

Full \mathcal{H} -colourings

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Given two graphs G and H , a *full homomorphism* from G to H , also called a *full H -colouring* of G , is a function $\varphi: V_G \rightarrow V_H$ such that $uv \in E_G$ if and only if $\varphi(u)\varphi(v) \in E_H$. If a full H -colouring exists for a graph G we say that G is fully H -colourable. It is easy to verify that the family of fully H -colourable graphs is hereditary, and hence, it can be characterized by a set of forbidden induced subgraphs. It is known that for any fixed H , the number of forbidden induced subgraphs characterizing fully H -colourable graphs is finite. Thus, for a fixed H , the class of fully H -colourable graphs is polynomial-time recognizable.

For a family \mathcal{H} of graphs we say that a graph G is *fully \mathcal{H} -colourable* if there is a fully H -colouring of G for some $H \in \mathcal{H}$. A cardinality argument easily shows that there are choices of \mathcal{H} such that the recognition of fully \mathcal{H} -colourable graphs is not decidable. In this talk we will discuss some choices of \mathcal{H} having nice forbidden induced subgraph characterizations, in some cases even yielding linear time recognition algorithms for fully \mathcal{H} -colourable graphs.

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