

Dialogue categories and Frobenius monoids

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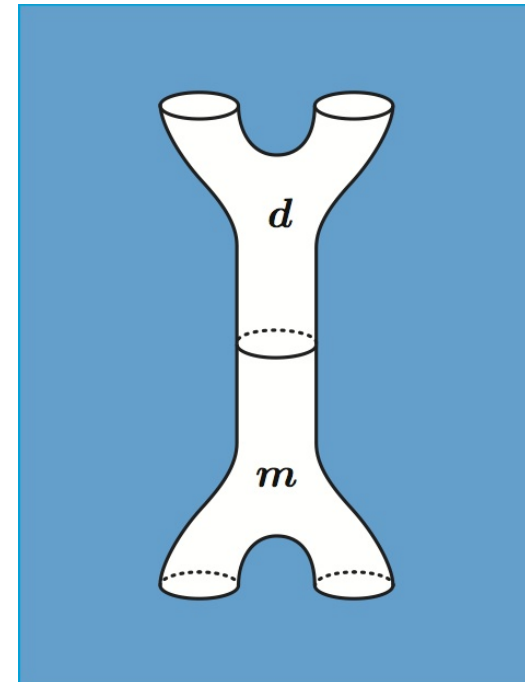
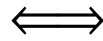
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Two [academic] lives entangled

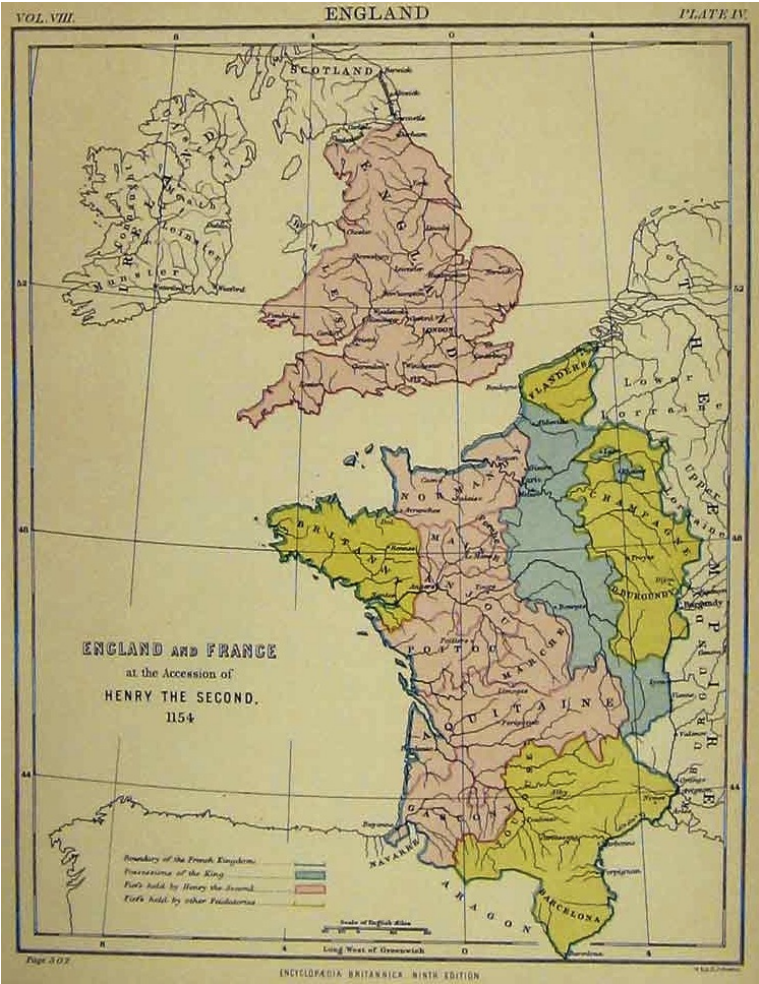


Dialogue games



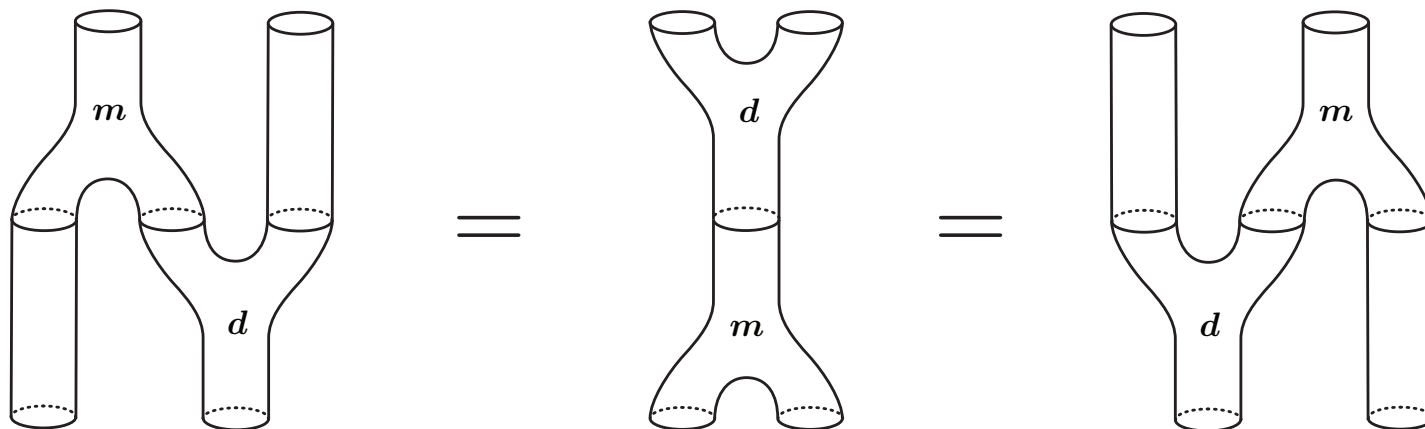
Frobenius algebras

Living on both sides of the Channel



The Australian connection

A Frobenius monoid F is a monoid and a comonoid satisfying



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

Original purpose of tensorial logic

To provide a clear type-theoretic foundation to game semantics

Propositions as types \Leftrightarrow Propositions as games

based on the idea that

game semantics is a diagrammatic syntax of continuations

Continuations

Captures the difference between addition as a **function**

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

and addition as a **sequential algorithm**

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

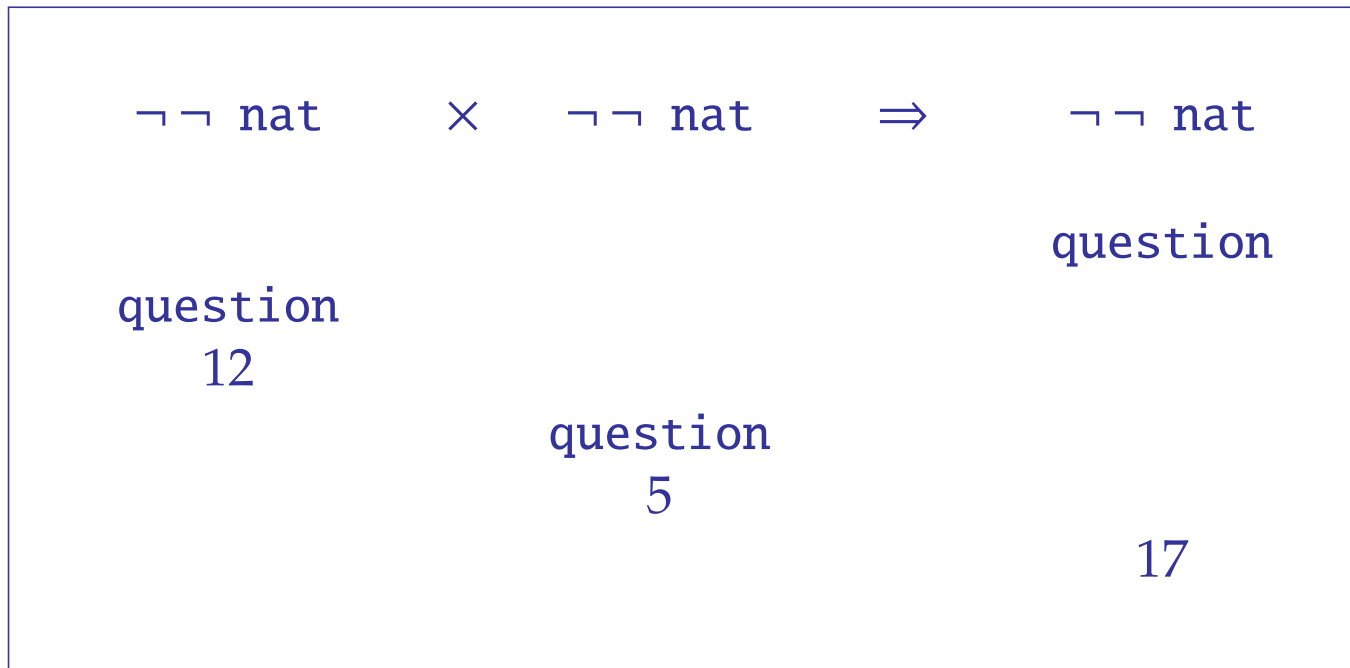
This enables to distinguish the **left-to-right** implementation

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from the **right-to-left** implementation

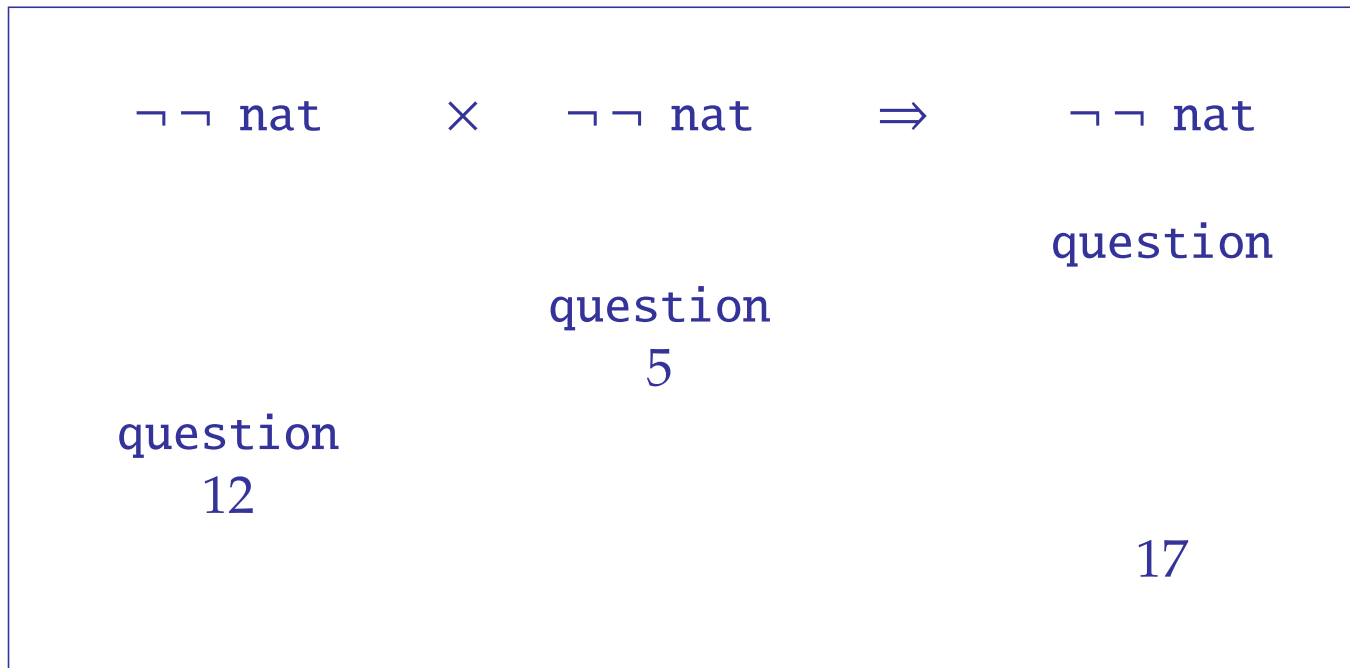
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The left-to-right addition



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The right-to-left addition



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Tensorial logic

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

A synthesis between linear logic and game semantics

Tensorial logic

- ▷ Every sequent of the logic is of the form:

$$A_1, \dots, A_n \vdash B$$

- ▷ Main rules of the logic:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Delta \vdash B}{\Gamma, \Delta \vdash A \otimes B}$$

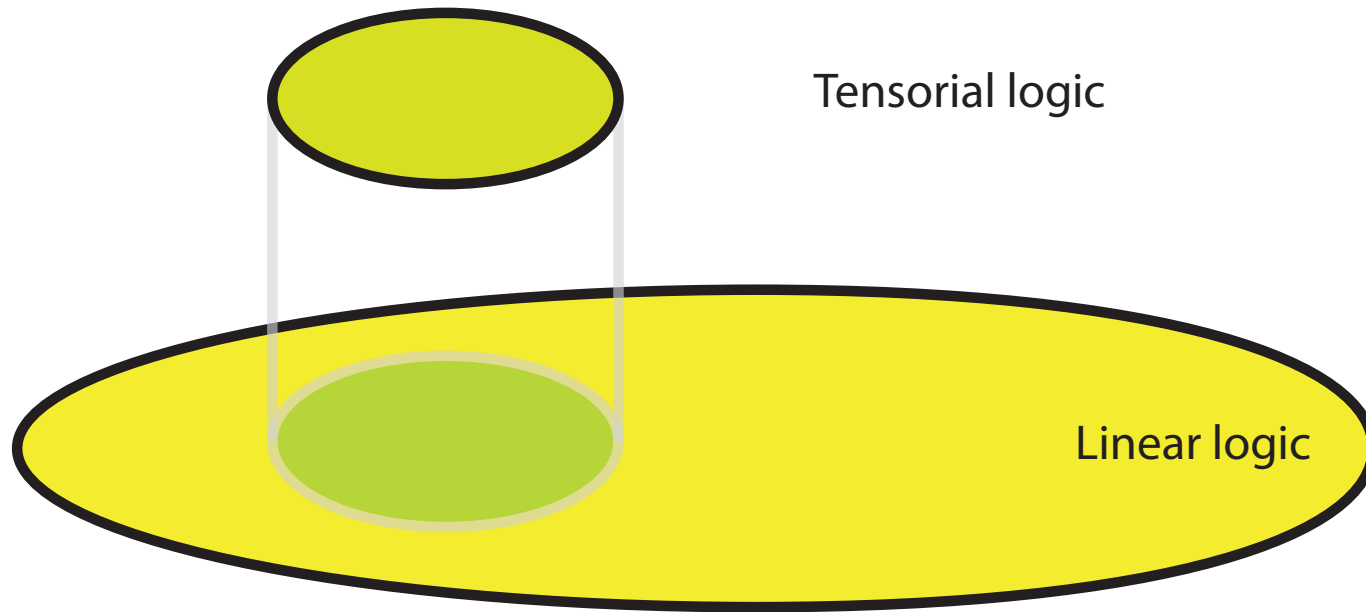
$$\frac{\Gamma, A, B, \Delta \vdash C}{\Gamma, A \otimes B, \Delta \vdash C}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \perp}{\Gamma \vdash \neg A}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma, \neg A \vdash \perp}$$

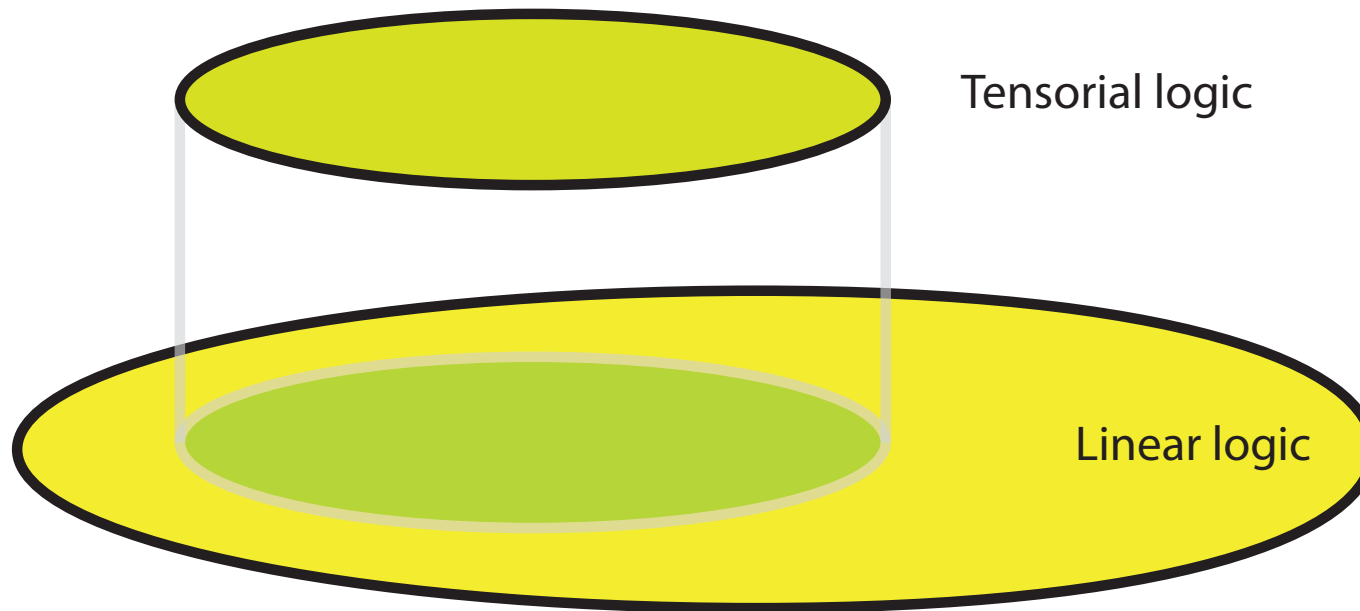
The primitive kernel of logic

A different way to think of polarities



Motto: linear logic is a depolarized tensorial logic

A different way to think of polarities



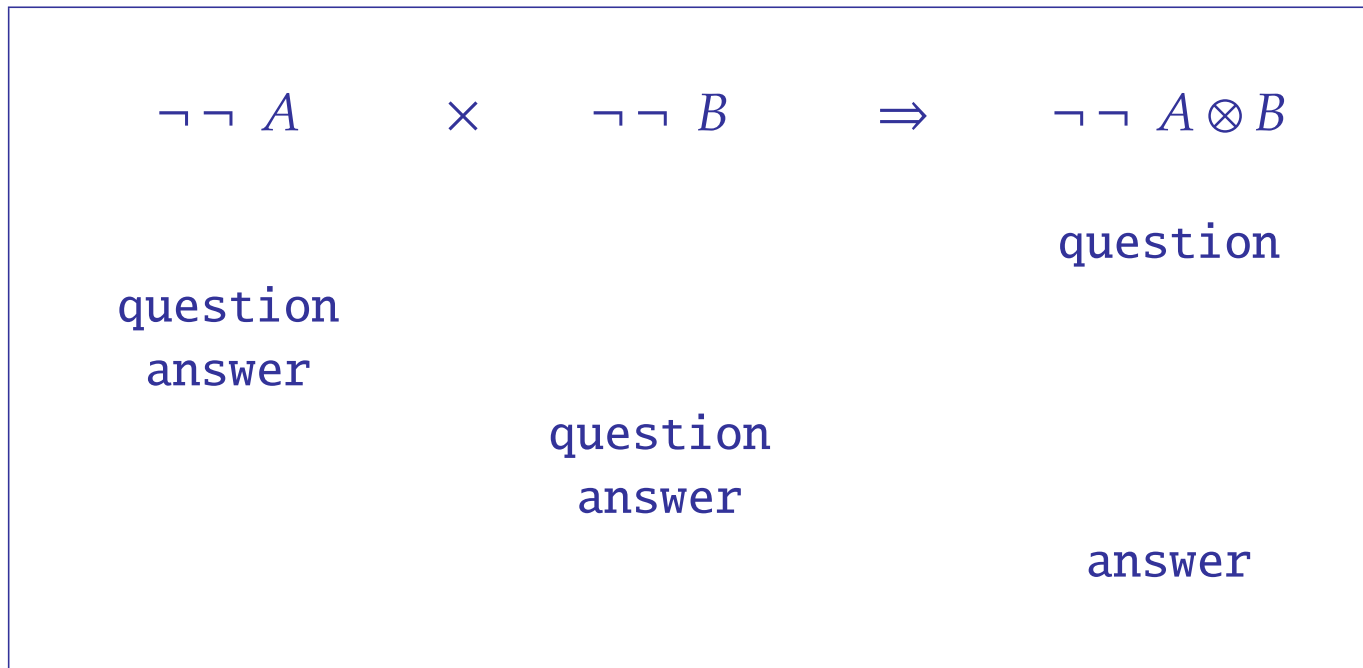
Motto: linear logic is a depolarized tensorial logic

The left-to-right scheduler

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\frac{\frac{A \vdash A \quad B \vdash B}{A, B \vdash A \otimes B}}{B, \neg(A \otimes B), A \vdash}}{\neg(A \otimes B), A \vdash \neg B} \text{Right } \otimes \\
 \frac{\frac{\frac{A, \neg\neg B, \neg(A \otimes B) \vdash}{\neg\neg B, \neg(A \otimes B) \vdash \neg A}}{\neg(A \otimes B), \neg\neg A, \neg\neg B \vdash}}{\neg\neg A, \neg\neg B \vdash \neg\neg(A \otimes B)} \text{Left } \neg \\
 \frac{\neg\neg A \otimes \neg\neg B \vdash \neg\neg(A \otimes B)}{\neg\neg A \otimes \neg\neg B \vdash \neg\neg(A \otimes B)} \text{Right } \neg \\
 \text{Left } \otimes
 \end{array}$$

$$\text{lrsched} = \lambda\varphi. \lambda\psi. \lambda k. \varphi(\lambda x. \psi(\lambda y. k(x, y)))$$

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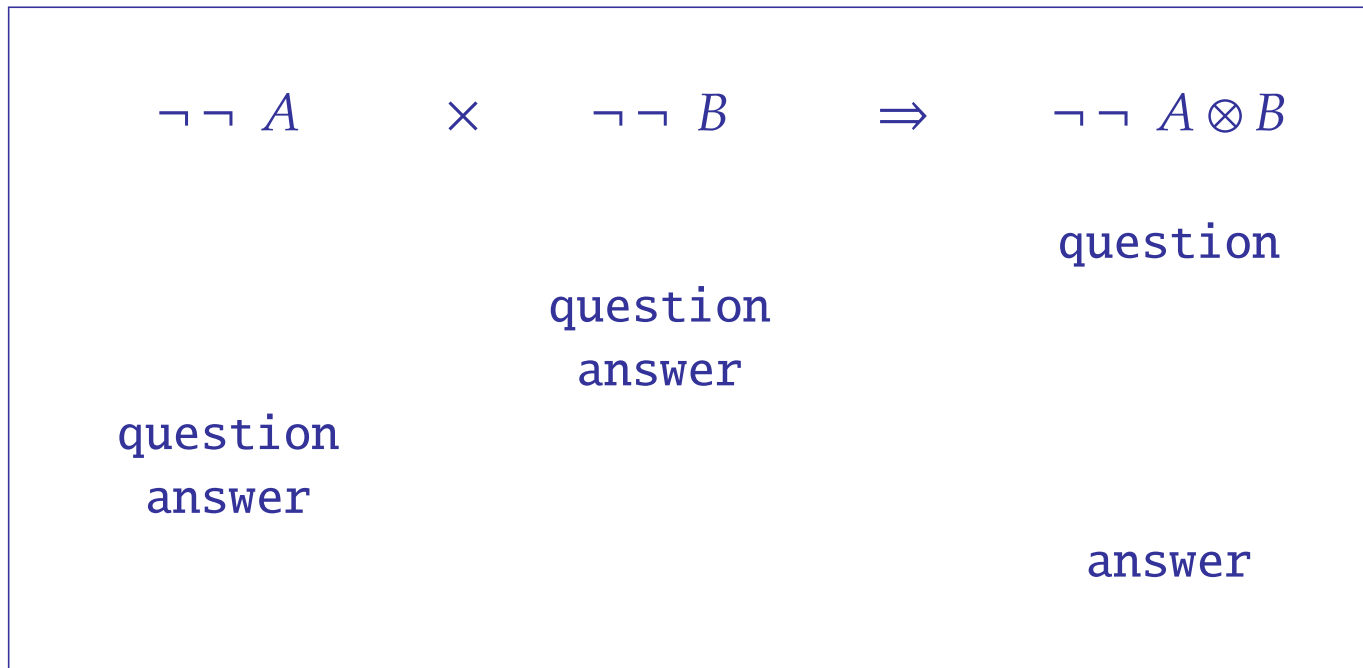
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The right-to-left scheduler

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\frac{\frac{A \vdash A \quad B \vdash B}{A, B \vdash A \otimes B}}{A, B, \neg(A \otimes B) \vdash}}{B, \neg(A \otimes B) \vdash \neg A} \text{Right } \otimes \\
 \frac{B, \neg(A \otimes B) \vdash \neg A}{B, \neg(A \otimes B), \neg\neg A \vdash} \text{Left } \neg \\
 \frac{B, \neg(A \otimes B), \neg\neg A \vdash}{\neg(A \otimes B), \neg\neg A \vdash \neg B} \text{Right } \neg \\
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 \frac{\neg\neg A, \neg\neg B \vdash \neg\neg(A \otimes B)}{\neg\neg A \otimes \neg\neg B \vdash \neg\neg(A \otimes B)} \text{Left } \otimes
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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

$$A \otimes B \longrightarrow \perp$$

and the set of maps

$$B \longrightarrow A \multimap \perp$$

A familiar situation in tensorial algebra

Dialogue categories

A **monoidal category** with a **right duality**

A natural bijection between the set of maps

$$A \otimes B \longrightarrow \perp$$

and the set of maps

$$A \longrightarrow \perp \circ B$$

A familiar situation in tensorial algebra

Dialogue categories

Definition. A dialogue category is a monoidal category \mathcal{C} equipped with

▷ an object \perp

▷ two natural bijections

$$\varphi_{A,B} : \mathcal{C}(A \otimes B, \perp) \longrightarrow \mathcal{C}(B, A \multimap \perp)$$

$$\psi_{A,B} : \mathcal{C}(A \otimes B, \perp) \longrightarrow \mathcal{C}(A, \perp \multimap B)$$

Helical dialogue categories

A dialogue category equipped with a family of bijections

$$\textit{wheel}_{A,B} : \mathcal{C}(A \otimes B, \perp) \longrightarrow \mathcal{C}(B \otimes A, \perp)$$

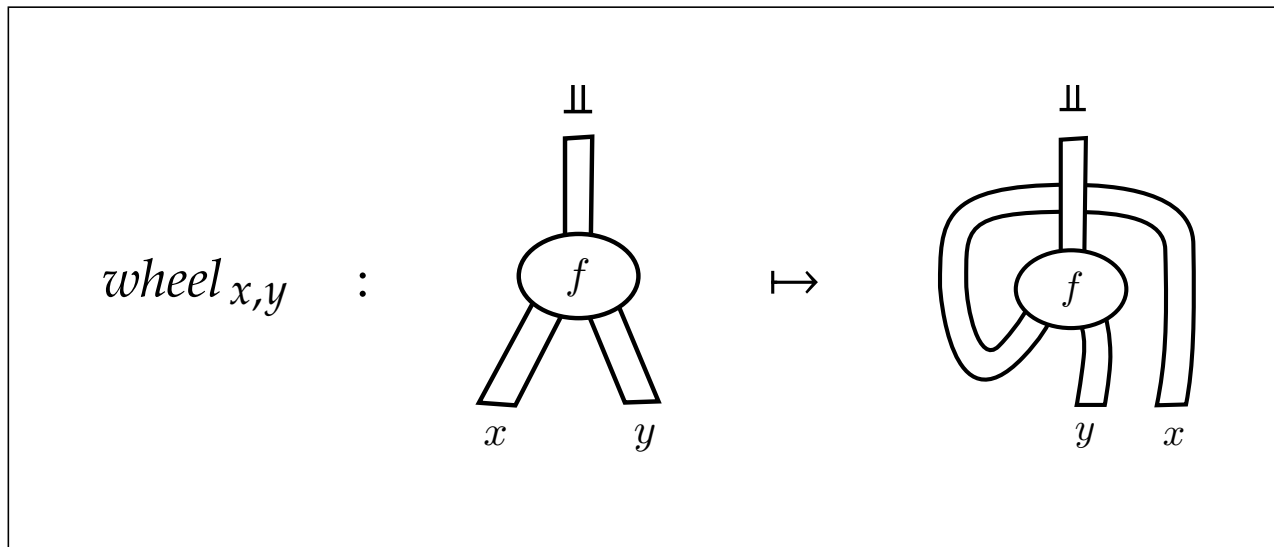
natural in A and B making the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{C}((B \otimes C) \otimes A, \perp) & \xrightarrow{\textit{associativity}} & \mathcal{C}(A \otimes (C \otimes B), \perp) \\
 \uparrow \textit{wheel}_{A, B \otimes C} & & \downarrow \textit{wheel}_{B, C \otimes A} \\
 \mathcal{C}(A \otimes (B \otimes C)) & & \mathcal{C}((C \otimes A) \otimes B, \perp) \\
 \downarrow \textit{associativity} & & \uparrow \textit{associativity} \\
 \mathcal{C}((A \otimes B) \otimes C, \perp) & \xrightarrow{\textit{wheel}_{A \otimes B, C}} & \mathcal{C}(C \otimes (A \otimes B), \perp)
 \end{array}$$

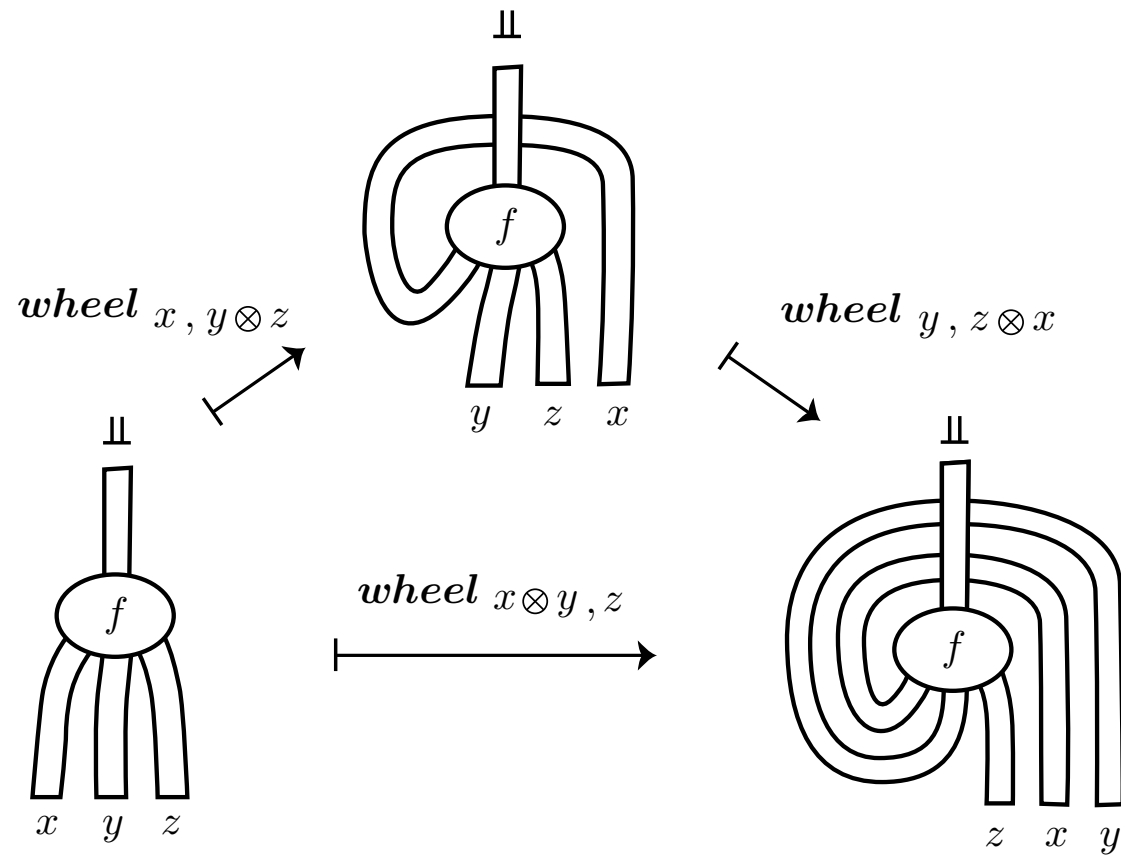
commutes.

Helical dialogue categories

The wheel should be understood diagrammatically as:



The coherence diagram



An equivalent formulation

A dialogue category equipped with a natural isomorphism

$$\text{turn}_A : A \multimap \perp \longrightarrow \perp \multimap A$$

making the diagram below commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & & \perp \\
 & \swarrow \text{eval} & \nwarrow \text{eval} \\
 (\perp \multimap A) \otimes A & & B \otimes (B \multimap \perp) \\
 \uparrow \text{turn}_A & & \uparrow \text{turn}_B^{-1} \\
 (A \multimap \perp) \otimes A & & B \otimes (\perp \multimap B) \\
 \uparrow \text{eval} & & \uparrow \text{eval} \\
 B \otimes ((A \otimes B) \multimap \perp) \otimes A & \xrightarrow{\text{turn}_{A \otimes B}} & B \otimes (\perp \multimap (A \otimes B)) \otimes A
 \end{array}$$

The free dialogue category

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

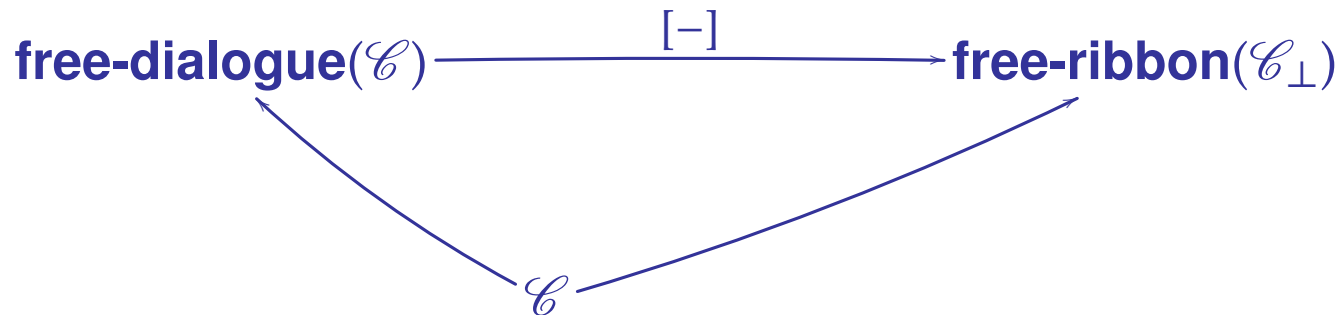
$$A, B ::= X \mid A \otimes B \mid A \multimap \perp \mid \perp \multimap A \mid 1$$

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

The morphisms are the **proofs** of the logic modulo equality.

A proof-as-tangle theorem

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



where \mathcal{C}_\perp is the category \mathcal{C} extended with an object \perp .

Theorem. The functor $[-]$ is faithful.

→ a topological foundation for game semantics

An illustration

Imagine that we want to check that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \perp \circ - (\perp \circ - x) & \xrightarrow{\perp \circ - \text{turn}_x} & \perp \circ - (x \circ - \perp) \\
 \text{turn}_{\perp \circ - x} \uparrow & & \uparrow \text{twist} \circ - (x \circ - \perp) \\
 (\perp \circ - x) \circ - \perp & & \perp \circ - (x \circ - \perp) \\
 \eta' \swarrow & x & \searrow \eta
 \end{array}$$

commutes in every balanced dialogue category.

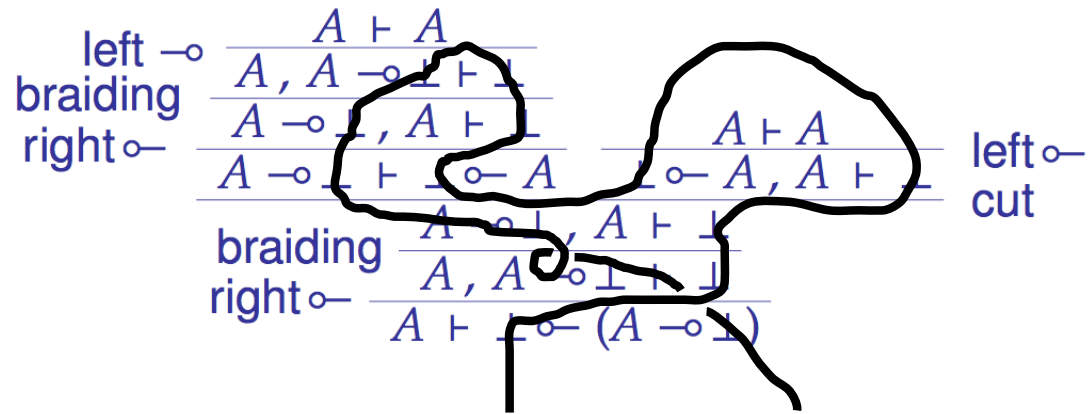
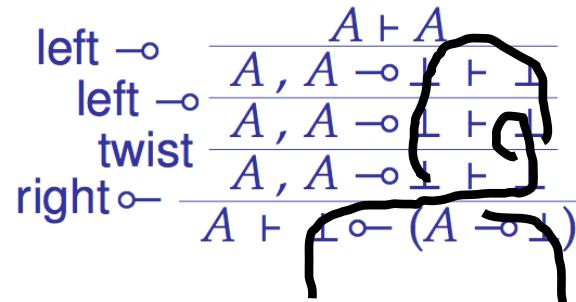
An illustration

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

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{left } \multimap \\
 \text{left } \multimap \\
 \text{twist} \\
 \text{right } \multimap
 \end{array}
 \frac{
 \frac{
 \frac{
 A \vdash A
 }{
 A, A \multimap \perp \vdash \perp
 }
 }{
 A, A \multimap \perp \vdash \perp
 }
 }{
 A, A \multimap \perp \vdash \perp
 }
 }{
 A \vdash \perp \multimap (A \multimap \perp)
 }$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{left } \multimap \\
 \text{braiding} \\
 \text{right } \multimap
 \end{array}
 \frac{
 \frac{
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 A \vdash A
 }{
 A, A \multimap \perp \vdash \perp
 }
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 A \multimap \perp, A \vdash \perp
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 A \multimap \perp, A \vdash \perp
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 A, A \multimap \perp \vdash \perp
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 }{
 A \vdash \perp \multimap (A \multimap \perp)
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 \quad
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{left } \multimap \\
 \text{cut}
 \end{array}$$

An illustration



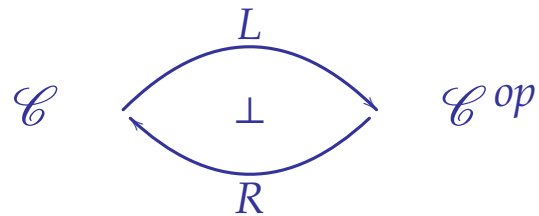
equality of proofs \iff equality of tangles

Dialogue chiralities

A symmetric account of dialogue categories

The self-adjunction of negations

Negation defines a pair of **adjoint functors**



witnessed by the series of bijection:

$$\mathcal{C}(A, \neg B) \cong \mathcal{C}(B, \neg A) \cong \mathcal{C}^{op}(\neg A, B)$$

The symmetry of logic



Eloise speaks to Abelard who speaks to Eloise who speaks to...

From categories to chiralities

This leads to a slightly bizarre idea:

decorrelate the category \mathcal{C} from its opposite category \mathcal{C}^{op}

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

$$\mathcal{A} \cong \mathcal{C} \quad \mathcal{B} \cong \mathcal{C}^{op}$$

for some category \mathcal{C} .

Here \cong means **equivalence** of category

Dialogue chiralities

A **dialogue chirality** is a pair of monoidal categories

$$(\mathcal{A}, \otimes, \text{true}) \quad (\mathcal{B}, \otimes, \text{false})$$

with a monoidal equivalence

$$\mathcal{A} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{(-)^*} \\ \text{monoidal} \\ \text{equivalence} \\ \xleftarrow{*(-)} \end{array} \mathcal{B}^{op(0,1)}$$

together with an adjunction

$$\mathcal{A} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{L} \\ \perp \\ \xleftarrow{R} \end{array} \mathcal{B}$$

Dialogue chiralities

and two natural bijections

$$\chi_{m,a,b}^L : \langle m \otimes a | b \rangle \longrightarrow \langle a | m^* \otimes b \rangle$$

$$\chi_{m,a,b}^R : \langle a \otimes m | b \rangle \longrightarrow \langle a | b \otimes m^* \rangle$$

where the evaluation bracket

$$\langle - | - \rangle : \mathcal{A}^{op} \times \mathcal{B} \longrightarrow \text{Set}$$

is defined as

$$\langle a | b \rangle := \mathcal{A}(a, Rb)$$

Dialogue chiralities

These are required to make the diagrams commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \langle (m \otimes n) \otimes a | b \rangle & \xrightarrow{\chi_{m \otimes n}^L} & \langle a | (m \otimes n)^* \otimes b \rangle \\
 \downarrow & & \uparrow \\
 \langle m \otimes (n \otimes a) | b \rangle & \xrightarrow{\chi_m^L} \langle n \otimes a | m^* \otimes b \rangle \xrightarrow{\chi_n^L} & \langle a | n^* \otimes (m^* \otimes b) \rangle
 \end{array}$$

[1]

Dialogue chiralities

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$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \langle a \otimes (m \otimes n) | b \rangle & \xrightarrow{\chi_{m \otimes n}^R} & \langle a | b \otimes (m \otimes n)^* \rangle \\
 \downarrow & & \uparrow \\
 \langle (a \otimes m) \otimes n | b \rangle & \xrightarrow{\chi_n^R} \langle a \otimes m | b \otimes n^* \rangle \xrightarrow{\chi_m^R} & \langle a | (b \otimes n^*) \otimes m^* \rangle
 \end{array}$$

[2]

Dialogue chiralities

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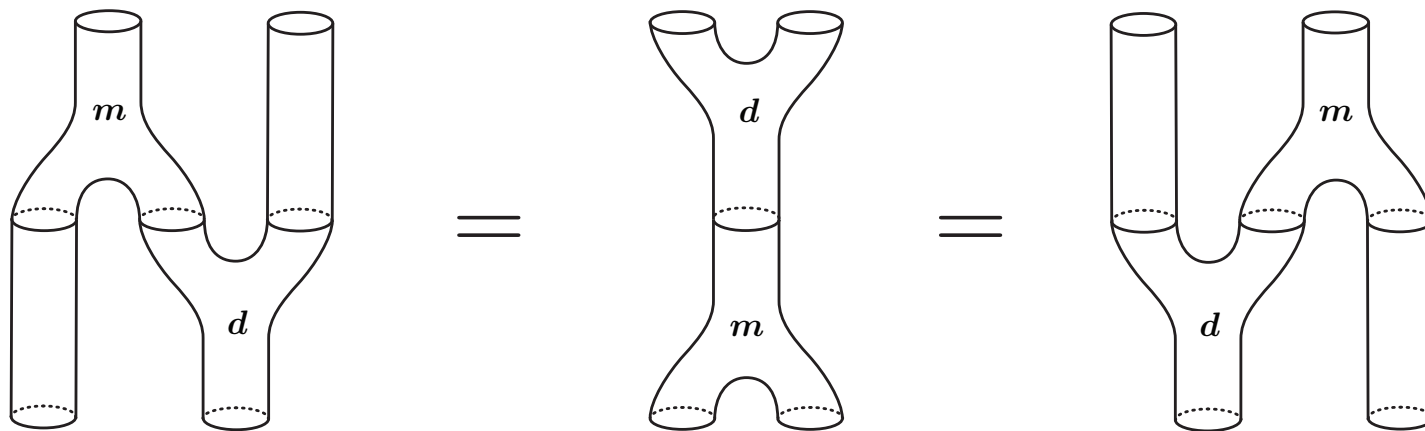
$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \langle (m \otimes a) \otimes n | b \rangle & \xrightarrow{\chi_n^R} & \langle m \otimes a | b \otimes n^* \rangle & \xrightarrow{\chi_m^L} & \langle a | m^* \otimes (b \otimes n^*) \rangle \\
 | & & & & | \\
 & & [3] & & \\
 | & & & & | \\
 \langle m \otimes (a \otimes n) | b \rangle & \xrightarrow{\chi_m^L} & \langle a \otimes n | m^* \otimes b \rangle & \xrightarrow{\chi_n^R} & \langle a | (m^* \otimes b) \otimes n^* \rangle
 \end{array}$$

Chiralities as Frobenius monoids

A bialgebraic account of dialogue categories

Frobenius monoids

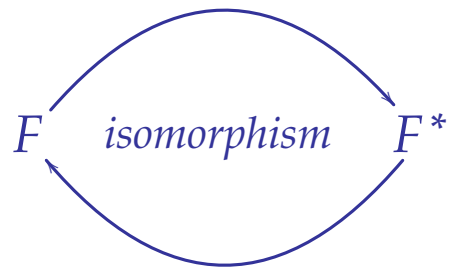
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Frobenius monoids are self-dual

An isomorphism between the Frobenius monoid F and its dual F^*



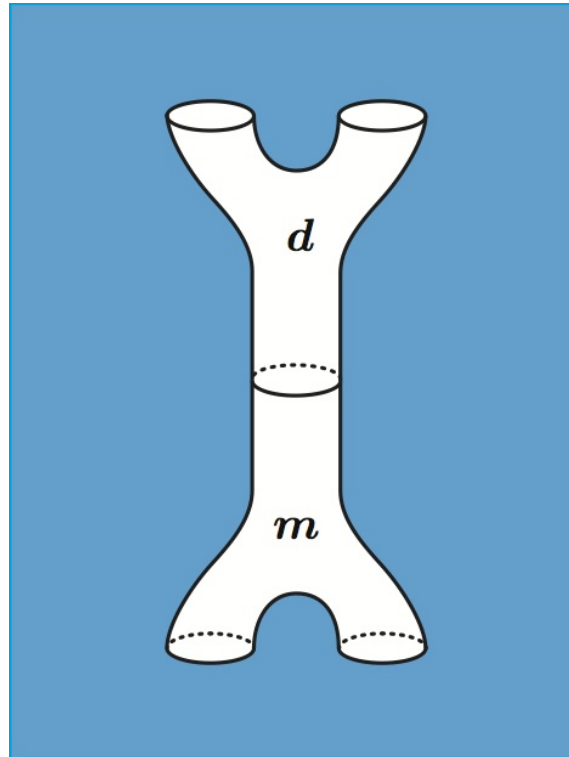
induced by a non-degenerate 2-form

$$\langle -, - \rangle : F \otimes F \longrightarrow I$$

satisfying the equality:

$$\langle x \cdot y, z \rangle = \langle x, y \cdot z \rangle$$

The symmetry of Frobenius algebras



Monoid speaks to comonoid who speaks to monoid who speaks to...

A symmetric presentation of Frobenius algebras

Key idea. Separate the monoid part

$$m : A \otimes A \longrightarrow A$$

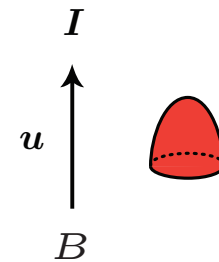
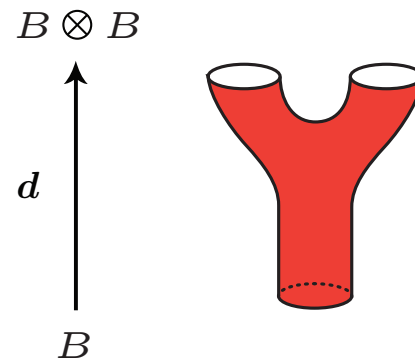
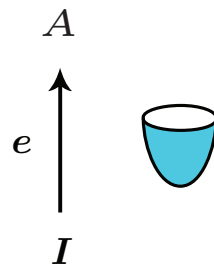
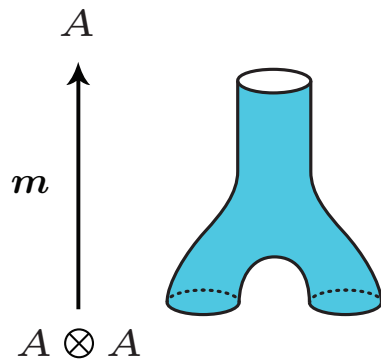
$$e : A \otimes A \longrightarrow A$$

from the comonoid part

$$m : B \longrightarrow B \otimes B$$

$$d : B \longrightarrow I$$

in a Frobenius algebra:



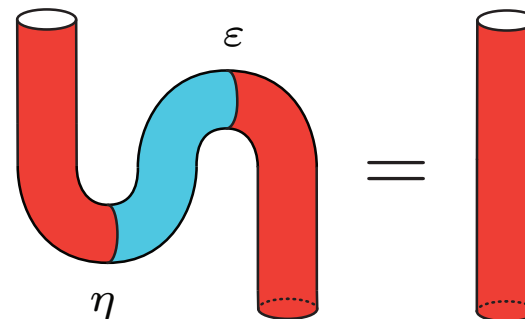
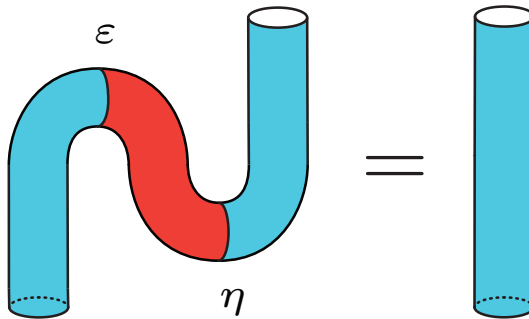
A symmetric presentation of Frobenius algebras

Then, relate A and B by a dual pair

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

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

in the sense that:

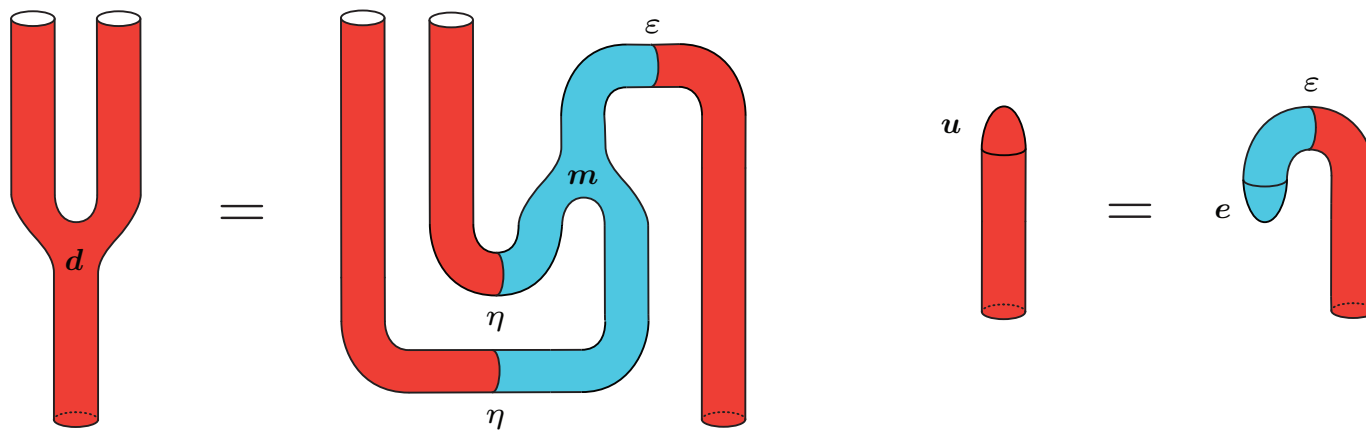


A symmetric presentation of Frobenius algebras

Require moreover that the dual pair

$$(A, m, e) \quad \dashv \quad (B, d, u)$$

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

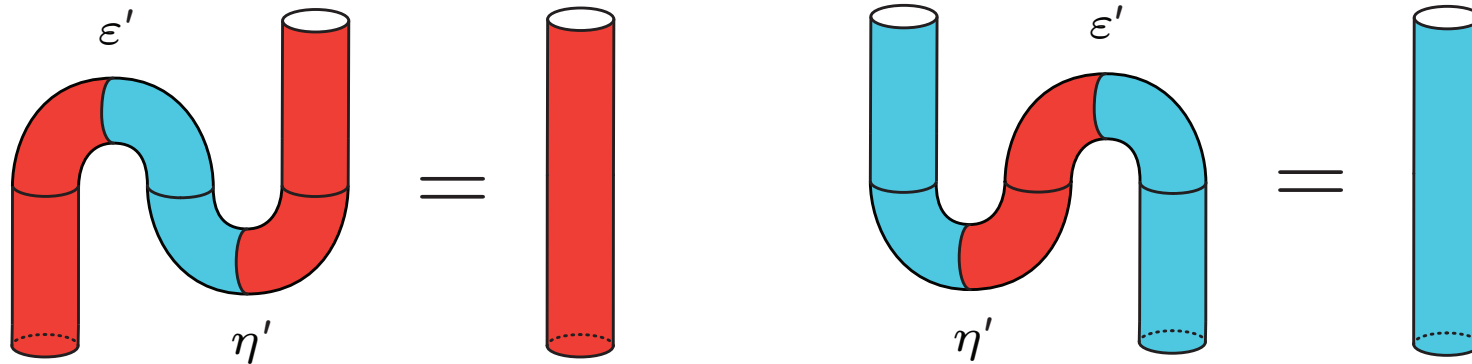


Symmetrically

Relate B and A by a dual pair

$$\eta' : I \longrightarrow B \otimes A \qquad \varepsilon' : A \otimes B \longrightarrow I$$

this meaning that the equations below hold:

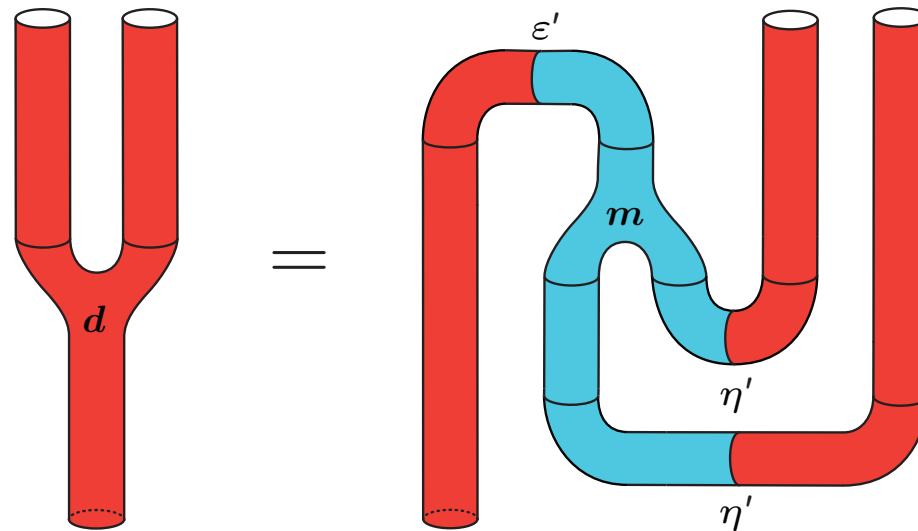


Symmetrically

and ask that the dual pair

$$A \dashv B$$

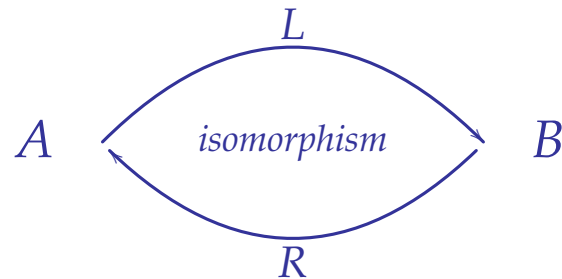
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An alternative formulation

Key observation:

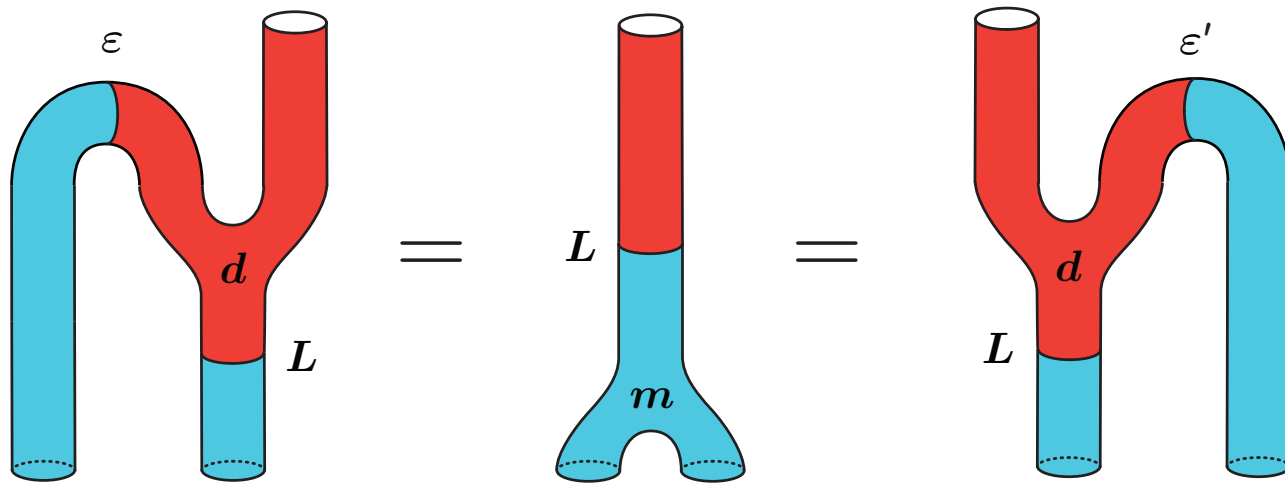
A Frobenius monoid is the same thing as such a pair (A, B) equipped with



between the underlying spaces A and B and...

Frobenius monoids

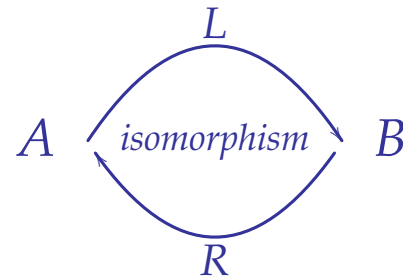
... satisfying the two equalities below:



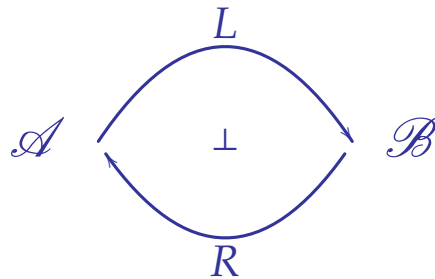
Reminiscent of curriification in the λ -calculus...

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 $\mathcal{B} \cong \mathcal{A}^{op}$ is not dual to the category \mathcal{A} .

Categorical bimodules

A bimodule

$$M : \mathcal{A} \quad \text{---|---} \quad \mathcal{B}$$

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

$$M : \mathcal{A}^{op} \times \mathcal{B} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathbf{Set}$$

Composition of two bimodules

$$\mathcal{A} \quad \xrightarrow{\quad M \quad} \quad \mathcal{B} \quad \xrightarrow{\quad N \quad} \quad \mathcal{C}$$

is defined by the coend formula:

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

A well-known 2-categorical miracle

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

$$\mathcal{C} \dashv \mathcal{C}^{op}$$

defined as the bimodule

$$\text{hom} : (x, y) \mapsto \mathcal{A}(x, y) : \mathcal{C}^{op} \times \mathcal{C} \longrightarrow \mathbf{Set}$$

in the bicategory **BiMod** of categorical bimodules.

The opposite category \mathcal{C}^{op} becomes dual to the category \mathcal{C}

Biexact pairing

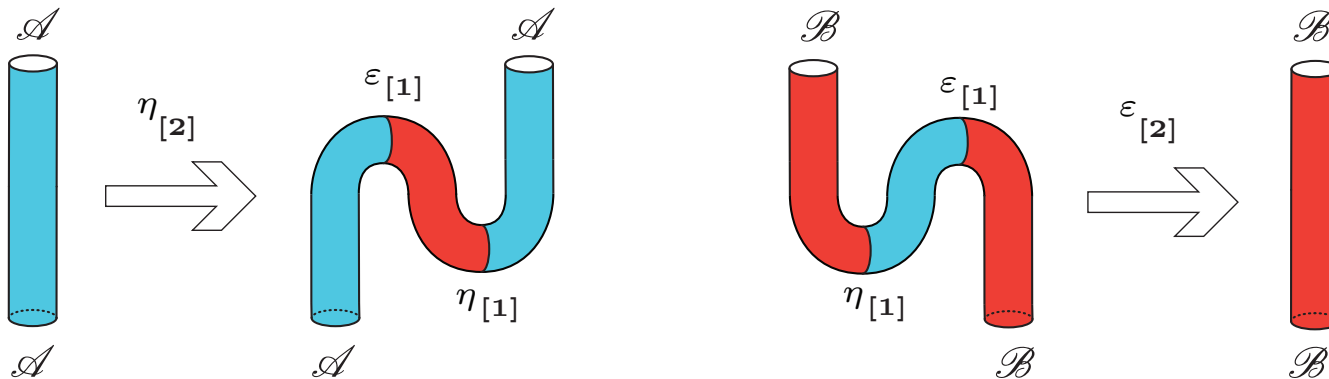
Definition. A biexact pairing

$$\mathcal{A} \dashv \mathcal{B}$$

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

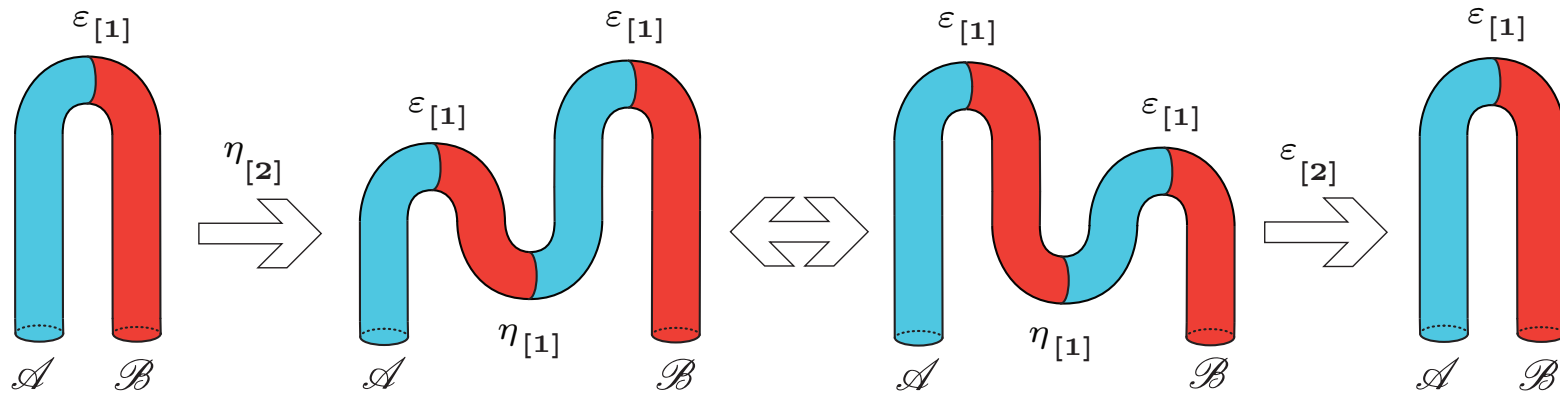
$$\eta_{[1]} : \mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{B} \longrightarrow I \qquad \varepsilon_{[1]} : I \longrightarrow \mathcal{B} \otimes \mathcal{A}$$

together with a pair of invertible 2-dimensional cells



Biexact pairing

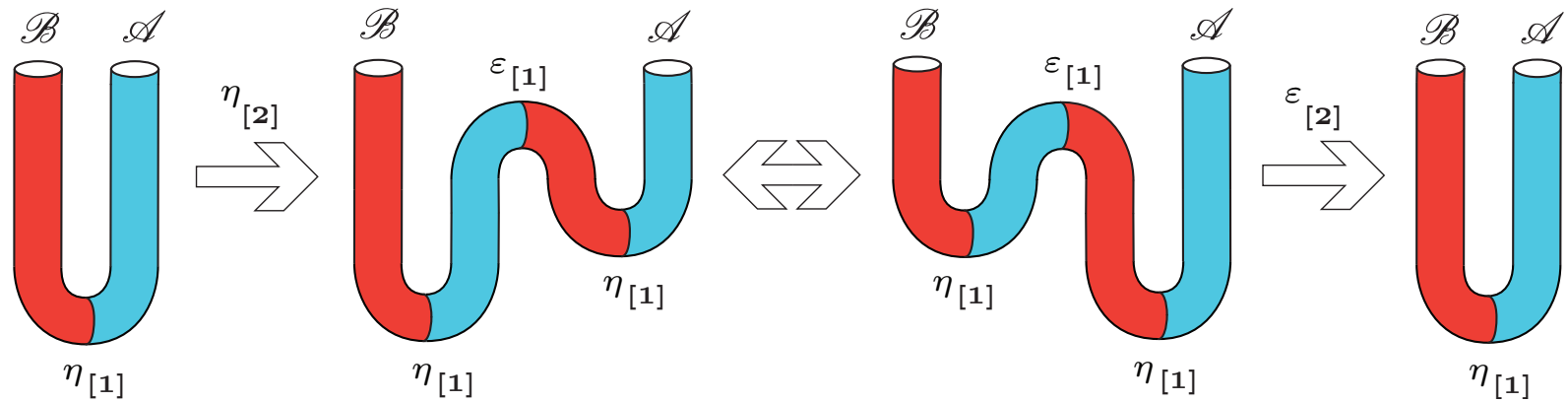
such that the composite 2-dimensional cell



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

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

and a pseudocomonoid

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

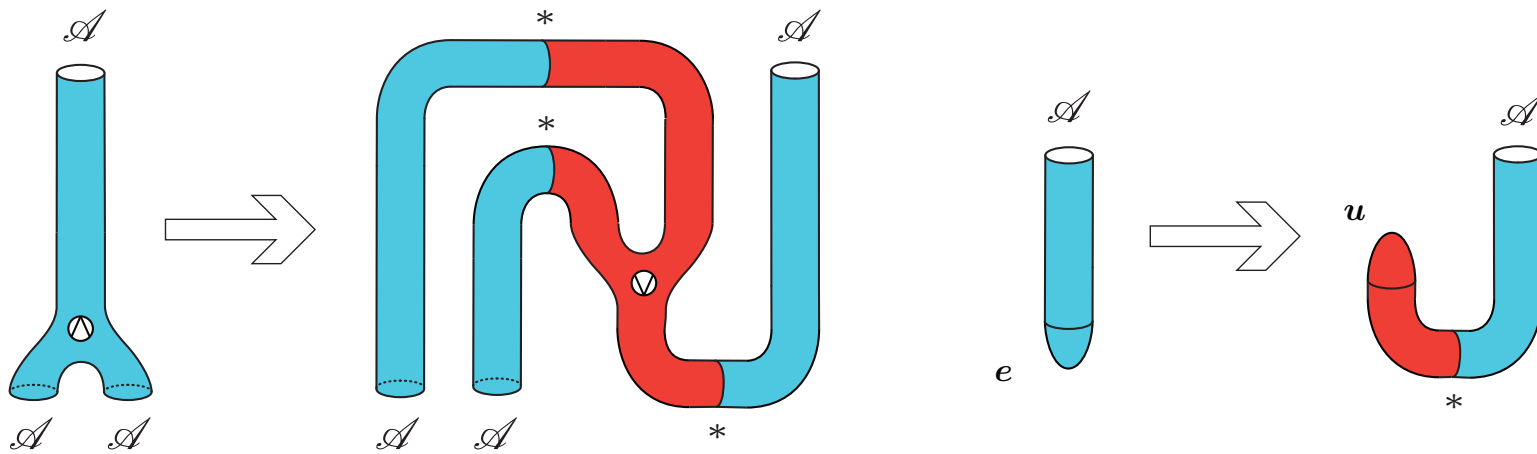
equipped with a biexact pairing

$$\mathcal{A} \dashv \mathcal{B}$$

Bialgebraic counterpart to the notion of chirality

Amphimonoid

together with a pair of invertible 2-dimensional cells

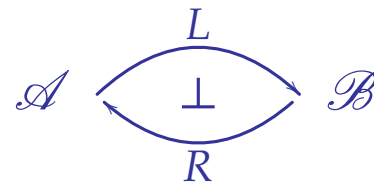


defining a pseudomonoid equivalence.

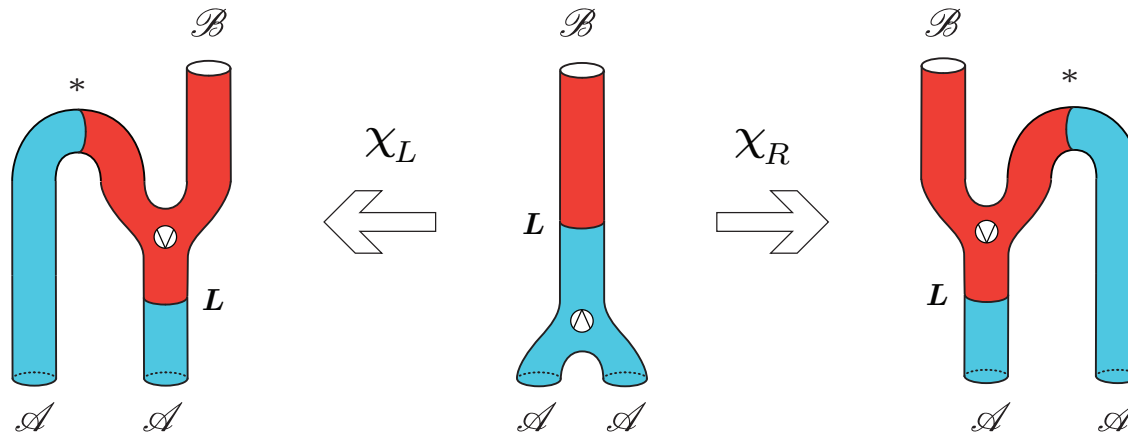
Bialgebraic counterpart to the notion of monoidal chirality

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

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

may be understood as defining a bracket

$$\langle a | b \rangle$$

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

Each side of the equation implements currrification:

$$\chi_L : \langle a_1 \otimes a_2 | b \rangle \Rightarrow \langle a_2 | a_1^* \otimes b \rangle \quad \chi_R : \langle a_1 \otimes a_2 | b \rangle \Rightarrow \langle a_1 | b \otimes a_2^* \rangle$$

Frobenius amphimonoid

These are required to make the diagrams commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \langle (m \otimes n) \otimes a | b \rangle & \xrightarrow{\chi_{m \otimes n}^L} & \langle a | (m \otimes n)^* \otimes b \rangle \\
 \downarrow & & \uparrow \\
 \langle m \otimes (n \otimes a) | b \rangle & \xrightarrow{\chi_m^L} \langle n \otimes a | m^* \otimes b \rangle \xrightarrow{\chi_n^L} & \langle a | n^* \otimes (m^* \otimes b) \rangle
 \end{array}$$

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Frobenius amphimonoid

These are required to make the diagrams commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \langle a \otimes (m \otimes n) | b \rangle & \xrightarrow{\chi_{m \otimes n}^R} & \langle a | b \vee (m \otimes n)^* \rangle \\
 \downarrow & & \uparrow \\
 \langle (a \otimes m) \otimes n | b \rangle & \xrightarrow{\chi_n^R} \langle a \otimes m | b \vee n^* \rangle \xrightarrow{\chi_m^R} & \langle a | (b \vee n^*) \vee m^* \rangle
 \end{array}$$

[2]

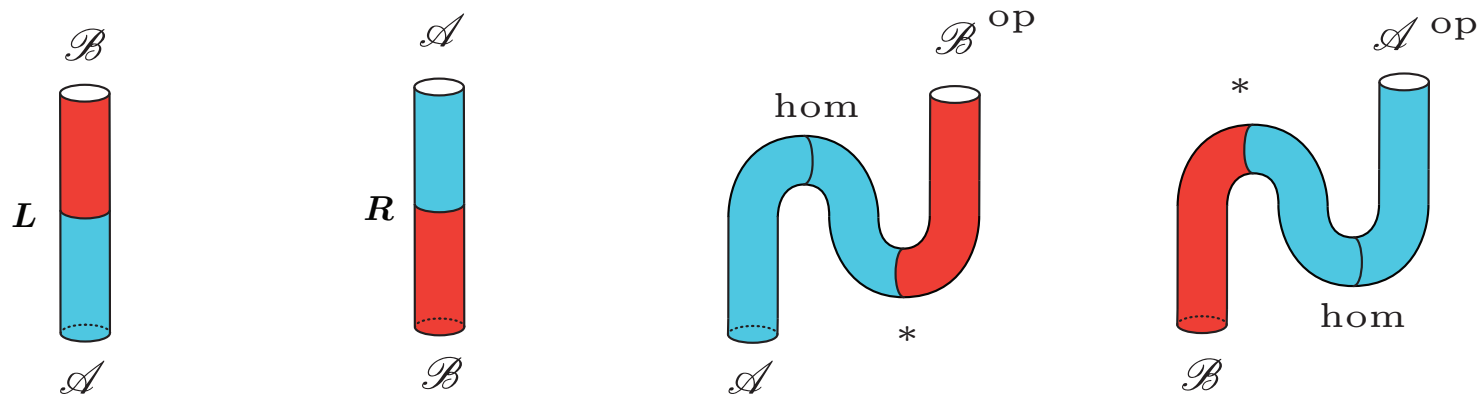
Frobenius amphimonoid

These are required to make the diagrams commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \langle (m \otimes a) \otimes n | b \rangle & \xrightarrow{\chi_n^R} & \langle m \otimes a | b \otimes n^* \rangle & \xrightarrow{\chi_m^L} & \langle a | m^* \otimes (b \otimes n^*) \rangle \\
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 | & & & & | \\
 \langle m \otimes (a \otimes n) | b \rangle & \xrightarrow{\chi_m^L} & \langle a \otimes n | m^* \otimes b \rangle & \xrightarrow{\chi_n^R} & \langle a | (m^* \otimes b) \otimes n^* \rangle
 \end{array}$$

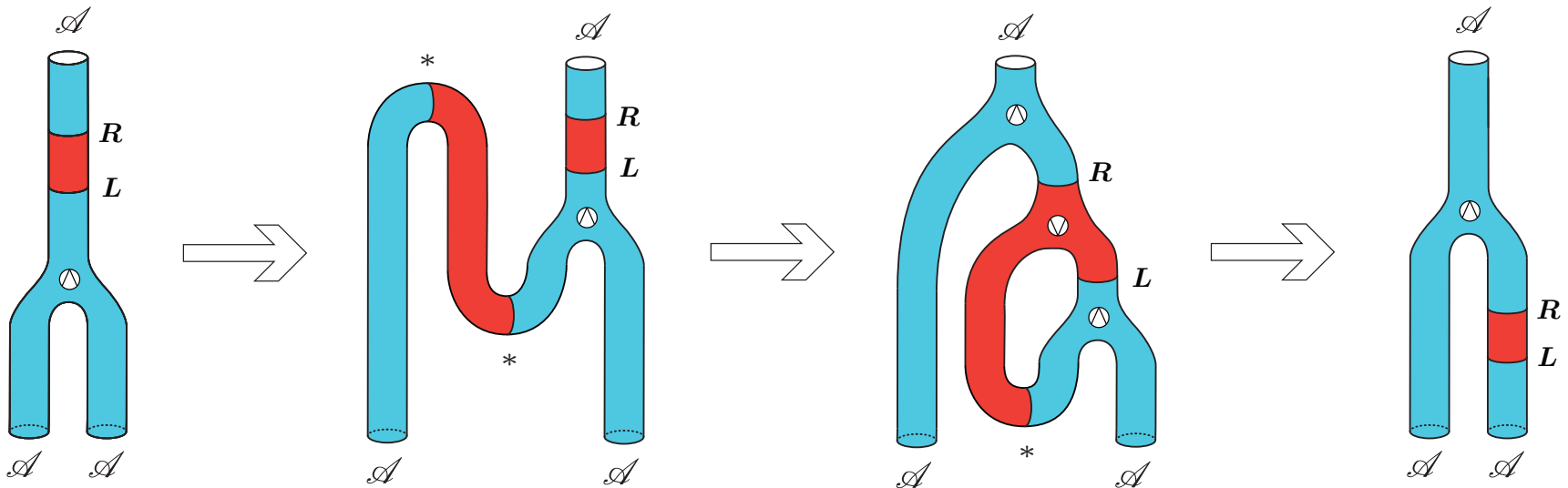
Correspondence theorem

Theorem. A helical 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



$$a_1 \otimes RL(a_2) \vdash RL(a_1 \otimes a_2)$$

$$\mathcal{A}(RL(a_1 \otimes a_2), a) \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}(a_1 \otimes RL(a_2), a)$$

Thank you !