

# Graphical Linear Algebra

QPL '15 Tutorial

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# 5 stages of addiction denial

(Kubler Ross Model)

- Petri nets, compositionally, with string diagrams: *Representations of Petri net interactions*, CONCUR '10 (2010)
- **Denial** (2011)
  - these proofs are really cute, but I have more important things to do with my life
- **Anger** (2012)
  - why can't I stop drawing them?
- **Grief** (2013)
  - they are taking over :(
- **Bargaining** (2014)
  - I will try to keep other research side-interests... but let me just try to understand what's going on here...
- **Acceptance** (2015)
  - blog, QPL tutorial

# Plan

Monday

- **maths of string diagrams**
- theory of natural number matrices (bimonoids) and integer matrices (Hopf monoids)
- theory of linear relations (interacting Hopf monoids)

Tuesday

- distributive laws
- linear algebra, diagrammatically
- an application: generating functions and signal flow graphs

# Plan

- **maths of string diagrams**
  - setup is slightly different to the usual Oxford lore
  - a “formal semantics/computer science” bent
- theory of natural number matrices (bimonoids) and integer matrices (Hopf monoids)
- theory of linear relations (interacting Hopf monoids)
- distributive laws
- linear algebra, diagrammatically
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# Maths of string diagrams

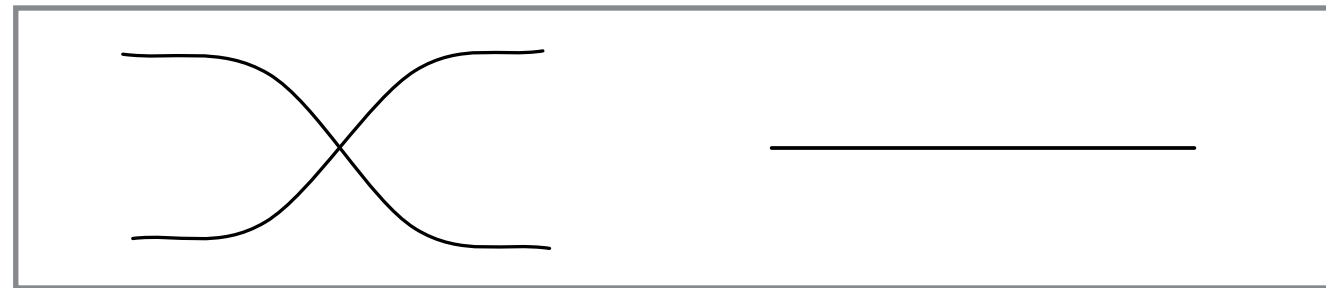
- PROPs (product and permutation categories)
  - strict symmetric monoidal
  - objects = natural numbers
  - monoidal product on objects = addition
- e.g. the PROP **F** where arrows from  $m$  to  $n$  are the functions from  $[m] = \{0, 1, \dots, m-1\}$  to  $[n]$ 
  - equivalent to **FinSet**

# Symmetric monoidal theories

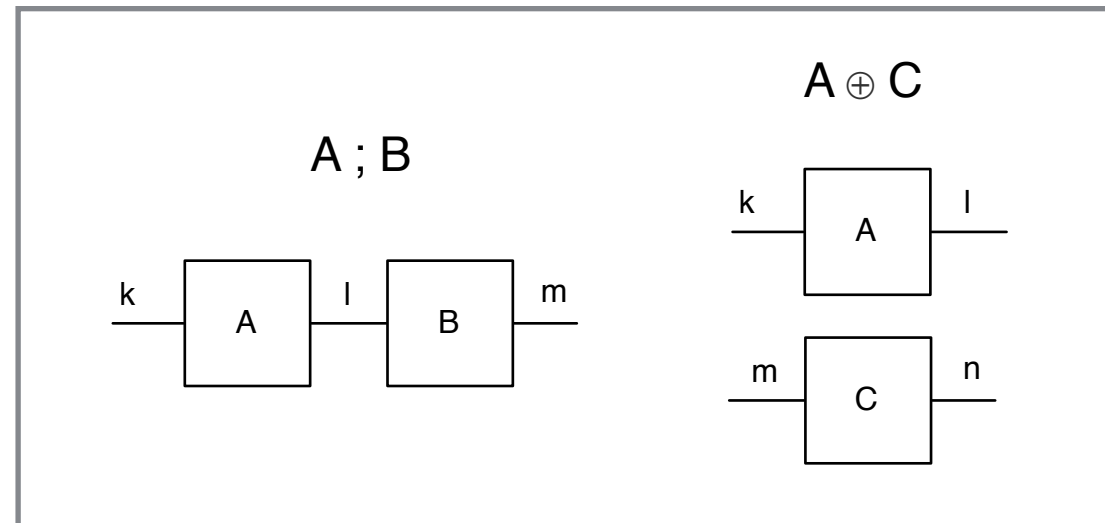
- generators  
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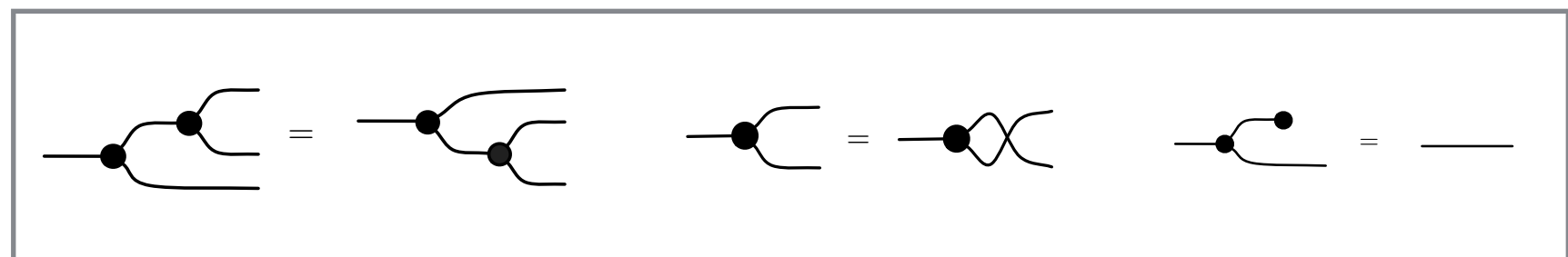
- basic tiles



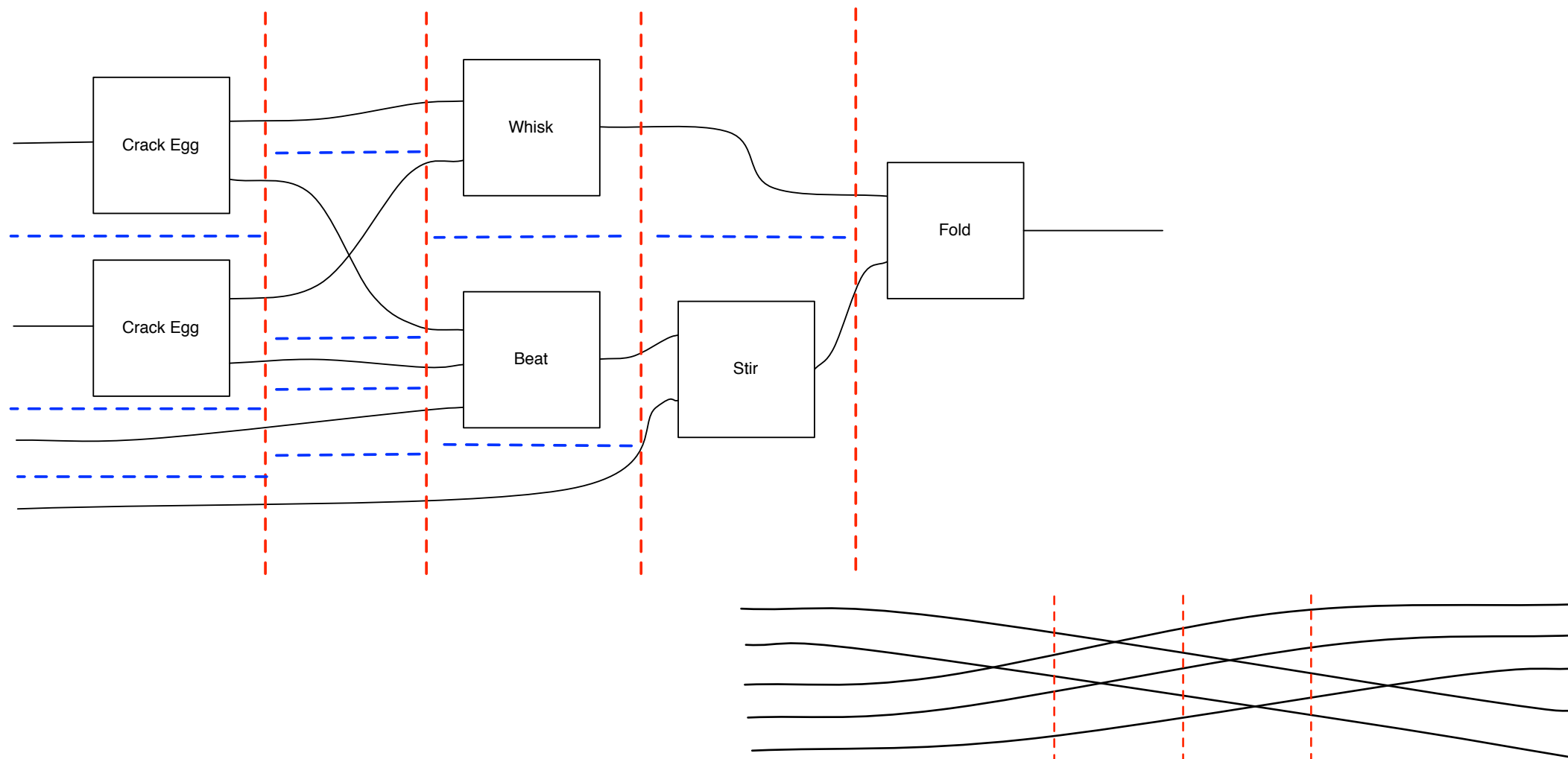
- algebra



- equations  
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# Drawing convention

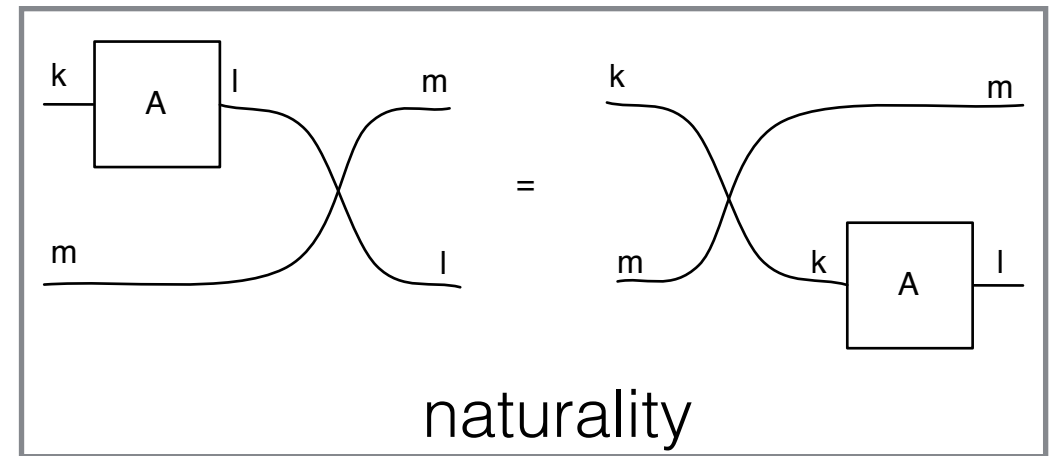
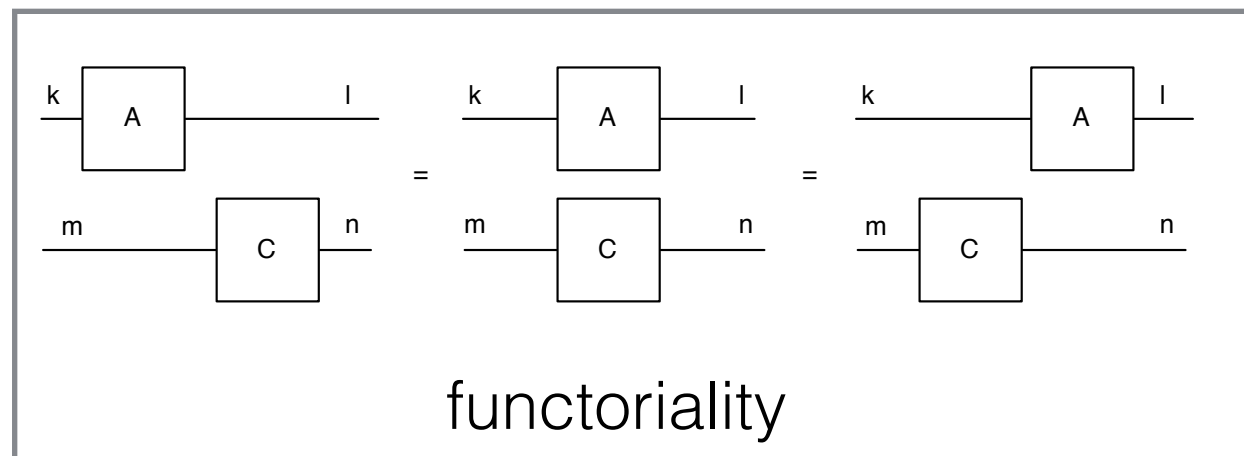


$$(\text{---} \oplus \text{X} \oplus \text{---}^2); (\text{X} \oplus \text{X} \oplus \text{---}); (\text{---} \oplus \text{X} \oplus \text{X}); (\text{---}^2 \oplus \text{X} \oplus \text{---})$$

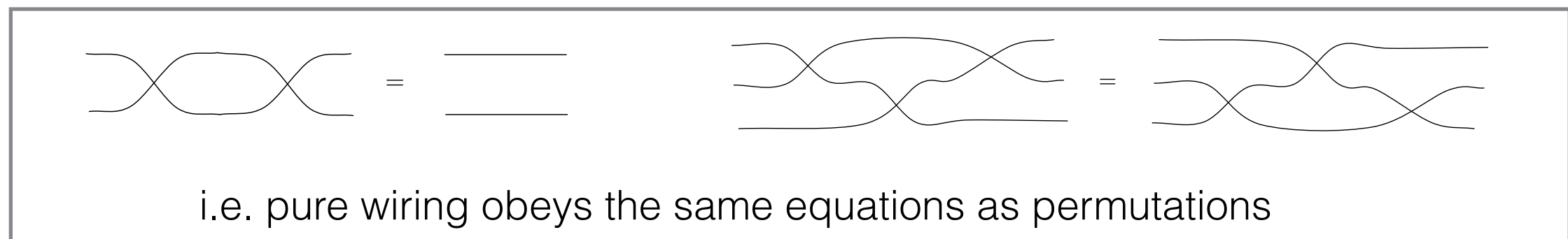
we want to have our cake (diagrams, useful for proofs)  
and eat it too (direct connection with terms)

# Diagrammatic Reasoning

- diagrams can slide along wires



- wires don't tangle, i.e.



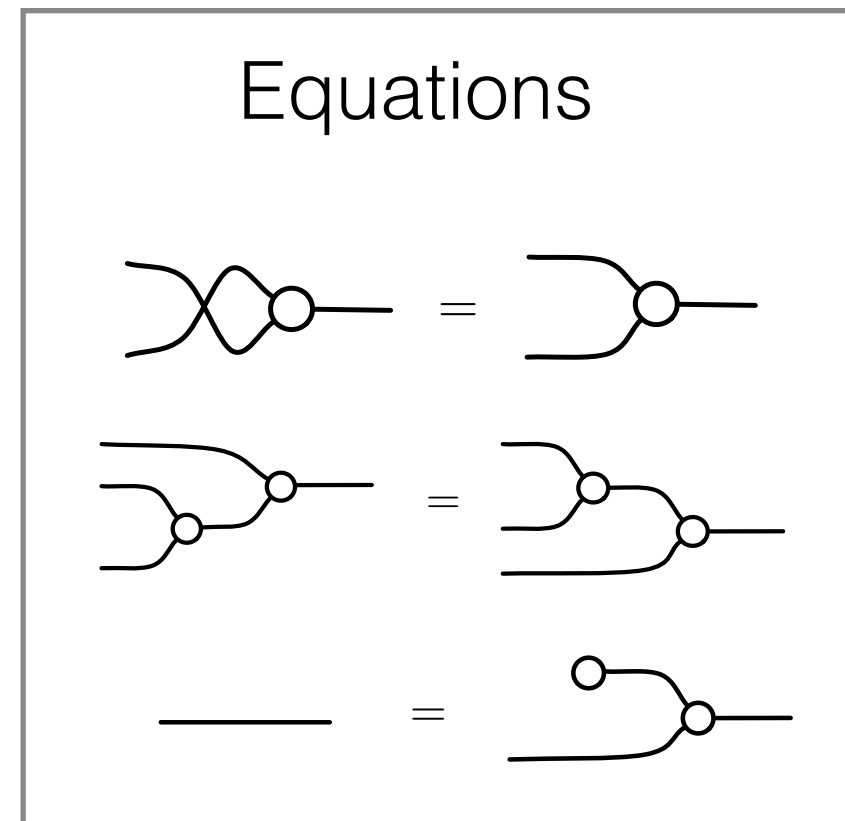
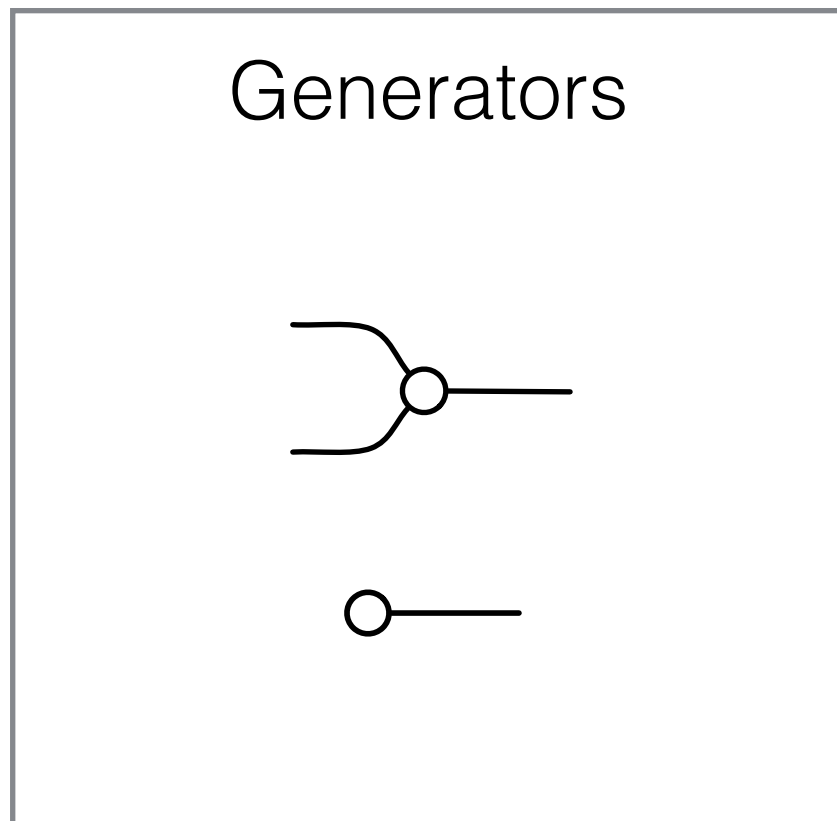
- sub-diagrams can be replaced with equal diagrams (compositionality)



# PROPs and SMTs

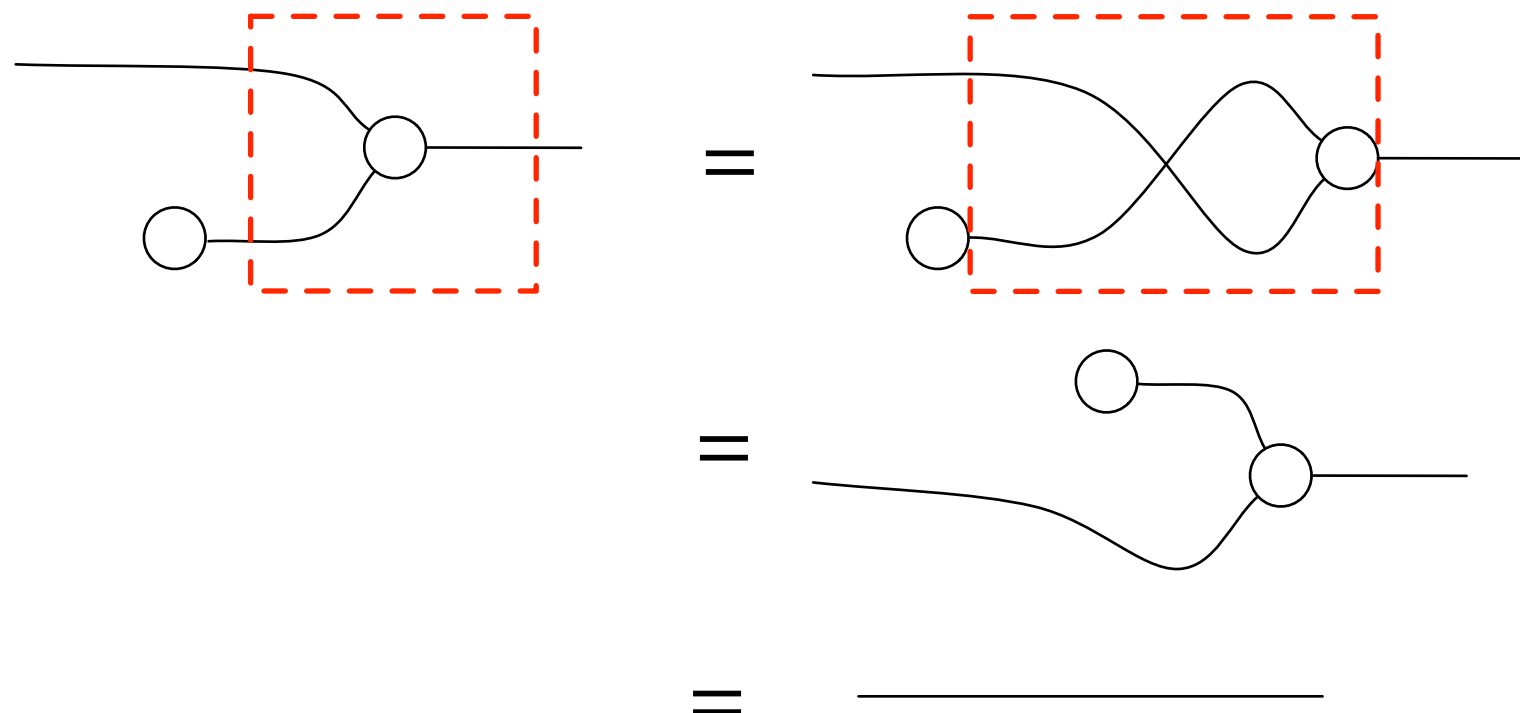
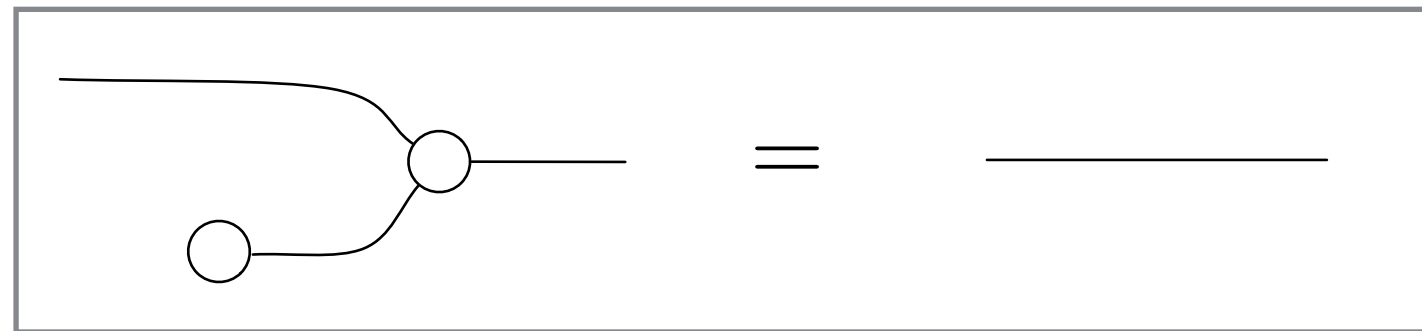
- diagrammatic reasoning gives notion of equality on diagrams in an SMT
- in this way, every SMT is a PROP
  - natural to think of SMTs as **syntax**
  - other PROPs (like **F**) are **semantic domains**
  - homomorphisms assign semantics to syntax
- A **homomorphism of PROPs** is an identity-on-objects strict symmetric monoidal functor
  - the SMT with no generators and no equations is isomorphic to the **initial PROP  $\mathbf{P}$**  where arrows  $n$  to  $n$  are the **permutations** on  $[n]$
  - the final PROP  **$\mathbf{1}$**  has exactly one arrow from each  $m$  to  $n$

# Example: commutative monoids

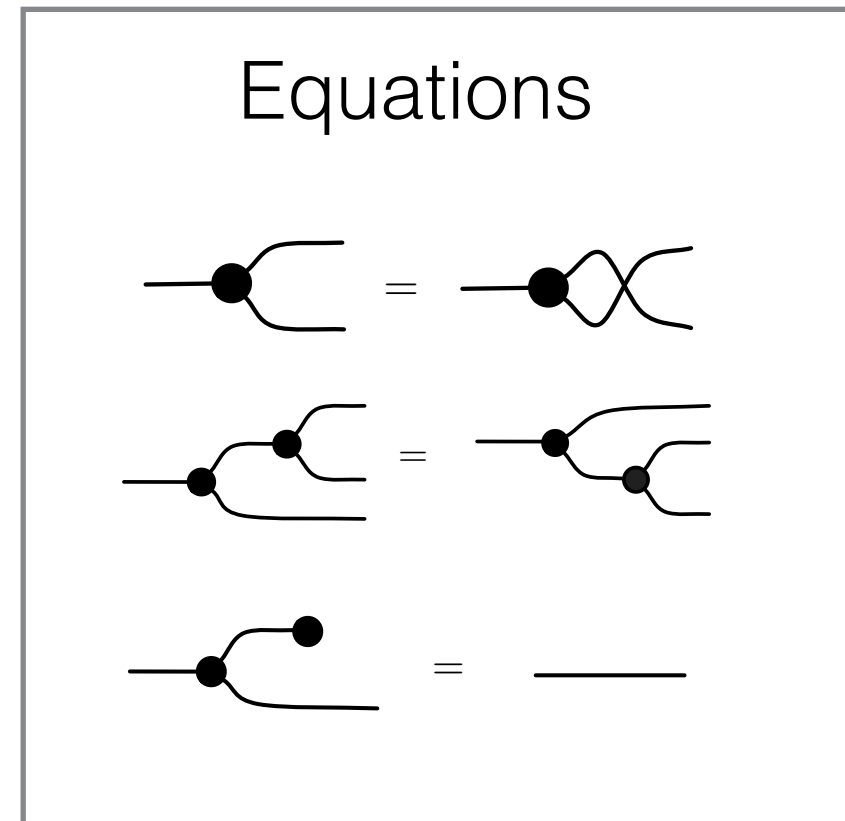
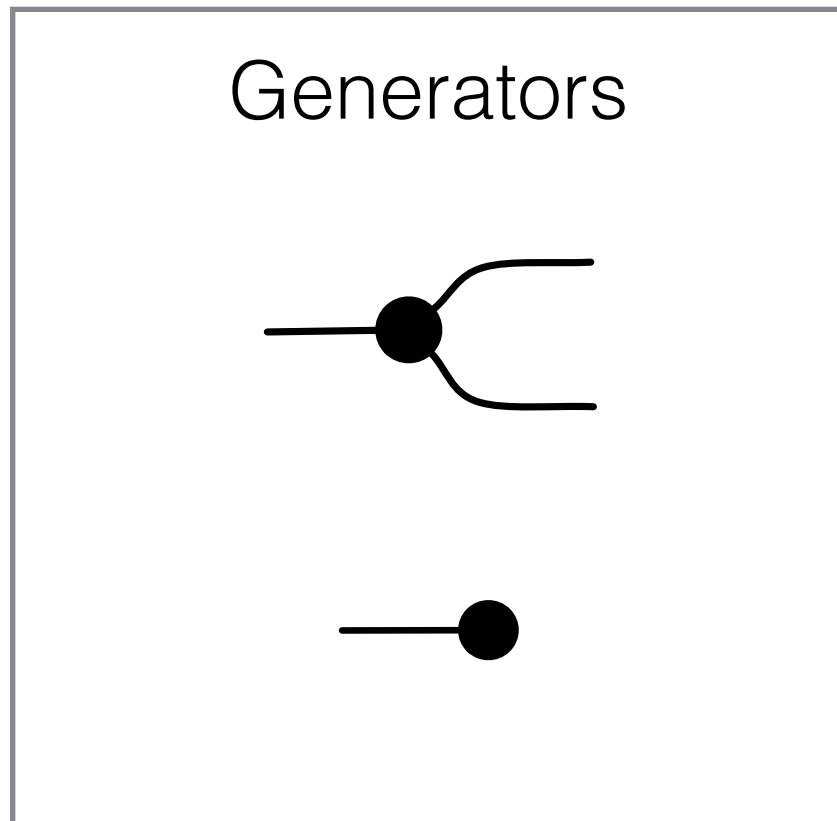


- SMT **M** on this data isomorphic to the PROP **F** of functions
- i.e. the “commutative monoids are the theory of functions”

# Diagrammatic reasoning example



# Example: commutative comonoids



- Isomorphic to  $\mathbf{F}^{\text{op}}$
- NB departure from operads at this point: in an SMT generators of arbitrary arities and coarities are allowed

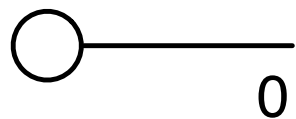
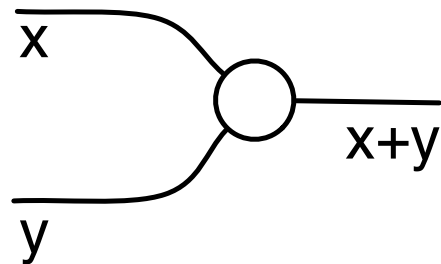
# Plan

- basic theory of string diagrams
  - setup is slightly different to the usual Oxford lore
- **theory of natural number matrices (bimonoids) and integer matrices (Hopf monoids)**
  - intuition
  - bimonoids and matrices of natural numbers
  - Hopf monoids and matrices of integers
  - maths with diagrams
- theory of linear relations (interacting Hopf monoids)
- distributive laws
- linear algebra, diagrammatically
- an application: signal flow graphs

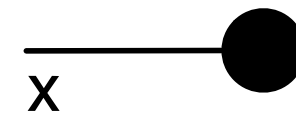
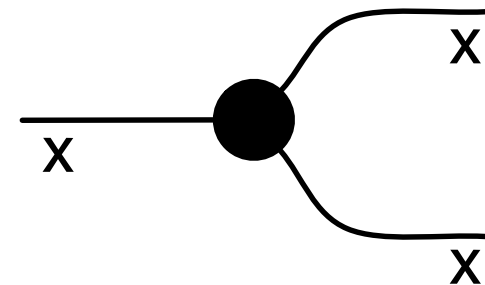
# Useful intuition

- “numbers” travel on wires from left to right

The monoid structure  
acts as addition/zero

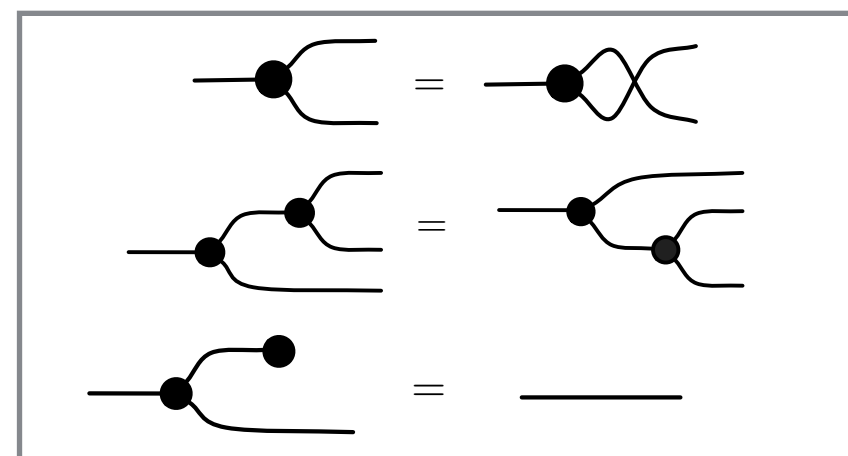
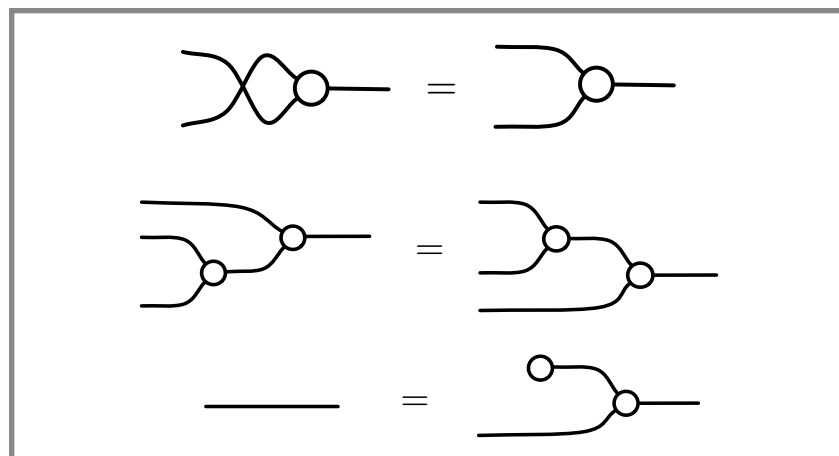


The comonoid structure  
acts as copying/discarding

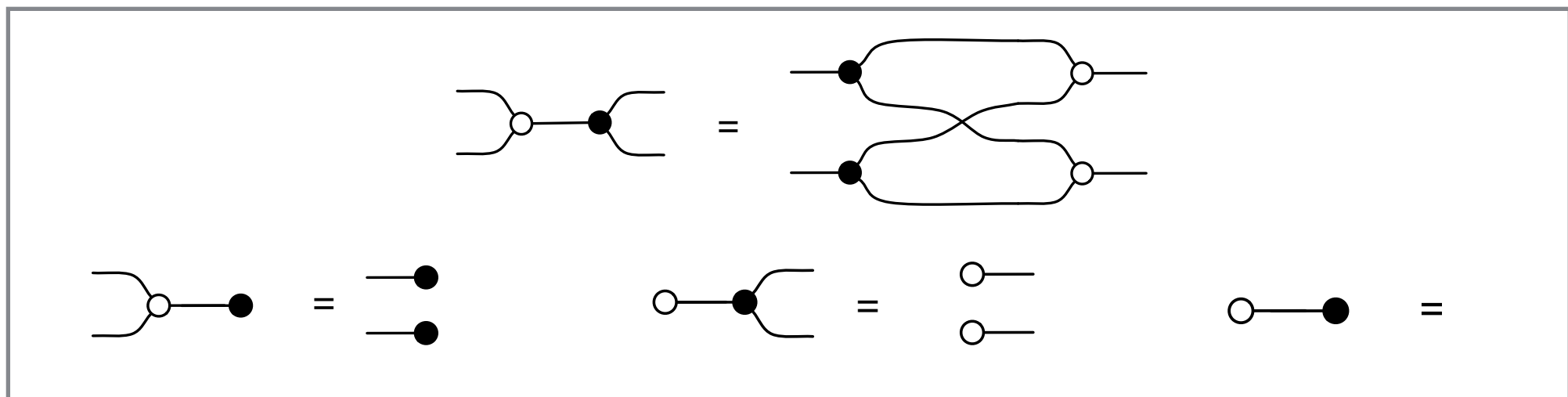


# Bimonoids

- all the generators we have seen so far
- monoid and comonoid equations



- “adding meets copying” - equations compatible with intuition



# Mat

- A PROP where arrows  $m$  to  $n$  are  $n \times m$  matrices of natural numbers
  - e.g.  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} : 2 \rightarrow 1$   $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix} : 1 \rightarrow 2$   $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} : 2 \rightarrow 2$
- Composition is matrix multiplication
- Monoidal product is direct sum

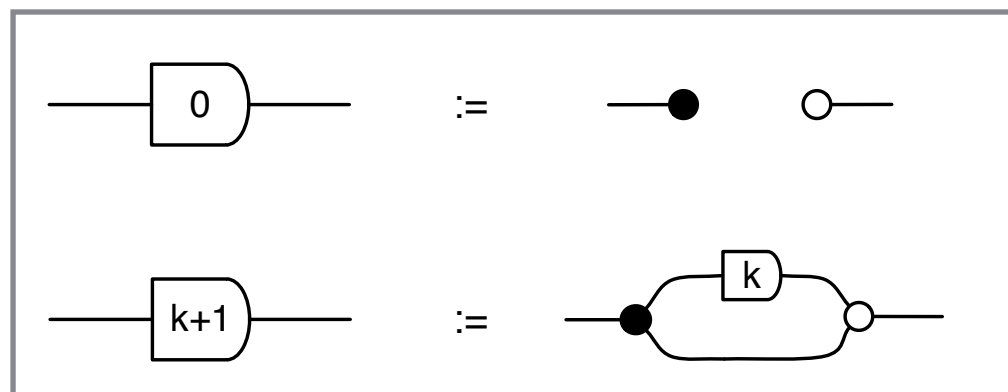
$$A_1 \oplus A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & 0 \\ 0 & A_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Symmetries are permutation matrices



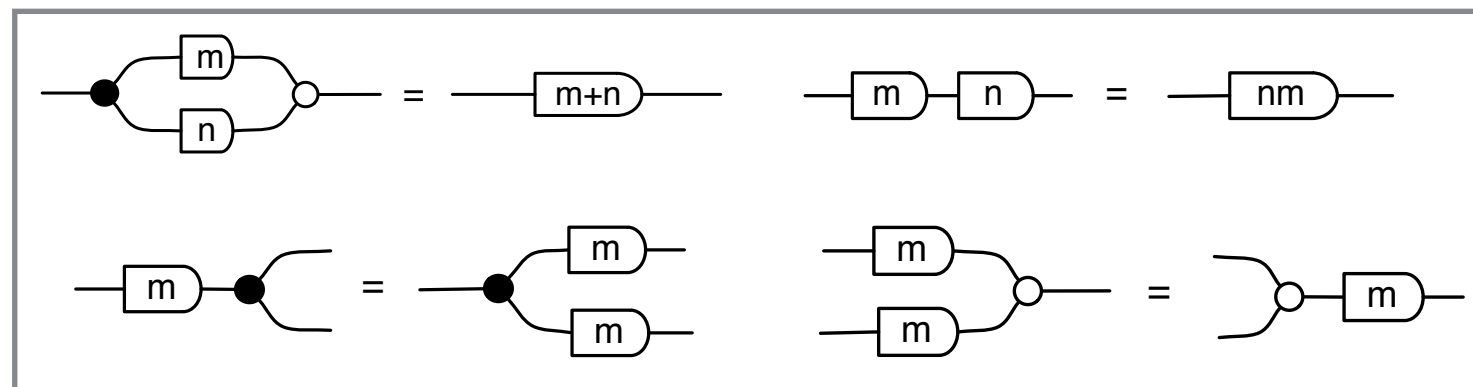
# B and Mat

- **B** is isomorphic to the **Mat**
  - ie. bimonoids is the theory of natural number matrices
- natural numbers can be seen as certain (1,1) diagrams, with recursive defn



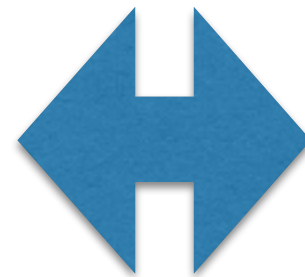
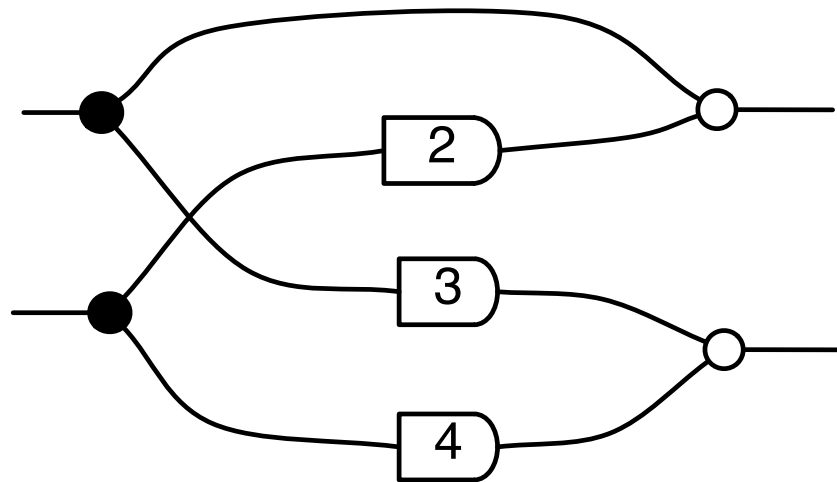
+1 is “add one path”

- the algebra (rig) of natural numbers follows; the following are easy inductions



# Matrices

- To get the  $ij$ th entry in the matrix, count the paths from the  $j$ th port on the left to the  $i$ th port on the right
- Example:



$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Proof $\mathbf{B} \cong \mathbf{Mat}$

Since  $\mathbf{B}$  is an SMT, suffices to say where generators go  
(and check that equations hold in the codomain)

$$\text{comultiplication} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} : 2 \rightarrow 1$$

$$\text{counit} \mapsto () : 0 \rightarrow 1$$

$$\text{multiplication} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} : 1 \rightarrow 2$$

$$\text{unit} \mapsto () : 1 \rightarrow 0$$

**Full** - easy!

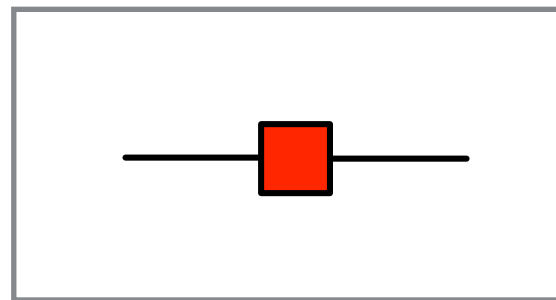
Recursively define a syntactic sugar for matrices

**Faithful** - little bit harder

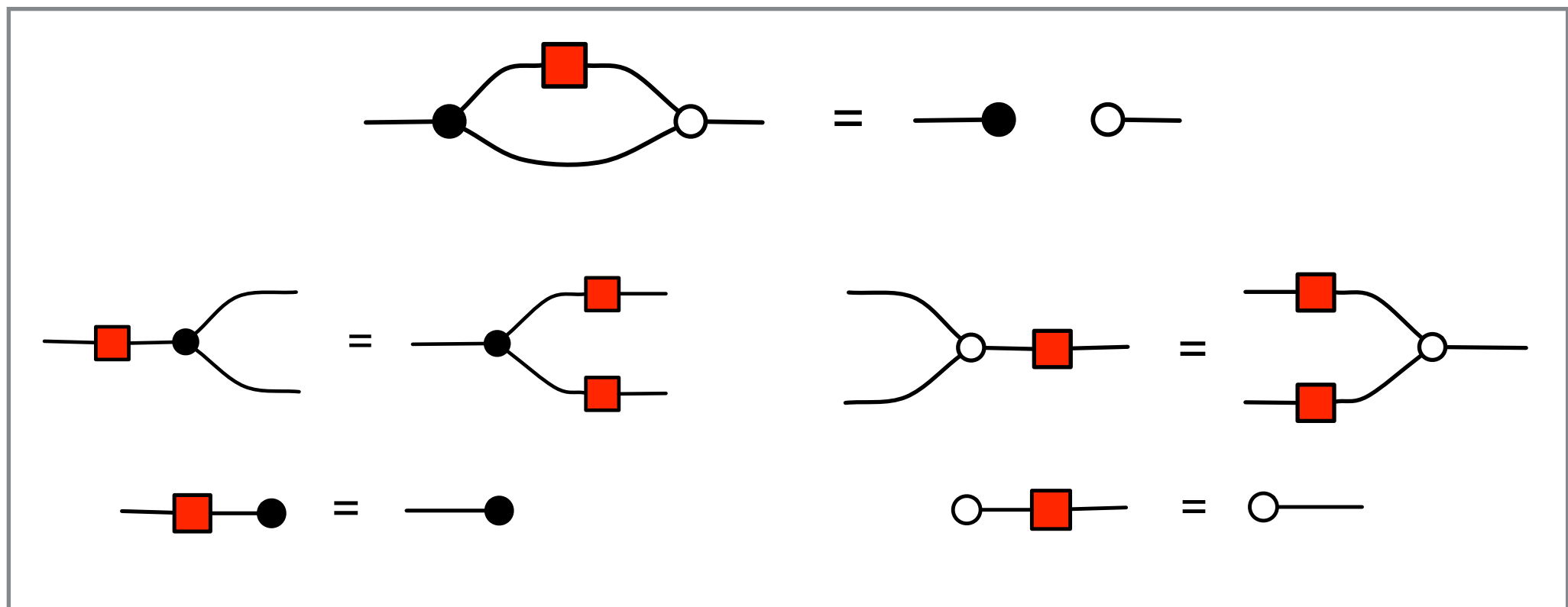
Use the fact that equations are a presentation of a distributive law, obtain factorisation of diagrams as comonoid structure followed by monoid structure

# Putting the n in ring: Hopf monoids

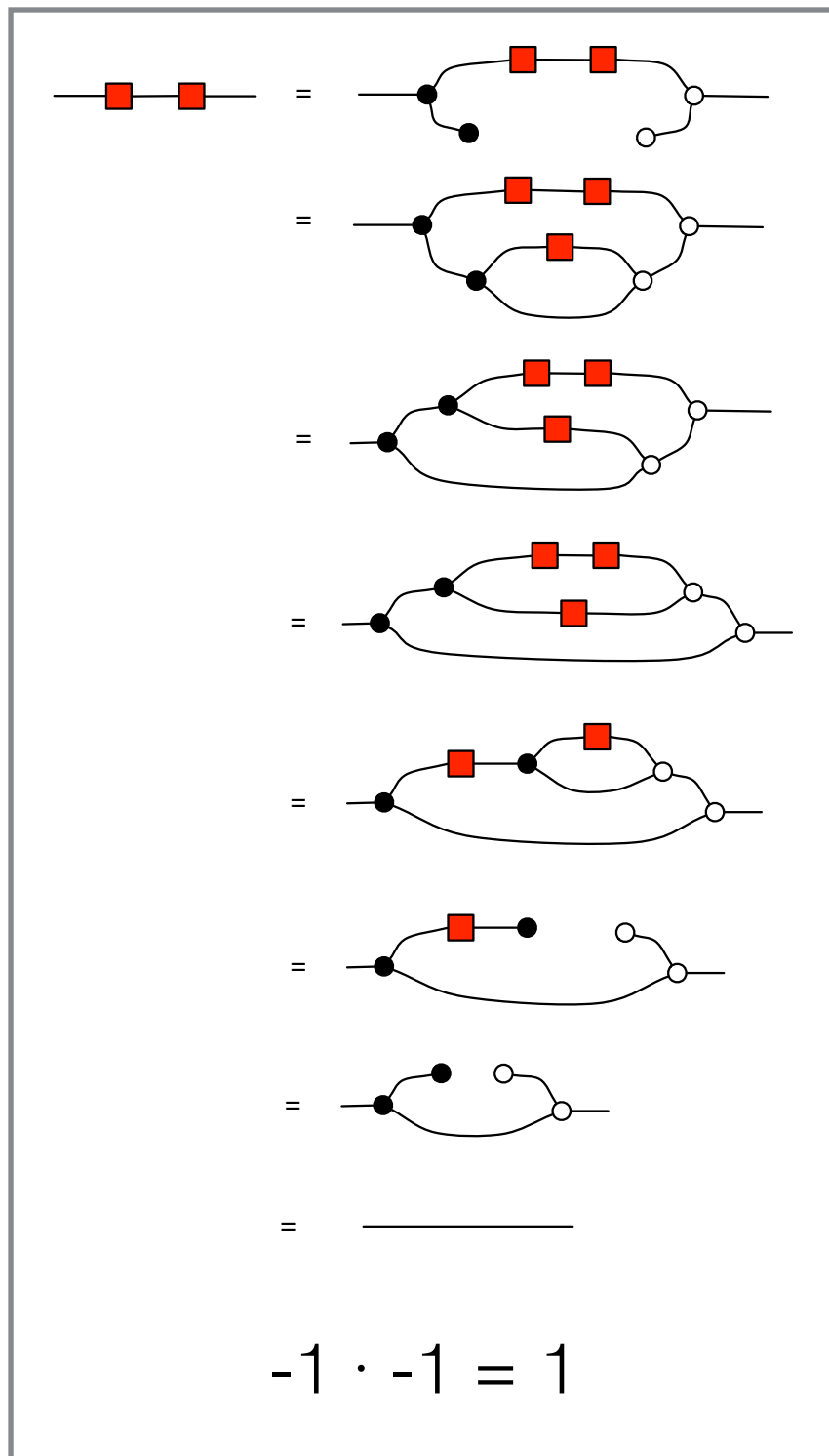
- generators of bimonoids + **antipode**



- equations of bimonoids + the following



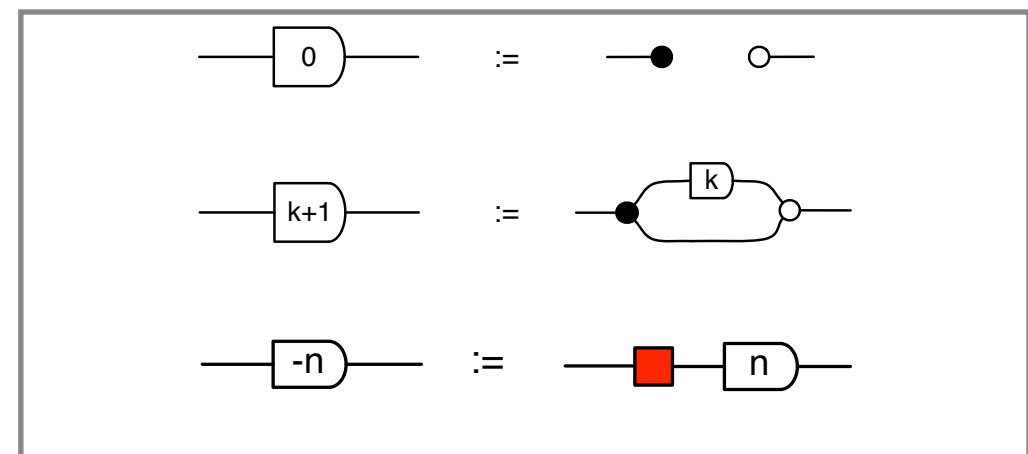
# The ring of integers



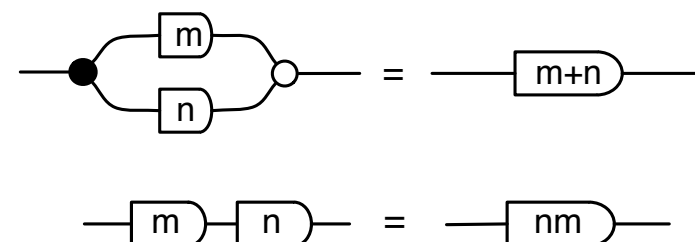
$$\text{---} \boxed{\text{red square}} \boxed{n} \text{---} = \text{---} \boxed{n} \boxed{\text{red square}} \text{---}$$

simple induction

in **B**, the naturals were (1,1) diagrams  
 in **H**, the integers are the (1,1) diagrams



Just as for nats, we have



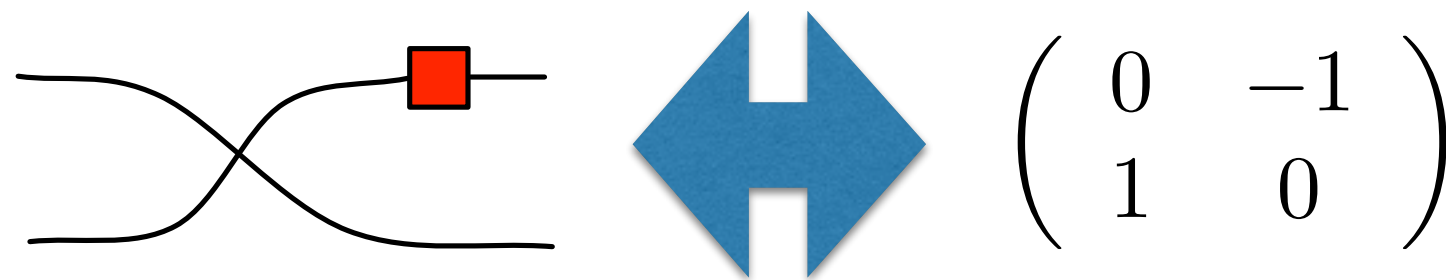
etc.

# Matz

- Arrows  $m$  to  $n$  are  $n \times m$  matrices of integers
  - composition is matrix multiplication
  - monoidal product is direct sum
- **Matz** is equivalent to the category of finite dimensional free **Z**-modules
- SMT **H** is isomorphic to the PROP **Matz**

# Path counting in MatZ

- To get the  $ij$ th entry in the matrix, count the
  - positive paths from the  $j$ th port on the left to the  $i$ th port on the right (where antipode appears an even number of times)
  - negative paths between these two ports (where antipode appears an odd number of times)
  - subtract the negative paths from the positive paths
- Example:



# Proof $\mathbf{H} \cong \mathbf{Matz}$

$$\text{Cup} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} : 2 \rightarrow 1$$

$$\text{Cap} \mapsto () : 0 \rightarrow 1$$

$$\text{Dot} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} : 1 \rightarrow 2$$

$$\text{AntiDot} \mapsto () : 1 \rightarrow 0$$

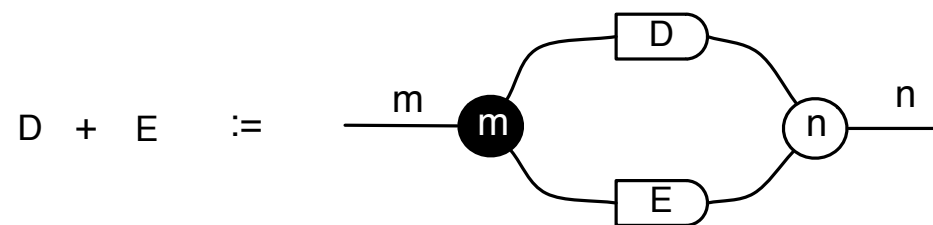
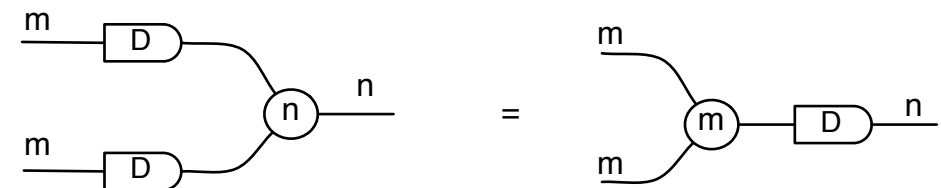
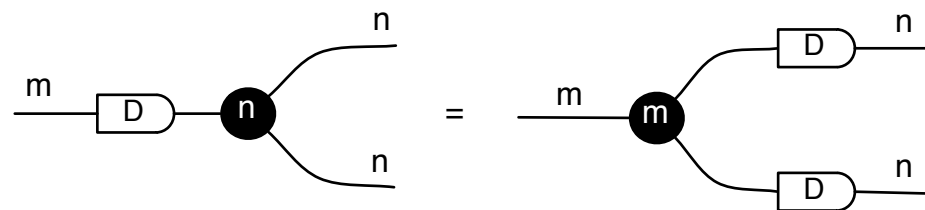
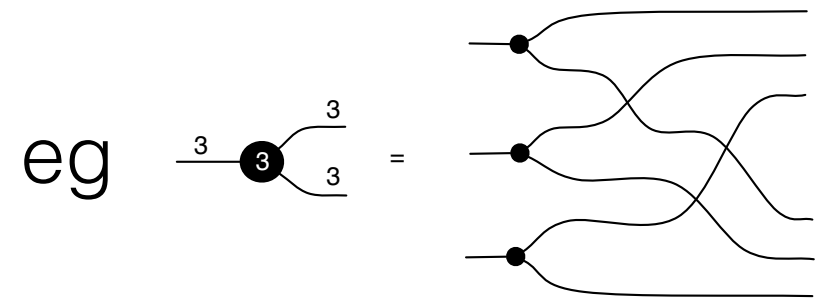
$$\text{Box} \mapsto (-1) : 1 \rightarrow 1$$

- Fullness easy
- Faithfulness more challenging: put diagrams in the form  
 copying ; antipode ; adding

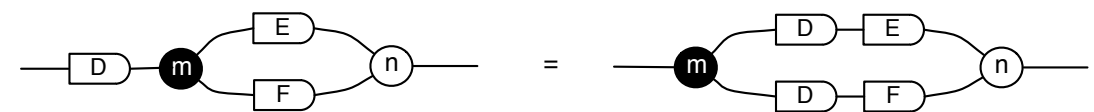


# Maths with diagrams

- we focussed on (1,1) for historical reasons



associative, commutative with unit  
has additive inverse in **H**



multiplication through composition,  
addition distributes on both sides

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- theory of natural number matrices (bimonoids) and integer matrices (Hopf monoids)
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  - intuition upgrade
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  - rational numbers, diagrammatically
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# Intuition upgrade

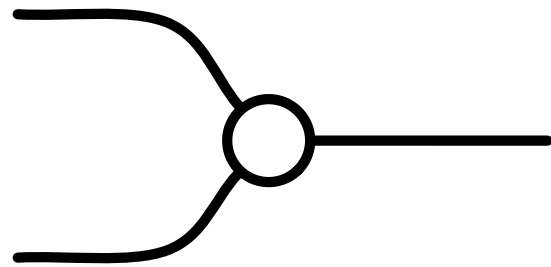
- We have been saying that numbers go from left to right in diagrams
  - this is a **functional**, input/output interpretation

The input/output framework is totally inappropriate for dealing with all but the most special system interconnections. [The input/output representation] often needlessly complicates matters, mathematically and conceptually. A good theory of systems takes the behavior as the basic notion.

J.C. Willems, *Linear systems in discrete time*, 2009

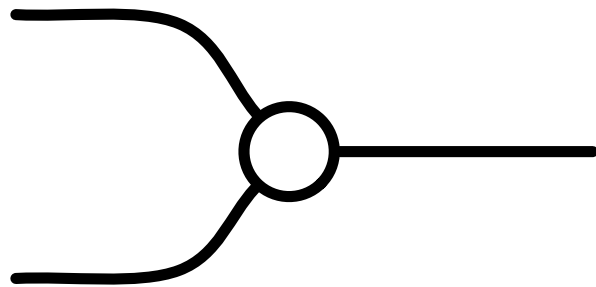
- From now on, we will take a **relational** point of view, a diagram is a contract that allows certain numbers to appear on the left and on the right

# Intuition upgrade

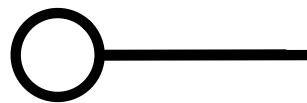


- Intuition so far is this as a function  $+: D \times D \rightarrow D$
- From now it will be as a relation of type  $D \times D \rightarrow D$
- Composition is relational composition

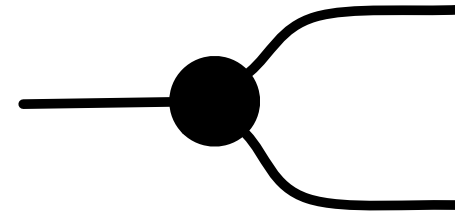
# Example



$\frac{x}{y}, x+y$



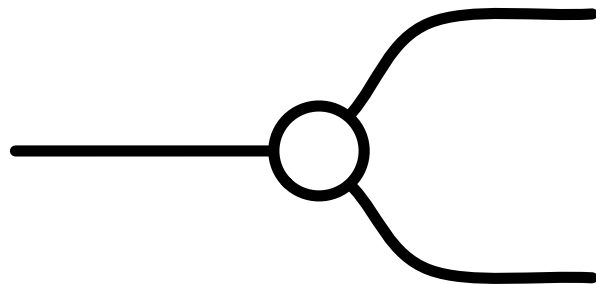
$() , 0$



$x, \frac{x}{x}$



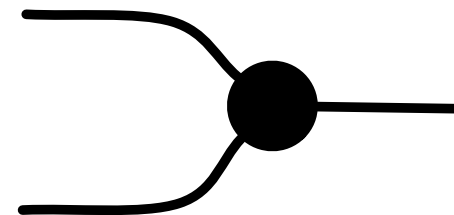
$x, ()$



$x+y, \frac{x}{y}$



$0, ()$



$\frac{x}{x}, x$



$() , x$

# Adding meets adding



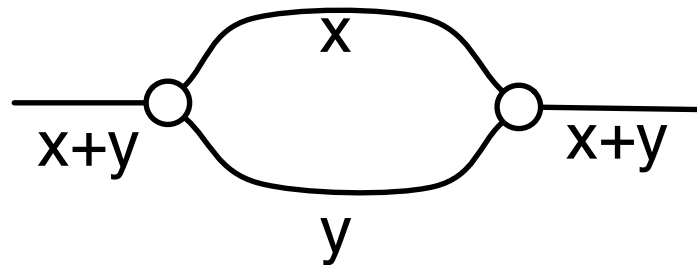
$$\begin{array}{ll} x = p+q & p=x+y \\ z = q+r & r=y+z \end{array}$$



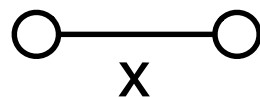
$$y=-q$$

Provided addition yields abelian group  
(i.e. there are additive inverses), the two  
are **the same** relation

# More adding meets adding

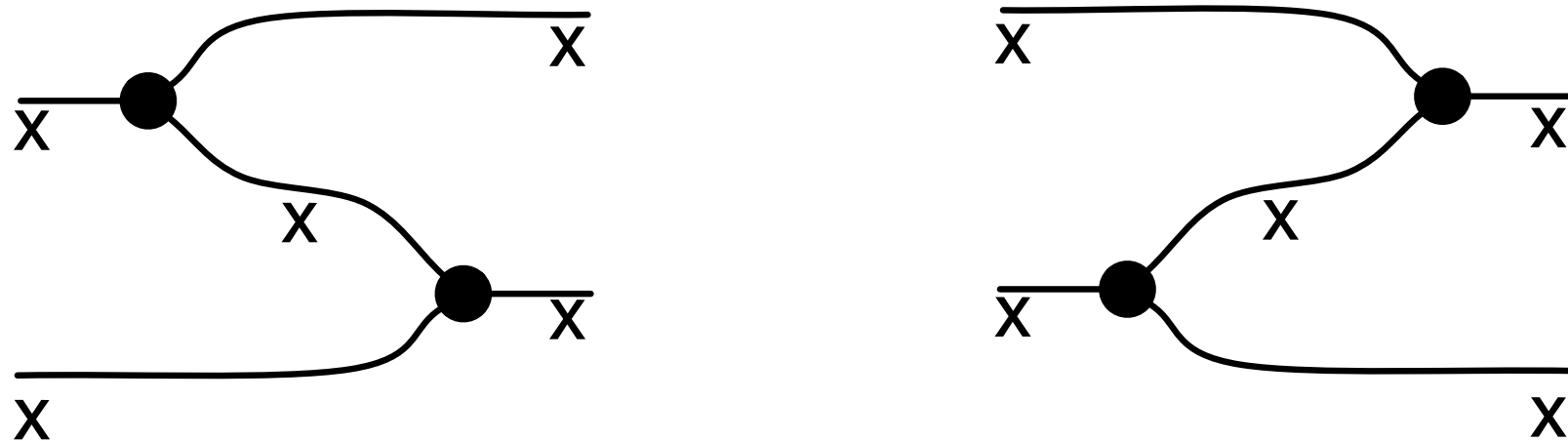


since  $x$  and  $y$  are free, this is the identity relation

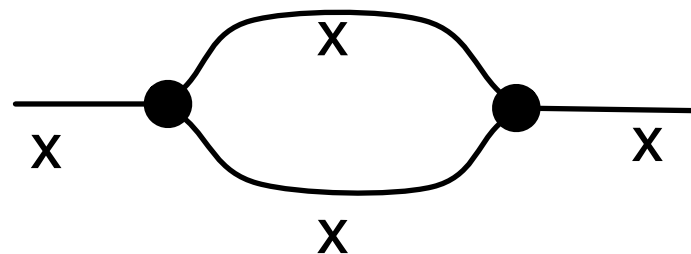


empty relation

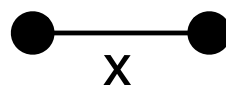
# Copying meets copying



clearly both give the same relation



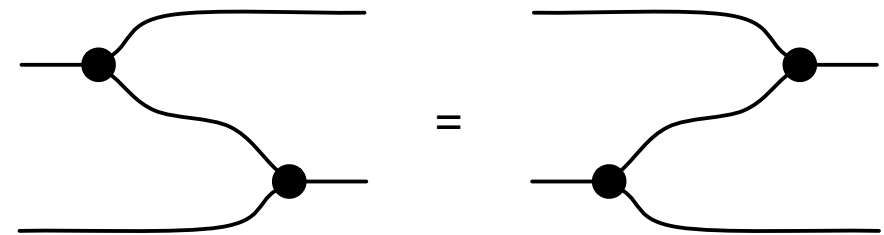
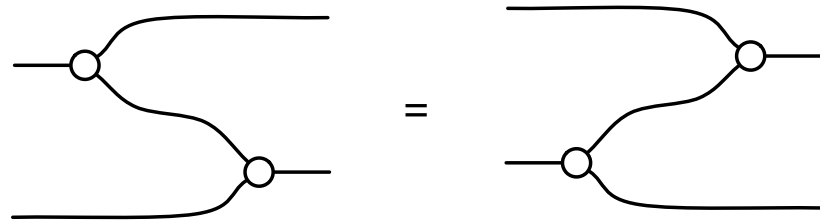
identity relation



empty relation

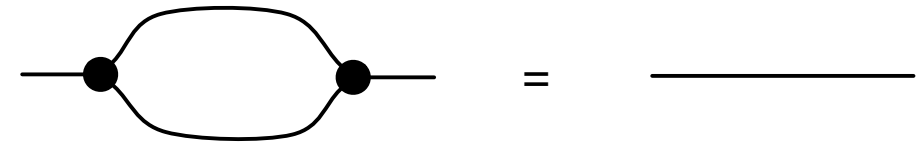
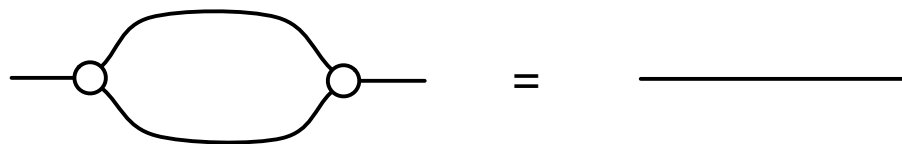


# Two Frobenius structures



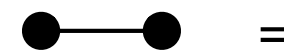
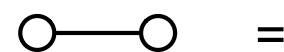

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+ special / strongly separable equations



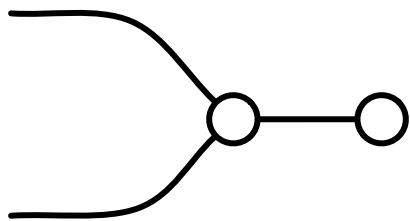

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+ “bone” equations

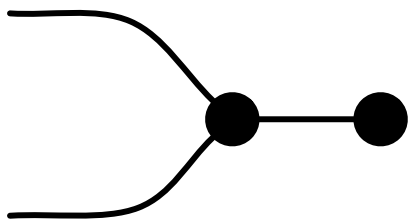
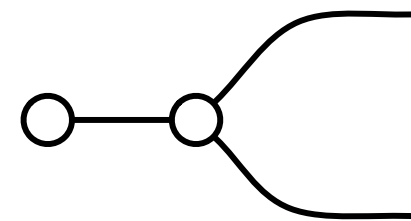


# Two self-dual compact closed structures

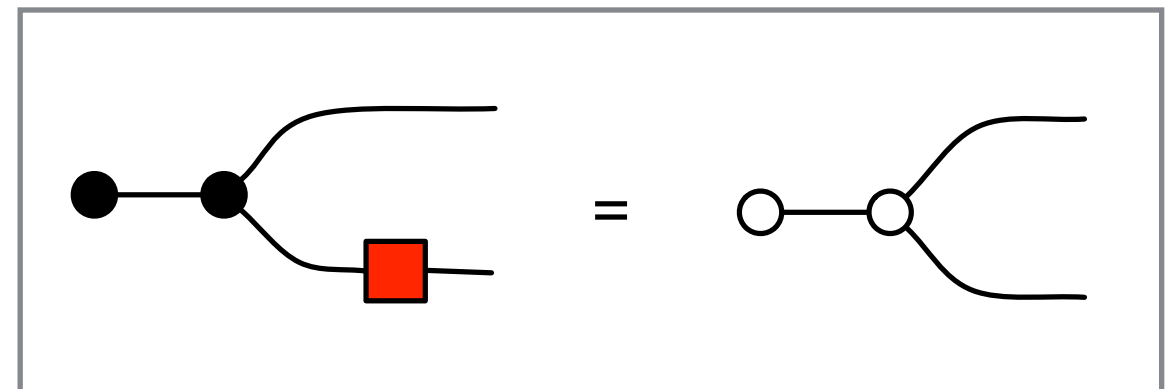
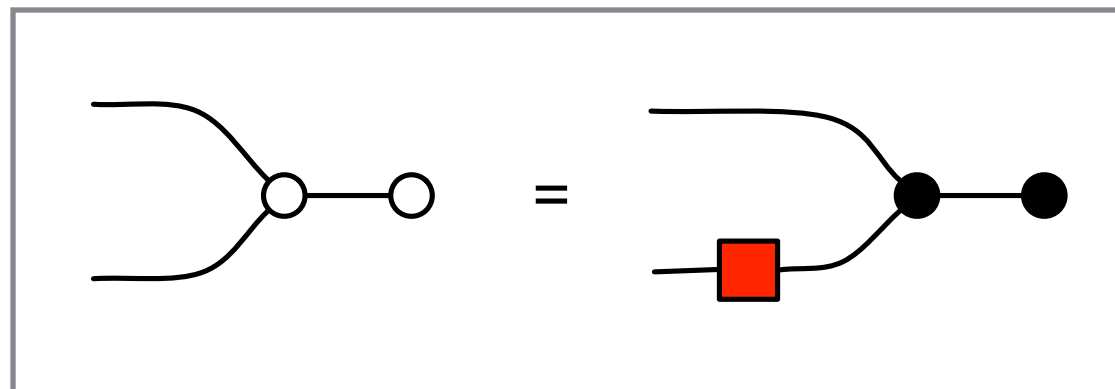
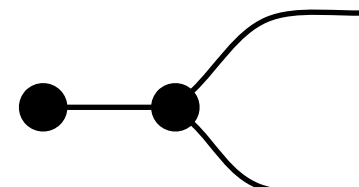
(*cf.* cups and caps)



$$\left\{ \left( \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}, () \right) \mid x + y = 0 \right\}$$



$$\left\{ \left( \begin{pmatrix} x \\ x \end{pmatrix}, () \right) \right\}$$



# Scalars meet scalars

$$\overline{x} \text{---} \boxed{p} \text{---} \overline{px=py} \text{---} \boxed{p} \text{---} \overline{y} = \text{_____}$$

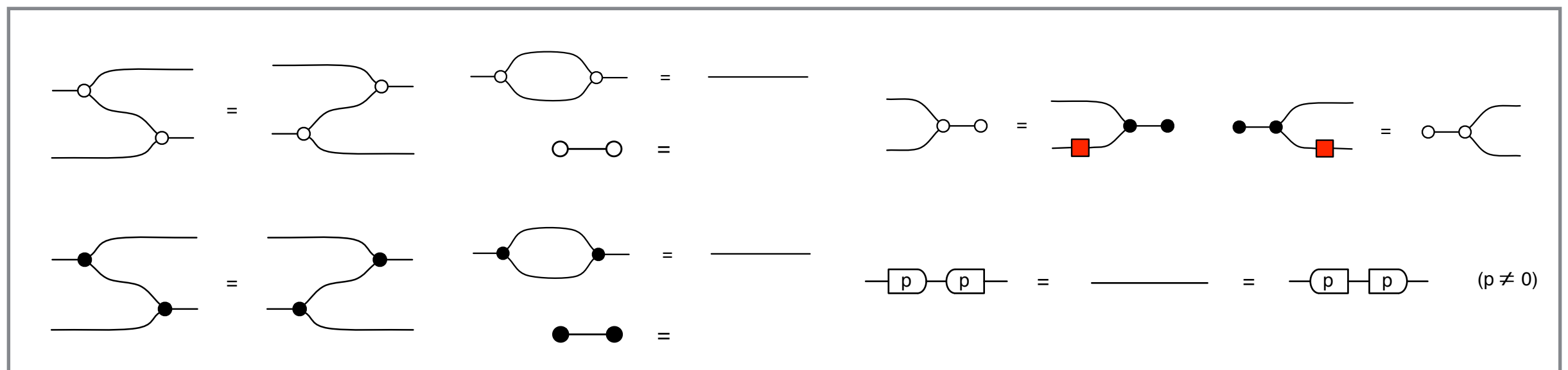
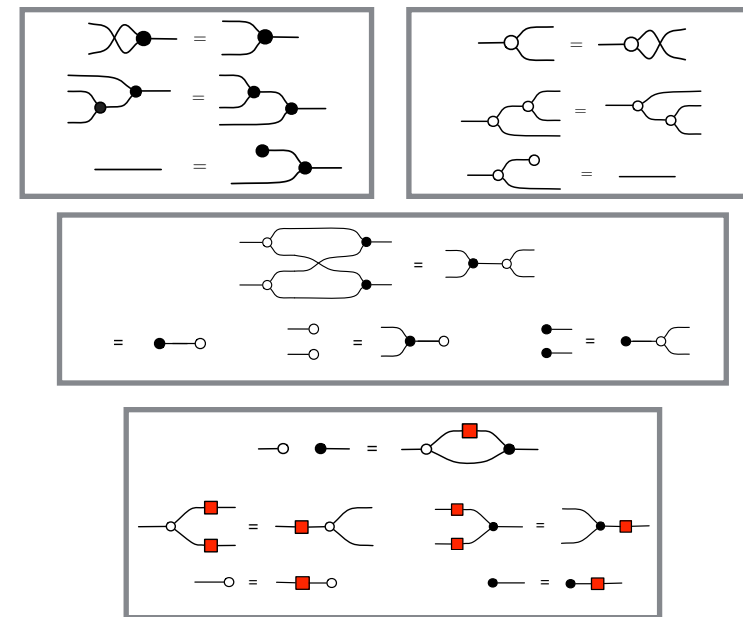
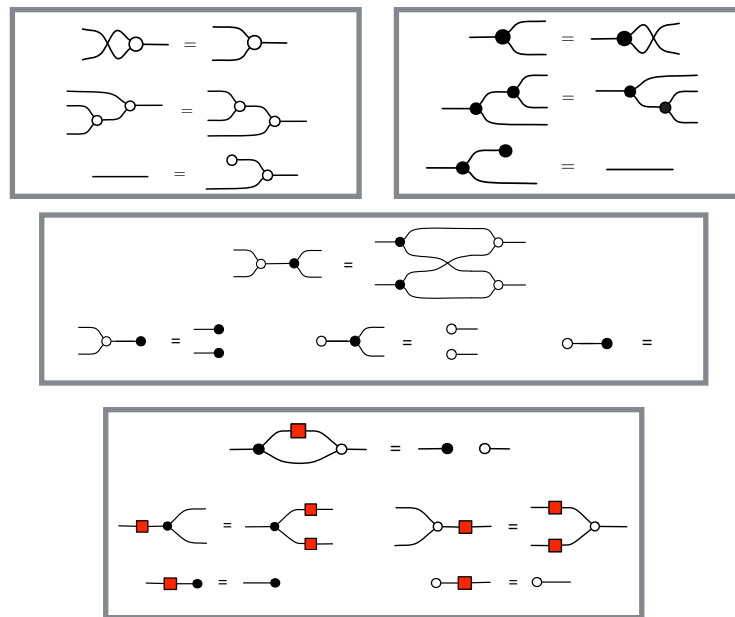
if multiplication on the left by  $p$  is injective  
(e.g. if  $p \neq 0$  in a field)

$$\overline{px} \text{---} \boxed{p} \text{---} \overline{x} \text{---} \boxed{p} \text{---} \overline{px} = \text{_____}$$

if multiplication on the left by  $p$  is surjective  
(e.g. if  $p \neq 0$  in a field)

# Interacting Hopf Monoids

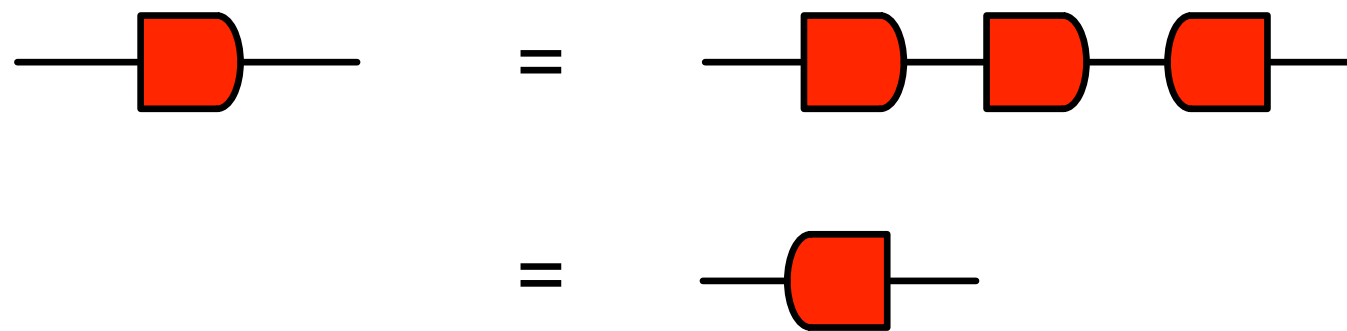
(Bonchi, S., Zanasi, '13, '14)



(cf. ZX-calculus, Coecke and Duncan '08, Baez and Erbele '14)

# The antipode cheat

The antipodes in  $\mathbf{H}$  and  $\mathbf{H}^{\text{op}}$  are formally different but we were slightly naughty with notation.



# Two daggers

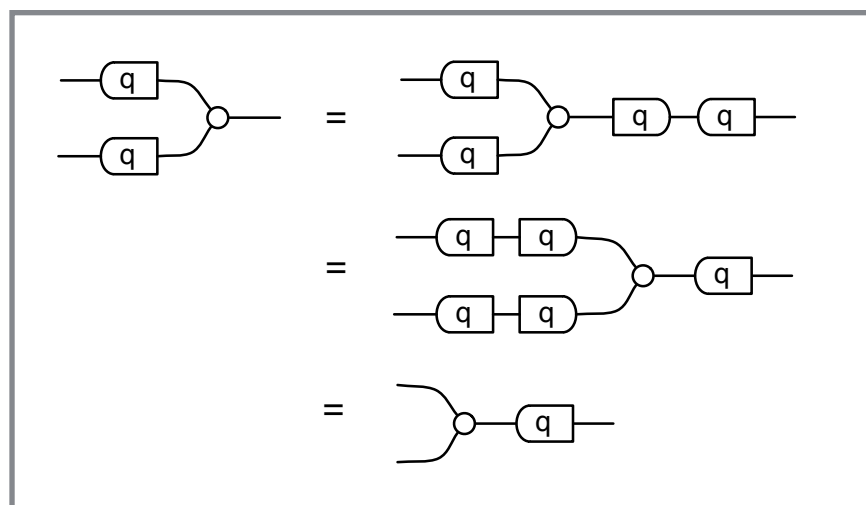
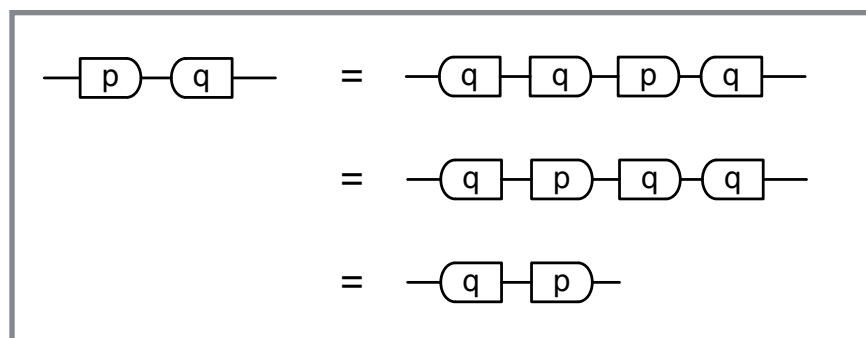
- 1. “**opposite**”
  - left goes to right
  - takes matrix (diagram in  $\mathbf{H}$  or  $\mathbf{H}^{\text{op}}$ ) to its opposite
  - takes a linear relation to its opposite
- 2. “**bizarro**”
  - left goes to right and
  - black goes to white
  - takes matrix (diagram in  $\mathbf{H}$  or  $\mathbf{H}^{\text{op}}$ ) to its transpose
  - On diagrams  $(n,0)$  it gives the orthogonal space (but type is  $(0,n)$ )

# LinRel

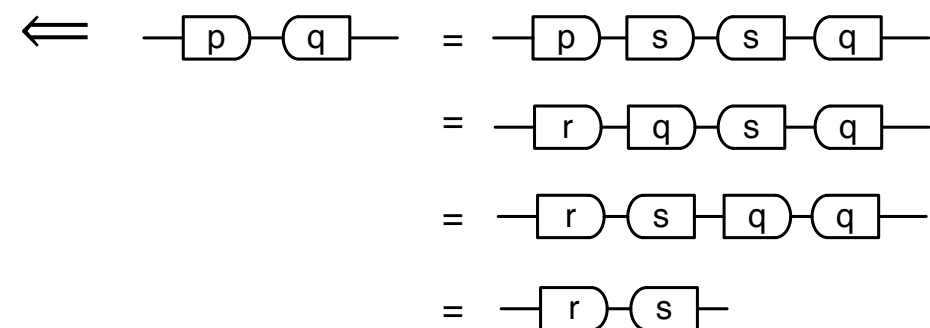
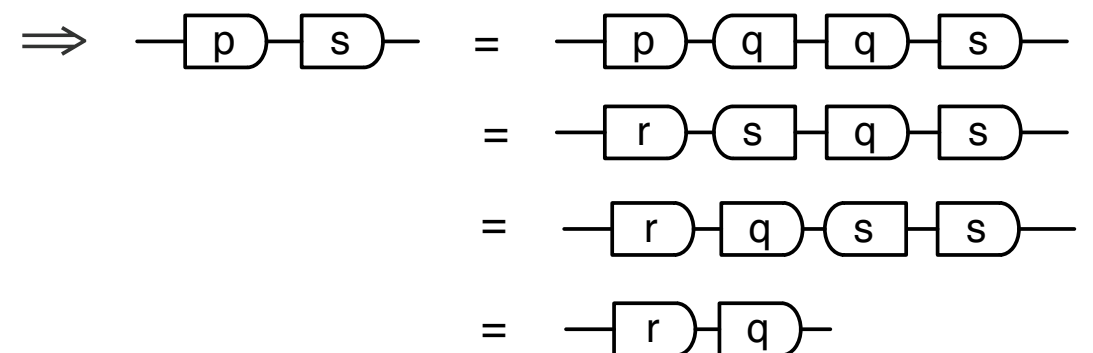
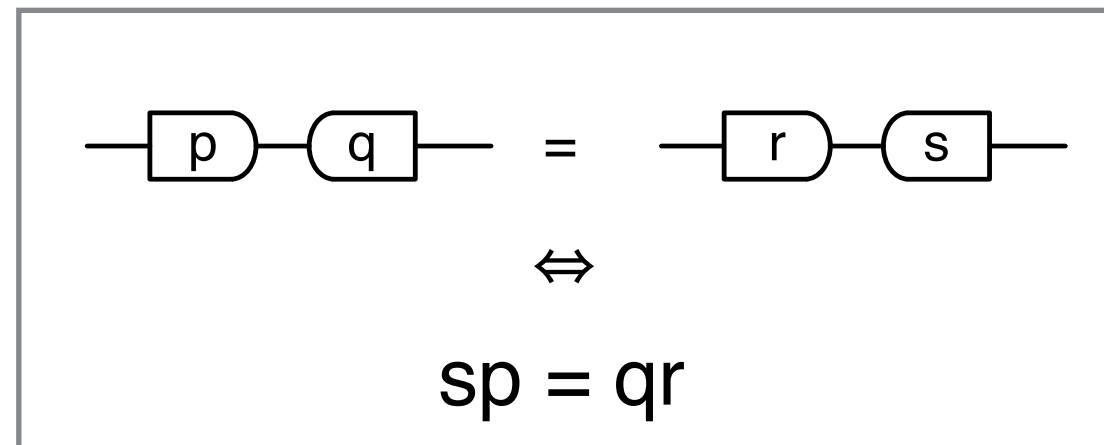
- PROP of linear relations over the rationals
  - arrows  $m$  to  $n$  are subspaces of  $\mathbf{Q}^m \times \mathbf{Q}^n$
  - composed **as relations**
  - monoidal product is direct sum
- **IH** is isomorphic to **LinRel**
  - we will prove this tomorrow

# Where did the rationals come from?

if  $q \neq 0$ :



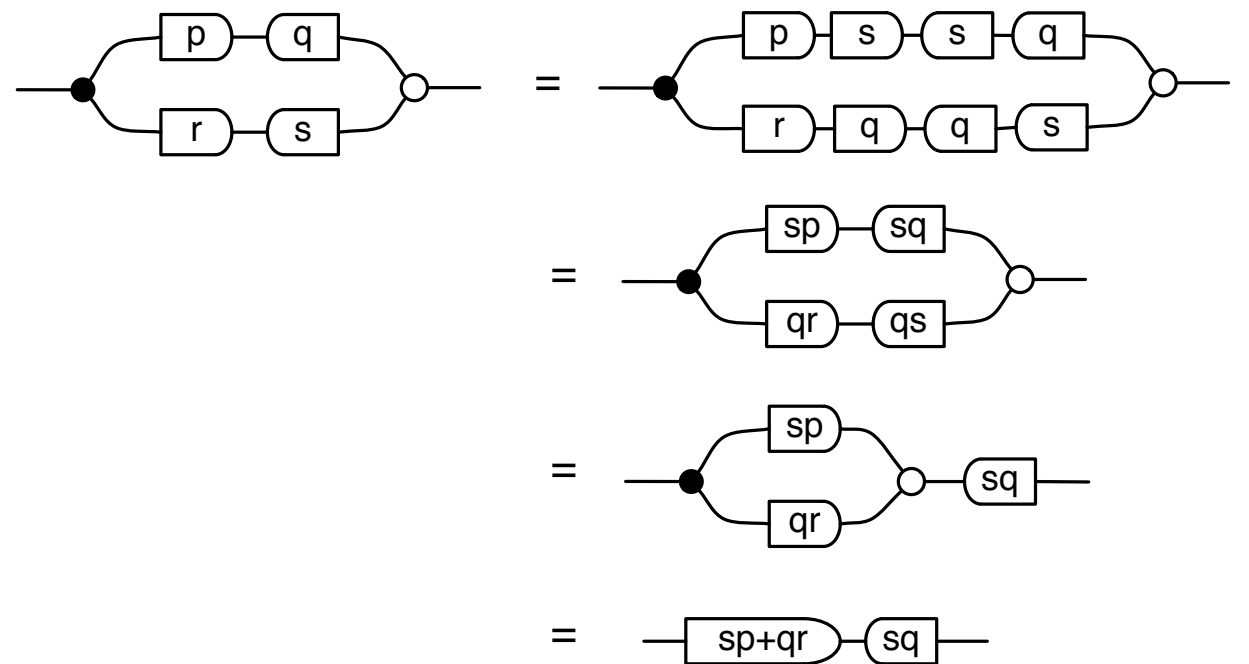
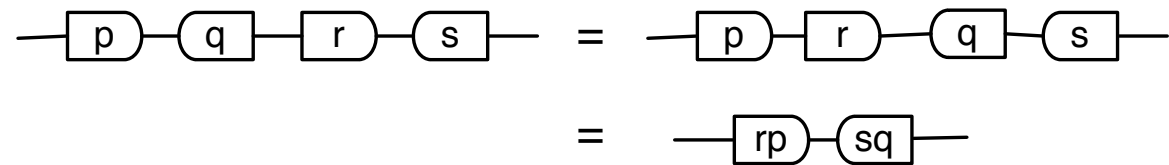
suppose  $q, s \neq 0$ :





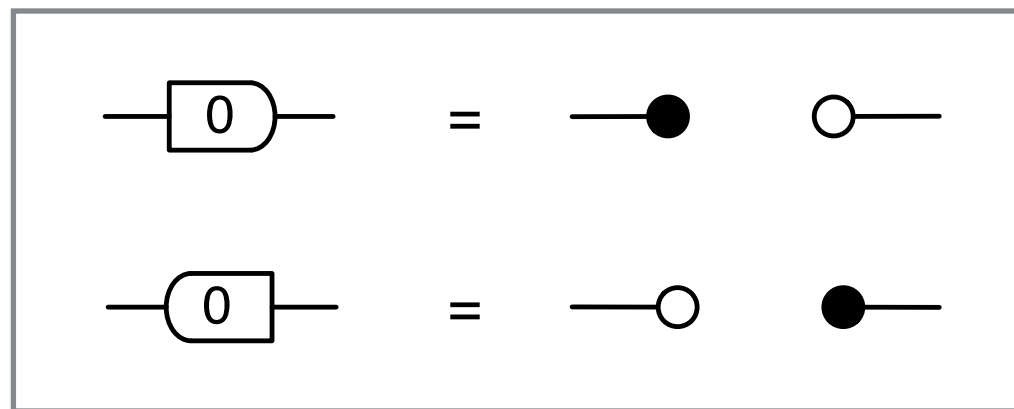
# Rational arithmetic

$(q, s \neq 0)$



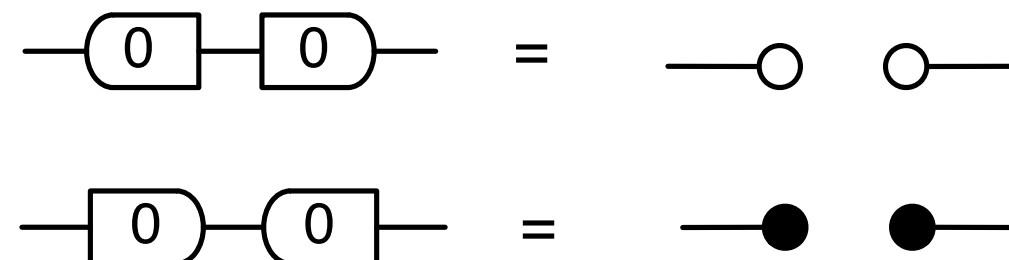
# Keep calm and divide by zero

- it's ok, nothing blows up



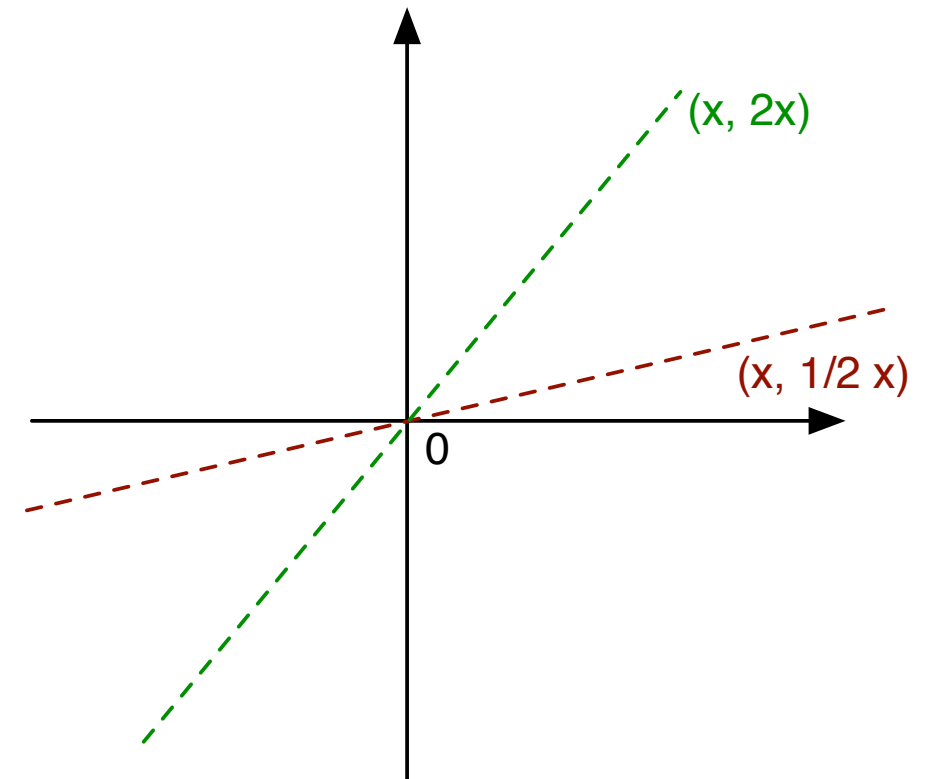
Problems with Zero -  
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- of course, arithmetic with  $1/0$  is not quite as nice as with proper rationals.
- two ways of interpreting  $0/0$  ( $0 \cdot /0$  or  $/0 \cdot 0$ )



# Projective arithmetic++

- Projective arithmetic identifies numbers with one-dimensional spaces (lines) of  $\mathbf{Q}^2$ 
  - one for each rational  $p : \{ (x, px) \mid x \in \mathbf{Q} \}$
  - and “infinity” :  $\{ (0, x) \mid x \in \mathbf{Q} \}$
- The extended system includes all the subspaces of  $\mathbf{Q}^2$ , in particular:
  - the unique zero dimensional space  $\{ (0, 0) \}$
  - the unique two dimensional space  $\{ (x, y) \mid x, y \in \mathbf{Q} \}$

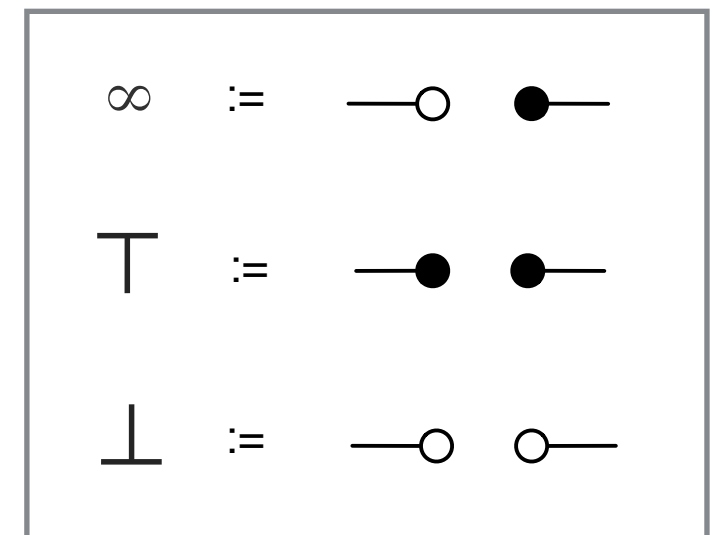


# Dividing by zero

Edalat and Potts suggested that two extra ‘numbers’,  $\infty = 1/0$  and  $\perp = 0/0$ , be adjoined to the set of real numbers (thus obtaining what in domain theory is called the ‘lifting’ of the real projective line) in order to make division always possible. In a seminar, Martin-Löf proposed that **one should try to include these ‘numbers’ already in the construction of the rationals from the integers, by allowing not only non-zero denominators, but arbitrary denominators**, thus ending up not with a field, but with a field with two extra elements.

Jesper Carlström, *Wheels, On Division by Zero*, 2001

Here we have three extra elements!

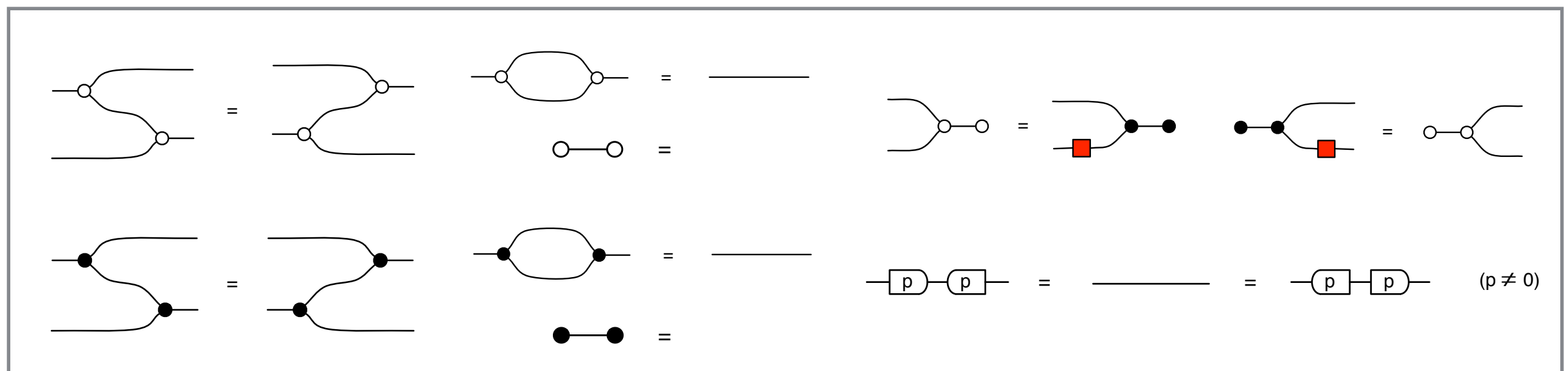
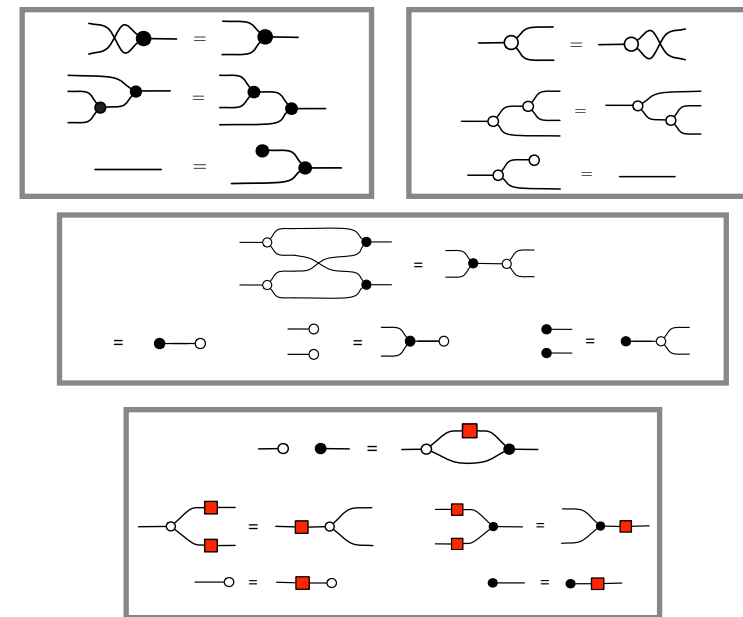
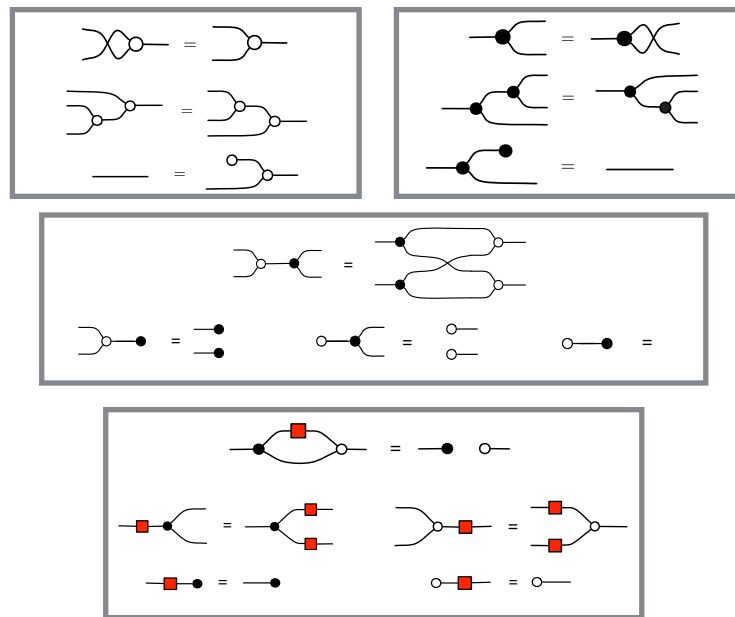


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# Distributive laws of PROPs

- Proof **IH**  $\cong$  **LinRel** relies on the notion of **distributive law** of PROPs (Lack, *Composing PROPs*, 2004)
  - a variant of distributive laws of **monads**
  - monads can be considered in any 2-category (R. Street, *Formal Theory of Monads*, 1972)
    - categories = monads in  $\text{Span}(\mathbf{Set})$
    - strict monoidal categories = monads in  $\text{Span}(\mathbf{Mon})$
    - small technical complications for PROPs because of symmetries

# Categories = Monads??

- What is a monad in  $\text{Span}(\mathbf{Set})$ ?

- endo 1-cell  $O \xleftarrow{\delta_0} A \xrightarrow{\delta_1} O$

- multiplication

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A \times_O A & \longrightarrow & A \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \delta_1 \\
 A & \xrightarrow{\delta_0} & O
 \end{array}$$

$$A \times_O A \xrightarrow{\mu} A$$

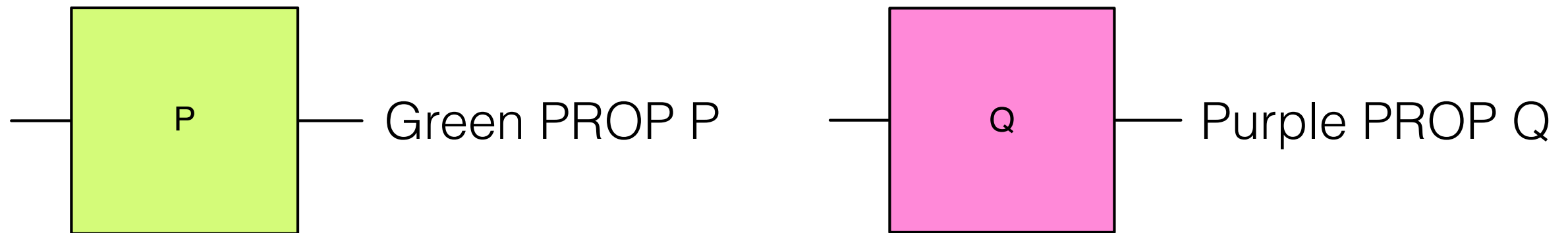
let's call it "composition"

- unit  $O \xrightarrow{\eta} A$  let's call it "identity"

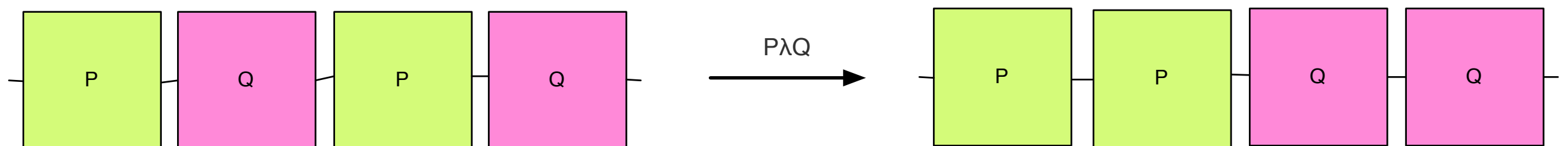
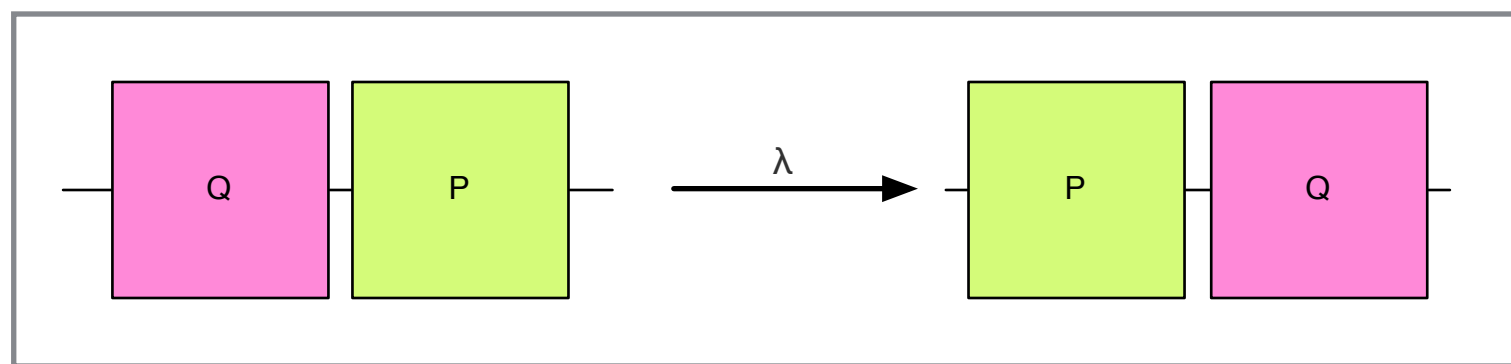
- satisfying associativity & unit laws



# Distributive laws of PROPs



When can we understand  $P;Q$  as a PROP?



# Distributive law of Monads

- Given monads  $T$ ,  $U$ , a distributive law is a 2-cell

$$\lambda : UT \Rightarrow TU$$

- that is compatible with multiplication and units in  $T$  and  $U$  in the obvious way (see diags)
- gives a monad structure on  $TU$**

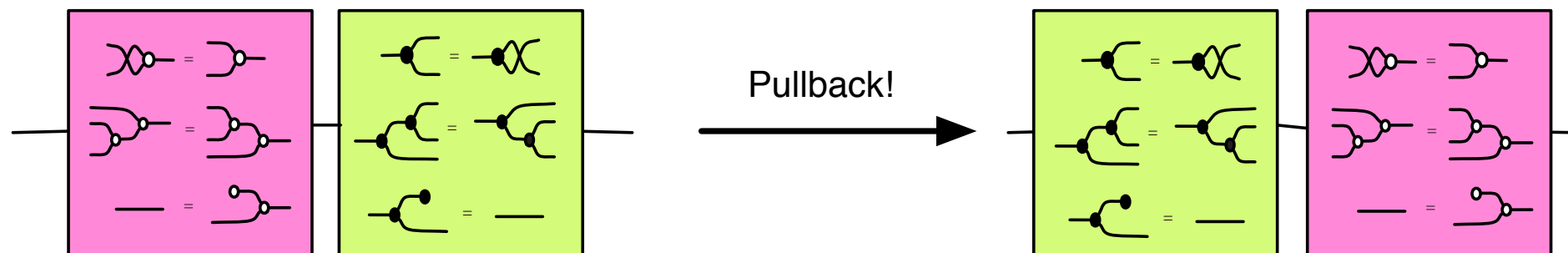
$$\begin{array}{ccc} UUT & \xrightarrow{\mu_U T} & UT \\ U\lambda \downarrow & & \downarrow \lambda \\ UTU & \xrightarrow{\lambda U} TUU & \xrightarrow{T\mu_U} TU \end{array}$$

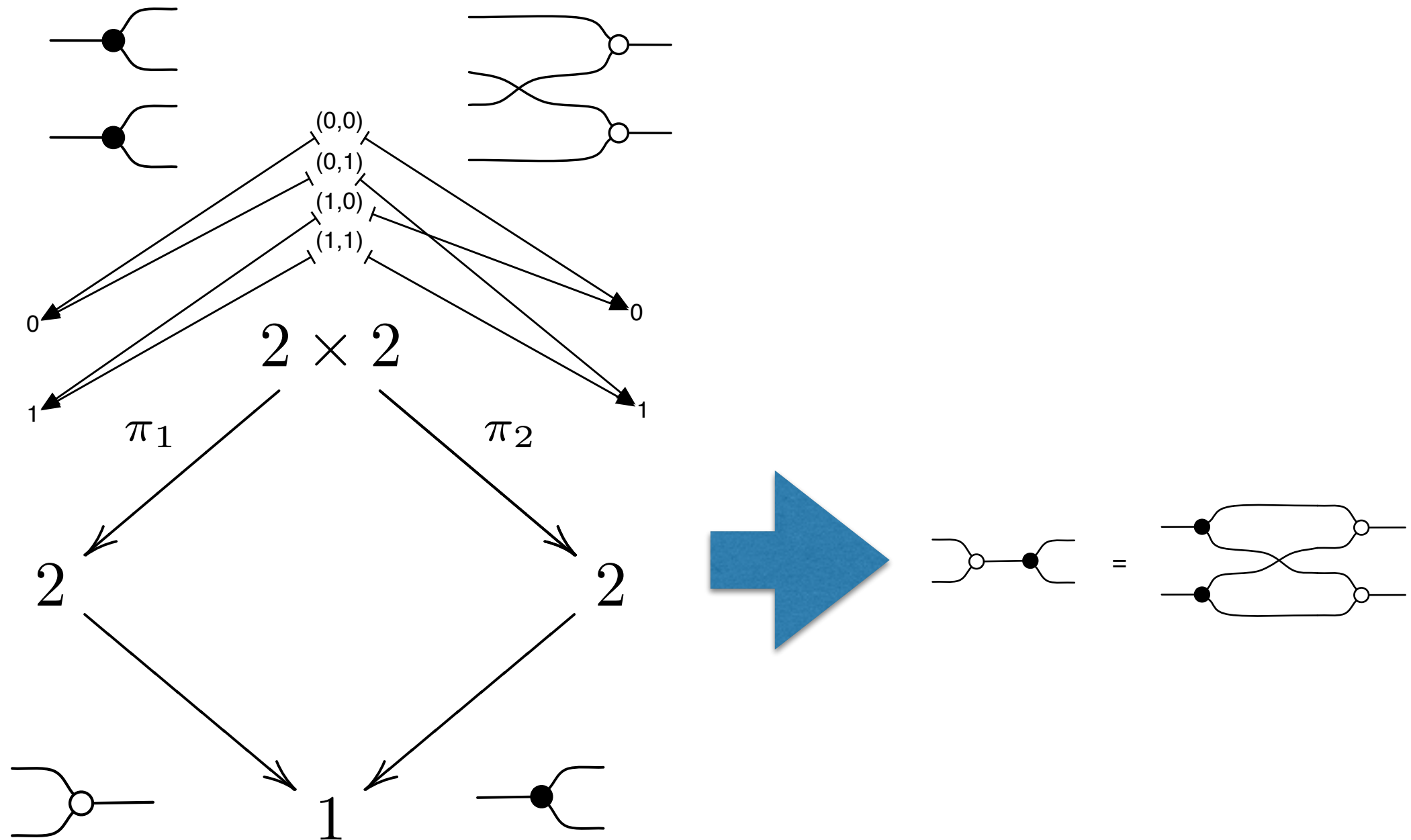
$$\begin{array}{ccc} UTT & \xrightarrow{U\mu_T} & UT \\ \lambda T \downarrow & & \downarrow \lambda \\ TUT & \xrightarrow{T\lambda} TTU & \xrightarrow{\mu_T U} TU \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & T & \\ \eta_U T \swarrow & & \searrow T\eta_U \\ UT & \xrightarrow{\lambda} & TU \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} & U & \\ U\eta_T \swarrow & & \searrow \eta_T U \\ UT & \xrightarrow{\lambda} & TU \end{array}$$

# SMT of Spans

- The bicategory  $\text{Span}(\mathbf{Set})$  has spans of functions as 1-cells and span morphisms as 2-cells
  - composition is by **pullback**
  - we obtain the **category** of spans by identifying isomorphic spans
- We already have the SMT of functions (commutative monoids) and “backwards functions” (commutative comonoids)
- Pullback defines a distributive law of PROPs - implied by the universal property

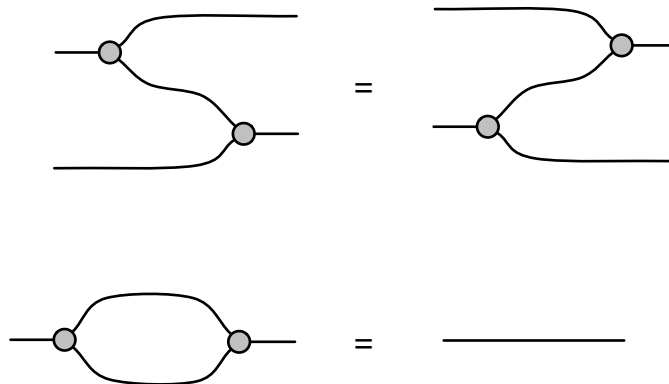




- the theory of bimonoids is a presentation of this distributive law
- so  $\mathbf{B} \cong \mathbf{Mat} \cong \text{Span}(\mathbf{F})$
- for details see Steve Lack's paper

# SMT of Cospans

- The bicategory  $\text{Cospan}(\text{Set})$  has cospans of functions as 1-cells and cospan morphisms as 2-cells
  - composition is by **pushout**
  - pushout defines a distributive law
- obtain theory strongly separable Frobenius monoids — the theory of cospans!

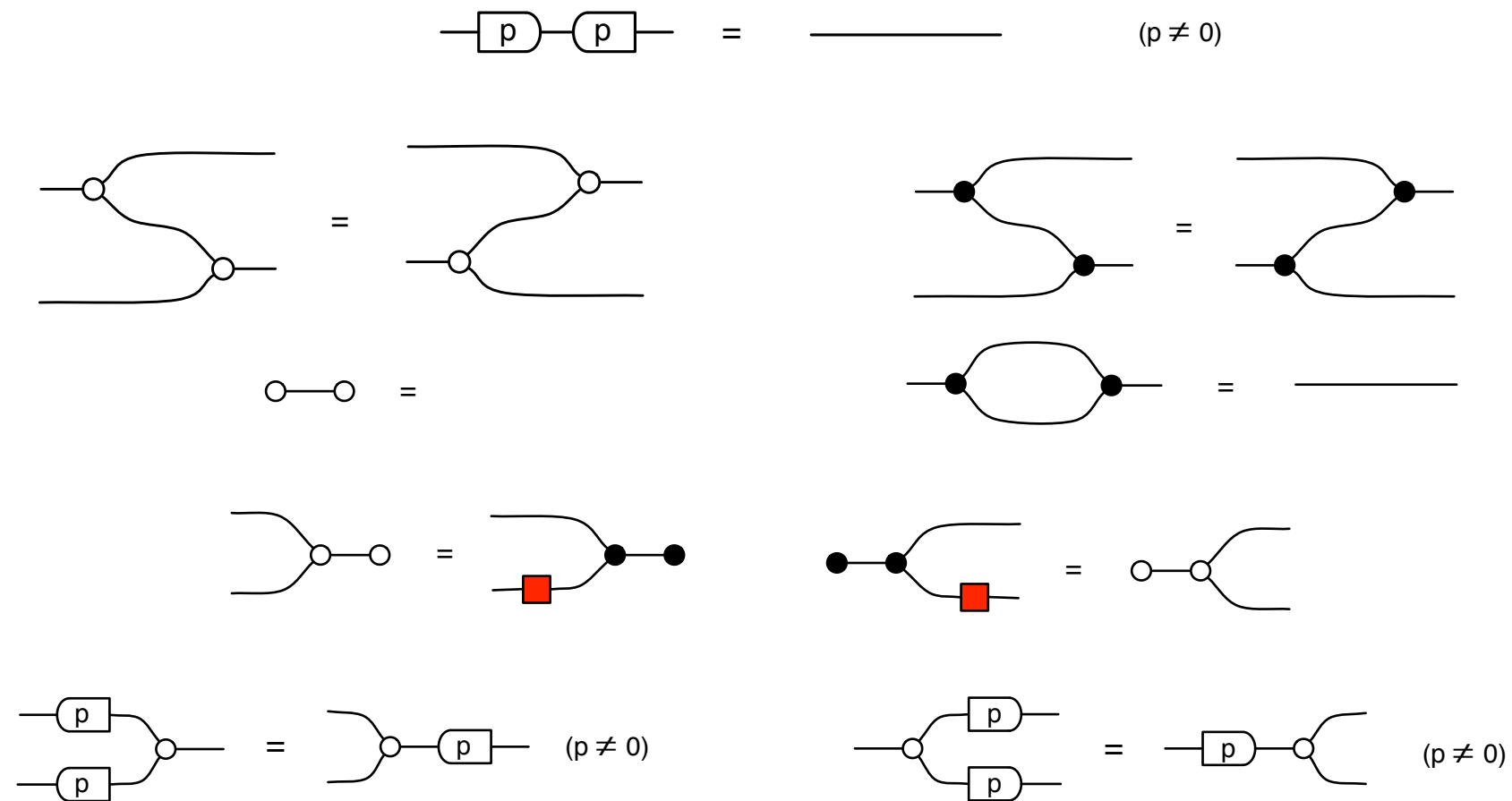


# Proof of $\mathbf{IH} \cong \mathbf{LinRel}$ (outline)

- Two distributive laws
  - slight generalisation of Lack's notion
- $\mathbf{Mat}_{\mathbf{Z}}$  has both pullbacks and pushouts
  - it is equivalent to the category of free f.d.  $\mathbf{Z}$ -modules
  - since  $\mathbf{Z}$  is a PID, this category has pullbacks
  - because of transpose,  $\mathbf{Mat}_{\mathbf{Z}}$  also has pushouts
- We thus obtain two distributive laws:
  - one from pullbacks, giving **spans of matrices**
  - one from pushouts, giving **cospans of matrices**

# Spans of matrices

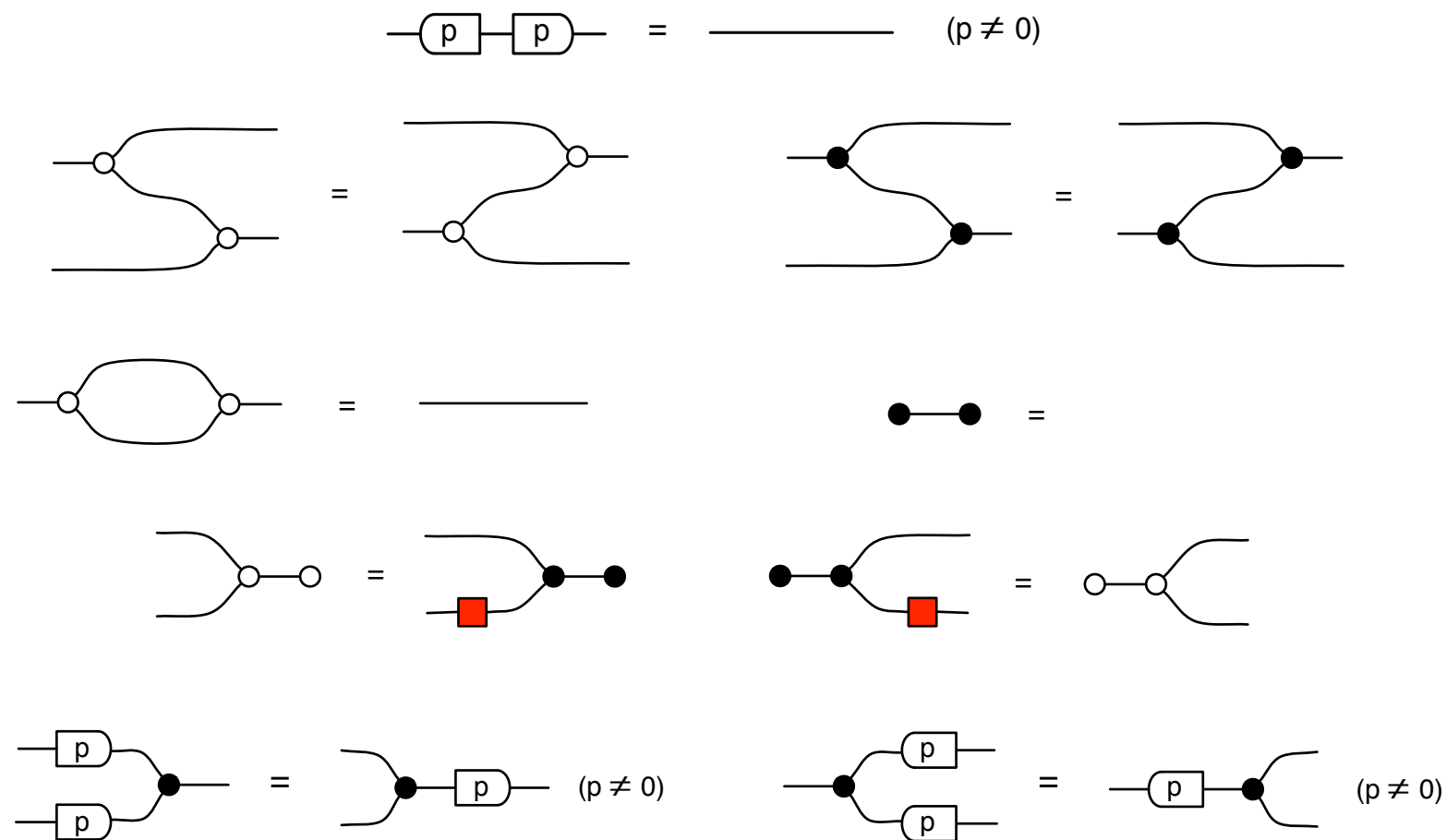
**IR**Span



$$\mathbf{IR}^{\text{Span}} \cong \text{Span}(\mathbf{Matz})$$

# Cospans of matrices

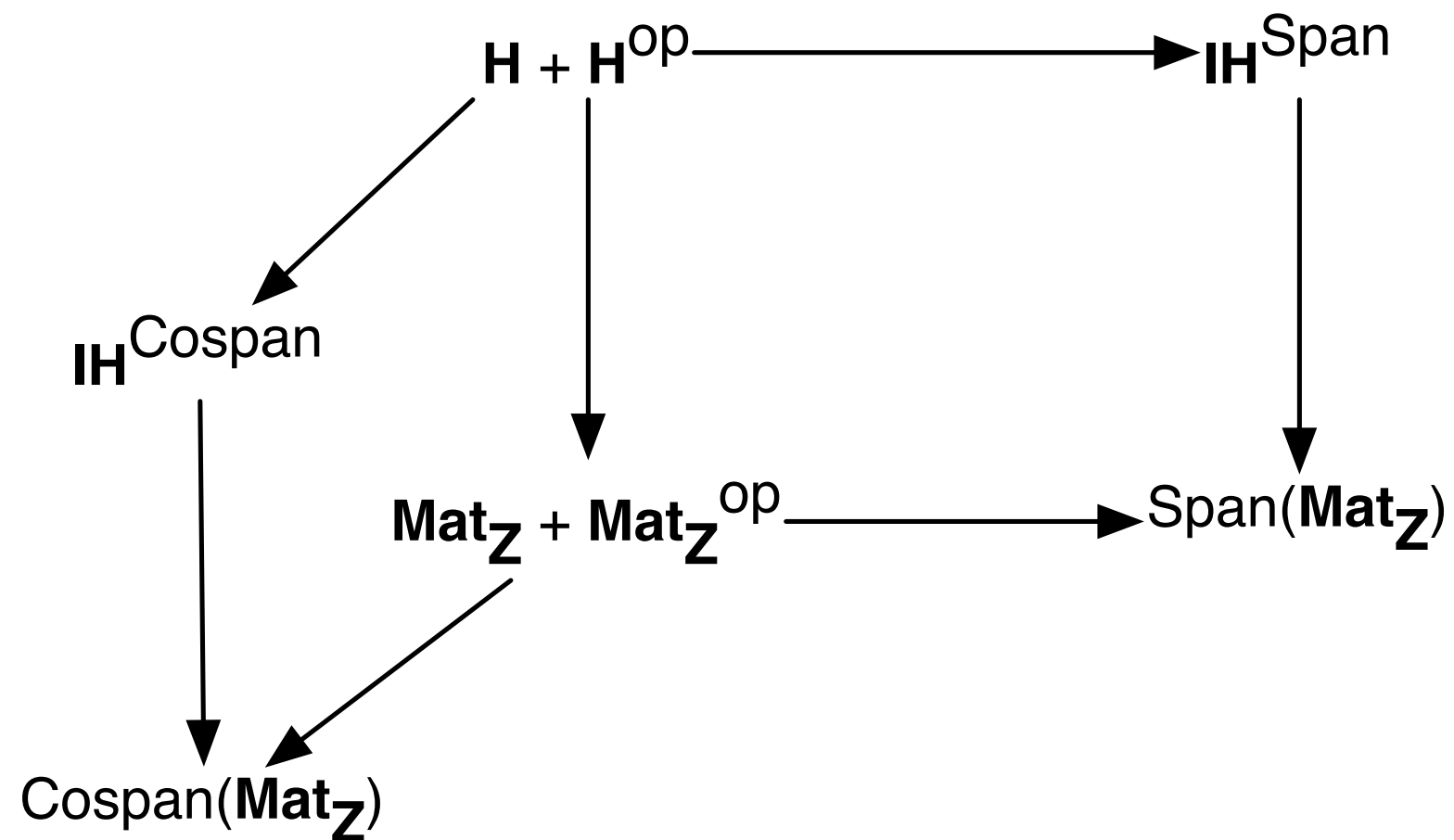
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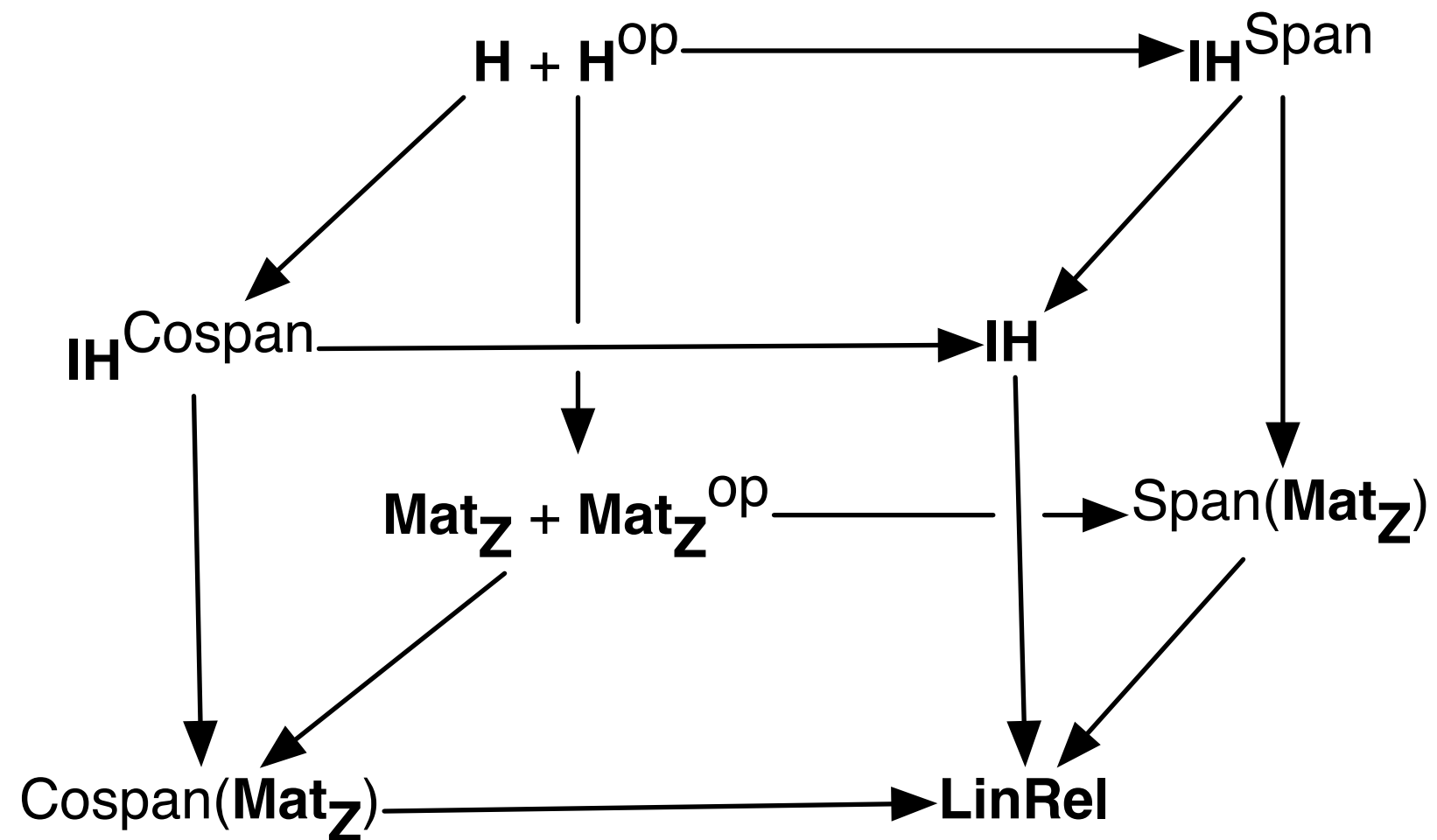
$$\mathbf{IR}^{\text{Cospan}} \cong \text{Cospan}(\mathbf{Matz})$$



# The cube - back faces



# The cube



# Corollary

- The proof gives us some useful facts
  - every diagram in **IH** can be factorised in two ways

- as a span  $\xrightarrow{m} \boxed{A} \xrightarrow{k} \boxed{B} \xrightarrow{n}$

- as a cospan  $\xrightarrow{m} \boxed{C} \xrightarrow{l} \boxed{D} \xrightarrow{n}$

- every mono in **Mat<sub>Z</sub>** satisfies

$$\xrightarrow{m} \boxed{A} \xrightarrow{n} \boxed{A} \xrightarrow{m} = \xrightarrow{m}$$

- every epi in **Mat<sub>Z</sub>** satisfies

$$\xrightarrow{n} \boxed{A} \xrightarrow{m} \boxed{A} \xrightarrow{n} = \xrightarrow{n}$$

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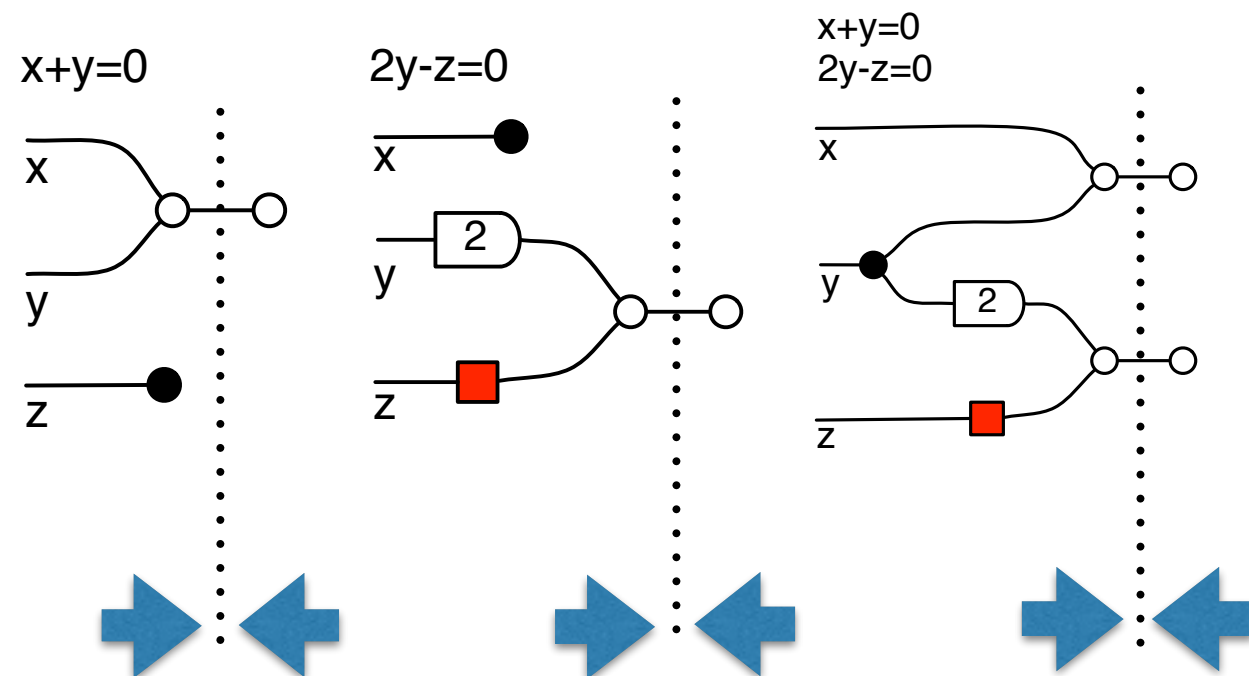
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# Factorisations

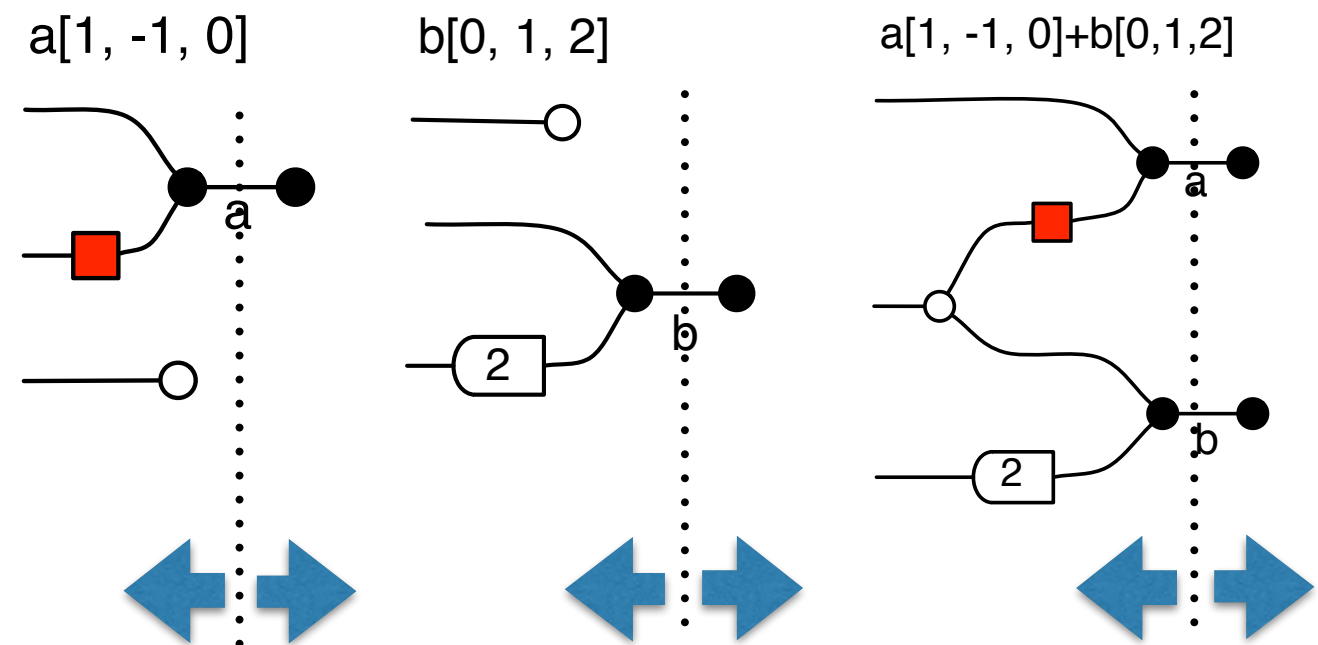
- Every diagram can be factorised as a span or a cospan of matrices
- This gives us the two different ways one can think of spaces

solutions of a list of  
homogeneous equations

linear combinations  
of basis vectors



Cospans



Spans

# Image and kernel

- **Definition**

- The **kernel** of  $A$  is



- The **cokernel** of  $A$  is



- The **image** of  $A$  is



- The **coimage** of  $A$  is



# Injectivity

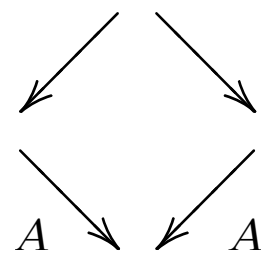
Injective matrices are the monos in **Matz**

$$\text{---} \boxed{F} \text{---} \boxed{A} \text{---} = \text{---} \boxed{G} \text{---} \boxed{A} \text{---} \Rightarrow \text{---} \boxed{F} \text{---} = \text{---} \boxed{G} \text{---}$$

**Theorem.**  $A$  is injective iff

$$\text{---} \boxed{A} \text{---} \boxed{A} \text{---} = \text{---}$$

$\Rightarrow$



is pullback in **Matz**

$\Leftarrow$

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$$\Rightarrow \text{---} \boxed{F} \text{---} = \text{---} \boxed{G} \text{---}$$

# Surjectivity

- Surjective matrices are the epis in **Matz**, i.e.

$$\text{---} \boxed{A} \text{---} \boxed{F} \text{---} = \text{---} \boxed{A} \text{---} \boxed{G} \text{---} \Rightarrow \text{---} \boxed{F} \text{---} = \text{---} \boxed{G} \text{---}$$

- Theorem.**  $A$  is surjective iff

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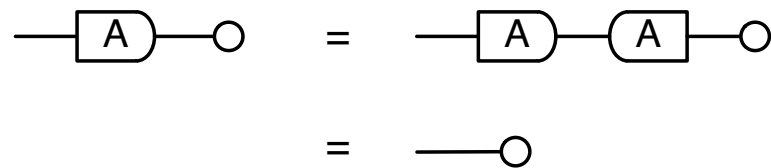
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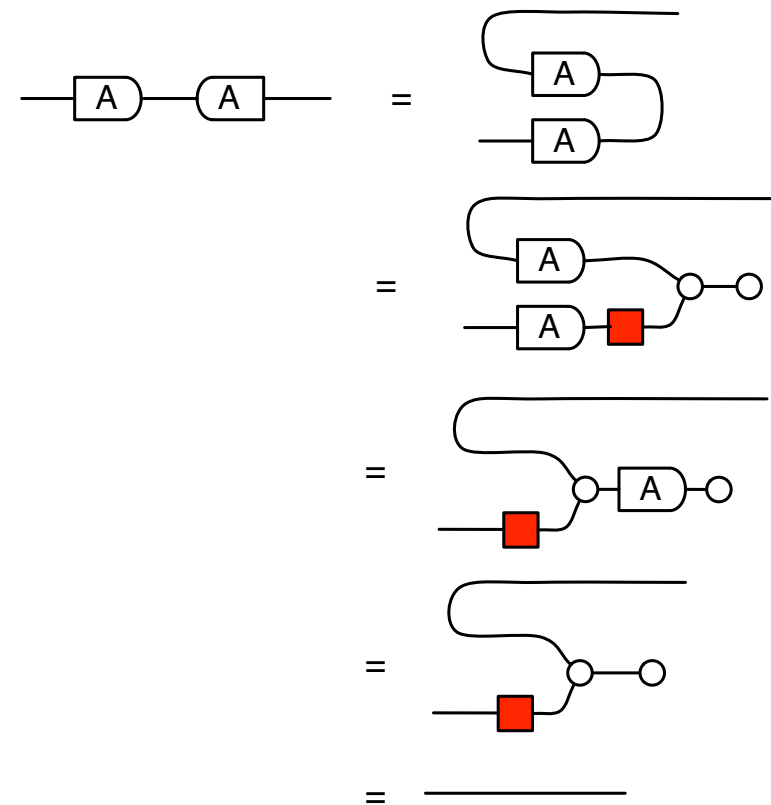
# Injectivity and kernel

- **Theorem.**  $A$  is injective iff  $\ker A = 0$

$\Rightarrow$



$\Leftarrow$



# Surjectivity and image

- **Theorem.**  $A$  is surjective iff  $\text{im}(A) = \text{codomain}$

$$\text{---} \boxed{A} \text{---} \boxed{A} \text{---} = \text{---}$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

Proof: bizarro of last slide

$$\bullet \text{---} \boxed{A} \text{---} = \text{---}$$

# Invertible matrices

- **Theorem:**  $A$  is invertible with inverse  $B$  iff

$$\text{---} \boxed{A} \text{---} = \text{---} \boxed{B} \text{---}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{---} \boxed{A} \text{---} &= \text{---} \boxed{A} \text{---} \boxed{A} \text{---} \boxed{B} \text{---} \\ &= \text{---} \boxed{B} \text{---} \end{aligned}$$

$\Leftarrow$

$$\text{---} \boxed{A} \text{---} \bigcirc = \text{---} \boxed{B} \text{---} \bigcirc = \text{---} \bigcirc$$

so  $A$  is injective

$$\text{---} \boxed{A} \text{---} \boxed{B} \text{---} = \text{---} \boxed{A} \text{---} \boxed{A} \text{---} = \text{---}$$

bizarro argument yields other half

# Summary

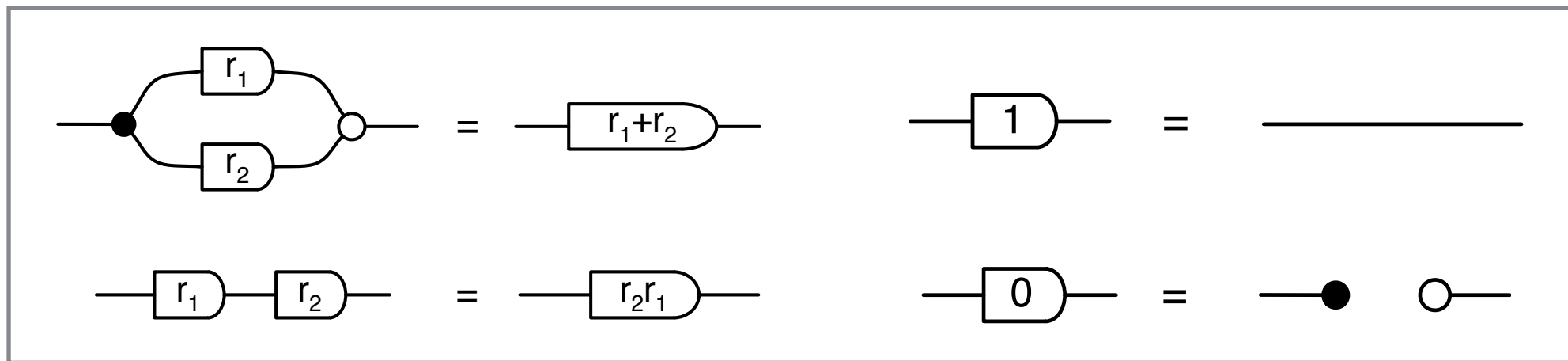
- We have done a bit of linear algebra without mentioning
  - vectors, vector spaces and bases
  - linear dependence/independence, spans of a vector list
  - dimensions
- Similar stories can be told for other parts of linear algebra: decompositions, eigenvalues/eigenspaces, determinants
  - much of this is work in progress: check out the blog! :)

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# Generalising (slightly)

- It is straightforward to generalise from **Z** to arbitrary PID **R**
- We can build the theory **H<sub>R</sub>** by adding enough scalars to the graphical syntax together with equations

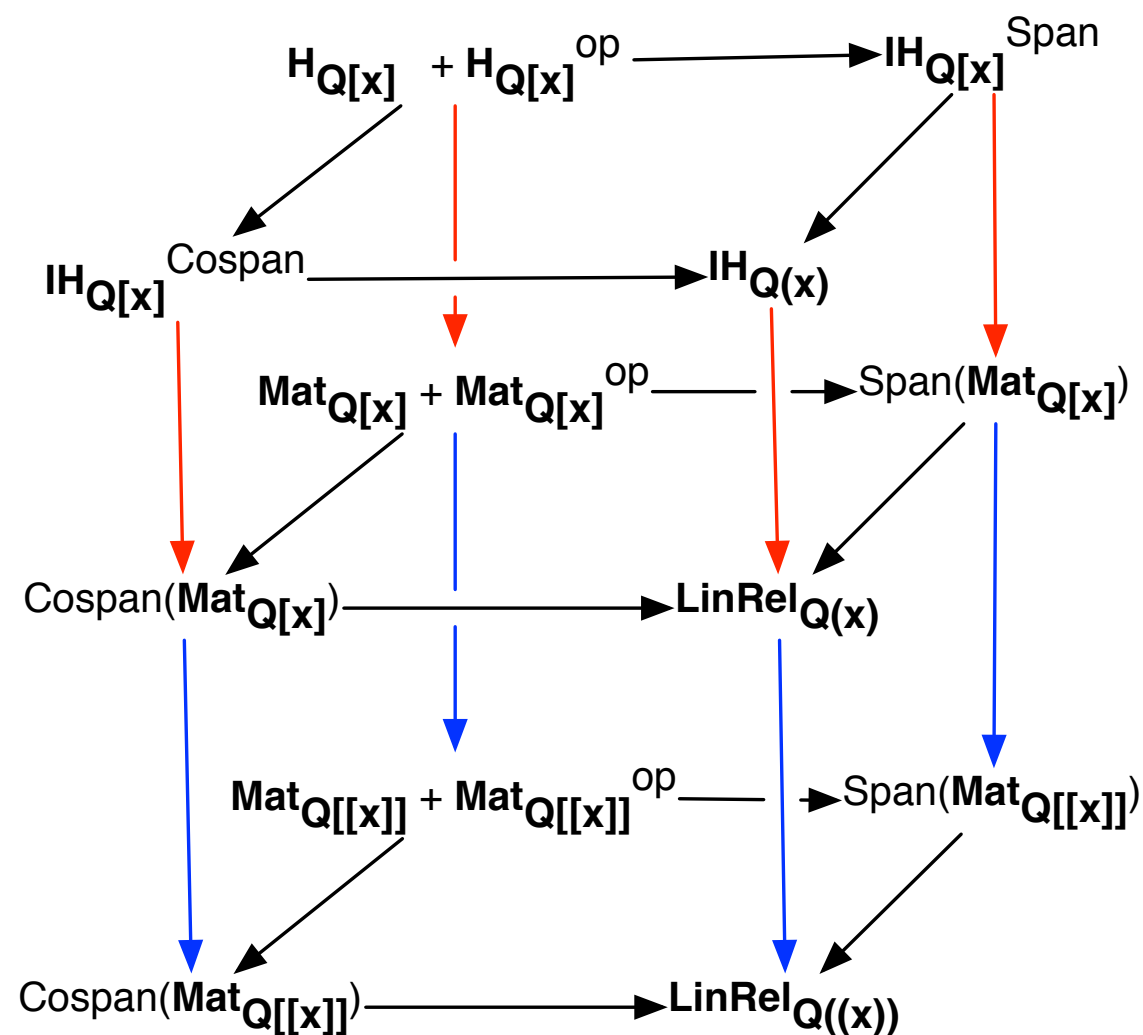




- The additional equations of **IH<sub>R</sub>** are the same as before

# Application: infinite series

- Diagrammatic calculus for spaces over the field of fractions of  $\mathbf{Q}[x]$  (polynomials with one variable, a PID) is especially interesting
  - polynomial fractions = nice syntax for many infinite series (generatingfunctionology!)
  - formally: there is an embedding of fields from poly fractions (syntax) to Laurent series (semantics)
- Moreover: diagrams are very closely related to **signal flow graphs**
  - invented by Shannon in the 40s, reinvented by Mason in the 50s, foundational structure in control and signal processing
  - useful circuit-like syntax for **linear time-invariant dynamical systems**

# The cube (with extra level!)

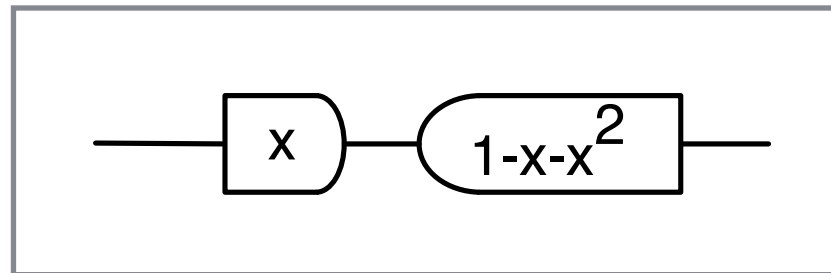


 isomorphisms  
 faithful homomorphisms

In particular,  **$IH_{Q[x]}$**  is sound and complete as a theory for  **$LinRel_{Q((x))}$**



# Example



As linear relation over  $\mathbf{Q}(x)$  is the space generated by

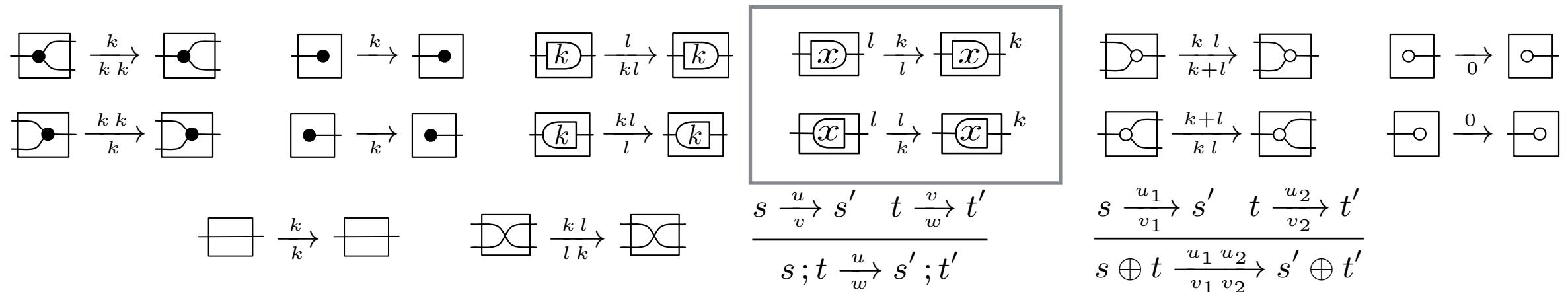
$$(1, x/(1-x-x^2))$$

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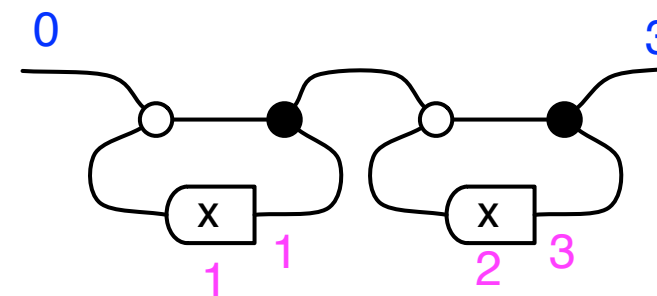
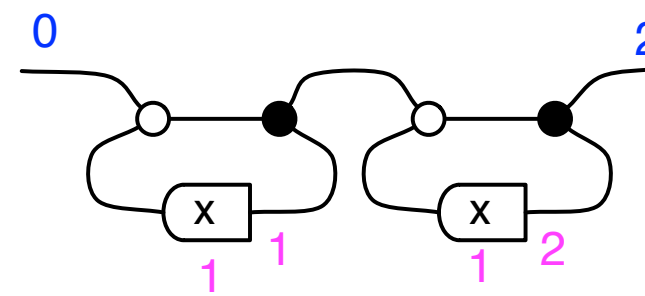
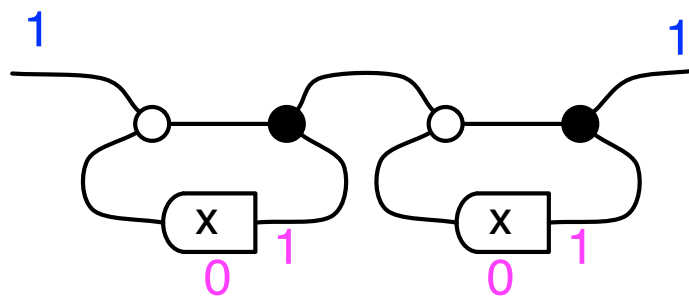
$$(\underline{1}, 0, 0, \dots, \underline{0}, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, \dots)$$

# Operational semantics

Bonchi, S., Zanasi, *Full abstraction for signal flow graphs*, POPL '15



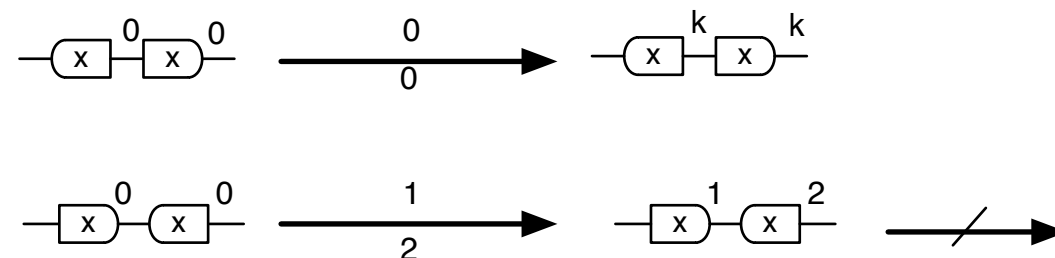
# Example



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# Operational Semantics vs Denotational Semantics

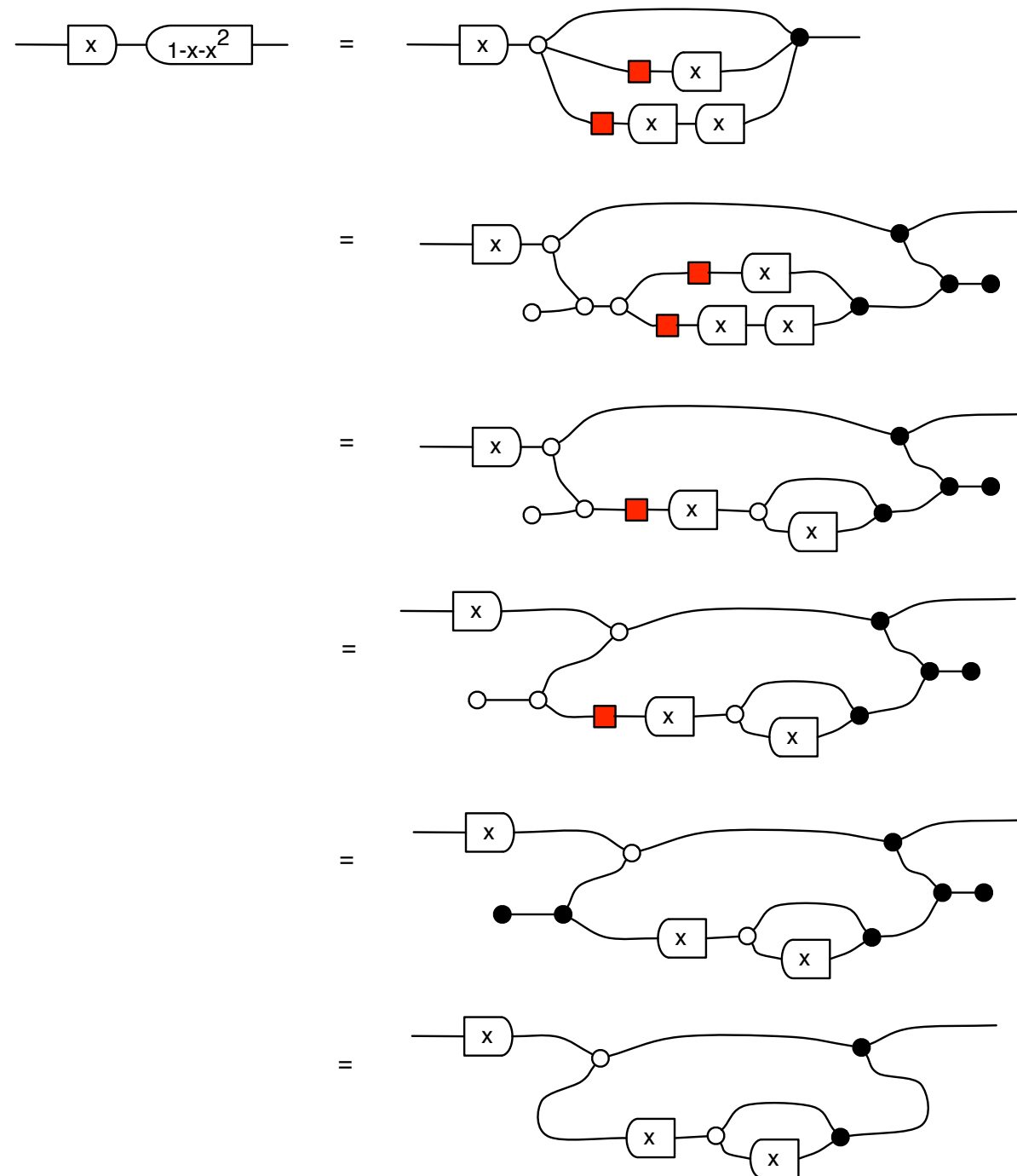
Operational semantics closely related to denotational semantics  
 [linear relations over  $\mathbf{Q}((x))$ ]  
 with some “implementation issues” in diagrams where signal flow is inconsistent e.g.



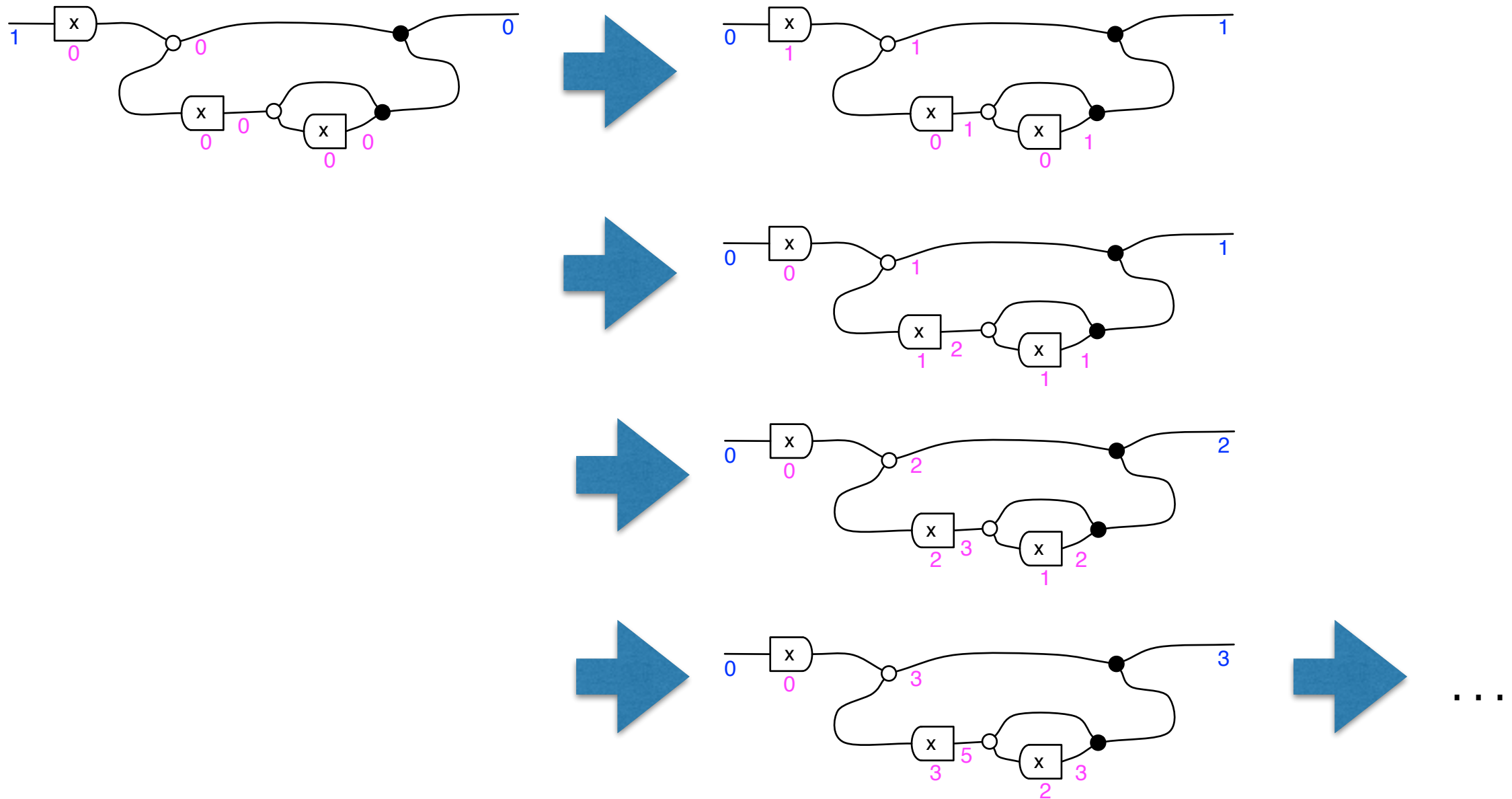
# Realisability and Full Abstraction

- **Realisability** Every diagram can be put in a form where the direction of signal flow is consistent
- **Full abstraction** *Operational equality* (in terms of behaviour, given by operational semantics) coincides with *denotational equality* (the denoted linear relation) on diagrams with consistent signal flow

# Implementing Fibonacci



# Running Fibonacci



# Signal flow graphs

Signal flow graphs differ from electrical network graphs in that their branches are directed. In accounting for branch directions it is necessary to take an entirely different line of approach from that adopted in electrical network topology.”

S.J. Mason, *Feedback Theory: I. Some Properties of Signal Flow Graphs*, 1953

Adding a signal flow direction is often a figment of one's imagination, and when something is not real, it will turn out to be cumbersome sooner or later.

J.C. Willems, *Linear systems in discrete time*, 2009



# “Summing up 1,2,3,4,...”



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w-l6XTVZXww>

	Generating function	Diagram	Signal flow graph
1,2,3,4,...	$\frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$		
0,-4,0,-8,..	$\frac{-4x}{(1-x^2)^2}$		
1,-2,3,-4,...	$\frac{1}{(1+x)^2}$		

$$s - 4s = \frac{1}{4} \quad \Rightarrow \quad s = -\frac{1}{12}$$

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[graphicallinearalgebra.net](http://graphicallinearalgebra.net)

# Future work

- **Control** - with Paolo Rapisarda, Brendan Fong, ...
- **Continuous semantics of flow** - inspiration from “Calculus in Coinductive Form” by Dusko Pavlovic & Martín Escardo (LiCS `99)
- **Graph theory** - string diagrams as compositional language of graphs (Apiwat Chantawibul and S., MFPS `15)
- **Operational semantics, distributive laws** - Fabio Zanasi and Filippo Bonchi
- **Petri nets, model checking** - Julian Rathke and Owen Stephens
- **Concurrent programming** - in the works, with Kostadin Stoilov