

# TIMING PROCESSES

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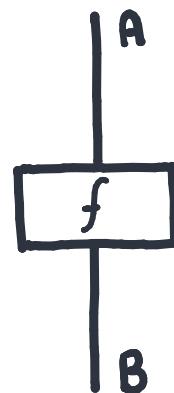
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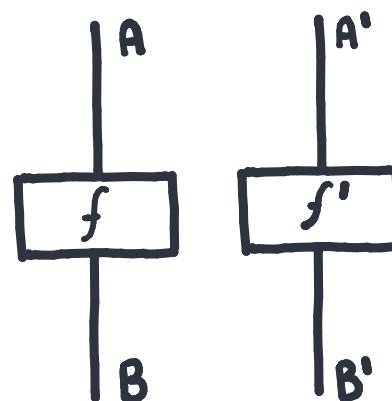
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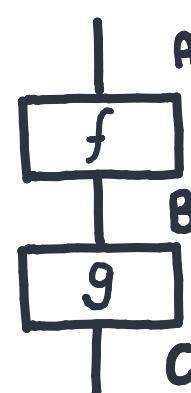
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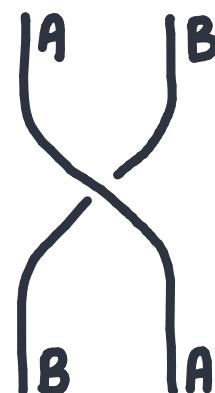
Process



Parallel composition



Sequential composition



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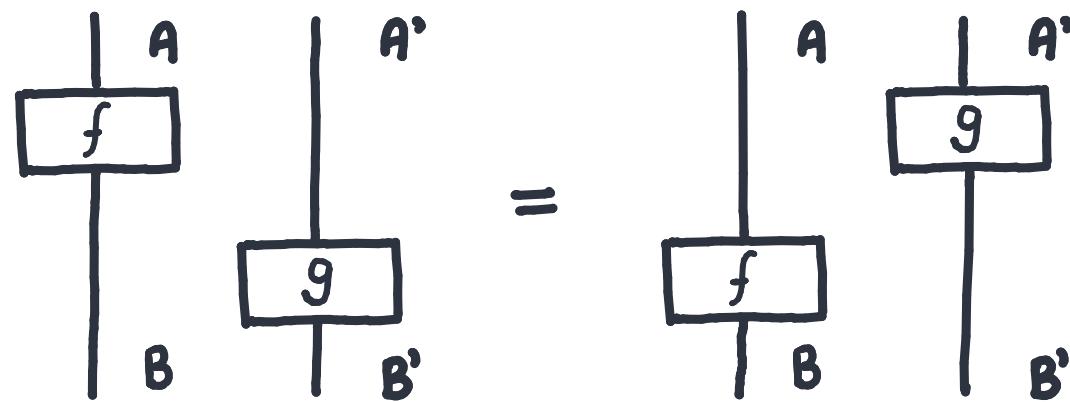


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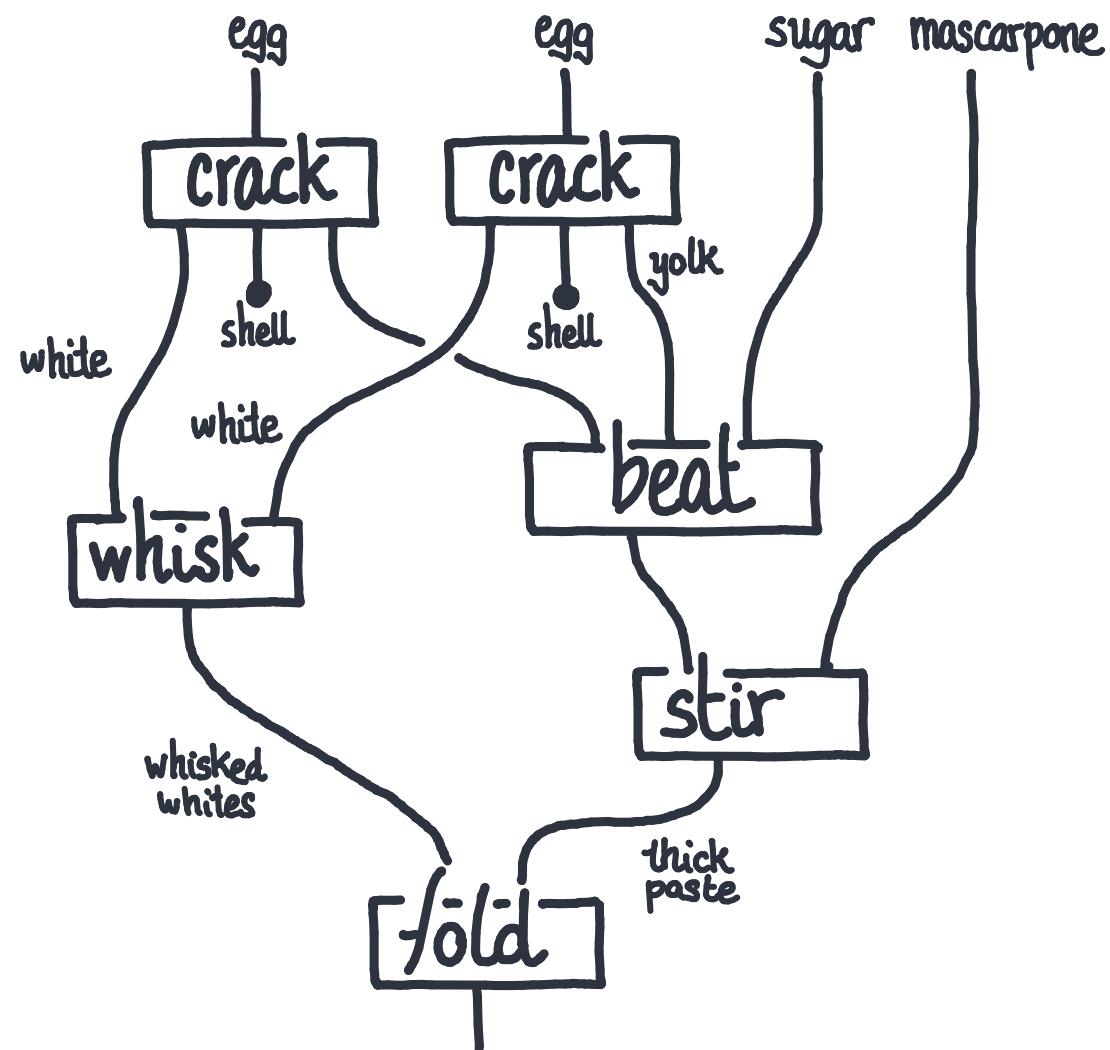
Interchange Law



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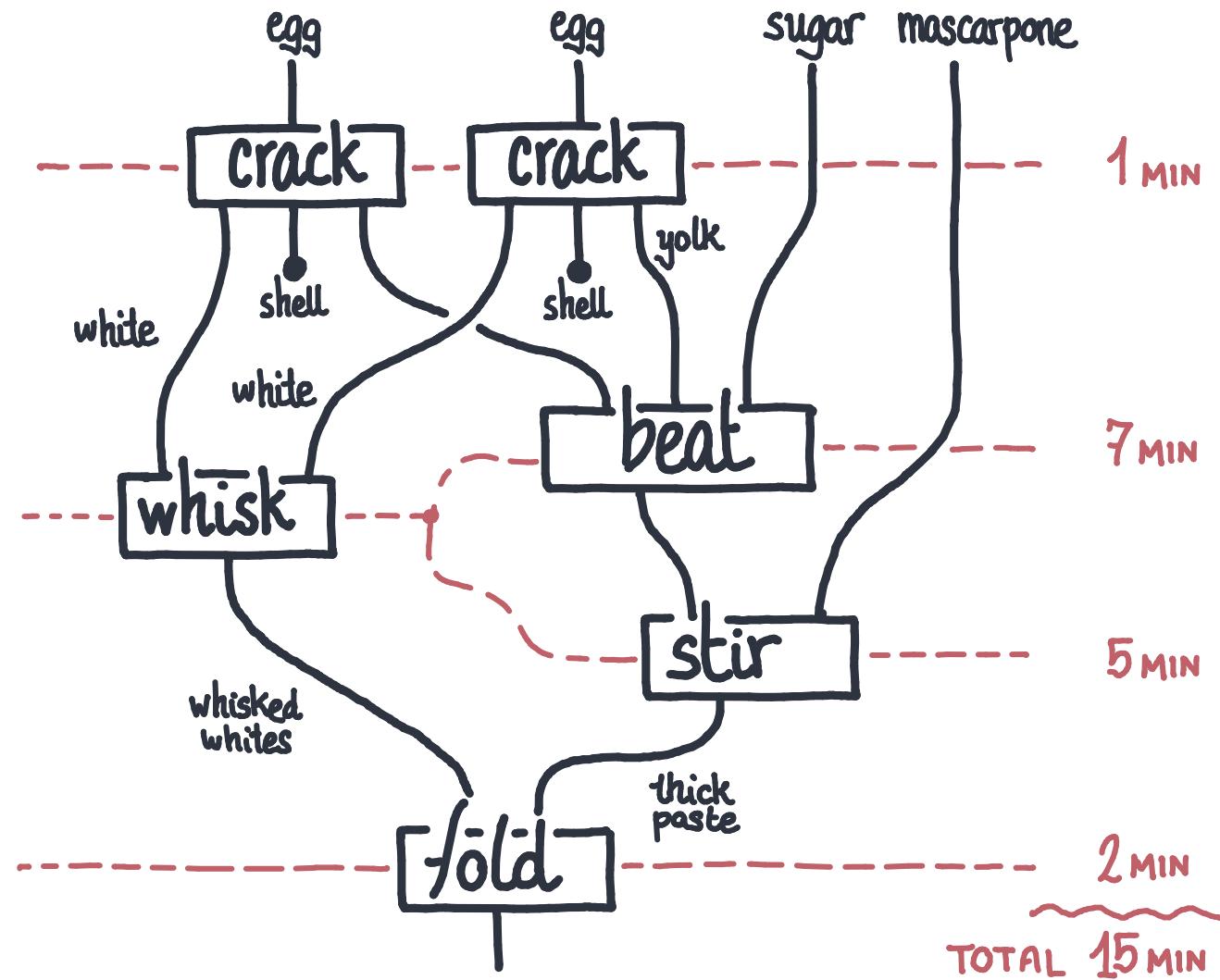
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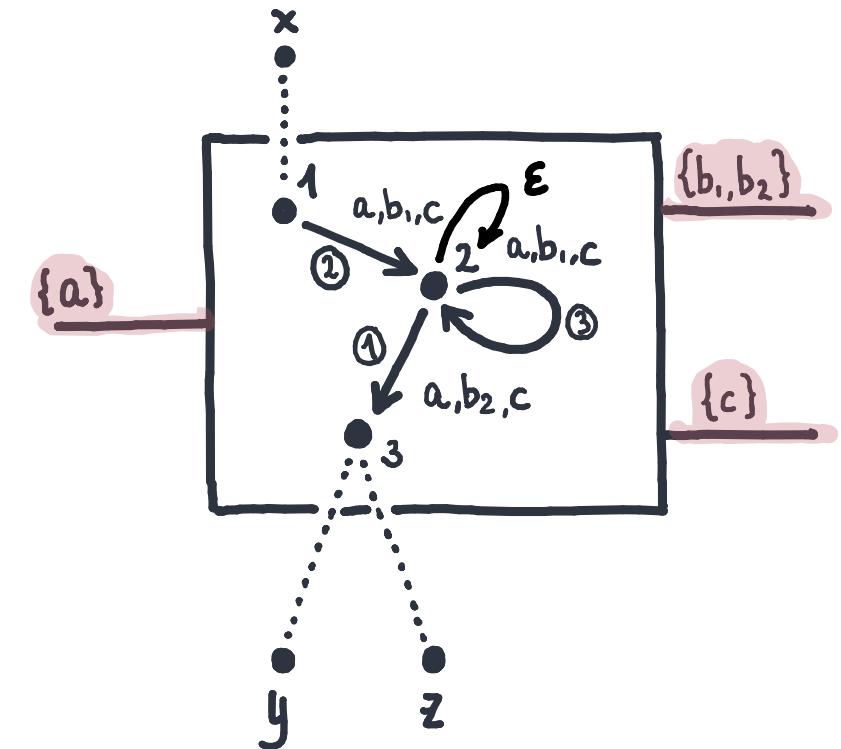


# TIME ?

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Three ideas from Timing in Span(Graph).

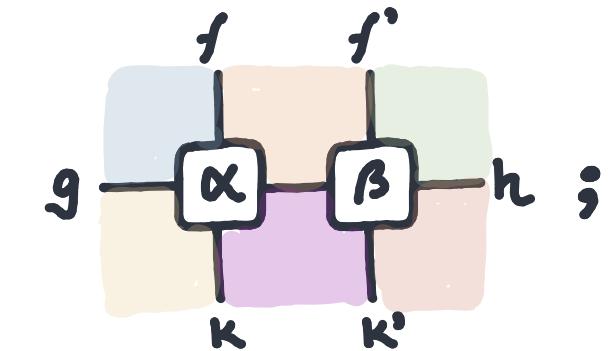
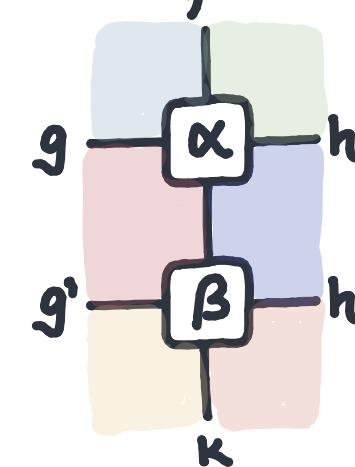
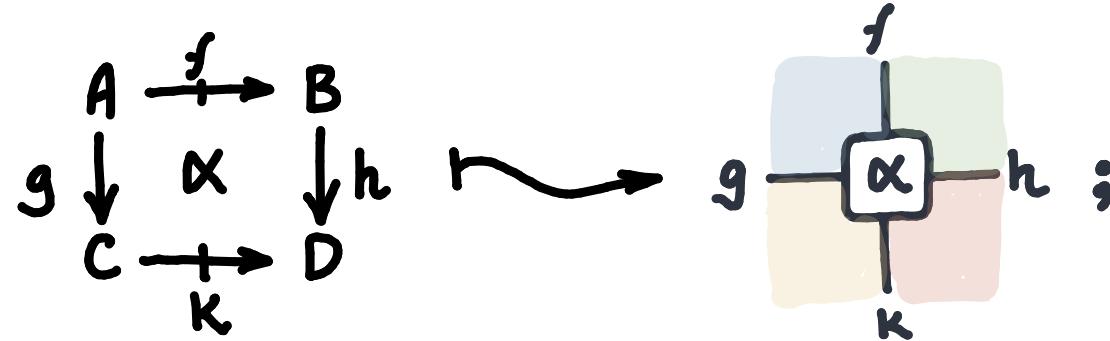
1. Waiting,  $\epsilon$ -transitions, help synchronizing.
2. Two boundaries: synchronizing vs sequential.
3. Synchronization is not I/O.



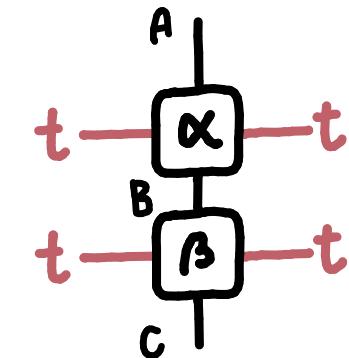
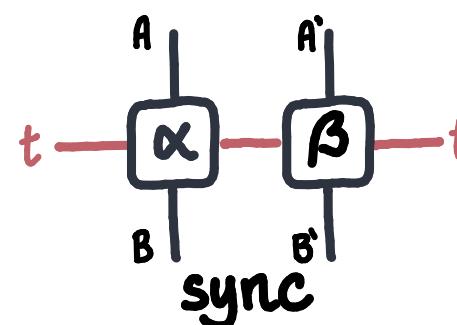
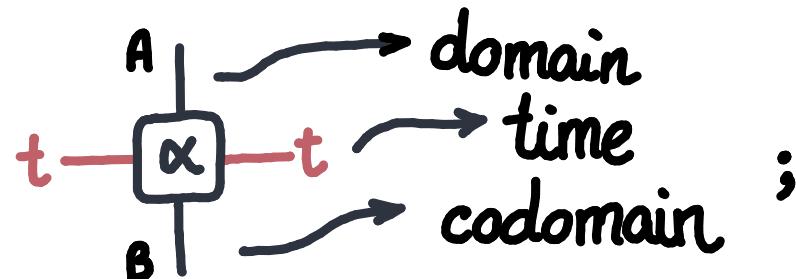
# PART 1 : TIMING IN DOUBLE CATEGORIES

# IDEA: SYNCHRONIZATION

We use the string diagram calculus of double categories.



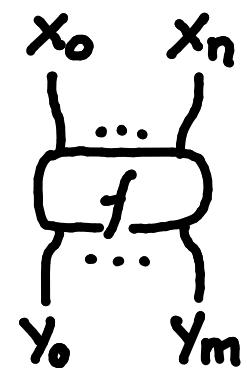
Vertically, usual morphisms; horizontally, synchronizing time.



# TIMING IN DOUBLE CATEGORIES

A **Polygraph**  $\mathcal{P}$  is a signature for a monoidal category:

- a set of objects  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{obj}}$ ; and
- a set of generators for each two words of objects.  
 $\mathcal{G}(x_0, \dots, x_n; y_0, \dots, y_m)$ .



Additionally, we assign a weight to each generator;  
we define a **weighted polygraph**,

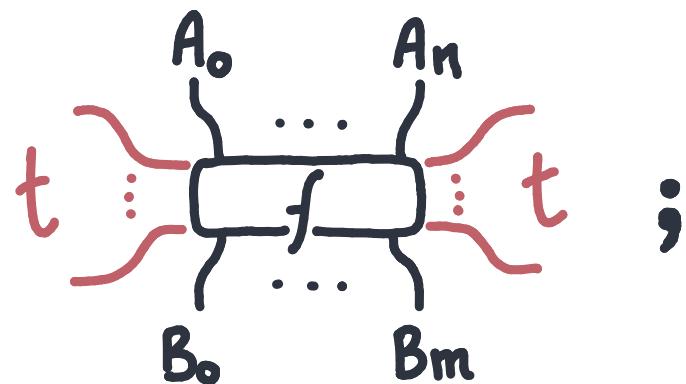
$$w : \mathcal{G}(x_0, \dots, x_n; y_0, \dots, y_m) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}.$$

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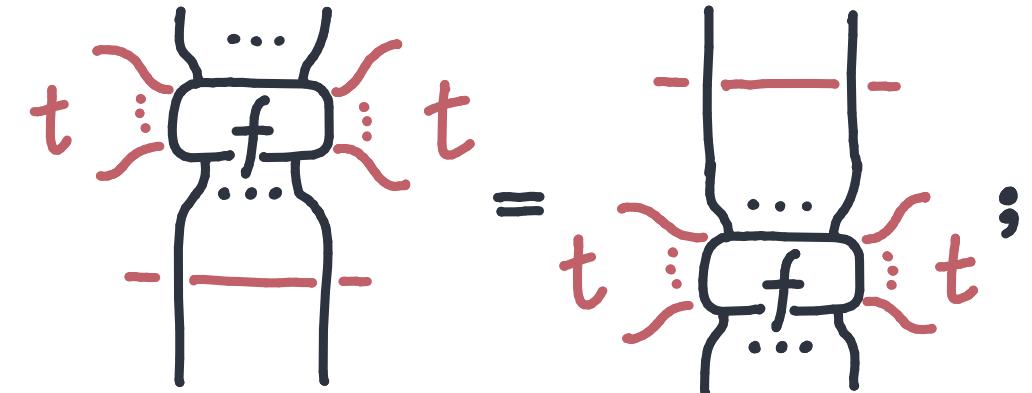
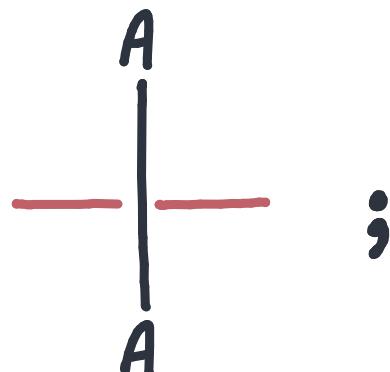
TIMED PROCESSES.  $\text{TIME}(\mathcal{P})$ . Single-object double category with

- **arrows** objects generated by the polygraph;
- **proarrows** the monoid of the natural numbers;
- **cells** freely generated by a weighted polygraph, plus ‘waiting’.



$f: A_0 \oplus \dots \oplus A_n \rightarrow B_0 \oplus \dots \oplus B_m$   
in  $t$  units of time

Waiting for  
1 unit of time

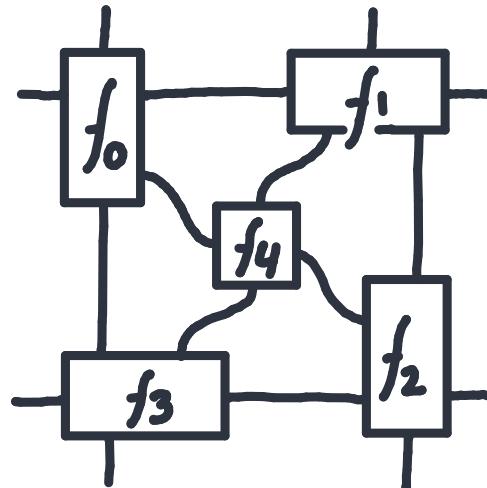
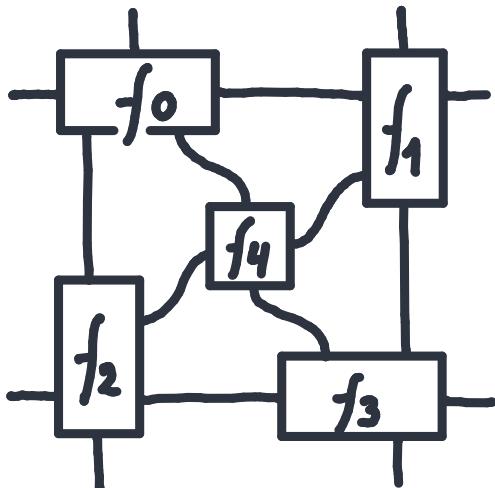


waiting commutes

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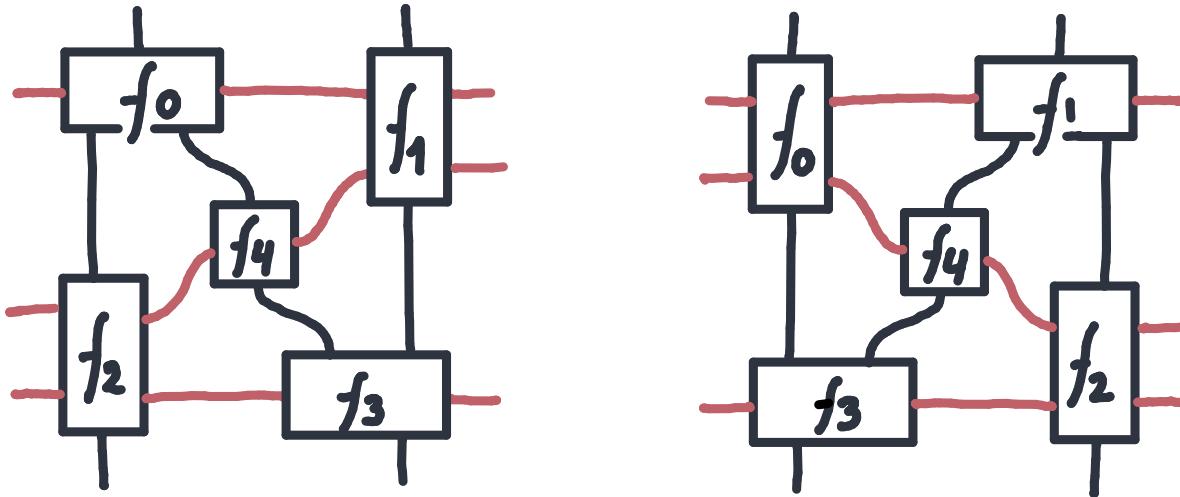


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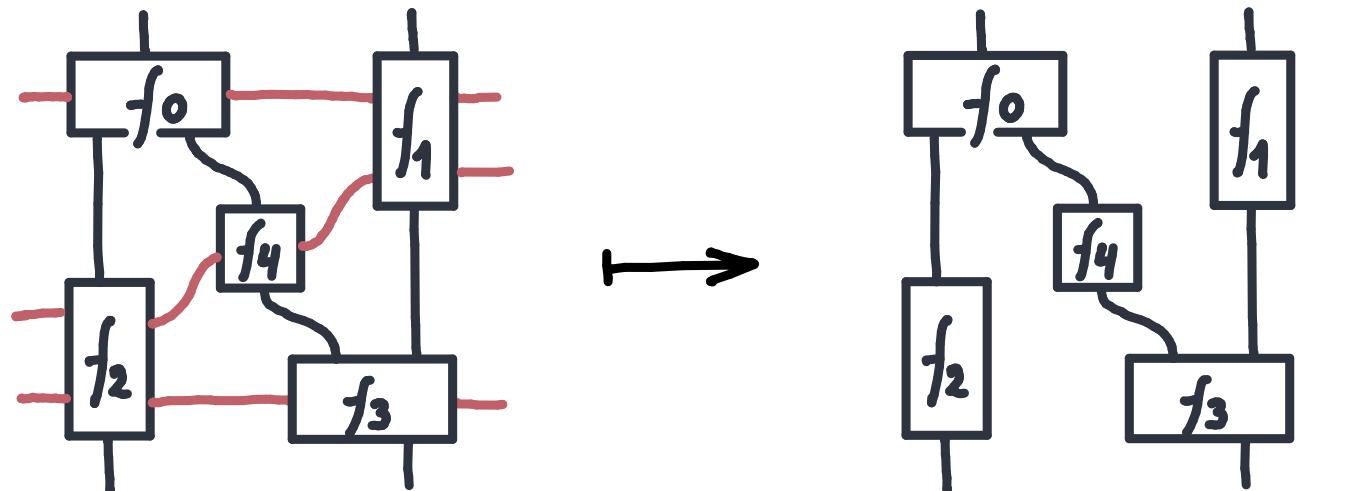
These are perfectly valid timings.

# TIMING IN DOUBLE CATEGORIES

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Forgetting about time is a pinwheel double functor; forgetting about everything but time is also a double functor.

$$\text{morph: } \text{TIME}(G) \rightarrow \text{Free}(\text{Utime } G)$$
$$\text{time: } \text{TIME}(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

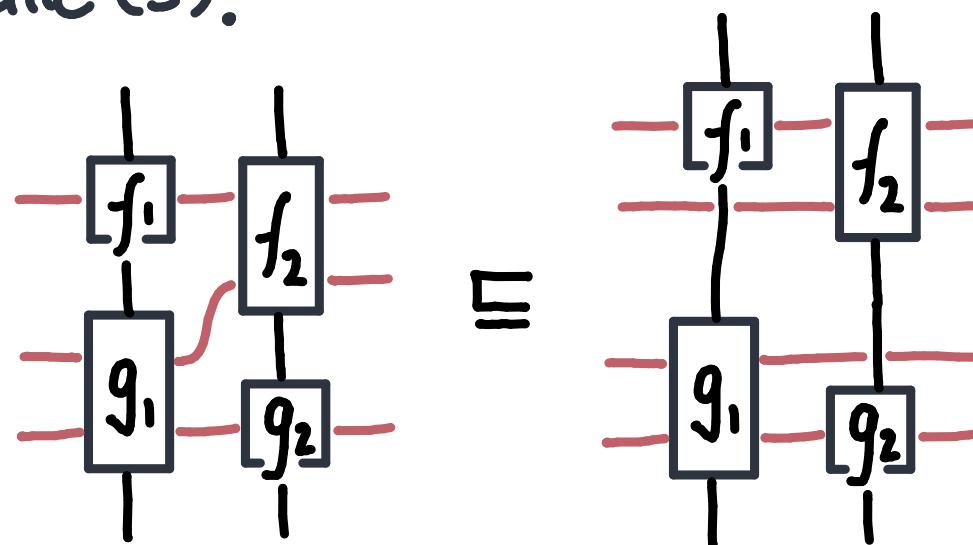


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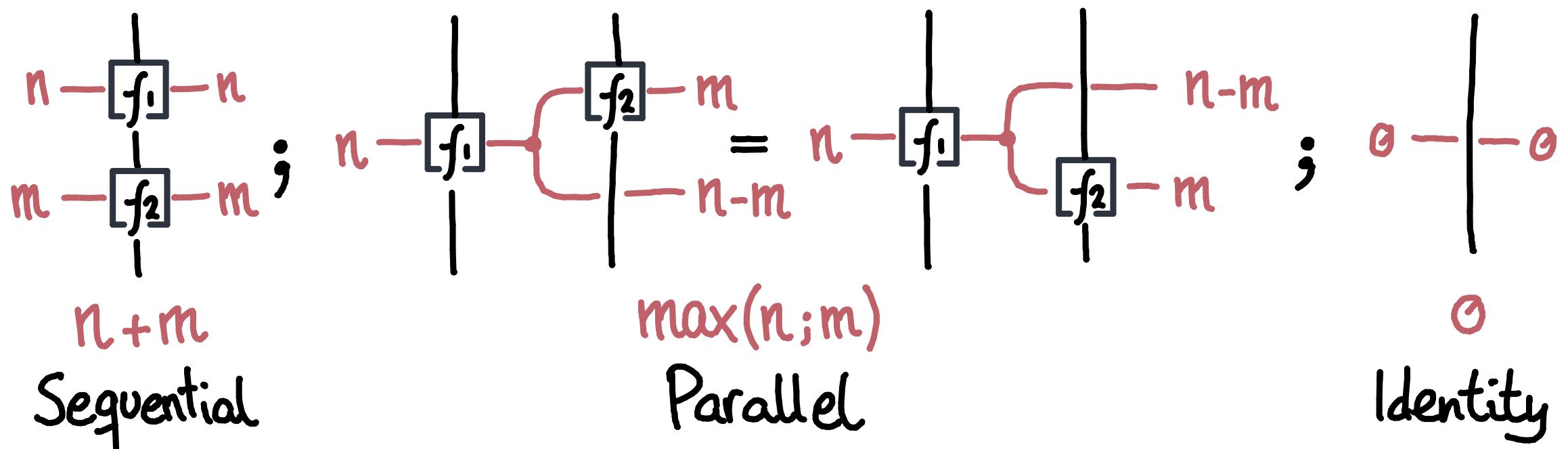
We impose an order relation between timed processes:  $r \leq s$  whenever

- $\text{morph}(r) = \text{morph}(s)$ , and
- $\text{time}(r) \leq \text{time}(s)$ .



# TIMING IN DOUBLE CATEGORIES

Timed processes of arbitrary time boundary,  $\sum_{n \in N} \text{TIME}(n; B; n)$ , almost form a monoidal category.



# TIMING IN DOUBLE CATEGORIES

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The interchange law is only an inequality.

$$(f_1; g_1) \otimes (f_2; g_2) = \begin{array}{c} f_1 \\ \sqcap \\ g_1 \end{array} \quad \leq \quad \begin{array}{c} f_1 \\ \sqcap \\ g_1 \end{array} \quad = (f_1 \otimes f_2); (g_1 \otimes g_2)$$

The diagram illustrates the interchange law in double categories. It shows two configurations of boxes labeled  $f_1, f_2, g_1, g_2$ . The left configuration has  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  stacked vertically with  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  stacked vertically between them. The right configuration has  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  stacked vertically, and  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  stacked vertically, with horizontal lines connecting the top of  $f_1$  to the bottom of  $f_2$  and the top of  $g_1$  to the bottom of  $g_2$ . Dashed orange arrows indicate the movement of components between the two configurations.

# PART 2 : DUOIDAL

# DUOIDAL CATEGORIES

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A **duoidal category** is a category  $\mathcal{C}$  with two monoidal structures  $(\mathcal{C}, \otimes, I)$  and  $(\mathcal{C}, \triangleleft, N)$  such that the latter distributes over the former

$$\ell: (A \triangleleft B) \otimes (C \triangleleft D) \rightarrow (A \otimes C) \triangleleft (B \otimes D),$$

$$m: N \otimes N \rightarrow N,$$

$$u: I \triangleleft I \rightarrow I,$$

$$c: I \rightarrow N.$$

These are subject to some “coherence conditions” as lax monoidal functors.

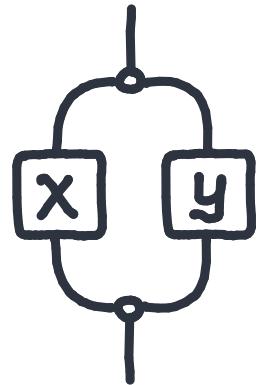
- Avoid Eckmann-Hilton by being lax.



Aguiar, Mahajan.

# DUOIDAL CATEGORIES, INTUITION

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$x \otimes y$

parallel  
independent  
composition



$x \triangleleft y$

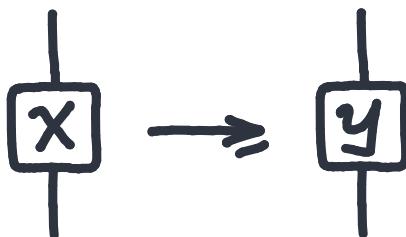
sequential  
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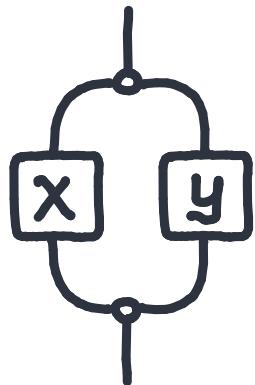
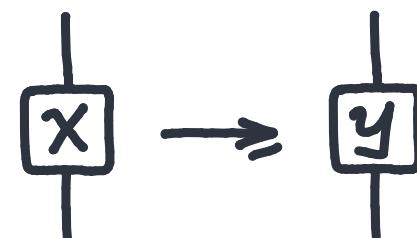
$x \rightarrow y$

doing  
nothing  
more  
dependencies

# DUOIDALS IN ADJOINT MONOIDS

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THEOREM. The endocells of an adjoint pseudomonoid form a duoidal category with convolution and composition.

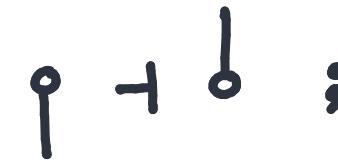
 $x \otimes y$  $x \bowtie y$  $I$  $N$  $x \rightarrow y$ 

Garner, López Franco

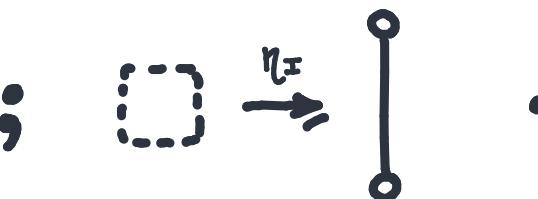
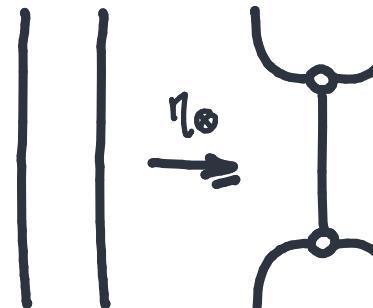
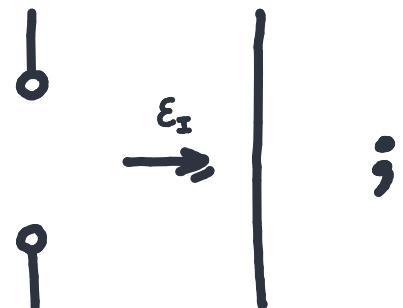
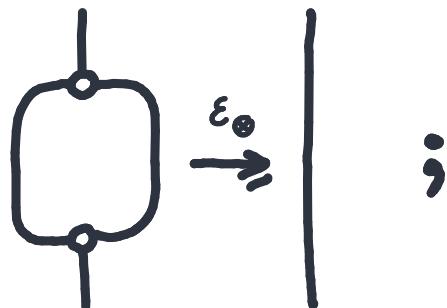
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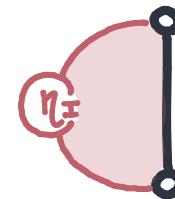
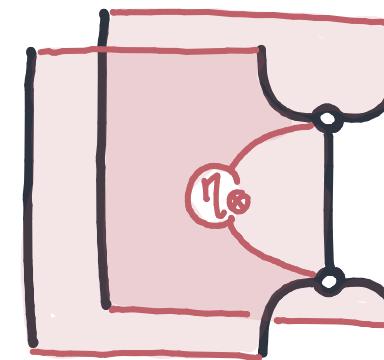
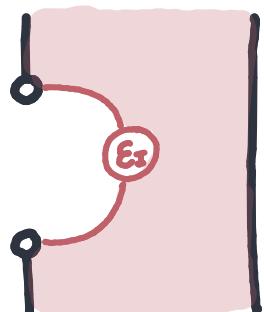
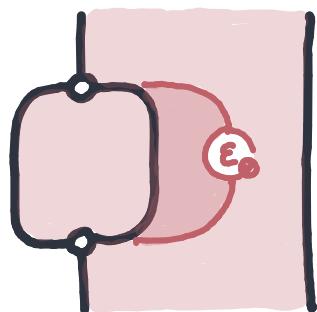
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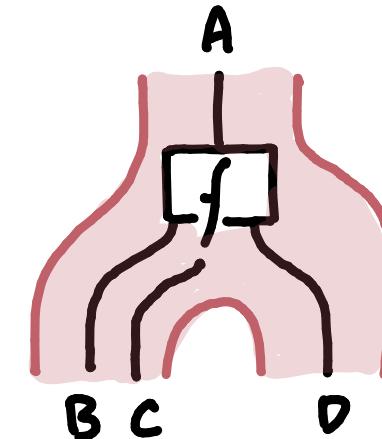
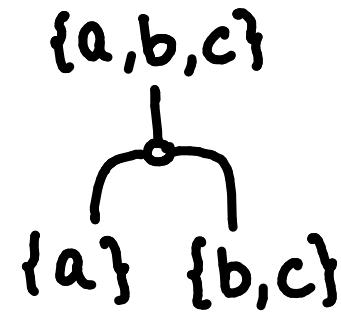


# EXAMPLE

Natural numbers with sum and maximum are a posetal duoidal

$$\max(a+c, b+d) \leq \max(a,b) + \max(c,d).$$

Endorelations over a commutative monoid.



Endoprofunctors over a monoidal category.

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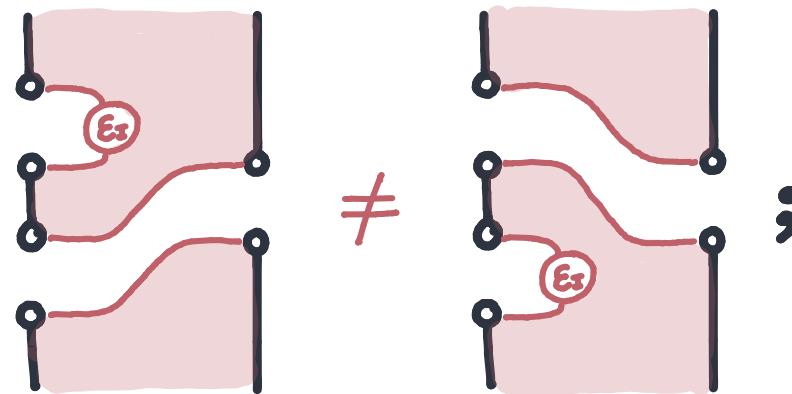
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PROPOSITION. That coherence does NOT hold.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} I \triangleleft I & \longrightarrow & I \triangleleft N \\ \downarrow & \text{✖} & \downarrow \\ N \triangleleft I & \longrightarrow & I \end{array} ;$$



# DUOIDAL CATEGORIES

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- We do not need morphisms now, posetal is enough
- We want  $(\lhd)$  to have a typed composition.
- The duoidal needs to occur between  $(\otimes)$  and  $(\circ) = (\lhd)$ .

# PART 3 : LAXLY MONOIDAL

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# LAX FUNCTOR

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DEFINITION. Let  $(\mathcal{C}, \leq)$  and  $(\mathcal{D}, \leq)$  be two posetally-enriched monoidal categories. A **lax functor**  $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  is an assignment on objects and morphisms that moreover satisfies

$$F(f) ; F(g) \leq F(f; g) \quad \text{and} \quad id \leq F(id).$$

We may consider natural transformations between them.

- **Normal lax functors** preserve identities.



Walters. Sheaves and Cauchy-complete categories.

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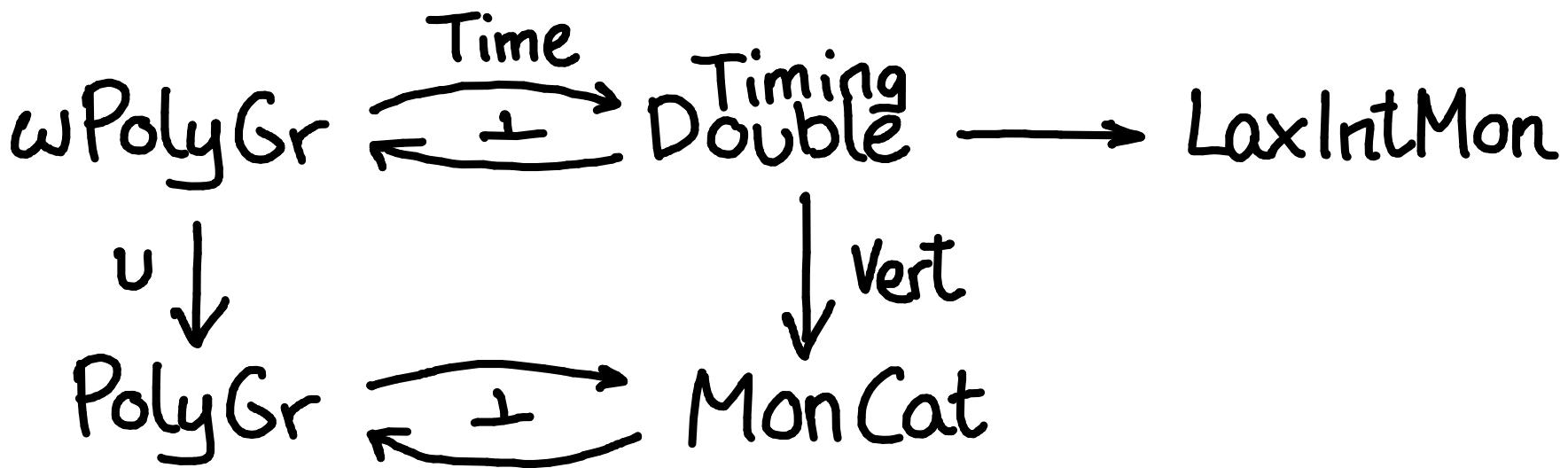
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# FUTURE Work



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