

**Exercise 1:**

Show that if both  $f$  as above and also

$$\boxed{Y^\circlearrowleft \beta} \xrightarrow{g} \boxed{Z^\circlearrowright \gamma}$$

are maps in  $\mathbf{S}^\circlearrowleft$ , then the composite  $g \circ f$  in  $\mathbf{S}$  actually defines another map in  $\mathbf{S}^\circlearrowleft$ . Hint: What should the domain and the codomain (in the sense of  $\mathbf{S}^\circlearrowleft$ ) of this third map be? Transfer the definition (given for the case  $f$ ) to the cases  $g$  and  $g \circ f$ ; then calculate that the equations satisfied by  $g$  and  $f$  imply the desired equation for  $g \circ f$ .

$$X^{\circlearrowleft \alpha} \xrightarrow{f} Y^{\circlearrowleft \beta} \xrightarrow{g} Z^{\circlearrowright \gamma}$$

$$\text{Domain : } X^{\circlearrowleft \alpha} \quad \text{Codomain : } Z^{\circlearrowright \gamma}$$

$$\text{For } g, \quad g\beta = \gamma g \quad \text{for } gf, \quad gf\alpha = \gamma gf$$

**Exercise 2:**

What can you prove about an idempotent which has a retraction?

$$\alpha\alpha = \alpha$$

$$A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B \xrightarrow{\iota} A$$

$$r\alpha = 1_B$$

$$r\alpha\alpha = \alpha$$

$$r\alpha = \alpha$$

$$I_A = \alpha$$

**Exercise 3:**

A finite set  $A$  has an even number of elements iff (i.e. if and only if) there is an involution on  $A$  with *no fixed points*;  $A$  has an odd number of elements iff there is an involution on  $A$  with just *one* fixed point. Here we rely on known ideas about numbers – but these properties can be used as a *definition* of oddness or evenness that can be verified without counting if the structure of a real situation suggests an involution. The map ‘mate of’ in a group  $A$  of socks is an obvious example.

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Let us exemplify the above types of endomaps on the set

$$\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

of all (positive and negative) whole numbers, considered as an object of  $\mathcal{S}$ .

**Exercise 4:**

If  $\alpha(x) = -x$  is considered as an endomap of  $\mathbb{Z}$ , is  $\alpha$  an involution or an idempotent? What are its fixed points?

**Exercise 5:**

Same questions as above, if instead  $\alpha(x) = |x|$ , the absolute value.

**Exercise 6:**

If  $\alpha$  is the endomap of  $\mathbb{Z}$ , defined by the formula  $\alpha(x) = x + 3$ , is  $\alpha$  an automorphism? If so, write the formula for its inverse.

**Exercise 7:**

Same questions for  $\alpha(x) = 5x$ .

4)  $\alpha \circ \alpha(n) = n \Rightarrow \alpha \circ \alpha = I_{\mathbb{Z}} : \text{Involution}$

$$\alpha(n) = n \Rightarrow \boxed{n=0}$$

5)  $\alpha \circ \alpha(n) = |\alpha(n)| = |\alpha| = \alpha = \alpha(x)$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha \circ \alpha = \alpha : \text{Idempotent}$$

$$\alpha(n) = n \quad \forall [n \geq 0]$$

6) Yes,  $\beta(n) = n - 3$

7)  $\beta(n) = \frac{n}{5}$ ,  $n^d = 0$

### Exercise 8:

Show that both  $\mathcal{C}^e$ ,  $\mathcal{C}^\theta$  are subcategories of the category above, i.e. that either an idempotent or an involution will satisfy  $\alpha^3 = \alpha$ .

$$\mathcal{C}^e : \alpha^2 = \alpha$$

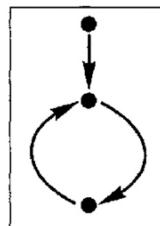
$$\mathcal{C}^\theta : \alpha^2 = 1_A$$

$$\alpha^3 = \alpha(\alpha\alpha) = \alpha\alpha = \alpha$$

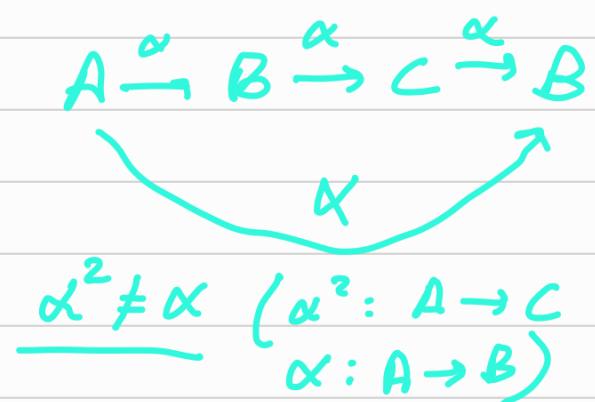
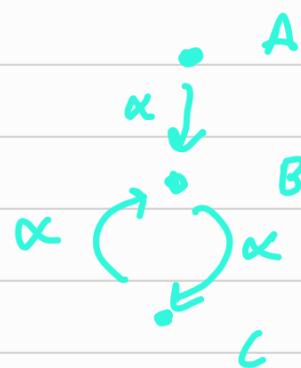
$$\alpha^3 = \alpha \cdot \alpha^2 = \alpha$$

### Exercise 9:

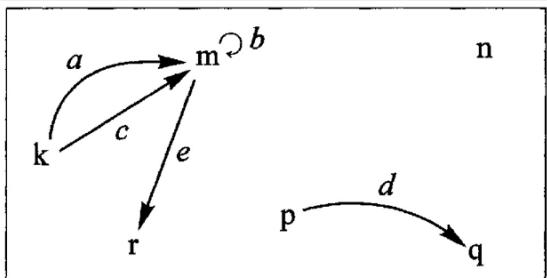
In  $\mathcal{S}$ , consider the endomap  $\alpha$  of a three-element set defined by the internal picture



Show that it satisfies  $\alpha^3 = \alpha$ , but that it is *not* idempotent and that it is *not* an involution.



$$\alpha^2 \neq 1_A \neq 1_B \neq 1_C$$

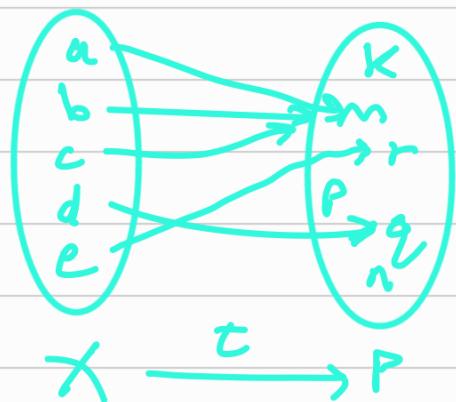
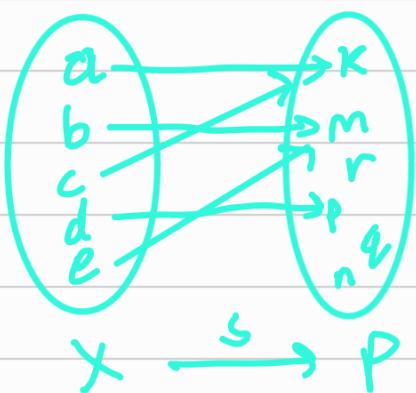


### Exercise 10:

Complete the specification of the two maps

$$X \xrightarrow{s} P \quad \text{and} \quad X \xrightarrow{t} P$$

which express the source and target relations of the graph pictured above. Is there any element of  $X$  at which  $s$  and  $t$  take the same value in  $P$ ? Is there any element to which  $t$  assigns the value  $k$ ?

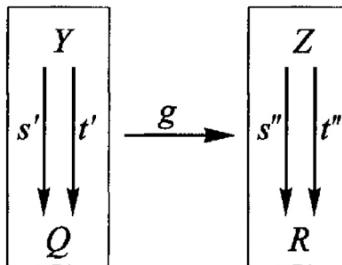


$$\text{for } b, s(b) = t(b) = m$$

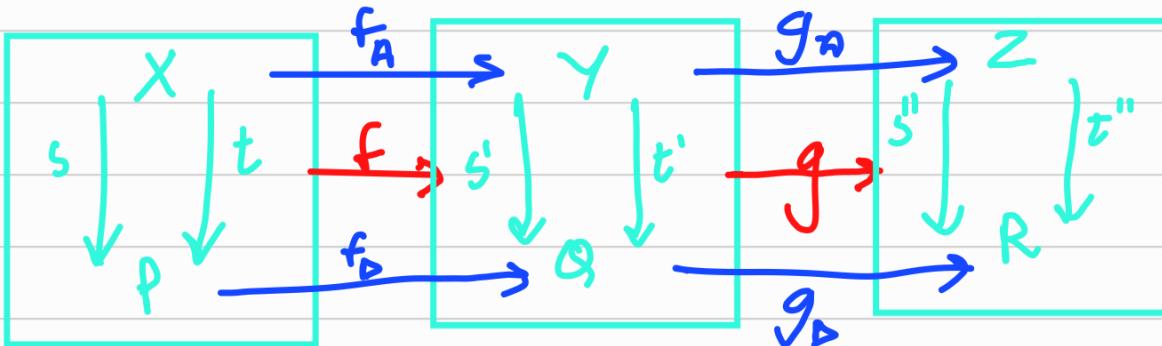
No arrow points to  $k$ .

### Exercise 11:

If  $f$  is as above and if



is another map of graphs, show that the pair  $g_A \circ f_A, g_D \circ f_D$  of  $\mathbf{S}$ -composites is also an  $\mathbf{S}^{\downarrow\downarrow}$ -map.



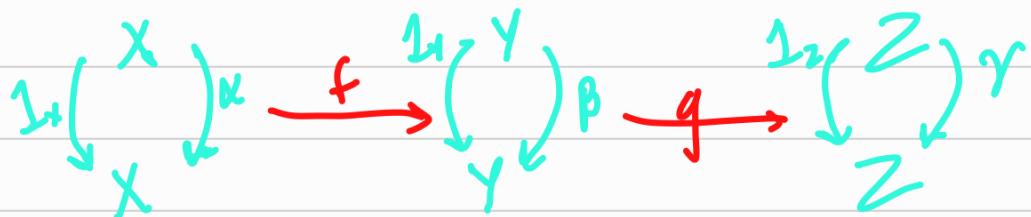
$$\text{For } f, \quad s' f_A = f_D s \\ t' f_A = f_D t$$

$$\text{for } g, \quad s'' g_A = g_D s' \\ t'' g_A = g_D t'$$

Just replace with  $g_A f_A$  and  $g_D f_D$ ?

### Exercise 12:

If we denote the result of the above process by  $I(f)$ , then  $I(g \circ f) = I(g) \circ I(f)$  so that our insertion  $I$  preserves the fundamental operation of categories.



**Exercise 13:**

(Fullness) Show that if we are given any  $\mathcal{S}^{\square}$ -morphism

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f_A} & Y \\ I_X \downarrow \alpha & & \downarrow I_Y \beta \\ X & \xrightarrow{f_D} & Y \end{array}$$

between the special graphs that come via  $I$  from endomaps of sets, then it follows that  $f_A = f_D$ , so that the map itself comes via  $I$  from a map in  $\mathcal{S}^{\square}$ .

Fullness:  
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are equal

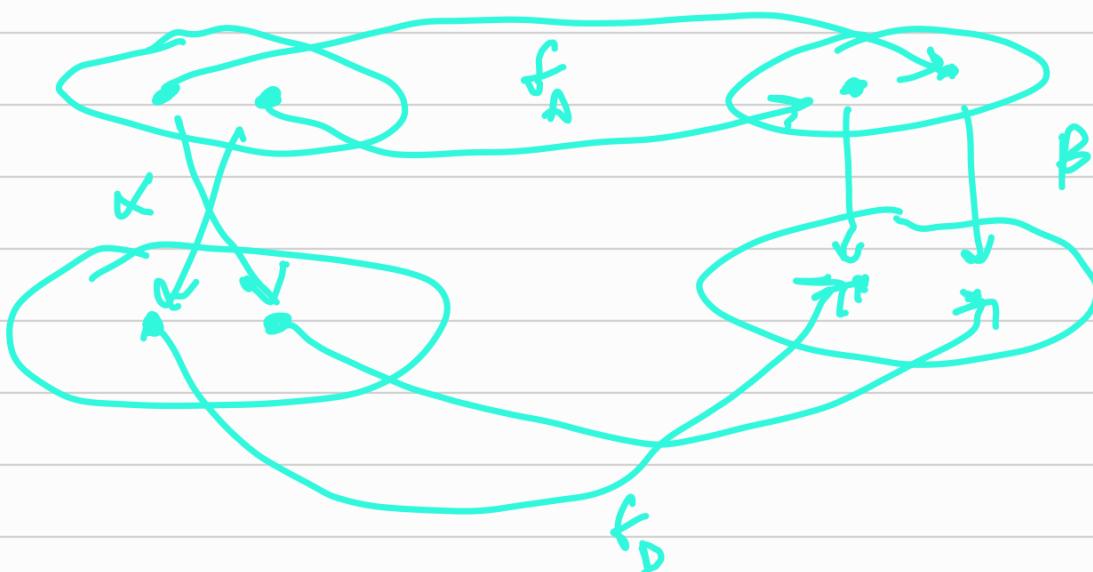
$$1_Y f_A = f_D 1_X \Rightarrow f_A = f_D$$

**Exercise 14:**

Give an example of  $\mathcal{S}$  of two endomaps and two maps as in

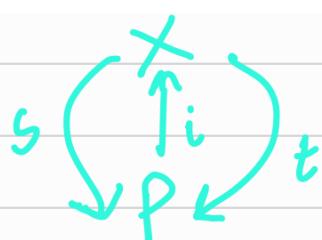
$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f_A} & Y \\ \alpha \downarrow & & \downarrow \beta \\ X & \xrightarrow{f_D} & Y \end{array}$$

which satisfy the equation  $f_D \circ \alpha = \beta \circ f_A$ , but for which  $f_A \neq f_D$ .

**Exercise 15:**

In a reflexive graph, the two endomaps  $e_1 = is$ ,  $e_0 = it$  of the set of arrows are not only idempotent, but even satisfy four equations:

$$e_k e_j = e_j \quad \text{for } k, j = 0, 1$$



$$\begin{aligned} si &= 1_p \\ ti &= 1_p \end{aligned}$$

$$e_1 e_1 = i s i s = i s = e_1$$

$$e_0 e_0 = i t i t = i t = e_0$$

To prove :  $e_0 e_0 = e_0 \checkmark$        $e_0 e_1 = e_1$       (III)

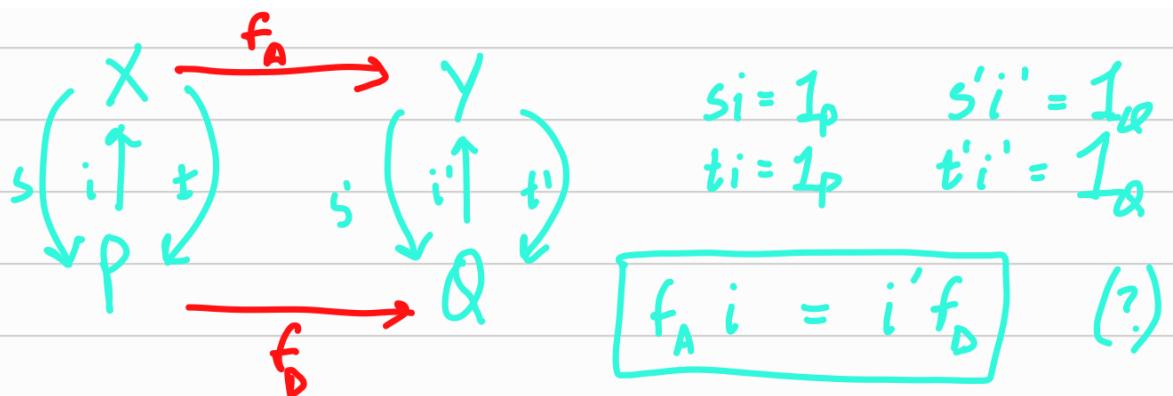
$$e_1 e_0 = e_0 \quad (\text{II}) \quad e_1 e_1 = e_1$$

(II) :  $e_1 e_0 = i s i t$   
 $= i t = e_0$

(III) :  $e_0 e_1 = i t i s$   
 $= i s = e_1$

### Exercise 16:

Show that if  $f_A, f_D$  in  $\mathcal{S}$  constitute a map of reflexive graphs, then  $f_D$  is determined by  $f_A$  and the internal structure of the two graphs.

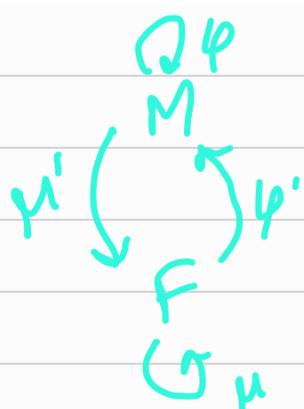


### Exercise 17:

Consider a structure involving two sets and four maps as in

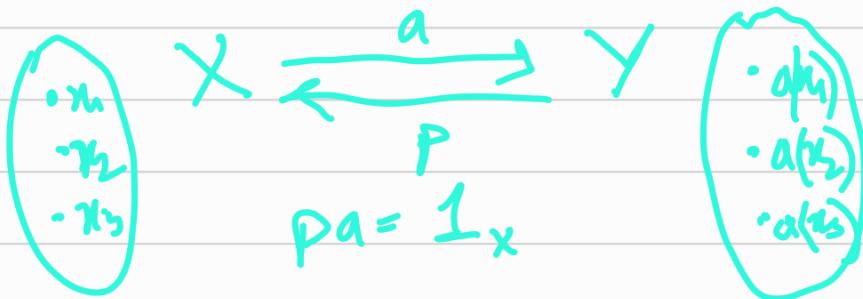
$$\begin{array}{ccc} M^{\varphi} & & \\ \downarrow \mu' & \uparrow \varphi' & \\ F^{\mu} & & \end{array} \quad (\text{no equations required})$$

(for example  $M = \text{males}$ ,  $F = \text{females}$ ,  $\varphi$  and  $\varphi'$  are *father*, and  $\mu$  and  $\mu'$  are *mother*). Devise a rational definition of *map* between such structures in order to make them into a category.

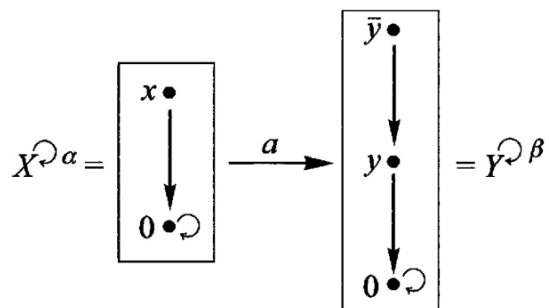


### Exercise 18:

If  $a$  has a retraction, then  $a$  is injective. (Assume  $pa = 1_X$  and  $ax_1 = ax_2$ ; then try to show by calculation that  $x_1 = x_2$ .)



$$\begin{aligned} a(x_1) &= a(x_2) \\ P(a(x_1)) &= P(a(x_2)) \\ \Rightarrow x_1 &= x_2 \end{aligned}$$



Let  $ax = y$  and  $a0 = 0$ , with  $X$ ,  $Y$ ,  $\alpha$ , and  $\beta$  as pictured above.

#### Exercise 19:

Show that  $a$  is a map  $[X^{\odot \alpha}] \xrightarrow{a} [Y^{\odot \beta}]$  in  $\mathbf{S}^{\odot}$ .

#### Exercise 20:

Show that  $a$  is *injective*.

#### Exercise 21:

Show that, as a map  $X \xrightarrow{a} Y$  in  $\mathbf{S}$ ,  $a$  has exactly two retractions  $p$ .

#### Exercise 22:

Show that neither of the maps  $p$  found in the preceding exercise is a map  $[Y^{\odot \beta}] \xrightarrow{p} [X^{\odot \alpha}]$  in  $\mathbf{S}^{\odot}$ . Hence  $a$  has no retractions in  $\mathbf{S}^{\odot}$ .

#### Exercise 23:

How many of the eight  $\mathbf{S}$ -maps  $Y \rightarrow X$  (if any) are actually  $\mathbf{S}^{\odot}$ -maps?

$$[Y^{\odot \beta}] \rightarrow [X^{\odot \alpha}]$$

#### Exercise 24:

Show that our map  $a$  does not have any retractions, even when considered (via the insertion  $J$  in Section 7 of this article) as being a map in the 'looser' category  $\mathbf{S}^!$ .

19) To prove:  $\alpha \alpha = \beta \alpha$

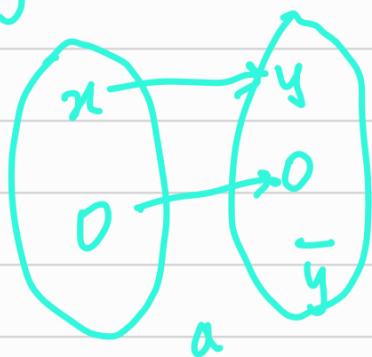
$$\begin{aligned} \alpha \alpha(0) &= \alpha(0) = 0 \\ \beta \alpha(0) &= \beta(0) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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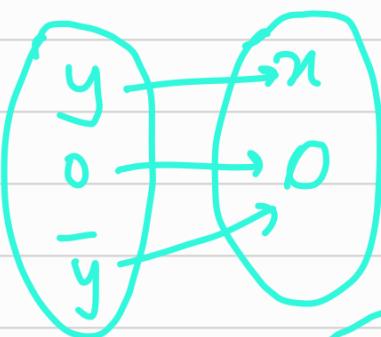
QED.

20) Clearly,  $a$  is one-one (if  $ax_1 = ax_2 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$ )

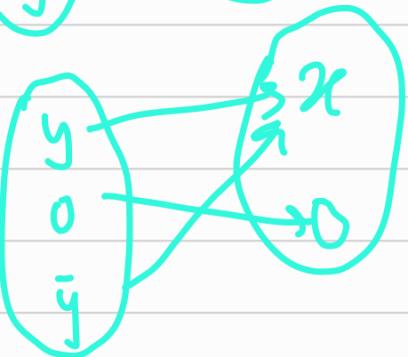
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22) To check if  $P_k B = \alpha P_k$   $k=1, 2$ .

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$\gamma^\alpha$ :



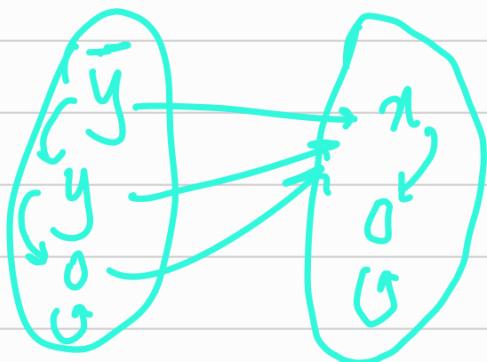
For  $k=1$ ,

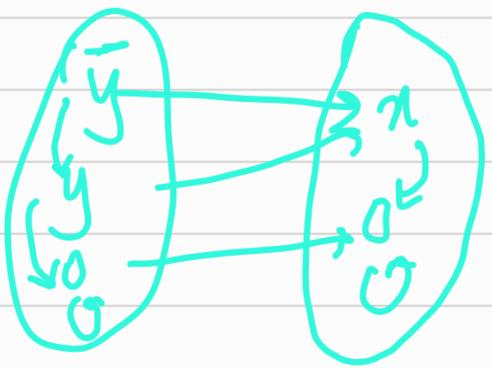
$$P_1 B(-y) = P_1(y) = x \\ \alpha P_1(-y) = \alpha(0) = 0 \neq x$$

Similarly for  $k=2$ .

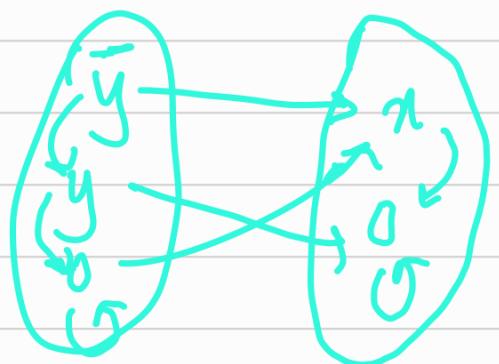
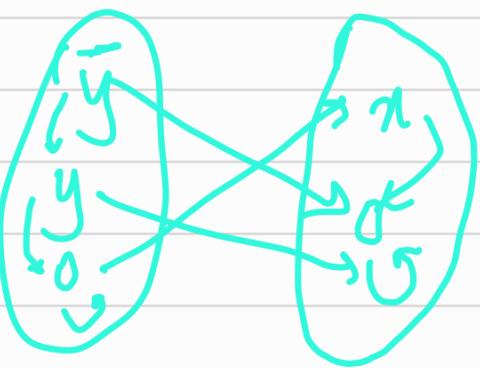
. . .  $a$  has no retractions in  $S$

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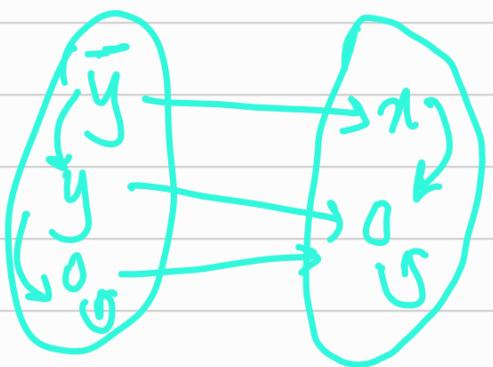


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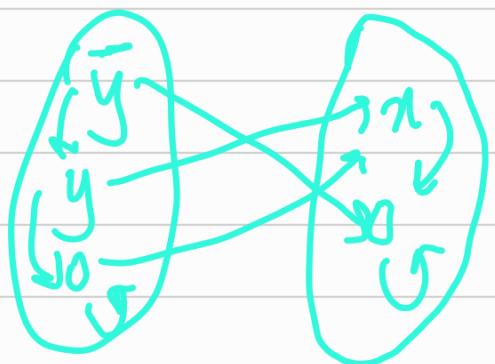


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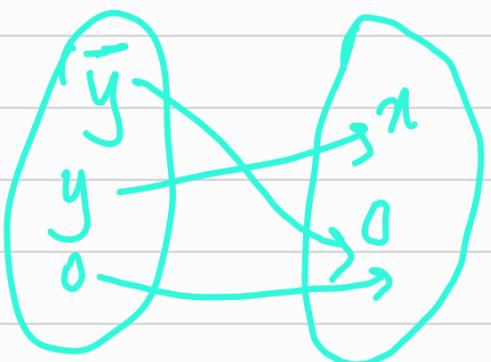
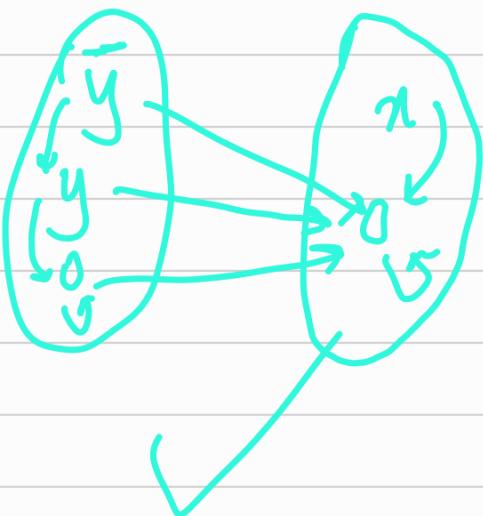
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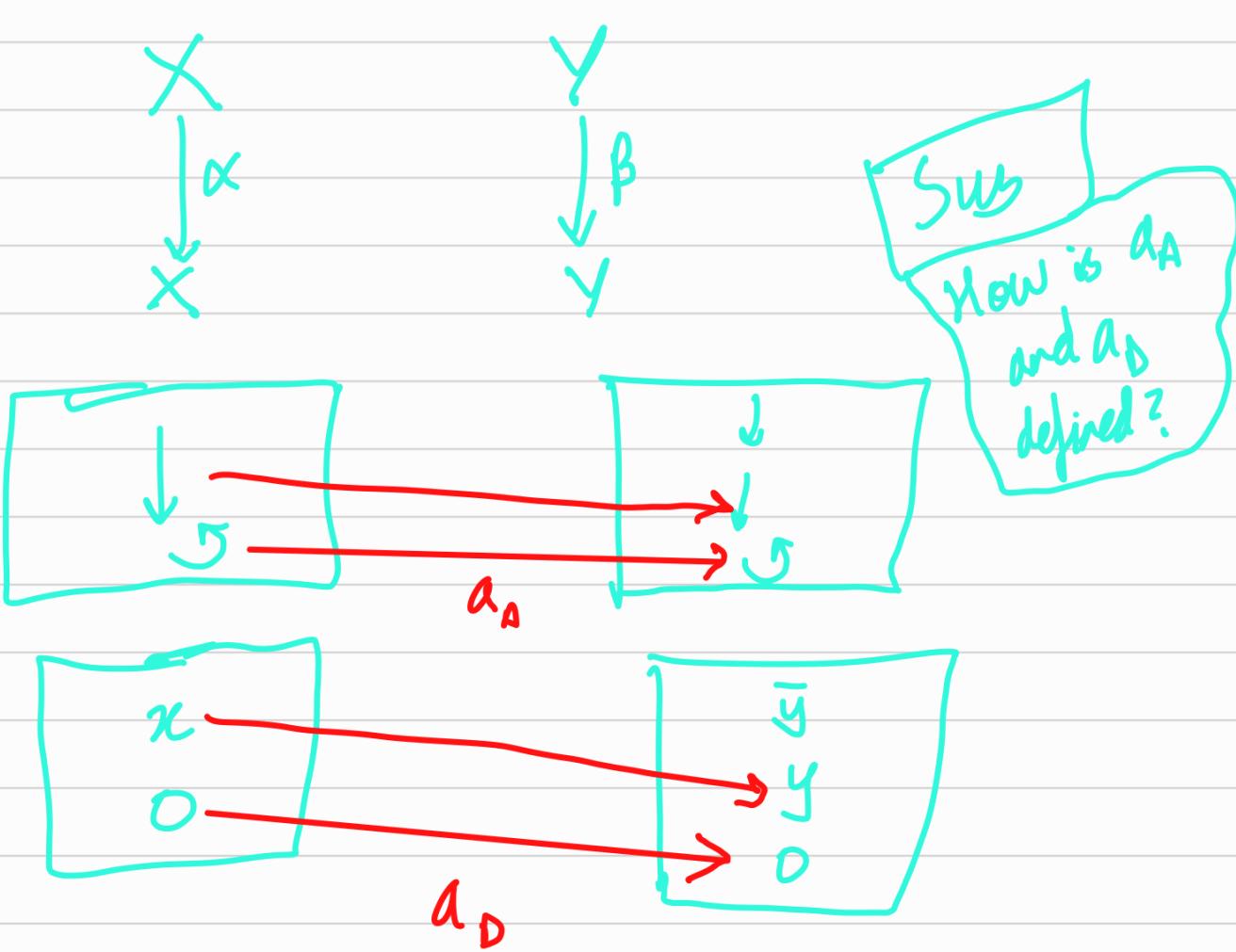


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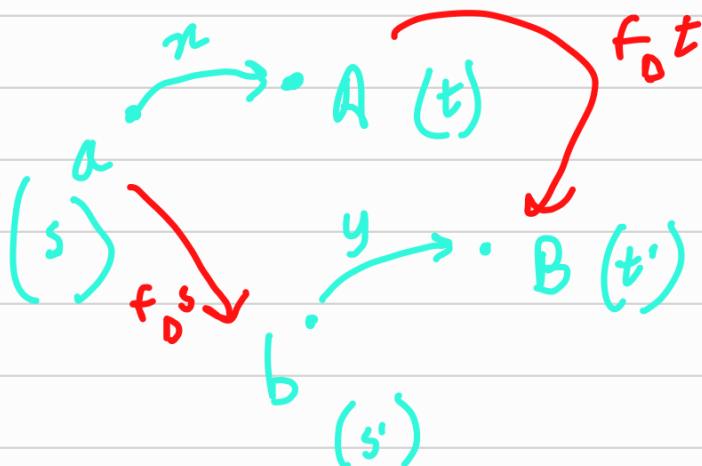


### Exercise 25:

Show that for any two graphs and any  $S^{\downarrow\uparrow}$ -map between them

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f_A} & Y \\ s \downarrow \quad t \downarrow & & s' \downarrow \quad t' \downarrow \\ P & \xrightarrow{f_D} & Q \end{array}$$

the equation  $f_D \circ s = f_D \circ t$  can only be true when  $f_A$  maps every arrow in  $X$  to a *loop* (relative to  $s'$ ,  $t'$ ) in  $Y$ .



$$\begin{aligned} B &= f_D t \\ b &= f_D s \end{aligned}$$

For  $f_D t = f_D s$ ,  
 $b = B$  so  $y$  is a  
loop.

**Exercise 26:**

There is an 'inclusion' map  $\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{Q}$  in  $\mathbf{S}$  for which

1.  $\boxed{\mathbb{Z}^{\odot 5 \times 1}} \xrightarrow{f} \boxed{\mathbb{Q}^{\odot 5 \times 1}}$  is a map in  $\mathbf{S}^\odot$ , and
2.  $\mathbb{Q}^{\odot 5 \times 1}$  is an automorphism, and
3.  $f$  is injective.

Find the  $f$  and prove the three statements.

**Exercise 27:**

Consider our standard idempotent

$$X^{\odot \alpha} = \boxed{\begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \downarrow \\ \circlearrowleft \end{array}}$$

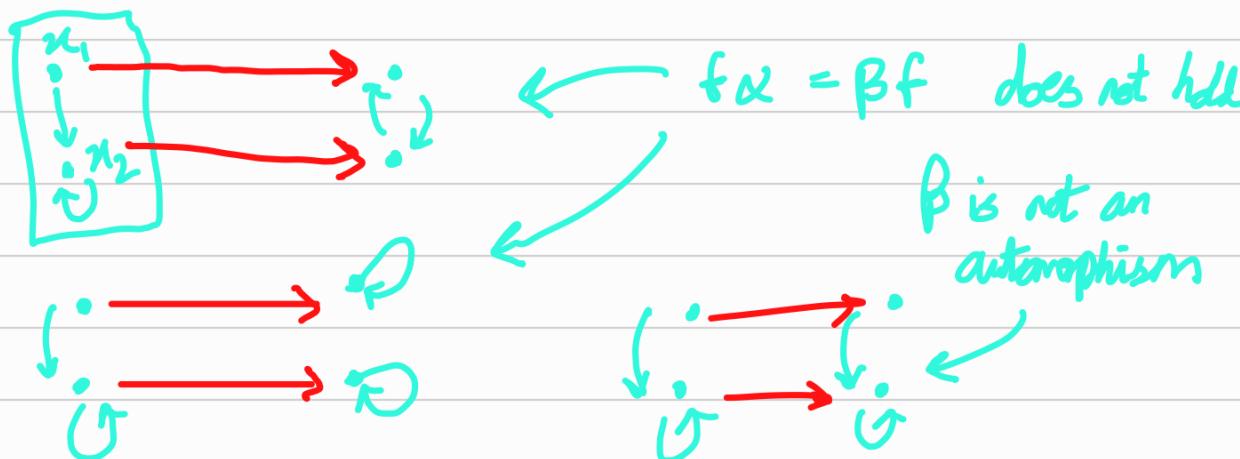
and let  $Y^{\odot \beta}$  be any *automorphism*. Show that any  $\mathbf{S}^\odot$ -map  $X^{\odot \alpha} \xrightarrow{f} Y^{\odot \beta}$  must be non-injective, i.e. must map both elements of  $X$  to the same (fixed) point of  $\beta$  in  $Y$ .

**Exercise 28:**

If  $X^{\odot \alpha}$  is any object of  $\mathbf{S}^\odot$  for which there exists an *injective*  $\mathbf{S}^\odot$ -map  $f$  to some  $Y^{\odot \beta}$  where  $\beta$  is in the subcategory of *automorphisms*, then  $\alpha$  itself must be injective.

26)  $f = 1_{\mathbb{Z}}$  satisfies  $f(5z) = 5f(z)$

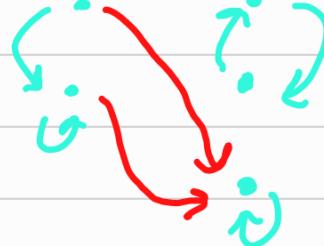
27)  $\alpha$ : idempotent,  $\beta$ : automorphism



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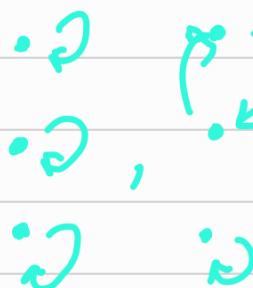
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satisfy all conditions

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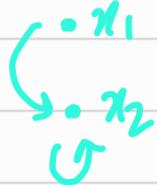
28)  $Y^{\odot \beta}$  looks like



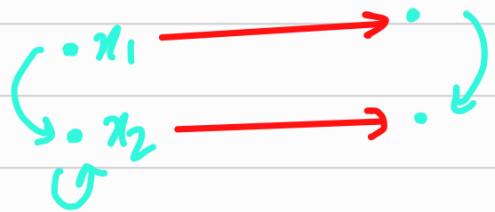
etc.

Each element in  $X^{2^\alpha}$  is mapped to one element in  $Y^{2^\beta}$  by  $f$ .

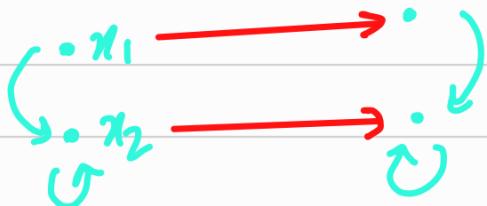
If there is a fixed point in  $X^{2^\alpha}$  as shown below,



then  $\beta f(x_1) = f\alpha(x_1)$  will require the following diagram



Now considering  $\beta f(x_2) = f\alpha(x_2)$  then,



But that is not possible as  $\beta$  is an automorphism.

The above logic holds for  $> 1$  fixed points in  $X^{2^\alpha}$  as well.  
So  $X^{2^\alpha}$  does not have fixed points and it is injective.