

Promises and Infinite-Domain Constraint Satisfaction

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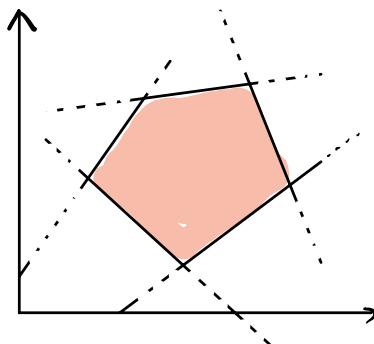
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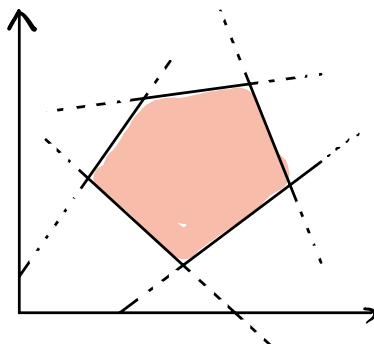
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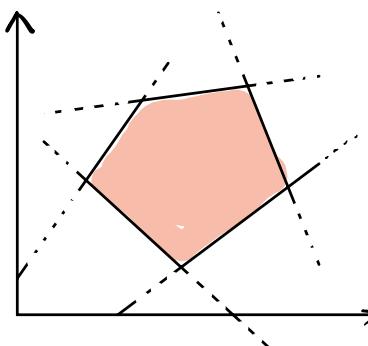
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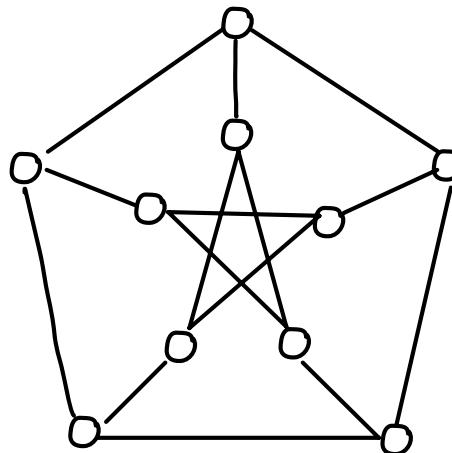
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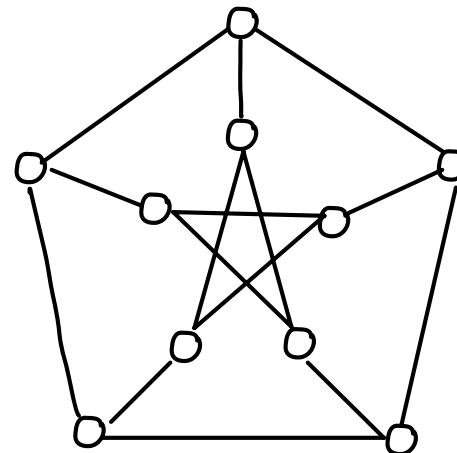
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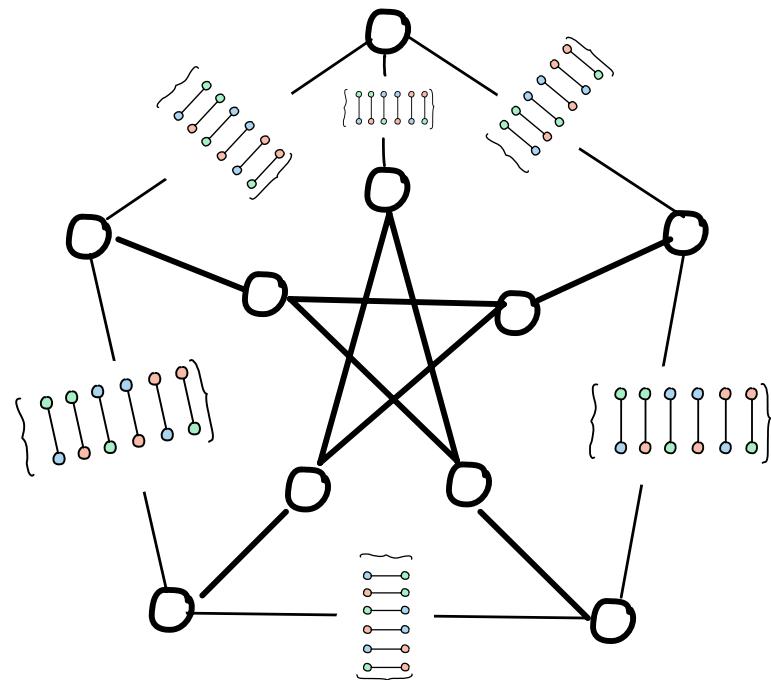
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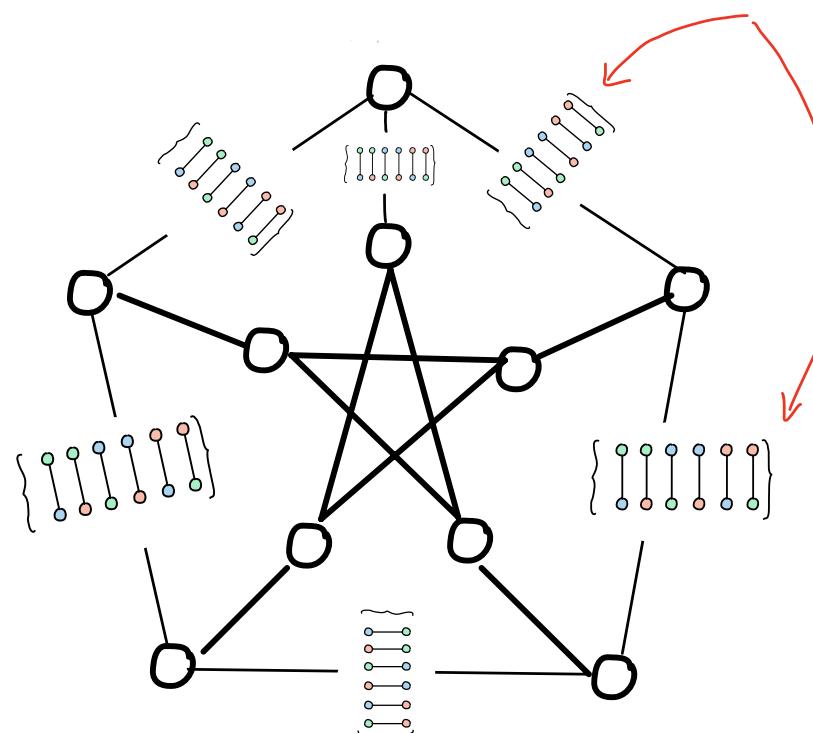
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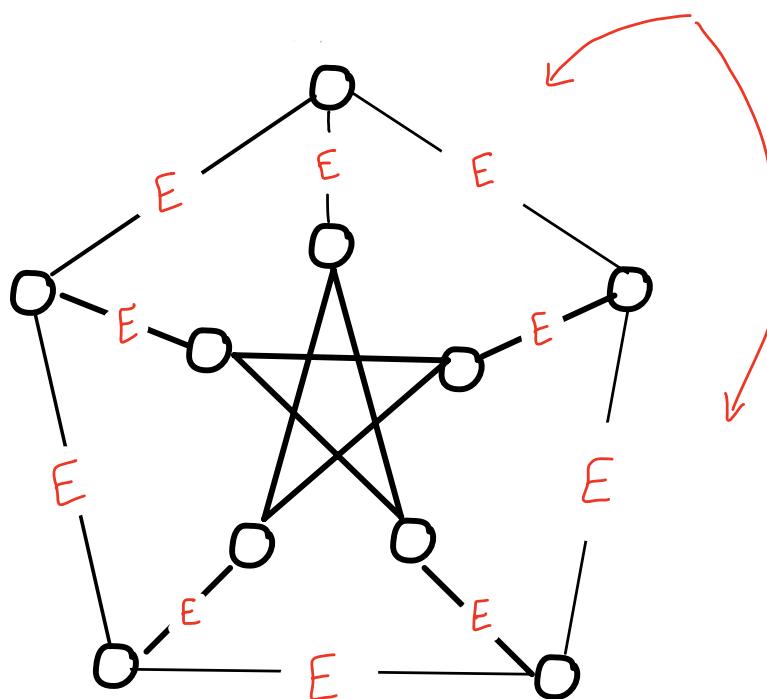
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1 in 3-SAT

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Lin-Eq (\mathbb{F}_2)

$$(\{0, 1\}; \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \{0\})$$

NOT-ALL-EQUAL-SAT

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Horn-SAT

$$\left(\{\text{True, False}\}; \text{all except } \begin{pmatrix} \text{True} \\ \text{False} \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

Theorem: (Bulatov - Zhuk '17)

For every finite D , $CSP(D)$ is in P or NP-complete.

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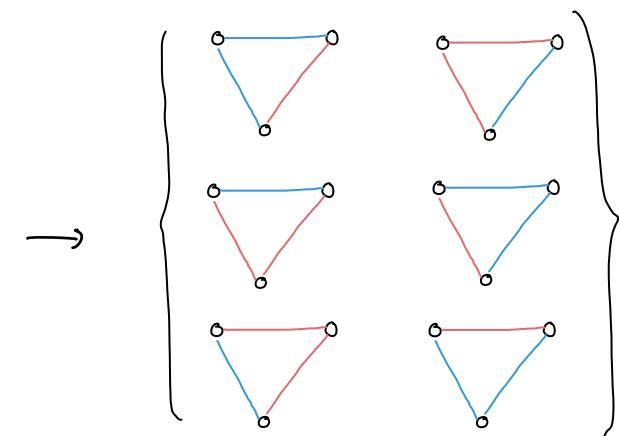
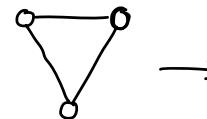
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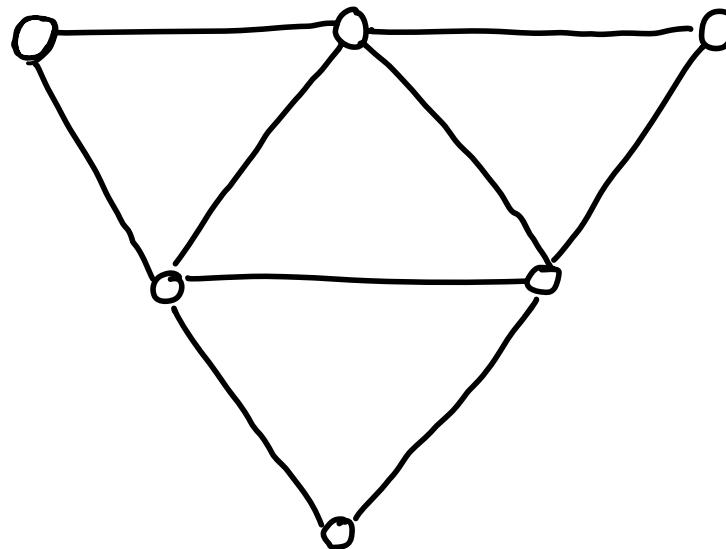
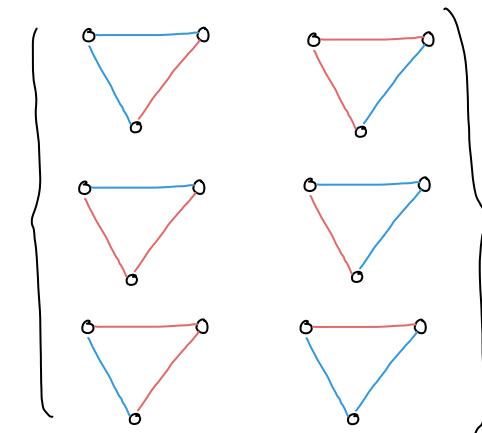
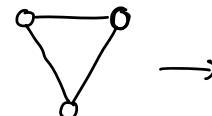
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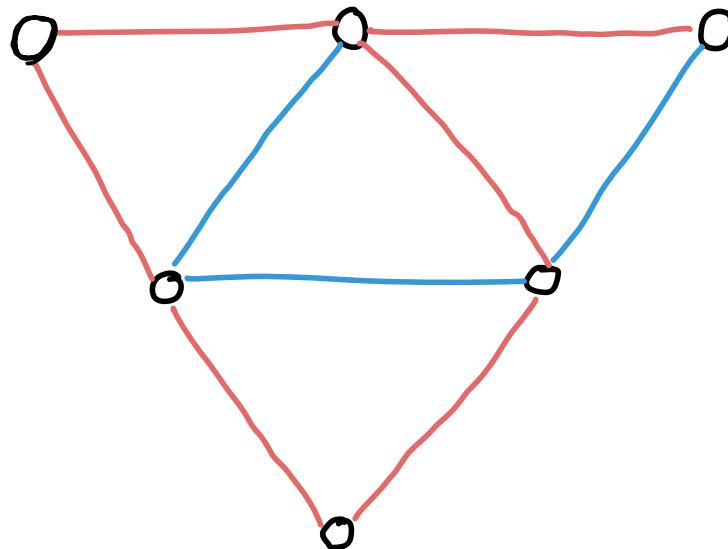
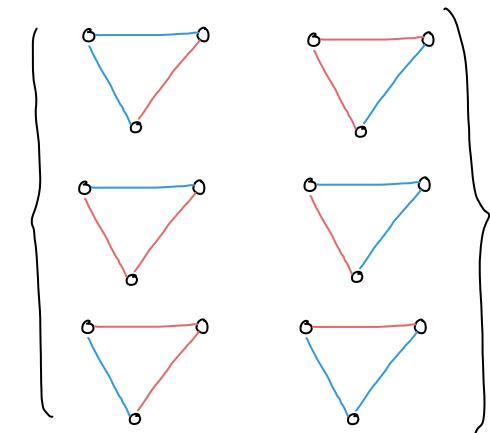
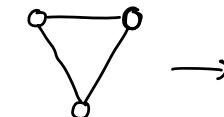
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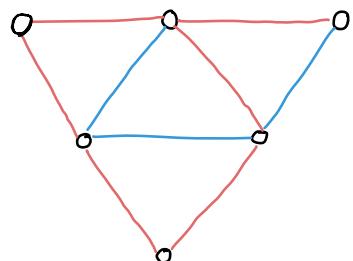
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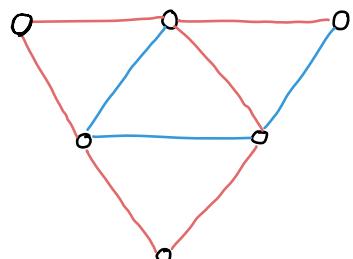
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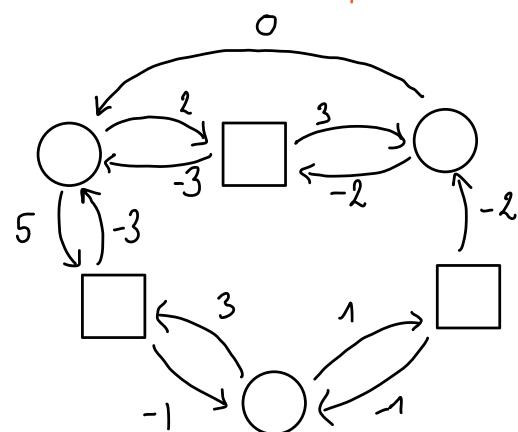
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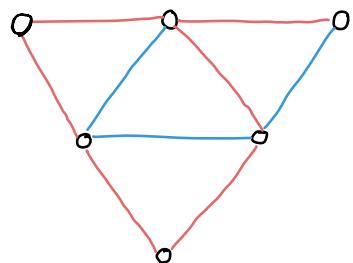
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closely related to
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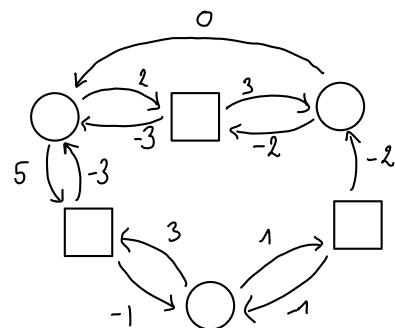


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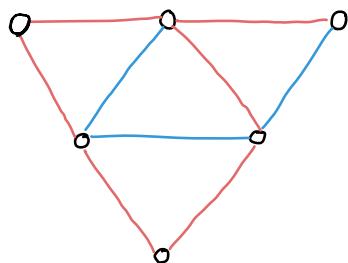


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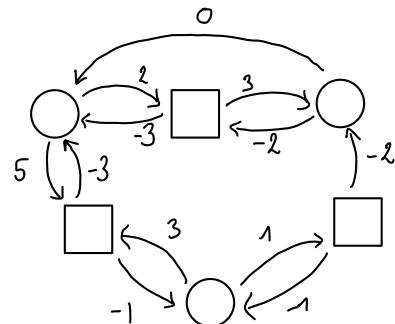
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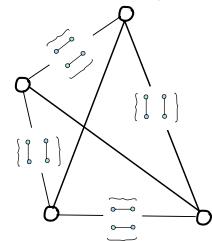


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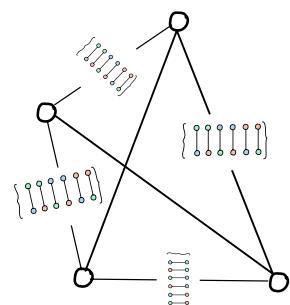
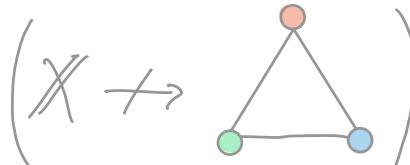
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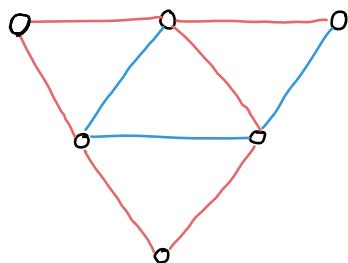


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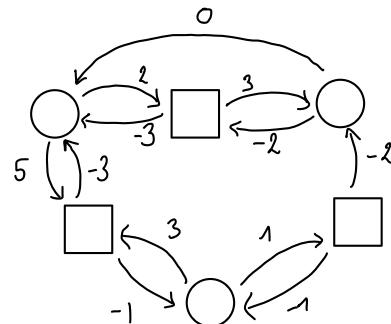


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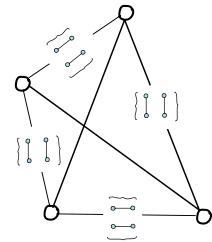
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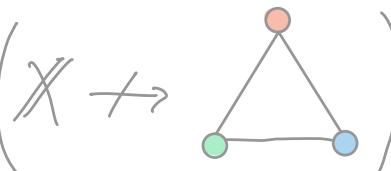
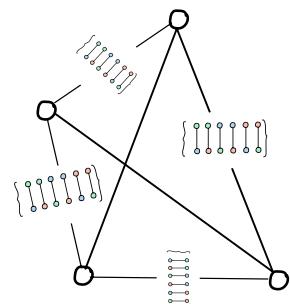
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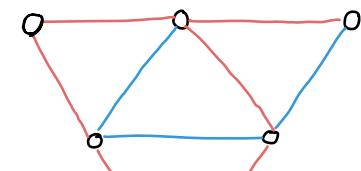
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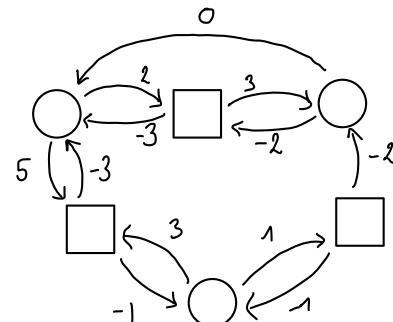
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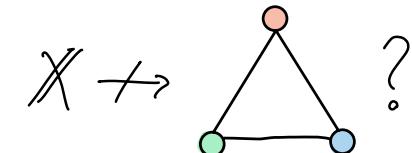
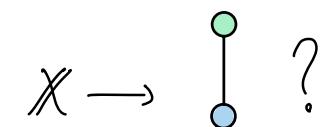


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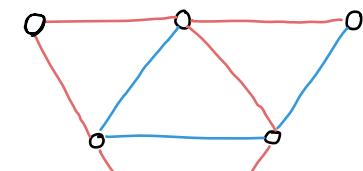
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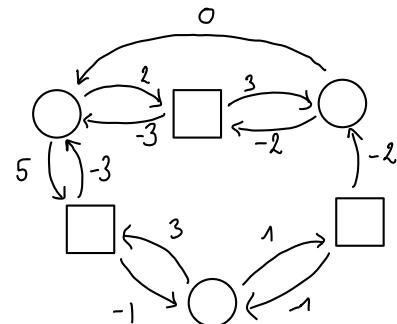


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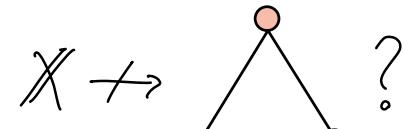
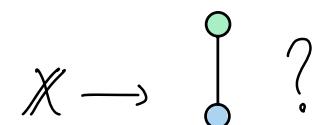
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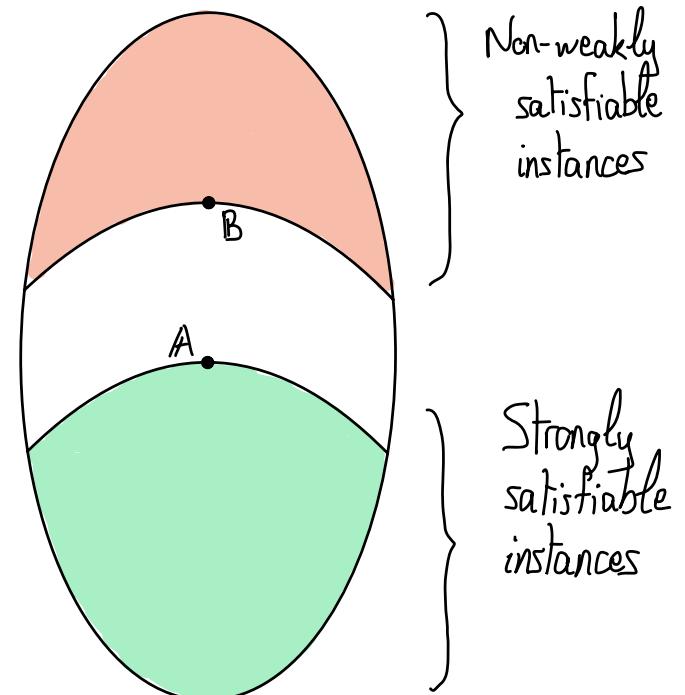
Connections?

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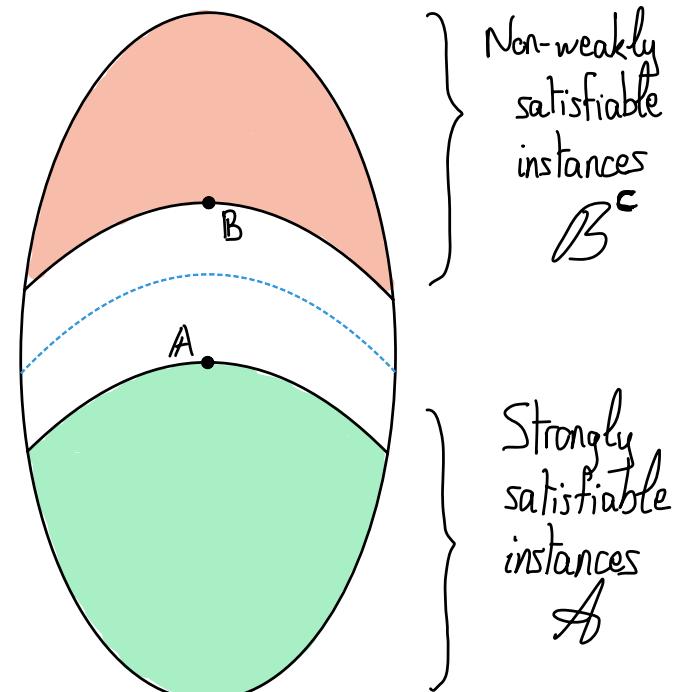
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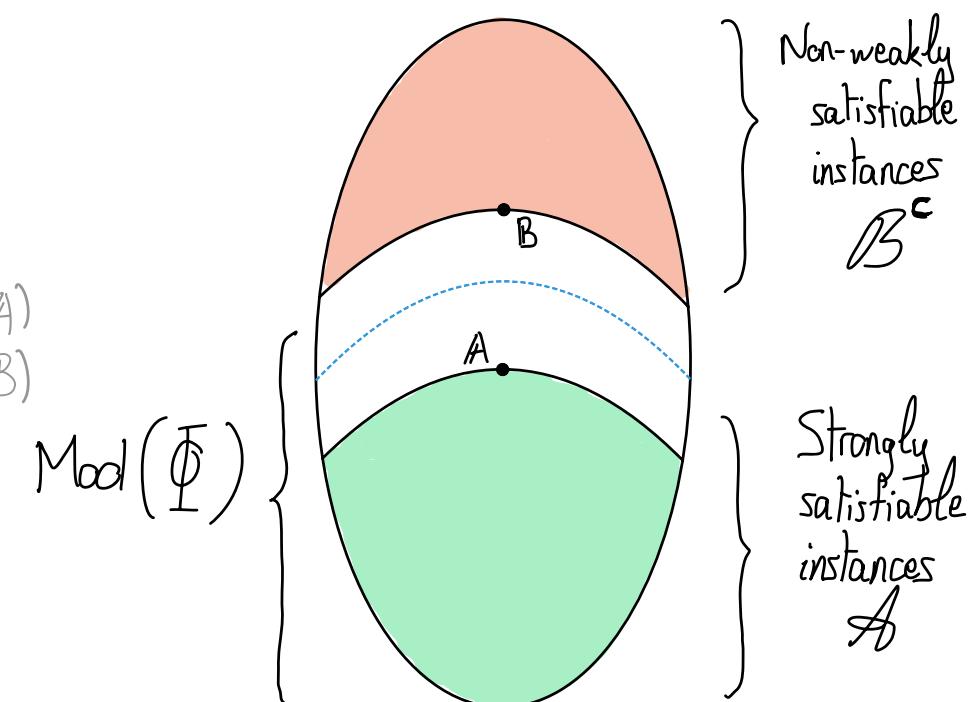
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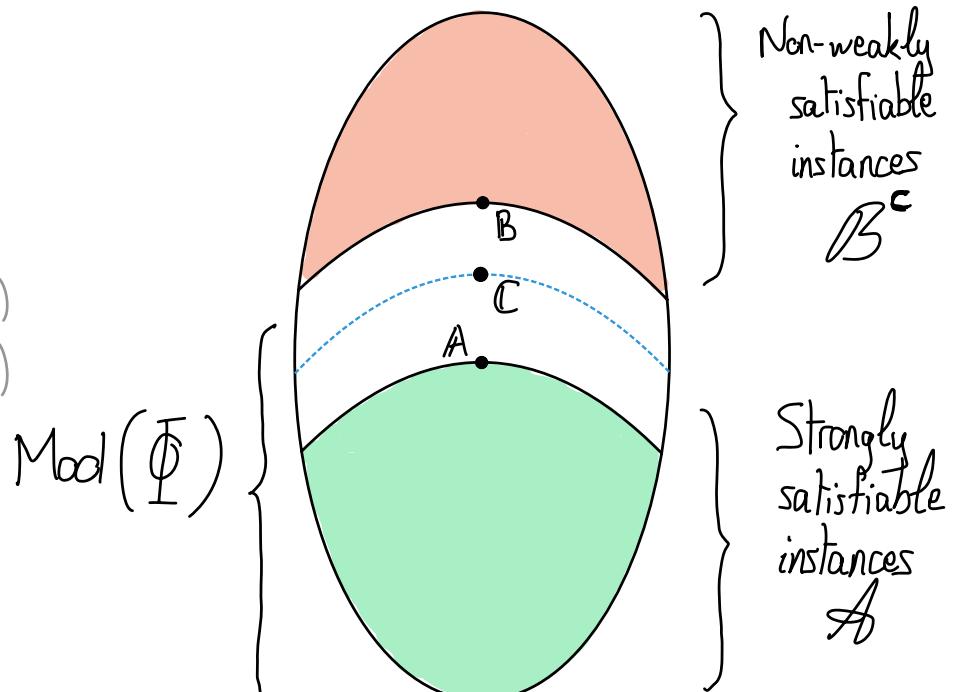
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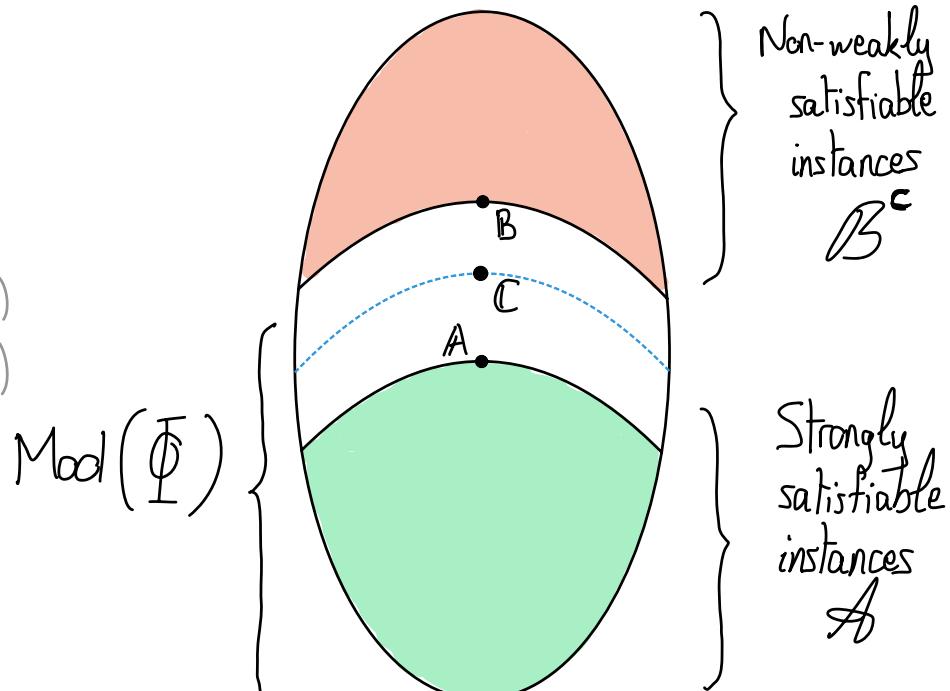
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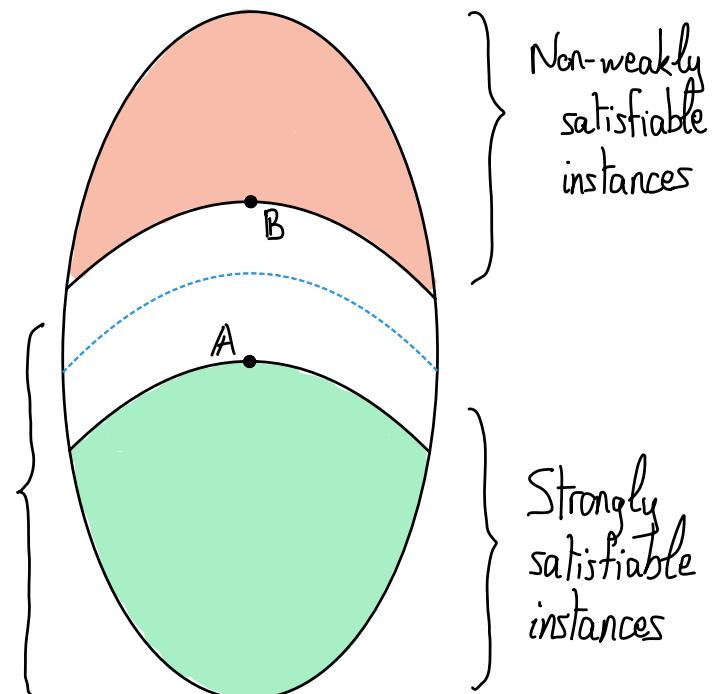
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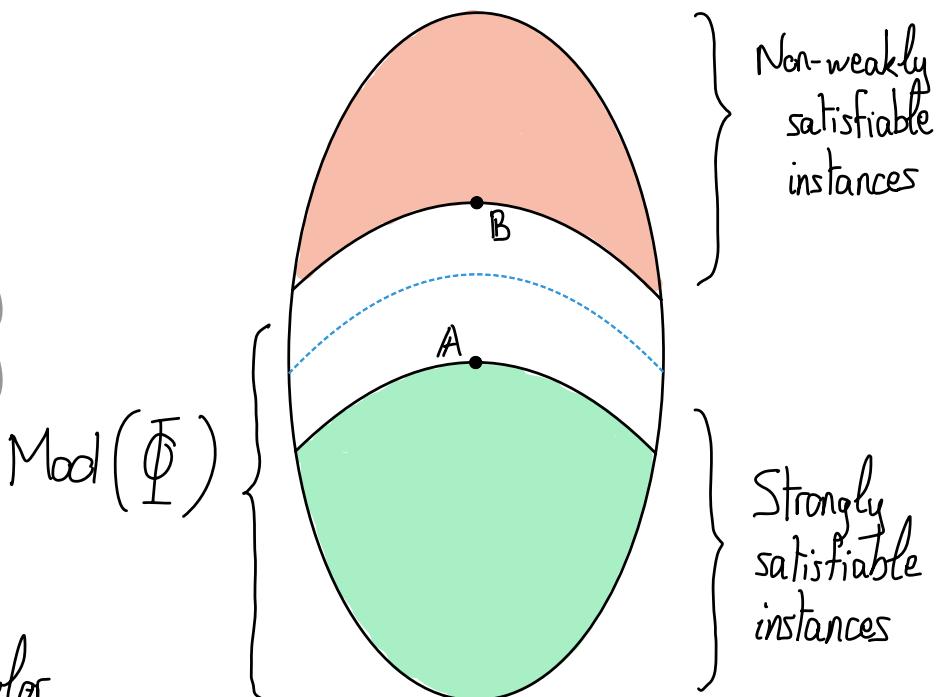
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Non-weakly
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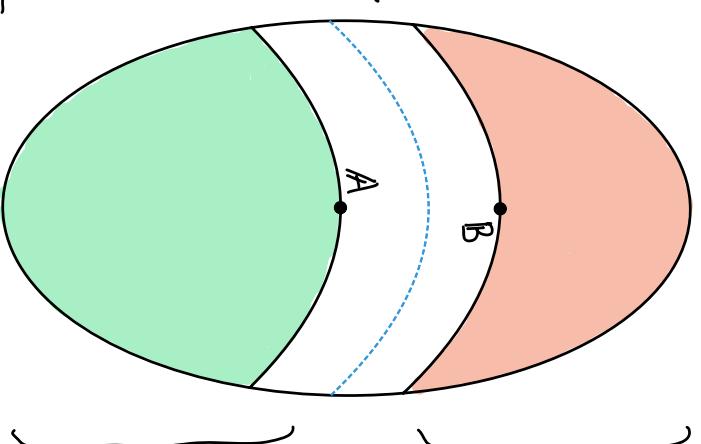
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Mod(\perp)



Strongly
satisfiable
instances

(Exercise: no first-order formula characterizes strongly satisfiable instances)

" _____ weakly _____ "

The case of first-order logic

The result For every $\text{PCSP}(A, B)$, the following are equivalent:

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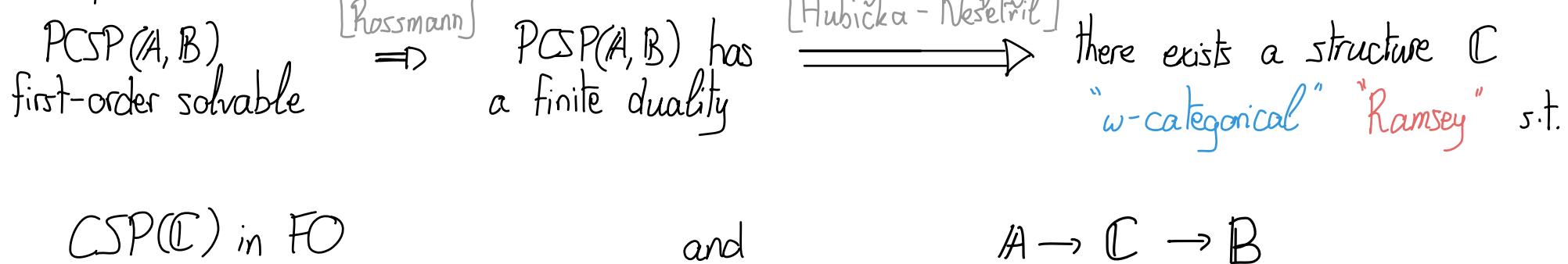
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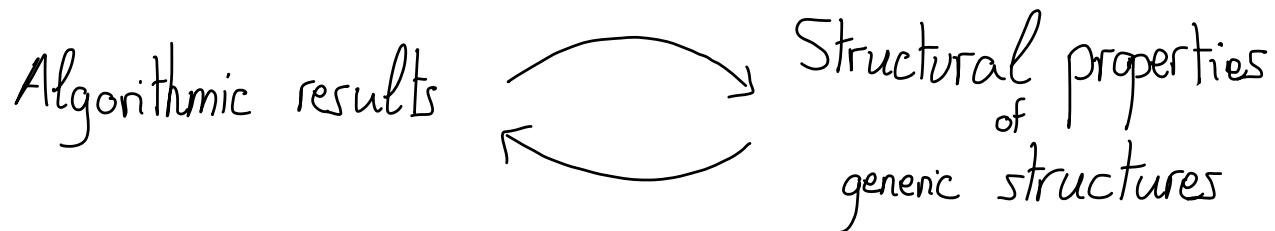
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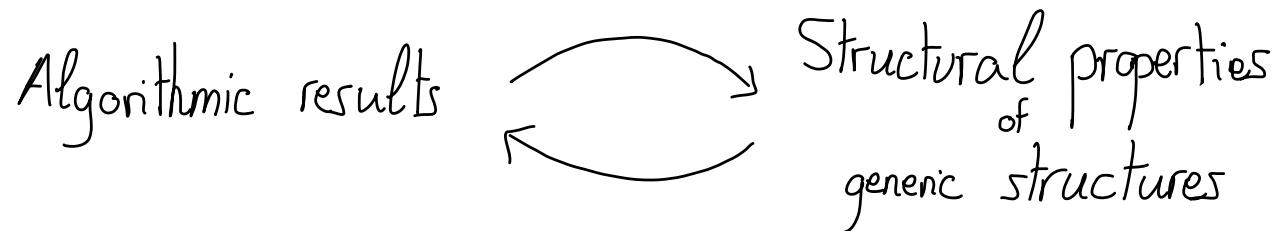
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