
THE COMPLEXITY OF FINDING SUPERGRAPHS

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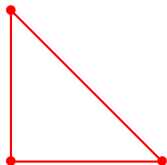
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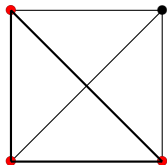


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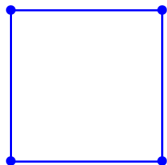
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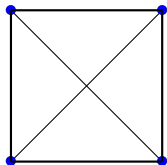


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- **Gr** is the represented space of graphs, where a name for a graph is given by its characteristic function;
- **EGr** is the represented space of graphs, where a name for a graph is given by an enumeration of its vertices and edges.

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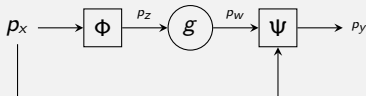
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Decision problems

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Observation: it is easy to find graphs for which the corresponding problem reaches WF (i.e., the infinite ray \mathbb{R}).

We will show that for the supergraph problem “it’s difficult being difficult”.

SUMMARY

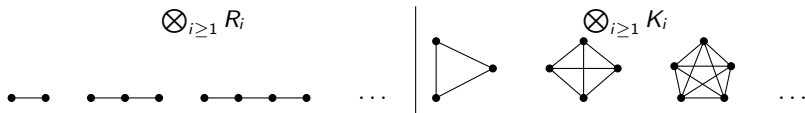


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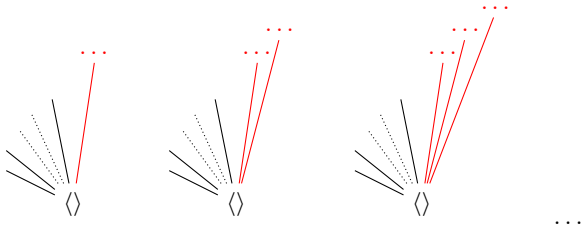


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\mathcal{S} is the disconnected union of $(T_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, where every T_n is a tree having finite paths of any length (in black) and $n + 1$ -many paths of infinite length (in red).



The proof of the fact that this set is complete was suggested by an anonymous referee of [CP23].

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Maybe with other “strange” graphs, we could go beyond Π_5^0 : but is there some G such that $(e)IS^G \equiv_{\text{sW}} \text{WF}$?



Search problems

(preliminary results!)



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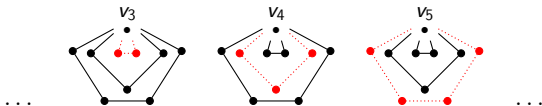
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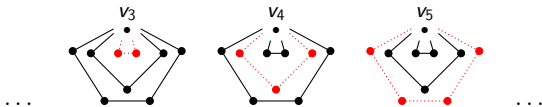


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