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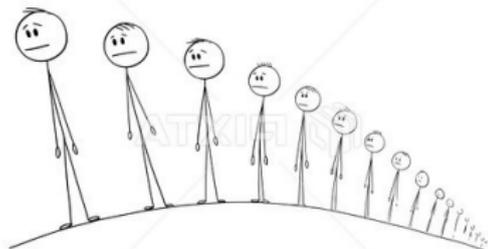
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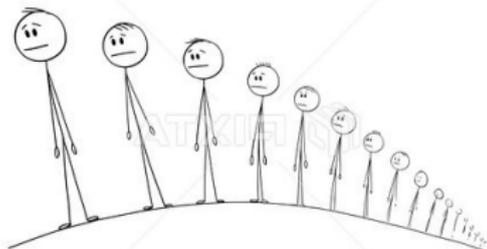
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! is used a de facto structure to model arbitrary dimensional spaces such as Bosonic Fock spaces in Physics.



A **quantum observable** refers to a measurable property of quantum system.

A pair of quantum observables are **complementary** if measuring one observable increases uncertainty regarding the value of the other.

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## Theorem:

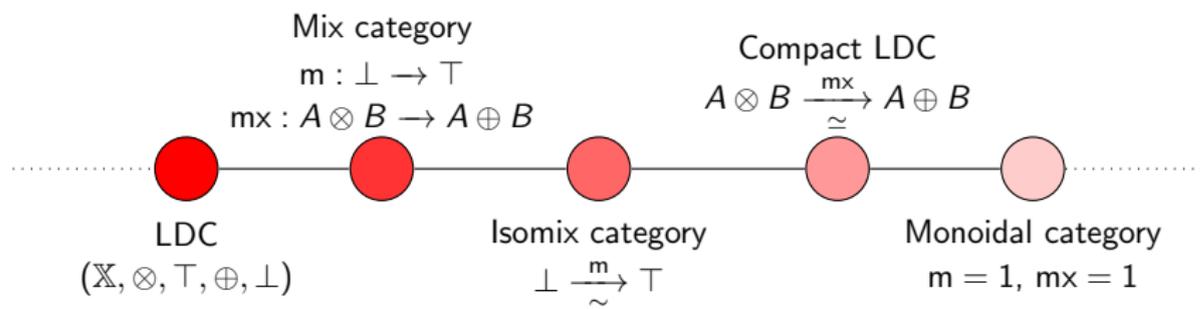
In a  $(!, ?)$ - $\dagger$ -isomix category with free exponentials, every complementary system arises as a splitting of a  $\dagger$ -binary idempotent on the  $\dagger$ -linear bialgebra induced on the free exponentials.

## Linearly distributive categories (LDC):

$$(\mathbb{X}, \otimes, \top, a_{\otimes}, u_{\otimes}^L, u_{\otimes}^R) \quad (\mathbb{X}, \oplus, \perp, a_{\oplus}, u_{\oplus}^L, u_{\oplus}^R)$$

linked by linear distributors:  $\partial_L : A \otimes (B \oplus C) \rightarrow (A \otimes B) \oplus C$

**Monoidal categories:** LDCs in which  $\otimes = \oplus$



# Categorical semantics of ! and ?

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# Examples of (!, ?)-LDC

Category of sets and **relations**,  $\mathbf{Rel}$ :

Given a set  $X$ ,  $!X$  is the set of all finite multisets of elements of  $X$ .

Category of **finiteness spaces** and finiteness relations,  $\mathbf{FRel}$ :

Category of finiteness spaces and finiteness matrices over a comm. rig,  $\mathbf{FMat}(\mathbf{R})$ :

Given a finiteness space,  $(X, F(X))$ , similar to  $\mathbf{Rel}$ ,  $!(X, F(X))$ , consists of set of all finite multisets of elements of  $X$  with an appropriate finiteness structure.

Category of **Chu spaces** over complex vector spaces with the unit as the dualizing object,  $\mathbf{Chus}_I(\mathbf{Vec}_{\mathbb{C}})^2$

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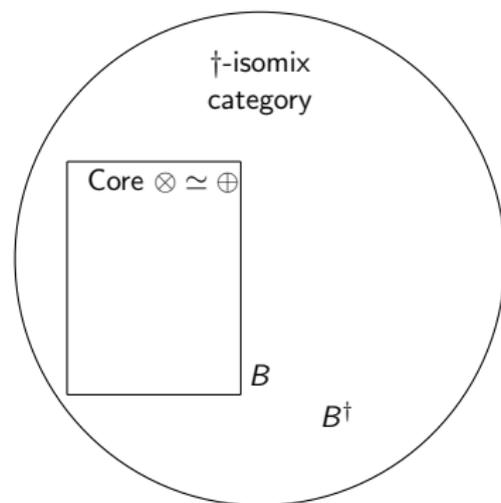
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$\dagger$ -**monoidal cats**: Rel, Hilb

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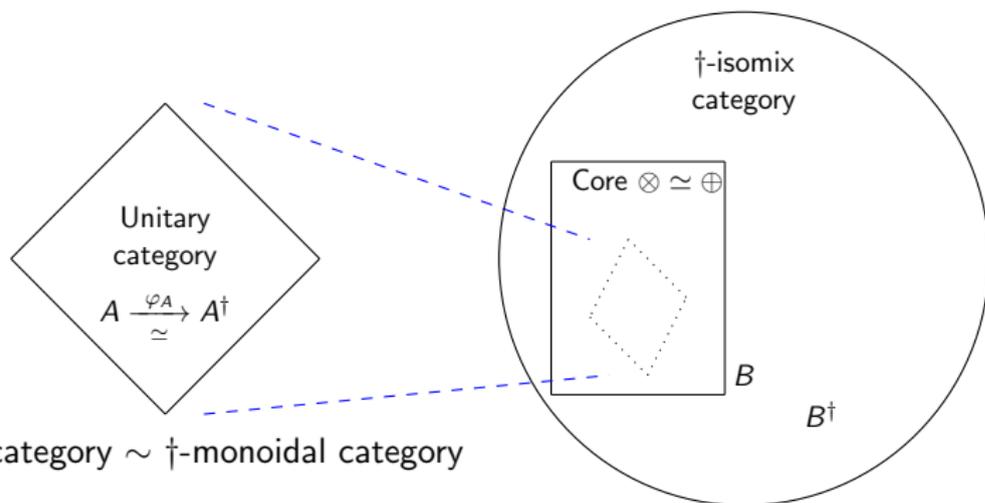


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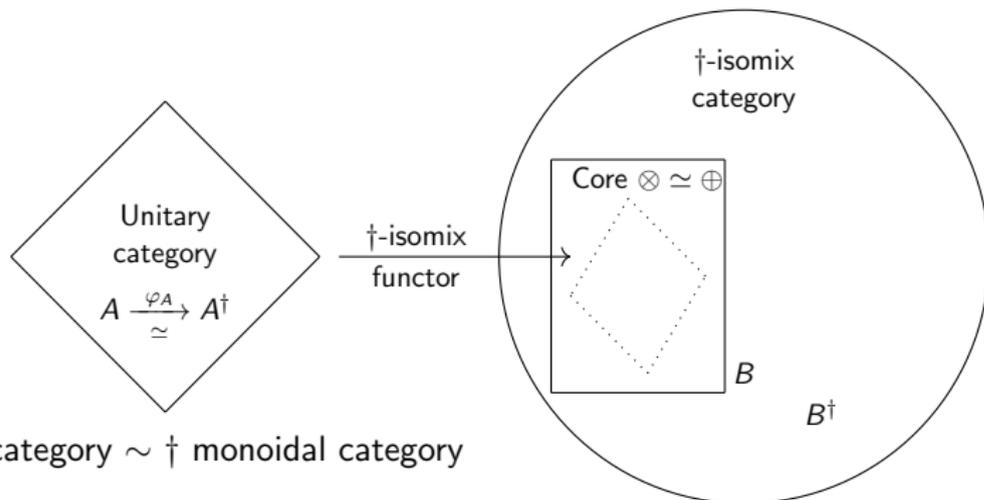


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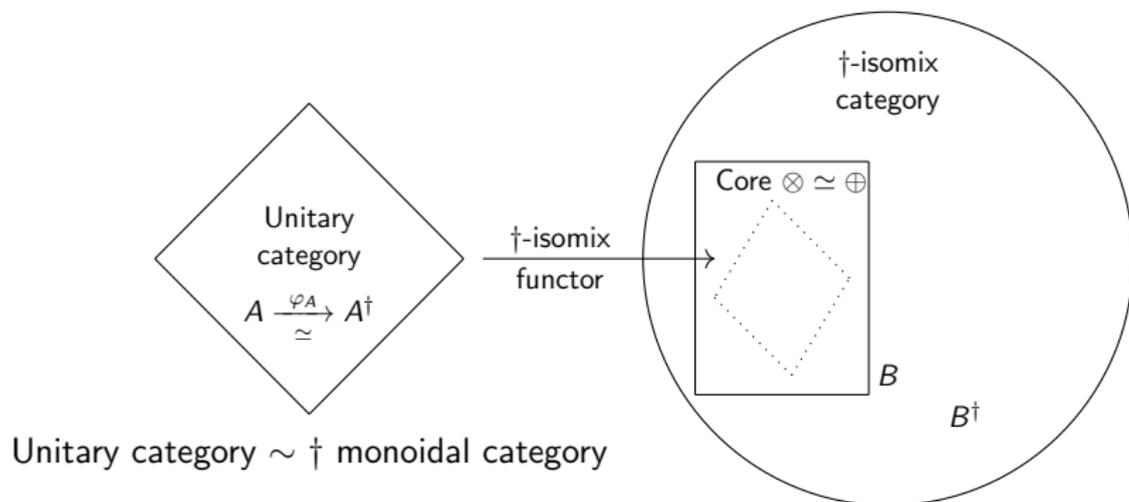
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**Examples:** FRel, FMat( $R$ ), (conjecture)  $\text{Chus}_I(\text{Vec}(\mathbb{C}))$

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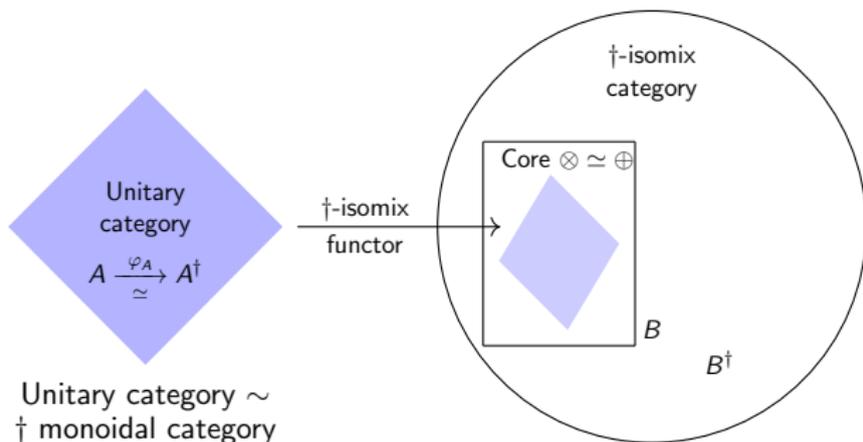
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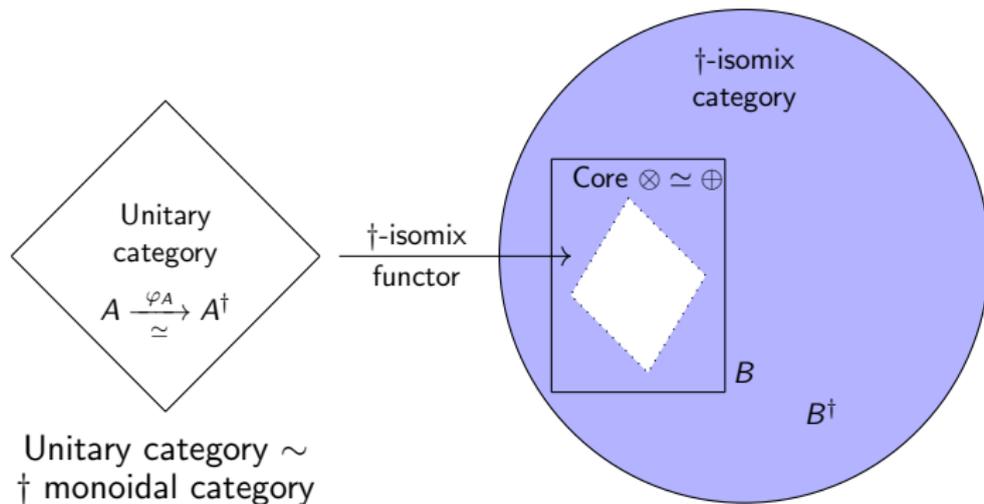
In a  $\dagger$ -monoidal category, a **demolition measurement**<sup>3</sup> on an object  $A$  is **retract** from  $A$  to a special commutative  $\dagger$ -Frobenius algebra (an abstract quantum observable),  $E$ .

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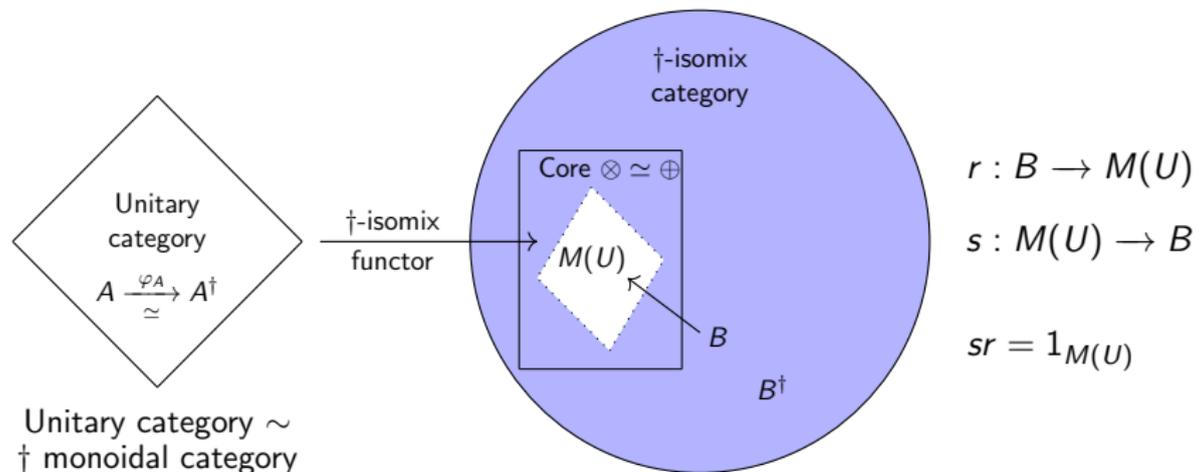


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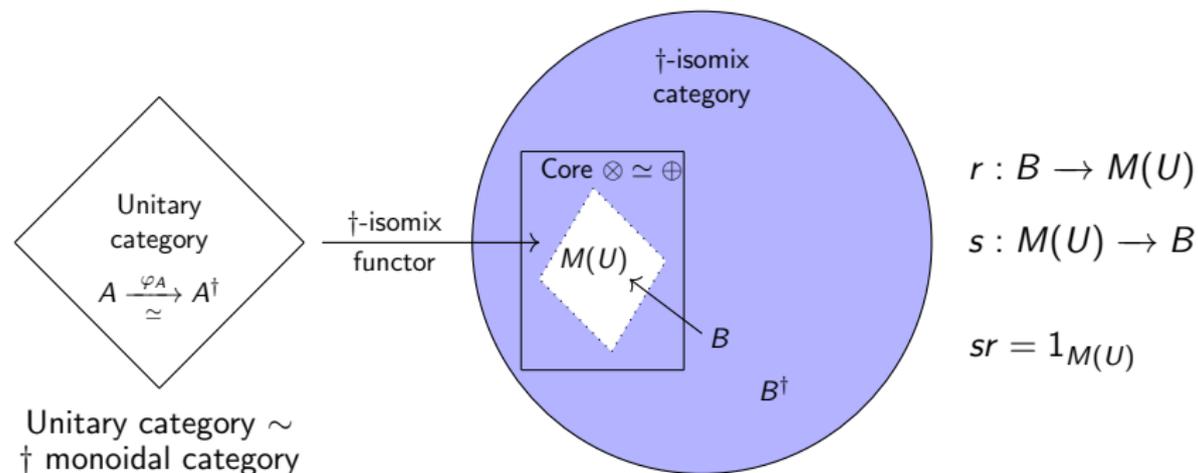
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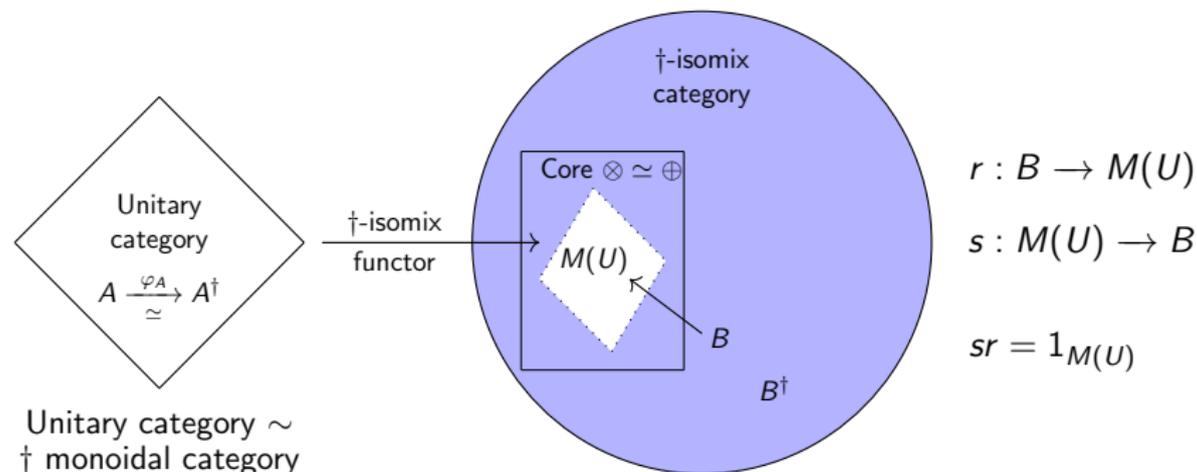


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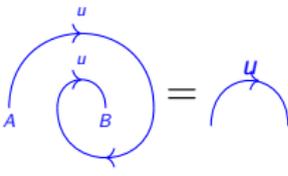
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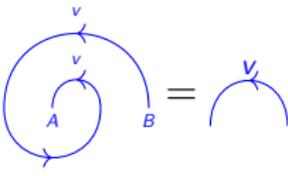
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**†-binary idempotent: (†-LDC)**  $A \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{u} \\ \xleftarrow{v} \end{array} A^\dagger$  such that  $uu^\dagger = u \quad v^\dagger v = v^\dagger$

Observation:  $(e_A)^\dagger = v^\dagger u^\dagger = v^\dagger u u^\dagger = vu = e_{A^\dagger}$

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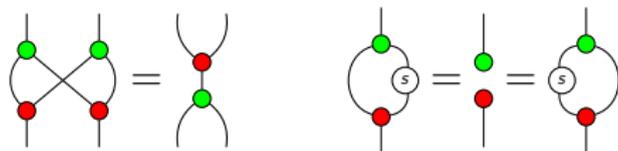
In a  $\dagger$ -isomix category,  $r : A \rightarrow U$  is a compaction if and only if  $U$  is given by splitting a  $\dagger$ -binary idempotent<sup>4</sup> on  $A$ .

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<sup>4</sup>The idempotent has to be coring, that is, split through the core.

## Step 2: complementary systems

In a  $\dagger$ -monoidal category, two  $\dagger$ -Frobenius algebras  $(A, \cup, \cap)$ ,  $(A, \cup', \cap')$ , on an object are complementary<sup>5</sup> if they interact to produce two Hopf algebras.



<sup>5</sup>Bob Coecke and Ross Duncan (2008). "Interacting quantum observables"

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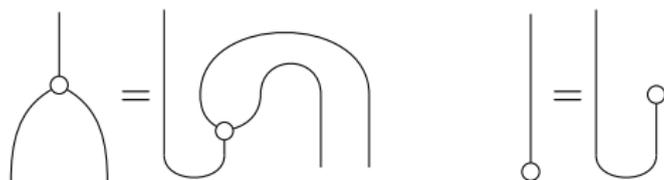
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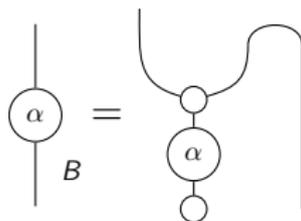
A **self** linear monoid is a linear monoid,  $A \overset{\circ}{\vdash} B$ , with  $A \simeq B$

# Linear monoids with an extra property are Frobenius

An object which is a Frobenius algebra is always a **self-dual**, however for linear monoids, the monoid and the comonoid are on **distinct but dual** objects

## Proposition:

In a monoidal category, a Frobenius algebra is precisely a self linear monoid  $A \overset{\circ}{\dashv} B$ ,  $(\alpha : A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B)$  satisfying the equation:



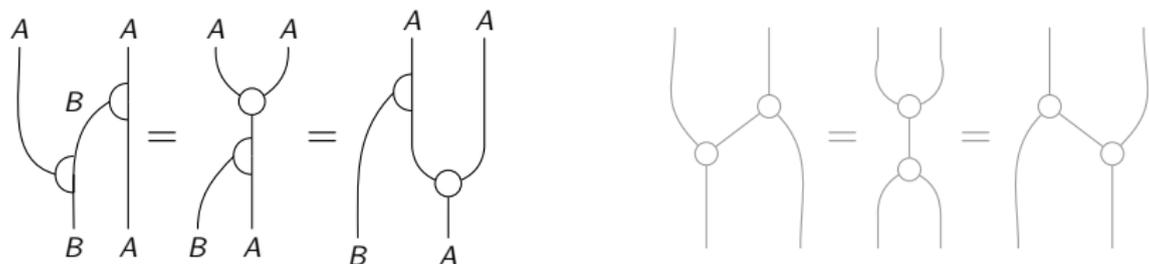
# Alternate characterization of linear monoids

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- monoid actions:  $\curlyvee : A \otimes B \rightarrow B$ ;  $\curlywedge : B \otimes A \rightarrow A$

- comonoid coactions:  $\curlywedge : B \rightarrow A \oplus B$ ;  $\curlyvee : B \rightarrow A \oplus B$

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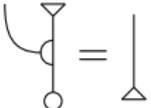
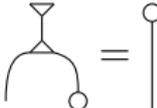
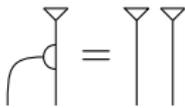
- a linear monoid  $(A, \curlywedge, \uparrow)$ ;  $(\eta, \varepsilon) : A \dashv B$

- a linear comonoid  $(A, \curlywedge, \downarrow)$ ;  $(\eta', \varepsilon') : A \dashv B$

such that  $(A, \curlywedge, \uparrow, \curlywedge, \downarrow)$  is a  $\otimes$ -bialgebra;  $(B, \curlywedge, \uparrow, \curlywedge, \downarrow)$  is a  $\oplus$ -bialgebra

A **self-linear bialgebra** is a linear bialgebra where  $A \simeq B$

A **complementary system** in an isomix category a self-linear bialgebra,  $A$  (not necessarily in the core), such that:

[comp.1]  [comp.2]  [comp.3] 

**Lemma:** If  $A$  is a complementary system, then  $A$  is a  $\otimes$ -Hopf and  $\oplus$ -Hopf.

## Theorem:

In a  $(!, ?)$ -isomix category with **free** exponential modalities, every complementary system arises as a splitting of a binary idempotent on the linear bialgebra induced on the free exponentials.

The structures and results discussed extend directly to  $\dagger$ -linear bilagebras in  $\dagger$ -isomix categories with free exponential modalities due to the  $\dagger$ -linearity of  $(!, ?)$ ,  $(\eta, \varepsilon)$ ,  $(\Delta, \nabla)$ , and  $(\perp, \Upsilon)$ .

Examples in physics to be explored: Modeling quantum Harmonic Oscillators using exponentials<sup>6</sup>

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