

A black and white photograph showing a chessboard in the foreground with several chess pieces visible. In the background, a person wearing a dark suit and a white shirt is standing and looking down at the board. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and shadows.

Lecture 2

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Now from games to logic

Vocabulary

A **vocabulary** is a set L of
predicate symbols P, Q, R, \dots
function symbols f, g, h, \dots
constant symbols c, d, e, \dots

Arity function:

$$\#_L : L \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

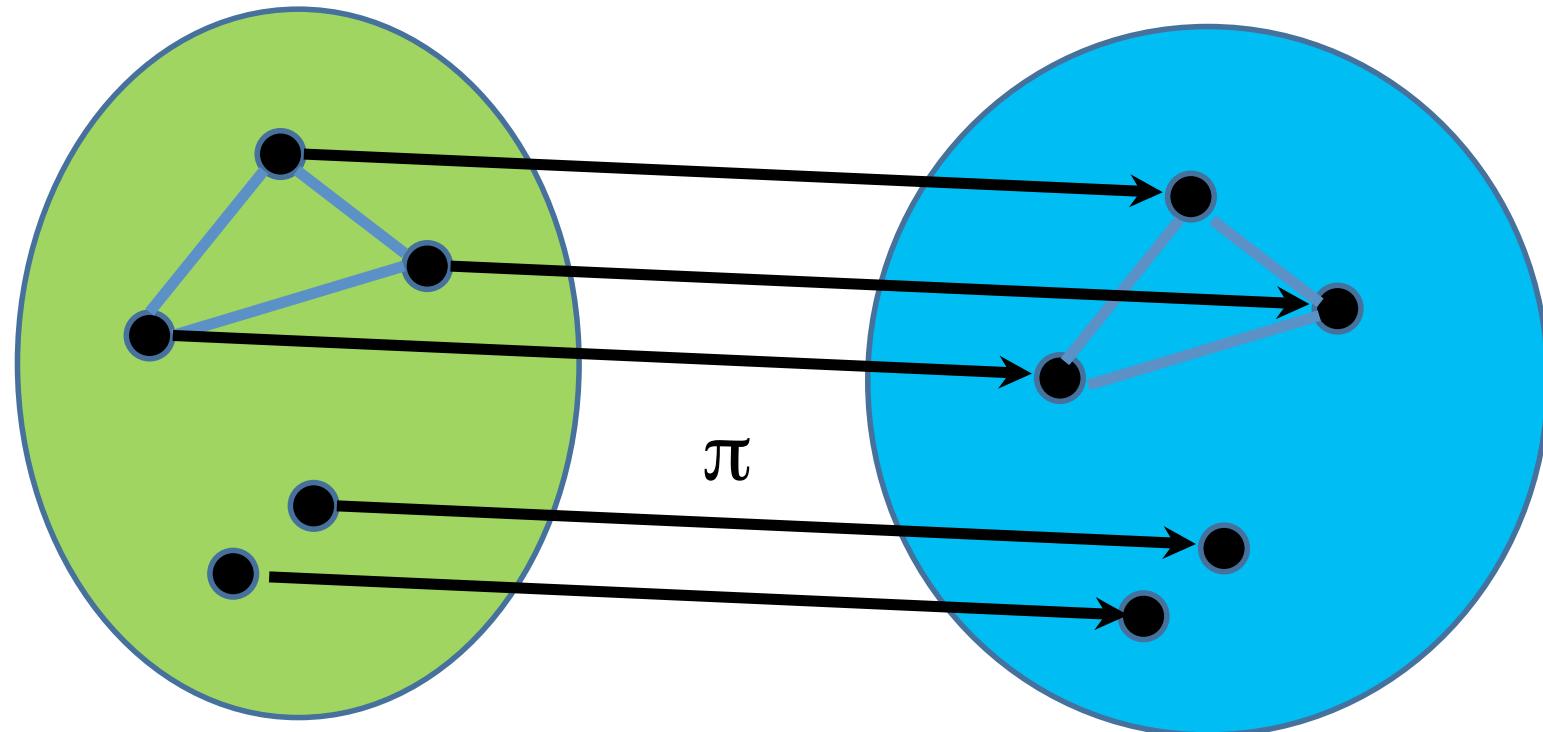
Model

- A model (or **structure**) M , for a vocabulary L is a non-empty set M , called the **universe** of M , and:
 - A subset P^M of M^n for every unary predicate symbol P in L of arity n
 - A function f^M of M^n into M for every function symbol f in L of arity n
 - An element c^M of M for every constant symbol c in L .

Examples

- Graphs
- Groups
- Unary structures
- Ordered sets
- Equivalence relations
- Fields

Isomorphism



Isomorphism defined

Definition 4.1.2. *L -structures \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{M}' are isomorphic, if there is a bijection*

$$\pi : M \rightarrow M'$$

such that

1. *For all $a_1, \dots, a_{\#_L(R)} \in M$:*

$$(a_1, \dots, a_{\#_L(R)}) \in R^{\mathcal{M}} \iff (\pi(a_1), \dots, \pi(a_{\#_L(R)})) \in R^{\mathcal{M}'}$$

2. *For all $a_1, \dots, a_{\#_L(f)} \in M$:*

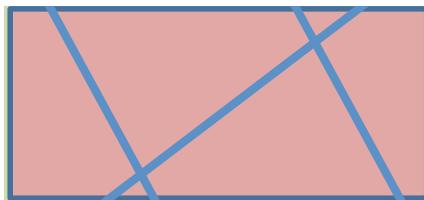
$$f^{\mathcal{M}'}(\pi(a_1), \dots, \pi(a_{\#_L(f)})) = \pi(f^{\mathcal{M}}(a_1, \dots, a_{\#_L(f)})).$$

3. $\pi(c^{\mathcal{M}}) = c^{\mathcal{M}'}$.

In this case we say that π is an isomorphism $\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}'$

$$\pi : \mathcal{M} \cong \mathcal{M}'.$$

Substructure



Definition 4.2.1. An L -structure \mathcal{M} is a substructure of another L -structure \mathcal{M}' , in symbols $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathcal{M}'$, if:

1. $M \subseteq M'$
2. $R^{\mathcal{M}} = R^{\mathcal{M}'} \cap M^n$ if $R \in L$ is an n -ary predicate symbol.
3. $f^{\mathcal{M}} = f^{\mathcal{M}'} \upharpoonright M^n$ if $f \in L$ is an n -ary function symbol.
4. $c^{\mathcal{M}} = c^{\mathcal{M}'}$ if $c \in L$ is a constant symbol.

Generated substructure

Lemma 4.2.1. Suppose L is a vocabulary, \mathcal{M} an L -structure and $X \subseteq M$. Suppose furthermore that either L contains constant symbols or $X \neq \emptyset$. There is a **unique** L -structure \mathcal{N} such that:

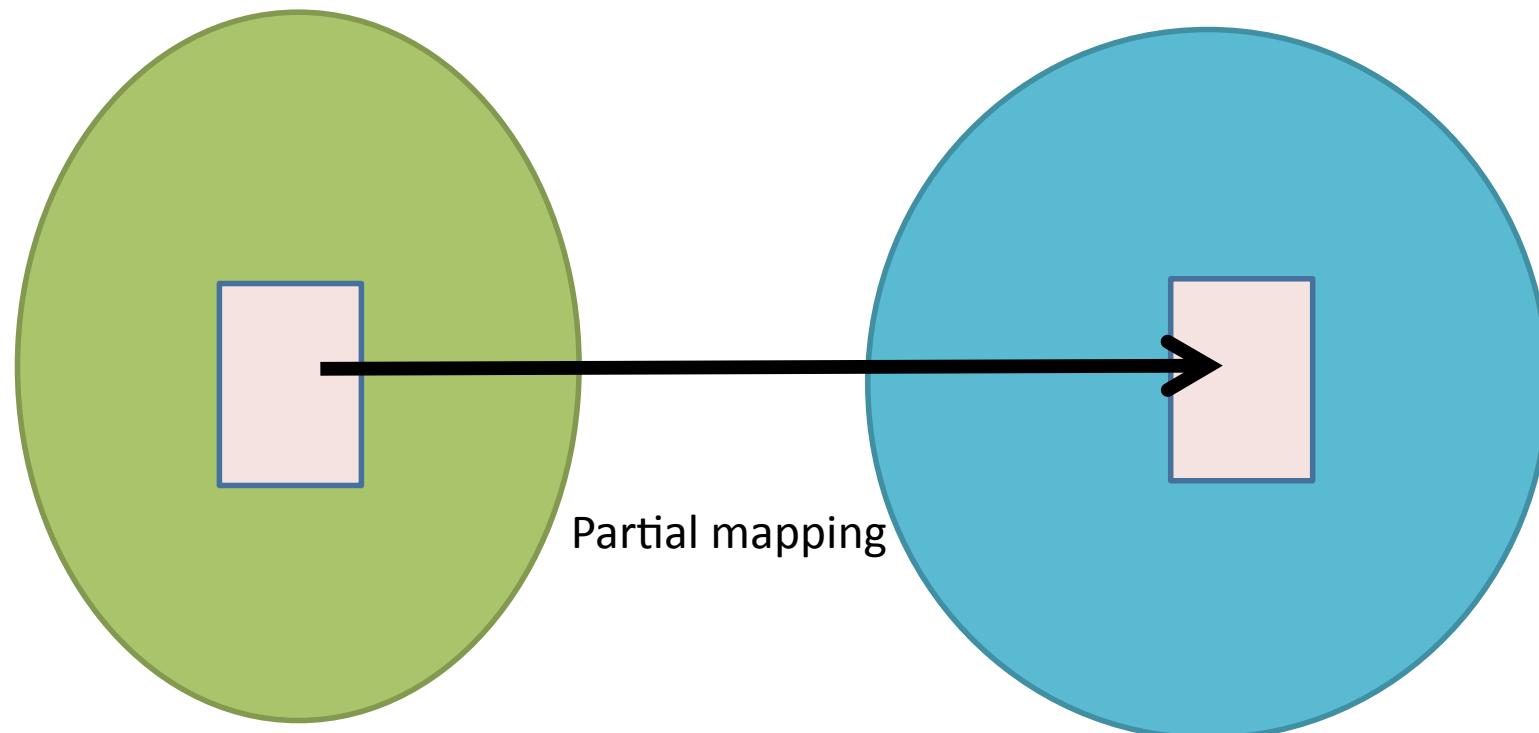
1. $\mathcal{N} \subseteq \mathcal{M}$.
2. $X \subseteq N$.
3. If $\mathcal{N}' \subseteq \mathcal{M}$ and $X \subseteq N'$, then $\mathcal{N} \subseteq \mathcal{N}'$.

Proof. Let $X_0 = X \cup \{c^{\mathcal{M}} : c \in L\}$ and inductively

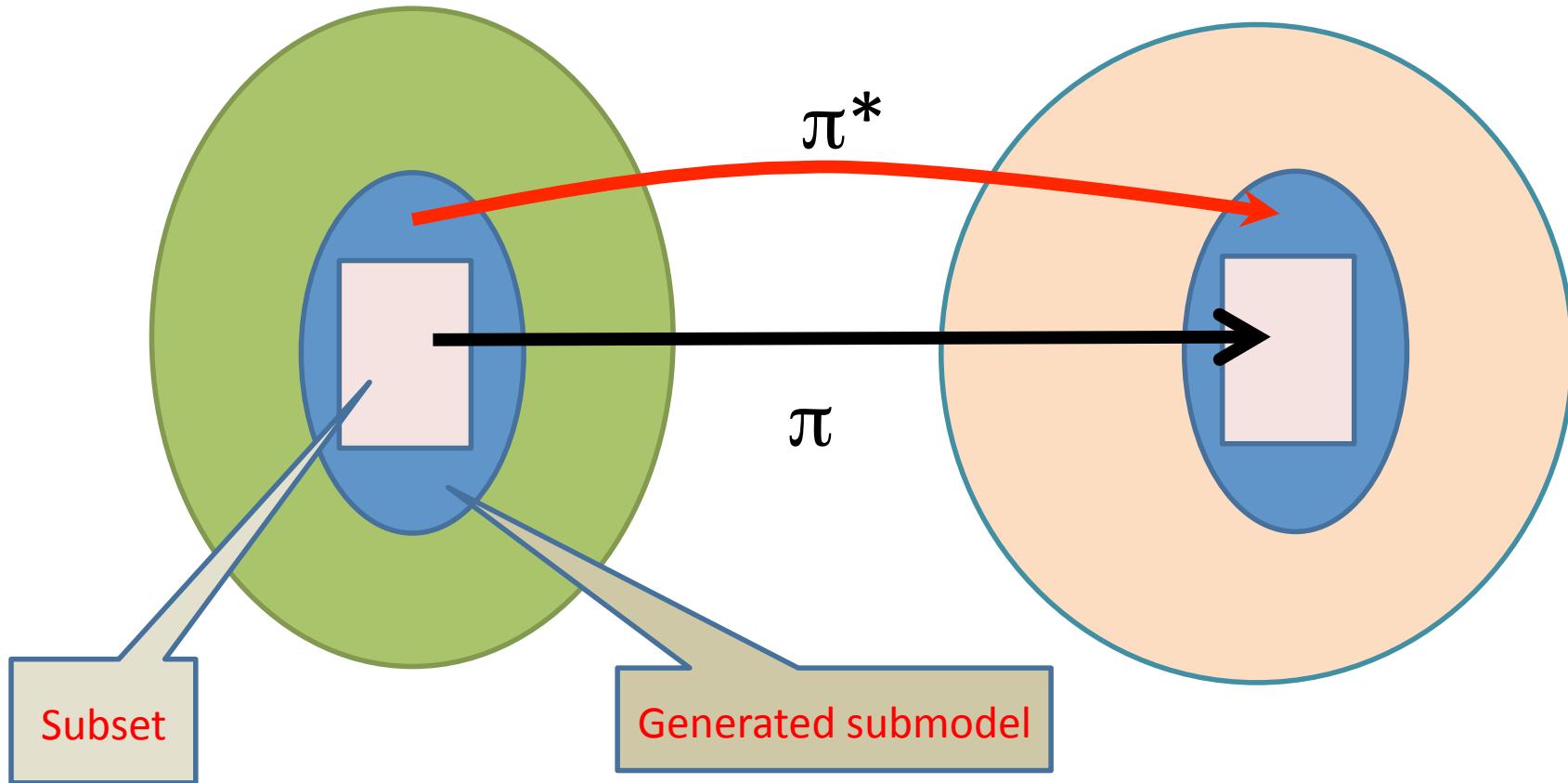
$$X_{n+1} = \{f^{\mathcal{M}}(a_1, \dots, a_{\#_L(f)}) : a_1, \dots, a_{\#_L(f)} \in X_n, f \in L\}.$$

It is easy to see that the set $N = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} X_n$ is the universe of the unique structure \mathcal{N} claimed to exist in the lemma. □

Partial mappings



Lifting



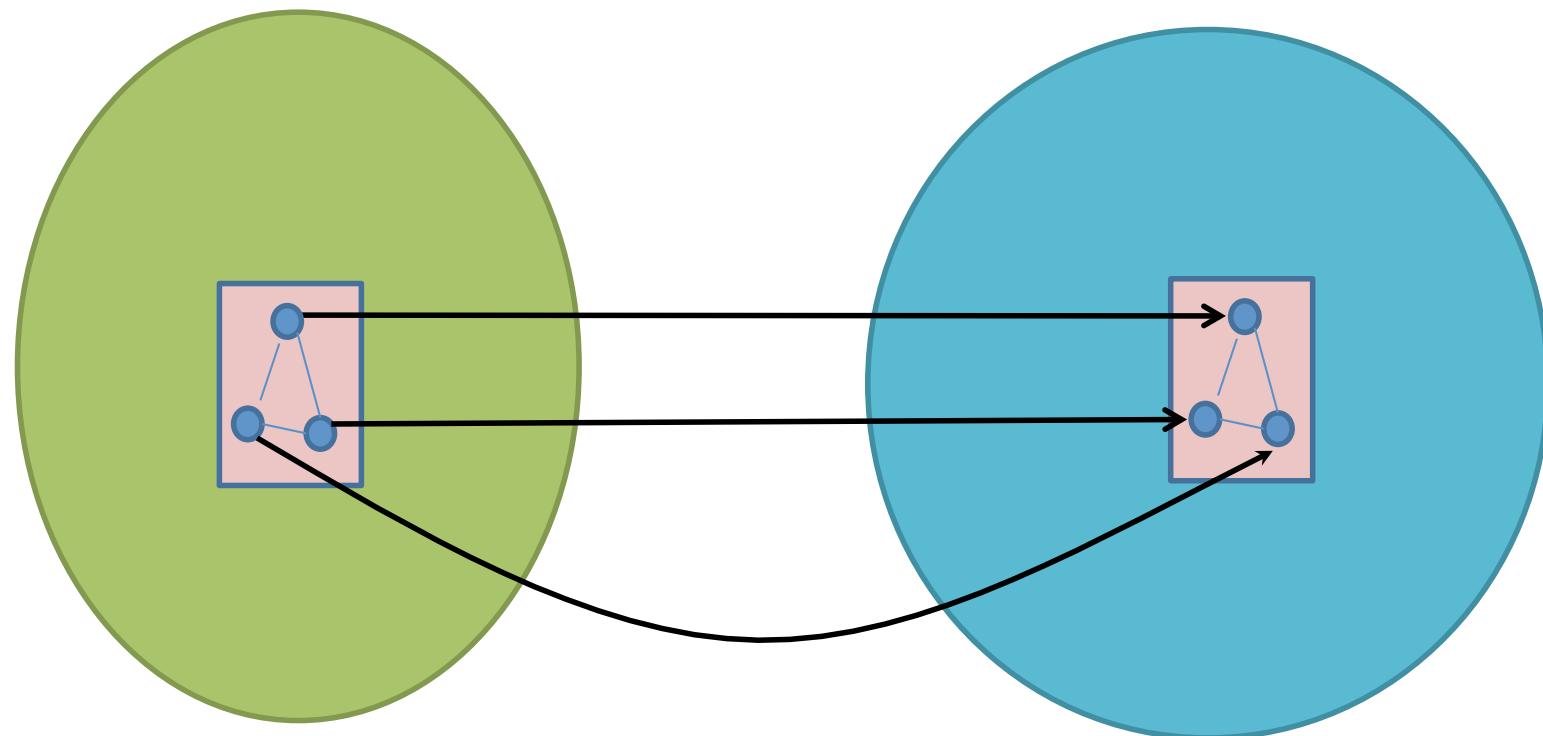
Lifting defined

Notation for the submodel
generated by X

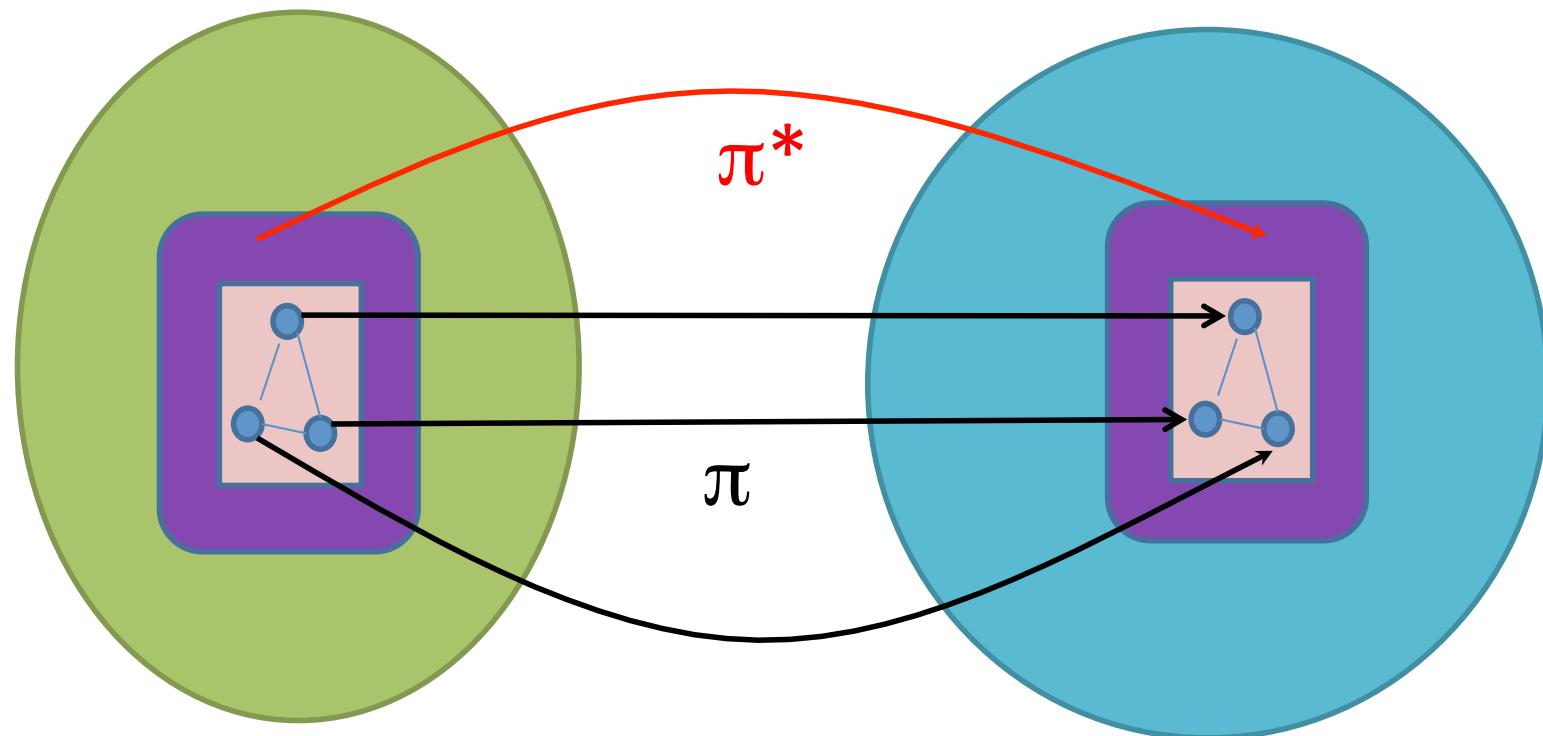
$$[X]_{\mathcal{M}}$$

Lemma 4.2.2. Suppose L is a vocabulary. Suppose \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{N} are L -structures and $\pi : M \rightarrow N$ is a partial mapping. There is at most one isomorphism $\pi^* : [\text{dom}(\pi)]_{\mathcal{M}} \rightarrow [\text{rng}(\pi)]_{\mathcal{N}}$ extending π .

Partial isomorphism



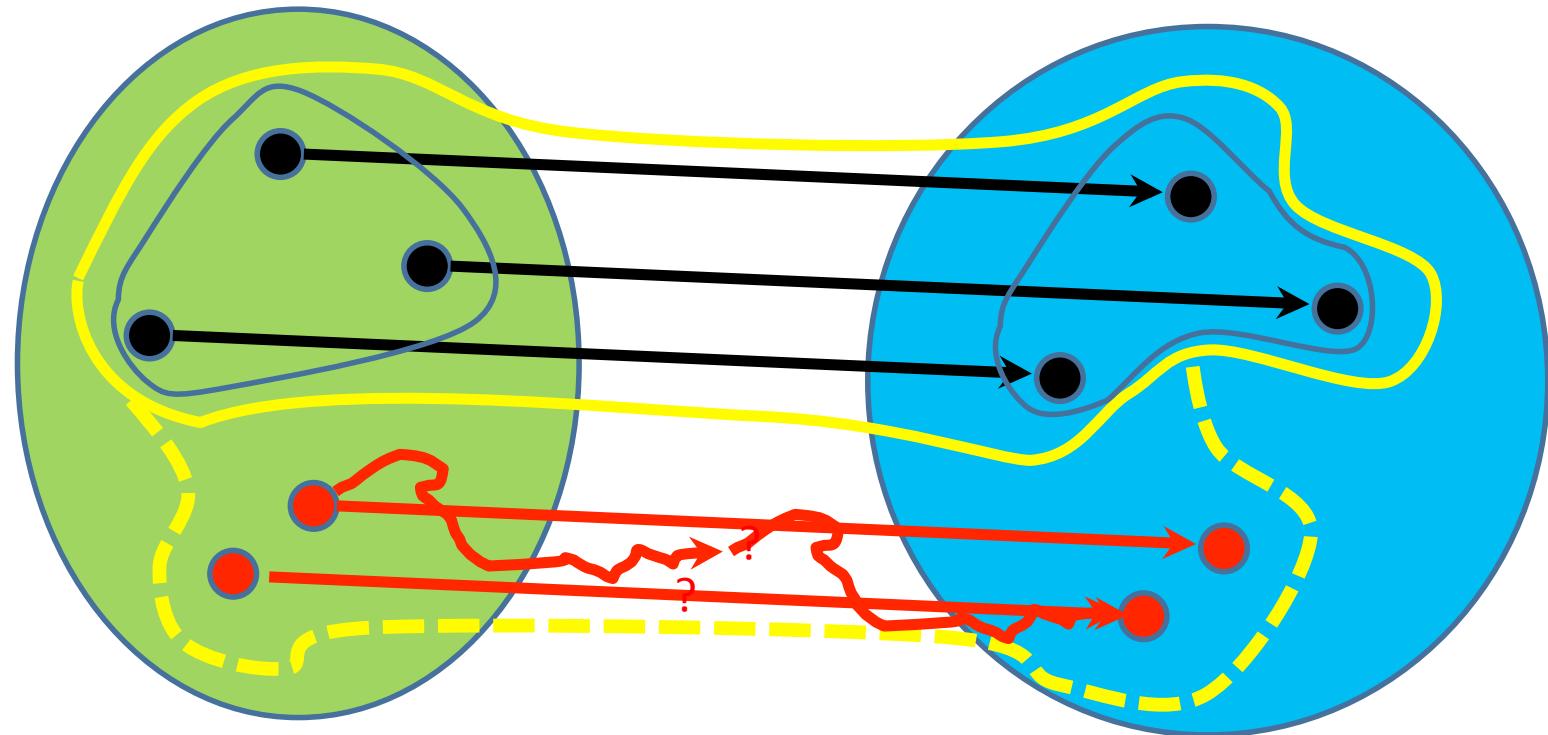
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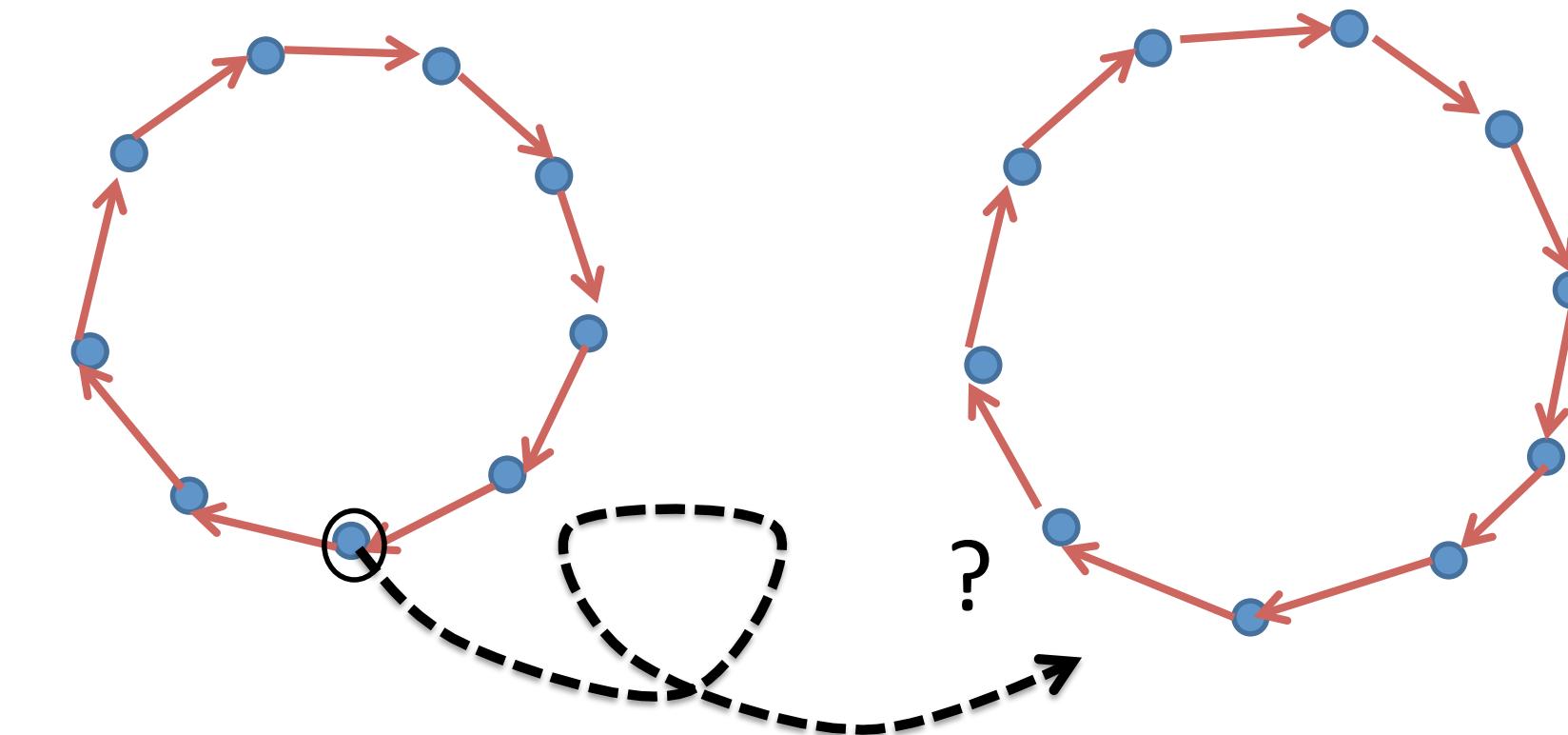
Partial isomorphism

Definition 4.3.1. Suppose L is a vocabulary and $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}'$ are L -structures. A partial mapping $\pi : M \rightarrow M'$ is a partial isomorphism $\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}'$ if there is an isomorphism $\pi^* : [\text{dom}(\pi)]_{\mathcal{M}} \rightarrow [\text{rng}(\pi)]_{\mathcal{M}'}$ extending π . We use $\text{Part}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}')$ to denote the set of partial isomorphisms $\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}'$. If $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}'$ we call π a partial automorphism.

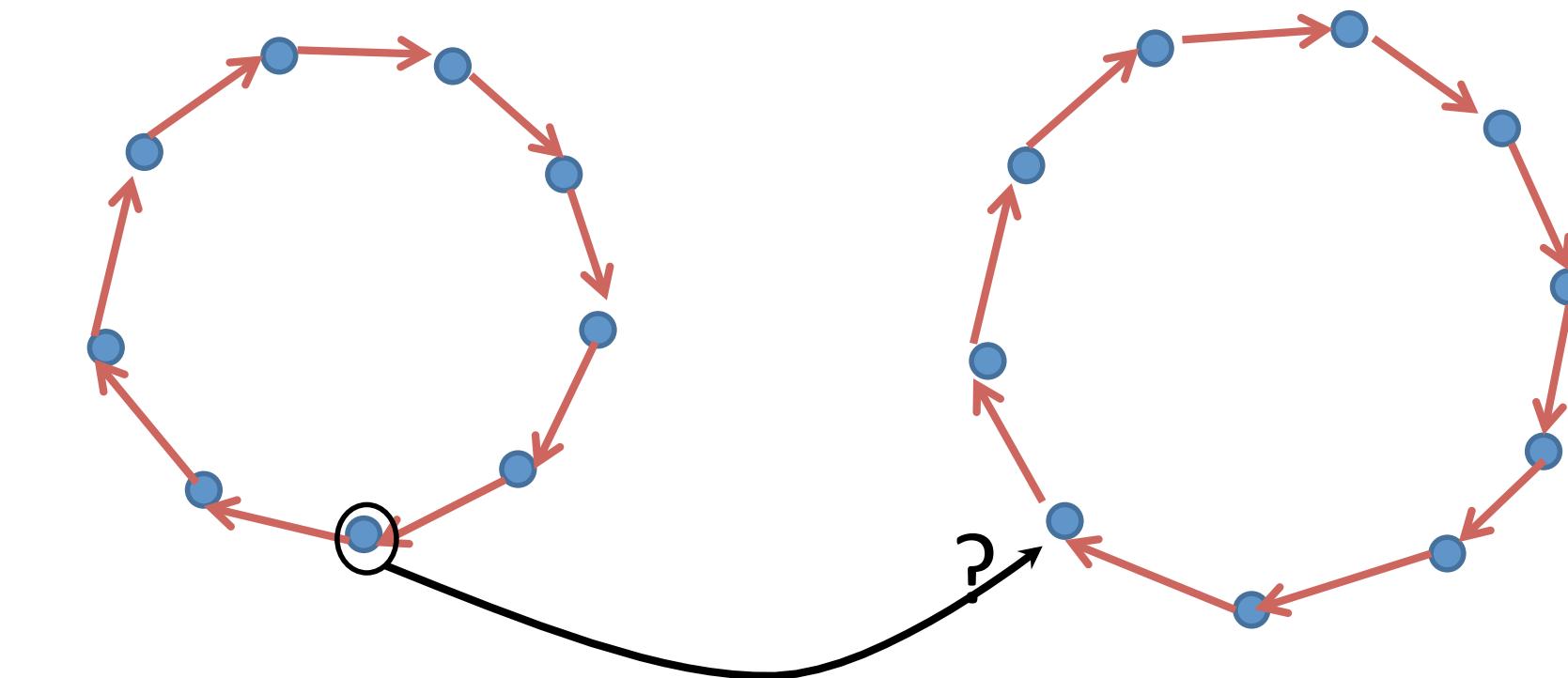
Extending a partial isomorphism



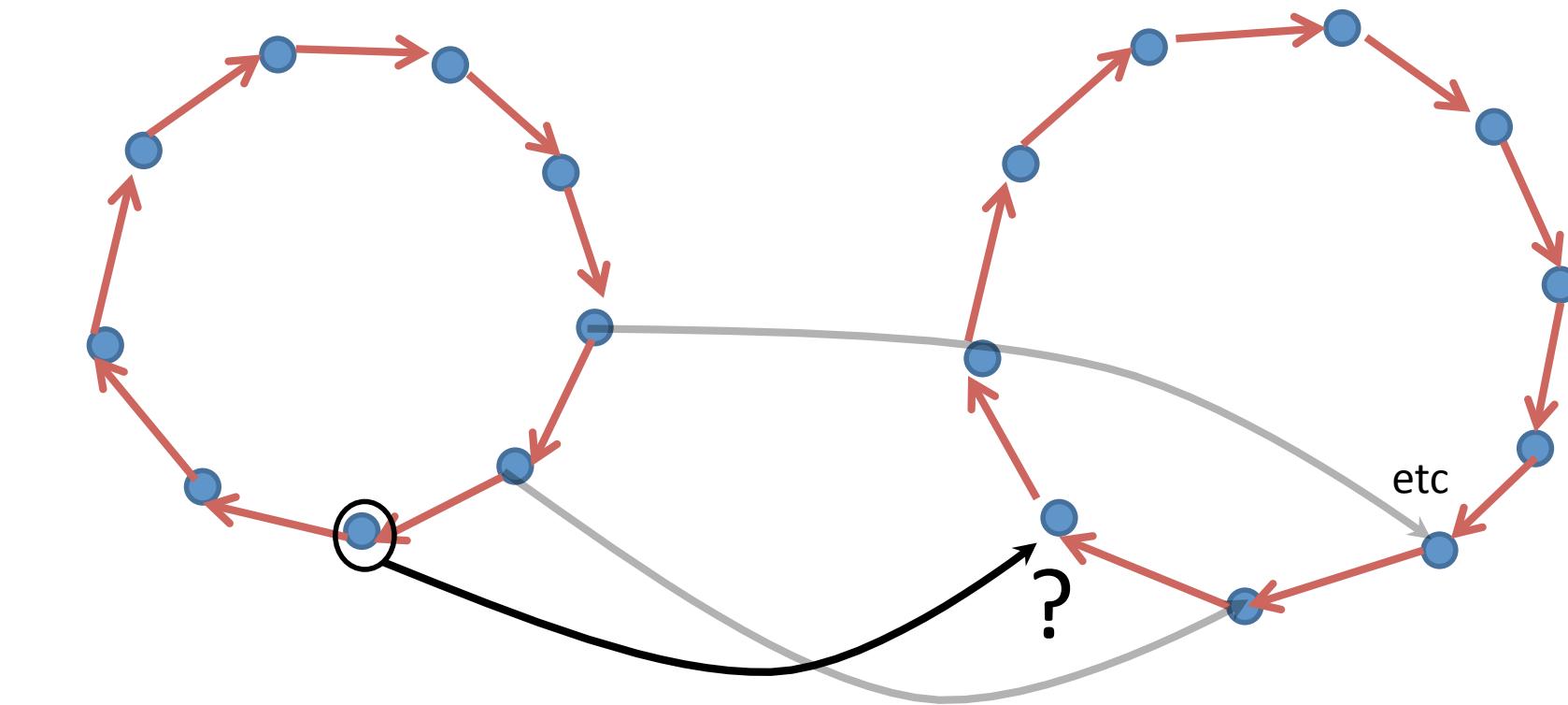
Two unary functions



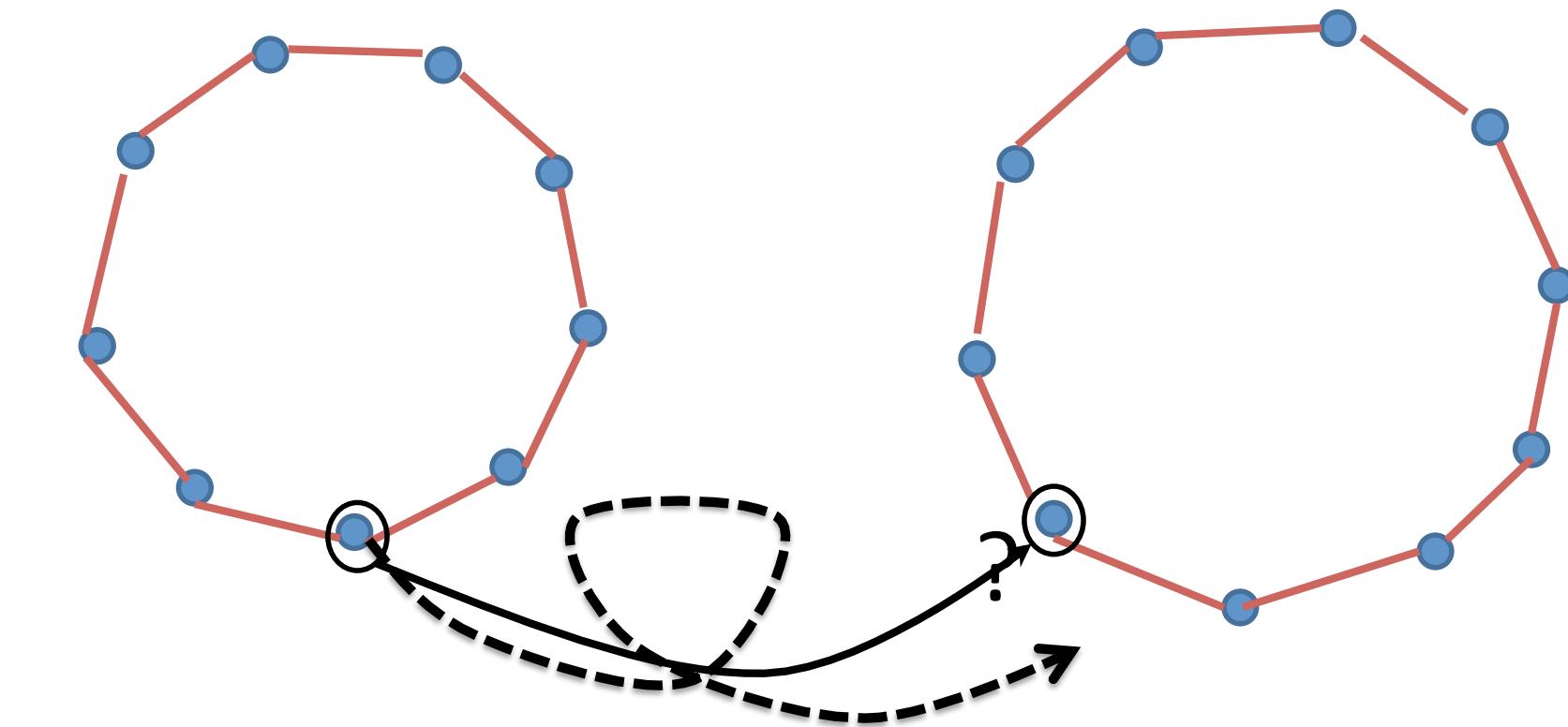
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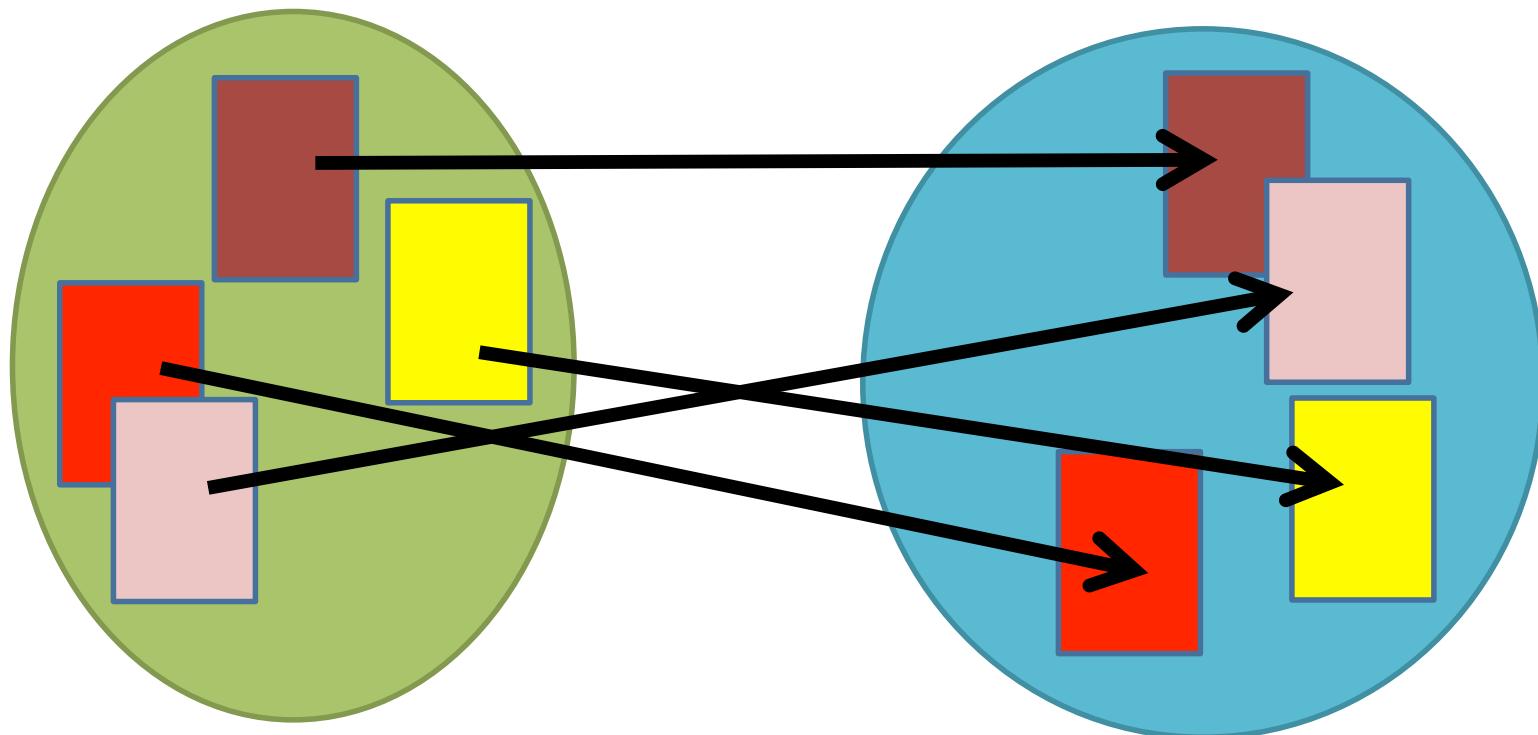


Two graphs



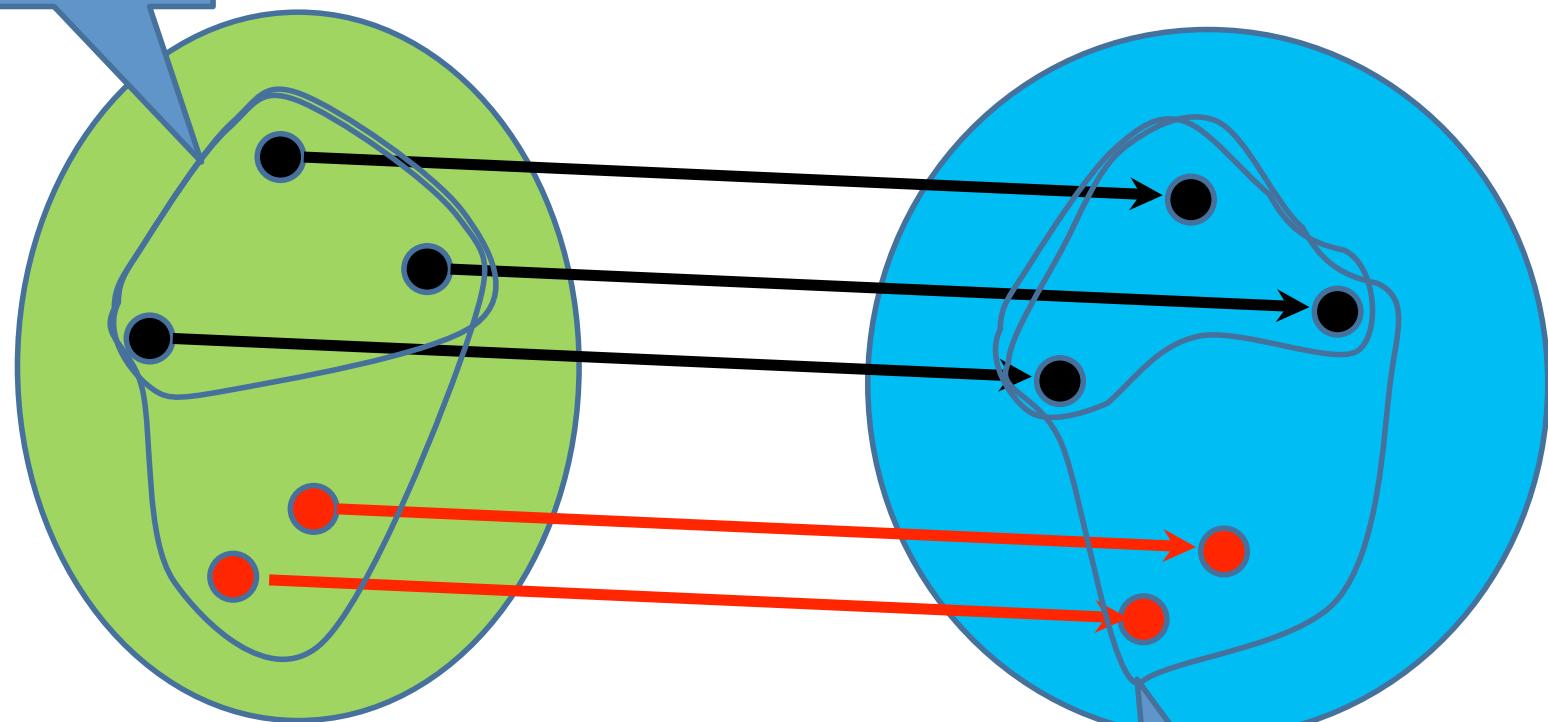
Back-and-forth set

A set of partial isomorphisms satisfying the sc. back-and-forth condition.



Back-and-forth condition

In the back-and-forth set



In the back-and-forth set

Back and forth set defined

Definition 2.3.2. Suppose \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} are L -structures. A back-and-forth set for \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} is any non-empty set $P \subseteq \text{Part}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ such that

$$\forall f \in P \forall a \in A \exists g \in P (f \subseteq g \text{ and } a \in \text{dom}(g)) \quad (2.8)$$

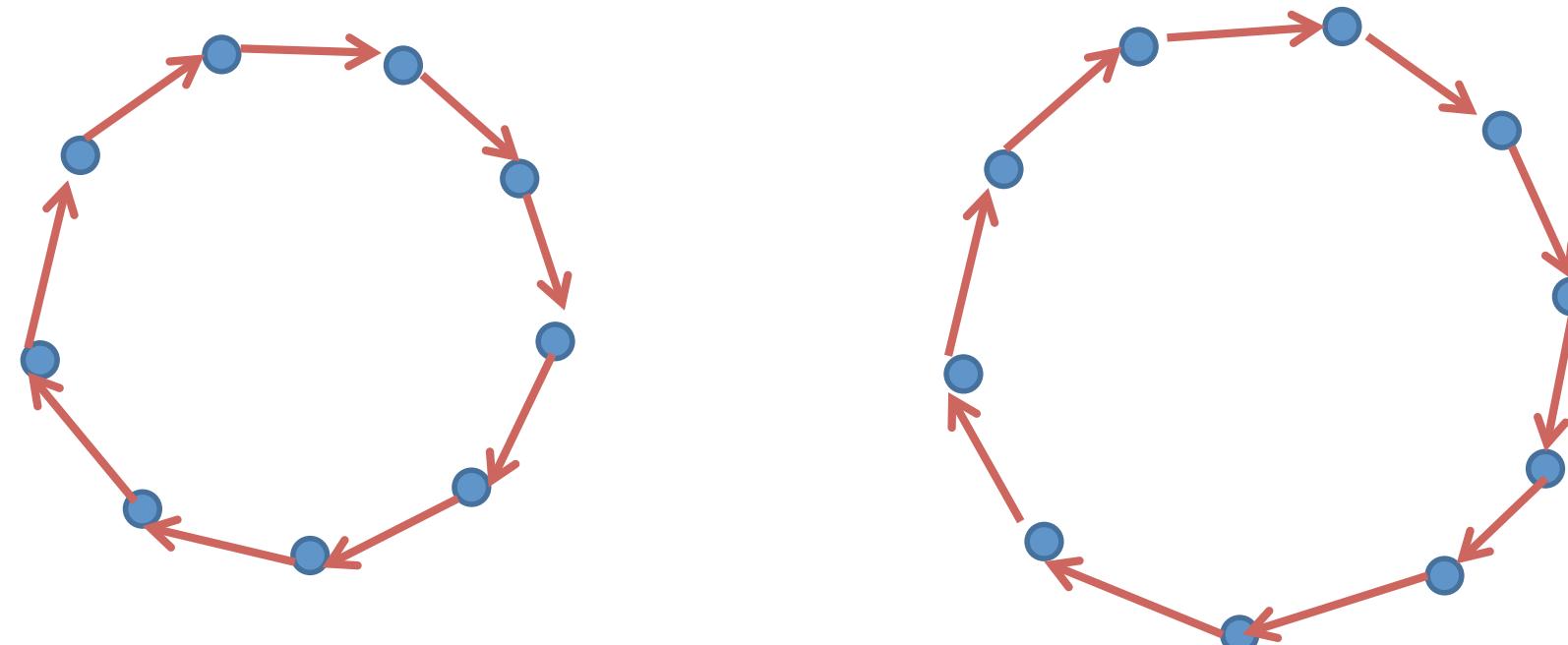
$$\forall f \in P \forall b \in B \exists g \in P (f \subseteq g \text{ and } b \in \text{rng}(g)) \quad (2.9)$$

Partially isomorphic models

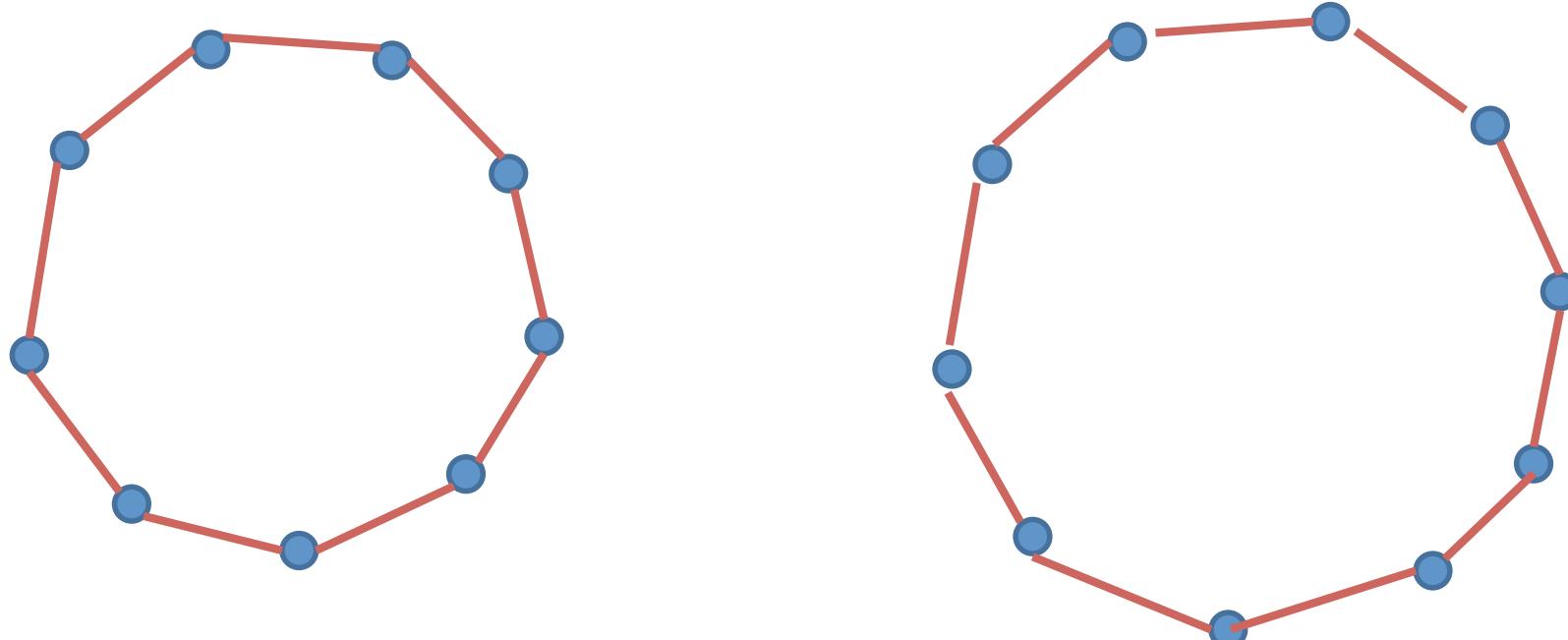
$$\mathcal{A} \simeq_p \mathcal{B}$$

Models are **partially isomorphic** if there is a back-and-forth set of partial isomorphisms between them.

Not partially isomorphic



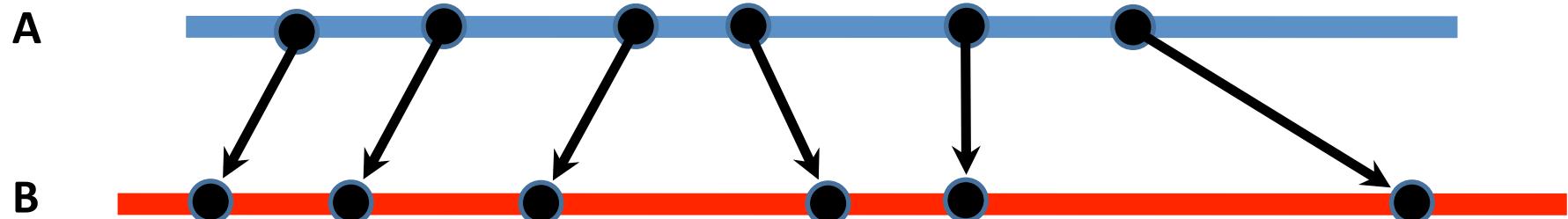
Not partially isomorphic



Dense total orders

- All dense total orders without endpoints are partially isomorphic.

$$P = \{ f \in \text{Part}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) : \text{dom}(f) \text{ is finite}\}$$



Proposition 4.3.2. Suppose \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} are dense linear orders without endpoints. Then $\mathcal{A} \simeq_p \mathcal{B}$.

Proof. Let $P = \{f \in \text{Part}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) : \text{dom}(f) \text{ finite}\}$. It turns out that this straightforward choice works. Clearly, $P \neq \emptyset$. Suppose then $f \in P$ and $a \in A$. Let us enumerate f as $\{(a_1, b_1), \dots, (a_n, b_n)\}$ where $a_1 < \dots < a_n$. Since f is a partial isomorphism, also $b_1 < \dots < b_n$. Now we consider different cases. If $a < a_1$, we choose $b < b_1$ and then $f \cup \{(a, b)\} \in P$. If $a_i < a < a_{i+1}$, we choose $b \in B$ so that $b_i < b < b_{i+1}$ and then $f \cup \{(a, b)\} \in P$. If $a_n < a$, we choose $b > b_n$ and again $f \cup \{(a, b)\} \in P$. Finally, if $a = a_i$, we let $b = b_i$ and then $f \cup \{(a, b)\} = f \in P$. We have proved (4.8). Condition (4.9) is proved similarly. \square

Countable models

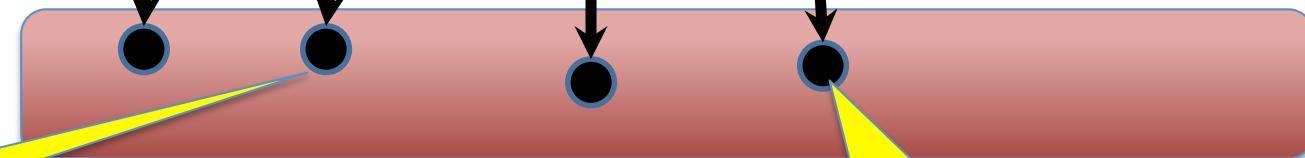
- All countable partially isomorphic structures are isomorphic.

A



Next element

B



Next element

Proposition 2.3.1. *If $\mathcal{A} \simeq_p \mathcal{B}$, where \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} are countable, then $\mathcal{A} \cong \mathcal{B}$.*

Proof. Let us enumerate A as $(a_n : n < \omega)$ and B as $(b_n : n < \omega)$. Let P be a back-and-forth set for \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} . Since $P \neq \emptyset$, there is some $f_0 \in P$. We define a sequence $(f_n : n < \omega)$ of elements of P as follows: Suppose $f_n \in P$ is defined. If n is even, say $n = 2m$, let $y \in B$ and $f_{n+1} \in P$ such that $f_n \cup \{(a_m, y)\} \subseteq f_{n+1}$. If n is odd, say $n = 2m + 1$, let $x \in A$ and $f_{n+1} \in P$ such that $f_n \cup \{(x, b_m)\} \subseteq f_{n+1}$. Finally, let

$$f = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n.$$

Clearly, $f : \mathcal{A} \cong \mathcal{B}$. □

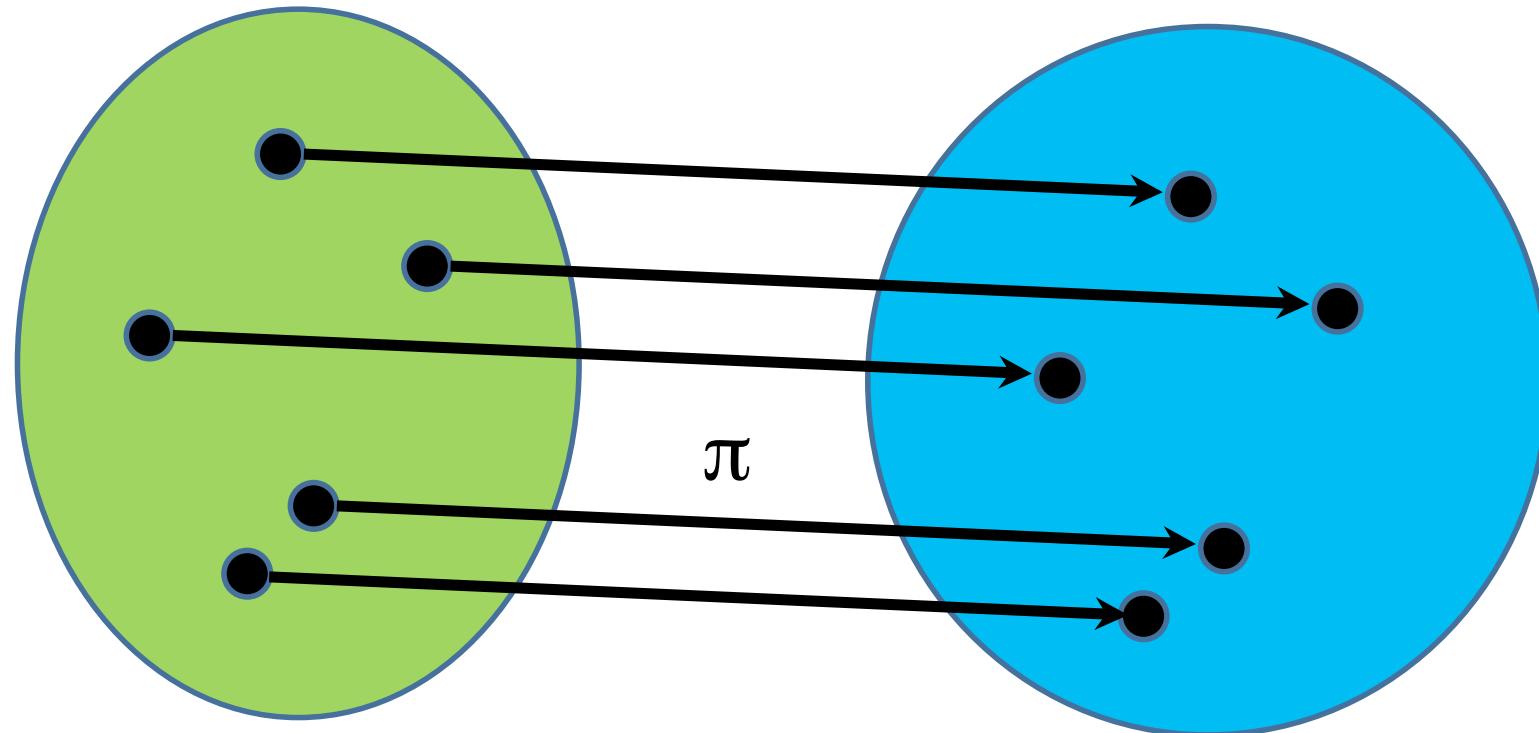
Zero-one law

- Extension axioms
- Countable categoricity
- Glebskii et al, Fagin, zero-one law
 - Application of back-and-forth

Ehrenfeucht-Fraïssé game

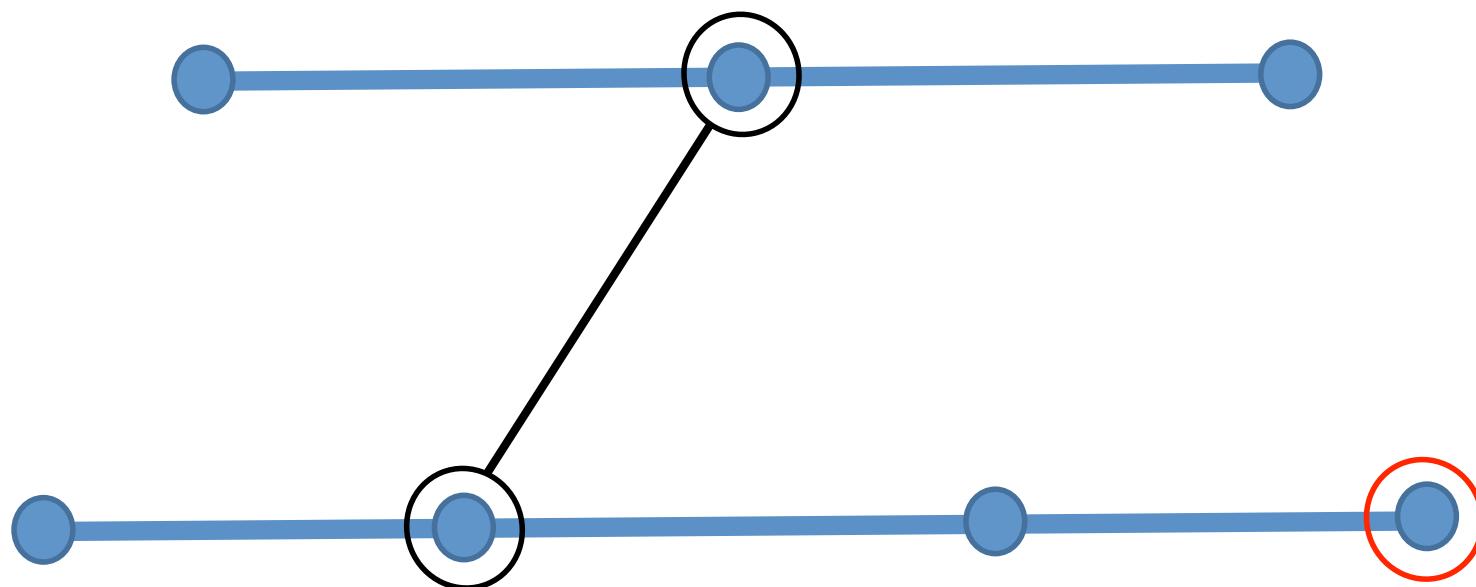
I	II
x_0	
	y_0
x_1	
	y_1
\vdots	
	\vdots
x_{n-1}	
	y_{n-1}
	$(x_0, y_0, \dots, x_{n-1}, y_{n-1})$
	$W \subseteq A^{2n}$

Ehrenfeucht-Fraïssé game



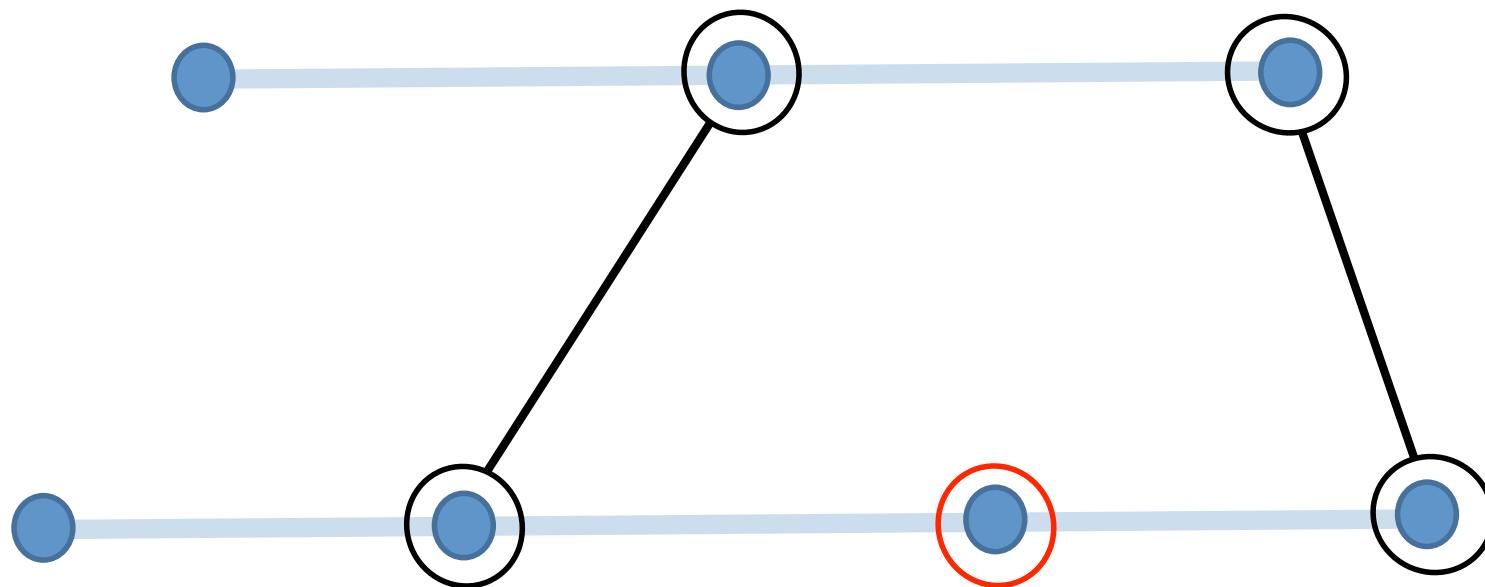
Player II wins if π is a partial isomorphism

Two graphs, two moves



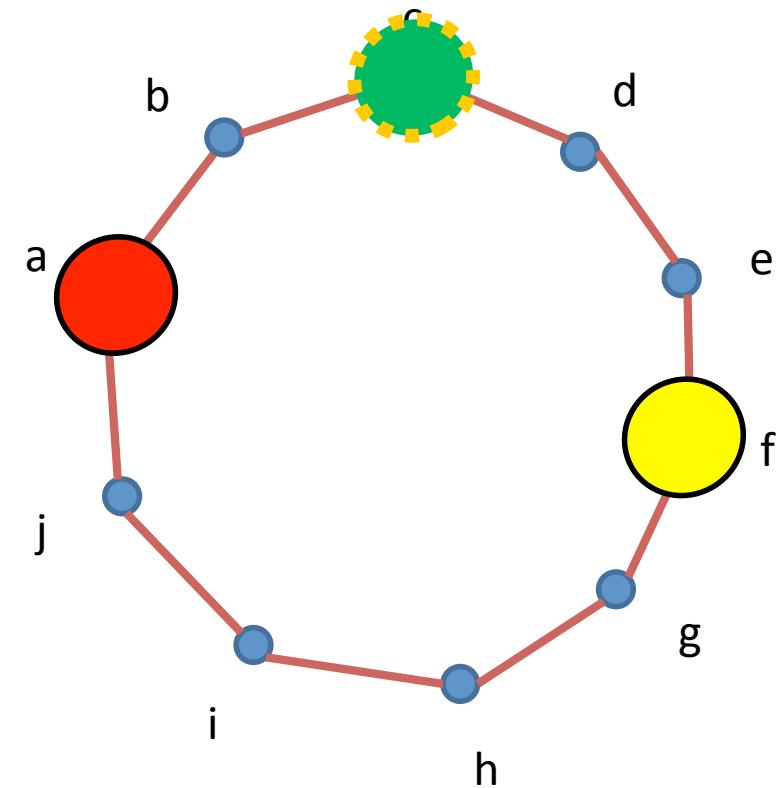
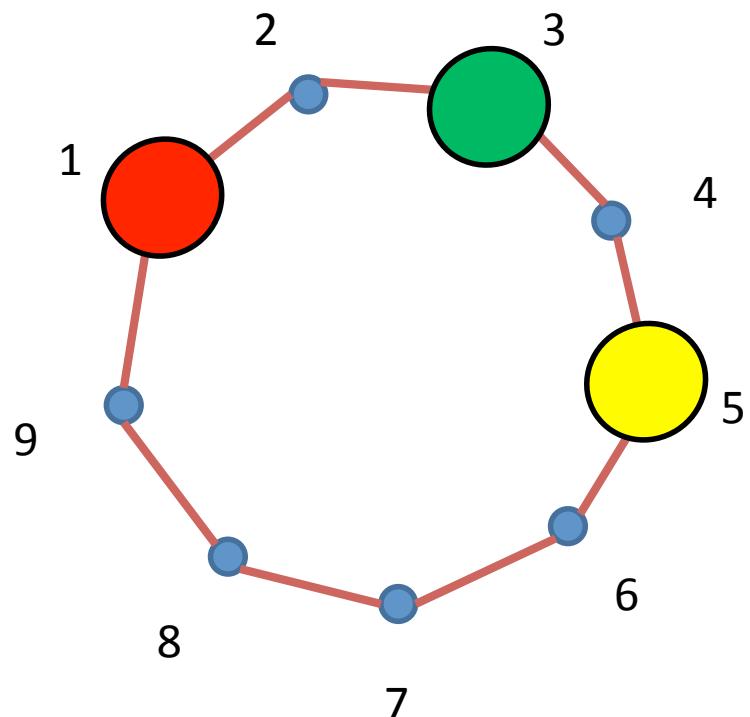
I has a winning strategy

Two orders, three moves

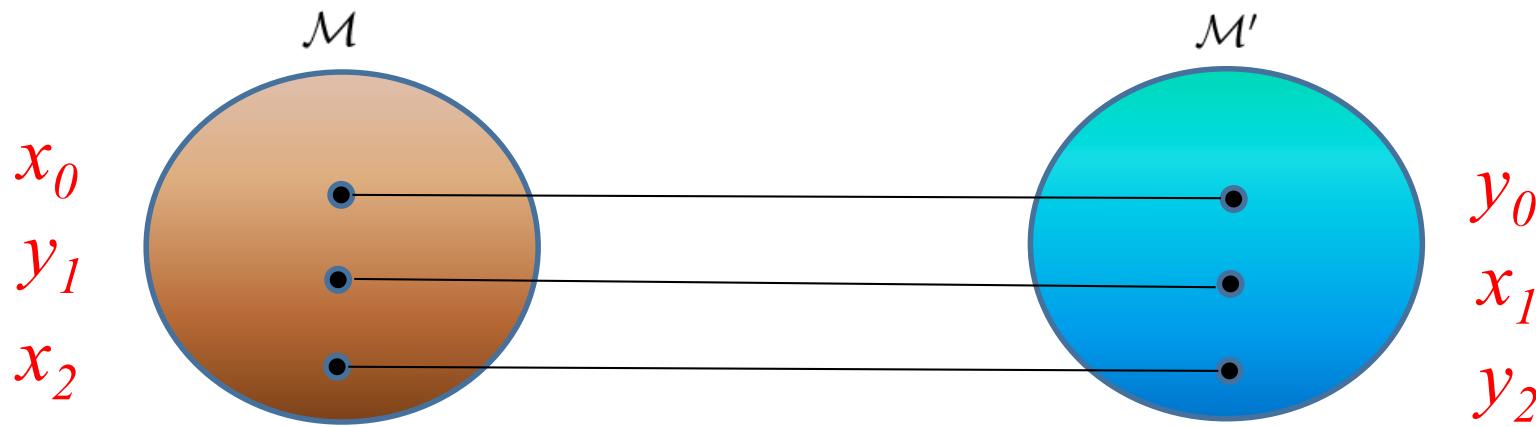


I has a winning strategy

Two cycles – four moves



I has a winning strategy

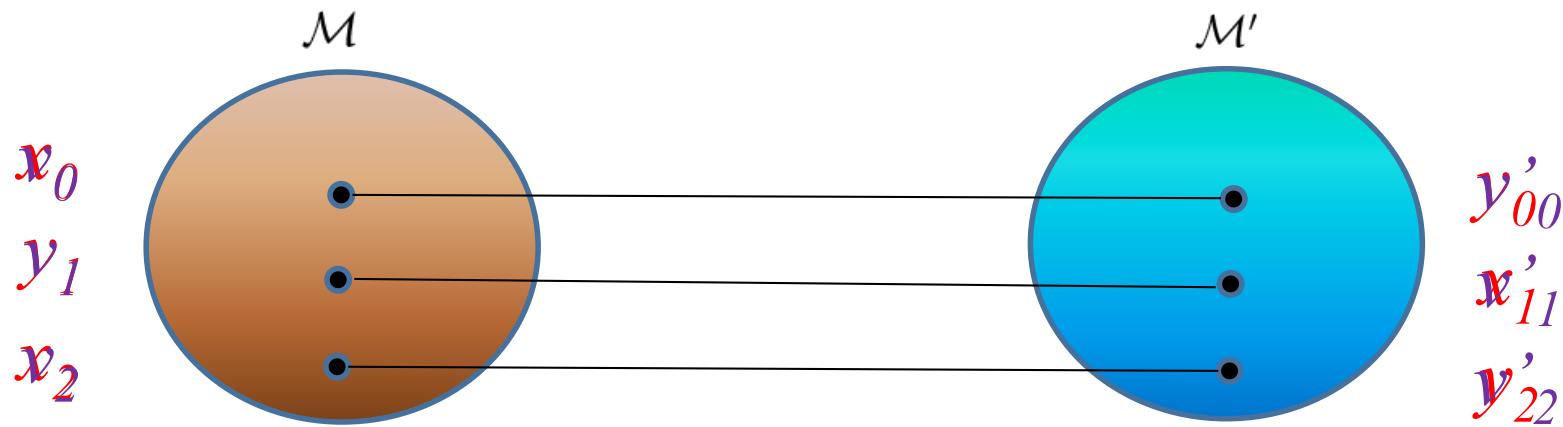


Definition 4.4.1. Suppose L is a vocabulary and $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}'$ are L -structures such that $M \cap M' = \emptyset$. The Ehrenfeucht-Fraïssé game $\text{EF}_n(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}')$ is the game

$$G_n(M \cup M', W_n(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}'))$$

where $W_n(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}') \subseteq (M \cup M')^{2n}$ is the set of $p = (x_0, y_0, \dots, x_{n-1}, y_{n-1})$ such that:

(G1) For all $i < n$: $x_i \in M \iff y_i \in M'$.



(G2) If we denote

$$v_i = \begin{cases} x_i & \text{if } x_i \in M \\ y_i & \text{if } y_i \in M \end{cases}$$

$$v'_i = \begin{cases} x_i & \text{if } x_i \in M' \\ y_i & \text{if } y_i \in M', \end{cases}$$

then

$$f_p = \{(v_0, v'_0), \dots, (v_{n-1}, v'_{n-1})\}$$

is a partial isomorphism $\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}'$.

The infinite game

We call v_i and v'_i above corresponding elements. The **infinite** game $\text{EF}_\omega(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}')$ is defined quite similarly, that is, it is the game $G_\omega(M \cup M', W_\omega(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}'))$, where $W_\omega(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}')$ is the set of $p = (x_0, y_0, x_1, y_1, \dots)$ such that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we have $(x_0, y_0, \dots, x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}) \in W_n(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}')$.

Note that the game EF_ω is a closed game.

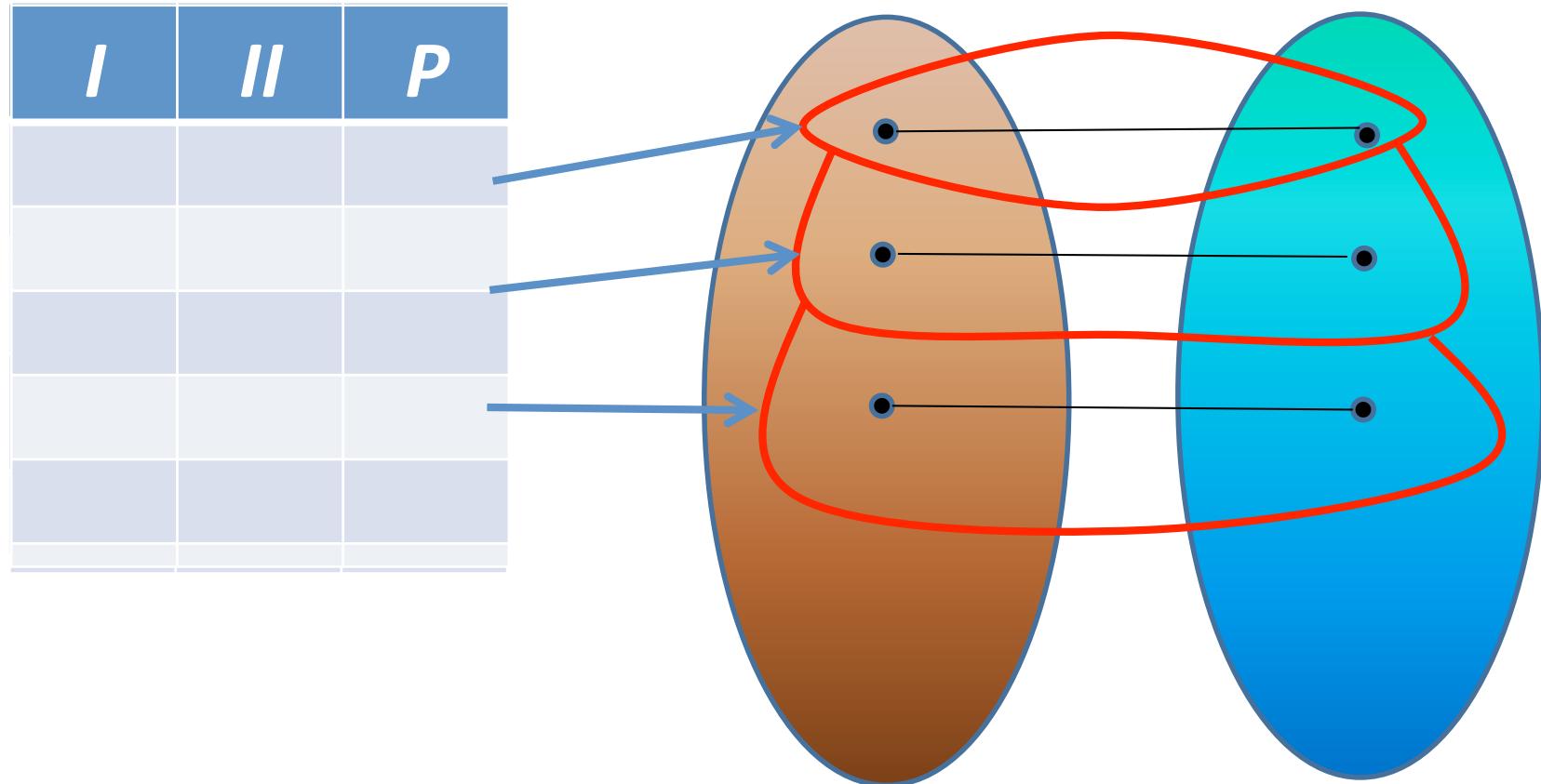
Back-and-forth set = winning strategy of II

Proposition 4.4.1. Suppose L is a vocabulary and \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} are two L -structures. The following conditions are equivalent:

1. $\mathcal{A} \cong_p \mathcal{B}$
2. II has a winning strategy in $\text{EF}_\omega(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$.

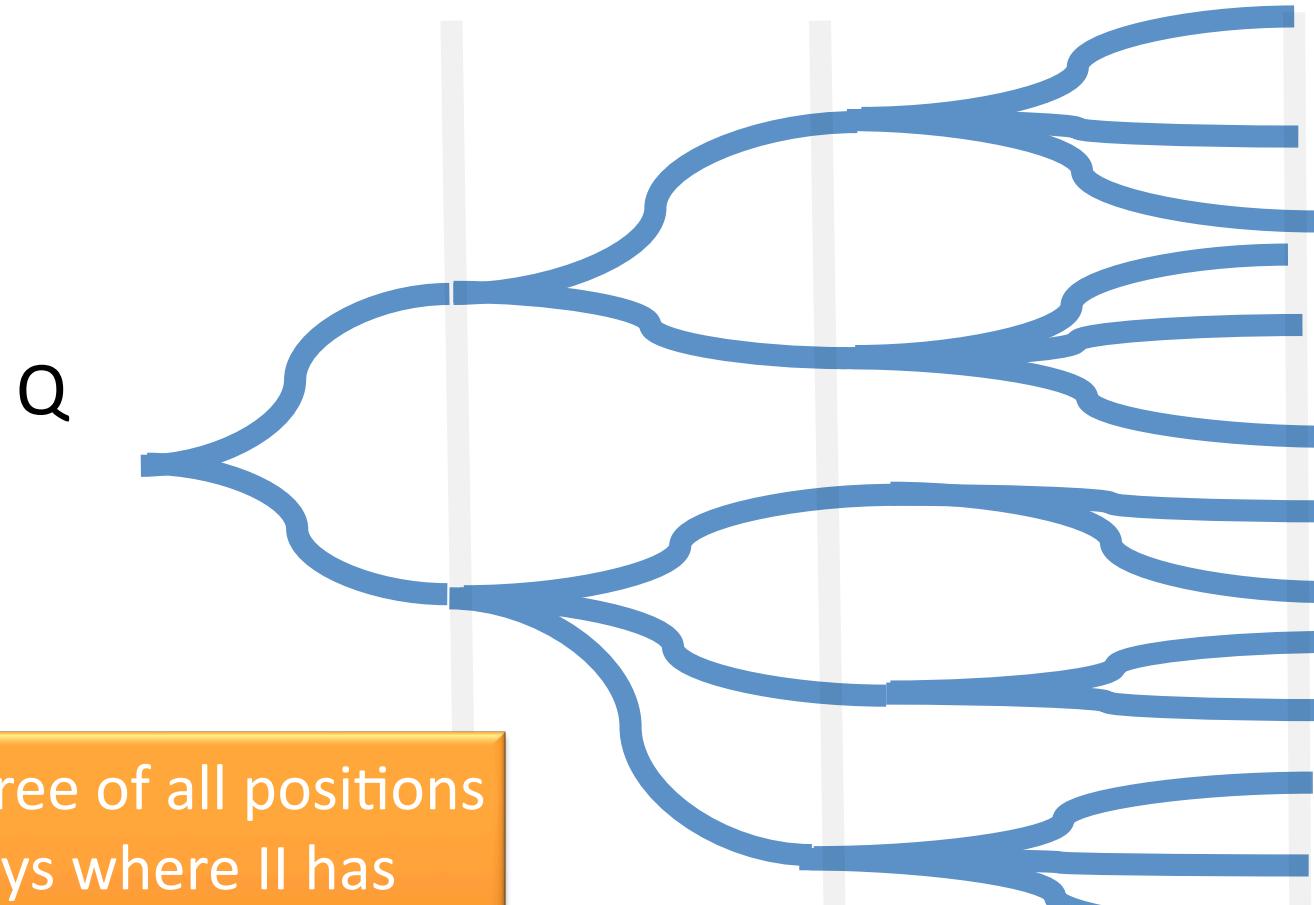
i.e. there is a back-and-forth set for \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B}

From a b-a-f set to a strategy



The strategy of II is to play so that after each move she knows, and remembers, a big enough function in P.

From a strategy to a b-a-f set



The tree of all positions
in plays where II has
used her winning
strategy

From a strategy to a b-a-f set

Suppose II has a winning strategy τ .

We form the back-and-forth set from all functions of the form

$$f_p = \{(v_0, v'_0), \dots, (v_{n-1}, v'_{n-1})\}$$

where

$$p = (x_0, y_0, \dots, x_{n-1}, y_{n-1})$$

is a position in a play where II has used her winning strategy τ .

See slides 7,8

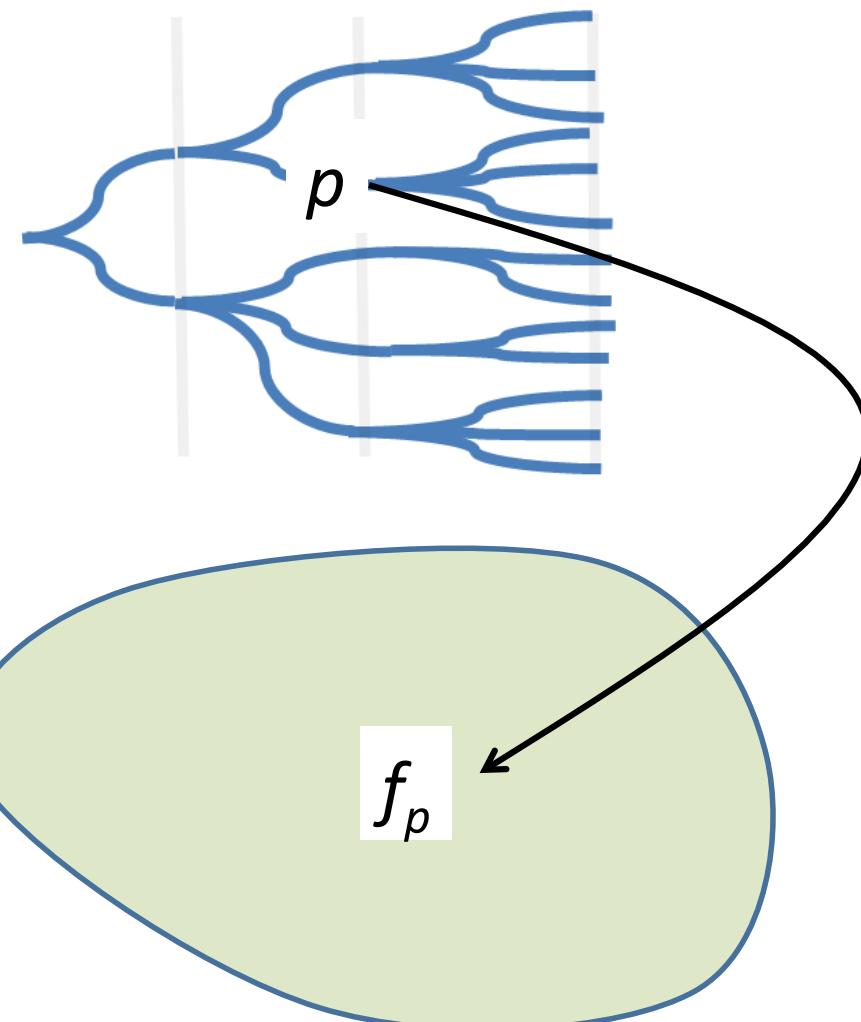
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The back-and-forth set as a projection

From a tree



to a po set

Can we prove a similar result for the
finite EF game?

Back-and-forth **sequence**

A back-and-forth set: can go back-and-forth.

A back-and-forth **sequence** tells how many **times** we can go back-and-forth.

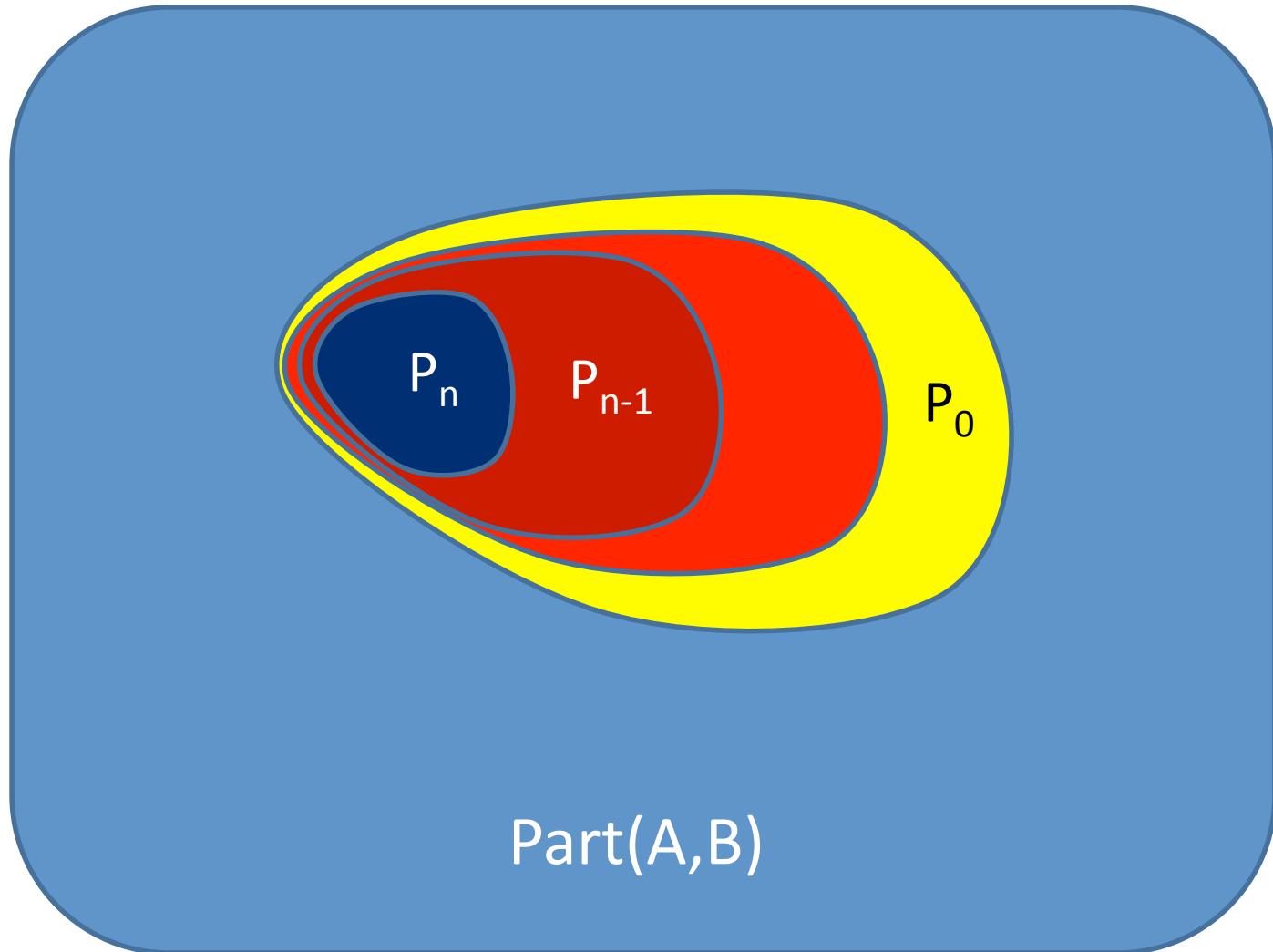
Definition 4.5.1. A back-and-forth sequence $(P_i : i \leq n)$ is characterized by the conditions

$$\emptyset \neq P_n \subseteq \dots \subseteq P_0 \subseteq \text{Part}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$$

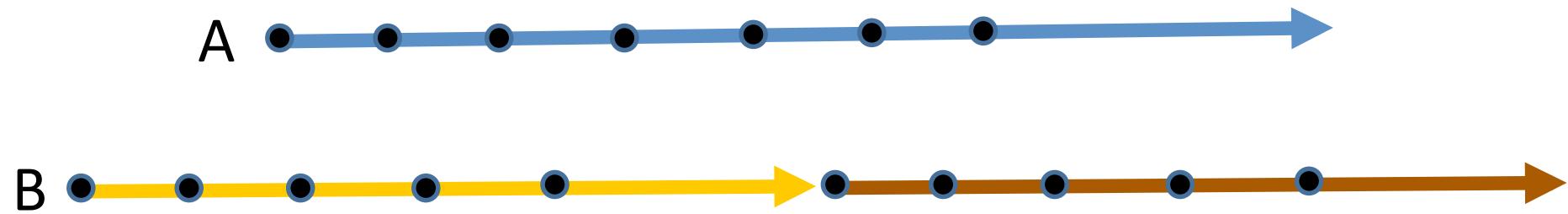
$$\forall f \in P_{i+1} \forall a \in A \exists b \in B \exists g \in P_i (f \cup \{(a, b)\} \subseteq g) \text{ for } i < n.$$

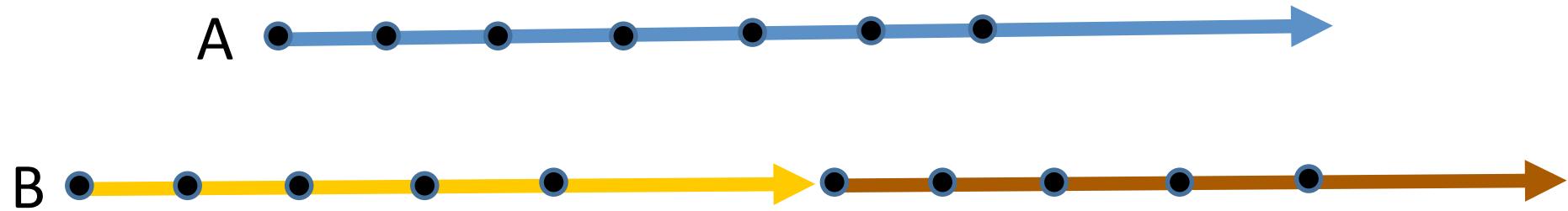
$$\forall f \in P_{i+1} \forall b \in B \exists a \in A \exists g \in P_i (f \cup \{(a, b)\} \subseteq g) \text{ for } i < n.$$

$$\mathcal{A} \simeq_p^n \mathcal{B}$$



Two ordered sets





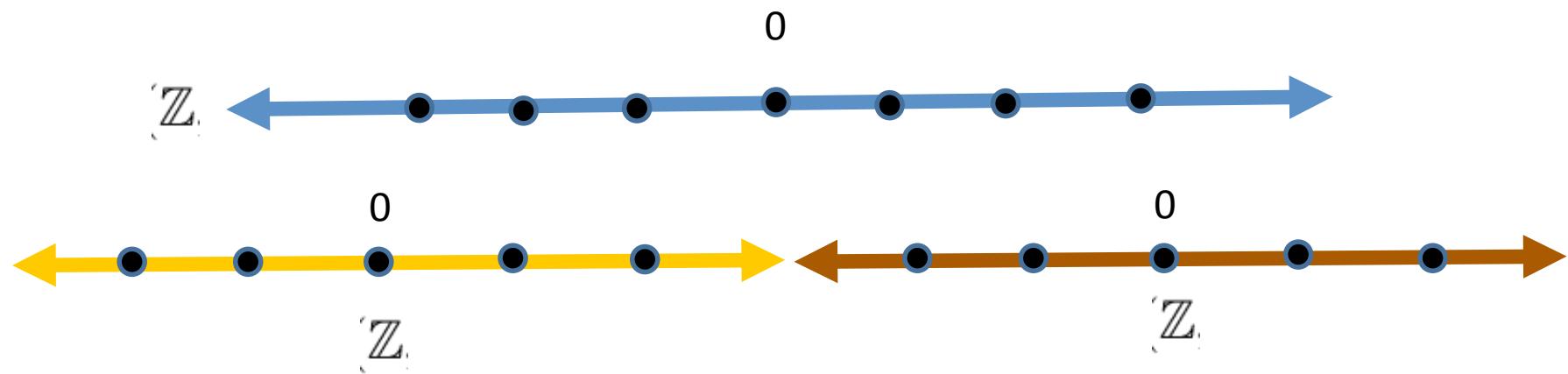
$$P_2 = \{\emptyset\}.$$

$$P_1 = \{\{(a, b)\} : 0 < a \in \mathbb{N}, 0 < b \in \mathbb{N} + \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{(0, 0)\} \cup P_2.$$

$$P_0 = \{\{(a_0, b_0), (a_1, b_1)\} : a_0 < a_1 \in \mathbb{N}, b_0 < b_1 \in \mathbb{N} + \mathbb{N}\} \cup P_1.$$

$$(\mathbb{N}, <) \simeq_p^2 (\mathbb{N} + \mathbb{N}, <)$$

$$(\mathbb{N}, <) \not\simeq_p^3 (\mathbb{N} + \mathbb{N}, <).$$



$(\mathbb{Z}, <) \simeq_p^n (\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}, <)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$(\mathbb{Z}, <) \not\simeq_p (\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}, <)$

B-a-f sequence = II's strategy

Proposition 4.5.2. Suppose L is a vocabulary and \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} are two L -structures. The following conditions are equivalent:

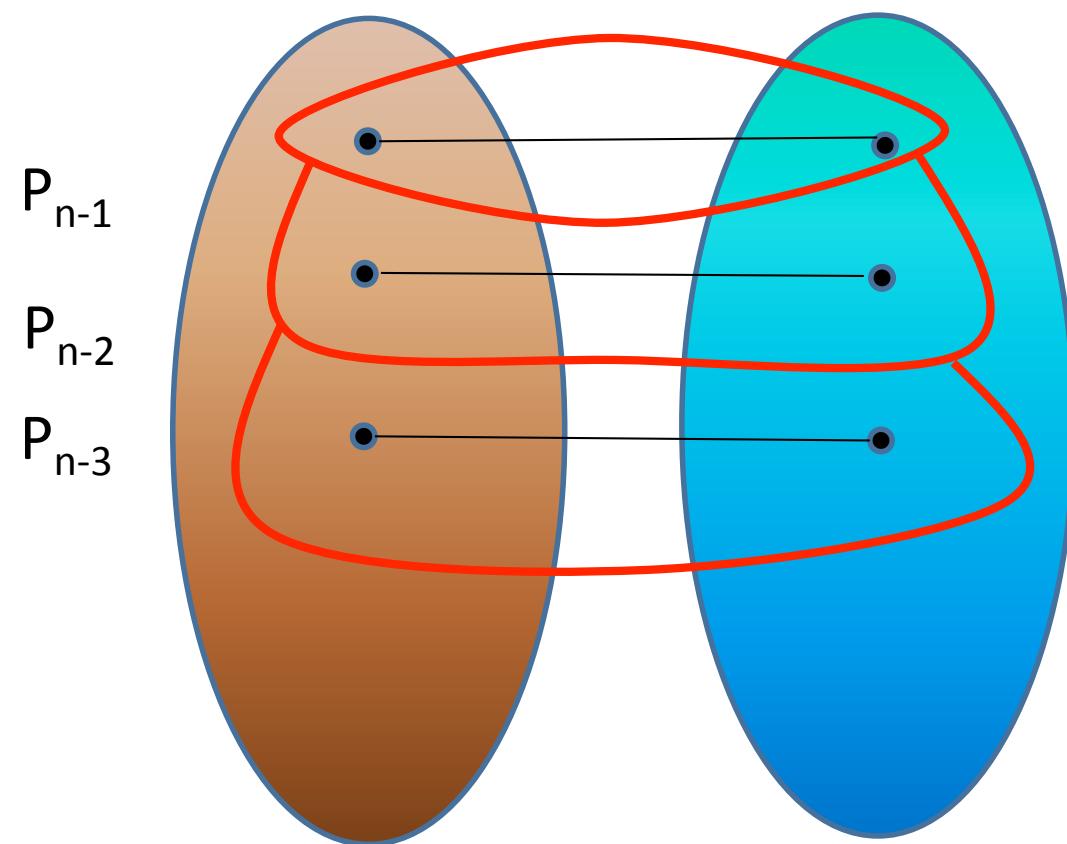
$$1. \mathcal{A} \cong_p^n \mathcal{B}$$

i.e. there is a back-and-forth sequence of length n for \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B}

$$2. II \text{ has a winning strategy in } \text{EF}_n(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}).$$

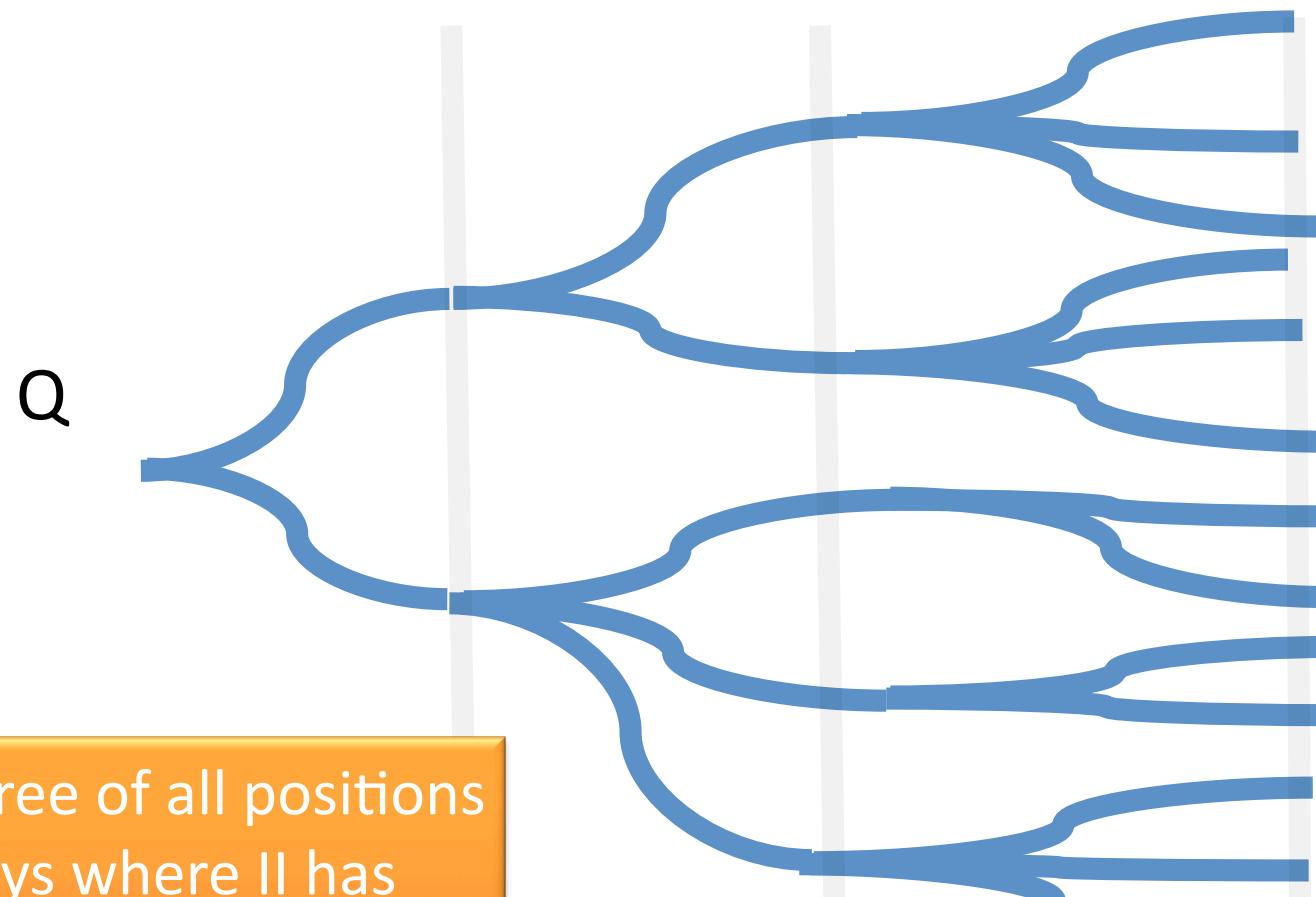
The n-move strategy

I	II	



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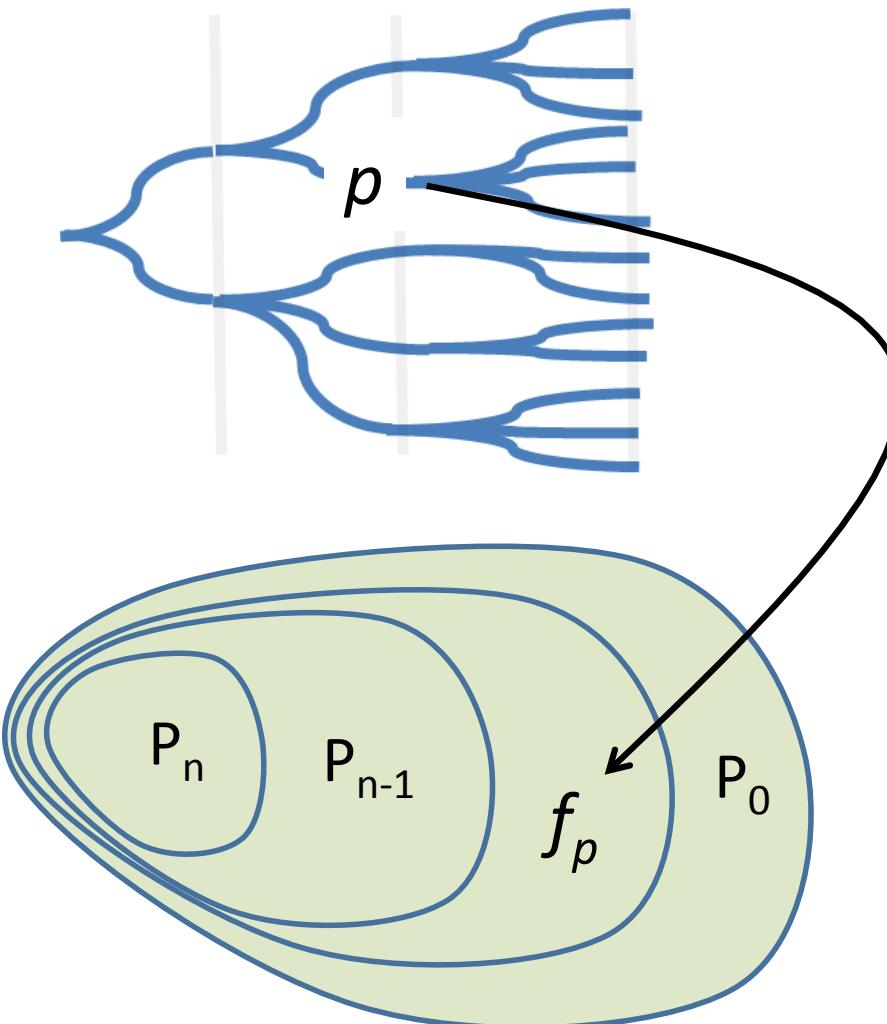
From strategy to b-a-f sequence



The tree of all positions
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The back-and-forth set as a projection

From a tree



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The back-and-forth sequence

Suppose II has a winning strategy τ in the game of length m .

We form the back-and-forth sequence by putting to P_{m-n} all functions of the form

$$f_p = \{(v_0, v'_0), \dots, (v_{n-1}, v'_{n-1})\}$$

where

$$p = (x_0, y_0, \dots, x_{n-1}, y_{n-1})$$

is a position in a play where II has used her winning strategy τ .

- $P_m = \{\emptyset\}$
- $P_{m-1} = \{\emptyset\} \cup \{\{(x_0, \tau_0(x_0))\}: x_0 \text{ in } A\}$
 $\quad \cup \{\{(\tau_0(x_0), x_0)\}: x_0 \text{ in } B\}$
- $P_{m-2} = \{\emptyset\} \cup \{\{(x_0, \tau_0(x_0))\}: x_0 \text{ in } A\}$
 $\quad \cup \{\{(\tau_0(x_0), x_0)\}: x_0 \text{ in } B\}$
 $\quad \cup \{\{(x_0, \tau_0(x_0)), (x_1, \tau_1(x_0, x_1))\}: x_0 \in A, x_1 \in A\}$
 $\quad \cup \{\{(x_0, \tau_0(x_0)), (\tau_1(x_0, x_1), x_1)\}: x_0 \in A, x_1 \in B\}$
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