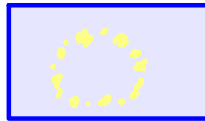


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CONJECTURE (BOODISLUY + P. '11)

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~ NP-COMPLETE

* IF $\text{Pol } A = \exists u, v, f$
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FO-REDUCTS OF: • $(\mathbb{Q}, <)$

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- GENERIC POSET
- TOURNAMENT
- HYPERGRAPH

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BOD. + P. '11 / BOD. + MARTIN + P. + PONGRÁCZ '15

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