

Coherence spaces

Coherence spaces

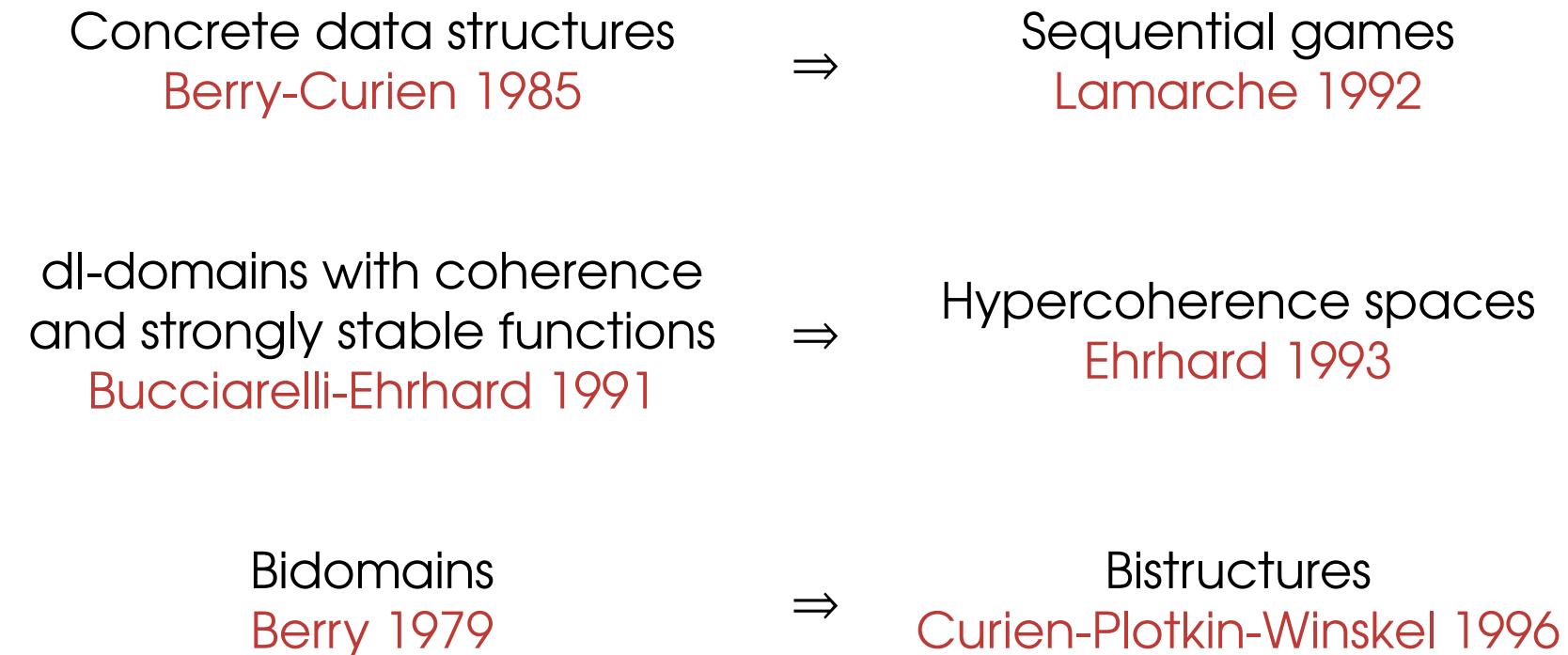
This model is at the origin of linear logic (1986)

Linear decomposition of the category with

- ▷ dl-domains
- ▷ stable functions

Coherence spaces

Since then, several linearizations have been achieved:



Coherence spaces

A **coherence space** is a pair $A = (|A|, \mathcal{C}_A)$ consisting of

- ▷ a set $|A|$ called the web of A
- ▷ a reflexive and symmetric relation

$$\mathcal{C}_A \subseteq |A| \times |A|$$

called its **coherence**.

So, **coherence space** is a pedantic to say **graph**.

Notation: one writes

- ▷ $a \curvearrowright_A a'$ if $a \mathcal{C}_A a'$ and $a \neq a'$.
- ▷ $a \asymp_A a'$ if $\neg(a \mathcal{C}_A a')$ or $a = a'$.

Coherence spaces

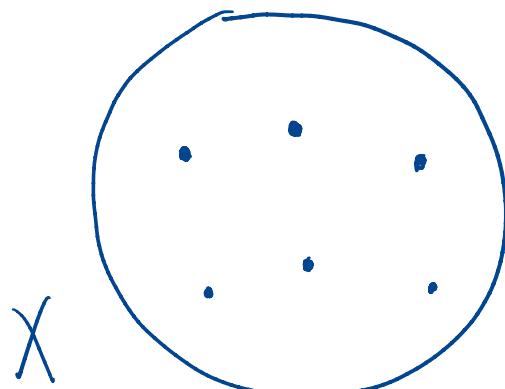
Example 1. the coherence spaces $0 = \top$ of empty web and $1 = \perp$ of singleton web.

Example 2. for every set X , the **discrete** coherence space

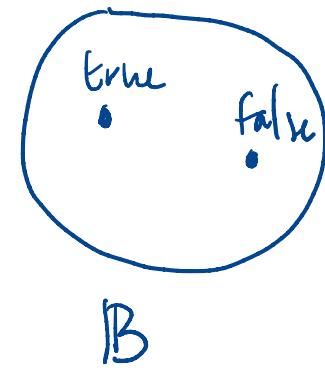
$$(X, =)$$

In particular,

$$B = (\{V, F\}, =)$$



$$N = (\mathbb{N}, =)$$



Interaction

A **clique** u in a graph A is a subset of $|A|$ such that

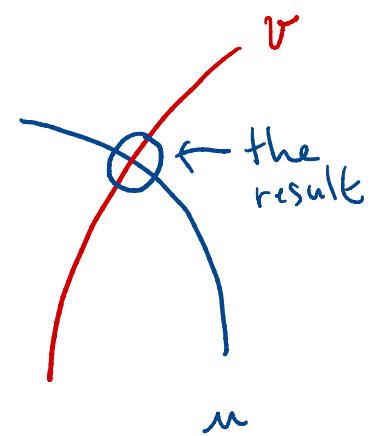
$$\forall(a, a') \in u, \quad a \supseteq_A a'$$

An **anticlique** v in a graph A is a subset of $|A|$ such that

$$\forall(a, a') \in v, \quad a \subsetneq_A a'$$

We are going to interpret

- ▷ the simple types of the λ -calculus as graphs,
- ▷ the programs u of type A as cliques of A ,
- ▷ the counter-programs v of type A as anti-cliques of A
- ▷ the interaction between u and v as the intersection $u \cap v$.



Remark: $u \cap v$ contains at most one element (= the result)

Negation

Let A be a coherence space.

The **negation** A^\perp is defined as its dual graph:

- ▷ $|A^\perp| = |A|$
- ▷ $a \subset_{A^\perp} a'$ if and only if $a \asymp_A a'$. incoherence

Remark: an anti-clique of A is a clique of A^\perp .

So, one makes a clique of A interact with a clique of A^\perp .

This reveals a fundamental duality between Player and Opponent:

$$A = (A^\perp)^\perp$$

reverses
the point of view ⁹

The sum (plus)

The sum of two coherence spaces A and B

$$A \oplus B$$

is defined as their sum as graphs:

- $|A \oplus B| = |A| + |B|$
 - $a \subset_{A \oplus B} a'$ if and only if $a \subset_A a'$,

 - $b \subset_{A \oplus B} b'$ if and only if $b \subset_B b'$,

 - $a \subset_{A \oplus B} b$ never.

- $\text{inl } a \subset_{A \oplus B} \text{inl } a'$
- $A \circlearrowleft a \quad B \circlearrowleft b$
- $\text{inr } b \subset_{A \oplus B} \text{inr } b'$

Exercise. Show that the graphs $A \oplus 0$ and A are isomorphic.

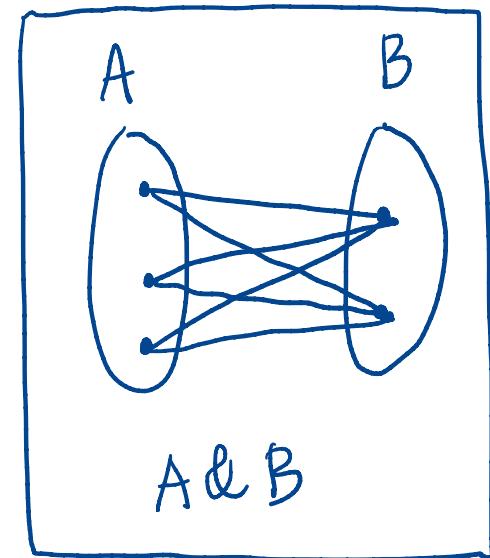
The product (with)

The product of two coherence spaces A and B

$A \& B$

is defined as an « alternative » sum of the two graphs:

- $|A \& B| = |A| + |B|$
- $a \subset_{A \& B} a'$ if and only if $a \subset_A a'$,
- $b \subset_{A \& B} b'$ if and only if $b \subset_B b'$,
- $a \subset_{A \& B} b$ always.



Exercise. Show that

$$A \& B = (A^\perp \oplus B^\perp)^\perp$$

de Morgan duality

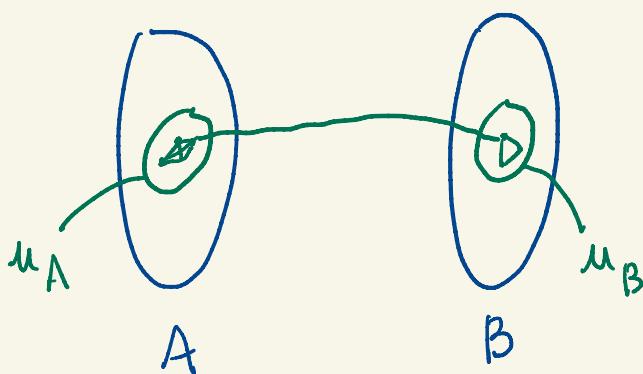
D_A domain of cliques of A.

$$D_{A \& B} = D_A \times D_B$$



what is a clique of $A \& B$?

Prf



$A \& B$



negative
connective

Remark:

every subset

$$n \subseteq |A \& B|$$

is of the form

$$n = n_A \oplus n_B$$

where $n_A \subseteq |A|$

$$n_B \subseteq |B|.$$

n is a clique
of $A \& B$



n_A is a clique of A
and n_B is a clique of B.

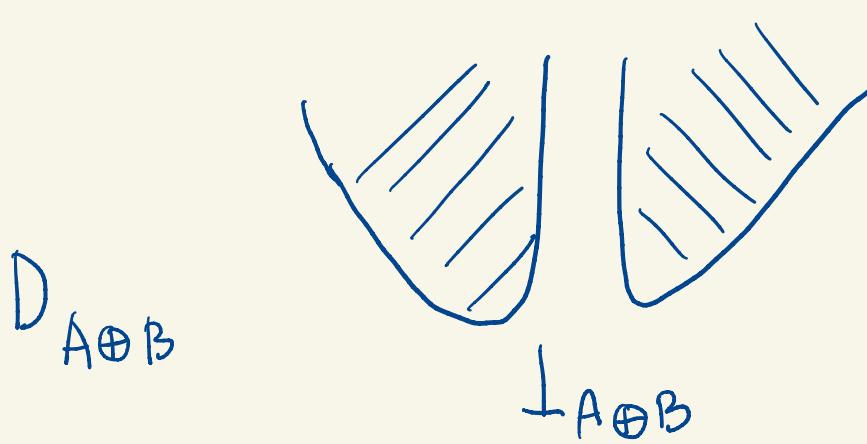
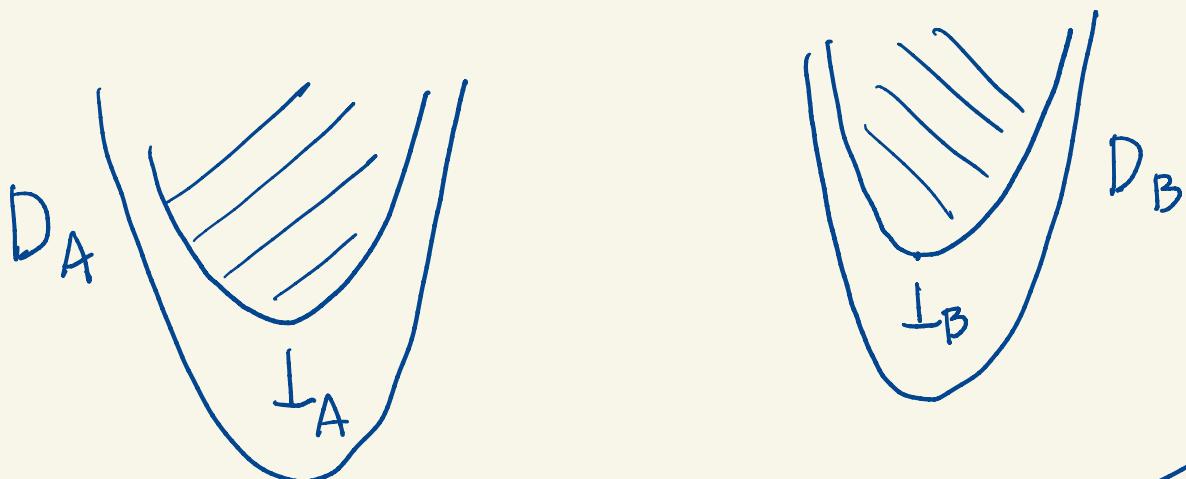
hence a "clique
program" of type $A \& B$
is a pair of a clique of type A
and a clique of type B.

Similarly,

$$D_{A \oplus B} = D_A \oplus D_B$$



where \oplus is the lifted sum of D_A, D_B



non empty
↓
a clique of
 $A \oplus B$
makes/reveals
a "choice"
between A
and B

$$D_{A \oplus B} = D_A + D_B / \perp_A = \perp_B$$

Tensor product

The tensor product of two coherence spaces A and B

$$A \otimes B$$

is defined as their product as graphs:

- $|A \otimes B| = |A| \times |B|$
- $(a, b) \subset_{A \otimes B} (a', b')$ if and only if
 $\underbrace{a}_{\sim a \otimes b} \quad \underbrace{a'}_{\sim a' \otimes b'}$ and $b \subset_B b'$.

Exercise. Show that the graphs $A \otimes 1$ and A are isomorphic.

$$a \otimes b \subset_{A \otimes B} a' \otimes b'$$

Parallel product, or par

The parallel product of two coherence spaces A and B

$$A \wp B$$

is defined as an « alternative » product of the two graphs:

- $|A \wp B| = |A| \times |B|$
 - $(a, b) \sim_{A \wp B} (a', b')$ if and only if $a \sim_A a'$ ou $b \sim_B b'$.
- $a \wp b \rightsquigarrow a' \wp b'$
 $\text{A}\wp\text{B}$

Exercise. Show that

$$A \wp B = (A^\perp \otimes B^\perp)^\perp$$

de Morgan dual

Distributivity laws

can be

deduced
by duality

$$A \otimes (B \oplus C) \cong (A \otimes B) \oplus (A \otimes C)$$

$$A \wp (B \& C) \cong (A \wp B) \& (A \wp C)$$

Reminiscent of

$$A \times (B + C) \cong (A \times B) + (A \times C)$$

in the category **Set**. Thus, one calls

- **additives** the connectives \oplus and $\&$, and their units 0 and \top ,
- **multiplicatives** the connectives \otimes and \wp , and units 1 and \perp .

$$\begin{array}{ll} 0 \oplus & \\ \top \& & \\ \swarrow & & \searrow \\ 1 \otimes & & \perp \wp \end{array}$$

Remark: the sign \cong means graph-isomorphism, or isomorphism in the category **Coh** constructed later.

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} \top = 0^\perp \\ \perp = 1^\perp \end{array}}$$

Linear map

The linear map of two coherence spaces A and B

is defined as

$$|A \multimap B| = |A| \times |B|$$

$$(a, b) \multimap_{A \multimap B} (a', b') \text{ iff } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a \multimap_A a' \text{ implies } b \multimap_B b' \\ \text{and} \\ b \multimap_{B^\perp} b' \text{ implies } a \multimap_{A^\perp} a' \end{array} \right.$$

bidirectional
nature
of computations

Exercise. Show that

$$A \multimap B = A^\perp \wp B = (A \otimes B^\perp)^\perp$$

The category **Coh**

The category **Coh** is defined as the category

— whose objects are **the coherence spaces**

— whose morphisms $f : A \rightarrow B$ are **the cliques of $A \multimap B$.**

The identity

$$id_A = \{(a, a) \in |A \multimap A|\}$$

$$id_A = \{a \multimap a \mid a \in |A|\}$$

The composition of $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$.

$$g \circ f = \{(a, c) \in |A \multimap C| \mid \exists b \in |B| \quad (a, b) \in f \text{ et } (b, c) \in g\}$$

Exercise. Check that this defines a category.

given two sets A and B

a binary relation $R: A \rightarrow B$

between A and B is defined as

a subset R of $A \times B$.

$$R \subseteq A \times B.$$

given two coherence spaces A and B,

a clique f of $A \rightarrow B$

defines a binary relation

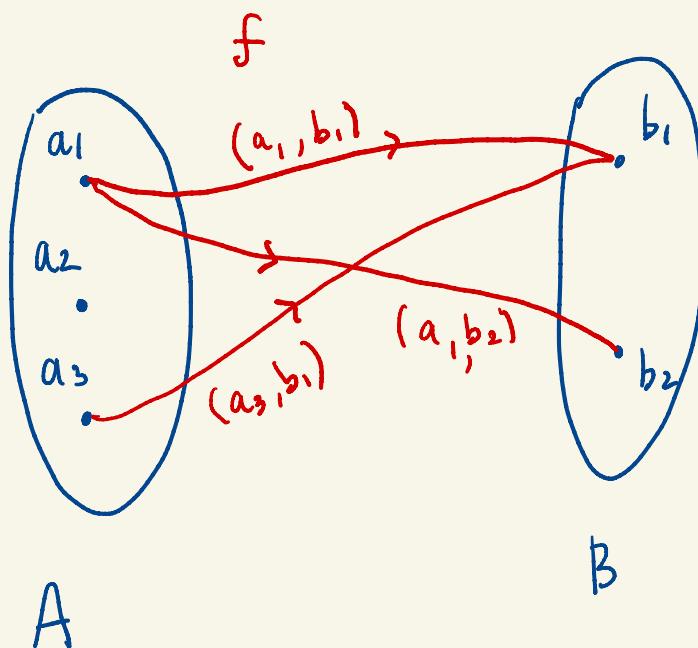
between $|A|$ and $|B|$

because $|A \rightarrow B| = |A| \times |B|$

(f a clique of $A \rightarrow B$

consists of elements of

the form $(a, b) \quad a \in |A| \quad b \in |B|$)



f is a relation
or
a
"multi valued
function"

$$f = \{(a_1, b_1), (a_1, b_2), (a_3, b_1)\}$$

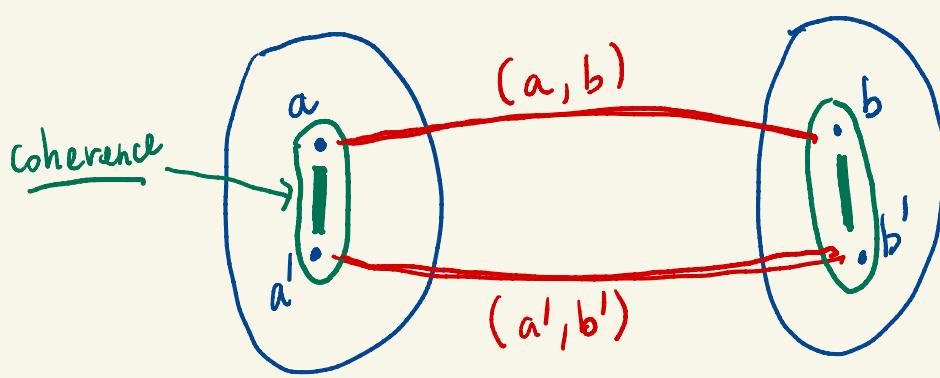
When is a binary relation between $|A|$ and $|B|$

$$f \subseteq |A| \times |B|$$

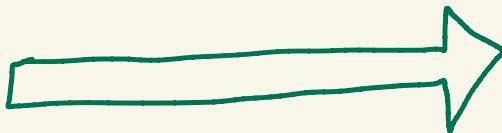
a clique of $A \rightarrow B$?

$$a \rightarrow b \subset_{A \rightarrow B} a' \rightarrow b' \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a \subset_A a' \Rightarrow b \subset_B b' \\ b \subset_{B^\perp} b' \Rightarrow a \subset_{A^\perp} a' \end{array} \right.$$

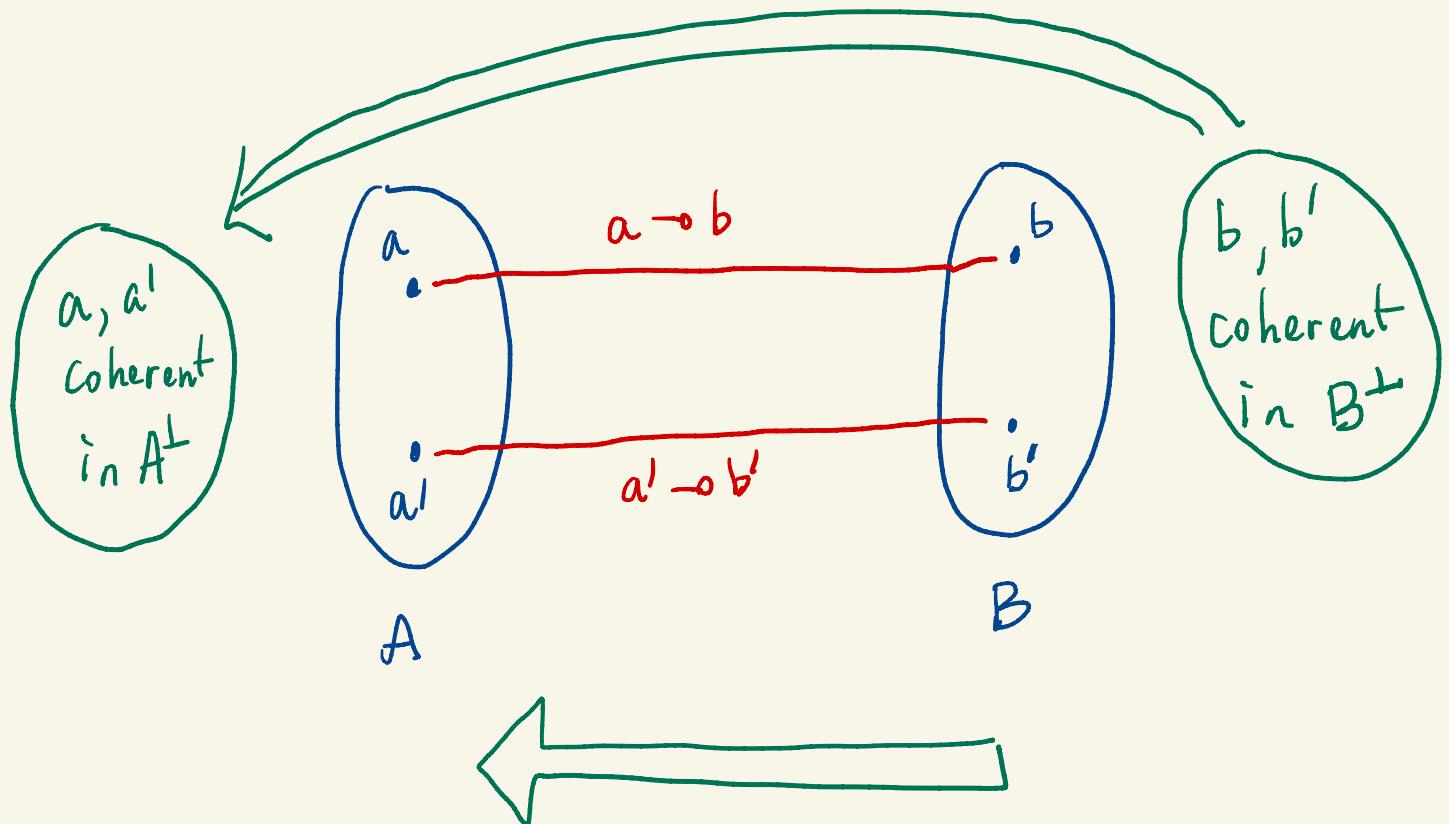


cliques are
"propagated"
in the "forward"
direction



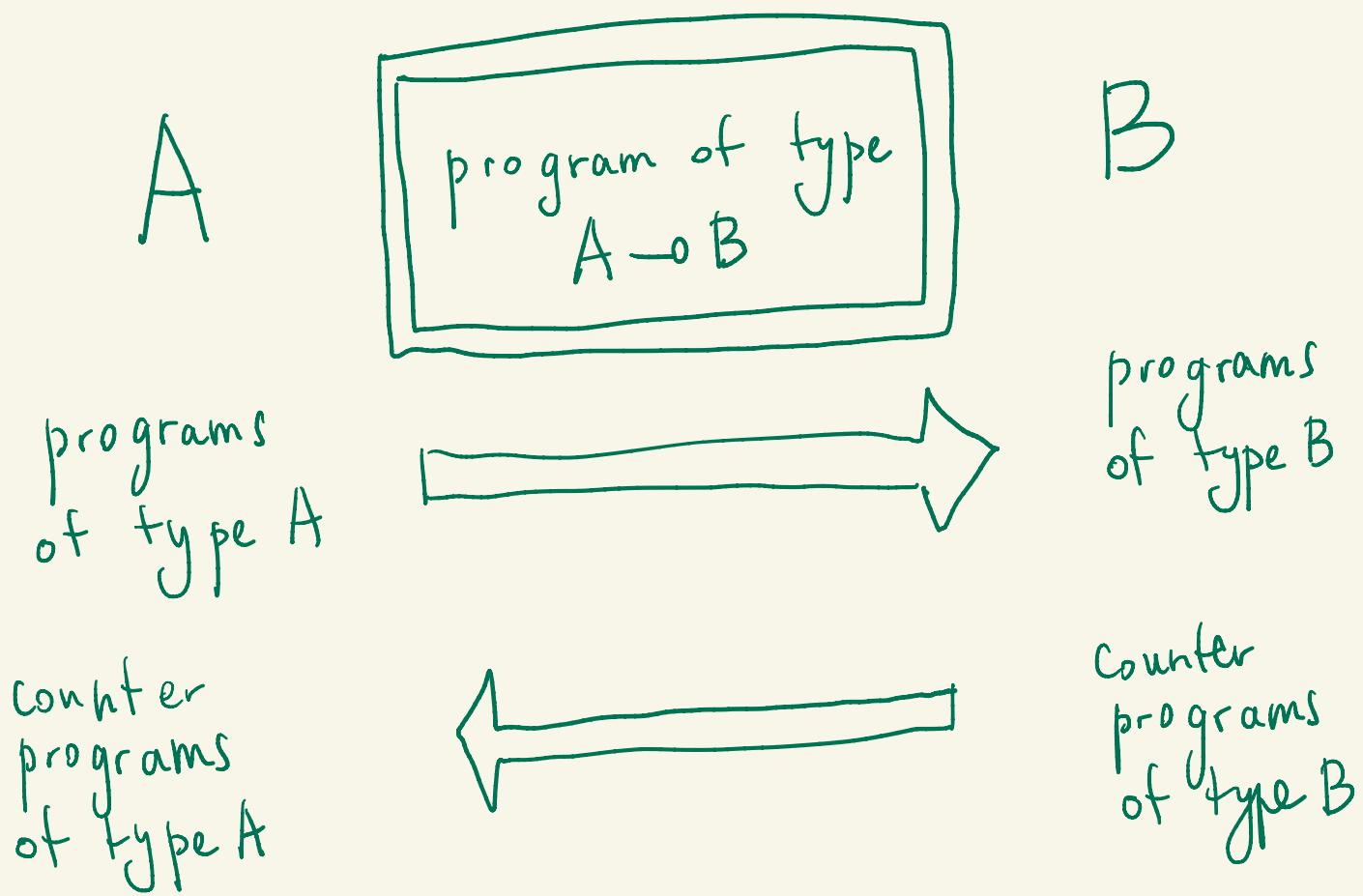
forward
propagation
of cliques

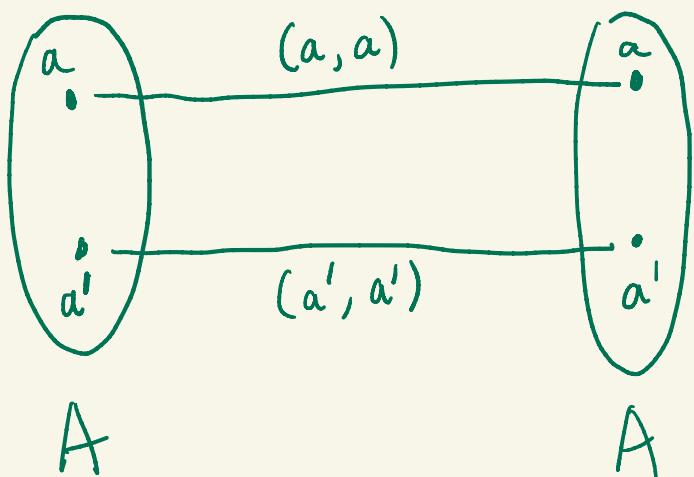
this captures the intuition that a program
of type $A \rightarrow B$ should transport
programs of type A into programs of type B.



backward propagation
of anti cliques

this captures the intuition that
counter programs of type B
are transported
to counter programs of type A.





$$(a, a) \subset_{A \rightarrow A} (a', a')$$

hence the identity relation id_A

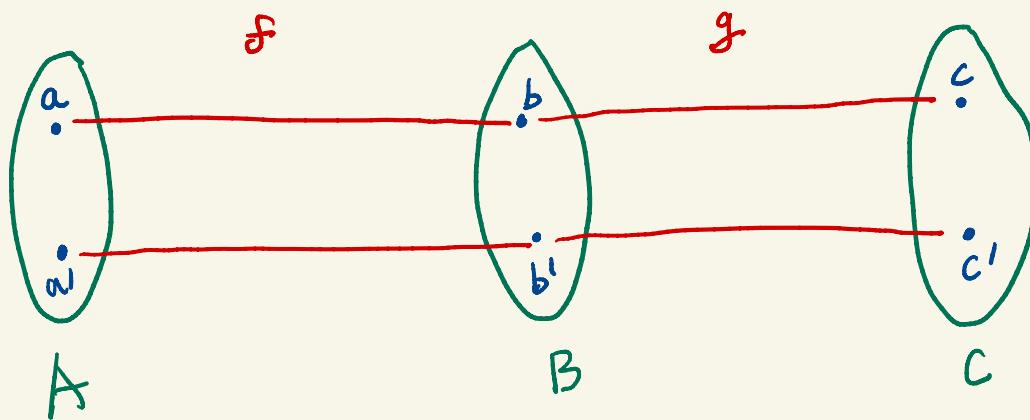
$\text{id}_A = \{(a, a) \mid a \in |A|\} \subseteq |A| \times |A|$
 is a dlique of $A \rightarrow A$.

This defines the identity morphism in Coh
 on
 the coherence space A

Exercise: given a clique f of $A \rightarrow B$

① and a clique g of $B \rightarrow C$

Show that $g \circ f$ is a clique of $A \rightarrow C$.



Exercise : what is a morphism

⊗ $f: 1 \rightarrow A$ in Coh ?

what is a morphism

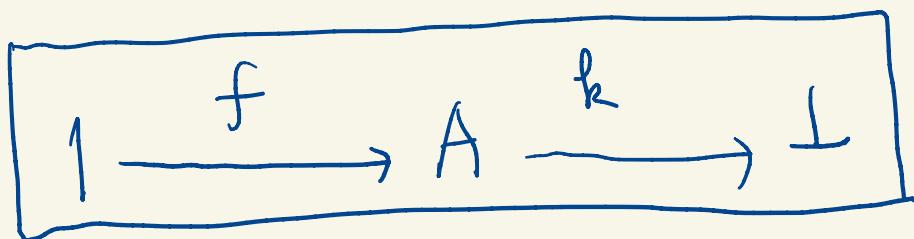
** $k: A \rightarrow 1$ in Coh ?

what is composition of f and k doing?

** $1 \xrightarrow{f} A \xrightarrow{k} 1 ?$

* what is a clique $1 \rightarrow A \cong A$
f is a clique of A

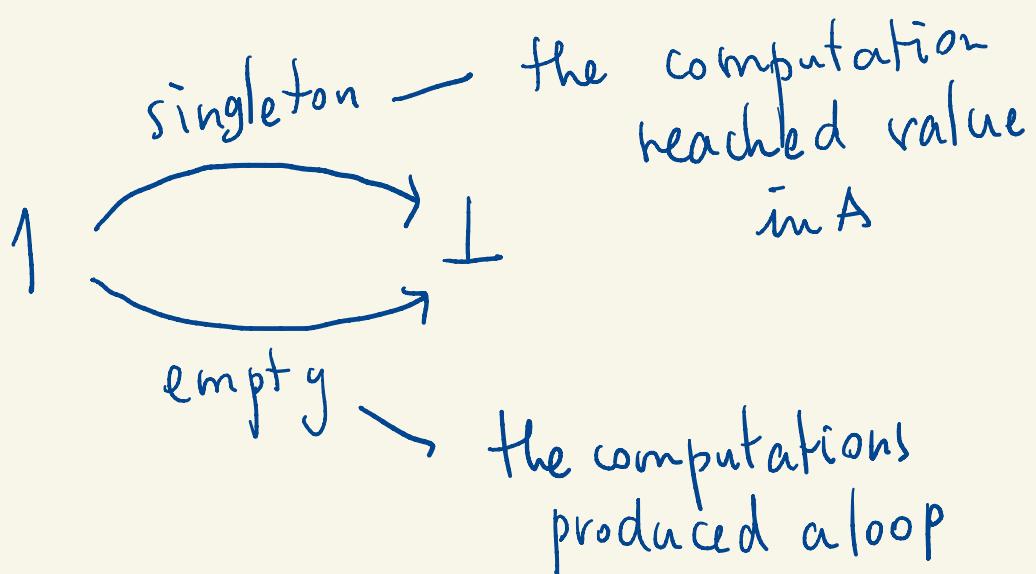
** what is a clique of $A \rightarrow \perp$
 $A \rightarrow \perp \cong A^\perp \otimes \perp \cong A^\perp$



testing whether $f \cap k = \emptyset$ or singleton

$k \circ f = \text{empty}$ when $f \cap k = \emptyset$

$k \circ f = \{\ast\}$ when $f \cap k \neq \emptyset$.



Exercice

Exercise. Show that the category **Coh** contains the category of sets and partial functions as a full subcategory (see (MacLane) for the definition of **full subcategory**). To that purpose, consider the « discrete » coherence space

$$(X, =)$$

associated to the set X .

Show that the subcategory is closed by \oplus and \otimes , but not closed under \multimap .

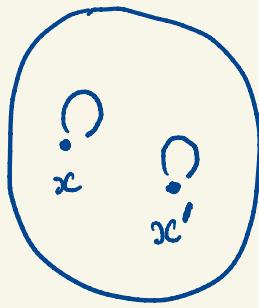
Show that the maximal anticliques of the coherence space

$$(X, =) \multimap (Y, =)$$

are the absciss lines.

Consider a set X

$$(X, =)$$



$$D_{(X,=)}$$

the flat domain associated to X

$$\mathbb{B} = (\{\text{true}, \text{false}\}, =)$$

$$D_{\mathbb{B}} = \begin{matrix} \{\text{true}\} & \{\text{false}\} \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \\ \perp & \end{matrix} \quad \perp = \emptyset.$$

given
 X, Y
two sets

$$(X, =) \xrightarrow{?} (Y, =) \text{ in } \text{Coh}$$

what are the cliques of

$$(X, =) \rightarrow (Y, =) \quad ?.$$

let us think about it !

if we use the notation X and Y
for the coherence space

what are the anti cliques of $X \rightarrow Y$?

they are the cliques of $(X \rightarrow Y)^\perp$

$$(X \rightarrow Y)^\perp = X \otimes Y^\perp$$

Reminder : $\boxed{X \rightarrow Y} = \underset{\text{conjunction}}{(X \otimes Y^\perp)^\perp} = \boxed{X^\perp \& Y}$

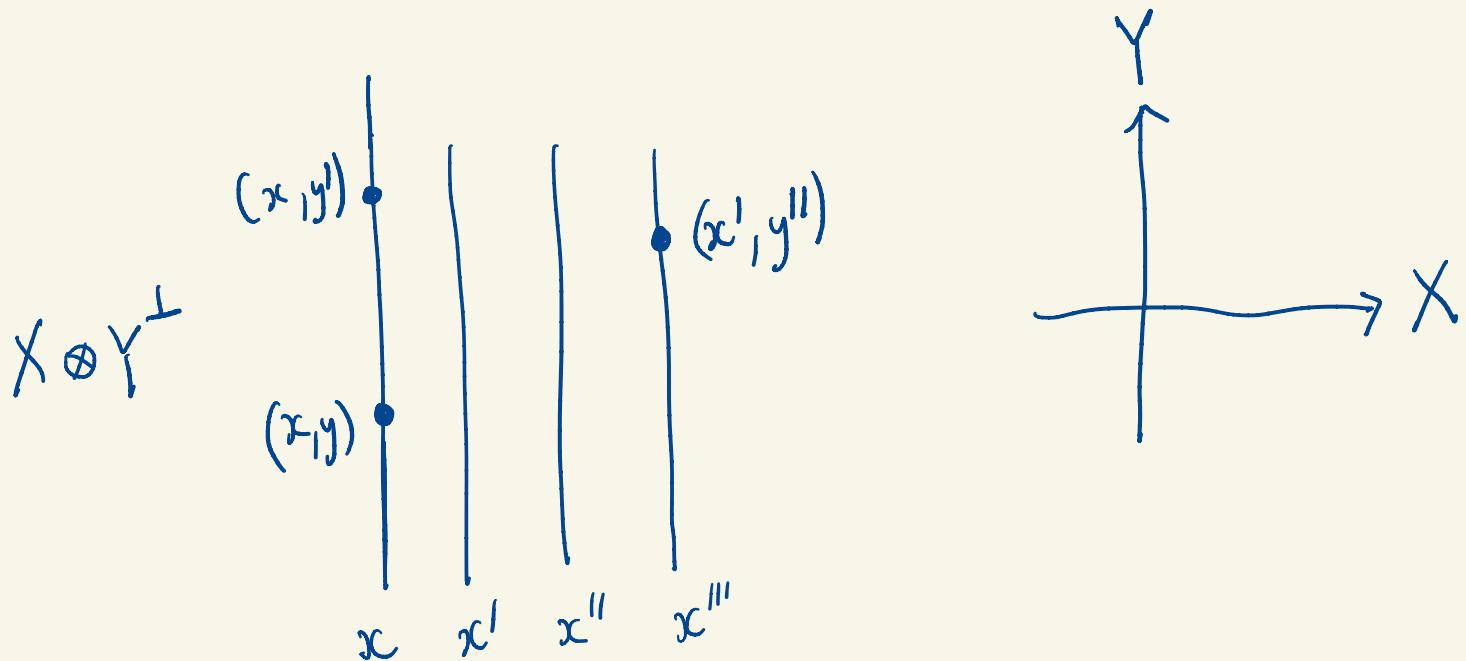
disjunction
of linear
logic

Y^\perp = the coherence space
with the elements of the set Y
as elements of the web
all of them pairwise coherent.

$X \otimes Y^\perp$ the "product" of X and Y^\perp
as graphs

From this follows that:

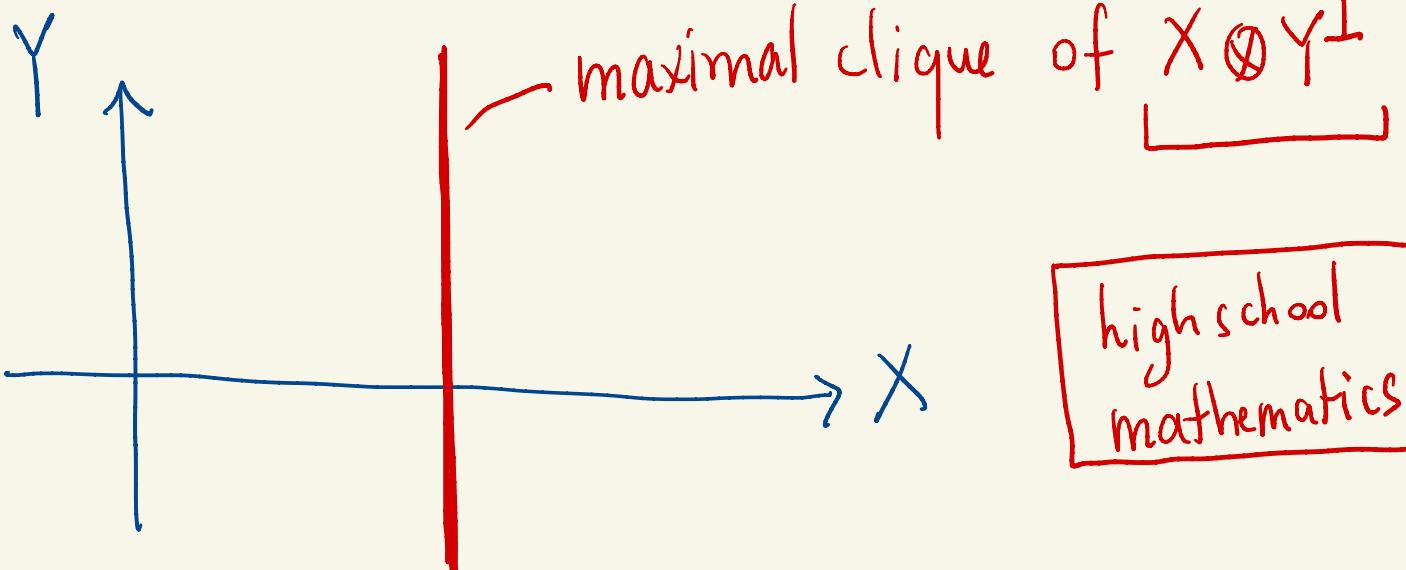
$$(x, y) \subset_{X \otimes Y^\perp} (x', y') \iff x = x'$$



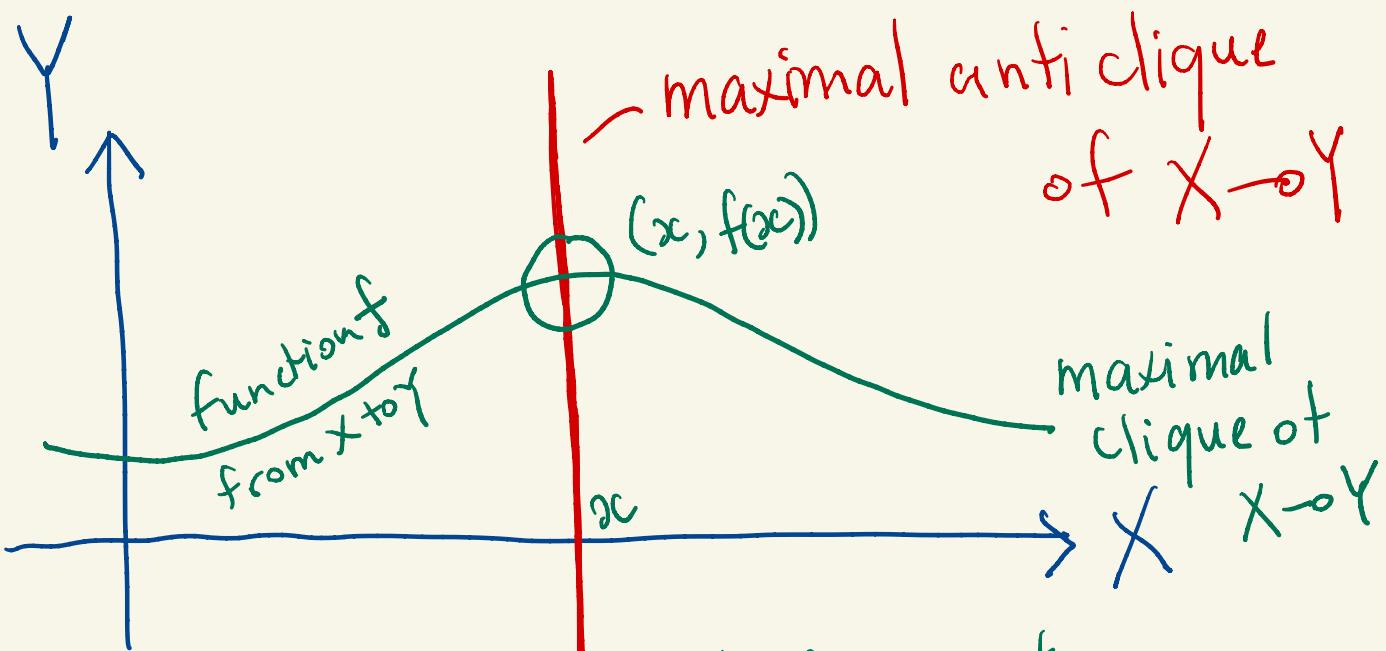
the cliques of $X \otimes Y^\perp$ are the sets
of the form $x \otimes U$ for $U \subseteq Y$.

$$x \otimes U = \{(x, u) \mid u \in U\}$$

in particular, the maximal cliques
are of the form $x \otimes Y = \{(x, y) \mid y \in Y\}$



the maximal cliques of $X \otimes Y^\perp$
are the "vertical lines" $x \otimes Y$



Rem:
a clique in a graph is a subset of nodes
which intersects every maximal ant clique
at most once.

a clique of $X \rightarrow Y$ is thus a subset of $X \times Y$ such that

$\forall (x, y), (x', y') \in f$

$$x = x' \implies y = y'$$

hence, a clique of $X \rightarrow Y$

is a partial function from X to Y .

a maximal clique of $X \rightarrow Y$

is a total function from X to Y .

2

Damnation: Coh is not cartesian closed!

Exercise. Show that

- $A \& B$ is the cartesian product of A and B in the category **Coh**.
- the object \top is terminal in \mathcal{C} .

Deduce that $(\mathbf{Coh}, \&, \top)$ defines a cartesian category.

→ **Exercise.** Show that the object $0 = \top$ admits a cartesian exponentiation in the cartesian category $(\mathbf{Coh}, \&, \top)$. (Use (1) the equality $0 = \top$, (2) that $\mathbf{Hom}(0, A)$ is singleton for all objects A , (3) that every object A exponentiable defines a bijection

$$\frac{A \& \top \longrightarrow B}{\top \longrightarrow A \Rightarrow B} \quad \phi_{\top, A, B}$$

to show that $\mathbf{Hom}(A, B)$ is singleton, for all object B .) Deduce that the category $(\mathbf{Coh}, \&, \top)$ is not cartesian closed.

$$D_{A \& B}$$

$$1 \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} \text{clique} \\ \text{of} \\ A \& B \end{array}} A \& B$$

$$1 \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} \text{clique} \\ \text{of } A \\ \text{clique} \\ \text{of } B \end{array}} \begin{array}{c} A \\ \diagup \\ \text{or} \\ \diagdown \\ B \end{array}$$

$$D_A \times D_B$$

$$D_{A \& B} \cong D_A \times D_B$$

$$\underline{\text{Coh}}(1, A \& B) \cong \underline{\text{Coh}}(1, A) \times \underline{\text{Coh}}(1, B)$$

the set of maps

from 1 to $A \& B$

(or domain of maps)

a consequence
of the fact
that $A \& B$
is the
cartesian product
of A and B

given two coherence spaces A and B

the set of maps from $A \rightarrow B$

is the set of cliques of $A \rightarrow B$

we can think of it

as the domain $D_{A \rightarrow B}$

$$\begin{array}{c} Ax \dashv A \Rightarrow \\ \text{left adjoint} \\ \text{adjoint} \end{array}$$

But nearly so...

Exercise. Use associativity and definition of \Rightarrow to show that

$$(A \otimes B) \multimap C = B \multimap (A \multimap C)$$

Deduce that there exists for every coherence space A a family of bijections $(\phi_{A,B,C})_{B,C}$ in **Coh**:

$$\frac{A \otimes B \rightarrow C}{B \rightarrow A \multimap C} \quad \phi_{A,B,C}$$

and show its naturality of B and C .

curification

$$\text{Coh}(A \otimes B, C) \cong \text{Coh}(B, A \multimap C)$$

positive

left

$$A \otimes \dashv A \multimap$$

adjunction

right

negative

$\mathcal{C}(A, B)$	hom-set	set of maps
$A \Rightarrow B$	internal hom	object of \mathcal{C}

$$\mathcal{C}(1, A \Rightarrow B) \cong \mathcal{C}(A, B)$$

in this object
 there is enough information
 to reconstruct $\mathcal{C}(A, B)$

$D \Rightarrow E$

the domain
 of
 continuous
 function.

$\text{Dom}(D, E)$

set of continuous
 functions
 from D to E

A, B

$A \multimap B$
 the
 coherence space
 itself

$\text{Coh}(A, B)$

set of
 cliques of $A \multimap B$

$$A \Rightarrow B \cong (!A) \multimap B$$

exponential
 modality
 of linear logic.

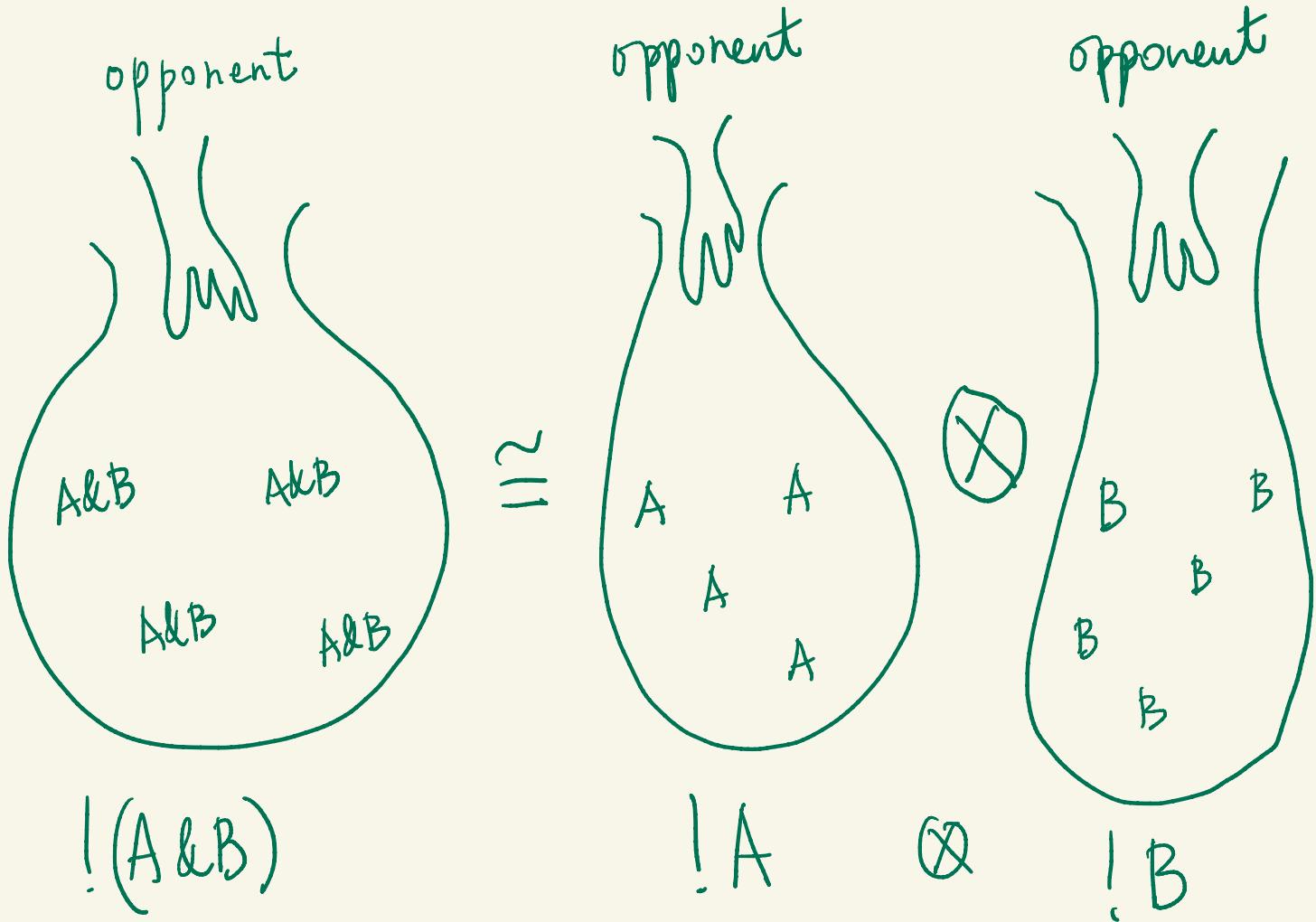
$A \& B$ cartesian product in \mathbf{Coh}

$A \otimes B$ which has a closed structure

$$A \otimes - \dashv A \multimap -$$

"bang"
↓

$$!(A \& B) \cong !A \otimes !B$$



A chocolate

B strawberry

opponent
has
control

$$! (A \& B) \approx ! A \otimes ! B$$

player
has
control

$$? (A \oplus B) \approx ? A \wp ? B$$

But nearly so...

Conclusion:

- the cartesian structure is given by the additives & and T
- the closed structure is given by the multiplicatives \otimes and 1

Prescription:

- one needs an exponential to bridge the two worlds

Monoidal categories

The first step towards a categorical account of linear logic

Intuition

Redo everything as in a cartesian closed category...
but replace the cartesian product \times by an arbitrary bifunctor \otimes .

1. replace the **universal properties** of \times by **coherence diagrams** of \otimes .

One obtains in this way a **symmetric monoidal category**.

2. replace the adjunction

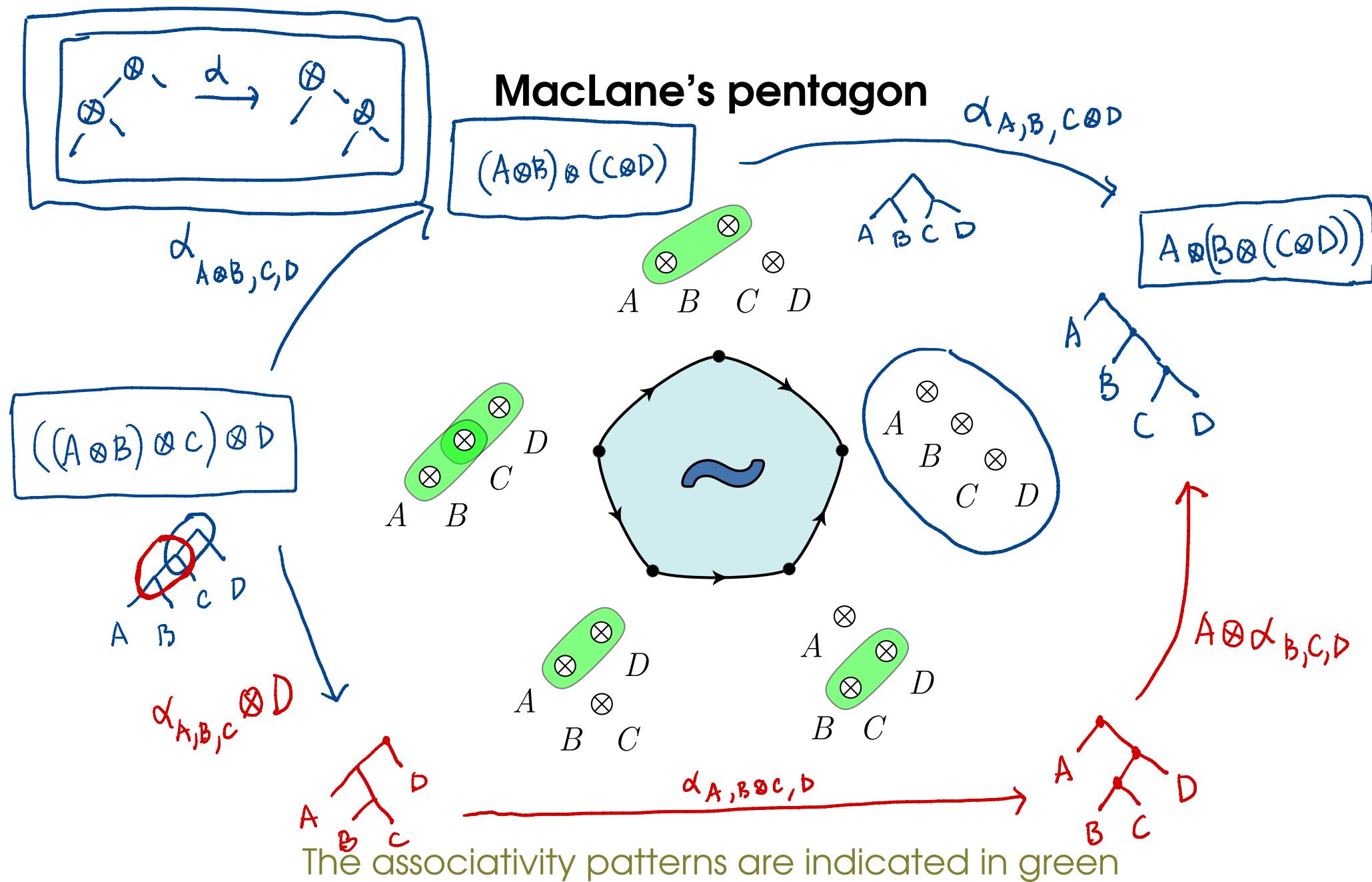
$$\frac{A \times B \longrightarrow C}{B \longrightarrow A \Rightarrow C}$$

by an adjunction

$$\frac{A \otimes B \longrightarrow C}{B \longrightarrow A \multimap C}$$

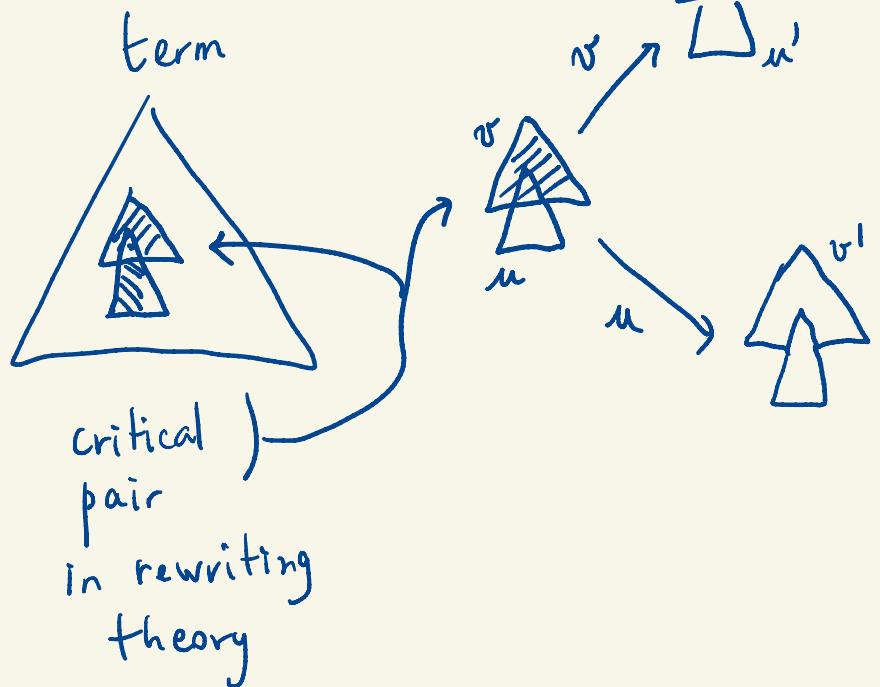
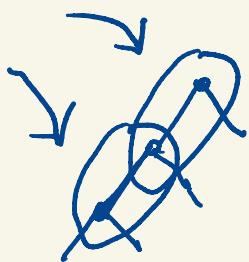
One obtains a **symmetric monoidal closed category (smcc)**
where **intuitionistic linear logic** (linear λ -calculus) may be interpreted.

MacLane's pentagon

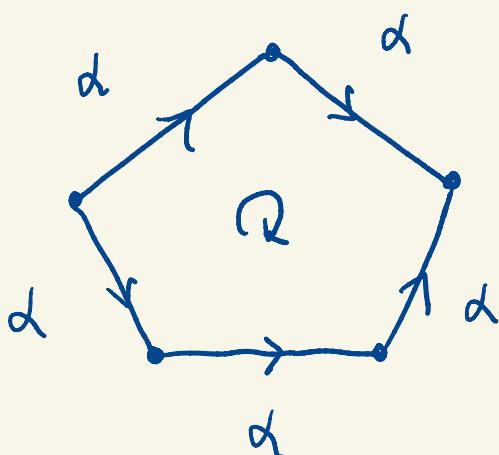


«local confluence» diagram for the associativity²⁴
 (seen as rewriting)

critical pair



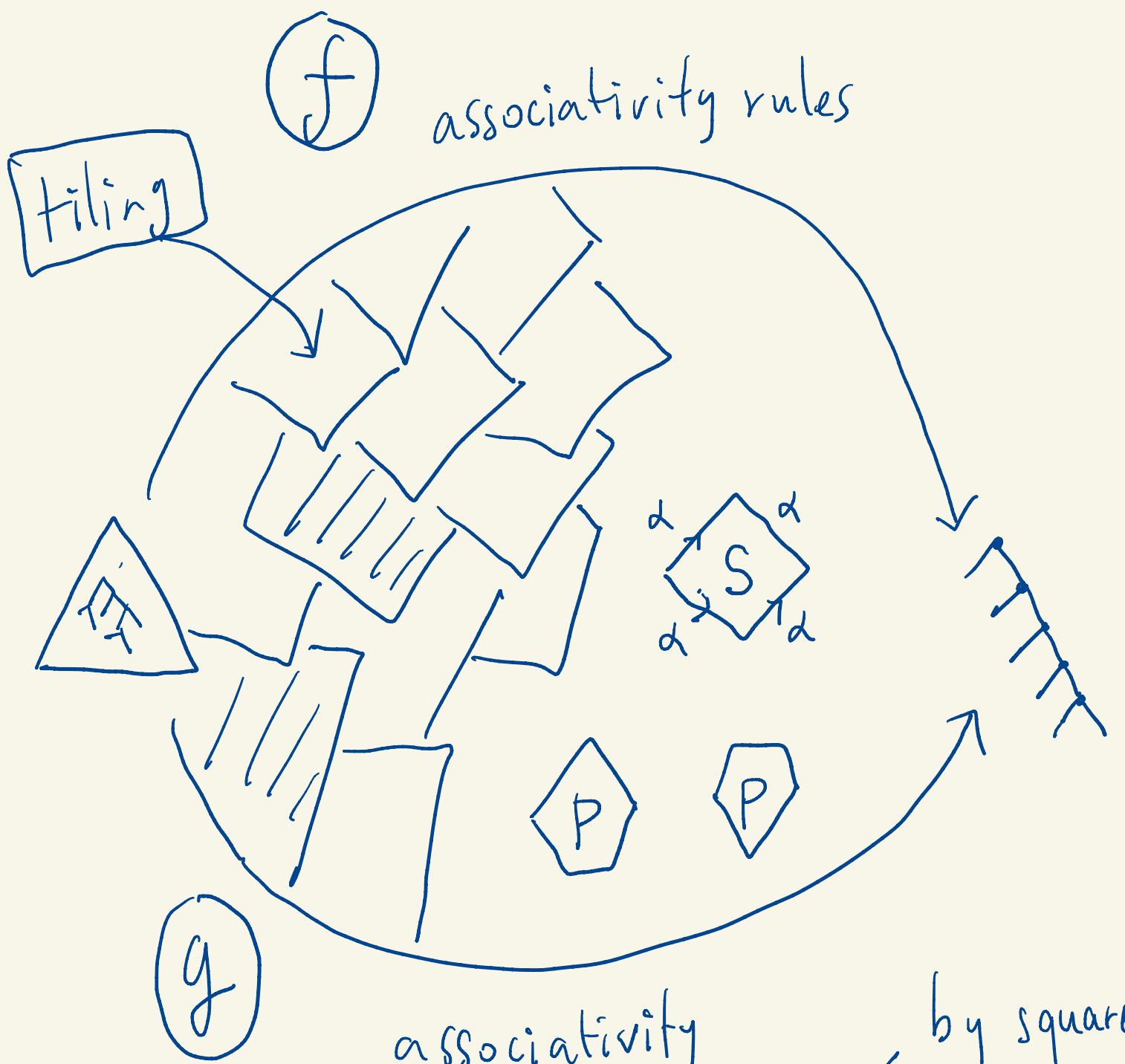
usually produce "non determinism" in rewriting



confluence diagram

coherence property :

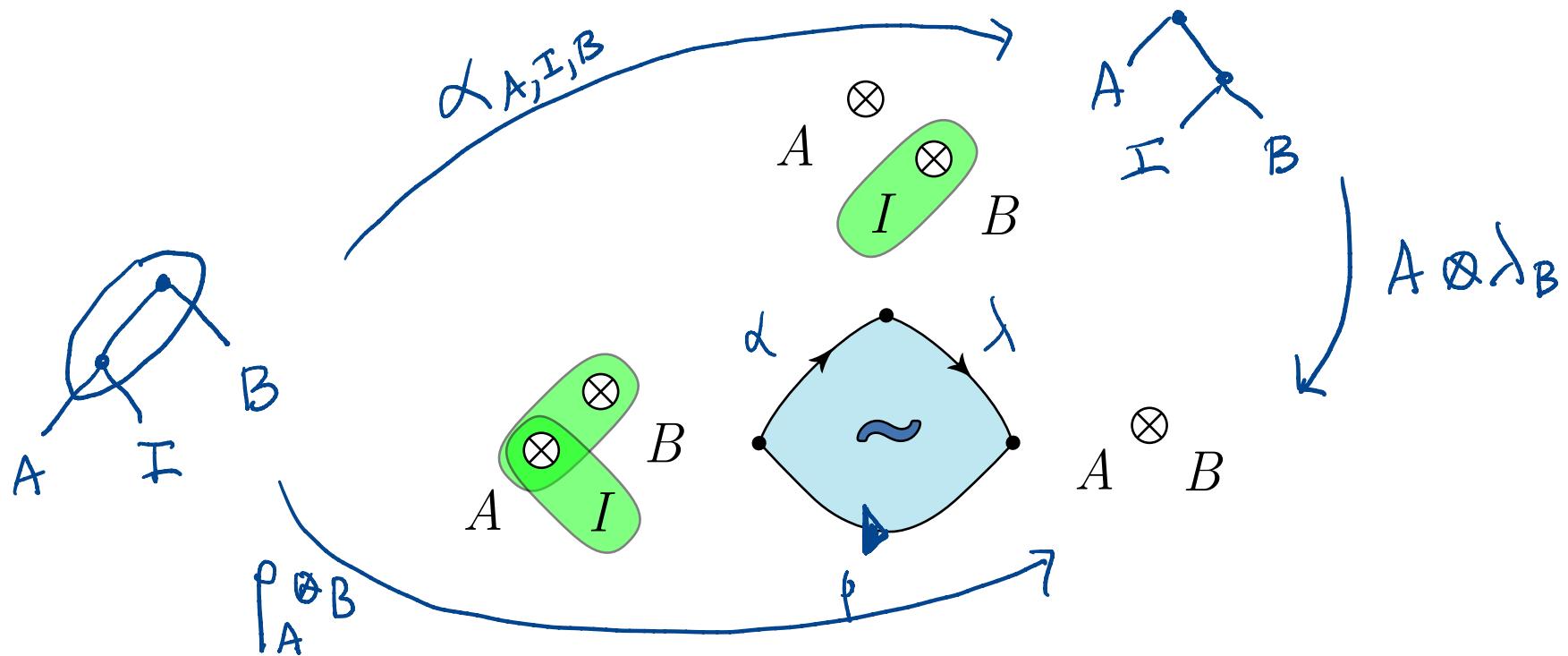
the diagram induces the same composite morphism in \mathcal{C}



it is possible to reorganise
 f in order to obtain g

by square
and
pentagon
permutation

MacLane's triangle



Coherence theorem

Idea: benefit from one consequence of the universality property...
but without the universality property.

MacLane's book
categories for
the Working
alitry property

mathematician

Given a sequence A_1, \dots, A_p of objects of a monoidal category \mathcal{C} , consider the words w over A_1, \dots, A_p defined as

- ▷ the object I when $p = 0$,
 - ▷ the object $u \otimes v$ where $\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} u & \text{is a word on } (A_1, \dots, A_m) \\ v & \text{is a word on } (A_{m+1}, \dots, A_p) \end{array} \right.$
for some $1 \leq m \leq p$.

Among these words, one finds the **canonical** word

$$(\cdots (A_1 \otimes A_2) \otimes \cdots A_p)$$

Coherence theorem.

There exists a **unique** structural morphism built from
from any word on (A_1, \dots, A_p) to the canonical word.

