

Retractions in Multiplicative Linear Logic

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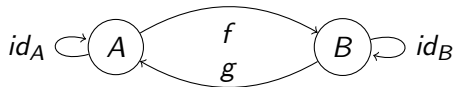
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Instantiation in λ -calculus, logics,...

Wanted: an *equational theory*

Two main approaches:

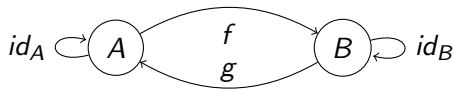
Syntactic the analysis of pairs of terms composing to the identity should provide information on their type

Semantic find a model with the same isomorphisms than in the syntax but where they can be computed more easily (typically reducing to equality between combinatorial objects)

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For λ -calculus with products and unit type / cartesian closed categories
 Semantic (finite sets) [Soloviev, 1983]

\times	$A \times (B \times C) \simeq (A \times B) \times C$	$A \times B \simeq B \times A$
\times and \rightarrow	$(A \times B) \rightarrow C \simeq A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)$	$A \rightarrow (B \times C) \simeq (A \rightarrow B) \times (A \rightarrow C)$
1	$A \times 1 \simeq A$	$1 \rightarrow A \simeq A$

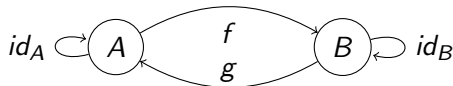
Reduces to Tarski's High School Algebra Problem: can all equalities involving product, exponential and 1 be found using only

$$\begin{array}{lll}
 a(bc) = (ab)c & ab = ba & c^{ab} = (c^b)^a \quad (bc)^a = b^a c^a \\
 1a = a & a^1 = a & 1^a = 1
 \end{array}$$

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For Multiplicative Linear Logic / \star -autonomous categories

Syntactic (proof-nets) [Balat and Di Cosmo, 1999]

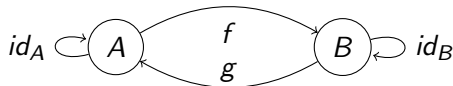
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Commutativity	$A \otimes B \simeq B \otimes A$	$A \wp B \simeq B \wp A$
Neutrality	$A \otimes 1 \simeq A$	$A \wp \perp \simeq A$

$$(A \otimes B) \multimap C = (A^\perp \wp B^\perp) \wp C \simeq A^\perp \wp (B^\perp \wp C) = A \multimap (B \multimap C)$$

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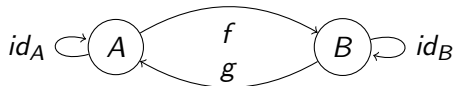
For Multiplicative-Additive Linear Logic / \star -autonomous categories with finite products Syntactic (proof-nets) [Di Guardia and Laurent, 2023]

Associativity	$A \otimes (B \otimes C) \simeq (A \otimes B) \otimes C$ $A \oplus (B \oplus C) \simeq (A \oplus B) \oplus C$	$A \wp (B \wp C) \simeq (A \wp B) \wp C$ $A \& (B \& C) \simeq (A \& B) \& C$
Commutativity	$A \otimes B \simeq B \otimes A$ $A \wp B \simeq B \wp A$	$A \oplus B \simeq B \oplus A$ $A \& B \simeq B \& A$
Neutrality	$A \otimes 1 \simeq A$ $A \wp \perp \simeq A$	$A \oplus 0 \simeq A$ $A \& \top \simeq A$
Distributivity	$A \otimes (B \oplus C) \simeq (A \otimes B) \oplus (A \otimes C)$	$A \wp (B \& C) \simeq (A \wp B) \& (A \wp C)$
Annihilation	$A \otimes 0 \simeq 0$	$A \wp \top \simeq \top$

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For Polarized Linear Logic

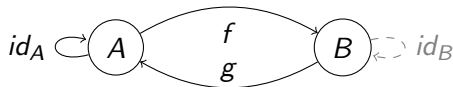
Semantic (games, forest isomorphisms) [Laurent, 2005]

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Seely	$!(A \& B) \simeq !A \otimes !B$ $!\top \simeq 1$	$?(A \oplus B) \simeq ?A \wp ?B$ $?0 \simeq \perp$

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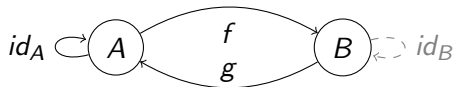
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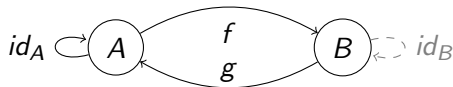
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For simply typed affine λ -calculus

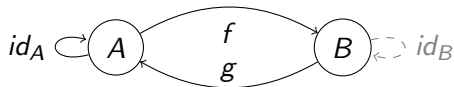
Syntactic [Regnier and Urzyczyn, 2002]

\simeq	$A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \simeq B \rightarrow A \rightarrow C$
$\triangleleft (= \trianglelefteq \setminus \simeq)$	$A \triangleleft B \rightarrow A$ $A \triangleleft (A \rightarrow X) \rightarrow X \text{ if } A \text{ is } Y_1 \rightarrow Y_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow X$

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For Multiplicative Linear Logic

[UNKNOWN]

\simeq	associativity and commutativity of \otimes and \wp , neutrality of 1 and \perp
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Other results about retractions

Decidability of retractions in simply typed λ -calculus in [Padovani, 2001]

Definition

Cantor-Bernstein property: if $A \sqsubseteq B$ and $B \sqsubseteq A$ then $A \simeq B$.

Holds in some category but not all!

Plan

1 Definitions

- Proof-Net
- Retraction

2 Properties of Retractions

3 Difficulties for the general case $A \trianglelefteq B$

4 Retractions of the shape $X \trianglelefteq \cdot$ (universal super-types)

- Looking for a pattern
- Quasi-Beffara
- Beffara $X \triangleleft X \otimes (X^\perp \wp X)$
- Does not generalize to $A \trianglelefteq B$

5 Conclusion

Formula & Sequent

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$$A, B ::= X \mid X^\perp \mid A \overset{\text{not}}{\otimes} B \mid A \overset{\text{and}}{\otimes} B \mid A \overset{\text{or}}{\wp} B$$

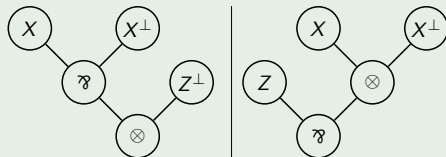
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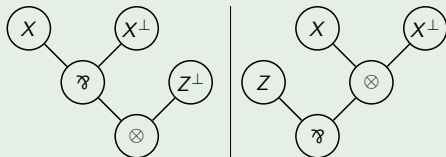
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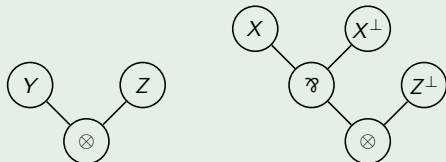
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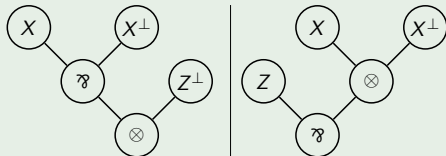
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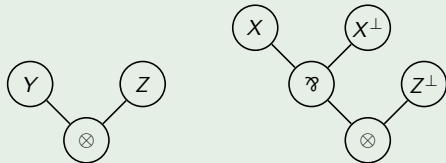
Rules (sequent calculus)

$$\frac{}{\vdash A^\perp, A} ax \qquad \frac{\vdash A, \Gamma \quad \vdash B, \Delta}{\vdash A \otimes B, \Gamma, \Delta} \otimes \qquad \frac{\vdash A, B, \Gamma}{\vdash A \wp B, \Gamma} \wp$$

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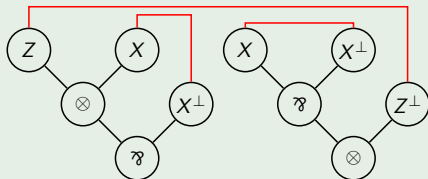
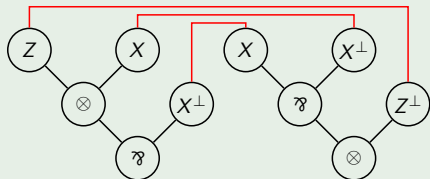


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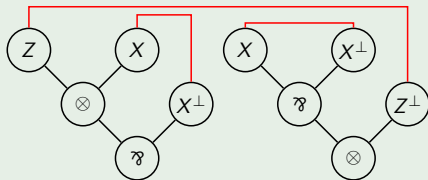
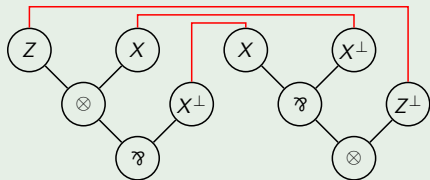


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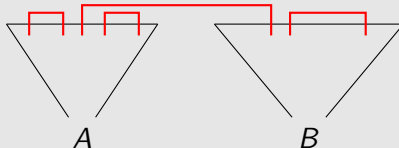
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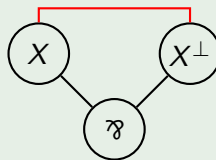
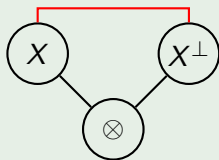
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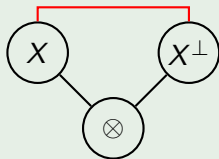
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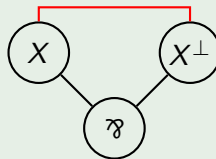
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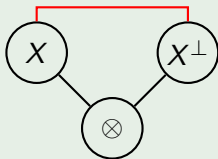
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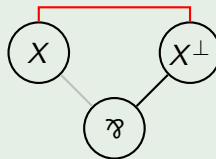
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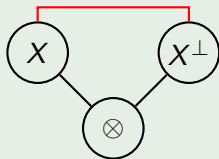
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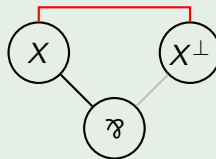
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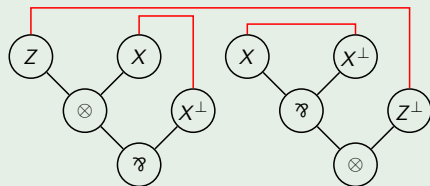
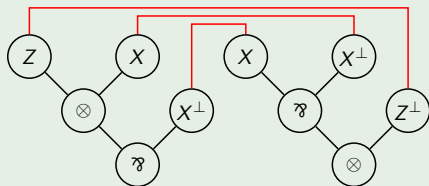
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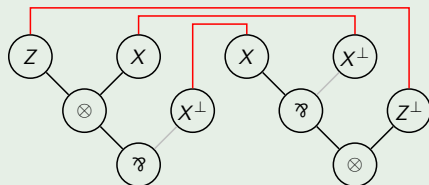
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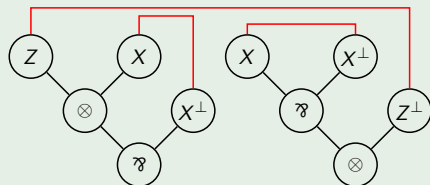
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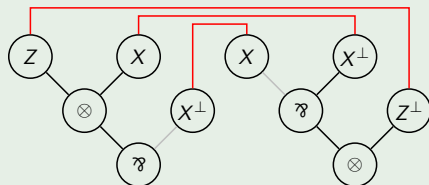
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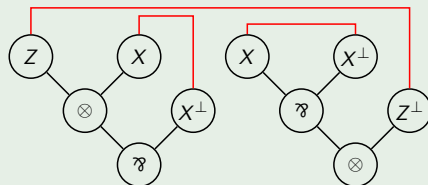
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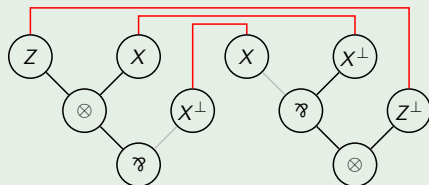
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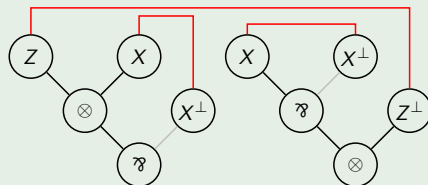
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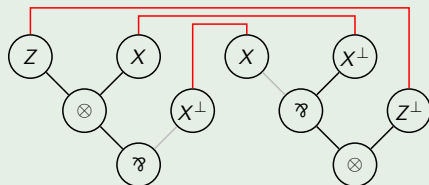
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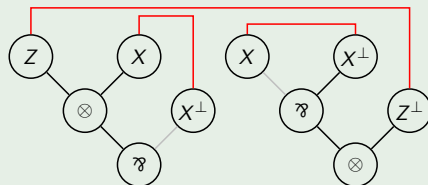
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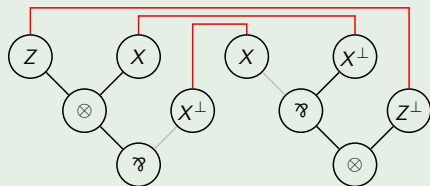
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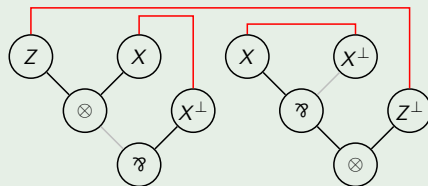
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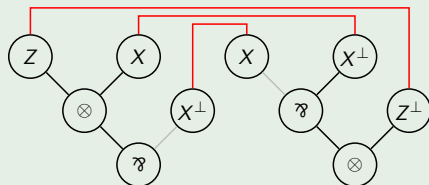
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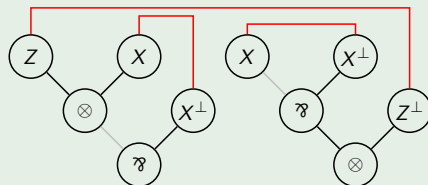
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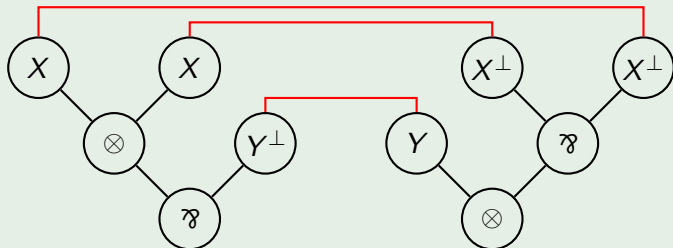
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Identity proof-net

Identity proof-structure of A

In the sequent $\vdash A^\perp, A$, link each leaf in A to the dual one in A^\perp .

Example: $A = Y \otimes (X^\perp \wp X^\perp)$



Lemma

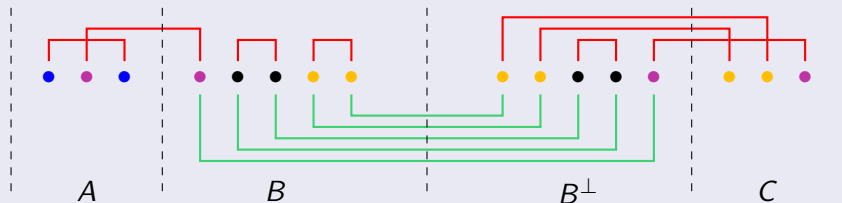
An identity proof-structure is correct.

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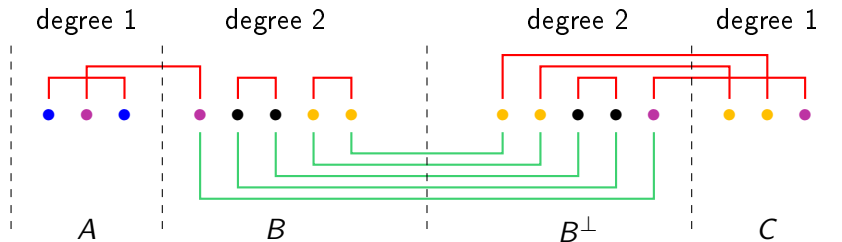
Equivalence Class of a leaf

Take two proof-nets on $\vdash A, B$ and $\vdash B^\perp, C$. Forget the syntax trees, keep only the leaves, the **axiom edges** and put **edges** between dual leaves of B and B^\perp .

Equivalence class of a leaf: those connected to it in this graph.



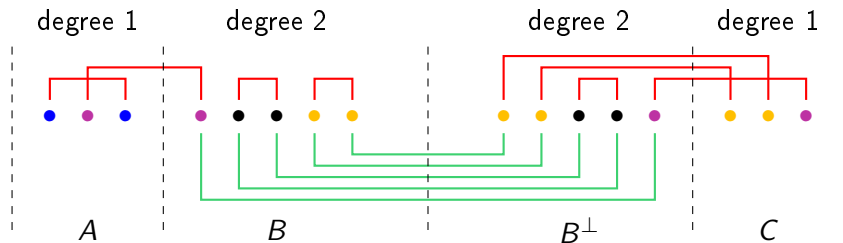
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Thus an equivalence class contains exactly either two leaves of A and C or zero (for they are of degree 1).

Using the correctness criterion, there are no cycles; hence each class contains exactly two leaves of A and C . (*But we do not need it here.*)

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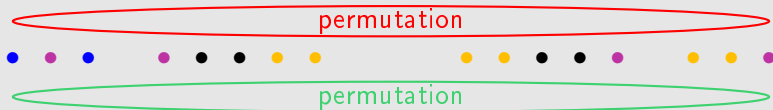
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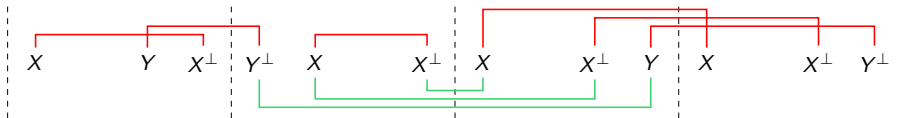
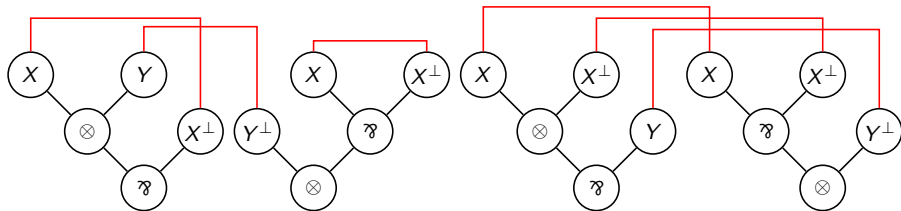
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Orthogonality of GOI / of Danos-Regnier

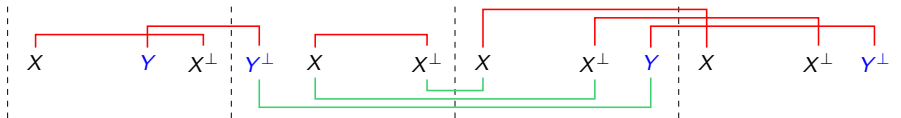
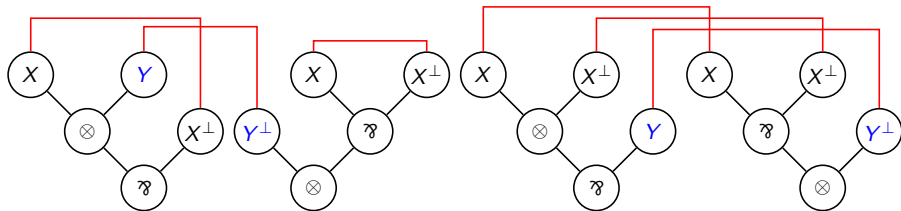
Composition of permutations, yielding a permutation if they are orthogonal
= there are no cycles, only paths



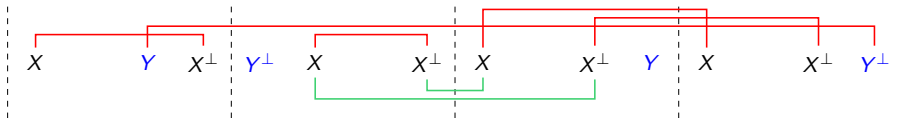
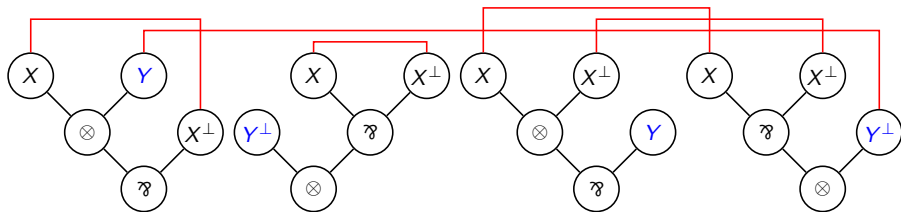
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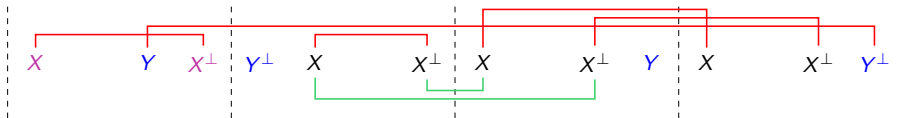
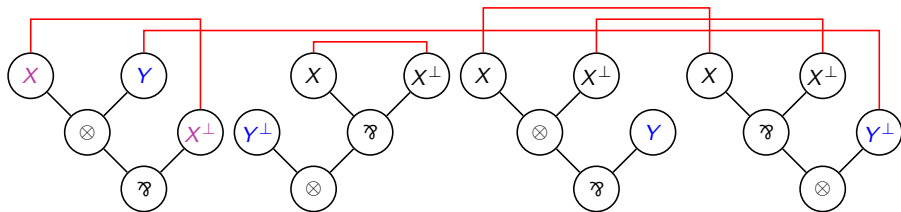
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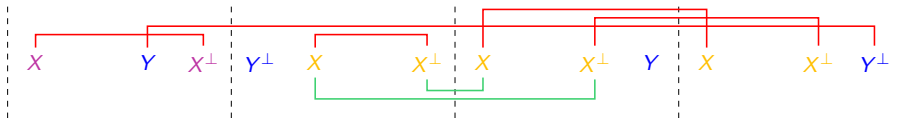
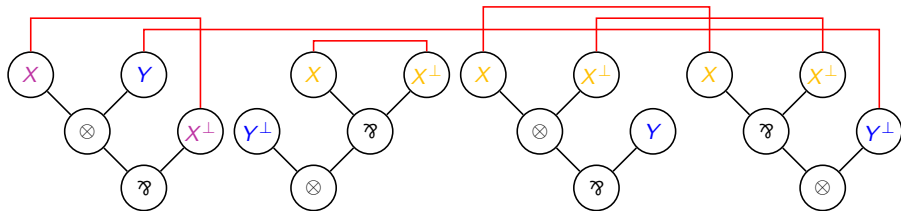
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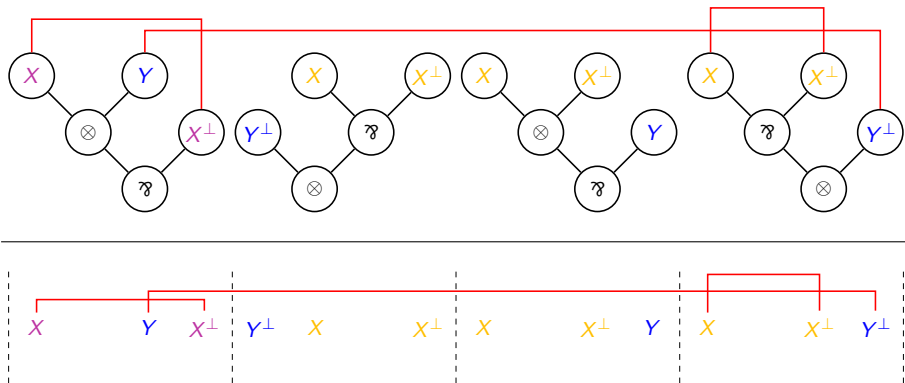
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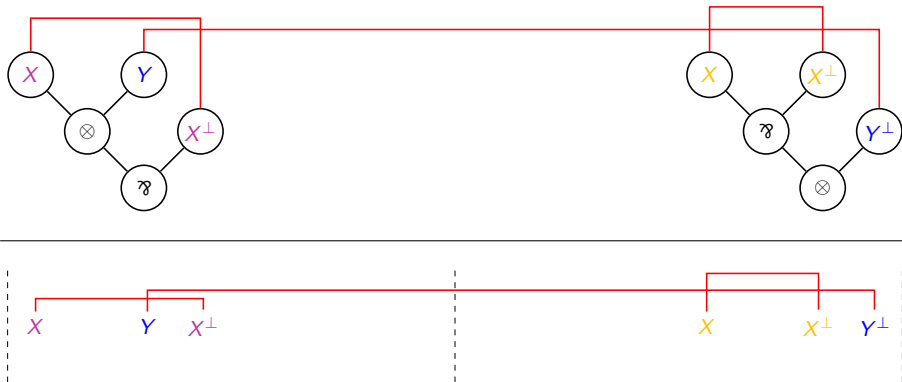
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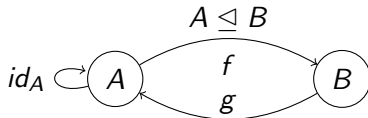


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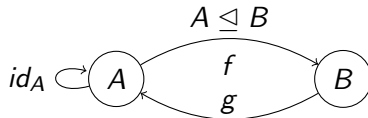
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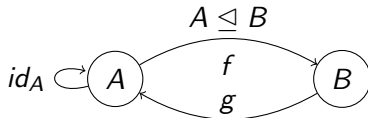
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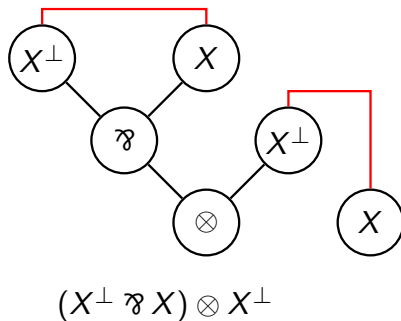
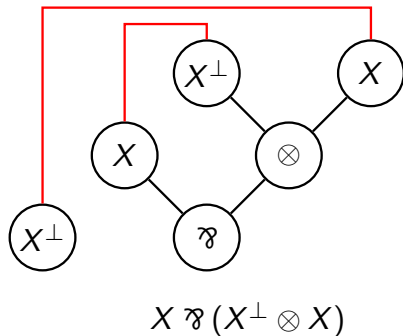
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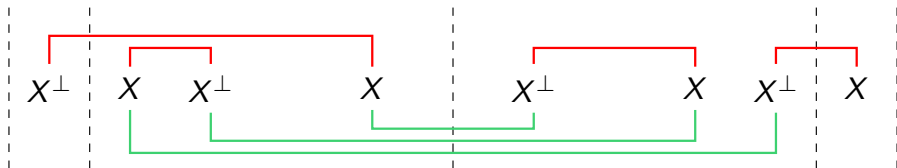
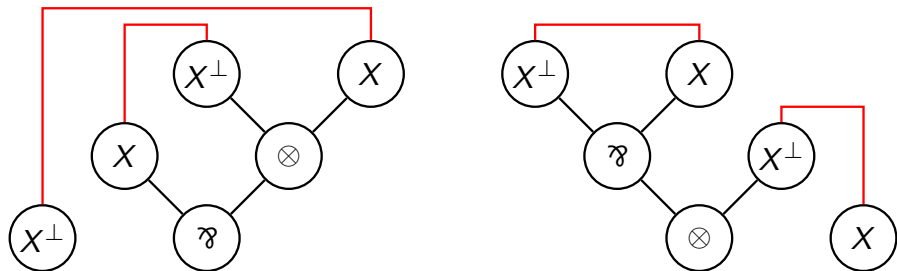
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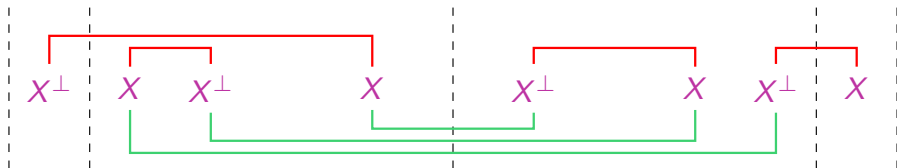
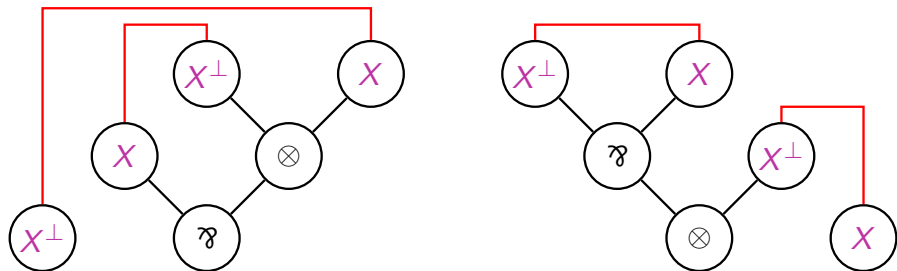
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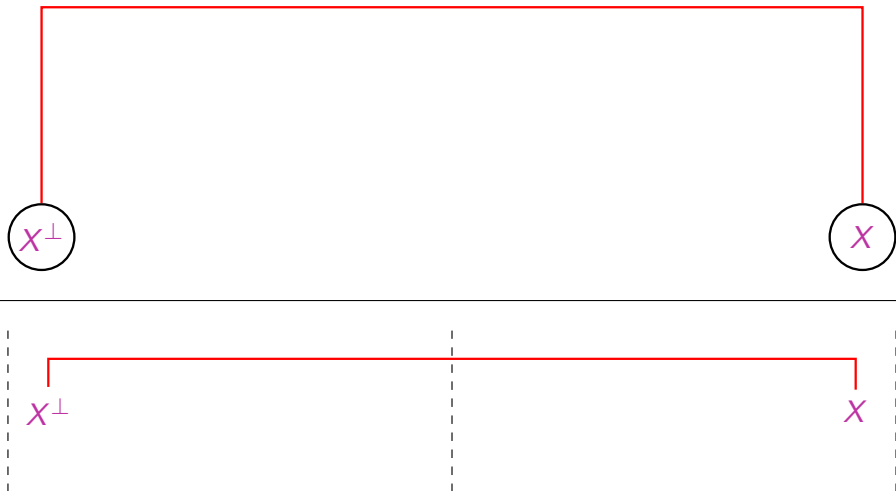
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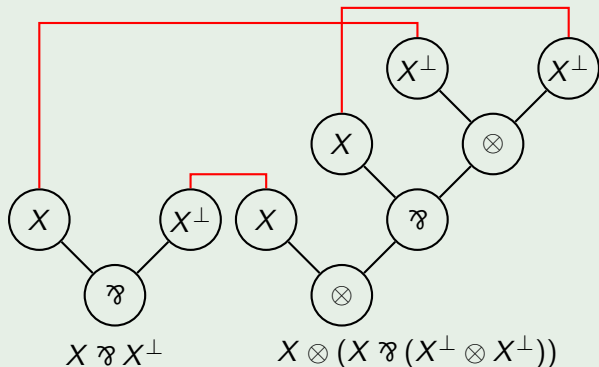
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A proof-net on $\vdash A, B$ is *half-bipartite* in A if there is no link between leaves of A .

Example

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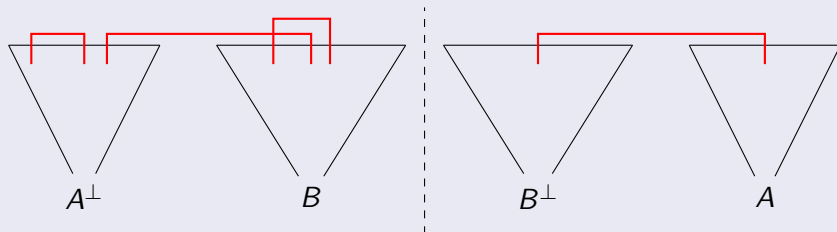
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Lemma

Proof-nets of $A \trianglelefteq B$ are half-bipartite in A^\perp and A respectively.

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A link between leaves of A^\perp or A would survive in the composition, i.e. in the resulting identity proof-net: contradiction.

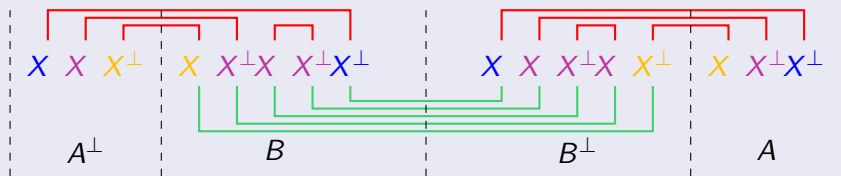


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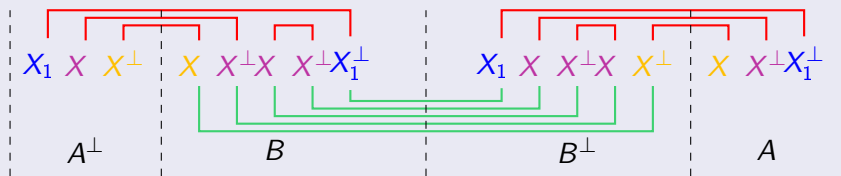
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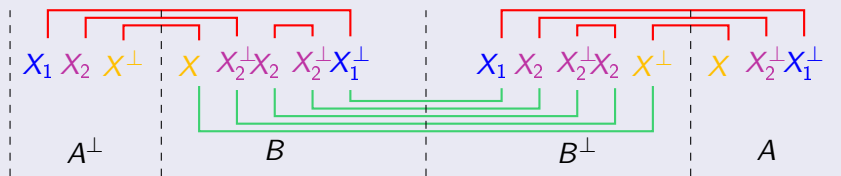
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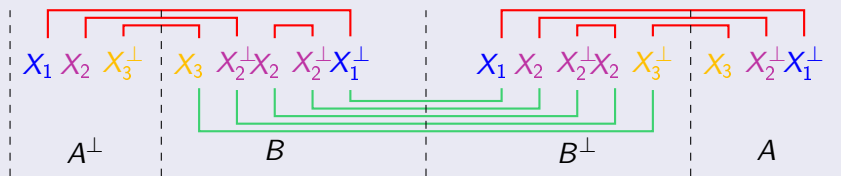
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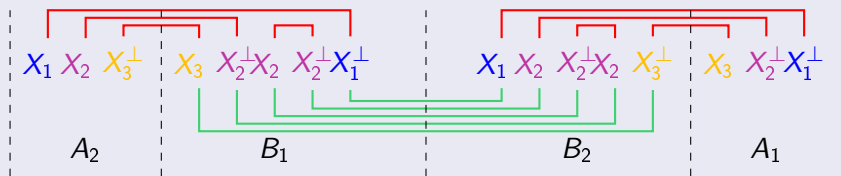
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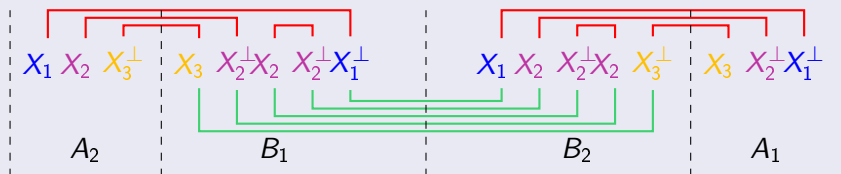
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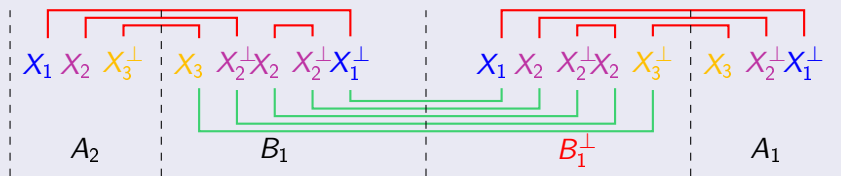
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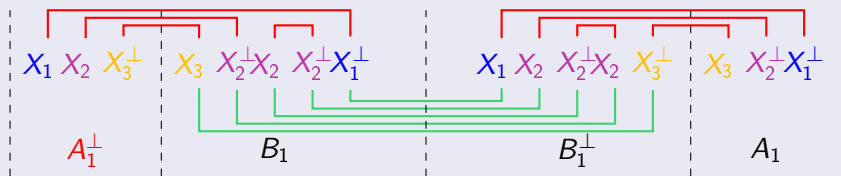
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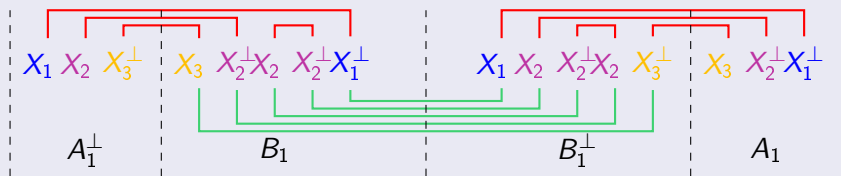
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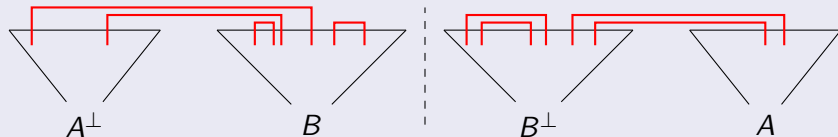
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Proof.



If $s(A) = s(B)$, then each atom of B corresponds to one in A^\perp , so B non-ambiguous too. Thus, both compositions yield identities.

Reciprocally, associativity and commutativity preserve the size.



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Generally:

$$\{\otimes X_i\} \triangleleft \{\otimes X_i\} \wp (X_1 \otimes (X_1^\perp \wp (\dots (X_{n-1} \otimes (X_{n-1}^\perp \wp (X_n \otimes X_n^\perp)) \dots))))$$

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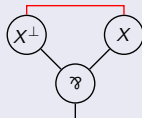
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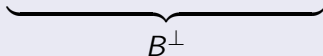
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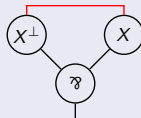
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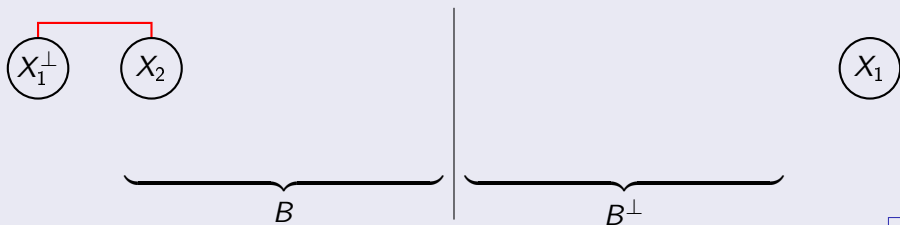
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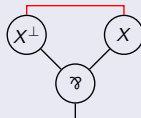
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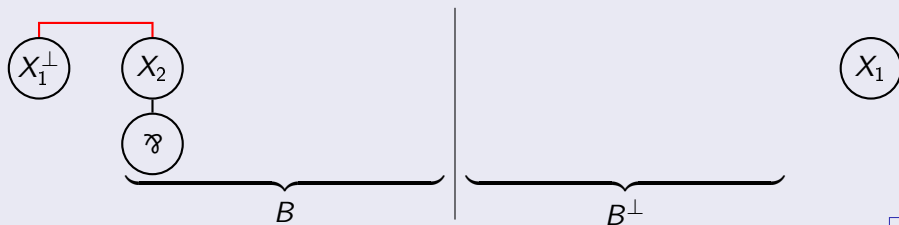
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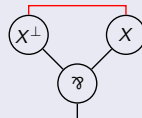
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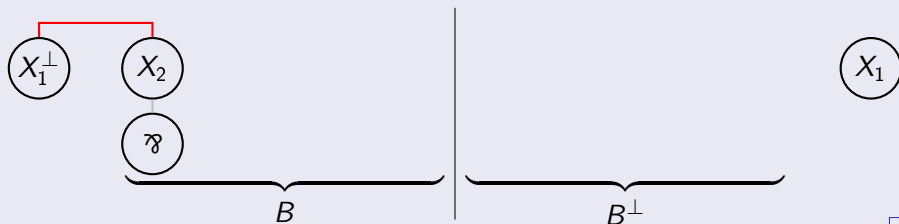
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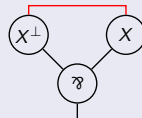
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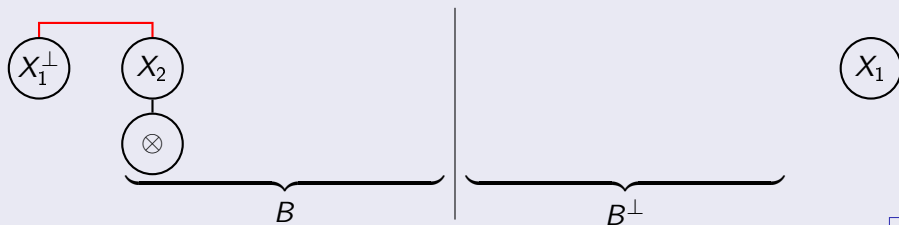
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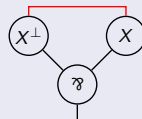
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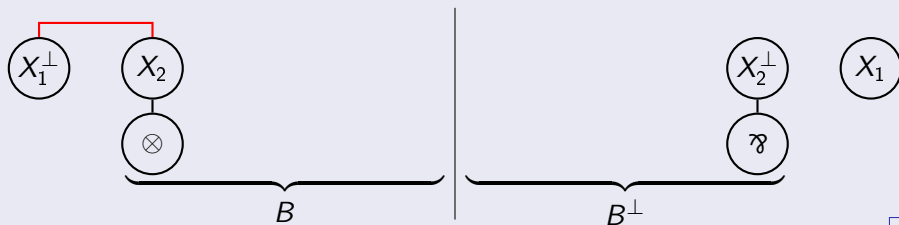
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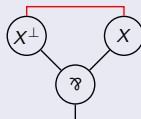
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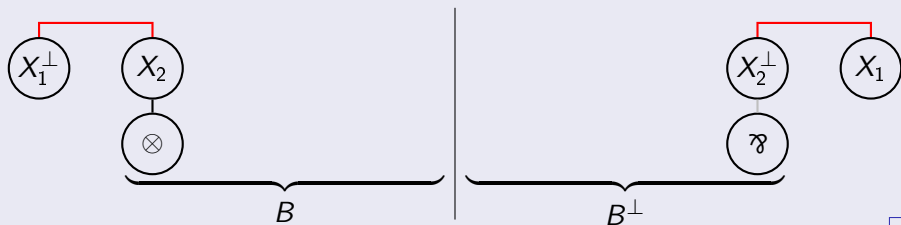
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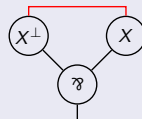
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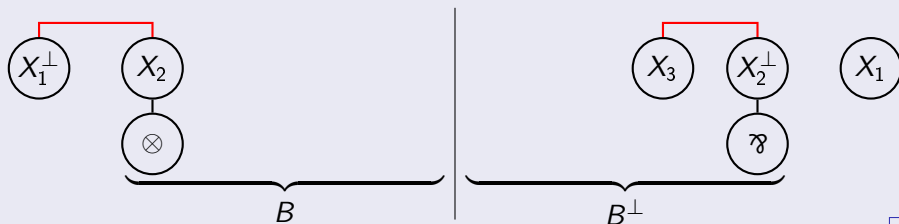
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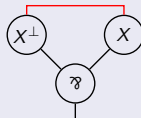
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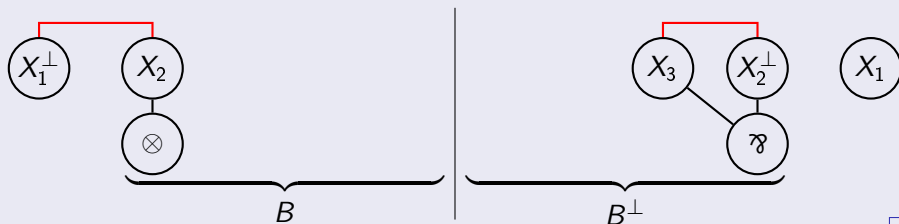
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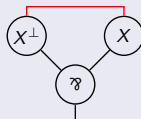
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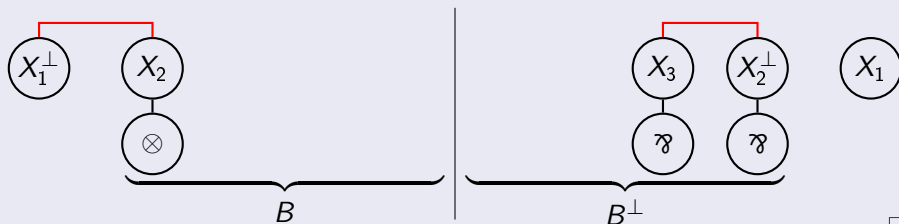
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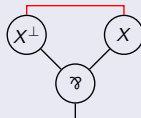
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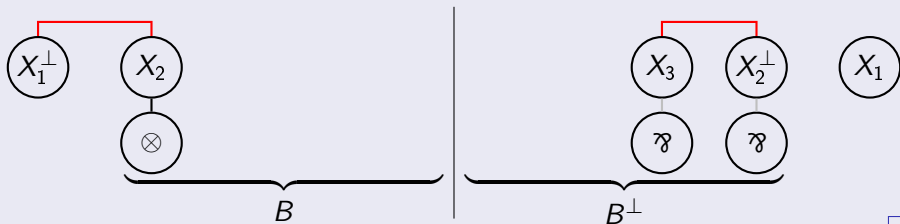
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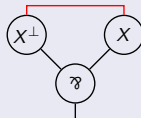
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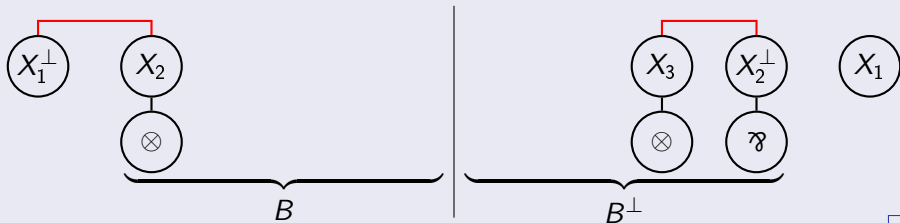


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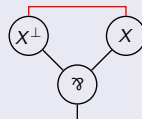
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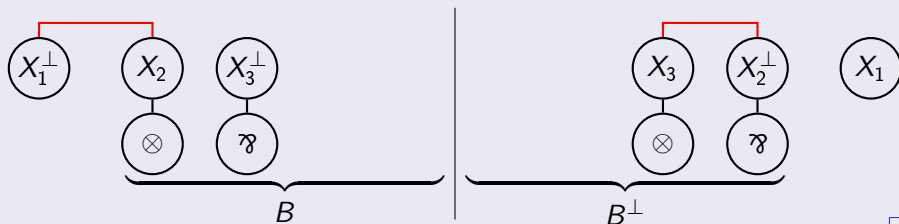


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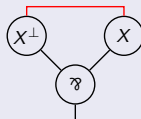
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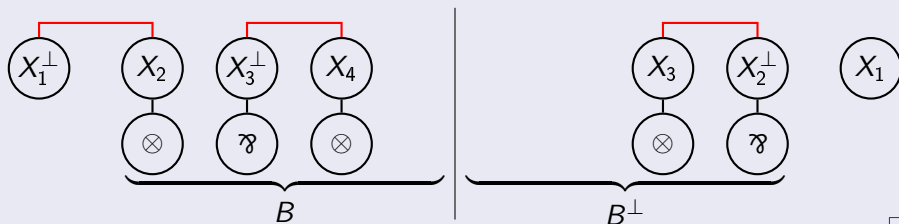


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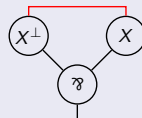
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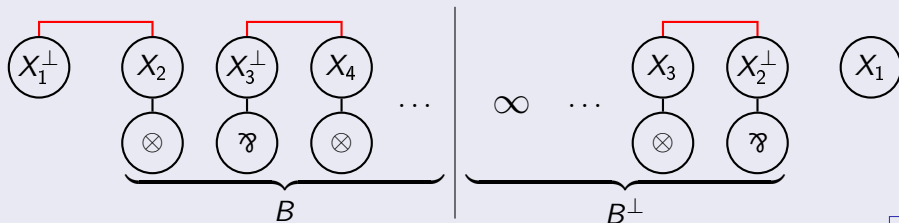


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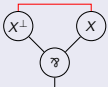
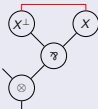
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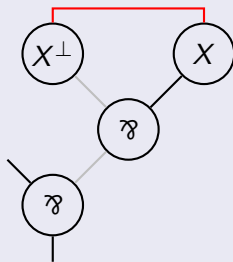
Extended pattern

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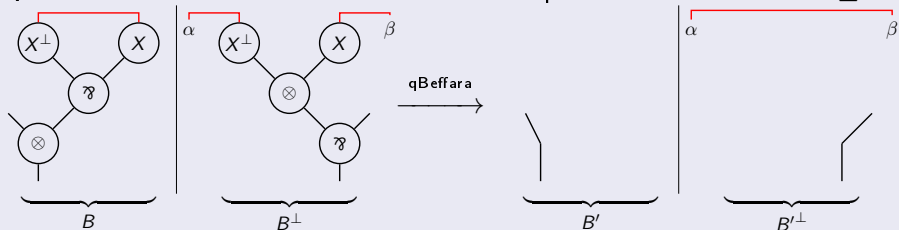
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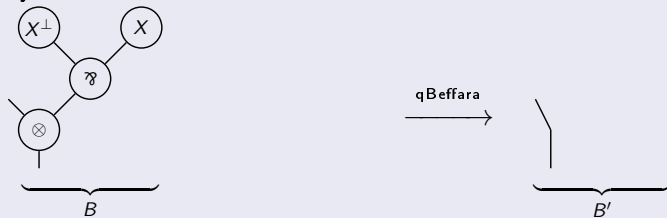


Definition

Quasi-Beffara is this local transformation on proofs of a retraction $A \trianglelefteq B$:



By extension, this defines two transformations on a formula B (by duality):



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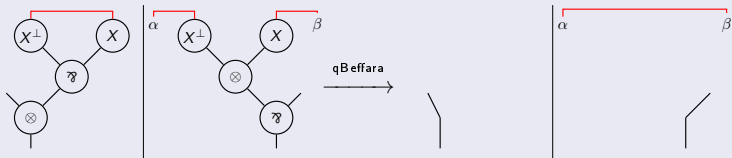
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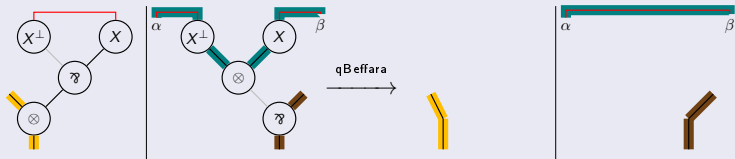
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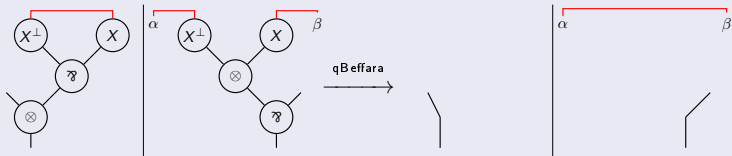
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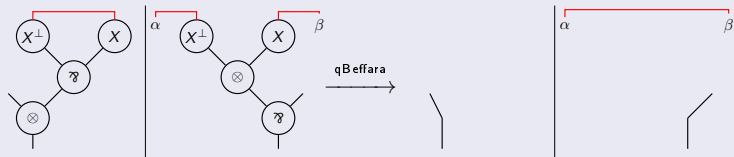
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- (result of composition over B)



Completeness of Quasi-Beffara

Proposition

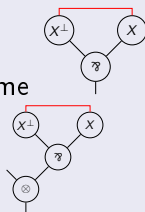
If $X \sqsubseteq B$ then $B \xrightarrow{\text{qBeffara}}^* X$.

Proof.

By induction on the size of B . Trivial if $B = X$.

Else, by previous results:

① we find some



② which is a

③ $B \xrightarrow{\text{qBeffara}} B', X \sqsubseteq B'$ and B' of strictly smaller size



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(associativity and commutativity of \wp and \otimes)

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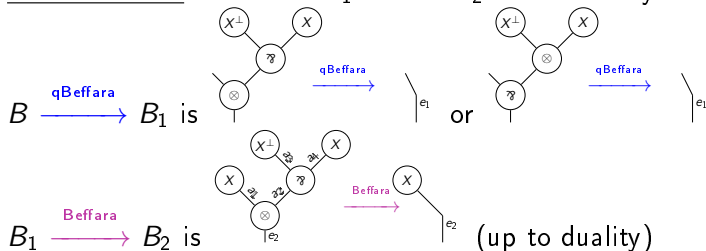
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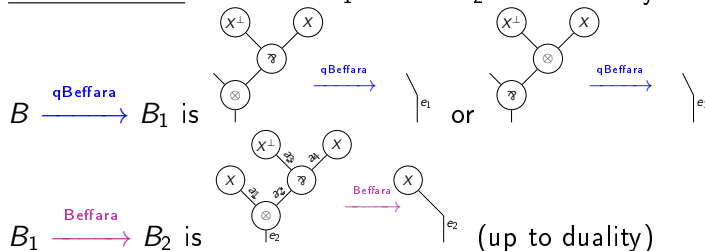


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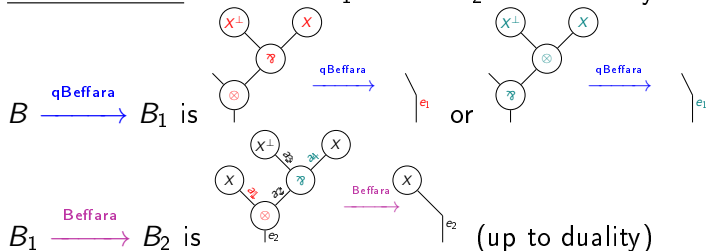
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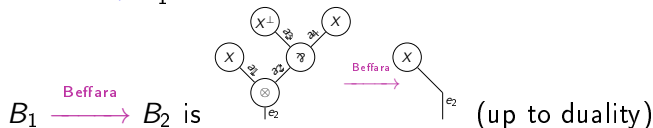
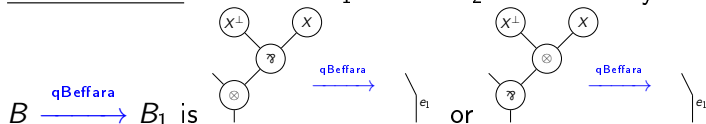
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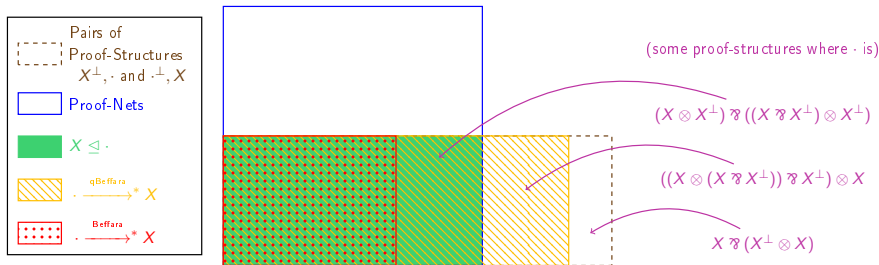
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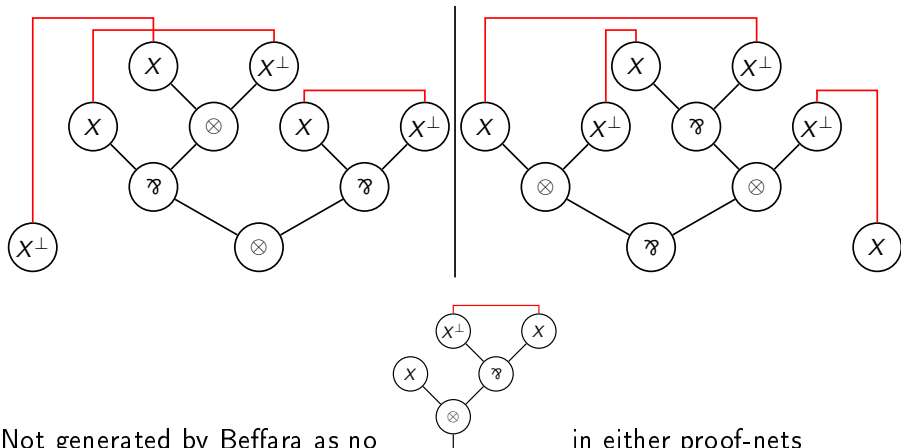
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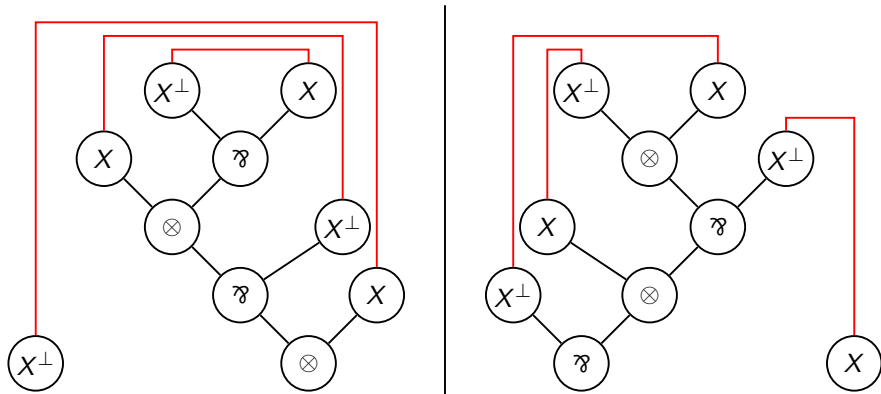
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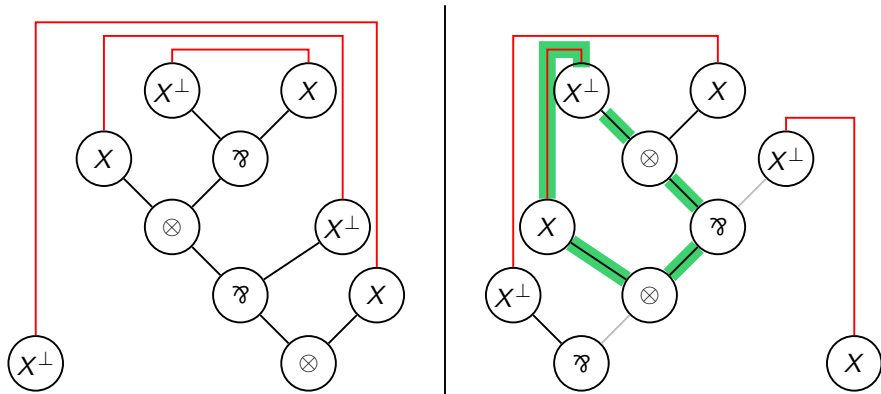
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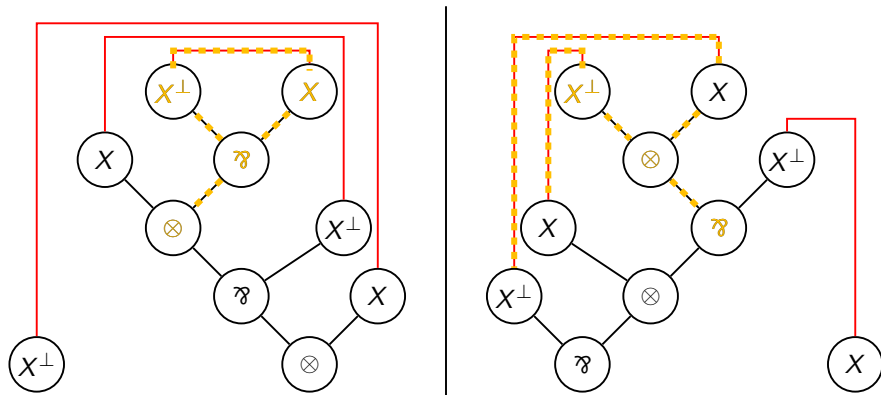
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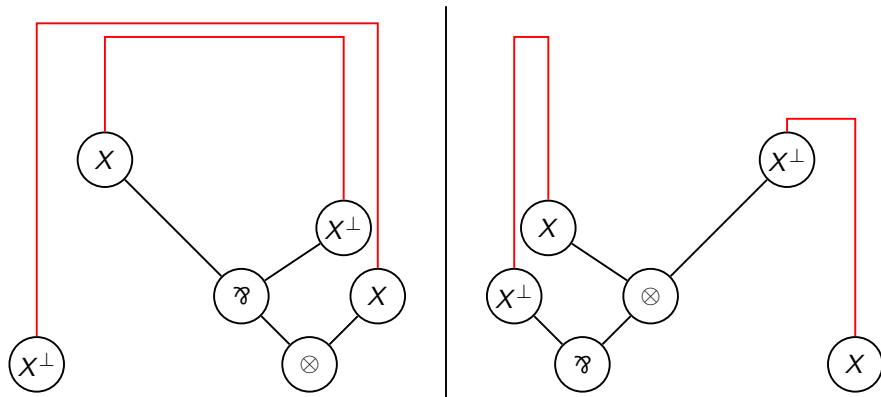
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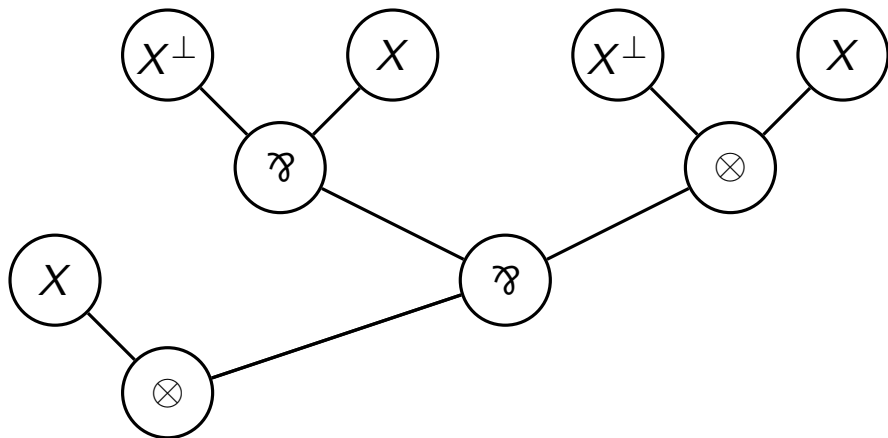
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This is Beffara, attainable from X by one step of Quasi-Beffara

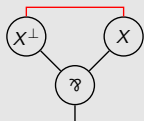
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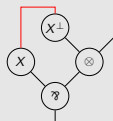
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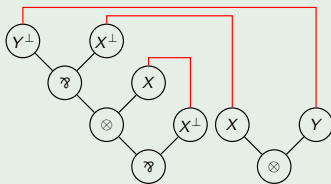
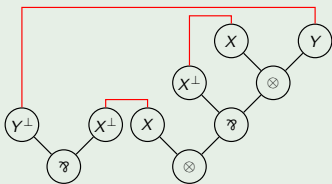
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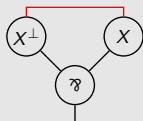


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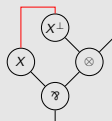


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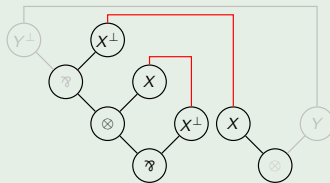
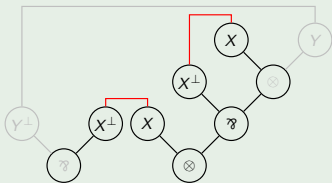
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Fragment	Provability
LL	Undecidable ☹
MELL	TOWER-hard ☹ (decidability is open)
MALL	PSPACE-complete ☹
ALL	P-complete

(an overview of these results on provability can be found in [Lincoln, 1995])

Conclusion

- $X \trianglelefteq B \iff B \xrightarrow[\text{Beffara}]{}^* X$ up to isomorphism with some subtleties on the proof-morphisms
- General properties: Cantor-Bernstein, result on sizes, only provability of a particular shape no consider, ...
- Units, which are known for creating difficulties, do not matter here
- Still the problem is difficult!
And it is even worse in larger fragments of linear logic.

$$X \triangleleft X \otimes (X^\perp \wp X)$$

$$A \triangleleft A \otimes (X^\perp \wp X) \iff X \in A$$

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Thank you
for your attention!

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$$X \oplus Y \triangleleft ((X \oplus Z) \& (X \oplus Y)) \oplus Y$$

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Retraction of an atom manageable.

But generally composition is bad due to the side condition:

$$X \oplus Y \triangleleft ((X \oplus Z) \& (X \oplus Y)) \oplus Y$$

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$$A \trianglelefteq A \& B \iff \vdash A^\perp, B \qquad \text{or} \qquad A \trianglelefteq A \oplus B \iff \vdash A, B^\perp$$

Retraction of an atom manageable.

But generally composition is bad due to the side condition:

$$X \oplus Y \triangleleft ((X \oplus Z) \& (X \oplus Y)) \oplus Y$$

comes from $X \oplus Y \triangleleft (X \oplus Y) \oplus Y$ without $\vdash X \oplus Z, (X \oplus Y)^\perp$

- Cantor-Bernstein holds in ALL. More complicated in MALL...