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2-C\*-category

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**Definition 0.1.** A  $2 - C^*$  -category,  $\mathcal{C}_2^*$ , is defined as a (small) 2-category for which the following conditions hold:

1. for each pair of 1-arrows  $(\rho, \sigma)$  the space  $Hom(\rho, \sigma)$  is a complex Banach space.
2. there is an anti-linear involution ‘ $*$ ’ acting on 2-arrows, that is,

$$* : Hom(\rho, \sigma) \rightarrow Hom(\rho, \sigma),$$

$(S \mapsto S^*)$  with  $\rho$  and  $\sigma$  being 2-arrows;

3. the Banach norm is sub-multiplicative (that is,

$$\|T \circ S\| \leq \|S\| \|T\|,$$

when the composition is defined, and satisfies the  $C^*$  -condition:

$$\|S^* \circ S\| = \|S^2\|;$$

4. for any 2-arrow  $S \in Hom(\rho, \sigma)$ ,  $S^* \circ S$  is a positive element in  $Hom(\rho, \rho)$ , that is often denoted as  $End(\rho)$ .

**Remark 0.1.** With the above notations, the set of 2-arrows  $End(\iota A)$  is a commutative monoid, with the identity map  $\iota : \mathcal{C}_2^{*0} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_2^{*1}$  assigning to each object  $A \in \mathcal{C}_2^{*0}$  a 1-arrow  $\iota A$  such that:

$$s(\iota A) = t(\iota A) = A.$$