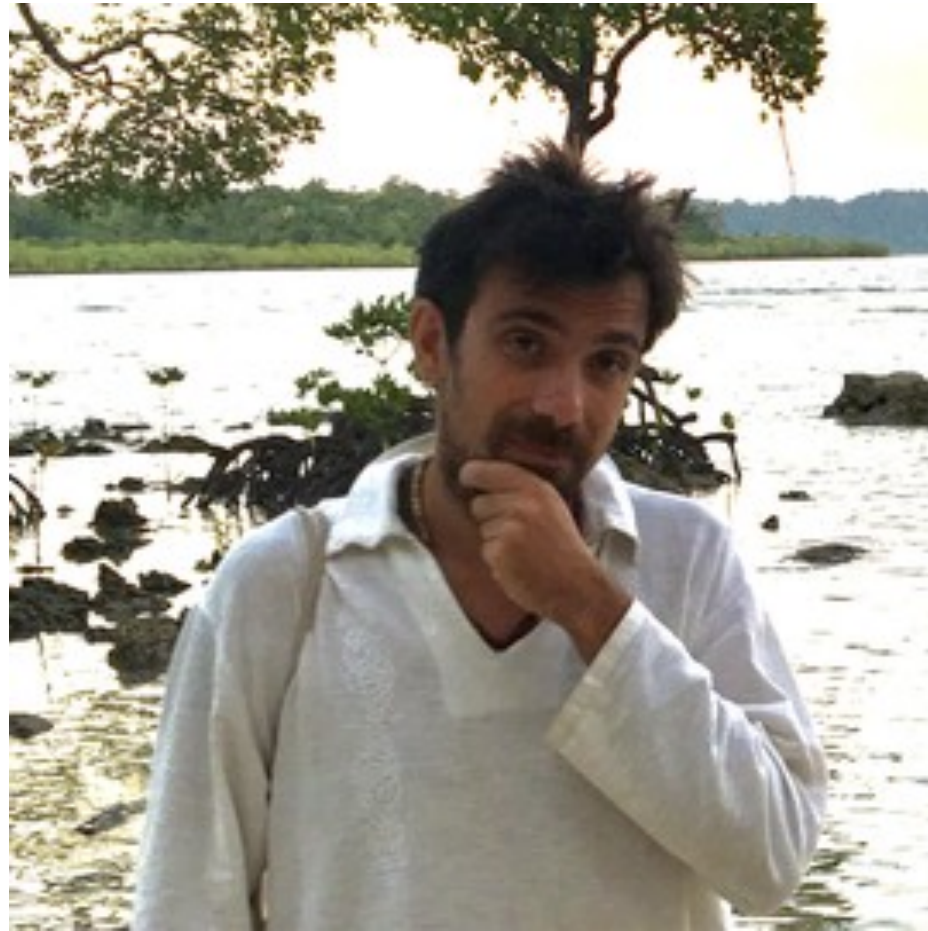


# Diagrammatic Algebra of First Order Logic

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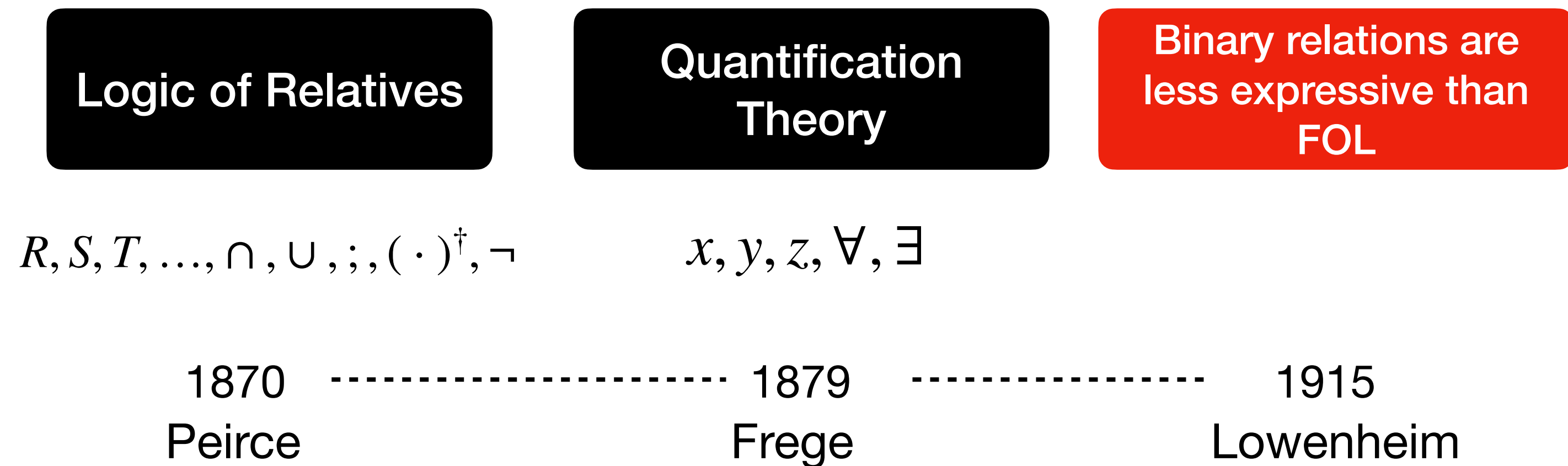
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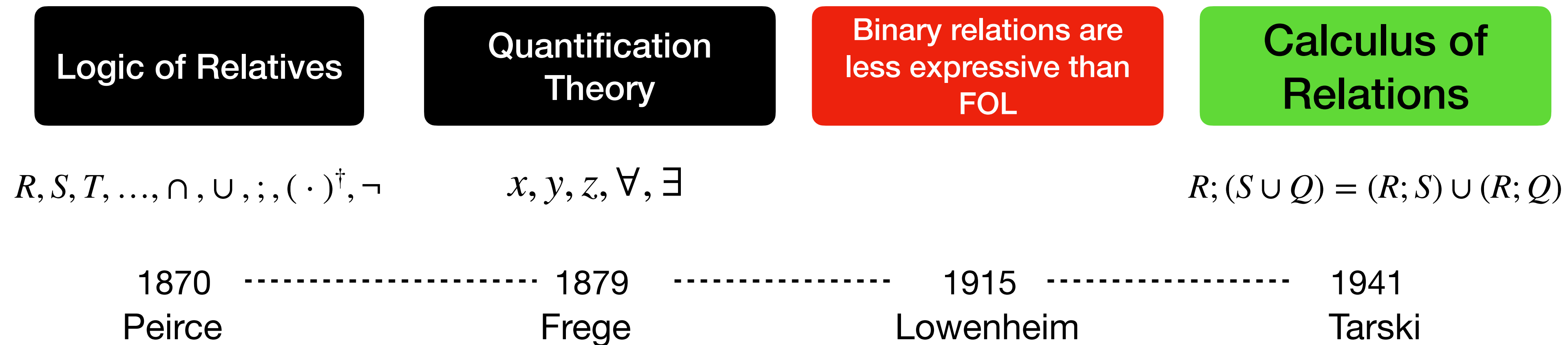




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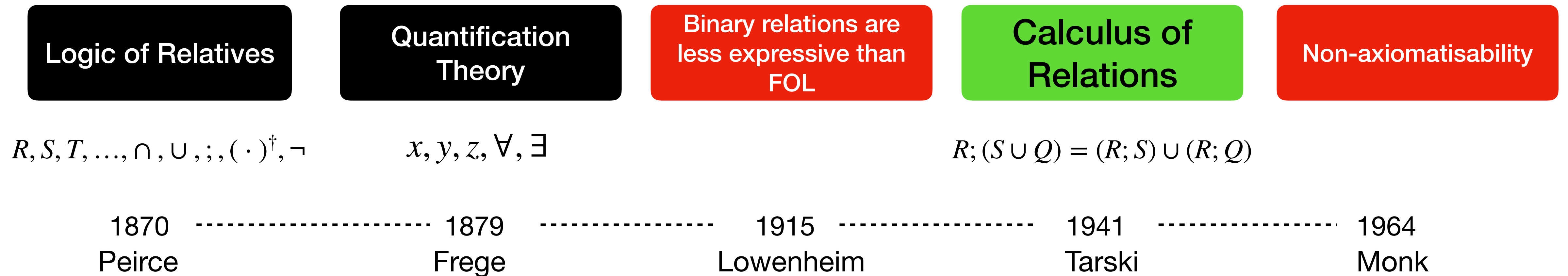
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# In this talk

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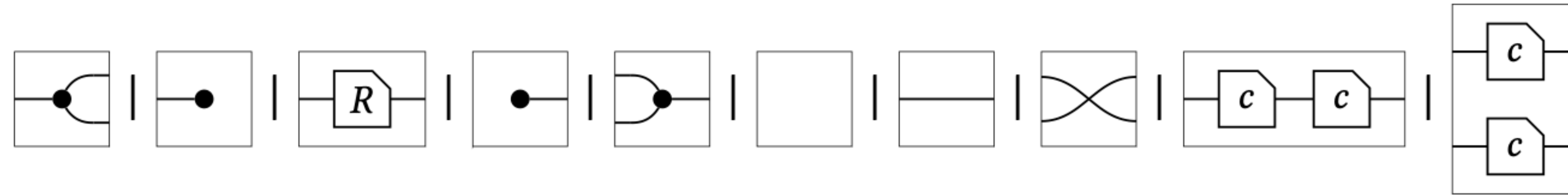
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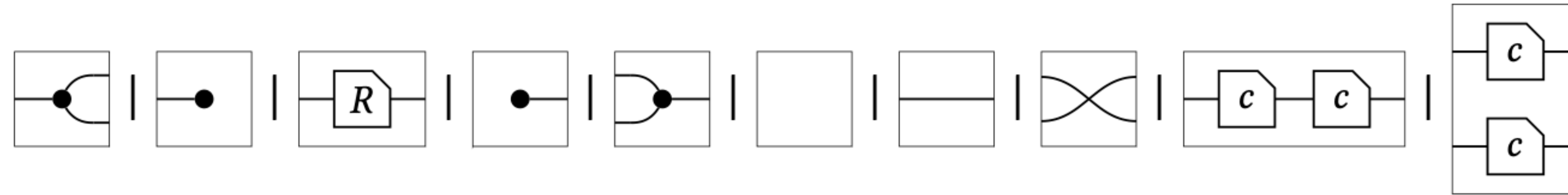




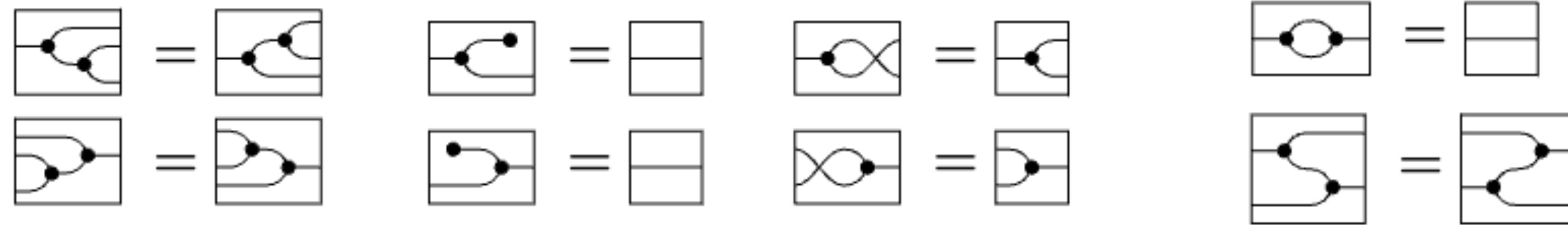
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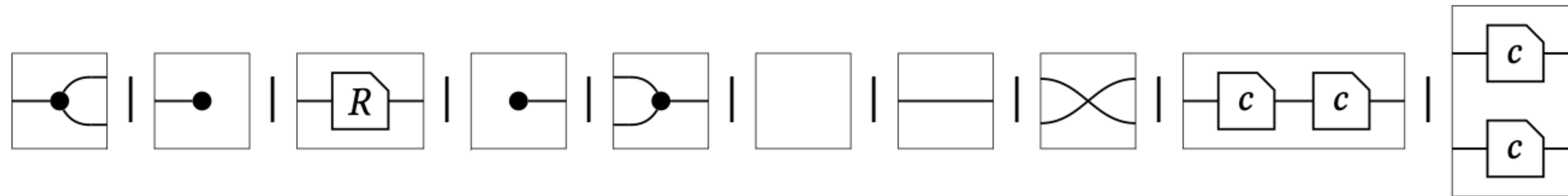
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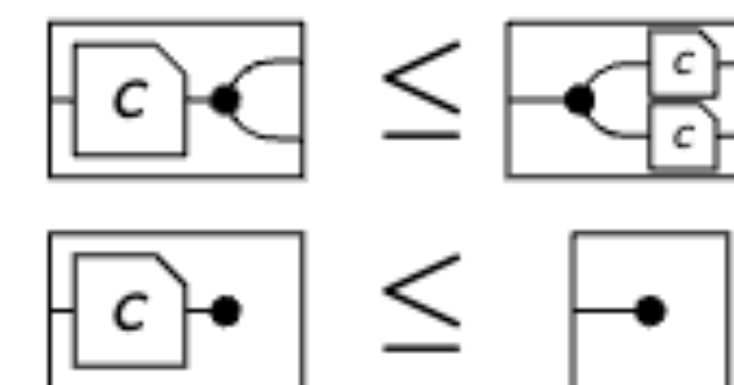
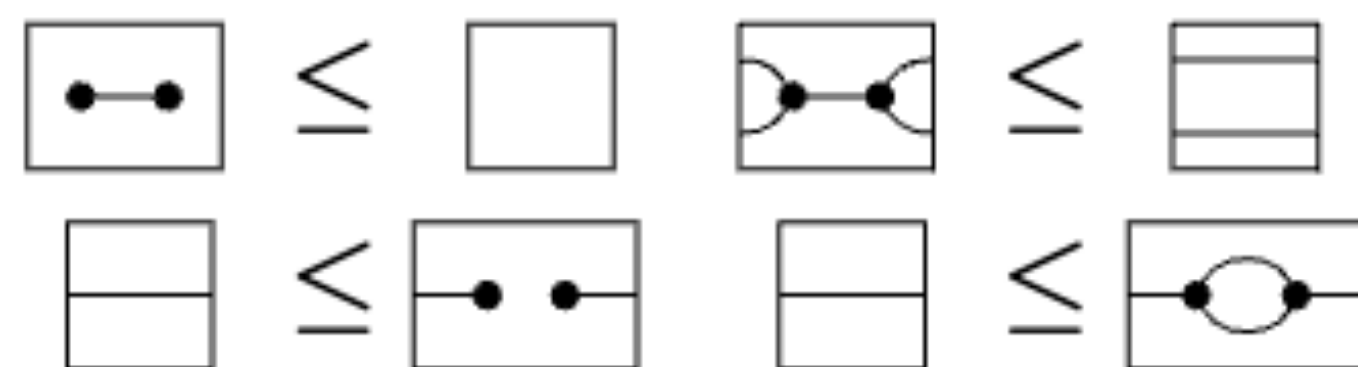
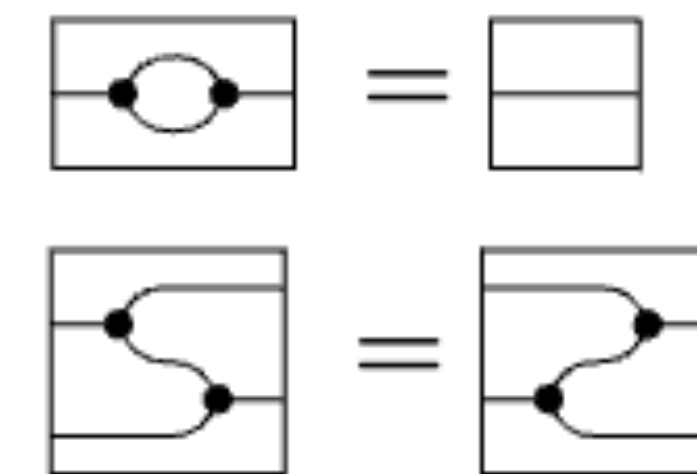
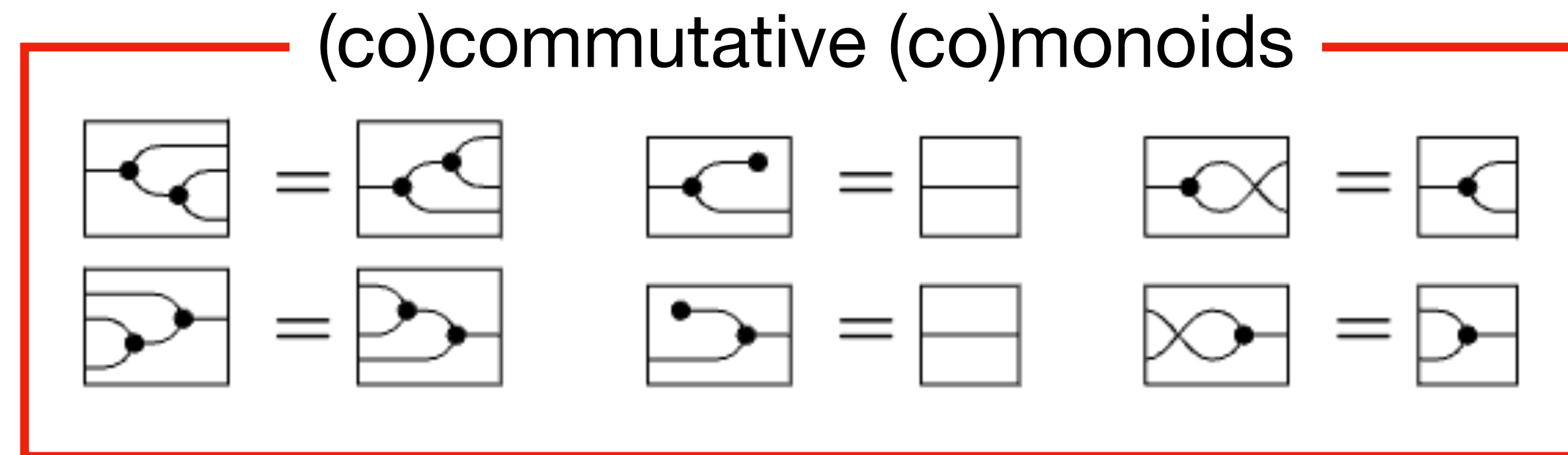
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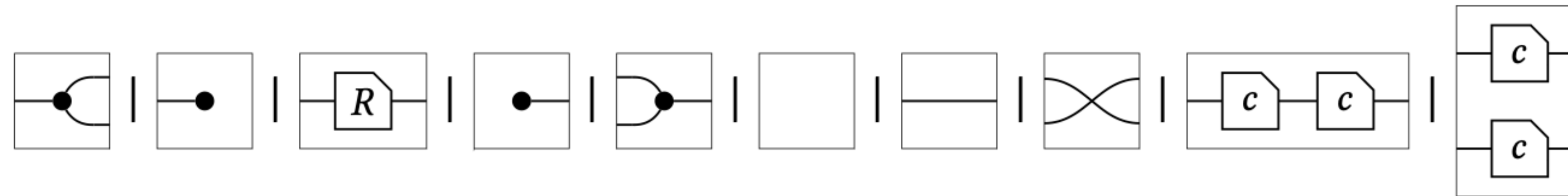
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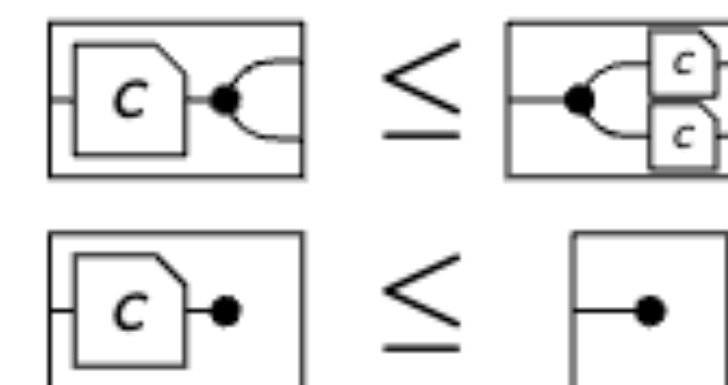
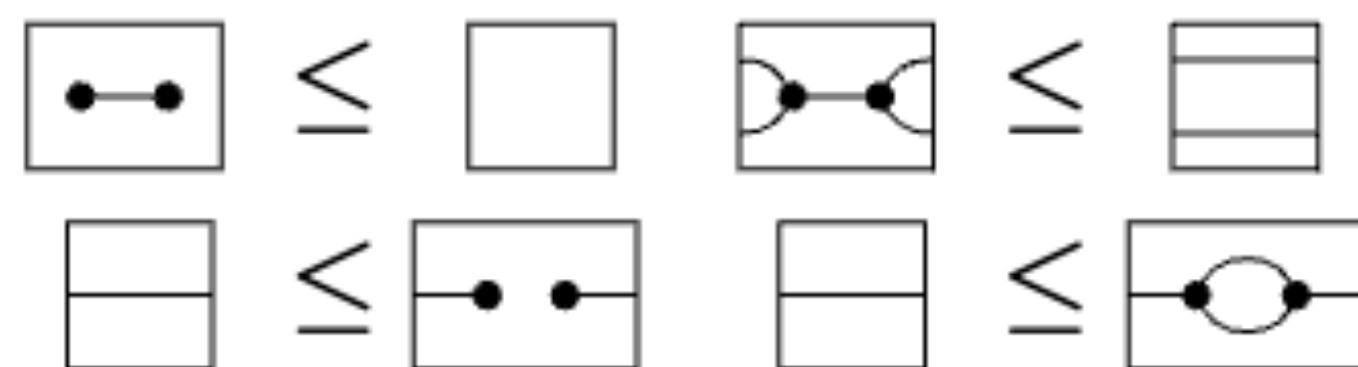
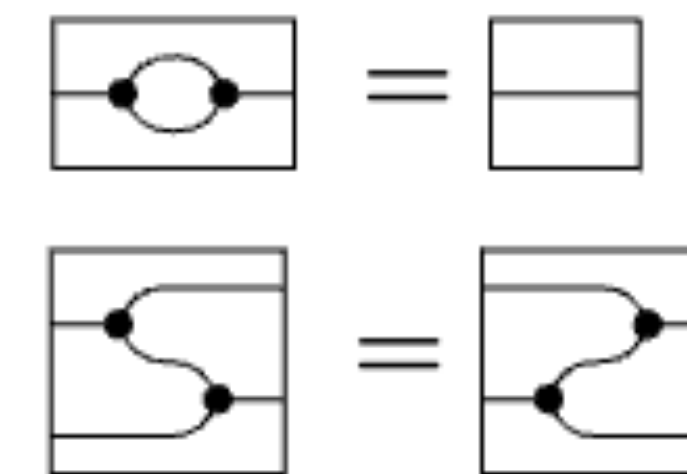
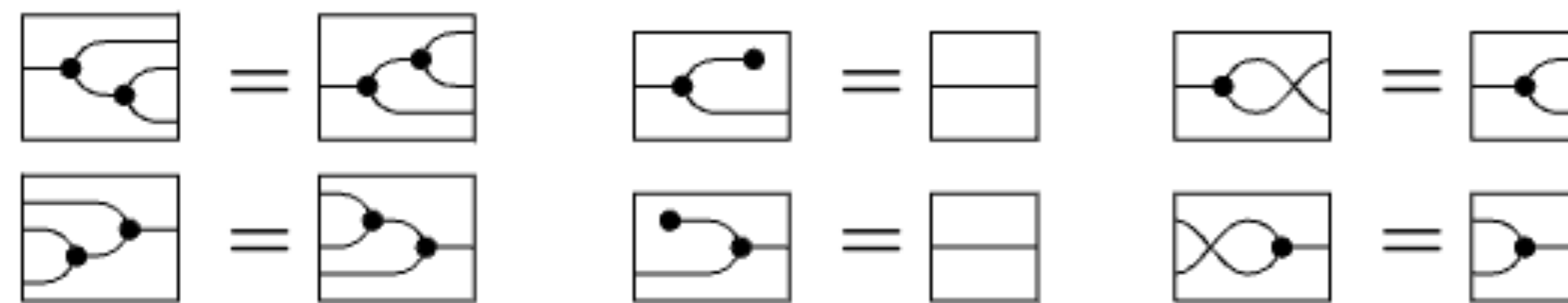
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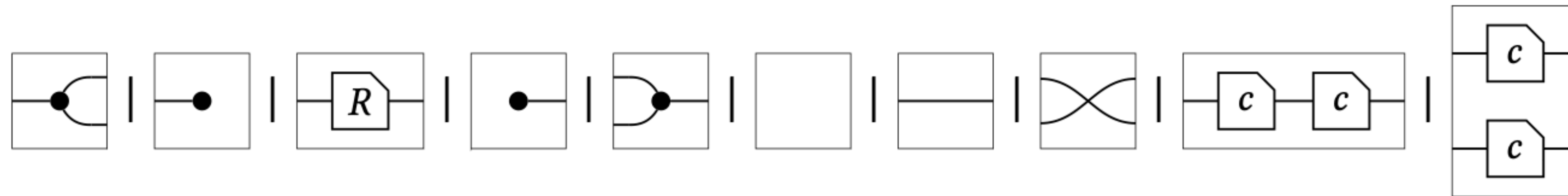
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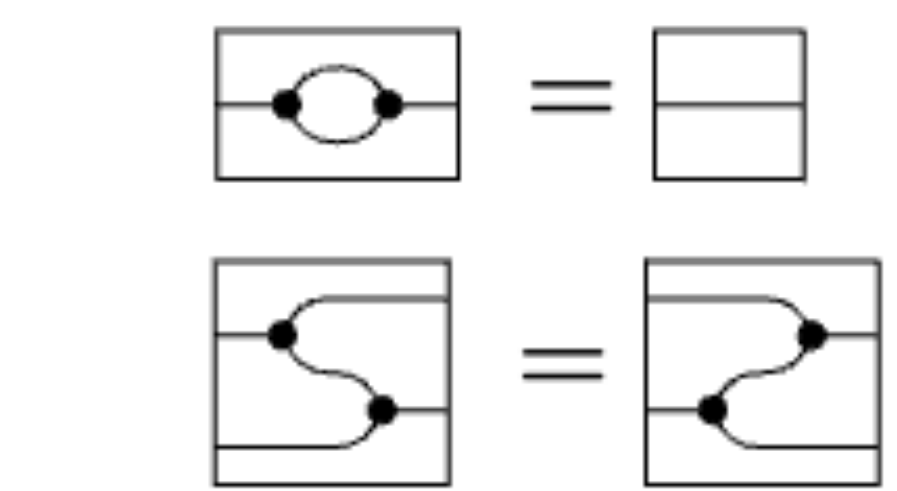
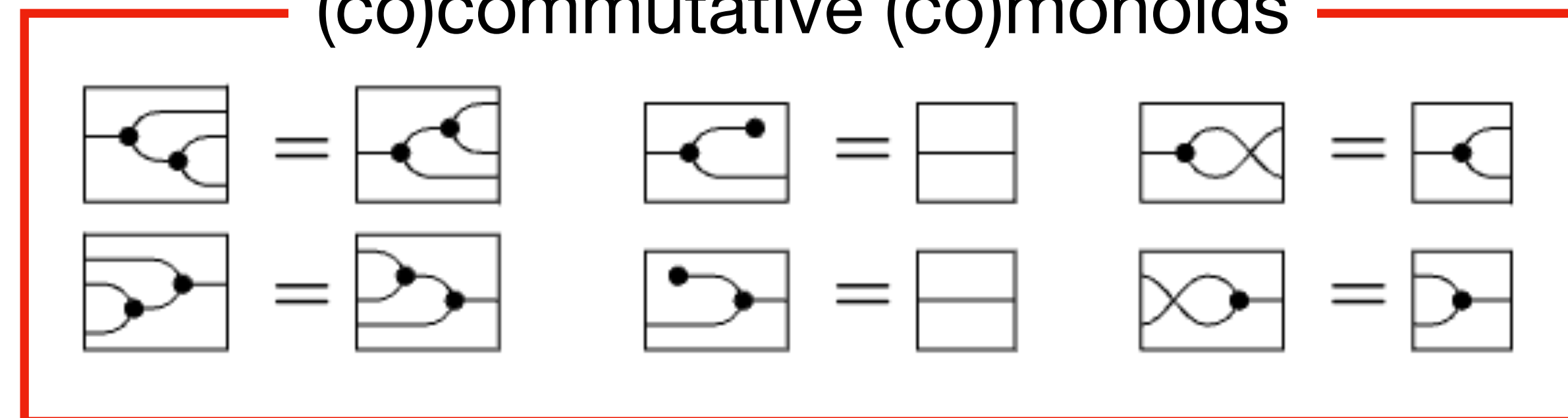
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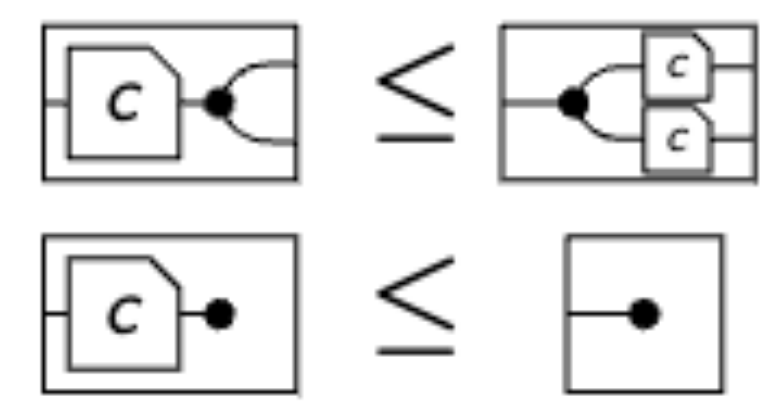
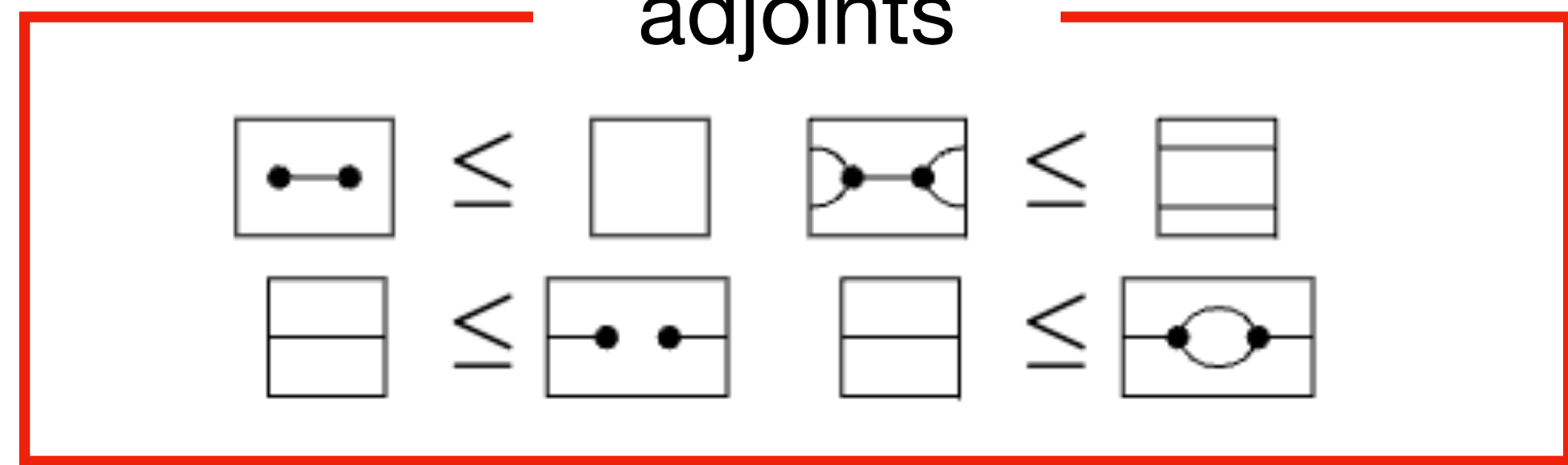
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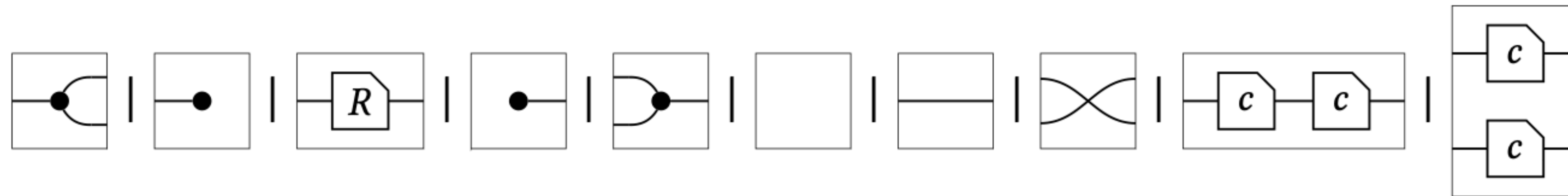
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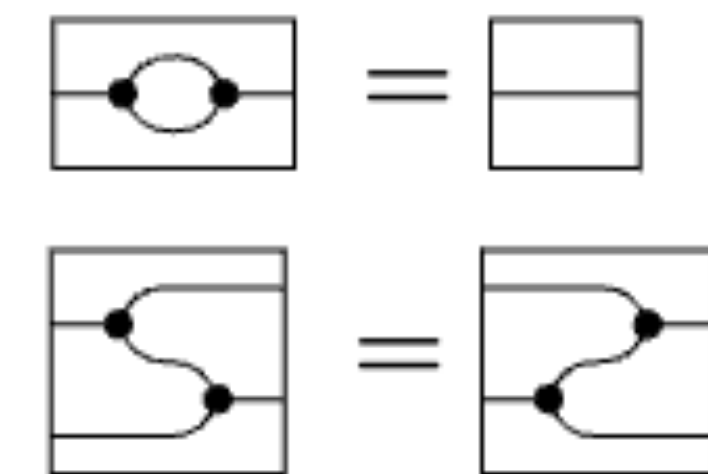
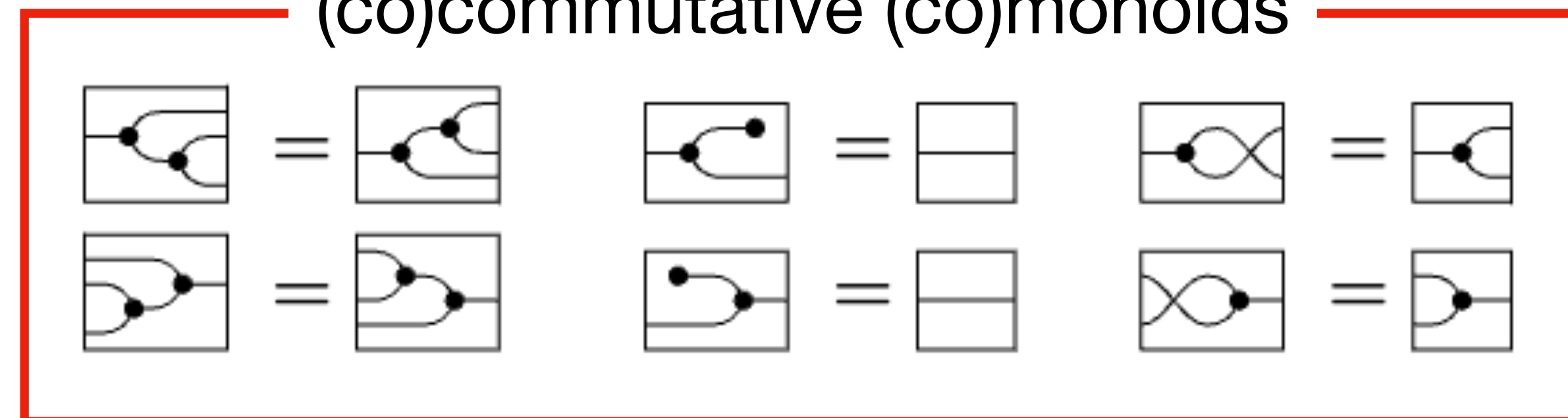
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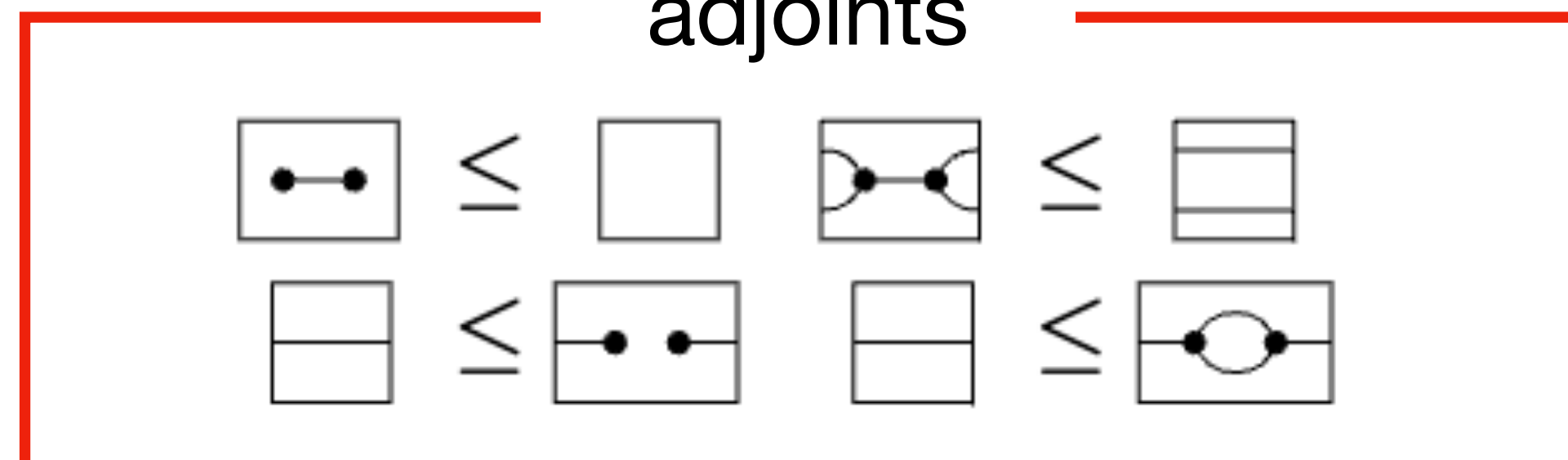
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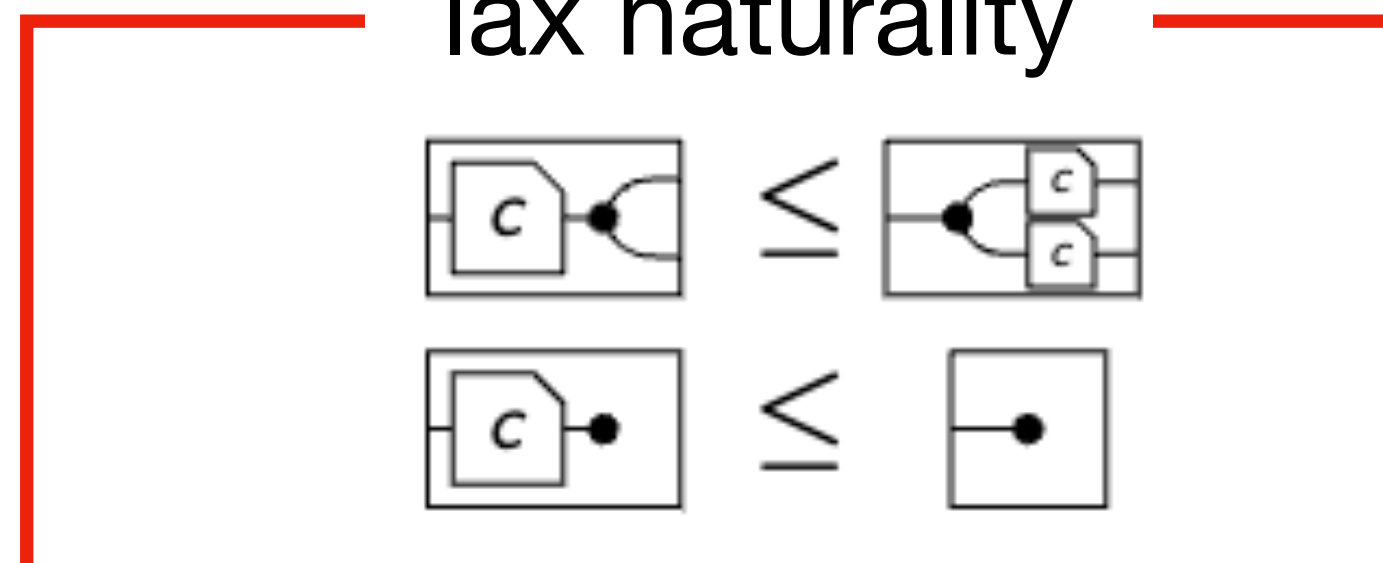
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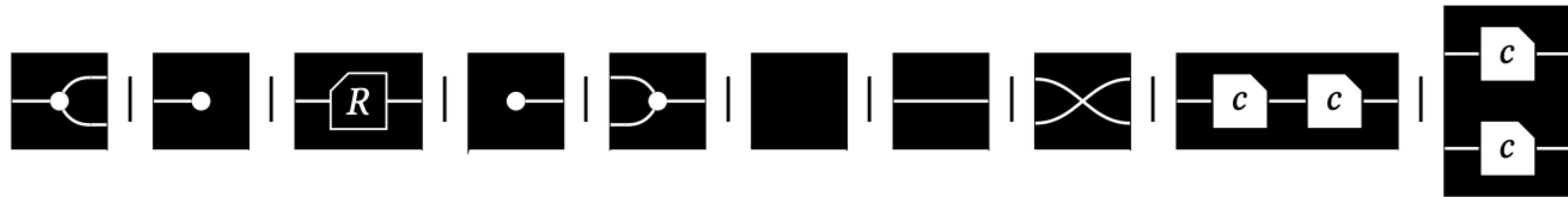
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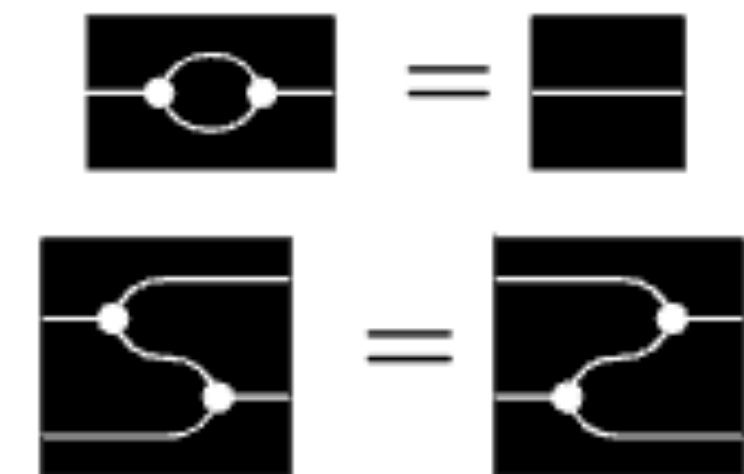
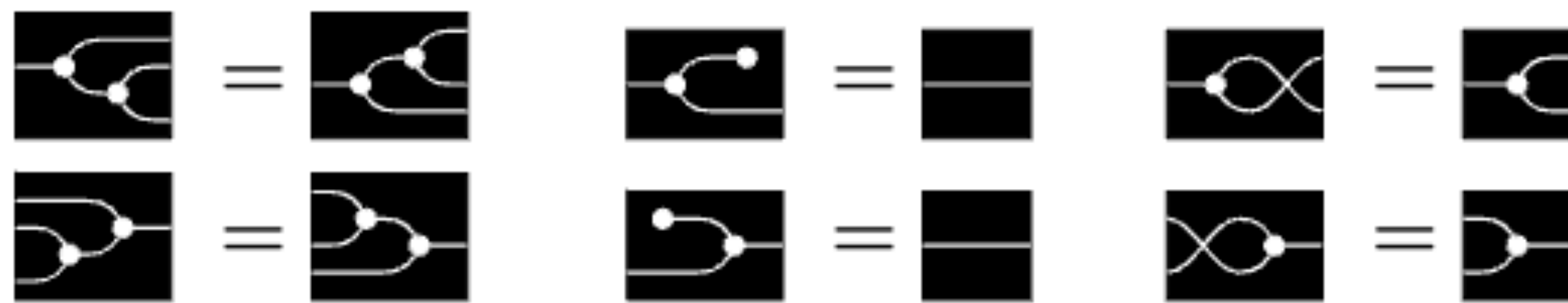
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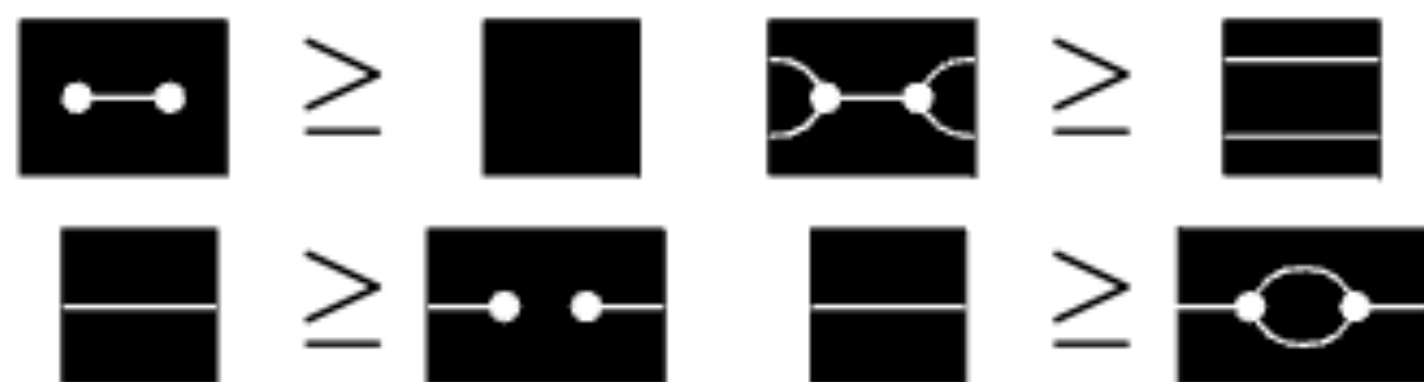
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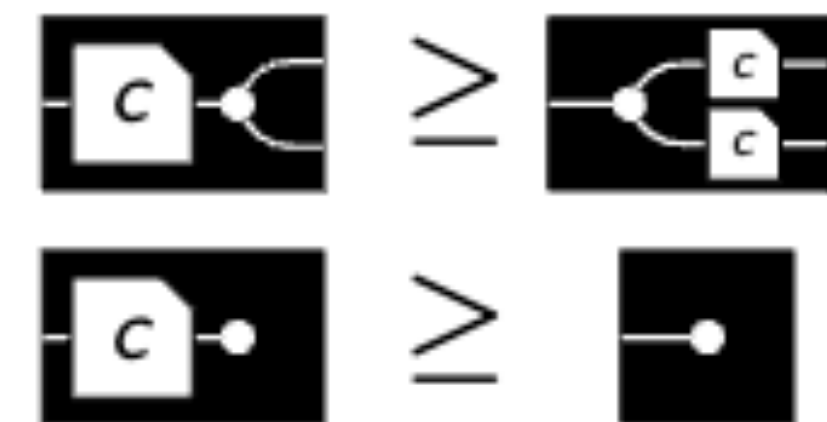
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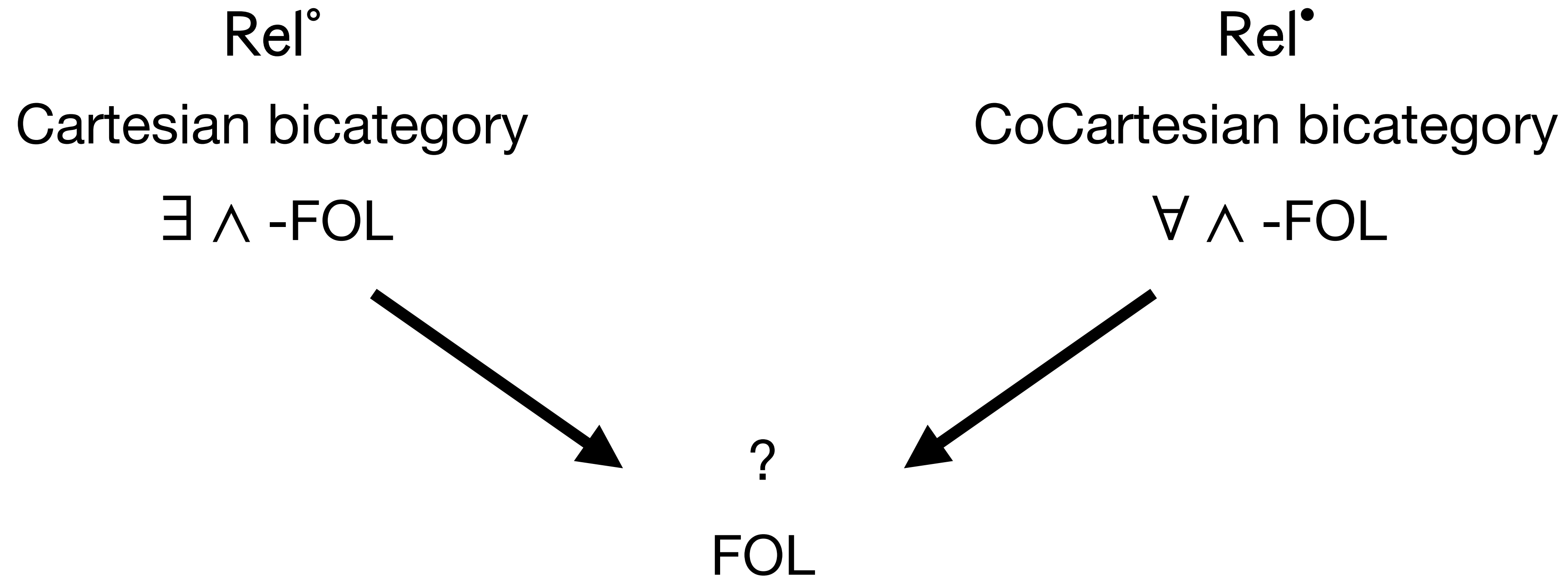
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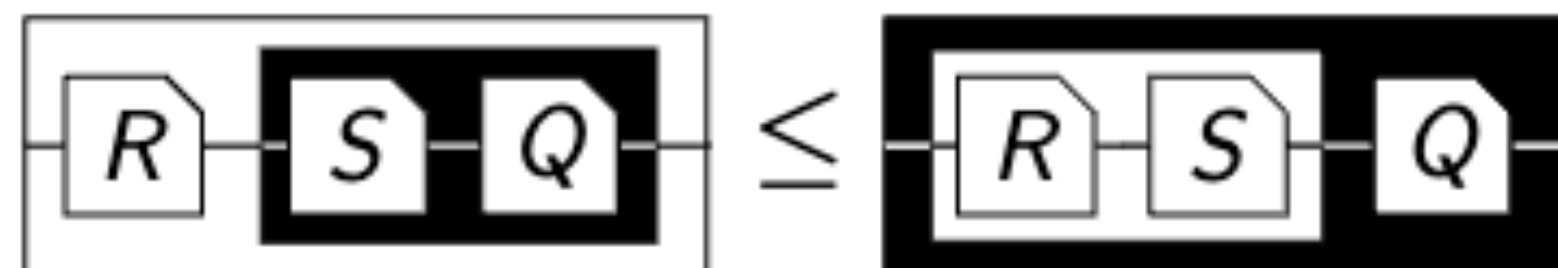
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Cockett et al. categorified it 100 years later

Cockett, Koslowski, Seely, 2000

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- such that one linearly distributes over the other



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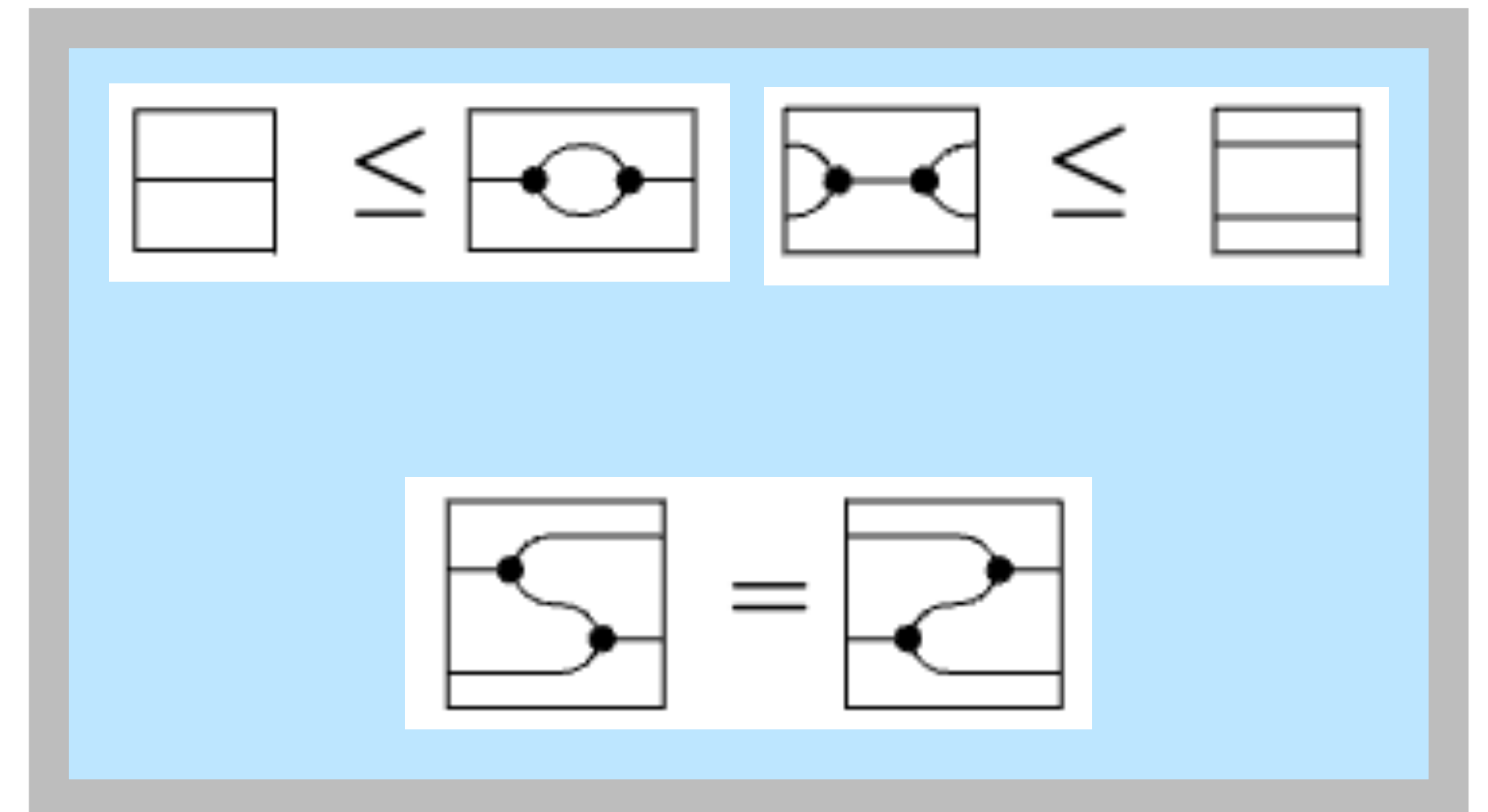
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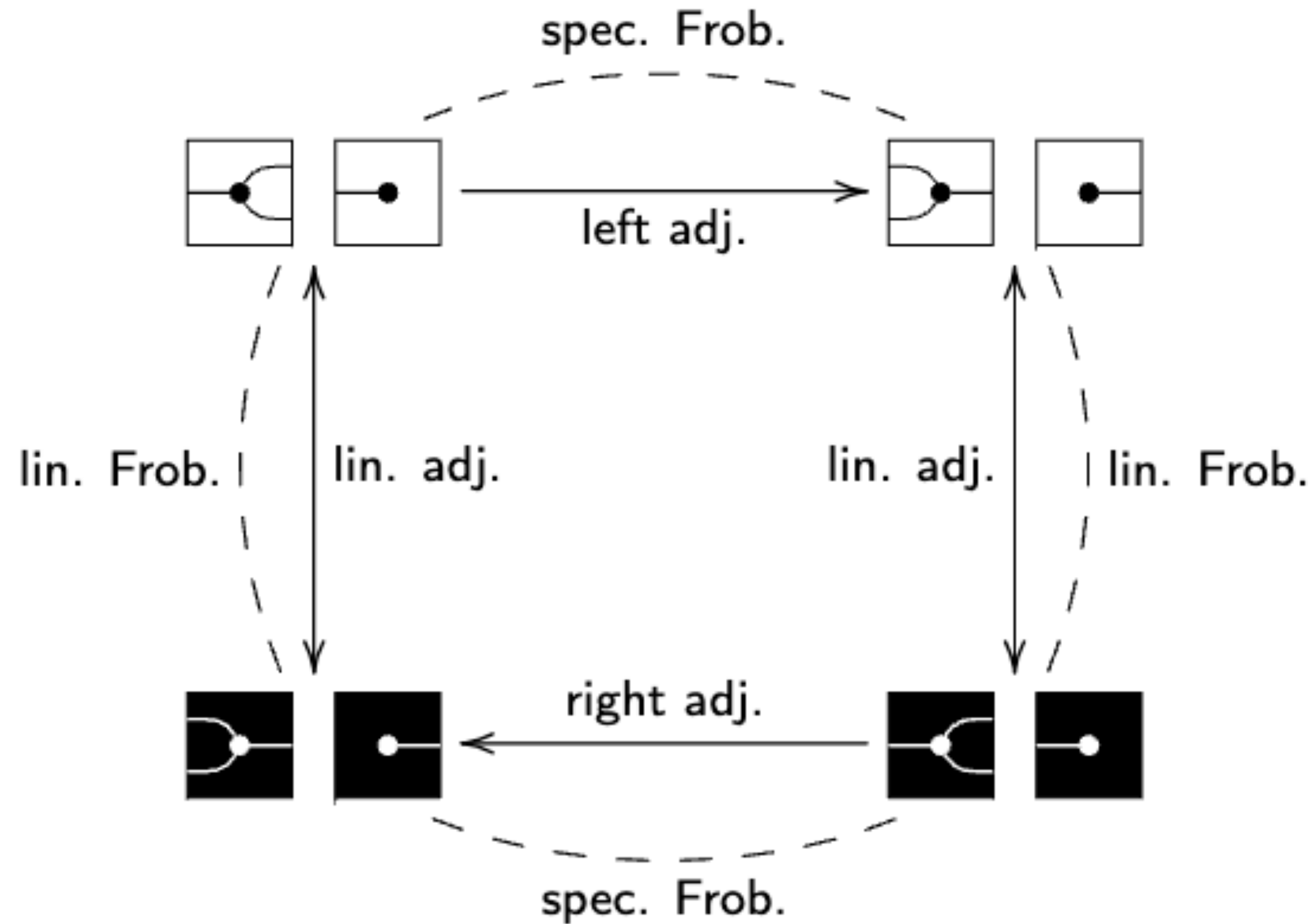


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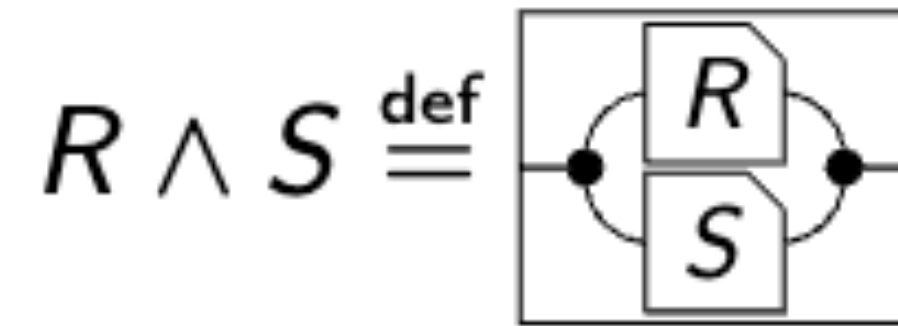
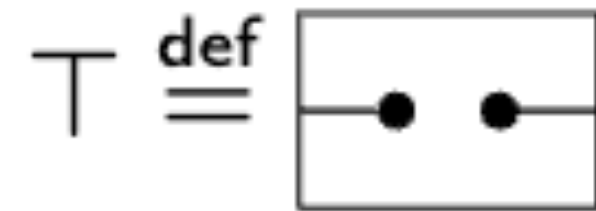


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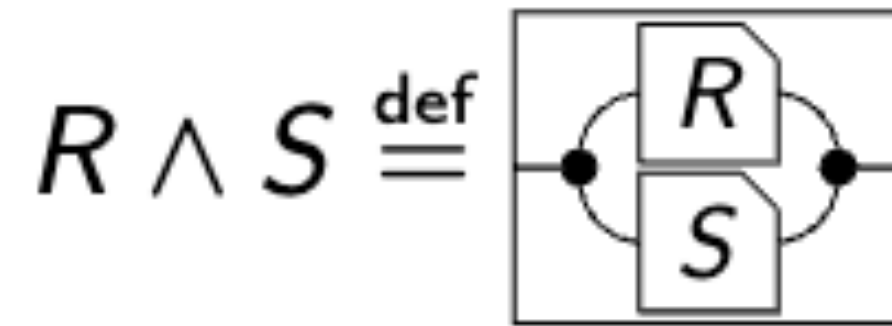
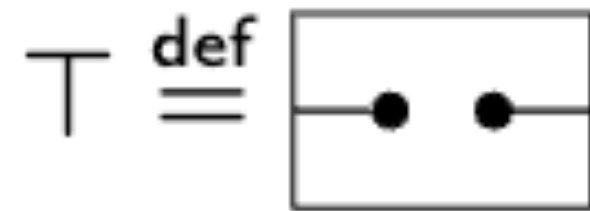
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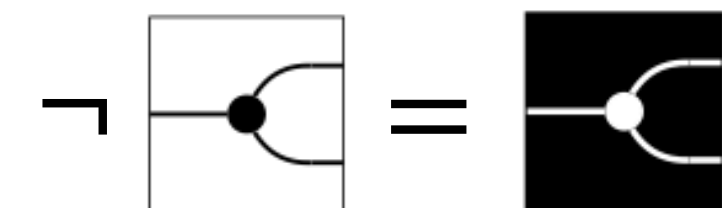


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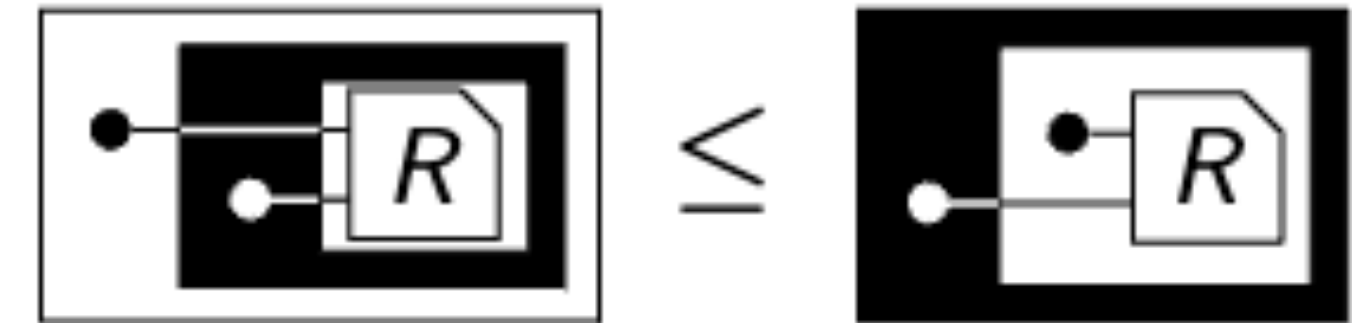


$\neg: C \rightarrow C^{\text{co}}$  is an isomorphism that swaps colors, e.g.



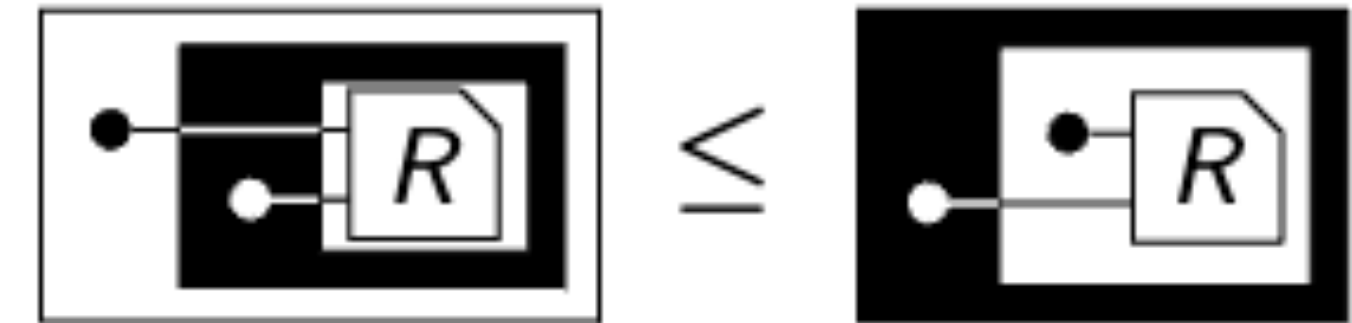
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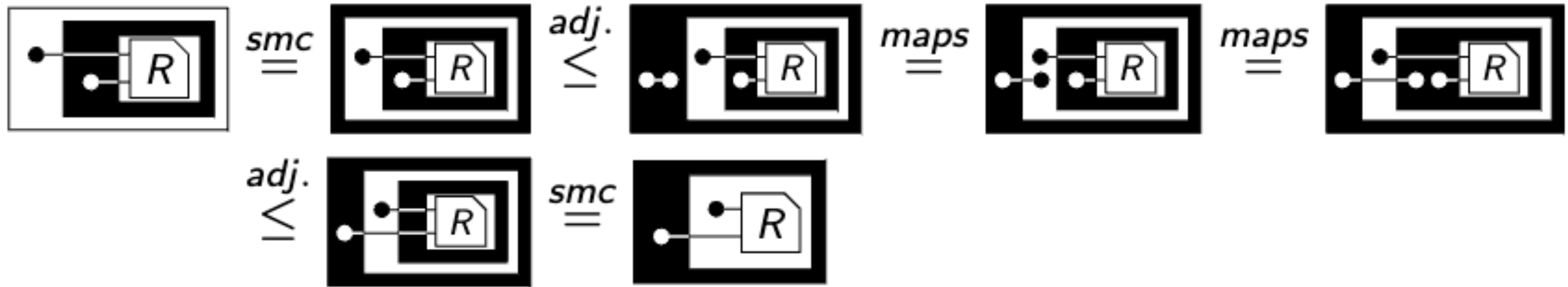


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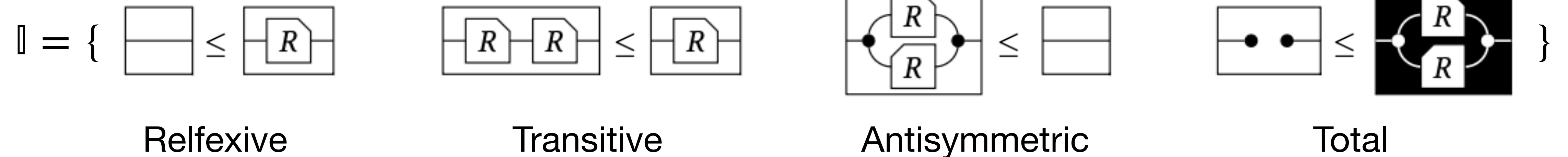
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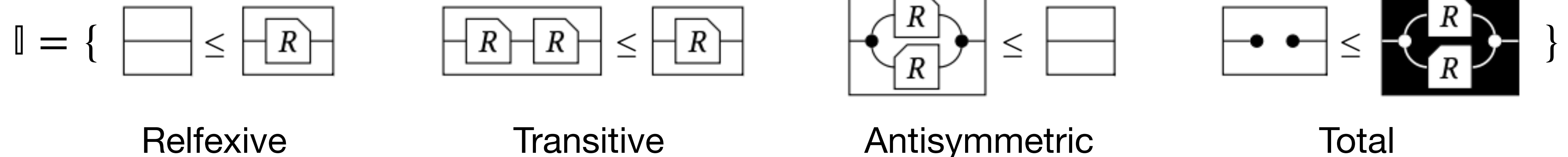


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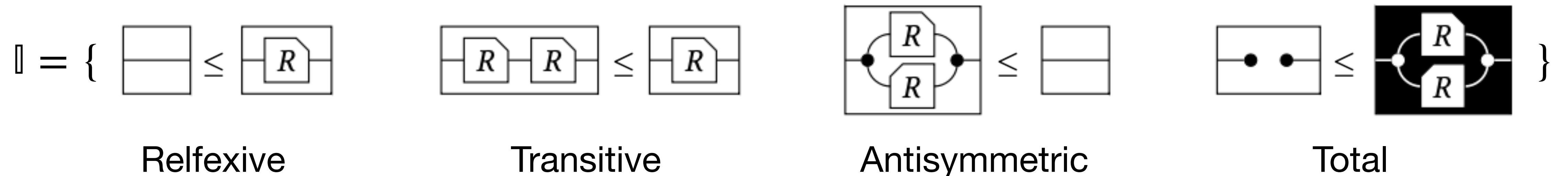


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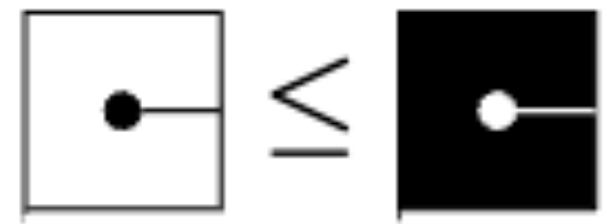


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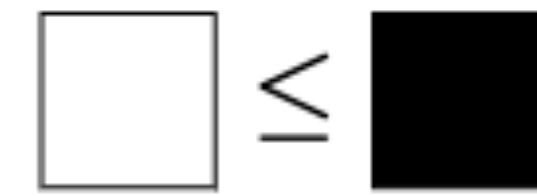
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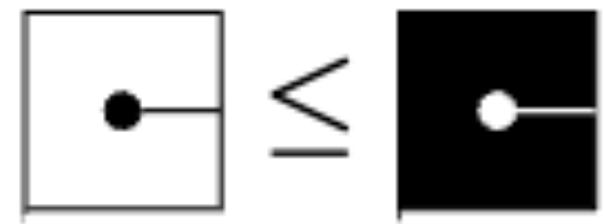
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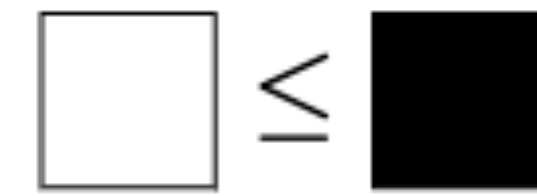
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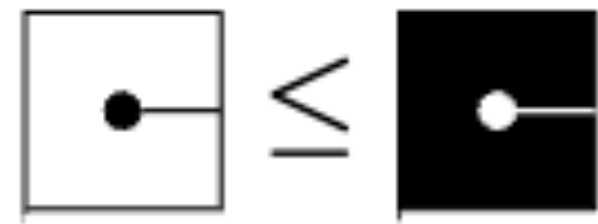
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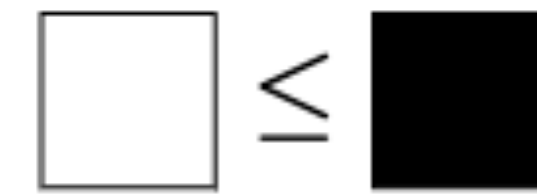
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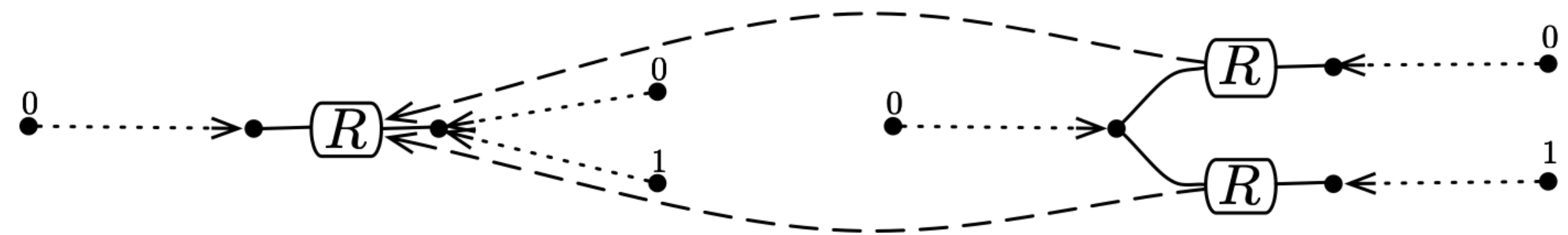
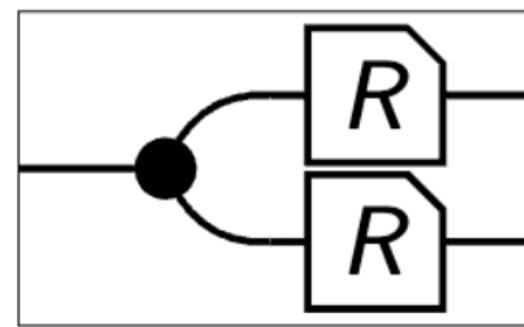
- Categorical Algebra of Relations as expressive as FOL
- Complete equational axiomatization
- Axioms arise from the interaction of algebraic structures
- No variables, No quantifiers
- It encodes other variable free approaches (see the paper)
- We recently showed\*  $\text{FOB} \overset{\perp}{\rightleftarrows} \text{BHD}$

\*joint work with Davide Trotta

# Future work

- Beyond classical FOL: Intuitionistic? Higher-order?

- Combinatorial characterization by means of hypergraphs?



- Diagrammatic interactive proof assistant?

- Investigate the connection with deep inference