

'Transitivity'

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The lay of the land

A catalog of ‘transitivities’

What implies what

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Transitivity

A binary relation R on a set S is **transitive** iff:
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Also:

If R is not a binary relation on a set,
it's not transitive.

A **consequence relation** is some kind of relation.

Many usual suspects are not binary relations on any set at all: they relate **collections** of premises to **single** conclusions.

That is, they are relations **between** \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{F} , where \mathcal{C} is the set of collections of formulas and \mathcal{F} is the set of formulas.

For transitivity to even be an option,
premises and conclusions must be treated the same.

Either we restrict them both to be single formulas,
or we allow (the same kind of) collections for both.

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In a wide variety of systems:

$$A \vee B \vdash A, B$$

$$A, B \vdash A \wedge B$$

$$A \vee B \not\vdash A \wedge B$$

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Usual consequence relations, then, aren't transitive.

But it is usual to see consequence relations **defined** as relations that are 'reflexive', 'monotonic', and 'transitive'.

What, then, does 'transitive' mean here?

Some common conditions for single-conclusion:

- If $\Gamma \vdash A$ and $A, \Gamma \vdash B$, then $\Gamma \vdash B$
- If $\Gamma \vdash A$ and $A, \Gamma' \vdash B$, then $\Gamma, \Gamma' \vdash B$
- If $\Gamma \vdash A$ for all $A \in \Theta$ and $\Theta, \Gamma' \vdash B$, then $\Gamma, \Gamma' \vdash B$

For sets of conclusions:

- If $\Gamma \vdash \Delta, A$ and $A, \Gamma \vdash \Delta$, then $\Gamma \vdash \Delta$
- If $\Gamma \vdash \Delta, A$ and $A, \Gamma' \vdash \Delta'$, then $\Gamma, \Gamma' \vdash \Delta, \Delta'$
- If $\Gamma, \Sigma^+ \vdash \Sigma^-, \Delta$ for every partition $\langle \Sigma^+, \Sigma^- \rangle$ of Σ , then $\Gamma \vdash \Delta$

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The setting

I assume an infinite set \mathcal{F} of formulas.

Here, a **consequence relation** is a binary relation \vdash on $\wp(\mathcal{F})$ that is

Monotonic:

If $\Gamma \vdash \Delta$, then $\Gamma, \Gamma' \vdash \Delta, \Delta'$

The use of **sets** imposes other structural properties automatically: contraction, expansion, exchange, associativity.

‘Reflexive’?

$A \vdash A$

‘Reflexivity’ turns out not to matter one way or the other.

Everything to follow holds either with it or without it.

Compact?

If $\Gamma \vdash \Delta$, then
there are finite $\Gamma_{\text{fin}} \subseteq \Gamma$ and $\Delta_{\text{fin}} \subseteq \Delta$ such that
 $\Gamma_{\text{fin}} \vdash \Delta_{\text{fin}}$

Makes a difference;
I'll consider the situation both **with** and **without**
assuming compactness.

A catalog of 'transitivities'

1024 properties

Name:	If	and	then
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That's 10 properties.

I'll consider arbitrary conjunctions of these.

This gives $2^{10} = 1024$ potential properties.

Fortunately, it's not so many in the end!

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Finite and complete

Compare:

	If	and	then
/F	$\Gamma \vdash A$	$A, \Gamma \vdash \Delta$	$\Gamma \vdash \Delta$
/C	$\Gamma \vdash A$ for all $A \in \Sigma$	$\Sigma, \Gamma \vdash \Delta$	$\Gamma \vdash \Delta$

/F implies all instances of /C with finite Σ .

This is why 'finite' and 'complete'.

The same goes for:

- F/ and C/
- FG and CG
- FG and C^+
- C^+ and FG

What implies what

Without compactness

One way for a property to imply another is for all instances of the second to be instances of the first.

KS implies S:

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In this way:

- $/C$ implies $/F$
- $C/$ implies $F/$
- $/C^+$ implies FG
- $C^+/$ implies FG

Other implications depend on monotonicity.

$F/$ implies KS:

	If	and	then
KS	$\Gamma \vdash A$	$A \vdash \Delta$	$\Gamma \vdash \Delta$
$F/$	$\Gamma \vdash \Delta, A$	$A \vdash \Delta$	$\Gamma \vdash \Delta$

In this way:

- $/F$ implies KS
- FG implies $/F$
- FG implies $F/$
- $/C^+$ implies $/C$
- $C^+/$ implies $C/$
- CG implies $/C^+$
- CG implies $C^+/$

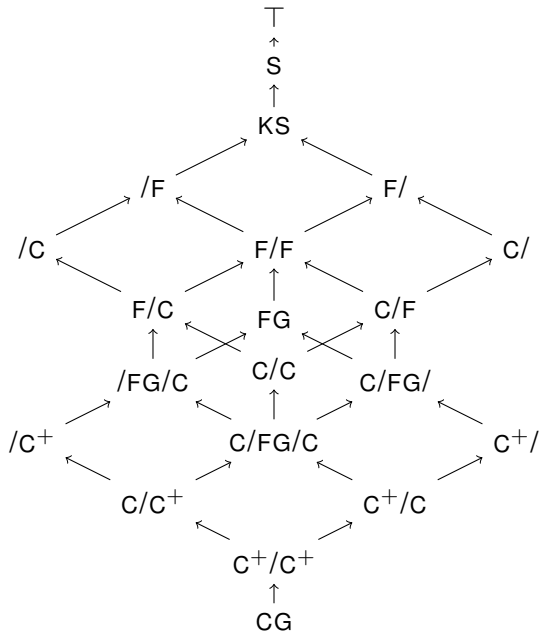
Other implications follow by semilattice properties of implication and conjunction.

- If P implies Q and Q implies R , then P implies R .
- If P implies both Q and R , it implies their conjunction.
- The conjunction of P and Q implies both P and Q .

These implications are enough to get our 1024 down to 21,
and settle a number of implications among these.

In addition to the ten base properties,
the following eleven conjunctions remain:

Name:	Definition:	Name:	Definition:
\top	The empty conjunction.		
F/F	F/ and /F.	F/C	C/ and /F.
C/F	F/ and /C.	C/C	C/ and /C.
/FG/C	/C and FG.	C/FG/	C/ and FG.
C/FG/C	/C, C/, and FG.	C/C ⁺	/C ⁺ and C/.
C ⁺ /C	C ⁺ / and /C.	C ⁺ /C ⁺	/C ⁺ and C ⁺ /.



What implies what

With compactness

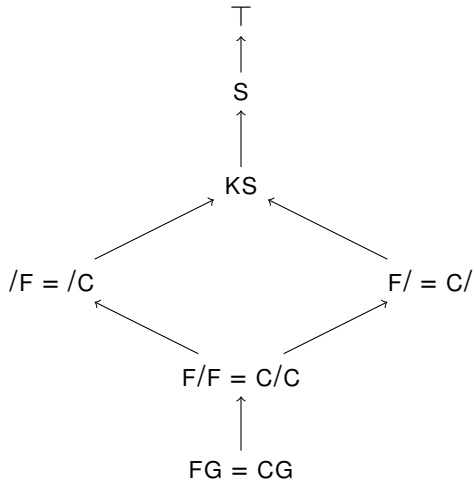
If we assume compactness, we get a bunch more implications.

‘Finite’ properties, which already implied all finite instances of their ‘complete’ relatives, now fully imply them.

With compactness:

- $\neg F$ implies $\neg C$
- F implies C
- FG implies CG , and so everything

This brings 21 down to 7:



What implies what

Lattices

A folklore result is relevant.

In any lattice:

If $x \leq y$ and $x \wedge y \leq z$, then $x \leq z$.

(Think \vdash : if $\Gamma \vdash A$ and $\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta$, then $\Gamma \vdash \Delta$.)

If $x \leq y$ and $x \leq y \vee z$, then $x \leq z$.

(Think \vdash : if $A \vdash \Delta$ and $\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta$, then $\Gamma \vdash \Delta$.)

What about FG?

A lattice is such that
if $x \leq y \vee z$ and $x \wedge y \leq z$ then $x \leq z$
iff the lattice is **distributive**.

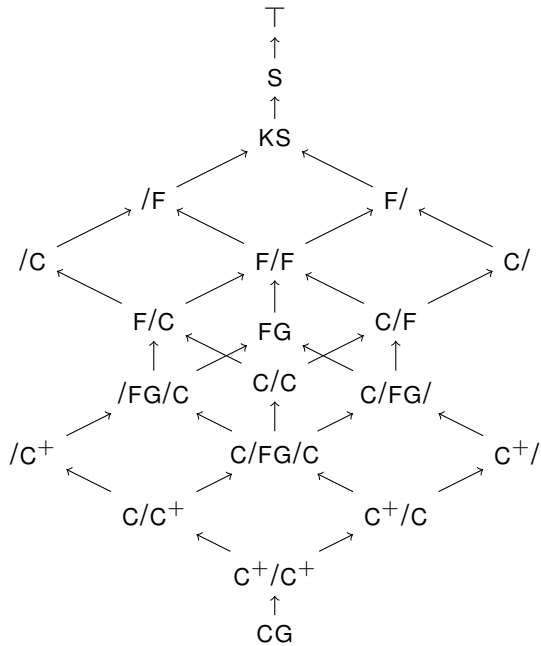
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Nonimplications

So there are at most 21 distinct properties,
or 7 with compactness required.

In fact, these counts are exact.

To be sure no implications are missing,
it takes ten consequence relations.



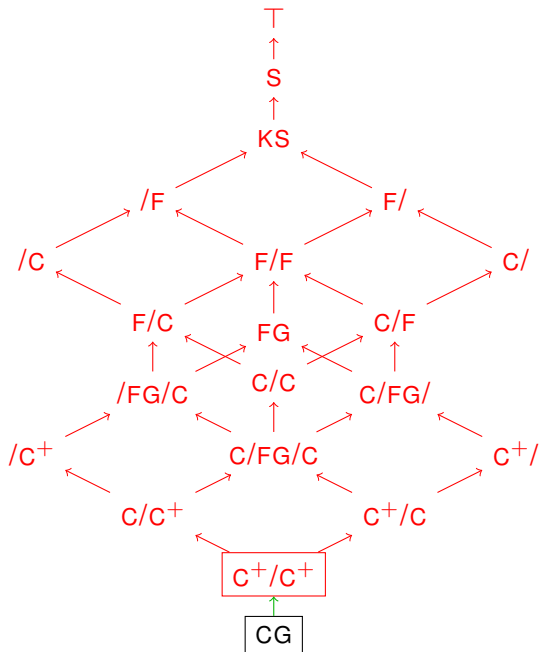
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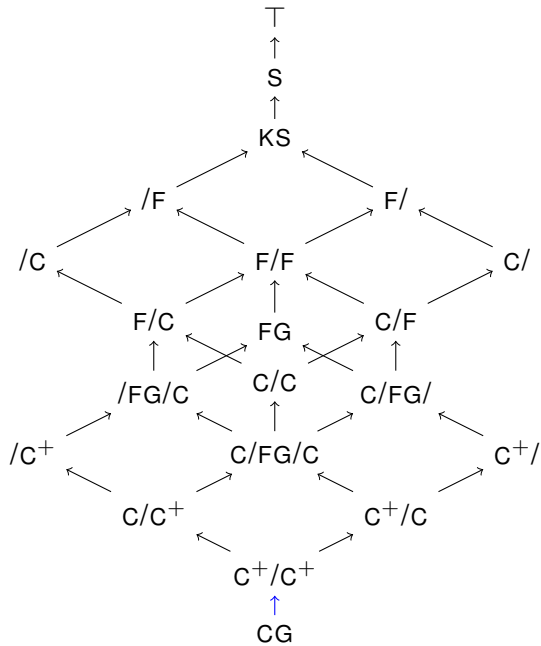
$\Gamma \cup \Delta$ is infinite.

Not compact.

Has c^+/c^+ .

Lacks CG.





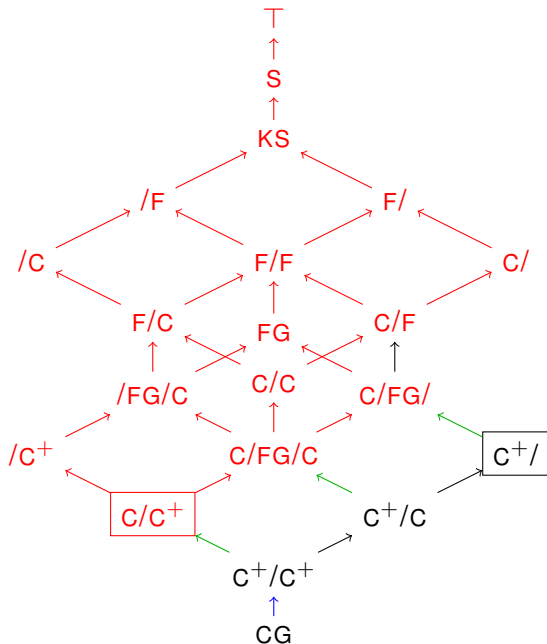
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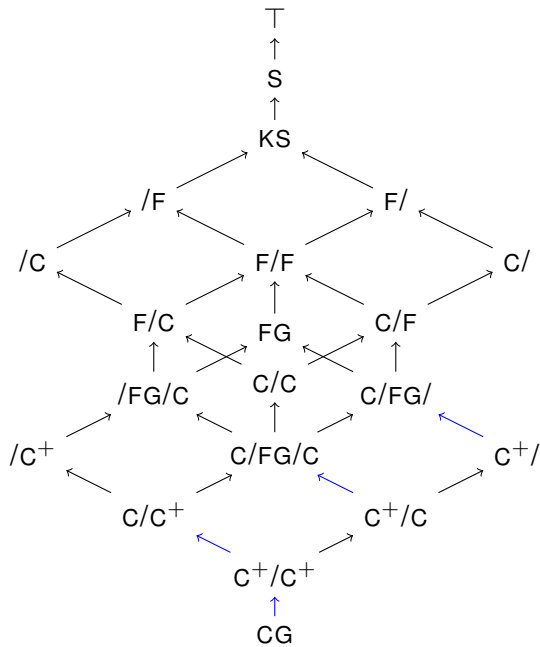
Δ is infinite or
 $|\Gamma| \geq 2$.

Not compact.

Has c/c^+ .

Lacks c^+/\cdot .

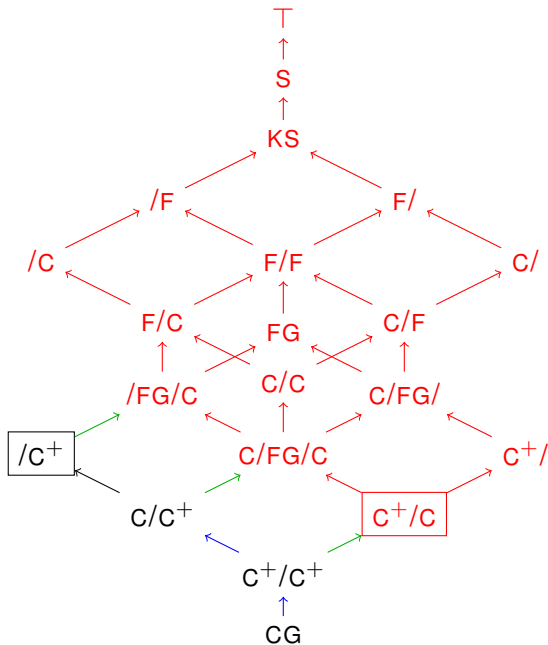


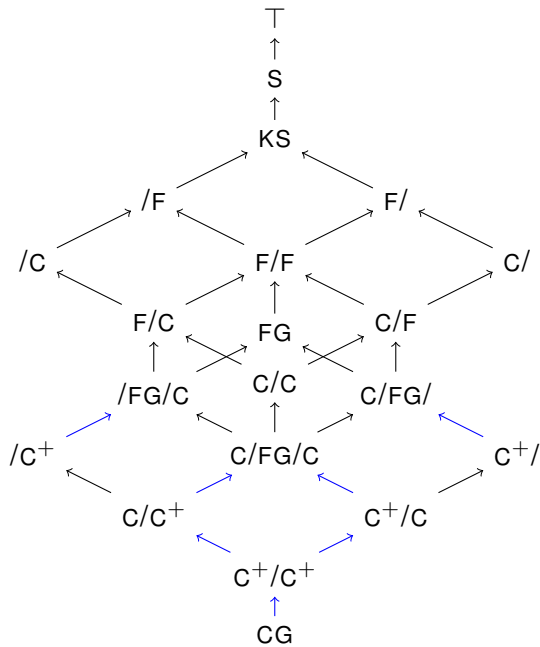


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Choose some infinite Θ .

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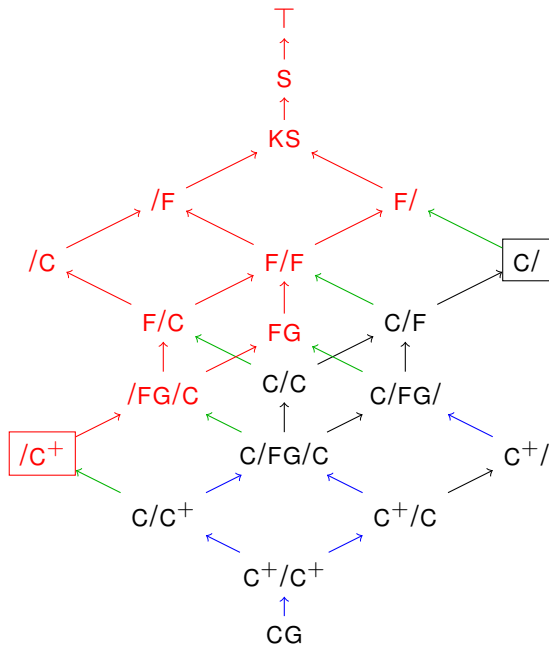
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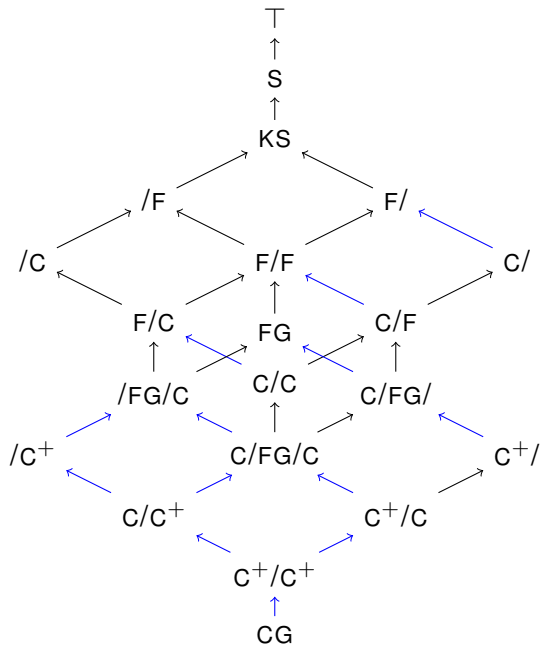
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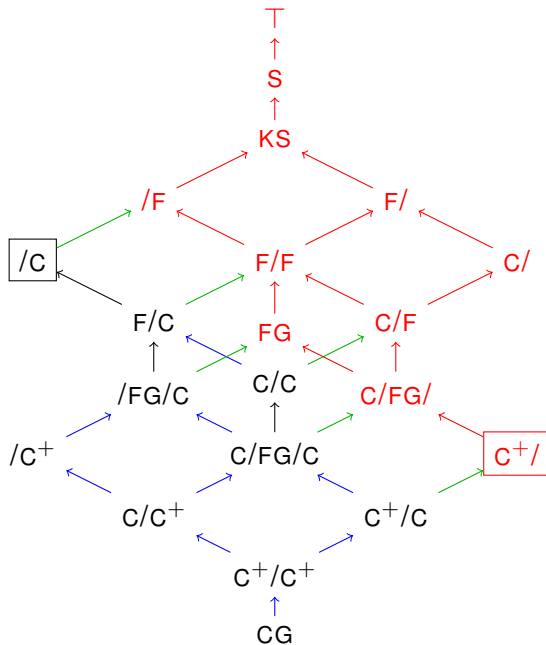
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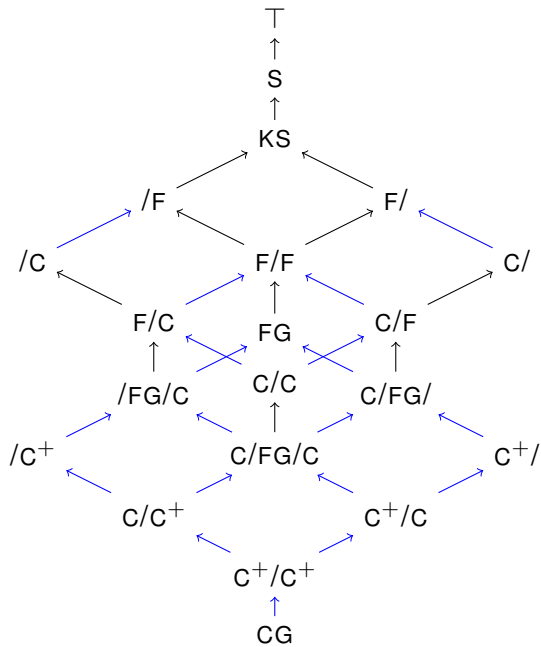
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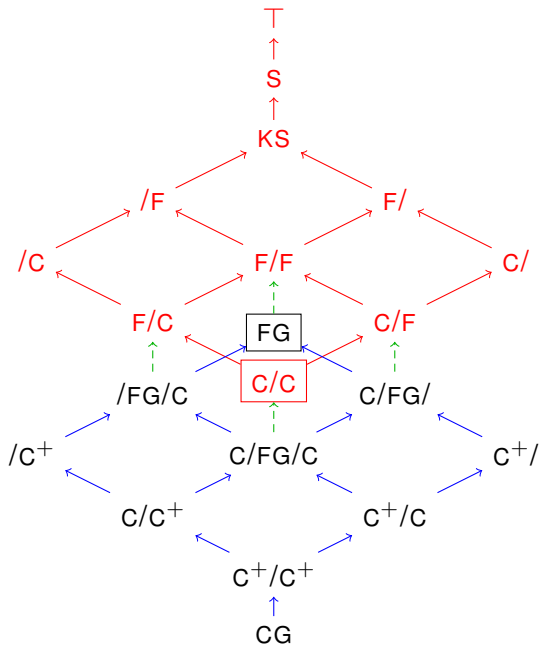
$B, C : D \sqsubseteq \Gamma : \Delta$ or

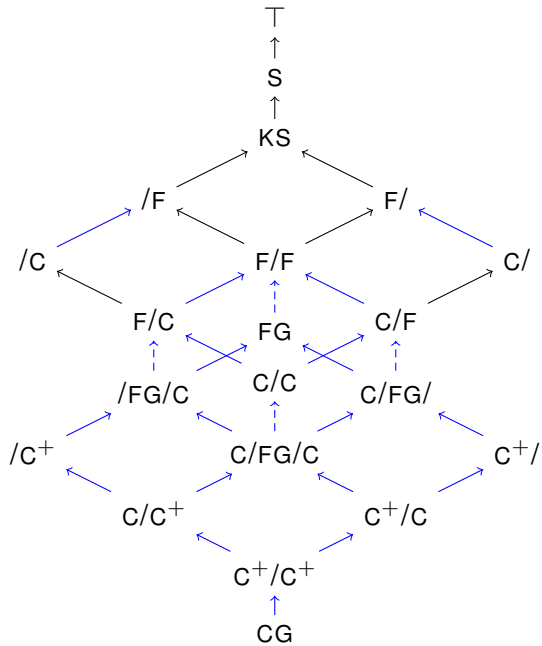
$C : D, B \sqsubseteq \Gamma : \Delta$.

Compact.

Has C/C .

Lacks FG .





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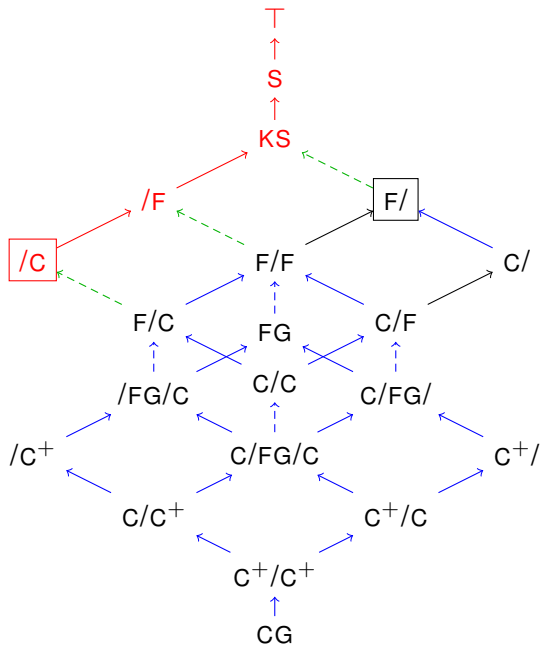
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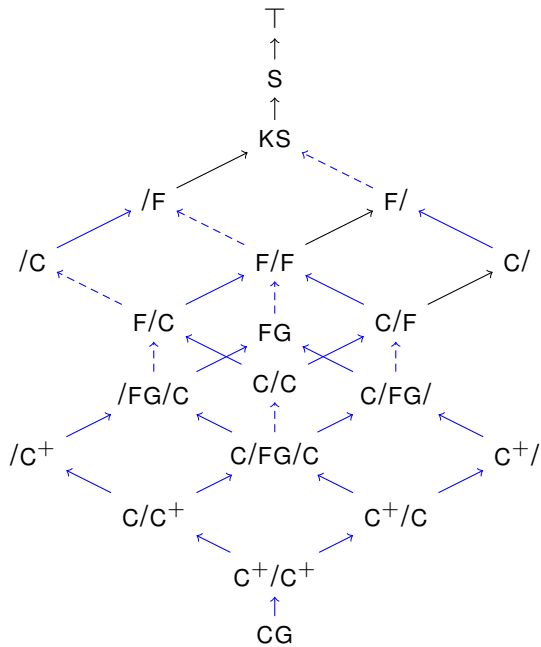
$E : B, C, D \sqsubseteq \Gamma : \Delta$.

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Lacks $F/$.





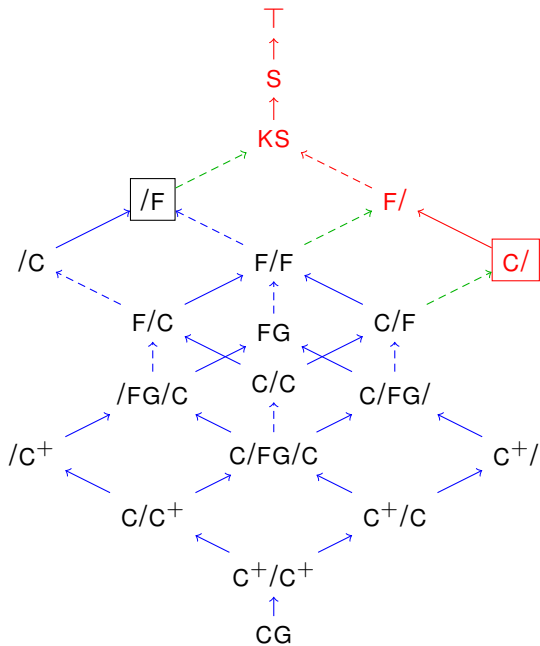
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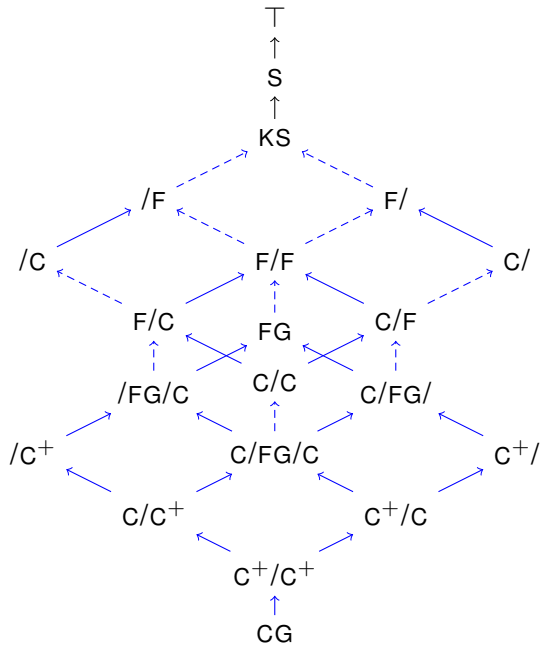
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$$C, D : B \sqsubseteq \Gamma : \Delta \text{ or } B, C, D : E \sqsubseteq \Gamma : \Delta.$$

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Choose some B .

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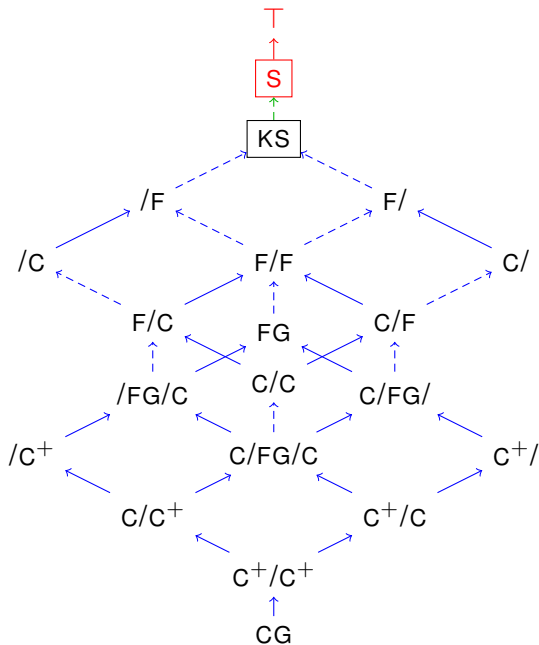
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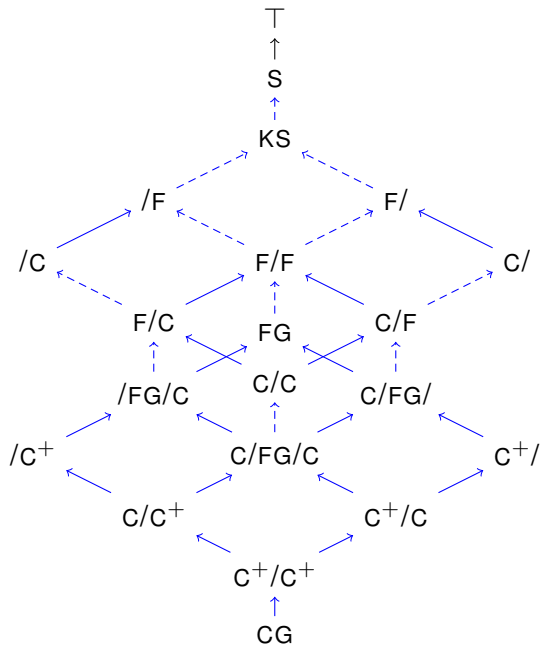
$\max(|\Gamma|, |\Delta|) \geq 2$ and
 $B \in \Gamma \cup \Delta$.

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Has s.

Lacks ks.





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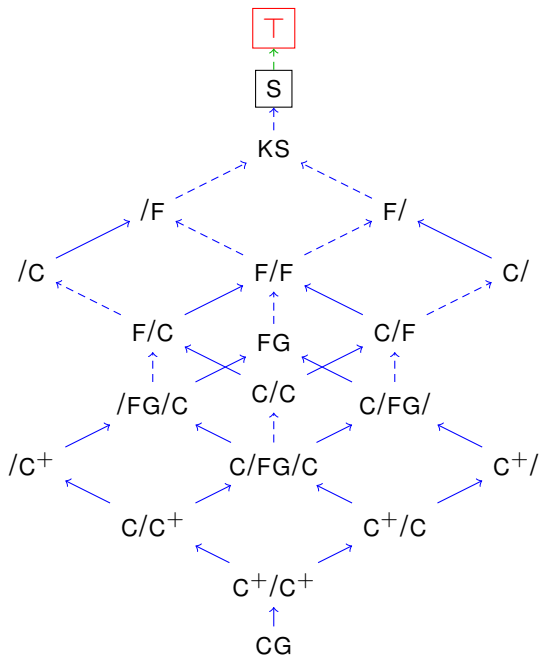
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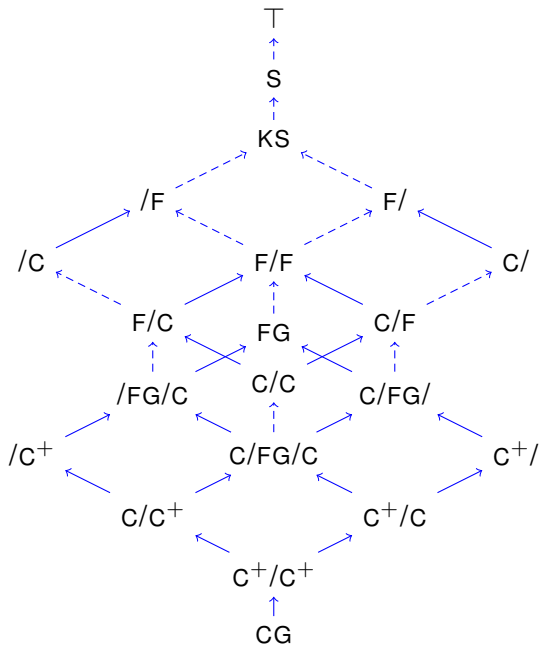
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There is a counterexample among these ten to every potential implication not already recorded.



So all 21 properties are distinct,
and the indicated implications are exhaustive.

Assuming compactness, all 7 properties are distinct,
and the indicated implications are exhaustive.

The moral:

Don't just say 'transitive'!
There's a **ton** of texture here.
(And none of it involves transitivity.)

And remember:

Things only get **more** complex
when we ditch other structural properties;
I've assumed just about everything.