

PREMONOIDAL BICATEGORIES

(joint work with Hugo Paquet)

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L Semantic models of effectful programs

How SHOULD WE MODEL EFFECTFUL COMPUTATIONS?

Moggi: $[\Gamma \vdash M : A]$ is an arrow $[\Gamma] \rightarrow T[A]$
for T a strong monad

$$st : A \times T B \rightarrow T(A \times B)$$

e.g// WRITER monad $(-) \times L$

$$[\Gamma \vdash M : A] : [\Gamma] \longrightarrow [A] \times L$$

value string to print

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value
↓
effect ↑

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$$\left[\frac{x:A \vdash M:B \quad \vdash N:A}{\vdash \text{let } x = N \text{ in } M : B} \right] = \perp \xrightarrow{\llbracket N \rrbracket} T \llbracket A \rrbracket \xrightarrow{\llbracket M \rrbracket^*} T \llbracket B \rrbracket$$

↑
Kleisli extension

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WORKS WELL FOR let :

$$\left[\frac{x:A \vdash M:B \quad \vdash N:A}{\vdash \text{let } x = N \text{ in } M : B} \right] = \underbrace{1 \xrightarrow{[N]} [A] \xrightarrow{[m]} [B]}_{\text{let-binding directly modelled as composition}}$$

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WHAT ABOUT PRODUCTS?

$$\boxed{\frac{x:A \vdash M_1:B_1 \quad x:A \vdash M_2:B_2}{x:A \vdash \langle M_1, M_2 \rangle : B_1 \times B_2}}$$

idea: run $\llbracket M_1 \rrbracket$ to a value,
 run $\llbracket M_2 \rrbracket$ to a value,
 return the pair



$$= \llbracket A \rrbracket \xrightarrow{\langle \llbracket M_1 \rrbracket, \llbracket M_2 \rrbracket \rangle} T(\llbracket B_1 \rrbracket) \times T(\llbracket B_2 \rrbracket) \xrightarrow{\{ \}} T(\llbracket B_1 \rrbracket \times \llbracket B_2 \rrbracket)$$

built from strength

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WHAT ABOUT THE MONAD?

syntax should
be free model?

if we have function types + unit, } what about
 $(\lambda \rightarrow -)$ is a strong monad } if we
don't?

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in the Kleisli category \mathcal{C}_T for T strong

two shortcomings:

① type structure not matched by
categorical constructors

② not every effectful language uses Monads

Power - Robinson: $[\Gamma \vdash M : A]$ is an arrow $[\Gamma] \rightarrow [A]$
in a premonoidal category

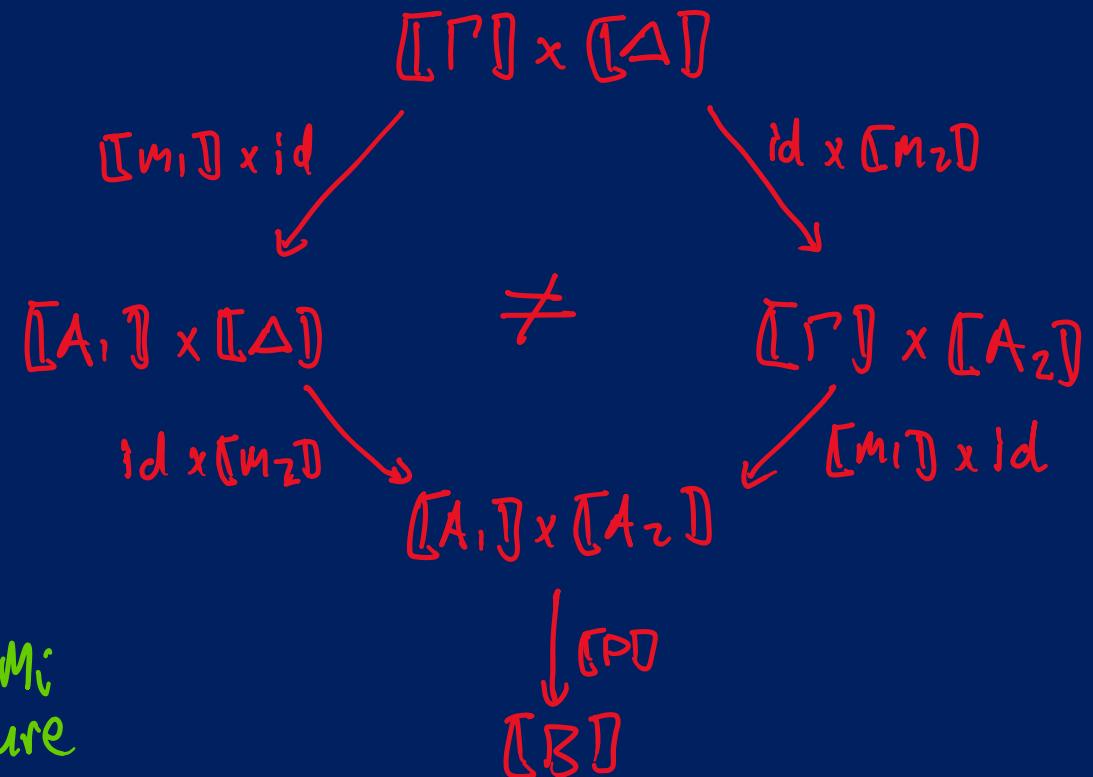
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given

$$\Gamma \vdash M_1 : A_1$$

$$\Delta \vdash M_2 : A_2$$

$$x_1 : A_1, x_2 : A_2 \vdash P : B$$



unless one M_i
a value/pure

\Downarrow

\neq

then

let $x_1 = M_1$ in

let $x_2 = M_2$ in P

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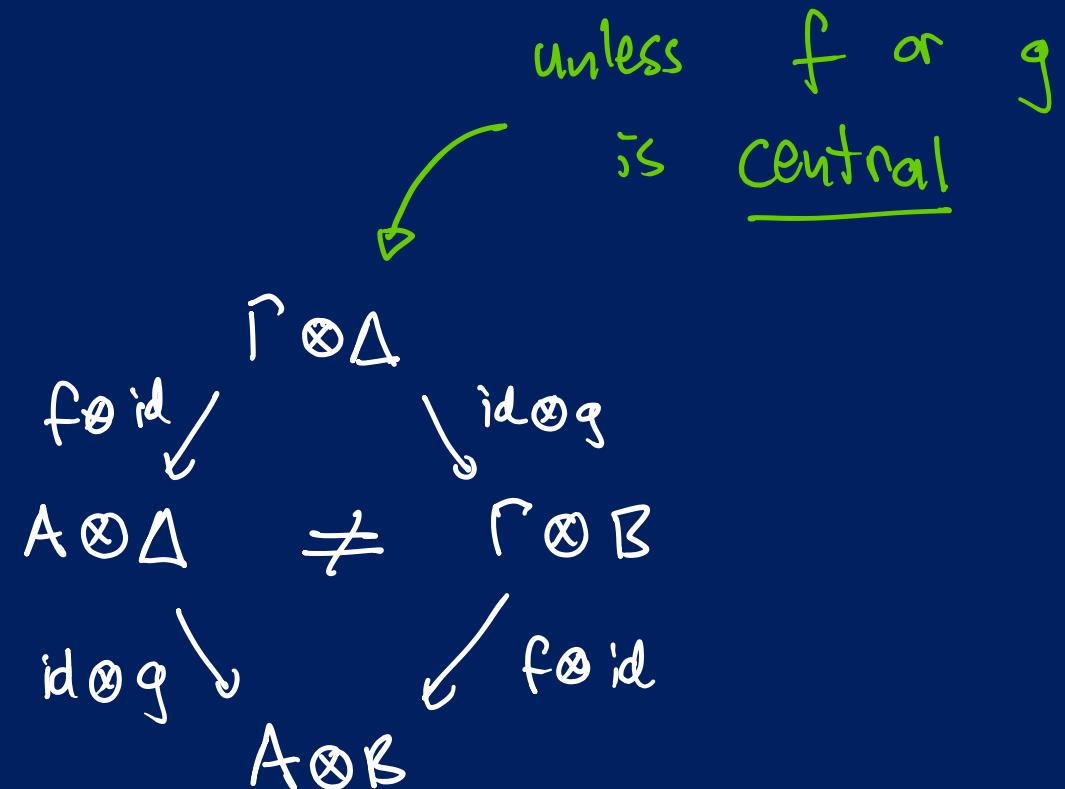
$$f : \Gamma \rightarrow A$$

$$g : \Delta \rightarrow B$$

then

got two distinct

Maps $\Gamma \otimes \Delta \rightarrow A \otimes B$



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- for every $A, B \in \mathcal{C}$, functors $A \rtimes (-), (-) \ltimes B : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$
s.t. $A \rtimes B = A \otimes B = A \ltimes B$ on objects
- central natural isomorphisms α, λ, ρ + triangle, pentagon laws

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An arrow $f:A \rightarrow A'$ in \mathcal{C} is central if

Alg. $\begin{array}{ccc} & A \otimes B & \\ f \times B \swarrow & & \downarrow A \times g \\ A' \otimes B & & A \otimes B' \\ \downarrow A' \times g & & \downarrow f \times B' \\ A' \otimes B' & & \end{array}$ and $\begin{array}{ccc} & B \otimes A & \\ g \times A \swarrow & & \downarrow B \times f \\ B' \otimes A & & B \otimes A' \\ \downarrow B' \times f & & \downarrow g \times A' \\ B' \otimes A' & & \end{array}$

The wide subcategory of central maps is monoidal.

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$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{let } x = M_1 \text{ in} \\ \text{let } x_2 = M_2 \text{ in} \\ P \end{array} \right] =$

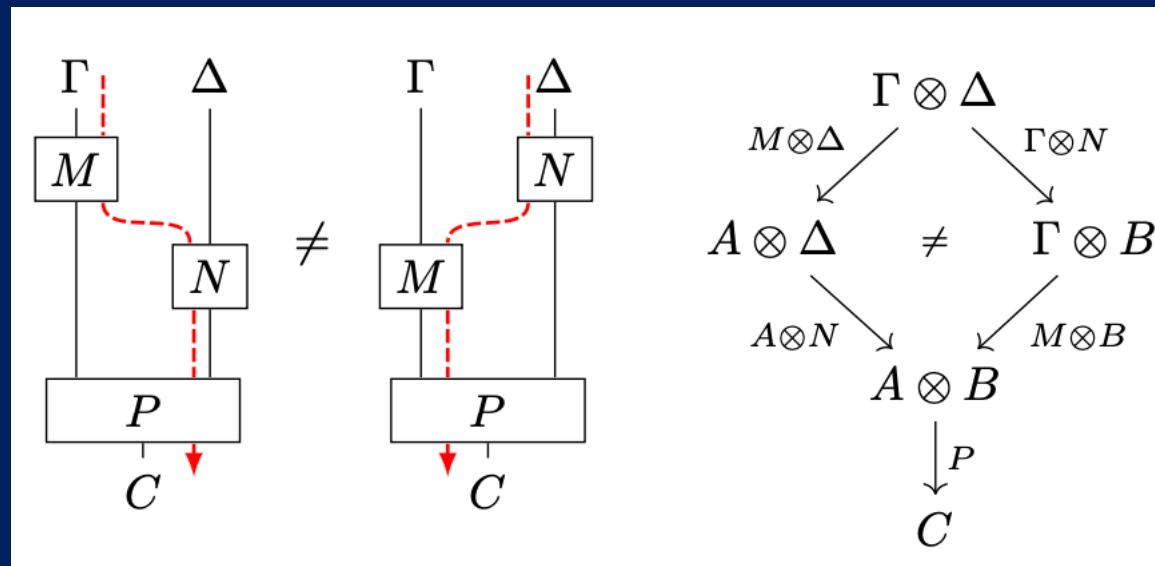
if this a value, could
also run it first?

↳ central maps are values

$$\begin{array}{c} [\Gamma] \otimes [A] \\ \downarrow [\Gamma] \times [M_2] \\ [\Gamma] \otimes [A_2] \\ \downarrow [M_1] \times [A_2] \\ [A_1] \otimes [A_2] \\ \downarrow [P] \\ [B] \end{array}$$

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describe control flow:



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e.g. for (T, st) on \mathcal{C} , \mathcal{C}_T is premonoidal :

$$A \otimes B := A \times B$$

$$A \times g := (A \times B \xrightarrow{A \times g} A \times T(B') \xrightarrow{st} T(A \times B'))$$

$$f \times B := (A \times B \xrightarrow{f \times B} T(A') \times B \xrightarrow{\quad ? \quad} T(A' \times B))$$

built from
 $st +$ symmetry

NB: Not all examples like this!

PREMONOIDAL CATEGORIES

eg //

for \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D} categories, the category $[\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}]_u$
of functors and unnatural transformations,
 \mathcal{B} premonoidal.

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ie. families of maps

$$\{ F_A \xrightarrow{\sigma_A} G_A \mid A \in \mathcal{C} \}$$

PREMONOIDAL CATEGORIES

axiomatise + organise the
denotational semantics of
effectful programs ...

... but some new models don't form
categories, but bicategories

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↳ 2-categories with unit + associativity laws
up to coherent isomorphism

↳ typically arise where composition
is defined by a universal property

e.g. for more intensional semantic models

BICATEGORIES

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Spans as generalized relations:

maps $A \rightarrow B$ =

$$A \xleftarrow{f} \begin{matrix} R \\ \downarrow \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{g} B$$

$$aRb \Leftrightarrow \exists x. \begin{array}{l} fx = a \\ gx = b \end{array}$$

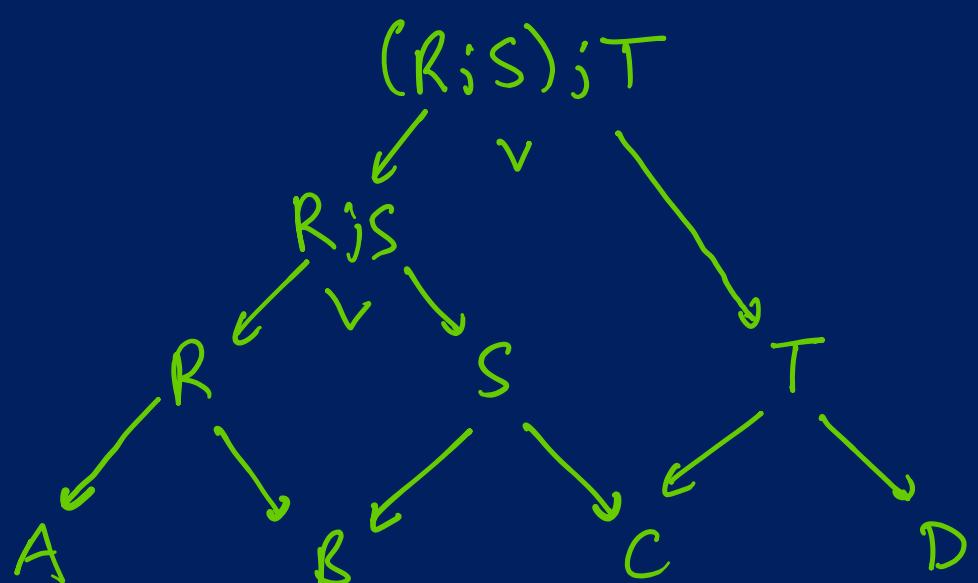
composition by pullback =

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & R; S & & \\ & \swarrow & & \searrow & \\ A & \xrightarrow{R} & B & \xrightarrow{S} & C \end{array}$$

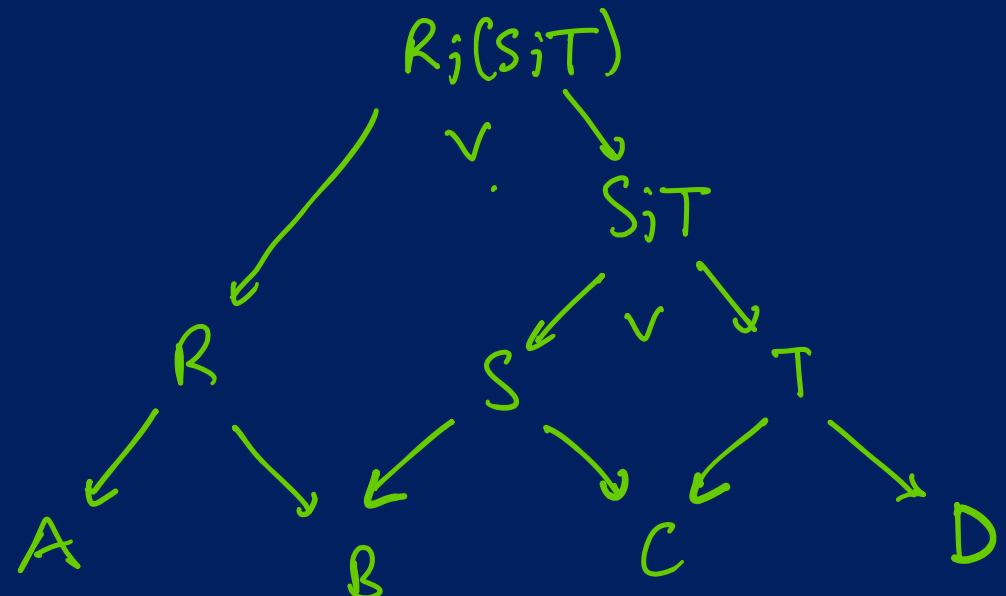
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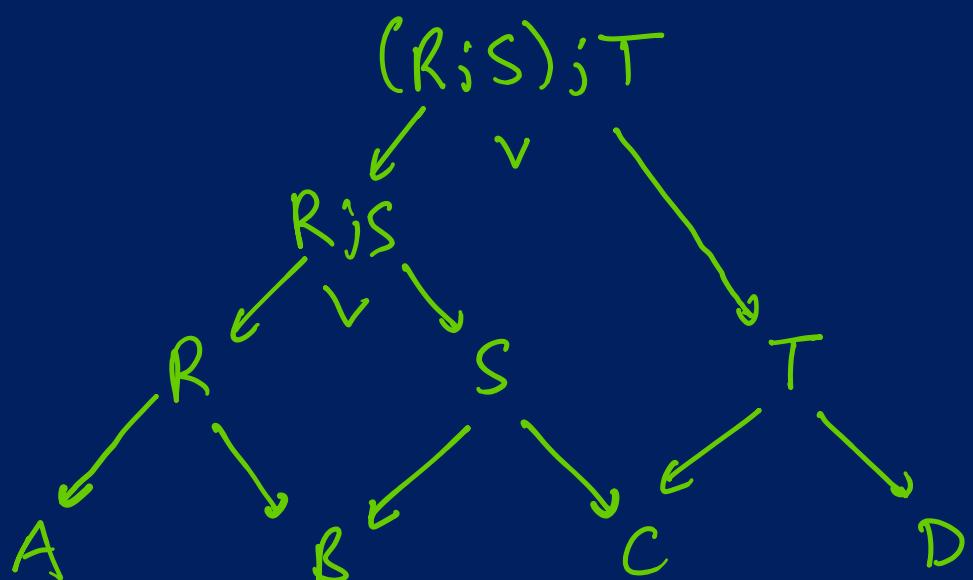
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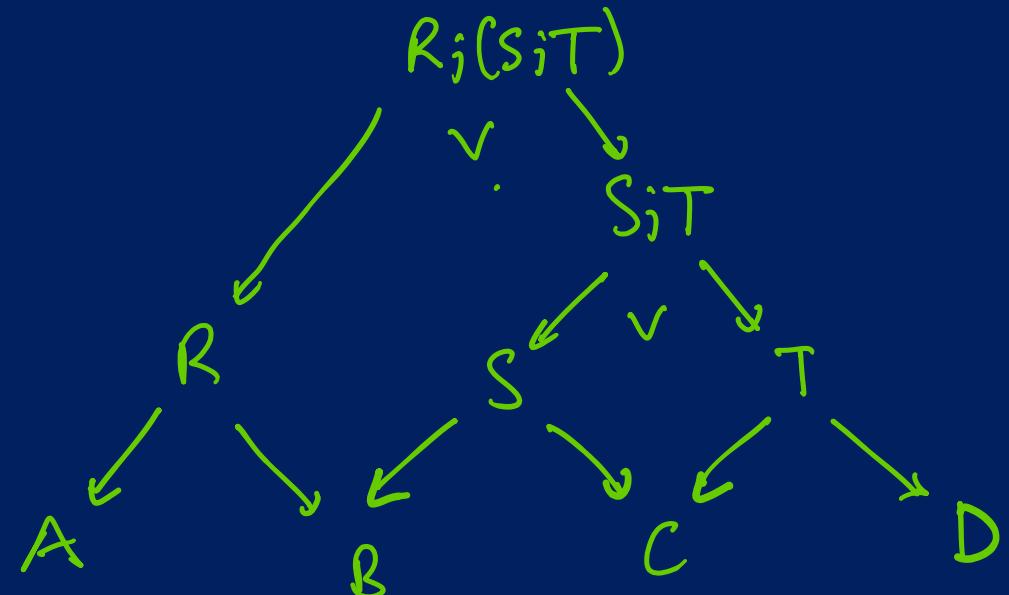
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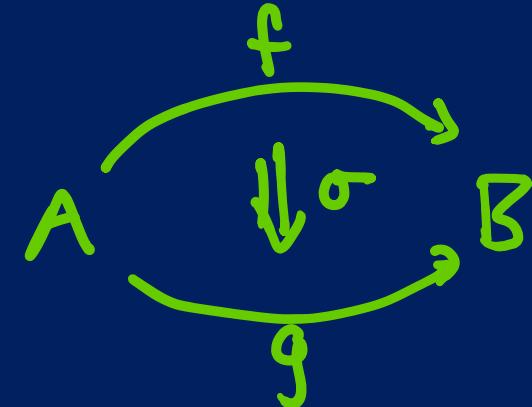


BICATEGORIES

Objects A, B, \dots

maps / 1-cells $f, g, \dots : A \rightarrow B$

2-cells $\sigma, \tau, \dots : f \Rightarrow g$



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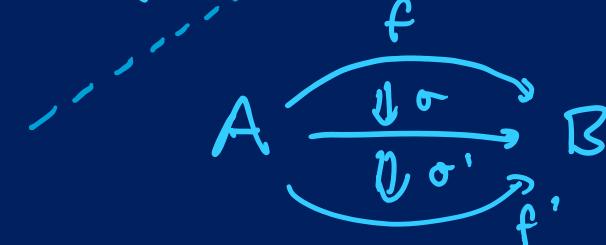
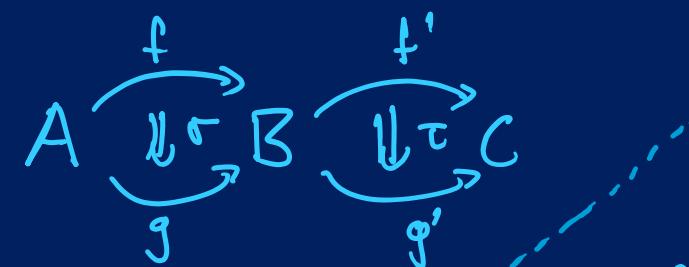
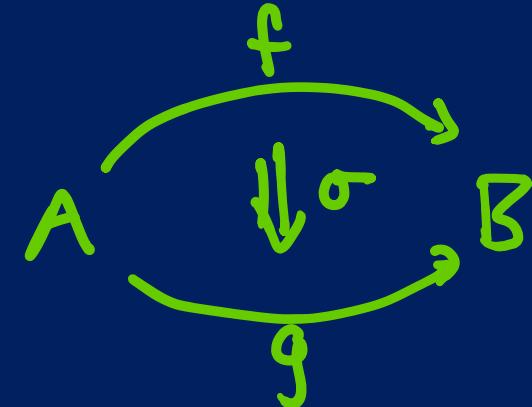
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horizontal composition

vertical composition



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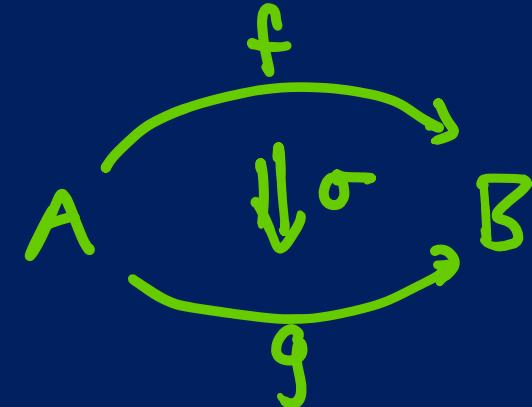
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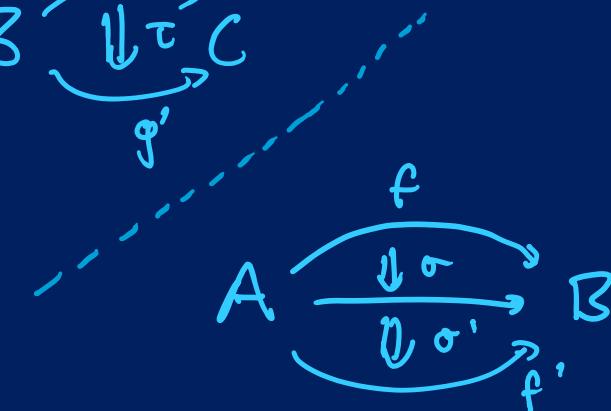
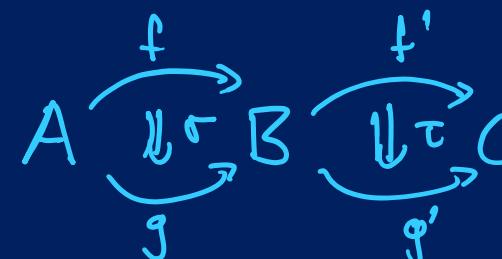
2-cells $\sigma, \tau, \dots : f \Rightarrow g$

horizontal composition

vertical composition



$$F'FA \xrightarrow{\tau_{FA}} G'FA \xrightarrow{G'\sigma_A} G'GA$$



FA	
$\downarrow \sigma_A$	
F'A	
$\downarrow \sigma'_A$	
F''A	

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... with horizontal composition associative + unital
up to coherent isomorphism

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maps / 1-cells $f, g, \dots : A \rightarrow B$

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natural isomorphisms

$\lambda_f : \text{Id}_A \Rightarrow f$, $\rho_f : f \circ \text{Id} \xrightarrow{\cong} f$

$\alpha_{f,g,h} : (f \circ g) \circ h \xrightarrow{\cong} f \circ (g \circ h)$

+ triangle and pentagon laws

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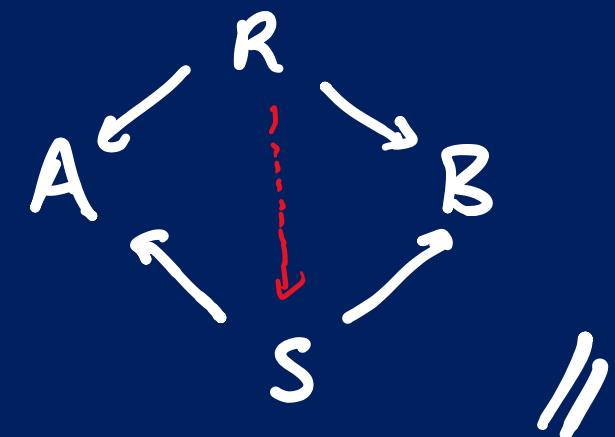
eg //

Span(\mathcal{C}) has

- objects: those of \mathcal{C}
- 1-cells $A \rightarrow B$: spans
- composition by pullback
- 2-cells as commuting maps
- α, λ, φ from universal property

$$aRb \Leftrightarrow \exists x. g(x) = b \quad f(x) = a$$

$$A \xleftarrow{f} R \xrightarrow{g} B$$



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e.g. for \mathcal{C} monoidal, $\text{Para}(\mathcal{C})$ has: [also works with actions]

- objects: those of \mathcal{C}
- 1-cells $A \rightarrow B$: pairs $P \in \mathcal{C}$, $f: P \otimes A \rightarrow B$
- 2-cells: reparameterisations
- identity: $I \otimes A \xrightarrow{\cong} A$
- composition:

$$(P \otimes Q) \otimes A \xrightarrow{\cong} P \otimes (Q \otimes A) \xrightarrow{P \otimes f} P \otimes B \xrightarrow{\cong} C \quad //$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P \otimes A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\ \sigma_{PA} \downarrow & & \nearrow g \\ Q \otimes A & & \end{array}$$

BICATEGORIES

def : a graded monad is a monoidal functor

$$T : \mathbb{E} \longrightarrow [\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C}] .$$

↑

monoidal category
of grades

$$T_e : \mathbb{C} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$$\mu : T_{e'} \circ T_e \Rightarrow T_{e' \otimes e}$$

$$\eta : \text{Id} \Rightarrow T_I$$

eg // $\mathbb{E} := (\mathbb{N}, +, 0)$

$$L_n(X) = \{ \text{lists of length } \leq n \text{ over } X \}$$

BICATEGORIES

def : a ^{strong} graded monad is a monoidal functor

$$T : E \longrightarrow [\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C}]^{\text{strong}}$$

↑
monoidal category
of grades

$$T_e : \mathbb{C} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

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$$\eta : \text{Id} \Rightarrow T_I \text{ strong}$$

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e.g/ for $T : \mathbb{E} \rightarrow [\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C}]_{\text{strong}}$ strong graded monad,
 Kl_T has:

- objects : those of \mathbb{C}
- maps $A \xrightarrow{\quad} B$: grade e with $f : A \rightarrow T_e B$
- 2-cells : re-gradings $\sigma : e \rightarrow e'$
- $g \circ f := (A \xrightarrow{f} T_e B \xrightarrow{T_e(g)} T_e T_{e'} C \xrightarrow{\mu} T_{e \otimes e'} C)$

BICATEGORIES

e.g/ for $T : \mathbb{E} \rightarrow [\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C}]_{\text{strong}}$ strong graded monad,

Kl_T has:

$$\boxed{\text{Kl}_T := \text{Para}(T)^{\Phi}}$$

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in general

"bicategorify"

= replace equations by
isomorphisms, subject to equations,

↓
difficult bit = which equations?

in general

Properties become data

"in what sense" is it true

"bicategorify"



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isomorphisms, subject to equations

↓
difficult bit = which equations?

a pseudofunctor $F : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ consists of :

- $F : \text{ob } \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \text{ob } \mathcal{C}$
- for each $A, B \in \mathcal{B}$, a functor $\mathcal{B}(A, B) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(FA, FB)$
- coherent 1SOS $F(\text{Id}) \cong \text{Id}$ and $F(f) \circ F(g) \cong F(f \circ g)$.

a pseudonatural transformation $\sigma : F \Rightarrow G : B \rightarrow C$

consists of:

- for each $A \in B$ a 1-cell

$$\sigma_A : FA \rightarrow GA$$

- for each $f : A \rightarrow B$ in B

a 2-cell $\bar{\sigma}_f$, compatible with
 Id and \circ

$$\begin{array}{ccc} FA & \xrightarrow{Ff} & FB \\ \downarrow \sigma_A & \approx & \downarrow \sigma_B \\ GA & \xrightarrow{Gf} & GB \end{array}$$

"in what sense"
is σ natural

a modification

$$\hat{\tau} : \sigma \rightrightarrows \tau : F \Rightarrow G : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$$

consists of :

- a 2-cell

$$FA \xrightarrow[\tau_A]{\sigma_A} GA \quad \text{for each } A \in \mathcal{B}$$

compatible with $\bar{\sigma}_f$ and $\bar{\tau}_f$

EXAMPLE : MONOIDAL BICATEGORIES

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A monoidal category $(\mathcal{C}, \otimes, I)$ has :

- $I \in \mathcal{C}$
- $\otimes : \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$
- natural isos α, λ, ρ

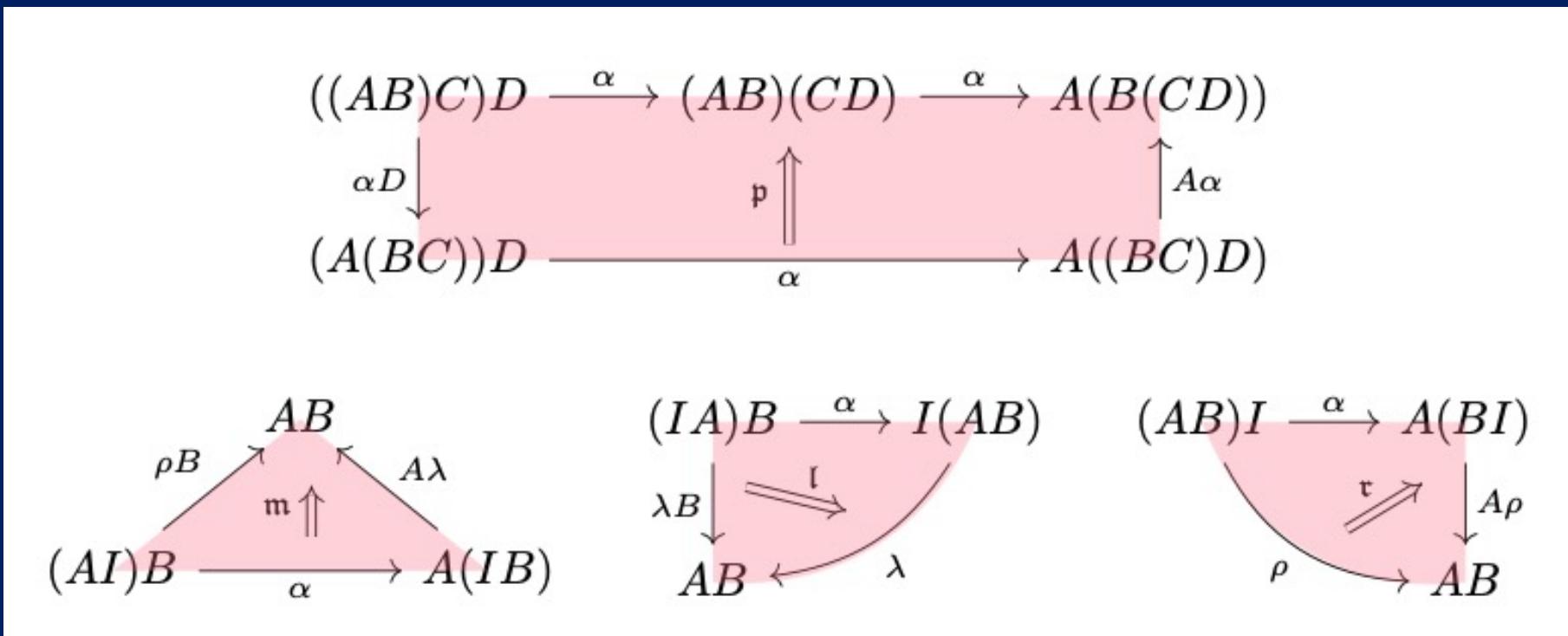
such that $\Delta + \circlearrowleft$ hold

EXAMPLE : MONOIDAL BICATEGORIES

A monoidal bicategory (B, \otimes, I) has :

- $I \in B$
- $\otimes : B \times B \rightarrow B$
- pseudo natural equivalences α, λ, φ
- modifications filling $\Delta + \circlearrowleft$
... subject to equations

EXAMPLE : MONOIDAL BICATEGORIES



EXAMPLE : Para(C) IS MONOIDAL

Recall :

$$A \rightarrow B = (P, P \otimes A \xrightarrow{f} B)$$

$$A \begin{smallmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{P}} \\[-1ex] \xleftarrow{\text{Q}} \end{smallmatrix} B = \left(\begin{array}{c} P \otimes A \\[-1ex] \downarrow \\[-1ex] Q \otimes A \end{array} \xrightarrow{\quad} B \right)$$

EXAMPLE : $\text{Para}(\mathbb{C})$ IS MONOIDAL

- Every $f: A \rightarrow B$ in \mathbb{C} defines $\tilde{f} := (I \otimes A \xrightarrow{\cong} A \xrightarrow{f} B)$ in $\text{Para}(\mathbb{C})$
- If f is an iso, \tilde{f} is an equivalence

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So we get :

- unit I ; $A \tilde{\otimes} B := A \otimes B$
- $\tilde{\alpha}, \tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\rho}$ give equivalences $A \otimes I \xrightarrow{\cong} A$ etc
- Modifications P, M, L, R from coherence

DEFINING PREMONOIDAL BICATEGORIES

"bicategorify" = replace equations by
isomorphisms, subject to equations

↙
properties become data

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- a mapping $\otimes : \text{ob } \mathbb{C} \times \text{ob } \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \text{ob } \mathbb{C}$
- for every $A, B \in \mathbb{C}$, functors $A \rtimes (-), (-) \ltimes B : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$
s.t. $A \rtimes B = A \otimes B = A \ltimes B$ on objects
- central natural isomorphisms α, λ, ρ
subject to triangle + pentagon laws

A premonoidal bicategory B consists of:

- a **bicategory** B with a unit $I \in B$
- a mapping $\otimes : \text{ob } B \times \text{ob } B \rightarrow \text{ob } B$
- for every $A, B \in \mathbb{C}$, functors $A \rtimes (-), (-) \ltimes B : B \rightarrow B$
s.t. $A \rtimes B = A \otimes B = A \ltimes B$ on objects
- central **Pseudo** natural **equivalences** α, λ, ρ
- **invertible modifications** witnessing axioms + equations of a monoidal bicategory

CENTRALITY IN PREMONOIDAL CATS

An arrow $f: A \rightarrow A'$ in \mathcal{C} is central if

Hg.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & A \otimes B & \\ f \times B \swarrow & & \downarrow A \times g \\ A' \otimes B & & A \otimes B' \\ & \searrow A' \times g & \swarrow f \times B' \\ & A' \otimes B' & \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} & B \otimes A & \\ g \times A \swarrow & & \downarrow B \times f \\ B' \otimes A & & B \otimes A' \\ & \searrow B' \times f & \swarrow g \times A' \\ & B' \otimes A' & \end{array}$$

CENTRALITY IN PREMONOIDAL CATS

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$$\forall g \cdot \begin{array}{ccc} & A \otimes B & \\ f \times B \swarrow & & \downarrow A \times g \\ A' \otimes B & & A \otimes B' \\ \downarrow A' \times g & & \downarrow f \times B' \\ A' \otimes B' & & \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} & B \otimes A & \\ g \times A \swarrow & & \downarrow B \times f \\ B' \otimes A & & B \otimes A' \\ \downarrow B' \times f & & \downarrow g \times A' \\ B' \otimes A' & & \end{array}$$

$$(A \rtimes B = A \rtimes B \xrightarrow{f \times B} A' \rtimes B = A' \rtimes B) \\ : A \rtimes (-) \Rightarrow A' \rtimes (-)$$

$$(B \ltimes A = B \ltimes A \xrightarrow{B \times f} B \ltimes A' = B \ltimes A') \\ : (-) \ltimes A \Rightarrow (-) \ltimes A'$$

CENTRALITY IN PREMONOIDAL CATS

An arrow $f: A \rightarrow A'$ in \mathcal{C} is central iff

$$1) (A \rtimes B = A \times B \xrightarrow{f \times B} A' \times B = A' \rtimes B) : A \rtimes (-) \Rightarrow A' \rtimes (-)$$

$$2) (B \ltimes A = B \times A \xrightarrow{B \rtimes f} B \rtimes A' = B \times A') : (-) \ltimes A \Rightarrow (-) \ltimes A'$$

CENTRALITY IN PRE MONOIDAL BICATS

A central 1-cell $A \rightarrow A'$ consists of

- a 1-cell $f: A \rightarrow A'$
- for every $g: B \rightarrow B'$, invertible 2-cells

$$\begin{array}{ccc} AB & \xrightarrow{A \times g} & AB' \\ f \times B \downarrow & \text{lc}_g^f & \downarrow F \times B' \\ A'B & \xrightarrow{A' \times g} & A'B' \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} BA & \xrightarrow{g \times A} & B'A \\ B \times f \downarrow & \text{rc}_g^f & \downarrow B' \times f \\ BA' & \xrightarrow{g \times A'} & B'A' \end{array}$$

giving $(A \rtimes - \Rightarrow A' \rtimes -)$ and $(- \ltimes A \Rightarrow - \ltimes A')$.

CENTRALITY IN PREMONOIDAL BICATS

A central 2-cell

$$(f, lc^t, rc^f) \Rightarrow (f', lc'^t, rc'^f)$$

is a 2-cell $\sigma : f \Rightarrow f'$ giving modifications

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & f \times B & \\ A & \Downarrow \sigma \times B & B \\ AB & \xrightarrow{\hspace{2cm}} & A'B \\ & f' \times B & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & B \rtimes f & \\ & B \rtimes \sigma \Downarrow & \\ BA & \xrightarrow{\hspace{2cm}} & BA' \\ & B \rtimes f' & \end{array}$$

between the associated pseudonatural trans.

EXAMPLES

- eg:
- any pseudomonad on Cat
 - strong monad on $\mathbb{C} \Rightarrow$ strong pseudomonad on $\text{Pana}(\mathbb{C})$, $\text{Span}(\mathbb{C})$
 - $(-) \otimes M$ for M a pseudomonad
 - any pseudomonad wrt $(\otimes, +)$

- if T is a strong pseudomonad on \mathbb{B} ,
 B_T is premonoidal
- if T is a strong graded monad on \mathbb{B} ,
 Kl_T is premonoidal
- $[\mathbb{B}, \mathbb{B}]_u$, bicategory of pseudofunctors + unnatural transform.

SOME SUBTLETIES

- centrality as data \Rightarrow not clear centre is manifold
 - ↳ in general $lc_g^f \neq (rc_f^g)^{-1}$
- Modifications in definition require some care
 - ↳ have both (λ, I) and (λ, lc^t)

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
& (-B)(CD) & \\
\alpha_{-B,C,D} \nearrow & \uparrow \mathfrak{p}_{-,B,C,D} & \searrow \alpha_{-,B,CD} \\
((-B)C)D & & (-)(B(CD)) \\
\downarrow \alpha_{-,B,C} D & \uparrow \mathfrak{rc}^\alpha & \\
(-(BC))D & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{-,BC,D}} & (-)((BC)D)
\end{array}
\qquad
\begin{array}{ccc}
& (AB)(C-) & \\
\alpha_{AB,C,-} \nearrow & \uparrow \mathfrak{p}_{A,B,C,-} & \searrow \alpha_{A,B,C-} \\
((AB)C)(-) & & A(B(C-)) \\
\downarrow \mathsf{lc}^\alpha & & \\
(A(BC))(-) & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{A,BC,-}} & A((BC)(-))
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
& (-)B & \\
\rho_B \nearrow & \uparrow \mathfrak{m}_{-,B} & \swarrow \mathsf{rc}^\lambda \\
(-I)B & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{-,I,B}} & (-)(IB)
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
& A(-) & \\
\mathsf{lc}^\rho \nearrow & \uparrow \mathfrak{m}_{A,-} & \swarrow A\lambda \\
(AI)(-) & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{A,I,-}} & A(I-)
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
(IA)(-) & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{I,A,-}} & I(A-) \\
\downarrow \mathsf{lc}^\lambda & \rightleftharpoons \mathfrak{l}_{A,-} & \\
A(-) & \xleftarrow{\lambda} &
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
(-B)I & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{-,B,I}} & (-)(BI) \\
\downarrow \mathsf{rc}^\rho & \rightleftharpoons \mathfrak{r}_{-,B} & \\
AB & \xleftarrow{\rho_B} &
\end{array}$$

WHY PREMONOIDAL BICATEGORIES

premonoidal
categories



axiomatises many
semantic models

+



framework for
2-dimensional
semantics

bicategorical
models



more refined /
intensional information

e.g. spans, games, Prof-based models, graded
monads