Constraint Satisfaction Problems of First-Order Expansions of Algebraic Products

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Constraint Satisfaction Problems

(relational) structure $\mathfrak{A} = (A; R^{\mathfrak{A}} : R \in \tau)$; **finite** signature τ

Definition (CSP)

$\mathfrak{B}$ – τ-structure

Constraint Satisfaction Problem for $\mathfrak{B}$ (CSP($\mathfrak{B}$)):

Input: finite τ-structure $\mathfrak{A}$

Question: Is there a homomorphism from $\mathfrak{A}$ to $\mathfrak{B}$?

Example: complete graph on 3 vertices

$$K_3 = (\{0, 1, 2\}; \neq)$$

CSP(K_3) = 3-colorability problem for graphs

more generally: CSP(K_n) = n-colorability problem

Complexity dichotomy

Theorem (Bulatov (2017), Zhuk (2017))

For every finite structure $\mathfrak{B}$ with finite signature, CSP($\mathfrak{B}$) *is in P or NP-complete.*

Conjecture (Bodirsky, Pinsker (2011))

For a reduct $\mathfrak{B}$ of a finitely bounded homogeneous structure, CSP($\mathfrak{B}$) *is in P or NP-complete.*

Interesting infinite examples in the scope of the conjecture:
fo-expansions of (algebraic powers of) $(\mathbb{Q}; <)$

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Proposition (folklore)

If $\mathfrak{C}$ has a pp-interpretation (in particular, pp-definition) in $\mathfrak{B}$, then there is a poly-time reduction from $\mathrm{CSP}(\mathfrak{C})$ *to* $\mathrm{CSP}(\mathfrak{B})$.

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- CDC: relations are unions of the relations above – fo-expansions of $\mathfrak{C}$
- natural generalization: CDC_n with the domain $\mathbb{Q}^n$

Open problem (Balbiani, Condotta, 2002): complexity classification of the CSPs of reducts of CDC_n
$\longrightarrow$ we solve it by classifying fo-expansions of $(\mathbb{Q}^n; <_1, =_1, \ldots, <_n, =_n)$

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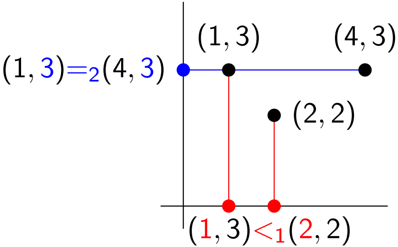

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$\longrightarrow$ natural generalization to n-fold algebraic products

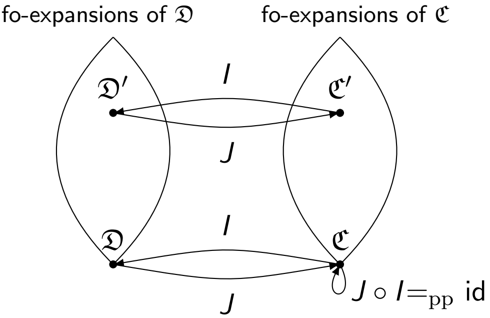
Observation: Complexity classification of CSPs of fo-expansions of

$$\underbrace{(\mathbb{Q}; <) \boxtimes \cdots \boxtimes (\mathbb{Q}; <)}_{n} = (\mathbb{Q}^n; <_1, =_1, \ldots, <_n, =_n)$$

leads to classification for reducts of CDC_n!

Complexity classification transfer

- I – pp-interpretation of $\mathfrak{D}$ in $\mathfrak{C}$
- J – pp-interpretation of $\mathfrak{C}$ in $\mathfrak{D}$
- $J \circ I$ is pp-homotopic to the identity interpretation of $\mathfrak{C}$ (i.e., $\{(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \mid J \circ I(\bar{x}) = \bar{y}\}$ is pp-definable in $\mathfrak{C}$)



$\Rightarrow$ for every fo-expansion $\mathfrak{C}'$ of $\mathfrak{C}$ there is an fo-expansion $\mathfrak{D}'$ of $\mathfrak{D}$ such that CSP($\mathfrak{C}'$) and CSP($\mathfrak{D}'$) are poly-time equivalent

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Block Algebra:

- domain: $\mathbb{I}^n$
- basic relations: n-tuples of Allen's basic relations
- all relations: unions of basic relations

Complexity classification transfer for Block Algebras

Open problem (Balbiani, Condotta, del Cerro, 1999 ($n = 2$) and 2002 ($n \geq 2$)): complexity classification of the CSPs of reducts of the n-dim. Block Algebra

Solution:

- Block Algebra with the basic relations is pp-interpretable in $(\mathbb{Q}^n; <_1, =_1, \ldots, <_n, =_n)$ and vice versa
- all relations are fo-definable in basic relations
- we solve the problem by transfering the complexity classification for fo-expansions of $(\mathbb{Q}^n; <_1, =_1, \ldots, <_n, =_n)$

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Theorem (Bodirsky, Nešetřil (2006))

A relation $R \subseteq A^l$ is preserved by all polymorphisms of an ω-categorical structure $\mathfrak{A}$ iff R is has a pp-definition in $\mathfrak{A}$.

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$\theta_i : \mathrm{Pol}(\mathfrak{A}_1 \boxtimes \mathfrak{A}_2) \to \mathrm{Pol}(\mathfrak{A}_i)$ (projects on the i-th coordinate)

Follows from the results by Barto, Opršal, Pinsker (2018):

Proposition

Let $\mathfrak{D}$ *be an fo-expansion of* $\mathfrak{A}_1 \boxtimes \mathfrak{A}_2$*. Let* i *be such that* $\theta_i(\mathrm{Pol}(\mathfrak{D}))$ *has a uniformly continuous minor-preserving map to* $\mathrm{Pol}(K_3)$*. Then* $\mathrm{Pol}(\mathfrak{D})$ *has a uniformly continuous minor-preserving map to* $\mathrm{Pol}(K_3)$ *as well and* $\mathrm{CSP}(\mathfrak{D})$ *is NP-complete.*

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Theorem (Bodirsky, Jonsson, Martin, Mottet, S. (2022))

Let $\mathfrak{D}$ be an fo-expansion of $(\mathbb{Q}^n; <_1, =_1, \ldots, <_n, =_n)$. Exactly one of the following two cases applies.

- θ_i(Pol($\mathfrak{D}$)) *contains a pwnu polymorphism for each i. In this case $\mathfrak{D}$ has a pwnu polymorphism and* CSP($\mathfrak{D}$) *is in P.*
- *There is i such that* θ_i(Pol($\mathfrak{D}$)) *has a uniformly continuous minor-preserving map to* Pol(K_3) *and* CSP($\mathfrak{D}$) *is NP-complete.*

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P:

- relations of $\mathfrak{D}$ are defined by fo-formulas in $<_i$ and $=_i$
- we may assume quantifier-free definitions in conjunctive normal form
- key: have conjunctions of clauses which are (almost) i-determined (contains literals only with index i)
- aim is to run the poly-time algorithm to decide satisfiability of:
  1. the 1-determined constraints
  2. the (possibly modified) 2-determined constraints
- existence of such poly-time algorithms follows from the theorem for $(\mathbb{Q}; <)$

What is next

Classify the complexity of:

- CSPs of (reducts) of fo-expansions of

$$\underbrace{(\{0,1\};\{0\},\{1\}) \boxtimes \cdots \boxtimes (\{0,1\};\{0\},\{1\})}_{n} \boxtimes (\mathbb{Q};<)$$

  for $n = 1$ and general n
- more generally: CSPs of fo-expansions of $\mathfrak{B} \boxtimes (\mathbb{Q};<)$, where $\mathfrak{B}$ is a finite structure
- challenge: CSPs of structures fo-interpretable over $(\mathbb{Q};<)$

All of the above is in the scope of the infinite-domain dichotomy conjecture.

Thank you for your attention