# Dialogue categories and Frobenius monoids 

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## Logic



Like physics, logic should be the description of a material event...

## The logical phenomenon



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## The basic symmetry of logic

The discourse of reason is symmetric between Player and Opponent

Claim: this symmetry is the foundation of logic

Next question: can we reconstruct logic from this basic symmetry?

## The microcosm principle



No contradiction (thus no formal logic) can emerge in a tyranny...

## A microcosm principle in algebra [Baez \& Dolan 1997]

The definition of a monoid

$$
M \times M \quad \longrightarrow \quad M
$$

requires the ability to define a cartesian product of sets

$$
A, B \quad \mapsto \quad A \times B
$$

Structure at dimension 0 requires structure at dimension 1

## A microcosm principle in algebra [Baez \& Dolan 1997]

The definition of a cartesian category

requires the ability to define a cartesian product of categories

$$
\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{B} \quad \mapsto \quad \mathscr{A} \times \mathscr{B}
$$

Structure at dimension 1 requires structure at dimension 2

## A similar microcosm principle in logic

The definition of a cartesian closed category

requires the ability to define the opposite of a category

$$
\mathscr{A} \mapsto \mathscr{A}^{o p}
$$

Hence, the "implication" at level 1 requires a "negation" at level 2

## An automorphism in Cat

The 2-functor

$$
o p: \underline{\text { Cat }} \longrightarrow \quad \text { Cat }^{o p(2)}
$$

transports every natural transformation

to a natural transformation in the opposite direction:

$\longrightarrow \quad$ requires a braiding on $\mathscr{V}$ in the case of $\mathscr{V}$-enriched categories

## Chiralities

A symmetrized account of categories

## From categories to chiralities

A slightly bizarre idea emerges in order to reflect the symmetry of logic:
decorrelate the category $\mathscr{C}$ from its opposite category $\mathscr{C}$ op

So, let us define a chirality as a pair of categories $(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{B})$ such that

$$
\mathscr{A} \cong \mathscr{C} \quad \mathscr{B} \cong \mathscr{C}^{o p}
$$

for some category $\mathscr{C}$.
Here $\cong$ means equivalence of category

## Chirality

More formally:

## Definition:

A chirality is a pair of categories $(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{B})$ equipped with an equivalence:


## Chirality homomorphisms

Definition. A chirality homomorphism

$$
\left(\mathscr{A}_{1}, \mathscr{B}_{1}\right) \quad \longrightarrow \quad\left(\mathscr{A}_{2}, \mathscr{B}_{2}\right)
$$

is a pair of functors

$$
F_{\bullet}: \mathscr{A}_{1} \longrightarrow \mathscr{A}_{2} \quad F_{0}: \mathscr{B}_{1} \quad \longrightarrow \mathscr{B}_{2}
$$

equipped with a natural isomorphism


## Chirality transformations

Definition. A chirality transformation

$$
\theta: F \Rightarrow G:\left(\mathscr{A}_{1}, \mathscr{B}_{1}\right) \longrightarrow\left(\mathscr{A}_{2}, \mathscr{B}_{2}\right)
$$

is a pair of natural transformations


## Chirality transformations

satisfying the equality


## A technical justification of symmetrization

Let Chir denote the 2-category with
$\triangleright$ chiralities as objects
$\triangleright \quad$ chirality homomorphism as 1-dimensional cells
$\triangleright \quad$ chirality transformations as 2-dimensional cells

Proposition. The 2-category Chir is biequivalent to the 2-category Cat.

## Cartesian closed chiralities

A symmetrized account of cartesian closed categories

## Cartesian chiralities

Definition. A cartesian chirality is a chirality
$\triangleright \quad$ whose category $\mathscr{A}$ has finite products noted

$$
a_{1} \wedge a_{2} \quad \text { true }
$$

$\triangleright \quad$ whose category $\mathscr{B}$ has finite sums noted

$$
b_{1} \vee b_{2} \quad \text { false }
$$

## Cartesian closed chiralities

Definition. A cartesian closed chirality is a cartesian chirality

$$
(\mathscr{A}, \wedge, \text { true }) \quad(\mathscr{B}, \vee, \text { false })
$$

equipped with a pseudo-action

$$
\vee: \mathscr{B} \times \mathscr{A} \quad \longrightarrow \mathscr{A}
$$

and a bijection

$$
\mathscr{A}\left(a_{1} \wedge a_{2}, a_{3}\right) \cong \mathscr{A}\left(a_{1}, a_{2}^{*} \vee a_{3}\right)
$$

natural in $a_{1}, a_{2}$ and $a_{3}$.

Once symmetrized, the definition of a ccc becomes purely algebraic

## Dictionary

The pseudo-action

$$
V: \mathscr{B} \times \mathscr{A} \quad \longrightarrow \mathscr{A}
$$

reflects the functor

$$
\Rightarrow: \mathscr{C}^{o p} \times \mathscr{C} \quad \longrightarrow \mathscr{C}
$$

The isomorphisms defining the pseudo-action

$$
\left(b_{1} \vee b_{2}\right) \vee a \cong b_{1} \vee\left(b_{2} \vee a\right) \quad \text { false } \vee a \cong a
$$

reflect the familiar isomorphisms

$$
\left(x_{1} \times x_{2}\right) \Rightarrow y \cong x_{1} \Rightarrow\left(x_{2} \Rightarrow y\right) \quad 1 \Rightarrow x \cong x
$$

## Dictionary continued

The isomorphism

$$
\mathscr{A}\left(a_{1} \wedge a_{2}, a_{3}\right) \cong \mathscr{A}\left(a_{2}, a_{1}^{*} \vee a_{3}\right)
$$

reflects the familiar isomorphism

$$
\mathscr{A}(x \times y, z) \cong \mathscr{A}(y, x \Rightarrow z)
$$

Note that the isomorphism

$$
\left(a_{1}\right)^{*} \vee a_{2} \quad \cong \quad a_{1} \Rightarrow a_{2}
$$

deserves the name of classical decomposition of the implication... although we are in a cartesian closed category!

## Dictionary continued

So, what distinguishes classical logic from intuitionistic logic... are not the connectives themselves, but their algebraic structure.

Typically, the disjunction $\vee$ is:
$\triangleright \quad$ a pseudo-action in the case of cartesian closed chiralities,
$\triangleright \quad$ a cotensor product -8 in the case of linear logic,
$\triangleright \quad$ a tensor product $\otimes$ in the case of pivotal categories.

## Tensorial logic

A primitive logic of tensor and negation

## Purpose of tensorial logic

To provide a clear type-theoretic foundation to game semantics

$$
\text { Propositions as types } \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \text { Propositions as games }
$$

based on the idea that

> game semantics is a diagrammatic syntax of negation

## Double negation monad

Captures the difference between addition as a function

$$
\text { nat } \times \text { nat } \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text { nat }
$$

and addition as a sequential algorithm

$$
(\text { nat } \Rightarrow \perp) \Rightarrow \perp \quad \times \quad(\text { nat } \Rightarrow \perp) \Rightarrow \perp \quad \times \quad(\text { nat } \Rightarrow \perp) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \perp
$$

This enables to distinguish the left-to-right implementation

$$
\operatorname{lradd}=\lambda \varphi \cdot \lambda \psi \cdot \lambda k \cdot \varphi(\lambda x \cdot \psi(\lambda y \cdot k(x+y)))
$$

from the right-to-left implementation

$$
\text { rladd }=\lambda \varphi \cdot \lambda \psi \cdot \lambda k \cdot \psi(\lambda y \cdot \varphi(\lambda x \cdot k(x+y)))
$$

## The left-to-right addition

| $\neg \neg$ nat | $\times \quad \neg \neg$ nat | $\Rightarrow$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | | question <br> 12 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  |  |
|  |  |
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|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |

$$
\operatorname{lradd}=\lambda \varphi \cdot \lambda \psi \cdot \lambda k \cdot \varphi(\lambda x \cdot \psi(\lambda y \cdot k(x+y)))
$$

## The right-to-left addition

| $\neg \neg$ nat | $\times$ | $\neg \neg$ nat | $\Rightarrow$ | $\neg \neg$ nat |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { question } \\ 5 \end{gathered}$ |  | question |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { question } \\ 12 \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | 17 |

$$
\text { rladd }=\lambda \varphi \cdot \lambda \psi \cdot \lambda k \cdot \psi(\lambda y \cdot \varphi(\lambda x \cdot k(x+y)))
$$

## Tensorial logic

tensorial logic $=$ a logic of tensor and negation
$=$ linear logic without $A \cong \neg \neg A$
$=$ the syntax of tensorial negation
$=$ the syntax of dialogue games

## Tensorial logic

$\triangleright$ Every sequent of the logic is of the form:

$\triangleright$ Main rules of the logic:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \Delta \vdash B}{\Gamma, \Delta \vdash A \otimes B} & \frac{\Gamma, A, B, \Delta \vdash C}{\Gamma, A \otimes B, \Delta \vdash C} \\
\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \perp}{\Gamma \vdash \neg A} & \frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma, \neg A \vdash \perp}
\end{aligned}
$$

The primitive kernel of logic

## The left-to-right scheduler

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { lrsched }=\lambda \varphi \cdot \lambda \psi \cdot \lambda k \cdot \varphi(\lambda x \cdot \psi(\lambda y \cdot k(x, y)))
\end{aligned}
$$

## The left-to-right scheduler

| $\neg \neg A$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| question <br> answer | $\times \quad \neg \neg B \quad \Rightarrow \quad$ <br> question <br> answer |  <br> question |
| answer |  |  |

## The right-to-left scheduler

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { rlsched }=\lambda \varphi \cdot \lambda \psi \cdot \lambda k \cdot \psi(\lambda y \cdot \varphi(\lambda x \cdot k(x, y)))
\end{aligned}
$$

## The right-to-left scheduler



## Dialogue categories

A functorial bridge between proofs and knots

## Dialogue categories

A monoidal category with a left duality

A natural bijection between the set of maps

$$
\begin{aligned}
& A \otimes B \quad \longrightarrow \quad \perp \\
& \text { and the set of maps } \\
& B \quad \longrightarrow \quad A \multimap \perp
\end{aligned}
$$

A familiar situation in tensorial algebra

## Dialogue categories

A monoidal category with a right duality

A natural bijection between the set of maps

$$
\begin{gathered}
A \otimes B \quad \longrightarrow \quad \perp \\
\text { and the set of maps } \\
A \quad \longrightarrow \quad \perp \circ-B
\end{gathered}
$$

A familiar situation in tensorial algebra

## Dialogue categories

Definition. A dialogue category is a monoidal category $\mathscr{C}$ equipped with
$\triangleright$ an object $\perp$
$\triangleright$ two natural bijections

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \varphi_{A, B}: \mathscr{C}(A \otimes B, \perp) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathscr{C}(B, A \multimap \perp) \\
& \psi_{A, B}: \mathscr{C}(A \otimes B, \perp) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathscr{C}(A, \perp \circ B)
\end{aligned}
$$

## Pivotal dialogue categories

A dialogue category equipped with a family of bijections

$$
\text { wheel }_{A, B} \quad: \quad \mathscr{C}(A \otimes B, \perp) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathscr{C}(B \otimes A, \perp)
$$

natural in $A$ and $B$ making the diagram

commutes.

## Pivotal dialogue categories

The wheel should be understood diagrammatically as:


## The coherence diagram



## An equivalent formulation

A dialogue category equipped with a natural isomorphism

$$
\operatorname{turn}_{A}: A \multimap \perp \quad \longrightarrow \quad \perp \circ-A
$$

making the diagram below commute:


## Another equivalent formulation

Definition. A pivotal structure is a monoidal natural transformation

$$
\tau_{A}: A \quad \longrightarrow \quad(A \multimap \perp) \multimap \perp
$$

such that the composite

$$
A \multimap \perp \xrightarrow{\eta_{A-\perp}} \quad \perp \circ((A \multimap \perp) \multimap \perp) \quad \xrightarrow{\tau_{A}} \quad \perp \circ-A
$$

is an isomorphism for every object $A$. Hence, the diagram below commutes

and

$$
\tau_{I}=m_{I} \quad: \quad I \quad \longrightarrow \quad(I \multimap \perp) \multimap \perp
$$

## The free dialogue category

The objects of the category free-dialogue $(\mathscr{C})$ are the formulas of tensorial logic:

$$
A, B \quad::=X|A \otimes B| A \multimap \perp|\perp \circ A| 1
$$

where $X$ is an object of the category $\mathscr{C}$.

The morphisms are the proofs of the logic modulo equality.

## A proof-as-tangle theorem

Every category $\mathscr{C}$ of atomic formulas induces a functor [-] such that

where $\mathscr{C}_{\perp}$ is the category $\mathscr{C}$ extended with an object $\perp$.
Theorem. The functor [-] is faithful.
$\longrightarrow$ a topological foundation for game semantics

## An illustration

Imagine that we want to check that the diagram

commutes in every balanced dialogue category.

## An illustration

Equivalently, we want to check that the two derivation trees are equal:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { left }-\frac{A \vdash A}{A, A-0 \perp \vdash \perp} \\
& \begin{array}{l}
\text { braiding } \\
\text { right } \\
A \rightarrow A \rightarrow \perp, A \vdash \perp
\end{array} \\
& \text { right o- }
\end{aligned}
$$

## An illustration


equality of proofs $\Longleftrightarrow$ equality of tangles

## Game semantics in string diagrams

## Main theorem

The objects of the free symmetric dialogue category are dialogue games constructed by the grammar

$$
A, B \quad::=\quad X \quad|A \otimes B| \neg A \mid 1
$$

where $X$ is an object of the category $\mathscr{C}$.
The morphisms are total and innocent strategies on dialogue games.

As we will see: proofs become 3-dimensional variants of knots...

## An algebraic presentation of dialogue categories

Negation defines a pair of adjoint functors

witnessed by the series of bijection:

$$
\mathscr{C}(A, \neg B) \cong \mathscr{C}(B, \neg A) \cong \mathscr{C}^{\circ p}(\neg A, B)
$$

## An algebraic presentation of dialogue chiralities

The algebraic presentation starts by the pair of adjoint functors

between the two components $\mathscr{A}$ and $\mathscr{B}$ of the dialogue chirality.

## The 2-dimensional topology of adjunctions

The unit and counit of the adjunction $L \dashv R$ are depicted as

$$
\eta: I d \longrightarrow R \circ L
$$

$$
\varepsilon: L \circ R \longrightarrow I d
$$



Opponent move $=$ functor $R$
Proponent move $=$ functor $L$

## A typical proof



Reveals the algebraic nature of game semantics

## A purely diagrammatic cut elimination



## The 2-dimensional dynamics of adjunctions



Recovers the usual way to compose strategies in game semantics

## When a tensor meets a negation...

The continuation monad is strong

$$
(\neg \neg A) \otimes B \longrightarrow \neg \neg(A \otimes B)
$$

As Gordon explained, this is the starting point of algebraic effects

## Tensor vs. negation

Proofs are generated by a parametric strength

$$
\kappa_{X} \quad: \quad \neg(X \otimes \neg A) \otimes B \longrightarrow \neg(X \otimes \neg(A \otimes B))
$$

which generalizes the usual notion of strong monad :

$$
\mathcal{\kappa}: \quad \neg \neg A \otimes B \longrightarrow \neg \neg(A \otimes B)
$$

## Proofs as 3-dimensional string diagrams

The left-to-right proof of the sequent

$$
\neg \neg A \otimes \neg \neg B \quad \vdash \quad \neg \neg(A \otimes B)
$$

is depicted as


## Tensor vs. negation : conjunctive strength



Linear distributivity in a continuation framework

## Tensor vs. negation : disjunctive strength



Linear distributivity in a continuation framework

## A factorization theorem

The four proofs $\eta, \epsilon, \kappa^{\otimes}$ and $\kappa^{\otimes}$ generate every proof of the logic. Moreover, every such proof

$$
X \xrightarrow{\epsilon} \xrightarrow{\kappa^{\infty}} \xrightarrow{\epsilon} \xrightarrow{\epsilon} \xrightarrow{\eta} \xrightarrow{\eta} \xrightarrow{\kappa^{\varnothing}} \xrightarrow{\epsilon} \xrightarrow{\eta} \xrightarrow{\epsilon} \xrightarrow{\kappa^{\varnothing}} \xrightarrow{\eta} \text { Z }
$$

factors uniquely as

$$
X \xrightarrow{\kappa^{\otimes}} \xrightarrow{\epsilon} \xrightarrow{\eta} \mathrm{K}
$$

This factorization reflects a Player - Opponent view factorization

## Axiom and cut links

The basic building blocks of linear logic

## Axiom and cut links

Every map

$$
f: X \quad \longrightarrow \quad Y
$$

between atoms in the category $\mathscr{C}$ induces an axiom and a cut combinator:


## Equalities between axiom and cut links



## Equalities between axiom and cut links



## Dialogue chiralities

A symmetric account of dialogue categories

## Dialogue chiralities

A dialogue chirality is a pair of monoidal categories

$$
(\mathscr{A}, \otimes, \text { true }) \quad(\mathscr{B}, \mathbb{Q}, \text { false })
$$

with a monoidal equivalence

together with an adjunction


## Dialogue chiralities

and two natural bijections

$$
\begin{array}{llll}
\chi_{m, a, b}^{L} & :\langle m \otimes a \mid b\rangle & \longrightarrow\left\langle a \mid m^{*} \otimes b\right\rangle \\
\chi_{m, a, b}^{R} & :\langle a \otimes m \mid b\rangle & \longrightarrow & \left\langle a \mid b \otimes m^{*}\right\rangle
\end{array}
$$

where the evaluation bracket

$$
\langle-\mid-\rangle: \mathscr{A}^{O P} \times \mathscr{B} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text { Set }
$$

is defined as

$$
\langle a \mid b\rangle:=\mathscr{A}(a, R b)
$$

## Dialogue chiralities

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## Chiralities as Frobenius monoids

A bialgebraic account of dialogue categories

## An observation by Day and Street

A Frobenius monoid $F$ is a monoid and a comonoid satisfying


A surprising relationship with *-autonomous categories discovered by Brian Day and Ross Street.

## A symmetric presentation of Frobenius algebras

Key idea. Separate the monoid part

$$
m: A \otimes A \longrightarrow A \quad e: A \otimes A \longrightarrow A
$$

from the comonoid part

$$
m: B \longrightarrow B \otimes B \quad d: B \longrightarrow I
$$

in a Frobenius algebra:


## A symmetric presentation of Frobenius algebras

Then, relate $A$ and $B$ by a dual pair

$$
\eta: I \longrightarrow B \otimes A \quad \varepsilon: A \otimes B \longrightarrow I
$$

in the sense that:


## A symmetric presentation of Frobenius algebras

Require moreover that the dual pair

$$
(A, m, e) \nsucc(B, d, u)
$$

relates the algebra structure to the coalgebra structure, in the sense that:


## Symmetrically

Relate $B$ and $A$ by a dual pair

$$
\eta^{\prime}: I \longrightarrow B \otimes A \quad \varepsilon^{\prime}: A \otimes B \longrightarrow I
$$

this meaning that the equations below hold:


## Symmetrically

and ask that the dual pair

$$
A \quad \dashv \quad B
$$

relates the coalgebra structure to the algebra structure, in the sense that:


## An alternative formulation

## Key observation:

A Frobenius monoid is the same thing as such a pair $(A, B)$ equipped with

between the underlying spaces $A$ and $B$ and...

## Frobenius monoids

... satisfying the two equalities below:


Reminiscent of currification in the $\lambda$-calculus...

## Not far from the connection, but...

Idea: the «self-duality » of Frobenius monoids

is replaced by an adjunction in dialogue chiralities:


Key objection: the category $\mathscr{B} \cong \mathscr{A}^{o p}$ is not dual to the category $\mathscr{A}$.

## Categorical bimodules

A bimodule

$$
M: \mathscr{A} \longrightarrow \mathscr{B}
$$

between categories $\mathscr{A}$ and $\mathscr{B}$ is defined as a functor

$$
M: \mathscr{A}^{o p} \times \mathscr{B} \quad \longrightarrow \text { Set }
$$

Composition of two bimodules

is defined by the coend formula:

$$
M \circledast N \quad: \quad(a, c) \quad \mapsto \quad \int^{b \in \mathscr{B}} M(a, b) \times N(b, c)
$$

## The coend formula

The coend

$$
\int^{b \in \mathscr{B}} M(a, b) \times N(b, c)
$$

is defined as the sum

$$
\coprod_{b \in o b(\mathscr{B})} M(a, b) \times N(b, c)
$$

modulo the equation

$$
(x, h \cdot y) \sim(x \cdot h, y)
$$

for every triple

$$
x \in M(a, b) \quad h: b \rightarrow b^{\prime} \quad y \in N\left(b^{\prime}, c\right)
$$

## A well-known 2-categorical miracle

Fact. Every category $\mathscr{C}$ comes with a biexact pairing

$$
\mathscr{C} \not \mathscr{C}^{o p}
$$

defined as the bimodule

$$
\text { hom : }(x, y) \mapsto \mathscr{A}(x, y): \mathscr{C}^{o p} \times \mathscr{C} \quad \longrightarrow \text { Set }
$$

in the bicategory BiMod of categorical bimodules.

The opposite category $\mathscr{C}{ }^{o p}$ becomes dual to the category $\mathscr{C}$

## Biexact pairing

Definition. A biexact pairing

$$
\mathscr{A}+\mathscr{B}
$$

in a monoidal bicategory is a pair of 1-dimensional cells

$$
\eta_{[1]}: \mathscr{A} \otimes \mathscr{B} \longrightarrow I \quad \varepsilon_{[1]}: I \longrightarrow \mathscr{B} \otimes \mathscr{A}
$$

together with a pair of invertible 2-dimensional cells


## Biexact pairing

such that the composite 2-dimensional cell

coincides with the identity on the 1 -dimensional cell $\varepsilon_{[1]}$,

## Biexact pairing

and symmetrically, such that the composite 2-dimensional cell

coincides with the identity on the 1-dimensional cell $\eta_{[1]}$.

## Amphimonoid

In any symmetric monoidal bicategory like BiMod...
Definition. An amphimonoid is a pseudomonoid

$$
(\mathscr{A}, \otimes, \text { true })
$$

and a pseudocomonoid

$$
(\mathscr{B}, \otimes, \text { false })
$$

equipped with a biexact pairing

$$
\mathscr{A}+\mathscr{B}
$$

## Amphimonoid

together with a pair of invertible 2-dimensional cells

defining a pseudomonoid equivalence.

Bialgebraic counterpart to the notion of monoidal chirality

## Frobenius amphimonoid

Definition. An amphimonoid together with an adjunction

and two invertible 2-dimensional cells:


Bialgebraic counterpart to the notion of dialogue chirality

## Frobenius amphimonoid

The 1-dimensional cell

$$
L: \mathscr{A} \rightarrow \mathscr{B}
$$

may be understood as defining a bracket

$$
\langle a \mid b\rangle
$$

between the objects $\mathscr{A}$ and $\mathscr{B}$ of the bicategory $\mathscr{V}$.

Each side of the equation implements currification:

$$
\chi_{L}:\left\langle a_{1} \otimes a_{2} \mid b\right\rangle \Rightarrow\left\langle a_{2} \mid a_{1}^{*} \otimes b\right\rangle \quad \chi_{R}:\left\langle a_{1} \otimes a_{2} \mid b\right\rangle \Rightarrow\left\langle a_{1} \mid b \otimes a_{2}^{*}\right\rangle
$$

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## Correspondence theorem

Theorem. A pivotal chirality is the same thing as a Frobenius amphimonoid in the bicategory BiMod whose 1-dimensional cells

are representable, that is, induced by functors.

## Tensorial strength formulated in cobordism



## Connection with topology

Idea: interpret tensorial logic in topological field theory with defects.
$\triangleright$ Formulas as $1+1$ topological field theories with defects
$\triangleright$ Tensorial proofs as $2+1$ topological field theories with defects
$\triangleright$ a coherence theorem including the microcosm?
$\triangleright$ what about dialogue 2-categories and 3-categories?

## The topological nature of proofs



A topological account of exchange

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A topological account of the tensorial strength

Thank you


