

# Sheaf

A sheaf is a functor from from the category of simplicial complexes

Example:  $\sigma \rightarrow F(\sigma)$ , a vector space

$\rho \subset \sigma \rightarrow L : F(\rho) \rightarrow F(\sigma)$ , a linear map

$F(\sigma)$  is called a **stalk**.

$F(\rho \subset \sigma)$  is called a **restriction map**

Let  $X$  be a simplicial complex.

For every  $\sigma$ , choose  $s_\sigma \in F(\sigma)$ . This assignment  $(s_\sigma)_{\sigma \in X}$  of an element of  $F(\sigma)$  to every simplex is called a **global section** if these choices are compatible with the restriction maps.

$F_X(X) =$  set of all global sections.

# Example: The constant sheaf

Let  $X$  be a simplicial complex

The constant sheaf  $G_X$ :

$$\sigma \rightarrow G$$

$$\rho \subset \sigma \rightarrow id : G \rightarrow G$$

Suppose  $(s_\sigma)_{\sigma \in X}$  is a global section.

Then if  $s_\tau = g \in G$ , then  $s_\sigma = g$  for all  $\sigma \in X$ .

The the (group/vector space/...) of global sections is isomorphic to  $G$ .

# Example: The skyscraper sheaf

The skyscraper sheaf  $G_\tau$

$$\sigma \rightarrow \begin{cases} G & \text{if } \sigma = \tau \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\sigma \subset \sigma \rightarrow \text{identity map}$$

$$\rho \subset \sigma \rightarrow \text{zero map if } \rho \neq \sigma.$$

Suppose  $(s_\sigma)_{\sigma \in X}$  is a global section.

Then  $s_\sigma = 0$  for all  $\sigma \neq \tau$ , since  $s_\sigma \in F(\sigma) = 0$

If  $\dim \tau > 0$ , then  $\exists \rho \subset \tau$  and  $F(\rho \subset \tau) = 0$ . Thus  $s_\tau = 0$ .

Thus the (group/vector space/...) of global sections  $\simeq \{0\}$ .

If  $\dim \tau = 0$ , let  $s_\tau = g$ . Thus in this case, the (group/vector space/...) of global sections  $\simeq G$ .

# Direct sum

If  $F$  and  $G$  are sheaves, then  $F \oplus G$  is a sheaf.

$$\sigma \rightarrow F(\sigma) \oplus G(\sigma)$$

$$\rho \subset \sigma \rightarrow F(\rho \subset \sigma) \oplus G(\rho \subset \sigma)$$

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Example:  $\bigoplus_{\tau \in X} G_{\tau}$

$$\sigma \rightarrow \bigoplus_{\tau \in X} G_{\tau} = G$$

$$\rho \subset \sigma \rightarrow \bigoplus_{\tau \in X} G_{\tau}(\rho \subset \sigma) = \begin{cases} \text{identity map} & \rho = \sigma \\ \text{zero map} & \rho \subset \sigma \end{cases}$$

Thus the (group/vector space/...) of global sections  $\simeq \bigoplus_{v \in X} G$  since we can assign any element of  $G$  to a vertex  $v$ .

# Now, abstractly...

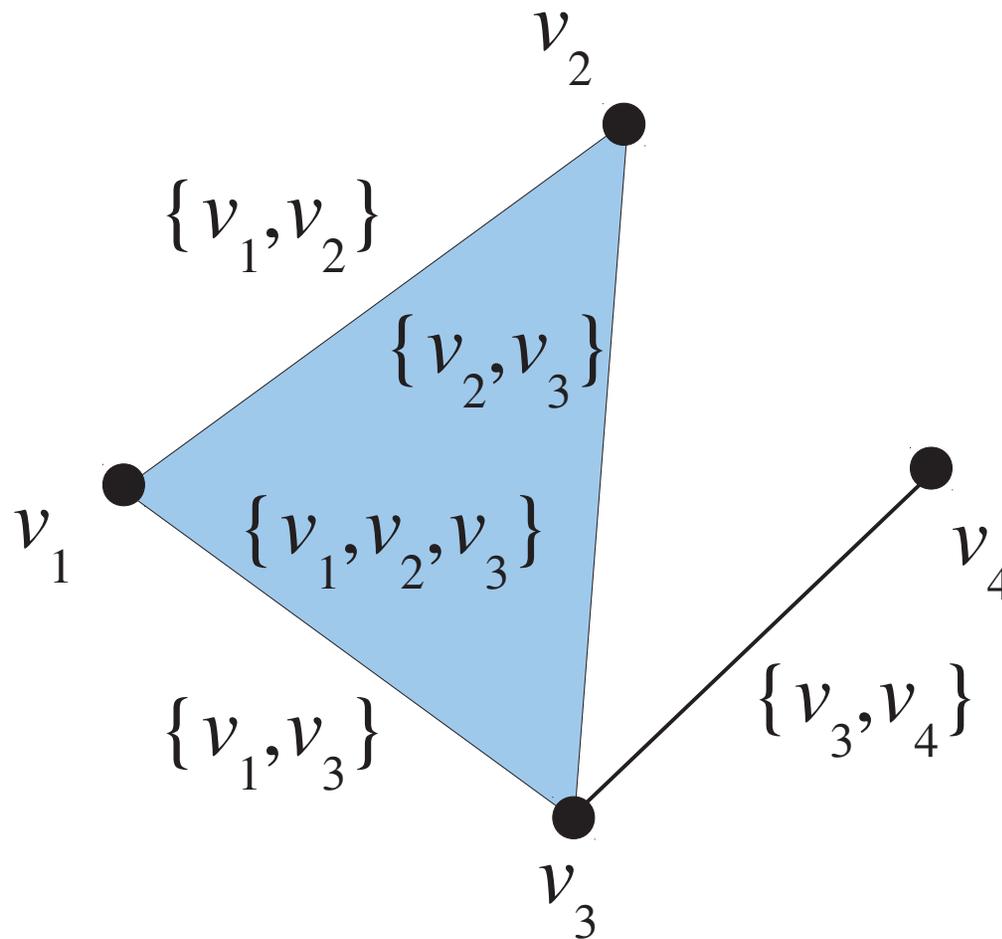
A *sheaf* of \_\_\_\_\_ on a \_\_\_\_\_  
(data type) (topological space)



# Simplicial complexes



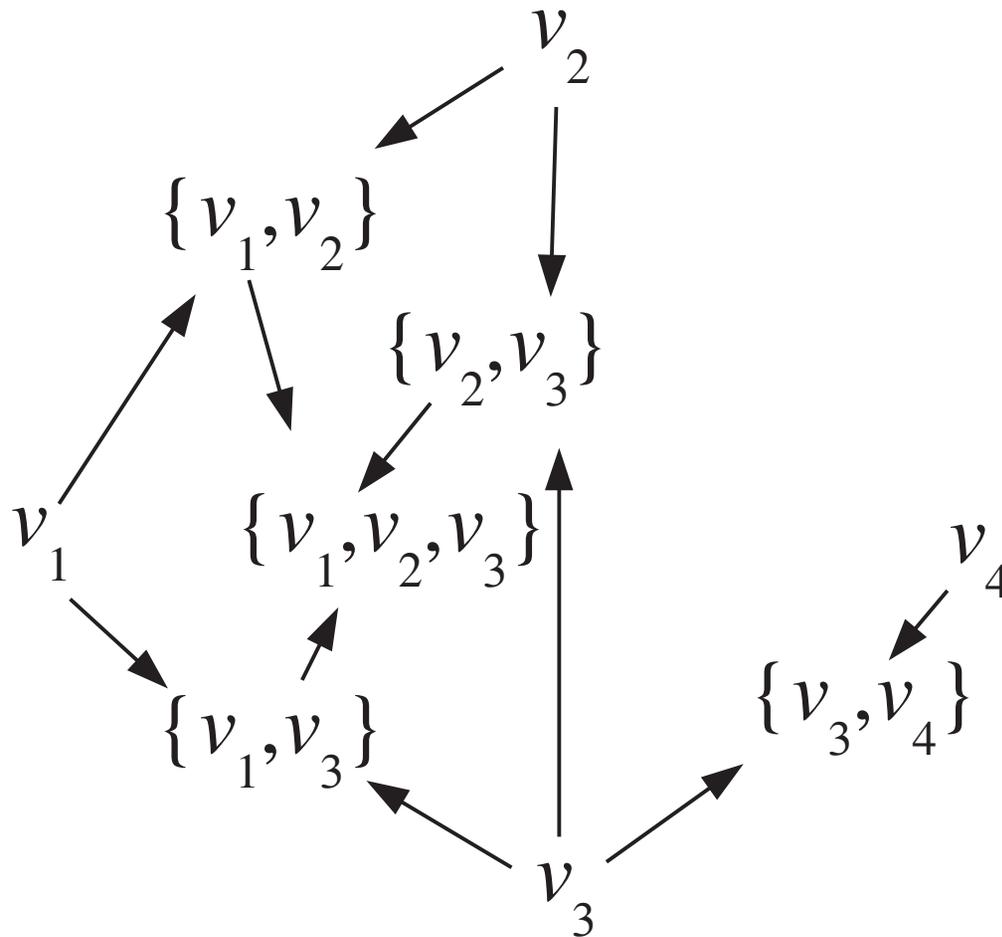
- ... higher dimensional *simplices* (tuples of vertices)



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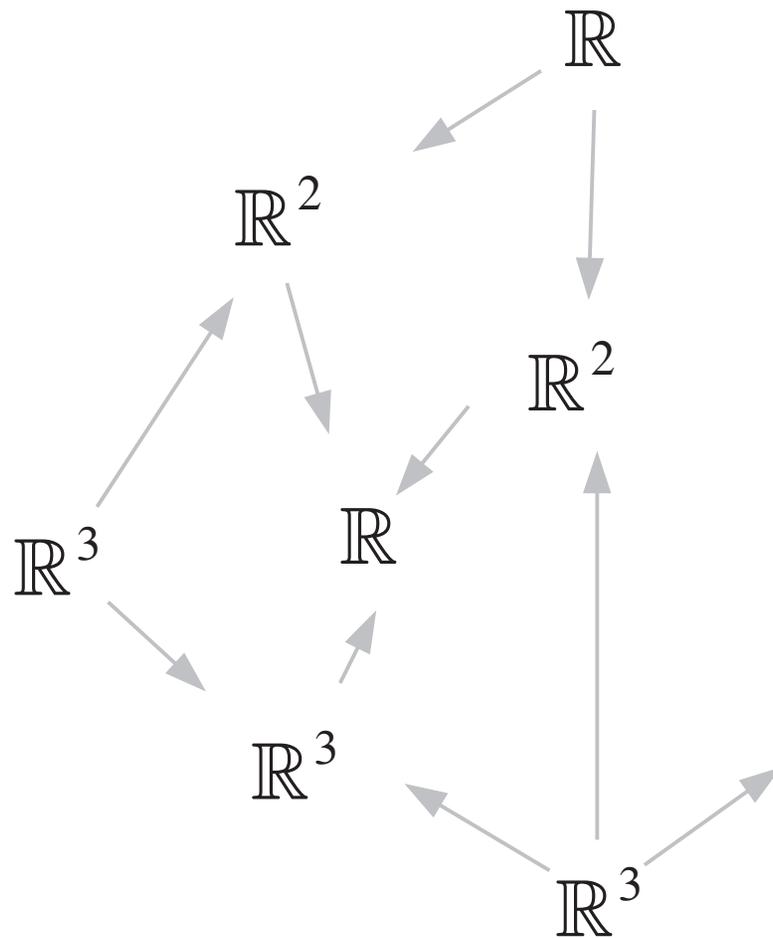
- The *attachment diagram* shows how simplices fit together



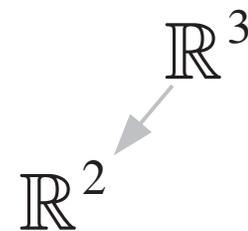
# A sheaf is ...



- A set assigned to each simplex and ...



Each such set is called the *stalk* over its simplex

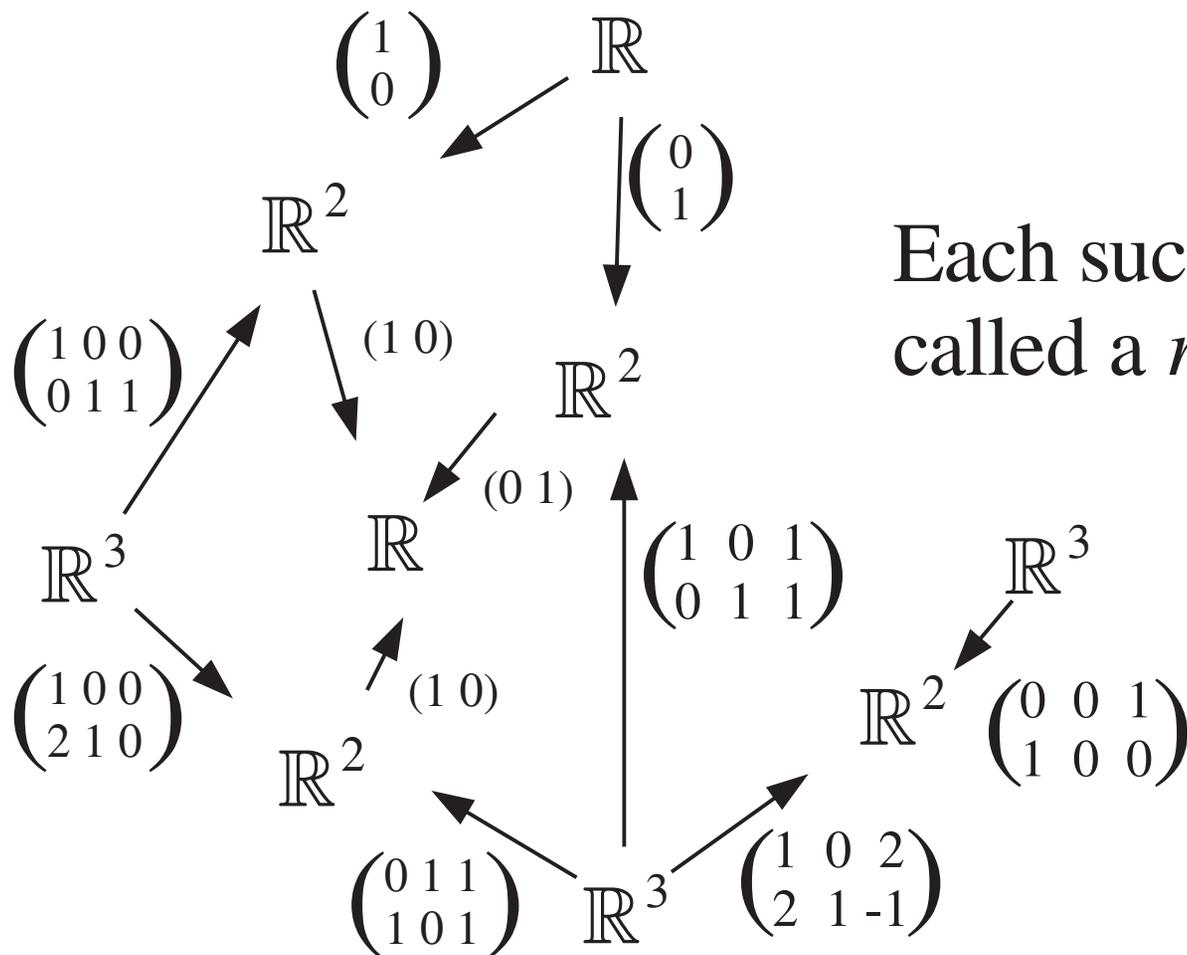


This is a sheaf **of** vector spaces **on** a simplicial complex

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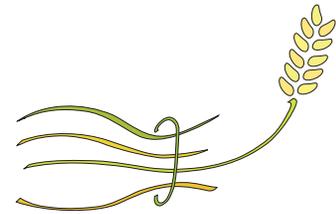


- ... a function assigned to each simplex inclusion

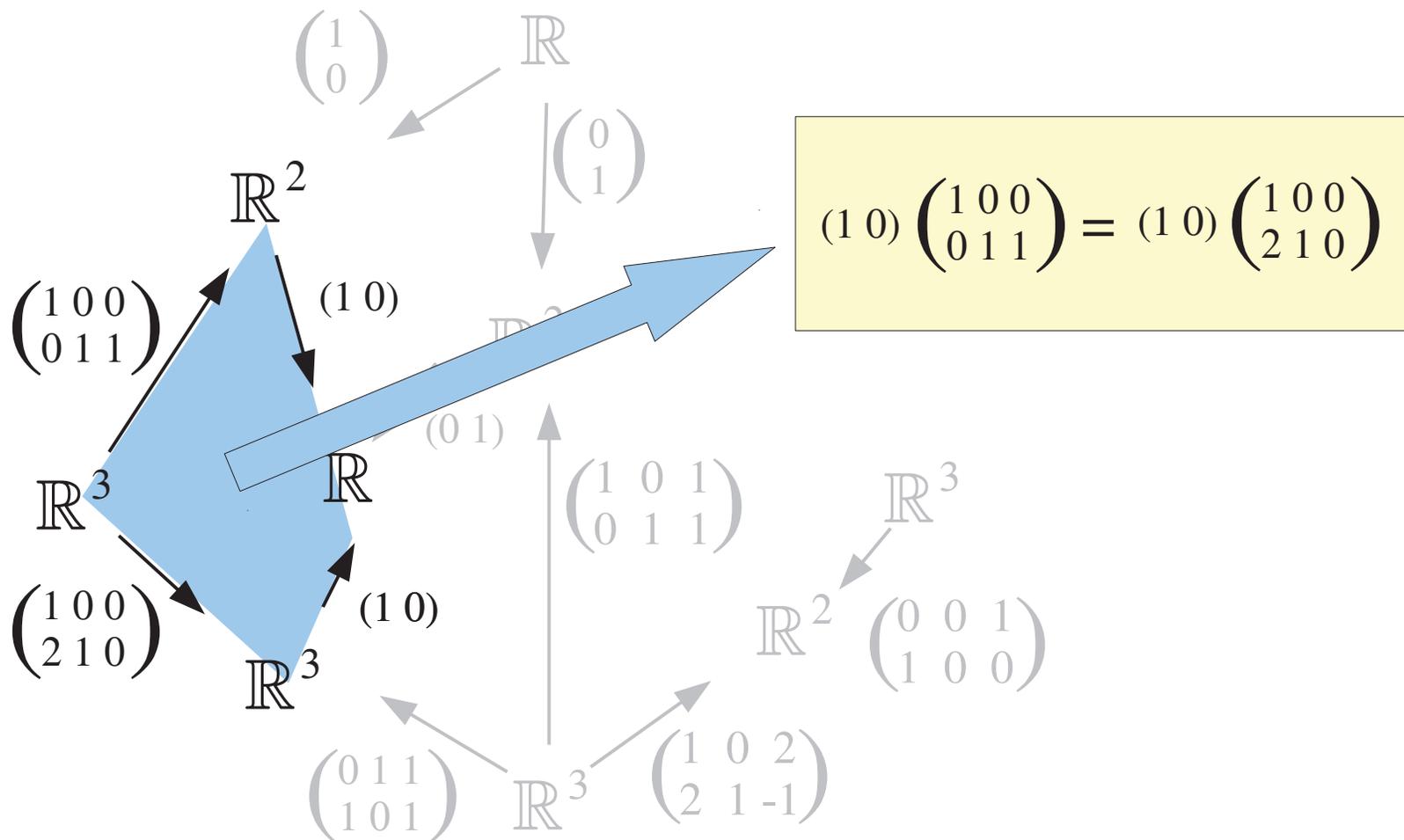


Each such function is called a *restriction*

# A sheaf is ...



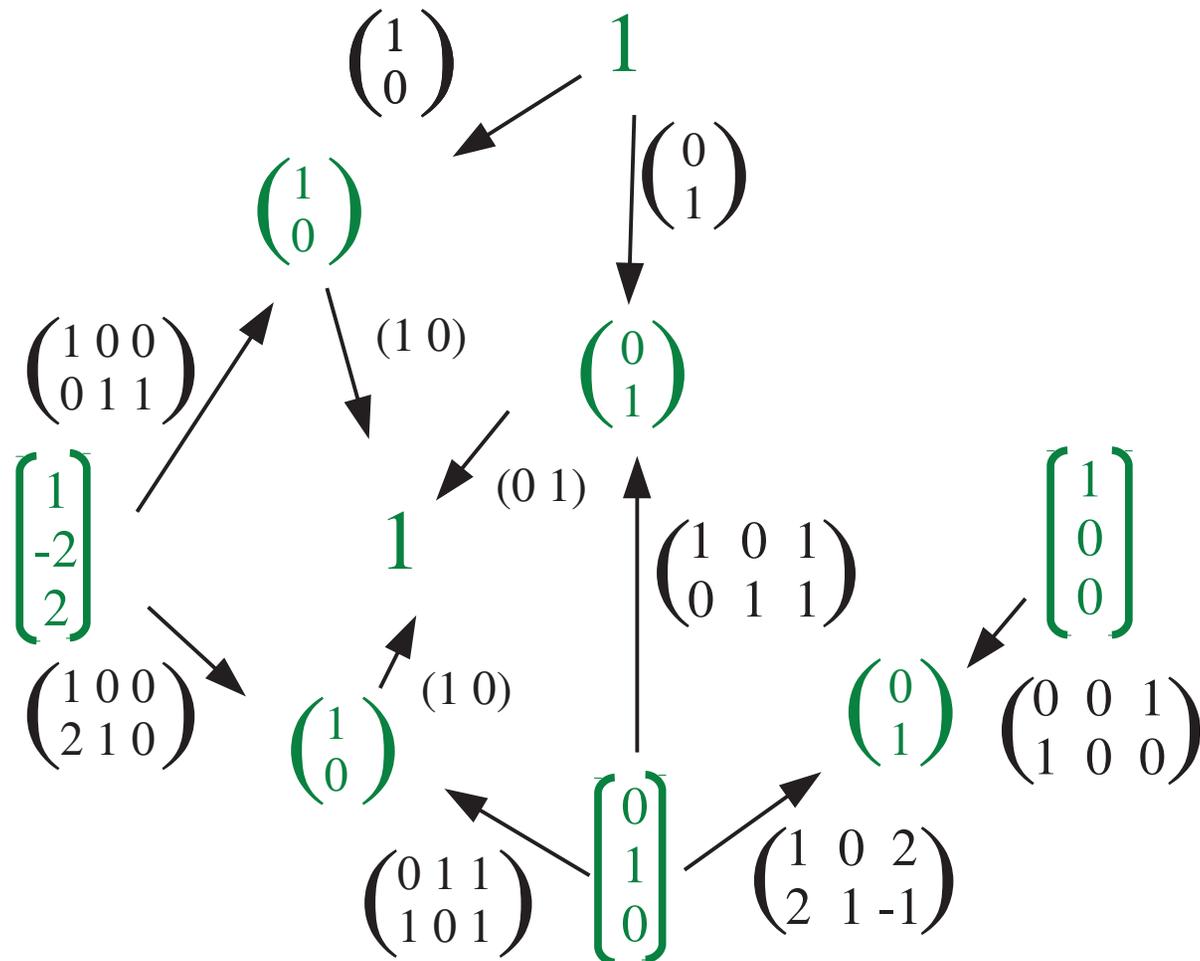
- ... so the diagram commutes.



# A global section is ...

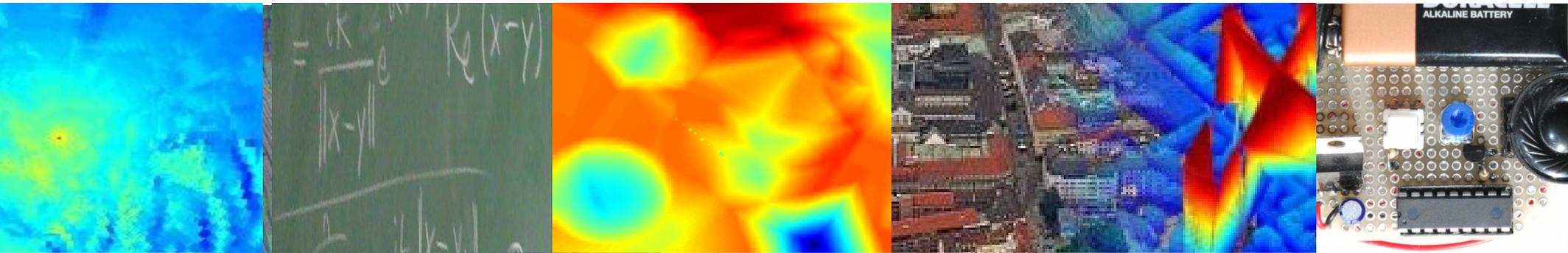


- An assignment of values from each of the stalks that is consistent with the restrictions





# Sheaf Cohomology and its Interpretation



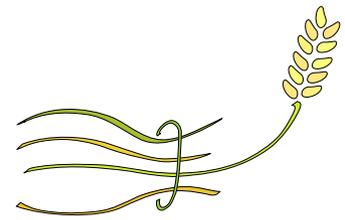
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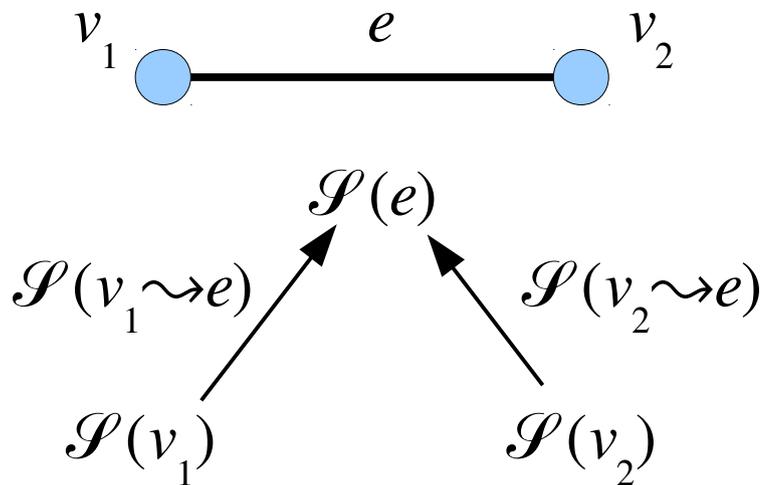
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# Global sections, revisited



- The space of global sections alone is insufficient to detect redundancy or possible faults, but another invariant works
- It's based on the idea that we can rewrite the basic condition(s) for a global section  $s$  of a sheaf  $\mathcal{S}$



$$\mathcal{P}(v_1 \rightsquigarrow e) s(v_1) = \mathcal{P}(v_2 \rightsquigarrow e) s(v_2)$$

$$+ \mathcal{P}(v_1 \rightsquigarrow e) s(v_1) - \mathcal{P}(v_2 \rightsquigarrow e) s(v_2) = 0$$

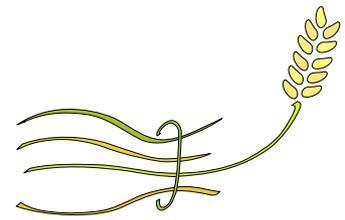
$$- \mathcal{P}(v_1 \rightsquigarrow e) s(v_1) + \mathcal{P}(v_2 \rightsquigarrow e) s(v_2) = 0$$



$(\mathcal{P}(a \rightsquigarrow b))$  is the restriction map connecting cell  $a$  to a cell  $b$  in a sheaf  $\mathcal{S}$



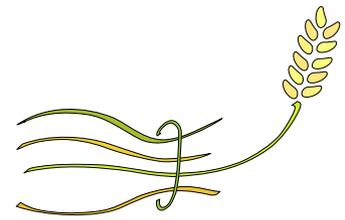
# Recall: A queue as a sheaf



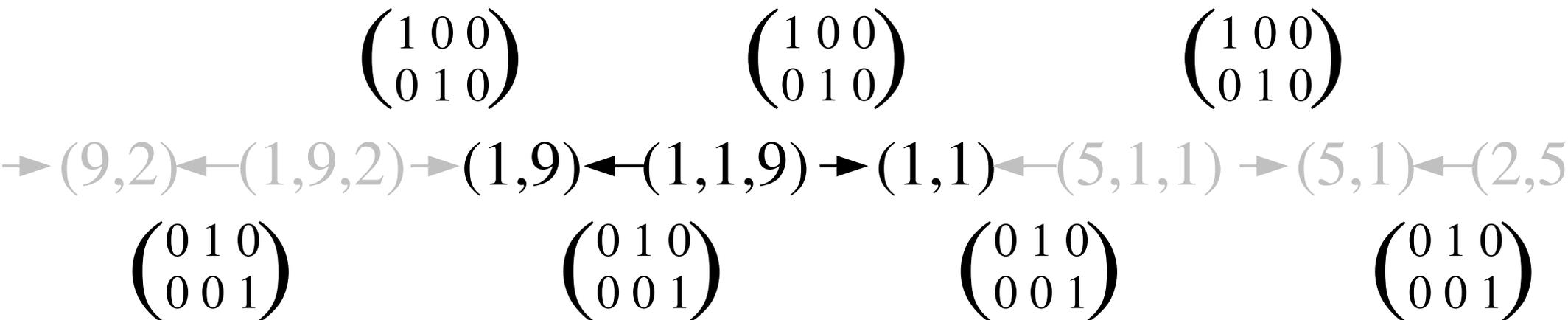
- Contents of the shift register at each timestep
- $N = 3$  shown

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \rightarrow & \mathbb{R}^2 & \leftarrow & \mathbb{R}^3 & \rightarrow & \mathbb{R}^2 & \leftarrow & \mathbb{R}^3 & \rightarrow & \mathbb{R}^2 & \leftarrow & \mathbb{R}^3 & \rightarrow & \mathbb{R}^2 & \leftarrow & \mathbb{R}^3 \\ & & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

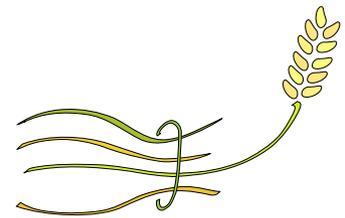
# Recall: A single timestep



- Contents of the shift register at each timestep
- $N = 3$  shown



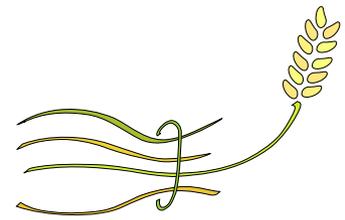
# Rewriting using matrices



- Same section, but the condition for verifying that it's a section is now written linear algebraically

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
 (1,9,2) \rightarrow (1,9) \leftarrow (1,1,9) \rightarrow (1,1) \leftarrow (5,1,1) \\
 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 \xrightarrow{\hspace{10em}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 9 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 9 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{array}$$

# The *cochain complex*



- Motivation: Sections being in the kernel of matrix suggests a higher dimensional construction exists!
- Goal: build the *cochain complex* for a sheaf  $\mathcal{S}$

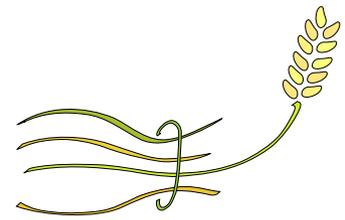
$$; \mathcal{S}) \xrightarrow{d^{k-1}} C^k(X; \mathcal{S}) \xrightarrow{d^k} C^{k+1}(X; \mathcal{S}) \xrightarrow{d^{k+1}} C^{k+2}(X; \mathcal{S})$$

- From this, *sheaf cohomology* will be defined as

$$H^k(X; \mathcal{S}) = \ker d^k / \text{image } d^{k-1}$$

much the same as homology (but the chain complex goes up in dimension instead of down)

# Generalizing up in dimension



- Global sections lie in the kernel of a particular matrix
- We gather the domain and range from stalks over vertices and edges... These are the *cochain spaces*

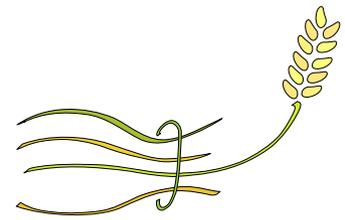
$$C^k(X; \mathcal{S}) = \bigoplus_{a \text{ is a } k\text{-simplex}} \mathcal{S}(a)$$

- An element of  $C^k(X; \mathcal{S})$  is called a *cochain*, and specifies a datum from the stalk at each  $k$ -simplex

(The *direct sum* operator  $\bigoplus$  forms a new vector space by concatenating the bases of its operands)



# The cochain complex

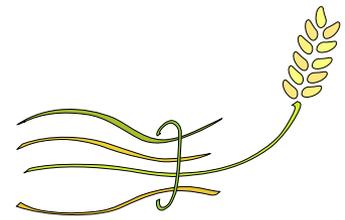


- The *coboundary map*  $d^k : C^k(X; \mathcal{S}) \rightarrow C^{k+1}(X; \mathcal{S})$  is given by the block matrix

$$d^k = \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} [b_i : a_j] \mathcal{S} (a_j \rightsquigarrow b_i) \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \text{0, +1, or -1} \\ \text{depending on the} \\ \text{relative orientation} \\ \text{of } a_j \text{ and } b_i \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{c} \text{Row } i \\ \text{Column } j \end{array}$$



# The cochain complex



- We've obtained the *cochain complex*

$$; \mathcal{S}) \xrightarrow{d^{k-1}} C^k(X; \mathcal{S}) \xrightarrow{d^k} C^{k+1}(X; \mathcal{S}) \xrightarrow{d^{k+1}} C^{k+2}(X; \mathcal{S})$$

- *Cohomology* is defined as

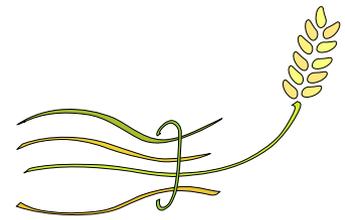
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All the cochains that are consistent in dimension  $k$  ...

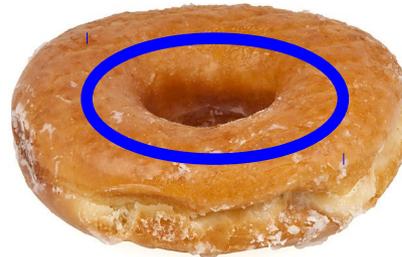
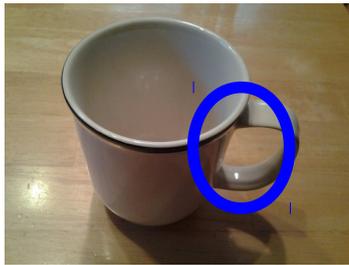
... that weren't already present in dimension  $k - 1$



# Cohomology facts



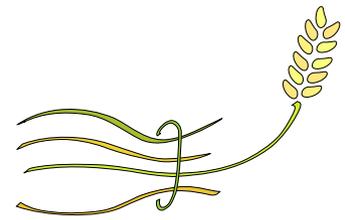
- $H^0(X; \mathcal{S})$  is the space of global sections of  $\mathcal{S}$
- $H^1(X; \mathcal{S})$  usually has to do with oriented, non-collapsible **data** loops



Nontrivial  
 $H^1(X; \mathbb{Z})$

- $H^k(X; \mathcal{S})$  is a functor: sheaf morphisms induce linear maps between cohomology spaces

# Cohomology versus homology



Homologies of different chain complexes:

- Chain complex: simplices and their boundaries

$$\longrightarrow C_{k+1}(X) \xrightarrow{\partial_{k+1}} C_k(X) \xrightarrow{\partial_k} C_{k-1}(X) \longrightarrow$$

- Transposing the boundary maps yields the *cochain complex*: functions on simplices

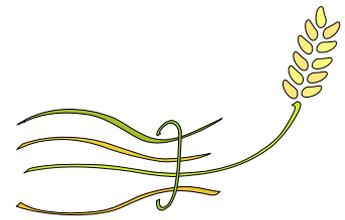
$$\xleftarrow{\partial_{k+2}^T} C_{k+1}(X) \xleftarrow{\partial_{k+1}^T} C_k(X) \xleftarrow{\partial_k^T} C_{k-1}(X) \xleftarrow{\partial_{k-1}^T}$$

- With  $\mathbb{R}$  linear algebra, homology\* of both of these carry identical information for a wide class of spaces



\* we call the homology of a cochain complex *cohomology*

# Cohomology versus homology



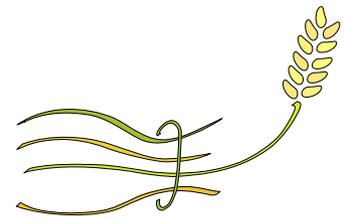
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The *coboundary* maps work like discrete derivatives and compute differences between functions on higher dimensional simplices

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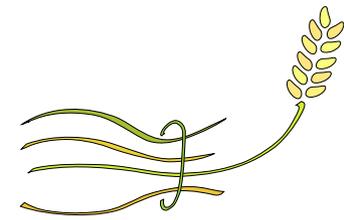
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- *Sheaf cochain complex*: also functions on simplices, but they are generalized!

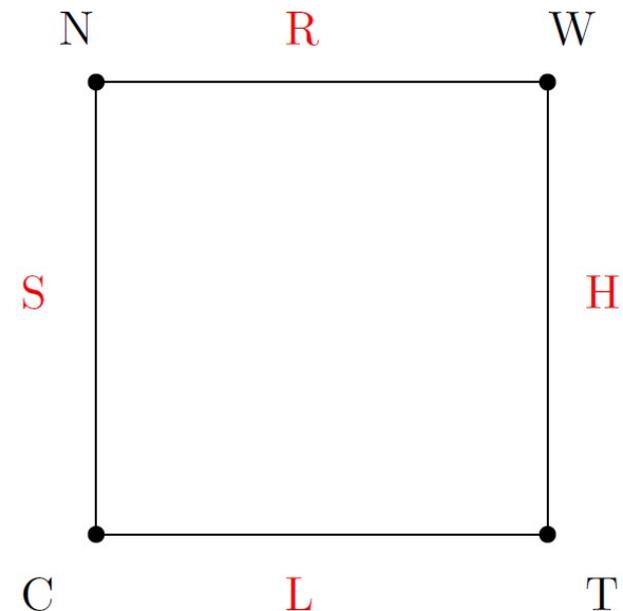
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# “Weather Loop” a simple model



Sensors/ Questions	Rain? (R)	Humidity % (H)	Clouds? (L)	Sun? (S)
News (N)	X			X
Weather Website (W)	X	X		
Rooftop Camera (C)			X	X
Twitter (T)		X	X	

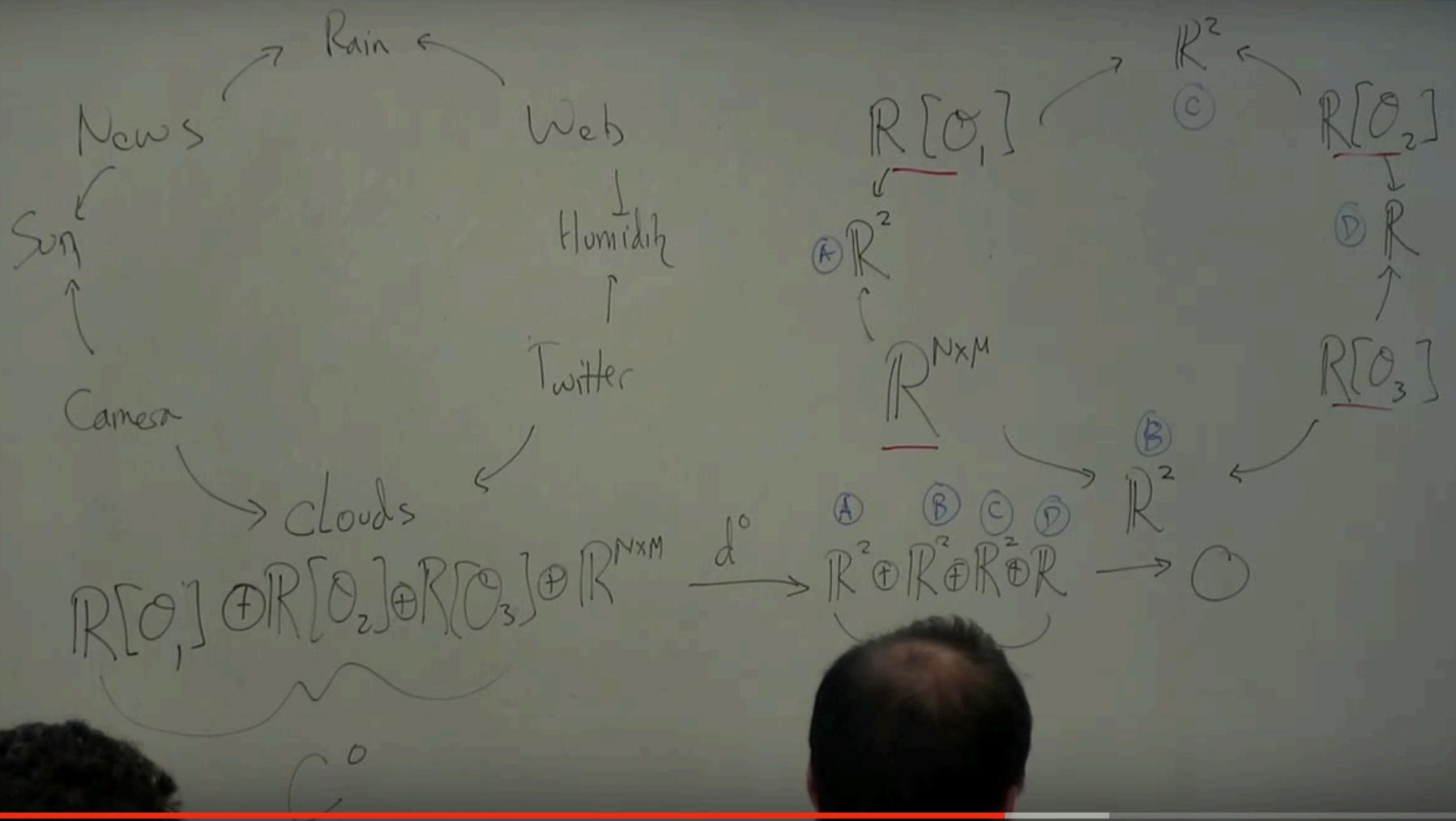
Make simplicial complex



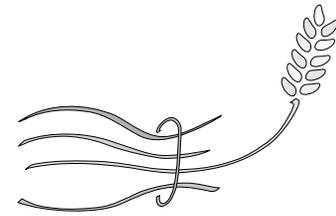
Question: Can misleading globalized information be detected?



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# Lifting functions into linear maps



Consider any function between sets  $f: A \rightarrow B$

- Let  $\mathbb{R}(A)$  be the vector space generated by  $A$ 
  - The basis of  $\mathbb{R}(A)$  is the set of elements of  $A$
- Then  $f$  lifts uniquely to a linear map  $Rf$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R}(A) & \xrightarrow{Rf} & \mathbb{R}(B) \\ \uparrow (1\times) & & \uparrow (1\times) \\ A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \end{array}$$

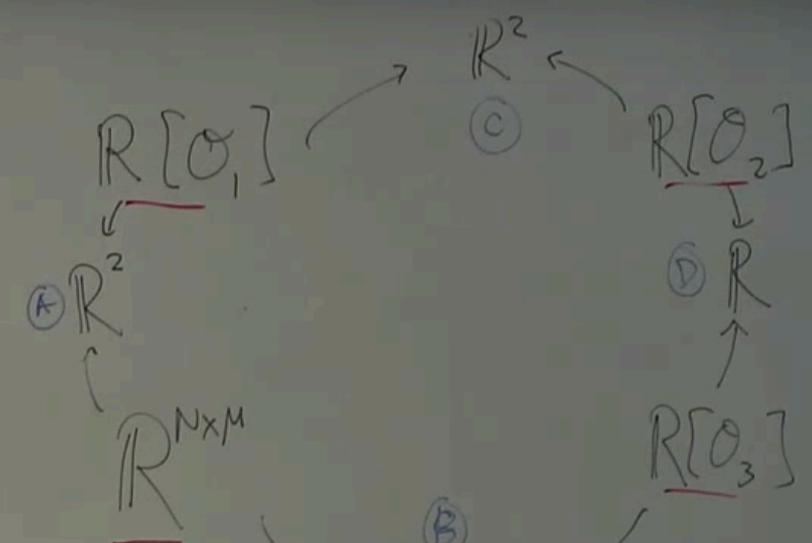
Notice that generally we cannot recover a unique element of  $B$  from  $\mathbb{R}(B)$ .

But we can if we've used  $Rf \circ (1\times)$

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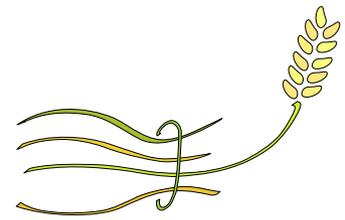
$d^0 =$

	News	Web	Twitter	Cam
(A) S	2x?	○	○	2x?
(B) C	○	○	2x?	2x?
(C) R	2x?	2x?	○	○
(D) H	○	1x?	1x?	○

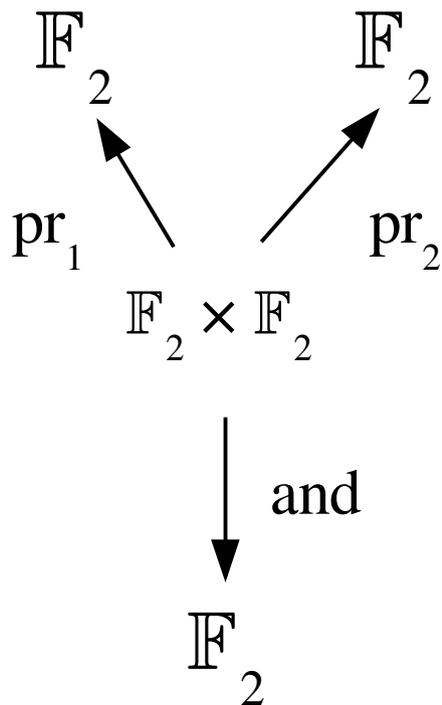


$$R[\mathcal{O}_1] \oplus R[\mathcal{O}_2] \oplus R[\mathcal{O}_3] \oplus \mathbb{R}^{N \times M} \xrightarrow{d^0} \underbrace{\mathbb{R}^2 \oplus \mathbb{R}^2 \oplus \mathbb{R}^2 \oplus \mathbb{R}}_{\mathbb{R}^2 \oplus \mathbb{R}^2 \oplus \mathbb{R}^2 \oplus \mathbb{R}} \xrightarrow{d^1} \mathbb{R}$$

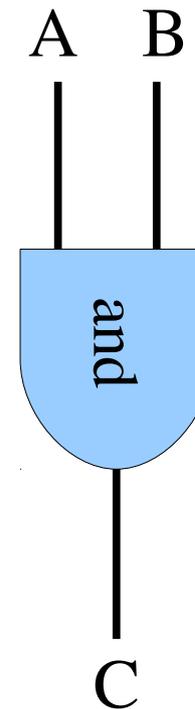
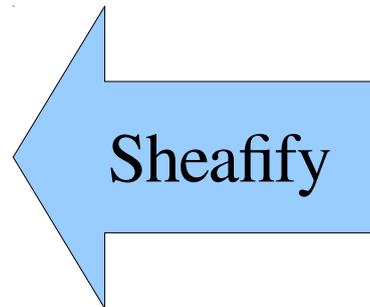
# Switching sheaves



- It's possible to construct a sheaf that represents the truth table of a logic circuit
- Each vertex is a logic gate, each edge is a wire



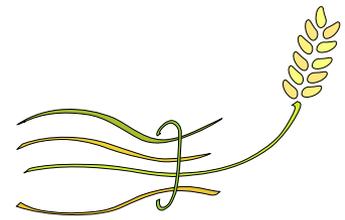
Quiescent\* logic sheaf



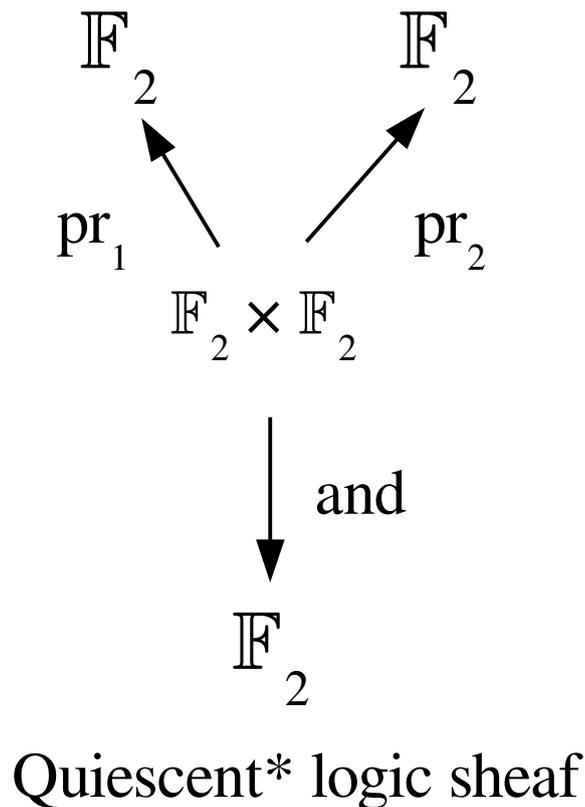
Logic circuit

A	B	C
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

# Switching sheaves



- Vectorify **everything** about a quiescent logic sheaf, and you obtain a *switching sheaf*



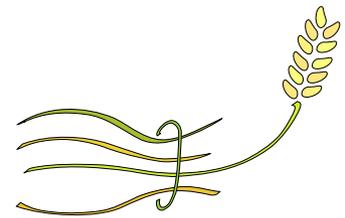
$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{F}_2[\mathbb{F}_2 \times \mathbb{F}_2] \\ & = \\ & \text{A vector space} \\ & \text{whose basis is} \\ & \text{the set of} \\ & \text{ordered pairs} \\ & = \\ & \mathbb{F}_2^2 \otimes \mathbb{F}_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

$\otimes =$  Tensor product

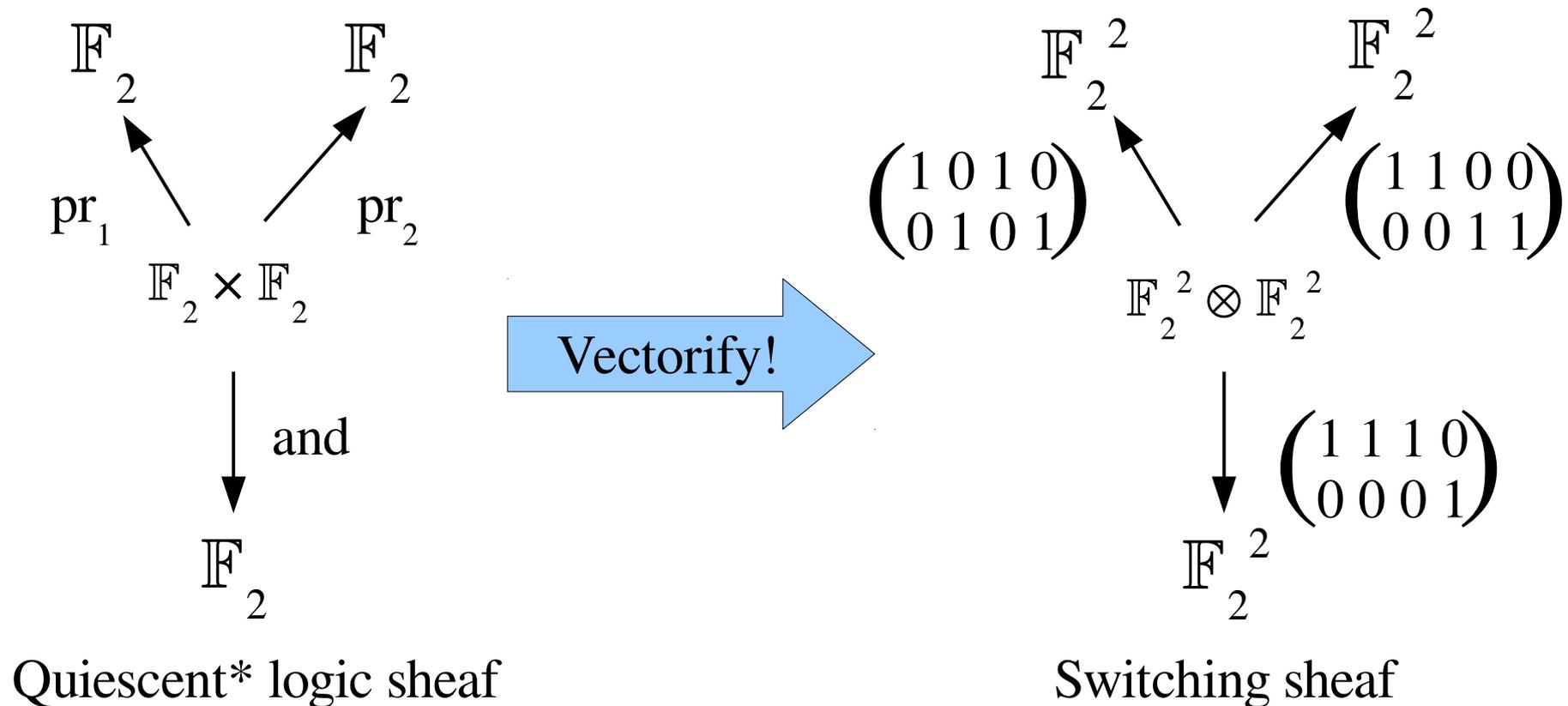


\*Quiescent = steady state,  $\text{pr}_n$  = projection onto  $n$ th component

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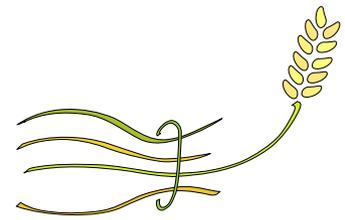


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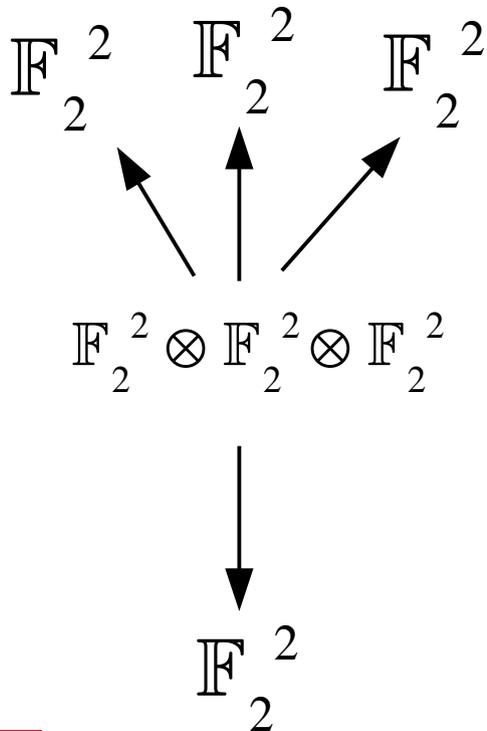
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# Global sections of switching sheaves



- In the case of a 3 input gate, the global sections are spanned by **all simultaneous combinations** of inputs

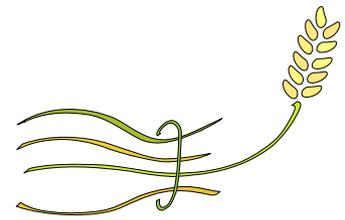
(a,A)    (b,B)    (c,C)



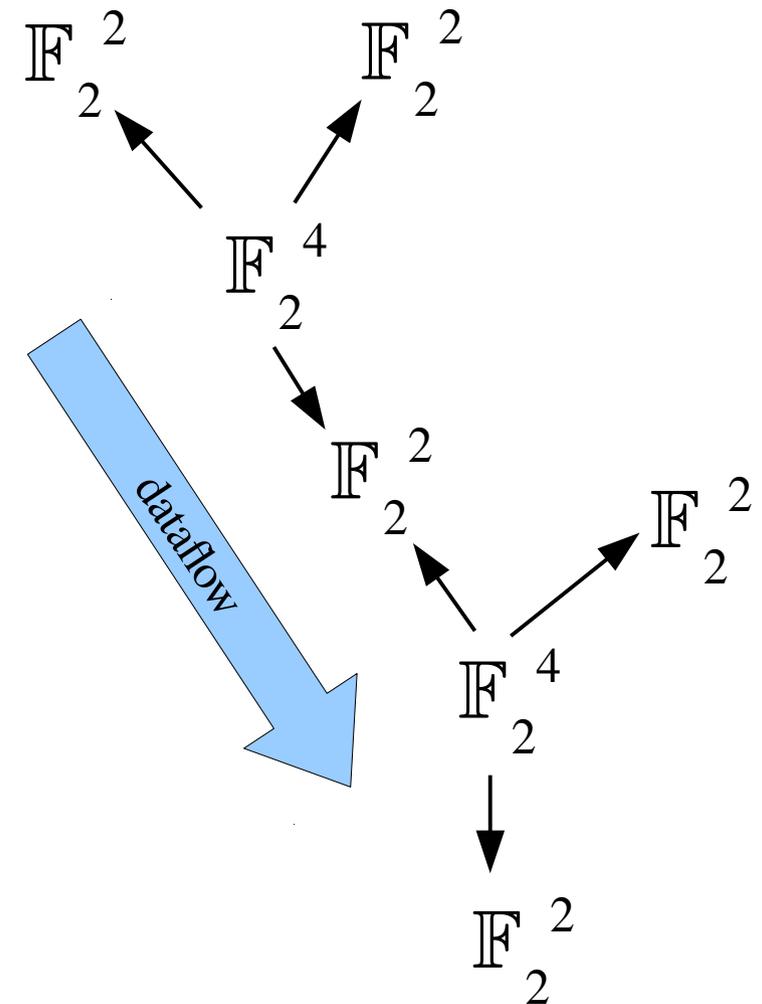
$a \otimes b \otimes c$   
 $A \otimes B \otimes C$

$2^8 = 256$  sections in total

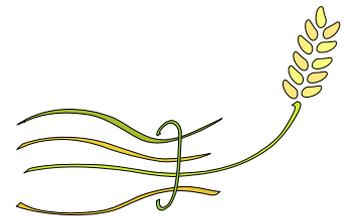
# Global sections of switching sheaves



- When we instead consider a logically equivalent circuit, the situation changes
- Global sections consist of simultaneous inputs to each gate, but consistency is checked via tensor contractions
- There is an inherent model of uncertainty

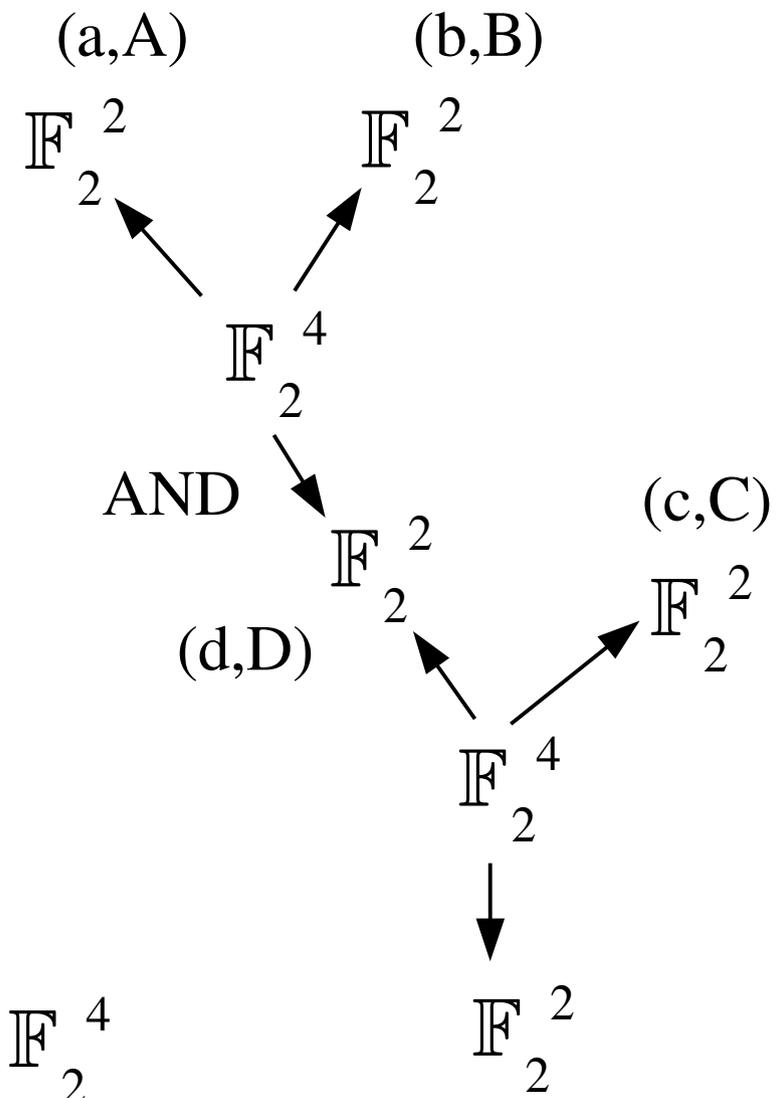


# Global sections of switching sheaves



- The space of global sections is now 6 dimensional – some sections were lost!

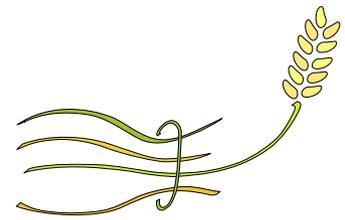
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Recall that the space of global sections is a subspace of  $\mathbb{F}_2^4 \oplus \mathbb{F}_2^4$

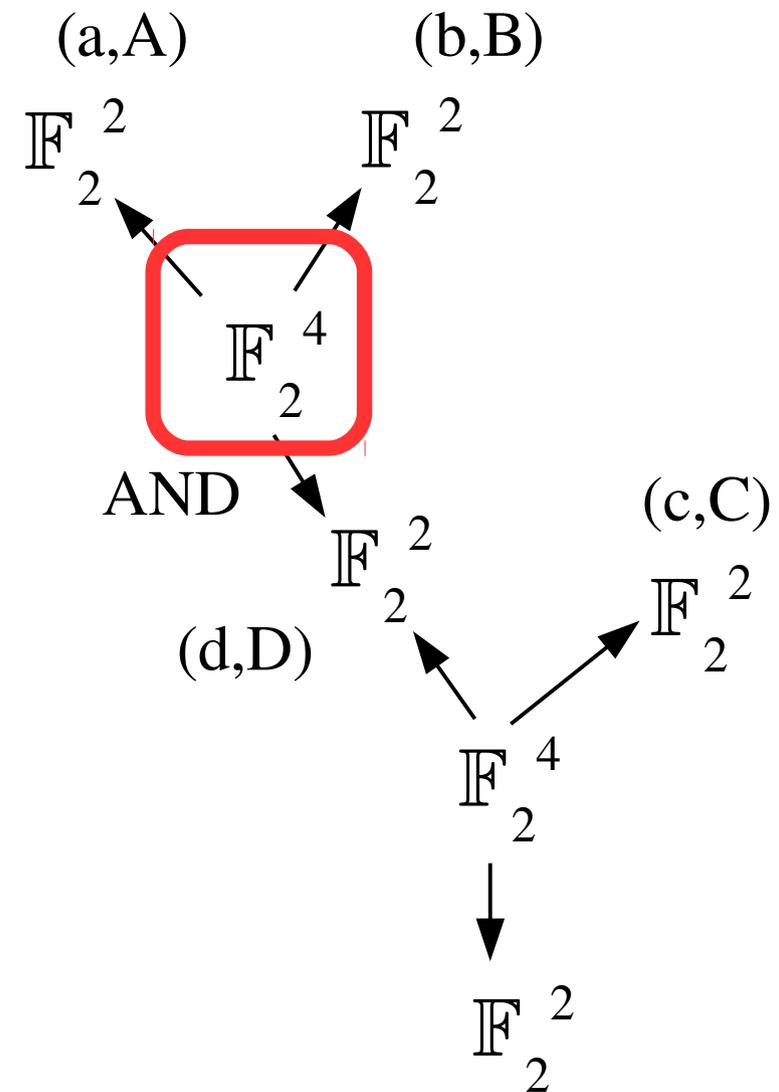


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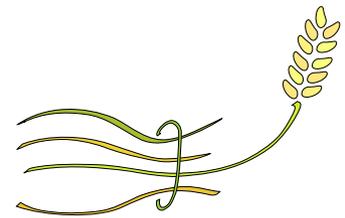
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 \end{array}$$



- All local sections on the upstream gate are represented

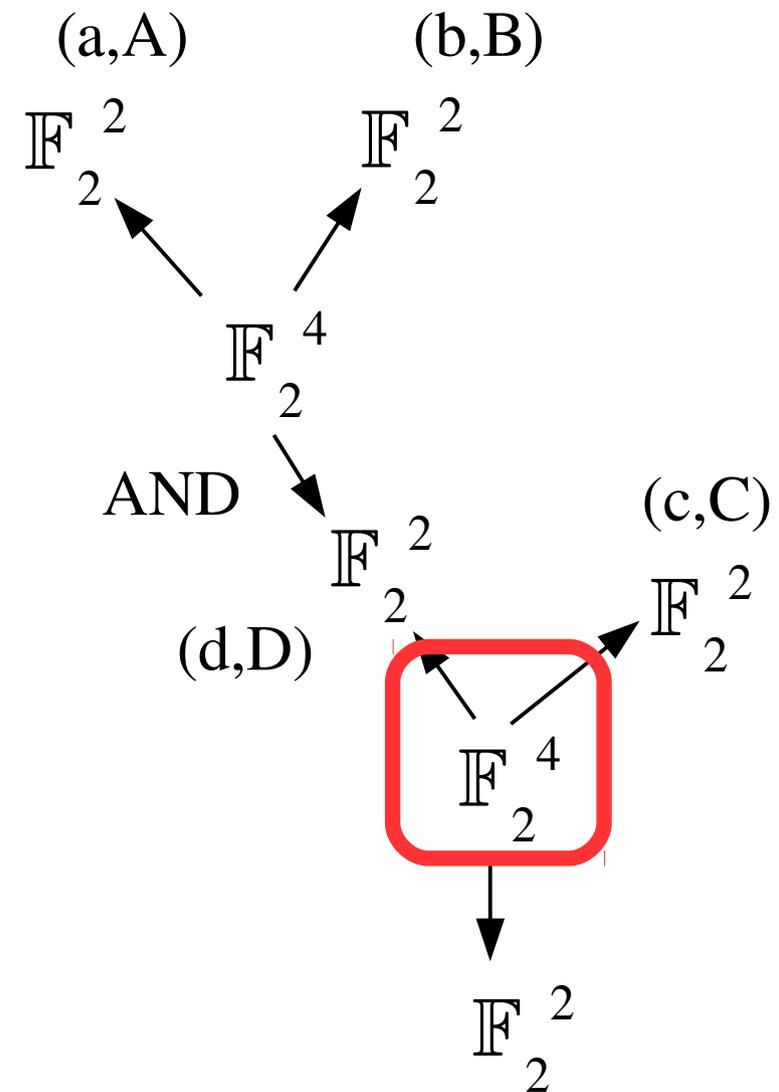
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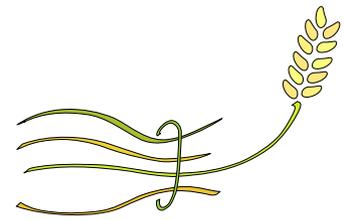
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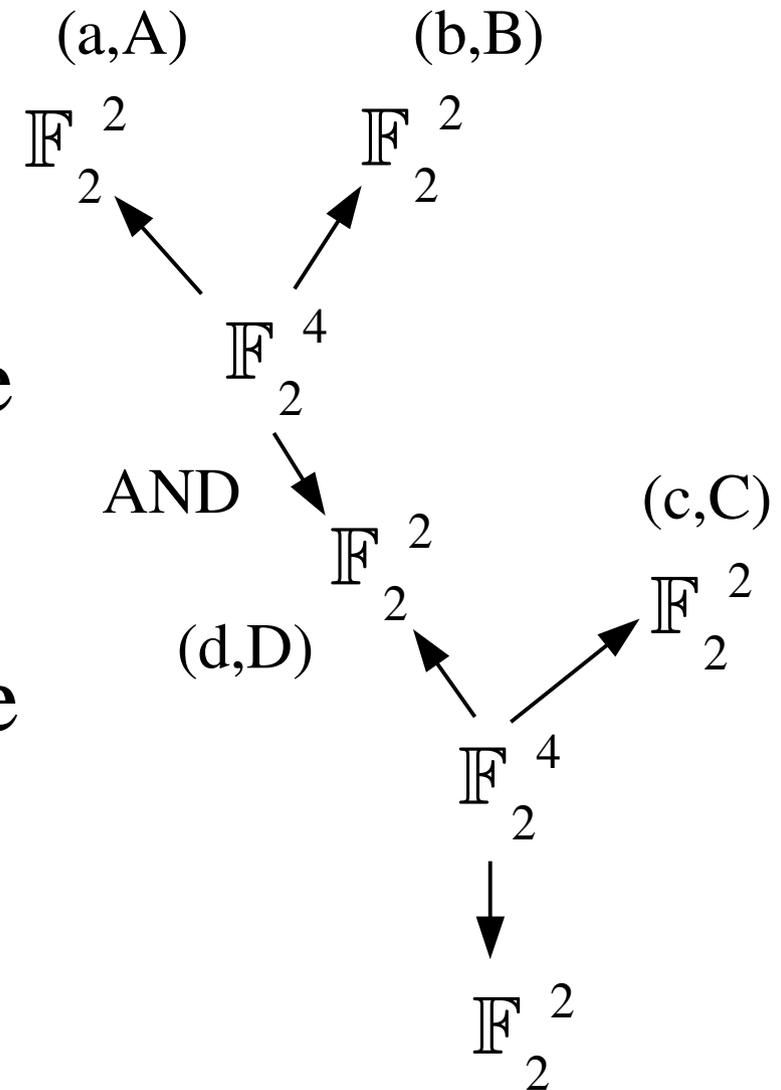
- All local sections supported on the downstream gate are there too



# Global sections of switching sheaves

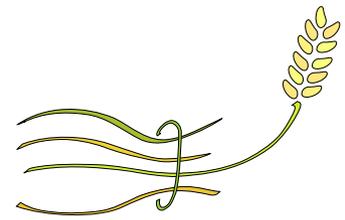


No quiescent logic states were actually lost, but the sections of this sheaf represent sets of simultaneous data at each gate that might be **in transition!**



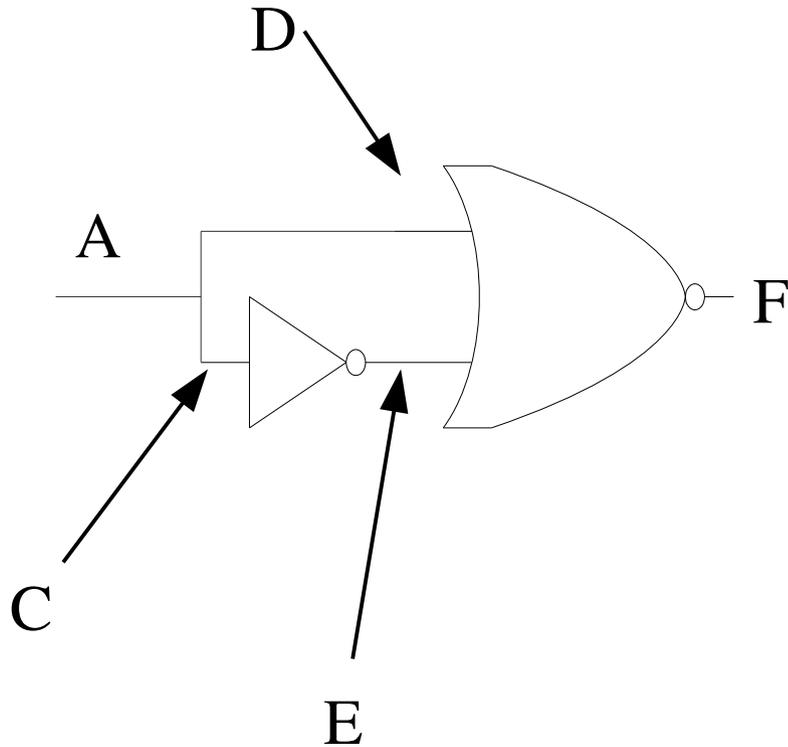
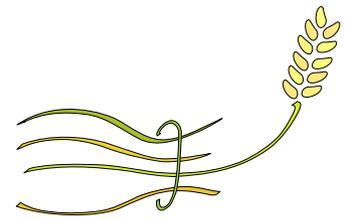
# Higher cohomology spaces

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- Switching sheaves are written over 1-dimensional spaces, so they could have nontrivial 1-cohomology
- Nontrivial 1-cohomology classes consist of **directed loops that store data**
- Since we just found that logic value transitions are permitted, this means that 1-cohomology can detect glitches

# Glitch generator: cohomology



$H^0(X; \mathcal{F})$  is generated by

$$A + C + D \otimes e$$

$$a + c + d \otimes E$$

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Indication that there's a race condition possible

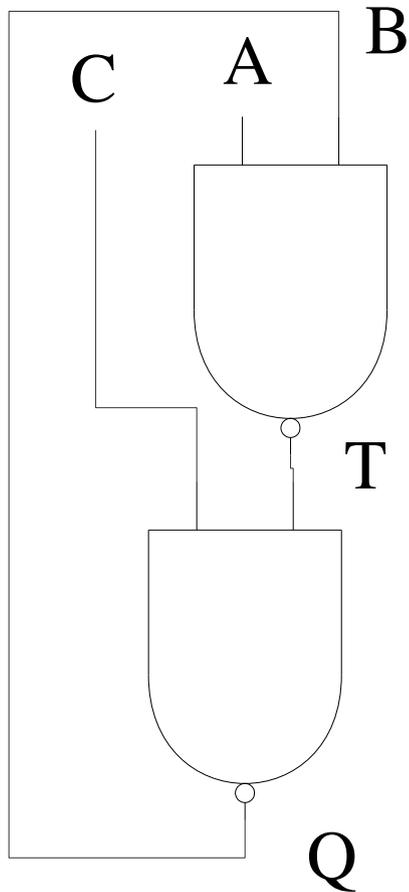
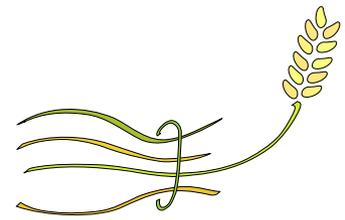
$$H^1(X; \mathcal{F}) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$$

Hazard transition state

$H^1$  detects the race condition



# Example: flip-flop



C	A	B	T	Q
0	0	0	1	1
0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	1	1
0	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	0	1

Hazard!

Set

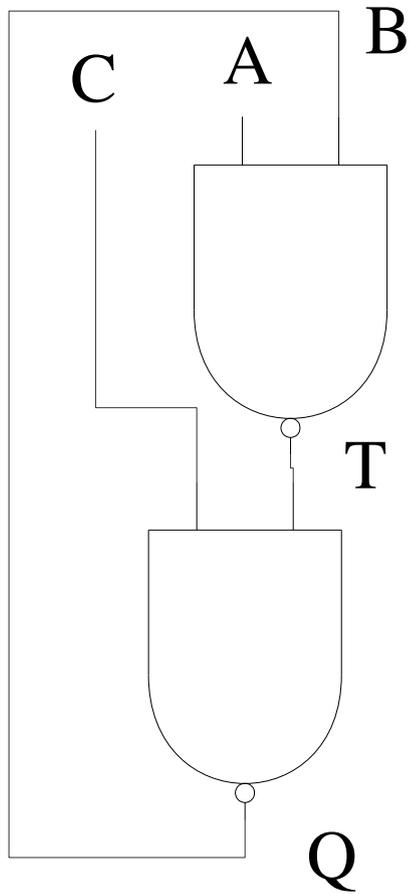
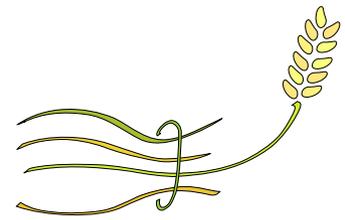
Reset

Hold

Transition out of the hazard state to the hold state causes a race condition

This is what traditional analysis gives...  
5 possible states

# Flip-flop cohomology



$$H^1(X;F) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \leftarrow \text{Race condition detected!}$$

$$H^0(X;F) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2^7$$

Generated by:

- $a \otimes B \otimes c$

$$a \otimes b \otimes c + a \otimes B \otimes C$$

$$a \otimes b \otimes c + A \otimes b \otimes c$$

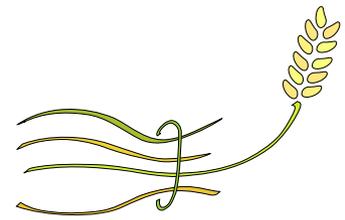
These states describe the possible transitions out of the hazard state – something that takes a bit more trouble to obtain traditionally

States from the truth table

# Bonus: Cosheaf homology

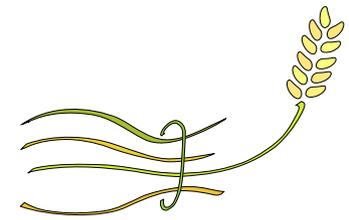


# Cosheaf homology



- The globality of cosheaf sections concentrates in top dimension, which may vary over the base space
  - No particular degree of cosheaf homology holds global sections if the model varies in dimension
- But what **is** clear is that numerical instabilities can arise if certain nontrivial homology classes exist
  - These can obscure actual solutions, but can look “very real” resulting in confusion
  - There are many open questions...

# Wave propagation as cosheaf

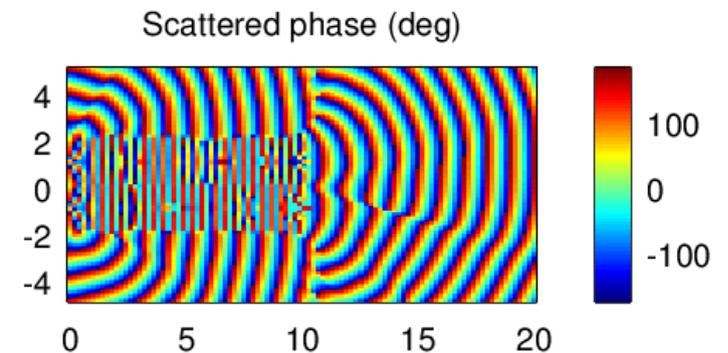
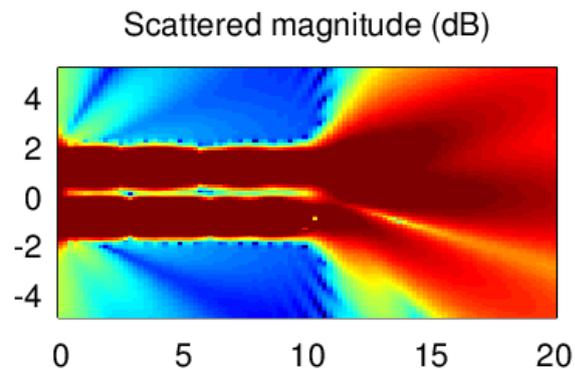


$$\Delta u + k^2 u = 0$$

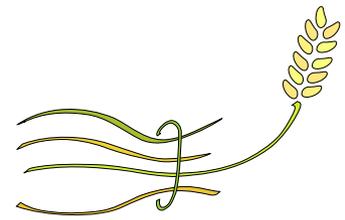
with Dirichlet boundary conditions

Narrow feed channel

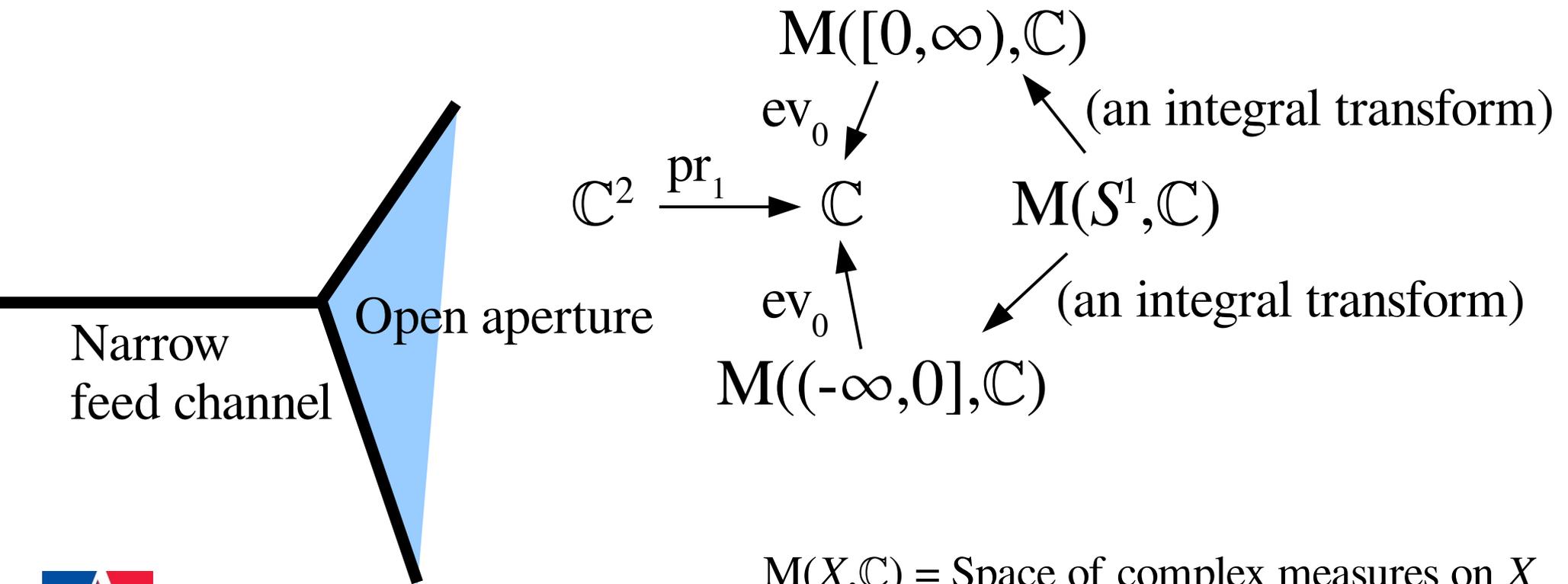
Open aperture



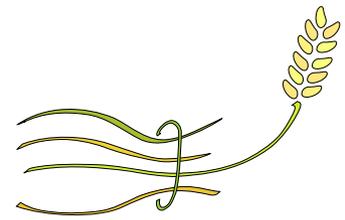
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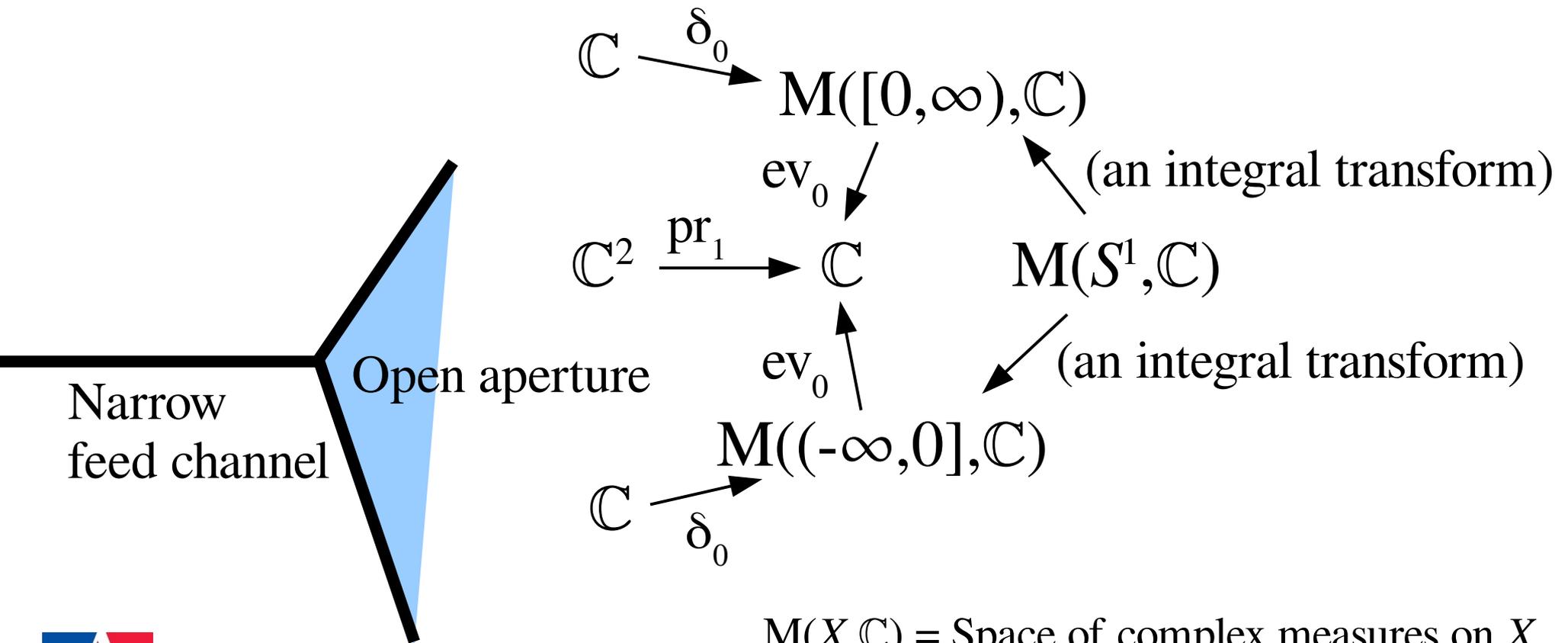
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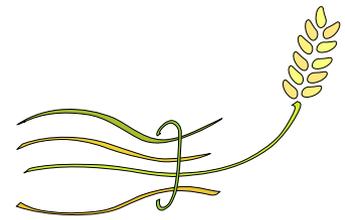
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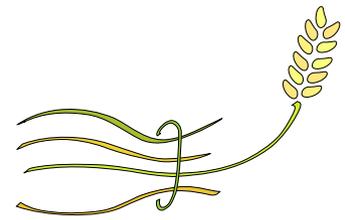


- The global sections indeed get spread across dimension
- Here's the chain complex:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{Dimension 2} & & \text{Dimension 1} & & \text{Dimension 0} \\ M(S^1, \mathbb{C}) \oplus \mathbb{C} \oplus \mathbb{C} & \longrightarrow & M((-\infty, 0], \mathbb{C}) \oplus \mathbb{C}^2 \oplus M([0, \infty), \mathbb{C}) & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{C} \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \end{array}$$

Global sections are parameterized by a subspace of these

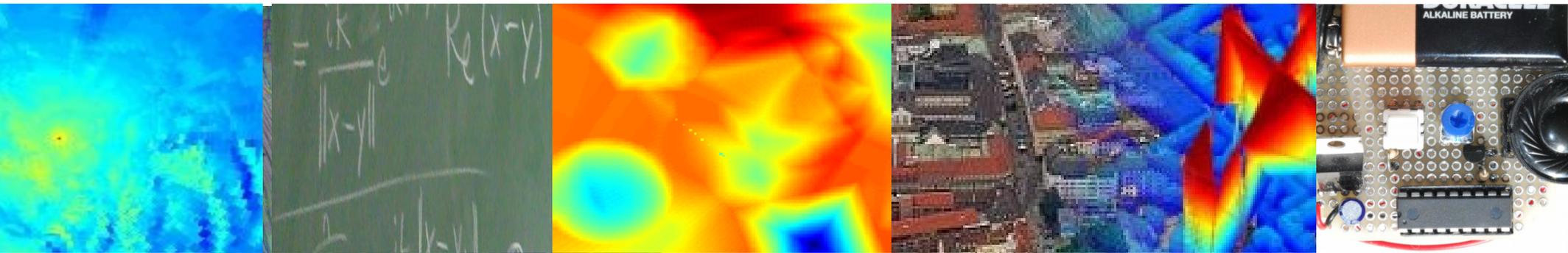
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# How do we Deal with Noisy Data?



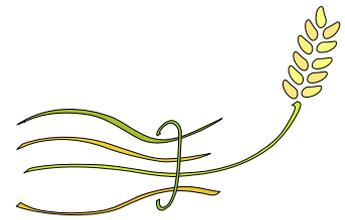
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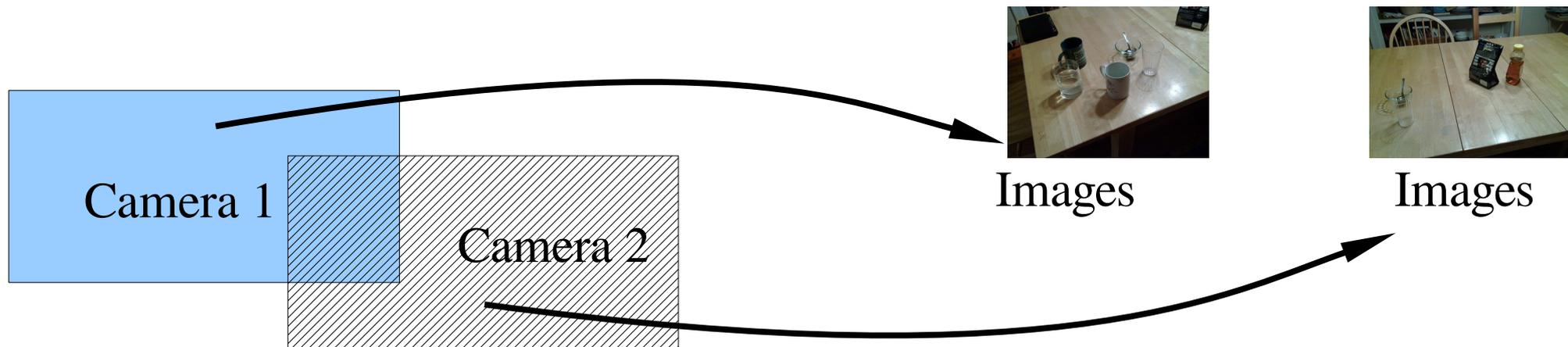
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# Inexact matching

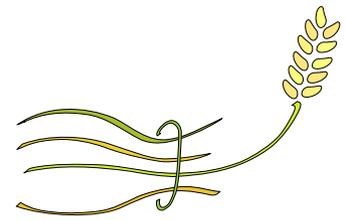


- Sections of a sheaf are great: they globalize information across data sources
- But they seem to require **exact** matches between data sources, which is undesirable...

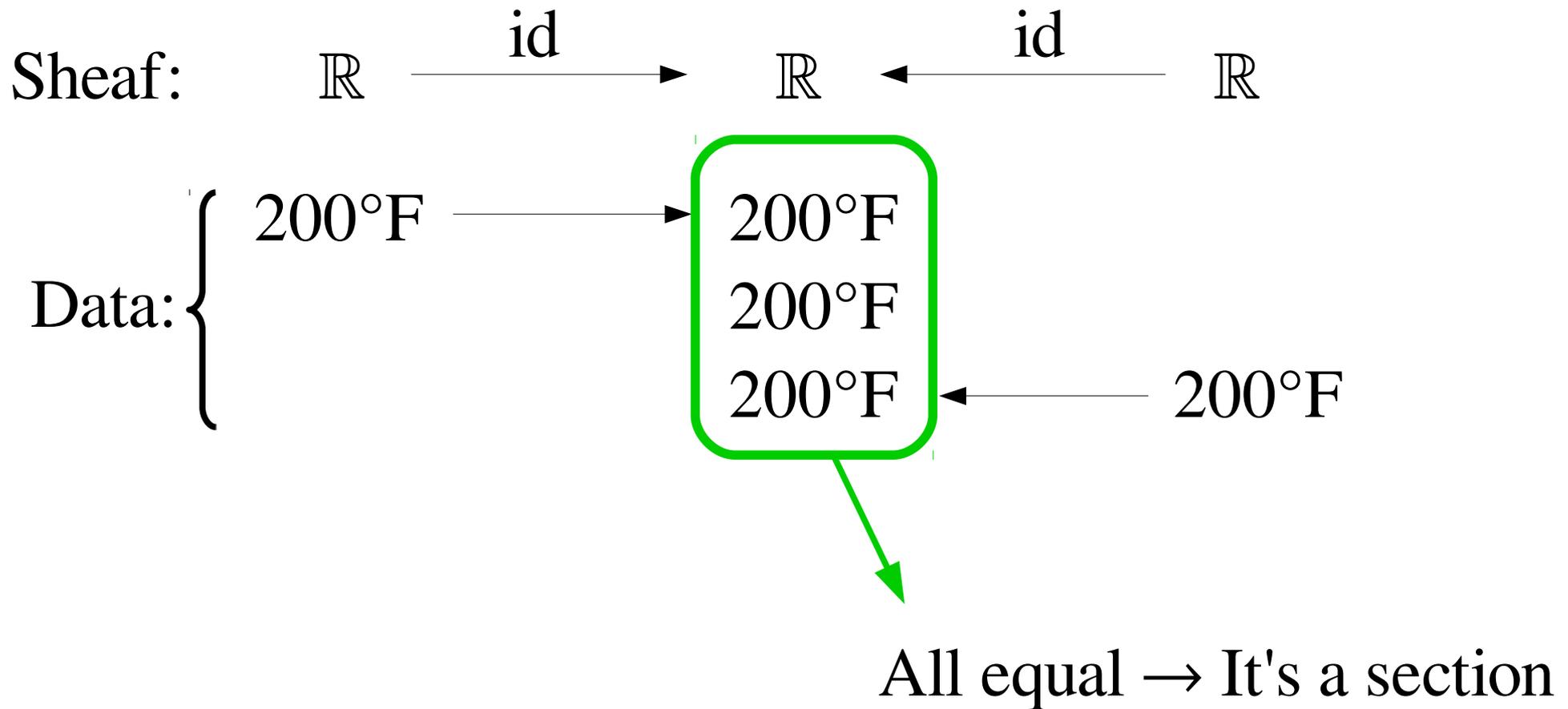


- What if instead we want matches that are approximate, to a certain tolerance?

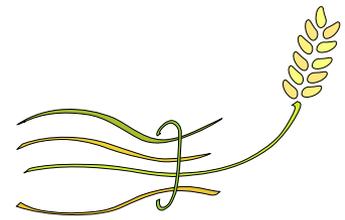
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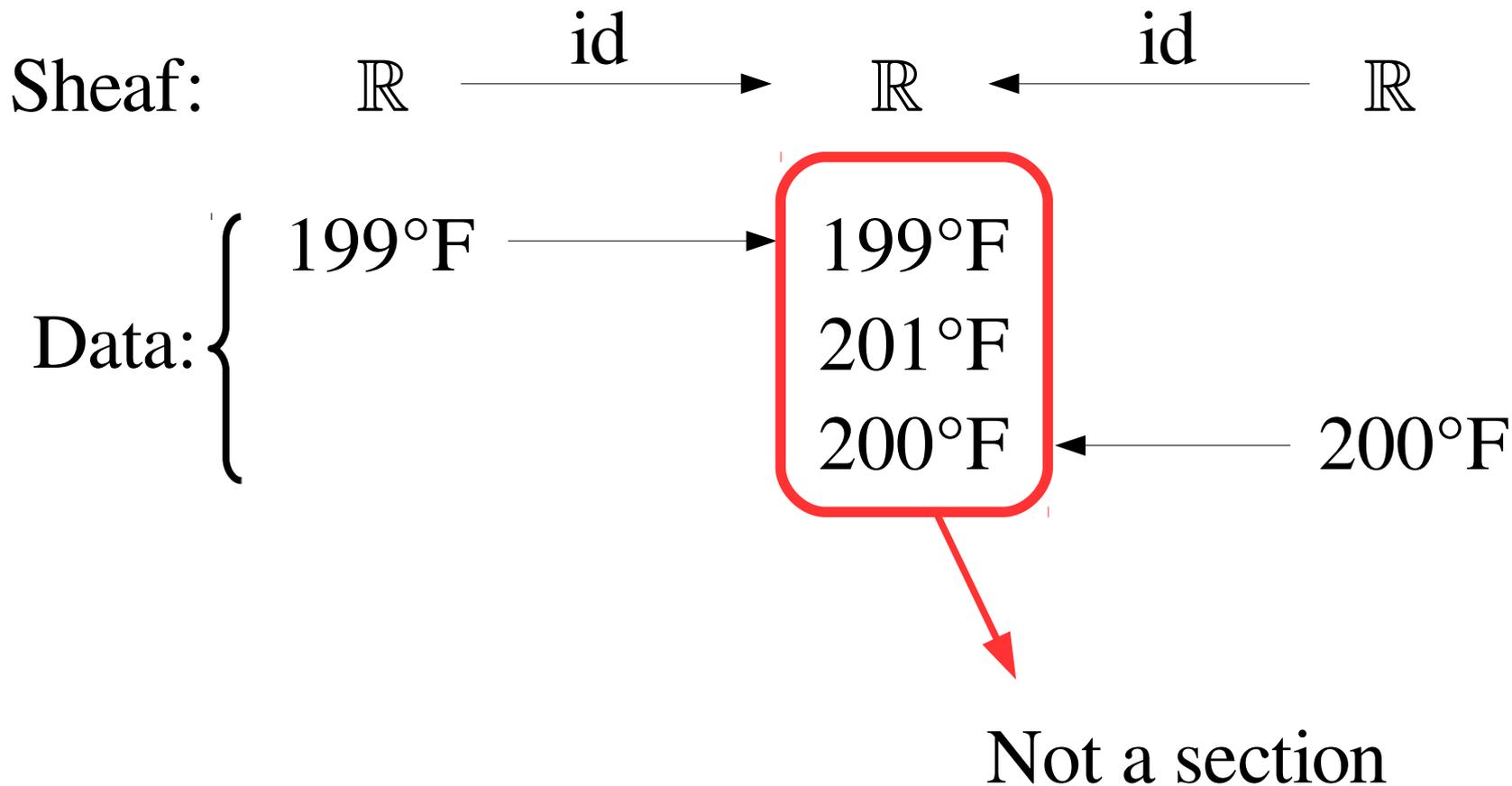
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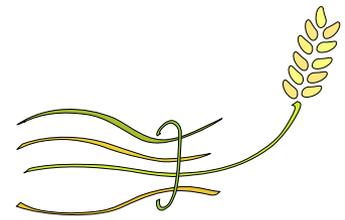
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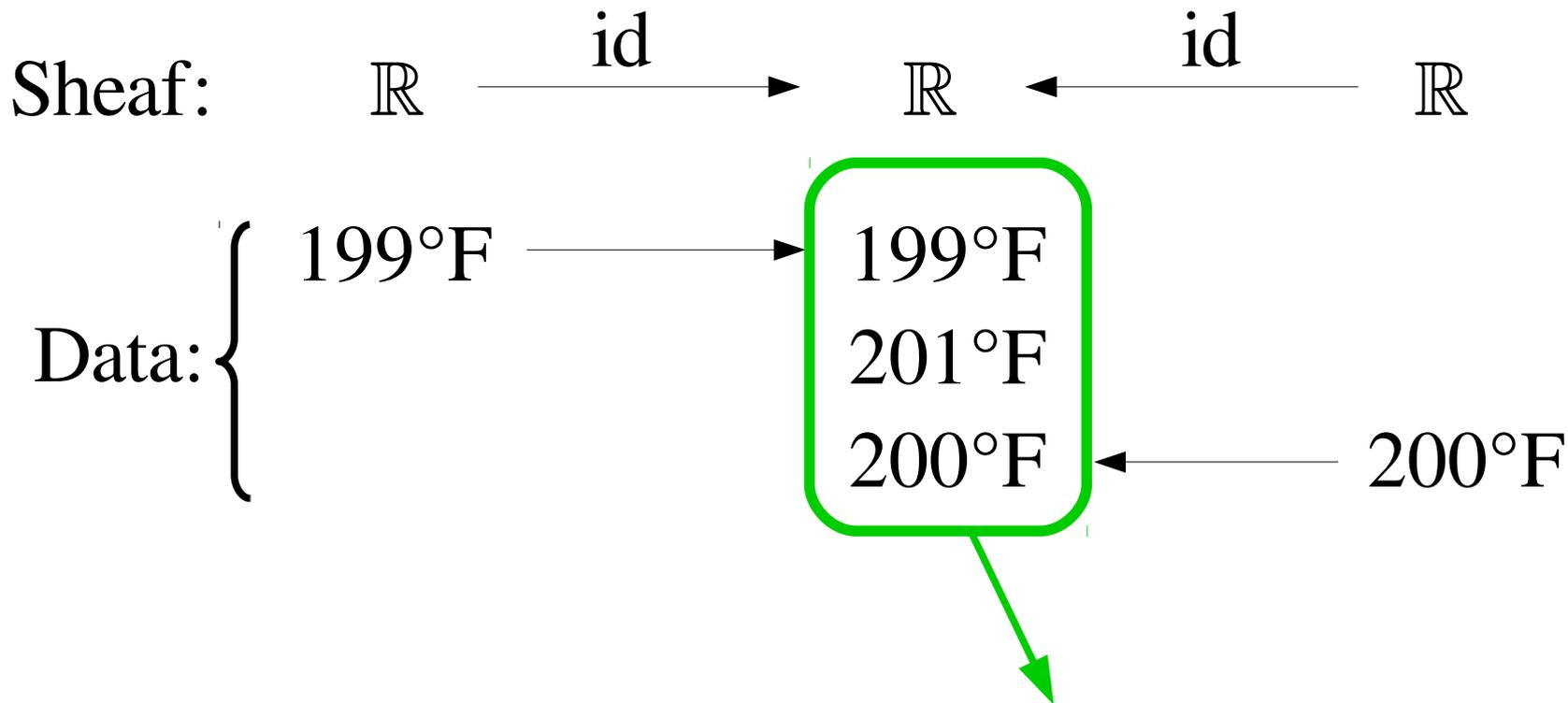
- ... any inconsistency cannot be tolerated...



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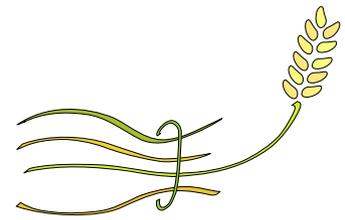


- ... so relax the matching condition to handle errors

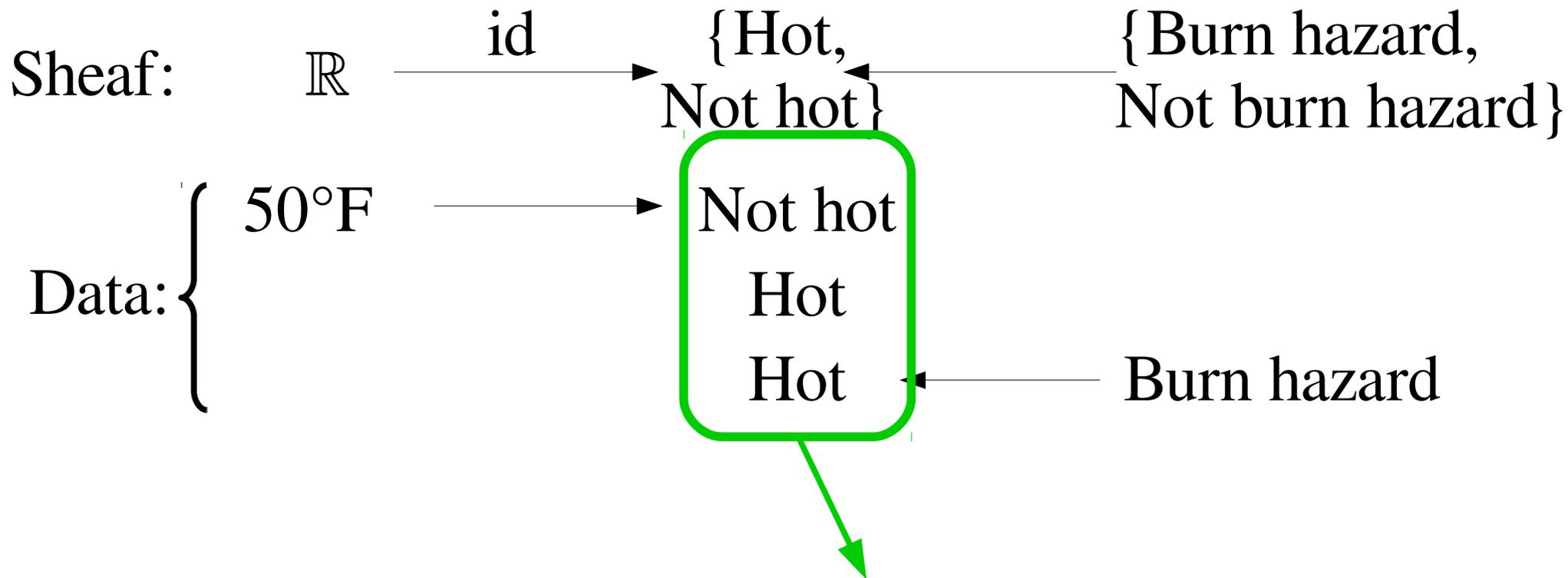


$\text{Variance}(\{199, 201, 200\}) < 10\% \rightarrow$  it's a *pseudosection*

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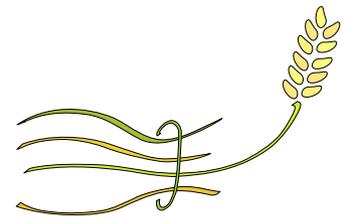


- ... so it can do more than just check consistency



If  $\text{any}([\text{Not hot}, \text{Hot}, \text{Hot}] == \text{Hot}) \rightarrow$   
Perhaps you should not touch!

# Consistency structures



Given a sheaf  $\mathcal{S}$  on a simplicial complex  $X$ , one also needs a *consistency structure*:

- Assign to each non-vertex  $k$ -simplex  $a$ , a function

$$C_a : \mathcal{S}(a)^{2+k} \rightarrow \{0,1\}$$

- A *pseudosection*  $p \in \oplus \mathcal{S}(a)$  satisfies

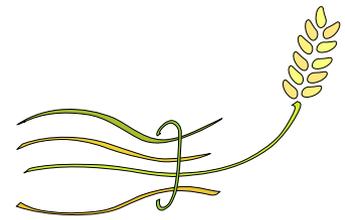
$$C_a(p(a), \mathcal{S}(v_0 \rightsquigarrow a)p(v_0), \dots, \mathcal{S}(v_k \rightsquigarrow a)p(v_k)) = 1$$

everywhere it's defined, assuming  $a = (v_0, \dots, v_k)$ .

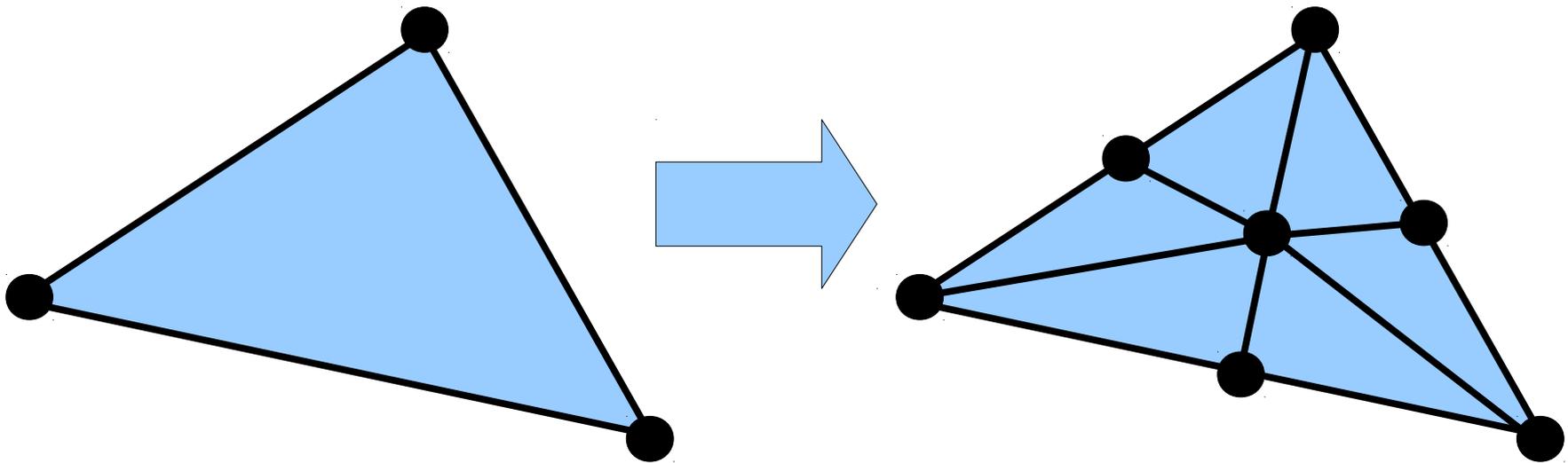
- The consistency structure  $C_a$  returns 1 whenever the data at  $a$  are consistent



# Pseudosections **are** sections...

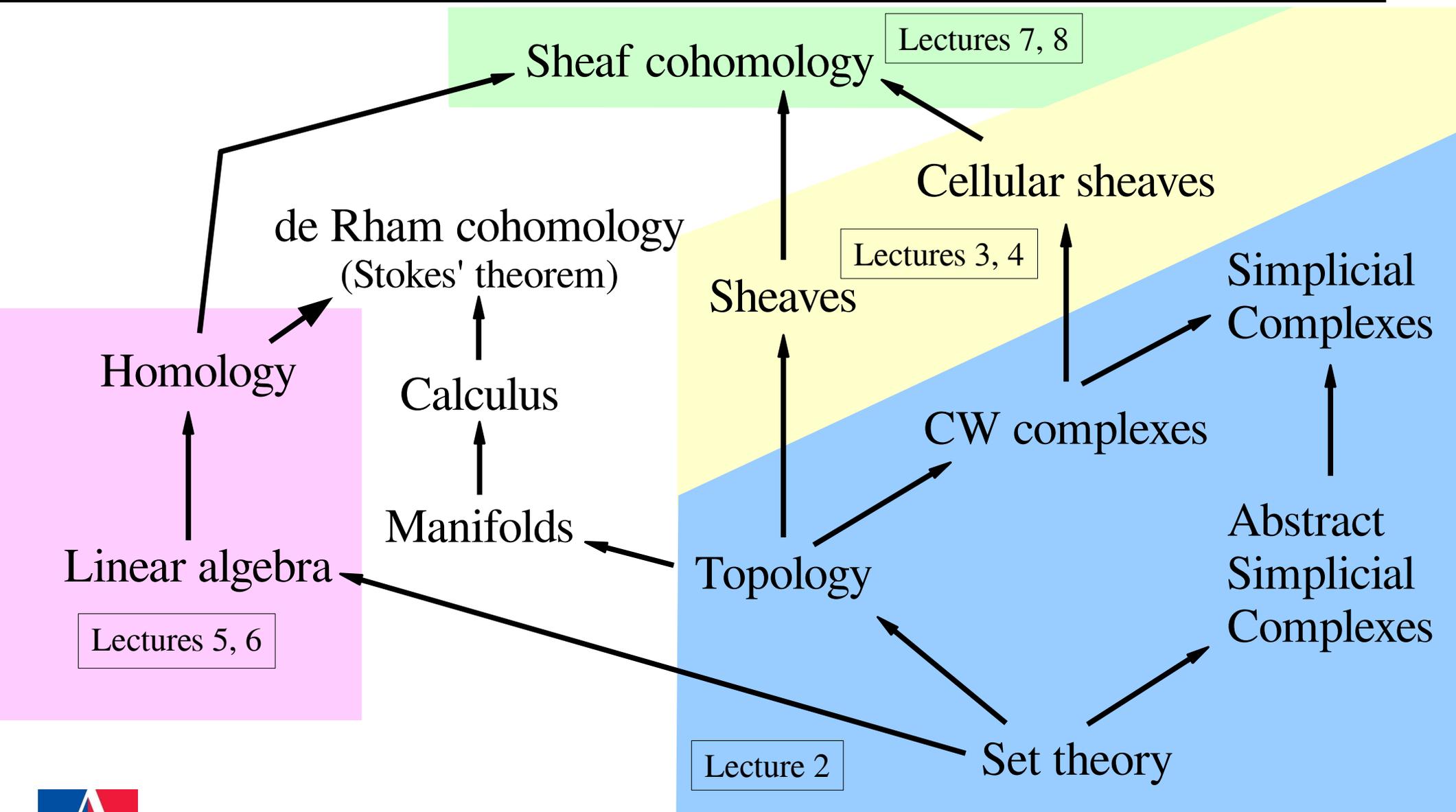
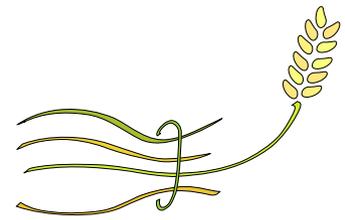


- ... just of a different sheaf
- Theorem: Pseudosections of a sheaf over an abstract simplicial complex  $X$  are sections of another sheaf over the barycentric subdivision of  $X$



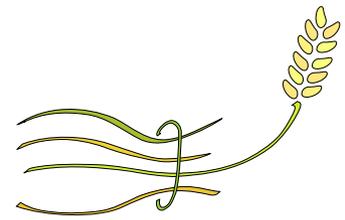
Conclusion: at least theoretically, it suffices to work with sheaves

# Mathematical dependency tree



# Tutorial objectives

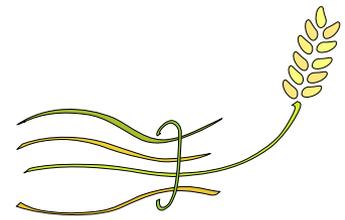
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- What are sheaves?
  - The “local to global” viewpoint
- Encoding existing data into sheaves
  - “Sheafification”
- Data analytic capabilities enabled by sheaves
  - “Sections,” “cohomology”
- Practice analyzing sheaves in software
  - “Persistence,” “local homology”
- Interpret this analysis into the context of the data



# What's next?



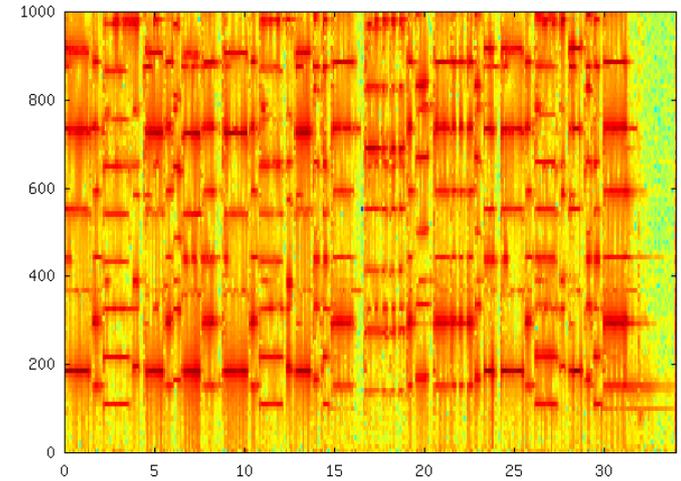
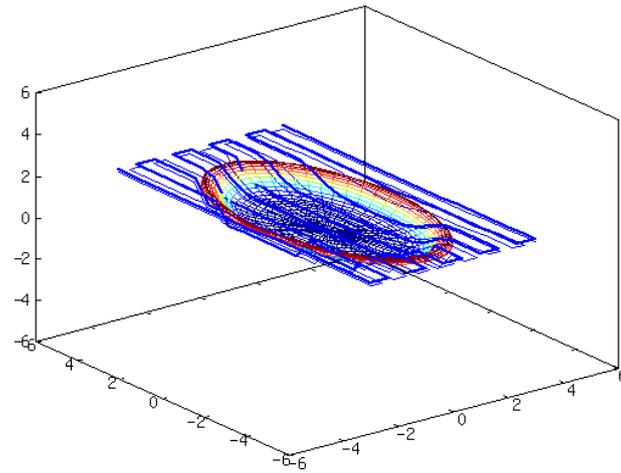
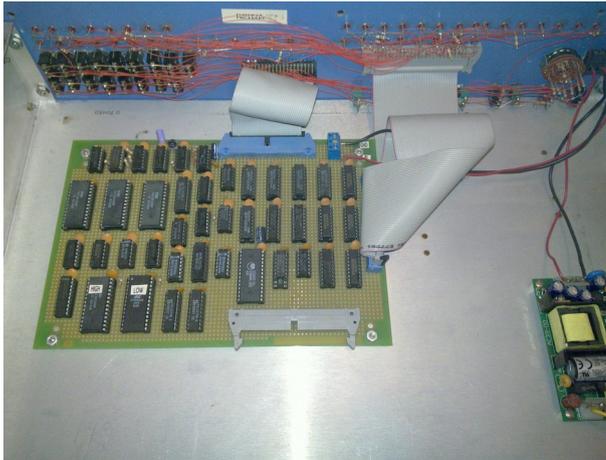
There are many open questions remaining... some will be addressed by DARPA SIMPLEX, but not all

- Focus: heterogeneity, hypothesis generation

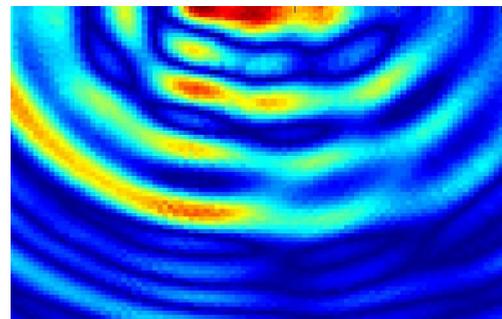
Wide open areas with little coverage in the literature:

- Persistence for sheaves
- Duality relationships between sheaves and cosheaves
- Sheaf computations (cohomological or otherwise)
- Seriously addressing large or varied datasets

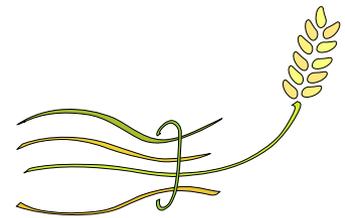




The biggest engineering problems are usually based on fun math problems



# Mathematician's view of the world



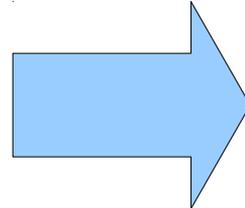
Applications are merely corollaries of great theorems

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Linear algebra



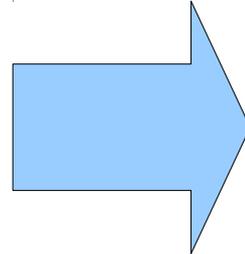
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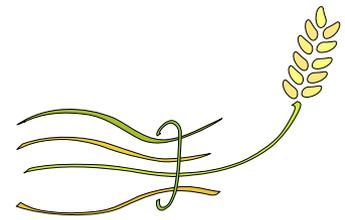


Computer hardware  
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# Applications lead to pure math

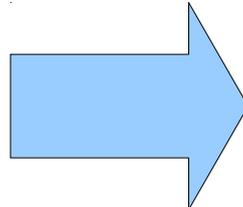


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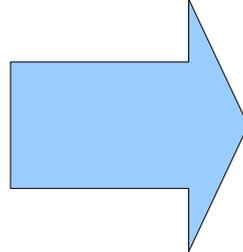
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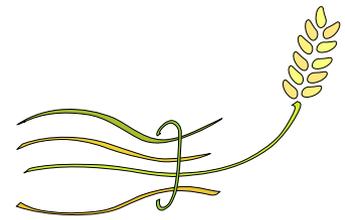


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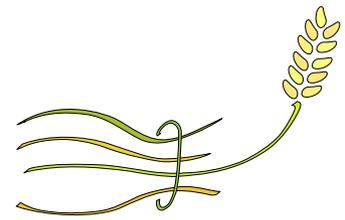


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# The End!

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