# Categorical Semantics of Linear Logic

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#### **Representations in group theory**

Imagine that one wants to study the properties of a specific group G.

One well-known and important technique is to look at

the **representations** of the group *G* 

where a representation is defined as:

- $\triangleright$  a finite (or infinite) dimensional vector space V,
- ⊳ a linear action

 $- \bullet - : G \times V \longrightarrow V$ 

of the group G on the vector space V.

#### **Linear actions**

Definition. A linear action is a function

 $- \bullet - : G \times V \longrightarrow V$ 

defining an **action** of the group  $(G, \cdot, e)$  on the vector space V

 $\forall g, g' \in G, \forall v \in V \qquad (g' \cdot g) \bullet v = g' \bullet (g \bullet v) \qquad e \bullet u = u$ 

such that the **action** of any element  $g \in G$ 

$$g \bullet - : V \longrightarrow V$$

defines a **linear map** from the vector space V to itself:

$$\forall v, w \in V, \qquad g \bullet (v + w) = (g \bullet v) + (g \bullet w) \qquad g \bullet 0 = 0$$

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 $\lambda \quad : \quad G \times V \longrightarrow V$ 

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 $\lambda_g : V \longrightarrow V$ 

parameterized by  $g \in G$  and satisfying the two equations:

$$\lambda_{g' \cdot g} = \lambda_{g'} \circ \lambda_g \qquad \qquad \lambda_e = id_V$$

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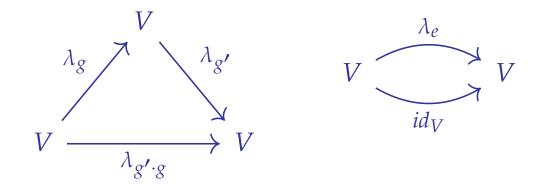
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A fruitful observation in algebra:

The **natural representation** in the algebra  $\mathbb{C}[X, Y, Z]$  of polynomials

 $SO(3) \times \mathbb{C}[X, Y, Z] \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}[X, Y, Z]$ 

defined by the **algebra maps** induced from the rotation  $g \in SO(3)$ 

 $\lambda_g \quad : \quad \mathbb{C}[X,Y,Z] \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}[X,Y,Z]$ 

can be decomposed as an infinite sum of representations

 $\mathbb{C}[X, Y, Z] \cong \bigoplus_{i \in I} V_i$ 

which contains all the irreducible representations of SO(3).

### **Denotational semantics**

What is traditionally called

#### denotational semantics of proofs and programs

can be seen as

#### a representation theory for proofs and programs

based on the three fundamental concepts of

1. category

2. functor 3. natural transformation

A brief introduction to Categories Functors Natural transformations

First steps in the functorial language

A category *A* is an oriented graph

- whose nodes are called objects
- ▶ whose edges are called **maps** or **arrows** or **morphisms**

Given two objects A and A', we write

**Hom**<sub> $\mathscr{A}$ </sub>(A, A') or more simply **Hom**(A, A')

for the set of maps from the object A to the object A' in the category  $\mathscr{A}$ .

# A category A is moreover equipped with

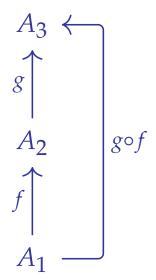
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defined as a family of functions:

 $\circ_{A_1,A_2,A_3}$  : Hom $(A_2,A_3) \times$  Hom $(A_1,A_2) \longrightarrow$  Hom $(A_1,A_3)$ 

indexed by objects  $A_1, A_2, A_3$  of the category  $\mathscr{A}$ .

Diagrammatically:



A category *A* is moreover equipped with

#### an identity law

defined as a family of maps:

 $id_A \in \operatorname{Hom}(A, A)$ 

indexed by the objects A of the category  $\mathscr{A}$ . Diagrammatically:

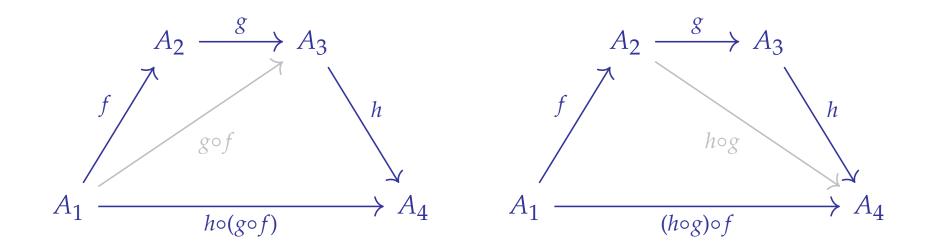
$$A \\ \uparrow \\ id_A \\ A$$

Finally, one requires the following two properties:

Associativity: the following equation is satisfied

 $(h \circ g) \circ f = h \circ (g \circ f)$ 

for every path of length 3 in the category, as depicted below:



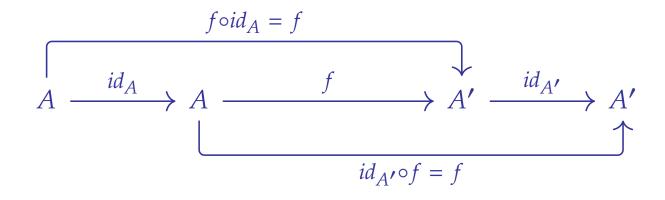
**Neutrality:** the two equations

$$f \circ id_A = f = id_{A'} \circ f$$

are satisfied for every map



in the category, as depicted below:



#### Large categories

A bestiary of examples given by large categories such as:

- ▶ the category Set with sets as objects and functions as maps
- ▶ the category **Rel** with **sets as objects** and **relations as maps**
- ▷ the category **Grp** of **groups** and **group homomorphisms**
- ▷ the category Vec of vector spaces and linear maps
- b the category Top of topological spaces and continuous functions
- ▷ the category **Coh** of **coherence spaces** and **linear maps**
- ▷ the category Stab of coherence spaces and stable maps

#### **Preorders as small categories**

There is also a wide variety of **small categories** defined as preorders:

 $\triangleright$  a category  $\mathscr{A}$  such that

the set Hom(A, A') is empty or singleton for all objects A, A'

is the same thing as a **preorder**  $\leq_{\mathscr{A}}$  on the objects of  $\mathscr{A}$ .

The preorder relation  $\leq_{\mathscr{A}}$  on the objects of  $\mathscr{A}$  is defined as follows:

 $A \leq_{\mathscr{A}} A'$  precisely when there exists a map  $f: A \to A'$  in  $\mathscr{A}$ 

#### Monoids as small categories

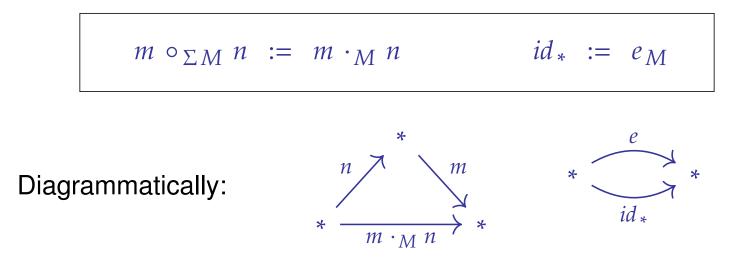
▷ every monoid  $M = (M, \cdot_M, e_M)$  may be equivalently seen as

a category  $\Sigma M$  with one **single object** noted \*

whose maps  $* \rightarrow *$  are the elements of the monoid:

 $\operatorname{Hom}_{\Sigma M}(*,*) = M$ 

equipped with the induced composition and identity laws:



#### — a little exercise just for the fun of it —

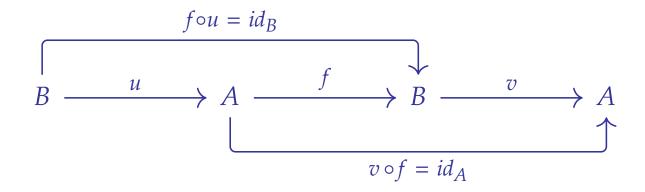
**Definition** A map in a category *A* 

 $f : A \longrightarrow B$ 

is called an isomorphism when there exists a pair of maps

 $u, v : B \longrightarrow A$ 

such that the two equations hold:



**Exercise:** Show that the two maps u and v are equal in that case.

### **Functors**

A functor between categories  $\mathscr{A}$  and  $\mathscr{B}$ 

$$F : \mathscr{A} \longrightarrow \mathscr{B}$$

is an operation

- ▷ which transports every object  $A \in \mathscr{A}$  to an object  $F(A) \in \mathscr{B}$
- which transports every map

$$f : A \longrightarrow A'$$

of the category  $\mathscr{A}$  to a map

$$F(f) : F(A) \longrightarrow F(A')$$

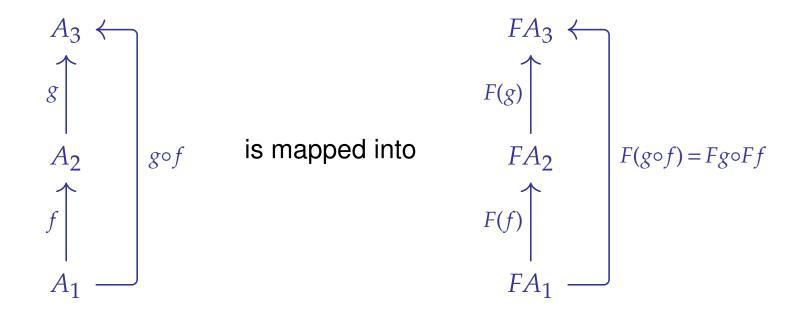
of the category  $\mathscr{B}$ .

#### **Functors**

One requires moreover that

the image of the composite = the composite of the images

which means diagrammatically that



#### **Functors**

One also requires that

#### the image of the identity map = the identity map of the image

which means diagrammatically that



#### **Natural transformations**

#### A natural transformation

 $\theta \quad : \quad F \longrightarrow G \quad : \quad \mathscr{A} \longrightarrow \mathscr{B}$ 

between two functors F and G of the same source and target:

 $F, G : \mathscr{A} \longrightarrow \mathscr{B}$ 

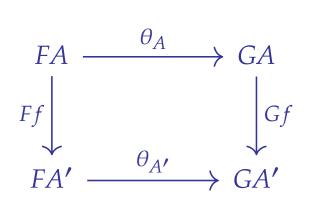
is a family of maps in the category  ${\mathscr B}$ 

 $\theta_A : FA \longrightarrow GA$ 

indexed by the objects of the category A.

#### **Natural transformations**

One also requires that the **diagram commutes** in the category *B* 



in the sense that the equation below holds:

$$\theta_{A'} \circ Ff = Gf \circ \theta_A$$

for every map  $f: A \to A'$  of the category  $\mathscr{A}$ .

#### The 2-category Cat of categories

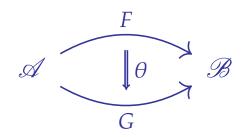
Categories, functors and natural transformations organize themselves into

#### a 2-category Cat

where every natural transformation

 $\theta \quad : \quad F \longrightarrow G \quad : \quad \mathscr{A} \longrightarrow \mathscr{B}$ 

defines a **2-dimensional cell** between functors



seen themselves as **1-dimensional cells** between categories.

# An intermezzo on 2-categories

Second steps in the functorial language

#### The notion of 2-category in four slides

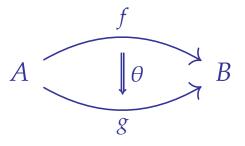
A 2-category  $\mathcal{K}$  is defined just as a category except that the set

**Hom**(*A*, *B*)

is now replaced by a category whose objects are 1-dimensional cells

 $f, g : A \longrightarrow B$ 

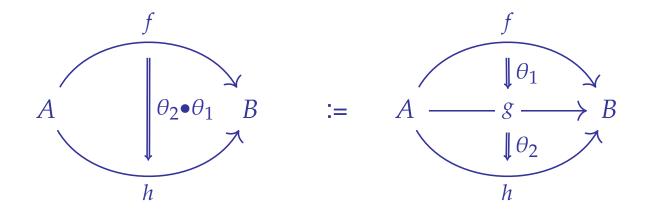
and whose maps  $\theta: f \to g$  are 2-dimensional cells



between the 1-dimensional cells  $f, g : A \to B$  of the 2-category  $\mathcal{K}$ .

#### **Vertical composition**

This equips the 2-category with a vertical composition



where we write  $\theta_2 \bullet \theta_1$  for the composite of the two maps

$$\theta_1: f \longrightarrow g \qquad \qquad \theta_2: g \longrightarrow h$$

in the category Hom(A, B) of 1- and 2-dimensional cells from A to B.

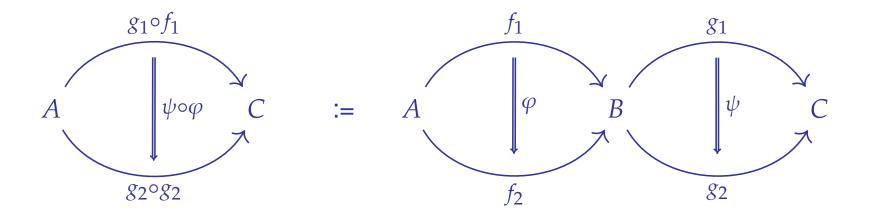
#### **Horizontal composition**

The composition law is defined as a family of functors

 $\circ_{A_1,A_2,A_3}$  : Hom $(A_2,A_3) \times$  Hom $(A_1,A_2) \longrightarrow$  Hom $(A_1,A_3)$ 

between hom-categories of the 2-category.

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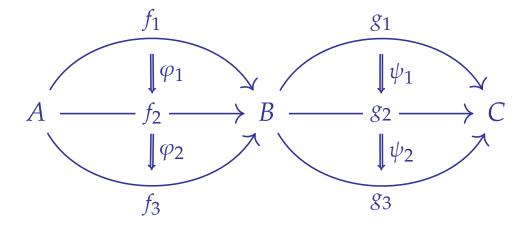
moreover compatible with vertical composition in the following sense.

#### The interchange law

Horizontal and vertical composition are compatible in the sense that

 $(\psi_2 \bullet \psi_1) \circ (\varphi_2 \bullet \varphi_1) = (\psi_2 \circ \varphi_2) \bullet (\psi_1 \circ \varphi_1)$ 

whenever we are in the following situation:



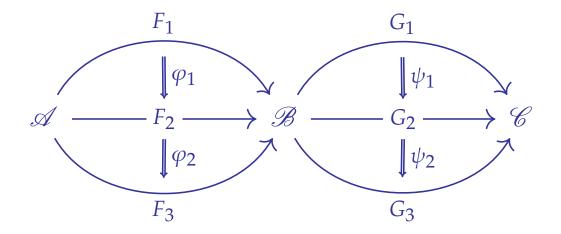
in the 2-category  $\mathcal{K}$ .

#### In the specific case of categories and functors

The interchange law of the 2-category  $\mathcal{K} = Cat$  ensures that

$$(\psi_2 \bullet \psi_1) \circ (\varphi_2 \bullet \varphi_1) = (\psi_2 \circ \varphi_2) \bullet (\psi_1 \circ \varphi_1)$$

whenever we have **natural transformations** of the following shape:



## A brief

# introduction to Categories Functors Natural transformations

First steps in the language of string diagrams

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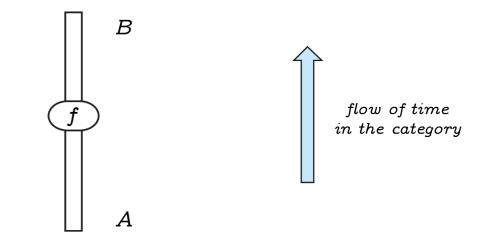
First steps in the language of string diagrams

#### **Categories in string diagrams**

The basic idea is to represent a map in a given category A

 $f \quad : \quad A \longrightarrow B$ 

as a process or as a causal flow going from bottom to top



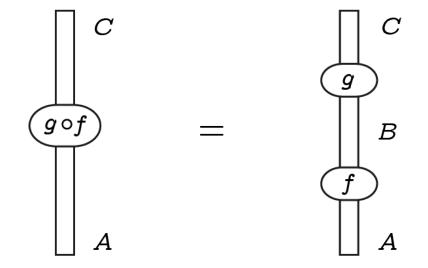
transforming an **input string** A into an **output string** B.

#### **Categories in string diagrams**

The composite of two maps in the category A

$$A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C$$

is represented by **composing vertically** the two string diagrams:

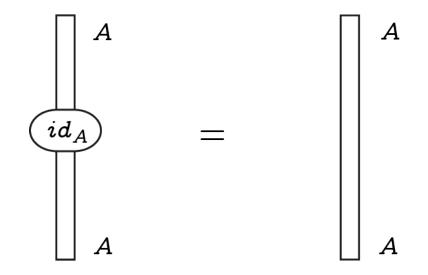


### **Categories in string diagrams**

Accordingly, the identity map

$$id_A : A \longrightarrow A$$

is represented by the trivial string on which « nothing » happens:



# **Functors in string diagrams**

By definition, a **functor** 

 $F : \mathscr{A} \longrightarrow \mathscr{B}$ 

transports every map of the category  $\mathscr{A}$ 

 $f : A \longrightarrow A'$ 

to a map of the category  $\mathscr{B}$ 

 $Ff : FA \longrightarrow FA'$ 

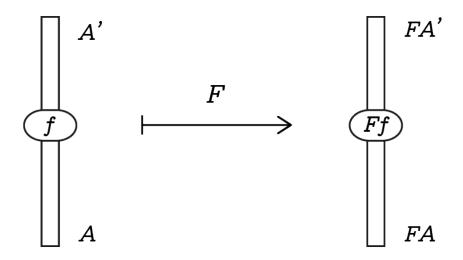
How shall we represent this operation using string diagrams?

# **Functors in string diagrams**

In the language of string diagrams, a functor

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behaves in the following way:

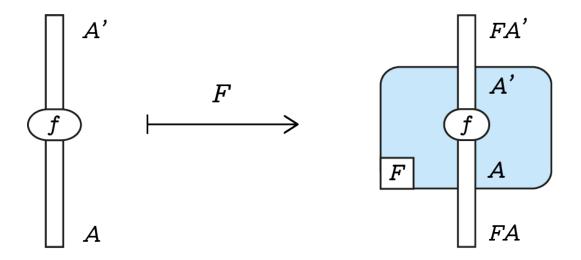


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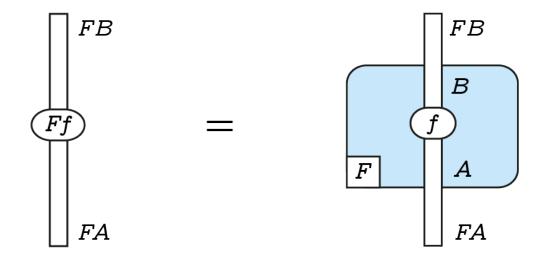


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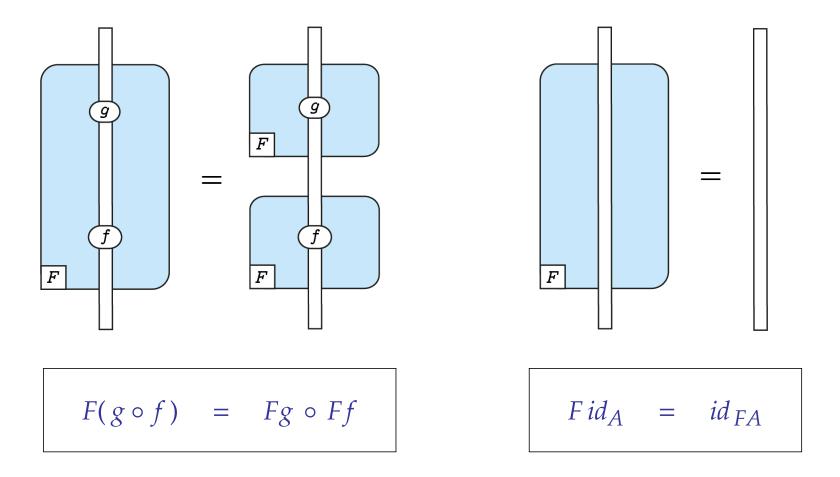
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Functorial boxes satisfy the following pictorial equations:



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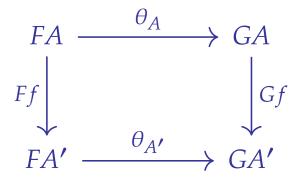
What about natural transformations

 $\theta \quad : \quad F \longrightarrow G \quad : \quad \mathscr{A} \longrightarrow \mathscr{B}$ 

which are (as we have just seen) defined as a family of maps

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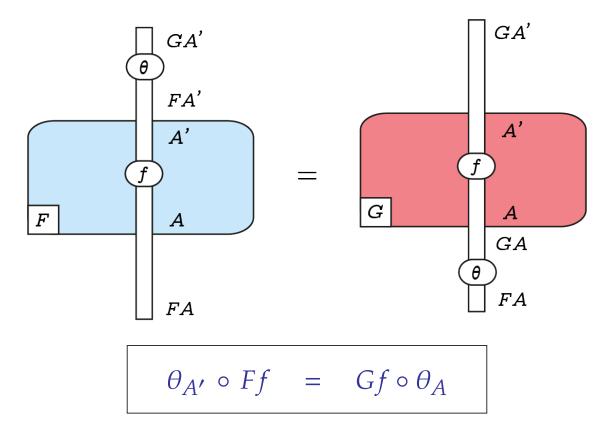


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thus satisfy the pictorial equation in string diagrams:



# **Back to representation theory**

On our way to the mathematical interpretation of linear logic

### **Representation theory for groups**

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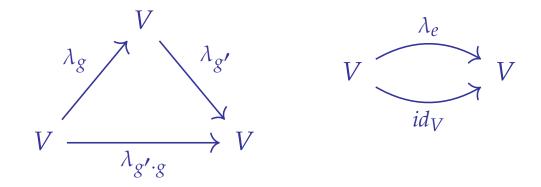
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#### A functorial way to look at representation theory

Key observation: a linear action

 $\lambda \quad : \quad G \times V \longrightarrow V$ 

is the same thing as a **functor** 

 $F \quad : \quad \Sigma G \longrightarrow \mathbf{Vec}$ 

from the category  $\Sigma G$  with one object \* to the category Vec.

The functor  $F: \Sigma G \to \mathbf{Vec}$  associated to the linear action  $\lambda: G \times V \to V$ 

- ▶ transports the single object  $* \in \Sigma G$  to the vector space  $V \in \mathbf{Vec}$
- ▷ transports every map  $g: * \to *$  to the linear map  $\lambda_g: V \to V$ .

# Key insight

In order to define

#### a functorial interpretation of linear logic (as a whole!)

we need to pick in a consistent way:

▷ a mathematical interpretation for every formula and every proof.

To that purpose, we will design and investigate

categorified notions of boolean algebras

provided by notions of **monoidal categories** with dualities:

star-autonomous categories

compact-closed categories

# Key insight

Every **boolean algebra** defines a partial order.

For that reason, there exists at most one map between two formulas:

$$A \text{ implies } B \iff A \leq B$$

Categories will enable us to have **different maps** for different proofs:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi \\ \vdots \\ \hline A \vdash B \end{array} \implies A \xrightarrow{\pi} B \end{array}$$

Proof theory appears here as a **categorification** of algebraic semantics!

## **Proof-nets and proof-structures**

The distinction between **proof-structures** and **proof-nets** is at the heart of **categorical semantics** with the unifying idea of **free constructions**.

Indeed, as we will see very soon:

the free star-autonomous category

has formulas of linear logic (MLL) as objects and proof-nets as maps,

the free compact-closed category

has sequences of atoms as objects and proof-structures as maps.

#### The free star-autonomous category

Key idea: construct a category star-autonomous of a syntactic nature

- $\triangleright$  whose objects *A*, *B*, *C* are the **formulas** of linear logic,
- whose maps between formulas

 $\pi \quad : \quad A \longrightarrow B$ 

are the proofs of linear logic, defined as derivation trees

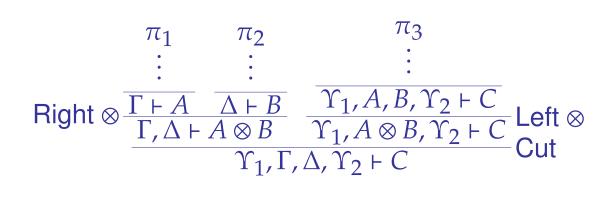
 $\frac{\pi}{\vdots}$   $\overline{A \vdash B}$ 

modulo an equational equivalence extending cut-elimination:

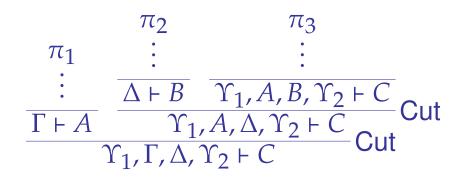
$$\pi \cong \pi'$$

#### A few examples of equations

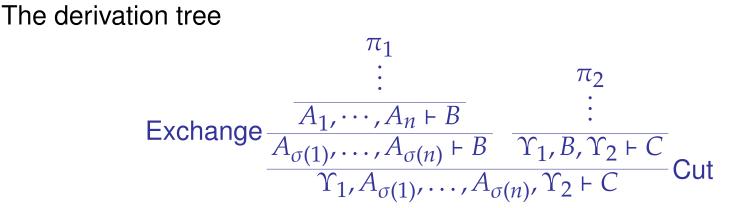
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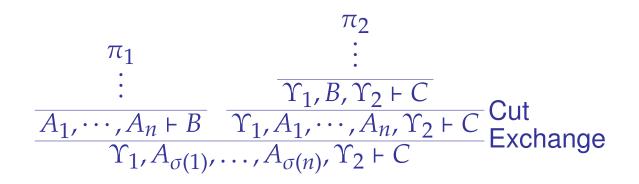
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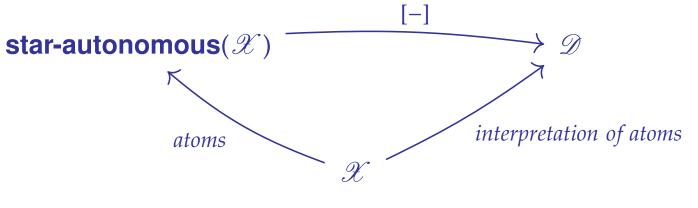
Key property. Every functor to a star-autonomous category  $\mathscr{D}$ 



lifts uniquely  $(\star)$  to a functor of star-autonomous categories

 $[-] : star-autonomous(\mathscr{X}) \longrightarrow \mathscr{D}$ 

defining a **proof invariant** modulo cut-elimination:



 $(\star)$  up to a unique iso

### Translating proof-nets into proof-structures

In particular, the canonical functor from proof-nets to proof-structures

 $\mathsf{star-autonomous}(\mathscr{X}) \longrightarrow \mathsf{compact-closed}(\mathscr{X})$ 

transports the two **different** maps (= proof-nets) in **star-autonomous**( $\mathscr{X}$ )

 $\mathsf{id},\mathsf{sym} \quad : \quad \bot \otimes \bot \quad \longrightarrow \quad \bot \otimes \bot$ 

represented by the derivation trees of linear logic:

 $\mathbf{id} = \frac{\overrightarrow{\vdash 1, \perp} \quad \overrightarrow{\vdash 1, \perp}}{\overrightarrow{\vdash 1, 1, \perp \otimes \perp}} \underset{\Im}{\operatorname{axiom}} \otimes \operatorname{-intro} \qquad \mathbf{sym} = \frac{\overrightarrow{\vdash 1, \perp} \quad \overrightarrow{\vdash 1, \perp}}{\overrightarrow{\vdash 1, 1, \perp \otimes \perp}} \underset{\overrightarrow{\vdash 1, 1, \perp \otimes \perp}}{\operatorname{axiom}} \underset{\overrightarrow{\vdash 1, 1, \perp \otimes \perp}}{\operatorname{axiom}}$ 

to the very same map (= proof-structure) in **compact-closed**( $\mathscr{X}$ ).

# **Cartesian categories**

A categorification of the notion of semilattice in order theory

#### **Cartesian products**

Suppose given two objects A and B in a category  $\mathscr{C}$ .

**Definition.** The cartesian product of *A* and *B* is a triple  $(A \times B, \mathbf{fst}, \mathbf{snd})$ 

consisting of an object  $A \times B$  together with a pair of maps

$$A \xleftarrow{\mathsf{fst}} A \times B \xrightarrow{\mathsf{snd}} B$$

which is **universal** among all such **spans** (= pairs of maps)

$$A \xleftarrow{f} X \xrightarrow{g} B$$

in the category  $\mathscr{C}$ .

### Universal property of the cartesian product

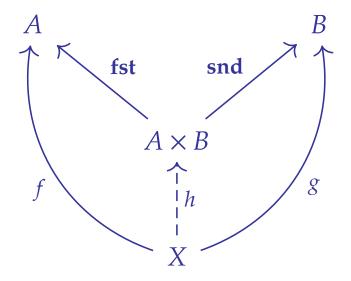
**Property.** For every object  $X \in \mathscr{A}$  equipped with a span

$$f : X \longrightarrow A \qquad g : X \longrightarrow B$$

there exists a **unique** map

$$h : X \longrightarrow A \times B$$

making the diagram below commute:



$$\mathbf{fst} \circ h = f$$
$$\mathbf{snd} \circ h = g$$

# **Terminal object**

#### Definition.

An object 1 is terminal in a category  $\mathscr{A}$  when for every object A, there exists a unique map



from the object *A* to the object **1**.

# **Cartesian categories**

#### Definition.

A cartesian category is a category % equipped with

a cartesian product

$$A \xleftarrow{\text{fst}} A \times B \xrightarrow{\text{snd}} B$$

for every pair of objects A and B of the category,

▷ a terminal object 1.

#### A bestiary of cartesian categories

- $\triangleright$  the category Set with the cartesian product  $A, B \mapsto A \times B$
- $\triangleright$  the category **Rel** with the **disjoint sum** A, B  $\mapsto$  A + B
- $\triangleright$  the category **Grp** with the **cartesian product**  $G, H \mapsto G \times H$
- $\triangleright$  the category Vec with the sum  $V, W \mapsto V \oplus W$
- $\triangleright$  the category Top with the cartesian product  $X, Y \mapsto X \times Y$
- $\triangleright$  the category **Coh** with the **with product**  $A, B \mapsto A \& B$
- $\triangleright$  the category Stab with the cartesian product  $D, E \mapsto D \times E$

# Functoriality of the cartesian product

#### Key structural property.

The cartesian product of a cartesian category  $\mathscr{C}$  induces a functor



which transports every pair

$$(A,B) \in \mathscr{C} \times \mathscr{C}$$

to the cartesian product

$$A \times B \in \mathscr{C}$$

in the cartesian category.

#### Functoriality of the cartesian product

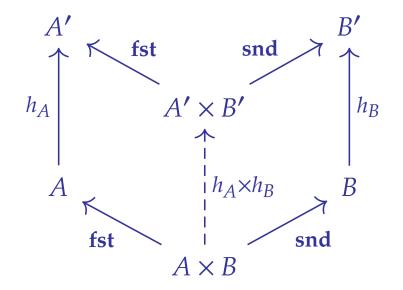
Sketch of the proof: every pair of maps

 $h_A : A \longrightarrow A' \qquad h_B : B \longrightarrow B'$ 

induces a map

$$h_A \times h_B : A \times B \longrightarrow A' \times B'$$

defined as the **unique map** making the diagram below commute:



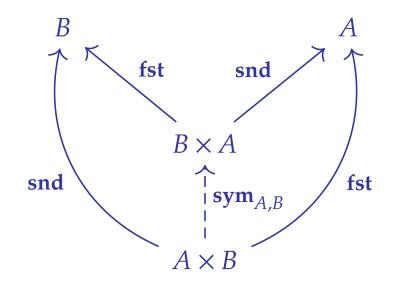
# Symmetry maps

#### Key structural property.

In a cartesian category, every pair A, B comes equipped with a map

 $\operatorname{sym}_{A,B}$  :  $A \times B \longrightarrow B \times A$ 

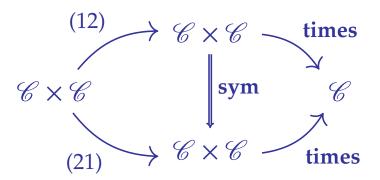
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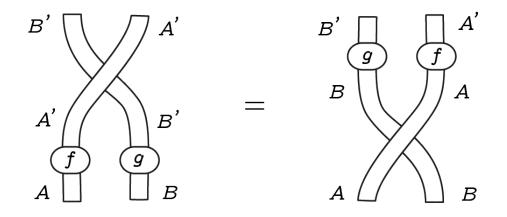
 $fst \circ sym_{A,B} = snd$  $snd \circ sym_{A,B} = fst$ 

### Symmetry maps = braiding = exchange

The family of symmetry maps defines a natural transformation



depicted as a symmetry in the language of string diagrams:



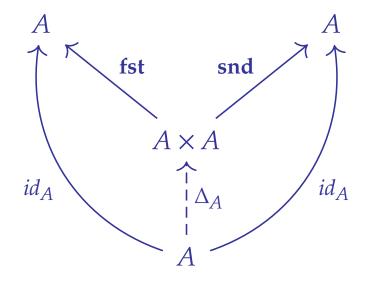
# **Diagonal maps**

#### Key structural property.

In a cartesian category, every object A comes equipped with a map

 $\Delta_A \quad : \quad A \longrightarrow A \times A$ 

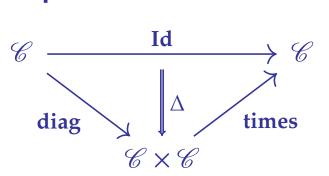
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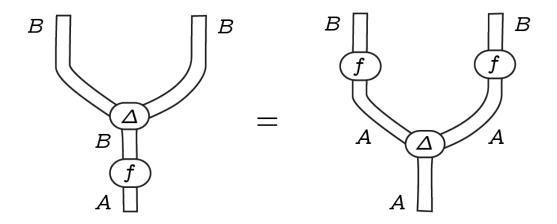
 $\mathbf{fst} \circ \Delta_A = id_A$  $\mathbf{snd} \circ \Delta_A = id_A$ 

### **Diagonal maps** = duplication = contraction

The family of **diagonal maps** defines a natural transformation



depicted as a duplicator in the language of string diagrams:



# **Eraser maps**

#### Key structural property.

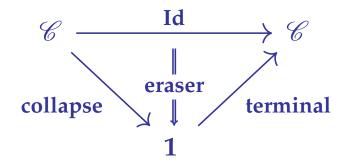
In a cartesian category, every object *A* comes equipped with a map

 $A \xrightarrow{\text{eraser}} \mathbf{1}$ 

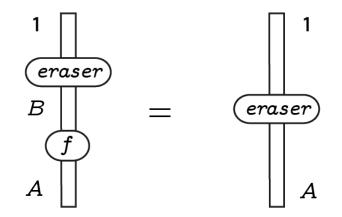
to the terminal object of the cartesian category  $\mathscr{C}$ .

### Eraser maps = garbage collect = weakening

The family of eraser maps defines a natural transformation

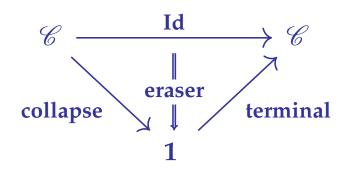


depicted as an **eraser** in the language of string diagrams:

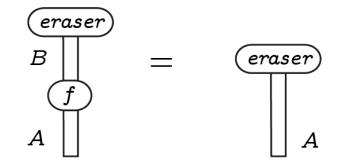


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# **Monoidal categories**

The linear counterpart of cartesian categories

#### **Monoidal categories**

A monoidal category is a category % equipped with a functor

 $\otimes : \mathscr{C} \times \mathscr{C} \longrightarrow \mathscr{C}$ 

together with an object  $I \in \mathscr{C}$  and three natural transformations:

$$(A \otimes B) \otimes C \xrightarrow{\alpha} A \otimes (B \otimes C)$$
$$I \otimes A \xrightarrow{\lambda} A \qquad A \otimes I \xrightarrow{\rho} A$$

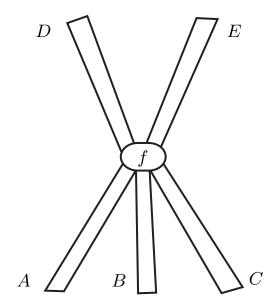
satisfying a series of coherence properties.

#### String diagrams in monoidal categories

A map in the monoidal category

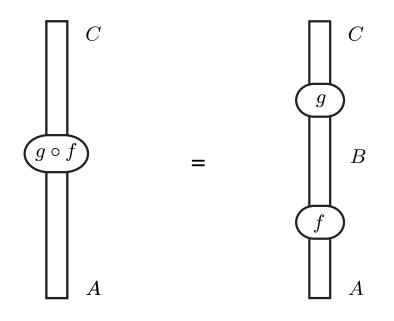
 $f \quad : \quad A \otimes B \otimes C \longrightarrow D \otimes E$ 

is depicted as a process taking three inputs and producing two outputs:



# Composition

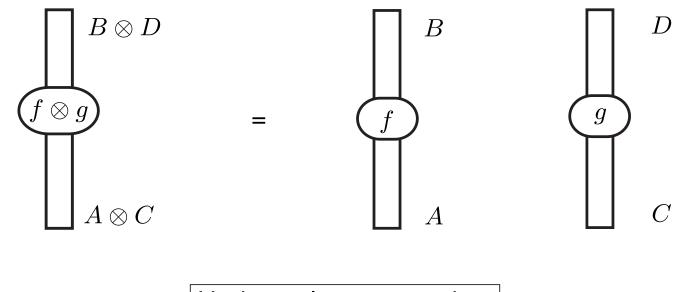
The map  $A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C$  is depicted as



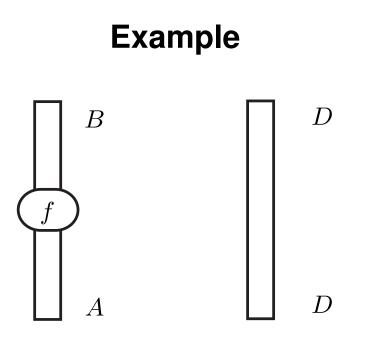
Vertical composition

#### **Tensor product**

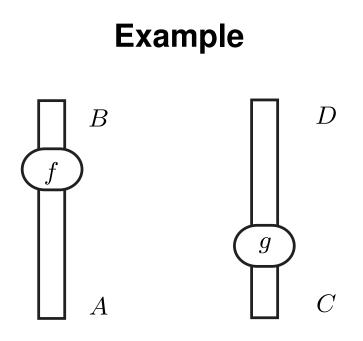
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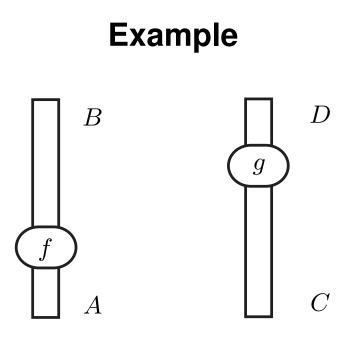
Horizontal tensor product



 $f \otimes id_D$ 

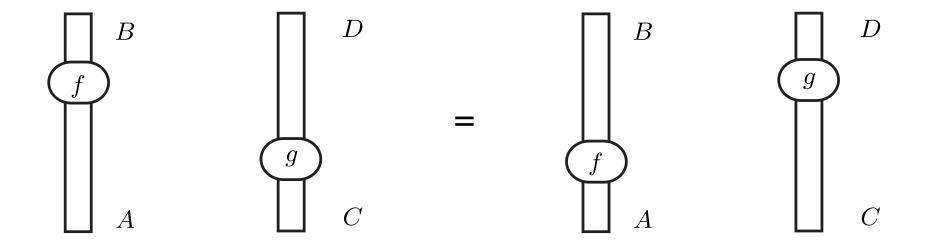


 $(f \otimes id_D) \circ (id_A \otimes g)$ 



 $(id_B \otimes g) \circ (f \otimes id_C)$ 

### Meaning preserved by deformation



 $(f \otimes id_D) \circ (id_A \otimes g) = (id_B \otimes g) \circ (f \otimes id_C)$ 

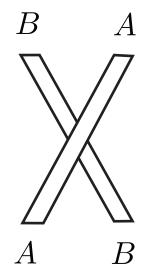
The functorial approach to knot invariants

#### **Braided categories**

A monoidal category  $\mathscr{C}$  equipped with a family of isomorphisms

 $\gamma_{A,B}$  :  $A \otimes B \longrightarrow B \otimes A$ 

natural in A and B, represented pictorially as the positive braiding

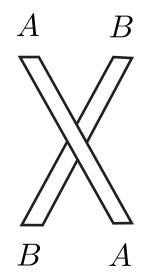


#### **Braided categories**

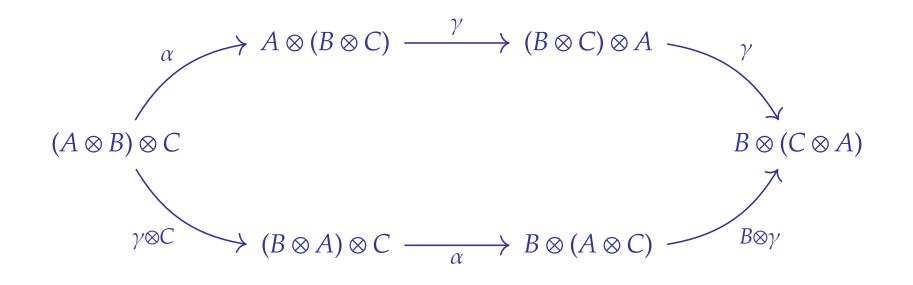
As expected, the inverse map

 $\gamma_{A,B}^{-1} : B \otimes A \longrightarrow A \otimes B$ 

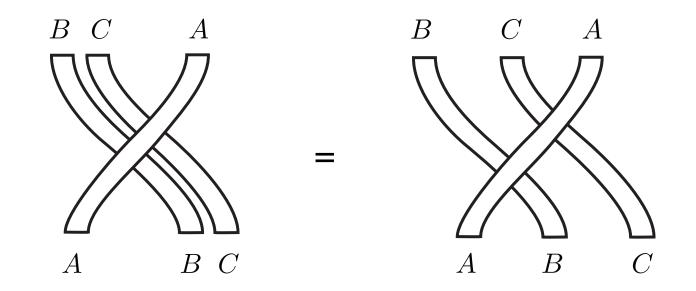
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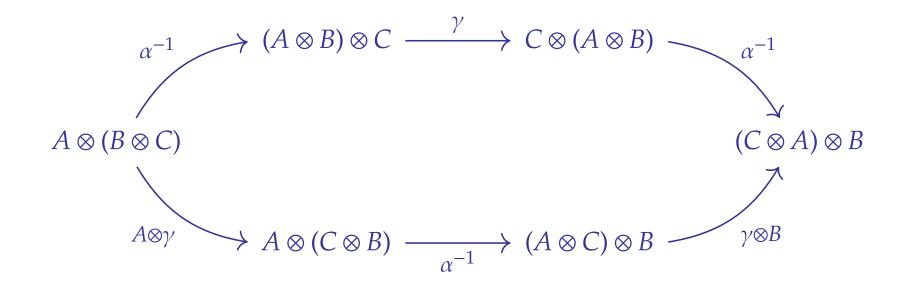
#### Coherence diagram for braids [1]



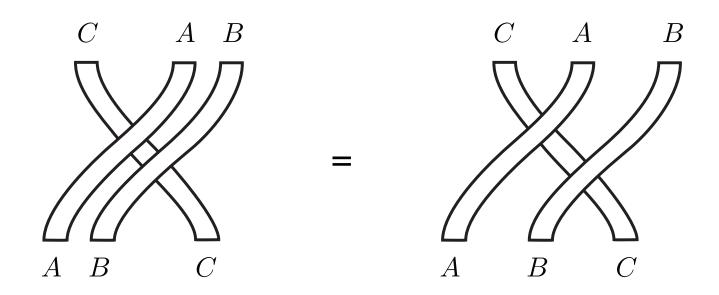
# Same coherence diagram in string diagrams



#### **Coherence diagram for braids [2]**



# Same coherence diagram in string diagrams



### **Balanced categories**

A braided monoidal category & equipped with a twist

 $\theta_A : A \longrightarrow A$ 

defined as a natural family of isomorphisms, and depicted as

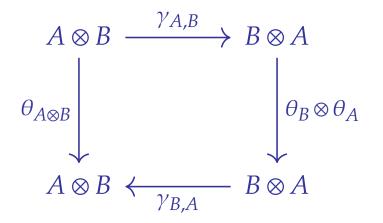


#### **Coherence for twists**

The twist  $\theta$  is required to satisfy the equality

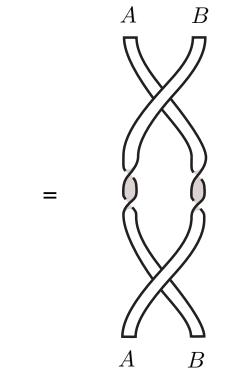
$$\theta_I = id_I$$

and to make the diagram



commute for all objects A and B.

# **Coherence for twists**



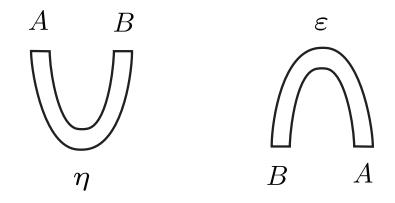
 $\theta_{A\otimes B}$ 

# **Duality**

A dual pair  $A \dashv B$  is defined as a pair of maps

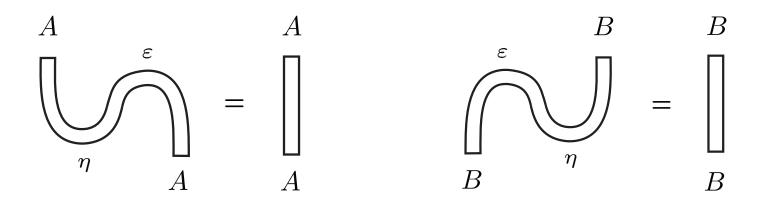
 $\eta : I \longrightarrow A \otimes B \qquad \varepsilon : B \otimes A \longrightarrow I$ 

which are depicted as



#### **Coherence for duality**

The two maps  $\eta$  and  $\varepsilon$  should satisfy the "zig-zag" equalities:

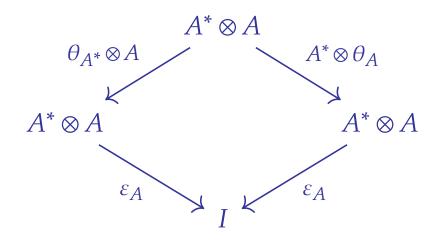


In that case, the object A is called a right dual of the object B.

**Definition.** A ribbon category is a balanced category  $\mathscr{C}$  where

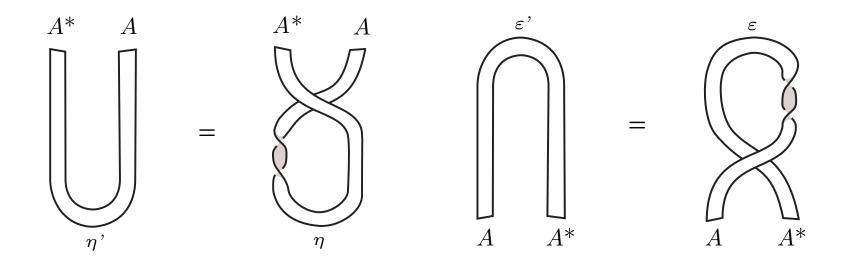
 $\triangleright$  every object *A* has a right dual *A*<sup>\*</sup>

▷ the diagram

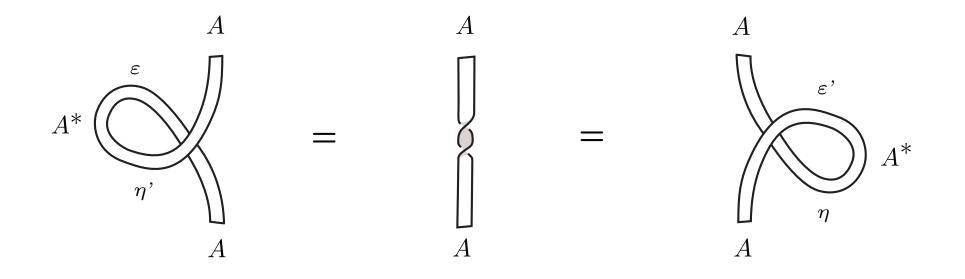


commutes for all objects A.

**Remark.** In a ribbon category, the object  $A^*$  is also a left dual of A.



Hence, the equations below are satisfied in every ribbon category



# The free ribbon category

The next theorem offers a bridge between algebra and ribbon topology:

#### Theorem [Shum 1994]

The free ribbon category **free-ribbon**( $\mathscr{X}$ ) generated by a category  $\mathscr{X}$  has

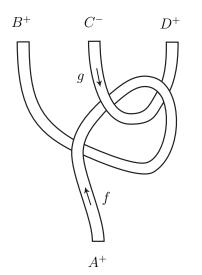
- ▷ **objects:** the signed sequences  $(A_1^{\varepsilon_1}, \ldots, A_k^{\varepsilon_k})$  of objects of  $\mathscr{X}$ ,
- **maps:** the **framed tangles** with links labelled by maps in  $\mathscr{X}$ .

#### The free ribbon category

So, a typical map in the category free-ribbon( $\mathscr{X}$ )

 $(A^+) \longrightarrow (B^+, C^-, D^+)$ 

looks like this:



where  $f : A \longrightarrow B$  and  $g : C \longrightarrow D$  are maps in the original category  $\mathscr{X}$ .

## **Knot invariants**

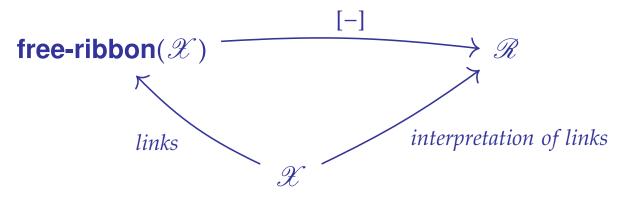
**Theorem.** Every functor to a ribbon category  $\mathscr{R}$ 

 $\mathscr{X} \longrightarrow \mathscr{R}$ 

lifts uniquely  $(\star)$  to a functor of ribbon categories

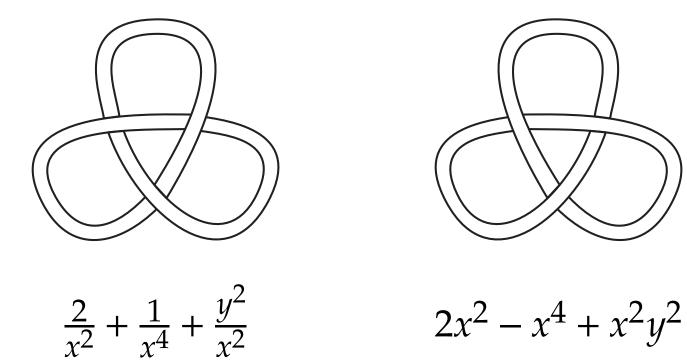
 $[-] : \operatorname{ribbon}(\mathscr{X}) \longrightarrow \mathscr{R}$ 

defining a **knot invariant** modulo topological deformation:



 $(\star)$  up to a unique iso

# The Jones polynomial invariant



#### **Symmetries**

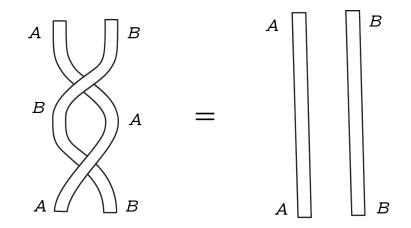
A symmetry in a monoidal category is a braiding

 $\gamma_{A,B} : A \otimes B \longrightarrow B \otimes A$ 

satisfying the additional equation

 $A \otimes B \xrightarrow{\gamma_{A,B}} B \otimes A \xrightarrow{\gamma_{B,A}} A \otimes B = A \otimes B \xrightarrow{id_{A \otimes B}} A \otimes B$ 

The equation may be depicted in string diagrams:



### Symmetric monoidal categories

#### Definition.

A symmetric monoidal category is a monoidal category

equipped with a **symmetry**:

 $\gamma_{A,B} : A \otimes B \longrightarrow B \otimes A$ 

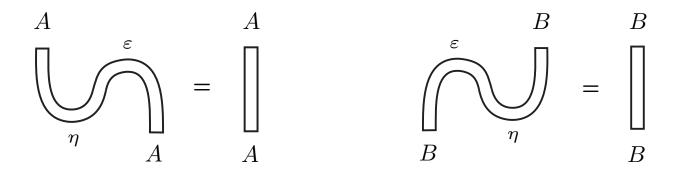
**Observation:** a symmetric monoidal category is the same thing as

a balanced category whose twist is trivial

## **Compact-closed categories**

#### Definition.

A **compact-closed category** is a symmetric monoidal category where every object *A* has a right dual *B* as depicted below:



**Observation:** a compact-closed category is the same thing as

a ribbon category whose twist is trivial

### **Proof invariants**

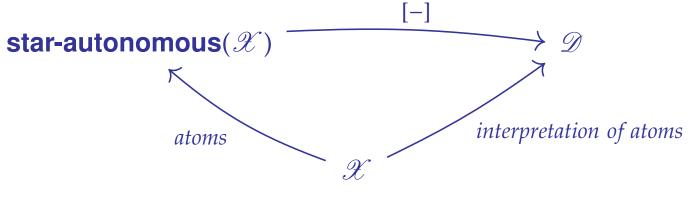
**Theorem.** Every functor to a star-autonomous category  $\mathscr{D}$ 



lifts uniquely  $(\star)$  to a functor of star-autonomous categories

 $[-] : star-autonomous(\mathscr{X}) \longrightarrow \mathscr{D}$ 

defining a **proof invariant** modulo cut-elimination:



 $(\star)$  up to a unique iso

# Symmetric monoidal closed categories

Crossing the boundary between topology and logic

# Symmetric monoidal closed categories (smcc)

#### Definition.

A symmetric monoidal closed category is

a symmetric monoidal category

together with, for all objects *A* and *B*:

- $\triangleright$  an object  $A \multimap B$
- ⊳ a map

 $\operatorname{eval}_{A,B}$  :  $A \otimes (A \multimap B) \longrightarrow B$ 

satisfying a universal property described in the next slide.

#### Universal property of the linear implication

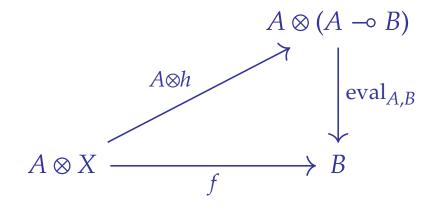
For every object *X* and for every map

$$f \quad : \quad A \otimes X \longrightarrow B$$

there exists a unique map

$$h \quad : \quad X \longrightarrow A \multimap B$$

making the diagram below commute:



## **Monoidal exponentiation**

Suppose given an object A of a symmetric monoidal category  $\mathscr{C}$ .

Definition.

A monoidal exponentiation of A is a pair consisting of a functor

$$A \multimap - : \mathscr{C} \longrightarrow \mathscr{C}$$

and of a family of bijections

$$\phi_{A,B,C}$$
 :  $\operatorname{Hom}(A \otimes B,C) \xrightarrow{\cong} \operatorname{Hom}(B,A \multimap C)$ 

natural in the parameters B and C.

# **Alternative definition**

Definition.

A symmetric monoidal closed category is

a symmetric monoidal category

together with a monoidal exponentiation

$$\frac{A \otimes B \longrightarrow C}{B \longrightarrow A \multimap C} \quad \phi_{A,B,C}$$

for all objects A of the category.

## The evaluation map

In that formulation, the map

 $\operatorname{eval}_{A,B} : A \otimes (A \multimap B) \longrightarrow B$ 

is defined in the following way:

$$\frac{A \multimap B \xrightarrow{id} A \multimap B}{A \otimes (A \multimap B) \longrightarrow B} \quad \phi_{A \multimap B,A,B}^{-1}$$

## **Multiplicative intuitionistic linear logic**

 $A,B \quad ::= \quad \mathbf{1} \mid A \otimes B \mid A \multimap B \mid \alpha$ 

	Axiom	$\overline{A \vdash A}$	
∘ left	$\frac{\Delta \vdash A \qquad \Gamma, B \vdash C}{\Gamma, \Delta, A \multimap B \vdash C}$	∘ right	$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \multimap B}$
⊗ left	$\frac{\Gamma, A, B \vdash C}{\Gamma, A \otimes B \vdash C}$	⊗ right	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \qquad \Delta \vdash B}{\Gamma, \Delta \vdash A \otimes B}$
1 left	$\frac{\Gamma, 1 \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash A}$	1 right	<u>⊢ 1</u>
	Cut	$\frac{\Delta \vdash A \qquad \Gamma, A}{\Gamma, \Delta \vdash B}$	<i>⊢ B</i>
	Exchange	$\frac{\Gamma, A_1, A_2, \Delta \vdash}{\Gamma, A_2, A_1, \Delta \vdash}$	

# From symmetric monoidal closed categories

## to star-autonomous categories

The joys and marvels of classical linear duality

## A general observation

Every pair of objects  $A, \perp$  in a smcc comes with an identity

 $id_{A\multimap \perp}$  :  $A\multimap \bot \longrightarrow A\multimap \bot$ 

which is transported by the bijection  $\phi_{A \rightarrow \perp, A, \perp}^{-1}$  to the map

 $\operatorname{eval}_{A,\perp}$  :  $A \otimes (A \multimap \bot) \longrightarrow \bot$ 

then becomes by precomposing with symmetry:

 $(A \multimap \bot) \otimes A \longrightarrow \bot$ 

and is finally transported by the bijection  $\phi_{A \rightarrow \perp, A, \perp}$  to the map

 $A \longrightarrow (A \multimap \bot) \multimap \bot$ 

## **Star-autonomous categories**

#### Definition

An object  $\perp$  is called **dualizing** when the canonical map

 $\partial_A \quad : \quad A \longrightarrow (A \multimap \bot) \multimap \bot$ 

is an isomorphism for every object A.

#### Definition

A star-autonomous category is a smcc with a dualizing object.

#### The category Coh is star-autonomous

The dualizing object  $\perp = 1^*$  is the **singleton** coherence space.

$$e = id_{A \to \perp} \qquad : \qquad A \to \perp \longrightarrow A \to \perp \qquad = \qquad \{((a, *), (a, *)) \mid a \in |A|\}$$

$$f = \phi_{A \to \perp, A, \perp}^{-1}(e) \qquad : \qquad A \otimes (A \to \perp) \longrightarrow \perp \qquad = \qquad \{((a, (a, *)), *) \mid a \in |A|\}$$

$$g = f \circ \gamma_{A, A \to \perp} \qquad : \qquad (A \to \perp) \otimes A \longrightarrow \perp \qquad = \qquad \{(((a, *), a), *) \mid a \in |A|\}$$

$$\partial_A = \phi_{A \to \perp, A, \perp}(g) \qquad : \qquad A \longrightarrow (A \to \perp) \to \perp \qquad = \qquad \{(a, ((a, *), *)) \mid a \in |A|\}$$

The resulting map is an isomorphism

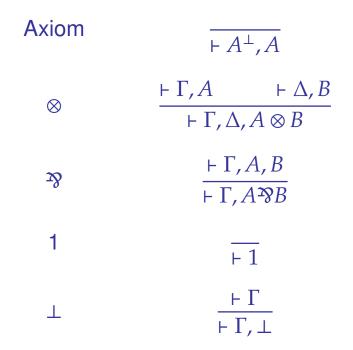
$$\partial_A : A \longrightarrow (A \multimap \bot) \multimap \bot$$

with inverse defined as

$$\partial_A^{-1} = \{((a, *), *), a) \mid a \in |A| \}$$

## **Multiplicative linear logic (MLL)**

 $A,B ::= A \otimes B \mid \mathbf{1} \mid A \mathfrak{B} \mid \perp \mid \alpha$ 



► MLL can be interpreted in every **star-autonomous** category.

## Multiplicative additive linear logic (MALL)

 $A, B ::= A \oplus B \mid A \otimes B \mid 0 \mid \mathbf{1} \mid A \& B \mid A \Im B \mid \top \mid \perp \mid \alpha$ 

⊕ left	$\frac{\vdash \Gamma, B}{\vdash \Gamma, A \oplus B}$	
⊕ right	$\frac{\vdash \Gamma, A}{\vdash \Gamma, A \oplus B}$	
&	$\frac{\vdash \Gamma, A \vdash \Gamma, B}{\vdash \Gamma, A \& B}$	
0	no rule	
т	$\overline{\vdash \Gamma, \top}$	

# The exponential modality

The alchimy of combining additives and multiplicatives

## A new ingredient: the exponential

#### The exponential modality

 $A \mapsto !A$ 

transports a coherence space A to the coherence space !A

- $\triangleright$  whose web |!A| is the set of finite cliques of A,
- $\triangleright$   $u \bigcirc {}_{!A} v$  iff the union  $u \cup v$  is a finite clique of A.

The coherence space ?A is defined by de Morgan duality:

 $?A = (!A^{\perp})^{\perp}$ 

## The exponential alchimy

The exponential modality transmutes the additives into multiplicatives

The terminology « exponential » is justified by the isomorphisms:

 $!(A \& B) \cong !A \otimes !B \qquad !\top \cong 1$ 

which are reminiscent of the set-theoretic bijections:

 $\wp(A + B) \cong \wp(A) \times \wp(B)$ 

## The exponential alchimy

We will study the formal properties of the exponential required by

#### a Seely category

in order to define a model of linear logic.

- ▷ every object ! A defines a commutative comonoid  $(!A, d_A, e_A)$ ,
- b the exponential modality defines a **comonad**  $(!, \delta, \epsilon)$
- the cartesian diagonal

 $A \longrightarrow A \& A$ 

is transported to the comonoidal diagonal

 $!A \longrightarrow !A \otimes !A.$ 

## Linear logic (LL)

 $A,B ::= A \oplus B \mid A \otimes B \mid !A \mid 0 \mid \mathbf{1} \mid A \& B \mid A \Im B \mid ?A \mid \top \mid \bot \mid \alpha$ 

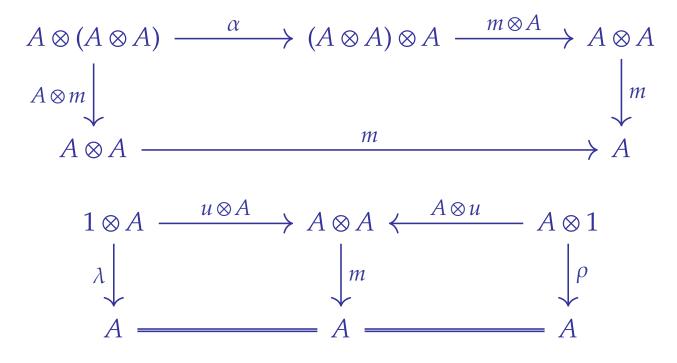
contraction	$\frac{\vdash \Gamma, ?A, ?A}{\vdash \Gamma, ?A}$
weakening	$\frac{\vdash \Gamma}{\vdash \Gamma, ?A}$
dereliction	$\frac{\vdash \Gamma, A}{\vdash \Gamma, ?A}$
digging	$\frac{+?\Gamma, A}{+?\Gamma, !A}$

#### Monoids

A monoid in a monoidal category  $(\mathscr{C}, \otimes, 1)$  is a triple

 $1 \xrightarrow{u} A \xleftarrow{m} A \otimes A$ 

consisting of an object A and of two maps making the diagrams commute:

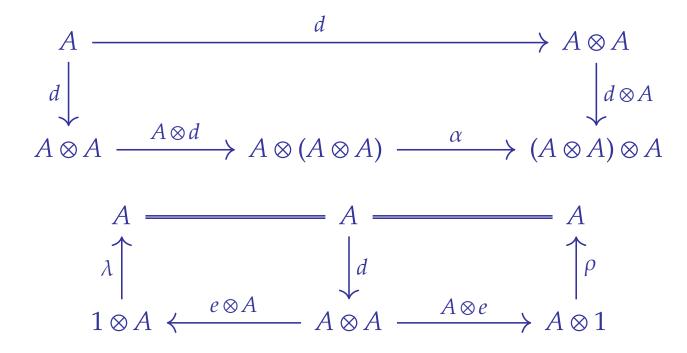


#### Comonoids

Dually, a **comonoid** in a monoidal category  $(\mathscr{C}, \otimes, 1)$  is a triple

$$1 \xleftarrow{e} A \xrightarrow{d} A \otimes A$$

consisting of an object A and of two maps making the diagrams commute:

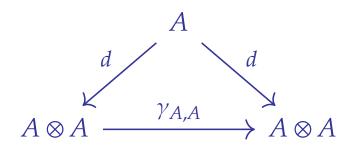


#### **Commutative comonoid**

A comonoid in a symmetric monoidal category



is commutative when the diagram below commutes:



## Comonad

A comonad  $(K, \delta, \epsilon)$  in a category  $\mathscr{C}$  is the data of

- $\triangleright \quad \text{a functor} \quad K \; : \; \mathscr{C} \longrightarrow \mathscr{C}$
- two natural transformations

$$\delta : K \longrightarrow K \circ K \qquad \epsilon : K \longrightarrow Id_{\mathscr{C}}$$

such that the following diagrams commute:

## **Seely categories**

Definition. A Seely category is

a star-autonomous and cartesian category  $(\mathcal{L}, \otimes, 1)$ 

equipped with a comonad

$$(!, \delta, \epsilon) : \mathscr{L} \longrightarrow \mathscr{L}$$

and two natural isomorphisms

 $m_{A,B}$  :  $!A \otimes !B \cong !(A \& B)$  m :  $1 \cong !\top$ 

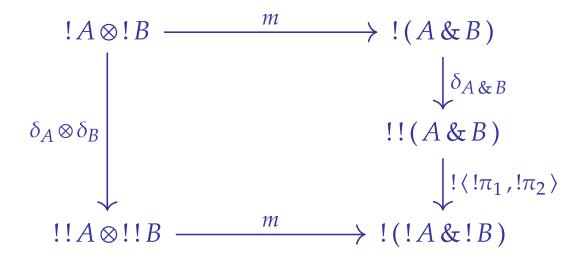
defining a symmetric monoidal functor

$$(!, m) : (\mathscr{L}, \&, \mathsf{T}) \longrightarrow (\mathscr{L}, \otimes, \mathbf{1})$$

from the cartesian structure of  $\mathscr{L}$  to its symmetric monoidal structure.

## **Seely categories**

One asks in addition that the diagram

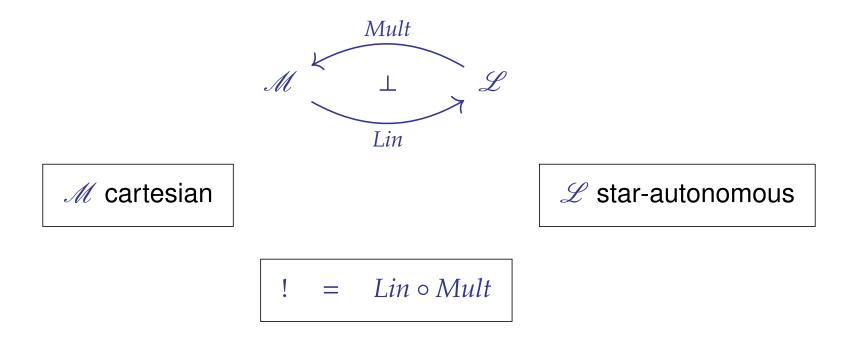


commutes in the category  $\mathscr{L}$  for all objects A and B.

## The polychromatic interpretation of linear logic

#### Definition.

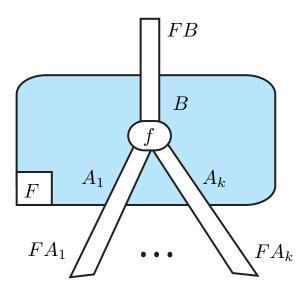
A model of linear logic is a symmetric monoidal adjunction



Equivalently: an adjunction whose left adjoint Lin is strong monoidal

#### Lax monoidal functor

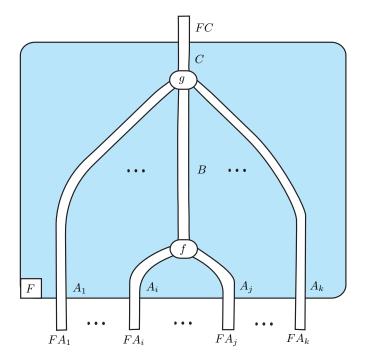
A lax monoidal functor is a box with many inputs - one output.

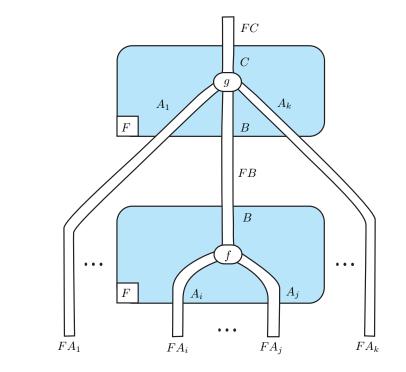


 $F(f) \circ m_{[A_1, \cdots, A_k]} \quad : \quad FA_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes FA_k \longrightarrow FB$ 

## **Functorial equalities (on lax functors)**

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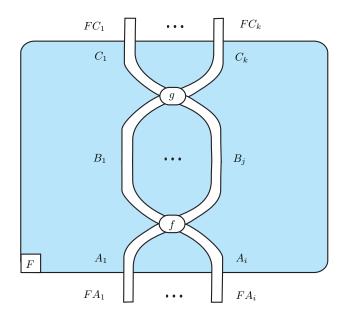


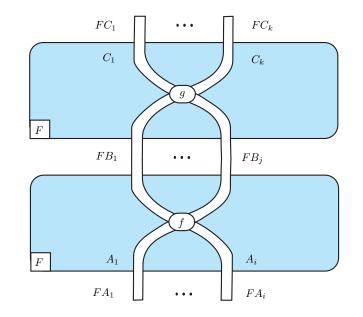
## Strong monoidal functors

A strong monoidal functor is a box with many inputs - many outputs

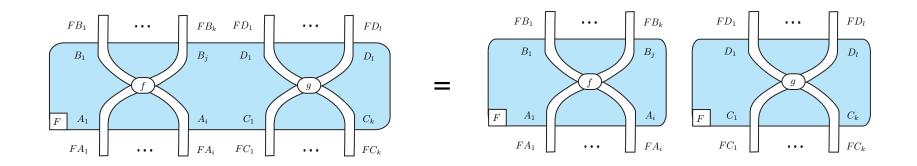
## **Functorial equalities (on strong functors)**

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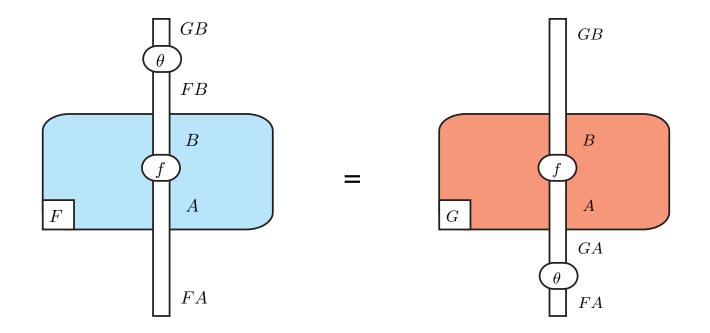


#### **Natural transformations**

About one hour ago, we have seen that a natural transformation

 $\theta \quad : \quad F \longrightarrow G \quad : \quad \mathscr{A} \longrightarrow \mathscr{B}$ 

satisfies the pictorial equation in string diagrams:

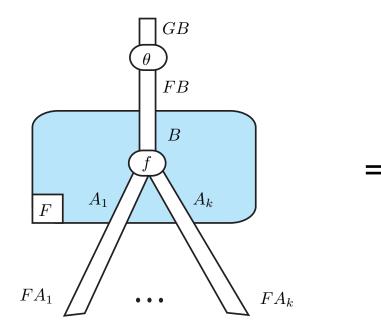


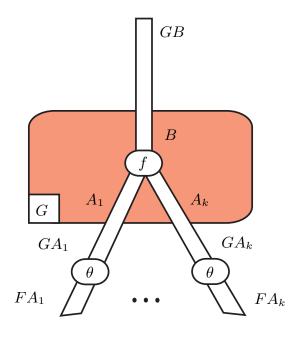
## **Monoidal natural transformations**

Similarly, a **monoidal** natural transformation

$$\theta \quad : \quad F \longrightarrow G \quad : \quad \mathscr{A} \longrightarrow \mathscr{B}$$

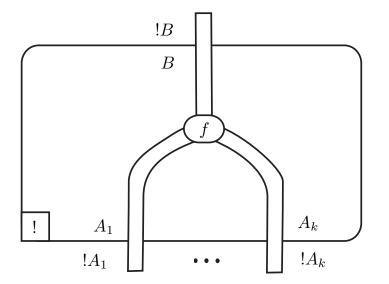
satisfies the pictorial equation:

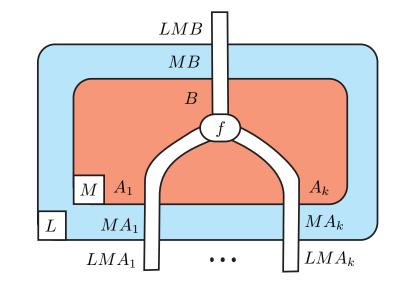




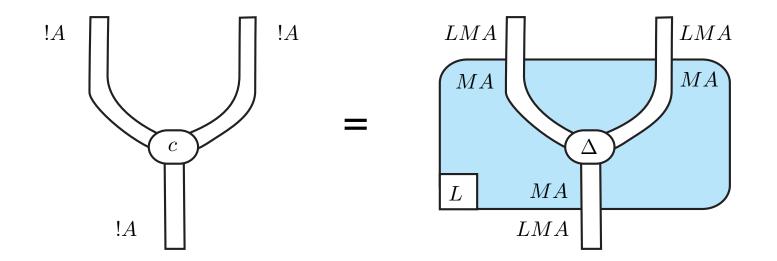
## **Decomposition of the exponential box**

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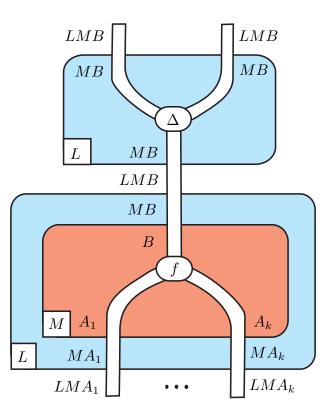




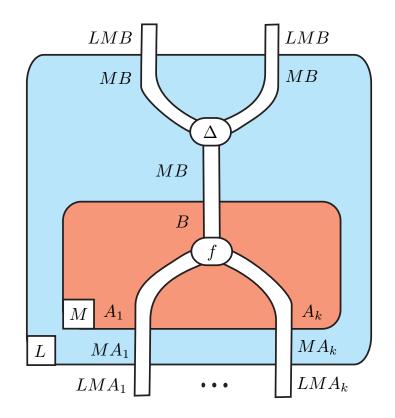
## **Decomposition of the contraction node**



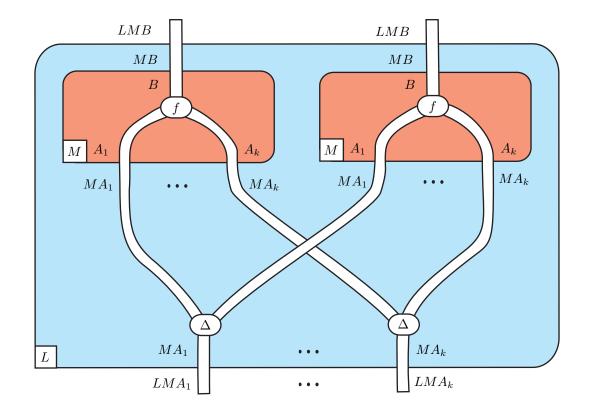
## Illustration: duplication of the exponential box



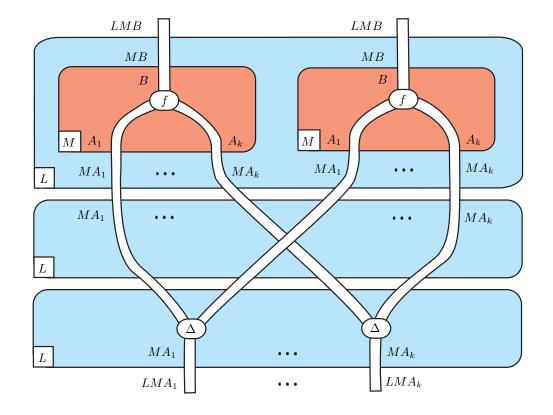
# **Duplication (step 1)**



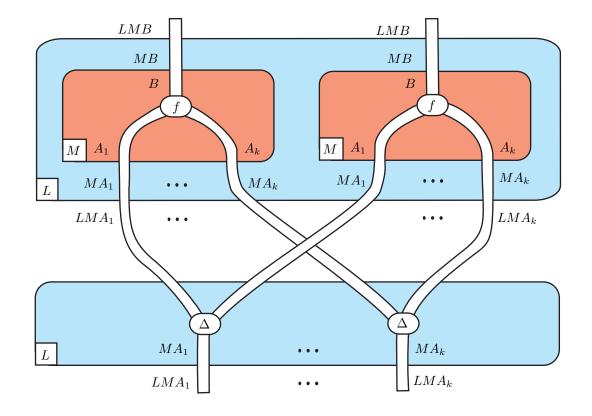
# **Duplication (step 2)**



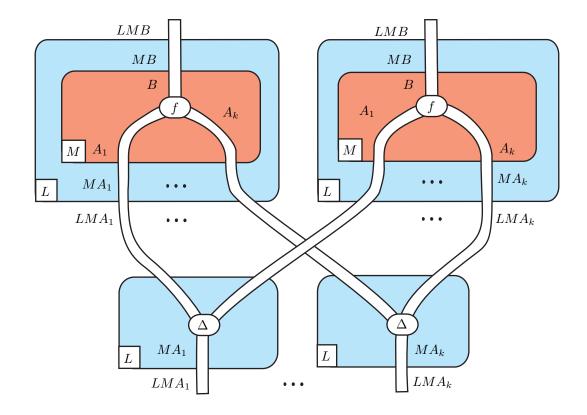
## **Duplication (step 3)**



## **Duplication (step 4)**



## **Duplication (step 5)**



## Five polychromatic steps!

The five diagrammatic steps follow very carefully

the categorical proof of soundness

for linear-non-linear models of linear logic.

# Thank you !