

(Orthology-)Relations on rooted Median Graphs

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How to deal with induced P_4 ? Idea: Use median graphs



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G = (V, E) is a median graph $\iff G$ connected and $\forall \{a, b, c\} \subseteq V$, with distinct $a, b, c \quad \exists! med(a, b, c)$



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Every relation R on n vertices can be displayed by a median graph.

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- take a look at subclasses of median graphs such as
 - Buneman graphs
 - cube-free graphs



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THANK YOU for your attention!