

# SEQUENTIALITY

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1. Causal Interaction.
2. Sequential Interaction.
3. Towards Games.

# ABSOLUTE CAUSALITY SPACES

## DEFINITION

An (absolute) causality space is

$$\langle | \rangle : U \times X \longrightarrow R$$

such that

$$\langle u/x \rangle = \langle u'/x' \rangle$$

implies

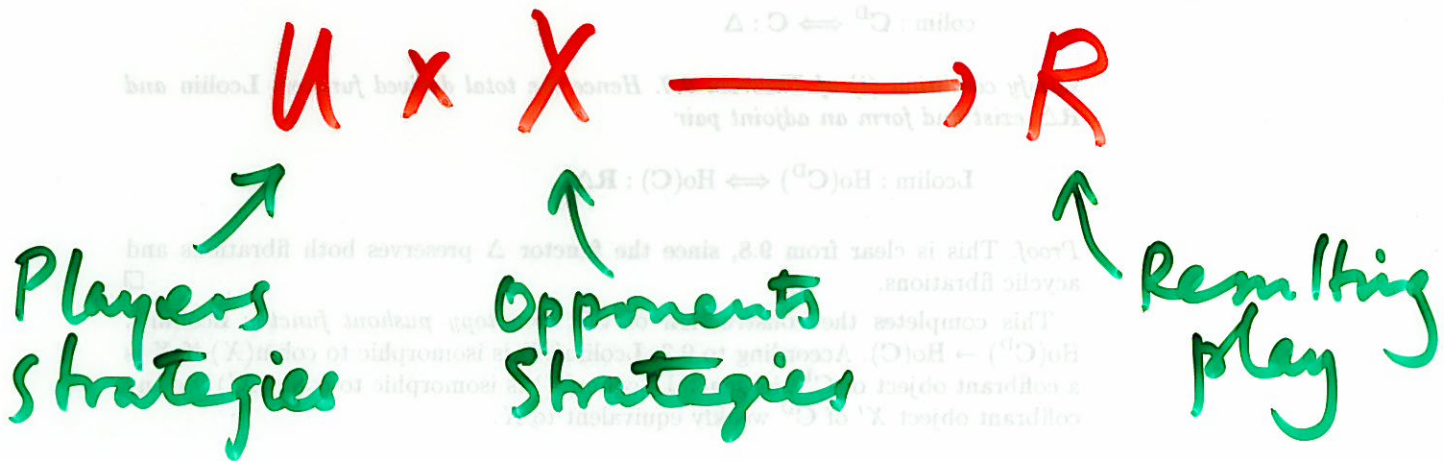
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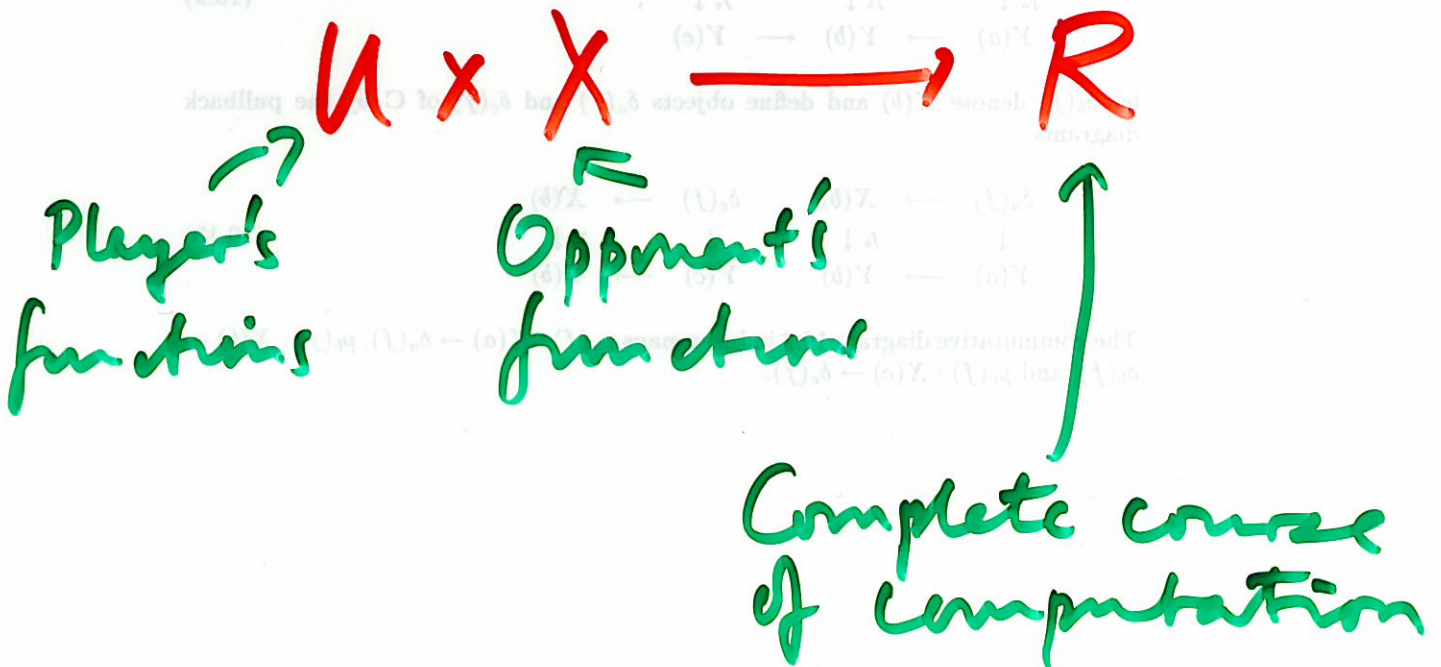
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# EXAMPLES

## Games



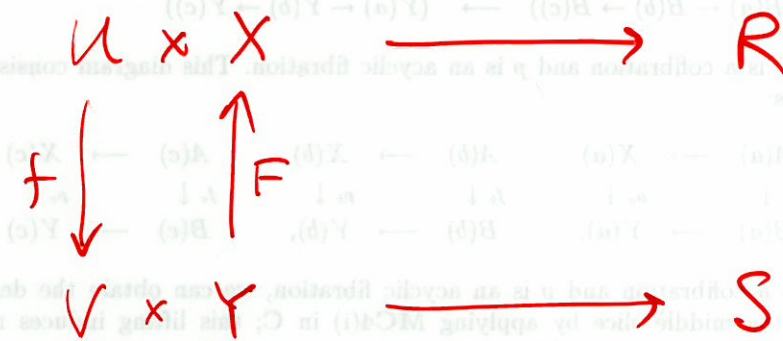
## Abstract Games (some cases)



# CAUSAL MAPS

## DEFINITION

A causal map is



such that

$$\langle u | F(y) \rangle = \langle u' | F(y) \rangle \implies \langle f(u) | y \rangle = \langle f(u') | y \rangle$$

$$\langle f(u) | y \rangle = \langle f(u) | y' \rangle \implies \langle u | F(y) \rangle = \langle u | F(y') \rangle$$

# EXAMPLE

Maps of games as causal maps

A map  $\sigma: A \rightarrow B$  of games is a strategy in  $A \perp \delta B$ .

Then  $f: U \rightarrow V$  is just composition with  $\sigma$ :

$$u: I \rightarrow A \quad \longmapsto \quad \sigma \circ u: I \rightarrow B$$

and  $F: Y \rightarrow X$  is similar.

Intuition for causal condition!

# THEOREM

The category of absolute  
causality spaces is  
\*-autonomous.

(In fact models full linear logic.)

## INTERNAL FUNCTION SPACE

$$\text{If } A = (U \times X \rightarrow R)$$

$$B = (V \times Y \rightarrow S)$$

$$\text{then } A \rightarrow B =$$

$$\left( \{ (f, F) \mid \text{causal maps} \} \times (U \times Y) \longrightarrow R \times S \right)$$

$$\langle (f, F) \mid (u, y) \rangle = \left( \langle u \mid F(y) \rangle, \langle f(u) \mid y \rangle \right)$$

# FACT

Over Sets, absolute causality spaces have a full  $*$ -autonomous subcategory equivalent to 'weak totality spaces'.

(So not much gain save the conceptual; however quite different uses of the internal logic, so ... .)

# RELATIVE CAUSALITY SPACES

## DEFINITION

A relative causality space is

$$\langle | \rangle : U \times X \longrightarrow R$$

$$\text{with } \leq \text{ on } U, \leq \text{ on } X$$

such that

$$\text{for } u \leq u', x \leq x'$$

$$\langle u|x \rangle = \langle u'|x' \rangle \implies \langle u|x \rangle = \langle u'|x \rangle = \langle u|x' \rangle = \langle u'|x' \rangle$$

## MORE RESTRICTED VERSION

$$\leq \text{ on } U, \leq \text{ on } X, \leq \text{ on } R$$

and  $\langle | \rangle$  order preserving.



# RELATIVELY CAUSAL MAPS

## DEFINITION

A relatively causal map is

$$U \times X \longrightarrow R$$

$$f \downarrow \quad \uparrow F$$

$$V \times Y \longrightarrow S$$

such that

for  $u \leq u'$   $y \leq y'$

$$\langle u | F(y) \rangle = \langle u' | F(y) \rangle \implies \langle f(u) | y \rangle = \langle f(u') | y \rangle$$

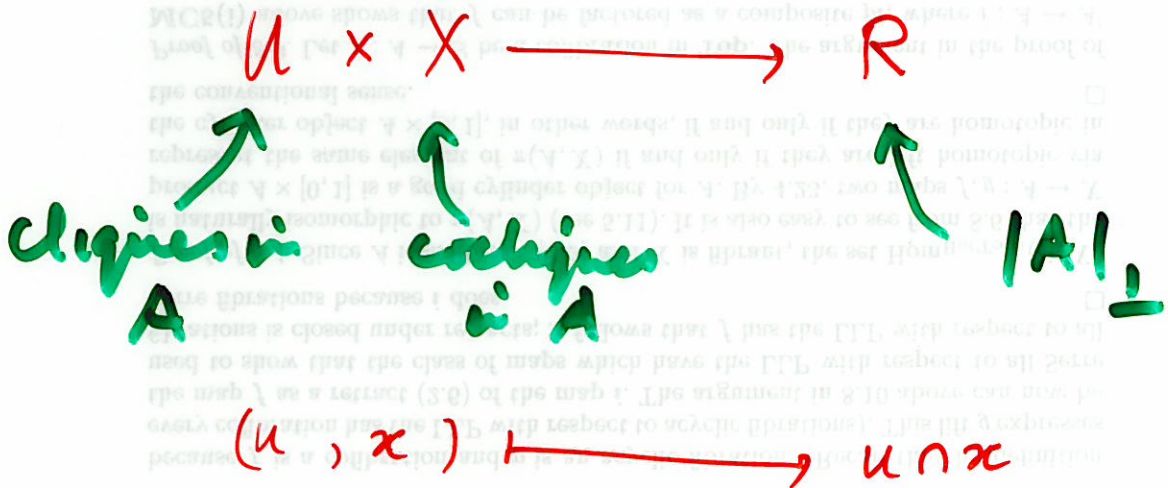
$$\langle f(u) | y \rangle = \langle f(u) | y' \rangle \implies \langle u | F(y) \rangle = \langle u' | F(y') \rangle$$

# EXAMPLES

Games with weaker notion of result

(eg. the set of moves independent of order)

Coherence spaces



$B \xrightarrow{\pi} B$   
 $\gamma \rightarrow \gamma$

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# THEOREM

The category of relative causality spaces is

\* - autonomous. (In fact it models full linear logic.)

# SEQUENTIALITY

GENERAL APPROACH Take some causality category + add a sequential condition.

## DEFINITION

A sequentiality space is a causality space

$$\langle | \rangle : U \times X \rightarrow R$$
$$\leq m U, \leq m X$$

such that

$$\text{for } u \leq u', x \leq x'$$

$$\langle u | x \rangle = \langle u | x' \rangle \text{ or } \langle u | x \rangle = \langle u' | x \rangle.$$

# EXPLANATION

## GAME INTERPRETATION

Suppose  $\langle u|x \rangle$  a finite play.

If Player just played then however much further Player is prepared to go, the game will progress no further without input from Opponent.

So  $\langle u|x \rangle = \langle u'|x \rangle$  all  $u \leq u'$

Similarly if Opponent just played then

$\langle u|x \rangle = \langle u|x' \rangle$  all  $x \leq x'$ .

# SEQUENTIAL MAPS

## DEFINITION

A sequential map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U \times X & \longrightarrow & R \\ f \downarrow & & \uparrow F \\ V \times Y & \longrightarrow & S \end{array}$$

is an (order-preserving) map of causality spaces such that

$$\text{for all } u \leq u' \quad y \leq y'$$

$$\langle u | F(y) \rangle = \langle u' | F(y) \rangle \text{ or } \langle f(u) | y \rangle = \langle f(u) | y' \rangle.$$

# EXPLANATION

## GAME INTERPRETATION

We play the P-strategy  $(f, F)$  in  $A \rightarrow B$  against the O-strategy  $(u, y)$ . Suppose the resulting pairs

$$\langle u | F(y) \rangle, \langle f(u) | y \rangle$$

are finite. If we stopped in  $A^+$ ; then further effort by O in B will make no difference, so

$$\langle f(u) | y \rangle = \langle f(u) | y' \rangle \text{ all } y \leq y'.$$

Similarly if we stopped in B then

$$\langle u | F(y) \rangle = \langle u' | F(y) \rangle \text{ all } u \leq u'.$$

# SEQUENTIAL ORDER ON MAPS

## DEFINITION

Suppose  $(f, F)$  and  $(g, G)$  are maps

$$(U \times X \rightarrow R) \longrightarrow (V \times Y \rightarrow S).$$

Set  $(f, F) \leq (g, G)$  if &  
only if  $[(f, F) \leq (g, G) \text{ pointwise} \&]$

for all  $u \leq u' \quad y \leq y'$

$$\begin{cases} \langle u | F(y) \rangle = \langle u' | F(y') \rangle \\ \& \\ \langle f(u) | y \rangle = \langle f(u') | y' \rangle \end{cases}$$

or

$$\begin{cases} \langle u | F(y) \rangle = \langle u' | G(y') \rangle \\ \& \\ \langle f(u) | y \rangle = \langle g(u') | y' \rangle \end{cases}$$

or

$$\begin{cases} \langle u | F(y) \rangle = \langle u | G(y') \rangle \\ \& \\ \langle f(u) | y \rangle = \langle g(u) | y' \rangle \end{cases}$$



# EXPLANATION

## GAME INTERPRETATION

1st case O has just played  
So doesn't matter how much  
further O goes

2nd case P has just played  
in B.

3rd case P has just played in  
A.

Observation:

In games this order  
coincides with the point-  
wise order.

# THEOREM

The category of sequentiality spaces is  $\ast$ -autonomous.

(In fact it models full linear logic.)

# GLIMPSE OF PROOF

Show eg

$$\underline{A \otimes B \longrightarrow C^\perp}$$

$$A \longrightarrow (B - \otimes C^\perp)$$

by showing both equivalent to symmetric

$$A \otimes B \otimes C \longrightarrow L.$$

Symmetric conditions.

for all  $u \leq u', v \leq v', w \leq w'$

$$\langle u | f(v, w) \rangle = \langle u' | f(v, w) \rangle \& \langle w | g(u, w) \rangle = \langle v' | g(u, w) \rangle$$

OR

$$\langle u | f(v, w) \rangle = \langle u' | f(v, w) \rangle \& \langle w | h(u, v) \rangle = \langle w' | h(u, v) \rangle$$

OR

$$\langle v | g(u, w) \rangle = \langle v' | g(u, w) \rangle \& \langle w | h(u, v) \rangle = \langle w' | h(u, v) \rangle$$

# EXAMPLES

QUESTION Which of these embed in the subcategories of sequential spaces and maps?

① Usual categories of games

SEQUENTIAL ✓

② Typical categories of abstract games

NOT SEQUENTIAL ✓

# EXAMPLES

CONTINUED

③ Coherence spaces

Hypercoherence spaces

SEQUENTIAL!

④ Games and non-deterministic strategies

NOT SEQUENTIAL?

( Non-determinism  
vs  
Concurrency )

Misleading:  
can be  
fixed with  
different  
embedding.

# TOWARDS GAMES

## ISSUES

- Detecting individual moves
- Sequential order  
vs.  
pointwise order
- Opponent strategies  
in  
 $A \rightarrow B$

# 'RESTRICTION'

Suppose play  $\langle u | x \rangle$

Then there should be minimal

$$\bar{u} = u|_x \leq u$$

$$\bar{x} = x|_u \leq x$$

such that

$$\langle \bar{u} | \bar{x} \rangle = \langle u | x \rangle.$$

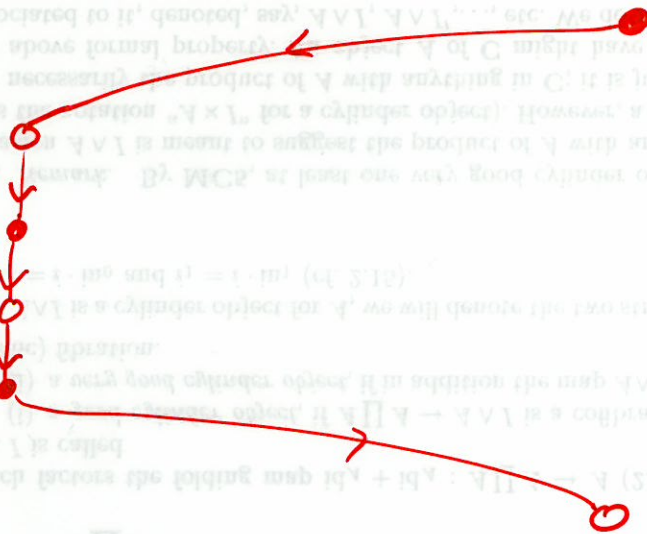
Axioms in these terms

- detect individual moves
- make the sequential order pointwise.

# OLD PROBLEM (REVERSED)

When playing

A<sup>+</sup> ⚡ B



O cannot change sides, but  
eg. when about to play  
in B can use information  
about what happened in  
A<sup>+</sup>. SO MUCH MORE  
THAN  $U \times Y$



# COMPLETING

## (DOMAINS OF) STRATEGIES

ONE SOLUTION (works in  
examples)

Use absolute sequentiality.

Complete under sequential  
 $\leq$  and  $\checkmark$  (preserving  $\perp$ ).

(Not quite as stated: the orthogonality  $\perp$   
plays a bigger role.)

WHY CAN THIS WORK?

(4. Totality Spaces)

# ONWARD

Relation with other  
work in H/Ong/Wallen  
project.

Nickau/Ong investigate  
large #s of flavours  
of game.

Hope to detect these  
via abstractly defined  
subcategories.