Hereditary First-Order Logic and Extensional ESO

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Edge-modification

For a fixed graph class C and an input graph G determine the minimum number of edge modifications to G so that it belongs to C.

- Edge-deletion problems (Yanakkakis 1981).
- Hardness of Edge-Modification problems (Alon, Stav 2009).
- Dichotomy Results on the Hardness of *H*-free Edge Modification Problems (Aravind, Sandeep, Sivadasan 2017).
- Hardness of approximation for H-free edge modification problems (Bliznets, Cygan, Komosa, Pilipczuk 2018)

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Resilience problems

For a fixed query μ , determine the resilience of μ in an input database \mathbb{D} .

- The Complexity of Resilience and Responsibility for Self-Join-Free Conjunctive Queries (Freire, Gatterbauer, Immerman, Meliou 2015)
- New Results for the Complexity of Resilience for Binary with Self-Joins (Freire, Gatterbauer, Immerman, Meliou 2020).
- A Unified Approach for Resilience and Causal Responsibility with Integer Linear Programming (ILP) and LP Relaxations. (Makhija, Gatterbauer 2023).
- The Complexity of Resilience Problems via Valued Constraint Satisfaction (Bodirsky, Semanišinová, Lutz 2024).

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Vertex-deletion

For a fixed graph class C and an input graph G determine the minimum k so that G - U belongs to C for some $|U| \le k$.

- Node-Deletion NP-Complete Problems (Krishnamoorthy, Deo 1979)
- The node-deletion problem for hereditary properties is NP-complete (Lewis, Yanakkakis 1980).
- Finding odd-cycle transversals (Reed, Smith, Vetta 2004)
- On the Descriptive Complexity of Vertex Deletion Problems (Bannach, Chudigiewitsch, Tantau 2024)

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On the parameterized complexity of graph modification to first-order logic properties (Fomin, Golovach, Thilikos 2020)

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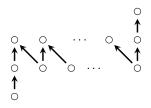
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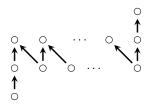
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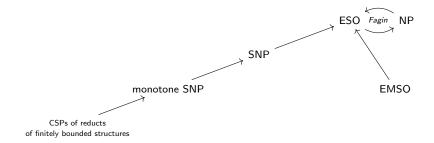
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Thm. If the quantifier prefix of ϕ is of the form $\forall^* \exists \forall^*$ or $\forall^* \exists^*$, then $\text{Her}(\phi)$ is in P and in SNP. For every other quantifier prefix Q, there is an FO formula ϕ with quantifier prefix Q such that $\text{Her}(\phi)$ is coNP-complete.

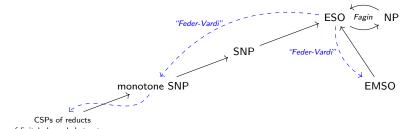
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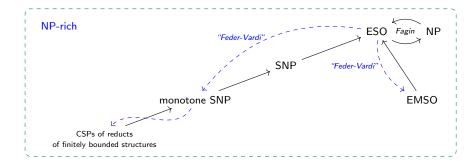
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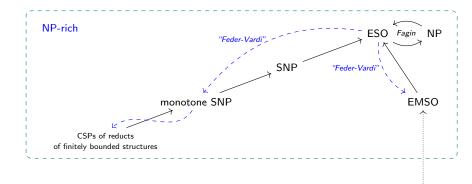


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F-free edge-completion: Given a graph G test whether it is possible to add edges to G so that it becomes F-free.

Ex 1. Acyclic digraphs: extend the edge relation to a (strict) linear order.



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Edge-completion to ϕ **:** Given a graph *G* test whether it is possible to add edges so that it satisfies ϕ .

Ex 2. (Pach, 1971) A graph G has circular chromatic number < 3 iff G can be extended to a maximal triangle-free graphs that avoids:



Petersen minus vertex

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Ex 4. A graph G is k-colourable iff it has a $\{K_1 + K_2, K_{k+1}\}$ -free extension.

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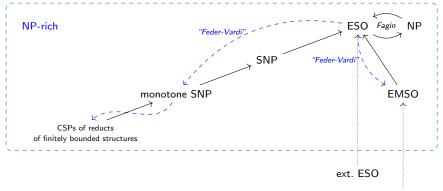
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- **Ex 3.** Pre-coloured CSP(\mathbb{A}) is in extensional ESO for every finite \mathbb{A} .
- **Ex 4.** $CSP(\mathbb{A})$ and $surj-CSP(\mathbb{A})$ are in extensional ESO for every finite \mathbb{A} .

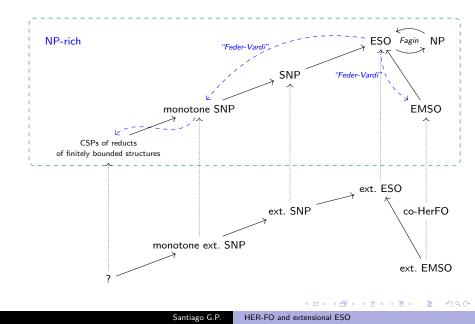
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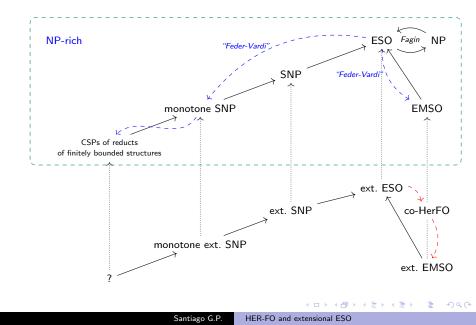


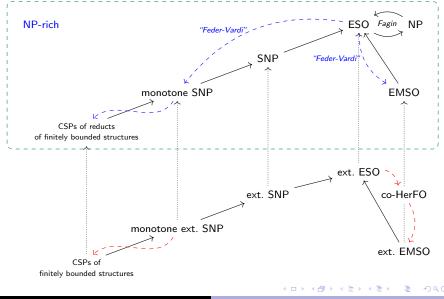
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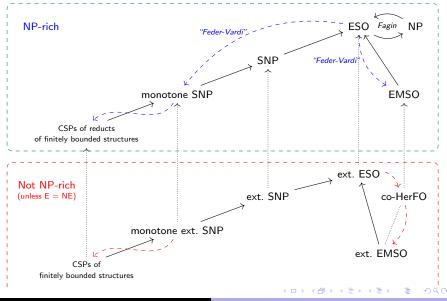
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