

Coherence Numbers of Domains

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Motivating the Audience

A classification of PER models on domains.

An unexpected theorem about reflexive domains.

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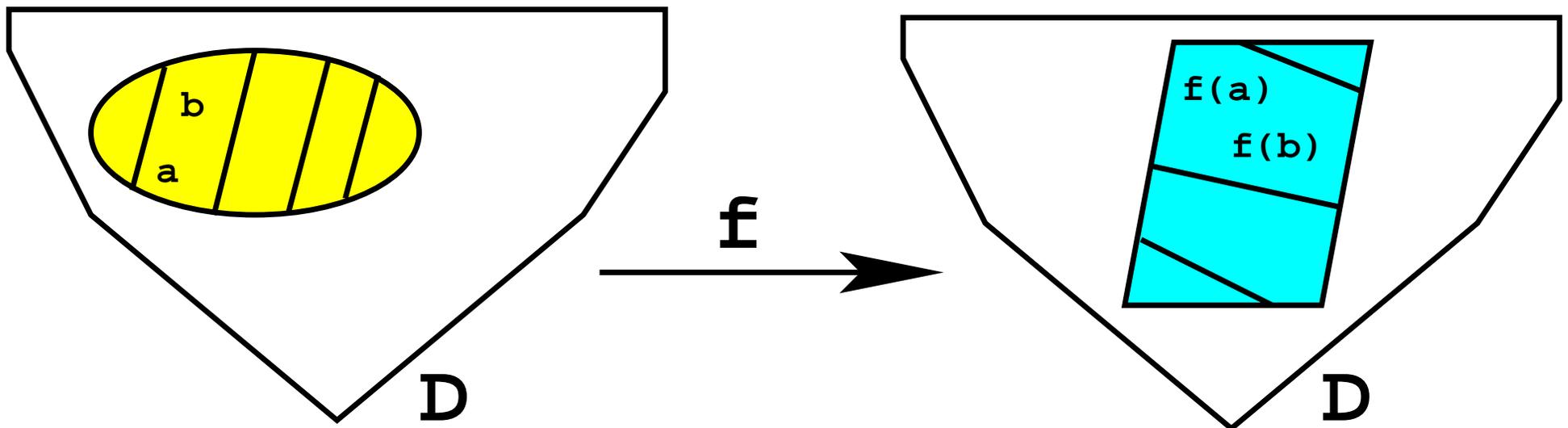
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Some well-known PER models:

- $\text{PER}(\mathcal{P}\omega)$ where $\mathcal{P}\omega$ is the graph model
- $\text{PER}(T^\omega)$ where T^ω is Plotkin's universal coherent domain
- $\text{PER}(U)$ where U is universal for Scott domains

These are all different.

The Answer

Theorem:

For reflexive D and E ,

$$\text{PER}(D) \simeq \text{PER}(E) \iff \text{coh}(D) = \text{coh}(E)$$

where $\text{coh}(D)$ is the *coherence number* of D ,

$$1 \leq \text{coh}(D) \leq \omega.$$

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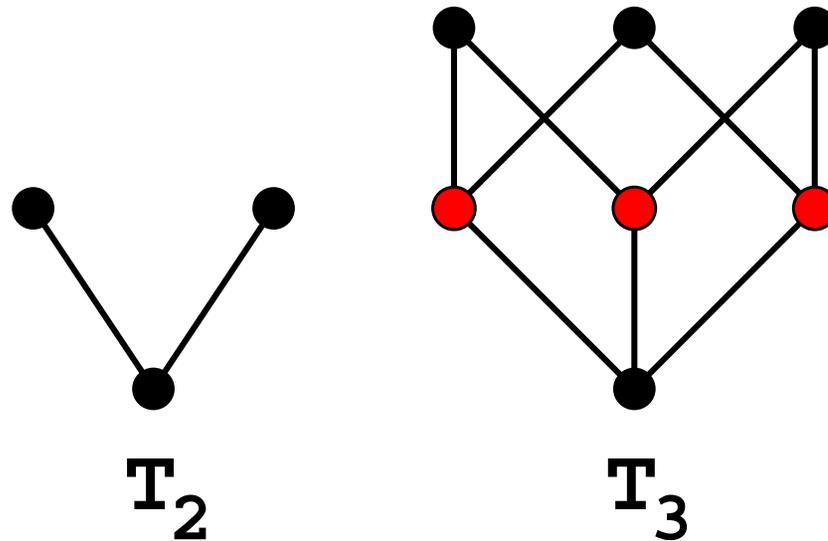
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$$\text{coh}(D) = \min \{ 1 \leq n \leq \omega \mid D \text{ is } n\text{-coherent} \}$$

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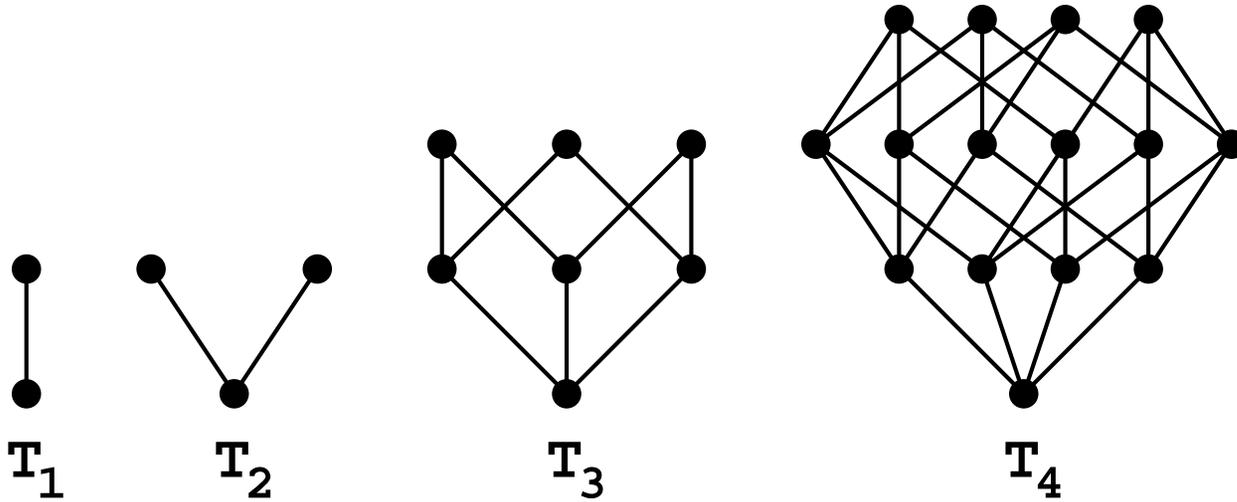
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$$T_1 = \Sigma = \{\perp, \top\}$$

$$T_n = \mathcal{P}(\{1, \dots, n\}) \setminus \{\{1, \dots, n\}\} \quad (2 \leq n < \omega)$$

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- $\text{coh}(D \times E) = \max(\text{coh}(D), \text{coh}(E))$
- $\text{coh}(D^\omega) = \text{coh}(D)$
- $\text{coh}([D \rightarrow E]) = \text{coh}(E)$

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T_1^ω is universal for Coh_1 .

T_2^ω is universal for Coh_2 .

Therefore by induction...

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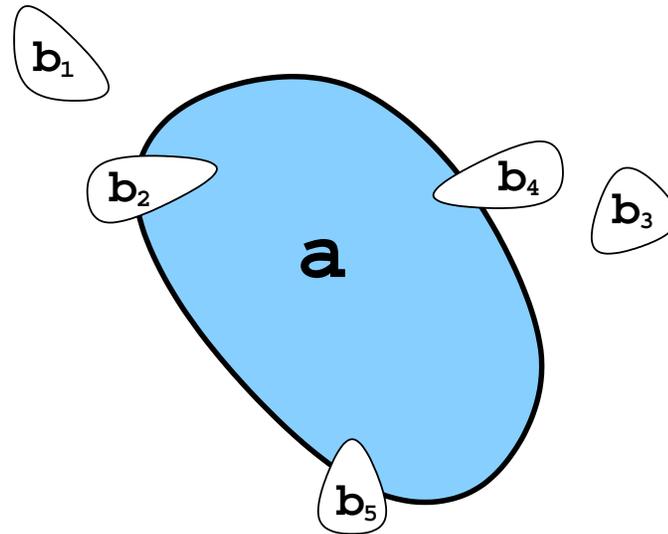
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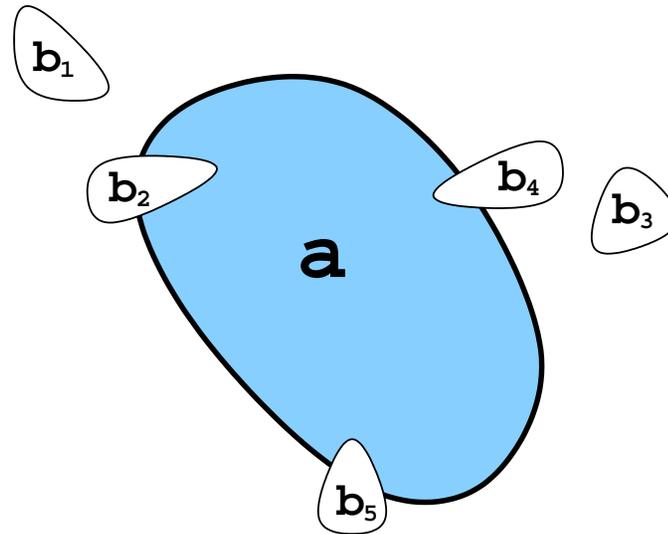


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- $\mathbb{C}_n \triangleleft T_n^\omega$ for $n < \omega$,
- $\mathbb{C}_\omega \triangleleft \prod_{n < \omega} T_n$.

Hence T_n^ω is universal for Coh_n ,

and $\prod_{n < \omega} T_n$ is universal for $\text{Coh}_\omega = \text{Dom}$.

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Proof: $\mathbb{N}_\perp \triangleleft E$, therefore $D^\omega \triangleleft [\mathbb{N}_\perp \rightarrow D] \triangleleft [E \rightarrow D]$

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D reflexive $\implies D$ universal for $\text{Coh}_n \implies E \triangleleft D$.

Similarly for $D \triangleleft E$. QED.

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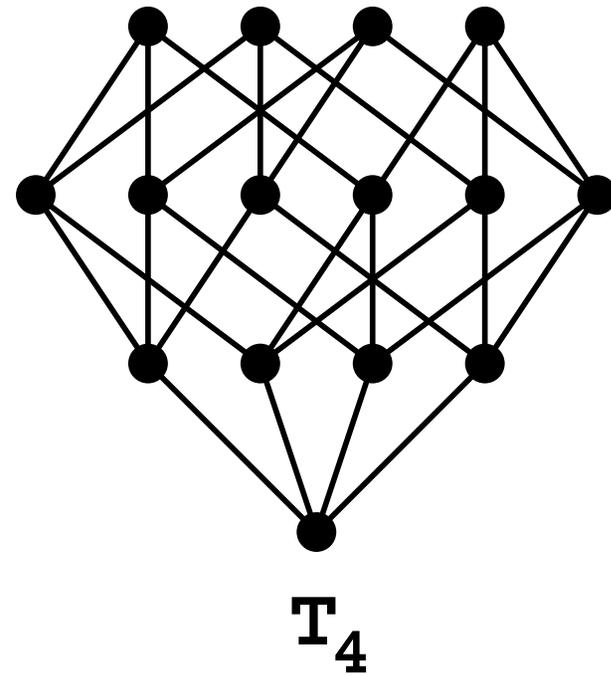
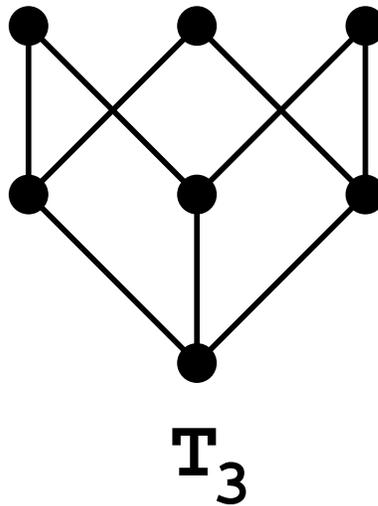
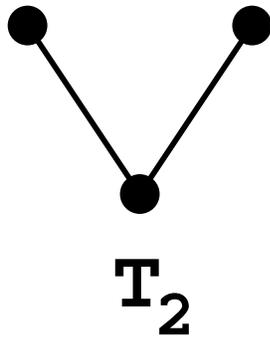
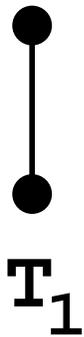
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What is the computational understanding of T_k ?



The 'whodoneit' interpretation

