

On Guarded Extensions of MMSNP

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Fagin's theorem (1974)



The set of problems expressible with existential second-order logic is exactly the class NP.

Ladner's theorem (1975)



NO dichotomy

If $P \neq NP$, then there are problems in NP that are neither in P nor NP-complete.

Monotone Monadic SNP without Inequality

Definition ([Feder, Vardi, 1998])

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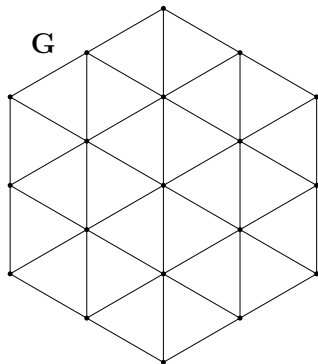
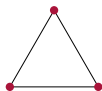
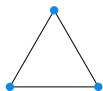
$$\exists X_1, \dots, X_s \forall x_1, \dots, x_n \bigwedge_{i=1}^m \neg(\alpha_i \wedge \beta_i \wedge \varepsilon_i), \text{ where}$$

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- every β_i is a conjunction of existential atomic formulas,
- every ε_i is a conjunction of inequalities ($x_j \neq x_k$),
- all atomic formulas of α_i must be non-negated (**monotone**),
- all existential relations X_1, \dots, X_s have arity 1 (**monadic**),
- every ε_i is empty (**without inequality**).

Example

No Monochromatic Triangle

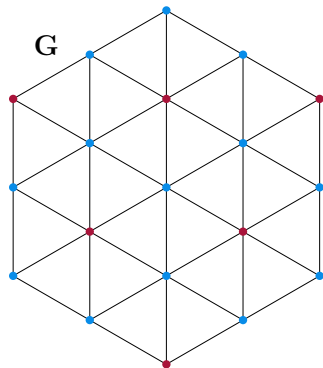
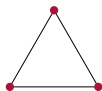
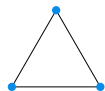
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“No Monochromatic Triangle” as a sentence in MMSNP



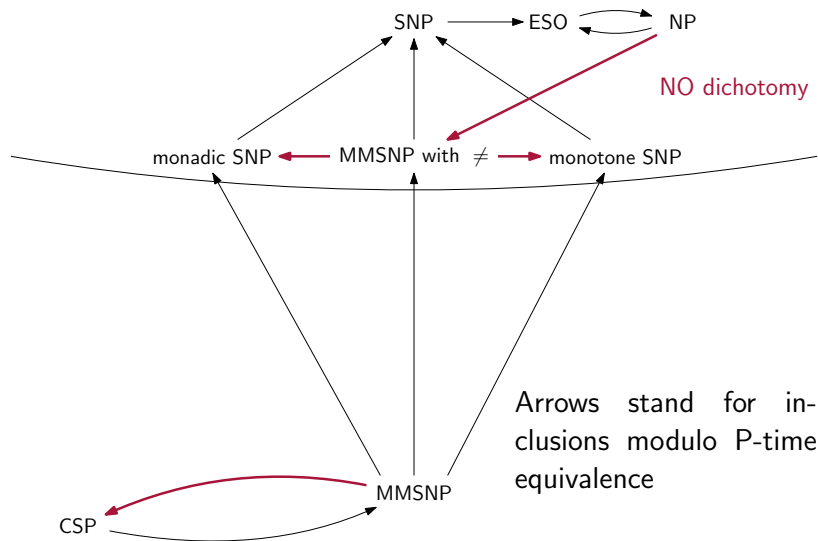
$\exists R, B \forall x, y, z$

$\neg(\neg R_x \wedge \neg B_x) \wedge \neg(R_x \wedge B_x)$ (R and B partition the elements)

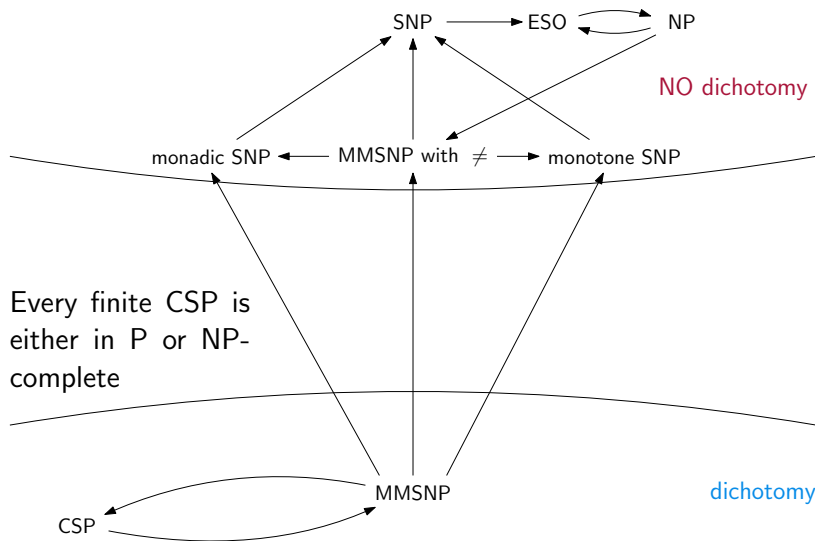
$\wedge \neg(E_{xy} \wedge E_{yz} \wedge E_{zx} \wedge R_x \wedge R_y \wedge R_z)$ (no all-red triangle)

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Feder and Vardi's results (1998)



Zhuk's theorem (2017)



Guarded Monotone SNP without Inequality

Definition ([Bienvenu et al., 2014])

The **GMSNP** logic consists of ESO sentences of the form

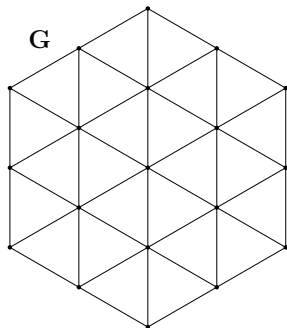
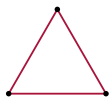
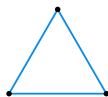
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- for every $X_j(\mathbf{t})$ in β_i there exists $R(\mathbf{u})$ in α_i such that $\mathbf{t} \subseteq \mathbf{u}$ (i.e., \mathbf{t} is **guarded** by \mathbf{u}).

Example

No Monochromatic Edge Triangle

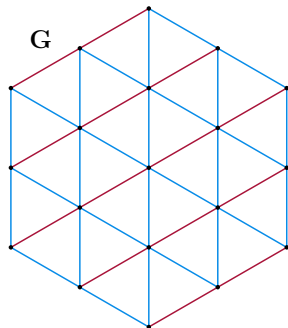
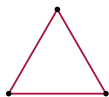
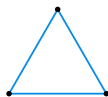
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“No Monochromatic Edge Triangle” as a GMSNP sentence



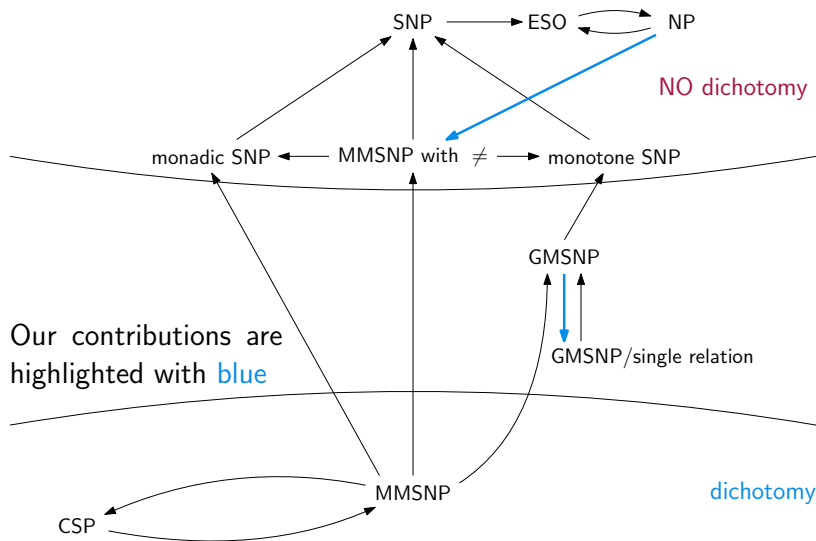
$\exists R, B \forall x, y, z$

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Guarded Monotone SNP without Inequality (2014)



Monotone Monadic SNP with Guarded Inequality

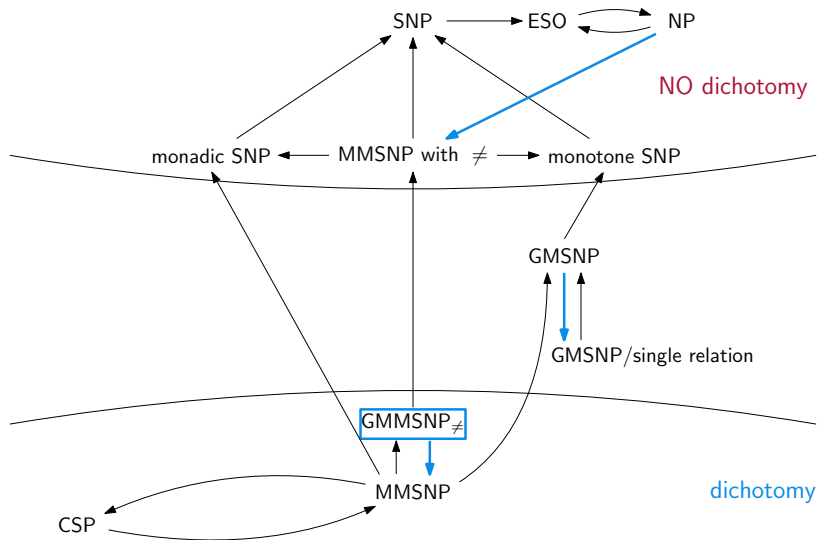
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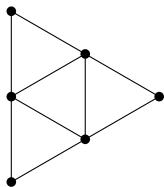
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Monotone Monadic SNP with Guarded Inequality



Matrix Partition



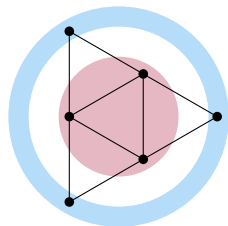
$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & * \\ * & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Definition (Feder, Hell)

Let M be a square matrix of size m with elements from $\{0, 1, *\}$. Given an input digraph, split its vertices into disjoint classes P_1, \dots, P_m such that, for $i, j \in [m]$ and any distinct $x \in P_i, y \in P_j$:

- if $M(i, j) = 0$, then there is no edge between x and y ;
- if $M(i, j) = 1$, then there is an edge between x and y ;
- if $M(i, j) = *$, then there is no restriction.

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Towards a Logic for Matrix Partition

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MPART with Guarded Inequality

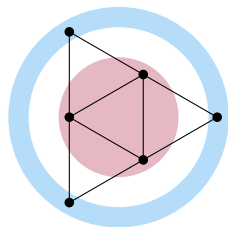
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- $\alpha_i, \beta_i, \varepsilon_i$ are the same as before,
- all existential relations X_1, \dots, X_s have arity 1 (**monadic**),
- atomic formulas in α_i are either all non-negated or all negated (**same polarity**),
- for every $x_j \neq x_k$ in ε_i there exists $R(\mathbf{u})$ in α_i such that $x_j, x_k \in \mathbf{u}$ (**guarded inequality**).

Split graph recognition as a GMPART \neq sentence



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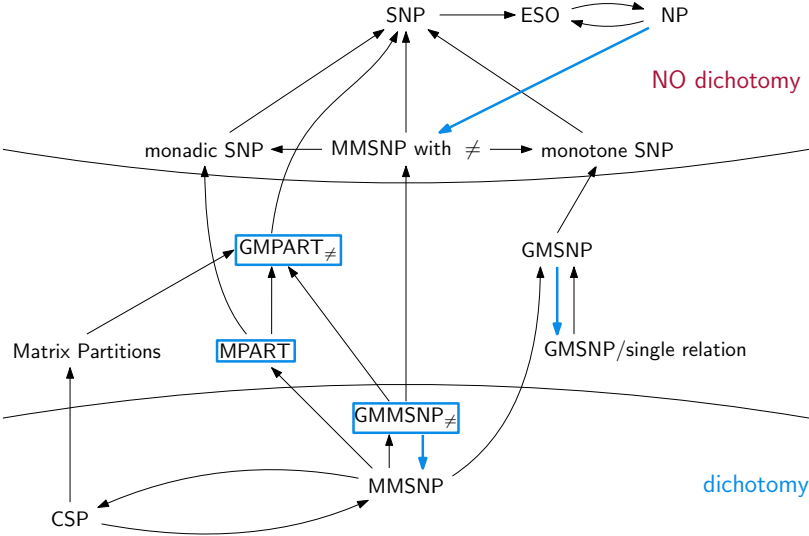
$\exists C, I \forall x, y$

$\neg(Cx \wedge \neg Ix) \wedge \neg(Cx \wedge Ix)$ (partition of vertices in 2 classes)

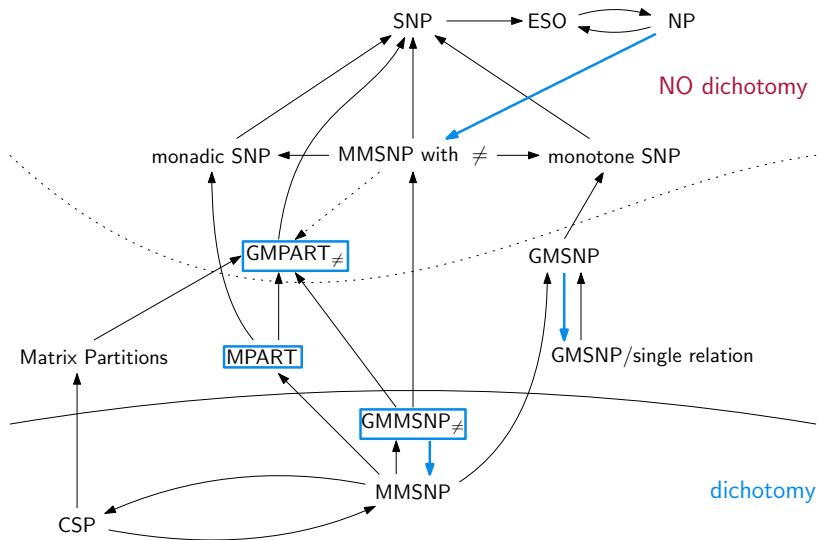
$\wedge \neg(\neg Exy \wedge Cx \wedge Cy \wedge x \neq y)$ (C induces a clique)

$\wedge \neg(Exy \wedge Ix \wedge Iy \wedge x \neq y)$ (I induces an independent set)

Matrix Partition and MPART and GMPART \neq



GMPART \neq has NO dichotomy



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