

# Exercise 9: Semi-Positive Datalog

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$$\begin{aligned} <(x, y) &\leftarrow \text{succ}(x, y) \\ <(x, z) &\leftarrow <(x, y), \text{succ}(y, z) \\ <>(x, y), <>(y, x) &\leftarrow <(x, y) \\ \text{TwoOutgoingEdges}() &\leftarrow \text{edge}(x, y), \text{edge}(x, z), <>(y, z) \end{aligned}$$



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3. This is (most likely) not expressible (unless  $P = NP$ ), since 3-colourability is NP-complete and Datalog has P data complexity.

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4.  $C(x, y)$   $x$  and  $y$  are in the same connected component  
 $D(x, y, k)$   $x$  and  $y$  are not reachable via a path of length at most  $k$   
 $N(x, y, z, k)$  there is no path of length  $k + 1$  from  $x$  to  $z$  via  $y$

$$\begin{array}{ll} C(x, x) \leftarrow & C(x, y), C(y, x) \leftarrow \text{edge}(x, y) \\ C(x, z) \leftarrow C(x, y), C(y, z) & D(x, y, \ell), D(y, x, \ell) \leftarrow \neg \text{edge}(x, y), \text{first}(\ell), \langle \rangle(x, y) \\ N(x, y, z, k) \leftarrow \text{first}(y), D(x, y, k) & N(x, y, z, k) \leftarrow \text{first}(y), D(y, z, k) \\ N(x, y', z, k) \leftarrow \text{succ}(y, y'), N(x, y, z, k), D(x, y', k) & N(x, y', z, k) \leftarrow \text{succ}(y, y'), N(x, y, z, k), D(y', z, k) \\ D(x, z, k') \leftarrow \text{succ}(k, k'), D(x, z, k), \text{last}(y), N(x, y, z, k) & \text{Ans}() \leftarrow D(x, y, k), \text{last}(k) \end{array}$$

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$$\text{Chain}() \leftarrow \text{Connected}(), \text{NoTwoInEdges}(), \text{NoTwoOutEdges}(), \text{NoCycle}()$$
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with  $\text{NoTwoOutEdges}()$  defined as in 5., and  $\text{NoTwoInEdges}()$  defined analogously.

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