

# CONCEPT ALGEBRA OF RELATIVISTIC SPACETIME

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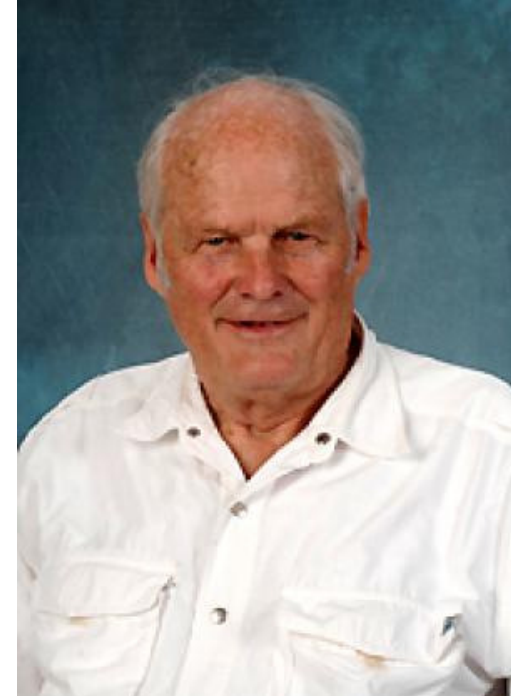


# An introduction to cylindric set algebras

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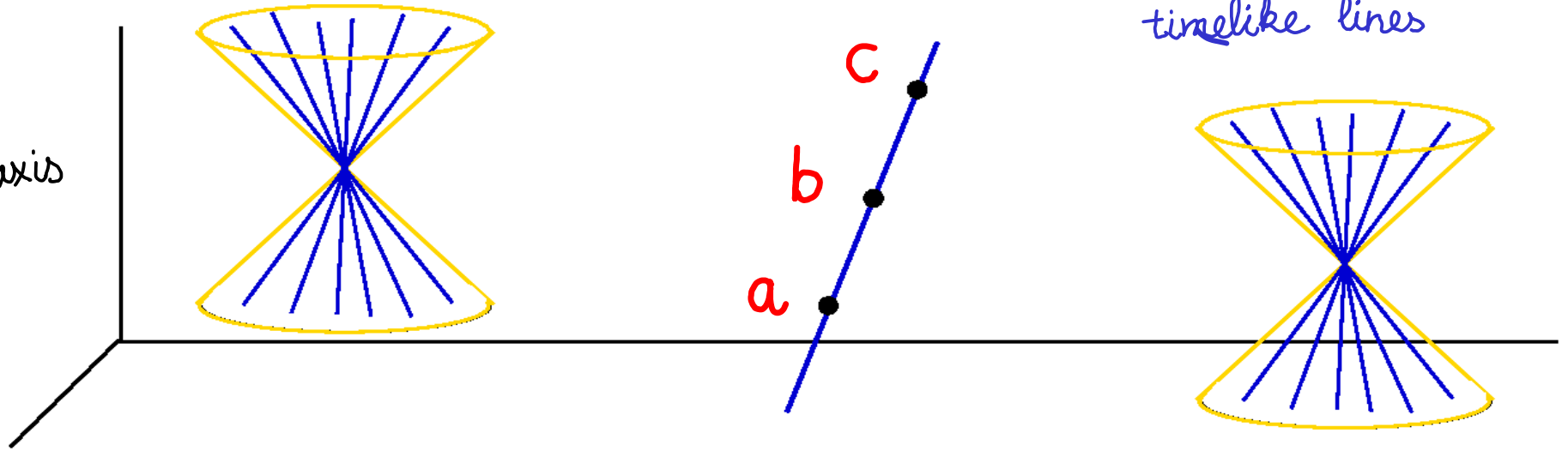


The corresponding facet of the theory of cylindric algebras is to describe the cylindric set algebras  $\mathcal{C}\mathfrak{S}\mathfrak{M}$  for important models  $\mathfrak{M}$ . This amounts to looking at complete theories only, which is customary in model theory. It is somewhat surprising that this aspect of the theory of cylindric algebras has been almost entirely neglected. A complete description of  $\mathcal{C}\mathfrak{S}\mathfrak{M}$  is known only in the case in which  $\mathfrak{M}$  has only one-place relations. There are many other simple structures where the description of  $\mathcal{C}\mathfrak{S}\mathfrak{M}$  should not be difficult; for example, for  $\mathfrak{M}$  the rationals under their natural ordering.

# SPECIAL RELATIVISTIC SPACETIME

$\mathbb{R}^4$

time axis



timelike collinearity  $\text{col}^T(a, b, c) \iff a, b, c$  are on a timelike line

Relativistic Spacetime  $\text{RS} = \langle \mathbb{R}^4, \text{col}^T \rangle$

We work in FOL

We will see that from *timelike collinearity*  $\text{col}^T$  one can define the full-fledged scale invariant Minkowski spacetime

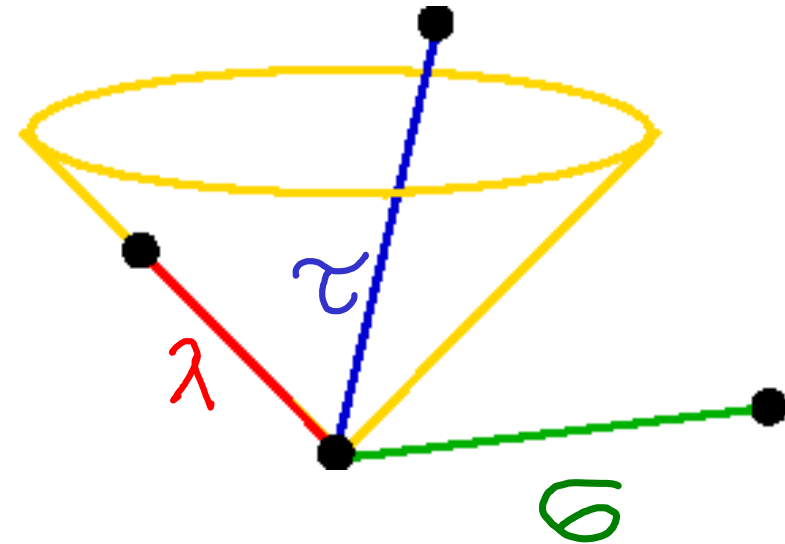
*timelike* connectedness  $\tau$

*lightlike*  $\lambda$

*spacelike*  $\sigma$

$\tau$   
 $\lambda$   
 $\sigma$

binary relations



Minkowski equidistance, orthogonality etc

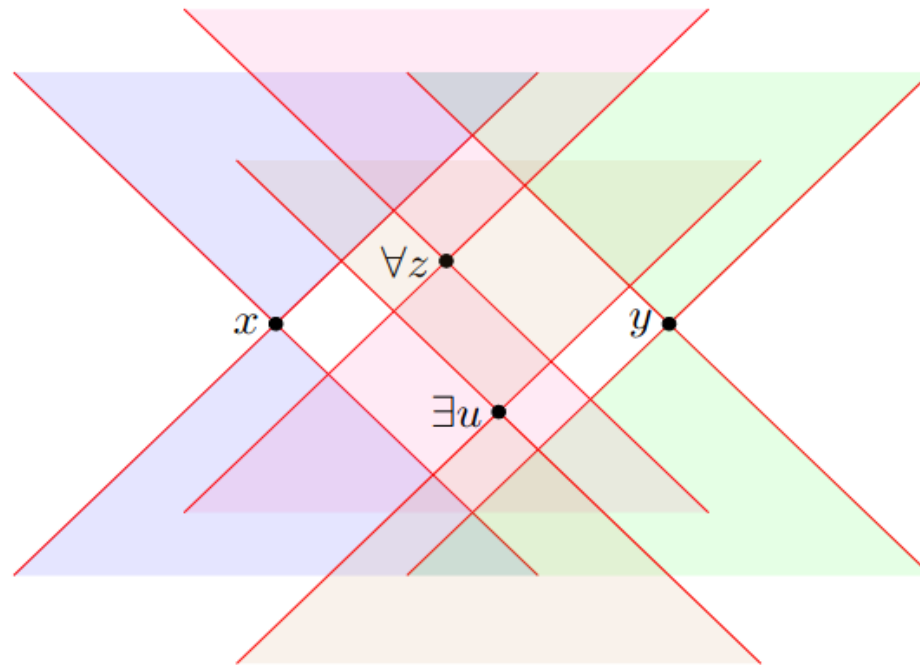
Definable by an open formula in FOL

$$a \tau b \iff a \neq b \wedge \exists c \text{col}^T(a, b, c)$$

Definition of **spacelike relatedness**  $\sigma$  from **timelike relatedness**  $\tau$  using 4 variables. (works for arbitrary ordered fields)

$$\Psi_{\tau \rightarrow \sigma}(x, y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} x \neq y, \forall z (z = x \vee z = y \vee \exists u (u \tau z, u \bar{\tau} x, u \bar{\tau} y)).$$

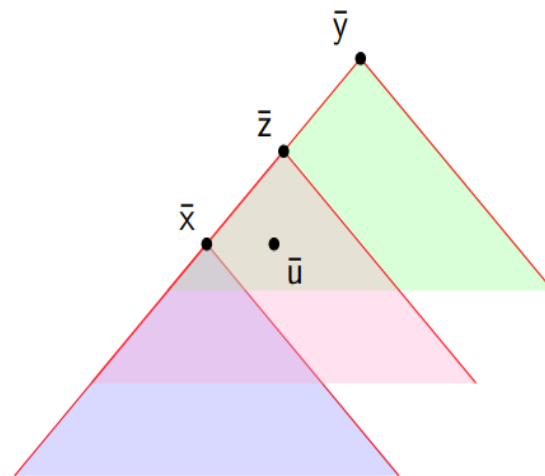
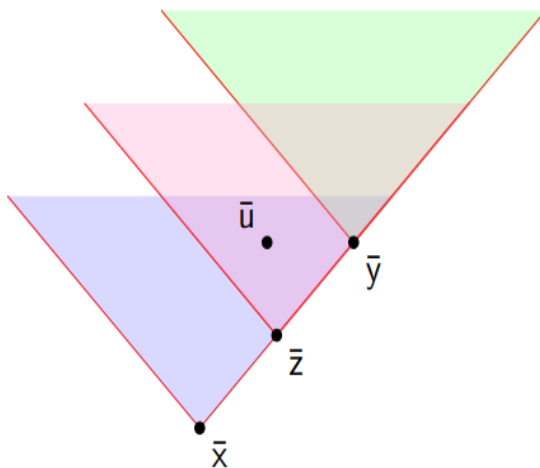
$x$  and  $y$  are distinct points and inside the lightcone of every point  $z$  (different from  $x$  and  $y$ ) there is a point  $u$  which is neither inside the lightcone of  $x$  nor that of  $y$ .



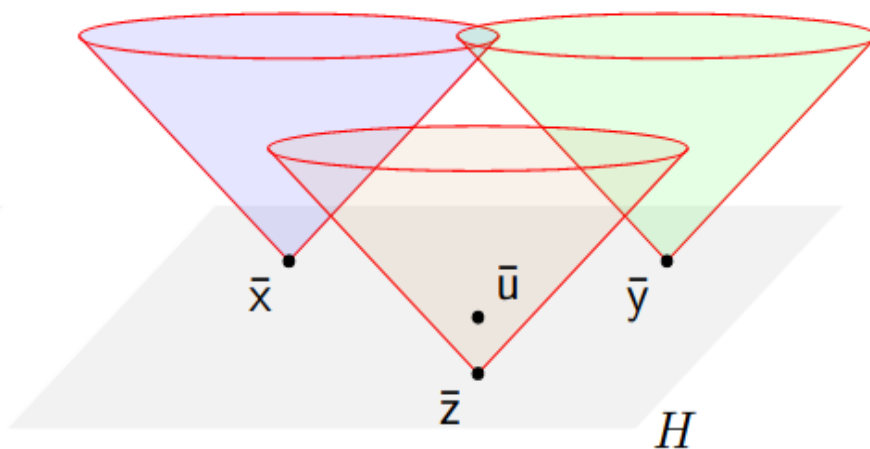
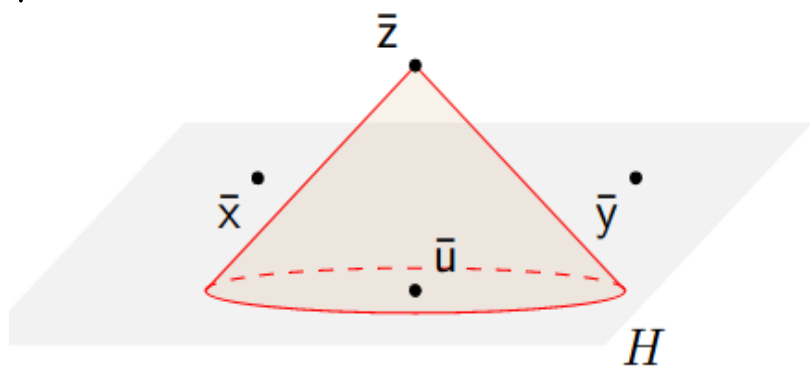


$$\Psi_{\tau \rightarrow \sigma}(x, y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} x \neq y, \forall z(z = x \vee z = y \vee \exists u(u \tau z, u \bar{\tau} x, u \bar{\tau} y)).$$

Proof:  $\Psi_{\tau \rightarrow \sigma}(x, y) \Rightarrow x \sigma y$



$x \sigma y \Rightarrow \Psi_{\sigma \rightarrow \tau}(x, y)$



# COMPLEXITY IN THE INTERDEFINABILITY OF TIMELIKE, LIGHLIKE AND SPACELIKE RELATEDNESS RELATIONS OF MINKOWSKI SPACETIME

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$$\Psi_{\sigma \rightarrow \tau}(x, y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} x \neq y, \forall z(z = x \vee z = y \vee \exists u(u \sigma z, u \bar{\sigma} x, u \bar{\sigma} y)). \quad \Psi_{\lambda \rightarrow \sigma}(x, y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \exists z(x \lambda z, \neg \exists u(u \lambda x, u \lambda y, u \lambda z)).$$

$$\Psi_{\sigma \rightarrow \lambda}(x, y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg \Psi_{\sigma \rightarrow \tau}(x, y), x \bar{\sigma} y, x \neq y.^6$$

$$\mathcal{W}_{\sigma \rightarrow \lambda}(x, y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} x \bar{\sigma} y, x \neq y, \forall u \forall v \exists z_u \exists z_v (z_u \bar{\sigma} \sigma \sigma uxy \vee z_v \bar{\sigma} \sigma \sigma vxy \vee u \bar{\sigma} v)$$

$$\mathcal{W}_{\sigma \rightarrow \tau}(x, y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg \mathcal{W}_{\sigma \rightarrow \lambda}(x, y), x \bar{\sigma} y, x \neq y.$$

$$\Psi_{\lambda \rightarrow \tau}(x, y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg \Psi_{\lambda \rightarrow \sigma}(x, y), x \bar{\lambda} y, x \neq y.$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{\sigma \rightarrow \tau}(p, q) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \exists r \exists x \exists s \exists z (r \sigma \sigma pq, x \sigma \bar{\sigma} pq, s \bar{\sigma} \bar{\sigma} pq, z \bar{\sigma} \sigma pq, r \bar{\sigma} \sigma \bar{\sigma} xsz)$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{U}}_{\sigma \rightarrow \lambda} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg \mathcal{E}_{\sigma \rightarrow \tau}(p, q), p \neq q, p \bar{\sigma} q.$$

$$\Psi_{\tau \rightarrow \lambda}(x, y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg \Psi_{\tau \rightarrow \sigma}(x, y), x \bar{\tau} y, x \neq y.$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{E}}_{\tau \rightarrow \sigma} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \exists x \exists y \exists z (x \tau \tau \bar{\tau} \bar{\tau} pqz, y \bar{\tau} \bar{\tau} \tau pqz, z \bar{\tau} \tau pq).$$

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$$\mathcal{E}_{\tau \rightarrow \sigma}(p, q) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \exists r \exists x \exists s \exists z (r \tau \tau pq, x \tau \bar{\tau} pq, s \bar{\tau} \bar{\tau} pq, z \bar{\tau} \tau pq, r \bar{\tau} \tau \bar{\tau} xsz),$$

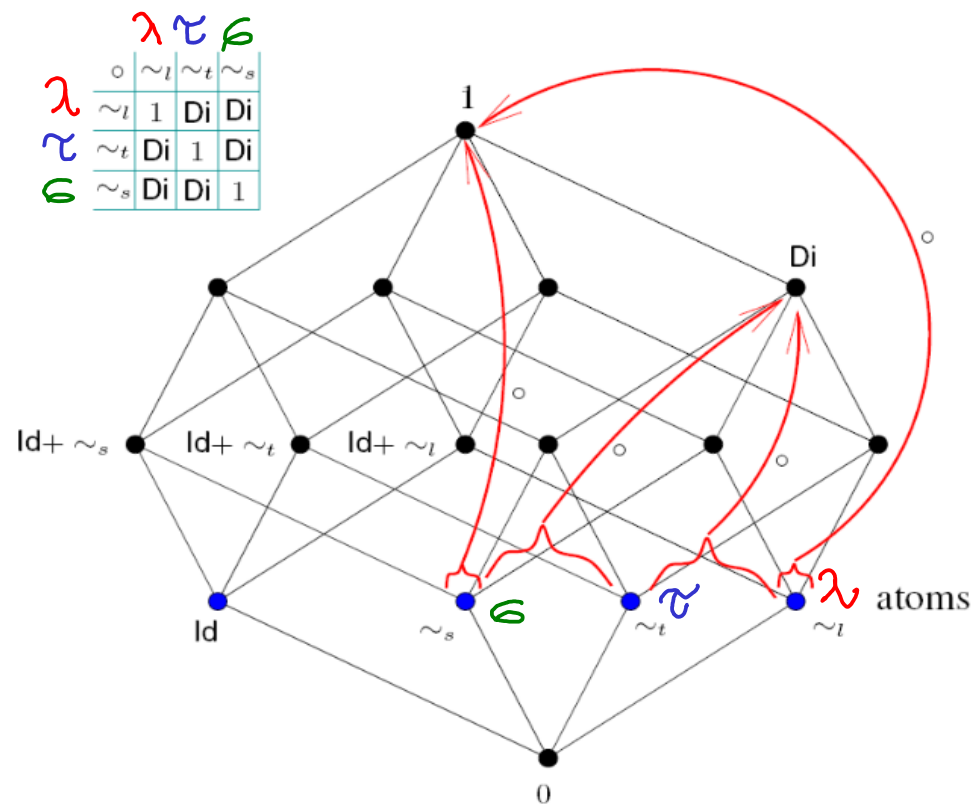
$n > 2$ , (Eucl.)	$\tau \rightarrow \sigma$	$\tau \rightarrow \lambda$	$\sigma \rightarrow \tau$	$\sigma \rightarrow \lambda$	$\lambda \rightarrow \tau$	$\lambda \rightarrow \sigma$
$\exists^2$ or $\forall^2$	$\nexists$ (not possible)					
$\exists^3$	$\hat{\mathcal{E}}_{\tau \rightarrow \sigma}$	$\nexists$	?	$\nexists$ (not possible)		
$\forall^3$	$\nexists$	$\hat{\mathcal{U}}_{\tau \rightarrow \lambda}$	$\nexists$	?	$\nexists$	
$\exists^4$	$\mathcal{E}_{\tau \rightarrow \sigma}$	$\nexists$	?	$\nexists$ (not possible)		
$\forall^4$	$\nexists$	$\mathcal{U}_{\tau \rightarrow \lambda}$	$\nexists$	?	$\nexists$	
$\exists^*$	✓	$\nexists$	?	$\nexists$ (not possible)		
$\forall^*$	$\nexists$	✓	$\nexists$	?	$\nexists$	
$\exists^1 \forall^1$	?	$\Psi_{\tau \rightarrow \lambda}$	?	$\Psi_{\sigma \rightarrow \lambda}$	?	$\Psi_{\lambda \rightarrow \sigma}$
$\forall^1 \exists^1$	$\Psi_{\tau \rightarrow \sigma}$	?	$\Psi_{\sigma \rightarrow \tau}$	?	$\Psi_{\lambda \rightarrow \tau}$	?
$\exists^2 \forall^1 / \exists^1 \forall^2$	?	✓	?	✓	?	✓
$\forall^2 \exists^1 / \forall^1 \exists^2$	✓	?	✓	?	✓	?
$\exists^2 \forall^2$	?	✓	$\mathcal{W}_{\sigma \rightarrow \tau}$	✓	?	✓
$\forall^2 \exists^2$	✓	?	✓	$\mathcal{W}_{\sigma \rightarrow \lambda}$	✓	?
$\exists^* \forall^*$	?	✓	✓	✓	?	✓
$\forall^* \exists^*$	✓	?	✓	✓	✓	?

$$\Psi_{\tau \rightarrow \sigma}(x, y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} x \neq y, \forall z (z = x \vee z = y \vee \exists u (u \tau z, u \bar{\tau} x, u \bar{\tau} y)).$$



**Thm** Over any ordered field, from any of the relations  $\tau$ ,  $\sigma$ ,  $\lambda$ , it is not possible to define any other from the same triple using only 3 variables.

Proof idea; Algebraic logic. In the algebra of binary relations none of the relations  $\tau$ ,  $\lambda$  and  $\sigma$  generates any other one of them.



Definitionally equivalent structures

$$\langle \mathbb{R}^4, \omega^T \rangle \equiv_{\Delta} \langle \mathbb{R}^4, \tau \rangle \equiv_{\Delta} \langle \mathbb{R}^4, \sigma \rangle \equiv_{\Delta} \langle \mathbb{R}^4, \lambda \rangle$$

in classical sense

Some relations can be defined  
contain the same concepts

CONCEPTS

CONCEPT ALGEBRAS

## Def (Concepts)

A **concept** in FOL model  $\mathcal{M}$  is the extension of any open formula (a defined relation) If  $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is a formula in the language of  $\mathcal{M}$  with free variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ , its extension in  $\mathcal{M}$  is

$$\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)^{\mathcal{M}} = \{ \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle : \mathcal{M} \models \varphi(a_1, \dots, a_n) \}$$

and is an  **$n$ -ary concept**.

## Def (Concept Algebra)

The  **$n$ -dimensional concept algebra** of  $\mathcal{M}$  is the natural algebra of  $n$ -ary concepts

$$CA_n(\mathcal{M}) = \langle n\text{-ary concepts}, \cap, -, c_i \rangle_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$$

$c_i$  - cylindrification, corresponds to  $\exists x_i$

$\cap$  and  $-$  correspond to  $\wedge$  and  $\neg$

$$\langle \mathbb{R}^4, \text{col}^T \rangle \equiv_{\Delta} \langle \mathbb{R}^4, \tau \rangle \equiv_{\Delta} \langle \mathbb{R}^4, \mathcal{O} \rangle \equiv_{\Delta} \langle \mathbb{R}^4, \lambda \rangle$$

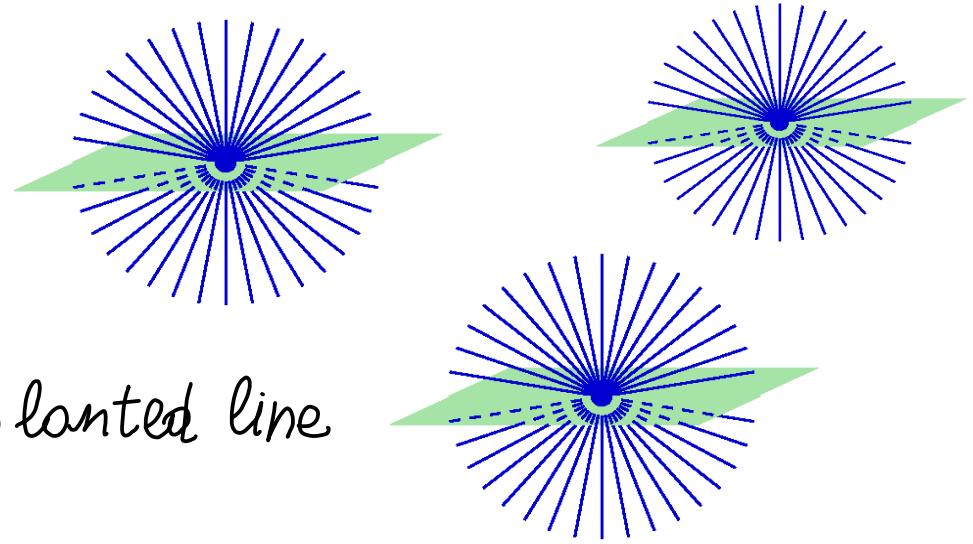
$$CA_n \langle \mathbb{R}^4, \text{col}^T \rangle = CA_n \langle \mathbb{R}^4, \tau \rangle = CA_n \langle \mathbb{R}^4, \mathcal{O} \rangle = CA_n \langle \mathbb{R}^4, \lambda \rangle$$



Classical Spacetime  $CS$  is the system of non-horizontal lines

$$CS = \langle \mathbb{R}^4, \text{col}^\infty \rangle$$

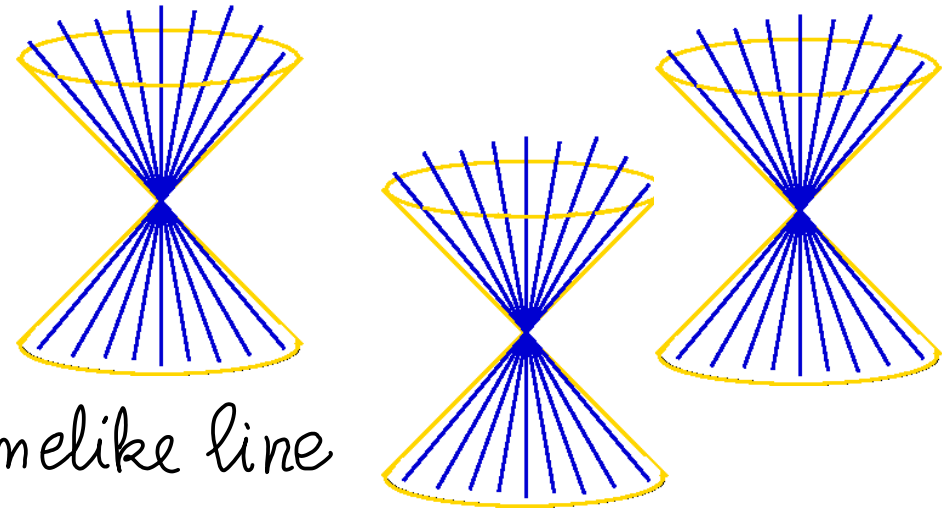
$\text{col}^\infty(a, b, c) \iff a, b, c$  are on a slanted line



Relativistic Spacetime  $RS$  is the system of timelike lines

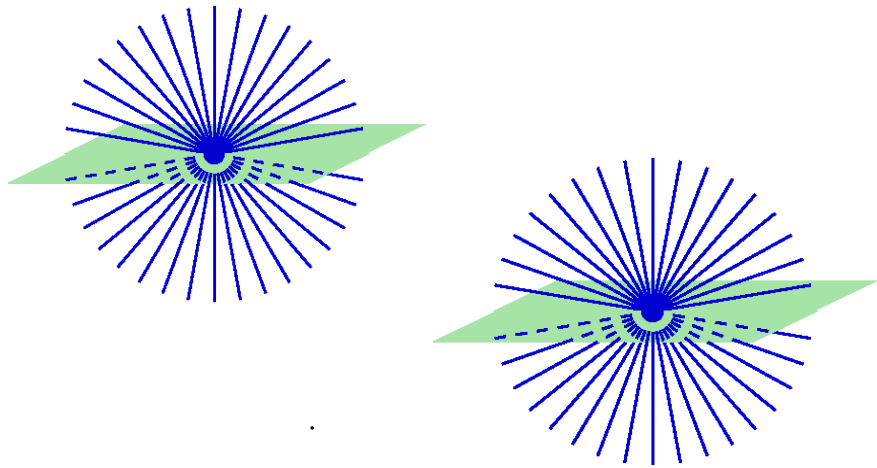
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# Classical Spacetime

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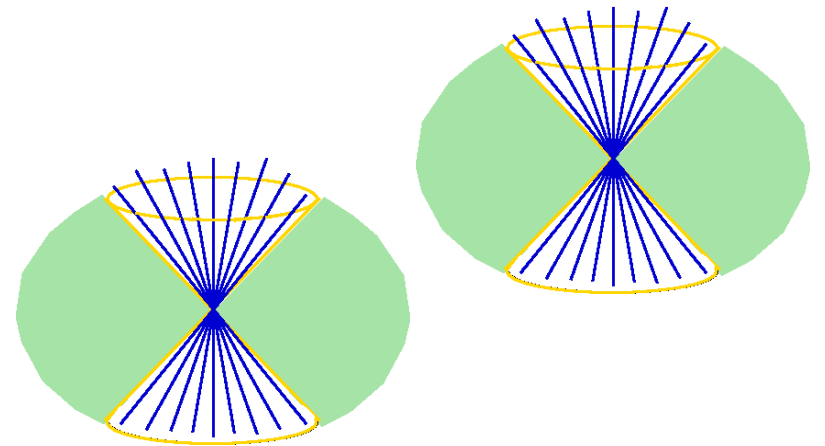
The green parts form an equivalence relation  
 $\text{green} \sim$  - binary

Thm

No nontrivial equivalence relation can be defined in RS.

# Relativistic Spacetime

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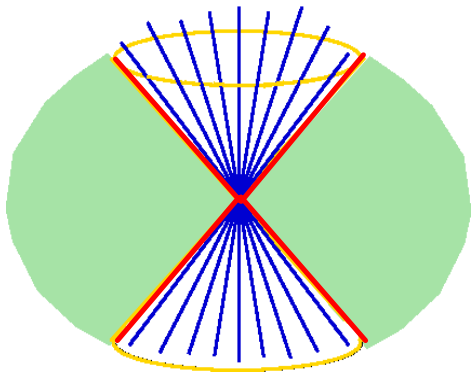
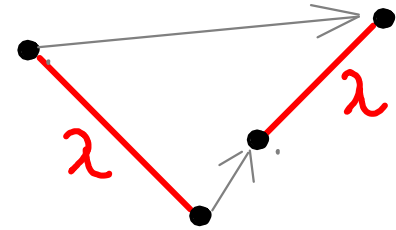
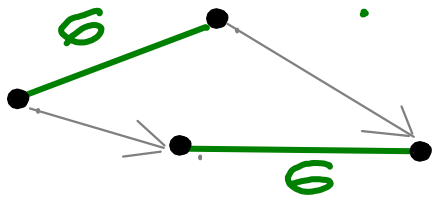
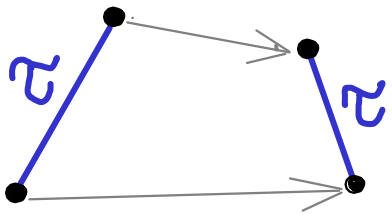


Transitive closure of the  
green parts is everything  
 $\subseteq$

# Thm

No nontrivial equivalence relation can be defined in  $\mathcal{RS}$ .

**Proof:** First we show that any two timelike connected events can be taken to each other by an automorphism of  $\mathcal{RS}$ , and the same holds for spacelike and lightlike connected events.



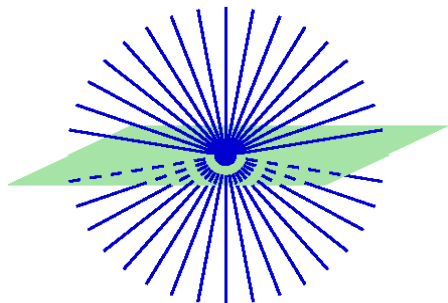
Lorentz transformations composed by translations and dilations are automorphisms of  $\mathcal{RS}$ .

Then show that transitive closures of  $\tau$ ,  $\epsilon$ ,  $\lambda$  have one block.

**Corollary**  $\mathcal{RS} \not\equiv \Delta \mathcal{CS}$

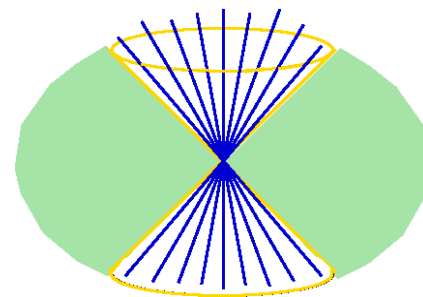
Classical Spacetime

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Relativistic Spacetime

$$RS = \langle \mathbb{R}^4, \text{col}^T \rangle$$



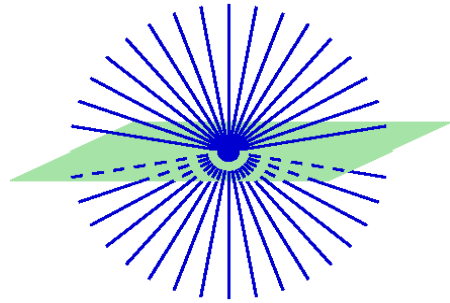
Thm (Corollary)

The theory of CS cannot be interpreted in the theory of RS

Interpretations are homomorphisms between concept algebras

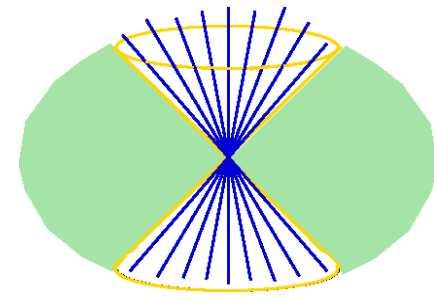
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**Thm**

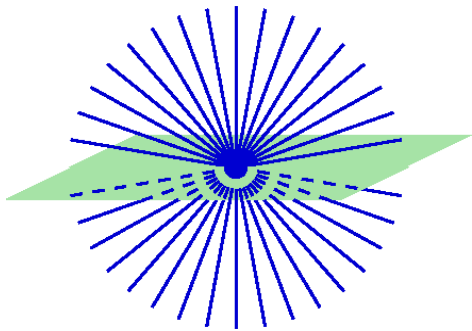
The theory of RS cannot be interpreted to the theory of CS, either

Reason: RS is conceptually richer than CS (even when CS is enriched with more structure)

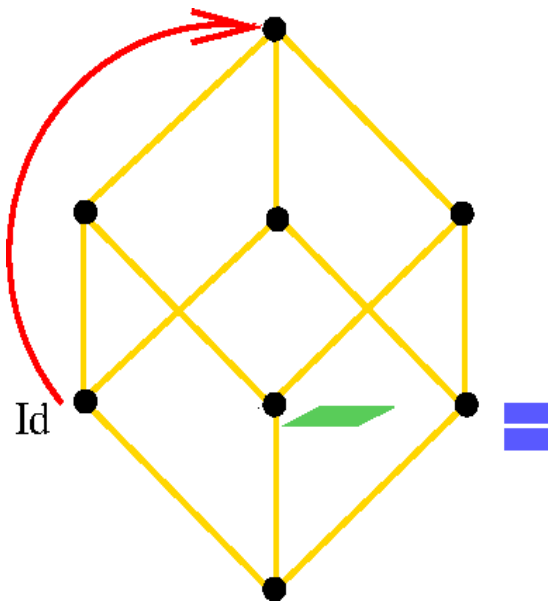


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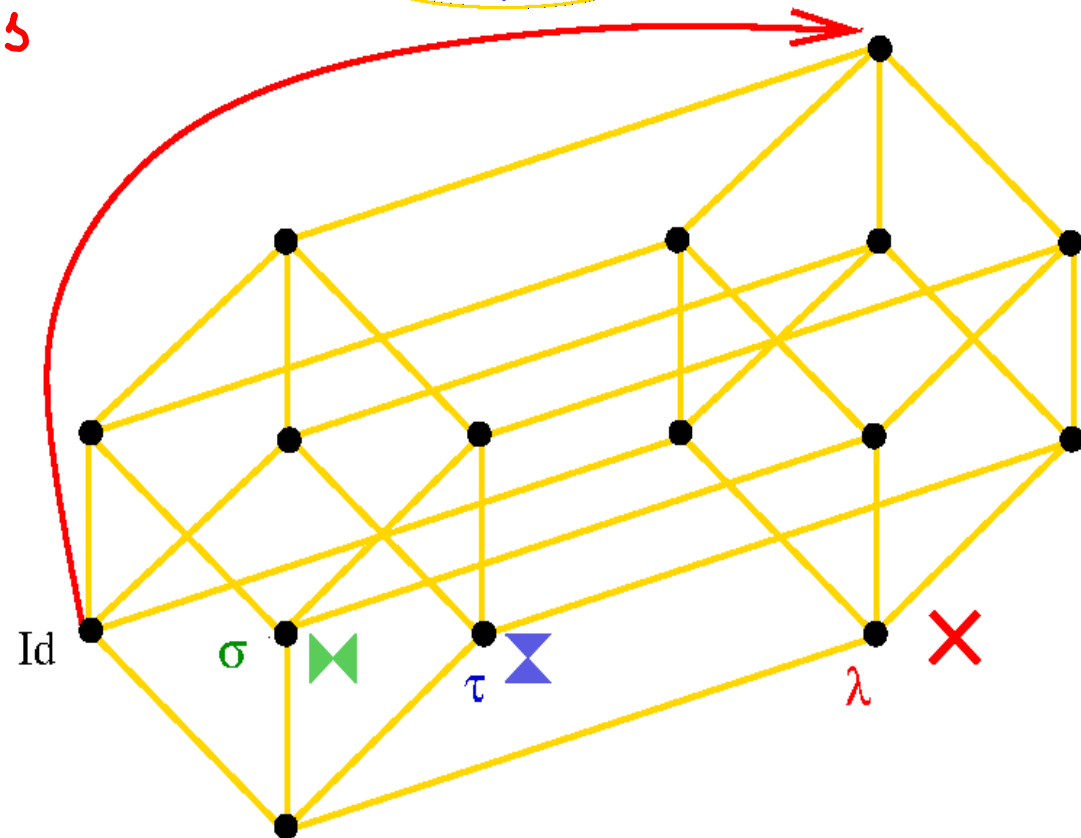
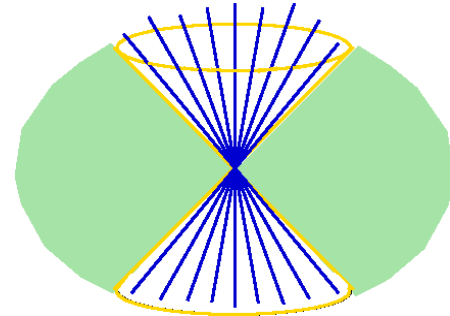


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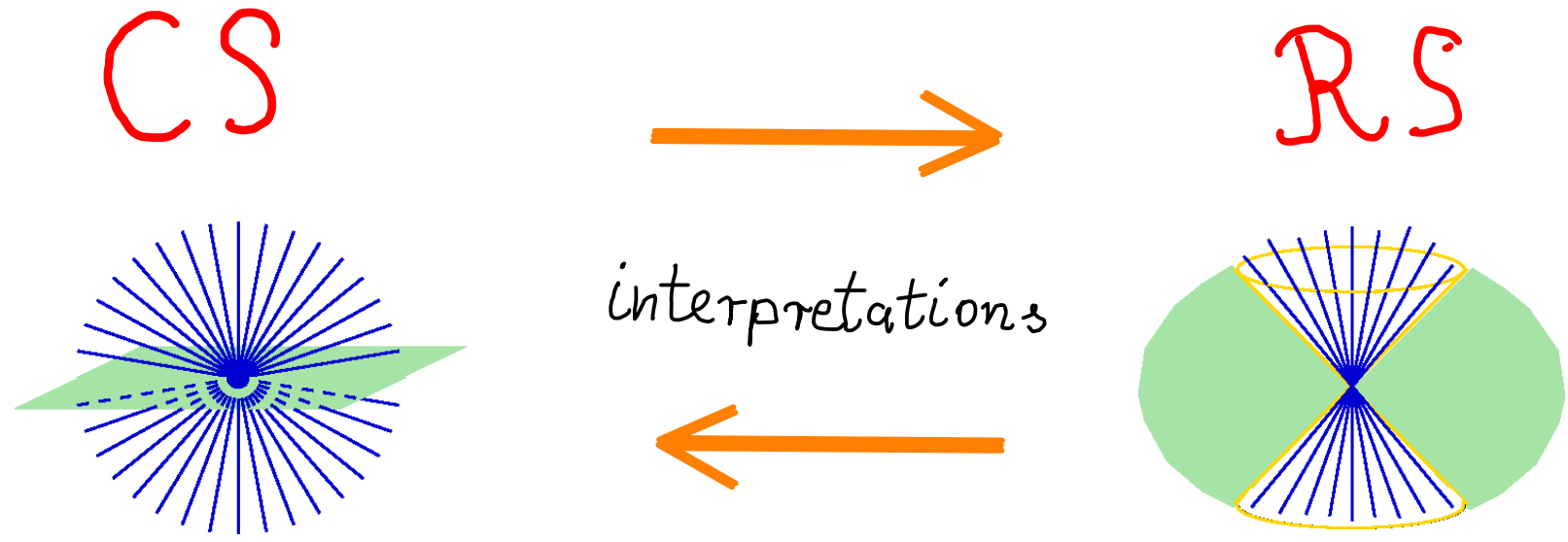


# Relativistic Spacetime

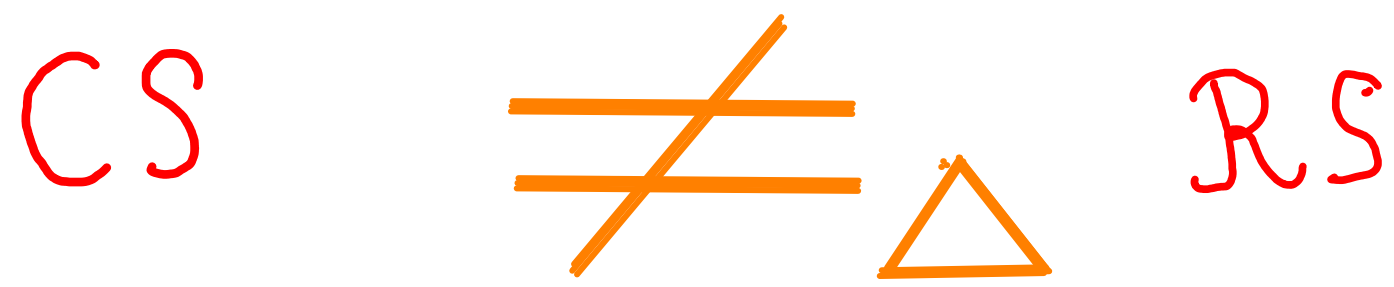
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Many Sorted FOL (new entities can be defined)



Proof : Coordinatisation (Hilbert)

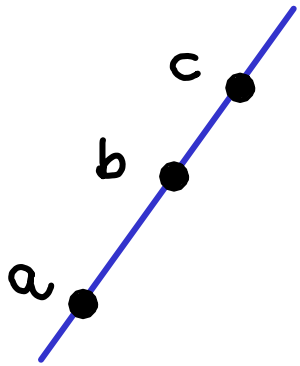


Proof : AutGroup (CS)  $\not\cong$  AutGroup (RS)

# Structures of ternary relations

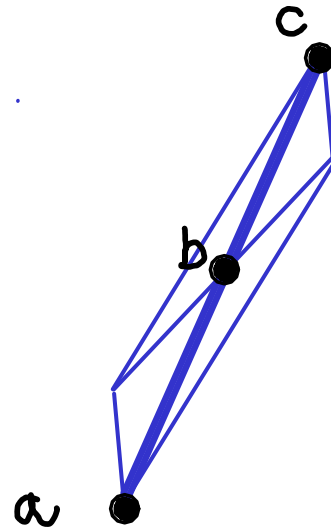
*infinite* : rational ratios between timelike collinear points can be defined in both *RS* and *CS*.

$$q \in \mathbb{Q}$$



$$\varphi_q(a, b, c)$$

$$\text{col}(a, b, c) \wedge "ab : bc = q"$$



$$ab : bc = 1$$

# Atomic

Describing the atoms:

Col can be defined.

Coordinatisation corresponding to  can be defined

Each algebraic number can be defined (by its min. pol.)

For every three 4-tuples  $p, q, r \in (\text{Algebraic} \cap \mathbb{R})^4$

$\Psi_{p, q, r}(a, b, c)$  "there is a coordinatisation according to which the coordinates of  $a, b, c$  are  $p, q, r$ "

$CA_n$  is atomic

This works for arbitrary real closed field or for  $\mathbb{Q}$ . What about other  $\mathcal{O}$  Fields?

Thank you!