



TASKS 2 & 3 – EXTENSIONS – INTRODUCTION

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What this chapter is all about

In the previous chapter we introduced **minimalist causal coding**:

- we code **links** between named factors (plain-language labels)
- we let **factor labels** do most of the work (e.g. **wealth** vs **poverty**)
- we start from a **links table** (one row per coded causal claim), rather than building a separate factor metadata structure

That approach has general applicability. This folder collects a set of **practical extensions** that make the approach more useful for answering common evaluation questions — mainly by simplifying, querying, and comparing the map.

All the extensions in this folder are implemented in the Causal Map app, but the ideas are tool-independent.

As you read:

- start with the practitioner sections (“what is this for / how do I interpret it?”)
- where a page needs more formal material, it’s placed at the bottom under **Formal notes (optional)**

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If you want deeper theory/background (not required for using the method):

- [Minimalist coding for causal mapping](#)
- [A formalisation of causal mapping](#)

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 **Combining links into bundles**

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 **Collapsing factor labels and excluding brackets**

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