

A Skew Approach to Enrichment for Gray-Categories

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- This is nice, but what about \dots weak higher cats?

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\dots BUT (2-Cat, \otimes , \parallel)-Cat are enough!

GRAY tensor product

Rmk We couldn't use the CARTESIAN product, but \otimes is still monoidal!

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• PROBLEM: There is **NO** monoidal biclosed str. on Gray-Cat

1. Capturing weak transformations (Crans, 1999)

2. Interacting well with Lack's model structure

on Gray-Cat (Bourke & Gurski, 2015)

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- This is quite unnatural
 ... In fact this would make weak transf.

Not composable! ∇

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1-cells

We want something like an inv. 3-cell $\eta_{g,f}$

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- **WARNING:** It's unlikely that we could find a representing tensor!
↳ In general cats of weak maps are poorly behaved...

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- **Weak maps** $\frac{a \rightsquigarrow b}{i \otimes a \rightarrow b \in \mathcal{C}}$
(strict maps $a \rightarrow b \in \mathcal{C}$)

- $\mathcal{C}(a \otimes b, c) \cong \mathcal{C}(a, [b, c])$

- What's the trick?

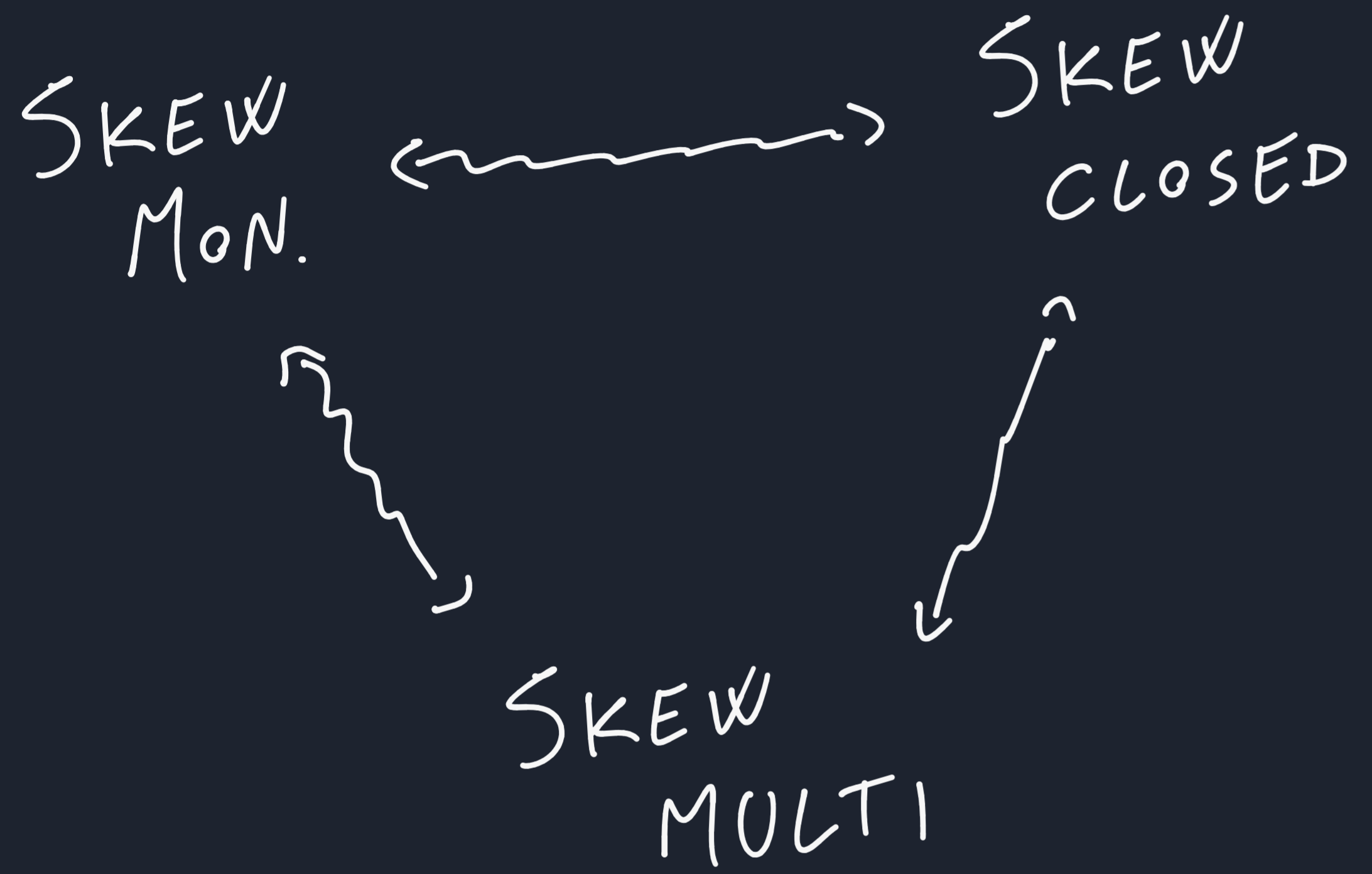
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}(a, b) &\longrightarrow \mathcal{C}(i, [a, b]) \quad \text{NOT inv.}! \\ &\quad \uparrow i \otimes a \rightarrow b, \text{ i.e.} \\ &\quad \text{weak maps } a \rightsquigarrow b \end{aligned}$$

THE MAIN RESULT

THEOREM (Bourke & L.) There are closed skew monoidal structures:

- $(\text{Gray-Cat}, \otimes_L, \mathbb{1})$ with internal hom $\text{Lax}(A, B)$ \hookrightarrow LAX GRAY PRODUCT
 - $(\text{Gray-Cat}, \otimes_P, \mathbb{1})$ with internal hom $\text{Psd}(A, B)$ \hookrightarrow PSEUDO GRAY PRODUCT
- \hookrightarrow Also symmetric!

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- Skew Multicategories!

PROBLEM: Do we have to define n -ary multimaps $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$??

see
L.'s Phd
Thesis

(Bourke & L.) Nope! The 4-ary structure is enough!

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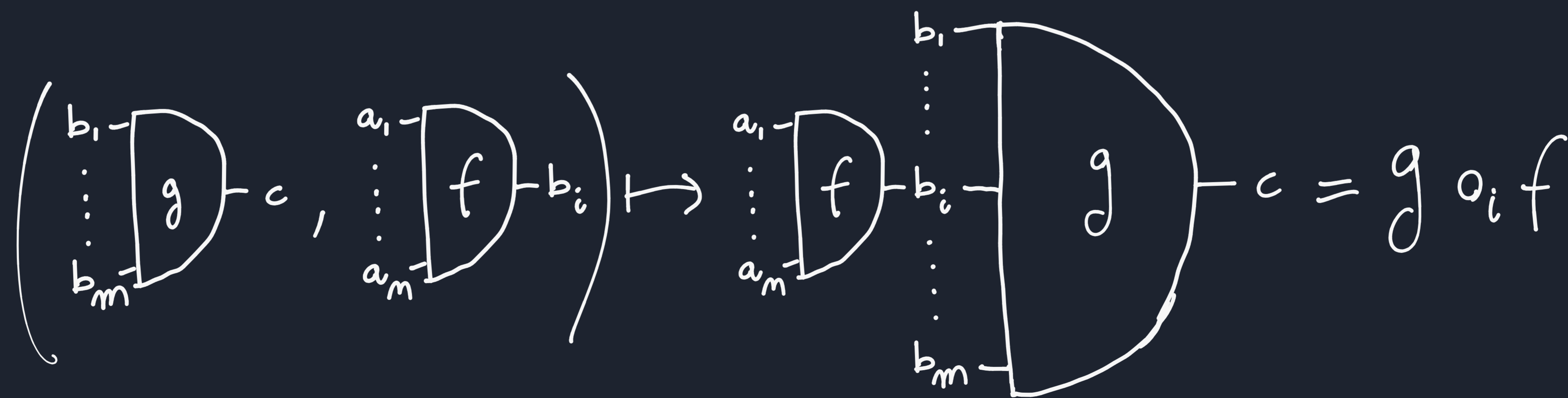
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UNDERSTANDING TIGHT/LOOSE

- Leading example: Cats w/ a choice of finite product
 loose n -ary cons funct. $A_1 \times \dots \times A_n \rightarrow B$ prod-preserving up-to-iso
 tight n -ary cons " $A_1 \times \dots \times A_n \rightarrow B$ " & STRICTLY in A_1

- Tight \sim strict in the 1st variable



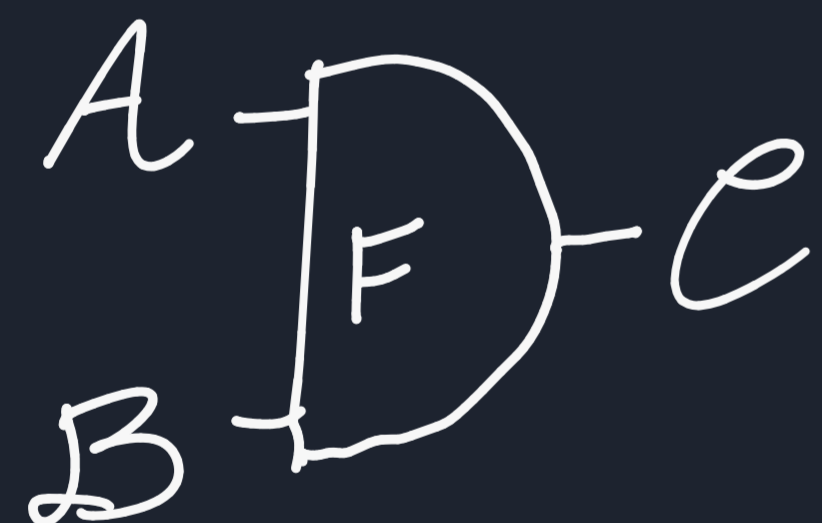
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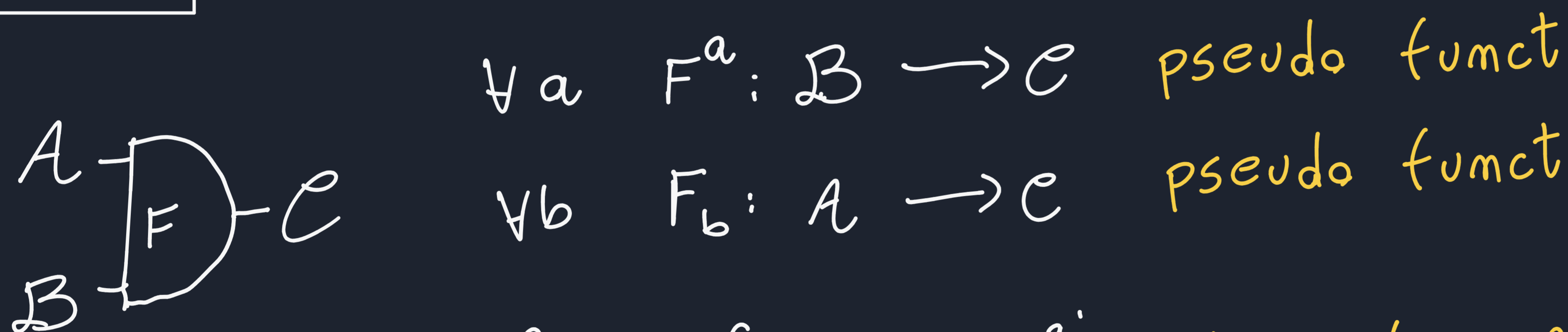
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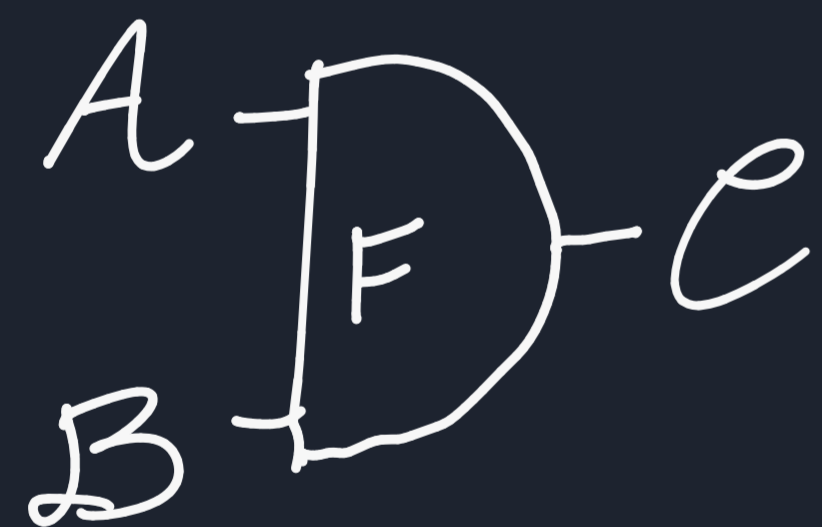
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PSEUDO

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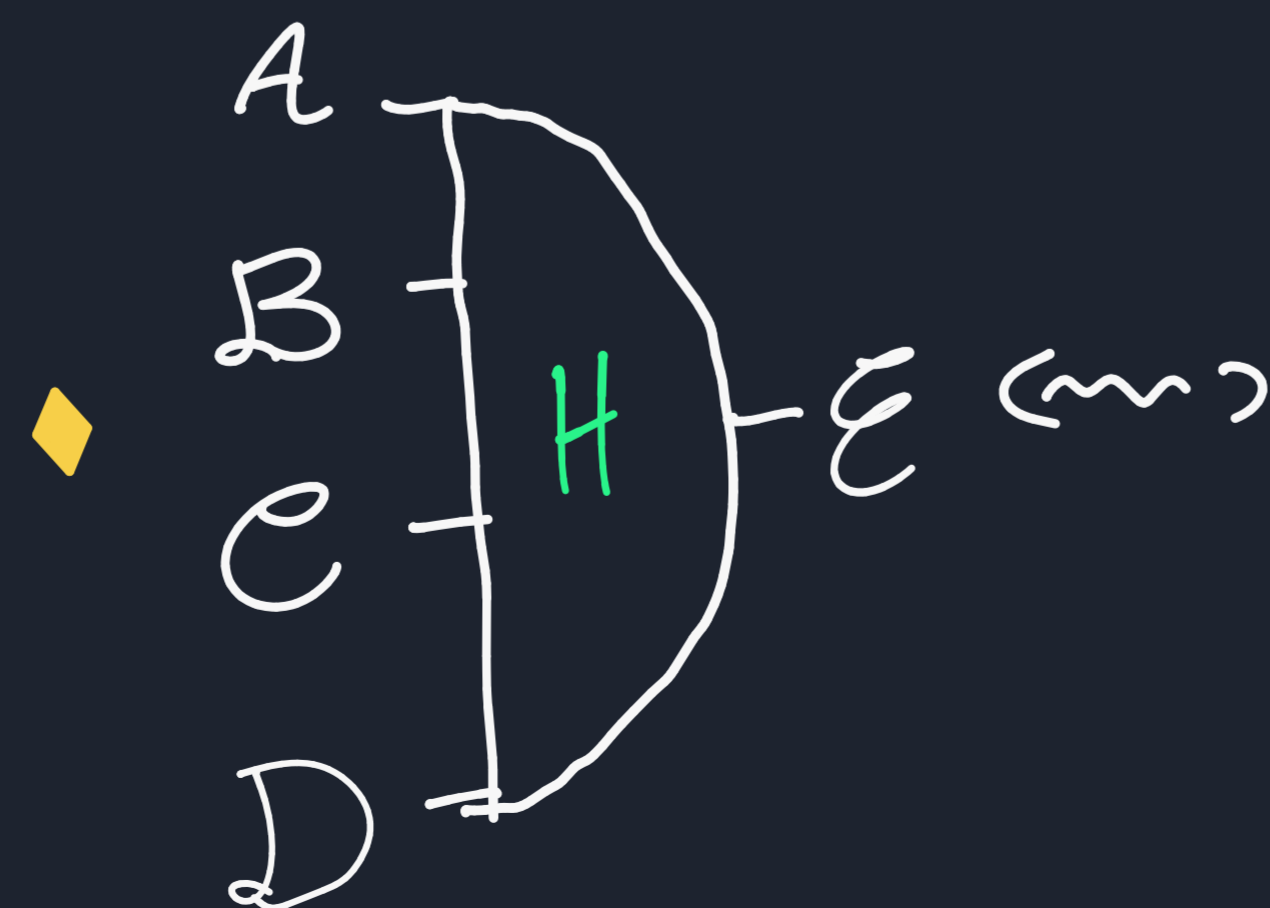
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PROBLEM

• NOT homotopically well behaved
 $\hookrightarrow \otimes_p$ does not preserve cofibrant obj.

[Lack's model str. on
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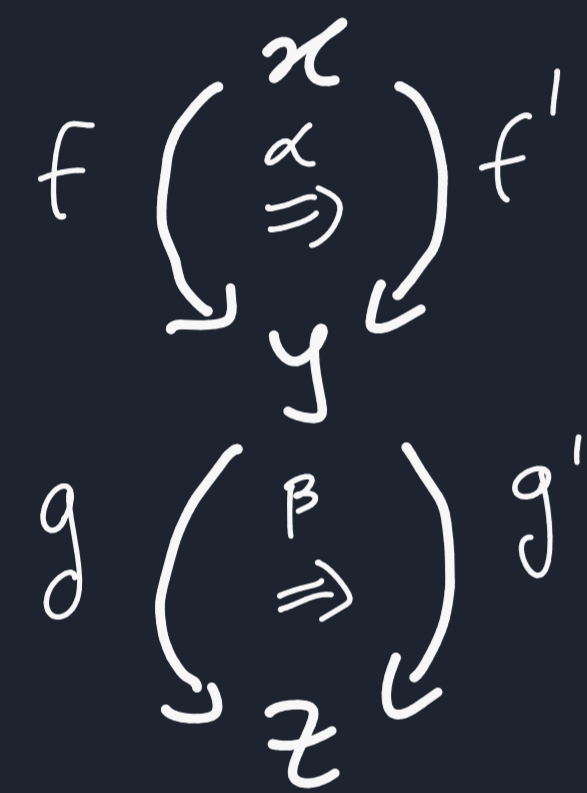
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- ◆ $\otimes_{\#}$ preserves cofibrant obj. & weak eq. between them, $\mathbb{1}$ cofibrant
- ◆ $- \otimes_{\#} A \dashv \text{Psd}(A, -)$ Quillen adj. \Rightarrow induces a skew mon. closed str. on $\text{ho}(\text{Gray-Cat})$

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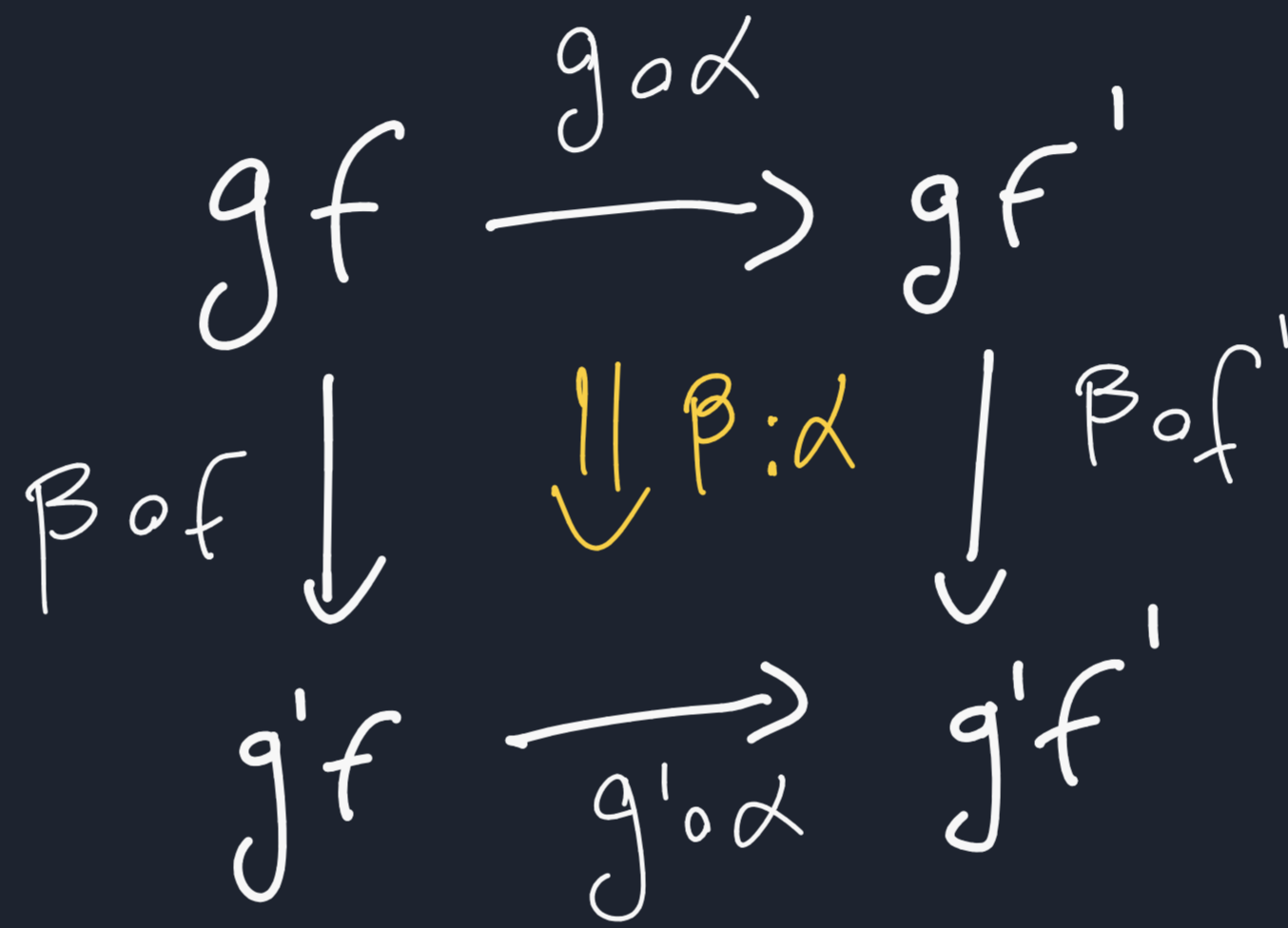


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 g \left(\begin{array}{c} \beta \\ \Downarrow \\ z \end{array} \right) g' & (g' \circ \alpha) \cdot (\beta \circ f) & g'f \xrightarrow{g' \circ \alpha} g'f'
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• IDEA: Gray-Cat \rightsquigarrow Semi-strict 4-cat := (Gray-Cat, \otimes , $\mathbb{1}$)-Cat

Axioms (G1) — (G4) \rightsquigarrow INVERTIBLE 4-CELLS (G1) — (G4)

true ... modulo cocycles

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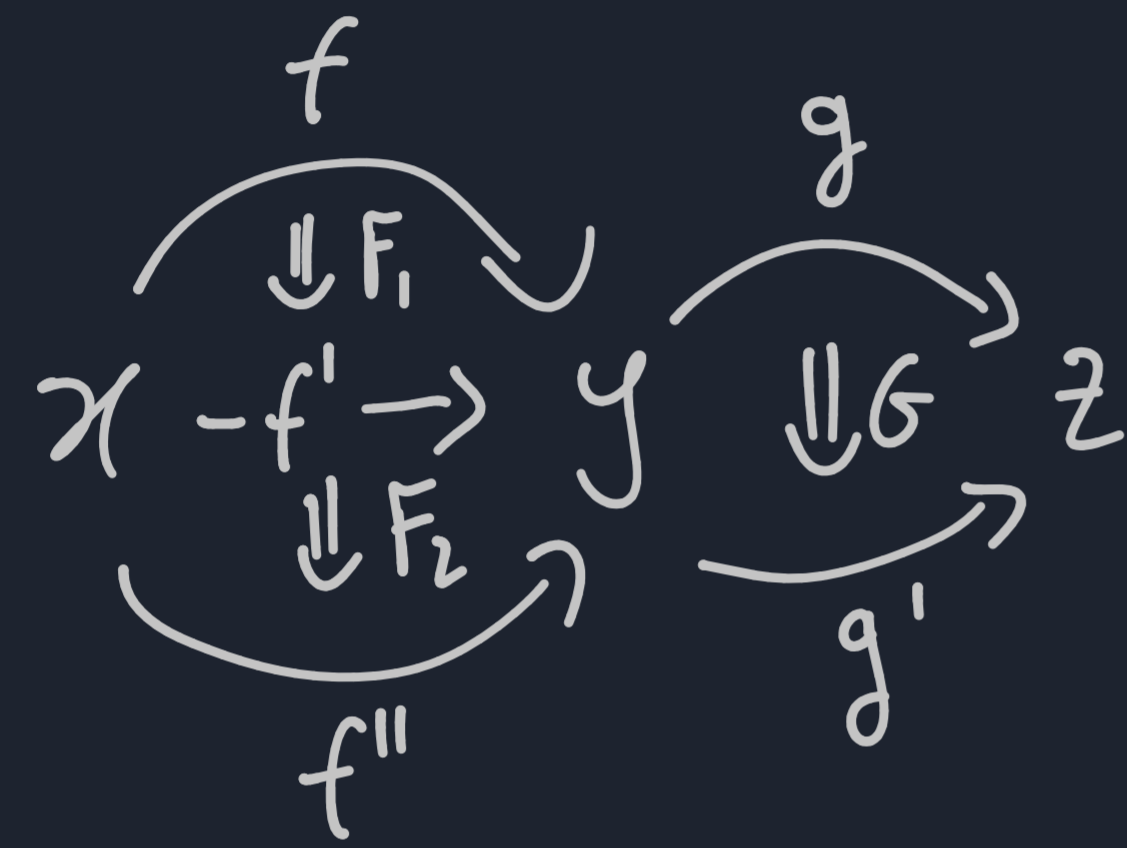
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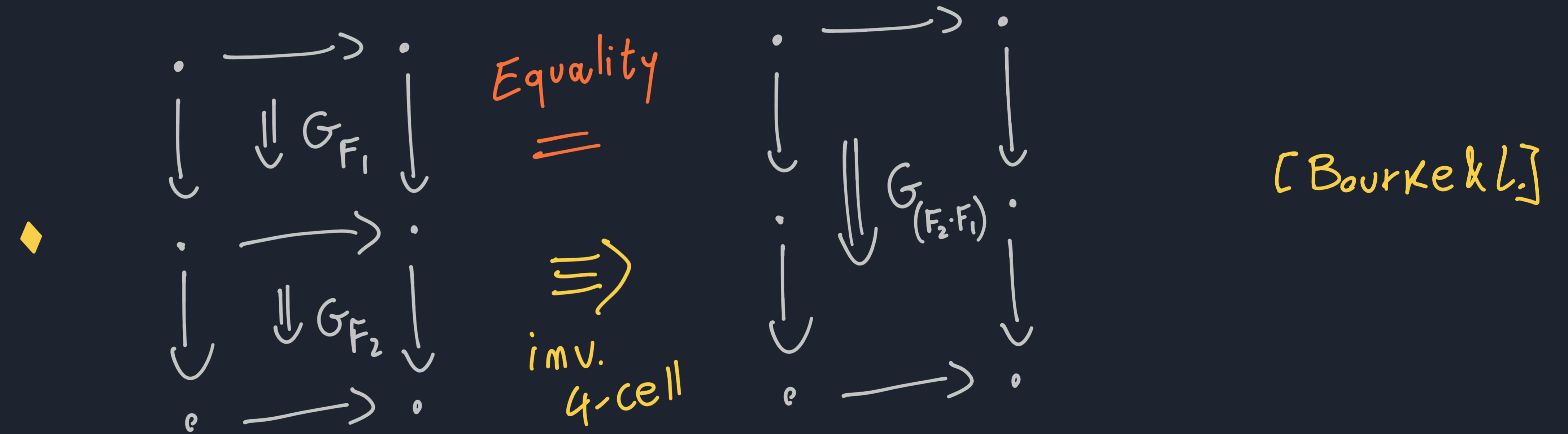
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