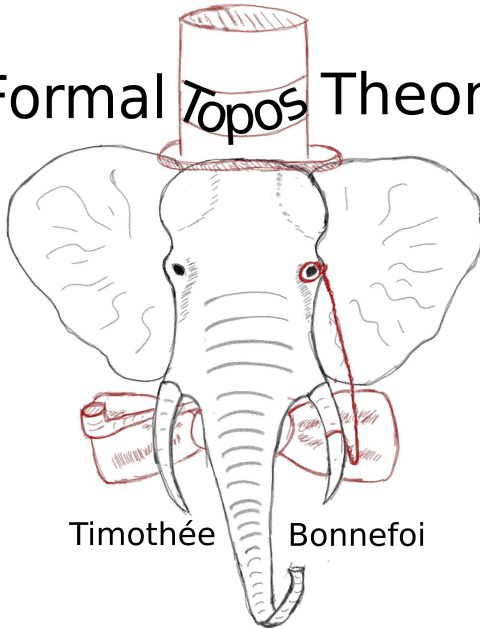


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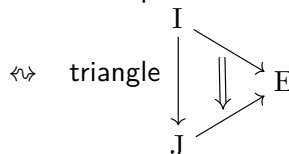
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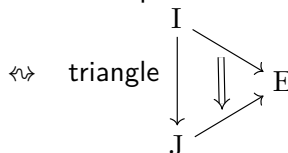
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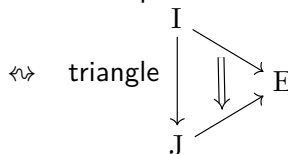
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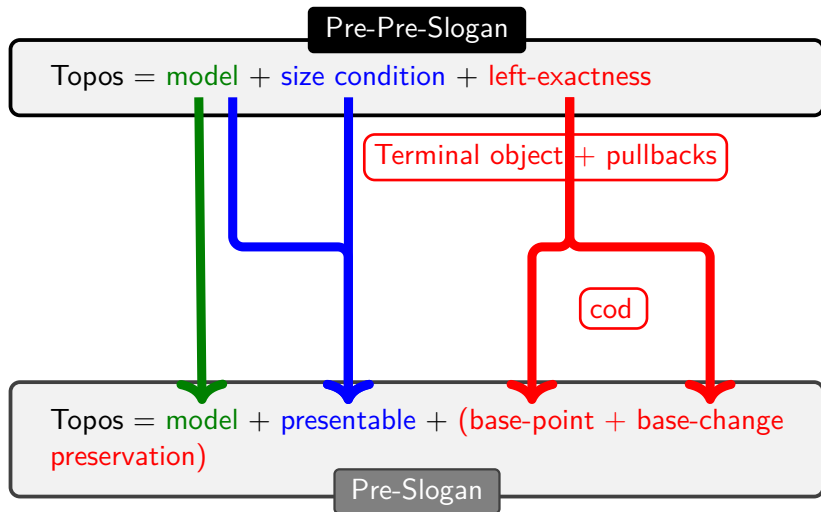
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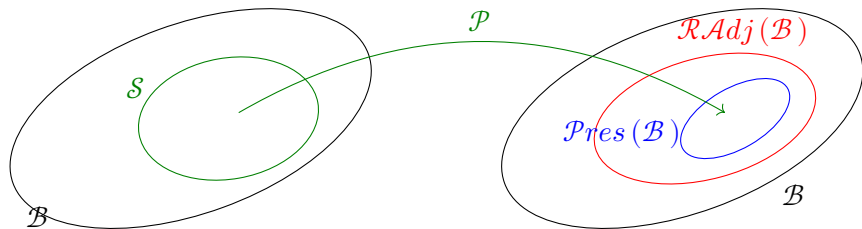
Pre-Pre-Slogan

Topos = model + size condition + left-exactness

Slogans



Models and presentability: the coarse idea



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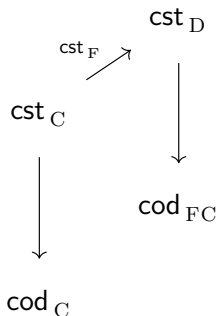
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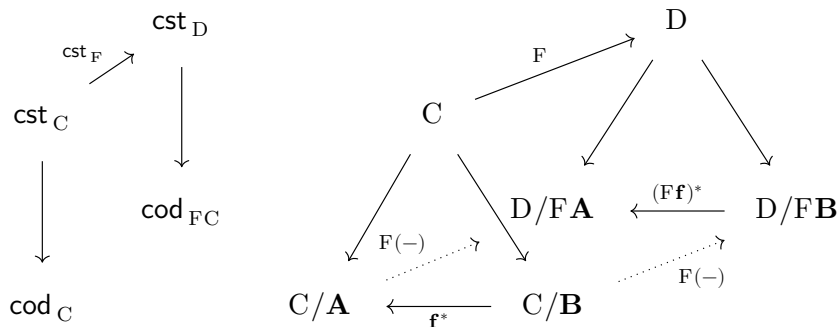


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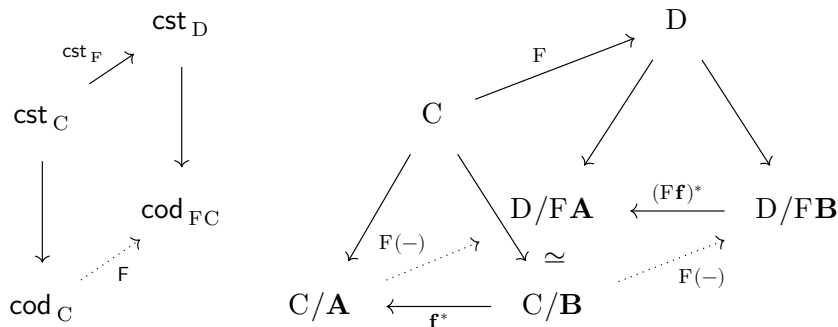


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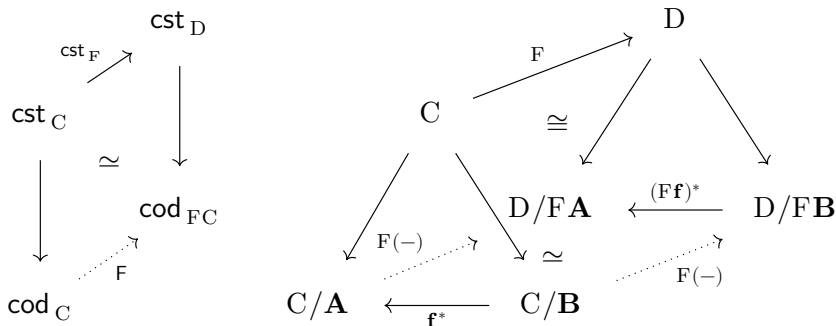


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$$\sqcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} C / (\mathbf{A}^{\otimes n})$$

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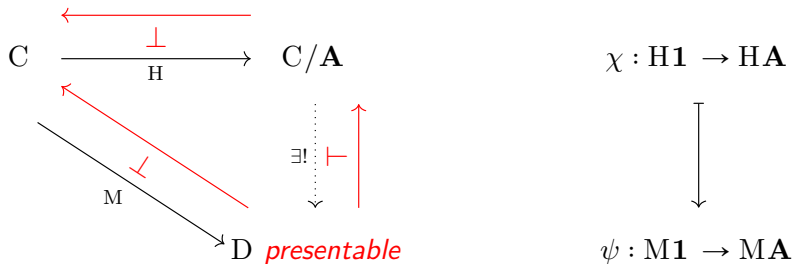
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 \end{array}
 \qquad
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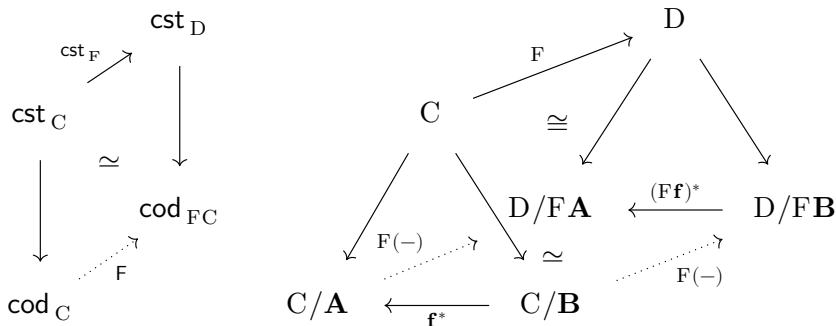


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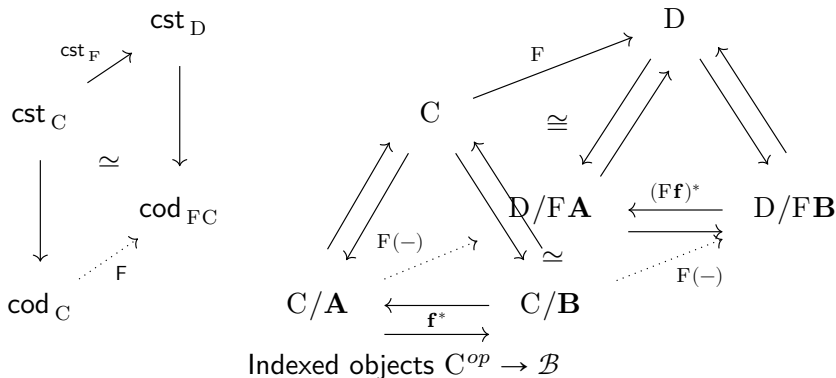


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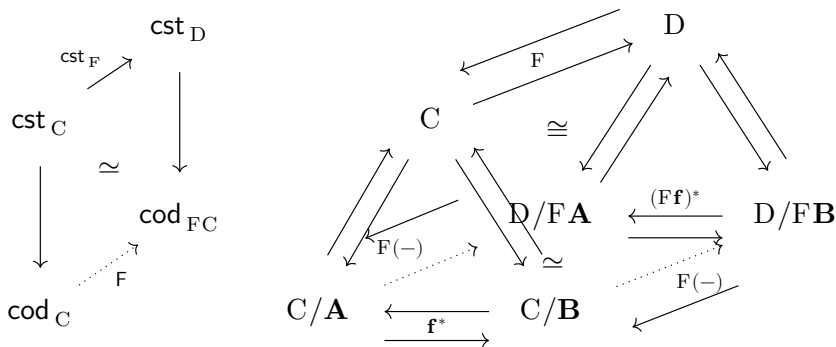
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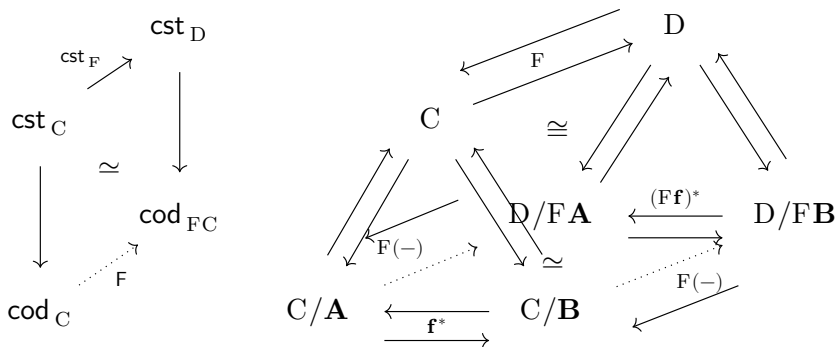


Indexed objects $C \rightarrow \text{Pres}(\mathcal{B})$

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Slogan

Topos theory = Models + presentability + (base-point + base-change + slicing)



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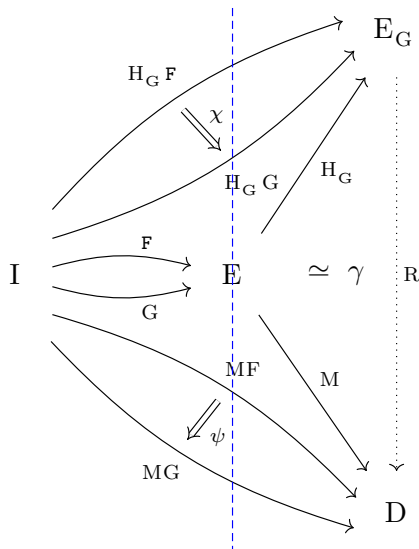
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Example

- $\mathcal{C}at$ -based $I = \bullet \rightrightarrows 1$, $F_E = 1_E$
- Similarly in $\mathcal{P}rod$
- In $(Sym)MonCat$ with strong or colax functors, $I = \bullet \rightrightarrows 1$ or $\langle \star \rangle$, $F_E = J_E$.

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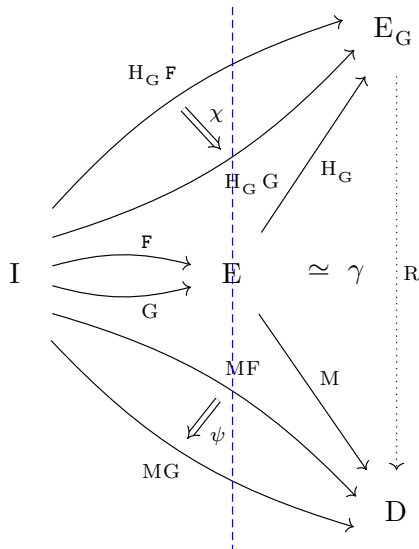


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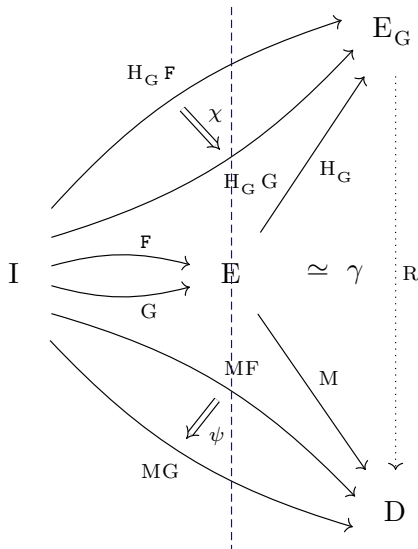
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 & \curvearrowright & & & \\
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Theorem

If all pleronomials exist there is a
pseudofunctor

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Self}_E : \mathcal{B}(I, E) &\rightarrow \mathcal{P}res(\mathcal{B}) \\
 G &\mapsto E_G \\
 \alpha : G \Rightarrow K &\mapsto \alpha^*
 \end{aligned}$$

and an indexed morphism

$$H : \text{cst}_E \rightarrow \text{Self}_E$$

Example

In $\mathcal{C}at$, $\text{Self}_E = \text{cod}_E$.

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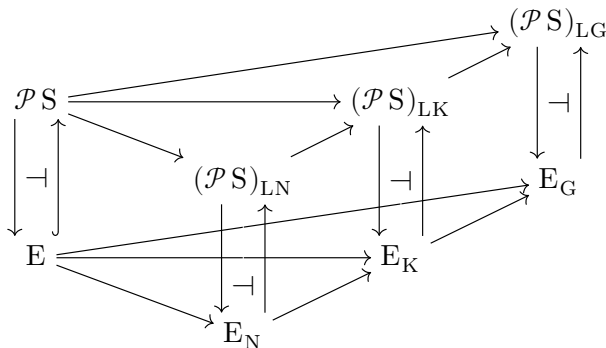
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The following are toposes (with weak models):

- ∞ -pretoposes
- Regular categories
- Barr-exact categories
- Lextensive categories
- ...

Conjecture (Cosmology)

There are change of cosmoi operations mirroring those in enriched category. Localic toposes arise from such an operation.

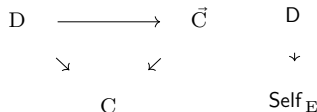
Conjecture (Giraud's theorem)

If $\text{Self}_{\mathcal{P}\mathcal{S}}$ is closed, $\mathbb{E}$ is a topos if and only if

- it is presentable
- $\text{Self}_{\mathbb{E}}$ is closed
- $\text{Self}_{\mathbb{E}}$ satisfies descent whenever all $\text{Self}_{\mathcal{P}\mathcal{S}}$

Conjecture (Logic and type theory)

There is an extension of comprehension categories through the self-indexing.



Formal category theory

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$\hookrightarrow$ Category theory = Formal category theory in $\mathcal{Cat}$

category $\mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{Cat}$

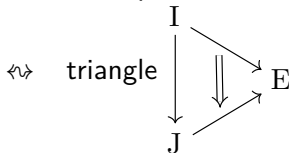
object $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{C}$

morphism

$\mathbf{f} : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B} \in \mathcal{C}$

$\Leftrightarrow$ object $E \in \mathcal{B}$

$\Leftrightarrow$ 1-morphism $I \rightarrow E$



Easy

- Adjunctions
- Monads

Hard(-ish)

- (Co)limits
- Presheaves

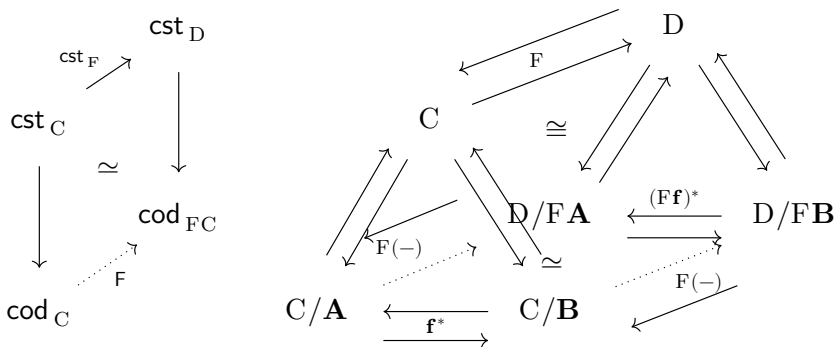
The elephant (JOHNSTONE 2002)

1. A topos is a category of (pre)sheaves on a **site** (= **pullback-stable**).
2. A topos is a **left-exact** reflective subcategory of the category of presheaves of a small category.
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6. A topos is locally presentable category satisfying the **Giraud conditions**
7. A topos is **lex** total category with a small set of generators.

2- category	$\mathcal{B}$	$\mathcal{B}$	$\mathcal{Cat}$	$\mathcal{CAT}$	$\mathcal{Prod}$	$\mathcal{Ho}(\mathcal{QCat})$
Models	KZ-monad $\mathcal{M}$ (KOCK 1995; ZÖBER-LEIN 1976)	Yoneda structure $\mathcal{Y}$ (STREET AND WALTERS 1978)	small presheaves $\mathcal{P}$	presheaves (if locally small) $\mathcal{P}_r$	downward closed sets $\mathcal{D}$	presheaves $\mathcal{P}_s$
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Indexed objects $\mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}res(\mathcal{B})$

Self-indexing

Q: How to generalise the codomain fibration ?

A: With a universal property of slices...but which?

Not with commas

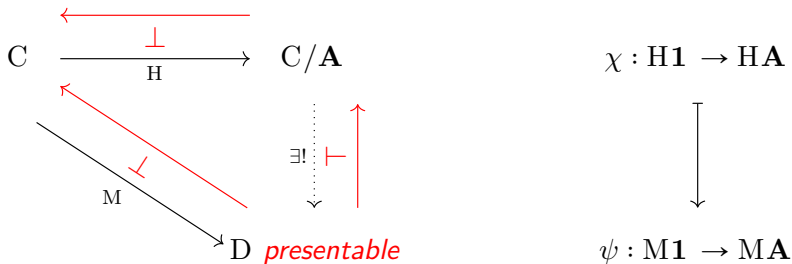
- enriched commas are augmented $\rightarrow$ comma at terminal object is not the category itself.
- higher slice is not (but almost) a comma
- for monoidal categories and colax functors, the comma is

$$\sqcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} C / (\mathbf{A}^{\otimes n})$$

Polynomial objects

Theorem (ARTIN, GROTHENDIECK, AND VERDIER 1971; LAMBEK AND SCOTT 1988; HERMIDA AND JACOBS 1995)

Let C be a ~~finitely complete category~~ *presentable category*, $\mathbf{A} \in C$ then $C/\mathbf{A}$ satisfies the following universal property:



Motivation: The same theory but with an extra constant/variable of sort/type $\mathbf{A}$.

The fulcrum

Definition (Fulcrum)

Given the 2-category $\mathcal{P}res(\mathcal{B})$, a **fulcrum** is:

- an object $I \in \mathcal{B}$
- $\forall E \in \mathcal{P}res(\mathcal{B})$ a 1-morphism $F_E : I \rightarrow E \in \mathcal{B}$
- preserved by morphisms of $\mathcal{P}res(\mathcal{B})$

Example

- $\mathcal{C}at$ -based $I = \bullet \rhd 1$, $F_E = 1_E$
- Similarly in $\mathcal{P}rod$
- In $(Sym)MonCat$ with strong or colax functors, $I = \bullet \rhd 1$ or $\langle \star \rangle$, $F_E = J_E$.

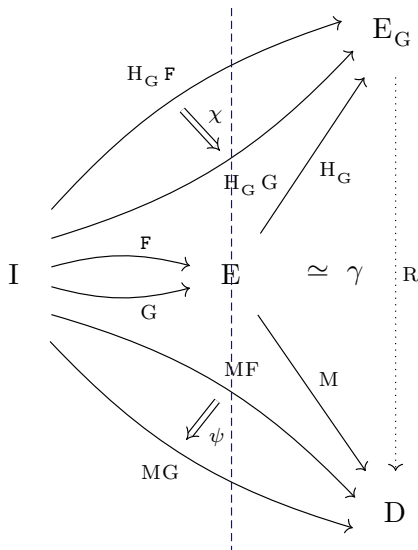
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Reformulation in $\mathcal{B}$:
 Coinserter with data in $\mathcal{B}$
 but universal property in $\mathcal{P}res(\mathcal{B})$.

With

- F the fulcrum
- $I, G \in \mathcal{B}$
- $E_G^F, D, M, H_G^F, R \in \mathcal{P}res(\mathcal{B})$
- $(\gamma G) \bullet (R \chi) \bullet$
 $(\gamma^{-1} F) = \psi.$

+ 2-universal property



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Given a 2-morphism $\alpha : G \Rightarrow K$,
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$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 I & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{G} \\ \Downarrow \alpha \\ \xrightarrow{K} \end{array} & E & \xrightarrow{H_G} & E_G \\
 & & & \searrow H_K & \uparrow \cdots \\
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If all pleronomials exist there is a
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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Self}_E : \mathcal{B}(I, E) &\rightarrow \mathcal{P}res(\mathcal{B}) \\
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and an indexed morphism

$$H : \text{cst}_E \rightarrow \text{Self}_E$$

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In $\mathcal{C}at$, $\text{Self}_E = \text{cod}_E$.

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Proposition

Any presentable
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$R : D \rightarrow E$ induces
a 'slicing'

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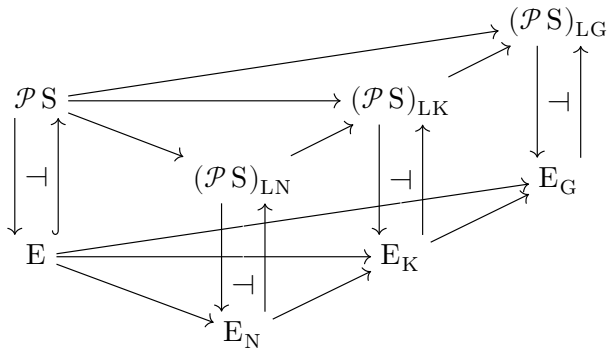
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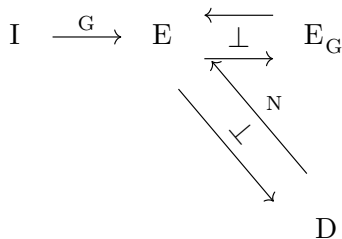
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Future works

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 D \\
 \downarrow \sim \\
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 \downarrow G_0^N \\
 E_{NG_0} \\
 \downarrow \alpha^* \\
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Proof strategy

(Facultative:) S_0 Base object Property of the base object



Models $\mathcal{P}S (= [S^{op}, S_0])$

Property for models



Toposes $\mathcal{E} \begin{matrix} \xleftarrow{\quad} \\ \perp \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} \end{matrix} \mathcal{P}S$

Property for toposes through
the self-indexing

Choice of structure

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Recall

- Doctrinal adjunction $\rightarrow$ right adjoints are strong

Monoidal presentability

Definition

Promonoidal category = monoidal category with structure without representatives i.e.

- profunctor $\mathbb{P} : C \times C \times C^{op} \rightarrow \mathbf{Sets} \rightsquigarrow C(-, - \otimes -)$
- presheaf $\mathbb{J} : C^{op} \rightarrow \mathbf{Sets} \rightsquigarrow C(-, \mathbf{J})$

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C monoidal category is κ -monoidally presentable if:

- there is a colax adjunction $R : C \rightleftarrows \mathcal{P}S : L$, S small promonoidal
- there is T small promonoidal such that $C = \mathcal{I}nd_{\kappa} T$

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But $NM\mathbf{J}_E$ is a comonoid and $N\mathbf{B}$ a comodule over it.

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