Finite Model Theory – Homework 2

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1 Ehrenfeucht-Fraisse Games

1. (0 points)

- (a) Prove that the following properties are not expressible in FO. Hint: reduce them to an inexpressibility problem that you already know well.
 - i. Given a directed graph G = (V, E), check if |E| is even; in other words, check if the number of edges is even.
 - ii. Given a directed graph G = (V, E), check if it is a tree.
- (b) Prove that the spoiler has a winning strategy for the EF game with k = 4 pebbles, on the pair of structures C_{12} and $C_6 \cup C_6$. Here C_{12} represents a directed cycle of length 12:

$$1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow 12 \rightarrow 1$$

while $C_6 \cup C_6$ is the disjoint union of two directed cycles of length 6. Your answer may be informal, but clear enough to allow a human player to win the game (as spoiler).

2 Pebble Games

2. (0 points)

When needed, you can use informal arguments to prove that the spoiler, or the duplicator has a strategy in a k-pebble game.

- (a) Prove that the following query cannot be expressed in $L^{\omega}_{\infty\omega}$ (and, hence, neither in datalog): given two unary relations A, B, check whether $|A| \leq |B|$.
- (b) An Eulerian graph is an undirected graph that has a cycle that traverses each edge exactly once. Prove that the property "G is Eulerian" is not expressible in $L^{\omega}_{\infty\omega}$. Hint: you may want to do a quick search to learn about Eulerian graphs.