

• Graphs as functors

Define category $\{1 \rightrightarrows 0\}$

two objects $0, 1$

2 identity arrows

2 non identity arrows, parallel

A functor $G: \{1 \rightrightarrows 0\} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ consists of

• Two sets $G1, G0$

• Two functions $G1 \xrightleftharpoons[t]{s} G0$

Interpret this as

$G1 = \text{set of edges}$

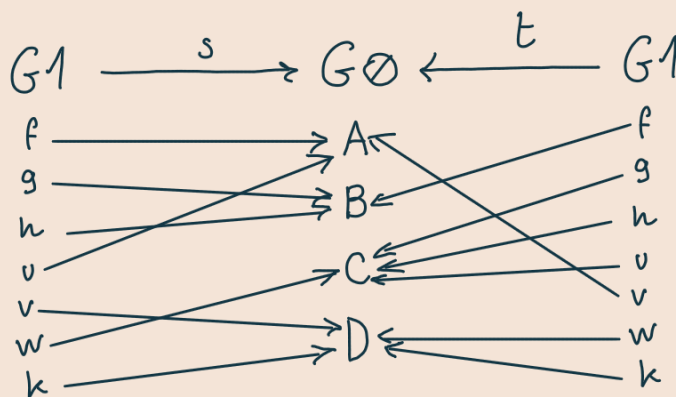
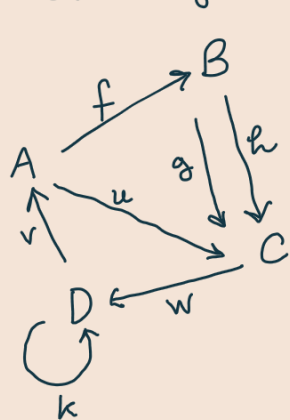
$G0 = \text{set of vertices}$

$\Rightarrow G$ is a (directed, multi) graph

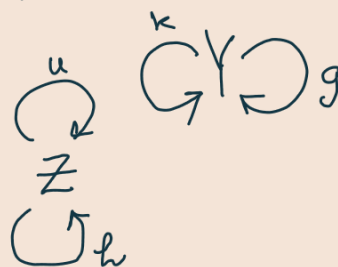
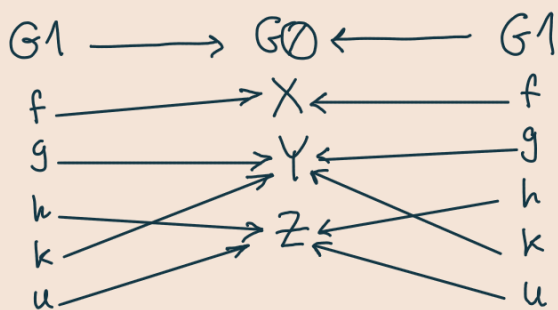
s, t act as source & target functions

sending an edge to its head/tail

From graph to functor:



From functor to graph



A graph homomorphism consists of a pair of functions "compatible with source & target" in the sense prescribed by natural transformations

Given graphs $G = (G_0, G_1, s^G, t^G)$ and $H = (H_0, H_1, s^H, t^H)$

A graph homomorphism consists of

$$f_0 : G_0 \longrightarrow H_0$$

take care

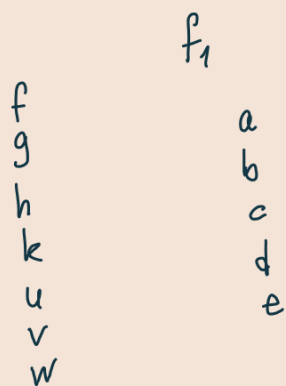
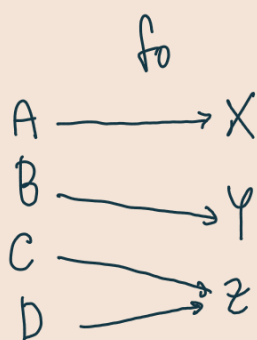
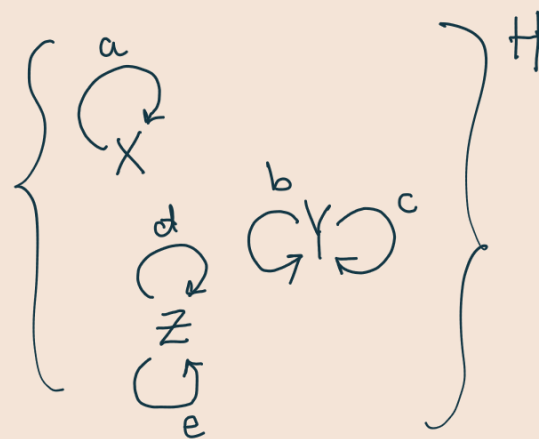
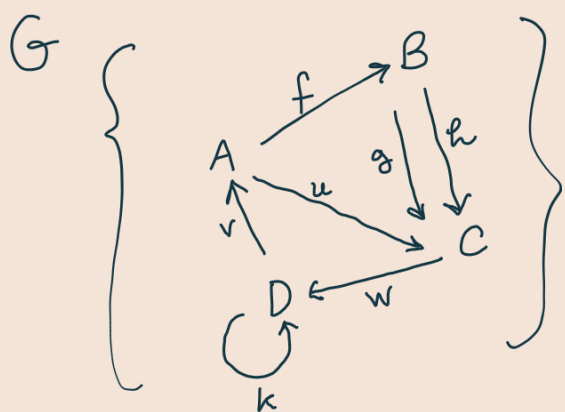
$$f_1 : G_1 \longrightarrow H_1$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G_1 & \xrightarrow{f_1} & H_1 \\ s^G \downarrow & & \downarrow s^H \\ G_0 & \xrightarrow{f_0} & H_0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} G_1 & \xrightarrow{f_1} & H_1 \\ t^G \downarrow & & \downarrow t^H \\ G_0 & \xrightarrow{f_0} & H_0 \end{array}$$

This means that

$$f_1(x \xrightarrow{e} y) = f_0 x \xrightarrow{f_1 e} f_0 y$$

Is there a graph homomorphism:



How to solve
? the issue?

Solution: f_0 has to be constant in X, Y or Z

Say $f_0(\#) = Y$ for all $\# \in \{A, B, C, D\}$ then

$$f_1(f) = f_1(g) = f_1(u) = e;$$

$$f_1(\text{all the rest}) = b.$$

is a graph homomorphism $f : G \longrightarrow H$

Fact: a graph homomorphism $G \rightarrow H$ consists precisely of a natural transformation $G \Rightarrow H$ when G, H are considered functors $\{1 \Rightarrow 0\} \Rightarrow \text{Set}$.

Naturality is precisely the condition that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G1 & \xrightarrow{f_1} & H1 \\ \downarrow s^G & \downarrow t^G & \downarrow s^H \\ G0 & \xrightarrow{f_0} & H0 \end{array}$$

(Guided) exercise - Determine what is an homomorphism of graphs

$$G = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} x \\ \swarrow \searrow \\ y \quad z \end{array} \right\} \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} & G & \\ \swarrow & & \searrow \\ R & & B \end{array} \right\}$$

Answer: it is a coloring of the graph, i.e. a labeling of the set $\{x, y, z\}$ of vertices of a color $\begin{pmatrix} R \text{ red} \\ G \text{ green} \\ B \text{ blue} \end{pmatrix}$ so that when two vertices are connected by an edge, they don't have the same color.

The topos of graphs is the category of functors $\{1 \Rightarrow 0\} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ + natural transformations

Exercise A Labeled Transition System is a function $X \times \mathbb{N} \times X \xrightarrow{\sigma} \{\text{Booleans}\}$; denote " $x \xrightarrow{n} y$ " if

$$\sigma(x, n, y) = \text{true}.$$

What is an homomorphism of LTS?

Can one represent a LTS as a graph?

Answer: $(X, \sigma) \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} X_0 = X \\ X_1 = \sum h(x, y) \text{ where...} \end{pmatrix}$

Reflexive graphs as functors

One can play a similar game with reflexive graphs

Define a category

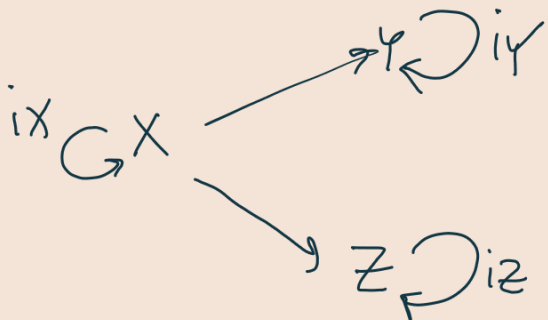
$$\mathcal{R} := \left\{ 1 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{s} \\ \xleftarrow{i} \\ \xrightarrow{t} \end{array} 0 \right\} \text{ having}$$

- Two objects 0 and 1 ;
- 2 identity arrows for 0 and 1
- Three non identity arrows s, t, i

subject to the condition $s \circ i = t \circ i = \text{id}_0$.

Fact: A functor $\mathcal{R} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ is a special kind of graph $\mathcal{G} = \{1 \xrightarrow{i} 0\} + \text{additional condition}$ that

- 1) Every vertex has an edge $i(v)$ (existence of i)
 - 2) the edge $i(v)$ has head v , tail v .
- Every vertex is equipped with a loop $i(v)$



A homomorphism of directed graphs is a natural transfo

$$\mathcal{R} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{G} \\ \xrightarrow{H} \end{array} \text{Set} : (f_0, f_1) : G \Rightarrow H \text{ if } \begin{array}{l} G : \mathcal{R} \Rightarrow \text{Set} \\ H : \mathcal{R} \Rightarrow \text{Set} \end{array}$$

consists of $f_0 : G0 \rightarrow H0$ compatible with s, t and with i

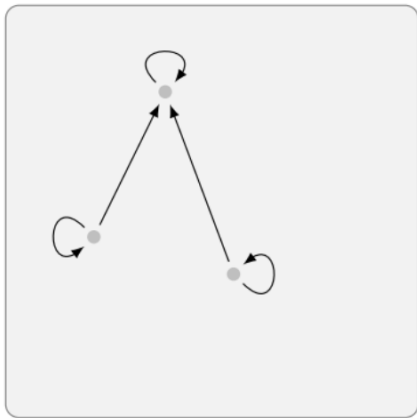
$$f_1 : G1 \rightarrow H1$$

$$\xrightarrow{\quad} f_1(i_X \circ v) = \begin{array}{c} i(f_0 v) \\ \curvearrowright \\ f_0 v \end{array}$$

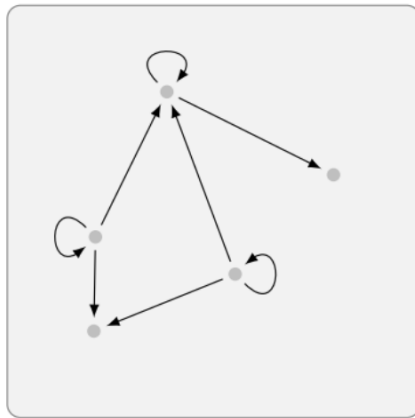
Every reflexive graph can be regarded as a graph
 $r\text{Gph} \longrightarrow \text{Gph}$ is a functor that forgets
 that a given reflexive graph was reflexive.

Every graph has an associated

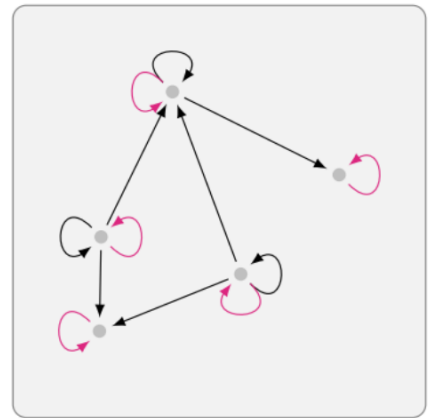
- A **reflexive envelope** where to G one adds a loop to every vertex (irregardless if there already was one)
- A **reflexive core**, where one considers the sub-graph over all vertices that have a loop, and defines $i(v)$ accordingly



G^r



G



\tilde{G}

core \subseteq graph \subseteq envelope

The topos. of reflexive graphs is the
 category of

{ functors $\mathcal{R} = \{1 \rightrightarrows 0\} \longrightarrow \text{Set} +$
 { natural transformations

Trees as functors $(\mathbb{N}, \leq)^{op} \rightarrow \text{Set}$

One can represent trees as functors;

Define the category

$$\mathcal{T} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 0 \leftarrow 1 \leftarrow 2 \leftarrow 3 \leftarrow \dots \\ \text{poset } \mathbb{N}^{op} \text{ where } m \rightarrow n \text{ if and only if } m \geq n. \end{array} \right\}$$

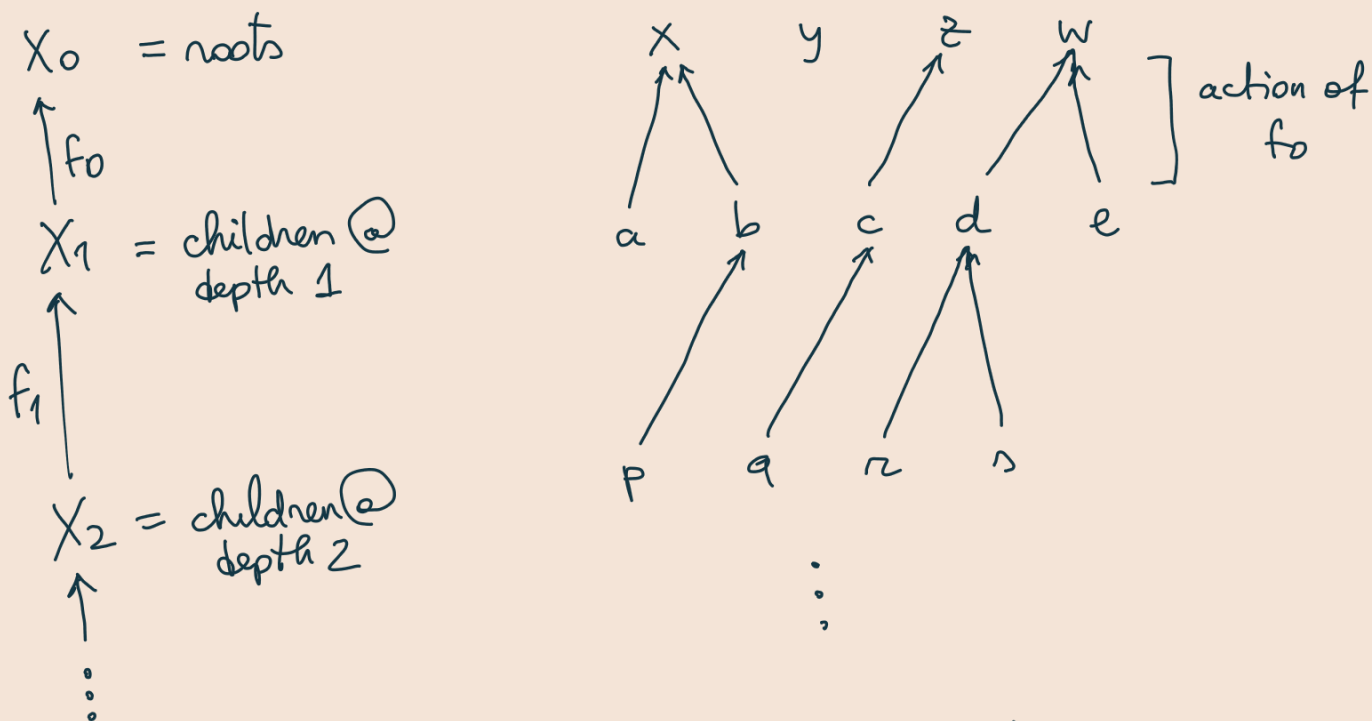
A functor $\mathcal{T} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ consists of

- A family of sets $X_0, X_1, X_2, \dots, X(n)$ for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$

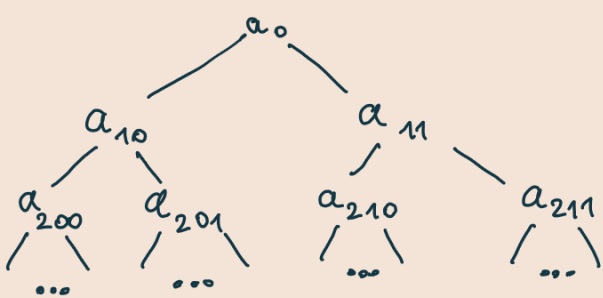
- A family of functions

$$X_0 \xleftarrow{f_0} X_1 \xleftarrow{f_1} X_2 \xleftarrow{f_2} \dots$$

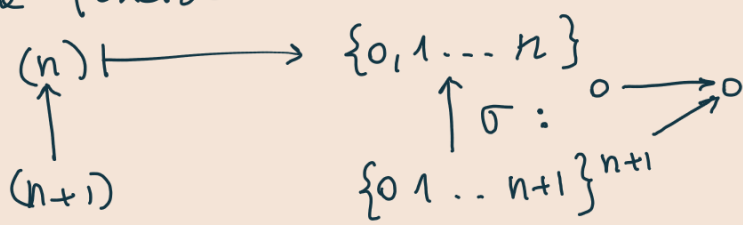
One can represent this as a tree:



What is the functor associated to the tree



What is the tree associated to the functor

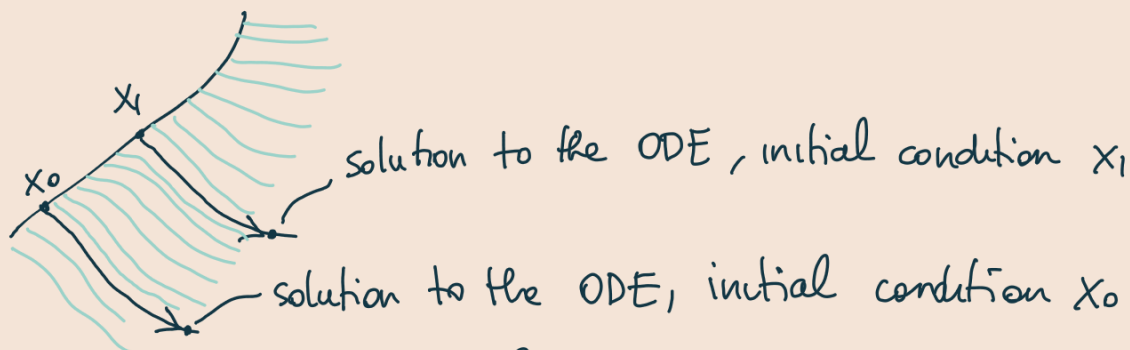


• Actions as functors $M \rightarrow \text{Set}$

(e.g. $(\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}, +)$): in autonomous ODE, solutions are acted upon by the time translation functions $u(\cdot) \mapsto u(\alpha + \cdot)$

Given an autonomous ODE $\dot{y} = F(y)$ where F doesn't dep on time, $u(t)$ solution $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ $u(\alpha + t)$ solution

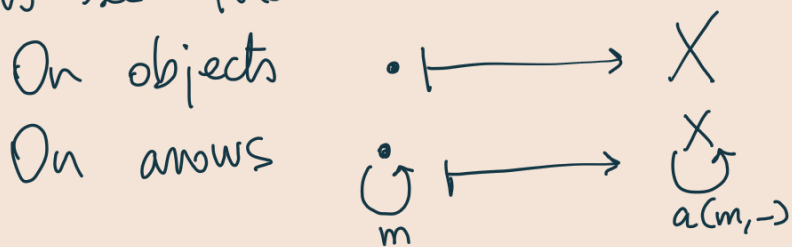
Then on the space of solutions acts the monoid $[0, \infty)$



A monoid action consists of $M \times X \xrightarrow{a} X$ subject to axioms $a(1, x) = x$ and $a(m, a(n, x)) = a(mn, x)$

Fact: A monoid action a is equivalent to a functor $BM \rightarrow \text{Set}$ where BM is the monoid M regarded as category with a single object $\{\cdot\}$

Let's see that.



Axioms of functor \iff axioms of action

Example:

$M = (\mathbb{N}, +, 0)$

$X \supset \varphi \supset \varphi^2 \supset \varphi^3 \dots$

$M = (\mathbb{N}, \cdot, 1)$

$X \supset \varphi_1 \supset \varphi_2 \supset \varphi_3$

$\varphi_n = \varphi_{p_1}^{k_1} \circ \varphi_{p_2}^{k_2} \circ \dots \circ \varphi_{p_r}^{k_r}$

$M = (\text{List}(A), ++, [])$ (for example when $A = \{N, S, W, E\}$)

$M = (\mathbb{Z}/3, +, 0)$ $X \supset \varphi$ such that $\varphi^3 = \text{id}$ (invertible)

• Relation between reflexive graphs and actions of the
 (equivalence) "graphic monoid"

$$\mathcal{R} = \{ 1 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{j} \\ \xleftarrow{t} \end{array} \emptyset \} \quad s \circ j = t \circ j = \text{id}_{\emptyset}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} j \circ s = \sigma \\ t \circ t = \tau \end{array} \text{ are idempotent} \quad \begin{array}{l} \sigma \circ \sigma = \sigma \\ \tau \circ \tau = \tau \end{array}$$

and $\sigma \circ \tau = j \cdot s \cdot j \cdot t = j \cdot t = \tau$
 $\tau \circ \sigma = j \cdot t \cdot j \cdot s = j \cdot s = \sigma$ σ, τ are co-constants

$\{1, \sigma, \tau\}$ with this multiplication law is a monoid called the "graphic monoid" and it is the monoid $M = \mathcal{R}(1, 1)$ of endomorphisms of 1 in the cat \mathcal{R} .

Claim the monoid \mathcal{R} acts on every reflexive graph's set of edges (or vertices?)

Claim Given an action $\mathcal{R} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ one obtains a reflexive graph as follows

$$X \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\sigma} \\ \xleftarrow{\tau} \end{array} X \text{ are such that } \begin{array}{l} \sigma(\sigma x \xrightarrow{x} \tau x) = \sigma x \xrightarrow{\sigma x} \tau x \\ \tau(\sigma x \xrightarrow{x} \tau x) = \sigma x \xrightarrow{\tau x} \tau x \end{array}$$

Dunque $\begin{array}{l} x, \sigma x \\ z, \tau x \end{array}$ sono edge parallele (?)

invece a me sembrano $\begin{array}{l} \sigma \tau = \sigma \\ \tau \sigma = \tau \end{array}$

perché così $\sigma(\sigma x \xrightarrow{x} \tau x) = \sigma x \xrightarrow{\sigma x} \sigma x$

$\tau(\sigma x \xrightarrow{x} \tau x) = \tau x \xrightarrow{\tau x} \tau x$
 $\sigma x \hookrightarrow \sigma x \quad \tau x \hookrightarrow \tau x \quad \dots$

