

## Shameless Promotion!

The talks by Robin & Robert from last year's FMCS have (finally!) appeared "in print" (*i.e.* on-line):

**Cartesian differential storage categories**  
(Blute-Cockett-Seely)

<http://arxiv.org/abs/1405.6973>      and

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# Revisiting the term calculus for proof-nets

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# Precursors

## Vector algebra and String diagrams

- Einstein's summation notation ( $\sum a_i x^i = a_i x^i$ , e.g. dot, cross, and tensor products)
- Ricci calculus
- Feynmann diagrams
- Penrose diagrams

Explicitly tied to vector calculus (though Penrose did have a system that looked rather like linear logic in many ways).

Of course, vector space manipulations are not far removed from general monoidal categorical ones . . .

## Precursors

### String diagrams for monoidal categories

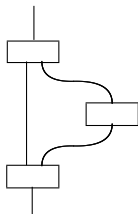
- Joyal–Street: Not a term logic really; more an explicit connection between tensor calculus and geometry.
- Girard: Well, not really any of the above, as he kept the proof nets (natural deduction proofs) and sequent calculus fairly separate.
- BCST: An explicit term calculus for their (our) version of proof nets (circuits inspired by Joyal–Street), with a separate sequent calculus (the 2-sided version of Girard's).

It's the last I want to "remind" people about today, but to keep things simple, I'll only present the monoidal category case, and then only "briefly", and I'll use a simpler (simplistic?) version of the term calculus in the examples. They will illustrate how one expresses simple graph rewrites, and even the (notorious!) re-wirings of "thinning links".

## Why a term calculus?

The usual approach to circuits for monoidal categories is to use acyclic graphs, and manage equations (equivalences) by graph rewriting. But extracting subgraphs and replacing them with others can introduce cycles; the circuit expressions force one to “coalesce” a redex, giving it a more “local” feel, avoiding (mostly!)\* the need to check after a rewrite whether or not it was legal.

\* Well, a small number of rewirings of thinning links do require this, but at least the problem has been “minimized”!



# Typed Circuits

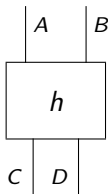
A **Typed Circuit** is built from

- types
- components (with type signatures giving types of inputs and outputs)

which are then “juxtaposed” together (appropriate wires joined).  
(Details ... )

## Circuit Expressions

A typical component looks like this:



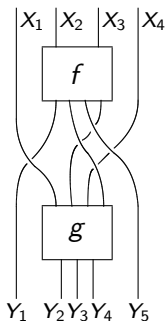
Naming the “wires”:  $x_1: A, x_2: B, y_1: C, y_2: D$ , we’d form the **circuit expression**

$$[x_1, x_2]h[y_1, y_2]$$

## Juxtaposition

$$([x_2, x_3]f[y_1, z_1, y_5, z_2]; [x_1, z_2, x_4, z_1]g[y_2, y_3, y_4])$$

represents



(Think “composition”)



## Abstraction

Given a circuit expression  $C$ , we can **abstract** it:

$$T_1, \dots, T_n: \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \mid C \mid y_1, \dots, y_m \rangle : T'_1, \dots, T'_m$$

(the types are “optional”; the variables are abstracted in just the way  $\lambda$ -abstraction,  $\lambda x f$ , abstracts variables).

An abstraction can be **dissipated** by reinserting the variables

$$[x_1, \dots, x_n] \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \mid C \mid y_1, \dots, y_m \rangle [y_1, \dots, y_m] = C$$

(think “ $\beta$ -reduction”  $(\lambda x f[x])(x') = f[x']$ )

and **coalesced**

$$C = [x_1, \dots, x_n] \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \mid C \mid y_1, \dots, y_m \rangle [y_1, \dots, y_m]$$

(think “ $\eta$ -reduction”  $\lambda x f(x) = f$ ,  $x$  not free in  $f$ )

(as long as there are no variable “clashes”—rename as necessary!)

## Abstraction

Note that an abstraction is not a well-formed circuit expression, but it is an ingredient that we can use to create such expressions; in particular, it will allow us to treat complicated juxtapositions as components.

We might think of  $\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \mid C \mid y_1, \dots, y_m \rangle$  as a box with “ports” identified by the  $x_1, \dots, y_m$ , and then

$$[x_1, \dots, x_n] \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \mid C \mid y_1, \dots, y_m \rangle [y_1, \dots, y_m]$$

as this box wired appropriately.

For example,  $\emptyset$  is the “empty” circuit expression, and

$$A: \langle x \mid \emptyset \mid x \rangle: A$$

as an abstraction, thought of as a “floating” port. Then this can be coalesced to an “identity wire”  $x: A$  given by the circuit expression

$$[x] \langle x \mid \emptyset \mid x \rangle [x]$$

# Circuits

Circuit expressions are generated by

- The empty circuit  $\emptyset$ ;
- (legal) juxtapositions of circuit expressions;
- coalescing components and coalescing abstracted circuit expressions.

Technically, if the signature of the component/abstracted circuit expression is  $(\alpha, \beta)$ , and if  $V, W$  are non-repeating wire lists of type  $\alpha, \beta$  respectively, then  $VXW$  is a circuit expression, where  $X$  is the component/abstracted circuit expression.

Circuits are closed abstracted circuit expressions.

## Circuit expression equivalences

- Renaming of bound variables (often needed for the following)
- Reassociation:  $c_1; (c_2; c_3) = (c_1; c_2); c_3$
- Elimination of empty circuits:  $c; \emptyset = c = \emptyset; c$
- Non-interacting subcircuits exchange:  $c_1; c_2 = c_2; c_1$
- Abstraction coalescing and dissipating
- “Surgery rules”: other equivalences a theory might impose.

## (Symmetric) Monoidal Categories

Given a monoidal category  $\langle \mathbf{C}, \otimes, \top \rangle$ , we have natural isos:

$$u_{\otimes}^R : A \otimes \top \rightarrow A$$

$$u_{\otimes}^L : \top \otimes A \rightarrow A$$

$$a_{\otimes} : (A \otimes B) \otimes C \rightarrow A \otimes (B \otimes C)$$

$$(c_{\otimes} : A \otimes B \rightarrow B \otimes A)$$

satisfying

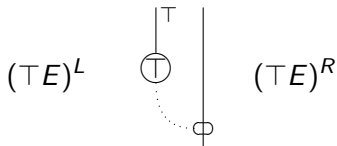
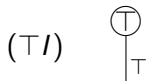
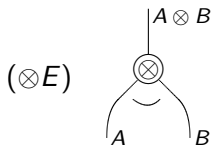
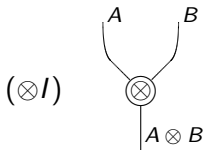
$$a_{\otimes}; 1 \otimes u_{\otimes}^L = u_{\otimes}^R \otimes 1$$

$$a_{\otimes}; a_{\otimes} = a_{\otimes} \otimes 1; a_{\otimes}; 1 \otimes a_{\otimes}$$

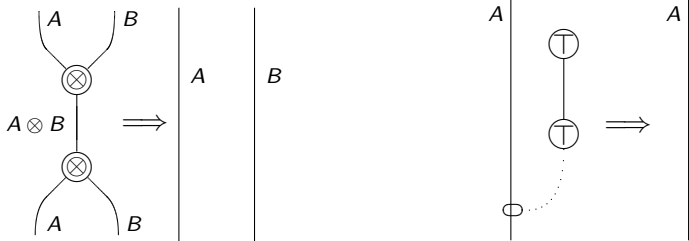
$$(a_{\otimes}; c_{\otimes}; a_{\otimes} = c_{\otimes} \otimes 1; a_{\otimes}; 1 \otimes c_{\otimes})$$

# Circuits for Monoidal Cats

These correspond to the following circuits

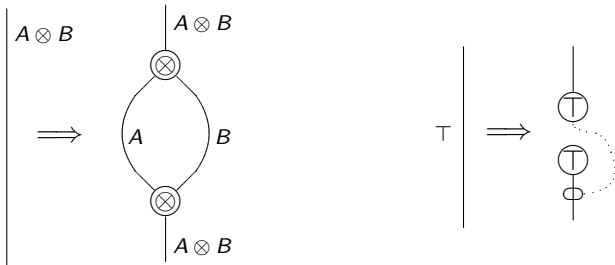


## Circuit equivalences: Reductions



(There is a mirror image rewrite for the unit, with the unit edge and nodes on the other side of the  $A$  edge.)

# Expansions

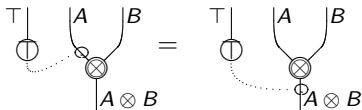
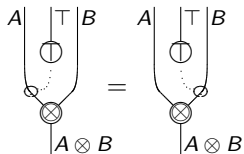


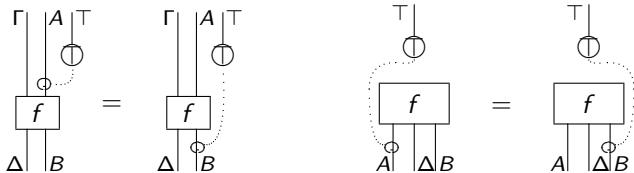
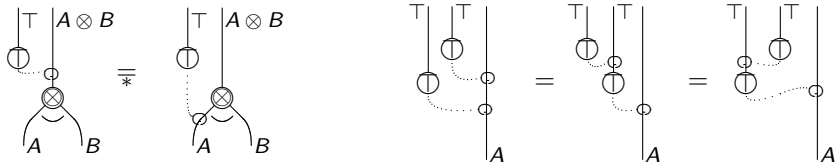
(Again, there is a mirror image rewrite for the unit, with the thinning edge on the other side of the unit edge and node.)



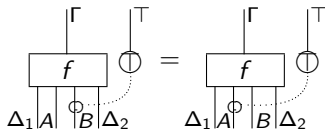
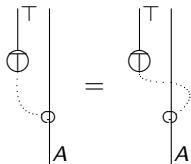
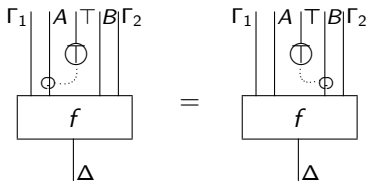
## Unit rewirings

In addition to these rewrites, there are also a number of equivalences we must directly impose, to account for the unit isomorphisms.





\*(One must check that the “net condition” remains satisfied after such a move.)



## As circuit expressions . . .

All of the above can be expressed in terms of circuit expressions, of course(!):

### Basic components

$A, B: \langle x, y \mid [x, y] \otimes I[z] \mid z \rangle: A \otimes B$

$\otimes$ -introduction

$A \otimes B: \langle z \mid [z] \otimes E[x, y] \mid x, y \rangle: A, B$

$\otimes$ -elimination

$\langle \top \mid I[x] \mid x \rangle: \top$

unit introduction

$\top, A: \langle x, y \mid [x, y] \top E^L[y] \mid y \rangle: A$

unit left elimination (thinning)

$A, \top: \langle x, y \mid [x, y] \top E^R[x] \mid x \rangle: A$

unit right elimination (thinning)

## Reductions

$$A, B: \langle x_1, x_2 \mid [x_1, x_2] \otimes I[z]; [z] \otimes E[y_1, y_2] \mid y_1, y_2 \rangle: A, B$$

$$\Rightarrow A, B: \langle x_1, x_2 \parallel x_1, x_2 \rangle: A, B$$

$$A: \langle x \mid []^\top I[z]; [z, x]^\top E^L[x] \mid x \rangle: A \Rightarrow A: \langle x \parallel x \rangle: A$$

$$A: \langle x \mid []^\top I[z]; [x, z]^\top E^R[x] \mid x \rangle: A \Rightarrow A: \langle x \parallel x \rangle: A$$

## Expansions

$$A \otimes B: \langle z \parallel z \rangle: A \otimes B$$

$$\Rightarrow A \otimes B: \langle z \mid [z] \otimes E[z_1, z_2]; [z_1, z_2] \otimes I[z] \mid z \rangle: A \otimes B$$

$$\top: \langle x \parallel x \rangle: \top \Rightarrow \top: \langle x \mid [x] \top E^L []; [] \top I[x] \mid x \rangle: \top$$

$$\top: \langle x \parallel x \rangle: \top \Rightarrow \top: \langle x \mid [x] \top E^R []; [] \top I[x] \mid x \rangle: \top$$

## Unit rewirings

$$\begin{aligned} A, \top, B: \langle x, z, y \mid [x, z] \top E^R[x]; [x, y] \otimes I[w] \mid w \rangle &: A \otimes B \\ &= A, \top, B: \langle x, z, y \mid [z, y] \top E^L[y]; [x, y] \otimes I[w] \mid w \rangle : A \otimes B \\ \top, A \otimes B: \langle z, x \mid [z, x] \top E^L[x]; [x] \otimes E[x_1, x_2] \mid x_1, x_2 \rangle &: A, B \\ &= \top, A \otimes B: \langle z, x \mid [x] \otimes E[x_1, x_2]; [z, x_1] \top E^L[x_1] \mid x_1, x_2 \rangle : A, B \\ A \otimes B, \top: \langle x, z \mid [x, z] \top E^R[x]; [x] \otimes E[x_1, x_2] \mid x_1, x_2 \rangle &: A, B \\ &= A \otimes B, \top: \langle x, z \mid [x] \otimes E[x_1, x_2]; [x_2, z] \top E^R[x_2] \mid x_1, x_2 \rangle : A, B \\ A, B, \top: \langle x_1, x_2, z \mid [x_2, z] \top E^R[x_2]; [x_1, x_2] \otimes I[x] \mid x \rangle &: A \otimes B \\ &= A, B, \top: \langle x_1, x_2, z \mid [x_1, x_2] \otimes I[x]; [x, z] \top E^R[x] \mid x \rangle : A \otimes B \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \top, A, B: \langle z, x_1, x_2 \mid [z, x_1] \top E^L[x_1]; [x_1, x_2] \otimes I[x] \mid x \rangle : A \otimes B \\ & = A, B, \top: \langle z, x_1, x_2 \mid [x_1, x_2] \otimes I[x]; [z, x] \top E^L[x] \mid x \rangle : A \otimes B \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \top, \top, A: \langle z_1, z_2, x \mid x \rangle : A \\ & = \top, \top, A: \langle z_1, z_2, x \mid [z_1, z_2] \top E^L[z_2]; [z_2, x] \top E^L[x] \mid x \rangle : A \\ & = \top, \top, A: \langle z_1, z_2, x \mid [z_1, z_2] \top E^R[z_1]; [z_1, x] \top E^L[x] \mid x \rangle : A \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & A, \top, \top: \langle x, z_1, z_2 \mid [x, z_1] \top E^R[x]; [x, z_2] \top E^R[x] \mid y \rangle : A \\ & = A, \top, \top: \langle x, z_1, z_2 \mid [z_1, z_2] \top E^R[z_1]; [x, z_1] \top E^R[x] \mid x \rangle : A \\ & = A, \top, \top: \langle x, z_1, z_2 \mid x, z_1, z_2 \mid [z_1, z_2] \top E^L[z_2]; [x, z_2] \top E^R[x] \mid x \rangle : A \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \top, A, \top: \langle z_1, x, z_2 \mid [z_1, x] \top E^L[x]; [x, z_2] \top E^R[x] \mid y \rangle : A \\ & = \top, A, \top: \langle z_1, x, z_2 \mid [x, z_2] \top E^R[x]; [z_1, x] \top E^L[x] \mid x \rangle : A \end{aligned}$$

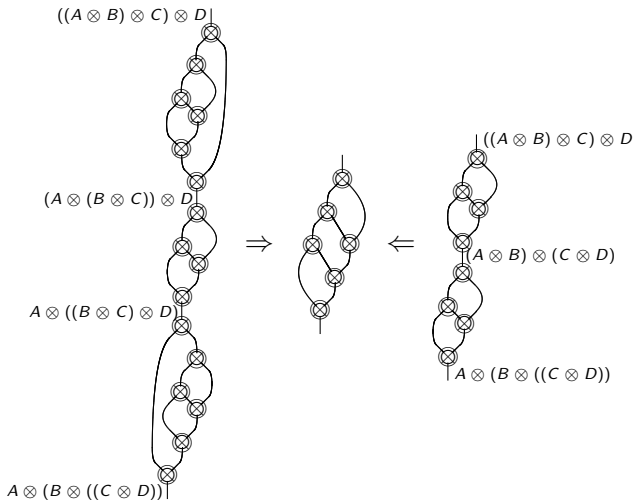


$$\begin{aligned}
& \Gamma_1, A, \top, B, \Gamma_2: \langle \dots, x_1, z, x_2, \dots \mid [x_1, z] \top E^R[x_1]; [\dots, x_1, x_2, \dots] f[\dots] \mid \dots \rangle : \Delta \\
& \quad = \Gamma_1, A, \top, B, \Gamma_2: \langle \dots, x_1, z, x_2, \dots \mid [z, x_2] \top E^L[x_2]; [\dots, x_1, x_2, \dots] f[\dots] \mid \dots \rangle : \Delta \\
& \top, A, \Gamma: \langle z, x_1, \dots \mid [z, x_1] \top E^L[x_1]; [x_1, \dots] f[x_2, \dots] \mid x_2, \dots \rangle : B, \Delta \\
& \quad = \top, A, \Gamma: \langle z, x_1, \dots \mid [x_1, \dots] f[x_2, \dots]; [z, x_2] \top E^L[x_2] \mid x_2, \dots \rangle : B, \Delta \\
& \Gamma, A, \top: \langle \dots, x_1, z \mid [x_1, z] \top E^R[x_1]; [\dots, x_1] f[\dots, x_2] \mid \dots, x_2 \rangle : \Delta, B \\
& \quad = \Gamma, A, \top: \langle \dots, x_1, z \mid [\dots, x_1] f[\dots, x_2]; [x_2, z] \top E^R[x_2] \mid \dots, x_2 \rangle : \Delta, B \\
& \top: \langle z \mid [] f[x_1, \dots, x_2]; [z, x_1] \top E^L[x_1] \mid x_1, \dots, x_2 \rangle : A, \Delta, B \\
& \quad = \top: \langle z \mid [] f[x_1, \dots, x_2]; [x_2, z] \top E^R[x_2] \mid x_1, \dots, x_2 \rangle : A, \Delta, B
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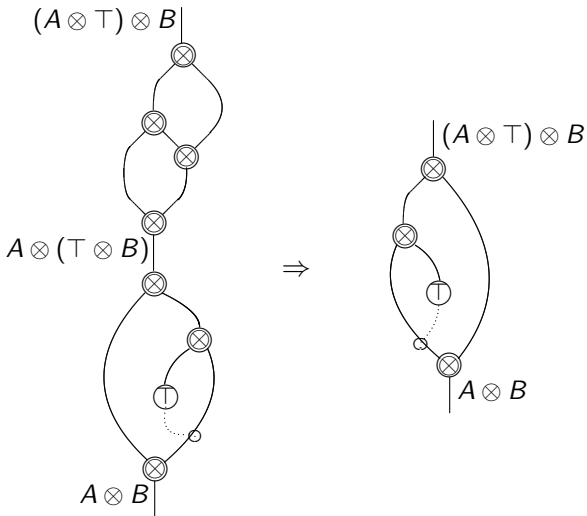
(And two more unit rewirings for symmetry ...)

## Examples: The Pentagon

To prove the standard coherences are a consequence of the equivalences is a simple matter of using the circuit rewrites above.



# Unit Coherence



## Using the circuit expressions

We shall now express these (simple!) graph rewrites using the circuit term notation—but with some simplifying shortcuts which should make them less (?intimidating?) cumbersome. We'll use numerals as variable names, numbering the wires as we come upon them (reading top down, left to right), with the understanding that variable renaming is an equality. So for example, an (abstracted) expression such as

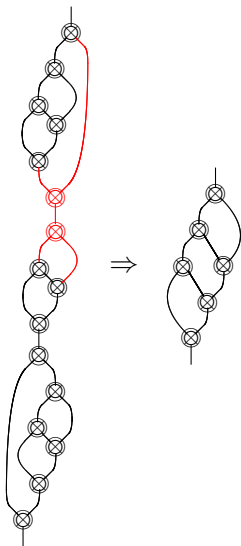
$$((A \otimes B) \otimes C) \otimes D: \langle x_1 \mid [x_1] \otimes E[x_2, x_3] \mid x_2, x_3 \rangle: (A \otimes B) \otimes C, D$$

would simply become  $1 \otimes E \frac{2}{3}$ .

(Reading this on its side, and doing a mirror-image, one can almost “see” the circuit this represents.)

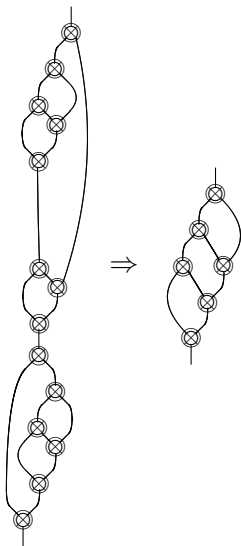
With this simplified (though underspecified!) notation, we can look at the individual steps in showing the pentagon commutes. We'll leave the end target in the picture, so you can see where we're going at each stage. I'll highlight the step where an equivalence is used, in the circuit expression (and initially in the circuit itself).

## The Pentagon, step by step 1



$$\begin{aligned}
 &1 \otimes E \frac{2}{3}; 2 \otimes E \frac{4}{5}; 4 \otimes E \frac{6}{7}; 7 \otimes I 8; \\
 &\frac{6}{8} \otimes I 9; \frac{9}{3} \otimes I 10; 10 \otimes E \frac{11}{12}; 11 \otimes E \frac{13}{14} \\
 &\frac{14}{12} \otimes I 15; \frac{13}{15} \otimes I 16; 16 \otimes E \frac{17}{18}; \\
 &18 \otimes E \frac{19}{20}; 19 \otimes E \frac{21}{22}; \frac{22}{20} \otimes I 23; \\
 &\frac{21}{23} \otimes I 24; \frac{17}{24} \otimes I 25 \quad \Rightarrow \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

## The Pentagon, step by step 2



$$1 \otimes E_3^2; 2 \otimes E_5^4; 4 \otimes E_{7,5}^6; 7 \otimes I_8;$$

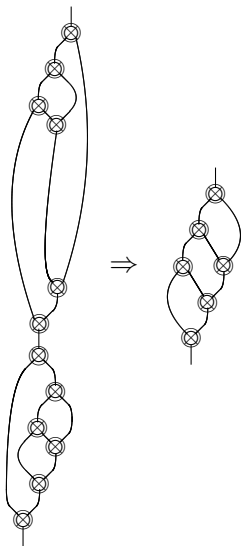
$$6 \otimes I_9; \emptyset_3^9=11; 9 \otimes E_{14}^{13};$$

$$14 \otimes I_{15}; 13 \otimes I_{16}; 16 \otimes E_{18}^{17};$$

$$18 \otimes E_{20}^{19}; 19 \otimes E_{22}^{21}; 20 \otimes I_{23};$$

$$21 \otimes I_{24}; 17 \otimes I_{25} \quad \Rightarrow \dots$$

## The Pentagon, step by step 3



$$1 \otimes E_3^2; 2 \otimes E_5^4; 4 \otimes E_7^6; 7 \otimes I_8;$$

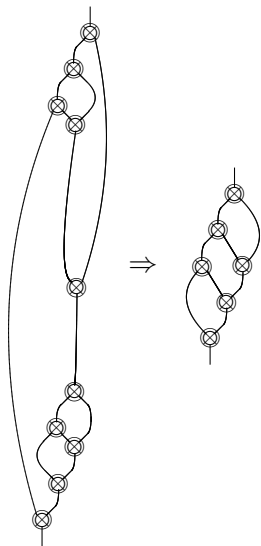
$$\begin{matrix} 9=11, 6=13 \\ 3=12, 8=14 \end{matrix};$$

$$\frac{8}{3} \otimes I_{15}; \frac{6}{15} \otimes I_{16}; 16 \otimes E_{18}^{17};$$

$$18 \otimes E_{20}^{19}; 19 \otimes E_{22}^{21}; \frac{22}{20} \otimes I_{23};$$

$$\frac{21}{23} \otimes I_{24}; \frac{17}{24} \otimes I_{25} \quad \Rightarrow \dots$$

## The Pentagon, step by step 4



$$1 \otimes E \frac{2}{3}; 2 \otimes E \frac{4}{5}; 4 \otimes E \frac{6}{7}; 7 \otimes I 8;$$

$$\emptyset \begin{matrix} 9=11,6=13 \\ 3=12,8=14 \end{matrix} ;$$

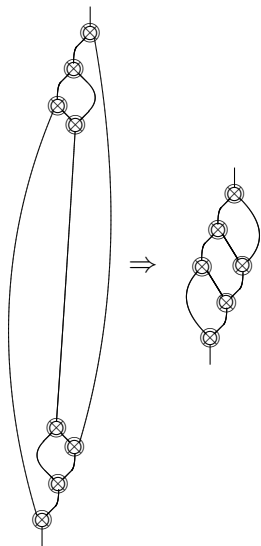
$$\frac{8}{3} \otimes I 15; \emptyset \begin{matrix} 6=13=17 \\ 15=18 \end{matrix} ;$$

$$15 \otimes E \frac{19}{20}; 19 \otimes E \frac{21}{22}; \frac{22}{20} \otimes I 23;$$

$$\frac{21}{23} \otimes I 24; \frac{6}{24} \otimes I 25 \quad \Rightarrow \dots$$



## The Pentagon, step by step 5



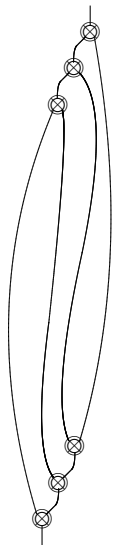
$$1 \otimes E \frac{2}{3}; 2 \otimes E \frac{4}{5}; 4 \otimes E \frac{6}{7}; 7 \otimes I 8;$$

$$\emptyset \begin{matrix} 9=11,6=13 \\ 3=12,8=14 \end{matrix}; \emptyset \begin{matrix} 6=13=17,8=19 \\ 15=18,3=12=20 \end{matrix};$$

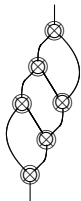
$$8 \otimes E \frac{21}{22}; \frac{22}{3} \otimes I 23;$$

$$\frac{21}{23} \otimes I 24; \frac{6}{24} \otimes I 25 \quad \Rightarrow \dots$$

## The Pentagon, step by step 6



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$$1 \otimes E_3^2; 2 \otimes E_5^4; 4 \otimes E_7^6;$$

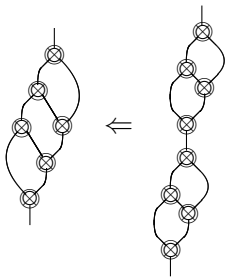
$$\emptyset \begin{matrix} 6=13=17, 8=19, 9=11, 7=21 \\ 3=12=20, 5=22, 8=14, 15=18, \end{matrix};$$

$$\frac{5}{3} \otimes / 23; \frac{7}{23} \otimes / 24; \frac{6}{24} \otimes / 25$$

= (renaming bound variables)

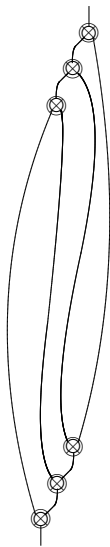
$$1 \otimes E_3^2; 2 \otimes E_5^4; 4 \otimes E_7^6; \frac{5}{3} \otimes / 8; \frac{7}{8} \otimes / 9; \frac{6}{9} \otimes / 10$$

## The Pentagon, step by step 7



$$\begin{aligned}
 &1 \otimes E_3^2; 2 \otimes E_5^4; 3 \otimes I_6; 4 \otimes I_7; 7 \otimes E_9^8; \\
 &8 \otimes E_{11}^{10}; 9 \otimes I_{12}; 10 \otimes I_{13} \quad \Rightarrow \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

## The Pentagon, step by step 8



=



$$1 \otimes E_3^2; 2 \otimes E_5^4; \underline{5} \otimes / 6; \cancel{6}^4=\underline{8}; 4 \otimes E_{11}^{10};$$

$$\cancel{11}^6 \otimes / 12; \cancel{10}^{12} \otimes / 13$$

= (exchanging non-interacting subcircuits)

$$1 \otimes E_3^2; 2 \otimes E_5^4; 4 \otimes E_{11}^{10}; \underline{5} \otimes / 6;$$

$$\cancel{11}^6 \otimes / 12; \cancel{10}^{12} \otimes / 13$$

= (renaming bound variables)

$$1 \otimes E_3^2; 2 \otimes E_5^4; 4 \otimes E_7^6; \underline{5} \otimes / 8; \underline{7} \otimes / 9; \underline{6} \otimes / 10$$

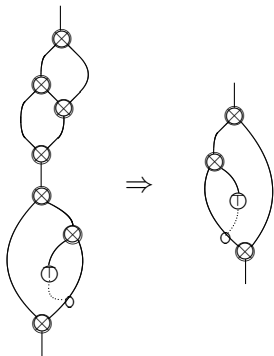
## The Unit Coherence, step by step 1

We extend our simplified notation to include thinning links:

$[A, \top] \top E^R[A]$  becomes  $\frac{1}{2} \top E \circ^1$  and note that  $2 = \top$

$[\top, B] \top E^L[B]$  becomes  $\frac{1}{2} \top E \circ^2$  and note that  $1 = \top$

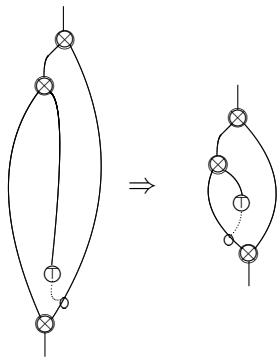
$[\top] \top I[\top]$  becomes  $\top I 1$  and note that  $1 = \top$



$$1 \otimes E_3^2; 2 \otimes E_5^4; 5 \otimes I_6; 4 \otimes I_7;$$

$$7 \otimes E_9^8; 9 \otimes E_{11}^{10}; 10 \top E_{11}^{\circ}; 8 \otimes I_{12} \Rightarrow$$

## The Unit Coherence, step by step 2



$$\begin{aligned}
 & 1 \otimes E_{\frac{2}{3}}; 2 \otimes E_{\frac{4}{5}}; \color{red}{\frac{5}{3}TE_{\frac{0}{3}}; \frac{4}{3} \otimes I_{12}} \\
 & = 1 \otimes E_{\frac{2}{3}}; 2 \otimes E_{\frac{4}{5}}; \color{red}{\frac{4}{5}TE_{\frac{0}{5}}; \frac{4}{3} \otimes I_{12}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Using

$$\begin{aligned}
 & A, T, B: \langle x, z, y \mid [z, y]TE^L[y]; [x, y] \otimes I[w] \mid w \rangle : A \otimes B \\
 & = A, T, B: \langle x, z, y \mid [x, z]TE^R[x]; [x, y] \otimes I[w] \mid w \rangle : A \otimes B \\
 & \text{i.e. } \color{red}{\frac{5}{3}TE_{\frac{0}{3}}; \frac{4}{3} \otimes I_{12}} = \color{red}{\frac{4}{5}TE_{\frac{0}{5}}; \frac{4}{3} \otimes I_{12}}
 \end{aligned}$$

## Extensions

This notation was originally developed for linearly distributive categories, and so handles **par** as well as **tensor**.<sup>1</sup> We also extended it to “Full intuitionist linear logic”<sup>2</sup>, which showed how to include **scope or functor boxes**. The idea is simple enough (though the full notation does get to be a handful!), and I’ll leave that to your own bedtime reading . . .

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<sup>1</sup>See BCST [JPAA 1996]

<sup>2</sup>See CS [TAC 1997]