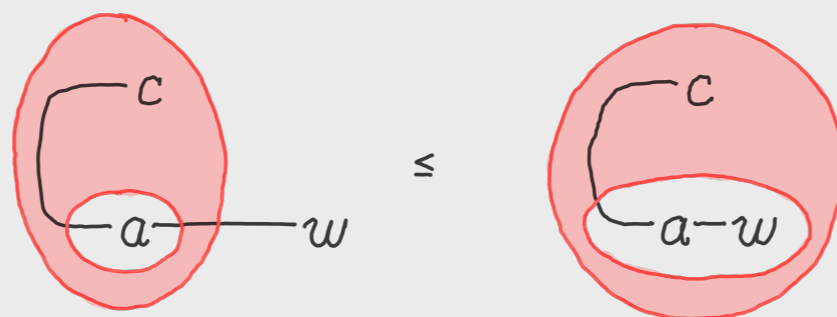


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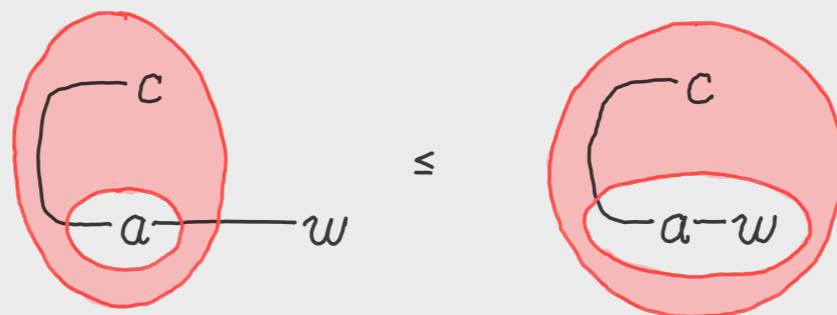


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Vaughan Pratt's 'The Second Coming  
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# Aim

Introduce Peirce's *Existential Graphs*...

... as a precursor to string diagrams ...

... and as the inspiration for recent  
developments in categorical logic.

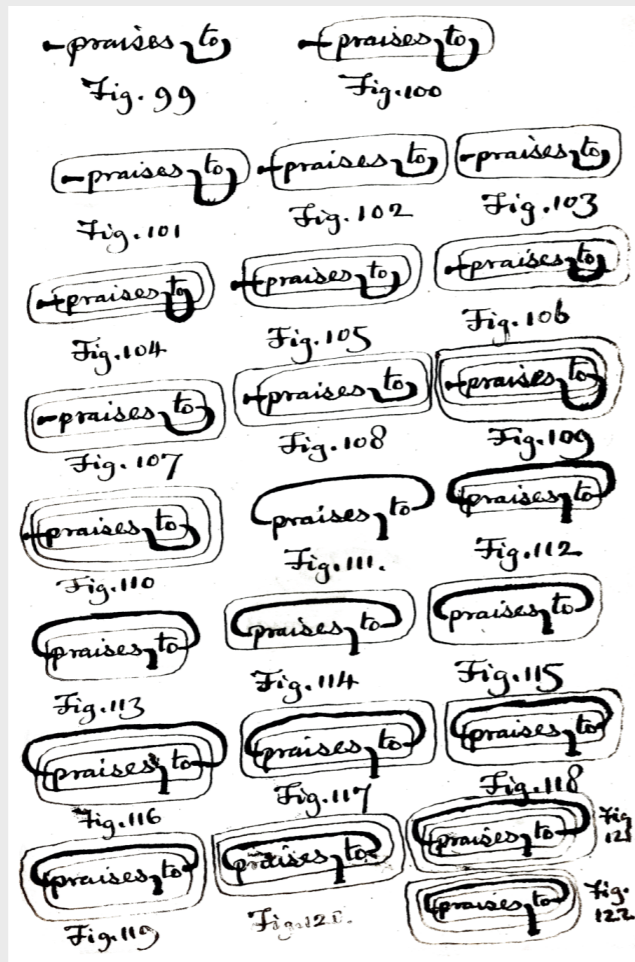


# Outline

- introduce Peirce's Existential Graphs (à la regular logic and cartesian bicategories)
- move to the Neo-Peircean Calculus of Relations (à la residuation and cyclic bilinear logic)
- demonstrate topological advantages



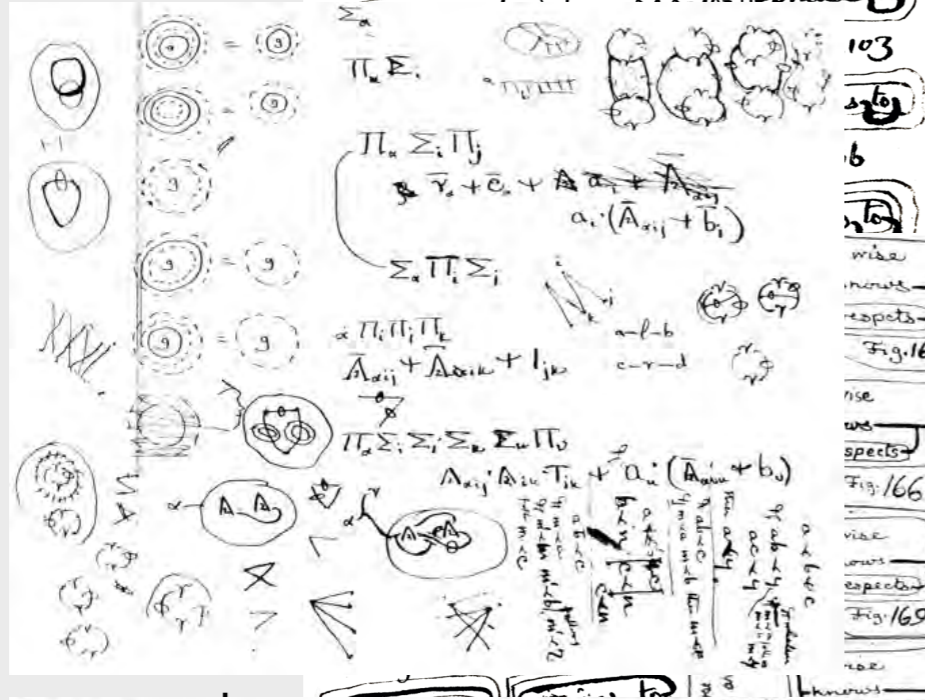
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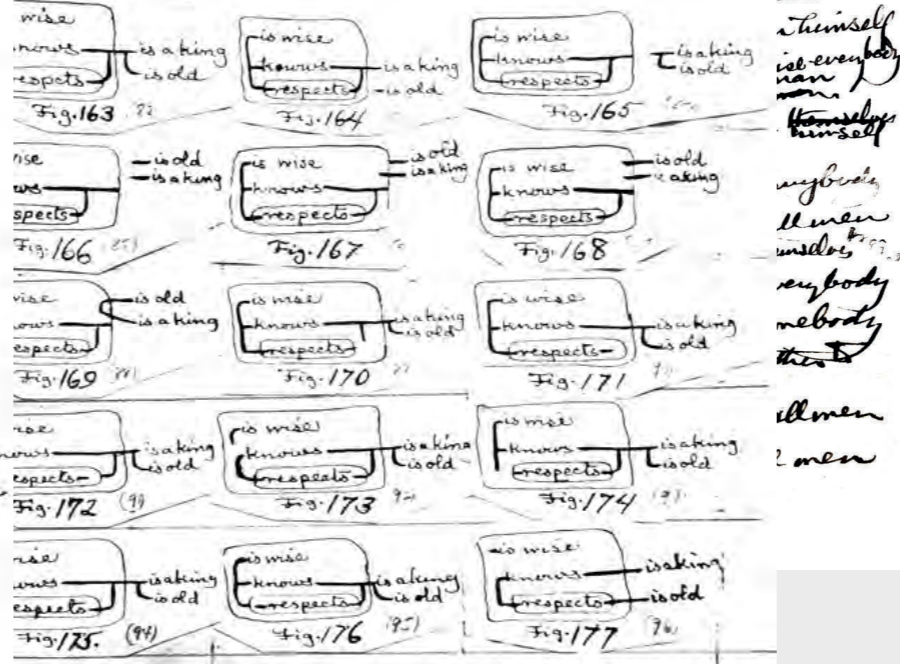


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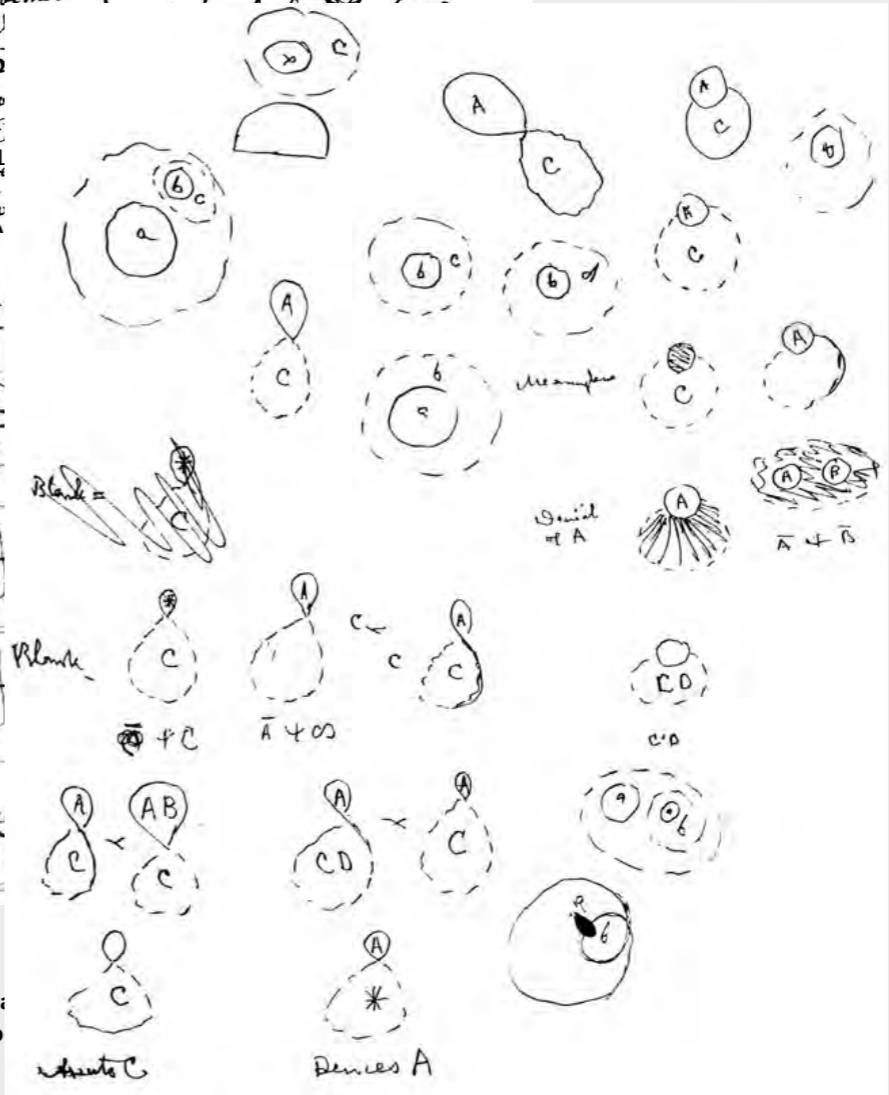
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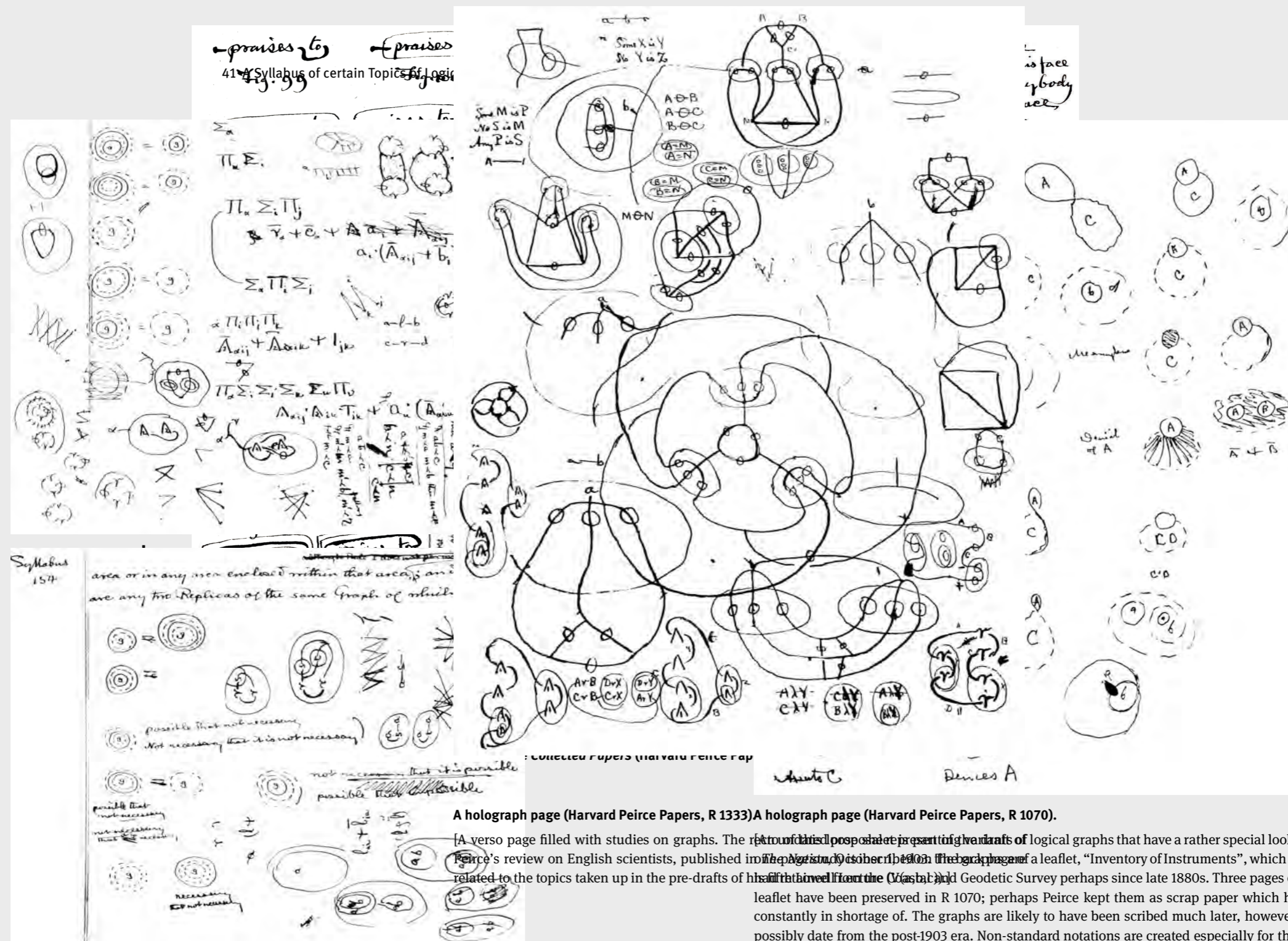
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Why return to the Existential Graphs?...



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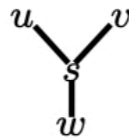
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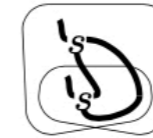
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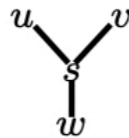
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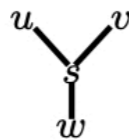
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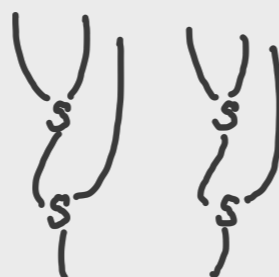


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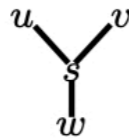


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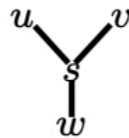
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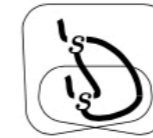
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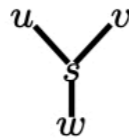
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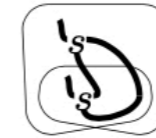
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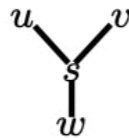
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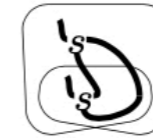
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What are the insights that led to the development of EGs?

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How exactly do they compare to string diagrams as we know them?

Developing Alpha  
(propositional logic)



['Sheet of Assertion']

Convention: Universe of discourse...

['Sheet of Assertion']

Convention: Universe of discourse...

... what we assert to be true.

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Convention: Universe of discourse...

... what we assert to be true.

The lilacs are in bloom.

['Sheet of Assertion']

Convention: Universe of discourse...

... what we assert to be true.

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Convention: Universe of discourse...

... what we assert to be true.

A pear is ripe.

['Sheet of Assertion']



It hails.

It hails.

It is cold.

Convention: Juxtaposition as conjunction...

It hails.

It is cold.

Convention: Juxtaposition as conjunction...  
... they are asserted together.

It hails.

It is cold.

Convention: Juxtaposition as conjunction...  
...they are asserted together.

It hails.  
It is cold.

[It hails  
...and...  
It is cold.]

It hails.

It is cold.

Inference Rule: Erasure...

It hails.

It is cold.

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It hails.

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It is cold.      ['then it is true that']

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It is cold.	[‘then it is true that’]	It hails.	

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It is cold.      ['then it is true that']

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It hails.

['then it is true that']

It hails.

It hails.

Inference Rule: Iteration...

...once asserted, can be asserted once more.

It hails.

['then it is true that']

It hails.

It hails.



It hails.

It is cold.

It hails.

It is cold.

['Cut']

Convention: 'Cut' as negation...

It hails.

It is cold.

['Cut']

Convention: 'Cut' as negation...

It hails.

It is cold.

[It hails

...and...

It is not cold.]

['Cut']

Convention: 'Cut' as negation...  
... as separation from sheet.

It hails.

It is cold.

[It hails

...and...

It is **not** cold.]

['Cut']

It hails.

It is cold.

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It is not cold.]

[It does not hail  
...and...  
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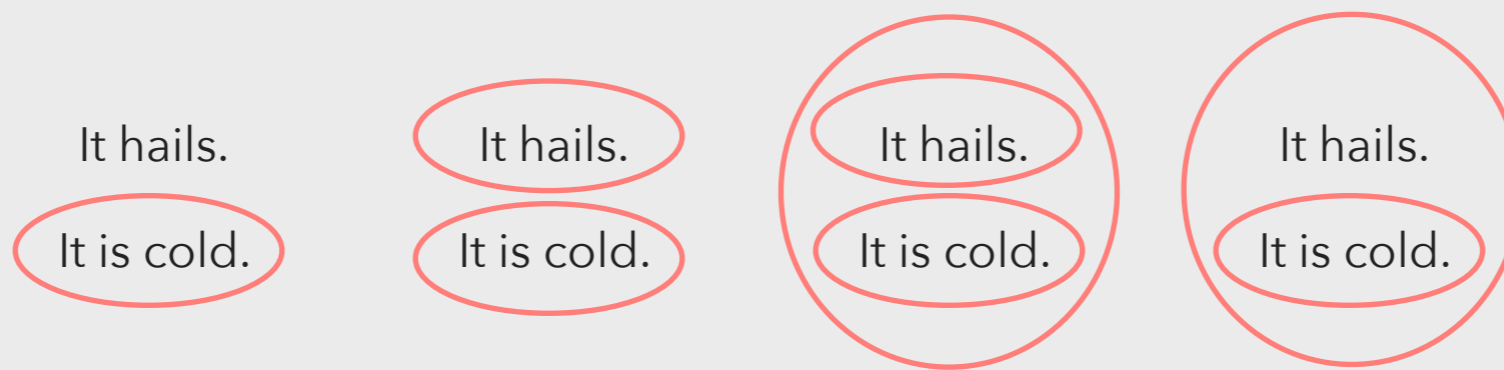
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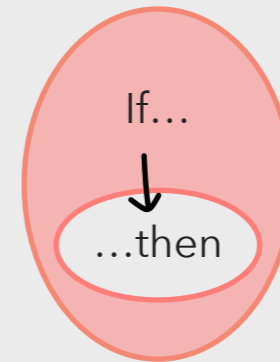


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[It hails  
...or...  
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[If it hails  
...then...  
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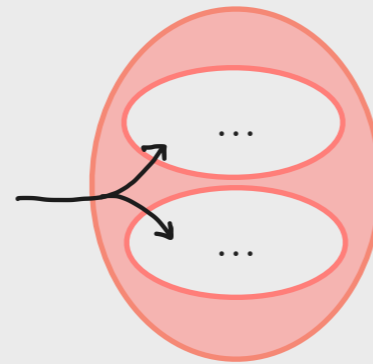
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[**If** it hails  
...**then**...  
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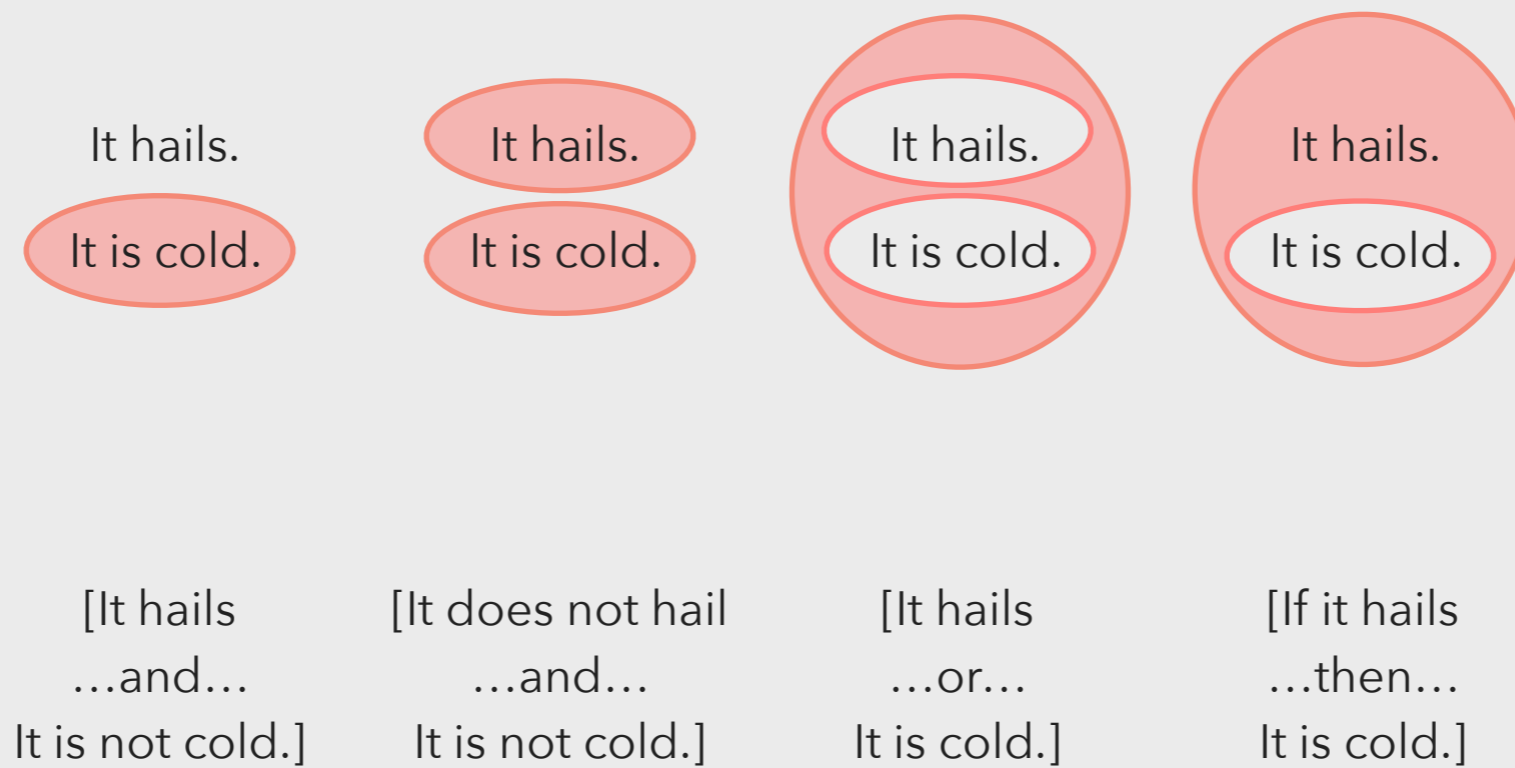
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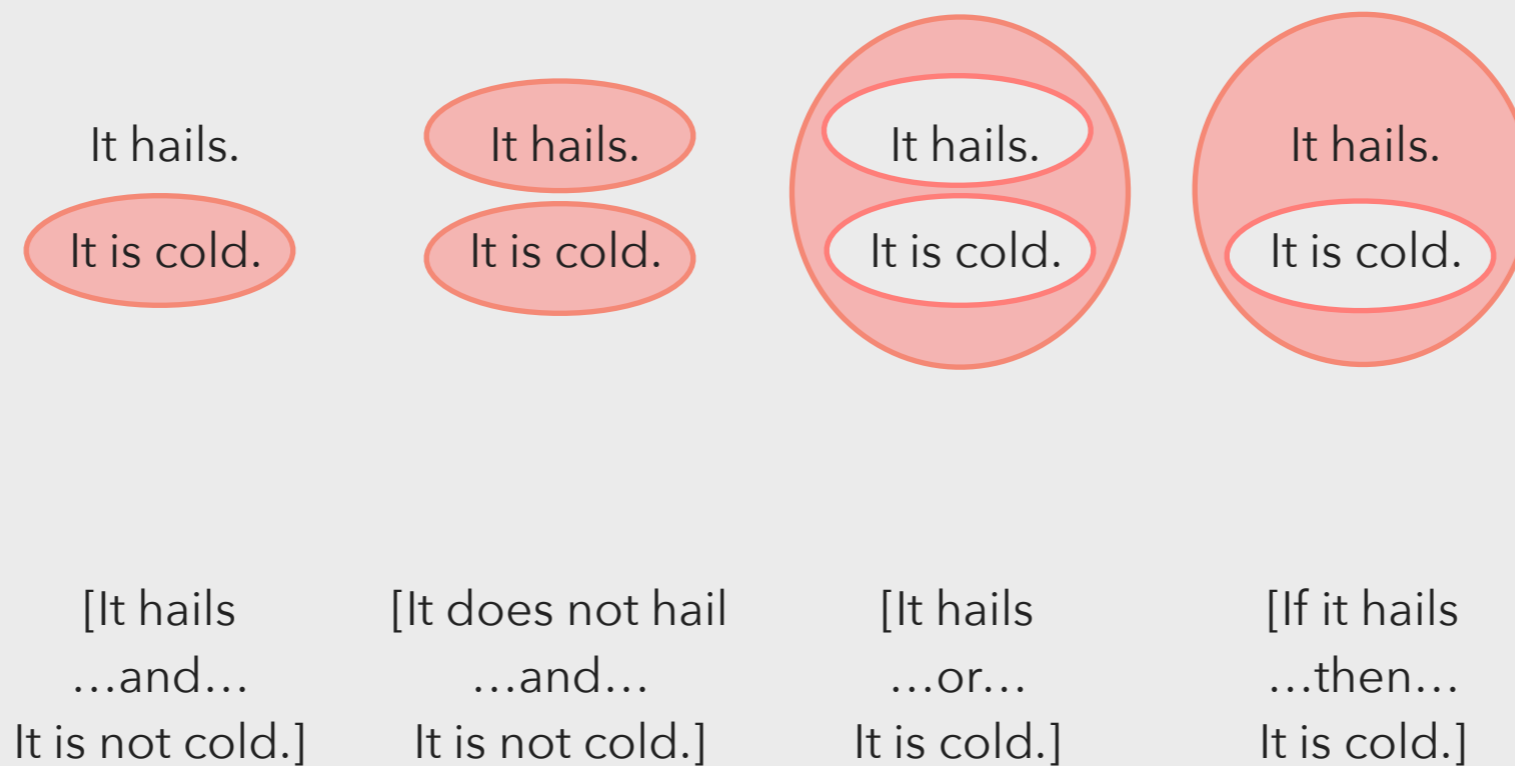
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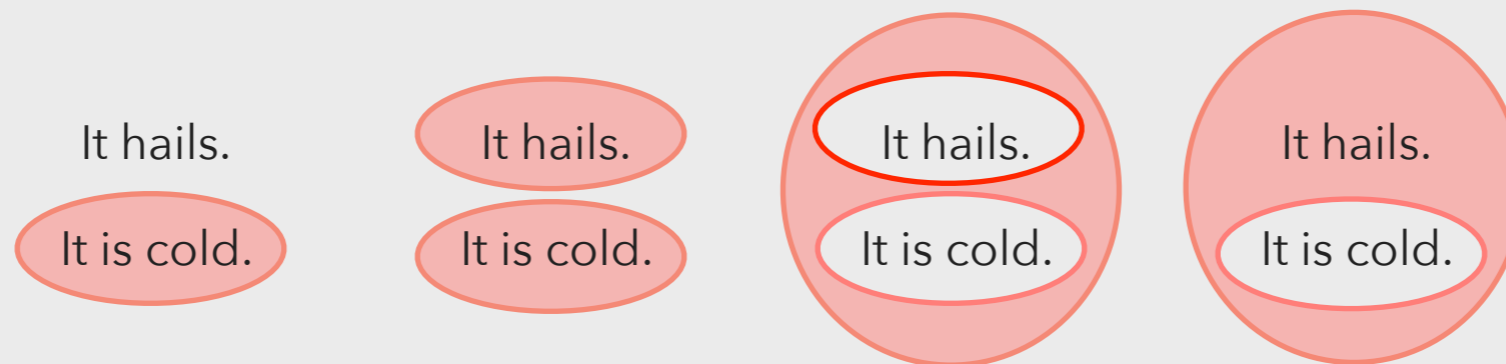
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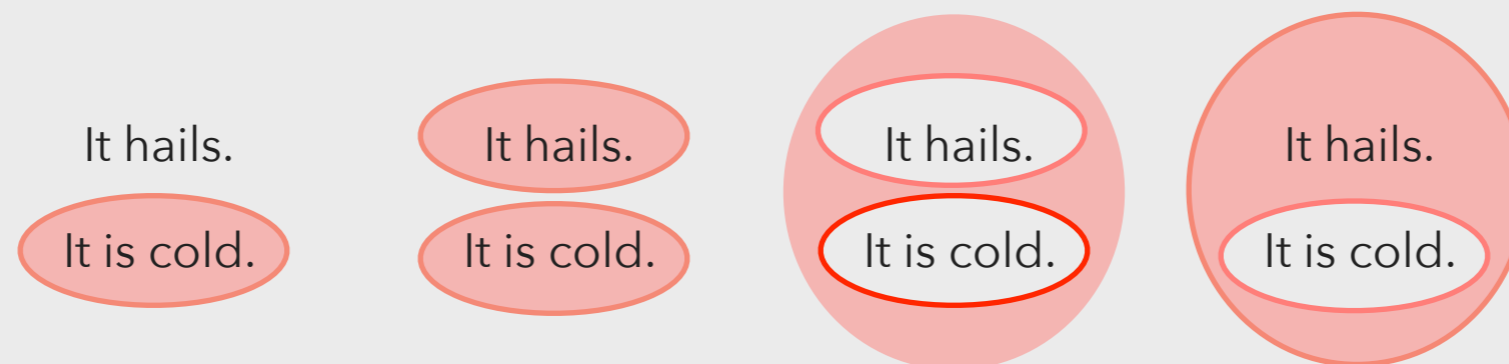
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[If it is not cold  
...then...  
It hails.]

It hails.

It is cold.

It hails.

It is cold.

It hails.

It is cold.

It hails.

It is cold.

It hails.



It hails.



It hails.



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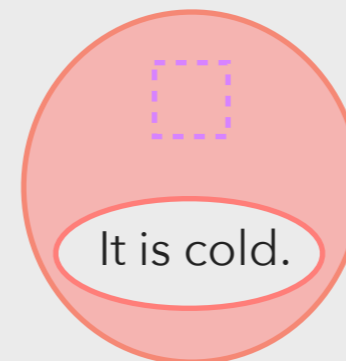
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Developing Beta  
(predicate logic)



A leaf rustles over the ground.

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\_\_\_\_\_ rustles over the ground

A leaf rustles over \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ rustles over \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_

Convention: '–' as 'something'...

A leaf rustles over the ground.

\_\_\_\_\_ rustles over the ground

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\_\_\_\_\_ rustles over \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_

God gives some good to every person.

God gives some good to every person.

\_\_\_ gives \_\_\_ to \_\_\_

\_\_\_ gives some good to \_\_\_

\_\_\_ gives \_\_\_ to every person

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[Think of valency in chemistry:  
H-O-H ]

\_\_\_\_\_ gives \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ gives \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ gives \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

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Convention: '—' as 'something'...

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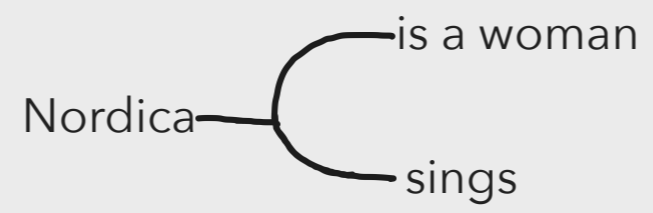
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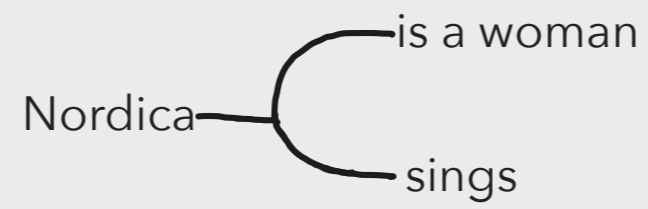
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Inference Rule: Erasure...

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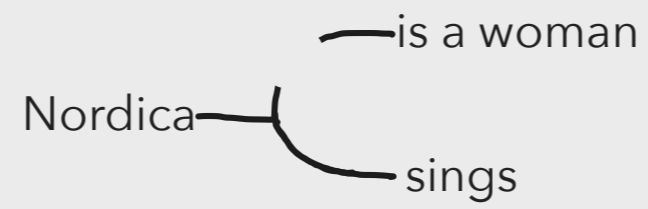
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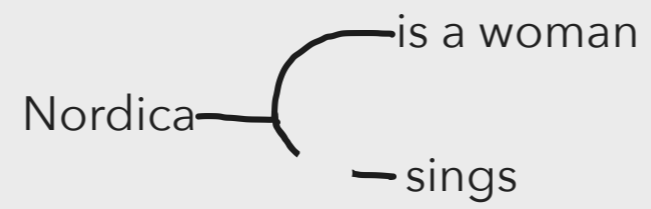
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 sings

[P.H.]

● — sings

— sings

— sings

— sings

— sings

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— sings

— sings

— sings

['Somebody  
sings']

— sings

['Somebody  
does not sing']

— sings

['Nobody  
sings']

— sings

['Everybody  
sings']



[Standard EGs]

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See Roberts' 'The Existential Graphs of C.S. Peirce' (1973).



# Outline

- introduce Peirce's Existential Graphs (à la regular logic and cartesian bicategories)
- move to the Neo-Peircean Calculus of Relations (à la residuation and cyclic bilinear logic)
- demonstrate topological advantages



String diagrams for regular logic....

Cartesian Bicategories of Relations  
(Carboni and Walters, 1987)

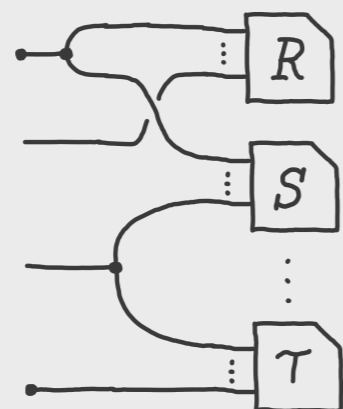
Graphical Conjunctive Queries  
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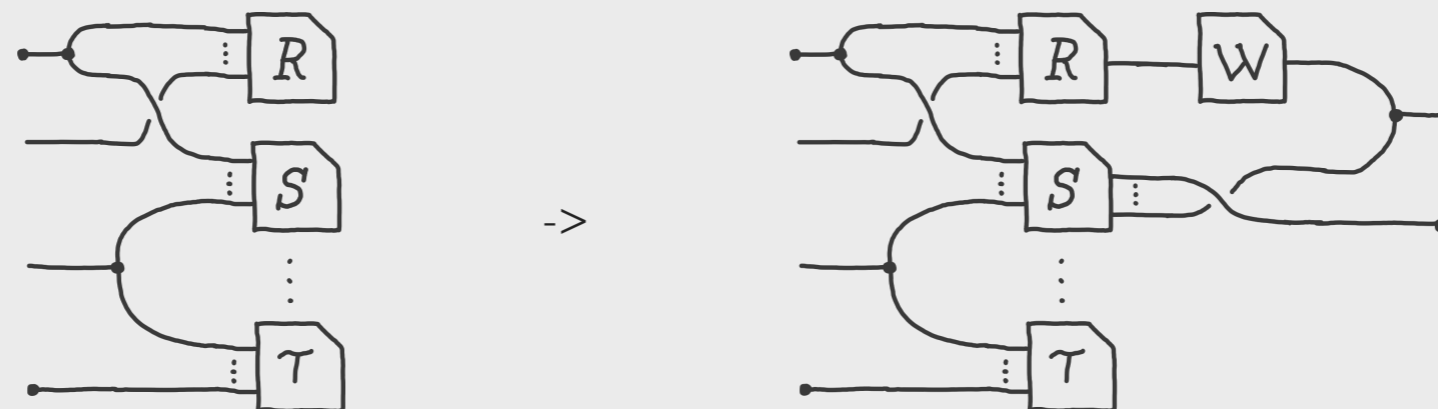
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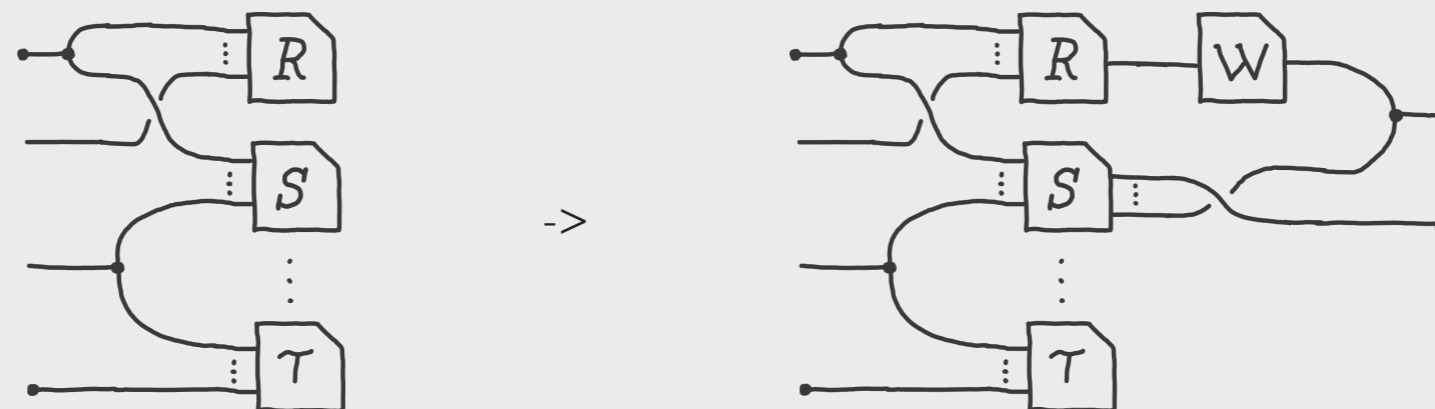
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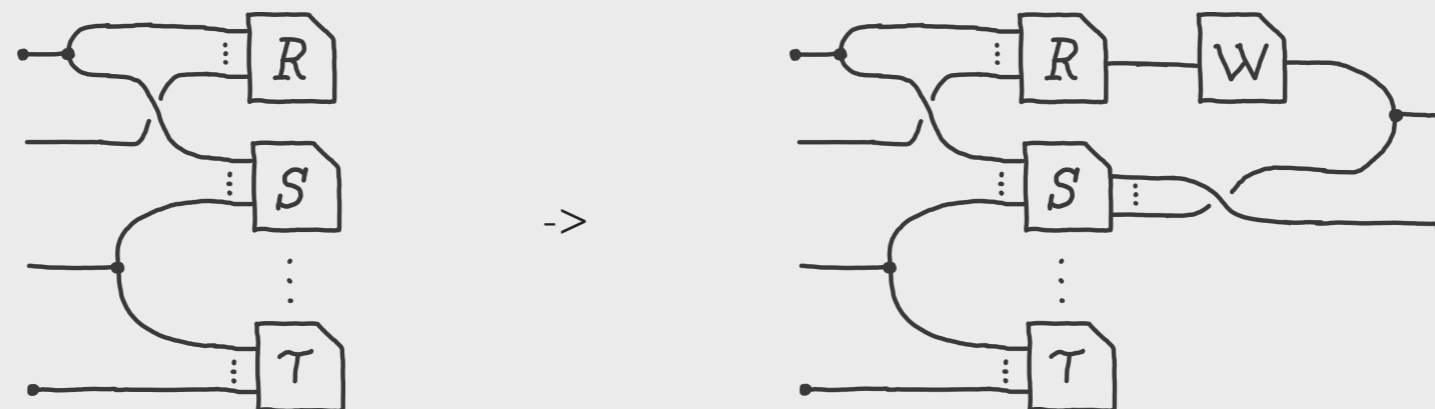


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## Tarski's Relation Algebra

(really following Boole, De Morgan,  
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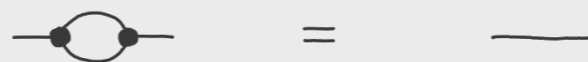
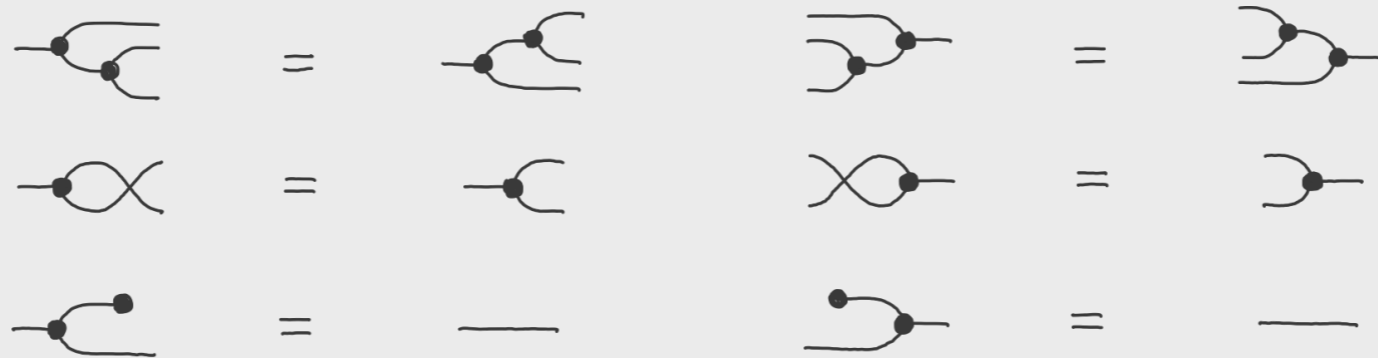
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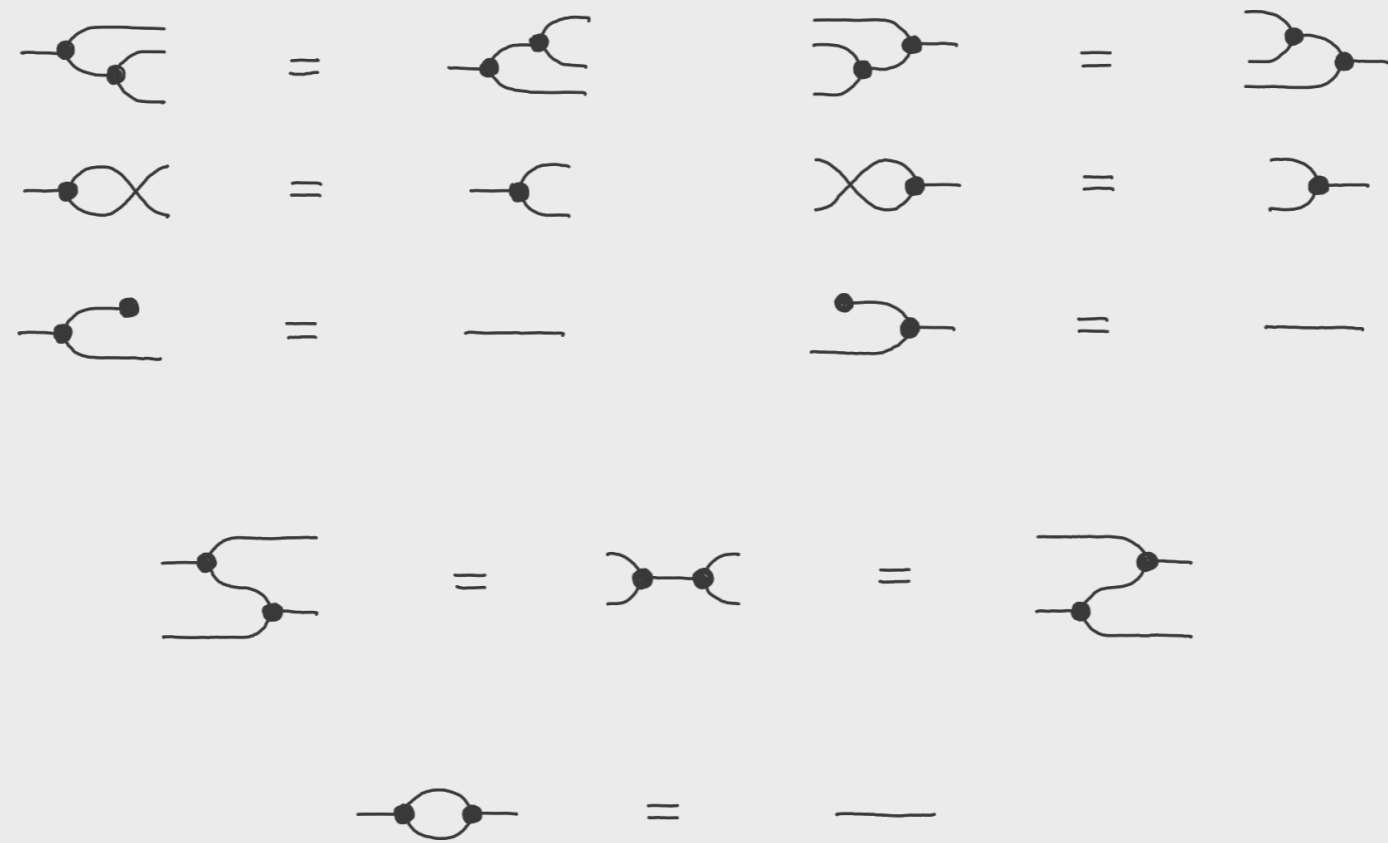
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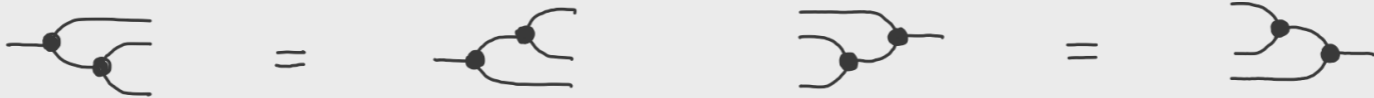


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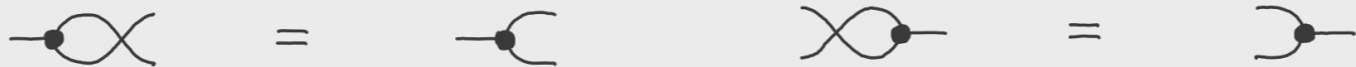


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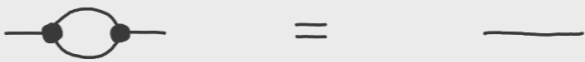
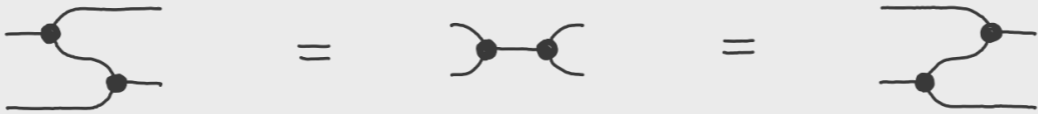
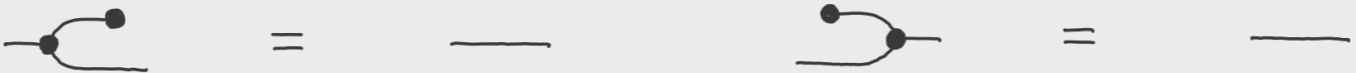
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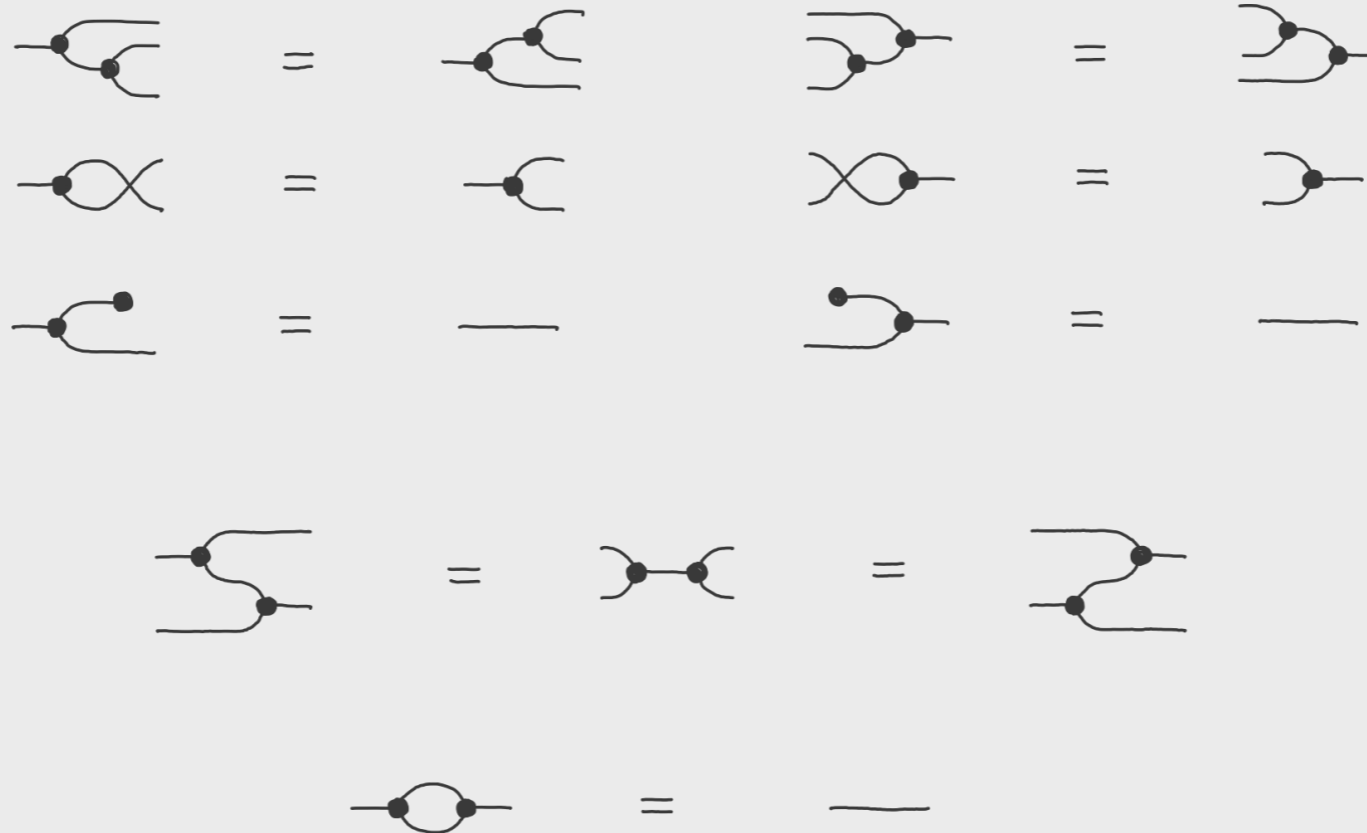
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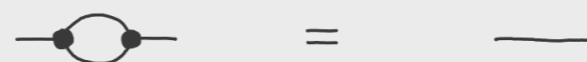
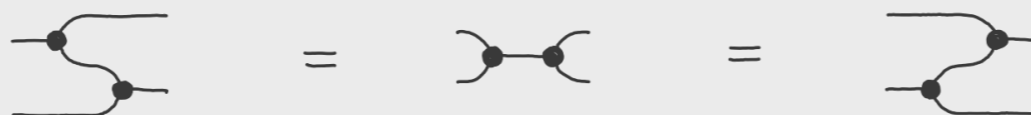
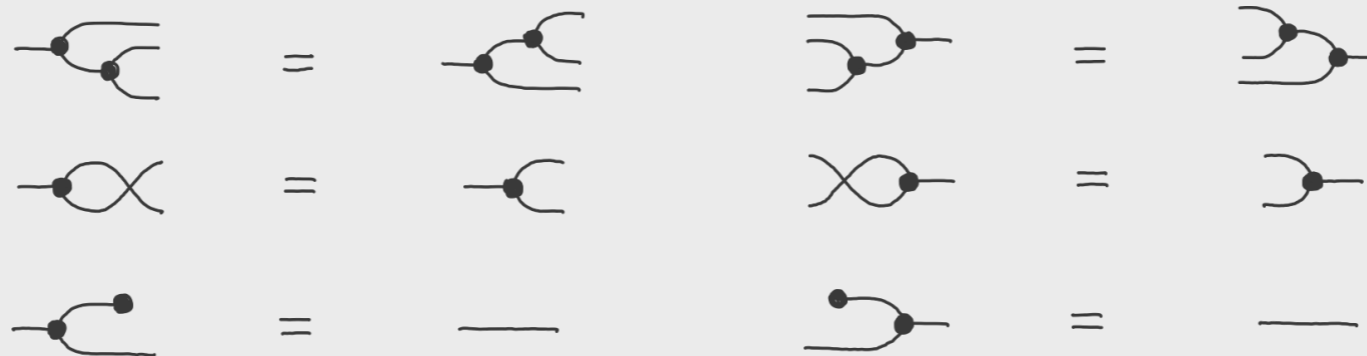


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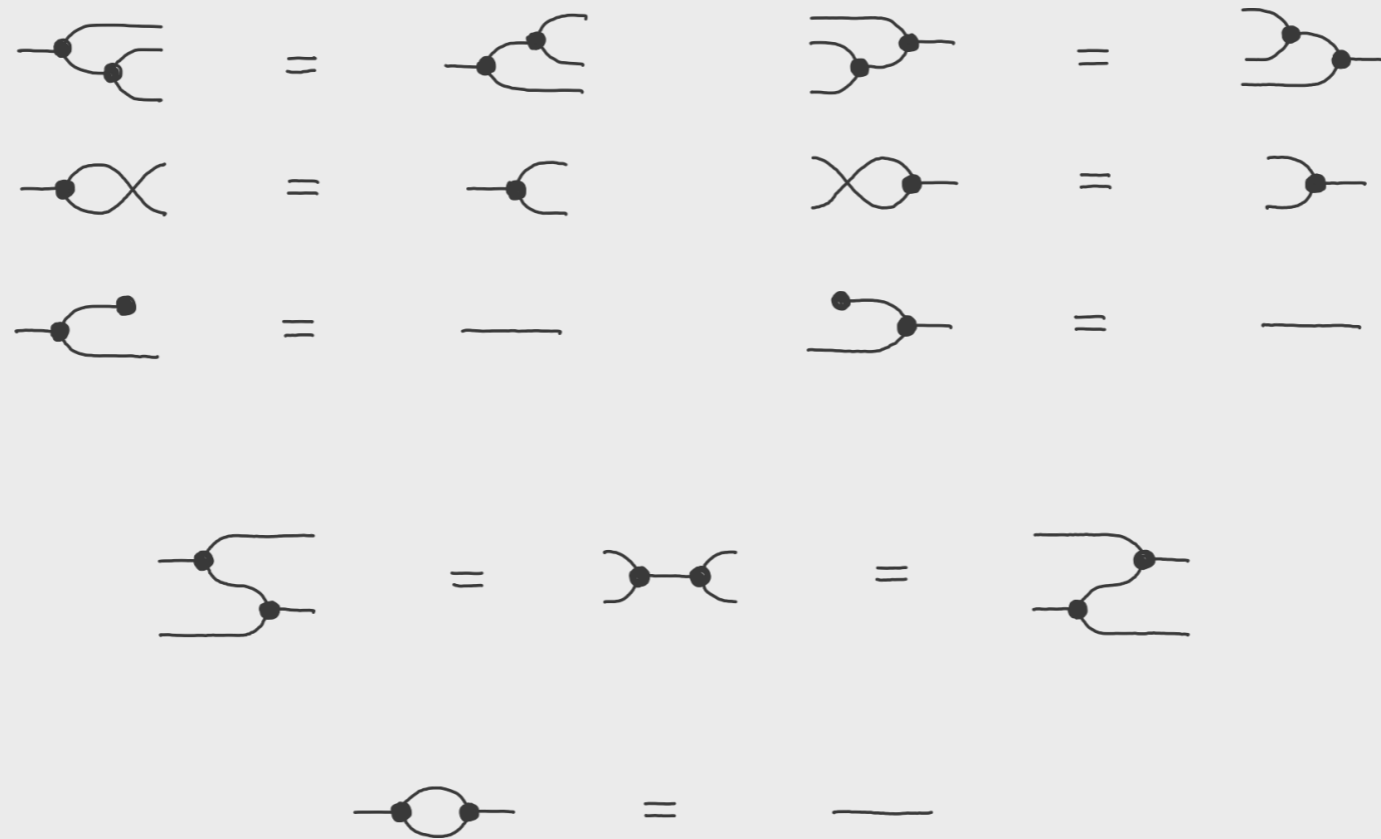


"only connectivity matters..."

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Primitive inference rules...



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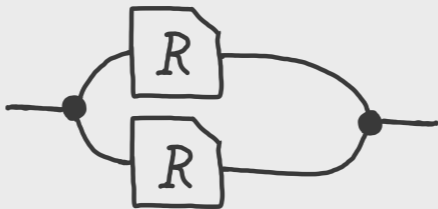
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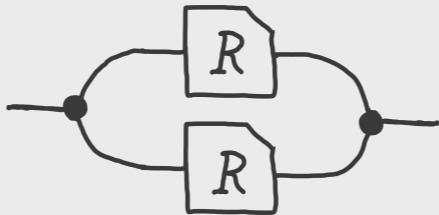
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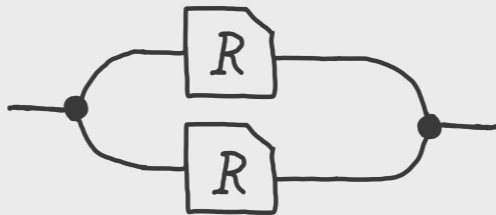
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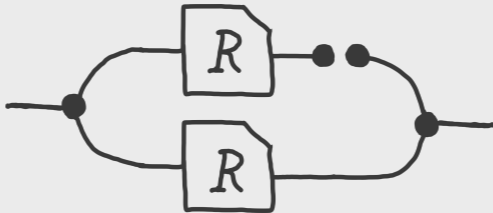
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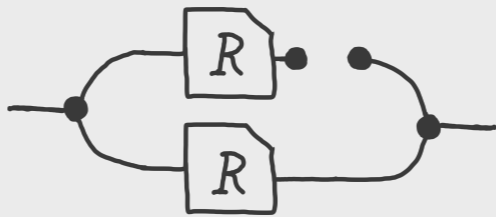
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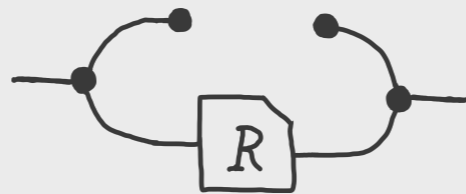
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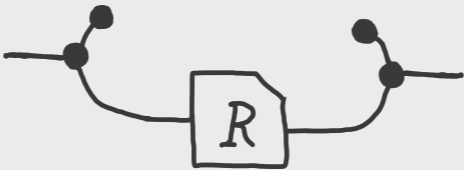
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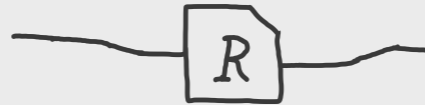
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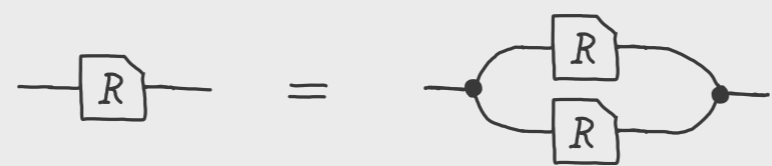
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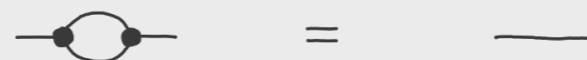
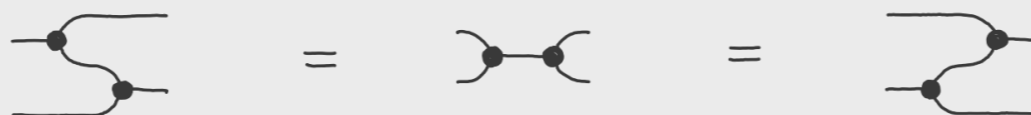
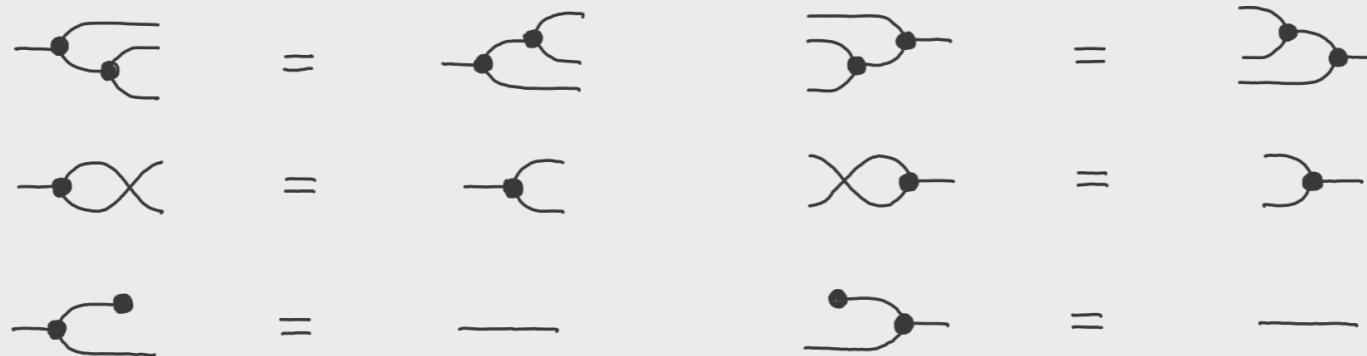


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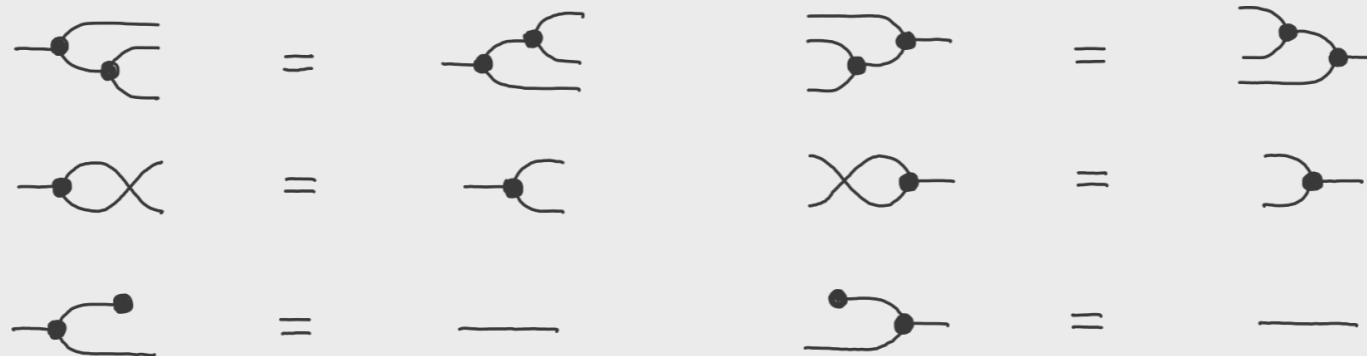
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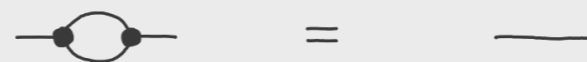
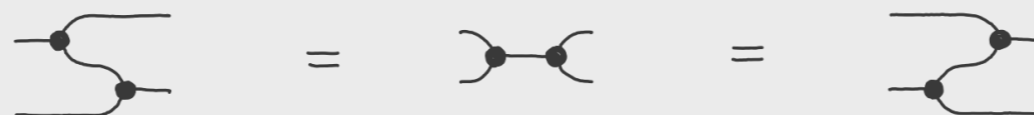
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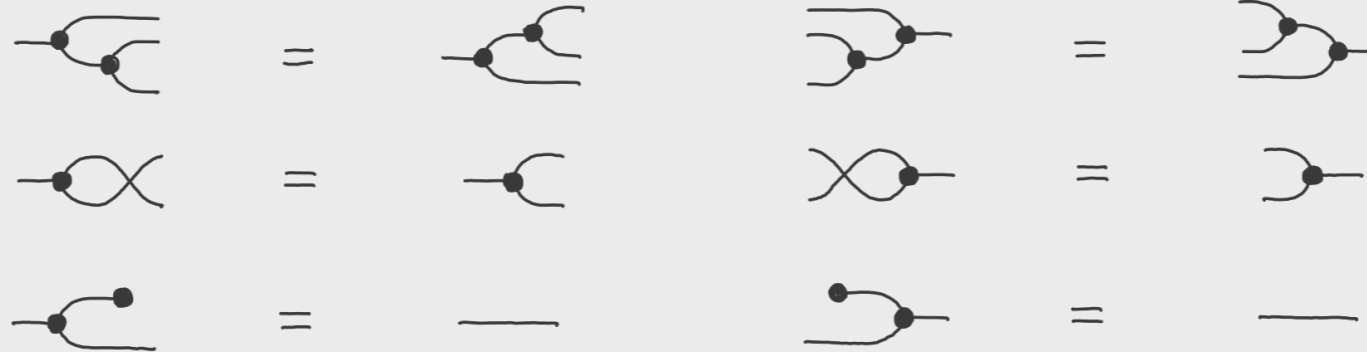
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Peirce's  
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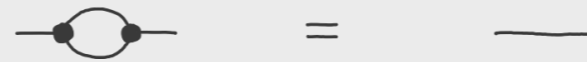


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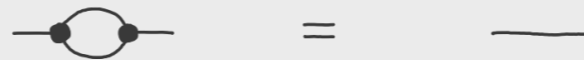
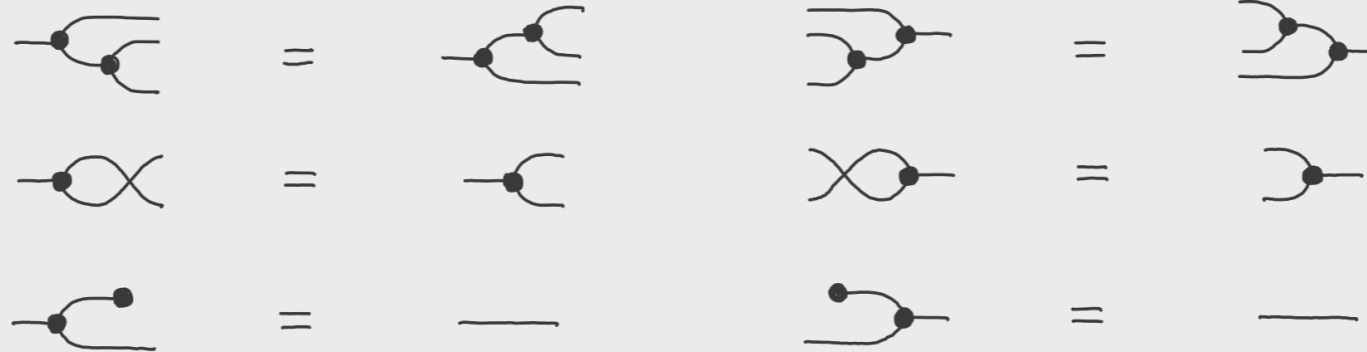


'Teridentity'

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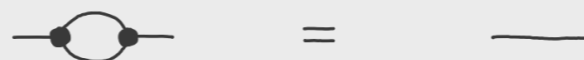
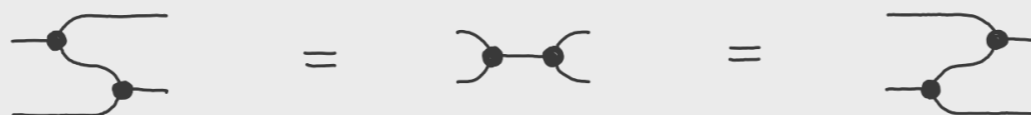
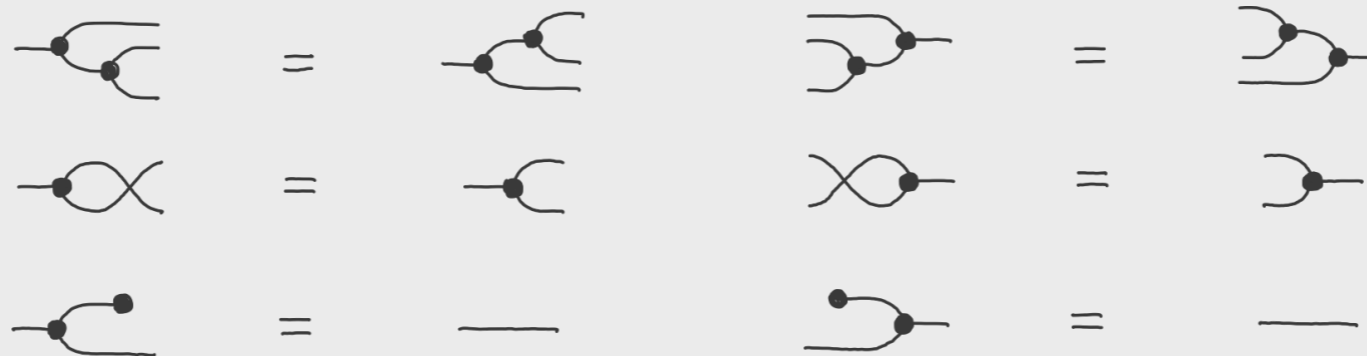


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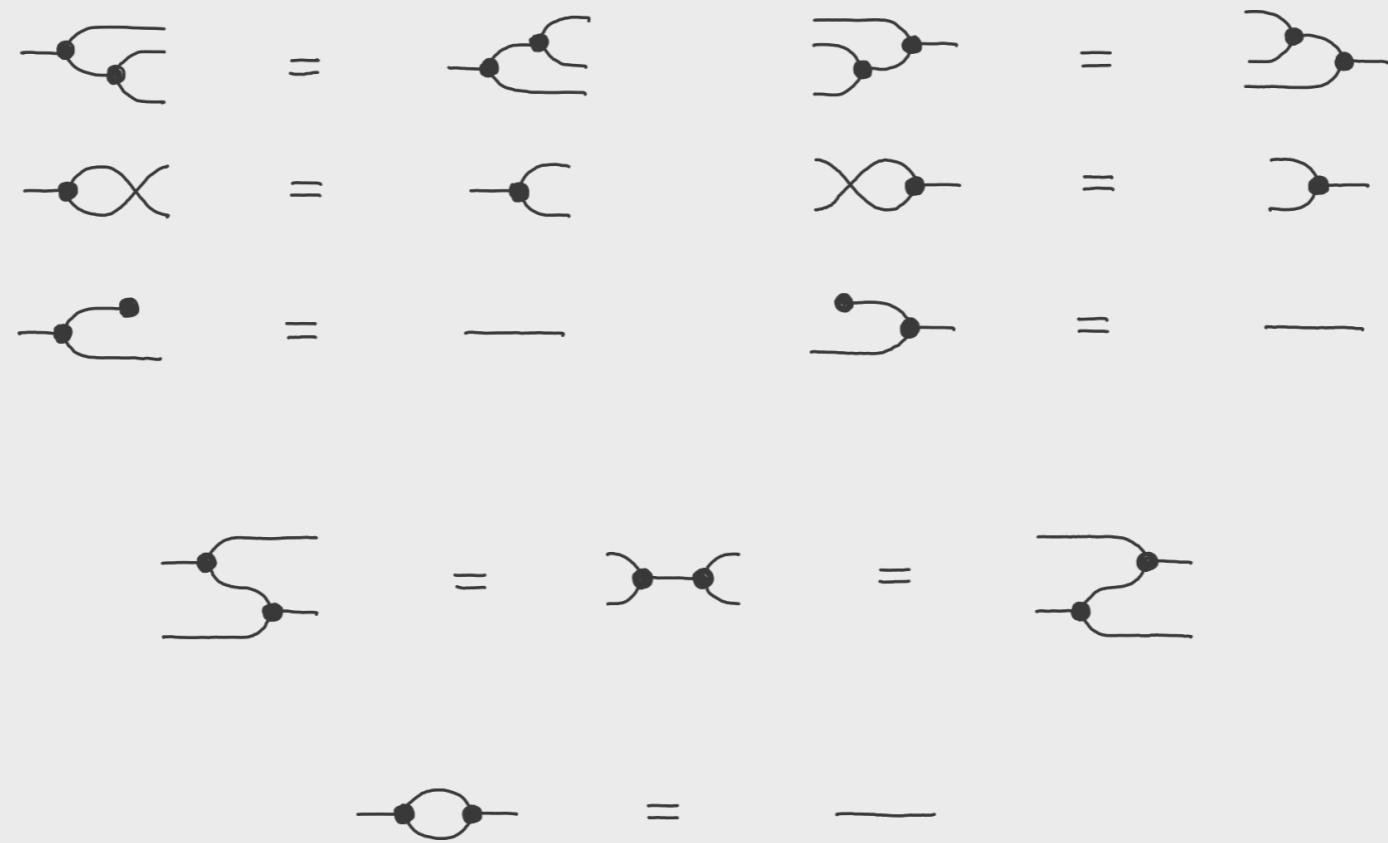


## Graphical rules for (positive fragment of) Existential Graphs

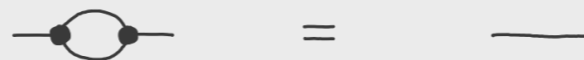
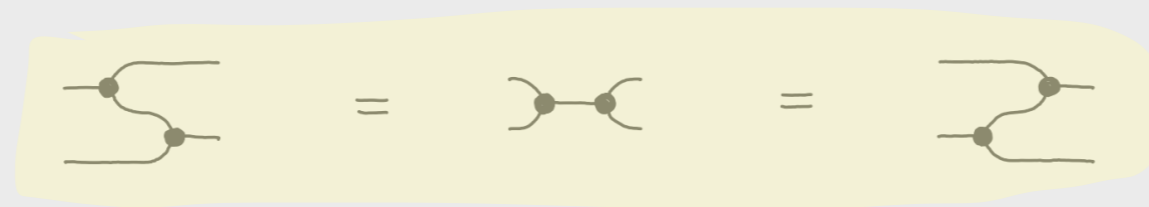
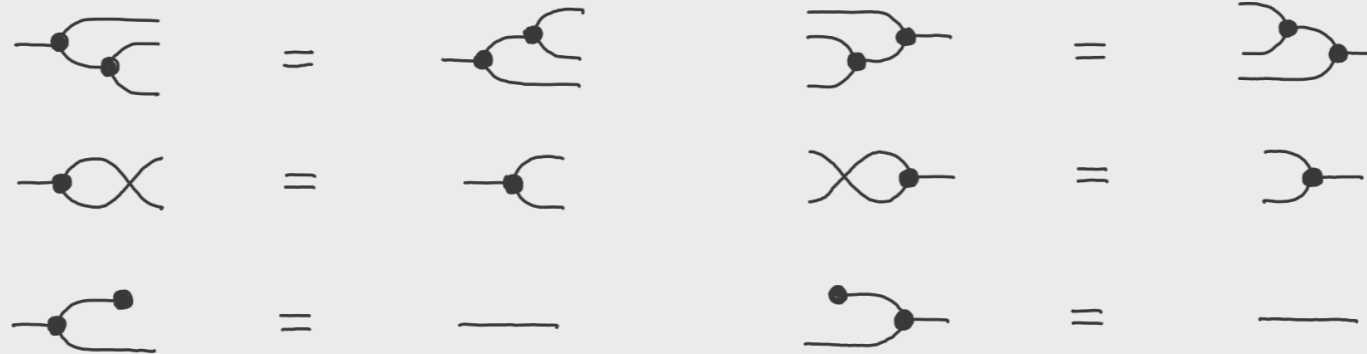
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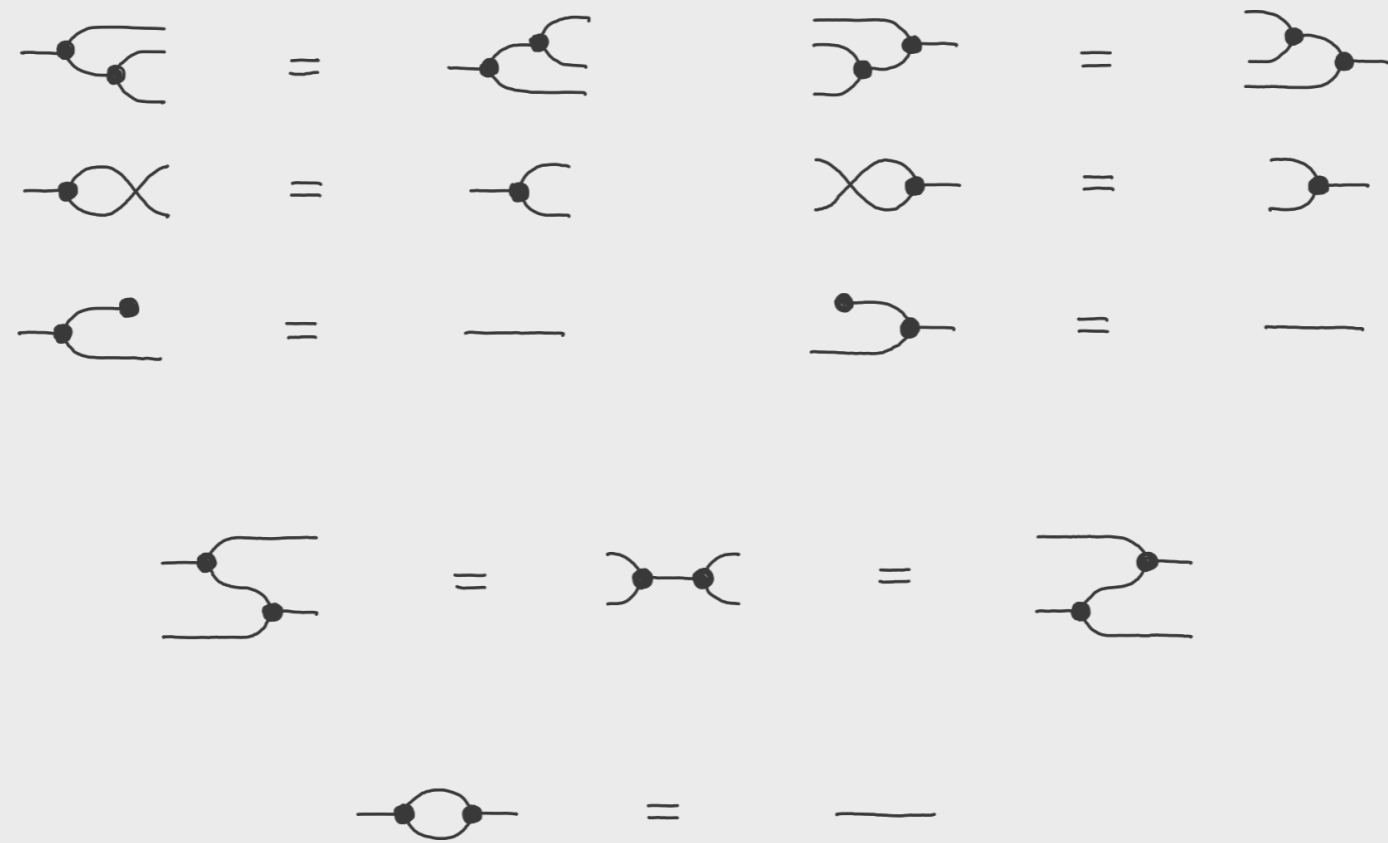


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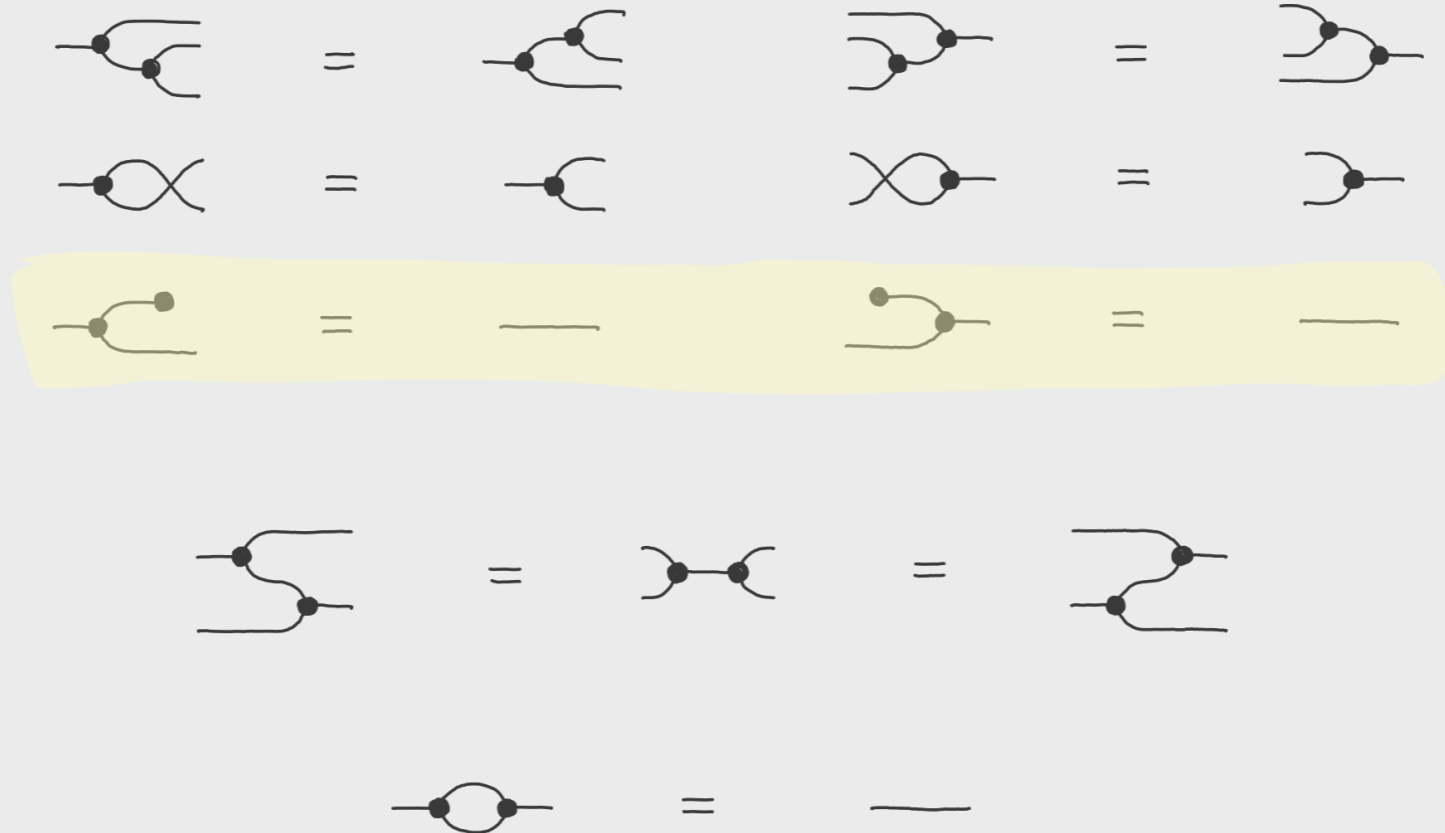


"Quateridentity is obviously composed of two teridentities; i.e. This  $\vdash$  is  $\vdash$  or  $\times$  or  $\times$ ."

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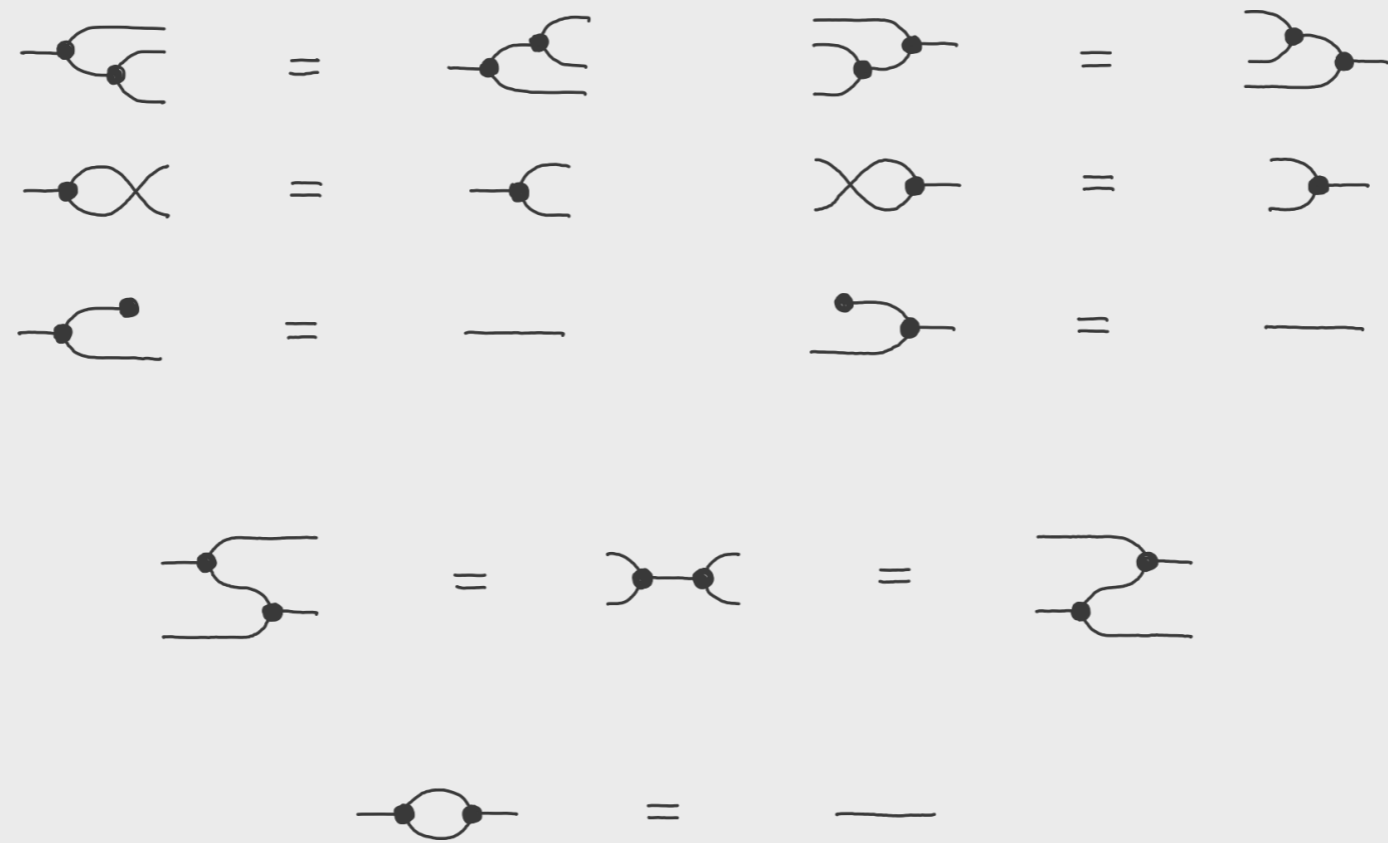


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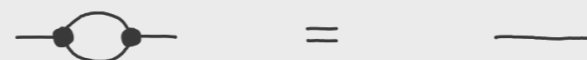
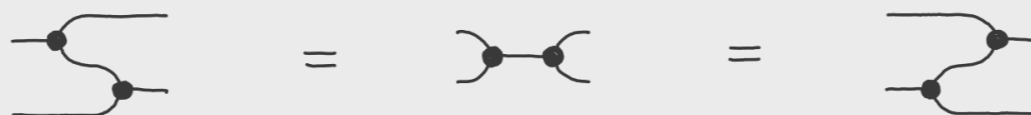
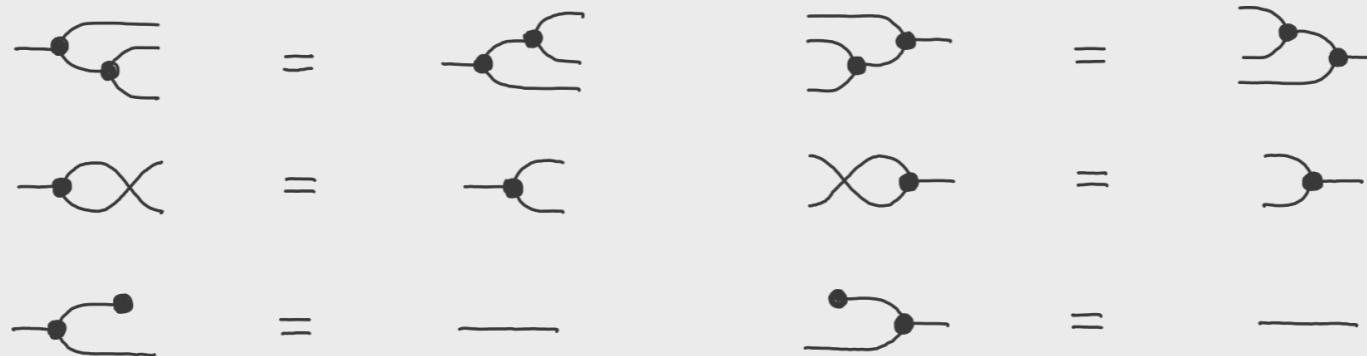


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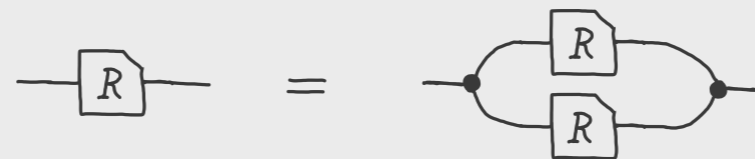


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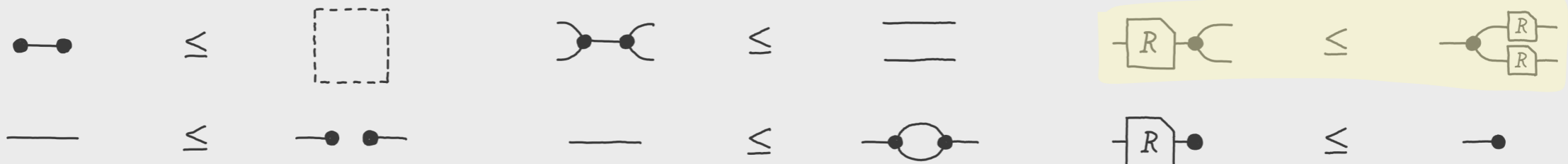


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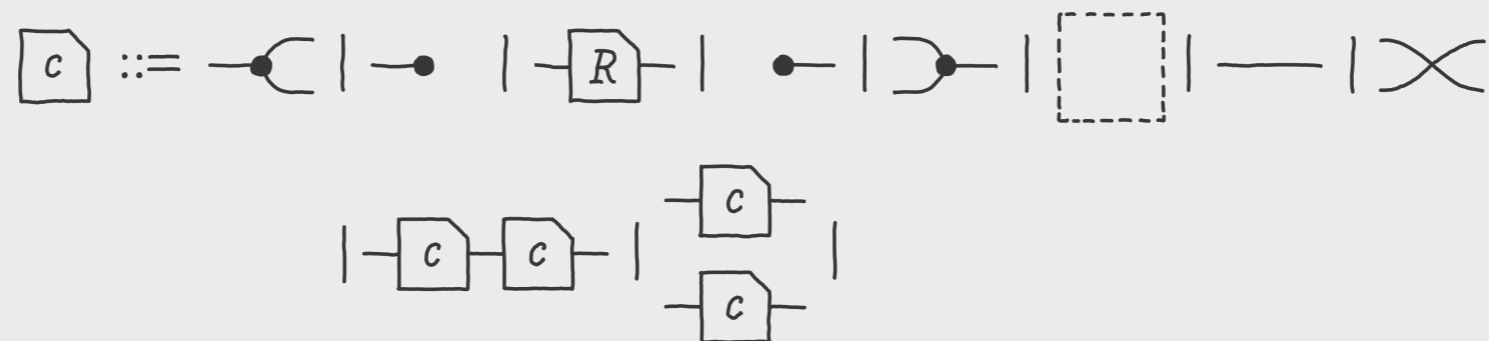


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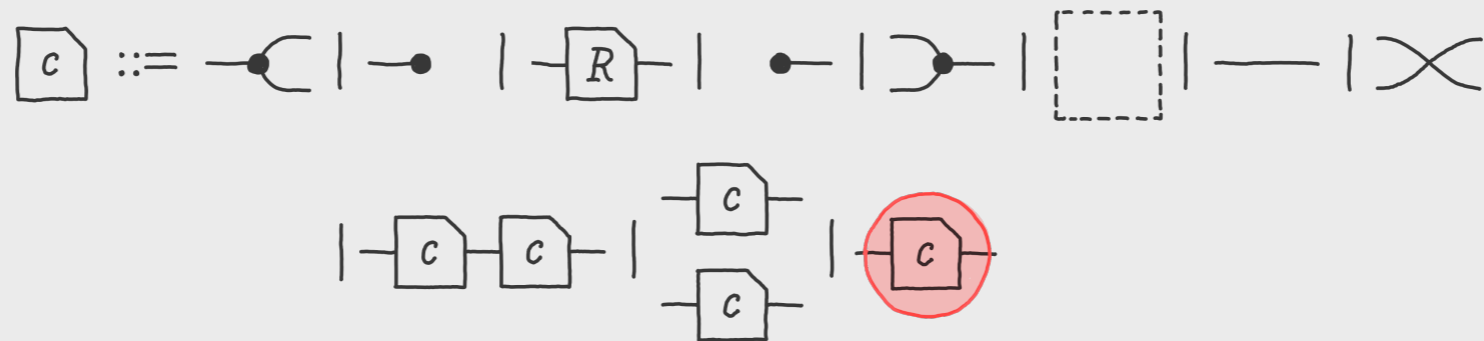
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'Principle of Contraposition'

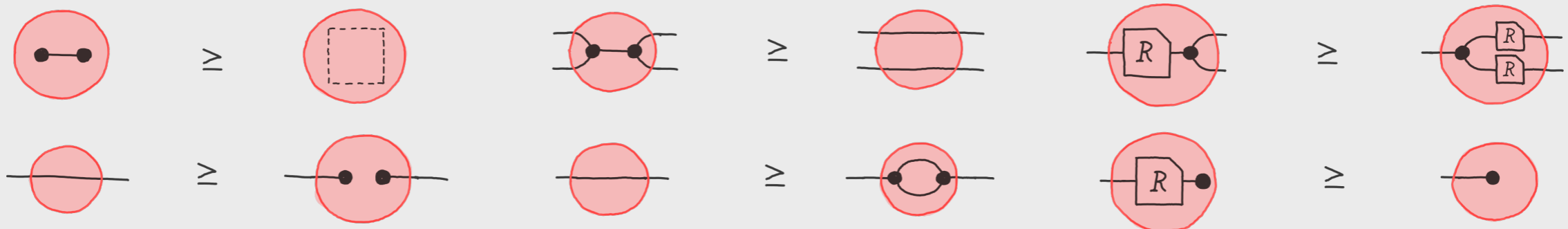
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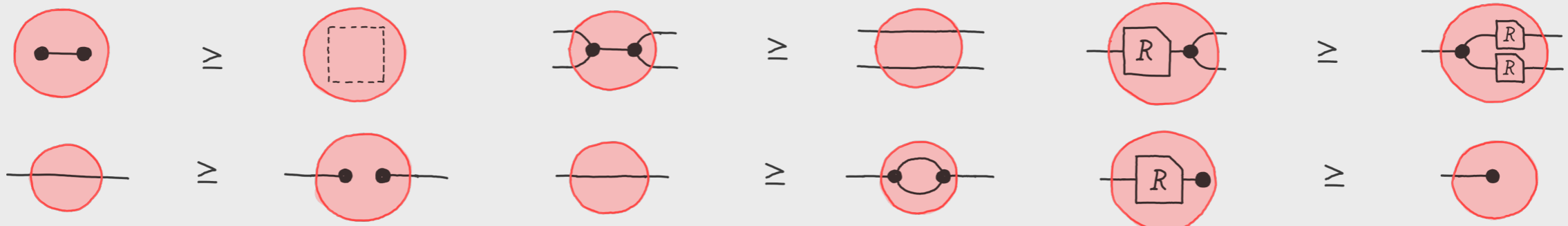
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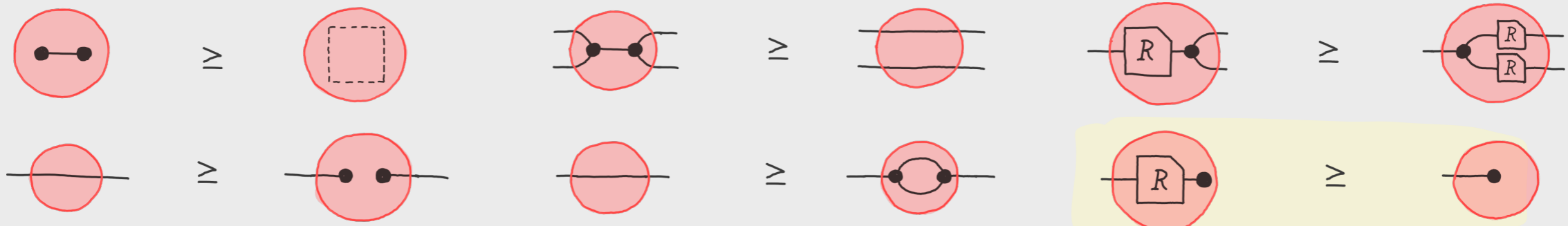
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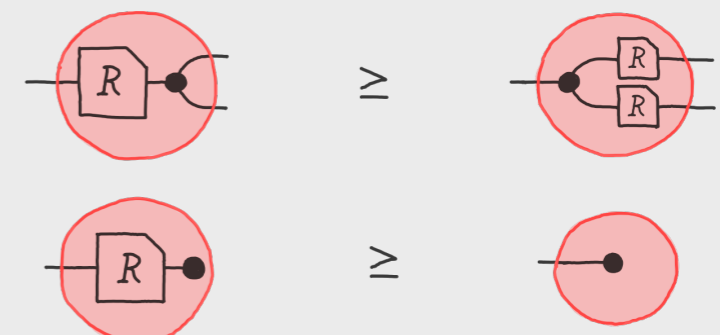
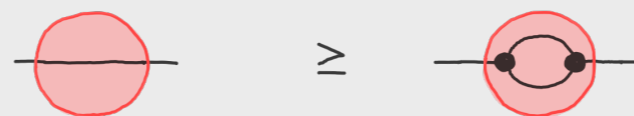
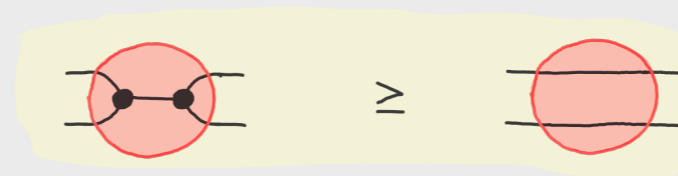
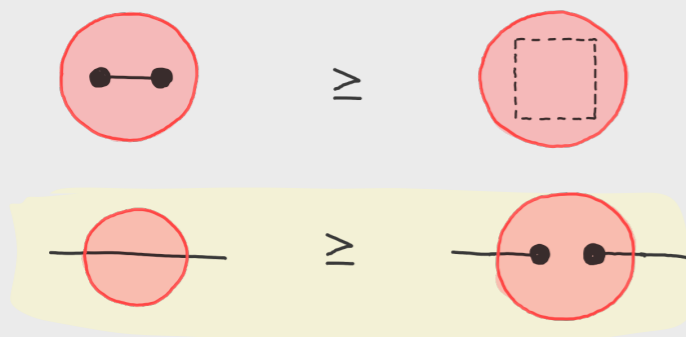
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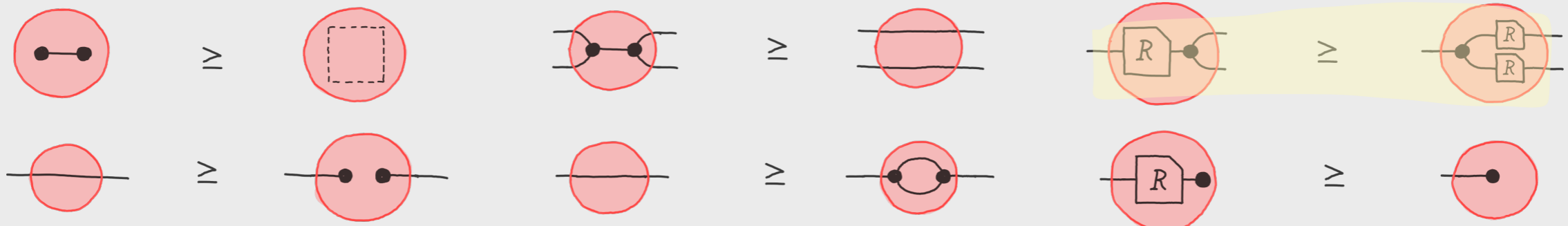
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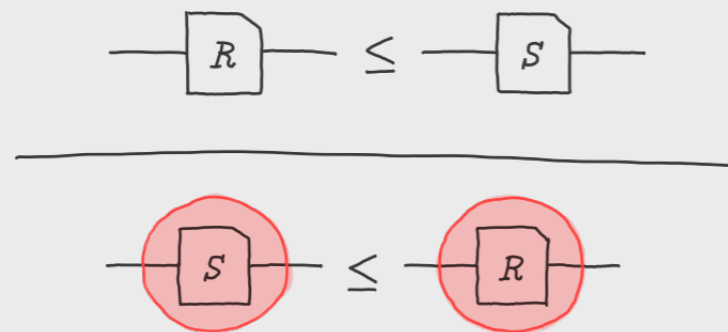
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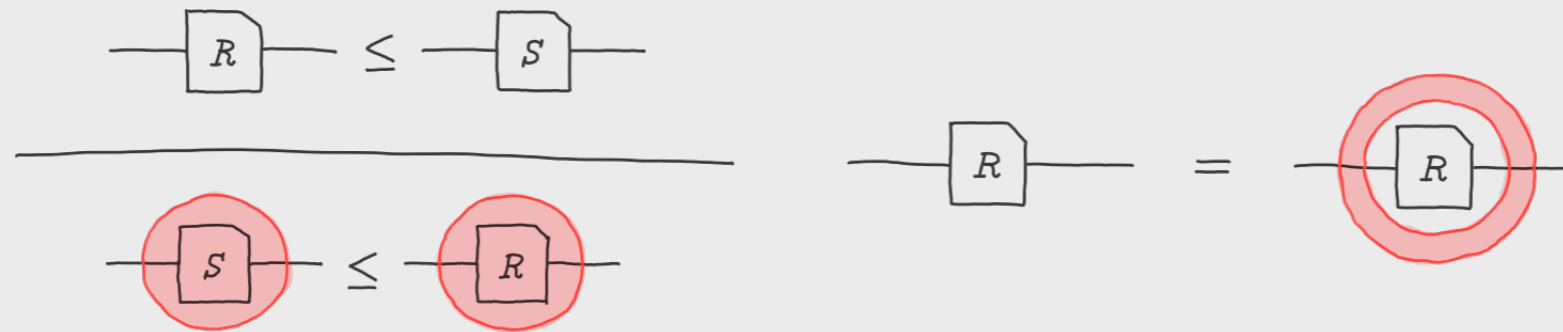
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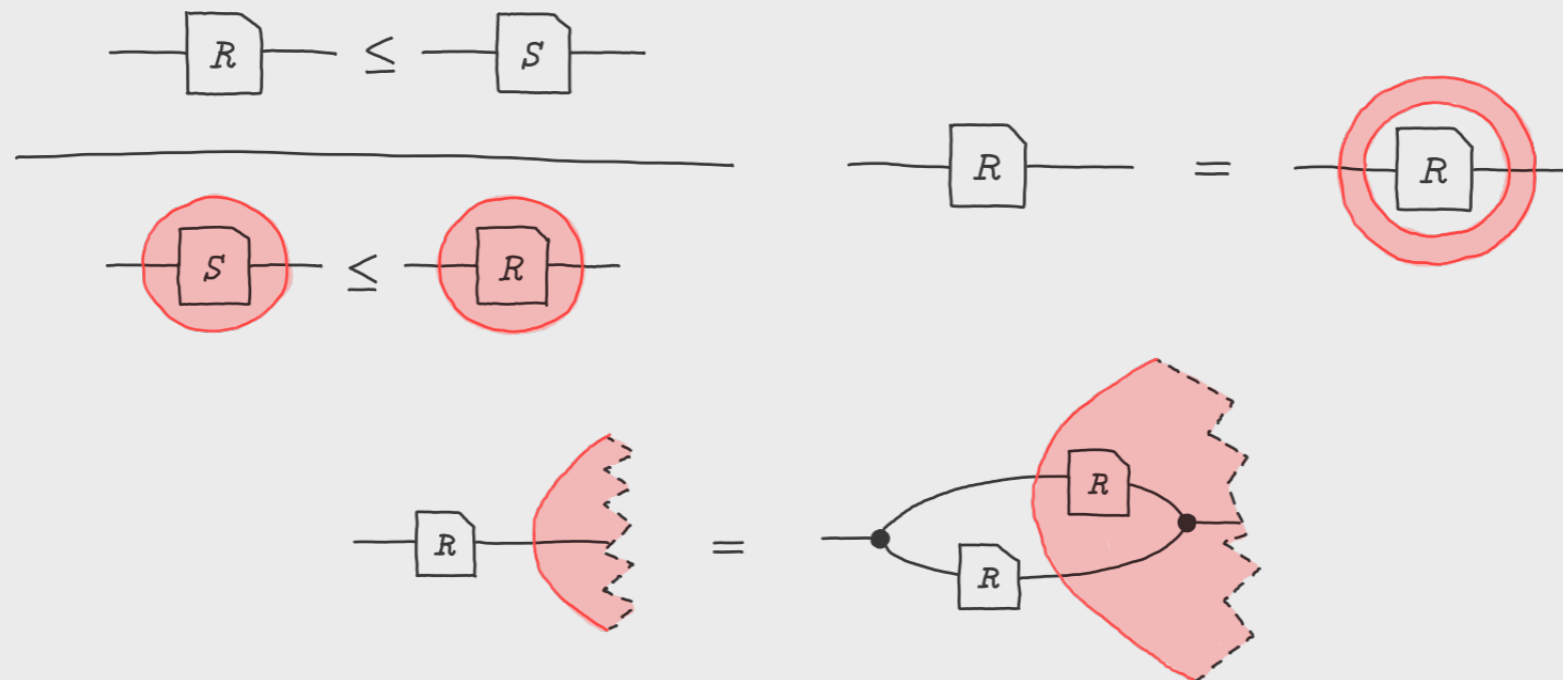
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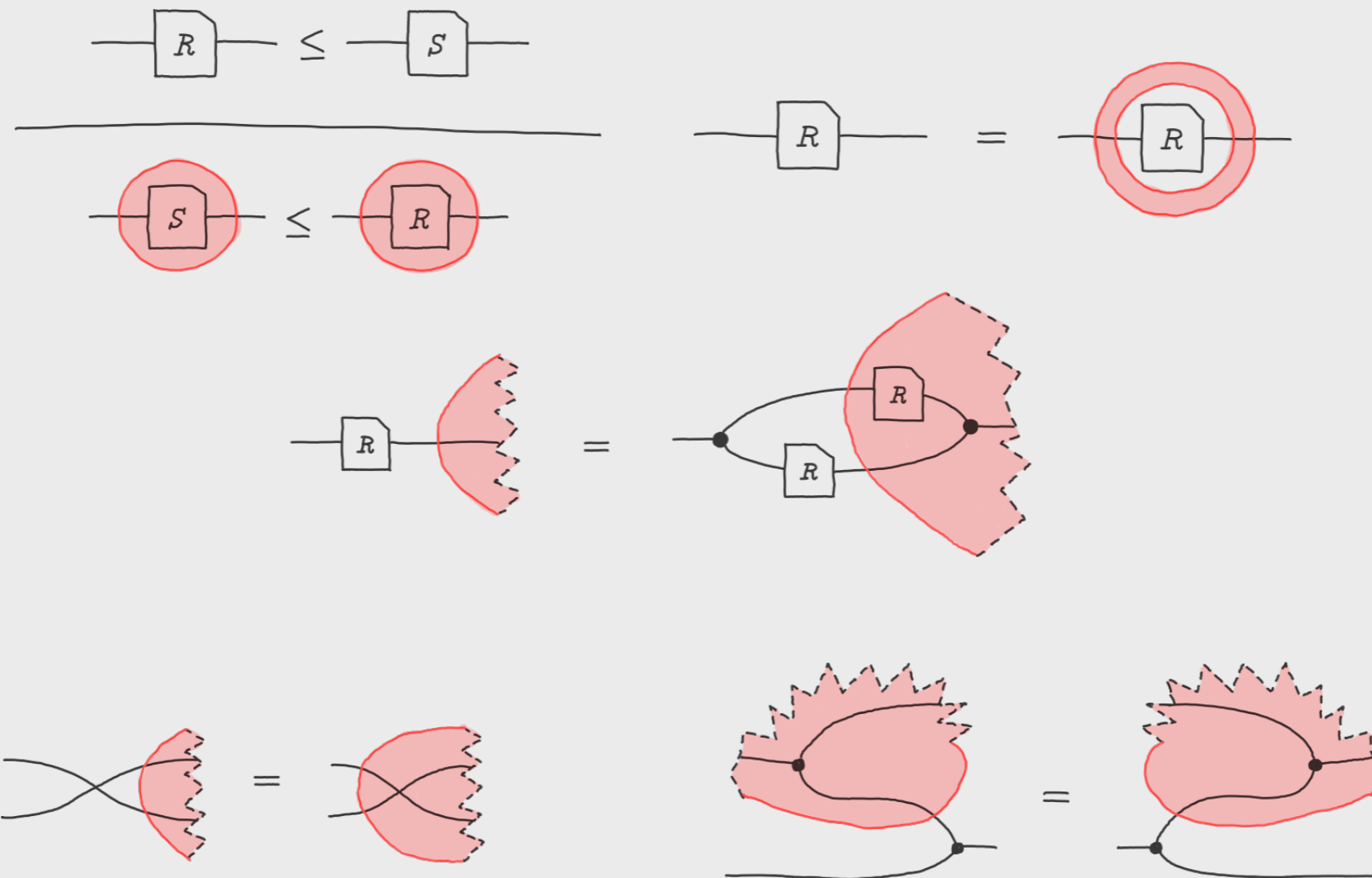
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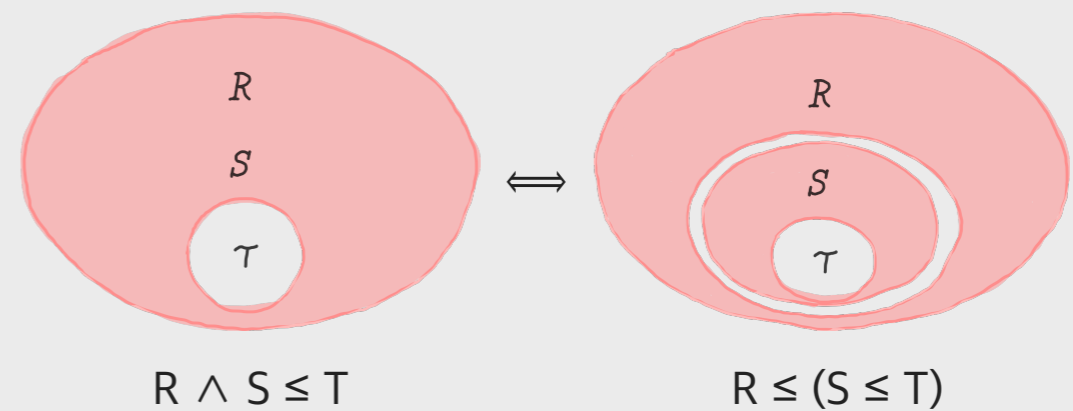
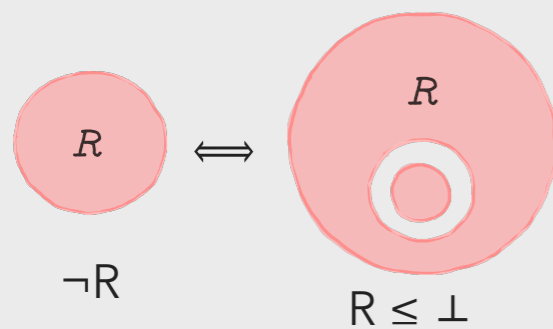
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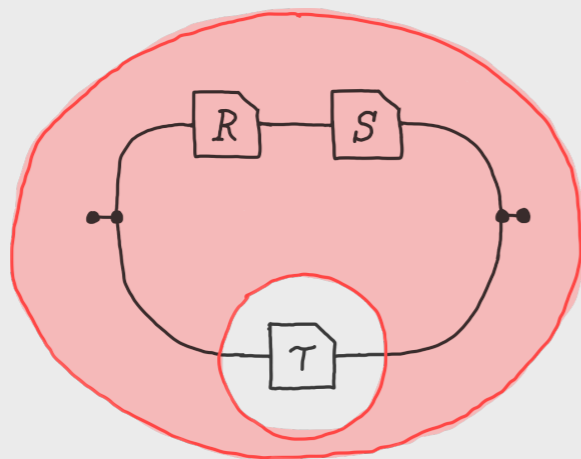
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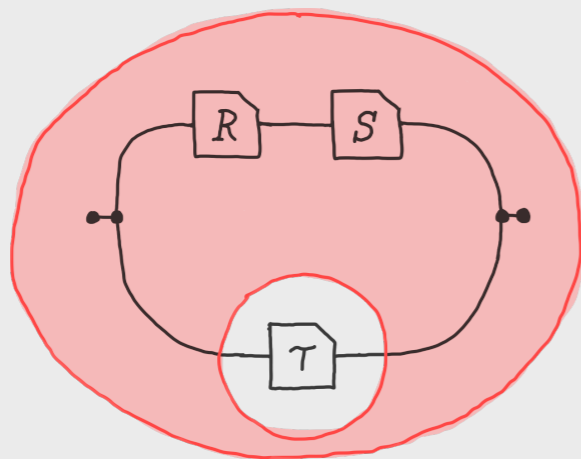
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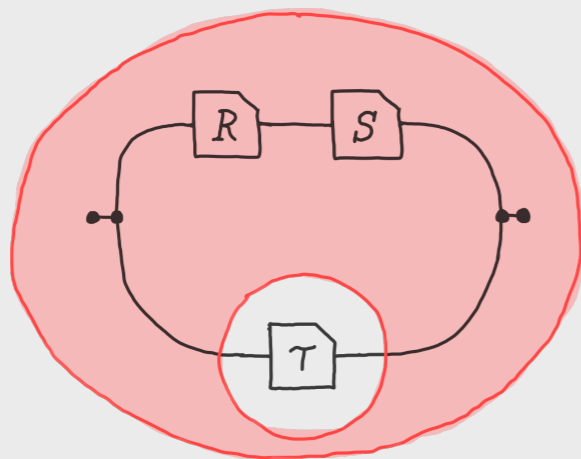


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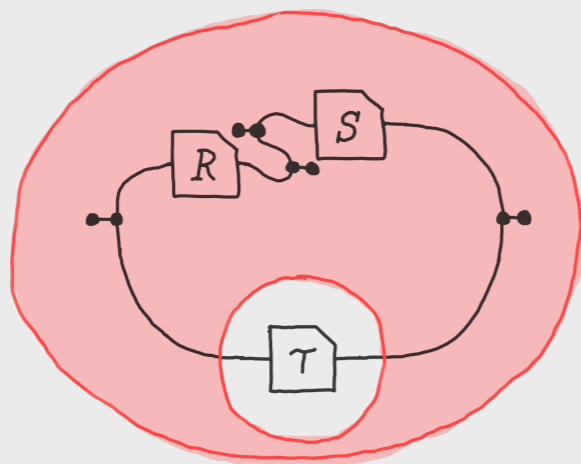
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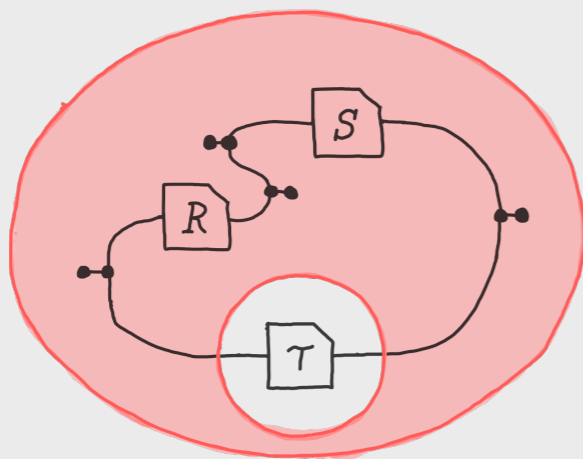
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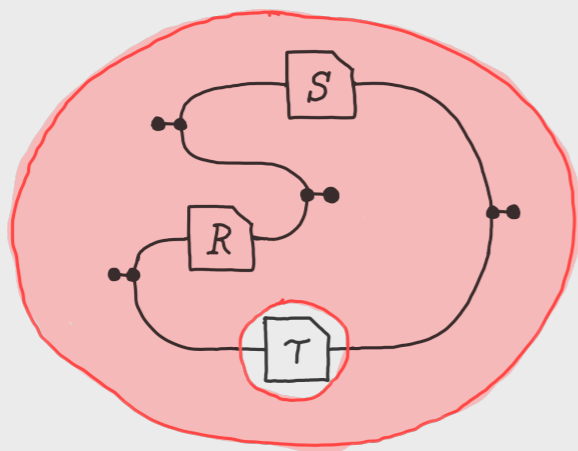
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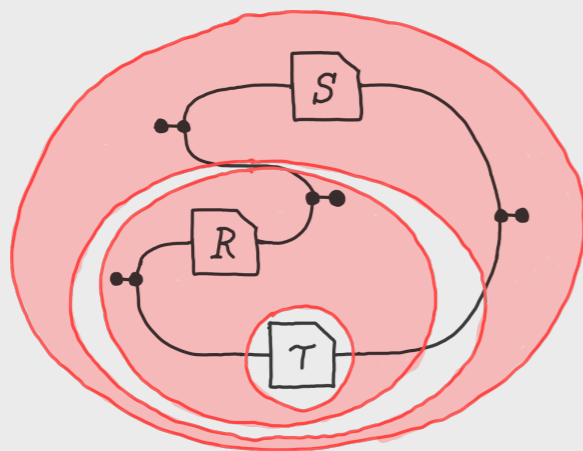
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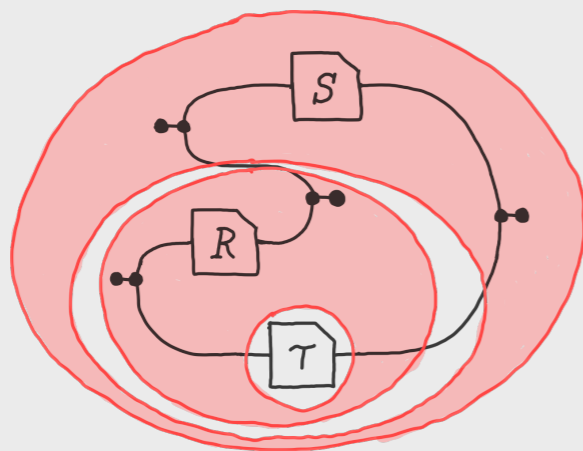
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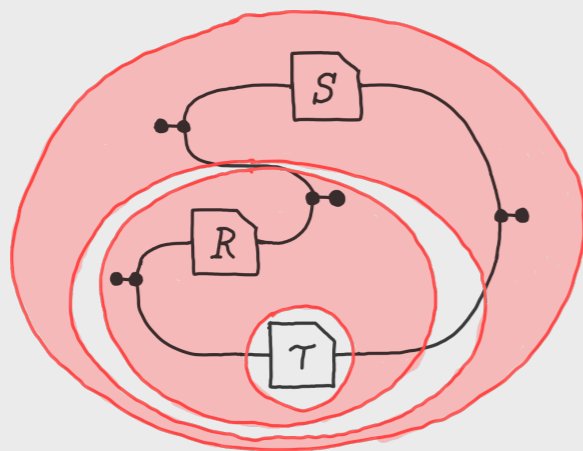


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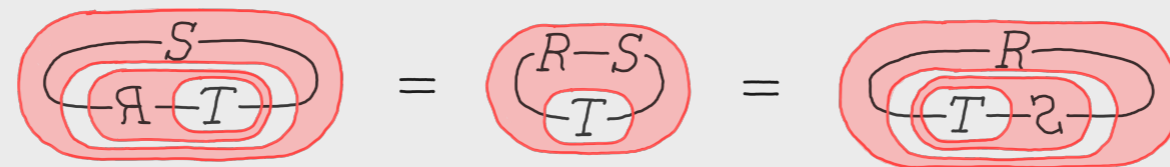
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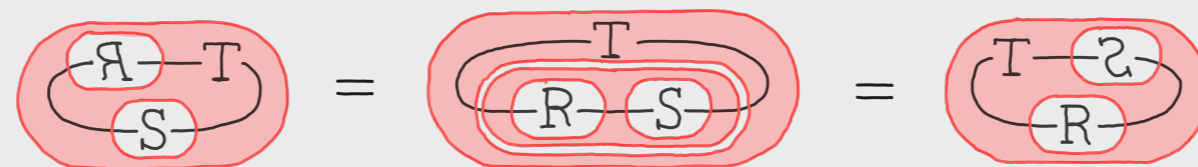
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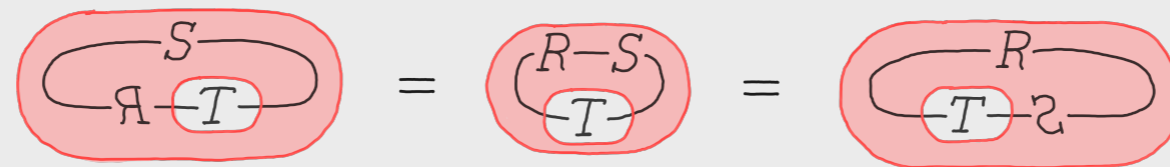
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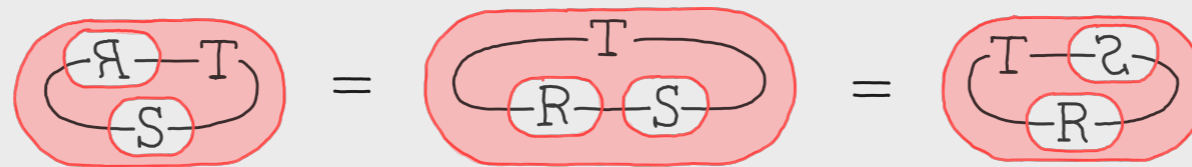
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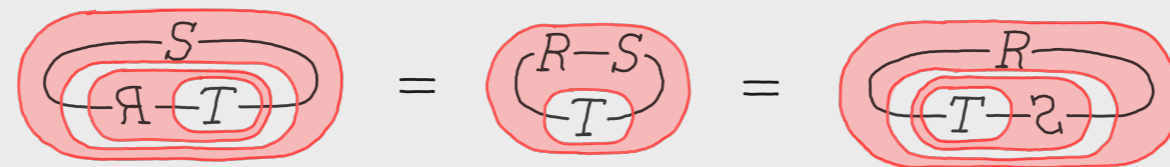
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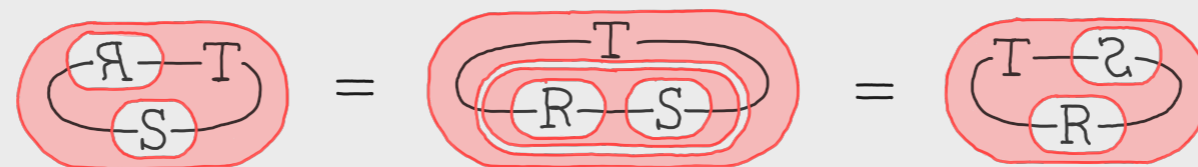
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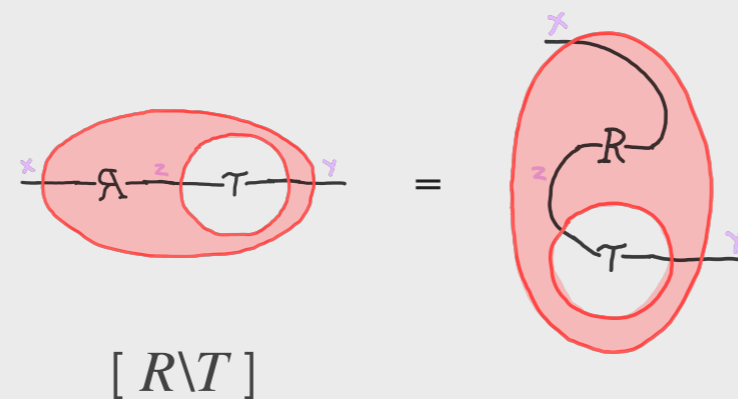
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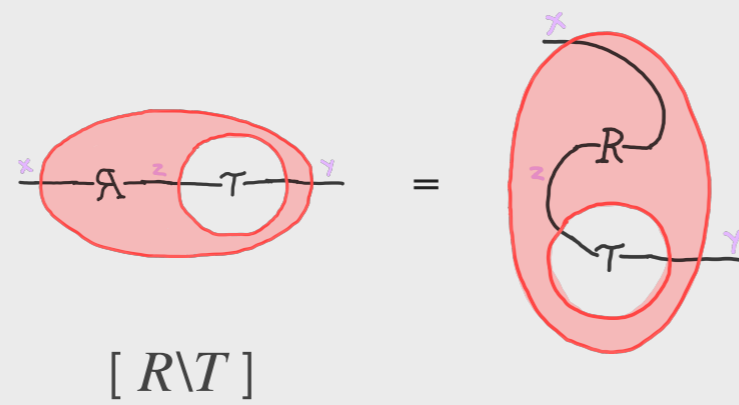
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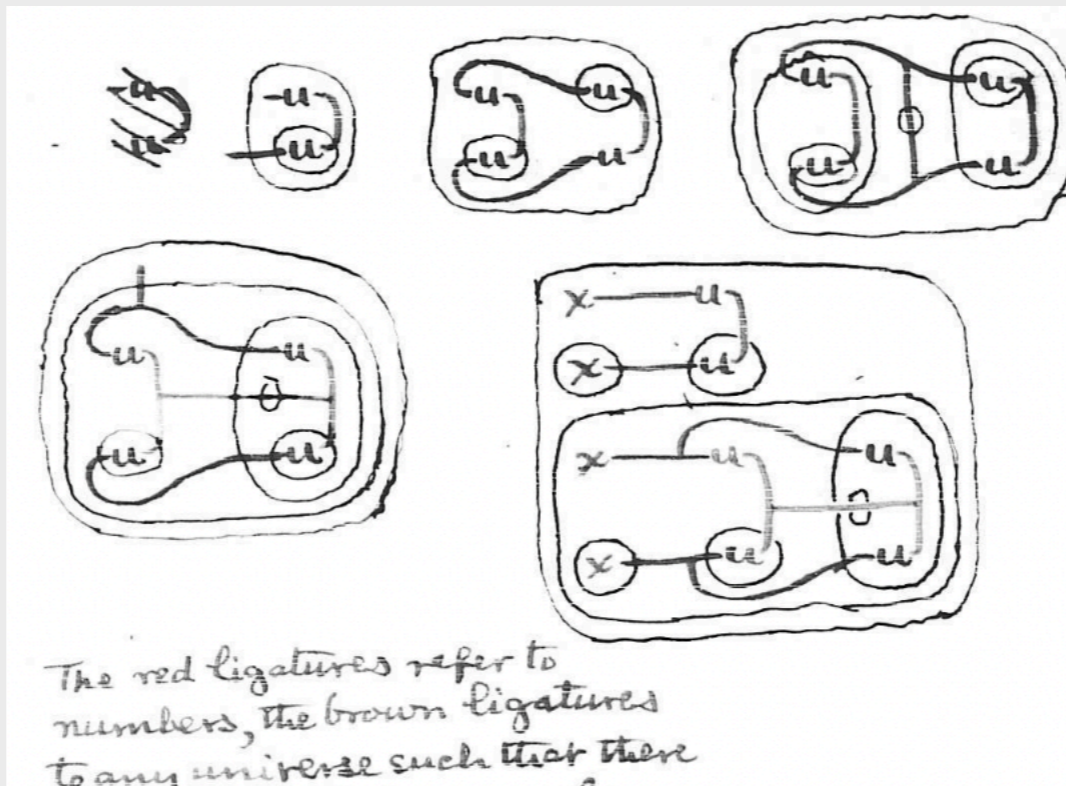
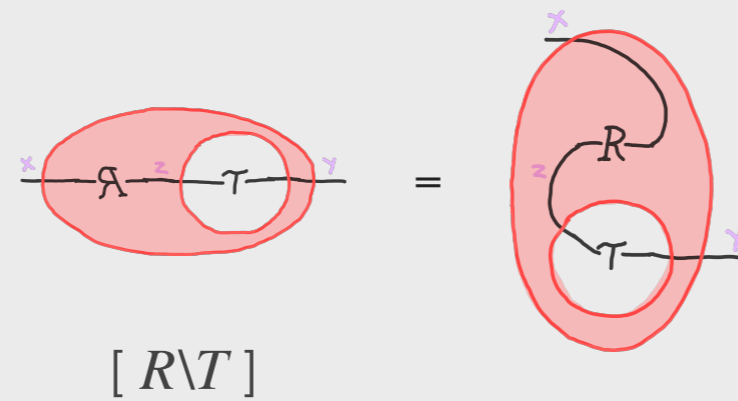
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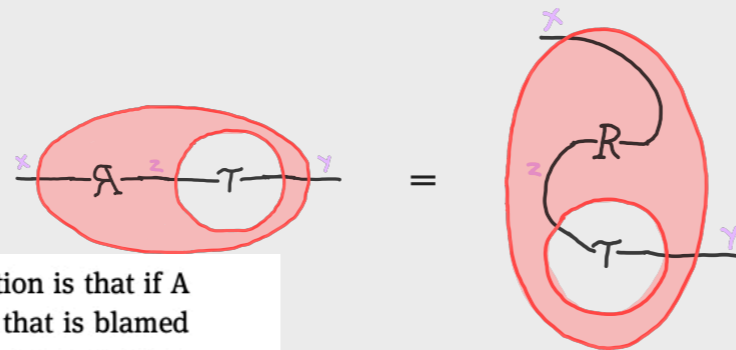
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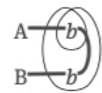
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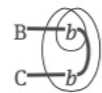
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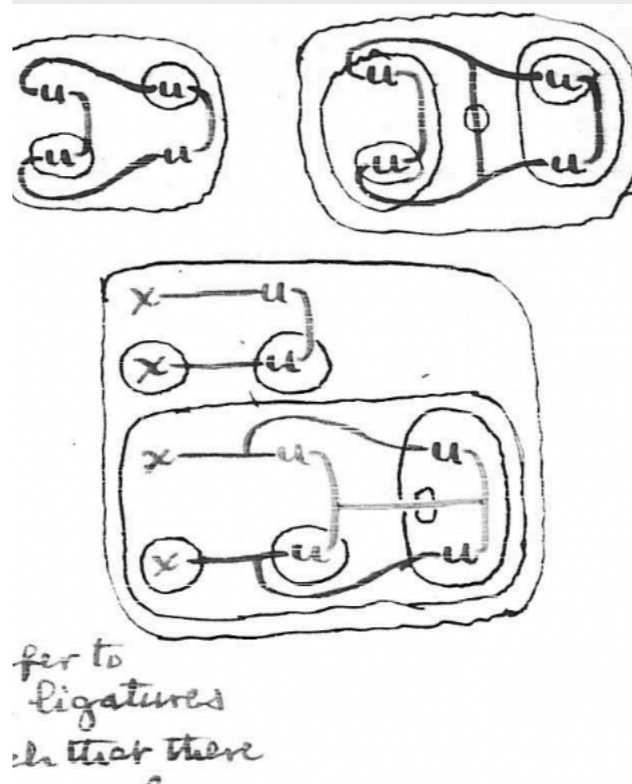
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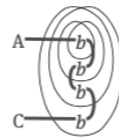


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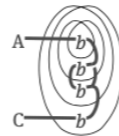


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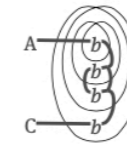
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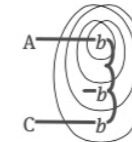
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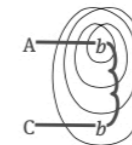
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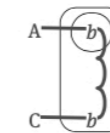
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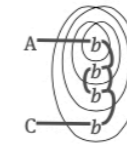


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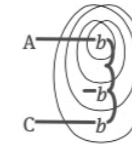
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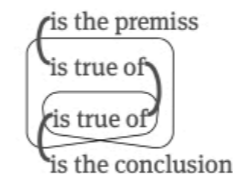
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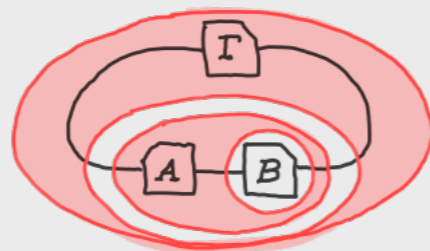
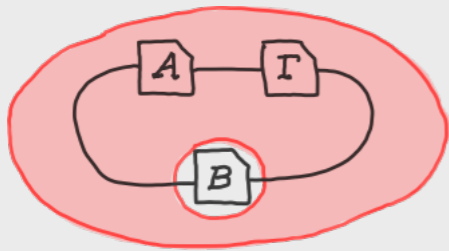
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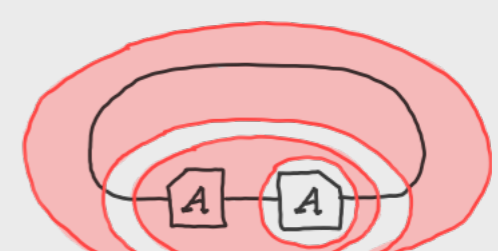
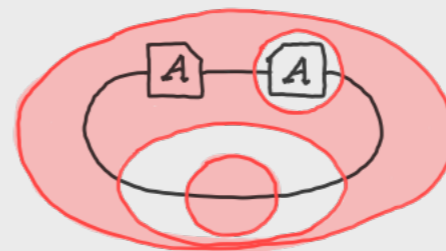
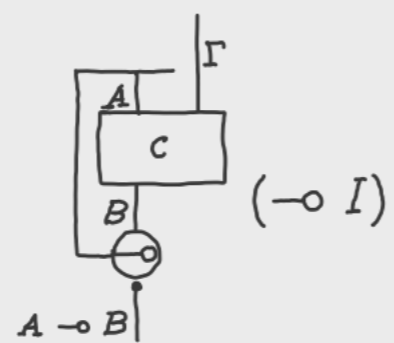
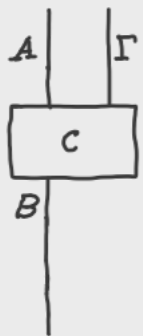
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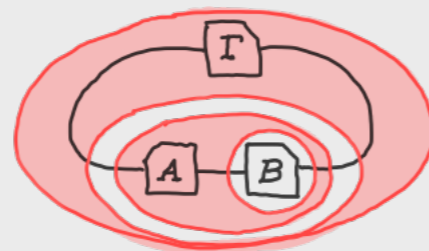
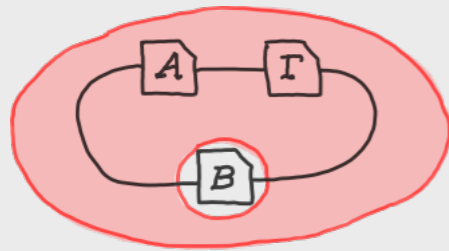


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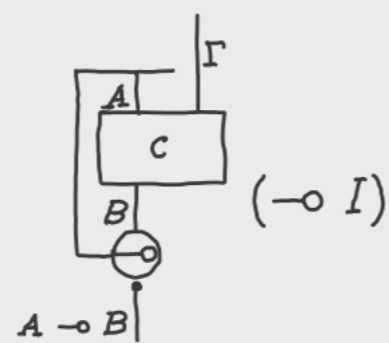
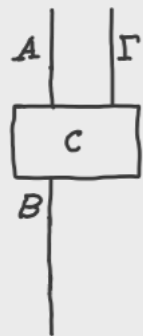


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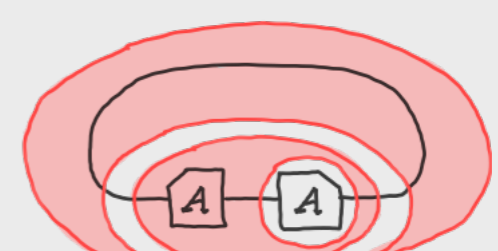
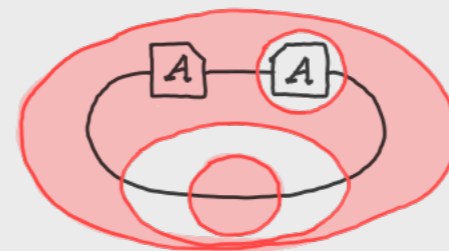
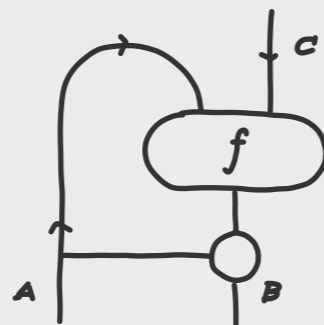
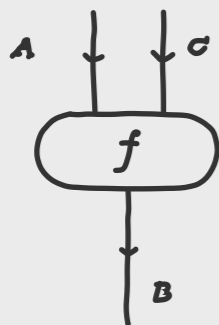




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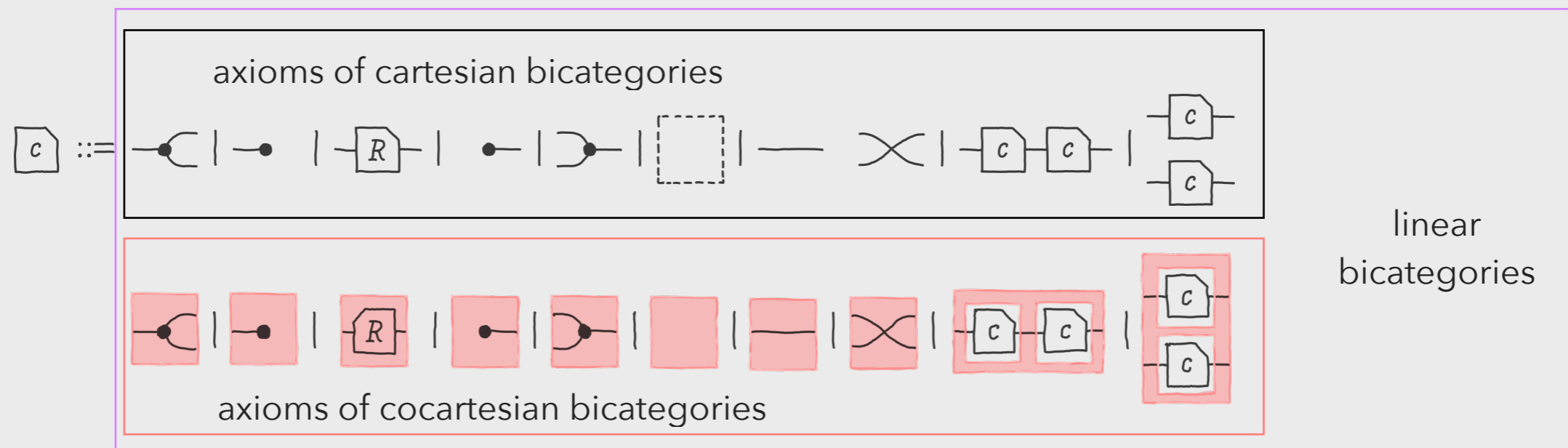


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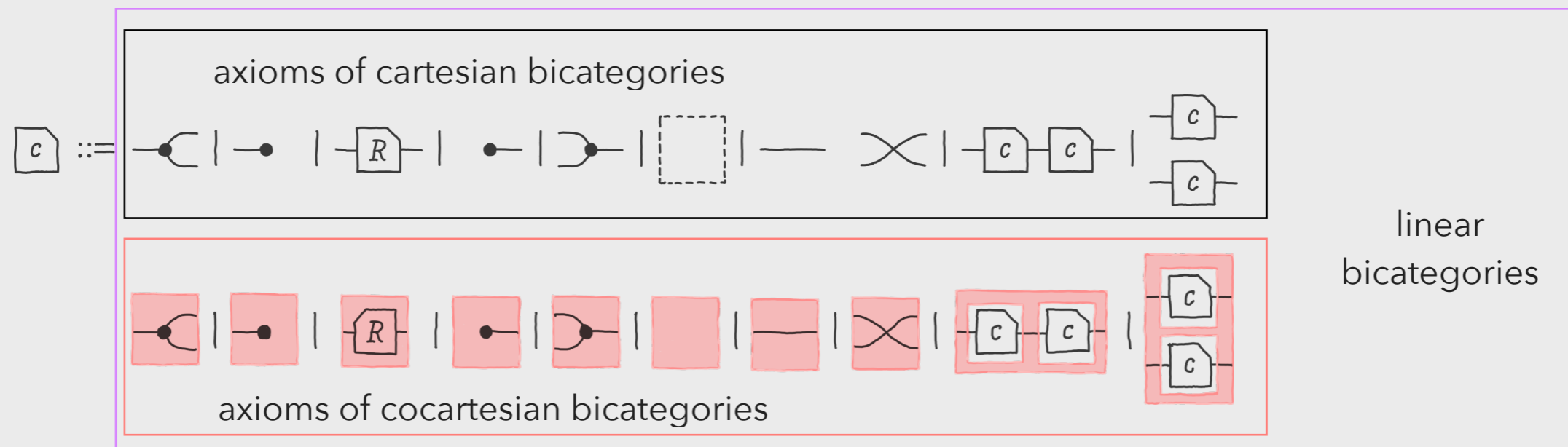


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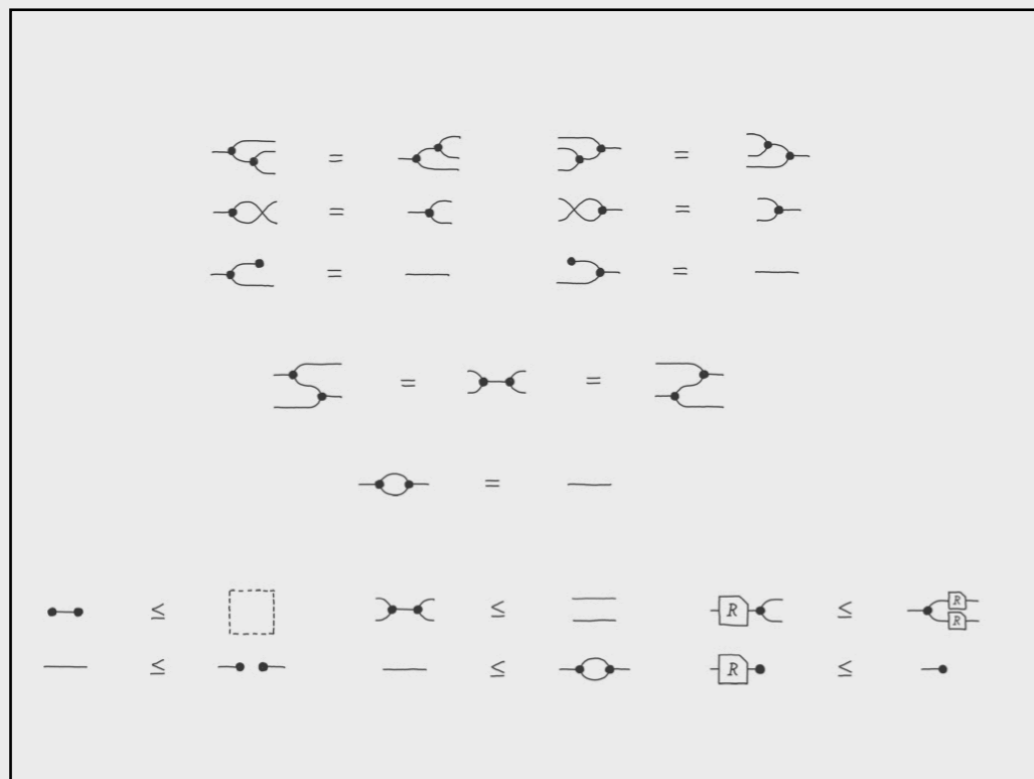


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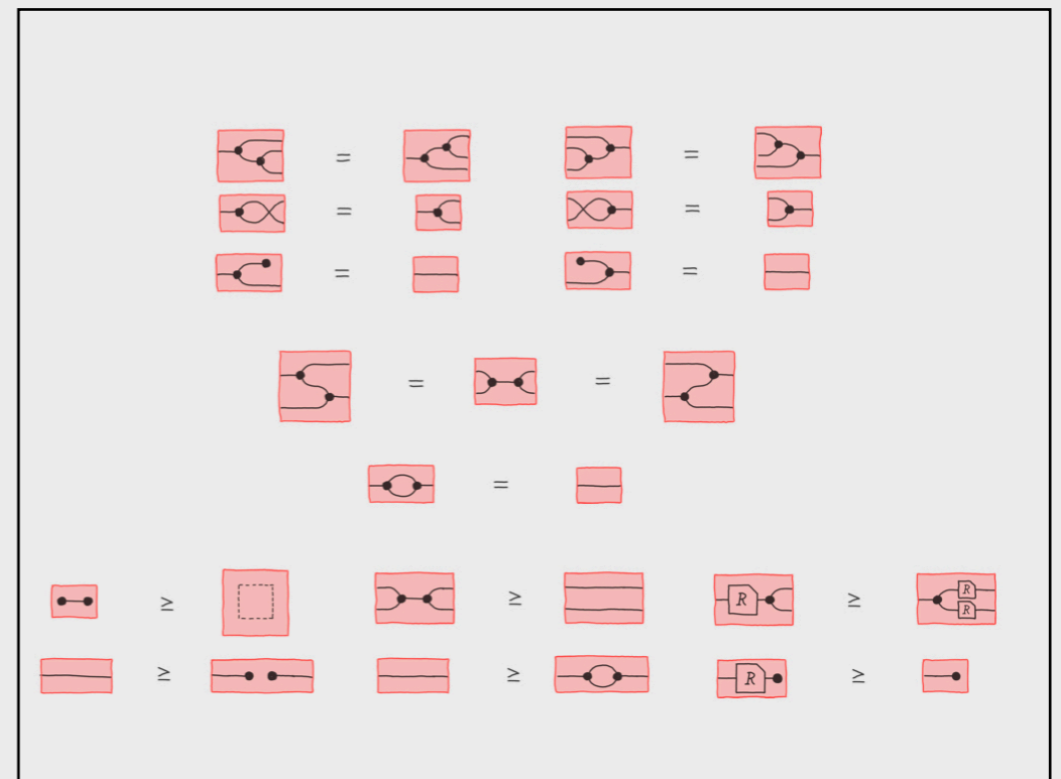


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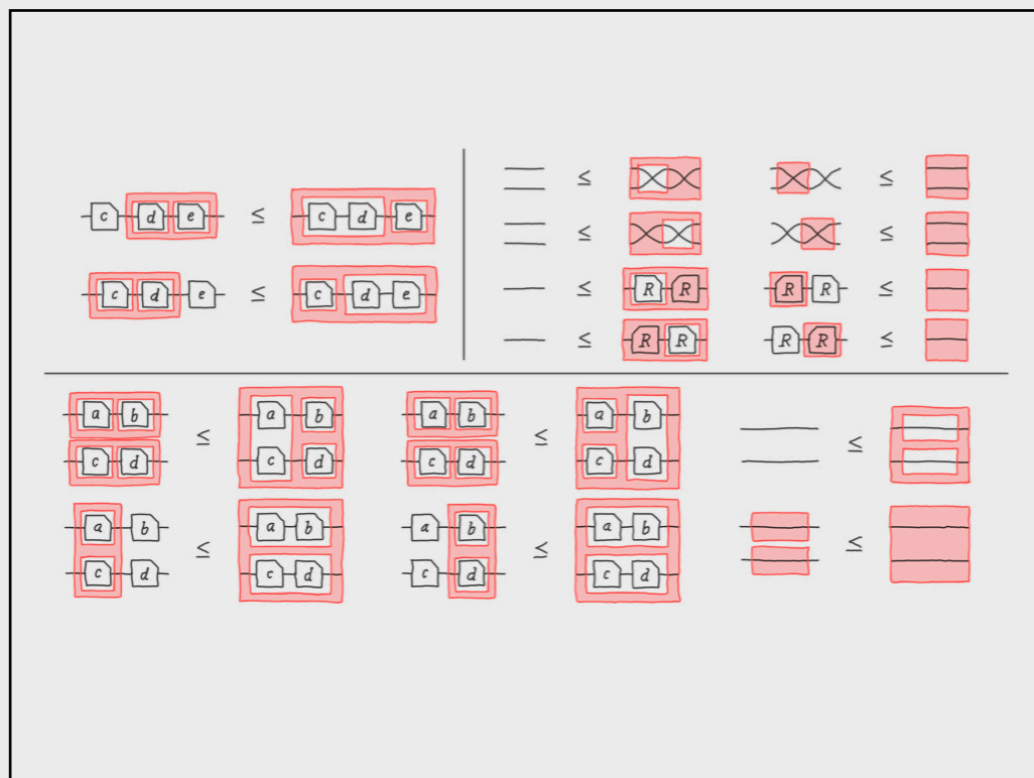
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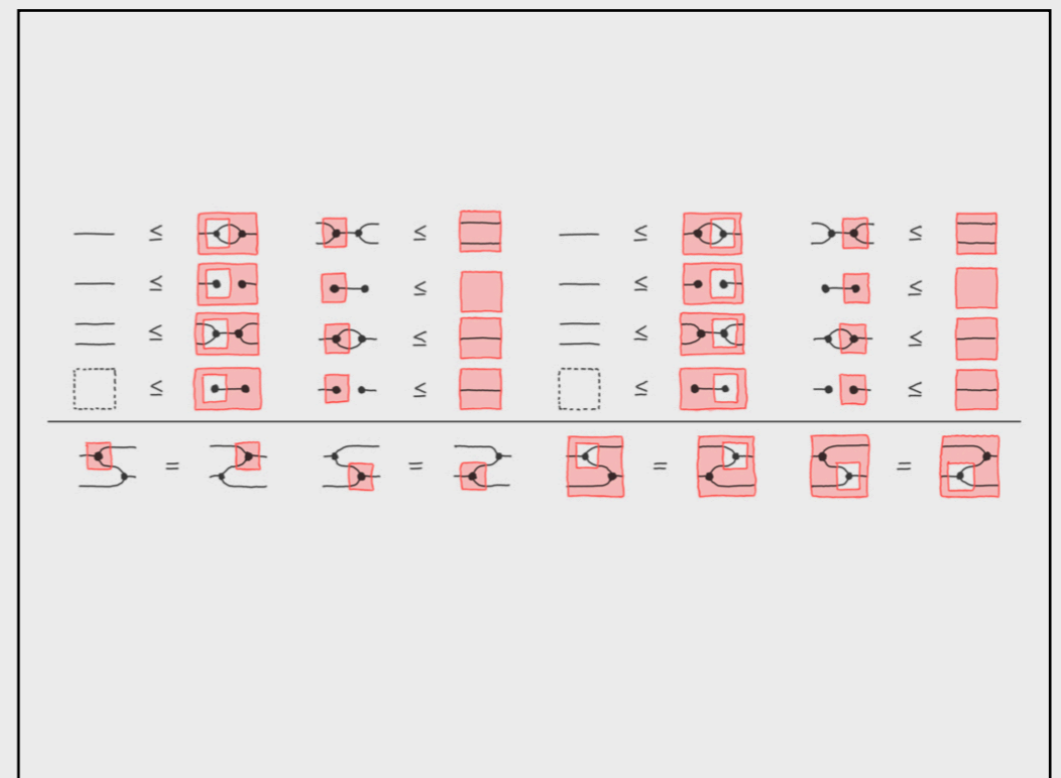
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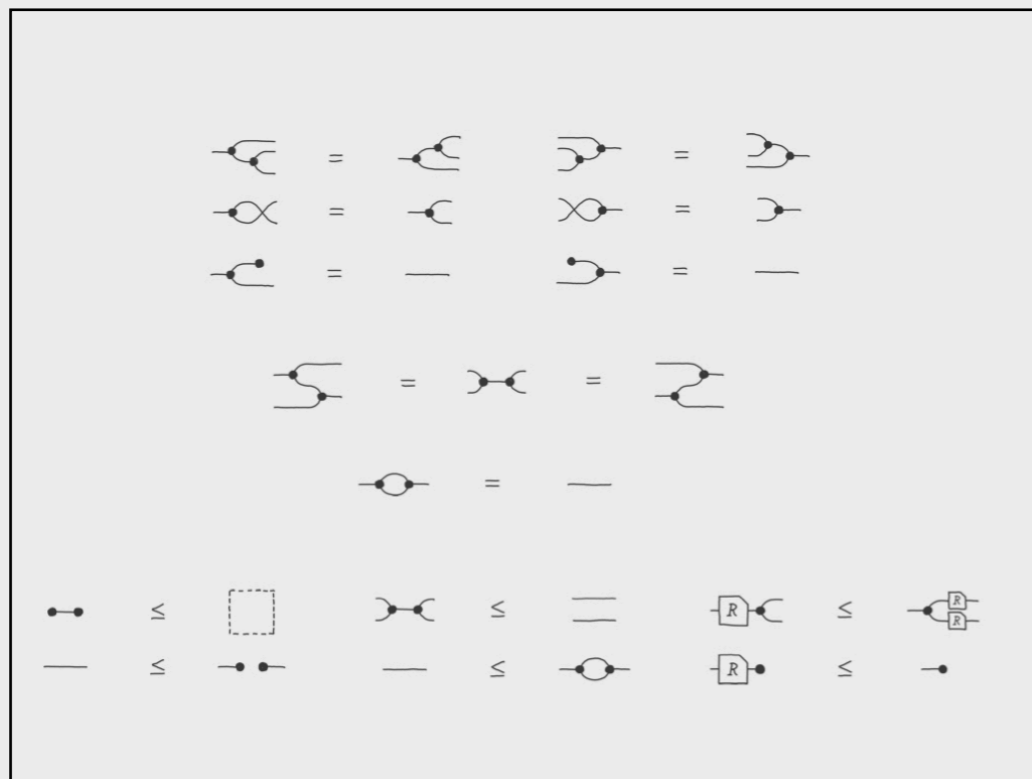
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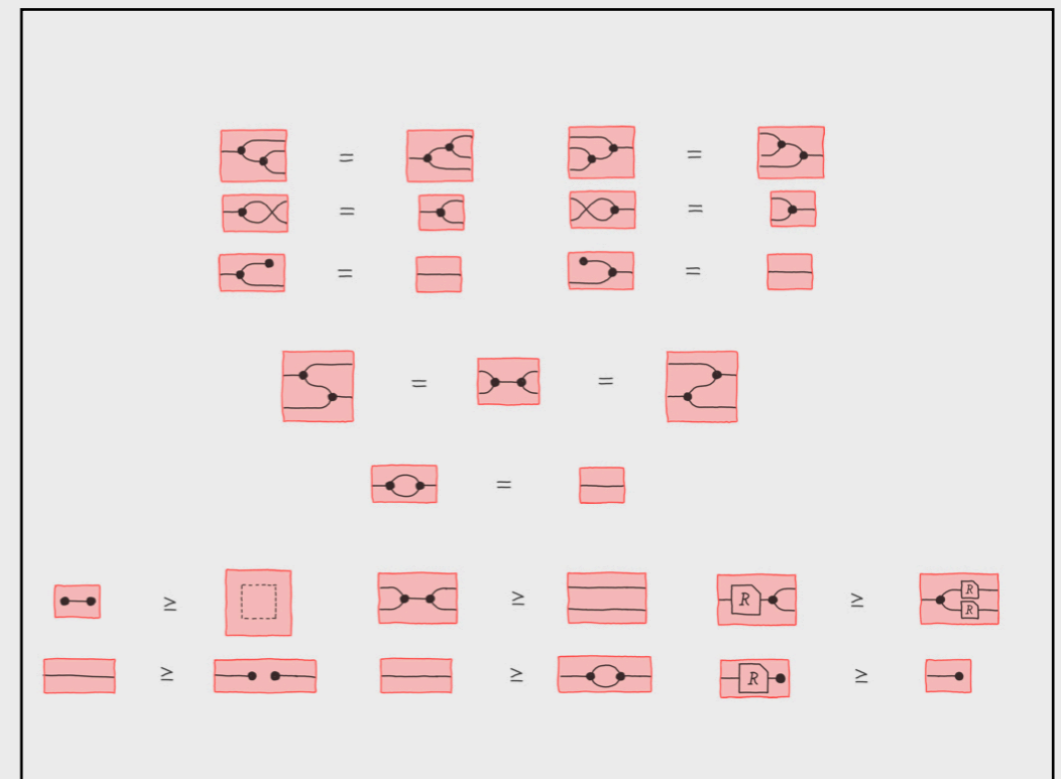
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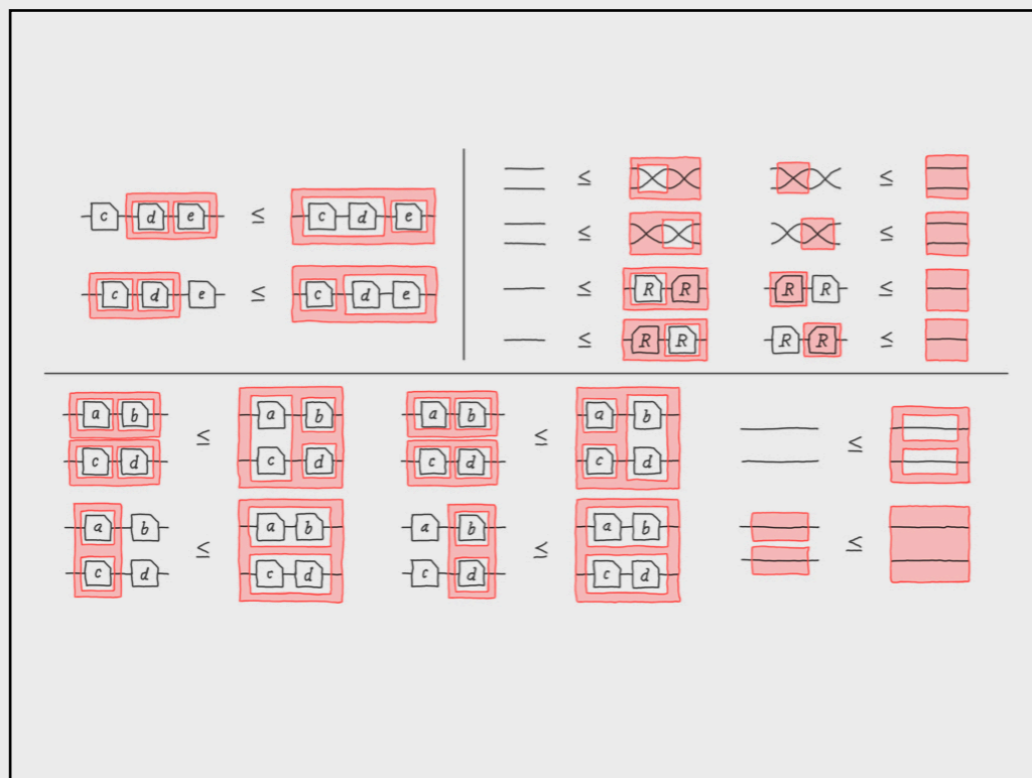
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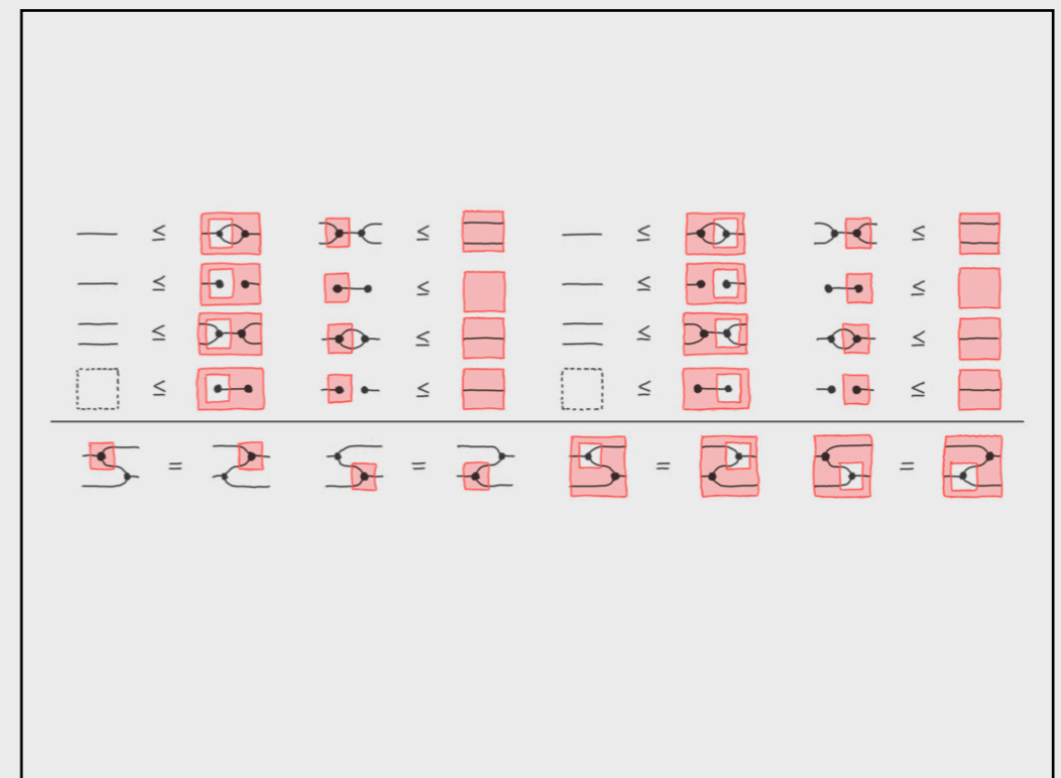
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[The closest extant theory is *classical (cyclic) bilinear logic*. See Lambek (1995).]



# From Categorical Grammar to Bilinear Logic

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## 1 Introduction

The *syntactic calculus*, also known as ‘bidirectional categorial grammar’, is a kind of logic without any structural rules, other than the obligatory reflexive law and cut-rule. It had been inspired by multilinear algebra and non-commutative ring theory and was developed with applications to linguistics in mind. Here we shall confine attention to the associative version, although a non-associative version has also been studied [L 1961, Kandulski 1988, Došen 1988, 1989]. It differs from a very rudimentary form of Girard’s linear logic [Girard 1987, 1989] by the absence of the interchange rule which licenses commutativity. Because of its roots in non-commutative algebra and syntax, all appearance of commutativity is forbidden. The no-

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$I, \otimes, /, \backslash, \top, \wedge, \perp, \vee.$

These operations are subject to the following axioms and rules of inference. (For purposes of this elementary exposition, we have not labeled the arrows, although a more advanced exposition would require this.)

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$0, \oplus, \dot{\div}, \dot{\div}$ ,

subject to the following new axioms and rules of inference:

$$(A \oplus B) \oplus C \leftrightarrow A \oplus (B \oplus C), \quad A \oplus 0 \leftrightarrow A \leftrightarrow 0 \oplus A, \\ C \rightarrow A \oplus B \text{ iff } C \dot{\div} B \rightarrow A \text{ iff } A \dot{\div} C \rightarrow B.$$

The following derived rules are easily proved or just inferred from symmetry:

$$\frac{A \rightarrow B \quad C \rightarrow D}{A \oplus C \rightarrow B \oplus D}, \quad \frac{A \rightarrow B \quad C \rightarrow D}{A \dot{\div} D \rightarrow B \dot{\div} C}, \quad \frac{A \rightarrow B \quad C \rightarrow D}{B \dot{\div} C \rightarrow A \dot{\div} D}.$$

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which may be called *left annihilator*, *right annihilator*, *left creator* and *right creator* respectively, as they have the following properties:

$$(\#) \quad \perp C \otimes C \rightarrow 0, C \otimes C^\perp \rightarrow 0, I \rightarrow {}^\top C \otimes C, I \rightarrow C \otimes C^\top.$$

However, in BL1(a),  ${}^\top C \rightarrow C^\perp$  and, in BL1(b),  $C^\perp \rightarrow {}^\top C$ . Thus, in BL2.  $C^\perp \leftrightarrow {}^\top C$  and similarly  $C^\top \leftrightarrow \perp C$ . Therefore we may identify  $\perp C$  with lattices', the latter if the lattice operations are present. If, moreover, the

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## 13 Cyclic Bilinear Logic

By BL3 we shall understand BL2 together with the following rules: if  $A \otimes B \rightarrow O$  then  $B \otimes A \rightarrow O$ , if  $I \rightarrow A \oplus B$  then  $I \rightarrow B \oplus A$ , or, equivalently,

$$O/A \leftrightarrow A \backslash O, \quad I \div A \leftrightarrow A \dot{\div} I.$$

These rules are not independent; according to the second formulation of BL2 they amount to  $A^\perp \leftrightarrow A^\top$ , so that we can discard  $\top$  altogether. In a sequent calculus presentation, they should be expressed as additional structural rules:

$$\frac{\Gamma \Delta \rightarrow}{\Delta \Gamma \rightarrow}, \quad \frac{\rightarrow \Phi \Psi}{\rightarrow \Psi \Phi}.$$

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## 12 The Algebra of Binary Relations on a Set

We study binary relations on a set  $X$ , assuming that the underlying logic is classical. If  $R \subseteq X \times X$ , we write  $xRy$  for  $(x, y) \in R$ . Aside from the obvious lattice operations, we define the bilinear operations as follows:

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$a(R/S)b$	iff	$\forall_z(bSz \Rightarrow aRz)$
$a(S \backslash R)b$	iff	$\forall_z(zSa \Rightarrow zRb)$
$aOb$	iff	$a \neq b$
$a(R \oplus S)b$	iff	$\forall_z(aRz \vee zSb)$
$a(R \dot{\div} S)b$	iff	$\exists_z(aRz \sim bSz)$
$a(S \dot{\div} R)b$	iff	$\exists_z(zRb \sim zSa)$

where  $\sim$  means 'but not'.

We claim that all the rules of BL2 are satisfied, with  $\rightarrow$  interpreted as inclusion, here written  $\leq$ , and give four sample proofs.

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Peirce's 'Note B' as a much earlier relational presentation...



'Note B' (1883)

We now come to the combination of relatives. Of these, we denote two by special symbols; namely, we write

$lb$  for lover of a benefactor,

and

$l \dagger b$  for lover of everything but benefactors.

The former is called a particular combination, because it implies the *existence* of something *loved by* its relate and a *benefactor of* its correlate. The second combination is said to be *universal*, because it implies the *non-existence* of anything except what is either loved by its relate or a benefactor of its correlate. The combination  $lb$  is called a relative product,  $l \dagger b$  a relative sum. The

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Relative addition and multiplication are subject to the associative law. That is,

$$l \dagger (b \dagger s) = (l \dagger b) \dagger s,$$

$$l (bs) = (lb) s.$$

Two formulæ so constantly used that hardly anything can be done without them are

$$l(b \dagger s) \prec lb \dagger s,$$

$$(l \dagger b) s \prec l \dagger bs.$$

The former asserts that whatever is lover of an object that is benefactor of everything but a servant, stands to everything but servants in the relation of lover of a benefactor. The latter asserts that whatever stands to

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To these partially correspond the following pair of highly important formulæ:—

$$1 \prec l \dagger \check{l} \quad l\check{l} \prec n.$$

The logic of relatives is highly multiform; it is characterized by innumerable immediate inferences, and by various distinct conclusions from the same sets of premises. An example of the first character is afforded by Mr. Mitchell's *E'* following from *E*. As an instance

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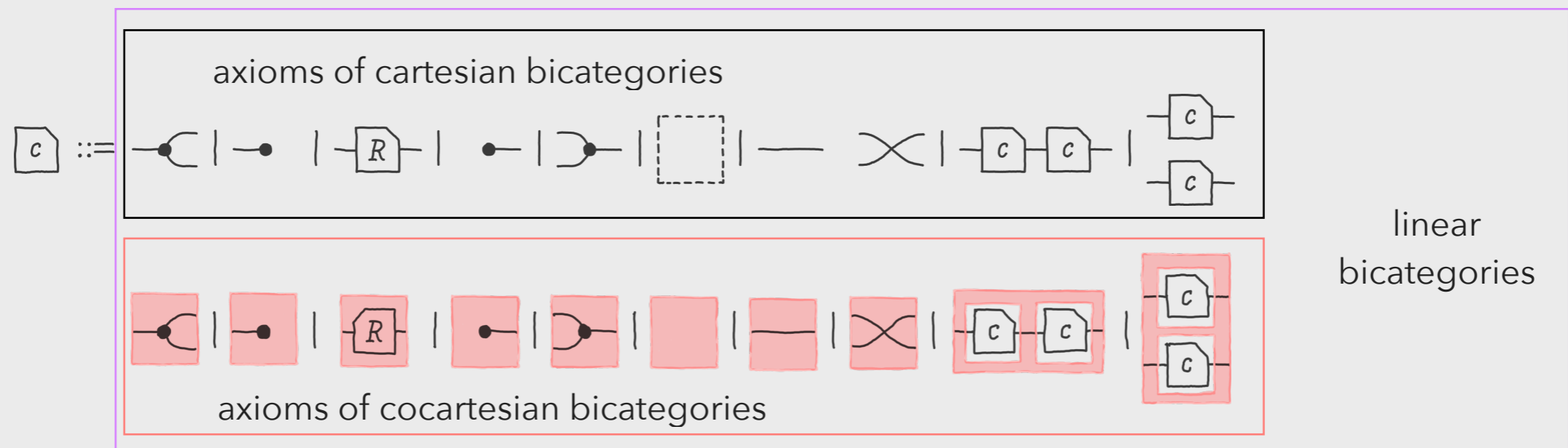
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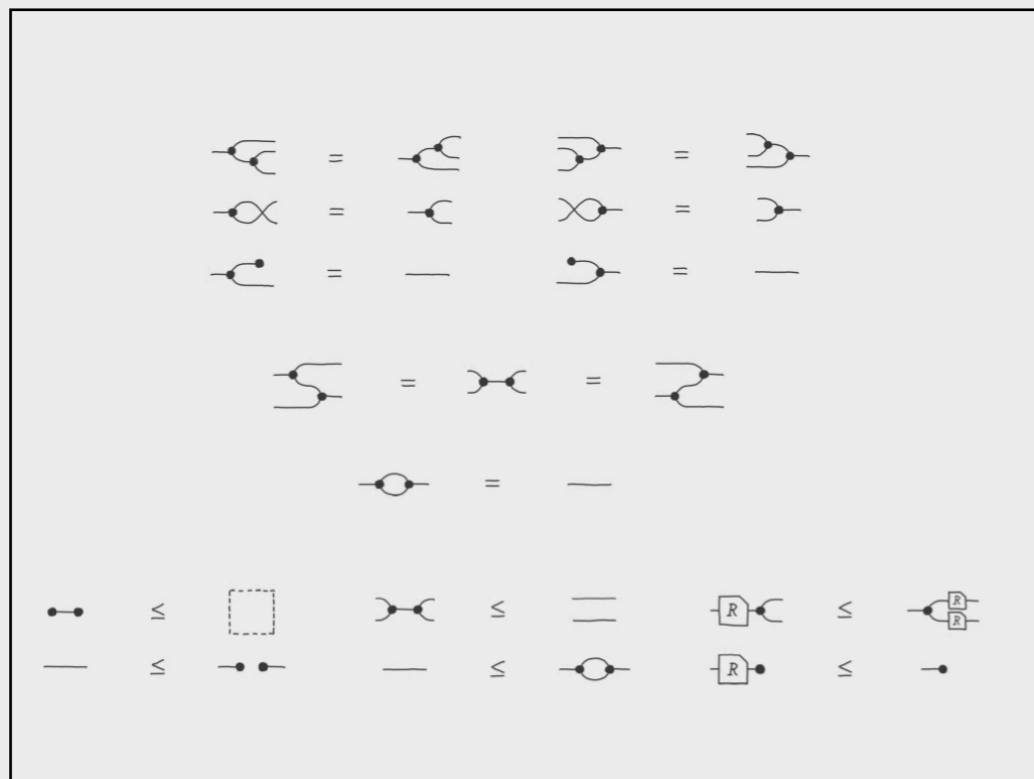
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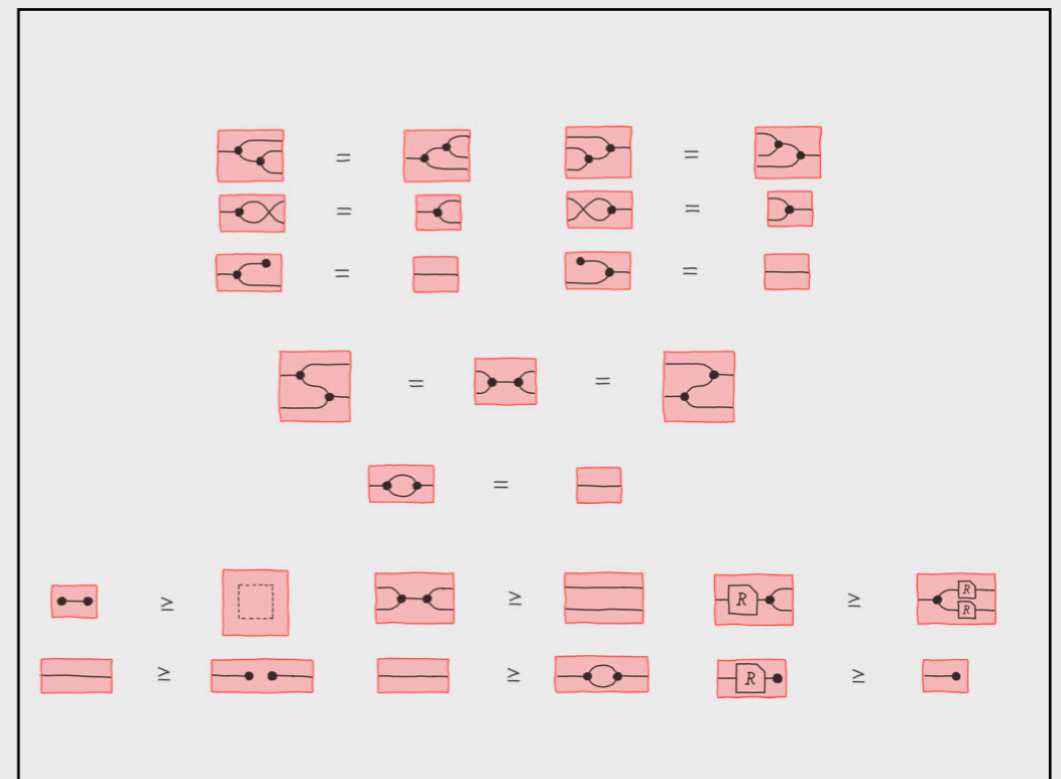
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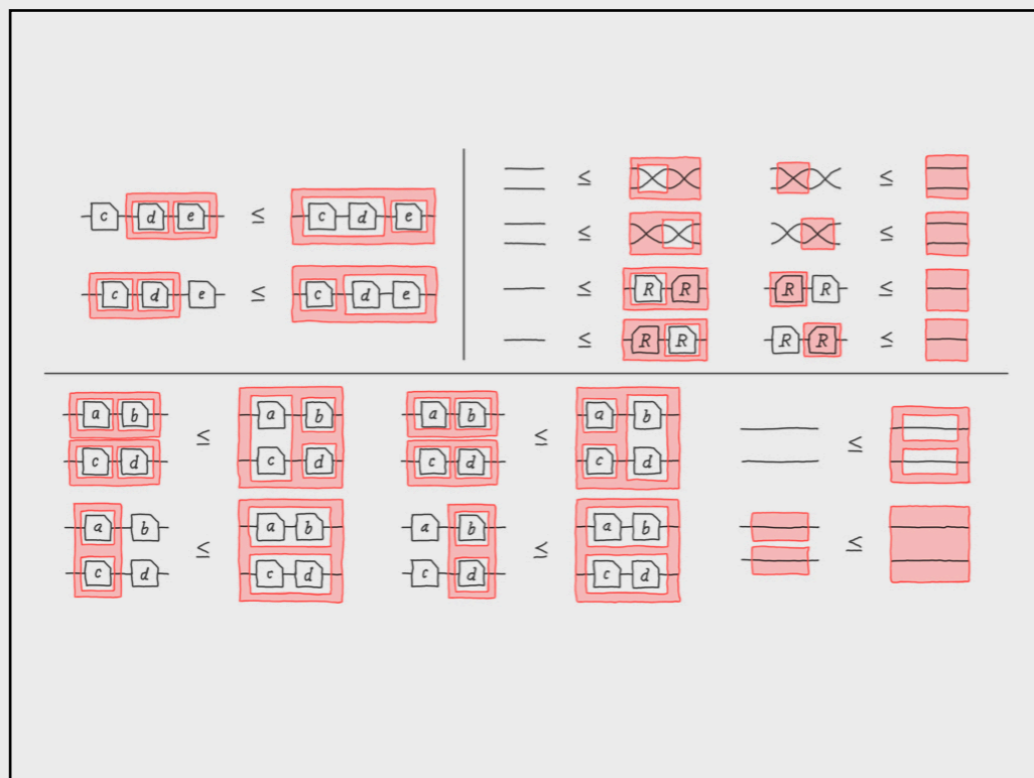
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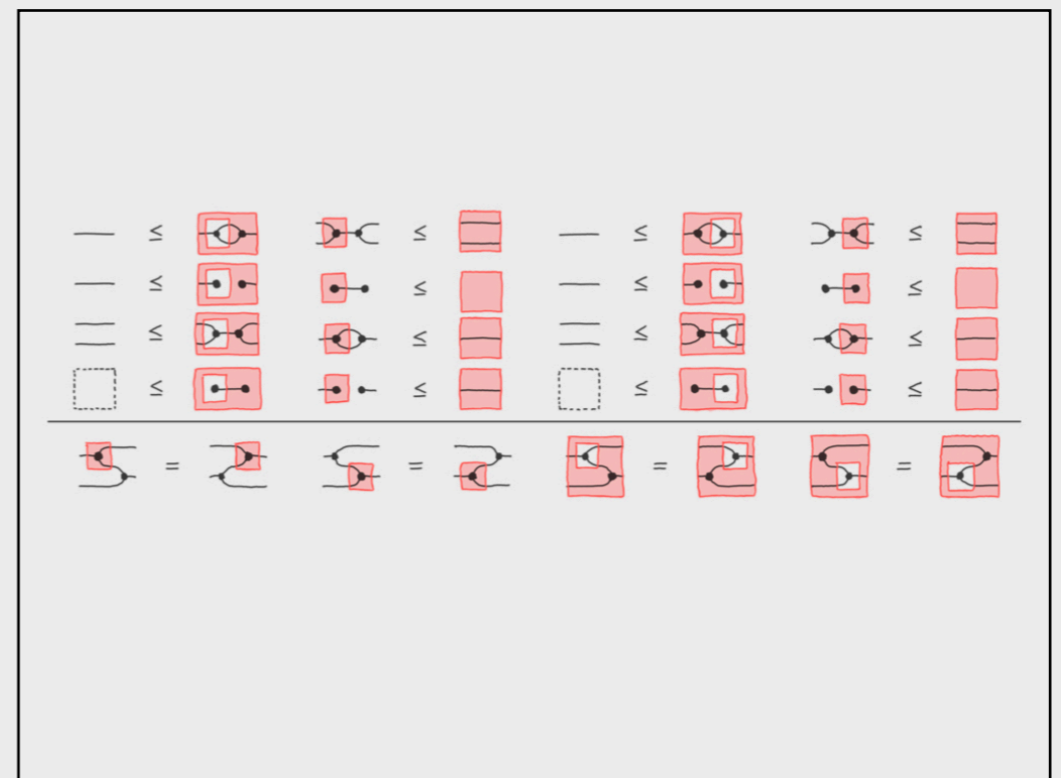
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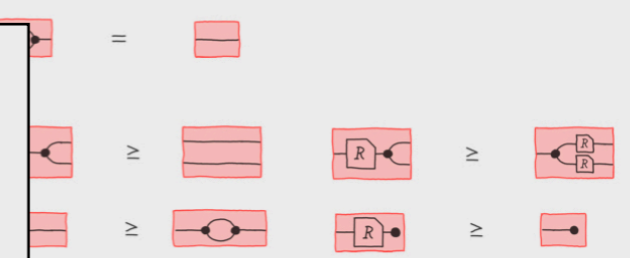
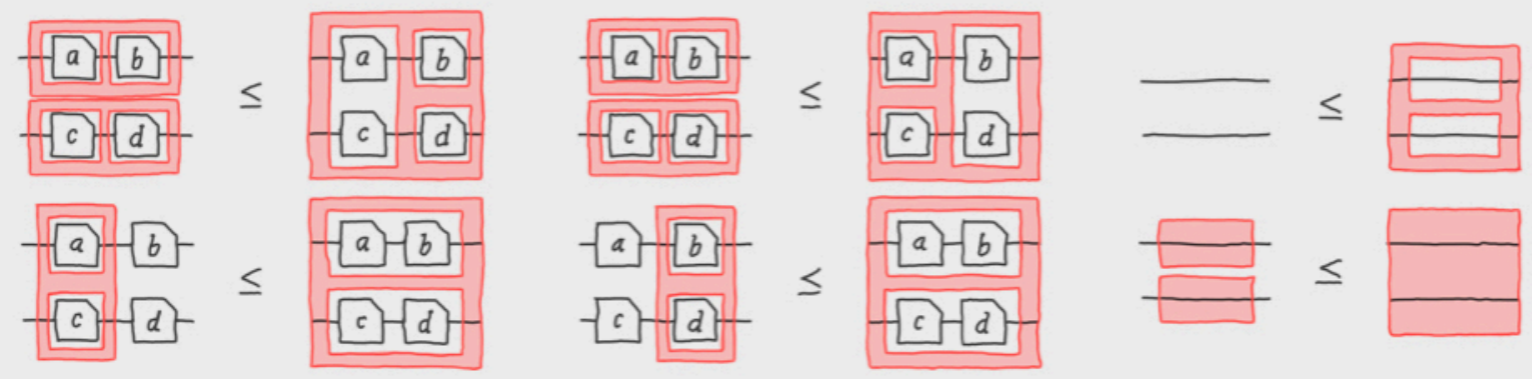
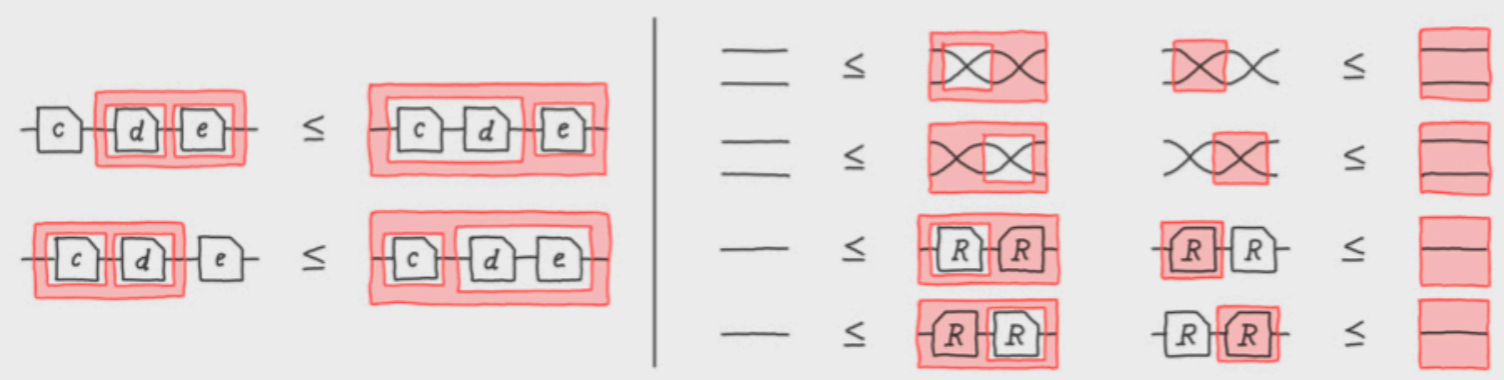
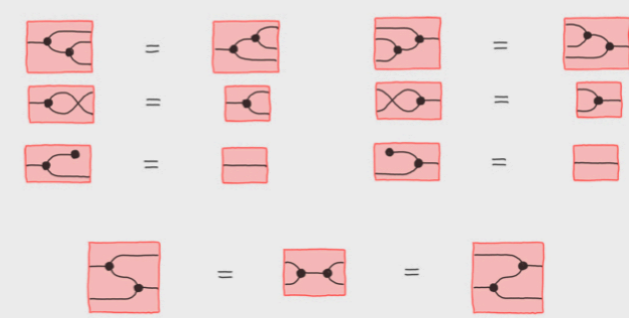
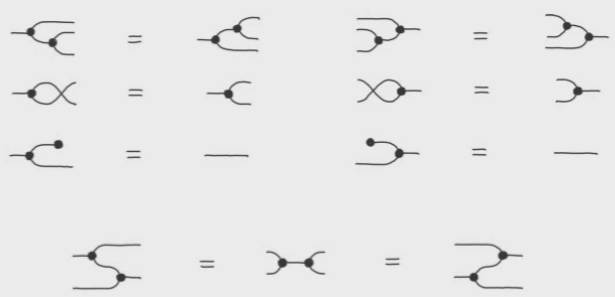
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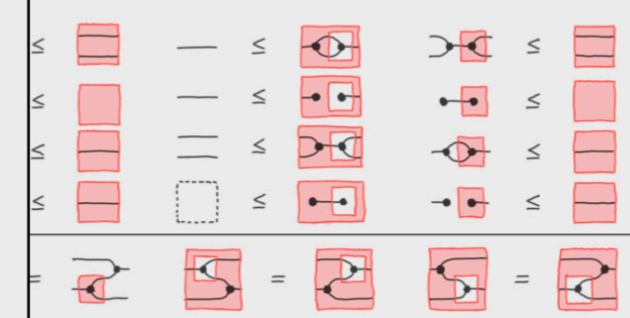
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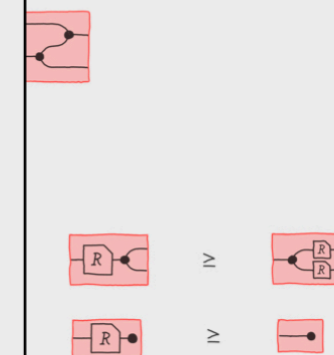
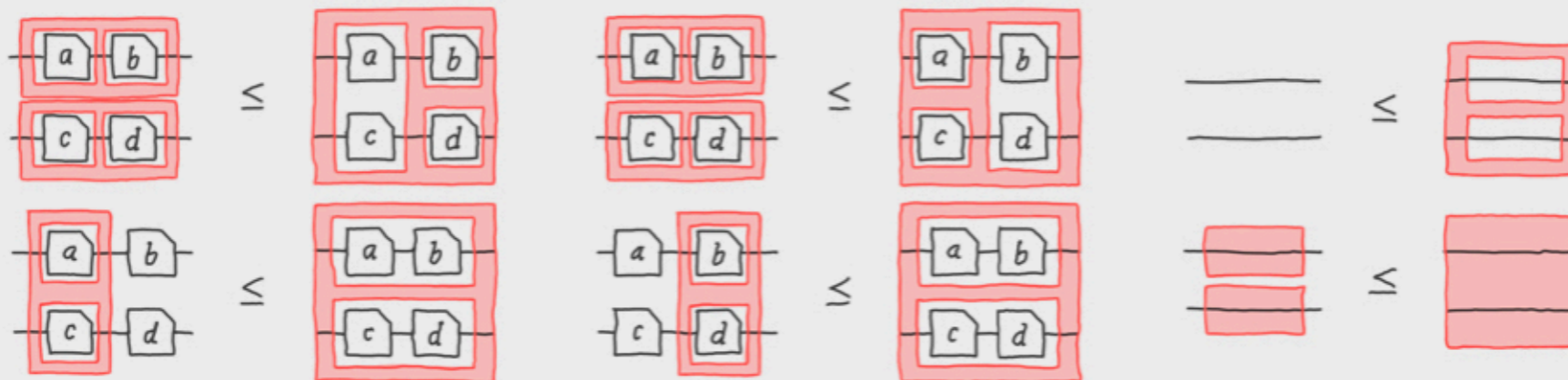
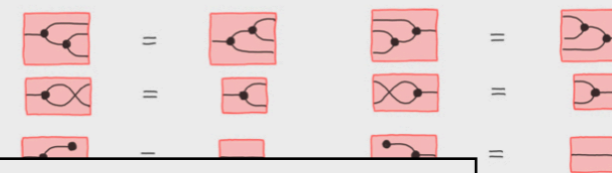
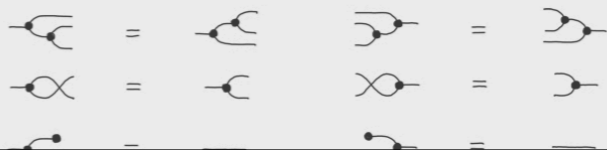


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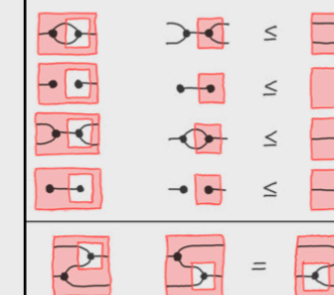


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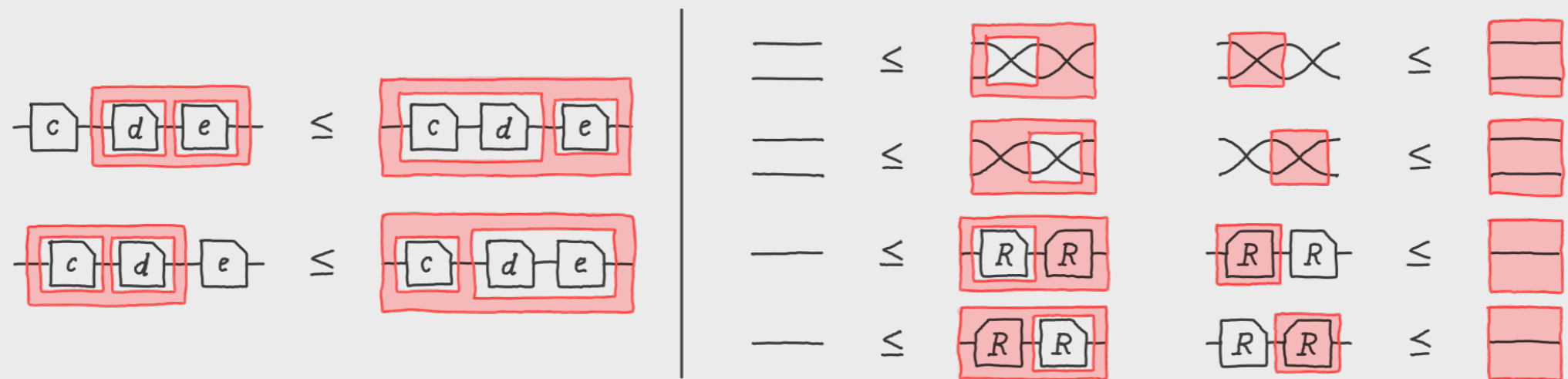


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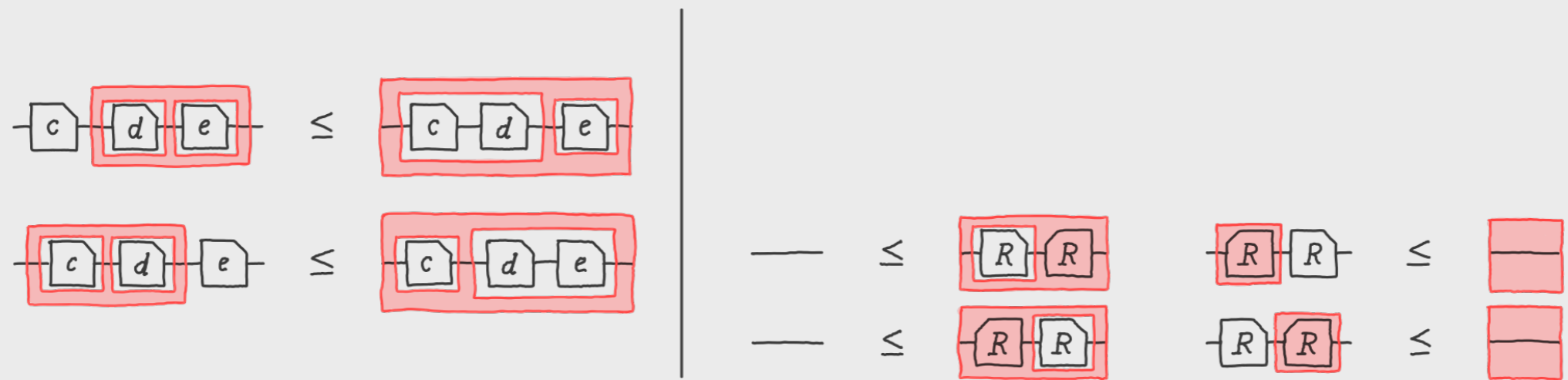


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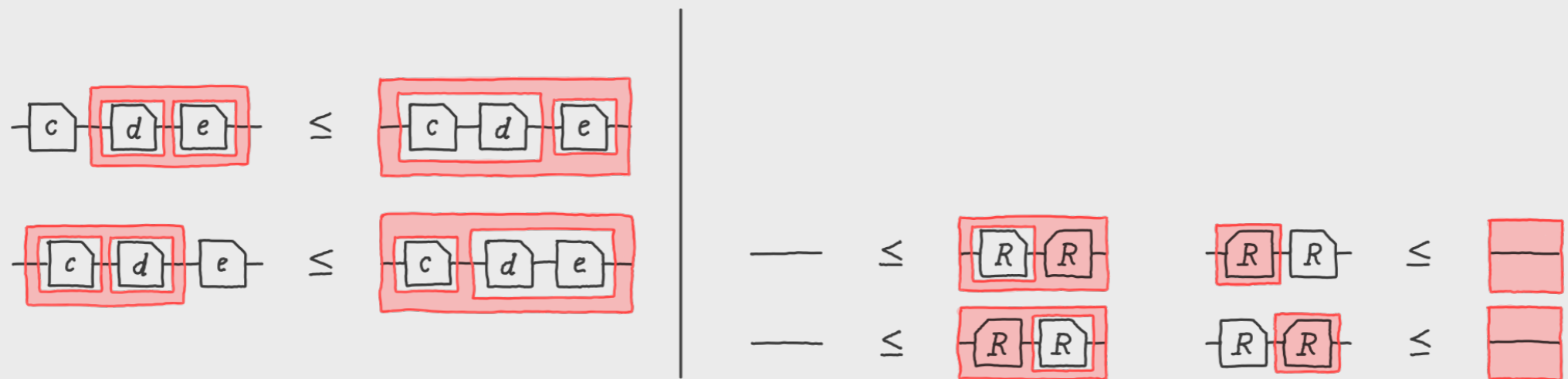
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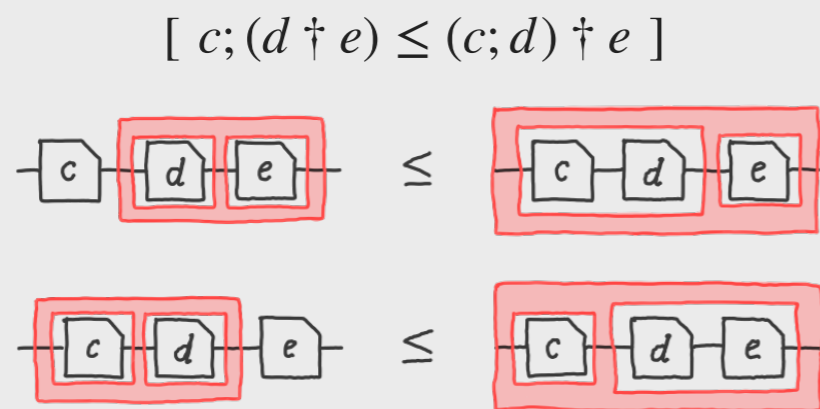
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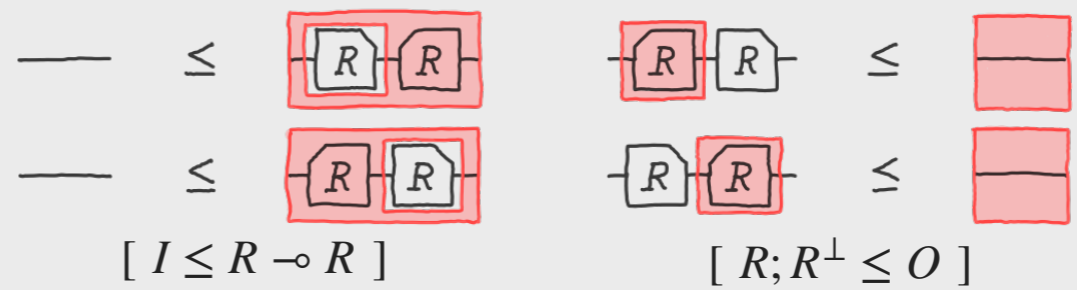
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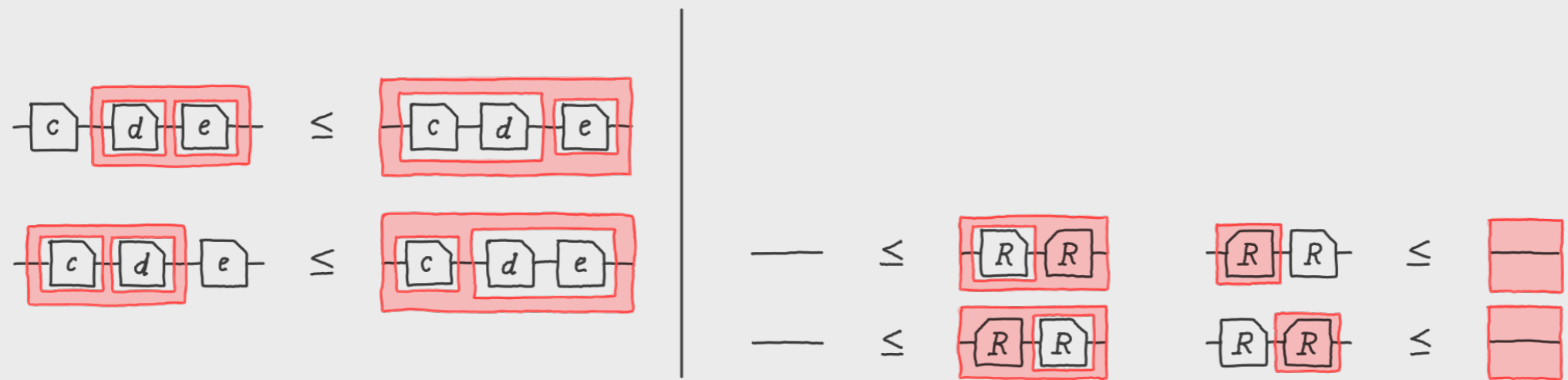
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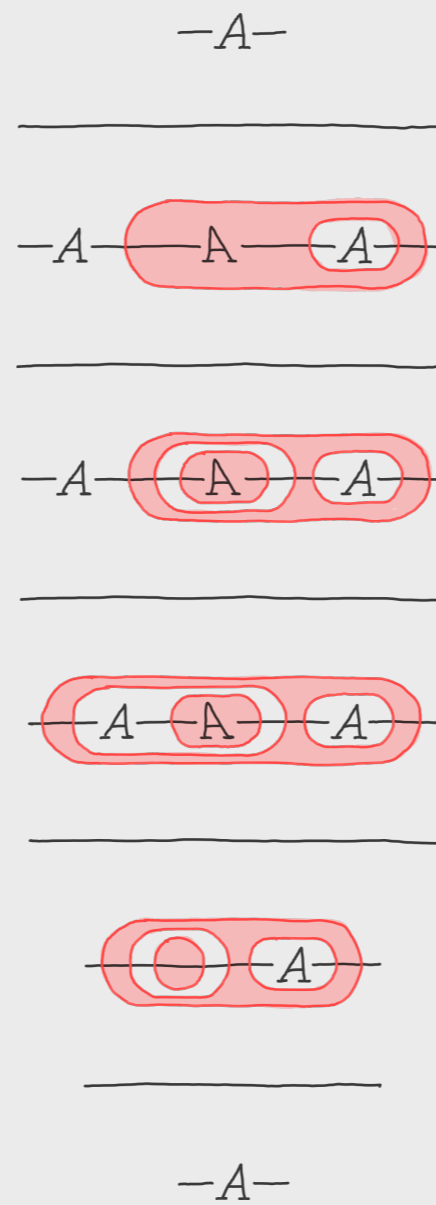
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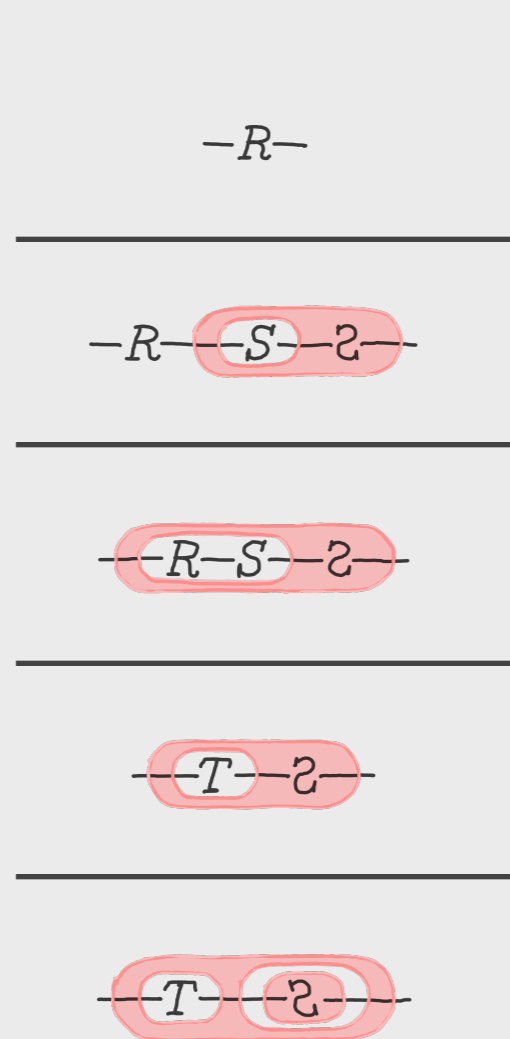
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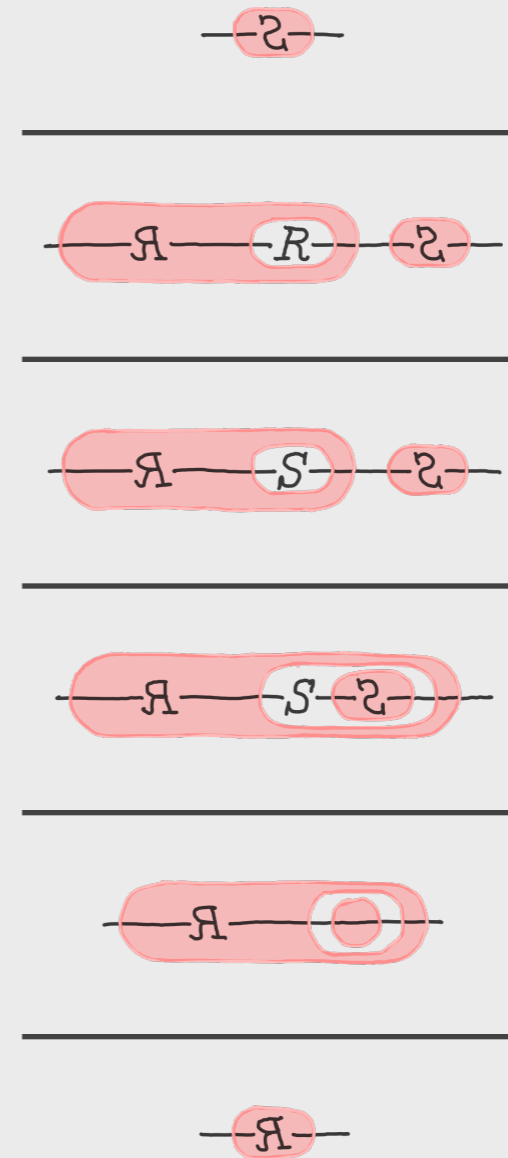
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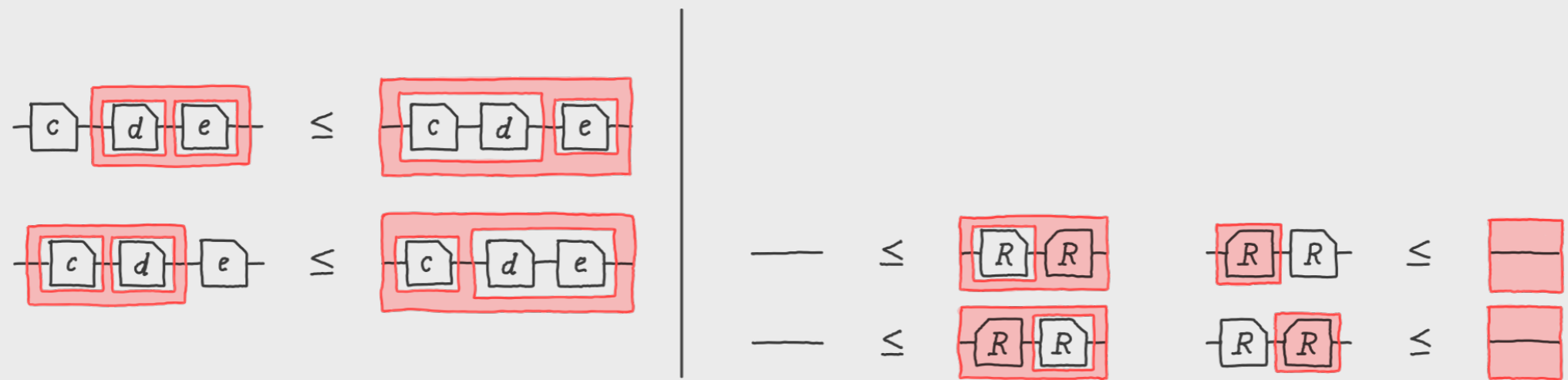


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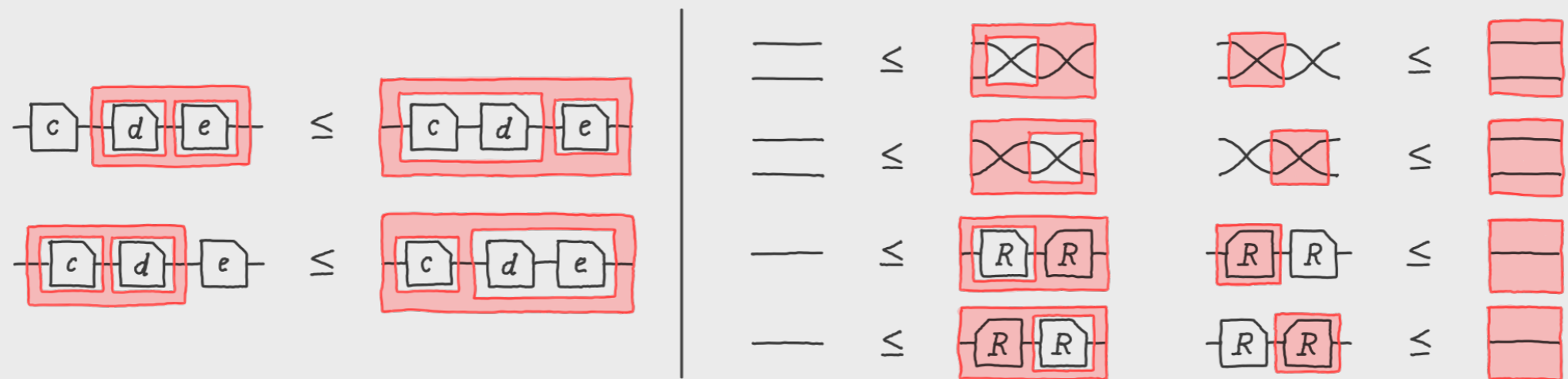


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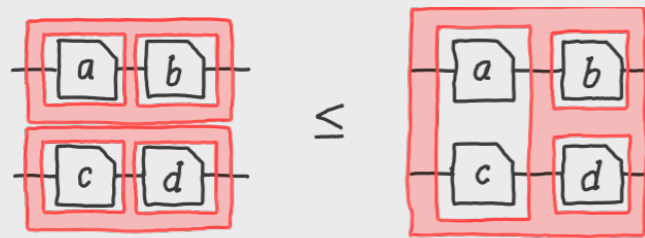




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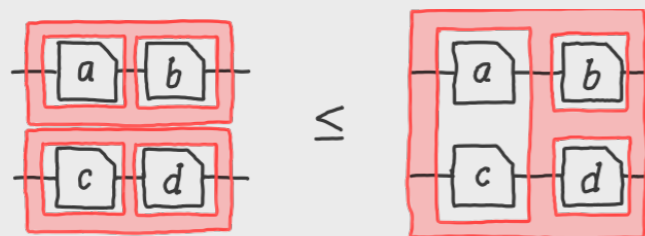
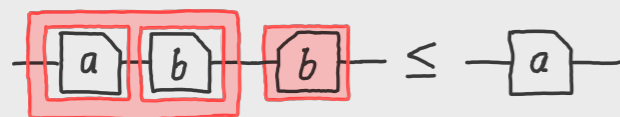
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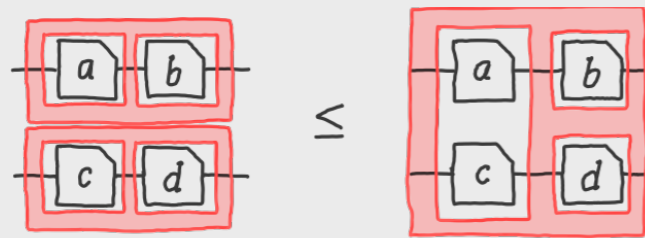


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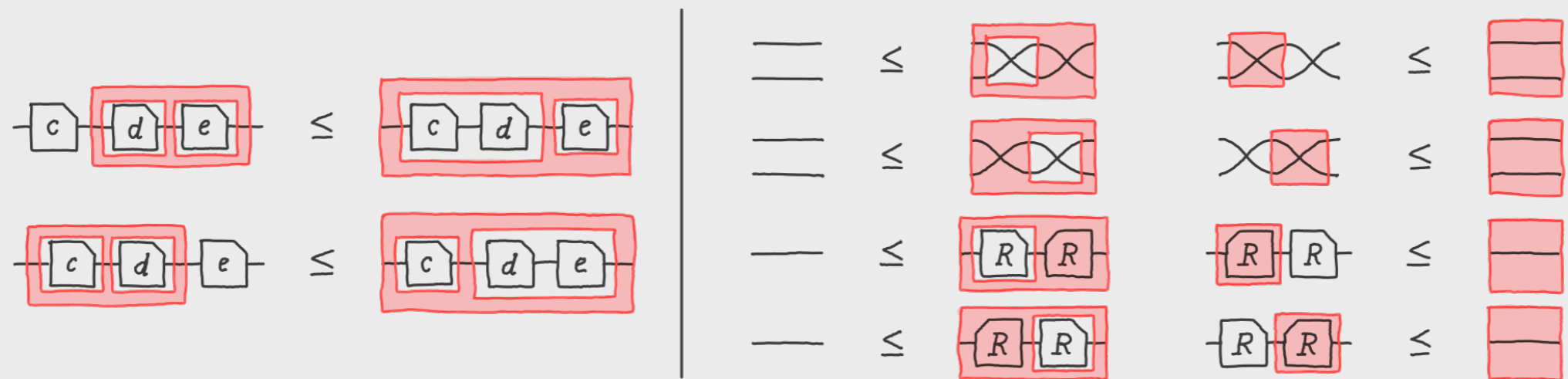
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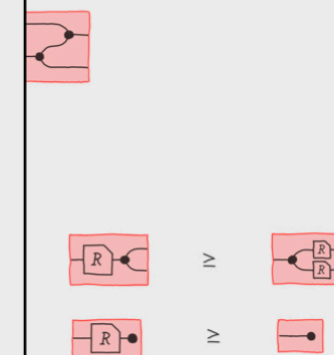
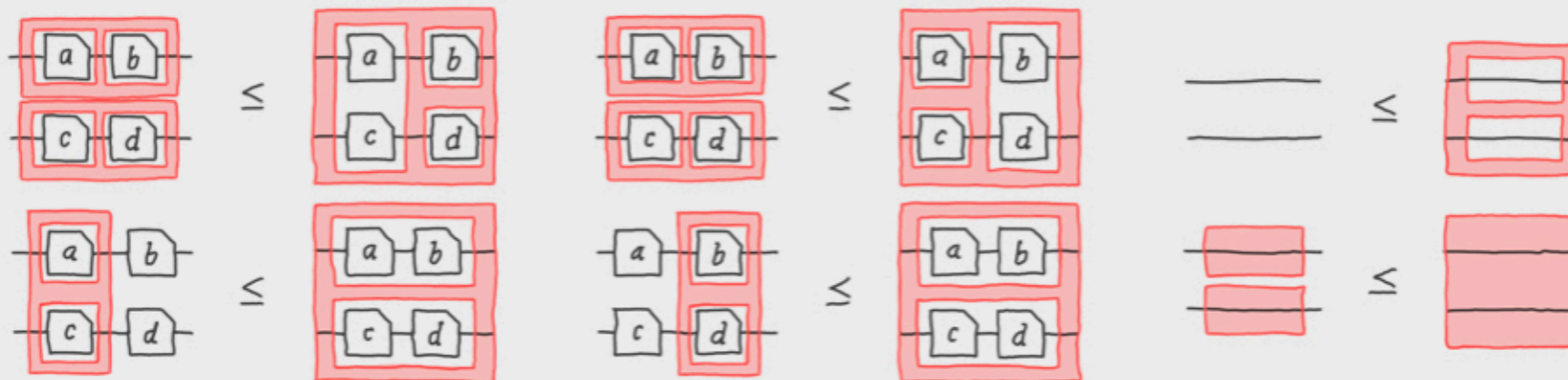
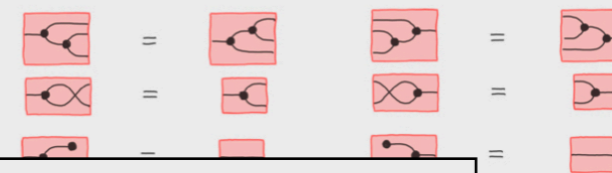
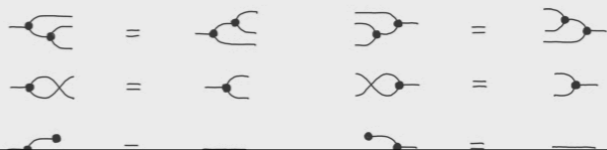
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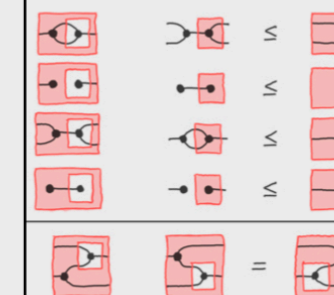
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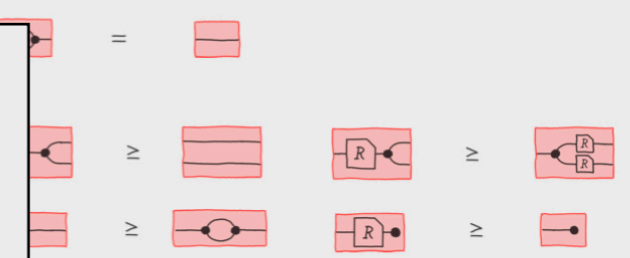
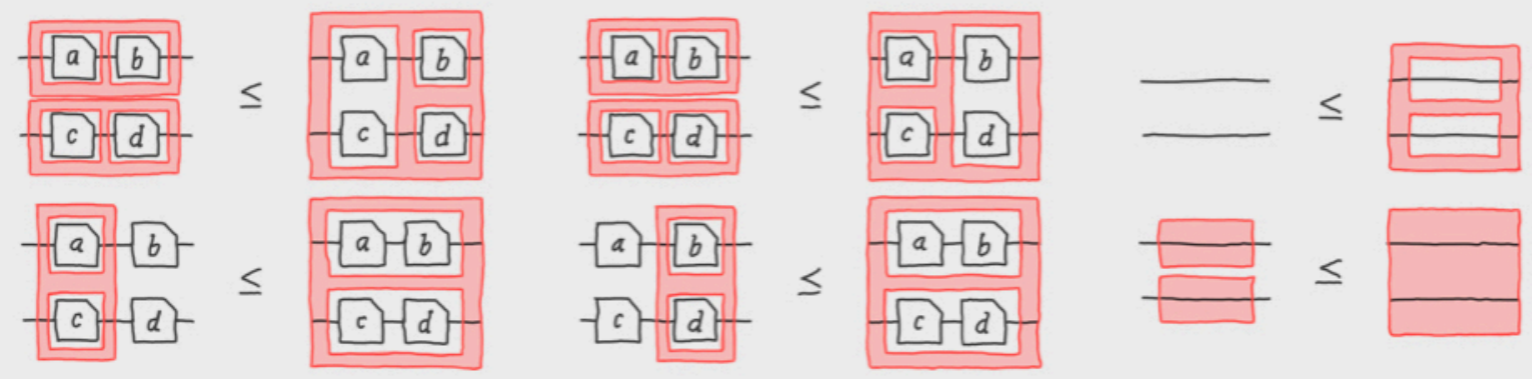
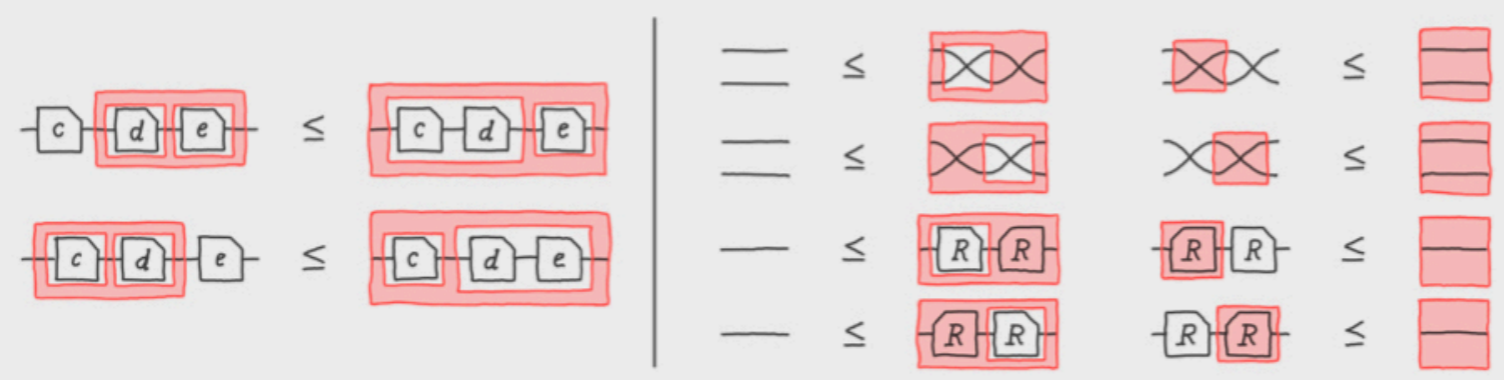
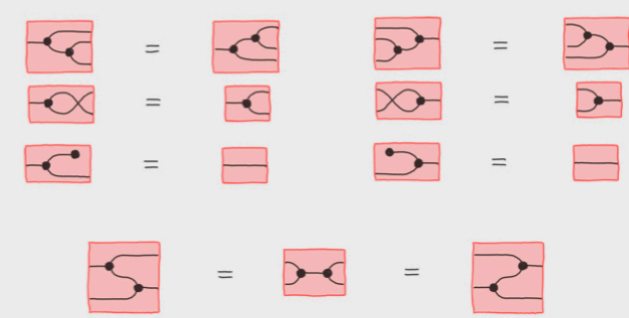
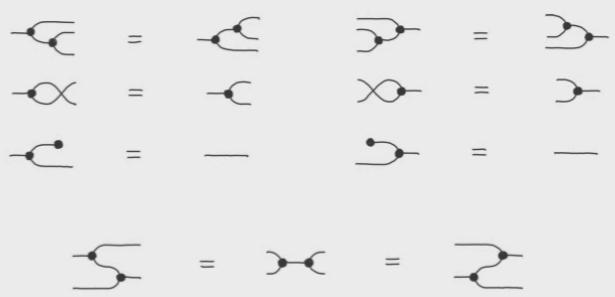


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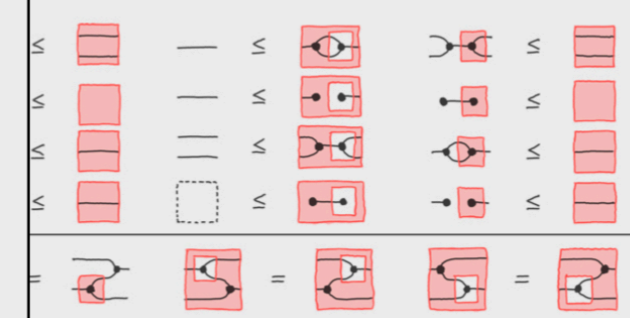


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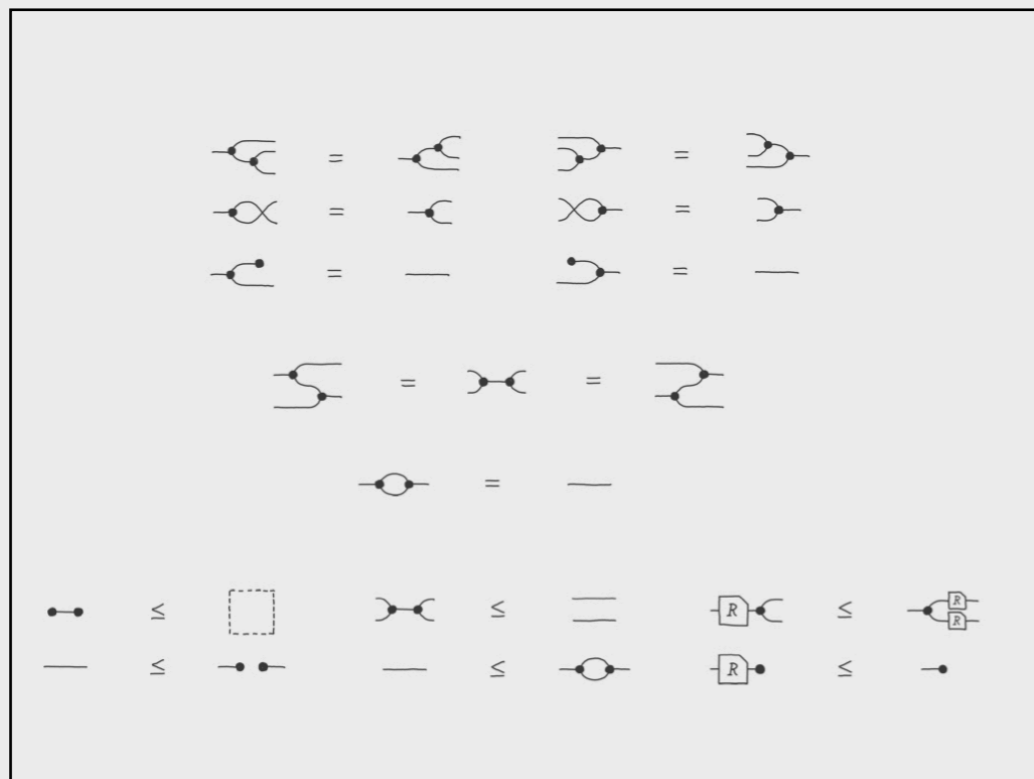


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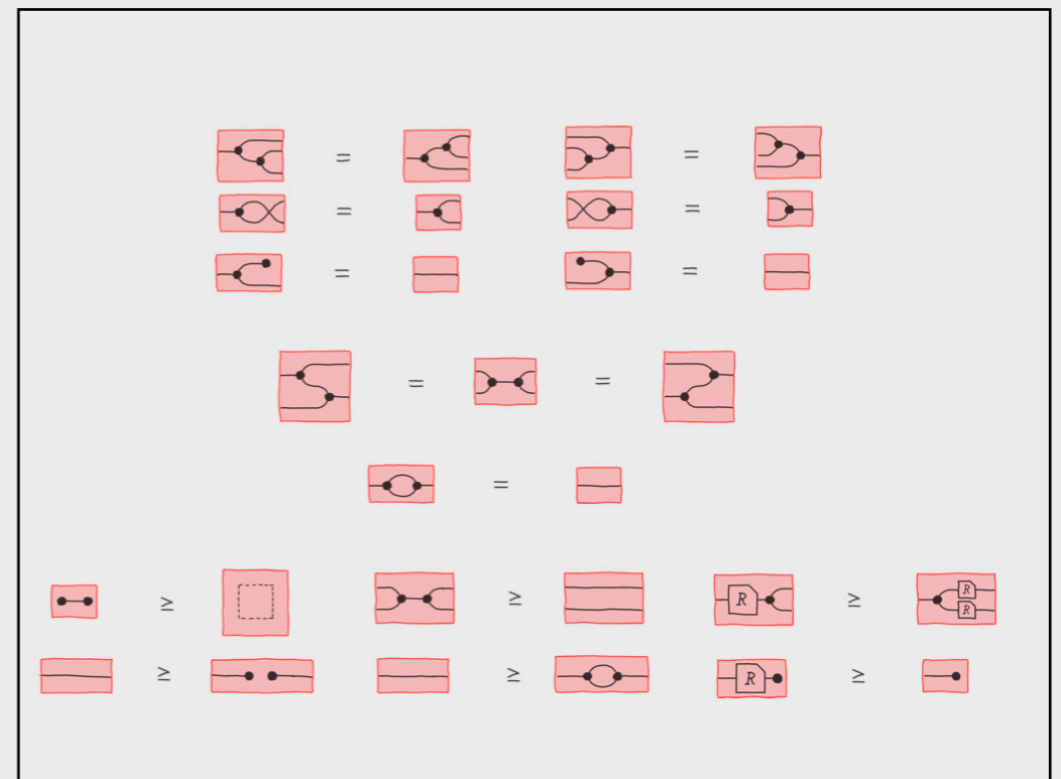


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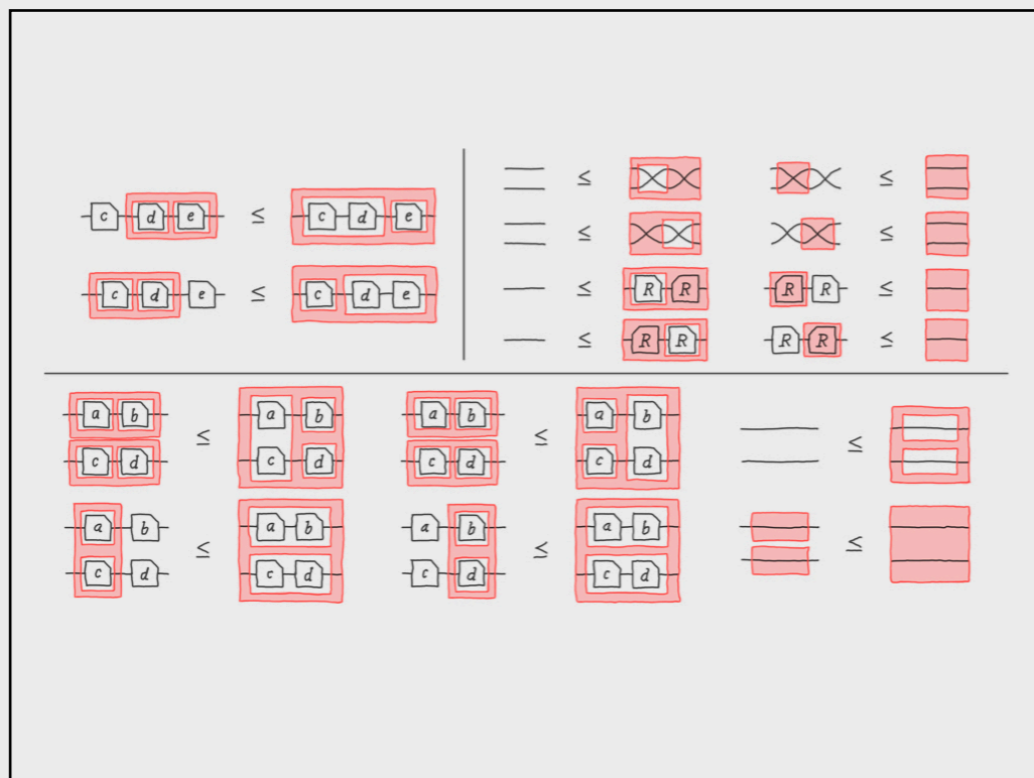
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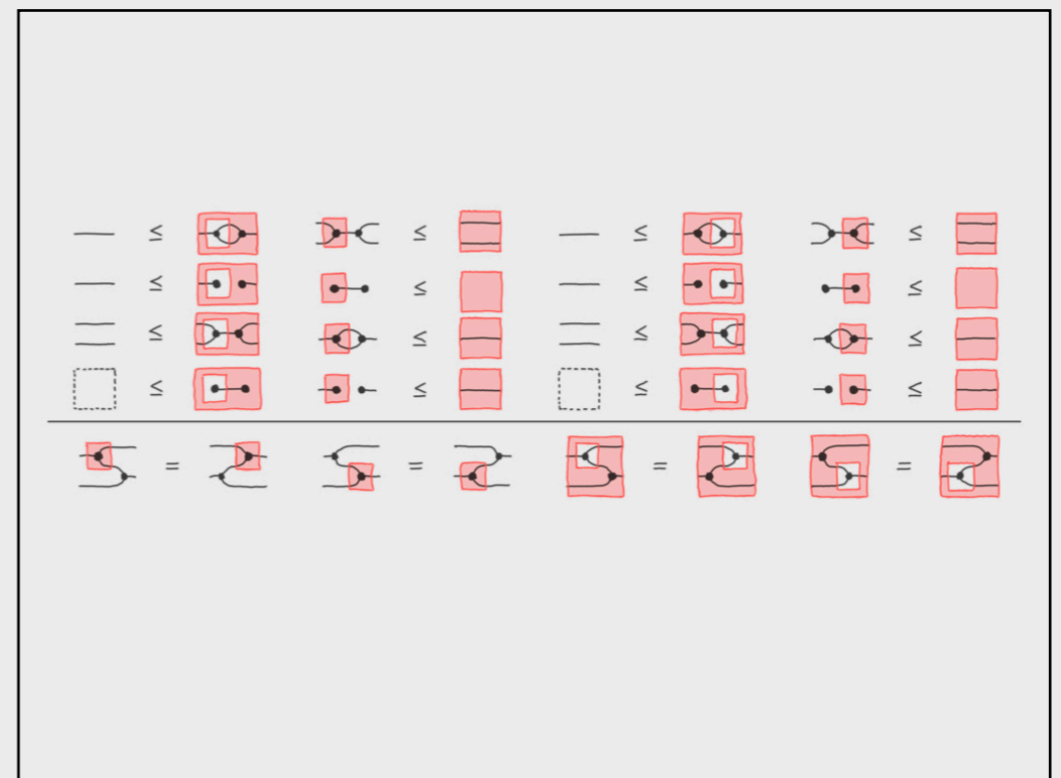
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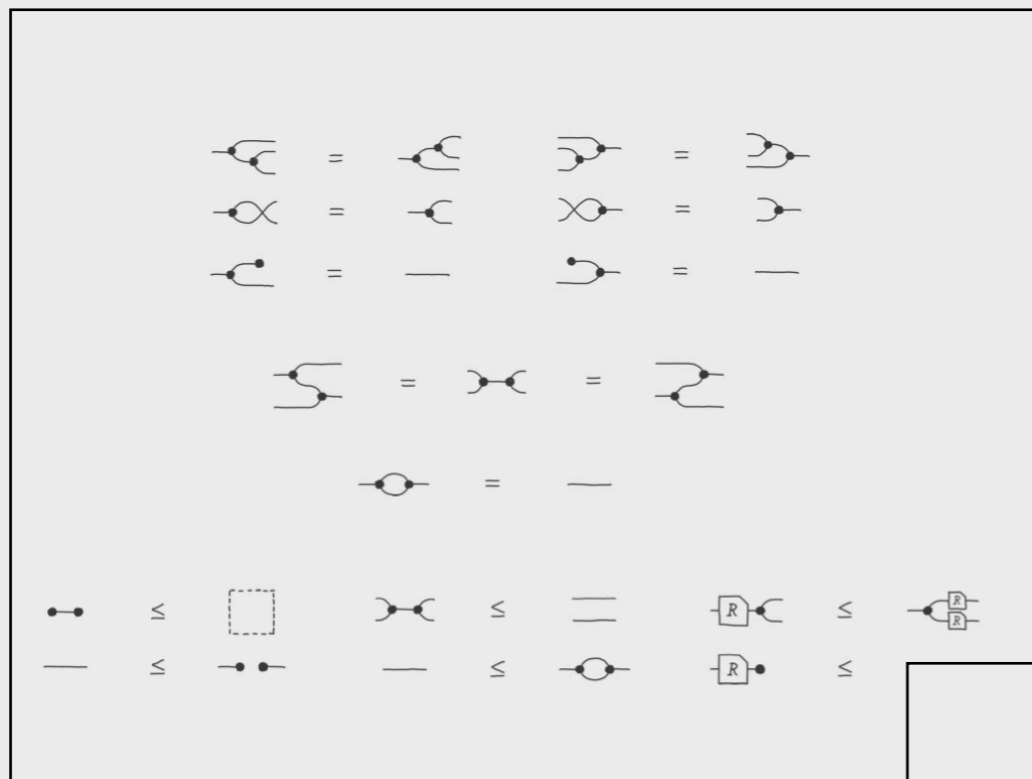
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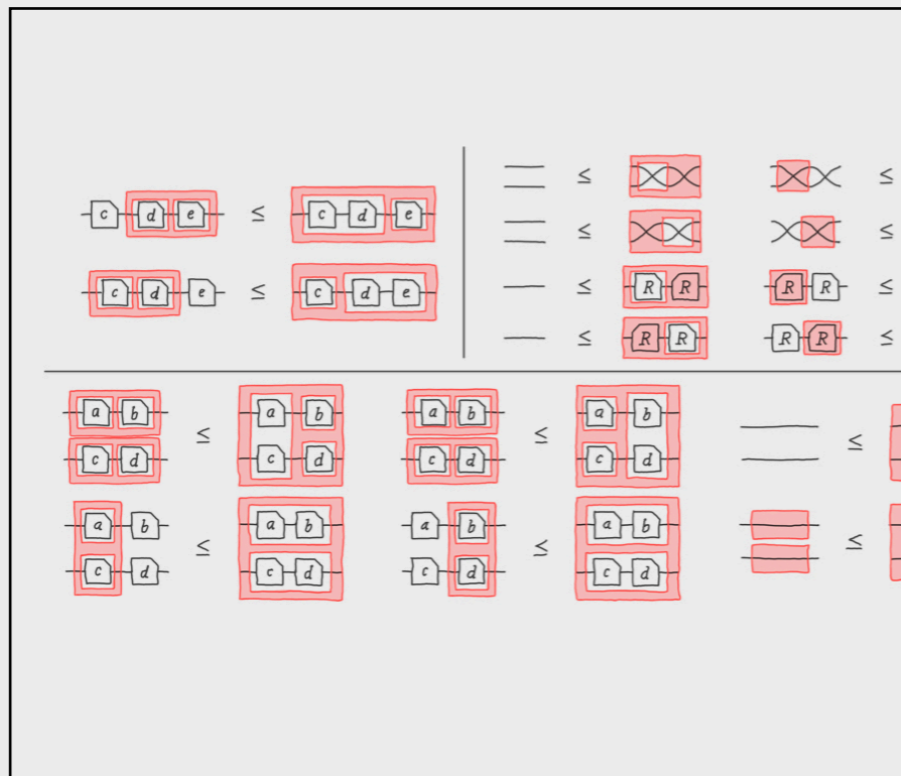
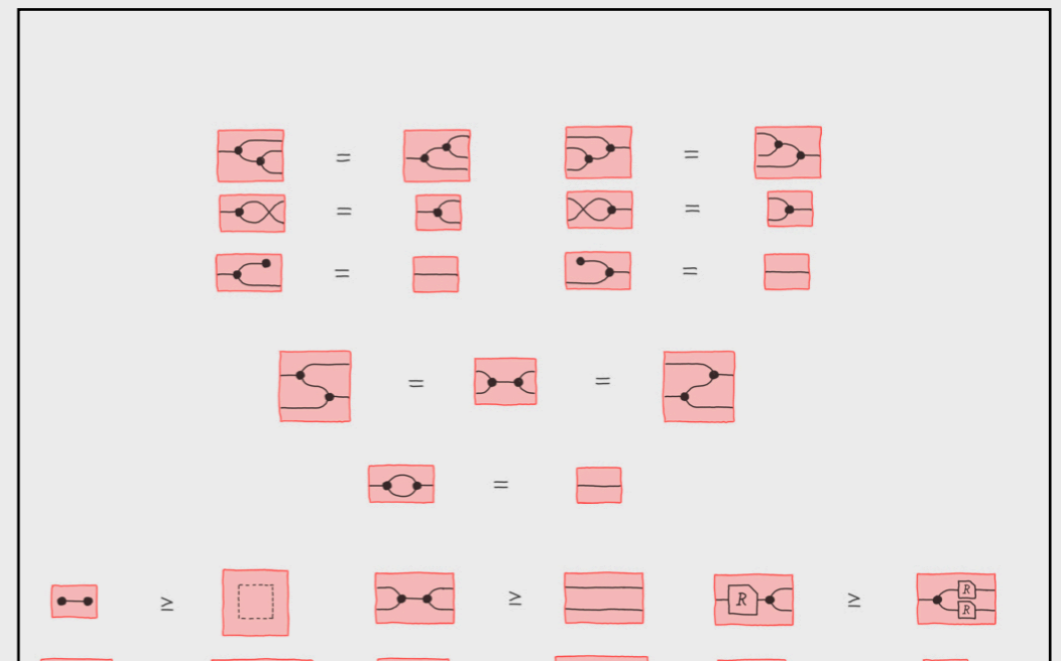
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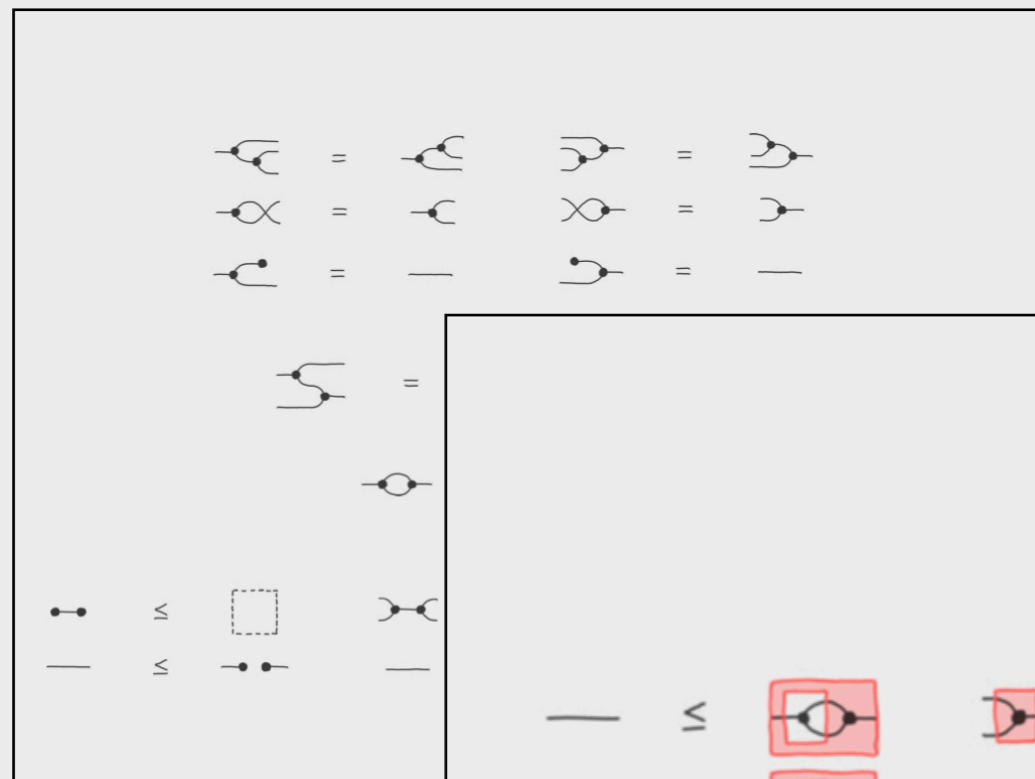
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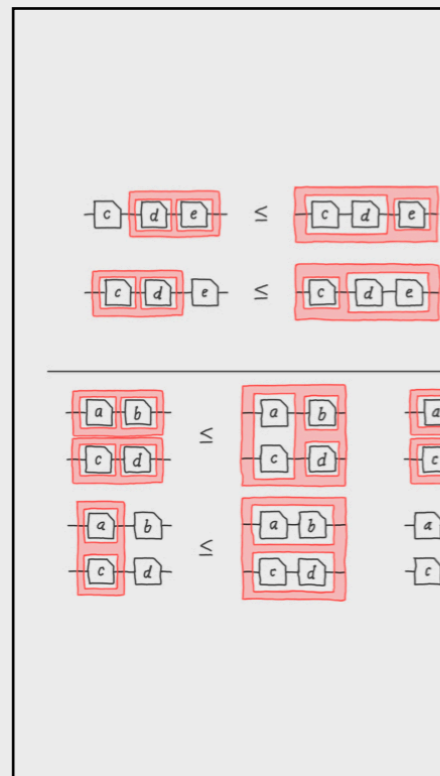
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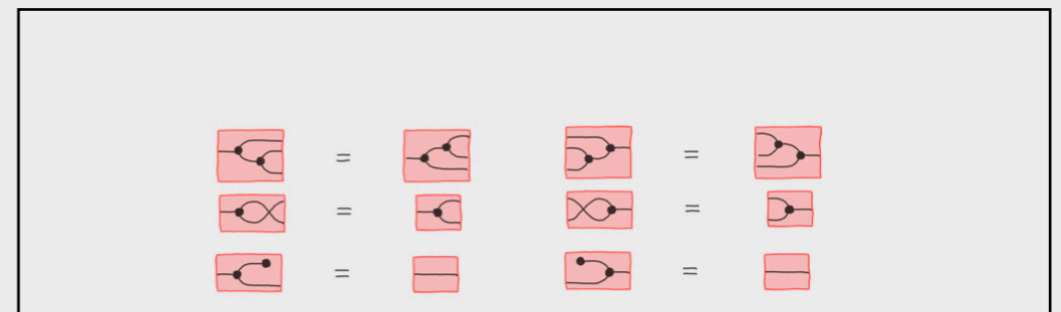
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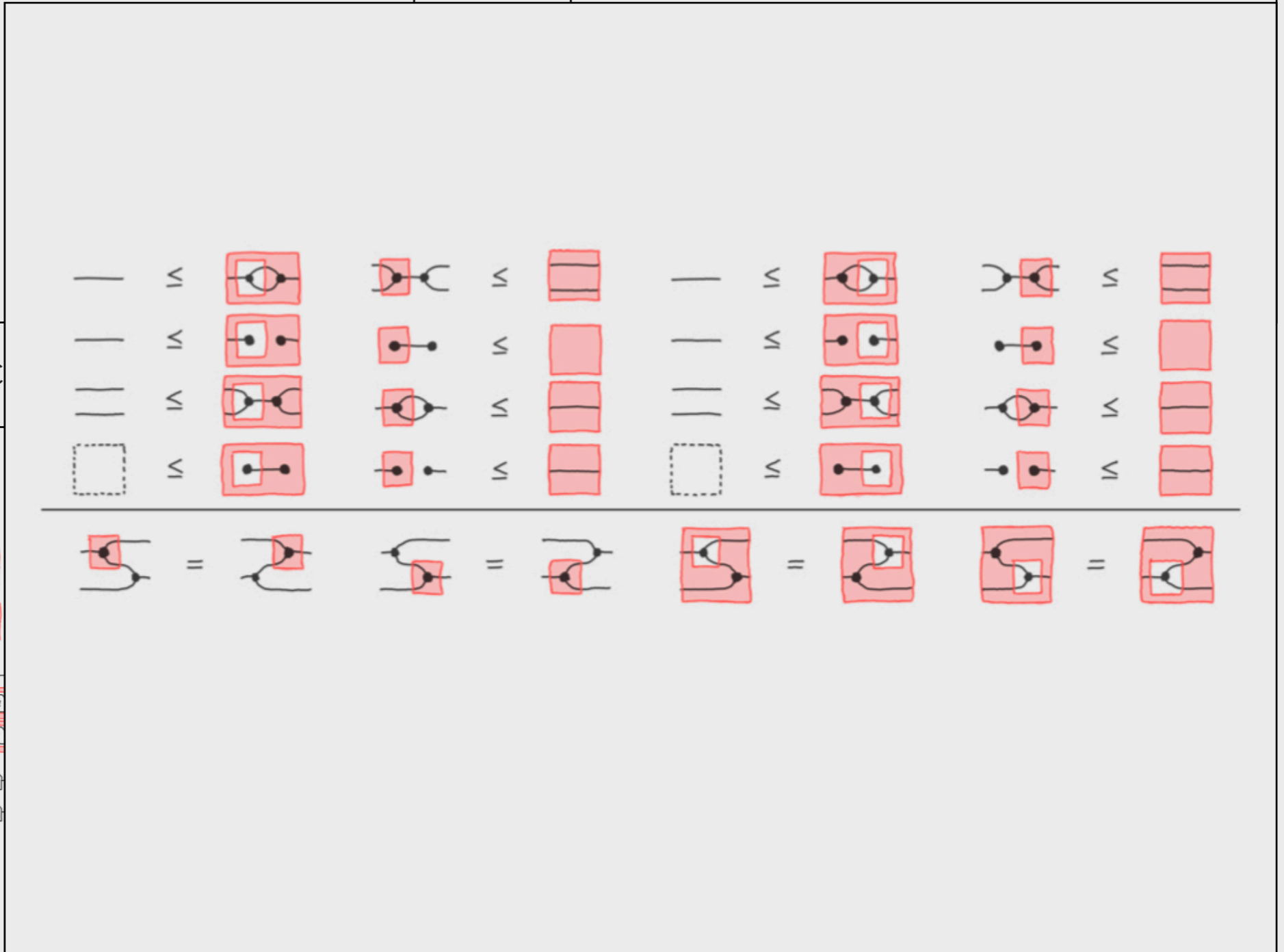
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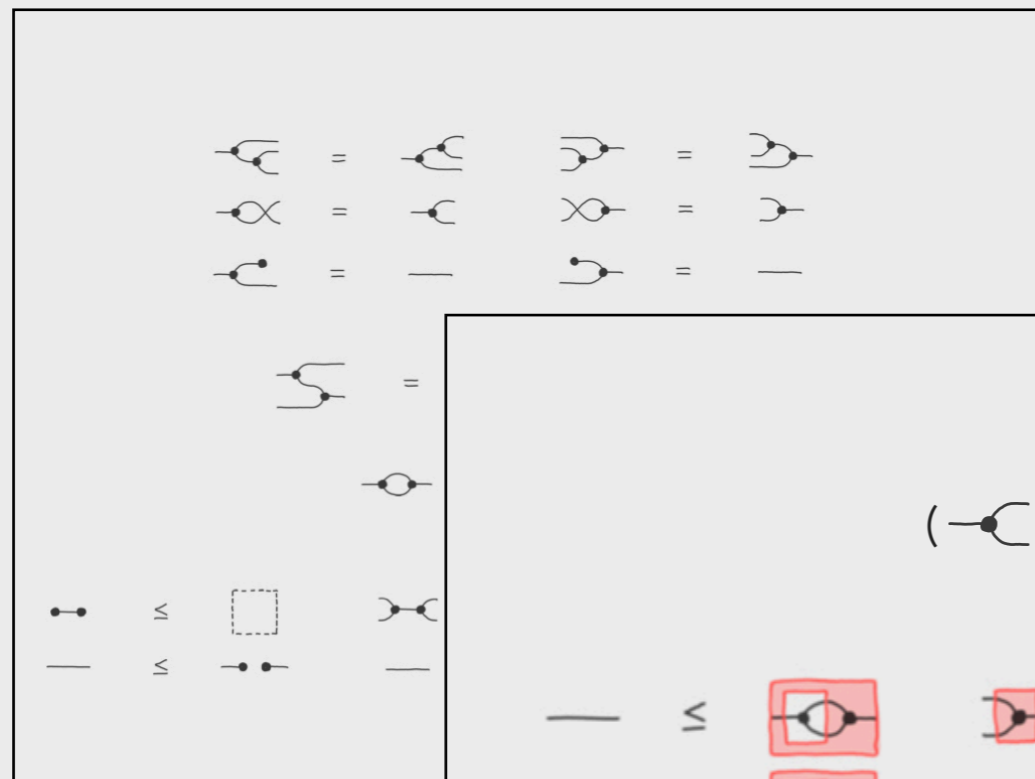


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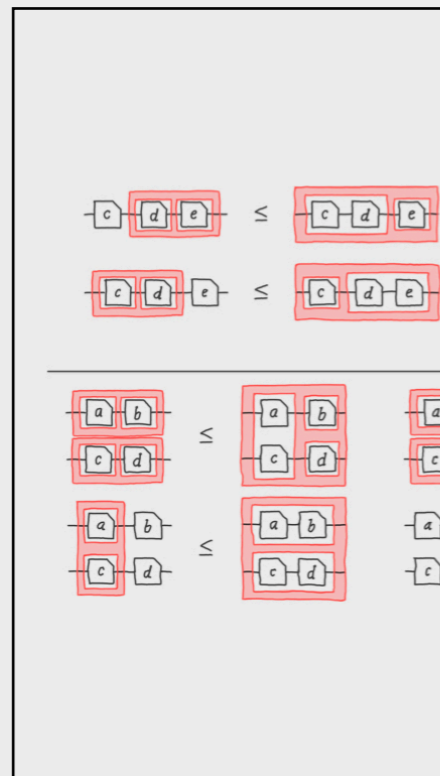


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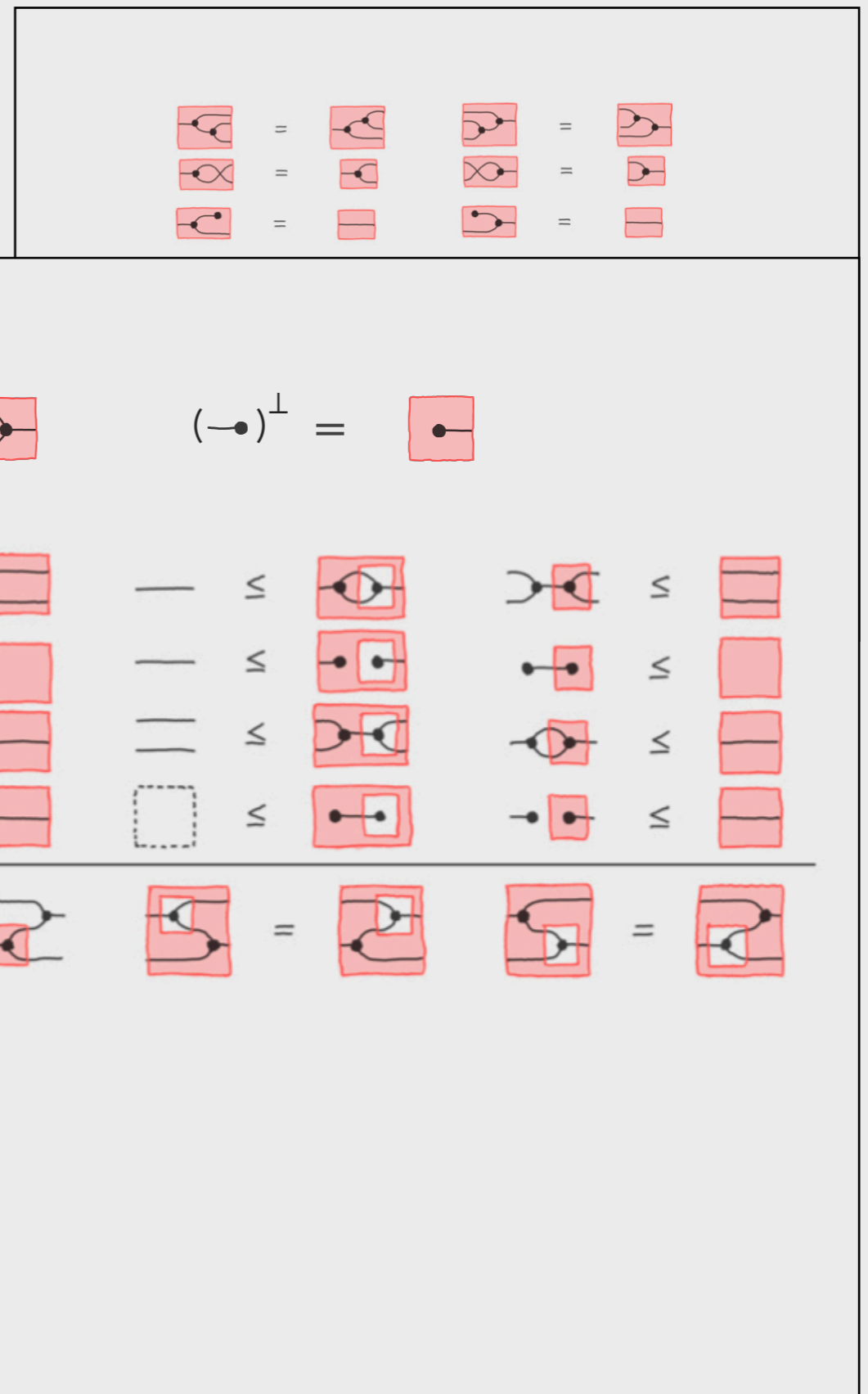




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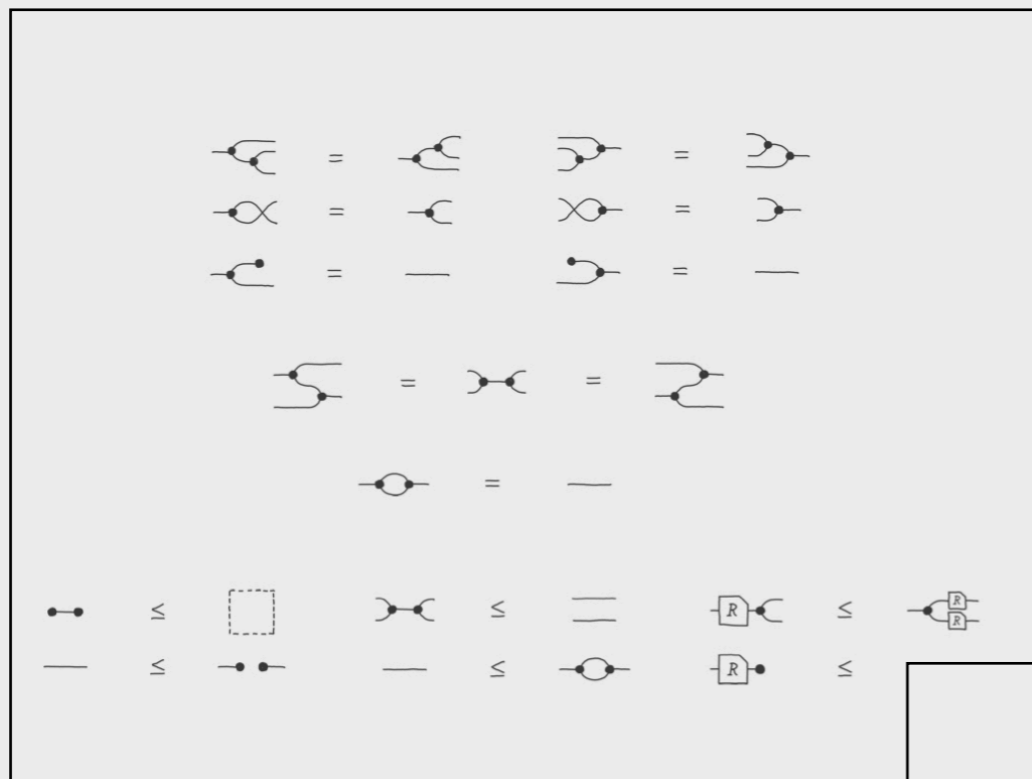
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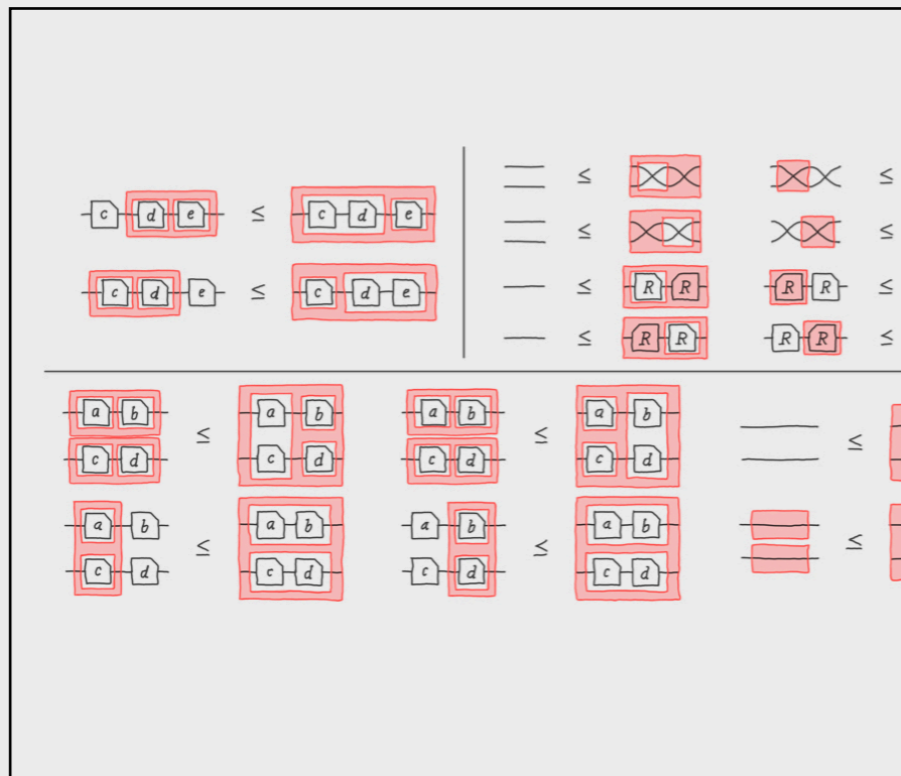
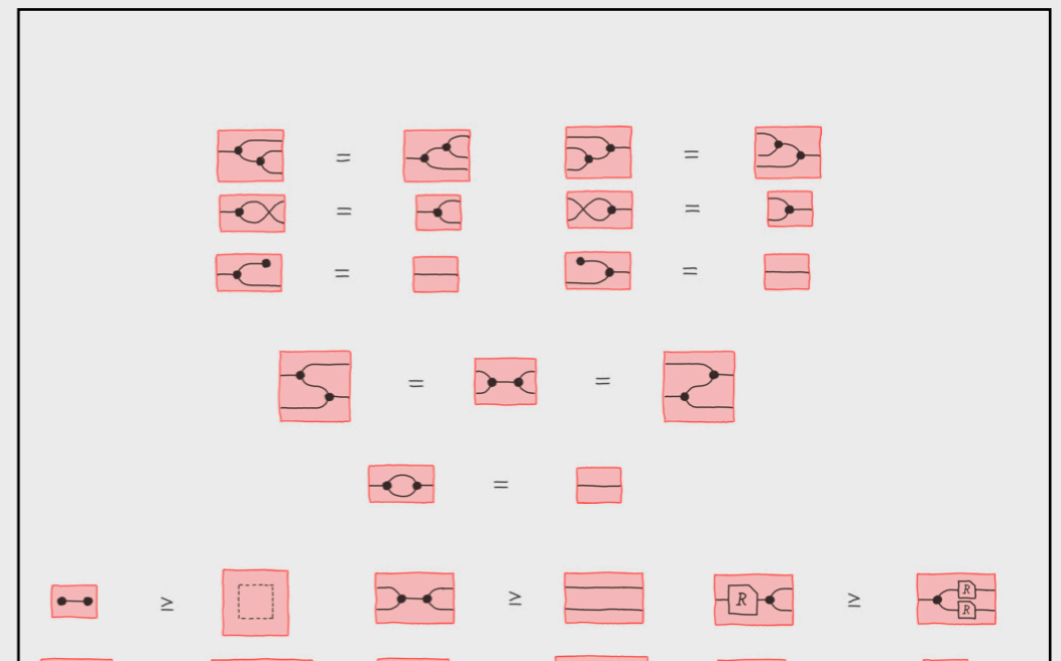
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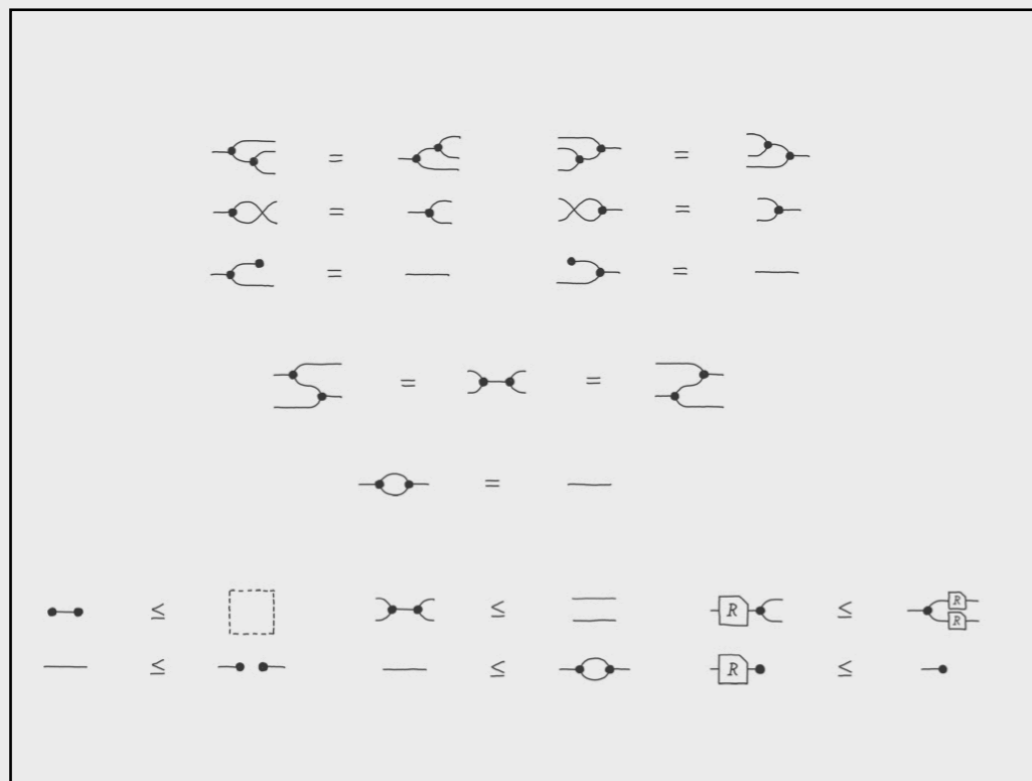
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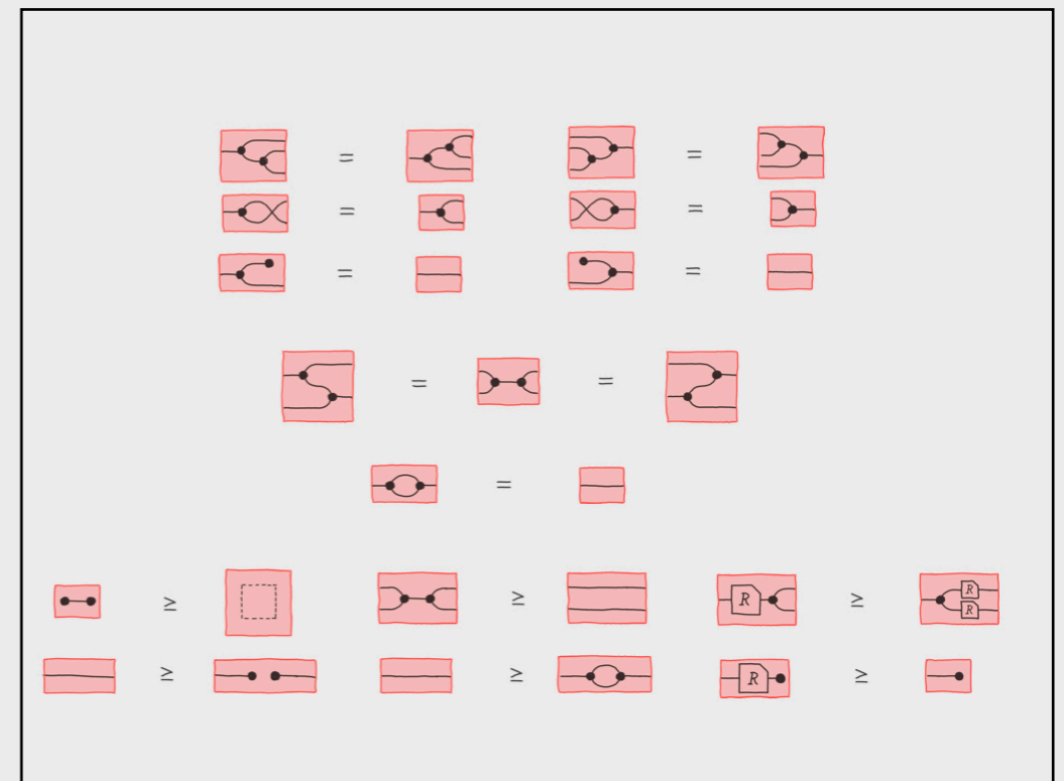
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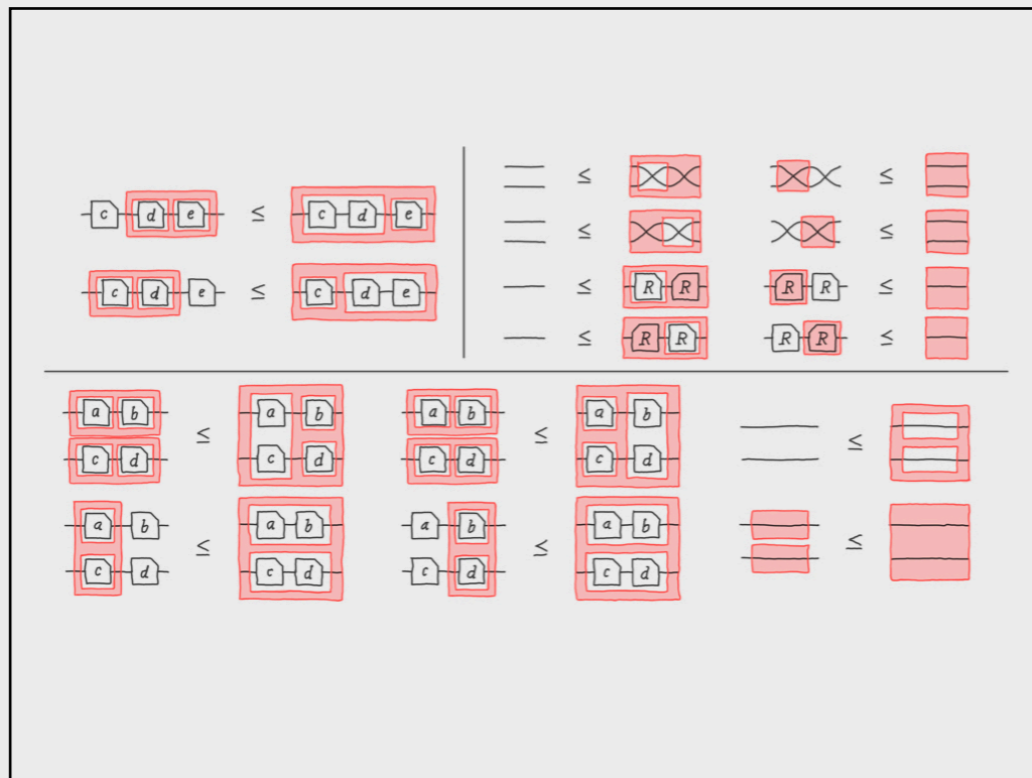
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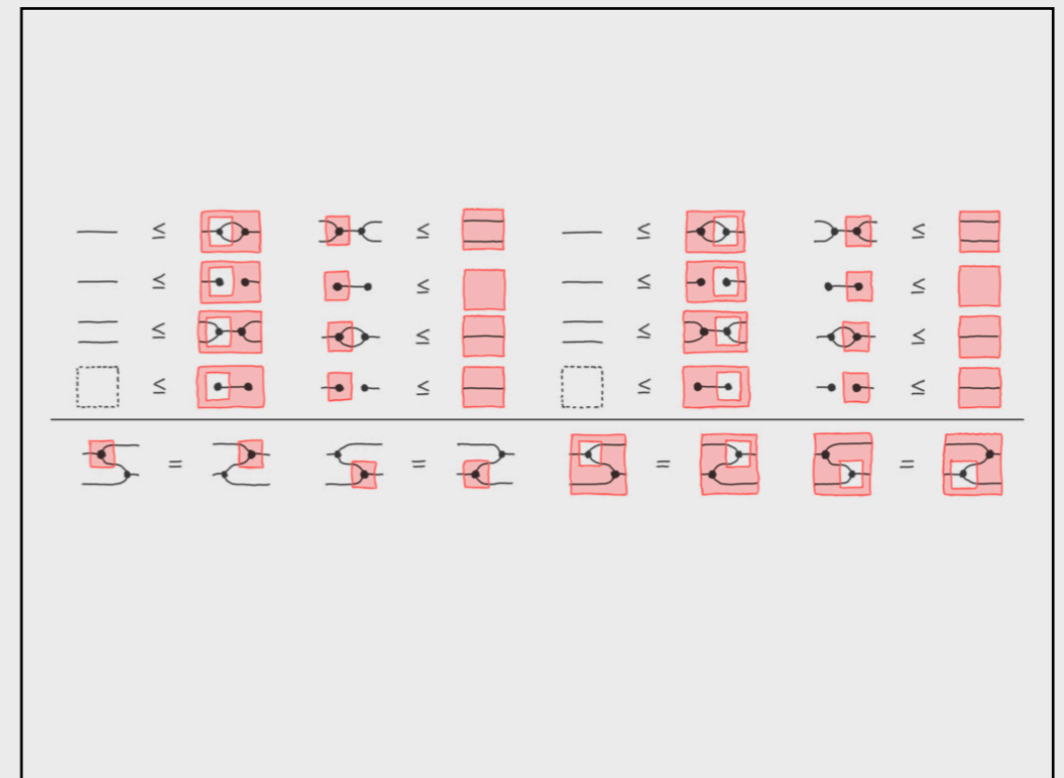
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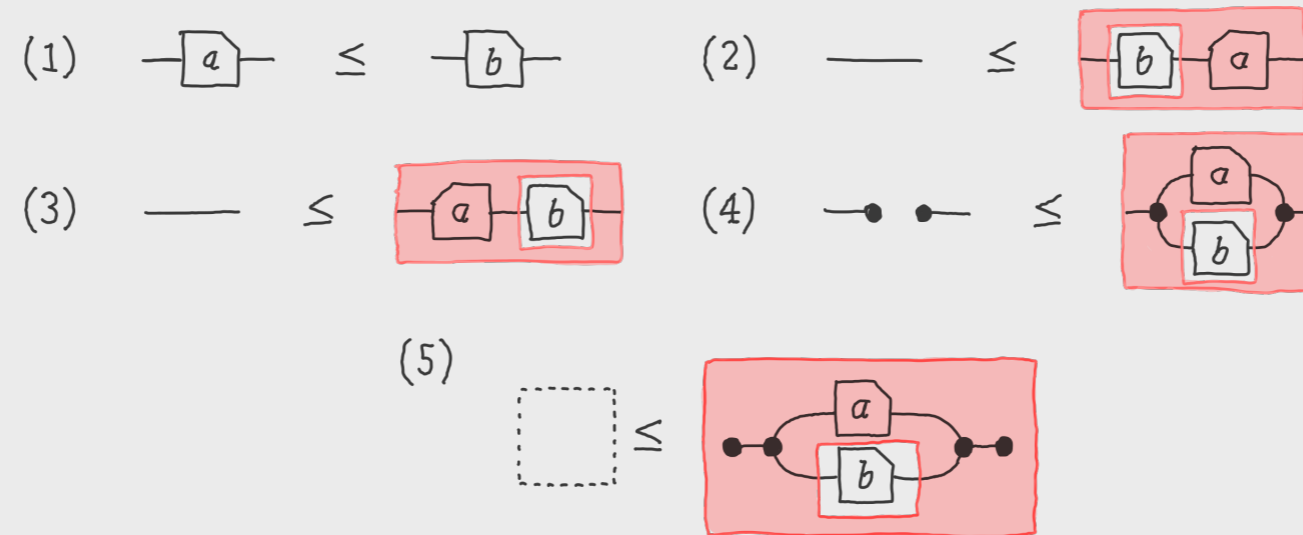
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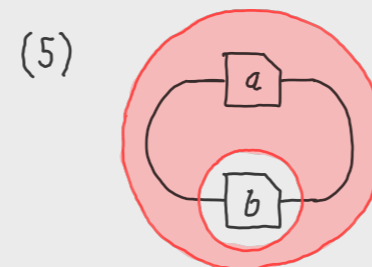
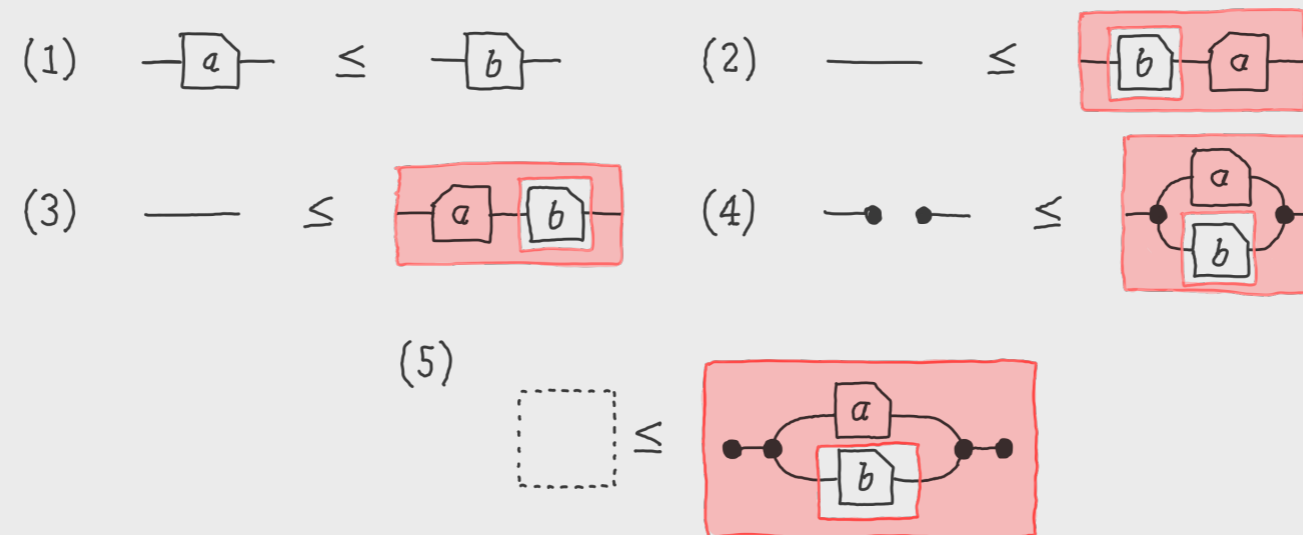


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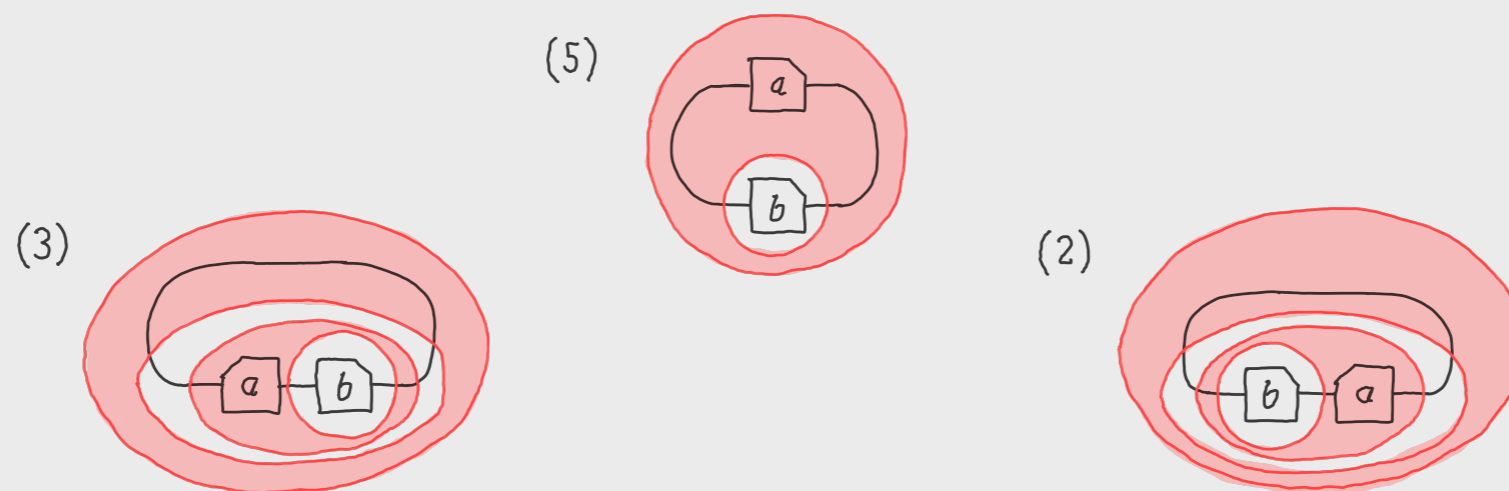
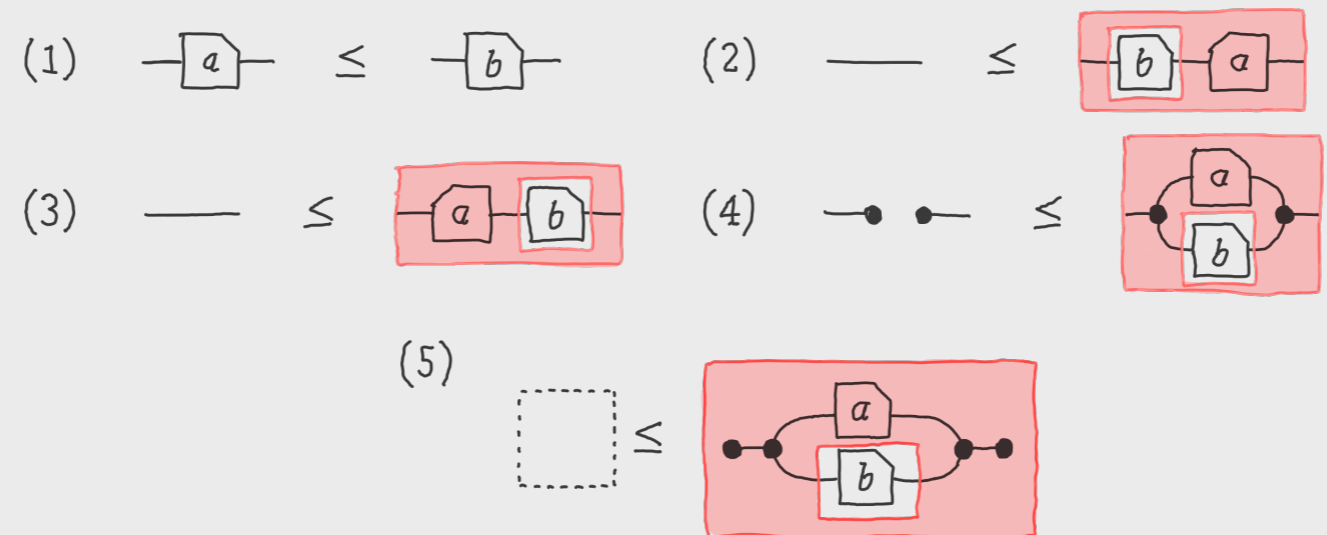
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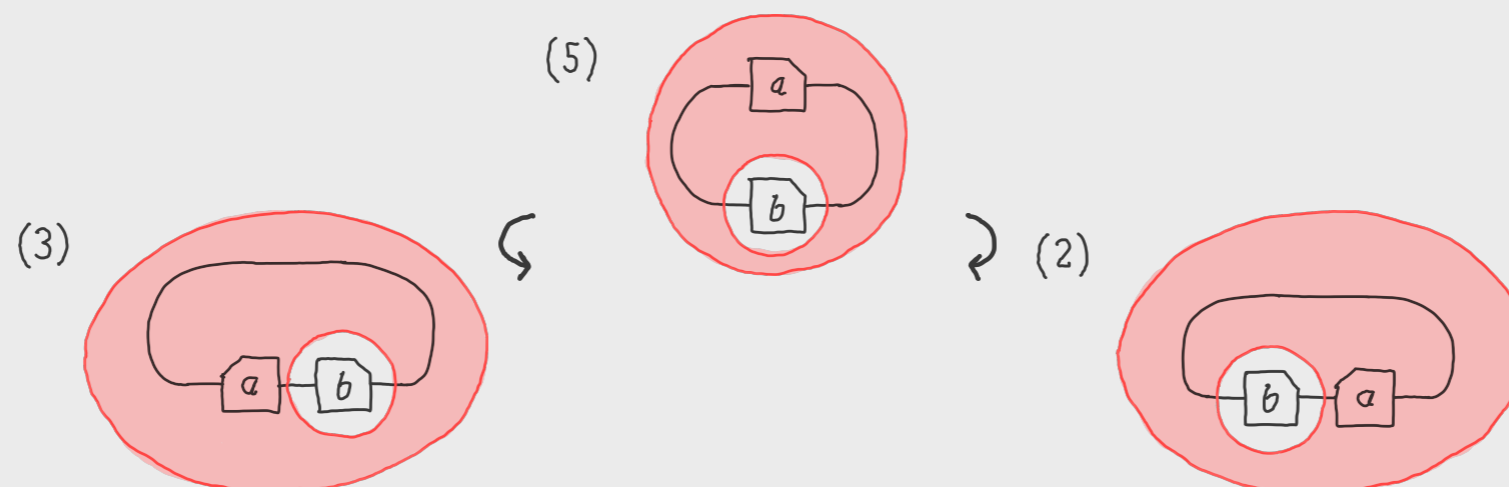
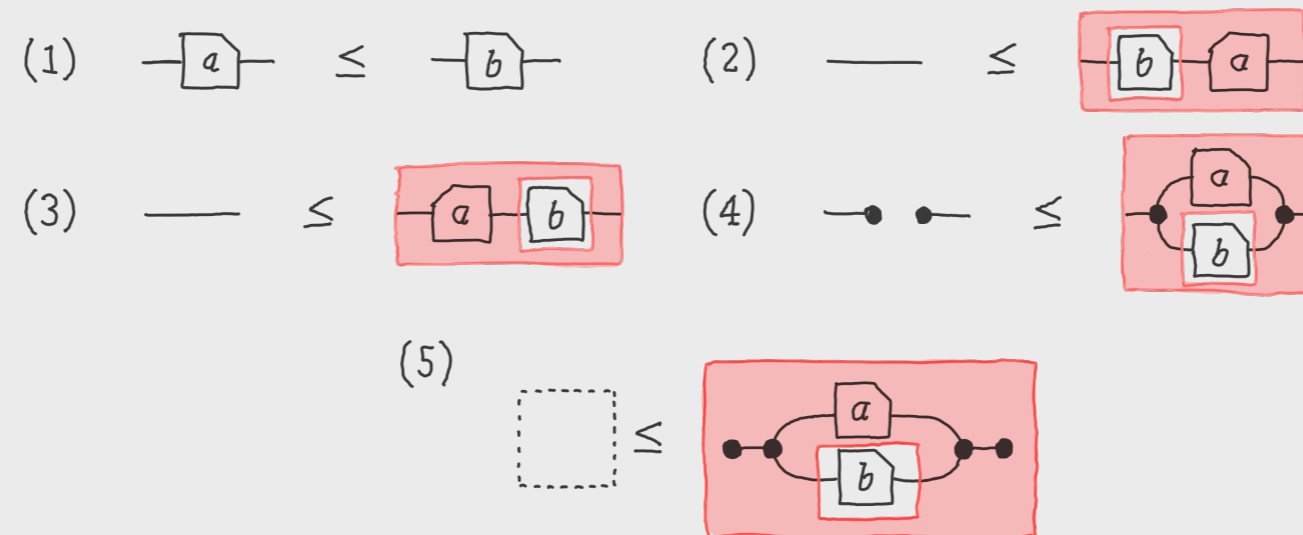
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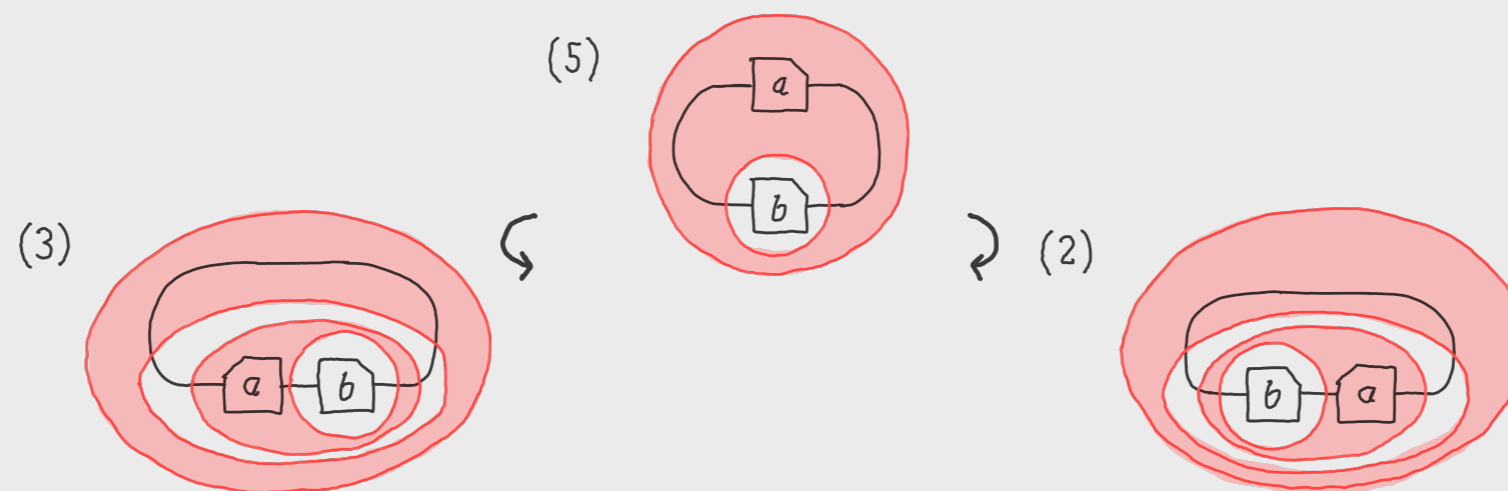
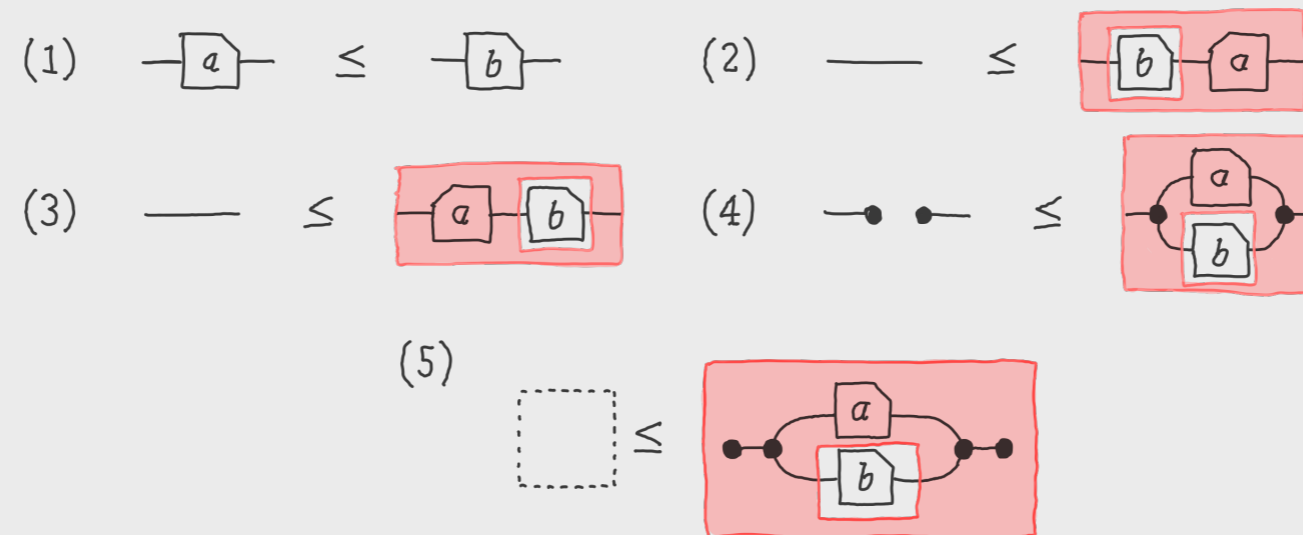
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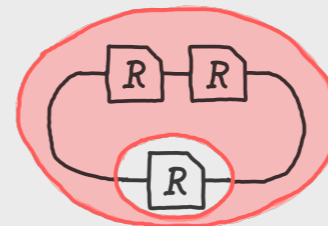
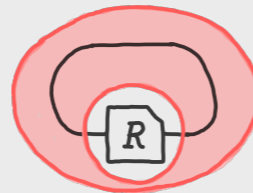
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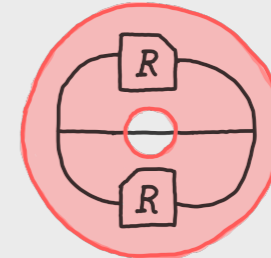
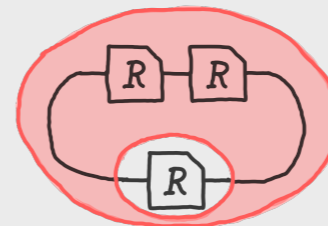
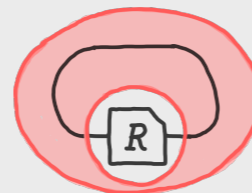
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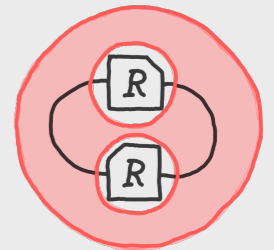
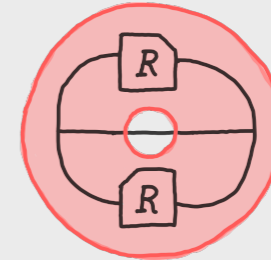
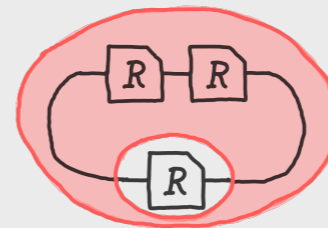
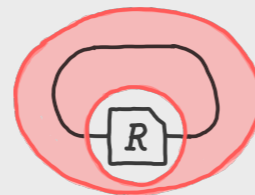
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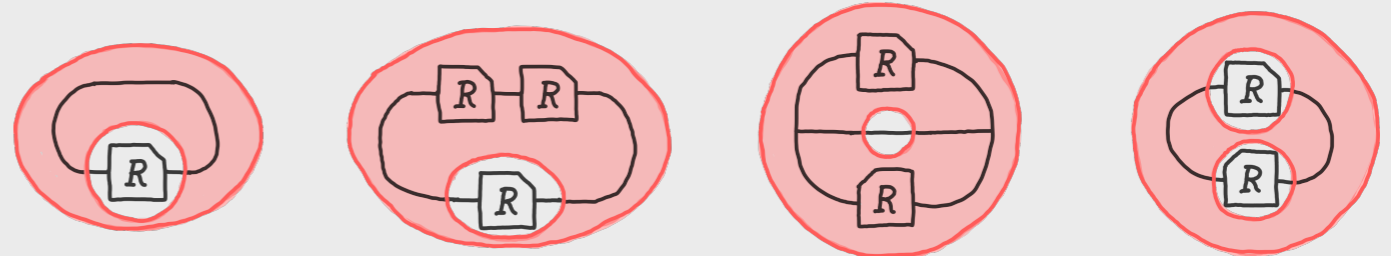
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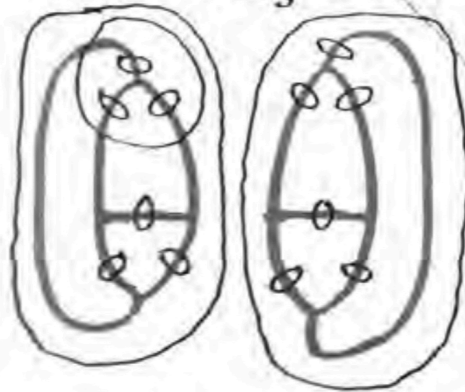
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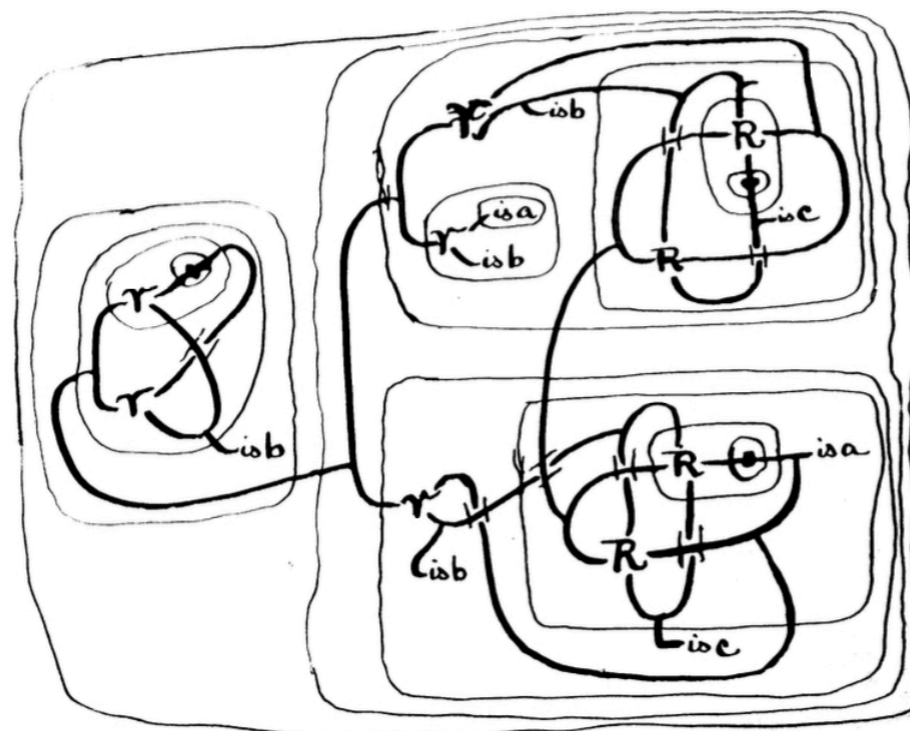
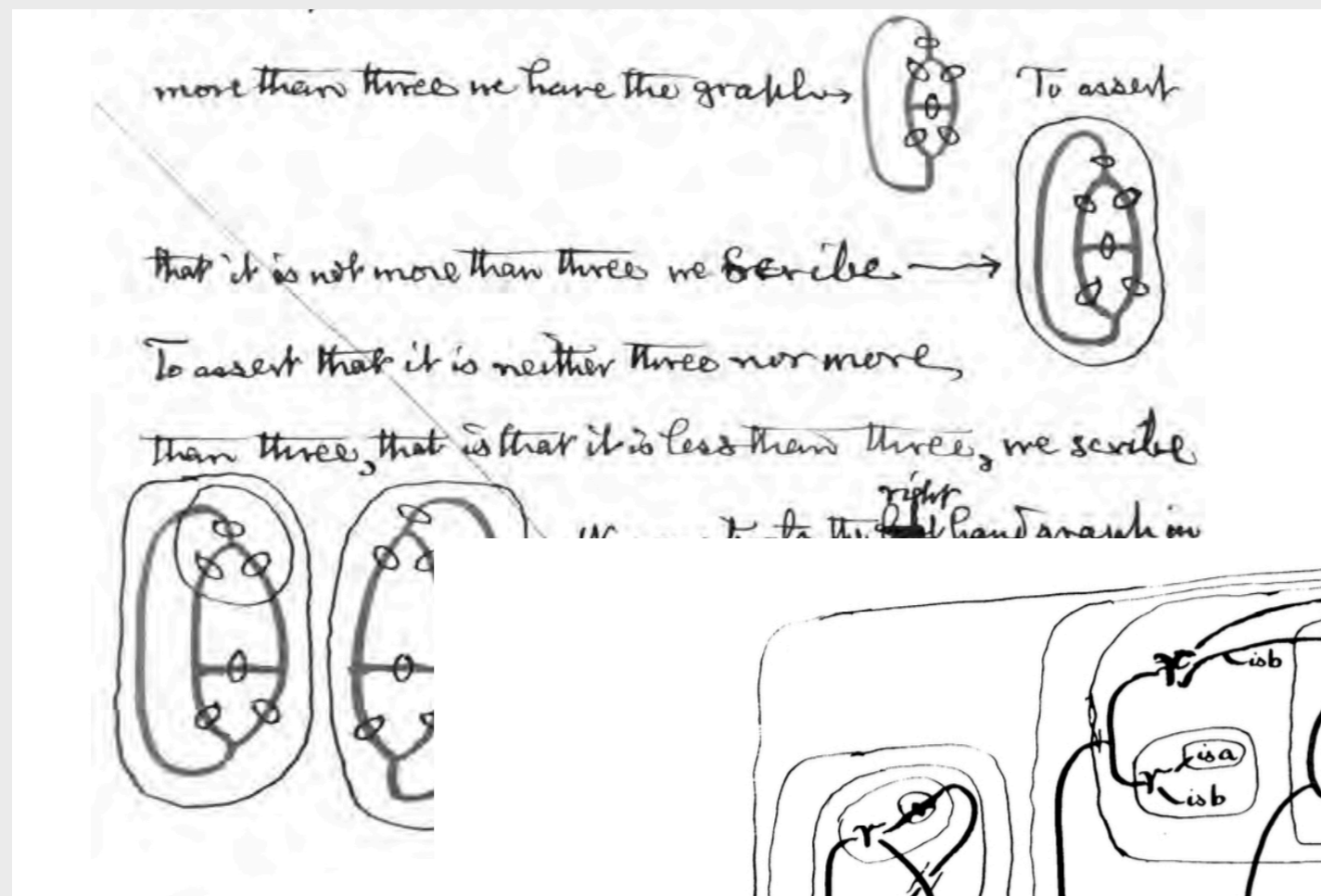
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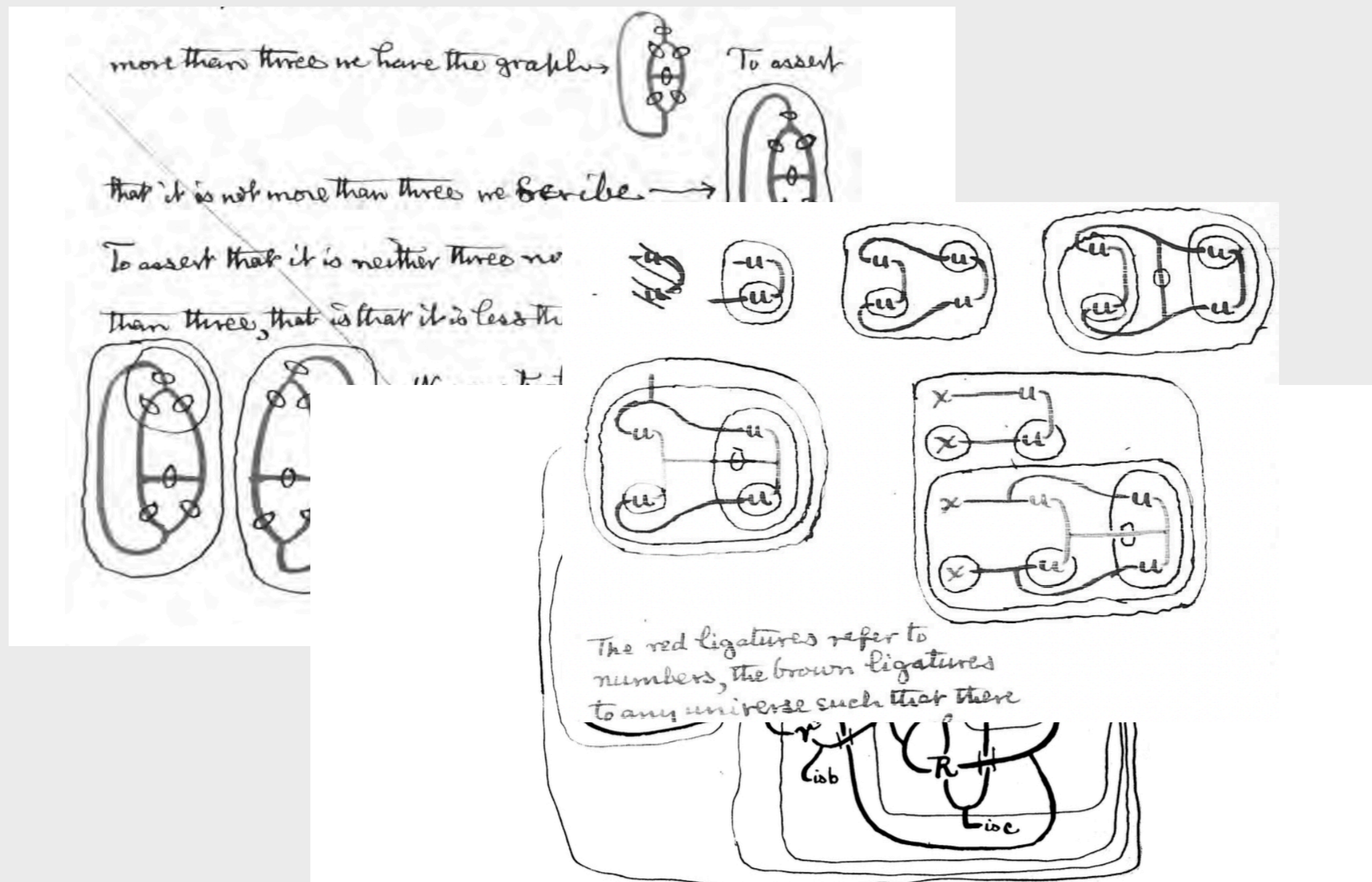


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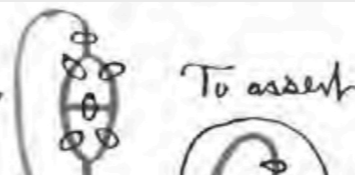


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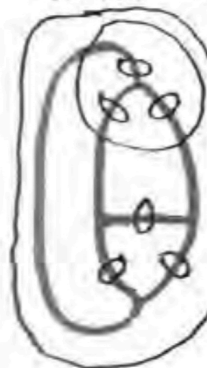
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### Peripatetic Talks. No. 7

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(This rule is Aristotle's maxim known as the *Nota notae*, "Nota notae est nota rei ipsius", as applied to graphs. De Morgan's *principle of the transitivity of the copula* and Aristotle's *Dictum de omni et de nullo* are substantially this.)

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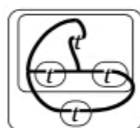
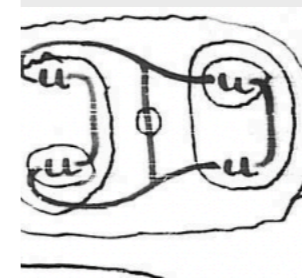


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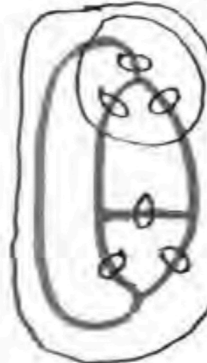
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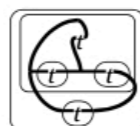


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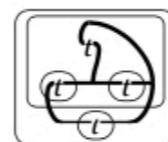


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- Letter to William James, 1909

Thanks!

