COMPUTING THE TAME CONGRUECE THEORY TYPE SET OF AN ALGEBRA

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We discuss the algorithm used in our algebra program to compute the type set of an algebra. This is a modification of the algorithm given in [1]. The type set of an algebra **A** is the same as the type set of β/β_* , β join irreducible in **Con A**. We find a subtrace for each such β and then find its type.

We give bounds on certain subalgebras of \mathbf{A}^4 , which show that both our algorithm and the one in [1] are faster than previously thought. We discuss a result distinguishing type 5 from type 4 using a greatest lower bound property of an associated structure.

The talk will be accessible with little or no background in Tame Congurence Theory.

References

- [2] D. Hobby and R. McKenzie, *The structure of finite algebras (tame congruence theory)*, Contemporary Mathematics, American Mathematical Society, Providence, RI, 1988.