

Graphical abelian logic

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Biggest math application: homological algebra can be done in \mathcal{A} .

- A *chain complex* in \mathcal{A} is a sequence of maps, s.t. wherever you look

$$\dots \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \rightarrow \dots$$

you have $\text{im}(f) \subseteq \ker(g)$. Then the *homology* there is $\ker(g)/\text{im}(f)$.

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Theorem (Fong-S.)

Abelian categories are reflective in the 2-category of abelian calculi,

$$\mathbb{A}bCalc \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{Syn}} \\ \Rightarrow \\ \xleftarrow{\text{Prd}} \end{array} \mathbb{A}bCat.$$

In particular for $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{A}bCat$, the unit $\mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{SynPrd}(\mathcal{A})$ is an equivalence.

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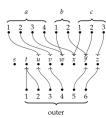
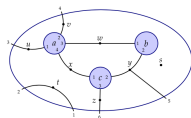
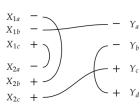
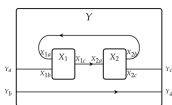
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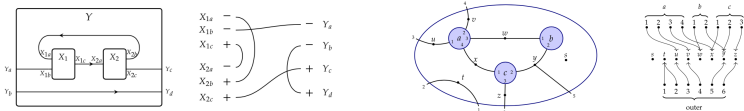
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- Brendan talked about how to get regular categories this way.
- Today: abelian categories this way.

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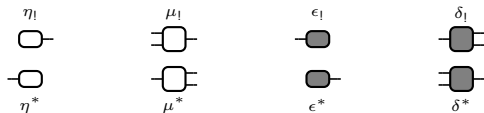
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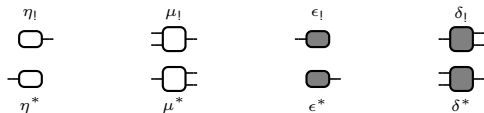


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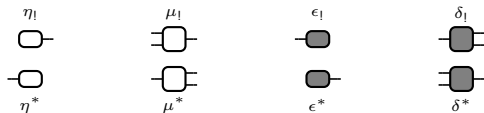
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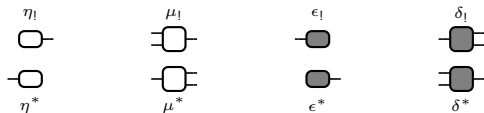
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- Example: ϵ_1 projects onto a coordinate plane, η_1^* intersects with it.

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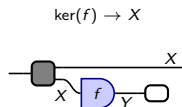
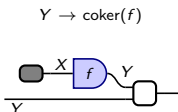
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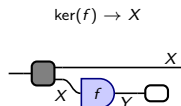
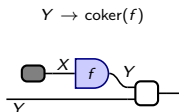
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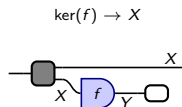
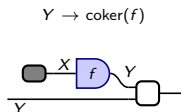
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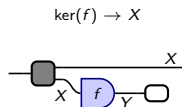
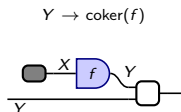
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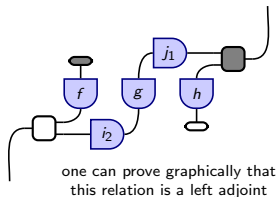
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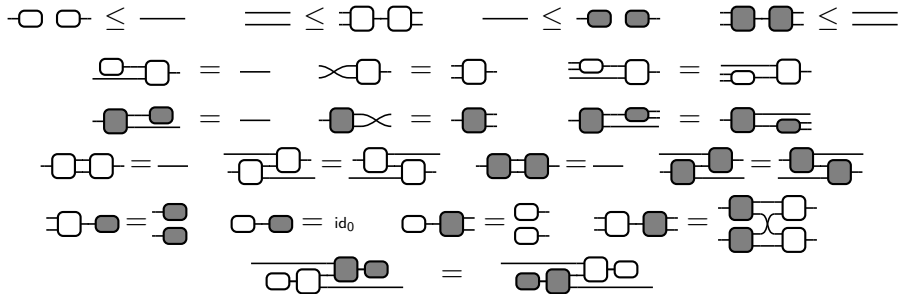
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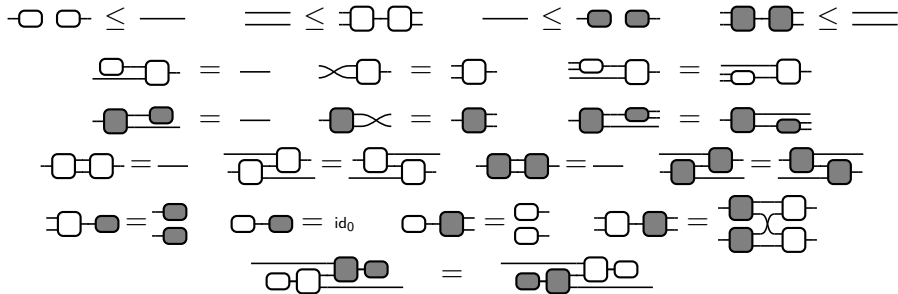
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

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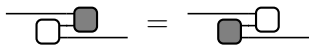
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 \cong \downarrow & & \downarrow \cong \\
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 \end{array}$$

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In particular for $\mathcal{A} \in \text{AbCat}$, the unit $\mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{SynPrd}(\mathcal{A})$ is an equivalence.

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