

Computational complexity of some Ramsey quantifiers in finite models

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The problem of computational complexity of semantics for some natural language constructions – considered in [M. Mostowski, D. Wojtyniak 2004] – motivates an interest in complexity of Ramsey quantifiers in finite models. In general a sentence with a Ramsey quantifier R of the following form $Rx, yH(x, y)$ is interpreted as $\exists A(A \text{ is big relatively to the universe} \wedge A^2 \subseteq H)$. In the paper cited the problem of the complexity of the Hintikka sentence is reduced to the problem of computational complexity of the Ramsey quantifier for which the phrase “ A is big relatively to the universe” is interpreted as containing at least one representative of each equivalence class, for some given equivalence relation.

In this work we consider quantifiers R_f , for which “ A is big relatively to the universe” means “ $\text{card}(A) > f(n)$, where n is the size of the universe”. Following [Blass, Gurevich 1986] we call R mighty if $Rx, yH(x, y)$ defines NP -complete class of finite models. Similarly we say that R_f is NP -hard if the corresponding class is NP -hard. We prove the following theorems:

Theorem 1 *Let $f(n)$ be the integral part of $r \times n$, for some rational r such that $0 < r < 1$. Thus R_f is mighty.*

Theorem 2 *Let f be such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n)/n = a$ exists and $0 < a < 1$. Then R_f is NP -hard.*

Theorem 3 *If f satisfies the assumptions of the previous theorem and f is $PTIME$ computable then R_f is mighty.*

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