Definition (Semi-category action). A semi-category action of a semi-category **C** is defined by

 \triangleright a map φ that associates, to each object $X \in \mathrm{Ob}_{\mathbf{C}}$, a set $\varphi(X)$:

$$\varphi: Ob_{\mathbf{C}} \to Ob_{\mathbf{Set}};$$

 \triangleright a map γ that associates, to each morphism in **C**, a function:

$$\gamma: \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbf{C}}(X;Y) \to \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbf{Set}}(\varphi(X);\varphi(Y));$$

Moreover, this condition must hold:

$$\gamma(f \circ g) = \gamma(f) \circ \gamma(g).$$