**Lemma.** For any  $A, B \in Ob_{DP}$ , the design problem  $\sigma_{A,B} : A \times B \longrightarrow B \times A$  given  $\sigma_{A,B}(\langle a_1,b_1\rangle^*,\langle b_2,a_2\rangle):=(a_1\leq_A a_2)\wedge(b_1\leq_B b_2)$ 

constitutes the braiding operation for a symmetric monoidal structure on  $\langle \mathbf{DP}, \otimes, \{\bullet\} \rangle$ . In other words,  $\langle \mathbf{DP}, \otimes, \{\bullet\}, \sigma \rangle$  is a symmetric monoidal category.

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