

# Representing, Manipulating and Optimizing Reversible Circuits

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# Reversible Computing

The “obvious” intersection between quantum computing and programming languages is reversible computing.

# Representing Reversible Circuits

truth table, matrix, reed muller expansion, product of cycles, decision diagram, etc.

[any easy way to reproduce Figure 4 on p.7 of Saeedi and Markov? —JC]  
[important remark: these are all *Boolean* circuits! —JC]

Most important part: reversible circuits are equivalent to permutations.

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Start with a *foundational* syntactic theory on our way there:

- ① easy to explain
- ② clear operational rules
- ③ fully justified by the semantics
- ④ sound and complete reasoning
- ⑤ sound and complete methods of optimization

# Starting Point

*Typed* isomorphisms. First, a universe of (finite) types

```
data U : Set where
  ZERO  : U
  ONE   : U
  PLUS  : U → U → U
  TIMES : U → U → U
```

and its interpretation

```
[[_]] : U → Set
[[ ZERO ]]      = ⊥
[[ ONE  ]]      = ⊤
[[ PLUS t1 t2 ]] = [[ t1 ]] ⊕ [[ t2 ]]
[[ TIMES t1 t2 ]] = [[ t1 ]] × [[ t2 ]]
```

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We also get

## Theorem 2.

*If  $A \simeq \text{Fin}m$ ,  $B \simeq \text{Fin}n$  and  $A \simeq B$  then  $m \equiv n$ .*

(whose *constructive* proof is quite subtle).

## Theorem 3.

*If  $A \simeq \text{Fin}m$  and  $B \simeq \text{Fin}n$ , then the type of all equivalences  $A \simeq B$  is equivalent to the type of all permutations  $\text{Perm}n$ .*



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The point, of course, is that they are related:

## Theorem 4.

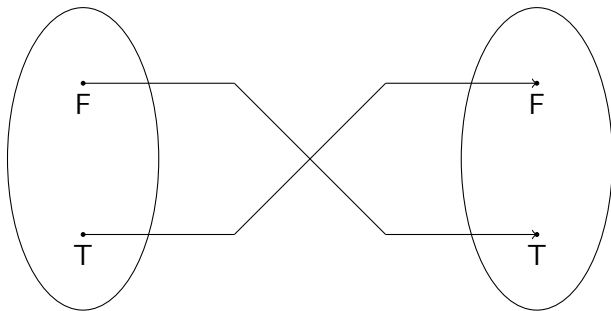
*The equivalence of Theorem 3 is an isomorphism between the semirings of equivalences of finite types, and of permutations.*

# A Calculus of Permutations

First conclusion: it might be useful to *reify* a certain set of equivalences as combinators. We choose the fundamental “proof rules” of semirings:

```
data  $\longleftrightarrow$  : U  $\rightarrow$  U  $\rightarrow$  Set where
  unite+ : {t : U}  $\rightarrow$  PLUS ZERO t  $\longleftrightarrow$  t
  uniti+ : {t : U}  $\rightarrow$  t  $\longleftrightarrow$  PLUS ZERO t
  swap+ : {t1 t2 : U}  $\rightarrow$  PLUS t1 t2  $\longleftrightarrow$  PLUS t2 t1
  associ+ : {t1 t2 t3 : U}  $\rightarrow$  PLUS t1 (PLUS t2 t3)  $\longleftrightarrow$  PLUS (PLUS t1 t2) t3
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  unite* : {t : U}  $\rightarrow$  TIMES ONE t  $\longleftrightarrow$  t
  uniti* : {t : U}  $\rightarrow$  t  $\longleftrightarrow$  TIMES ONE t
  swap* : {t1 t2 : U}  $\rightarrow$  TIMES t1 t2  $\longleftrightarrow$  TIMES t2 t1
  associ* : {t1 t2 t3 : U}  $\rightarrow$  TIMES t1 (TIMES t2 t3)  $\longleftrightarrow$  TIMES (TIMES t1 t2) t3
  associ* : {t1 t2 t3 : U}  $\rightarrow$  TIMES (TIMES t1 t2) t3  $\longleftrightarrow$  TIMES t1 (TIMES t2 t3)
  absorbr : {t : U}  $\rightarrow$  TIMES ZERO t  $\longleftrightarrow$  ZERO
  absorbl : {t : U}  $\rightarrow$  TIMES t ZERO  $\longleftrightarrow$  ZERO
  factorzr : {t : U}  $\rightarrow$  ZERO  $\longleftrightarrow$  TIMES t ZERO
  factorzl : {t : U}  $\rightarrow$  ZERO  $\longleftrightarrow$  TIMES ZERO t
  dist : {t1 t2 t3 : U}  $\rightarrow$ 
    TIMES (PLUS t1 t2) t3  $\longleftrightarrow$  PLUS (TIMES t1 t3) (TIMES t2 t3)
  factor : {t1 t2 t3 : U}  $\rightarrow$ 
    PLUS (TIMES t1 t3) (TIMES t2 t3)  $\longleftrightarrow$  TIMES (PLUS t1 t2) t3
  id $\longleftrightarrow$  : {t : U}  $\rightarrow$  t  $\longleftrightarrow$  t
   $\odot$  : {t1 t2 t3 : U}  $\rightarrow$  (t1  $\longleftrightarrow$  t2)  $\rightarrow$  (t2  $\longleftrightarrow$  t3)  $\rightarrow$  (t1  $\longleftrightarrow$  t3)
   $\oplus$  : {t1 t2 t3 t4 : U}  $\rightarrow$ 
    (t1  $\longleftrightarrow$  t3)  $\rightarrow$  (t2  $\longleftrightarrow$  t4)  $\rightarrow$  (PLUS t1 t2  $\longleftrightarrow$  PLUS t3 t4)
   $\otimes$  : {t1 t2 t3 t4 : U}  $\rightarrow$ 
    (t1  $\longleftrightarrow$  t3)  $\rightarrow$  (t2  $\longleftrightarrow$  t4)  $\rightarrow$  (TIMES t1 t2  $\longleftrightarrow$  TIMES t3 t4)
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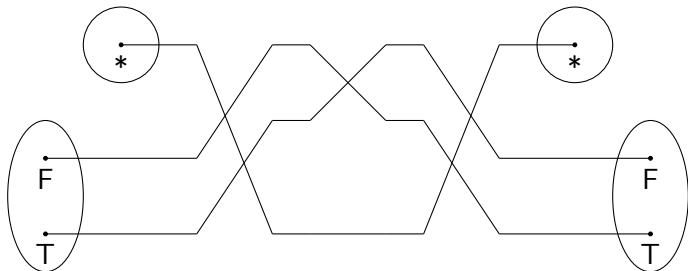
## Example Circuit: Simple Negation



$n_1 : \text{BOOL} \longleftrightarrow \text{BOOL}$

$n_1 = \text{swap}_+$

## Example Circuit: Not So Simple Negation



$n_2 : \text{BOOL} \longleftrightarrow \text{BOOL}$

$n_2 =$   $\text{unite} \star \odot$   
 $\text{swap} \star \odot$   
 $(\text{swap}_+ \otimes \text{id} \longleftrightarrow) \odot$   
 $\text{swap} \star \odot$   
 $\text{unite} \star$

# Reasoning about Example Circuits

Algebraic manipulation of one circuit to the other:

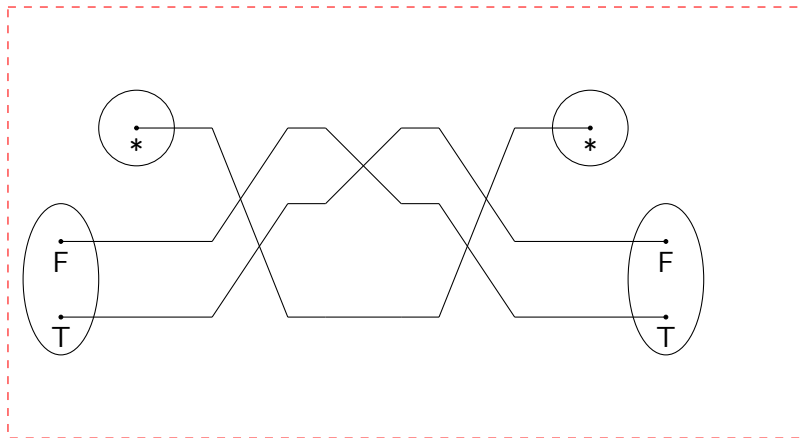
$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{negEx} &: n_2 \Leftrightarrow n_1 \\
 \text{negEx} &= \text{uniti}\star \odot (\text{swap}\star \odot ((\text{swap}_+ \otimes \text{id} \longleftrightarrow) \odot (\text{swap}\star \odot \text{unite}\star))) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \langle \text{id} \Leftrightarrow \boxtimes \text{assoc} \odot \text{l} \rangle \\
 &\text{uniti}\star \odot ((\text{swap}\star \odot (\text{swap}_+ \otimes \text{id} \longleftrightarrow)) \odot (\text{swap}\star \odot \text{unite}\star)) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \langle \text{id} \Leftrightarrow \boxtimes (\text{swapl}\star \Leftrightarrow \boxtimes \text{id} \Leftrightarrow) \rangle \\
 &\text{uniti}\star \odot (((\text{id} \longleftrightarrow \otimes \text{swap}_+) \odot \text{swap}\star) \odot (\text{swap}\star \odot \text{unite}\star)) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \langle \text{id} \Leftrightarrow \boxtimes \text{assoc} \odot \text{r} \rangle \\
 &\text{uniti}\star \odot ((\text{id} \longleftrightarrow \otimes \text{swap}_+) \odot (\text{swap}\star \odot (\text{swap}\star \odot \text{unite}\star))) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \langle \text{id} \Leftrightarrow \boxtimes (\text{id} \Leftrightarrow \boxtimes \text{assoc} \odot \text{l}) \rangle \\
 &\text{uniti}\star \odot ((\text{id} \longleftrightarrow \otimes \text{swap}_+) \odot ((\text{swap}\star \odot \text{swap}\star) \odot \text{unite}\star)) \\
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 &\text{uniti}\star \odot ((\text{id} \longleftrightarrow \otimes \text{swap}_+) \odot (\text{id} \longleftrightarrow \odot \text{unite}\star)) \\
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 &\Leftrightarrow \langle \text{assoc} \odot \text{l} \rangle \\
 &(\text{uniti}\star \odot (\text{id} \longleftrightarrow \otimes \text{swap}_+)) \odot \text{unite}\star \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \langle \text{uniti}\star \Leftrightarrow \boxtimes \text{id} \Leftrightarrow \rangle \\
 &(\text{swap}_+ \odot \text{uniti}\star) \odot \text{unite}\star
 \end{aligned}$$

# Reasoning about Example Circuits

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# Visually

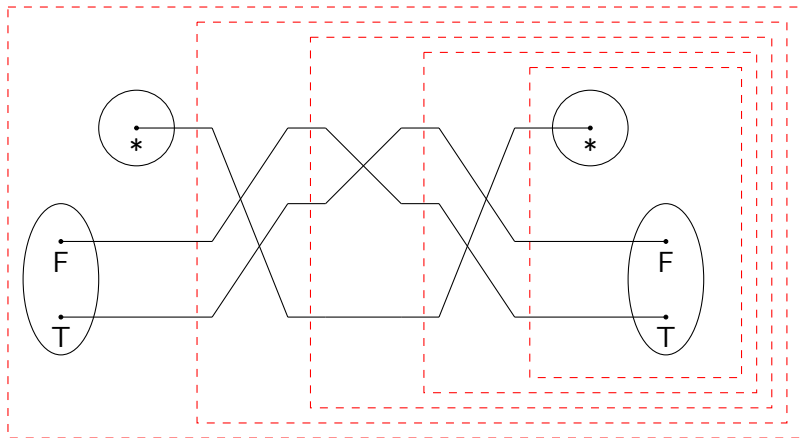
Original circuit:





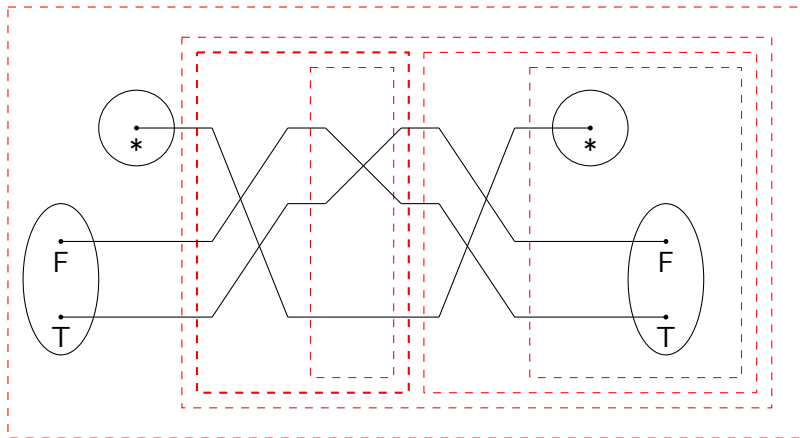
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Making grouping explicit:



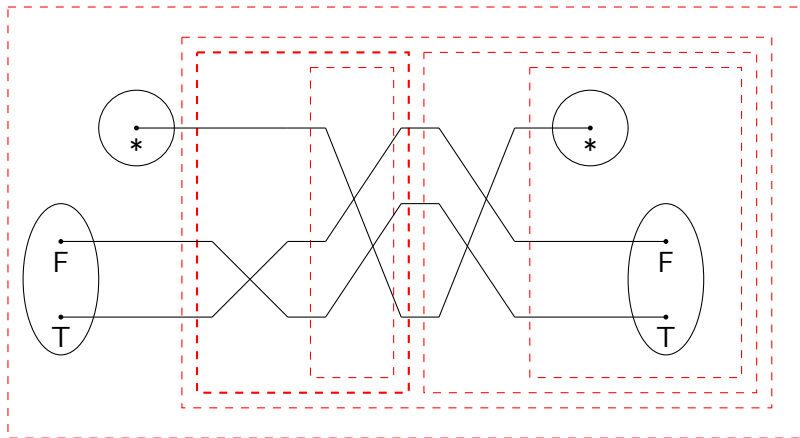
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By associativity:



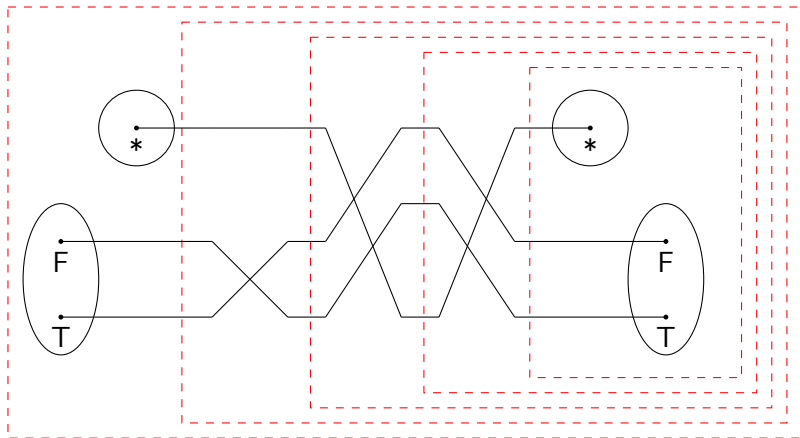
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By pre-post-swap:



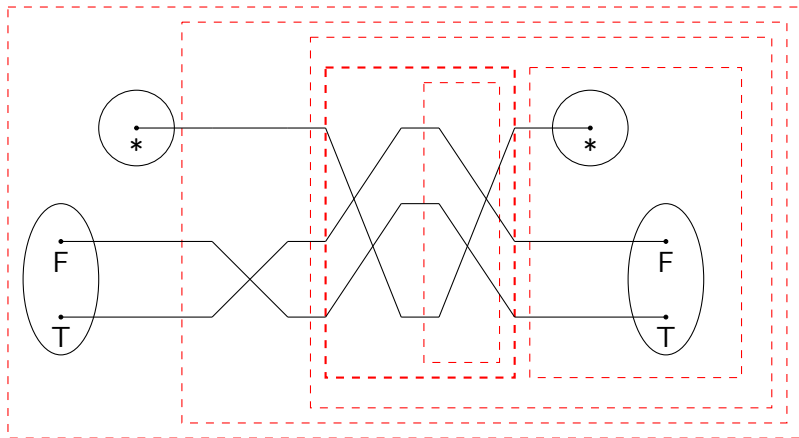
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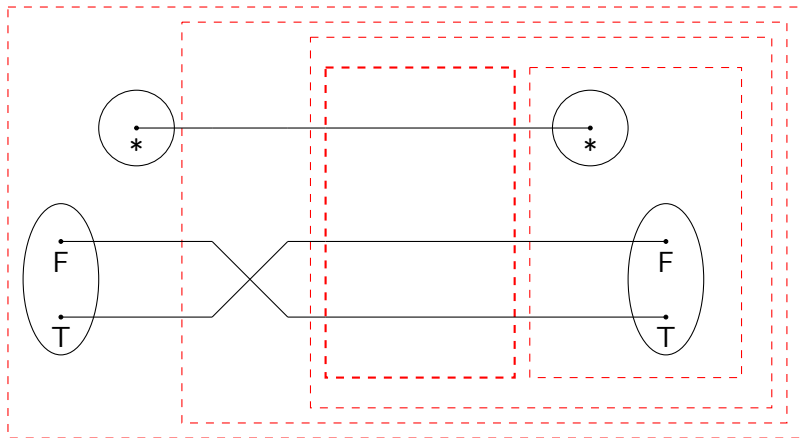
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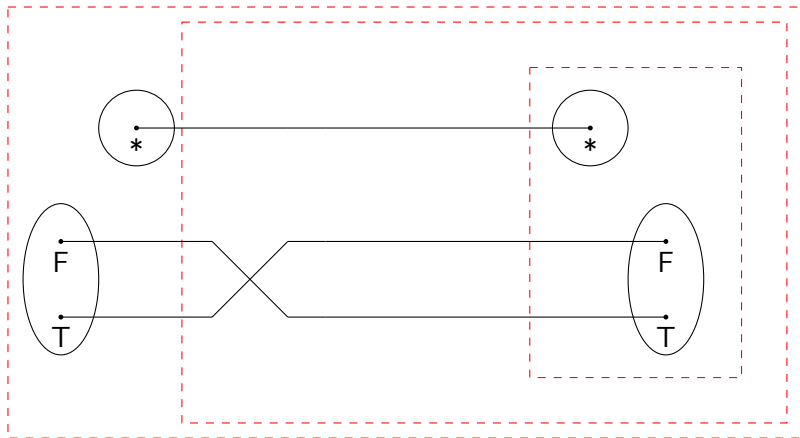
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By swap-swap:



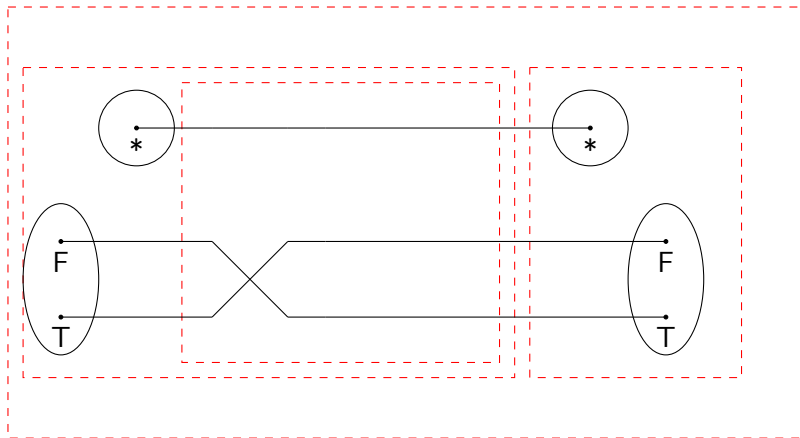
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By id-compose-left:



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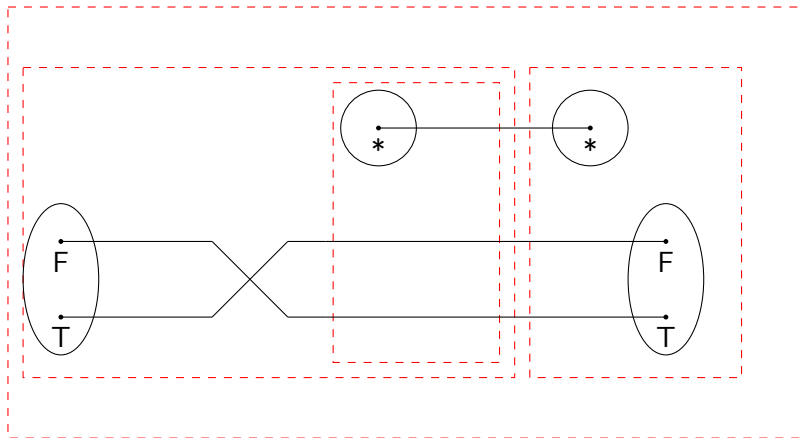
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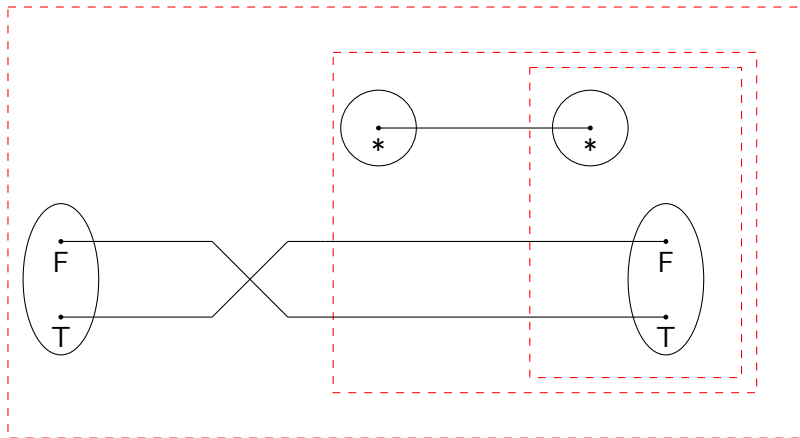
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By swap-unit:



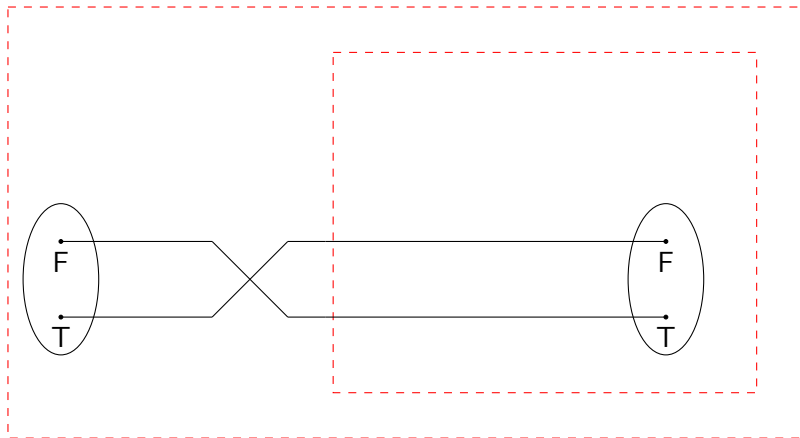
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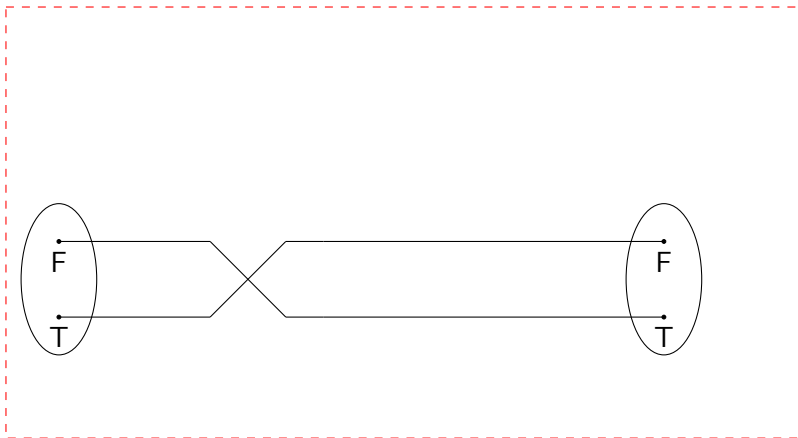
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By unit-unit:



# Visually

By id-unit-right:



# Questions

- We don't want an ad hoc notation with ad hoc rewriting rules
- Notions of soundness; completeness; canonicity in some sense; what can we say?

# 1-paths vs. 2-paths

1-paths are between isomorphic types, e.g.,  $A * B$  and  $B * A$ . List them all.

# 1-paths vs. 2-paths

2-paths are between 1-paths, e.g.,  
%endcode

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