# Two-Element Structures modulo PP-Constructability

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### Genesis: Barto, Opršal, Pinsker



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\* If the involved formula  $\phi$  is <u>primitive positive</u>, then this relation is said to be *pp*-definable in A.

\* A primitive positive formula is a formula of the form:

$$\exists \ldots \exists (\ldots \land \ldots \land \ldots)$$

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Every element in our poset is a  $\equiv$ -class where the equivalence relation is

 $\mathsf{A}\equiv \mathbb{B} \text{ if and only if } \mathbb{B}\leq \mathbb{A}\leq \mathbb{B}.$ 

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**FACT**: If  $\mathbb{A} \leq \mathbb{B}$  then  $CSP(\mathbb{B})$  is log-space reducible to  $CSP(\mathbb{A})$ .

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- $\star$  Let **All** be the class of all clones with a constant operation .
- All: Top-Element in  $\mathfrak L$

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$$Pol(\mathbb{NAE}) = [c]$$
  
\*  $Pol(\mathbb{1IN3}) = [\emptyset]$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  [c] and [ $\emptyset$ ] collapse.

 $\textbf{Proj:} \ \ \mathsf{Bottom-Element} \ \ \mathsf{in} \ \ \mathfrak{L}$ 

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# Theorem (Barto, Kozik, (2009))

"Jonssón"  $\Rightarrow$  bounded linear width.

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- Forbidding the pp-construction of structures:
- $\star \mathbb{D}_{\text{STCON}} \ := \ \langle \{0,1\}, 0, 1, \leq \rangle$
- $\star \mathbb{D}_{\text{3LIN}(2)} : \text{problem of solving systems} \\ \text{of linear equations over } Z_2$

Conjecture (Larose, Tesson, (2009))

If a relational structure  $\mathbb{A}$  pp-constructs neither  $\mathbb{D}_{3LIN(p)}$ , for any prime p, nor  $\mathbb{D}_{STCON}$  then  $CSP(\mathbb{A})$  is in L.

## **Final Picture**

