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- **amalgamation: overlap specifications**
- **local vs. global consistency**
- **local vs. global symmetry**

finite model constructions with a touch of combinatorial geometry and group theory

amalgamation?

- **synthesis & amalgamation:**
  hypergraphs & relational structures: (de)composition patterns
  model theory & algebra: homogeneity, Fraïssé limits
  geometry: atlases of charts & changes of co-ordinates

- **local/partial symmetries:**
  logic & model theory: partial isomorphisms
  geometry & algebra: groupoids, inverse semigroups

- **local consistency:**
  logic & combinatorics: constraint satisfaction
  logic & databases: constraints, dependencies
  logic & computation: e.g. quantum information

. . . **calling for global solutions, closures, completions**

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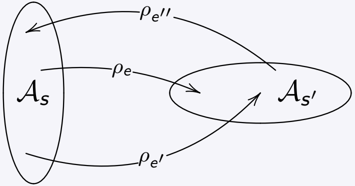

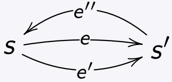

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- realises the amalgamation pattern $(*)$
- is free in a universal algebraic sense
- is generic but infinite (unless I is acyclic)

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... **finite analoga?**
... **based on what instead of I^* ?**
... **equally homogeneous?**
... **of controlled acyclicity?**

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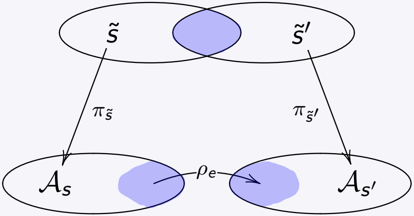

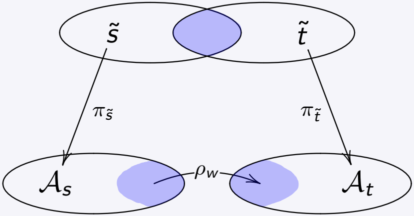

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NB: the second, "no-nonsense" condition avoids potential relational inconsistencies for amalgams

aside: the rôle of groupoids/inverse semigroups

composition structure of partial bijections:

- with partial composition (as a total operation)
  $\rightsquigarrow$ inverse semigroups
- with exact composition (as a partial operation)
  $\rightsquigarrow$ groupoids

groupoids capture local/partial symmetries

. . . just as groups capture global symmetries

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the potentially finite analogue of the infinite path monoid I^*

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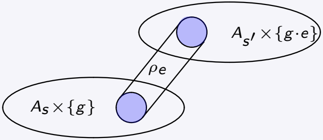
$\rightsquigarrow$ **reduced products $\mathbf{H} \otimes \mathbb{G}$**
as candidate realisations



when is this a realisation of $\mathbf{H}$?

obstructions: wrong kind of cycles (1)

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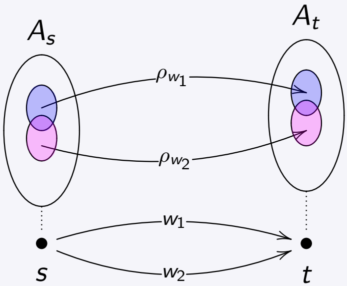


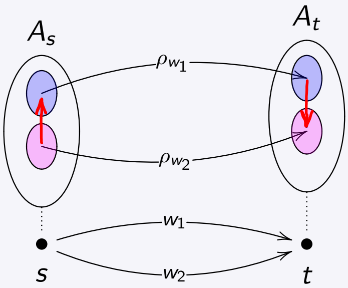
a bad cycle?

can be overcome by relatively simple pre-processing: replace I by finite covering Î that unfolds bad cycles

obstructions: wrong kind of cycles (2)

violations of path independence for tuples

- incidental parallel identifications may cause conflicts at the relational level



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$\rightsquigarrow$ **substantial acyclicity conditions on suitable groupoids**

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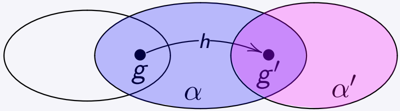

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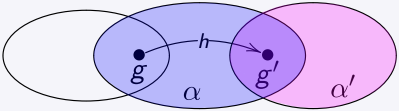

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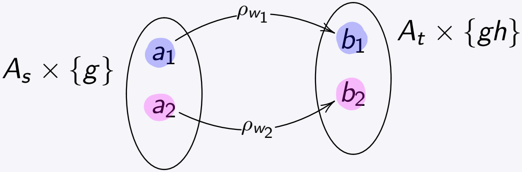

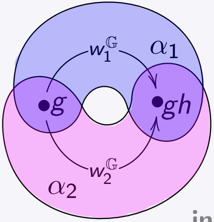

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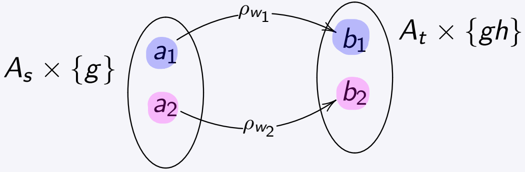

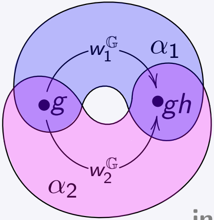

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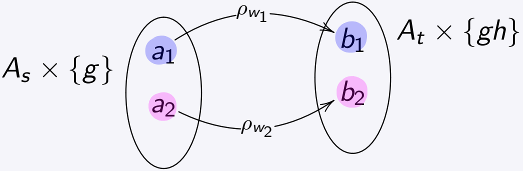

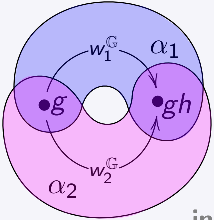

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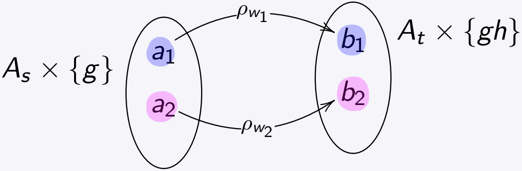

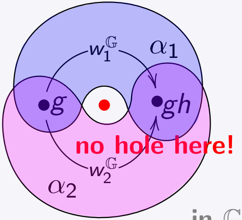

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avoiding a coset 2-cycle

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idea: in an inductive construction generate $\mathbb{G}$ from (semi)group action on amalgamation chains that unfold short cosets cycles

cf. constructions of acyclic Cayley graphs (Alon, Biggs) here lifted to more intricate adaptation for coset cycles

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generic & locally free finite realisations
of any finite amalgamation pattern

applications (1): hypergraph coverings

corollary

every finite hypergraph admits, for $N \in \mathbb{N}$, finite coverings that

- are N-acyclic in the sense that every induced sub-hypergraph on up to N vertices is acyclic (tree decomposable, α-acyclic)
- possess a fibre-transitive automorphism group that lifts all symmetries of the given hypergraph

idea: generic *N*-acyclic finite realisations of the overlap pattern corresponding to the "exploded view" of the given hypergraph

applications (2): lifting local to global symmetries

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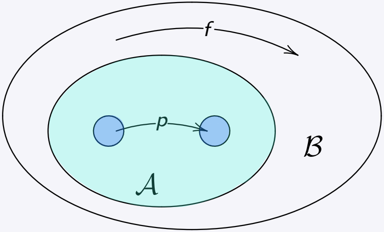

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here, as a corollary

for finite $\mathcal{A}$ and collection of partial automorphisms (ρ_p) find finite EPPA extension $\mathcal{B} \supseteq \mathcal{A}$ as generic realisation of pattern of self-overlaps of $\mathcal{A}$ induced by the ρ_p

- with atlas of $\mathcal{A}$-charts forming N-acyclic hypergraph on B
- hence, locally free & universal w.r.t. homomorphisms

which implies full Herwig–Lascar result

applications (3): various uses in modal/guarded logics

- **finite model properties & finite controllability for guarded logics and constraints**

  using finite coverings of controlled acyclicity
  and/or Herwig–Lascar extension properties

- **characterisation theorems** (fmt & classical) **for the guarded fragment GF and relatives**

  using finite coverings of controlled acyclicity

- **characterisation theorems** (fmt & classical) **for (modal) common knowledge logic**

  new, with Felix Canavoi, using (finite) $S5$-frames
  over Cayley groups with controlled coset-acyclicity

some related references

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