A Polynomial Kernel for Funnel Arc Deletion Set

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A DAG is a funnel if and only if it does not contain the following as a butterfly minor.



Partitioning

- A DAG D is a funnel if and only if $V(D) = F \uplus M$ such that
- 1. D[F] is an out-forest,
- 2. D[M] is an in-forest, and 3. $M \times F \cap A(D) = \emptyset$.



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- There is a $\mathcal{O}(4^k k^4 nm)$ time algorithm for DFAS/DFVS.¹
- DFVS admits a polynomial kernel when parameterized by k and the size of a treewidth- η modulator (for constant η).²

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And with a simple reduction from ${\rm FADL}$ to ${\rm FADS}$ (and with a running-time analysis), we obtain:

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