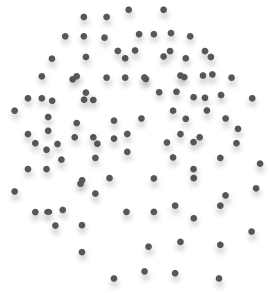


A topological approach to compositionality in complex systems

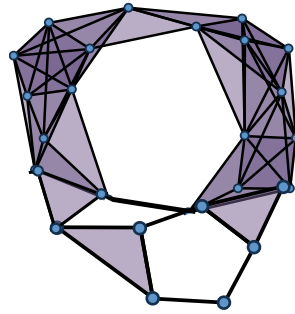
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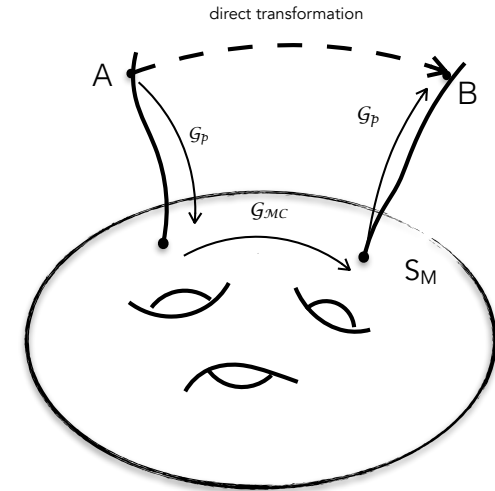
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data space



simplicial complex
base space



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COMPLEX SYSTEMS

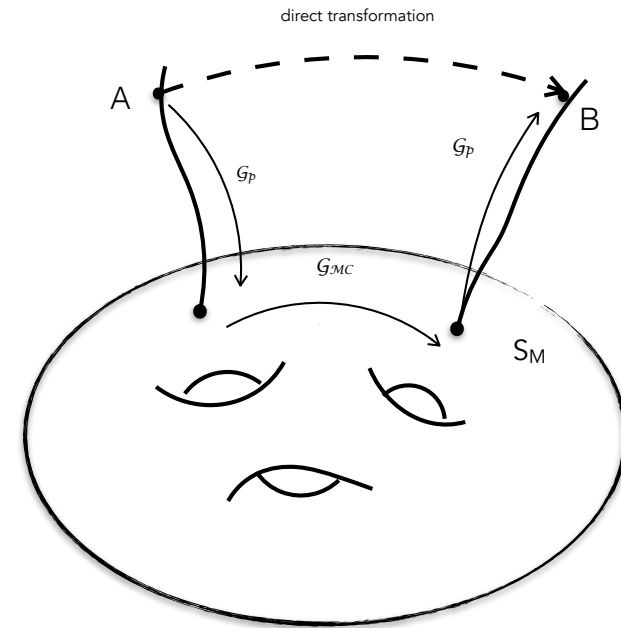
Complex systems are composed of many non-identical elements, **entangled in loops of nonlinear interactions**, and characterized by the characteristic 'emergence' behaviours.

topological data field theory

The TFTD is based on

1. embedding data space into a combinatorial topological object, a **simplicial complex**;
2. considering the **complex as base space** of a **(block) fiber bundle**
3. assuming a **field action** (which has a free part, the combinatorial Laplacian over the simplicial complex, and an interaction part depending on the process algebra)
4. constructing the **gauge group** (semi-direct product of the group generated by the algebra of processes (the fibers) and the group of (simplexio-morphisms modulo isotopy) of the data space.

Emergent features of data-represented complex systems were shown to be expressed by the correlation functions of the field theory.”



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Persistent Homology

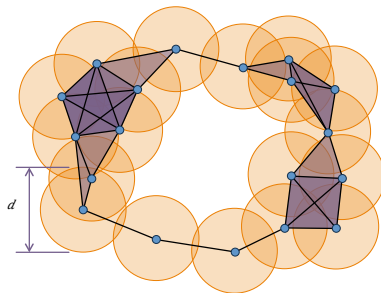
Persistent homology is an algebraic method for discerning topological features of data



e.g. components,
graph structure
holes



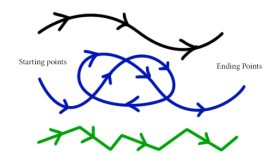
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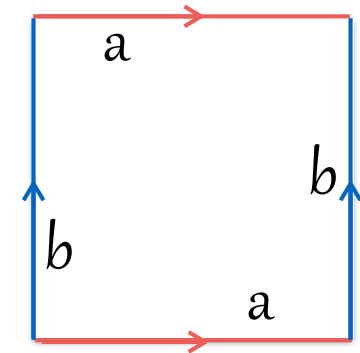
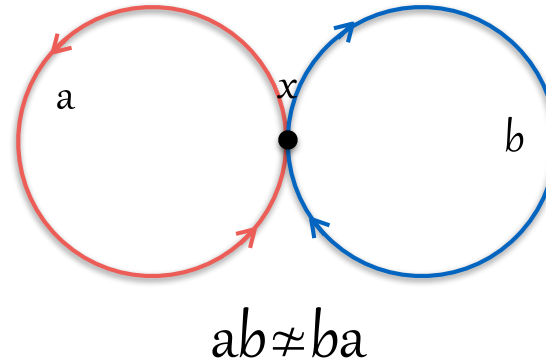
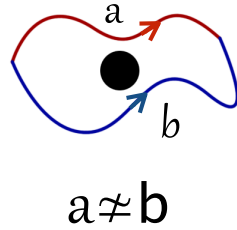
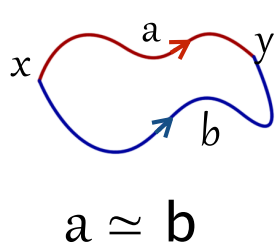
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A graph captures connectivity, but ignores higher-order features, such as holes.

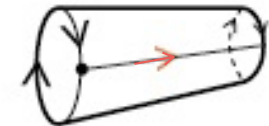
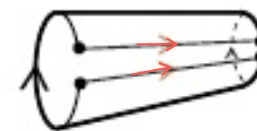
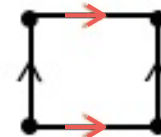
Topological Invariants



the language of paths

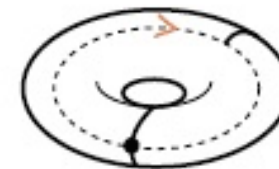
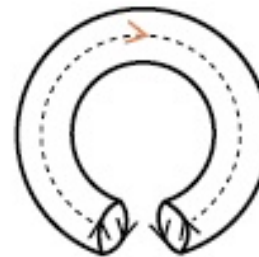


1. a path in a space S is a continuous map
2. **homotopy** is an equivalence relation on paths in space S



$$G = \langle a, b \mid aba^{-1}b^{-1} \rangle$$

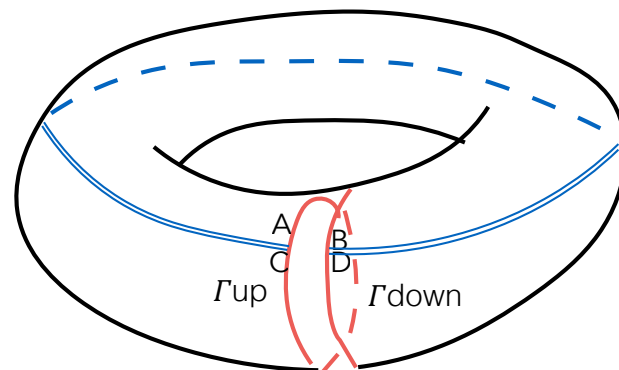
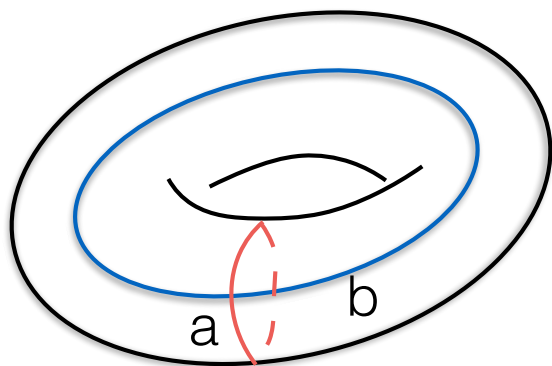
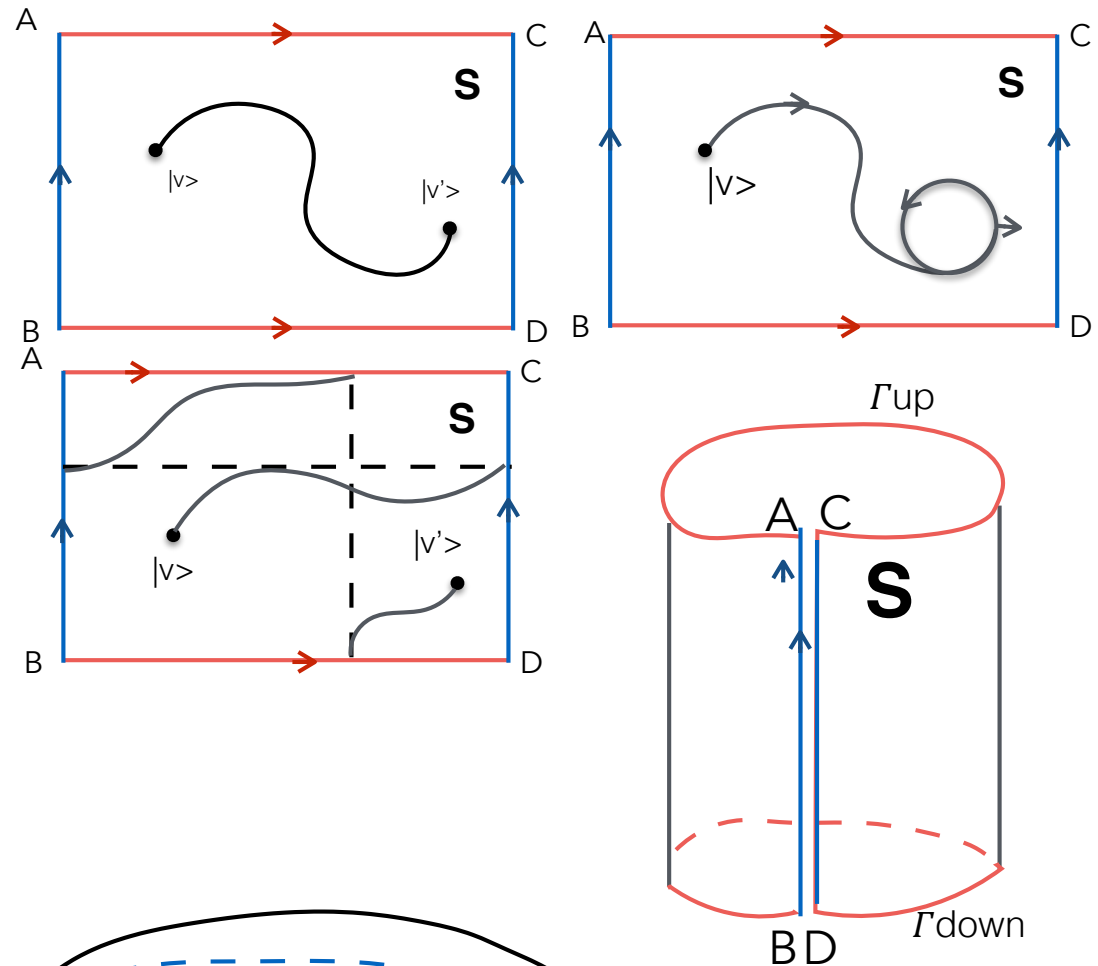
$$ab \simeq ba$$



Each equivalence class of paths might be called *behavior* of its members

Topological Interpretation of Dynamics of a System

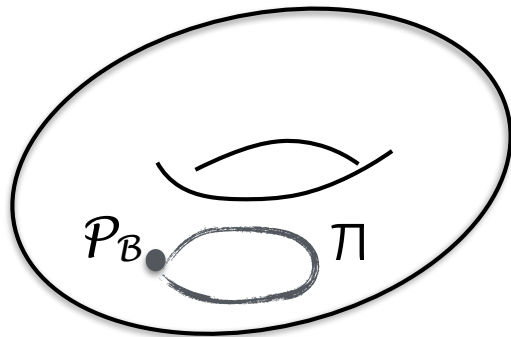
- S is the space of states
- Each state is defined by a vector that moves over S driven by a dynamical system
- If the dynamics moves the vector towards a boundary, we can say that there is a deadlock.
- This happens because S has not been defined globally. In fact the boundary breaks the translational symmetry.
- If we allow the boundary to disappear by adding an extra-relation, global in nature, we obtain a global topology that is not trivial
- For example we can add two relations among the generators of the manifold



The trivial case of torus:

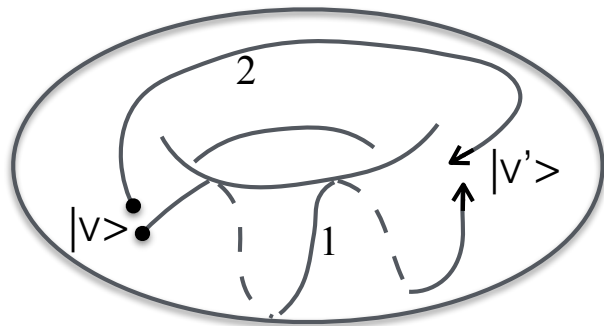
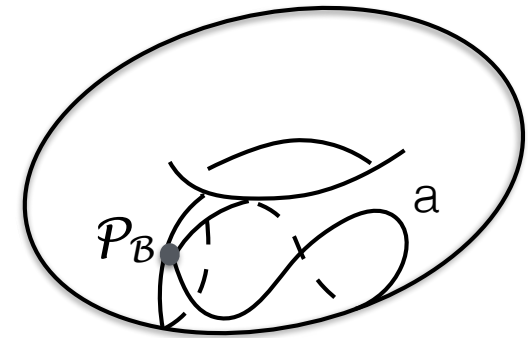
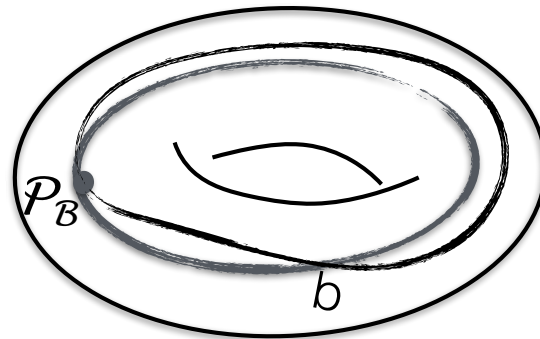
for any $g \neq 0$, (e.g. $g=1$ torus) there are three irreducible classes behaviors

i) the set of closed paths homotopy to 0. In this case, we are given a local interpretation and we are not aware that at global level the genus can be different that 0.



ii) the set of closed paths homotopy to the first generator \mathbf{a} of the topological space (the homology group) whose basic cycle fixed on point P_B can be used to reduce any path going around the neck of the torus \mathbf{a} by a continuous deformation;

iii) similar to the previous set, but the paths are homotopy to the second generator \mathbf{b}



to each point $|v\rangle$ of the states space is associated a path, represented by the arrow

$$|v\rangle \rightarrow |v'\rangle$$

that is nothing but an operator \mathcal{G} that determines the dynamic of the system moving

$$|v\rangle \text{ to } \mathcal{G}(|v\rangle) = |v'\rangle$$

the set of all possible \mathcal{G} represents a group, i.e the group of transformations

More complex case:

$$\mathcal{G}_{168} \sim \langle U, V \mid V^2, (UV)^3, U^7, (VU^4)^4 \rangle$$

homology generators

$$\mathbf{a}_1 = (VU^3)^4$$

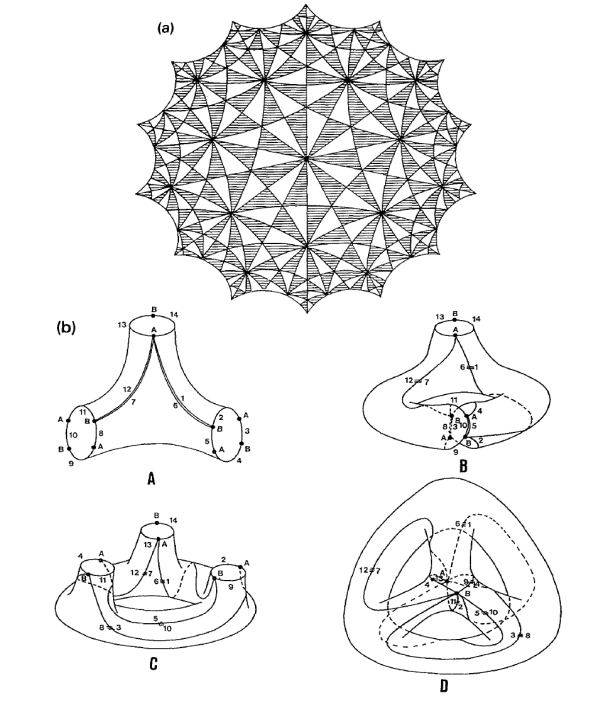
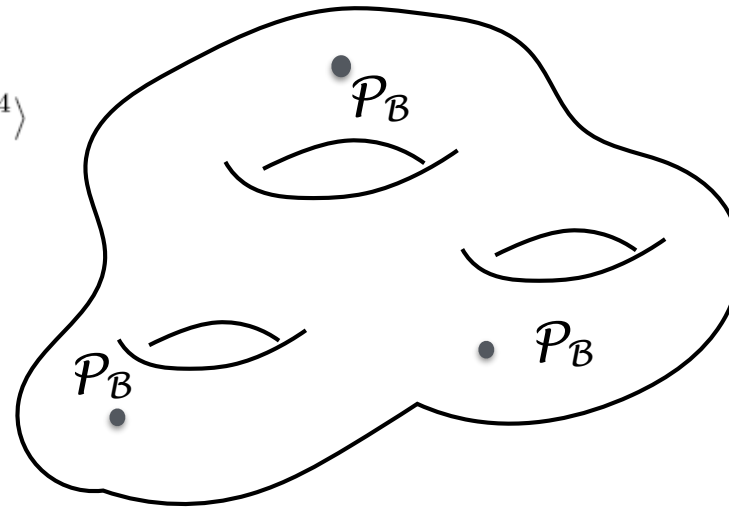
$$\mathbf{a}_2 = U^{-1}(VU^4)^3VU(VU^4)^3VU$$

$$\mathbf{a}_3 = (VU^3)^3U^3(VU^3)^3U^3$$

$$\mathbf{b}_1 = U^{-1}(VU^3)^4U$$

$$\mathbf{b}_2 = (VU^3)^3VU(VU^3)^3U^3(VU^3)^2VU,$$

$$\mathbf{b}_3 = U^{-1}(VU^3)^3VU(VU^3)^3U^3(VU^3)^2VU^2$$

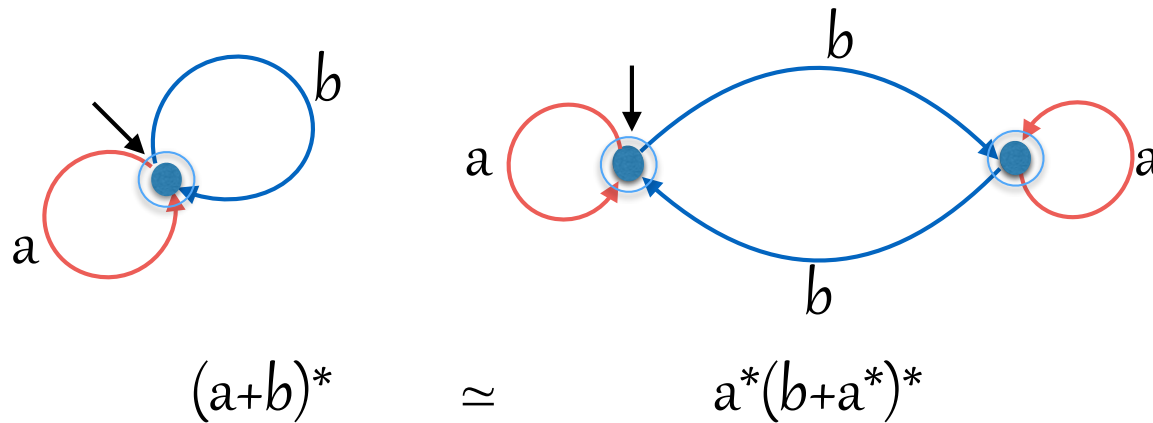


(beyond) Frege's principle of compositionality

The principle of **non-linear** composition states that the emergent behaviour of a complex systems can not be fully determined by the behaviour of its constituents and the rules to combine them, because is the global context that induces the non-linearity interactions among them.

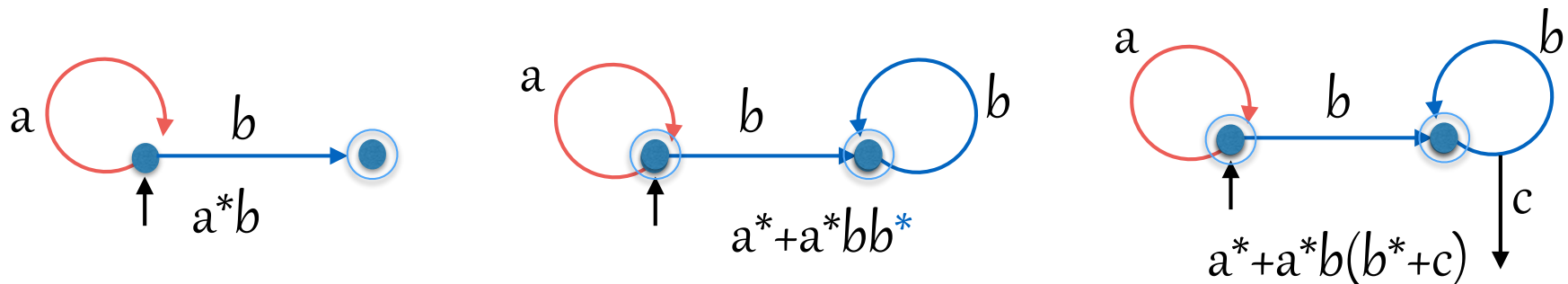
Compositionality over a Paths

Frege's principle: in mathematics, semantics, and philosophy of language, the principle of compositionality is the principle for which the meaning of a complex expression is determined by the meanings of its constituent expressions and the rules used to combine them;



Theorem [Milner 1984]:
not every X-behaviour
is a star behaviour.

under **bisimulation** relation, but cannot be proven in any axioms system



Topological Interpretation of Processes

The 'process interpretation' scheme of \mathbf{P} in \mathcal{P} is indeed nothing but a quiver \mathcal{Q} (or, more generally, a set of quivers, over some arbitrary ring κ). Associate to quiver \mathcal{Q} its 'natural' path algebra $\mathcal{A} \equiv \mathcal{P}_{\kappa\mathcal{Q}}$, i.e., the path algebra of which \mathcal{Q} is the basis.

The structure is simpler and elegant because space \mathcal{P} has an underlying natural formal language (that generates in general a subgroup of the much wilder group of all possible homeomorphisms of $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{P})$)

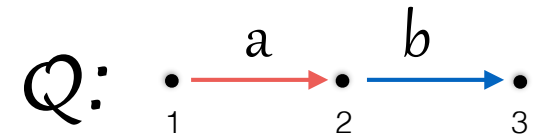
1. define a processes as Quivers \mathcal{Q}

The *process* quiver \mathcal{Q} represents a system behavior
Behavioural equivalences: the paths in process quivers are distinguished by some homotopic equivalence.

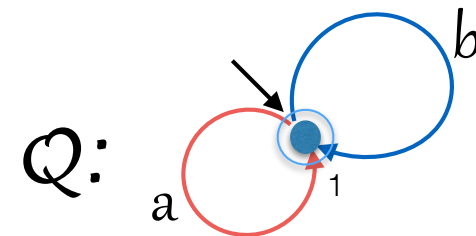
A quiver \mathcal{Q} is a direct graph. $\mathcal{Q} = (\mathcal{Q}_0, \mathcal{Q}_1, s, e)$, where \mathcal{Q}_0 is a set of vertices (states) and \mathcal{Q}_1 a set of arrows (transitions) and $s, e: \mathcal{Q}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}_0$, are maps.
Given an arrow $a \in \mathcal{Q}_1$ with $a: i \rightarrow j$ for $i, j \in \mathcal{Q}_0$
When $s(a) = e(a)$, arrow a is said to be a *loop*.

An path in a quiver \mathcal{Q} is either an ordered composition of arrows $p = a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$ with $e(a_t) = s(a_{t+1})$ for $1 \leq t < n$
or the symbol v_i for $i \in \mathcal{Q}_0$

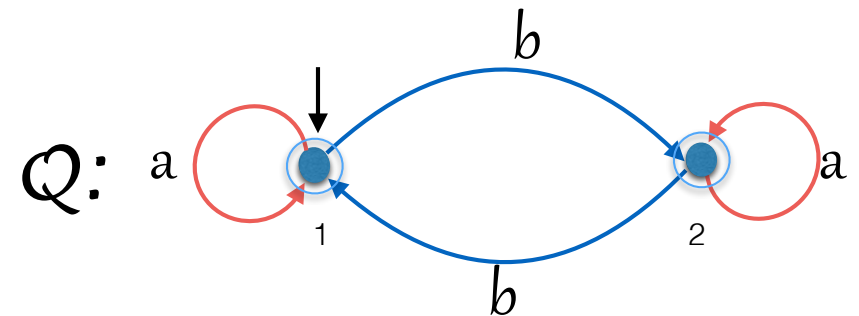
A path p that starts and ends at the same vertex is a *cycle*. Loops are cycles.



paths: $v_1, v_2, v_3, a, b, a b$



paths: $v_1, a^*, b^*, (a+b)^*$

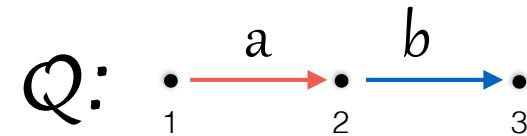


paths: $v_1, v_2, a^*, b^*, (a+b)^*$

A quiver with relations is a pair $(\mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{R})$,

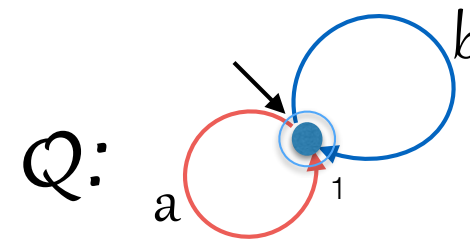
2. associate a *natural* path algebra \mathcal{P}_{kQ} to given Q

- Let k be a field. The path algebra \mathcal{P}_{kQ} of the quiver Q is defined to be the k -vector space generated by all paths in Q . The composition (product) of two paths is induced by simple concatenation of paths if it exists, and zero otherwise. Q is the basis of \mathcal{P}_{kQ} .



$$Q = (\{1, 2, 3\}, \{a, b\}, s, e)$$

$\{v_1, v_2, v_3, a, b, ab\}$ is the basis for the \mathcal{P}_{kQ}



$\{v_1, a^*, b^*, a^*b^*, (a+b)^*\}$ is the basis for the \mathcal{P}_{kQ}

\mathcal{P}_{QR} is a path co-algebra of quivers with relations

3. identify the Lie algebra \mathcal{L} given by \mathcal{P}

Identify the Lie algebra \mathcal{L} arising from \mathcal{P}_{kQ}

4. define \mathcal{L} in Hopf algebra \mathcal{H}

Turn \mathcal{L} into a Hopf algebra \mathcal{H} , equipping it in particular with a coalgebra

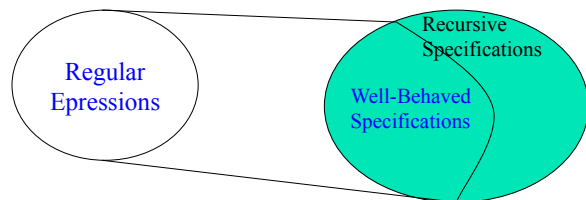
5. redefine the theorem G in \mathcal{H} and prove that hold in \mathcal{H} and not in \mathcal{P}

Theorem G:

The SHC [Star Height Conjecture] is a **topological application** to the space \mathcal{P} , generated by the formal representation of a (any) process \mathbf{P} .

Corradini's Star Height conjecture:

the set of regular expressions (without 0) with *hnewp* is the largest language for which bisimulation admits a finite equational axiomatization.



Def. *nhewp* structural property:

1. each *-behaviour must avoid to enter in a pure cycle,
2. each cycle must be of the form
 $E^* = 1 + EE^*$
 $E^*F \rightarrow X = EX + F$
3. in *-behaviour $a^*a \neq aa^*$



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