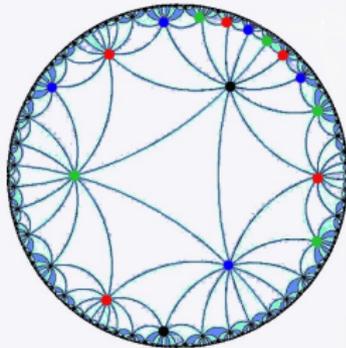


Groupoids, Hypergraphs, and Symmetries

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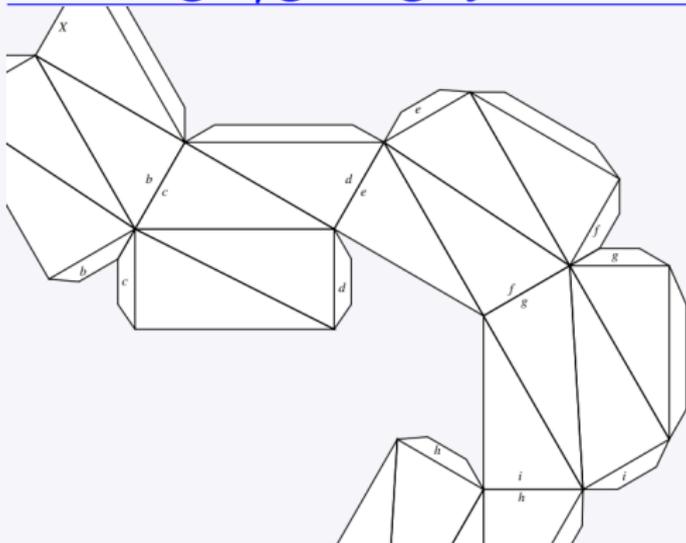
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combinatorial questions:

- can every overlap pattern of hyperedges be realised in some finite hypergraph?
- does every finite hypergraph admit finite covers of any degree of acyclicity?
- how faithful can finite realisations/covers be w.r.t. symmetries of the specification?

hypergraphs $\mathcal{A} = (A, S)$, $S \subseteq \mathcal{P}(A)$ occur as abstractions of relational structures/data bases, of cluster patterns of variables in CSP, as combinatorial patterns of structural decompositions, . . .

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↪ here just combinatorics (sets & local bijections)

specification: local overlap pattern

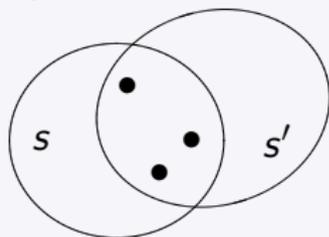
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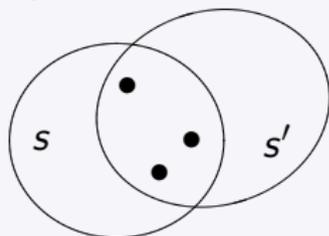


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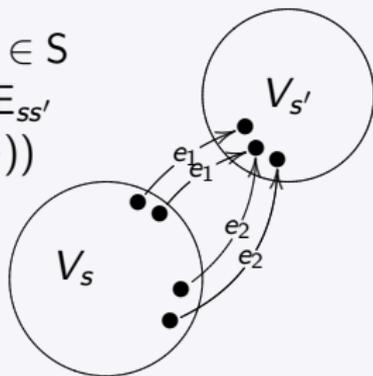


abstract specification

of overlaps between disjoint patches V_s for $s \in S$

via partial matchings $R_e \subseteq V_s \times V_{s'}$ for $e \in E_{ss'}$

according to intersection pattern $I = (S, (E_{ss'}))$



... a valid template for a finite hypergraph?

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realisation: global realisation of local specification

$\hat{\mathcal{A}} = (\hat{\mathbf{A}}, \hat{\mathbf{S}})$ hypergraph, with projection $\pi: \hat{S} \rightarrow S$ and

local bijections $\pi_{\hat{s}}: \hat{s} \rightarrow V_{\pi(\hat{s})}$ realising matchings as overlaps

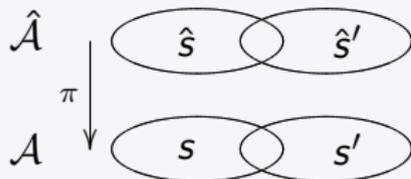
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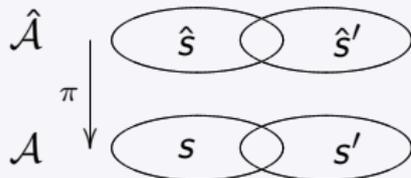
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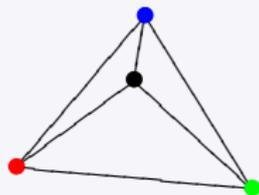
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realisations of an overlap specification based on
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and specification of \mathcal{A} as I-graph

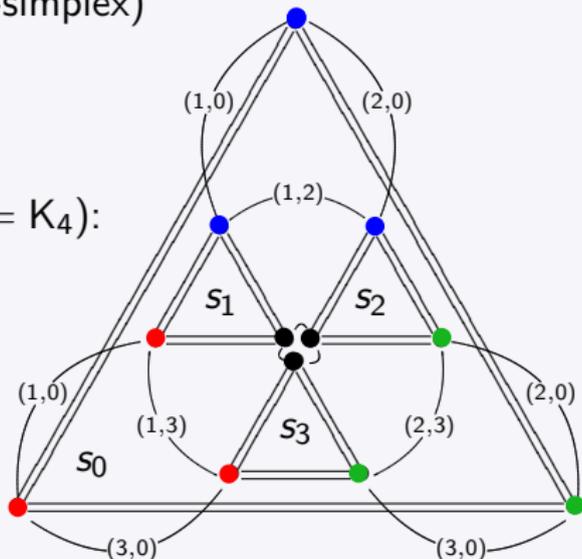
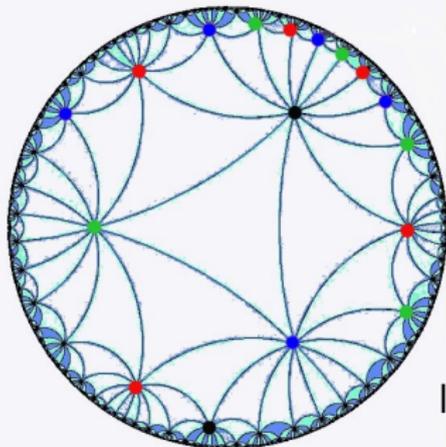
issues: degrees of acyclicity, saturation and symmetry

example



$[4]^3 =$, full 3-uniform hypergraph on 4 vertices
(facets of 3-simplex)

l-graph representation ($l = K_4$):



locally finite (locally 4-fold) covering

example 2: realisation of GF-types

implicit specification of complete GF-theory

↪ **abstract specification of overlap pattern
of guarded tuples/substructures**

**find models as realisations of overlap pattern that
avoid local inconsistencies (by avoiding short cycles)**

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example 3: extension of partial isomorphisms

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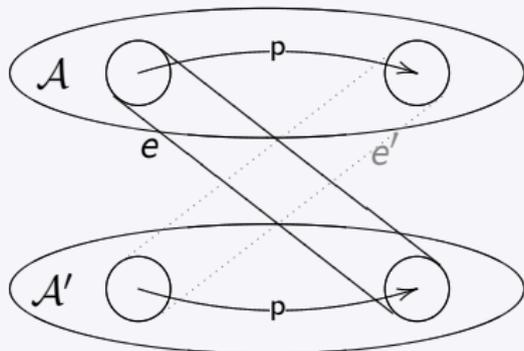
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use overlap pattern between copies $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}'$ and
glueing of $\text{dom}(p) \subseteq A, A'$ and $\text{image}(p) \subseteq A', A$



symmetry & acyclicity properties at stake!

- **graph/hypergraph coverings**
- **(reduced) products with groups/groupoids**
- **degrees of acyclicity in products with groups/groupoids without short coset cycles**
- **genericity and symmetries of these constructions**

a remark on symmetries

symmetries of coverings $\pi: \hat{\mathcal{A}} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}$ are of two kinds

- **vertical:** fibre-preserving symmetries relating $\hat{s}_1, \hat{s}_2 \in \pi^{-1}(s)$.
- **horizontal:** lifting symmetries of base/specification

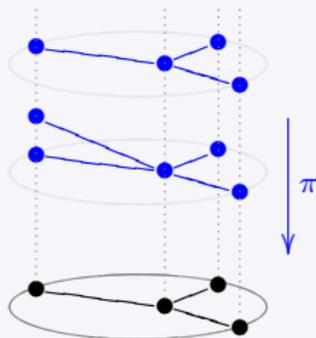
natural/generic coverings should provide both!

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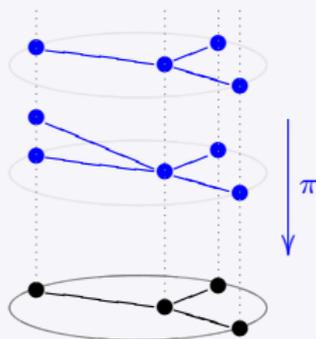


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thm O 2002

for finite graph $\mathcal{A} = (A, E)$ and $N \in \mathbb{N}$
find finite coverings $\pi: \hat{\mathcal{A}} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ such that

- $\hat{\mathcal{A}}$ is N -acyclic (no cycles up to length N)
- π preserves incidence degrees (an unbranched covering)
- full symmetry is achieved (generic product construction)

Cayley groups of large girth

Cayley group & graph:

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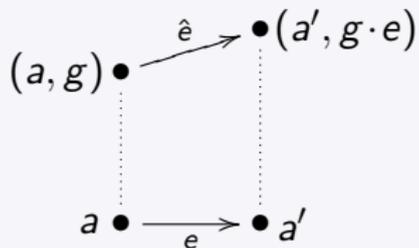
boosting girth (minimal sequence of π_e generating id_V):

eliminate short cycles through embedded acyclic traces in H

direct (synchronous) products

between $\mathcal{A} = (A, E)$ and Cayley groups $\mathbb{G}[E]$

$$\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathbb{G} = (\hat{A}, \hat{E}) =: \begin{cases} \hat{A} = A \times \mathbb{G} \\ \hat{E} \text{ lifting } e = (a, a') \in E \\ \text{to } ((a, g), (a', g \cdot e)) \in \hat{E} \end{cases}$$



provide unbranched coverings $\pi: \mathcal{A} \otimes \mathbb{G} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}$

- **N-acyclic** if $\text{girth}(\mathbb{G}) > N$
- **with all desirable symmetries for the right \mathbb{G}**

more than large girth: no short coset cycles

and one step towards hyperedges

thm O 2010

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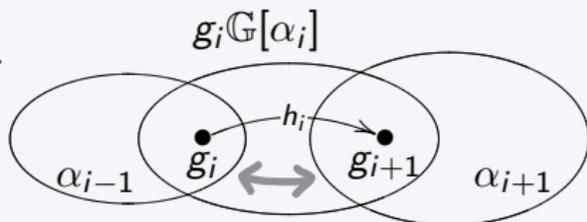
coset cycles:

in $\mathbb{G} = \mathbb{G}[E]$ consider subgroups $\mathbb{G}[\alpha]$ generated by $\alpha \subseteq E$

coset $g\mathbb{G}[\alpha] \leftrightarrow \alpha$ -component of g

$(g_i, \alpha_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_n}$ forms a coset cycle if

- $h_i := g_i^{-1} \cdot g_{i+1} \in \mathbb{G}[\alpha_i]$
- $g_i\mathbb{G}[\alpha_i \cap \alpha_{i-1}] \cap g_{i+1}\mathbb{G}[\alpha_i \cap \alpha_{i+1}] = \emptyset$

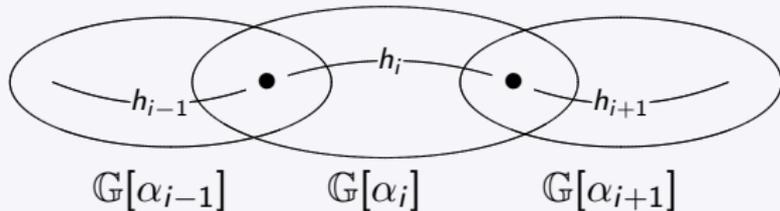


Cayley groups without short coset cycles

method: Biggs & amalgamation

inductively eliminate short coset cycles in $\mathbb{G}[\alpha]$ for larger α

induction step: $\mathbb{G} \rightsquigarrow \mathbb{G}' := \langle \pi_e : e \in E \rangle \subseteq \text{Sym}(V)$
in E-edge coloured graph containing
amalgamated chains of small cosets
'small coset cycles' unfolded



useful in hypergraph transformations (JACM 2012)
but not a stand-alone method for covers

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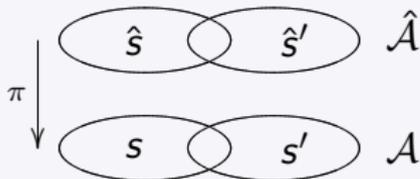
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recall that a covering $\pi: \hat{\mathcal{A}} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is a homomorphism
with *back*-property w.r.t. overlaps (lifting)



issue: degrees of acyclicity

hypergraph acyclicity

equivalent for finite $\mathcal{A} = (A, S)$:

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- \mathcal{A} conformal & chordal

conformal: every clique in $G(\mathcal{A})$ induced by individual $s \in S$

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approximation: N-acyclicity (N-conformality & N-chordality)

guarantees acyclicity of induced sub-hypergraphs of size $\leq N$

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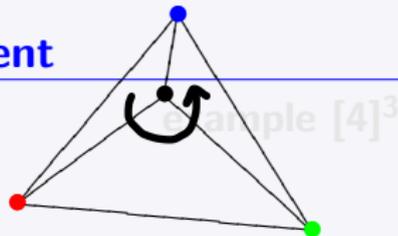
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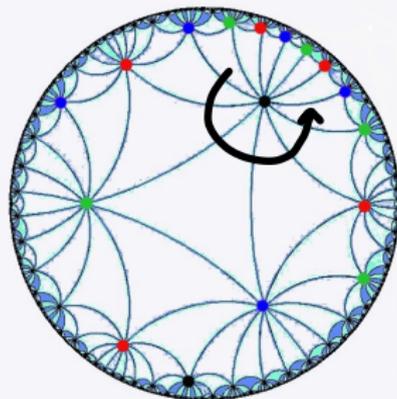
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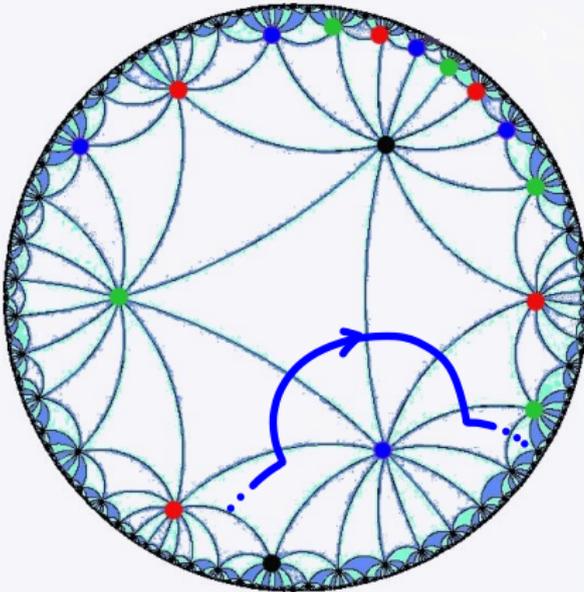
- non-trivial covers cannot preserve incidence degrees
→ **no unbranched coverings**

- non-trivial locality phenomena
→ **need to control coset cycles**



- acyclicity not robust under passage to weak substructures
→ **need to look to groupoids rather than groups**

why coset cycles may matter



why groupoids are more appropriate

Cayley graphs of groups $\mathbb{G}[\mathbf{E}]$ may be too homogeneous:

every generator available at every point

rather than just the necessary transitions/extensions

incidence pattern $\mathbf{I} = (\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{E}) = (\mathbf{S}, (\mathbf{E}_{ss'}))$

specifies which transitions are required locally

\mathbf{I} -groupoid $\mathbb{G} = (\mathbf{G}, (\mathbf{G}_{st}), \cdot, (\lambda_s), {}^{-1})$

has sort-sensitive groupoidal operation $\mathbf{G}_{st} \times \mathbf{G}_{tu} \longrightarrow \mathbf{G}_{su}$,

neutral elements λ_s , and inverses $g^{-1} \in \mathbf{G}_{ts}$ for $g \in \mathbf{G}_{st}$

$\mathbb{G}[\mathbf{E}]$: generated by groupoid elements $e \in \mathbf{G}_{ss'}$ for $e \in \mathbf{E}_{ss'}$

\rightsquigarrow **homomorphism of \mathbf{I} -paths** $s \xrightarrow{e_1} \dots \xrightarrow{e_k} t$
onto groupoid elements $e_1 \cdots e_k \in \mathbf{G}_{st}$



N-acyclic Cayley groupoids

... inductive process for generating I-groupoids without short coset cycles from amalgamated chains yields

thm O 2012

for any $I = (S, (E_{ss'}))$ and for any $N \in \mathbb{N}$, there are finite I-groupoids $\mathbb{G}[E]$ without coset cycles of length up to N



can serve as generic factors for construction of hypergraphs with specified overlap pattern !

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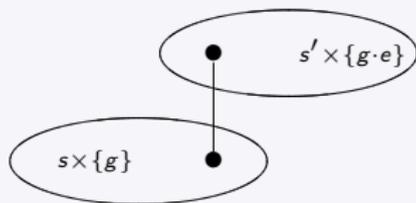
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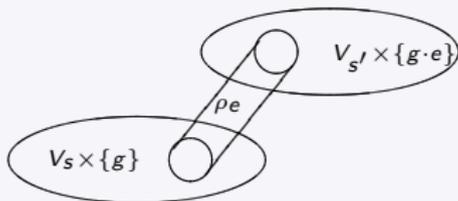
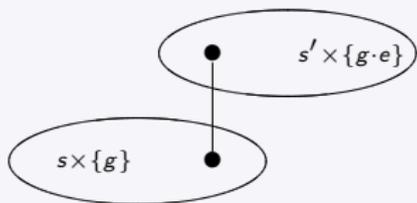
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and R_e/ρ_e of $\mathcal{H} = (V, (V_s), (R_e))$:
 $(v, g) \approx (v', g \cdot e)$ if $\rho_e(v) = v'$



acyclicity in reduced products

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(a, g) is identified, via \approx , precisely with (a, g')
in layers $g' \in g\mathbb{G}[\alpha_a]$, where $\alpha_a = \{(s, s') : a \in s \cap s'\}$

— this is why coset cycles matter for acyclicity

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- realisation of local identifications between copies of \mathcal{A}
- desired automorphisms arise as symmetries w.r.t. specification

