

Logic in 2D, Metalogic in 3D: The Language of Category Theory

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The Language of Category Theory

Category theory is known as a language of mathematics.

Applied CT: developing a language for all kinds of science.

My thesis proposes that

category theory is **the language of thinking**.

Categories form a *bifibrant double category*,
which can be seen as a *logic*: a system of “thoughts of a world”.

We define the 3D language of all bifibrant double categories,
which can be seen as *metalogic*: “thinking about thinking”.

Logics

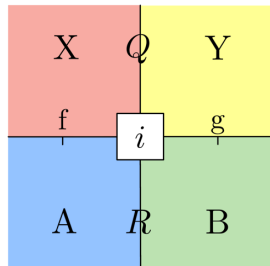
The fundamental notions of category theory

type and process, relation and transformation
composition and identity, adjunction and representation

are systematized in the language of a (bi)fibrant double category, also known as proarrow equipment, or framed bicategory. [3]

We understand this structure as a **logic**.

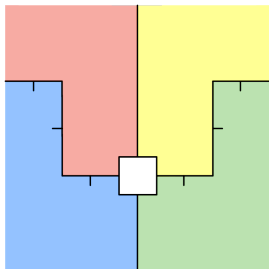
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object	0	type
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loose arrow	H	relation
square	2	inference



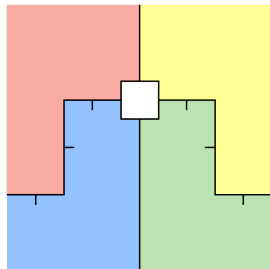
Logics

The “bifibrance” of a double category is the *action* of processes on relations, pushing forward or pulling backwards in “time”.

This property-like structure is *essential*, both for the expressiveness of a logic, and the coherence and expressiveness of metalogic.



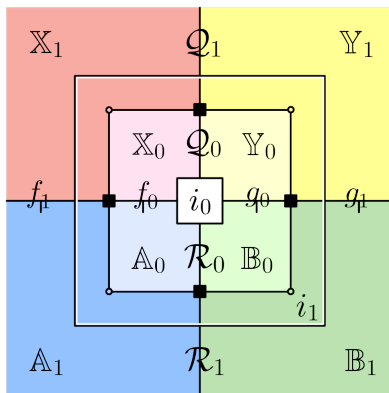
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substitution

Metalogic

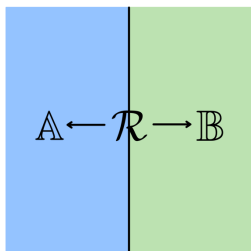
Logics form a three-dimensional multiverse
(FDCs form a fibrant triple category w/o interchange)



which we can explore in both *imagery* and *syntax*.

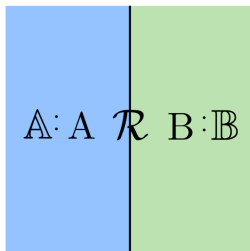
Color syntax

Imagery is *dual* to syntax; so they unite in **color syntax**:
 a string diagram is a general concept, and *substituting* syntax
 determines a specific instance of the concept.



span category

$$A \leftarrow \mathcal{R} \rightarrow B$$



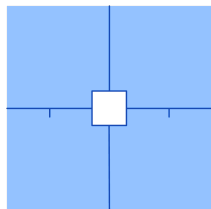
fiber category

$$\mathcal{R}(A, B) : \text{Cat}$$

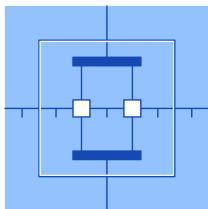
“total” \simeq “fiberwise” is the basis of dependent category theory.

The metalogic of logics

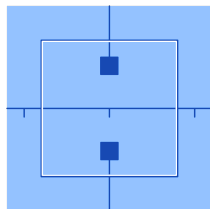
The key to metalogic is to see a logic as like a category:
a category is a matrix with composition and identity;
a logic is a *matrix category* with composition and identity.



logic



composition



identity

“Matrix category” is a short name for *two-sided bifibration*,
so a pseudomonad in MatCat is a *bifibrant double category*.

The metalogic of logics

Matrix categories are *exponentiable*, so metalogic is *higher-order*:
the **co/descent calculus** is the higher co/end calculus. [2]

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{MatCat}(\mathcal{R} \otimes \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{T}) \\
 = & \vec{\Pi}A, C \quad \text{Cat}((\mathcal{R} \otimes \mathcal{S})(A, C), \mathcal{T}(A, C)) \\
 = & \vec{\Pi}A, C \quad \text{Cat}(\vec{\Sigma}B \mathcal{R}(A, B) \times \mathcal{S}(B, C), \mathcal{T}(A, C)) \\
 \simeq & \vec{\Pi}A, C \vec{\Pi}B \quad \text{Cat}(\mathcal{R}(A, B) \times \mathcal{S}(B, C), \mathcal{T}(A, C)) \\
 \simeq & \vec{\Pi}A, B, C \quad \text{Cat}(\mathcal{S}(B, C), [\mathcal{R}(A, B) \rightarrow \mathcal{T}(A, C)]) \\
 \simeq & \vec{\Pi}B, C \quad \text{Cat}(\mathcal{S}(B, C), \vec{\Pi}C [\mathcal{R}(A, B) \rightarrow \mathcal{T}(A, C)]) \\
 = & \text{MatCat}(\mathcal{S}, [\mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}])
 \end{aligned}$$

A system for double weighted co/limits, and much more.

Outline

We develop the underlying structure of a logic;
then metalogic is the monad completion of this structure.

- ▶ A span of categories $\mathbb{A} \leftarrow \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$
 \simeq a matrix of categories $\mathcal{R}(A, B)$.
- ▶ The *weave double category* is the equational logic of \mathbb{A} .

$$\langle \mathbb{A} \rangle \equiv \overrightarrow{\mathbb{A}} + \overleftarrow{\mathbb{A}}$$

- ▶ A *matrix category* is a bimodule of weave double categories.

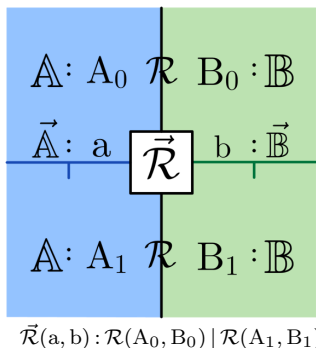
A *logic*, or *bifibrant double category*,
is a matrix category $\underline{\mathbb{C}} \leftarrow \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \underline{\mathbb{C}}$ with comp. and identity.

Spans of categories

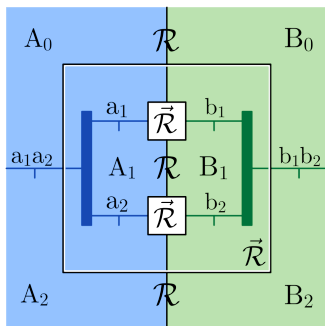
The basic data of a logic is a span of categories:
relations and inferences, over pairs of types and processes.

A span of categories $\mathbb{A} \leftarrow \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{B} \sim$ a matrix of categories: [4]
a **displayed category** is a normal lax functor $\vec{\mathcal{R}} : \mathbb{A} \times \mathbb{B} \rightarrow \text{Cat}$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \vec{\mathcal{R}}(a, b) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \vec{\mathcal{R}} \\
 \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\
 (0 \rightarrow 1) & \xrightarrow{(a, b)} & \vec{\mathbb{A}} \times \vec{\mathbb{B}}
 \end{array}$$

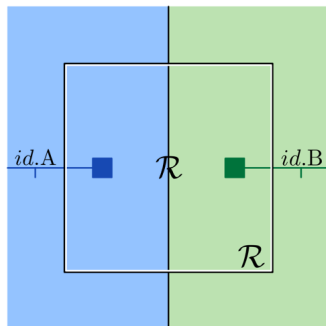


Spans of categories



composition

$$\vec{\mathcal{R}}(a_1, b_1) \circ \vec{\mathcal{R}}(a_2, b_2) \Rightarrow \vec{\mathcal{R}}(a_1 a_2, b_1 b_2)$$



identity

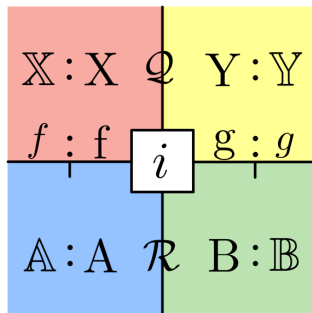
$$\mathcal{R}(A, B) \Rightarrow \vec{\mathcal{R}}(id.A, id.B)$$

Spans of profunctors

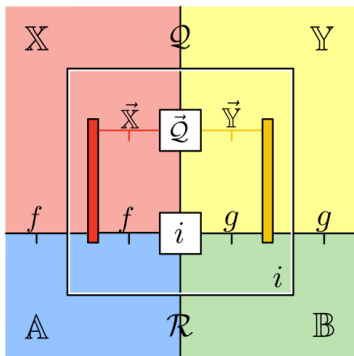
This idea generalizes to spans of profunctors $f \leftarrow i \rightarrow g$.

A **displayed profunctor** is a map $i(f, g) : \text{Prof}$ which forms a bimodule of lax functors $\mathcal{Q}(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Y})$ and $\mathcal{R}(\mathbb{A}, \mathbb{B})$.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \mathbb{X} & \longleftarrow & \mathcal{Q} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Y} \\
 \downarrow f & & \downarrow i & & \downarrow g \\
 \mathbb{A} & \longleftarrow & \mathcal{R} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{B}
 \end{array}$$

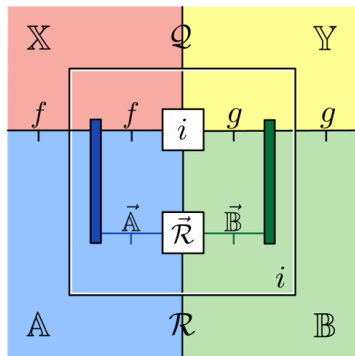


$$i(f, g) : \mathcal{Q}(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Y}) \mid \mathcal{R}(\mathbb{A}, \mathbb{B})$$



precomposition

$$\vec{Q}(x, y) \circ i(f, g) \Rightarrow i(xf, yg)$$



postcomposition

$$i(f, g) \circ \vec{R}(a, b) \Rightarrow i(fa, gb)$$

Equivalence: spans are matrices

Inverse image is functorial, defining “displayed functors” and “displayed transformations”.

Theorem

The double category of span categories is equivalent to the double category of displayed categories.

	SpanCat	\simeq	DisCat
0	span cat. $\mathbb{A} \leftarrow \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$	\sim	dis. cat. $\mathcal{R}(A, B) : \text{Cat}$
V	span fun. $[[\mathcal{R}]] : \mathcal{R}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}_1$	\sim	dis. fun. $[[\mathcal{R}]] : \mathcal{R}_0(A_0, B_0) \rightarrow \mathcal{R}_1([[A_0]], [[B_0]])$
H	span prof. $f \leftarrow i \rightarrow g$	\sim	dis. prof. $i(f, g) : \text{Prof}$
2	span trans. $[[i]] : i_0 \rightarrow i_1$	\sim	dis. trans. $[[i]] : i_0(f_0, g_0) \Rightarrow i_1([[f_0]], [[g_0]])$

Arrow double categories

If $\mathbb{A} \leftarrow \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$ is to be *relations* from \mathbb{A} to \mathbb{B} , then relations should *vary* over processes in \mathbb{A} and \mathbb{B} .

The **arrow double category** $\vec{\mathbb{A}}$ is that of commuting squares.

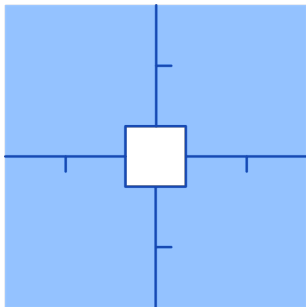
$$A_0^0 \longrightarrow \hat{a}_0^1 \longrightarrow A_0^1$$

$$\downarrow a_0$$

$$\downarrow a_1$$

$$A_1^0 \longrightarrow \hat{a}_1^1 \longrightarrow A_1^1$$

$$(a_0, a_1) : \vec{\mathbb{A}}(\hat{a}_0^1 \rightarrow \hat{a}_1^1)$$

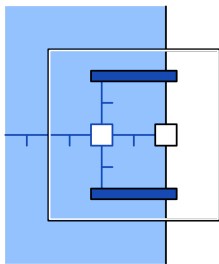


Now $\mathbb{A} \leftarrow \vec{\mathbb{A}} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}$ and $\mathbb{B} \leftarrow \vec{\mathbb{B}} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$ can act on \mathcal{R} .

Fibered and opfibered categories

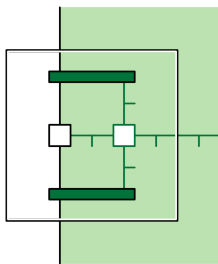
A **fibered category** over \mathbb{A} is a left $\vec{\mathbb{A}}$ -module. [5]

An **opfibered category** over \mathbb{B} is a right $\vec{\mathbb{B}}$ -module.



substitution

$$\odot : \vec{\mathbb{A}}(A_0, A_1) \times \mathcal{R}(A_1) \rightarrow \mathcal{R}(A_0)$$



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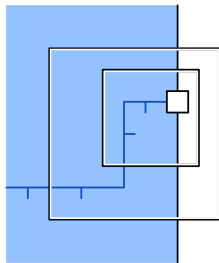
$$\odot : \mathcal{R}(B_0) \times \vec{\mathbb{B}}(B_0, B_1) \rightarrow \mathcal{R}(B_1)$$

These are often denoted a^*R “pullback” and $b_!R$ “pushforward”.

Fibered and opfibered categories

In a fibered category \mathcal{R} over \mathbb{A} , a morphism $r : R_0 \rightarrow R_1$ over $a : \mathbb{A}(A_0, A_1)$ is equivalent to $\eta.a \circ r : R_0 \rightarrow \hat{a} \odot R_1$ over $\text{id}.A_0$, by factoring through the **cartesian** morphism $\varepsilon.a \circ \text{id}.R_1$.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 A_0 & \xlongequal{\quad} & A_0 & \xrightarrow{R_0} & 1 \\
 \parallel & & \downarrow a & \parallel & \parallel \\
 & \eta.a & & \downarrow r & \\
 A_0 & \xrightarrow{\hat{a}} & A_1 & \xrightarrow{R_1} & 1 \\
 \downarrow a & & \parallel & & \parallel \\
 A_1 & \xlongequal{\quad} & A_1 & \xrightarrow{R_1} & 1 \\
 & \varepsilon.a & & &
 \end{array}$$



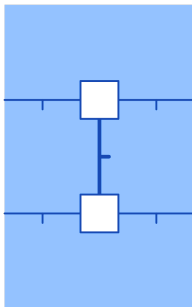
This gives a contravariant representation of morphisms over a .

$$\vec{\mathcal{R}}(a)(R_0, R_1) \cong \mathcal{R}(R_0, a \odot R_1)$$

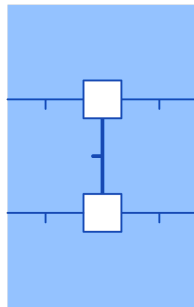
Weave double category

Yet an arrow double category is not a *logic*.

There is a limitation to the equational reasoning of $\vec{\mathbb{A}}$.



$$(a_0, a_1 \cdot a_2) = (a_0 \cdot a_1, a_2)$$

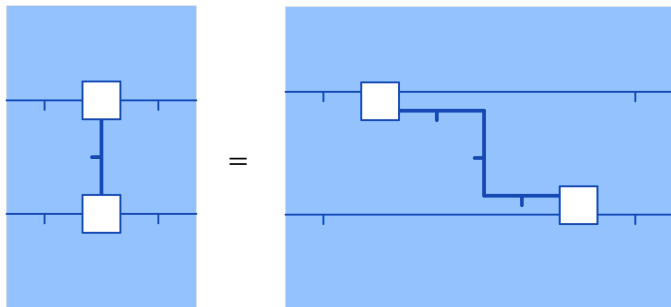


$$(a_0 \cdot a_1, a_2) = (a_0, a_1 \cdot a_2)$$

Composable pairs are only defined *up to associativity*.

Weave double category

The latter cannot be expressed in the arrow double category.



So, we define the *weave double category*:

the union of the arrow double category $\overrightarrow{\mathbb{A}}$ with its opposite $\overleftarrow{\mathbb{A}}$.

Weave double category

Let \mathbb{A} be a category, with arrow double category $\vec{\mathbb{A}}$.

The **op-arrow double category** $\overleftarrow{\mathbb{A}}$ is the horizontal opposite.

$$\overleftarrow{\mathbb{A}}(A_0, A_1) \equiv \vec{\mathbb{A}}(A_1, A_0)$$

Denote an **arrow** $\hat{a}: \vec{\mathbb{A}}(A_0, A_1)$, and an **op-arrow** $\check{a}: \overleftarrow{\mathbb{A}}(A_1, A_0)$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A_0^0 & \xrightarrow{\hat{a}_1^0} & A_1^0 \\
 \downarrow a_0 & & \downarrow a_1 \\
 A_0^1 & \xrightarrow{\hat{a}_1^1} & A_1^1
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 A_0^0 & \xleftarrow{\check{a}_1^0} & A_1^0 \\
 \downarrow a_0 & & \downarrow a_1 \\
 A_0^1 & \xleftarrow{\check{a}_1^1} & A_1^1
 \end{array}$$

We use \bar{a} for objects of $\vec{\mathbb{A}} + \overleftarrow{\mathbb{A}}$.

Weave double category

Define $\text{Db}_{\mathbb{A}}$ be the 2-category of double categories on \mathbb{A} , double functors over $\text{id.}\mathbb{A}$, and identity-component transformations.

Given double categories \mathcal{A}_0 and \mathcal{A}_1 on \mathbb{A} , and double functors $f, g: \mathcal{A}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_1$ over $\text{id.}\mathbb{A}$, an icon $\gamma: f \Rightarrow g$ gives for each $a_0: \mathcal{A}_0$ a 2-morphism $\gamma(a_0): f(a_0) \Rightarrow g(a_0)$, subject to naturality.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbb{A} & \longleftarrow \mathcal{A}_0 & \longrightarrow \mathbb{A} \\
 \parallel & \downarrow f = \gamma \Rightarrow g & \parallel \\
 \mathbb{A} & \longleftarrow \mathcal{A}_1 & \longrightarrow \mathbb{A}
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbb{A}_0 & \xrightarrow{f(a_0)} & \mathbb{A}_1 \\
 \parallel & \Downarrow \gamma(a_0) & \parallel \\
 \mathbb{A}_0 & \xrightarrow{g(a_0)} & \mathbb{A}_1
 \end{array}$$

Weave double category

Let \mathbb{A} be a category. The **weave double category** $\langle \mathbb{A} \rangle$ is the coproduct of the arrow and op-arrow double categories in $\text{Db}\mathbb{A}$.

$$\langle \mathbb{A} \rangle \equiv \overrightarrow{\mathbb{A}} + \overleftarrow{\mathbb{A}}$$

$\langle \mathbb{A} \rangle$ is generated by squares of $\overrightarrow{\mathbb{A}}$, opsquares of $\overleftarrow{\mathbb{A}}$, and isomorphisms of identity arrows and op-arrows.

$$\hat{\text{id}}.A \cong \check{\text{id}}.A$$

Theorem

$\langle \mathbb{A} \rangle$ is a logic.

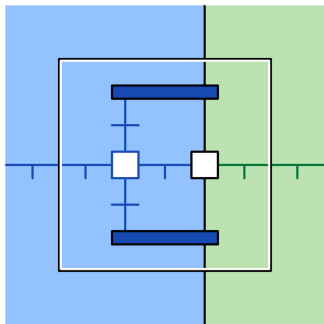
Theorem

$\langle \mathbb{A} \rangle$ -modules are bifibered categories over \mathbb{A} .

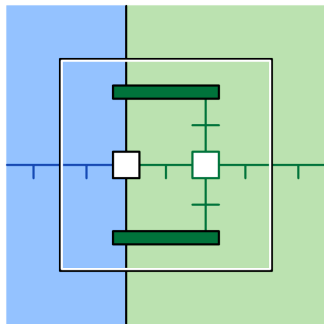
Matrix categories

Let \mathbb{A}, \mathbb{B} be categories, with weave double categories $\langle \mathbb{A} \rangle, \langle \mathbb{B} \rangle$.

A **matrix category** or **two-sided bifibration** $\mathcal{R} : \mathbb{A} \parallel \mathbb{B}$ is a span category $\mathbb{A} \leftarrow \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$ which is a bimodule from $\langle \mathbb{A} \rangle$ to $\langle \mathbb{B} \rangle$.



$$\odot_{\mathbb{A}} : \langle \mathbb{A} \rangle(A_0, A_1) \times \mathcal{R}(A_1, B) \\ \rightarrow \mathcal{R}(A_0, B)$$

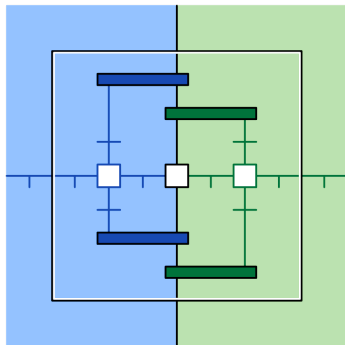


$$\odot_{\mathbb{B}} : \mathcal{R}(A, B_0) \times \langle \mathbb{B} \rangle(B_0, B_1) \\ \rightarrow \mathcal{R}(A, B_1)$$

Matrix categories

The actions of $\langle \mathbb{A} \rangle$ and $\langle \mathbb{B} \rangle$ on \mathcal{R} are associative and unital up to coherent isomorphism.

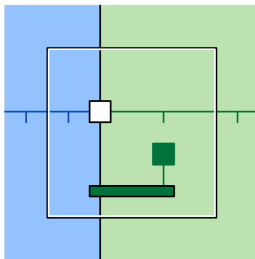
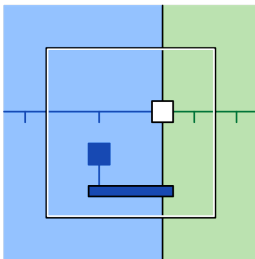
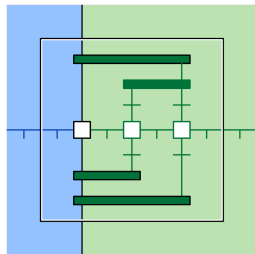
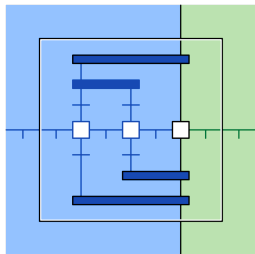
$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \langle \mathbb{A} \rangle * \mathcal{R} * \langle \mathbb{B} \rangle & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \langle \mathbb{A} \rangle * \odot_{\mathbb{B}} & \rightarrow & \langle \mathbb{A} \rangle * \mathcal{R} \\
 \downarrow & & \Downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \odot_{\mathbb{A}} * \langle \mathbb{B} \rangle & & \alpha_{\mathcal{R}} & & \odot_{\mathbb{A}} \\
 \downarrow & & \Downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \mathcal{R} * \langle \mathbb{B} \rangle & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \odot_{\mathbb{B}} & \rightarrow & \mathcal{R}
 \end{array}$$



center associator

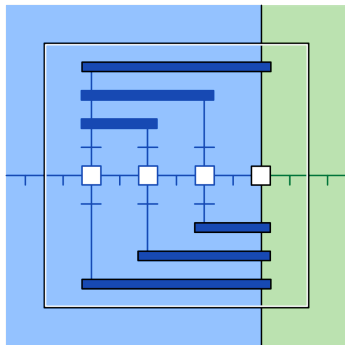
$$\alpha_{\mathcal{R}} : \bar{a} \odot (R \odot \bar{b}) \cong (\bar{a} \odot R) \odot \bar{b}$$

Matrix categories

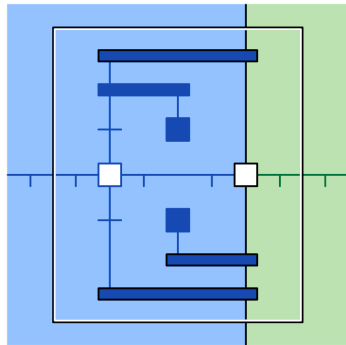


Matrix categories

The coherence means that reassociating a composite is well-defined, and reassociating a unit is well-defined.



$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\langle \bar{a}_k \rangle \circ \langle \bar{a}_\ell \rangle \circ \langle \bar{a}_m \rangle) \odot R \\
 \Rightarrow & \langle \bar{a}_k \rangle \odot (\langle \bar{a}_\ell \rangle \odot (\langle \bar{a}_m \rangle \odot R))
 \end{aligned}$$



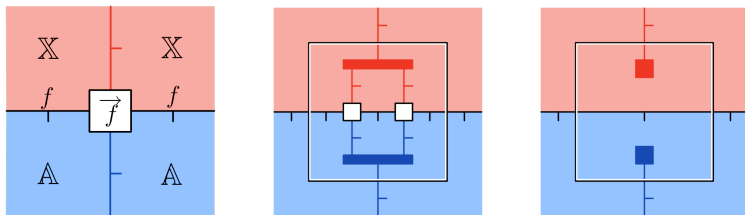
$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\langle \bar{a}_k \rangle \circ \text{id}.A) \odot R \\
 \Rightarrow & \langle \bar{a}_k \rangle \odot (\text{id}.A \odot R)
 \end{aligned}$$

Matrix profunctors

We now define relations of matrix categories.

Let $f : \mathbb{X} | \mathbb{A}$ be a profunctor; then the **arrow profunctor** of arrow categories $\vec{f} : \vec{\mathbb{X}} | \vec{\mathbb{A}}$ consists of commutative squares; its projections form a span profunctor $f \leftarrow \vec{f} \rightarrow f$.

$$\vec{f}(\hat{x}, \hat{a}) = \{(f_0 : f(X_0, A_0), f_1 : f(X_1, A_1)) \mid a \cdot f_0 = f_1 \cdot x\}$$



This forms a *vertical profunctor* of arrow double categories.

Matrix profunctors

Dually, the **op-arrow profunctor** of f is the profunctor of op-arrow categories $\overleftarrow{f} : \overleftarrow{\mathbb{X}} \mid \overleftarrow{\mathbb{A}}$.

$$\overleftarrow{f}(\check{x}, \check{a}) = \{f_0 : f(X_0, A_0), f_1 : f(X_1, A_1) \mid x \cdot f_0 = f_1 \cdot a\}$$

The **weave vertical profunctor** of weave double categories $\langle f \rangle : \langle \mathbb{X} \rangle \mid \langle \mathbb{A} \rangle$ is the coproduct of \overrightarrow{f} and \overleftarrow{f} in the category of vertical profunctors over f .

Just like the weave double category, this is generated from squares and opsquares in f , plus the actions of $\langle \mathbb{X} \rangle$ and $\langle \mathbb{A} \rangle$, subject to naturality of the isomorphisms $\hat{\text{id}}.A \cong \check{\text{id}}.A$.

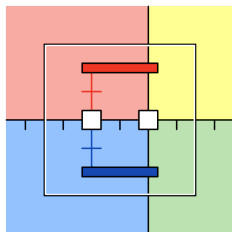
Matrix profunctors

Let $\mathcal{Q}(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Y})$ and $\mathcal{R}(\mathbb{A}, \mathbb{B})$ be matrix categories.

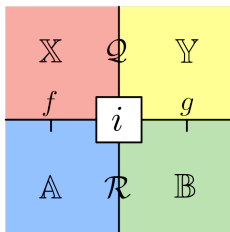
Let $f : \mathbb{X} | \mathbb{A}$ and $g : \mathbb{Y} | \mathbb{B}$ be profunctors,

with weave profunctors $f \leftarrow \langle f \rangle \rightarrow f$ and $g \leftarrow \langle g \rangle \rightarrow g$.

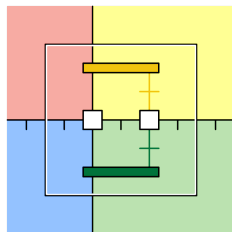
A **matrix profunctor** $i(f, g) : \mathcal{Q}(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Y}) | \mathcal{R}(\mathbb{A}, \mathbb{B})$ is a span profunctor which is a bimodule from $\langle f \rangle$ to $\langle g \rangle$, coherent with the associators and unitors of \mathcal{Q} and \mathcal{R} .



$$\odot_f : \langle f \rangle * i \rightarrow i$$



$$i(f, g) : \mathcal{Q}(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Y}) | \mathcal{R}(\mathbb{A}, \mathbb{B})$$

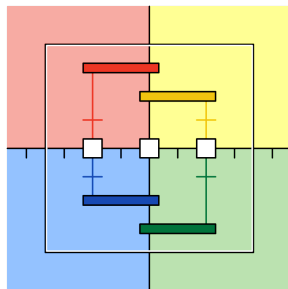


$$\odot_g : i * \langle g \rangle \rightarrow i$$

Matrix profunctors

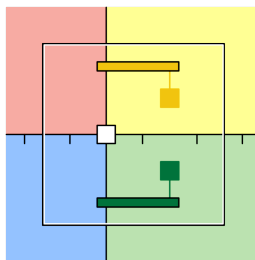
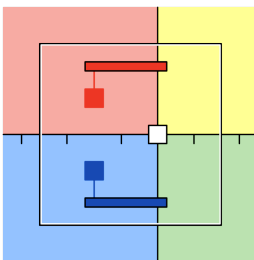
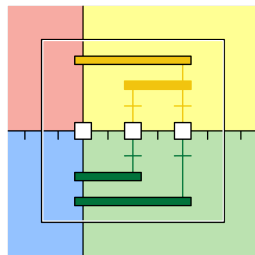
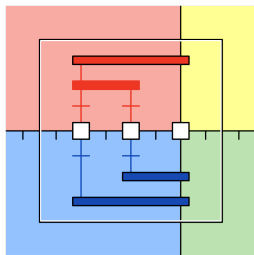
The matrix profunctor $i(f, g)$ is a relation of matrix categories $\mathcal{Q}(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Y})$ and $\mathcal{R}(\mathbb{A}, \mathbb{B})$, so it coheres with associators and unitors.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \bar{x} \odot (Q \odot \bar{y}) & \xrightarrow{\alpha_Q} & (\bar{x} \odot Q) \odot \bar{y} \\
 \downarrow f \odot (i \odot g) & & \downarrow (f \odot i) \odot g \\
 \bar{a} \odot (R \odot \bar{b}) & \xrightarrow{\alpha_R} & (\bar{a} \odot R) \odot \bar{b}
 \end{array}$$



associator coherence

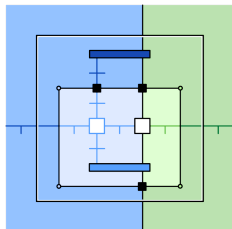
Matrix profunctors



Matrix functors and transformations

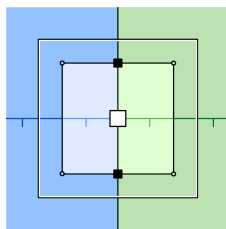
Let $[[\mathbb{A}]] : \mathbb{A}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{A}_1$ and $[[\mathbb{B}]] : \mathbb{B}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{B}_1$ be functors, and let $\mathcal{R}_0(\mathbb{A}_0, \mathbb{B}_0)$ and $\mathcal{R}_1(\mathbb{A}_1, \mathbb{B}_1)$ be matrix categories.

A **matrix functor** $[[\mathcal{R}]] : \mathcal{R}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}_1$ is a morphism of bimodules, preserving composition and identity up to coherent isos.



left join

$$[[\langle \bar{a}_k \rangle]] \odot_1 [[R]] \cong [[\langle \bar{a}_k \rangle \odot_0 R]]$$



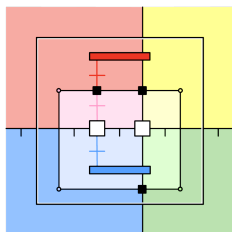
right join

$$[[R]] \odot_1 [[\langle \bar{b}_\ell \rangle]] \cong [[R \odot_0 \langle \bar{b}_\ell \rangle]]$$

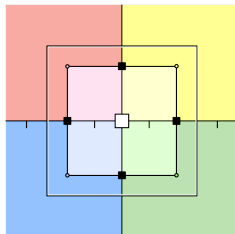
Matrix functors and transformations

Let $\llbracket Q \rrbracket(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Y})$ and $\llbracket R \rrbracket(\mathbb{A}, \mathbb{B})$ be matrix functors, and let $i_0(f_0, g_0) : \mathcal{Q}_0 \mid \mathcal{R}_0$ and $i_1(f_1, g_1) : \mathcal{Q}_1 \mid \mathcal{R}_1$ be matrix profunctors.

A **matrix transformation** $\llbracket i \rrbracket : i_0 \rightarrow i_1$ is a span transformation which coheres with the left and right joins of $\llbracket Q \rrbracket$ and $\llbracket R \rrbracket$.



$$\llbracket x \rrbracket \circ \llbracket Q \rrbracket \Rightarrow \llbracket a \circ R \rrbracket$$



$$\llbracket Q \rrbracket \circ \llbracket y \rrbracket \Rightarrow \llbracket R \circ b \rrbracket$$

Sequential composition

We now see how matrix categories and functors, matrix profunctors and transformations form a *logic*.

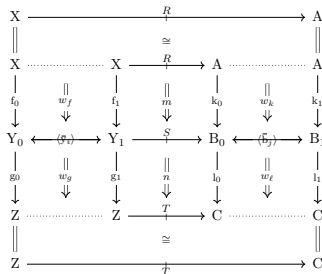
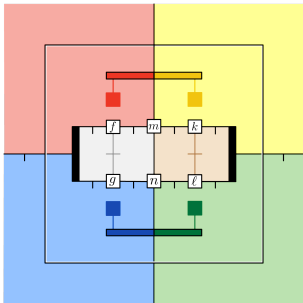
How do we compose matrix profunctors? By using *weaves*.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X_0 & \xrightarrow{\hat{x}} & X_1 \\
 \downarrow f_0 & & \downarrow f_1 \\
 Y_0 & \xrightarrow{\hat{y}} & Y_1 \\
 \downarrow g_0 & & \downarrow g_1 \\
 Z_0 & \xrightarrow{\hat{z}} & Z_1
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 X_0 & \xrightarrow{\hat{x}} & X_1 \\
 \downarrow f_0 & & \downarrow f_1 \\
 Y_0 & \xleftarrow{\hat{y}} & Y_1 \\
 \downarrow g_0 & & \downarrow g_1 \\
 Z_0 & \xrightarrow{\hat{z}} & Z_1
 \end{array}$$

Both squares of $\langle f \circ g \rangle$ can be expressed in $\langle f \rangle \circ \langle g \rangle$ — so an action by $\langle f \rangle$ and one by $\langle g \rangle$ defines an action by $\langle f \circ g \rangle$.

Sequential composition

So, we ensure the actions are *well-defined* on the *identities*, associativity zig-zags in $\langle f \circ g \rangle$ and $\langle k \circ \ell \rangle$: so to compose $m(f, k) : \mathcal{R}(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{A}) \mid \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{Y}, \mathbb{B})$ and $n(g, \ell) : \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{Y}, \mathbb{B}) \mid \mathcal{T}(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{C})$, we quotient $m \circ n$ by their actions.



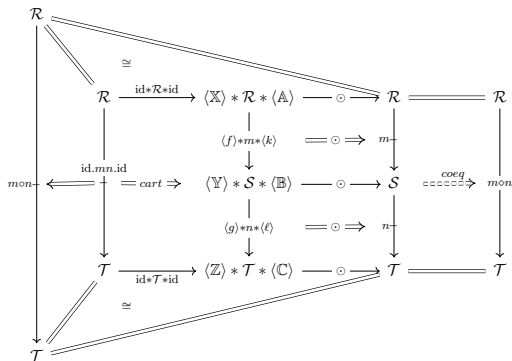
$$[S.(m, n)] \equiv [u_{\mathcal{R}} \cdot (\langle \bar{y}_i \rangle \odot S \odot \langle \bar{b}_j \rangle) \cdot (w_f \odot m \odot w_k, w_g \odot n \odot w_l) \cdot u_{\mathcal{T}}^{-1}]$$

Sequential composition

Let $m(f, k) : \mathcal{R}(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{A}) \mid \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{Y}, \mathbb{B})$ and $n(g, \ell) : \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{Y}, \mathbb{B}) \mid \mathcal{T}(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{C})$ be matrix profunctors. The **sequential composite**

$$(m \diamond n)(f \circ g, k \circ \ell) : \mathcal{R}(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{A}) \mid \mathcal{T}(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{C})$$

is the following coequalizer.



The logic of matrix categories

Theorem

Matrix categories form a logic.

Proof.

As sequential composition of matrix profunctors is defined by coequalizer, it is canonically functorial. The associator and unitors are inherited from SpanCat , because the coequalizer is orthogonal to span profunctor composition.

Hence MatCat is a double category. Moreover it is a logic: substitution of matrix functors in matrix profunctors is exactly analogous to that of functors in profunctors, in Cat . □

The logic of matrix categories

A **double fibration** [1] is a category in the 2-category of fibered categories, fibered functors, and fibered transformations.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \text{MatCat} & \longleftarrow & \text{MatProf} & \longrightarrow & \text{MatCat} \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \text{Cat} \times \text{Cat} & \longleftarrow & \text{Prof} \times \text{Prof} & \longrightarrow & \text{Cat} \times \text{Cat}
 \end{array}$$

Theorem

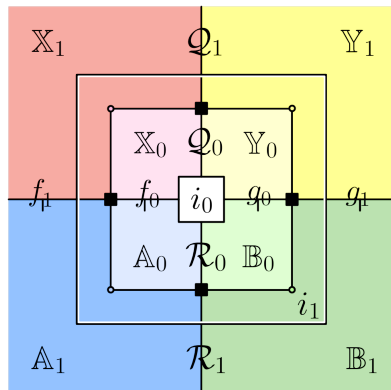
Matrix categories are fibered over pairs of categories.

Proof.

Substitution of functors in matrix categories, and transformations in matrix profunctors, is defined by pullback. Matrix profunctor composition preserves substitution. \square

The logic of matrix categories

This is the logic of matrix categories, over pairs of categories.



$$\text{Cat} \leftarrow \text{MatCat} \rightarrow \text{Cat}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 Q_0 & \xrightarrow{i_0} & R_0 \\
 \downarrow & \parallel & \downarrow \\
 [Q] & [i] & [R] \\
 \downarrow & \Downarrow & \downarrow \\
 Q_1 & \xrightarrow{i_1} & R_1
 \end{array}$$

Now, we define *parallel composition* of matrix categories.

Parallel composition

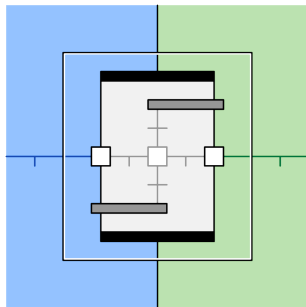
Now, we define composition of matrix categories.

Let $\mathcal{R} : \mathbb{A} \parallel \mathbb{B}$ and $\mathcal{S} : \mathbb{B} \parallel \mathbb{C}$ be matrix categories.

The **parallel composite** $\mathcal{R} \otimes \mathcal{S} : \mathbb{A} \parallel \mathbb{C}$ is constructed as follows.

On $\mathbb{A} \leftarrow \mathcal{R} * \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ we form the *iso-coinserter* of actions by $\langle \mathbb{B} \rangle$.

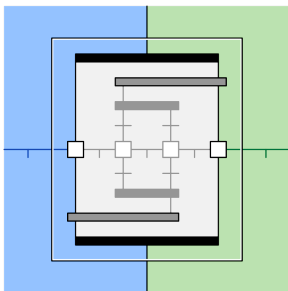
$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (\mathcal{R} * \langle \mathbb{B} \rangle) * \mathcal{S} & \xrightarrow{\circ * \mathcal{S}} & \mathcal{R} * \mathcal{S} \\
 \downarrow \cong & \Downarrow \alpha_{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}} & \downarrow \iota \\
 \mathcal{R} * (\langle \mathbb{B} \rangle * \mathcal{S}) & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{R} * \circ} & \mathcal{R} * \mathcal{S} \\
 & & \downarrow \iota \\
 & & (\mathcal{R} * \mathcal{S})_{\alpha}
 \end{array}$$



This adjoins an associator $\alpha_{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}} : B_0.(R, \bar{b} \circ S) \cong B_1.(R \circ \bar{b}, S)$.

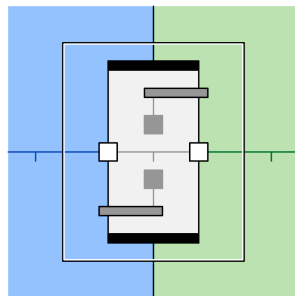
Parallel composition

On the associator, two equations are imposed by *coequifier*, for reassociating a composite and a unit.



associator coherence

$$\begin{aligned} & (R, \bar{b}_1 \odot (\bar{b}_2 \odot S)) \\ \Rightarrow & ((R \odot \bar{b}_1) \odot \bar{b}_2), S \end{aligned}$$



unitor coherence

$$\begin{aligned} & (R, \text{id}.B \odot S) \\ \Rightarrow & (R \odot \text{id}.B), S \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\mathcal{R} \otimes \mathcal{S} : \mathbb{A} \parallel \mathbb{C}$ is a *codescent object*. [5]

Parallel composition

Let $m(f, g)$ and $n(g, h)$ be matrix profunctors.

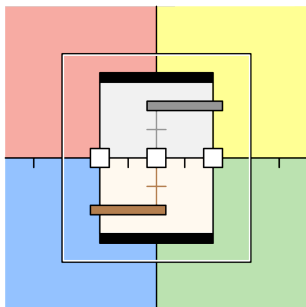
$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \mathbb{X} & \longleftarrow & Q & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Y} & \longleftarrow & S & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z} \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 f & \longleftarrow & m & \longrightarrow & g & \longleftarrow & n & \longrightarrow & h \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \mathbb{A} & \longleftarrow & R & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{B} & \longleftarrow & T & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{C}
 \end{array}$$

The **parallel composite** matrix profunctor $m \otimes n : Q \otimes S \mid R \otimes T$ is the following coequalizer.

Parallel composition

So the elements of $(m \otimes n)(f, h) : (\mathcal{Q} \otimes \mathcal{S})(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Z}) \mid (\mathcal{R} \otimes \mathcal{T})(\mathbb{A}, \mathbb{C})$ are composites of: morphisms $y.(q, s)$, associators $\alpha_{\mathcal{Q}\mathcal{S}}$, elements $g.(m, n)$, associators $\alpha_{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{T}}$, and morphisms $b.(r, t)$, such that for any $[g_0, g_1] : \langle g \rangle(\bar{y}, \bar{b})$ and $m : m(f, g_0)$, $n : n(g_1, h)$ the following commutes.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 Y_0.(Q, \bar{y} \odot S) & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{\mathcal{Q}\mathcal{S}}} & Y_1.(Q \odot \bar{y}, S) \\
 \downarrow g_0.(m, [g_0, g_1] \odot n) & & \downarrow g_1.(m \odot [g_0, g_1], n) \\
 B_0.(R, \bar{b} \odot T) & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{T}}} & B_1.(R \odot \bar{b}, T)
 \end{array}$$

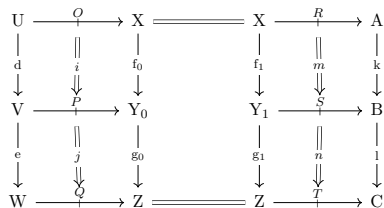
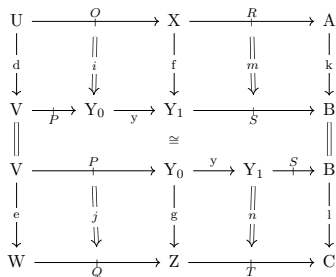


Parallel composition

Parallel composition does *not* preserve sequential composition.

$$(i \otimes m) \diamond (j \otimes n) \quad \leftrightarrow \quad (i \diamond j) \otimes (m \diamond n)$$

Parallel composition *creates* an associator element, while sequential composition *equates* elements.



The metalogic of matrix categories

A **metalogic** is a logic \mathbb{C} and a fibered logic $\mathbb{C} \leftarrow \mathbb{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ which forms an *intramonad* in $\text{Span}(\text{SpanCat})$: analogous to an intermonad in an intercategory, but vertically 1-weak, horizontally 2-weak, and no interchange.

Theorem

Matrix categories form a metalogic.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \mathbb{C} & \longleftarrow & \mathbb{M}\mathbb{C} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{C} \\
 \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 \mathbb{P} & \longleftarrow & \mathbb{M}\mathbb{P} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{P} \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \mathbb{C} & \longleftarrow & \mathbb{M}\mathbb{C} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{C}
 \end{array}$$

This is a “bifibrant triple category” without interchange.

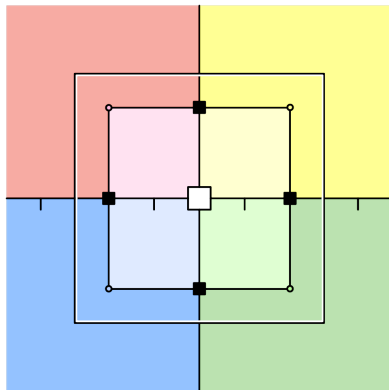
The metalogic of logics

A **logic** is a pseudomonad in MatCat .

Theorem

Logics form a metalogic.

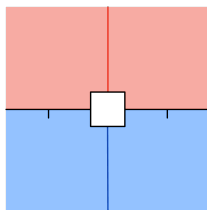
$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 L & \longleftarrow & R & \longrightarrow & L \\
 \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 P & \longleftarrow & I & \longrightarrow & P \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 L & \longleftarrow & R & \longrightarrow & L
 \end{array}$$



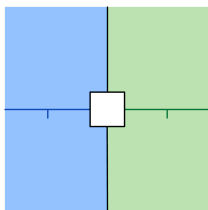
The metalogic of logics

There are two kinds of relations between logics.

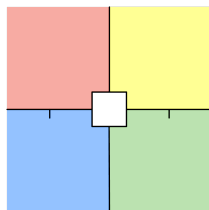
a *vertical* profunctor consists of *processes* between logics, and
a *horizontal* profunctor consists of *relations* between logics.



meta process
(v-prof.)



meta relation
(h-prof.)

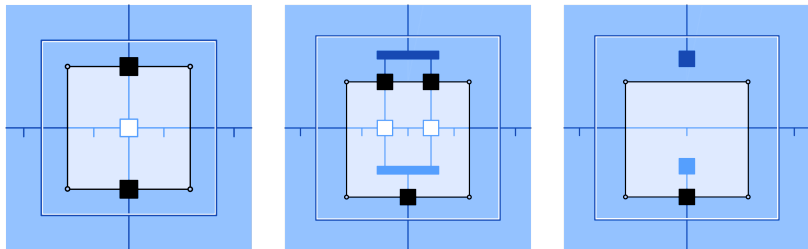


meta inference
(d-prof.)

Two pairs are connected by a *double profunctor*, which consists of inferences between relations, along processes.

The metalogic of logics

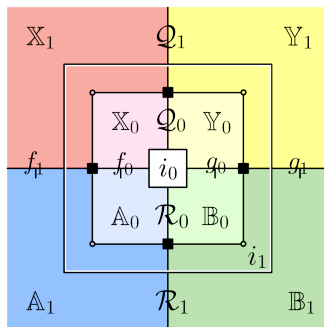
Logics have two kinds of relation, and one kind of function:
a *double functor* $[[\mathbb{A}]] : \mathbb{A}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{A}_1$ maps squares of \mathbb{A}_0 to \mathbb{A}_1 ,
preserving relation composition and unit up to coherent iso.



This generalizes to transformations of vertical, horizontal, and double profunctors; all four are defined by mapping squares in a way that coheres with parallel composition and unit.

The metalogic of logics

All together, logics form a metalogic.



A cube is a double transformation, the fully general notion of what is known as a modification.

The metalogic of logics

The metalanguage is extremely powerful;
there are just three basic “limitations” or complexities:

1. *No interchange.* Parallel (horizontal) composition is neither lax nor colax with respect to sequential (vertical) composition of double profunctors.
2. *No vertical collage.* In general there is no collage of a vertical profunctor, because its elements do not act on the relations of the bifibrant double categories.
3. *No vertical closure.* Neither $bf.\text{DblCat}$ nor $bf.\text{DblProf}$ are closed logics.

Yet $bf.\text{DblCat}$ is *horizontally* closed: lifts and extensions are derived just as in the co/end calculus, giving formulae for double weighted co/limits.

Prospectus






The language extends to virtual equipments, and moreover their poly- generalization, by specifying any “shape” of 2-cell as a matrix profunctors, equipped with multi- or poly- composition.

The pseudomonad construction generalizes lax or colax double functors; but this complicates the co/descent calculus. It is likely best to use pseudo double functors, and encode co/laxity.

As of now, I do not know any aspect of category theory which is beyond the scope of this metalanguage. There is a huge research program of unification, just waiting for people to explore.

Thank you.

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