Denotational semantics of probabilistic programs, beyond the discrete case

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Dual space

Given a linear QBS
$$X = (|X|, |X^{\perp}|, (\eta, x) \mapsto \eta x)$$
, we define its dual $X^{\perp} = (|X^{\perp}|, |X|, (x, \eta) \mapsto \eta x)$.

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- \blacktriangleright $X \stackrel{\gamma_1}{\gamma_2} Y := X^{\perp} \multimap Y \simeq Y^{\perp} \multimap X$
- $ightharpoonup X \otimes Y :\simeq (X \multimap Y \multimap \mathbb{W}) \multimap \mathbb{W}$
- $\blacktriangle \underline{A} \otimes \underline{B} \simeq \underline{A \times B}$
- \blacktriangleright (QbsLin, $\mathbb{W}, \otimes, \multimap$) monoidal closed

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Arbitrary fixed points

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