

Throughout, a "poset" X means either an ordinary poset, or the special poset " $\Rightarrow\Leftarrow$ ", or "contradiction". If $a, b \in X$, let $X_{a \leq b}$ be the poset X with the relation $a \leq b$ added (this may be a contradiction!). Likewise for $X_{a=b}$ and $X_{a > b}$. We will always allow $\Rightarrow\Leftarrow_{a \leq b}$ (etc.), and this is always $\Rightarrow\Leftarrow$. The treatment of $\Rightarrow\Leftarrow$ is not as good as it should be.

Vgl is the algebra generated as a vector space by pairs $[X, w]$, where $w \in U(gl(X))$, modulo the relations

1. Linearity in w .
2. $[\Rightarrow\Leftarrow, w] = 0$ for all w .
3. $[X, w] = [X_{a \leq b}, w] + [X_{a=b}, w] + [X_{a > b}, w]$
4. If $F: X \rightarrow Y$ is an isomorphism of posets, then $[X, w] = [Y, F_* w]$

The product on Vgl is

$$[X, w_1] \cdot [Y, w_2] = [X \cup Y, w_1 w_2]$$

Question What are the co-invariants of Vgl ?

Or maybe, what are the characters of Vgl ?

("co-invariants" are in some "internal" sense, which needs to be made explicit).

It is not hard to construct characters corresponding

- to partitions.
1. Can I make this look natural?
 2. Can I prove that this is all?