

COMPUTING THE D-BASE OF FINITE CLOSURE SYSTEMS

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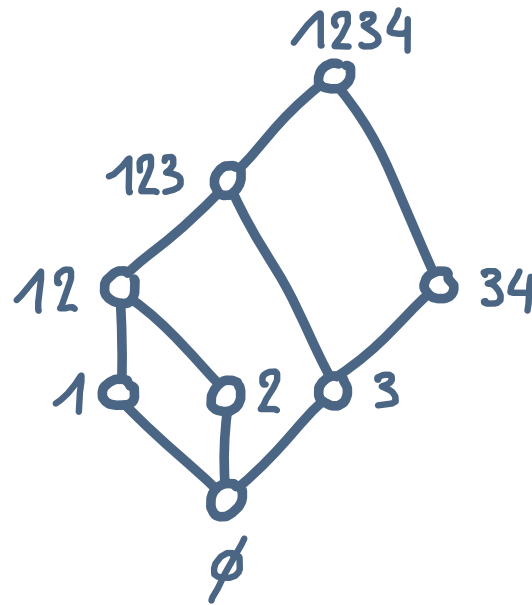
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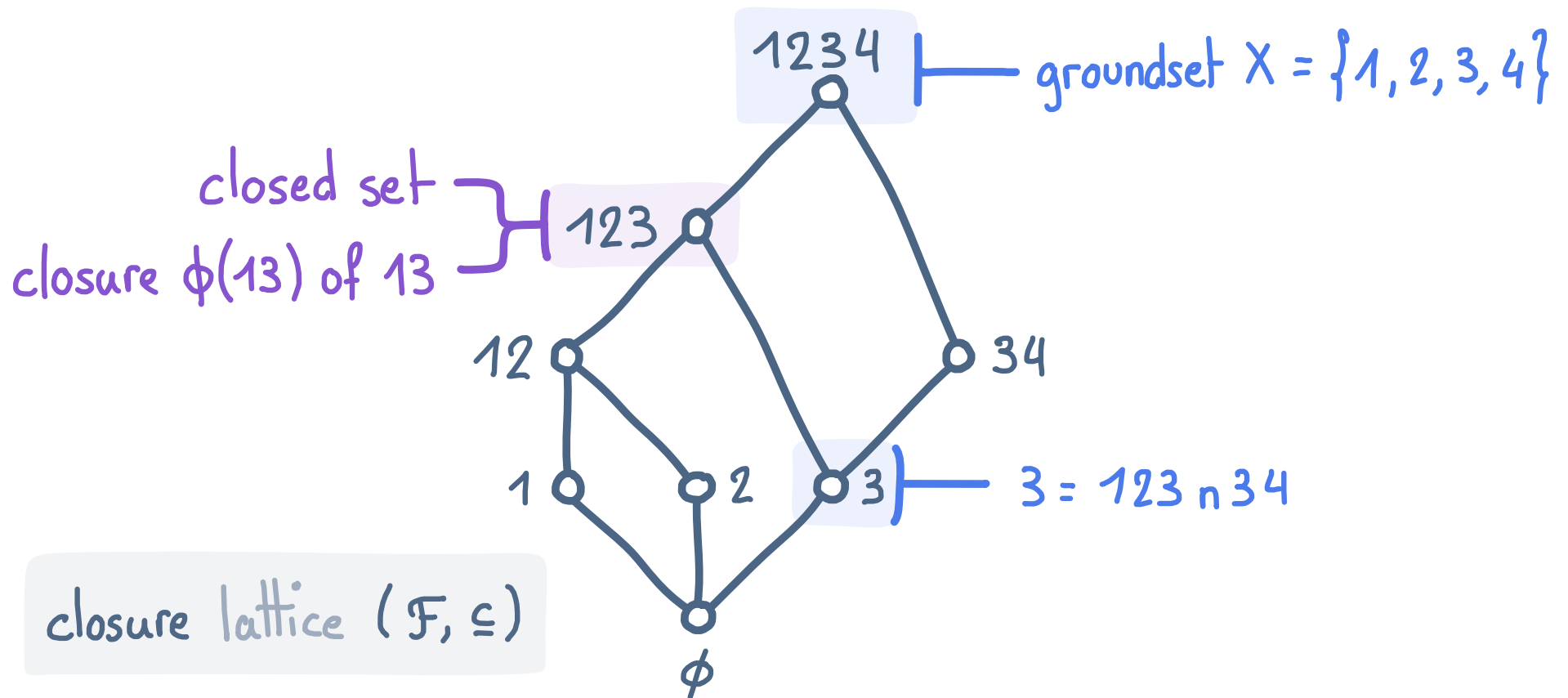
Closure systems : what, how, why



finite closure systems?

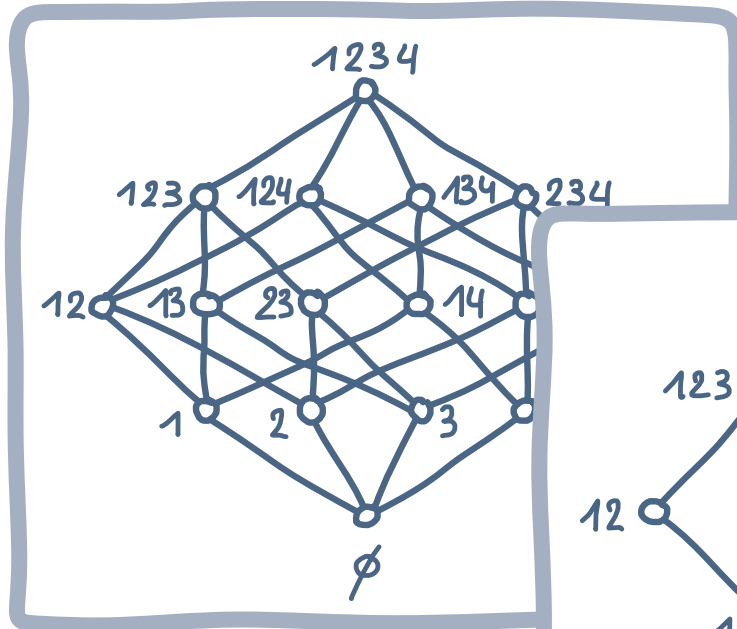
X finite groundset, $\mathcal{F} \subseteq 2^X$

DEF (closure system): set system (X, \mathcal{F}) s.t. $X \in \mathcal{F}$
and $F_1 \cap F_2 \in \mathcal{F}$ for all $F_1, F_2 \in \mathcal{F}$

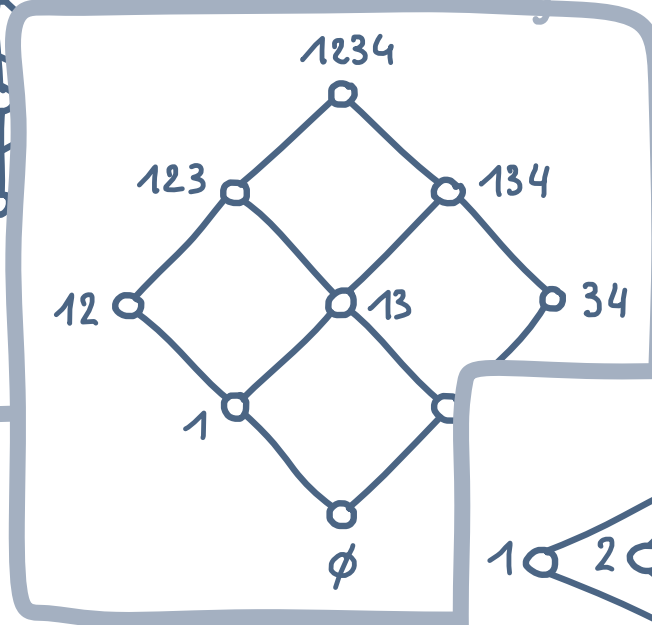


Closure systems: some examples

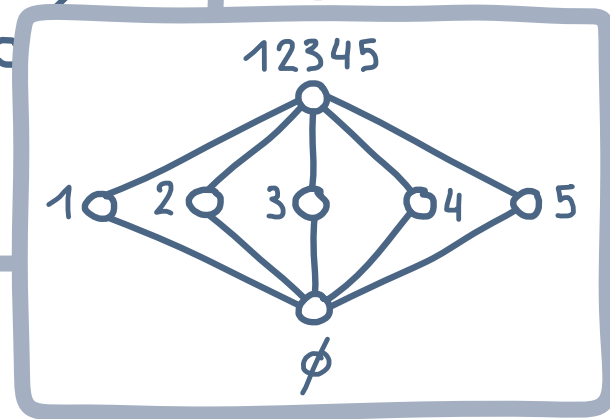
Boolean cube*



(k-dim) grid**



diamond***



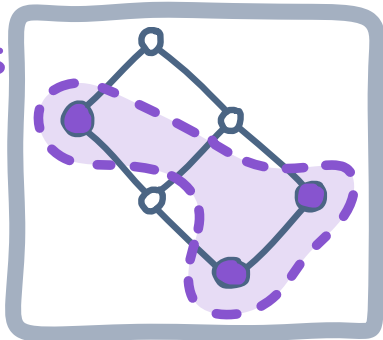
* $|\mathcal{F}| = 2^{|X|}$

** $|\mathcal{F}| = |X|^k$

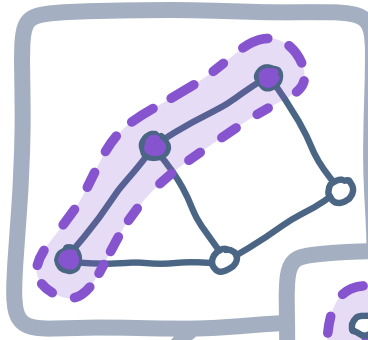
*** $|\mathcal{F}| = |X| + 2$

(some) sources of closure systems

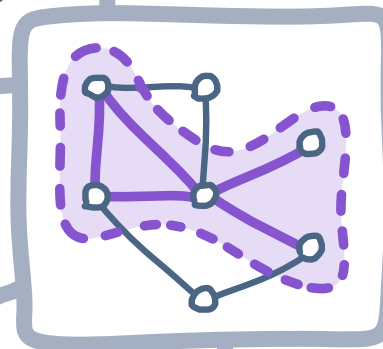
Λ -sublattices
of a lattice



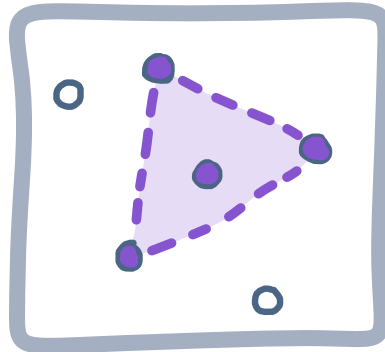
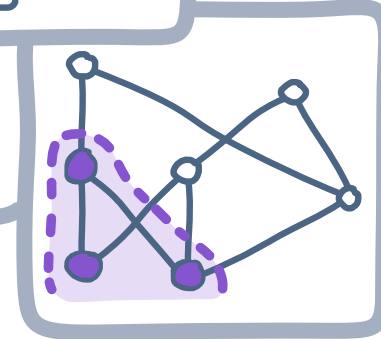
Geodesically convex sets
of a graph



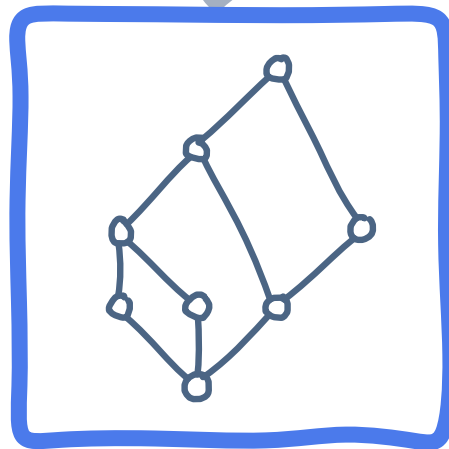
Flats
of a matroid



Ideals
of a poset



Convex sets
of points in \mathbb{R}^d



Closure
Systems

Representations of closure systems

Closure systems

- arise from numerous objects and fields
- often not given explicitly
- have HUGE size and may be hard to understand

IDEA : work with implicit representations

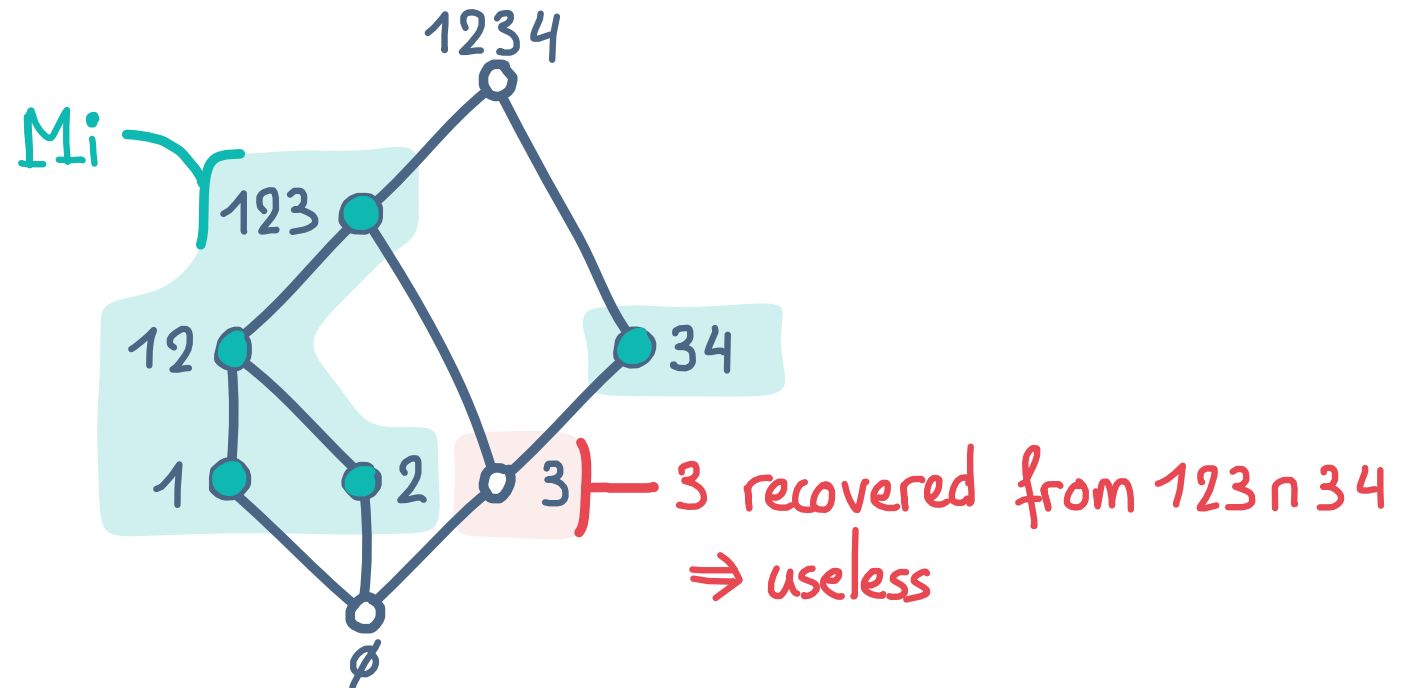
Among representations, two VIPs :

- meet-irreducible closed sets
- implicational bases

} encode any closure system!

Meet-irreducible closed sets

IDEA: discard useless closed sets, keep the essential ones



DEF (meet-irreducible): closed set $M \neq X$ not obtained by intersecting other closed sets. We put

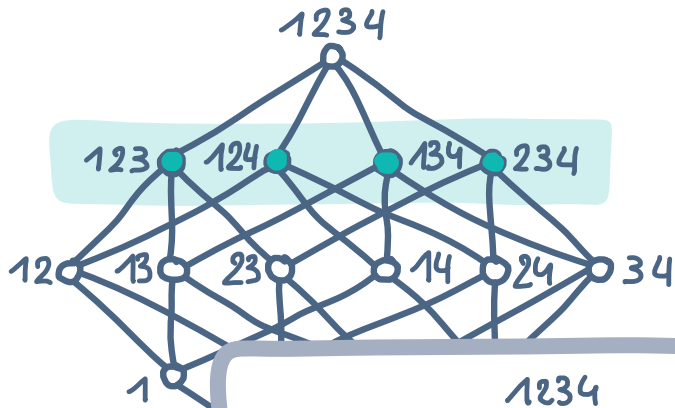
$$M_i = \{ M \in \mathcal{F} : M \text{ meet-irreducible} \}$$

Meet-irreducible closed sets: some examples

Boolean cube

$$M_i = \{X \setminus x : x \in X\}$$

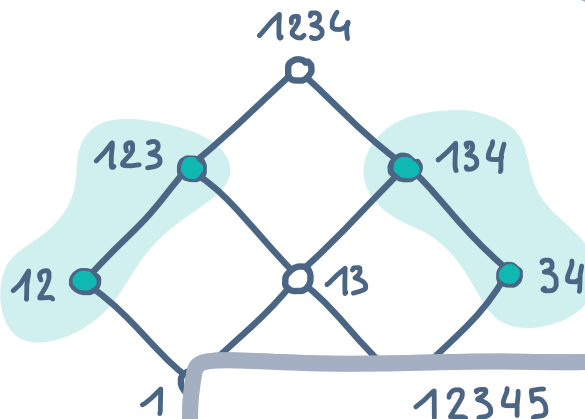
$$|M_i| = |X| \ll 2^{|X|} = |\mathcal{F}|$$



(k-dim) grid

$$M_i = \{X \setminus \phi(x) : x \in X\}$$

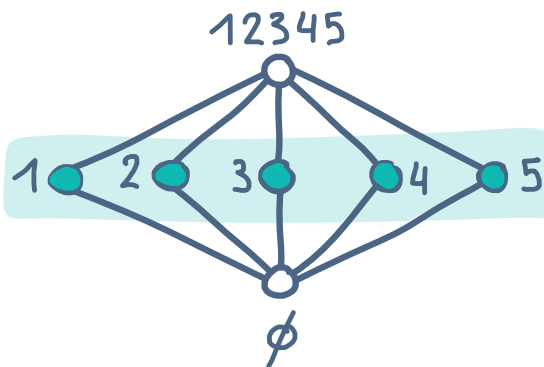
$$|M_i| = |X| < |X|^k = |\mathcal{F}|$$



diamond

$$M_i = \{\{x\} : x \in X\}$$

$$|M_i| = |X| \approx |X| + 2 = |\mathcal{F}|$$



⚠ : in general, $|M_i| = O(2^{|X|})$

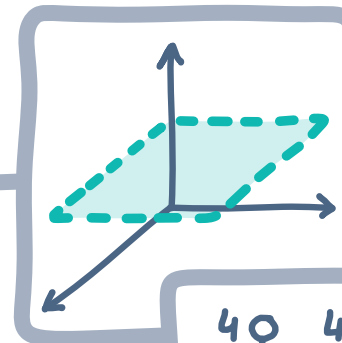
(further) sources of meet-irreducible closed sets

(Armstrong) relations
in databases

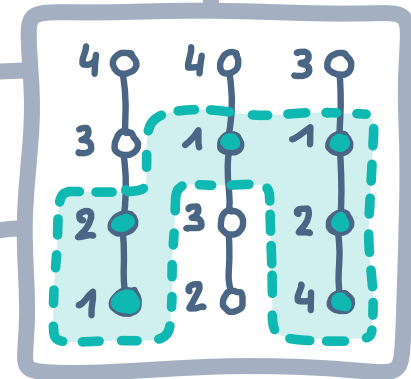
	A	B	C
	b	1	⊥
	a	2	T
	a	1	T

Binary data
in FCA,
KST, ...

	a	b	c
1	x	x	
2		x	
3			x

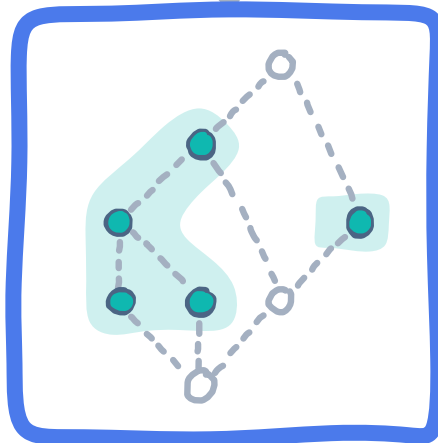


Hyperplanes
of a matroid



Convex realizers
of a convex geometry

Meet-irreducible
closed sets



Implications, implicational bases (IBs)

(or $A \rightarrow B, B \subseteq X$)

DEF (syntax):

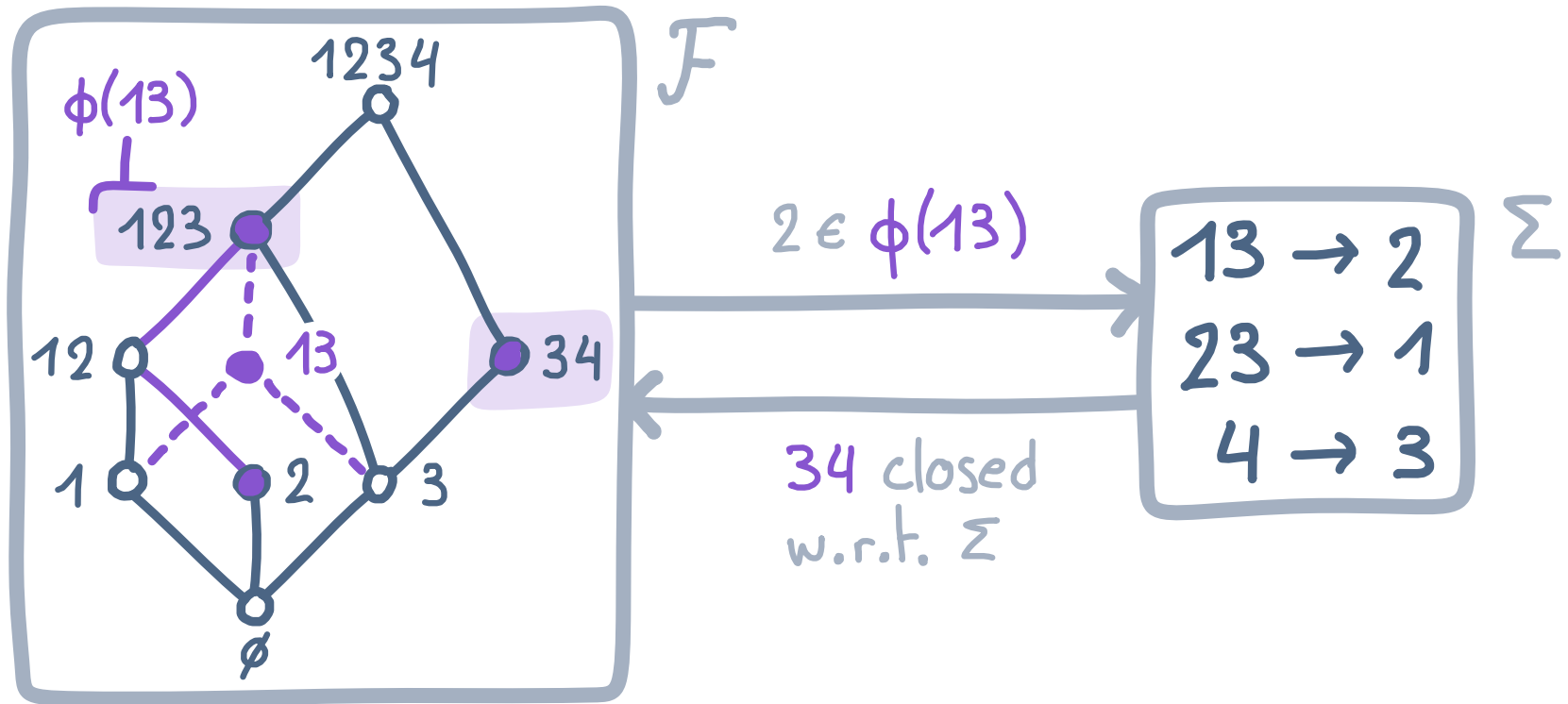
- implication: statement $A \rightarrow b$ with $A \subseteq X, b \in X$
- implicational base (IB): pair (X, Σ) where Σ set of implications over X

DEF (semantic): a set $F \subseteq X$ is closed w.r.t. (X, Σ) if for all $A \rightarrow b \in \Sigma$, $A \subseteq F$ implies $b \in F$

"If we have A , we have b "

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \rightarrow 3 \\ 13 \rightarrow 2 \\ 23 \rightarrow 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} 14 \text{ X} \\ 12 \checkmark \end{array}$$

Connections with closure systems



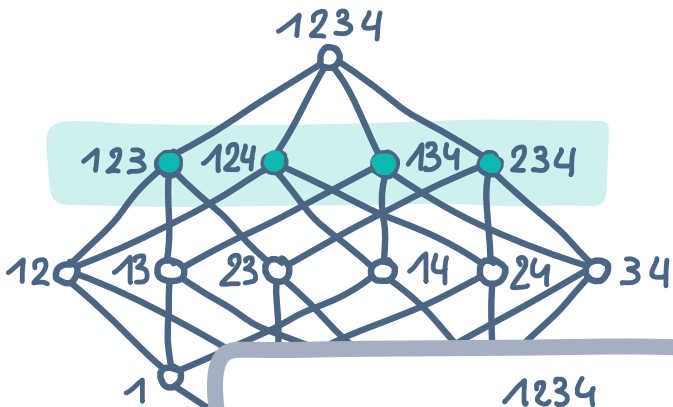
THM (folklore): there is a correspondence between closure systems and implicational bases

Implicational bases: some examples

Boolean cube

$$\Sigma = \emptyset$$

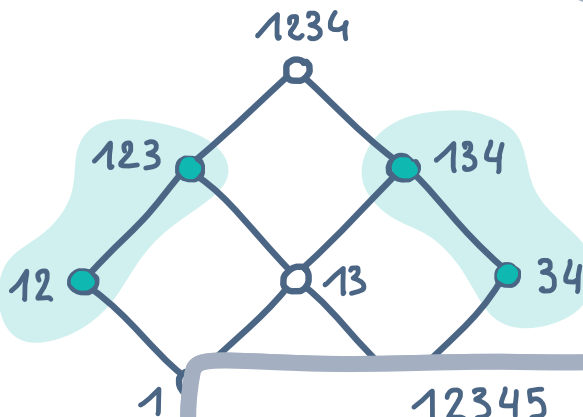
$$|\Sigma| = 0 \ll 2^{|X|} = |\mathcal{F}|$$



(k-dim) grid

$$\Sigma = \{x \rightarrow y : x, y \in X, y \in \phi(x)\}$$

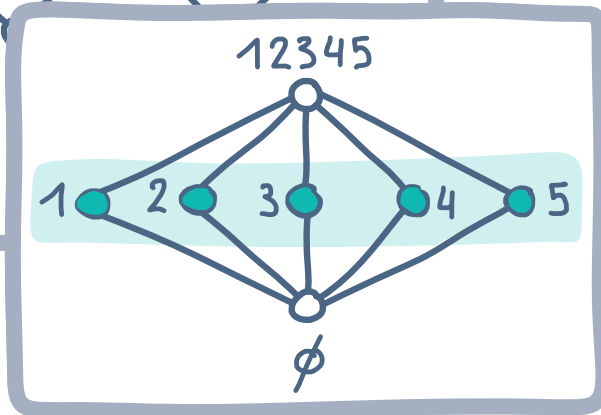
$$|\Sigma| \leq |X|^2 \ll |X|^k = |\mathcal{F}|$$



diamond

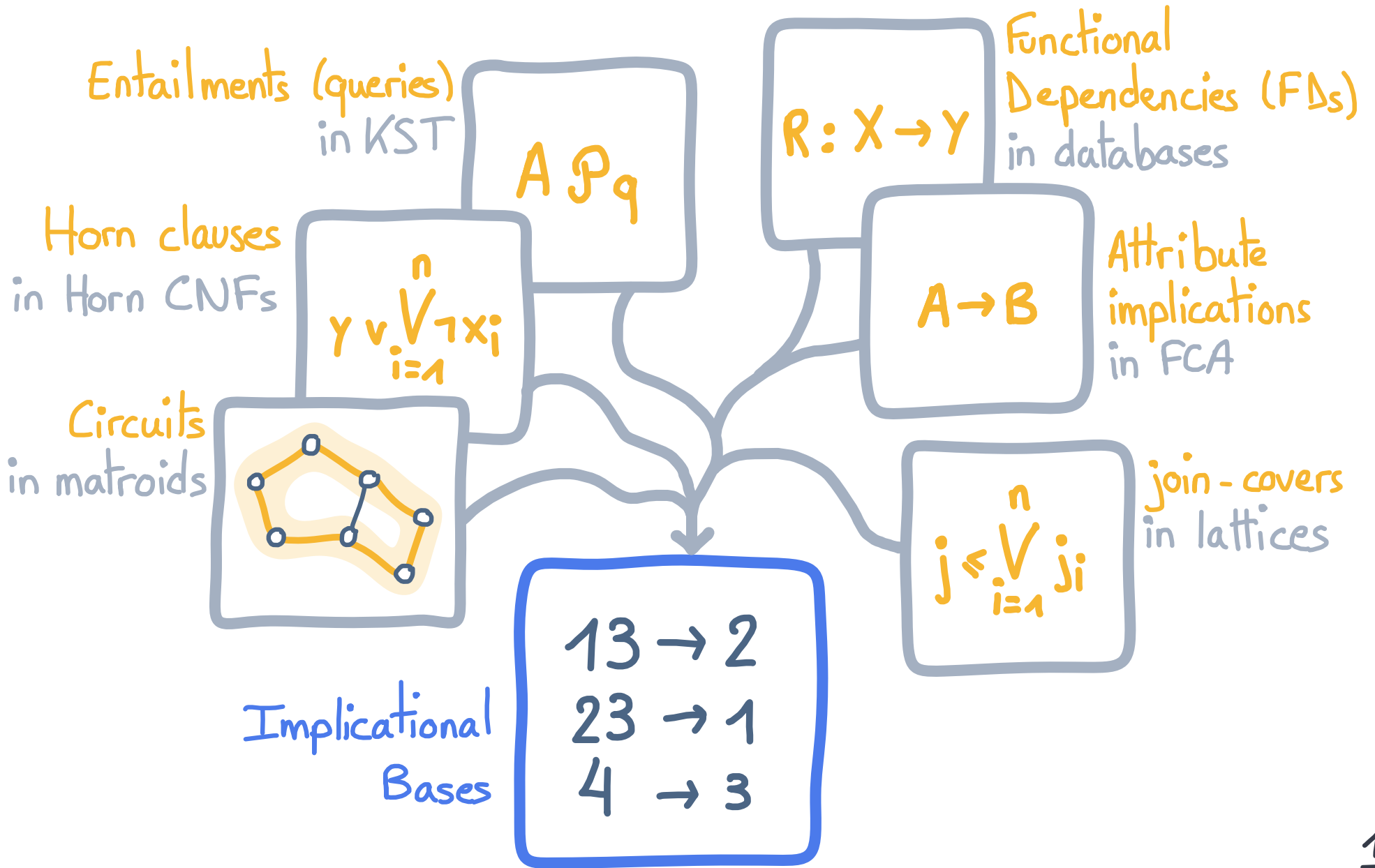
$$\Sigma = \{xy \rightarrow z : x, y, z \in X\}$$

$$|\Sigma| = |X|^3 \geq |X| + 2 = |\mathcal{F}|$$

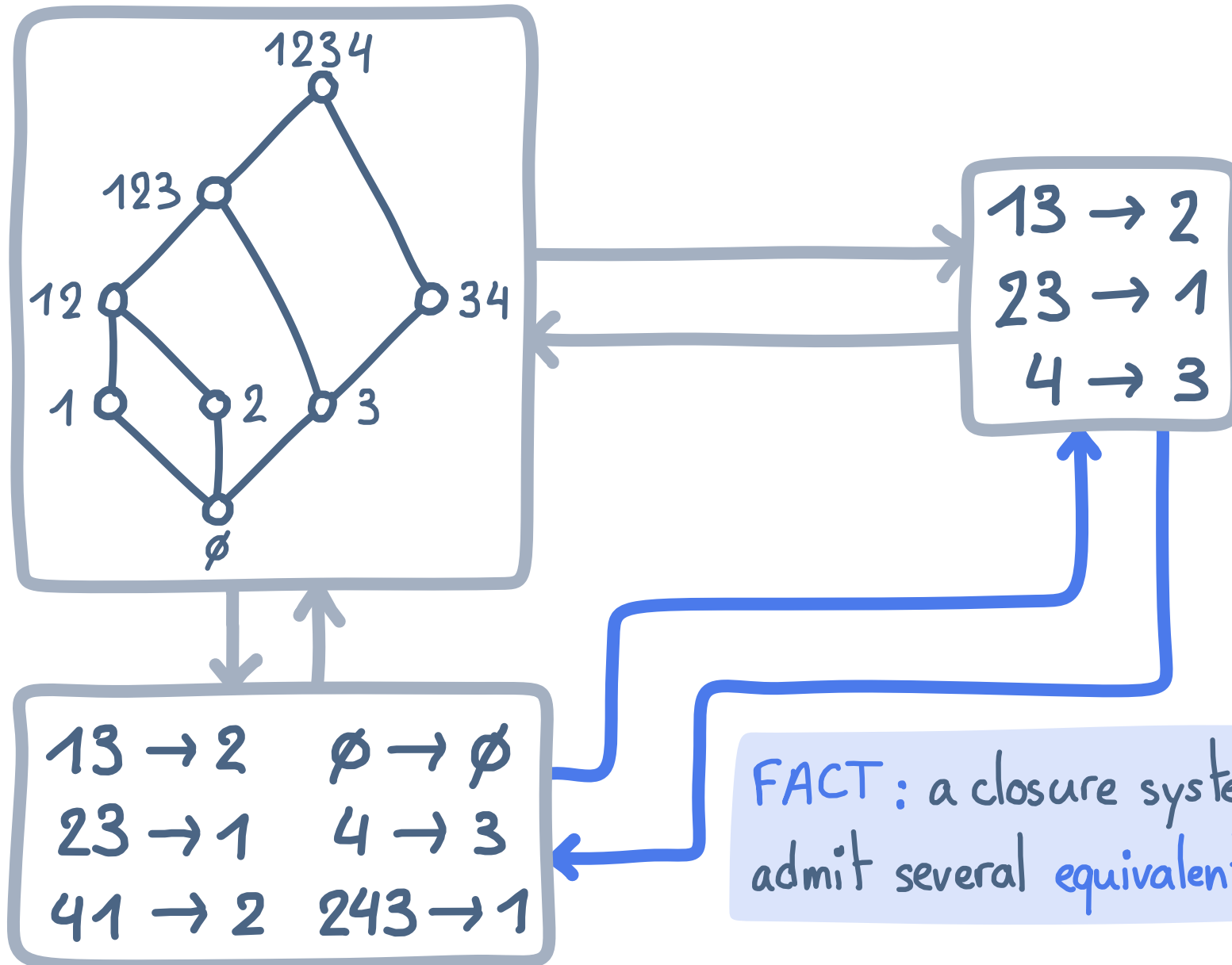


⚠ : in general, $|\Sigma| = O(2^{|X|})$

(again) sources of IBs



One closure system, many IBs



A glimpse into the galaxy of IBs

Σ_c

Canonical / Duquenne-Guigues

- uses pseudo-closed sets
- unique
- minimum

Σ_{cd}

Canonical direct

- uses minimal generators
- unique
- direct (\approx fast closure)

Σ_D

D-base

- uses Δ -generators
- unique
- ordered direct

Σ_{\min}

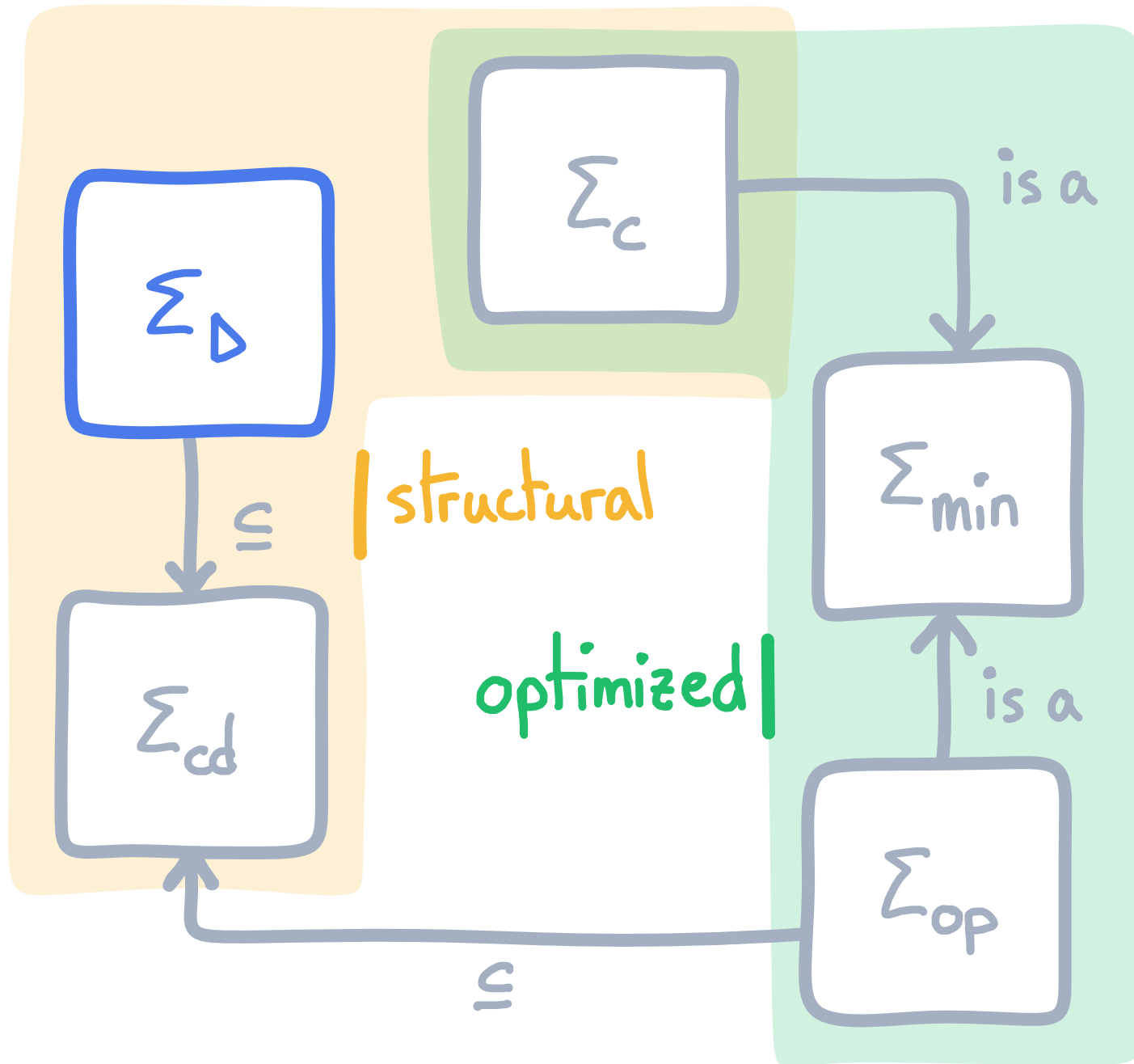
Minimum
minimum number
of implications

Σ_{op}

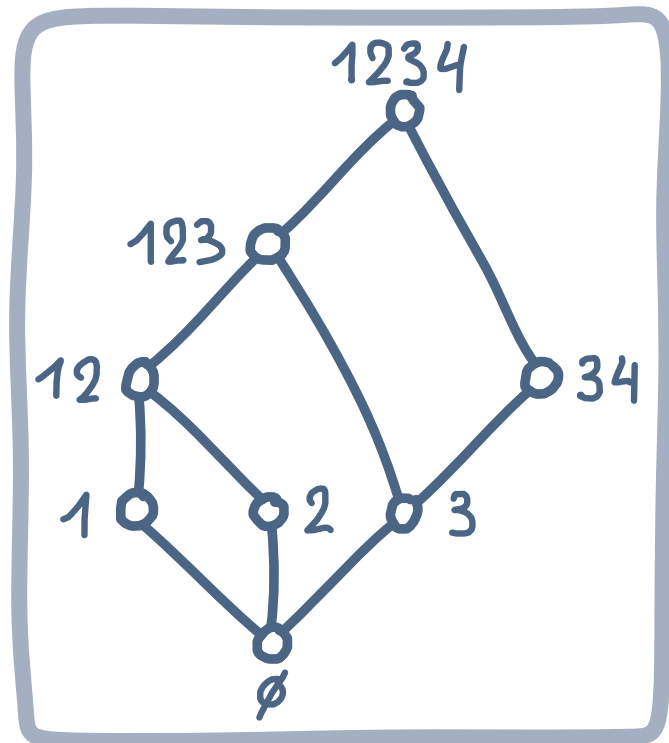
Optimum
minimum total size
($\sum |A|+1, A \rightarrow b \in \Sigma$)

see Wild, 17

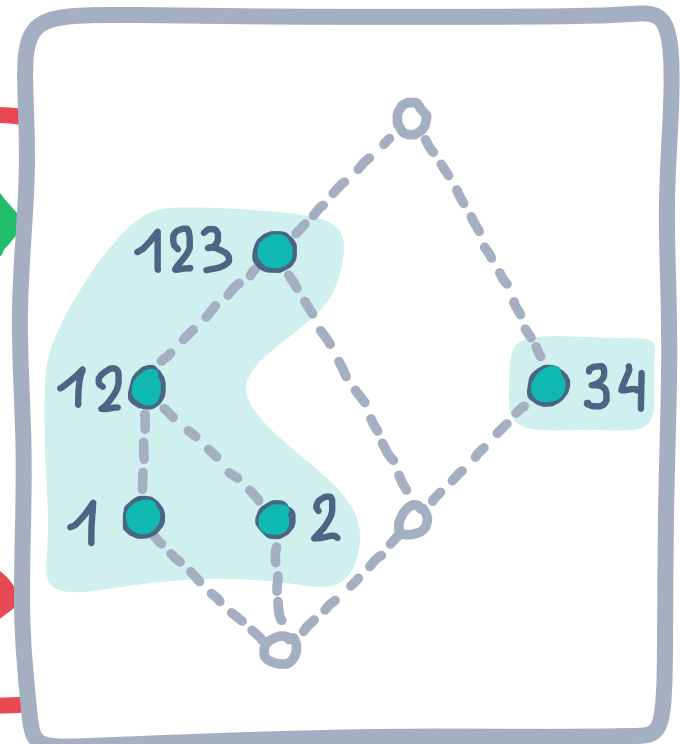
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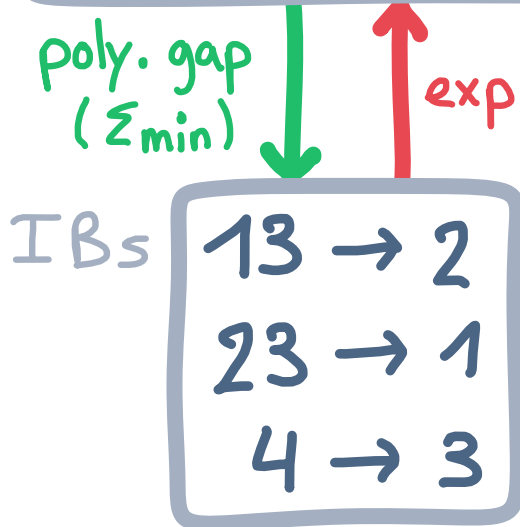
Same information, different POVs



Closure system



Meet-irreducible closed sets



poly. gap (Σ_{min})

exp. gap

poly. gap

exp. gap

exp. gap

exp. gap

changing representation : a natural problem

IDEA: given a representation, find another one

EX: given an IB, find a minimum/optimum IB

- Horn minimization, optimum covers of FDs, ...

EX: given M_i , find an IB (minimum, canonical direct, ...)

- find FDs / implications / rules in (binary) data, ...

EX: given an IB, find M_i

- build knowledge space from queries, find characteristic models of Horn CNF, ...

Enumeration: idea

- given an IB, find a "smaller" IB
"optimize an IB"
output size bounded by input size
- given an IB, find M_i
"enumerate the sets in M_i "
output size **exponential** w.r.t. input size (in general)
even "good" algorithms will have exponential running time ...

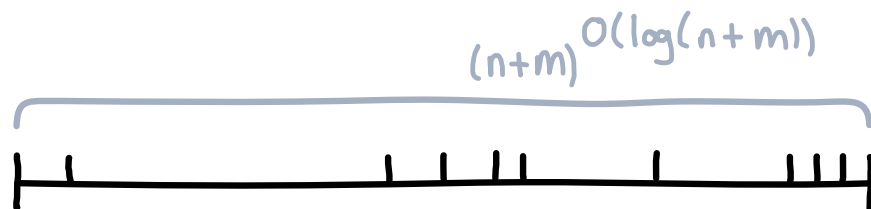
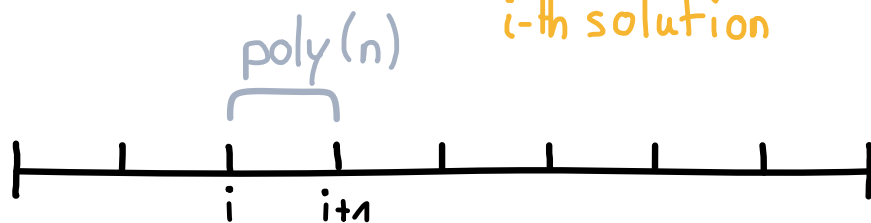
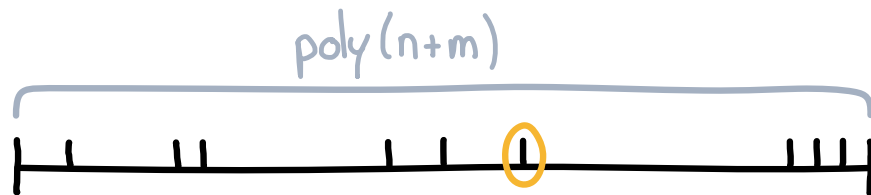
IDEA: output-sensitive complexity Johnson et al., 88

Enumeration: output-sensitive complexity

Each of size $\text{poly}(x)$ ←

Enumeration task: with input x , list a set of solutions $R(x)$

exec. time of A



Enumeration algorithm A

input x of size n

output $R(x)$ of size m

Output polynomial time

polynomial delay

Output quasi-polynomial time

Some important results

given (with X)	find	Complexity	
any Σ	Σ_c, Σ_{\min}	poly	<u>Maier, 80</u> <u>Duquenne, Guigues, 86</u>
$\Sigma_c, \Sigma_{\min}, \Sigma_{cd}, \Sigma_D$	Σ_{op}	NP-C	<u>Ausiello et al., 86</u>
M_i	Σ_{cd}	quasi-poly*	<u>Khardon, 95</u>
M_i	Σ_{\min}	Open	<u>Wild, 17</u> <u>V., Nourine, 23</u>

* equiv. to hypergraph dualization!

The Δ -base : enumeration algorithms

Among minimal generators,
Keep the "binary-closure" minimal

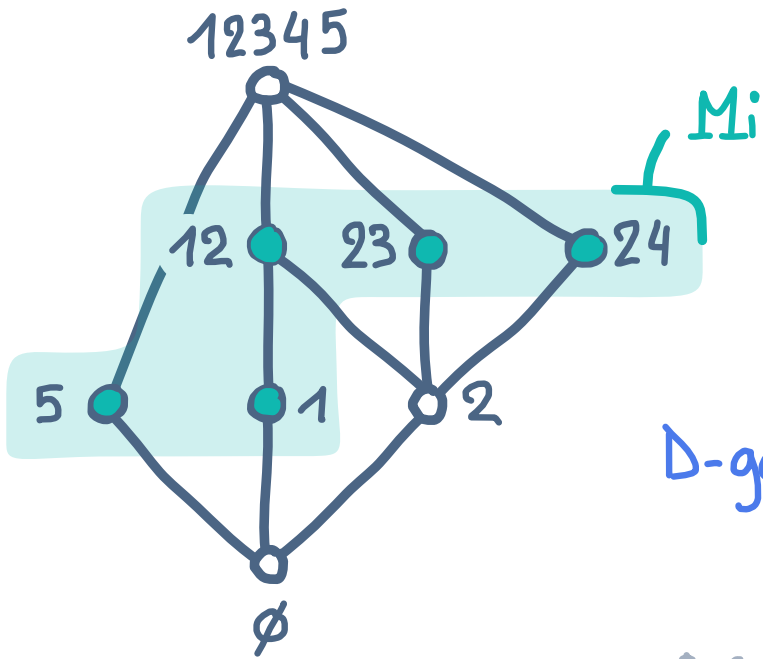
Brand new toy example

Binary implications Σ_b

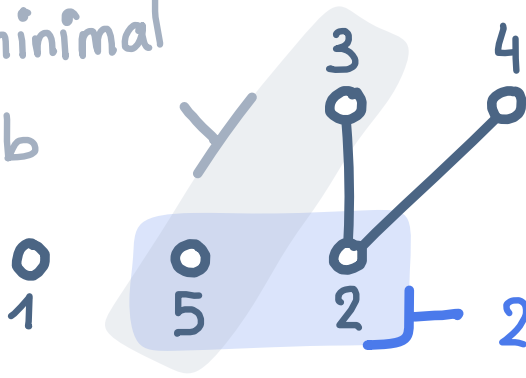
$$\Sigma = \left[\begin{array}{ll} 4 \rightarrow 2, & 25 \rightarrow 3, \\ 3 \rightarrow 2, & 34 \rightarrow 1, \\ 25 \rightarrow 4, & 14 \rightarrow 3, \\ 15 \rightarrow 4, & 13 \rightarrow 5, \\ 35 \rightarrow 4, & \end{array} \right]$$

Δ -generator of 4

minimal generators of 4
(no subset of 35 gives 4)



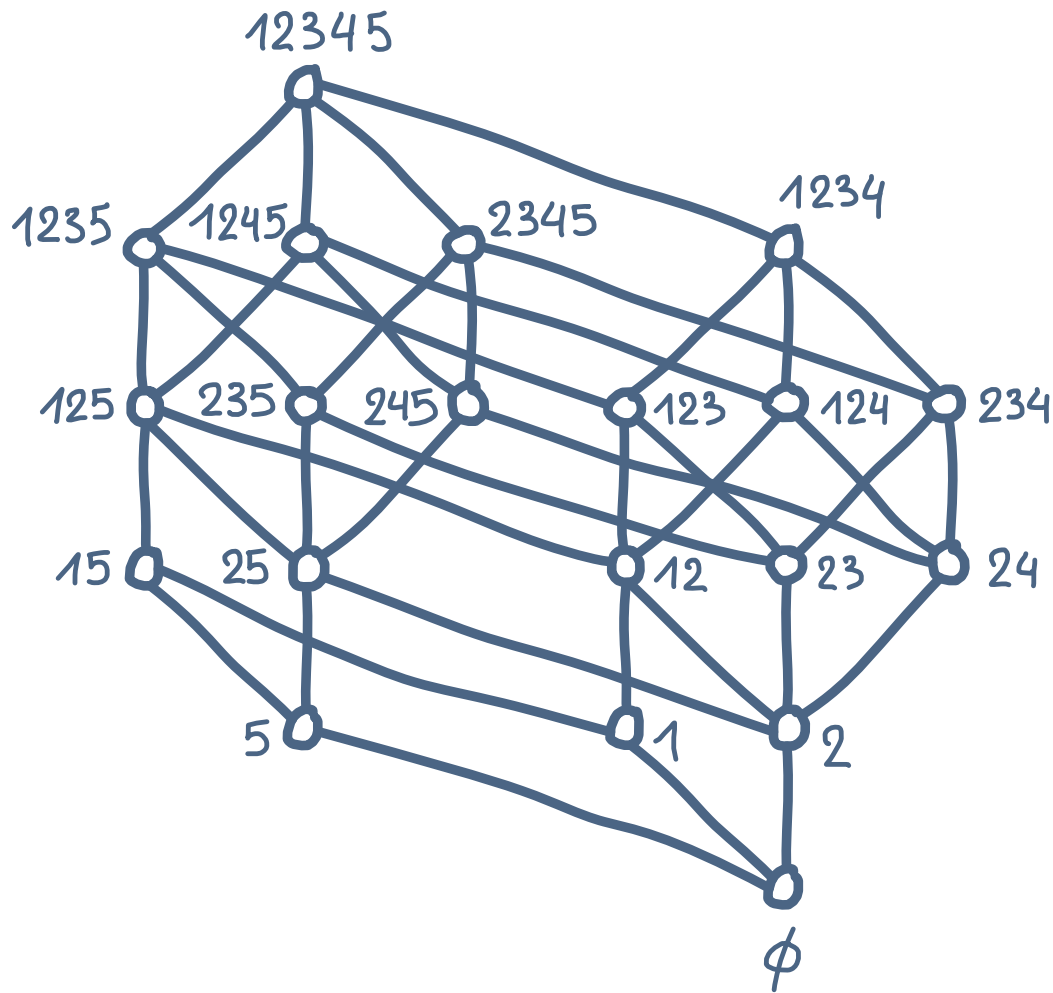
35 not minimal
w.r.t. Σ_b



Σ_b as a poset

25 minimal w.r.t. $\Sigma_b \Rightarrow \Delta$ -generator of 4

Binary implications



DEF: Binary implication:
implication $a \rightarrow b, a, b \in X$

Closure system (X, \mathcal{F}_b)
and operator ϕ_b
associated with (X, Σ_b)
 $\Sigma_b = \{3 \rightarrow 2, 4 \rightarrow 2\}$

Birkhoff, 37

THM (Birkhoff): a closure system (lattice) is distributive iff it is isomorphic to the closure system of some binary IB

Minimal Generators

DEF (minimal generator): $A \subseteq X$ minimal generator of x
 if \subseteq -minimal subset satisfying $A \rightarrow x$

"minimal ways of deriving x "
 Circuits of a matroid

prime implicate
 LHS-Minimal FD

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35 \rightarrow 2 \times 5 \rightarrow 2
 234 \rightarrow 1 \times 34 \rightarrow 1
 15 \rightarrow 3 \checkmark

D-generators, D-base Adaricheva et al., 13

DEF (D-generator, D-base):

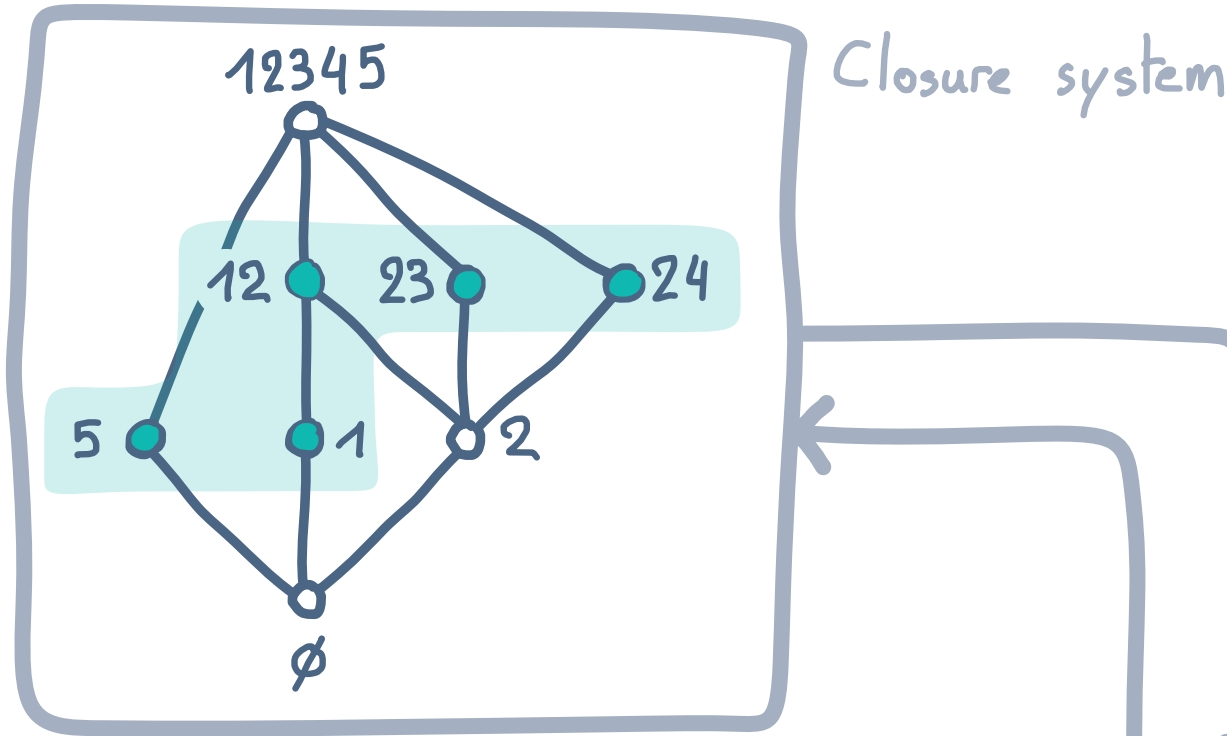
- D-generators of x : among minimal generators of x , those with \leq -minimal closure w.r.t. binary implications
- THE D-base (X, Σ_D) of a closure system:

$$\Sigma_D + \{A \rightarrow x : x \in X, A \text{ D-gen of } x\}$$

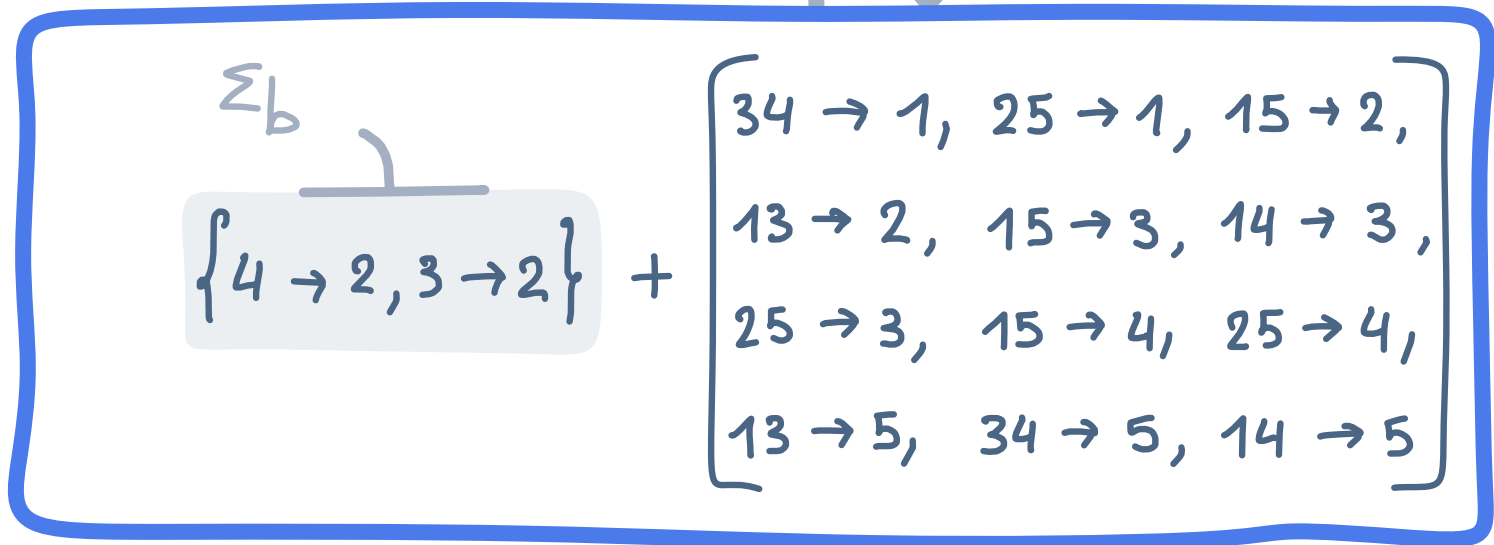
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$$\begin{array}{ll} 35 \rightarrow 1 & \times \\ 45 \rightarrow 1 & \times \end{array} \quad 25 \rightarrow 1$$

On our example



D-base (X, Σ_D)



Theoretical / algorithmic properties :

- convey structural information of closure systems
- ordered direct (fast forward chaining)
- much smaller than the set of all minimal generators

Practical uses :

- seabreeze forecast Adaricheva et al., 23
- stomach cancer risk estimation Nation et al., 21

How **hard** is it to change the representation ?

↑ more generally

Recover the Δ -base to enjoy its properties

↓ more precisely

D-base from M_i (DB-M): given M_i , find (X, Σ_D)

D-base from Σ (DB-IB): given (X, Σ) , find (X, Σ_D)

D-base from M_i (DB-M): given M_i , find (X, Σ_D)

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DB-M can be solved in output quasi-polynomial time

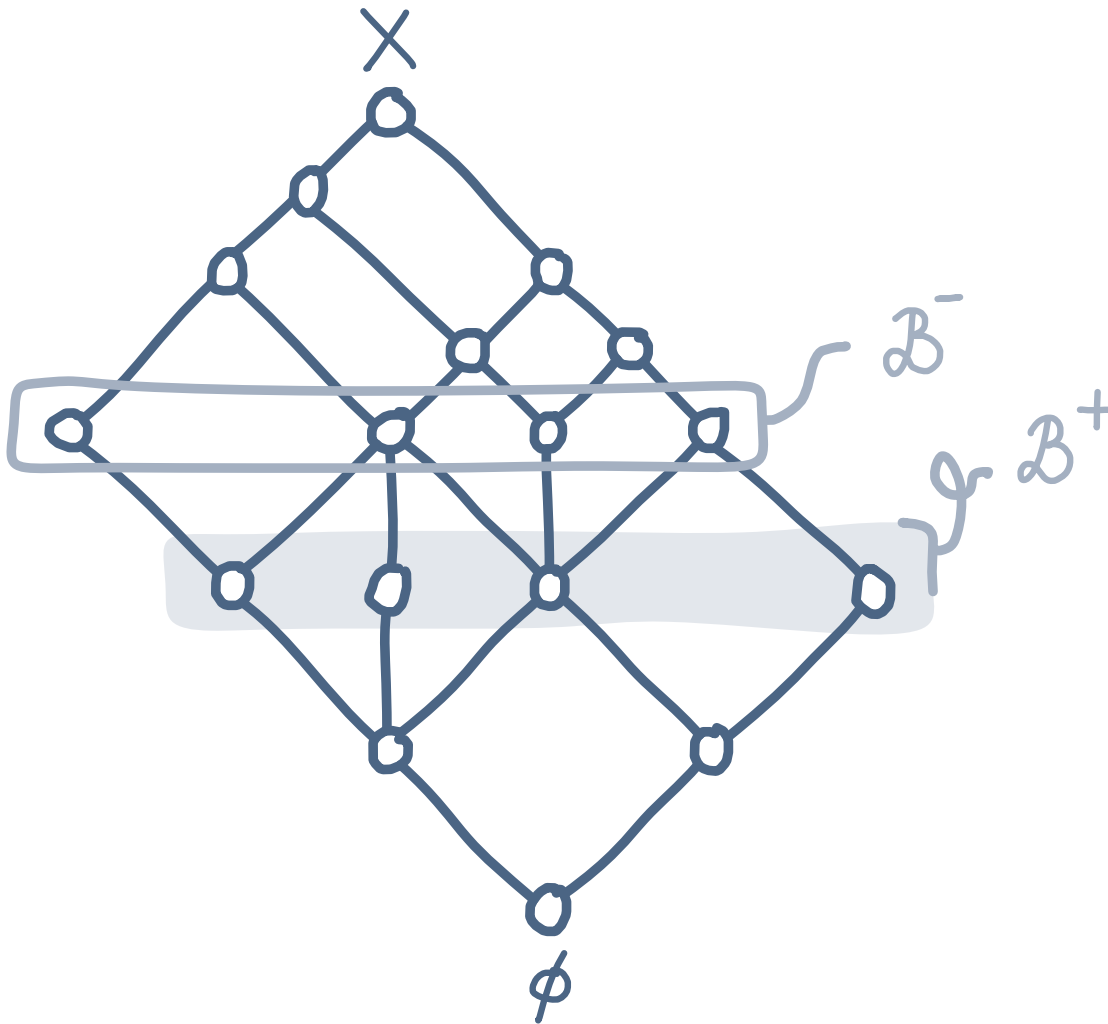
Our approach: dualization

Existing work:

- algorithm based on Hypergraph dualization Adaricheva, Nation, 17
produces (possibly large) superset of Δ -base

IDEA: Δ -base relies on Σ_b
 Σ_b defines a distributive closure system
 \Rightarrow use dualization in distributive closure systems

Dualization (with Σ)



- B^- and B^+ are dual:
- $\downarrow B^+ \cup \uparrow B^- = \mathcal{F}$
 - $\downarrow B^+ \cap \uparrow B^- = \phi$

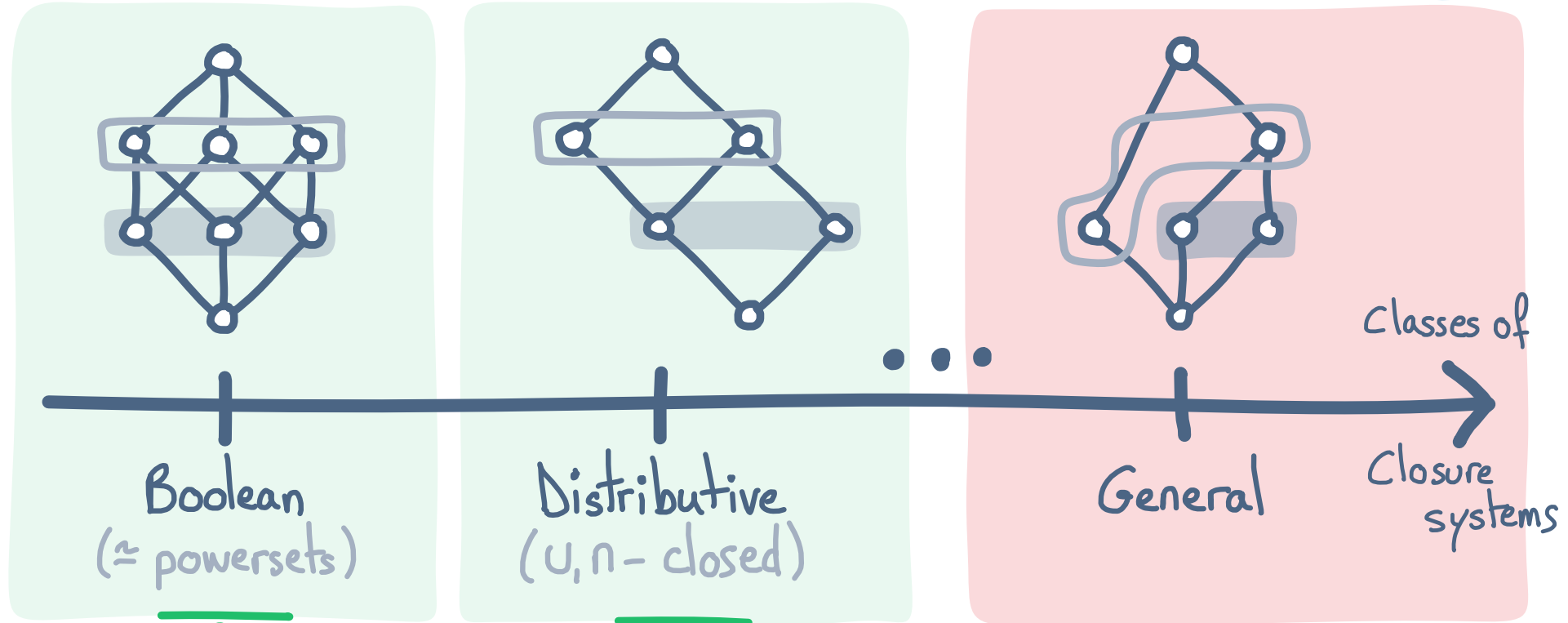
Dualization : with (X, Σ) and antichain B^+ , find antichain B^-

Dualization complexity (with Σ) and DB-M

Quasi-poly
Fredman, Khachiyan, 96

Quasi-poly
Elbassioni, 22

Hard
Kavvadias et al., 00



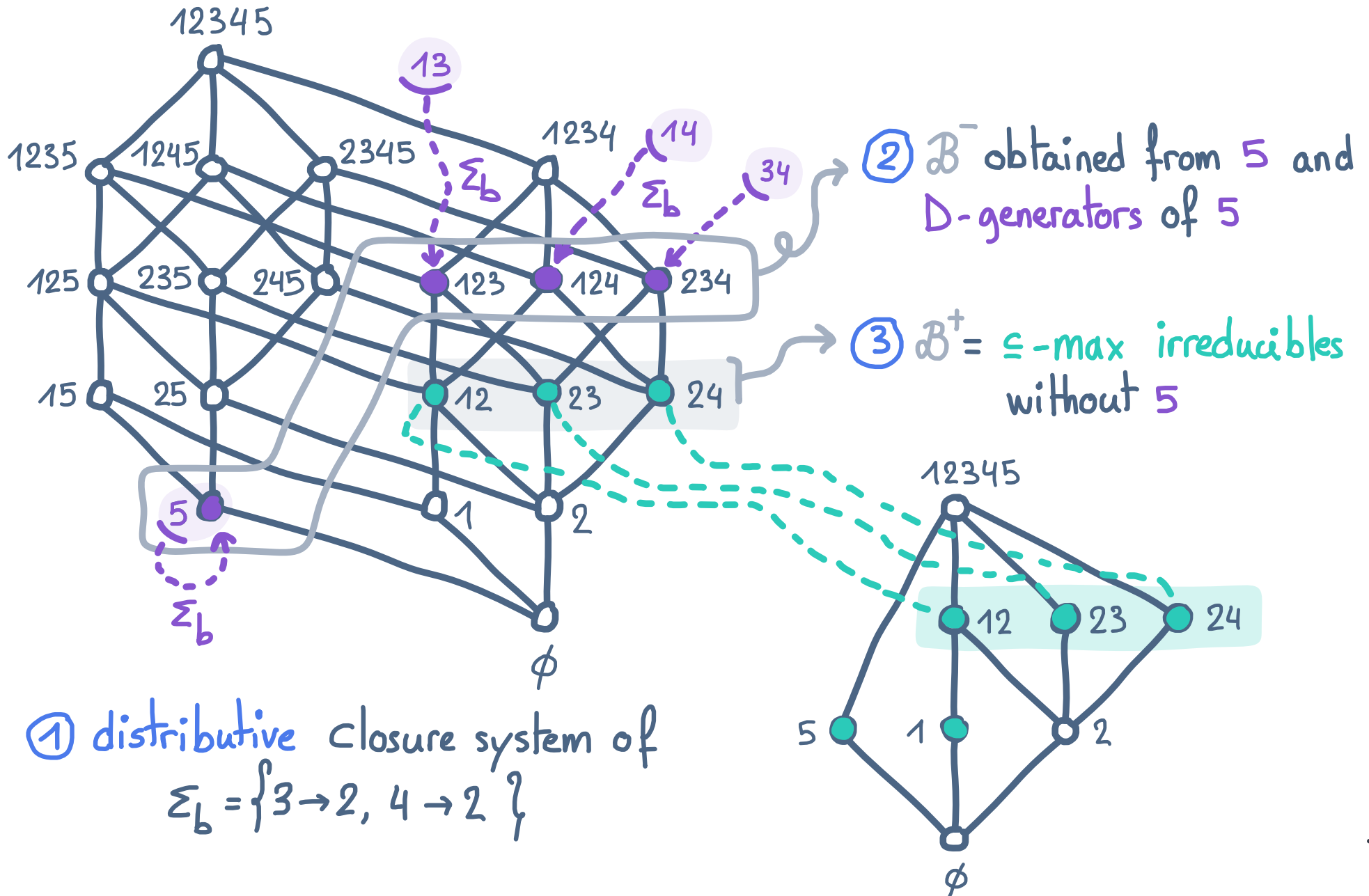
Hypergraph dualization
Monotone dualization

DB-M

ANY, 23+

DB-M Quasi-poly

Intuition: DB-M \Leftarrow Dualization Distr.

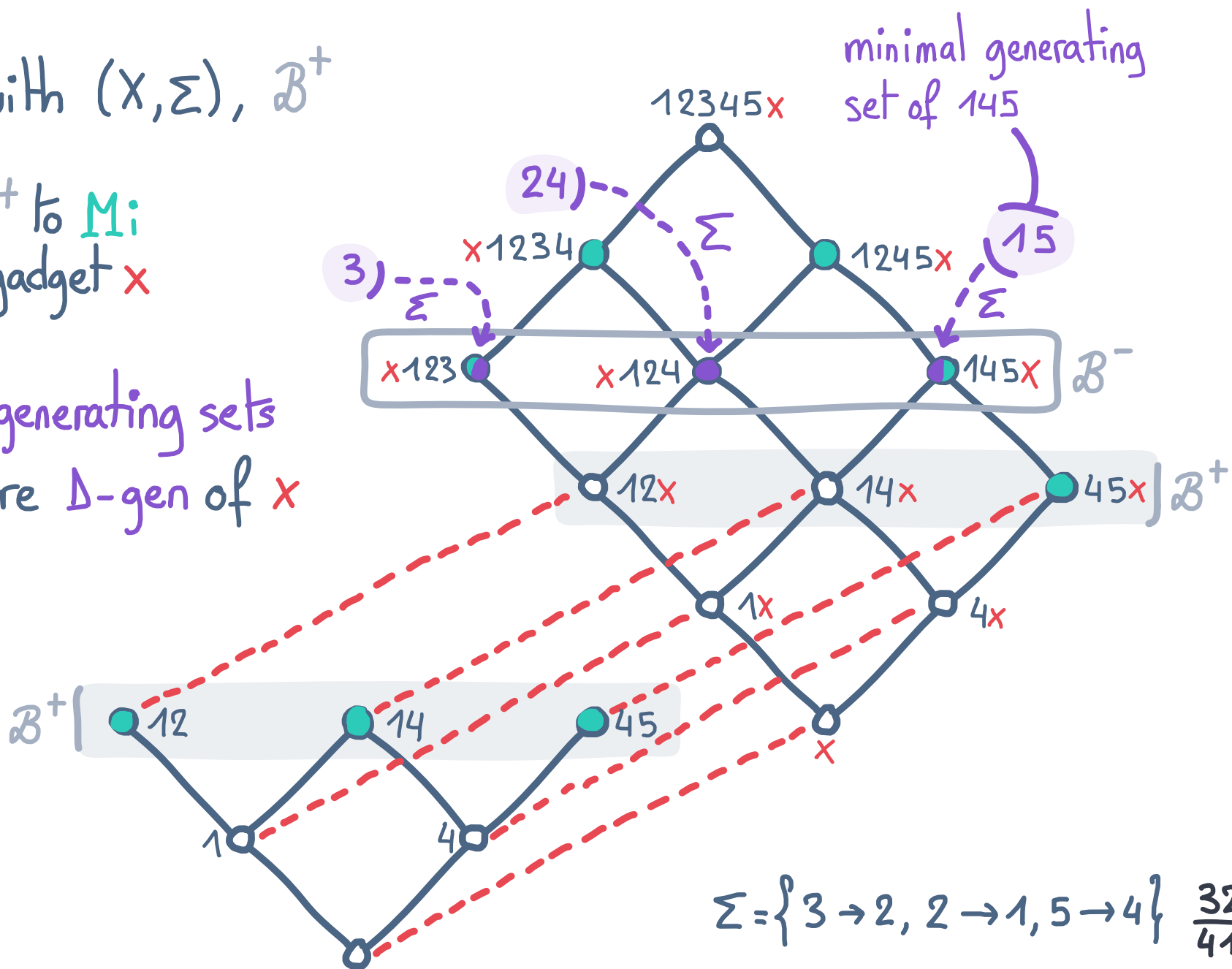


Intuition: DB-M \approx Dualization Distr.

① Start with $(X, \Sigma), \mathcal{B}^+$

② Add \mathcal{B}^+ to M using gadget x

③ (min.) generating sets of \mathcal{B}^- are Δ -gen of x



Long story short

ANV, 23+

DB-M is equivalent to dualization in distributive closure systems

ANV, 23+

DB-M can be solved in output-quasipolynomial time

using Elbassioni, 22 ←

D-base from Σ (DB-IB): given (X, Σ) , find (X, Σ_D)

ANV, 23+

DB-IB can be solved with polynomial delay

Our approach: supergraph traversal

Existing work:

- algorithm using simplification logic Rodriguez et al., 15, 17
no (output-sensitive) complexity analysis
- poly-delay algorithm listing Δ -minimal keys Ennaoui, Nourine, 16
based on supergraph traversal
 \rightarrow ($\hat{=}$ Δ -gen of some x)

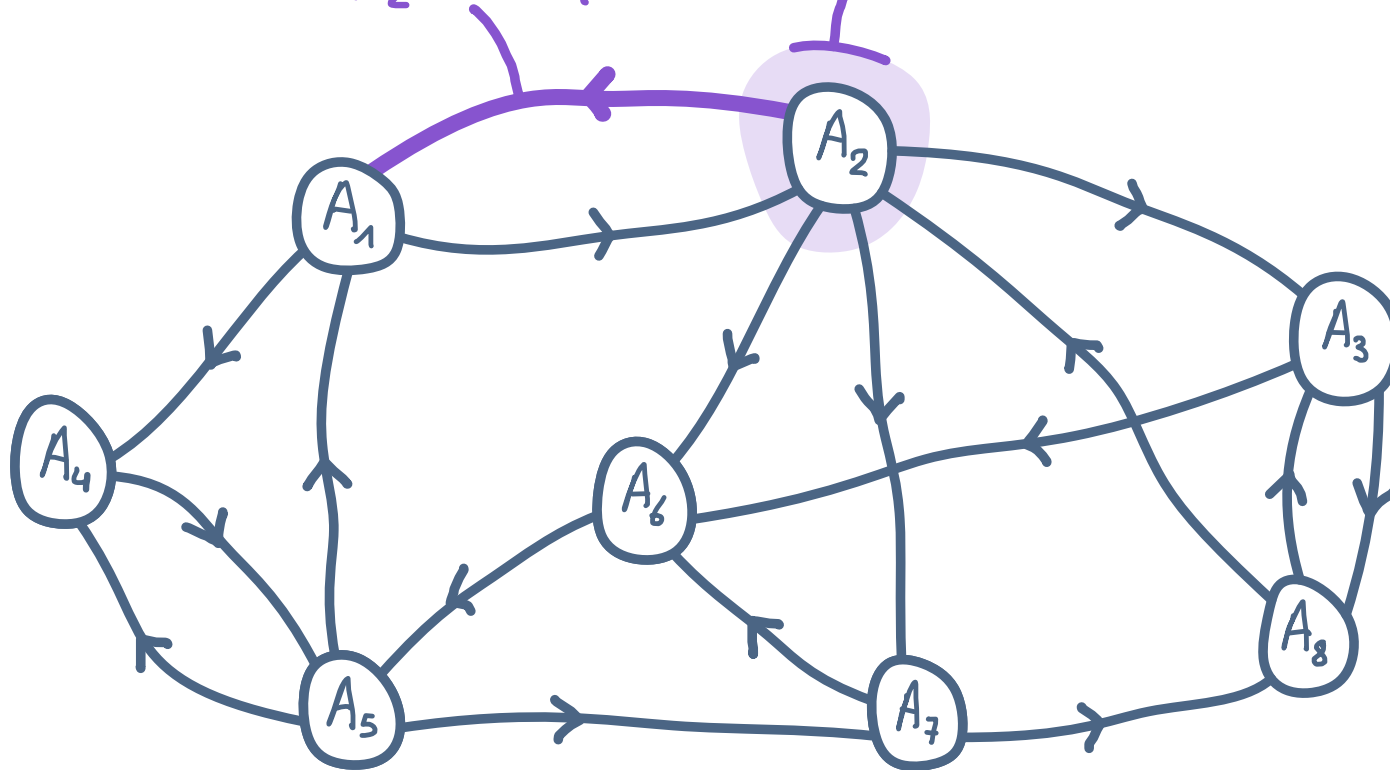
IDEA: use Ennaoui, Nourine, 16 as a blackbox

RMK: supergraph traversal also used for minimal keys
Lucchesi, Osborn, 78 Bérczi et al., 23a

Principle: Supergraph traversal

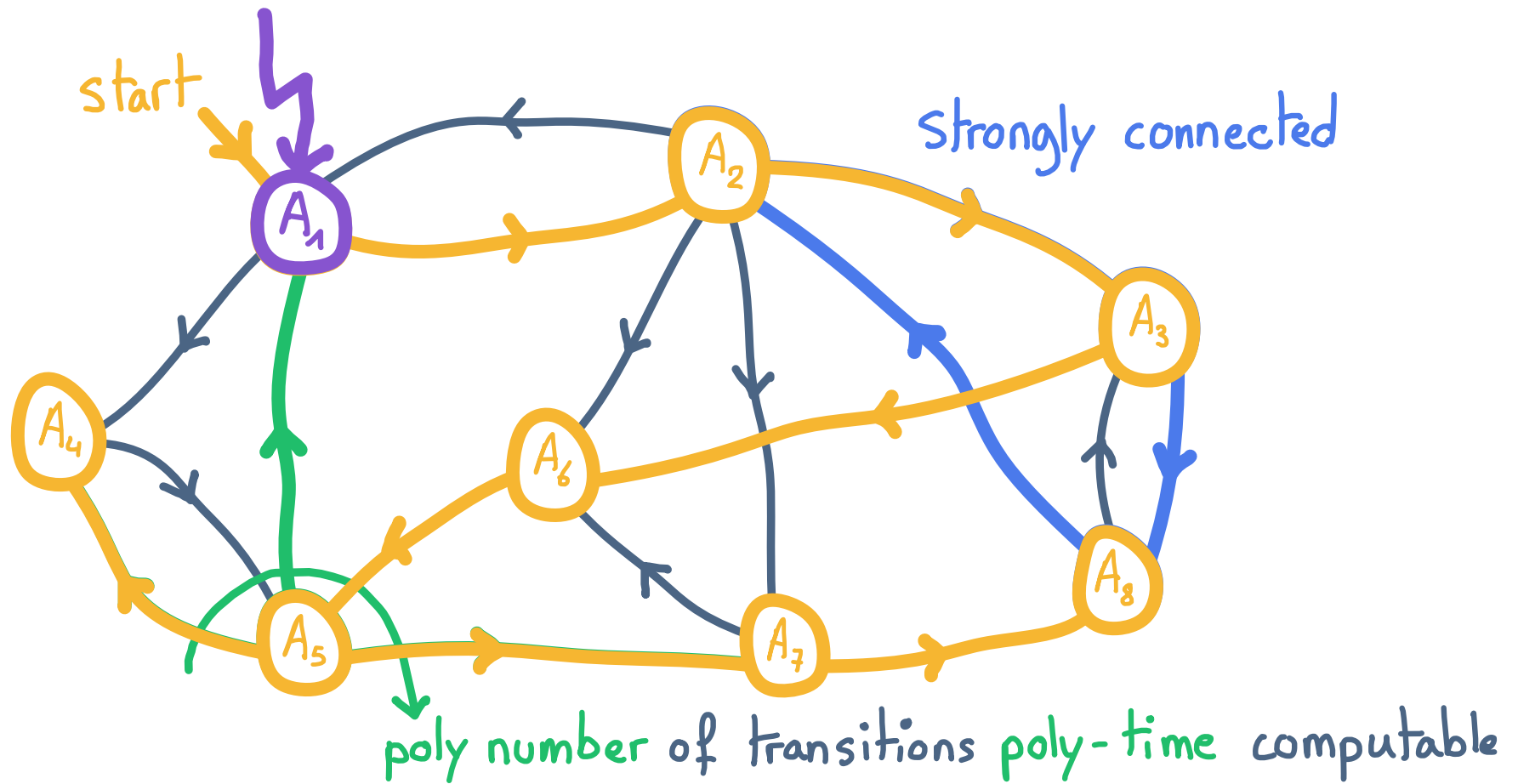
arc = transition* which turns A_2 into A_1

vertex = a Δ -generator of x



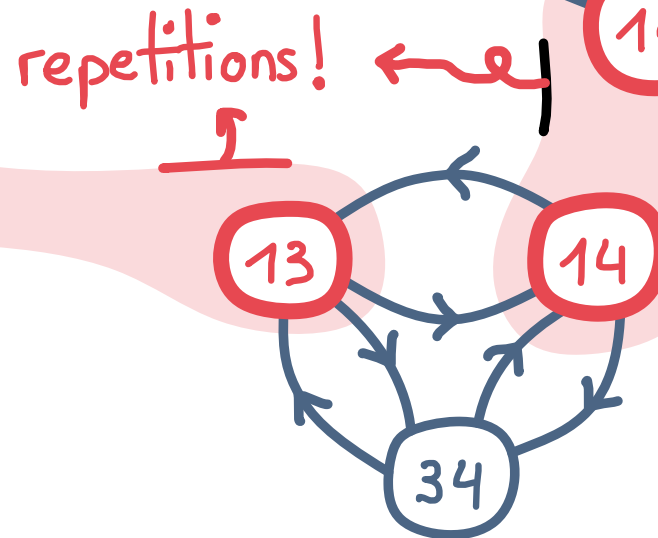
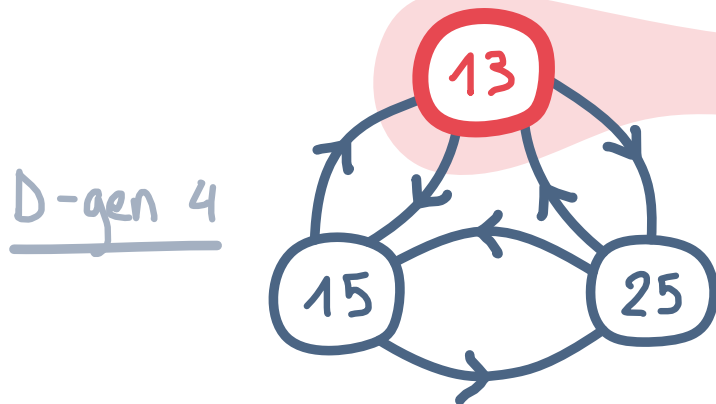
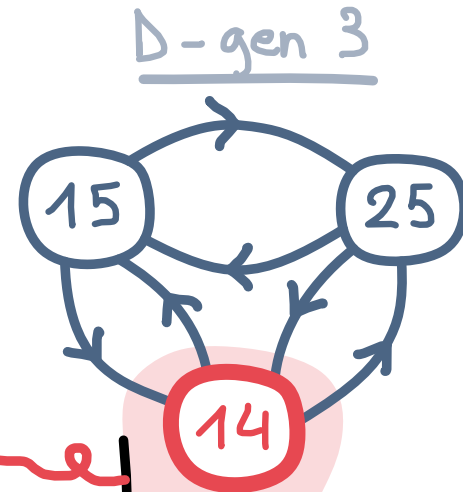
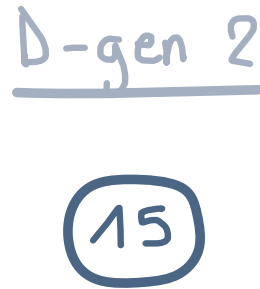
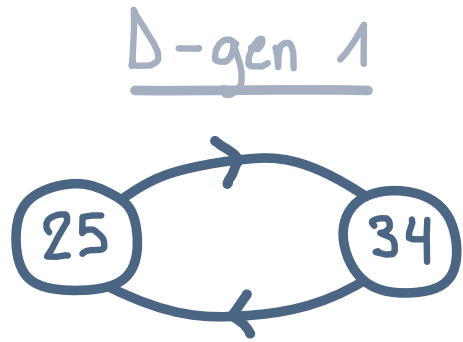
* transition key idea: substitute $a_2 \in A_2$ with B s.t. $B \rightarrow a_2 \in \Sigma$
(greedily) minimize w.r.t. Σ_b

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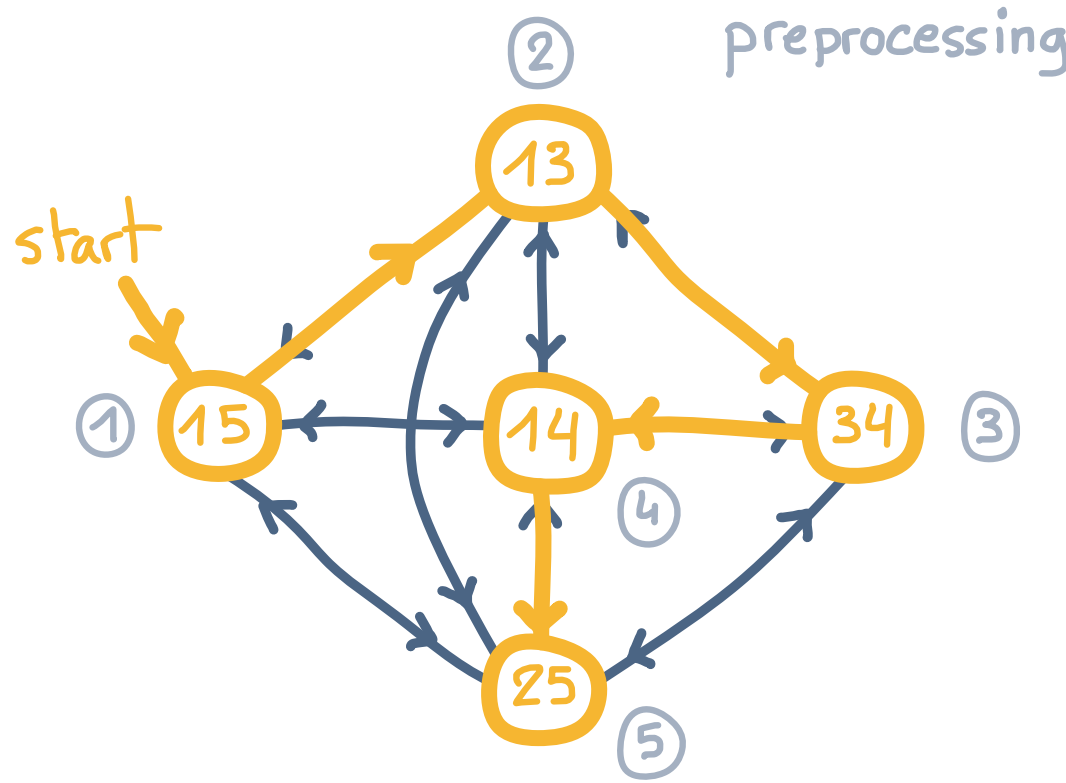
1st solution in poly-time + poly transitions + strongly connected
⇒ poly-delay enumeration (with DFS) of D-gen of some x

In our case (running ex)



PROB: applying algo on each $x \in X$ yields repetitions
 \Rightarrow no guarantee on delay

Fix: merge the graphs



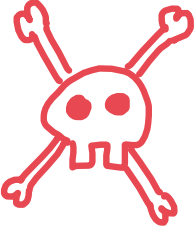
- ⊙ $3 \rightarrow 2, 4 \rightarrow 2$
- ① $15 \rightarrow 2, 15 \rightarrow 3, 15 \rightarrow 4$
- ② $13 \rightarrow 2, 13 \rightarrow 5$
- ③ $34 \rightarrow 5, 34 \rightarrow 1$
- ④ $14 \rightarrow 3, 14 \rightarrow 5$
- ⑤ $25 \rightarrow 3, 25 \rightarrow 1, 25 \rightarrow 4$

FIX: take the union of supergraphs

- poly transitions
- 1st solution in poly-time $\forall x \in X$
- strongly connected components

⇒ poly delay enumeration of all D-gens (with DFSs)

Long story short

with exponential space! 

ANV, 23+

DB-IB can be solved with polynomial delay

using Ennaoui, Nourine, 16

Finding the \mathcal{D} -base:

- output quasi-poly from M_i
- poly-delay from Σ

Other results:

- **NP-hardness** of finding \mathcal{D} -relation (defined from \mathcal{D} -base)
- Connection between \mathcal{E} -base ($\subseteq \mathcal{D}$ -base) and matroids

Further questions:

- Characterize systems with valid \mathcal{E} -base
- Similar algorithms for \mathcal{E} -base?

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