

A taste of Girard's Transcendental Syntax

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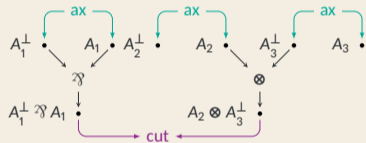
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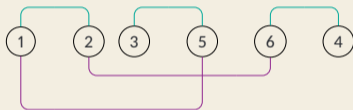
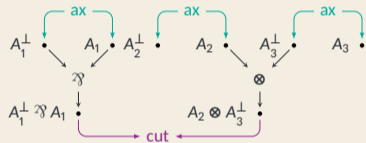
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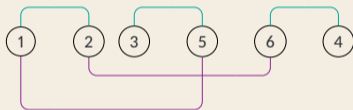
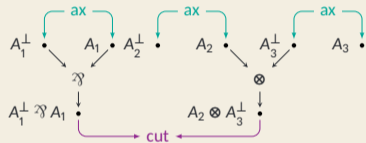
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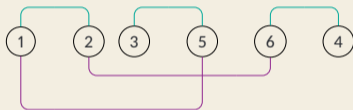
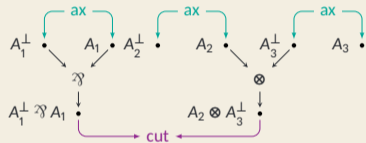


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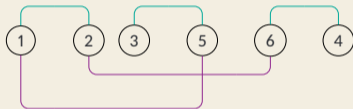
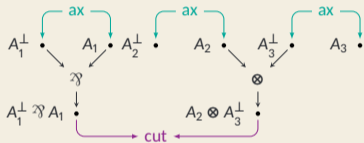


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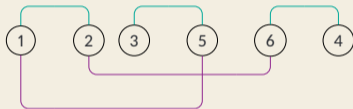
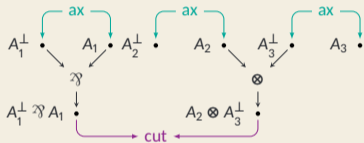


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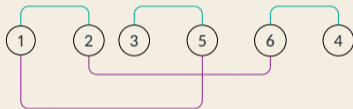
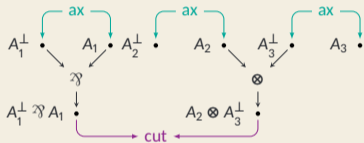


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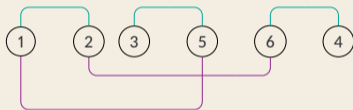
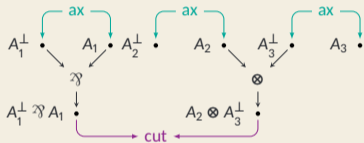


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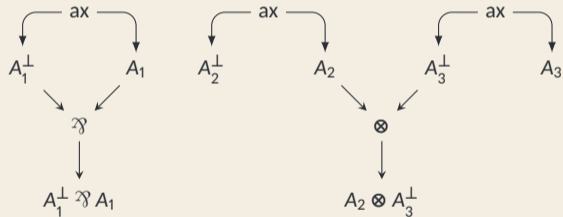
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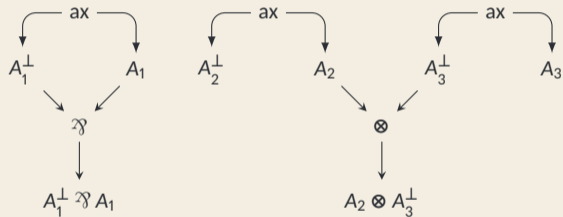
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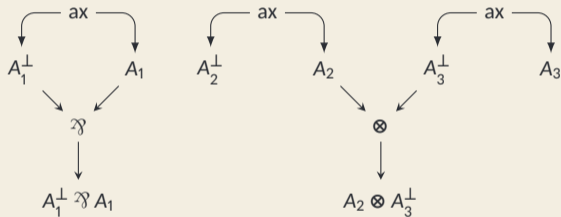
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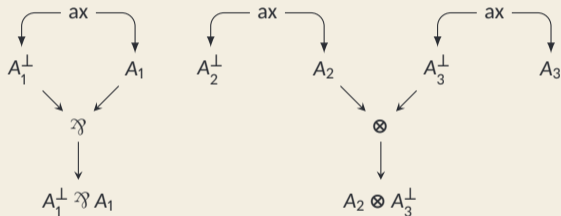


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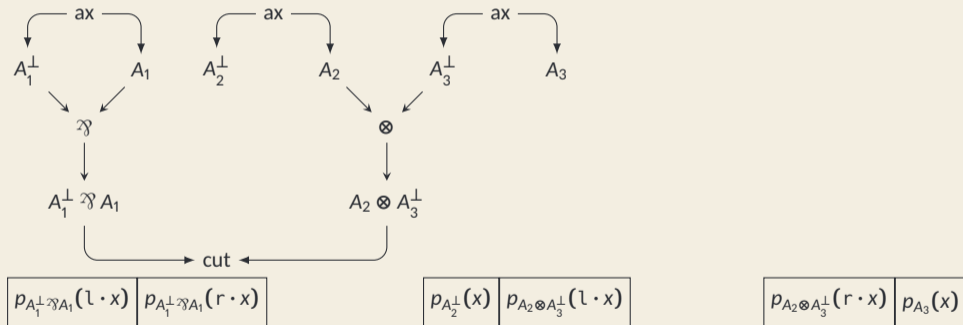
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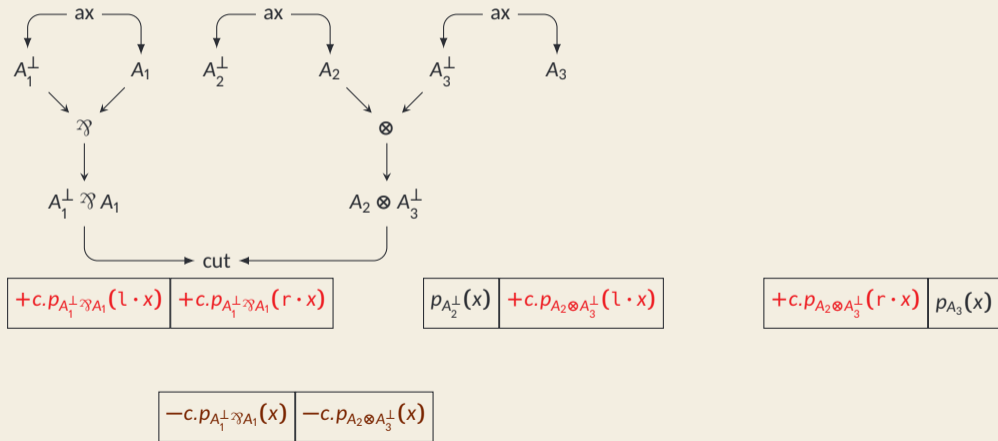
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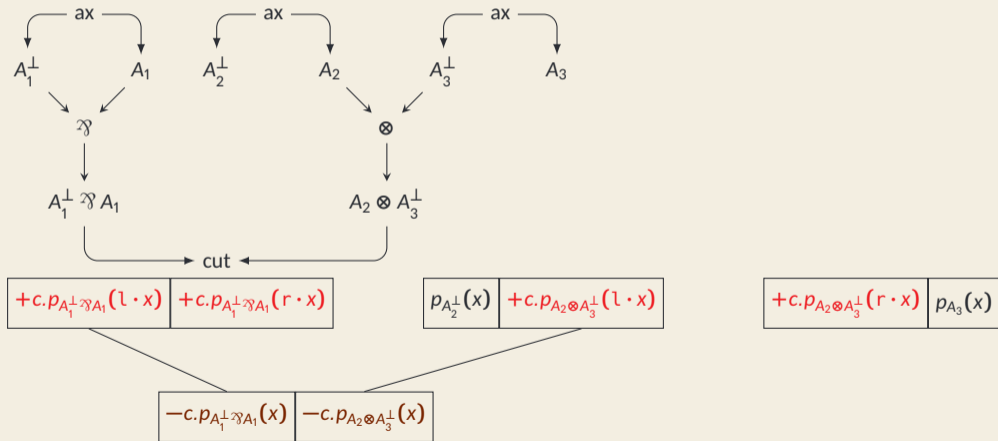
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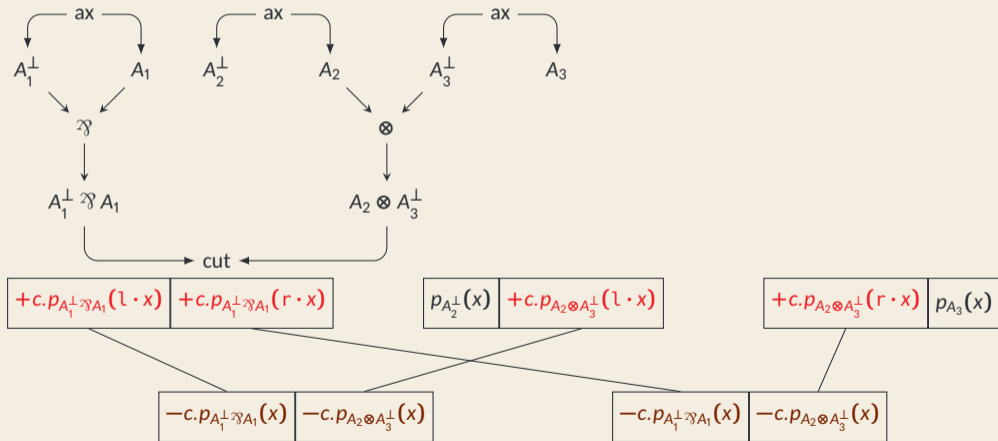
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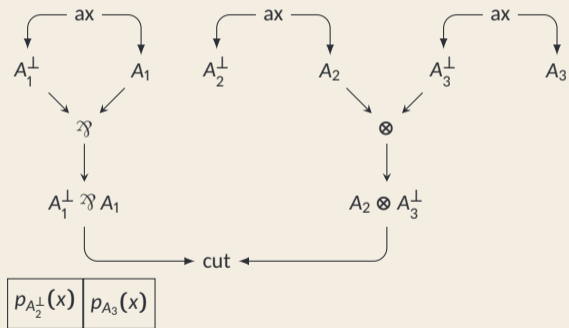
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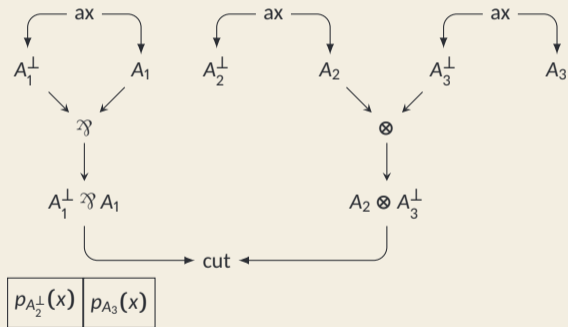
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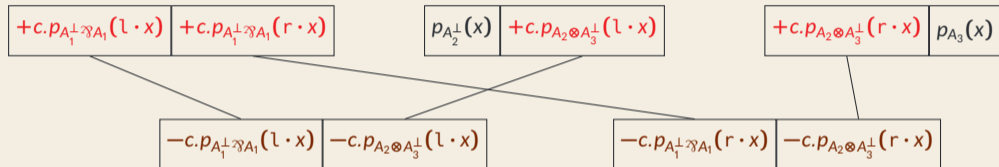
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Cut-elimination : resolution of constraints on addresses

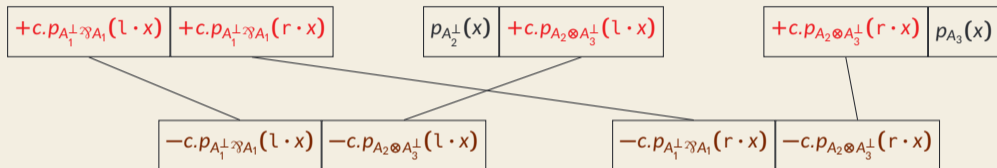
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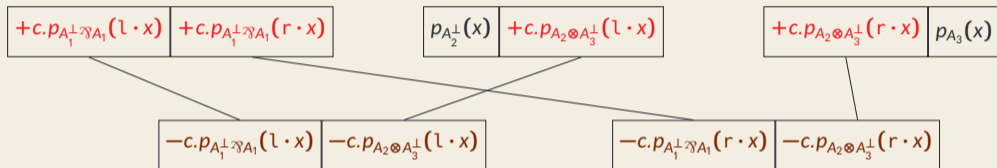
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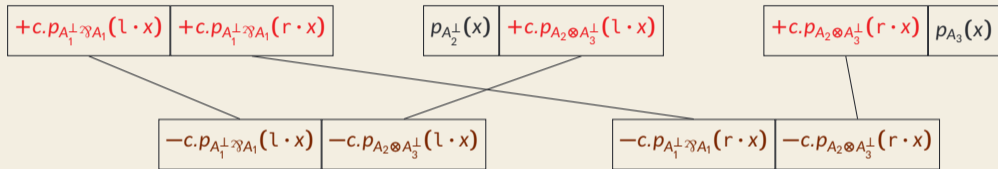
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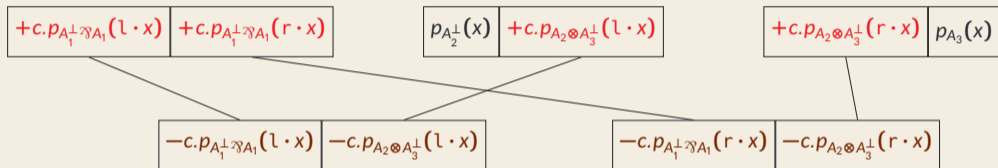
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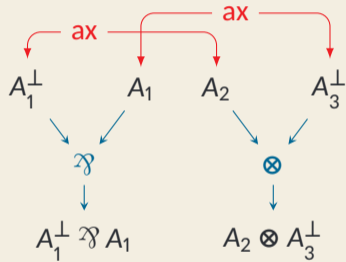


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Generalises permutations but also partitions [Acclavio, Maieli]

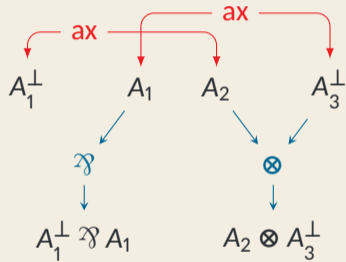
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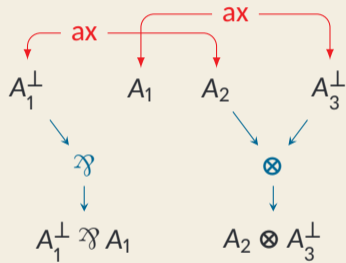
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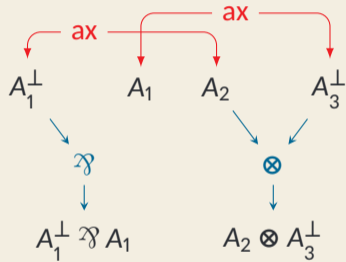
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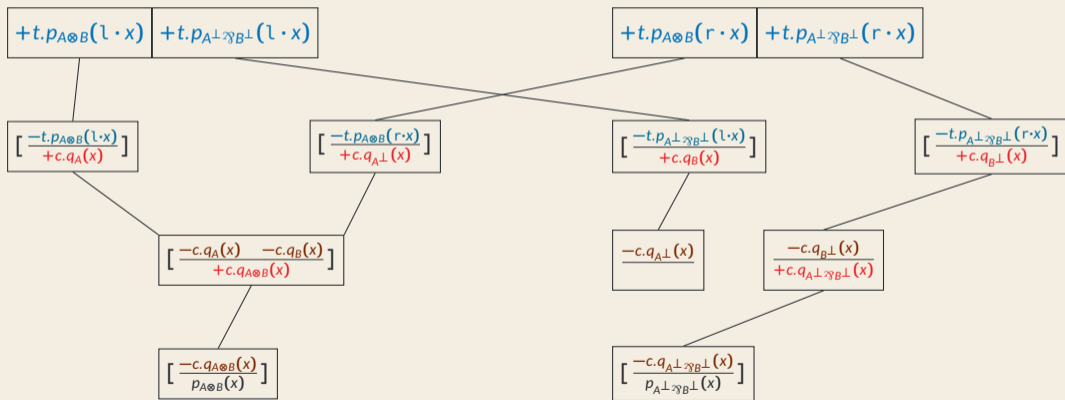
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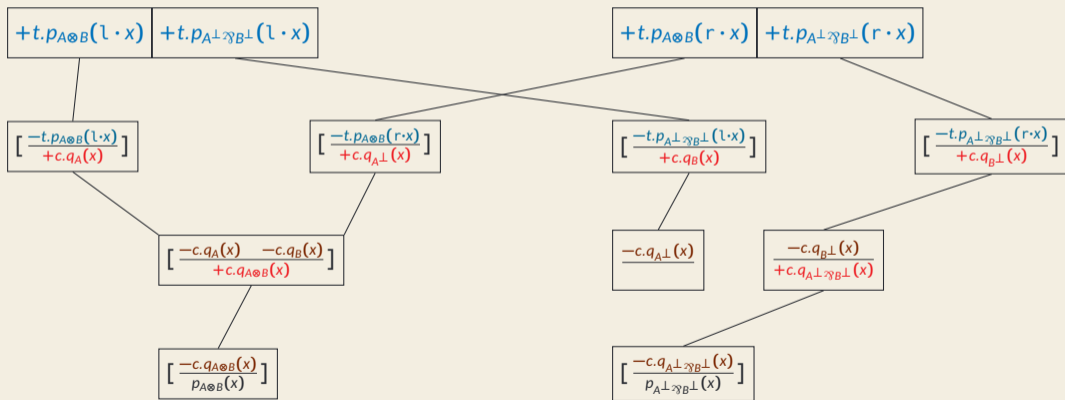
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We use realisability techniques (as in Ludics). From a chosen \perp :

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- tensor : $\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B} = \{\Phi_A \uplus \Phi_B \mid \Phi_A \in \mathbf{A}, \Phi_B \in \mathbf{B}\}^{\perp\perp}$ when \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} not **matchable**.
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