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ABSTRACT. Let  $\mathcal{H}_n$  be a countable random  $n$ -uniform hypergraph for  $n > 2$  and let  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{H}_n) = \{f[\mathcal{H}_n] : f : \mathcal{H}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_n \text{ is an embedding}\}$ . We prove that a linear order  $L$  is isomorphic to the maximal chain in the partial order  $\langle \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{H}_n) \cup \{\emptyset\}, \subset \rangle$  if and only if  $L$  is isomorphic to the order type of a compact set of reals whose minimal element is non-isolated.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

**1.1. Background and the statement of the result.** The purpose of this note is to completely characterize chains of isomorphic substructures of the Fraïssé limit of finite  $n$ -uniform hypergraphs for each  $n > 1$ , thus generalizing some results from [10] to higher dimensions. Fraïssé theory, the systematic study of ultrahomogeneous universal structures, was initiated in the mid 1950's by Roland Fraïssé [3]. Typical examples of Fraïssé limits are the rational line  $\langle \mathbb{Q}, < \rangle$  and the countable random graph (i.e. Rado graph). A particularly active research area is the investigation of the automorphism groups of these structures (see [5] for the most notable example). Besides that, there has been great interest in considering the embeddings of an ultrahomogeneous structure into itself (for a relational structure  $\mathbb{X}$ , denote  $\text{Emb}(\mathbb{X}) = \{f : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{X} : f \text{ is an embedding}\}$ ). For example, see [2] for some results on the self-embeddings of ultrahomogeneous  $n$ -uniform hypergraphs or [13] for one of the most prominent result concerning self-embeddings of ultrahomogeneous structures. In this context, one usually investigates the set of isomorphic substructures of a structure  $\mathbb{X}$ , denoted  $\mathbb{P}(\mathbb{X}) = \{f[\mathbb{X}] : f \in \text{Emb}(\mathbb{X})\} = \{A \subset \mathbb{X} : A \cong \mathbb{X}\}$ .

The set  $\mathbb{P}(\mathbb{X})$  is naturally ordered by inclusion, and we will be interested in order types of chains in these partial orders where  $\mathbb{X}$  is the countable random  $n$ -uniform hypergraph (for all  $n \geq 2$ ). By a well-known Hausdorff maximal principle (also known as the Kuratowski lemma, one of the equivalents of the AC), each chain is contained in a maximal one, so the characterization of maximal chains will give a complete answer. Maximal chains in various partial orders were extensively investigated in the literature. The first result

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related to ours is a theorem of Kuratowski [7] from 1921. which states that if  $\kappa$  is a regular cardinal, then a linear order  $L$  is isomorphic to a maximal chain in  $P(\kappa)$  if and only if it is isomorphic to the order of all initial segments of some linear order of size  $\kappa$ . This result of Kuratowski was followed by results of Day [1], Koppelberg [6], Monk [12] and others. Besides in [10], some recent results related to the ones in this paper can be found in [9, 11]. The main result of this paper is the following.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{H}_n$ ,  $n > 1$ , be a countable random  $n$ -uniform hypergraph. Then a linear order  $L$  is isomorphic to a maximal chain in the partial order  $\langle \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{H}_n) \cup \{\emptyset\}, \subset \rangle$  if and only if it is isomorphic to the order type of a compact set of reals whose minimum is non-isolated.*

Note that results in [10] claim that the same characterization of maximal chains of isomorphic substructures holds for Henson graphs, while for disjoint unions of complete graphs  $L$  must be isomorphic to a compact nowhere dense set of reals with minimum non-isolated. Also, we remark that we in fact investigate chains in the poset  $\langle [\omega]^\omega, \subset \rangle$ , and that already mentioned Kuratowski's result is the first result of this sort and that it claims that there are no 'continuous' maximal chains in  $\langle [\omega]^\omega, \subset \rangle$ . This precisely means that each maximal chain in  $\langle [\omega]^\omega, \subset \rangle$  must have dense jumps while on the other hand, our result shows that when we add the structure of random  $n$ -uniform hypergraph to the countable set then there are 'continuous' maximal chains in  $\langle \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{H}_n) \cup \{\emptyset\}, \subset \rangle$ , for example there is a maximal chain of type  $[0, 1]$ .

**1.2. Preliminaries.** In this paper  $n$  will be reserved for natural numbers and  $|X|$  denotes the cardinality of a set  $X$ , in particular  $\omega$  is the cardinality of a countably infinite set. For a set  $X$  and  $n \geq 1$ , by  $[X]^n$  we denote the set of all  $n$ -element subsets of  $X$ , i.e.  $[X]^n = \{y \subset X : |y| = n\}$ . Also,  $[X]^{<\omega}$  denotes the set of all finite subsets of  $X$ . If  $f$  maps  $A$  into  $B$ , then  $f[A] = \{f(x) : x \in A\}$ . The power set of  $X$  is denoted by  $P(X)$

A *relational structure*  $\mathbb{X} = \langle X, \{\rho_i : i \in I\} \rangle$  consists of a set  $X$  and relations  $\rho_i$  ( $i \in I$ ). Often, when there can be no confusion, we do not make distinction between denoting the structure  $\mathbb{X}$  and the underlying set  $X$ . We say that a structure  $\mathbb{Y} = \langle Y, \{\sigma_i : i \in I\} \rangle$  is a *substructure* of  $\mathbb{X}$  if and only if  $Y \subset X$  and for each  $i \in I$  we have  $\sigma_i = Y^{\text{ar}(\rho_i)} \cap \rho_i$ . A mapping  $f : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{Y}$  is an *embedding* of a relational structure  $\mathbb{X}$  into relational structure  $\mathbb{Y}$  if and only if  $f$  is 1-1 and it holds  $(k_i = \text{ar}(\rho_i))$

$$\forall i \in I \forall \langle a_1, \dots, a_{k_i} \rangle \in X^{k_i} \quad \langle a_1, \dots, a_{k_i} \rangle \in \rho_i \Leftrightarrow \langle f(a_1), \dots, f(a_{k_i}) \rangle \in \sigma_i.$$

Notice that we make a distinction between embedding and a homomorphism for relational structures (in this article, we will only be concerned with embeddings).

We say that a relational structure  $\mathbb{X}$  is *ultrahomogeneous* if and only if any isomorphism  $\phi$  between finite substructures of  $\mathbb{X}$  can be extended to an automorphism of  $\mathbb{X}$ . Further, we say that a relational structure  $\mathbb{X}$  is *universal* for a class of structures  $\mathcal{K}$  if and only if for each  $\mathbb{K} \in \mathcal{K}$  there is an embedding

$f : \mathbb{K} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$ . We use the following characterization of ultrahomogeneity (see [4, Theorem 12.1.2.]).

**Lemma 1.2.** *Let  $\mathbb{X}$  be a countable relational structure. Then  $\mathbb{X}$  is ultrahomogeneous if and only if for any finite substructure  $F$  of  $\mathbb{X}$  and any embedding  $f : F \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$ , and for any element  $a \in \mathbb{X} \setminus F$  there exists an embedding  $g : F \cup \{a\} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$  which is an extension of  $f$ .*

Now we mention a few notions related to order theory. We say that a linear order is *complete* if and only if it is Dedekind-complete and has minimum and maximum (the reader may find this definition of completeness non-standard, but we use it in order to shorten some statements). We say that a linear order  $L$  is *boolean* if and only if it is complete and has dense jumps, i.e. complete and for any  $x, y \in L$  if  $x < y$  then there are  $s, t \in L$  such that  $x \leq s < t \leq y$  and  $(s, t)_L = \emptyset$ .

We will also need the notions of a filter and a set dense in a partial order. Let  $\langle P, \leq \rangle$  be a partial order, a set  $D \subset P$  is *dense* in  $P$  if for any  $p \in P$  there is  $q \in D$  such that  $q \leq p$ . A set  $G \subset P$  is a *filter* in  $P$  if and only if for all  $x, y \in G$  there is  $q \in G$  such that  $q \leq x, y$  (i.e. elements of  $G$  are pairwise compatible in  $G$ ) and for any  $x \in G$  if  $y > x$ , then also  $y \in G$ . The following is a well-known fact.

**Lemma 1.3** (Rasiowa-Sikorski). *Let  $\langle P, \leq \rangle$  be a partially ordered set and  $\mathcal{D} = \{D_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  a countable family of sets dense in  $P$ . Then there is a filter  $G$  in  $P$  such that  $G \cap D_n \neq \emptyset$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .*

**1.3. Maximal chains.** First note that the linear order  $L$  is isomorphic to the order type of a compact (nowhere dense compact) set of reals whose minimum is non-isolated if and only if it is complete (boolean),  $\mathbb{R}$  embeddable and has a non-isolated minimum. For a proof of this fact see [8].

Recall that a positive family on a countable set  $X$  is a family  $\mathcal{P} \subset P(X)$  satisfying (see also [8]):

- (P1)  $\emptyset \notin \mathcal{P}$ ;
- (P2)  $A \in \mathcal{P} \wedge B \in [A]^{<\omega} \Rightarrow A \setminus B \in \mathcal{P}$ ;
- (P3)  $A \in \mathcal{P} \wedge A \subset B \subset X \Rightarrow B \in \mathcal{P}$ ;
- (P4)  $\exists A \in \mathcal{P} \ |X \setminus A| = \omega$ .

For example, each non-principal ultrafilter on  $\omega$  is a positive family on  $\omega$ . Also, the family of all dense subsets of the rational line  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a positive family on  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Positive families play an important role in investigation of maximal chains in the posets of the form  $\langle \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{X}) \cup \{\emptyset\}, \subset \rangle$ . Namely, Theorem 2.2. in [11] states that if there is a positive family  $\mathcal{P}$  on  $\mathbb{X}$  such that  $\mathcal{P} \subset \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{X})$  then for each countable, complete,  $\mathbb{R}$ -embeddable linear order  $L$  whose minimum is non-isolated, there is a maximal chain in  $\langle \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{X}) \cup \{\emptyset\}, \subset \rangle$  isomorphic to  $L$ . This allows us to reformulate Theorem 3.2. from [10] in the following slightly weaker manner.

**Theorem 1.4.** *Let  $\mathbb{X}$  be a countable relational structure and  $\langle \mathbb{Q}, < \rangle$  the rational line. If there exists a partition  $\{J_m : m \in \omega\}$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$  and a structure with the domain  $\mathbb{Q}$  of the same signature as  $\mathbb{X}$  such that:*

- (i)  $J_0$  is a dense subset of  $\langle \mathbb{Q}, < \rangle$ ,
- (ii)  $J_m$  ( $m \in \omega$ ) are coinitial subsets of  $\langle \mathbb{Q}, < \rangle$ ,
- (iii)  $(-\infty, x)_{J_0} \subset A \subset (\infty, x)_{\mathbb{Q}}$  implies  $A \cong \mathbb{X}$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ ,
- (iv)  $(-\infty, q]_{J_0} \subset C \subset (\infty, q]_{\mathbb{Q}}$  implies  $C \not\cong \mathbb{X}$  for  $q \in J_0$ ,
- (v) there is a positive family  $\mathcal{P}$  on  $\mathbb{X}$  such that  $\mathcal{P} \subset \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{X})$ ,

then for each  $\mathbb{R}$ -embeddable complete linear order  $L$  with  $\min L$  non-isolated there is a maximal chain in  $\langle \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{X}) \cup \{\emptyset\}, \subset \rangle$  isomorphic to  $L$ .

Next result, proved in [11], shows that ultrahomogeneous structures provide a nice framework for investigating maximal chains of their isomorphic substructures.

**Theorem 1.5.** *Let  $\mathbb{X}$  be a countable ultrahomogeneous structure of an at most countable relational language which contains at least one non-trivial isomorphic substructure, i.e.  $\mathbb{P}(\mathbb{X}) \neq \{X\}$ . Then for each linear order  $L$  the implication (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) is true, where*

- (1)  $L$  is isomorphic to a maximal chain in the poset  $\langle \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{X}) \cup \{\emptyset\}, \subset \rangle$ ;
- (2)  $L$  is a complete  $\mathbb{R}$ -embeddable linear order with  $\min L$  non-isolated.

## 2. RANDOM HYPERGRAPHS

For  $n \geq 2$ , a  $n$ -uniform hypergraph is a relational structure  $\langle X, \rho \rangle$ , satisfying  $\text{ar}(\rho) = n$  and such that  $\langle x_0, \dots, x_{n-1} \rangle \in \rho$  implies  $x_i \neq x_j$  for all  $i \neq j$  in  $n$  and  $\langle x_{\pi(0)}, \dots, x_{\pi(n-1)} \rangle \in \rho$  for all permutations  $\pi$  of  $n$  (see [4]). Note that this is equivalent to saying that  $n$ -uniform hypergraph is a pair  $\langle X, \rho \rangle$  where  $X$  is a set and  $\rho \subset [X]^n$ , so we will sometimes refer to the first formulation, and sometimes, when it is more convenient, to the second.

Recall that the class of countably many (up to isomorphism) finite structures is a Fraïssé class (see [4]) if it is hereditary, satisfies joint embedding and amalgamation property and contains structures of arbitrary large finite cardinality. It is well known that the class  $\mathcal{K}_n$  of finite  $n$ -uniform hypergraphs ( $n \geq 2$ ) is a Fraïssé class, hence the famous Fraïssé's theorem states there there is a unique up to isomorphism countable ultrahomogeneous relational structure whose age is exactly  $\mathcal{K}_n$  (the age of a relational structure is the class of all of its finitely generated substructures).

**Definition 2.1.** For  $n \geq 2$ , the countable ultrahomogeneous  $n$ -uniform hypergraph universal for all finite  $n$ -uniform hypergraphs is called the countable random  $n$ -uniform hypergraph.

The following lemma gives a useful reformulation of the definition of the countable random  $n$ -uniform hypergraphs. Note also that Fraïssé's theorem states that the countable random  $n$ -uniform hypergraph is universal even for the class of all countable  $n$ -uniform hypergraphs.

**Lemma 2.2.** *Suppose that  $n > 1$  and that a countable  $n$ -uniform hypergraph  $\langle \mathcal{H}_n, \Gamma_n \rangle$  satisfies the following condition: for any  $A \in [\mathcal{H}_n]^{<\omega} \setminus \bigcup_{i < n-1} [\mathcal{H}_n]^i$  and any  $B \subset [A]^{n-1}$  there exists  $a \in \mathcal{H}_n \setminus A$  such that for all  $b \in B$  we have  $\{a\} \cup b \in \Gamma_n$ , while for all  $b \in [A]^{n-1} \setminus B$  it holds  $\{a\} \cup b \notin \Gamma_n$ . Then  $\mathcal{H}_n$  is isomorphic to the countable random  $n$ -uniform hypergraph.*

*Proof.* We have to prove that the  $n$ -uniform hypergraph  $\langle \mathcal{H}_n, \Gamma_n \rangle$  satisfying the conditions of the lemma is ultrahomogeneous and universal for all finite  $n$ -uniform hypergraphs. So let  $F$  be a finite substructure of  $\mathcal{H}_n$  and  $f : F \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_n$  an embedding. Pick an arbitrary  $a \in \mathcal{H}_n \setminus F$ . If  $|F| < n - 1$  then any 1-1 map  $g : F \cup \{a\} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_n$  with  $g \upharpoonright F = f$  is an embedding because in that case  $\Gamma_n \cap [F \cup \{a\}]^n = \emptyset$  (hence the conclusion of Lemma 1.2 is fulfilled). If  $|F| \geq n - 1$ , consider the set  $f[F]$ , and define  $B \subset [f[F]]^{n-1}$  in the following way:

$$b \in B \iff \{a\} \cup f^{-1}[b] \in \Gamma_n. \quad (2.1)$$

Next, pick an element  $x \in \mathcal{H}_n \setminus f[F]$  such that  $\forall b \in B \{x\} \cup b \in \Gamma_n$  and that  $\forall b \in [f[F]]^{n-1} \setminus B (\{x\} \cup b \notin \Gamma_n)$ . Note that the existence of  $x$  follows from the assumption of the lemma. Finally, the mapping  $g : F \cup \{a\} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_n$  given by  $g(y) = f(y)$  ( $y \in F$ ) and  $g(a) = x$  is an embedding by construction (namely, the condition (2.1) ensures that  $g$  is an embedding) so the conclusion of Lemma 1.2 is fulfilled.

In order to finish the proof it will be enough to prove that  $\mathcal{H}_n$  is universal for all countable  $n$ -uniform hypergraphs. Let  $\mathbb{A} = \langle \{a_1, a_2, \dots\}, \rho \rangle$  be an arbitrary countable  $n$ -uniform hypergraph. Hence,  $\rho \subset [A]^n$ . If  $|A| < n$  then any 1-1 mapping  $h : A \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_n$  is an embedding because in that case  $[A]^n = \emptyset$ , and that implies  $\rho \cap [A]^n = \Gamma_n \cap [h[A]]^n = \emptyset$ . If  $|A| \geq n$ , then we define the embedding  $f$  recursively. First, pick any elements  $x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} \in \mathcal{H}_n$  and define  $f_{n-1}(a_i) = x_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$  ( $f_{n-1}$  is an embedding according to the previous considerations in this paragraph). Assume that an embedding  $f_l : \{a_1, \dots, a_l\} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_n$  ( $n - 1 \leq l$ ) is given. Define the set  $B \subset [f_l[\{a_1, \dots, a_l\}]]^{n-1}$  in the following way:

$$b \in B \iff \{a_{l+1}\} \cup f_l^{-1}[b] \in \rho. \quad (2.2)$$

Pick an element  $x_{l+1} \in \mathcal{H}_n \setminus f_l[\{a_1, \dots, a_l\}]$  such that  $\forall b \in B \{x_{l+1}\} \cup b \in \Gamma_n$  and that  $\forall b \in [f_l[\{a_1, \dots, a_l\}]]^{n-1} \setminus B (\{x_{l+1}\} \cup b \notin \Gamma_n)$ . Then, the mapping  $f_{l+1} : \{a_1, \dots, a_{l+1}\} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_n$ , given by  $f_{l+1}(y) = f_l(y)$  ( $y \in \{a_1, \dots, a_l\}$ ) and  $f_{l+1}(a_{l+1}) = x_{l+1}$ , is clearly an embedding which is an extension of  $f_l$  (again, the condition (2.2) ensures that  $f_{l+1}$  is an embedding). If we proceed in the same way for all  $l \geq n - 1$ , then  $f = \bigcup_{l \geq n-1} f_l : A \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_n$  is an embedding and the lemma is proved.  $\square$

For the rest of the paper, we will denote the countable random  $n$ -uniform hypergraph by  $\mathcal{H}_n$ .

## 3. MAIN THEOREM

In this section we prove the central result of this article by constructing the specific representation of  $\mathcal{H}_n$  in order to easily locate its isomorphic substructures. We essentially plan to use Theorem 1.4 so pick any partition  $(0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q} = \bigcup_{m \in \omega} J'_m$  into countably many pairwise disjoint dense sets. Now define the sets  $J_m = J'_m + \mathbb{Z}$  for every  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . It is clear that the family  $\{J_m : m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is a partition of the rational line into pairwise disjoint dense sets such that if  $x \in J_0$ , then  $x + k \in J_0$  for any  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Let  $\mathbb{P}$  be the partial order of all finite  $k$ -uniform hypergraphs  $p = \langle H_p, \Gamma_p \rangle$  (i.e.  $H_p$  is a set and  $\Gamma_p \subset [H_p]^n$ ) such that  $H_p \subset \mathbb{Q}$  ( $\mathbb{Q}$  is the rational line) and that for all  $a, a-1, \dots, a-n+1, b \in \mathbb{Q}$  it holds:

$$\forall A \in [\{a, a-1, \dots, a-n+1\}]^{n-1} \quad \{b\} \cup A \in \Gamma_p \Rightarrow b > a. \quad (3.1)$$

For  $p, q$  in  $\mathbb{P}$ , we put

$$p \leq q \iff H_p \supset H_q \wedge \Gamma_p \cap [H_q]^n = \Gamma_q. \quad (3.2)$$

Hence,  $p \leq q$  if and only if  $q$  is a substructure of  $p$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** *The set  $\mathbb{P}$  with the relation  $\leq$  on  $\mathbb{P}$  is a partially ordered set.*

*Proof.* The reflexivity is clear. For transitivity notice that if  $p \leq q$  and  $q \leq r$  we have  $H_r \subset H_q \subset H_p$  and  $\Gamma_p \cap [H_q]^n = \Gamma_q$  and  $\Gamma_q \cap [H_r]^n = \Gamma_r$ , and it is easy to see that  $\Gamma_p \cap [H_r]^n = \Gamma_r$ . To see that  $\leq$  is antisymmetric notice that if  $p \leq q$  and  $q \leq p$ , then from  $H_p \subset H_q \subset H_p$  follows  $H_p = H_q$  and then  $\Gamma_p = \Gamma_p \cap [H_p]^n = \Gamma_p \cap [H_q]^n = \Gamma_q$ , or equivalently  $p = q$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $A \in [\mathbb{Q}]^{<\omega} \setminus \bigcup_{i < n-1} [\mathbb{Q}]^i$  and  $B \subset [A]^{n-1}$ . Then*

$$D_B^{A,m} = \left\{ p \in \mathbb{P} : \exists q \in (\max A, \max A + \frac{1}{m}) \cap J_0 \right. \\ \left. \forall b \in B (\{q\} \cup b \in \Gamma_p) \forall b \in ([A]^{n-1} \setminus B) (\{q\} \cup b \notin \Gamma_p) \right\}$$

*is a set dense in  $\mathbb{P}$ .*

*Proof.* Take any  $p \in \mathbb{P}$  and assume that  $A \subset H_p$  (if not, define  $H_{p_2} = H_p \cup A$  and  $\Gamma_{p_2} = \Gamma_p$  and continue with  $p_2$  instead  $p$ ). Because  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a dense linear ordering there is:

$$q \in ((\max A, \max A + \frac{1}{m}) \cap \mathbb{Q}) \setminus \bigcup_{a \in H_p} \bigcup_{k \in (-n, n) \cap \mathbb{Z}} \{a + k\}. \quad (3.3)$$

Define  $p_1$  in the following way:

- $H_{p_1} = H_p \cup \{q\}$ ;
- $\Gamma_{p_1} = \Gamma_p \cup \{\{q\} \cup b : b \in B\}$ .

It is clear that if  $p_1 \in \mathbb{P}$ , then  $p_1 \in D_B^{A,m}$  and  $p_1 \leq p$ . Now we prove that  $p_1 \in \mathbb{P}$ . Assume the contrary, i.e. that for some  $a, a-1, \dots, a-n+1, b \in H_{p_1}$  we have:

$$\exists A \in [\{a, a-1, \dots, a-n+1\}]^{n-1} \quad \{b\} \cup A \in \Gamma_{p_1} \wedge b \leq a. \quad (3.4)$$

There are three possibilities (regarding the position of  $q$  with respect to  $b$  and  $A$  which exists by (3.4)):



- (1)  $q = a$  which is not possible because in that case  $q = (a - 1) + 1$  with  $a - 1 \in A \subset H_p$ . Contradiction with the choice of  $q$ .
- (2)  $q = a - k$  ( $0 < k < n$ ) which is impossible because in this case  $q = (a - (k - 1)) - 1$  with  $a - (k - 1) \in H_p$ . Again contradiction with the choice of  $q$ .
- (3)  $q = b$  (so  $q \leq a$ ). In this case we have that  $a \in A$ , but  $q > \max A$  which is a contradiction.

Hence,  $p_1 \in \mathbb{P}$  and the lemma is proved.  $\square$

Since there are only countably many positive integers and only countably many finite subsets of the rational line, there are countably many sets  $D_B^{A,m}$ , and according to Lemma 1.3 there is a filter  $G$  in  $\mathbb{P}$  such that  $G \cap D_B^{A,m} \neq \emptyset$  for each  $A \in [\mathbb{Q}]^{<\omega} \setminus \bigcup_{i < n-1} [\mathbb{Q}]^i, B \subset [A]^{n-1}, m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Define  $\Gamma = \bigcup_{p \in G} \Gamma_p$ . Because  $\Gamma_p \subset [\mathbb{Q}]^n$  for all  $p \in G$ , we have that  $\Gamma \subset [\mathbb{Q}]^n$  so  $\langle \mathbb{Q}, \Gamma \rangle$  is a countable  $n$ -uniform hypergraph. Notice also that for each  $p \in G$  we have that:

$$\Gamma \cap [H_p]^n = \Gamma_p. \quad (3.5)$$

It is clear that  $\Gamma_p \subset [H_p]^n \cap \Gamma$  (from the definition of  $\Gamma$ ), so assume that for some  $p \in G$  there is some  $a = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\} \in (\Gamma \cap [H]^n) \setminus \Gamma_p$ . Because  $a \in \Gamma$  there is some  $r \in G$  such that  $a \in \Gamma_r$ . Since  $G$  is a filter, there is some  $t \in G$  such that  $t \leq p, r$ , i.e.  $t$  is an extension of both  $p$  and  $r$ . Because  $a \notin \Gamma_p$ , from (3.2) we conclude that  $a \notin \Gamma_t$ . However, because  $a \in \Gamma_r$ , again from (3.2) we conclude that  $a \in \Gamma_t$  which is a contradiction so (3.5) holds.

Now, using Lemma 2.2, we prove that  $\langle \mathbb{Q}, \Gamma \rangle$  is isomorphic to the countable random  $n$ -uniform hypergraph  $\mathcal{H}_n$ . Take any finite  $A \subset \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $|A| \geq n - 1$  and  $B \subset [A]^{n-1}$ . The set  $D_B^{A,1}$  is dense in  $\mathbb{P}$  so there is some  $p \in G \cap D_B^{A,1}$ . According to the definition of  $\Gamma$  we have that  $\Gamma_p \subset \Gamma$ , hence there is some  $q > \max A$  (which implies  $q \notin A$ ) such that for all  $b \in B$  we have  $\{q\} \cup b \in \Gamma_p$  (which implies  $\{q\} \cup b \in \Gamma$ ) and that for all  $b \in [A]^{n-1} \setminus B$  we have  $\{q\} \cup b \notin \Gamma_p$  (which, according to (3.5), implies  $\{q\} \cup b \notin \Gamma$ ). So by Lemma 2.2 we have  $\langle \mathbb{Q}, \Gamma \rangle \cong \mathcal{H}_n$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** *If  $\mathcal{H}_n, n > 1$ , is the countable random  $n$ -uniform hypergraph, then there exists a positive family  $\mathcal{P}$  on  $\mathcal{H}_n$  such that  $\mathcal{P} \subset \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{H}_n)$ .*

*Proof.* We will prove that

$$\mathcal{P} = \left\{ \mathbb{Q} \setminus \bigcup_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} F_m : \forall m \in \mathbb{Z} \ F_m \in [[m, m+1]]^{<\omega} \right\}$$

is a positive family in  $\mathbb{P}(\mathbb{Q}, \Gamma)$  (note that each element of  $\mathcal{P}$  is given by different choice of the collection  $\{F_m : m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ ). Take any  $X \in \mathcal{P}$ . We will show that  $X$  satisfies the conditions of Lemma 2.2. Take any finite  $A \subset X$  such that  $|A| \geq n - 1$  and any  $B \subset [A]^{n-1}$ . First we find  $m_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\max A \in [m_0, m_0 + 1)_{\mathbb{Q}}$ . This  $m_0$  clearly exists because  $A$  is a finite set. Also, because  $F_{m_0}$  is a finite set and  $A \cap F_{m_0} = \emptyset$ , there is an  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(\max A, \max A + \frac{1}{m}) \cap F_{m_0} = \emptyset$ , i.e.  $(\max A, \max A + \frac{1}{m}) \cap \mathbb{Q} \subset X$ . Now,

because the set  $D_B^{A,m}$  is dense in  $\mathbb{P}$  there is some  $p \in G \cap D_B^{A,m}$ . Lemma 3.2 states that there is some  $q \in X$  such that  $\forall b \in B \ \{q\} \cup b \in \Gamma_p \subset \Gamma$  and  $\forall b \in ([A]^{n-1} \setminus B) \ \{q\} \cup b \notin \Gamma_p = \Gamma \cap [H_p]^n$ . Hence for each  $X \in \mathcal{P}$  we have that  $X \cong \mathcal{H}_n$ .

To conclude the proof we should still show that  $\mathcal{P}$  is a positive family on  $\mathbb{Q}$ . The condition (P1) is clearly satisfied because only finitely many points are removed from each bounded interval in  $\mathbb{Q}$  to obtain elements of  $\mathcal{P}$ . For the same reason (P2) and (P3) are also satisfied. The set  $\mathbb{Q} \setminus \bigcup_{m_0 \in \mathbb{Z}} \{m_0\}$  is in  $\mathcal{P}$  and witnesses that the condition (P4) is true.  $\square$

In order to apply Theorem 1.4, we have to show that open intervals are copies of  $\mathcal{H}_n$  while closed intervals are not.

**Lemma 3.4.** *It holds:*

- (1)  $(-\infty, x)_{J_0} \subset A \subset (\infty, x)_{\mathbb{Q}}$  implies  $\langle A, \Gamma \rangle \cong \langle \mathbb{Q}, \Gamma \rangle$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ ;
- (2)  $(-\infty, q]_{J_0} \subset C \subset (\infty, q]_{\mathbb{Q}}$  implies  $\langle C, \Gamma \rangle \not\cong \langle \mathbb{Q}, \Gamma \rangle$  for  $q \in J_0$ .

*Proof.* To prove (1) take any finite  $X \subset A$  such that  $|X| \geq n-1$  and take  $B \subset [X]^{n-1}$ . There is some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\max X + \frac{1}{m} < \sup A = x$  (this can be done because of the choice of  $A$  and  $J_0$ ). Now, because the set  $D_B^{X,m}$  is dense in  $\mathbb{P}$ , there is some  $p \in G \cap D_B^{X,m}$ . In  $p$  there is some  $q \in (\max X, \max X + \frac{1}{m}) \cap J_0 \subset A$  such that  $\forall b \in B \ (\{q\} \cup b \in \Gamma_p \subset \Gamma)$  and that  $\forall b \in [X]^{n-1} \setminus B \ (\{q\} \cup b \notin \Gamma_p = \Gamma \cap [H_p]^n)$ . So according to Lemma 2.2,  $A$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{H}_n$ .

To prove (2) consider the set  $Y = \{q, q-1, \dots, q-n+1\} \subset C$  (we have that  $Y \subset C$  because of the choice of the partition  $\{J_m : m \in \omega\}$ ). Now, if  $\langle C, \Gamma \rangle$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{H}_n$ , then there is an element  $b \in C$  such that  $\forall X \in [Y]^{n-1} \ (\{b\} \cup X \in \Gamma)$ . According to the definition of  $\Gamma$ , for each  $X \in [Y]^{n-1}$  there is some  $p_X \in G$  such that  $\{b\} \cup X \subset H_{p_X}$ . Because  $G$  is a filter there is some  $p \leq p_X$  for all  $X \in [Y]^{n-1}$ . In this  $p$  we have that  $\forall X \in [Y]^{n-1} \ (\{b\} \cup X \in \Gamma)$  yet  $b \leq \max C = q$ . But, this is a contradiction to the definition of  $\mathbb{P}$  (condition (3.1)).  $\square$

Now we can prove the main result of this article.

**Theorem 3.5.** *For a linear order  $L$ , the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (1)  $L$  is a complete,  $\mathbb{R}$ -embeddable linear order with  $\min L$  non-isolated;
- (2)  $L$  is isomorphic to a maximal chain in the poset  $\langle \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{H}_n) \cup \{\emptyset\}, \subset \rangle$ ;
- (3)  $L$  is isomorphic to a compact set  $K$  of reals such that  $\min K \in K'$ .

*Proof.* The equivalence of (1) and (3) was shown in [9], while the implication (2) $\Rightarrow$ (1) follows from Theorem 1.5.

To prove implication (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) note that from the choice of partition  $\{J_m : m \in \omega\}$  and according to Lemma 3.4, conditions (i)-(iv) of Theorem 1.4 are satisfied. Also, Lemma 3.3 proves that the condition (v) of Theorem 1.4 is satisfied. Hence, Theorem 1.4 implies that (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) is proved.  $\square$

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