Group isomorphism is nearly-linear time for most orders

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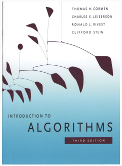

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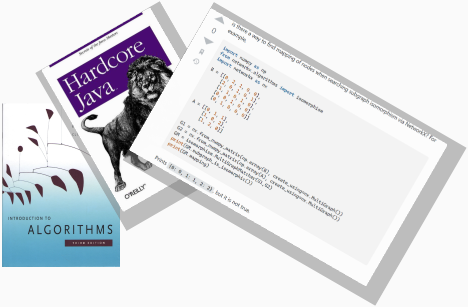

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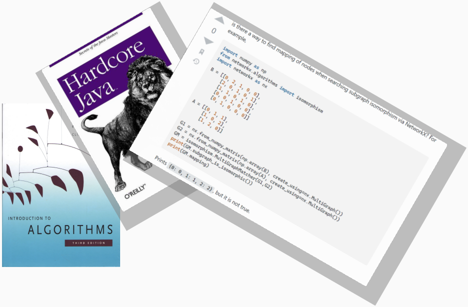

...do we send people to get help making this...

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boolean equals(Object that) {
    // <this> can transform into <that>?
}
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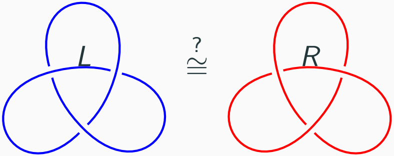

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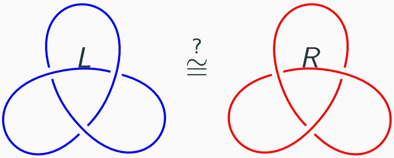

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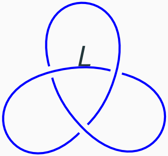

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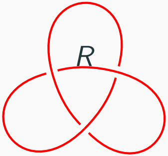

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Recursively refine comparing automorphisms with incrementally stricter properties. E.g. respect crossing number χ?

Inward facing Motive: equalivance surveys complexity

FPGroupIso Adjan, Rabin '50's		Undecideable
PlaneGroupIso Dietrich et.al. STACS'21		Σ_3^P
BlackBoxGroupIso Babai-Szemerédi FOCS'84	**MatroidIso**	Σ_2^P
PermGroupIso Luks DIMACS		$\Sigma_1^P = NP$
TableGroupIso Tarjan	**GraphIso** Babai	$DTIME(2^{\log^c n})$
TableGroupIsoAbel Kavitha (nearly-linear in RAM model)		$DTIME(n^2 \log^c n)$
TableGroupIsoMostOrders, IsGroup This Talk		$DTIME(n \log^c n)$

Problem: Transport

Given: A set Ω, allowed permutations X, $\omega, \omega' \in \Omega$

Return: decide if a string g over X maps ω to ω', written $\omega^g = \omega'$, and give all such g.[1]

[1] Give words W over X so that $\omega^h = \omega'$ implies $h = wg$ for a string w over W.

"Eighth" $==$ "HeigHt"

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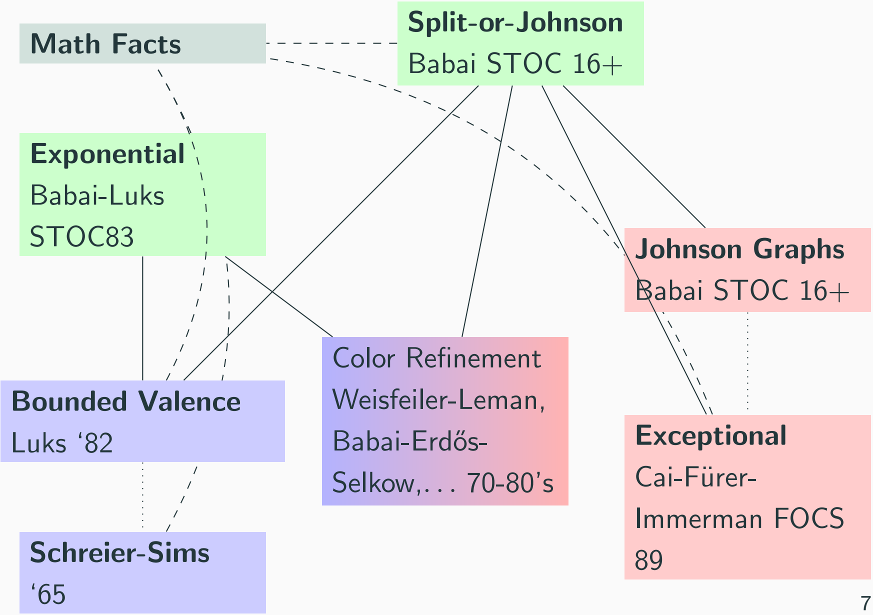

Isomorphism of Tables

Code Equivalence

$$\boxed{\begin{matrix} L & i \\ v & e \end{matrix}} == \boxed{\begin{matrix} E & v \\ i & l \end{matrix}}$$

Code Equivalence[2]

- **Given** $s, t : I \times J \to \Sigma$, (generators for) permutations $R \leq \mathrm{Sym}_I$, $C \leq \mathrm{Sym}_J$, & $V \leq \mathrm{Sym}_\Sigma$
- **Return** $\sigma \in R$, $\tau \in C$, $\mu \in V$,

$$\begin{tikzcd} I \arrow[d, "\sigma"] & \times & J \arrow[d, "\tau"] \arrow[r, "s"] & \Sigma \arrow[d, "\mu"] \\ I & \times & J \arrow[r, "t"] & \Sigma \end{tikzcd}$$

$$\mu(s_{ij}) = t_{\sigma(i)\tau(j)}$$

Babai-Codenotti-Grochow-Qiao $2^{O(n)}$-time bound for constant alphabet Σ (SODA '11)

Builds on Luks $2^{O(n)}$-hypergraph isomorphism, FOCS '99.

[2]Non-linear twisted, with variable alphabet.

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Algebra Isomorphism

- **Given** $s, t : I \times I \to I$, (generators for) permutations $G \leq \mathrm{Sym}_I$,
- **Return** $\sigma \in G$,

$$\sigma(s_{ij}) = t_{\sigma(i)\sigma(j)}$$

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Group Isomorphism of most orders

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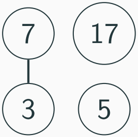

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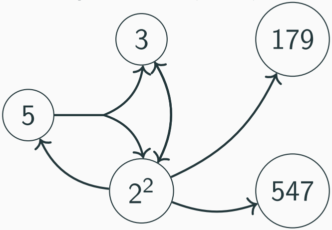

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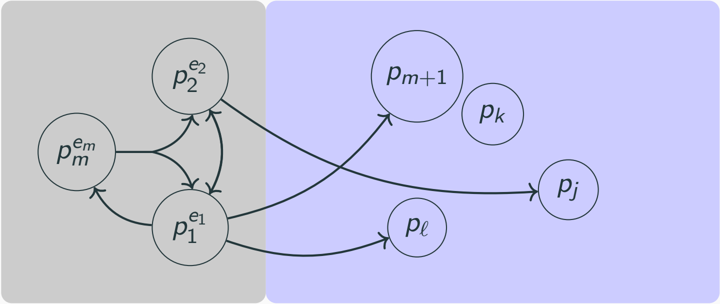

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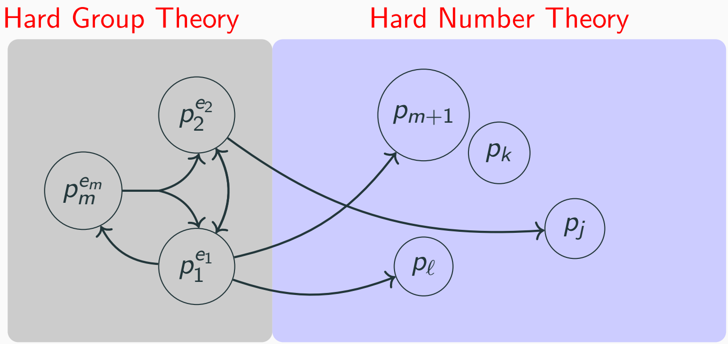

Hard Group Theory
Hard Number Theory
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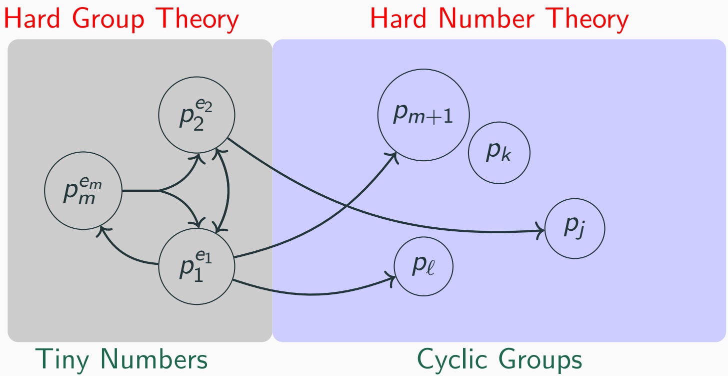

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Is it a Group Table?

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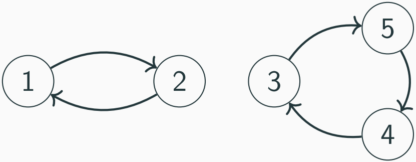

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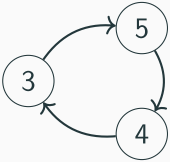

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$$|G| = [G : G_1][G_1 : G_{13}]$$
$$= 2 \cdot 3 = 6.$$

Should be 5,

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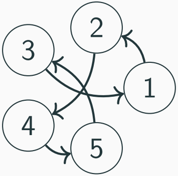

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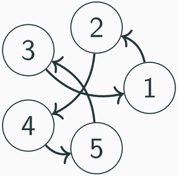

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$\rho(2)^2 = 45231 \neq T_4 = 41532$

Not a group.

Summary

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IsGroup nearly linear time
From $\tilde{O}(n^4)$ to $\tilde{O}(n^2)$: Promise-to-decision by transferring group to permutation model.

GroupIso most orders nearly linear time
From $n^{O(\log n)}$ to $\tilde{O}(n^2)$: Split group into

$$\text{hard group} \ltimes \text{hard numbers} = \text{tiny numbers} \ltimes \text{cyclic groups}.$$

Then standard divide-and-conquer.

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