

# Coalgebras and Higher-Order Computation: a GoI Approach

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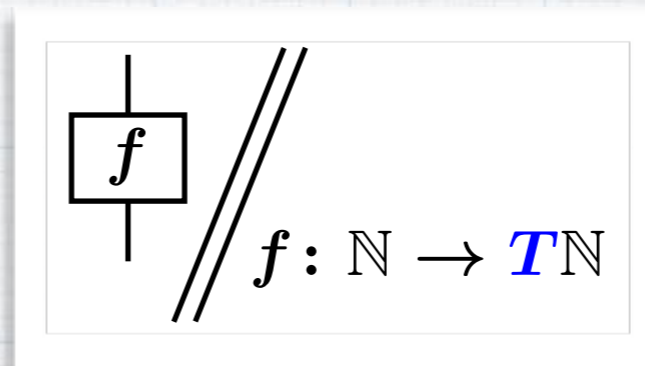
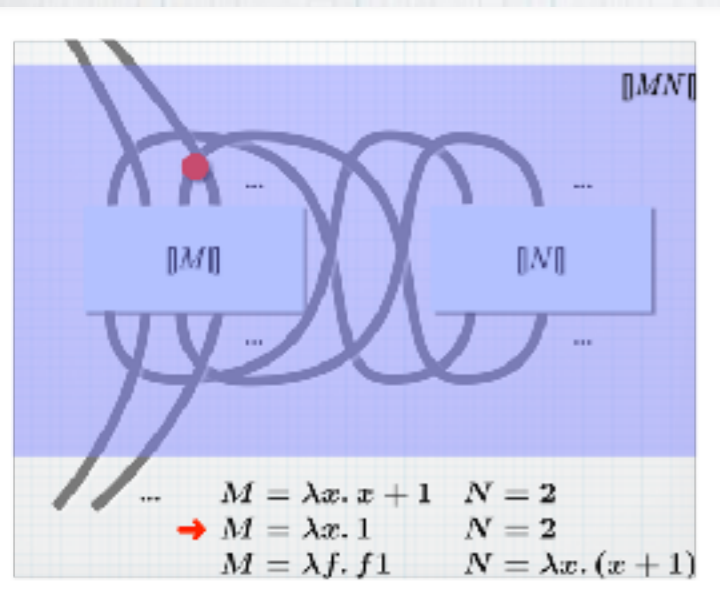
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# Outline

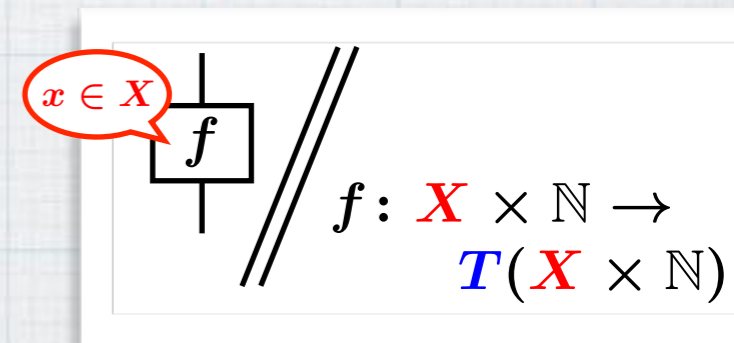
- \* Categorical axiomatization
- \* Compilation to sequential machines

## Coalgebra meets higher-order computation in Geometry of Interaction [Girard, LC'88]

### "GoI Animation"

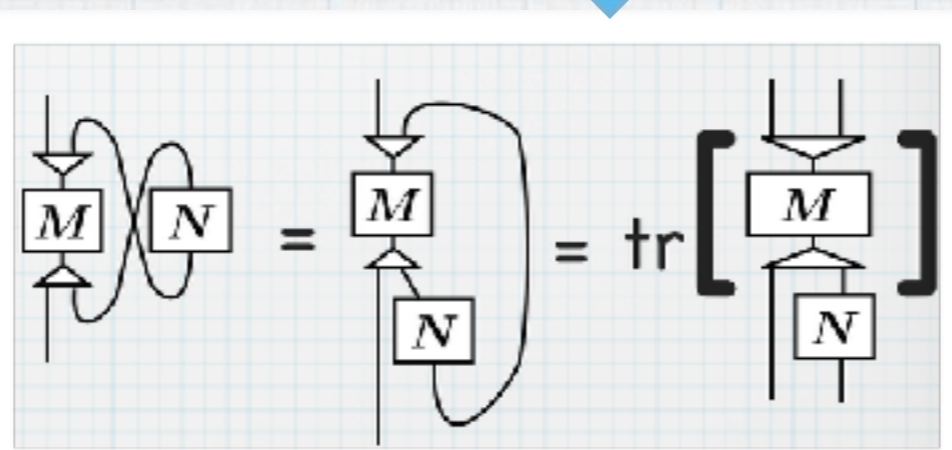


### GoI w/ $\mathcal{T}$ -branching [IH & Hoshino, LICS'11]



### Memoryful GoI

[Hoshino, Muroya & IH,  
CSL-LICS'14 & POPL'16]



### Categorical GoI

[Abramsky, Haghverdi & Scott, MSCS'02]

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- \* **[POPL 2016]** Koko Muroya, Naohiko Hoshino and IH.  
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# Geometry of Interaction (GoI)

- \* J.-Y. Girard, at Logic Colloquium '88
- \* Provides "denotational" semantics (w/ operational flavor) for linear  $\lambda$ -term  $M$
- \* As a compilation technique

[Mackie, POPL'95] [Pinto, TLCA'01] [Ghica et al., POPL'07, POPL'11, ICFP'11, ...]

- \* Two presentations:

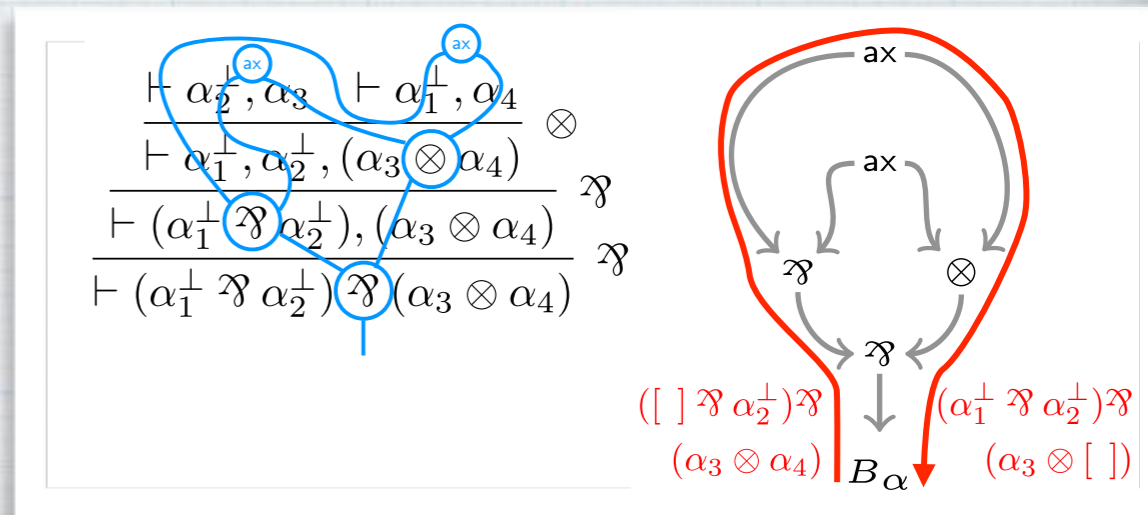
$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdash A, A^\perp \quad \vdash A^\perp, A}{\vdash A, A^\perp, A^\perp \otimes A} \quad \frac{\vdash A, A^\perp}{\vdash A \wp A^\perp}}{\vdash [A^\perp \otimes A], A, A^\perp}}{\Pi^* = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & p & q \\ 0 & pq^* + qp^* & 0 & 0 \\ p^* & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ q^* & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} \quad \sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$(p^*p = q^*q = 1, p^*q = q^*p = 0)$

- \* (Operator-) Algebraic [Girard]

- \* Token machines/  
interaction abstract machines

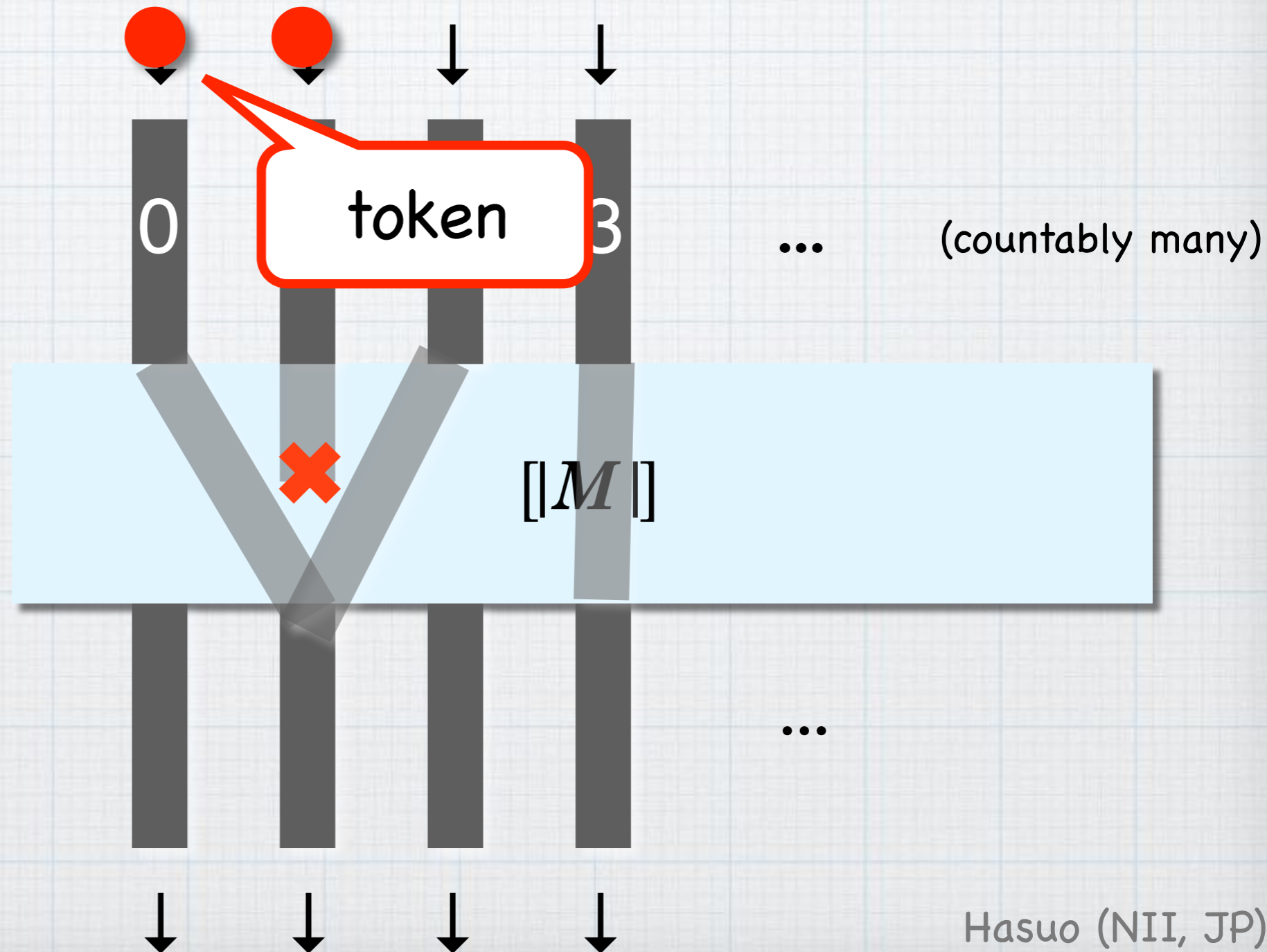
[Danos & Regnier, TCS'99] [Mackie, POPL'95]



# The GoI Animation

$\llbracket M \rrbracket = (\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, \text{ a partial function })$

= “piping”

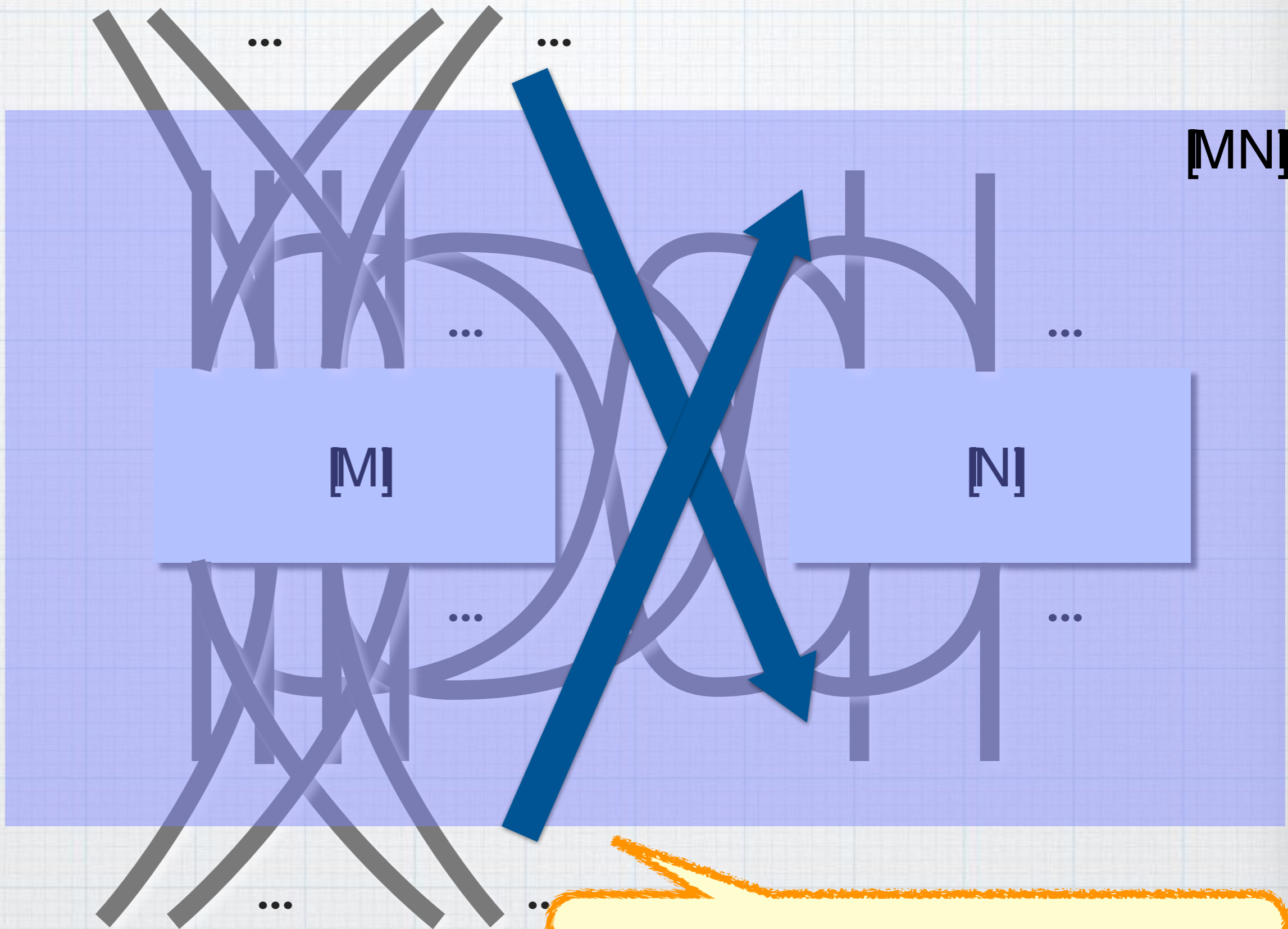


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- \* Function application  $[[MN]]$

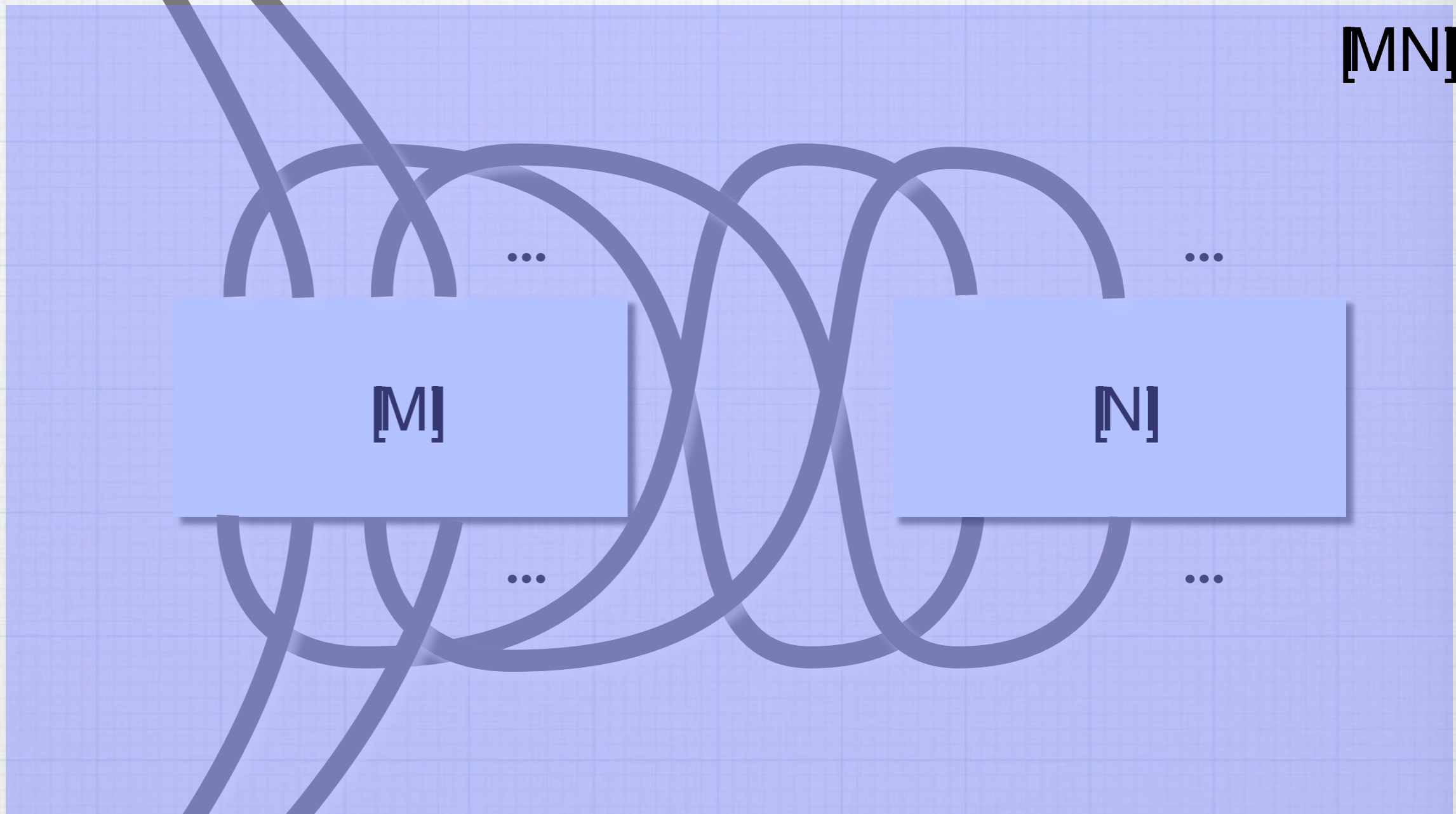
- \* by “parallel composition + hiding”

$[MN]$   
=



“parallel composition + hiding”  
(cf. AJM games)

$[MN]$   
=



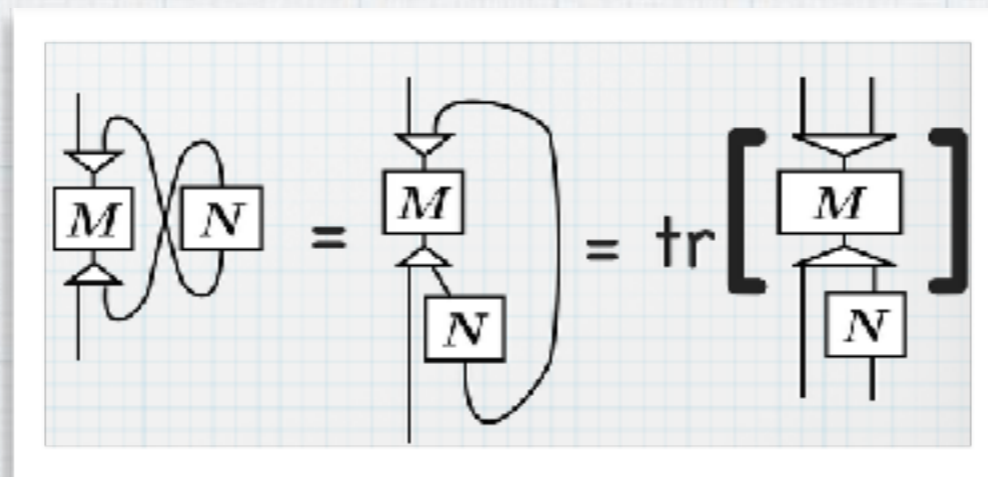
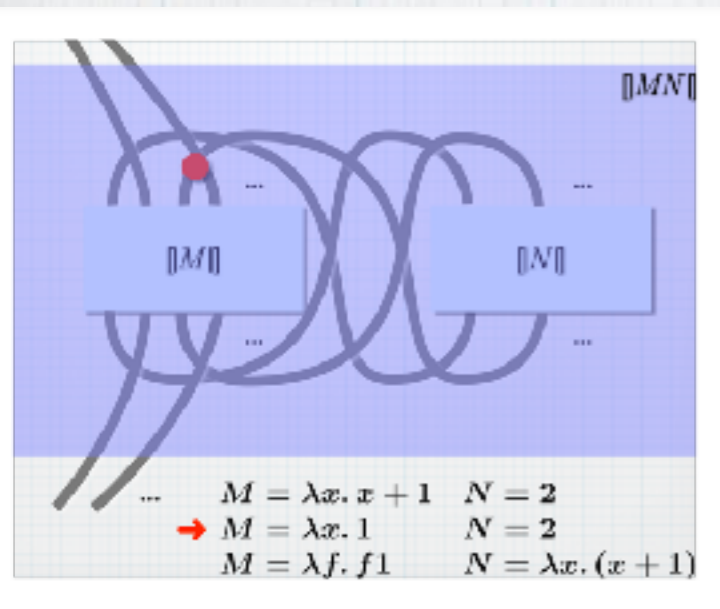
- ...  $\rightarrow M = \lambda x. x + 1 \quad N = 2$   
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in **Geometry of Interaction** [Girard, LC'88]

“GoI Animation”



**Categorical GoI**

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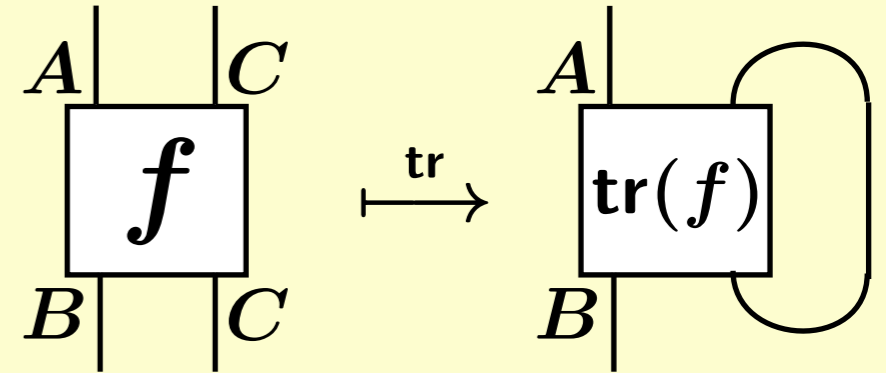
# Categorical GoI

- \* Axiomatics of GoI in the categorical language
- \* Our main reference:
  - \* [AHS02] S. Abramsky, E. Haghverdi, and P. Scott, **Geometry of interaction and linear combinatory algebras**, Math. Str. Comp. Sci, 2002
  - \* Especially its technical report version (Oxford CL), since it's a bit more detailed
- \* See also:
  - \* IH and Naohiko Hoshino. **Semantics of Higher-Order Quantum Computation via Geometry of Interaction**. Annals Pure & Applied Logic 2017.  
[arxiv.org/abs/1605.05079](https://arxiv.org/abs/1605.05079)

# The Categorical GoI Workflow

Traced monoidal category  $\mathbb{C}$

+ other constructs  $\rightarrow$  "GoI situation" [AHS02]



Categorical GoI [AHS02]

Linear combinatory algebra

- \* Applicative str. + combinators
- \* Model of **untyped** calculus

Realizability

- \* PER,  $\omega$ -set, assembly, ...
- \* "Programming in untyped  $\lambda$ "

Linear category

Model of **typed** calculus

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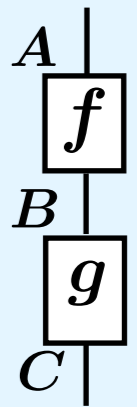
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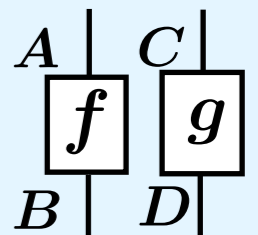
\* **Monoidal category**  $(\mathbb{C}, \otimes, I)$

\* **String diagrams**

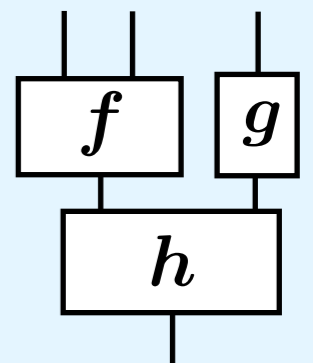
$$\frac{A \xrightarrow{f} B \quad B \xrightarrow{g} C}{A \xrightarrow{g \circ f} C}$$



$$\frac{A \xrightarrow{f} B \quad C \xrightarrow{g} D}{A \otimes C \xrightarrow{f \otimes g} B \otimes D}$$



$$h \circ (f \otimes g)$$



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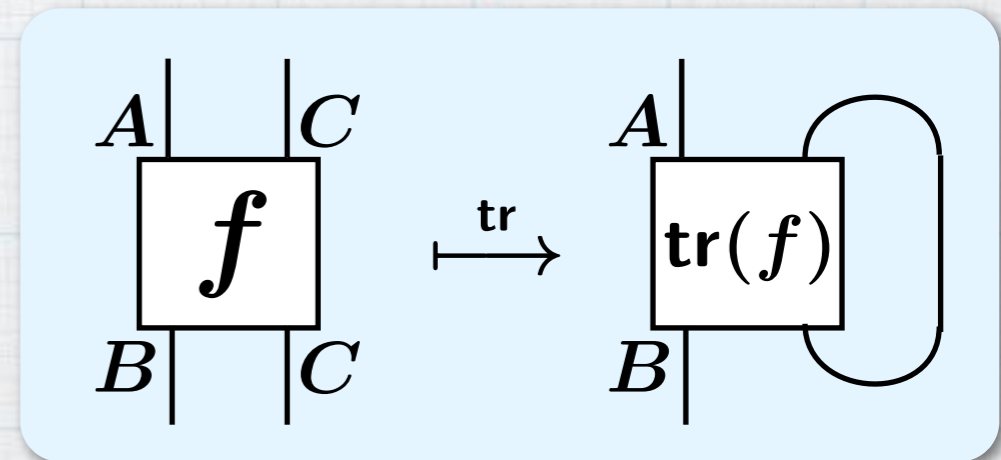
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\* **Traced** monoidal category

\* "feedback"

$$\frac{A \otimes C \xrightarrow{f} B \otimes C}{A \xrightarrow{\text{tr}(f)} B}$$

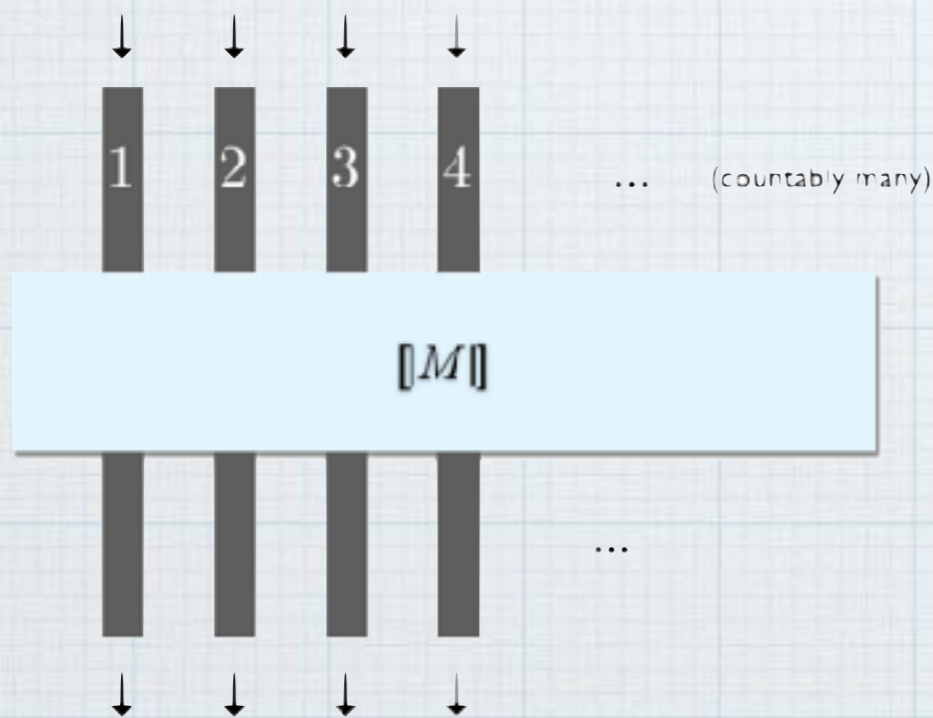
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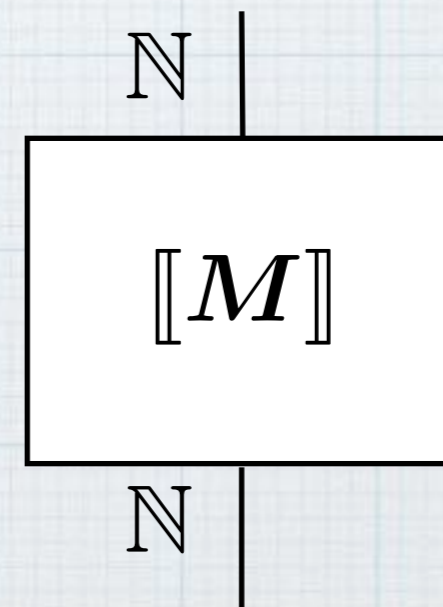
# String Diagram vs. "Pipe Diagram"

- \* I use two ways of depicting partial functions  $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

In the monoidal category  
 $(\mathbf{Pfn}, +, 0)$



Pipe diagram



String diagram

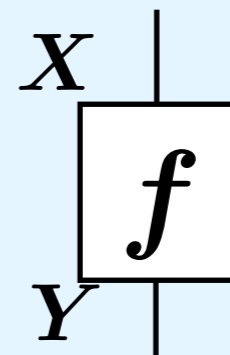
# Traced Sym. Monoidal Category (Pfn, +, 0)

\* Category **Pfn** of **partial functions**

\* Obj. A set  $X$

\* Arr. A partial function

$$\frac{X \rightarrow Y \text{ in Pfn}}{X \rightarrow Y, \text{ partial function}}$$



\* is traced symmetric monoidal



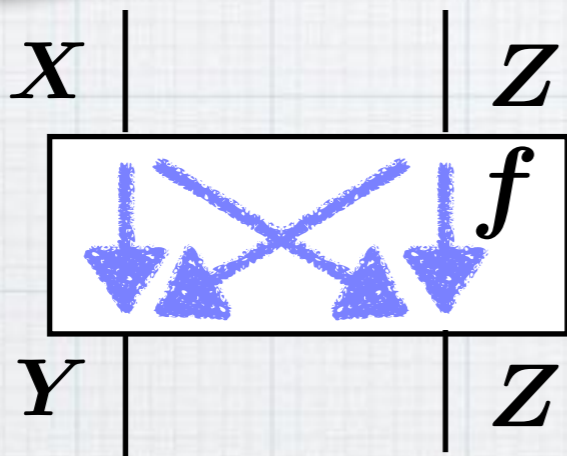
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$$\frac{X + Z \xrightarrow{f} Y + Z \text{ in Pfn}}{X \xrightarrow{\text{tr}(f)} Y \text{ in Pfn}}$$

How?

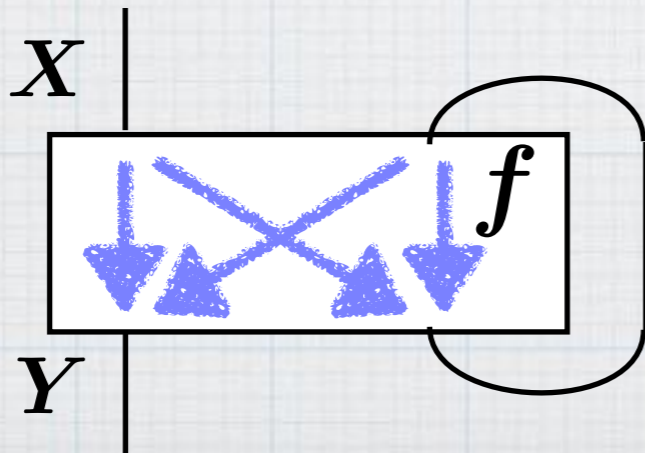
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$$f_{XY}(x) := \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{if } f(x) \in Y \\ \perp & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Similar for  $f_{XZ}, f_{ZY}, f_{ZZ}$

\* Trace operator:



- \* Execution formula (Girard)
- \* Partiality is essential (infinite)

$$\text{tr}(f) =$$

$$f_{XY} \sqcup \left( \coprod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f_{ZY} \circ (f_{ZZ})^n \circ f_{XZ} \right)$$

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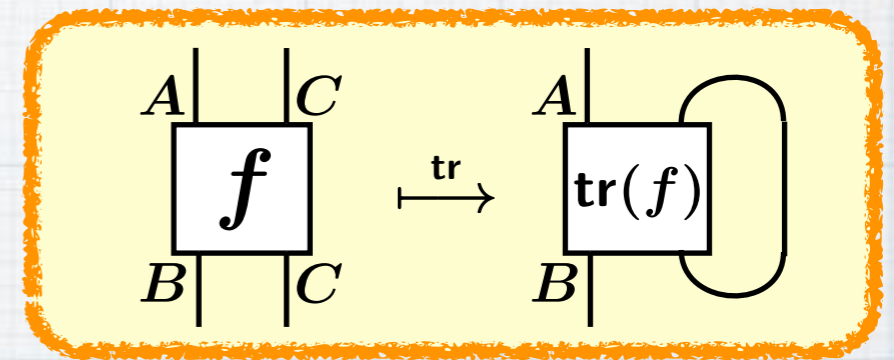
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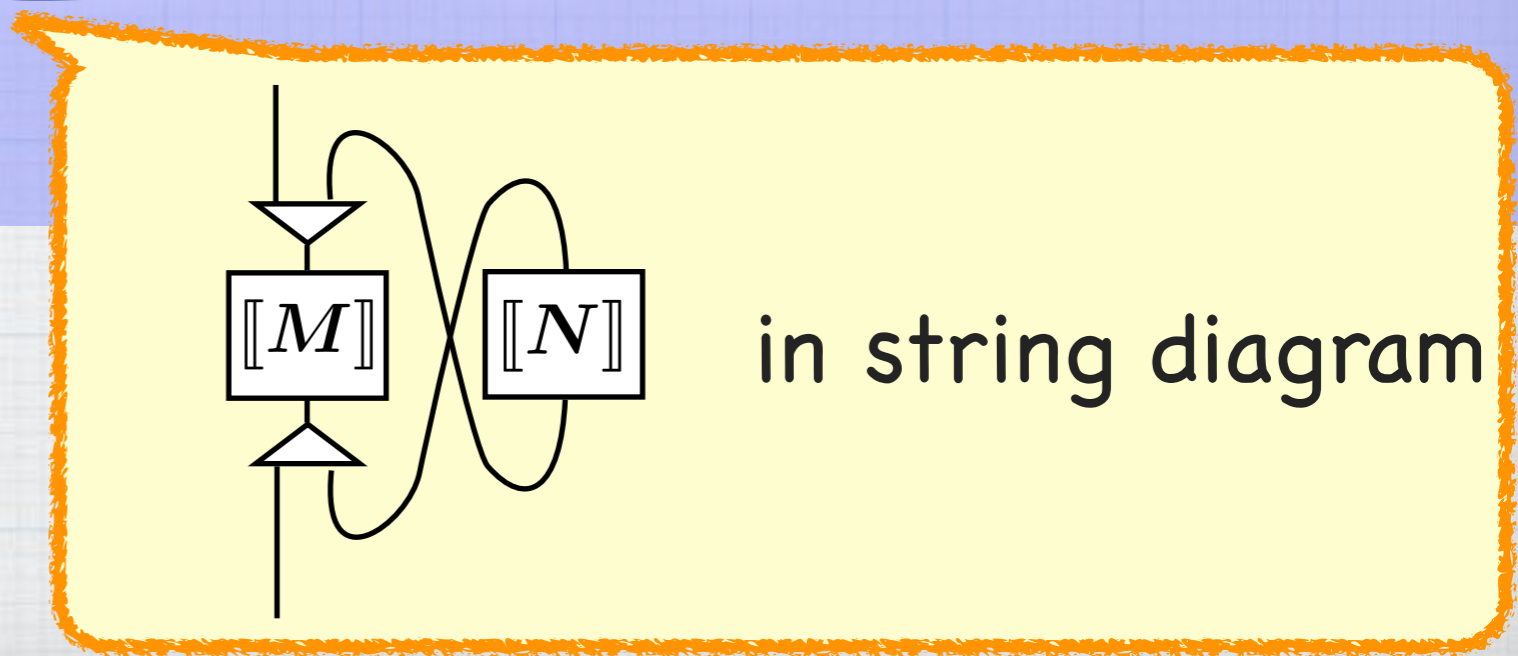
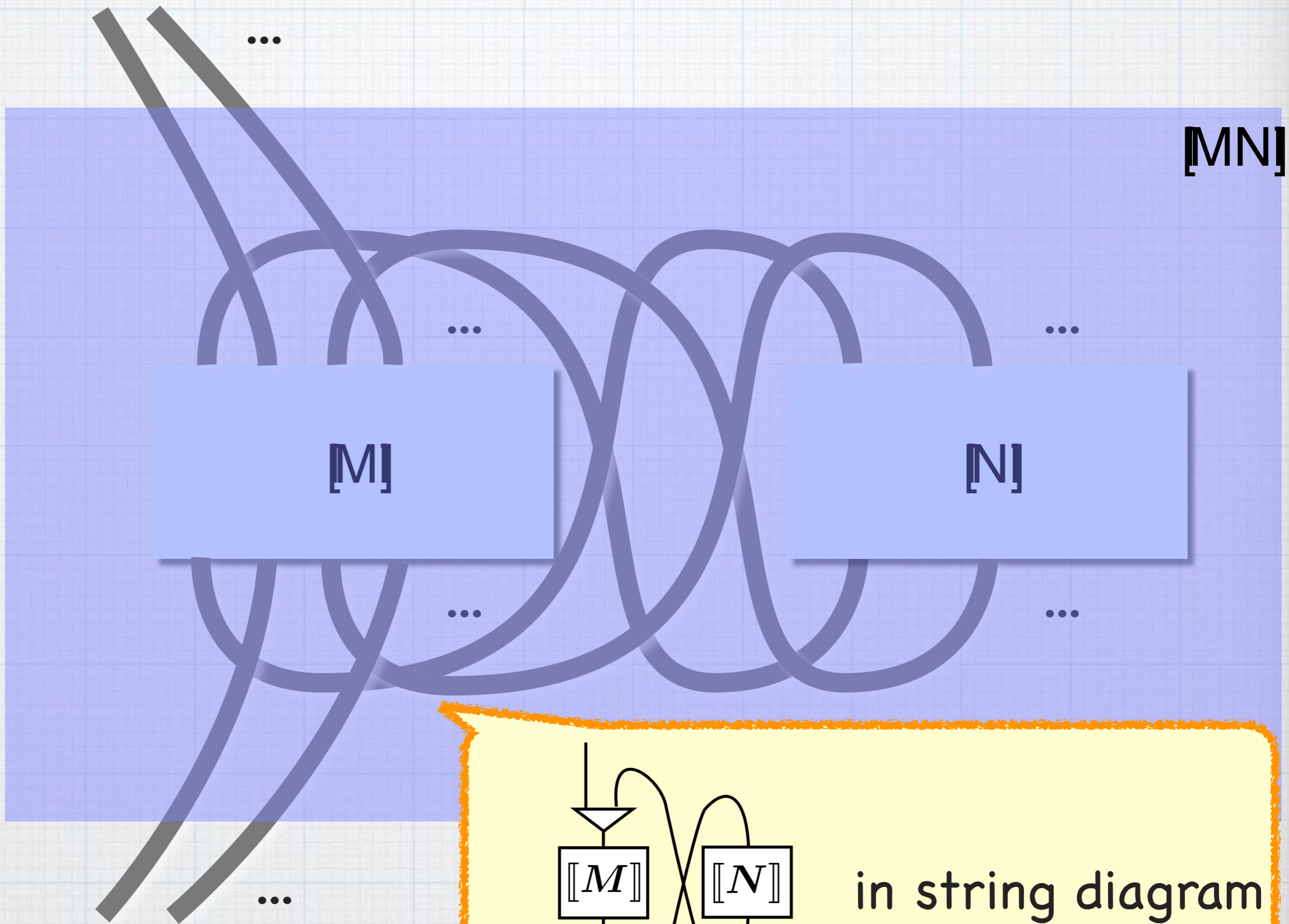
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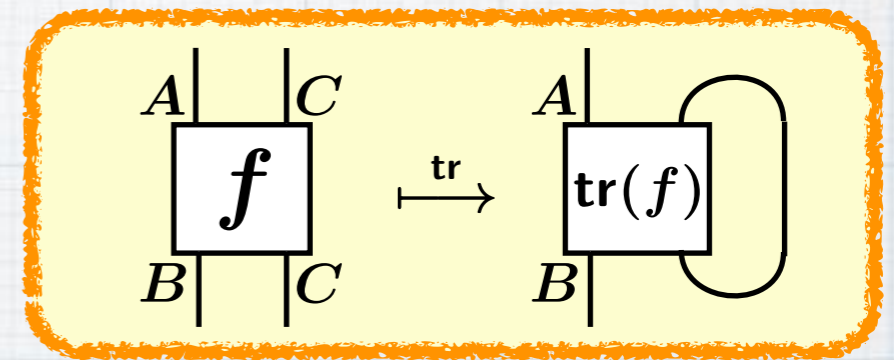
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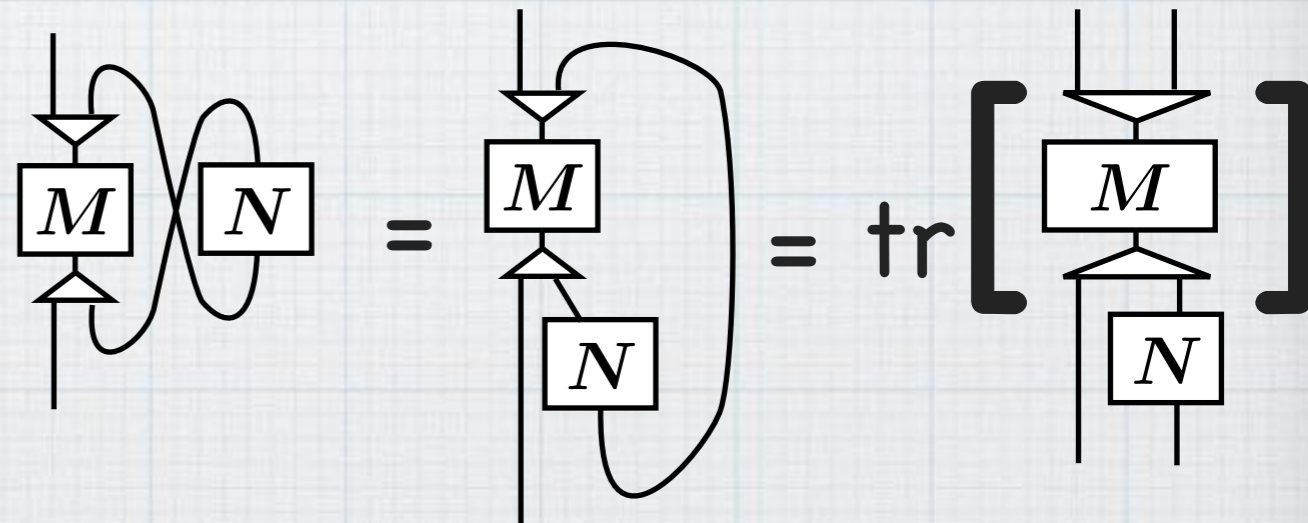
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\* Leading example: **Pfn**

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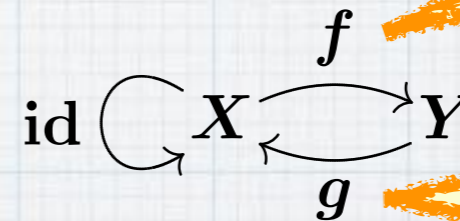
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**Defn.** (Retraction)

A *retraction* from  $X$  to  $Y$ ,

$$f : X \triangleleft Y : g,$$

is a pair of arrows



"embedding"

"projection"

such that  $g \circ f = \text{id}_X$ .

\* Functor  $F$

\* For obtaining  $! : A \rightarrow A$

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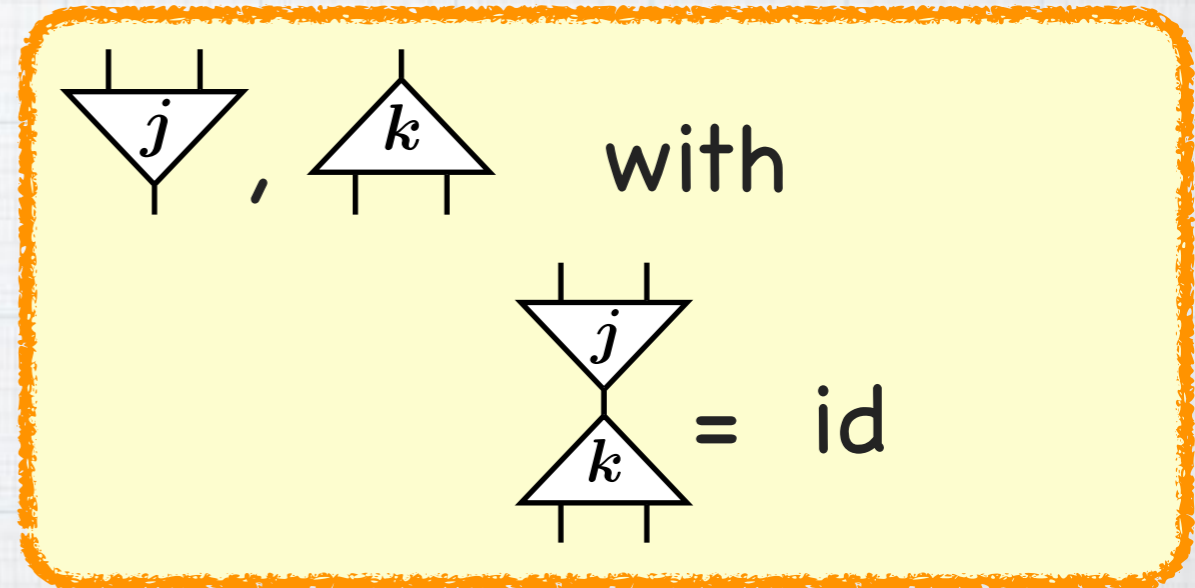
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\* Retr.  $U \otimes U \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{j} \\ \xleftarrow{k} \end{matrix} U$



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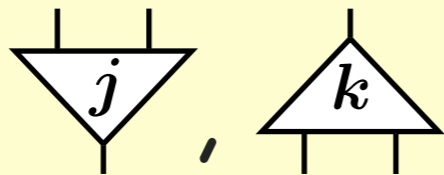
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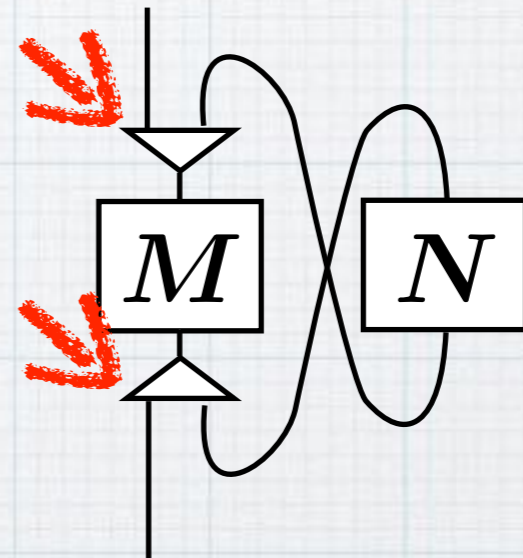
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\* Example in **Pfn**:

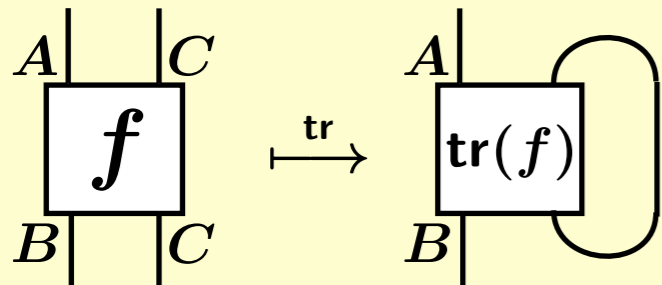
$\mathbb{N} \in \mathbf{Pfn}$ , with

$$\mathbb{N} + \mathbb{N} \cong \mathbb{N},$$

$$\mathbb{N} \cdot \mathbb{N} \cong \mathbb{N}$$

# Situation: Summary

- \* Categorical axiomatics of the "GoI animation"



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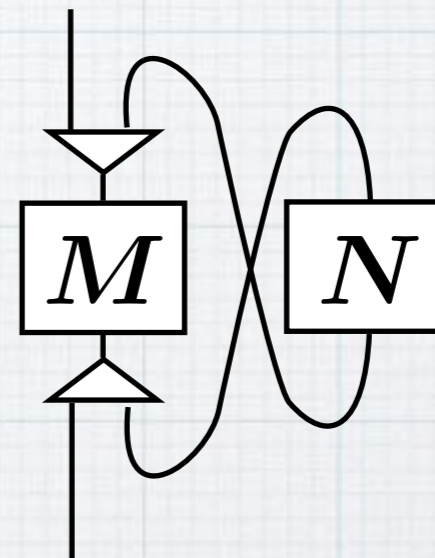
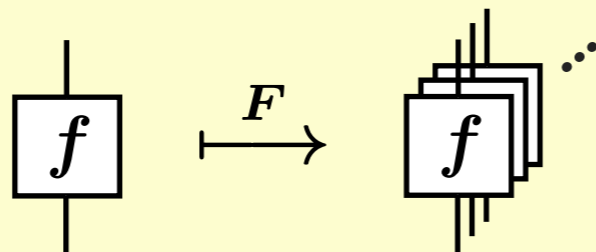
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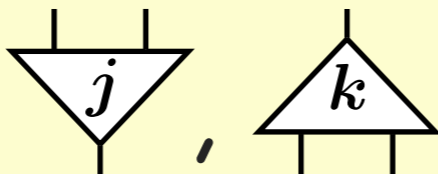
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For !, via



- \* Example:

$$(\text{Pfn}, N \cdot \_, N)$$





# Categorical GoI: Constr. of an LCA

**Thm.** ([AHS02])

Given a GoI situation  $(\mathbb{C}, F, U)$ , the homset

$$\mathbb{C}(U, U)$$

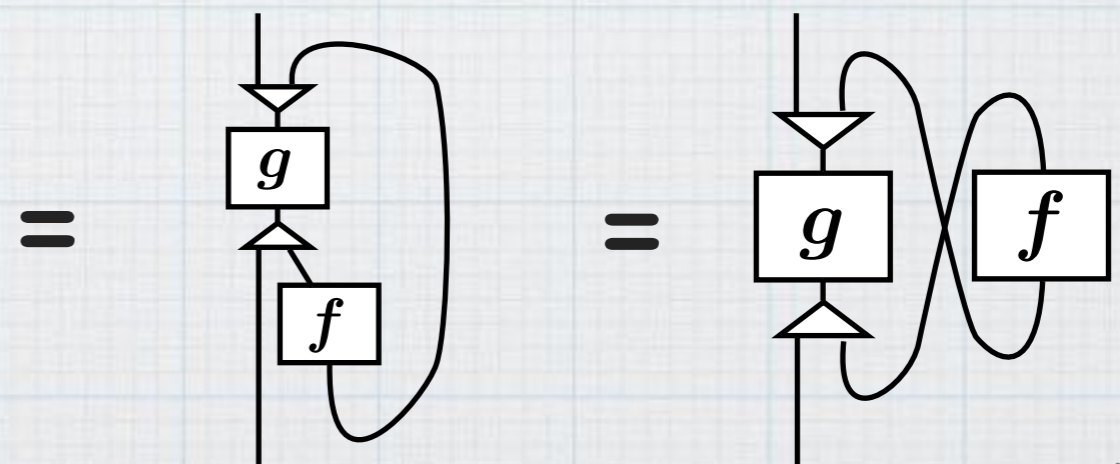
carries a canonical LCA structure.

$$\begin{array}{c} |U \\ \boxed{f} \\ |U \end{array} \in \mathbb{C}(U, U)$$

- \* Applicative str.  $\cdot$
- \* ! operator
- \* Combinators B, C, I, ...

\*  $g \cdot f$

$$:= \text{tr}((U \otimes f) \circ k \circ g \circ j)$$



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$$c : F \otimes F \triangleleft F : c' \quad \text{Contraction}$$

$$w : K_I \triangleleft F : w' \quad \text{Weakening}$$

Here  $K_I$  is the constant functor into the monoidal unit  $I$ ;

- $U \in \mathbb{C}$  is an object (called *reflexive object*), equipped with the following retractions.

$$j : U \otimes U \triangleleft U : k$$

$$I \triangleleft U$$

$$u : FU \triangleleft U : v$$

**Thm.** ([AHS02])

Given a GoI situation  $(\mathbb{C}, F, U)$ , the homset

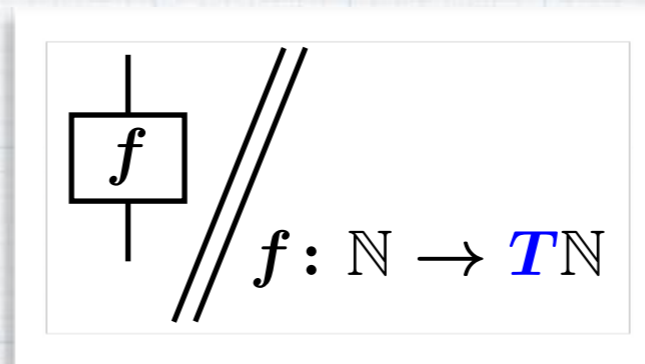
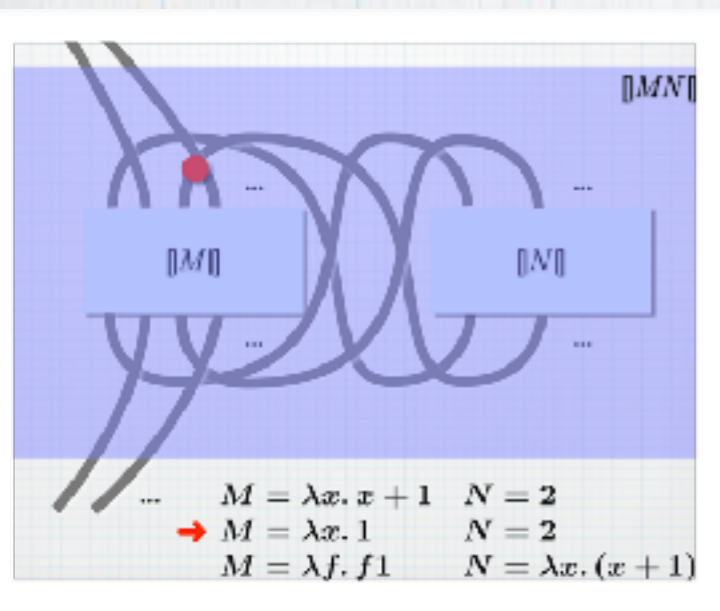
$$\mathbb{C}(U, U)$$

carries a canonical LCA structure.

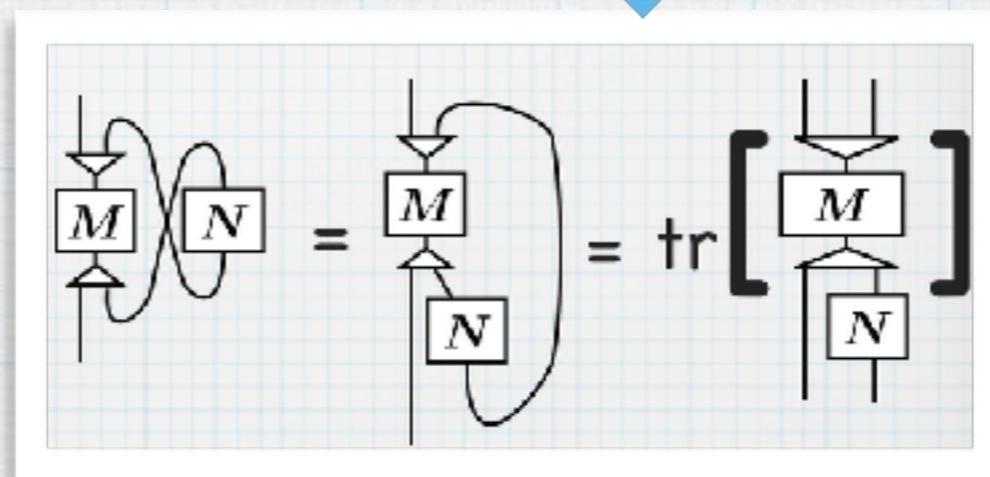
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# Why Categories Examples

$Kl(T)$  for different branching  
monads  $T$

## \* Pfn (partial functions)

$$\frac{\frac{X \rightarrow Y \text{ in Pfn}}{\underline{\underline{X \rightarrow Y, \text{ partial function}}}}}{X \rightarrow \mathcal{L}Y \text{ in Sets}} \quad \text{where } \mathcal{L}Y = \{\perp\} + Y$$

(Potential) non-termination

## \* Rel (relations)

$$\frac{\frac{X \rightarrow Y \text{ in Rel}}{\underline{\underline{R \subseteq X \times Y, \text{ relation}}}}}{X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}Y \text{ in Sets}} \quad \text{where } \mathcal{P} \text{ is the powerset monad}$$

Non-determinism

## \* DSRel

$$\frac{\frac{X \rightarrow Y \text{ in DSRel}}{\underline{\underline{X \rightarrow \mathcal{D}Y \text{ in Sets}}}}}{\text{where } \mathcal{D}Y = \{d : Y \rightarrow [0, 1] \mid \sum_y d(y) \leq 1\}}$$

Probabilistic branching

# Different Branching in The GoI Animation



**Pfn** (partial functions)

- \* Pipes can be stuck



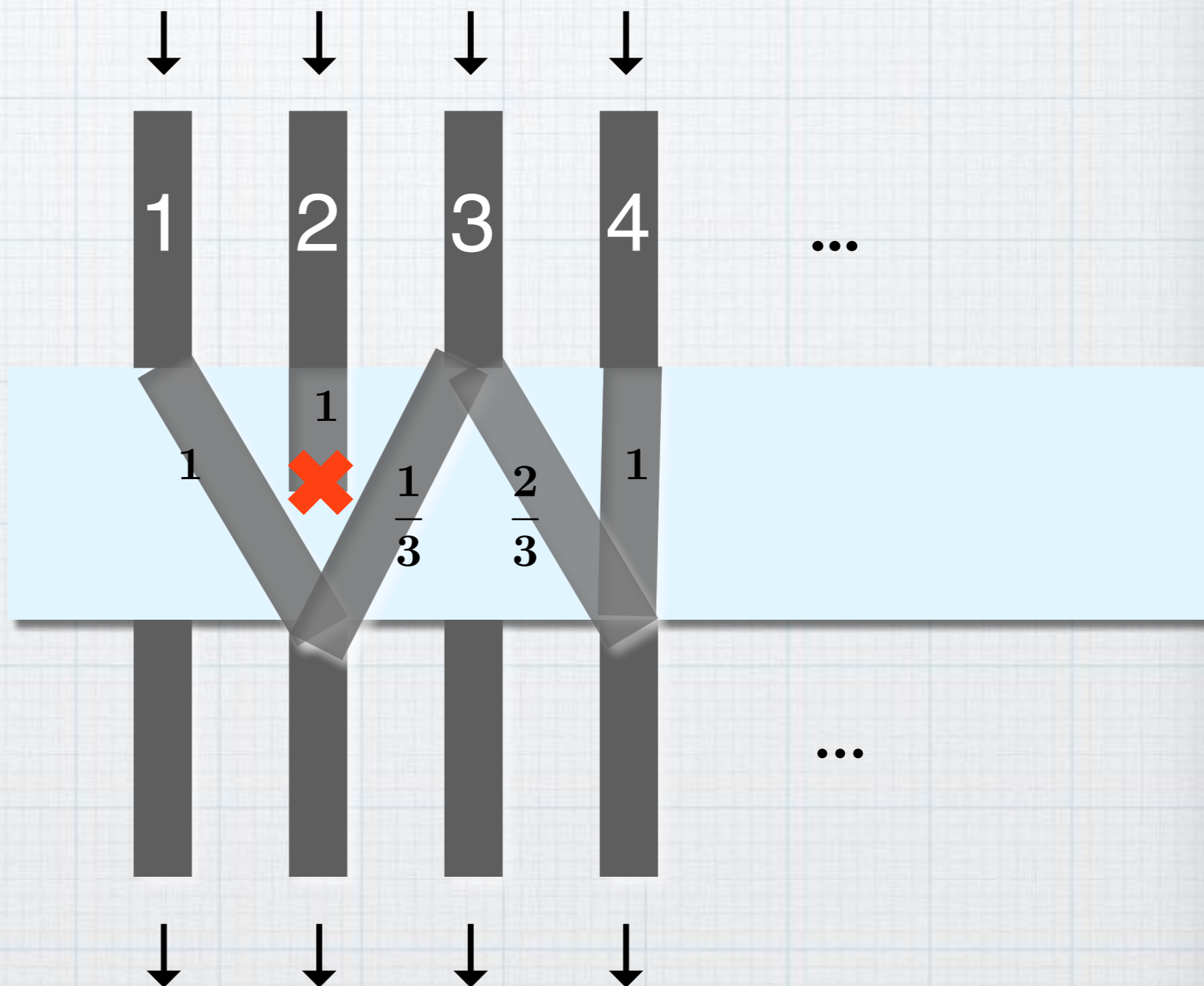
**Rel** (relations)

- \* Pipes can branch



**DSRel**

- \* Pipes can branch probabilistically



# Branching Monad: Source of Particle-Style GoI Situations

**Thm.** ([Jacobs,CMCS10])

Given a “branching monad”  $T$  on **Sets**, the monoidal category

$$(\mathcal{Kl}(T), +, 0)$$

is

- a *unique decomposition category* [Haghverdi,PhD00], hence is
- a traced symmetric monoidal category.

**Cor.**

$( (\mathcal{Kl}(T), +, 0), \mathbb{N} \cdot \_ , \mathbb{N} )$  is a GoI situation.

Monads in [Hasuo, Jacobs & Sokolova 07]

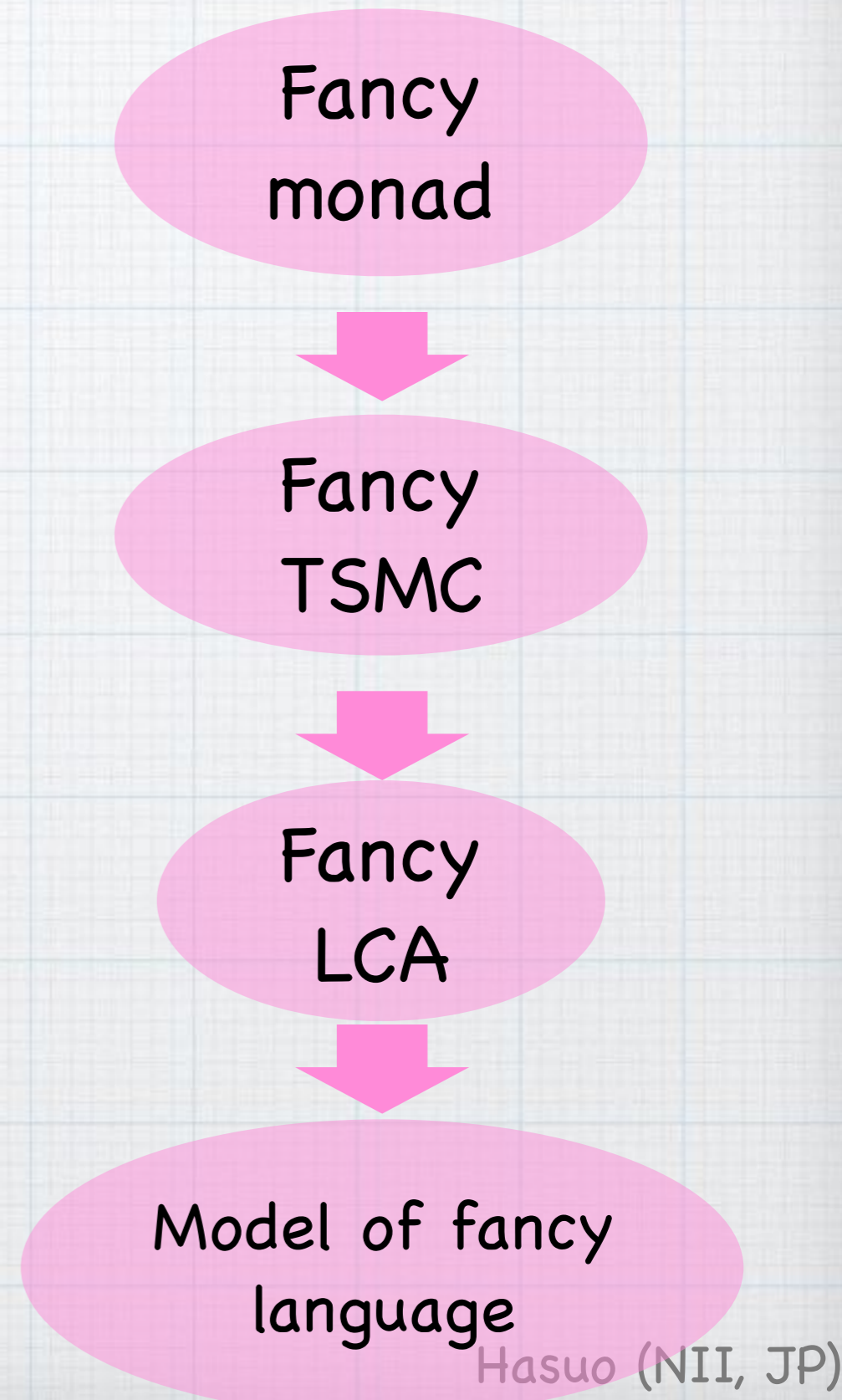
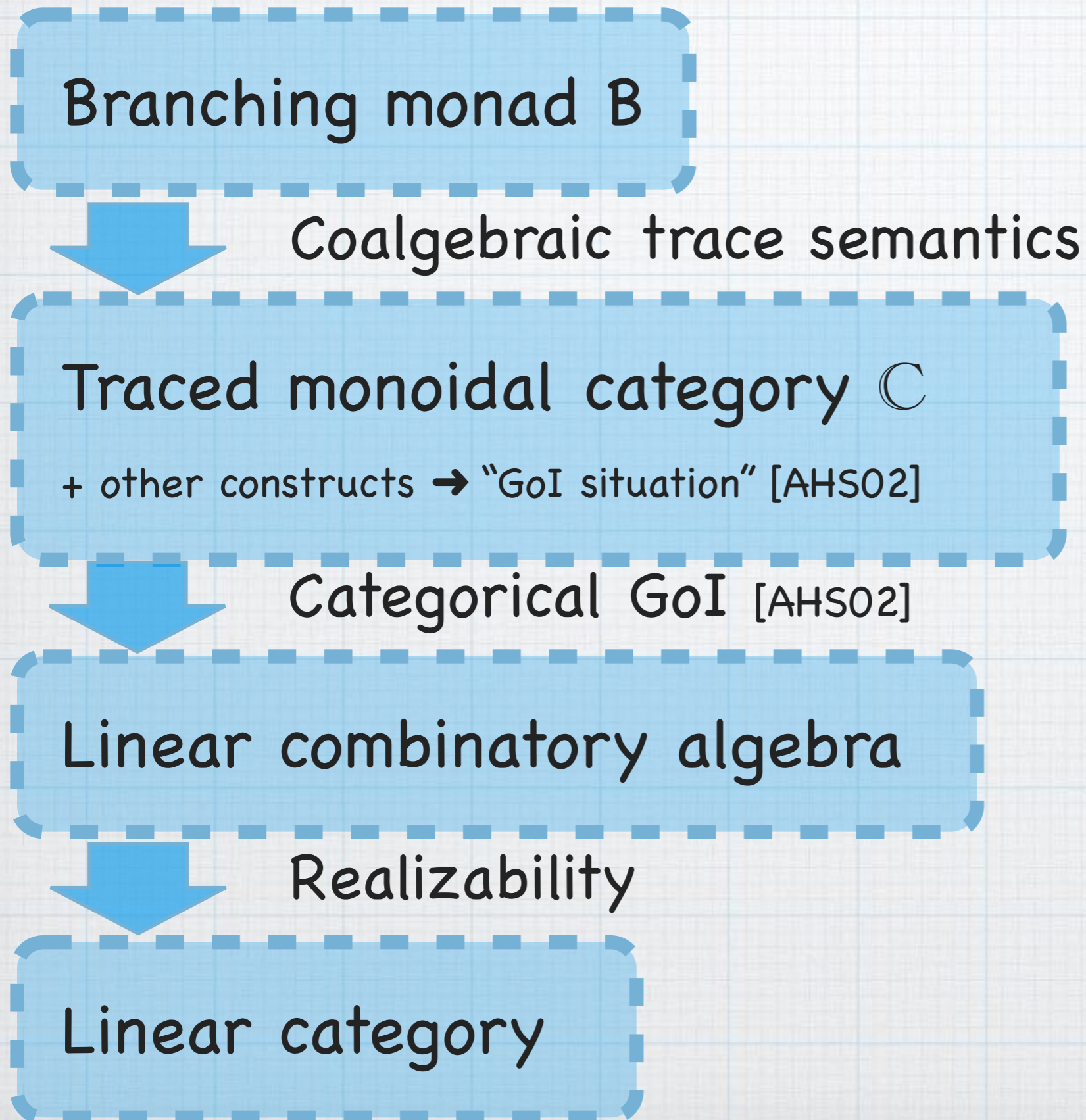
- \*  $\mathcal{Kl}(T)$  is  $\text{Cpo}_\perp$ -enriched

Particle-style: trace via the execution formula

$$\text{tr}(f) =$$

$$f_{XY} \sqcup \left( \coprod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f_{ZY} \circ (f_{ZZ})^n \circ f_{XZ} \right)$$

# The Categorical GoI Workflow



- \* Model for (a variant of) the Selinger-Valiron

## quantum $\lambda$ -calculus

(linear  $\lambda$  + prep./Unitary/meas.)

[Hasuo & Hoshino, LICS'11 & APAL'16]

- \* via the quantum branching monad
- \* ... with considerable complication :(

$$[[\Gamma \vdash M : \tau]] : [[\Gamma]] \longrightarrow ([[ \tau ]] \multimap R) \multimap R$$

where

$$R = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} p_\epsilon \quad q_\epsilon \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \begin{array}{c} p_0 \quad q_0 \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \\ \vdots \quad \vdots \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} p_1 \quad q_1 \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \\ \vdots \quad \vdots \end{array} \end{array} \mid p_\alpha, q_\alpha \in [0, 1] \right\}$$

Realizability

Linear category

## Workflow

Fancy monad

- \* Records measurement outcomes
- \*  $R$  as a suitable final coalgebra in the realizability category

Fancy LCA

Model of fancy language



# Challenge: Memorizing Effects

Already w/  
nondeterminism!

...

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$[(\lambda x. x + x)(3 \sqcup 5)]$

Already w/  
nondeterminism!

...

...

$[\lambda x. x + x]$

$[3 \sqcup 5]$

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$(\lambda x. x + x)(3 \sqcup 5)$

$\longrightarrow_{\text{CBV}} 6 \text{ or } 10 \text{ ??}$

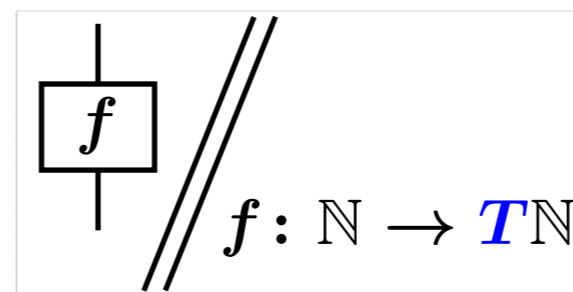
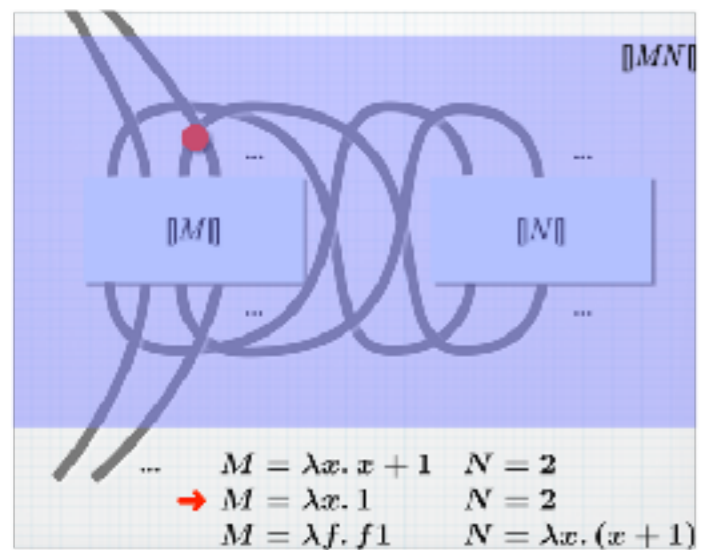
...

- Query  $(\lambda x. x + x)(3 \sqcup 5)$
- Query  $x$
- Answer  $3$  or  $5$
- Query  $x$
- Answer  $3$  or  $5$
- Answer  $3 + 3, 3 + 5, 5 + 3$  or  $5 + 5$

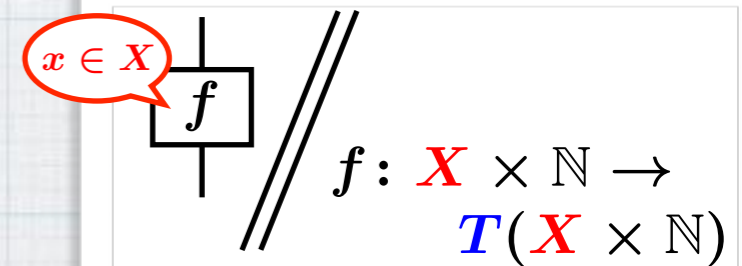
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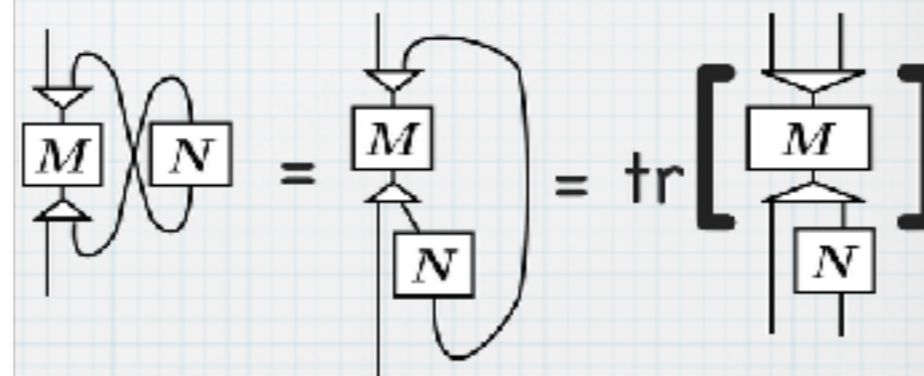


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# Memoryful GoI

- \* Equip piping with internal states, or **memory**

- \* not  $\llbracket 3 \sqcup 5 \rrbracket : \mathbb{N} \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}\mathbb{N} , \quad q \longmapsto \{3, 5\}$

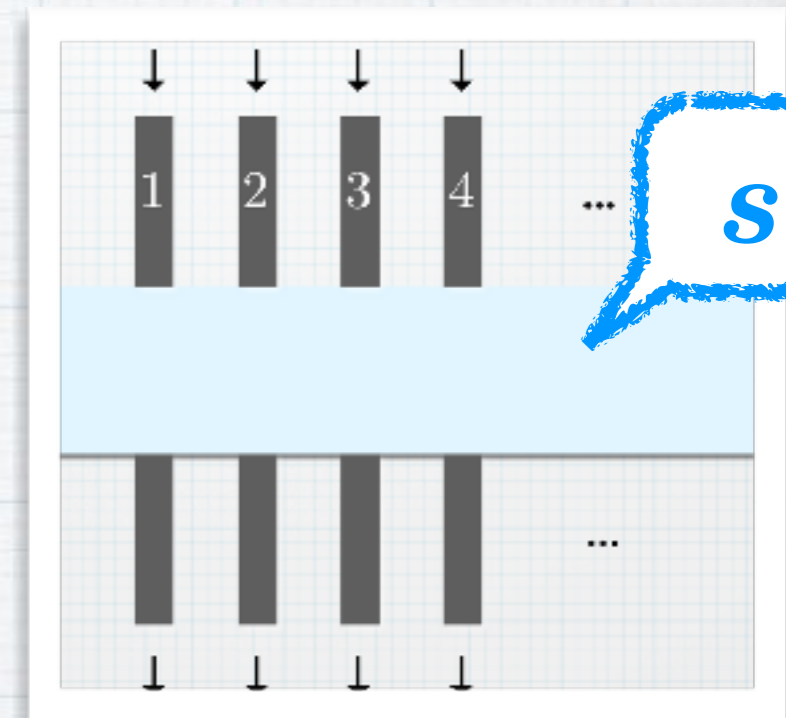
but a **transducer** (Mealy machine)

$$\llbracket 3 \sqcup 5 \rrbracket : X \times \mathbb{N} \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}(X \times \mathbb{N}) , \quad q/3 \begin{array}{c} \curvearrowright \\ \circlearrowleft \\ s_l \end{array} \xleftarrow{q/3} \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \circlearrowright \\ s_0 \end{array} \xrightarrow{q/5} \begin{array}{c} \circlearrowright \\ s_r \\ \curvearrowleft \end{array} q/5$$

- \* Not a new idea:

- \* Slices in GoI for additives [Laurent, TLCA'01]

- \* Resumption GoI [Abramsky, CONCUR'96]



# Memoryful GoI

\* We introduce memory in a structured manner..



the “traced monoidal category” of transducers

**Trans( $T$ )**

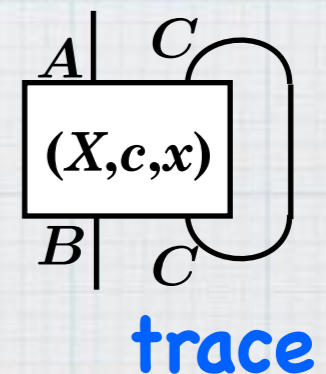
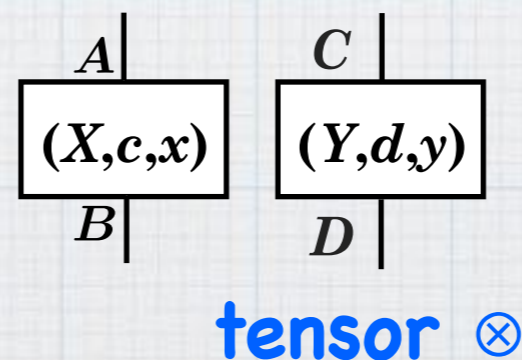
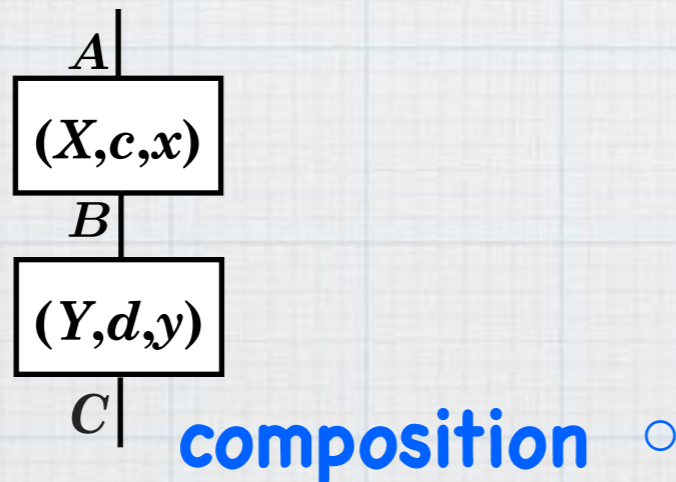
Objects: sets  $A, B, \dots$

$A \longrightarrow B$  in  $\text{Trans}(T)$

Arrows:

$(X, X \times A \xrightarrow{c} T(X \times B), x_0 \in X), T\text{-transducer}$

\* with operations like

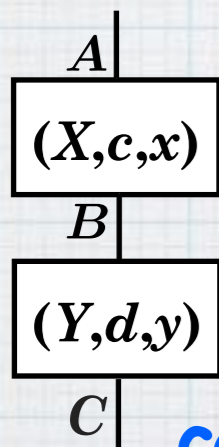


# Trans( $T$ ) by Coalgebraic Component Calculus

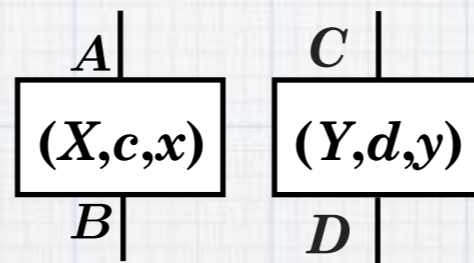
[Barbosa '03][IH & Jacobs '11]

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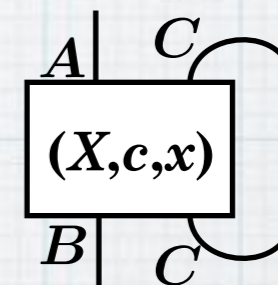
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composition  $\circ$



tensor  $\otimes$



trace

$$\left( X \times Y, \begin{array}{l}
 (X \times Y) \times A \xrightarrow{\text{id}} (X \times A) \times Y \\
 \xrightarrow{c \times Y} T(X \times B) \times Y \\
 \xrightarrow{\text{str}'} T((X \times B) \times Y) \\
 \xrightarrow{\text{id}} T(X \times (Y \times B)) \\
 \xrightarrow{T(X \times d)} T(X \times T(Y \times C)) \\
 \xrightarrow{T\text{str}} TT(X \times (Y \times C)) \\
 \xrightarrow{\mu^T} T(X \times (Y \times C)) \\
 \xrightarrow{\text{id}} T((X \times Y) \times C)
 \end{array}, (x, y) \right)$$

# The Memoryful GoI Framework

\* Given:

\* a monad  $T$  on Sets,  
s.t.  $\mathcal{Kl}(T)$  is Cppo-enriched

\* an alg. signature  $\Sigma$  with  
**algebraic operations on  $T$**

[Plotkin & Power]

$$\left\{ \alpha_{A,B} : (A \Rightarrow TB)^{|\alpha|} \longrightarrow (A \Rightarrow TB) \right\}_{A \in \text{Sets}, B \in \mathcal{Kl}(T)}$$

- *Exception*  $1 + E + (\_)$ 
  - with 0-ary opr.  $\text{raise}_e$  ( $e \in E$ )
- *Nondeterminism*  $\mathcal{P}$ 
  - with binary opr.  $\sqcup$
- *Probability*  $\mathcal{D}$ , where
 
$$\mathcal{D}X = \{d : X \rightarrow [0, 1] \mid \sum_x d(x) \leq 1\}$$
  - with binary opr.  $\sqcup_p$  ( $p \in [0, 1]$ )
- *Global state*  $(1 + S \times \_)^S$ 
  - with  $|V|$ -ary  $\text{lookup}_l$  and unary  $\text{update}_{l,v}$

\* For the calculus:  $\lambda_c$  + (alg. opr. from  $\Sigma$ ) + (co)products + arith.

\* We give

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{N} \mid \quad \text{N} \mid \quad \dots \quad \text{N} \mid \\ \hline \boxed{(\Gamma \vdash M : \tau)} \\ \hline \text{N} \mid \quad \text{N} \mid \quad \dots \quad \text{N} \mid \end{array}$$

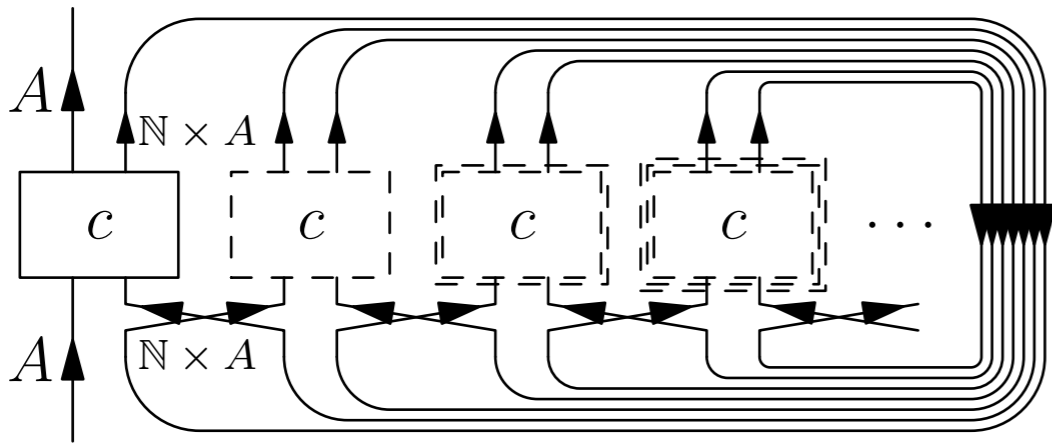
$|\Gamma|$

in  $\text{Trans}(T)$

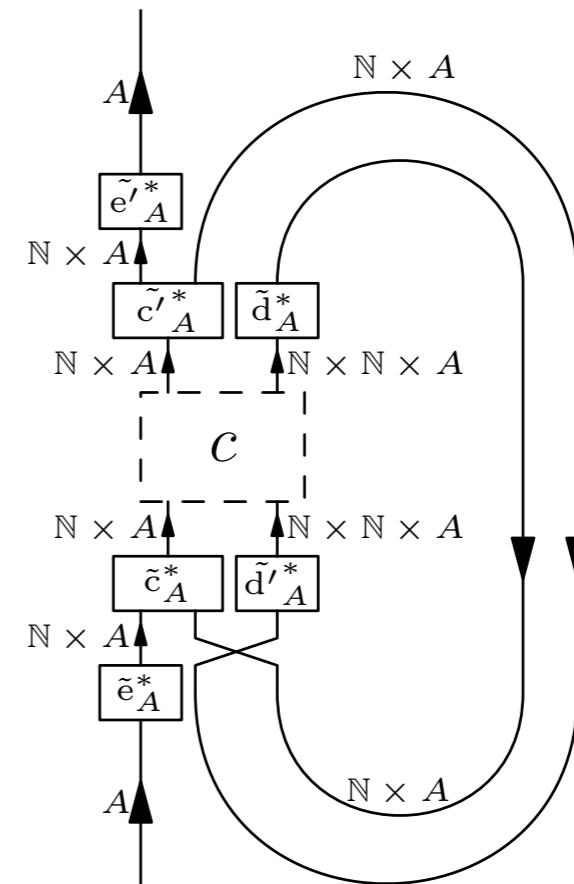
$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M_1 : \tau \quad \dots \quad \Gamma \vdash M_{|\alpha|} : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash \alpha(M_1, \dots, M_{|\alpha|}) : \tau} \quad \alpha \in \Sigma$$

# Missing Ingredient II: Recursion

Girard style  
fixed point operator



Mackie style  
fixed point operator



- \* Obviously a fixed point
- \* Fixed-point induction

- \* Finitary string diagram

**Theorem** The two coincide. (for any suitable  $T$ !)



# The Memoryful

## Interpretation

$$\llbracket \_ \rrbracket : \text{EffVal}_{\mathbb{N}}^{\Sigma} \longrightarrow T(\mathbb{N})$$

**Theorem** (Adequacy) (exploiting free conti.  $\Sigma$ -alg.)

Let  $\vdash M : \text{nat}$ . Then, as elem. of  $T(\mathbb{N})$ ,

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \mathbb{N} | \\ \boxed{(\vdash M : \text{nat})} \\ \mathbb{N} | \end{array} \right)^\dagger = \llbracket |M| \rrbracket .$$

feeding a query  
and observing  
the outcome

Opr. sem.:  
Plotkin-Power  
effect-value. E.g.

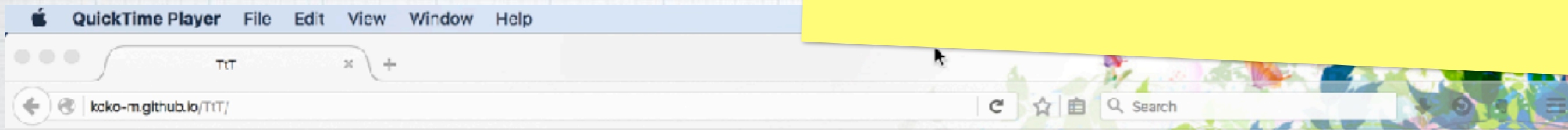
$$|3 \sqcup (5 \sqcup \text{div})| = \begin{array}{c} \sqcup \\ / \quad \backslash \\ 3 \quad \sqcup \\ \quad / \quad \backslash \\ \quad 5 \quad \perp \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{(\Gamma \vdash M : \tau)}$$

$\mathbb{N} \quad \mathbb{N} \quad \dots \quad \mathbb{N}$

# Our Tool TtT

Developed by Koko Muroya  
<http://koko-m.github.io/TtT/>



## TtT (Terms to Transducers)

Enter a term, or type ";ex" to select one from 13 examples. [\[read documents\]](#)

`((recFlipLoopSimple x) (choose(0.4) x (!lpLoopSimple x))) 0`

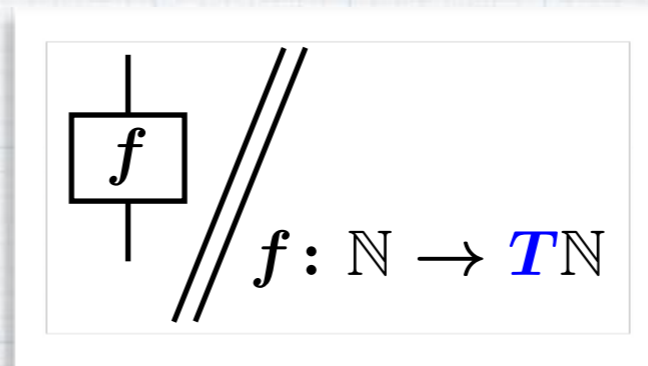
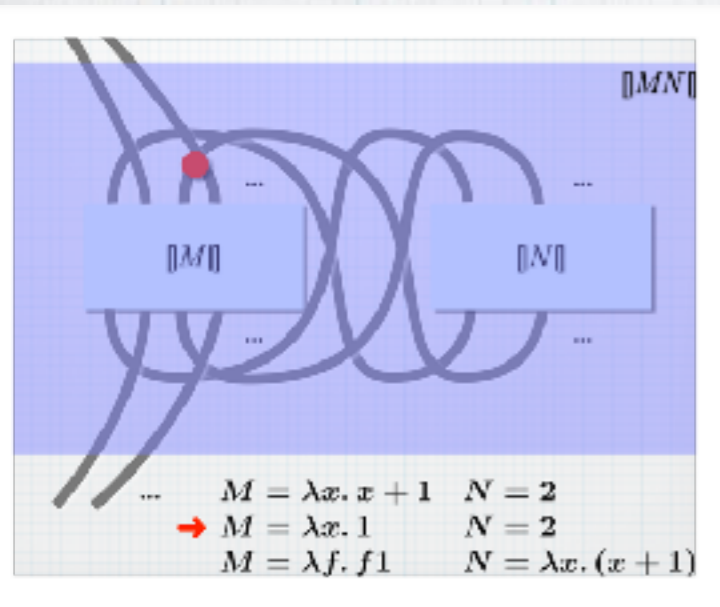


This is a simulation tool of the [memoryful Go!](#) framework.  
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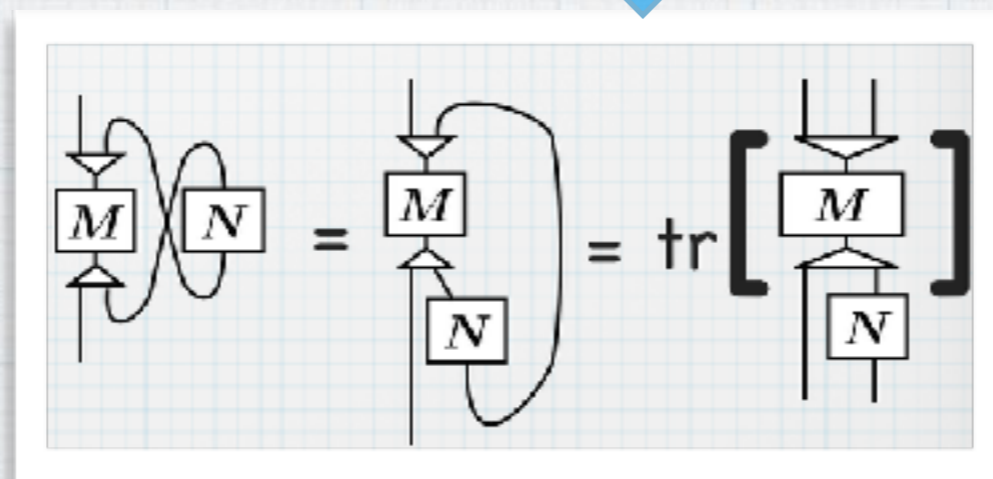
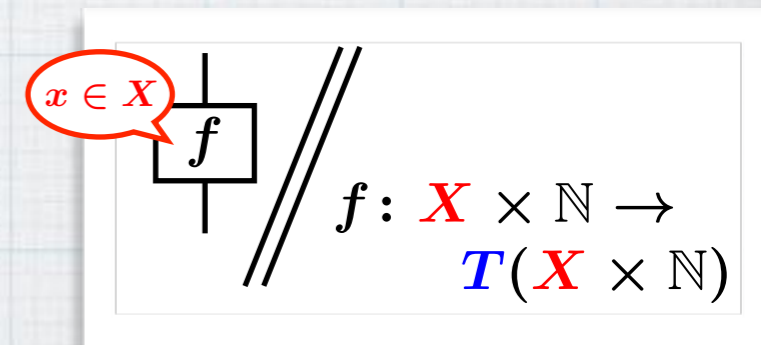
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# Retracing some paths in Process Algebra

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## 1 Introduction

The very existence of the CONCUR conference bears witness to the fact that “concurrency theory” has developed into a subject unto itself, with substantially different emphases and techniques to those prominent elsewhere in the semantics of computation.

Whatever the past merits of this separate development, it seems timely to look for some convergence and unification. In addressing these issues, I have found it instructive to trace some of the received ideas in concurrency back to their origins in the early 1970’s. In particular, I want to focus on a seminal paper by Robin Milner [Mil75]<sup>1</sup>, which led in a fairly direct way to his enormously influential work on CCS [Mil80, Mil89]. I will take (at extreme) the liberty of applying hindsight, and show how some alternative paths could have been taken, which, it can be argued, lead to a more unified approach to the semantics of computation, and moreover one which would be better suited to modelling today’s concurrent, object-oriented languages and the type systems and logics required to support such languages.

## 2 The semantic universe: transducers

Milner’s starting point was the classical automata-theoretic notion of *transducers*, i.e. structures

$$(Q, X, Y, q_0, \delta)$$

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