# Representing inverse semigroups in complete inverse algebras 

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Figure: Rocky Cape


Figure: Zabranjeno plivanje!


Figure: After the flood

## OUTLINE

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Boolean inverse algebras/semigroups

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- The respective semilattices-of-idempotents have very special structures-they are the power set $2^{X}$ and the (set-) partition lattice $\mathscr{P}(X)$.


## Other inverse semigroups

Obviously this also works for a wide class of objects (anything with a notion of subobject or quotient object), giving inverse semigroups of partial isomorphisms or of bicongruences of:

- vector spaces
- topological spaces
- graphs
- groups
which in some special cases determine the object


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Figure: Domain: Cumquat bush

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Figure: Range: Marmalade

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