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### *Digraph groups and their applications*

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*Abstract:*

For any finite digraph  $D$  we define a *digraph group*  $G(D)$  with the set of arcs as generating set subject to certain commutation relations. These relations reflect the relative position of arcs. The case of transitive  $D$  is of special interest. Then  $G(D)$  has a semidirect *Levi decomposition* into *semisimple* and nilpotent radical which are digraph groups in their own right. The semisimple part is a direct product of free groups and of unstable Steinberg groups over integers. There is a canonical linear representation of  $G(D)$  which is faithful on the nilpotent radical. We describe explicitly the kernel of this representation. We give an application to automorphism groups of graph groups.