

Algorithmic Model Theory — Assignment 11

Due: Tuesday, 7 January, 10:30

Exercise 1

10 Points

A graph  $\mathcal{G} = (V, E^{\mathfrak{A}})$  encodes an  $(V \times V)$ -matrix  $M^{\mathcal{G}}$  over  $\mathbb{F}_2$  which is

$$M^{\mathfrak{A}}(a, b) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } (a, b) \notin E \\ 1, & \text{if } (a, b) \in E. \end{cases}$$

In other words,  $M^{\mathcal{G}}$  is just the adjacency matrix of the graph  $\mathcal{G}$ . In the same way, every FPC-formula  $\varphi(x, y)$  defines an  $(V \times V)$ -matrix  $\varphi^{\mathcal{G}}$  over  $\mathbb{F}_2$  in the graph  $\mathcal{G}$ . We want to show that matrix multiplication is definable in FPC.

- (a) Construct a formula  $\varphi(x, y) \in \text{FPC}$  such that for any graph  $\mathcal{G}$  it holds  $\varphi^{\mathcal{G}} = (M^{\mathcal{G}})^2$ .
- (b) Construct a formula  $\varphi(x, y) \in \text{FPC}$  such that for any graph  $\mathcal{G}$  it holds  $\varphi^{\mathcal{G}} = (M^{\mathcal{G}})^{2^{|V|}}$ .

Exercise 2

6 Points

Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a finite  $\tau$ -structure. We make the following convention: we interpret numerical tuples  $\bar{\nu} = (\nu_{k-1}, \dots, \nu_1, \nu_0) \in \{0, \dots, |A| - 1\}^k$  as numbers in  $|A|$ -adic representation, i.e. we associate the value  $\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \nu_i |A|^i$  to each tuple  $\bar{\nu} \in \{0, \dots, |A| - 1\}^k$ .

Show that the expressive power of FPC does not increase if we allow counting quantifiers of higher arity, i.e. formulas  $\#_{x_0 x_1 \dots x_{k-1}} \varphi(x_0, \dots, x_{k-1}) \leq (\nu_{k-1}, \dots, \nu_0)$  where in a structure  $\mathfrak{A}$  the value of  $\#_{x_0 x_1 \dots x_{k-1}} \varphi(x_0, \dots, x_{k-1})$  is the number of tuples  $\bar{a}$  such that  $\mathfrak{A} \models \varphi(\bar{a})$  (with respect to the encoding introduced above). For simplicity, you may only consider the case  $k = 2$ .

Exercise 3

8 Points

We encode linear equation systems over the finite field  $\mathbb{F}_2$  as relational structures  $\mathfrak{A}$  over the signature  $\tau = \{E, V, R_0, R_1\}$  where the intended meaning of the relations is as follows.

- $E, V$  are unary predicates which partition the universe into equations and variables, and
  - the equation  $e \in E$  corresponds to the linear equation  $\sum_{v \in V: R_i(e, v)} v = i$ .
- (a) Construct an  $\text{FO}(\tau)$ -sentence  $\varphi$  such that  $\mathfrak{A} \models \varphi$  if, and only if,  $\mathfrak{A}$  encodes a linear equation over  $\mathbb{F}_2$  in the described way.
- (b) For any fixed finite field  $\mathbb{F}$ , generalise the above encoding for linear equation systems over  $\mathbb{F}$ .

Exercise 4

6 Points

Recall the encoding of linear equation systems over  $\mathbb{F}_2$  as relational structures from Exercise 2. Here we want to reduce bipartiteness of undirected graphs to the solvability of linear equation systems over  $\mathbb{F}_2$ .

Construct  $\text{FO}(\{F\})$ -formulae  $\psi_E(x, y)$ ,  $\psi_V(x, y)$  and  $\psi_{R_i}(x, y, x', y')$  such that for any (finite, undirected) graph  $\mathcal{G} = (W, F)$  the  $\{E, V, R\}$ -structure  $\mathcal{G}^\psi = (W^2, E^\psi, V^\psi, R_0^\psi, R_1^\psi)$  where

- $E^\psi = \{(w, w') : \mathcal{G} \models \psi_E(w, w')\}$ ,  $V^\psi = \{(w, w') : \mathcal{G} \models \psi_V(w, w')\}$  and
- $R_i^\psi = \{(u, u'), (w, w') : \mathcal{G} \models \psi_{R_i}(u, u', w, w')\}$ ,

encodes a linear equation system over  $\mathbb{F}_2$  which has a solution if, and only if,  $\mathcal{G}$  is bipartite.