

Horn Minimization

An overview of some existing algorithms

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Closure operator and systems

1.1 - Elements of set theory

Set Σ of attributes. A map $\varphi : 2^\Sigma \longrightarrow 2^\Sigma$ is a *closure operator* if,
 $\forall X, Y, Z \subseteq \Sigma$:

- ▶ $X \subseteq \varphi(X)$ (*increasing*)
- ▶ $X \subseteq Y \longrightarrow \varphi(X) \subseteq \varphi(Y)$ (*isotone*)
- ▶ $\varphi(\varphi(X)) = \varphi(X)$ (*idempotent*)

Some details :

- ▶ (Σ, φ) is a closure space,
- ▶ X is *closed* if $X = \varphi(X)$,
- ▶ Σ^φ set of closed sets : *closure system*.

Closure Example

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- ▶ Directed graph $G = (V, E)$.
- ▶ *Closure* $\varphi(X)$ of $X \subseteq V$: all the reachable vertices starting from X .
- ▶ $\varphi(\{A, B\}) = \{A, B, C, D\}$.
- ▶ $\varphi(\{F\}) = \{F\}$, $\{F\}$ is *closed*.

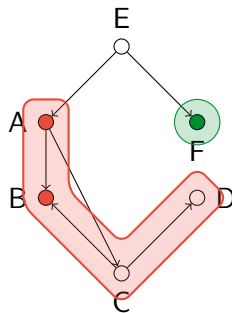


FIGURE – Closure of a vertex in a directed graph

Notations

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