

Category Theory in Explicit Mathematics

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Overview

- ▶ Explicit Mathematics
- ▶ Category Theory
- ▶ Towards a *Category of Sets* in Explicit Mathematics. Three categories and some selected properties.
 - ▶ **EC**
 - Extensiveness
 - ▶ **ECB**: implicit Bishop Sets
 - Regularity
 - Exactness
 - ▶ **EC_{ex}**: explicit Bishop Sets
- ▶ Universes in Explicit Mathematics and in category theory

Explicit Mathematics

- ▶ Hilbert-style System with two kinds of variables first developed by Feferman.
- ▶ Formulas built from

$$\varphi \wedge \psi, \quad \varphi \vee \psi, \quad \varphi \Rightarrow \psi,$$

$$\varphi = \psi, \quad \neg\varphi,$$

$$\exists x\varphi, \quad \forall x\varphi,$$

$$\exists X\varphi, \quad \forall X\varphi,$$

$$\mathfrak{R}(s), \quad s \downarrow$$

- ▶ We have modus ponens and quantifier-axioms/rules.
- ▶ It has an *intensional equality*

Explicit Mathematics

- ▶ Any term can “act as an operation”
- ▶ For two terms s and t , we can apply

$s(t)$ “operation s applied to argument t ”

$t(s)$ “operation t applied to argument s ”

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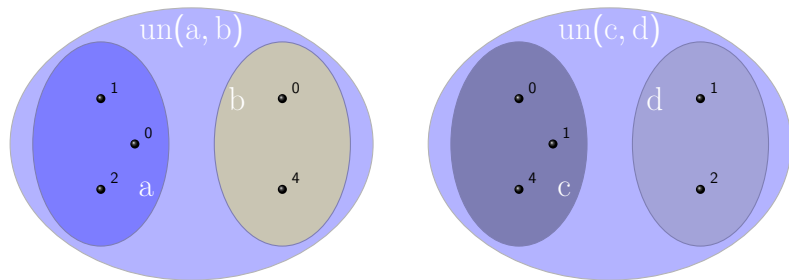
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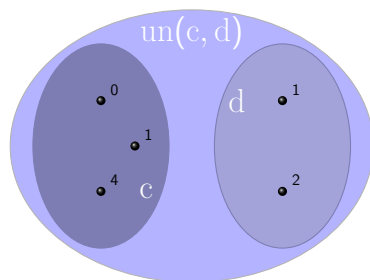
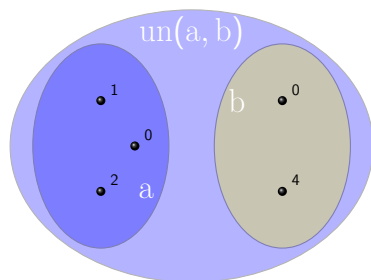
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Then $(f(1)) \downarrow$, but $\neg(1(f)) \downarrow$.

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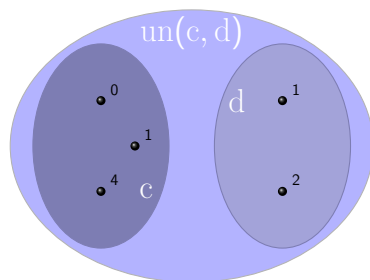
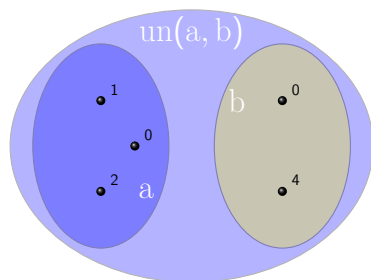


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but

$$un(a, b) \neq un(c, d)$$

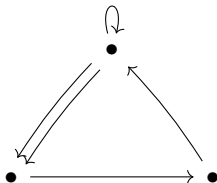
Some Notation for Explicit Mathematics

Notation

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| $t \downarrow$ | “ t is defined” |
| $\mathfrak{A}(a)$ | “ a is a name of some class” |
| $x \dot{\in} a$ | “ x is an element in the class named by a .” |
| $f x$ | “function application $f(x)$ ” |

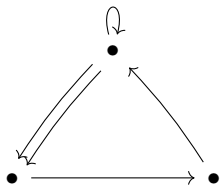
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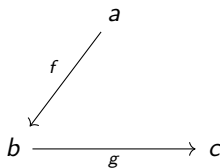


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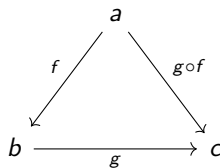
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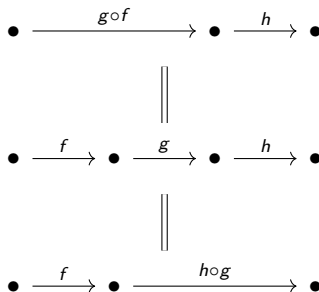


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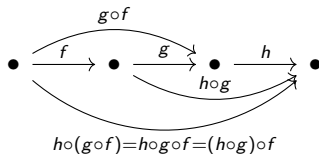


Two Laws:

- ▶ Associativity of arrows:



- ▶ Generally written as



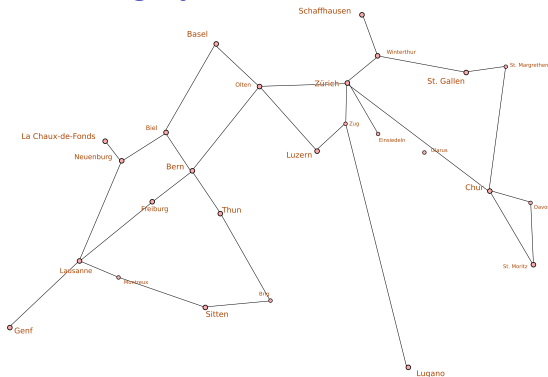
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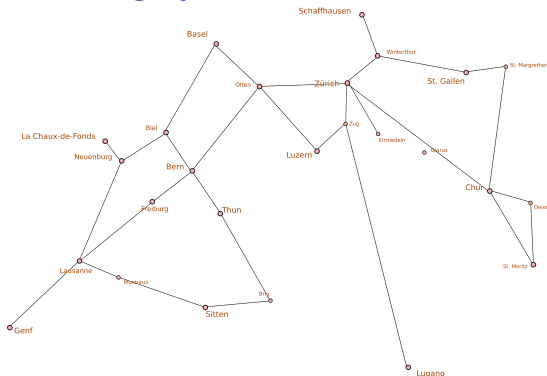
For all arrows $f : a \rightarrow b$ we require

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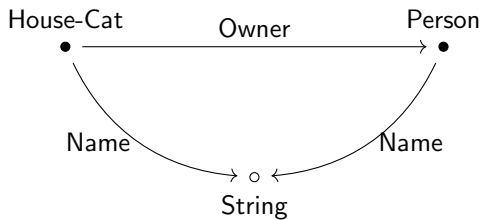


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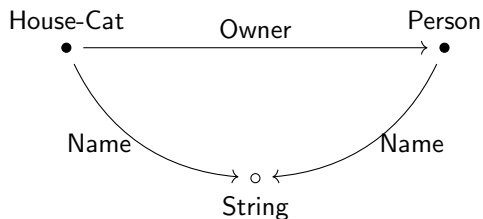


- ▶ Objects: Cities
- ▶ Morphisms: Traveling by train (in both directions)
- ▶ Composition: Taking consecutive train lines
- ▶ Identity: Staying in a city
- ▶ $(\text{Bern} \rightarrow \text{Lausanne} \rightarrow \text{Sion} \rightarrow \text{Thun} \rightarrow \text{Bern}) \neq \text{id}(\text{Bern})$.

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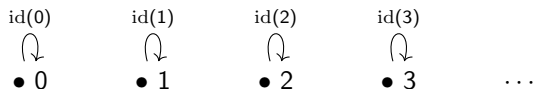
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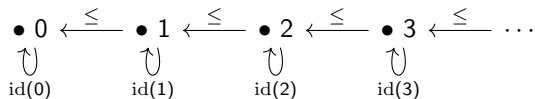
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Example 3: Categories of natural numbers

- ▶ Discrete:



- ▶ Totally Ordered:



Example 4: “Traditional” Categories

| Name | Objects | Morphisms |
|------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Grp | Groups | Group homomorphisms |
| Rng | Commutative Rings | Ring homomorphisms |
| Top | Topological spaces | Continuous maps |
| hTop | Topological spaces | Homotopy classes of cont. maps |
| Vect | Vector spaces | Linear maps |
| Hilb | Hilbert spaces | Bounded linear operators |
| | Lattice elements | \leq |
| | • | Group elements |

Idea of Category Theory

- ▶ Study of the structural properties of a subject.
- ▶ Relations between objects are more important than how a single object is defined.
- ▶ Tells us what to look for when studying a new field.
(Formal definition of products / sums / quotients /etc.)
- ▶ It lets us transfer knowledge from one field to another.

Two Styles of Category Theory

▶ *Cat*-Category Theory

- Diagram chasing
- Equational Reasoning
- Adjunctions in unit/counit formulation

▶ *Set*-Category Theory

- Representability
- “Proof by Yoneda”
- Adjunctions in the form of $\mathbf{Hom}(FA, B) \cong \mathbf{Hom}(A, UB)$.

Category of Sets

- ▶ Category of sets and functions
- ▶ Very good Properties
- ▶ Extremely well-studied (Set Theory)
- ▶ Other categories are studied in relation to the category of sets.

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- ▶ Short answer: Surprisingly many!

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- ▶ The most “natural” category in Explicit Mathematics
- ▶ Objects: Classes
- ▶ Morphisms: (total) operations between classes
such that $(f =_{\mathbf{EC}} g) : a \rightarrow b$ if and only if $(\forall x \in a)(fx = gx)$.

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$$g : a \times b \rightarrow c$$

there should be exactly one operation

$$\hat{g} : a \rightarrow c^b$$

into the *Exponential Object* (“function space”) of operations from the class b to the class c .

- ▶ There are “too many” terms representing the same operation.

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- ▶ **EC** has all binary coproducts (disjoint unions)
- ▶ Preimages and coproducts interact well. (**EC** is an *extensive* category)

Extensiveness

- ▶ A set-like property of disjoint unions:
- ▶ Maps into disjoint unions should be determined by two maps into its parts:



- ▶ If a category satisfies this, it is called *extensive*.
- ▶ A category which is exact and extensive is called a *pretopos*.

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Two Interpretations for equality:

- ▶ We “must *show* something.”
It is enough to prove a proposition:
implicit Bishop sets
- ▶ We have to *construct* something. This leads to the definition of:
explicit Bishop sets.

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$$(\forall a \dot{\in} z)(f(a) \dot{\in} y) \wedge (b \approx_r a \Rightarrow f(b) \approx_s f(a))$$

The category **ECB**

- ▶ **ECB** is (Locally) cartesian closed
- ▶ Quotients are constructed as equivalence relations on classes.
- ▶ **ECB** is a *regular category*
- ▶ finitely complete (has all finite limits)
- ▶ disjoint & stable binary coproducts

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- ▶ Equivalent formulations: Any morphism $f : a \rightarrow b$ has a pullback-stable factorization into a regular epimorphism followed by a monomorphism.
- ▶ "The category has a strong-enough notion of images"

$$\begin{array}{ccc} a & \xrightarrow{f} & b \\ p \downarrow & \nearrow \tilde{f} & \\ \text{im}(f) & & \end{array}$$

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$$R \leq S \Rightarrow \begin{cases} R \circ T \leq S \circ T \\ Q \circ R \leq Q \circ S \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Every relation $R(x, y)$ have an opposite relation $R^\circ(y, x)$.
- ▶ Relations have binary intersections:

$$(R \cap S)(x, y) \quad \text{if and only if} \quad R(x, y) \text{ and } S(x, y)$$

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- ▶ functional:

$$(F \circ F^\circ) \leq \Delta_b$$

(For all $F(a_0, b), F(a_1, b)$ we have $a_0 = a_1$)

There exists a unique arrow $f_F : a \rightarrow b$

Exactness

- ▶ In set theory (take *ZFC*):
If $R \subset X \times X$ is a *binary equivalence relation* on X we can form the quotient set X/R .
- ▶ In a regular category, we can do the same thing in those cases where R is generated by a graph.
- ▶ We would like this property for all equivalence relations.
- ▶ If this holds, we call this an *exact category*.

The category **ECB**

- ▶ The category of implicit Bishop sets is *exact* if we allow a choice principle:

$$(AC_V) \quad \forall x \exists y A[x, y] \Rightarrow \exists f \forall x A[x, f(x)]$$

We need a single instance of $A[x, y]$:

$$(\mathfrak{R}(x) \wedge \exists z (z \dot{\in} x)) \Rightarrow y \dot{\in} x$$

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- ▶ May seem arbitrary, but results in combination with all disjoint unions an a very strong property. The category has all finite colimits. (“it is finitely cocomplete.”)

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Two results about **ECB**:

Theorem

With Classical Logic:

ECB is a finitely complete, finitely cocomplete, locally cartesian closed, extensive category with a natural numbers object.

Theorem

With the axiom (AC_V) :

ECB is a locally cartesian closed arithmetic pretopos.

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Theorem

With **ECB** as the category of sets, the *Yoneda Lemma* holds.

Corollary

For “nice” categories \mathcal{C} it is enough to consider maps into an object to recover that object.

Let c, d be two objects of \mathcal{C} . If there is a natural isomorphism

$$\mathcal{C}(a, c) \cong \mathcal{C}(a, d),$$

then

$$c \cong d.$$

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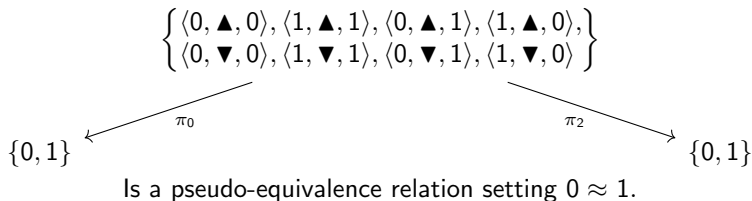
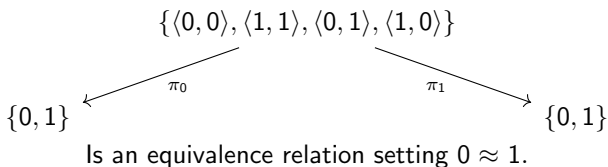
- ▶ Classical logic and choice are both rather strong demands for our system.
- ▶ Want a way to get exactness in a way which is (more) constructive.
- ▶ *Exact Completion* of a finitely complete category \mathcal{C}_{ex} (also known as $\mathcal{C}_{\text{ex}/\text{lex}}$).

The category \mathbf{EC}_{ex}

- ▶ *explicit Bishop sets*
- ▶ Similar to \mathbf{ECB} but has *pseudo-equivalence relations* as objects instead of equivalence relations.
- ▶ $x \approx y$ is no more represented as a pair $\langle x, y \rangle$ but as an arbitrary element p of some class of proof-objects which witness the equivalence $p : x \approx y$.
- ▶ arrows are now two operations $\langle f, g \rangle : a \rightarrow b$
A map of elements and a map of proof-objects

$$p : (x \approx_a y) \quad \Rightarrow \quad g(p) : (f(x) \approx_b f(y)).$$

Equivalence Relations vs. Pseudo-equivalence Relations



The category \mathbf{EC}_{ex}

Theorem

(Without any extra assumptions)

- ▶ *In Explicit Mathematics: \mathbf{EC}_{ex} is exact.*
- ▶ *From outside: \mathbf{EC}_{ex} is extensive because \mathbf{EC} is. (Menni 2000)*
- ▶ *From outside: \mathbf{EC}_{ex} is a pretopos.*

Conjecture

The proof for extensiveness can be internalized.

It has a “straightforward but tedious” proof.

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- ▶ Future direction: Categories enriched in explicit Bishop sets.

Universes

- ▶ A collection closed under all interesting properties.
- ▶ This depends strongly on what one means by “interesting” .
- ▶ Category Theory and Explicit Mathematics disagree on this.

Universes in Explicit Mathematics

- ▶ A class which contains only names.
- ▶ Closed under constructions of names.
- ▶ Let u be a universe in that sense:

$$\text{if } a \dot{\in} u \text{ and } b \dot{\in} u \text{ then } \text{un}(a, b) \dot{\in} u$$

If two names are contained in u then also the name of the union directly constructed from them.

- ▶ Advantage: Very easy definition.
- ▶ Disadvantage: Not possible to close under *all* names of a class.

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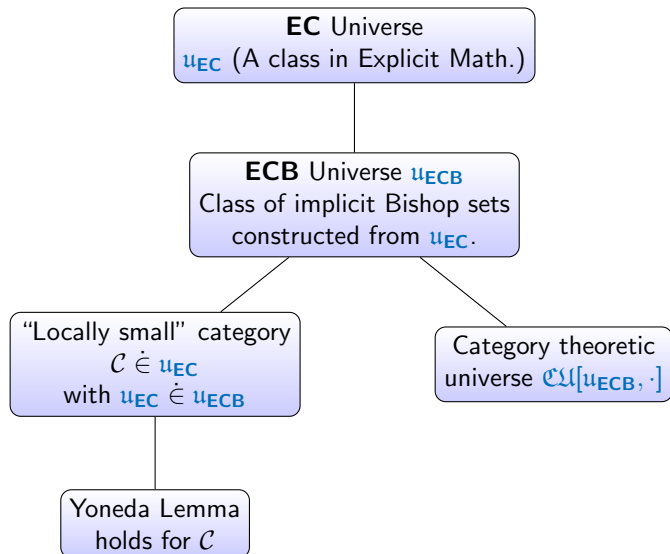
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- ▶ Closure under isomorphisms is inconsistent with universes as classes.
- ▶ A categorical universe is described by a formula $\mathcal{U}[\cdot, \cdot]$.

$$\mathcal{U}[u, f : a \rightarrow b] :\Leftrightarrow f : a \rightarrow b \text{ is in the universe } u.$$

Universes: An Overview



Categorical Universes in ECB

It is possible to interpret \mathcal{U} in implicit Bishop sets (**ECB**).

- ▶ Suppose we are given a universe u in the sense of Explicit Mathematics.
- ▶ We define $\mathcal{U}[u, f : a \rightarrow b]$ to mean
“ f is small (w.r.t. u) if and only if all its preimages are small.”

In a bit more details:

Definition

The morphism $f : a \rightarrow b$ of implicit Bishop sets is in the universe u if and only if for all $y \in b$, the universe u contains the name of an isomorphic copy of the preimage $f^{-1}\{y\}$.

Categorical Universes in ECB

Two notes on the Construction:

- ▶ The universe has a weakly classifying morphism.
All arrows arise as the pullback along some (non-unique!) morphism of the weakly classifying one.
- ▶ My construction requires the Join axiom for the proof of closure under left-, and right-adjoints to the pullback-functor.

Thank You

A Categorical Universe

Definition

Let \mathcal{C} be a locally cartesian closed category, el be some morphism in \mathcal{C} and $\mathcal{S}[x]$ be a formula. We call \mathcal{S} a universe in \mathcal{C} if the following axioms hold.

$$(U1) \quad \text{Mor}(a) \wedge \text{Mor}(f) \wedge \mathcal{S}[a] \Rightarrow (\text{PB}[a, f, pr_0, pr_1] \Rightarrow \mathcal{S}[pr_0])$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bullet & \longrightarrow & \bullet \\ \downarrow g & \lrcorner & \downarrow h \\ \bullet & \longrightarrow & \bullet \end{array} \quad \mathcal{S}[h] \Rightarrow \mathcal{S}[g]$$

$$(UW2) \quad \text{Mor}(f, g) \wedge \text{ISO}[f, g] \Rightarrow \mathcal{S}[f] \wedge \mathcal{S}[g]$$

$$(U3) \quad f : b \rightarrow c \wedge g : a \rightarrow b \wedge \mathcal{S}[f] \wedge \mathcal{S}[g] \Rightarrow \mathcal{S}[\Sigma_f g]$$

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A Categorical Universe in ECB

Definition (Categorical Universe of Bishop Sets)

Now we say a morphism is part of the categorical universe (\mathcal{CU}) relative to u if the following formula is true.

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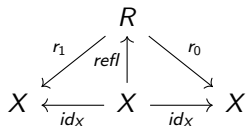
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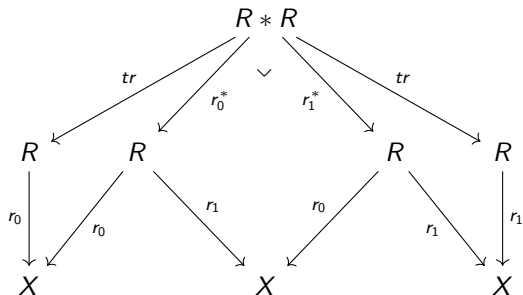
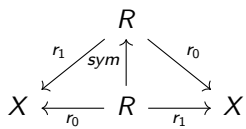
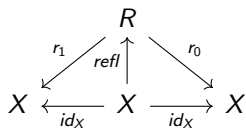
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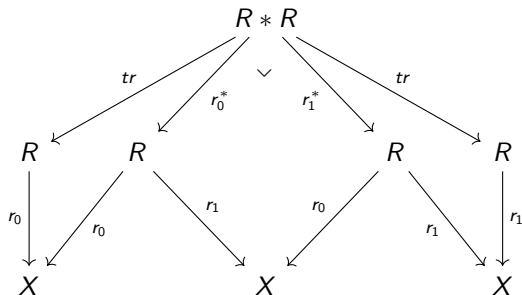
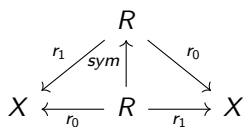
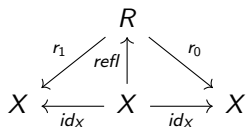
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Notation

- ▶ $R \rightrightarrows X$ is a pseudo-equivalence relation constructed from the morphisms $\langle r_0, r_1, refl_R, sym_R, tr_R \rangle$ with $r_0, r_1 : R \rightarrow X$
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