

Graphical Regular Logic

the complete 2D picture

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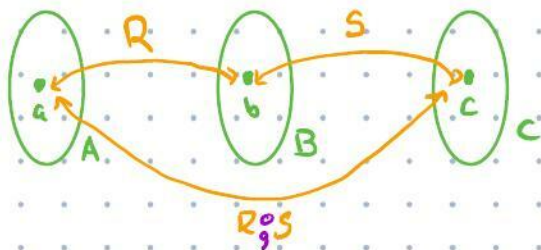
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Relations

Definition: Given sets $\{A_i\}_I$ a relation R is a subset of the product $R \subseteq \prod A_i$

Example: $People = \{\dots\}$, $Topics = \{\dots\}$, $R = \{(you, functors), \dots\} \subseteq People \times Topics$

Definition: Given relations $R \subseteq A \times B$ and $S \subseteq B \times C$ we may compose $R;S$ for a relation on $A \times C$



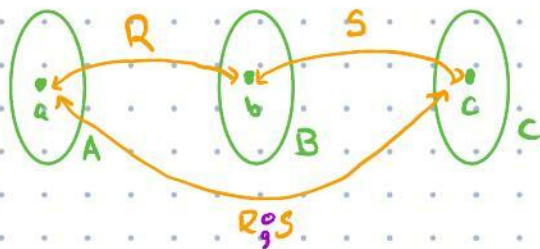
$R \subseteq People \times Topics$

$S \subseteq Topics \times Talks@ACT21$

$R;S =$ "those people who have exposure to a topic featured in an ACT21 talk"

Relations

Definition: Given relations $R \subseteq A \times B$ and $S \subseteq B \times C$ we may compose $R \circ S$ for a relation on $A \times C$.



$$R \circ S := \left\{ (a, c) \mid \exists b [(a, b) \in R \wedge (b, c) \in S] \right\}$$

Knowledge is often represented relationally.

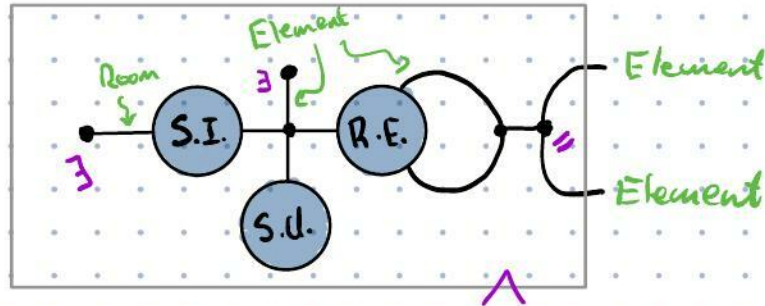
Element = {Sb, As, Al, Se, ...}

Room = {Cupboard under the stairs, ...}

React.Endo \subseteq Element \times 3, Stored In \subseteq Element \times Room,

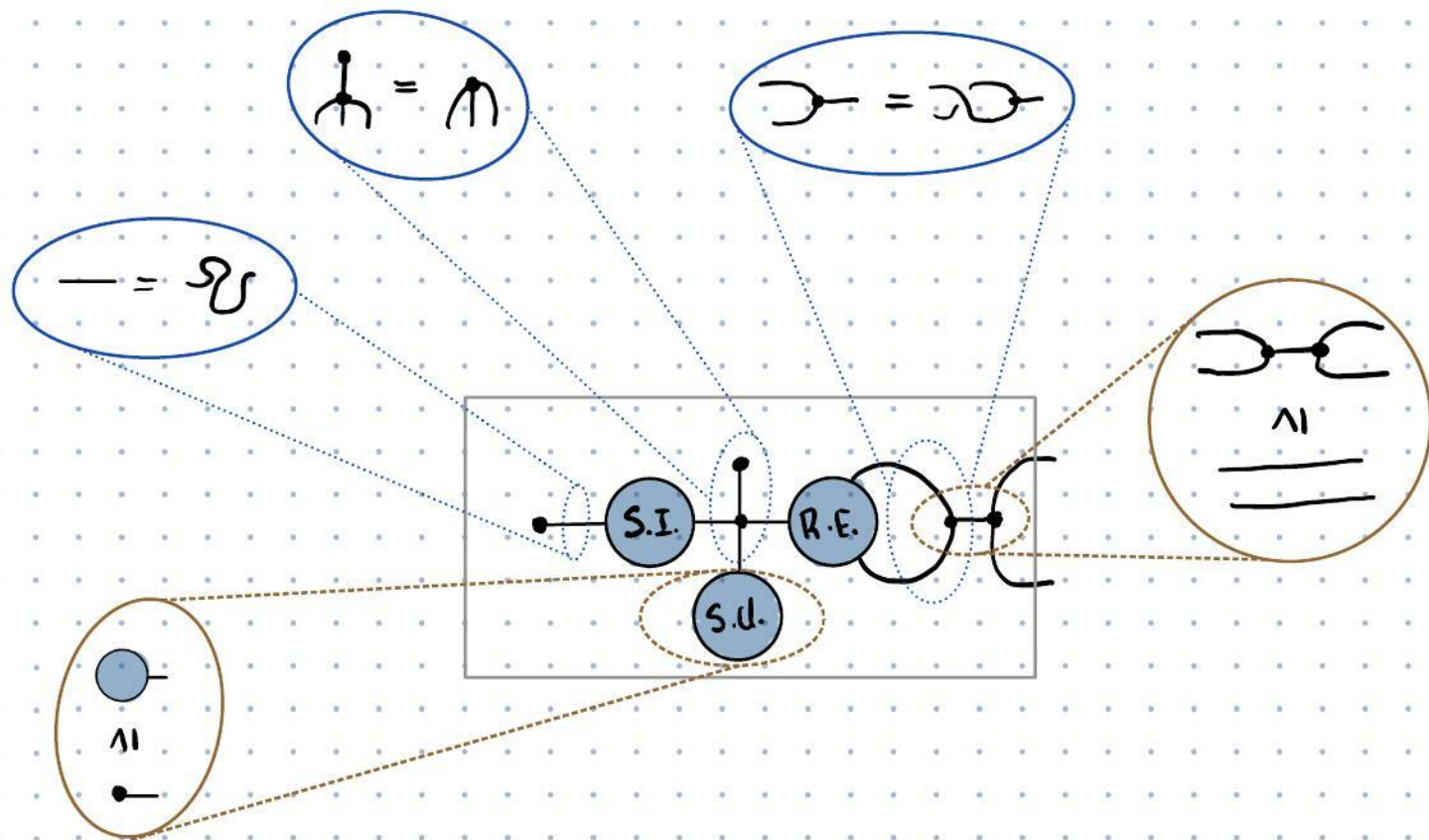
Safe For Undergrads \subseteq Element.

Goal \rightarrow



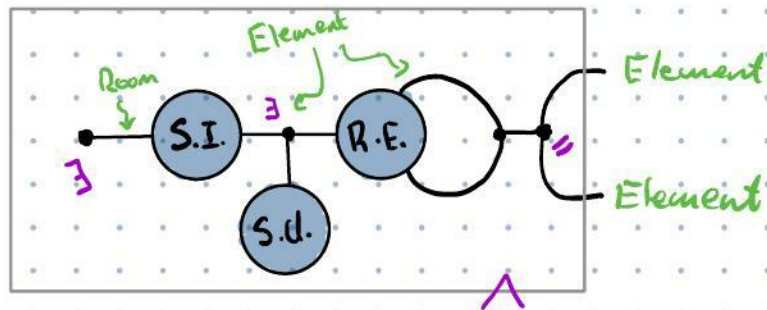
query \rightsquigarrow composition of the relations

Goal: Intuitive graphical manipulations



Element, Room; ReactEndo \subseteq Element \times^3 , StoredIn \subseteq Element \times Room,
 SafeForUndergrads \subseteq Element

Goal \rightarrow



vs

$$\left\{ (e_1, e_2) \mid \exists e_3, \text{room} \left[\begin{array}{l} e_1 = e_2 \wedge (e_1, e_2, e_3) \in \text{ReactEndo} \\ \wedge (e_3, \text{room}) \in \text{StoredIn} \\ \wedge e_3 \in \text{SafeForUndergrads} \end{array} \right] \right\}$$

The theoretical minimum: (with apologies to Jusskind & Hrabovsky)

How much do we need to study relations and their compositions?

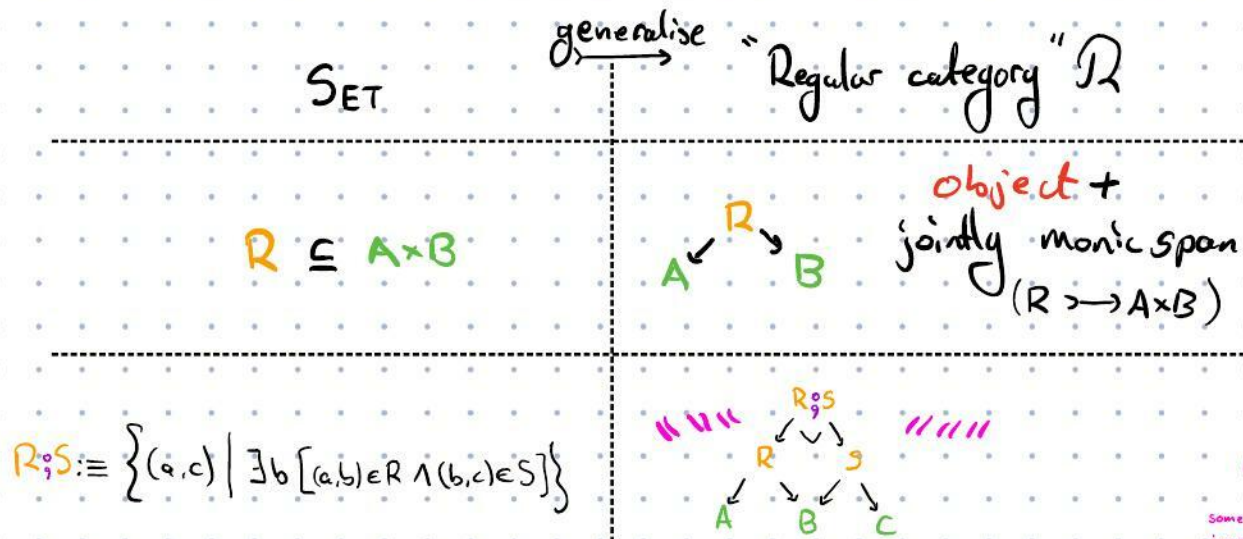
Def: **Regular Logic** is the fragment of first order logic generated by

\exists existential quant.
 $=$ equality
 \wedge conjunction
true

" $\left\{ (e_1, e_2) \mid \exists e_3, \text{room} \left[\begin{array}{l} e_1 = e_2 \wedge (e_1, e_2, e_3) \in \text{ReactEndo} \\ \wedge (e_3, \text{room}) \in \text{StoredIn} \\ \wedge e_3 \in \text{SafeForUndergrads} \end{array} \right] \right\}$ "

How do we study relations?

Classical approach \rightsquigarrow regular categories



BUT

We want to privilege **relations**, and consider them between objects
 \rightsquigarrow morphisms!

Barboni - Walters:

"Cartesian bicategories I"

Regular cat \mathcal{R} we form a bicategory $\mathbf{Rel} \mathcal{R}$,

See also "Categories, Allegories" by Freyd & Scedrov

objects •
morphisms ← •
2-morphs ↺

• objects of \mathcal{R}

• $\mathbf{Rel} \mathcal{R}(A, B) :=$ relations $A \overset{R}{\downarrow} B$
jointly monic spans



• $\mathbf{Rel} \mathcal{R}(A, B)$ are posets, $R \leq S$
 \Rightarrow "po-category"

• monoidal
($A \times B$ in \mathcal{R})

• other structure

Category
"enriched"
over posets

bicategory
"thin" in dim. 2

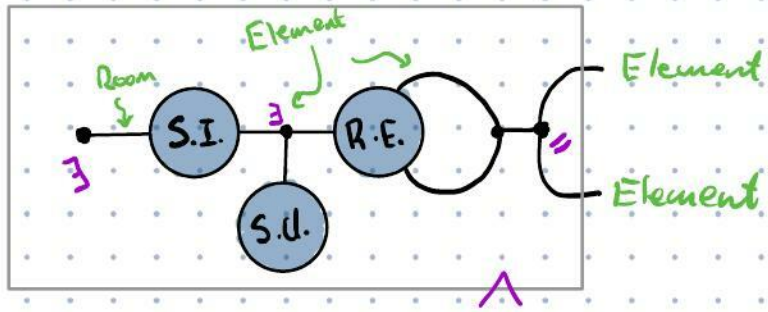
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Symmetric monoidal po-categories + structure + properties do work

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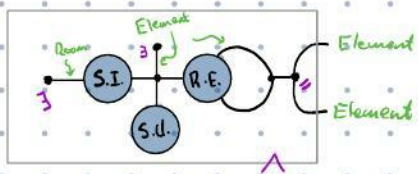
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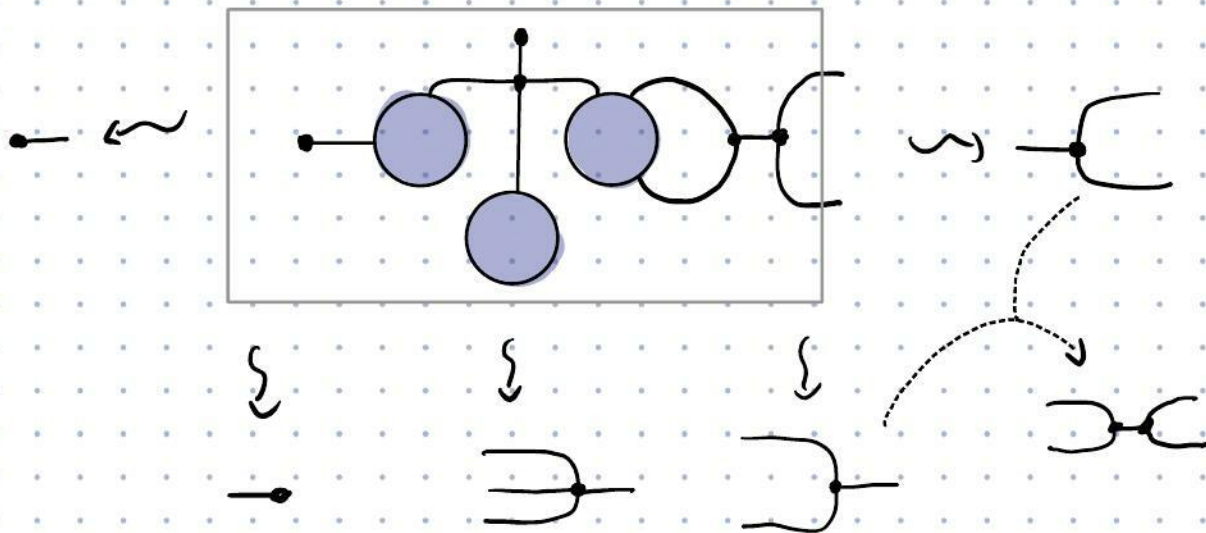
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Let's look at



abstractly, notice the wiring:



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Def: The "po-prop" for wiring, \mathcal{W} , is the symmetric monoidal po-category generated by pictures

morphisms [



and laws

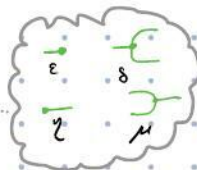
variable duplication/equality \exists



constraining variables to be equal is less general



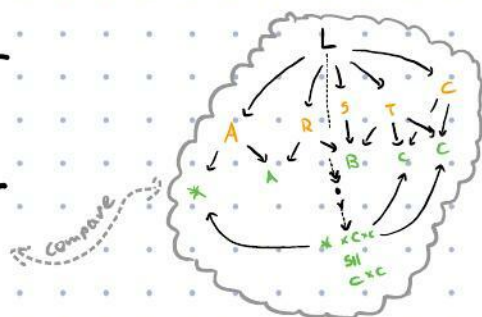
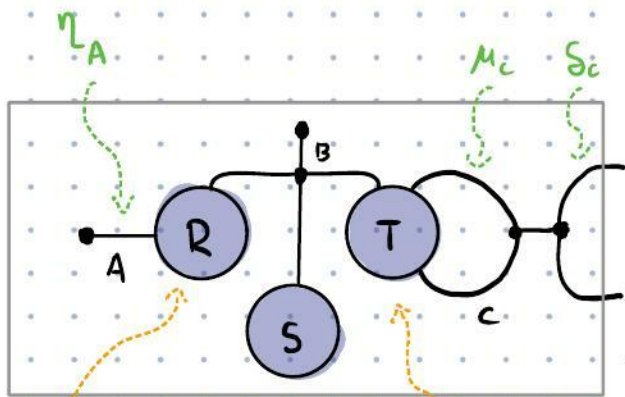
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Category
+ knows one
ports + ...

Def: A **supply** for \mathbb{W} in a symmetric monoidal po-category \mathcal{C} is a way to draw string/wiring diagrams for the morphisms of \mathcal{C} where the wires are controlled by \mathbb{W} .

wires of \mathbb{W} [



morph of \mathcal{C}
"relations"

[$R \in \mathcal{C}(A, B)$ $T \in \mathcal{C}(B, C \otimes C)$]

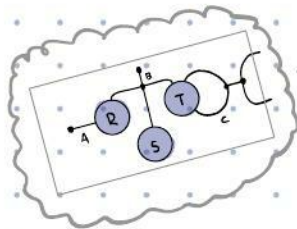
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as 2-categories

Thm!

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{symm. monoidal po-cat} \\ + \text{ supply } \mathbb{W} \\ + \text{ --- } \end{array} \right\} \xleftrightarrow[\text{Rel}]{\cong} \left\{ \text{regular categories} \right\}$



a po-category behaves like

"objects + relations between them"

Moral

precisely when we can draw \mathbb{W} wiring pictures (+ some stuff)

Domain of objection:

Fong-Spivak supply of 1D wiring does give pictures BUT
technology is still a symmetric monoidal ps-category

↪ relations are morphisms $R \in \mathcal{C}(A, B) \mapsto \text{dom} \& \text{cod}$ 

↪ we are privileging binary relations in a sense,

R on $A \otimes B \otimes C$ must be encoded in $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{C}(A, B \otimes C) \\ \text{or } \mathcal{C}(A \otimes B, C) \\ \text{or } \dots \end{array} \right.$

and it is unnatural to decide!

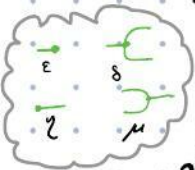
Regular calculi: (new & improved!)

A, B are contexts
 $\Rightarrow A \otimes B$ is a context

Def: A regular calculus (\mathbb{C}, P) is

1) symmetric monoidal po-category \mathbb{C}

$\begin{cases} \text{ob } \mathbb{C} = \text{"contexts"} \\ \text{mor } \mathbb{C} = \text{"context maps"} \end{cases}$



2) supply of \mathbb{W} in \mathbb{C}

pictures + structured contexts
($\exists, \text{dup}, =, \dots$)

3) "ajax" po-functor $P: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \text{Poset}$

predicates, each $P(\tau)$ has \wedge and true

lax monoidal + laxators are right adjoints

$\varphi \in P(A \otimes B)$

$R \subseteq A \times B$
 $\varphi(a,b) := (a,b) \in R$
 φ formula in A, B
 $\{(a,b) \mid \varphi(a,b)\}$

Example:

\mathcal{R} a regular category (e.g. Set) \rightsquigarrow $\text{Prd } \mathcal{R}$ a regular calculus:

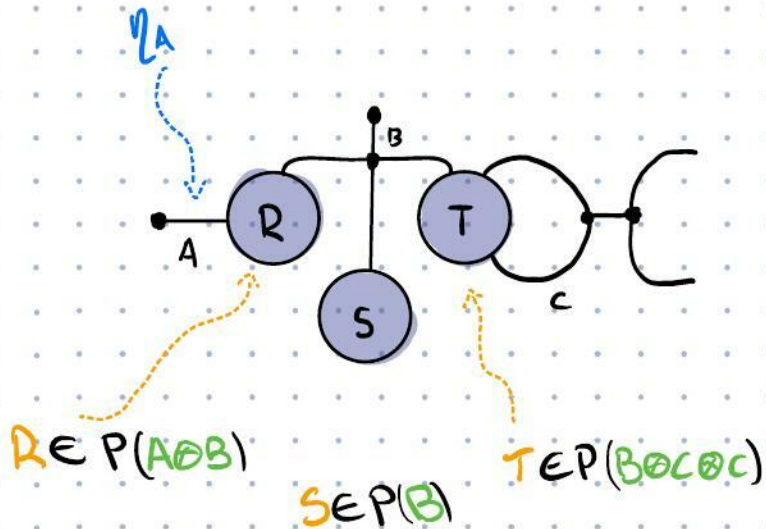
- We need
- 1) a symmetric monoidal po-cat $\leftarrow \text{Rel } \mathcal{R}$
 - 2) a supply of \mathcal{W} in $\text{Rel } \mathcal{R}$ \leftarrow theorem of Fong-Spivak
 - 3) a \times po-functor \leftarrow representable as 1,
 $\text{Rel } \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \text{Poset}$ $\text{Rel } \mathcal{R}(1, -)$

- \Rightarrow
- contexts are objects of \mathcal{R}
 - predicates in context Γ are subobjects of Γ !
eg: $\Gamma = A \times B \times C$, $P(\Gamma) = \{R \subseteq A \times B \times C\}$ — no binary privilege!
 - $\exists, \wedge, =, \text{true}, \dots$ are all exactly correct!

Graphical regular logic

(\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{P}) regular calculus \Rightarrow supply of \mathbb{W} wiring in $\mathbb{C} \Rightarrow$ pictures!

Def: In a regular calculus (\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{P}) , a **graphical term** is a wiring diagram in \mathbb{C} where the internal wires are annotated by predicates:



represents the predicate in $P(\mathbb{C} \otimes \mathbb{C})$
obtained by using $\eta_A, \delta_B, \mu_C, \delta_C, \dots$
on $R, S,$ and T

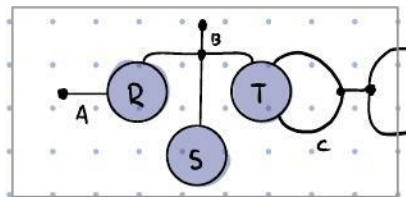
Regular calculi vs regular categories:

Proposition (C.-Fong-Spivak):

$\text{Prd} : \{\text{regular cats}\} \rightarrow \{\text{regular calculi}\}$ is a 2-functor

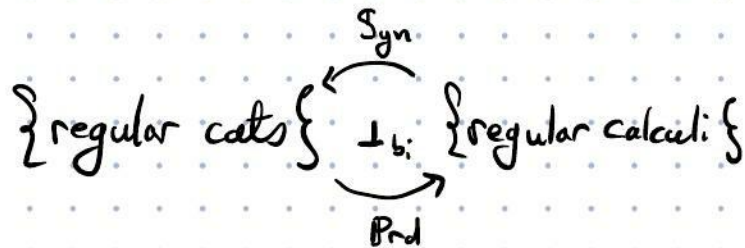
Theorem (cfs): Prd has a left "bi-adjoint" Syn , the
syntactic po-category construction

given by graphical terms



but that's not all...

Thm (CFS): The counit of the bi-adjunction



is an adjoint equivalence.

\leadsto Prd is an "embedding"!

↪ we can work graphically in any regular category!

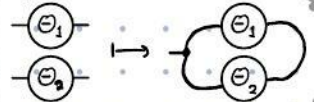
as regular cats!

for any regular cat \mathcal{R} ,

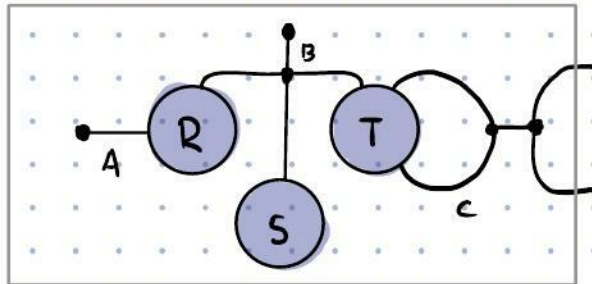
$$\text{Syn Prd } \mathcal{R} \cong \mathcal{R}$$

objects

equaliser:



Goal



Thanks!



Barboni - Walters "Cartesian bicategories I"

Fong - Spivak {
"Hypergraph categories"
"Supplying bells and whistles in monoidal categories"
"Regular and relational categories, revisiting
'Cartesian bicategories I'"

Clingman - Fong - Spivak "Graphical regular calculus I (& II)"
[forthcoming!]

What about the other paper?

There was a previous attempt by Tany-Špiracle at graphical regular logic, but it was not high-enough dimensional to be correct:

- ↳ instead of general regular calculi, only free reg. cats.
 - not rich enough
 - inherently low dimensional (set vs "3-cat" \mathbb{C})

↳ instead of bi-adjunction (3d statement!), only adjunction in 1d