

In the beginning God created tensor... as a picture

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- **Samson Abramsky & BC** ('04) *A categorical semantics for quantum protocols*; IEEE-LICS; [quant-ph/0402130](#)
- **Peter Selinger** ('05) ... *mixed states & CPMs*; [his www](#)
- **BC** ('05) *Kindergarten Quantum Mechanics*; [quant-ph/0510032](#)
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- **BC & Dusko Pavlovic** ('06) *Quantum measurements ...*; [soon](#)

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 - *not* probability, statistics, . . .
 - *not* superposition, orthogonality, . . .
 - *not* observation, measurement, tests, . . .

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But some things emerge, ... (cf. skin, organs, and then bones)

- **operational roots**
- **compositionality**
- **types reflecting kinds**

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These enable interpretation in terms of information-flow, . . .

- **quantum-classical flow (measurement)**
- **quantum-quantum flow (evolution)**
- **classical-quantum flow (control)**
- **classical-classical flow (computation)**
- **and more (entanglement)**

OUTLINE

- **Part I:** General compoundness
- **Part II:** Quantum compoundness
- **Part III:** Measurement & classicality

I

**Practising physics as a
symmetric monoidal category**

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**Practising physics as a
picture calculus**

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Composition of operations:

$A \xrightarrow{g \circ f} C := A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C$

‘Doing nothing’-operations:

$A \xrightarrow{1_A} A, B \xrightarrow{1_B} B, C \xrightarrow{1_C} C, \dots$

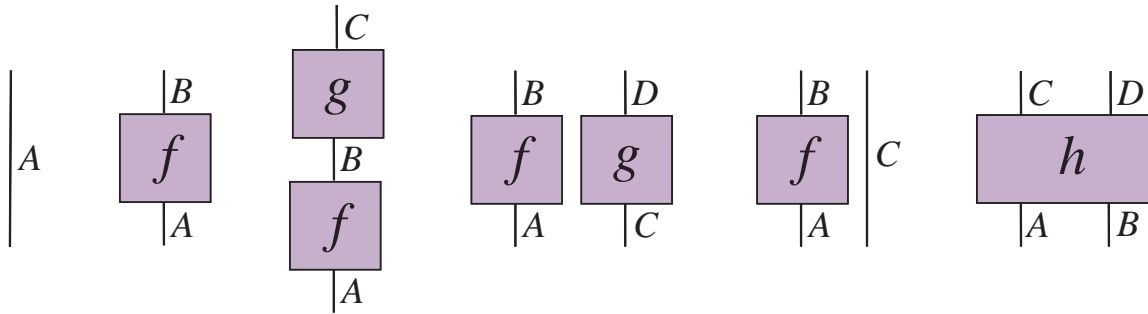
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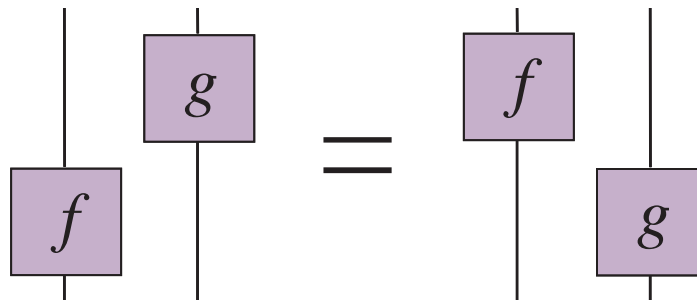
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\otimes -structure captured by graphical representation:



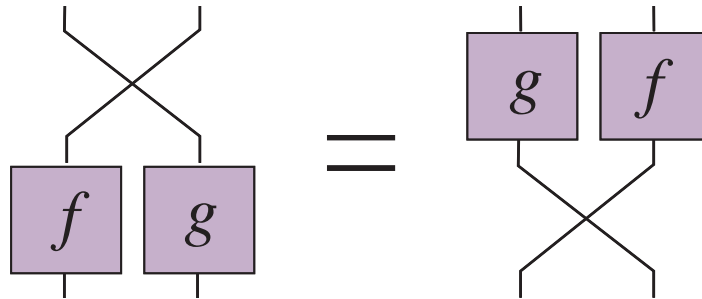
Pseudo-locality of systems/operations

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A_1 \otimes A_2 & \xrightarrow{f \otimes 1_{A_2}} & B_1 \otimes A_2 \\ \downarrow 1_{A_1} \otimes g & & \downarrow 1_{B_1} \otimes g \\ A_1 \otimes B_2 & \xrightarrow{f \otimes 1_{B_2}} & B_1 \otimes B_2 \end{array}$$



Swapping systems/operations

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A_1 \otimes A_2 & \xrightarrow{f \otimes g} & B_1 \otimes B_2 \\ \downarrow \sigma_{A_1, A_2} & & \downarrow \sigma_{B_1, B_2} \\ A_2 \otimes A_1 & \xrightarrow{g \otimes f} & B_2 \otimes B_1 \end{array}$$



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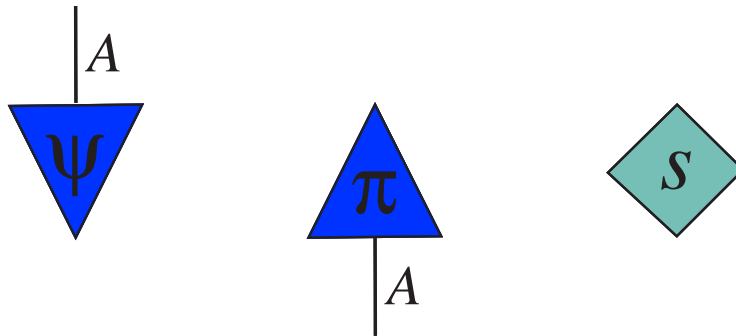
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- they extend and formalise Dirac's bra-kets in 2-D by distinguishing between sequential & parallel modes.

Creating/destroying systems

$I := \text{'no system'}$ i.e. $A \otimes I \simeq A \simeq I \otimes A$

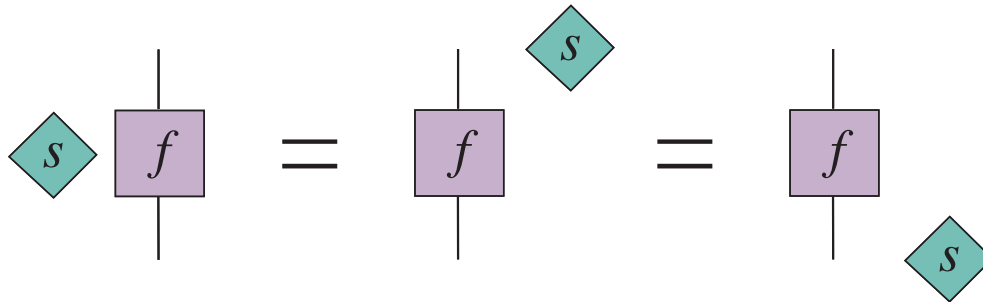


Quantities: probabilistic weights

$$s \bullet f := A \xrightarrow{\cong} A \otimes I \xrightarrow{f \otimes s} B \otimes I \xrightarrow{\cong} B$$

$$(s \bullet f) \circ (t \bullet g) = (s \circ t) \bullet (f \circ g)$$

$$(s \bullet f) \otimes (t \bullet g) = (s \circ t) \bullet (f \otimes g)$$



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COOKING

Vegetables, meet, fish, spices, mayonaise
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Growing, breeding, catching, cutting, mixing, eating

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†-compact category

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**Practising quantum physics as a
pictures with U-turns**

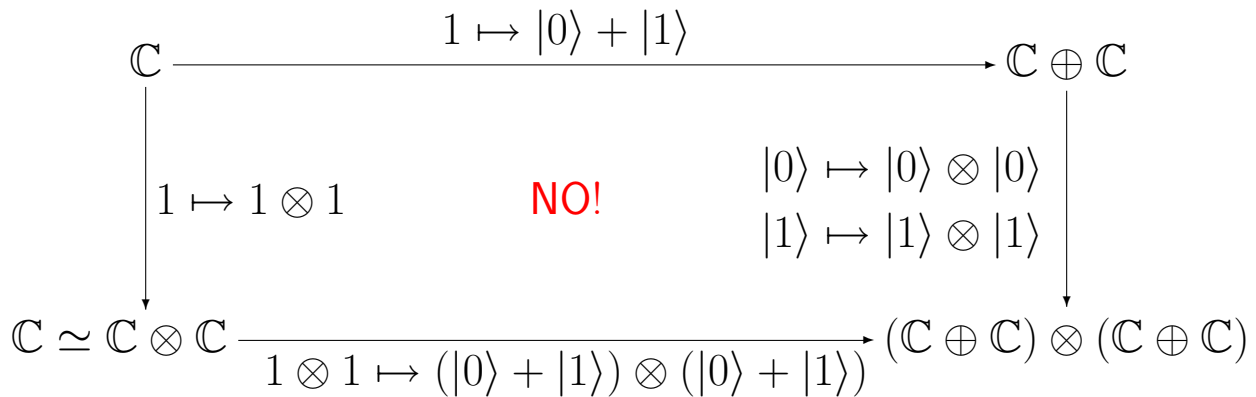
Copying ?

$$\{\Delta_A : A \rightarrow A \otimes A\}_A$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\ \Delta_A \downarrow & & \downarrow \Delta_B \\ A \otimes A & \xrightarrow{f \otimes f} & B \otimes B \end{array}$$

No-copying of quantum states

$$\{\Delta_{\mathcal{H}} : |i\rangle \rightarrow |i\rangle \otimes |i\rangle\}_{\mathcal{H}}$$



$$|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle + |1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle \neq (|0\rangle + |1\rangle) \otimes (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$$

Bell-states cause trouble!

Symmetric monoidal category with

- **contravariant \otimes -involution adjoint** $f_{A \rightarrow B} \mapsto f_{B \rightarrow A}^\dagger$;
- **involution dual** $A \mapsto A^*$;
- **Units** $\eta_A : I \rightarrow A^* \otimes A$ **with** $\eta_{A^*} = \sigma_{A^*, A} \circ \eta_A$

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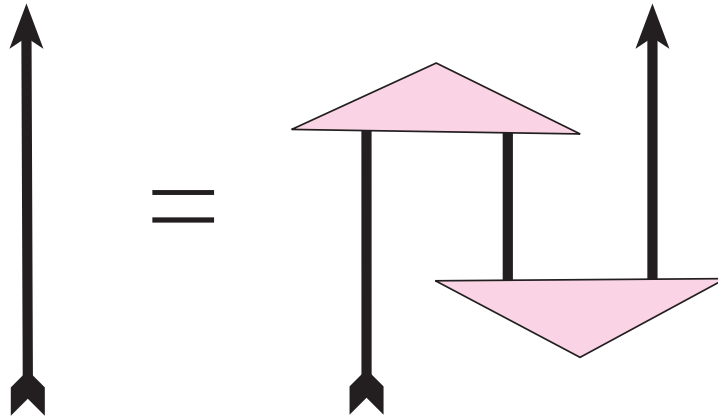
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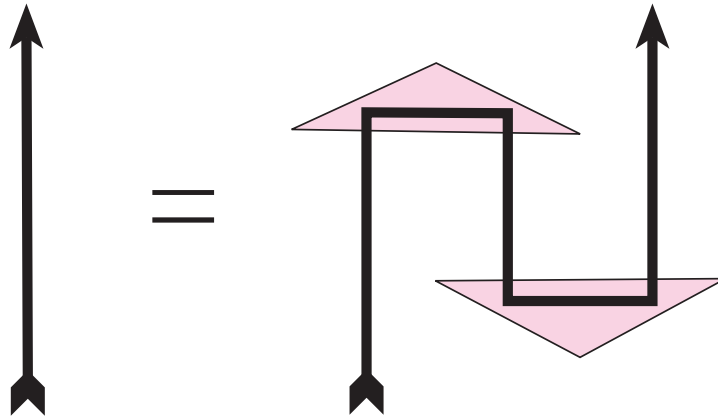
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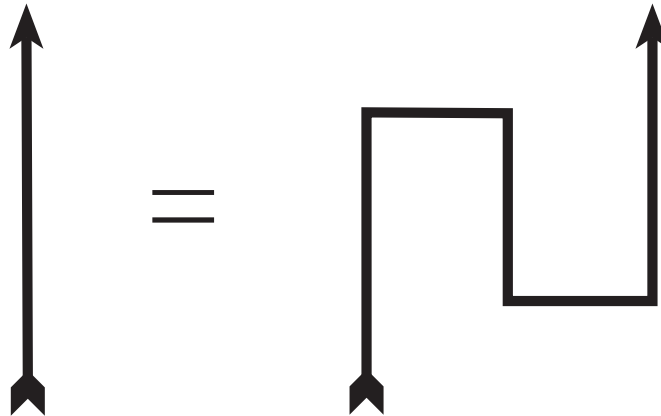
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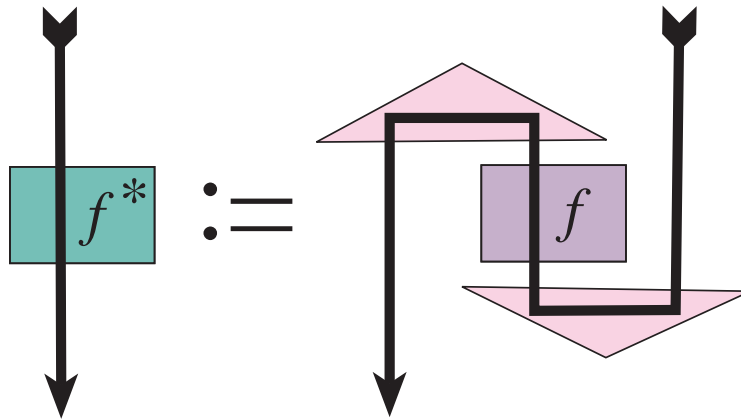
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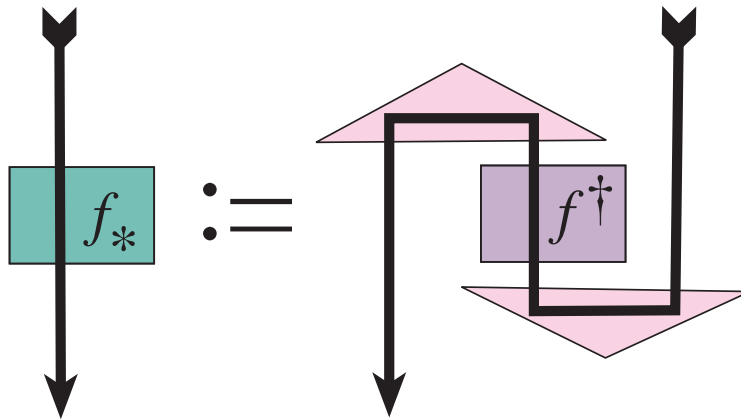
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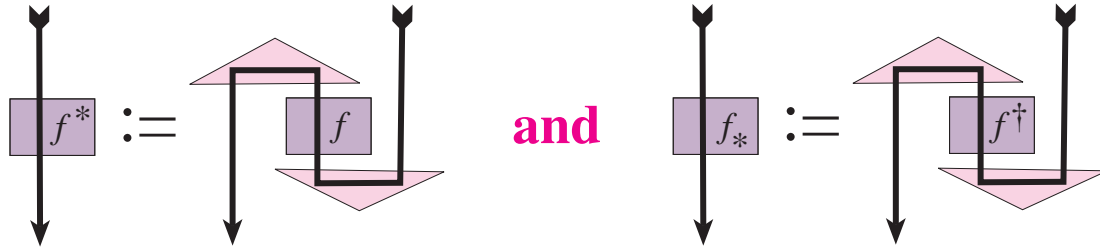
The “covariant” involution

$$f : A \rightarrow B \quad \mapsto \quad f_* : A^* \rightarrow B^*$$

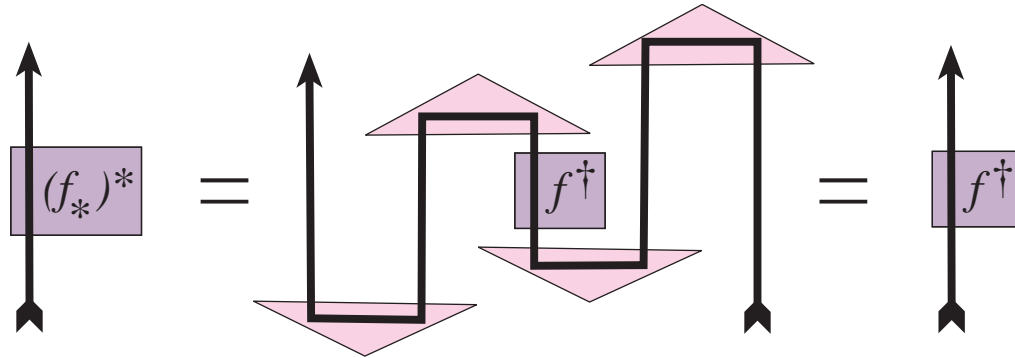
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and analogous we can prove that $(f^*)_* = f^\dagger$

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For Hilbert spaces:

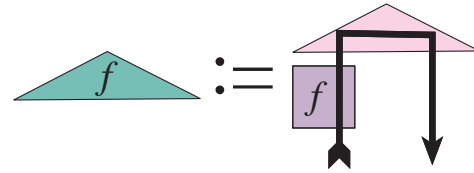
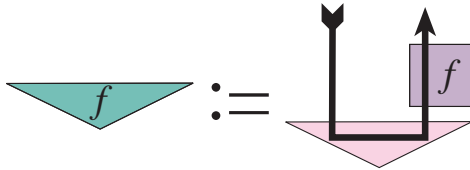
$(-)^*$:= **transposition**

$(-)_*$:= **complex conjugation**

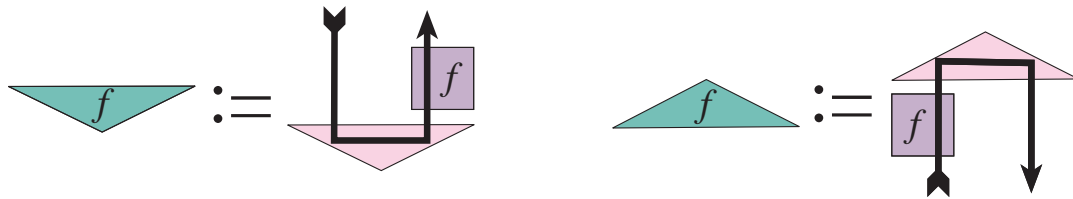
Others:

- **Unitaries**
- **Projectors**
- **Bipartite projectors**
- **Hilbert-Schmidt inner-product**
- **Identification of projective structure**
- **Mixed states and completely positive maps**

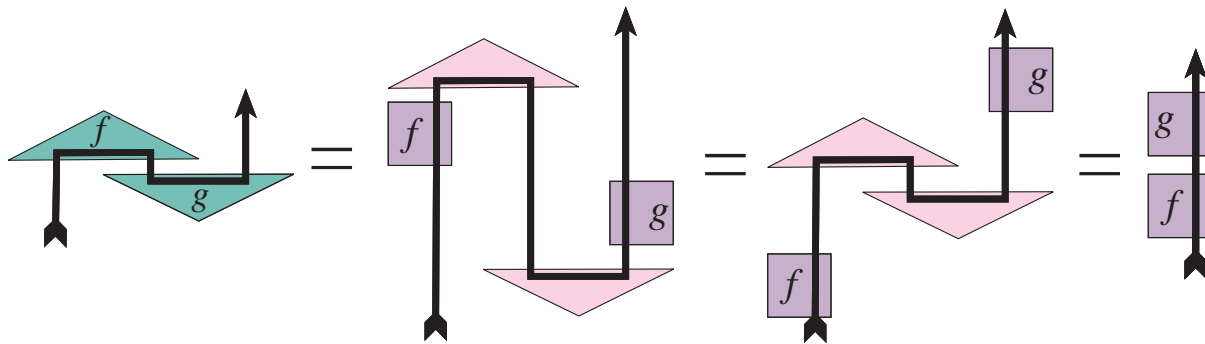
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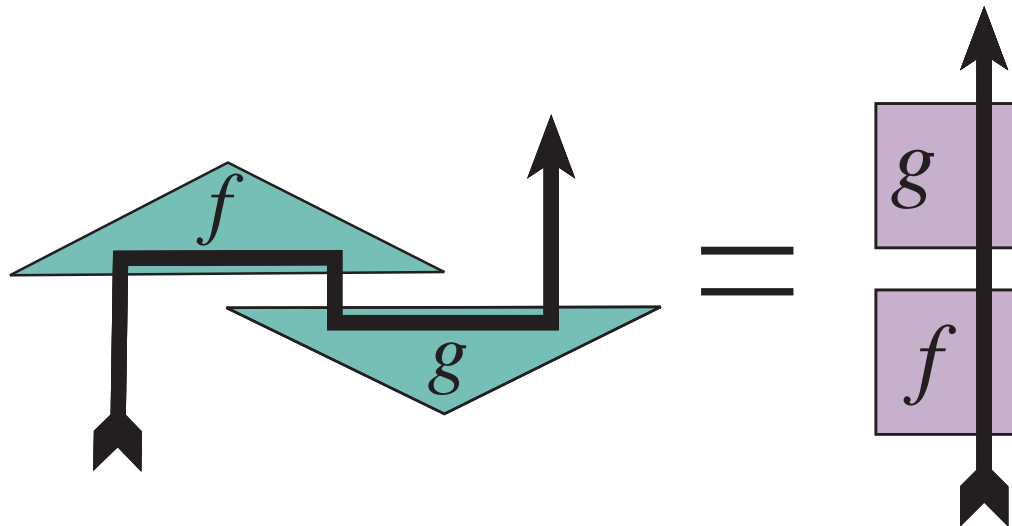
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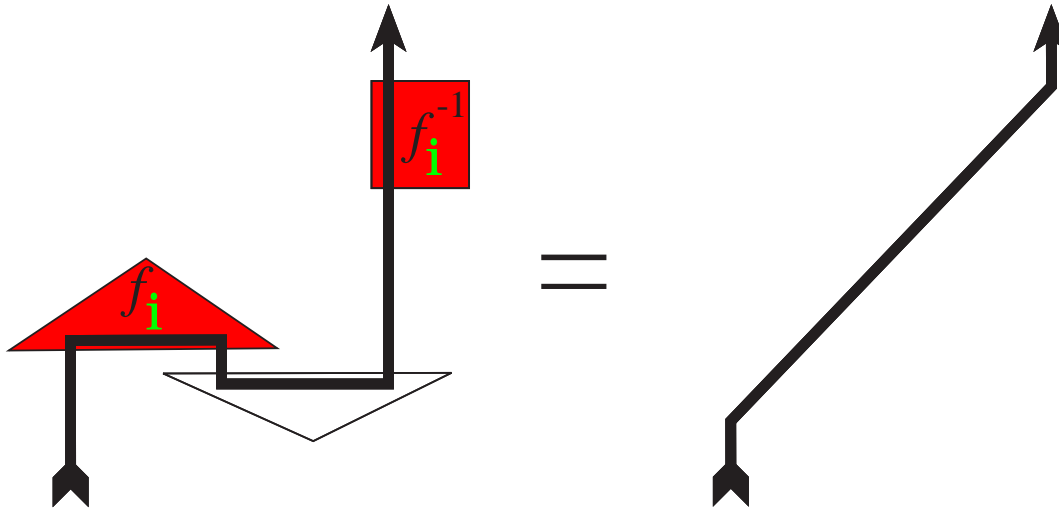
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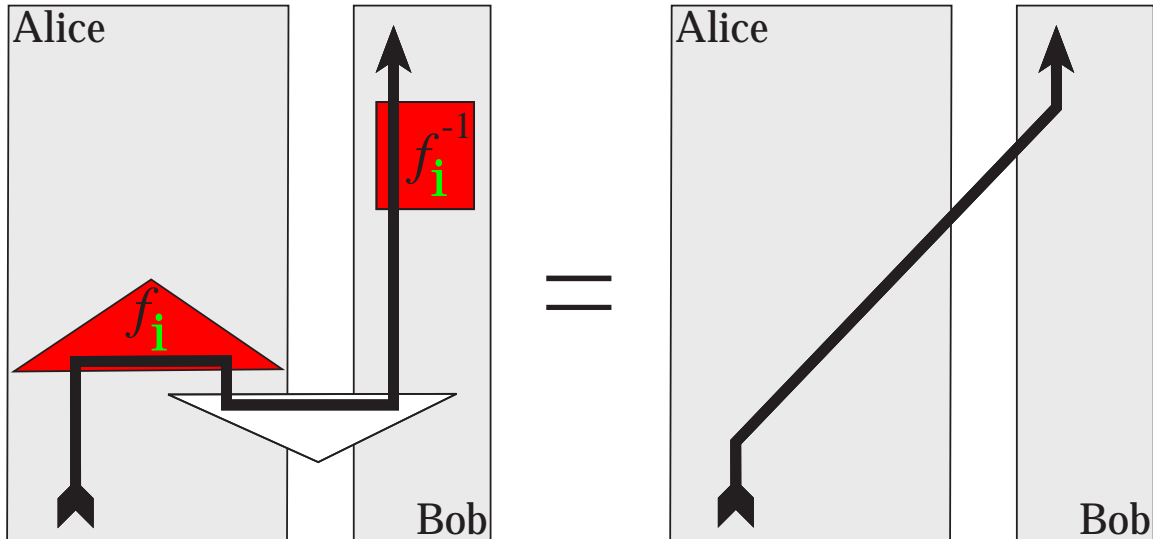
Hyper-compositionality



OUR description and proof



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III

Quantum measurement as an **Eilenberg-Moore coalgebra**

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Quantum measurement as a
non-linear picture

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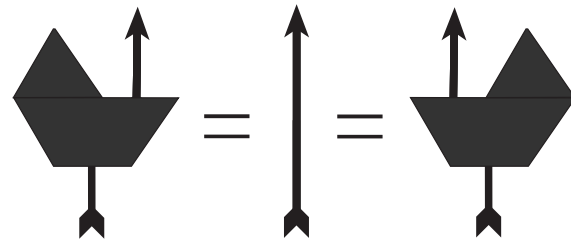
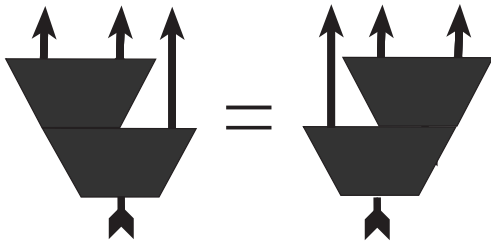
Classical data type:

$$(X, \delta, \epsilon)$$

$$X \otimes X \xleftarrow{\delta} X \xrightarrow{\epsilon} I$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{\delta} & X \otimes X \\
 \downarrow \delta & & \downarrow 1_X \otimes \delta \\
 X \otimes X & \xrightarrow{\delta \otimes 1_X} & X \otimes X \otimes X
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & X & & \\
 & \swarrow \lambda_X & \downarrow \delta & \searrow \rho_X & \\
 I \otimes X & \xleftarrow{\epsilon \otimes 1_X} & X \otimes X & \xrightarrow{1_X \otimes \epsilon} & X \otimes I
 \end{array}$$



+ commutativity + $\delta = \delta_* + \dots$ (capture behaviour)

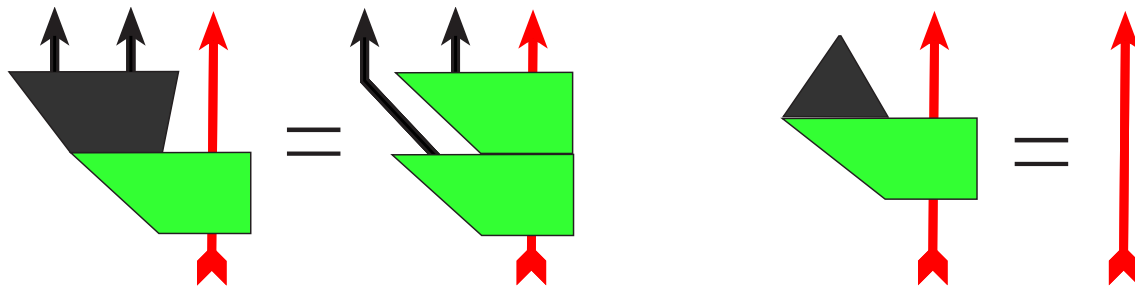
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Question. What are Eilenberg-Moore coalgebras for the comonad $X \otimes -$ given a classical object (X, δ, ϵ) ?

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Coalg-square \Rightarrow

idempotence

$$P_i^2 = P_i$$

mutual orthogonality

$$P_i \circ P_{j \neq i} = 0$$

Coalg-triangle \Rightarrow

Completeness of spectrum

$$\sum_i P_i = 1_{\mathcal{H}}$$

Self-adjointness \Rightarrow

Orthogonality of projectors

$$P_i^\dagger = P_i$$

PROJECTOR
SPECTRUM

The classical world

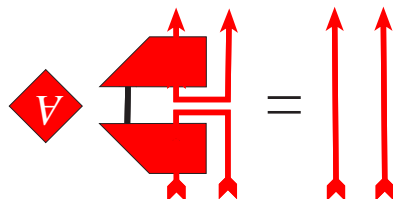
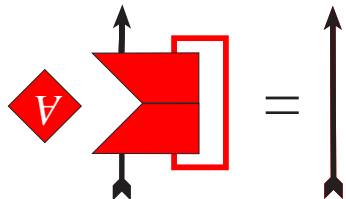
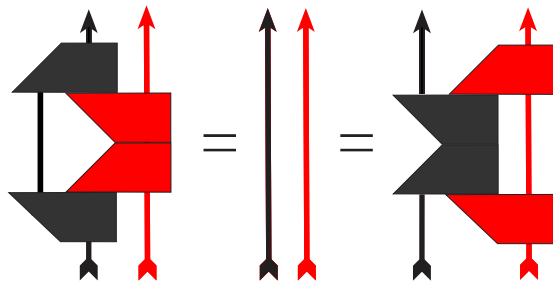
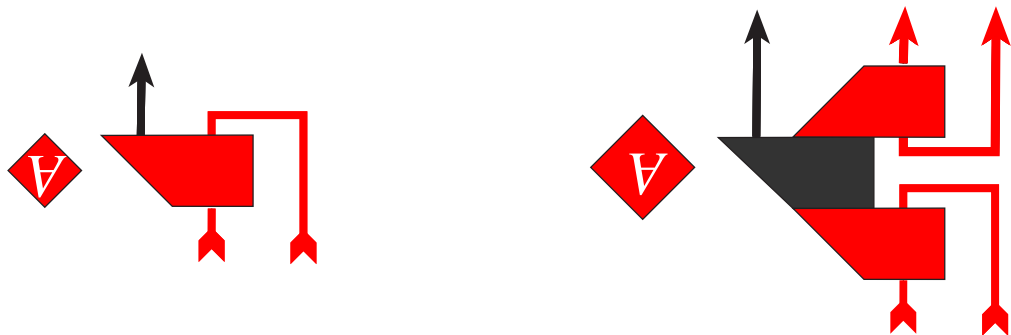
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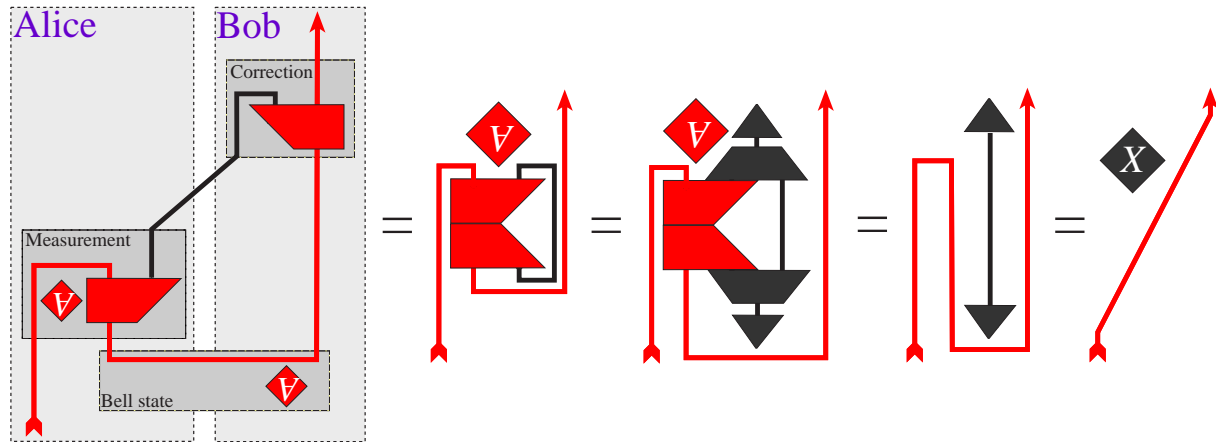
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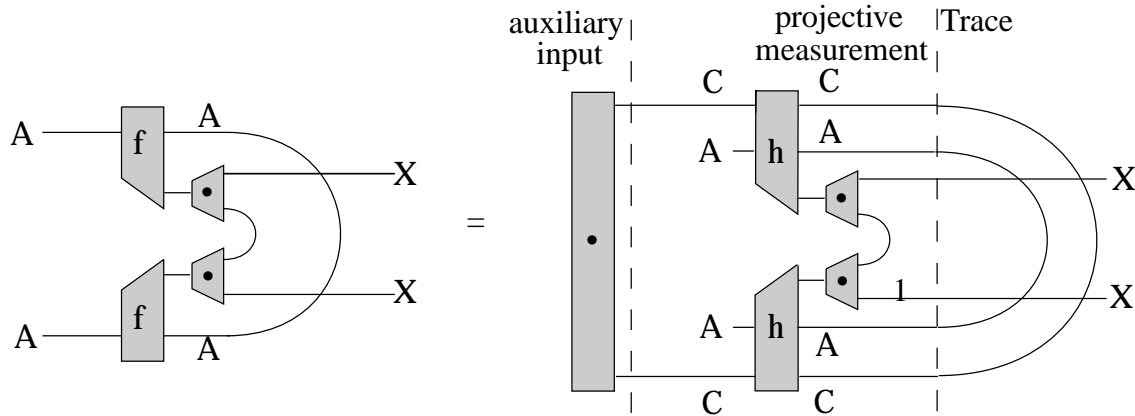
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- ϵ -morphisms \equiv stochastic maps
- $C_{\times} \hookrightarrow C_{\text{stoch}} \hookrightarrow C$



Full quantum teleportation



POVMs and Naimark's theorem



B.C. & Eric Paquette (2006) *POVMs & Naimark's thm without sums.*

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What is dimension anyway?

Do there exist ∞ -Bell states mr. Popper?

Capturing infinite behaviours via recursive types, ...