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A random version of the r -fork-free theorem.

Let $\mathcal{P}(n)$ denote the set of all subsets of $[n]$ and let $\mathcal{P}(n, p)$ be the set obtained from $\mathcal{P}(n)$ by selecting elements independently at random with probability p . The r -fork poset is the family of distinct sets F, G_1, \dots, G_r such that $F \subset G_i$ for all i . De Bonis and Katona showed that, for fixed r , any $(r+1)$ -fork-free family in $\mathcal{P}(n)$ has size at most $(1+o(1))\binom{n}{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$. In this paper, we prove a similar result for $(r+1)$ -fork-free families in $\mathcal{P}(n, p)$. In particular, if $pn \rightarrow \infty$, then with high probability, the largest $(r+1)$ -fork-free set in $\mathcal{P}(n, p)$ has size at most $(1+o(1))p\binom{n}{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$. This result is influenced by the work of Balogh, Mycroft and Treglown, who proved a random version of Sperner's theorem using the hypergraph container method. (Received August 06, 2015)