

FORKING AND DIVIDING IN HENSON GRAPHS

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ABSTRACT. For $n \geq 3$, define T_n to be the theory of the generic K_n -free graph, where K_n is the complete graph on n vertices. We prove a graph theoretic characterization of dividing in T_n , and use it to show that forking and dividing are the same for complete types. We then give an example of a forking and nondividing formula. Altogether, T_n provides a counterexample to a recent question of Chernikov and Kaplan.

1. INTRODUCTION

Classification in model theory, beginning with stability theory, is strongly fueled by the study of abstract notions of independence, the frontrunners of which are forking and dividing. These notions have proved useful in the abstract treatment of independence and dimension in the stable setting, and initiated a quest to understand when they are useful in the unstable context. Significant success was achieved in the class of simple theories (see [6]). Meaningful results have also been found for NIP theories and, more generally, NTP_2 theories, which include both simple and NIP. A notable example is the following recent result from [3].

Theorem. *Suppose \mathbb{M} is a sufficiently saturated monster model of an NTP_2 theory. Given $C \subset \mathbb{M}$, the following are equivalent.*

- (i) *A partial type forks over C if and only if it divides over C .*
- (ii) *C is an **extension base for nonforking**, i.e. if $\pi(\bar{x})$ is a partial type with parameters from C , then $\pi(\bar{x})$ does not fork over C .*

In general, if condition (i) holds for a set C , then condition (ii) does as well. In fact, condition (ii) should be thought of as the minimal requirement for nonforking to be meaningful for types over C . In particular, if C is *not* an extension base for nonforking, then there are types with no nonforking extensions. There are few examples where condition (ii) fails, and most of them do so by exploiting some kind of circular ordering (see e.g [9, Exercise 7.1.6]). On the other hand, condition (i) is, *a priori*, harder to achieve. It is useful because it allows us to ignore the subtlety of forking versus dividing. However, in every textbook example where condition (i) fails, it is because condition (ii) also fails. This leads to the natural question, which is asked in [3], of whether the result above extends to classes of theories other than NTP_2 . In this paper, we give an example of an $NSOP_4$ theory in which condition (ii) holds for all sets, but condition (i) fails.

We will consider forking and dividing in the theory of a well-known structure: the generic K_n -free graph, also known as the *Henson graph*, a theory with TP_2 and $NSOP_4$. Our main goal is to characterize forking and dividing in the theory of the Henson graph. We will show that dividing independence has a meaningful graph-theoretic interpretation, and has something to say about the combinatorics of the

structure. Using this characterization, we will show that despite the complexity of the theory, forking and dividing are the same for complete types. As a consequence, every set is an extension base for nonforking, and so nonforking/nondividing extensions always exist. On the other hand, we will show that there are formulas which fork, but do not divide.

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2. MODEL THEORETIC PRELIMINARIES

This section contains the definitions and basic facts concerning forking and dividing. We first specify some conventions that will be maintained throughout the paper. If T is a complete first order theory and \mathbb{M} is a monster model of T , we write $A \subset \mathbb{M}$ to mean that A is a “small” subset of \mathbb{M} , i.e. $A \subseteq \mathbb{M}$ and \mathbb{M} is $|A|^+$ -saturated. We use the letters a, b, c, \dots to denote singletons, and $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c}, \dots$ to denote tuples (of possibly infinite length).

Definition 2.1. Suppose $C \subset \mathbb{M}$, $\pi(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ is a partial type with parameters from C , and $\bar{b} \in \mathbb{M}$.

- (1) $\pi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})$ **divides over** C if there is a C -indiscernible sequence $(\bar{b}^l)_{l < \omega}$, with $\bar{b}^0 = \bar{b}$, such that $\bigcup_{l < \omega} \pi(\bar{x}, \bar{b}^l)$ is inconsistent.
- (2) $\pi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})$ **forks over** C if there is some $D \supseteq \bar{b}C$ such that if $p \in S_n(D)$ extends $\pi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})$ then p divides over C .
- (3) A formula $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})$ **forks** (resp. **divides**) over C if $\{\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})\}$ forks (resp. divides) over C .

The following basic facts can be found in [9].

Proposition 2.2. *Let $C \subset \mathbb{M}$.*

- (a) *If a complete type forks (resp. divides) over C then it contains some formula that forks (resp. divides) over C .*
- (b) *If $\pi(\bar{x})$ is a consistent type over C then $\pi(\bar{x})$ does not divide over C .*

Nondividing and nonforking are used to define ternary relations on small subsets of \mathbb{M} , given by

- (1) $A \downarrow_C^d B$ if and only if $\text{tp}(A/BC)$ does not divide over C ,
- (2) $A \downarrow_C^f B$ if and only if $\text{tp}(A/BC)$ does not fork over C .

These relations were originally defined to abstractly capture notions of independence and dimension in stable theories, and have been found to still be meaningful in more complicated theories as well. In particular, we will consider the interpretation of these notions in the unstable theories of certain homogeneous graphs.

3. GRAPHS

Recall that a countable graph G is **universal** if any countable graph is isomorphic to an induced subgraph of G ; and G is **homogenous** if any graph isomorphism between finite subsets of G extends to an automorphism of G .

The canonical example of such a graph is the countable *random graph*, i.e. the Fraïssé limit of the class of finite graphs. In [5], a new family of countable homogenous graphs was introduced: the generic K_n -free graphs, for $n \geq 3$, which are often

called the *Henson graphs*. For a particular $n \geq 3$, there is a unique such graph up to isomorphism.

Definition 3.1. Fix $n \geq 3$ and let K_n be the complete graph on n vertices. The generic K_n -free graph, \mathcal{H}_n , is the unique countable graph such that

- (i) \mathcal{H}_n is K_n -free,
- (ii) any finite K_n -free graph is isomorphic to an induced subgraph of \mathcal{H}_n ,
- (iii) any graph isomorphism between finite subsets of \mathcal{H}_n extends to an automorphism of \mathcal{H}_n .

Given $n \geq 3$, \mathcal{H}_n can also be constructed as the Fraïssé limit of the class of finite K_n -free graphs.

We study graph structures in the graph language $\mathcal{L} = \{R\}$, where R is interpreted as the binary edge relation. We consider

- (1) T_0 , the complete theory of the random graph,
- (2) $T_n = \text{Th}(\mathcal{H}_n)$, for $n \geq 3$.

It is a well-known fact (and a standard exercise) that each of these theories is \aleph_0 -categorical with quantifier elimination.

Fix $n \geq 3$ and fix $\mathbb{H}_n \models T_n$, a sufficiently saturated “monster” model of T_n . As \mathbb{H}_n is a graph, we can embed it in a *larger* sufficiently saturated “monster” model $\mathbb{G} \models T_0$. Note that \mathbb{H}_n is then a subgraph of \mathbb{G} , but not an elementary substructure. Let $\kappa(\mathbb{H}_n) = \sup\{\kappa : \mathbb{H}_n \text{ is } \kappa\text{-saturated}\}$.

For the rest of the paper, n , \mathbb{H}_n , and \mathbb{G} are fixed. By saturation, we have the following fact.

Proposition 3.2. *Suppose $C \subset \mathbb{H}$ and $X \subseteq \mathbb{G}$, such that X is K_n -free, $C \subseteq X$, and $|X| \leq \kappa(\mathbb{H})$. Then there is a graph embedding $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{H}$ such that $f|_C = \text{id}_C$.*

The remainder of this section is devoted to specifying notation and conventions concerning the language \mathcal{L} . First, we consider types.

Definition 3.3. Suppose $C \subset \mathbb{G}$, with $|C| < \kappa(\mathbb{H}_n)$.

- (1) We only consider partial types $\pi(\bar{x})$ such that $|\bar{x}| \leq \kappa(\mathbb{H}_n)$. Furthermore, we will assume types are “symmetrically closed”. For example if $c \in C$ then $xRc \in \pi(\bar{x})$ if and only if $cRx \in \pi(\bar{x})$.
- (2) An **R -type over C** is a collection $\pi(\bar{x})$ of atomic and negated atomic \mathcal{L} -formulas, none of which is of the form $x_i = c$, where $c \in C$. When we say that $\pi(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ is an R -type over C , we will assume further that $\pi(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ does not contain $x_i = x_j$ or $y_i = y_j$, for some $i \neq j$.
- (3) Suppose $\pi(\bar{x})$ is an R -type over C . An **optimal solution** of $\pi(\bar{x})$ is a tuple $\bar{a} \models \pi(\bar{x})$ such that
 - (i) $a_i \neq a_j$ for all $i \neq j$ and $a_i \notin C$ for all i ,
 - (ii) $a_i R a_j$ if and only if $x_i R x_j \in \pi(\bar{x})$,
 - (iii) given $c \in C$, $a_i R c$ if and only if $x_i R c \in \pi(\bar{x})$.

We will frequently use the following fact, which says that we can always find optimal solutions of R -types.

Proposition 3.4. *Suppose $C \subset \mathbb{H}_n$ and $\pi(\bar{x})$ is an R -type over C .*

- (a) $\pi(\bar{x})$ is consistent with T_0 if and only if it has an optimal solution in \mathbb{G} .
- (b) $\pi(\bar{x})$ is consistent with T_n if and only if it has an optimal solution in \mathbb{H}_n .

This is a straightforward exercise, which we leave to the reader. The idea is that a type cannot prove that an edge exists in a graph, without explicitly saying so. Moreover, removing extra edges to “optimize” the solution of a consistent type is always possible and, in the case of T_n , will not conflict with the requirement that the solution be K_n -free.

Next, we specify notation and conventions concerning \mathcal{L} -formulas.

Definition 3.5. Suppose $C \subset \mathbb{G}$.

- (1) Let $\mathcal{L}_0(C)$ be the collection of conjunctions of atomic and negated atomic \mathcal{L} -formulas, with parameters from C , such that no conjunct is of the form $x = c$, where x is a variable and $c \in C$. When we write $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in \mathcal{L}_0(C)$, we will assume further that no conjunct of $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ is of the form $x_i = x_j$ or $y_i = y_j$, for some $i \neq j$.
- (2) Given $\varphi(\bar{x}) \in \mathcal{L}_0(C)$ and $\theta(\bar{x})$, an atomic or negated atomic formula, we write “ $\varphi(\bar{x}) \triangleright \theta(\bar{x})$ ” if $\theta(\bar{x})$ is a conjunct of $\varphi(\bar{x})$.
- (3) We will assume $\mathcal{L}_0(C)$ -formulas are “symmetrically closed”. For example $\varphi(\bar{x}) \triangleright x R c$ if and only if $\varphi(\bar{x}) \triangleright c R x$.
- (4) Let $\mathcal{L}_R(C)$ be the collection of formulas $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in \mathcal{L}_0(C)$ such that no conjunct is of the form $x_i = y_j$.

The main result of this paper will be a characterization of forking and dividing in T_n . We will use the following characterization of dividing in T_0 , which is a standard exercise (see e.g. [9]).

Fact 3.6. Fix $C \subset \mathbb{G}$ and $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in \mathcal{L}_0(C)$. Suppose $\bar{b} \in \mathbb{G} \setminus C$ is such that $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})$ is consistent. Then $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})$ divides over C if and only if $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b}) \triangleright x_i = b$ for some $b \in \bar{b}$. Consequently, if $A, B, C \subset \mathbb{G}$ then $A \downarrow_C^d B \Leftrightarrow A \cap B \subseteq C$.

T_0 is a standard example of a *simple theory*, and so the previous fact is also a characterization of forking. On the other hand, T_n is non-simple. Indeed, the Henson graph is a canonical example where \downarrow^f fails *amalgamation over models* (see [6]). A direct proof of this (for $n = 3$) can be found in [4, Example 2.11(4)]. The precise classification of T_n is well-known, and summarized by the following result.

Fact 3.7. T_n is TP_2 , SOP_3 , and NSOP_4 .

See [2] and [8] for definitions of these properties. The proof of TP_2 can be found in [2] for $n = 3$. SOP_3 and NSOP_4 are demonstrated in [8] for $n = 3$. The generalizations of these arguments to $n \geq 3$ are fairly straightforward. However, NSOP_4 for all $n \geq 3$ also follows from a more general result in [7].

4. DIVIDING IN T_n

The goal of this section is to find a graph theoretic characterization of dividing independence in T_n . Therefore, when we say that a partial type divides over $C \subset \mathbb{H}_n$, we mean with respect to the theory T_n .

Lemma 4.1. Suppose $(\bar{b}^l)_{l < \omega}$ is an indiscernible sequence in \mathbb{H}_n .

- (a) $\mathbb{H}_n \models \neg b_i^k R b_i^l$ for all $k < l < \omega$ and $1 \leq i \leq |\bar{b}^0|$.
- (b) If $l(\bar{b}^0) < n - 1$ then $\bigcup_{l < \omega} \bar{b}^l$ is K_{n-1} free.

Proof. Part (a). Suppose not. By indiscernibility, $\mathbb{H}_n \models b_i^k R b_i^l$ for all $k < l < \omega$. In particular, $\{b_i^1, \dots, b_i^n\} \cong K_n$, which is a contradiction.

Part (b). Suppose $S \subseteq B := \bigcup_{l < \omega} \bar{b}^l$ with $|S| = n - 1$ and, for $1 \leq i \leq |\bar{b}^0|$, let $S_i = S \cap \{b_i^l : l < \omega\}$. Since $l(\bar{b}^0) < n - 1$, there is some i such that $|S_i| \geq 2$. By part (a), $S \not\cong K_{n-1}$. \square

We first define a graph theoretic binary relation on disjoint graphs, which will capture the notion of dividing in T_n .

Definition 4.2.

- (1) Suppose $B, C \subset \mathbb{H}_n$ are disjoint. Then B is **n -bound to C** , written $K_n(B/C)$, if there is $B_0 \subseteq BC$ such that
 - (i) $|B_0| = n$ and $B_0 \cap C \neq \emptyset \neq B_0 \cap B$,
 - (ii) if $u, v \in B_0 \cap C$ are distinct then $u R v$,
 - (iii) if $u \in B_0 \cap B$ and $v \in B_0 \cap C$ then $u R v$.

We say B_0 **witnesses** $K_n(B/C)$. Informally, B_0 witnesses $K_n(B/C)$ if and only if the only thing preventing $B_0 \cong K_n$ is a possible lack of edges between vertices in B .

- (2) Suppose $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in \mathcal{L}_R(C)$ and $\bar{b} \in \mathbb{H}_n \setminus C$ such that $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})$ is consistent. Then \bar{b} is **φ - n -bound to C** , written $K_n^\varphi(\bar{b}/C)$, if there is $B \subseteq \bar{b}$, with $0 < |B| < n$, such that
 - (i) $\neg K_n(B/C)$,
 - (ii) $K_n(B/\bar{a}C)$ for all $\bar{a} \models \varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})$.

We say B **witnesses** $K_n^\varphi(\bar{b}/C)$.

The main result of this section (Theorem 4.5) will show that K_n^φ is the graph theoretic interpretation of dividing. In particular, for $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in \mathcal{L}_R(C)$ and $\bar{b} \in \mathbb{H}_n \setminus C$ with $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})$ consistent, we will show that $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})$ divides over C if and only if $K_n^\varphi(\bar{b}/C)$. The reverse direction of the proof of this will use the following construction of a particular indiscernible sequence.

Construction 4.3. Fix $C \subset \mathbb{H}_n$ and $\bar{b} \in \mathbb{H}_n \setminus C$. We extend \bar{b} to an infinite C -indiscernible sequence $(\bar{b}^l)_{l < \omega}$, such that $b_i^l \neq b_j^m$ and $\neg b_i^l R b_j^m$ for all $l < m < \omega$ and $1 \leq i, j \leq |\bar{b}|$. Note that $(\bar{b}^l)_{l < \omega}$ is K_n -free and so $(\bar{b}^l)_{l < \omega}$ is an indiscernible sequence in \mathbb{H}_n .

Given $B \subseteq \bar{b}$, we let $\Gamma(C\bar{b}, B)$ be the graph expansion of $C \cup (\bar{b}^l)_{l < \omega}$ obtained by adding $b_i^l R b_j^m$ if and only if $l < m$, $i < j$, and $b_i, b_j \in B$. We can embed $\Gamma(C\bar{b}, B)$ into \mathbb{G} over C . Furthermore, if $\Gamma(C\bar{b}, B)$ is K_n -free, then we can embed $\Gamma(C\bar{b}, B)$ in \mathbb{H}_n over C . In this case, if $\Gamma_0(C\bar{b}, B)$ is the image of $(\bar{b}^l)_{l < \omega}$, then $\Gamma_0(C\bar{b}, B)$ is a C -indiscernible sequence in \mathbb{H}_n .

Lemma 4.4. *Let $C \subset \mathbb{H}_n$ and $\bar{b} \in \mathbb{H}_n \setminus C$. Suppose $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in \mathcal{L}_R(C)$ such that $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})$ is consistent and $K_n^\varphi(\bar{b}/C)$, witnessed by $B \subseteq \bar{b}$.*

- (a) $\Gamma(C\bar{b}, B)$ is K_n -free.
- (b) If $\Gamma_0(C\bar{b}, B) = (\bar{b}^l)_{l < \omega}$ then $\{\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b}^l) : l < \omega\}$ is $(n - 1)$ -inconsistent with T_n .

Proof. We may consider $\Gamma_0(C\bar{b}, B)$ as an indiscernible sequence in \mathbb{G} .

Part (a). Suppose $K_n \cong W \subseteq \Gamma(C\bar{b}, B)$. Since C is K_n -free, $W \cap \Gamma_0(C\bar{b}, B) \neq \emptyset$. Say $W \cap \Gamma_0(C\bar{b}, B) = \{b_{i_1}^{l_1}, \dots, b_{i_r}^{l_r}\}$ with $l_1 \leq \dots \leq l_r$. Note that $i_s \neq i_t$ for all $1 \leq s < t \leq r$ by Lemma 4.1. Let $B_0 = \{b_{i_1}, \dots, b_{i_r}\}$. Define

$$V = (W \setminus \{b_{i_1}^{l_1}, \dots, b_{i_r}^{l_r}\}) \cup \{b_{i_1}, \dots, b_{i_r}\}.$$

If $l_1 = l_r$ then, since $\bar{b}^{l_1} \equiv_C \bar{b}$, it follows that $V \cong K_n$, which is a contradiction. Therefore $l_1 < l_r$. By construction of $\Gamma(C\bar{b}, B)$ it follows that $b_{i_1}, b_{i_r} \in B$. If $1 \leq s \leq r$ then we either have $l_1 < l_s$ or $l_s < l_r$, and in either case it follows that $b_{i_s} \in B$. Therefore $r \leq |B| \leq n-1$; in particular $C \cap W \neq \emptyset$. But then V witnesses that B is n -bound to C , which is a contradiction. Therefore $\Gamma(C\bar{b}, B)$ is K_n -free.

Part (b). By part (a), we may consider $\Gamma_0(C\bar{b}, B)$ as an indiscernible sequence in \mathbb{H}_n . By indiscernibility, it suffices to show that the R -type $\pi(\bar{x}) = \{\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b}^l) : 0 \leq l < n-1\}$ is inconsistent with T_n . So suppose, towards a contradiction, that $\pi(\bar{x})$ is consistent with T_n and let $\bar{a} \in \mathbb{H}_n$ be an optimal solution. Then $\bar{a} \models \varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})$ so, by assumption, there is $D \subseteq BC\bar{a}$ witnessing $K_n(B/C\bar{a})$. We have $D \cap B \neq \emptyset$. Moreover, $\neg K_n(B/C)$ implies $D \cap \bar{a} \neq \emptyset$. To ease notation, let

$$D \cap B = \{b_0, \dots, b_k\} \text{ and } D \cap \bar{a} = \{a_0, \dots, a_m\}.$$

Note that $k < n-1$. Define $A_0 = D \cap C\bar{a}$ and $B_0 = \{b_0^0, \dots, b_k^k\}$. We make the following observations.

- (1) If $u, v \in A_0$ are distinct then uRv .
- (2) If $b_i^i, b_j^j \in B_0$ are distinct, then $b_i^i R b_j^j$ by construction of $\Gamma(C\bar{b}, B)$.
- (3) If $c \in A_0 \cap C$ and $b_j^j \in B_0$ then $b_j^j R c$ since $b_j R c$ and $\bar{b}^j \equiv_C \bar{b}$.
- (4) If $a_i \in A_0 \cap \bar{a}$ and $b_j^j \in B_0$ then, since \bar{a} is an optimal solution of $\pi(\bar{x})$, we have

$$a_i R b_j \Rightarrow (\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b}) \triangleright x_i R b_j) \Rightarrow (\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b}^j) \triangleright x_i R b_j^j) \Rightarrow a_i R b_j^j.$$

These observations imply $A_0 B_0 \cong K_n$, which is a contradiction since $A_0 B_0 \subset \mathbb{H}$. \square

Theorem 4.5. *Let $C \subset \mathbb{H}_n$, $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in \mathcal{L}_R(C)$, and $\bar{b} \in \mathbb{H}_n \setminus C$ such that $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})$ is consistent. Then $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})$ divides over C if and only if $K_n^\varphi(\bar{b}/C)$.*

Proof. (\Leftarrow): Suppose $B \subseteq \bar{b}$ witnesses $K_n^\varphi(\bar{b}/C)$. Then $\Gamma(C\bar{b}, B) \subseteq \mathbb{H}_n$ and $\{\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b}^l) : l < \omega\}$ is $(n-1)$ -inconsistent by Lemma 4.4. So $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})$ divides over C .

(\Rightarrow): Suppose $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})$ divides over C . Then there is a C -indiscernible sequence $(\bar{b}^l)_{l < \omega}$, with $\bar{b}^0 = \bar{b}$, such that $\{\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b}^l) : l < \omega\}$ is inconsistent.

Let $G = C \cup \bigcup_{l < \omega} \bar{b}^l$. Consider G as a subgraph of \mathbb{G} , and note that $(\bar{b}^l)_{l < \omega}$ is still C -indiscernible in \mathbb{G} . Since $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in \mathcal{L}_R(C)$ and $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})$ is consistent (in \mathbb{G}), it follows from 3.6 that $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})$ does not divide over C in \mathbb{G} . Therefore there is an optimal realization $\bar{d} \in \mathbb{G}$ of $\pi(\bar{x}) := \{\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b}^l) : l < \omega\}$. If $G\bar{d}$ is K_n -free then $G\bar{d}$ embeds in \mathbb{H}_n over G , which is a contradiction. Therefore there is $K_n \cong W \subseteq G\bar{d}$. Note that $W \cap \bar{d} \neq \emptyset$ since G is K_n -free. Without loss of generality, let $W \cap \bar{d} = \{d_1, \dots, d_m\}$.

Suppose, towards a contradiction, that $W \cap G \subseteq C$. Let $\bar{a} \in \mathbb{H}_n$ be a solution to $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})$. Since \bar{d} is an optimal realization of $\pi(\bar{x})$, we make the following observations.

- (1) If $1 \leq i, j \leq m$ are distinct then $a_i R a_j$.
- (2) If $b \in W \cap G$ then $a_i R b$ for all $1 \leq i \leq m$.

Therefore, $K_n \cong (W \cap G) \cup \{a_1, \dots, a_m\}$, which is a contradiction, and so $W \cap (G \setminus C) \neq \emptyset$.

Let $W \cap (G \setminus C) = \{b_{j_1}^{l_1}, \dots, b_{j_k}^{l_k}\}$ and note that $1 \leq t < n$. By Lemma 4.1, $j_s \neq j_t$ for all $s \neq t$, so without loss of generality, let $W \cap (G \setminus C) = \{b_1^{l_1}, \dots, b_k^{l_k}\}$. Let $B = \{b_1, \dots, b_k\}$.

Claim 1: $\neg K_n(B/C)$.

Proof: Suppose $X \subseteq BC$ witnesses $K_n(B/C)$. By indiscernibility, if $B_0 = \{b_s^{l_s} : b_s \in B \cap X\}$, then $(X \cap C) \cup B_0$ witnesses that B_0 is n -bound to C . But $b_s^{l_s} R b_t^{l_t}$ for all $s \neq t$, so $(X \cap C) \cup B_0 \cong K_n$, which is a contradiction. //

Claim 2: If $\bar{a} \in \mathbb{H}_n$ is a solution of $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})$ then $K_n(B/C\bar{a})$.

Proof: We show $(W \cap C) \cup B \cup \{a_1, \dots, a_m\}$ witnesses $K_n(B/C\bar{a})$, which means verifying all of the necessary relations. Recall that \bar{d} is an optimal solution to $\pi(\bar{x})$.

- (1) If $1 \leq i \neq j \leq m$ then $d_i R d_j \Rightarrow (\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b}) \triangleright x_i R x_j) \Rightarrow a_i R a_j$.
- (2) If $1 \leq i \leq m$ and $c \in W \cap C$ then $d_i R c \Rightarrow (\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b}) \triangleright x_i R c) \Rightarrow a_i R c$.
- (3) If $1 \leq i \leq m$ and $1 \leq s \leq k$ then $d_i R b_s^{l_s} \Rightarrow (\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b}^{l_s}) \triangleright x_i R b_s^{l_s}) \Rightarrow (\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b}) \triangleright x_i R b_s) \Rightarrow a_i R b_s$. //

Together, Claims 1 and 2 imply $K_n^\varphi(\bar{b}/C)$, as desired. \square

We can now give the full characterization of nondividing formulas in T_n , and the ternary relation \downarrow^d on sets, which gives the analogy of Fact 3.6 for T_n .

Theorem 4.6.

- (a) Suppose $C \subset \mathbb{H}_n$, $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in \mathcal{L}_0(C)$, and $\bar{b} \in \mathbb{H}_n \setminus C$ such that $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})$ is consistent. Then $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})$ divides over C if and only if $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b}) \triangleright x_i = b$ for some $b \in \bar{b}$, or $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in \mathcal{L}_R(C)$ and $K_n^\varphi(\bar{b}/C)$.
- (b) Suppose $A, B, C \subset \mathbb{H}_n$. Then $A \downarrow_C^d B$ if and only if
 - (i) $A \cap B \subseteq C$, and
 - (ii) for all $\bar{b} \in B \setminus C$, if $K_n(\bar{b}/AC)$ then $K_n(\bar{b}/C)$.

Proof. Part (a) follows immediately from Theorem 4.5. For part (b), let \bar{a} enumerate A . Note that \bar{a} is an optimal solution to $\text{tp}(\bar{a}/BC)$.

(\Rightarrow): Suppose $A \downarrow_C^d B$. Then $A \cap B \subseteq C$ is immediate. For condition (ii), fix $\bar{b} \in B \setminus C$ and suppose, towards a contradiction, that $\neg K_n(\bar{b}/C)$ and $K_n(\bar{b}/AC)$. Fix $X \subseteq AC\bar{b}$ witnessing $K_n(\bar{b}/AC)$. Let $C_0 = X \cap C$. Without loss of generality, let $X \cap A = \{a_1, \dots, a_m\}$ and $X \cap \bar{b} = \bar{b}_* = \{b_1, \dots, b_k\}$. Define $\mathcal{L}_R(C)$ -formula $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$, where $x_i = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$, $\bar{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_k)$, and $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ expresses

- \bar{x} is a complete graph and $\bar{x} R \bar{y}$,
- $\bar{x} R C_0$ and $\bar{y} R C_0$,
- C_0 is a complete graph.

Then $K_n^\varphi(\bar{b}_*/C)$ and $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b}_*) \in \text{tp}(A/BC)$. Therefore $A \not\downarrow_C^d B$ by Theorem 4.5, which is a contradiction.

(\Leftarrow): Suppose $A \not\downarrow_C^d B$. Then there is some $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in \mathcal{L}_0(C)$ and $\bar{b} \in B \setminus C$ such that $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})$ divides over C and $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b}) \in \text{tp}(A/BC)$. If $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \triangleright x_i = y_j$ for some i, j , then $a_i = b_j \in (A \cap B) \setminus C$ and (i) fails. Otherwise, $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in \mathcal{L}_R(C)$ and $K_n^\varphi(\bar{b}/C)$. It follows that $\neg K_n(\bar{b}/C)$ and $K_n(\bar{b}/AC)$, so (ii) fails. \square

The theorem translates the model theoretic notion of dividing to the graph theoretic notion $K_n^\varphi(\bar{b}/C)$. Although the definition of $K_n^\varphi(\bar{b}/C)$ implies that we must check all solutions of φ , it suffices to check an optimal one.

Corollary 4.7. *Let $C \subset \mathbb{H}_n$, $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in \mathcal{L}_R(C)$, and $\bar{b} \in \mathbb{H}_n \setminus C$ such that $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})$ is consistent. Let \bar{a} be an optimal solution. Then $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})$ divides over C if and only if there is $B \subseteq \bar{b}$ such that $\neg K_n(B/C)$ and $K_n(B/C\bar{a})$.*

Proof. By Theorem 4.5, we need to show $K_n^\varphi(\bar{b}/C)$ if and only if there is $B \subseteq \bar{b}$ such that $\neg K_n(B/C)$ and $K_n(B/C\bar{a})$. The forward direction is clear.

Conversely, suppose $B \subseteq \bar{b}$ such that $\neg K_n(B/C)$ and $K_n(B/C\bar{a})$. Let \bar{d} be any solution to $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})$. We want to show $K_n(B/C\bar{d})$. Let $B_0 \subseteq B\bar{C}\bar{a}$ witness $K_n(B/C\bar{a})$. Define $C_0 = (B_0 \cap C)$ and $D = \{d_i : a_i \in B_0 \cap \bar{a}\}$. Since \bar{a} is optimal, we can make the following observations to show that $B_0 C_0 D$ witnesses $K_n(B/C\bar{d})$.

- (1) If $c_1, c_2 \in C_0$ then $c_1 R c_2$ by assumption.
- (2) If $c \in C_0$ and $d_i \in D$ then $a_i R c \Rightarrow (\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b}) \triangleright x_i R c) \Rightarrow d_i R c$.
- (3) If $c \in C_0$ and $b \in B_0$ then $b R c$ by assumption.
- (4) If $d_i \in D$ and $b \in B_0$ then $a_i R b \Rightarrow (\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b}) \triangleright x_i R b) \Rightarrow d_i R b$. \square

We end this section by giving some examples and traits of dividing formulas in T_n . We will begin using the following notation. If A and B are sets we write ARB to mean $a R b$ for all $a \in A$ and $b \in B$. On other hand, $A \not R B$ means $\neg a R b$ for all $a \in A$ and $b \in B$.

Corollary 4.8. *Suppose $C \subset \mathbb{H}_n$ and $b_1, \dots, b_{n-1} \in \mathbb{H}_n \setminus C$ are distinct. Then the formula*

$$\varphi(x, \bar{b}) := \bigwedge_{i=1}^{n-1} x R b_i$$

divides over C if and only if $\neg K_n(\bar{b}/C)$.

Proof. First, if $\bar{b} \cong K_{n-1}$ then $\varphi(x, \bar{b})$ is inconsistent and thus divides over C . Furthermore, in this case $\neg K_n(\bar{b}/C)$ since, if so, then there is some $c \in C$ such that $c R \bar{b}$ and so $c \bar{b} \cong K_n$. Therefore we may assume $\bar{b} \not\cong K_{n-1}$.

(\Rightarrow): If $\varphi(x, \bar{b})$ divides over C then, by Theorem 4.5, there is some $B \subseteq \bar{b}$ such that $\neg K_n(B/C)$ and $K_n(B/Ca)$ for any $a \models \varphi(x, \bar{b})$. Let $a \models \varphi(x, \bar{b})$ such that $a \not R C$. Let $X \subseteq C B a$ witness $K_n(B/Ca)$. Then $\neg K_n(B/C)$ implies $a \in X$, and so $X \cap C = \emptyset$ since $a \not R C$. Therefore $X \subseteq B a \subseteq \bar{b} a$, $|X| = n$, and $|\bar{b}| = n - 1$. It follows that $B = \bar{b}$, and so $\neg K_n(\bar{b}/C)$.

(\Leftarrow): Note that if a realizes $\varphi(x, \bar{b})$, then $K_n(\bar{b}/a)$. So if $\neg K_n(\bar{b}/C)$ then \bar{b} itself witnesses $K_n^\varphi(\bar{b}/C)$. By Theorem 4.5, $\varphi(x, \bar{b})$ divides over C . \square

Corollary 4.9. *Let $C \subset \mathbb{H}$ and $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in \mathcal{L}_R(C)$ such that $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \not\triangleright x_i R y_j$ for all i, j . If $\bar{b} \in \mathbb{H} \setminus C$ such that $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})$ is consistent, then $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})$ does not divide over C .*

Proof. Suppose $B \subseteq \bar{b}$ is such that $\neg K_n(B/C)$. Let \bar{a} be an optimal solution to $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})$. Then $\bar{a} \not R B$, so $\neg K_n(B/C\bar{a})$. By Corollary 4.7, $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})$ does not divide over C . \square

Corollary 4.10. *Let $C \subset \mathbb{H}$ and $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in \mathcal{L}_R(C)$. Suppose $\bar{b} \in \mathbb{H} \setminus C$ such that $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})$ is consistent and divides over C . Define*

$$R^\varphi = \{b \in C\bar{b} : \varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b}) \triangleright x_i R b \text{ for some } i\} \cup \{x_i : \varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b}) \triangleright x_i R b \text{ for some } b \in C\bar{b}\}.$$

Then $|R^\varphi| \geq n$ and $|\bar{b} \cap R^\varphi| > 1$.

Proof. By assumption, we have $K_n^\varphi(\bar{b}/C)$. If \bar{a} is an optimal solution of $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{b})$ then there is some $X \subseteq C\bar{b}\bar{a}$ witnessing $K_n(\bar{b}/C\bar{a})$. Note that $X \cap \bar{a} \neq \emptyset$ since $\neg K_n(\bar{b}/C)$. Set $B = (X \cap C\bar{b}) \cup \{x_i : a_i \in X\}$. Then $|B| \geq n$ and $B \subseteq R^\varphi$ since \bar{a} is optimal. Finally, $|\bar{b} \cap B| = |\bar{b} \cap X| > 1$, since otherwise $X \cong K_n$. \square

Corollary 4.10 says that if a formula from $\mathcal{L}_R(C)$ divides then it needs to mention edges between at least n vertices (and more than one parameter). This is not surprising since no consistent formula from $\mathcal{L}_R(C)$ will divide in T_0 , and so dividing in T_n should come from the creation of a graph that is too close to K_n .

5. FORKING FOR COMPLETE TYPES

In this section, we use our characterization of \downarrow^d in T_n to show that forking and dividing are the same for complete types. The proof takes two steps, the first of which is to prove *full existence* for the following ternary relation on graphs. We take the following definition from [1].

Definition 5.1. Given $A, B, C \subset \mathbb{H}_n$, define **edge independence** by

$$A \downarrow_C^R B \Leftrightarrow A \cap B \subseteq C \text{ and there is no edge from } A \setminus C \text{ to } B \setminus C.$$

Lemma 5.2. *For all $A, B, C \subset \mathbb{H}_n$ there is $A' \equiv_C A$ such that $A' \downarrow_C^R B$.*

Proof. Fix $A, B, C \subset \mathbb{H}_n$ and enumerate $A \setminus (BC) = (a_i)_{i < \lambda}$. We define a graph $G = BC(a'_i)_{i < \lambda} \subset \mathbb{G}$, where each a'_i is a new vertex, and

- (i) for all $i, j < \lambda$, $a'_i R a'_j$ if and only if $a_i R a_j$,
- (ii) for all $i < \lambda$ and $c \in C$, $a'_i R c$ if and only if $a_i R c$,
- (iii) for all $i < \lambda$ and $b \in B \setminus C$, $\neg a'_i R b$.

We claim that G is K_n -free. Indeed, if $K_n \cong W \subseteq G$ then, by (iii), it follows that $W \subseteq BC$ or $W \subseteq C(a'_i)_{i < \lambda}$. But $BC \subset \mathbb{H}_n$ so this means $W \subseteq C(a'_i)_{i < \lambda}$, which, by (i) and (ii), means AC is not K_n -free, a contradiction.

Therefore G embeds in \mathbb{H}_n over BC . Let $(a'')_{i < \lambda}$ be the image of $(a'_i)_{i < \lambda}$ and set $A' = (A \cap C) \cup (a'')_{i < \lambda}$. Then it is clear that $A' \equiv_C A$ and $A' \downarrow_C^R B$. \square

Using full existence of \downarrow^R , we can prove the full characterization of forking and dividing in T_n .

Theorem 5.3. *Suppose $A, B, C \subset \mathbb{H}_n$. Then*

$$A \downarrow_C^f B \Leftrightarrow A \downarrow_C^d B \Leftrightarrow \begin{array}{l} A \cap B \subseteq C \text{ and, for all } \bar{b} \in B \setminus C, \\ K_n(\bar{b}/AC) \text{ implies } K_n(\bar{b}/C). \end{array}$$

Proof. The second equivalence is by Theorem 4.6; and dividing implies forking in any theory. Therefore we only need to show $A \downarrow_C^d B$ implies $A \downarrow_C^f B$. Suppose $A \not\downarrow_C^f B$. Then there is some $D \subset \mathbb{H}_n \setminus BC$ such that $A' \not\downarrow_C^d BD$ for any $A' \equiv_{BC} A$. By Lemma 5.2, let $A' \equiv_{BC} A$ such that $A' \downarrow_{BC}^R D$. By assumption, we have $A' \not\downarrow_C^d BD$.

Case 1: $A' \cap BD \not\subseteq C$. We have $A' \cap BD \subseteq BC$ by assumption, so this means there is $b \in (A' \cap B) \setminus C$. But $A' \equiv_{BC} A$ and so $b \in (A \cap B) \setminus C$. Therefore $A \not\downarrow_C^d B$, as desired.

Case 2: $A' \cap BD \subseteq C$. Then, since $A' \not\downarrow_C^d BD$, it follows from Theorem 4.6 that there is $\bar{b} \in BD \setminus C$ such that $\neg K_n(\bar{b}/C)$ and $K_n(\bar{b}/A'C)$. Let $X \subseteq A'C\bar{b}$ witness

$K_n(\bar{b}/A'C)$. Note that $X \subseteq A'BCD$. Moreover, note also that if $X \cap (A' \setminus BC) \neq \emptyset$, then $X \subseteq BCD$, and so X witnesses $K_n(\bar{b}/C)$, which is a contradiction.

Therefore $X \cap (A' \setminus BC) = \emptyset$. Then we claim that $X \subseteq A'BC$. Indeed, otherwise there is $u \in X \cap (A' \setminus BC)$ and $v \in X \cap (D \setminus A'BC)$. Therefore $u \neq v$, $u \in A'$, and $v \in \bar{b}$, and so uRv , since X witnesses $K_n(\bar{b}/A'C)$. But this contradicts that there is no edge from $A' \setminus BC$ to $D \setminus BC$.

So we have $X \subseteq A'BC$. Let $\bar{b}_* = X \cap \bar{b} \in B \setminus C$. Then $\neg K_n(\bar{b}/C)$ implies $\neg K_n(\bar{b}_*/C)$, and X witnesses $K_n(\bar{b}_*/AC)$. Therefore $A' \not\downarrow_C^d B$. Since $A' \equiv_{BC} A$, we have $A \not\downarrow_C^d B$, as desired. \square

It is a general fact that if $\downarrow^d = \downarrow^f$ in some theory T , then all sets are extension bases for nonforking. Indeed, if a partial type forks over C then it can be extended to a complete type that forks (and therefore divides over C). Therefore, by Proposition 2.2(b), no partial type forks over its own set of parameters.

6. A FORKING AND NONDIVIDING FORMULA IN T_n

We have shown that forking and dividing are the same for complete types in T_n . In this section, we show that the same result cannot be obtained for partial types, by demonstrating an example of a formula in T_n that forks, but does not divide.

Lemma 6.1. *Suppose $(\bar{b}^l)_{l < \omega}$ is an indiscernible sequence in \mathbb{G} such that $l(\bar{b}^0) = 4$ and \bar{b}^0 is K_2 -free (no edges). Then either there are $i < j$ such that $\{b_i^l, b_j^l : l < \omega\}$ is K_2 -free, or $\bigcup_{l < \omega} \bar{b}^l$ is not K_3 -free.*

Proof. Let $B = \bigcup_{l < \omega} \bar{b}^l$. Suppose first that for all $i < j$, we have $b_i^0 R b_j^1$ or $b_i^1 R b_j^0$. Let

$$f : \{(i, j) : 1 \leq i < j \leq 4\} \longrightarrow \{0, 1\} \text{ such that } f(i, j) = 0 \Leftrightarrow b_i^0 R b_j^1.$$

Claim: If B is K_3 -free then for all $i < j < k$, $f(i, j) = f(j, k)$.

Proof: Suppose not.

Case 1: $f(i, j) = 1$ and $f(j, k) = 0$. If $f(i, k) = 0$ then by indiscernibility we have $b_i^1 R b_j^0$, $b_j^0 R b_k^2$ and $b_i^1 R b_k^2$; and so $\{b_i^1, b_j^0, b_k^2\} \cong K_3$. If $f(i, k) = 1$ then by indiscernibility we have $b_i^2 R b_j^0$, $b_j^0 R b_k^1$ and $b_i^2 R b_k^1$; and so $\{b_i^2, b_j^0, b_k^1\} \cong K_3$.

Case 2: $f(i, j) = 0$ and $f(j, k) = 1$. If $f(i, k) = 0$ then $\{b_i^0, b_j^2, b_k^1\} \cong K_3$. Otherwise, if $f(i, k) = 1$ then $\{b_i^1, b_j^2, b_k^0\} \cong K_3$. \parallel

By the claim, if $f(1, 2) = 0$ then $f(2, 3)$, $f(3, 4)$, $f(1, 3)$ and $f(2, 4)$ are all 0; and so $\{b_1^0, b_2^1, b_3^2\} \cong K_3$. If $f(1, 2) = 1$ then $f(2, 3)$, $f(3, 4)$, $f(1, 3)$, and $f(2, 4)$ are all 1; and so $\{b_1^2, b_2^1, b_3^0\} \cong K_3$. In any case we have shown that B is not K_3 -free.

So we may assume that there is some $i < j$ such that $\neg b_i^0 R b_j^1$ and $\neg b_i^1 R b_j^0$. By indiscernibility, and since $\neg b_i^0 R b_j^0$, it follows that $\{b_i^l, b_j^l : l < \omega\}$ is K_2 -free. \square

Theorem 6.2. *Let $C, \bar{b} = (b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4) \subset \mathbb{H}_n$ such that $C \cong K_{n-3}$, $\bar{b}RC$, and \bar{b} is K_2 -free. For $i < j$, let $\varphi_{i,j}(x, b_j, b_j) = "xRCb_i b_j"$. Set $\varphi(x, \bar{b}) = \bigvee_{i < j} \varphi_{i,j}(x, b_i, b_j)$. Then $\varphi(x, \bar{b})$ forks over C but does not divide over C .*

Proof. For any $i \neq j$, $|Cb_i b_j| = n - 1$, and so $\neg K_n(b_i, b_j/C)$. Moreover, we clearly have that if $a \models \varphi(x, b_i, b_j)$ then $K_n(b_i, b_j/Ca)$. By Theorem 4.5, $\varphi_{i,j}(x, b_i, b_j)$ divides over C , and therefore $\varphi(x, \bar{b})$ forks over C .

Let $(\bar{b}^l)_{l < \omega}$ be C -indiscernible, with $\bar{b}^0 = \bar{b}$. If there is some $K_3 \cong W \subset \bigcup_{l < \omega} \bar{b}^l$ then $K_n \cong CW$, since $\bar{b}^l \equiv_C \bar{b}$ for all $l < \omega$ implies CRW . Therefore $\bigcup_{l < \omega} \bar{b}^l$ is

K_3 -free and so, by Lemma 6.1, there are $i < j$ such that $B := \{b_i^l, b_j^l : l < \omega\}$ is K_2 -free. Since $|C| = n - 3$, it follows that BC is K_{n-1} -free and so there is some $a \in \mathbb{H}$ such that $aR(BC)$. But then $a \models \{\varphi_{i,j}(x, b_i^l, b_j^l) : l < \omega\} \subseteq \{\varphi(x, \bar{b}^l) : l < \omega\}$. By Theorem 2.2, $\varphi(x, \bar{b})$ does not divide over A . \square

7. FINAL REMARKS

We have shown that T_n is an NSOP₄ theory in which all sets are extension bases for nonforking, but forking and dividing are not always the same. This only partially answers the question of how the results of [3] extend to theories with TP₂. In particular, forking is the same as dividing for complete types in T_n , which means there is good behavior of nonforking beyond just the fact that all sets are extension bases. This leads to the following amended version of the main question.

Question 7.1. Suppose that in some theory all sets are extension bases for nonforking.

- (1) Does NSOP₃ imply forking and dividing are the same for partial types?
- (2) For what classes of theories do we have $\downarrow^f = \downarrow^d$?

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