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Vértanúk tere 1, H-6720 Szeged, Hungary. *The existence of a near-unanimity term in a finite  
algebra is decidable.*

We prove that given any finite algebra of finite signature it is decidable whether it has a near unanimity term operation. As a consequence, the natural duality problem for finite algebras in congruence distributive varieties is also decidable. (Received August 22, 2005)