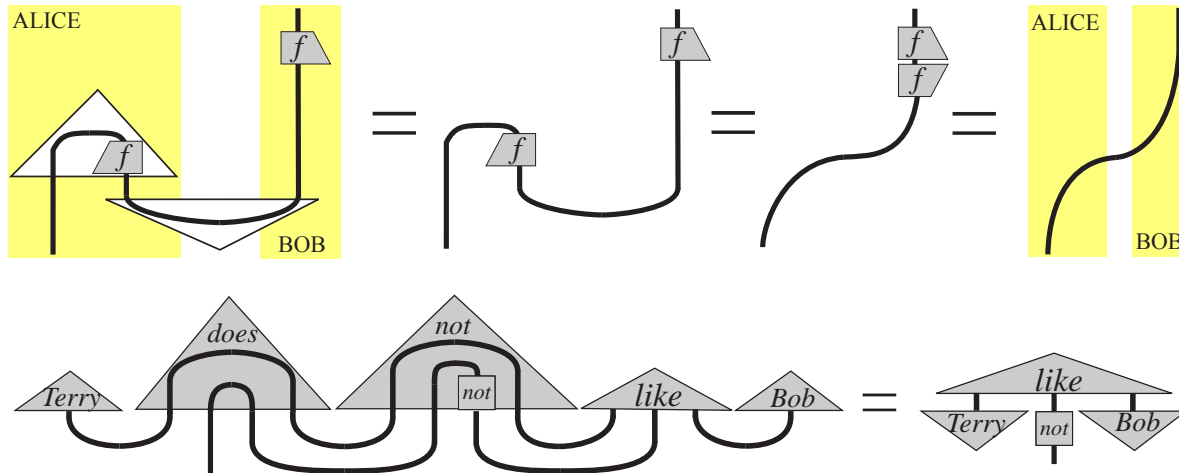


# Graphical and Automated Reasoning for Quantum Algorithms and Protocols

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“... we join the *quantum picturalism* revolution [1]”

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⇒ **Ross Duncan's talk**

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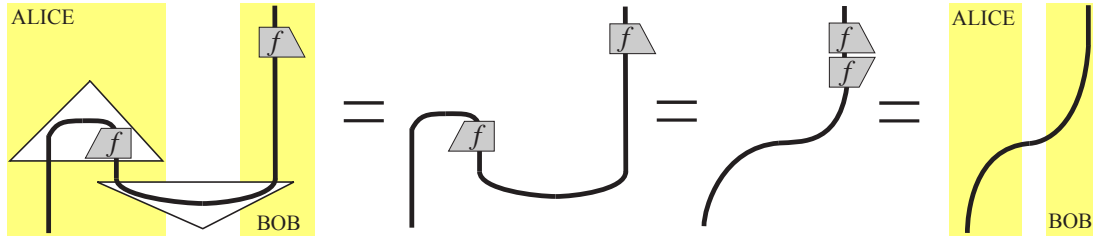
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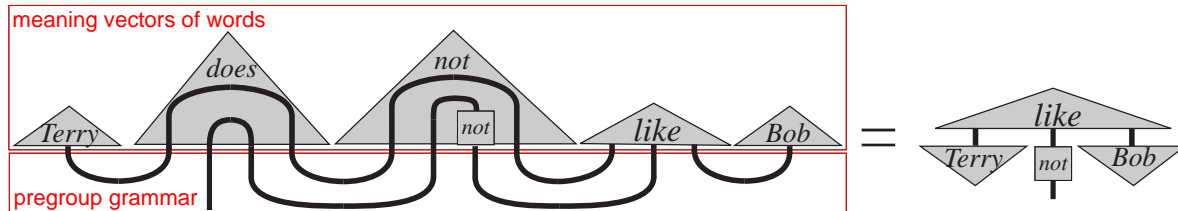
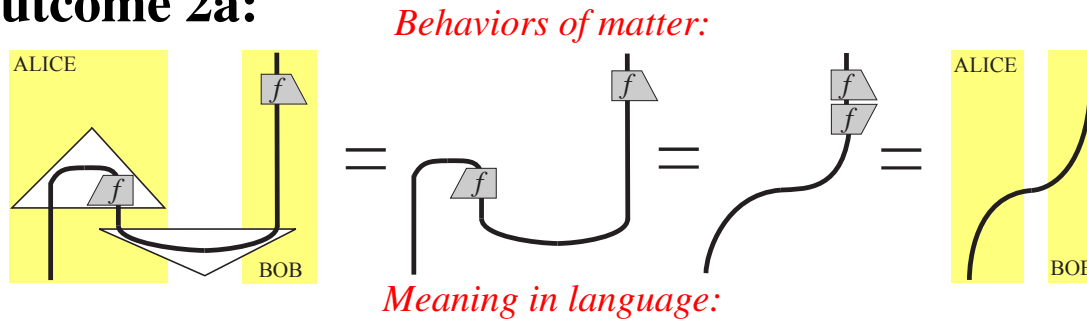
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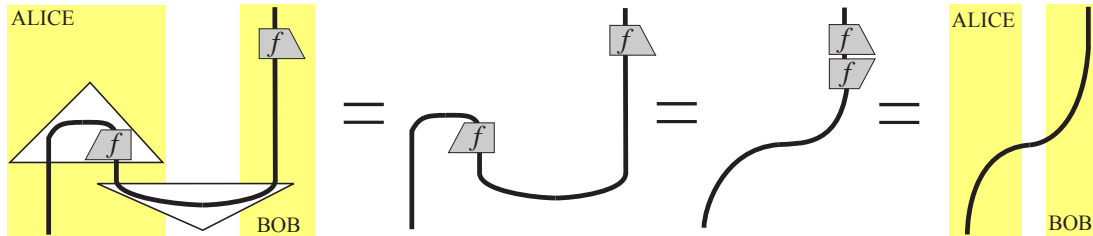


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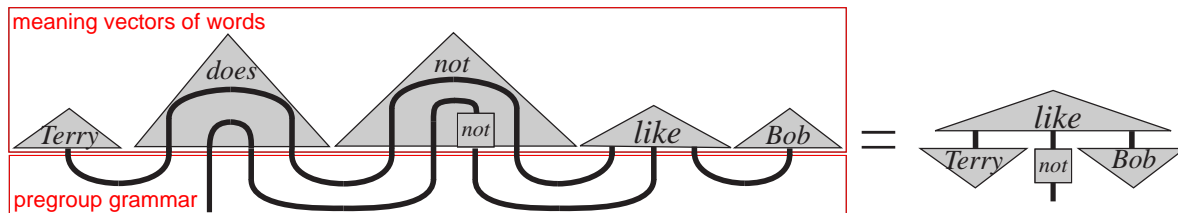
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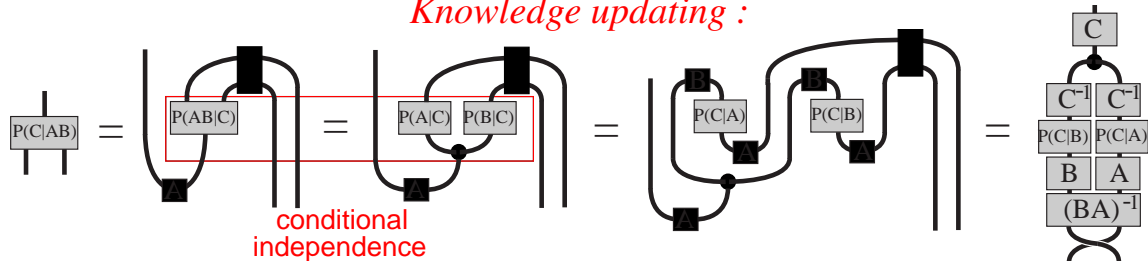
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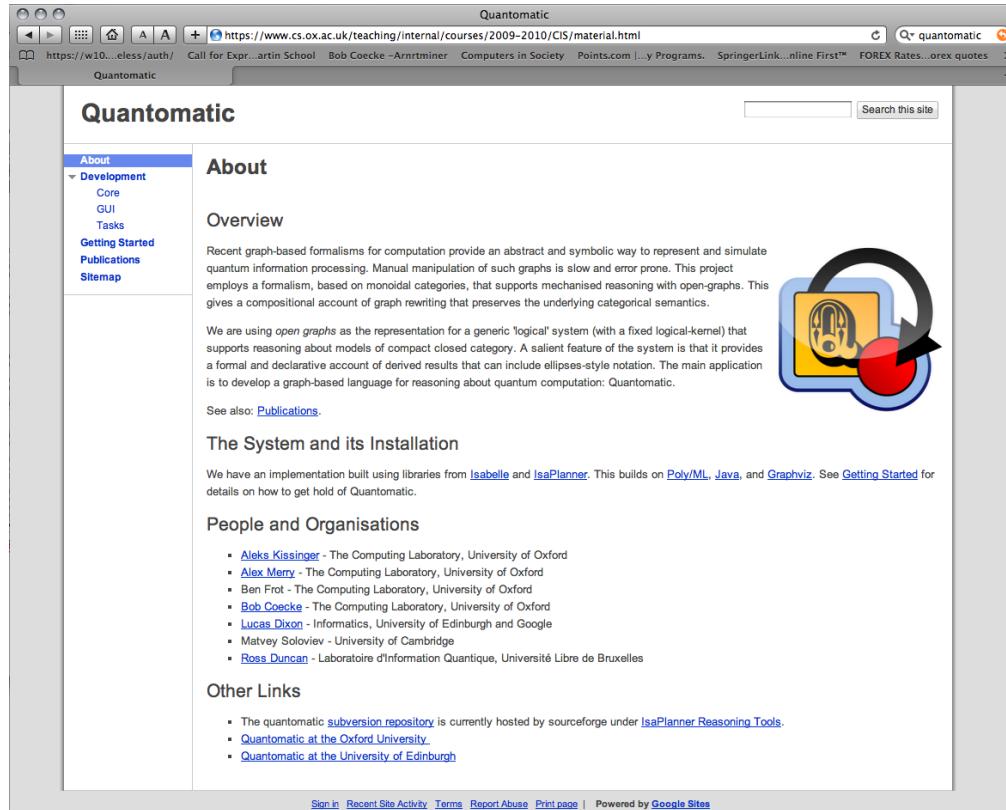


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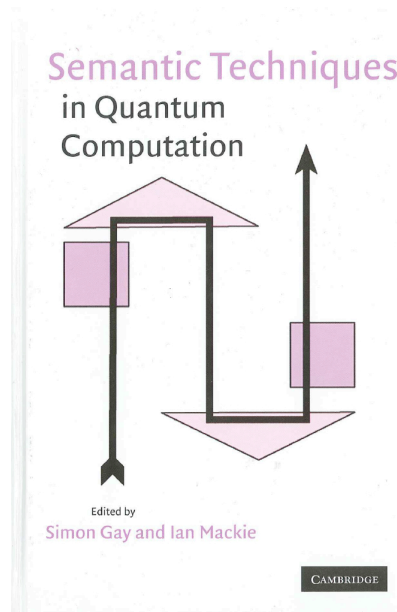
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## Outcome 2b: The structure is a **true (quantum) logic**:



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# A MINIMAL LANGUAGE FOR QUANTUM PROCESSES



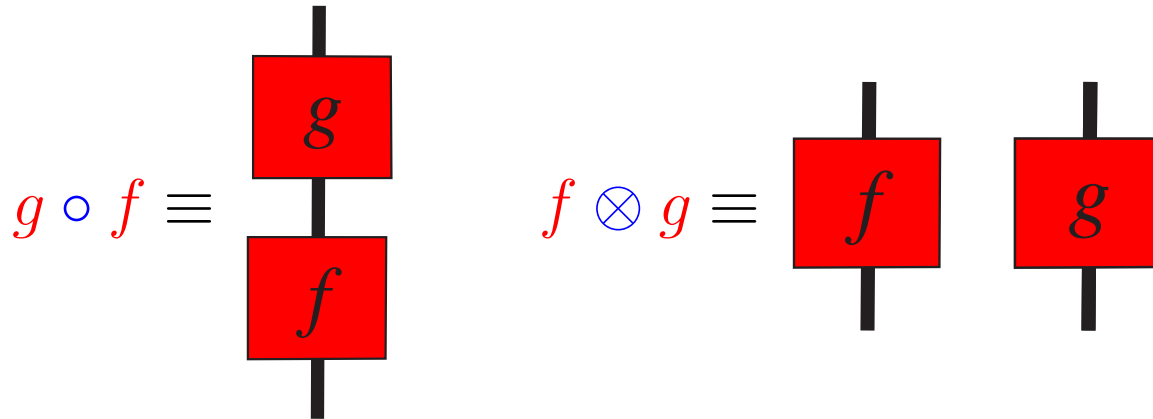
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— *graphical notation for processes* —



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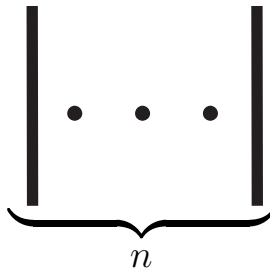
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— *kinds of systems* —

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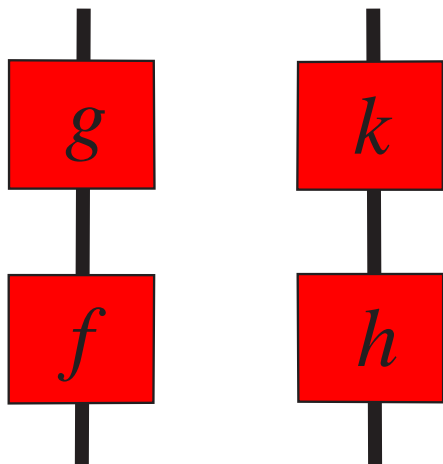


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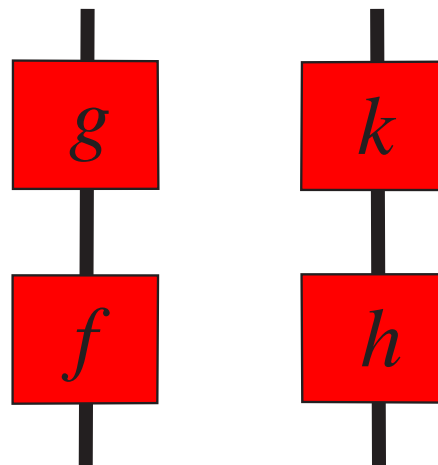
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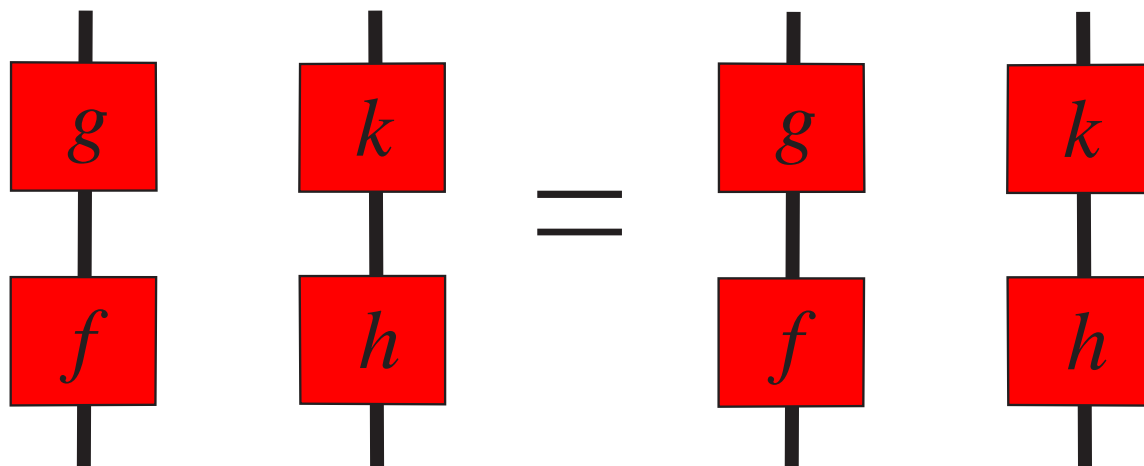
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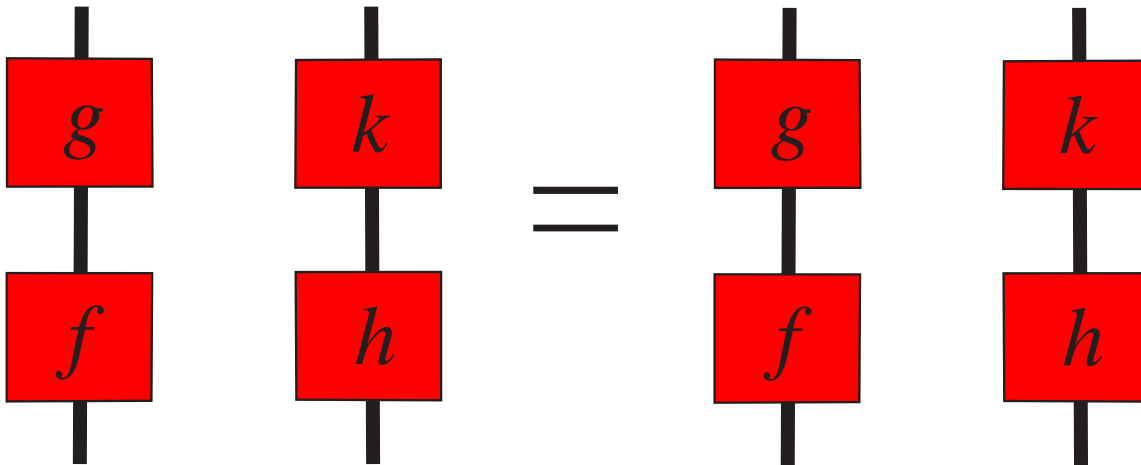
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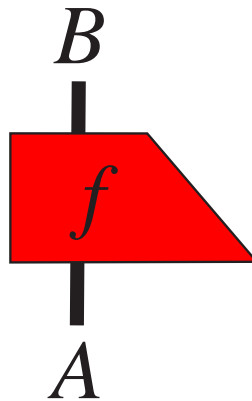
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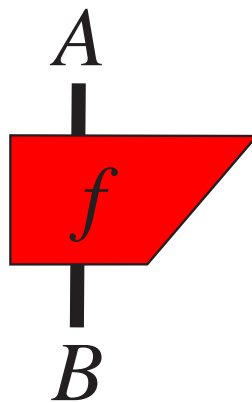
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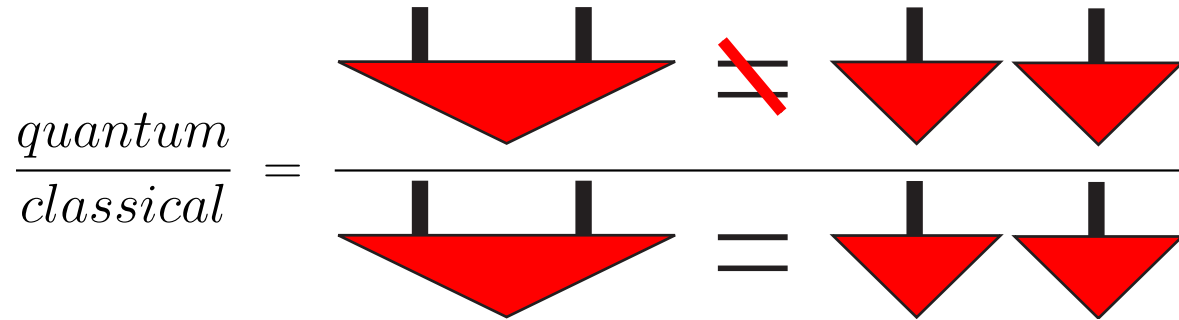


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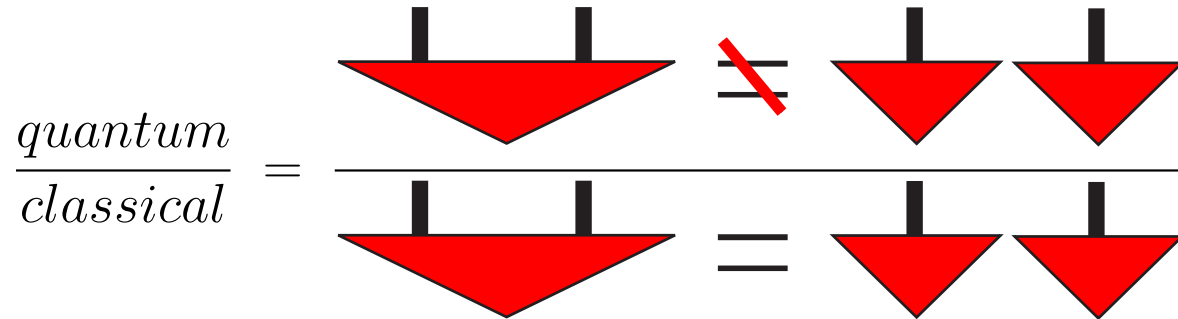
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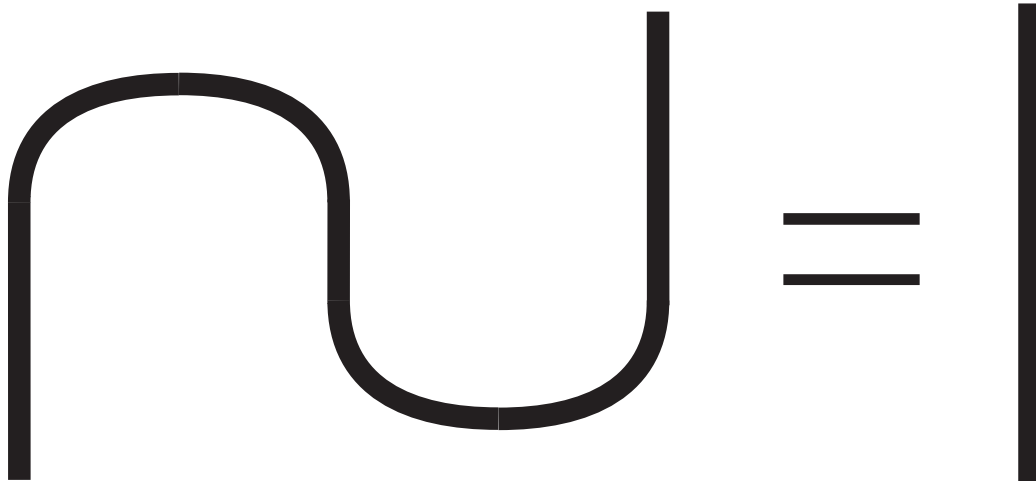
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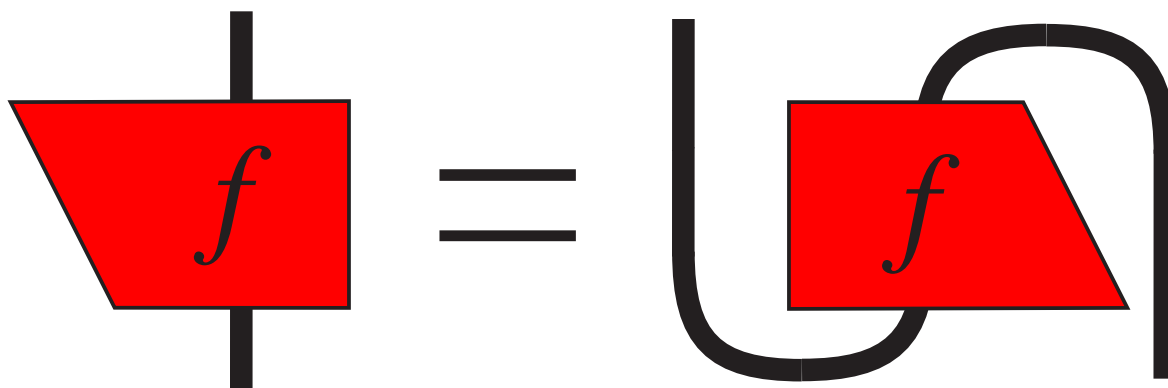
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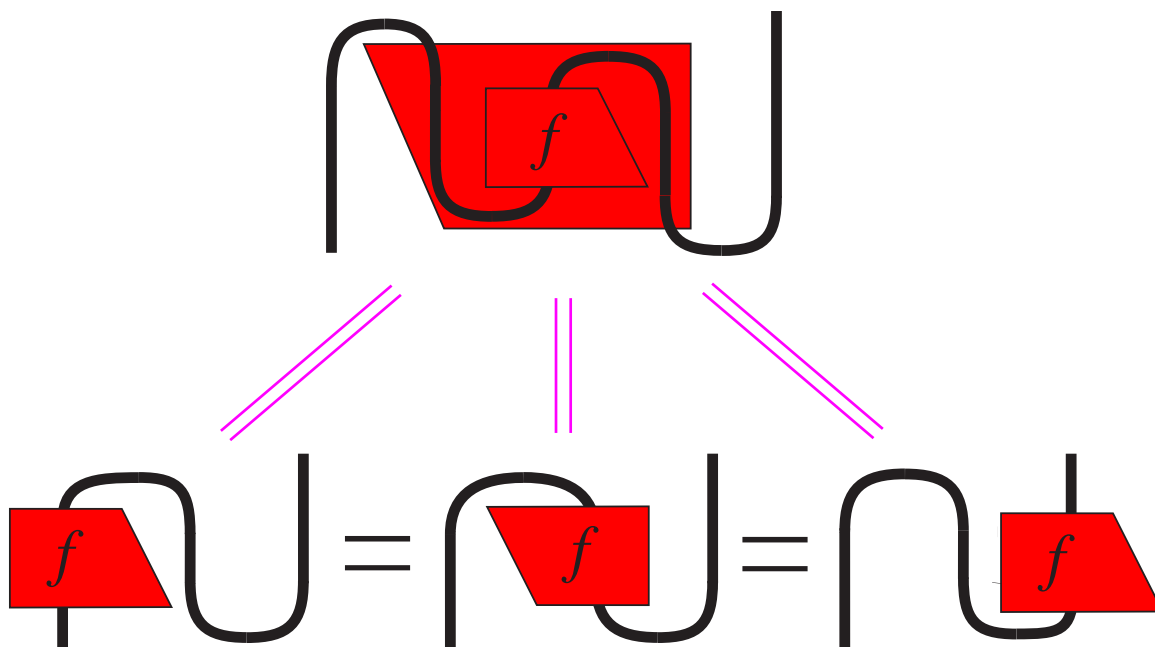
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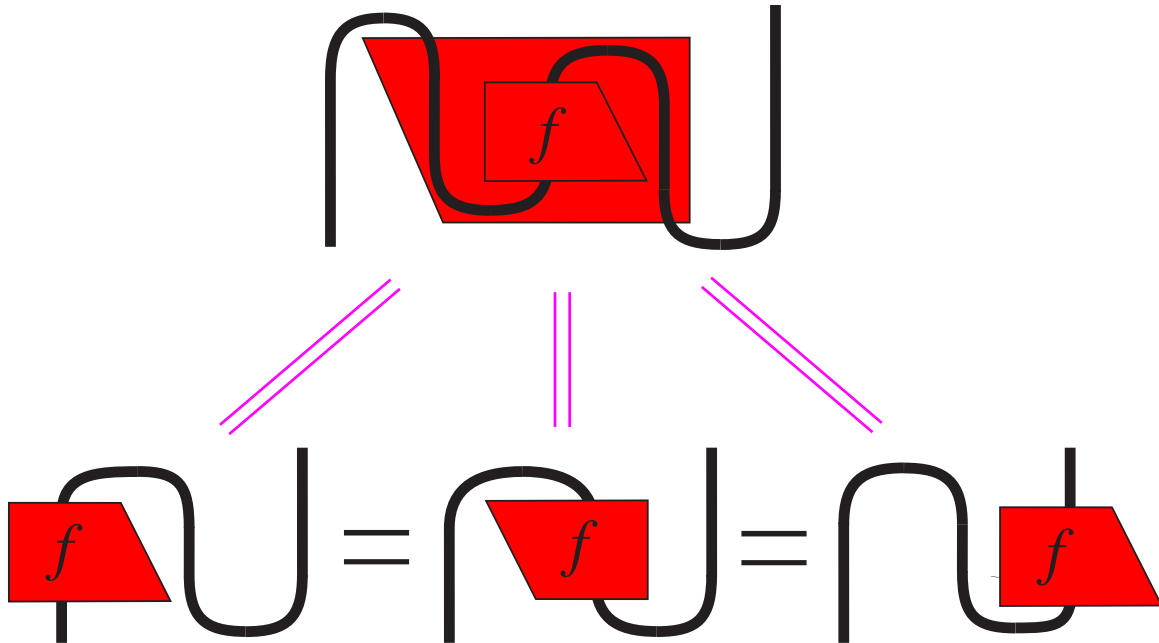
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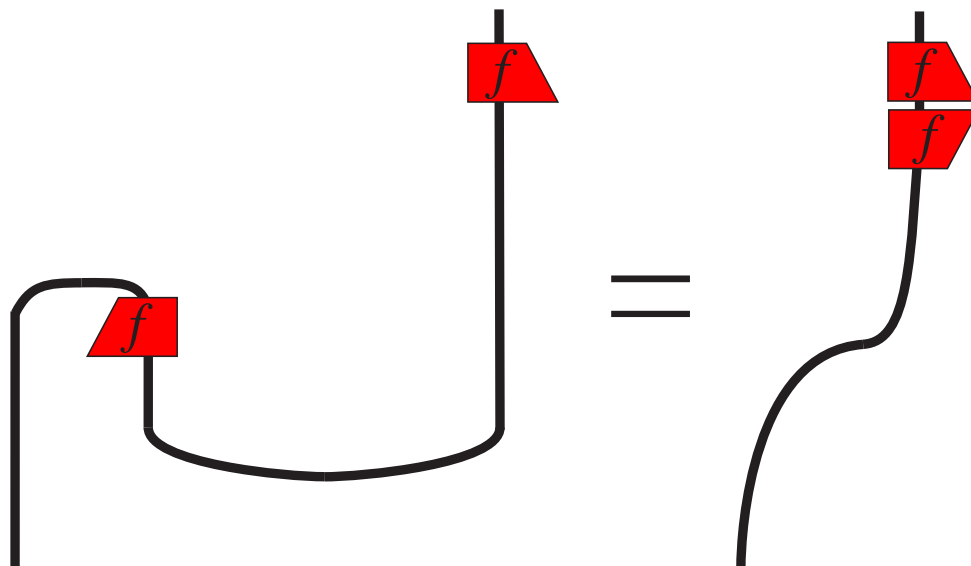
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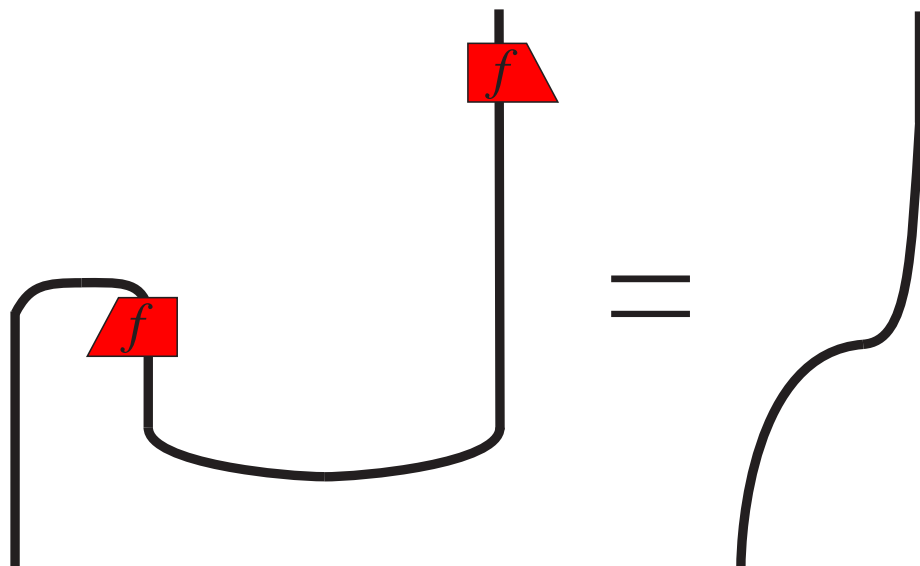
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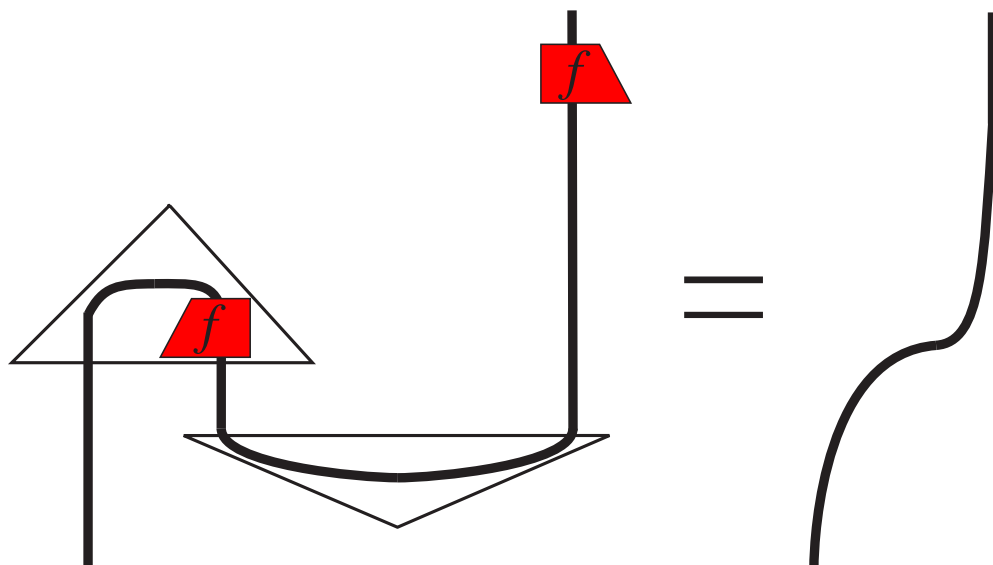


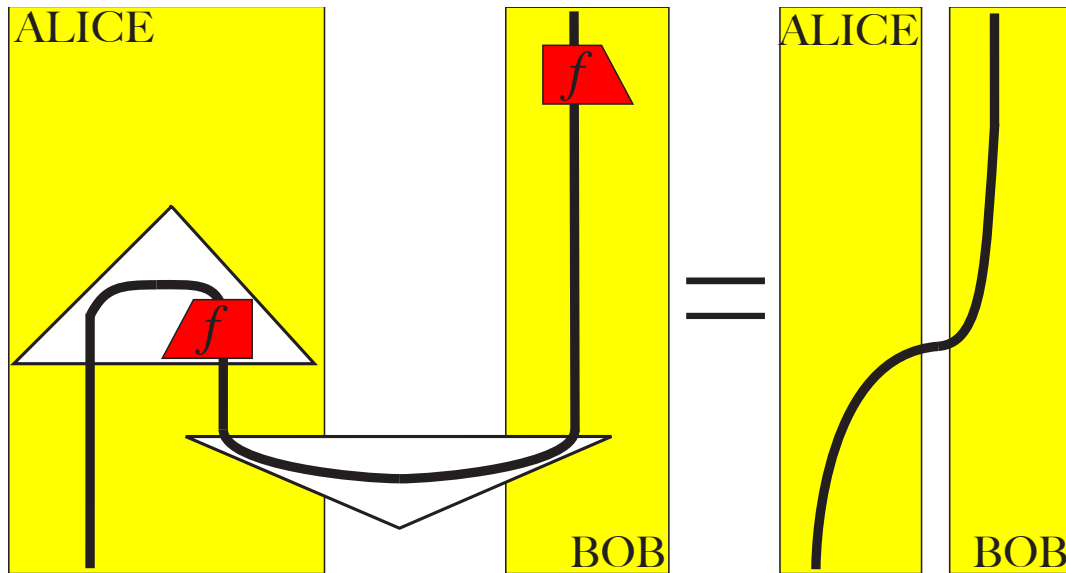
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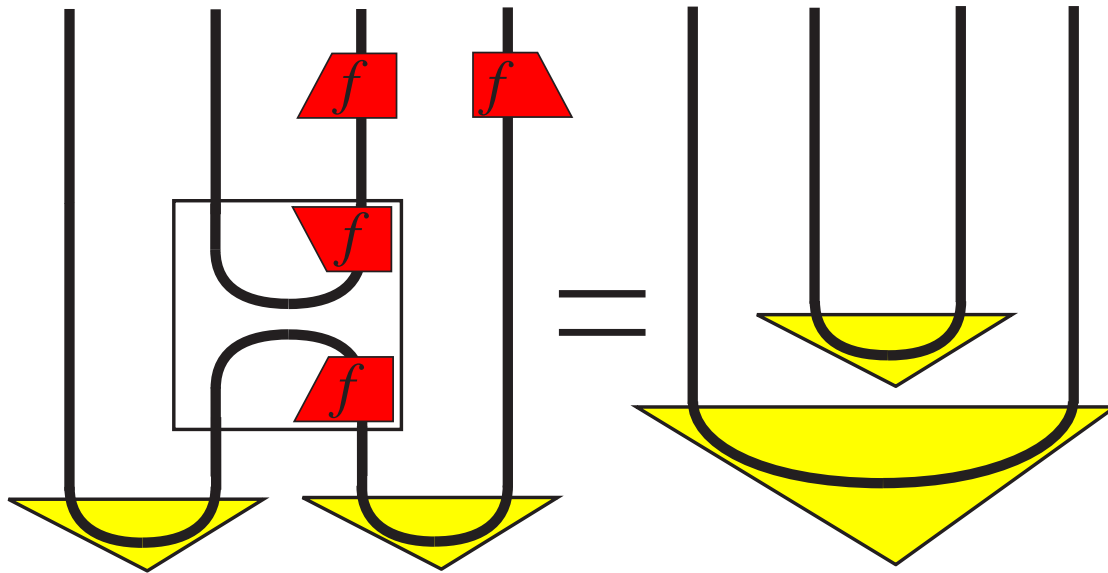








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**In words:** *Any equation involving:*

- *states, operations, effects*
- *unitarity, adjoints (e.g. self-adjoint), projections*
- *Bell-states/effects, transpose, conjugation*
- *inner-product, trace, Hilbert-Schmidt norm*
- *positivity, completely positive maps, ...*

*holds in quantum theory if and only if it can be derived in the graphical language via homotopy.*



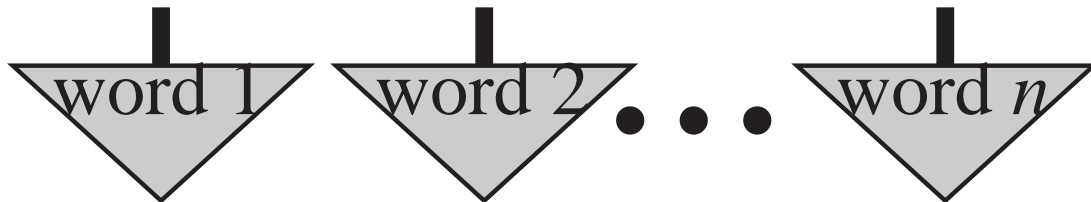
# A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT LANGUAGE FOR NATURAL LANGUAGE MEANING

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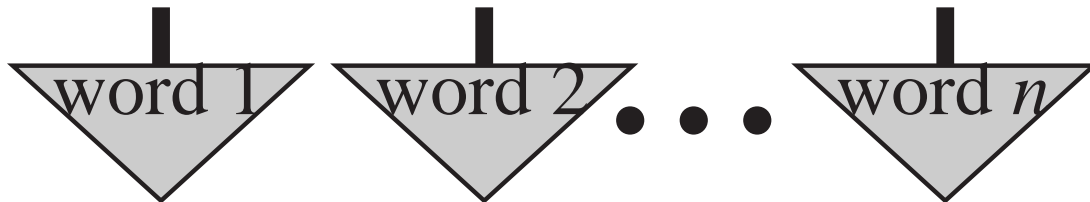
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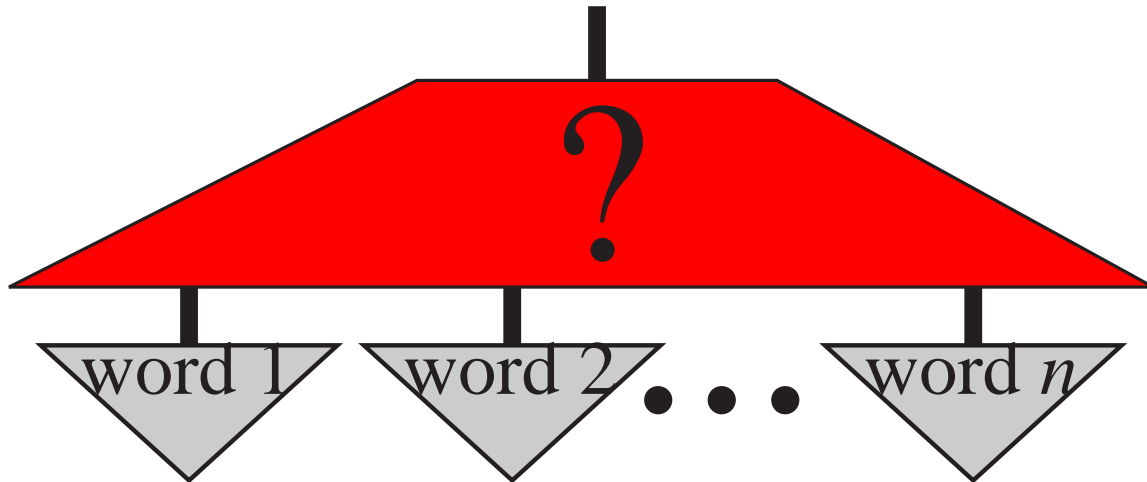
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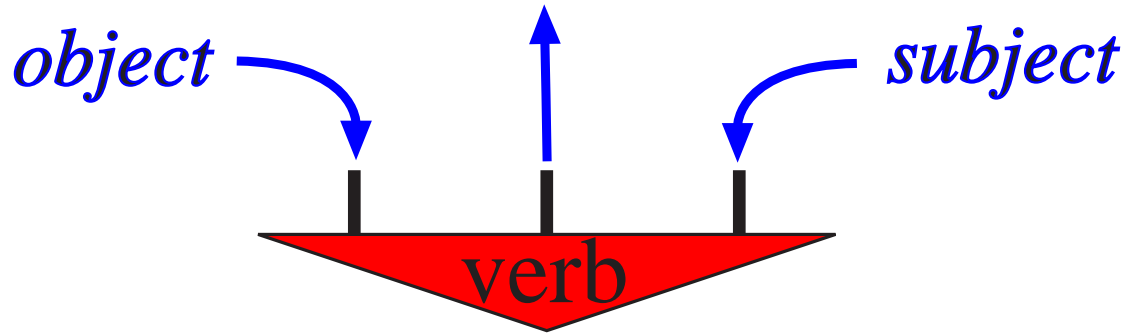


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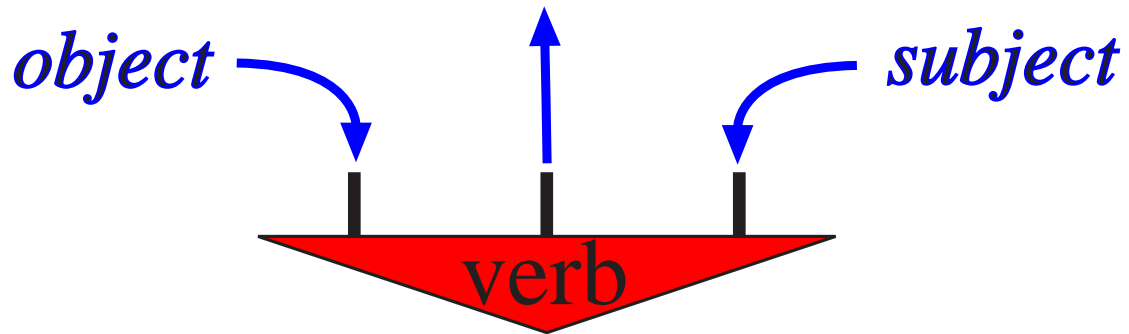
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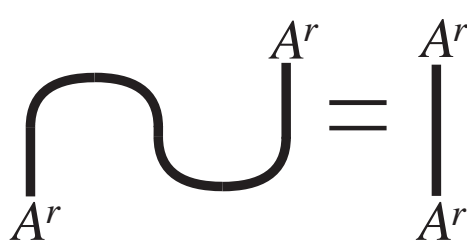
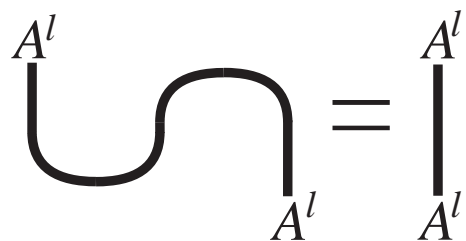
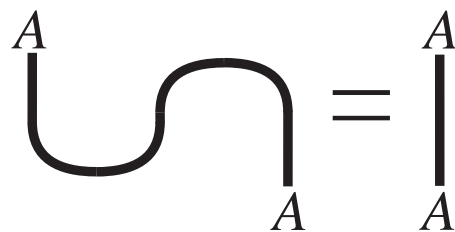
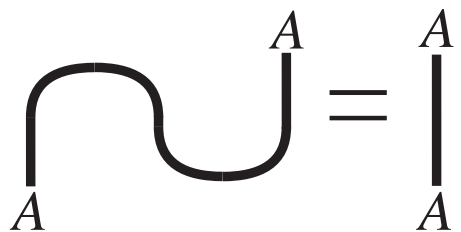
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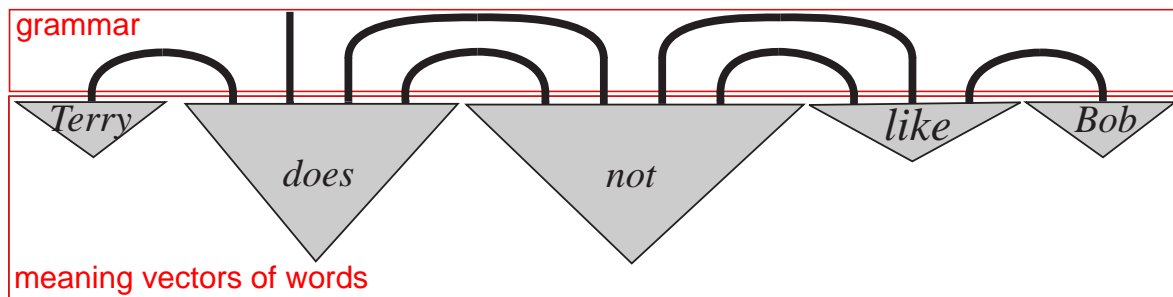


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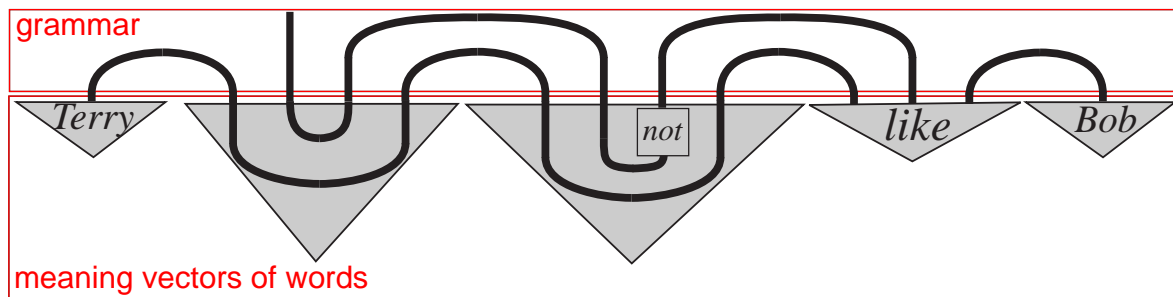




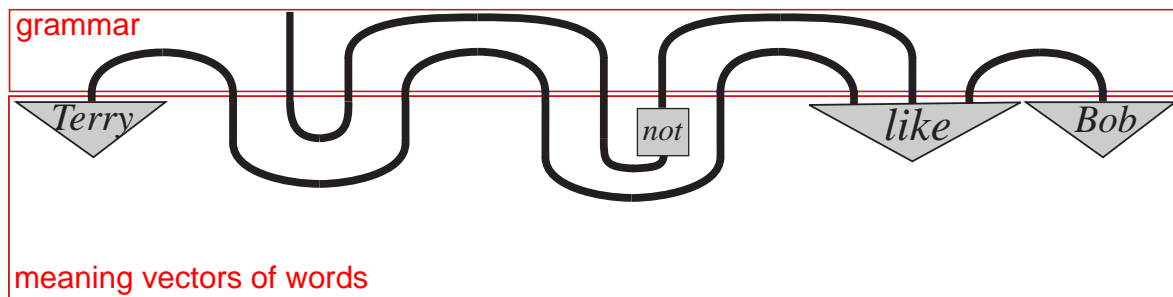
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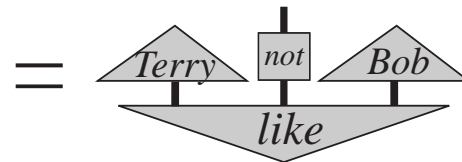
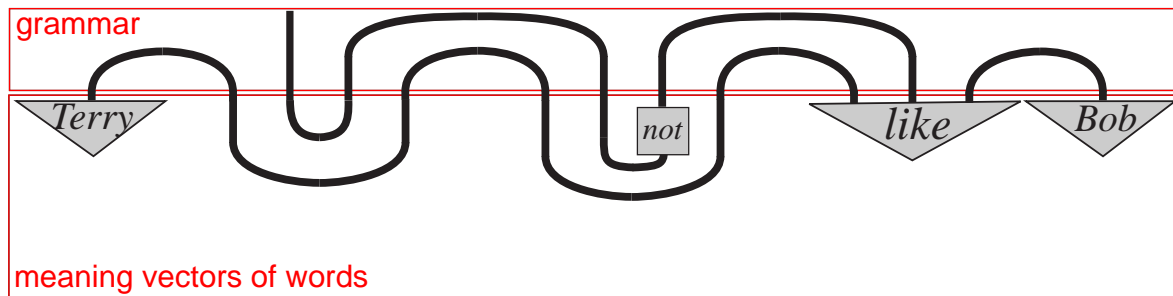
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— *experiment: word disambiguation* —

E.g. what is “saw” in: “Alice saw Bob with a saw”.

Model	High	Low	$\rho$
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Add	0.90	0.90	0.05
Multiply	0.67	0.59	0.17
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<b>Categorical (2)</b>	<b>0.34</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>0.28</b>
UpperBound	4.80	2.49	0.62

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Edward Grefenstette & Mehrnoosh Sadrzadeh (2011) *Experimental support for a categorical compositional distributional model of meaning*. Accepted for: Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP’11).



Mehrnoosh Sadrzadeh



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**AN EXTENDED LANGUAGE:  
CLASSICALITY & OBSERVABLES**

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In any dagger symmetric monoidal category such families of spiders and dagger special commutative Frobenius algebras are in canonical bijective correspondence.

**Theorem 2.** (Coecke-Pavlovic-Vicary) In **FdHilb** dagger (special) commutative Frobenius algebra are exactly ortho(normal) bases, nl. those of copyable elts.

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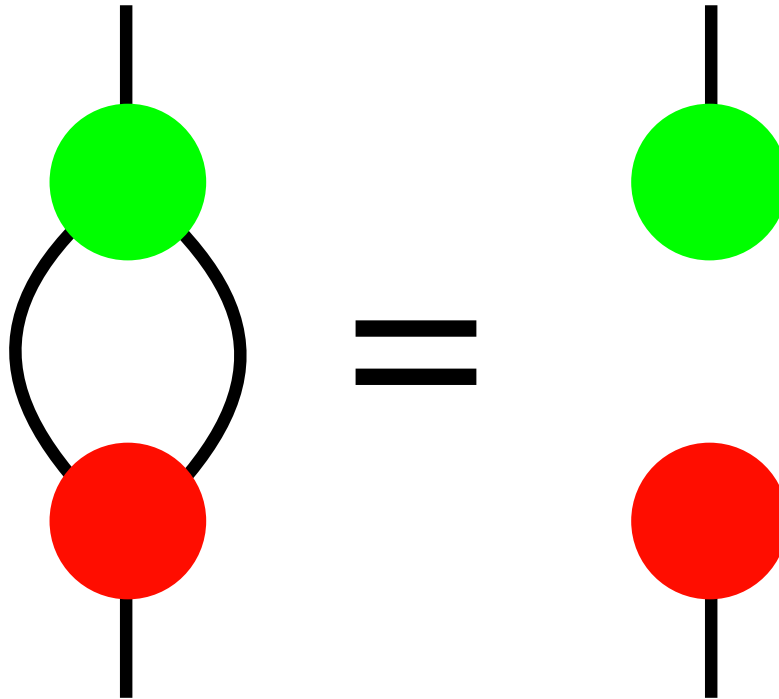
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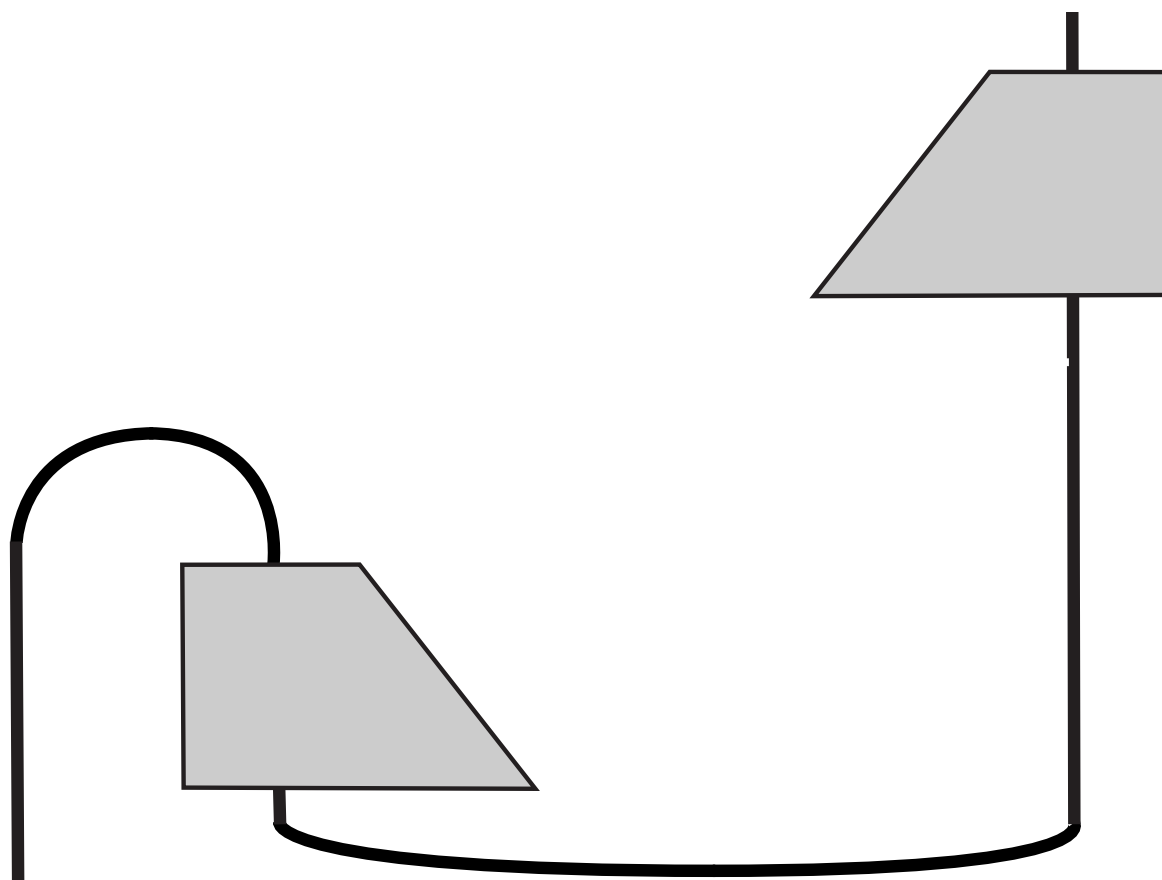
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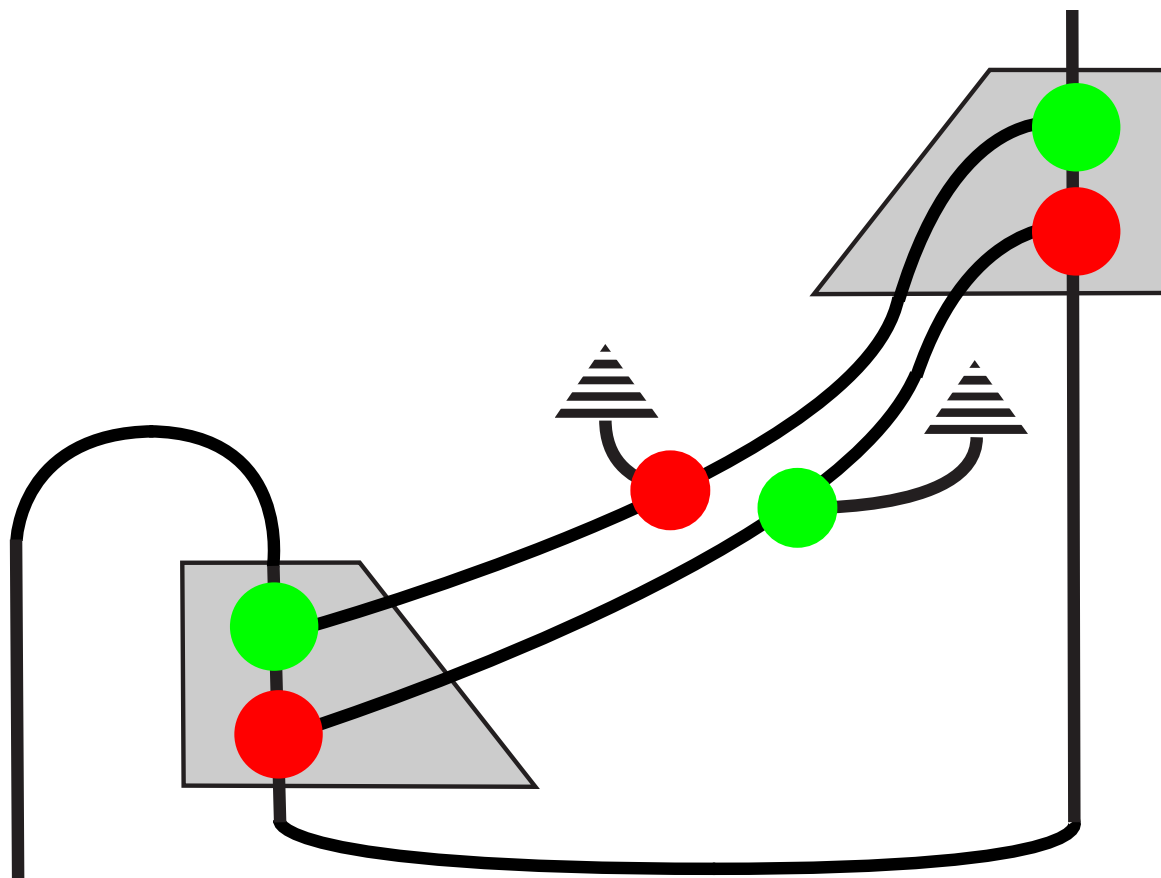
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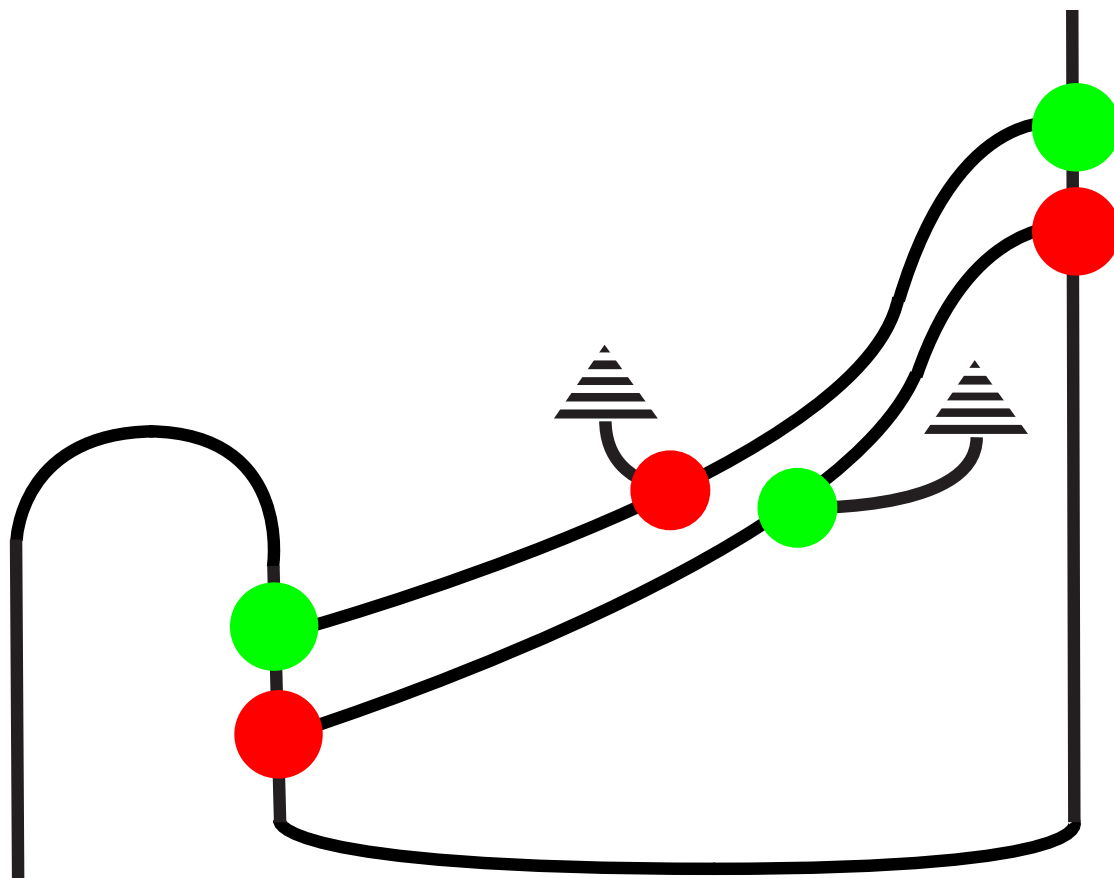
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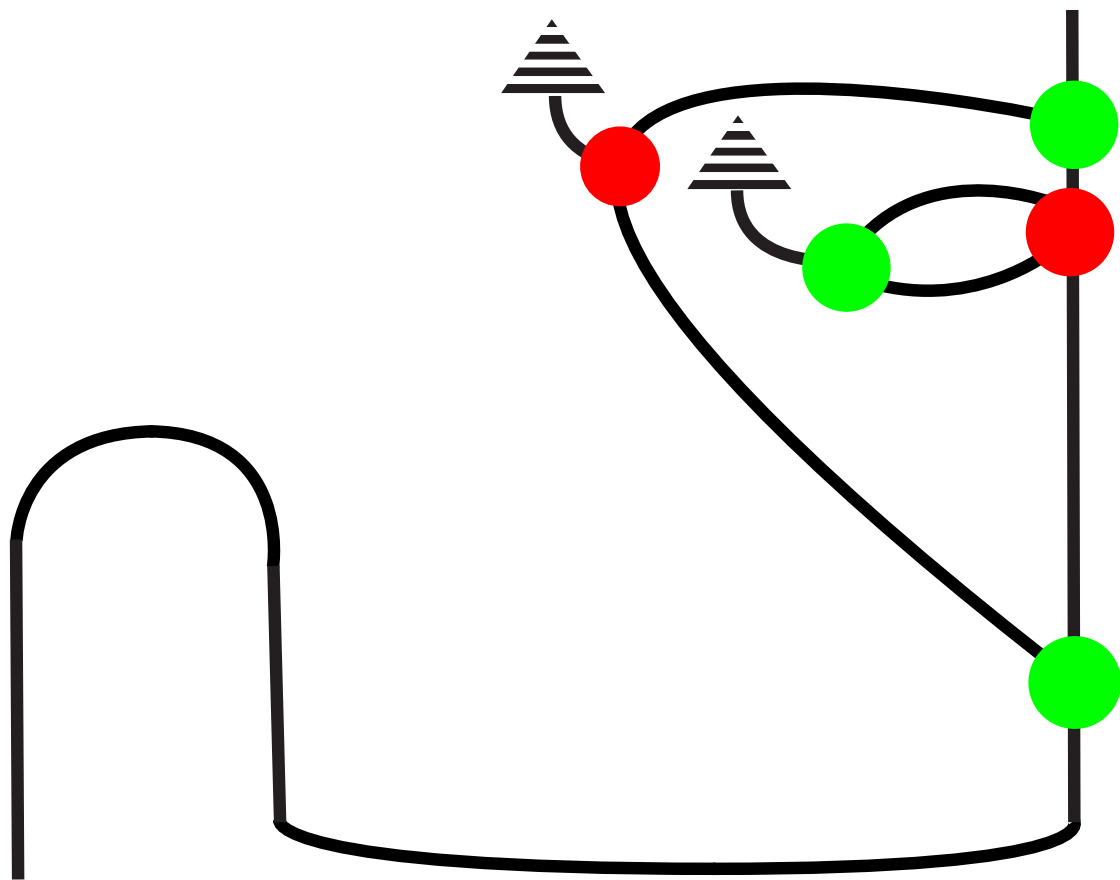
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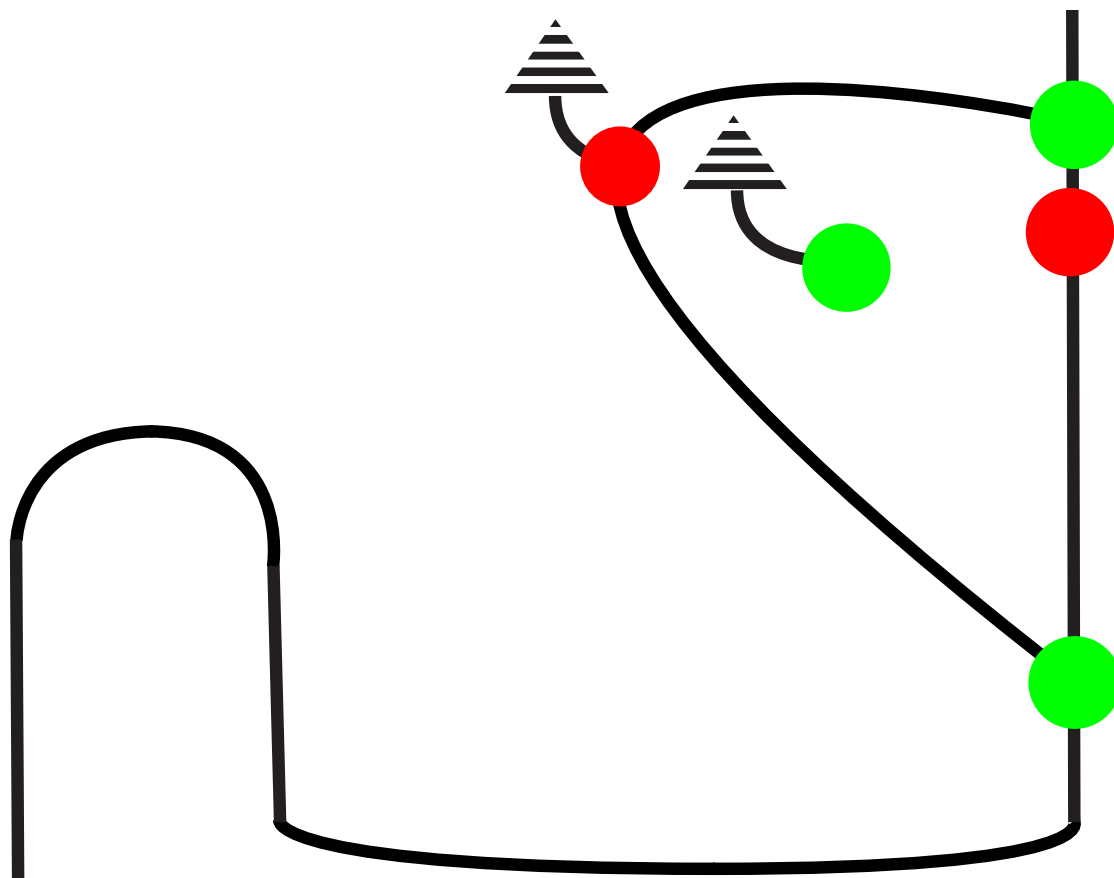


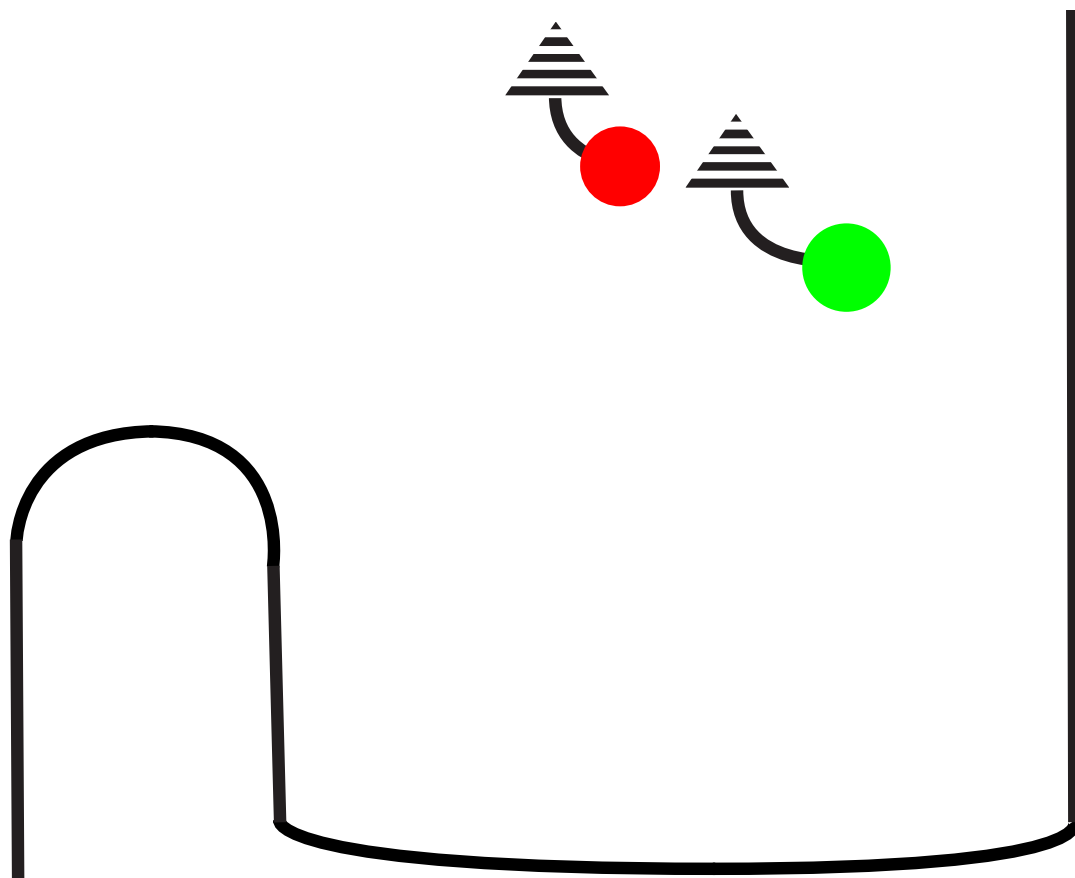


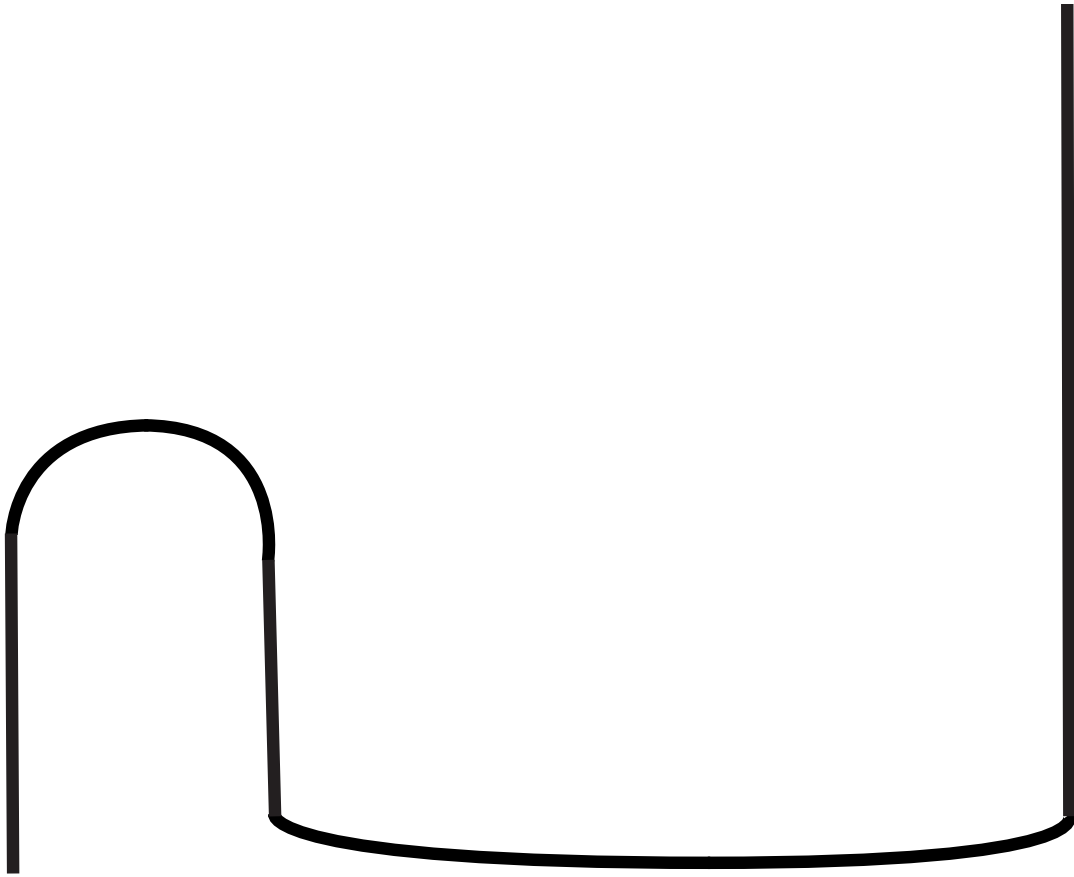












# **A UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE**

**THM (Phased Z/X-calc.).** Any  $f : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^m$  decomposes in **complementary “phased” 3-spiders**:



These phases arise as an **Abelian group structure** that comes with the spiders for purely abstract reasons, where inverses are the abstract conjugates.

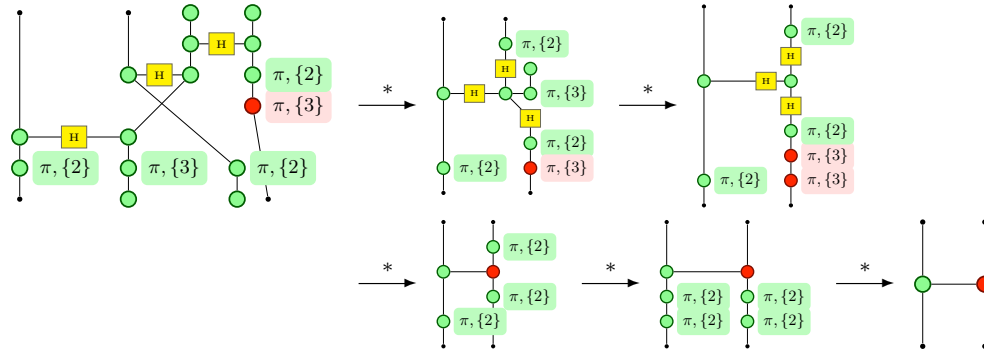
These phases ‘add’ when spiders fuse, which can be described as families of ‘group-decorated’ spiders.

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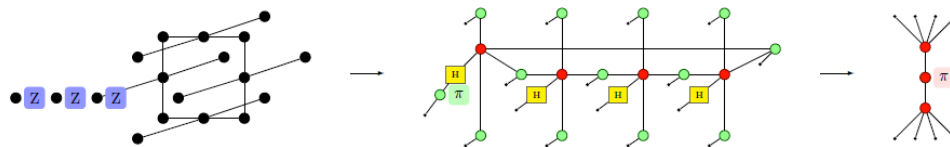
— *applications to QC models* —

Translation to circuits, required resources and determinism in measurement based quantum computations:



Ross Duncan & Simon Perdrix (2010) Rewriting measurement-based quantum computations with generalised flow. ICALP'10.

Similar stuff for TMBQC (Clare Horsman NJP'11):





— *applications to quantum foundations* —

Toy qubits vs. true quantum theory in one language:

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Generalized Mermin arg.  $\Leftrightarrow$  strong complementarity

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Coecke, Duncan, Kissinger & Quanlong Wang (2012) *Strong complementarity and non-locality in categorical quantum mechanics*. **LiCS'12**. [arXiv:1203.4988](#)

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— *multipartite entanglement structure* —

Tripartite SLOCC-classes as comm. Frobenius algs:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{GHZ = |000\rangle + |111\rangle}{W = |001\rangle + |010\rangle + |100\rangle} = \frac{\text{'special' CFAs}}{\text{'anti-special' CFAs}} \\
 & = \frac{\boxed{\text{Cup with two white dots} = |}}{\boxed{\text{Cap with two black dots} = \text{Cup with two black dots}}} \\
 & = \frac{\times}{+} \Rightarrow \text{distributivity}
 \end{aligned}$$

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Coecke & Aleks Kissinger (2010) The compositional structure of multipartite quantum entanglement. ICALP'10. [arXiv:1002.2540](https://arxiv.org/abs/1002.2540)

# — *GHZ-spiders* —

Data:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} m \\ \text{...} \\ \text{...} \\ n \end{array} \right\} \mid n, m \in \mathbb{N}$$

The diagram shows a central black dot (the spider) with m curved lines entering from the top and n curved lines exiting from the bottom. Ellipses between the inputs and outputs indicate multiple lines. The entire structure is enclosed in large curly braces, with the input count m at the top and the output count n at the bottom.

Rules:

$$\begin{array}{c} m+m'-k \\ \text{...} \\ \text{...} \\ n+n'-k \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} m+m'-k \\ \text{...} \\ \text{...} \\ n+n'-k \end{array}$$

The rule is represented by an equation between two diagrams. The left diagram shows two GHZ-spiders connected in series. The top spider has  $m+m'-k$  inputs and  $k$  outputs. The bottom spider has  $k$  inputs and  $n+n'-k$  outputs. The  $k$  outputs of the top spider are connected to the  $k$  inputs of the bottom spider. The regions where the spiders are located are shaded gray, while the connecting lines are white. The right diagram shows a single GHZ-spider with  $m+m'-k$  inputs and  $n+n'-k$  outputs, which is the result of the reduction. Ellipses indicate multiple lines for both inputs and outputs.

— *W-spiders* —

Data:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1} \\ \text{Diagram 2} \\ \text{Diagram 3} \end{array} \mid n, m \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$$

Diagram 1: A central black dot with  $m$  lines extending upwards and  $n$  lines extending downwards. The top lines are grouped by a bracket labeled  $m$ , and the bottom lines are grouped by a bracket labeled  $n$ . Ellipses indicate multiple lines in each group.

Diagram 2: A central black dot with two loops, one on the left and one on the right.

Diagram 3: A central black dot with a single loop on the right.

Rules:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1} \\ \text{Diagram 2} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 3} \end{array}$$

Diagram 1: A large rectangle divided into four quadrants by dashed lines. The top-left and bottom-right quadrants contain a spider diagram with a central black dot. The top-right and bottom-left quadrants are empty. The top spider has  $m+m'-1$  lines (bracketed), and the bottom spider has  $n+n'-1$  lines (bracketed). Ellipses indicate multiple lines. The top-right and bottom-left quadrants also contain ellipses.

Diagram 2: A single spider diagram with a central black dot,  $m+m'-1$  lines extending upwards (bracketed), and  $n+n'-1$  lines extending downwards (bracketed). Ellipses indicate multiple lines.

— *W-spiders* —

Data:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram with } m \text{ top legs and } n \text{ bottom legs} \\ \text{diagram with one top leg and one bottom leg} \end{array} \mid n, m \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$$

Rules:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{diagram with } m+m'-2 \text{ top legs and } n+n'-2 \text{ bottom legs} \\ \text{diagram with } m+m'-2 \text{ top legs and } n+n'-2 \text{ bottom legs} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram with } m+m'-2 \text{ top legs and } n+n'-2 \text{ bottom legs} \\ \text{diagram with } m+m'-2 \text{ top legs and } n+n'-2 \text{ bottom legs} \end{array}$$

## — automation —

Stages:

- Automated reasoning — `quantomatic`
- Automated theory generation — `quantocosy`
- Automated theorem extraction — `???`

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