

Model Checking of Conjunctive Queries

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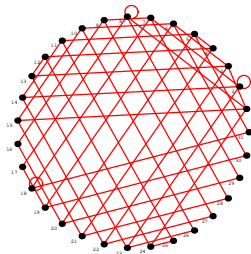


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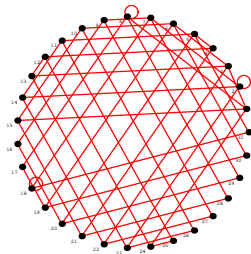


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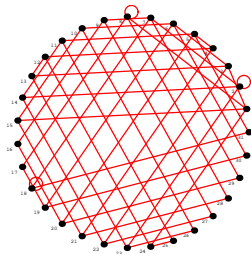


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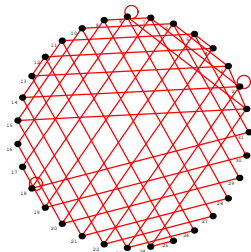


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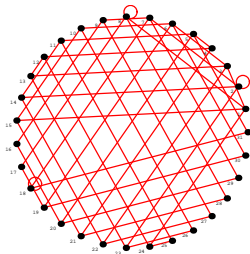


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Question Is ϕ true in \mathbf{G} ?

$$\phi = \exists X \exists Y (\text{"X total order relation"} \wedge \text{"Y} \setminus \{(\max, \min)\} \text{ cover relation of X"} \\ \wedge \forall x \forall y (Yxy \rightarrow Exy)).$$

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$\sigma = \{R_1, \dots, R_k\}$ is a finite finitary relational signature, that is,
 R_i is a finitary relation symbol of arity $\text{ar}(R_i) \in \mathbb{N}$ for $i = 1, \dots, k$.

$\mathbf{A} = (A, R_1^{\mathbf{A}}, \dots, R_k^{\mathbf{A}})$ is a σ -structure, that is,
 A is a *finite* nonempty set (universe),
 $R_i^{\mathbf{A}} \subseteq A^{\text{ar}(R_i)}$ is an $\text{ar}(R_i)$ -ary relation on A ($i = 1, \dots, k$).

ϕ is a second-order σ -sentence.

Fact

For all σ -sentences ϕ and σ -structures \mathbf{A} ,
 $\mathbf{A} \models \phi$ xor $\mathbf{A} \not\models \phi$ (ϕ is true xor false in \mathbf{A}).

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ϕ encoding has size k , \mathbf{A} encoding has size $n = (|A| + 1) + \sum_{R \in \sigma} |A|^{\text{ar}(R)}$.

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Question $\mathbf{A} \models \phi$?

Remark

$\text{CSP}(\mathbf{A})$ is a shortcut for $\{\phi \mid \mathbf{A} \models \phi\} \subseteq \mathcal{PP}$.

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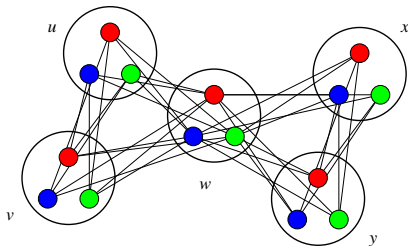
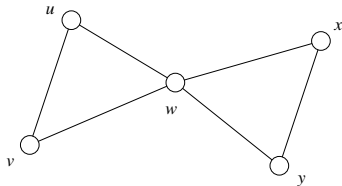


Figure: $G \mapsto \phi_G = \exists u \exists v \exists w \exists x \exists y (Iwu \wedge Iwv \wedge Iwx \wedge Iwy \wedge Iuv \wedge Ixy)$.

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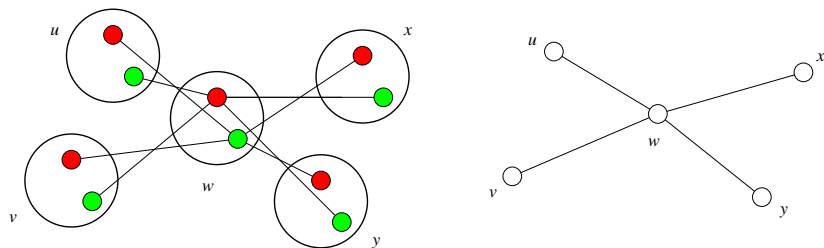


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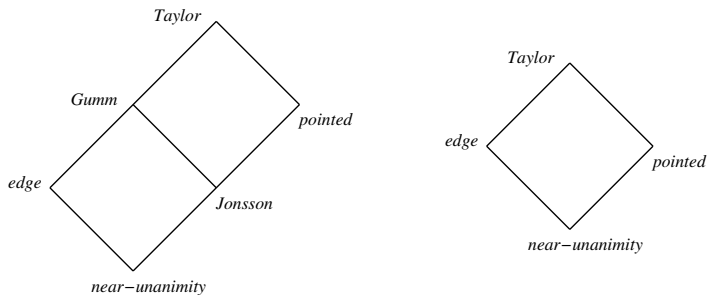
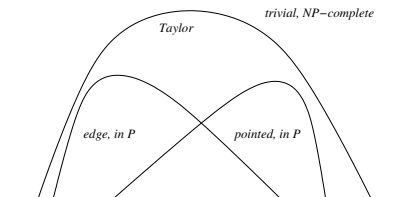


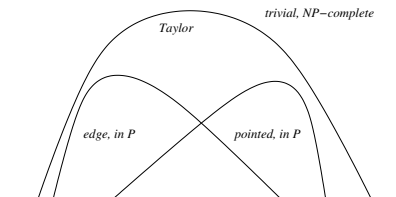
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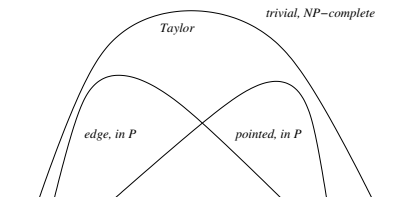
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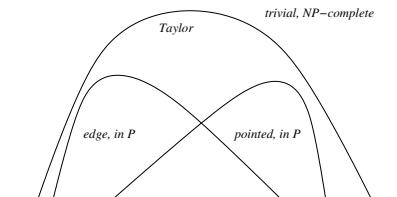
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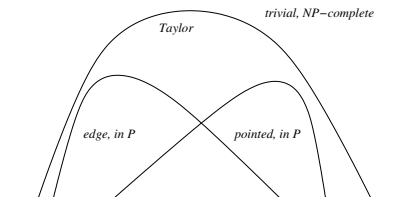
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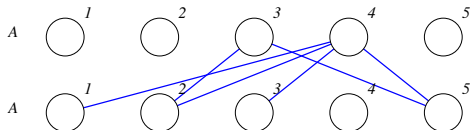
$t: A^2 \rightarrow A$ is a *semilattice* operation if
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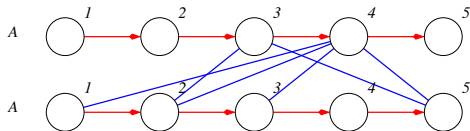
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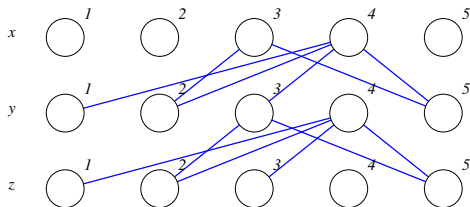


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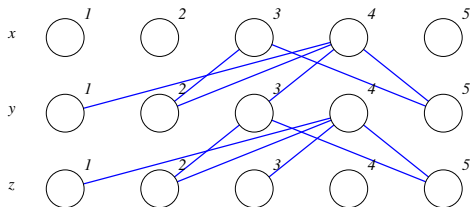


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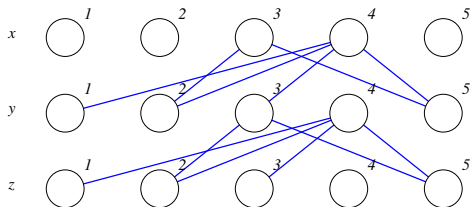


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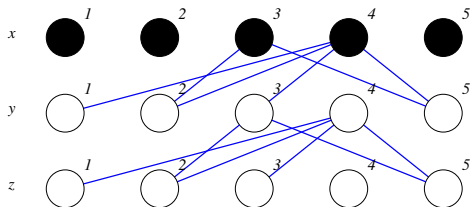


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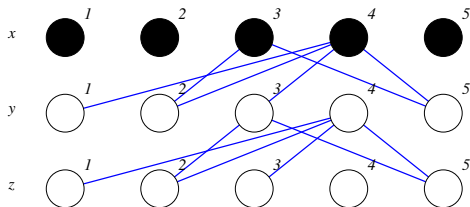


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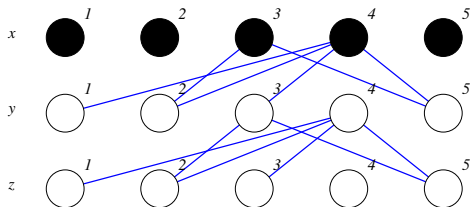


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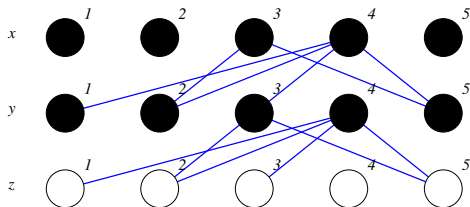


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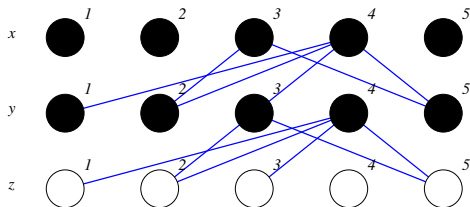


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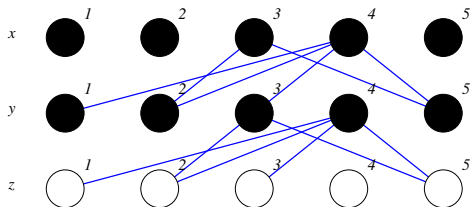


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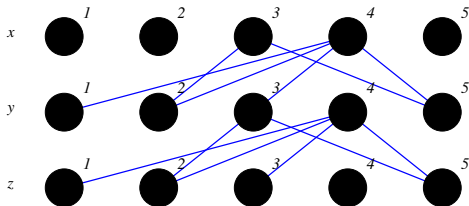


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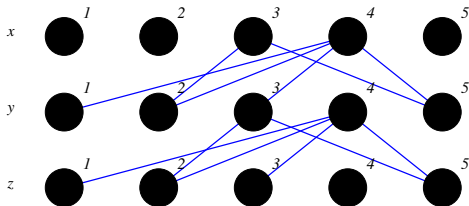


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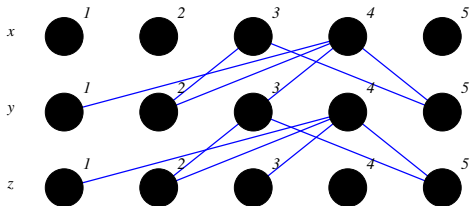


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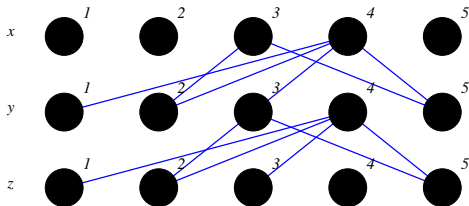


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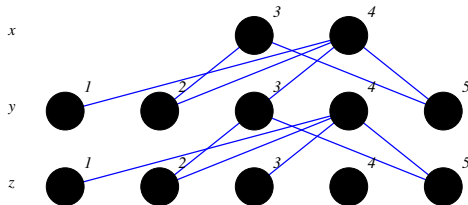


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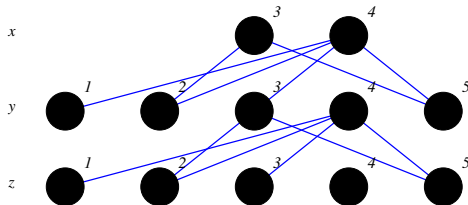


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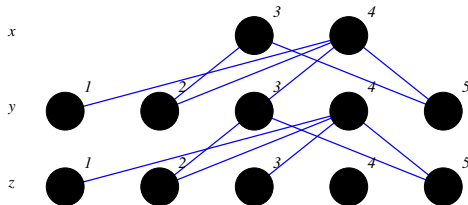


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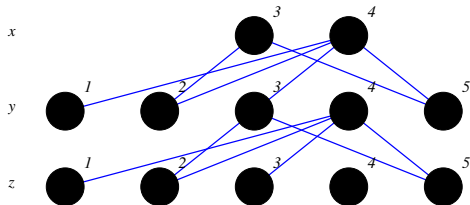


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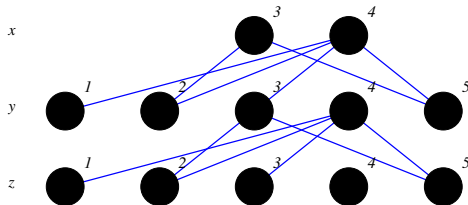


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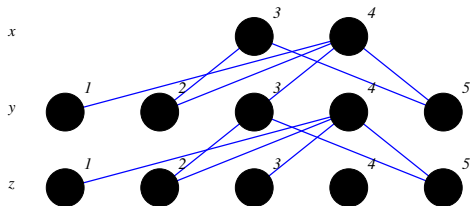


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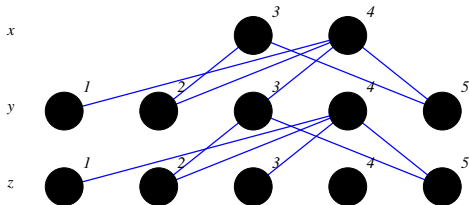


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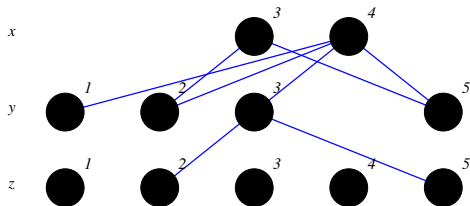


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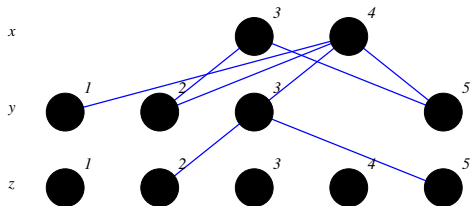


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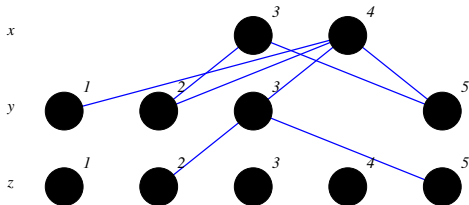


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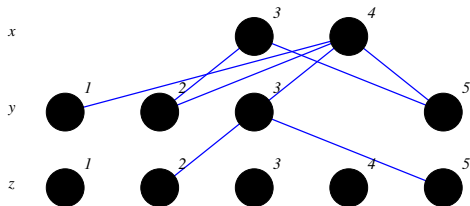


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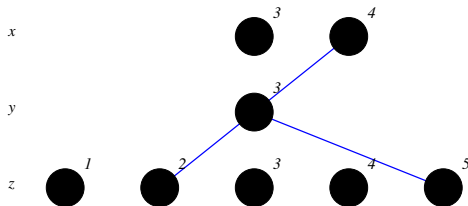


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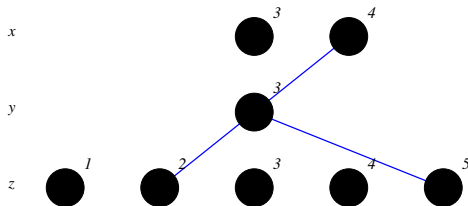


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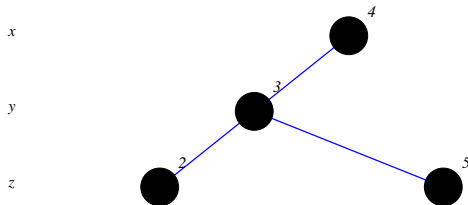


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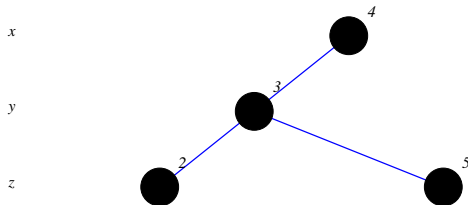


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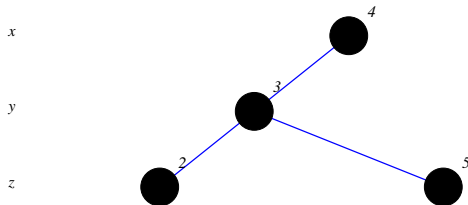
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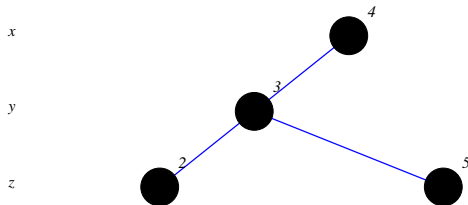
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Theorem

If \mathbf{A} admits a semilattice polymorphism t , then \mathbf{A} has width 1 (ie, the 1-consistency algorithm decides $\text{CSP}(\mathbf{A})$ in polytime).

Proof (Idea).

ϕ instance of $\text{CSP}(\mathbf{A})$ over variables $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$. Run 1-consistency.

If $A_{x_i} = \emptyset$ for some $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, then $\mathbf{A} \not\models \phi$.

Otherwise $\mathbf{A} \models \phi$, witnessed by $x_i \mapsto \bigvee A_{x_i} \in A$

(A is a complete join semilattice under $a \leq b$ iff $t(a, b) = b$, so every $S \subseteq A$ has a least upper bound in A).



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$t: A^3 \rightarrow A$ is a *Mal'tsev operation* if $t(x, y, y) = t(y, y, x) = x$.

Theorem

If \mathbf{A} admits a Mal'tsev polymorphism, then the solution space of $\text{CSP}(\mathbf{A})$ admits a compact representation (and Dalmau algorithm decides $\text{CSP}(\mathbf{A})$ in polytime).

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Example

$\mathbf{A} = (A, R^{\mathbf{A}})$ where $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$, $R^{\mathbf{A}} = \{(a, b, c) \mid \mathbf{Z}_5 \models a + b = c\} \subseteq A^3$.

$R^{\mathbf{A}}$ admits the Mal'tsev polymorphism $t(x, y, z) = x - y + z$ (over \mathbf{Z}_5):

$$\begin{array}{rclclcl} a_1 & + & a_2 & = & a_3 & \in R^{\mathbf{A}} \\ b_1 & + & b_2 & = & b_3 & \in R^{\mathbf{A}} \\ c_1 & + & c_2 & = & c_3 & \in R^{\mathbf{A}} \end{array}$$

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Dalmau algorithm decides $\text{CSP}(\mathbf{A})$ in polytime.

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Example (Cont'd)

$\phi = \exists x \exists y \exists z (Rxzx \wedge Rxyy)$ instance of CSP(\mathbf{A}) with 2 constraints.

$$C_1 = \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|l} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & a \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\} \\ a & a & a & a & a & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \end{array} \right] \text{ solutions to } Rxzx.$$

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$$S_2 = C_1 \cap C_2 = \left[\begin{array}{c|l} 0 & a \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\} \\ a & \\ 0 & \end{array} \right] \text{ solutions to } Rxzx \wedge Rxyy.$$

$$S_2 \neq \emptyset.$$

$$\mathbf{A} \models \phi.$$

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ϕ instance of CSP(\mathbf{A}) with m constraints and k variables,

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S_m solutions of ϕ (ie, any $\mathbf{a} \in S_m$ witnesses $\mathbf{A} \models \phi$).

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DALMAU ALGORITHM(ϕ)

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R' and t provide a $\text{poly}(k)$ size encoding for R !

R' constructed by: For all $(i, a, b) \in \{1, \dots, k\} \times A \times A$, there exist $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in R$ such that $\mathbf{a}_j = \mathbf{b}_j$ for all $j < i$, $\mathbf{a}_i = a$, $\mathbf{b}_i = b$, iff there exist $\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{b}' \in R'$ such that $\mathbf{a}'_j = \mathbf{b}'_j$ for all $j < i$, $\mathbf{a}'_i = a$, $\mathbf{b}'_i = b$.

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