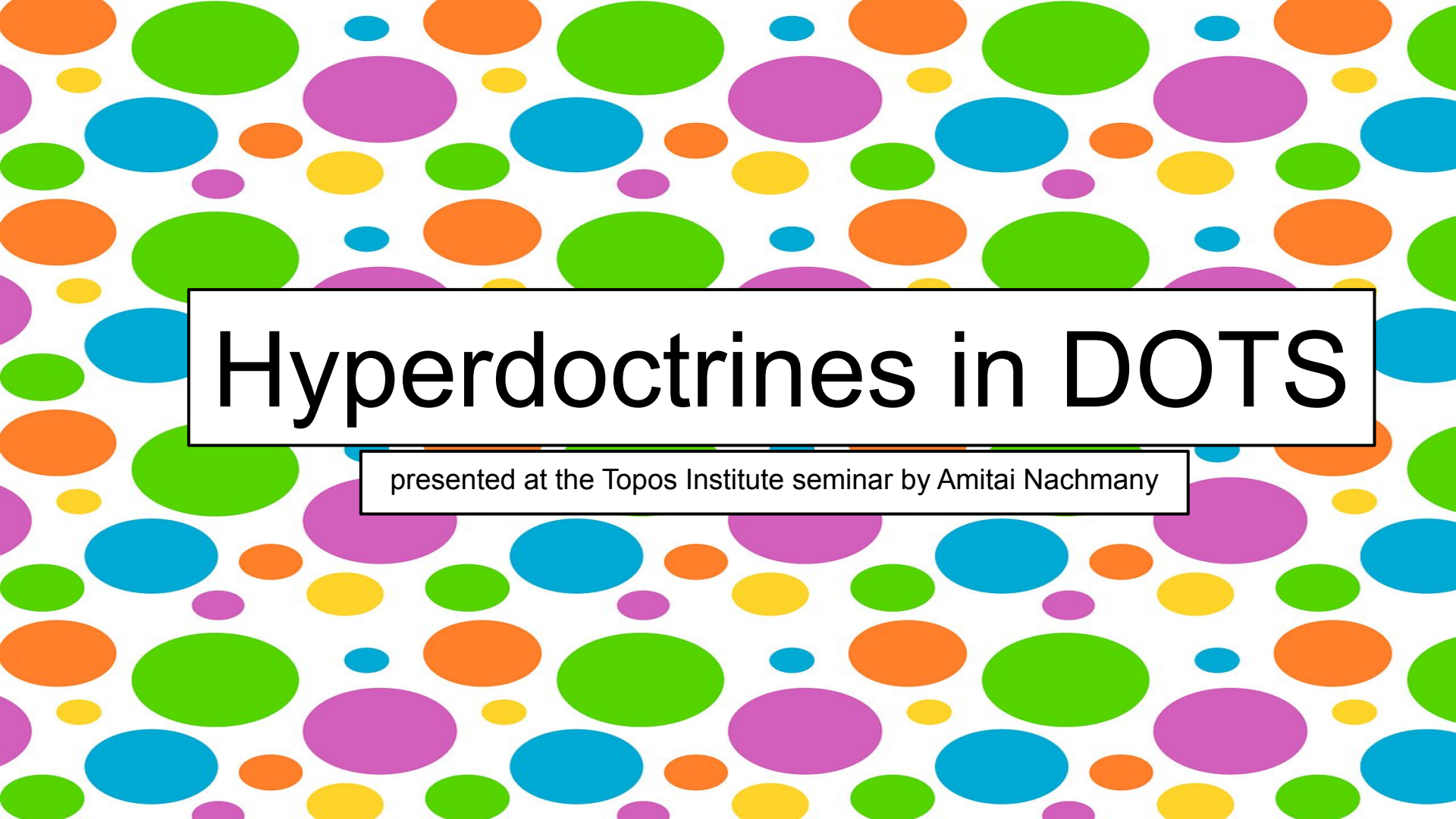


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Hyperdoctrines in DOTS

presented at the Topos Institute seminar by Amitai Nachmany

First of all RIP Yayoi Kusama queen of dots whose passing was announced this morning (even though she died two weeks ago). She would have loved *Towards a double operadic theory of systems* (Myers and Libkind, 2025).



Yayoi Kusama

草間 彌生



Kusama in 2013

Born

Yayoi Kusama (草間 彌生)

22 March 1929

Matsumoto, Nagano, Japan

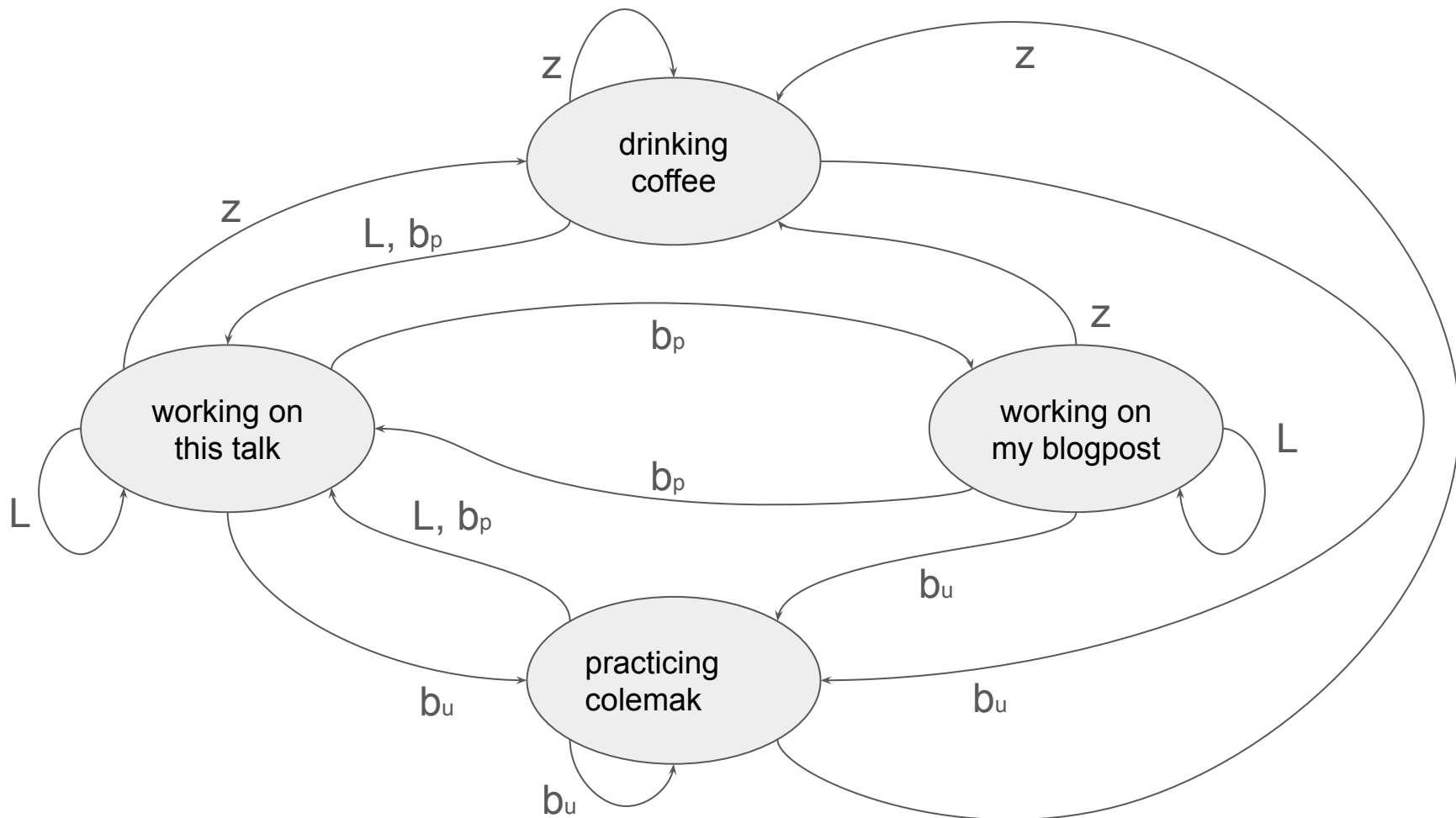
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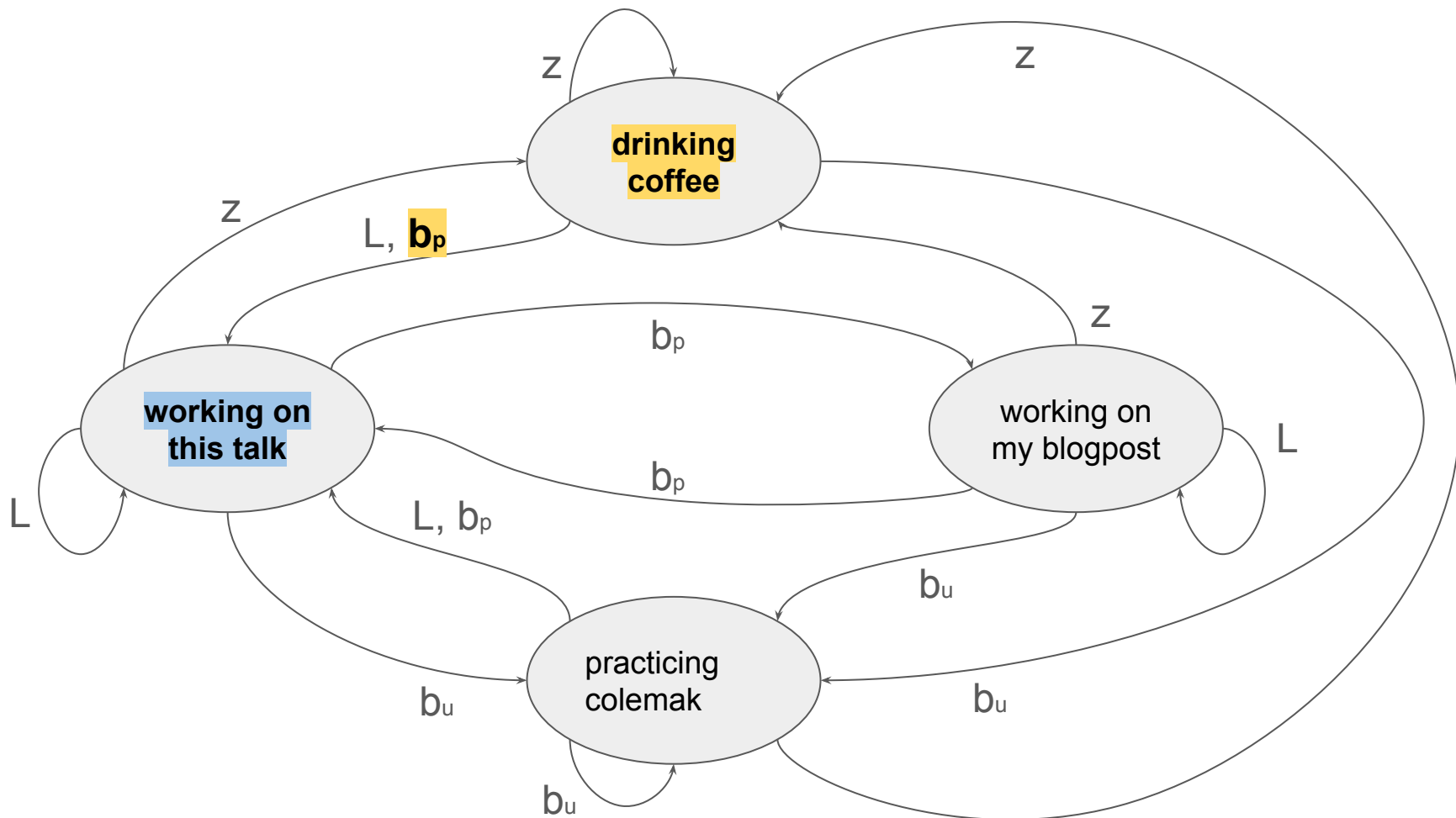
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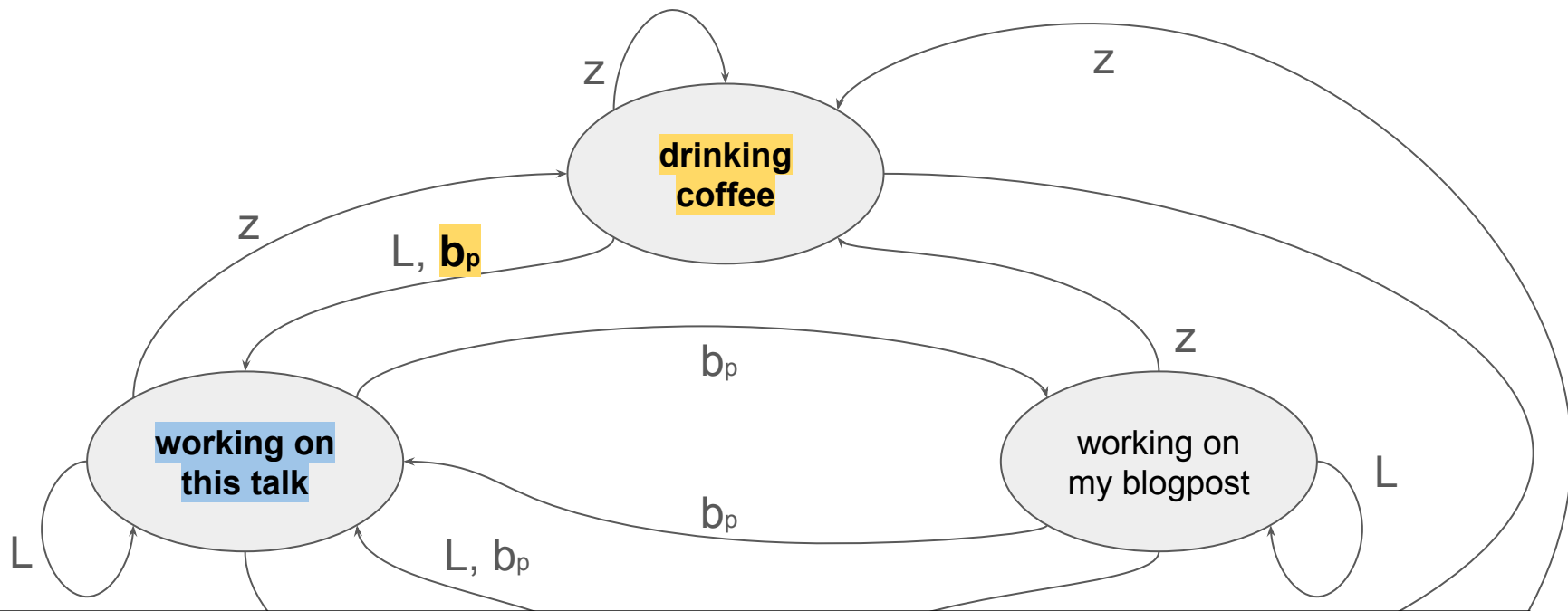
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Prerequisites

- This talk is meant to be at 40% technical-level. I will explain the category theory behind what is happening but I hope that it's not just buzzwords.
- You should probably know what a double category is. And a monoidal category. And some properties of functors (lax monoidal, pseudo double, etc.)
- Don't worry the polka dot pattern is not going to be there for the whole talk



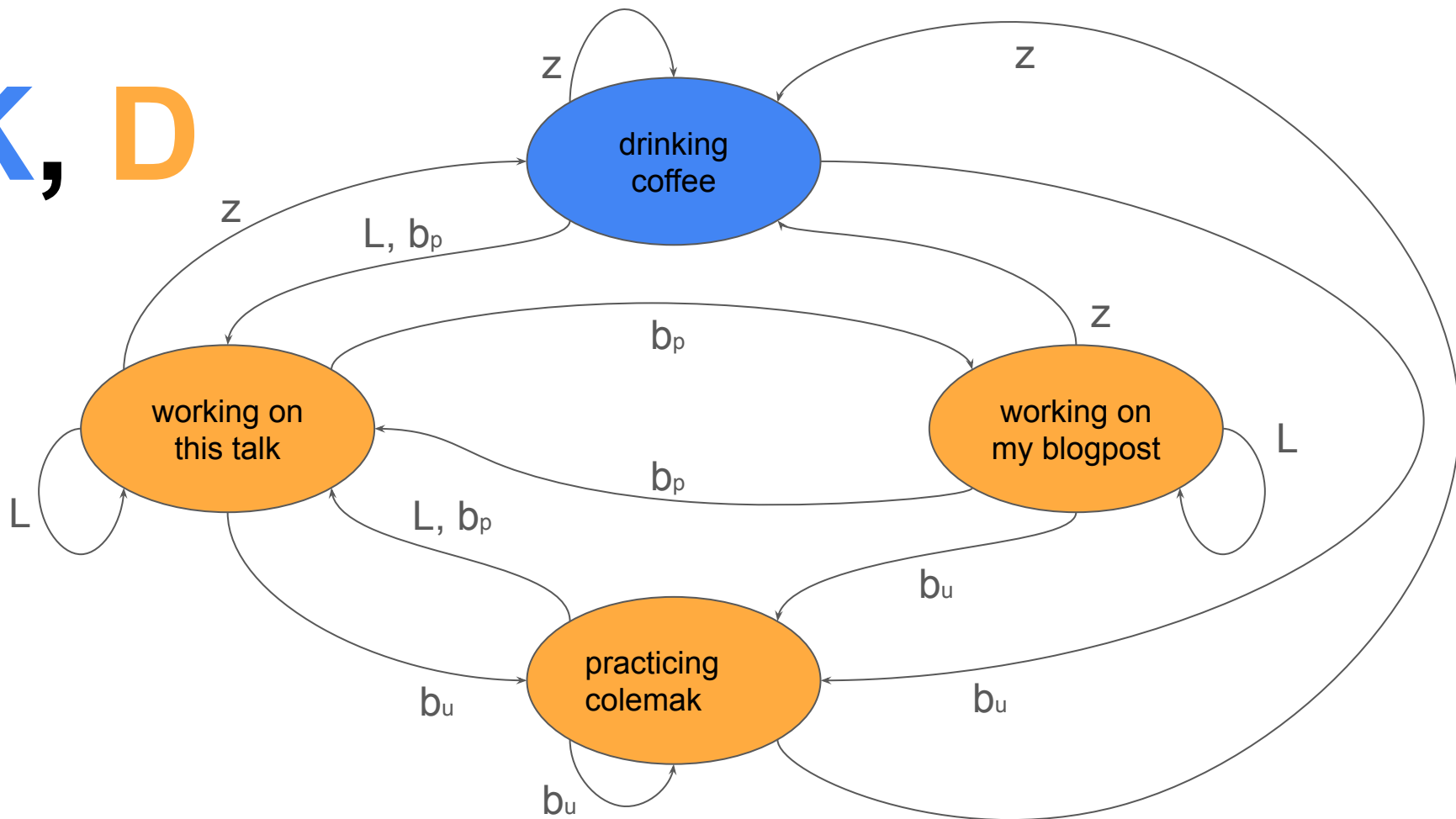




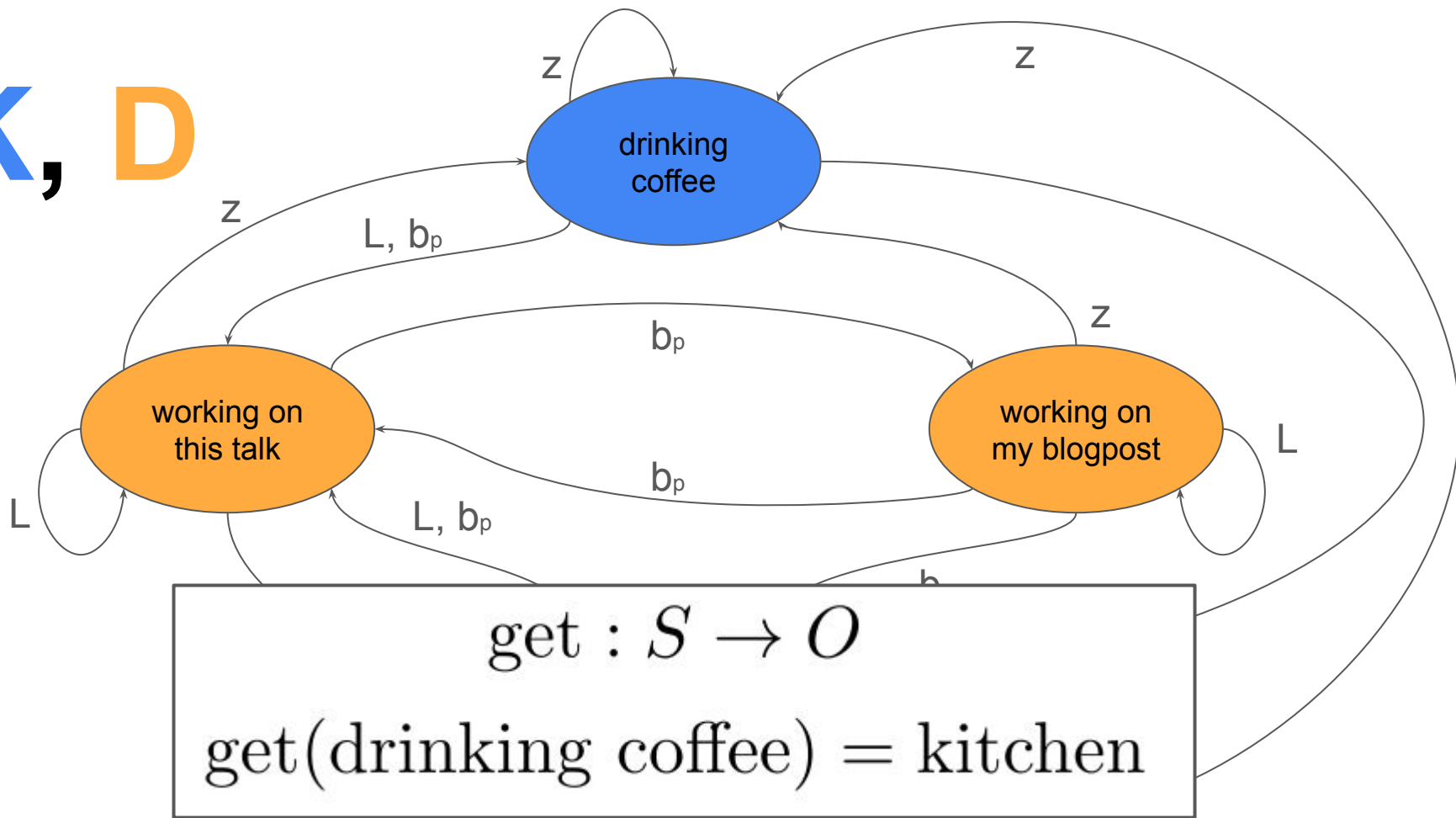
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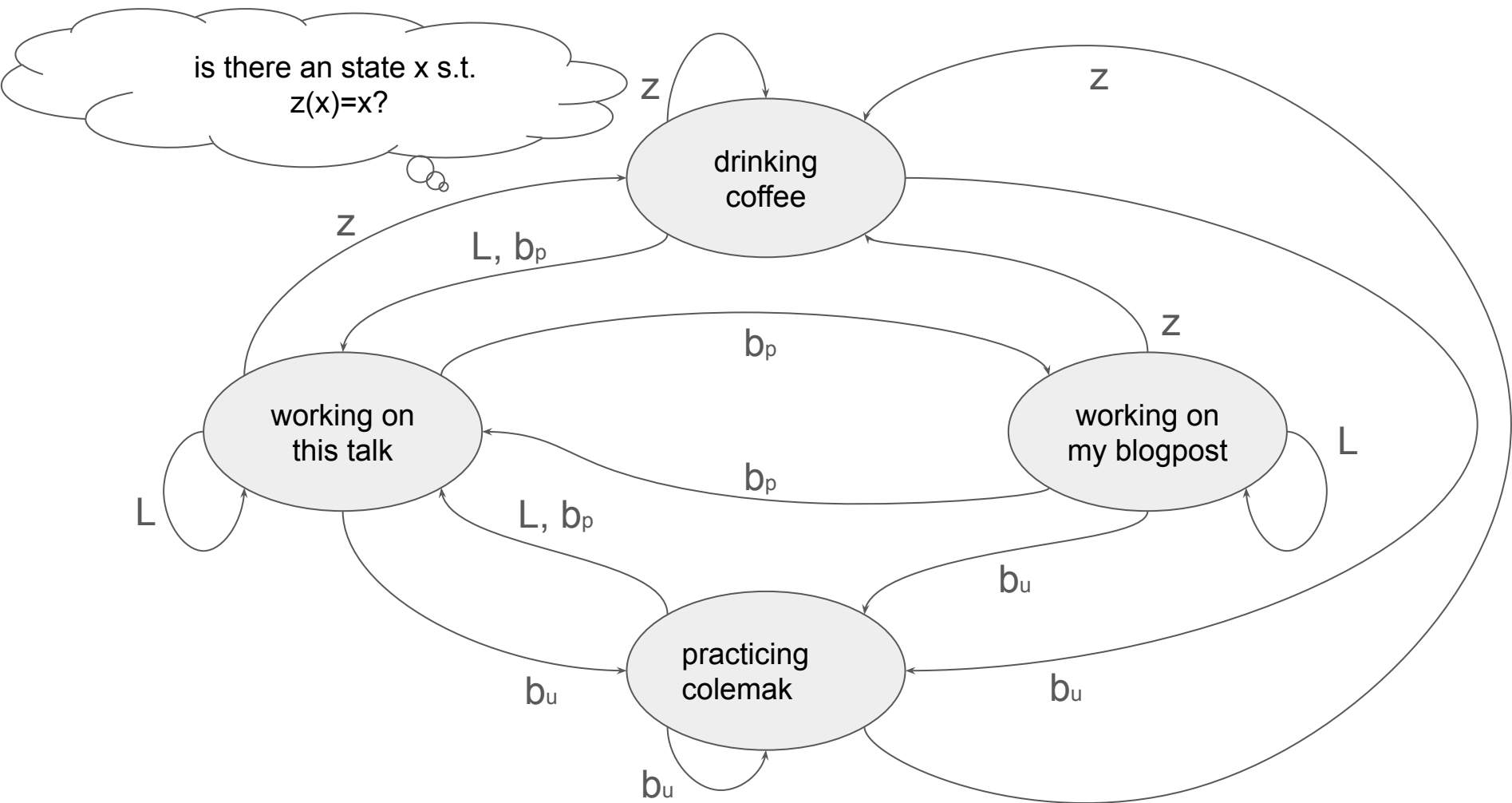
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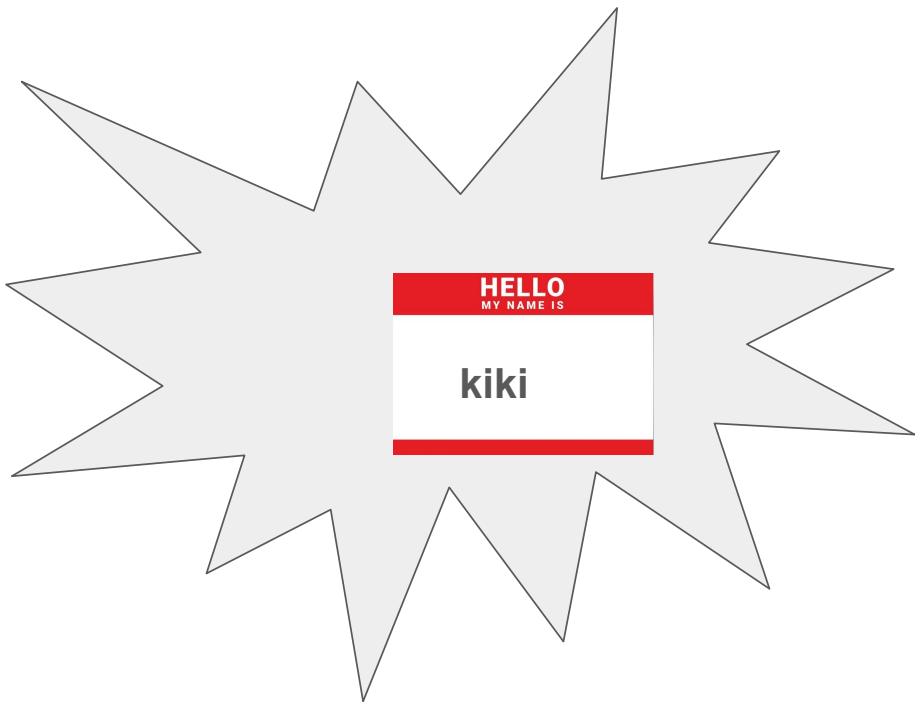
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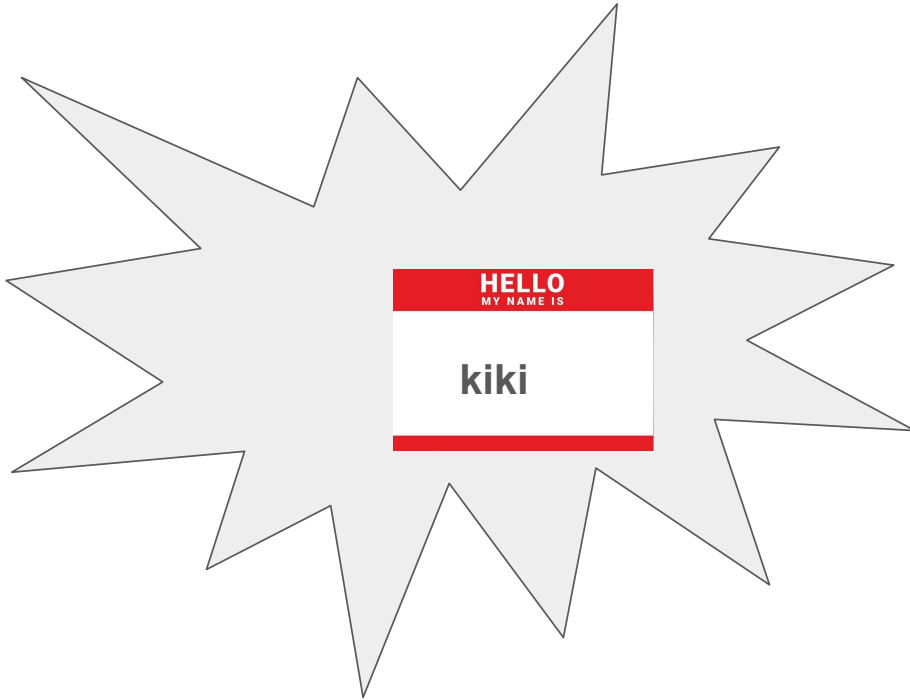
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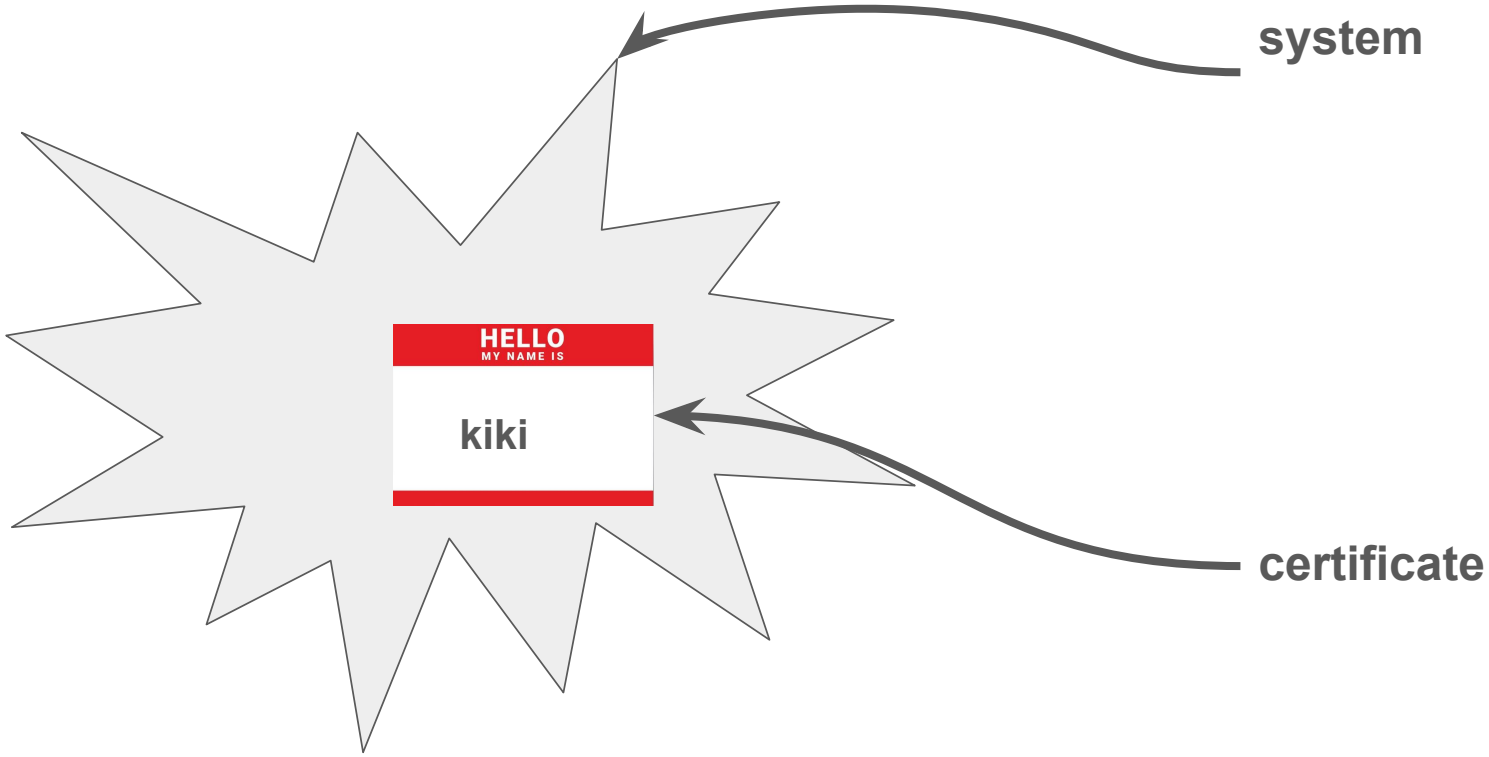


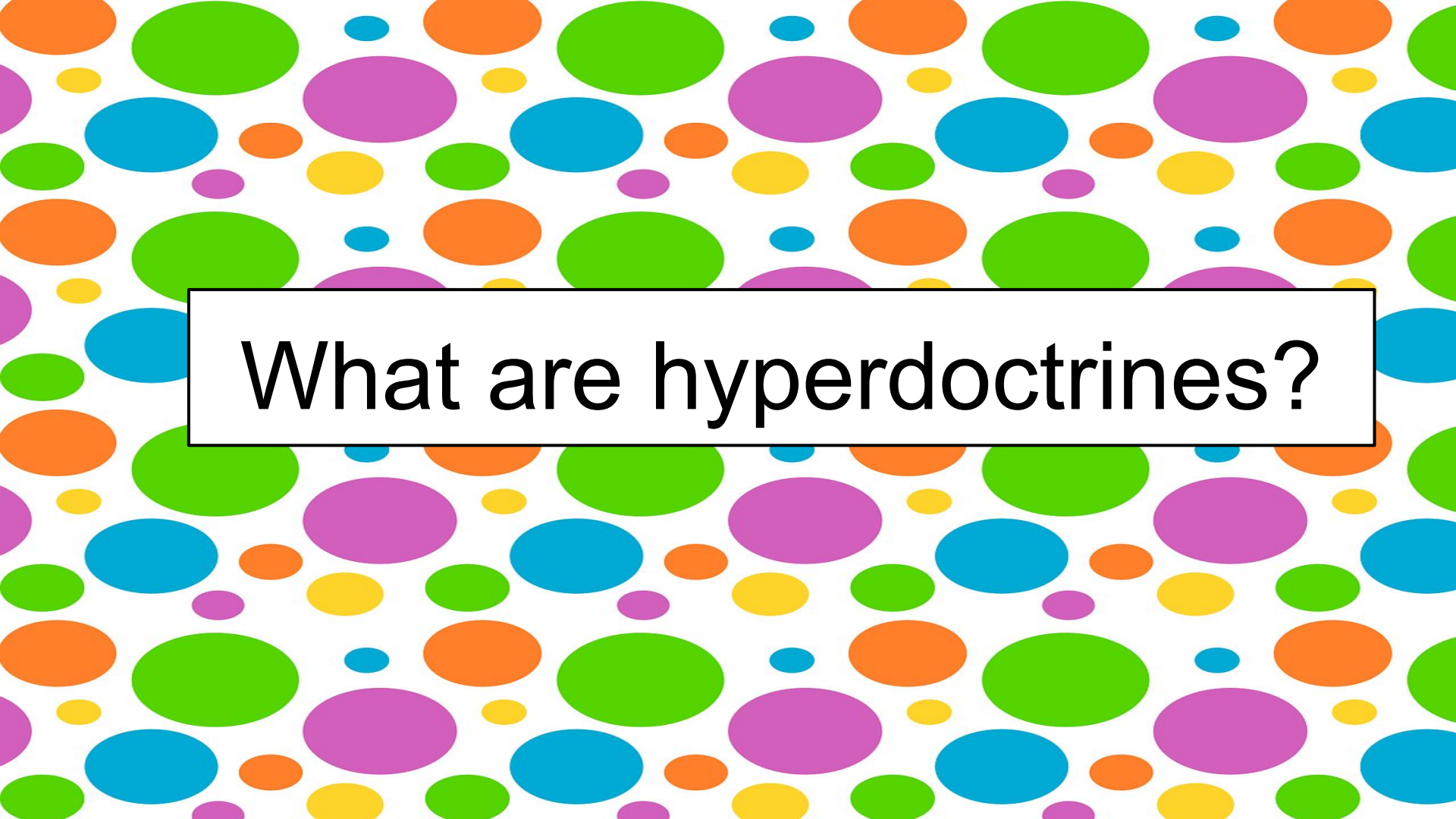


awesome, “formal”, internal, hard



sloppy, extralogical, informal, easy



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What are hyperdoctrines?

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \top \text{ prop}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A \text{ prop} \quad \Gamma \vdash B \text{ prop}}{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B \text{ prop}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, a : A \vdash \phi \text{ prop}}{\Gamma \vdash \exists_{a:A} \phi \text{ prop}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash a : A \quad \Gamma \vdash b : A}{\Gamma \vdash a = b \text{ prop}}$$

i'm not going to
tell you how the
semantics work
but you can
probably guess 🤪

T

s involves me working $\longrightarrow$ s involves me in the office

$$S \xrightarrow{z \cdot -} S$$

$$PS \xleftarrow{P(z \cdot -)} PS$$

$\top$

$z \cdot s$ involves me working $\longrightarrow$ $z \cdot s$ involves me in the office

$$S \xrightarrow{\text{get}} O$$

drinking coffee

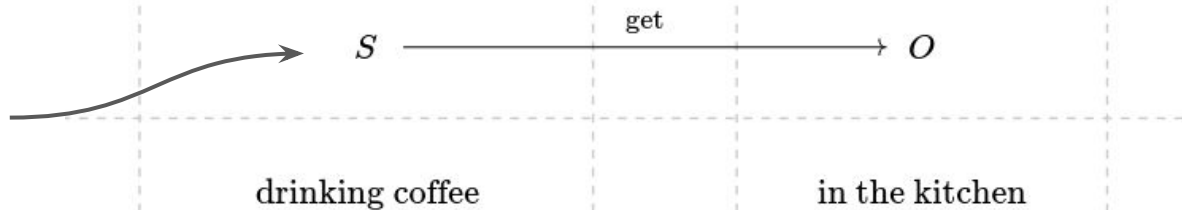
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$$P(S) \xleftarrow{P(\text{get})} P(O)$$

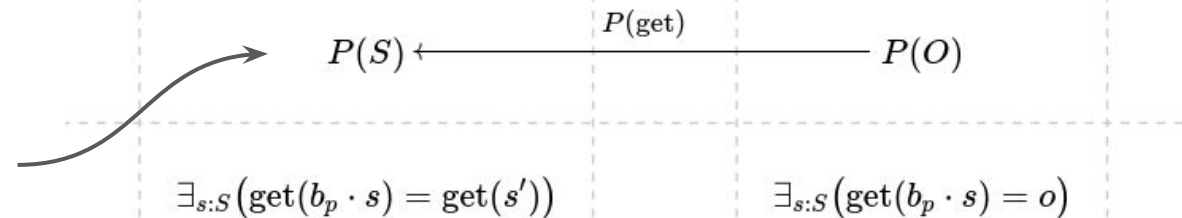
$$\exists_{s:S} (\text{get}(b_p \cdot s) = \text{get}(s'))$$

$$\exists_{s:S} (\text{get}(b_p \cdot s) = o)$$

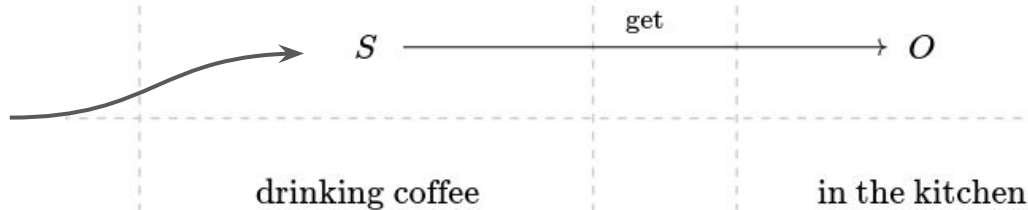
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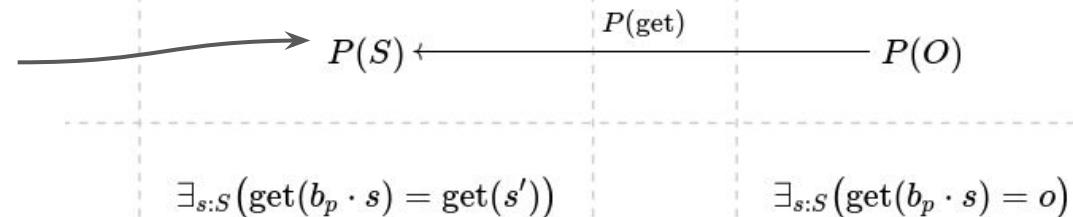
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$$S \xrightarrow{\text{get}} O$$

drinking coffee

in the kitchen

$$P(S) \xrightarrow{\exists_{\text{get}}} P(O)$$

$s = \text{drinking coffee}$

$\exists_{s:S}(\text{get}(s) = o \wedge s = \text{drinking coffee})$

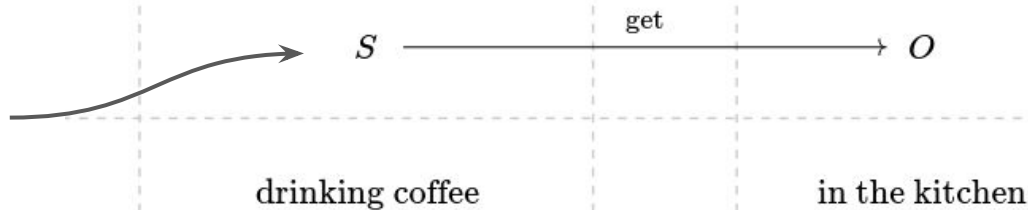
$$\exists_{s:S}(\text{get}(s) = o \wedge \phi(s)) \longrightarrow \psi(o)$$

$$\phi(s) \longrightarrow \psi(\text{get}(s))$$

$$\boxed{\exists_f \dashv P(f)}$$

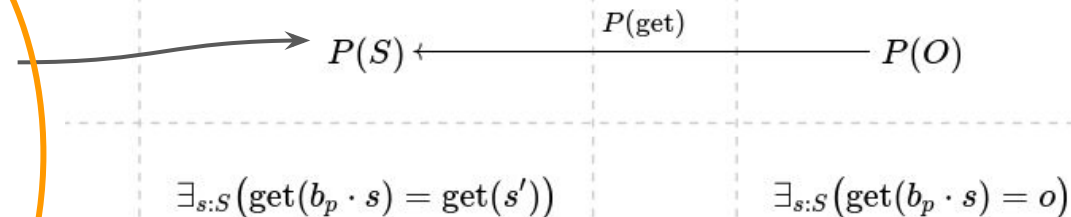


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This is good
because we can
do adjunctions :)

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category of contexts; in our special case, this was generated by S, I and O


$$\mathcal{C}^{op} \rightarrow SM(\mathbf{Cat})$$

we also need $\wedge, \exists$ to play nicely, so we add conditions to this functor P

The Beck-Chevalley condition ensures $\exists_f(\phi \wedge \psi) \models \exists_f \phi \wedge \exists_f \psi$

Frobenius reciprocity ensures $\exists_f(Pf \wedge g) \models f \wedge \exists_f g$



This is a photo I found when I searched 'hyperdoctrine'. Apparently 'hyperdoctrine' also means something to one small sect of terminally online right-wing Calvinists. The image is very gauche; I wanted to include it.

Any such functor P satisfying these properties:

- left adjoint exists for all Pf
- Beck-Chevalley condition
- Frobenius reciprocity

is thus called a

regular hyperdoctrine

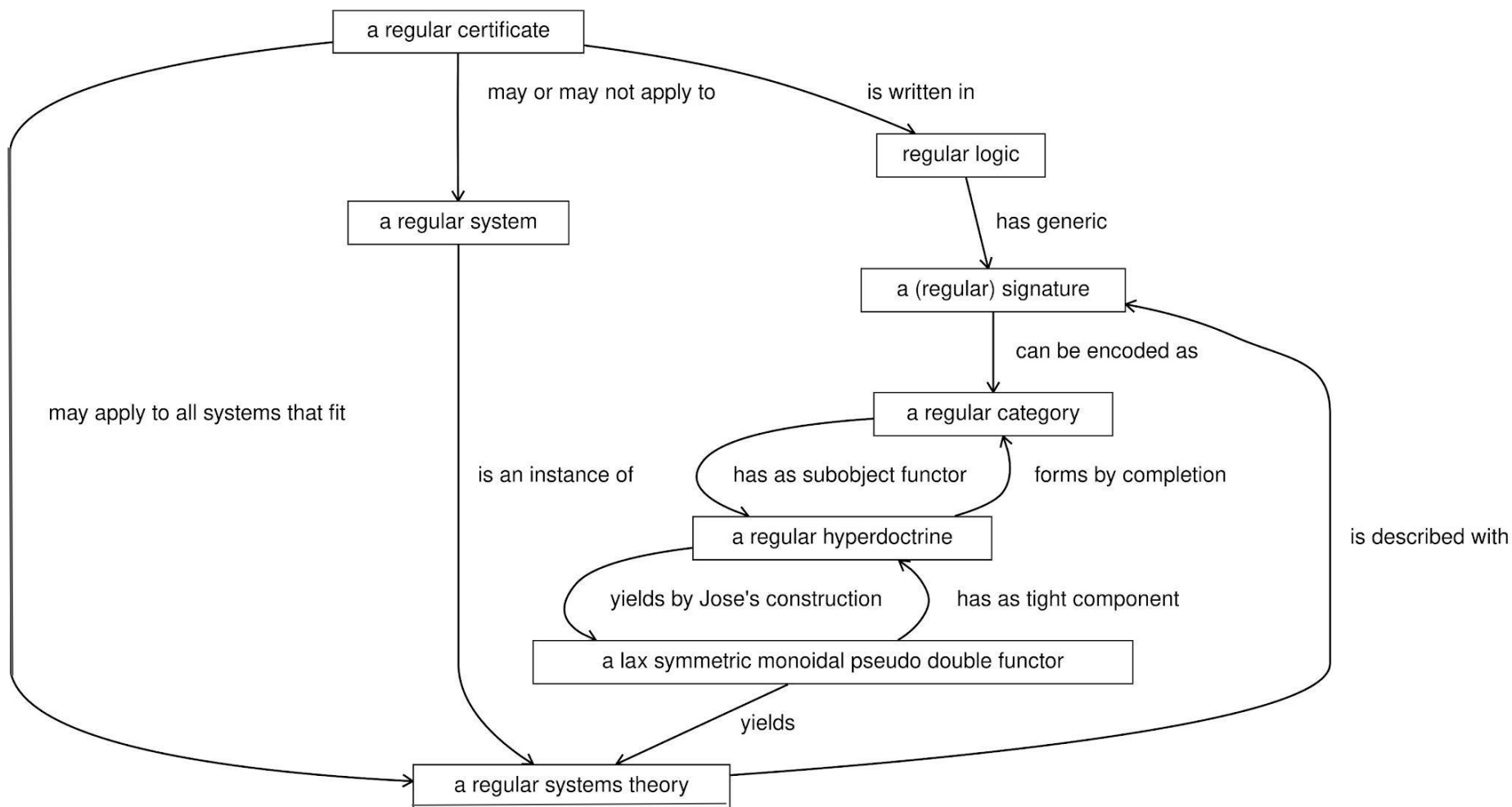
you can make stronger hyperdoctrines (coherent, first-order, Boolean) if you pay for extra bullet points

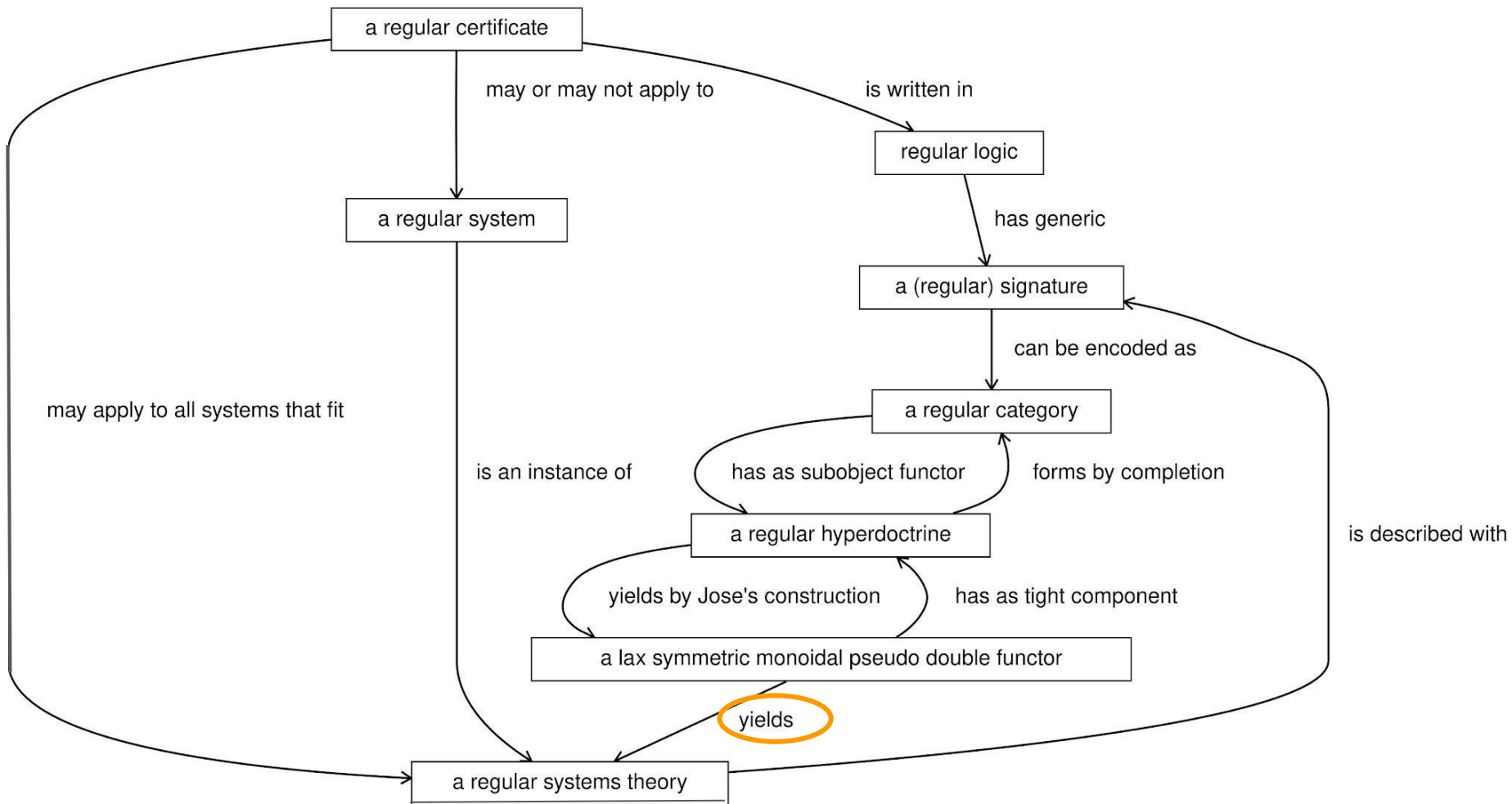


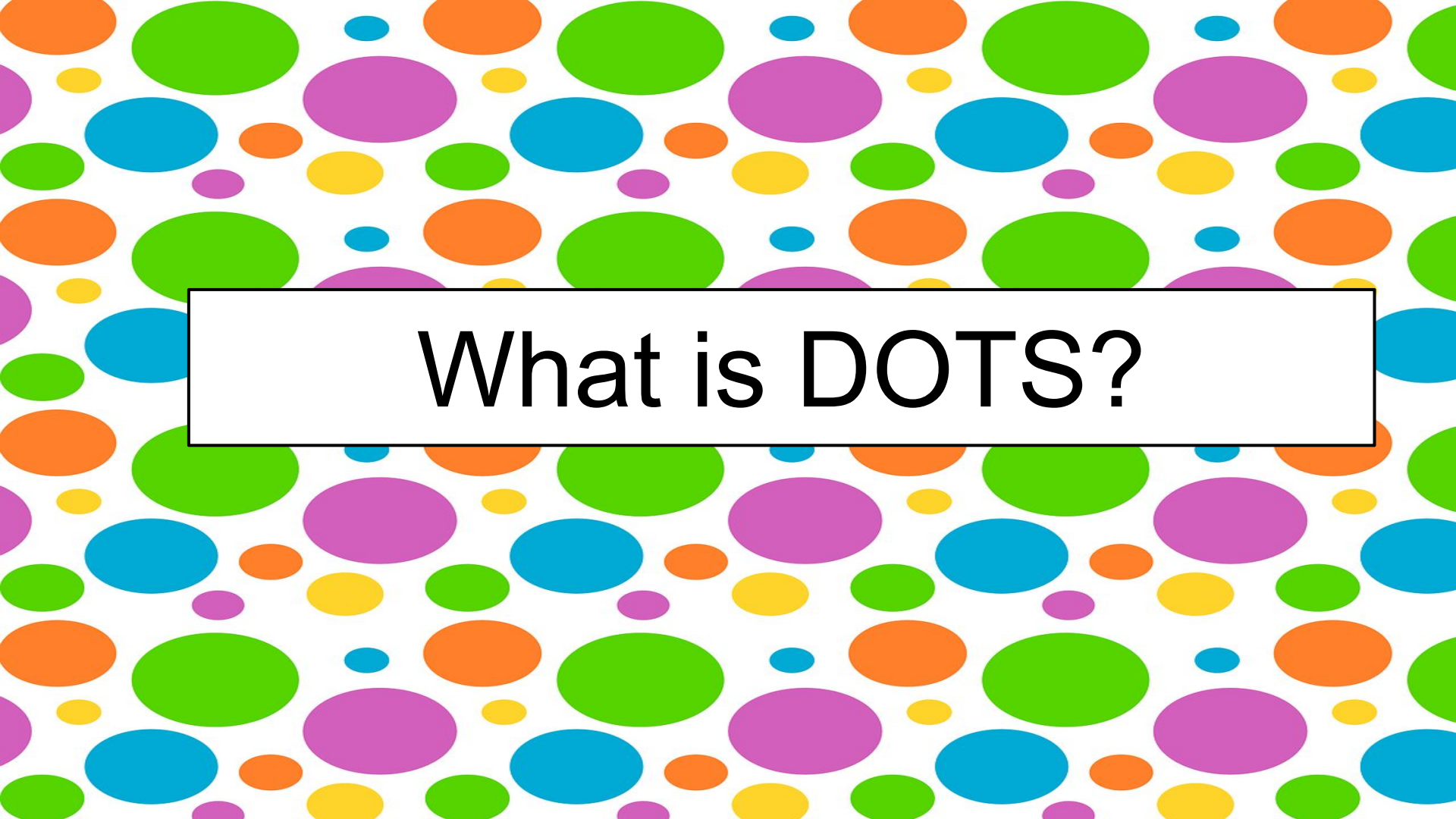
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$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{C} & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathcal{D} \\
 G \downarrow & \Downarrow \alpha & \downarrow H \\
 \mathcal{E} & \xrightarrow{I} & \mathcal{F}
 \end{array}$$

$$\hat{\alpha} : IG \Longrightarrow HF$$







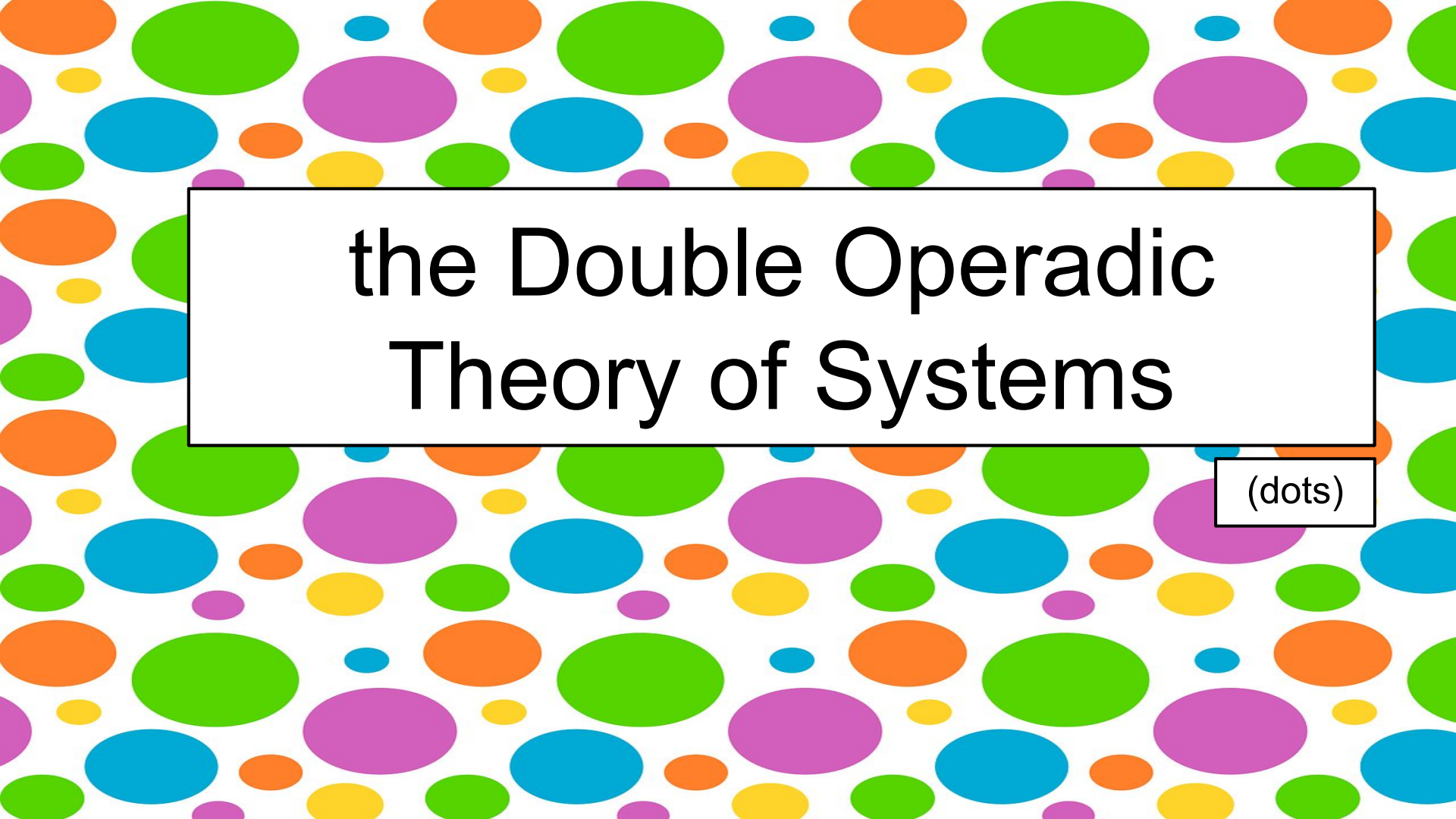
What is DOTS?

system $\longrightarrow$ interface

system $\longleftarrow$ interface interaction

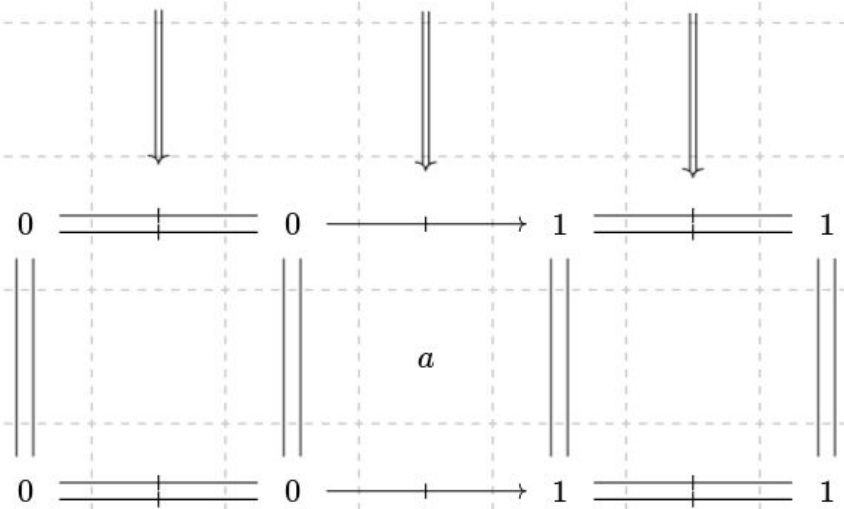
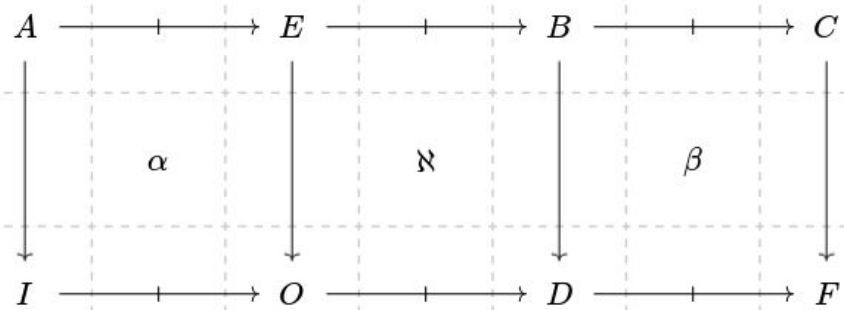
Mix in the other desirable properties of systems (e.g. systems can be compared, so should form a category; systems can be put in parallel, so this category should be monoidal) and you get...

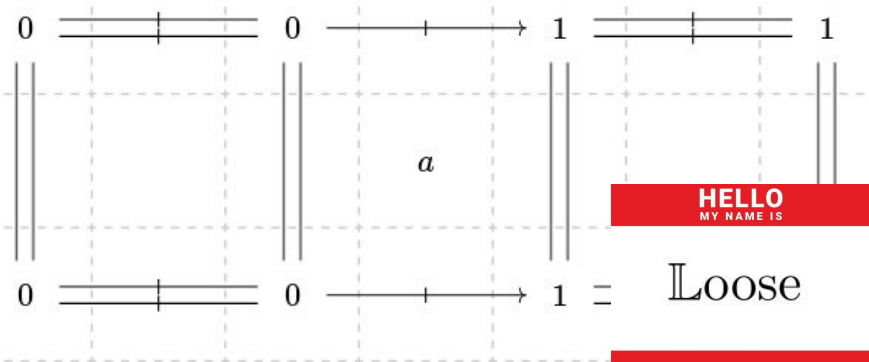
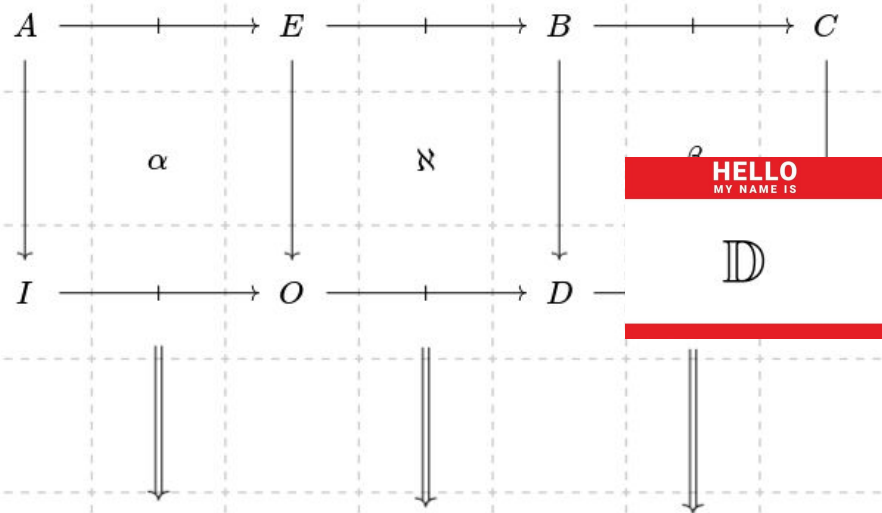


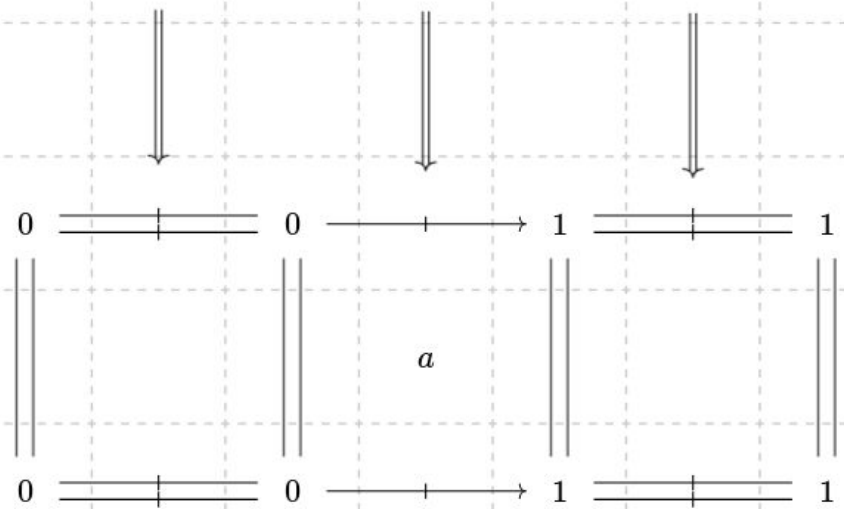
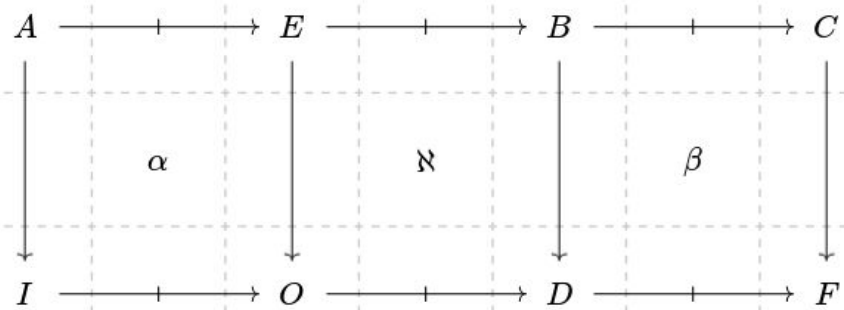
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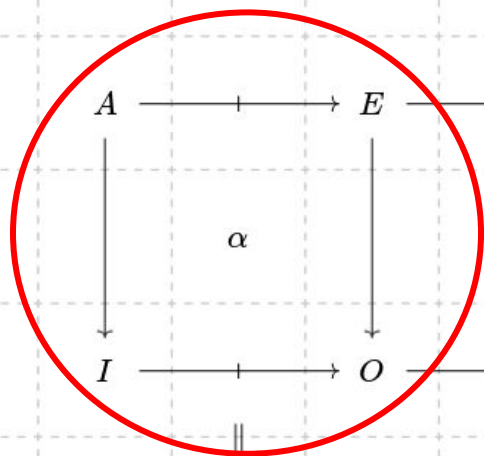
the Double Operadic Theory of Systems

(dots)



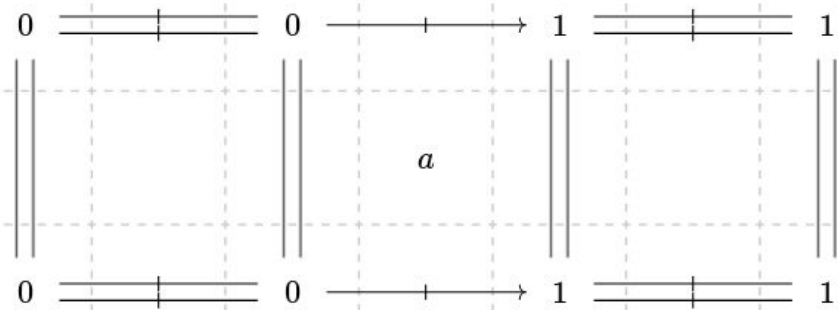


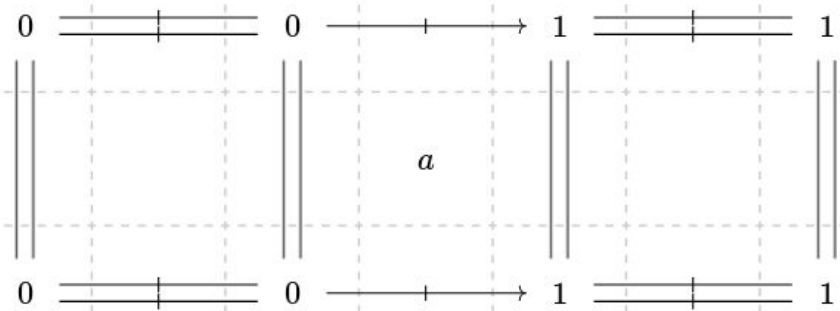
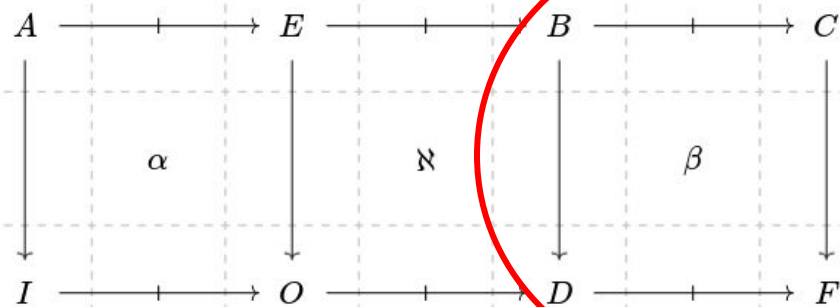


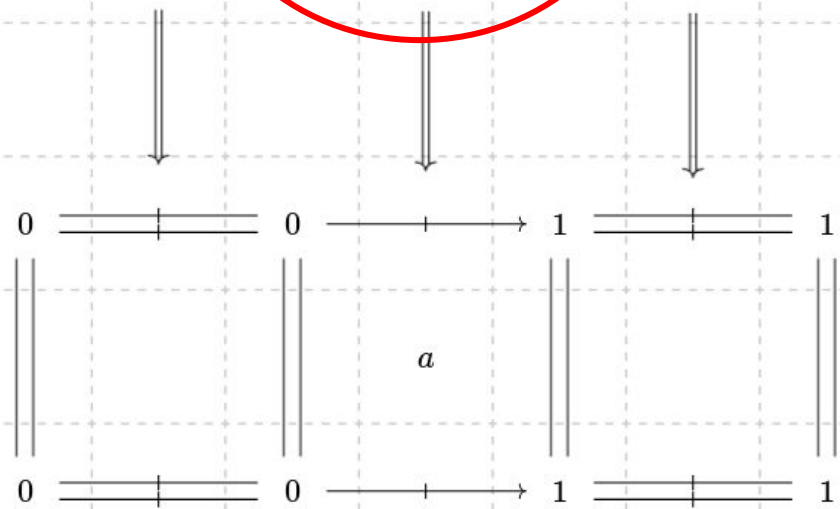
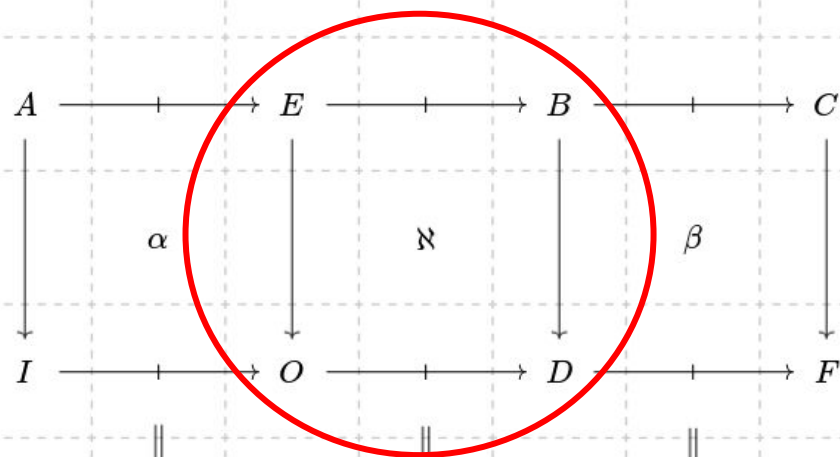


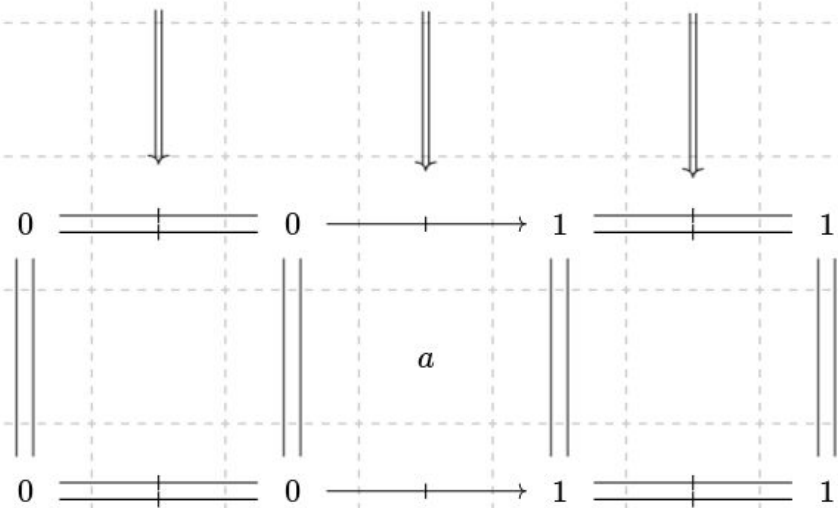
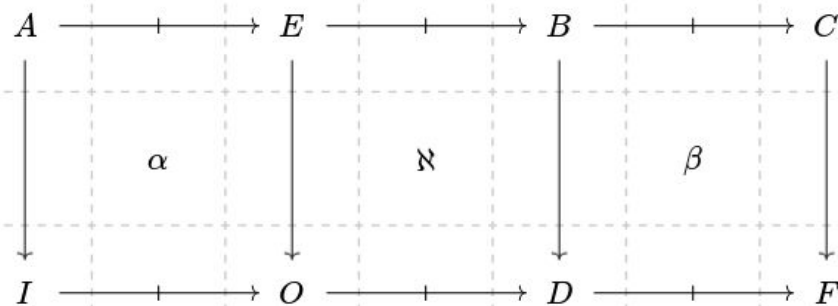
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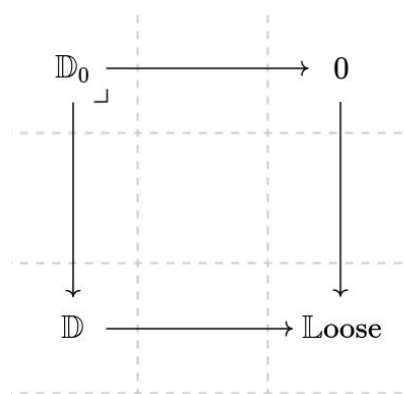


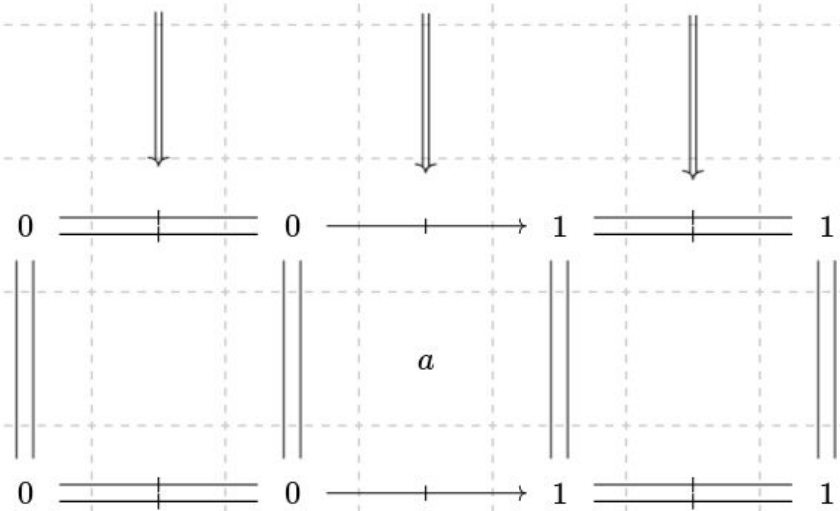
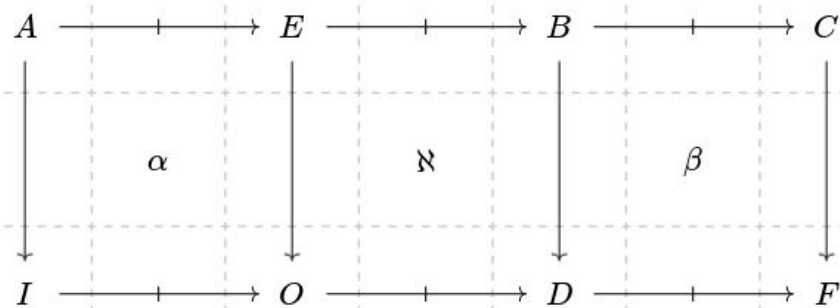






← We can formalise this notion of 'pre-image of the identity square' using the pullback (which exists in $\mathbf{DbI}$) as

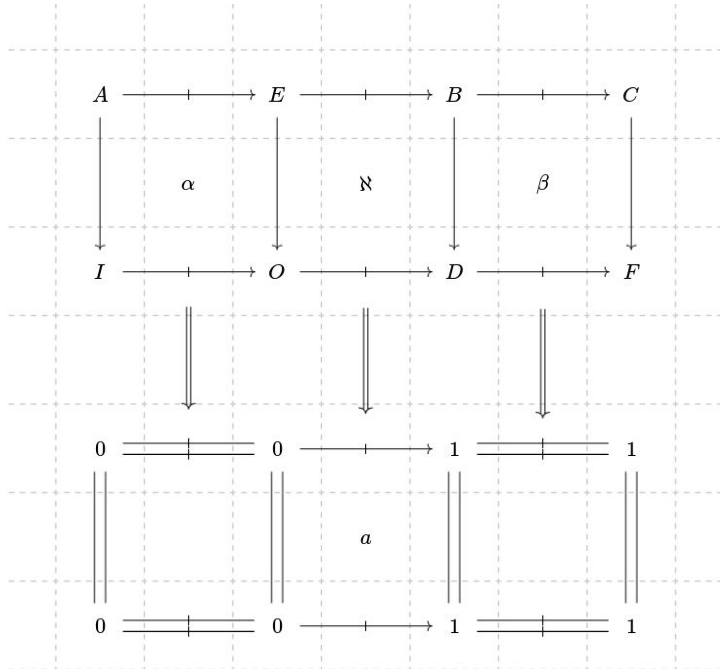




$$\mathbb{D}_0 \overset{\mathbb{M}}{\rightarrow} \mathbb{D}_1$$

Definition 3.13 (Carrier of a loose bimodule). Let $\ell : \mathbb{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{L}\text{oose}$ be a loose bimodule. Its carrier $\text{Car}(\mathbb{M})$ is the category whose:

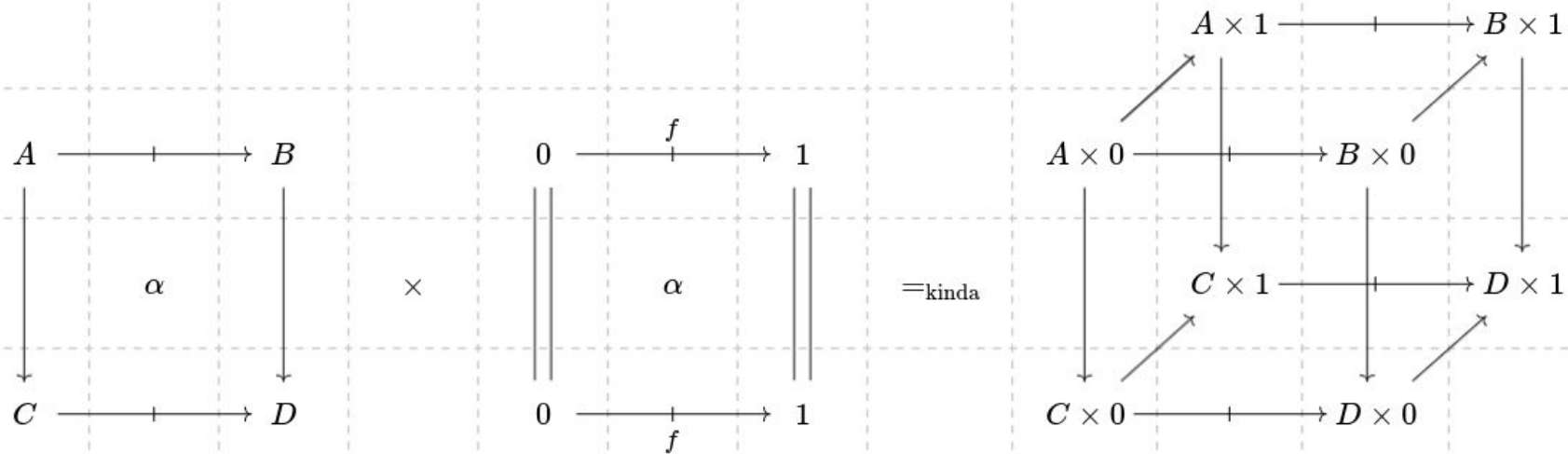
- Objects are loose morphisms of $\mathbb{M}$ living over the walking loose arrow. We refer to such loose morphisms as **heteromorphisms**.
- Morphisms are squares of $\mathbb{M}$ living over the identity square of the walking loose arrow.



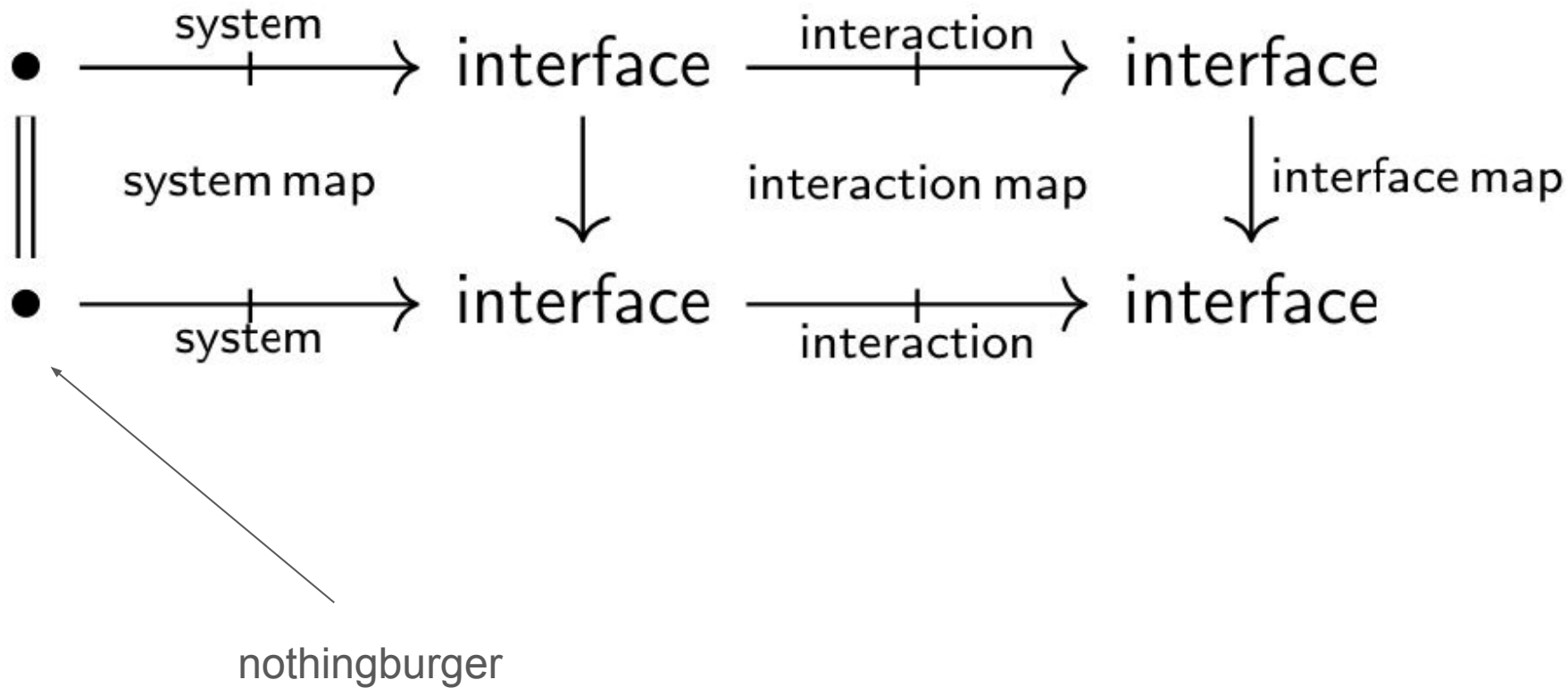
$$\text{Mor}(\mathbb{D}_0) \curvearrowright \text{Car}(\mathbb{M}) \curvearrowleft \text{Mor}(\mathbb{D}_1)$$

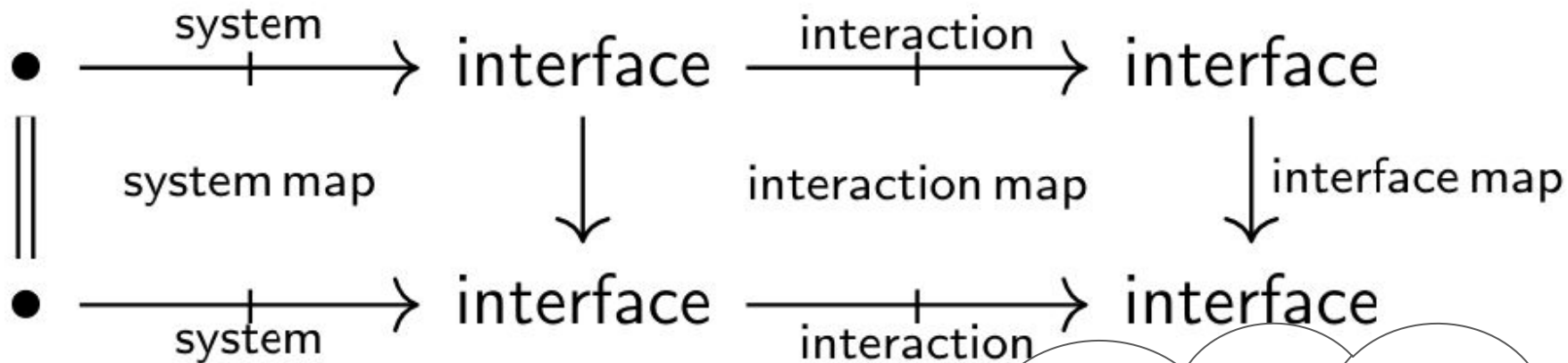
Where the left action is given by precomposition and the right action is given by postcomposition :P

this is the LOOSE HOM BIMODULE $\mathbb{D}(-, -)$

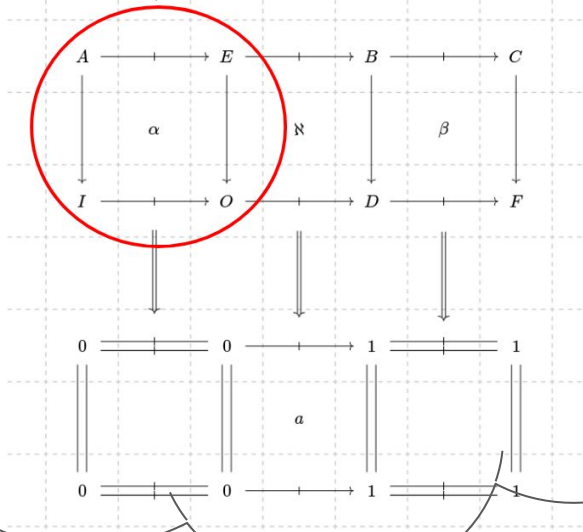


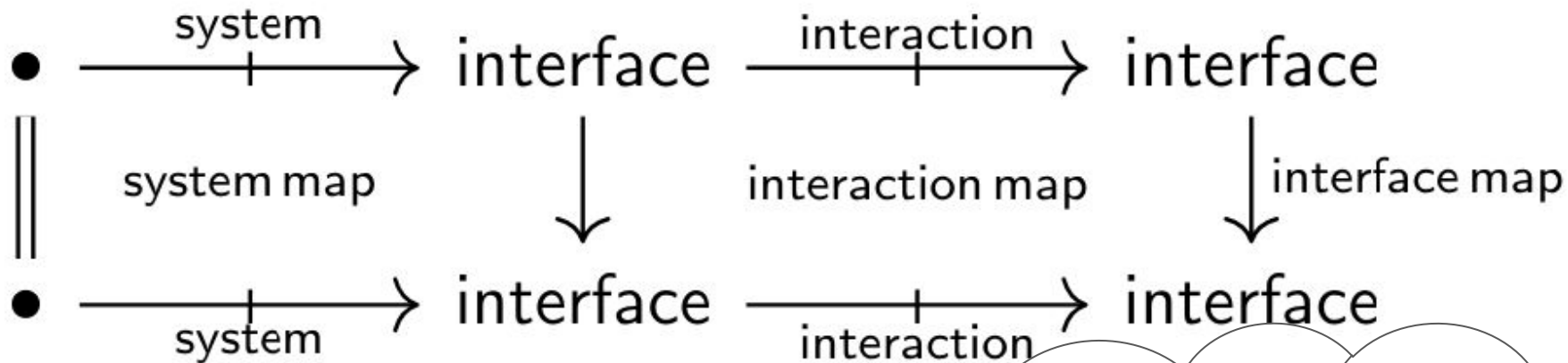
$$\mathbb{D}(-, -) : \mathbb{D} \dashv \mathbb{D}$$



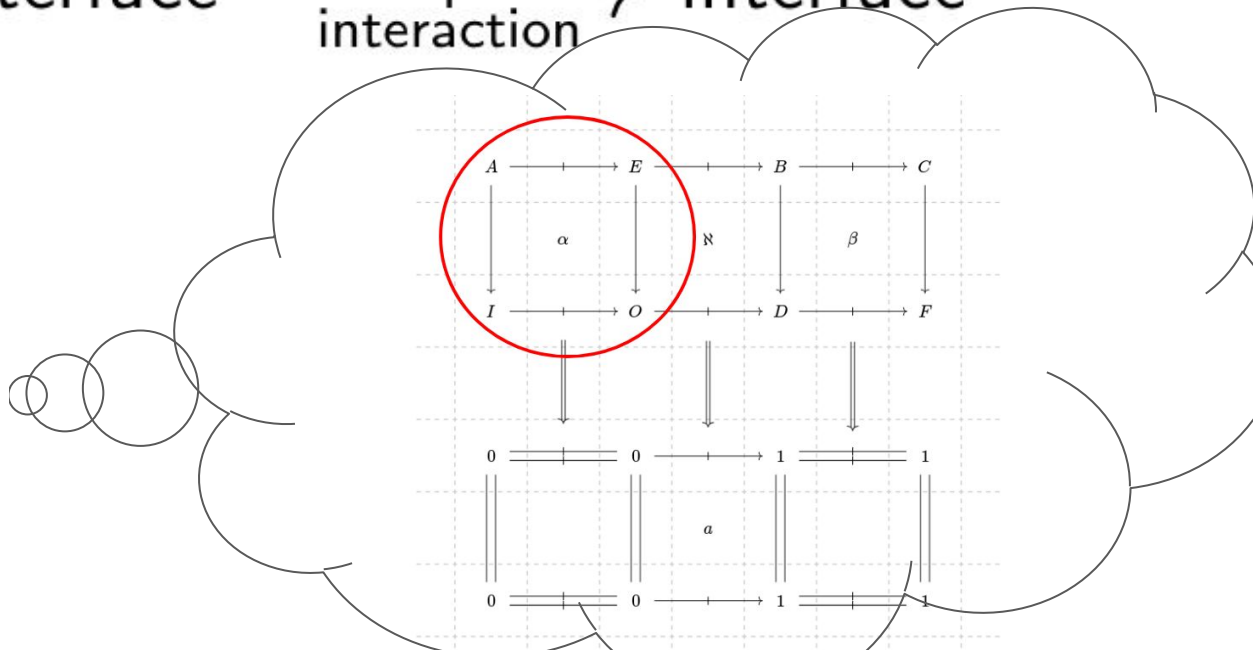


nothingburger





$$\bullet \xrightarrow{M} \mathbb{D}_1$$



$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbb{E}_0 & \xrightarrow{\quad \mathbb{M}(F_0, F_1) \quad} & \mathbb{E}_1 \\
 \downarrow F_0 & & \downarrow F_1 \\
 \mathbb{D}_0 & \xrightarrow{\quad \mathbb{M} \quad} & \mathbb{D}_1
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \bullet & \xrightarrow{\quad \mathbb{M}(\text{id}_\bullet, F) \quad} & \mathbb{E} \\
 \downarrow \text{id}_\bullet & & \downarrow F \\
 \bullet & \xrightarrow{\quad \mathbb{M} \quad} & \mathbb{D}_1
 \end{array}$$

So, we should aim to make a systems theory $\mathbb{M}$ out of regular logic in this way. What could our functor be?



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- (1) We have a loose right module $\bullet \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}t(\text{Cat})$ given by flattening the loose hom bimodule $\mathbb{Q}t(\text{Cat}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}t(\text{Cat})$.
- (2) We restrict this loose right module along Jose's special functor $P^\bullet$.
- (3) This gives us a new loose right module $\bullet \rightarrow \mathbb{S}pan(\mathcal{C}^{op})$.
- (4) We just need to verify that the carrier of this module is symmetric monoidal.



2. Similarly, restriction of a symmetric monoidal loose bimodule by *lax* symmetric monoidal pseudo-functors (whose unitors and laxators are conjoint or companion commutator transformations, respectively) will yield a symmetric monoidal loose bimodule.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \bullet & \xrightarrow{\mathbb{M}(\text{id}_\bullet, P^\bullet)} & \text{Span}(\mathcal{C})^{op} \\
 \text{id}_\bullet \downarrow & & \downarrow P^\bullet \\
 \bullet & \xrightarrow{\mathbb{M}} & \mathbb{Q}\text{t}(\text{Cat})
 \end{array}$$

Explicitly, we will have $\text{Car}(\mathbb{M}(F_0, F_1))$ defined as follows:

- Objects are triples $(e_0 : \text{ob}(\mathbb{E}_0), e_1 : \text{ob}(\mathbb{E}_1), m : F_0 e_0 \rightarrowtail F_1 e_1)$.
- A morphism $(e_0, e_1, m) \rightarrow (e'_0, e'_1, m')$ is a triple $(f_0 : e_0 \rightarrow e'_0, f_1 : e_1 \rightarrow e'_1, \alpha)$ where α is a square in $\mathbb{M}$ of the following form:

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\bullet & \xrightarrow{\mathbb{M}} & \text{Qt}(\text{Cat})
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Combining this, we find that objects are pairs

$$(X : \text{ob}(\mathcal{C}), \phi \in PX)$$

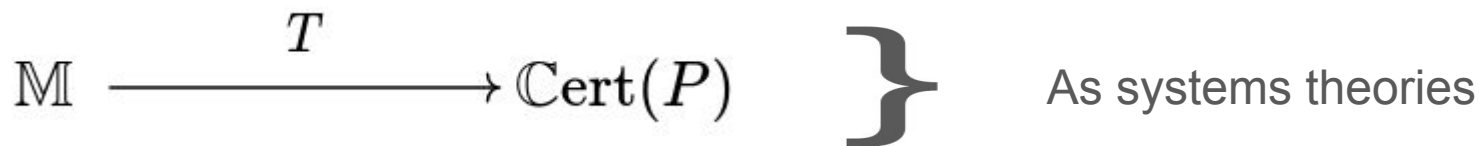
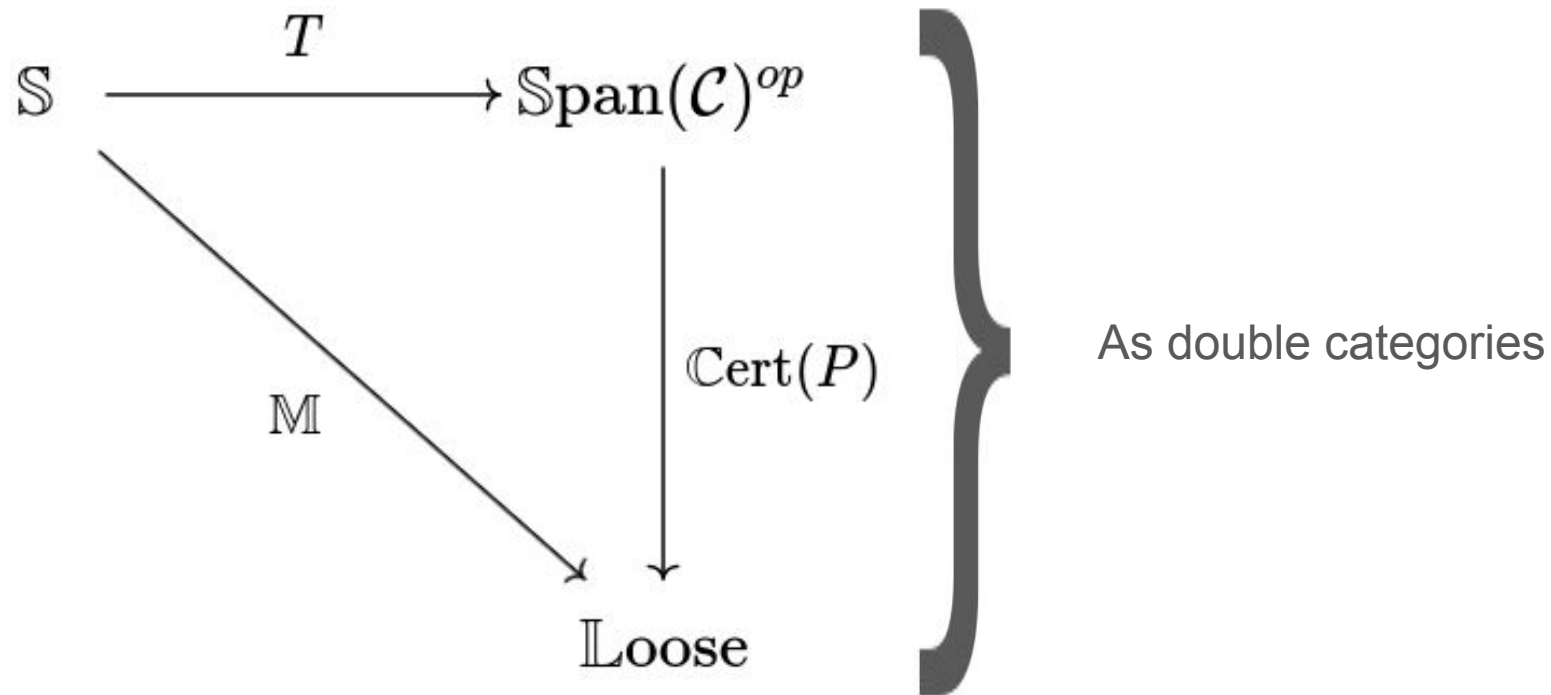
and morphisms are substitution:

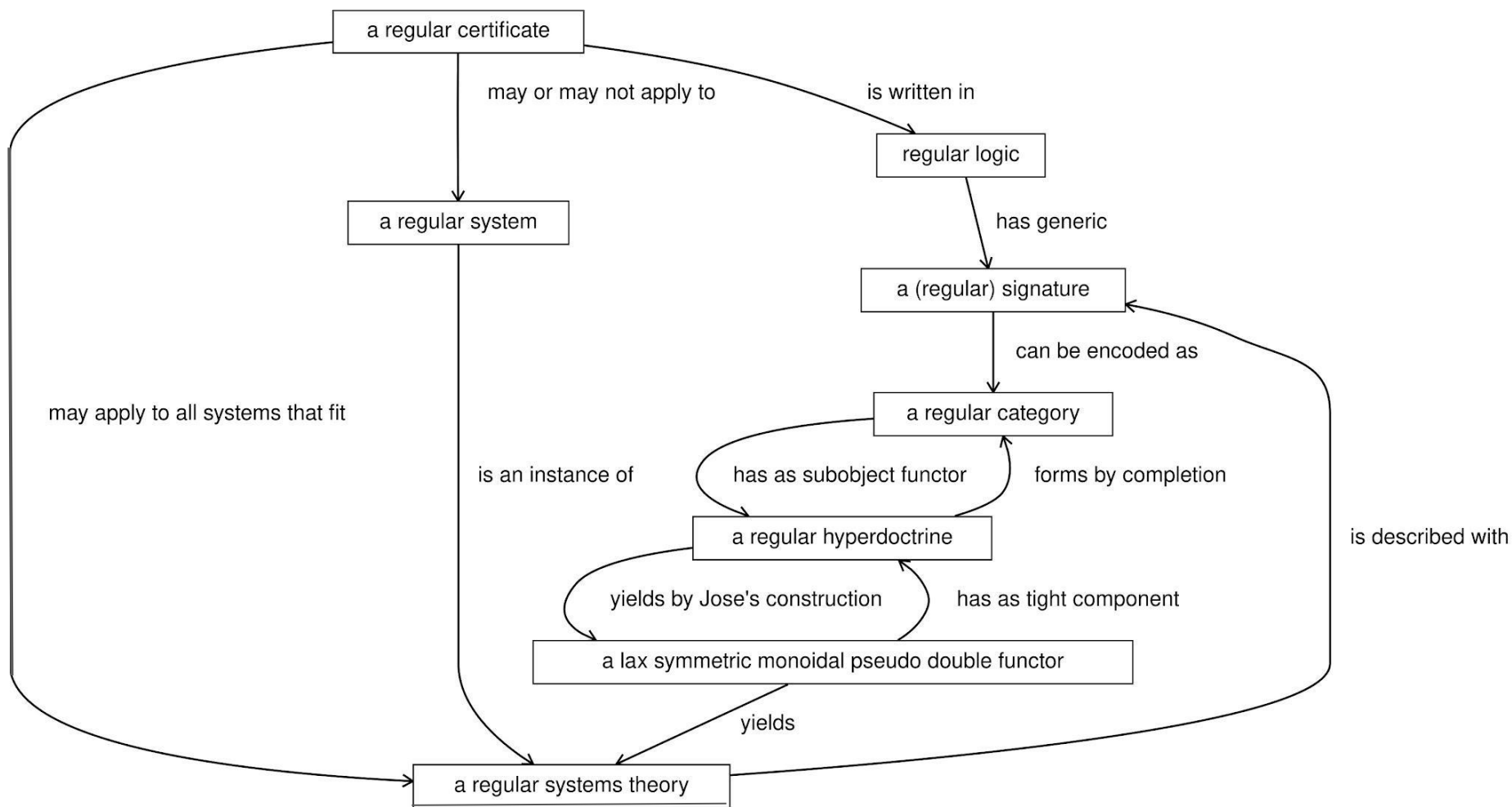
$$(X, \phi) \xrightarrow{f} (Y, \psi) \text{ when } \psi(y) \implies \phi(f(y))$$

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\end{array}$$





Next steps

THEORY

- Generalise this procedure to logics stronger than regular logic (Jose is working on this right now)
- Understand+explain what's happening (on the level of type assignment) when we have a map of systems theories into $\mathbb{C}ert(P)$

PEDAGOGY

- Make a bunch of examples of specific certificates which hold of specific Moore machines, and demonstrate that they formally hold iff the desired property actually holds (strong parallel with proof-by-internal-language in topos theory). And get some literature written explaining this procedure in full depth/detail!

Thank you for listening!

