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SEMI-PROPER INTERVAL GRAPHS

AN IDEA IS COMING BACK TO KOPER...

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Claim (of Koper)

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Graphs having a connected PEO are connected interval graphs.

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- 3 sweeps of LBFS give proper interval ordering [Corneil, 2004]



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- 6. check whether one of these vertex orderings is a connected PEO

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Theorem (Bertossi, 1983; Chen et al, 1997; Broersma et al, 2015)

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The longest path and the longest cycle of an semi-proper interval graph can be found in linear time.

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