Posets, incidence Hopf algebras and operads

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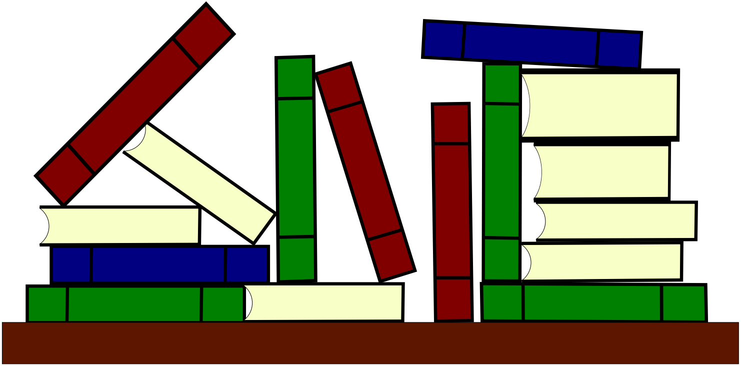

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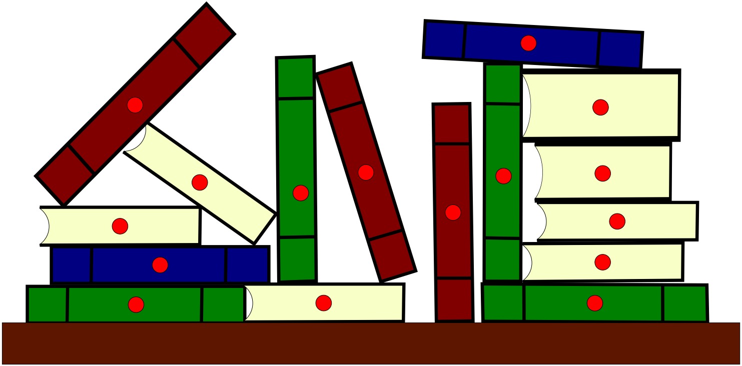

Exercise 1

Draw the Hasse diagram of your favorite poset.

First poset: Boolean poset (or lattice)

Consider the set of subsets of a set V, with the partial order given by inclusion of subsets:

$$A \leqslant B \Leftrightarrow A \subseteq B$$

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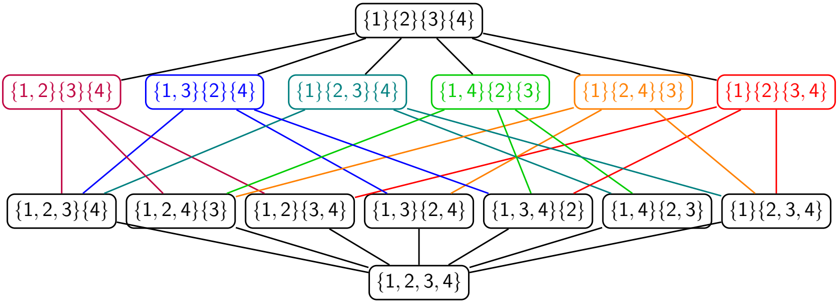


Operations on posets : Cartesian product

If P and Q are two posets, their cartesian product is the set $P \times Q$ endowed with the following partial order:

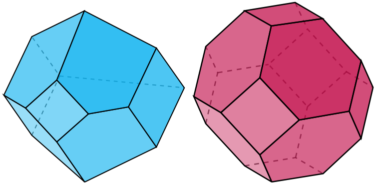
$$(p, q) \leqslant_{P \times Q} (p', q') \Leftrightarrow p \leqslant_P p', q \leqslant_Q q'$$

Operations on posets : Isomorphisms of posets

Two posets P and Q are isomorphic if there exists an order-preserving bijection $f : P \to Q$, i.e. a bijection f such that $f(a) \leqslant_Q f(b)$ iff $a \leqslant_P b$.

Why do we look at posets ?

- They appear in various places.



- They are linked with some topological/algebraic invariants.
- They are FUN !!!

Hopf incidence algebra of a (finite) poset [Rota 1964, Schmitt 1992]

Let us consider a family of finite bounded posets $\mathcal{F}_P$

closed under subintervals $(\forall p \in \mathcal{F}_P, \forall x \leqslant y \in p, [x; y] \in \mathcal{F}_P)$

closed by product $(\forall p, q \in \mathcal{F}_P, p \times q \in \mathcal{F}_P)$

Examples

The family of boolean posets and the family of partition posets satisfy these properties.

Coproduct of the algebra

Given $\mathbb{C}$ your favorite commutative ring with unit (for instance $\mathbb{C}$), define

$$\mathcal{C} := \mathbb{C}.\mathcal{F}_P / \sim,$$

the free $\mathbb{C}$-vector space on the quotient $\mathcal{F}_P$ by isomorphism classes of posets.
$\mathcal{C}$ is endowed with the coproduct $\Delta : \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{C} \otimes \mathcal{C}$ and the counit $\epsilon : \mathcal{C} \to \mathbb{C}$ defined by:

$$\Delta(P) = \sum_{x \in P} [0_P; x] \otimes [x, 1_P]$$

$$\epsilon(P) = \delta_{|P|=1}$$

Theorem (Schmitt)

$(\mathcal{C}, \Delta, \epsilon, \times, \nu, S)$ is a Hopf algebra.

Incidence Hopf algebra of the boolean lattice

Let $V \in B_n$, $V = \{i_1, \ldots, i_k\}$

Lemma

The following isomorphisms hold:

$$[V, \{1, \ldots, n\}] \simeq B_{n-k} \qquad [\emptyset, V] \simeq B_k$$

The coproduct is given by:

$$\Delta(B_n) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} B_k \otimes B_{n-k}.$$

Incidence Hopf algebra of the poset of partitions

Let $\pi \in \Pi_n$, $\pi = \{V_1, \ldots, V_k\}$

Lemma

The following isomorphisms hold:

$$[\pi, 1_{\Pi_n}] \simeq \prod_{i=1}^{k} \Pi_{|V_k|} \qquad [0_{\Pi_n}, \pi] \simeq \Pi_k$$

The coproduct is given by:

$$\Delta\left(\frac{\Pi_n}{n!}\right) = \sum_{k=1}^{n} \sum_{(j_1,\ldots,j_n)\in\mathbb{N}, \sum_{i=1}^{n} j_i = k, \sum_{i=1}^{n} i j_i = n} \binom{k}{j_1, \ldots, j_n} \prod_{i=1}^{n} \left(\frac{\Pi_i}{i!}\right)^{j_i} \otimes \frac{\Pi_k}{k!}.$$

But...

Does this formula seem familiar to you ?

Some parenthesis : Faà di Bruno Hopf algebra [Joni-Rota 1982]

Consider $\mathcal{E}$, the ring of exponential formal series $f(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{f_n}{n!} t^n$, with $f_1 > 0$ (endowed with the substitution product). Let us define the characters $a_n(f) := f_n$, for $n \geqslant 1$.

What is the value of $a_n(f \circ g)$ in terms of $a_n(f)$ and $a_n(g)$?

$$\frac{a_n(f \circ g)}{n!} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} \sum_{(j_1,\dots,j_n)\in\mathbb{N}, \sum_{i=1}^{n} j_i = k, \sum_{i=1}^{n} i j_i = n} \binom{k}{j_1, \dots, j_n} \prod_{i=1}^{n} \left(\frac{a_i(g)}{i!}\right)^{j_i} \frac{a_k(f)}{k!}$$

Defining $\Delta a_n(g, f) = a_n(f \circ g)$, we get the "familiar" formula !

Your second exercise

What about the incidence Hopf algebra of the boolean posets ?

$$\Delta\left(B_n\right) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} B_k \otimes B_{n-k}.$$

Character of an incidence Hopf algebra

Consider the vector space of characters $\mathcal{H}^* = \mathrm{Hom}(\mathcal{H}, \mathbb{C})$ on an incidence Hopf algebra $\mathcal{H}$.
The convolution of two characters ϕ and ψ is given by:

$$\phi * \psi = \sum \phi(P_{(1)})\psi(P_{(2)})$$

where $\Delta(P) = \sum P_{(1)} \otimes P_{(2)}$.

On the boolean lattice

The vector space of characters on the incidence Hopf algebra of the partition posets corresponds to (No, I won't give here the answer to the exercise !)

On the partition lattice

The vector space of characters on the incidence Hopf algebra of the partition posets corresponds to exponential generating functions via $\phi \mapsto \sum_{n \geqslant 1} \frac{\phi(\Pi_n)}{n!} t^n$.

Some basic characters

Let us consider the character

$$\xi : \Pi_n \mapsto 1.$$

and let μ be its inverse for the convolution product.

For partitions

We have $\xi(t) = \sum_{n\geqslant 1} \frac{\xi(\Pi_n)}{n!} t^n = \sum_{n\geqslant 1} \frac{1}{n!} t^n = \exp(t) - 1$ and
$\mu(t) = \ln(1+t) = \sum_{n\geqslant 1} (-1)^{n-1}(n-1)! \frac{t^n}{n!}$

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Hypertrees

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Operads and homology

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Back to the homology of the hypertree posets

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