

$C^*$ -algebras, right correspondences, and  
Q-systems II:  
 $C^*$ Alg is Q-system complete

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# Q-systems in a $C^*$ -2-category $C$

A **Q-system** in  $C$  is a 1-morphism  $Q \in C(b \rightarrow b)$  with multiplication  $m = \text{[diagram]}$  and unit  $i = \text{[diagram]}$  satisfying:

(Q1) Associativity:  $\text{[diagram 1]} = \text{[diagram 2]},$

(Q2) Unitality:  $\text{[diagram 1]} = \text{[diagram 2]} = \text{[diagram 3]},$

(Q3) Frobenius:  $\text{[diagram 1]} = \text{[diagram 2]} = \text{[diagram 3]},$

(Q4) Separable:  $\text{[diagram 1]} = \text{[diagram 2]}.$



# Bimodules over Q-systems

A bimodule  $X \in C(a \rightarrow b)$  over Q-systems  $P \in C(a \rightarrow a)$  and  $Q \in C(b \rightarrow b)$  consists of left and right actions

$$\lambda = \text{[diagram]} \quad \text{and} \quad \rho = \text{[diagram]}, \text{ satisfying}$$

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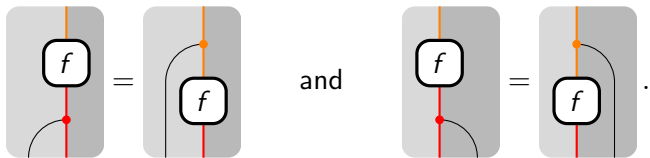
♣ (B3) and (B4) automatically follow from (B1) and (B2). [BKLR15]

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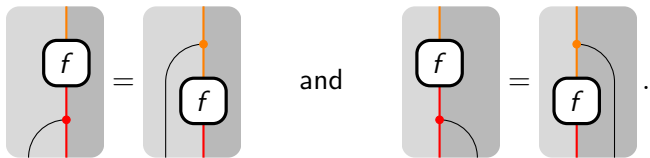
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# Composition of 1-morphisms

To compose the  $P - Q$  bimodule  ${}_A X_B$  and the  $Q - R$  bimodule  ${}_B Y_C$ , we unitarily split the separability projector

$$p_{X,Y} := \text{[Diagram 1]} := \text{[Diagram 2]} = \text{[Diagram 3]} = u_{X,Y}^\dagger \circ u_{X,Y}$$

for a coisometry  $u_{X,Y}$ , unique up to unique unitary.

$$\text{[Diagram 4]} = X \otimes_Q Y \quad \text{[Diagram 5]} = u_{X,Y}.$$

As in [NY16, Rem. 2.6], associator  $\alpha^{\text{QSys}(C)}$  uniquely determined by

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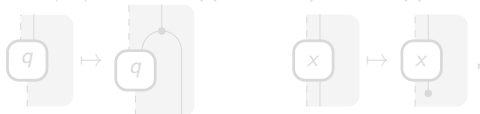
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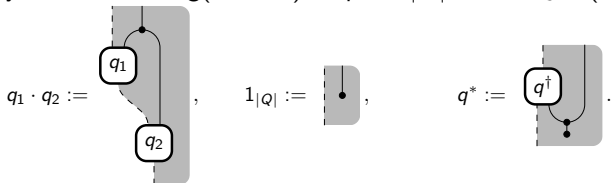
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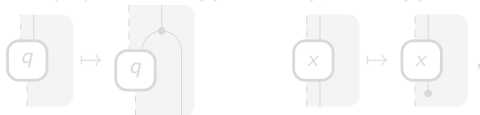
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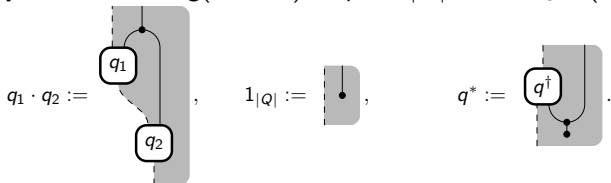
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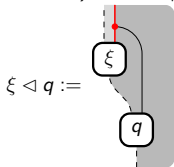
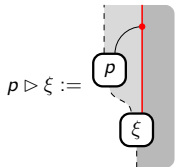
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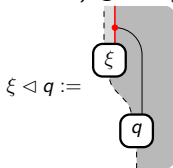
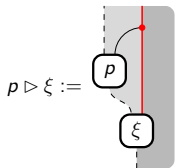
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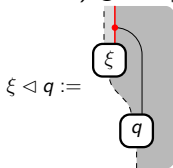
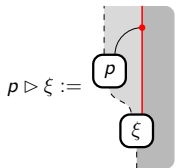
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