Directed hypergraph connectivity augmentation by hyperarc re-orientations

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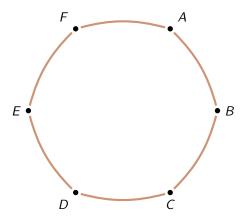
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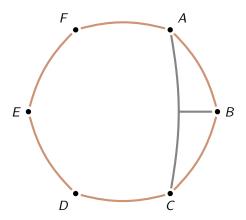
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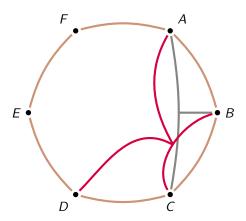
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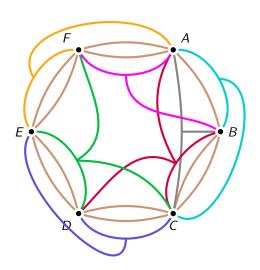
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Side note: This article generalise the results of **Ito et al.**, as directed graphs are special case of hypergraphs.



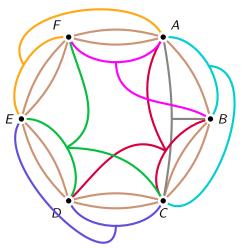






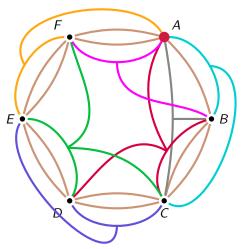
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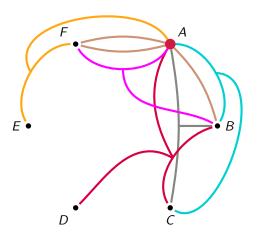
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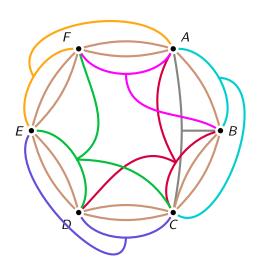


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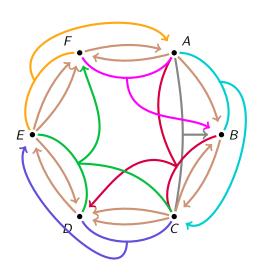
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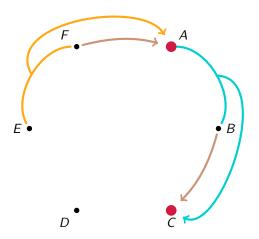
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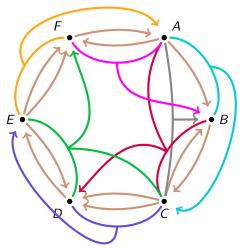
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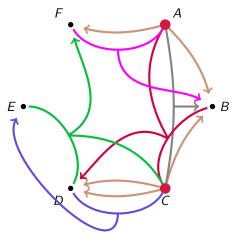
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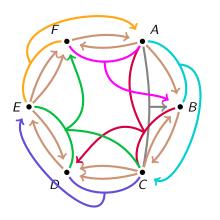
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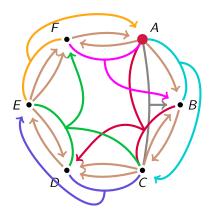
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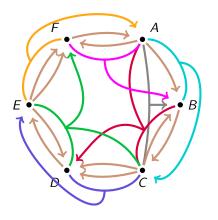
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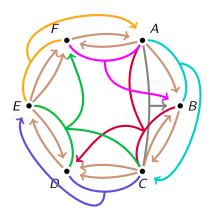
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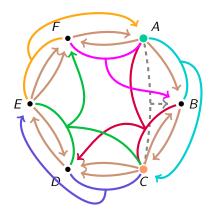
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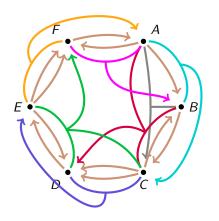
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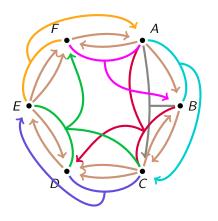
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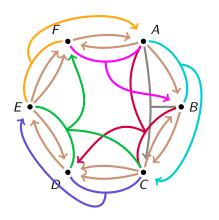
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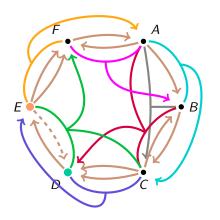
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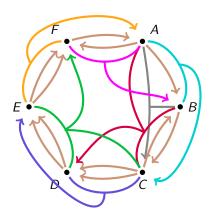
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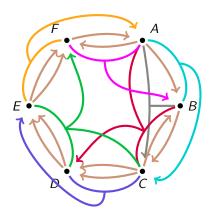
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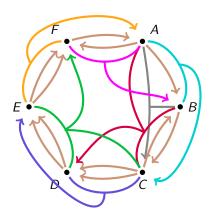
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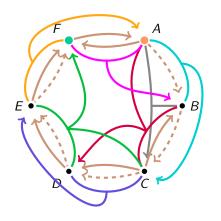
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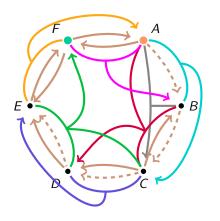
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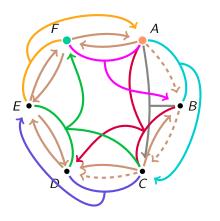
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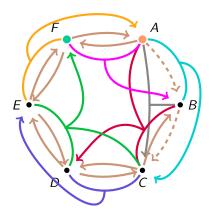
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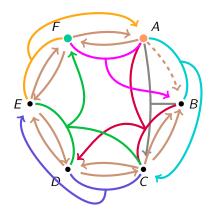
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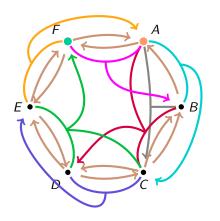
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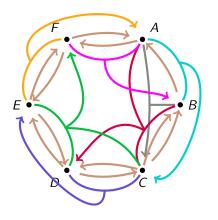
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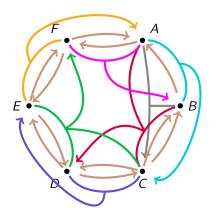
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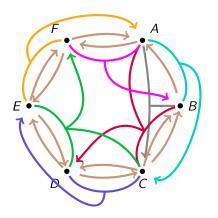
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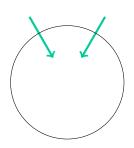
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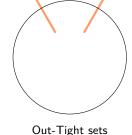
A brief detour...

Remainder of the algorithm :

- Input : A k-hyperarc-connected orientation of a (k+1, k+1)-partition-connected hypergraph.
- Output : A k + 1-hyperarc-connected hypergraph.



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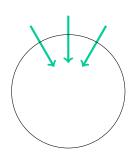
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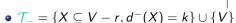
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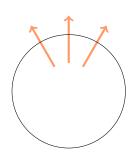


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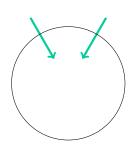
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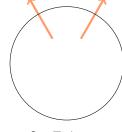
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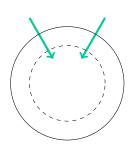
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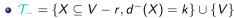
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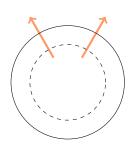
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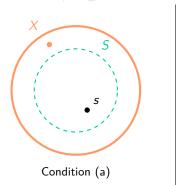
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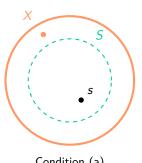


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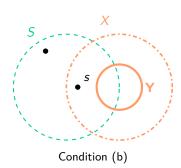
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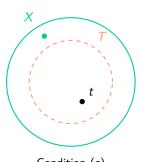


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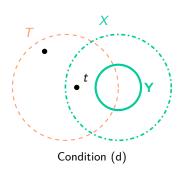
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Condition (c)



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Existence of a safe source (a safe sink)

Lemma 10

 $\forall S \in \mathcal{M}_{-}$, there is a safe source $s \in S$.

Likewise,

Lemma 11

 $\forall T \in \mathcal{M}_+, \text{ there is a safe sink } t \in T.$

Quick sketch of a proof for Lemma 10:

- Let $S \in \mathcal{M}_{-}$.
- Considering a family of vertex sets (χ) that cover as many vertices of S as possible, but using as little as vertex sets possible.
- \bullet We can prove that, under given assumptions, χ cannot cover every vertex of ${\it S}.$
- ullet Vertices that are not covered by χ are "potential" safe sources, the last part of the proof is verifying that they are effectively safe sources.

- Three criterion for P to be an admissible (s, t)-hyperpath in R:
 - 1. s is a safe source in $S \subseteq R$, t is a safe sink in $T \subseteq R$.
 - The hyperpath obtained does not leave given sets.
 - Reorient each hyperarc, one by one, does not decrease the hyperarc-connectivity.
 - At the end, we will prove part of this statement.
 - 3. Let $\vec{\mathcal{H}}'$ the hypergraph obtained after reorientation of P.
 - ullet \mathcal{M}' : Inclusion-wise minimal members of $\mathcal{M}'_- \cup \mathcal{M}'_+$
 - Either $|\mathcal{M}'| < |\mathcal{M}|$, either $|\mathcal{M}'| = |\mathcal{M}|$ and \mathcal{M}' covers more vertices than \mathcal{M} .

Point 3. is the stopping criteria for the main algorithm:

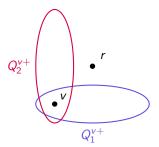
- $\mathcal{M} = \{V\}$ implies both $\mathcal{M}_- = \{V\}$ and $\mathcal{M}_+ = \{V\}$.
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- Finally, if $\lambda(\vec{\mathcal{H}}) \geq k$ and $\mathcal{T}_{-} = \mathcal{T}_{+} = \{V\}$, $\vec{\mathcal{H}}$ is (k+1)-hyperarc-connected.

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Unicity of Q_+^v :

If it exists, Q_+^v is unique.



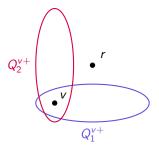
Let Q_1^{v+} , Q_2^{v+} verifying the above definition.

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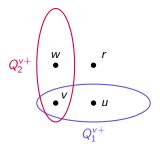
By definition, $Q_1^{v+} \not\subseteq Q_2^{v+}$ and $Q_2^{v+} \not\subseteq Q_1^{v+}$.

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Denote $u \in Q_1^{v+} \setminus Q_2^{v+}$, $w \in Q_2^{v+} \setminus Q_1^{v+}$.

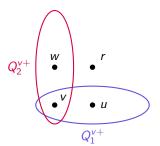
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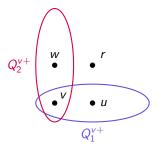
As $r \notin Q_1^{v+}, Q_2^{v+}$, both are are crossing sets.

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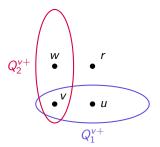
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