

Digraph descriptions of certain Mal'tsev conditions

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By a 1973 result of Hagemann and Mitschke a variety is congruence n -permutable iff any edge in any reflexive directed graph compatible with the operations of an algebra of the variety is part of an n -circle. Accordingly, the n -permutability of a variety depends only on the set of digraphs admitted by it. Similarly, the n -permutability of a *locally finite* variety depends only on the *finite* digraphs admitted by it. In this talk, we show that a similar result holds for Taylor varieties, and the locally finite version holds for varieties omitting TCT types 1 and 5. We also consider the digraphs admitted by Polin's variety, which suggest that a digraph description for congruence modularity is unlikely.

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