

Graph Isomorphism problem, Weisfeiler-Leman algorithm and coherent configurations

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Binary relations

Let $R, S \subseteq \Omega^2$ be binary relations. Then

- $S^* := \{(\alpha, \beta) \mid (\beta, \alpha) \in S\}$;
- S is **symmetric** (**antisymmetric**) if $S = S^*$ ($S \cap S^* = \emptyset$ resp.);
- $\alpha S := \{\beta \mid (\alpha, \beta) \in S\}$, $S\alpha := \alpha S^*$;
- $D(S) := \{\alpha \in \Omega \mid \alpha S \neq \emptyset\}$, $R(S) := D(S^*)$;
- $RS = \{(\alpha, \beta) \mid \alpha R \cap S\beta \neq \emptyset\}$;
- $R^+ = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} R^i$ is the transitive closure of R ;
- $1_{\Omega} := \{(\omega, \omega) \mid \omega \in \Omega\}$

Each permutation $g \in \text{Sym}(\Omega)$ is considered as a binary relation.
Thus $\alpha g = \{\alpha^g\}$ and $g^* = g^{-1}$.

Partitions.

- $\mathcal{P} \vdash \Omega$ means that \mathcal{P} is a partition of Ω .
- $\mathcal{P} \sqsubseteq \mathcal{C} \iff \mathcal{C}$ is a refinement of \mathcal{P} (in particular, $|\mathcal{P}| \leq |\mathcal{C}|$);
- Lattice operations are denoted as $\mathcal{P} \vee \mathcal{C}$ and $\mathcal{P} \wedge \mathcal{C}$;
- if $\mathcal{P} \vdash \Omega$ then \mathcal{P}^{\cup} denotes the set of all possible unions of elements in \mathcal{P} ;
- $\mathcal{C} \vdash \Omega^2 \implies \mathcal{C}^* := \{C^* \mid C \in \mathcal{C}\}$;

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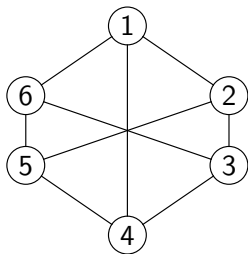
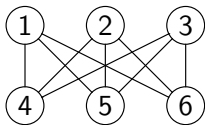
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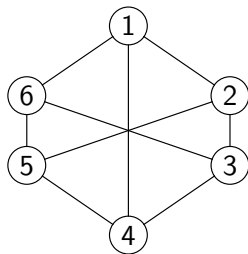
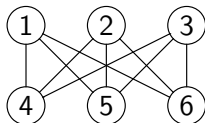
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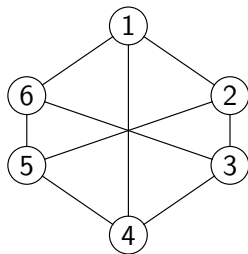
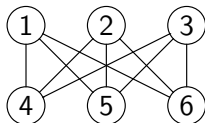
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Theorem (L.Babai, 2015).

The isomorphism of n -vertex graphs can be tested in time $\exp((\log n)^c)$.

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Notice that ϕ is uniquely determined by f . For this reason we define $f^* := \phi$.

The **adjacency matrix** $A(\Gamma)$ of $\Gamma = (\Omega, Y, c)$ is defined as follows:

$$(A(\Gamma))_{\alpha, \beta} = c(\alpha, \beta), \alpha, \beta \in \Omega.$$

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We also set $\text{Iso}(\Omega, Y, c)$ to be the group of all isomorphisms from (Ω, Y, c) to itself and $\text{Aut}(\Omega, Y, c)$ to be the normal subgroup of $\text{Iso}(\Omega, Y, c)$ which does not permute the colors (that is $f^* = 1_Y$).

Proposition

Let (Ω, Y, c) be a colored graph and $\mathcal{C} := \{c^{-1}(y) \mid y \in Y\}$ be the corresponding partition. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Iso}(\Omega, Y, c) &= \{g \in \text{Sym}(\Omega) \mid \mathcal{C}^g = \mathcal{C}\}, \\ \text{Aut}(\Omega, Y, c) &= \{g \in \text{Sym}(\Omega) \mid \forall C \in \mathcal{C} \ C^g = C\}.\end{aligned}$$

Theorem.

Isomorphism problem for colored graphs is polynomially equivalent to GI.

Cayley Graphs and their Isomorphisms.

A **Cayley** graph over a finite group H defined by a **connection set** $S \subseteq H$ has H as a set of nodes and arc set

$$\text{Cay}(H, S) := \{(x, y) \mid xy^{-1} \in S\}$$

. A **circulant** graph is a Cayley graph over a cyclic group.

Definition

Two Cayley graphs $\text{Cay}(H, S)$ and $\text{Cay}(K, T)$ are **Cayley isomorphic** if there exists a group isomorphism $f : H \rightarrow K$ which is a graph isomorphism too, that is

$$\text{Cay}(H, S)^f = \text{Cay}(K, T) \iff S^f = T.$$

The graphs $\text{Cay}(\{\pm 1\}, \mathbb{Z}_5)$ and $\text{Cay}(\{\pm 2\}, \mathbb{Z}_5)$ are Cayley isomorphic.

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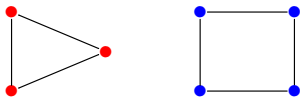
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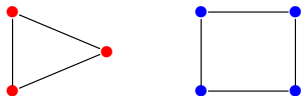
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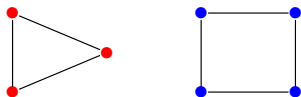
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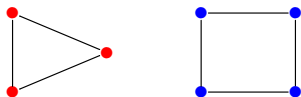


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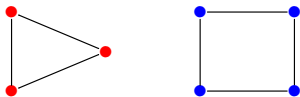
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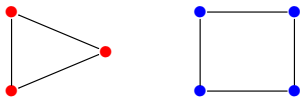
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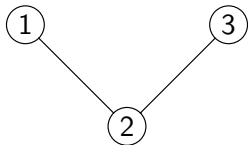
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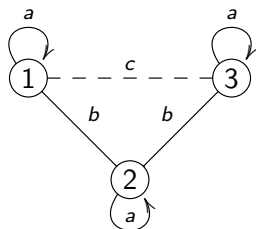
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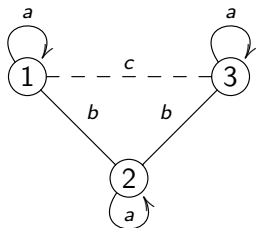
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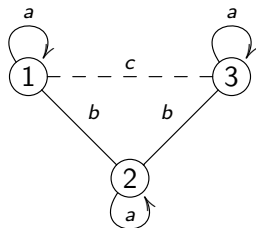
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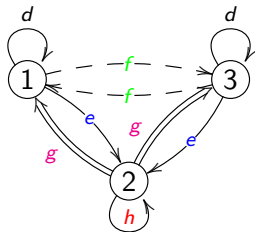
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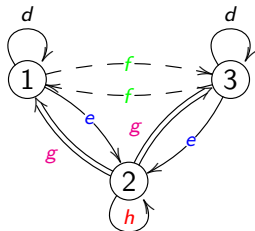
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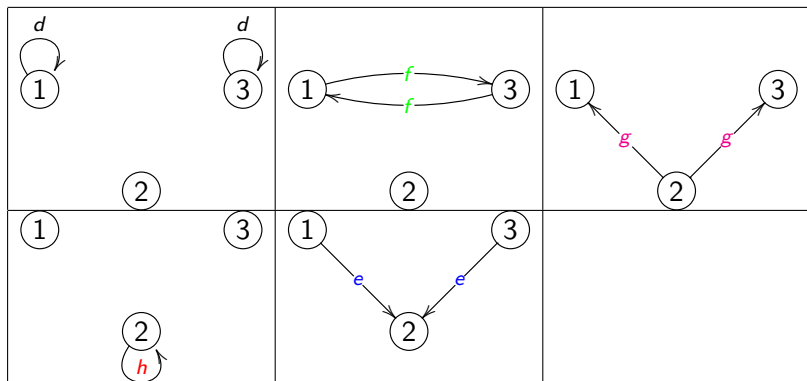
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- 2 the basic relations of \mathcal{X} are the 2-orbits of G ,
- 3 $\Phi(\mathcal{X}) = \text{Orb}(G, \Omega)$, in particular \mathcal{X} is a scheme iff G is transitive;

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A coherent configuration \mathcal{X} is called **schurian** if $\mathcal{X} = \text{Inv}(G)$ for some group G .

Schurity problem

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Proposition

Let $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{X}'$ be two coherent configurations defined on Ω and $G, H \leq \text{Sym}(\Omega)$ arbitrary subgroups. Then

- $\mathcal{X} \sqsubseteq \mathcal{X}' \implies \text{Aut}(\mathcal{X}) \geq \text{Aut}(\mathcal{X}')$;
- $H \leq G \implies \text{Inv}(H) \supseteq \text{Inv}(G)$;
- $G \leq \text{Aut}(\text{Inv}(G))$;
- $\mathcal{X} \sqsubseteq \text{Inv}(\text{Aut}(\mathcal{X}))$

Galois closed objects.

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