

Average-case Algorithm for Testing Pseudo-isometry of Alternating Matrix Tuples

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- ▶ Class (at most) 2: $[G, G] \leq Z(G) = \{g \in G : gg' = g'g \ \forall g' \in G\}$.
- ▶ Abelian groups are class 1: $[G, G] = \{1\}$.
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$G \cong H$ if there exists a bijective map $\phi : G \rightarrow H$, such that

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- ▶ Sparse input model ($O(\log n)$): permutations, matrices, or black-box groups. (used in CGT)
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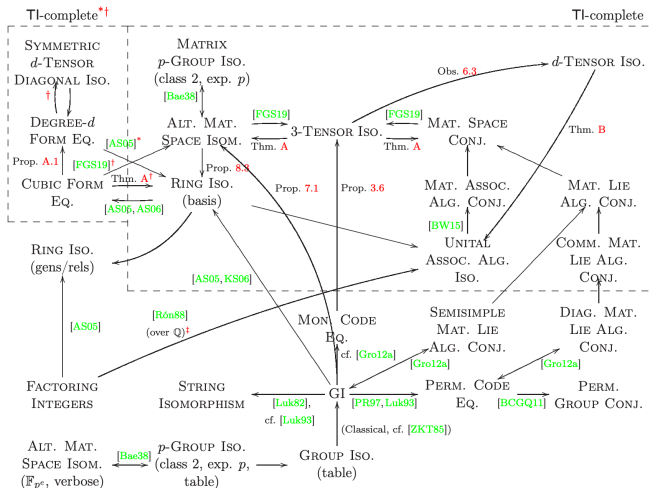
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- ▶ Isometry testing for alternating matrix tuples can be done in $\text{poly}(n, m, q)$ for **odd** q [Brooksbank-Wilson 12, Ivanyos-Qiao 18].

Relations with Other Isomorphism Problems



Conclude in [Grochow-Qiao 2019].

Problem $A \rightarrow B$ means a **polynomial-time** algorithm of problem B can also solve problem A in polynomial time.

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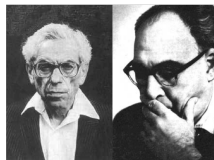


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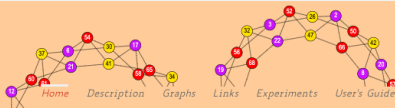


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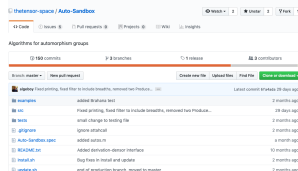
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Practically Implemented using **Magma**.
(<https://github.com/thetensor-space>).



The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for 'thetensor-space / Auto-Sandbox'. It displays the repository name, a description 'Algorithms for automorphism groups', and statistics like 414 commits, 3 branches, and 1 release. Below this is a table of recent commits with columns for the commit message, the author, and the time since the commit.

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Key idea about Average-case Algorithms

- ▶ Define “easy to check” properties which hold for “almost all” objects sampled from the random model.
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