

# Topological Categories

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*Motivations*

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Top has some "nice" properties:

$(Top, U : Top \rightarrow Set)$   
 $\nwarrow$  forgetful functor

(weak) Coarse indiscrete  $\rightarrow T_{\Delta} = \{\emptyset, X\}$

(strong) fine discrete  $\rightarrow T_{\Delta} = \mathcal{P}(X)$

$\Delta \dashv U \dashv \nabla$

$\dot{x} \in$  the underlying set

product as in Set

the coarsest to make  $\pi_1$  &  $\pi_2$  continuous

$$\begin{array}{c} (X_1 \times X_2, \tau') \\ \swarrow \pi_1 \quad \searrow \pi_2 \\ (X_1, \tau_1) \quad (X_2, \tau_2) \end{array}$$

complete lattice!

Top, Kr, Nb all have similar nice properties  
and let's characterize them.

*Definitions*

Def. (concrete category & construct)

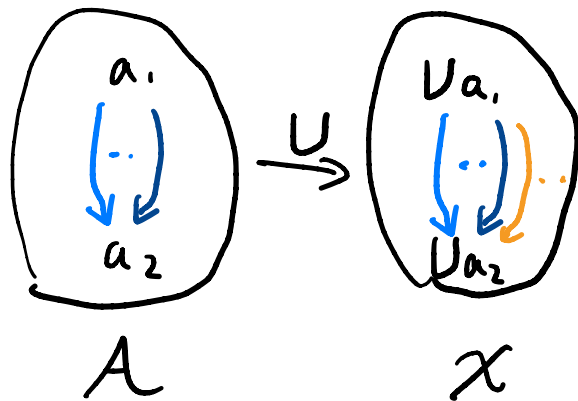
Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a category. A concrete category over  $\mathcal{X}$  is a pair  $(\mathcal{A}, U)$ , where  $\mathcal{A}$  is a category and  $U: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$  is a faithful functor.

the operation

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(a_1, a_2) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{X}}(Ua_1, Ua_2)$$

$$f \mapsto Uf$$

is injective.



(when  $\mathcal{X}$  is Set,  $(\mathcal{A}, U)$  is called construct)

Examples:

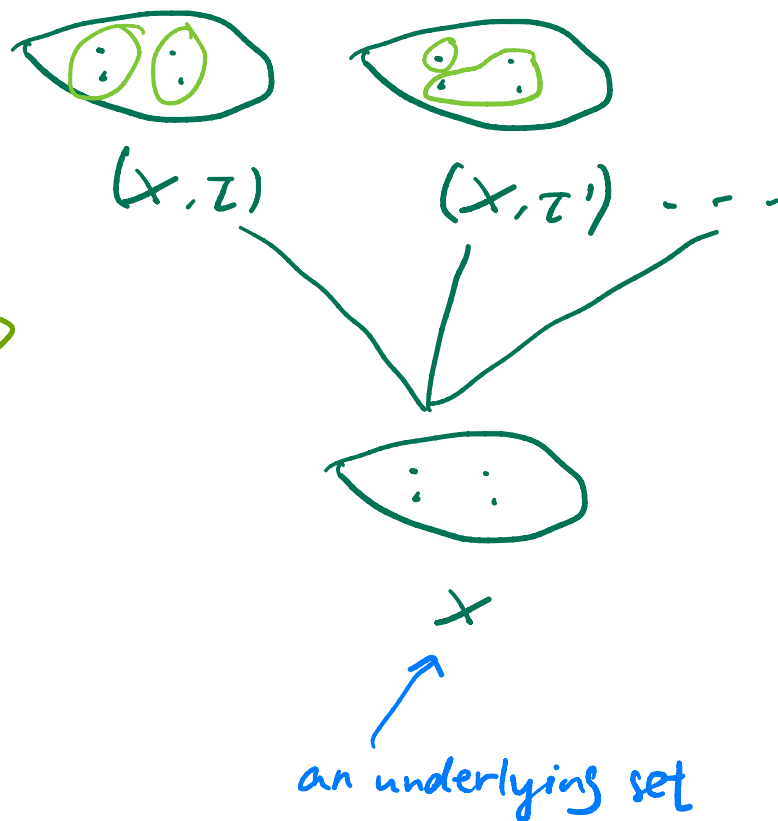
Examples:

$$\mathcal{L} \xrightarrow{\text{ide}} \mathcal{L}$$

$$\text{Top} \xrightarrow{U} \text{Set} \rightarrow$$

$$\text{Gr} \xrightarrow{U} \text{Set}$$

$\vdots$



Def. (fibre)

Let  $(A, U)$  be a concrete category over  $X$ .

The fibre of an  $X$ -object  $x$  is the preordered class consisting of all  $A$ -objects  $A$  with  $U(A) = x$  ordered by:

$A \leq B$  iff  $\text{id}_x : UA \rightarrow UB$  is an  $A$ -morphism.

Examples:

$$(Top, \cup : Top \rightarrow Set)$$

indiscrete  $\mathcal{T}_\nabla = \{\emptyset, X\}$

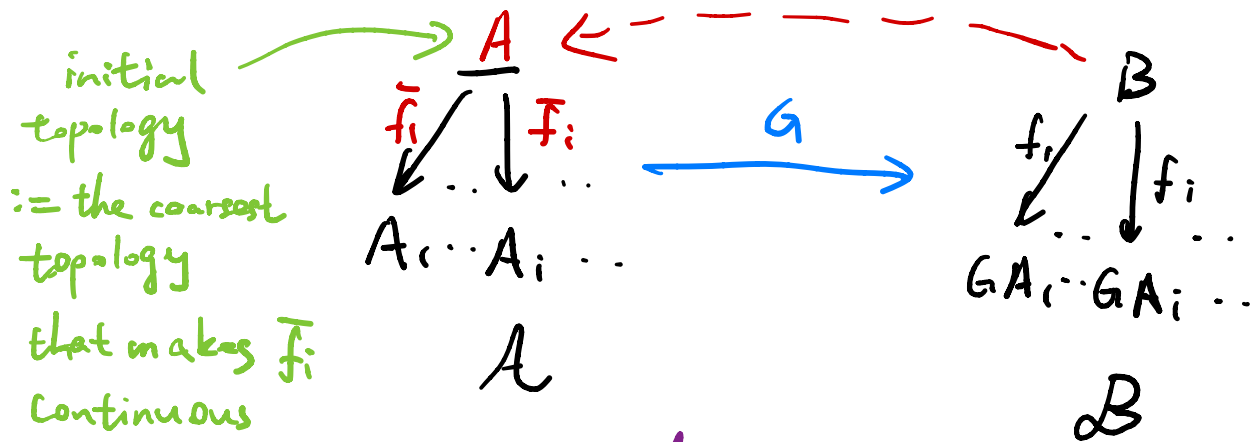


discrete  $\mathcal{T}_\Delta = \mathcal{P}(X)$



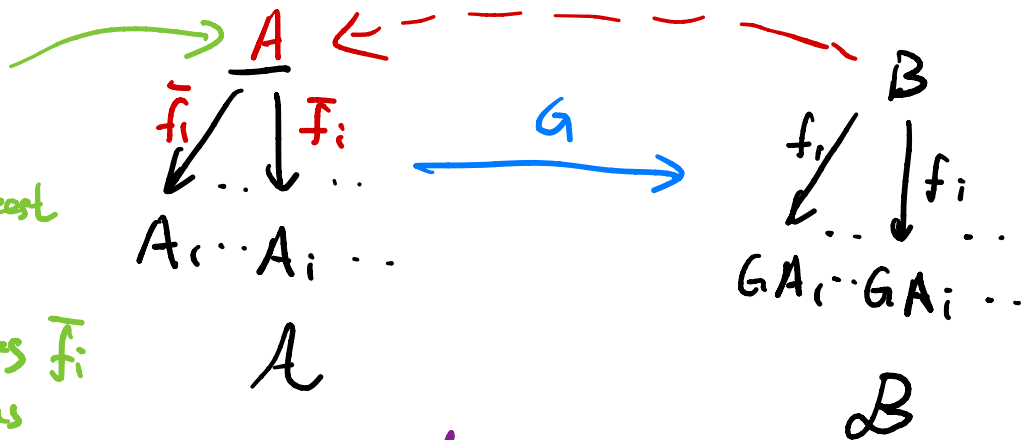
Def. (topological functor & topological category):

A functor  $A \xrightarrow{G} B$  is called topological provided that every  $G$ -structured source  $(B \xrightarrow{f_i} G A_i)_I$  has a unique  $G$ -initial lift  $(A \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}_i} A_i)_I$ . A concrete category  $(A, U)$  is called topological provided that  $U$  is topological.

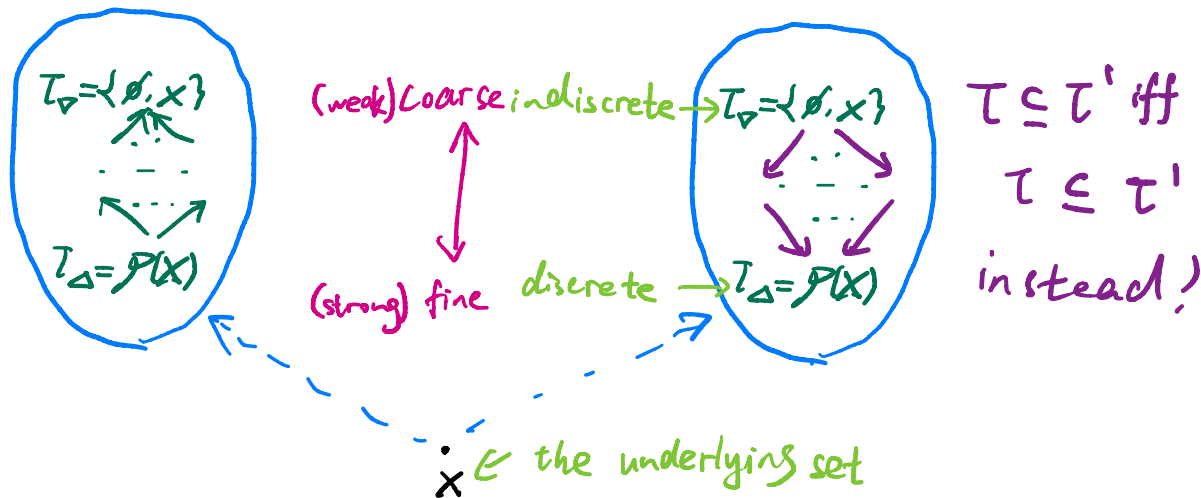


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initial  
topology  
:= the coarsest  
topology  
that makes  $\tilde{f}_i$   
continuous



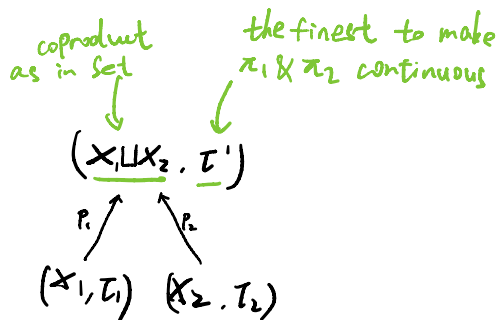
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## Topological Duality Theorem

If  $(A, U)$  is topological over  $\mathcal{X}$ , then  $(A^{op}, U^{op})$  is topological over  $\mathcal{X}^{op}$ .

the existence of unique  $U$ -initial lifts of  $U$ -structured sources implies the existence of unique  $U$ -final lifts of  $U$ -structured sinks.



# Some Useful Implications

$$\text{Sup } A \xrightarrow{U} B$$

- The  $U$ -fibre over any object in  $B$  is a complete lattice.  $\rightarrow$  think of  in  $\text{Top}$ .
- $U$  lifts  $\text{colimits}$  uniquely.  $\rightarrow$  think of coproduct topology
- If  $B$  is  $(\text{co})$ complete, so is  $A$ .  $\rightarrow$   $\text{Set}$  is  $(\text{co})$ complete  
 $\Downarrow$   
 $\text{Top}$  is also

*Examples*

Top :

the subspace topology

the quotient topology

the product topology

the coproduct topology

the coarsest that makes  
the inclusion  $i$  continuous.



$$i : (Y, \tau_Y) \hookrightarrow (X, \tau_X)$$

the finest that makes the surjective  
map  $\pi$  continuous

$$\pi : (X, \tau_X) \twoheadrightarrow (S, \tau_S)$$

the coarsest ..

the finest ..

# $Kr$ (DiGph)

Objects: Kripke frames:  $(X, R_x)$

Morphisms: Monotone functions:

$$(X, R_x) \xrightarrow{f} (Y, R_y)$$

s.t.

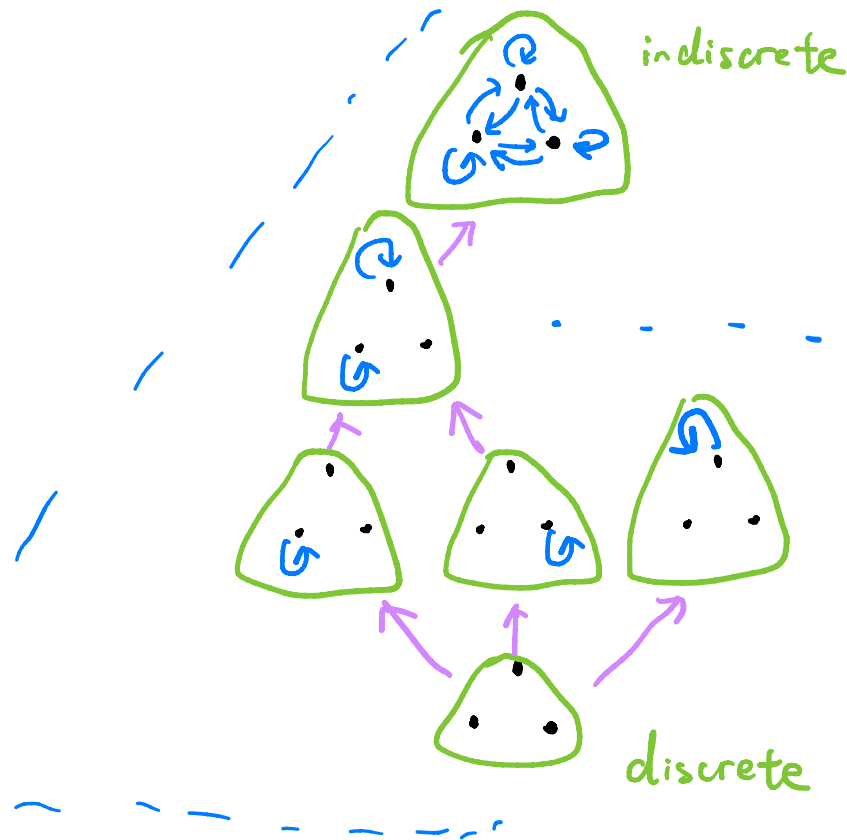
$$w R_x v \Rightarrow f(w) R_y f(v).$$

full relation  $\rightarrow$

empty relation  $\rightarrow$



$x$



## More examples & non-examples

The category of irreflexive graphs X

It has no terminal object



not complete

Initial lifts preserve refl., trans., symmetry...



the corresponding full subcategories of  $\mathbf{Gr}$  like  $\mathbf{Preord}$ ,  $\mathbf{Equiv}$ . ✓

But not antisymmetry



(no unique initial lifts)



the category of posets is not topological over  $\mathbf{Sets}$  X

Nb

Objects: Neighbourhood frames:  $(X, E)$

$$X \times \mathcal{P}(X) \cong$$

Morphisms:

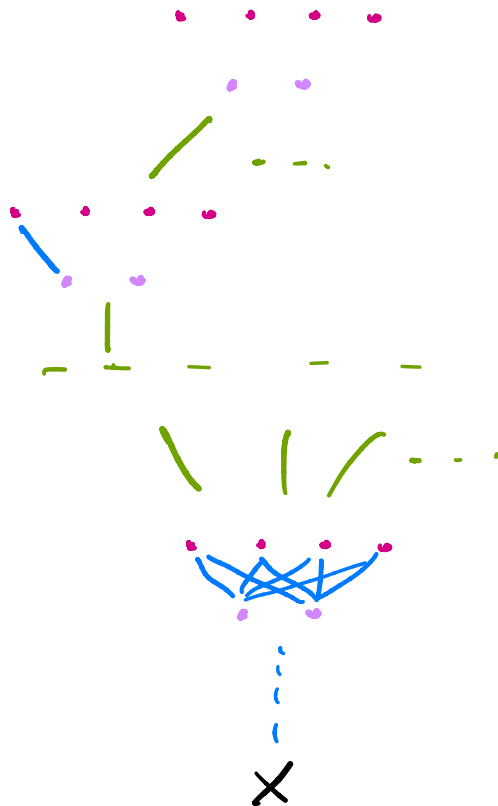
$f: (X, E) \rightarrow (Y, F)$  satisfying

a continuity condition:

$$\forall x \in X, V \subseteq Y. f x F V \Rightarrow x E f^{-1} V.$$

$$\mathcal{P}(X) = \{\emptyset, \{w\}, \{u\}, \{w, u\}\}$$

$$x = \{w, u\}$$



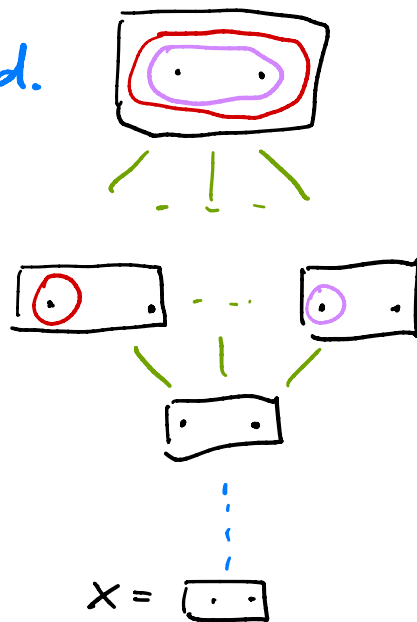
$\text{Evl}_P \leftarrow$  with a set  $P$  of proposition variables fixed.

Objects:  $(X, V)$

$$\downarrow \\ V: P \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$$

Morphisms:  $f: (X, V) \rightarrow (Y, W)$

satisfying  $V \subseteq f^{-1} \circ W$

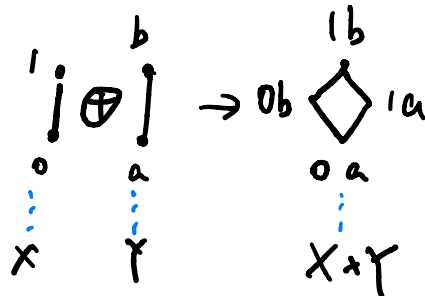


Fact: The product of a family  $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$  of topological categories can still be seen as a topological category.

e.g.

Frame  $\rightarrow$  Model

$F: K_r \rightarrow (F, V): K_r \times \text{Evl}$



Applications

# Modal Reasoning Patterns

## Universal structures in TopCat

Modal Dependence  $\leftrightarrow$  Partial Orders within Fibres  
( $K_a^b$ ) ( $\leq$ )

Group Structure  $\leftrightarrow$  Lattice operations within Fibres  
(common/distributed knowledge) ( $\vee, \wedge$ )

Logical Dynamics  $\leftrightarrow$  Connections between fibres  
(public announcement,  
product update) ( $f^*, f_!$ )

Modal Dependence  $\leftrightarrow$  Partial Orders within Fibres

$(K_a^b)$



$$x \models \Box_a \psi \rightarrow \Box_b \psi$$

$K_r$  is just an

illustrative example!

full relation  $\rightarrow$



empty relation  $\rightarrow$

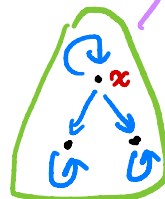
$x$

$(\leq)$

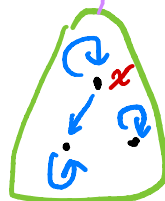


indiscrete

$a:$



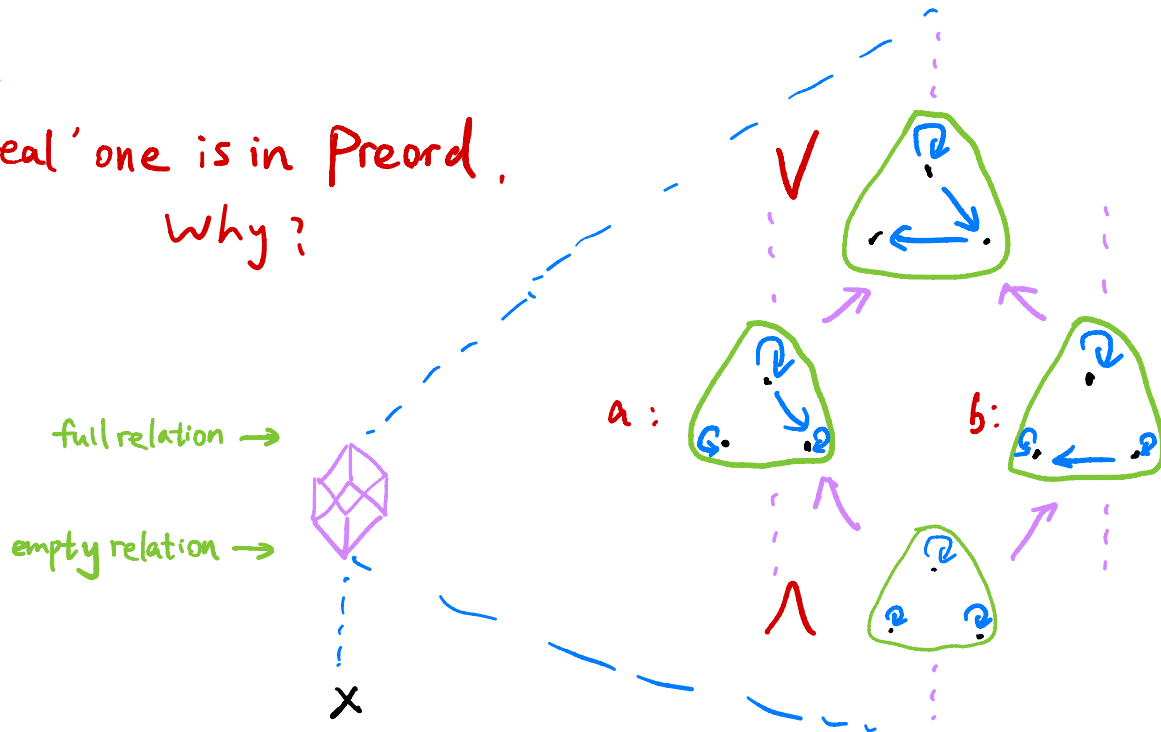
$b:$



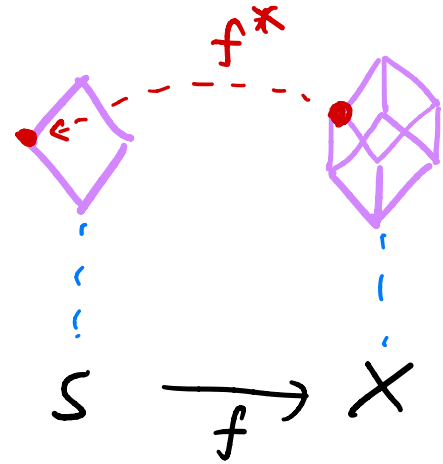
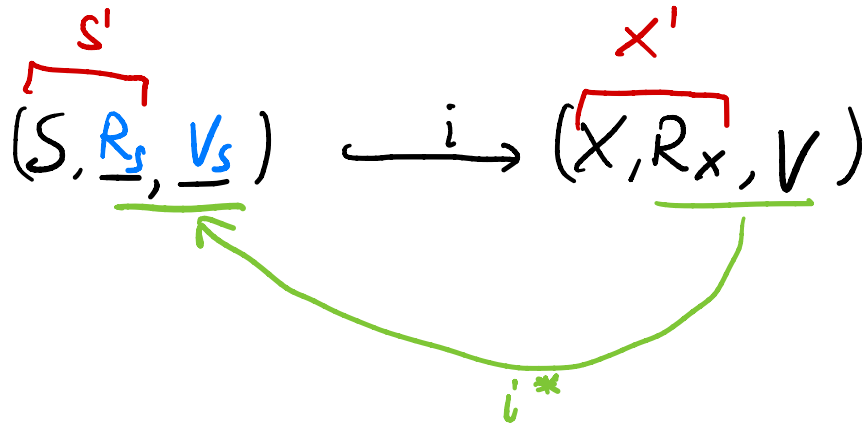
discrete

Group Structure  $\leftrightarrow$  Lattice operations within Fibres  
(common/distributed knowledge)  $(\vee, \wedge)$

$\downarrow$   
the 'real' one is in Preord.  
why?

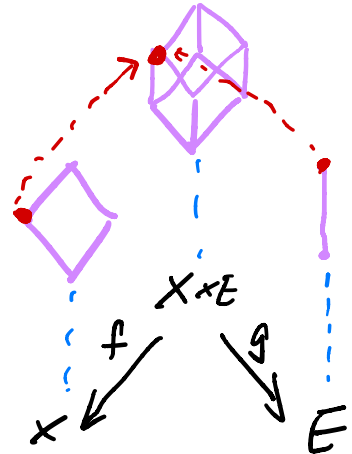
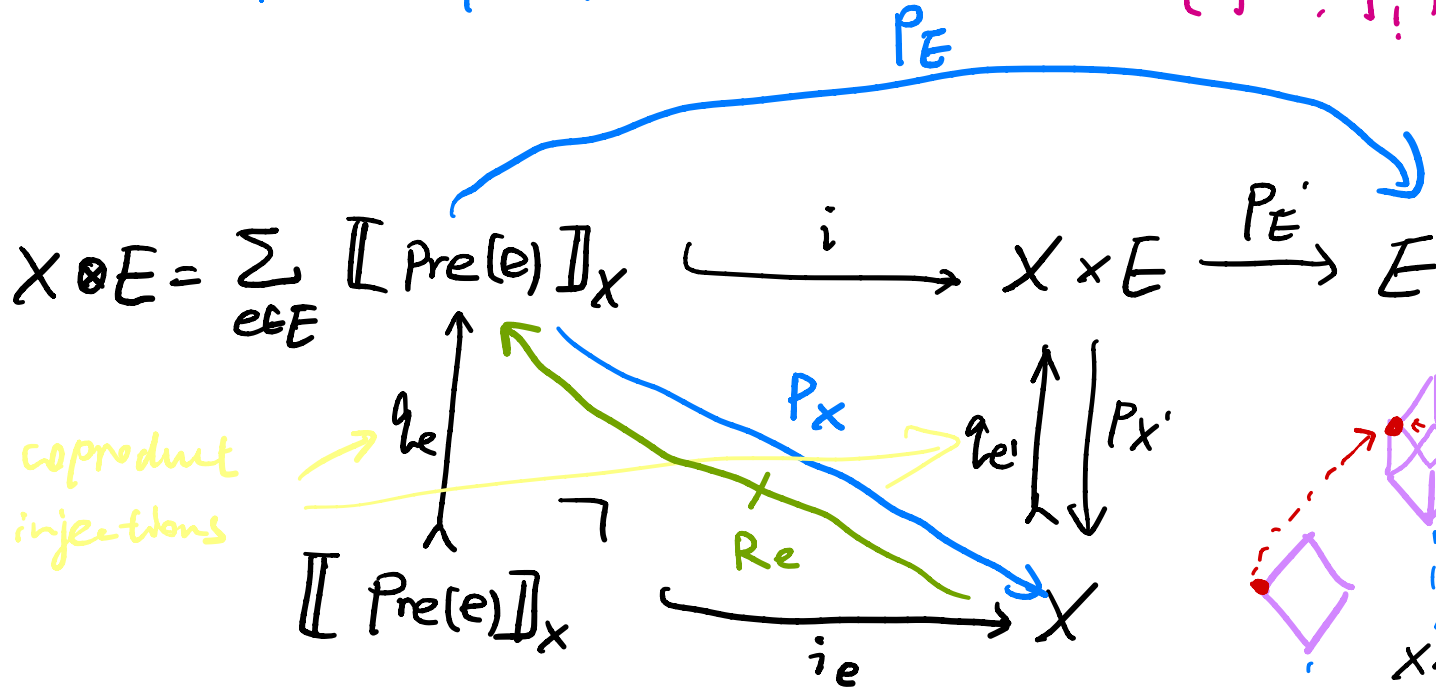


Logical Dynamics  $\leftrightarrow$  Connections between fibres  
 (public announcement) ( $f^*, f_!$ )



$$X', V, w \models [! \psi] \gamma \Leftrightarrow X', V, w \models \psi \text{ implies } i^* X', i^* V, w \models \gamma$$

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We can translate between semantic models!

$$\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket_A^V = \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket_{FA}^V$$

$$A \xrightarrow{F} B$$

e.g.  $\text{Pre} \hookrightarrow \text{Top}$

sends a preorder to its  
Alexandrov topology

Model transformation  $F$

that preserves the interpretation of syntactic pattern

$\iff$

$F$  commutes with the

semantic structure  $A$

corresponds to.

preserves arbitrary meets fibre-wise

preserve the initial lifts of injections

+ preserves pullback maps & fibre-wise finite meets

$K_a^b$

$\llbracket !\varphi \rrbracket \uparrow$

$\llbracket E, e \rrbracket \varphi$



# What I didn't cover:

- View topological categories as functors  
via Grothendieck construction  $\mathcal{A}_- : \mathbf{Set} \rightarrow \mathbf{SupLat}$   
or  $A_- : \mathbf{Set}^{\mathbf{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{InfLat}$

- CABA0 giving the algebraic semantics  
( $\mathbf{Kr}, \mathbf{Top}, \mathbf{Nb}$  can be embedded into CABA0)

- Generalized product update

• . . .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S \otimes_{\vee} X & \xhookrightarrow{i} & E \otimes_{\vee} X \\ \pi_S \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi_E \\ S & \xhookrightarrow{i} & E \\ \Downarrow & & \\ Y \otimes_{\vee} X & \xrightarrow{g} & E \otimes_{\vee} X \\ \pi_Y \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi_E \\ Y & \xrightarrow{f} & E \end{array}$$

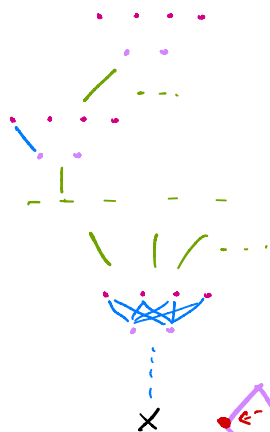
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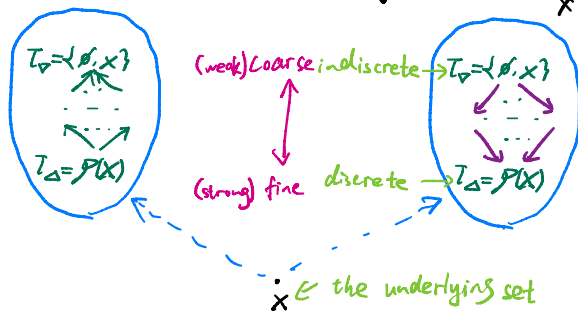
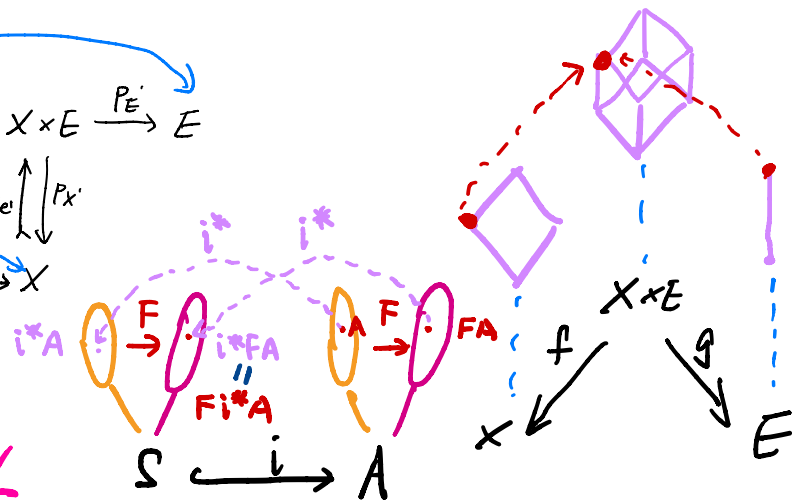


$$X \otimes E = \sum_{e \in E} [\text{Pre}(e)]_X \xrightarrow{i} X \times E \xrightarrow{P_E'} E$$

coproduct injections

$\begin{array}{ccc} \uparrow q_e & & \downarrow q_{e'} \\ [\text{Pre}(e)]_X & \xrightarrow{P_X} & X \\ \downarrow i_e & & \downarrow i_{e'} \end{array}$

Thanks!



$T \subseteq T' \nleftrightarrow$   
 $T \subseteq T'$   
 instead!

full relation  $\rightarrow$   
 empty relation  $\rightarrow$

