Sobriety and congruence biframes

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The congruential coreflection as an analogue of sobrification

 Σ₁(C^{*}₃)Sk is the sobrification functor and so sobrification appears as the 'spatial shadow' of the congruential coreflection.



- Here the functors Sk and Σ_1 are used to transport spaces into the setting of strictly zero-dimensional biframes and back.
- Note that $\Sigma_1 \mathrm{Sk}$ is naturally isomorphic to the identity functor.

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• The well-monotone quasi-uniformity on a strictly zero-dimensional biframe \mathcal{L} is generated by paircovers of the form

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where A is a *well-ordered cover* of \mathcal{L}_1 .

• Then $C_A = \bigcup_{b \in A} \downarrow (b, (b^-)^c)$, where $b^- = \bigvee \{a \in A \mid a < b\}$.

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