Topology is relevant in infinite-domain constraint satisfaction



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- Each problem associated with a relational structure: its template.
- A class of decision problems.
- For a large class of templates, the complexity of each problem depends solely on the symmetries of the template.

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- Step 1: identify the borderline,
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Ways to make the conjecture easier to work with:

- Is there a weakest system of nontrivial height 1 identities for such structures?
- Can topology be dropped in the statement?

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There exists a closed oligomorphic clone \mathscr{C} such that $\mathscr{C} \xrightarrow{u.c.} \mathscr{P}$ and $\mathscr{C} \longrightarrow \mathscr{P}$.