

# THE $\mathcal{D}$ -BASE OF FINITE CLOSURE SYSTEMS

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Post-doc : median lattices

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LORIA, with Amedeo, Miguel

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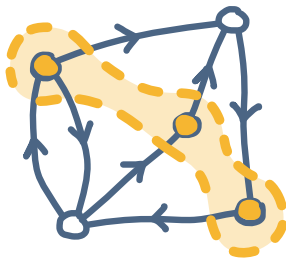
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# Research: representations of closure systems and lattices

Logic, algebra,  
argumentation, ...

$A \rightarrow B$

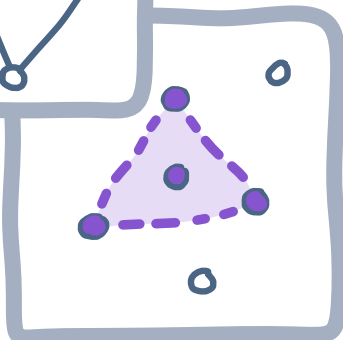
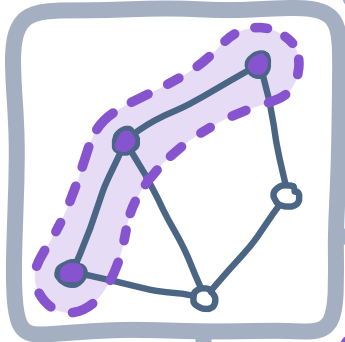
$$\gamma \vee \bigvee_{i=1}^n \neg x_i$$



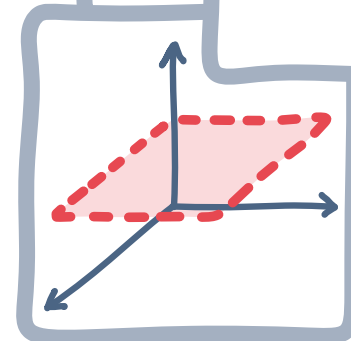
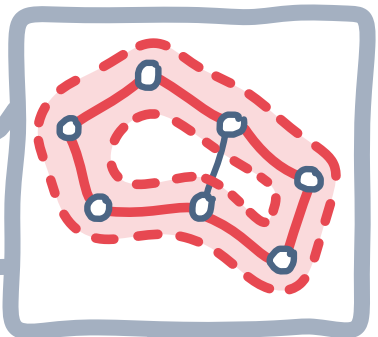
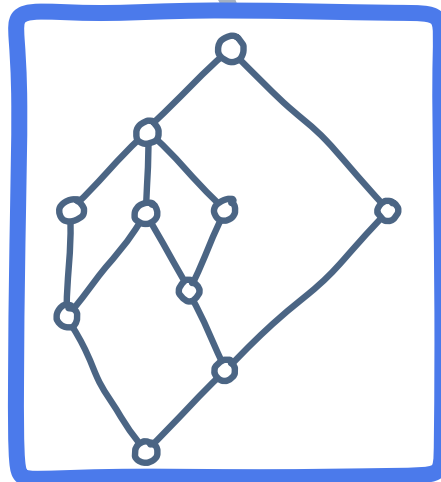
	a	b	c
1	x	x	
2		x	
3			x

DB, FCA,  
Data mining,  
KST, ...

	A	B	C
	b	1	⊥
	a	2	T
	a	1	T



Convexity



Matroids

## PART I: what is the D-base

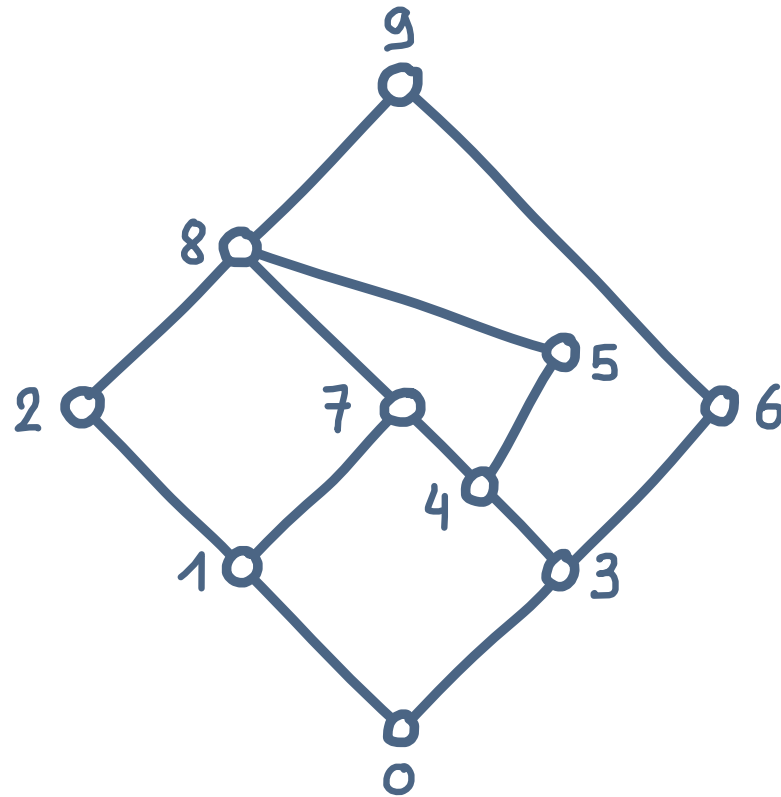
- from lattices ...
- ... to closure systems (and minimal generators)

## PART II: computing the D-base

- from implications
- from meet-irreducible elements

PART I : What is the D-base

starting point : lattices and join covers



**IDEA** : describe the (structure of the) lattice by means of join covers of join-irreducible elements

## A long-standing question

Dilworth, 40 : unique irreducible decompositions in locally distributive lattices ( $\simeq$  convex geometries)

Finkbeiner, 51 : dependence relation (= implications)

Jónsson, Nation, 77 : join-refinement, minimal join covers ( $\Delta$ -base) for free lattices

Gaskill, Rival, 78 : use of "minimal pairs" in modular lattices (=  $\Delta$ -base)

## A long-standing question

Day, 79 : study of (lower, upper) bounded lattices  
with relations on join-covers ( $\Delta$ -relation,  $\Delta$ -base)

Faigle, 86 : minimal pairs in geometric lattices

Nation, 90 : OD-graph ( $\Delta$ -base) } — in this talk

Freese et al., 95 : book on free lattices

Bertet, Monjardet, 10 : survey on minimal generators  
and canonical direct base ( $\geq \Delta$ -base) }

in this talk



Leading to the  $\Delta$ -base

in this talk

Adaricheva et al., 13 : introduction of the  $\Delta$ -base

Rodríguez et al., 15, 17 : computing  $\Delta$ -base with simplification logic (from implications)

Adaricheva, Nation, 17 : computing  $\Delta$ -base with hypergraph dualization (from context)

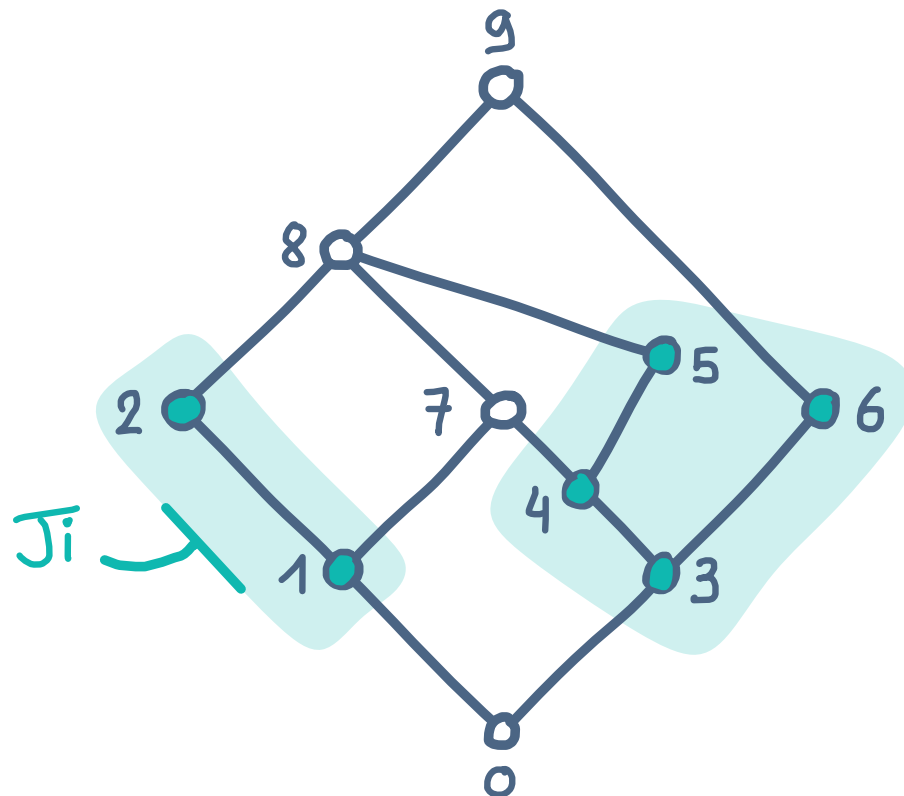
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Adaricheva, Nourine, Vilmin, 24+ : output-sensitive study of  $\Delta$ -base computation, with implications or meet-irreducibles (= context)

## Join-irreducible

DEF (join-irr): in a lattice  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $j \in \mathcal{L}$  is join-irreducible if  $j \neq \text{bot}$  and  $j = a \vee b$  entails  $j = a$  or  $j = b$ , for  $a, b \in \mathcal{L}$ .

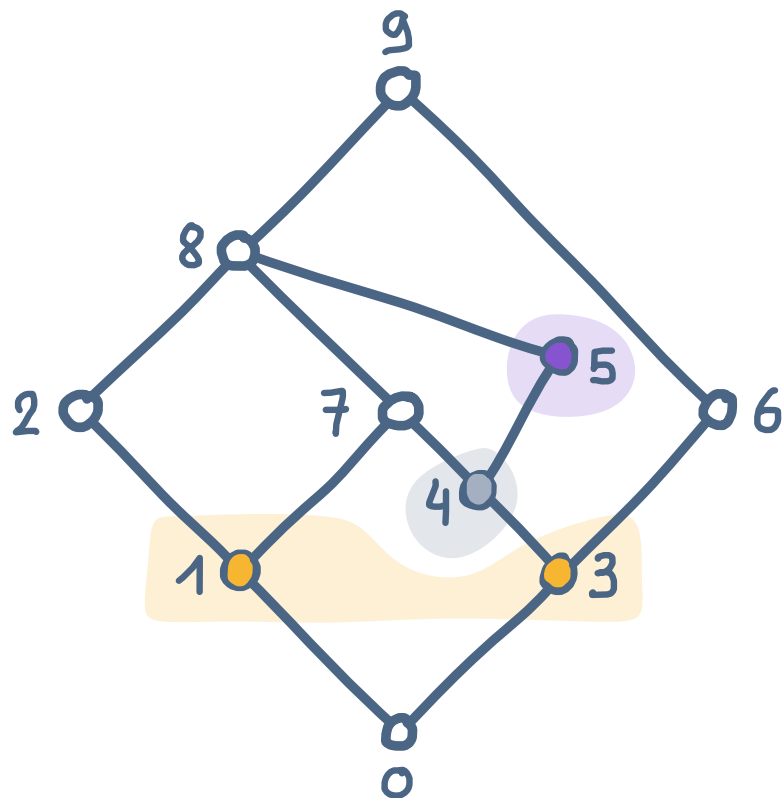
$$J_i = \{j \in \mathcal{L} : j \text{ join-irreducible}\}$$



# Join-cover

DEF (join-cover): given  $j \in J_i$ , a join-cover of  $j$  is a subset  $A$  of  $J_i$  such that  $j \leq \bigvee A$

implication  $A \rightarrow j$



Two "types" of join covers

- trivial, based on  $(J_i, \leq)$

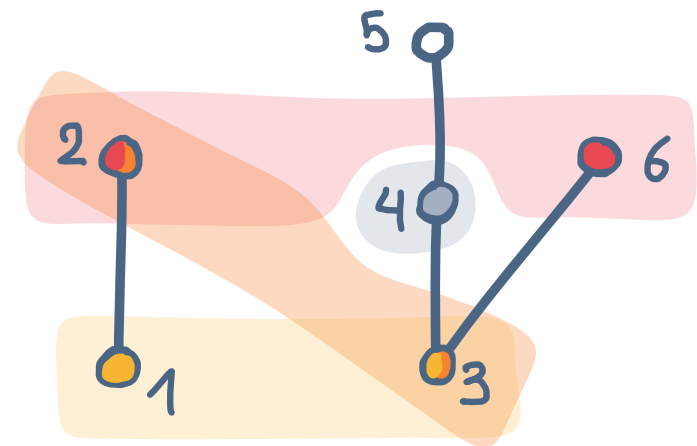
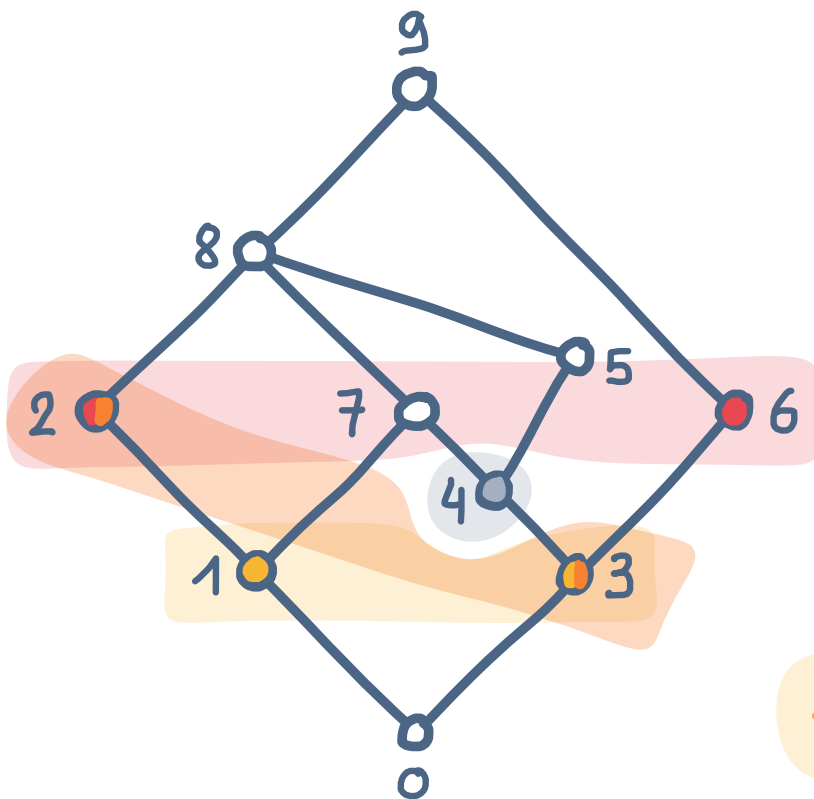
$$4 \leq 5$$

- non-trivial,  $j \not\leq a$  for  $a \in A$

$$4 \leq 1 \vee 3$$

# Minimal non-trivial join-cover : intuition

IDEA : among non-trivial join-covers of  $j$ , keep the lowest ones w.r.t.  $\alpha$  (or  $(\mathcal{J}_i, \leq)$  equivalently)



$(\mathcal{J}_i, \leq)$

13 lower than 23 lower than 26  
among covers of 4

## Minimal non-trivial join-cover : formalization

DEF (refinement): given  $A, B \subseteq \mathcal{J}_i$ ,  $A$  refines  $B$  if for each  $a \in A$ , there is some  $b \in B$  s.t.  $a \leq b$

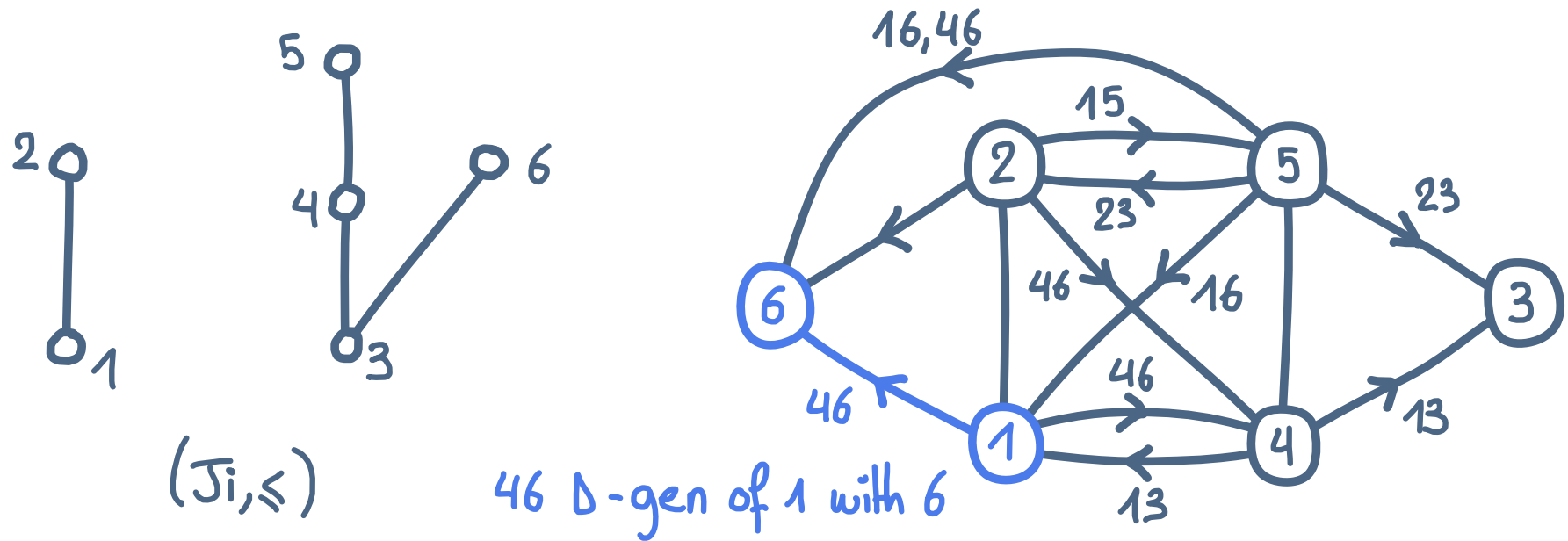
DEF ( $\Delta$ -generator): a minimal non-trivial join-cover of  $j$ , or  $\Delta$ -generator of  $j$ , is a ntjc of  $j$  that cannot be refined to another ntjc of  $j$ .

RMK :

- $\Delta$ -generators : minimal join-cov w.r.t. refinement
- $A_1 \subseteq A_2$  implies that  $A_1$  refines  $A_2$  !

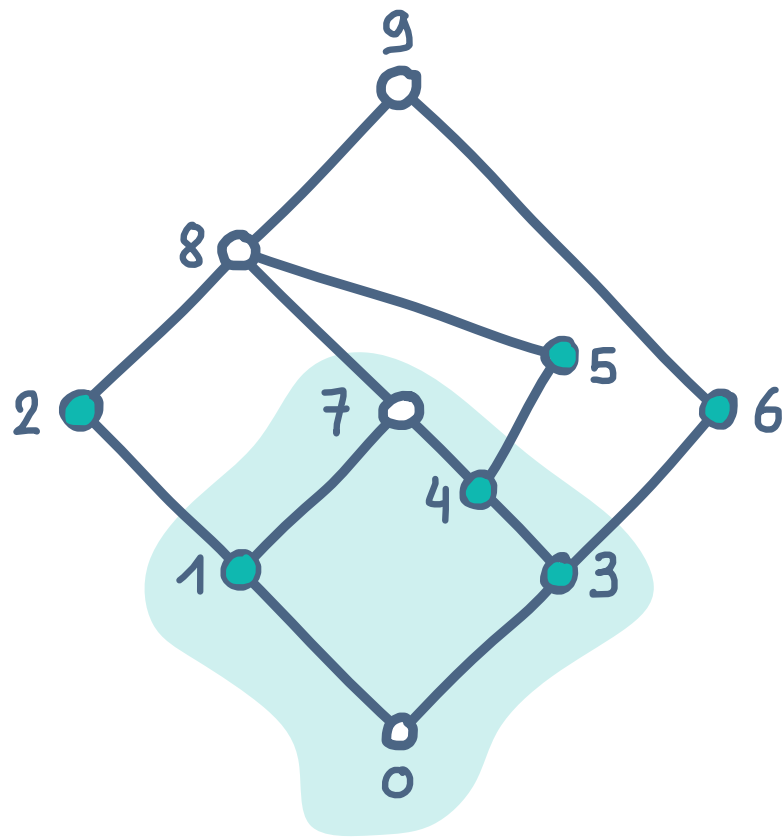
# OD-graph Nation, 90

IDEA:  $\mathcal{O}$  order of join irreducible  $(\mathcal{J}_i, \leq)$  +  $\Delta$  directed labeled (multi-)graph based on  $\Delta$ -generators

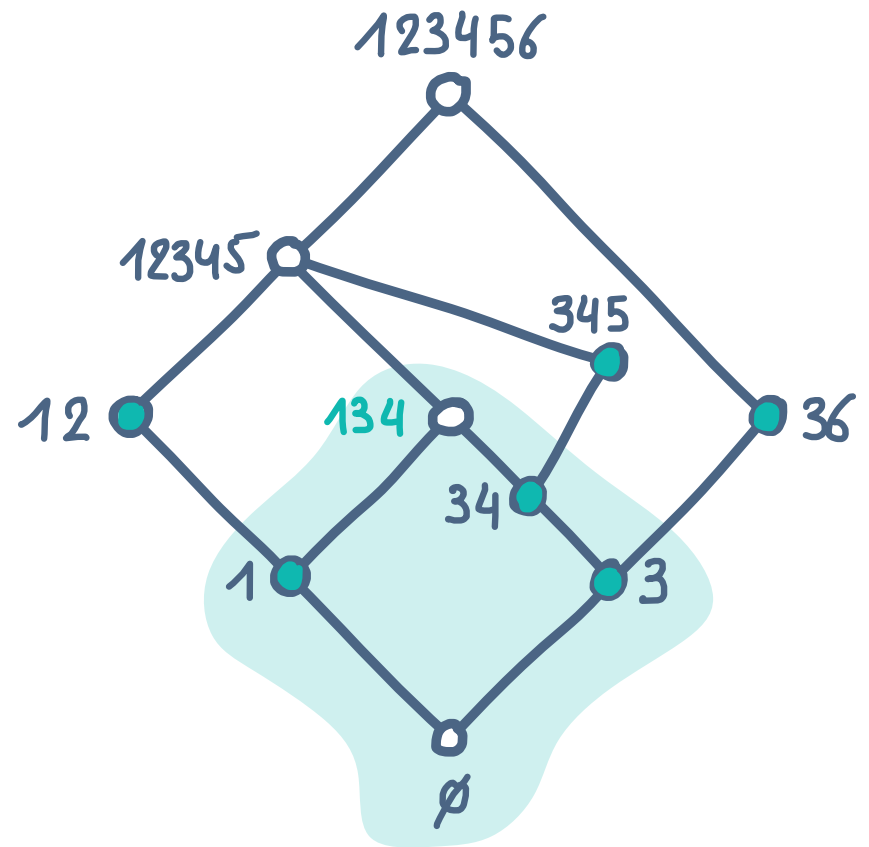


allows to rebuild the lattice as a closure system

# From lattices to closure systems



$4 \leq 5, 4 \leq 1 \vee 3$



$5 \rightarrow 4, 13 \rightarrow 4$

# Closure systems

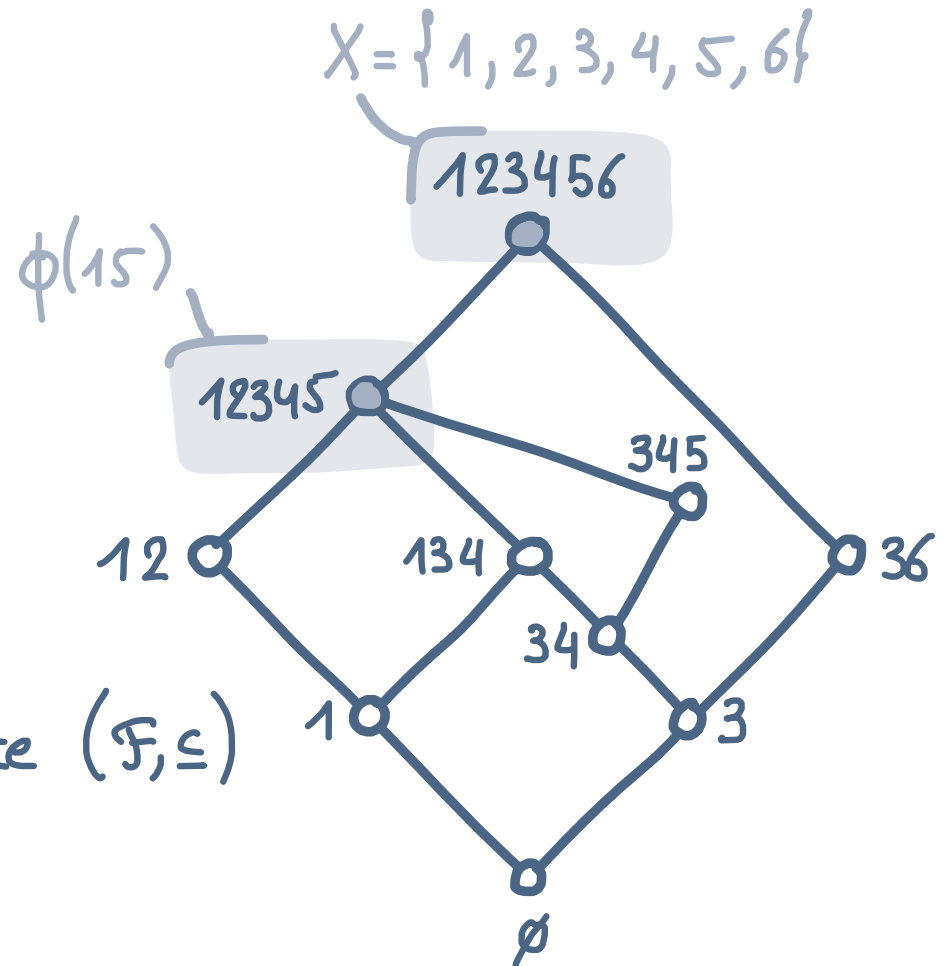
DEF (closure system): set system  $\mathcal{F}$  over groundset  $X$  s.t.  $X \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $F_1 \cap F_2 \in \mathcal{F}$  for  $F_1, F_2 \in \mathcal{F}$ .

Sets in  $\mathcal{F}$ : closed sets

$\mathcal{F}$  induces a closure operator:

$$\phi(A) = \bigcap \{F \in \mathcal{F} : A \subseteq F\}$$

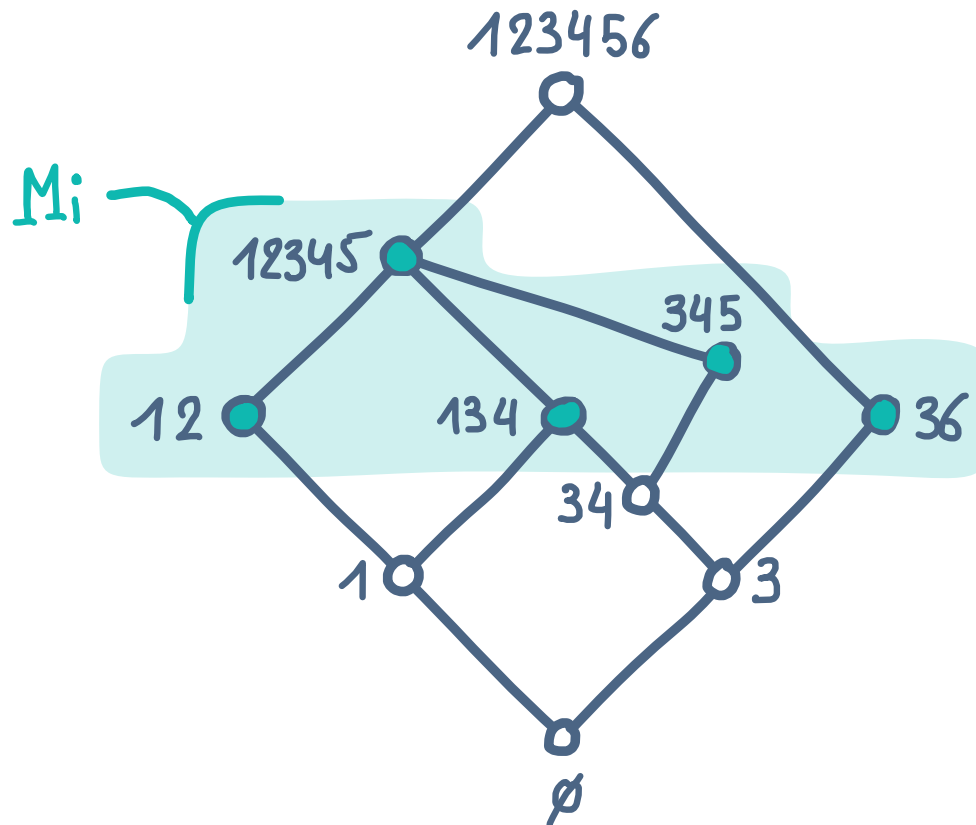
closure lattice  $(\mathcal{F}, \subseteq)$





## Meet-irreducible closed sets

DEF (meet-irreducible): a closed set  $M \in \mathcal{F}$  distinct from  $X$  is (meet-)irreducible if for all  $F_1, F_2 \in \mathcal{F}$   
 $M = F_1 \cap F_2$  entails  $M = F_1$  or  $M = F_2$   
 $M_i = \{ M \in \mathcal{F} : M \text{ is irreducible} \}$



# Implications

(or  $A \rightarrow B, B \subseteq X$ )

"If I have A, I have b"

DEF (implications):

- implication: statement  $A \rightarrow b$  with  $A \subseteq X, b \in X$
- implicational base (IB): set  $\Sigma$  of implications on  $X$

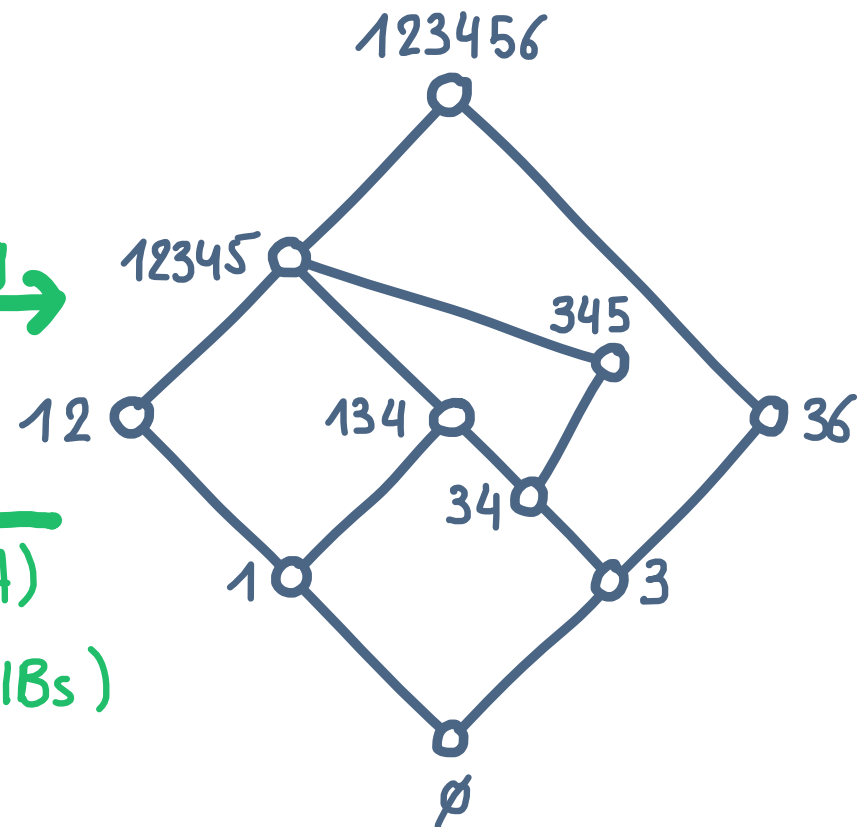
## Binary implications

$$\Sigma = \left[ \begin{array}{ll} 2 \rightarrow 1, & 4 \rightarrow 3, \\ 5 \rightarrow 4, & 6 \rightarrow 3, \\ 13 \rightarrow 4, & 23 \rightarrow 5, \\ 15 \rightarrow 2, & 46 \rightarrow 2, \\ 16 \rightarrow 5 \end{array} \right]$$

forward  
chaining  $\rightarrow$

$\leftarrow$   
 $b \in \phi(A)$

(many equiv. IBs)



## Minimal generators, canonical direct base Bertet, Monjardet, 10

DEF (minimal generator) :  $A \subseteq X$  is a minimal generator of  $x$  if it is an  $\subseteq$ -min subset of  $X$  satisfying  $x \in \phi(A)$

The canonical direct base of a closure system is

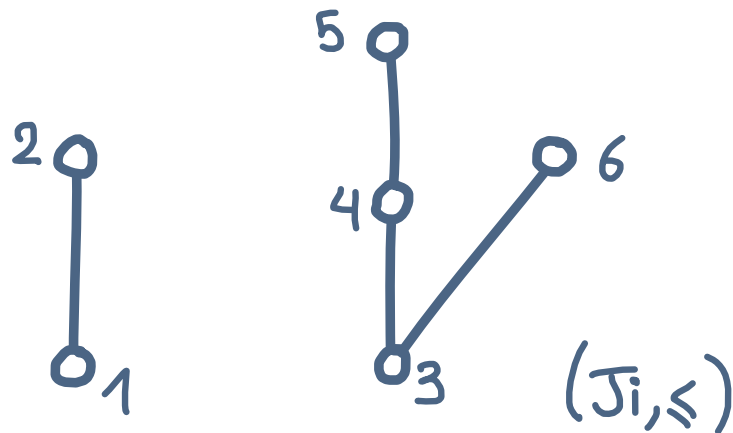
$$\Sigma_{cd} = \{ A \rightarrow x : A \text{ minimal generator of } x, x \notin A \}$$

Our running example :

$$\Sigma_{cd} = \left[ \begin{array}{l} 2 \rightarrow 1, 46 \rightarrow 1, 56 \rightarrow 1, \\ 46 \rightarrow 2, 15 \rightarrow 2, 16 \rightarrow 2, \\ 5 \rightarrow 3, 4 \rightarrow 3, 6 \rightarrow 3, \\ 13 \rightarrow 4, 23 \rightarrow 4, 16 \rightarrow 4, 26 \rightarrow 4 \\ 14 \rightarrow 5, 16 \rightarrow 5, 24 \rightarrow 5, 26 \rightarrow 5 \end{array} \right]$$

What about the  $\Delta$ -base then ?

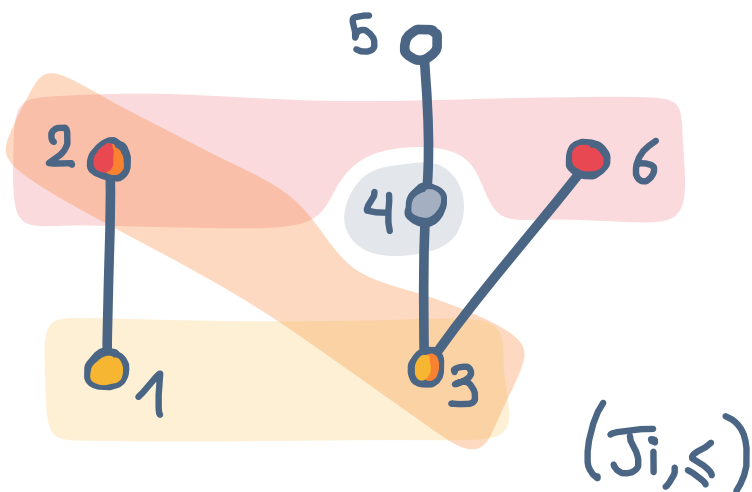
1st ingredient: order to binary implications



$$\rightarrow \Sigma_b = \left[ \begin{array}{l} 2 \rightarrow 1, 5 \rightarrow 4, 5 \rightarrow 3, \\ 4 \rightarrow 3, 6 \rightarrow 3 \end{array} \right]$$

with closure operator  $\phi_b$

2nd ingredient: translate  $\Delta$ -generators



non-singleton minimal  
generators of  $\chi$  minimal  
w.r.t.  $\phi_b$  !

$$13 \subseteq 123 \subseteq 1236$$

$$\phi_b(13) \subseteq \phi_b(23) \subseteq \phi_b(26)$$

At last, the  $\Delta$ -grail Adaricheva et al., 13

DEF ( $\Delta$ -generator):  $A \subseteq X$  is a  $\Delta$ -generator of  $x$  if  $x \notin \phi_b(A)$  and  $A$  is a minimal generator of  $x$  being  $\phi_b$ -minimal among min. gen. of  $x$

DEF ( $\Delta$ -base): the  $\Delta$ -base of a closure system is:

$$\Sigma_D = \Sigma_b \cup \{A \rightarrow x : A \text{ } \Delta\text{-gen of } x\}$$

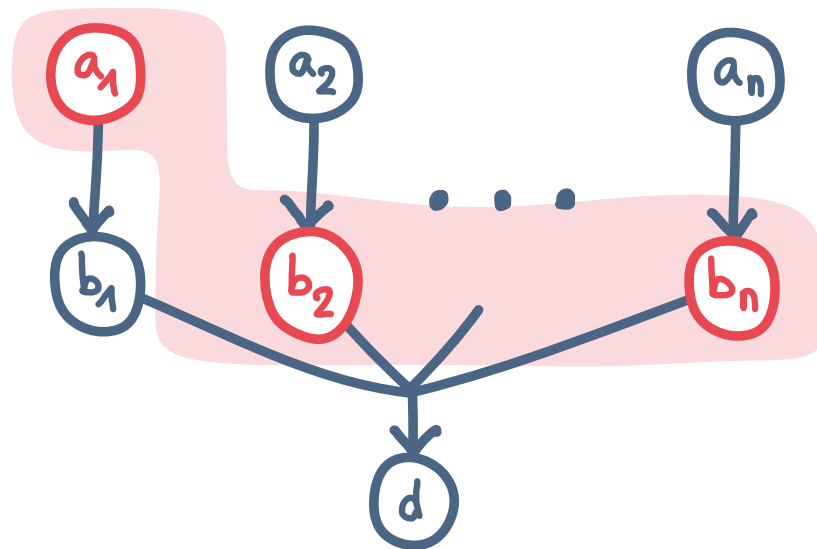
$$\Sigma_D = \left[ \begin{array}{l} 2 \rightarrow 1, 5 \rightarrow 4, 5 \rightarrow 3, \\ 4 \rightarrow 3, 6 \rightarrow 3 \end{array} \right] \cup \left[ \begin{array}{l} 46 \rightarrow 1, \\ 46 \rightarrow 2, 15 \rightarrow 2, 16 \rightarrow 2, \\ 13 \rightarrow 4, \\ 14 \rightarrow 5, 16 \rightarrow 5 \end{array} \right]$$

Bonus: gap between  $\Sigma_{cd}$  and  $\Sigma_D$

RMK: we have  $\Sigma_D \subseteq \Sigma_{cd}$ , but what is the gap?

$$X = \{a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_n, d\}$$

$$\Sigma = \{a_i \rightarrow b_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{b_1 \dots b_n \rightarrow d\}$$



exponential gap  
w.r.t.  $\Sigma_D$  !

$$\Sigma_D = \Sigma \quad \Sigma_{cd} = \Sigma_D \cup \left\{ A \rightarrow d : A \in \prod_{i=1}^n \{a_i, b_i\} \right\}$$

## PART II: Computing the $\Delta$ -base

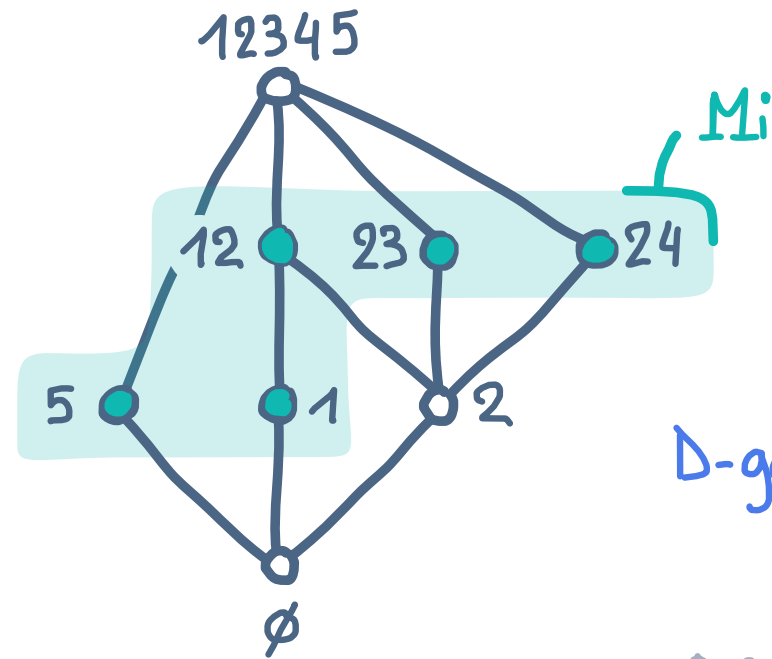
# Brand new toy example

Binary implications  $\Sigma_b$

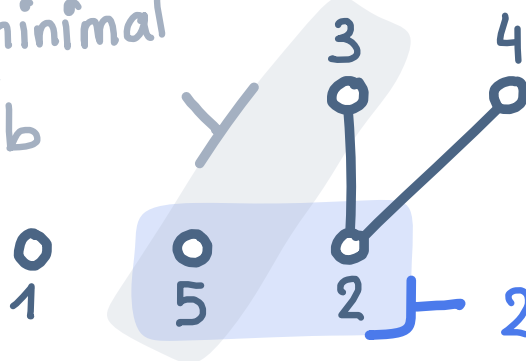
$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \rightarrow 2, & 25 \rightarrow 3, \\ 3 \rightarrow 2, & 34 \rightarrow 1, \\ 25 \rightarrow 4, & 14 \rightarrow 3, \\ 15 \rightarrow 4, & 13 \rightarrow 5, \\ 35 \rightarrow 4, & \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Delta$ -generator of 4

minimal generators of 4  
(no subset of 35 gives 4)



35 not minimal  
w.r.t.  $\Sigma_b$



$\Sigma_b$  as a poset

25 minimal w.r.t.  $\Sigma_b \Rightarrow \Delta$ -generator of 4



## Problems

**PROB** : given irreducibles  $M_i$  over  $X$ ,  
find the  $\Delta$ -base  $\Sigma_\Delta$

**PROB** : given an implicational base  $\Sigma$  over  $X$ ,  
find the  $\Delta$ -base  $\Sigma_\Delta$

**RMK** : enumeration tasks, listing implications  
without repetitions

## further motivations

Theoretical / algorithmic properties :

- convey structural information of closure systems
- ordered direct (fast forward chaining)
- much smaller than the set of all minimal generators

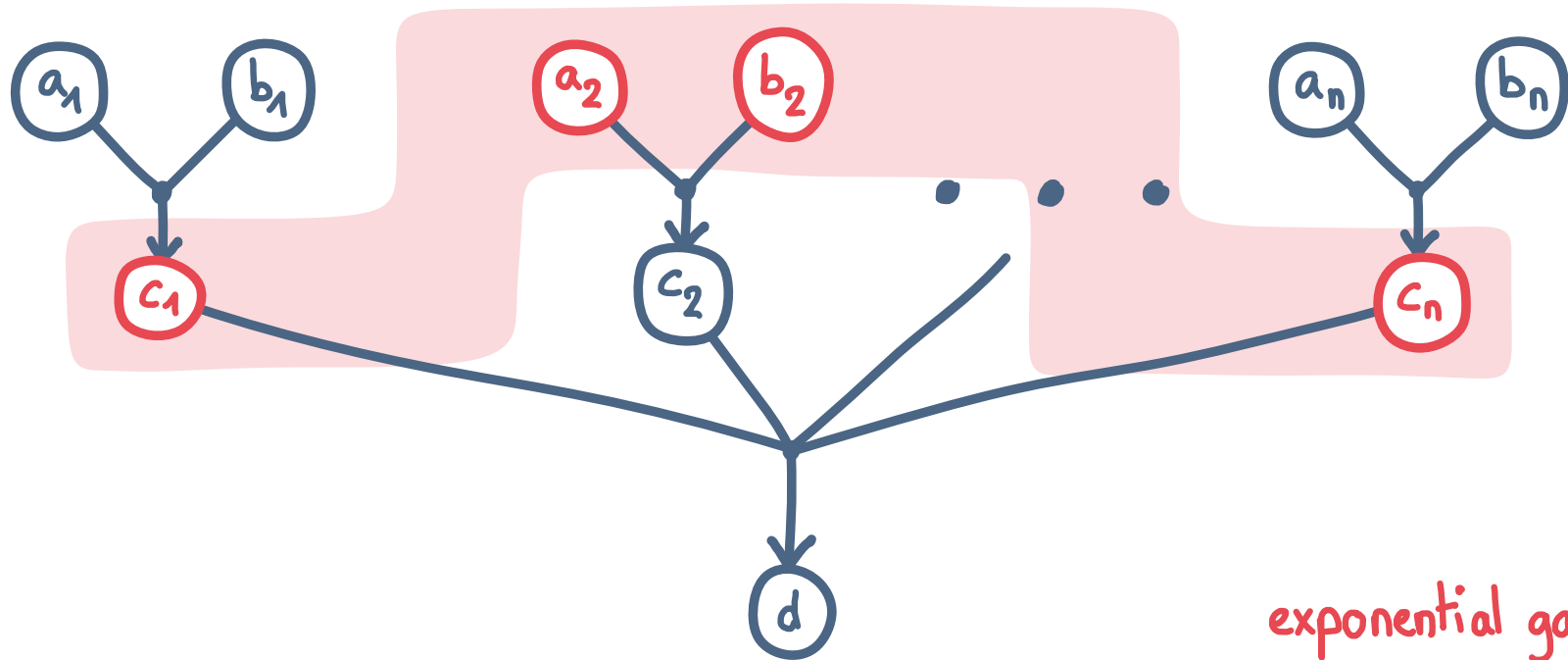
Practical uses :

- seabreeze forecast Adaricheva et al., 23
- stomach cancer risk estimation Nation et al., 21

Exponential blow up

$$X = \{a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_n, c_1, \dots, c_n, d\}$$

$$\Sigma = \{a_i b_i \rightarrow c_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{c_1 \dots c_n \rightarrow d\}$$



$$\Sigma_D = \Sigma \cup \left\{ A \rightarrow d : A \in \prod_{i=1}^n \{a_i b_i, c_i\} \right\}$$

exponential gap  
w.r.t.  $\Sigma$ !

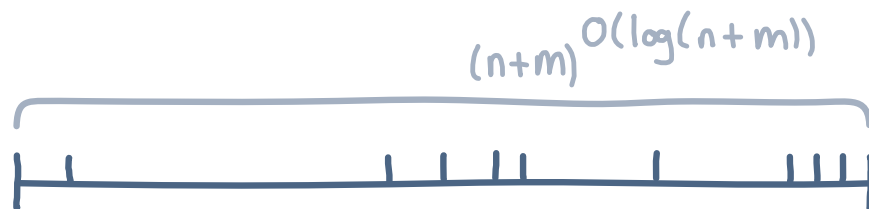
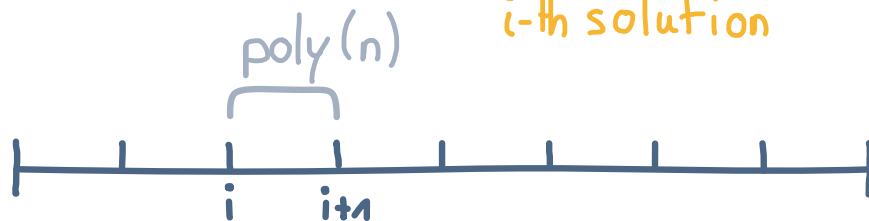
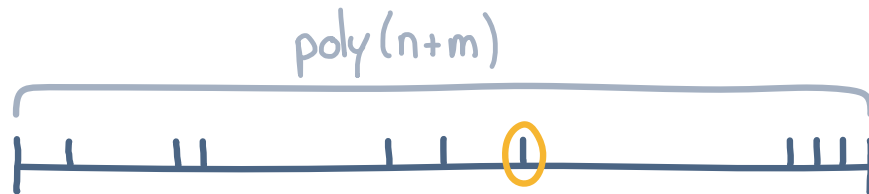
Enumeration: output-sensitive complexity

Each of size  $\text{poly}(x)$  ←

Enumeration task: with input  $x$ , list a set of solutions  $R(x)$

exec. time of  $A$

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Enumeration algorithm  $A$

input  $x$  of size  $n$

output  $R(x)$  of size  $m$

Output polynomial time

polynomial delay

Output quasi-polynomial time

PROB : given irreducibles  $M_i$  over  $X$ ,  
find the  $\Delta$ -base  $\Sigma_\Delta$

- algorithm based on Hypergraph dualization Adaricheva, Naiton, 17  
produces (possibly large) superset of  $\Delta$ -base

**PROB** : given an implicational base  $\Sigma$  over  $X$ ,  
find the  $\Delta$ -base  $\Sigma_{\Delta}$

- algorithm using simplification logic Rodriguez et al., 15, 17  
no (output-sensitive) complexity analysis
- poly-delay algorithm listing  $\Delta$ -minimal keys Ennaoui, Nourine, 16  
based on solution-graph traversal  
     $\rightarrow$  ( $\hat{=}$   $\Delta$ -gen of some  $x$ )

## Our results : part I

**PROB :** given irreducibles  $M_i$  over  $X$ ,  
find the  $\Delta$ -base  $\Sigma_\Delta$

Dualization of distributive lattices  
+ Elhassioni 22

**THM :** given  $M_i$  over  $X$ ,  $\Sigma_\Delta$  can be computed  
in output quasi-polynomial time

ANV, 24+

## Our results : part II

**PROB :** given an implicational base  $\Sigma$  over  $X$ ,  
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Solution-graph traversal  
+ Ennaoui, Nourine 16

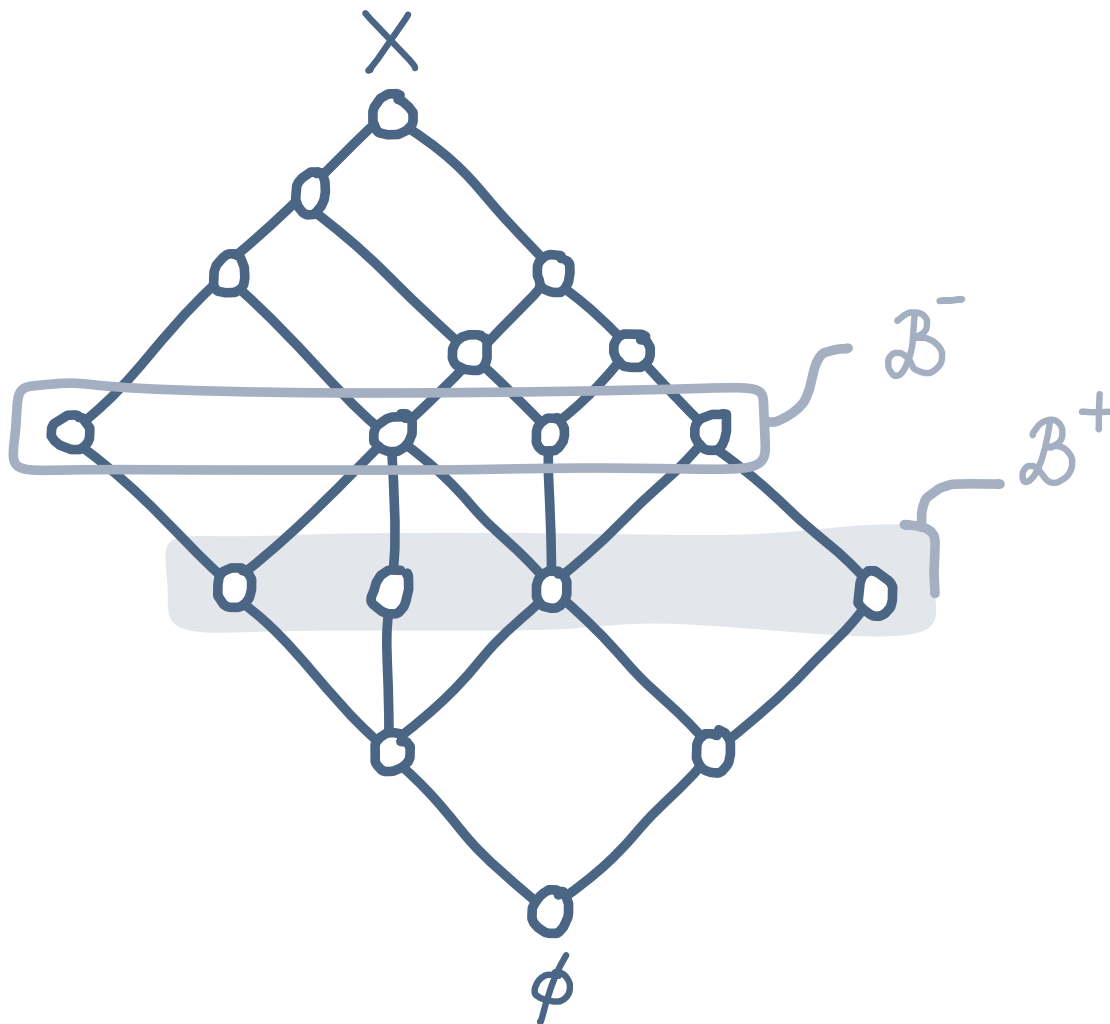
**THM :** given  $\Sigma$  over  $X$ ,  $\Sigma_D$  can be computed  
with polynomial delay

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# Dualization



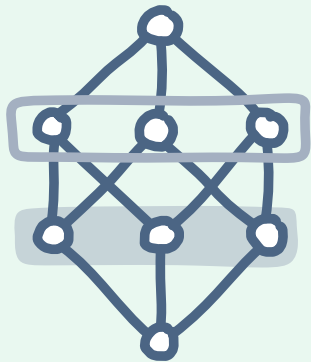
$B^-$  and  $B^+$  are dual:

- $\downarrow B^+ \cup \uparrow B^- = \mathcal{F}$
- $\downarrow B^+ \cap \uparrow B^- = \emptyset$

PROB : with  $\Sigma$  over  $X$  and antichain  $B^+$ , find antichain  $B^-$

# Dualization complexity and D-base

Quasi-poly  
Fredman, Khachiyan, 96

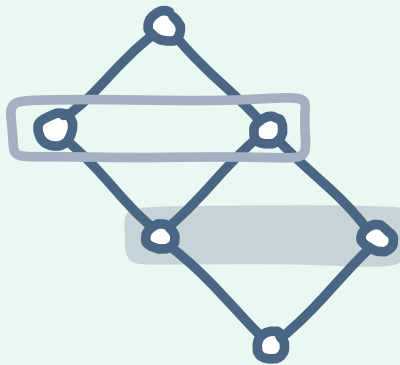


Boolean  
( $\approx$  powersets)



Hypergraph dualization  
Monotone dualization

Quasi-poly  
Elbassioni, 22



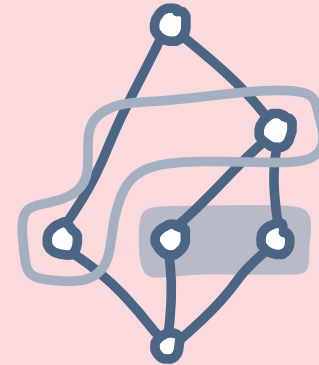
Distributive  
( $U, n$ -closed)



D-Base from Mi

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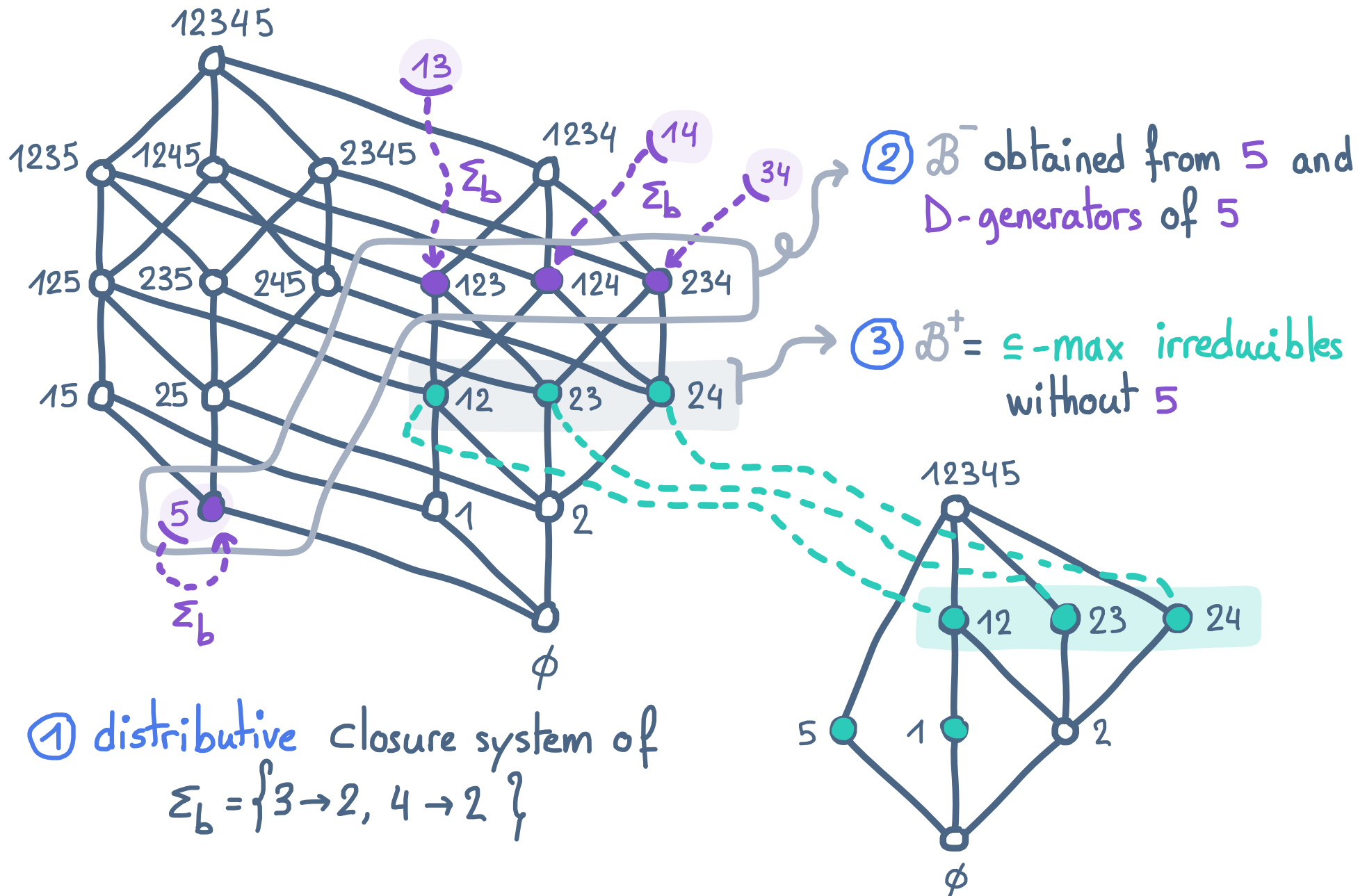
Hard  
Kavvadias et al., 00



General

Classes of  
Closure  
systems

Intuition:  $\Delta$ -base from  $M_i \Leftarrow$  Dualization Distr.

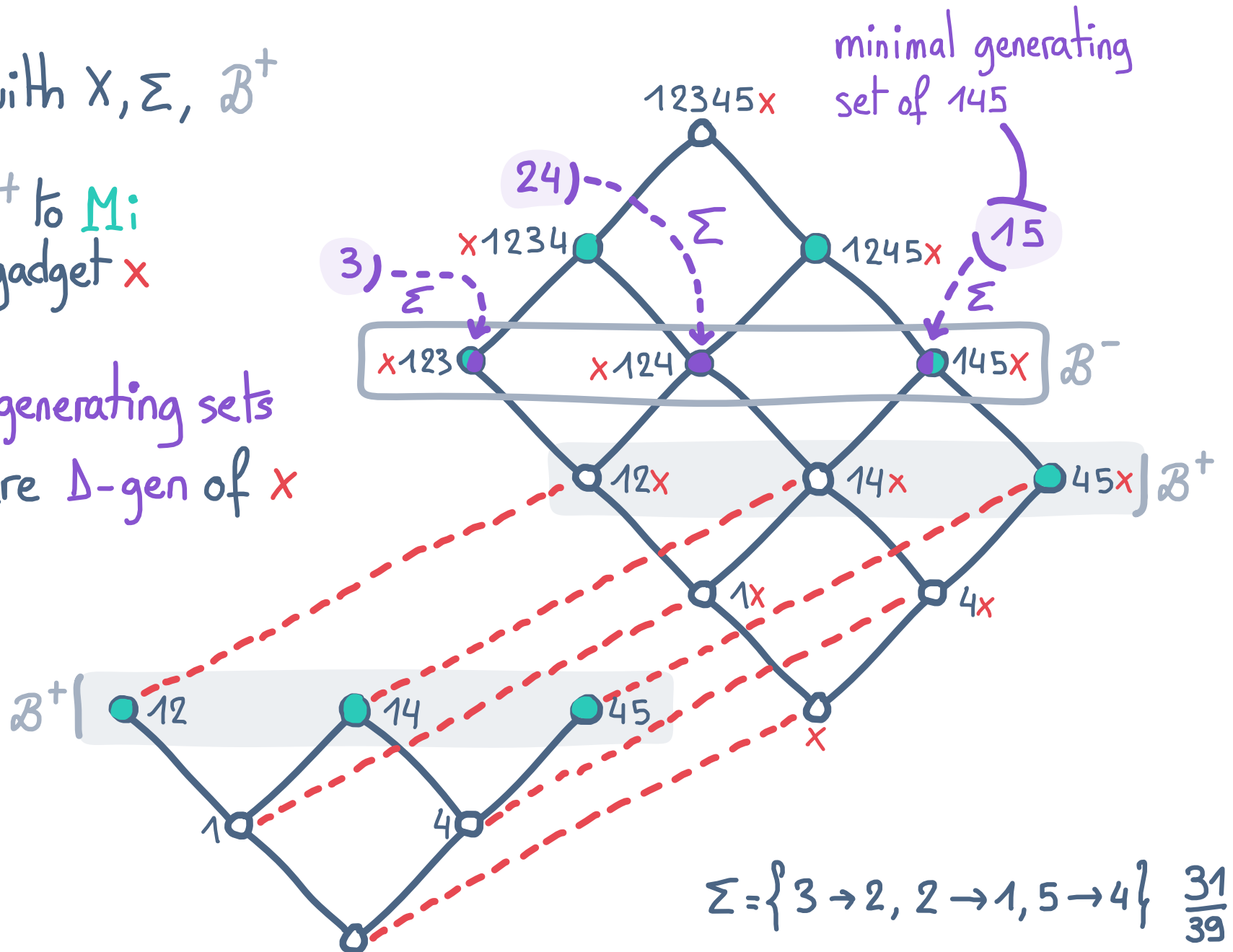


Intuition:  $\Delta$ -base from  $M_i \triangleright$  Dualization Distr.

① Start with  $X, \Sigma, \mathcal{B}^+$

② Add  $\mathcal{B}^+$  to  $M_i$  using gadget  $x$

③ (min.) generating sets of  $\mathcal{B}^-$  are  $\Delta$ -gen of  $x$



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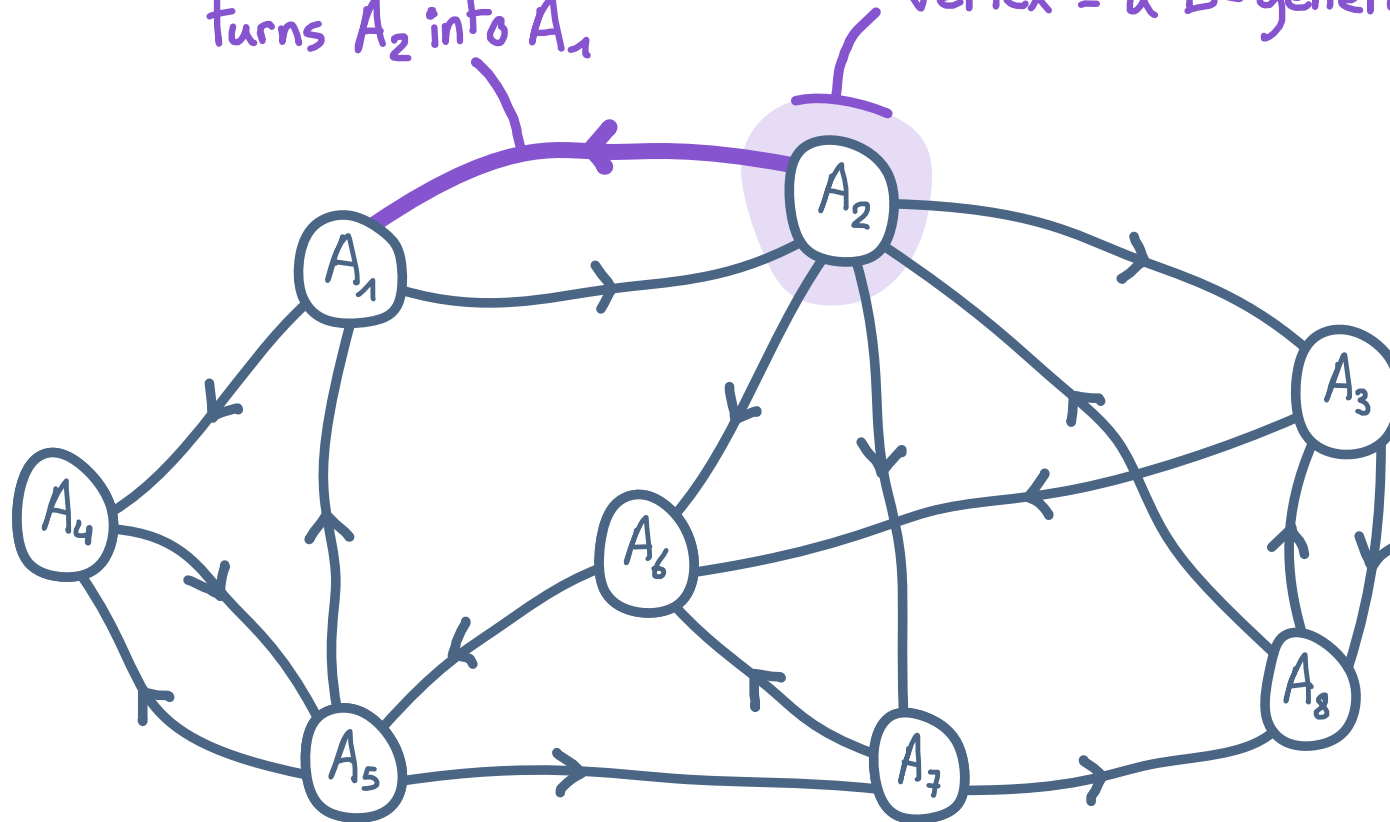
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**PROB :** given an implicational base  $\Sigma$  over  $X$ ,  
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Principle: Solution - graph traversal

arc = transition\* which  
turns  $A_2$  into  $A_1$

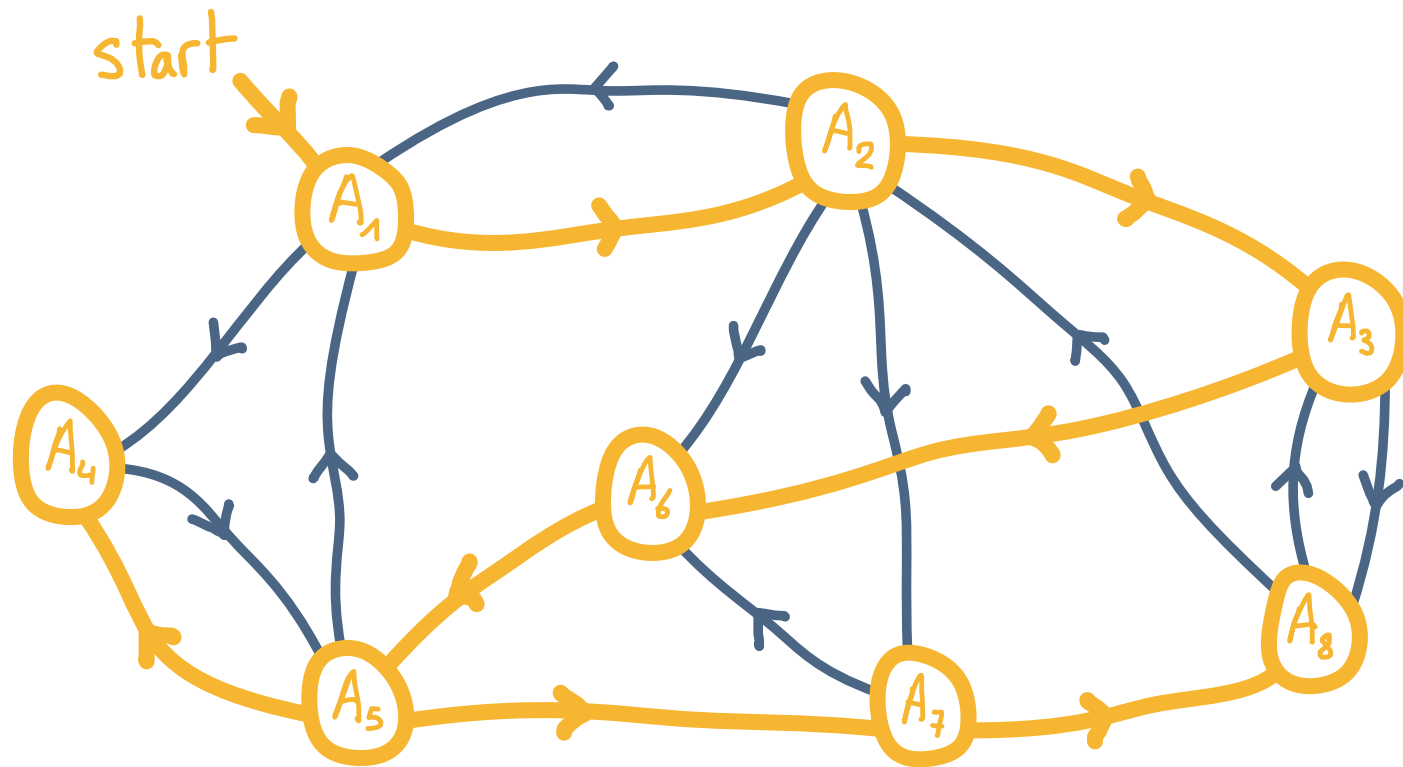
vertex = a D-generator of  $x$



\* transition key idea: substitute  $a_2 \in A_2$  with  $B$  s.t.  $B \rightarrow a_2 \in \Sigma$   
(greedily) minimize w.r.t.  $\Sigma_b$

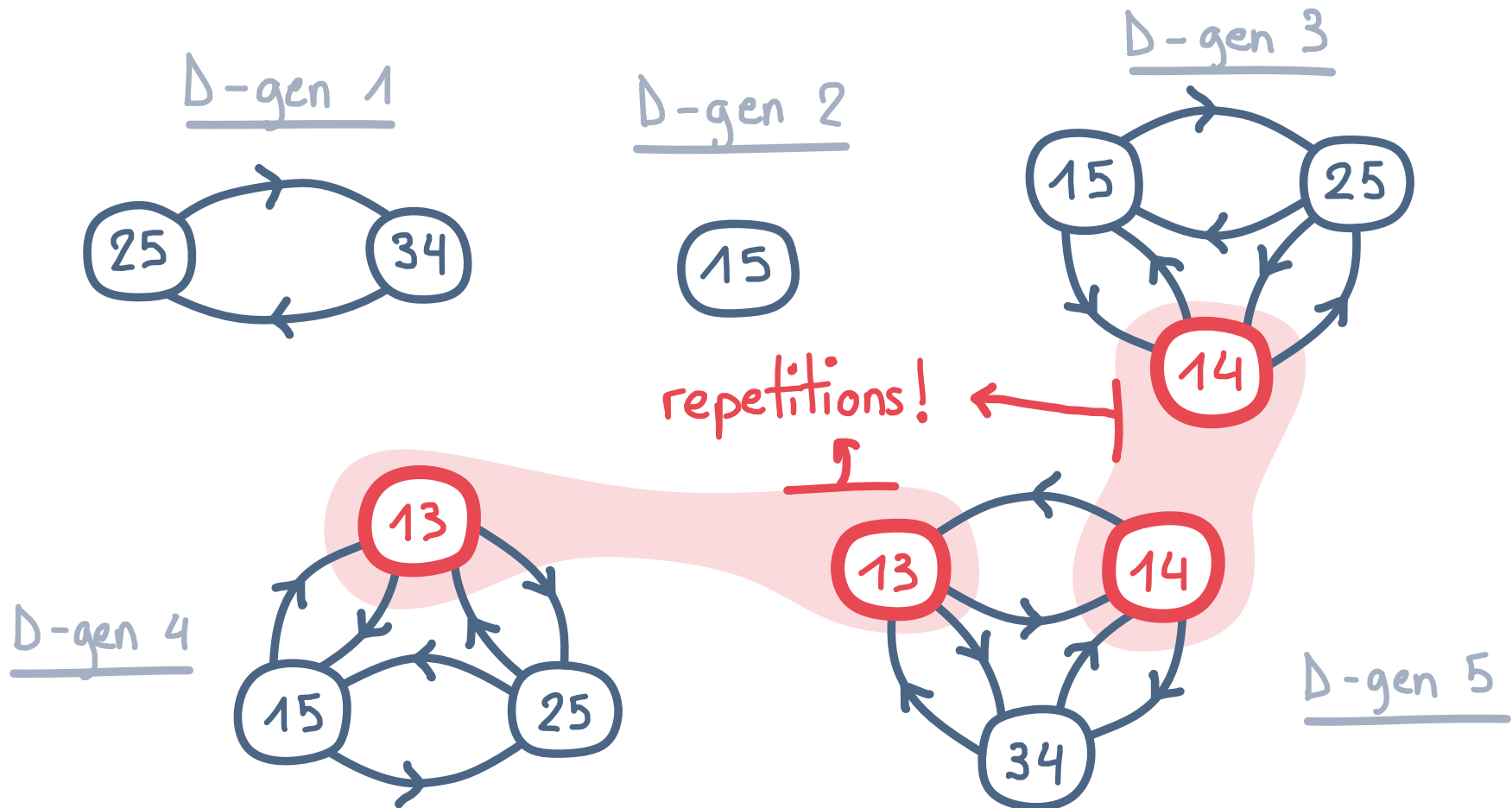


# Principle: Solution-graph traversal



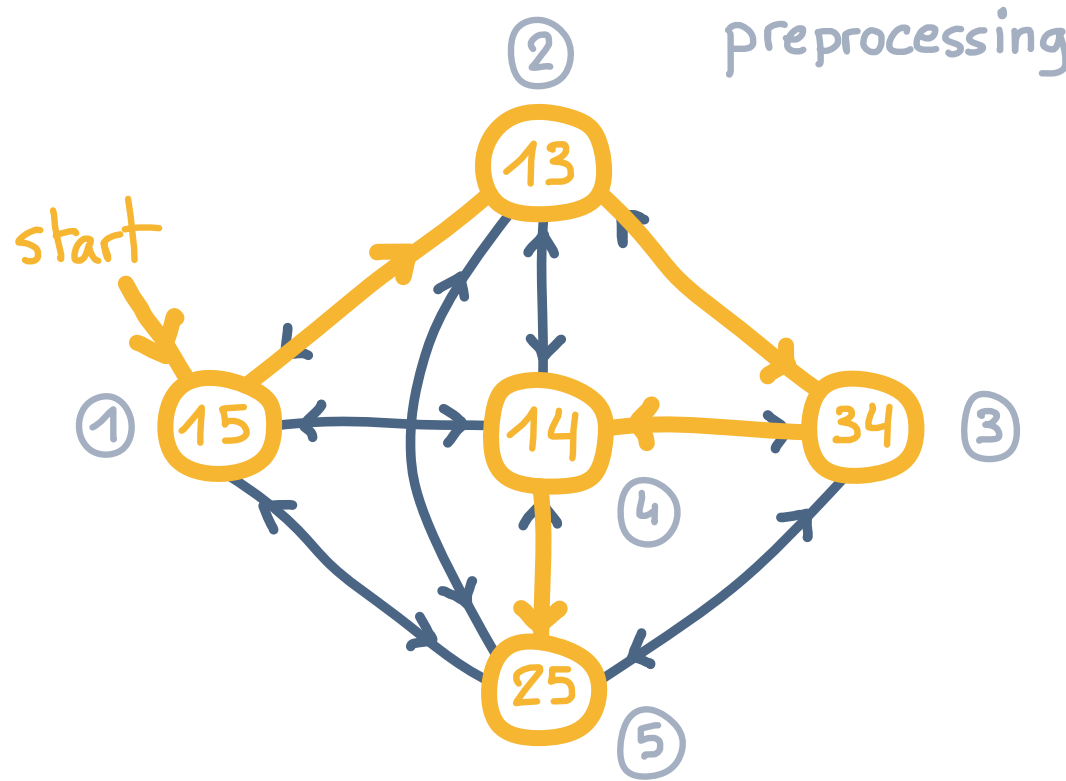
1st solution in poly-time + poly transitions + strongly connected  
⇒ poly-delay enumeration (with DFS) of D-gen of some  $x$

In our case (running ex)



**PROB:** applying algo on each  $x \in X$  yields repetitions  
 $\Rightarrow$  no guarantee on delay

Fix: merge the graphs



⊙  $3 \rightarrow 2, 4 \rightarrow 2$

①  $15 \rightarrow 2, 15 \rightarrow 3, 15 \rightarrow 4$

②  $13 \rightarrow 2, 13 \rightarrow 5$

③  $34 \rightarrow 5, 34 \rightarrow 1$

④  $14 \rightarrow 3, 14 \rightarrow 5$

⑤  $25 \rightarrow 3, 25 \rightarrow 1, 25 \rightarrow 4$

**FIX:** take the union of supergraphs

- poly transitions
- 1st solution in poly-time  $\forall x \in X$
- strongly connected components

$\Rightarrow$  poly delay enumeration of all D-gens (with DFSs)

**PROB :** given an implicational base  $\Sigma$  over  $X$ ,  
find the D-base  $\Sigma_D$

Solution graph traversal  
+ Ennaoui, Nourine 16

**THM :** given  $\Sigma$  over  $X$ ,  $\Sigma_D$  can be computed  
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# Conclusion

The D-base:

- describe a lattice by minimal join covers
- ordered direct subset of canonical direct base

Finding the D-base:

- output quasi-poly from  $M_i$
- poly-delay from  $\Sigma$

Questions regarding E-base (subset of D-base)

- Characterize systems with valid E-base
- Similar algorithms for E-base?

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