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# CSP dichotomy for solving systems of equations on 3

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## Satisfaction relation (assignment $s \in V^T$ )

$s: V \rightarrow T \models (R, (v_1, \dots, v_n)) \iff s \circ (v_1, \dots, v_n) \in R.$

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$|T| = 4$  Marković, 2012

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Fun fact (Burris/Willard, 1987)

There are **only finitely many centraliser clones** on finite sets.

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- in a 141 pages thesis & 2–3 cryptic papers
- determined all  $\cap$ -irreducible clones in the lattice
- described all **2986** centraliser clones
- **572** up to inner symmetries. . .
- . . . with generating systems w.r.t. pp-definability







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$\mathbf{A} := \langle T; \text{Pol}_T \Gamma \rangle$  for a constraint language  $\Gamma$ .

Marković, McKenzie, 2009

(corrected post lecture)

Suppose  $\mathbf{A}$  is **idempotent** and find a **weak nu**  $w \in \text{Pol}_T^{(k)} \Gamma$ ,  $k \geq 3$ , and  $\theta \in \text{Con } \mathbf{A}$  such that

- $x \circ_w y := w(x, \dots, x, y)$  induces a **semilattice**  $\langle T/\theta; \circ_w/\theta \rangle$  with a chain order
- $\mathbf{A}/\theta = \langle T/\theta; \langle \circ_w/\theta \rangle_{\text{O}_{T/\theta}} \rangle$
- $w/\theta([x_1]_\theta, \dots, [x_k]_\theta) = [x_1]_\theta \circ_w/\theta \cdots \circ_w/\theta [x_k]_\theta$   
for  $[x_1]_\theta, \dots, [x_k]_\theta \in T/\theta$
- $(x \circ_w y) \circ_w y = x \circ_w y$  for  $x, y \in T$
- $x \circ_w y \theta y \implies x \circ_w y = y$  for  $x, y \in T$

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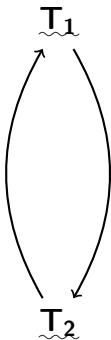
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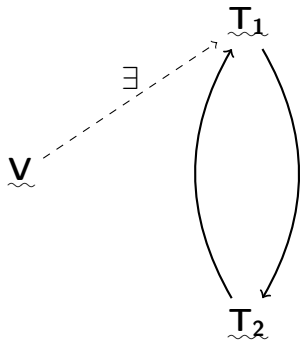
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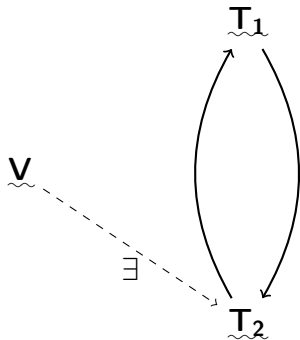
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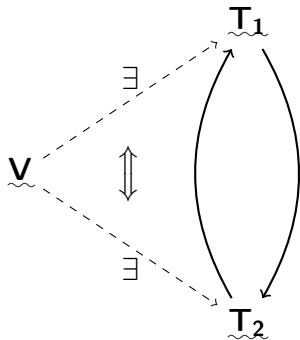


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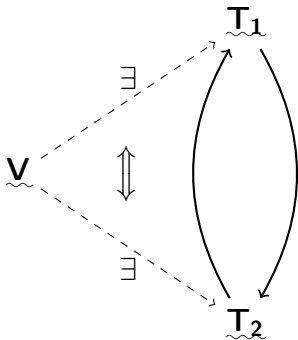
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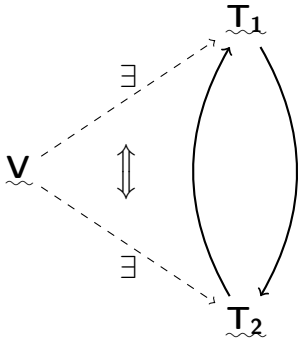
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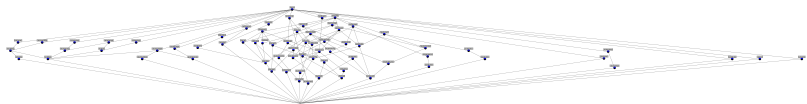
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Draw the remaining poset.

# 72 possibly NP-complete centraliser clones



Remaining 72 rebels (out of 1...572)

49, 70, 136, 158, 179, 187, 191, 246, 256, 257, 258, 261, 262,  
263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 313, 371,  
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# Dealing with the 72 last Mohicans

NP-complete

$$\{R_{nae}\} \leq_{pp} \Gamma$$

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$$\{R_{1-in-3}\} \leq_{pp} \Gamma$$

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$\text{Pol}_3 \Gamma$  ess. exactly unary  
(Jeavons et al.)

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Tractable

JMMM operations

400, 401, 449

Marković/McKenzie criterion

375, 391, 561

$\{0, 1\}$ -retract in P

158, 403, 406, 447

Thank you for your attention.

