

# Motivation

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**Definition 1.** Let  $A$  be a ring, and  $\mathbb{P}$  be a preorder - we will refer to this preorder as a *map*. Consider the *space of connections*  $\mathbb{L} = \mathbb{P} \cup \mathbb{P}^{-1}$ . If  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{L}$ , we denote  $a \text{---} b$ . Now, consider  $\mathbb{V}$  to be the free  $A$ -module generated by  $\mathbb{L}$ . We call it *solution* of  $\mathbb{P}$ .

Now define the sets  $S = \{a \text{---} b - b \text{---} y\}_{a \leq b}$  and  $T = \{a \text{---} b + b \text{---} c - a \text{---} c\}_{a \leq b \leq c}$ . These sets are called the *coagulant* and *solvent*, and its elements are called *symmetries* and *transitivities*, respectively. We define the *congeal* (name and notation for the congeal are not yet established) as  $\mathbb{V}_S = \mathbb{V} / \langle S \rangle$ , where  $\langle X \rangle$  is the submodule generated by  $X$ . The *hydrosphere* is  $V_{\mathbb{P}} = \mathbb{V}_S / \langle \pi(T') \rangle$ , where  $\pi$  is the projection  $\mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{V}_S$ . If  $a \text{---} b$ , we write its image in  $V_{\mathbb{P}}$  as  $[a \text{---} b]$ , and call it a *polarity*.

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*Proposition 1.* Given a hydrosphere  $V$ , we have:

- If  $a \text{---} b$ , then  $[a \text{---} b] = [b \text{---} a]$ ;
- If  $a \leq b \leq c$ , then  $[a \text{---} b] + [b \text{---} c] = [a \text{---} c]$ ;
- When  $a$  is an element of  $\text{dom} \mathbb{P}$ ,  $[a \text{---} a] = 0$ .

*Proof.* I will only prove that last one: since  $a \leq a \leq a$ ,  $[a \text{---} a] + [a \text{---} a] = [a \text{---} a]$ . Thus,  $[a \text{---} a] = 0$ .  $\square$

A *map* will be illustrated by its Hasse diagram, and we will see that this diagram will be an important part of our work. For clarity:

**Definition 2.** Given a finite preorder  $\mathbb{P}$ , its Hasse diagram (which we will call a *hydrography*) is the graph when the vertices are the elements of  $\text{dom} \mathbb{P}$ , and the edges are the pairs  $a \leq b$ , when there is no  $c \notin \{a, b\}$  such that  $a \leq c \leq b$ .

If  $a \leq b$  is an edge of the Hasse diagram of  $\mathbb{P}$ , then  $[a \text{---} b]$  is called an *edge* of  $V$ .

*Proposition 2.* Let  $\mathbb{P}$  be a finite preorder. Then the edges generate the hydrosphere.

*Proof.* It is clear that the polarities generate  $V$ . Let  $[a \text{---} b]$  be a polarity that is not an edge. Then there exists a chain  $a := c_1 \leq \dots \leq c_n := b$ ,  $n > 2$ , where each  $[c_i \text{---} c_{i+1}]$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n-1$ , is an edge. Thus  $[a \text{---} b] = \sum_i [c_i \text{---} c_{i+1}]$ .  $\square$