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Dichotomy results for constraint satisfaction problems

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The input is called a primitively positive sentence (pp-sentence).

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Proven for $|\mathcal{A}| \leq 3$ (Bulatov '06).

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Theorem (Bodirsky + Kára, '10)

Let \mathbb{Q}_{Ψ} be a reduct of $(\mathbb{Q}, <)$. If $\mathsf{Pol}(\mathbb{Q}_{\Psi})$ contains one of the operators *II, min, mi, mx, their duals, or a constant operation*, then it is tractable. Otherwise it lies in NP-complete.



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Dichotomy for Graph-SAT



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