

# Containment for Guarded Monotone Strict NP

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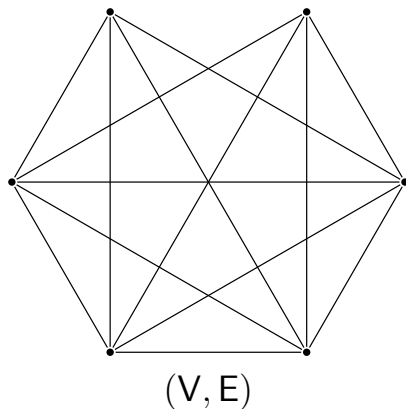
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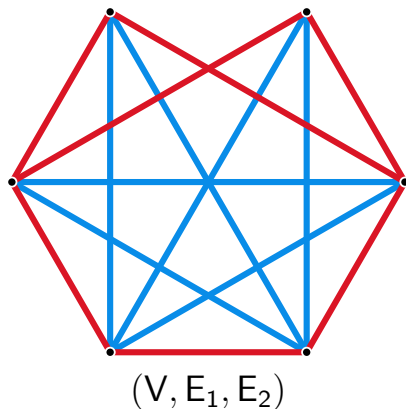


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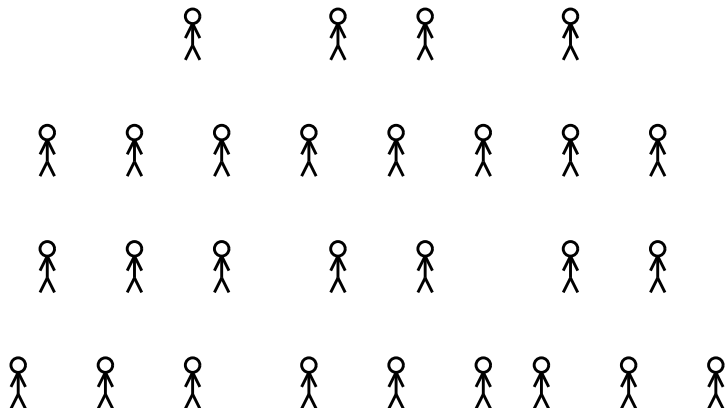
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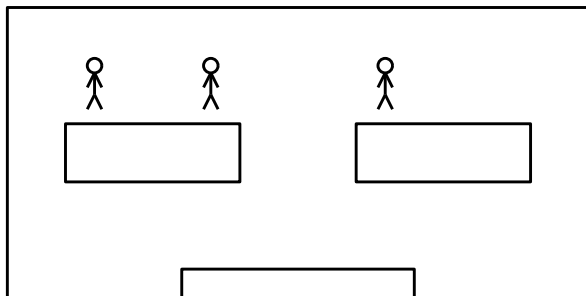
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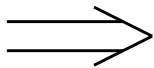
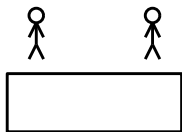
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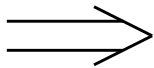
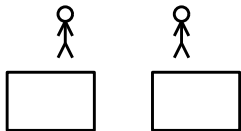


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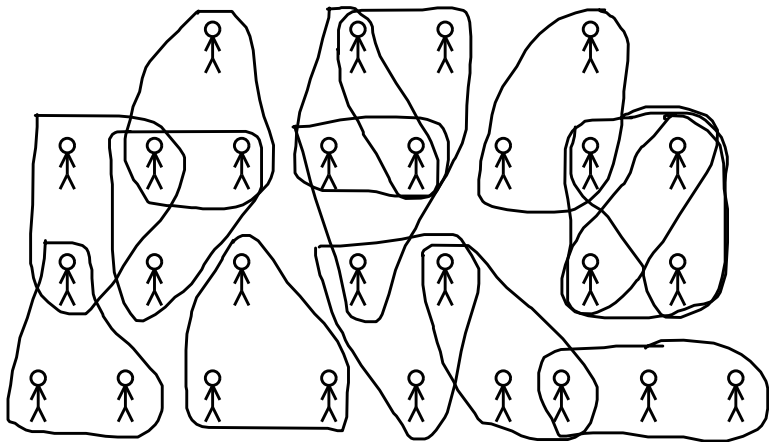


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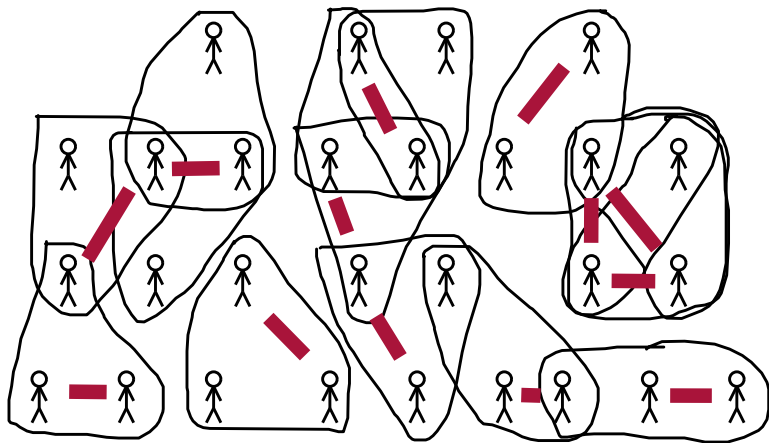
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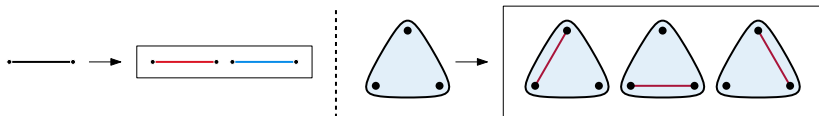
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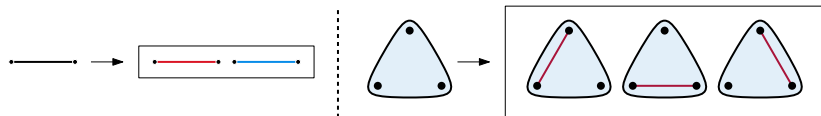
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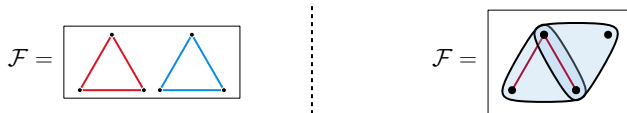
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s.t.  $\mathbb{A}^{\text{col}}$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -free, i.e., for NO  $\mathbb{F}$  from finite family  $\mathcal{F}$ , there is a homomorphism  $\mathbb{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^{\text{col}}$



GMSNP is an infinite CSP

# Amalgamation for GMSNP

Let  $\mathcal{K} :=$  all finite  $\mathcal{F}$ -free structures (all solutions)

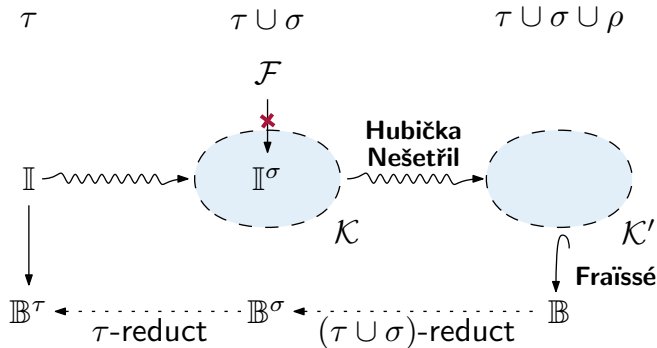
**Hubička, Nešetřil:** there is  $\mathcal{K}'$  obtained from  $\mathcal{K}$  by adding finitely many new relations.  $\mathcal{K}'$  is closed under taking substructures (HP) and has the amalgamation property (AP)

$$\text{AP : } \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram 1} \end{array} \in \mathcal{K}' \quad \& \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram 2} \end{array} \in \mathcal{K}' \quad \& \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram 3} \end{array} \cong \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram 4} \end{array} \implies \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram 5} \end{array} \in \mathcal{K}'$$

The diagrams are: 1. Two overlapping ellipses. 2. Two overlapping ellipses with a different internal structure. 3. Two separate ellipses. 4. Two separate ellipses. 5. The union of the two overlapping ellipses from diagram 1.

**Fraïssé:** if  $\mathcal{K}'$  is closed under disjoint unions, has HP and AP, then there is homogeneous (very symmetric) countably infinite structure  $\mathbb{B}$  such that  $\text{Age}(\mathbb{B}) = \mathcal{K}'$

# GMSNP seen as a CSP



**Bodirsky, Knäuer, Starke, 2020:** Input  $\mathbb{I}$  has  $\mathcal{F}$ -free  $\sigma$ -expansion  $\mathbb{I}^\sigma$  ( $\mathbb{I} \in \text{GMSNP}(\mathcal{F})$ ) if and only if  $\mathbb{I}$  homomorphically maps to  $\mathbb{B}^\tau$  ( $\mathbb{I} \in \text{CSP}(\mathbb{B}^\tau)$ )

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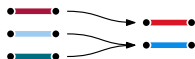
Decidable: finite-domain CSP (**obviously**) and MMSNP (**Feder, Vardi, 1998**)

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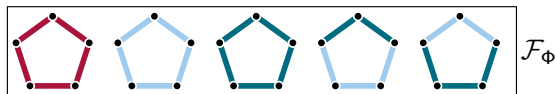
**Bourhis, Lutz, 2017:** is containment decidable for GMSNP?

# Recoloring for GMSN

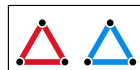
$r: \{\text{colors of } \Phi\} \rightarrow \{\text{colors of } \Psi\}$  is a **recoloring** from  $\Phi$  to  $\Psi$



if the preimage  $r^{-1}(\mathcal{F}_\Psi)$  has no  $\mathcal{F}_\Phi$ -free structures



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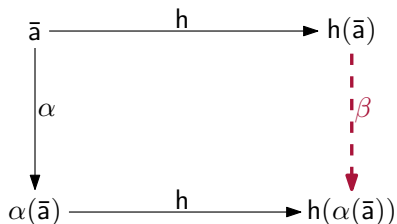


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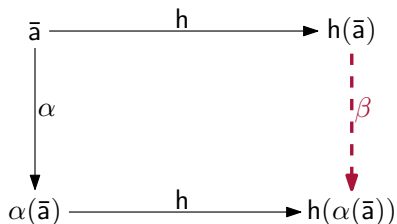
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**Bourhis, Lutz:**  $\Phi \subseteq \Psi$  is 2NEXPTIME-hard

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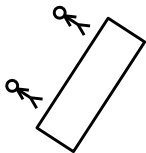
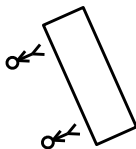
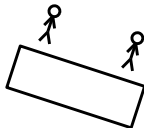
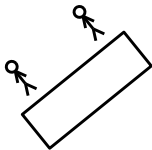
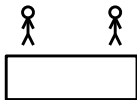
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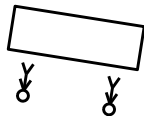
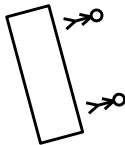
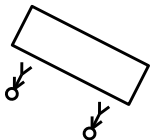
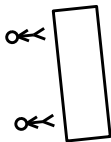
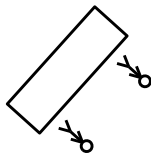
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## Future work

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- Prove decidability for GMSNP without infinite CSP
- Characterize FO-rewritability of GMSNP problems
- Characterize complexity of GMSNP problems
- Study approximation (promise) GMSNP



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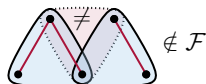


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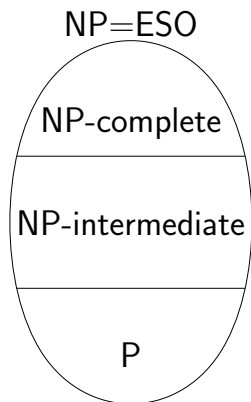
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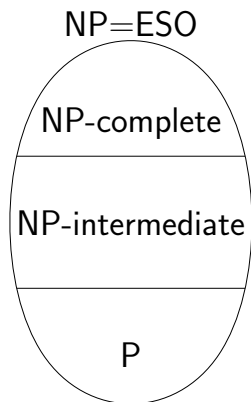
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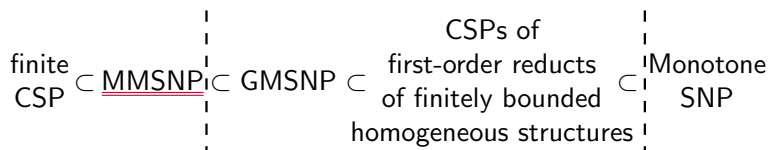
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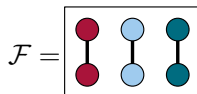


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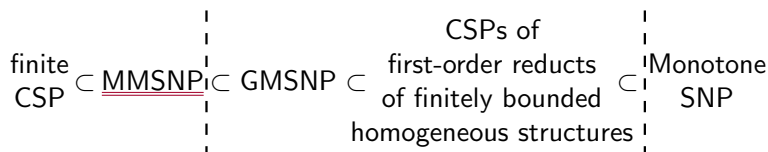


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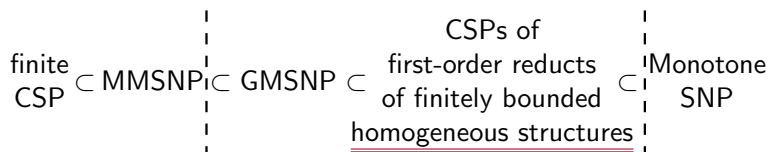
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**Feder, Vardi:** Every problem in MMSNP is P-time equivalent to CSP with finite domain

**Zhuk, Bulatov:** Finite CSPs have dichotomy that is characterized by algebraic properties of the template.

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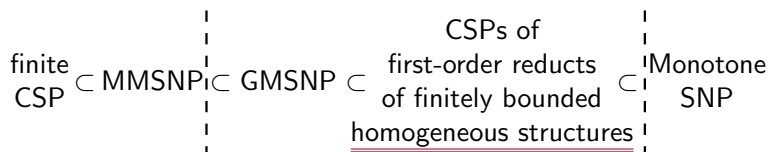


$\mathbb{A}$  is **homogeneous** if every isomorphism between its finite substructures extends to an automorphism of  $\mathbb{A}$ .

$\mathbb{A}$  is **finitely bounded** if for some finite family  $\mathcal{F}$

$$\forall \mathbb{B} \text{ finite } (\mathbb{B} \subset \mathbb{A} \Leftrightarrow \forall \mathbb{F} \in \mathcal{F} \ \mathbb{F} \not\hookrightarrow \mathbb{B}) \quad (\text{Age}(\mathbb{A}) \text{ is } \mathcal{F}\text{-free})$$

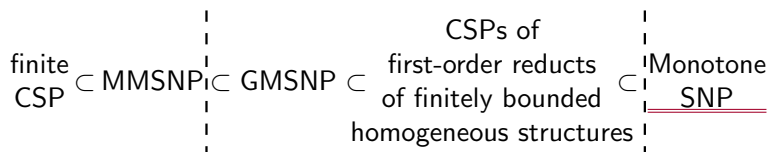
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$\mathbb{B}$  is a **first-order reduct** of  $\mathbb{A}$  if  $\mathbb{B}$  has the same domain as  $\mathbb{A}$  and if every relation of  $\mathbb{B}$  is first-order definable in  $\mathbb{A}$ .

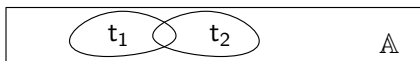
**Conjecture (Bodirsky, Pinsker):** CSPs of such structures have dichotomy characterized by algebraic properties of the template.

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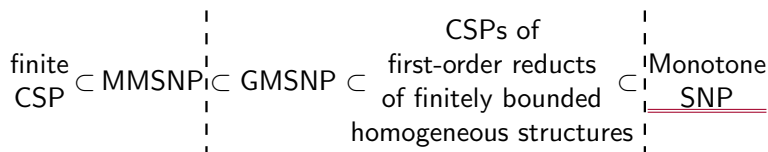


**Given:** finite relational structure  $\mathbb{A}$

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s.t. the colors assigned to intersecting subsets are compatible



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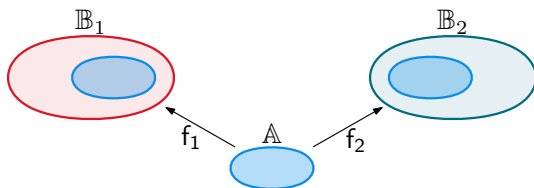


**Feder, Vardi:** Every problem in NP is P-time equivalent to a problem in Monotone SNP

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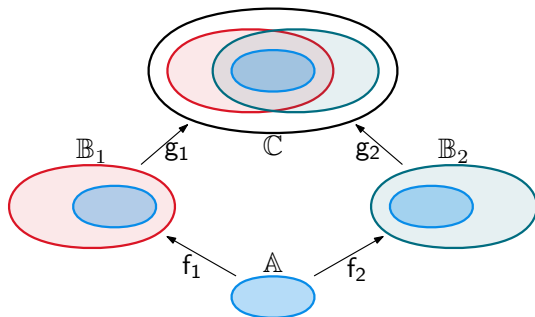
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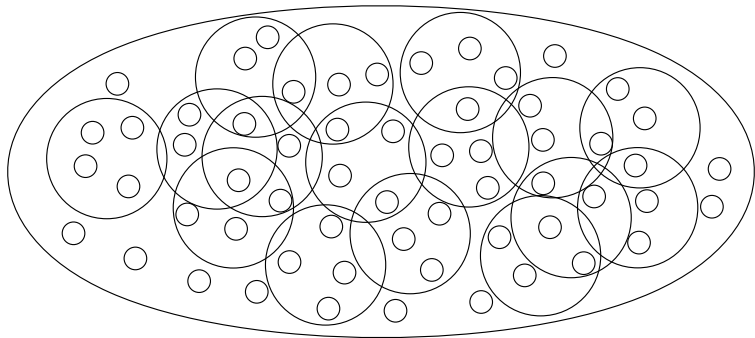
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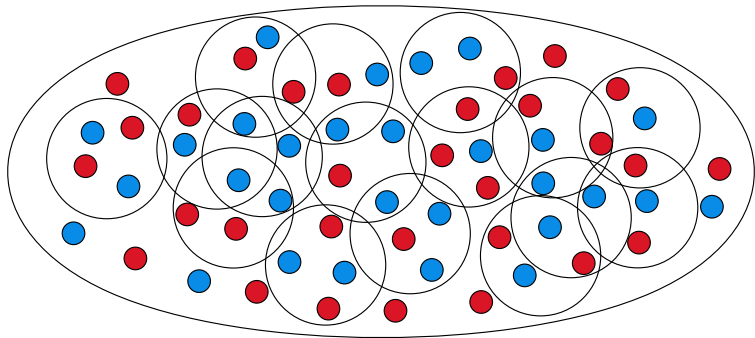
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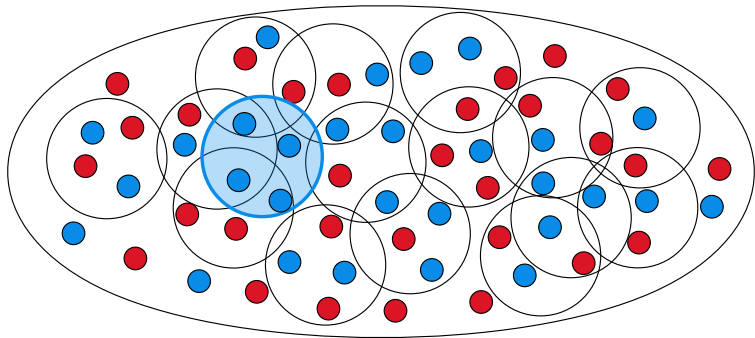
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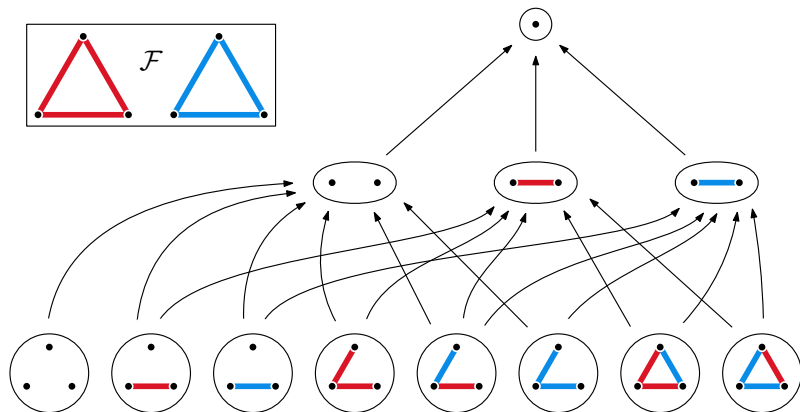
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## Finitely bounded homogeneous CSPs

# No-monochromatic-triangle as finite CSP



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