

# View-based query determinacy and rewritings over graph databases

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INTRODUCTION

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- Twitter: 500 million tweets per day
- Google: 3.5 billion queries per day

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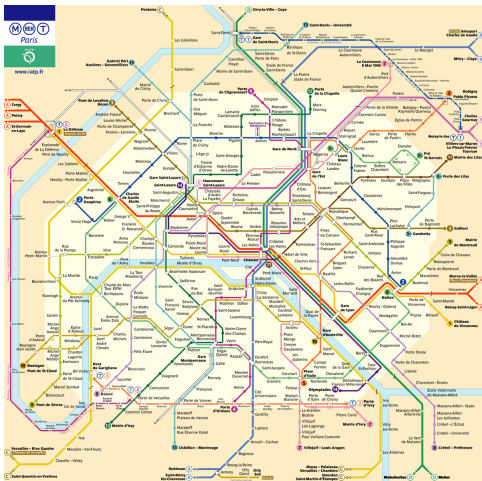
## Graph databases

- Nodes: individual data
- Edges: links between data

## Motivations

- Data naturally presented as graphs:  
→ Social networks, Internet, crime detection, semantic Web.
- Queries: paths, cycles, connected components





## QUERIES

- How can I go from Bagneux to Porte d'Orléans?
- Does any trip require more than 3 changes?
- What stations are closest to both my wife's and my work places?



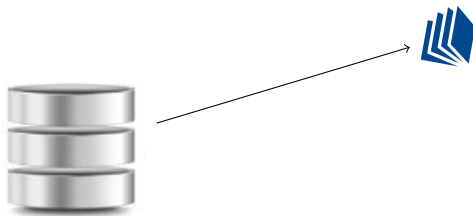
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- Who are the friends of my friends with whom I share a common interest?
- Who are my friends that know each other?
- How small is the world?

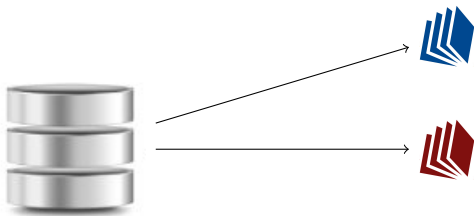
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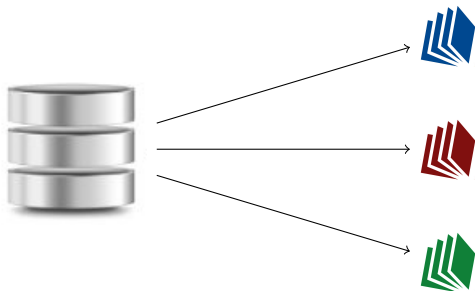
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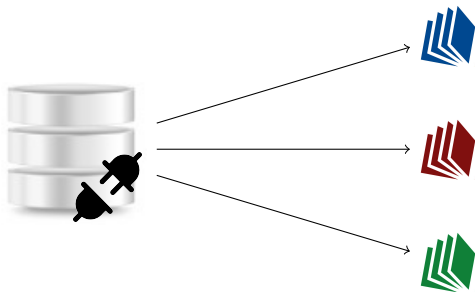
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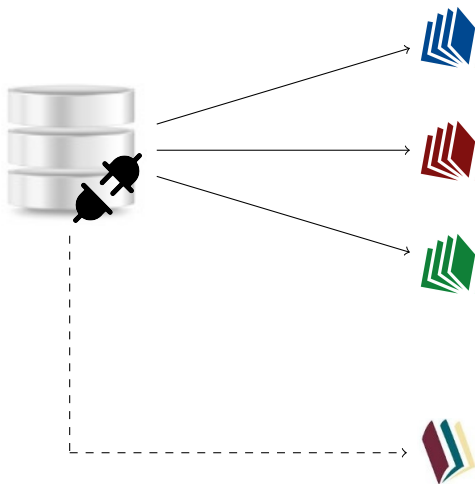
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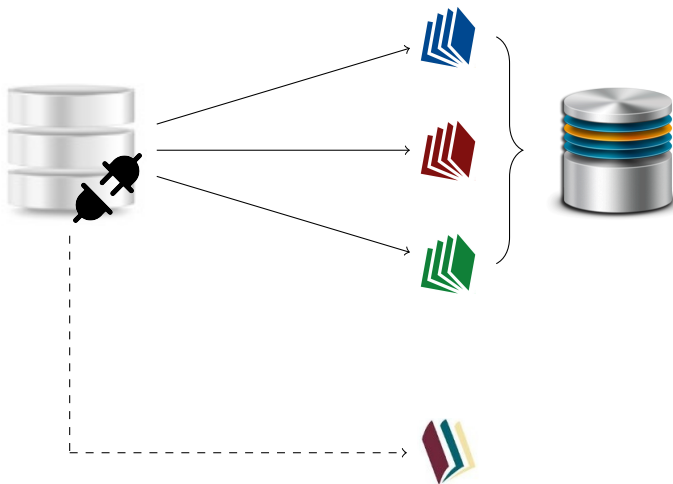


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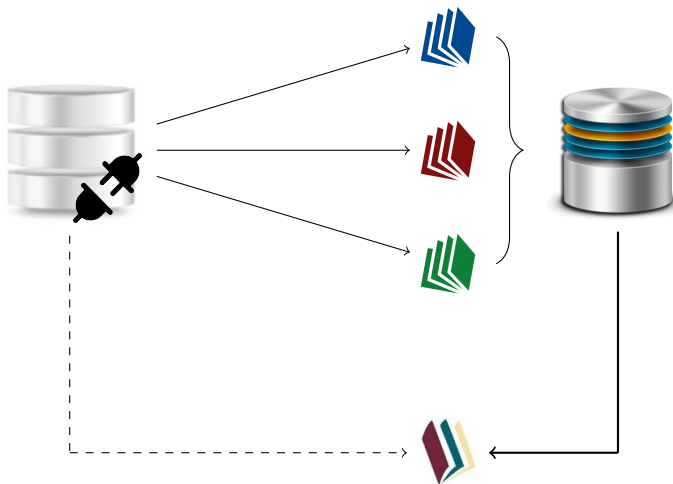




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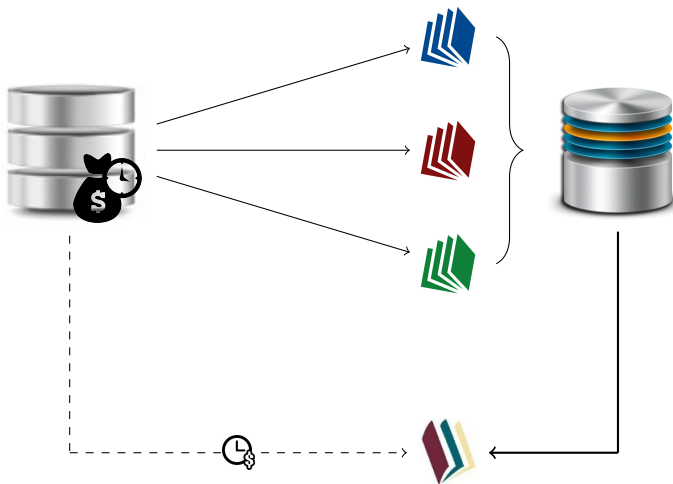


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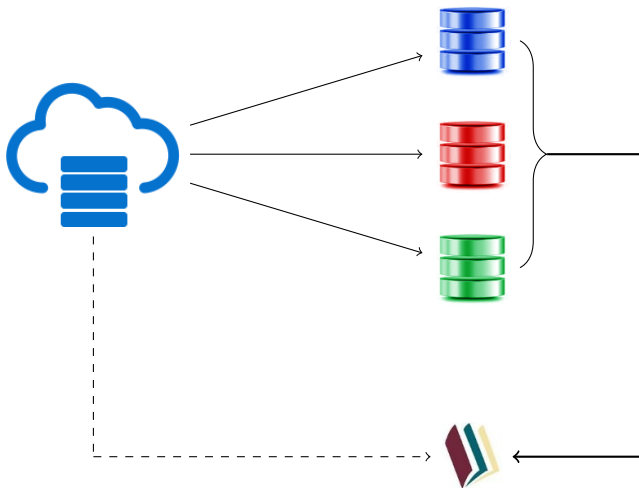
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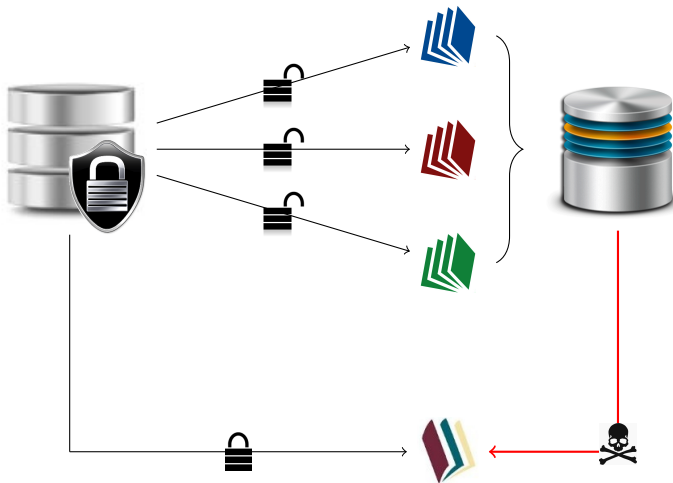
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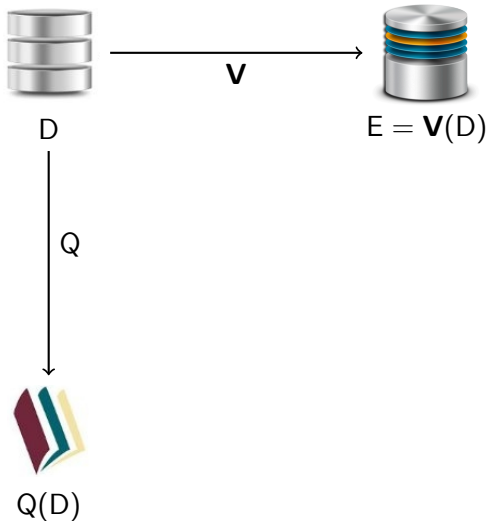


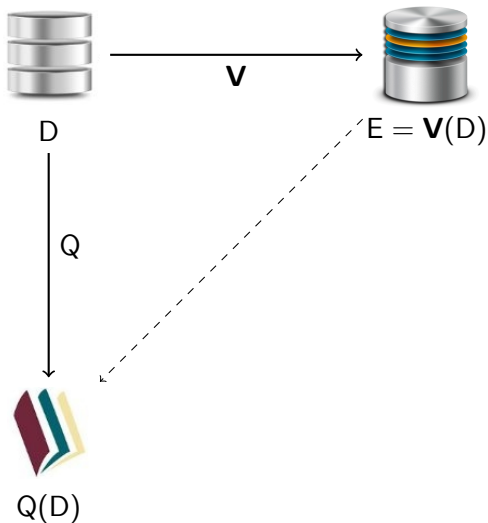
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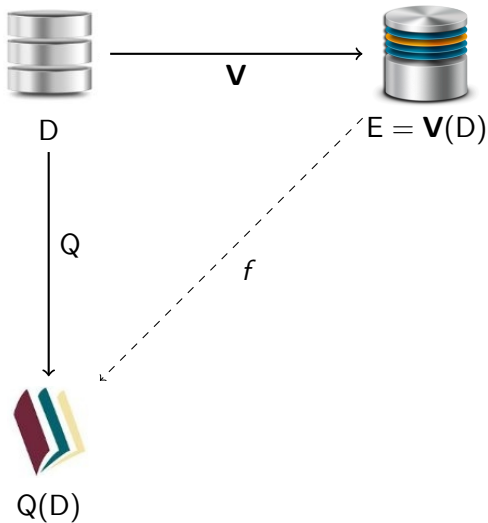
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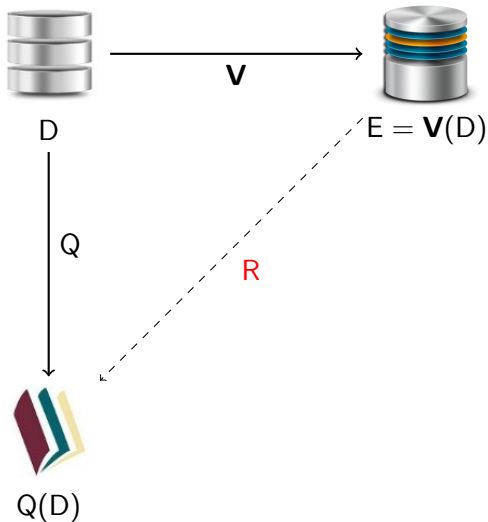


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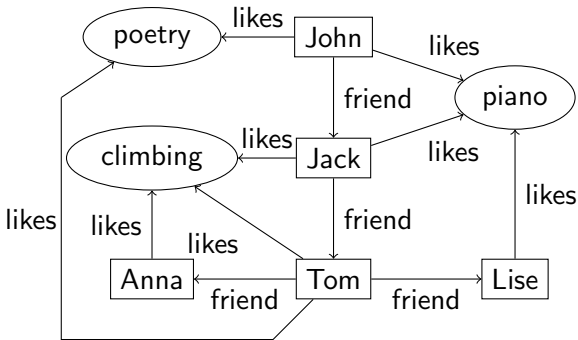
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(in what language?)

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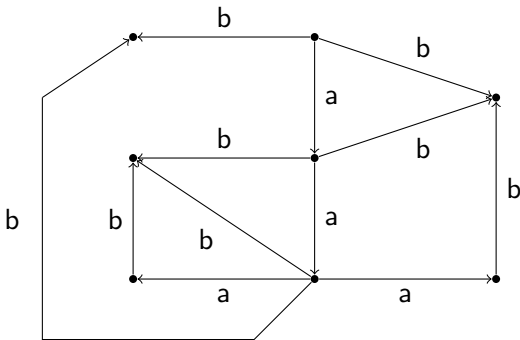
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Ex:  $Q = \langle a^* \rangle$ ,  $Q = \langle a^+ b \rangle$

Special cases:

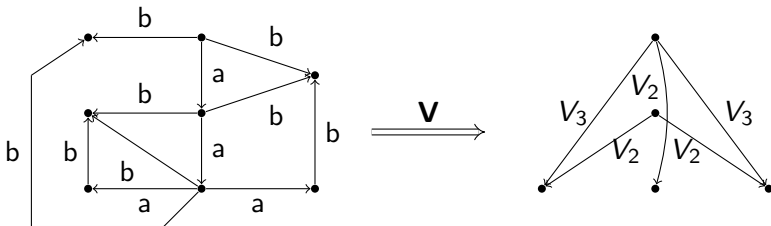
- Single path queries (SPQ):  $Q = \langle w \rangle$ ,  $Q_i = \langle a^i \rangle$
- Unions of single path queries (UPQ):  $Q = \langle w_1, \dots, w_n \rangle$

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View **V**: set of queries.

Ex:  $V_2 = \langle a^2 \rangle$ ,  $V_3 = \langle a^3 \rangle$ ,  $\mathbf{V} = \{V_2, V_3\}$



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## Rewriting

- Query R such that  
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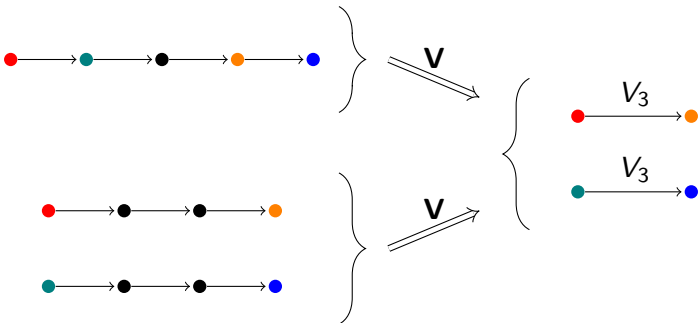
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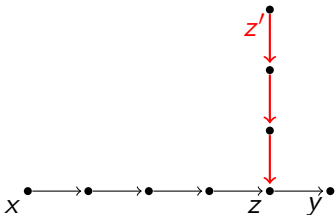




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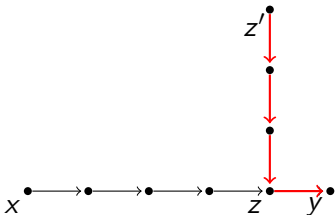
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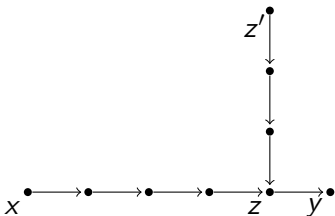


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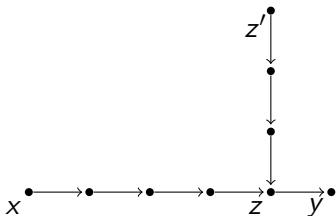
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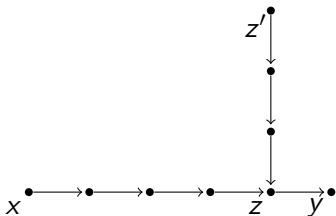
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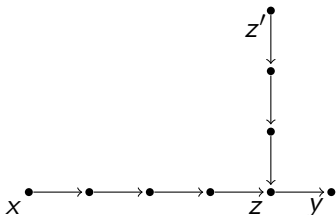
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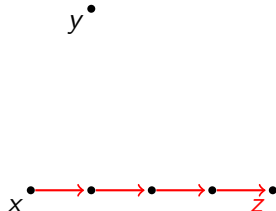
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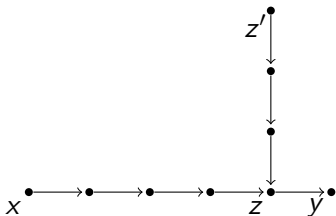


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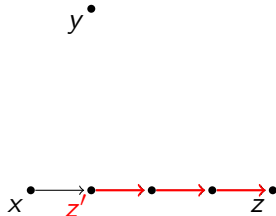
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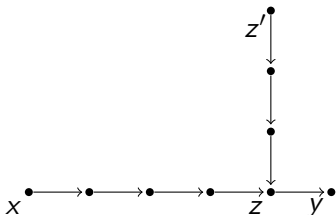
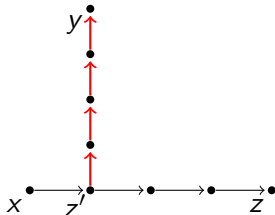
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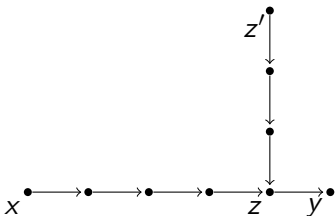
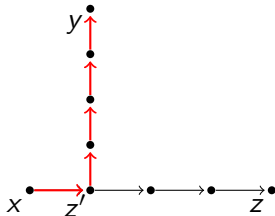
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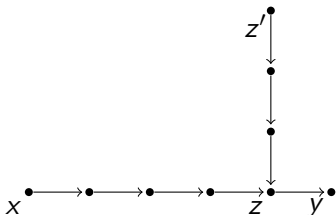
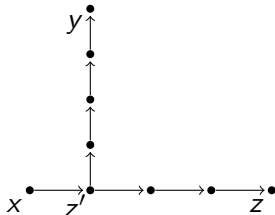
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$R'$  is also a rewriting :

$$\forall D, R(\mathbf{V}(D)) = R'(\mathbf{V}(D))$$

$R$  and  $R'$  behave differently outside of view images :

$$\exists E, R(E) \neq R'(E)$$

## Certain answers [Abiteboul, Duschka]

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## Theorem [F., Segoufin, Sirangelo]

If an RPQ view  $\mathbf{V}$  determines an RPQ query  $Q$ , then there exist a rewriting of  $Q$  using  $\mathbf{V}$  with NP data complexity, and one with coNP data complexity.

→  $\text{cert}_{Q,\mathbf{V}}^{\text{exact}}$  is likely not optimal!

## Positive and negative results

- [Afrati]: Determinacy is decidable for single path queries and views. Rewritings are in FO.
- [Calvanese, De Giacomo, Lenzerini, Vardi]: Monotone determinacy is decidable for RPQ views and queries.
- [Nash, Segoufin, Vianu]: Determinacy is undecidable for UCQ views and queries.
- [F., Segoufin, Sirangelo]: Determinacy is undecidable for CRPQ views and RPQ queries.

## Open questions

- Decidability is still open for two key query languages:
  - Conjunctive queries and views. (WIP - [Marcinkowski et al.])
  - Regular path queries and views.

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## Theorem [ICDT 2015, Best student paper]

The asymptotic determinacy problem is decidable for UPQ views and SPQ queries over graphs, and results in first-order rewritings.

→ Cor: first-order is almost complete for rewritings of SPQ queries using UPQ views.

# MONOTONE DETERMINACY

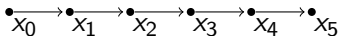
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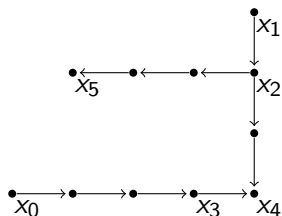
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## Monotone determinacy

- $\mathbf{V} \rightarrow Q$  and  $f$  is monotone.
- Equivalently:

$$\forall D, D' \quad \mathbf{V}(D) \subseteq \mathbf{V}(D') \Rightarrow Q(D) \subseteq Q(D')$$

## Motivations

- Many interesting languages are monotone: conjunctive queries, regular path queries, Datalog, etc.
- [Nash, Segoufin, Vianu]: for CQ views and queries, monotone determinacy  $\Rightarrow$  CQ rewriting.

## Key observation

If  $\mathbf{V}$  determines  $Q$  in a monotone way, then  $\text{cert}_{Q, \mathbf{V}}^{\text{sound}}$  is a rewriting.

$\rightarrow$  Idea: look for approximations of  $\text{cert}_{Q, \mathbf{V}}^{\text{sound}}$ .

## Constraint Satisfaction Problems as Queries

- Fix a template structure  $T$  with source and target nodes
- $(E, u, v) \in \text{CSP}(T)$  iff there exists  $h$  such that
  - $E \xrightarrow{h} T$
  - $h(u)$  is a source node
  - $h(v)$  is a target node
- $\text{CSP}(T)$  selects all  $u, v$  such that  $(E, u, v) \in \text{CSP}(T)$

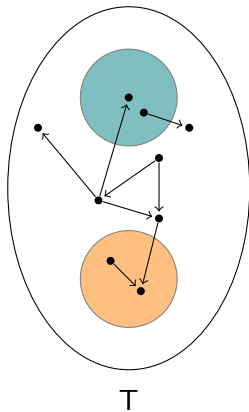
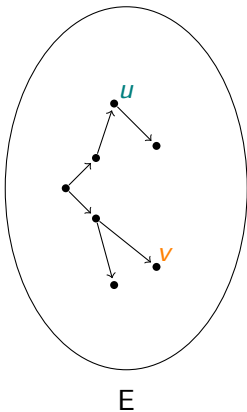
## Theorem [Calvanese, De Giacomo, Lenzerini, Vardi]

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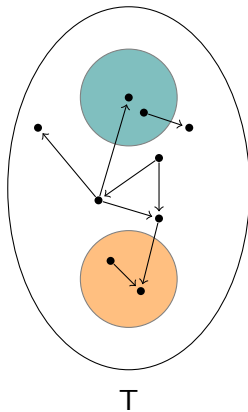
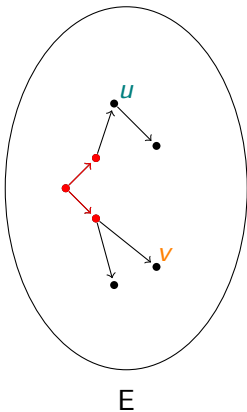
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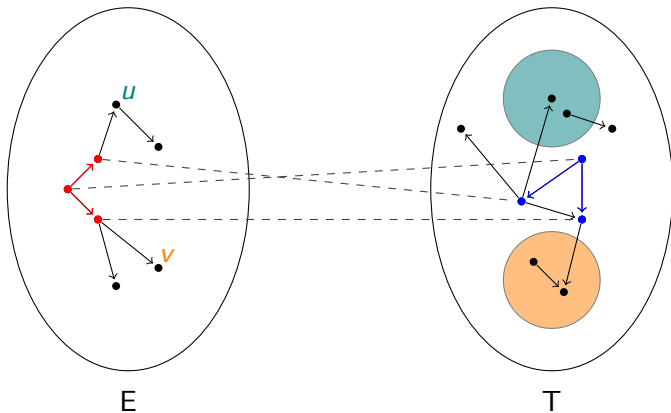
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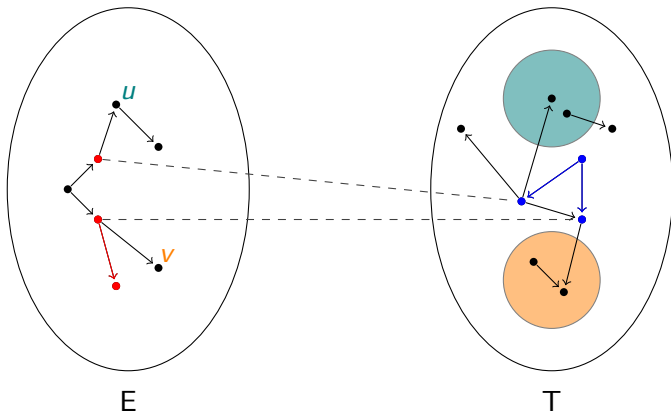
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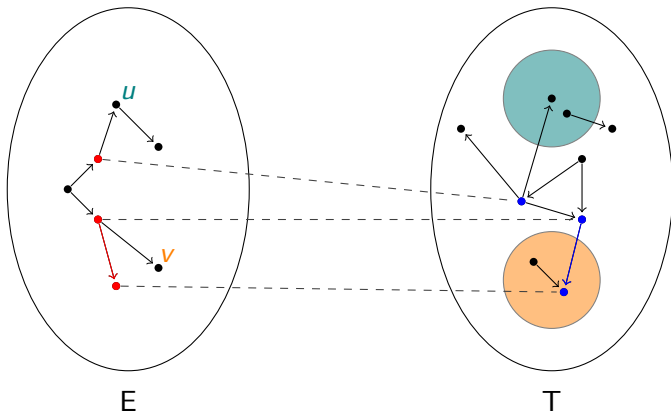
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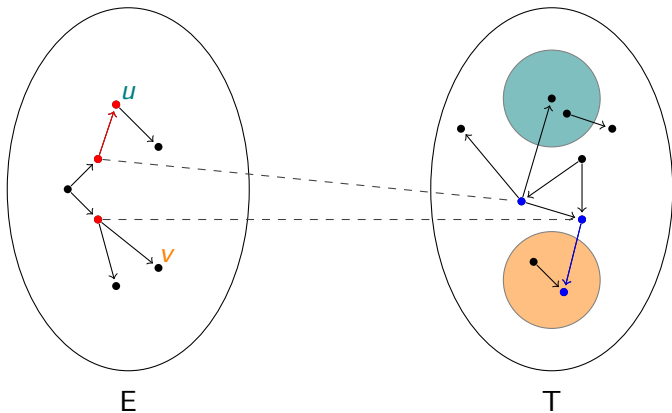
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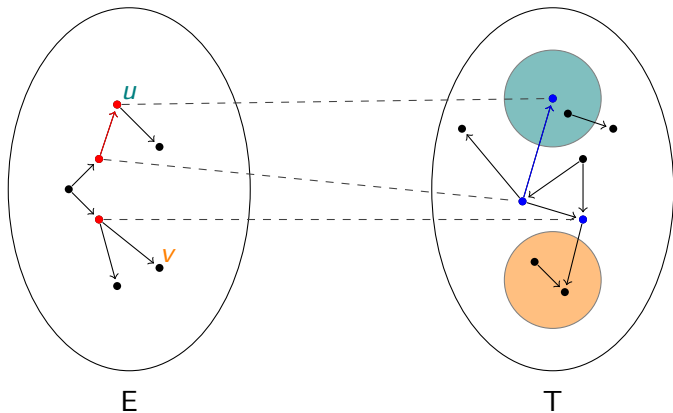
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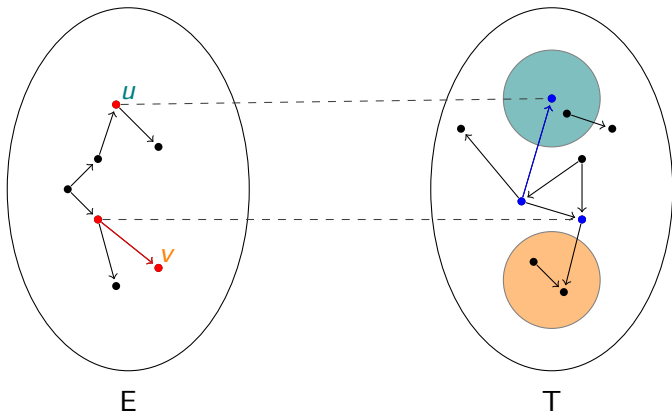
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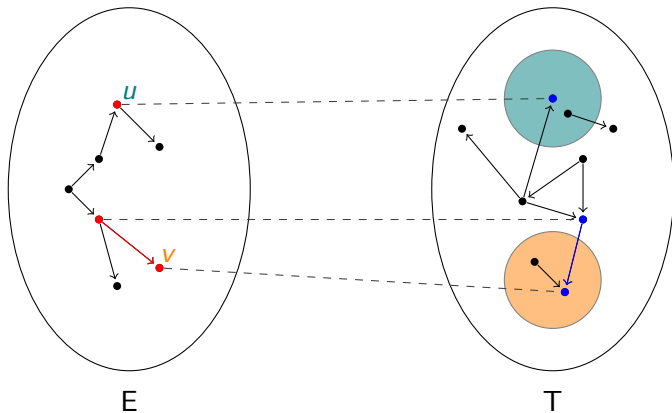
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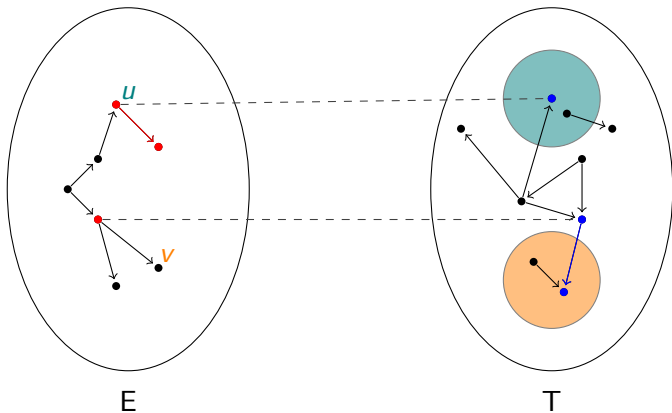
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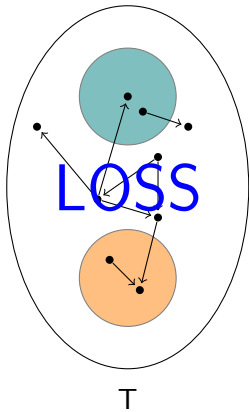
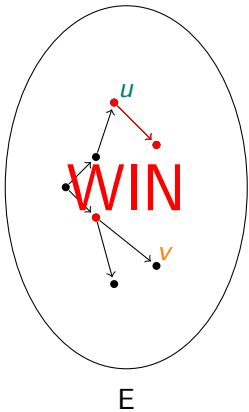


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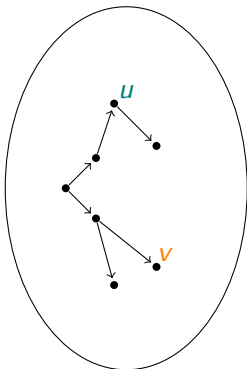
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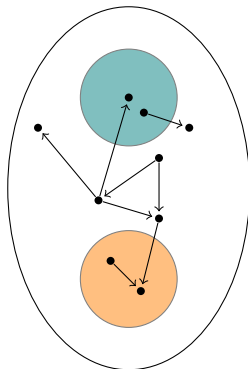


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## Theorem [Feder, Vardi]

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## The case of simple paths

- $\exists \ell, k$  such that  $Q_{\ell, k}$  is exact on views of simple paths.
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- **This is the technical part of the proof!**

## Lifting paths to arbitrary databases

Assume that some candidate query R is:

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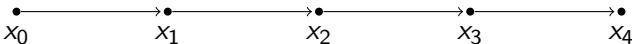
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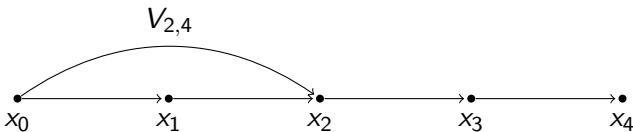


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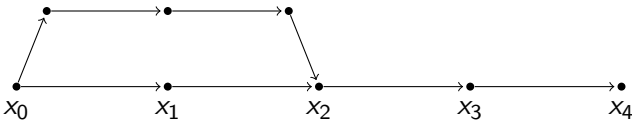


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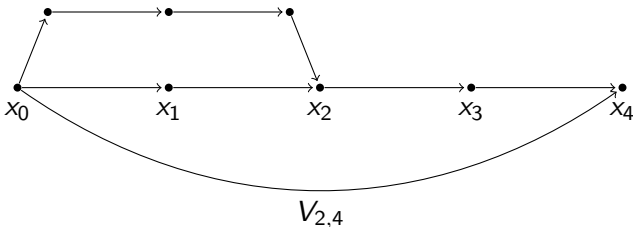


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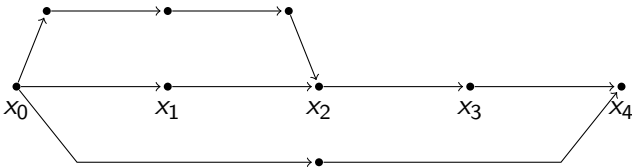


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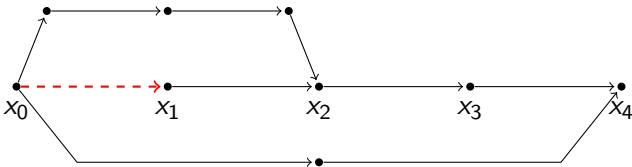


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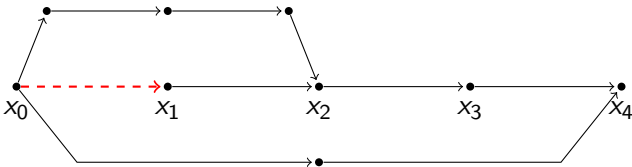


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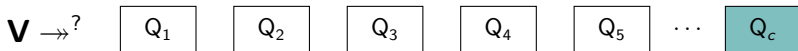


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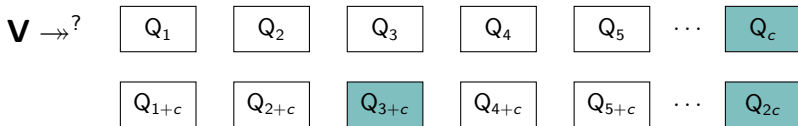
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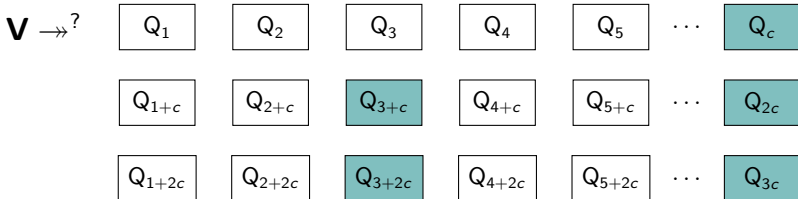


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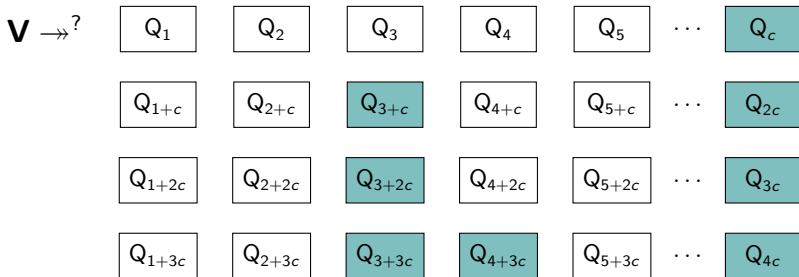




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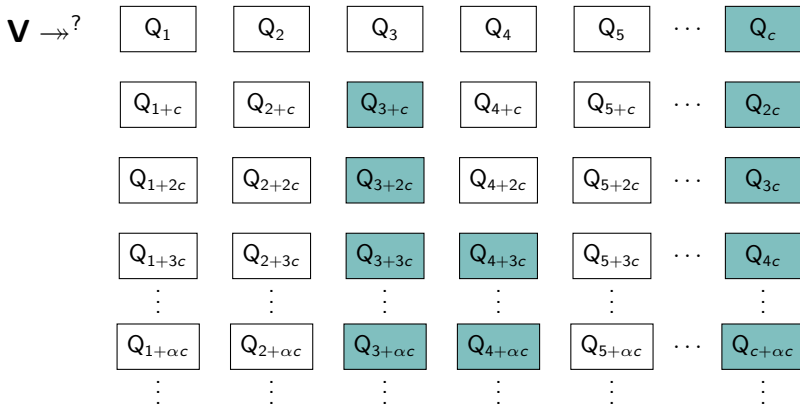


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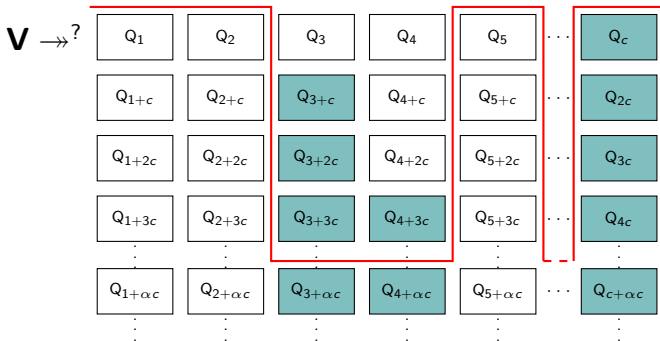
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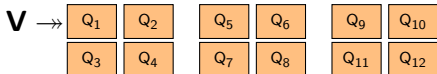


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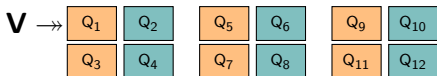
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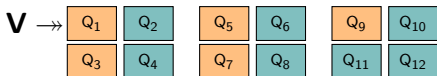
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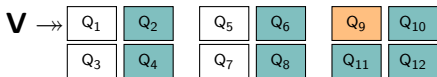
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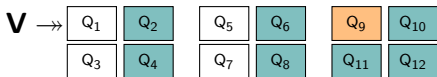
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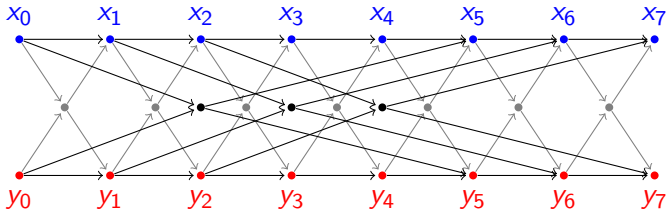
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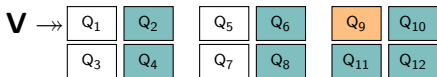


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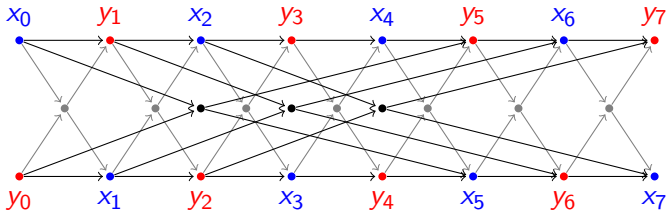


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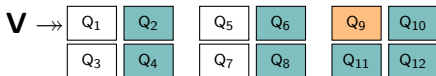


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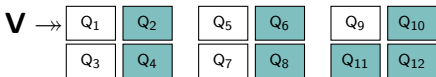
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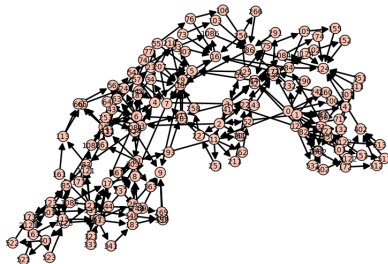
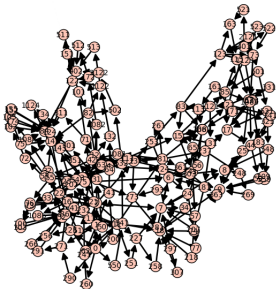
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PERSPECTIVES



## Questions left open

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- Monotone determinacy is decidable.
- What about general determinacy?
  - Decidability: unknown.
  - Answering: best known bounds:  $NP \cap coNP$ .

### On unions of single path queries

- Asymptotic determinacy is decidable for UPQ to SPQ.
- What about small queries?
- What about labelled graphs?

## Related questions

### On rewriting languages

- What is a good language for rewriting?
  - For RPQ queries and views: unknown.
  - For SPQ queries and UPQ views: FO?
- Here: tool for achieving complexity bounds.
- Other relevant properties?

### On the connexion between Datalog and CSP

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THANK YOU!

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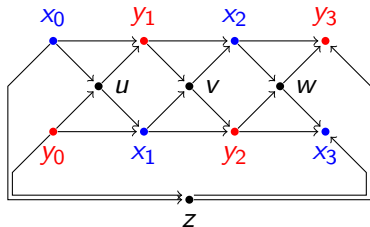
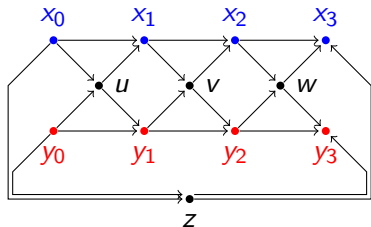
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$$V_2 = \langle 2 \rangle \quad V_{1,2} = \langle 1, 2 \rangle \quad V_{2,3} = \langle 2, 3 \rangle \\ Q_3 = \langle 3 \rangle \quad Q_5 = \langle 5 \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{V} \rightarrow Q_5$$

$$R(x, y) = \exists x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, \quad x = x_0 \wedge y = x_5$$

$$\bigwedge_i V_2(x_i, x_{i+2})$$

$$\bigwedge_i V_{1,2}(x_i, x_{i+1}) \wedge V_{1,2}(x_i, x_{i+2})$$

$$\bigwedge_i V_{2,3}(x_i, x_{i+2}) \wedge V_{2,3}(x_i, x_{i+3})$$

$$\forall z, V_{1,2}(z, x_3) \Rightarrow V_2(z, x_3) \vee V_2(z, x_4)$$

### Example 5

$$V_1 = \langle a, aa \rangle \quad V_2 = \langle aa, aaa \rangle \quad Q = \langle a(a^6)^* \mid aa(a^6)^* \rangle$$

$$R(x, y) = \exists z V_1(x, z) \wedge T^*(z, y)$$

where  $T(x, y)$  is defined as :

