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- 1 $f(E^0) \subseteq F^0$,
- 2 $s_F \circ f = f \circ s_E, \quad t_F \circ f = f \circ t_E$,
- 3 $\forall p, q \in FP(E)$ such that $t(p) = s(q): f(pq) = f(p)f(q)$.

Note that a path homomorphism of graphs is a homomorphism of graphs if and only if it preserves the lengths of paths.

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Let E be a graph and $k = \mathbb{C}$ be a field. Then the formulas

$$\forall v \in E^0: (\chi_v)^* := \chi_v, \quad \forall e \in E^1: (\chi_e)^* := \chi_{e^*}, \quad (\chi_{e^*})^* := \chi_e,$$

define involutions rendering $\mathbb{C}\bar{E}$, $C_{\mathbb{C}}(E)$, and $L_{\mathbb{C}}(E)$ $*$ -algebras.

The universal C^* -algebra of $L_{\mathbb{C}}(E)$ is called the **graph C^* -algebra** of E , and denoted by $C^*(E)$.

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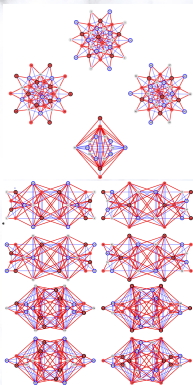


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- 3 *CRTBPOG* is the subcategory of *TBPOG* whose morphisms $f: E \rightarrow F$ satisfy

$$f(E^0 \setminus \text{reg}(E)) \subseteq F^0 \setminus \text{reg}(F).$$

Main contravariant result

Let KA denote the category of algebras over k and algebra homomorphisms, and UKA denote its subcategory of unital algebras and unital algebra homomorphisms.

Theorem

The assignment

$$\text{Obj}(\text{CRTBPOG}) \ni E \longmapsto L_k(E) \in \text{Obj}(KA),$$

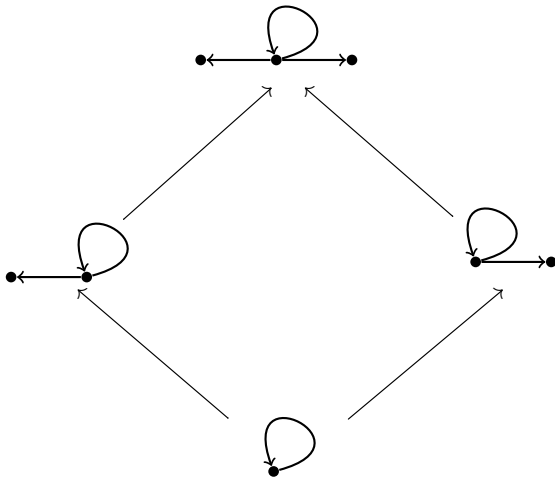
$$\text{Mor}(\text{CRTBPOG}) \ni ((f^0, f^1): E \rightarrow F) \longmapsto$$
$$(\bar{f}^*: L_k(F) \rightarrow L_k(E)) \in \text{Mor}(KA),$$

$$L_k(F) \ni [\chi_p] \xrightarrow{\bar{f}^*} \sum_{q \in \bar{f}^{-1}(p)} [\chi_q] \in L_k(E),$$

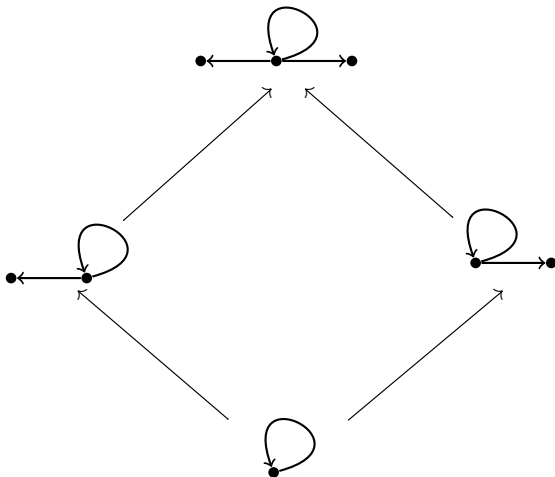
where $\bar{f}: FP(\bar{E}) \rightarrow FP(\bar{F})$ is the map induced by (f^0, f^1) ,

defines a contravariant functor. Furthermore, the same assignment restricted to the subcategory given by graphs with finitely many vertices yields a contravariant functor to the category UKA .

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Theorem

A pushout-to-pullback theorem for Leavitt path algebras and graph C^ -algebras generalizing previous such a theorem for unions of graphs by Reznikoff, Hajac and Tobolski.*

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C3 *RMIPG* is the subcategory of *MIPG* whose morphisms satisfy the regularity conditions:

(A) For any $v \in \text{reg}(E)$, the vertex $f(v)$ emits $|s_E^{-1}(v)|$ -many positive-length paths p_1, \dots, p_{n_v} , $n_v := |s_E^{-1}(v)|$, whose all edges begin at regular vertices. Also, we require that the set $FP_{f(v)} := \{p_1, \dots, p_{n_v}\}$ is constructed in the following way: we take $x \in s_F^{-1}(f(v))$ and either set it aside as a length-one element of $FP_{f(v)}$, or extend it by all edges emitted from $t_F(x)$. Any thus obtained path of length two, we either set aside as an element of $FP_{f(v)}$, or extend it by all edges emitted from its end. Then we iterate this procedure until we obtain the set $FP_{f(v)}$.

(B) For any $v \in \text{reg}(E)$, the map f when restricted to $s_E^{-1}(v)$ is a bijection onto $FP_{f(v)}$.

Main covariant result

Theorem

The directed graphs together with path homomorphisms satisfying the three covariant conditions form a subcategory in the category of graphs and path homomorphisms. We call this subcategory *RMIPG*. Moreover, the assignments

$$\forall E \in \text{Obj}(\text{RMIPG}): E \xrightarrow{f_*^L} C^*(E),$$
$$\forall (f: E \rightarrow F) \in \text{Mor}(\text{RMIPG}), p \in FP(\bar{E}):$$

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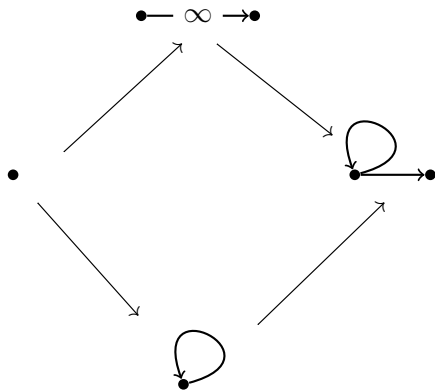
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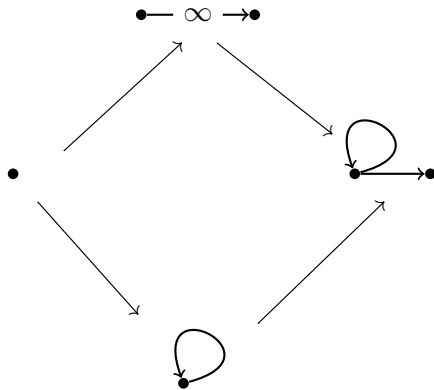
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define a **covariant functor into the category of C^* -algebras and $*$ -homomorphisms**. Finally, restricting the functor to the subcategory *RMBPG* (graphs have finitely many vertices and path homomorphisms are bijective when restricted to the sets of vertices) gives a functor into the subcategory of unital C^* -algebras and unital $*$ -homomorphisms.

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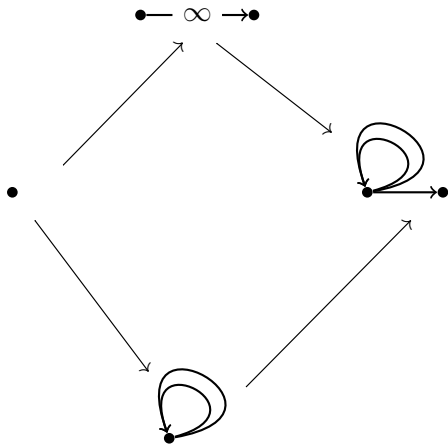




Theorem (A. Chirvasitu, P.M.H., M. Tobolski)

A pullback theorem for graph C^ -algebras. Currently working on its generalization using the main covariant theorem.*

A quantum bonus



Quantum weighted complex projective line

