

DOUBLE CATEGORICAL EQUIVALENCES

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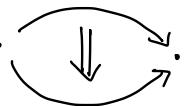
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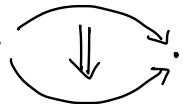
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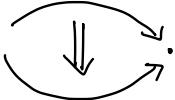
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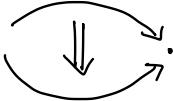
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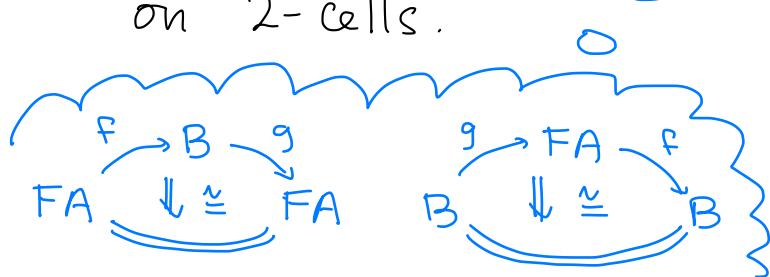
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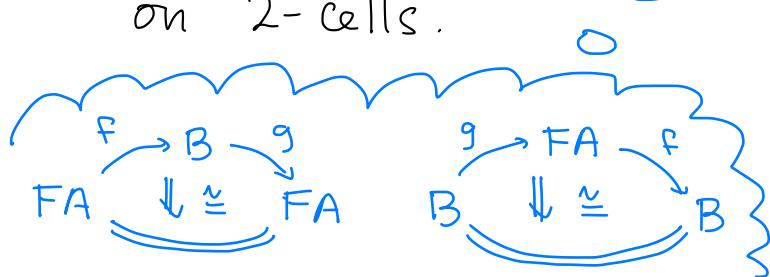


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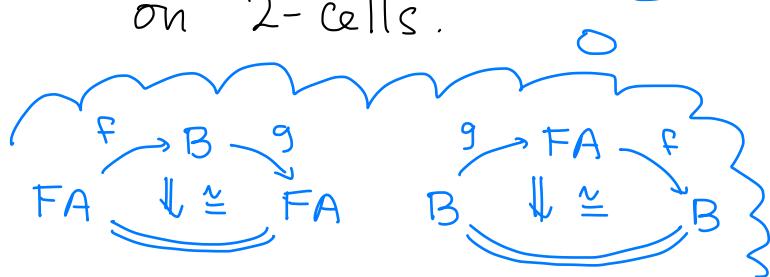
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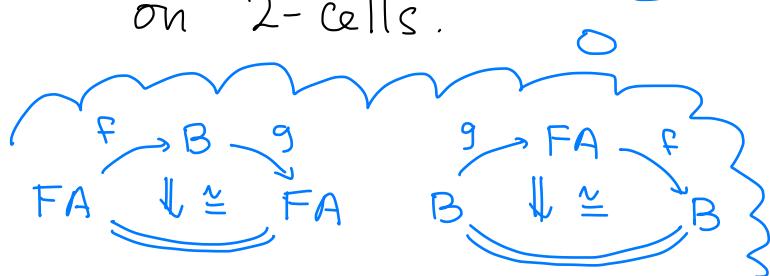
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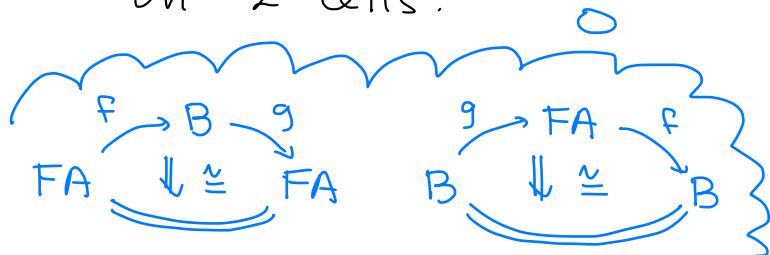
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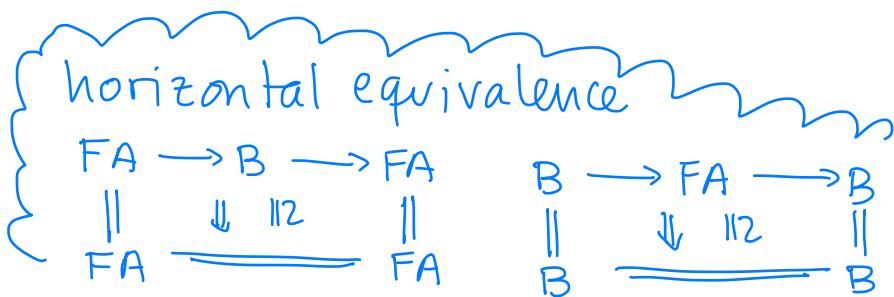


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All these studied by Fiore-Paoli-Pronk [FPP].

Super interesting — but not quite what we're looking for

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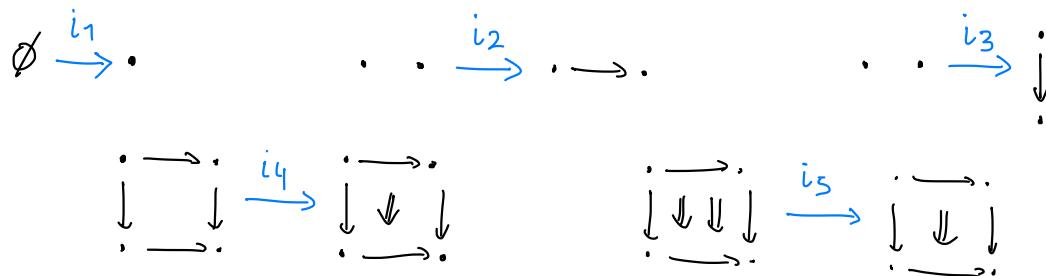
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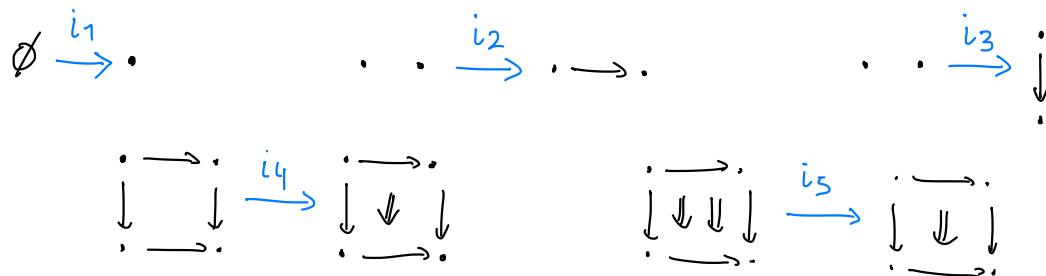
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Both of these mirror the corresponding scenario in $\text{Cat}, \text{2Cat}$.

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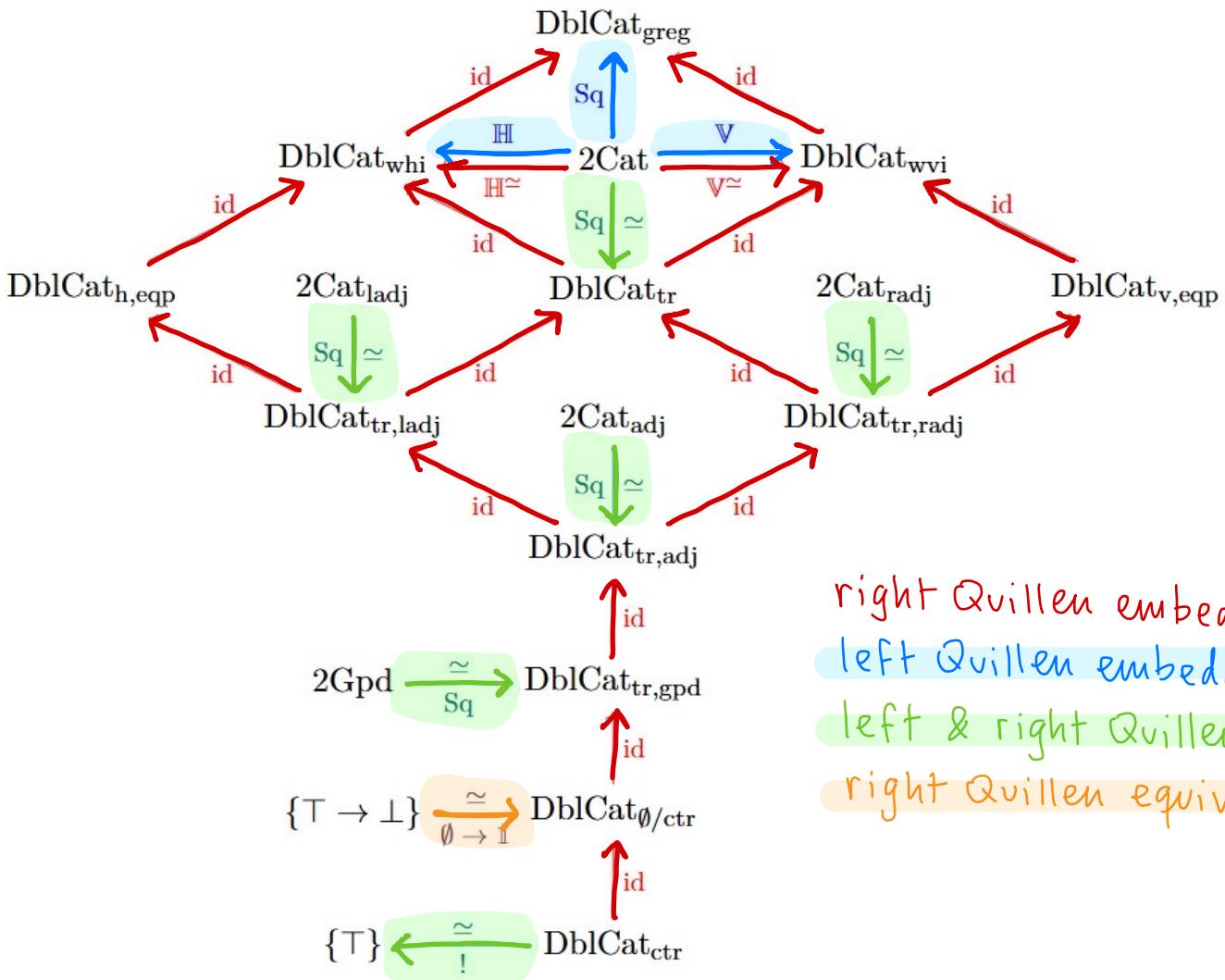
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