

# Concurrency and Directed Algebraic Topology

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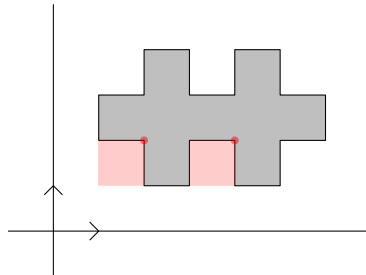
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Answers

## Exercise 1: PV programs and Geometric Models

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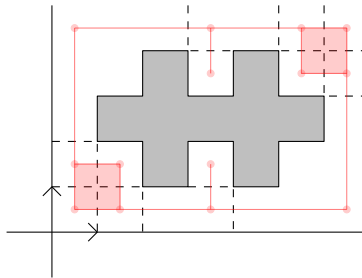
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#sem a,b 2
procs:
p = P(a).P(b).V(b).P(b).V(b).V(a)
q = P(b).P(a).V(a).V(b)
init:
p|q
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2)



Deadlocks and their attractors

3)



4a) and 4b)  $F_{a,b} = [1, 4]^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \cup \mathbb{R}^2 \times [1, 4]^2$  and  $F_c = \mathbb{R} \times [2, 3]^3 \cup [2, 3] \times \mathbb{R} \times [2, 3]^2 \cup [2, 3]^2 \times \mathbb{R} \times [2, 3] \cup [2, 3]^3 \times \mathbb{R}$

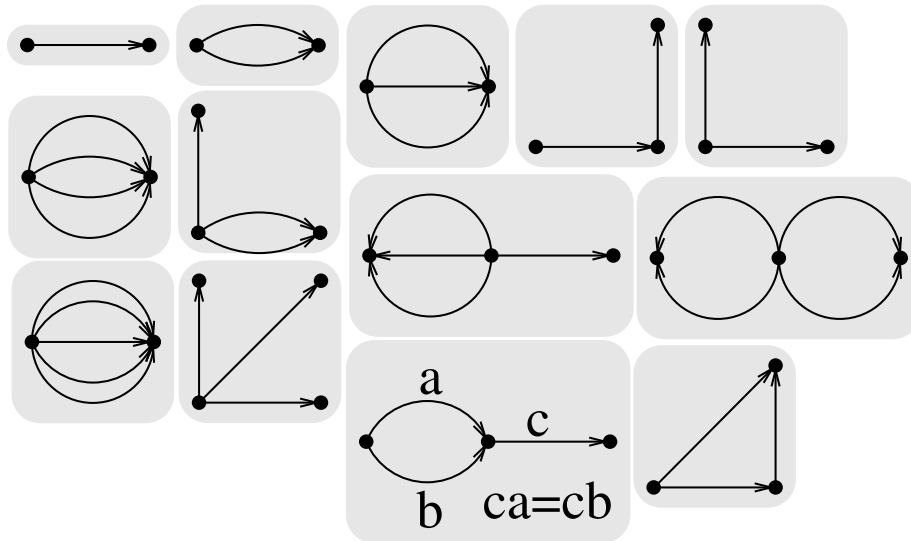
4c) We have  $F_c \subset F_{a,b}$  therefore we can actually “drop” the semaphore  $c$  to obtain an “equivalent” program

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#sem a,b 2
process definition:
p = P(a).V(a)
q = P(b).V(b)
program:
p | p | q | q
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**Exercise 2:**

1) The only element of  $\mathbb{M}$  of size 1 is the neutral element of  $M$ . There is no element of size 2 in  $\mathbb{M}$  since such an element should contain at least 2 identities and therefore would not be connected. Then  $\cdot \rightarrow \cdot$  is the only element of  $\mathbb{M}$  of size 3. In order to minimize the size of a product of non trivial elements of  $\mathbb{M}$ , one has to minimize both the number of terms and theirs sizes. Hence the least non prime element of  $\mathbb{M}$  is  $(\cdot \rightarrow \cdot) \times (\cdot \rightarrow \cdot)$ .

2) In addition to the neutral element of  $\mathbb{M}$  there are 13 elements of size at most 7. The least non free element appears in the following list.



3) Define the  $n$ -star as the element  $S_n$  of  $\mathbb{M}$  with  $n$  arrows outgoing from the same object. In addition of these arrows,  $S_n$  has  $n + 1$  identities. In particular for all  $N \geq 3$  the size of the  $\frac{n-1}{2}$ -star is  $n$ . Moreover any  $n$ -star is a free category therefore it is prime. We can also consider the category with 2 objects, say  $a$  and  $b$ , and  $n - 2$  arrows from  $a$  to  $b$ .

4) In  $\mathbb{N}_0[X]$  we have  $(1 + X^3) \cdot (1 + X + X^2) = (1 + X) \cdot (1 + X^2 + X^4)$  while  $1 + X$

is irreducible and does not divide (in  $\mathbb{N}_0[X]$ )  $1 + X^3$  nor  $1 + X + X^2$ , hence is not prime. According to the characterization of free commutative monoids,  $\mathbb{N}_0[X]$  is not free.

5) The uniqueness derives from the fact that  $X$  generates  $\mathbb{N}[X]$  as a semiring. The morphism  $\text{eval}_{\mathcal{C}}$  is defined as follows

$\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 X + \dots + \alpha_n X^n \in \mathbb{N}[X] \mapsto \beta_0 \sqcup \beta_1 \mathcal{C} \sqcup \dots \sqcup \beta_n \mathcal{C}^n \in \mathbb{S}$  where  $\beta_k = 1_{\mathbb{M}}$  if  $\alpha_k = 1$ , the empty category otherwise and  $\sqcup$  is the disjoint union of categories.

6) Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be some prime element of  $\mathbb{M}$ . Considering the size of categories we have  $\mathcal{C}^n = \mathcal{C}^m$  if and only if  $n = m$ . Therefore  $\text{eval}_{\mathcal{C}}$  is one-to-one. Suppose  $\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B}$  belongs to the image of  $\text{eval}_{\mathcal{C}}$ . Since  $\mathbb{M}$  is commutative free, each connected component of  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  is a power of  $\mathcal{C}$ . As a consequence given nonzero polynomials  $P, P' \in \mathbb{N}[X]$ ,  $P$  divides  $P'$  in  $\mathbb{N}[X]$  if and only if  $\text{eval}_{\mathcal{C}}(P)$  divides  $\text{eval}_{\mathcal{C}}(P')$  in  $\mathbb{S}_0$ . Thus  $\mathbb{S}_0$  contains some nonprime irreducible element - because so does  $\mathbb{N}_0[X]$ , see question 4 - and therefore it is not free.

**Exercise 3:**

1) Given a directed loop  $\gamma : [0, r] \rightarrow X$  one has  $\gamma(0) = \gamma(r)$  and  $\gamma(0) \sqsubseteq \gamma(t) \sqsubseteq \gamma(r)$  for all  $0 \leq t \leq r$ . Since  $\sqsubseteq$  is antisymmetric  $\gamma$  is a constant map.

2) Any constant map is continuous and monotonic therefore  $dX$  contains all of them. The concatenation of two directed paths is still directed because the partial relation on  $X$  is transitive. The directed paths are also stable under subpaths because the composition of two continuous monotonic map is continuous monotonic. We have defined the object part of the functor. Given a morphism of pospaces  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and a directed path  $\gamma$  on  $X$ ,  $f \circ \gamma$  is a directed path on  $Y$  as composite of monotonic continuous maps. Thus we have the morphism part of the functor.

3) Let  $(F_i)_{i \in I}$  be a family of future stable subsets of  $X$ . Let  $\gamma$  be a dipath on  $X$  starting in some  $F_i$ . The path  $\gamma$  is contained in  $F_i$  hence in the union of the family. If  $\gamma$  starts in the intersection of the family,  $\gamma$  is contained in  $F_i$  for all  $i$ , in other words in the intersection of the family.

4) Given any points  $x$  and  $y$  on the circle, there is a directed path from  $x$  to  $y$  since the mapping  $t \mapsto e^{it}$  covers the circle. Therefore, a stable subset of the directed circle is either empty or the whole circle. The lattice is thus isomorphic to  $\{0 < 1\}$ .

5) Given any complex numbers  $z$  and  $z'$ , there is a directed path from  $z$  to  $z'$  if and only if  $|z| \leq |z'|$ . It follows the future stable subsets of the directed complex plane are the complement of the disks centered at 0 i.e.  $\{z \in \mathbb{C}; |z| < r\}$  (open) or  $\{z \in \mathbb{C}; |z| \leq r\}$  (closed) with  $r \in [0, +\infty]$ . Given two such disks  $D$  and  $D'$  denote by  $r$  and  $r'$  the radius of  $D$  and the radius of  $D'$ . One has  $D \subseteq D'$  when  $r < r'$  or ( $r = r'$  and ( $D$  is open or  $D'$  is closed)). In other words the lattice of future subsets is isomorphic to (the opposite of) the lexicographic order on  $(\mathbb{R}_+ \times \{0 < 1\}) \cup \{(\infty, *)\}$ .