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## LECTURE #12

### TOPICS:

- I. MONOIDAL CATEGORIES ( §§ 3.1.1, 3.1.2 )
- II. ADDITIVE MONOIDAL CATEGORIES ( § 3.1.3 )
- III. MONOIDAL FUNCTORS ( §§ 3.2.1, 3.2.3 )

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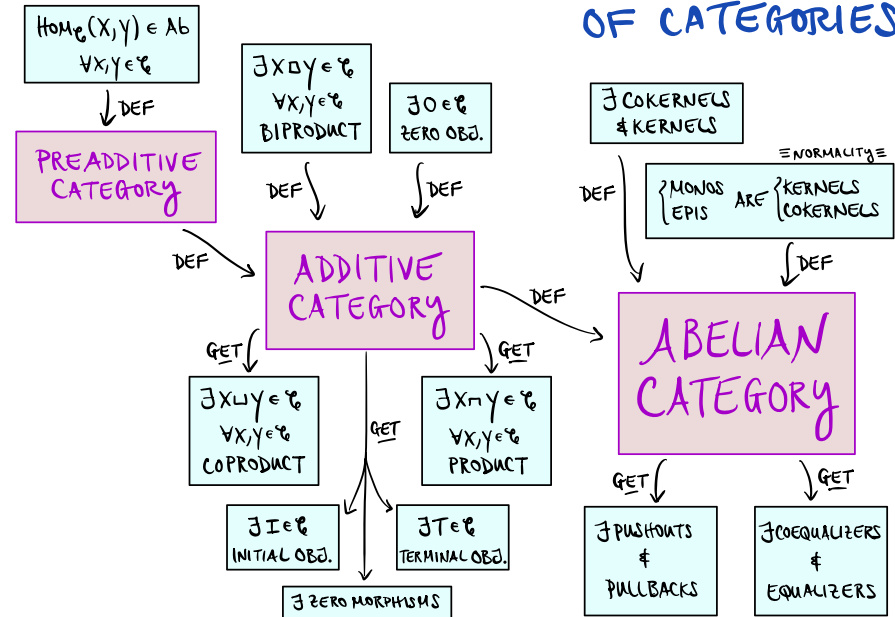
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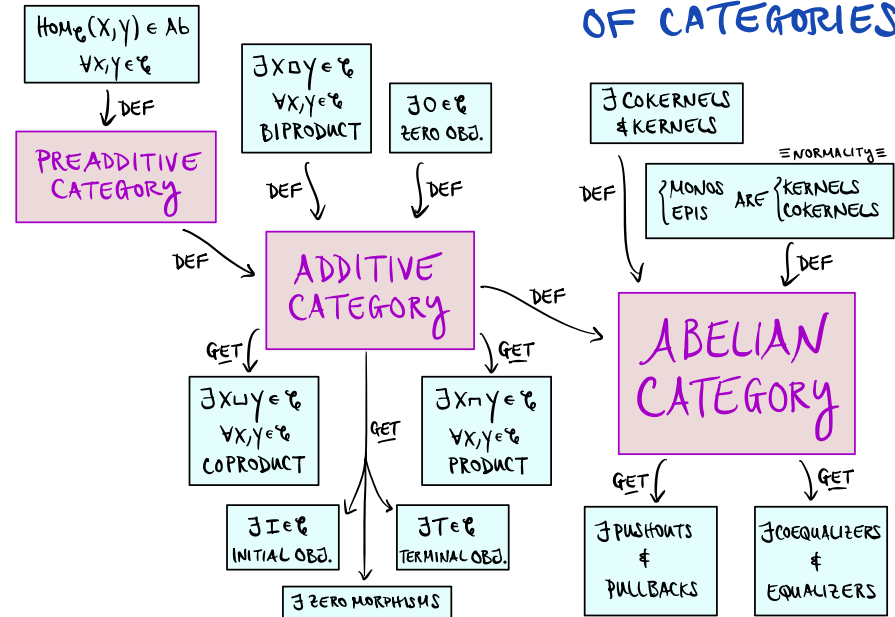
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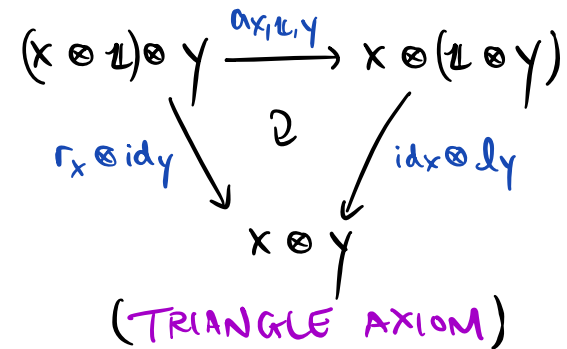
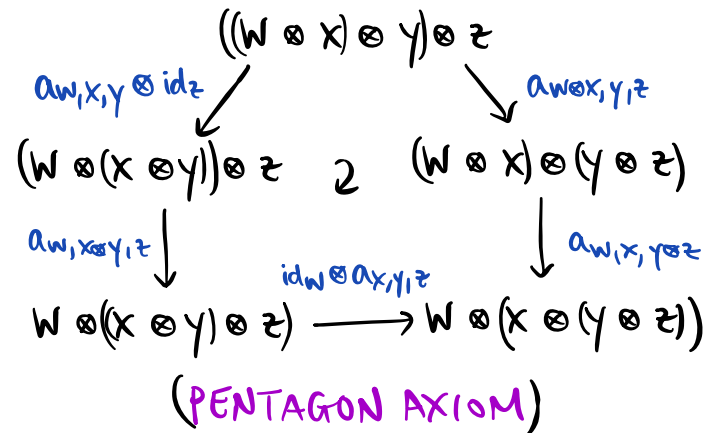
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SATISFYING THE COMPATIBILITY CONDITIONS BELOW:

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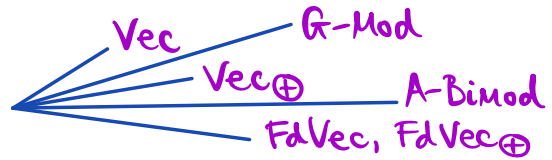
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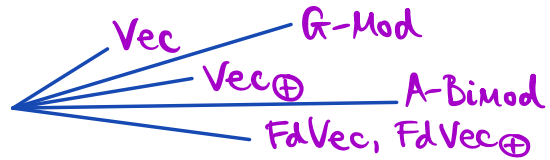
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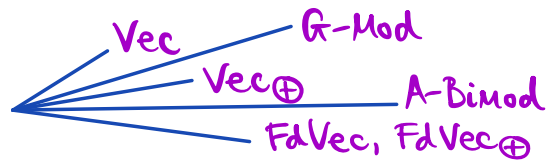
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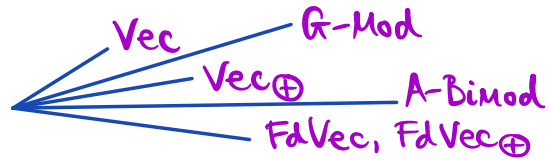
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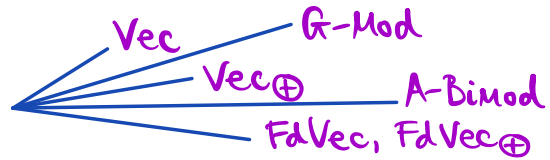
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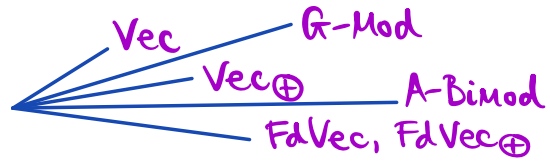
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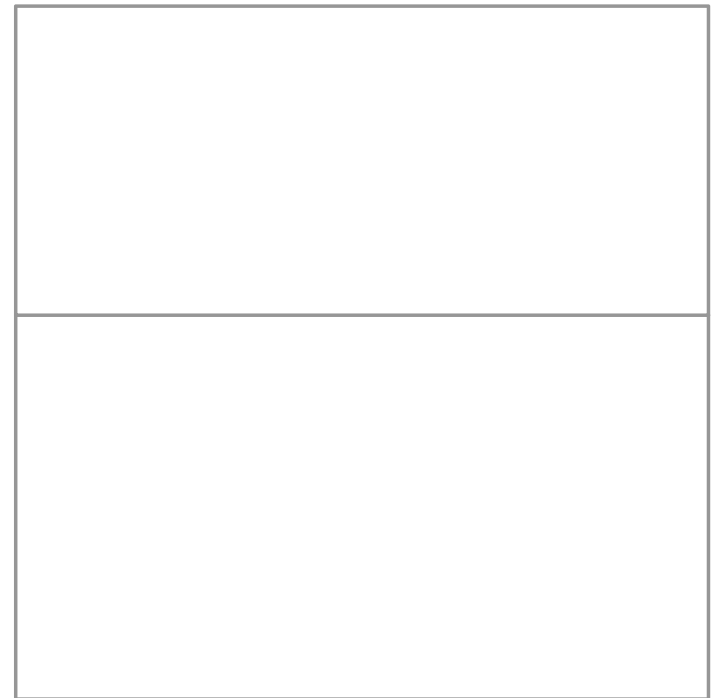
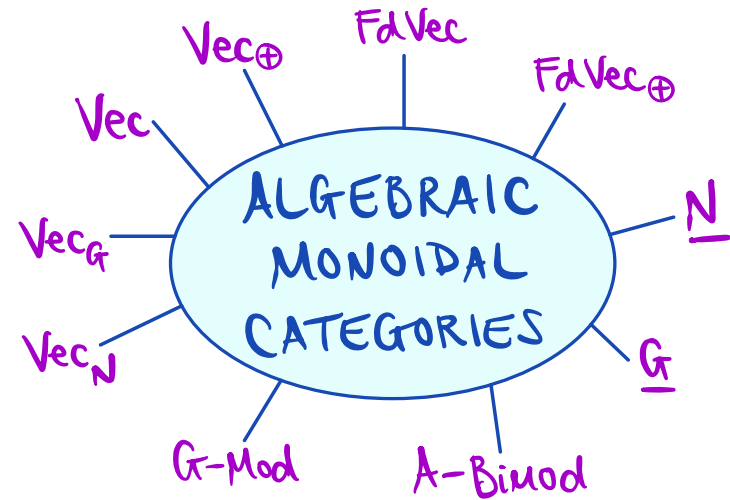
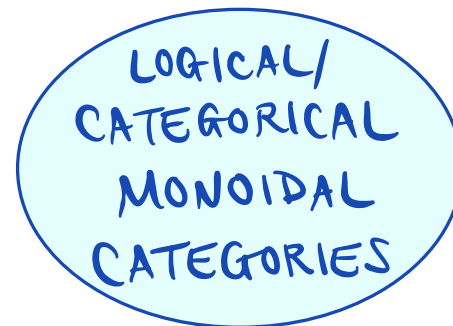
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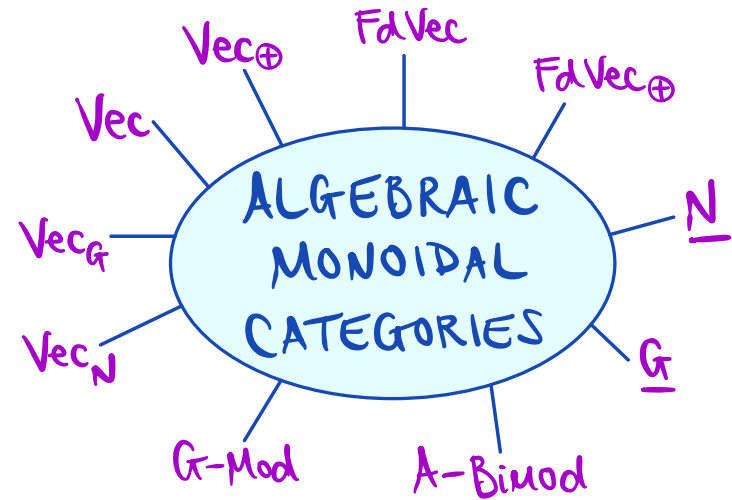
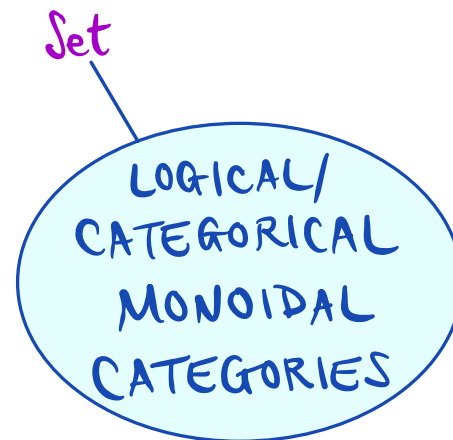
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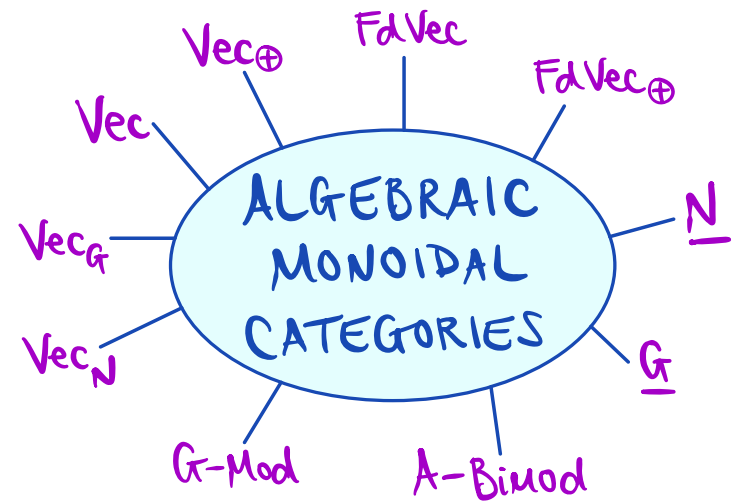
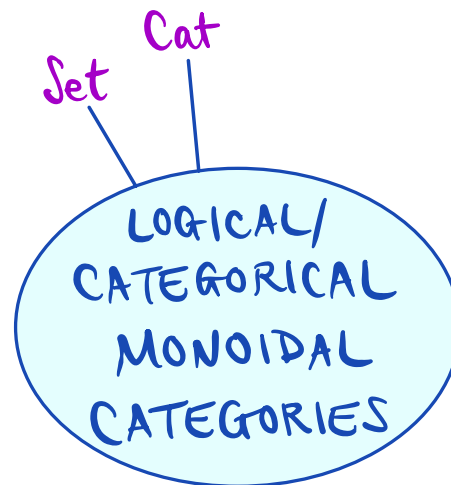
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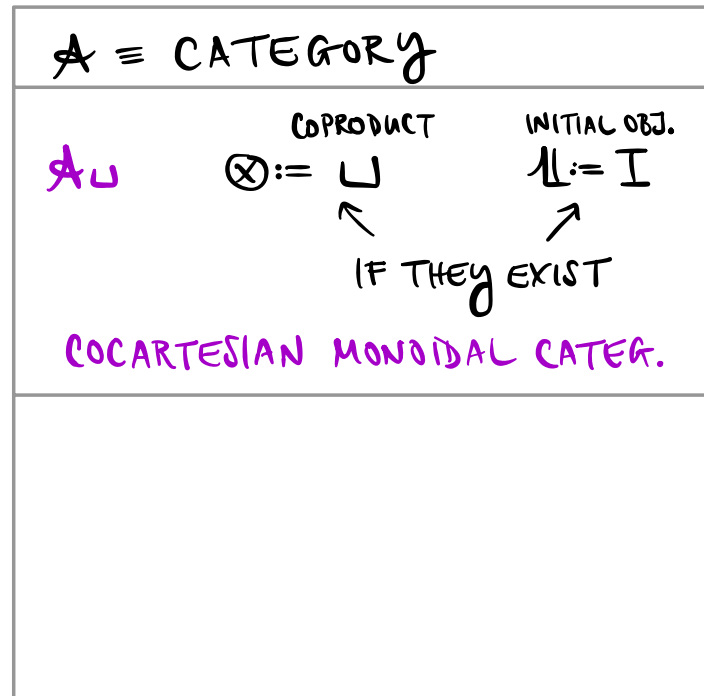
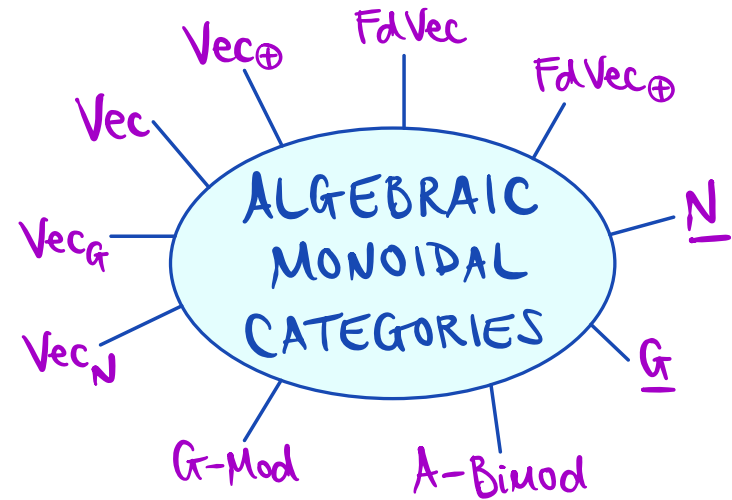
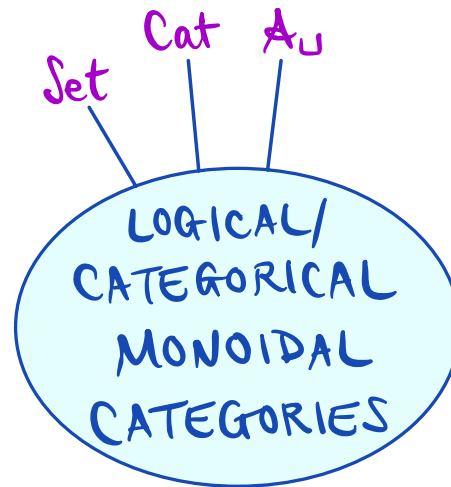
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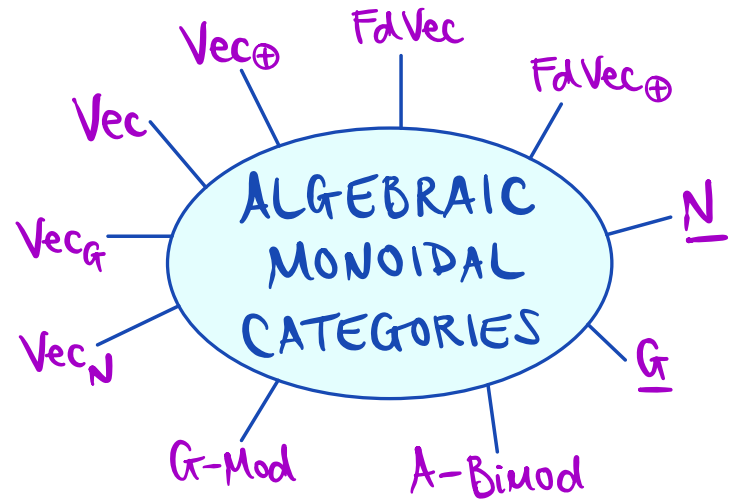
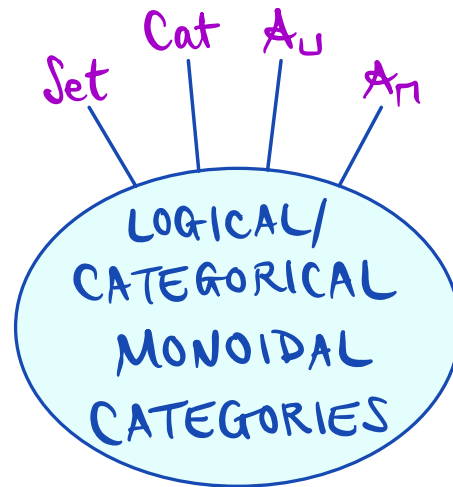
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E.G.  $Vec_\oplus \rightarrow$

$$\otimes = \oplus$$

$$\mathbb{1} = 0_{vs}$$

E.G.  $Set \rightarrow$

$$\otimes = \times$$

$$\mathbb{1} = \{ \cdot \}$$

$\mathcal{A} \equiv \text{CATEGORY } \mathcal{C}$

$\mathcal{A}_U$

COPRODUCT	INITIAL OBJ.
$\otimes := \sqcup$	$\mathbb{1} := I$
↙	↗
IF THEY EXIST	

COCARTESIAN MONOIDAL CATEG.

$\mathcal{A}_n$

PRODUCT	TERMINAL OBJ.
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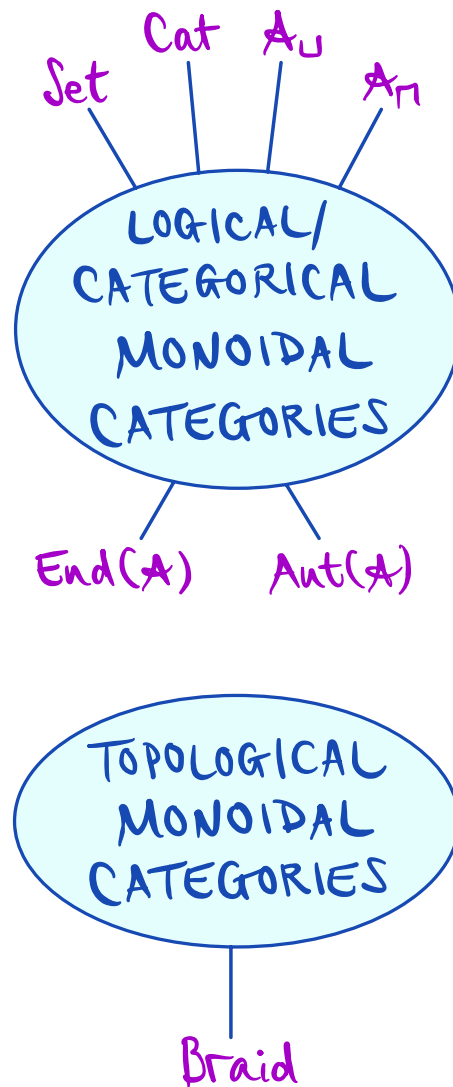
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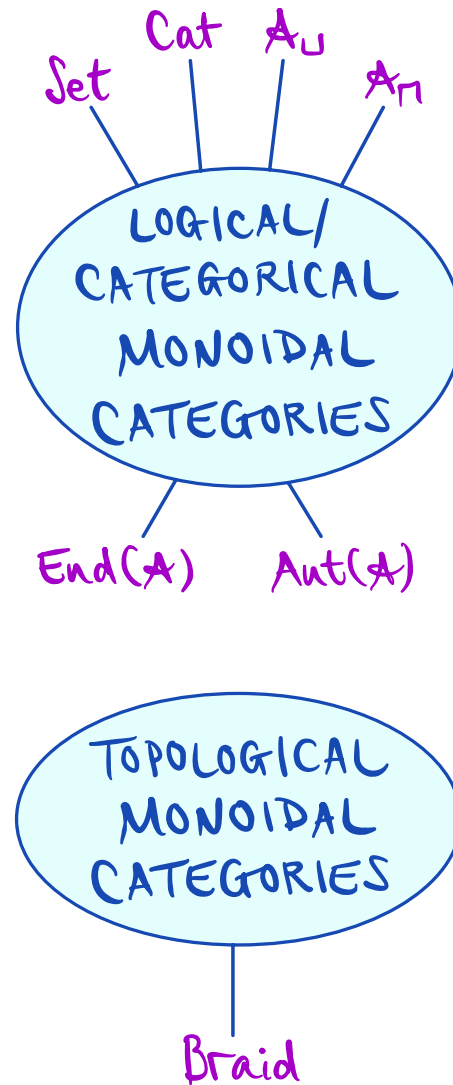
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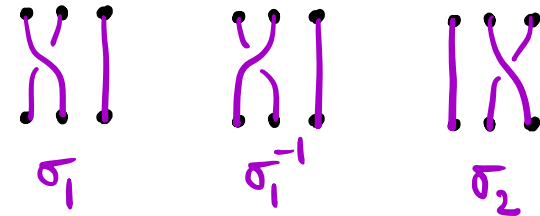
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AS MORPHISMS  $3 \rightarrow 3$

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$\otimes$  OF MORPHISMS

:= PUTTING BRAIDS  
SIDE-BY-SIDE

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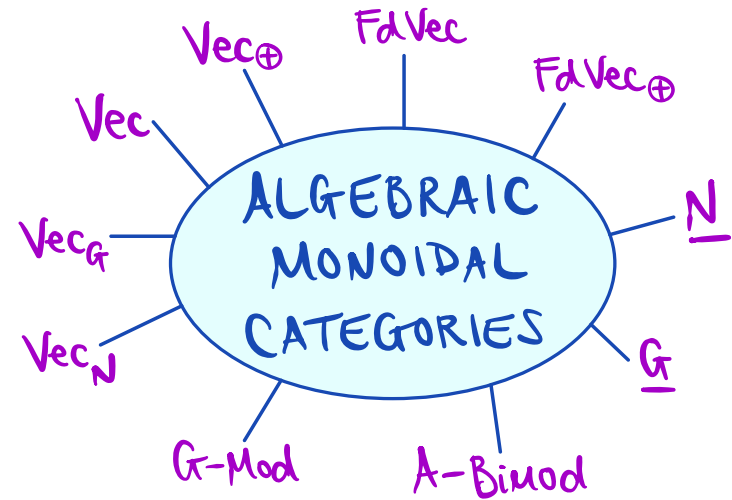
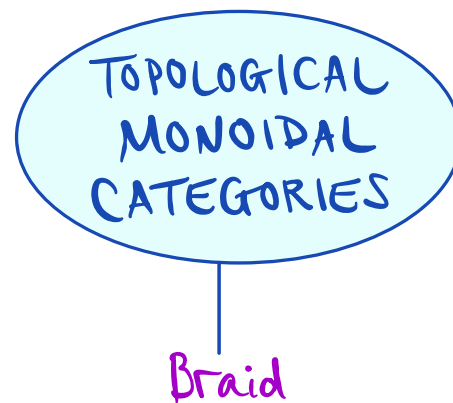
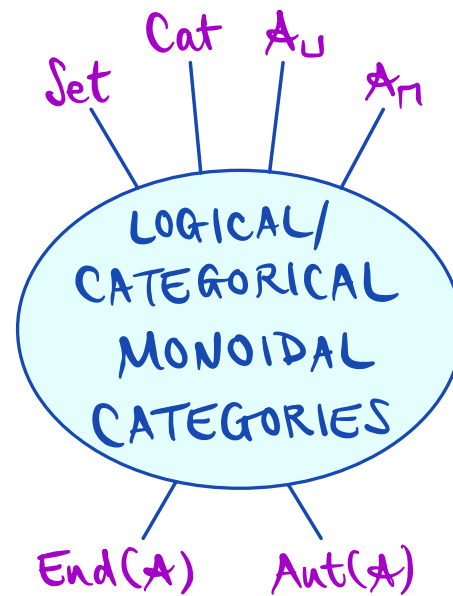
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AND MANY MORE!

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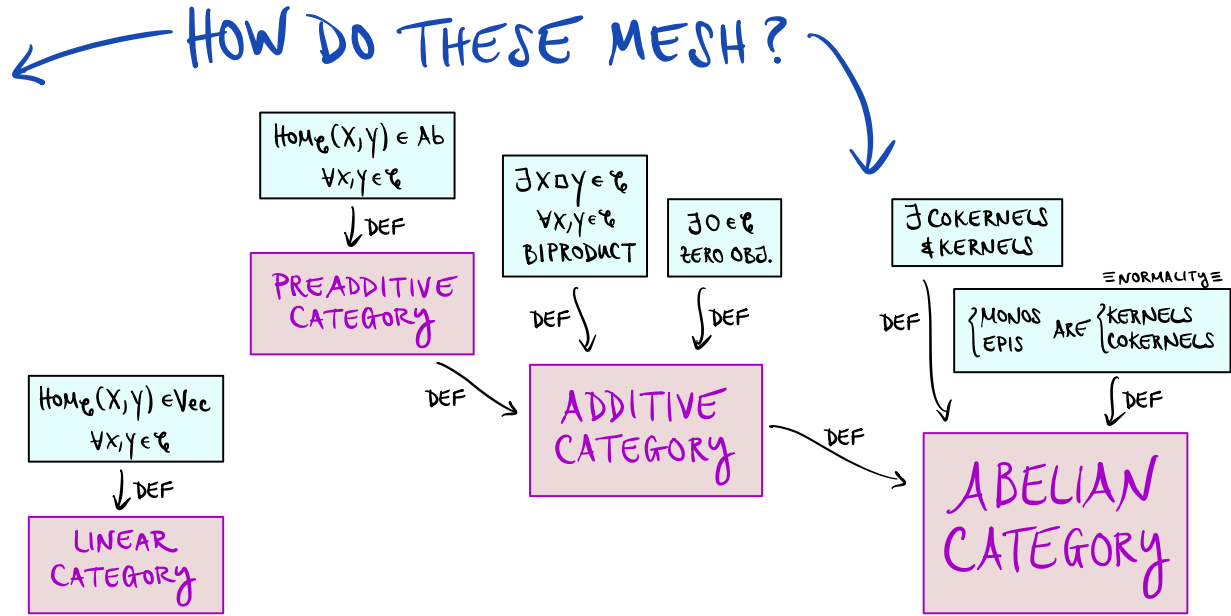
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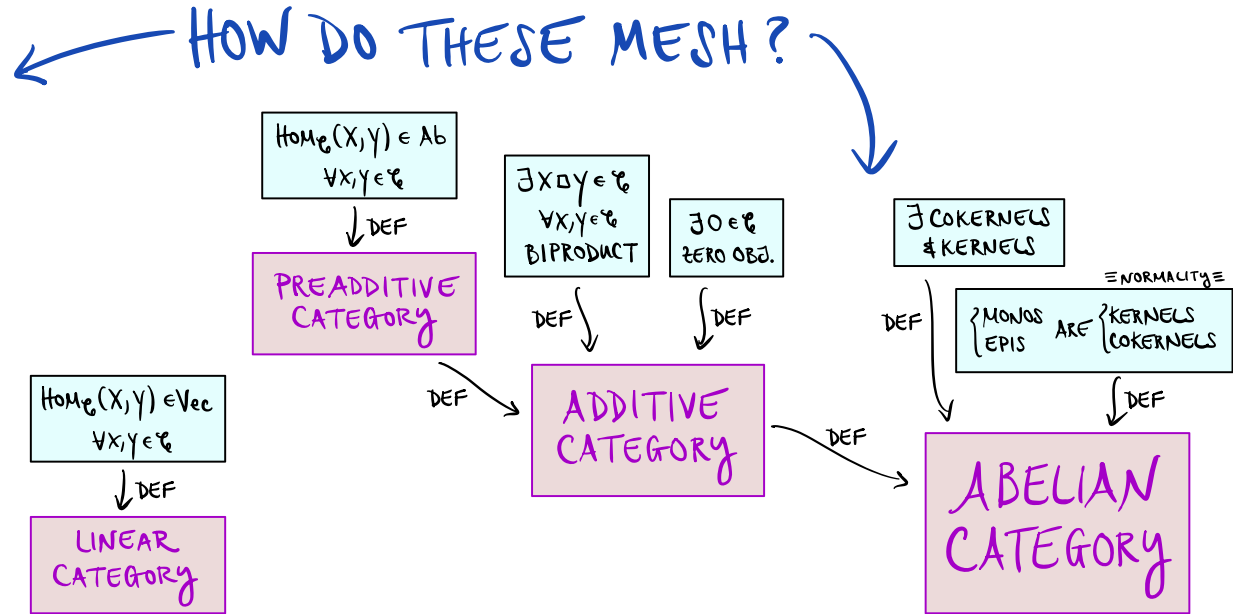
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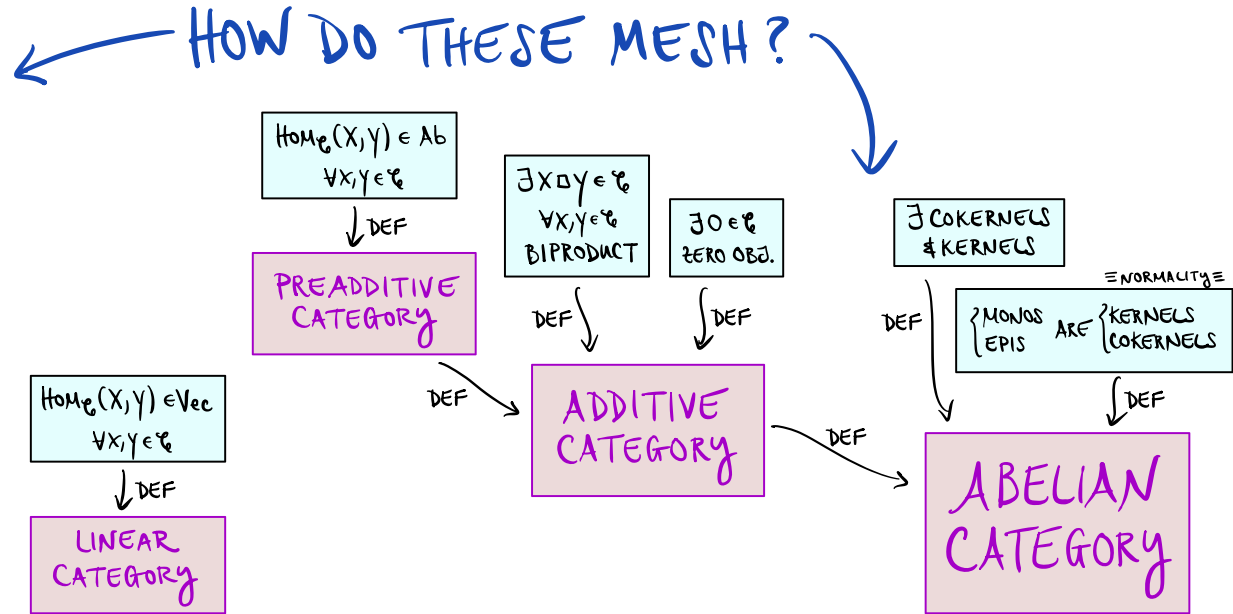
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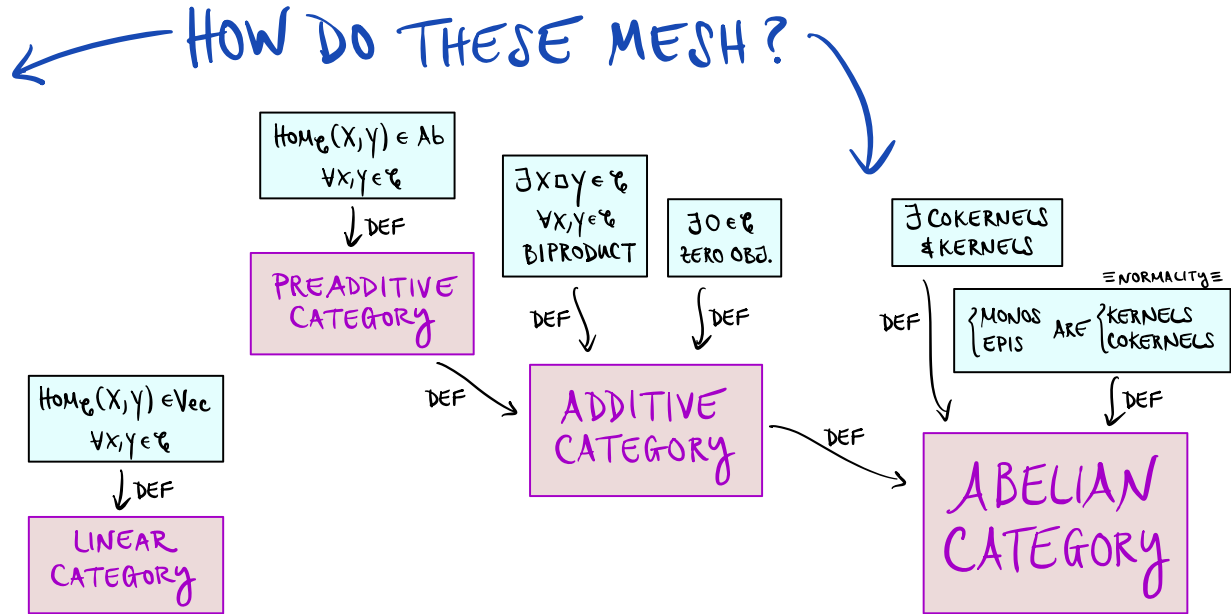
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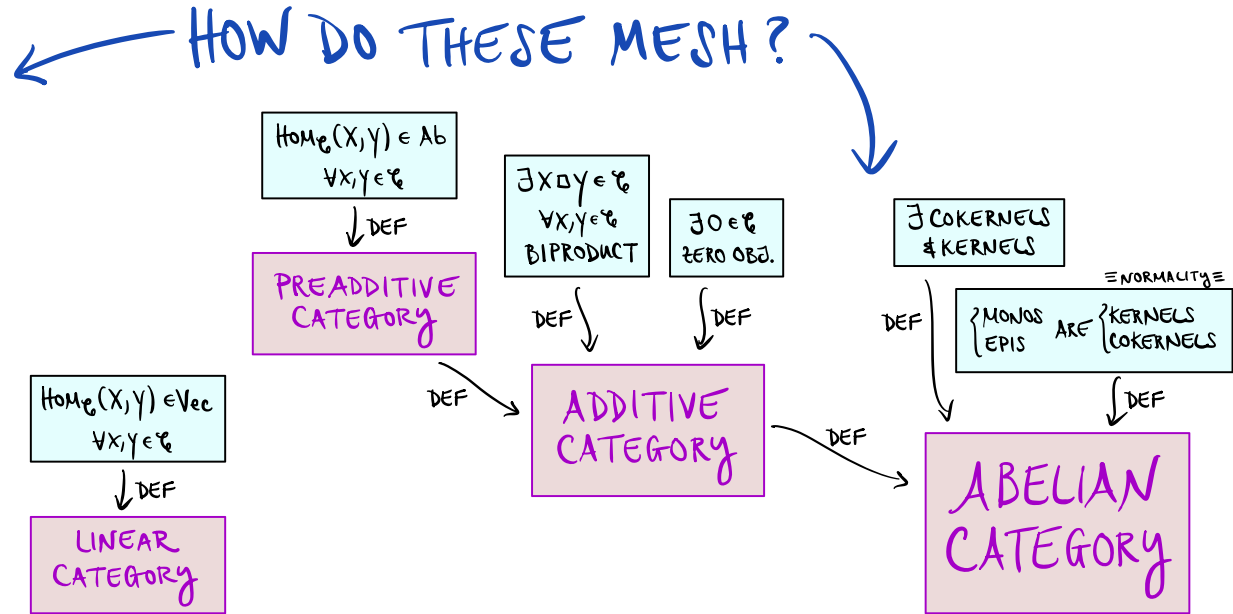
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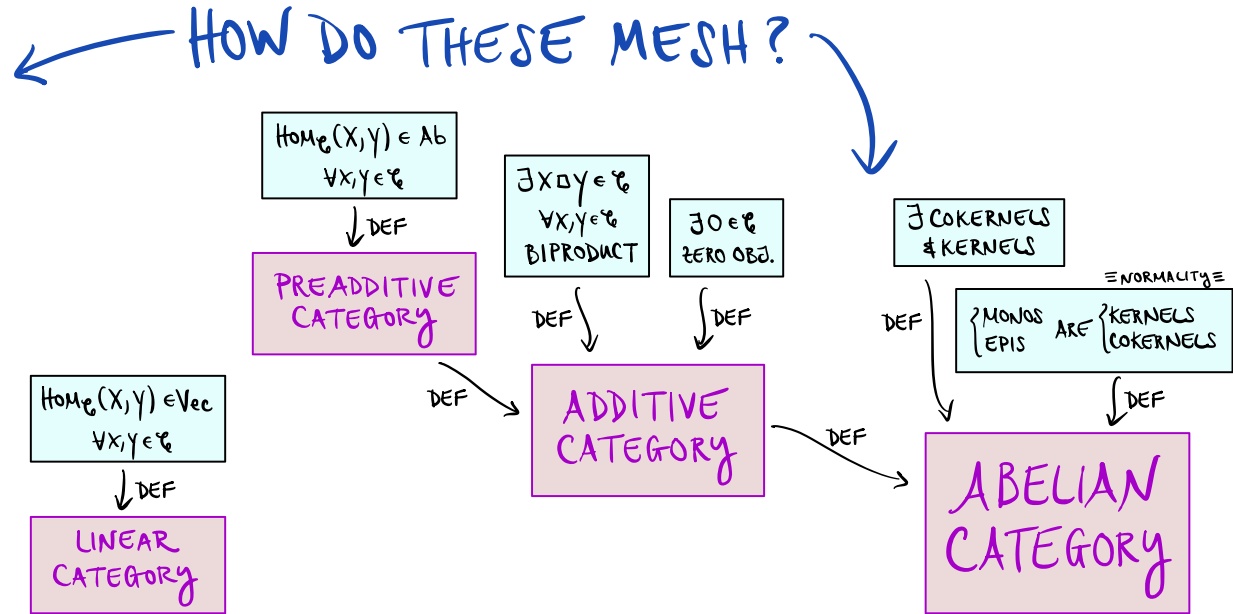
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A MONOIDAL FUNCTOR FROM  $\mathcal{C}$  TO  $\mathcal{D}$  CONSISTS OF:

(a) A FUNCTOR BTW UNDERLYING CATEGORIES

$$F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$$

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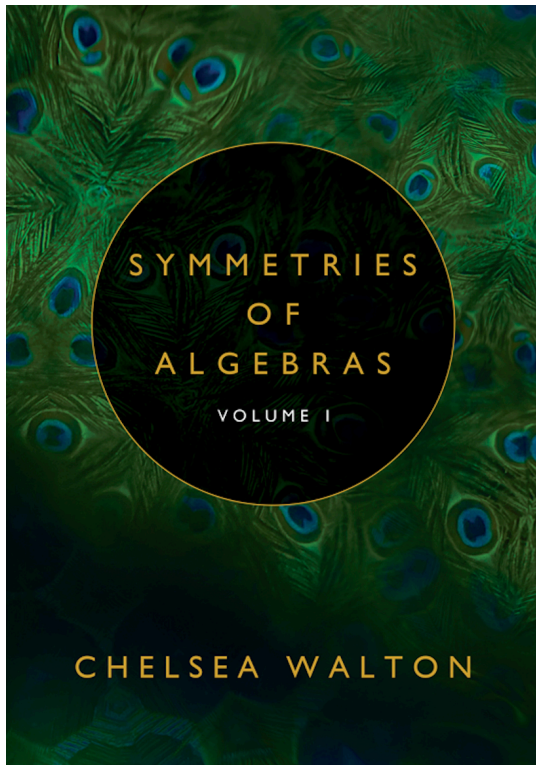
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