1086-68-1027Volker Diekert* (diekert@fmi.uni-stuttgart.de), Universitaetsstrasse 38, 70569 Stuttgart,
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We will show that certain group theoretic decision problems are robust under taking graph products in terms of logspace computability. Elder, Elston and Ostheimer asked if the word problem of a free product of groups having a logspace normal form is again in logspace. A solution was given for linear groups. Waack showed that the word problem of the free product G * H is NC^1 reducible to the word problem of G, H and the free group on two generators. Therefore the question can be answered positively. We generalize this result to graph products of arbitrary groups with a word problem in logspace using Bass-Serre theory.

If moreover, in addition to the word problem, a normal form of the vertex groups can be computed in logspace, then we are able to compute normal forms in the graph product in logspace. (Received September 18, 2012)