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Review scope

The manuscript is a mathematics and logic paper. Its object is a consistency relation between codons and cluster structures. Its results are a classification, a fibration, a count of admissible slot sets, and two uniqueness statements. It identifies no chemical species in any numbered statement. The review covers the eleven sections and three appendices, and does not cover the imported results of Sections 4 and 5 except to check that the manuscript uses them as stated. There is no author-reply section.

Scope of Review

Inventory. Eight theorems, propositions and corollaries in quantity, fifteen definitions, three hypotheses, nineteen scholia, two open problems and ten targets. Status labels are applied throughout. Scholia carry none by convention. Thirteen verification checks, all emitted by one script.

Compiled disposition

Accept, subject to two production items. Twenty-four items in five passes, all disposed. Thirteen checks, all passing. The hypotheses are spent on the consistency relation and on one exchange, and nowhere else. The bounding test returned negative, the claim was bounded, and the better statement underneath is in the manuscript. The entry numbers in Appendix A.3 are placeholders and must be settled before publication. Bibliography pagination marked for confirmation must be confirmed.

Production items

Production only. Settle the entry numbers in Appendix A.3, which carry the whole of one non-implication. Confirm the pagination of the bibliography entries marked for confirmation. No further mathematical or concordance cycle is required.

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1 Mathematical review

What is proved without hypothesis

The results carrying the argument are finite computations over a set of at most sixty-four elements, all discharged in Appendix B. The reviewer re-ran the thirteen checks. All pass. The hypotheses are spent on the consistency relation and on one exchange, and nowhere else. This remains the manuscript's strongest feature.

The substantive [A] results are: the ring decomposition and the orbit count; the separation of the registers by pairs of invariants; the splitting rule at sixteen of sixteen blocks; the slot-set theorem and the deficiency of two slot sets; the complementarity count; the compartment classification; the register-support proposition at twelve of thirteen instances; the ceiling in the wide-complete column; and the fibre parities and block regularity of three mappings.

Three results added in revision

The slot-set theorem. The demand graph depends on the slot set alone, so an exchange between two slots that both carry demands cannot change the deficiency. This is the correct form of a claim the manuscript previously overstated. The earlier text asserted that two assignments both achieve deficiency zero, which is true and uninformative: they occupy the same slots and the matching cannot see the difference. The revised statement says why, and the manuscript now declines to treat admissibility as a criterion.

The register-support proposition. Across thirteen recorded assignments at a codon some mapping does not release, twelve deliver a structure that the codon's second register supports elsewhere. The single exception is named. This replaced a stronger claim that the register governs release itself, which the manuscript tested and bounded.

The ceiling. The second register sets a bound on extent which both defective first registers attain, so a structure occurring at two blocks of one column is there by ceiling and not by exchange. This is the correct treatment of a second occurrence that an earlier draft had no account for. It also disposes of a withdrawn attribution: the charge on that structure was once assigned to a particular first register and is now assigned to the property both blocks share, that their first registers are defective.

Reservations

1. The gating hypothesis is strong and is used everywhere. Clause (iii), that the third position acts only through its width relation to the second, is what makes the block the unit of Section 8 and what Section 10's ceiling reading turns on. It is stated as a hypothesis and is not independently grounded. If it fails, Section 8 has no demand structure.
2. The accommodation preorder is not total. The manuscript's treatment of the incomparable register is honest but leaves that register's behaviour described rather than derived, and that register is the four-outcome locus of the standing open problem.
3. The uniqueness result is conditional and the condition is not small. The forced exchange follows from an [A] theorem together with a hypothesis about a medium that is not established. The

manuscript says so at the point of use.

4. One structure is not covered by the classification, and one register is not resolved. Both are open and both are registered.
5. The compartment classification is bounded. It holds for the two mappings treated and no further, which the manuscript now states in the proposition itself.

2 Concordance

With the capacity paper

The manuscript takes its premises from that paper and takes as its subject one of the two questions it declines. The imported statements at Section 4, the cluster definition, the class–cluster bijection, the capacity ceiling, the production operator and the localisation result, are stated as there stated.

One addition. The parity obstruction of that paper excludes the standard mapping and does not exclude the mitochondrial one, and the odd fibres of the former are carried by exactly the structures at which the two differ. The source describes the obstruction as the boundary of its account. The manuscript converts a stated limit into a discriminant. The reviewer judges it correct and new.

With the seeded-assignments paper

This is where the manuscript disagrees with the corpus, and the disagreement is handled carefully. The demand and seed apparatus is imported as stated. The manuscript does not dispute that source’s theorem. It observes that the theorem concerns the source’s witness and exhibits a second admissible slot set, which the source’s own remark on seed-map freedom anticipates. The manuscript’s assignment differs from the witness at two exchanges of codon pairs. A third was proposed and withdrawn. One correction to the source is offered and is minor. The witness table prints sixteen rows and three spares, which is nineteen of twenty. The missing row is identified. The source’s own count of seventeen demands and three spares is correct. The disagreement is legitimately posed, stated as a dilemma and not decided.

With the Conditional Refinement papers

Cited, not restated. One live conflict is recorded. Part I concludes from the code data that the limiting step at the non-releasing codons is engagement. The manuscript distinguishes the two failure modes by whether the carrier is consumed, and its non-releasing mode is the one in which it is. The manuscript does not resolve this and registers it as a Target. The reviewer accepts the treatment, notes that Part I has the code data behind it, and confirms the manuscript’s forward reference, that nothing in Sections 8 and 9 depends on which mode is limiting.

With the formalism’s account of catalyst formation

The manuscript carries one concordance note, and the reviewer asked for it. Without it the register-support proposition reads as a fact about published tables rather than as a consequence of an architecture. The note states that the carrier, the registry and the structures formed from them persist together rather than succeeding one another, so that a catalyst for a given structure may be shaped externally against the stack and filtered internally against the structure as it forms, neither step preceding the other. On that reading the exchanges of Section 9 are the residue of fitting twenty catalyst patterns to a registry that supports twenty and no more, and a structure occurring at two sites is the same residue seen from the other side.

The reviewer accepts this as concordance and not as argument, which is how the manuscript labels it. Three observations. It removes a difficulty rather than creating one. An earlier draft set the wider tables aside by appeal to a downstream device, which would have been a chronological claim and would have sat badly against the manuscript’s own non-implication that no chronology is asserted. The persistence reading makes that non-implication structural. There is no sequence in which one stage could precede another, and the appeal is withdrawn. The note is correctly bounded. It licenses no exchange in particular and predicts no mapping. Nothing in Sections 6 to 9 depends on it, and deleting it costs the concordance and no result. The count is the same count. The registry supports twenty classes, the repertoire is bounded at twenty, and the note derives the degeneracy from that bound rather than from a new one.

With the letter assignment

The manuscript imports the assignment and recovers the same partition at Section 7 from block structure, using nothing from Section 5. The reviewer verified the independence of the two routes. The coincidence is correctly reported as a result rather than a construction. One caution for the corpus, not for this manuscript. Two letter assignments are in use across the corpus, keto/amino and Watson–Crick, and the class-to-codon map differs completely between them, 3 of 17 against 17 of 17 on the seed witness. Papers stating codon membership of a class should say which assignment they use.

3 The bounding test

The test that damages the claim

The manuscript identified the test most likely to limit its own result, ranked it ahead of the one that would extend it, and then carried it out. It returns negative. Published tables release at the pair the manuscript finds fixed: glutamine in several ciliate lineages, tyrosine in the haptorids, glutamate in the peritrichs, and two different structures in one further ciliate. The proposition therefore holds for the two mappings it treats and no further, and its statement now says so.

The reviewer regards the handling as exemplary and the outcome as a gain. What replaced the bounded claim is a different proposition, that the second register governs what is released rather than whether, holding at twelve of thirteen recorded instances with its exception named. The

manuscript further observes that the weaker claim is the one its own gating hypothesis would have predicted, the second position being given the consistency of a structure and not the exit. A paper that runs the test that damages it, reports the damage, and finds the better statement underneath is doing what a review process is for.

4 Chemical scope

Chemistry enters at three points. Two hypotheses are abstracted from a chemical series. Their provenance is tabulated at Appendix A.3. No hypothesis is stated before the entries beneath it in that table. The entry numbers are placeholders pending the working order and must be settled before publication. One argument about a medium asserts that one delivery event is preferred to two that must coincide. Not established, and the manuscript does not claim otherwise. The interpretation layer is Appendix A, which names the species. Deleting it costs the interpretation and no numbered result, as the non-implications assert.

What is not in the manuscript. No rate, no barrier, no equilibrium constant, no measurement. The stereochemical result is cited and not restated. One observation. The exogenous-decoration definition is the manuscript’s device for making a chemical fact available to a mathematical argument without naming a species, and the reviewer judges it successful. The uniqueness argument runs on slot sizes and complementarity, and the chemistry enters only through the count of structures requiring the same exogenous species, which is two.

5 Defect ledger

Twenty-four items in five passes, all disposed. The table records those that changed a claim.

#	Criticism	Disposition
I.1	Retention classification stated exceptionless	Exception stated; repair fails; Target registered
I.2	Arc parameterised by length and direction	Two extents
I.3	Fibration counted on sixteen structures	Eleven values, five non-trivial fibres on twenty
I.4	Three independent invariants claimed	Two of three pairs suffice; one does not
I.5	Complete narrow register placed in the chain	Incomparable; hypothesis remains falsifiable
I.6	Two hypotheses presented as definitions	Both labelled; non-implication added
II.1	Splitting diagnostic scored eight of sixteen	Withdrawn; rule at sixteen of sixteen
II.2	Registry deficit of three read as three repairs	Withdrawn. Seventeen demands with three spare is not a shortfall
II.3	Complementarity count missing one slot	Eighteen slots, one hundred fifty-three pairs
II.4	Exchange presented as claims of equal standing	Ranked; weakest conceded
II.5	Uniqueness theorem without isolating its hypothesis	Isolated; whole of the chemistry in that section
II.6	Counts deployed as improbability	Non-implication; uniqueness, not probability
II.7	Column rule broken by second block	Withdrawn; invariant relocated to second position
III.1	No status labels	Accepted

#	Criticism	Disposition
III.2	Chemical species in numbered statements	Moved to the appendix
III.3	Liberated species written as a phosphodiester	Ester to the adenosine 2'-oxygen
III.4	Initiation as concurrent cleavage	Re-staged; codon-dependence of one vertex's oxidation state
III.5	Stage 1 presented as a relabelling	Encoding specified in the filing
III.6	Conflict with Part I not stated	Accepted
III.7	Working title reused a corpus title	Accepted
IV.1	Third exchange untested	Tested, inadmissible, withdrawn; non-releasing codons separated by register
IV.2	Deficiency check never used the assignment	Matching on slot sets with a Hall check; bug had concealed the opening result
IV.3	Title named a count the revision changed	Retitled to name the uniqueness result
V.1	Second occurrence had no account; charge attributed to a first register the second block does not have	Ceiling on extent; charge assigned to the shared property

6 Corrections to the development record

Fifteen are listed in the manuscript. Six are material. A correction of a correction: a registry count of seventeen with three spare was first read as a deficit supporting the exchange argument, then withdrawn on reading the source's own proposition. The exchange argument lost its only numerical support at that point and rests now on one [A] theorem alone. A letter assignment was inferred before it was found stated. The inference was correct. It should not have been necessary, and the two assignments in corpus use are why it was. Three cut lists were short by one edge, each at a fusion vertex, found by a completeness check written for the purpose. A classification, a fibre count and a denominator were each stated from a partial series and corrected on completing it, all three found by writing the statement into a theorem environment. A deficiency check that could not fail took the assignment as an argument and matched on the slot list, so it certified an assignment it had never tested. A proposition was bounded by its own test. The compartment classification was stated, the test that would limit it was identified and ranked first, and it returned negative.

7 Verification record

Thirteen checks, all passing, all emitted by one script. The reviewer re-ran them.

#	Check	Status
V1	Vessel graph, chords, rings; twenty classes recomputed against the published table	pass
V2	Seed witness against both letter assignments	pass
V2b	Separation of the registers by each subset of their invariants	pass
V3	Deficiency, and what an exchange can and cannot change	pass

#	Check	Status
V4	Slots, demands, and the complementary pairs	pass
V5	Retention classification and the fibration	pass
V6	Fibre parities of the three mappings	pass
V7	Block regularity of the three mappings	pass
V7b	Splitting rule across sixteen blocks	pass
V8	Unaccounted class in the published witness table	pass
V9	Cut lists: completeness against the retained sets	pass
V10	Non-release: which codons the compartment can move	pass
V11	Reassignment and the second register, thirteen instances; ceiling in the wide-complete column	pass

Three of the manuscript’s tables are emitted by the same script and marked not to be hand-edited.

8 Meta-review

Disposition

Twenty-four items in five passes, all disposed. Thirteen checks, all passing. Fifteen corrections to the development record, six material.

Five observations. First, a check agreed with a claim because it was testing the wrong object, and this is the second occurrence. The deficiency check took the assignment as an argument and matched on the slot list. The letter-assignment inference was confirmed only after the fact. Neither was caught by running the check. Both were caught when something downstream disagreed. The reviewer regards this as the most important observation in the record. A verification suite is evidence only to the extent that its checks could have failed, and two of this one’s could not.

Second, three of the material corrections were found by writing a statement into a theorem environment rather than by computing anything. This is the failure mode a companion paper records, and it recurs here at about the same rate.

Third, the manuscript’s central results need no hypothesis. The classification, the fibration, the splitting rule, the slot-set theorem, the complementarity count, the register-support proposition and the ceiling all carry [A]. The hypothesis register is spent on the consistency relation and on one exchange.

Fourth, the paper’s most interesting claim is one it does not make. The partition recovered from block structure turns out to be the corpus’s own letter assignment, and the manuscript reports the coincidence and registers the open question rather than arguing from it. The reviewer regards the restraint as correct and the coincidence as the strongest evidential item in the paper.

Fifth, the dilemma is genuinely open and is presented as such. Either the consistency relation is wrong at two exchanges, or the observed mappings stand two exchanges from an assignment that structural consistency selects. A manuscript that claimed to decide this would be overreaching. One that suppressed the second horn would be less interesting.

What the review does not certify

Targeted verification re-runs the finite stage and does not employ an independent reviewing system. Every explicit verification inherits that limitation, the thirteen checks excepted. Eleven Targets are open, three load-bearing. One was discharged negatively during review and the result is in the manuscript. One is a concordance note whose development is a separate paper. Three hypotheses are registered and undischarged. No rate, barrier or measurement appears anywhere. The interpretation of the twenty structures as chemical species is asserted in Appendix A and is not verified here. The entry numbers in Appendix A.3, which carry the whole of one non-implication, are placeholders. The conflict with Part I is recorded, not resolved. The review does not adjudicate it.

Recommendation

Accept, subject to two production items: the entry numbers in Appendix A.3, and the pagination of the bibliography entries marked for confirmation.

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