Generating Posets beyond **N**

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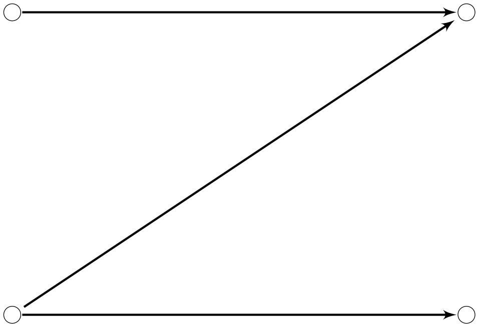

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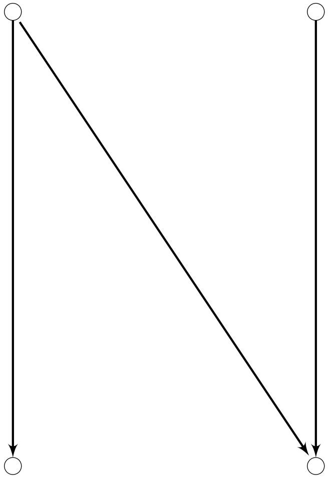

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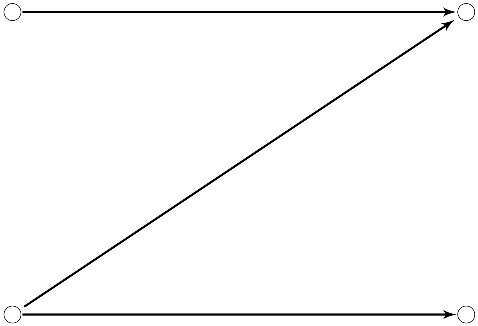

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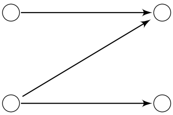

- Kleene algebra is nice and useful
  - also its extensions: semimodules, tests, domain, ...
- Concurrent Kleene algebra: extension of KA for concurrency
  - [Hoare, Möller, O'Hearn, Struth, van Staden, Villard, Wehrman, Zhu '09, '11, '16]
- Kleene algebra plus parallel composition
- the free CKA (minus some details): sets of series-parallel pomsets
  - labeled posets with concatenation & parallel composition
- *Something's amiss in concurrent Kleene algebra*

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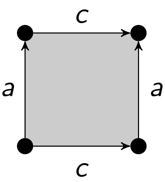

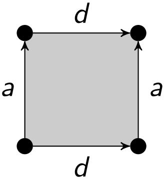

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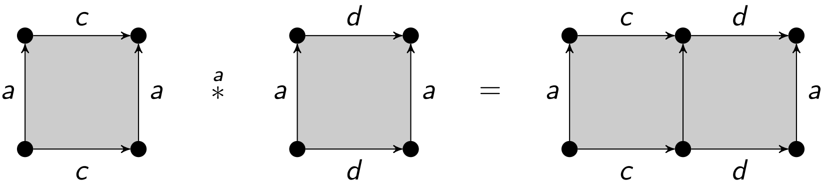

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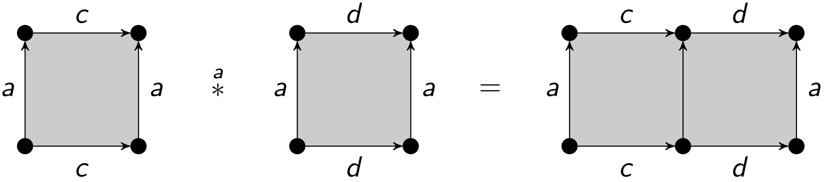

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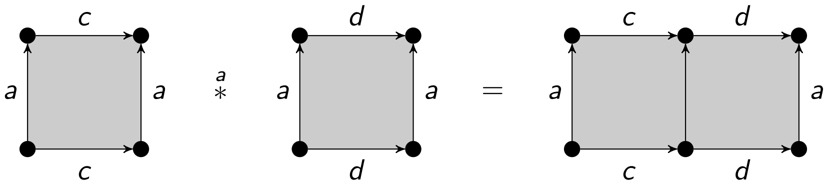

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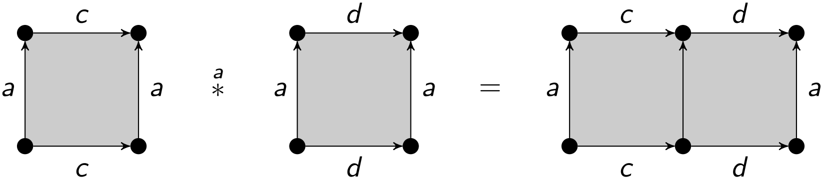

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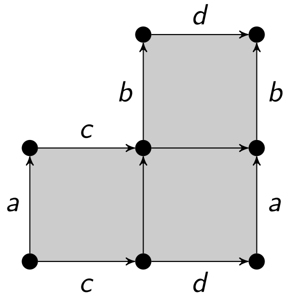
- new gluing operation on pomsets, to *continue events across compositions*

Another Example



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- this is the **N** pomset, which is not series-parallel
- hence our title, Generating Posets beyond **N**

Series-Parallel Posets

- a poset: *finite* set P plus partial order $\leq$: reflexive, transitive, antisymmetric
- parallel composition of posets $(P_1, \leq_1)$, $(P_2, \leq_2)$:

$$P_1 \otimes P_2 = (P_1 \sqcup P_2, \leq_1 \cup \leq_2)$$

$\upuparrows$ disjoint union

- serial composition:

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$\upuparrows$ P_1 before P_2

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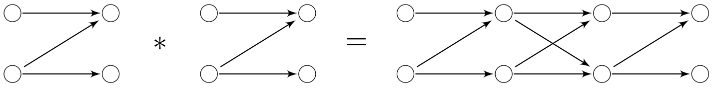


Series-Parallel Posets

Definition (Winkowski '77, Grabowski '81)

A poset is series-parallel (sp) if it is empty or can be obtained from the singleton poset by a finite number of serial and parallel compositions.

Theorem (Grabowski '81)

A poset is sp iff it does not contain $\boldsymbol{N}$ *as an induced subposet.*

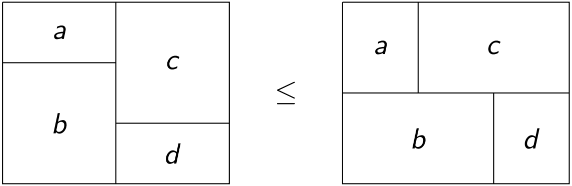
The equational theory of sp-posets is well-understood: [Gischer '88], [Bloom-Esik '96]

Concurrent Monoids

Definition (Gischer '88, Hoare *et al.* '11)

A concurrent monoid is an ordered bimonoid $(S, \leq, *, \|, 1)$ with shared $*$-$\|$-unit 1 which satisfies weak interchange:

$$(a\|b) * (c\|d) \leq (a * c)\|(b * d)$$



- subsumption on posets: $P \preceq Q$ if P "has more order" than Q

Theorem (Gischer '88, Bloom-Esik '96)

The set of sp-posets under subsumption is the free concurrent monoid.

Background: Concurrent Kleene Algebra

- concurrent monoids: basic algebraic structure for concurrent Kleene algebra
- Kleene algebra is useful in language theory (compilers!), verification, etc. etc. Vaucanson!
- concurrent Kleene algebra: quest to extend that success to parallel programming
- distributed systems; weak memory; etc. etc.
- Tony Hoare, Bernhard Möller, Peter O'Hearn, Georg Struth, Huibiao Zhu 2011++
- process algebra with $+$ (non-determinism), $\cdot$ (concatenation), $\|$ (parallelism), * (iteration), and † (parallel iteration)
- (in this talk, no iterations!)
- problem: no **N**s!

Problem & Solution

- we like the **N** poset, but it's not series-parallel
- in fact, **N**'s are everywhere: for example, *producer-consumer:*

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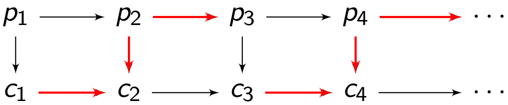

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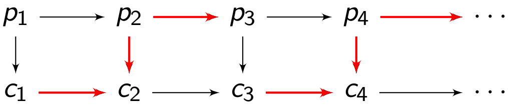

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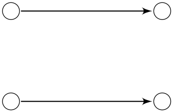
Find a class of posets which includes ***N*** *(and sp-posets) and which has good algebraic properties.*

Our Proposal

Posets with interfaces with parallel and gluing composition.

Interlude: Interval Orders

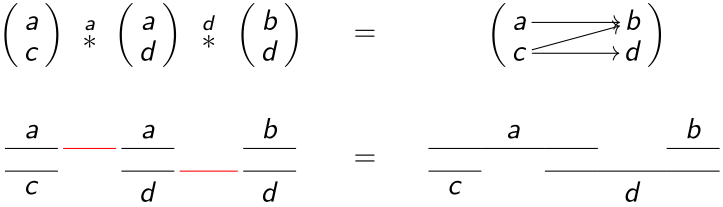


- posets which are good for concurrency?
- already in [Wiener 1914], then [Winkowski '77], [Lamport '86], [van Glabbeek '90], [Vogler '91], [Janicky '93], etc.
- interval orders: posets which have representation as (real) intervals, ordered by $\max_1 \le \min_2$
- Lemma (Fishburn '70): A poset is interval iff it does not contain $\mathbf{II} = \left(\begin{smallmatrix} \cdot \longrightarrow \cdot \\ \cdot \longrightarrow \cdot \end{smallmatrix} \right)$ as induced subposet.
- intuitively: if $a \longrightarrow b$ and $c \longrightarrow d$, then also $a \longrightarrow d$ or $c \longrightarrow b$

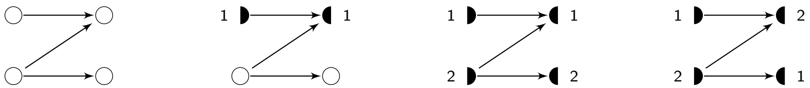
Interval Orders vs Series-Parallel Posets

- interval orders are used in Petri net theory and distributed computing
- but have no algebraic representation (so far)
- sp-posets are used in concurrency theory & have nice algebraic theory
- but applicativity is doubtful!
- int. orders are **II**-free; sp-posets are **N**-free
- incomparable: **II** is sp; **N** is interval
- goal: marriage

Gluing of Interval Orders



Posets with Interfaces



Definition

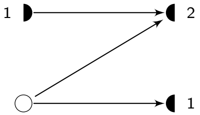
A poset with interfaces (iposet) is a poset P plus two injections

$$[n] \xrightarrow{s} P \xleftarrow{t} [m]$$

such that $s[n]$ is minimal and $t[m]$ is maximal in P.

- ($[n] = \{1, \dots, n\}$; $S \subseteq P$ *minimal* if $p \not< s$ for all $p \in P$, $s \in S$)
- (there are 25 non-isomorphic iposets with underlying **N**)

Interfaces



Def.: Iposet $s : [n] \to P \leftarrow [m] : t$; $s[n] \subseteq P_{\min}$, $t[m] \subseteq P_{\max}$.

- s: starting interface ; t: terminating interface
- events in $t[m]$ are *unfinished* ; events in $s[n]$ are "*unstarted*"

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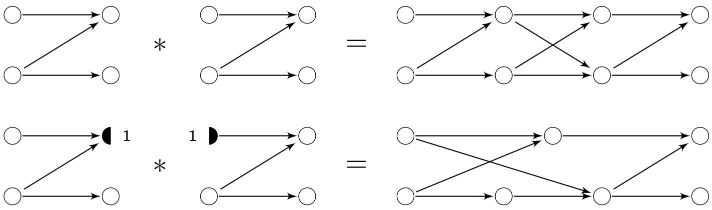

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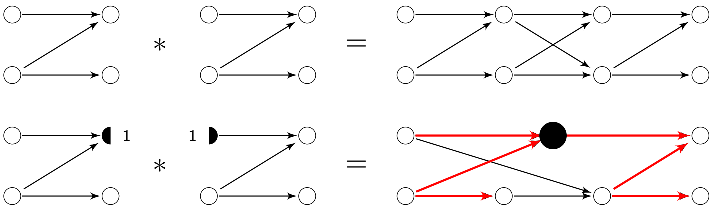

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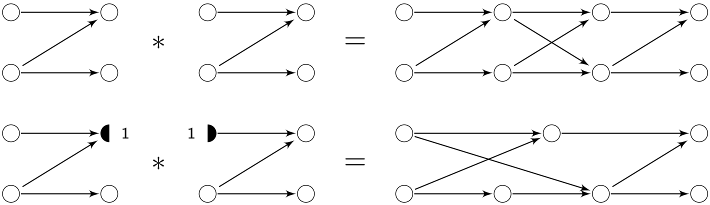

- only defined if terminating int. of P_1 is equal to starting int. of P_2
- iposets form category (with gluing as composition)

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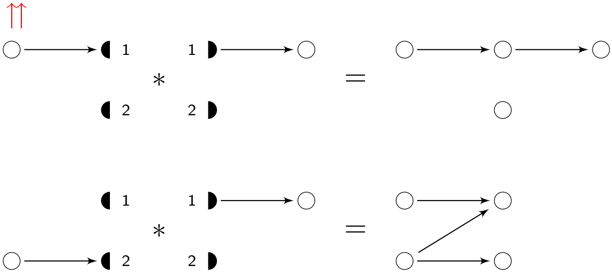

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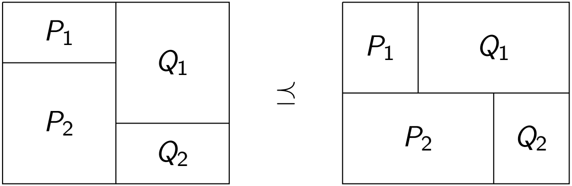

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- gp-iposets: generated from ○ , 1 ◗ , ◖ 1 , 1 ⧓ 1 using $*$ and $\otimes$

Proposition

Gp-iposets are freely generated, except for the relations

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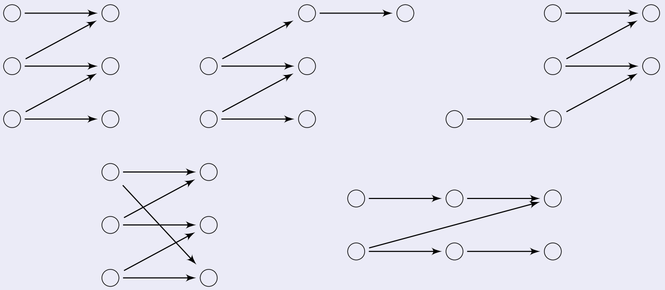
Forbidden Substructures

Proposition

If P is gp, then it does not contain any of the following as induced subposets:



- unlike for *sp*-posets, that's not an iff (we don't know)
- but these five are the only posets on ≤ 6 points which are not gp

Some Counting, up to Isomorphism

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0	1	1	1	1	1
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- slow Python implementation
- bottleneck is isomorphism checking
- new Julia implementation coming up!

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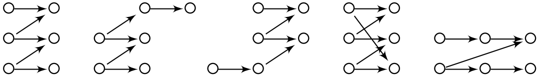
- $P(6) - GP(6) = 5$:



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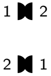
- the only iposet on 2 points which is not gp:



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- Online Encyclopedia of Integer Sequences A079566: the number of connected graphs without induced sub-C_4

Conclusion

- posets with interfaces for concurrency
- instead of concurrent monoid, small category with lax tensor
  - a “multi-object concurrent monoid”
- gluing-parallel iposets include sp-posets and interval orders
- generation is “almost free”
- characterization by forbidden substructures?

Ongoing and Future Work

- Concurrent Kleene algebra:
  - concurrent monoid $\rightsquigarrow$ concurrent Kleene algebra
  - concurrent category $\rightsquigarrow$ bicategory with lax tensors?
- CKA with domain:
  - domain elements are "structure-less" iposets
  - relation to higher-dimensional modal logic?
  - higher-dimensional modal Kleene algebra
- Languages of higher-dimensional automata:
  - sets of interval orders
  - concatenation of HDA $\approx$ gluing of (sets of) interval orders
  - theory of regular languages for concurrency?
- Real-time concurrency:
  - higher-dimensional timed automata
  - languages are sets of real-time interval orders?
  - relation to real-time Petri nets?