

Geometric realisation of ~~regular~~ constructible polygraphs

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- Hadzihasanovic's **constructible directed complexes** provide a combinatorial presentation of higher categories.
- Additionally, they are realisable as regular CW complexes.

- 1 Constructible directed complexes and polygraphs
- 2 CW complexes and directed topological cells
- 3 Realisation (work in progress. . .)

Constructible directed complexes and polygraphs

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N.B. All results and definitions in this section are from recent works by Amar Hadzihasanovic.

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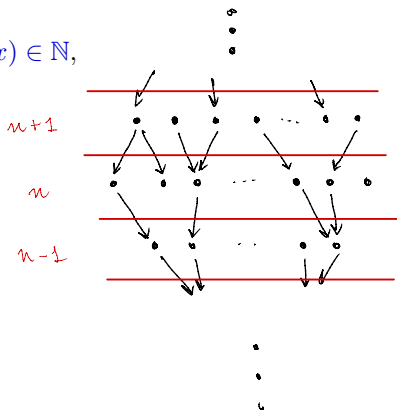
- Recall that the Hasse diagram $\mathcal{H}P$ of P is the directed graph with

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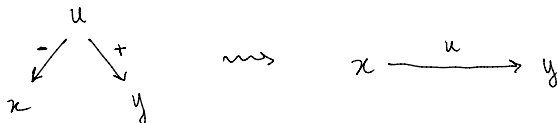
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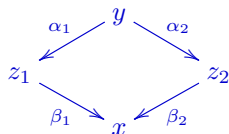
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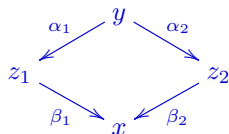


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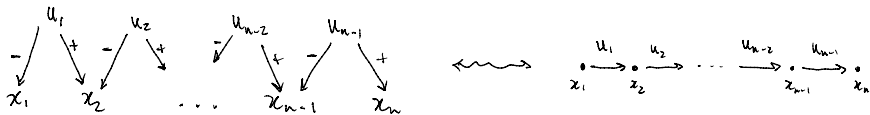


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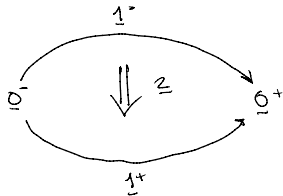
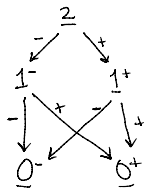
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Examples



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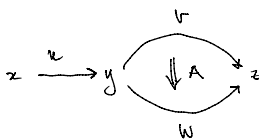


the "z-globe"

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a whiskered z-globe.

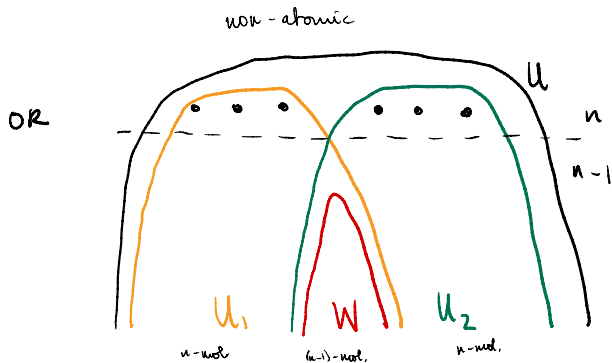
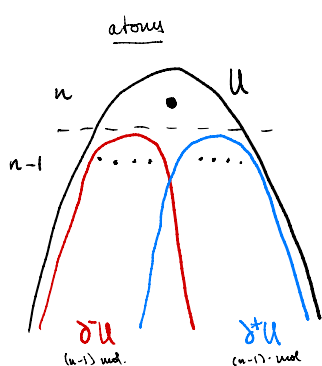


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→ 0-molecules are 0-dimensional elements,

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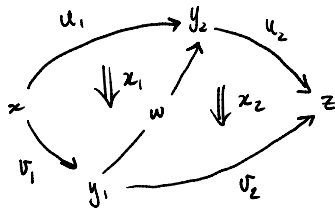
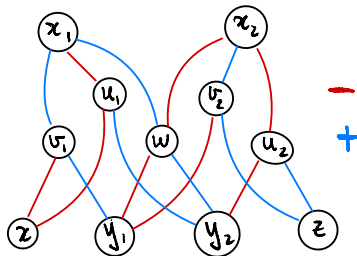
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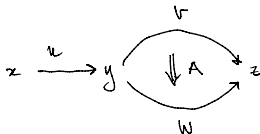
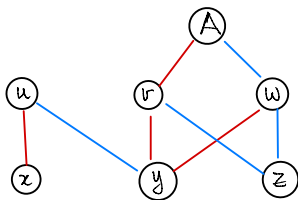
Proposition

A constructible directed complex is the colimit of the diagram of inclusions of its atoms.

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↑ a non-atomic constructible 2-molecule.



This is not a constructible molecule...

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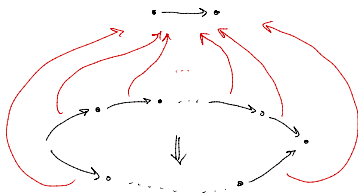
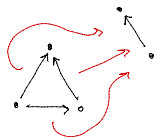
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- This is similar to simplicial complexes, but with more complex (globular) base shapes.



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- Recently, a theorem was in fact found to be a conjecture:

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- This yields spaces with the structure of **CW complex**:

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CW complexes and directed topological cells

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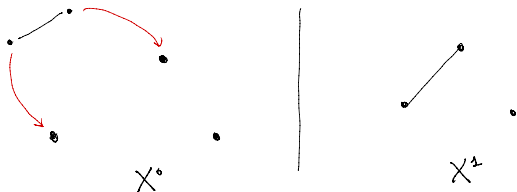
- Morally, a **CW complex** X is a space built from **topological cells** homeomorphic to n -balls D^n .
 - Start with a discrete set of points to form the **0-skeleton** X^0 .
 - Having constructed the $(n-1)$ -skeleton X^{n-1} , place the borders of n -balls via **attaching maps**

$$\phi_x : S^{n-1} \longrightarrow X^{n-1}.$$

- Form the n -skeleton

$$X^n = X^{n-1} \coprod_x e_x^n / \{\phi_x\}_x$$

where the quotient indicates the identification of the images of the attaching maps ϕ_x .



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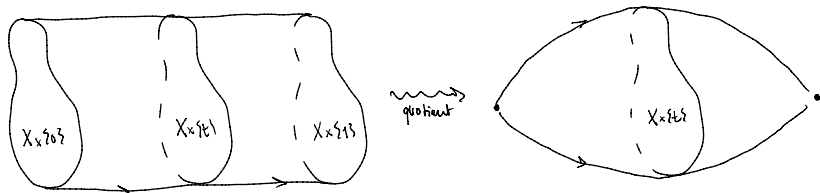
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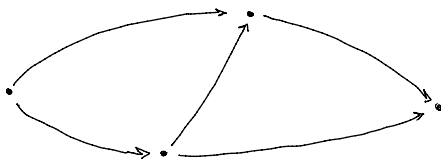
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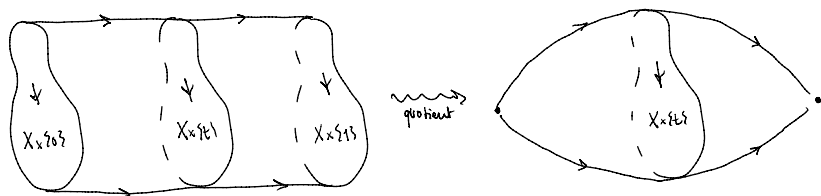
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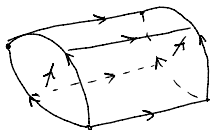
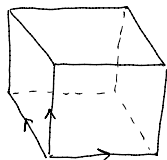
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- In this view, points in \vec{D}^n are represented by n -tuples (t_n, \dots, t_1) , the quotient being given by

$$(t_n, \dots, t_1) \sim (t'_n, \dots, t'_1) \iff \begin{aligned} \exists i, t_i = t'_i = b \text{ for } b \in \{0, 1\}, \\ \text{and } \forall j < i, t_j = t'_j. \end{aligned}$$

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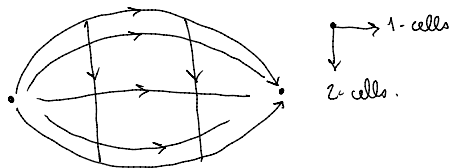
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We have $\partial_k^\alpha(\vec{D}^n) \cong \vec{D}^k$.

- These cells are **1-dimensionally oriented** in each dimension; the variable t_k corresponds to “cells of dimension k ”.

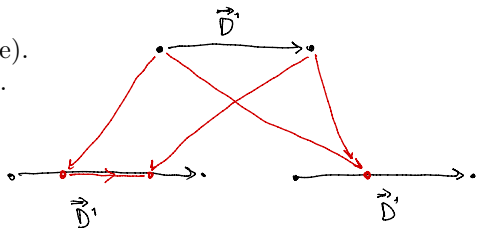


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- a monotonic map $\iota : I \rightarrow I$,
- a continuous family of maps

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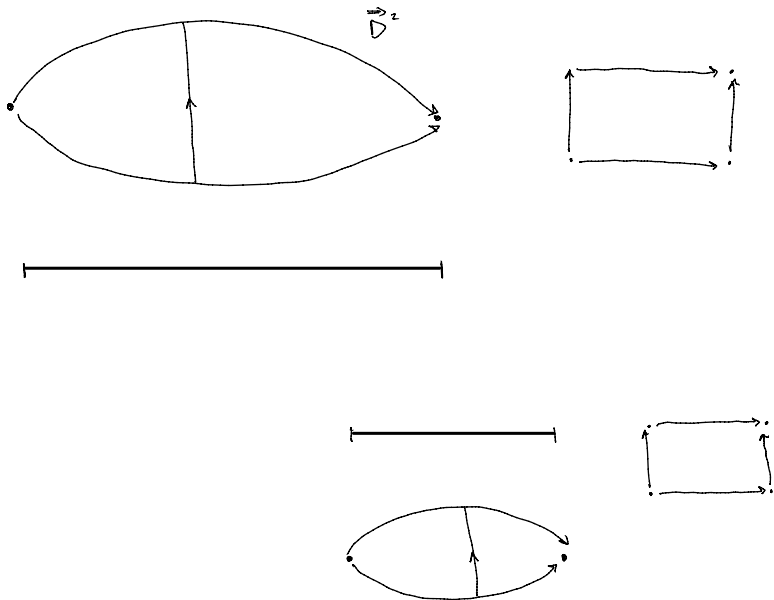
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Then i is the quotient map of

$$\begin{aligned} \overrightarrow{D}^{n-1} \times I &\longrightarrow \overrightarrow{D}^n \\ (x, t) &\longmapsto (j_t(x), \iota(t)). \end{aligned}$$

These maps are called **subglobes**.

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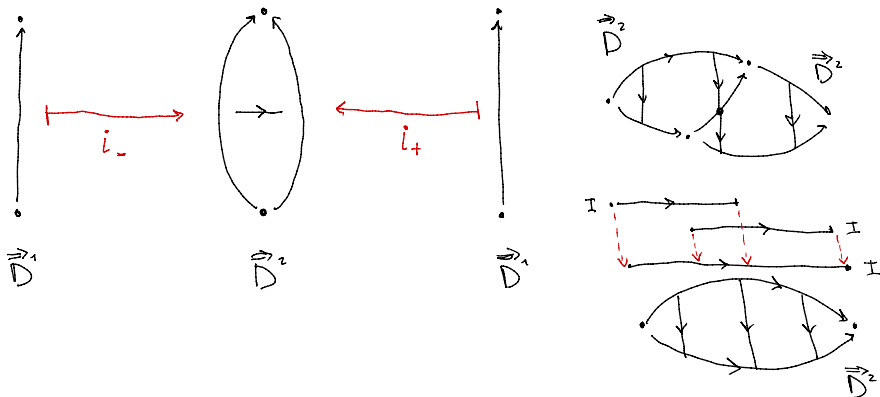


Structural maps

- We generate maps $\overrightarrow{D}^k \rightarrow \overrightarrow{D}^n$ with subglobes and **total borders**:

$$i_\alpha : \overrightarrow{D}^{n-1} \cong \partial^\alpha \overrightarrow{D}^n \longrightarrow \overrightarrow{D}^n$$

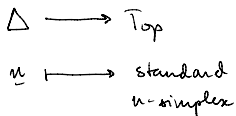
$$\overline{(t_{n-1}, \dots, t_1)} \longmapsto \overline{(b, t_{n-1}, \dots, t_1)},$$



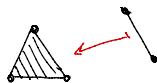
Realisation (work in progress...)

Directed geometric realisation

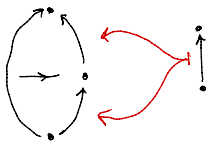
When defining a geometric realisation of preheaves on a category S , we can realise each shape $s \in S_0$.



\rightsquigarrow We need a topological interpretation of face maps



In the case of constructible complexes, the face maps are more complicated; they are "partial":



We need to already have an interpretation of $(n-1)$ -dimensional CDC_x 's in order to understand how $(n-1)$ -dimensional atoms are included in n -dimensional ones.

Directed geometric realisation

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc} D_p: \underline{P} & \longrightarrow & \text{CAtom} \\ z & \longmapsto & d(z). \end{array} \right)$$

We initialise the construction:

$$U \xrightarrow{R} \overset{\Rightarrow}{D}^0 = \{x\} \quad ;$$

a 0-atom.

$$P \xrightarrow{\quad} |P| := \underset{P}{\text{colim}} (R \circ D_p)$$

a 0-dimensional CDC_{P,x}

If we know how to realise $(n-1)$ -atoms (and thereby $(n-1)$ -dim'd CDC_{P,x}'s), we extend:

$$U \xrightarrow{R} \overset{\Rightarrow}{D}^n$$

n -atom

Now, if P is an n -dimensional CDC_{P,x}, again $|P| := \underset{P}{\text{colim}} (R \circ D_p)$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & U \\ \text{(n-1) atom} & & \\ \exists! x \in \tau_{-1} \text{ s.t.} & & \\ \begin{array}{ccc} V & \xrightarrow{\varphi'} & \overset{\Rightarrow}{D}^{n-1} \circ \delta^x U & \xrightarrow{\quad} & U \\ & \parallel & & & \\ & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & & & \end{array} \end{array} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{ccc} V & \xrightarrow{\varphi'} & \overset{\Rightarrow}{D}^{n-1} \circ \delta^x U & \xrightarrow{\quad} & U \right\} R(\varphi) = \tau_x \circ \varphi'$$

We need to show that $|U| \cong \overset{\Rightarrow}{D}^n$ whenever U is a constructible n -molecule.

Thank You

Coming soon:

Algebraic Rewriting Seminar

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- Modalities:
 - Thursdays 16h - 18h (bi)weekly.
 - Seminar held virtually.
 - Expected to start in March
- Feel free to contact us with any questions or comments.

See you soon!

N.B. All results and definitions in this section are from recent works by Amar Hadzihasanovic. Let P be a poset.

- Let $x, y \in P$. We say that y covers x if

$$x < y \quad \text{and} \quad \forall y' \in P, x < y' \leq y \Rightarrow y' = y.$$

- The Hasse diagram $\mathcal{H}P$ of P is the directed graph with

$$\mathcal{H}P_0 = P \quad \mathcal{H}P_1 = \{(y, x) \mid y \text{ covers } x\}.$$

- Denote by P_\perp the poset P with a least element \perp added.
- P is graded if for every x , all paths from x to \perp have the same length l_x . We set

$$\dim(x) := l_x - 1$$

$$\text{and } P^{(n)} := \{x \in P \mid \dim(x) = n\}.$$

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- Closed subsets inherit gradedness and orientation from P . For a closed n -dimensional subset U , we set

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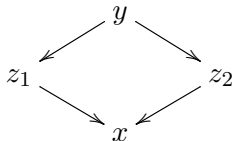
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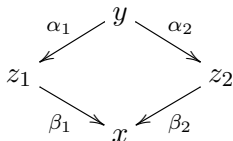
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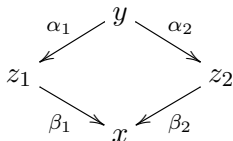


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- For a pure n -dimensional subset U , we have $U \in CMol_n P$ if $\partial^+ U, \partial^- U \in CMol_{n-1} P$ and either
 - U has a greatest element, or
 - $U = U_1 \cup U_2$ such that
 - U_1, U_2 partition the maximal elements of U ,
 - $U_1 \cap U_2 = \partial^+ U_1 \cap \partial^- U_2 \in CMol_{n-1} P$, and
 - $\partial^- U_1 \sqsubseteq \partial^- U$, $\partial^+ U_2 \sqsubseteq \partial^+ U$, $U_1 \cap U_2 \sqsubseteq \partial^+ U$, and $U_1 \cap U_2 \sqsubseteq \partial^- U$.
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- An oriented thin poset P is called a constructible directed complex if $cl(x)$ is a constructible atom for all $x \in P$.
- The full subcategory of \mathbf{ogPos}_{in} consisting of constructible directed complexes is denoted by \mathbf{CDCpx} .