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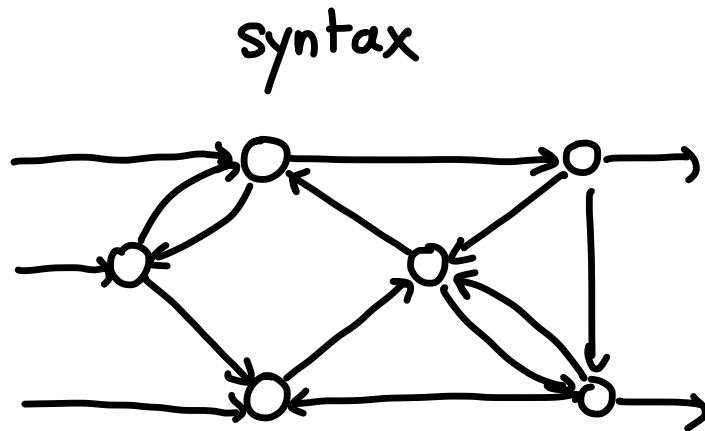
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# Plan

categorical side



semantics

$\rightsquigarrow$  morphism  $3 \rightarrow 2$  in  $\mathcal{S}$

(+bidirectional setting)

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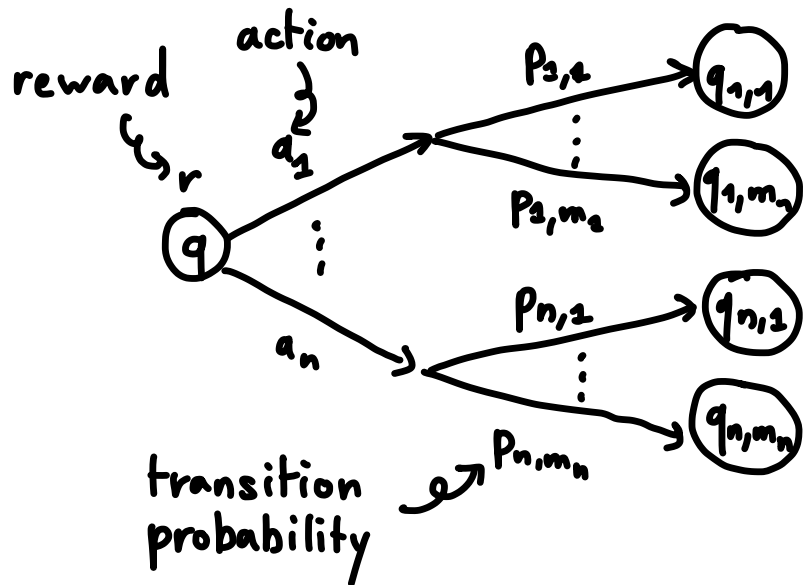
algorithmic side

We get a nice algorithm from a categorical approach.

(+ free syntax)

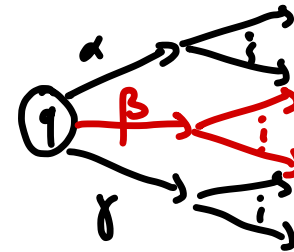
# Markov Decision Processes

Definition: "graph-like" structure with actions, probabilities, and rewards.



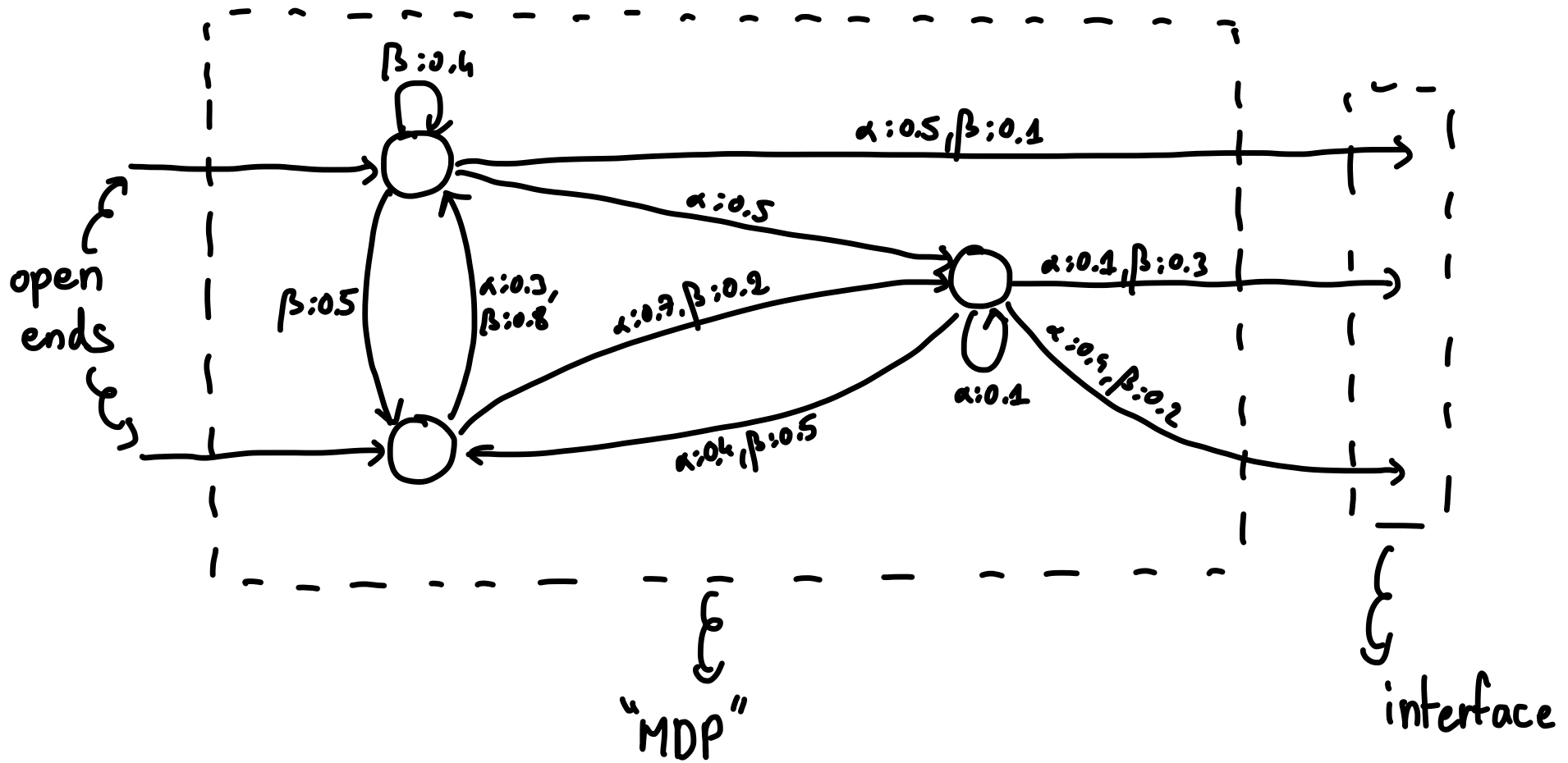
$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{coalgebras} \\ X \rightarrow (\mathcal{D}_{\Sigma} X)^{\Sigma} \times \mathbb{Q} \\ \text{(where } \Sigma = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}) \end{array} \right)$$

scheduler: choice of action for each state  
 $\hookrightarrow$  expected reward from  $q_i$  to  $q_f$



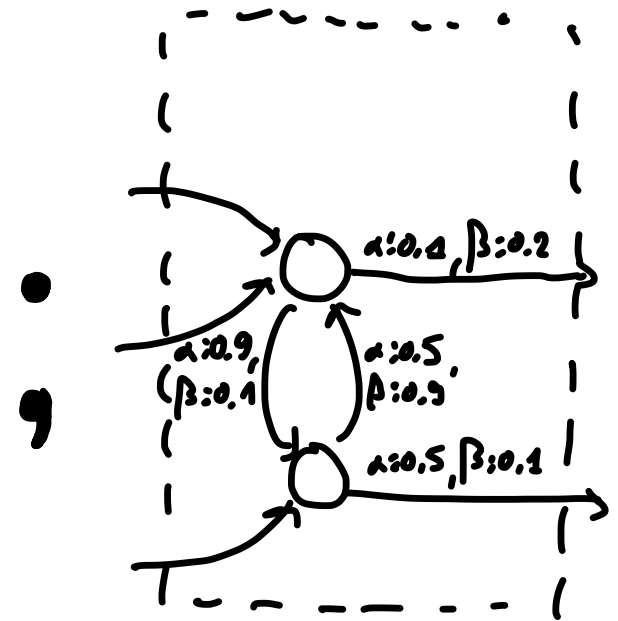
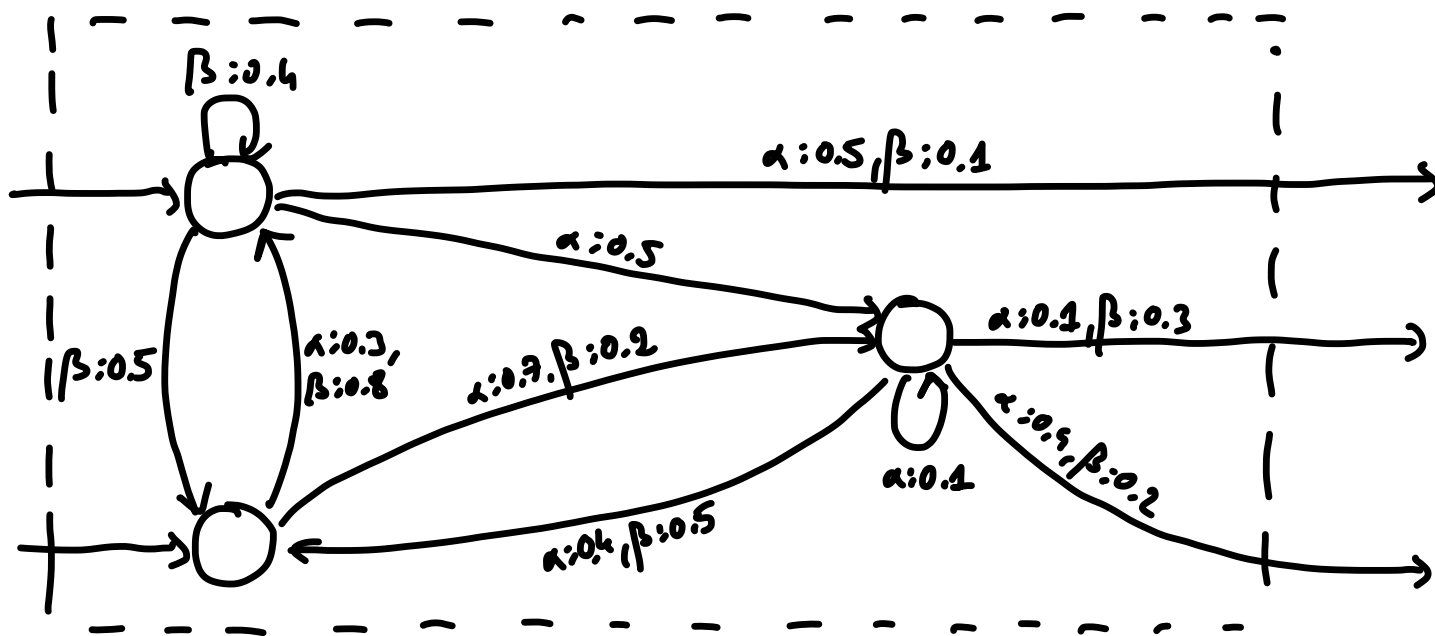
Problem: given  $\mathcal{M}, q_i, q_f$ , find the maximum expected reward from  $q_i$  to  $q_f$ .

# Open MDPs

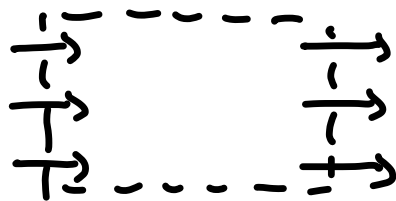


# Composition of OMDPs

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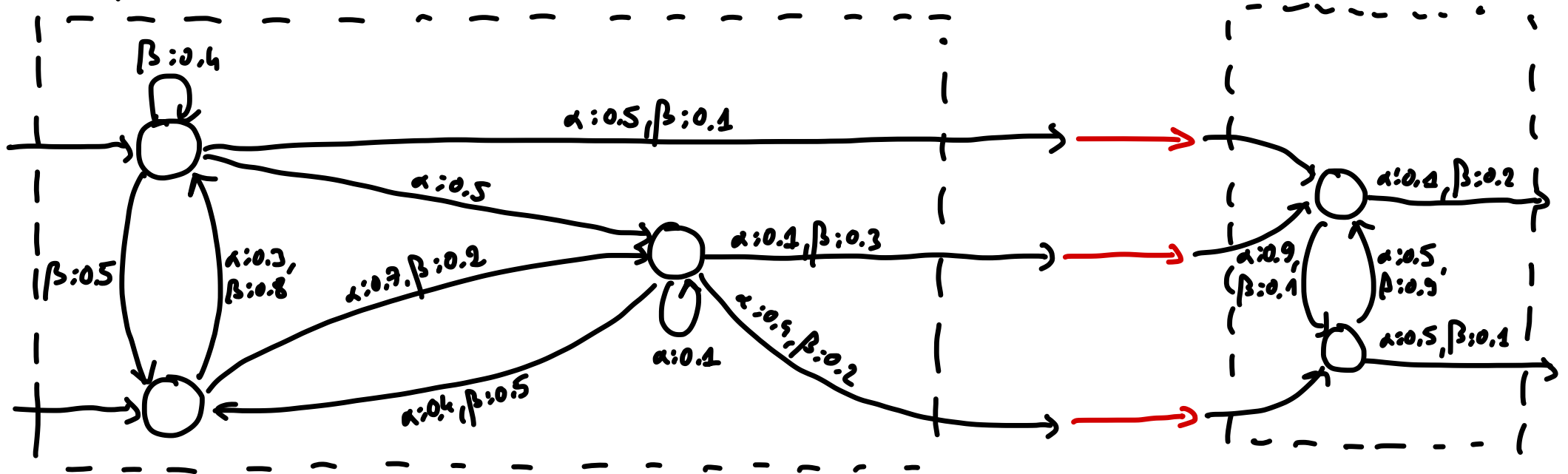
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- morphisms  $m \rightarrow n$  : OMDPs with  $m$  ( $n$ ) open ends on the left (right)

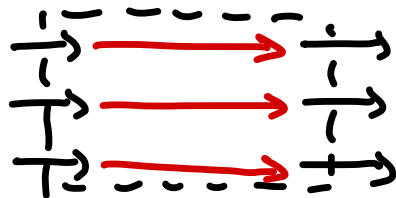
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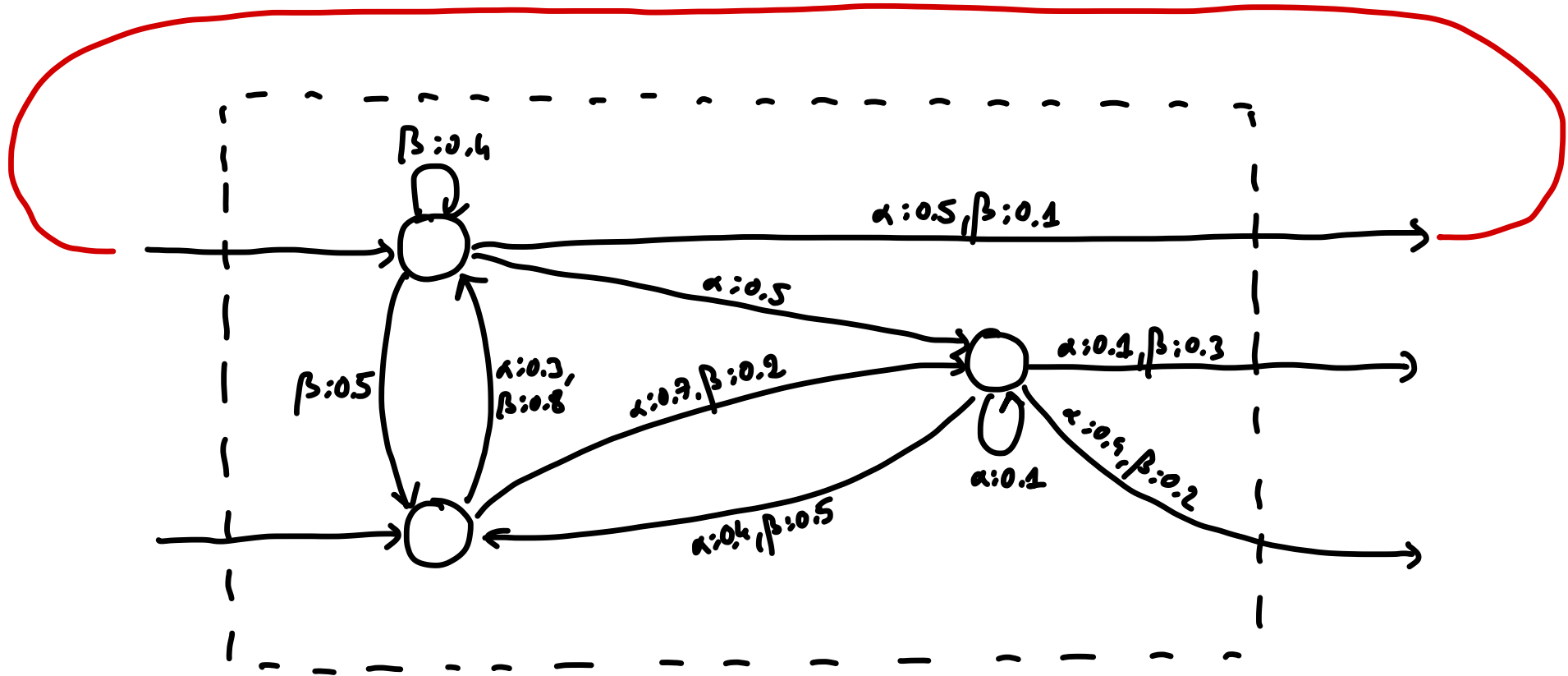


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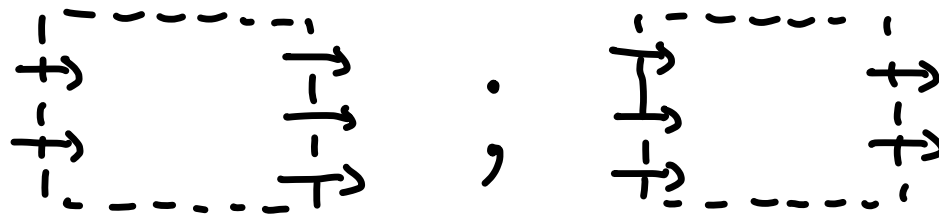
# Trace of OMDPs



Lemma: OMDP forms a traced symmetric monoidal category (TSMC).

# Semantics of OMDPs

To compute maximum expected reward compositionally, we need to know all possible expected rewards from entries to exits.



Probabilities:  $RP_{\alpha; \alpha'}(i, k) = \sum_{j=1}^n RP_{\alpha}(i, j) RP_{\alpha'}(j, k)$

Expected reward:  $ER_{\alpha; \alpha'}(i, k) = \sum_{j=1}^n ER_{\alpha}(i, j) RP_{\alpha'}(j, k) + RP_{\alpha}(i, j) ER_{\alpha'}(j, k)$

To compute expected rewards compositionally, we need to know:

- expected rewards
- reachability probabilities

# Semantic Category for OMDPs

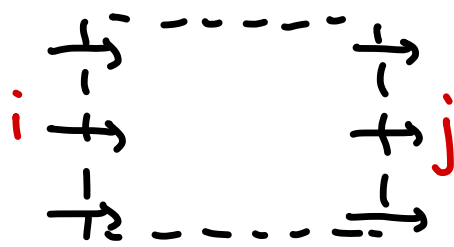
## Definition of $\mathcal{S}$ :

- objects : natural numbers
  - morphisms  $m \rightarrow n$  : (sets of) mappings  $[n] \rightarrow T^{PR} [m]$   
where  $T^{PR} X = \{ (p_x, r_x)_{x \in X} \mid \sum_{x \in X} p_x \leq 1, \forall x \in X. p_x \geq 0, p_x = 0 \Rightarrow r_x = 0 \}$
- probabilistic reward monad
- probability
- reward
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## Composition: $f: m \rightarrow n, g: n \rightarrow p$

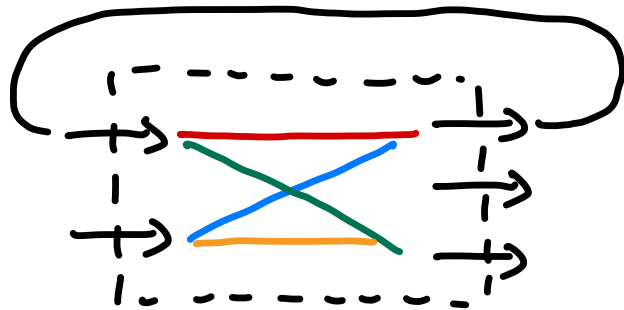
- $p_{f;g}(i, k) = \sum_{j=1}^m p_f(i, j) p_g(j, k)$
- $r_{f;g}(i, k) = \sum_{j=1}^m r_f(i, j) p_g(j, k) + p_f(i, j) r_g(j, k)$

# Trace in semantics



$$RP_f = \begin{bmatrix} p_f(1,1) & \dots & p_f(1,m) \\ \vdots & p_f(i,j) & \vdots \\ p_f(n,1) & \dots & p_f(n,m) \end{bmatrix} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{same for } ER_f \\ \text{with } r_f(i,j) \end{array} \right)$$

Trace:  $(f: [p+n] \rightarrow [p+m]) \mapsto (tr_p(f): [n] \rightarrow [m])$



$$RP_f = \begin{bmatrix} RP_{loop} & RP_{out} \\ RP_{in} & RP_{through} \end{bmatrix} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{same for} \\ ER_f \end{array} \right)$$

$$RP_{tr_p(f)} = RP_{through} + \sum_{d \in \mathbb{N}} RP_{in} RP_{loop}^d RP_{out}$$

$$ER_{tr_p(f)} = ER_{through} + \sum_{d \in \mathbb{N}} \begin{bmatrix} RP_{in} & ER_{in} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} RP_{loop} & ER_{loop} \\ 0 & RP_{loop} \end{bmatrix}^d \begin{bmatrix} ER_{out} \\ RP_{out} \end{bmatrix}$$

Lemma:  $\mathcal{S}$  is a TSMC.

# Trace in semantics

(observations by P.-A. Mellies and T. Seiller)

We can think of  $RP_f$  and  $ER_f$  as a single matrix of elements of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

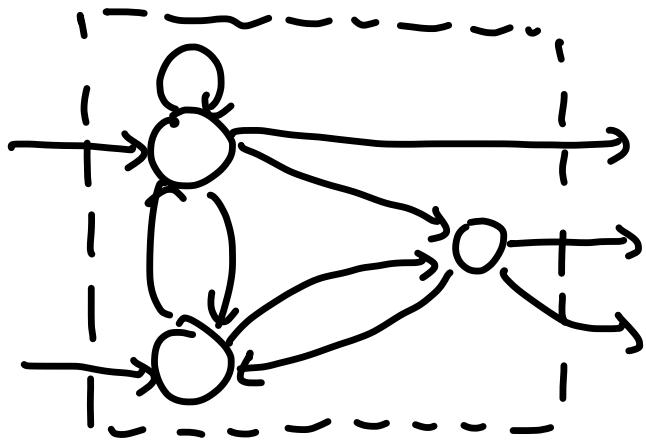
$$\begin{pmatrix} p \\ n \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} p' \\ n' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p+p' \\ n+n' \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} p \\ n \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} p' \\ n' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p p' \\ p n + p' n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_f = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_f(1,1) \\ r_f(1,1) \end{pmatrix} & \dots & \begin{pmatrix} p_f(1,m) \\ r_f(1,m) \end{pmatrix} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \begin{pmatrix} p_f(n,1) \\ r_f(n,1) \end{pmatrix} & \dots & \begin{pmatrix} p_f(n,m) \\ r_f(n,m) \end{pmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_f = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} R_{loop} & R_{out} \\ \hline R_{in} & R_{through} \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_{tr}(f) = R_{through} + \sum_{d \in \mathbb{N}} R_{in} R_{loop}^d R_{out}$$

# Interpretation of OMDPs



$\rightsquigarrow$  morphism  $2 \rightarrow 3$  in  $\mathcal{S}$   
(i.e. a set of mappings  
 $2 \rightarrow T^{\text{PR}} 3$ )

$$\llbracket \mathcal{M} \rrbracket (i, j) = \{ (RP_{\sigma}(i, j), ER_{\sigma}(i, j)) \mid \sigma \text{ scheduler} \}$$

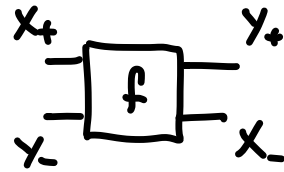
Lemma:  $\llbracket - \rrbracket$  is a traced symmetric monoidal functor.

$\hookrightarrow$  We can compute expected rewards compositionally!

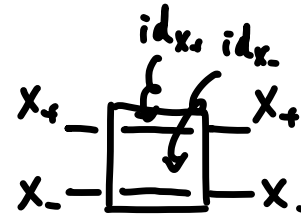
# Bidirectionality and Int-construction

$\text{Int}(\mathbb{C})$ : - objects:  $(X_+, X_-)$  where  $X_+, X_-$  objects of  $\mathbb{C}$

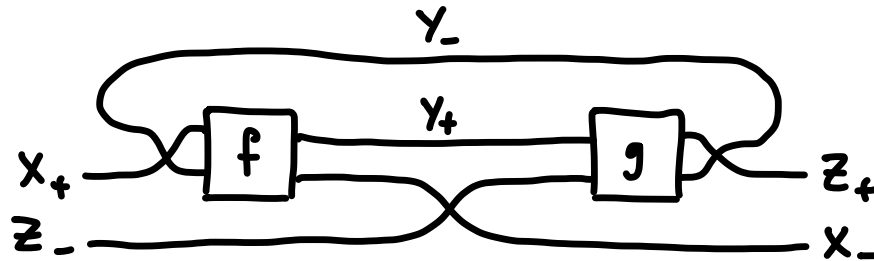
- morphisms  $(X_+, X_-) \rightarrow (Y_+, Y_-) : f \in \mathbb{C}(X_+ \otimes Y_-, Y_+ \otimes X_-)$



identity on  $(X_+, X_-)$ :  $\text{id}_{(X_+, X_-)} \triangleq \text{id}_{X_+ \otimes X_-}$



composition:

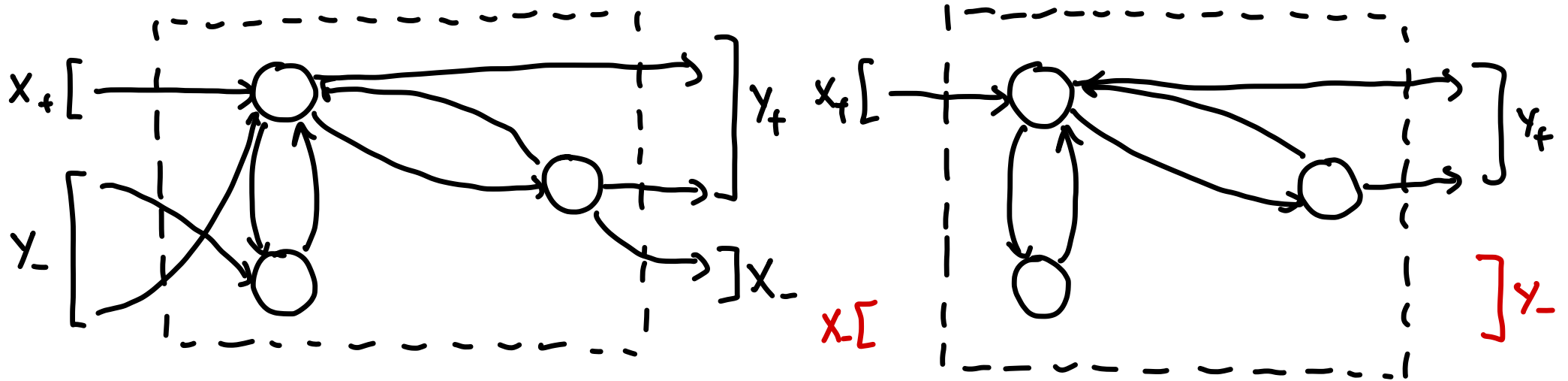


Lemma:  $\text{Int}(\mathbb{C})$  is compact closed.

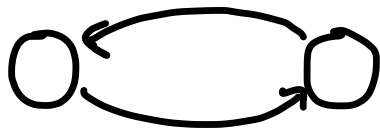
$$\begin{aligned} \text{unit: } \eta_X : \text{Int}(\mathbb{C})((I, I), (X_+, X_-) \otimes (X_-, X_+)) &= \text{Int}(\mathbb{C})((I, I), (X_+ \otimes X_-, X_- \otimes X_+)) \\ &= \mathbb{C}(X_+ \otimes X_-, X_- \otimes X_+) \end{aligned}$$

$$\eta_X = \text{id}_{X_+ \otimes X_-}$$

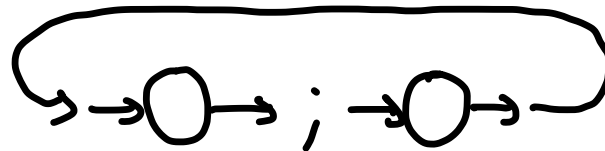
# Int-construction : example



usefulness : ease of modelling



graph

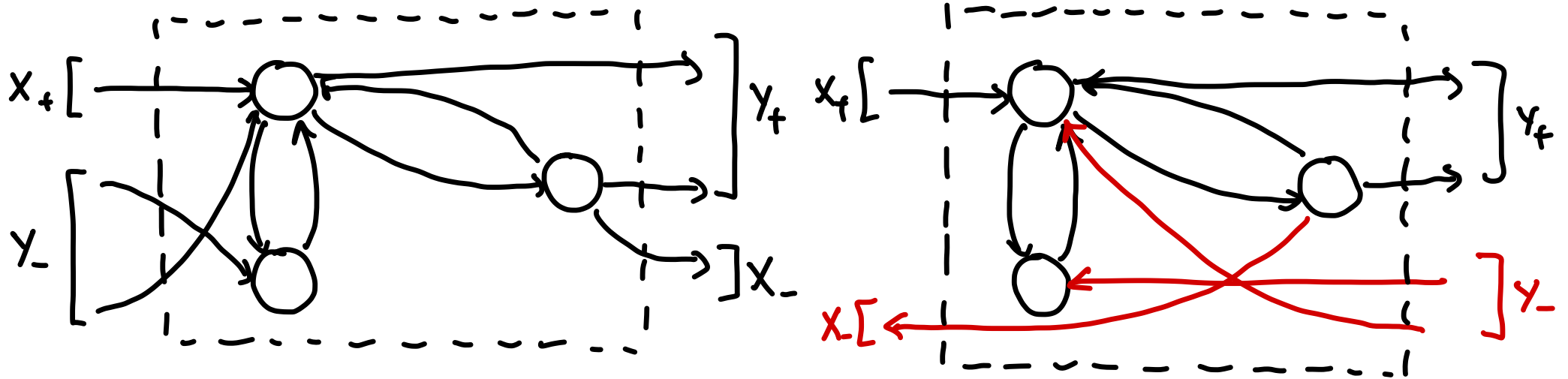


in TSMC

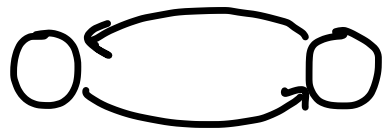


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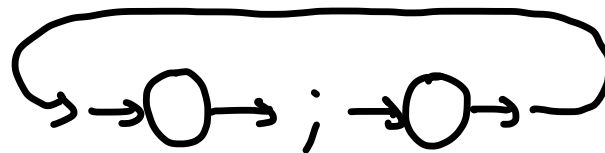
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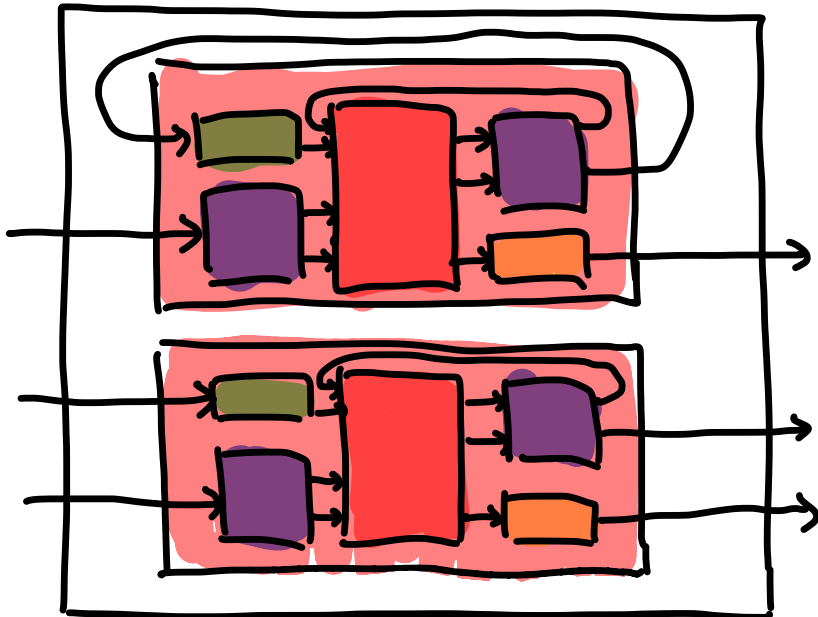
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# Algorithm

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Algorithm to compute  $\llbracket \mathcal{M} \rrbracket$ :

- if  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_1; \mathcal{M}_2$  then  $\llbracket \mathcal{M} \rrbracket = \llbracket \mathcal{M}_1 \rrbracket; \llbracket \mathcal{M}_2 \rrbracket$   
(idem if  $\mathcal{M} = \text{tr}_p(\mathcal{M}') \dots$ )
- if  $\mathcal{M}$  is a single state, computing  $\llbracket \mathcal{M} \rrbracket$  is trivial



Our algorithm:

- beats state of the art when there is repetition
- performance increases with degree of repetition
- cannot handle large interfaces in practice

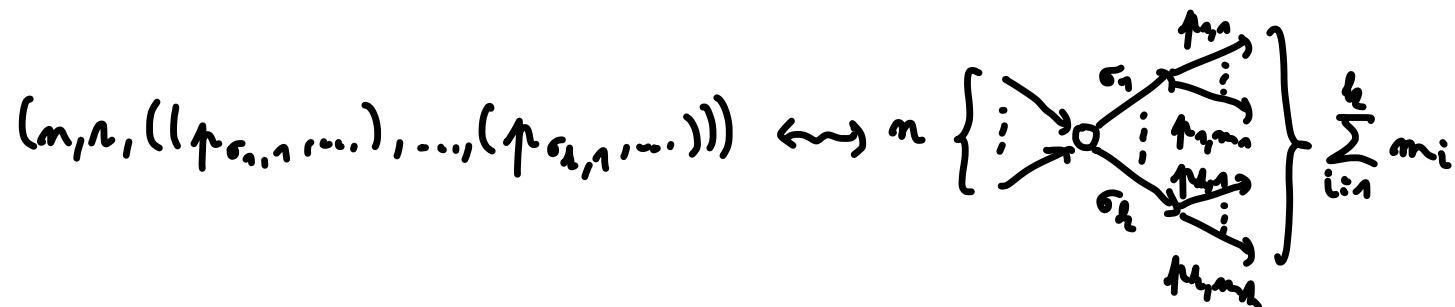
# Free Syntax

Formally, open MDPs are equivalence classes of  $(n, m, Q, E, P, R)$

↳ not so nice to reason about or program on.

Also, would be nice to reason with universal properties.

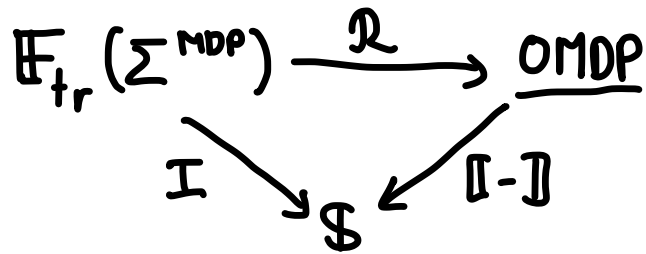
Free syntax:  $\mathbb{F}_{tr}(\Sigma^{MDP})$  with  $\Sigma^{MDP} = \{(n, n, ((p_{\sigma_1, 1}, \dots, p_{\sigma_1, m_1}), \dots, (p_{\sigma_k, 1}, \dots, p_{\sigma_k, m_k}))) : n \rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^k m_i\}$



Realisation functor:  $\mathcal{R} : \mathbb{F}_{tr}(\Sigma^{MDP}) \rightarrow \underline{\text{OMDP}}$

Lemma:  $\mathcal{R}$  is full.

# Algorithm (in depth)



$I, R$  : defined inductively  
(by universal property)

Lemma.  $[I-] \circ R = I$ .

Algo :

Data : a morphism  $f : m \rightarrow n$  in  $F_{tr}(\Sigma^{MDP})$

Returns :  $I(f)$

if  $(f = f_1 ; f_2)$  { return  $I(f_1) ; I(f_2)$  }

elif  $(f = f_1 \otimes f_2)$  { return  $I(f_1) \otimes I(f_2)$  }

elif  $(f = Tr(f'))$  { return  $Tr(I(f'))$  }

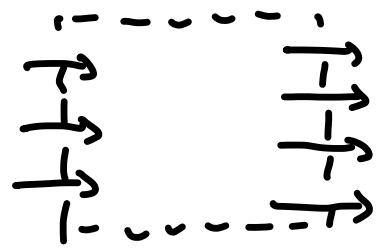
elif  $(f \text{ generator})$  { enumerate all schedulers }

actually  
not exact

- inductive on structure of  $f$
- can be done while remembering  $I(g)$  for sub-MDPs

# New heuristics from compositionality

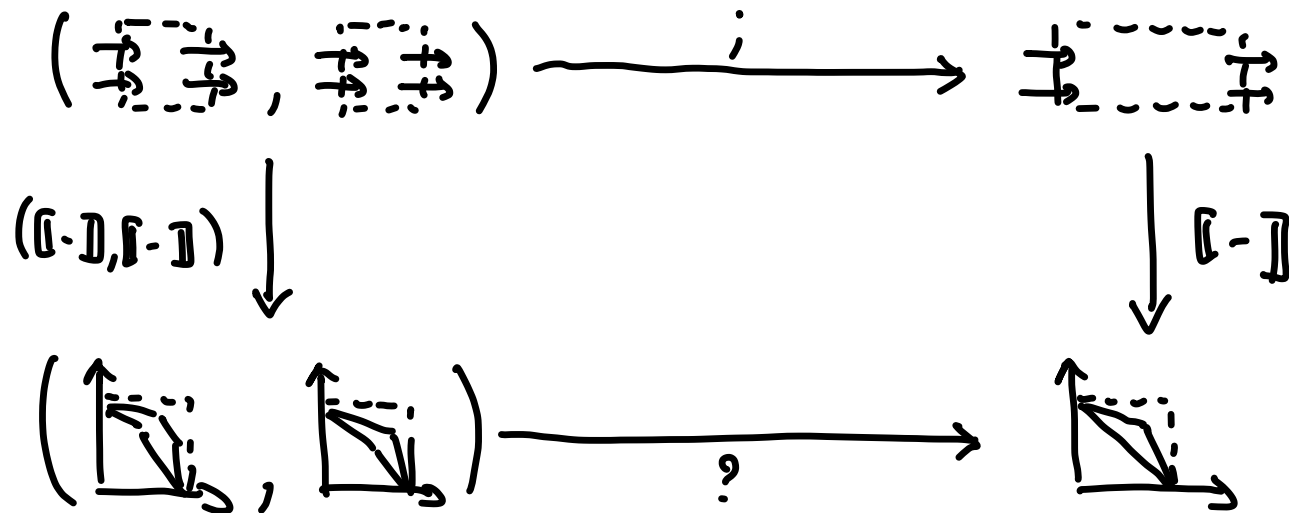
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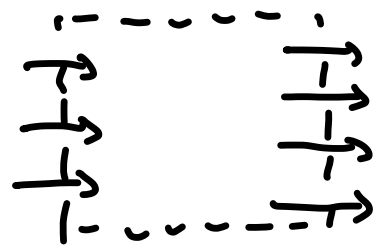
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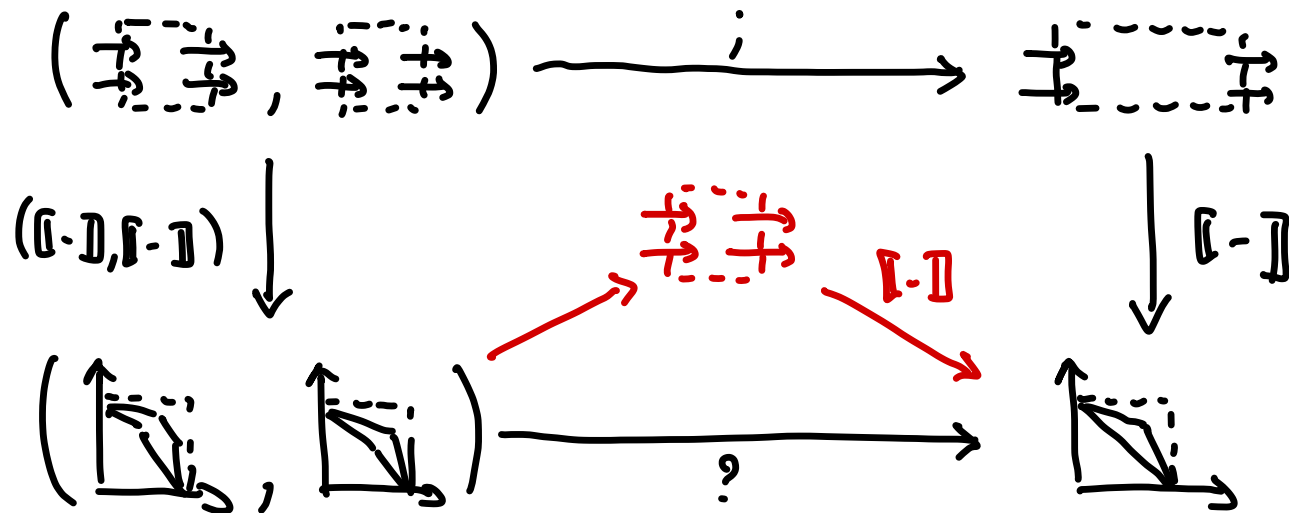
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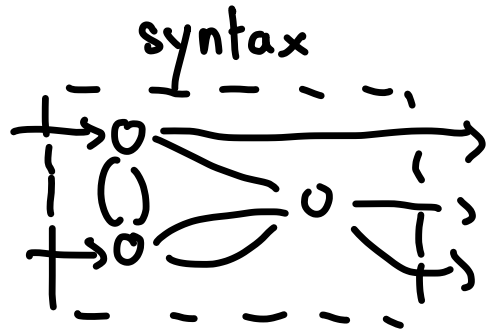


# If you're interested

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  - ↳ best account of the categorical techniques used in our approach (arXiv version has appendices)
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  - ↳ gives algorithm and experimental results
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  - ↳ develops a "meager semantics"
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  - ↳ interesting case of Petri nets

# Conclusion

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Future work

- general framework for compositional syntax
- general framework for semantics of compositional systems (based on open coalgebras)