Directed hypergraph connectivity augmentation by hyperarc re-orientations

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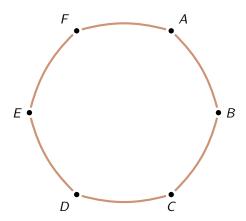
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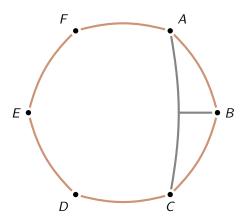
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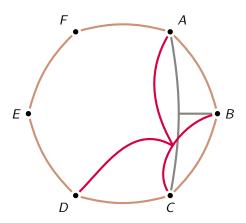
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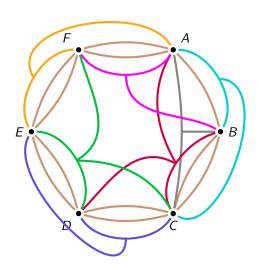
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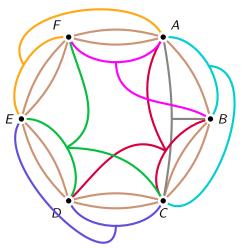






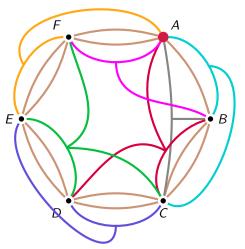
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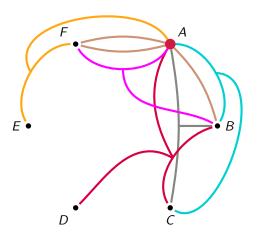
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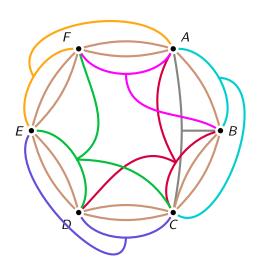


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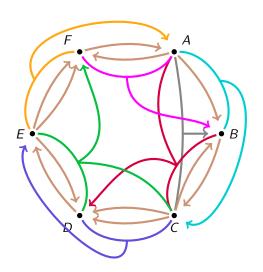
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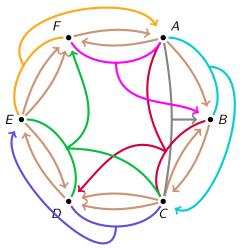


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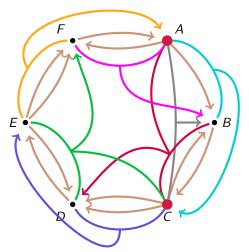
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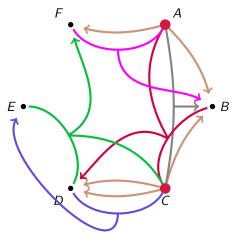
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We use a result of Frank : \mathcal{H} is (k, k)-partition-connected if and only if it admits a k-hyperarc-connected orientation.



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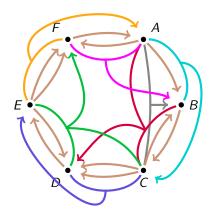
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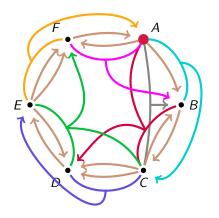
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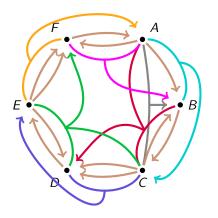
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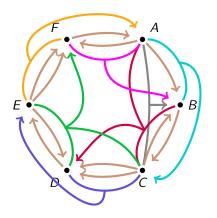
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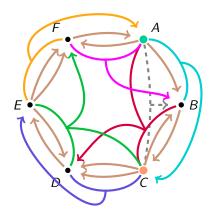
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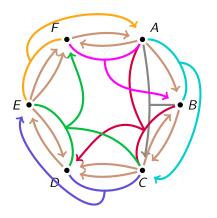
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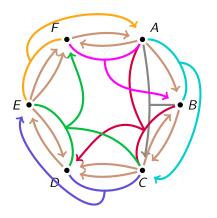
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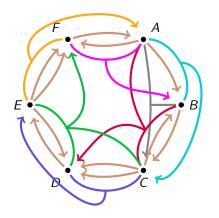
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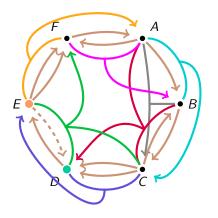
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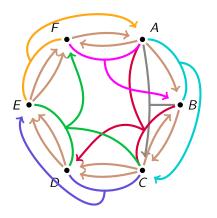
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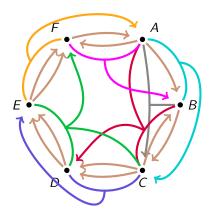
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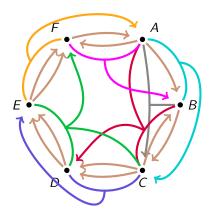
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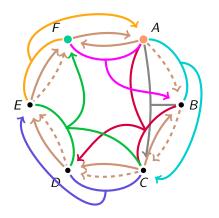
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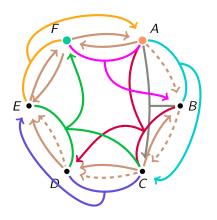
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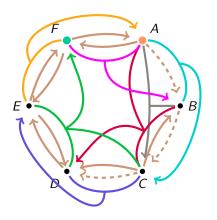
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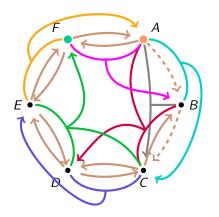
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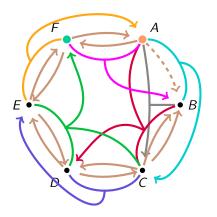
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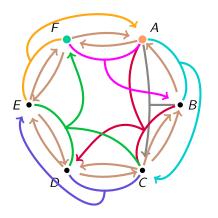
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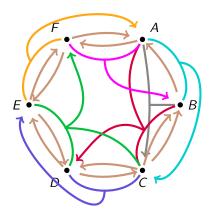
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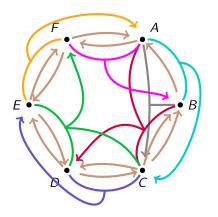
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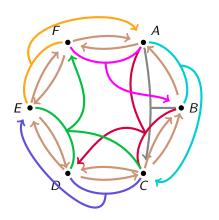
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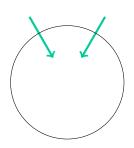
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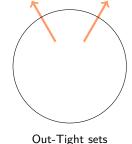
A brief detour...

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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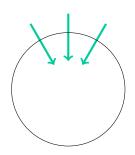
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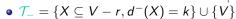
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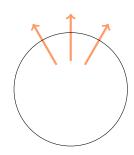


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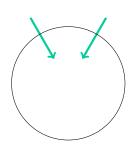
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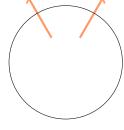
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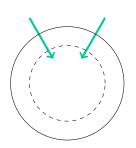


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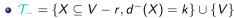


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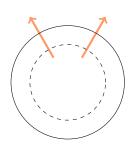
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Existence of a safe source (a safe sink)

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Likewise,

Lemma 11

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

Quick outline of a proof for Lemma 10:

- Let $S \in \mathcal{M}_{-}$.
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- \bullet We can prove that, under given assumptions, χ cannot cover every vertex of ${\it S}.$
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Finding admissible (s, t)-hyperpaths in $R \in \mathcal{R}$

Three criterion for P to be an admissible (s, t)-hyperpath in R:

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

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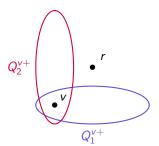
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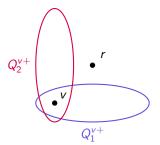
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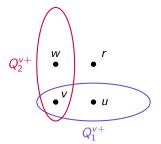
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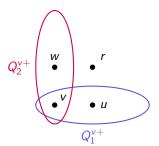
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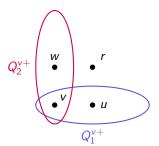
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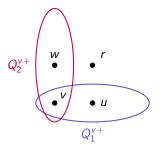
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- 3: while h = (X, v) exists such that $v \in V' Z$ and $X \cap Z \neq \emptyset$ do
- 4: Let $u \in X \cap Z$.
- 5: $Z \leftarrow Z \cup \{v\}$
- 6: $F \leftarrow F + uv$
- 7: if $Q_{+}^{v} \subseteq V'$ then
- 8: $V' \leftarrow Q_{\perp}^{v}$
- 9: end if
- 10: end while
- 11: T = V'
- 12: Take a safe sink $t \in T$
- 13: P' = F[s, t]
- 14: P is the corresponding hypergraph in $\vec{\mathcal{H}}$ with respect to P'.
- 15: **Return** *S*, *T*, *s*, *t*, *P*



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