

Coherence for cartesian closed bicategories, via normalisation-by-evaluation

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Cartesian closed categories 'up to isomorphism'.

Examples:

- Generalised species and cartesian distributors
particularly for applications in higher category theory
(Fiore, Gambino, Hyland, Winskel), (Fiore & Joyal)
- Categorical algebra (operads)
(Gambino & Joyal)
- Game semantics (concurrent games)
(Yamada & Abramsky, Winskel *et al.*, Paquet)

Coherence

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In a category with finite products:

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In **Set**: monoids

In **Cat**: **strict** monoidal categories

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? In a cc-bicategory every $[X \Rightarrow X]$ becomes a **pseudomonoid**:

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need to check
coherence laws
(i.e. triangle + pentagon)

Mac Lane-style
"all diagrams commute"



proof theory,
rewriting theory

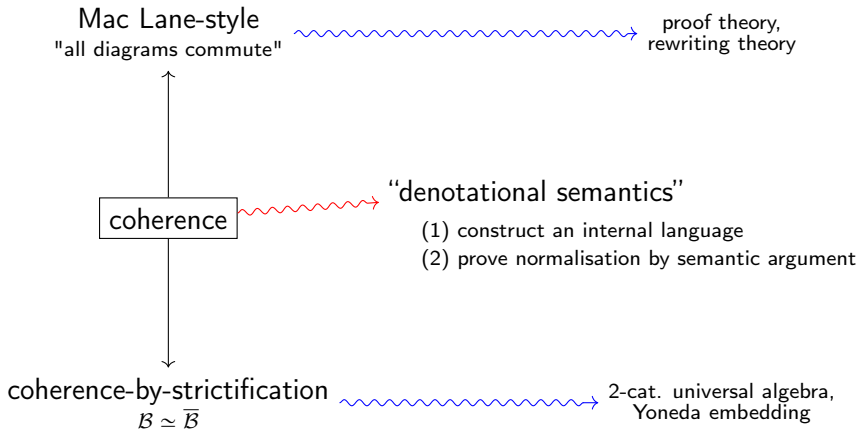
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coherence-by-strictification
 $\mathcal{B} \simeq \bar{\mathcal{B}}$



2-cat. universal algebra,
Yoneda embedding



coherence



“denotational semantics”

- (1) construct an internal language
- (2) prove normalisation by semantic argument

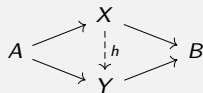
- builds on categorical & type-theoretic intuition
- *once set up* about as hard as categorical proof

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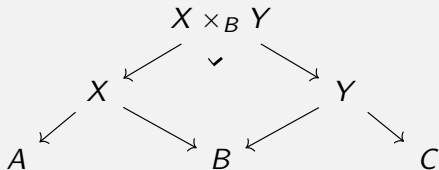
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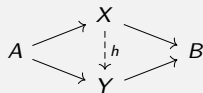
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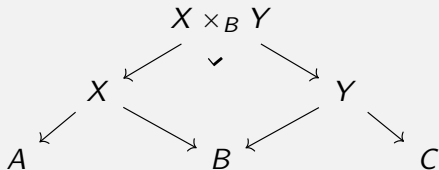
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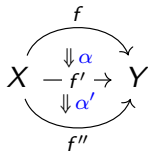
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- Invertible 2-cells

$$(h \circ g) \circ f \xrightarrow{\mathbf{a}_{h, g, f}} h \circ (g \circ f)$$

$$\text{Id}_X \circ f \xrightarrow{\mathbf{l}_f} f$$

$$g \circ \text{Id}_X \xrightarrow{\mathbf{r}_g} g$$

subject to a triangle law and pentagon law.

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$$\mathcal{B}(X, \prod_{i=1}^n A_i) \simeq \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{B}(X, A_i)$$

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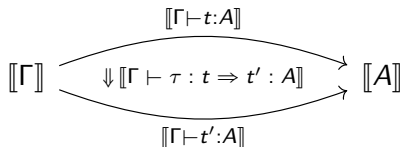
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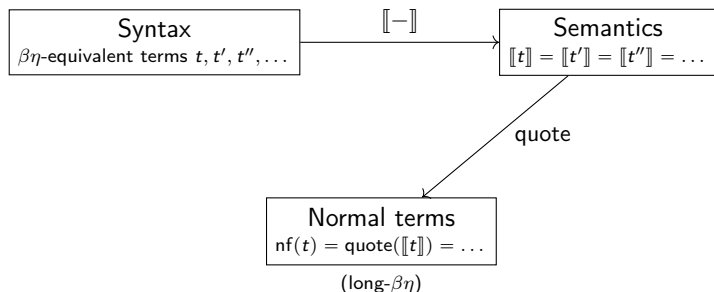
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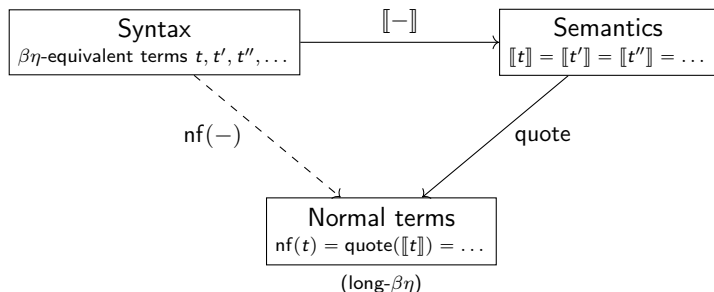
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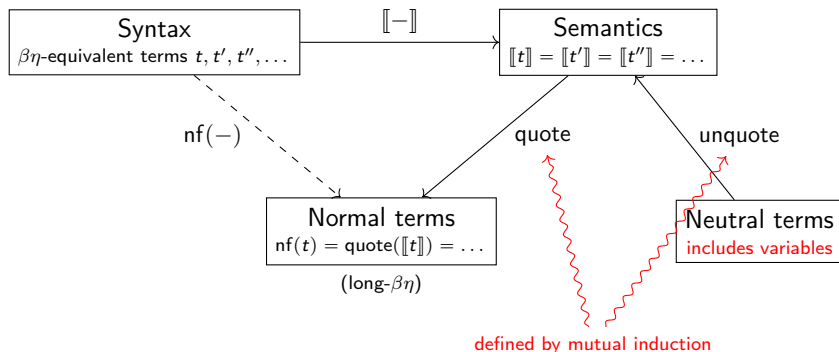
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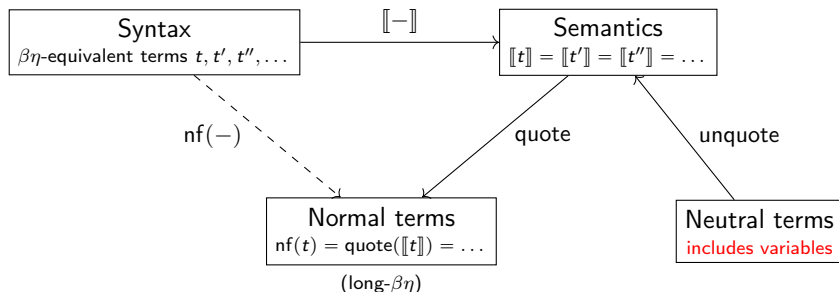
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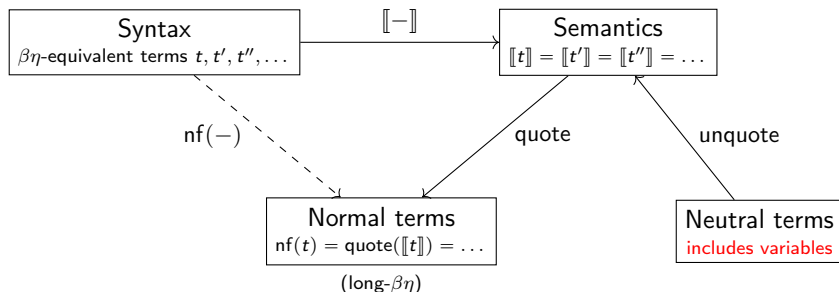


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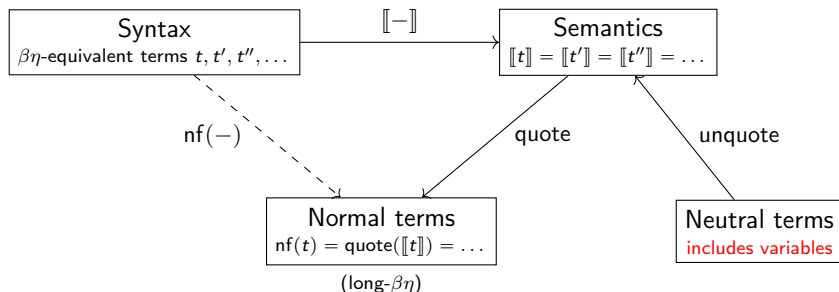
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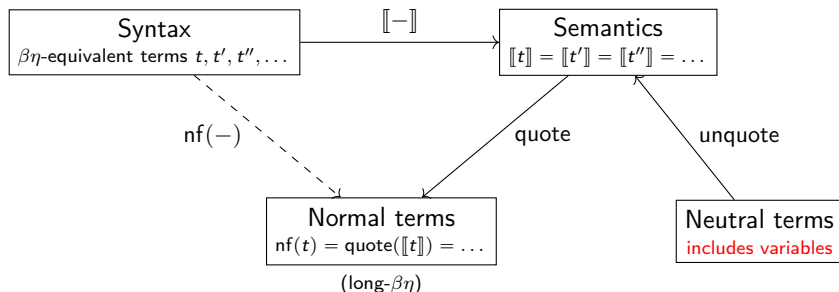
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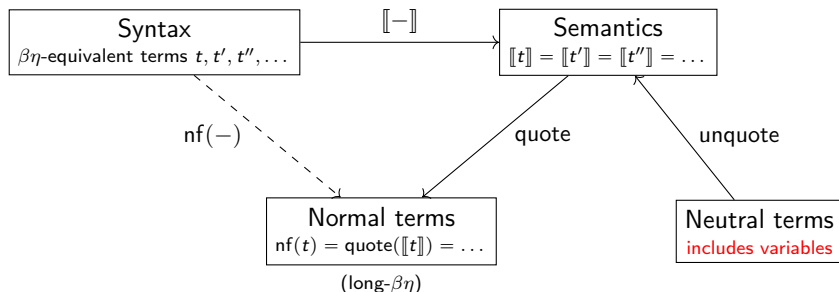
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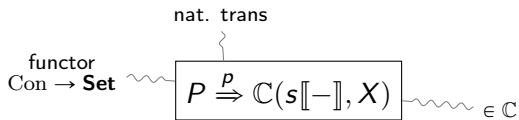
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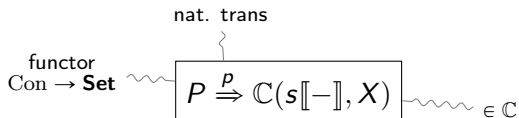
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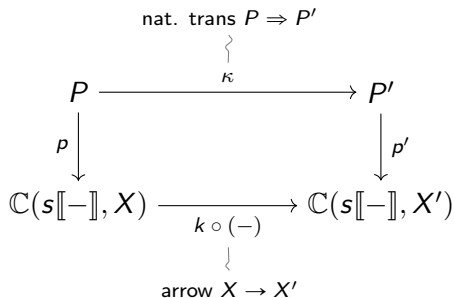
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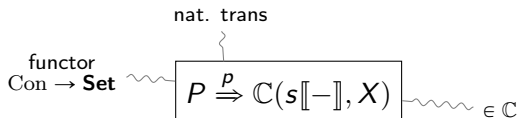
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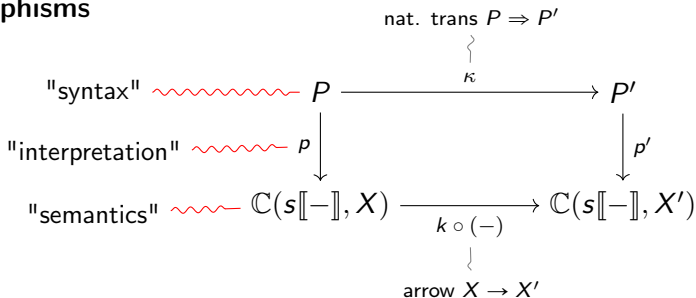
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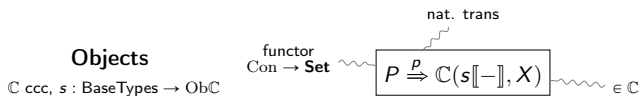
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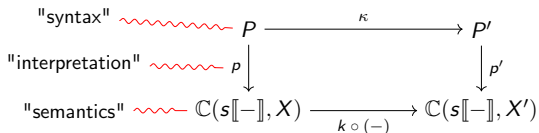
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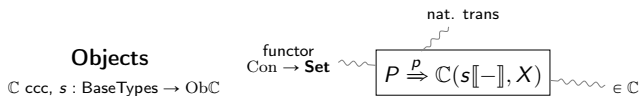
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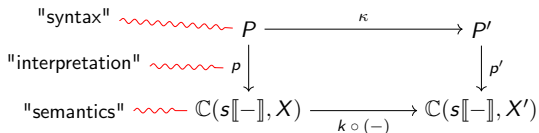
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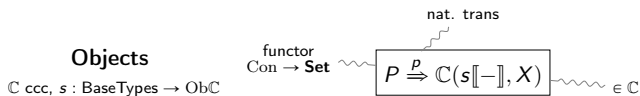


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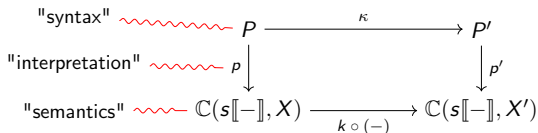


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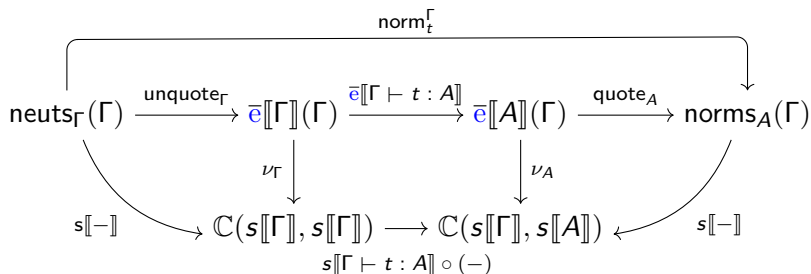
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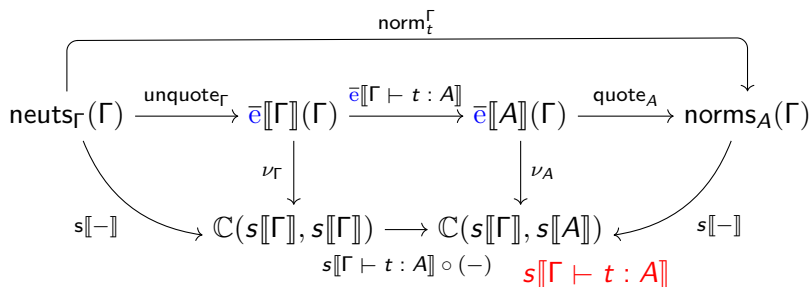


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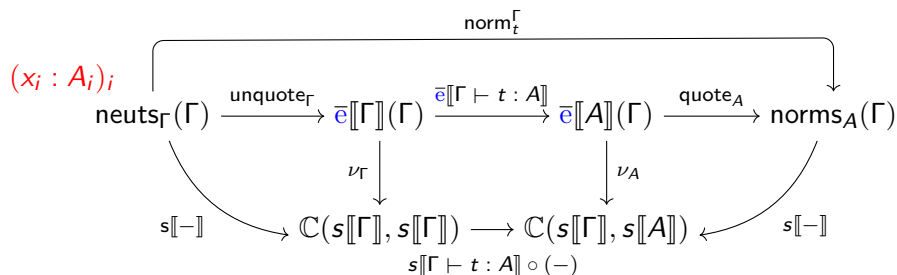


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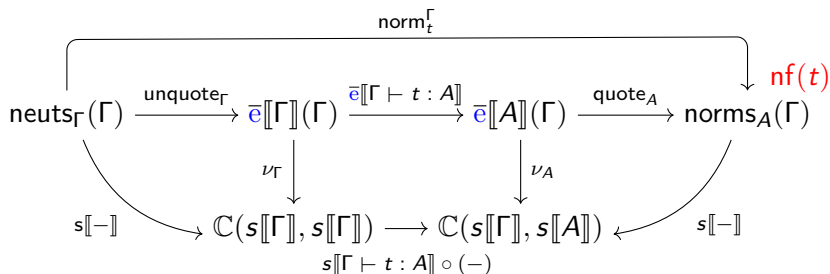


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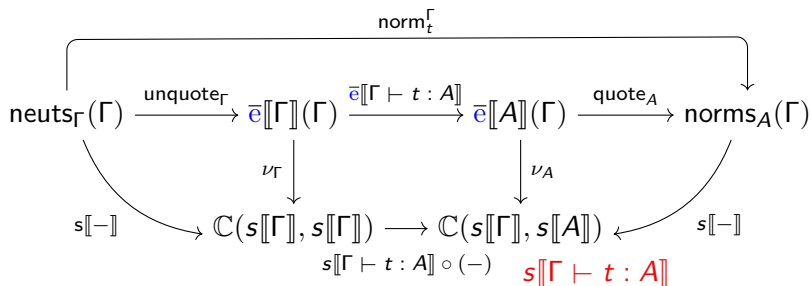


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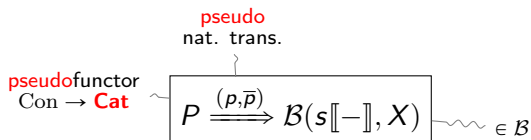
Want: for every type A ,

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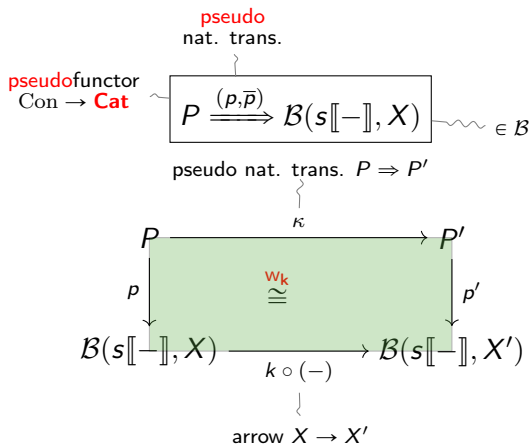


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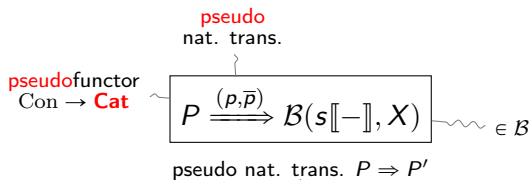
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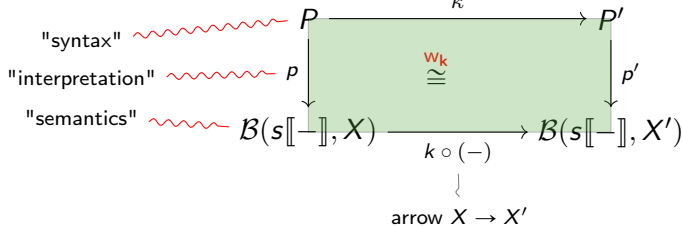
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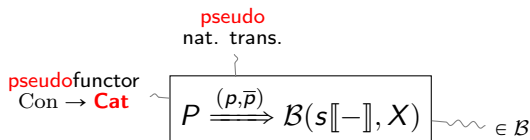
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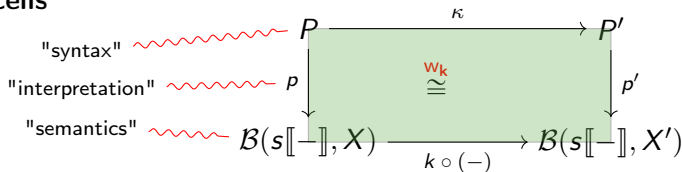
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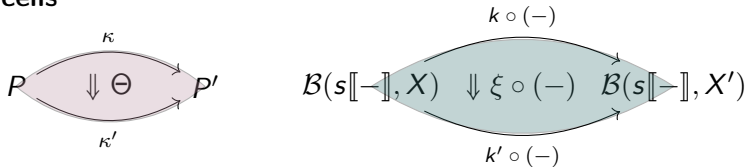
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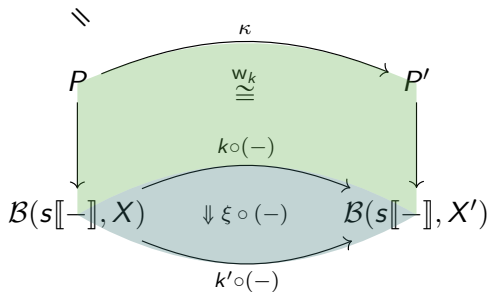
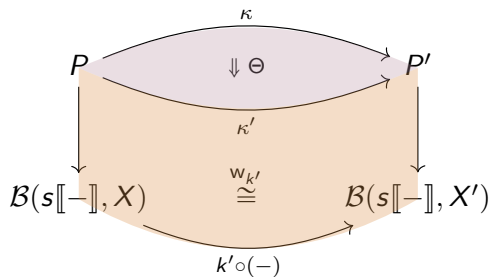
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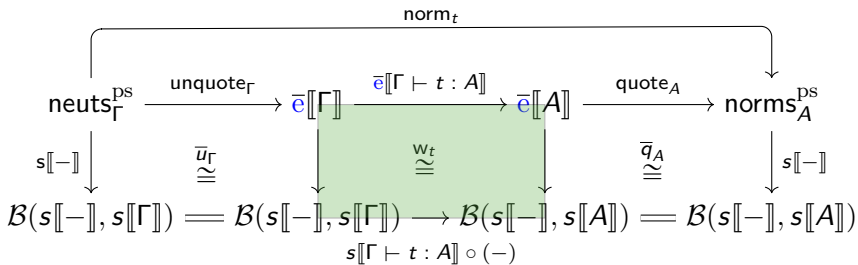
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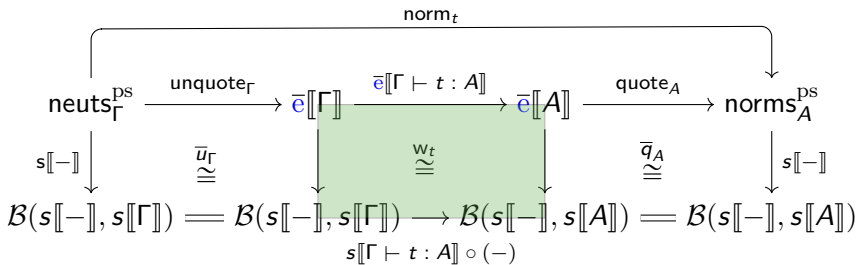
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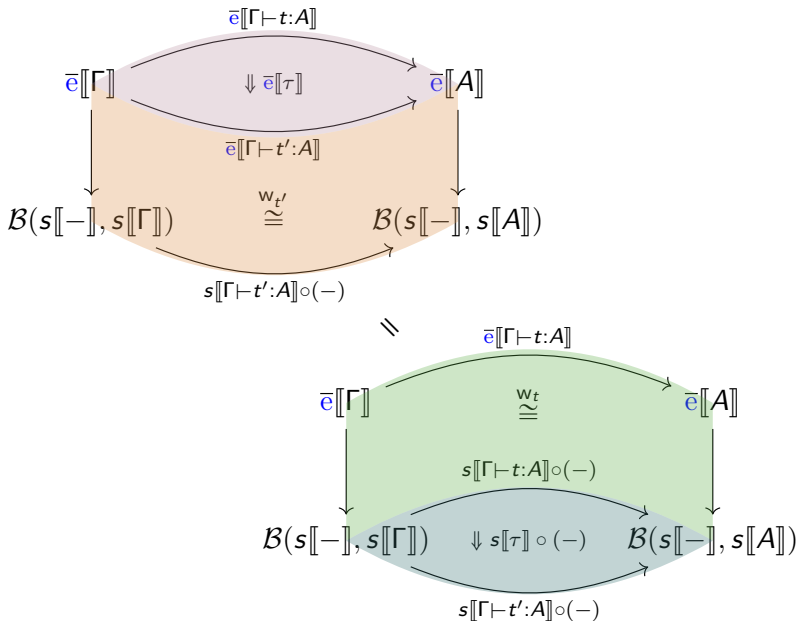
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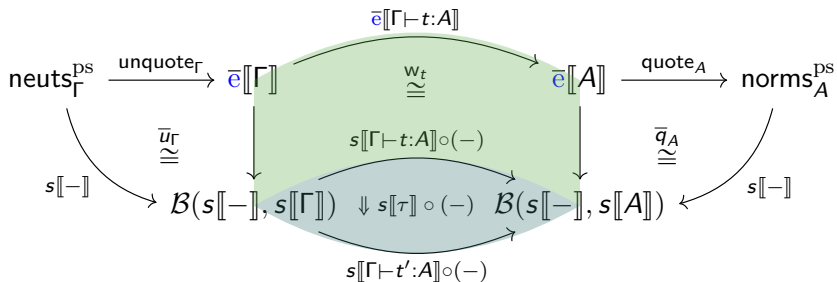
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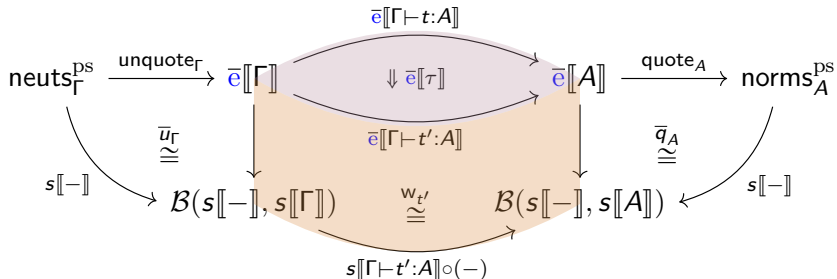
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Cylinder condition for $(\Gamma \vdash \tau : t \Rightarrow t' : A)$





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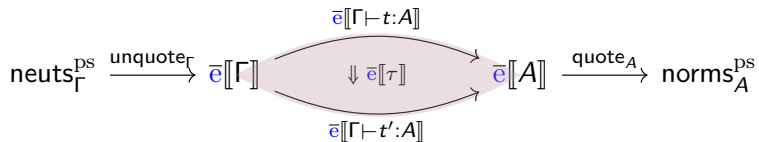
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In $\text{Hom}(\text{Con}, \mathbf{Cat})$



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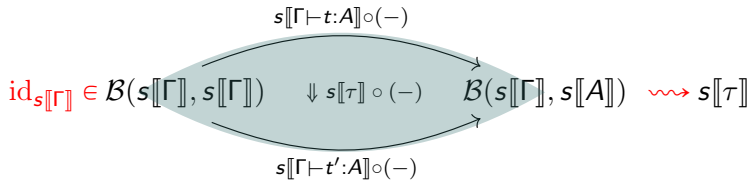
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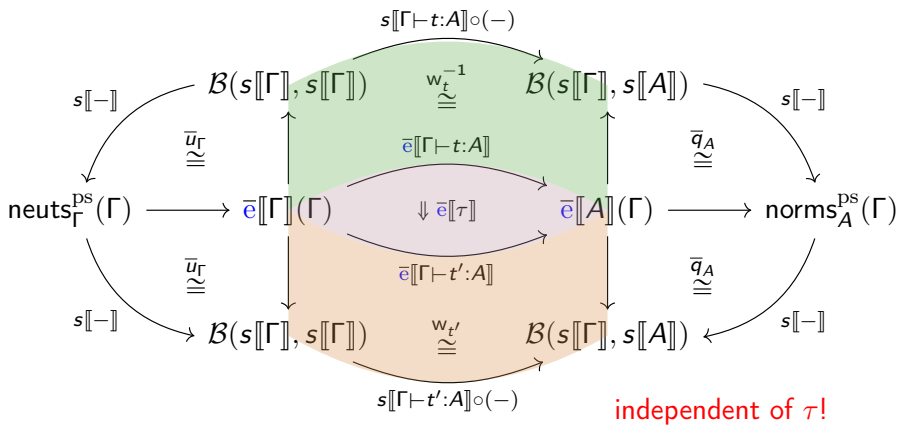
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Strategy

- Coherence as a **normalisation property**
- Normalisation proven **semantically**
- If you work with **universal properties** enough
... higher-categorical proof builds on categorical proof

Future work: extend this to other structures
e.g. Kan extensions, monads, dependent products, ...

Further reading

- *A type theory for cartesian closed bicategories*, LICS 2019
- *Relative full completeness for bicategorical cartesian closed structure*, FoSSaCS 2020
- *Cartesian closed bicategories: type theory and coherence*

1-cells

$$\text{eval}_{A,B} : (A \Rightarrow B) \times A \rightarrow B$$

Adjoint equivalences

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \text{eval}_{A,B} \circ (- \times A) & \\ & \curvearrowright & \\ \mathcal{B}(X, A \Rightarrow B) & \perp \simeq & \mathcal{B}(X \times A, B) \\ & \curvearrowleft & \\ & \lambda & \end{array}$$

Rules for exponentials

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{explicit weakening by } x \quad \leftarrow \quad (x : A) \quad \leftarrow \quad \text{free variable in context} \\
 \epsilon \bullet \text{eval} \{(-) \{inc_x\}, x\} \left(\frac{\text{eval} \{u \{inc_x\}, x\} \Rightarrow t : B}{u \Rightarrow \lambda x.t : A \Rightarrow B} \right) e^\dagger(x. -)
 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{}{f : A \Rightarrow B, x : A \vdash \text{eval}(f, x) : B} \text{eval} \qquad \frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash t : B}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x.t : A \Rightarrow B} \text{lam}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash t : B}{\Gamma, x : A \vdash \epsilon_t : \text{eval} \{(\lambda x.t) \{inc_x\}, x\} \Rightarrow t : B} \epsilon\text{-intro } (\beta\text{-rule})$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash t : B \quad \Gamma \vdash u : A \Rightarrow B \quad \Gamma, x : A \vdash \alpha : \text{eval} \{u \{inc_x\}, x\} \Rightarrow t : B}{\Gamma \vdash e^\dagger(x.\alpha) : u \Rightarrow \lambda x.t : A \Rightarrow B} e^\dagger(x.\alpha)\text{-intro}$$

+ three equational rules

\rightsquigarrow η -rule derivable