

On Local Domain Symmetry for Model Expansion

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Why study symmetry?

speeding up search – **symmetry breaking**

avoid parts of the search space symmetrical to failed parts

Outline

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Theory symmetry

MX symmetry

Efficient breaking

More symmetry

Conclusion

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For the rest of the talk: vocabulary and domain are implicit and fixed.

Running example: graph coloring

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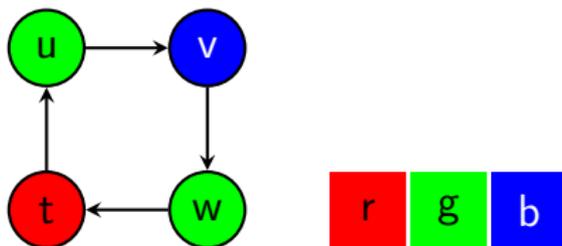
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Symmetries compose to symmetry **groups**

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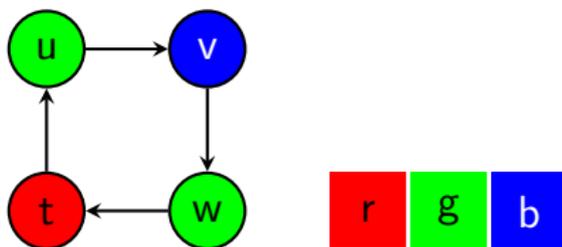
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Let's call such induced σ_π a **Global Domain Symmetry** for T .
Intuitively, domain renaming π preserves satisfiability:

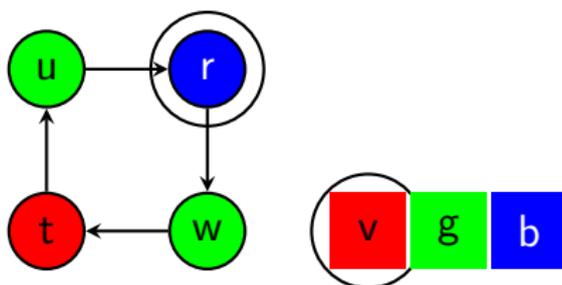
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- A set of argument positions A is **connectively closed** under T if no other argument positions of Σ are connected to A under T .

Intuitively, a partition of connectively closed argument positions under T corresponds to a well-defined **typing** of T .

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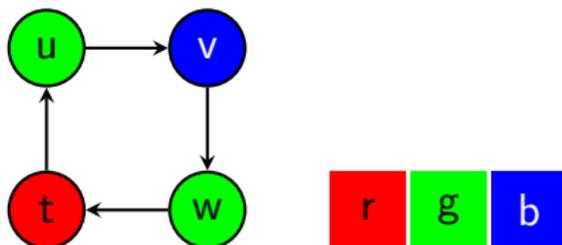
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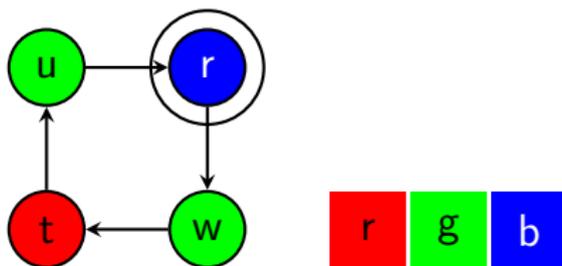
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- What if we have to take pre-interpreted symbols into account? → [Model eXpansion](#)

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Shortened as $MX(T, I_{in})$.

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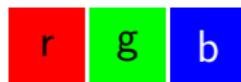
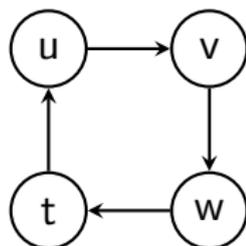
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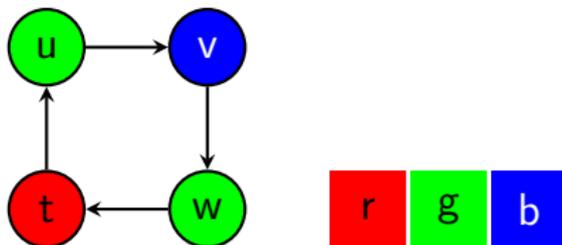


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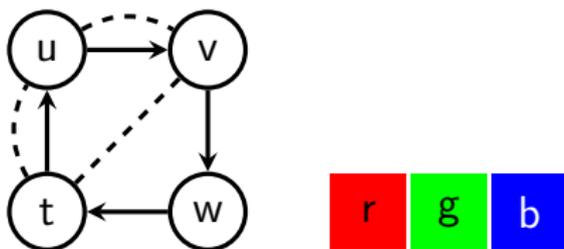
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- Does not work well for independent symbols connected under T :



Both graphs $Edge/2$ and $Edge'/2$ have different symmetries, but since their argument positions typically are connected by a $V/1$ argument position, **no π exists** that is consistent with the symmetry of both graphs.

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We defined transformation for $MX(T, I_{in})$ to $MX(T^*, I_{in}^*)$ such that

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σ_{π}^A is a local domain symmetry for $MX(T, I_{in})$ if A is connectively closed under T^* and $\sigma_{\pi}^A(I_{in}^*) = I_{in}^*$.

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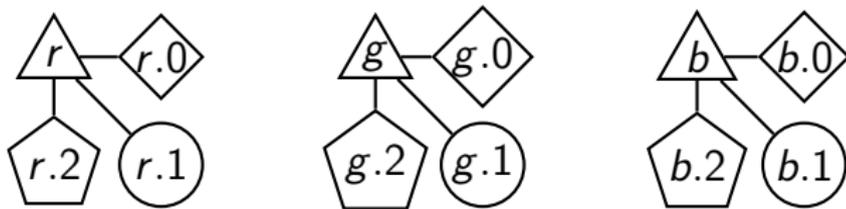
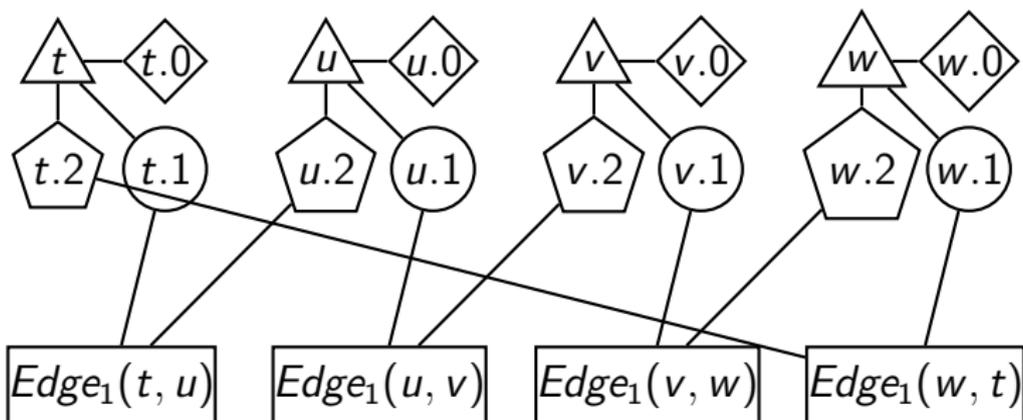
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- encode to **graph automorphism problem** for more complicated π
 - In: I_{in}, A
 - Out: generators π that induce symmetry σ_{π}^A
 - Size of graph **depends on size of I_{in}** , not on size of T

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What is the size of $\varphi(\mathbb{G})$ to break \mathbb{G} completely?

Breaking local domain symmetry completely

\mathbb{G}_δ^A is a **local domain interchangeability group** if A is a set of argument positions, $\delta \subseteq D$, and each permutation π over δ induces a local domain symmetry σ_π^A .

\mathbb{G}_δ^A is broken completely with $O(|\delta|^2)$ sized symmetry breaking formula if **A contains at most one argument position $S|i$** for each symbol $S \in \Sigma_{out}$.

Intuitively, after grounding, \mathbb{G}_δ^A represents row interchangeability of a Boolean variable matrix. Ordering the rows breaks all symmetry.

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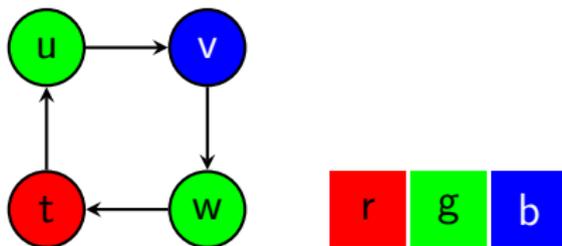
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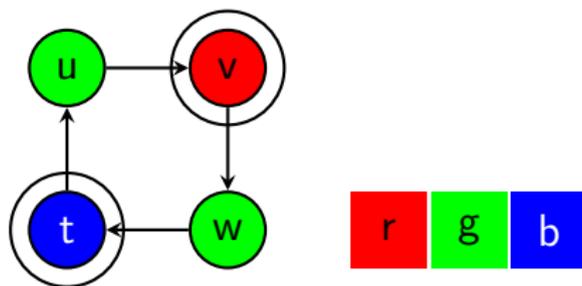
However, e.g. for the Ramsey number problem, $A = \{Edge|1, Edge|2, Color|1, \dots\}$, so A' does not satisfy the **“one argument position”** condition.

Symmetry notions not captured by local domain symmetry

E.g. swapping colors of node v and t :



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Future work

Extend local domain symmetry to capture other notions of symmetry.

Thanks for your attention!

Questions?