On Dialectica and Differentiation

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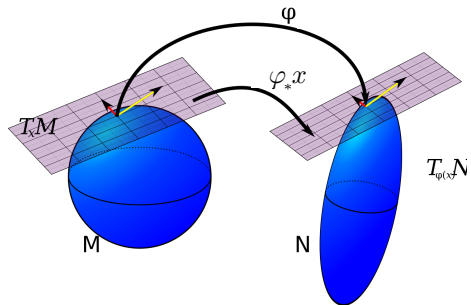
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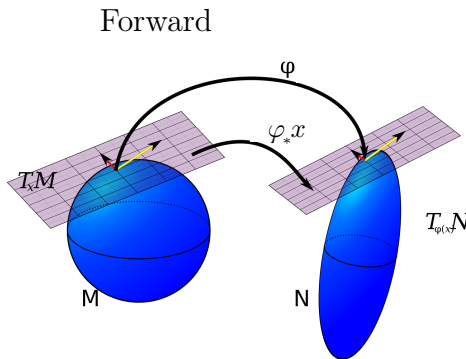# Differentiation

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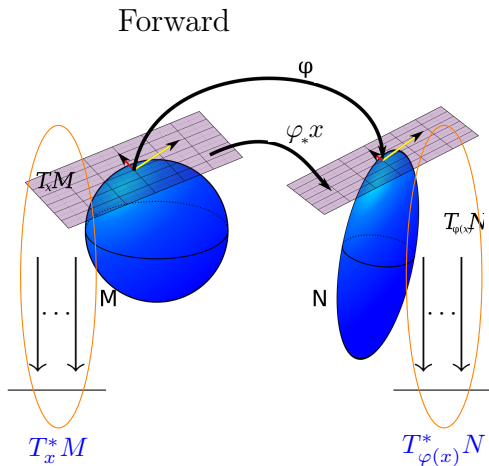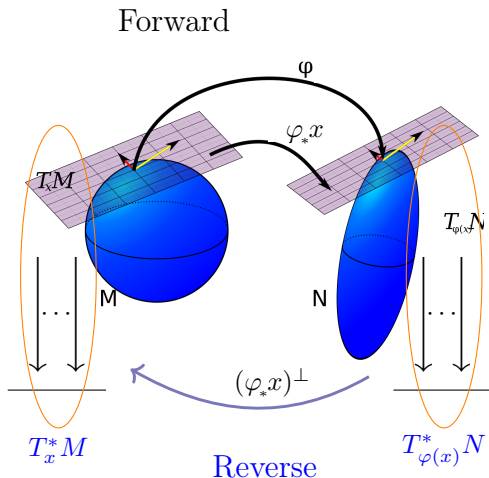$\cdots$

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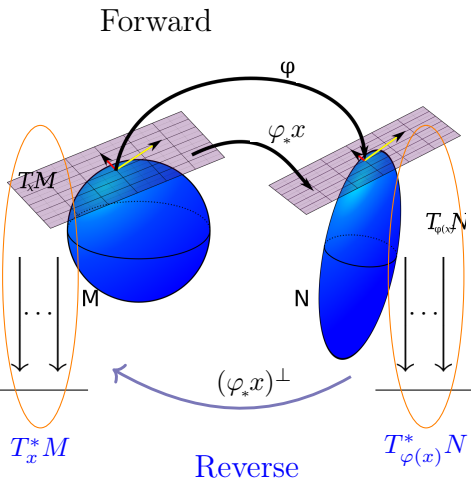$$\frac{f : A \to B}{Tf : TA \to TB}$$

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$\mathcal{C}_!$ is a model of differential λ-calculus where we can transpose linear arrows:

$$\frac{f : A \to B}{Df : A \times A \to B} \quad (\textit{in } \mathcal{C}_!,\ E \times F := E \& F\ )$$

Dialectica and (Categorical) Differentiation

$$\sim_B \quad \subseteq \quad \{\vdash_{\mathbf{P}} \mathtt{M} : W(B)\} \quad \times \quad \mathcal{C}_!(\top, B)$$

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$\mathtt{M} \sim_{E \to F} f$	*for all* $\mathtt{H} \sim_E e$, *we have* $\quad\quad \mathtt{M}^1\mathtt{H} \sim_F \left. f \right|_e : F$ *and* $\quad\quad \lambda\pi.\mathtt{M}^2\langle\mathtt{H}, \pi\rangle \bowtie_F^E \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^{-1}f : E \to F \\ ((\lambda^{-1}f)_*e)^\perp : F^\perp \multimap E^\perp \end{pmatrix}$
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The theorem

Let $\mathbf{x} : A \vdash_\Lambda \mathtt{M} : B$. Then:

1) $(\lambda\mathbf{x}.\mathtt{M})^\bullet \quad \sim_{A \to B} \quad [\![\lambda\mathbf{x}.\mathtt{M}]\!] : [A \to B]$

2) $(\lambda\mathbf{x}.\mathtt{M}_\mathbf{x})\mathtt{N} \quad \bowtie_B^A \quad \left(\begin{array}{ccc} [\![\mathtt{M}]\!] & : & A \to B \\ ([\![\mathtt{M}]\!]_* a)^\perp & : & B^\perp \multimap A^\perp \end{array} \right) \quad \textit{for all } \mathtt{N} \sim_A a.$

Moral:

$$(\lambda\mathbf{x}.\mathtt{M}^\bullet, \, \lambda\mathbf{x}.\mathtt{M}_\mathbf{x})$$

"represents" the pair $([\![\mathtt{M}]\!], \, R[\![\mathtt{M}]\!])$, where

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Let $\mathcal{E}\mathrm{Lens}(\mathcal{L})$ be the full subcategory of $\mathrm{Lens}(\mathcal{L})$ of trivial bundles, i.e. first projections. Concretely:

- Objects are first projections $\pi_1 : \binom{A \times X}{A}$
- An arrow from $\pi_1 : \binom{A \times X}{A}$ to $\pi_1 : \binom{B \times Y}{B}$ is given by an $f : A \to B$ and a span $A \times X \xleftarrow{F} A \times Y \xrightarrow{f \times 1} B \times Y$ such that $F; \pi_1^{A,X} = \pi_1^{A,Y}$.

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