

What is computation?

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1407.2650 “Logic and linear algebra”

1406.5749 “On Sweedler’s cofree cocommutative coalgebra”

1402.4541 “Computing with cut systems”

- Turing machines, Lambda calculus, logic...
- Semantics : syntax :: representations : group
- Homotopy type theory (Awodey, Voevodsky 2012)
- Girard “Towards a Geometry of Interaction” (1989)

Sense & Denotation

- Frege “On sense and denotation” (1892)
- A sentence *denotes* or refers to some external object, and expresses its *sense*, which is the ‘mode of presentation’ of its denotation.

$$2 \times 2 = 4$$

same denotation, different sense

Sense as algorithm

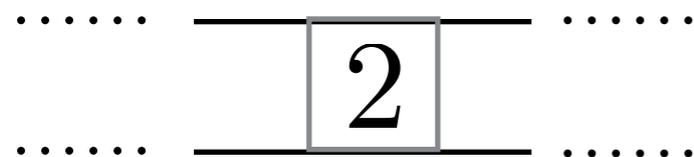
$$2 \times 2 = 4$$

$$\text{mult}_2(2) = 4$$

Turing machine

input

output



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 mult_2



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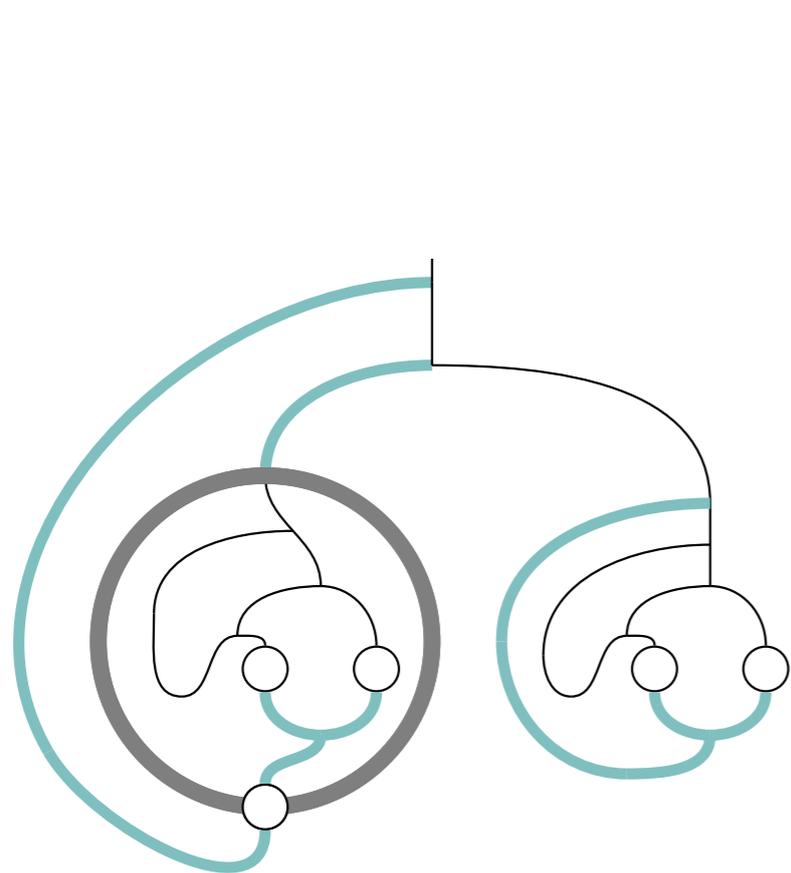


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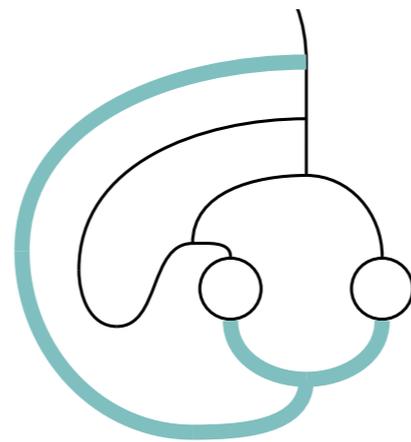
Sense as topology

$$2 \times 2 = 4$$

proof-nets = diagrammatics of linear logic



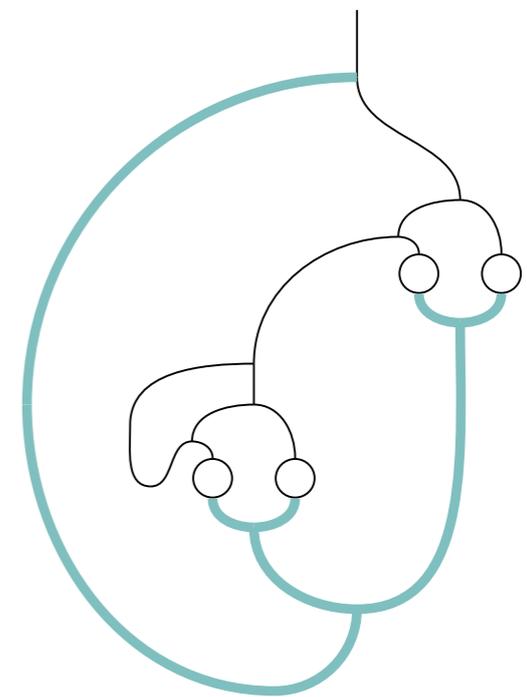
$\text{mult}_2(2)$



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Sense as algebra

$\mathcal{T} = \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded triangulated category $[1] \circ [1] = \text{id}$

$$\text{End}_{\mathcal{T}}^*(Y) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{T}}(Y, Y) \oplus \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{T}}(Y, Y[1])$$

$C = \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded algebra

A C -module in \mathcal{T} is a morphism $C \longrightarrow \text{End}_{\mathcal{T}}^*(Y)$

$\mathcal{T} = \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded triangulated category $[1] \circ [1] = \text{id}$

Example

$$C_1 = \text{End}_k(k \oplus k[1]) \qquad a = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad a^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= k\langle a, a^\dagger \rangle \text{ with } a^2 = (a^\dagger)^2 = 0, aa^\dagger + a^\dagger a = 1$$

$$C_n = k\langle a_1, \dots, a_n, a_1^\dagger, \dots, a_n^\dagger \rangle \text{ with Clifford relations}$$

$$\mathcal{T}^\bullet = C_n\text{-modules in } \mathcal{T} \text{ for } n \geq 0$$

$$C_0 = k$$

Sense as algebra

$\mathcal{T} = \mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded triangulated category

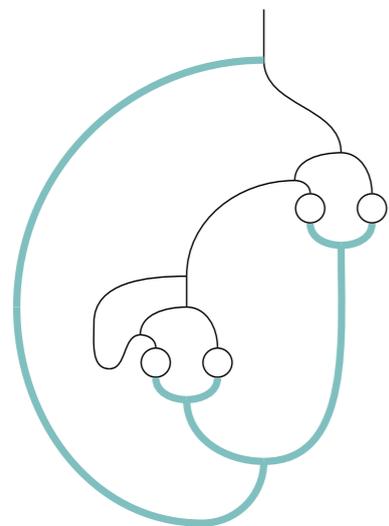
A C_1 -module in \mathcal{T} is (Y, a, a^\dagger)

$$Y \cong X \oplus X[1] \quad X = \text{Im}(aa^\dagger)$$

$$(Y, a, a^\dagger) \cong X \quad 2 \times 2 = 4$$

same denotation, different sense

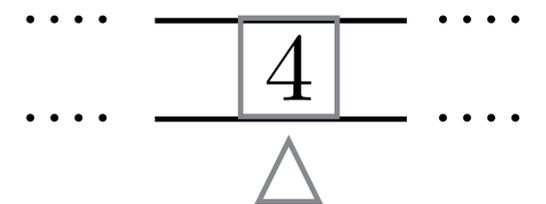
- A bicategory has objects, 1-morphisms and 2-morphisms, and composition functors



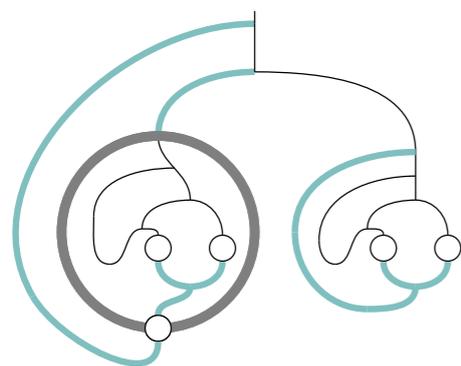
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$$\mathcal{B}(b, c) \times \mathcal{B}(a, b) \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}(a, c)$$

$$(\mathbf{mult}_2, 2) \mapsto 4 = X$$



- A cut system is similar, except it has *cut functors*

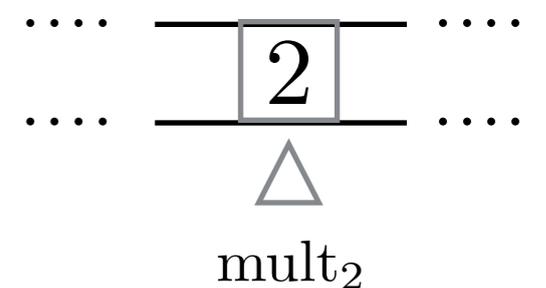


$\mathbf{mult}_2(2)$

$$\mathcal{B}(b, c) \times \mathcal{B}(a, b) \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}(a, c)^\bullet$$

(computable)

$$(\mathbf{mult}_2, 2) \mapsto (Y, a, a^\dagger)$$



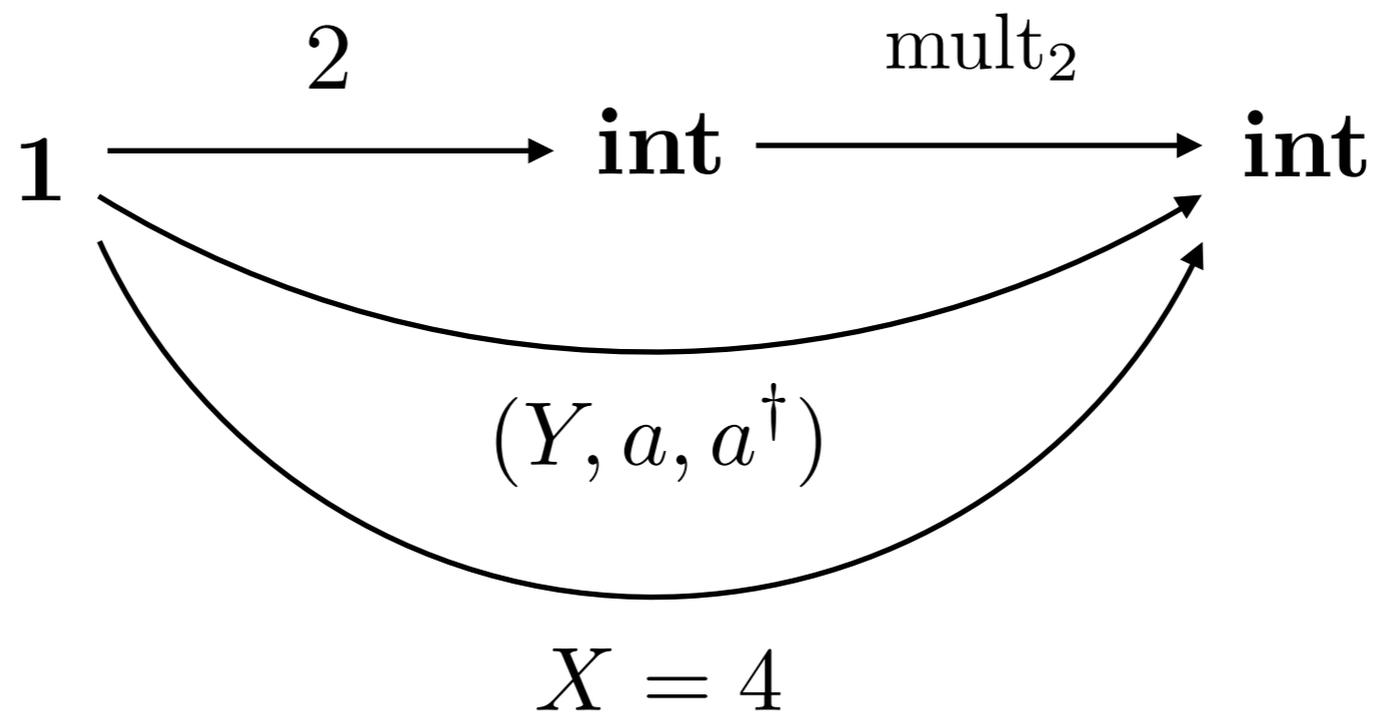
Theorem

- There is a bicategorical semantics of intuitionistic propositional linear logic in the cocompletion of a cut system \mathcal{B} defined on the bicategory of Landau-Ginzburg models (hypersurface singularities and matrix factorisations).
- Lambda calculus embeds in intuitionistic linear logic
- The Clifford actions are derived from Atiyah classes of matrix factorisations (homological perturbation lemma under the hood).

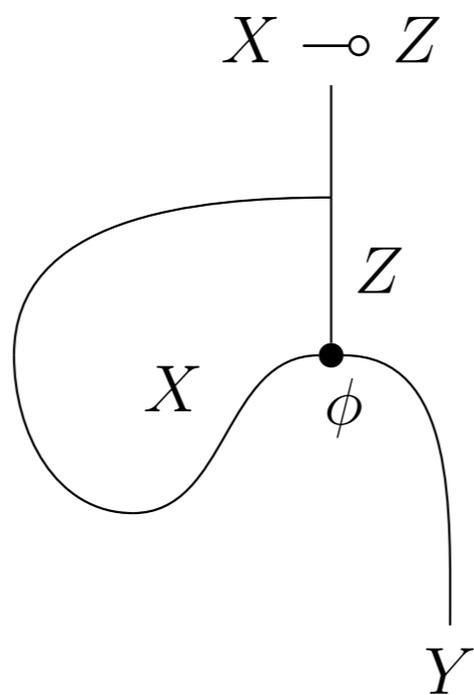
- Universal examples of same denotation, different sense: Turing machines, proof-nets, Clifford representations in triangulated categories (?)

$$(Y, a, a^\dagger) \cong X \qquad 2 \times 2 = 4$$

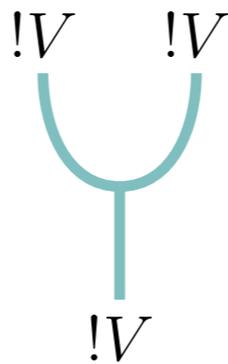
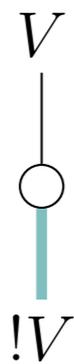
Cut system \mathcal{B}



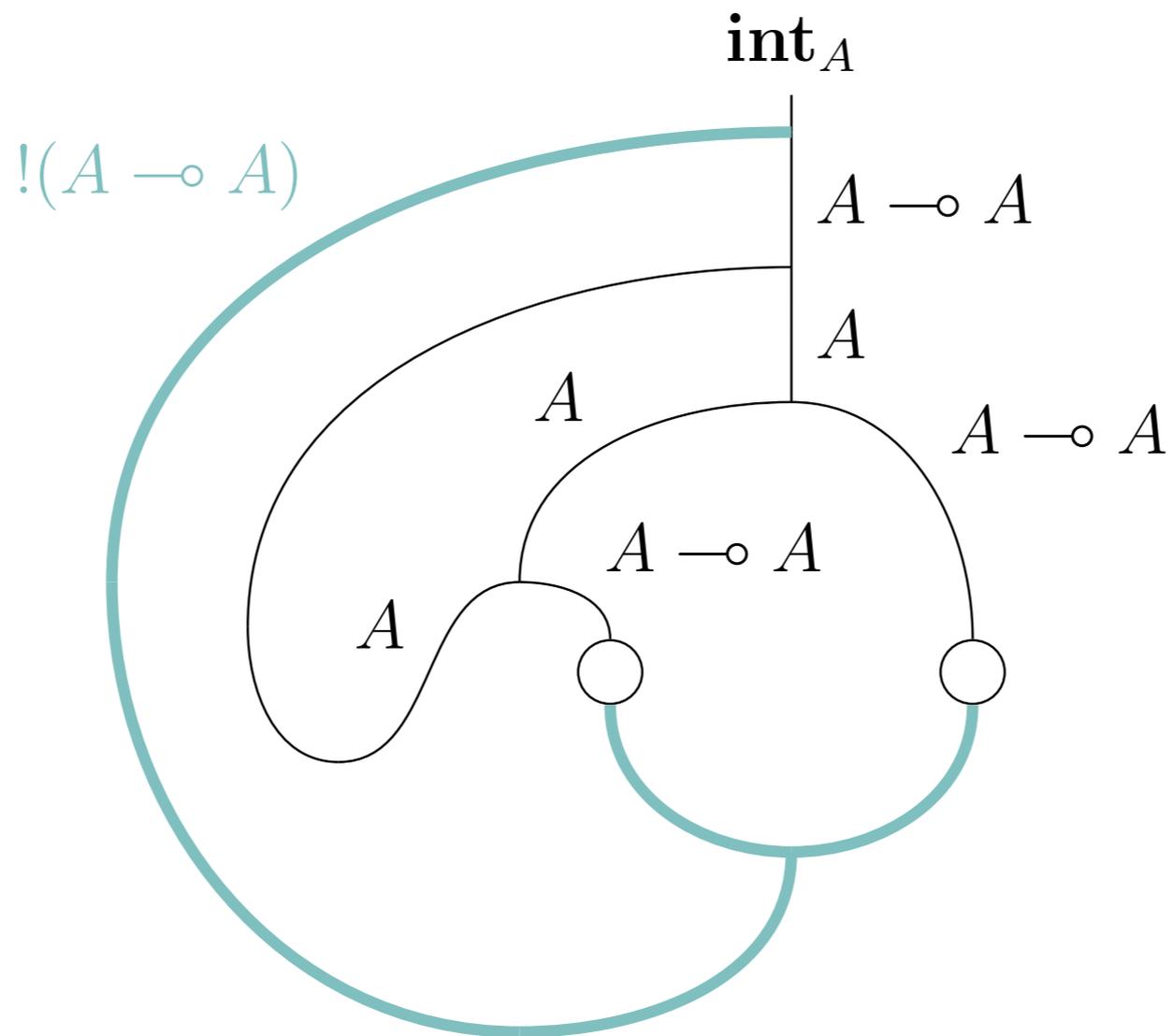
The adjoint $Y \longrightarrow X \dashv\circ Z$ of a morphism $\phi : X \otimes Y \longrightarrow Z$ is depicted



$!V = \text{universal coalgebra over } V$



$$\mathbf{int}_A = !(A \multimap A) \multimap (A \multimap A) \quad \alpha \mapsto \alpha^2$$



$$2 : !(A \multimap A) \longrightarrow (A \multimap A)$$

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