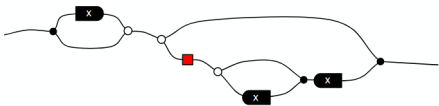
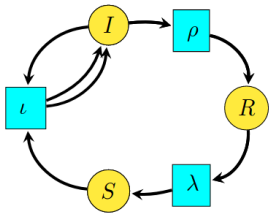


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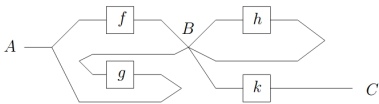
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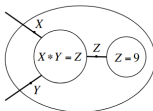


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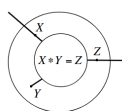
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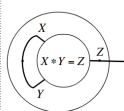
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"all pairs of integers whose product is 9"

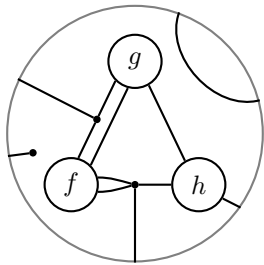


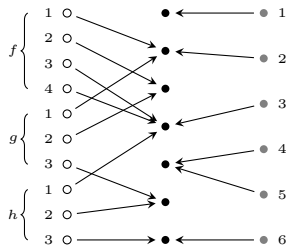
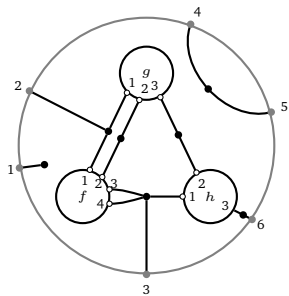
"all pairs of integers in which one is divisible by the other."



"all perfect squares"

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$$A \longrightarrow N \longleftarrow B$$

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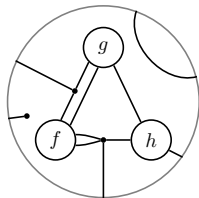
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 \left\{ \text{hypergraph categories} \right\}
 \end{array}$$

The category of cospan algebras is equivalent to the category of objectwise-free hypergraph categories

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**Key idea:** Regular calculi present regular categories.

# Outline

- I. Motivation
- II. The theorem
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## II. The theorem

A **regular category** is a category with finite limits and pullback stable image factorisations.

A **regular functor** is a functor between regular categories that preserves finite limits and image factorisations.

Examples:  $\text{FinSet}$ ,  $\text{FinSet}^{\text{op}}$ ,  $\text{Set}$ ,  $\text{Set}^{\text{op}}$ ,  $\text{FDVect}$ ,  $\text{Vect}$ , abelian categories, toposes, any category monadic over  $\text{Set}$ , ...

Given a regular category  $\mathcal{R}$ , we may construct its **relations bicategory**  $\mathbb{R}\text{el}_{\mathcal{R}}$  with the same objects, but where 1-morphisms are jointly-monic spans.

$$X \xleftarrow{f} A \xrightarrow{g} Y$$



## Ajax functors

A **right ajax (monoidal) functor** is a lax monoidal functor  $P: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$  in which the laxators are right adjoints.

$$I_{\mathbb{D}} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\rho_I} \\ \leftarrow \leftarrow \\ \xleftarrow{\lambda_I} \end{array} P(I_{\mathbb{C}}) \quad P(c_1) \otimes P(c_2) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\rho_{c_1, c_2}} \\ \leftarrow \leftarrow \\ \xleftarrow{\lambda_{c_1, c_2}} \end{array} P(c_1 \otimes c_2) .$$

Example: a right ajax functor  $P: 1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}\text{oset}$  is a meet semilattice.

$$1 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\top} \\ \leftarrow \leftarrow \\ \xleftarrow{!} \end{array} P(\bullet) \quad P(\bullet) \times P(\bullet) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\wedge} \\ \leftarrow \leftarrow \\ \xleftarrow{\delta} \end{array} P(\bullet) .$$

A **regular calculus**  $(T, P)$  is a set  $T$  and a right ajax functor

$$P: \mathbb{C}\text{ospan}_T^{\text{co}} \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}\text{oset}.$$

A **morphism**  $(F, F^\sharp): (T, P) \rightarrow (T', P')$  of regular calculi is a function  $F$  and a monoidal natural transformation  $F^\sharp$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 T & & \mathbb{C}\text{ospan}_T^{\text{co}} & \xrightarrow{P} & \\
 F \downarrow & & \mathbb{C}\text{ospan}_F^{\text{co}} \downarrow & & F^\sharp \Downarrow \\
 T' & & \mathbb{C}\text{ospan}_{T'}^{\text{co}} & \xrightarrow{P'} & \mathbb{P}\text{oset}
 \end{array}$$

## Theorem

We have an adjunction

$$\text{RgCalc} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{syn}} \\ \Rightarrow \\ \xleftarrow{\text{prd}} \end{array} \text{RgCat}.$$

where **prd** is fully faithful, and for any regular category  $\mathcal{R}$ , the counit map  $\text{syn}(\text{prd}(\mathcal{R})) \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  is an equivalence.

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**Key idea:** Regular calculi present regular categories.

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## III. Proof sketch

$$\text{RgCalc} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{syn}} \\ \Rightarrow \\ \xleftarrow{\text{prd}} \end{array} \text{RgCat.}$$

Given a regular category  $\mathcal{R}$ , we construct the regular calculus

$$\text{prd}(\mathcal{R}): \text{Cospan}_{\text{Ob}\mathcal{R}}^{\text{co}} \xrightarrow{\text{Frob}} \mathbb{R}\text{el}_{\mathcal{R}} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{R}\text{el}_{\mathcal{R}}(1,-)} \mathbb{P}\text{oset}$$

where Frob is given by the hypergraph structure on  $\mathbb{R}\text{el}_{\mathcal{R}}$ .

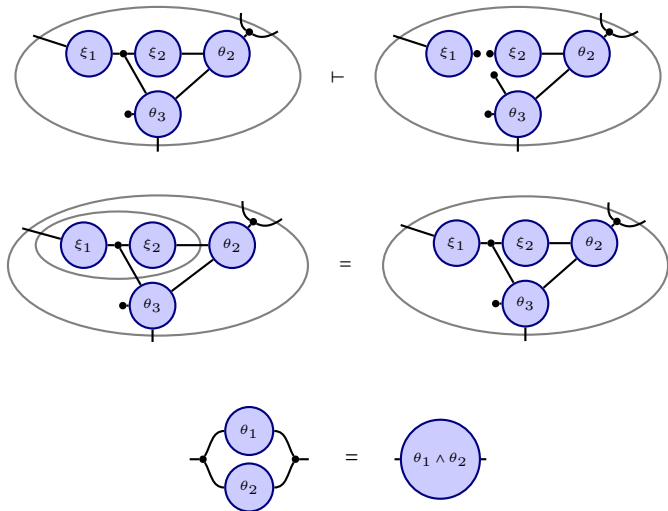
Given a regular calculus  $P: \text{Cospan}_T^{\text{co}} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}\text{oset}$ , we may construct the bicategory  $\mathbb{R}\text{el}_{\text{syn}(P)}$ :

**objects:**  $\{(\Gamma, s) \mid \Gamma \in \text{Cospan}_T^{\text{co}}, s \in P(\Gamma)\}$

**hom-posets:**  $\text{Hom}((\Gamma, s), (\Gamma', s')) = P(\Gamma \oplus \Gamma')_{-\leq \rho(s, s')}$

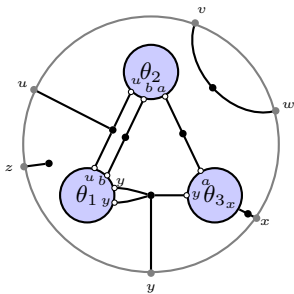
The *syntactic category*  $\text{syn}(P)$  is the category of left adjoints in  $\mathbb{R}\text{el}_{\text{syn}(P)}$ .

Given any regular calculus, we may draw and interpret diagrams such as those below. The properties of regular calculi give ‘deduction rules’:





One might view this as a graphical regular logic, where **regular logic** is the fragment of first order logic given by  $=, \top, \wedge, \exists$ .



$$\psi(u, v, w, x, y, z) =$$

$$\exists a, b. \theta_1(u, b, y, y) \wedge \theta_2(a, b, u) \wedge \theta_3(b, x, y) \wedge (v = w) \wedge (z = z).$$

Pullback:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (\Gamma_1 \oplus \Gamma_2, \theta_1 \overset{\Gamma}{\dashv} \theta_2) & \longrightarrow & (\Gamma_2, \varphi_2) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \theta_2 \\
 (\Gamma_1, \varphi_1) & \xrightarrow{\theta_1} & (\Gamma, \varphi)
 \end{array}$$

Equaliser:

$$\left( \Gamma, \begin{array}{c} \theta \\ \theta' \end{array} \right) \longrightarrow (\Gamma, s) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\theta} \\ \xrightarrow{\theta'} \end{array} (\Gamma', s')$$

Epi-mono factorisation:

$$\Gamma' \dashv \theta \dashv \Gamma = \text{Diagram showing nested ovals and a horizontal line with two boxes labeled } \theta$$

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