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Introduction to Logical Geometry3. Visual-Geometric Properties of Aristotelian Diagrams

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- Aristotelian diagrams represent logical structure/information
 - Aristotelian relations
 - classical square: 2 CD, 1 C, 1 SC, 2 SA
 - degenerate square: 2 CD
 - underlying Boolean structure
 - classical square: Boolean closure is (isomorphic to) \mathbb{B}_3
 - degenerate square: Boolean closure is (isomorphic to) \mathbb{B}_4
- diagrams belonging to different Aristotelian families are **not informationally equivalent**
 - they visualize different logical structures
 - differences between diagrams ++++ differences between logical structures
- Jill Larkin and Herbert Simon (1987), Why a Diagram is (Sometimes) Worth 10.000 Words



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Informational and computational equivalence

- if we focus on diagrams belonging to the **same Aristotelian family**, we notice that different authors still use **vastly different diagrams**:
 - logical properties of the diagram are fully determined
 - visual-geometric properties are still seriously underspecified ⇒ various design choices possible

• multiple diagrams for the same formulas and logical system are:

- informationally equivalent
 - contain the same logical information
 - visualize one and the same logical structure
- not necessarily computationally/cognitively equivalent:
 - one diagram might be more helpful/useful than the other ones (ease of access to the information contained in the diagram)
 - visual differences might influence diagrams' effectiveness (user comprehension of the underlying logical structure)

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Informational and computational equivalence



standard and alternative visualisations of the JSB family

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standard and alternative visualisations of the Keynes-Johnson family

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- How to choose among informationally equivalent diagrams?
- \Rightarrow rely on general cognitive principles (Corin Gurr, Barbara Tversky):
 - information selection/ommission and simplification/distortion
 - Apprehension Principle: the content/structure of the visualization can readily and correctly be perceived and understood
 - **Congruence Principle**: the content/structure of the visualization corresponds to the content/structure of the desired mental representation

[abstract-logical] [visual-geometric] properties, relations among sets of formulas ← isomorphism → shape characteristics congruence of the diagrams

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Informational and computational equivalence

- a good diagram simultaneously engages the user's **logical** and **visual** cognitive systems
- facilitate inferential or heuristic free rides (Atsushi Shimojima)
 - logical properties are directly manifested in the diagram's visual features
 - user can grasp these properties with little cognitive effort
 ⇒ "you don't have to reason about it, you just see it!"
- suppose that Aristotelian diagrams D1 and D2 have differerent shapes:
 - shape of D1 more clearly isomorphic to subject matter
 - shape of D2 less clearly isomorphic to subject matter
- then D1 will trigger more heuristics than D2:
 - ceteris paribus, D1 will be a more effective visualization than D2
 - D1 and D2 are not computationally/cognitively equivalent

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Logic versus geometry in Aristotelian diagrams: setup

- two assumptions (satisfied by nearly all diagrams in the literature):
 - the fragment is closed under negation (if $\varphi \in \mathcal{F}$ then $\neg \varphi \in \mathcal{F}$)
 - negation is visualized by means of **central symmetry** (φ and $\neg \varphi$ occupy diametrically opposed points in the diagram)
- since the fragment is closed under negation, it can be seen
 - as consisting of 2n formulas
 - as consisting of n pairs of contradictory formulas (PCDs)



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Configurations of PCDs

- number of configurations of n PCDs: $2^n \times n!$
 - the $n\ {\rm PCDs}$ can be ordered in n! different ways
 - each of the n PCDs has 2 orientations: $(\varphi,\neg\varphi)$ vs. $(\neg\varphi,\varphi)$
- strictly based on the logical properties of the fragment
- independent of any concrete visualization
- example: for n = 2 PCDs, there are $2^n \times n! = 8$ configurations



- polygon/polyhedron \mathcal{P} to visualize an *n*-PCD logical fragment $\Rightarrow 2n$ vertices ($\sim 2n$ formulas) and central symmetry (\sim contradiction)
- \mathcal{P} has a symmetry group $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{P}}$
 - $\bullet\,$ contains the reflectional and rotational symmetries of ${\cal P}\,$
 - $\bullet\,$ the cardinality $|\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{P}}|$ measures how 'symmetric' \mathcal{P} is
- strictly based on the geometrical properties of the polygon/polyhedron
- independent of the logical structure that is being visualized
- example: a square has 8 reflectional/rotational symmetries, i.e. $|S_{sq}| = 8$



- \bullet visualize $\mathit{n}\text{-}\mathsf{PCD}$ fragment by means of $\mathcal P$
 - logical number: $2^n \times n!$
 - geometrical number: $|\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{P}}|$
- $2^n \times n! \ge |\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{P}}|$ (typically: > instead of \ge)
 - every symmetry of ${\cal P}$ can be seen as the result of permuting/changing the orientation of the PCDs
 - but typically not vice versa

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- example
 - $\bullet\,$ reflect the hexagon around the axis defined by $\Box p$ and $\Diamond \neg p$
 - permute the PCDs $(\Diamond p, \Box \neg p)$ and $(\Box p \lor \Box \neg p, \Diamond p \land \Diamond \neg p)$



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- example
 - change the orientation of the PCD $(\Box p \lor \Box \neg p, \Diamond p \land \Diamond \neg p)$
 - no reflectional/rotational symmetry





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- \bullet work up to symmetry: $\frac{2^n \times n!}{|\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{P}}|}$ fundamental forms
 - diagrams with same fundamental form
 ⇒ reflectional/rotational variants of each other
 - diagrams with different fundamental forms:
 ⇒ not reflectional/rotational variants of each other
- \bullet one $n\mbox{-}\mathsf{PCD}$ fragment, two different visualizations $\mathcal P$ and $\mathcal P'$
 - ${\mathcal P}$ is less symmetric than ${\mathcal P}'$
 - $\Leftrightarrow |\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{P}}| < |\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{P}'}|$ $\Leftrightarrow \frac{2^n \times n!}{|\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{P}}|} > \frac{2^n \times n!}{|\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{P}'}|}$
 - $\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{P} \text{ has more fundamental forms than } \mathcal{P}'$

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Diagram quality

- \bullet diagrams ${\mathcal P}$ and ${\mathcal P}'$ for the same $n\mbox{-}{\sf PCD}$ fragment
 - ${\mathcal P}$ is less symmetric than ${\mathcal P}'$, i.e. has more fundamental forms than ${\mathcal P}'$
 - ${\mathcal P}$ makes some visual distinctions that are not made by ${\mathcal P}'$
- the diagrammatic quality of \mathcal{P} and \mathcal{P}' depends on whether these additional **visual distinctions** correspond to any **logical distinctions** in the underlying fragment (recall the Congruence Principle)
- if there are such logical distinctions in the fragment:
 - \mathcal{P} visualizes these logical distinctions (different fundamental forms)
 - \mathcal{P}' collapses these logical distinctions (same fundamental form)
 - \mathcal{P} is better visualization than \mathcal{P}'
- if there are no such logical distinctions in the fragment:
 - no need for any visual distinctions either
 - different fundamental forms of \mathcal{P} : by-products of its lack of symmetry
 - \mathcal{P}' is better visualization than \mathcal{P}

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- in general: $\frac{n! \times 2^n}{|\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{P}}|}$ fundamental forms
- 2-PCD fragment $\Rightarrow 2! \times 2^2 = 8$ configurations of PCDs
- some visualizations that have been used in the literature:
 - square: $|S_{sq}| = 8$ $\frac{2! \times 2^2}{|S_{sq}|} = \frac{8}{8} = 1$ fundamental form
 - (proper) rectangle: $|S_{rect}| = 4$ $\frac{2! \times 2^2}{|S_{rect}|} = \frac{8}{4} = 2$ fundamental forms
- Aristotelian families of 2-PCD fragments:
 - classical
 - degenerate

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- 1 fundamental form
- no visual distinction between long and short edges (all edges are equally long)





- 2 fundamental forms
- visual distinction: long vs short edges
 - (sub)contrariety on long edges, subalternation on short edges
 - (sub)contrariety on short edges, subalternation on long edges





• is there a distinction between (sub)contrariety and subalternation?

• yes, there is

- ${\ensuremath{\, \bullet }}$ complementary perspectives on the classical 'square' of opposition:
 - ► as a theory of negation (commentaries on *De Interpretatione*)
 - ► as a theory of logical consequence (commentaries on *Prior Analytics*)
- focus on different Aristotelian relations:
 - theory of negation \Rightarrow focus on (sub)contrariety
 - $\blacktriangleright \ \ theory \ of \ \ consequence \ \Rightarrow \ focus \ on \ \ subalternation$
- rectangle does justice to these differences (square would collapse them)

• no, there isn't

- logical unity of all the Aristotelian relations
 - every (sub)contrariety yields two corresponding subalternations
 - \blacktriangleright every subalternation yields corresponding contrariety and subcontrariety
- square does justice to this unity (rectangle would introduce artificial differences)

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- in general: $\frac{n! \times 2^n}{|\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{P}}|}$ fundamental forms
- 3-PCD fragment \Rightarrow 3! \times 2³ = 48 configurations
- some visualizations that have been used in the literature:
 - hexagon: $|S_{hex}| = 12$ $\frac{3! \times 2^3}{|S_{hex}|} = \frac{48}{12} = 4$ fundamental forms
 - octahedron: $|S_{octa}| = 48$

$$\frac{3! imes 2^3}{|\mathcal{S}_{\mathsf{octa}}|} = \frac{48}{48} = \mathbf{1}$$
 fundamental form

- Aristotelian families of 3-PCD fragments:
 - Jacoby-Sesmat-Blanché (JSB)
 - Sherwood-Czezowski (SC)
 - unconnected-4 (U4)
 - unconnected-8 (U8)
 - unconnected-12 (U12)

- 4 fundamental forms
- visual distinction:
 - all three contrariety edges equally long
 - one contrariety edge longer than the other two



- 1 fundamental form
- no visual distinction between long and short contrariety edges (all contrariety edges are equally long)





- are there different kinds of contrariety?
- \bullet usually, the contrary formulas are modeled as elements of \mathbb{B}_3
 - bitstrings 100, 010 and 001
 - all contrarieties are equally 'strong'
- for linguistic/cognitive reasons, it is sometimes useful to model the contrary formulas as elements of, say, \mathbb{B}_5
 - bitstrings 10000, 01110, 00001
 - the contrariety 10000–00001 is 'stronger' than the two other contrarieties
- in the hexagon: edge length ++++ contrariety strength
- in the octahedron: no distinction possible (collapse)
 - \Rightarrow hexagon is the preferred visualization

(Congruence)

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- systematic approach to informationally equivalent Aristotelian diagrams: logic (PCD structure) vs geometry (symmetry group)
- applied to some Aristotelian families of 2-PCD and 3-PCD fragments
- in general: to visualize an n-PCD fragment, consider a polytope
 - that is centrally symmetric
 - that has 2n vertices
 - that has a symmetry group of order $2^n \times n!$
 - $\Rightarrow cross-polytope of dimension n \Rightarrow 1 fundamental form$ (dual of the*n*-dimensional hypercube)

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- diagrammatically ineffective (>3D beyond human visual cognition)
- but theoretically important: first few cases:
 - n = 2: 2D cross-polytope: dual of the square: square
 - n = 3: 3D cross-polytope: dual of the cube: **octahedron**

- a Hasse diagram visualizes a partially ordered set (P, \leq) :
 - $\begin{array}{ll} \leq \text{ is reflexive:} & \text{ for all } x \in P : x \leq x \\ \leq \text{ is transitive:} & \text{ for all } x, y, z \in P : x \leq y, y \leq z \Rightarrow x \leq z \\ < \text{ is antisymmetric:} & \text{ for all } x, y \in P : x \leq y, y \leq x \Rightarrow x = y \end{array}$
- Hasse diagrams in logic and mathematics:
 - $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{divisibility poset} & x \leq y \mbox{ iff } x \mbox{ divides } y \\ \mbox{subgroup lattices} & x \leq y \mbox{ iff } x \mbox{ is a subgroup of } y \\ \mbox{logic/Boolean algebra} & x \leq y \mbox{ iff } x \mbox{ logically entails } y \end{array}$
- we focus on Boolean algebras
 - always have a Hasse diagram that is centrally symmetric
 - can be partitioned into levels $L_0, L_1, L_2, \ldots, L_{n-1}, L_n$

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Aristotelian diagrams versus Hasse diagrams

- three key differences between Aristotelian and Hasse diagrams:
 - $\textcircled{0} \hspace{0.1 cm} \text{the non-contingent formulas} \hspace{0.1 cm} \bot \hspace{0.1 cm} \text{and} \hspace{0.1 cm} \top$
 - 2 the general direction of the entailments
 - visualization of the levels
- \bullet first difference: the non-contingent formulas \perp and \top
 - Hasse diagrams: visualized, as begin-/end-points of the <-ordering
 - \bullet Aristotelian diagrams: \perp and \top are usually **not visualized**
 - Sauriol, Smessaert, etc.: \perp and \top are in Aristotelian diagrams after all:
 - \perp and \top coincide in the diagram's center of symmetry



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Aristotelian diagrams versus Hasse diagrams

- second difference: the general direction of the entailments
 - Hasse diagrams: all entailments go upwards
 - Aristotelian diagrams: no single shared direction
- third difference: visualization of the levels
 - Hasse diagrams: levels L_i are visualized as horizontal hyperplanes
 - Aristotelian diagrams: no uniform visualization of levels



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- recall the Congruence Principle:
 - the content/structure of the visualization corresponds to the content/structure of the desired mental representation
 - cf. Barbara Tversky et al.
- different visual properties <---> different goals
 - Aristotelian diagrams: visualize the Aristotelian relations
 - ullet Hasse diagrams: visualize the structure of the entailment ordering \leq
- Hasse diagrams: strong congruence between logical and visual properties
 - shared direction of entailment (vertically upward)
 - levels as horizontal lines/planes
 - $\blacktriangleright \ \, \text{if} \ \varphi,\psi\in L_i \text{, then } \varphi \not\leq \psi \text{ and } \psi \not\leq \varphi$
 - ▶ formulas of a single level are **independent** of each other w.r.t. \leq
 - level = horizontal \Rightarrow orthogonal to the vertical \leq -direction

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- consider the three S5-formulas $\Box p$, $\Box \neg p$, $\Diamond p \land \Diamond \neg p$
 - Hasse perspective: all belong to $L_1 \Rightarrow$ horizontal line
 - Aristotelian perspective: all contrary to each other
- \bullet the contrariety between $\Box p$ and $\Box \neg p$ overlaps with the two others
 - serious violation of the Apprehension Principle
 - direct reason: the three formulas lie on a single line
- this is solved in the Aristotelian diagram:
 - $\bullet \;\; {\rm move} \; \Diamond p \wedge \Diamond \neg p \; {\rm away} \; {\rm from} \; {\rm the} \; {\rm line} \; {\rm between} \; \Box p \; {\rm and} \; \Box \neg p$
 - $\bullet\,$ triangle of contrarieties \Rightarrow in line with Apprehension Principle
 - ullet mixing of levels, no single entailment direction, ot moves to middle



- we restrict ourselves to Aristotelian diagrams that are Boolean closed
- $\bullet\,$ the Hasse diagram of \mathbb{B}_3 can be drawn as a three-dimensional cube
 - $\bullet\,$ general entailment direction runs from 000 to $111\,$
 - logical levels ++++ planes orthogonal to the entailment direction



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- in (a) the cube consists of 4 pairs of diametrically opposed vertices:
 - 3 contingent pairs: 101-010, 110-001, 011-100
 - 1 non-contingent pair: 000—111
- each pair defines a projection axis for vertex-first parallel projection:
 - in (b) projection along 000-111 axis
 - in (c) projection along 101-010 axis



- the vertex-first projections from 3D cube to 2D hexagon:
 (a) projection along 000—111 ⇒ Aristotelian diagram (JSB hexagon)
 (b) projection along 101—010 ⇒ Hasse diagram (almost)
- if we slightly 'nudge' the projection axis 101—010, we get:
 (c) projection 'along' 101—010 ⇒ Hasse diagram



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- both Aristotelian and Hasse diagram are vertex-first parallel projections of cube:
 - Aristotelian diagram: project along the entailment direction (000-111)
 - Hasse diagram: project along another direction (101-010)
- recall the dissimilarities between Aristotelian and Hasse diagrams:
 - $\textcircled{0} \hspace{0.1 cm} \text{the position of } \bot \hspace{0.1 cm} \text{and} \hspace{0.1 cm} \top$
 - 2 the general direction of the entailments
 - the visualization of the levels
- these three differences turn out to be interrelated: different manifestations of a single choice (**projection axis**)
- now: illustrate these differences by means of a more basic vertex-first projection (from 2D square to 1D line)

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difference 1: the position of \perp and \top

the square is a Hasse diagram $\Rightarrow \bot$ and \top as lowest and highest point (a) project along other direction $\Rightarrow \bot$ and \top still as **lowest and highest** (b) project along the \top/\bot direction $\Rightarrow \bot$ and \top **coincide in the center**



difference 2: the general direction of the entailments

the square is a Hasse diagram \Rightarrow general entailment direction is upwards

(a) project along other direction \Rightarrow general entailment direction is still **upwards** (b) project along the \top/\bot direction \Rightarrow **no general entailment direction** anymore



difference 3: the visualization of the levels

the square is a Hasse diagram \Rightarrow uniform (horizontal) levels

(a) project along other direction \Rightarrow still **uniform** (horizontal) levels (b) project along the \top/\bot direction \Rightarrow **mixing** of levels



- \bullet vertex-first projection along the \top/\bot direction (mixing of levels)
- this can be a **parallel** projection
 - from cube to **hexagon**
 - interlocking same-sized triangles for contrariety and subcontrariety
- this can be a **perspective** projection
 - from cube to 'nested triangles'
 - nested different-sized triangles for contrariety and subcontrariety







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Modal Logic S5	Propositional Logic	bitstrings level 1	bitstrings level 3	Propositional Logic	Modal Logic S5
$\Box p$	$p \wedge q$	1000	0111	$\neg (p \land q)$	$\neg \Box p$
$\neg \Box p \wedge p$	$\neg (p \rightarrow q)$	0100	1011	$p \rightarrow q$	$\Box p \lor \neg p$
$\Diamond p \wedge \neg p$	$\neg (p \leftarrow q)$	0010	1101	$p \leftarrow q$	$\neg \Diamond p \lor p$
$\neg \Diamond p$	$\neg (p \lor q)$	0001	1110	$p \lor q$	$\Diamond p$
Modal Logic S5	Propositional Logic	bitstrings level 2/0	bitstrings level 2/4	Propositional Logic	Modal Logic S5
p	p	1100	0011	$\neg p$	$\neg p$
$\Box p \lor (\Diamond p \land \neg p)$	q	1010	0101	$\neg q$	$\neg \Diamond p \lor (\neg \Box p \land p)$
$\Box p \lor \neg \Diamond p$	$p \leftrightarrow q$	1001	0110	$\neg(p \leftrightarrow q)$	$\neg \Box p \land \Diamond p$
$\Box p \land \neg \Box p$	$p \wedge \neg p$	0000	1111	$p \lor \neg p$	$\Box p \lor \neg \Box p$

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- vertex-first parallel projection
- from 4D hypercube to 3D rhombic dodecahedron (RDH)
 - along the 0000—1111 axis \Rightarrow Aristotelian RDH
 - along the $1001-0110 \text{ axis} \Rightarrow \text{Hasse RDH}$



(Smessaert, Demey)

(Zellweger)

cube	+	octahedron	=	cuboctahedron	$\stackrel{dual}{\Longrightarrow}$	rhombic dodecahedron
Platonic		Platonic		Archimedean		Catalan
6 faces 8 vertices 12 edges		8 faces 6 vertices 12 edges		14 faces 12 vertices 24 edges		12 faces 14 vertices 24 edges



cube: $4 \times L1 + 4 \times L3$ / octahedron: $6 \times L2$ / center: $1 \times L0 + 1 \times L4$







nested tetrahedron (NTH)
(Dubois & Prade, Ciucci, Lewis Carroll, Moretti)
 4 faces + 4 vertices + 6 edges
 vertex-first perspective projection
 of a 4D hypercube along the 0000—1111 axis

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logical levels are geometrically represented as horizontal planes orthogonal to the vertical implication direction

Congruence Principle

structure of visualization \sim represented logical structure



Representing levels in Aristotelian RDH



levels are **not** parallel planes levels are **not** geometrical dimensions ↓ Aristotelian RDH is **not** level-preserving (violating the Congruence Principle)

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levels are not parallel planes, but are geometrical dimensions

$$\begin{array}{rcl} L1 & \sim & \mbox{zero-dimensionality} & \rightsquigarrow & \mbox{4 vertices} \\ L2 & \sim & \mbox{one-dimensionality} & \rightsquigarrow & \mbox{midpoints of 6 edges} \\ L3 & \sim & \mbox{two-dimensionality} & \rightsquigarrow & \mbox{midpoints of 4 faces} \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & \\ & &$$

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- the contradiction relation is symmetric and functional
 - Aristotelian diagrams (usually) represent CD by central symmetry
 - contradictory bitstrings are located at diametrically opposed vertices at the same distance from the diagram's centre
- Congruence Principle: logical distance \sim geometrical distance:
 - Hamming distance: $d_H(b, b') :=$ number of bit values switched
 - Euclidean distance: $d_{RDH}(b, b') := d_E(c_{RDH}(b), c_{RDH}(b'))$
 - $c_{RDH}(b) :=$ Euclidean coordinates of the vertex representing b in RDH
 - $d_H(b_1, b_2) < d_H(b_3, b_4) \implies d_{RDH}(b_1, b_2) < d_{RDH}(b_3, b_4)$
- contradiction relation = **strongest** opposition relation
 - contradiction = switching all bit values = maximal Hamming distance
 - ullet congruence: maximal logical distance \sim maximal geometrical distance
 - $c_{RDH}(b)$ is farthest removed from $c_{RDH}(\neg b)$
 - $\arg \max_{x \in \mathbb{B}_4} d_H(b, x) = \neg b = \arg \max_{x \in \mathbb{B}_4} d_{RDH}(b, x)$

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L1-L3 contradiction L2-L2 contradiction central symmetry central symmetry maximal distance ↓ RDH observes the Congruence Principle



L1-L3 contradiction L2-L2 contradiction no central symmetry central symmetry no maximal distance ↓ NTH violates the Congruence Principle

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3 distinct logical relations (opposition/implication) versus 3 distinct/coinciding visual components (line/arrow)

Apprehension Principle:

the content/structure of the visualisation can readily and correctly be perceived and understood

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no triples of collinear vertices no visual overlap/coincidence ↓ RDH observes Apprehension triples of collinear vertices visual overlap/coincidence \Downarrow NTH violates Apprehension

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