Directed hypergraph connectivity augmentation by hyperarc re-orientations

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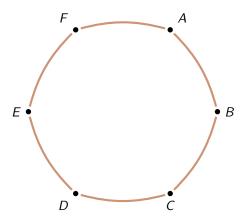
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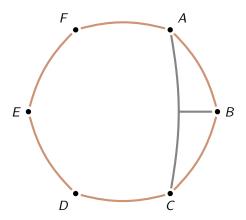
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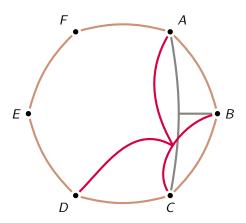
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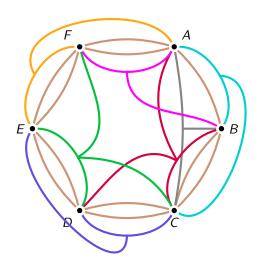
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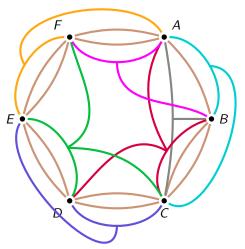






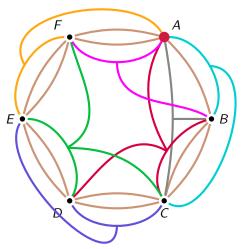
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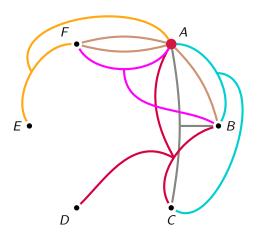
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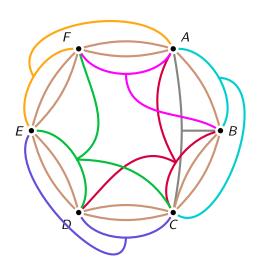


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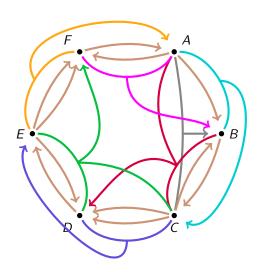
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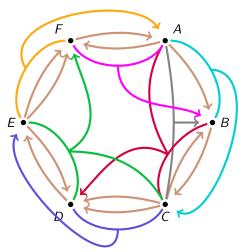


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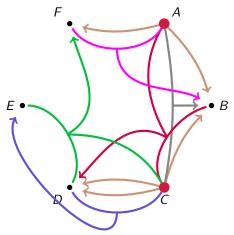
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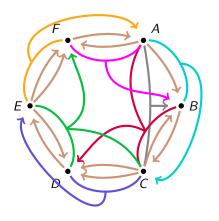
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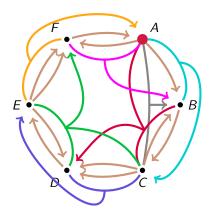
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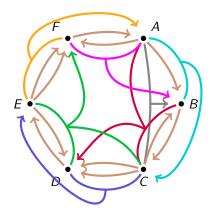
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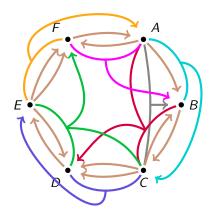
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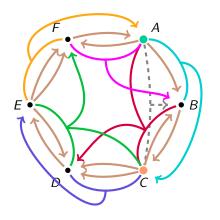
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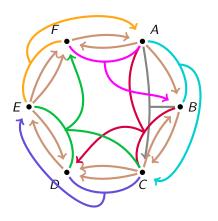
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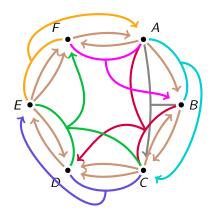
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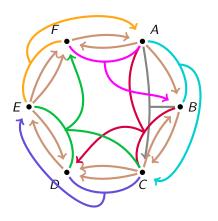
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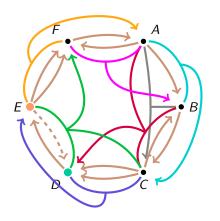
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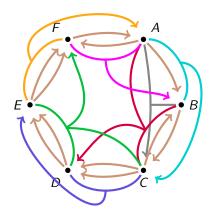
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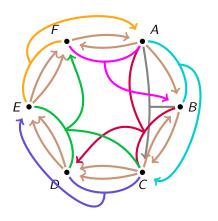
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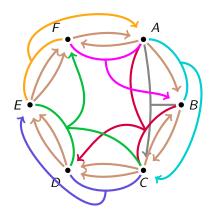
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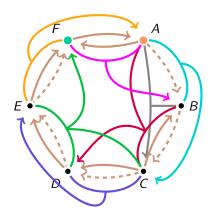
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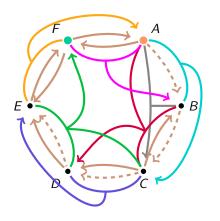
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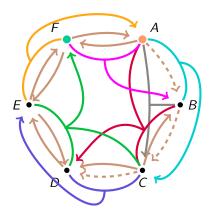
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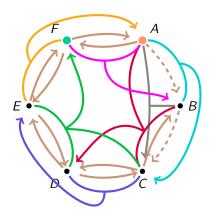
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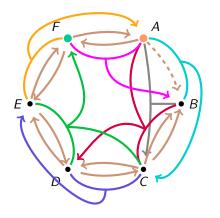
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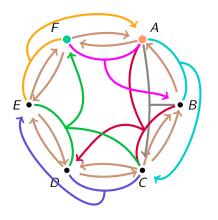
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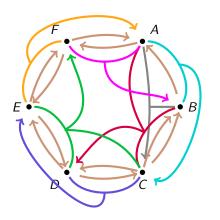
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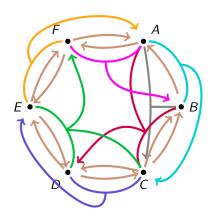
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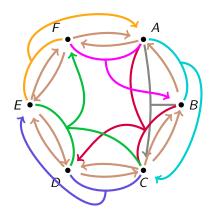
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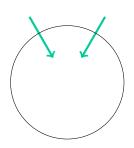
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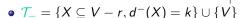
A brief detour...

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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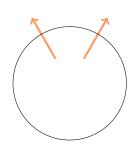
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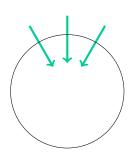
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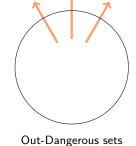
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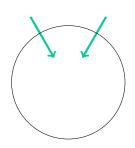
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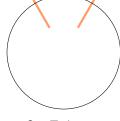
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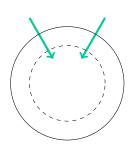
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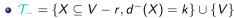
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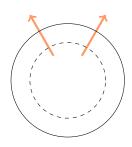


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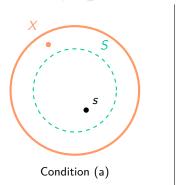
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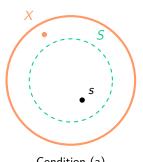


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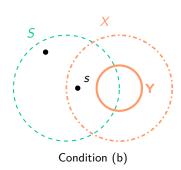
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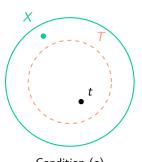


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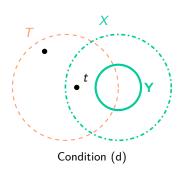
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Existence of a safe source (a safe sink)

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.

Finding admissible (s, t)-hyperpaths in $R \in \mathcal{R}$

 $\mathcal{R}: R \subseteq V - r$ inclusion-wise minimal such that either :

- $R \in \mathcal{T}_{-}$, and contains a member of \mathcal{T}_{+}
- or $R \in \mathcal{T}_+$, and contains a member of \mathcal{T}_- .

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 $T \subseteq R$.
- 2. Reorienting each hyperarc, **one by one**, does not decrease the hyperarc-connectivity
- 3. Let $\vec{\mathcal{H}}'$ the hypergraph obtained after reorientation of P.
 - $ightharpoonup \mathcal{M}'$: 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 $\mathcal{M}_+ = \{V\}$.
- $\mathcal{T}_{-} = \{X \subseteq V r, d^{-}(X) = k\} \cup \{V\}$
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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.

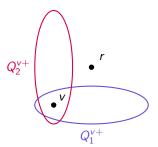
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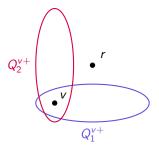
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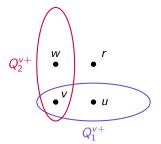
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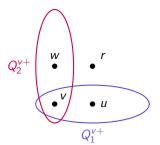
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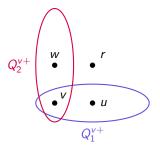
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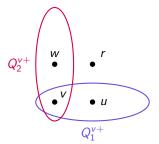
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