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Can matrix equations be cooked up for other graph classes?

- path-like or tree-like graph classes, e.g. bounded cutwidth

- with comonadic strategy, only finite generation seems to be an issue


## Open Questions III

When is a function $h: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ such that $h=\operatorname{hom}(-, H)$ for some graph $H$ ?

- Lovász and Schrijver (2009) answer this for $\mathcal{F}=\{$ all graphs $\}$ using algebras of labelled graphs



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- Check out Grohe et al. (2022); Rattan and Seppelt (2023); Roberson and Seppelt (2023); Seppelt (2023)!


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