Directed hypergraph connectivity augmentation by hyperarc re-orientations

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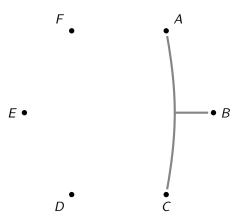
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Goal of the article: Expanding the result of **Ito and al.** to hypergraphs.

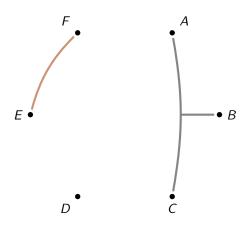
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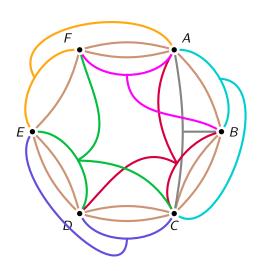






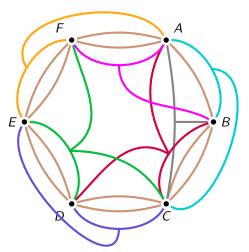






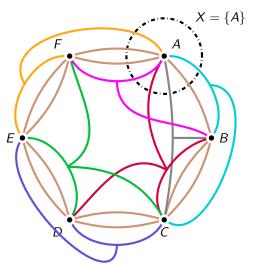
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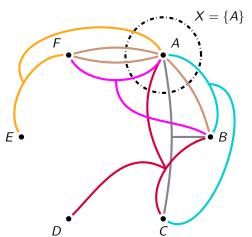
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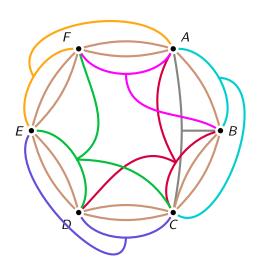


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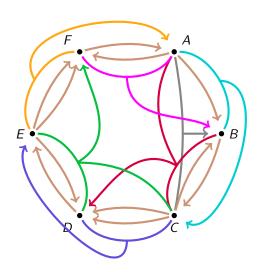
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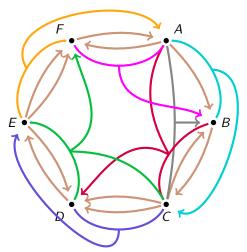


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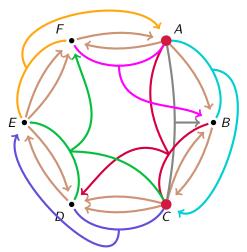
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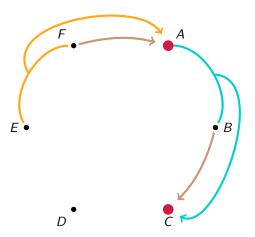
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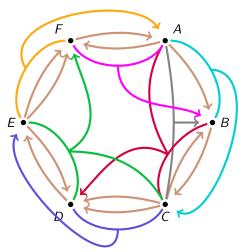
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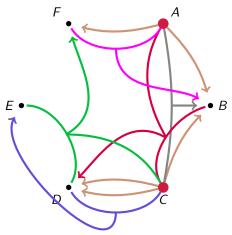
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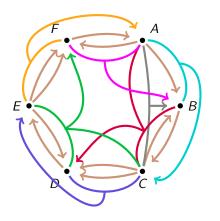
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- The hyperarc-connectivity of a hypergraph, denoted $\lambda(\vec{\mathcal{H}})$, is the maximum value of k such that $\vec{\mathcal{H}}$ is k-hyperarc-connected.

Main result

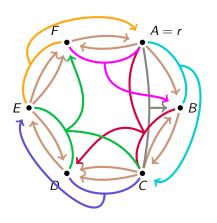
We use a result of Frank : \mathcal{H} is (k, k)-partition-connected if and only if it admits a k-hyperarc-connected orientation.

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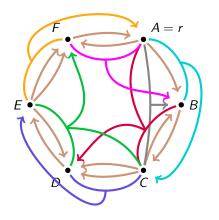
Let $\mathcal{H}=(V,E)$ be a (k+1,k+1)-partition-connected hypergraph and $\vec{\mathcal{H}}$ is a k-hyperarc connected orientation of \mathcal{H} . Then there exists a sequence of hypergraphs $(\vec{\mathcal{H}}_i)_{i\in 0...\ell}$ such that $\vec{\mathcal{H}}_{i+1}$ is obtained from $\vec{\mathcal{H}}_i$ by reorienting exactly one hyperarc and $\lambda(\vec{\mathcal{H}}_{i+1}) \geq \lambda(\vec{\mathcal{H}}_i)$ and $\lambda(\vec{\mathcal{H}}_\ell) = k+1$. Such a sequence of orientations can be obtained with $\ell \leq |V|^3$ and found in polynomial time (in the size of \mathcal{H}).



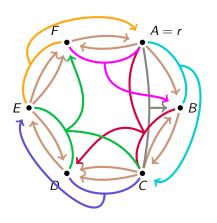
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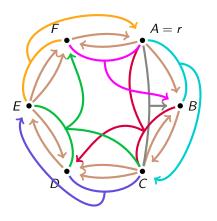
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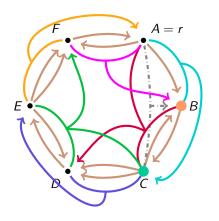
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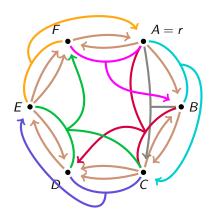
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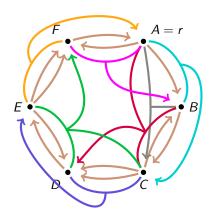
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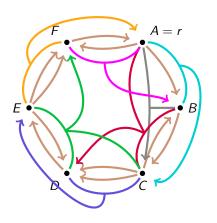
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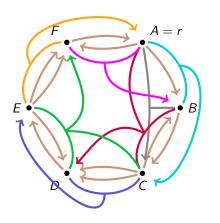
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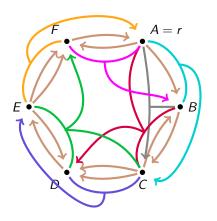
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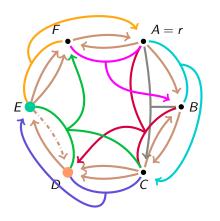
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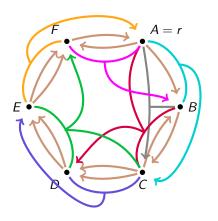
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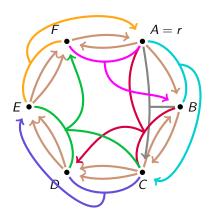
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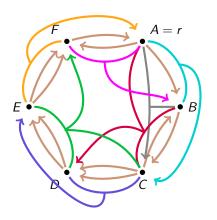
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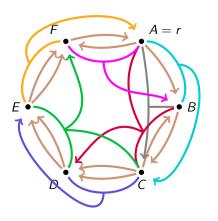
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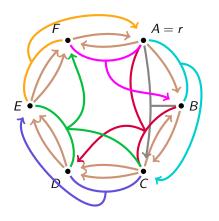
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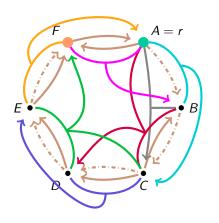
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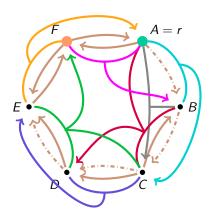
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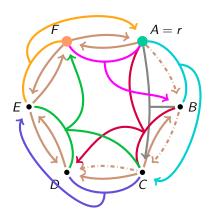
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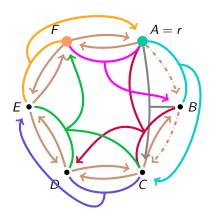
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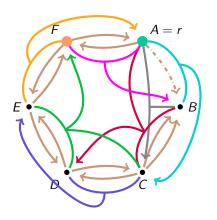
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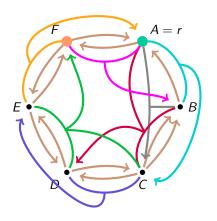
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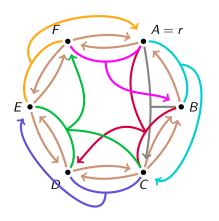
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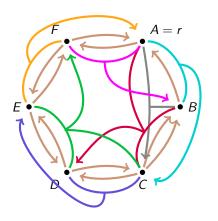
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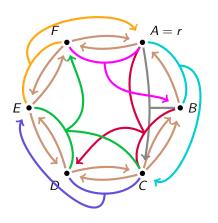
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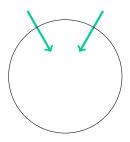


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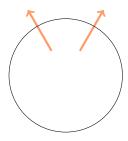
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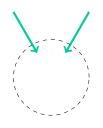
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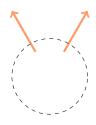


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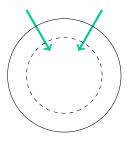
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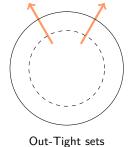
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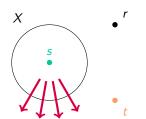
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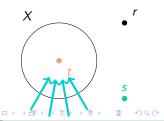
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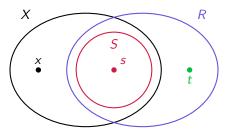
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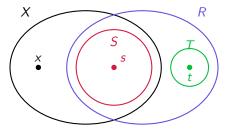
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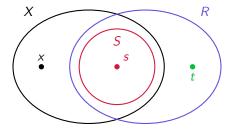
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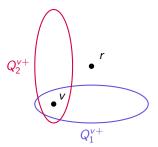
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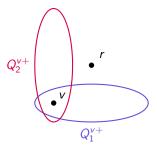
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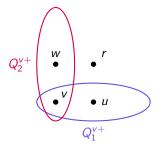
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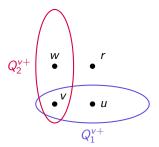
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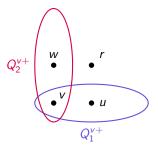
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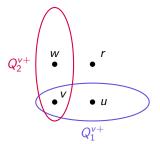
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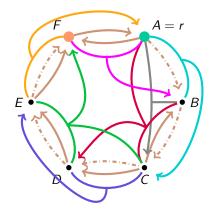
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