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# The cuboid lemma and Mal'tsev categories

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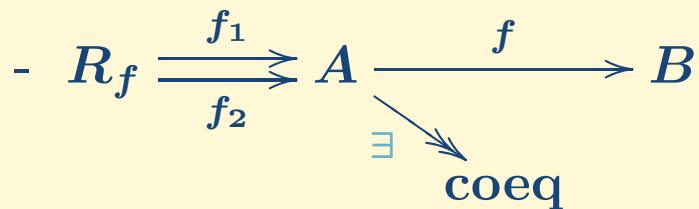
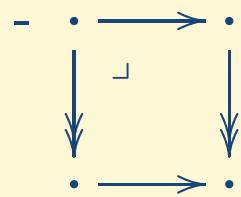
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$$- R_f \xrightarrow[\substack{f_2 \\ f_1}]{} A \xrightarrow{f} B$$

$\exists \searrow$   
**coeq**

- $\mathcal{C}$  regular  $\Rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\forall f} B$

$$A \xrightarrow{\forall f} B$$

$p \searrow \quad \nearrow m$   
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- map

$$A \xrightarrow{f} B$$

$\rightsquigarrow$

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• exact fork  $R_f \xrightarrow[f_1]{\quad} A \xrightarrow{f} B$

•  $R_f \xrightarrow[f_1]{\quad} A \xrightarrow{f} B$

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graph TD; A -- f --> B; A -- f1 --> P; A -- f2 --> P; P -- p --> A; P -- m --> B;
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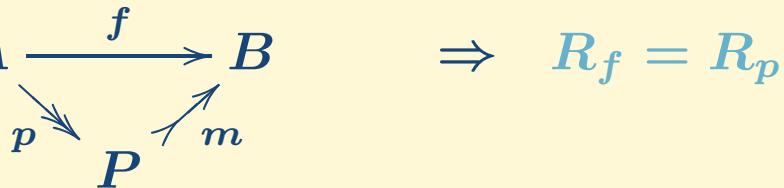
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$$\text{exact fork } R_f \rightrightarrows_{f_1, f_2} A \xrightarrow{f} B$$

$$R_f \rightrightarrows_{f_1, f_2} A \xrightarrow{f} B \quad \Rightarrow \quad R_f = R_p$$



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    - ( $RS = SR$  for equivalence relations)

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# Regular pushouts

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$$g \cdot t = 1, \quad f \cdot s = 1, \quad c \cdot t = s \cdot d$$

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$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 W \times_D C & \xrightarrow{\quad v \quad} & Y \times_B A & & \\
 k \uparrow j \quad \downarrow \gamma & \nearrow c & h \uparrow \downarrow i & \nearrow \alpha & \\
 W & \dashrightarrow D & Y & \dashrightarrow A & \\
 g \downarrow t \quad \uparrow w & \dashrightarrow & \dashrightarrow & f \downarrow s & \\
 D & \xrightarrow{\quad d \quad} & B & &
 \end{array}$$

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 W & \dashrightarrow & Y & \dashrightarrow & A \\
 \downarrow g \qquad \downarrow t & \dashrightarrow & \downarrow \psi & \dashrightarrow & \downarrow f \\
 D & \xrightarrow{\quad d \quad} & B & &
 \end{array}$$

Diagram illustrating the stability property in a regular Mal'tsev category. The top row shows  $W \times_D C \rightarrow Y \times_B A$  with a regular epi  $v$ . The bottom row shows  $D \rightarrow B$ . Vertical arrows  $k$ ,  $j$ ,  $g$ , and  $t$  connect  $W$  to  $C$  and  $D$  respectively. Vertical arrows  $h$ ,  $i$ ,  $\psi$ , and  $f$  connect  $Y$  to  $A$  and  $B$  respectively. Horizontal dashed arrows  $\dashrightarrow$  indicate commutativity of the squares. Solid arrows  $c$ ,  $w$ , and  $d$  are regular epis. The map  $\alpha$  is also a regular epi.

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 \uparrow g \quad \uparrow t & \searrow f' & \uparrow f' \quad \uparrow d' & \searrow d' & \\
 C & \xrightarrow{\quad c \quad} & A & & \\
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(3-permutable:  $RSR = SRS$ )

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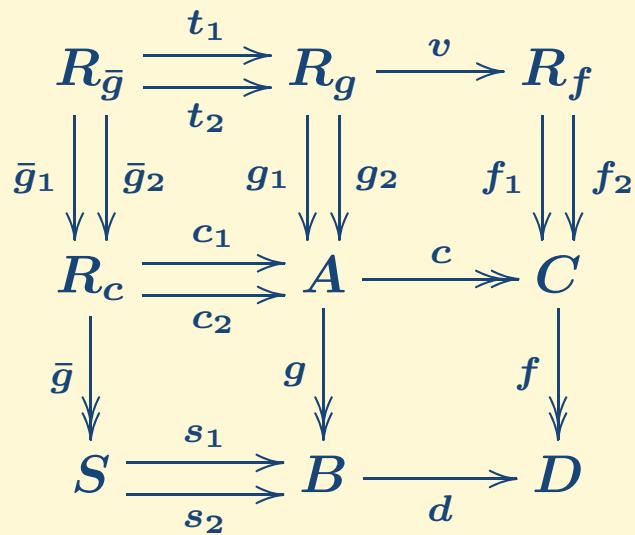
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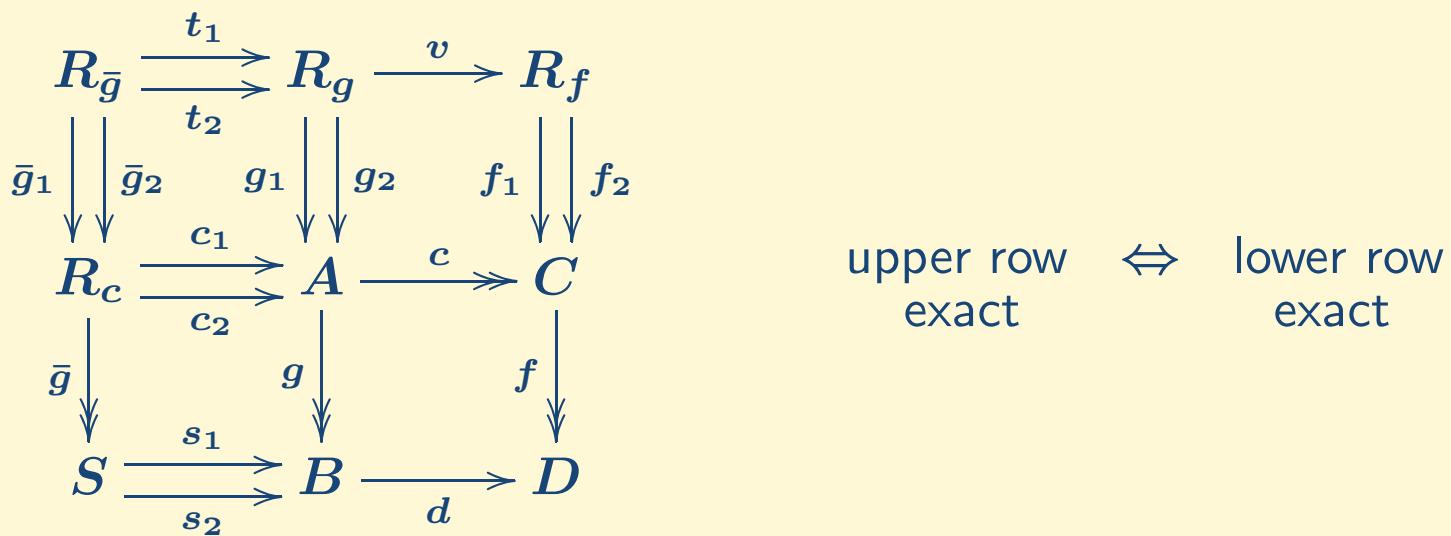
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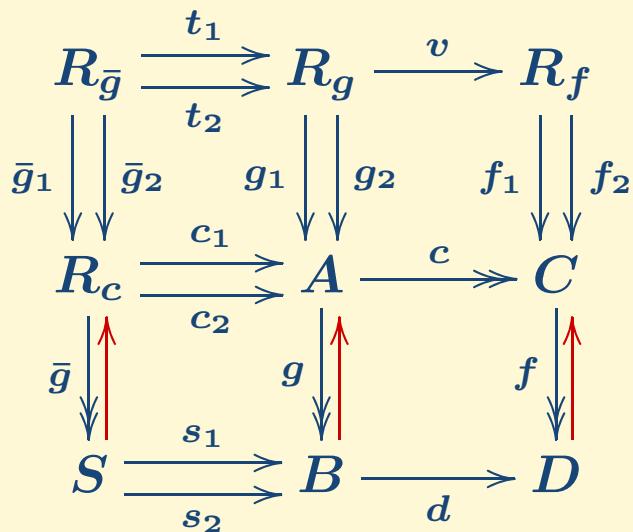
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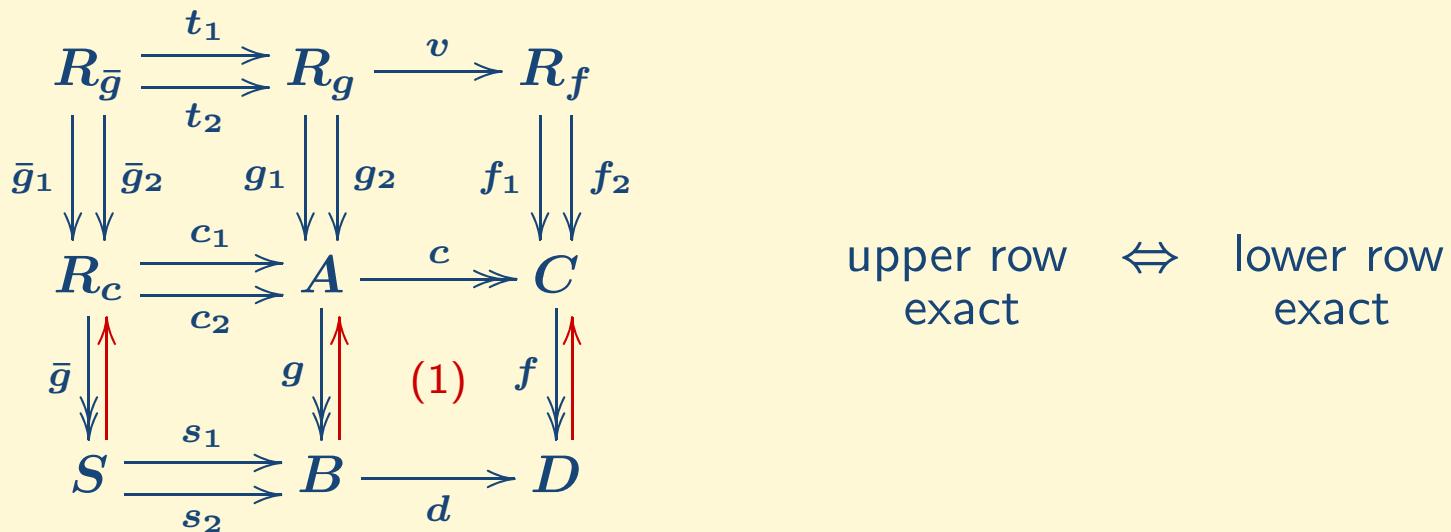
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$$\begin{array}{ccc} R_g & \xrightarrow{\textcolor{red}{v}} & R_f \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ C & \xrightarrow{c} & A \\ g \uparrow t & (1) & f \uparrow s \\ D & \xrightarrow{d} & B \end{array}$$

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- Mal'tsev vs Goursat

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 W \times_D C & \xrightarrow{\textcolor{red}{v}} & Y \times_B A & & \\
 \uparrow k \quad \downarrow j & \swarrow \gamma & \uparrow h \quad \downarrow i & \searrow \alpha & \\
 C & \xrightarrow{c} & A & & \\
 \uparrow w \quad \downarrow t & \uparrow \psi \quad \downarrow \psi & \uparrow f \quad \downarrow s & & \\
 W & \dashrightarrow & Y & \dashrightarrow & B \\
 \downarrow g \quad \downarrow \delta & & \downarrow \beta & & \\
 D & \xrightarrow{d} & & & 
 \end{array}$$

split pbs

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 R_g & \xrightarrow{\textcolor{red}{v}} & R_f & & \\
 \uparrow g_1 \quad \downarrow g_2 & & \uparrow f_1 \quad \downarrow f_2 & & \\
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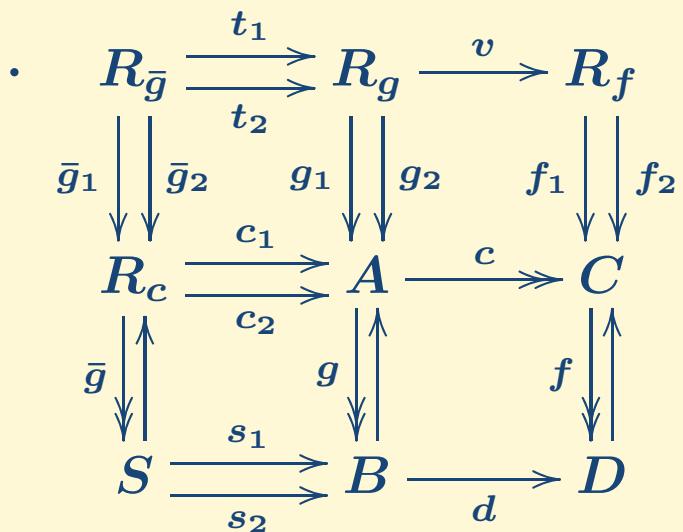
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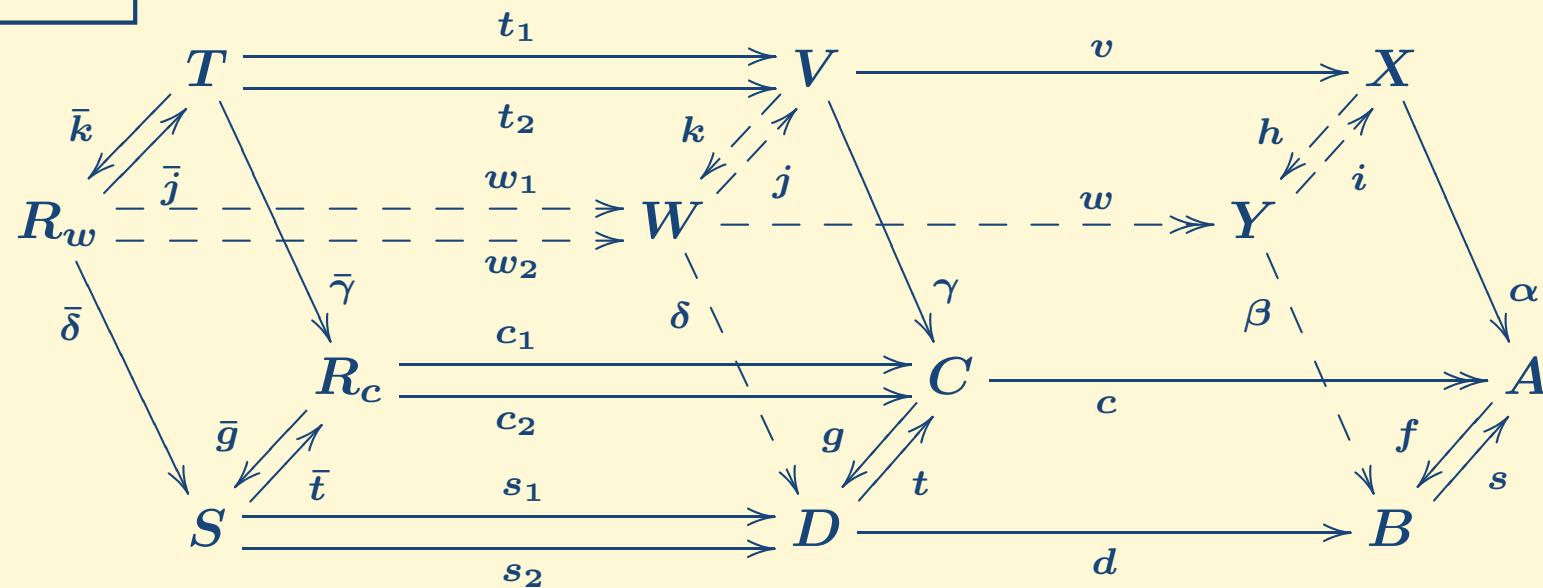
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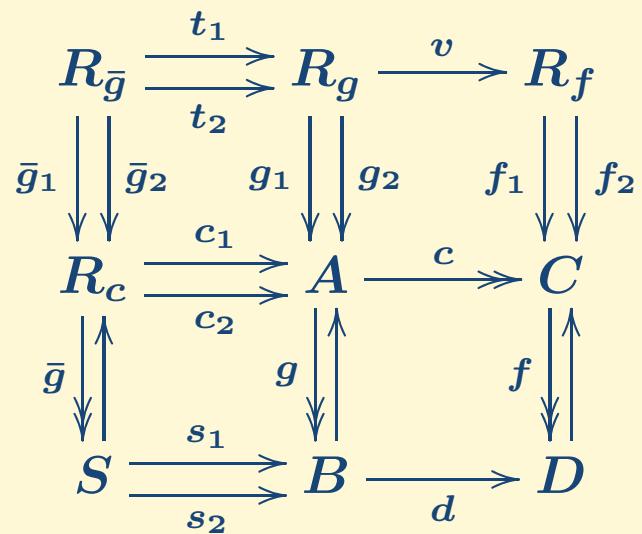
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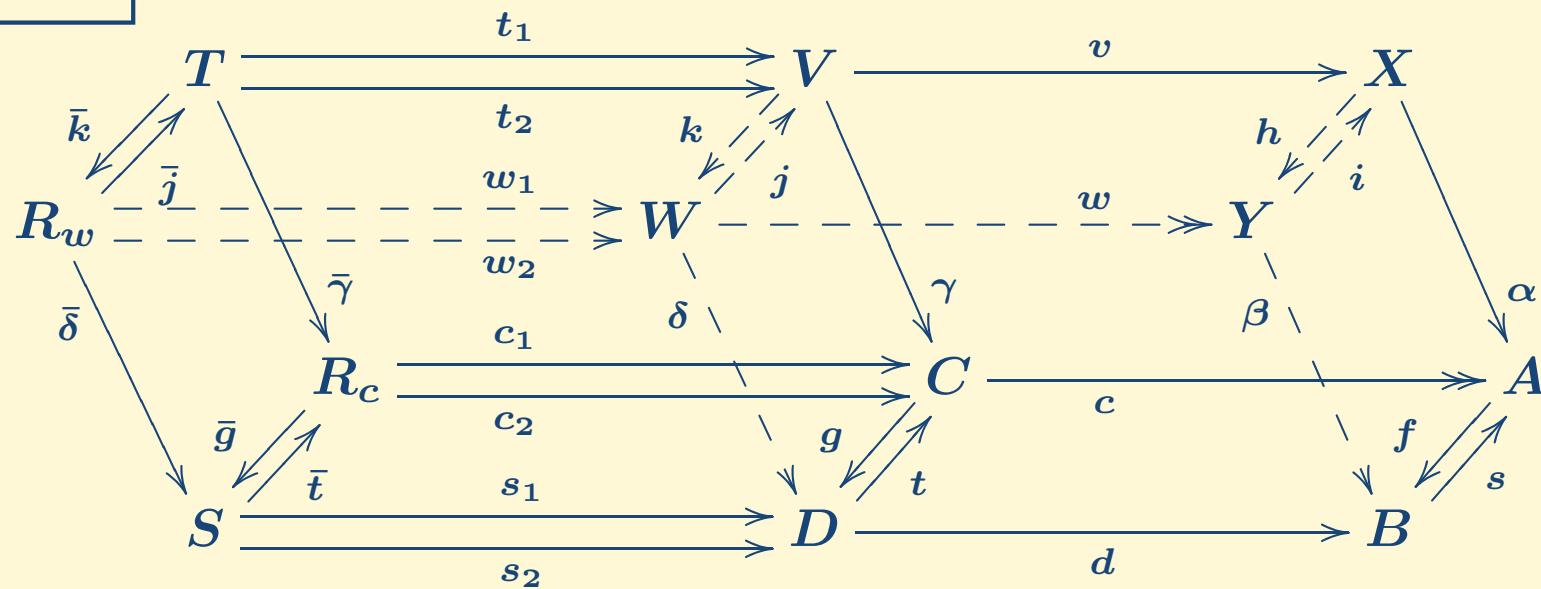
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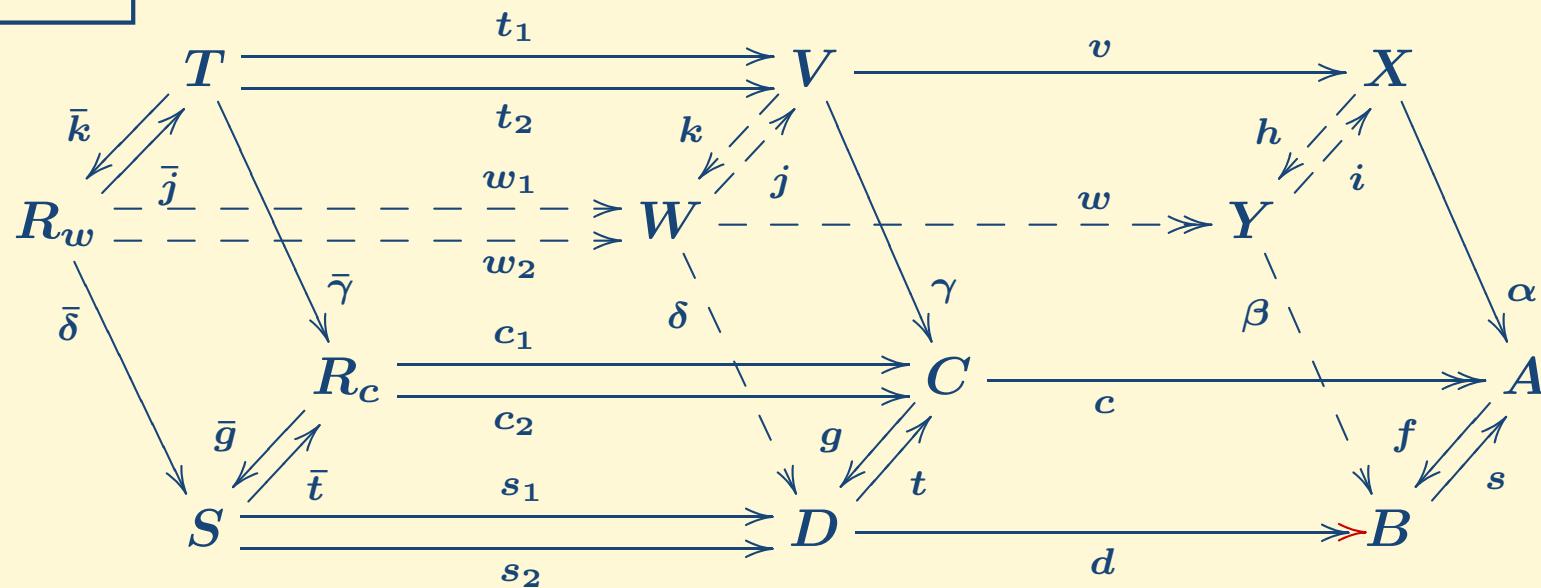
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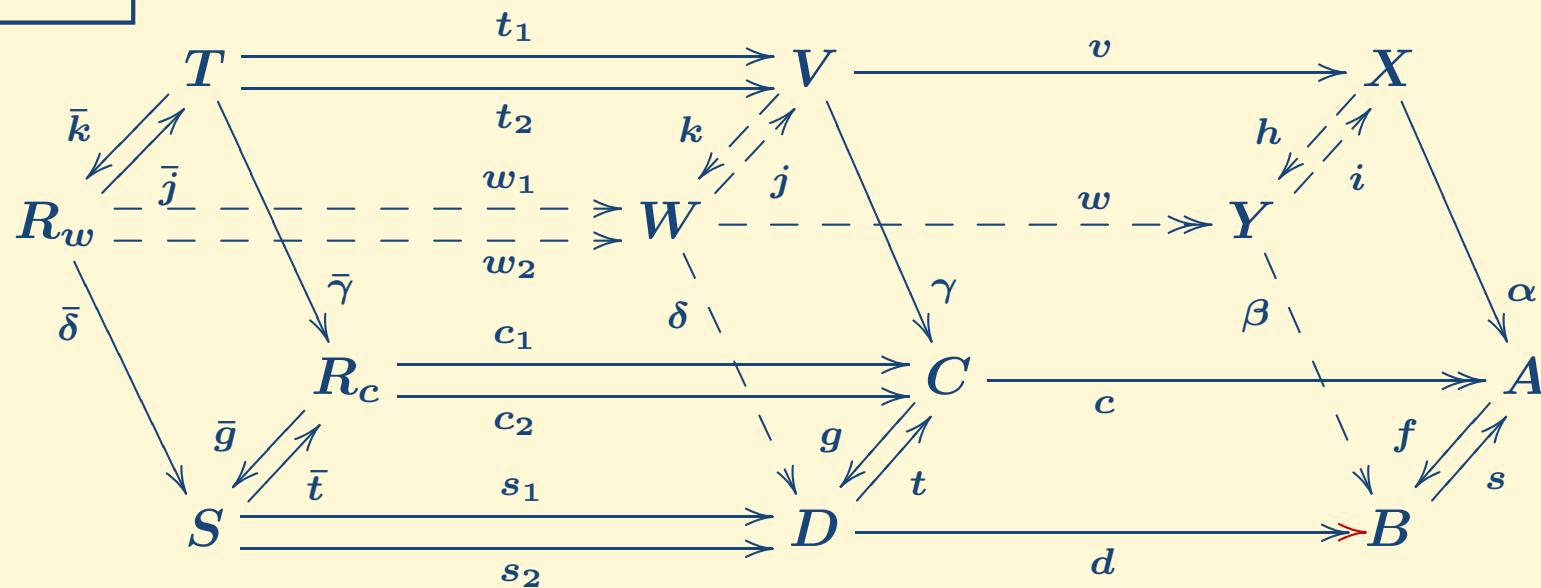
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- lower row exact  $\Rightarrow$  upper row exact:  $v$  is a regular epi

upper row exact  $\Rightarrow$  lower row exact:  $S = R_d$

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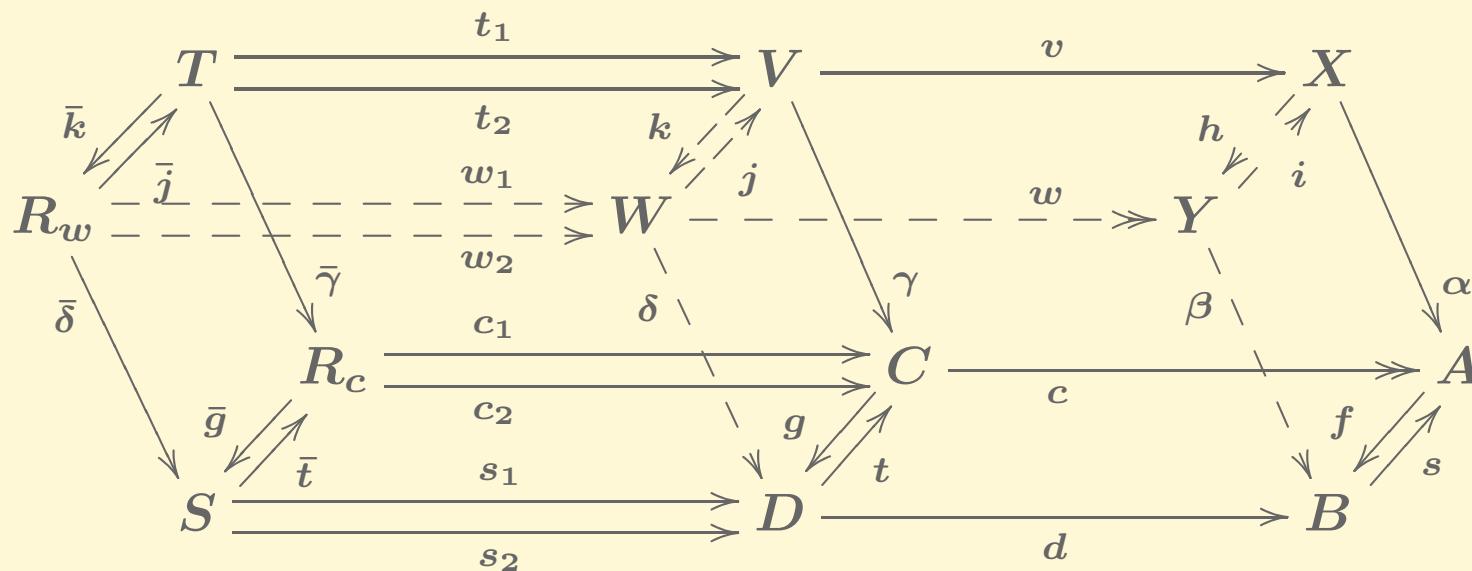
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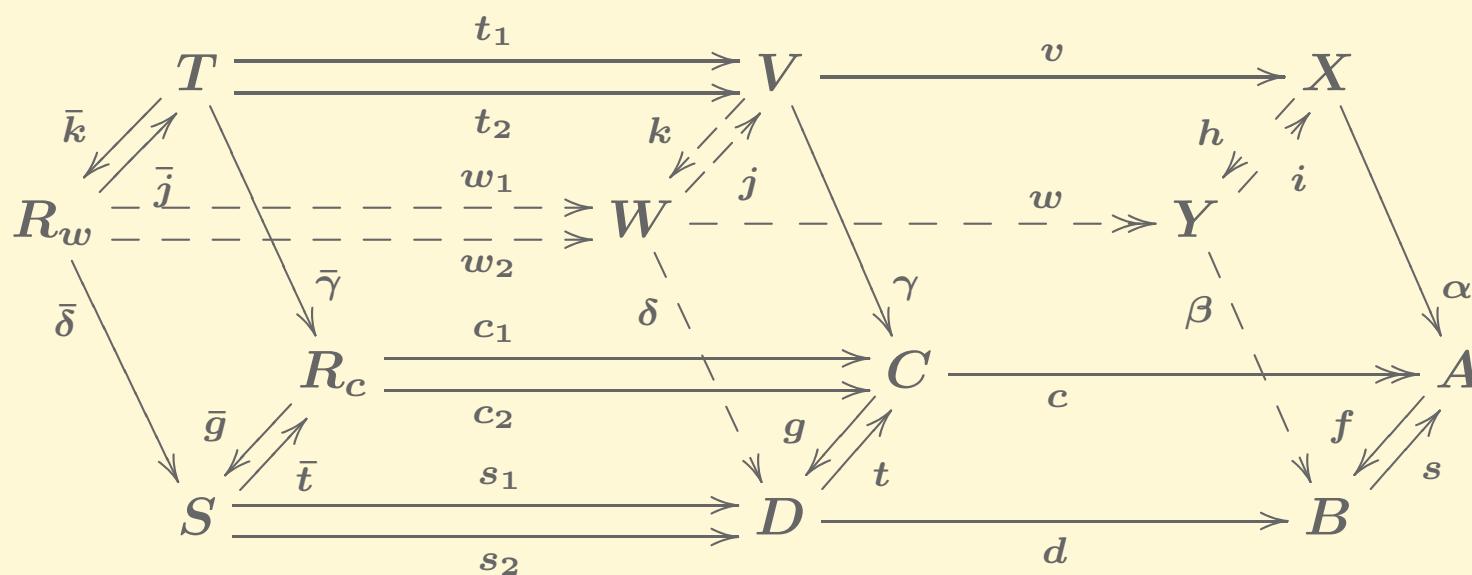
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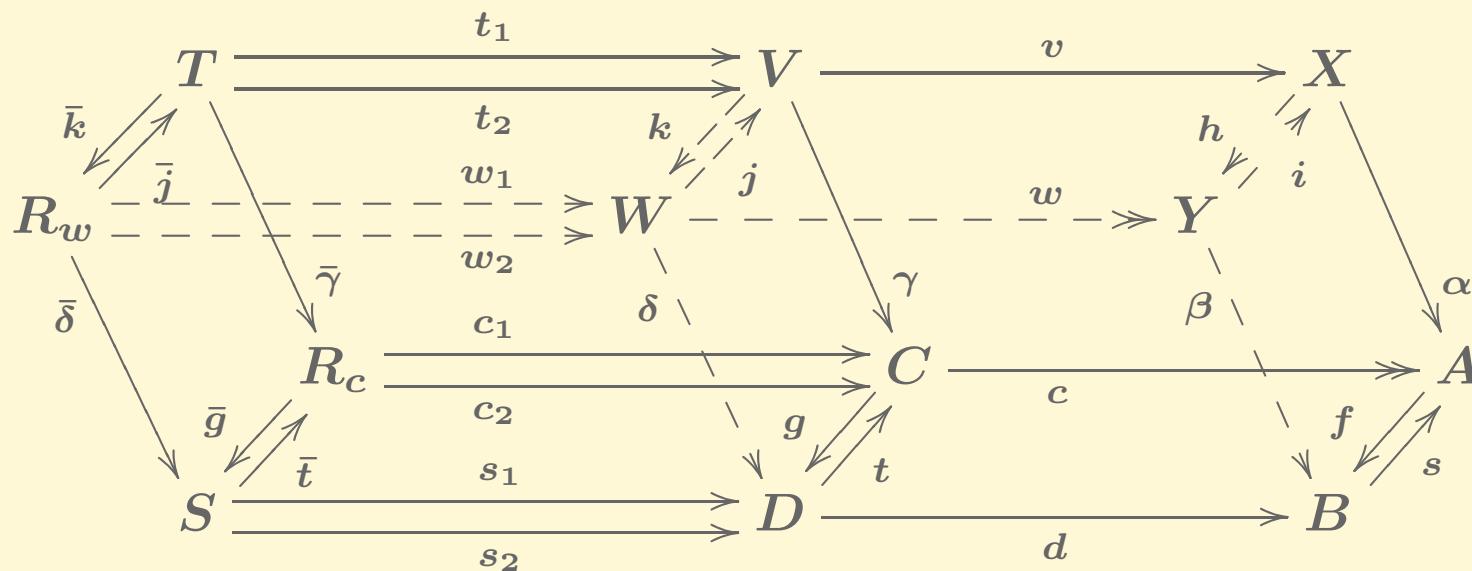
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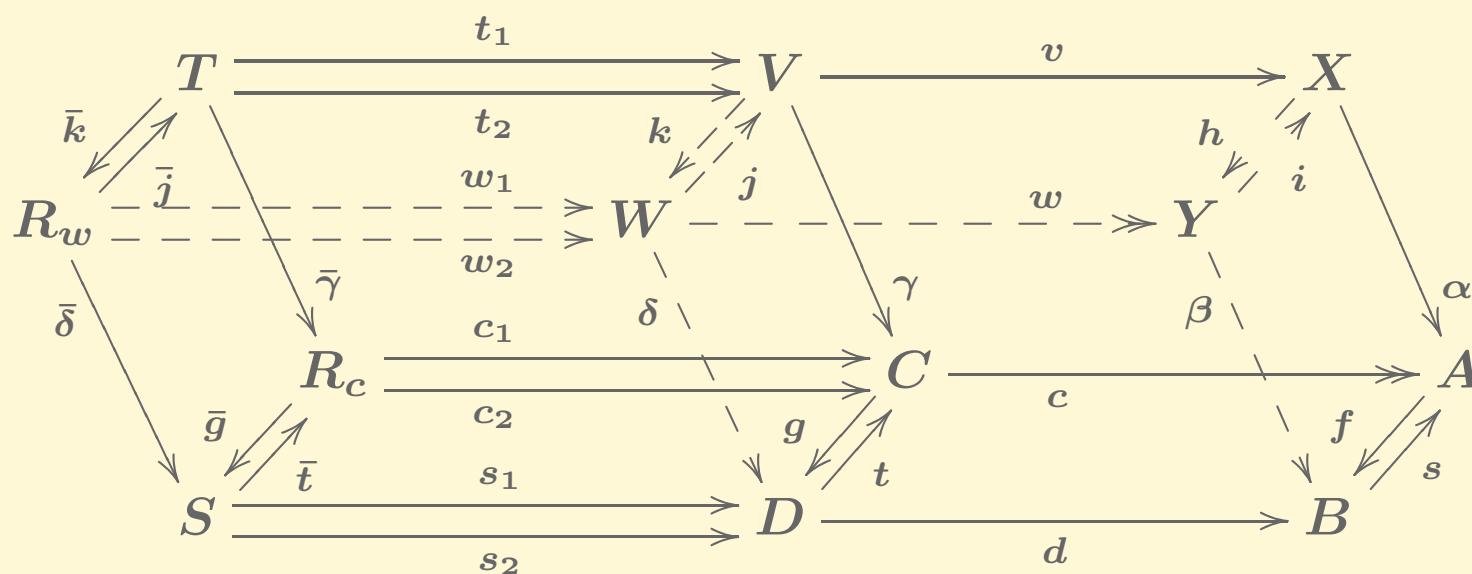
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