

# How Nice is this Functor?

Two Squares and Some Homology go a Long Way

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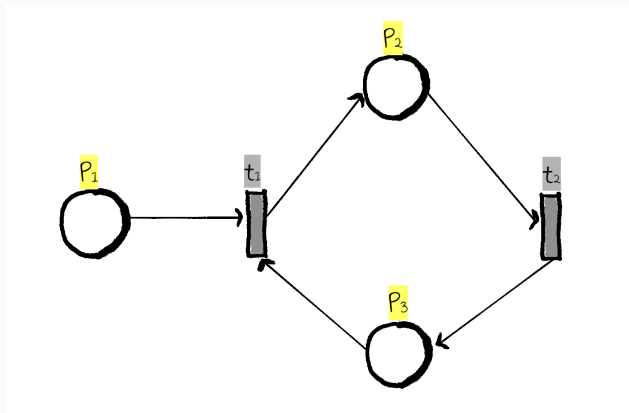
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# Motivation

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# Motivation via Petri nets

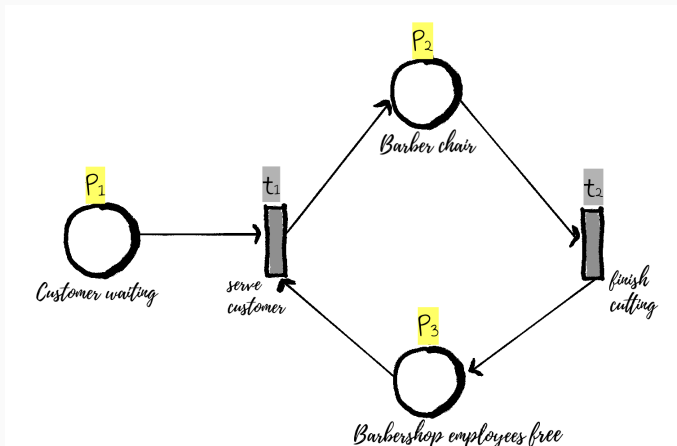
Consider the following Petri net:



Recall that a Petri net fundamentally consists of **places** (drawn as circles) and **transitions** (drawn as boxes), where directed edges go from places to transitions and from transitions to places.

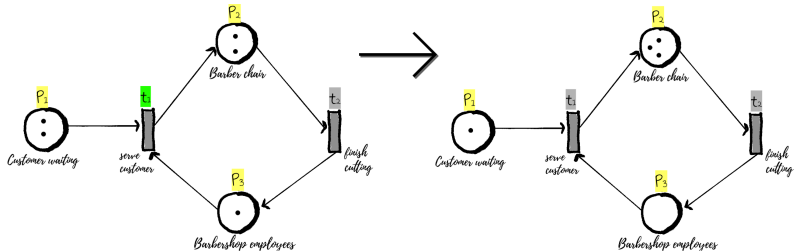
# Example

It may represent the action at a barbershop



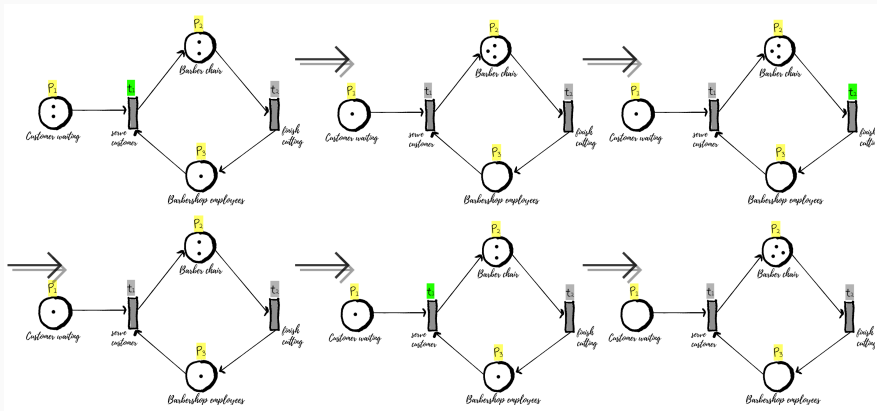
# Tokens

We then place dots called **tokens** in the places, moving them around using the transitions. E.g., the marking on the left becomes (upon firing  $t_1$ )



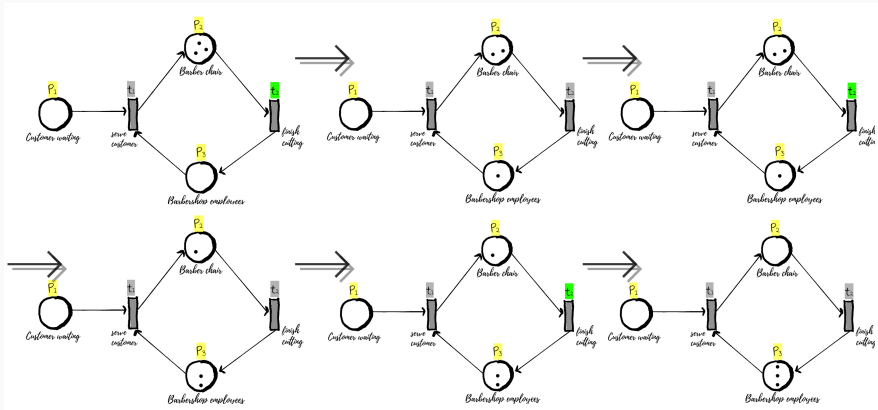
# Executions

Altogether, going through certain transitions for the initial marking,



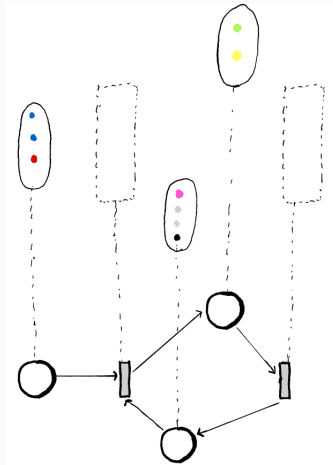
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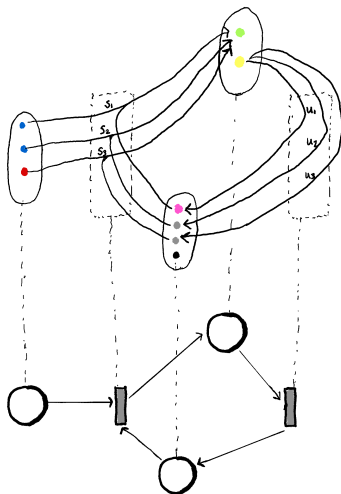
But sometimes we want to distinguish between individual tokens, so we consider **colored nets**, which you can think of as assigning sets of colors to places





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# Legend

Think

- blue customers are rich
- red customers are poor

and

- pink represents expensive barber(s)
- gray represents moderately-priced barber(s)
- black represents the boss (who doesn't cut hair)

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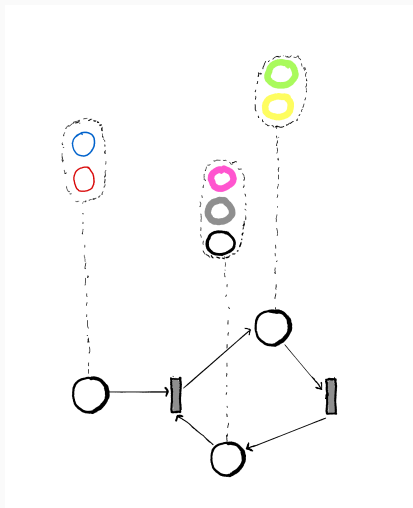
- green represents a fancy barber seat
- yellow represents a normal chair

and where, e.g.,

- $s_1$  amounts to (customer = one of the rich customers  $\wedge$  employee = the expensive barber  $\wedge$  barber seat = the fancy one)

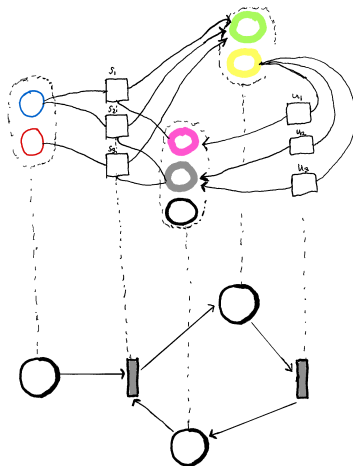
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Now (via details recalled later in talk), we can convert this guarded/colored net back into a classical net, first by assigning a subplace to each color, as follows



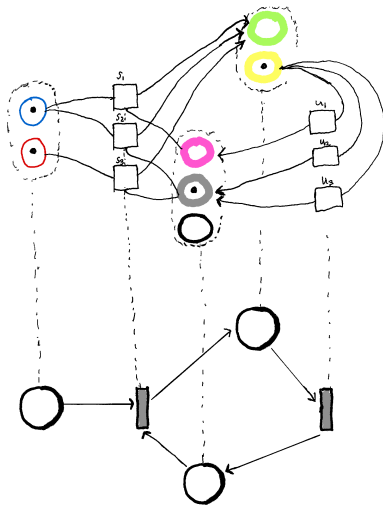
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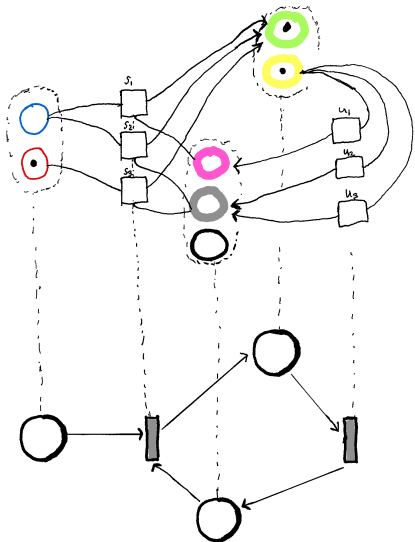
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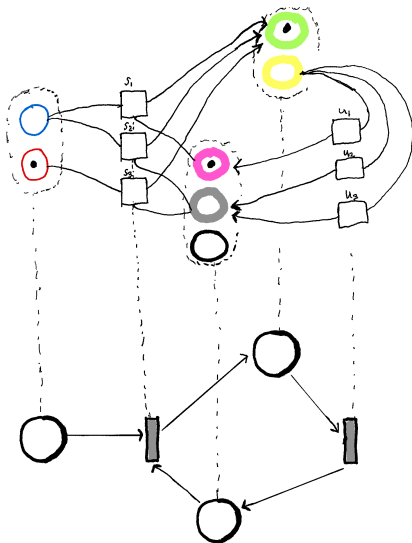




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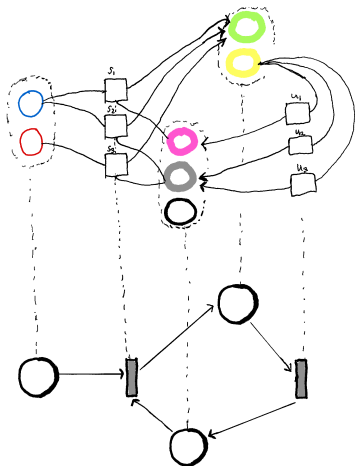


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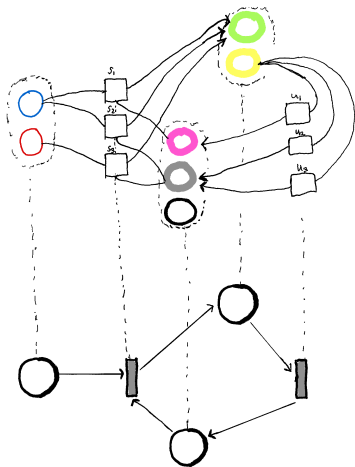
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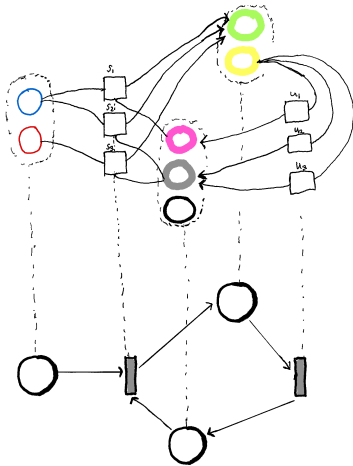
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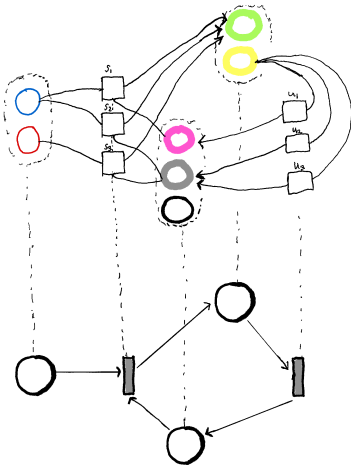
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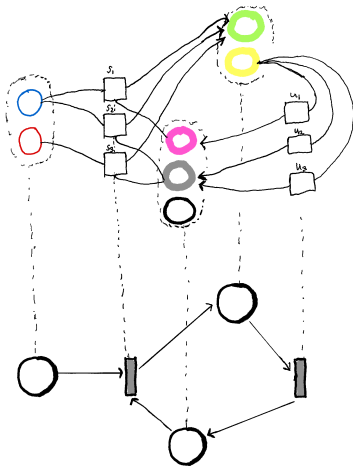
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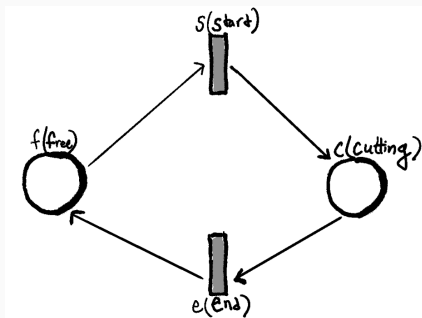
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- Classically, we can turn any net into a bounded one by
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  - editing transitions so that each input (output) from (to) a place is now paired with a corresponding output (input) to (from) the corresponding anti-place.

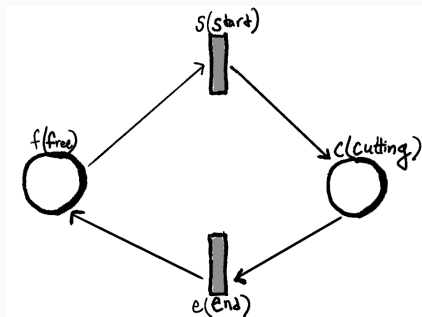
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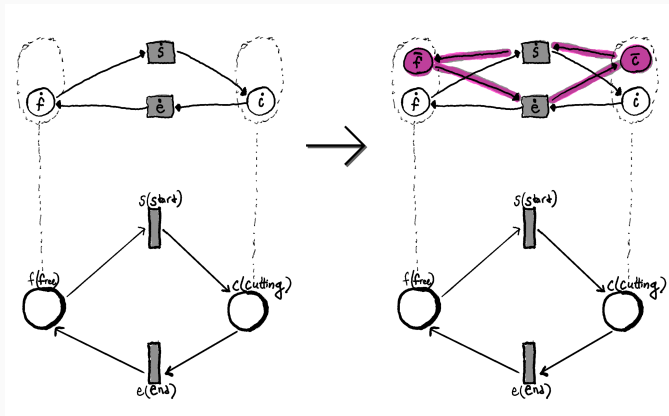
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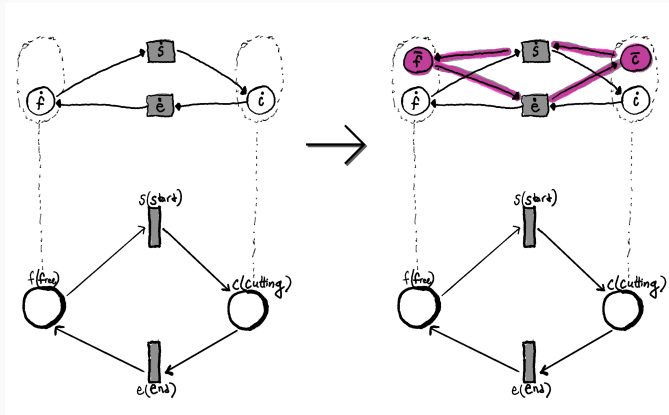
We then construct a bounded net by taking the places and doubling-up with anti-places (depicted in purple) and new arcs to and from transitions turning things around...

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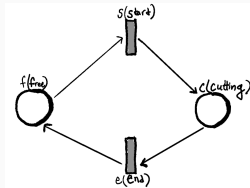
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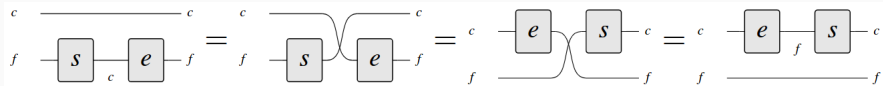
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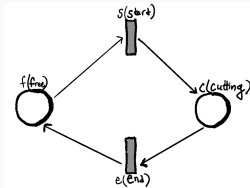


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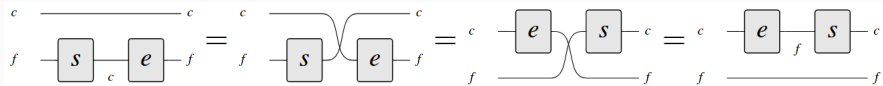


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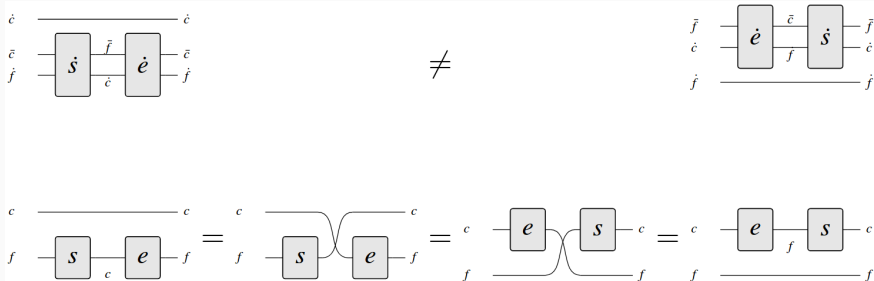


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Whereas we could exchange any place  $c$  with itself down below (using commutativity), we cannot do the same up above with  $\dot{c}$  and  $\bar{c}$ , the place and antiplace corresponding to  $c$ , are considered as different generators and cannot be swapped one for the other.



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- Using tools borrowed from homology, we will be able to measure how much a functor fails to be 'something' — a discrete (op-)fibration, a pseudofunctor, ...— depending on context.



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This work falls within the line of thought that

## Motto

*compositionality, far from being a universal notion, should be understood as involving a spectrum of distinct, context-dependent nuances.*

## Basic Set-up: first observations

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- $C_1 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{s} \\ \xrightarrow{t} \end{array} C_0$

## Unpacking the pieces

The arrows  $s, t$  represent the usual source and target assignments,  $s$  taking a generic  $f : A \rightarrow B$  to  $A$ ,  $t$  taking  $f$  to  $B$ .

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$\circlearrowright$  represents composition, sending the generic pair of compatible morphisms  $f : A \rightarrow B, g : B \rightarrow C$  to the single morphism  $f \circlearrowright g : A \rightarrow C$



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$C_3$  consists of triples  $(f, g, h)$  of composable morphisms and the two maps  $\circlearrowleft$  (“compose on the left”) and  $\circlearrowright$  (“compose on the right”) take such triples of composable morphisms to pairs of morphisms in  $C_2$ , i.e., to  $(f \circlearrowleft g, h)$  or to  $(f, g \circlearrowright h)$ .

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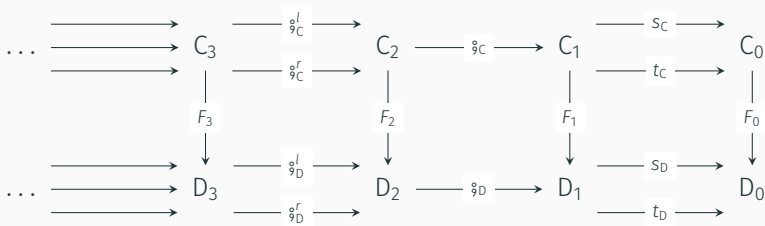
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More generally, there are  $n$  different composition mappings from  $C_{n+1}$  to  $C_n$ , as we can choose to compose any two adjacent morphisms in a  $n + 1$ -tuple to obtain a  $n$ -tuple.

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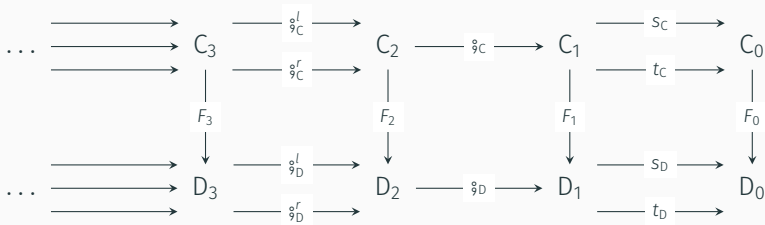


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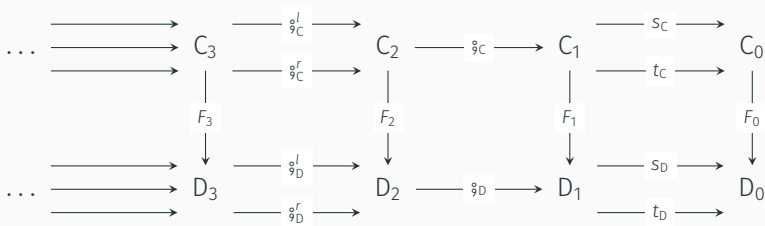


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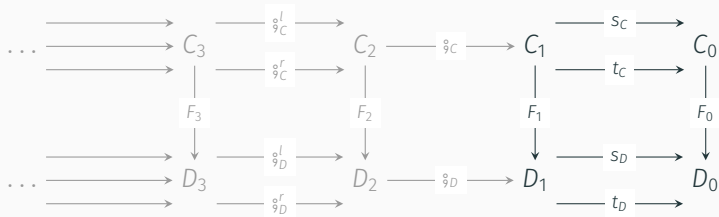


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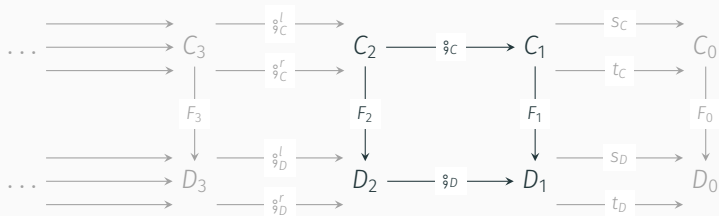
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The purpose of our paper was to focus on these squares, in particular on the two rightmost ones,



as well as the middle square



to say things about  $F$ .

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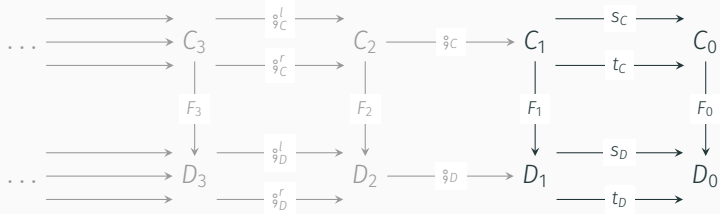
# The Rightmost Squares

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# Breaking it down

We start by focusing on the rightmost square:



Decoupling things, this actually consists of two different squares:

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 \downarrow F_1 & & \downarrow F_0 \\
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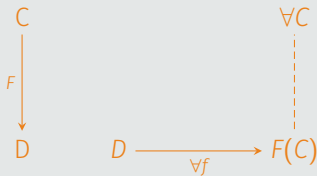
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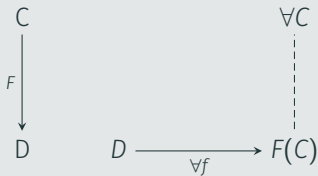
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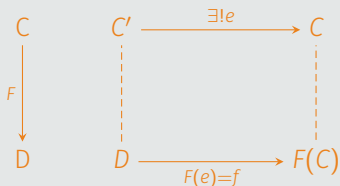
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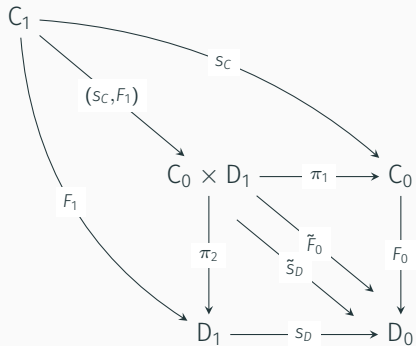
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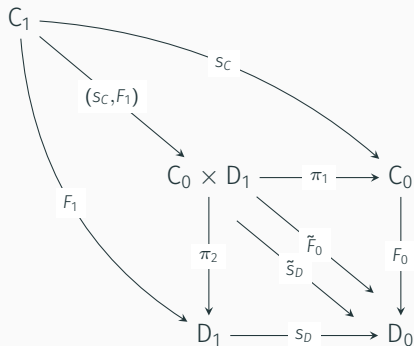
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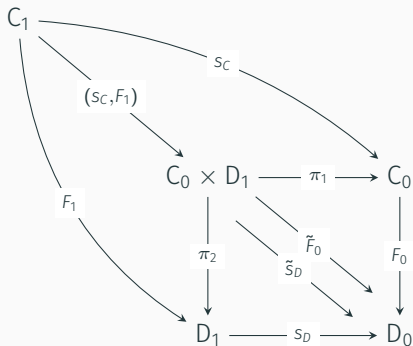


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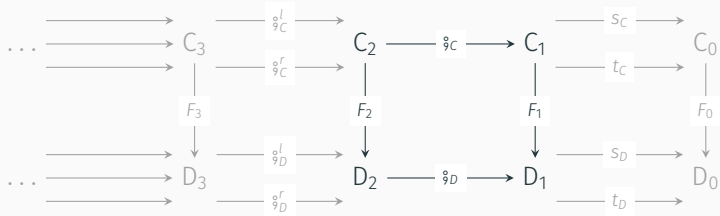
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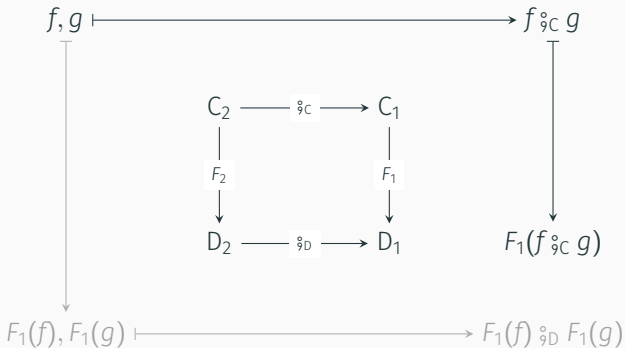
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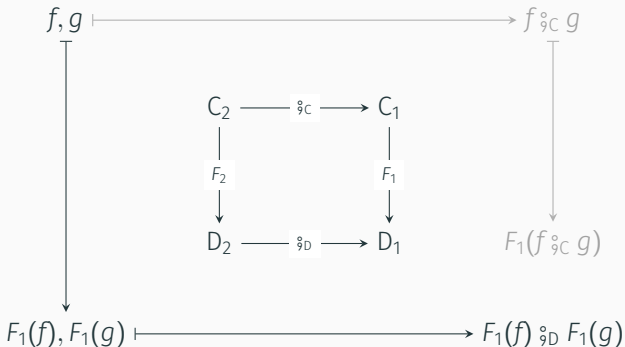
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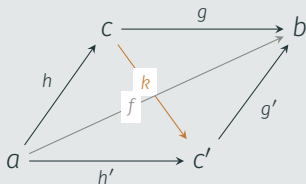
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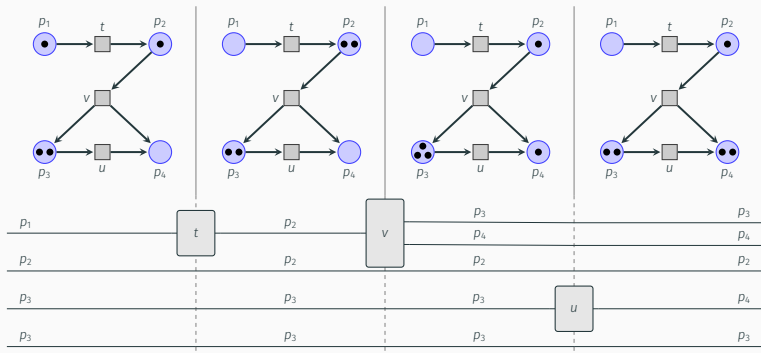


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# In a Picture

Here's a picture helping to visualize this, where we make use of wiring diagrams to display morphisms of the monoidal category (corresponding to executions of the net):



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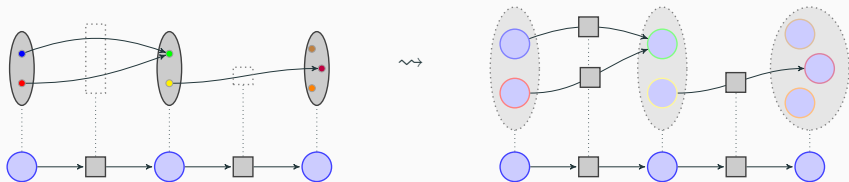


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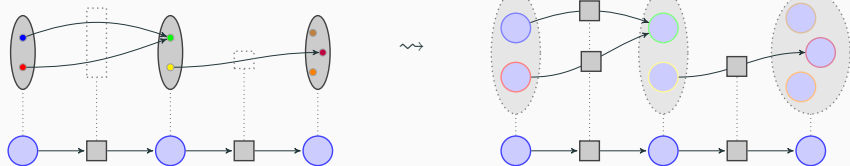
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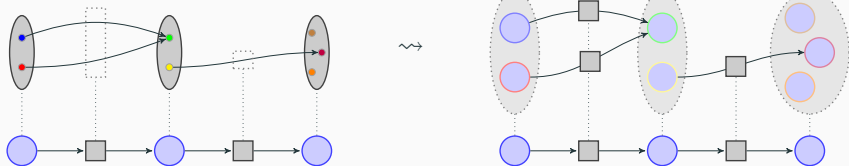
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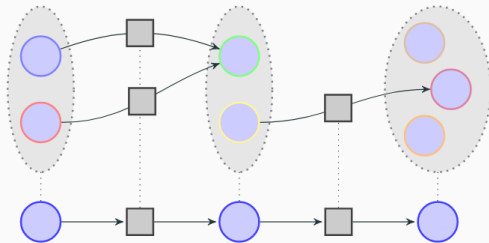
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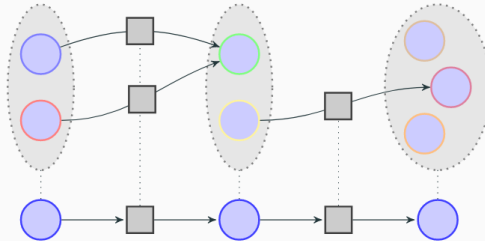
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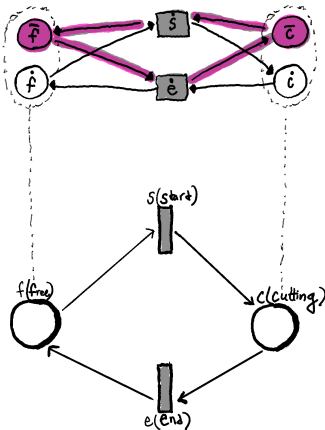
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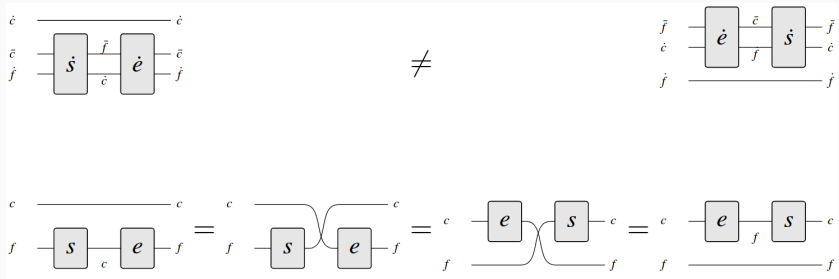


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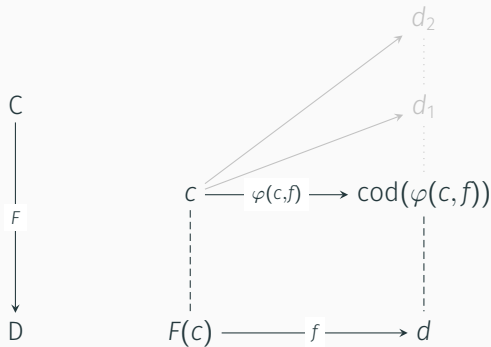
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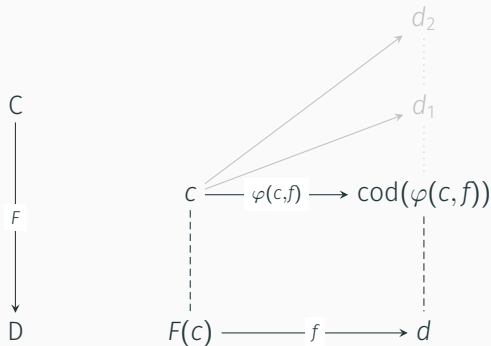
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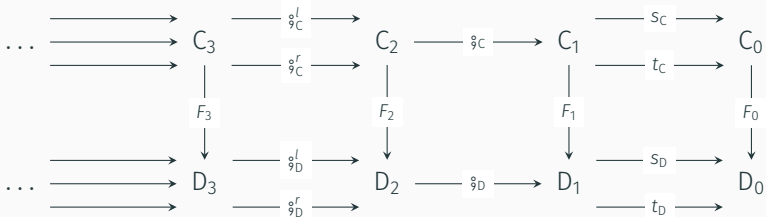
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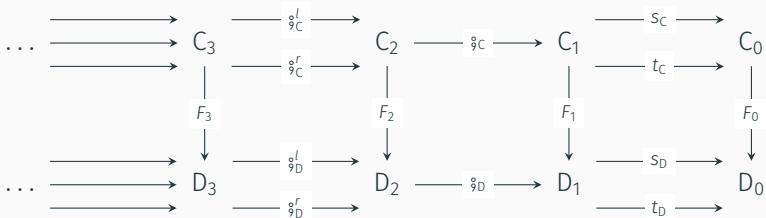
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