# CSPs with near-unanimity polymorphisms are solvable by linear Datalog

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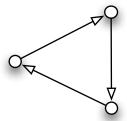
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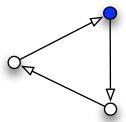
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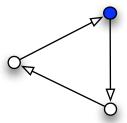
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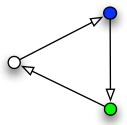




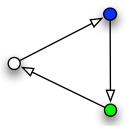




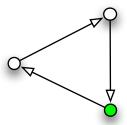




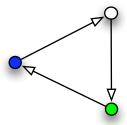




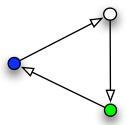




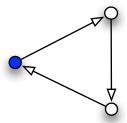




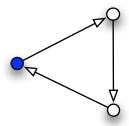






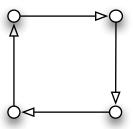


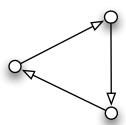


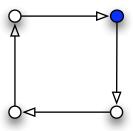


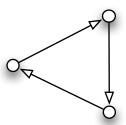


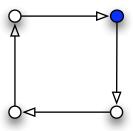
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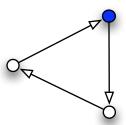


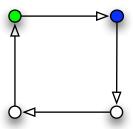


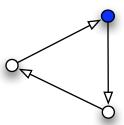


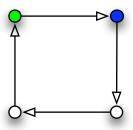


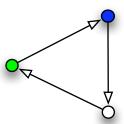


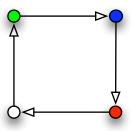


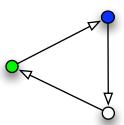


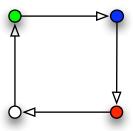


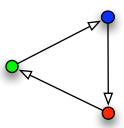


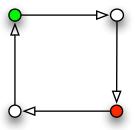


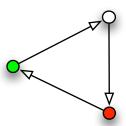


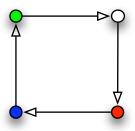


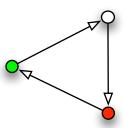




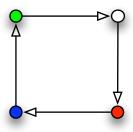


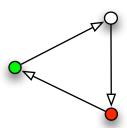






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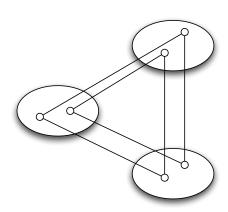
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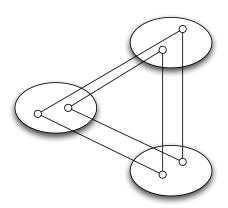
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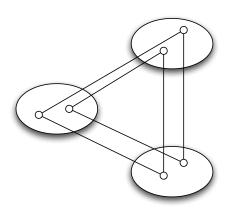
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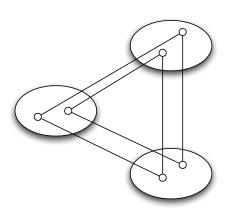
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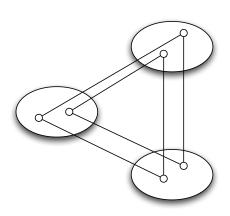
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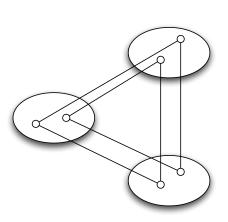
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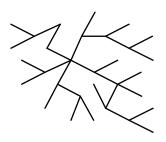
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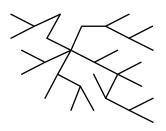
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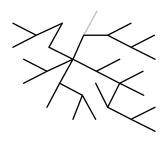
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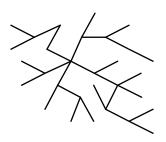
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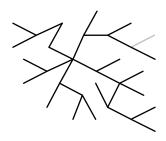
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