

A tetrachotomy for positive first-order logic without equality

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Model Checking problem

We are interested in the parameterisation of the **model checking problem** by the model. Fix a logic \mathcal{L} and fix \mathcal{D} .

The problem “ $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D})$ ” has

- ▶ Input: a sentence φ of \mathcal{L} .
- ▶ Question: does $\mathcal{D} \models \varphi$?

We consider syntactic fragments \mathcal{L} of FO and structures \mathcal{D} that are **relational** and **finite**.

Complexity of Model Checking

Fragment	Dual	Classification?
$\{\exists, \vee\}$ $\{\exists, \vee, =\}$ $\{\exists, \vee, \neq\}$	$\{\forall, \wedge\}$ $\{\forall, \wedge, \neq\}$ $\{\forall, \wedge, =\}$	Logspace
$\{\exists, \wedge, \vee\}$ $\{\exists, \wedge, \vee, =\}$ $\{\exists, \wedge, \vee, \neq\}$	$\{\forall, \wedge, \vee\}$ $\{\forall, \wedge, \vee, \neq\}$ $\{\forall, \wedge, \vee, =\}$	Logspace if there is some element a s.t. all relations are a -valid, and NP-complete otherwise
$\{\exists, \wedge\}$ $\{\exists, \wedge, =\}$	$\{\forall, \vee\}$ $\{\forall, \vee, \neq\}$	CSP dichotomy conjecture: P or NP-complete
$\{\exists, \wedge, \neq\}$	$\{\forall, \vee, =\}$	NP-complete for $ \mathcal{D} \geq 3$, reduces to Schaefer classes otherwise.
$\{\exists, \forall, \wedge\}$ $\{\exists, \forall, \wedge, =\}$	$\{\exists, \forall, \vee\}$ $\{\exists, \forall, \vee, \neq\}$	QCSP polychotomy: P, NP-complete, or Pspace-complete ?
$\{\exists, \forall, \wedge, \neq\}$	$\{\exists, \forall, \vee, =\}$	Pspace-complete for $ \mathcal{D} \geq 3$, reduces to Schaefer classes for Quantified Sat otherwise.
$\{\forall, \exists, \wedge, \vee\}$		Positive equality free: the rest of this talk
$\{\forall, \exists, \wedge, \vee, =\}$ $\{\neg, \exists, \forall, \wedge, \vee, =\}$		Logspace when $ \mathcal{D} \leq 1$, Pspace-complete otherwise
$\{\neg, \exists, \forall, \wedge, \vee\}$		Logspace when \mathcal{D} contains only empty or full relations, Pspace-complete otherwise

Tetrachotomy for $\{\exists, \forall, \wedge, \vee\}$ -FO

Ingredients

- ▶ Galois Connection
- ▶ “Tractability” via relativisation of quantifiers
- ▶ Complexity classifications for suitable templates

Ferdinand Börner's tips for Galois Connections

relation closed under	preserved by “operation”
absence of \exists	partial
presence of \forall	surjective
presence of \vee	unary
presence of $=$	functions
absence of $=$	hyperfunctions
presence of \neq	injective
presence of atomic \neg	full

For $\{\exists, \forall, \wedge, \vee\}$ -FO, we will need to consider the **surjective hyper endomorphisms** of the structure \mathcal{D} .

Surjective hyper endomorphisms

A *surjective hyper-operation* (*shop*) on a set D is a function

$$f : D \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(D)$$

that satisfies

- ▶ for all $x \in D$, $f(x) \neq \emptyset$ (*totality*).
- ▶ for all $y \in D$, there exists $x \in D$ s.t. $y \in f(x)$ (*surjectivity*).

A *surjective hyper-endomorphism* (*she*) of \mathcal{D} is a surjective hyper-operation f on D that *preserves* all extensional relations R of \mathcal{D} ,

- ▶ if $R(x_1, \dots, x_i) \in \mathcal{D}$ then, for all $y_1 \in f(x_1), \dots, y_i \in f(x_i)$, $R(y_1, \dots, y_i) \in \mathcal{D}$.

Example

preserves

0		{0}
1		{1}
2		{1,2}

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Monoid



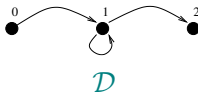
has the following set of surjective hyper endomorphisms:

$$\left\{ \frac{0 \mid 0}{\frac{1 \mid 1}{2 \mid 2}}, \frac{0 \mid 0}{\frac{1 \mid 1}{2 \mid 12}}, \frac{0 \mid 01}{\frac{1 \mid 1}{2 \mid 2}}, \frac{0 \mid 01}{\frac{1 \mid 1}{2 \mid 12}} \right\}$$

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Given shops f and g , define the **composition** $g \circ f$ by

$$x \mapsto \{z : \exists y \ z \in g(y) \wedge y \in f(x)\}.$$

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A shop f is a **sub-shop** of g if $f(x) \subseteq g(x)$, for all x .

Down Shop Monoid

- ▶ A set of shops on D is a **down-shop-monoid**, if it contains id_D , and is closed under composition and sub-shops.
- ▶ We write $\langle F \rangle$ for the down-shop-monoid generated by a set of surjective hyper-operations F .

A suitable Galois Connection

Theorem (Madelaine-M.'09/ M.'10)

For a finite structure \mathcal{D} and a set of shops F , the following holds,

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Theorem

For finite \mathcal{D} and \mathcal{D}' (s.t. $D = D'$),

$$\text{shE}(\mathcal{D}) \subseteq \text{shE}(\mathcal{D}') \Rightarrow \{\exists, \forall, \wedge, \vee\}\text{-FO}(\mathcal{D}') \leq \{\exists, \forall, \wedge, \vee\}\text{-FO}(\mathcal{D}).$$

Motto. surjective hyper-endomorphisms control expressive power and complexity.

Surjective hyper operations of special interest

Let D be a finite set with elements c, d . We define the following types of surjective hyper operations.

$$A_c(x) := \begin{cases} D & \text{if } x = c \\ \{?\} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad \text{e.g. } \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 2 & \text{0123} \\ 3 & 12 \end{array} \quad \text{i.e. } A_c(c) = D$$

$$E_c(x) := \{?, c\} \quad \text{e.g. } \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & \text{012} \\ 1 & \text{1} \\ 2 & \text{12} \\ 3 & \text{13} \end{array} \quad \text{i.e. } E_c^{-1}(c) = D$$

$$\forall \exists_{c,d}(x) := \begin{cases} D & \text{if } x = c \\ \{d\} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad \text{e.g. } \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & \text{0123} \\ 1 & \text{2} \\ 2 & \text{2} \\ 3 & \text{2} \end{array}$$

Quantifier Elimination

$$A_c(c) = D \quad E_d^{-1}(d) = D$$

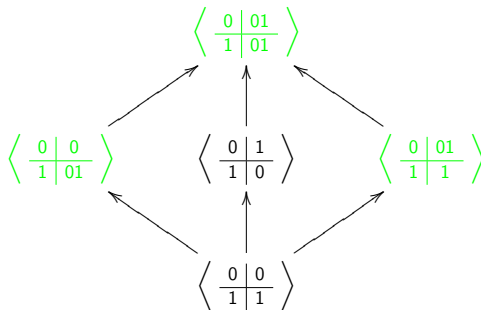
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presence of	complexity drops to	“algorithm”
A_c	NP	evaluate all \forall to c
E_d	co-NP	evaluate all \exists to d
$\forall \exists_{c,d}$	Logspace	simultaneously do both

- ▶ We shall see that these special surjective hyper operations characterise fully the complexity.
- ▶ For example, if a relational structure \mathcal{D} is preserved by an A -shop but no $\forall \exists$ -shop, the model checking problem $\{\exists, \forall, \wedge, \vee\}$ -FO(\mathcal{D}) is NP-complete

Warm-up: the boolean case

There are five monoids in this case.



Theorem (Madelaine-M. '09)

If $\text{shE}(\mathcal{D})$ is *green* above, then $\{\exists, \forall, \wedge, \vee\}\text{-FO}(\mathcal{D})$ is in **Logspace**;
otherwise it is **Pspace-complete**.

The three-element case

The lattice is considerably richer. The problem class $\{\exists, \forall, \wedge, \vee\}$ -FO(\mathcal{D}) displays tetrachotomy, between

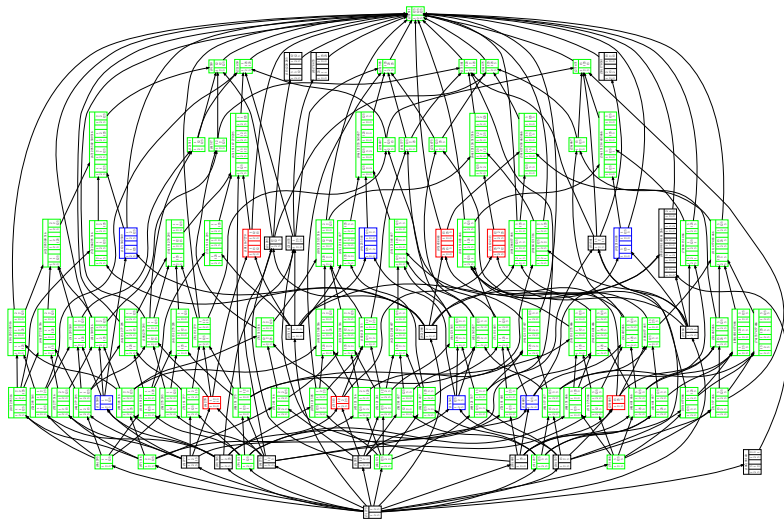
Logspace

NP-complete

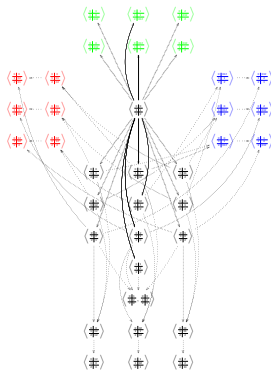
co-NP-complete

Pspace-complete

lattice in the 3 element case



Most of these are green “L” cases. The bottom of the lattice is

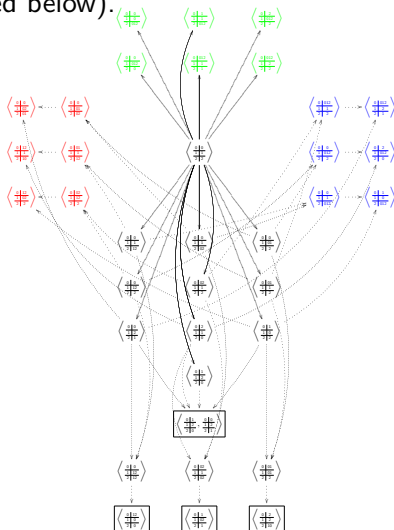


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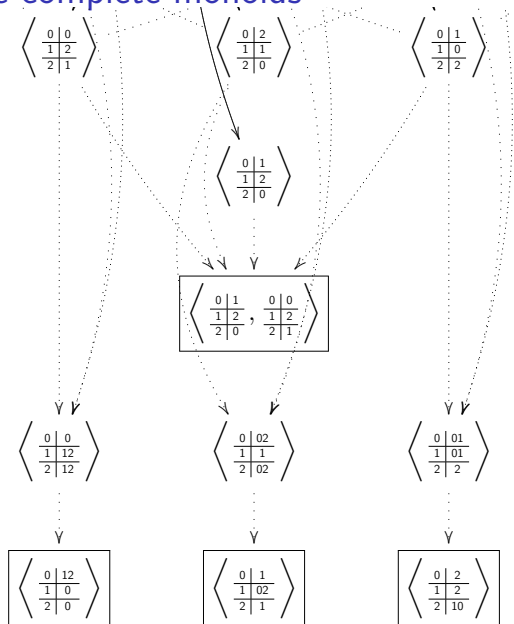
If $\text{shE}(\mathcal{D})$ is green, blue or red, above, then $\{\exists, \forall, \wedge, \vee\}$ -FO(\mathcal{D}) is in L, is NP-complete or is co-NP-complete, respectively; otherwise it is Pspace-complete.

Maximal Pspace-complete monoids

There are four maximal Pspace-complete monoids in the 3 element case (drawn boxed below).



Maximal Pspace-complete monoids



Maximal Pspace-complete monoids

There are 20 maximal Pspace-complete monoids in the 4 element case.

Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V
$\left\langle \begin{array}{c c} 0 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 0 \\ \hline 2 & 012 \\ \hline 3 & 013 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c c} 0 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 013 \\ \hline 3 & 012 \end{array} \right\rangle$	$\left\langle \begin{array}{c c} 0 & 23 \\ \hline 1 & 23 \\ \hline 2 & 01 \\ \hline 3 & 01 \end{array} \right\rangle$	$\left\langle \begin{array}{c c} 0 & 3 \\ \hline 1 & 3 \\ \hline 2 & 3 \\ \hline 3 & 012 \end{array} \right\rangle$	$\left\langle \begin{array}{c c} 0 & 2 \\ \hline 1 & 2 \\ \hline 2 & 01 \\ \hline 3 & 3 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c c} 0 & 01 \\ \hline 1 & 01 \\ \hline 2 & 3 \\ \hline 3 & 2 \end{array} \right\rangle$	$\left\langle \begin{array}{c c} 0 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 0 \\ \hline 2 & 2 \\ \hline 3 & 3 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c c} 0 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 2 \\ \hline 2 & 1 \\ \hline 3 & 3 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c c} 0 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 3 \\ \hline 3 & 2 \end{array} \right\rangle$
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The hard part is in proving there are no others.

Maximal Pspace-complete monoids

I **think**(!) there are 161 maximal Pspace-complete monoids in the 5 element case.

$S_2(1;4)$

$$\left\langle \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 4 \\ \hline 1 & 4 \\ \hline 2 & 4 \\ \hline 3 & 4 \\ \hline 4 & 0123 \end{array} \right\rangle$$

+ 4 others

$S_2(2;3)$

$$\left\langle \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 34 \\ \hline 1 & 34 \\ \hline 2 & 34 \\ \hline 3 & 012 \\ \hline 4 & 012 \end{array} \right\rangle$$

+ 9 others

$S_3(1;1;3)$

$$\left\langle \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 0 \\ \hline 2 & 234 \\ \hline 3 & 234 \\ \hline 4 & 234 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 234 \\ \hline 2 & 1 \\ \hline 3 & 1 \\ \hline 4 & 1 \end{array} \right\rangle$$

+ 9 others

$S_3(1;2;2)$

$$\left\langle \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 0 \\ \hline 2 & 0 \\ \hline 3 & 34 \\ \hline 4 & 34 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 34 \\ \hline 2 & 34 \\ \hline 3 & 12 \\ \hline 4 & 12 \end{array} \right\rangle$$

+ 14 others

$S_4(1;1;1;2)$

$$\left\langle \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 0 \\ \hline 2 & 2 \\ \hline 3 & 34 \\ \hline 4 & 34 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 2 \\ \hline 2 & 1 \\ \hline 3 & 34 \\ \hline 4 & 34 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 34 \\ \hline 3 & 2 \\ \hline 4 & 2 \end{array} \right\rangle$$

+ 9 others

Class Ia

$$\left\langle \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 234 \\ \hline 1 & 234 \\ \hline 2 & 2 \\ \hline 3 & 3 \\ \hline 4 & 0123 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 0123 \\ \hline 1 & 0123 \\ \hline 2 & 3 \\ \hline 3 & 2 \\ \hline 4 & 234 \end{array} \right\rangle$$

+ 29 others

Class Ib

$$\left\langle \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 1234 \\ \hline 1 & 12 \\ \hline 2 & 12 \\ \hline 3 & 3 \\ \hline 4 & 0123 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 0123 \\ \hline 1 & 3 \\ \hline 2 & 3 \\ \hline 3 & 12 \\ \hline 4 & 1234 \end{array} \right\rangle$$

+ 29 others

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Class B

$$\left\langle \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 4 \\ \hline 1 & 014 \\ \hline 2 & 024 \\ \hline 3 & 034 \\ \hline 4 & 0 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 024 \\ \hline 2 & 014 \\ \hline 3 & 034 \\ \hline 4 & 4 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 014 \\ \hline 2 & 034 \\ \hline 3 & 024 \\ \hline 4 & 4 \end{array} \right\rangle$$

+ 9 others

Class C

$$\left\langle \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 0234 \\ \hline 2 & 024 \\ \hline 3 & 0124 \\ \hline 4 & 4 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 4 \\ \hline 1 & 0124 \\ \hline 2 & 024 \\ \hline 3 & 0234 \\ \hline 4 & 0 \end{array} \right\rangle$$

+ 29 others

Ia and Ib are inverse, A and B are inverse and C is self-inverse.

Limitation of the “classification by lattice” method

Domain	Classification	Method	Maximally hard monoids
2	done	by hand	1
3	done	by hand, (computer checked)	4
4	done	by computer	20
5	failed attempt	by computer	161

Stuck. We need to move away from the lattice.

Tetrachotomy for all finite domains

Theorem (Madelaine-M. '11)

Let \mathcal{D} be any finite structure.

- I. If $\text{shE}(\mathcal{D})$ contains both an A-shop and an E-shop, then $\{\exists, \forall, \wedge, \vee\}$ -FO(\mathcal{D}) is in **Logspace**.
- II. If $\text{shE}(\mathcal{D})$ contains an A-shop but no E-shop, then $\{\exists, \forall, \wedge, \vee\}$ -FO(\mathcal{D}) is **NP-complete**.
- III. If $\text{shE}(\mathcal{D})$ contains an E-shop but no A-shop, then $\{\exists, \forall, \wedge, \vee\}$ -FO(\mathcal{D}) is **co-NP-complete**.
- IV. If $\text{shE}(\mathcal{D})$ contains neither an A-shop nor an E-shop, then $\{\exists, \forall, \wedge, \vee\}$ -FO(\mathcal{D}) is in Pspace-complete.

Proved for domain size 2,3,4 (using the lattice).

Settled for larger domains (without the lattice).

Ingredients of our approach

Previous ingredients:

- ▶ Galois Connection
- ▶ “Tractability” via relativisation of quantifiers

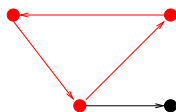
New ingredients:

- ▶ A suitable notion of **core** for $\{\exists, \forall, \wedge, \vee\}$ -FO
- ▶ **Normal form** for the monoid associated with the core of a structure \mathcal{D}
- ▶ **Generic hardness proof**

Core

For CSP there is the well-established notion of **core**. The core of a structure \mathcal{D} is a **minimal induced substructure** $\mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathcal{D}$ all of whose endomorphisms are automorphisms.

It is well-known that \mathcal{X} is unique and $\text{CSP}(\mathcal{D}) = \text{CSP}(\mathcal{X})$.



Core and relativisation

Another way to define the core is as a minimal subset $X \subseteq D$ such that for all positive conjunctive $\phi(\bar{x})$:

$$\mathcal{D} \models \exists \bar{x} \phi(\bar{x}) \text{ iff } \mathcal{D} \models \exists \bar{x} \in X \phi(\bar{x}).$$

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Yes.

But we need 2 relativising sets U (universal) and X (existential).

Theorem (Madelaine-M. '11)

The following are equivalent

1. *There is $f \in \text{shE}(\mathcal{D})$ s.t. $f(U) = D$ and $f^{-1}(X) = D$*
2. *for all positive equality-free ϕ , $\mathcal{D} \models \phi \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{D} \models \phi_{[\forall/U, \exists/X]}$.*

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We may minimise X and U , then maximise their intersection to obtain a monoid we call **reduced**.

The substructure of \mathcal{D} induced by $U \cup X$ satisfies the same sentences of $\{\exists, \forall, \wedge, \vee\}$ -FO as \mathcal{D} . We call it the **U - X -core** (as it is unique up to isomorphism).

Example of a reduced monoid

Consider the domain 5 maximal monoid $\langle \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 0234 \\ 2 & 024 \\ 3 & 0124 \\ \hline 4 & 4 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 4 \\ \hline 1 & 0124 \\ 2 & 024 \\ 3 & 0234 \\ \hline 4 & 0 \end{array} \rangle$.

$$\begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 0234 \\ 2 & 024 \\ 3 & 0124 \\ \hline 4 & 4 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 0234 \\ 2 & 024 \\ 3 & 0124 \\ \hline 4 & 4 \end{array} \quad U := \{1, 3\} \text{ and } X := \{0, 4\}.$$

Thus we are equivalent to the reduced monoid

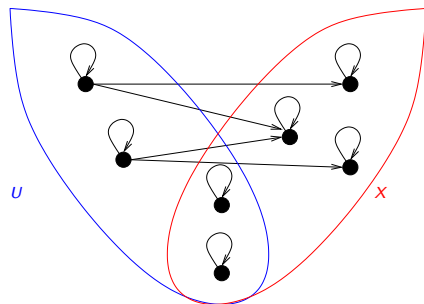
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Tractable cases

Case	Complexity	A-shop	E-shop	U - X -core	Relativises into	Dual
I	Logspace	yes	yes	$ U = 1, X = 1$	$\{\wedge, \vee\}$ -FO	I
II	NP-complete	yes	no	$ U = 1, X \geq 2$	$\{\exists, \wedge, \vee\}$ -FO	III
III	co-NP-complete	no	yes	$ U \geq 2, X = 1$	$\{\forall, \vee, \wedge\}$ -FO	II

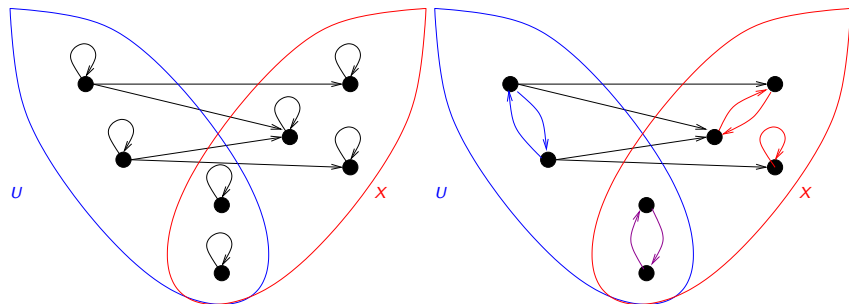
Remaining case. when both $|U| \geq 2$ and $|X| \geq 2$.

Canonical shop and normal form of the reduced monoid



Canonical shop

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Canonical shop

3-permuted form

All shops in the reduced monoid are in a similar form up to permutation of $U \cap X$, $X \setminus U$ and $U \setminus X$, or sub-shops thereof.

Pspace-hardness

U and X have both size at least 2.

We consider three cases:

► $U = X$.

► $U \neq X$ and $U \cap X \neq \emptyset$.

► $U \cap X = \emptyset$.

Pspace-hardness

U and X have both size at least 2.

We consider three cases:

- ▶ $U = X$.
 - ▶ shops are necessarily “permutations”.
 - ▶ We know from previous results that this case is Pspace-complete.
- ▶ $U \neq X$ and $U \cap X \neq \emptyset$.

- ▶ $U \cap X = \emptyset$.

Pspace-hardness

U and X have both size at least 2.

We consider three cases:

- ▶ $U = X$.
- ▶ $U \neq X$ and $U \cap X \neq \emptyset$.
 - ▶ one set can not be included in another.
 - ▶ We complete the monoid by adding more shops to blur $U \cap X$ to a single element and $U \Delta X$ to a single element.
 - ▶ This amounts to consider a Pspace-hard monoid from the 2-element case.
- ▶ $U \cap X = \emptyset$.

Pspace-hardness

U and X have both size at least 2.

We consider three cases:

▶ $U = X$.

▶ $U \neq X$ and $U \cap X \neq \emptyset$.

▶ $U \cap X = \emptyset$.

- ▶ we are unable to exhibit such a simple proof.
- ▶ we complete the monoid by adding all shops in the 3-permuted form.
- ▶ thanks to the relative simplicity of this completed monoid, we can provide a generic hardness proof inspired from the 4 element case

Tetrachotomy for all domains

Tetrachotomy for $\{\exists, \forall, \wedge, \vee\}$ -FO(\mathcal{D})						
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IV	Pspace-complete	no	no	$ U \geq 2, X \geq 2$	$\{\exists, \forall, \vee, \wedge\}$ -FO	IV

Bonus. A notion of **core** for quantified constraints.

The meta problem is NP-complete.

The $\{\exists, \forall, \wedge, \vee\}$ -FO(σ) **meta-problem** takes as input a finite σ -structure \mathcal{D} and answers L, NP-complete, co-NP-complete or Pspace-complete, according to the complexity of $\{\exists, \forall, \wedge, \vee\}$ -FO(\mathcal{D}).

It is NP-hard even for some fixed and finite signature σ_0 .

Conclusion

Fragment	Dual	Classification?
$\{\exists, \wedge\}$ $\{\exists, \wedge, =\}$	$\{\forall, \vee\}$ $\{\forall, \vee, \neq\}$	CSP Dichotomy conjecture (P or NP-complete). solved for (undirected) graphs (Hell & Nešetřil), in the boolean case (Schaefer), the 3 element case (Bulatov) and the conservative case (Bulatov, Barto).
$\{\exists, \forall, \wedge\}$ $\{\exists, \forall, \wedge, =\}$	$\{\exists, \forall, \vee\}$ $\{\exists, \forall, \vee, \neq\}$	P/Pspace-complete dichotomy in the boolean case (Schaefer). In general, no precise conjecture. Partial results exhibit P, NP-complete, and Pspace-complete complexities: via the algebraic approach by Chen <i>et. al.</i> or a combinatorial approach for graphs and digraphs (Madelaine & Martin). Even the case of (undirected) graphs remains open.
$\{\forall, \exists, \wedge, \vee\}$		Tetrachotomy