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CSP for digraphs

DEFINITION Fix a directed graph (digraph) \mathbb{H} - *template*. $CSP(\mathbb{H})$ is the following decision problem:

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EXAMPLES k-Colorability, k-Sat, SysLinEq
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FACT TFAE

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- ▶ HSP(**H**) satisfies some nontrivial idempotent Malcev condition

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Repeat the following until nothing can be deleted

For all pairs
$$A \neq B \in G$$
, $(x, y) \in M_{AB}$ and $C \in G$:
If there is no $z \in H$ such that $(x, z) \in M_{AC}$ and
 $(y, z) \in M_{BC}$, then delete (x, y) from M_{AB}

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Definition of bounded width

OBSERVATION This can be done in polynomial time

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Bounded width \Rightarrow Polynomially solvable

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Bounded width conjecture

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- HSP(H) doesn't contain a reduct of a module
- ▶ HSP(**H**) omits types 1,2
- ► All algebras in HSP(H) are SD(∧) (meet semidistributive cong. lat.).
- Malcev conditions...

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Let \mathbb{G} be a graph, M_{\dots} the sets of possible values for pairs as before. For all A, B vertices of \mathbb{G} and $(x, y) \in M_{AB}$ there is a homomorphism $f : \mathbb{G} \to \mathbb{H}$ such that f(A) = x, f(B) = y.

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