

# **Quantaloidal approach to constraint satisfaction**

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# Quantaloids

= {complete join-semilattices}-enriched categories

## Quantaloidal approach to constraint satisfaction

Constraint satisfaction problem (CSP):  
general framework for computational problems  
including  $k$ -SAT, graph  $k$ -colouring, ...

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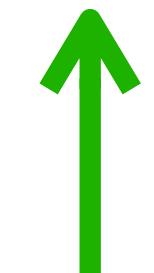
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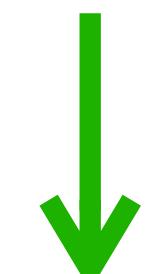
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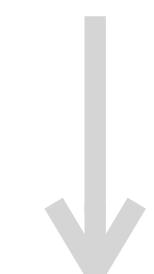
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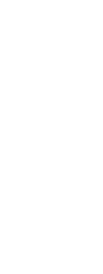
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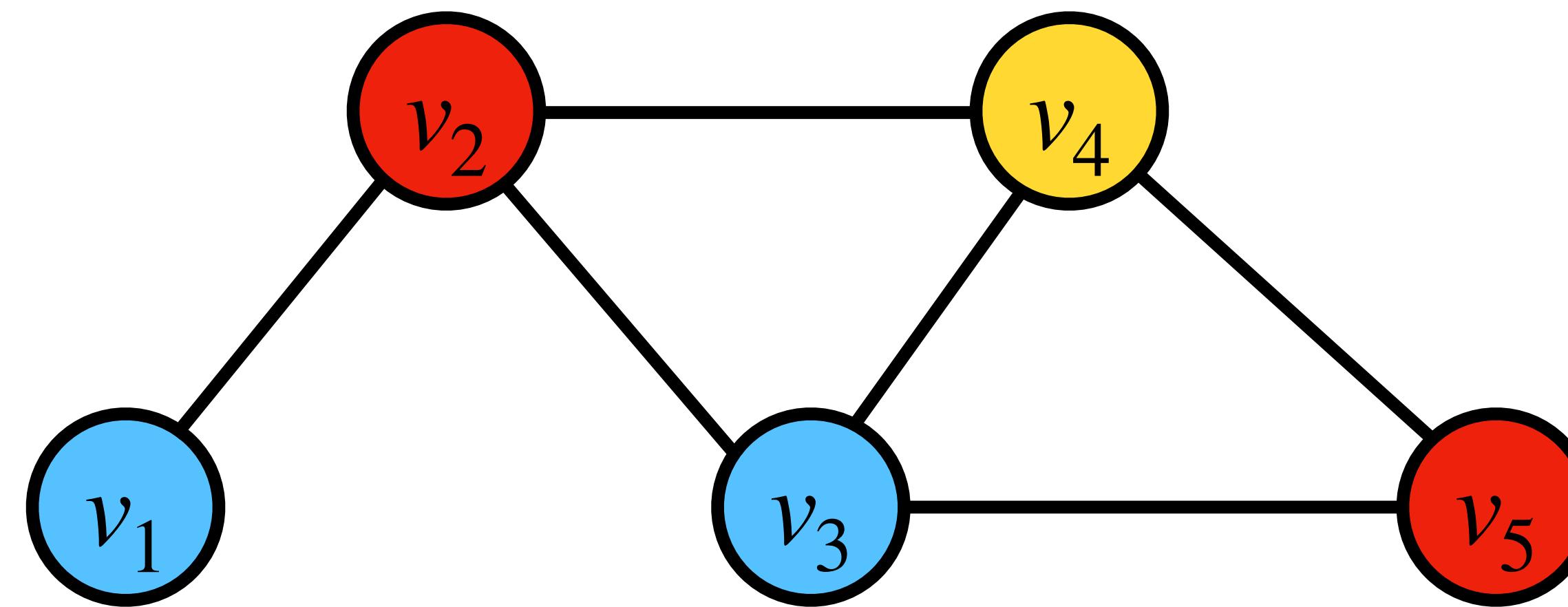
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# Graph $k$ -colouring ( $k \in \mathbb{N}$ )



$\exists s: \{v_1, \dots, v_5\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, k\}$  s.t.  $\forall \text{edge } (v_i, v_j), s(v_i) \neq s(v_j)$ ?

Ex.  $k = 3$

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A **CSP instance**  $I = (V, D, \mathcal{C})$  consists of:

- $V$ : finite set of **variables**
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- $\mathcal{C}$ : finite set of “**constraints**”

A **constraint** is  $(k, \mathbf{x}, \rho)$  where

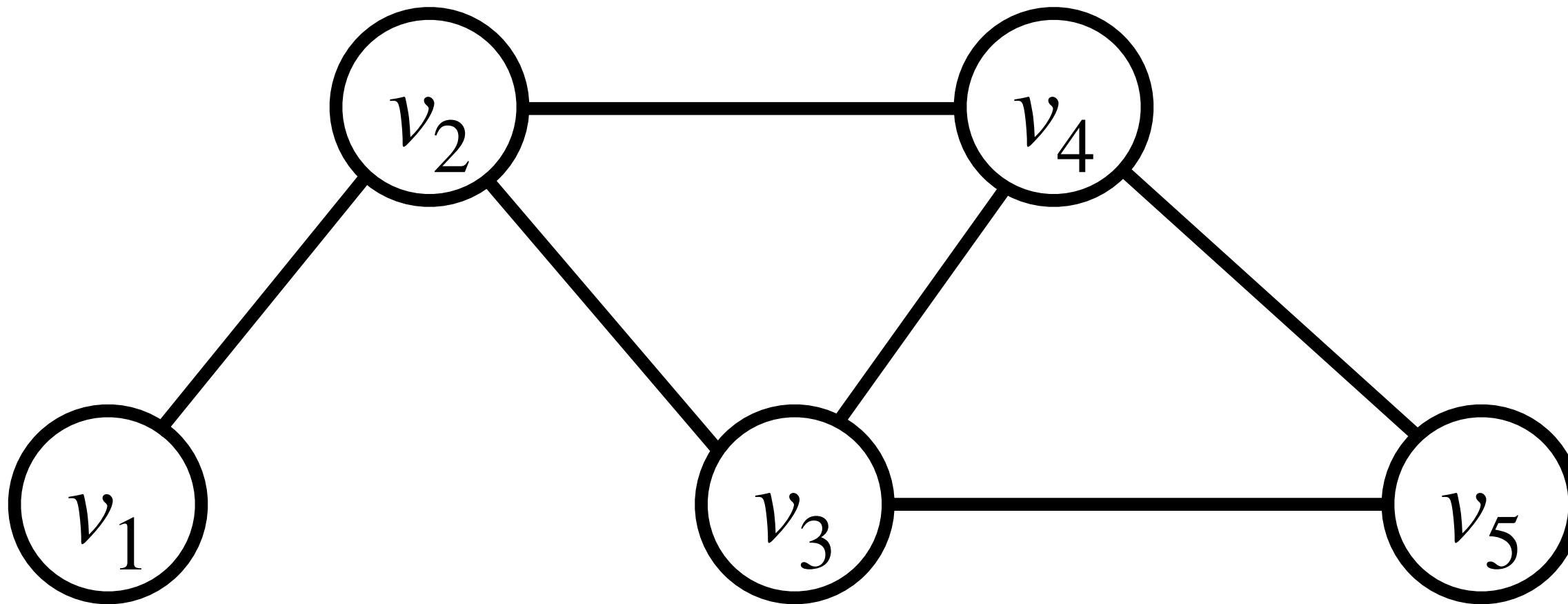
- $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,             $\mathbf{x} \in V^k$ ,             $\rho \subseteq D^k$ .

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A **solution** of  $I = (V, D, \mathcal{C})$  is a function  $s: V \rightarrow D$  satisfying every constraint in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

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the constraint  $(k', \mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_{k'}), \rho)$   
if  $(s(x_1), \dots, s(x_{k'})) \in \rho$ .

$$V = \{v_1, \dots, v_5\}$$

$$D = \{1, \dots, k\}$$

$$\mathcal{C} = \{(2, (v_i, v_j), \neq) \subseteq D^2) \mid (v_i, v_j): \text{edge}\}$$

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# The 2-category $\mathcal{P}\text{FinSet}$ :

Obj. **Finite sets**

$$\underline{\text{Mor.}} \quad \frac{A \xrightarrow{\varphi} B}{\varphi \subseteq [A, B]}$$

Comp.  $A \xrightarrow{\varphi} B \xrightarrow{\psi} C$

$$\psi \circ \varphi = \{ g \circ f \mid g \in \psi, f \in \varphi \}$$

Id.  $A \xrightarrow{\{\text{id}_A\}} A$

2-cell

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \varphi \\ \Downarrow \\ \varphi' \end{array}}{\varphi \subseteq \varphi'}$$

$\mathcal{P}\text{FinSet}$  is a **quantaloid** (the free quantaloid over  $\text{FinSet}$ ):

- $\forall A, B \in \mathcal{P}\text{FinSet}, \mathcal{P}\text{FinSet}(A, B) = (\mathcal{P}[A, B], \subseteq)$  is a complete lattice.

- $\forall A, B, C \in \mathcal{P}\text{FinSet},$

$$\mathcal{P}\text{FinSet}(B, C) \times \mathcal{P}\text{FinSet}(A, B) \xrightarrow{\circ} \mathcal{P}\text{FinSet}(A, C)$$

preserves arbitrary joins in each variable:

$$B \xrightarrow{\psi} C \quad (A \xrightarrow{\varphi_i} B)_{i \in I}$$

$$\psi \circ \left( \bigvee_{i \in I} \varphi_i \right) = \bigvee_{i \in I} (\psi \circ \varphi_i)$$

$$(B \xrightarrow{\psi_i} C)_{i \in I} \quad A \xrightarrow{\varphi} B$$

$$\left( \bigvee_{i \in I} \psi_i \right) \circ \varphi = \bigvee_{i \in I} (\psi_i \circ \varphi)$$

In particular,

- $\forall A \xrightarrow{\varphi} B, C \in \mathcal{P}\text{FinSet}$ ,

$$\mathcal{P}\text{FinSet}(\varphi, C): \mathcal{P}\text{FinSet}(B, C) \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}\text{FinSet}(A, C)$$

**preserves arbitrary joins.**

$$(B \xrightarrow{\psi} C) \longrightarrow (A \xrightarrow{\varphi} B \xrightarrow{\psi} C)$$

$\iff \mathcal{P}\text{FinSet}(\varphi, C)$  has a right adjoint

$$(-) \swarrow \varphi: \mathcal{P}\text{FinSet}(A, C) \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}\text{FinSet}(B, C)$$

$$(A \xrightarrow{\theta} C) \longrightarrow$$

The right extension of  $\theta$  along  $\varphi$

The right lifting of  $\theta$  along  $\psi$

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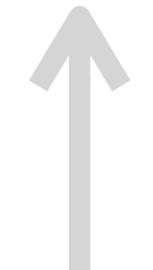
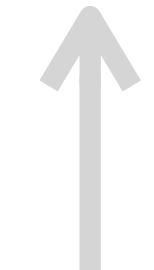
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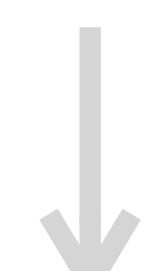
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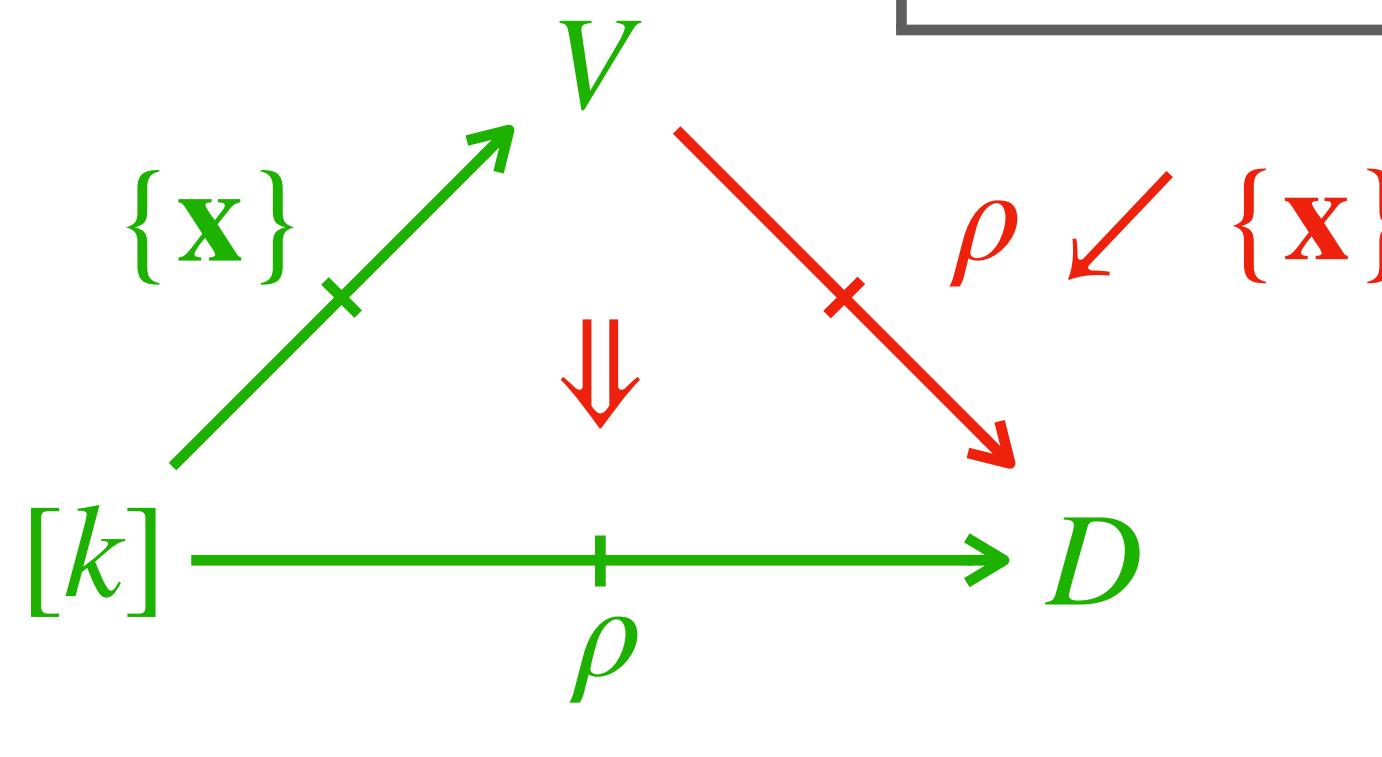
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$$\rho \swarrow \{x\} \subseteq [V, D]$$

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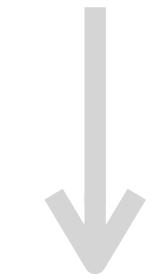
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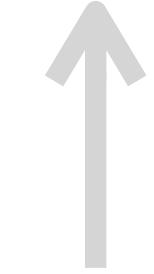
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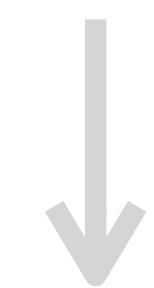


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**Dichotomy theorem.** [Bulatov 2017, Zhuk 2020]

For each “constraint language”  $\mathcal{D}$ ,  
 $\text{CSP}(\mathcal{D})$  is either in P or is NP-complete.

A **constraint language**  $\mathcal{D}$  consists of

- $D$ : finite set
- $(\rho_i \subseteq D^{k_i})_{i \in I}$ : finite family of relations on  $D$ .

Finite relational structure

$\mathcal{D} = (D, (\rho_i)_{i \in I})$ : constraint language

$\text{CSP}(\mathcal{D})$ : set of CSP instances defined by

$$I = (V, D', \mathcal{C}) \in \text{CSP}(\mathcal{D}) \iff D' = D \text{ and } \forall (k, \mathbf{x}, \rho) \in \mathcal{C}, \rho \in \mathcal{D}$$

## When is $\text{CSP}(\mathcal{D})$ easy to solve?

- $\text{CSP}(\mathcal{D})$  is in P if  $\mathcal{D}$  admits enough “symmetry”
- $\text{CSP}(\mathcal{D})$  is NP-complete otherwise

The relevant “symmetry” of  $\mathcal{D}$  is captured by  
**polymorphisms** of  $\mathcal{D}$

= homomorphisms (of relational structures)  $\mathcal{D}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ .

Dichotomy theorem. [Bulatov 2017, Zhuk 2020]

$\mathcal{D}$ : constraint language       $\forall x, y, z \in D . f(y, x, y, z) = f(x, y, z, x)$

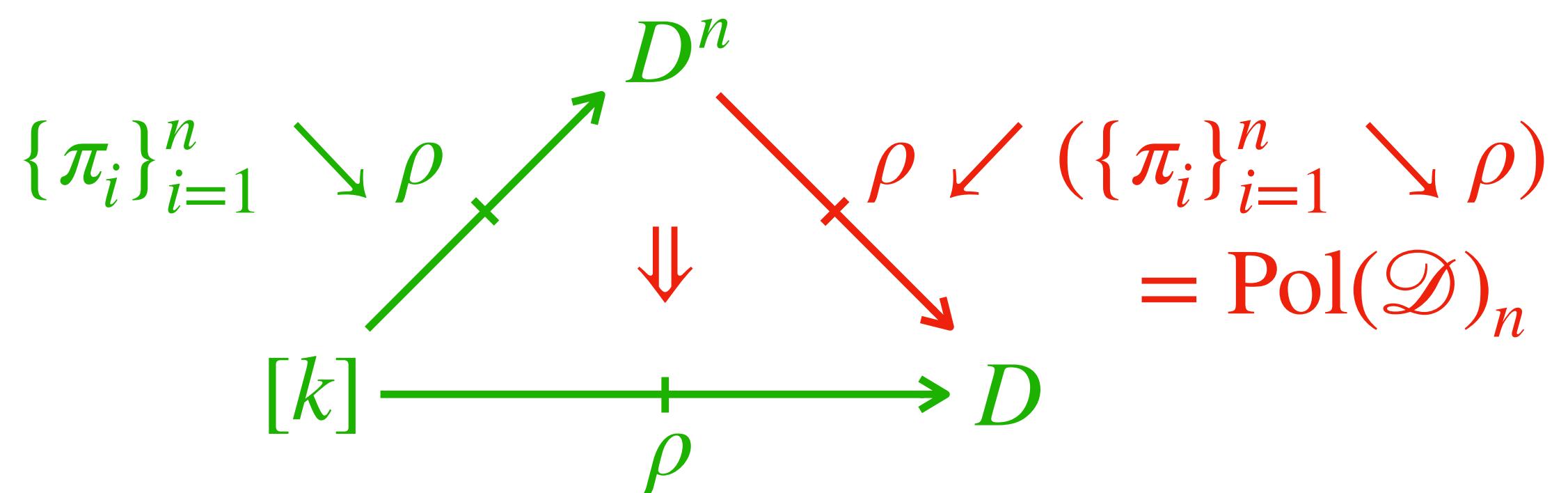
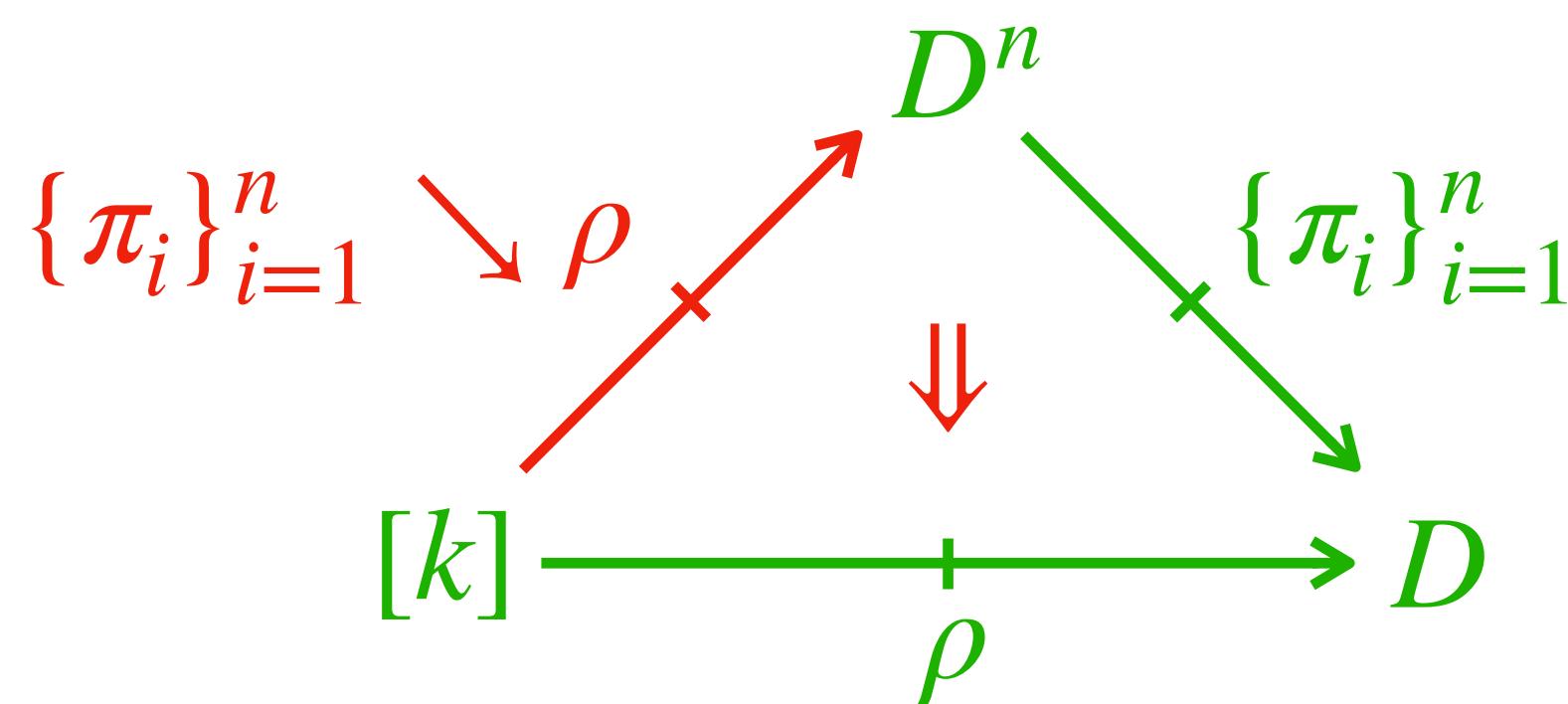
- $\text{CSP}(\mathcal{D})$  is in P if  $\mathcal{D}$  admits a **Siggers operation**  $f: D^4 \rightarrow D$  as a polymorphism
- $\text{CSP}(\mathcal{D})$  is NP-complete otherwise.

$\mathcal{D} = (D, (\rho_i)_{i \in I})$ : constraint language

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $\text{Pol}(\mathcal{D})_n = \{n\text{-ary polymorphisms of } \mathcal{D}\}$   
 $= \{\text{homomorphisms } \mathcal{D}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\}$

**Assume  $I$ : singleton, so that  $\mathcal{D} = (D, \rho \subseteq D^k)$ .**

**Then  $\text{Pol}(\mathcal{D})_n: D^n \rightarrow D$  is given by:**



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A **quantale** is a one-object quantaloid.

Explicitly,

$\mathcal{Q} = (Q, \leq, e, \otimes)$  is a **quantale** if

- $(Q, \leq)$ : complete lattice
- $(Q, e, \otimes)$ : monoid

satisfying:

$$\alpha \otimes (\bigvee_{i \in I} \beta_i) = \bigvee_{i \in I} (\alpha \otimes \beta_i)$$

$$(\bigvee_{i \in I} \alpha_i) \otimes \beta = \bigvee_{i \in I} (\alpha_i \otimes \beta)$$

$\mathcal{Q} = (Q, \leq, e, \otimes)$ : quantale

The quantaloid  $\mathcal{Q}\text{FinSet}$ :

**Obj.** Finite sets

$$\frac{}{\underline{\underline{\quad A \xrightarrow{\varphi} B \quad}}} \quad \varphi : [A, B] \rightarrow Q$$

**Comp.**  $A \xrightarrow{\varphi} B \xrightarrow{\psi} C$

$$(\psi \circ \varphi)(h) = \bigvee \{ \psi(g) \otimes \varphi(f) \mid f : A \rightarrow B, g : B \rightarrow C, g \circ f = h \}$$

**“Singleton” morphism**

$$\frac{}{\underline{\underline{\quad A \xrightarrow{f} B \quad}}} \quad \frac{}{\underline{\underline{\quad A \xrightarrow{\{f\}} B \quad}}} \quad \frac{}{\underline{\underline{\quad \{f\} : [A, B] \rightarrow Q \quad}}}$$

**Id.**  $A \xrightarrow{\{\text{id}_A\}} A$

**2-cell**

$$\frac{}{\underline{\underline{\quad A \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\varphi} \\ \Downarrow \\ \xrightarrow{\varphi'} \end{array} B \quad}} \quad \varphi \leq \varphi'}$$

$$g \mapsto \begin{cases} e & \text{if } g = f \\ \perp_Q & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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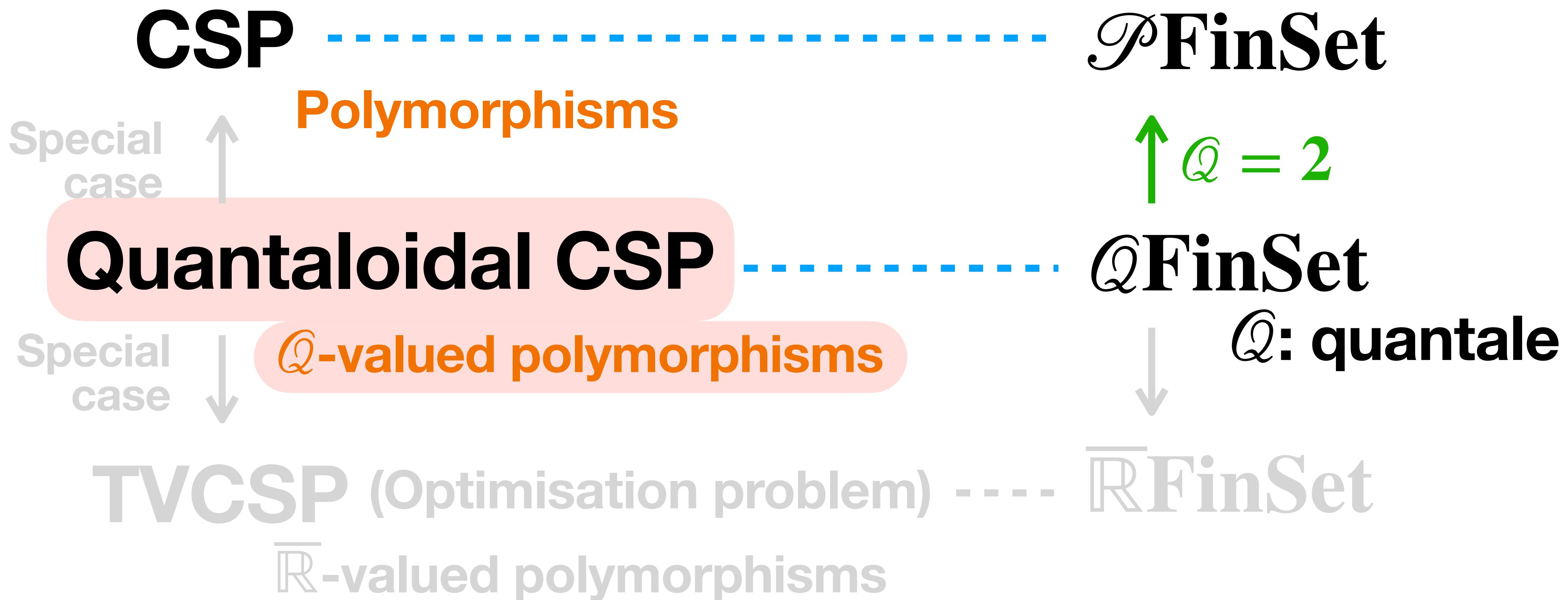
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A  $\mathcal{Q}$ -valued CSP instance  $I = (V, D, \mathcal{C})$  consists of:

- $V$ : finite set of variables
- $D$ : finite set called the domain
- $\mathcal{C}$ : finite set of “ $\mathcal{Q}$ -valued constraints”

A  $\mathcal{Q}$ -valued constraint is  $(k, \mathbf{x}, \rho)$  where

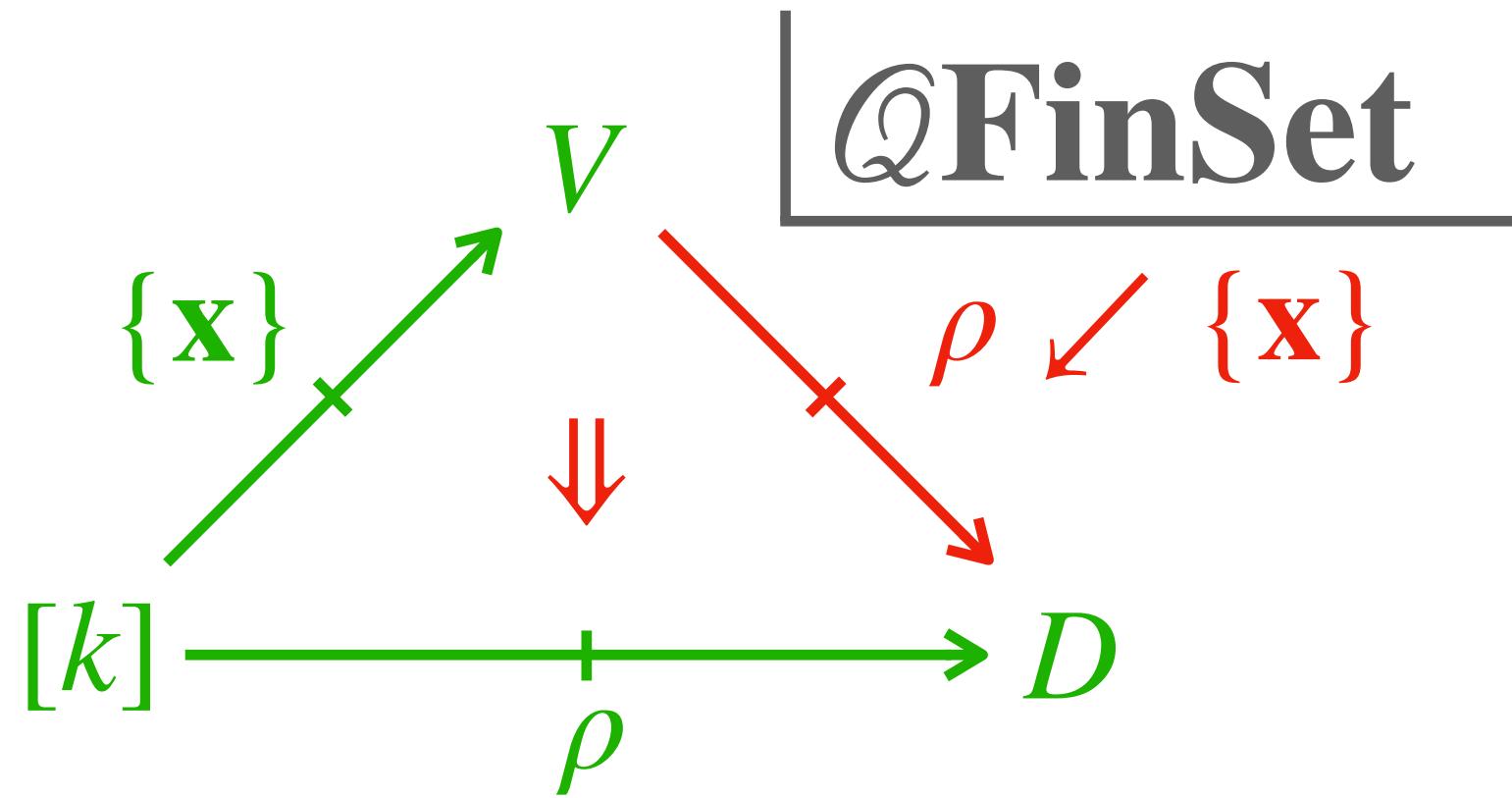
- $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathbf{x} \in V^k$ ,  $\underline{\rho \subseteq D^k}$

$\rho: [k] \rightarrow D$  in  $\mathcal{Q}\text{FinSet}$

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$\rho: D^k \rightarrow Q$

Each  $\mathcal{Q}$ -valued constraint  $(k, \mathbf{x}, \rho)$  yields



$$\mathcal{S}(I) = \bigwedge_{(k, \mathbf{x}, \rho) \in \mathcal{C}} \rho \downarrow \{\mathbf{x}\}: V \rightarrow D$$


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$$\mathcal{S}(I): [V, D] \rightarrow Q$$

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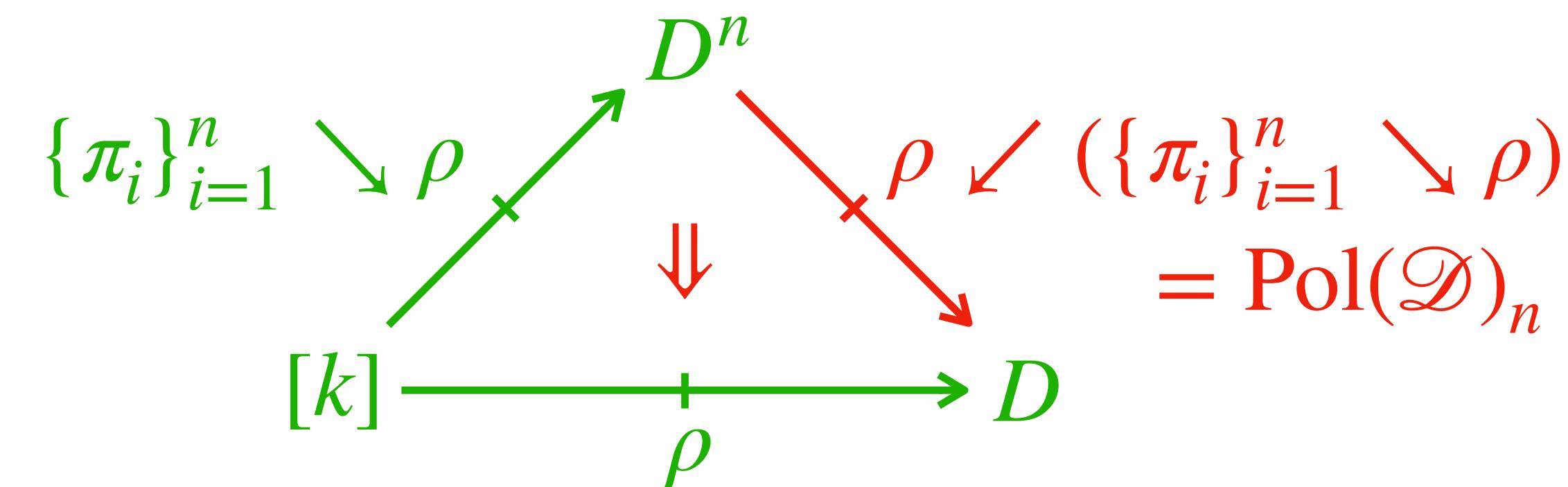
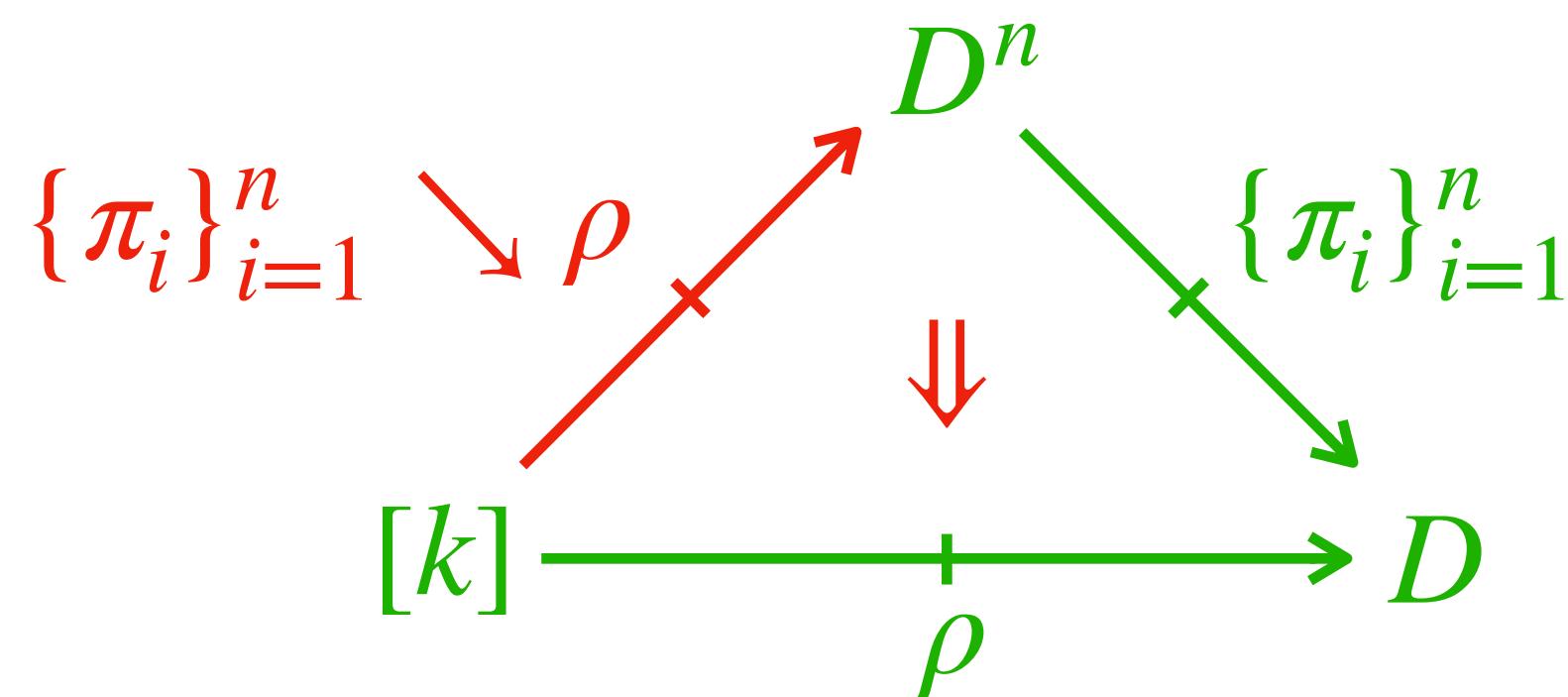
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- $(\rho_i \subseteq D^{k_i})_{i \in I}$ : finite family of relations on  $D$ .

$(\rho_i: [k_i] \rightarrow D)_{i \in I}$ : finite family of morphisms in  $\mathcal{Q}\text{FinSet}$

Assume  $I$ : singleton, so that  $\mathcal{D} = (D, \rho: [k] \rightarrow D)$ .

Then  $\text{Pol}(\mathcal{D})_n: D^n \rightarrow D$  is given by:

$\overline{\text{Pol}(\mathcal{D})_n: [D^n, D] \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}}$     $\text{Pol}(\mathcal{D})_n(f) \in \mathcal{Q}$ : the “degree” to which  
 $f: D^n \rightarrow D$  is a polymorphism of  $\mathcal{D}$



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Letting  $\mathcal{Q} = \overline{\mathbb{R}} = (\mathbb{R} \cup \{\pm\infty\}, \geq, 0, +)$  (cf. [Lawvere 1973]), we obtain a class of optimisation problems:

$$\inf_{s: V \rightarrow D} \sup_{(k, \mathbf{x}, \rho) \in \mathcal{C}} \rho(s(x_1), \dots, s(x_k))$$

which we call “tropical valued CSPs”.

## Dichotomy theorem for TVCSPs.\*

$\mathcal{D}$ :  $\overline{\mathbb{R}}$ -valued constraint language

- $\text{TVCSP}(\mathcal{D})$  is in P if there exists a Siggers operation  $f: D^4 \rightarrow D$  with  $0 \geq \text{Pol}(f)_4$ .
- $\text{TVCSP}(\mathcal{D})$  is NP-hard otherwise.

\* For a slightly more expressive version of TVCSPs.

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