



Datalog-Expressibility for Monadic and Guarded Second-Order Logic

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Wish: Combination of the good computational properties of expressibility in **Datalog** and of expressibility in **MSO**.

Which computational problems are expressible in **MSO**
AND can be solved by a **Datalog program**?

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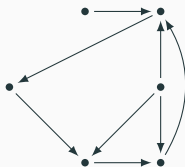
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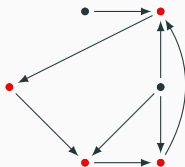
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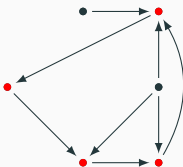
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We denote the class of accepted instances by $\llbracket \Pi \rrbracket$.

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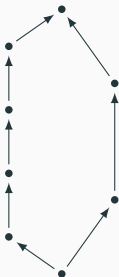
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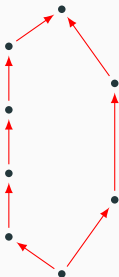
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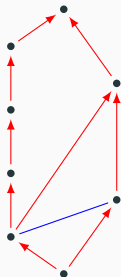
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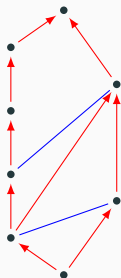
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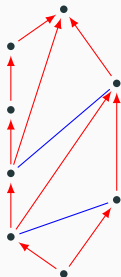
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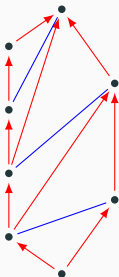
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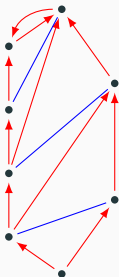
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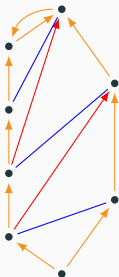
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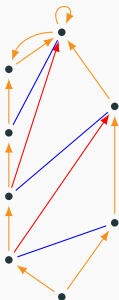
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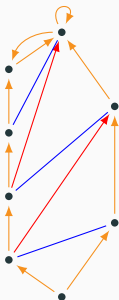
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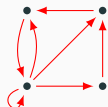


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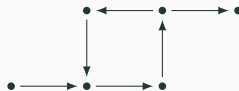
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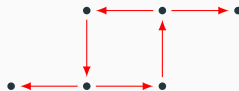
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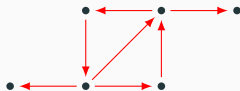
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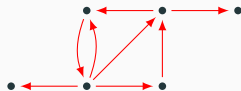
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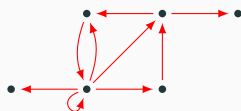
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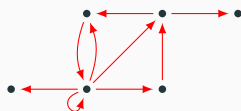
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Observation

Let \mathcal{C} be defined by a Datalog program. Let \mathfrak{A} and \mathfrak{B} be structures where \mathfrak{B} is in \mathcal{C} and \mathfrak{A} has a homomorphism to \mathfrak{B} . Then \mathfrak{A} is in \mathcal{C} .

We say that \mathcal{C} is **closed under inverse homomorphisms**.

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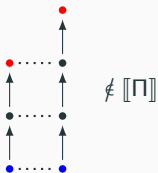
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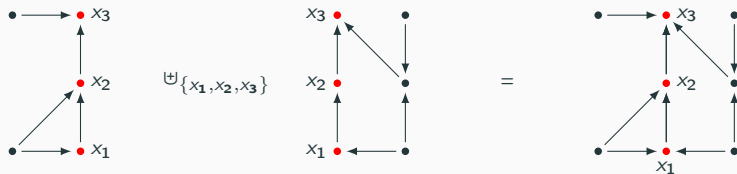
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