ .

- Observation 1.** 1. Let  $\langle \bar{p}_i : i \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  be such that each  $\bar{p}_i \in \mathfrak{P}^{fin}$ , and assume that  $i < j \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow \bar{p}_i \triangleleft \bar{p}_j$ . Then  $\bar{p} = \cup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \bar{p}_i$  (i.e.  $p_l = (p_i)_l$  for some  $\bar{p}_i$  with  $n_{\bar{p}_i} > l$ ) is well defined and  $\bar{p} \in \mathfrak{P}^{inf}$ .
2. Assume further that  $\langle r_i : i \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  is non-decreasing and unbounded, and that  $\bar{p}_i \in \text{Gen}_1^{r_i}(\bar{p}')$  for some fixed  $\bar{p}' \in \mathfrak{P}^{inf}$ , then  $\cup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \bar{p}_i \in \text{Gen}_1(\bar{p}')$ .

We would like our graphs  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$  to have a certain structure, namely that the number of triangles in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$  is  $o(n)$  rather than say  $o(n^3)$ . We can impose this structure by making demands on  $\bar{q}$ . This is made precise by the following:

**Definition 9.** A sequence  $\bar{q} \in \mathfrak{P}$  is called proper (for  $l^*$ ), if:

1.  $l^*$  and  $2l^*$  are the first and second members of  $\{0 < l < n_{\bar{q}} : q_l > 0\}$ .
2. Let  $l^{**} = 4l^* + 2$ . If  $l < n_{\bar{q}}$ ,  $l \notin \{l^*, 2l^*\}$  and  $q_l > 0$ , then  $l \equiv 1 \pmod{l^{**}}$ .

For  $\bar{q}, \bar{q}' \in \mathfrak{P}$  we write  $\bar{q} \triangleleft^{prop} \bar{q}'$  if  $\bar{q} \triangleleft \bar{q}'$ , and both  $\bar{q}$  and  $\bar{q}'$  are proper.

**Observation 2.** 1. If  $\langle \bar{p}_i : i \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  is such that each  $\bar{p}_i \in \mathfrak{P}$ , and  $i < j \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow \bar{p}_i \triangleleft^{prop} \bar{p}_j$ , then  $\bar{p} = \cup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \bar{p}_i$  is proper.  
 2. Assume that  $\bar{q} \in \mathfrak{P}$  is proper for  $l^*$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then the following event holds in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$  with probability 1:  
 (\*) $_{\bar{q}, l^*}$  If  $m_1, m_2, m_3 \in [n]$  and  $\{m_1, m_2, m_3\}$  is a triangle in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$ , then  $\{m_1, m_2, m_3\} = \{l, l + l^*, l + 2l^*\}$  for some  $l > 0$ .

We can now define the sentence  $\psi$  for which we have failure of the 0-1 law.

**Definition 10.** Let  $k$  be an even natural number. Let  $\psi_k$  be the  $L$  sentence “saying”: There exists  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k$  such that:

- $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k)$  is without repetitions.
- For each even  $0 \leq i < k$ ,  $\{x_i, x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}\}$  is a triangle.
- The valency of  $x_0$  and  $x_k$  is 2.
- For each even  $0 < i < k$  the valency of  $x_i$  is 4.
- For each odd  $0 < i < k$  the valency of  $x_i$  is 2.

If the above holds (in a graph  $G$ ) we say that  $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k)$  is a chain of triangles (in  $G$ ).

**Definition 11.** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  be even and  $l^* \in [n]$ . For  $1 \leq m < n - k \cdot l^*$  a sequence  $(m_0, m_1, \dots, m_k)$  is called a candidate of type  $(n, l^*, k, m)$  if it is without repetitions,  $m_0 = m$  and for each even  $0 \leq i < k$ ,  $\{m_i, m_{i+1}, m_{i+2}\} = \{l, l + l^*, l + 2l^*\}$  for some  $l > 0$ . Note that for given  $(n, l^*, k, m)$ , there are at most 4 candidates of type  $(n, l^*, k, m)$  (and at most 2 if  $k > 2$ ).

*claim 1.* Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  be even, and  $\bar{q} \in \mathfrak{P}$  be proper for  $l^*$ . For  $1 \leq m < n - k \cdot l^*$  let  $E_{\bar{q}, m}^n$  be the following event (on the probability space  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$ ): “No candidate of of type  $(n, l^*, k, m)$  is a chain of triangles.” Then  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$  satisfies with probability 1:  $M_{\bar{q}}^n \models \neg\psi_k$  iff  $M_{\bar{q}}^n \models \bigwedge_{1 \leq m < n - k \cdot l^*} E_{\bar{q}, m}^n$

*Proof.* The “only if” direction is immediate. For the “if” direction note that by Observation 2(2), with probability 1, only a candidate can be a chain of triangles, and the claim follows immediately. □

The following claim shows that by adding enough zeros at the end of  $\bar{q}$  we can make sure that  $\psi_k$  holds in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$  with probability close to 1. Note that we do not make a “strong” use of the properness of  $\bar{q}$ , i.e we do not use item (2) of Definition 9.

*claim 2.* Let  $\bar{q} \in \mathfrak{P}^{fin}$  be proper for  $l^*$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  be even, and  $\zeta > 0$  be some rational. Then there exists  $\bar{q}' \in \mathfrak{P}^{fin}$  such that  $\bar{q} \triangleleft^{prop} \bar{q}'$  and  $Pr[M_{\bar{q}'}^n \models \psi_k] \geq 1 - \zeta$ .

*Proof.* For  $n > n_{\bar{q}}$  denote by  $\bar{q}^n$  the member of  $\mathfrak{P}$  with  $n_{\bar{q}^n} = n$  and  $(q^n)_l$  is  $q_l$  if  $l < n_{\bar{q}}$  and 0 otherwise. Note that  $\bar{q} \triangleleft^{prop} \bar{q}^n$ , hence if we show that for  $n$

large enough we have  $Pr[M_{\bar{q}}^n \models \psi_k] \geq 1 - \zeta$  then we will be done by putting  $\bar{q}' = \bar{q}^n$ . Note that (recalling Definition 8(5))  $M_{\bar{q}}^n = M_{\bar{q}^n}^n$  so below we need not distinguish between them. Now set  $n^* = \max\{n_{\bar{q}}, k \cdot l^*\}$ . For any  $n > n^*$  and  $1 \leq m \leq n - n^*$  consider the sequence  $s(m) = (m, m + l^*, m + 2l^*, \dots, m + k \cdot l^*)$  (note that  $s(m)$  is a candidate of type  $(n, l^*, k, m)$ ). Denote by  $E_m$  the event that  $s(m)$  is a chain of triangles (in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$ ). We then have:

$$Pr[M_{\bar{q}}^n \models E_m] \geq (q_{l^*})^k \cdot (q_{2l^*})^{k/2} \cdot \left( \prod_{l=1}^{n_{\bar{q}}-1} (1 - q_l) \right)^{2(k+1)}.$$

Denote the expression on the right by  $p_{\bar{q}}^*$  and note that it is positive and depends only on  $k$  and  $\bar{q}$  (but not on  $n$ ). Now assume that  $n > 6 \cdot n^*$  and that  $1 \leq m < m' \leq n - n^*$  are such that  $m' - m > 2 \cdot n^*$ . Then the distance between the sequences  $s(m)$  and  $s(m')$  is larger than  $n_{\bar{q}}$  and hence the events  $E_m$  and  $E_{m'}$  are independent. We conclude that  $Pr[M_{\bar{q}}^n \not\models \psi_k] \leq (1 - p_{\bar{q}}^*)^{n/(2 \cdot n^* + 1)} \rightarrow_{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$  and hence by choosing  $n$  large enough we are done.  $\square$

The following claim shows that under our assumptions we can always find a long initial segment  $\bar{q}$  of some member of  $Gen_1(\bar{p})$  such that  $\psi_k$  holds in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$  with probability close to 0. This is where we make use of our assumptions on  $\bar{p}$  and the properness of  $\bar{q}$ .

*claim 3.* Let  $\bar{p} \in \mathfrak{P}^{inf}$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$  and assume that for an unbounded set of  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have  $\prod_{l=1}^n (1 - p_l) \leq n^{-\epsilon}$ . Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  be even such that  $k \cdot \epsilon > 2$ . Let  $\bar{q} \in Gen_1^r(\bar{p})$  be proper for  $l^*$ , and  $\zeta > 0$  be some rational. Then there exists  $r' > r$  and  $\bar{q}' \in Gen_1^{r'}(\bar{p})$  such that  $\bar{q} \triangleleft^{prop} \bar{q}'$  and  $Pr[M_{\bar{q}'}^n \models \neg \psi_k] \geq 1 - \zeta$ .

*Proof.* First recalling Definition 9 let  $l^{**} = 3l^* + 2$ , and for  $l \geq n_{\bar{q}}$  define  $r(l) := \lceil (l - n_{\bar{q}} + 1) / l^{**} \rceil$ . Now for each  $n > n_{\bar{q}} + l^{**}$  denote by  $\bar{q}_n$  the member of  $\mathfrak{P}$  defined by:

$$(q_n)_l = \begin{cases} q_l & 0 < l < n_{\bar{q}} \\ 0 & n_{\bar{q}} \leq l < n \text{ and } l \not\equiv 1 \pmod{l^{**}} \\ p_{r+r(l)} & n_{\bar{q}} \leq l < n \text{ and } l \equiv 1 \pmod{l^{**}}. \end{cases}$$

Note that  $n_{\bar{q}_n} = n$ ,  $\bar{q}_n \in Gen_1^{r'}(\bar{p})$  where  $r' = r + r(n - 1) > r$  and  $\bar{q} \triangleleft^{prop} \bar{q}_n$ . Hence if we show that for some  $n$  large enough we have  $Pr[M_{\bar{q}_n}^n \models \neg \psi_k] \geq 1 - \zeta$  then we will be done by putting  $\bar{q}' = \bar{q}_n$ . As before let  $n^* := \max\{kl^*, n_{\bar{q}} + l^*\}$ . Now fix some  $n > n^*$  and for  $1 \leq m < n - k \cdot l^*$  let  $s(m)$  be some candidate of type  $(n, l^*, k, m)$ . Denote by  $E = E(s(m))$  the event that  $s(m)$  is a chain of triangles in  $M_{\bar{q}_n}^n$ . We then have:

$$Pr[M_{\bar{q}_n}^n \models E] \leq (q_{l^*})^k \cdot (q_{2l^*})^{k/2} \cdot \left( \prod_{i=1}^{\lfloor (n-n^*)/2 \rfloor} (1 - (q_i)_i) \right)^k.$$

Now denote:

$$p_{\bar{q}}^* := (q_{l^*})^k \cdot (q_{2l^*})^{k/2} \cdot \left( \prod_{l=1}^{n^*} (1 - (q_i)_l) \right)^{-k}$$

and note that it is positive and does not depend on  $n$ . Together we get:

$$Pr[M_{\bar{q}_n}^n \models E] \leq p_{\bar{q}}^* \cdot \left( \prod_{l=1}^{\lfloor (n-n^*)/2 \rfloor} (1 - (q_i)_l) \right)^k \leq p_{\bar{q}}^* \cdot \left( \prod_{l=1}^{\lfloor (n-n^*)/(2l^{**}) \rfloor} (1 - p_l) \right)^k.$$

For each  $m$  in the range  $1 \leq m < n - k \cdot l^*$  the number of candidates of type  $(n, l^*, k, m)$  is at most 4, hence the total number of candidates is no more than  $4n$ . We get that the expected number (in the probability space  $M_{\bar{q}_n}^n$ ) of candidates which are a chain of triangles is at most  $p_{\bar{q}}^* \cdot \left( \prod_{l=1}^{\lfloor (n-n^*)/(2l^{**}) \rfloor} (1 - p_l) \right)^k \cdot 4n$ . Let  $E^*$  be the following event: “No candidate is a chain of triangles”. Then using Claim 1 and Markov’s inequality we get:

$$Pr[M_{\bar{q}}^n \models \psi_k] = Pr[M_{\bar{q}}^n \not\models E^*] \leq p_{\bar{q}}^* \cdot \left( \prod_{l=1}^{\lfloor (n-n^*)/(2l^{**}) \rfloor} (1 - p_l) \right)^k \cdot 4n.$$

Finally by our assumptions, for an unbounded set of  $n$  we have  $\prod_{l=1}^{\lfloor (n-n^*)/(2l^{**}) \rfloor} (1 - p_l) \leq (\lfloor (n-n^*)/(2l^{**}) \rfloor)^{-\epsilon}$ , and note that for  $n$  large enough we have  $(\lfloor (n-n^*)/(2l^{**}) \rfloor)^{-\epsilon} \leq n^{-\epsilon/2}$ . Hence for infinitely many  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have  $Pr[M_{\bar{q}}^n \models \psi_k] \leq p_{\bar{q}}^* \cdot 4 \cdot n^{1-\epsilon \cdot k/2}$ , and as  $\epsilon \cdot k > 2$  this tends to 0 as  $n$  tends to  $\infty$ , so we are done.  $\square$

We are now ready to prove Lemma 7. First as (\*) of 5 does not hold we have some  $\epsilon > 0$  such that for an unbounded set of  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $\prod_{l=1}^n (1 - p_l) \leq n^{-\epsilon}$ . Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  be even such that  $k \cdot \epsilon > 2$ . Now for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  we will construct a pair  $(\bar{q}_i, r_i)$  such that the following holds:

1. For  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\bar{q}_i \in Gen_{\bar{q}_i}^{r_i}(\bar{p})$  and put  $n_i := n_{\bar{q}_i}$ .
2. For  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\bar{q}_i \triangleleft^{prop} \bar{q}_{i+1}$ .
3. For each odd  $i > 0$ ,  $Pr[M_{\bar{q}_i}^{n_i} \models \psi_k] \geq 1 - \frac{1}{i}$  and  $r_i = r_{i-1}$ .
4. For each even  $i > 0$ ,  $Pr[M_{\bar{q}_i}^{n_i} \models \neg\psi_k] \geq 1 - \frac{1}{i}$  and  $r_i > r_{i-1}$ .

Clearly if we construct such  $\langle (\bar{q}_i, r_i) : i \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  then by taking  $\bar{q} = \cup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \bar{q}_i$  (recall Observation 1), we have  $\bar{q} \in Gen_1(\bar{p})$  and both  $\psi_k$  and  $\neg\psi_k$  holds with probability approaching 1 in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$ , thus finishing the proof. We turn to the construction of  $\langle (\bar{q}_i, r_i) : i \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$ , and naturally we use induction on  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Case 1:**  $i = 0$ . Let  $l_1 < l_2$  be the first and second indexes such that  $p_{l_i} > 0$ . Put  $r_0 := l_2$ . If  $l_2 \leq 2l_1$  define  $\bar{q}_0$  by:

$$(q_0)_l = \begin{cases} p_l & l \leq l_1 \\ 0 & l_1 \leq l < 2l_1 \\ p_{l_2} & l = 2l_1. \end{cases}$$

Otherwise if  $l_2 > 2l_1$  define  $\bar{q}_0$  by:

$$(q_0)_l = \begin{cases} 0 & l < \lceil l_2/2 \rceil \\ p_{l_1} & l = \lceil l_2/2 \rceil \\ 0 & \lceil l_2/2 \rceil < l < 2\lceil l_2/2 \rceil \\ p_{l_2} & l = 2\lceil l_2/2 \rceil. \end{cases}$$

clearly  $\bar{q}_0 \in \text{Gen}_1^{r_0}(\bar{p})$  as desired, and note that  $\bar{q}_0$  is proper (for either  $l_1$  or  $\lceil l_2/2 \rceil$ ).

**Case 2:**  $i > 0$  is odd. First set  $r_i = r_{i-1}$ . Next we use Claim 2 where we set:  $\bar{q}_{i-1}$  for  $\bar{q}$ ,  $\frac{1}{i}$  for  $\zeta$  and  $\bar{q}_i$  is the one promised by the claim. Note that indeed  $\bar{q}_{i-1} \triangleleft^{pprop} \bar{q}_i$ ,  $\bar{q}_i \in \text{gen}^{r_i}(\bar{p})$  and  $Pr[M_{\bar{q}_i}^{n_i} \models \psi_k] \geq 1 - \frac{1}{i}$ .

**Case 3:**  $i > 0$  is even. We use Claim 3 where we set:  $\bar{q}_{i-1}$  for  $\bar{q}$ ,  $\frac{1}{i}$  for  $\zeta$  and  $(r_i, \bar{q}_i)$  are  $(r', \bar{q}')$  promised by the claim. Note that indeed  $\bar{q}_{i-1} \triangleleft^{pprop} \bar{q}_i$ ,  $\bar{q}_i \in \text{Gen}_1^{r_i}(\bar{p})$  and  $Pr[M_{\bar{q}_i}^{n_i} \models \psi_k] \geq 1 - \frac{1}{i}$ . This completes the proof of Lemma 7.

### 3 Decreasing Coordinates

In this section we prove Theorem 5 for  $j \in \{2, 3\}$ . As before, the “if” direction is an immediate consequence of Theorem 2. Moreover as  $\text{Gen}_3(\bar{p}) \subseteq \text{Gen}_2(\bar{p})$  it remains to prove that if (\*) of 5 fails then the 0-1 law strongly fails for some  $\bar{q} \in \text{Gen}_3(\bar{p})$ . We divide the proof into two cases according to the behavior of  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i$ , which is an approximation of the expected number of neighbors of a given node in  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$ . Define:

$$(**) \quad \iff \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log\left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i\right) / \log n = 0.$$

Assume that (\*\*) above fails. Then for some  $\epsilon > 0$ , the set  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \geq n^\epsilon\}$  is unbounded, hence we finish by Lemma 12. On the other hand if (\*\*) holds then  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i$  increases slower than any positive power of  $n$ ; formally for all  $\delta > 0$  for some  $n_\delta \in \mathbb{N}$  we have that  $n > n_\delta$  implies  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i \leq n^\delta$ . As we assume that (\*) of Theorem 5 fails we have that for some  $\epsilon > 0$  the set  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - p_i) \leq n^{-\epsilon}\}$  is unbounded. Together (with  $-\epsilon/6$  as  $\delta$ ) we have that the assumptions of Lemma 13 hold, hence we finish the proof.

**Lemma 12.** *Let  $\bar{p} \in \mathfrak{P}^{inf}$  be such that  $p_l < 1$  for  $l > 0$ . Assume that for some  $\epsilon > 0$  we have for an unbounded set of  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ :  $\sum_{l \leq n} p_l \geq n^\epsilon$ . Then for some  $\bar{q} \in \text{Gen}_3(\bar{p})$  and  $\psi = \psi_{isolated} := \exists x \forall y \neg x \sim y$ , both  $\psi$  and  $\neg\psi$  holds infinitely often in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$ .*

*Proof.* We construct a series,  $(\bar{q}_1, \bar{q}_2, \dots)$  such that for  $i > 0$ :  $\bar{q}_i \in \mathfrak{P}^{fin}$ ,  $\bar{q}_i \triangleleft \bar{q}_{i+1}$  and  $\cup_{i>0} \bar{q}_i \in \text{Gen}_3(\bar{p})$ . For  $i \geq 1$  denote  $n_i := n_{\bar{q}_i}$ . We will show that:

- \**even* For even  $i > 1$ :  $Pr[M_{\bar{q}_i}^{n_i} \models \psi] \geq 1 - \frac{1}{i}$ .
- \**odd* For odd  $i > 1$ :  $Pr[M_{\bar{q}_i}^{n_i} \models \neg\psi] \geq 1 - \frac{1}{i}$ .

Taking  $\bar{q} = \cup_{i>0} \bar{q}_i$  will then complete the proof. We construct  $\bar{q}_i$  by induction on  $i > 0$ :

**Case 1:**  $i = 1$ : Let  $n_1 = 2$  and  $(q_1)_1 = p_1$ .

**Case 2:** even  $i > 1$ : As  $(\bar{q}_{i-1}, n_{i-1})$  is given, let us define  $\bar{q}_i$  where  $n_i > n_{i-1}$  is to be determined later:  $(q_i)_l = (q_{i-1})_l$  for  $l < n_{i-1}$  and  $(q_i)_l = 0$  for  $n_{i-1} \leq l$ .



$l < n_i$ . For  $x \in [n_i]$  let  $E_x$  be the event: “ $x$  is an isolated point”. Denote  $p' := (\prod_{0 < l < n_{i-1}} (1 - (q_{i-1})_l))^2$  and note that  $p' > 0$  and does not depend on  $n_i$ . Now for  $x \in [n_i]$ ,  $Pr[M_{\bar{q}_i}^{n_i} \models E_x] \geq p'$ , furthermore if  $x, x' \in [n_i]$  and  $|x - x'| > n_{i-1}$  then  $E_x$  and  $E_{x'}$  are independent in  $M_{\bar{q}_i}^{n_i}$ . We conclude that  $Pr[M_{\bar{q}_i}^{n_i} \models \neg\psi] \leq (1 - p')^{\lfloor n_i / (n_{i-1} + 1) \rfloor}$  which approaches 0 as  $n_i \rightarrow \infty$ . So by choosing  $n_i$  large enough we have  $*_{even}$ .

**Case 3:** odd  $i > 1$ : As in case 2 let us define  $\bar{q}_i$  where  $n_i > n_{i-1}$  is to be determined later:  $(q_i)_l = (q_{i-1})_l$  for  $l < n_{i-1}$  and  $(q_i)_l = p_l$  for  $n_{i-1} \leq l < n_i$ . Let  $n' = \max\{n < n_i/2 : n = 2^m \text{ for some } m \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , so  $n_i/4 \leq n' < n_i/2$ . Denote  $a = \sum_{0 < l \leq n'} (q_i)_l$  and  $a' = \sum_{0 < l \leq \lfloor n_i/4 \rfloor} (q_i)_l$ . Again let  $E_x$  be the event: “ $x$  is isolated”. Now as  $n' < n_i/2$ ,  $Pr[M_{\bar{q}_i}^{n_i} \models E_x] \leq \prod_{0 < l \leq n'} (1 - (q_i)_l)$ . By a repeated use of:  $(1 - x)(1 - y) \leq (1 - \frac{x+y}{2})^2$  we get  $Pr[M_{\bar{q}_i}^{n_i} \models E_x] \leq (1 - \frac{a}{n'})^{n'}$  which for  $n'$  large enough is smaller than  $2 \cdot e^{-a}$ , and as  $a' \leq a$ , we get  $Pr[M_{\bar{q}_i}^{n_i} \models E_x] \leq 2 \cdot e^{-a'}$ . By the definition of  $a'$  and  $\bar{q}_i$  we have  $a' = \sum_{l=1}^{\lfloor n_i/4 \rfloor} p_l - \sum_{l < n_{i-1}} (p_l - (q_{i-1})_l)$ . By our assumption for an unbounded set of  $n_i \in \mathbb{N}$  we have  $a' \geq (\lfloor n_i/4 \rfloor)^\epsilon - \sum_{l < n_{i-1}} (p_l - (q_{i-1})_l)$ . But as the sum on the right is independent of  $n_i$  we have (again for  $n_i$  large enough):  $a' \geq (n_i/5)^\epsilon$ . Consider the expected number of isolated points in the probability space  $M_{\bar{q}_i}^{n_i}$ , denote this number by  $X(n_i)$ . By all the above we have:

$$X(n_i) \leq n_i \cdot 2 \cdot e^{-a} \leq n_i \cdot 2 \cdot e^{-a'} \leq 2n_i \cdot e^{-(n_i/5)^\epsilon}.$$

The last expression approaches 0 as  $n_i \rightarrow \infty$ . So by choosing  $n_i$  large enough (while keeping  $a' \geq (n_i/5)^\epsilon$  we have  $*_{odd}$ .

Finally notice that indeed  $\cup_{i>0} \bar{q}_i \in Gen_3(\bar{p})$ , as the only change we made in the inductive process is decreasing  $p_l$  to 0 when  $n_{i-1} < l \leq n_i$  and  $i$  is even.  $\square$

**Lemma 13.** Let  $\bar{p} \in \mathfrak{P}^{inf}$  be such that  $p_l < 1$  for  $l > 0$ . Assume that for some  $\epsilon > 0$  we have for an unbounded set of  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ :

- ( $\alpha$ )  $\sum_{l \leq n} p_l \leq n^{\epsilon/6}$ .
- ( $\beta$ )  $\prod_{l \leq n} (1 - p_l) \leq n^{-\epsilon}$ .

Let  $k = \lceil \frac{6}{\epsilon} \rceil + 1$  and  $\psi = \psi_k$  be the sentence “saying” there exists a connected component which includes a path of length  $k$ , formally:

$$\psi_k := \exists x_1 \dots \exists x_k \bigwedge_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq k} x_i \neq x_j \wedge \bigwedge_{1 \leq i < k} x_i \sim x_{i+1} \wedge \forall y [(\bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq k} x_i \neq y) \rightarrow (\bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq k} \neg x_i \sim y)].$$

Then for some  $\bar{q} \in Gen_3(\bar{p})$ , each of  $\psi$  and  $\neg\psi$  holds infinitely often in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$ .

*Proof.* The proof follows the same line as the proof of 12. We construct an increasing series,  $(\bar{q}_1, \bar{q}_2, \dots)$ , and demand  $*_{even}$  and  $*_{odd}$  as in 12. Taking  $\bar{q} = \cup_{i>0} \bar{q}_i$  will then complete the proof. We construct  $\bar{q}_i$  by induction on  $i > 0$ :

**Case 1:**  $i = 1$ : Let  $l(*) := \min\{l > 0 : p_l > 0\}$  and define  $n_1 = l(*) + 1$  and  $(q_1)_l = p_l$  for  $l < n_1$ .

**Case 2:** even  $i > 1$ : As before, for  $n_i > n_{i-1}$  define:  $(q_i)_l = (q_{i-1})_l$  for  $l < n_{i-1}$  and  $(q_i)_l = 0$  for  $n_{i-1} \leq l < n_i$ . For  $1 \leq x < n_i - k \cdot l(*)$  let  $E^x$  be the event: “ $(x, x + l(*), \dots, x + l(*)(k - 1))$  exemplifies  $\psi$ .” Formally  $E^x$  holds in  $M_{q_i}^{n_i}$  iff  $\{(x, x + l(*), \dots, x + l(*)(k - 1))\}$  is isolated and for  $0 \leq j < k - 1$ ,  $\{x + jl(*), x + (j + 1)l(*)\}$  is an edge of  $M_{q_i}^{n_i}$ . The remainder of this case is similar to case 2 of Lemma 12 so we will not go into details. Note that  $Pr[M_{q_i}^{n_i} \models E^x] > 0$  and does not depend on  $n_i$ , and if  $|x - x'|$  is large enough (again not depending on  $n_i$ ) then  $E^x$  and  $E^{x'}$  are independent in  $M_{q_i}^{n_i}$ . We conclude that by choosing  $n_i$  large enough we have  $*_{even}$ .

**Case 3:** odd  $i > 1$ : In this case we make use of the fact that almost always, no  $x \in [n]$  has too many neighbors. Formally:

*claim 4.* Let  $\bar{q} \in \mathfrak{P}^{inf}$  be such that  $q_l < 1$  for  $l > 0$ . Let  $\delta > 0$  and assume that for an unbounded set of  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have,  $\sum_{l=1}^n q_l \leq n^\delta$ . Let  $E_\delta^n$  be the event: “No  $x \in [n]$  has more than  $8n^{2\delta}$  neighbors”. Then we have:

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} Pr[E_\delta^n \text{ holds in } M_{\bar{q}}^n] = 1.$$

*Proof.* First note that the size of the set  $\{l > 0 : q_l > n^{-\delta}\}$  is at most  $n^{2\delta}$ . Hence by ignoring at most  $2n^{2\delta}$  neighbors of each  $x \in [n]$ , and changing the number of neighbors in the definition of  $E_\delta^n$  to  $6n^{2\delta}$  we may assume that for all  $l > 0$ ,  $q_l \leq n^{-\delta}$ . The idea is that the number of neighbors of each  $x \in [n]$  can be approximated (or in our case only bounded from above) by a Poisson random variable with parameter close to  $\sum_{i=1}^n q_i$ . Formally, for each  $l > 0$  let  $B_l$  be a Bernoulli random variable with  $Pr[B_l = 1] = q_l$ . For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  let  $X^n$  be the random variable defined by  $X^n := \sum_{l=1}^n B_l$ . For  $l > 0$  let  $P_{ol}$  be a Poisson random variable with parameter  $\lambda_l := -\log(1 - q_l)$  that is for  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$   $Pr[P_{ol} = i] = e^{-\lambda_l} \frac{(\lambda_l)^i}{i!}$ . Note that  $Pr[B_l = 0] = Pr[P_{ol} = 0]$ . Now define  $Po^n := \sum_{i=1}^n P_{oi}$ . By the last sentence we have  $Po^n \geq_{st} X^n$  ( $Po^n$  is stochastically larger than  $X^n$ ) that is, for  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$   $Pr[Po^n \geq i] \geq Pr[X^n \geq i]$ . Now  $Po^n$  (as the sum of Poisson random variables) is a Poisson random variable with parameter  $\lambda^n := \sum_{l=1}^n \lambda_l$ . Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be such that  $\sum_{l=1}^n q_l \leq n^\delta$ , and define  $n' = n'(n) := \min\{n' \geq n : n' = 2^m \text{ for some } m \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , so  $n \leq n' < 2n$ . For  $0 < l \leq n'$  let  $q'_l$  be  $q_l$  if  $l \leq n$  and 0 otherwise, so we have:  $\prod_{l=1}^n (1 - q_l) = \prod_{l=1}^{n'} (1 - q'_l)$  and  $\sum_{l=1}^n q_l = \sum_{l=1}^{n'} q'_l$ . Note that if  $0 \leq p, q \leq 1/4$  then  $(1 - p)(1 - q) \geq (1 - \frac{p+q}{2})^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}$ . By a repeated use of the last inequality we get that  $\prod_{i=l}^{n'} (1 - q'_i) \geq (1 - \frac{\sum_{i=l}^{n'} q'_i}{n'})^{n'} \cdot \frac{1}{n'}$ . We can now evaluate  $\lambda^n$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^n &= \sum_{l=1}^n \lambda_l = \sum_{l=1}^n -\log(1 - q_l) = -\log\left(\prod_{l=1}^n (1 - q_l)\right) = -\log\left(\prod_{l=1}^{n'} (1 - q'_l)\right) \\ &\leq -\log\left[\left(1 - \frac{\sum_{l=1}^{n'} q'_l}{n'}\right)^{n'} \cdot \frac{1}{n'}\right] = -\log\left[\left(1 - \frac{\sum_{l=1}^n q_l}{n'}\right)^{n'} \cdot \frac{1}{n'}\right] \\ &\approx -\log\left[e^{-\sum_{l=1}^n q_l} \cdot \frac{1}{n'}\right] \leq -\log\left[e^{-n^\delta} \cdot \frac{1}{2n}\right] \leq -\log\left[e^{-n^{2\delta}}\right] = n^{2\delta}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence by choosing  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  large enough while keeping  $\sum_{l=1}^n q_l \leq n^\delta$  (which is possible by our assumption) we have  $\lambda^n \leq n^{2\delta}$ . We now use the Chernoff bound for Poisson random variables: If  $Po$  is a Poisson random variable with parameter  $\lambda$  and  $i > 0$  we have  $Pr[Po \geq i] \leq e^{\lambda(i/\lambda-1)} \cdot (\frac{\lambda}{i})^i$ . Applying this bound to  $Po^n$  (for  $n$  as above) we get:

$$Pr[Po^n \geq 3n^{2\delta}] \leq e^{\lambda^n(3n^{2\delta}/\lambda^n-1)} \cdot (\frac{\lambda^n}{3n^{2\delta}})^{3n^{2\delta}} \leq e^{3n^{2\delta}} \cdot (\frac{\lambda^n}{3n^{2\delta}})^{3n^{2\delta}} \leq (\frac{e}{3})^{3n^{2\delta}}.$$

Now for  $x \in [n]$  let  $X_x^n$  be the number of neighbors of  $x$  in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$  (so  $X_x^n$  is a random variable on the probability space  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$ ). By the definition of  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$  we have  $X_x^n \leq_{st} 2 \cdot X^n \leq_{st} 2 \cdot Po^n$ . So for unboundedly many  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have for all  $x \in [n]$ ,  $Pr[X_x^n \geq 6n^{2\delta}] \leq (\frac{e}{3})^{3n^{2\delta}}$ . Hence by the Markov inequality for unboundedly many  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have,

$$Pr[E^n \text{ does not hold in } M_{\bar{q}}^n] = Pr[\text{for some } x \in [n], X_x^n \geq 3n^{2\delta}] \leq n \cdot (\frac{e}{3})^{6n^{2\delta}}.$$

But the last expression approaches 0 as  $n$  approaches  $\infty$ , Hence we are done proving the claim.  $\square$

We return to **Case 3**: of the proof of 13, and it remains to construct  $\bar{q}_i$ . As before for  $n_i > n_{i-1}$  define:  $(q_i)_l = (q_{i-1})_l$  for  $l < n_{i-1}$  and  $(q_i)_l = p_l$  for  $n_{i-1} \leq l < n_i$ . By the claim above and  $(\alpha)$  in our assumptions, for  $n_i$  large enough we have  $Pr[E_{\epsilon/6}^{n_i}$  holds in  $M_{\bar{q}_i}^{n_i}] \geq 1/2i$ , so assume in the rest of the proof that  $n_i$  is indeed large enough, and assume that  $E_{\epsilon/6}^{n_i}$  holds in  $M_{\bar{q}_i}^{n_i}$ , and all the probabilities on the space  $M_{\bar{q}_i}^{n_i}$  will be conditioned to  $E_{\epsilon/6}^{n_i}$  (even if not explicitly said so). A  $k$ -tuple  $\bar{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_k)$  of members of  $[n_i]$  is called a  $k$ -path (in  $M_{\bar{q}_i}^{n_i}$ ) if it is without repetitions and for  $0 < j < k$  we have  $M_{\bar{q}_i}^{n_i} \models x_j \sim x_{j+1}$ . A  $k$ -path is isolated if in addition no member of  $\{x_1, \dots, x_k\}$  is connected to a member of  $[n_i] \setminus \{x_1, \dots, x_k\}$ . Now (recall we assume  $E_{\epsilon/6}^{n_i}$ ) with probability 1: the number of  $k$ -paths in  $M_{\bar{q}_i}^{n_i}$  is at most  $8^k \cdot n_i^{1+k\epsilon/3}$ . For each  $(x_1, \dots, x_k)$  without repetitions we have:

$$Pr[(x_1, \dots, x_k) \text{ is isolated in } M_{\bar{q}_i}^{n_i}] = \prod_{j=1}^k \prod_{y \neq x_j} (1 - (q_i)_{|x_j - y|}) \leq (\prod_{l=1}^{\lfloor n_i/2 \rfloor} (1 - (q_i)_l))^k.$$

By assumption  $(\beta)$  we have for an unbounded set of  $n_i \in \mathbb{N}$ :

$$\prod_{l=1}^{\lfloor n_i/2 \rfloor} (1 - (q_i)_l) \leq \prod_{l=n_{i-1}}^{\lfloor n_i/2 \rfloor} (1 - p_l) \leq \prod_{l < n_i} (1 - q_l) \cdot (\lfloor n_i/2 \rfloor)^{-\epsilon} \leq (n_i)^{-\epsilon/2}.$$

Together letting  $Y(n_i)$  be the expected number of isolated  $k$  tuples in  $M_{\bar{q}_i}^{n_i}$  we have:

$$Y(n_i) \leq 8^k \cdot (n_i)^{1+k\epsilon/3} \cdot (n_i)^{-k\epsilon/2} = 8^k \cdot (n_i)^{1-k\epsilon/6} \rightarrow_{n_i \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

So by choosing  $n_i$  large enough and using Markov's inequality, we have  $*_{odd}$ , and we are done.  $\square$

### 4 Allowing Some Probabilities to Equal 1

In this section we analyze the hereditary 0-1 law for  $\bar{p}$  where some of the  $p_i$ -s may equal 1. For  $\bar{p} \in \mathfrak{P}^{inf}$  let  $U^*(\bar{p}) := \{l > 0 : p_l = 1\}$ . The situation  $U^*(\bar{p}) \neq \emptyset$  was discussed briefly at the end of section 4 of [2], and an example was given there of some  $\bar{p}$  consisting of only ones and zeros with  $|U^*(\bar{p})| = \infty$  such that the 0-1 law fails for  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$ . We follow the lines of that example and prove that if  $|U^*(\bar{p})| = \infty$  and  $j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ , then the  $j$ -hereditary 0-1 law for  $L$  fails for  $\bar{p}$ . This is done in 14. The case  $0 < |U^*(\bar{p})| < \infty$  is also studied and a full characterization of the  $j$ -hereditary 0-1 law for  $L$  is given in Conclusion 1 for  $j \in \{2, 3\}$ , and for  $j = 1$ ,  $1 < |U^*(\bar{p})|$ . The case  $j = 1$  and  $1 = |U^*(\bar{p})|$  is discussed in section 5.

**Theorem 14.** *Let  $\bar{p} \in \mathfrak{P}^{inf}$  be such that  $U^*(\bar{p})$  is infinite, and  $j$  be in  $\{1, 2, 3\}$ . Then  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$  does not satisfy the  $j$ -hereditary weak convergence law for  $L$ .*

*Proof.* We start with the case  $j = 1$ . The idea here is similar to that of section 2. We show that some  $\bar{q} \in Gen_1(\bar{p})$  has a structure (similar to the “proper” structure defined in 9) that allows us to identify the sections “close” to 1 or  $n$  in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$ . It is then easy to see that if  $\bar{q}$  has infinitely many ones and infinitely many “long” sections of consecutive zeros, then the sentence saying: “there exists an edge connecting vertices close to the the edges”, will exemplify the failure of the 0-1 law for  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$ . This is formulated below. Consider the following demands on  $\bar{q} \in \mathfrak{P}^{inf}$ :

1. Let  $l^* < l^{**}$  be the first two members of  $U^*(\bar{q})$ ; then  $l^*$  is odd and  $l^{**} = 2 \cdot l^*$ .
2. If  $l_1, l_2, l_3$  all belong to  $\{l > 0 : q_l > 0\}$  and  $l_1 + l_2 = l_3$  then  $l_1 = l_2 = l^*$ .
3. The set  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : n - 2l^* < l < n \Rightarrow q_l = 0\}$  is infinite.
4. The set  $U^*(\bar{q})$  is infinite.

We first claim that some  $\bar{q} \in Gen_1(\bar{p})$  satisfies the demands (1)-(4) above. This is straightforward. We inductively add enough zeros before each nonzero member of  $\bar{p}$  guaranteeing that it is larger than the sum of any two (not necessarily different) nonzero members preceding it. We continue until we reach  $l^*$ , then by adding zeros either before  $l^*$  or before  $l^{**}$  we can guarantee that  $l^*$  is odd and that  $l^{**} = 2 \cdot l^*$ , and hence (1) holds. We then continue the same process from  $l^{**}$ , adding at least  $2l^*$  zero’s at each step. This guarantees (2) and (3). (4) follows immediately from our assumption that  $U^*(\bar{p})$  is infinite. Assume that  $\bar{q}$  satisfies (1)-(4) and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . With probability 1 we have:

$$\{x, y, z\} \text{ is a triangle in } M_{\bar{q}}^n \text{ iff } \{x, y, z\} = \{l, l + l^*, l + l^{**}\} \text{ for some } 0 < l \leq n.$$

To see this use (1) for the “if” direction and (2) for the “only if” direction. We conclude that letting  $\psi_{ext}(x)$  be the  $L$  formula saying that  $x$  belongs to exactly one triangle, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $m \in [n]$  with probability 1 we have:

$$M_{\bar{q}}^n \models \psi_{ext}[m] \text{ iff } m \in [1, l^*] \cup (n - l^*, n].$$

We are now ready to prove the failure of the weak convergence law in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$ , but in the first stage let us only show the failure of the convergence law. This will be useful for other cases (see Remark 15 below). Define

$$\psi := (\exists x \exists y) \psi_{ext}(x) \wedge \psi_{ext}(y) \wedge x \sim y.$$

Recall that  $l^*$  is the *first* member of  $U^*(\bar{q})$ , and hence for some  $p > 0$  (not depending on  $n$ ) for any  $x, y \in [1, l^*]$  we have  $Pr[M_{\bar{q}}^n \models \neg x \sim y] \geq p$  and similarly for any  $x, y \in (n - l^*, n]$ . We conclude that:

$$Pr[(\exists x \exists y)(x, y \in [1, l^*] \text{ or } x, y \in (n - l^*, n]) \text{ and } x \sim y] \leq 1 - p^2 \binom{l^*}{2} < 1.$$

By all the above, for each  $l$  such that  $q_l = 1$  we have  $Pr[M_{\bar{q}}^{l+1} \models \psi] = 1$ , as the pair  $(1, l + 1)$  exemplifies  $\psi$  in  $M_{\bar{q}}^{l+1}$  with probability 1. On the other hand if  $n$  is such that  $n - 2l^* < l < n \Rightarrow q_l = 0$  then  $Pr[M_{\bar{q}}^n \models \psi] \leq 1 - p^2 \binom{l^*}{2}$ . Hence by (3) and (4) above,  $\psi$  exemplifies the failure of the convergence law for  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$  as required.

We return to the proof of the failure of the weak convergence law. Define:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi' = & \exists x_0 \dots \exists x_{2l^* - 1} [ \bigwedge_{0 \leq i < i' < 2l^*} x_i \neq x_{i'} \wedge \forall y ( (\bigwedge_{0 \leq i < 2l^*} y \neq x_i) \rightarrow \neg \psi_{ext}(y) ) \\ & \wedge \bigwedge_{0 \leq i < 2l^*} \psi_{ext}(x_i) \wedge \bigwedge_{0 \leq i < l^*} x_{2i} \sim x_{2i+1} ]. \end{aligned}$$

We will show that each of  $\psi'$  and  $\neg \psi'$  holds infinitely often in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$ . First let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be such that  $q_{n-l^*} = 1$ . Then by choosing for each  $i$  in the range  $0 \leq i < l^*$ ,  $x_{2i} := i + 1$  and  $x_{2i+1} := n - l^* + 1 + i$ , we will get that the sequence  $(x_0, \dots, x_{2l^* - 1})$  exemplifies  $\psi'$  in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$  (with probability 1). As by assumption (4) above the set  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : q_{n-l^*} = 1\}$  is unbounded we have  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} [M_{\bar{q}}^n \models \psi'] = 1$ . For the other direction let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be such that for each  $l$  in the range  $n - 2l^* < l < n$ ,  $q_l = 0$ . Then  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$  satisfies (again with probability 1) for each  $x, y \in [1, l^*] \cup (n - l^*, n]$  such that  $x \sim y$ :  $x \in [1, l^*]$  iff  $y \in [1, l^*]$ . Now assume that  $(x_0, \dots, x_{2l^* - 1})$  exemplifies  $\psi'$  in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$ . Then for each  $i$  in the range  $0 \leq i < l^*$ ,  $x_{2i} \in [1, l^*]$  iff  $x_{2i+1} \in [1, l^*]$ . We conclude that the set  $[1, l^*]$  is of even size, thus contradicting (1). So we have  $Pr[M_{\bar{q}}^n \models \psi'] = 0$ . But by assumption (3) above the set of natural numbers,  $n$ , for which we have  $n - 2l^* < l < n$  implies  $q_l = 0$  is unbounded, and hence we have  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} [M_{\bar{q}}^n \models \neg \psi'] = 1$  as desired.

We turn to the proof of the case  $j \in \{2, 3\}$ , and as  $Gen_3(\bar{p}) \subseteq Gen_2(\bar{p})$  it is enough to prove that for some  $\bar{q} \in Gen_3(\bar{p})$  the 0-1 law for  $L$  strongly fails in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$ . Motivated by the example mentioned above appearing in the end of section 4 of [2], we let  $\psi$  be the sentence in  $L$  implying that each edge of the graph is contained in a cycle of length 4. Once again we use an inductive construction of  $(\bar{q}_1, \bar{q}_2, \bar{q}_3, \dots)$  in  $\mathfrak{P}^{fin}$  such that  $\bar{q} = \bigcup_{i > 0} \bar{q}_i \in Gen_3(\bar{p})$  and both  $\psi$  and  $\neg \psi$  hold infinitely often in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$ . For  $i = 1$  let  $n_{\bar{q}_1} = n_1 := \min\{l : p_l = 1\} + 1$  and define  $(q_1)_l = 0$  if  $0 < l < n_1 - 1$  and  $(q_1)_{n_1 - 1} = 1$ . For even  $i > 1$  let  $n_{\bar{q}_i} = n_i := \min\{l > 4n_{i-1} : p_l = 1\} + 1$  and define  $(q_i)_l = (q_{i-1})_l$  if

$0 < l < n_{i-1}$ ,  $(q_i)_l = 0$  if  $n_{i-1} \leq l < n_i - 1$  and  $(q_1)_{n_1-1} = 1$ . For odd  $i > 1$  recall  $n_1 = \min\{l : p_l = 1\} + 1$  and let  $n_{\bar{q}_i} = n_i := n_{i-1} + n_1$ . Now define  $(q_i)_l = (q_{i-1})_l$  if  $0 < l < n_{i-1}$  and  $(q_i)_l = 0$  if  $n_{i-1} \leq l < n_i$ . Clearly we have for even  $i > 1$ ,  $Pr[M_{\bar{q}_{i+1}}^{n_i+1} \models \psi] = 0$  and for odd  $i > 1$   $Pr[M_{\bar{q}_i}^{n_i} \models \psi] = 1$ . Note that indeed  $\bigcup_{i>0} \bar{q}_i \in Gen_3(\bar{p})$ , and hence we are done.  $\square$

*Remark 15.* In the proof of the failure of the convergence law in the case  $j = 1$  the assumption  $|U^*(\bar{p})| = \infty$  is not needed, our proof works under the weaker assumption  $|U^*(\bar{p})| \geq 2$  and for some  $p > 0$ ,  $\{l > 0 : p_l > p\}$  is infinite. See below more on the case  $j = 1$  and  $1 < |U^*(\bar{p})| < \infty$ .

**Lemma 16.** *Let  $\bar{q} \in \mathfrak{P}^{inf}$  and assume:*

1. *Let  $l^* < l^{**}$  be the first two members of  $U^*(\bar{q})$  (in particular assume  $|U^*(\bar{q})| \geq 2$ ); then  $l^{**} = 2 \cdot l^*$ .*
2. *If  $l_1, l_2, l_3$  all belong to  $\{l > 0 : q_l > 0\}$  and  $l_1 + l_2 = l_3$  then  $\{l_1, l_2, l_3\} = \{l, l + l^*, l + l^{**}\}$  for some  $l \geq 0$ .*
3. *Let  $l^{***}$  be the first member of  $\{l > 0 : 0 < q_l < 1\}$  (in particular assume  $|\{l > 0 : 0 < q_l < 1\}| \geq 1$ ); then the set  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : n \leq l \leq n + l^{**} + l^{***} \Rightarrow q_l = 0\}$  is infinite.*

*Then the 0-1 law for  $L$  fails for  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$ .*

*Proof.* The proof is similar to the case  $j = 1$  in the proof of Theorem 14, so we will not go into detail. Below  $n$  is some large enough natural number (say larger than  $3 \cdot l^{**} \cdot l^{***}$ ) such that (3) above holds, and if we say that some property holds in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$  we mean it holds there with probability 1. Let  $\psi_{ext}^1(x)$  be the formula in  $L$  implying that  $x$  belongs to at most two distinct triangles. Then for all  $m \in [n]$ :

$$M_{\bar{q}}^n \models \psi_{ext}^1[m] \text{ iff } m \in [1, l^{**}] \cup (n - l^{**}, n].$$

Similarly for any natural  $t < n/3l^{**}$  define (using induction on  $t$ ):

$$\psi_{ext}^t(x) := (\exists y \exists z) x \sim y \wedge x \sim z \wedge y \sim z \wedge (\psi_{ext}^{t-1}(y) \vee \psi_{ext}^{t-1}(z))$$

we then have for all  $m \in [n]$ :

$$M_{\bar{q}}^n \models \psi_{ext}^t[m] \text{ iff } m \in [1, tl^{**}] \cup (n - tl^{**}, n].$$

Now for  $1 \leq t < n/3l^{**}$  let  $m^*(t)$  be the minimal number of edges in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n \upharpoonright_{[1, tl^{**}] \cup (n-tl^{**}, n]}$  i.e only edges with probability one and within one of the intervals are counted, formally

$$m^*(t) := 2 \cdot |\{(m, m') : m < m' \in [1, t \cdot l^{**}] \text{ and } q_{m'-m} = 1\}|.$$

Let  $1 \leq t^* < n/3l^{**}$  be such that  $l^{***} < l^{**} \cdot t^*$  (it exists as  $n$  is large enough). Note that  $m^*(t^*)$  depends only on  $\bar{q}$  and not on  $n$  and hence we can define

$\psi :=$  “There exist exactly  $m^*(t^*)$  couples  $\{x, y\}$  s.t.  $\psi_{ext}^{t^*}(x) \wedge \psi_{ext}^{t^*}(y) \wedge x \sim y$ .”

We then have  $Pr[M_{\bar{q}}^n \models \psi] \leq (1 - q_{l^{***}})^2 < 1$  as we have  $m^*(t^*)$  edges on  $[1, t^*l^{***}] \cup (n - t^*l^{***}, n]$  that exist with probability 1, and at least two additional edges (namely  $\{1, l^{***} + 1\}$  and  $\{n - l^{***}, n\}$ ) that exist with probability  $q_{l^{***}}$  each. On the other hand if we define:

$$p' := \prod \{1 - q_{m'-m} : m < m' \in [1, t^* \cdot l^{***}] \text{ and } q_{m'-m} < 1\}$$

and note that  $p'$  does not depend on  $n$ , then (recalling assumption (3) above) we have  $Pr[M_{\bar{q}}^n \models \psi] \geq (p')^2 > 0$  thus completing the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 17.** *Let  $\bar{q} \in \mathfrak{P}^{inf}$  be such that for some  $l_1 < l_2 \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$  we have:  $0 < p_{l_1} < 1$ ,  $p_{l_2} = 1$  and  $p_l = 0$  for all  $l \notin \{l_1, l_2\}$ . Then the 0-1 law for  $L$  fails for  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\psi$  be the sentence in  $L$  “saying” that some vertex has exactly one neighbor and this neighbor has at least three neighbors. Formally:

$$\psi := (\exists x)(\exists! y)x \sim y \wedge (\forall z)[x \sim z \rightarrow (\exists u_1 \exists u_2 \exists u_3) \bigwedge_{0 < i < j \leq 3} u_i \neq u_j \wedge \bigwedge_{0 < i \leq 3} z \sim u_i].$$

We first show that for some  $p > 0$  and  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ , for all  $n > n_0$  we have  $Pr[M_{\bar{q}}^n \models \psi] > p$ . To see this simply take  $n_0 = l_1 + l_2 + 1$  and  $p = (1 - p_{l_1})(p_{l_1})$ . Now for  $n > n_0$  in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$ , with probability  $1 - p_{l_1}$  the node  $1 \in [n]$  has exactly one neighbor (namely  $1 + l_2 \in [n]$ ) and with probability at least  $p_{l_1}$ ,  $1 + l_2$  is connected to  $1 + l_1 + l_2$ , and hence has three neighbors ( $1$ ,  $1 + 2l_2$  and  $1 + l_1 + l_2$ ). This yields the desired result. On the other hand for some  $p' > 0$  we have for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $Pr[M_{\bar{q}}^n \models \neg\psi] > p'$ . To see this note that for all  $n$ , only members of  $[1, l_2] \cup (n - l_2, n]$  can possibly exemplify  $\psi$ , as all members of  $(l_2, n - l_2]$  have at least two neighbors with probability one. For each  $x \in [1, l_2] \cup (n - l_2, n]$ , with probability at least  $(1 - p_1)^2$ ,  $x$  does not exemplify  $\psi$  (since the unique neighbor of  $x$  has less than three neighbors). As the size of  $[1, l_2] \cup (n - l_2, n]$  is  $2 \cdot l_2$  we get  $Pr[M_{\bar{q}}^n \models \neg\psi] > (1 - p_1)^{2l_2} := p' > 0$ . Together we are done.  $\square$

**Lemma 18.** *Let  $\bar{p} \in \mathfrak{P}^{inf}$  be such that  $|U^*(\bar{p})| < \infty$  and  $p_i \in \{0, 1\}$  for  $i > 0$ . Then  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$  satisfies the 0-1 law for  $L$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $S^n$  be the (not random) structure in vocabulary  $\{Suc\}$ , with universe  $[n]$  and  $Suc$  is the successor relation on  $[n]$ . It is straightforward to see that any sentence  $\psi \in L$  has a sentence  $\psi^S \in \{Suc\}$  such that

$$Pr[M_{\bar{p}}^n \models \psi] = \begin{cases} 1 & S^n \models \psi^S \\ 0 & S^n \not\models \psi^S. \end{cases}$$

Also by a special case of Gaifman’s result from [1] we have: for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists some  $n_k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that if  $n, n' > n_k$  then  $S^n$  and  $S^{n'}$  have the same first order theory of quantifier depth  $k$ . Together we are done.  $\square$

**Conclusion 1.** *Let  $\bar{p} \in \mathfrak{P}^{inf}$  be such that  $0 < |U^*(\bar{p})| < \infty$ .*

1. The 2-hereditary 0-1 law holds for  $\bar{p}$  iff  $|\{l > 0 : p_l > 0\}| \leq 1$ .
2. The 3-hereditary 0-1 law holds for  $\bar{p}$  iff  $\{l > 0 : 0 < p_l < 1\} = \emptyset$ .
3. If furthermore  $1 < |U^*(\bar{p})|$  then the 1-hereditary 0-1 law holds for  $\bar{p}$  iff  $\{l > 0 : 0 < p_l < 1\} = \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* For (1) note that if indeed  $|\{i > 0 : p_l > 0\}| > 1$  then some  $\bar{q} \in Gen_2(\bar{p})$  is as in the assumption of Lemma 17; otherwise any  $\bar{q} \in Gen_2(\bar{p})$  has at most 1 nonzero member and hence  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$  satisfies the 0-1 law by either 18 or 2.

For (2) note that if  $\{i > 0 : 0 < p_l < 1\} \neq \emptyset$  then some  $\bar{q} \in Gen_3(\bar{p})$  is as in the assumption of Lemma 17; otherwise any  $\bar{q} \in Gen_3(\bar{p})$  is as in the assumption of Lemma 18 and we are done.

Similarly for (3) note that if  $1 < |U^*(\bar{p})|$  and  $\{l > 0 : 0 < p_l < 1\} \neq \emptyset$  then some  $\bar{q} \in Gen_1(\bar{p})$  satisfies assumptions (1)-(3) of Lemma 16; otherwise any  $\bar{q} \in Gen_1(\bar{p})$  is as in the assumption of Lemma 18 and we are done.  $\square$

## 5 When Exactly One Probability Equals 1

In this section we assume:

**Assumption 1.**  $\bar{p}$  is a fixed member of  $\mathfrak{P}^{inf}$  such that  $|U^*(\bar{p})| = 1$  and we write  $U^*(\bar{p}) = \{l^*\}$ , and assume

$$(*)' \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log\left(\prod_{l \in [n] \setminus \{l^*\}} (1 - p_l)\right) / \log(n) = 0.$$

We try to determine when the 1-hereditary 0-1 law holds. The assumption of  $(*)'$  is justified as the proof in section 2 works also in this case and in fact in any case that  $U^*(\bar{p})$  is finite. To see this replace in section 2 products of the form  $\prod_{l < n} (1 - p_l)$  by  $\prod_{l < n, l \notin U^*(\bar{p})} (1 - p_l)$ , sentences of the form “ $x$  has valency  $m$ ” by “ $x$  has valency  $m + 2|U^*(\bar{p})|$ ”, and similar simple changes. So if  $(*)'$  fails then the 1-hereditary weak convergence law fails, and we are done. It seems that our ability to “identify” the  $l^*$ -boundary (i.e. the set  $[1, l^*] \cup (n - l^*, n]$ ) in  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$  is closely related to the holding of the 0-1 law. In Conclusion 2 we use this idea and give a necessary condition on  $\bar{p}$  for the 1-hereditary weak convergence law. The proof uses methods similar to those of the previous sections. Finding a sufficient condition for the 1-hereditary 0-1 law seems to be harder. It turns out that the analysis of this case is, in a way, similar to the analysis when we add the successor relation to our vocabulary. This is because the edges of the form  $\{l, l + l^*\}$  appear with probability 1 similarly to the successor relation. There are, however, some obvious differences. Let  $L^+$  be the vocabulary  $\{\sim, S\}$ , and let  $(M^+)^n_{\bar{p}}$  be the random  $L^+$  structure with universe  $[n]$ ,  $\sim$  is the same as in  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$ , and  $S^{(M^+)^n_{\bar{p}}}$  is the successor relation on  $[n]$ . Now if for some  $l^{**} > 0$ ,  $0 < p_{l^{**}} < 1$  then  $(M^+)^n_{\bar{p}}$  does not satisfy the 0-1 law for  $L^+$ . This is because the elements 1 and  $l^{**} + 1$  are definable in  $L^+$  and hence some  $L^+$  sentence holds in  $(M^+)^n_{\bar{p}}$  iff  $\{1, l^{**} + 1\}$  is an edge of  $(M^+)^n_{\bar{p}}$  which holds with probability  $p_{l^{**}}$ . In our case, as in  $L$  we can not distinguish edges of the form  $\{l, l + l^*\}$  from the rest of the edges, the



0-1 law may hold even if such  $l^*$  exists. In Lemma 24 below we show that if, in fact, we can not “identify the edges” in  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$  then the 0-1 law holds in  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$ . This is translated in Theorem 27 to a sufficient condition on  $\bar{p}$  for the 0-1 law holding in  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$ , but not necessarily for the 1-hereditary 0-1 law. The proof uses “local” properties of graphs. It seems that some form of “1-hereditary” version of 27 is possible. In any case we could not find a necessary and sufficient condition for the 1-hereditary 0-1 law, and the analysis of this case is not complete.

We first find a necessary condition on  $\bar{p}$  for the 1-hereditary weak convergence law. Let us start with a definition of a structure on a sequence  $\bar{q} \in \mathfrak{P}$  that enables us to “identify” the  $l^*$ -boundary in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$ .

**Definition 19.** 1. A sequence  $\bar{q} \in \mathfrak{P}$  is called nice if:

- (a)  $U^*(\bar{q}) = \{l^*\}$ .
- (b) If  $l_1, l_2, l_3 \in \{l < n_{\bar{q}} : q_l > 0\}$  then  $l_1 + l_2 \neq l_3$ .
- (c) If  $l_1, l_2, l_3, l_4 \in \{l < n_{\bar{q}} : q_l > 0\}$  then  $l_1 + l_2 + l_3 \neq l_4$ .
- (d) If  $l_1, l_2, l_3, l_4 \in \{l < n_{\bar{p}} : q_l > 0\}$ ,  $l_1 + l_2 = l_3 + l_4$  and  $l_1 + l_2 < n_{\bar{q}}$  then  $\{l_1, l_2\} = \{l_3, l_4\}$ .

2. Let  $\phi^1$  be the following L-formula:

$$\phi^1(y_1, z_1, y_2, z_2) := y_1 \sim z_1 \wedge z_1 \sim z_2 \wedge z_2 \sim y_2 \wedge y_2 \sim y_1 \wedge y_1 \neq z_2 \wedge z_1 \neq y_2.$$

3. For  $k \geq 0$  define by induction on  $k$  the L-formula  $\phi_k^1(y_1, z_1, y_2, z_2)$  by:

- $\phi_0^1(y_1, z_1, y_2, z_2) := y_1 = y_2 \wedge z_1 = z_2 \wedge y_1 \neq z_1$ .
- $\phi_1^1(y_1, z_1, y_2, z_2) := \phi^1(y_1, z_1, y_2, z_2)$ .
- $\phi_{k+1}^1(y_1, z_1, y_2, z_2) := (\exists y \exists z)[(\phi_k^1(y_1, z_1, y, z) \wedge \phi^1(y, z, y_2, z_2)) \vee (\phi_k^1(y_2, z_2, y, z) \wedge \phi^1(y_1, z_1, y, z))]$ .

4. For  $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  let  $\phi_{k_1, k_2}^2(y, z)$  be the following L-formula:

$$(\exists x_1 \exists x_2 \exists x_3 \exists x_4)[\phi_{k_1}^1(y, z, x_2, x_3) \wedge \phi_{k_2}^1(x_2, x_1, x_4, x_3) \wedge \neg x_1 \sim x_4].$$

5. For  $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  let  $\phi_{k_1, k_2}^3$  be the following L formula:

$$\phi_{k_1, k_2}^3(x) := (\exists! y)[x \sim y \wedge \neg \phi_{k_1, k_2}^2(x, y)].$$

**Observation 3.** Let  $\bar{q} \in \mathfrak{P}$  be nice and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be such that  $n < n_{\bar{q}}$ . Then the following holds in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$  with probability 1:

1. For  $y_1, z_1, y_2, z_2 \in [n]$ , if  $M_{\bar{q}}^n \models \phi^1[y_1, z_1, y_2, z_2]$  then  $y_1 - z_1 = y_2 - z_2$ . (Use (d) in the definition of nice).
2. For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $y_1, z_1, y_2, z_2 \in [n]$ , if  $M_{\bar{q}}^n \models \phi_k^1[y_1, z_1, y_2, z_2]$  then  $y_1 - z_1 = y_2 - z_2$ . (Use (1) above and induction on  $k$ ).
3. For  $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $y, z \in [n]$ , if  $M_{\bar{q}}^n \models \phi_{k_1, k_2}^2[y, z]$  then  $|y - z| \neq l^*$ . (Use (2) above and the definition of  $\phi_{k_1, k_2}^2(y, z)$ ).
4. For  $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \in [n]$ , if  $M_{\bar{q}}^n \models \phi_{k_1, k_2}^3[x]$  then  $x \in [1, l^*] \cup (n - l^*, n]$ . (Use (3) above).

The following claim shows that if  $\bar{q}$  is nice (and has a certain structure) then, with probability close to 1,  $\phi_{3,0}^3[y]$  holds in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$  for all  $y \in [1, l^*] \cup (n - l^*, n]$ . This, together with (4) in the observation above gives us a “definition” of the  $l^*$ -boundary in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$ .

*claim 5.* Let  $\bar{q} \in \mathfrak{P}^{fin}$  be nice and denote  $n = n_{\bar{q}}$ . Assume that for all  $l > 0$ ,  $q_l > 0$  implies  $l < \lfloor n/3 \rfloor$ . Assume further that for some  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $0 < q_l < 1 \Rightarrow \epsilon < q_l < 1 - \epsilon$ . Let  $y_0 \in [1, l^*] \cup (n - l^*, n]$ . Denote  $m := |\{0 < l < n_{\bar{p}} : 0 < q_l < 1\}|$ . Then:

$$Pr[M_{\bar{q}}^n \models \neg\phi_{3,0}^3[y_0]] \leq \left( \sum_{\{y \in [n] : |y_0 - y| \neq l^*\}} q_{|y_0 - y|} \right) (1 - \epsilon^{11})^{m/2 - 1}.$$

*Proof.* We deal with the case  $y_0 \in [1, l^*]$ ; the case  $y_0 \in (n - l^*, n]$  is symmetric. Let  $z_0 \in [n]$  be such that  $l_0 := z_0 - y_0 \in \{0 < l < n : 0 < q_l < 1\}$  (so  $l_0 \neq l^*$  and  $l_0 < \lfloor n/3 \rfloor$ ), and assume that  $M_{\bar{q}}^n \models y_0 \sim z_0$ . For any  $l_1, l_2 < \lfloor n/3 \rfloor$  denote (see Figure 1):  $y_1 := y_0 + l_1$ ,  $y_2 := y_0 + l_2$ ,  $y_3 := y_2 + l_1 = y_1 + l_2 = y_0 + l_1 + l_2$  and symmetrically for  $z_1, z_2, z_3$  (so  $y_i$  and  $z_i$  for  $i \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  all belong to  $[n]$ ).

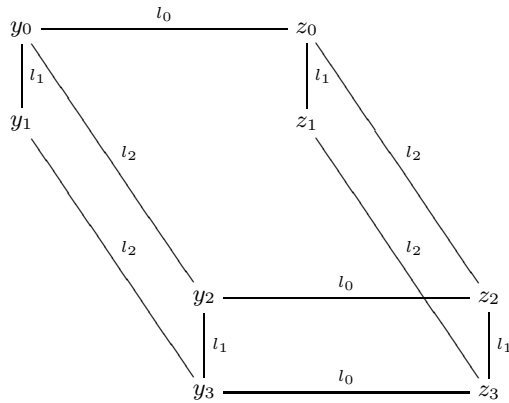


Fig. 1.

The following holds in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$  with probability 1: If for some  $l_1, l_2 < \lfloor n/3 \rfloor$  such that  $(l_0, l_1, l_2)$  is without repetitions, we have:

- (\*)<sub>1</sub>  $(y_0, y_1, y_3, y_2)$ ,  $(z_0, z_1, z_3, z_2)$  and  $(y_2, y_3, z_3, z_2)$  are all cycles in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$ .
- (\*)<sub>2</sub>  $\{y_1, z_1\}$  is not an edge of  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$ .

Then  $M_{\bar{q}}^n \models \phi_{0,3}^2[y_0, z_0]$ . Why? As  $(y_1, y_0, z_0, z_1)$ , in the place of  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$ , exemplifies  $M_{\bar{p}}^n \models \phi_{0,3}^2[y_0, z_0]$ . Let us fix  $z_0 = y_0 + l_0$  and assume that  $M_{\bar{q}}^n \models y_0 \sim z_0$ . (Formally we condition the probability space  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$  on the event  $y_0 \sim z_0$ .) Denote

$$L^{y_0, z_0} := \{(l_1, l_2) : q_{l_1}, q_{l_2} > 0, l_0 \neq l_1, l_0 \neq l_2, l_1 \neq l_2\}.$$

For  $(l_1, l_2) \in L^{y_0, z_0}$ , the probability that  $(*)_1$  and  $(*)_2$  holds, is  $(1 - q_{l_0})(q_{l_0})^2(q_{l_1})^4(q_{l_2})^4$ . Denote the event that  $(*)_1$  and  $(*)_2$  holds by  $E^{y_0, z_0}(l_1, l_2)$ . Note that if  $(l_1, l_2), (l'_1, l'_2) \in L^{y_0, z_0}$  are such that  $(l_1, l_2, l'_1, l'_2)$  is without repetitions and  $l_1 + l_2 \neq l'_1 + l'_2$  then the events  $E^{y_0, z_0}(l_1, l_2)$  and  $E^{y_0, z_0}(l'_1, l'_2)$  are independent. Now recall that  $m := |\{l > 0 : \epsilon < q_l < 1 - \epsilon\}|$ . Hence we have some  $L' \subseteq L^{y_0, z_0}$  such that:  $|L'| = \lfloor m/2 - 1 \rfloor$ , and if  $(l_1, l_2), (l'_1, l'_2) \in L'$  then the events  $E^{y_0, z_0}(l_1, l_2)$  and  $E^{y_0, z_0}(l'_1, l'_2)$  are independent. We conclude that

$$Pr[M_{\bar{q}}^n \models \neg\phi_{0,3}^2[y_0, z_0] | M_{\bar{q}}^n \models y_0 \sim z_0] \leq (1 - (1 - q_{l_0})(q_{l_0})^2(q_{l_1})^4(q_{l_2})^4)^{m/2-1} \leq (1 - \epsilon^{11})^{m/2-1}.$$

This is a common bound for all  $z_0 = y_0 + l_0$ , and the same bound holds for all  $z_0 = y_0 - l_0$  (whenever it belongs to  $[n]$ ). We conclude that the expected number of  $z_0 \in [n]$  such that:  $|z_0 - y_0| \neq l^*$ ,  $M_{\bar{q}}^n \models y_0 \sim z_0$  and  $M_{\bar{q}}^n \models \neg\phi_{0,3}^2[y_0, z_0]$  is at most  $(\sum_{\{y \in [n]: |y_0 - y| \neq l^*\}} q_{|y_0 - y|})(1 - \epsilon^{11})^{m/2-1}$ . Now by (3) in Observation 3,  $M_{\bar{q}}^n \models \phi_{0,3}^2[y_0, y_0 + l^*]$ . By Markov's inequality and the definition of  $\phi_{0,3}^3(x)$  we are done.

We now prove two lemmas which allow us to construct a sequence  $\bar{q}$  such that for  $\varphi := \exists x \phi_{0,3}^3(x)$  each of  $\varphi$  and  $\neg\varphi$  will hold infinitely often in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$ .

**Lemma 20.** *Assume  $\bar{p}$  satisfies  $\sum_{l>0} p_l = \infty$ , and let  $\bar{q} \in Gen_1^r(\bar{p})$  be nice. Let  $\zeta > 0$  be some rational number. Then there exists some  $r' > r$  and  $\bar{q}' \in Gen_1^{r'}(\bar{p})$  such that:  $\bar{q}'$  is nice,  $\bar{q} \triangleleft \bar{q}'$  and  $Pr[M_{\bar{q}'}^n \models \varphi] \leq \zeta$ .*

*Proof.* Define  $p^1 := (\prod_{l \in [n_{\bar{q}}] \setminus \{l^*\}} (1 - p_l))^2$ , and choose  $r' > r$  large enough so that  $\sum_{r < l \leq r'} p_l \geq 2l^* \cdot p^1 / \zeta$ . Now define  $\bar{q}' \in Gen_1^{r'}(\bar{p})$  in the following way:

$$q'_l = \begin{cases} q_l & 0 < l < n_{\bar{q}} \\ 0 & n_{\bar{q}} \leq l < (r' - r) \cdot n_{\bar{q}} \\ p_{r+i} & l = (r' - r + i) \cdot n_{\bar{q}} \text{ for some } 0 < i \leq (r' - r) \\ 0 & (r' - r) \cdot n_{\bar{q}} \leq l < 2(r' - r) \cdot n_{\bar{q}} \text{ and } l \not\equiv 0 \pmod{n_{\bar{q}}}. \end{cases}$$

Note that indeed  $\bar{q}'$  is nice and  $\bar{q} \triangleleft \bar{q}'$ . Denote  $n := n_{\bar{q}'} = 2(r' - r) \cdot n_{\bar{q}}$ . Note further that every member of  $M_{\bar{q}'}^n$  have at most one neighbor of distance more more than  $n/2$ , and all the rest of its neighbors are of distance at most  $n_{\bar{q}}$ . We now bound from above the probability of  $M_{\bar{q}'}^n \models \exists x \phi_{0,3}^3(x)$ . Let  $x$  be in  $[1, l^*]$ . For each  $i$  in the range  $0 < i \leq (r' - r)$  denote  $y_i := x + (r' - r + i) \cdot n_{\bar{q}}$  (hence  $y_i \in [n/2, n]$ ) and let  $E_i$  be the following event: " $M_{\bar{q}'}^n \models y_i \sim z$  iff  $z \in \{x, y_i + l^*, y_i - l^*\}$ ". By the definition of  $\bar{q}'$ , each  $y_i$  can only be connected either to  $x$  or to members of  $[y - n_{\bar{q}}, y + n_{\bar{q}}]$ , and hence we have

$$Pr[E_i] = q'_{(r' - r + i) \cdot n_{\bar{q}}} \cdot p^1 = p_{r+i} \cdot p^1.$$

As  $i \neq j \Rightarrow n/2 > |y_i - y_j| > n_{\bar{q}}$  we have that the  $E_i$ -s are independent events. Now if  $E_i$  holds then by the definition of  $\phi_{0,3}^2$  we have  $M_{\bar{q}'}^n \models \neg\phi_{0,3}^2[x, y_i]$ , and

as  $M_{\bar{q}}^n \models \neg\phi_{0,3}^2[x, x + l^*]$  this implies  $M_{\bar{q}'}^n \models \neg\phi_{0,3}^3[x]$ . Let the random variable  $X$  denote the number of  $i$  in the range  $0 < i \leq (r' - r)$  such that  $E_i$  holds in  $M_{\bar{q}'}^n$ . Then by Chebyshev's inequality we have:

$$\begin{aligned} Pr[M_{\bar{q}'}^n \models \phi_{0,3}^3[x]] &\leq \\ Pr[X = 0] &\leq \frac{Var(X)}{Exp(X)^2} \leq \frac{1}{Exp(X)} \leq \frac{p^1}{\sum_{0 < i \leq (r' - r)} p_{r+i}} \leq \frac{\zeta}{2l^*}. \end{aligned}$$

This is true for each  $x \in [1, l^*]$  and the symmetric argument gives the same bound for each  $x \in (n - l^*, n]$ . Finally note that if  $x, x + l^*$  both belong to  $[n]$  then  $M_{\bar{q}'}^n \models \neg\phi_{0,3}^2[x, x + l^*]$  (see Observation 3(4)). Hence if  $x \in (l^*, n - l^*]$  then  $M_{\bar{q}'}^n \models \neg\phi_{0,3}^3[x]$ . We conclude that:

$$Pr[M_{\bar{q}'}^n \models \exists x \phi_{0,3}^3(x)] = Pr[M_{\bar{q}'}^n \models \phi] \leq \zeta$$

as desired. □

**Lemma 21.** *Assume  $\bar{p}$  satisfies  $0 < p_l < 1 \Rightarrow \epsilon < p_l < 1 - \epsilon$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$ , and  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty p_n = \infty$ . Let  $\bar{q} \in Gen_1^r(\bar{p})$  be nice, and  $\zeta > 0$  be some rational number. Then there exist some  $r' > r$  and  $\bar{q}' \in Gen_1^{r'}(\bar{p})$  such that:  $\bar{q}'$  is nice,  $\bar{q} \triangleleft \bar{q}'$  and  $Pr[M_{\bar{q}'}^n \models \varphi] \geq 1 - \zeta$ .*

*Proof.* This is a direct consequence of Claim 5. For each  $r' > r$  denote  $m(r') := |\{0 < l \leq r' : 0 < p_l < 1\}|$ . Trivially we can choose  $r' > r$  such that  $m(r')(1 - \epsilon^{11})^{m(r')/2-1} \leq \zeta$ . As  $\bar{q}$  is nice there exists some nice  $\bar{q}' \in Gen_1^{r'}(\bar{p})$  such that  $\bar{q} \triangleleft \bar{q}'$ . Note that

$$\sum_{\{y \in [n] : |1-y| \neq l^*\}} q'_{|1-y|} \leq \sum_{\{0 < l < n_{\bar{q}'} : l \neq l^*\}} q'_l \leq m(r')$$

and hence by 5 we have:

$$Pr[M_{\bar{q}'}^n \models \neg\phi] \leq Pr[M_{\bar{q}'}^n \models \neg\phi_{2,0}^3[1]] \leq m(r')(1 - \epsilon^{11})^{m(r')/2-1} \leq \zeta$$

as desired. □

From the last two lemmas we conclude:

**Conclusion 2.** *Assume that  $\bar{p}$  satisfies  $0 < p_l < 1 \Rightarrow \epsilon < p_l < 1 - \epsilon$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$ , and  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty p_n = \infty$ . Then  $\bar{p}$  does not satisfy the 1-hereditary weak convergence law for  $L$ .*

The proof is by inductive construction of  $\bar{q} \in Gen_1(\bar{p})$  such that for  $\varphi := \exists x \phi_{0,3}^3(x)$  both  $\varphi$  and  $\neg\varphi$  hold infinitely often in  $M_{\bar{q}}^n$ , using Lemmas 20, 21 as done in previous proofs.

From Conclusion 2 we have a necessary condition on  $\bar{p}$  for the 1-hereditary weak convergence law. We now find a sufficient condition on  $\bar{p}$  for the (not necessarily 1-hereditary) 0-1 law. Let us start with definitions of distance in graphs and of local properties in graphs.

**Definition 22.** Let  $G$  be a graph on vertex set  $[n]$ .

1. For  $x, y \in [n]$  let

$$\text{dist}^G(x, y) := \min\{k \in \mathbb{N} : G \text{ has a path of length } k \text{ from } x \text{ to } y\}.$$

Note that for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists some  $L$ -formula  $\theta_k(x, y)$  such that for all  $G$  and  $x, y \in [n]$ :

$$G \models \theta_k[x, y] \quad \text{iff} \quad \text{dist}^G(x, y) \leq k.$$

2. For  $x \in [n]$  and  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  let  $B^G(r, x) := \{y \in [n] : \text{dist}^G(x, y) \leq r\}$  be the ball with radius  $r$  and center  $x$  in  $G$ .

3. An  $L$ -formula  $\phi(x)$  is called  $r$ -local if every quantifier in  $\phi$  is restricted to the set  $B^G(r, x)$ . Formally each appearance of the form  $\forall y \dots$  in  $\phi$  is of the form  $(\forall y)[\theta_r(x, y) \rightarrow \dots]$ , and similarly for  $\exists y$  and other variables. Note that for any  $G, x \in [n], r \in \mathbb{N}$  and an  $r$ -local formula  $\phi(x)$  we have:

$$G \models \phi[x] \quad \text{iff} \quad G|_{B(r, x)} \models \phi[x].$$

4. An  $L$ -sentence is called local if it has the form

$$\exists x_1 \dots \exists x_m \bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq m} \phi(x_i) \wedge \bigwedge_{1 \leq i < j \leq m} \neg \theta_{2r}(x_i, x_j)$$

where  $\phi = \phi(x)$  is an  $r$ -local formula for some  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ .

5. For  $l, r \in \mathbb{N}$  and an  $L$ -formula  $\phi(x)$  we say that the  $l$ -boundary of  $G$  is  $r$ -indistinguishable by  $\phi(x)$  if for all  $z \in [1, l] \cup (n - l, n]$  there exists some  $y \in [n]$  such that  $B^G(r, y) \cap ([1, l] \cup (n - l, n]) = \emptyset$  and  $G \models \phi[z] \leftrightarrow \phi[y]$

We can now use the following famous result from [1]:

**Theorem 23 (Gaifman’s Theorem).** Every  $L$ -sentence is logically equivalent to a boolean combination of local  $L$ -sentences.

We will use Gaifman’s theorem to prove:

**Lemma 24.** Assume that for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k$ -local  $L$ -formulas  $\varphi(z)$  we have:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Pr[\text{The } l^* \text{-boundary of } M_{\bar{p}}^n \text{ is } k\text{-indistinguishable by } \varphi(z)] = 1.$$

Then the 0-1 law for  $L$  holds in  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$ .

*Proof.* By Gaifman’s theorem it is enough if we prove that the 0-1 law holds in  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$  for local  $L$ -sentences. Let

$$\psi := \exists x_1 \dots \exists x_m \bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq m} \phi(x_i) \bigwedge_{1 \leq i < j \leq m} \neg \theta_{2r}(x_i, x_j)$$

be some local  $L$ -sentence, where  $\phi(x)$  is an  $r$ -local formula.

Define  $\mathfrak{H}$  to be the set of all 4-tuples  $(l, U, u_0, H)$  such that:  $l \in \mathbb{N}, U \subseteq [l], u_0 \in U$  and  $H$  is a graph with vertex set  $U$ . We say that some  $(l, U, u_0, H) \in \mathfrak{H}$  is  $r$ -proper for  $\bar{p}$  (but as  $\bar{p}$  is fixed we usually omit it) if it satisfies:

- (\*<sub>1</sub>) For all  $u \in U$ ,  $dist^H(u_0, u) \leq r$ .
- (\*<sub>2</sub>) For all  $u \in U$ , if  $dist^H(u_0, u) < r$  then  $u + l^*, u - l^* \in U$ .
- (\*<sub>3</sub>)  $Pr[M_p^l|U = H] > 0$ .

We say that a member of  $\mathfrak{H}$  is proper if it is  $r$ -proper for some  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $H$  be a graph on vertex set  $U \subseteq [l]$  and  $G$  be a graph on vertex set  $[n]$ . We say that  $f : U \rightarrow [n]$  is a strong embedding of  $H$  in  $G$  if:

- $f$  in one-to one.
- For all  $u, v \in U$ ,  $H \models u \sim v$  iff  $G \models f(u) \sim f(v)$ .
- For all  $u, v \in U$ ,  $f(u) - f(v) = u - v$ .
- If  $i \in Im(f)$ ,  $j \in [n] \setminus Im(f)$  and  $|i - j| \neq l^*$  then  $G \models \neg i \sim j$ .

We make two observations which follow directly from the definitions:

1. If  $(l, U, u_0, H) \in \mathfrak{H}$  is  $r$ -proper and  $f : U \rightarrow [n]$  is a strong embedding of  $H$  in  $G$  then  $Im(f) = B^G(r, f(u_0))$ . Furthermore for any  $r$ -local formula  $\phi(x)$  and  $u \in U$  we have,  $G \models \phi[f(u)]$  iff  $H \models \phi[u]$ .
2. Let  $G$  be a graph on vertex set  $[n]$  such that  $Pr[M_p^n = G] > 0$ , and  $x \in [n]$  be such that  $B^G(r - 1, x)$  is disjoint to  $[1, l^*] \cup (n - l^*, n]$ . Denote by  $m$  and  $M$  the minimal and maximal elements of  $B^G(r, x)$  respectively. Denote by  $U$  the set  $\{i - m + 1 : i \in B^G(r, x)\}$  and by  $H$  the graph on  $U$  defined by  $H \models u \sim v$  iff  $G \models (u + m - 1) \sim (v + m - 1)$ . Then the 4-tuple  $(M - m + 1, U, x - m + 1, H)$  is an  $r$ -proper member of  $\mathfrak{H}$ . Furthermore for any  $r$ -local formula  $\phi(x)$  and  $u \in U$  we have  $G \models \phi[u - m + 1]$  iff  $H \models \phi[u]$ .

We now show that for any proper member of  $\mathfrak{H}$  there are many disjoint strong embeddings into  $M_p^n$ . Formally:

*claim 6.* Let  $(l, U, u_0, H) \in \mathfrak{H}$  be proper, and  $c > 1$  be some fixed real. Let  $E_c^n$  be the following event on  $M_p^n$ : "For any interval  $I \subseteq [n]$  of length at least  $n/c$  there exists some  $f : U \rightarrow I$  a strong embedding of  $H$  in  $M_p^n$ ". Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Pr[E_c^n \text{ holds in } M_p^n] = 1.$$

We skip the proof of this claim because an almost identical lemma is proved in [2] (see Lemma at page 8 there).

We can now finish the proof of Lemma 24. Recall that  $\phi(x)$  is an  $r$ -local formula. We consider two possibilities. First assume that for some  $r$ -proper  $(l, U, u_0, H) \in \mathfrak{H}$  we have  $H \models \phi[u_0]$ . Let  $\zeta > 0$  be some real. Then by the claim above, for  $n$  large enough, with probability at least  $1 - \zeta$  there exist  $f_1, \dots, f_m$  strong embeddings of  $H$  into  $M_p^n$  such that  $\langle Im(f_i) : 1 \leq i \leq m \rangle$  are pairwise disjoint. By observation (1) above we have:

- For  $1 \leq i < j \leq m$ ,  $B^{M_p^n}(r, f_i(u_0)) \cap B^{M_p^n}(r, f_j(u_0)) = \emptyset$ .
- For  $1 \leq i \leq m$ ,  $M_p^n \models \phi[f_i(u_0)]$ .

Hence  $f_1(u_0), \dots, f_m(u_0)$  exemplifies  $\psi$  in  $M_p^n$ , so  $Pr[M_p^n \models \psi] \geq 1 - \zeta$  and as  $\zeta$  was arbitrary we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Pr[M_p^n \models \psi] = 1$  and we are done.

Otherwise assume that for all  $r$ -proper  $(l, U, u_0, H) \in \mathfrak{H}$  we have  $H \models \neg\phi[u_0]$ . We will show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Pr[M_{\bar{p}}^n \models \psi] = 0$  which will finish the proof. Towards contradiction assume that for some  $\epsilon > 0$  for unboundedly many  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have  $Pr[M_{\bar{p}}^n \models \psi] \geq \epsilon$ . Define the  $L$ -formula:

$$\varphi(z) := (\exists x)(\theta_{r-1}(x, z) \wedge \phi(x)).$$

Note that  $\varphi(z)$  is equivalent to a  $k$ -local formula for  $k = 2r - 1$ . Hence by the assumption of our lemma for some (large enough)  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have with probability at least  $\epsilon/2$ :  $M_{\bar{p}}^n \models \psi$  and the  $l^*$ -boundary of  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$  is  $k$ -indistinguishable by  $\varphi(z)$ . In particular for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $G$  a graph on vertex set  $[n]$  we have:

- ( $\alpha$ )  $Pr[M_{\bar{p}}^n = G] > 0$ .
- ( $\beta$ )  $G \models \psi$ .
- ( $\gamma$ ) The  $l^*$ -boundary of  $G$  is  $k$ -indistinguishable by  $\varphi(z)$ .

By ( $\beta$ ) for some  $x_0 \in [n]$  we have  $G \models \phi[x_0]$ . If  $x_0$  is such that  $B^G(r - 1, x_0)$  is disjoint to  $[1, l^*] \cup (n - l^*, n]$  then by ( $\alpha$ ) and observation (2) above we have some  $r$ -proper  $(l, U, u_0, H) \in \mathfrak{H}$  such that  $H \models \phi[u_0]$  in contradiction to our assumption. Hence assume that  $B^G(r - 1, x_0)$  is not disjoint to  $[1, l^*] \cup (n - l^*, n]$  and let  $z_0 \in [n]$  belong to their intersection. So by the definition of  $\varphi(z)$  we have  $G \models \varphi[z_0]$  and by ( $\gamma$ ) we have some  $y_0 \in [n]$  such that  $B^G(k, y_0) \cap ([1, l^*] \cup (n - l^*, n]) = \emptyset$  and  $G \models \varphi[y_0]$ . Again by the definition of  $\varphi(z)$ , and recalling that  $k = 2r - 1$  we have some  $x_1 \in [n]$  such that  $B^G(r - 1, x_1) \cap ([1, l^*] \cup (n - l^*, n]) = \emptyset$  and  $G \models \phi[x_1]$ . So again by ( $\alpha$ ) and observation (2) we get a contradiction.  $\square$

*Remark 25.* Lemma 24 above gives a sufficient condition for the 0-1 law. If we are only interested in the convergence law, then a weaker condition is sufficient; all we need is that the probability of any local property holding in the  $l^*$ -boundary converges. Formally:

Assume that for all  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $r$ -local  $L$ -formulas,  $\phi(x)$ , and for all  $1 \leq l \leq l^*$  we have: Both  $\langle Pr[M_{\bar{p}}^n \models \phi[l] : n \in \mathbb{N}] \rangle$  and  $\langle Pr[M_{\bar{p}}^n \models \phi[n - l + 1] : n \in \mathbb{N}] \rangle$  converge to a limit. Then  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$  satisfies the convergence law.

The proof is similar to the proof of Lemma 24. A similar proof on the convergence law in graphs with the successor relation is Theorem 2(i) in [2].

We now use 24 to get a sufficient condition on  $\bar{p}$  for the 0-1 law holding in  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$ . Our proof relies on the assumption that  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$  contains few cycles, and only those that are “unavoidable”. We start with a definition of such cycles:

**Definition 26.** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

1. For a sequence  $\bar{x} = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k) \subseteq [n]$  and  $0 \leq i < k$  denote  $l_i^{\bar{x}} := x_{i+1} - x_i$ .
2. A sequence  $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k) \subseteq [n]$  is called possible for  $\bar{p}$  (but as  $\bar{p}$  is fixed we omit it and similarly below) if for each  $i$  in the range  $0 \leq i < k$ ,  $p_{|l_i^{\bar{x}}|} > 0$ .
3. A sequence  $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k)$  is called a cycle of length  $k$  if  $x_0 = x_k$  and  $\{x_i, x_{i+1} : 0 \leq i < k\}$  is without repetitions.

4. A cycle of length  $k$ , is called simple if  $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{k-1})$  is without repetitions.
5. For  $\bar{x} = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k) \subseteq [n]$ , a pair  $(S \cup A)$  is called a symmetric partition of  $\bar{x}$  if:
  - $S \cup A = \{0, \dots, k-1\}$ .
  - If  $i \neq j$  belong to  $A$  then  $l_i^{\bar{x}} + l_j^{\bar{x}} \neq 0$ .
  - The sequence  $\langle l_i^{\bar{x}} : i \in S \rangle$  can be partitioned into two sequences of length  $r = |S|/2$ :  $\langle l_i : 0 \leq i < r \rangle$  and  $\langle l'_i : 0 \leq i < r \rangle$  such that  $l_i + l'_i = 0$  for each  $i$  in the range  $0 \leq i < r$ .
6. For  $\bar{x} = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k) \subseteq [n]$  let  $(Sym(\bar{x}), Asym(\bar{x}))$  be some symmetric partition of  $\bar{x}$  (say the first in some prefixed order). Denote  $Sym^+(\bar{x}) := \{i \in Sym(\bar{x}) : l_i^{\bar{x}} > 0\}$ .
7. We say that  $\bar{p}$  has no unavoidable cycles if for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists some  $m_k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that if  $\bar{x}$  is a possible cycle of length  $k$  then for each  $i \in Asym(\bar{x})$ ,  $|l_i^{\bar{x}}| \leq m_k$ .

**Theorem 27.** Assume that  $\bar{p}$  has no unavoidable cycles,  $\sum_{l=1}^\infty p_l = \infty$  and  $\sum_{l=1}^\infty (p_l)^2 < \infty$ . Then  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$  satisfies the 0-1 law for  $L$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\phi(x)$  be some  $r$ -local formula, and  $j^*$  be in  $\{1, 2, \dots, l^*\} \cup \{-1, -2, \dots, -l^*\}$ . For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  let  $z_n^* = z^*(n, j^*)$  equal  $j^*$  if  $j^* > 0$  and  $n - j^* + 1$  if  $j^* < 0$  (so  $z_n^*$  belongs to  $[1, l^*] \cup (n - l^*, n]$ ). We will show that with probability approaching 1 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  there exists some  $y^* \in [n]$  such that  $B_{\bar{p}}^{M_{\bar{p}}^n}(r, y^*) \cap ([1, l^*] \cup (n - l^*, n]) = \emptyset$  and  $M_{\bar{p}}^n \models \phi[z_n^*] \leftrightarrow \phi[y^*]$ . This will complete the proof by Lemma 24. For simplicity of notation assume  $j^* = 1$  hence  $z_n^* = 1$  (the proof of the other cases is similar). We use the notations of the proof of 24. In particular recall the definition of the set  $\mathfrak{H}$  and of an  $r$ -proper member of  $\mathfrak{H}$ . Now if for two  $r$ -proper members of  $\mathfrak{H}$ ,  $(l^1, x^1, U^1, H^1)$  and  $(l^2, x^2, U^2, H^2)$  we have  $H^1 \models \phi[x^1]$  and  $H^2 \models \neg\phi[x^2]$  then by Claim 6 we are done. Otherwise all  $r$ -proper members of  $\mathfrak{H}$  give the same value to  $\phi[x]$  and without loss of generality assume that if  $(l, x, U, H) \in \mathfrak{H}$  is a  $r$ -proper then  $H \models \phi[x]$  (the dual case is identical). If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Pr[M_{\bar{p}}^n \models \phi[1]] = 1$  then again we are done by 6. Hence we may assume that:

- ⊙ For some  $\epsilon > 0$ , for an unbounded set of  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $Pr[M_{\bar{p}}^n \models \neg\phi[1]] \geq \epsilon$ .

In the construction below we use the following notations:  $2$  denotes the set  $\{0, 1\}$ .  ${}^k 2$  denotes the set of sequences of length  $k$  of members of  $2$ , and if  $\eta$  belongs to  ${}^k 2$  we write  $|\eta| = k$ .  $\leq^k 2$  denotes  $\bigcup_{0 \leq i \leq k} {}^i 2$  and similarly  $<^k 2$ .  $\langle \rangle$  denotes the empty sequence, and for  $\eta, \eta' \in \leq^k 2$ ,  $\eta\eta'$  denotes the concatenation of  $\eta$  and  $\eta'$ . Finally for  $\eta \in {}^k 2$  and  $k' < k$ ,  $\eta|_{k'}$  is the initial segment of length  $k'$  of  $\eta$ .

Call  $\bar{y}$  a saturated tree of depth  $k$  in  $[n]$  if:

- $\bar{y} = \langle y_\eta \in [n] : \eta \in \leq^k 2 \rangle$ .
- $\bar{y}$  is without repetitions.
- $\{y_{\langle \rangle}, y_{\langle 1 \rangle}\} = \{y_{\langle \rangle} + l^*, y_{\langle \rangle} - l^*\}$ .
- If  $0 < l < k$  and  $\eta \in {}^l 2$  then  $\{y_\eta + l^*, y_\eta - l^*\} \subseteq \{y_{\eta\langle 0 \rangle}, y_{\eta\langle 1 \rangle}, y_{\eta|_{l-1}}\}$ .

Let  $G$  be a graph with set of vertices  $[n]$ , and  $i \in [n]$ . We say that  $\bar{y}$  is a cycle free saturated tree of depth  $k$  for  $i$  in  $G$  if:



- (i)  $\bar{y}$  is a saturated tree of depth  $k$  in  $[n]$ .
- (ii)  $G \models i \sim y_{\langle i \rangle}$  but  $|i - y_{\langle i \rangle}| \neq l^*$ .
- (iii) For each  $\eta \in {}^{<k}2$ ,  $G \models y_\eta \sim y_{\bar{\eta}\langle 0 \rangle}$  and  $G \models y_\eta \sim y_{\bar{\eta}\langle 1 \rangle}$ .
- (iv) None of the edges described in (ii),(iii) belongs to a cycle of length  $\leq 6k$  in  $G$ .
- (v) Recalling that  $\bar{p}$  has no unavoidable cycles let  $m_{2k}$  be the one from Definition 26(7). For all  $\eta \in {}^{\leq k}2$  and  $y \in [n]$  if  $G \models y_\eta \sim y$  and  $y \notin \{y_{\bar{\eta}\langle 0 \rangle}, y_{\bar{\eta}\langle 1 \rangle}, y_{\eta|_{l-1}}, i\}$  then  $|y - y_\eta| > m_{2k}$ .

For  $I \subseteq [n]$  we say that  $\langle \bar{y}^i : i \in I \rangle$  is a cycle free saturated forest of depth  $k$  for  $I$  in  $G$  if:

- (a) For each  $i \in I$ ,  $\bar{y}^i$  is a cycle free saturated tree of depth  $k$  for  $i$  in  $G$ .
- (b) As sets  $\langle \bar{y}^i : i \in I \rangle$  are pairwise disjoint.
- (c) If  $i_1, i_2 \in I$  and  $\bar{x}$  is a path of length  $k' \leq k$  in  $G$  from  $y_{\langle i_1 \rangle}^{i_1}$  to  $i_2$ , then for some  $j < k'$ ,  $(x_j, x_{j+1}) = (y_{\langle i_1 \rangle}^{i_1}, i_1)$ .

*claim 7.* For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $G$  a graph on  $[n]$  denote by  $I_k^*(G)$  the set  $([1, l^*] \cup (n - l^*, n)) \cap B^G(1, k)$ . Let  $E^{n,k}$  be the event: ‘‘There exists a cycle free saturated forest of depth  $k$  for  $I_k^*(G)$ ’’. Then for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ :

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Pr[E^{n,k} \text{ holds in } M_{\bar{p}}^n] = 1.$$

*Proof.* Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  be fixed. The proof proceeds in six steps:

**Step 1.** We observe that only a bounded number of cycles starts in each vertex of  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$ . Formally: For  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $i \in [n]$  let  $E_{n,m,i}^1$  be the event: ‘‘More than  $m$  different cycles of length at most  $12k$  include  $i$ ’’. Then for all  $\zeta > 0$  for some  $m = m(\zeta)$  ( $m$  depends also on  $\bar{p}$  and  $k$  but as those are fixed we omit them from the notation and similarly below) we have:

$$\textcircled{*}_1 \text{ For all } n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } i \in [n], Pr_{M_{\bar{p}}^n}[E_{n,m,i}^1] \leq \zeta.$$

To see this note that if  $\bar{x} = (x_0, \dots, x_{k'})$  is a possible cycle in  $[n]$ , then

$$Pr[\bar{x} \text{ is a weak cycle in } M_{\bar{p}}^n] := p(\bar{x}) = \prod_{i \in Asym(\bar{x})} p_{|l_i^*|} \cdot \prod_{i \in Sym^+(\bar{x})} (p_{l_i^*})^2.$$

Now as  $\bar{p}$  has no unavoidable, cycles let  $m_{12k}$  be as in 26(7). Then the expected number of cycles of length  $\leq 12k$  starting in  $i = x_0$  is

$$\sum_{\substack{k' \leq 12k, \bar{x} = (x_0, \dots, x_{k'}) \\ \text{is a possible cycle}}} p(\bar{x}) \leq (m_{12k})^{12k} \cdot \sum_{0 < l_1, \dots, l_{6k} < n} \prod_{i=1}^{6k} (p_{l_i})^2 \leq (m_{12k})^{12k} \cdot \left( \sum_{0 < l < n} (p_l)^2 \right)^{6k}.$$

But as  $\sum_{0 < l < n} (p_l)^2$  is bounded by  $\sum_{l=1}^\infty (p_l)^2 := c^* < \infty$ , if we take  $m = (m_{12k})^{12k} \cdot (c^*)^{6k} / \zeta$  then we have  $\textcircled{*}_1$  as desired.

**Step 2.** We show that there exists a positive lower bound on the probability that a cycle passes through a given edge of  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$ . Formally: Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $i, j \in [n]$  be such that  $p_{|i-j|} > 0$ . Denote By  $E_{n,i,j}^2$  the event: “There does not exists a cycle of length  $\leq 6k$  containing the edge  $\{i, j\}$ ”. Then there exists some  $q_2 > 0$  such that:

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ For any } n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } i, j \in [n] \text{ such that } p_{|i-j|} > 0, Pr_{M_{\bar{p}}^n}[E_{n,i,j}^2 | i \sim j] \geq q_2.$$

To see this call a path  $\bar{x} = (x_0, \dots, x_{k'})$  good for  $i, j \in [n]$  if  $x_0 = j, x_{k'} = i, \bar{x}$  does not contain the edge  $\{i, j\}$  and does not contain the same edge more than once. Let  $E_{n,i,j}'^2$  be the event: “There does not exists a path good for  $i, j$  of length  $< 6k$ ”. Note that for  $i, j \in [n]$  and  $G$  a graph on  $[n]$  such that  $G \models i \sim j$  we have:  $(i, j, x_2, \dots, x_{k'})$  is a cycle in  $G$  iff  $(j, x_2, \dots, k_{k'})$  is a path in  $G$  good for  $i, j$ . Hence for such  $G$  we have:  $E_{n,i,j}^2$  holds in  $G$  iff  $E_{n,i,j}'^2$  holds in  $G$ . Since the events  $i \sim j$  and  $E_{n,i,j}'^2$  are independent in  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$  we conclude:

$$Pr_{M_{\bar{p}}^n}[E_{n,i,j}^2 | i \sim j] = Pr_{M_{\bar{p}}^n}[E_{n,i,j}'^2 | i \sim j] = Pr_{M_{\bar{p}}^n}[E_{n,i,j}'^2].$$

Next recalling Definition 26(7) let  $m_k$  be as there. Since  $\sum_{l>0} (p_l)^2 < \infty, (p_l)^2$  converges to 0 as  $l$  approaches infinity, and hence so does  $p_l$ . Hence for some  $m^0 \in \mathbb{N}$  we have that  $l > m^0$  implies  $p_l < 1/2$ . Let  $m_k^* := \max\{m_{6k}, m^0\}$ . We now define for a possible path  $\bar{x} = (x_0, \dots, x_{k'})$ ,  $Large(\bar{x}) = \{0 \leq r < k' : |l_r^{\bar{x}}| > m_k^*\}$ . Note that as  $\bar{p}$  has no unavoidable cycles we have for any possible cycle  $\bar{x}$  of length  $\leq 6k, Large(\bar{x}) \subseteq Sym(\bar{x})$ , and  $|Large(\bar{x})|$  is even. We now make the following claim: For each  $k^*$  in the range  $0 \leq k^* \leq \lfloor k/2 \rfloor$  let  $E_{n,i,j}'^{2,k^*}$  be the event: “There does not exists a path,  $\bar{x}$ , good for  $i, j$  of length  $< 6k$  with  $|Large(\bar{x})| = 2k^*$ ”. Then there exists a positive probability  $q_{2,k^*}$  such that for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $i, j \in [n]$  we have:

$$Pr_{M_{\bar{p}}^n}[E_{n,i,j}'^{2,k^*}] \geq q_{2,k^*}.$$

Then by taking  $q_2 = \prod_{0 \leq k^* \leq \lfloor k/2 \rfloor} q_{2,k^*}$  we will have  $\textcircled{2}$ . Let us prove the claim. For  $k^* = 0$  we have (recalling that no cycle consists only of edges of length  $l^*$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} Pr_{M_{\bar{p}}^n}[E_{n,i,j}'^{2,0}] &= \prod_{\substack{k' \leq 6k, \bar{x}=(i=x_0, j=x_1, \dots, x_{k'}) \\ \text{is a possible cycle, } |Large(\bar{x})|=0}} \left(1 - \prod_{r=1}^{k'-1} p_{|l_r^{\bar{x}}|}\right) \\ &\geq (1 - \max\{p_l : 0 < l \leq m_k^*, l \neq l^*\})^{6k \cdot (m_k^*)^{6k-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

But as the last expression is positive and depends only on  $\bar{p}$  and  $k$  we are done. For  $k^* > 0$  we have:

$$Pr_{M_{\bar{p}}^n}[E_{n,i,j}'^{2,k^*}] = \prod_{\substack{k' \leq 6k, \bar{x}=(i=x_0, j=x_1, \dots, x_{k'}) \\ \text{is a possible cycle, } |Large(\bar{x})|=k^*}} \left(1 - \prod_{m=1}^{k'-1} p_{|l_m^{\bar{x}}|}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \prod_{\substack{k' \leq 6k, \bar{x}=(i=x_0, j=x_1, \dots, x_{k'}) \\ \text{is a possible cycle,} \\ |Large(\bar{x})|=k^*, 0 \notin Large(\bar{x})}} \left(1 - \prod_{m=1}^{k'-1} p_{|\bar{x}_m}\right) \cdot \\
 &\quad \prod_{\substack{k' \leq 6k, \bar{x}=(i=x_0, j=x_1, \dots, x_{k'}) \\ \text{is a possible cycle,} \\ |Large(\bar{x})|=k^*, 0 \in Large(\bar{x})}} \left(1 - \prod_{m=1}^{k'-1} p_{|\bar{x}_m}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

But the product on the second line is at least

$$\left[ \prod_{l_1, \dots, l_{k^*} > m_k^*} \left(1 - \prod_{m=1}^{k^*} (p_{l_m})^2\right) \right]^{(m_k^*)^{(6k-2k^*)}} \cdot (6k)^{2k^*},$$

and as  $\sum_{l > m_k^*} (p_l)^2 \leq c^* < \infty$  we have  $\sum_{l_1, \dots, l_{k^*} > m_k^*} \prod_{m=1}^{k^*} (p_{l_m})^2 \leq (c^*)^{k^*} < \infty$  and hence  $\prod_{l_1, \dots, l_{k^*} > m_k^*} (1 - \prod_{m=1}^{k^*} (p_{l_m})^2) > 0$  and we have a bound as desired. Similarly the product on the third line is at least

$$\left[ \prod_{l_1, \dots, l_{k^*-1} > m_k^*} \left(1 - \prod_{m=1}^{k^*-1} (p_{l_m})^2\right) \cdot 1/2 \right]^{(m_k^*)^{(6k-2k^*-1)}} \cdot (6k)^{2k^*},$$

and again we have a bound as desired.

**Step 3.** Denote

$$E_{n,i,j}^3 := E_{n,i,j}^2 \wedge \bigwedge_{r=1, \dots, k} (E_{n,j+(r-1)l^*, j+r l^*}^2 \wedge E_{n,j-(r-1)l^*, j-r l^*}^2)$$

and let  $q_3 = q_2^{(2l^*+1)}$ . We then have:

⊗<sub>3</sub> For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $i, j \in [n]$  such that  $p_{|i-j|} > 0$  and  $j + kl^*, j - kl^* \in [n]$ ,  $Pr_{M_{\bar{p}}^n} [E_{n,i,j}^3 | i \sim j] \geq q_3$ .

This follows immediately from ⊗<sub>2</sub>, and the fact that if  $i, i', j, j'$  all belong to  $[n]$  then the probability  $Pr_{M_{\bar{p}}^n} [E_{n,i,j}^2 | E_{n,i',j'}^2]$  is no smaller than the probability  $Pr_{M_{\bar{p}}^n} [E_{n,i,j}^2]$ .

**Step 4.** For  $i, j \in [n]$  such that  $j + kl^*, j - kl^* \in [n]$  denote by  $E_{n,i,j}^4$  the event: “ $E_{n,i,j}^3$  holds and for  $x \in \{j + rl^* : r \in \{-k, -k + 1, \dots, k\}\}$  and  $y \in [n] \setminus \{i\}$  we have  $x \sim y \Rightarrow (|x - y| = l^* \vee |x - y| > m_{2k})$ ”. Then for some  $q_4 > 0$  we have:

⊗<sub>4</sub> For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $i, j \in [n]$  such that  $p_{|i-j|} > 0$  and  $j + kl^*, j - kl^* \in [n]$ ,  $Pr_{M_{\bar{p}}^n} [E_{n,i,j}^4 | i \sim j] \geq q_4$ .

To see this simply take  $q_4 = q_3 \cdot (\prod_{l \in \{1, \dots, m_{2k}\} \setminus \{l^*\}} (1 - p_l))^{2k+1}$ , and use ⊗<sub>3</sub>.

**Step 5.** For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $S \subseteq [n]$ , and  $i \in [n]$  let  $E_{n,S,i}^5$  be the event: “For some  $j \in [n] \setminus S$  we have  $i \sim j$ ,  $|i - j| \neq l^*$  and  $E_{n,i,j}^4$ ”. Then for each  $\delta > 0$  and  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ , for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  large enough (depending on  $\delta$  and  $s$ ) we have:

⊗<sub>5</sub> For all  $i \in [n]$  and  $S \subseteq [n]$  with  $|S| \leq s$ ,  $Pr_{M_{\bar{p}}^n}[E_{n,S,i}^5] \geq 1 - \delta$ .

First let  $\delta > 0$  and  $s \in \mathbb{N}$  be fixed. Second for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $S \subseteq [n]$  and  $i \in [n]$  denote by  $J_i^{n,S}$  the set of all possible candidates for  $j$ , namely  $J_i^{n,S} := \{j \in (kl^*, n - kl^*] \setminus S : |i - j| \neq l^*\}$ . For  $j \in J_i^{n,\emptyset}$  let  $U_j := \{j + rl^* : r \in \{-k, -k + 1, \dots, k\}\}$ . For  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $G$  a graph on  $[n]$  call  $j \in J_i^{n,S}$  a candidate of type  $(n, m, S, i)$  in  $G$ , if each  $j' \in U(j)$ , belongs to at most  $m$  different cycles of length at most  $6k$  in  $G$ . Denote the set of all candidates of type  $(n, m, S, i)$  in  $G$  by  $J_i^{n,S}(G)$ . Now let  $X_i^{n,m}$  be the random variable on  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$  defined by:

$$X_i^{n,m}(M_{\bar{p}}^n) = \sum \{p_{|i-j|} : j \in J_i^{n,S}(M_{\bar{p}}^n)\}.$$

Denote  $R_i^{n,S} := \sum \{p_{|i-j|} : j \in J_i^{n,S}\}$ . Trivially for all  $n, m, S, i$  as above,  $X_i^{n,m} \leq R_i^{n,S}$ . On the other hand, by ⊗<sub>1</sub> and the definition of a candidate, for all  $\zeta > 0$  we can find  $m = m(\zeta) \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n, S, i$  as above and  $j \in J_i^{n,S}$ , the probability that  $j$  is a candidate of type  $(n, m, S, i)$  in  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$  is at least  $1 - \zeta$ . Then for such  $m$  we have:  $Exp(X_i^{n,m}) \geq R_i^{n,S}(1 - \zeta)$ . Hence we have  $Pr_{M_{\bar{p}}^n}[X_i^{n,m} \leq R_i^{n,S}/2] \leq 2\zeta$ . Recall that  $\delta > 0$  was fixed, and let  $m^* = m(\delta/4)$ . Then for all  $n, S, i$  as above we have with probability at least  $1 - \delta/2$ ,  $X_i^{n,m^*}(M_{\bar{p}}^n) \geq R_i^{n,S}/2$ . Now denote  $m^{**} := (2l^* + 1)(m^* + 2m_{2k})6k(m^* + 1)$ , and fix  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\sum_{0 < l < n} pl > 2 \cdot ((m^{**}/(q_4 \cdot \delta)) \cdot 2m_{2k}(2l^* + 1) + (s + 2kl^* + 2))$ . Let  $i \in [n]$  and  $S \subseteq [n]$  be such that  $|S| \leq s$ . We relativize our probability space  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$  to the event  $X_i^{n,m^*}(M_{\bar{p}}^n) \geq R_i^{n,S}/2$ , and all probabilities until the end of Step 5 will be conditioned to this event. If we show that under this assumption we have  $Pr_{M_{\bar{p}}^n}[E_{n,S,i}^5] \geq 1 - \delta/2$ , then we will have ⊗<sub>5</sub>.

Let  $G$  be a graph on  $[n]$  such that,  $X_i^{n,m^*}(G) \geq R_i^{n,S}/2$ . For  $j \in J_i^{n,S}$  let  $C_j(G)$  denote the set of all the pairs of vertices which are relevant for the event  $E_{n,i,j}^4$ . Namely  $C_j(G)$  will contain:  $\{i, j\}$ , all the edges  $\{u, v\}$  such that :  $u \in U(j)$ ,  $v \neq i$  and  $|u - v| < m_{2k}$ , and all the edges that belong to a cycle of length  $\leq 6k$  containing some member of  $U(j)$ . We make some observations:

1.  $X_i^{n,m^*}(G) \geq (m^{**}/(q_4 \cdot \delta)) \cdot 2m_{2k}(2l^* + 1)$ .
2. There exists  $J^1(G) \subseteq J_i^{n,S}$  such that:
  - (a) The sets  $U(j)$  for  $j \in J^1(G)$  are pairwise disjoint. Moreover if  $j_1, j_2 \in J^1(G)$ ,  $u_l \in U(j_l)$  for  $l \in \{1, 2\}$  and  $j_1 \neq j_2$  then  $|u_1 - u_2| > m_{2k}$ .
  - (b) Each  $j \in J^1(G)$  is a candidate of type  $(n, m^*, S, i)$  in  $G$ .
  - (c) The sum  $\sum \{p_{|i-j|} : j \in J^1(G)\}$  is at least  $m^{**}/(q_4 \cdot \delta)$ .  
 [To see this use (1) and construct  $J^1$  by adding the candidate with the largest  $p_{|i-j|}$  that satisfies (a). Note that each new candidate excludes at most  $m_{2k}(2l^* + 1)$  others.]
3. Let  $j$  belong to  $J^1(G)$ . Then the set  $\{j' \in J^1(G) : C_j(G) \cap C_{j'}(G) \neq \emptyset\}$  has size at most  $m^{**}$ . [To see this use (2)(b) above, the fact that two cycles of length  $\leq 6k$  that intersect in an edge give a cycle of length  $\leq 12k$  and similar trivial facts.]

4. From (3) we conclude that there exists  $J^2(G) \subseteq J^1(G)$  and  $\langle j_1, \dots, j_r \rangle$  an enumeration of  $J^2(G)$  such that:
- (a) For any  $1 \leq r' \leq r$  the sets  $C(j_{r'})$  and  $\cup_{1 \leq r'' < r'} C(j_{r''})$  are disjoint.
  - (b) The sum  $\sum \{p_{|i-j|} : j \in J^2(G)\}$  is greater or equal  $1/(q_4 \cdot \delta)$ .

Now for each  $j \in J_i^{n,S}$  let  $E_j^*$  be the event: “ $i \sim j$  and  $E_{n,i,j}^4$ ”. By  $\otimes_4$  we have for each  $j \in J_i^{n,S}$ ,  $Pr_{M_{\bar{p}}^n}[E_j^*] \geq q_4 \cdot p_{|i-j|}$ . Recall that we condition the probability space  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$  to the event  $X_i^{n,m^*}(M_{\bar{p}}^n) \geq R_i^{n,S}/2$ , and let  $\langle j_1, \dots, j_r \rangle$  be the enumeration of  $J^2(M_{\bar{p}}^n)$  from (4) above. (Formally speaking  $r$  and each  $j_{r'}$  is a function of  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$ ). We then have for  $1 \leq r' < r'' \leq r$ ,  $Pr_{M_{\bar{p}}^n}[E_{j_{r'}}^* | E_{j_{r''}}^*] \geq Pr_{M_{\bar{p}}^n}[E_{j_{r'}}^*]$ , and  $Pr_{M_{\bar{p}}^n}[E_{j_{r'}}^* | \neg E_{j_{r''}}^*] \geq Pr_{M_{\bar{p}}^n}[E_{j_{r'}}^*]$ . To see this use (2)(a) and (4)(a) above and the definition of  $C_j(G)$ .

Let the random variables  $X$  and  $X'$  be defined as follows.  $X$  is the number of  $j \in J^2(M_{\bar{p}}^n)$  such that  $E_j^*$  holds in  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$ . In other words  $X$  is the sum of  $r$  random variables  $\langle Y_1, \dots, Y_r \rangle$ , where for each  $r'$  in the range  $1 \leq r' \leq r$ ,  $Y_{r'}$  equals 1 if  $E_{j_{r'}}^*$  holds, and 0 otherwise.  $X'$  is the sum of  $r$  independent random variables  $\langle Y'_1, \dots, Y'_r \rangle$ , where for each  $r'$  in the range  $1 \leq r' \leq r$ ,  $Y'_{r'}$  equals 1 with probability  $q_4 \cdot p_{|i-j_{r'}|}$  and 0 with probability  $1 - q_4 \cdot p_{|i-j_{r'}|}$ . Then by the last paragraph for any  $0 \leq t \leq r$ ,

$$Pr_{M_{\bar{p}}^n}[X \geq t] \geq Pr[X' \geq t].$$

But  $Exp(X') = Exp(X) = q_4 \cdot \sum_{1 \leq r' \leq r} p_{|i-j_{r'}|}$  and by (4)(b) above this is greater than or equal to  $1/\delta$ . Hence by Chebyshev's inequality we have:

$$Pr_{M_{\bar{p}}^n}[\neg E_{n,S,i}^5] \leq Pr_{M_{\bar{p}}^n}[X = 0] \leq Pr[X' = 0] \leq \frac{Var(X')}{Exp(X')^2} \leq \frac{1}{Exp(X')} \leq \delta$$

as desired.

**Step 6.** We turn to the construction of the cycle free saturated forest. Let  $\epsilon > 0$ , and we will prove that for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  large enough we have  $Pr[E^{n,k}$  holds in  $M_{\bar{p}}^n] \geq 1 - \epsilon$ . Let  $\delta = \epsilon/(l^*2^{k+2})$  and  $s = 2l^*((k + 2^k)(2l^*k + 1))$ . Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be large enough so that  $\otimes_5$  holds for  $n, k, \delta$  and  $s$ . We now choose (formally we show that with probability at least  $1 - \epsilon$  such a choice exists) by induction on  $(i, \eta) \in I_k^*(M_{\bar{p}}^n) \times \leq^k 2$  (ordered by the lexicographic order)  $y_\eta^i \in [n]$  such that:

1.  $\langle y_\eta^i \in [n] : (i, \eta) \in I_k^*(M_{\bar{p}}^n) \times \leq^k 2 \rangle$  is without repetitions.
2. If  $\eta = \langle \rangle$  then  $M_{\bar{p}}^n \models i \sim y_\eta^i$ , but  $|i - y_\eta^i| \neq l^*$ .
3. If  $\eta \neq \langle \rangle$  then  $M_{\bar{p}}^n \models y_\eta^i \sim y_{\eta|_{|\eta|-1}}^i$ .
4. If  $\eta = \langle \rangle$  then  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$  satisfies  $E_{n,i,y_\eta^i}^4$ ; else, denoting  $\rho := \eta|_{|\eta|-1}$ ,  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$  satisfies  $E_{n,y_\rho^i,y_\eta^i}^4$ .

Before we describe the choice of  $y_\eta^i$ , we need to define sets  $S_\eta^i \subseteq [n]$ . For a graph  $G$  on  $[n]$  and  $i \in I_k^*(G)$  let  $S_i^*(G)$  be the set of vertices in the first (in some fixed

order) path of length  $\leq k$  from 1 to  $i$  in  $G$ . Now let  $S^*(G) = \bigcup_{i \in I_k^*(G)} S_i^*(G)$ . For  $(i, \eta) \in I_k^*(M_{\bar{p}}^n) \times \leq k 2$  and  $\langle y_{\eta'}^{i'} \in [n] : (i', \eta') <_{lex} (i, \eta) \rangle$  define:

$$S_{\eta}^i(G) = S^*(G) \cup \{[y_{\eta'}^{i'} - kl^*, y_{\eta'}^{i'} + kl^*] : (i', \eta') <_{lex} (i, \eta)\}.$$

Note that indeed  $|S^*(G)| \leq s$  for all  $G$ . In the construction below when we write  $S_{\eta}^i$  we mean  $S_{\eta}^i(M_{\bar{p}}^n)$  where  $\langle y_{\eta'}^{i'} \in [n] : (i', \eta') <_{lex} (i, \eta) \rangle$  were already chosen. Now the choice of  $y_{\eta}^i$  is as follows:

- If  $\eta = \langle \rangle$  by  $\otimes_5$  with probability at least  $1 - \delta$ ,  $E_{n, S_{\eta}^i, i}^5$  holds in  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$  and hence we can choose  $y_{\eta}^i$  that satisfies (1)-(4).
- If  $\eta = \langle 0 \rangle$  (resp.  $\eta = \langle 1 \rangle$ ) choose  $y_{\eta}^i = y_{\langle \rangle}^i - l^*$  (resp.  $y_{\eta}^i = y_{\langle \rangle}^i + l^*$ ). By the induction hypothesis and the definition of  $E_{n, i, j}^4$  this satisfies (1)-(4) above.
- If  $|\eta| > 1$ ,  $|y_{\eta|_{|\eta|-1}}^i - y_{\eta|_{|\eta|-2}}^i| \neq l^*$  and  $\eta(|\eta|) = 0$  (resp.  $\eta(|\eta|) = 1$ ) then choose  $y_{\eta}^i = y_{\eta|_{|\eta|-1}}^i - l^*$  (resp.  $y_{\eta}^i = y_{\eta|_{|\eta|-1}}^i + l^*$ ). Again by the induction hypothesis and the definition of  $E_{n, i, j}^4$  this satisfies (1)-(4).
- If  $|\eta| > 1$ ,  $y_{\eta|_{|\eta|-1}}^i - y_{\eta|_{|\eta|-2}}^i = l^*$  (resp.  $y_{\eta|_{|\eta|-1}}^i - y_{\eta|_{|\eta|-2}}^i = -l^*$ ) and  $\eta(|\eta|) = 0$ , then choose  $y_{\eta}^i = y_{\eta|_{|\eta|-1}}^i - l^*$  (resp.  $y_{\eta}^i = y_{\eta|_{|\eta|-1}}^i + l^*$ ).
- If  $|\eta| > 1$ ,  $|y_{\eta|_{|\eta|-1}}^i - y_{\eta|_{|\eta|-2}}^i| = l^*$  and  $\eta(|\eta|) = 1$ , then by  $\otimes_5$  with probability at least  $1 - \delta$ ,  $E_{n, S_{\eta}^i, y_{\eta|_{|\eta|-1}}^i}^5$  holds in  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$ , and hence we can choose  $y_{\eta}^i$  that satisfies (1)-(4).

At each step of the construction above the probability of “failure” is at most  $\delta$ ; hence with probability at least  $1 - (l^* 2^{k+2})\delta = 1 - \epsilon$  we complete the construction. It remains to show that indeed  $\langle y_{\eta}^i : i \in I^n, \eta \in \leq k 2 \rangle$  is a cycle free saturated forest of depth  $k$  for  $I_k^*$  in  $M_{\bar{p}}^n$ . This is straightforward from the definitions. First each  $\langle y_{\eta}^i : \eta \in \leq k 2 \rangle$  is a saturated tree of depth  $k$  in  $[n]$  by its construction. Second (ii) and (iii) in the definition of a saturated tree holds by (2) and (3) above (respectively). Third note that by (4) each edge  $(y, y')$  of our construction satisfies  $E_{n, y, y'}^2$  and  $E_{n, y, y'}^4$  and hence (iv) and (v) (respectively) in the definition of a saturated tree follows. Lastly we need to show that (c) in the definition of a saturated forest holds. To see this note that if  $i_1, i_2 \in i_k^*(M_{\bar{p}}^n)$  then by the definition of  $S_{\eta}^i(M_{\bar{p}}^n)$  there exists a path of length  $\leq 2k$  from  $i_1$  to  $i_2$  with all its vertices in  $S_{\eta}^i(M_{\bar{p}}^n)$ . Now if  $\bar{x}$  is a path of length  $\leq k$  from  $y_{\langle \rangle}^{i_1}$  to  $i_2$  and  $(y_{\langle \rangle}^{i_1}, i_1)$  is not an edge of  $\bar{x}$ , then necessarily  $\{y_{\langle \rangle}^{i_1}, i_1\}$  is included in some cycle of length  $\leq 3k + 2$ . This is a contradiction to the choice of  $y_{\langle \rangle}^{i_1}$ . This completes the proof of the claim. □

By  $\odot$  and the claim above we conclude that, for some large enough  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists a graph  $G = ([n], \sim)$  such that:

1.  $G \models \neg \phi[1]$ .
2.  $Pr[M_{\bar{p}}^n = G] > 0$ .

3. There exists  $\langle \bar{y}^i : i \in I_r^*(G) \rangle$ , a cycle free saturated forest of depth  $r$  for  $I_r^*(G)$  in  $G$ .

Denote  $B = B^G(1, r)$ ,  $I = I_r^*(G)$ , and we will prove that for some  $r$ -proper  $(l, u_0, U, H) \in \mathfrak{H}$  we have  $(B, 1) \cong (H, u_0)$  (i.e. there exists a graph isomorphism from  $G|_B$  to  $H$  mapping 1 to  $u_0$ ). As  $\phi$  is  $r$ -local we will then have  $H \models \neg\phi[u_0]$  which is a contradiction of our assumption and we will be done. We turn to the construction of  $(l, u_0, U, H)$ . For  $i \in I$  let  $r(i) = r - \text{dist}^G(1, i)$ . Denote

$$Y := \{y_\eta^i : i \in I, \eta \in {}^{<r(i)}2\}.$$

Note that by (ii)-(iii) in the definition of a saturated tree we have  $Y \subseteq B$ . We first define a one-to-one function  $f : B \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  in three steps:

**Step 1.** For each  $i \in I$  define

$$B_i := \{x \in B : \text{there exists a path of length } \leq r(i) \text{ from } x \text{ to } i \text{ disjoint to } Y\}$$

and  $B^0 := I \cup \bigcup_{i \in I} B_i$ . Now define for all  $x \in B^0$ ,  $f(x) = x$ . Note that:

- <sub>1</sub>  $f|_{B^0}$  is one-to-one (trivially).
- <sub>2</sub> If  $x \in B^0$  and  $\text{dist}^G(1, x) < r$  then  $x + l^* \in [n] \Rightarrow x + l^* \in B^0$  and  $x - l^* \in [n] \Rightarrow x - l^* \in B^0$  (use the definition of a saturated tree).

**Step 2.** We define  $f|_Y$ . We start by defining  $f(y)$  for  $y \in \bar{y}^1$ , so let  $\eta \in {}^{\leq r}2$  and denote  $y = y_\eta^1$ . We define  $f(y)$  using induction on  $\eta$  where  ${}^{\leq r}2$  is ordered by the lexicographic order. First if  $\eta = \langle \rangle$  then define  $f(y) = 1 - l^*$ . If  $\eta \neq \langle \rangle$  let  $\rho : \eta|_{|\eta|-1}$ , and consider  $u := f(y_\rho^1)$ . Denote  $F = F_\eta := \{f(y_{\eta'}^1) : \eta' <_{lex} \eta\}$ . Now if  $u - l^* \notin F$  define  $f(y) = u - l^*$ . If  $u - l^* \in F$  but  $u + l^* \notin F$  define  $f(y) = u + l^*$ . Finally, if  $u - l^*, u + l^* \in F$ , choose some  $l = l_\eta$  such that  $p_l > 0$  and  $u - l < \min F - r l^* - n$ , and define  $f(y) = u - l$ . Note that by our assumptions  $\{l : p_l > 0\}$  is infinite so we can always choose  $l$  as desired. Note further that we chose  $f(y)$  so that  $f|_{\bar{y}^1}$  is one-to-one. Now for each  $i \in I \cap [1, l^*]$  and  $\eta \in {}^{<r(i)}2$ , define  $f(y_\eta^i) = f(y_\eta^1) + (f(i) - 1)$  (recall that  $f(i) = i$  was defined in Step 1, and that  $k(i) \leq k(1)$  so  $f(y_\eta^i)$  is well defined). For  $i \in I \cap (n - l^*, n]$  perform a similar construction in “reversed directions”. Formally define  $f(y_\eta^i) = i + l^*$ , and the induction step is similar to the case  $i = 1$  above only now choose  $l$  such that  $u + l > \max F + r l^* + n$ , and define  $f(y) = u + l$ . Note that:

- <sub>3</sub>  $f|_Y$  is one-to-one.
- <sub>4</sub>  $f(Y) \cap f(B^0) = \emptyset$ . In fact:
- <sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>  $f(Y) \cap [n] = \emptyset$ .
- <sub>5</sub> If  $i \in I \cap [1, l^*]$  then  $i - l^* \in f(Y)$  (namely  $i - l^* = f(y_{\langle \rangle}^i)$ ).
- <sub>5</sub><sup>'</sup> If  $i \in I \cap (n - l^*, n]$  then  $i + l^* \in f(Y)$  (namely  $i + l^* = f(y_{\langle \rangle}^i)$ ).
- <sub>6</sub> If  $y \in Y \setminus \{y_\eta^i : i \in I\}$  and  $\text{dist}^G(1, y) < r$  then  $f(y) + l^*, f(y) - l^* \in f(Y)$ . (Why? If  $\text{dist}^G(1, y_\eta^i) < r$  then  $|\eta| < r(i)$ , and the construction of **Step 2**).

**Step 3.** For each  $i \in I$  and  $\eta \in {}^{<r(i)}2$ , define  $B_\eta^i$  by

$\{x \in B : \text{there exists a path of length } \leq r(i) \text{ from } x \text{ to } y_\eta^i \text{ disjoint to } Y \setminus \{y_\eta^i\}\}$

and  $B^1 := \bigcup_{i \in I, \eta \in {}^{<r(i)}2} B_\eta^i$ .

We now make a few observations:

- ( $\alpha$ ) If  $i_1, i_2 \in I$  then, in  $G$  there exists a path of length at most  $2r$  from  $i_1$  to  $i_2$  disjoint to  $Y$ . Why? By the definition of  $I$  and (c) in the definition of a saturated forest.
- ( $\beta$ )  $B^0$  and  $B^1$  are disjoint and cover  $B$ . Why? Trivially they cover  $B$ , and by ( $\alpha$ ) and (iv) in the definition of a saturated tree they are disjoint.
- ( $\gamma$ )  $\{B_\eta^i : i \in I, \eta \in {}^{<r(i)}2\}$  is a partition of  $B^1$ . Why? Again trivially they cover  $B^1$ , and by (iv) in the definition of a saturated tree they are disjoint.
- ( $\delta$ ) If  $\{x, y\}$  is an edge of  $G|_B$  then either  $x, y \in B^0$ ,  $\{x, y\} = \{i, y_\eta^i\}$  for some  $i \in I$ ,  $\{x, y\} \subseteq Y$  or  $\{x, y\} \subseteq B_\eta^i$  for some  $i \in I$  and  $\eta \in {}^{<r(i)}2$ . (Use the properties of a saturated forest.)

We now define  $f|_{B^1}$ . Let  $\langle (B_j, y_j) : j < j^* \rangle$  be some enumeration of  $\langle (B_\eta^i, y_\eta^i) : i \in I, \eta \in {}^{<r(i)}2 \rangle$ . We define  $f|_{B_j}$  by induction on  $j < j^*$  so assume that  $f|_{(\cup_{j' < j} B_{j'})}$  is already defined, and denote:  $F = F_j := f(B^0) \cup f(Y) \cup f(\cup_{j' < j} B_{j'})$ . Our construction of  $f|_{B_j}$  will satisfy:

- $f|_{B_j}$  is one-to-one.
- $f(B_j)$  is disjoint to  $F_j$ .
- If  $y \in B_j$  then either  $f(y) = y$  or  $f(y) \notin [n]$ .

Let  $\langle z_s^j : s < s(j) \rangle$  be some enumeration of the set  $\{z \in B_j : G \models y_j \sim z\}$ . For each  $s < s(j)$  choose  $l(j, s)$  such that  $p_{l(j, s)} > 0$  and:

- ⊗ If  $k \leq 4r$ ,  $(m_1, \dots, m_k)$  are integers with absolute value not larger than  $4r$  and not all equal 0, and  $(s_1, \dots, s_k)$  is a sequence of natural numbers smaller than  $j(s)$  without repetitions, then  $|\sum_{1 \leq i \leq k} (m_i \cdot l(j, s_i))| > n + \max\{|x| : x \in F_j\}$ .

Again as  $\{l : p_l > 0\}$  is infinite we can always choose such  $l(j, s)$ . We now define  $f|_{B_j}$ . For each  $y \in B_j$  let  $\bar{x} = (x_0, \dots, x_k)$  be a path in  $G$  from  $y$  to  $y_j$ , disjoint to  $Y \setminus \{y_j\}$ , such that  $k$  is minimal. So we have  $x_0 = y$ ,  $x_k = y_j$ ,  $k \leq r$  and  $\bar{x}$  is without repetitions. Note that by the definition of  $B_j$  such a path exists. For each  $t$  in the range  $0 \leq t < k$  define

$$l_t = l_t(\bar{x}) = \begin{cases} l(j, s) & l_t^{\bar{x}} = |y_j - z_s^j| \text{ for some } s < s(j) \\ -l(j, s) & l_t^{\bar{x}} = -|y_j - z_s^j| \text{ for some } s < s(j) \\ l_t^{\bar{x}} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Now define  $f(y) = f(y_j) + \sum_{0 \leq t < k} l_t$ . We have to show that  $f(y)$  is well defined. Assume that both  $\bar{x}_1 = (x_0, \dots, x_{k_1})$  and  $\bar{x}_2 = (x'_0, \dots, x'_{k_1})$  are paths as above. Then  $k_1 = k_2$  and  $\bar{x} = (x_0, \dots, x_{k_1}, x'_{k_2-1}, \dots, x'_0)$  is a cycle of length  $k_1 + k_2 \leq 2r$ . By (v)



in the definition of a saturated tree we know that for each  $s < s(j)$ ,  $|y_j - z_s^j| > m_{2r}$ . Hence as  $\bar{p}$  is without unavoidable cycles we have for each  $s < s(j)$  and  $0 \leq t < k_1 + k_2$ , if  $|l_t^{\bar{x}}| = |y_j - z_s^j|$  then  $t \in \text{Sym}(\bar{x})$ . (see Definition 26(6,7)). Now put for  $w \in \{1, 2\}$  and  $s < s(j)$ ,  $m_w^+(s) := |\{0 \leq t < k_w : l_t^{\bar{x}_w} = y_j - z_s^j\}|$  and similarly  $m_w^-(s) := |\{0 \leq t < k_w : -l_t^{\bar{x}_w} = y_j - z_s^j\}|$ . By the definition of  $\bar{x}$  we have,  $m_1^+(s) - m_1^-(s) = m_2^+(s) - m_2^-(s)$ . But from the definition of  $l_t(\bar{x})$  we have for  $w \in \{1, 2\}$ ,

$$\sum_{0 \leq t < k_w} l_t(\bar{x}_w) = \sum_{0 \leq t < k_w} l_t^{\bar{x}_w} + \sum_{s < s(j)} (m_w^+(s) - m_w^-(s))(l(j, s) - (y_j - z_s^j)).$$

Now as  $\sum_{0 \leq t < k_1} l_t^{\bar{x}^1} = \sum_{0 \leq t < k_2} l_t^{\bar{x}^2}$  we get  $\sum_{0 \leq t < k_1} l_t(x_1) = \sum_{0 \leq t < k_2} l_t(x_2)$  as desired.

We now show that  $f|_{B_j}$  is one-to-one. Let  $y^1 \neq y^2$  be in  $B_j$ . So for  $w \in \{1, 2\}$  we have a path  $\bar{x}_w = (x_0^w, \dots, x_{k_w}^w)$  from  $y^w$  to  $y_j$ . As before, for  $s < s(j)$  denote  $m_w^+(s) := |\{0 \leq t < k_w : l_t^{\bar{x}_w} = y_j - z_s^j\}|$  and similarly  $m_w^-(s)$ . By the definition of  $f_{B_j}$  we have

$$f(y^1) - f(y^2) = y^1 - y^2 + \sum_{s < s(j)} [(m_1^+(s) - m_1^-(s)) - (m_2^+(s) - m_2^-(s))] \cdot l(j, s).$$

Now if for each  $s < s(j)$ ,  $m_1^+(s) - m_1^-(s) = m_2^+(s) - m_2^-(s)$  then we are done as  $y^1 \neq y^2$ . Otherwise note that for each  $s < s(j)$ ,  $|m_1^+(s) - m_1^-(s)| = |m_2^+(s) - m_2^-(s)| \leq 4r$ . Note further that  $|\{s < s(j) : m_1^+(s) - m_1^-(s) = m_2^+(s) - m_2^-(s) \neq 0\}| \leq 4r$ . Hence by  $\otimes$ , and as  $|y^1 - y^2| \leq n$  we are done.

Next let  $y \in B_j$  and  $\bar{x} = (x_0, \dots, x_k)$  be a path in  $G$  from  $y$  to  $y_j$ . For each  $s < s(j)$  define  $m^+(s)$  and  $m^-(s)$  as above, hence we have  $f(y) = y_j + \sum_{s < s(j)} (m^+(s) - m^-(s))l(j, s)$ . Consider two cases. First if  $(m^+(s) - m^-(s)) = 0$  for each  $s < s(j)$  then  $f(y) = y$ . Hence  $f(y) \notin f(B^0) = B^0$  (by  $(\beta)$  above),  $f(y) \notin f(Y)$  (as  $f(Y) \cap [n] = \emptyset$ ) and  $f(y) \notin f(\cup_{j < j'} B_{j'})$  (by  $(\gamma)$  and the induction hypothesis). So  $f(y) \notin F_j$ . Second assume that for some  $s < s(j)$ ,  $(m^+(s) - m^-(s)) \neq 0$ . Then by the  $\otimes$  we have  $f(y) \notin [n]$  and furthermore  $f(y) \notin F_j$ . In both cases the demands for  $f|_{B_j}$  are met and we are done. After finishing the construction for all  $j < j^*$  we have  $f|_{B^1}$  such that:

- <sub>7</sub>  $f|_{B^1}$  is one-to-one.
- <sub>8</sub>  $f(B^1)$  is disjoint to  $f(B^0) \cup f(Y)$ .
- <sub>9</sub> If  $y \in B^1$  and  $\text{dist}^G(1, y) < r$  then  $f(y) + l^*, f(y) - l^* \in f(B^1)$ . In fact  $f(y + l^*) = f(y) + l^*$  and  $f(y - l^*) = f(y) - l^*$ . (By the construction of Step 3.)

Putting •<sub>1</sub> – •<sub>9</sub> together we have constructed  $f : B \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  that is one-to-one and satisfies:

- (o) If  $y \in B$  and  $\text{dist}^G(1, y) < r$  then  $f(y) + l^*, f(y) - l^* \in f(B)$ . Furthermore:
- (oo)  $\{y, f^{-1}(f(y) - l^*)\}$  and  $\{y, f^{-1}(f(y) + l^*)\}$  are edges of  $G$ .

For  $(\circ\circ)$  use:  $\bullet_2$  with the definition of  $f|_{B^0}$ ,  $\bullet_5 + \bullet'_5$  with the fact that  $G \models i \sim y^i_{\langle \rangle}$ ,  $\bullet_6$  with the construction of Step 2 and  $\bullet_9$ .

We turn to the definition of  $(l, u_0, U, H)$  and the isomorphism  $h : B \rightarrow H$ . Let  $l_{min} = \min\{f(b) : b \in B\}$  and  $l_{max} = \max\{f(b) : b \in B\}$ . Define:

- $l = l_{min} + l_{max} + 1$ .
- $u_0 = l_{min} + 2$ .
- $U = \{z + l_{min} + 1 : z \in Im(f)\}$ .
- For  $b \in B$ ,  $h(b) = f(b) + l_{min} + 1$ .
- For  $u, v \in U$ ,  $H \models u \sim v$  iff  $G \models h^{-1}(u) \sim h^{-1}(v)$ .

As  $f$  was one-to-one so is  $h$ , and trivially it is onto  $U$  and maps 1 to  $u_0$ . Also by the definition of  $H$ ,  $h$  is a graph isomorphism. So it remains to show that  $(l, u_0, U, H)$  is  $r$ -proper. First  $(*)_1$  in the definition of proper is immediate from the definition of  $H$ . Second for  $(*)_2$  in the definition of proper let  $u \in U$  be such that  $dist^H(u_0, u) < r$ . Denote  $y := h^{-1}(u)$ ; then by the definition of  $H$  we have  $dist^G(1, y) < r$ , hence by  $(\circ)$ ,  $f(y) + l^*$ ,  $f(y) - l^* \in f(B)$  and hence by the definition of  $h$  and  $U$ ,  $u + l^*$ ,  $u - l^* \in U$  as desired. Lastly to see  $(*)_3$  let  $u, u' \in U$  and denote  $y = h^{-1}(u)$  and  $y' = h^{-1}(u')$ . Assume  $|u - u'| = l^*$ ; then by  $(\circ\circ)$  we have  $G \models y \sim y'$  and by the definition of  $H$ ,  $H \models u \sim u'$ . Now assume that  $H \models u \sim u'$ ; then  $G \models y \sim y'$ . Using observation  $(\delta)$  above and rereading 1-3 we see that  $|u - u'|$  is either  $l^*$ ,  $|y - y'|$ ,  $l_\eta$  for some  $\eta \in <^r 2$  (see Step 2) or  $l(j, s)$  for some  $j < j^*$ ,  $s < s(j)$  (see step 3). In all cases we have  $P_{|u-u'|} > 0$ . Together we have  $(*)_3$  as desired. This completes the proof of Theorem 27. □

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