

INFINITE AND NON-RIGID RECONSTRUCTION THEORY

Or: Reconstruction for lax module monads

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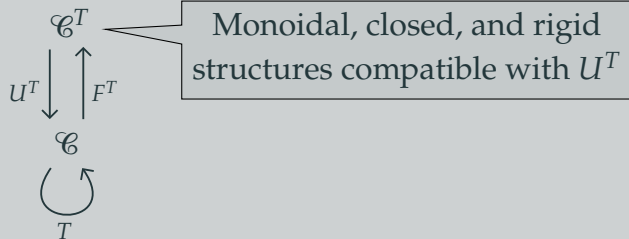
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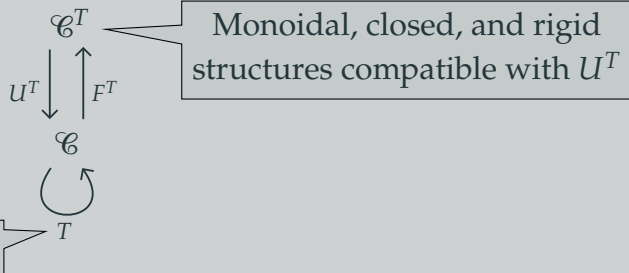
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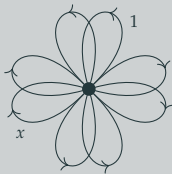
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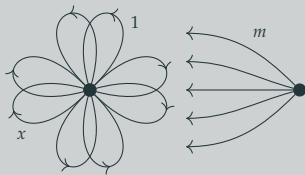
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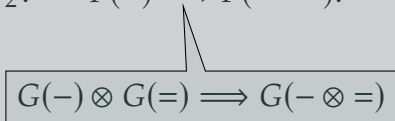
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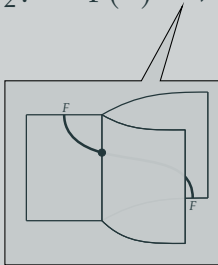
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$$T(x \triangleright Tm) \underset{\mu_{x \triangleright m} \circ TT_{2;x,m}}{\overset{T(x \triangleright \nabla_m)}{\rightrightarrows}} T(x \triangleright m) \longrightarrow\!\!\!\twoheadrightarrow x \blacktriangleright m.$$

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Thanks!



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between the category of Hopf trimodules, and the category of left exact finitary lax \mathcal{V} -module endofunctors on \mathcal{V} .

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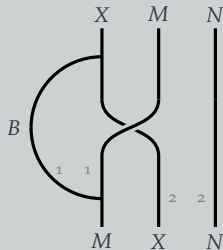
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Corollary (Stroiński–Z)

A bialgebra B admits a twisted antipode if and only if the canonical functor $B \otimes_{\mathbb{k}} - : {}^B\mathrm{Vect} \longrightarrow {}^B_B\mathrm{Vect}^B$ is an equivalence.

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