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Seeking a Categorical Systems Theory via the Category of Hypergraphs

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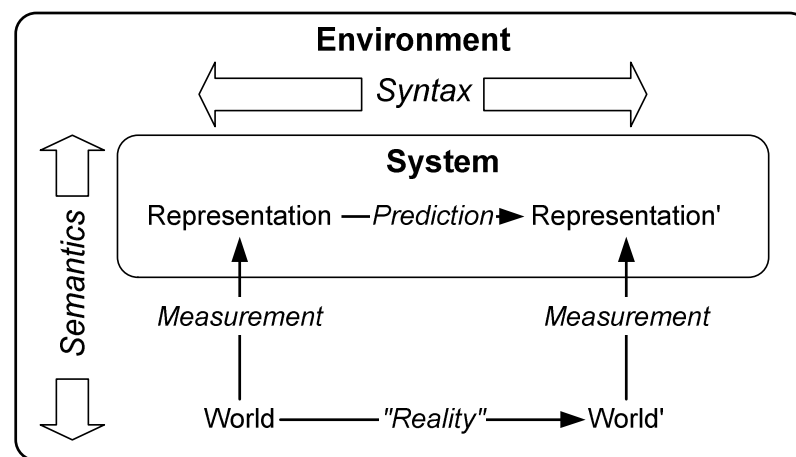
Mathematical Systems Theory



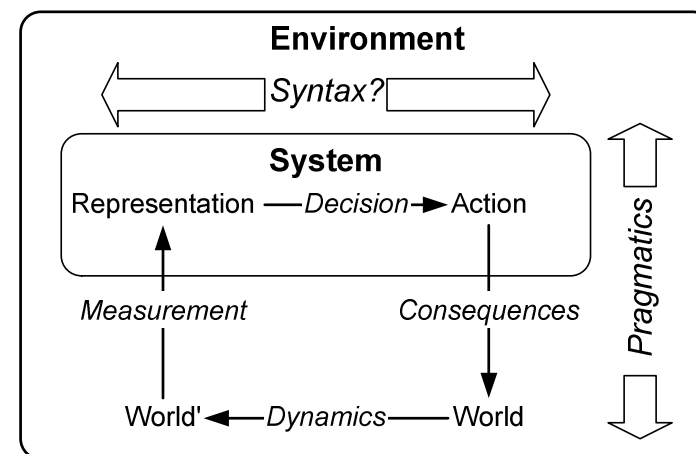
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- ▶ **Intellectual Tradition:** Complex systems, general systems theory, systems science, cybernetics, semiotics
- ▶ **Interdisciplinary models of evolving, hierarchical, semiotic information control systems:**
 - Physics, biology, ecology, neurology, economics, robotics, socio-technical
- ▶ **Classes of *formal models*:** Interrelation, translation, integration
- ▶ Philosophical affinity with *universal modeling frameworks*
 - **Automata Theory:** Arbib, Eilenberg, Zeigler
 - **Logic and CS formalisms:** UML, FOL
 - **Formal Ontologies:** OWL, Conceptual Graphs (Sowa)
- ▶ **Mathematics:** Category theory



Modeling Relation



Control Relation

Category Theory Historical in Systems Science

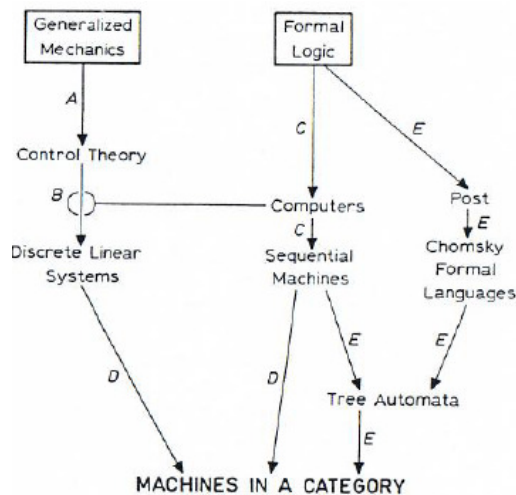


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Approaches to Categorical Semiotics



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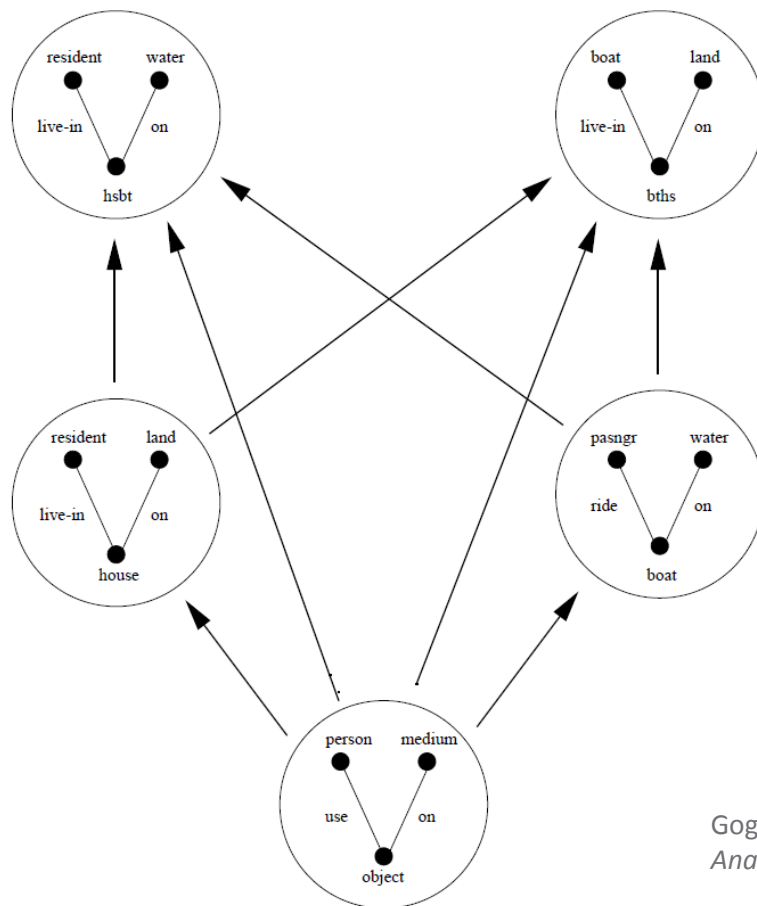


Figure 6: Two Different Blends of Two Input Spaces
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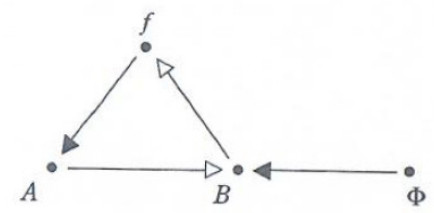
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Life Itself: The Preliminary Steps



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which we can correspondingly abbreviate as

$$A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{\Phi} H(A, B).$$

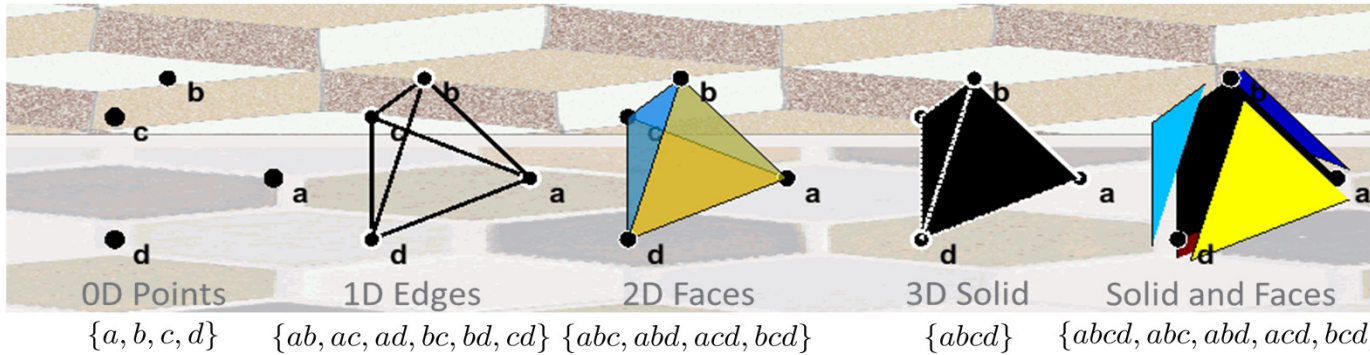
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Years Later: Complex Systems Modeling With Finite Set Systems



	X	Y	Z	Q
A	X		X	
B	X	X		X
C		X	X	X
D				X

► **Base spaces of simplicial sheaves**

► **Multidimensional network science**

► (Transposable) incidence matrices

► (Dual) hypergraphs

■ Abstract simplicial complexes

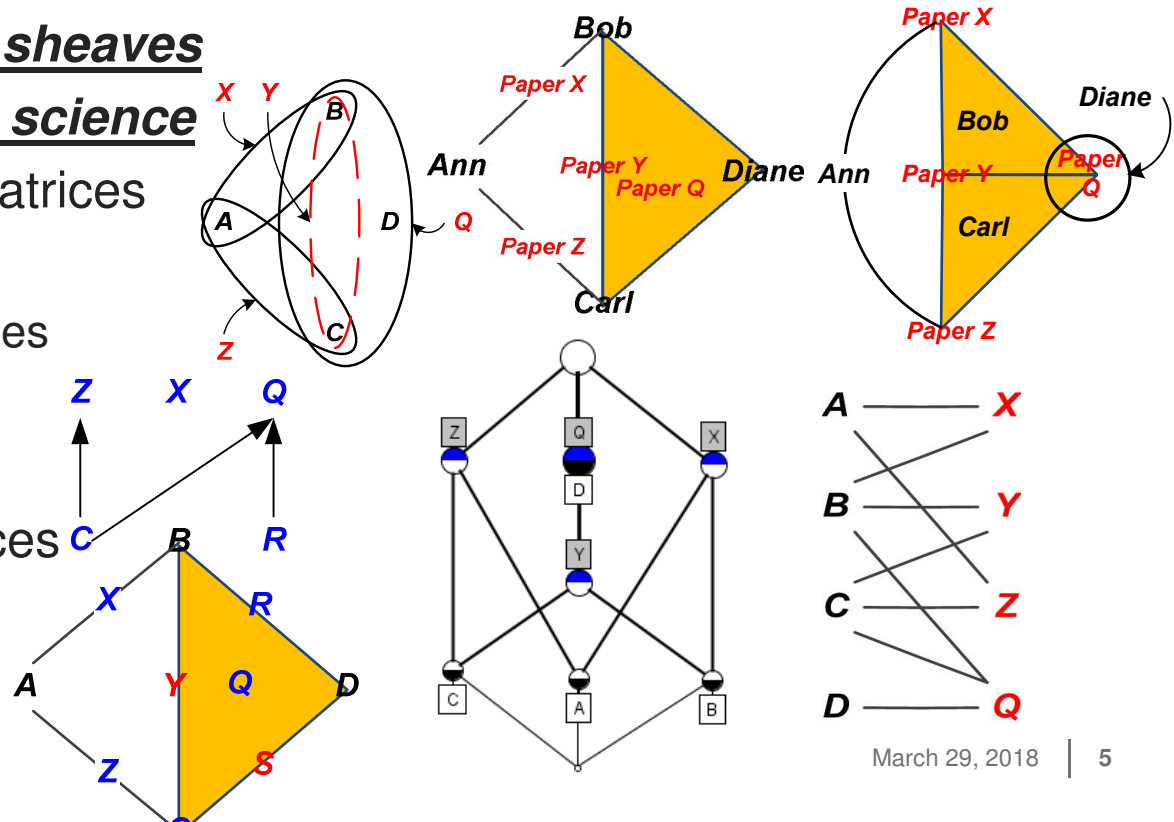
■ Sperner families

► Finite topologies

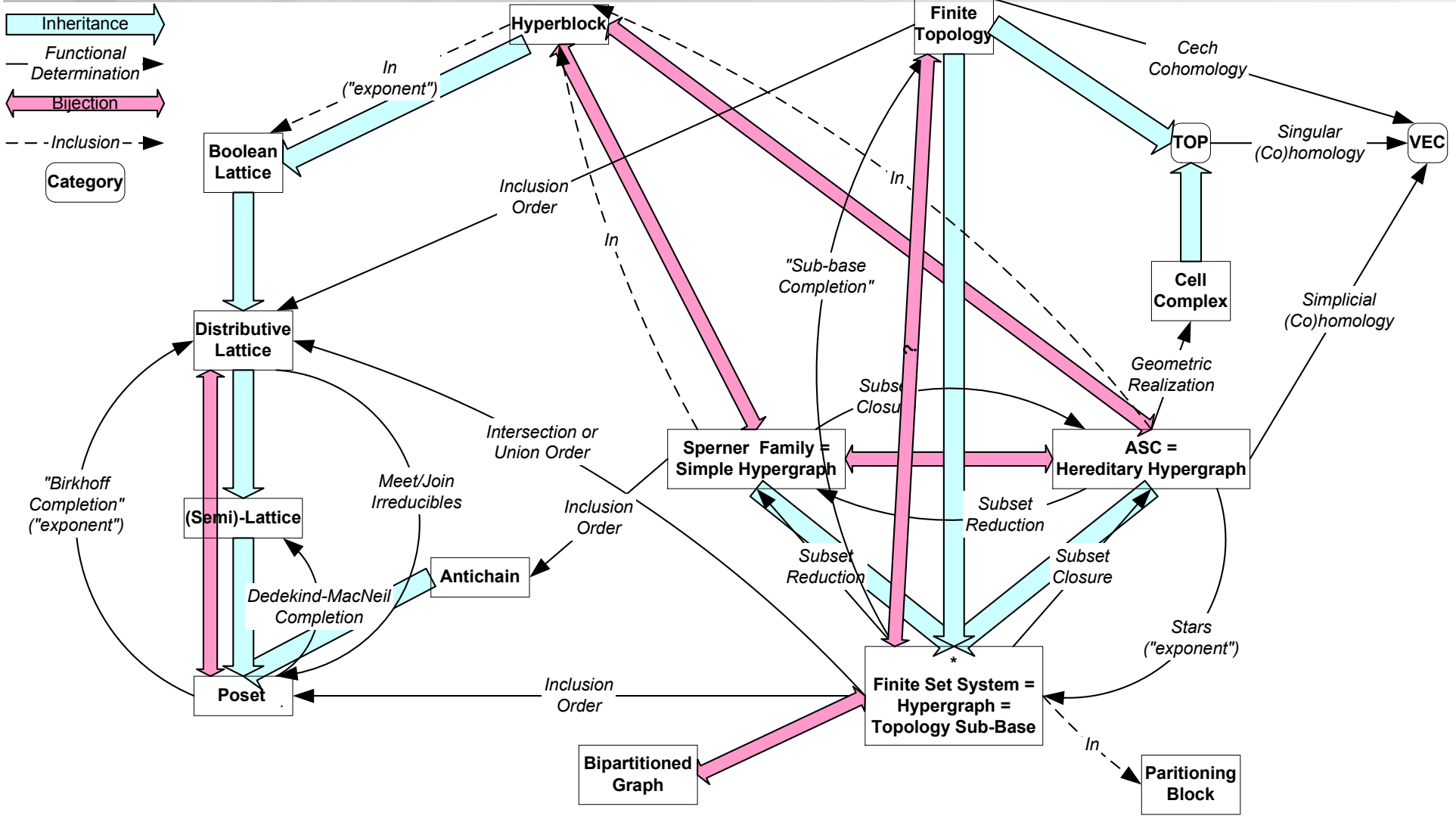
► (Dual) finite orders and lattices

► Bipartite graphs

► (Dual) concept lattices



Our Current Map of the World

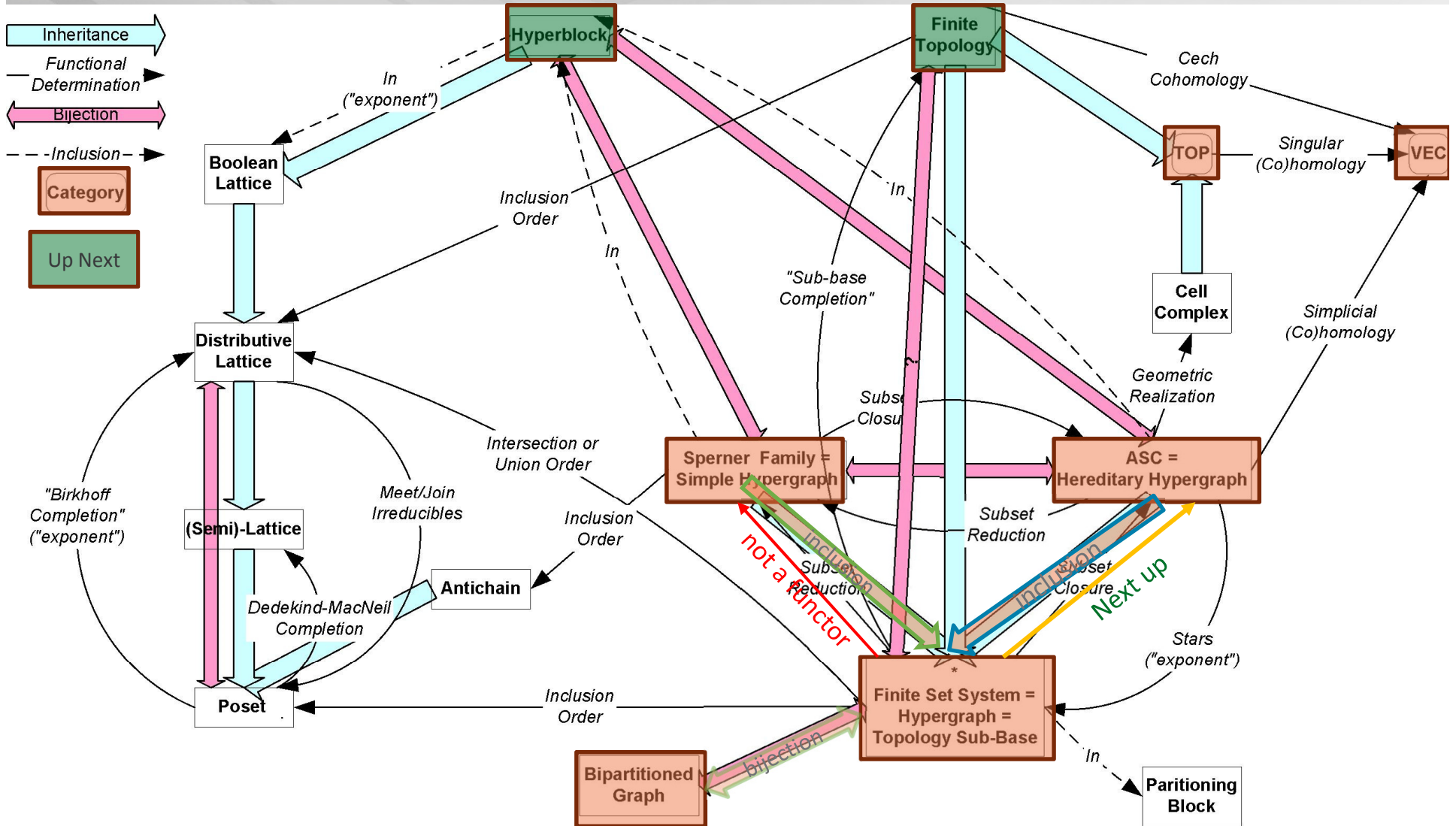


And It's (Partially Pending) "Categorialization"



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Concrete Question



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- ▶ **Hypergraphs for Community Interaction Analytics**
 - **Collaboration hypernetworks:** Email, proteomics, cyber, neurology
- ▶ **Question from our sponsor: Why hypergraphs?**
 - Why not just do bipartite graph analysis?
 - (How) Are the categories of finite hypergraphs, bipartite graphs, and Boolean matrices “equivalent”?
- ▶ **Answer:** It depends on definitions and cases (of course):
 - Isolated vertices
 - Self-loops
 - Multi-edges
 - Empty hyperedges
 - Empty hypergraphs
- ▶ **And apparently, especially: *Preservation of duality***
 - Subgraph isomorphism is the stock in trade graph analytics
 - Shouldn't sub-hypergraph isomorphism then also be for hypergraph analytics?
 - **But:** Then duality is violated!

Category of Hypergraphs



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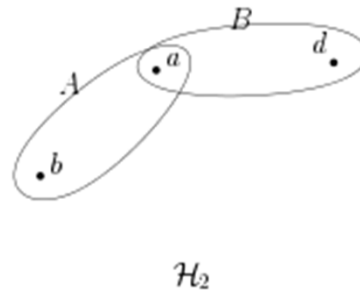
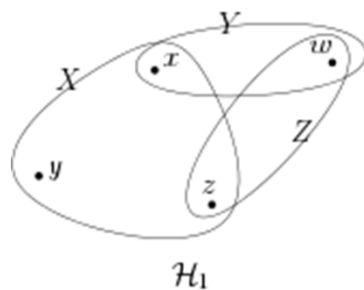
Objects: Let $\mathcal{H} = (V, E, f)$ where V is a set of vertices, E is a set of edges, and $f : E \rightarrow 2^V$ maps each edge to its set of vertices. We require that $V \cap E = \emptyset$. We call such an \mathcal{H} a *hypergraph*.

Arrows: Let $\mathcal{H}_1 = (V_1, E_1, f_1)$ and $\mathcal{H}_2 = (V_2, E_2, f_2)$ be two hypergraphs. A *hypergraph homomorphism* is a pair of set morphisms, $h_V : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$, $h_E : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$, such that the following diagram commutes:

Idea: A vertex map that carries the edges around with it.

- Inclusion map (subhypergraph)
- Isomorphisms
- Collapsing vertices and edges

Example:



$$h_V : \begin{cases} x \mapsto a \\ y \mapsto b \\ z \mapsto a \\ w \mapsto d \end{cases}$$

$$h_E : \begin{cases} X \mapsto A \\ Y \mapsto B \\ Z \mapsto B \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E_1 & \xrightarrow{f_1} & 2^{V_1} \\ \downarrow h_E & & \downarrow P(h_V) \\ E_2 & \xrightarrow{f_2} & 2^{V_2} \end{array}$$

Dörfler, W., and D. A. Waller. "A category-theoretical approach to hypergraphs." *Archiv der Mathematik* 34.1 (1980): 185-192.

Subcategories and Duality



- ▶ GRAPH is a subcategory of HG
- ▶ BIP (= Bipartite graphs) is a subcategory of GRAPH
- ▶ Desire:

- Duality of hypergraph is a functor from HG to itself

Let $d : \text{HG} \rightarrow \text{HG}$ be defined as follows:

$$d(\mathcal{H}) = \mathcal{H}^* = (E, V, f^*)$$

$$d(\mathcal{H}_1 \xrightarrow{(h_V, h_E)} \mathcal{H}_2) = d((h_V, h_E)) : d(\mathcal{H}_1) \rightarrow d(\mathcal{H}_2)$$

where $f^* : V \rightarrow 2^E$, $f^*(v) = \{e \in E : v \in f(e)\}$, and $d((h_V, h_E)) = (h_E, h_V)$

HG



GRAPH



BIP

- ▶ Problem: $d(h_V, h_E)$ is not always a morphism
 - Example: $\mathcal{H}_1 \subset \mathcal{H}_2$ and h_V, h_E are inclusion
- ▶ Solution: Require morphisms to be *surjective*

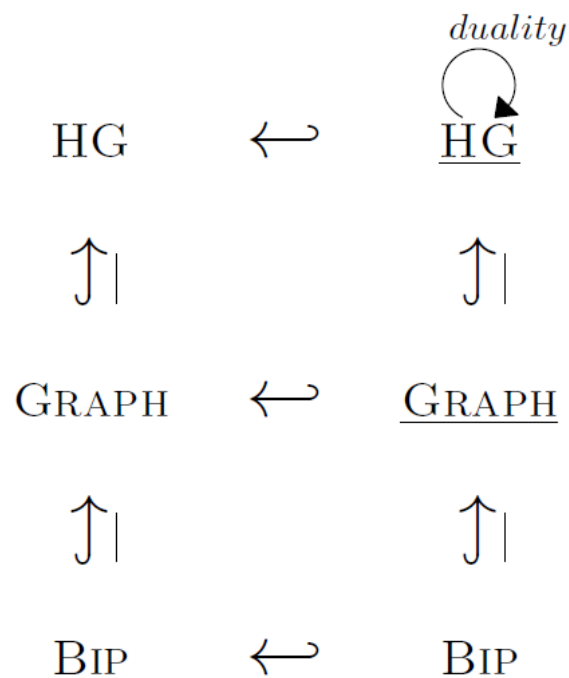
Surjective Hypergraph categories



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- ▶ Require all morphisms to be surjective in HG, GRAPH, BIP



Bicolored graphs



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- ▶ Bicolored graph = Bipartite graph with a 2-coloring specified

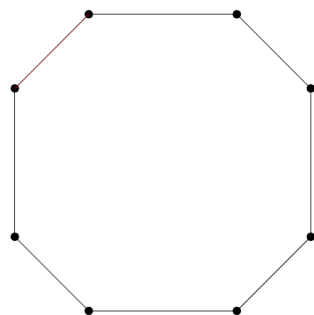
Objects: A *bicolored graph* is a triple (V, E, c) , where c is a bicoloring of $G = (V, E)$.

Arrows: Given $G_1 = (V_1, E_1, c_1)$ and $G_2 = (V_2, E_2, c_2)$, two bicolored graphs, a *surjective bicolored graph homomorphism* is a (surjective) graph homomorphism, $h : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$, such that

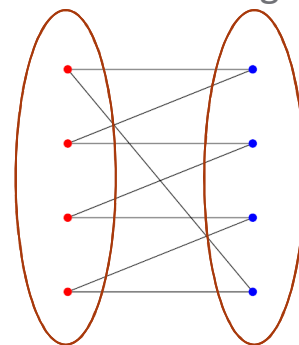
$$c_1^{-1}(0) = h^{-1}(c_2^{-1}(0)), \quad c_1^{-1}(1) = h^{-1}(c_2^{-1}(1)).$$

In other words, h must map color 0 vertices to color 0 vertices, and color 1 vertices to color 1 vertices.

Bipartite



“Vertices” “Edges”



Bicolored

Full map of Hyper- and Bicolored Graphs



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