

# Examples of Categories: Currency Exchangers

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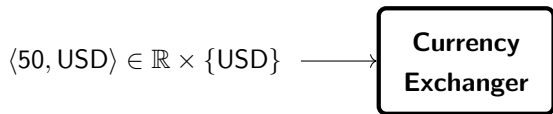
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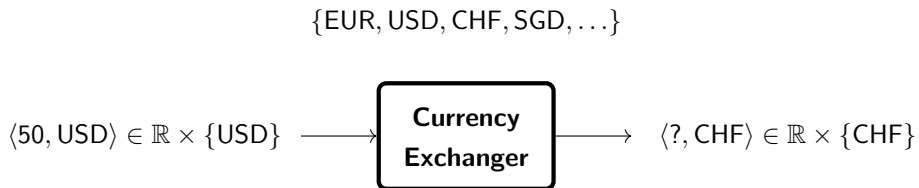


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Given  $E_{a,b}: \mathbb{R} \times \{\text{USD}\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times \{\text{CHF}\}$ , and  $E_{a',b'}: \mathbb{R} \times \{\text{CHF}\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times \{\text{EUR}\}$ , we have:

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# Currency exchangers form a category

A currency category has:

- ▶ *Objects*: A collection of currencies.
- ▶ *Morphisms*: Currency exchangers.
- ▶ *Identity morphism*: Identity currency exchanger (exchange rate 1 and 0 commission).
- ▶ *Composition of morphisms*: Composition of currency exchangers.



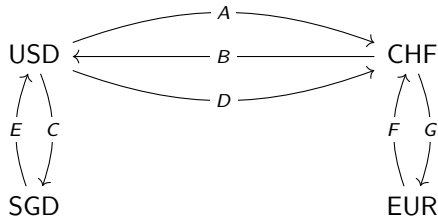
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