

# Sketches in Higher Category Theories and the Homotopy Hypothesis

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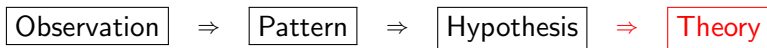
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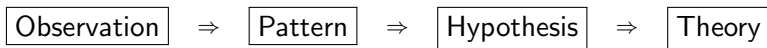
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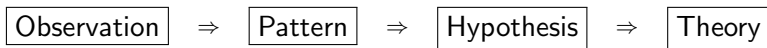
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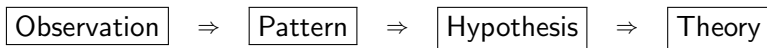
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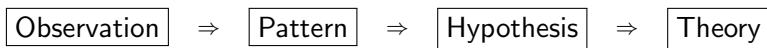


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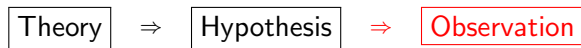


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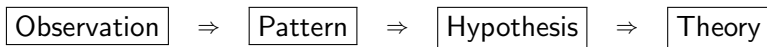


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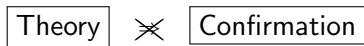
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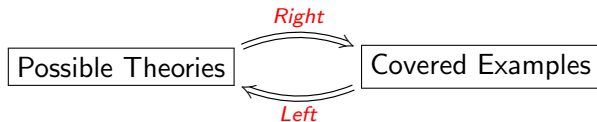
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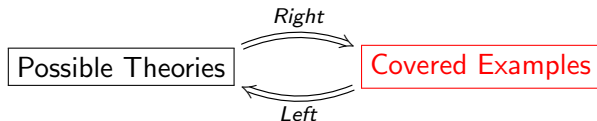
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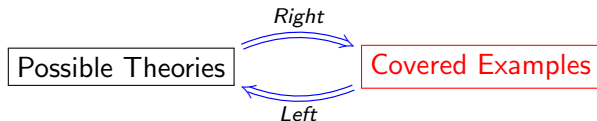
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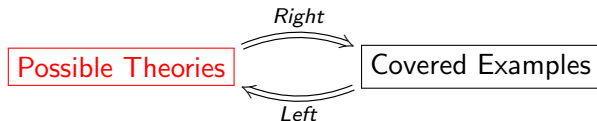
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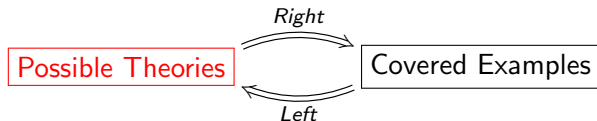


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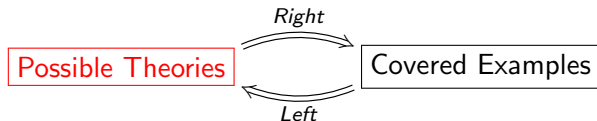


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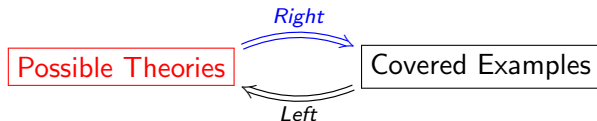
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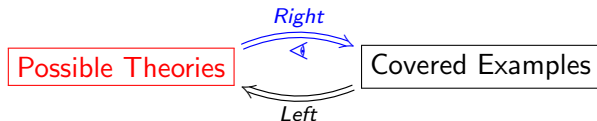
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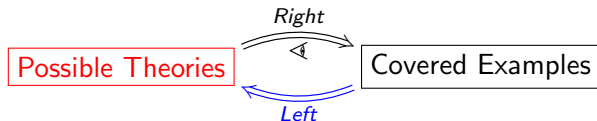
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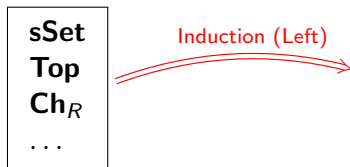
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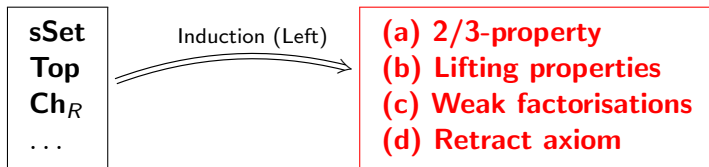
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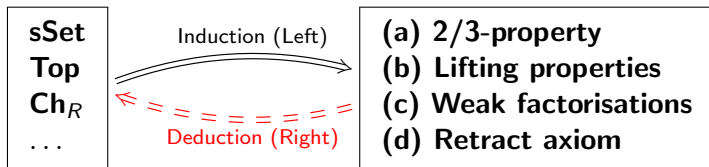
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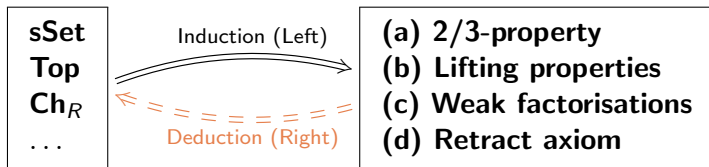
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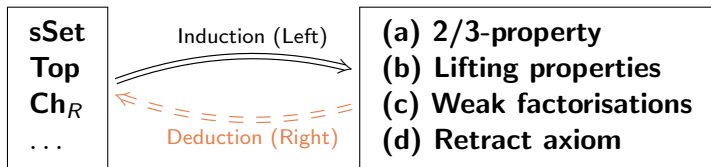


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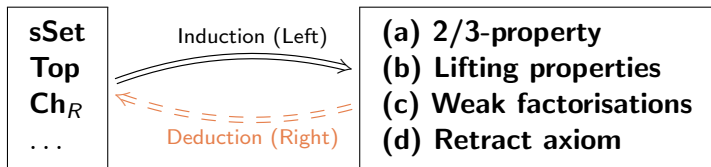


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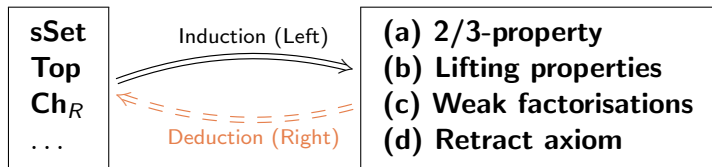
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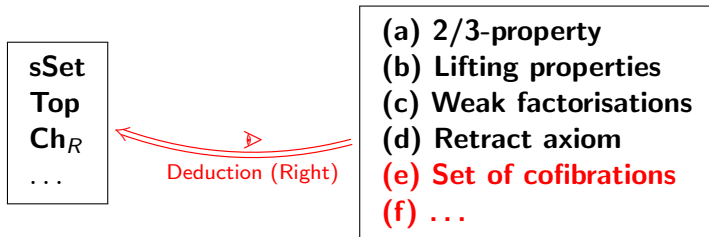
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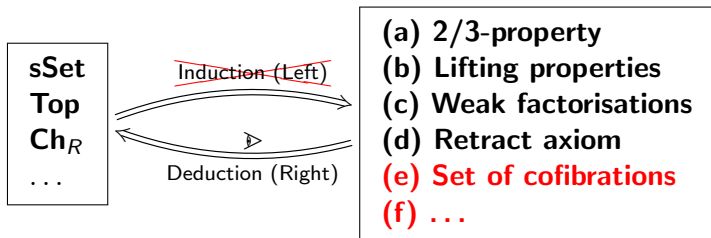
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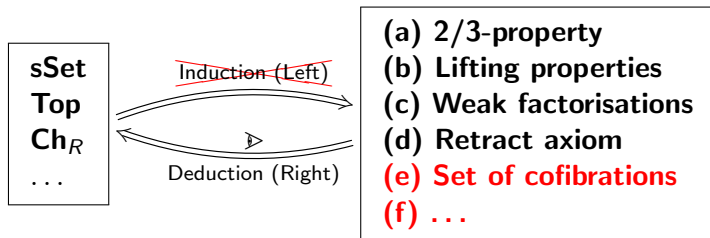
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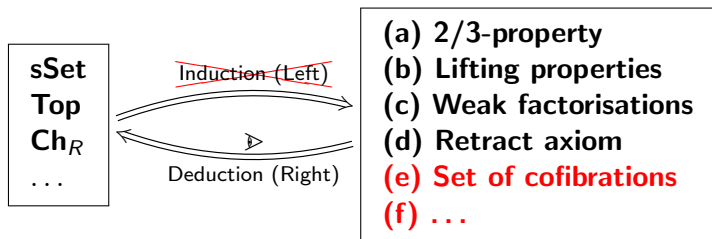
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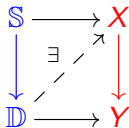
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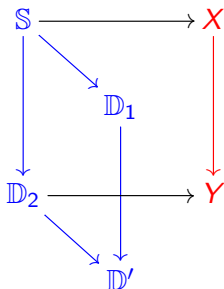
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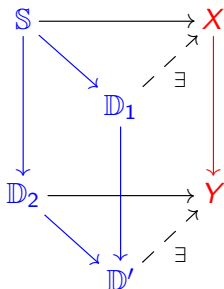




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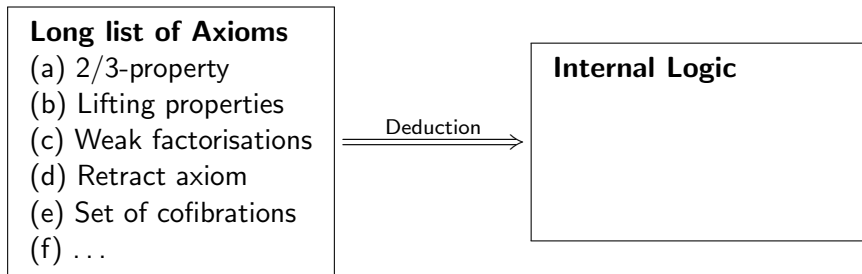
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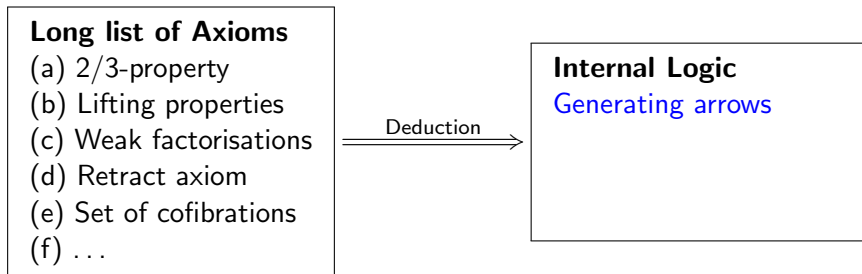
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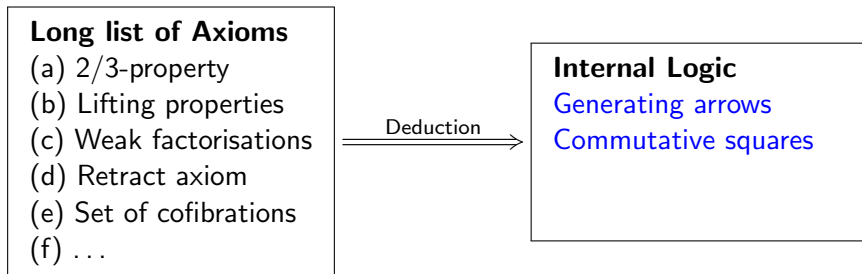
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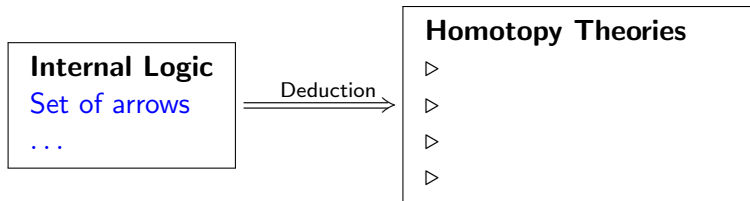
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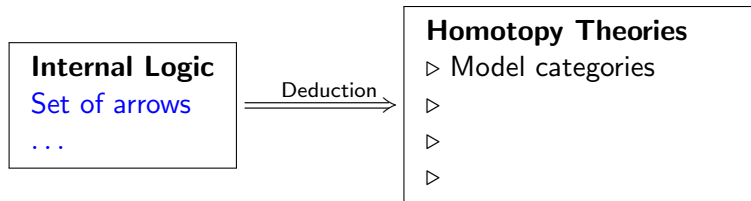
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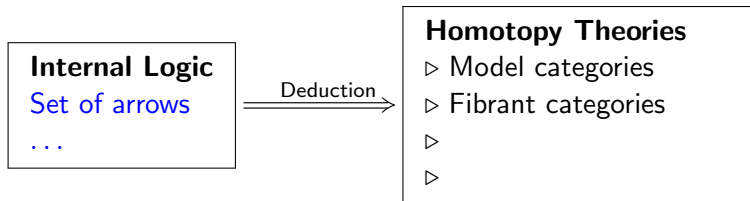
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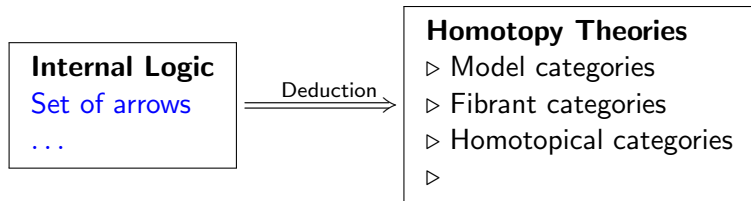
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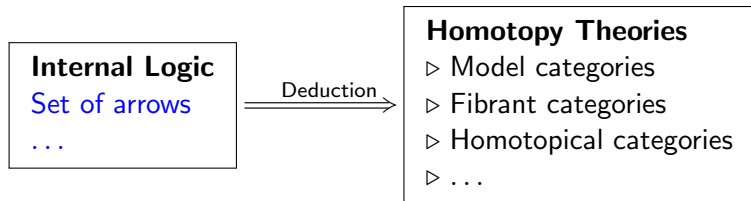




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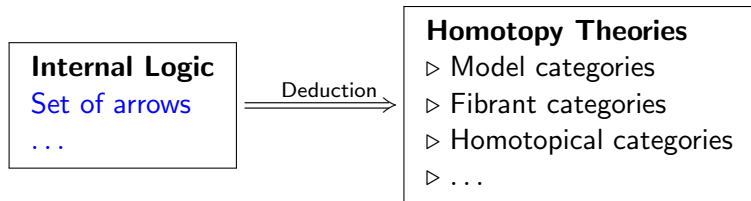
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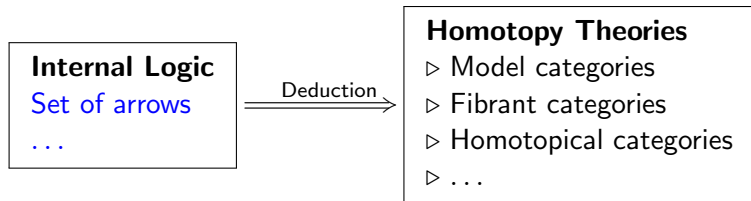


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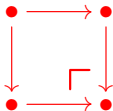
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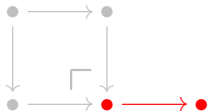




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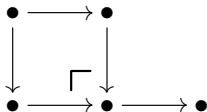
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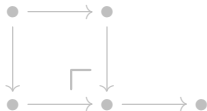
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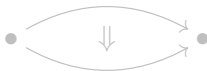
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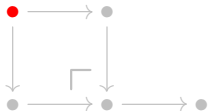
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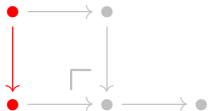
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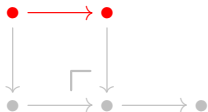
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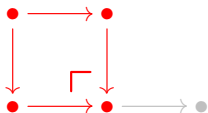
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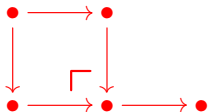
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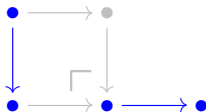
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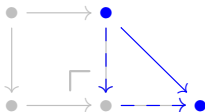
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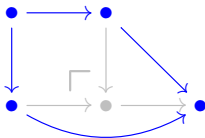
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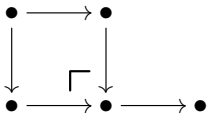
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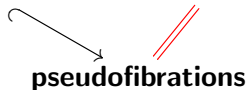


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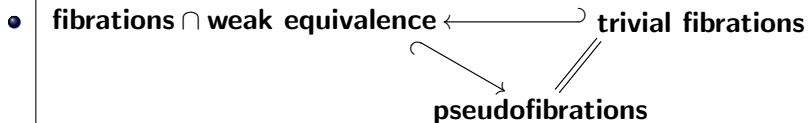
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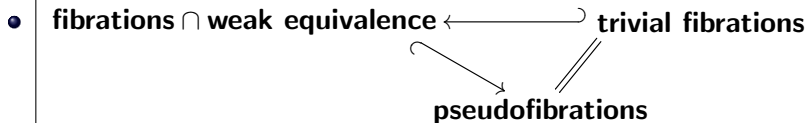
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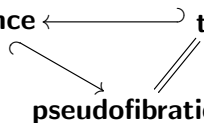
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
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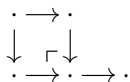
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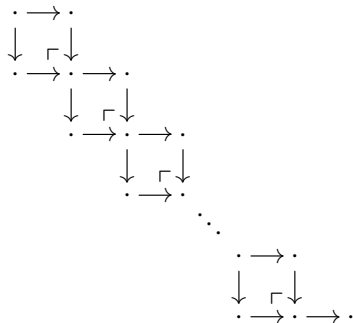
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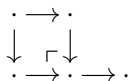
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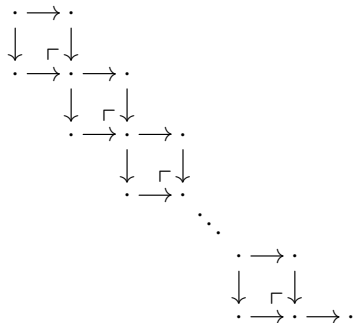
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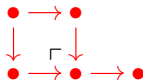


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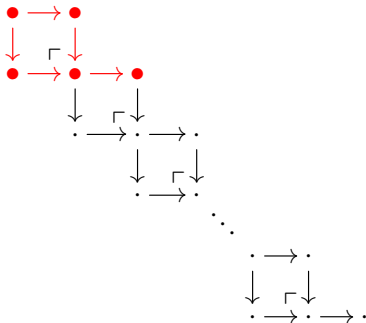
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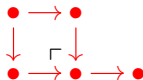
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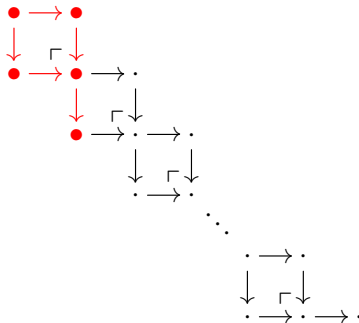
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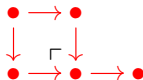
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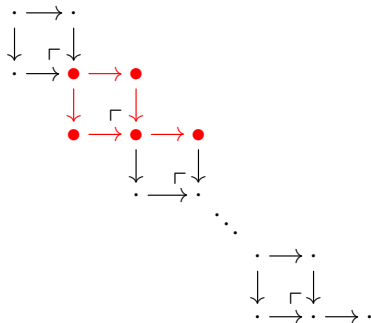
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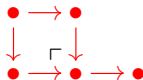
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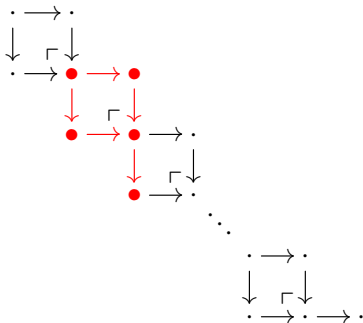
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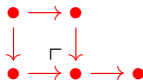
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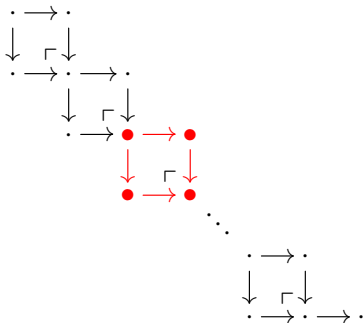
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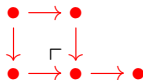
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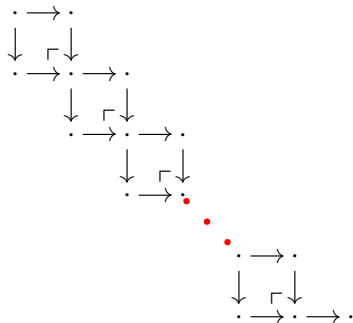
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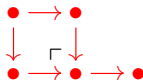
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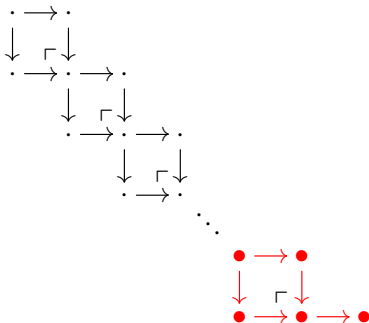
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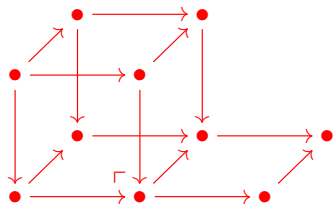
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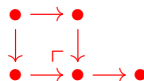
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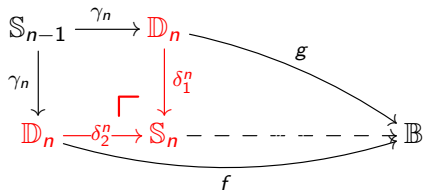
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$$\mathbf{Top} \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{F} \\ \perp \\ \xrightarrow{U} \end{array} \infty\text{-}\mathbf{Grp}$$

For every  $X$  such that there exists some  $Y$  for which  $\infty\text{-}\mathbf{Grp}(X, U(Y)) \neq \emptyset$ , the unit  $X \Rightarrow FU(X)$  is a component-wise weak equivalence.

THANK YOU!

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