

Tutorial on Game Semantics

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- Compositionality. The key operation is plugging two strategies together, so that each **actualizes** part of the environment of the other. (Usual game idea corresponds to a **closed** system, with no residual environment). This exploits the game-theoretic P/O duality.

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- Forming function or procedure types $A \Rightarrow B$. We form a new game from disjoint copies of A and B , with **P/O roles in A reversed**. Thus we think of $A \Rightarrow B$ as a **structured interface** to the Environment; in B , we interact with the caller of the procedure, **covariantly**, while in A , we interact with the argument supplied to the procedure call, **contravariantly**.

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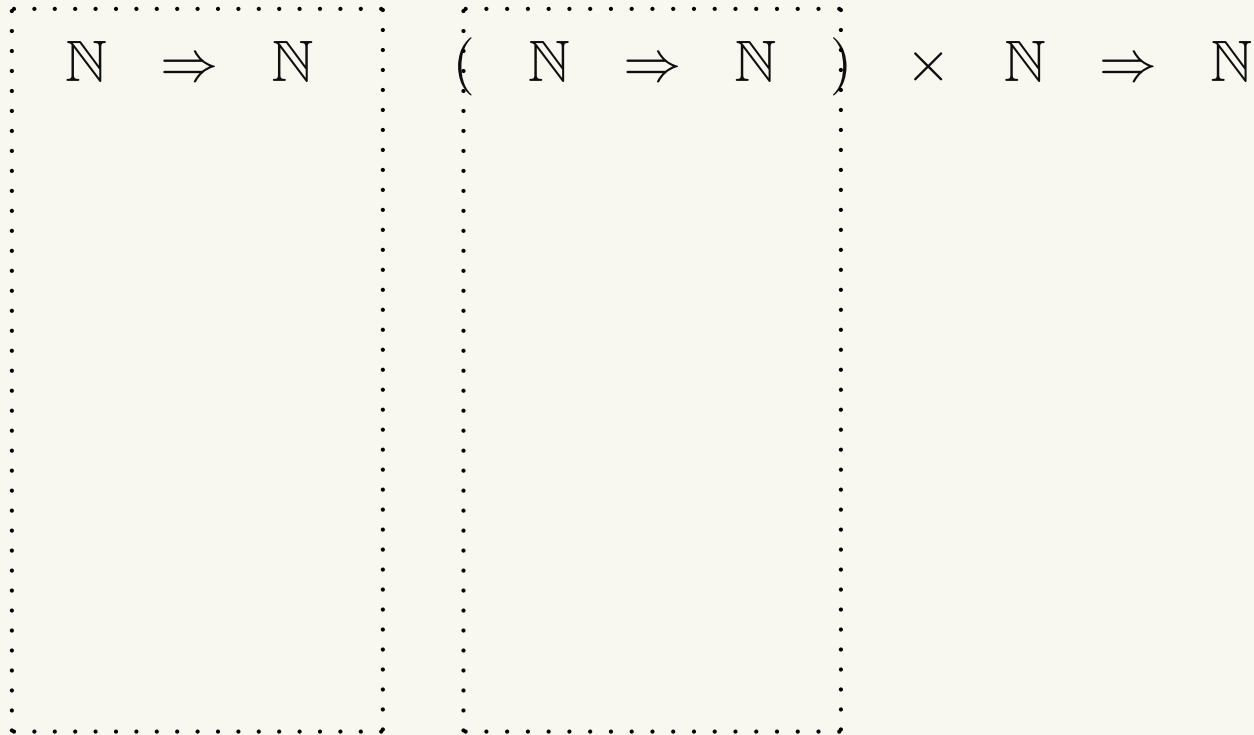
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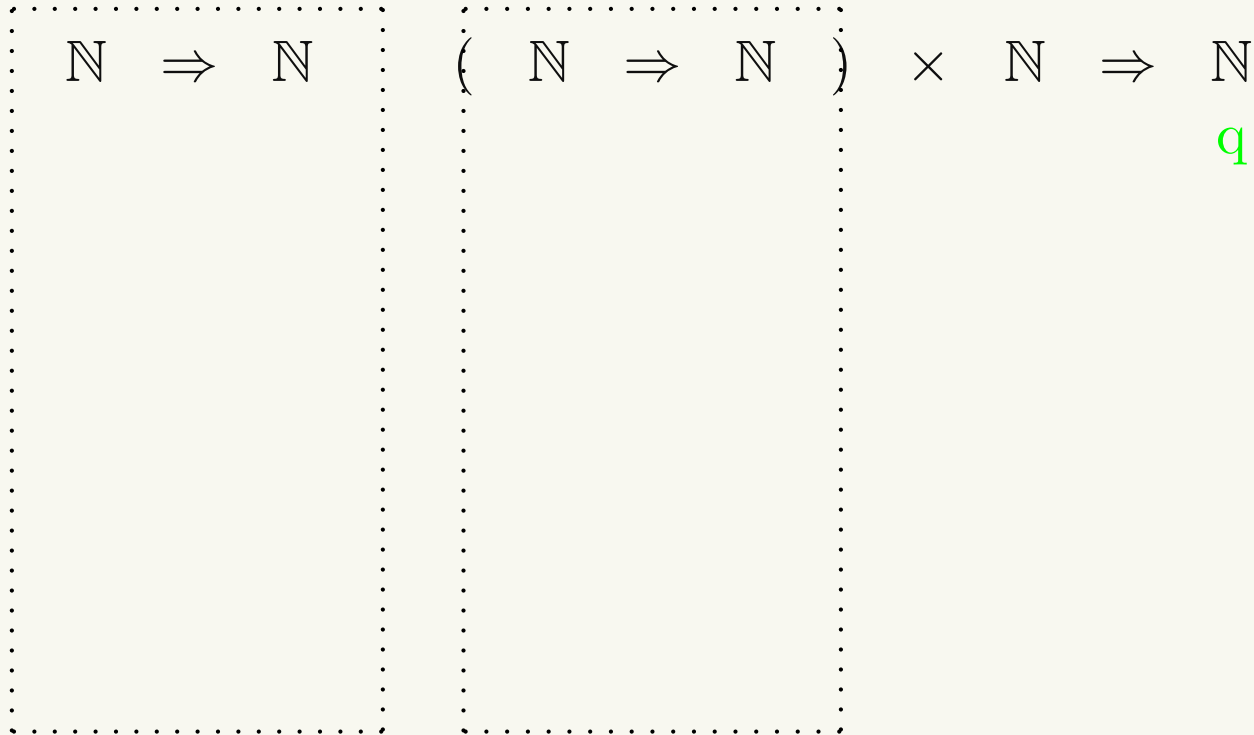
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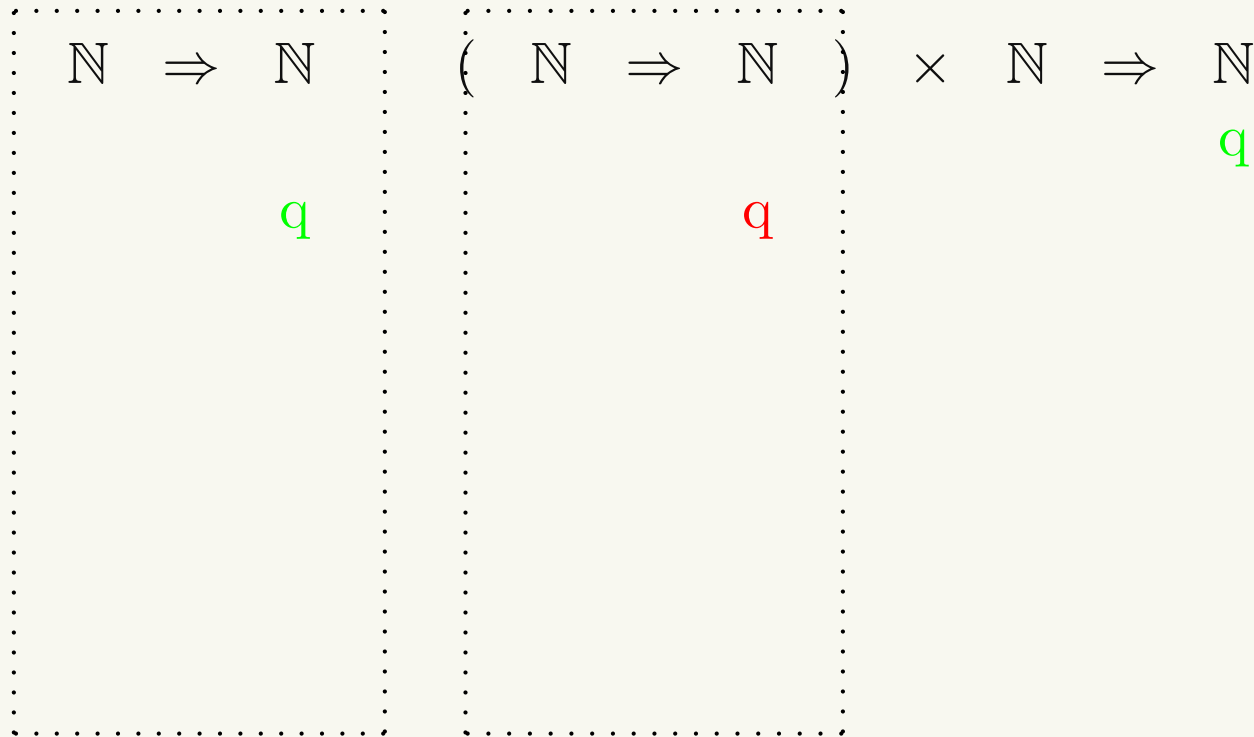
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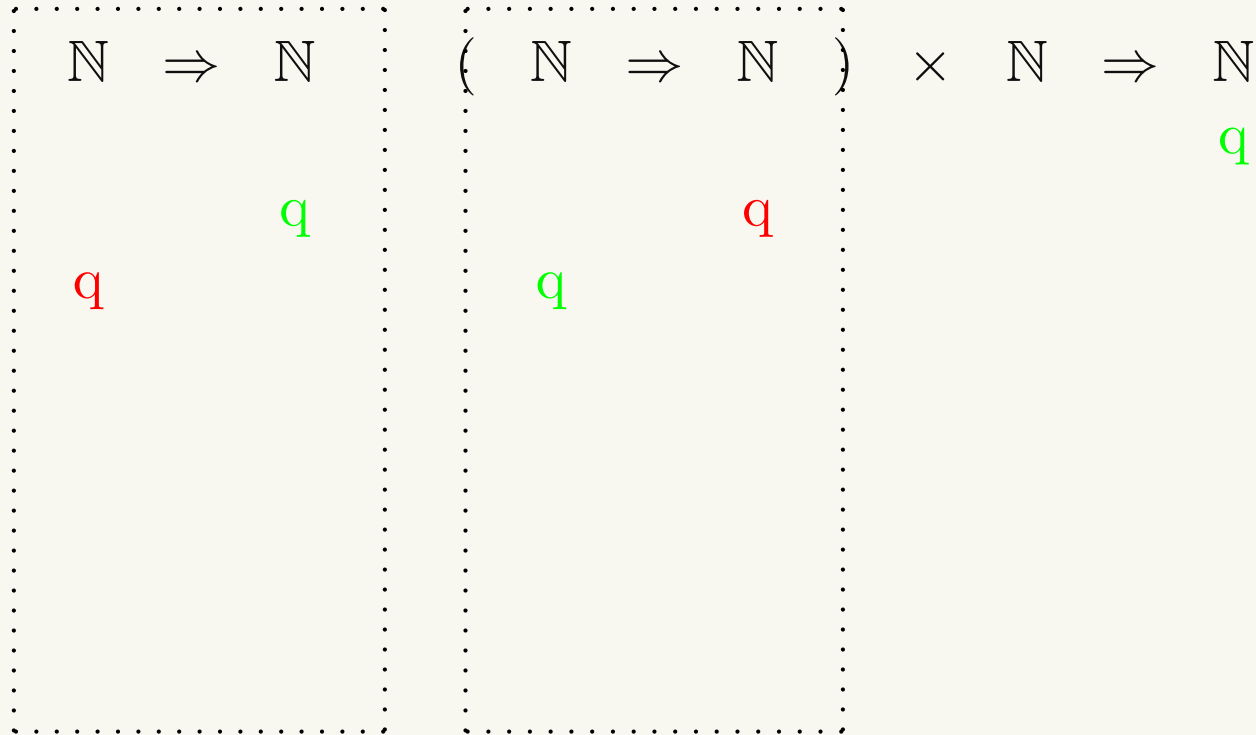
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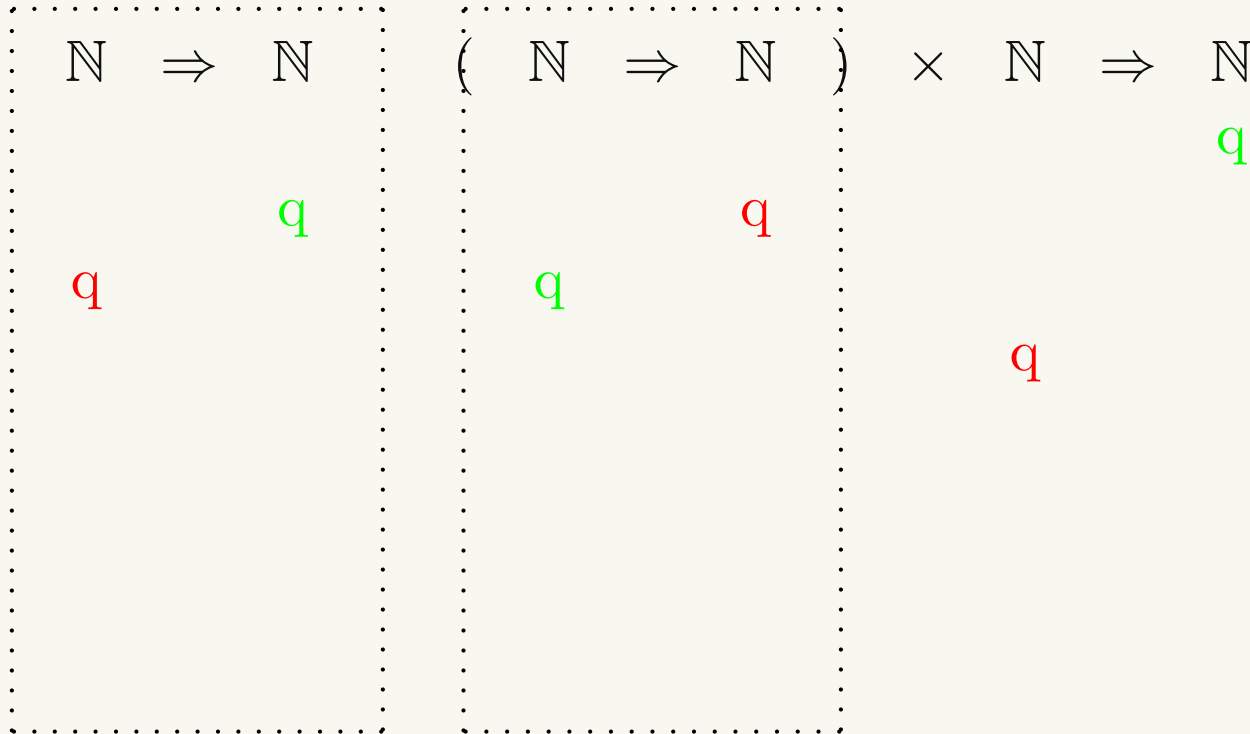
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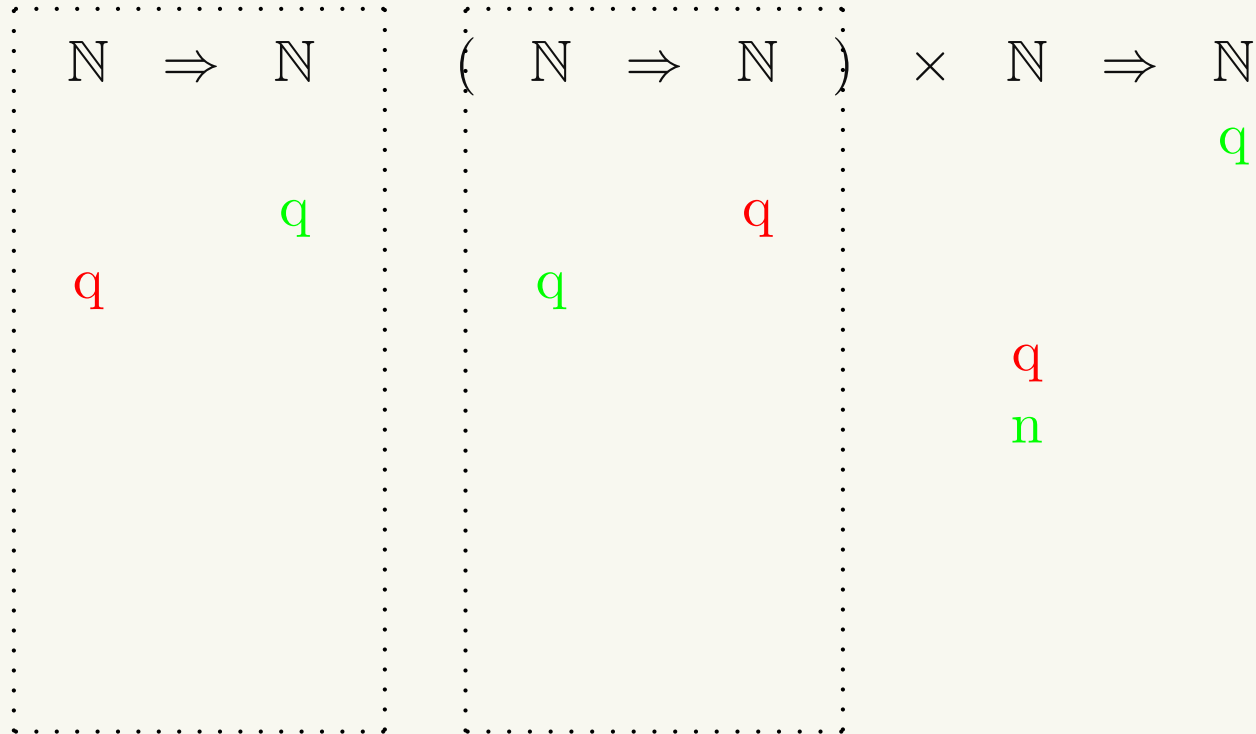
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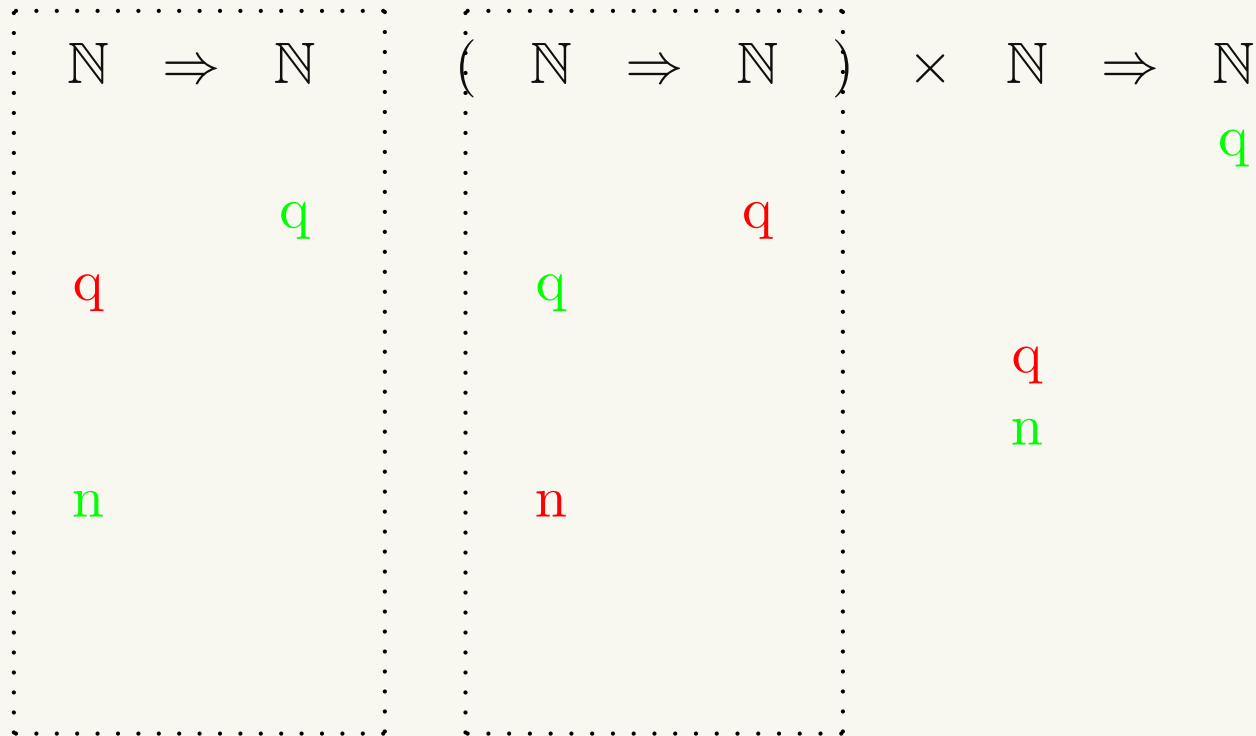
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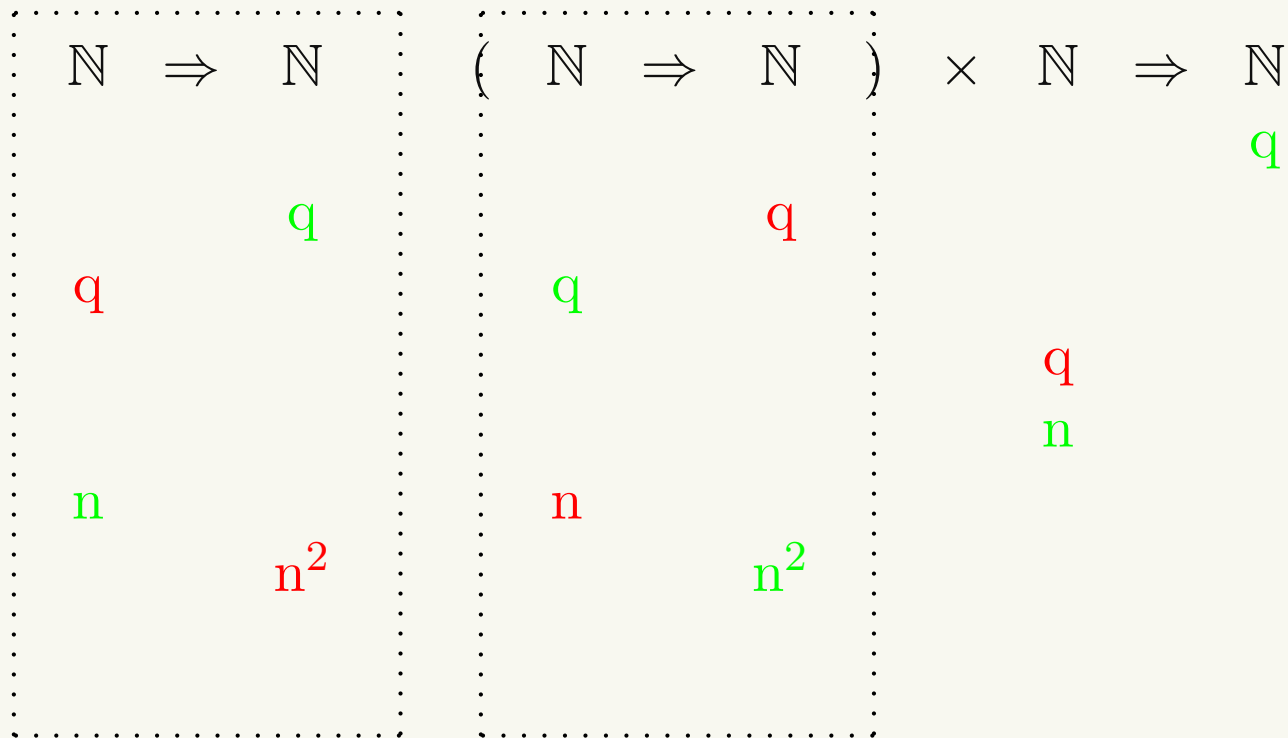
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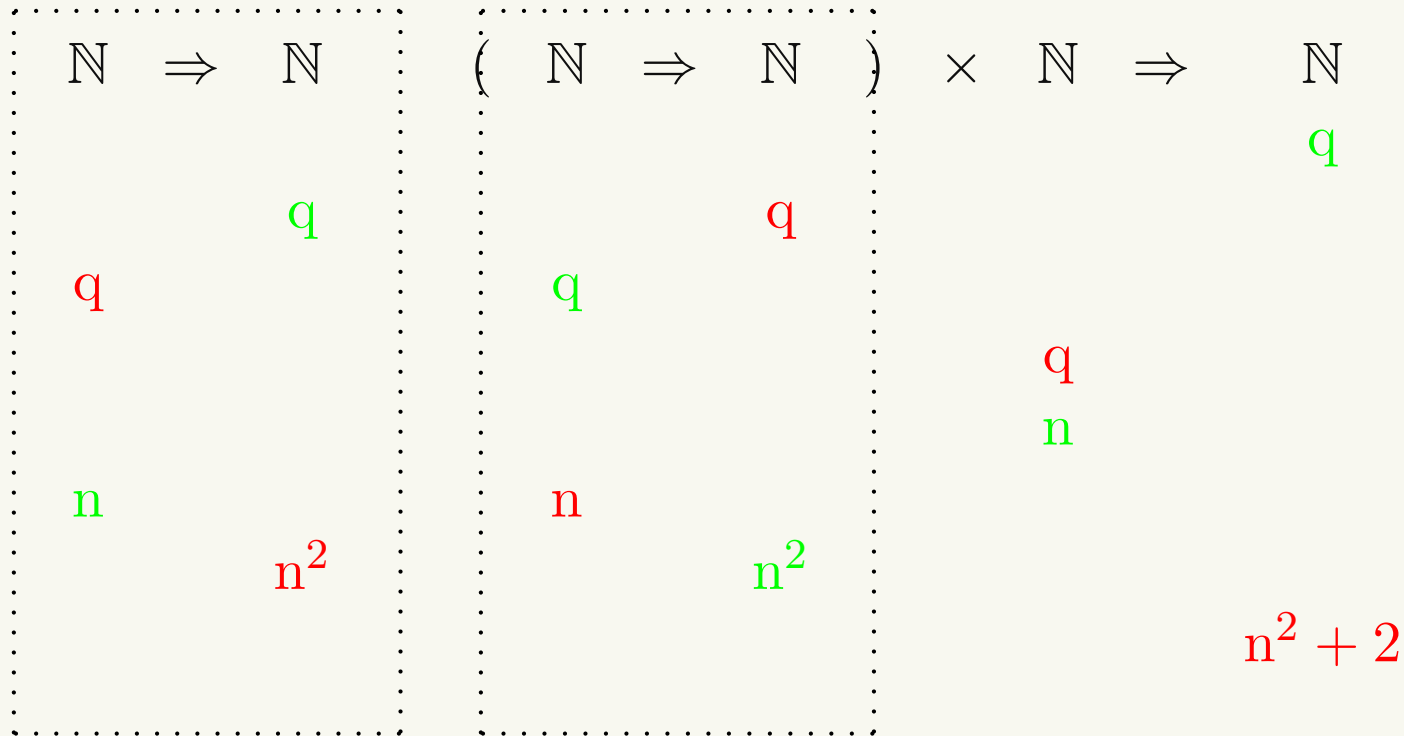
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There are results of this kind now for a range of logics and logical type theories, including:

- Simply typed and polymorphic lambda calculus
- The lambda-mu calculus
- Various fragments of Linear Logic

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- (higher-order) functions and procedures
- call by name and call by value
- locally scoped state
- general reference types
- control features (continuations, exceptions)
- non-determinism, probabilities
- concurrency
- names and freshness

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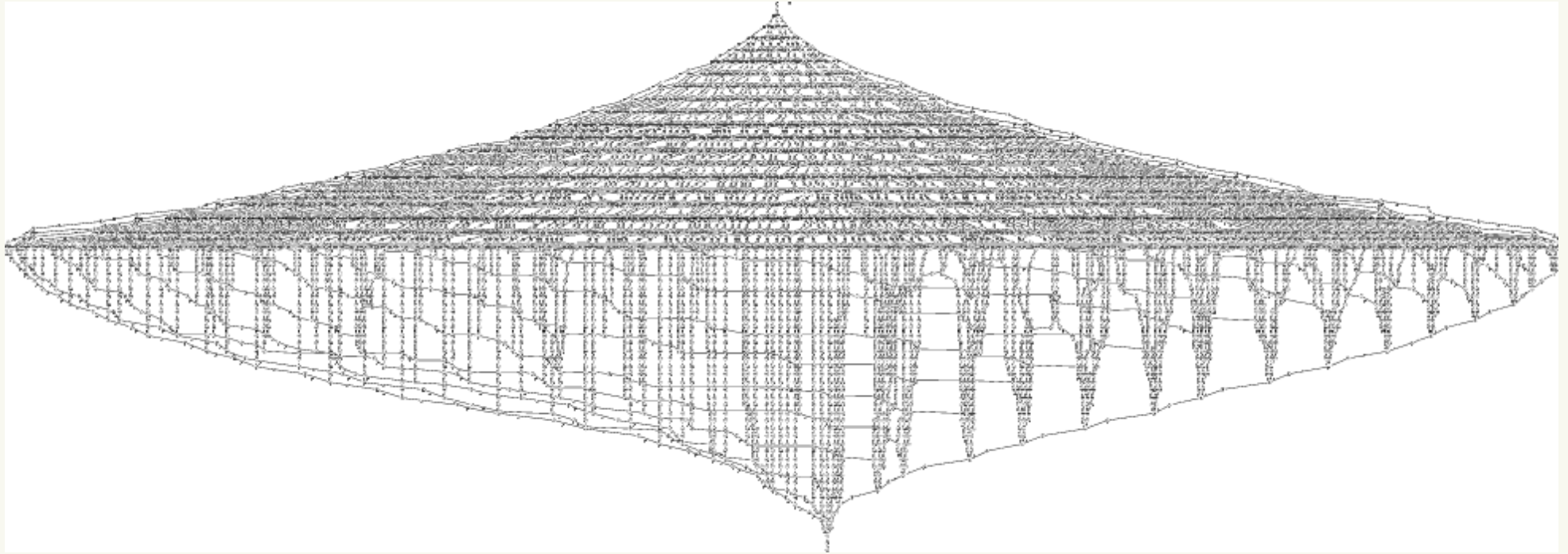
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We can take advantage of the **concrete nature** of game semantics. A play is a sequence of moves, so a strategy can be represented by the set of its plays, i.e. by a **language** over the alphabet of moves, and hence by an automaton. There are significant finite-state fragments of the semantics for various interesting languages, as first observed by Ghica and McCusker (ICALP 00). This means we can **compositionally construct** automata as (representations of) the meanings of open (incomplete) programs, giving a powerful basis for compositional software model-checking.

The key construct is **composition**; the corresponding construction on automata is ‘product automaton plus hiding’.

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“[...] it seems impossible to use model-checking to verify that a sorting algorithm is correct since sorting correctness is a data-oriented property involving several quantifications and data structures.” [Bandera user manual]

Why does it work?

- program state-space: 5.5×10^{12} states
- model: 6,393 states
- max space: 1,153,240 states

Hiding local state!

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Our main focus (to date) has been on **structural** aspects, (categories of) games in extensive form, rather than fine-grained analysis of winning strategies, or solution concepts and equilibria. Our key equilibria are ‘logical’, e.g. the copy-cat strategy.

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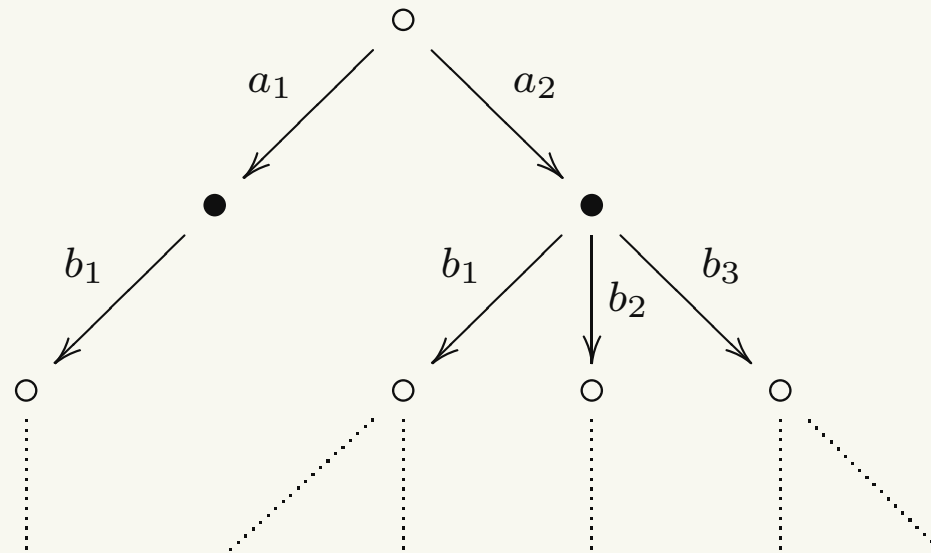
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A game specifies the set of possible runs (or 'plays'). It can be thought of as a tree



- nodes \circ are Opponent positions
- nodes \bullet are Player positions
- arcs are labelled with moves

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Formally, we define a game G to be a structure (M_G, λ_G, P_G) , where

- M_G is the set of *moves* of the game;
- $\lambda_G : M_G \longrightarrow \{P, O\}$ is a labelling function designating each move as by Player or Opponent;
- $P_G \subseteq^{\text{nepref}} M_G^{\text{alt}}$, i.e. P_G is a non-empty, prefix-closed subset of M_G^{alt} , the set of alternating sequences of moves in M_G .

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More formally, M_G^{alt} is the set of all $s \in M_G^*$ such that

$$\forall i : 1 \leq i \leq |s| \quad \begin{aligned} & \text{even}(i) \implies \lambda_G(s_i) = P \\ & \wedge \text{odd}(i) \implies \lambda_G(s_i) = O \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc} s & = & a_1 & a_2 & \cdots & a_{2k+1} & a_{2k+2} & \cdots \cdot \\ \lambda_G & & \downarrow & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \downarrow & \\ & & O & P & & O & P & \end{array}$$

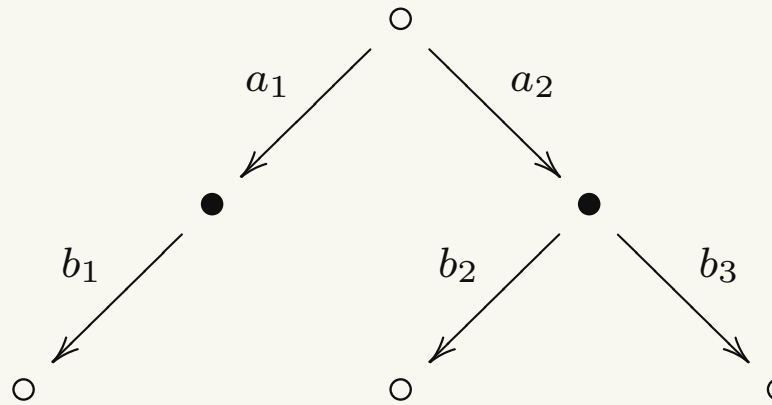
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The game

$$(\{a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2, b_3\}, \lambda, \{\epsilon, a_1, a_1b_1, a_2, a_2b_2, a_2b_3\})$$

$$\lambda : a_1, a_2 \mapsto O, \quad b_1, b_2, b_3 \mapsto P$$

represents the tree



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Formally, we define a (deterministic) strategy σ on a game G to be a non-empty subset $\sigma \subseteq P_G^{\text{even}}$ of the game tree, satisfying:

$$\text{(s1)} \quad \epsilon \in \sigma$$

$$\text{(s2)} \quad sab \in \sigma \implies s \in \sigma$$

$$\text{(s3)} \quad sab, sac \in \sigma \implies b = c.$$

Strategies as actions conditioned on histories

To understand this definition, think of

$$s = a_1 b_1 \cdots a_k b_k \in \sigma$$

as a record of repeated interactions with the Environment following σ . It can be read as follows:

If the Environment initially does a_1 ,

then respond with b_1 ;

If the Environment then does a_2 ,

then respond with b_2 ;

⋮

If the Environment finally does a_k ,

then respond with b_k .

The first two conditions on σ say that it is a sub-tree of P_G of even-length paths. The third is a determinacy condition.

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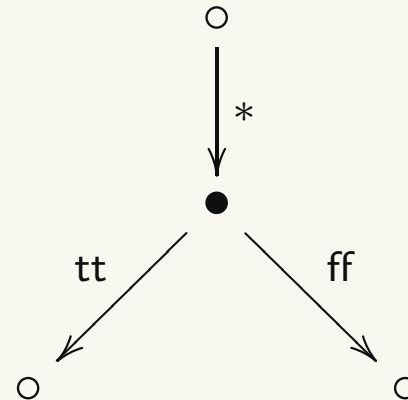
This can be seen as generalizing the notion of graph of a relation, *i.e.* of a set of ordered pairs, which can be read as a set of stimulus-response instructions. The generalization is that ordinary relations describe a single stimulus-response event only (giving rules for what the response to any given stimulus may be), whereas strategies describe repeated interactions between the System and the Environment. We can regard $sab \in \sigma$ as saying: ‘when given the stimulus a in the context s , respond with b ’. Note that, with this reading, the condition (s3) generalizes the usual single-valuedness condition for (the graphs of) partial functions. Thus a useful slogan is:

“Strategies are (partial) functions extended in time.”

Example

Let \mathbb{B} be the game

$$(\{*, tt, ff\}, \{* \mapsto O, tt \mapsto P, ff \mapsto P\}, \{\epsilon, *, *tt, *ff\})$$



This game can be seen as representing the data type of booleans. The opening move $*$ is a request by Opponent for the data, which can be answered by either tt or ff by Player.

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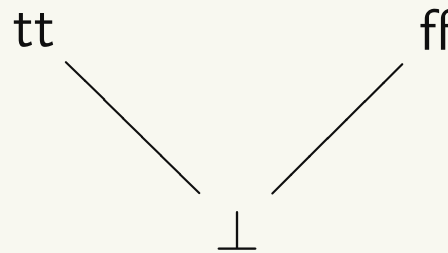
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$\{\epsilon\}$ Pref{*tt} Pref{*ff}

The first of these is the undefined strategy (' \perp '), the second and third correspond to the boolean values tt and ff. Taken with the inclusion ordering, this “space of strategies” corresponds to the usual flat domain of booleans:



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We will now describe some fundamental constructions on games.

Tensor Product Given games A , B , we describe the tensor product $A \otimes B$.

$$M_{A \otimes B} = M_A + M_B$$

$$\lambda_{A \otimes B} = [\lambda_A, \lambda_B]$$

$$P_{A \otimes B} = \{s \in M_{A \otimes B}^{\text{alt}} \mid s \upharpoonright M_A \in P_A \wedge s \upharpoonright M_B \in P_B\}$$

We can think of $A \otimes B$ as allowing play to proceed in *both* the subgames A and B in an interleaved fashion. It is a form of ‘disjoint (*i.e.* non-communicating or interacting) parallel composition’.

Switching Condition for Tensor Product

A first hint of the additional subtleties introduced by the explicit representation of both System and Environment is given by the following result.

Proposition 1 (*Switching condition*)

In any play $s \in P_{A \otimes B}$, if successive moves s_i, s_{i+1} are in different subgames (i.e. one is in A and the other in B), then $\lambda_{A \otimes B}(s_i) = P, \lambda_{A \otimes B}(s_{i+1}) = O$. In other words, only Opponent can switch from one subgame to another; Player must always respond in the same subgame that Opponent just moved in.

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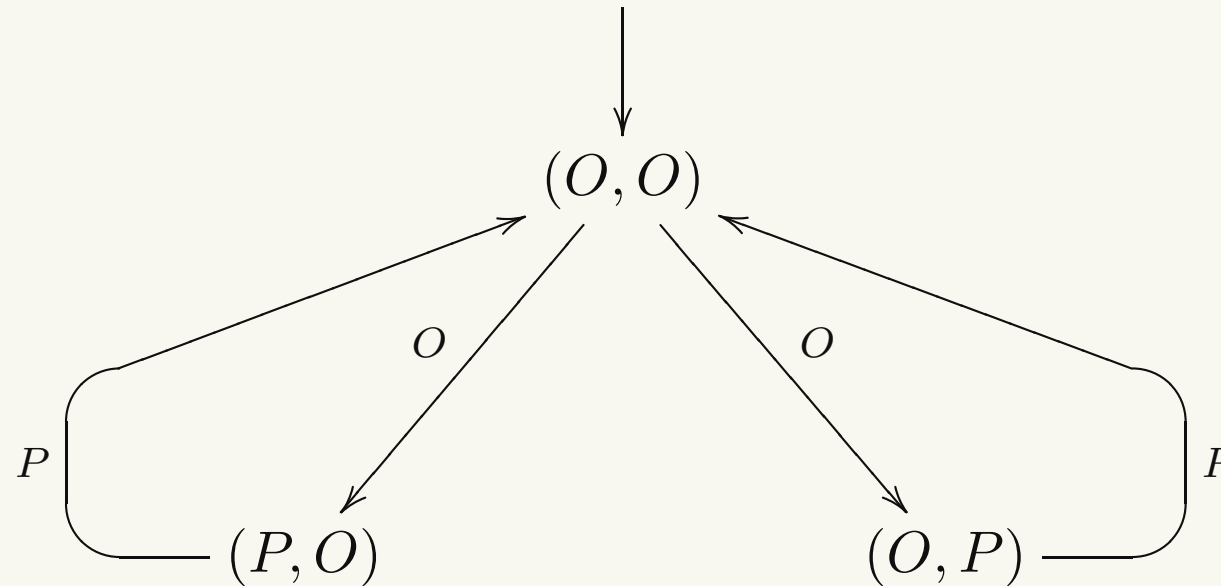
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We see immediately from this that the switching condition holds; and also that the state (P, P) can never be reached (*i.e.* for no $s \in P_{A \otimes B}$ is $\ulcorner s \urcorner = (P, P)$).

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Linear Implication

Given games A, B , we define the game $A \multimap B$ as follows:

$$M_{A \multimap B} = M_A + M_B$$

$$\lambda_{A \otimes B} = [\bar{\lambda}_A, \lambda_B] \quad \text{where } \bar{\lambda}_A(m) = \begin{cases} P & \text{when } \lambda_A(m) = O \\ O & \text{when } \lambda_A(m) = P \end{cases}$$

$$P_{A \multimap B} = \{s \in M_{A \multimap B}^{\text{alt}} \mid s \upharpoonright M_A \in P_A \wedge s \upharpoonright M_B \in P_B\}$$

This definition is *almost* the same as that of $A \otimes B$. The crucial difference is the inversion of the labelling function on the moves of A , corresponding to the idea that on the left of the arrow the rôles of Player and Opponent are interchanged.

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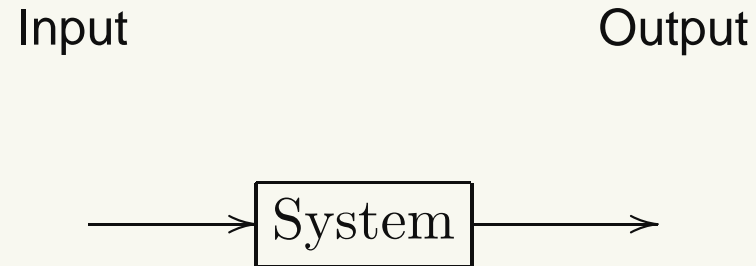
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If we think of ‘function boxes’, this is clear enough:



On the output side, the System is the producer and the Environment is the consumer; these rôles are reversed on the input side.

Note that $M_{A \multimap B}^{\text{alt}}$, and hence $P_{A \multimap B}$, are in general quite different to $M_{A \otimes B}^{\text{alt}}$, $P_{A \otimes B}$ respectively. In particular, the first move in $P_{A \multimap B}$ must always be in B , since the first move must be by Opponent, and all opening moves in A are labelled P by $\overline{\lambda}_A$.

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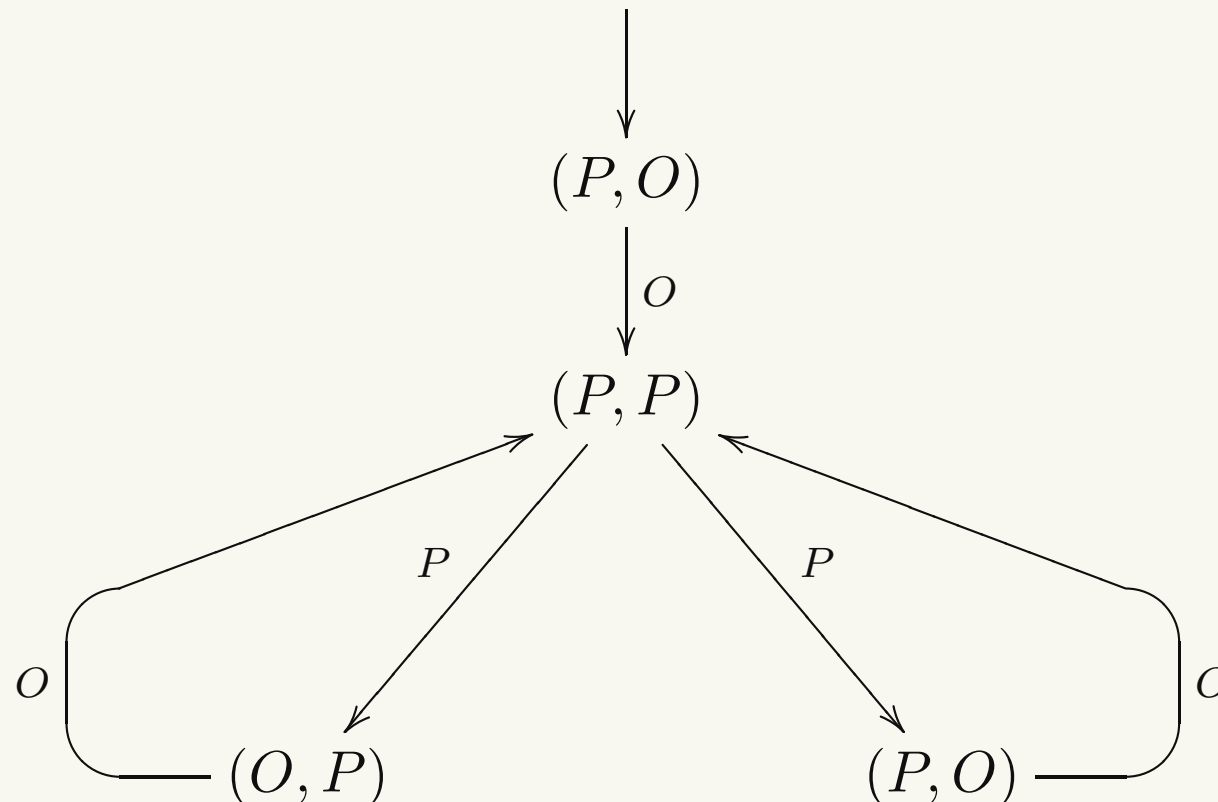
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Switching Condition for Linear Implication

We obtain the following switching condition for $A \multimap B$:

If two consecutive moves are in different components, the first was by Opponent and the second by Player; so only Player can switch components.

This is supported by the following state-transition diagram:

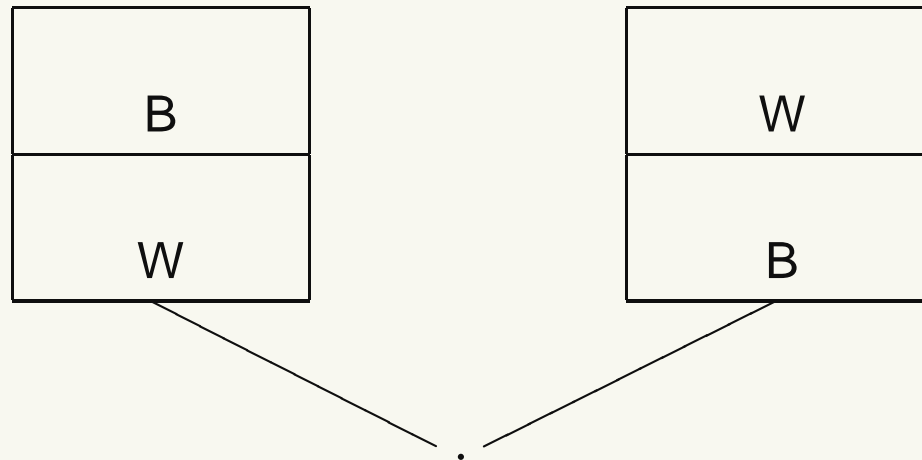


The Copy-Cat Strategy

How to beat an International Grand-Master at chess by the power of Logic.

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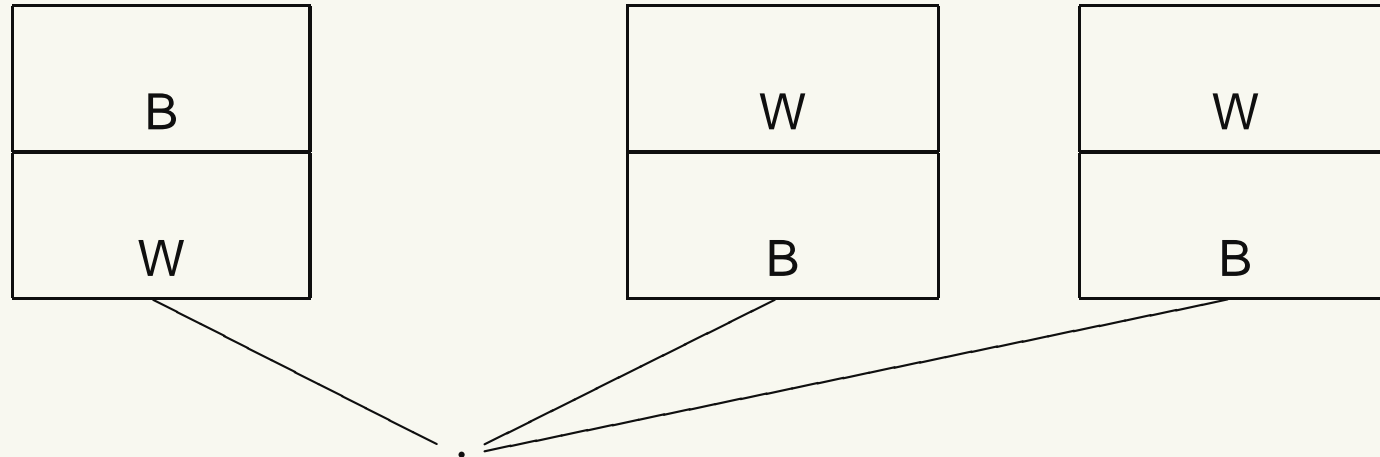
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Does Copy-Cat still work here?

Kasparov

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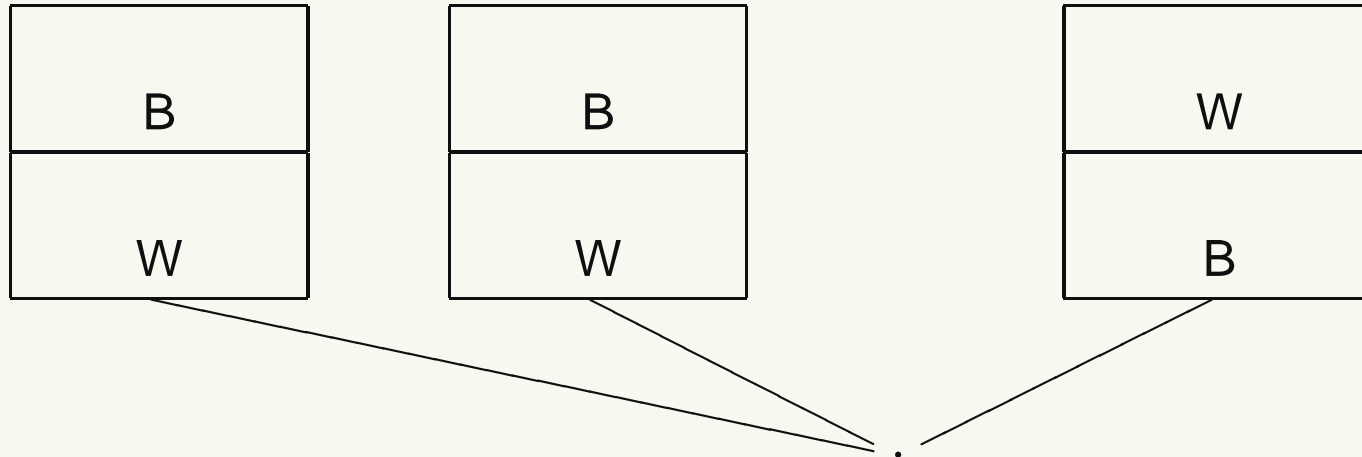
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General definition of Copy-Cat strategy

	A	\multimap	A	
Time				
1			a_1	O
2	a_1			P
3	a_2			O
4			a_2	P
\vdots		\vdots		\vdots

$$\text{id}_A = \{s \in P_{A_1 \multimap A_2}^{\text{even}} \mid \forall t \text{ even-length prefix of } s : t \upharpoonright A_1 = t \upharpoonright A_2\}$$

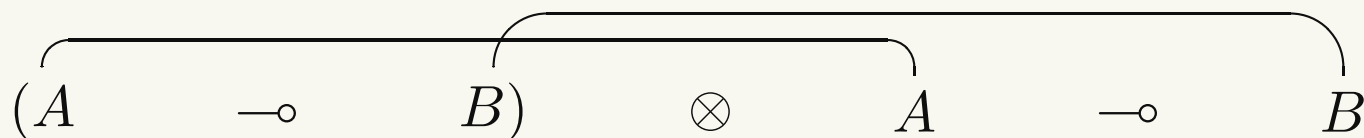
We indicate such a strategy briefly by $\overbrace{A \multimap A}$

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Application (*Modus Ponens*)

$$\text{Ap}_{A,B} : (A \multimap B) \otimes A \multimap B$$

This is the conjunction of two copy-cat strategies



Note that A and B each occur once positively and once negatively in this formula; we simply connect up the positive and negative occurrences by ‘copy-cats’.

$$\text{Ap}_{A,B} = \{s \in P_{(A_1 \multimap B_1) \otimes A_2 \multimap B_2}^{\text{even}} \mid \forall t \text{ even-length prefix of } s : \\ t \upharpoonright A_1 = t \upharpoonright A_2 \wedge t \upharpoonright B_1 = t \upharpoonright B_2\}$$

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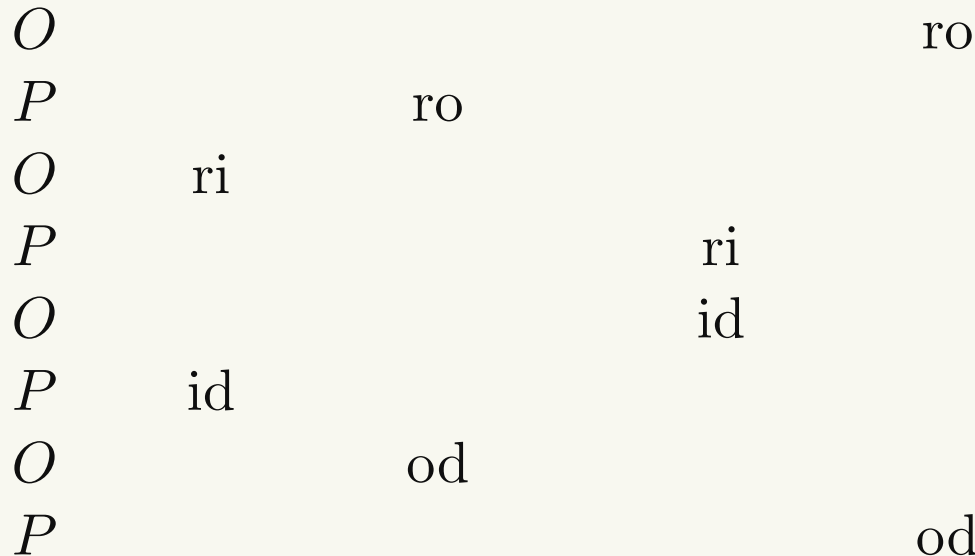
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Linear Function Application

The Ap strategy as a protocol for (linear) function application.

$$(A \multimap B) \otimes A \multimap B$$



ro — request output

ri — request input

id — input data

od — output data

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The Category of Games \mathcal{G}

- Objects: Games
- Morphisms: $\sigma : A \longrightarrow B$ are strategies σ on $A \multimap B$.
- Composition: **interaction between strategies.**

$$\frac{\sigma : A \rightarrow B \quad \tau : B \rightarrow C}{\sigma ; \tau : A \rightarrow C}$$

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Composition as Interaction: The idea

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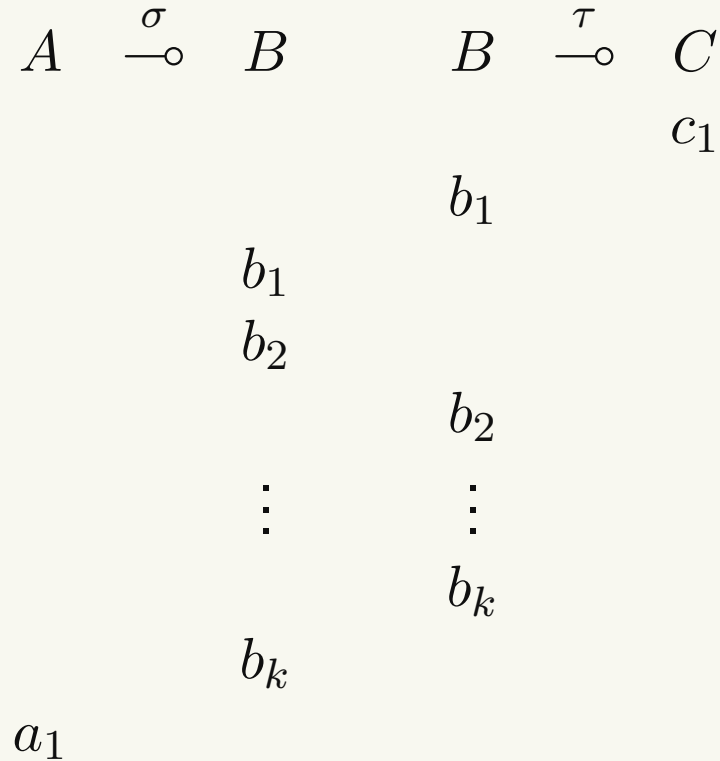
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Continuing in this way, we obtain a uniquely determined sequence.

$$c_1 b_1 b_2 \cdots b_k \cdots$$

If the sequence ends in a visible action in A or C , this is the response by the strategy $\sigma; \tau$ to the initial move c_1 , with the internal dialogue between σ and τ in B being hidden from the Environment. Note that σ and τ may continue their internal dialogue in B forever. This is “infinite chattering” in CSP terminology, and “divergence by an infinite τ -computation” in CCS terminology.

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As this discussion clearly shows composition in \mathcal{G} expresses interaction between strategies.

Formal Definition of Composition

'Parallel Composition + Hiding'

$$\frac{\sigma : A \rightarrow B \quad \tau : B \rightarrow C}{\sigma; \tau : A \rightarrow C}$$

$$\sigma; \tau = (\sigma \parallel \tau) / B = \{s \upharpoonright A, C \mid s \in \sigma \parallel \tau\}$$

$$\sigma \parallel \tau = \{s \in (M_A + M_B + M_C)^* \mid s \upharpoonright A, B \in \sigma \wedge s \upharpoonright B, C \in \tau\}.$$

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(Note that we extend our abuse of notation for restriction here; by $s \upharpoonright A, B$ we mean the restriction of s to $M_A + M_B$ as a “subset” of $M_A + M_B + M_C$, and similarly for $s \upharpoonright A, C$ and $s \upharpoonright B, C$.)

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Proposition 2 \mathcal{G} is a category.

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Composition and Copy-Cat (Identity Axiom and Cut) are two sides of the same coin:

- Copy-cat makes the same thing happen in two different places
- Composition makes two different things happen in the same place (the ‘locus of interaction’).

We have already defined the tensor product $A \otimes B$ on objects. Now we extend it to morphisms:

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This can be seen as disjoint (i.e. non-communicating) parallel composition of σ and τ .

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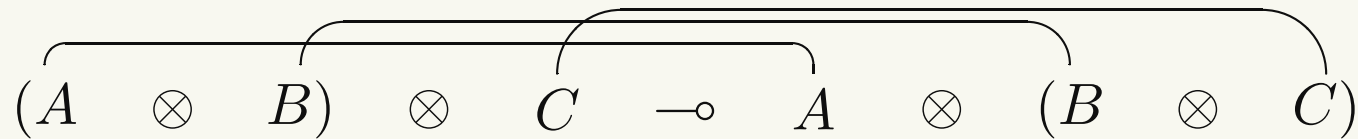
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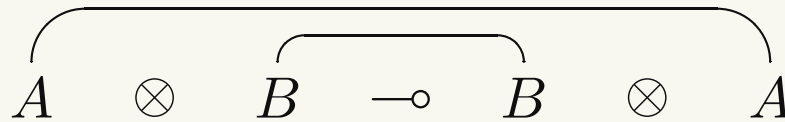
'Canonical isomorphisms' for monoidal structure

These arise as conjunctions of copy-cat strategies.

$$\text{assoc}_{A,B,C} : (A \otimes B) \otimes C \xrightarrow{\sim} A \otimes (B \otimes C)$$



$$\text{symm}_{A,B} : A \otimes B \xrightarrow{\sim} B \otimes A$$



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The application (or evaluation) morphisms

$$\text{Ap}_{A,B} : (A \multimap B) \otimes A \longrightarrow B$$

have already been defined. For currying, given

$$\sigma : A \otimes B \multimap C$$

define

$$\Lambda(\sigma) : A \longrightarrow (B \multimap C)$$

by

$$\Lambda(\sigma) = \{\alpha^*(s) \mid s \in \sigma\}$$

where $\alpha : (M_A + M_B) + M_C \xrightarrow{\sim} M_A + (M_B + M_C)$ is the canonical isomorphism in **Set**.

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(Switching conditions?)

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We can define a copying strategy

$$\delta_A : \otimes^\omega A \longrightarrow \otimes^\omega A \otimes \otimes^\omega A$$

using the bijection on moves

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\otimes^\omega A} &\equiv \mathbb{N} \times M_A \\ &\cong (\mathbb{N} + \mathbb{N}) \times A \\ &\cong \mathbb{N} \times M_A + \mathbb{N} \times M_A \\ &\cong M_{\otimes^\omega A} + M_{\otimes^\omega A} \end{aligned}$$

based on the (rather: a) bijection $\mathbb{N} \cong \mathbb{N} + \mathbb{N}$ ('Hilbert hotel').

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The strategy simply plays copy-cat between the copies of A paired by this bijection.

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We also have the following operations:

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Cf. Fock space in quantum physics: bosons (such as electrons) do not have individual identities.

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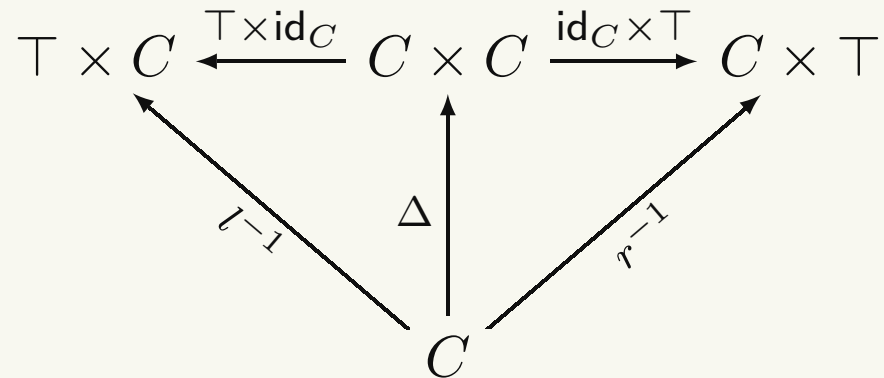
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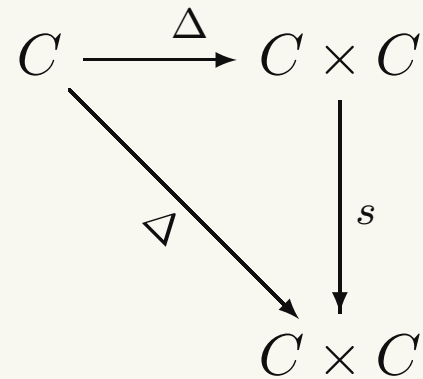
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(2) Counit



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(N.B. coalgebraic structures are important in current mathematics, e.g. Hopf algebras, Quantum groups, Frobenius algebras etc.)

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Introduction to nominal sets in talk by Nikos Tzevelekos.

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We build a category $\mathcal{K}_!(\mathcal{G})$ (the ‘co-Kleisli category’) as follows:

Objects: same as in \mathcal{G} .

Morphisms: $\mathcal{K}_!(\mathcal{G})A, B = \mathcal{G}(!A, B)$.

Composition:

$$\frac{!A \xrightarrow{\sigma} B \quad !B \xrightarrow{\tau} C}{!A \xrightarrow{\delta_A} !!A \xrightarrow{!\sigma} !B \xrightarrow{\tau} C}$$

Products: $A \times B = A \& B$

Exponentials: $A \Rightarrow B = !A \multimap B$.

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Given A, B define $A \& B$ by

$$\begin{aligned}M_{A \& B} &= M_A + M_B \\ \lambda_{A \& B} &= [\lambda_A, \lambda_B] \\ P_{A \& B} &= \{\text{inl}^*(s) \mid s \in P_A\} \cup \{\text{inr}^*(t) \mid t \in P_B\}.\end{aligned}$$

$A \& B$ is the product of A and B in \mathcal{G} . We can define projections

$$A \xleftarrow{\text{fst}} A \& B \xrightarrow{\text{snd}} B$$

(Partial copy-cats) and pairing

$$\frac{\sigma : C \longrightarrow A \quad \tau : C \longrightarrow B}{\langle \sigma, \tau \rangle : C \longrightarrow A \& B}$$

(Disjoint union)

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Now we can begin! We roll up our sleeves and start proving full completeness, full abstraction, etc. . . .

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