

The SAGE Coercion Model

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Implementation

```
sage: a + b
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Executes

```
if have_same_parent(a,b):  
    return a.add_c(b)  
else: # bin_op_c  
    if A = lookup_action(a,b, op):  
        return A(a,b)  
    if xmap, ymap = lookup_coercion(a,b)  
        return xmap(a) + ymap(b)
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Fail

Everything is cached for speed (custom dict)

Special functions

- `R.coerce_map_from()`
- `R.get_action()`
- `cannonical_coercion`
- `pushout`

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