

CATEGORY THEORY

WITHIN

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INTERNAL ENRICHMENT

$$\mathcal{C}^{op} \times \mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{C}(-, -)} \mathcal{S}$$

PRESHEAF OBJECTS

$$\mathcal{C} \hookrightarrow [\mathcal{C}^{op}, \mathcal{S}]_{\Lambda}$$

AND CONVOLUTION PRODUCTS

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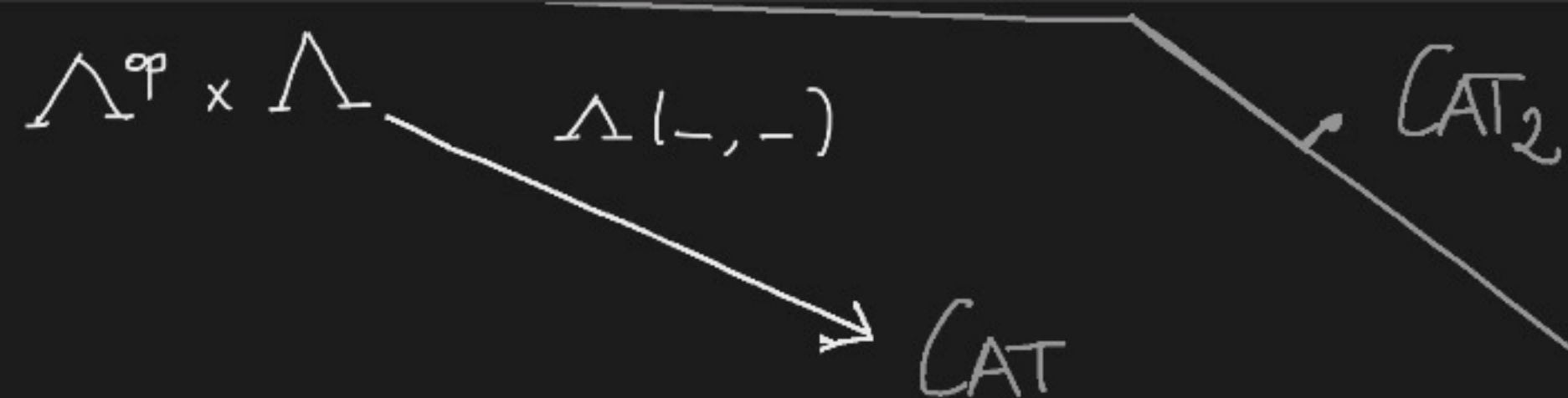
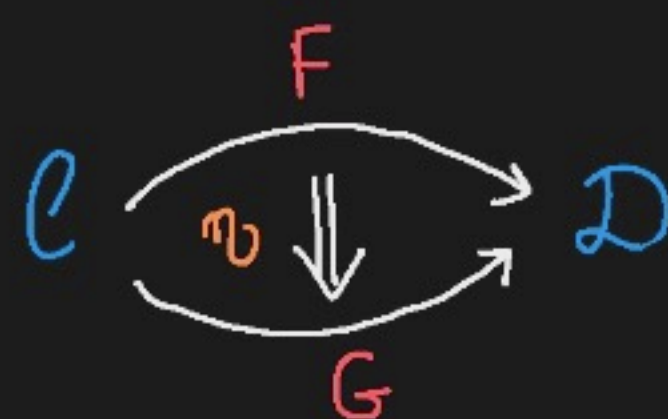
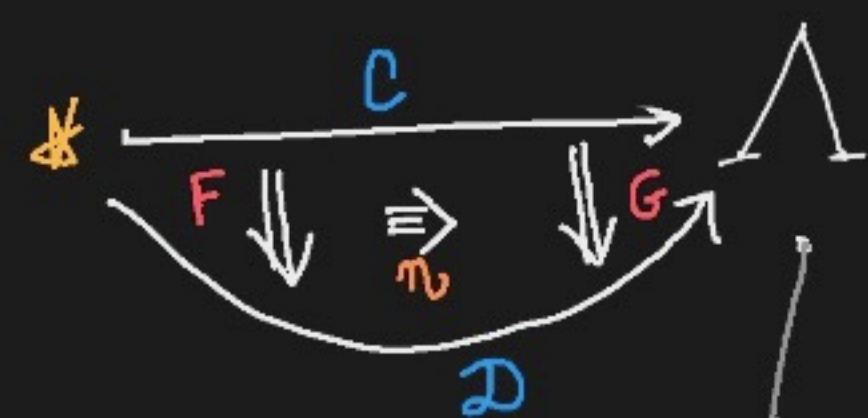
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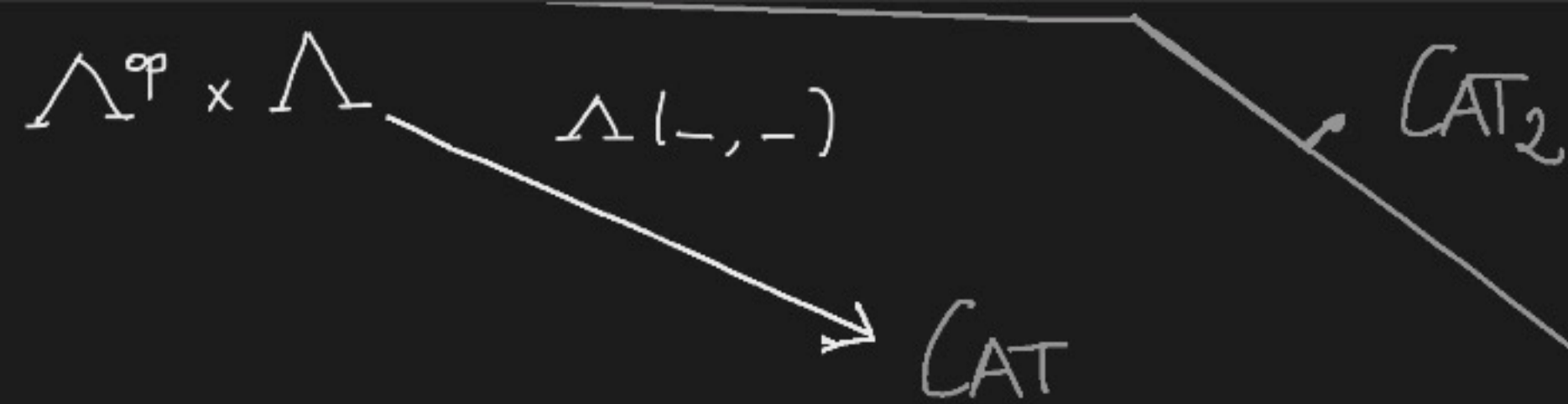
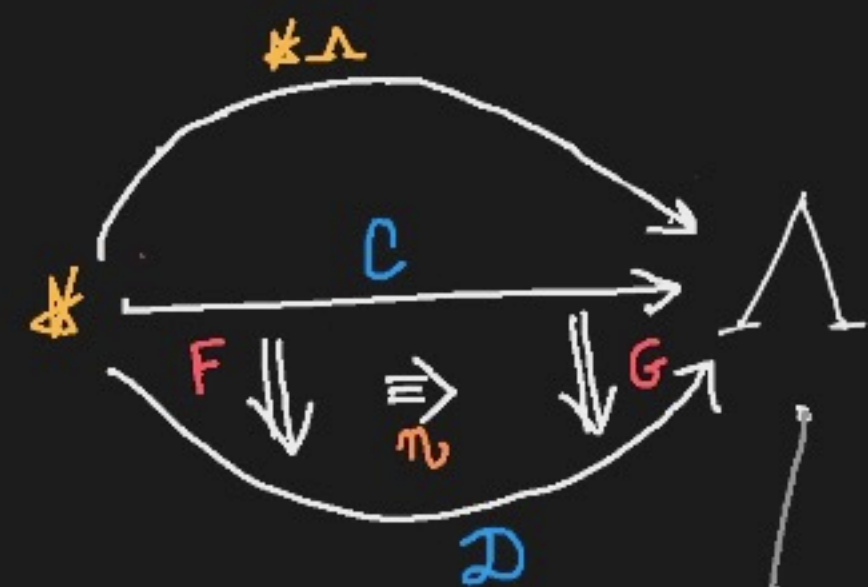
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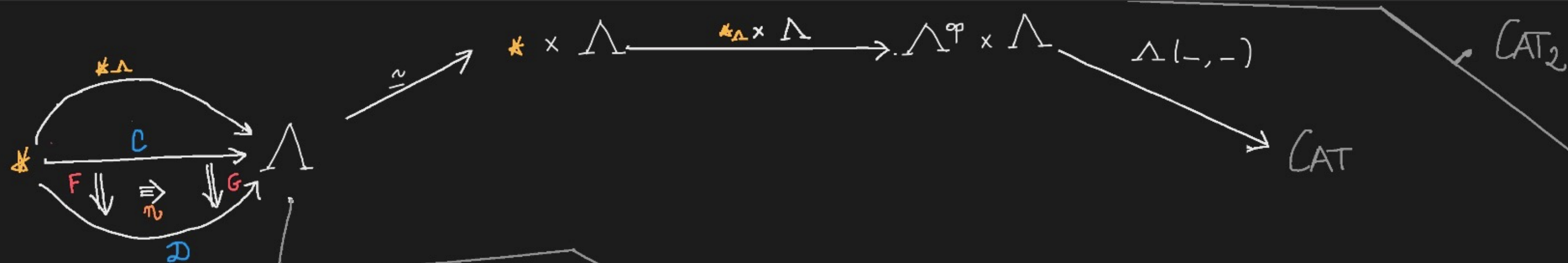


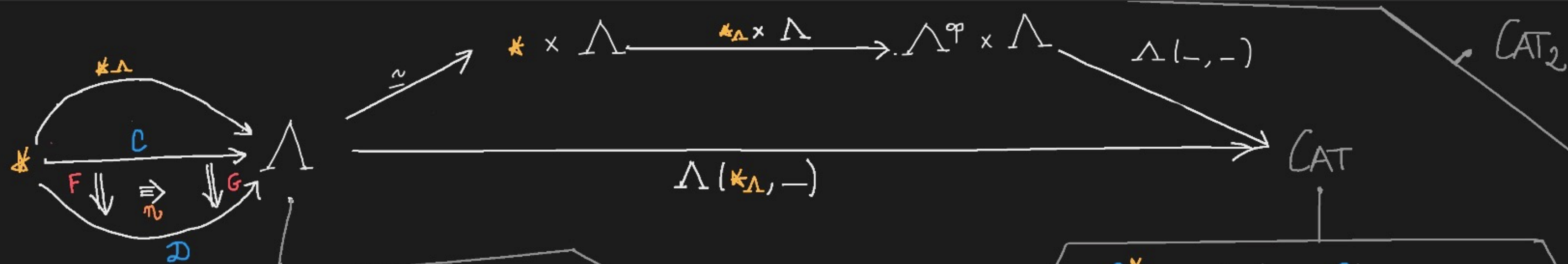
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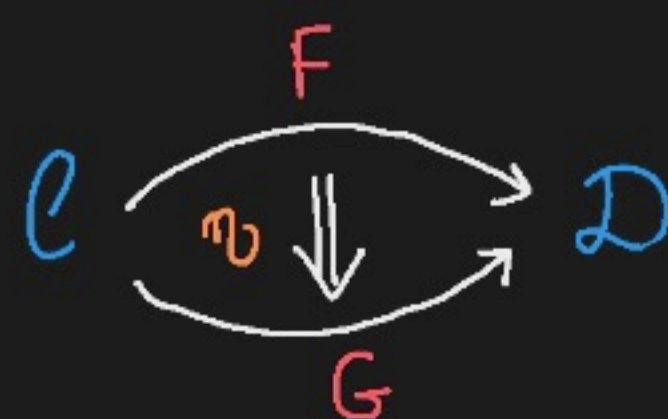




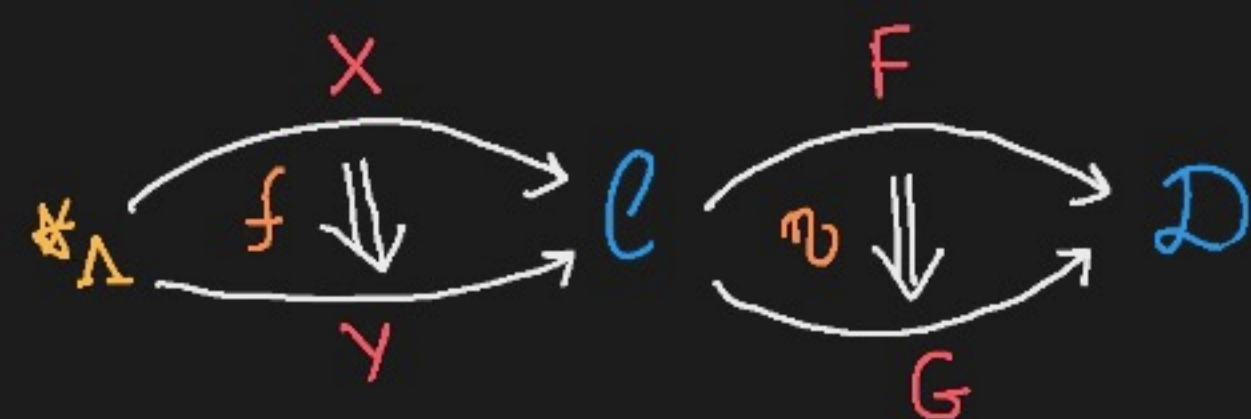
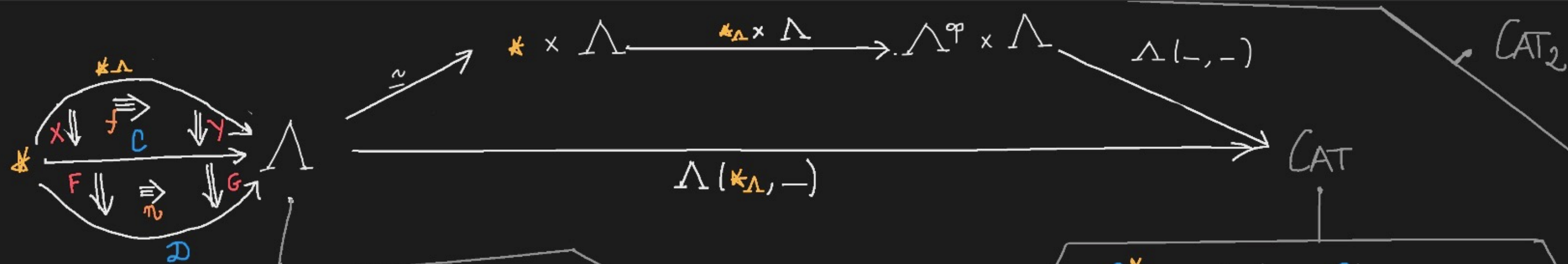




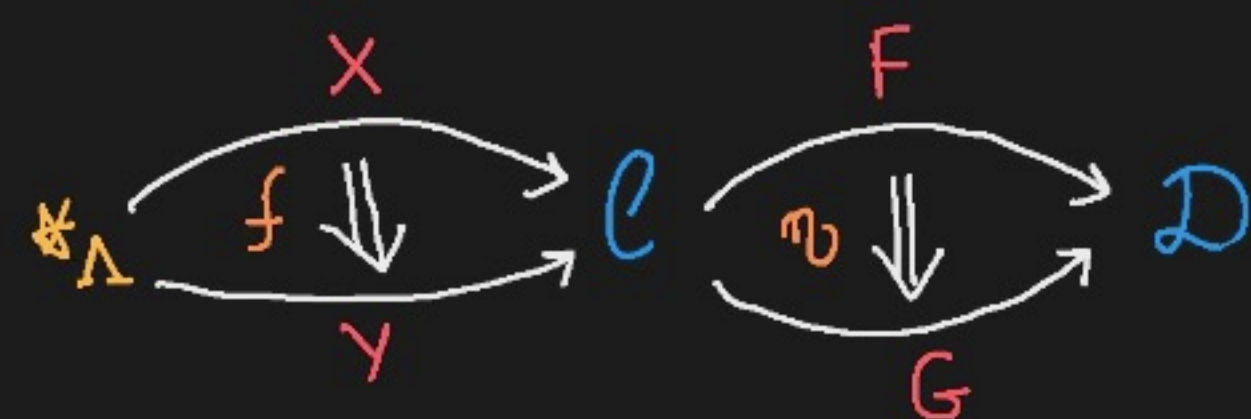
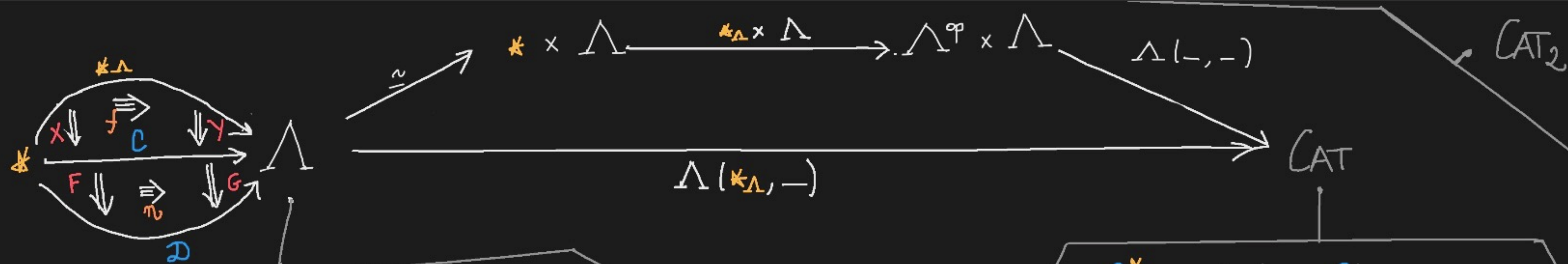
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$\star_{\Lambda}$



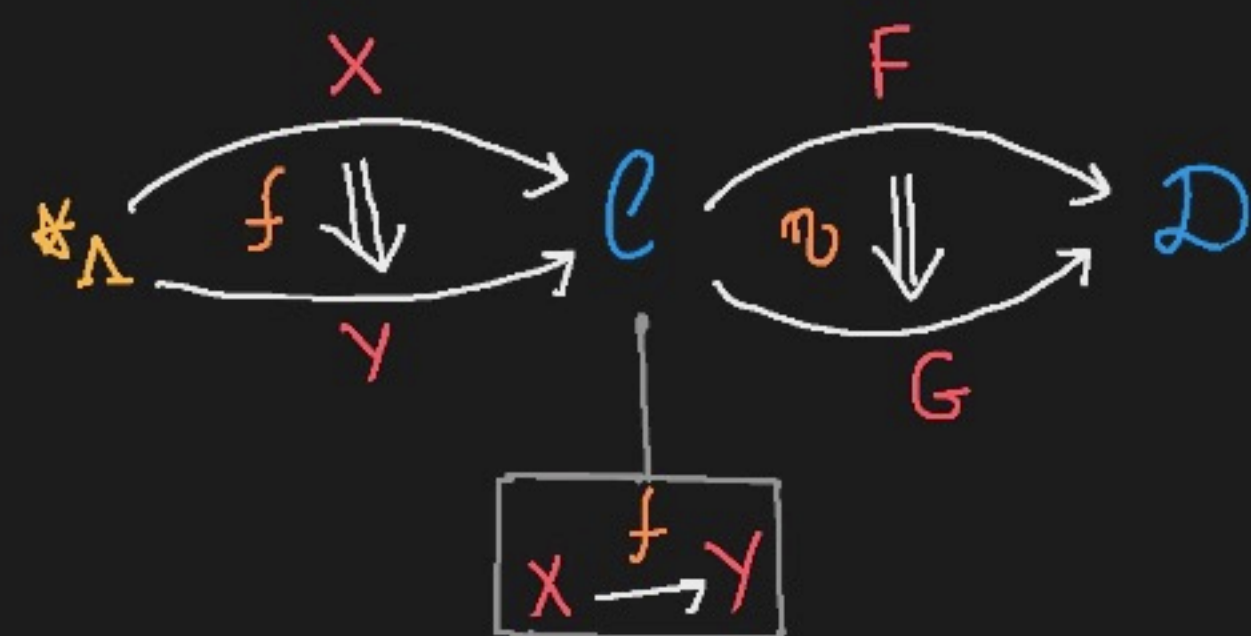
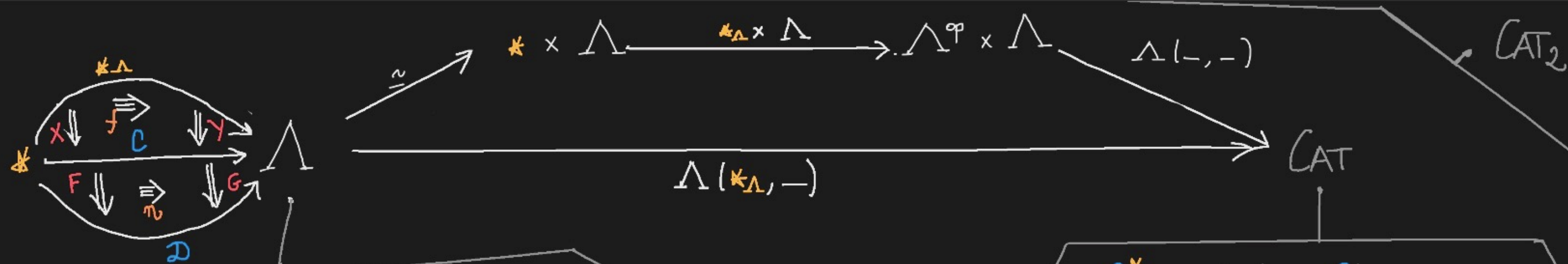
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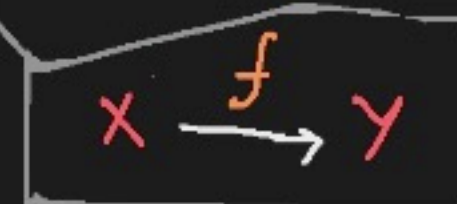
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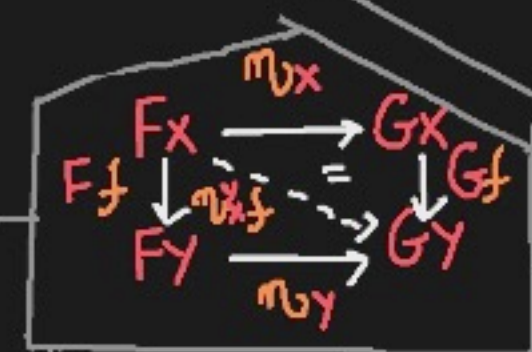
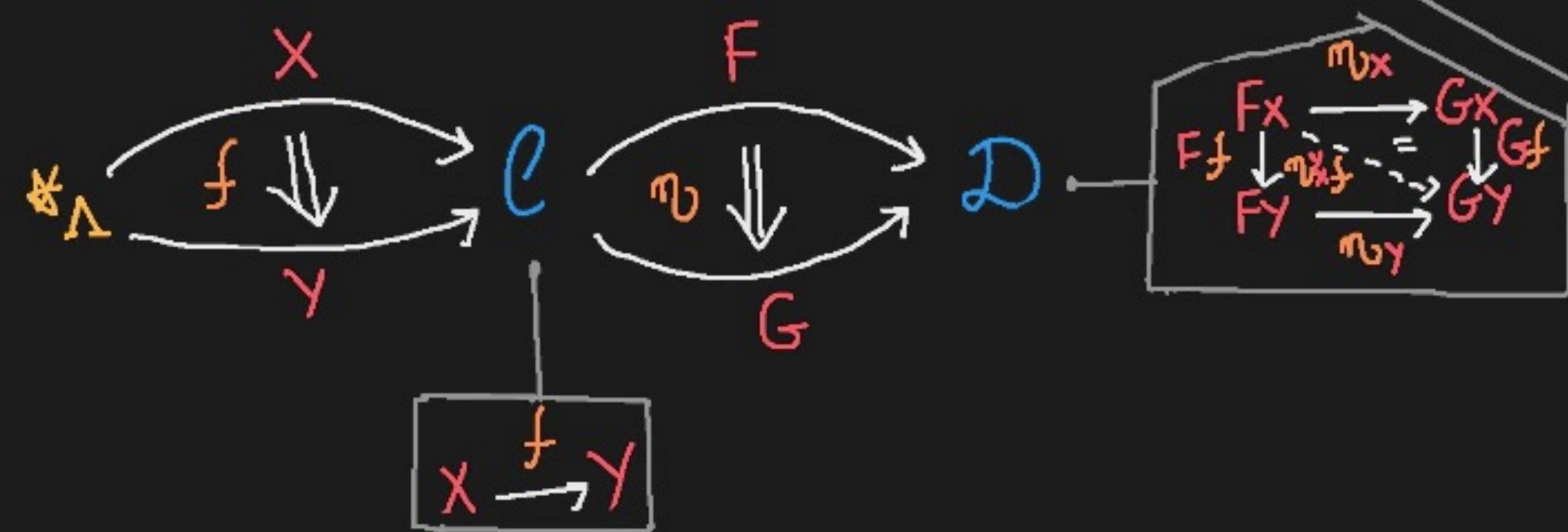
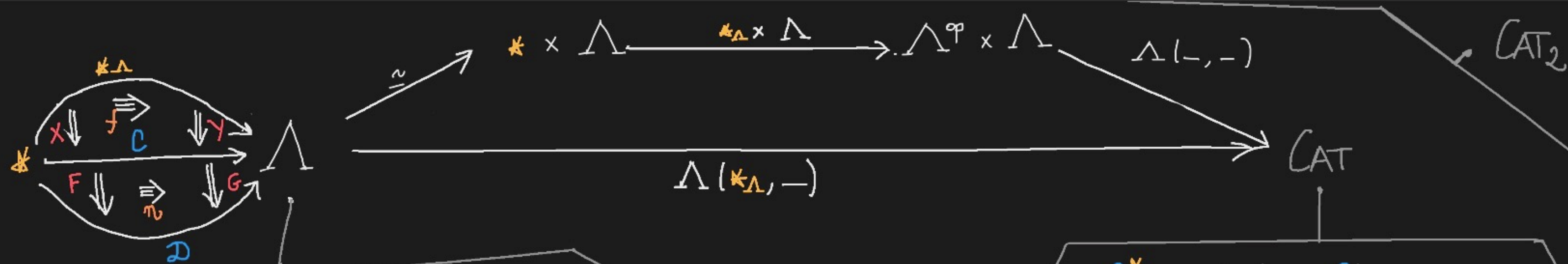
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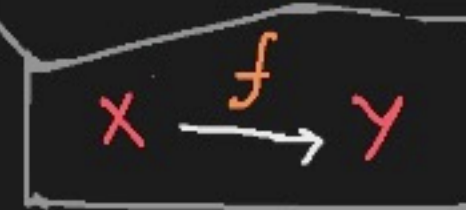
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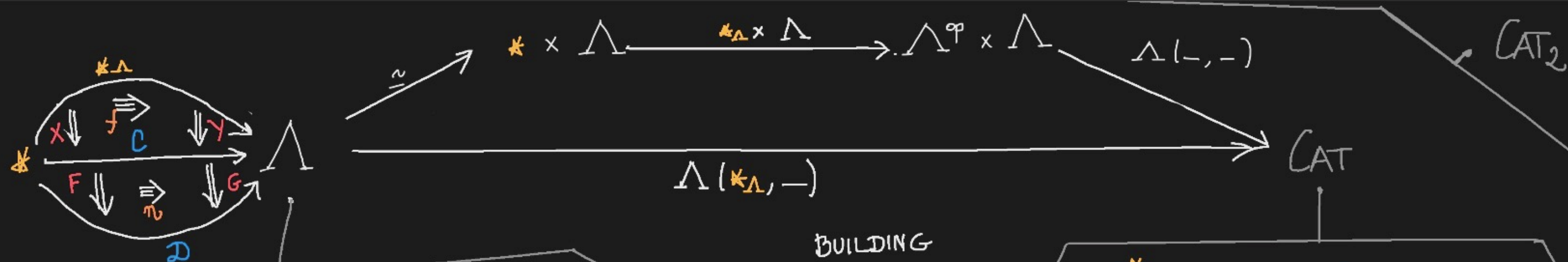




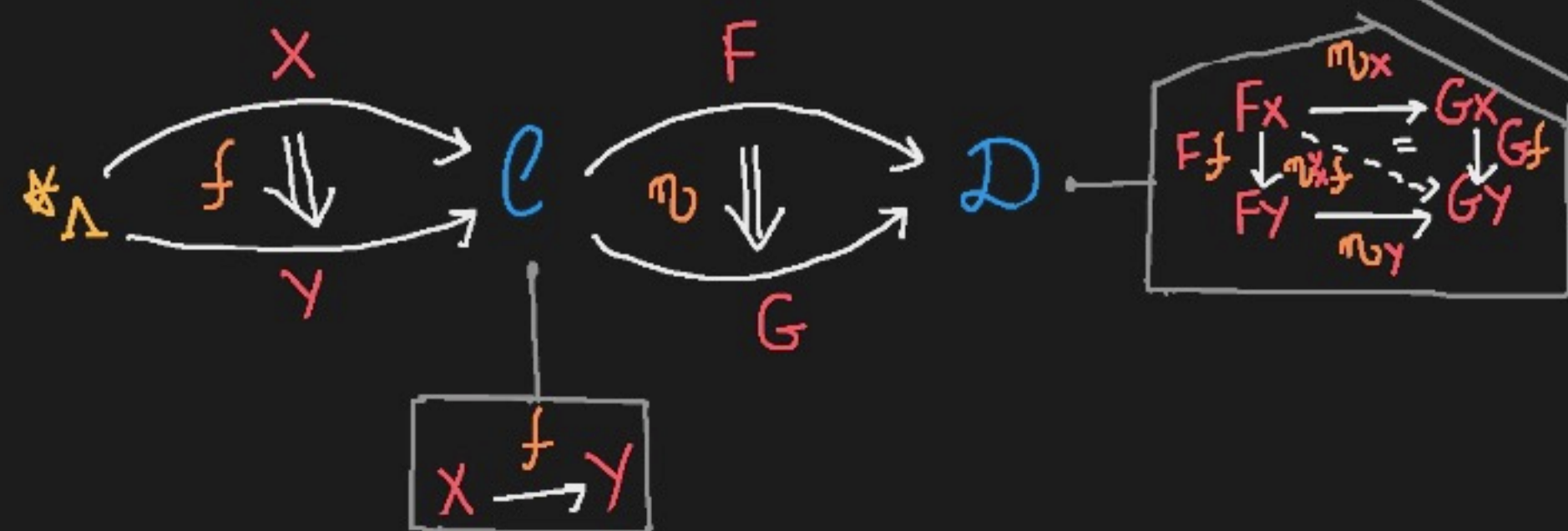
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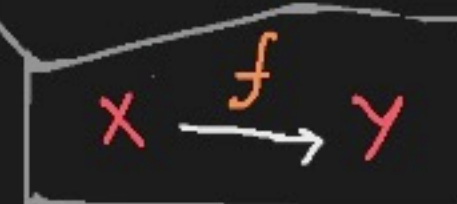


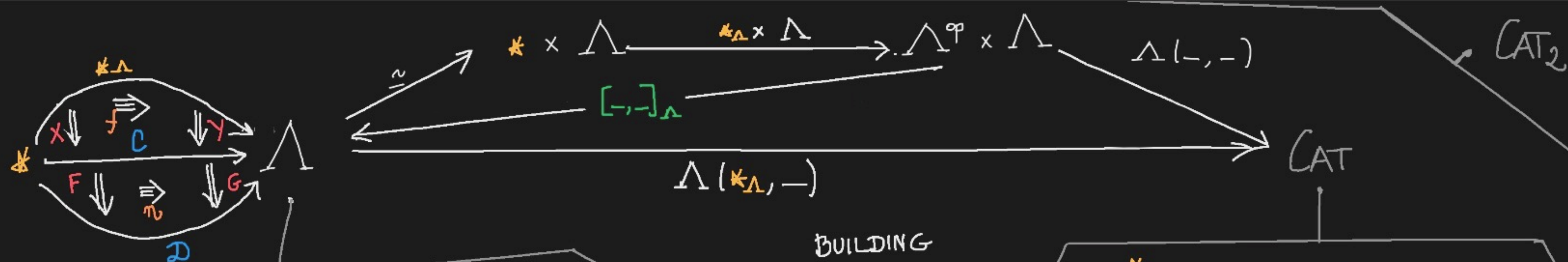
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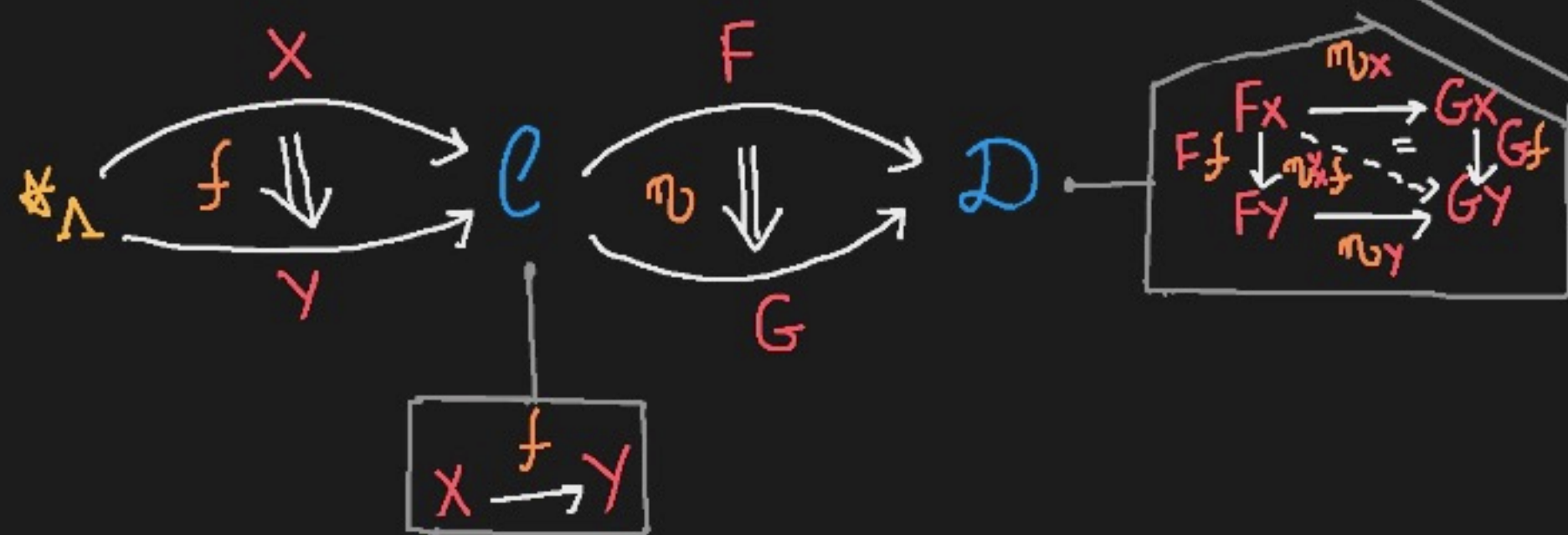
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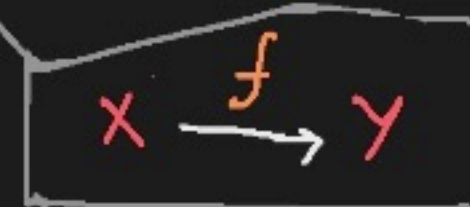




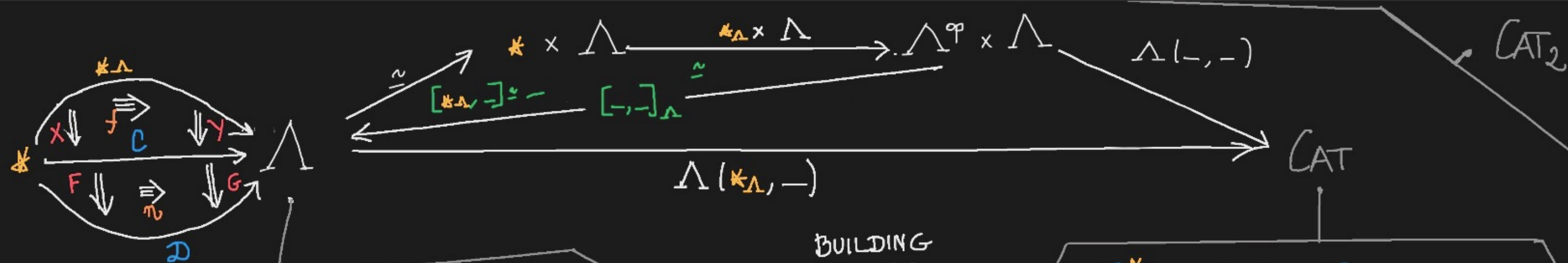
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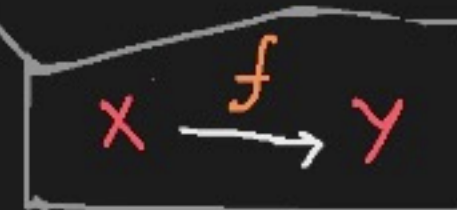
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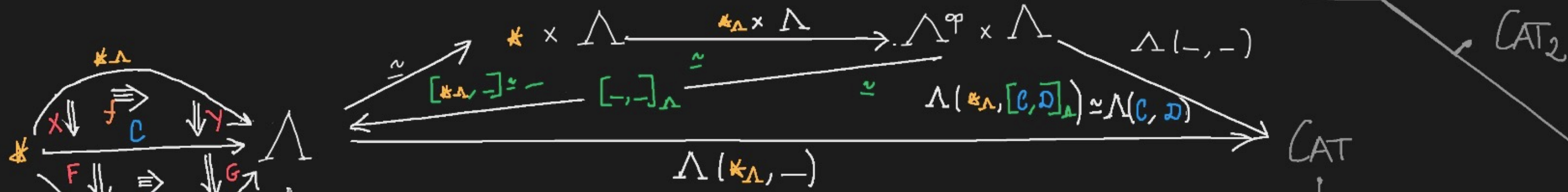


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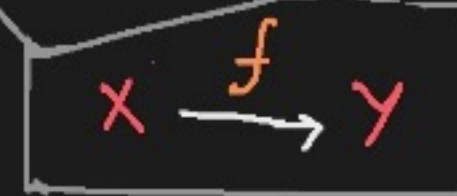
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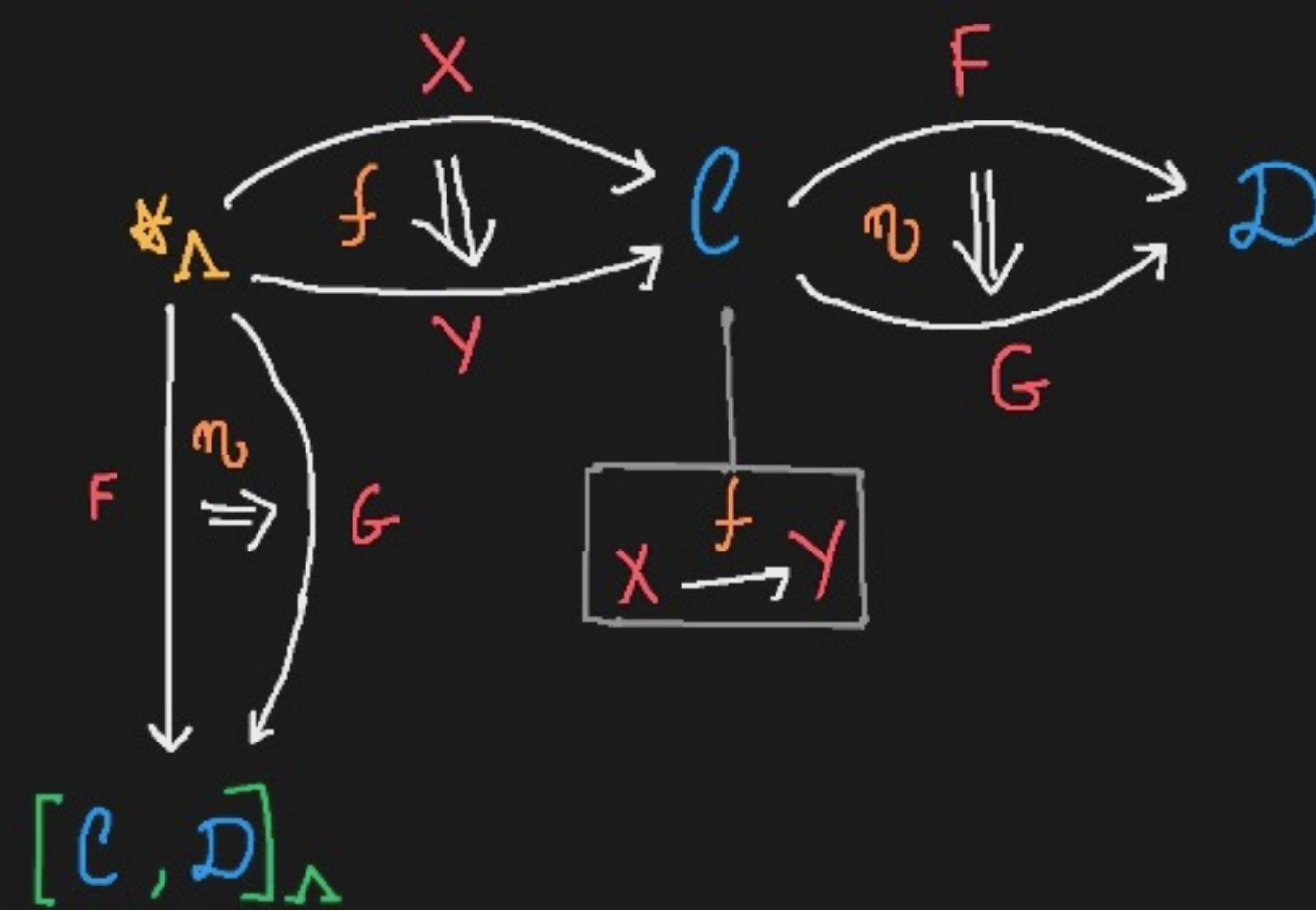
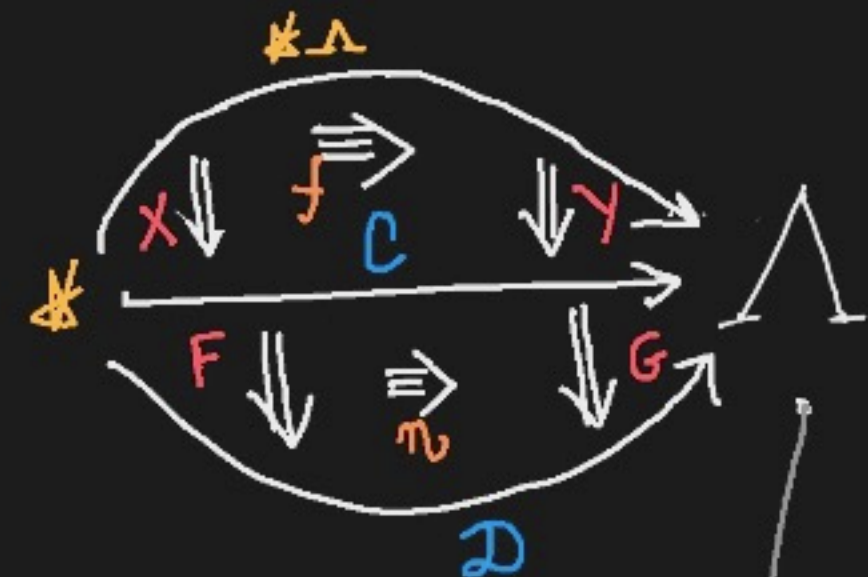


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$$C^* := \Lambda(*, C)$$



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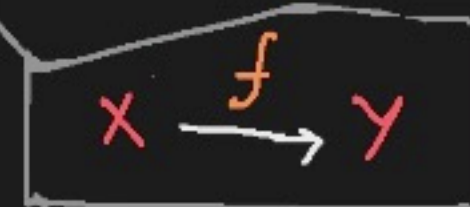


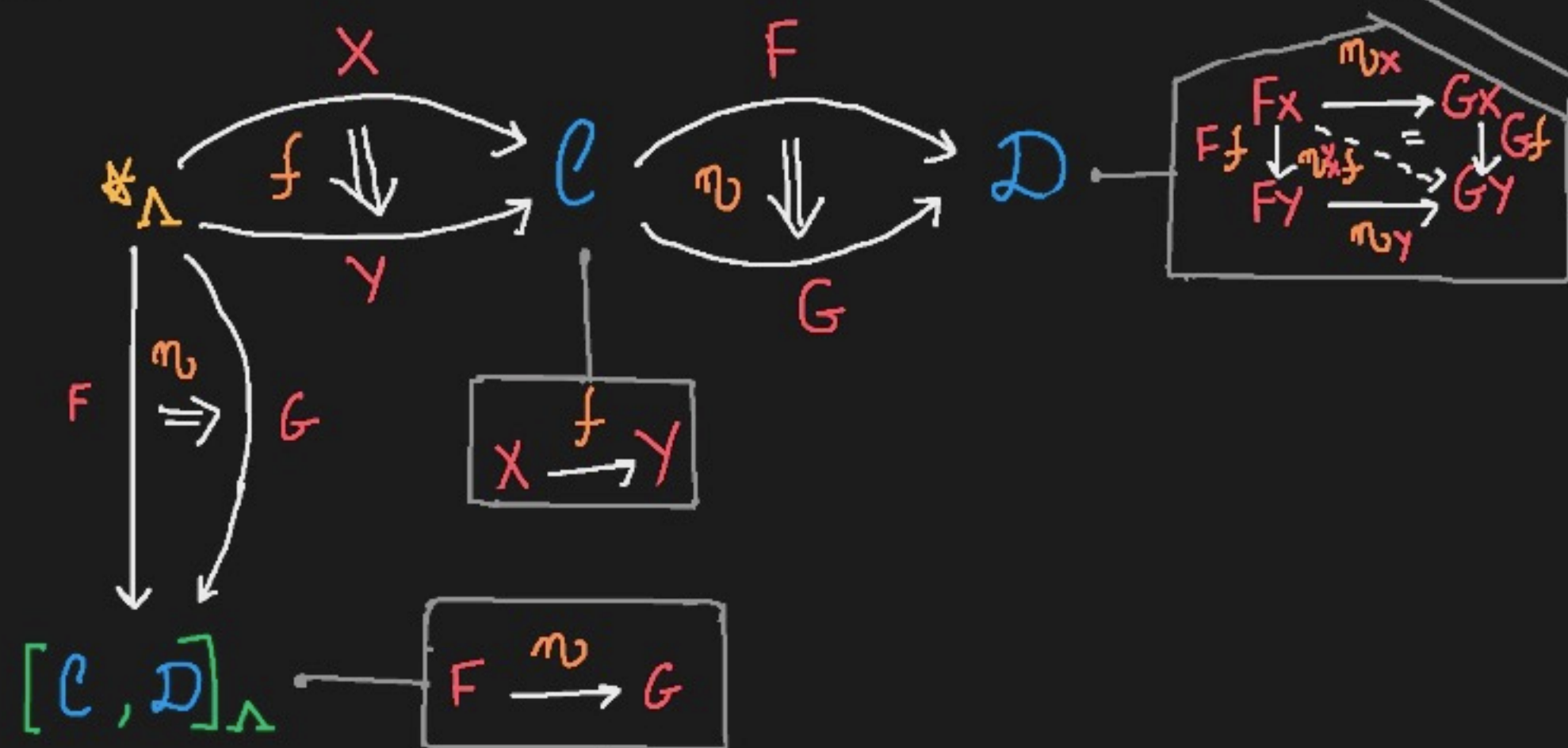
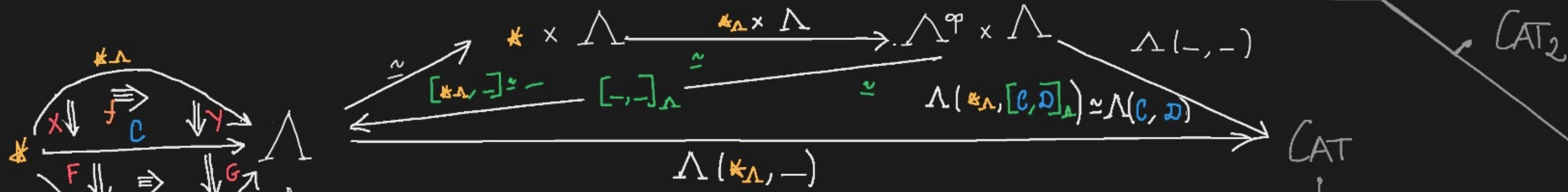
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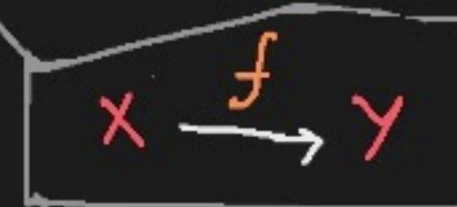


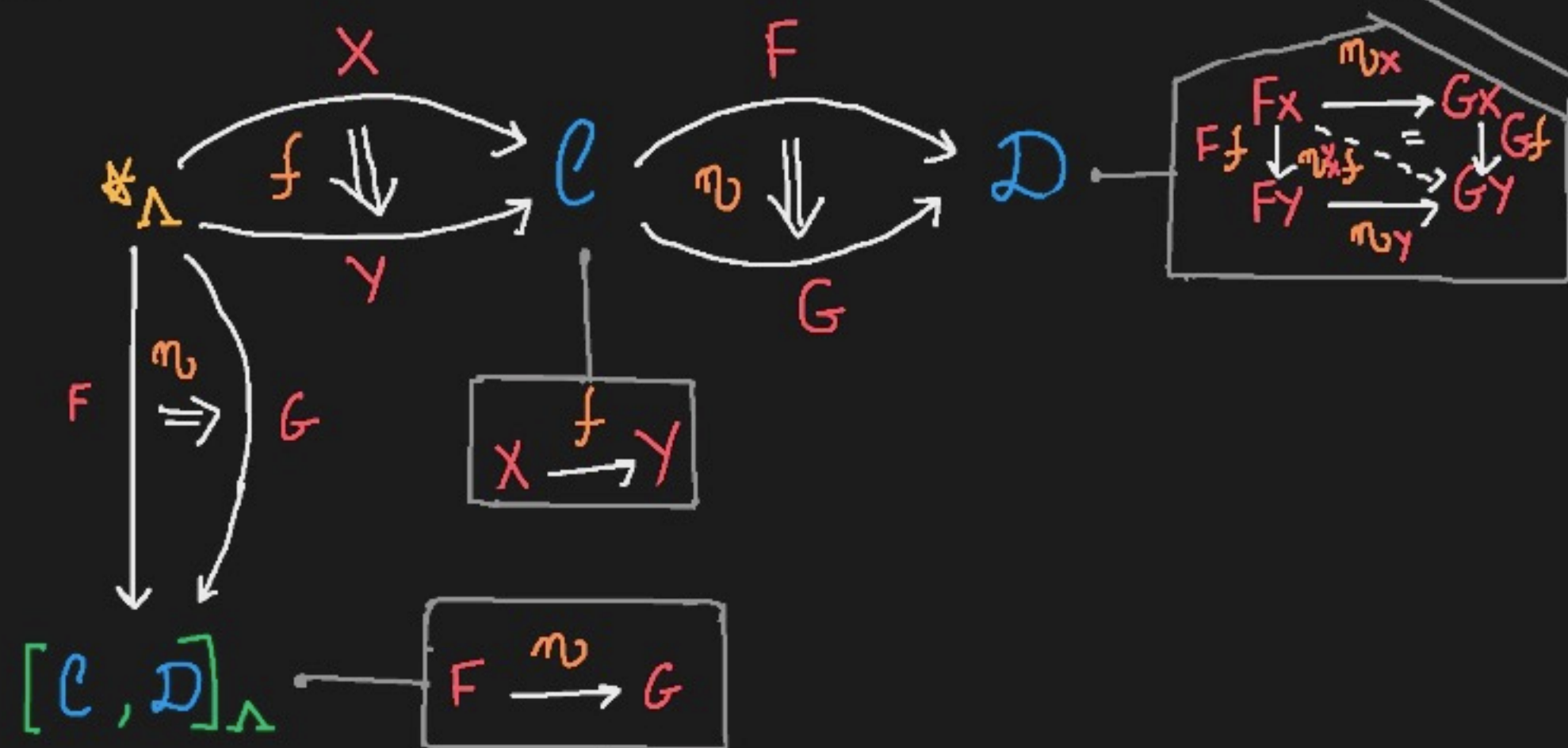
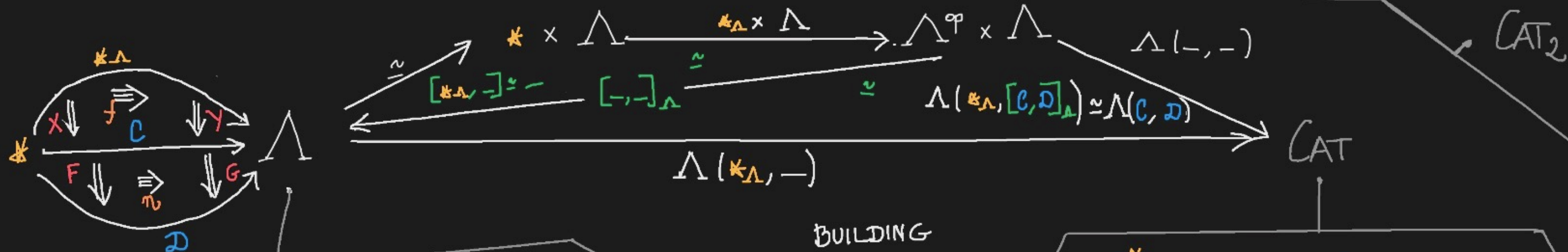


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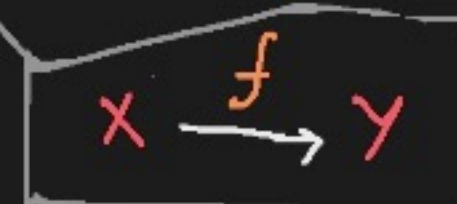




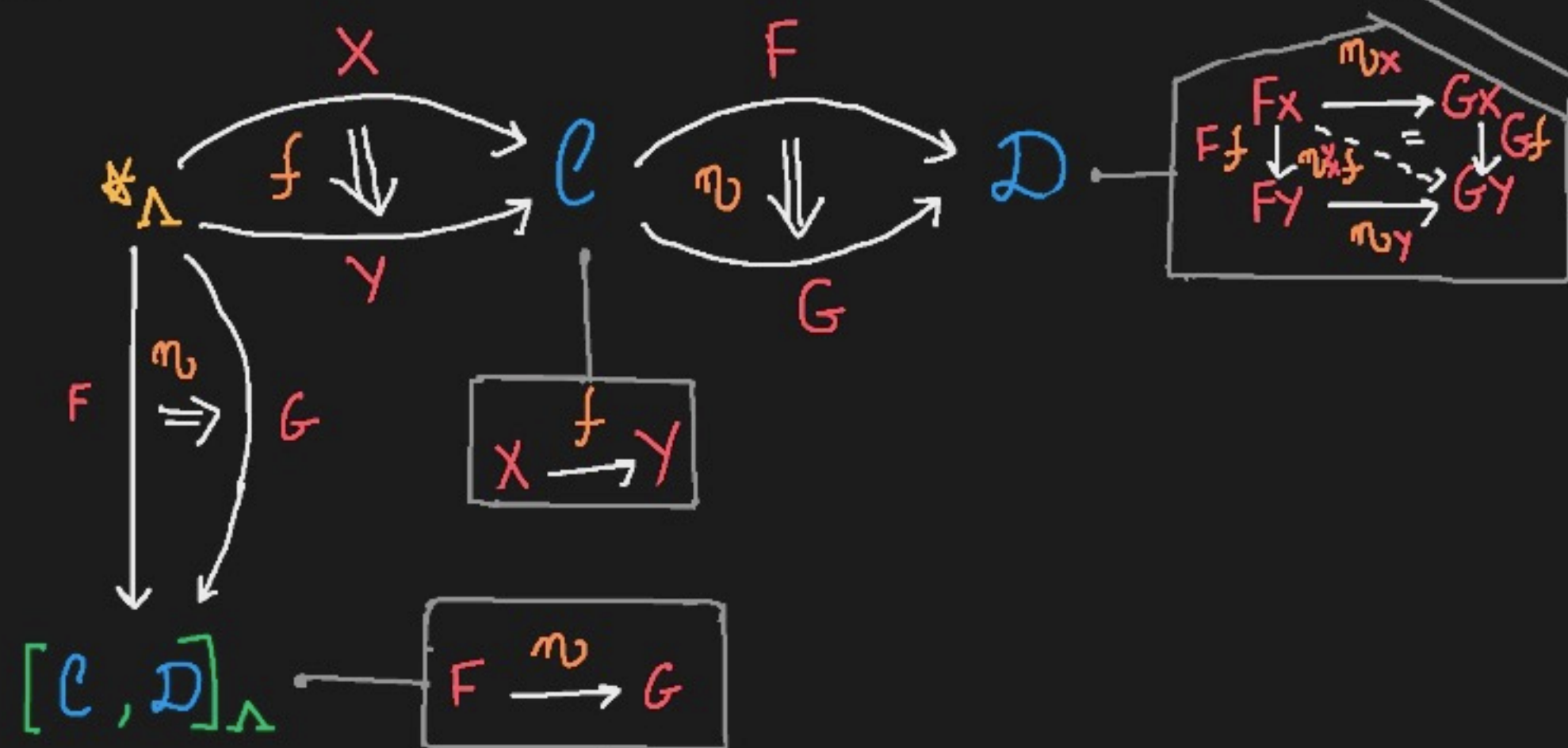
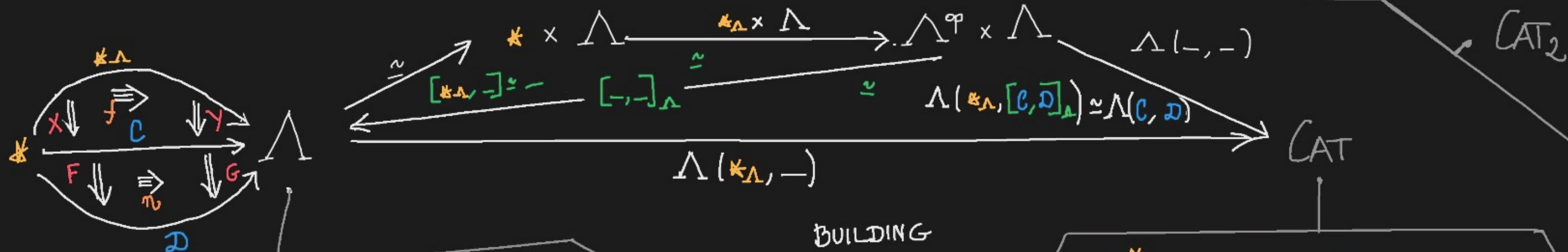
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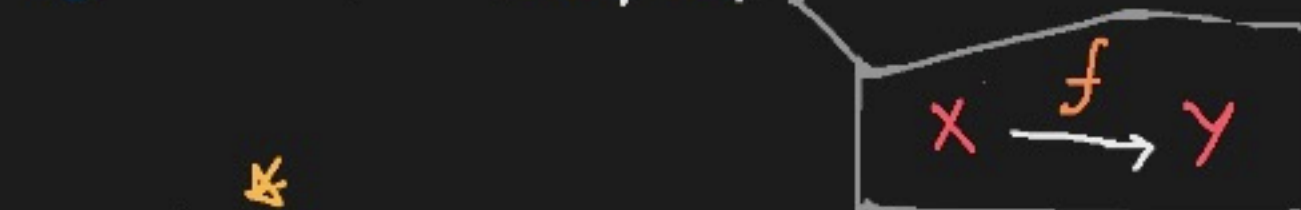
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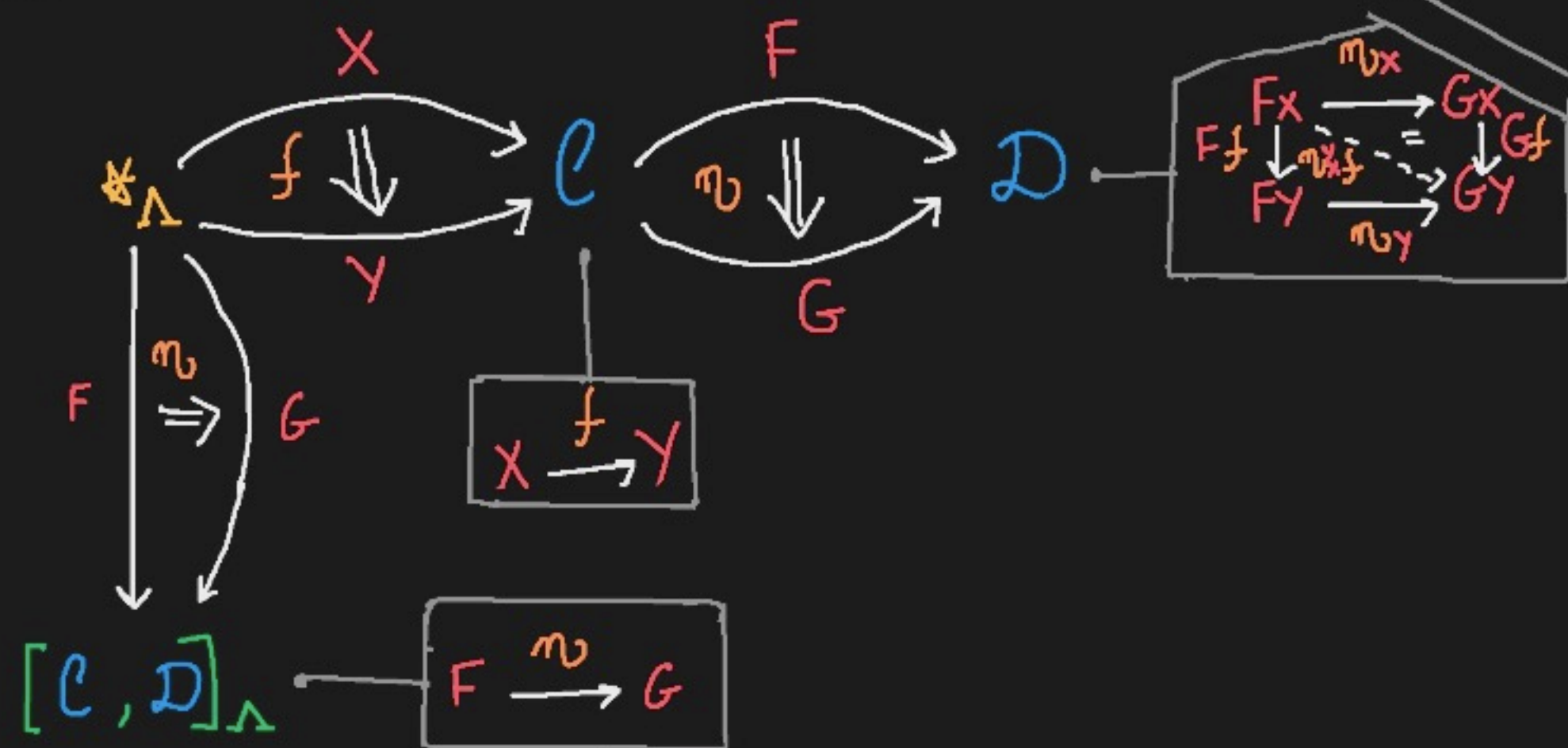
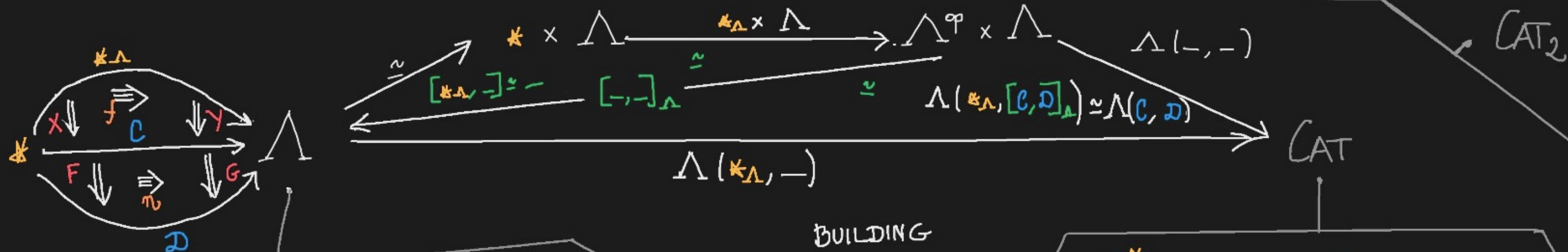
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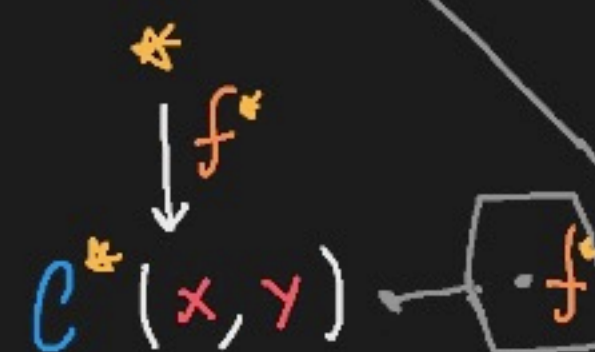
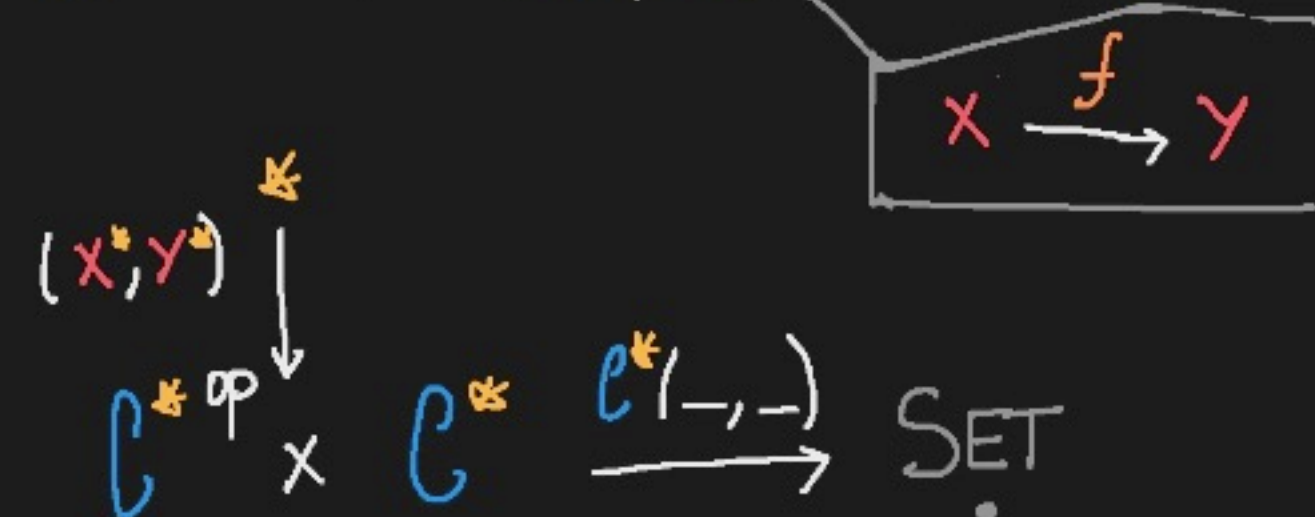
$$\mathcal{C}^{\ast}(x, y)$$

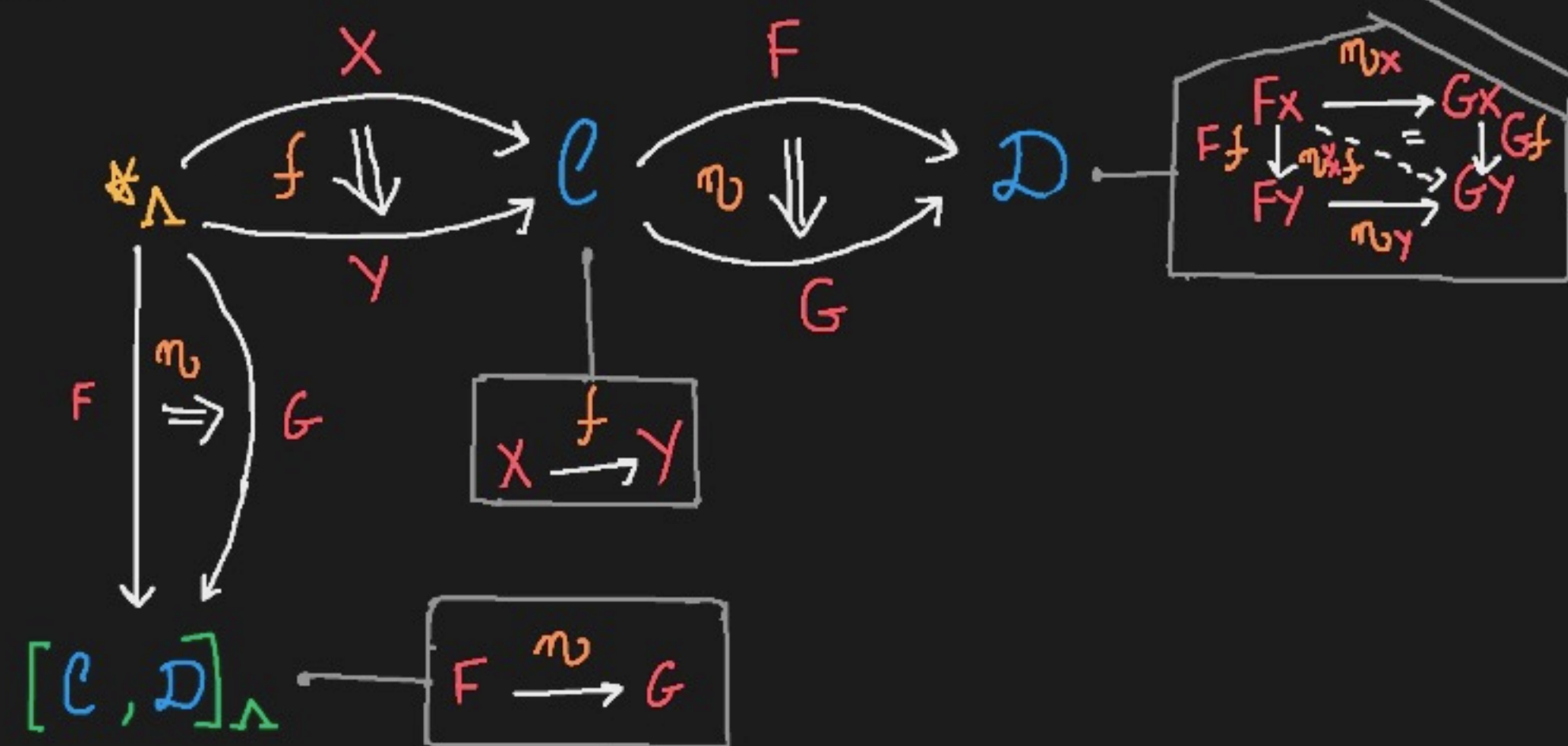
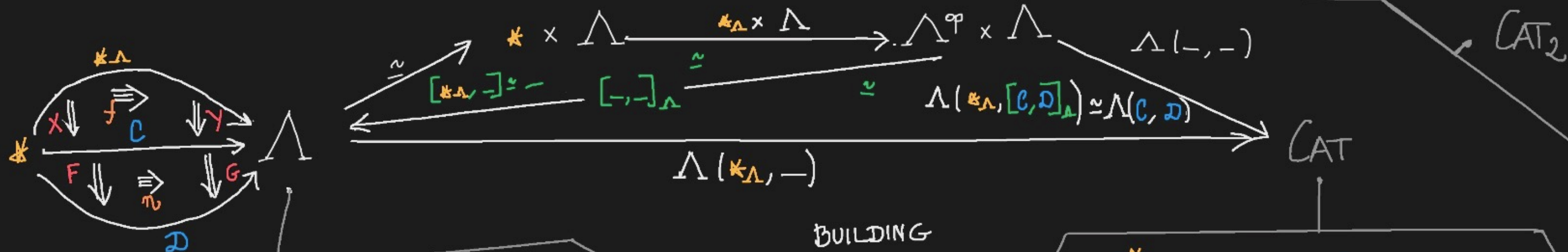


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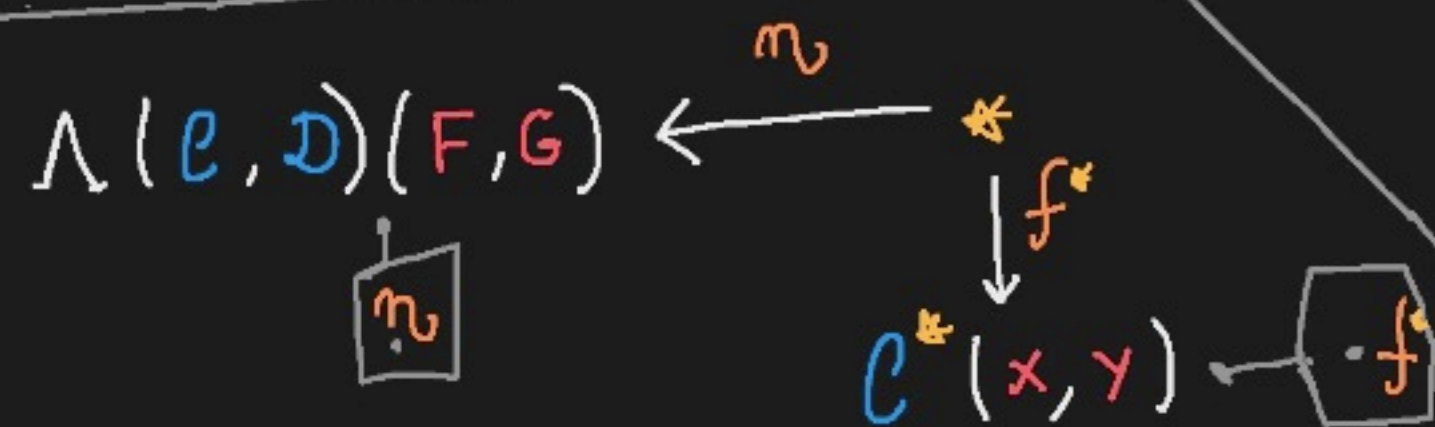
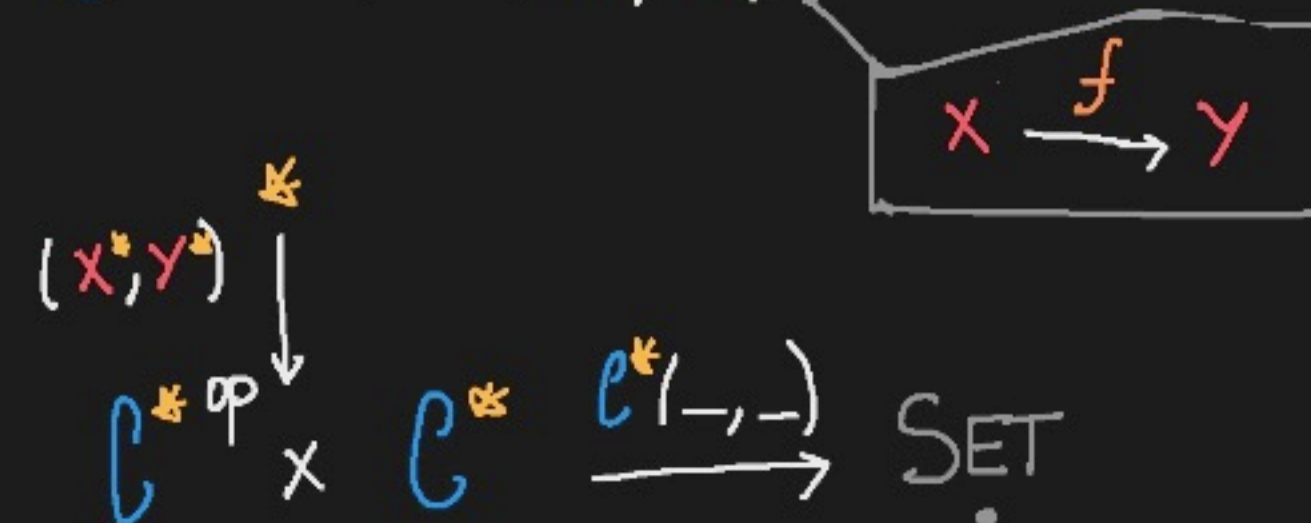


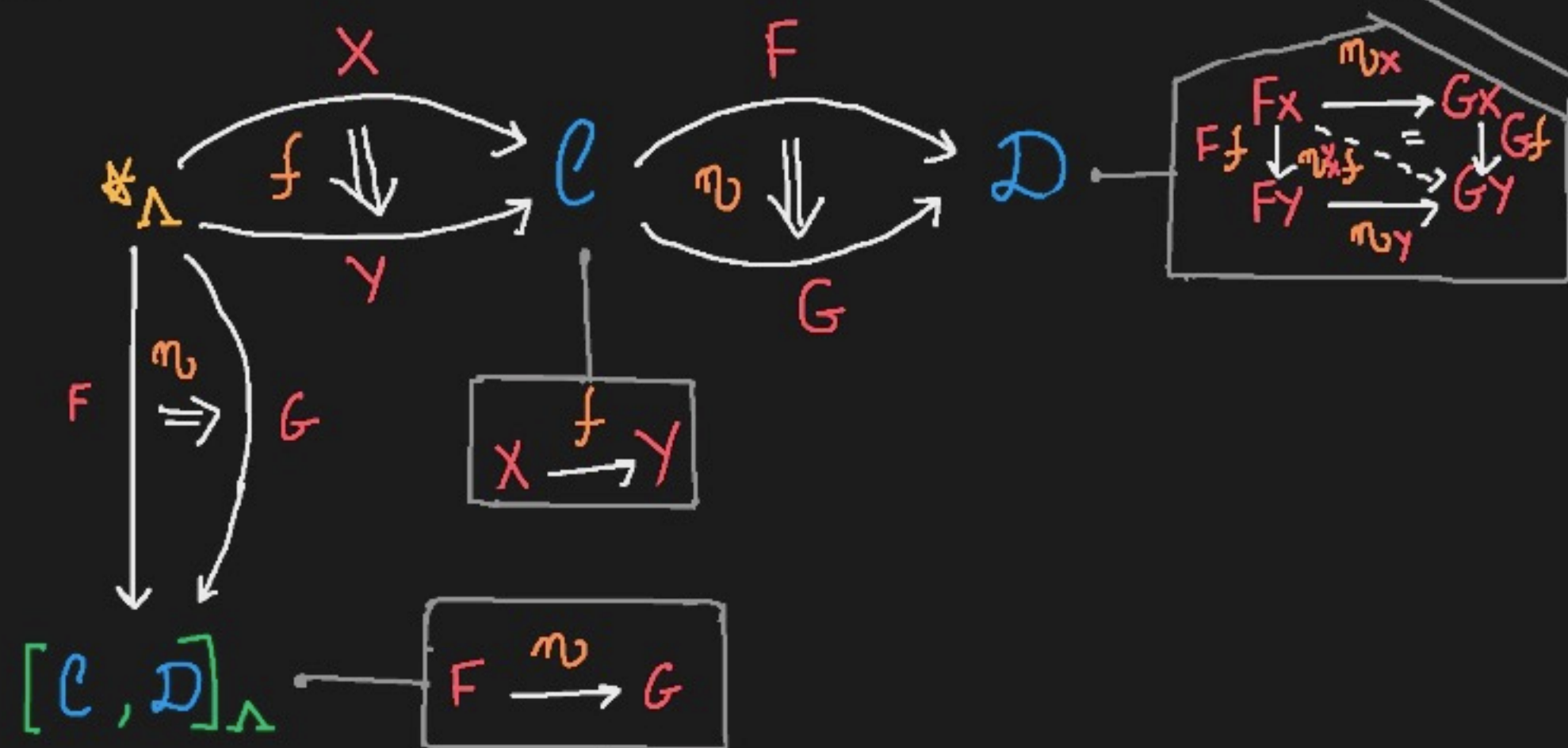
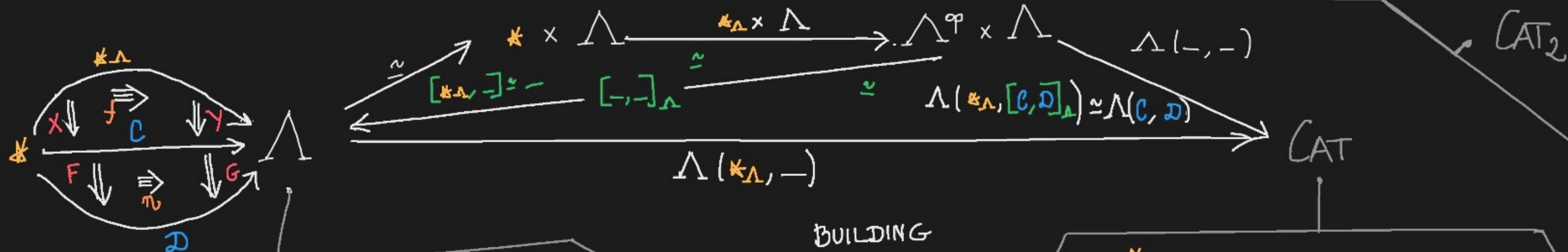


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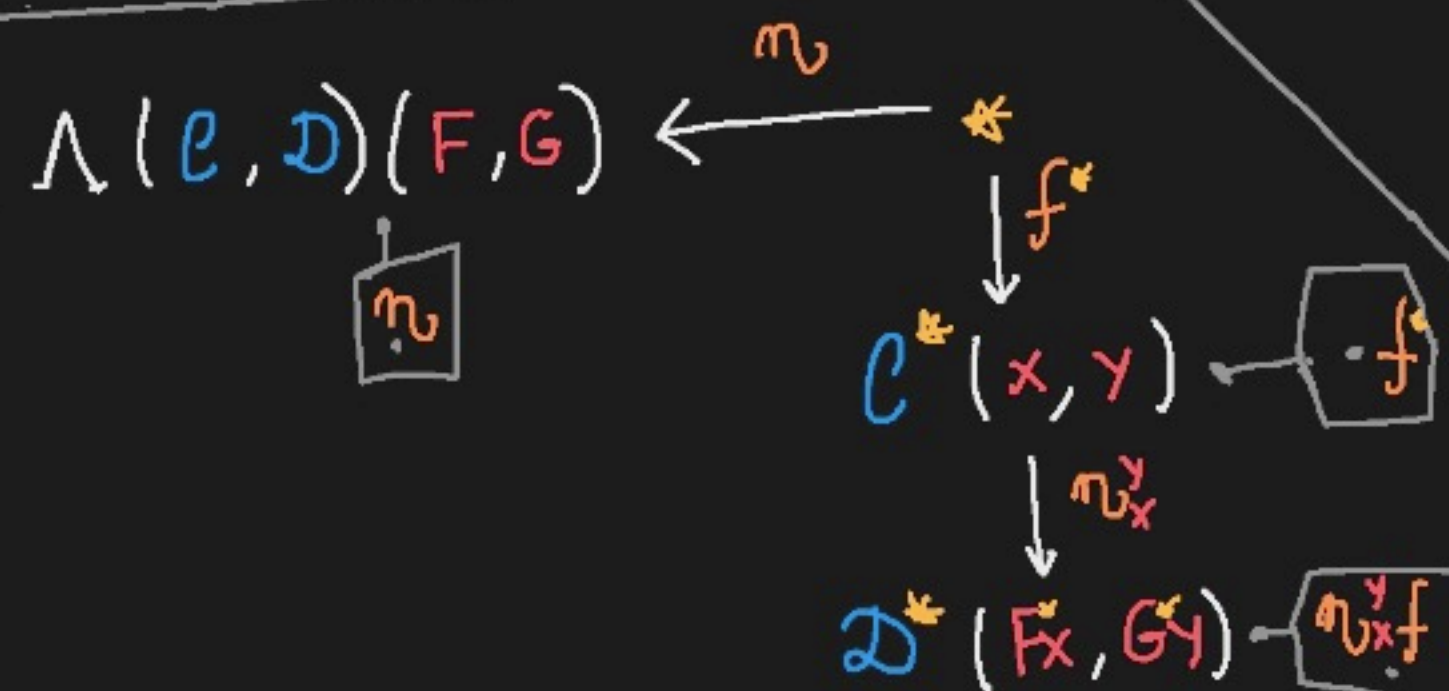
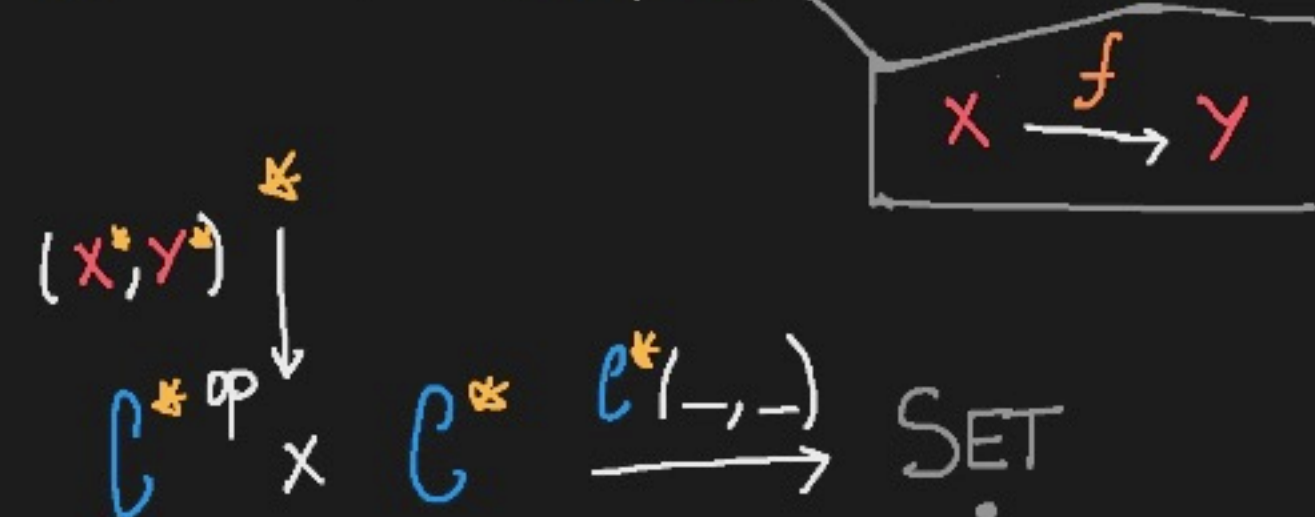


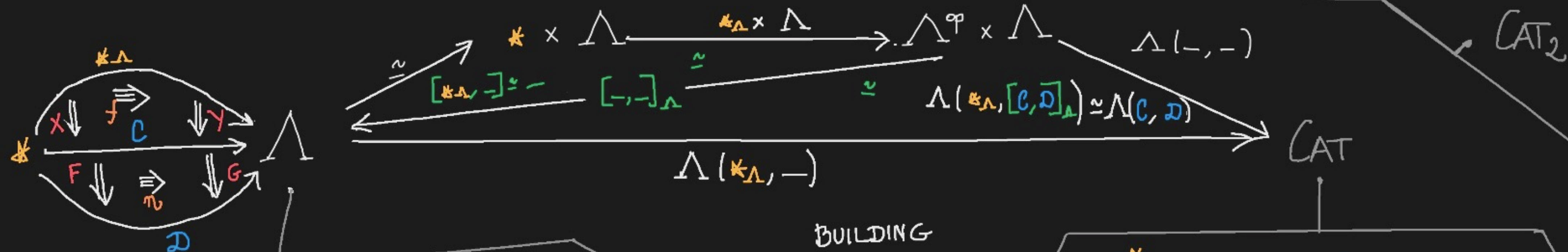


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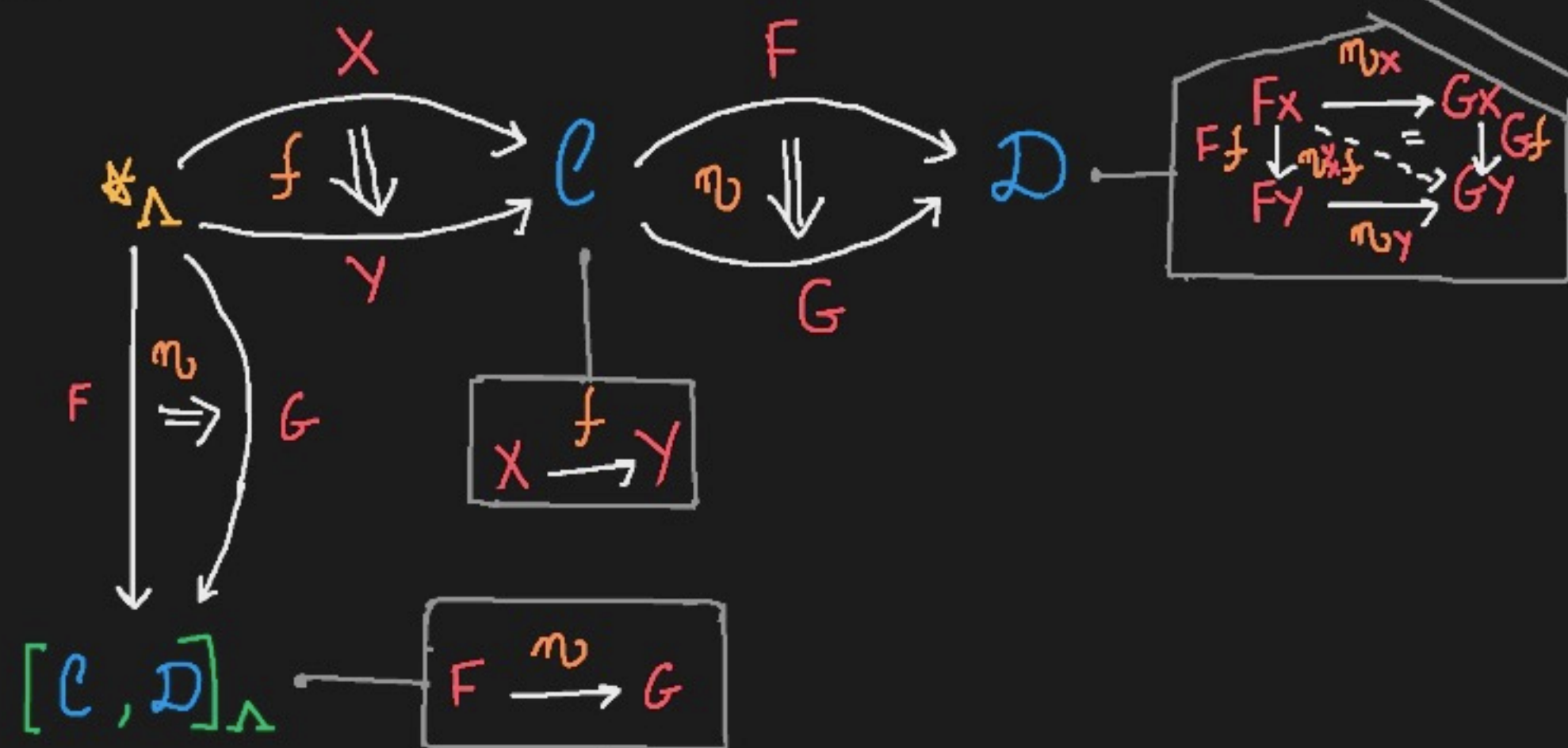
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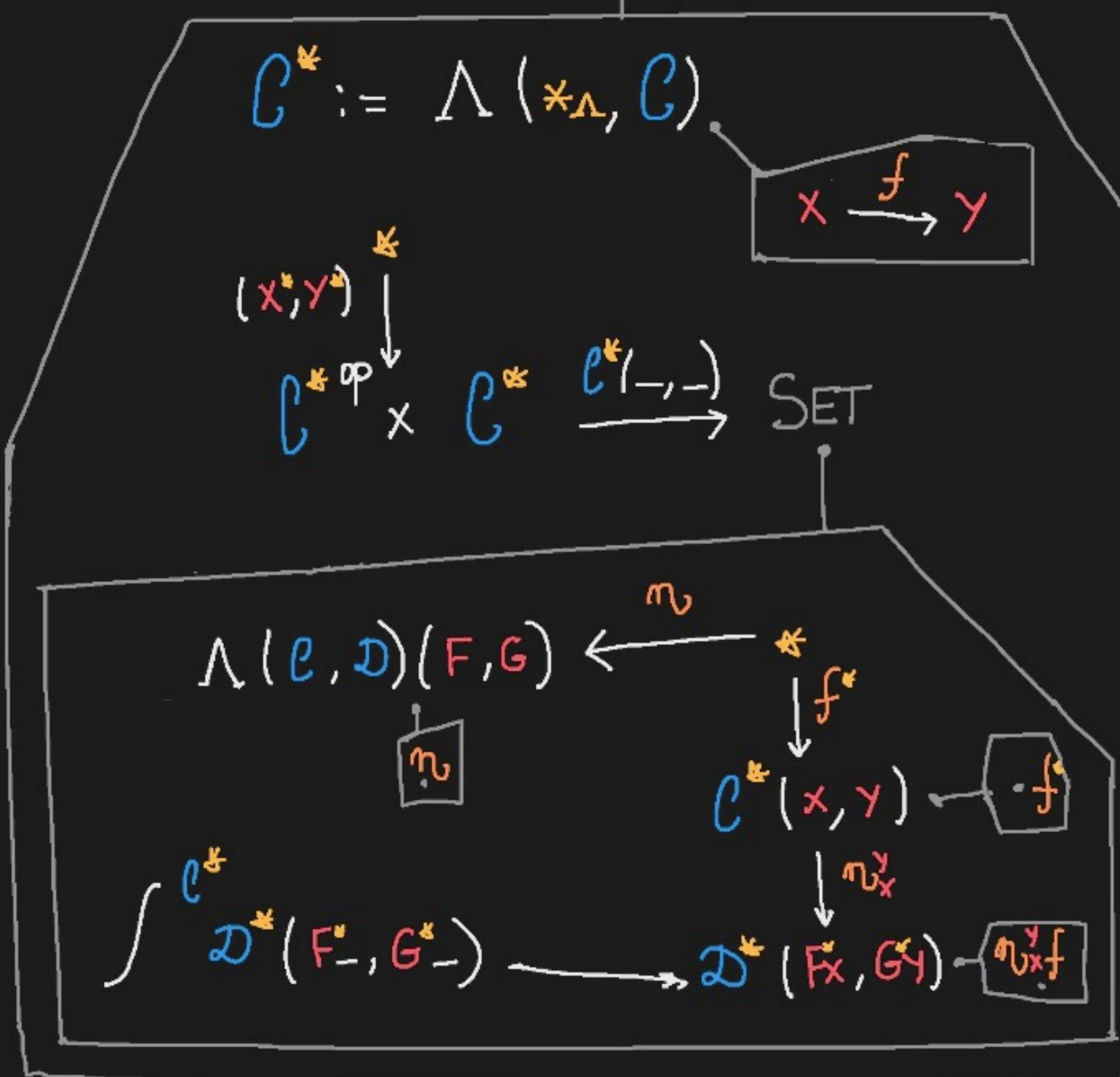


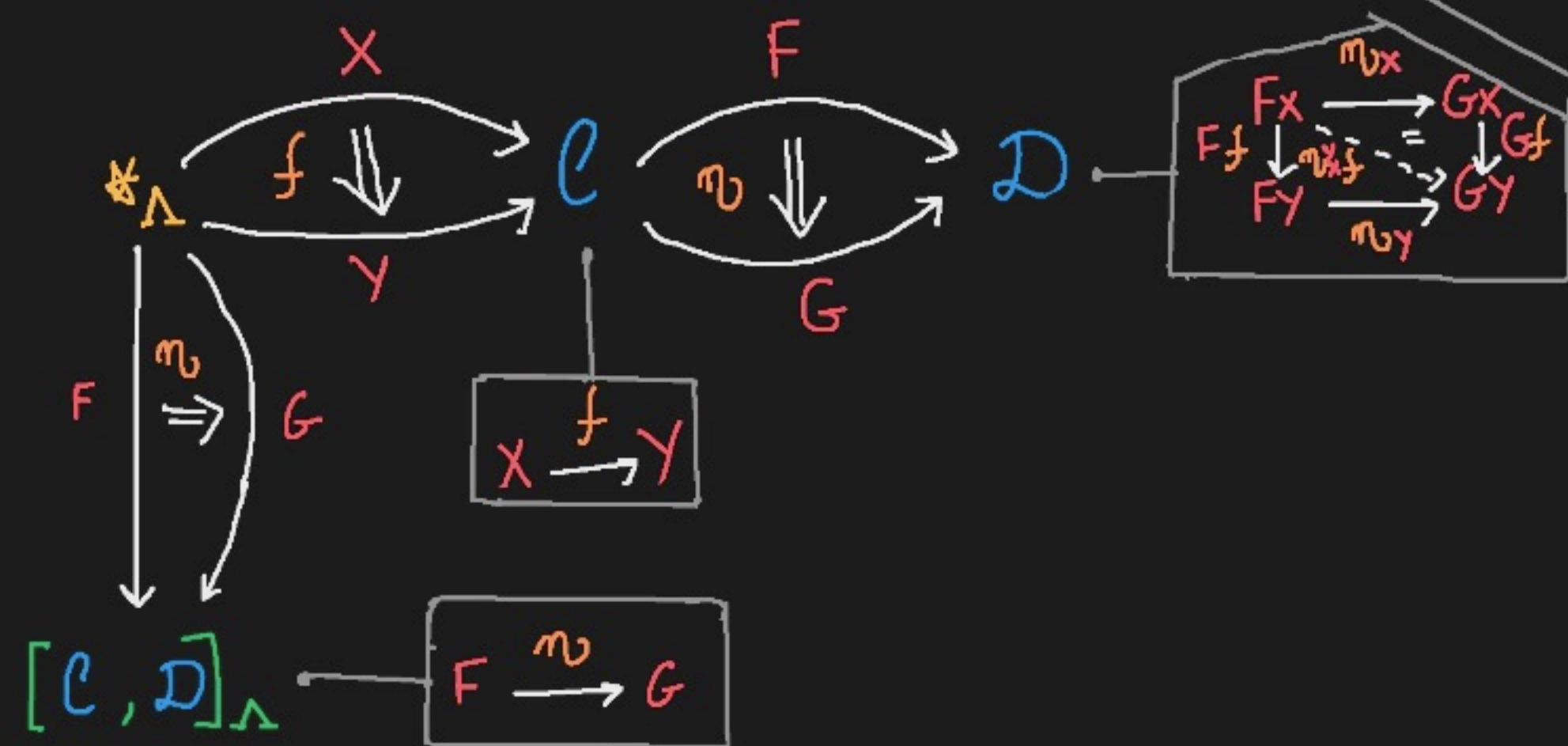
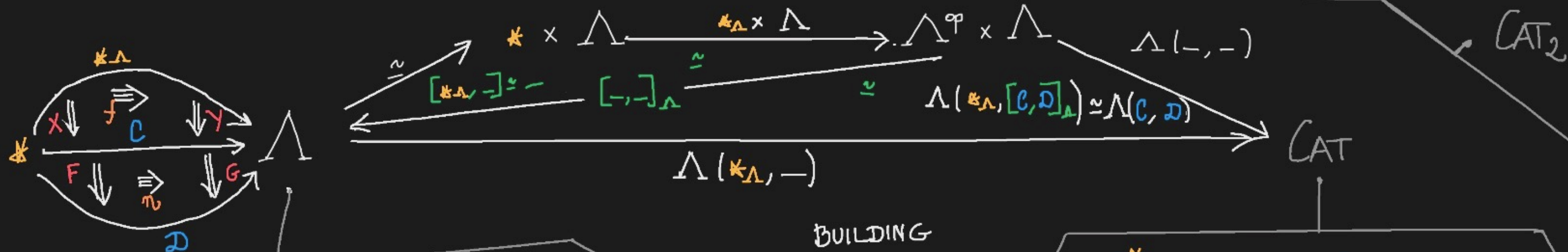


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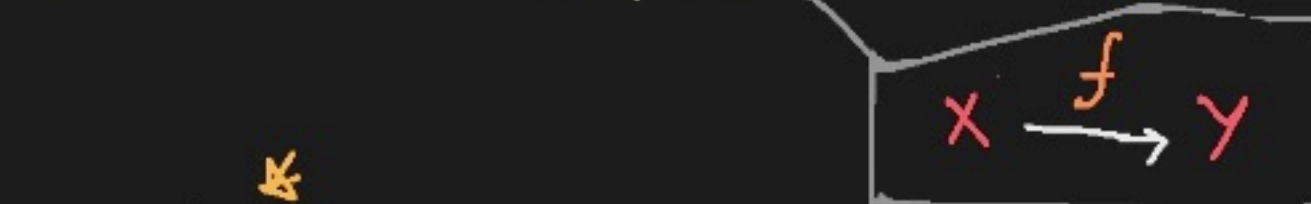




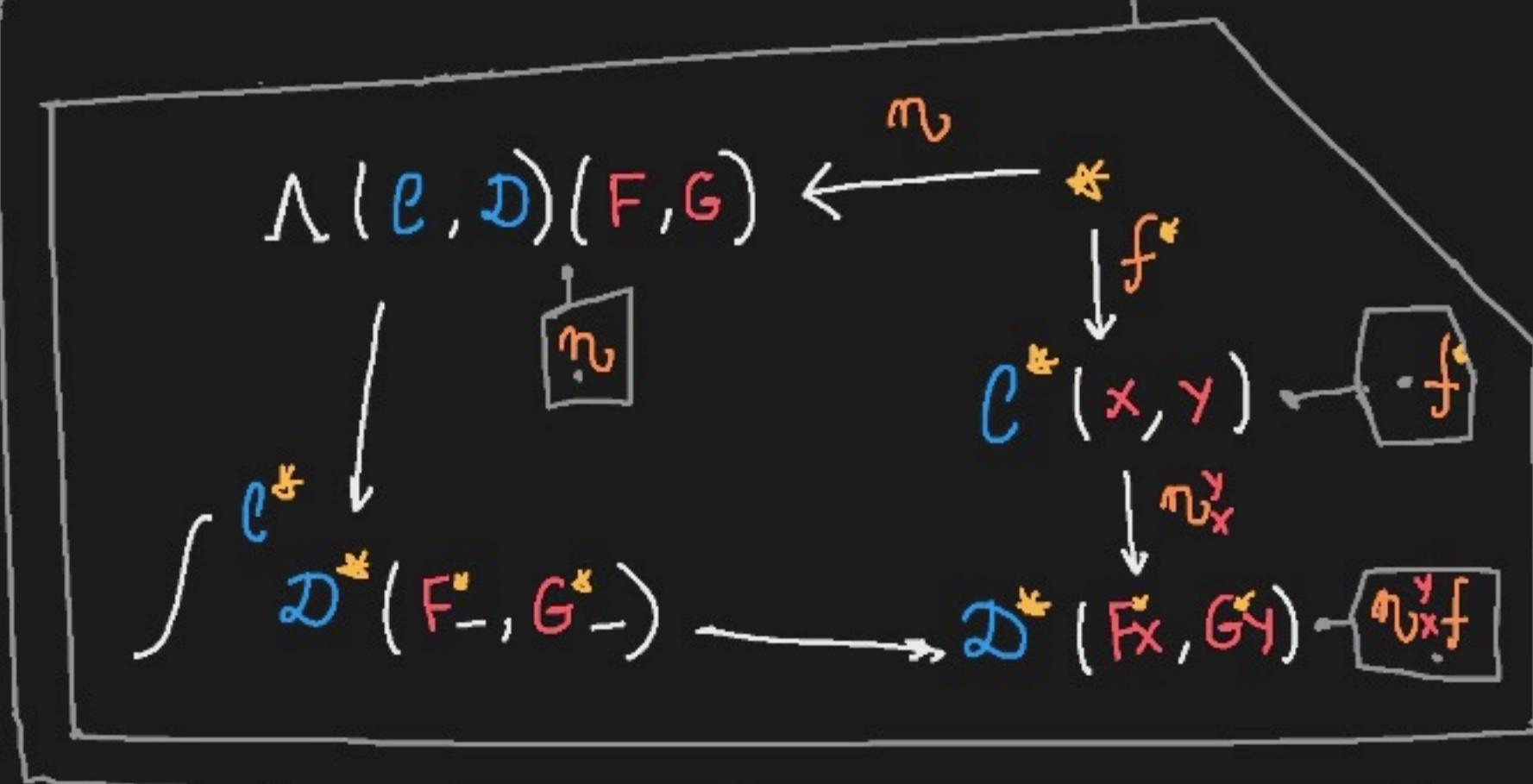
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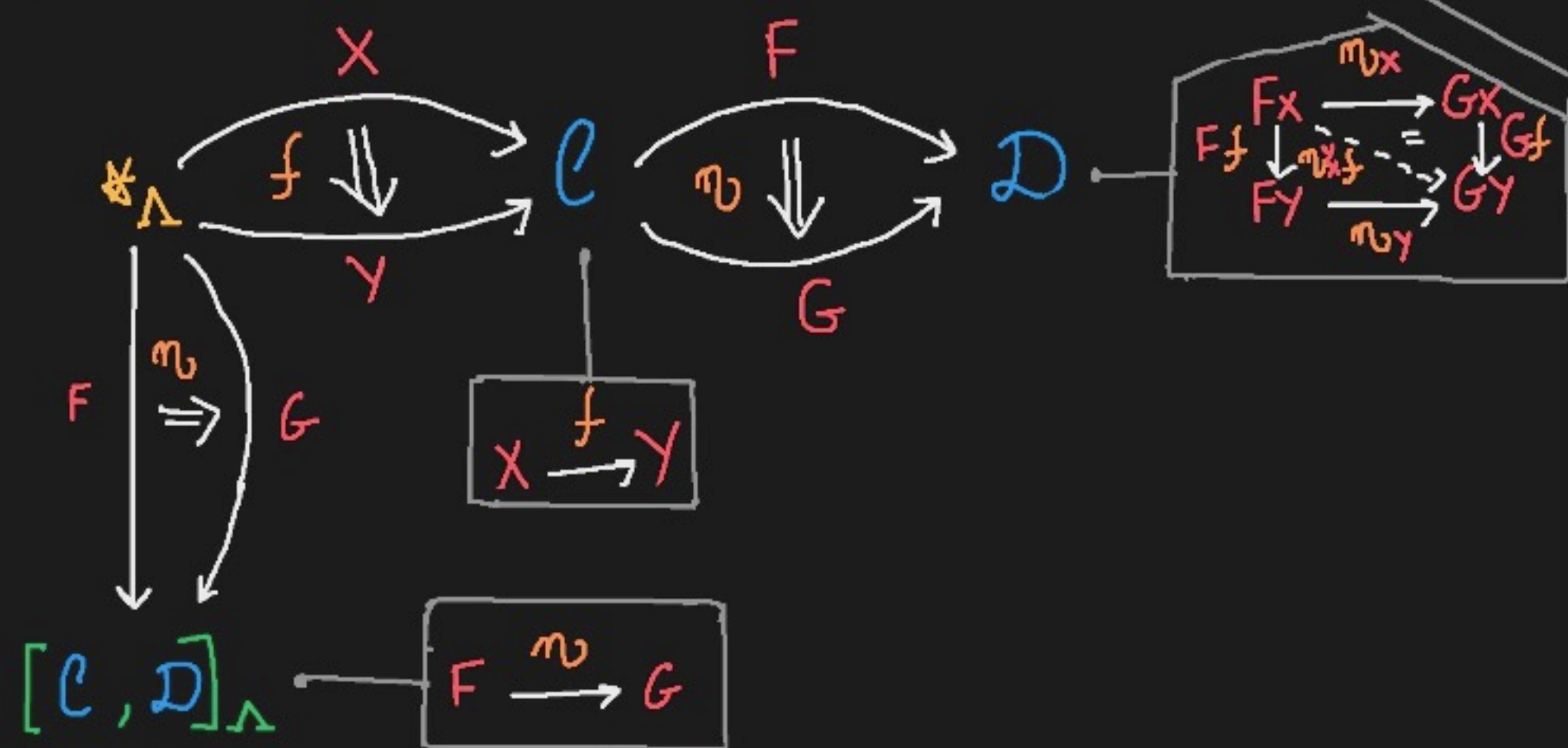
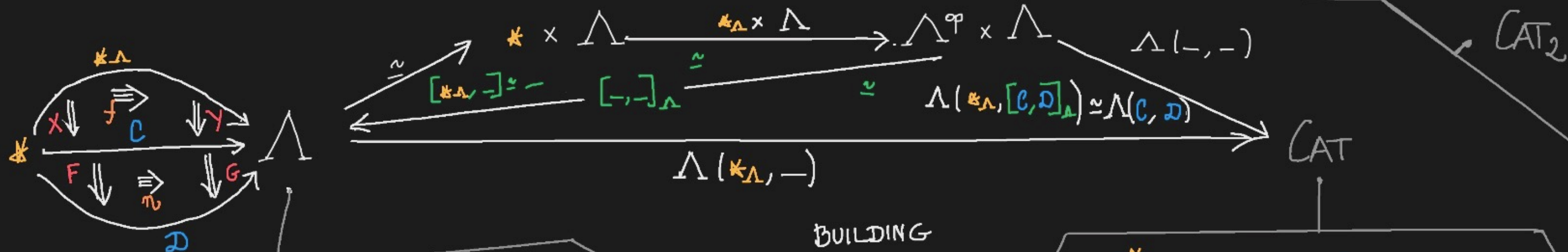
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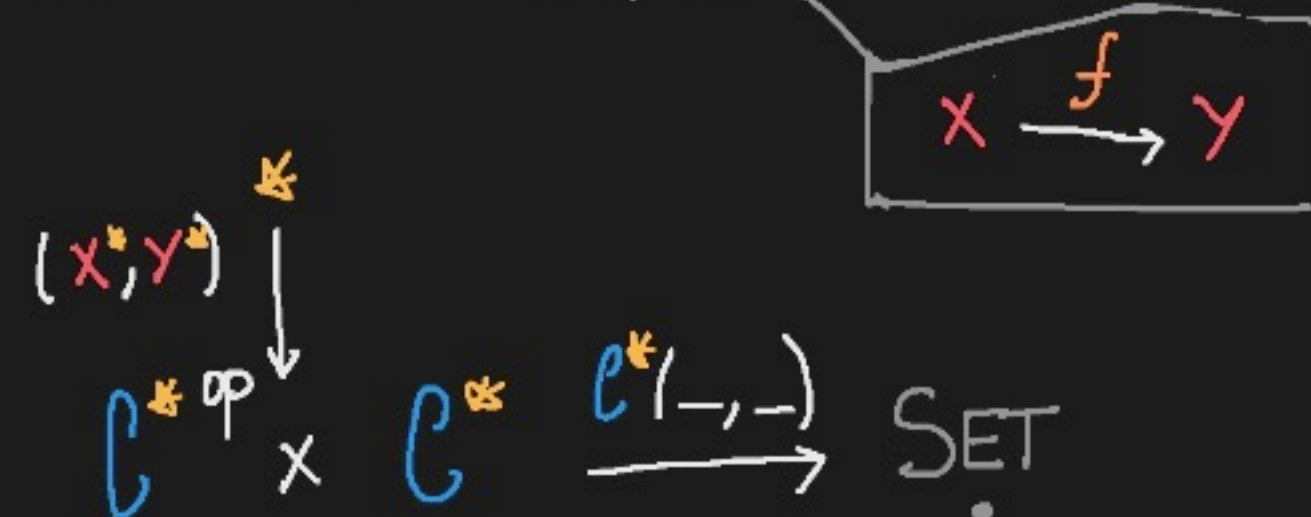
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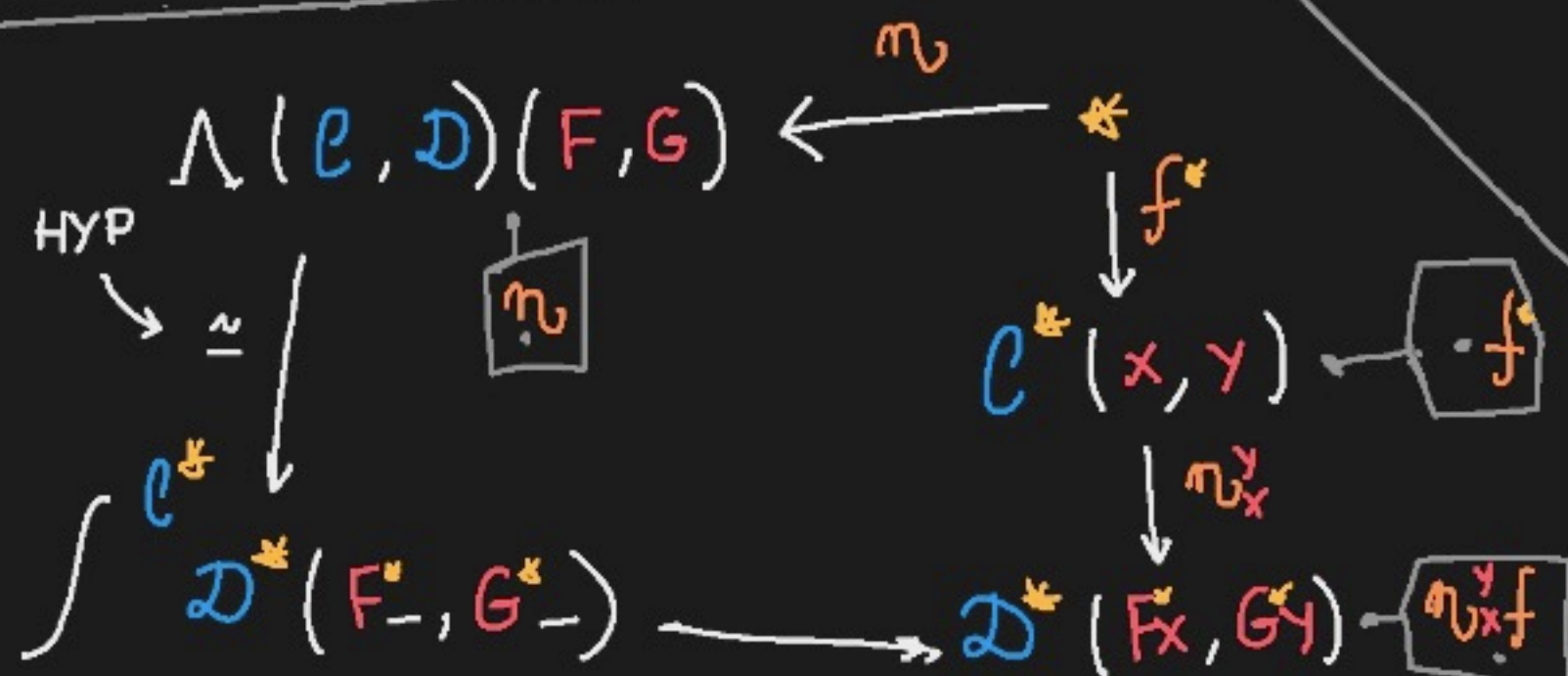


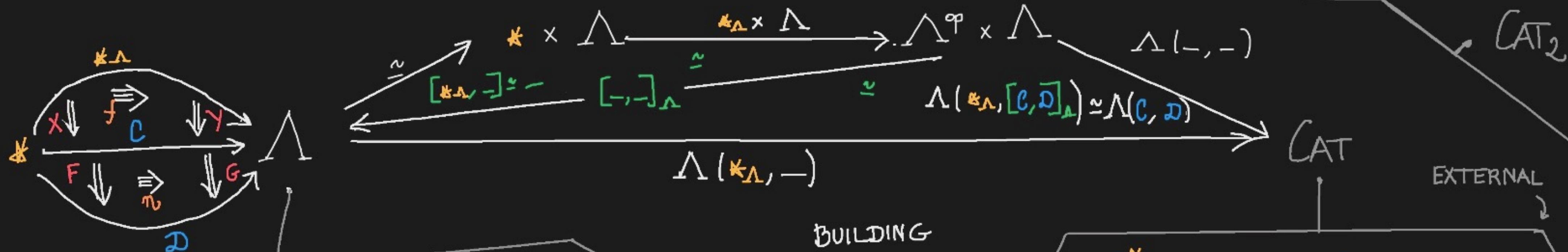
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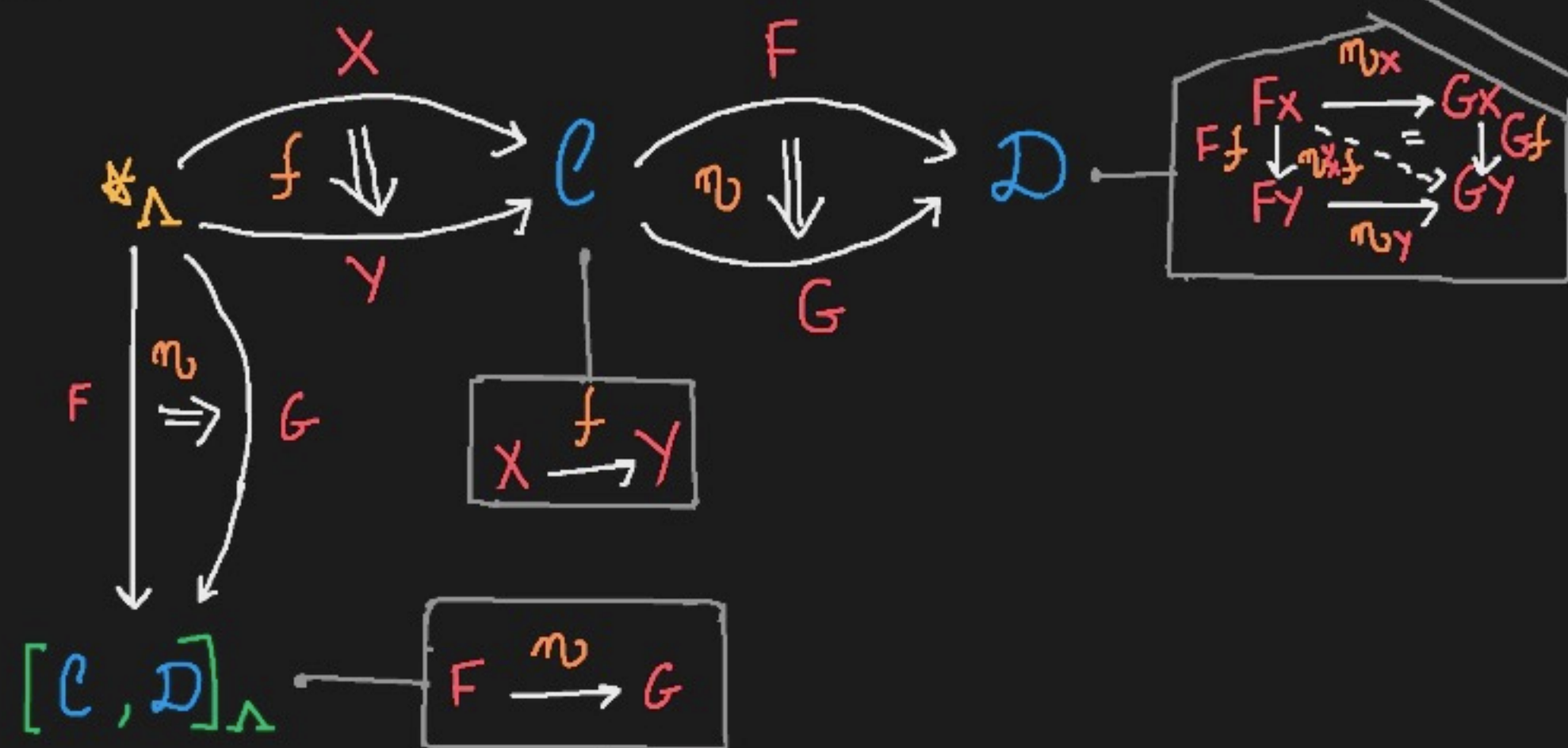


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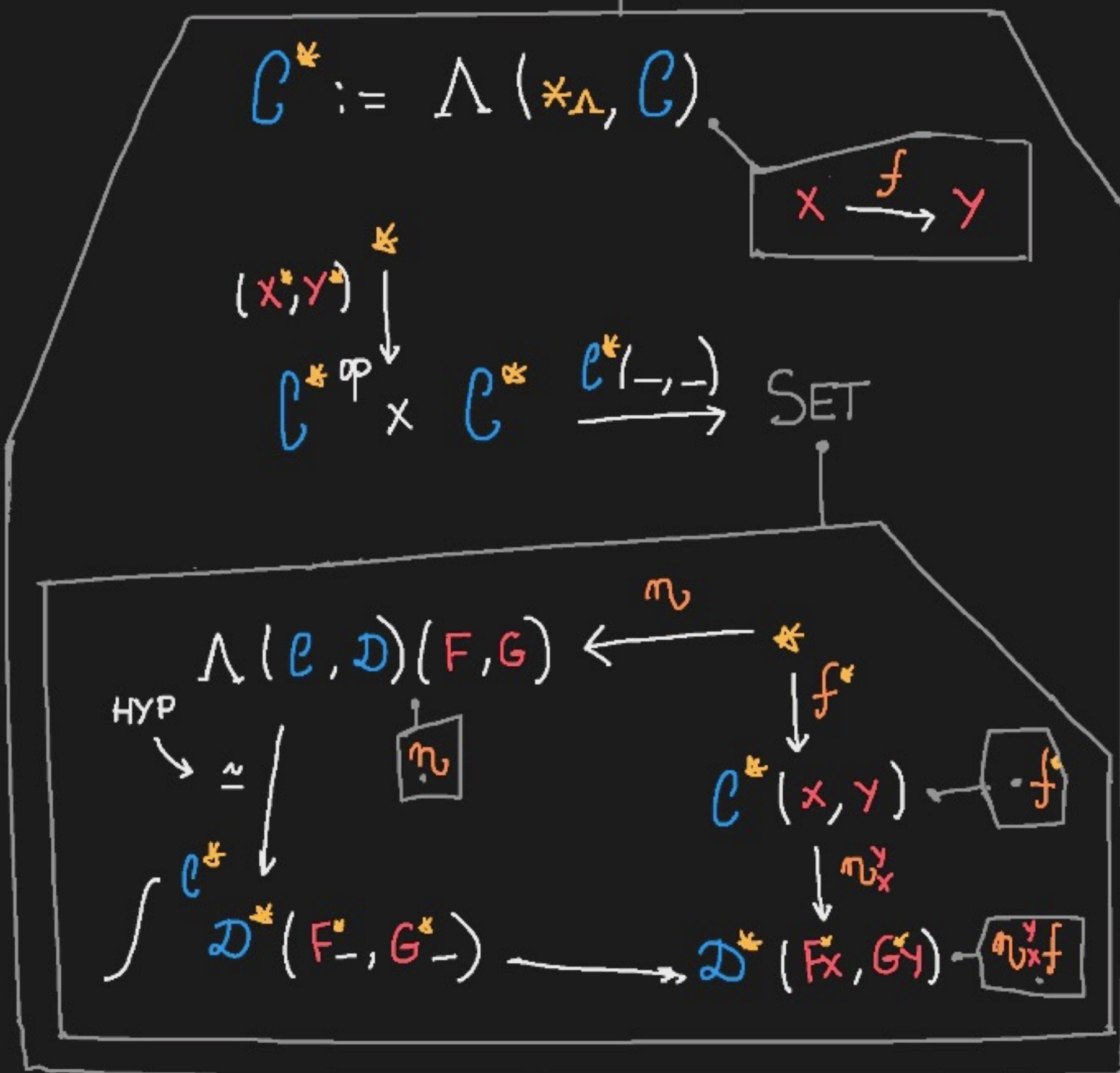


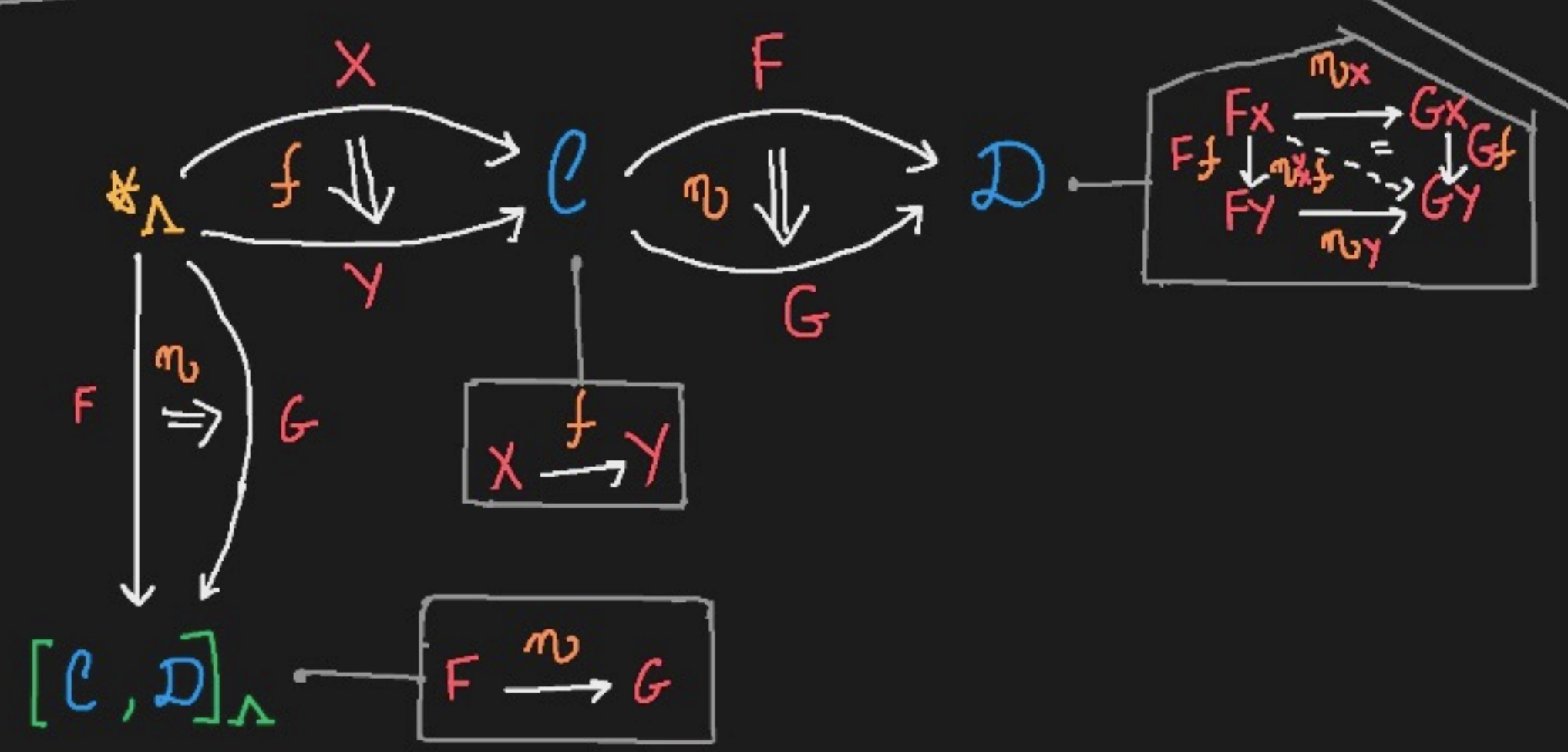
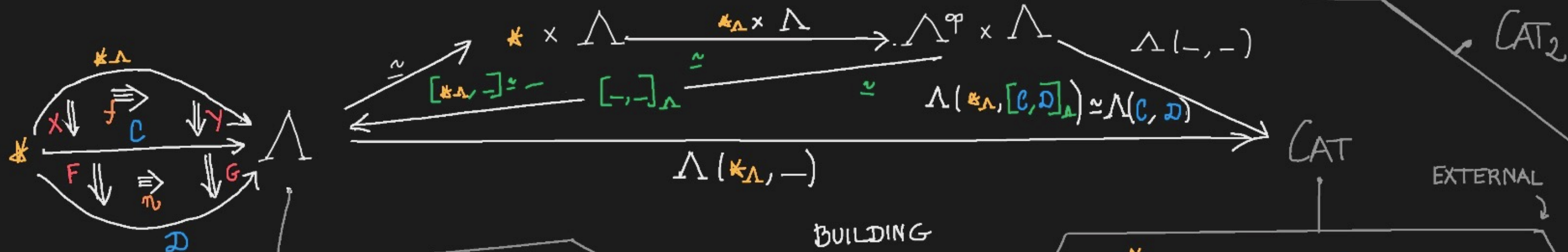


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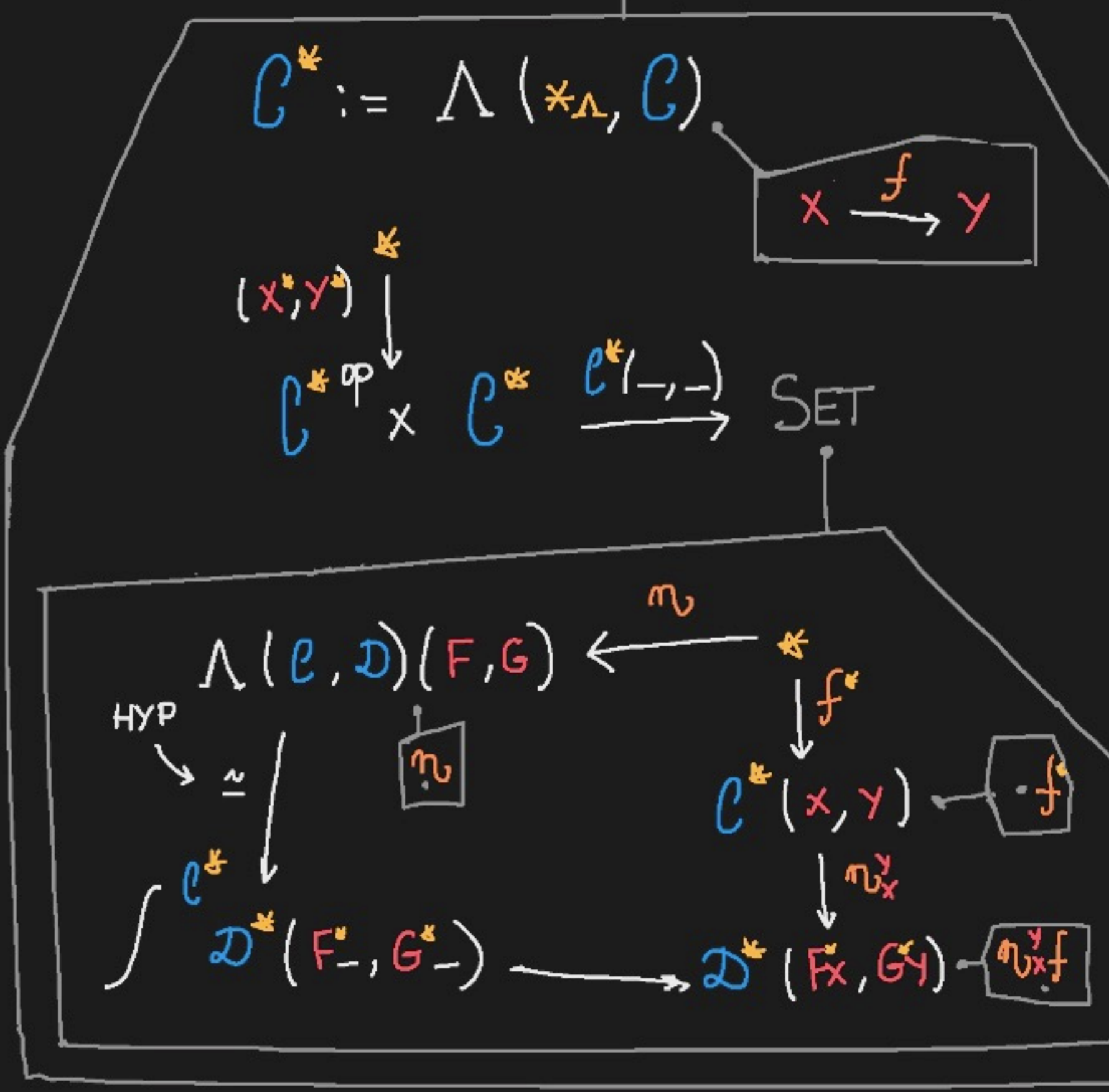


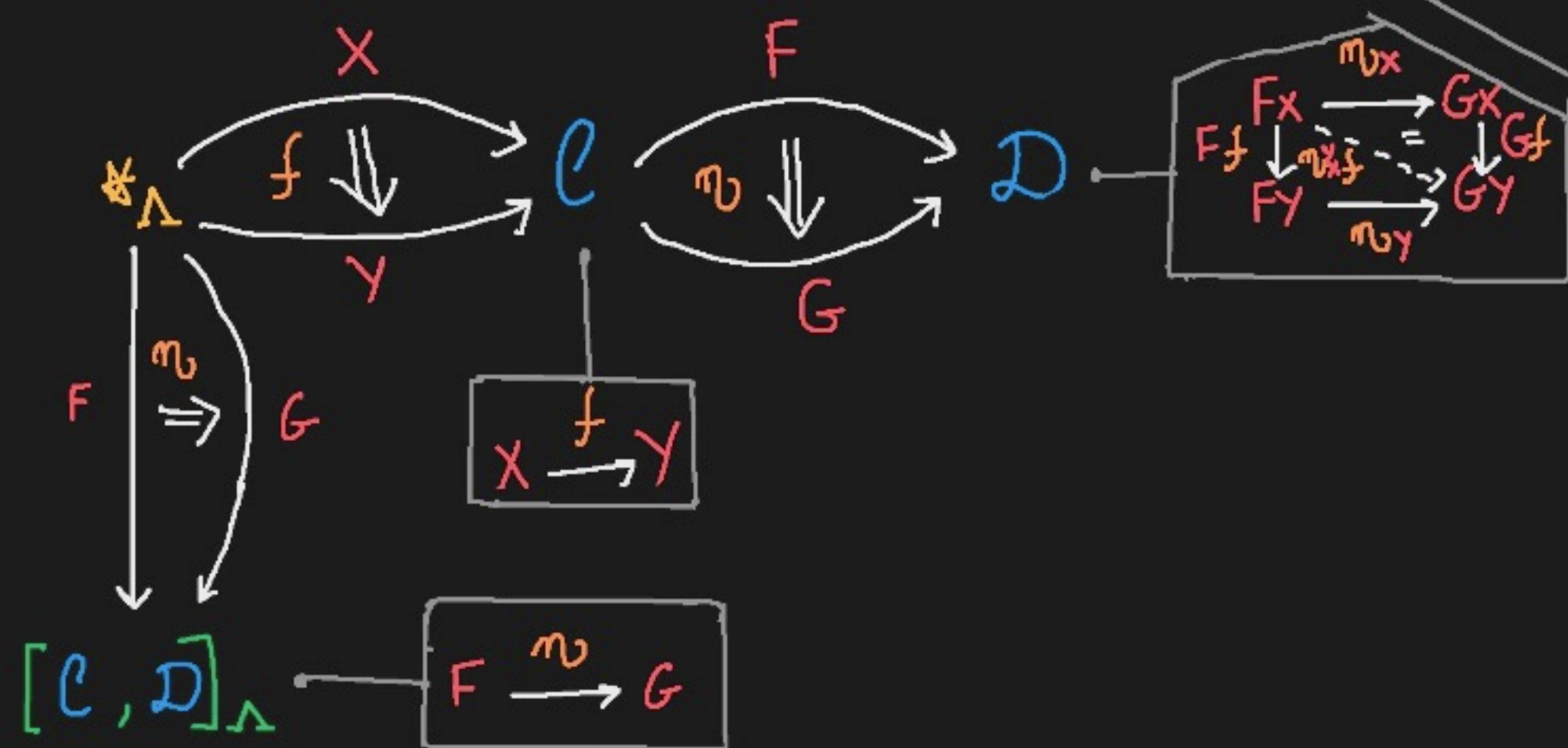
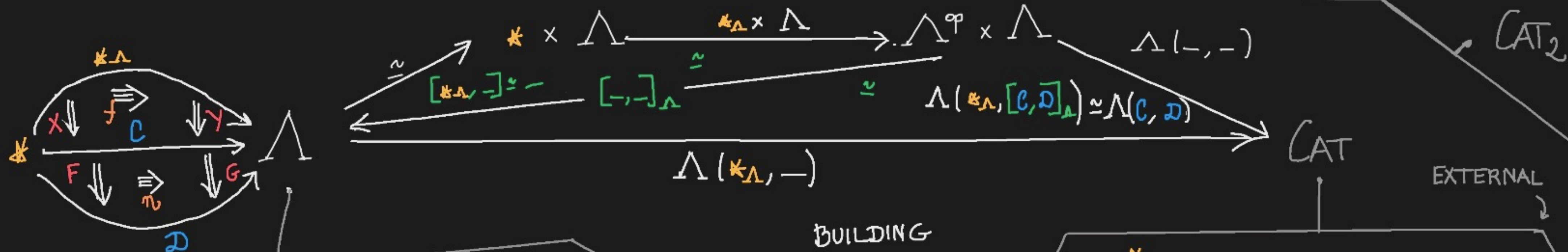


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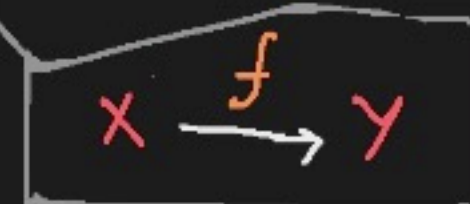
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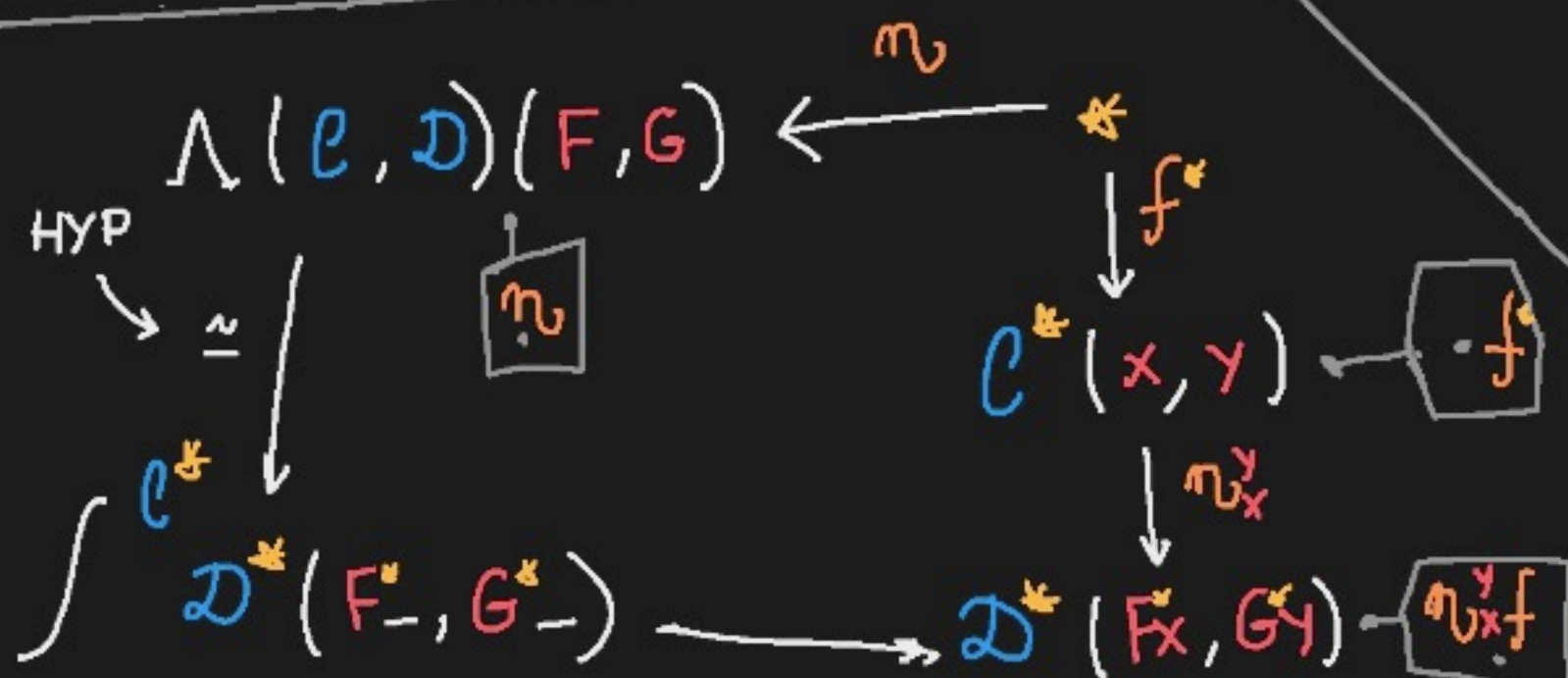
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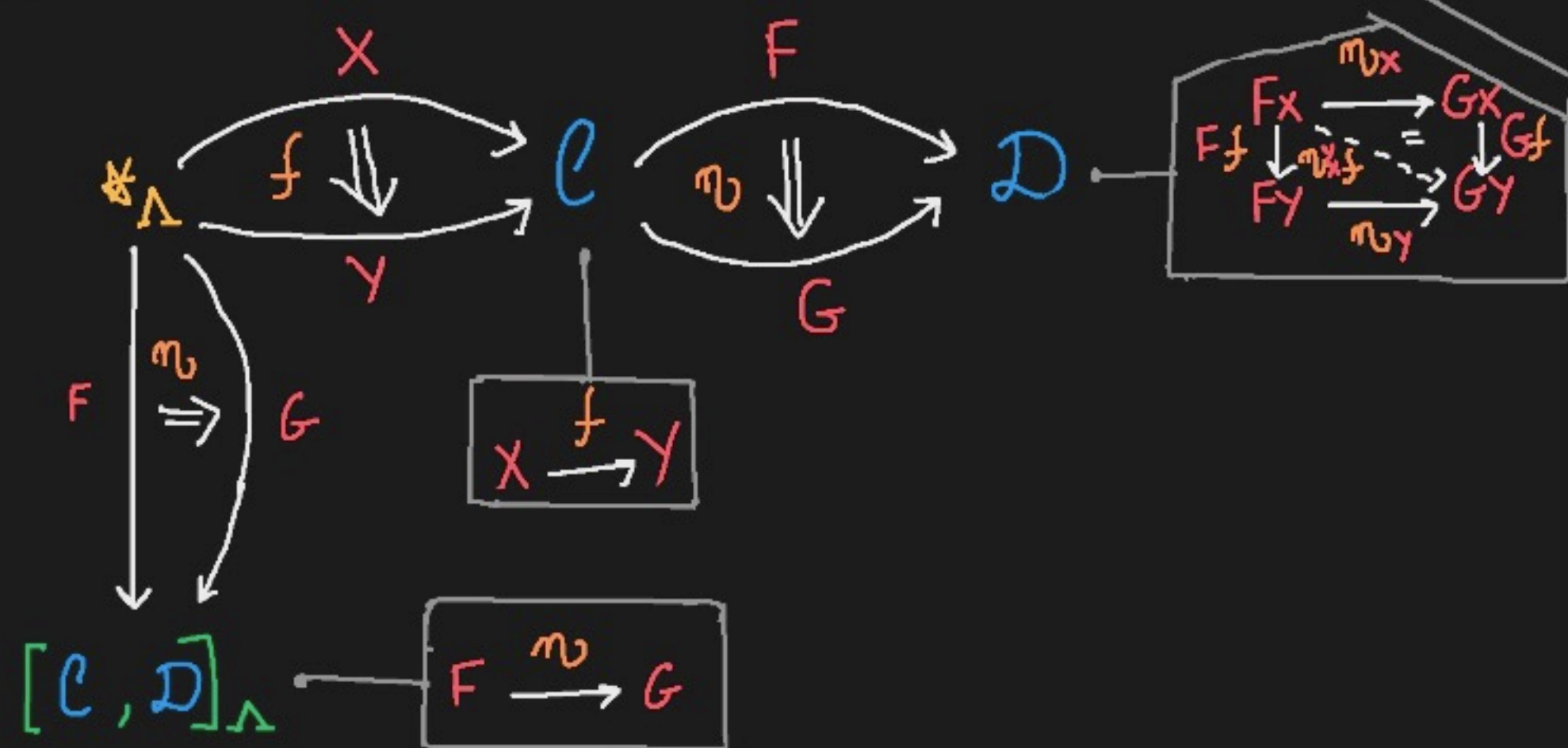
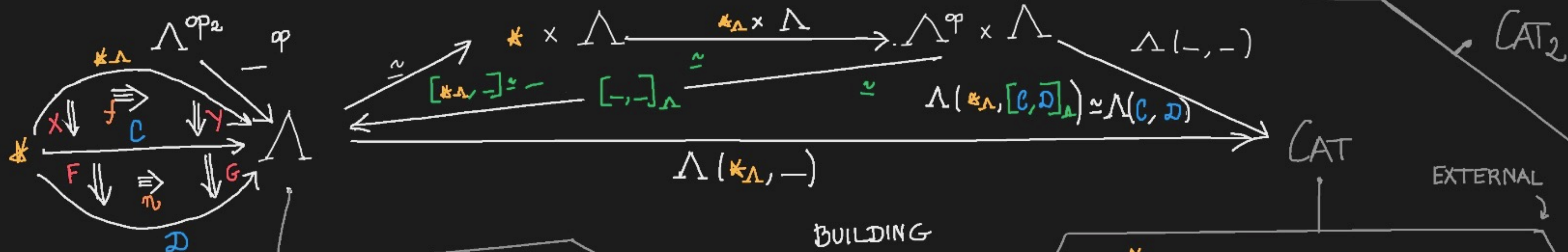
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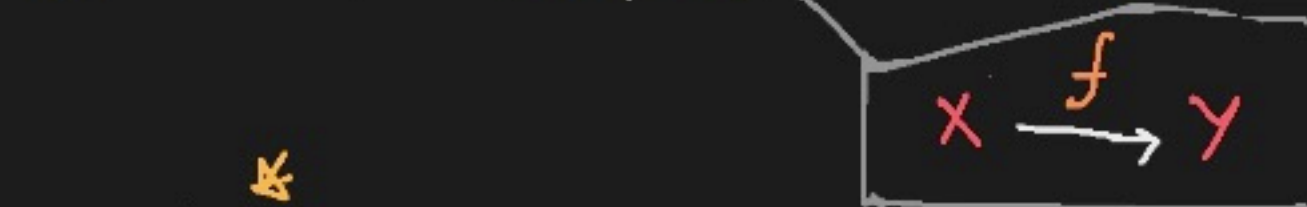
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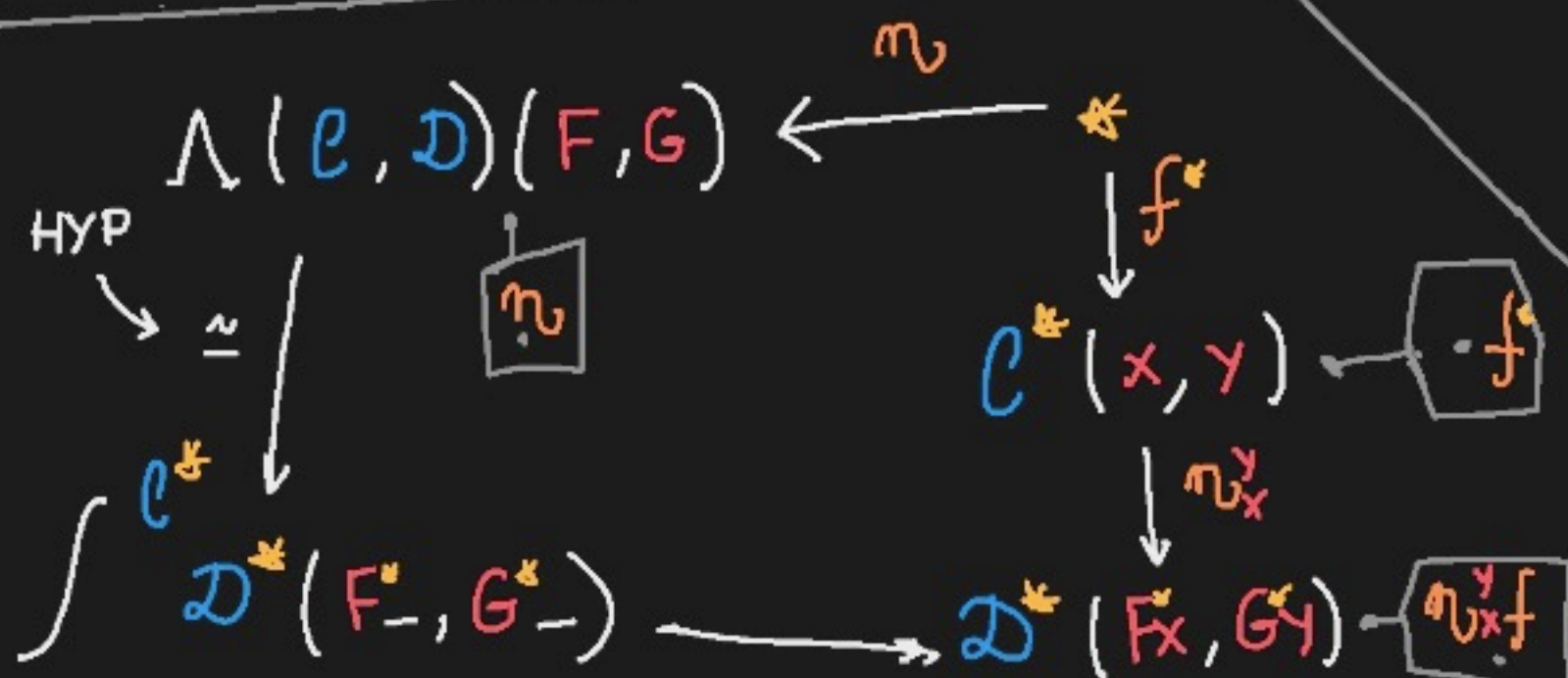
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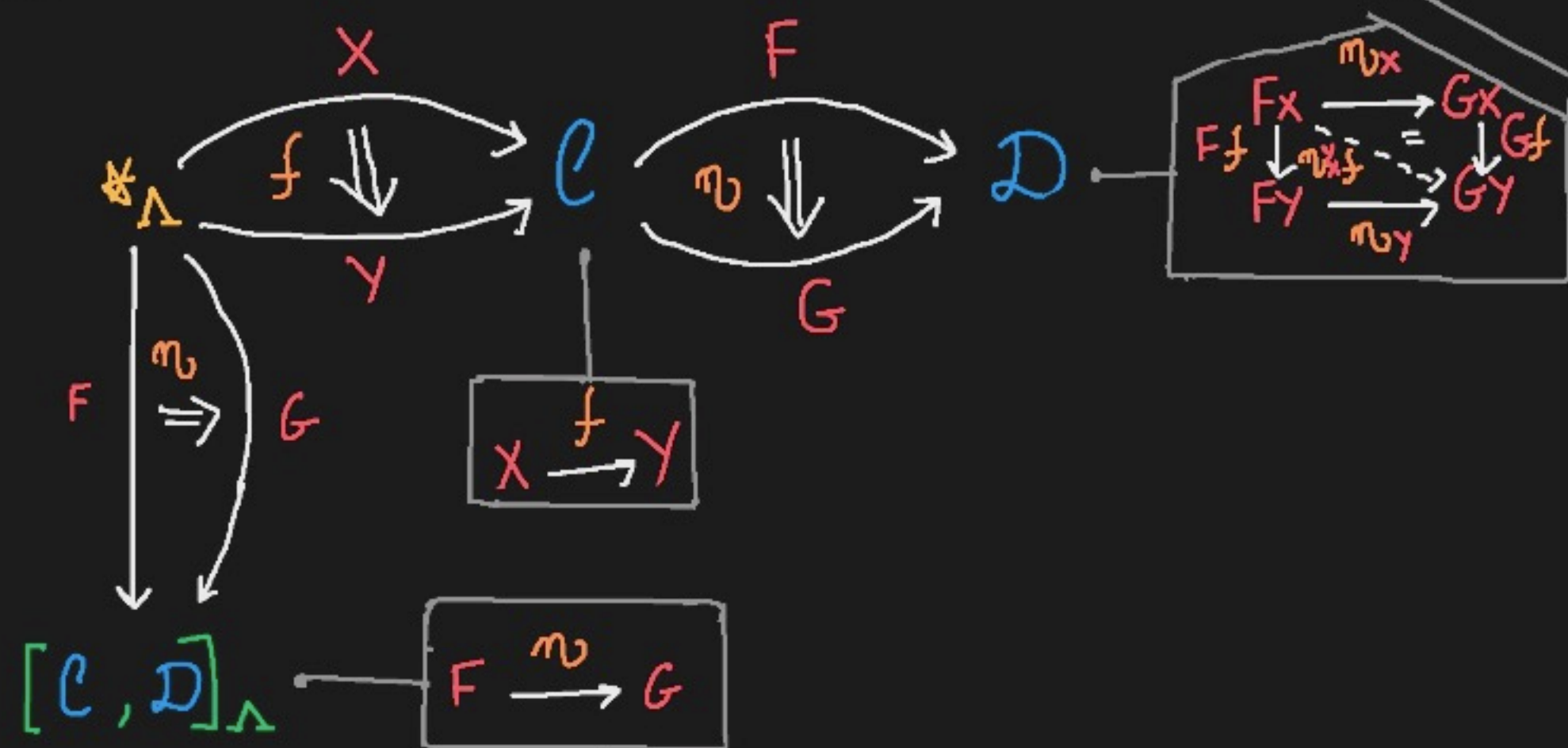
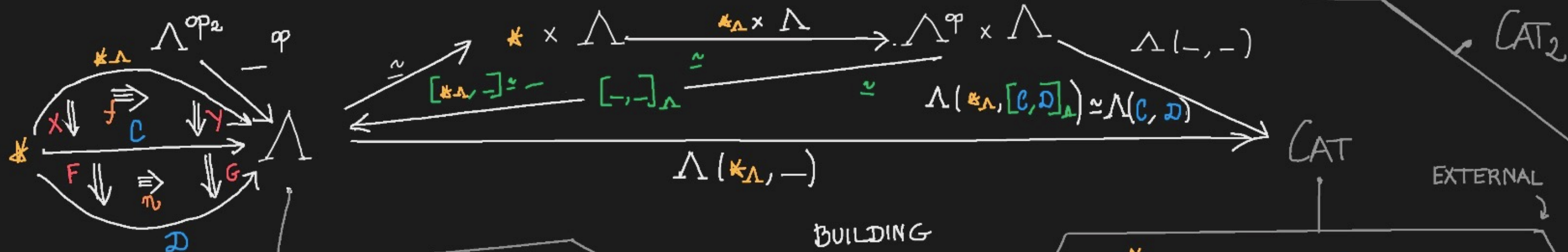
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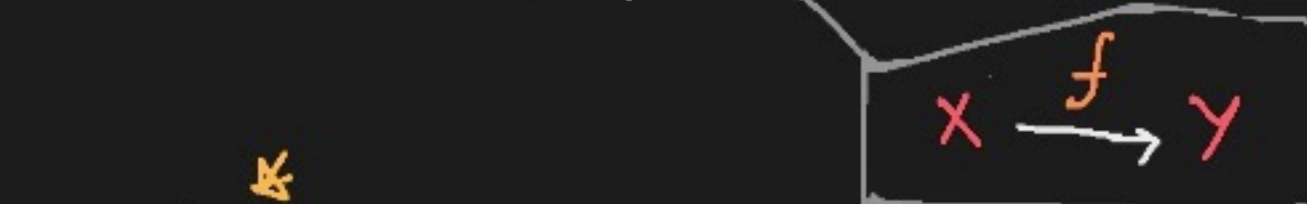
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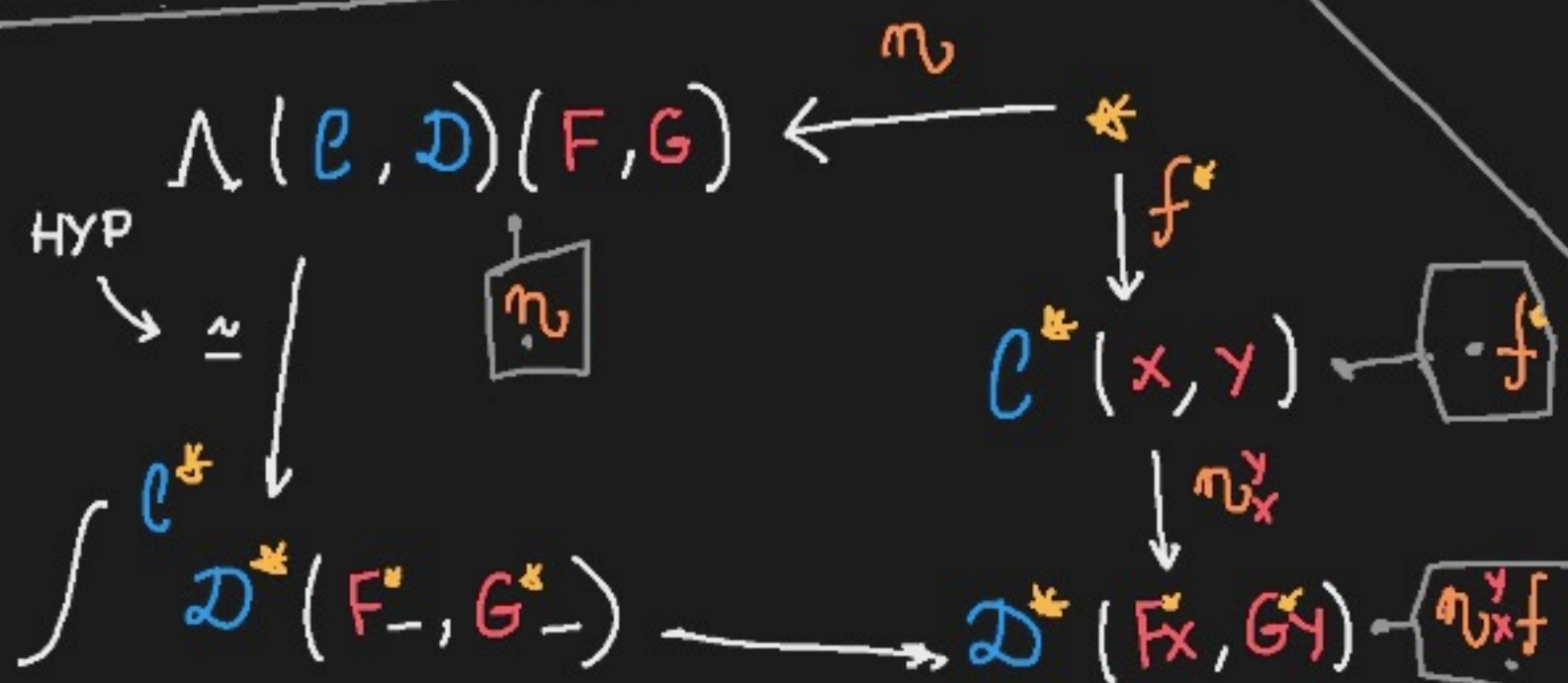
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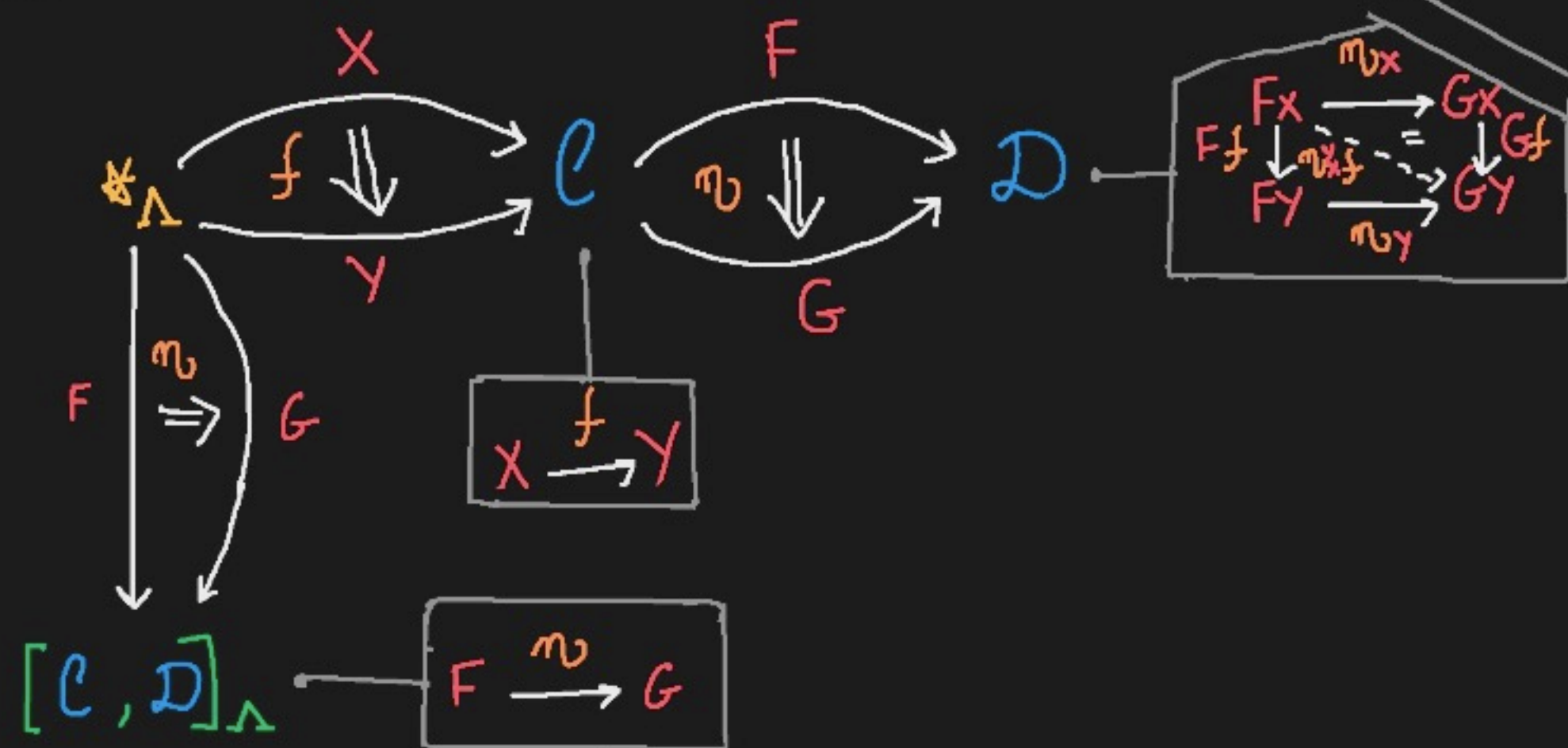
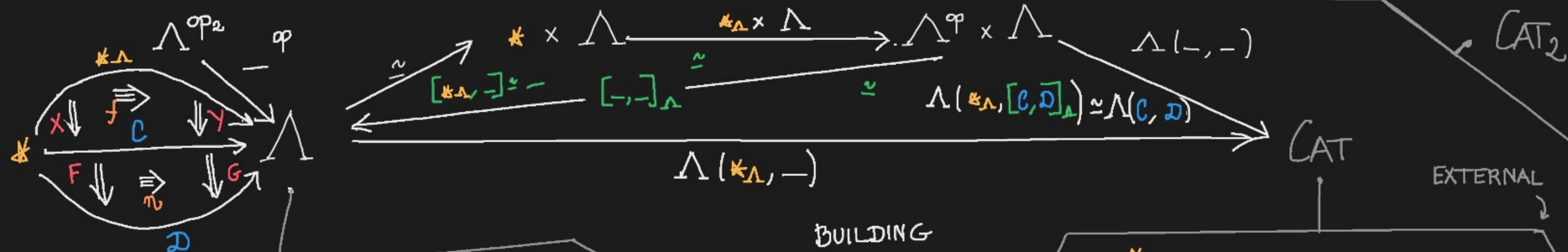
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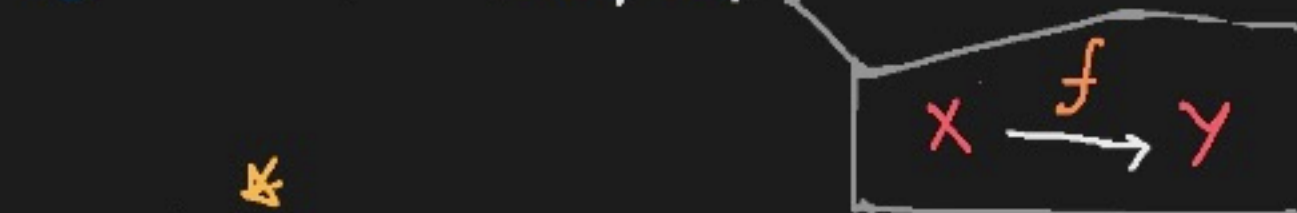


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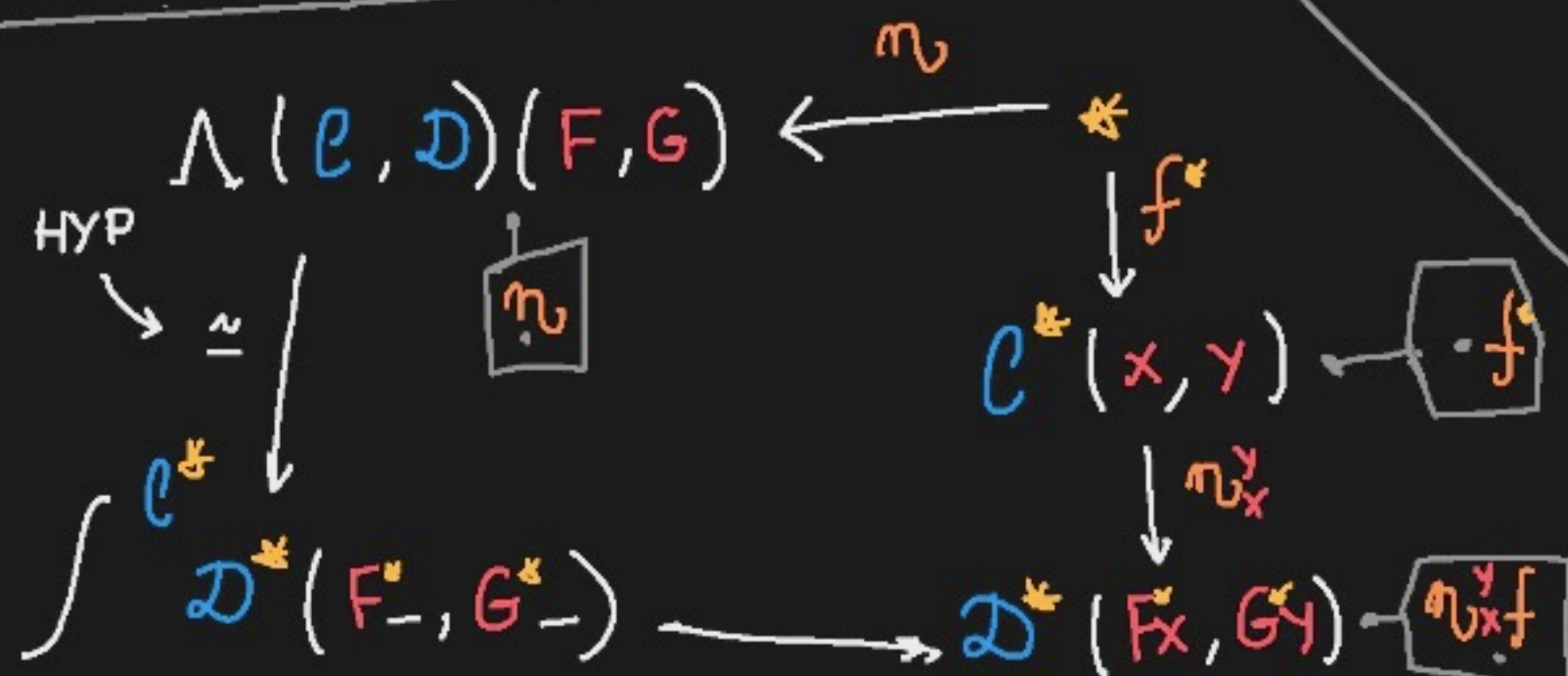
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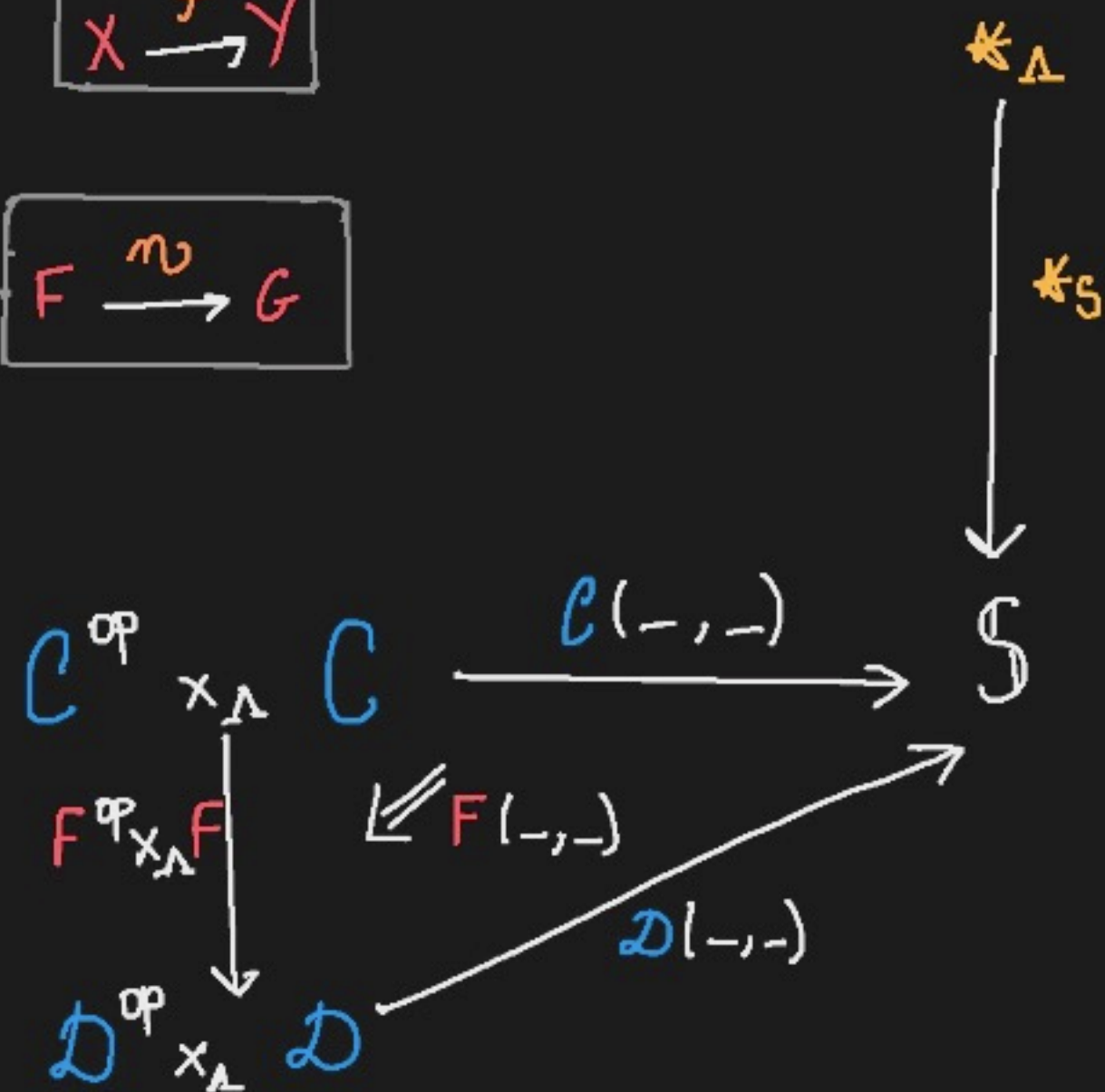
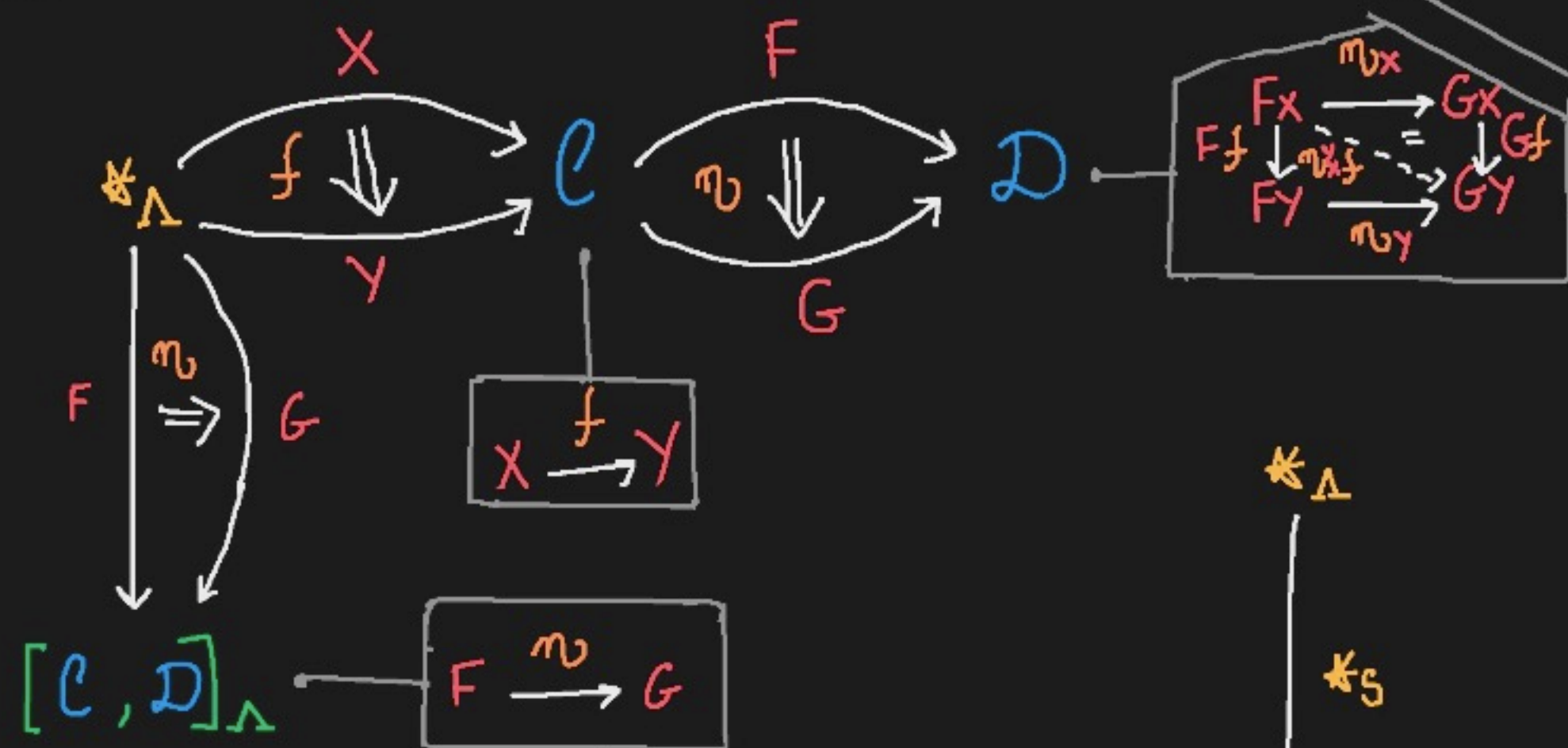
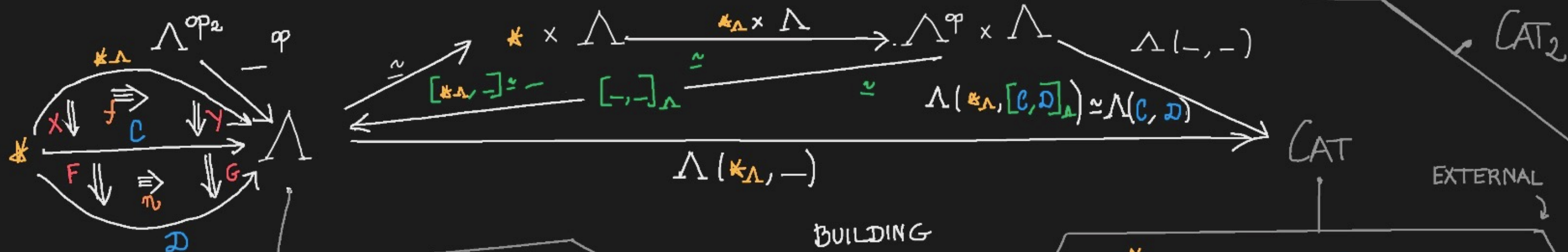
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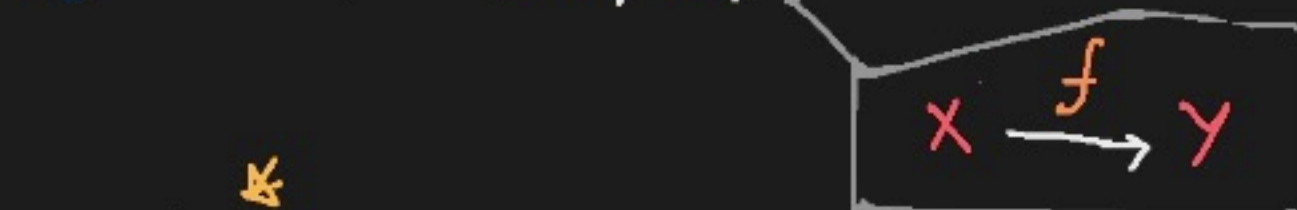


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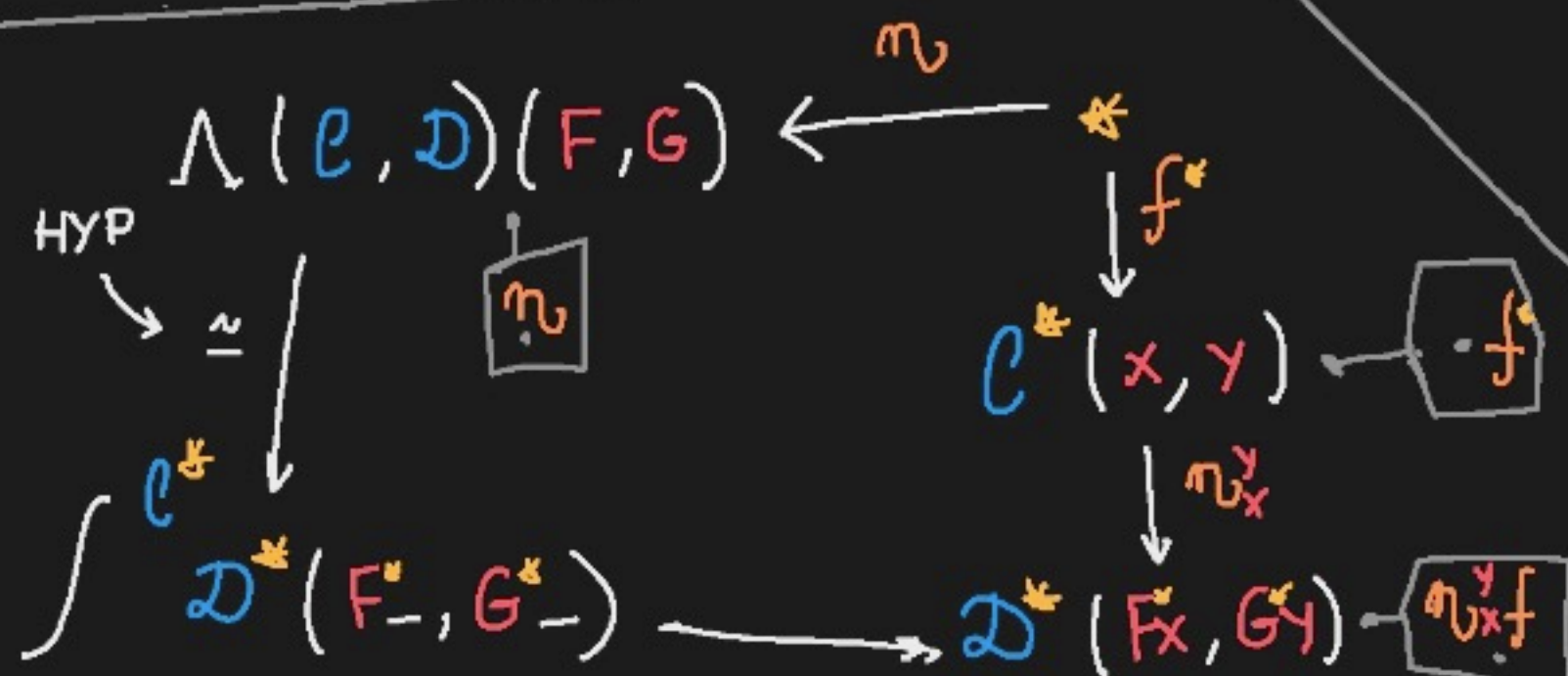
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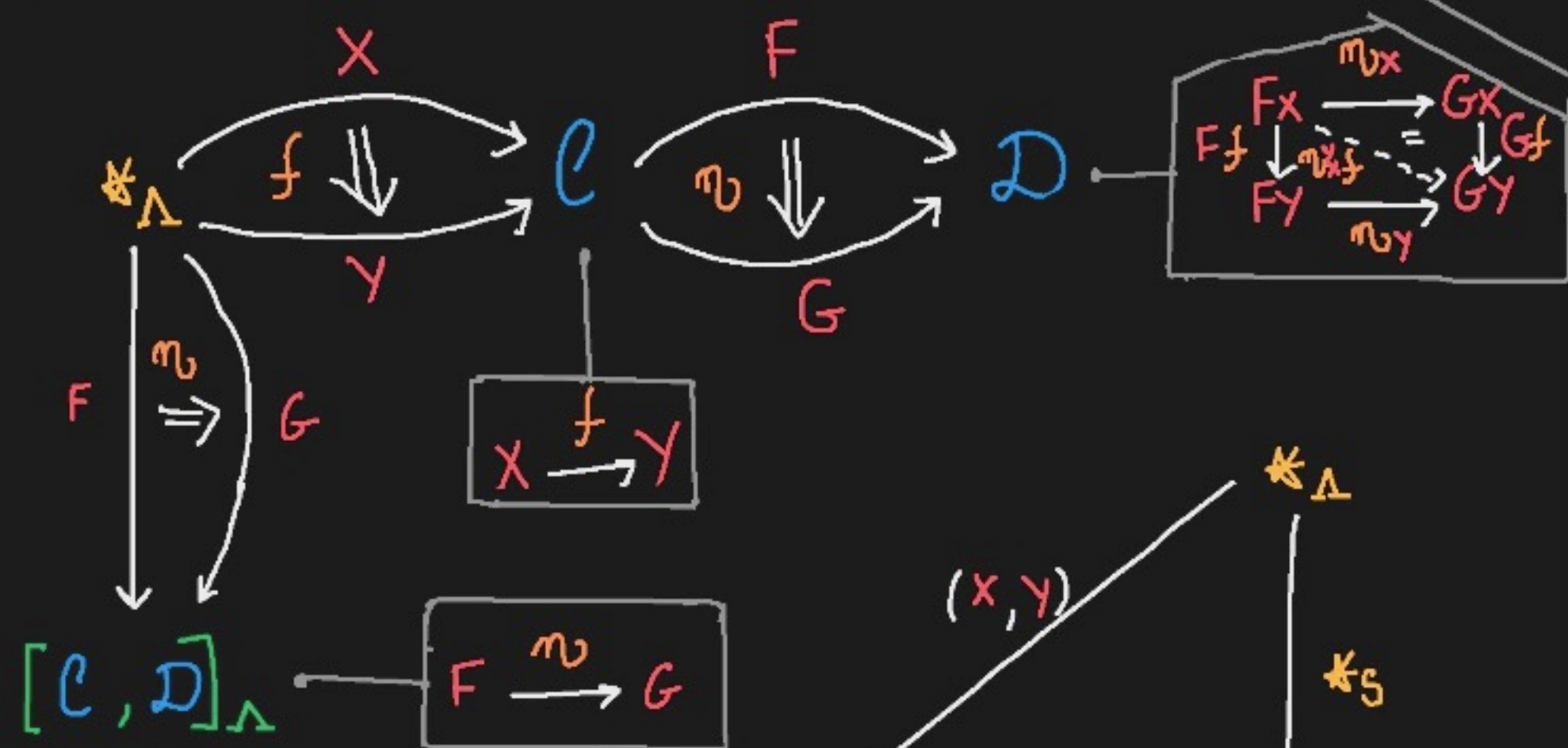
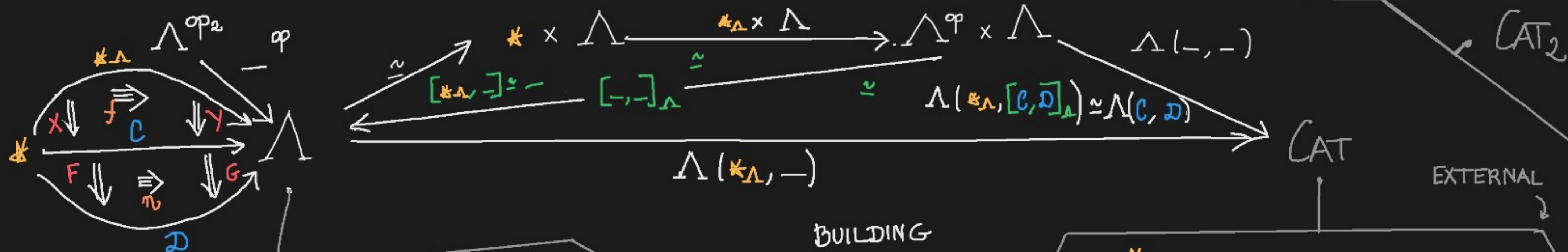
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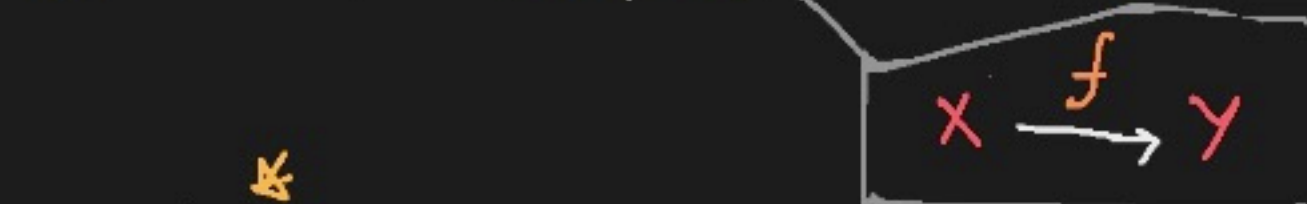


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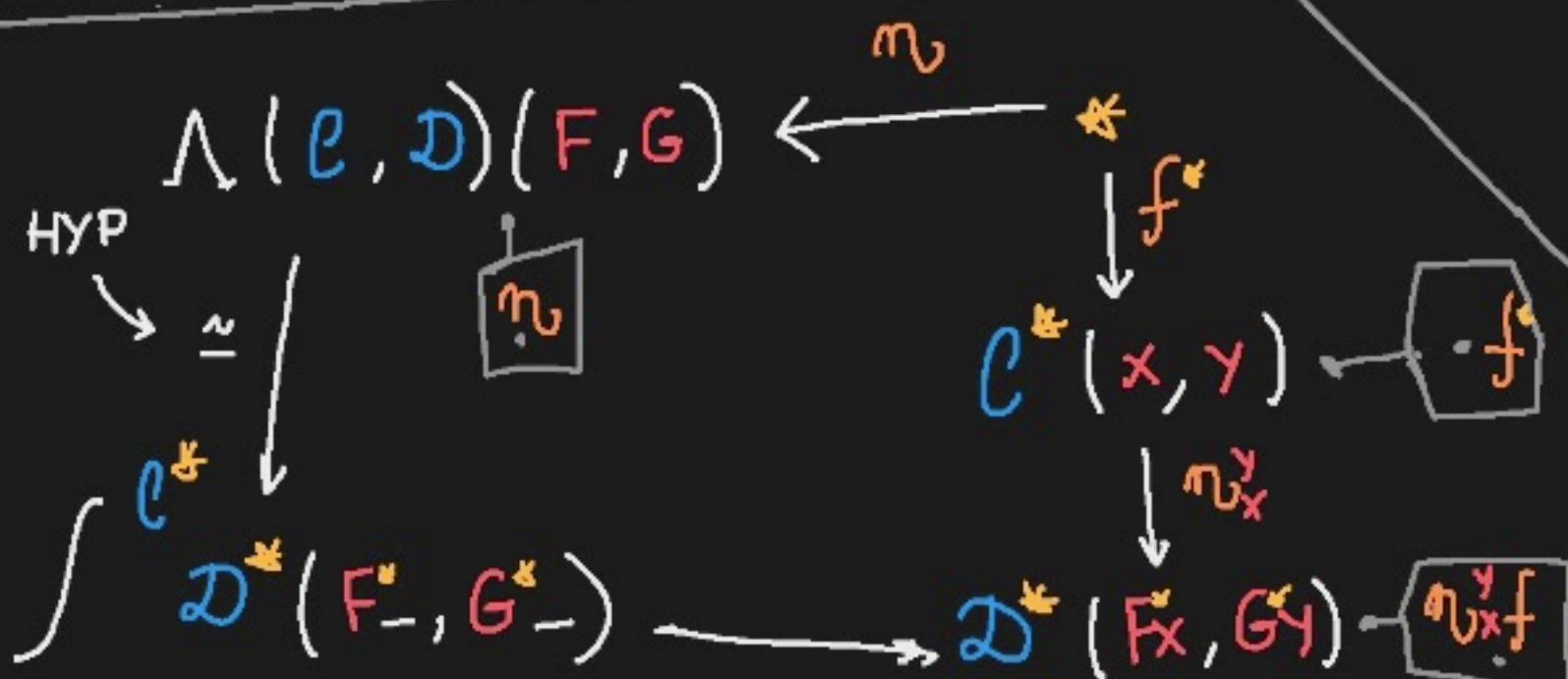
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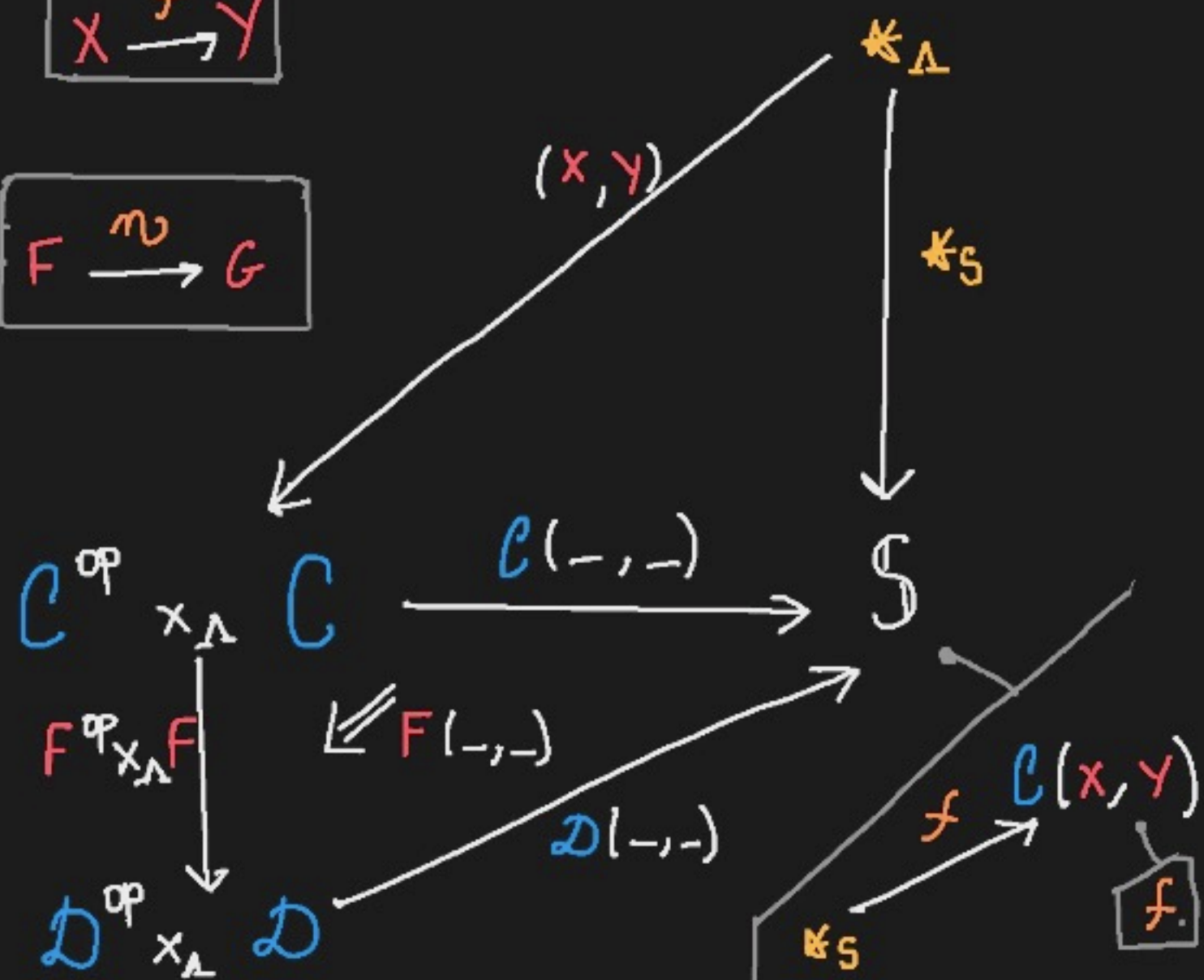
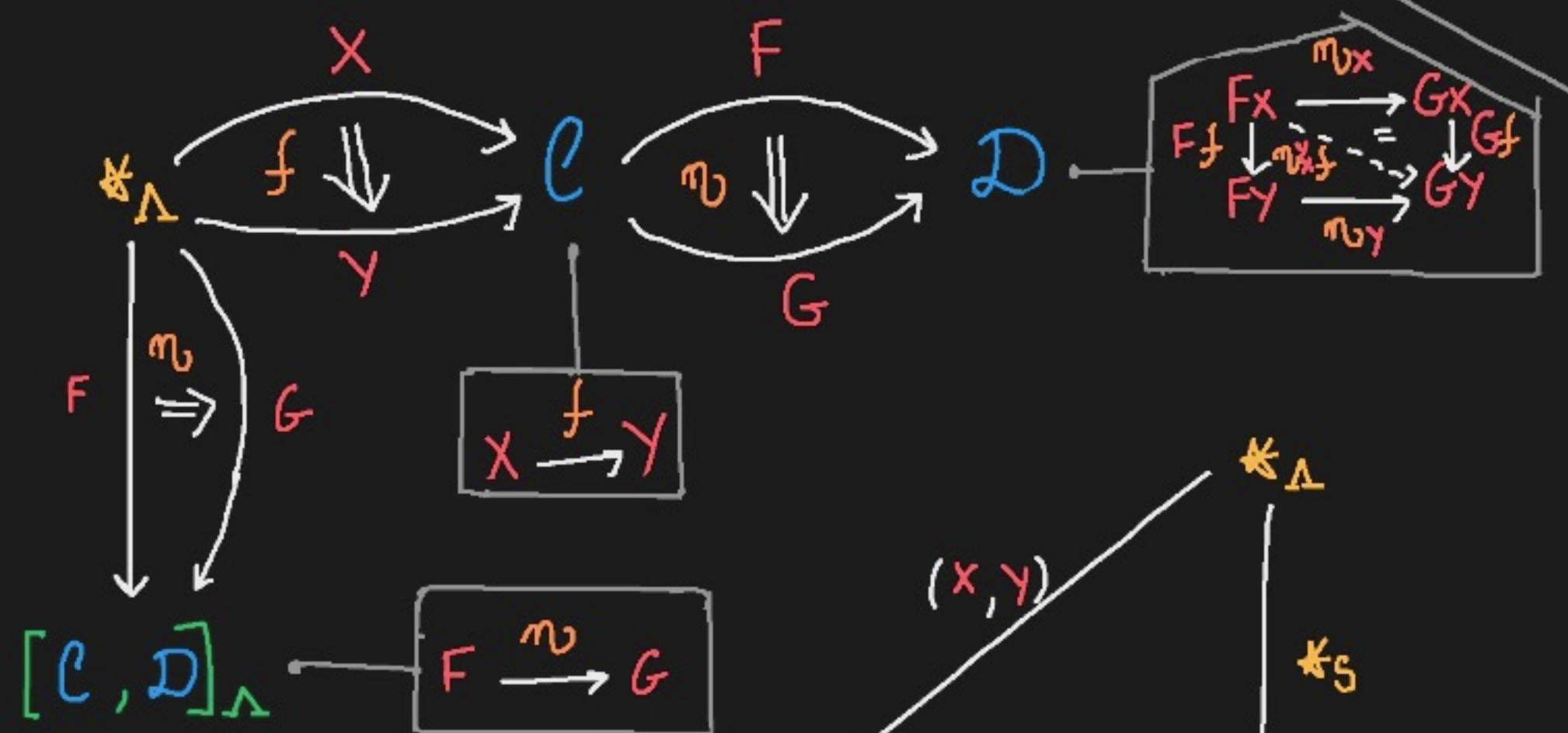
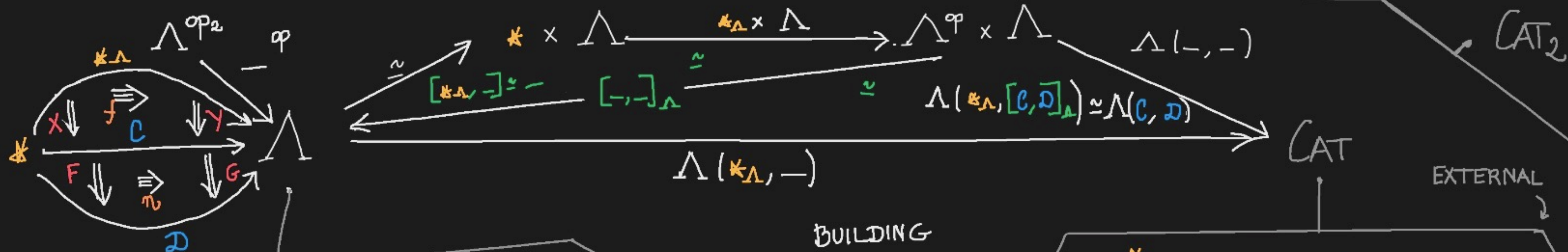
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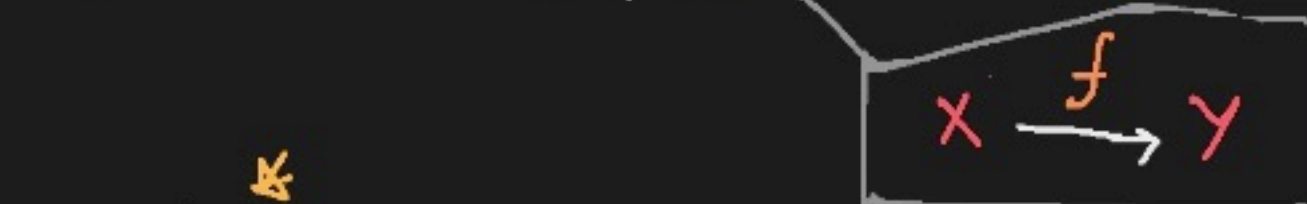


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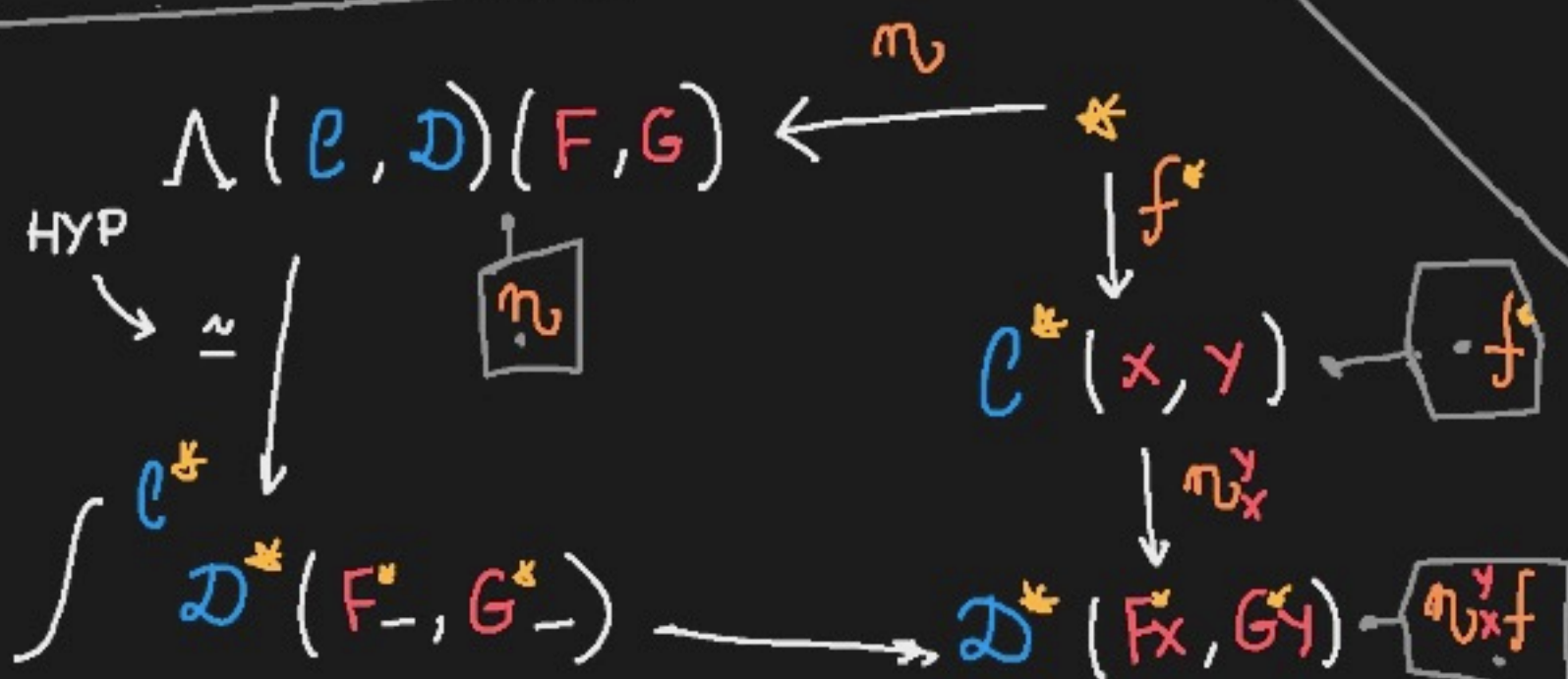
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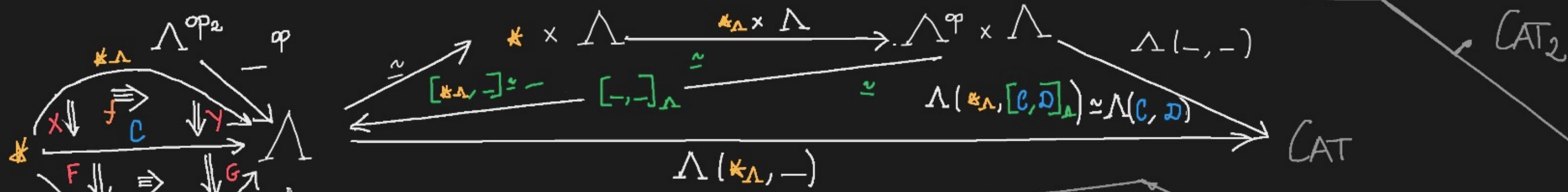
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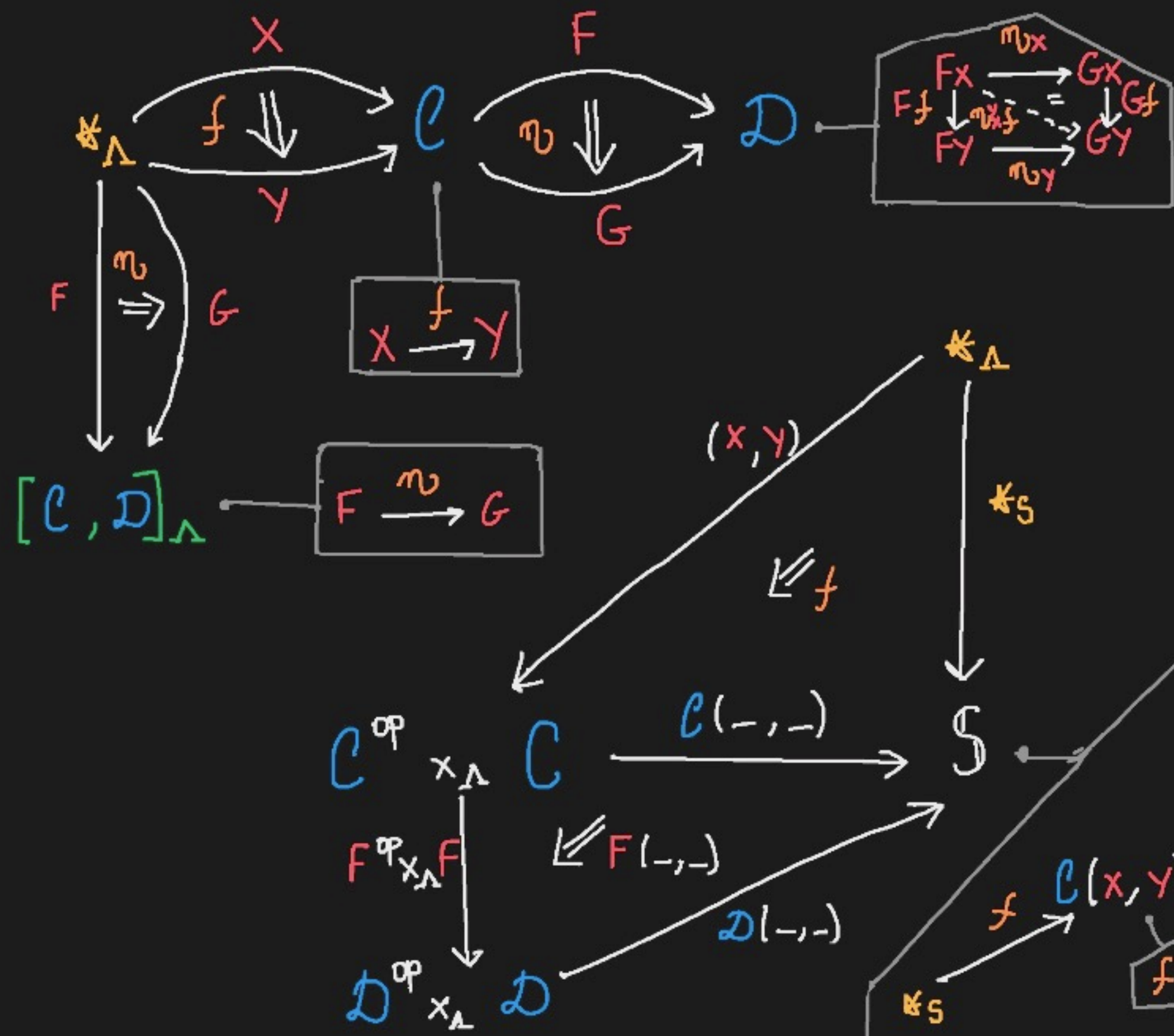


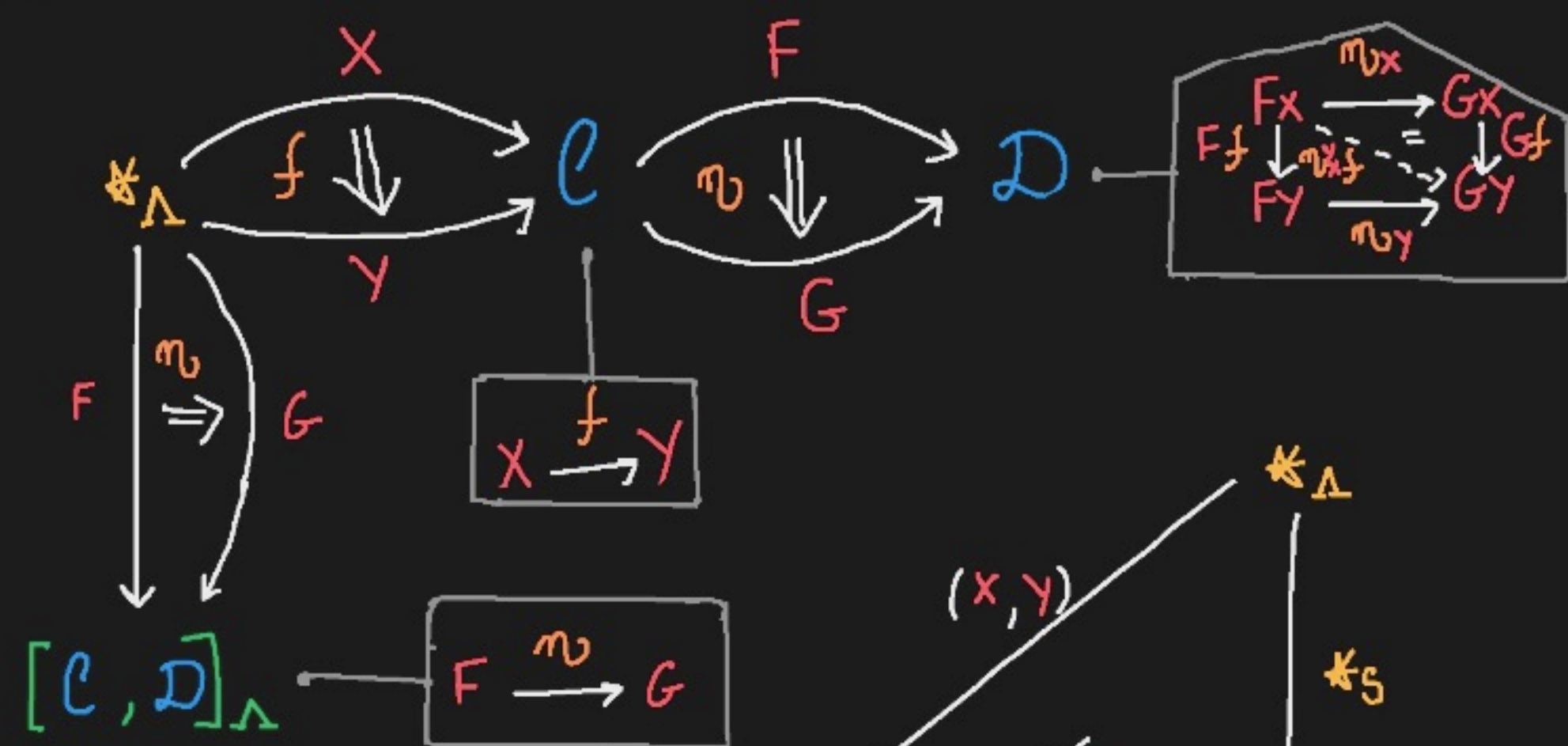
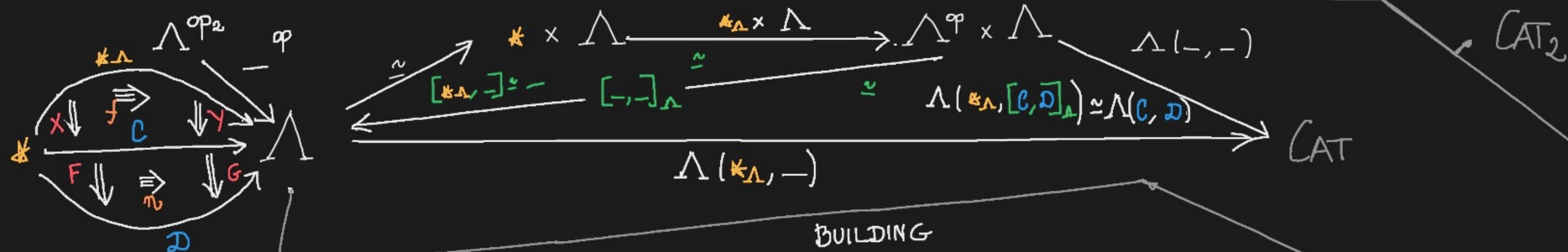
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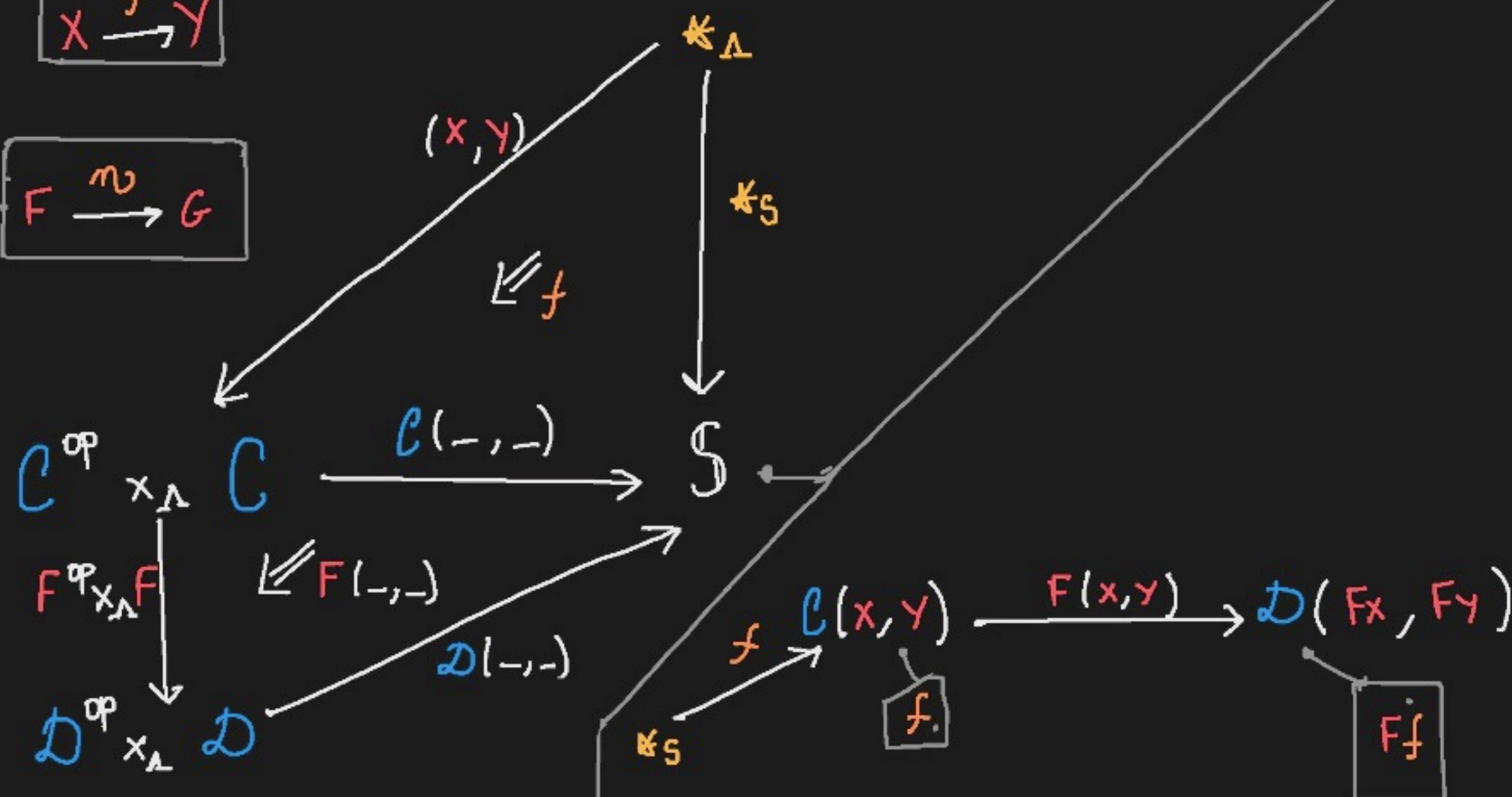


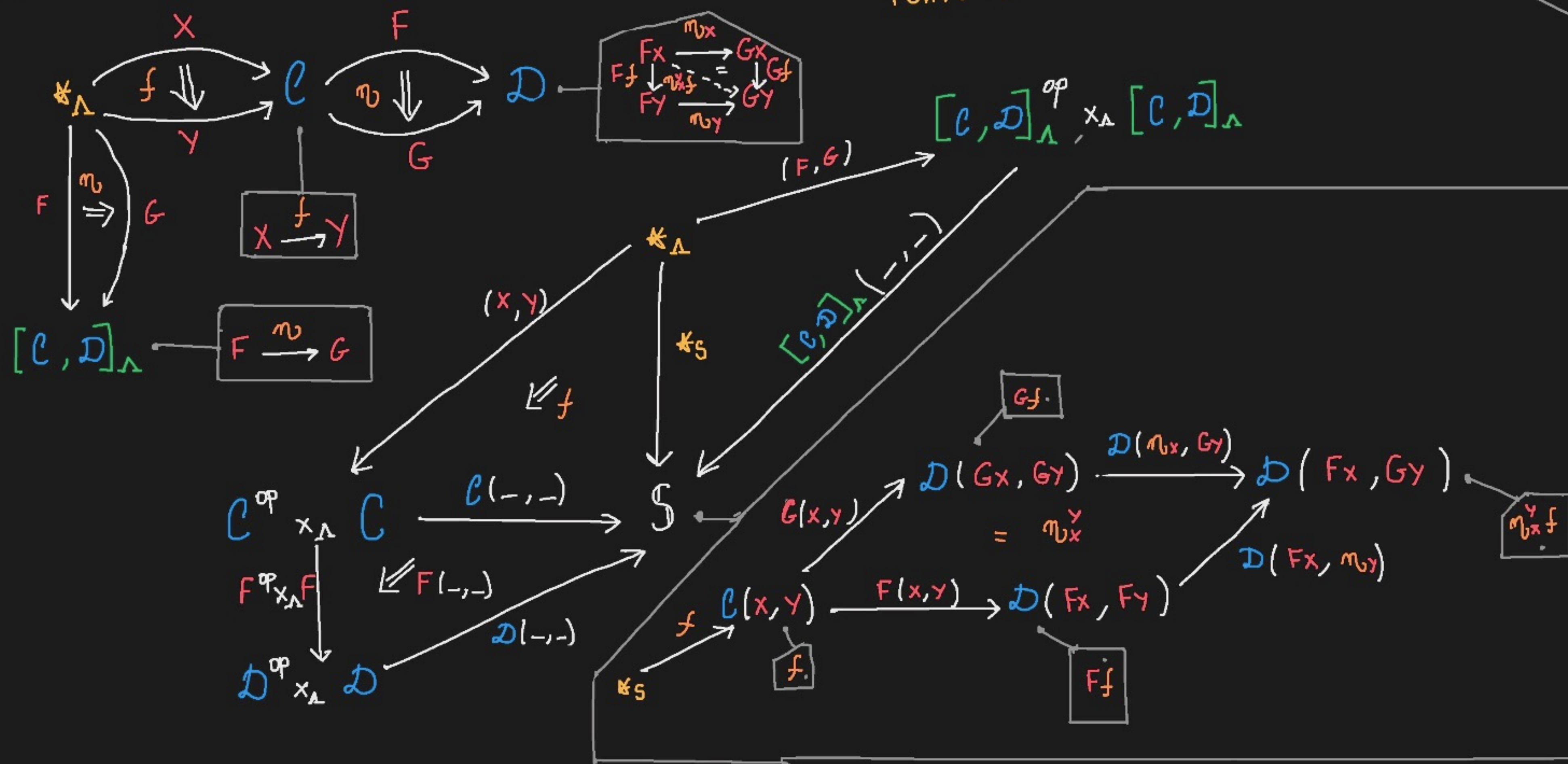
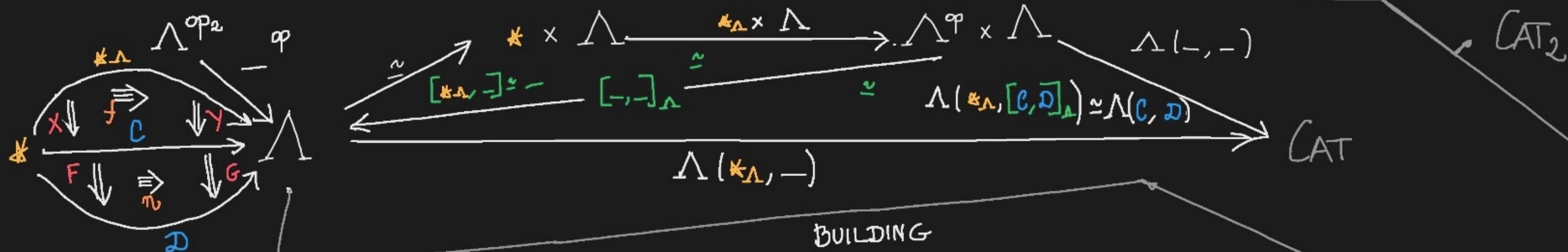
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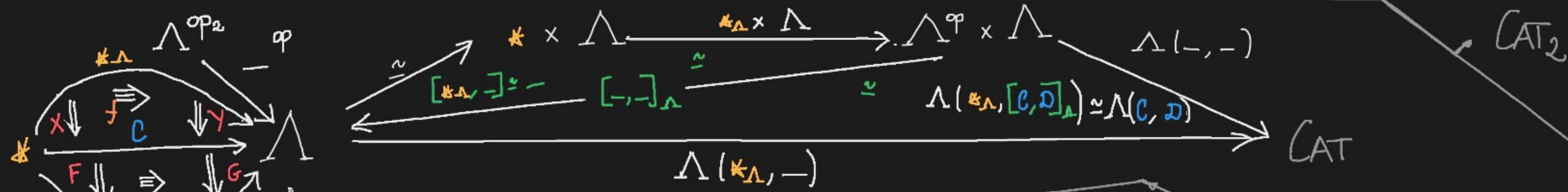




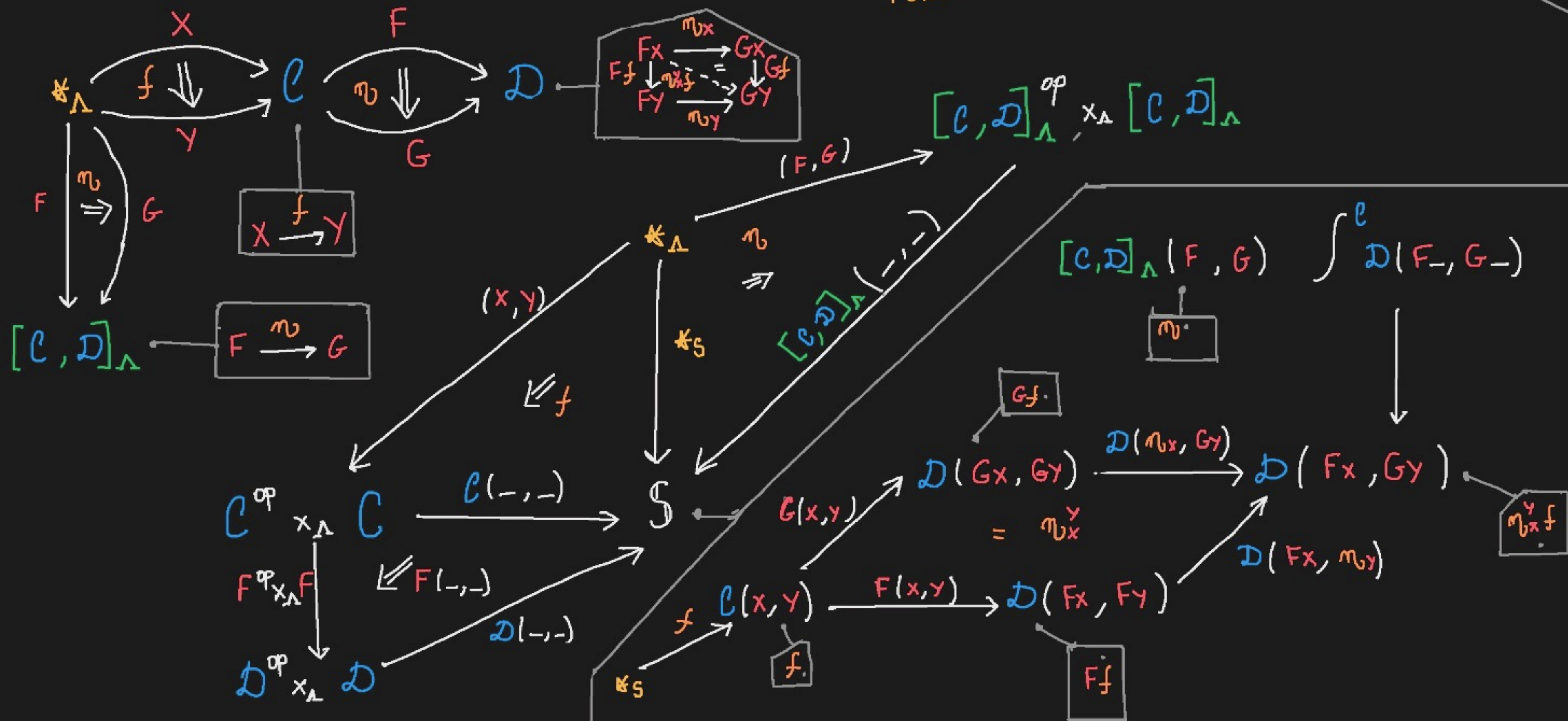
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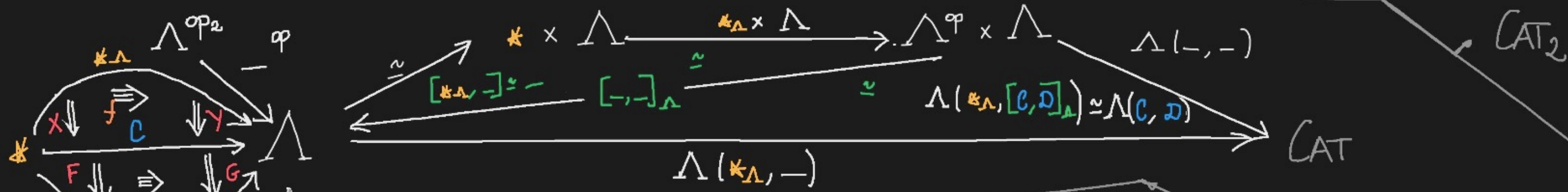




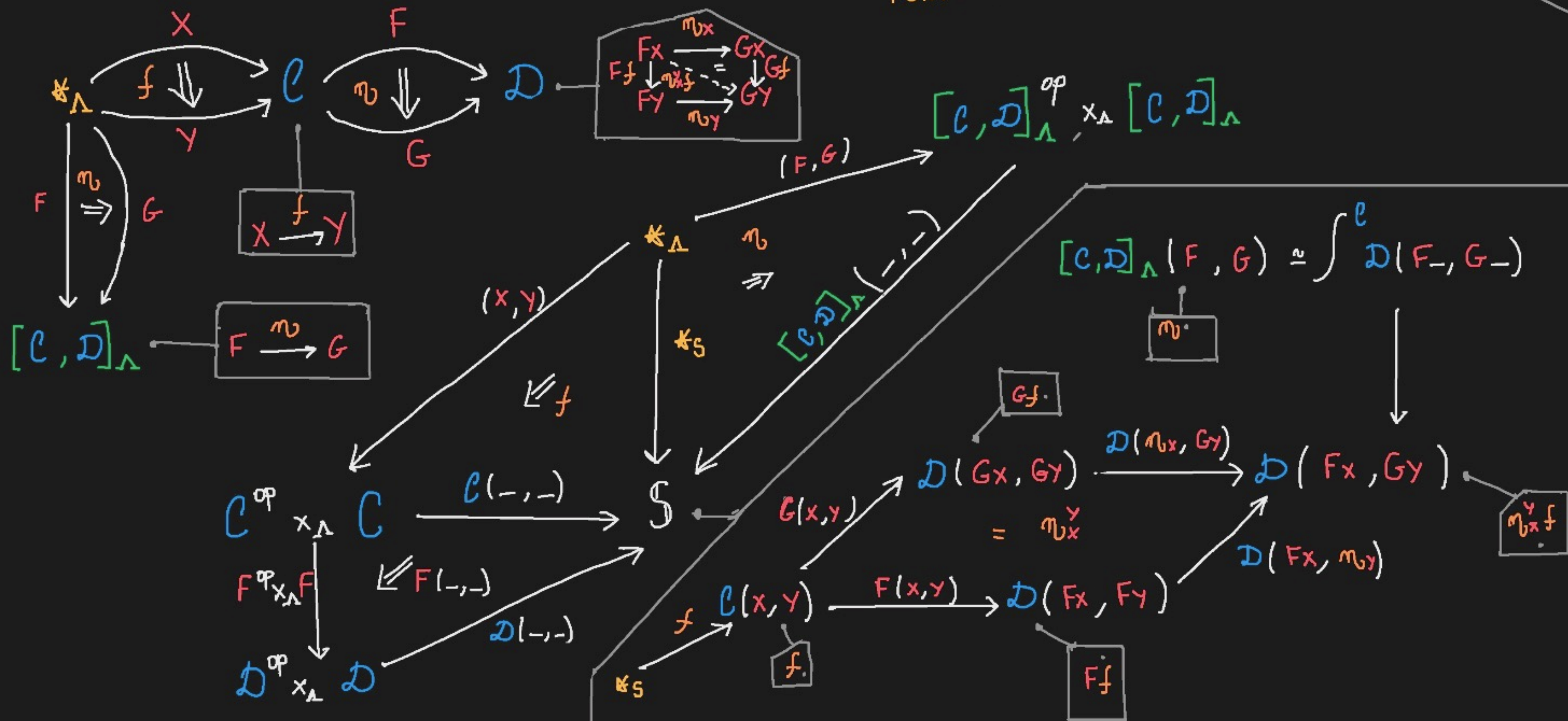


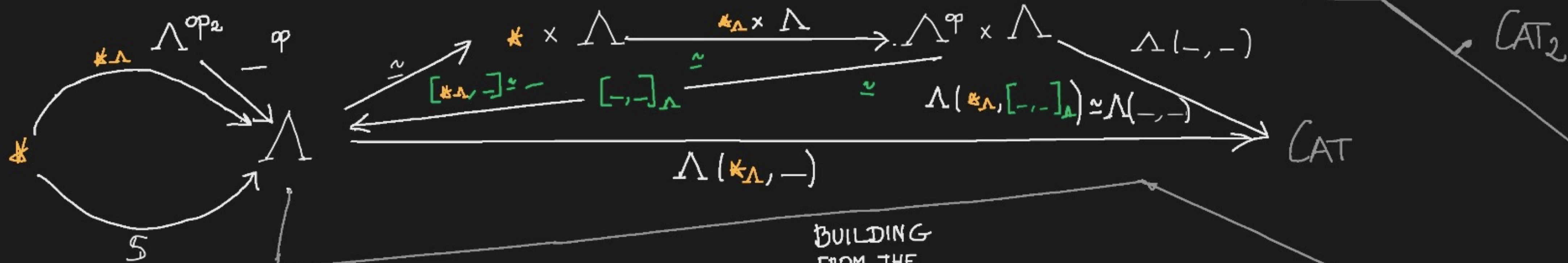
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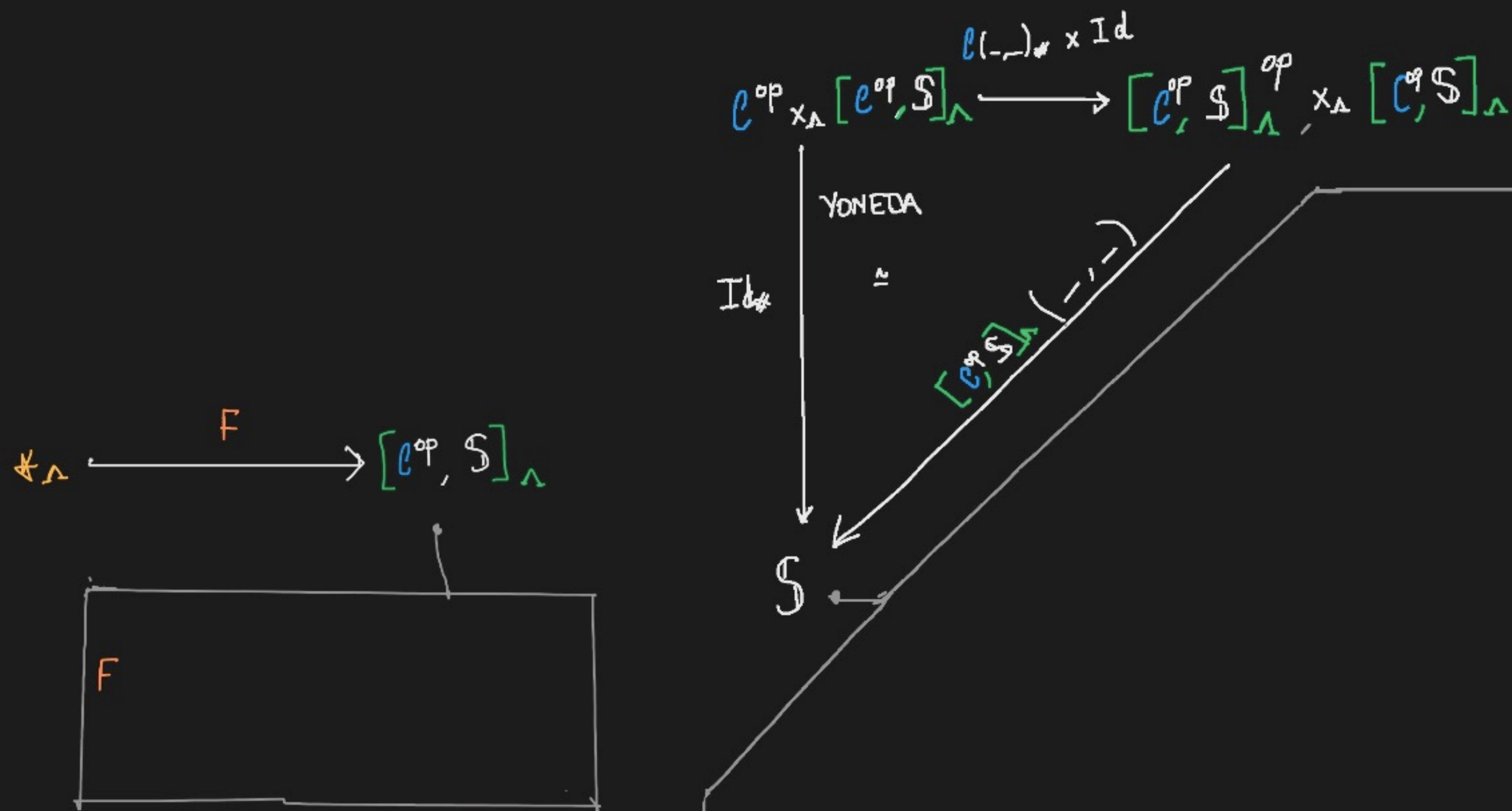


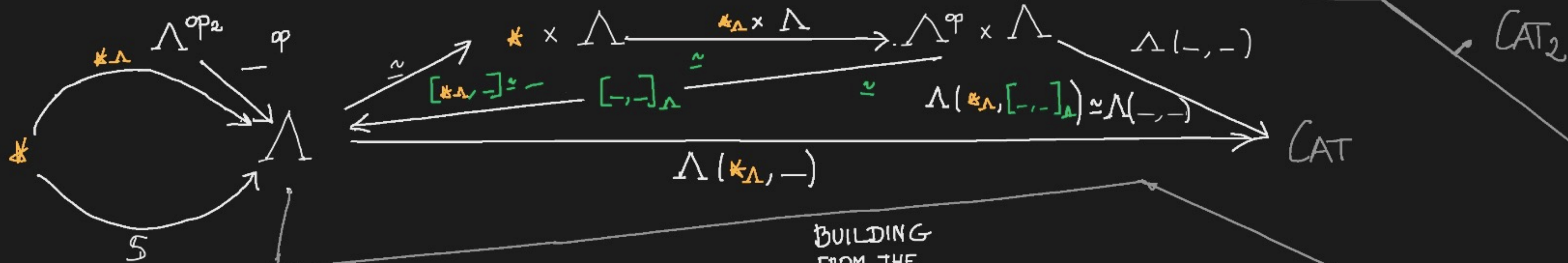
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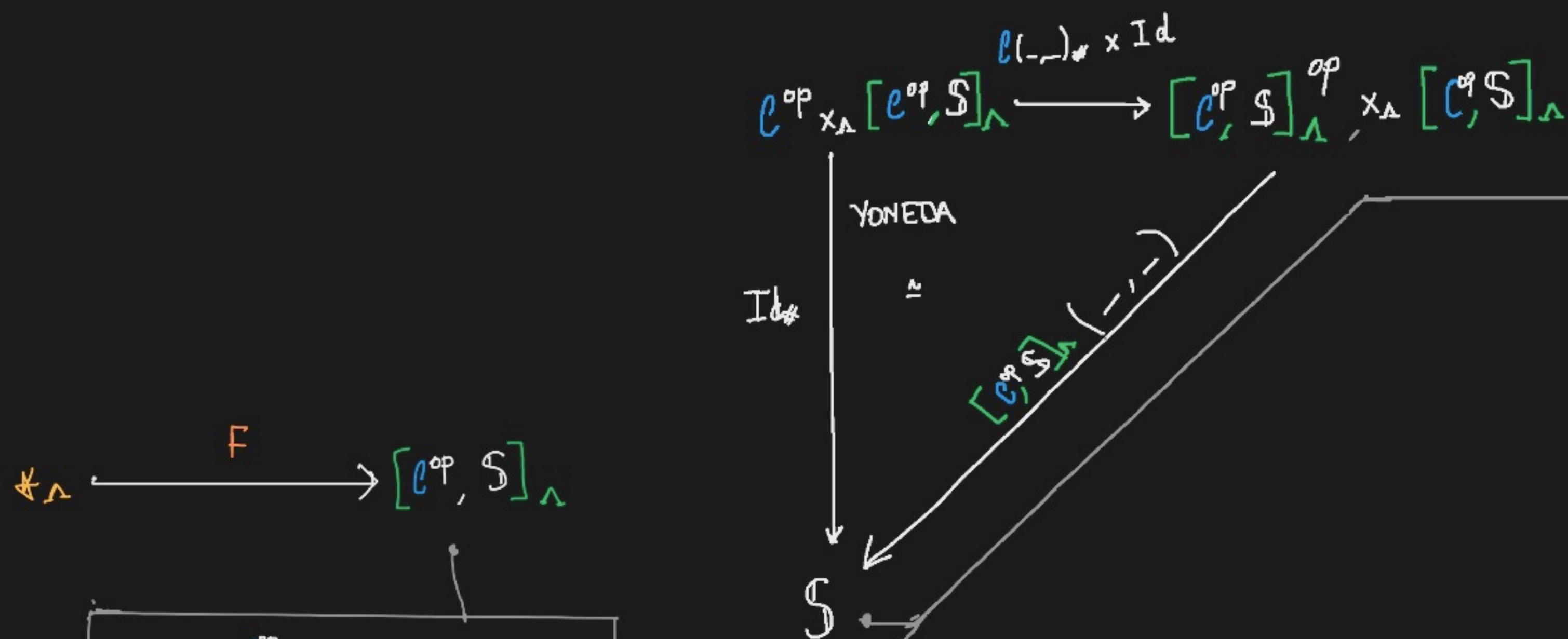


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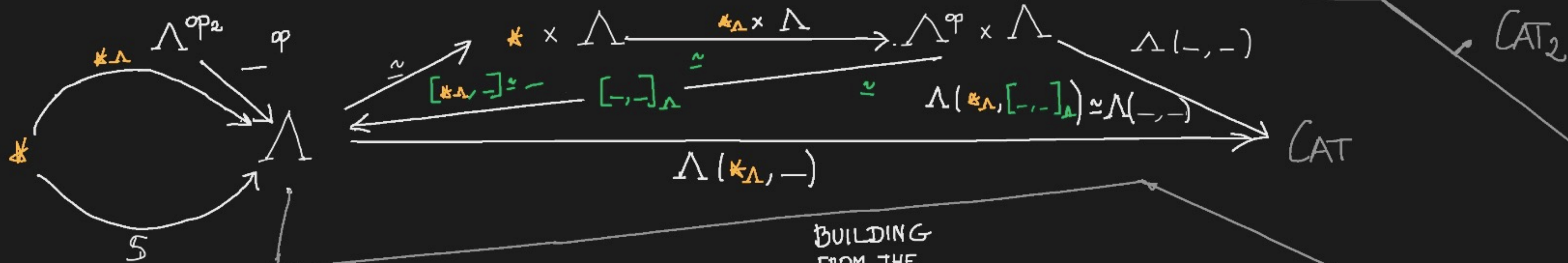


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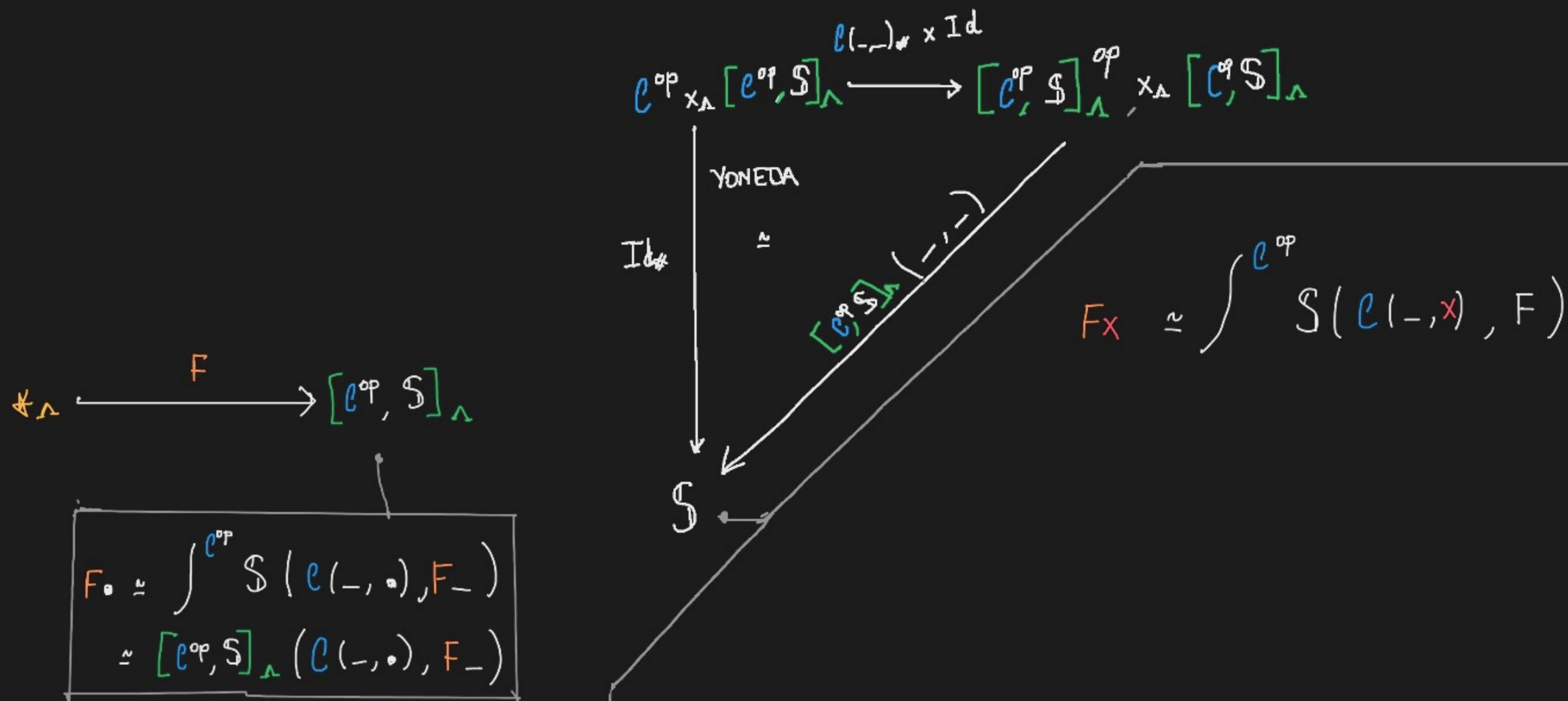


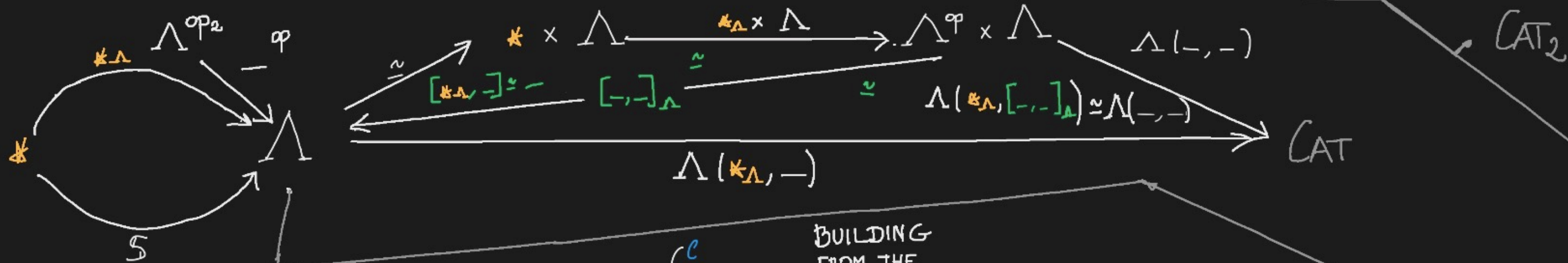
$$F_{\bullet} \simeq \int^{\Delta^{op}} S(e(-, \bullet), F_-)$$

$$\simeq [\Delta^{op}, S]_{\Delta}(e(-, \bullet), F_-)$$



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$$[e^{op} \times_{\Lambda} e, S]_{\Lambda} \xrightarrow{e} S$$

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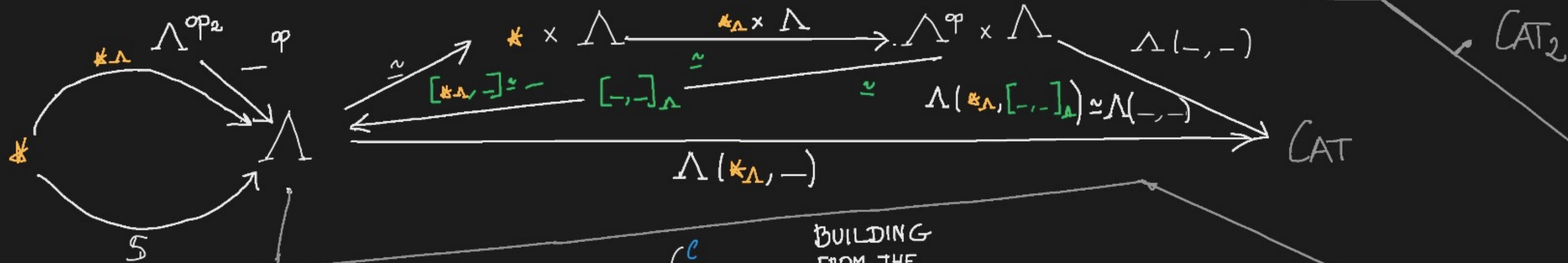
$$e^{op} \times_{\Lambda} [e^{op}, S]_{\Lambda} \xrightarrow{e(-, \cdot) \times Id} [e^{op}, S]_{\Lambda}^{op} \times_{\Lambda} [e, S]_{\Lambda}$$

$$Id_{\#} \xrightarrow{YONEDA} [e^{op}, S]_{\Lambda} \xrightarrow{e(-, \cdot) \times Id} S$$

$$F_x \approx \int^{e^{op}} S(e(-, x), F)$$

$$*_{\Lambda} \xrightarrow{F} [e^{op}, S]_{\Lambda}$$

$$F_{\bullet} \approx \int^{e^{op}} S(e(-, \bullet), F_{-}) \approx [e^{op}, S]_{\Lambda}(e(-, \bullet), F_{-})$$



$$[e^{op} \times_\Lambda e, S]_\Lambda \xrightarrow{e} S$$

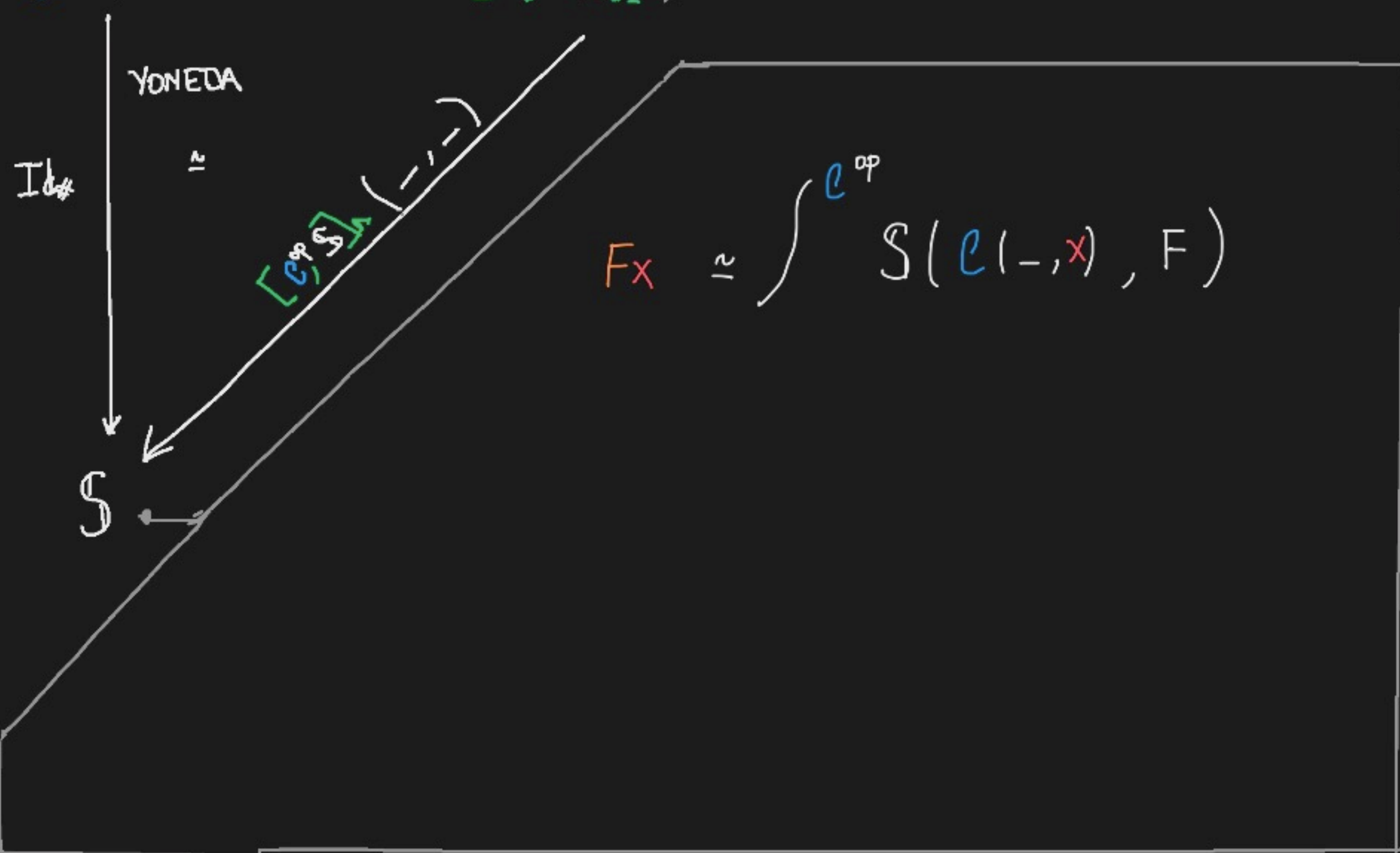
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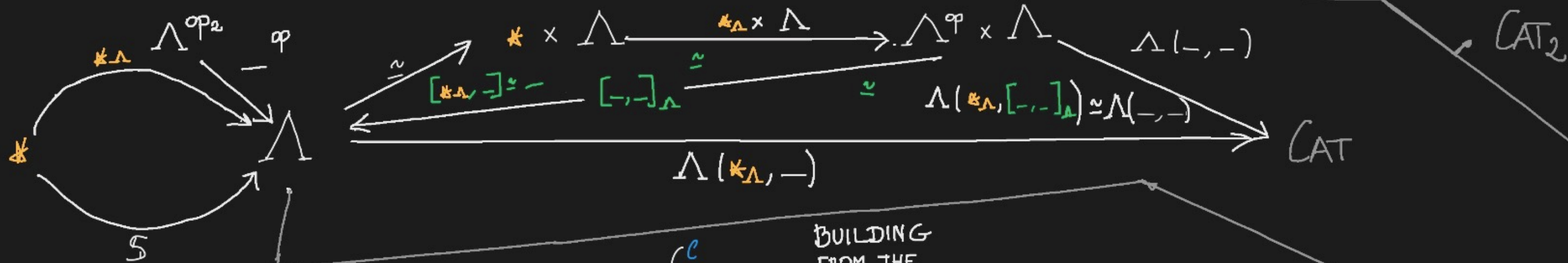
$$e \xrightarrow{e(-, -)^*} [e^{op}, S]_\Lambda$$

$$e^{op} \times_\Lambda [e^{op}, S]_\Lambda \xrightarrow{e(-, -)^* \times Id} [e^{op}, S]_\Lambda^{op} \times_\Lambda [e, S]_\Lambda$$

$$\star_\Lambda \xrightarrow{F} [e^{op}, S]_\Lambda$$

$$F_\bullet \approx \int^{e^{op}} S(e(-, \bullet), F_-) \approx [e^{op}, S]_\Lambda(e(-, \bullet), F_-)$$





$$[e^{op} \times_{\wedge} C, S]_{\wedge} \xrightarrow{e} S$$

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$$C \xrightarrow{e(-, -)^*} [e^{op}, S]_{\wedge}$$

$$e^{op} \times_{\wedge} [e^{op}, S]_{\wedge} \xrightarrow{e(-, -)^* \times Id} [e^{op}, S]_{\wedge}^{op} \times_{\wedge} [C, S]_{\wedge}$$

$$e(-, -) \xrightarrow{\simeq} [e^{op}, S]_{\wedge} (e(-, -)^*, e(-, -)^*)$$

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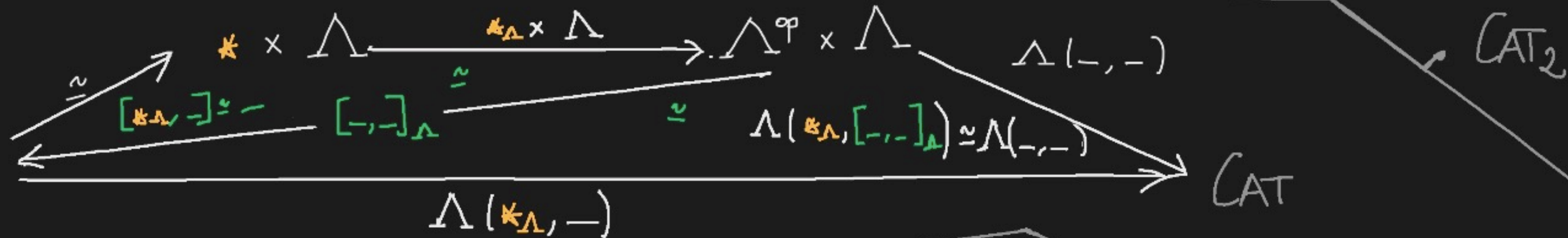
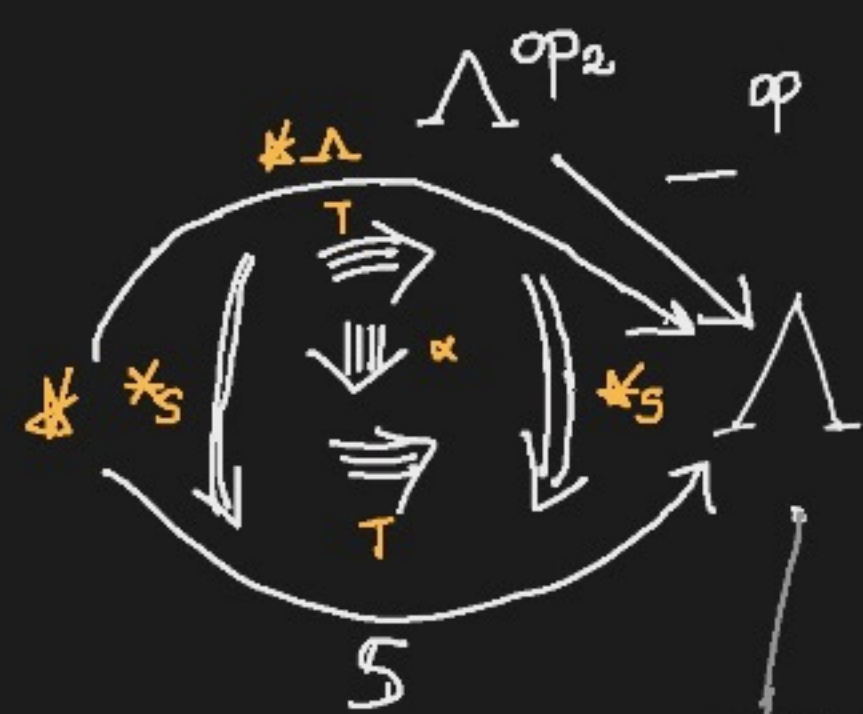
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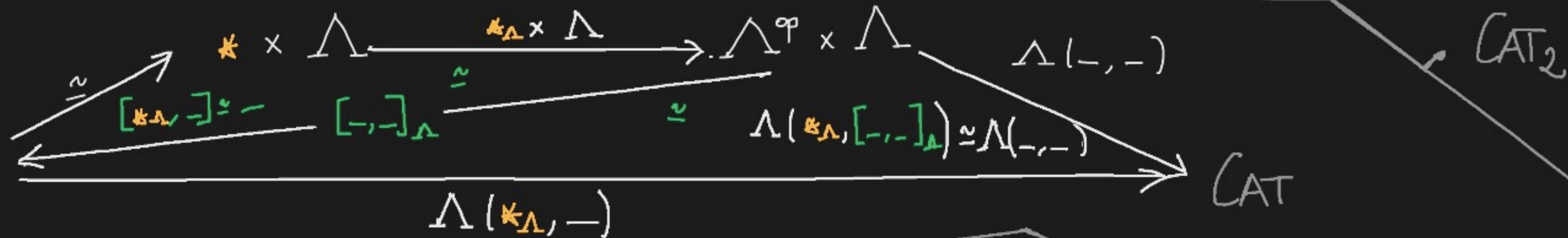
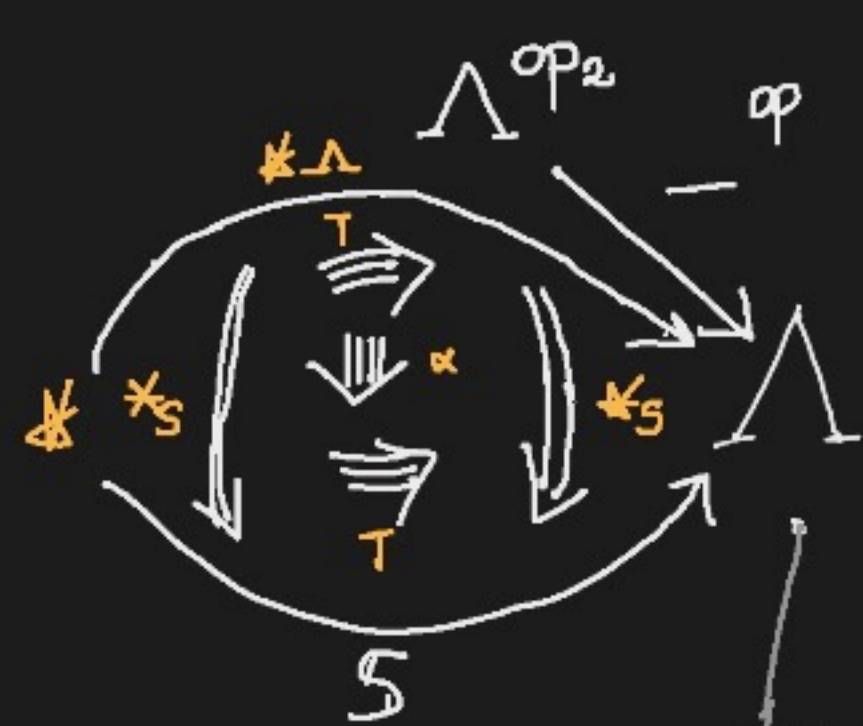
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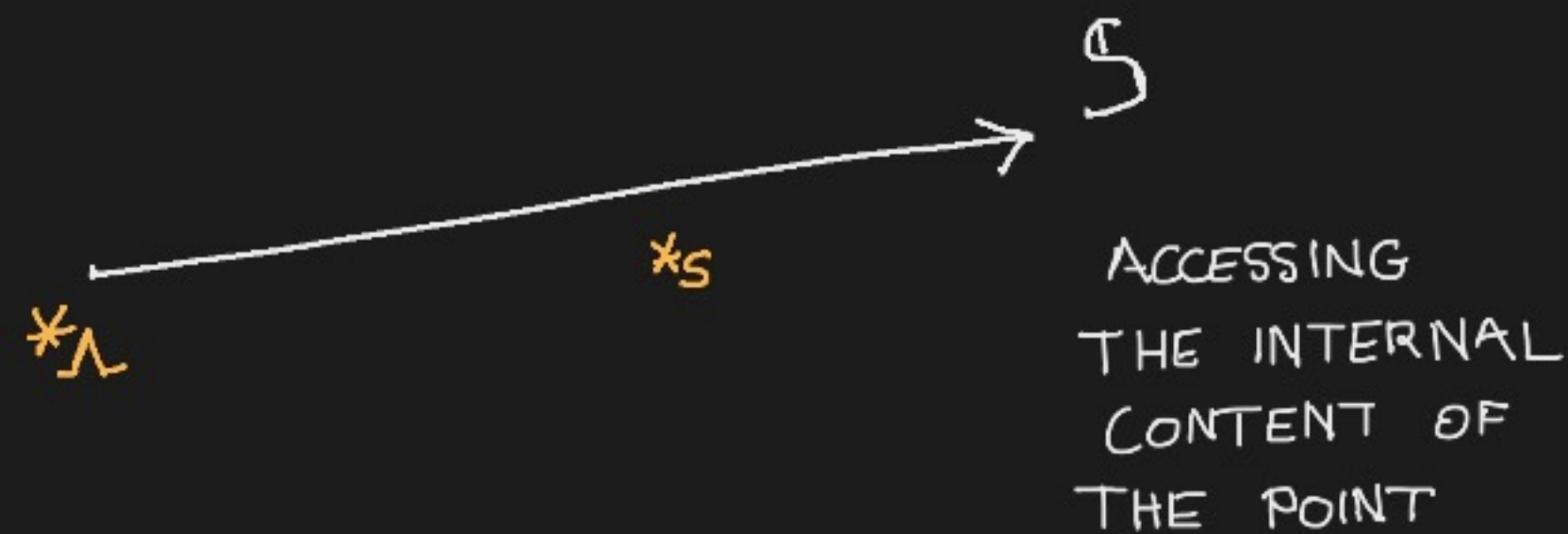


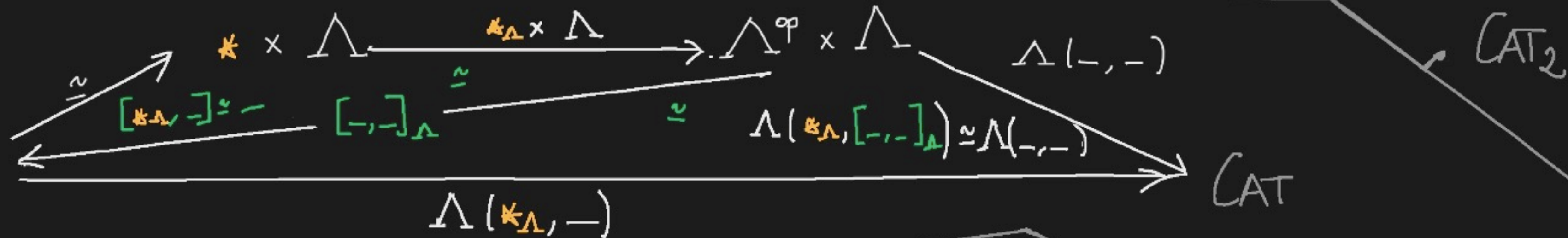
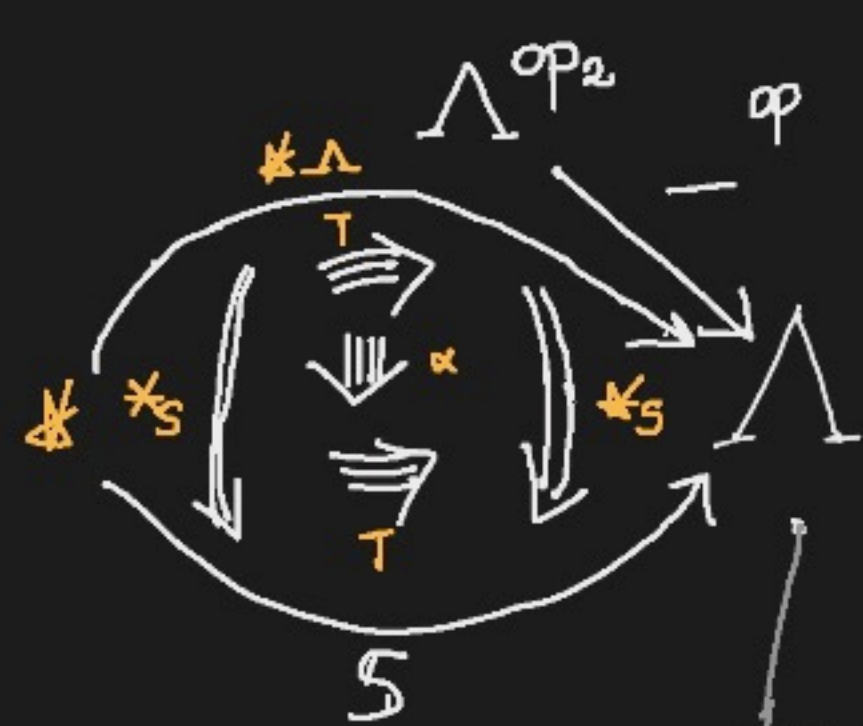
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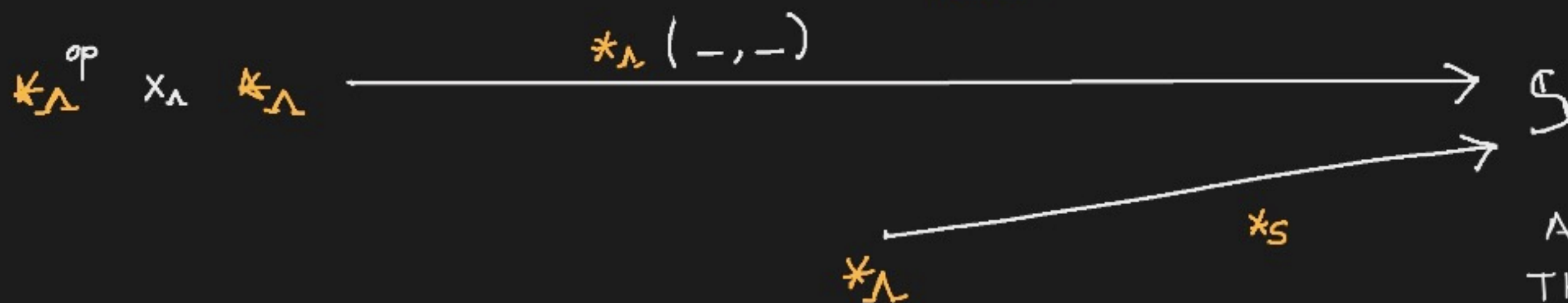


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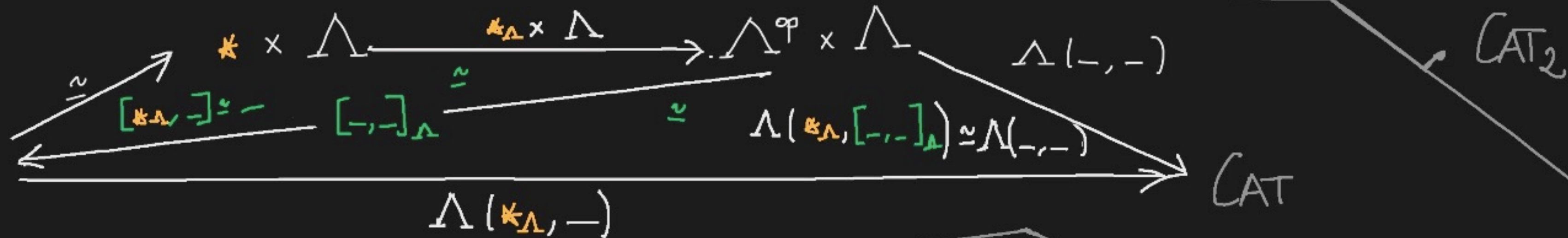
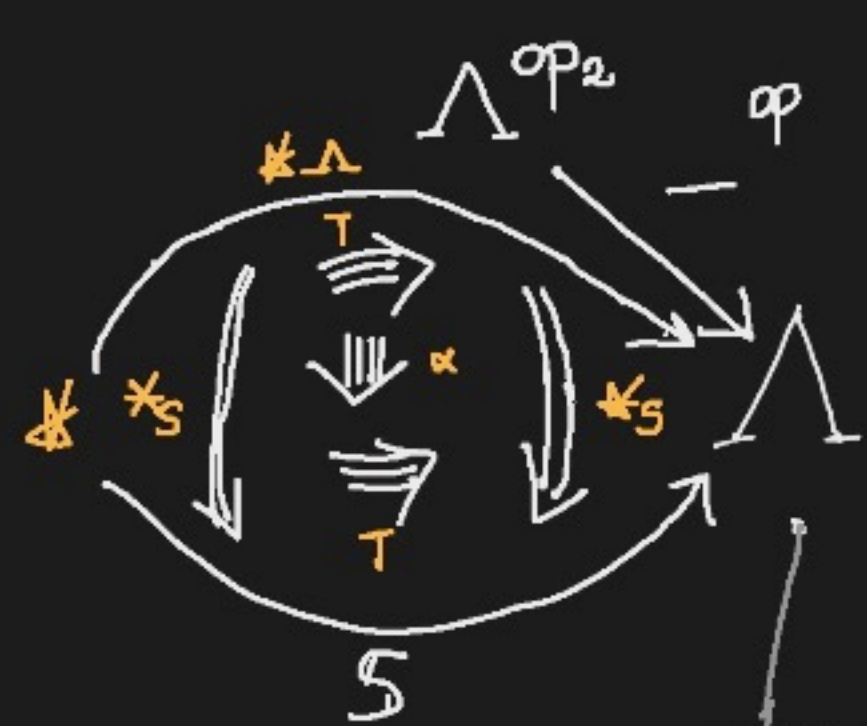




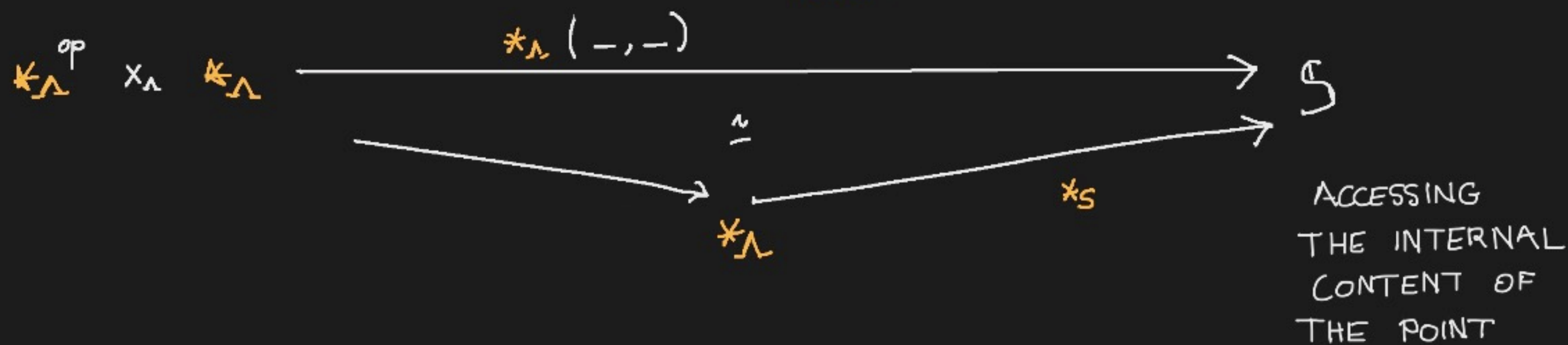
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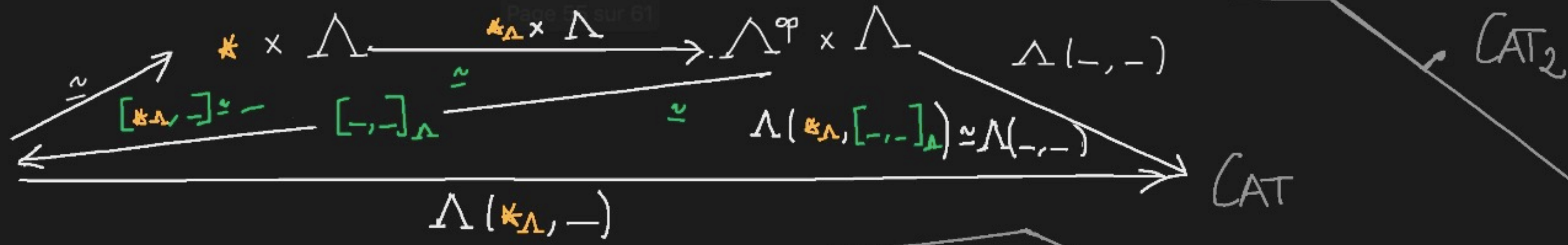
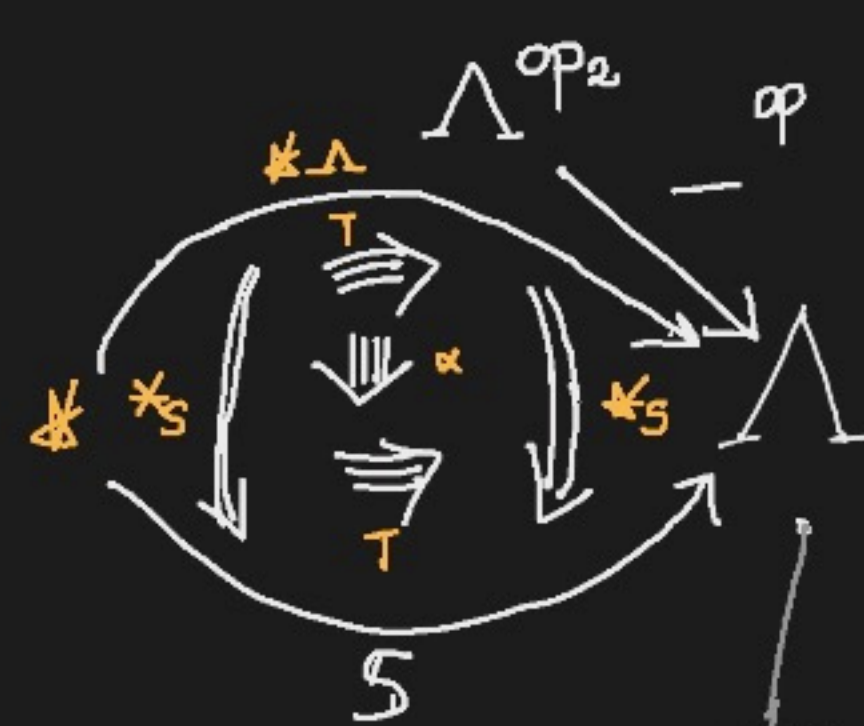


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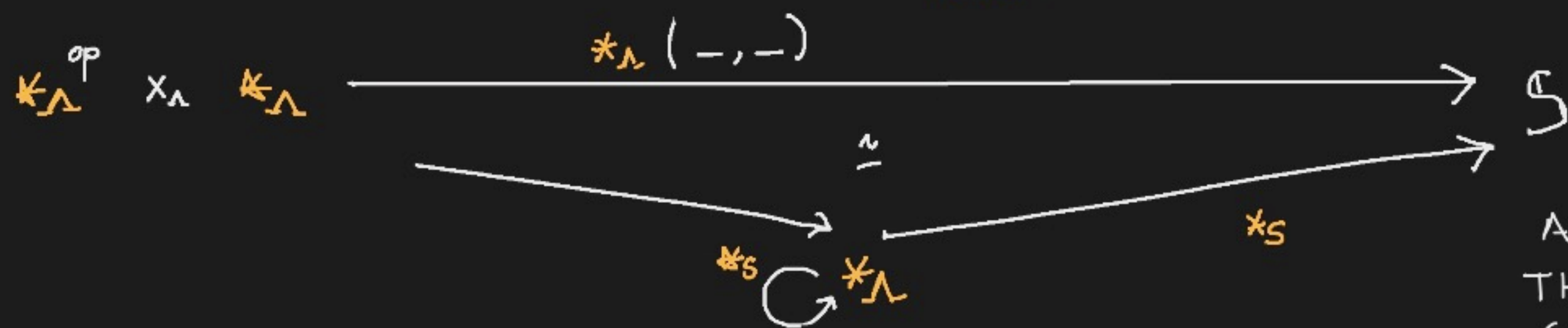


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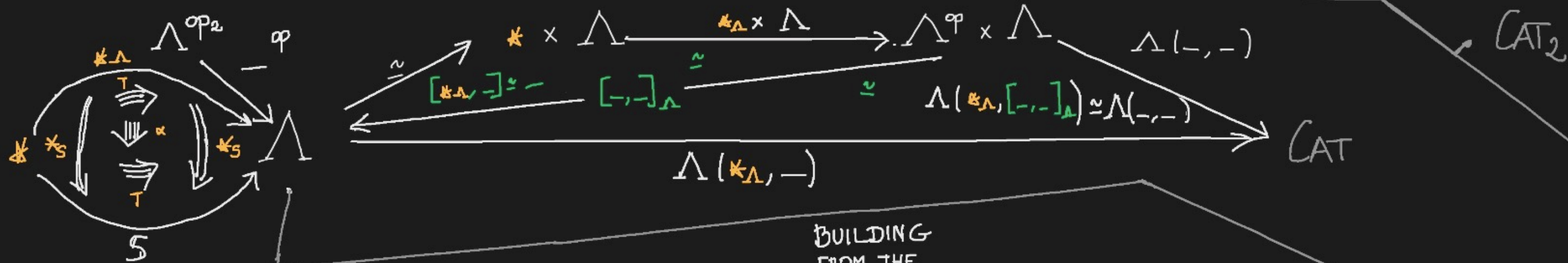




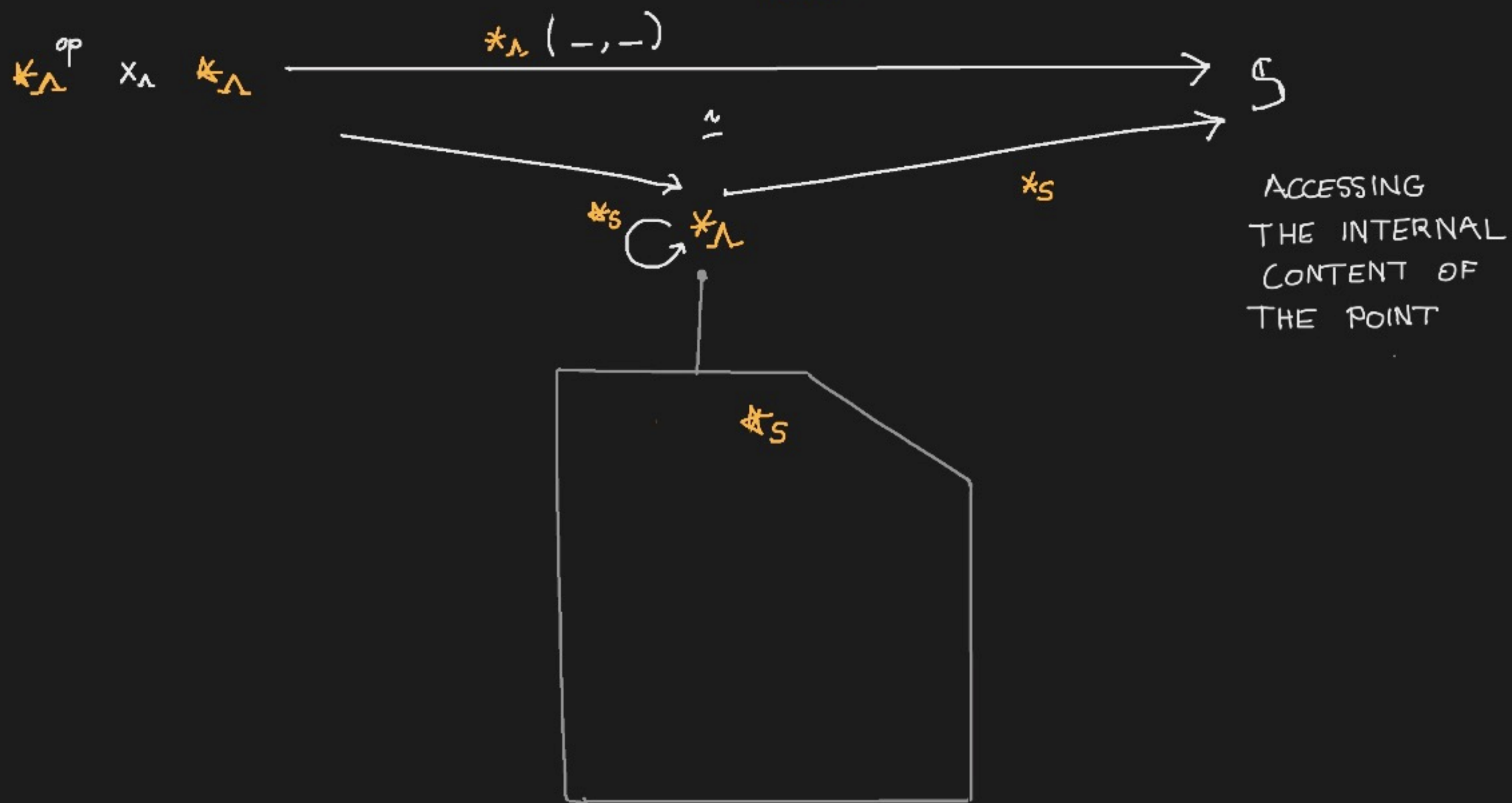
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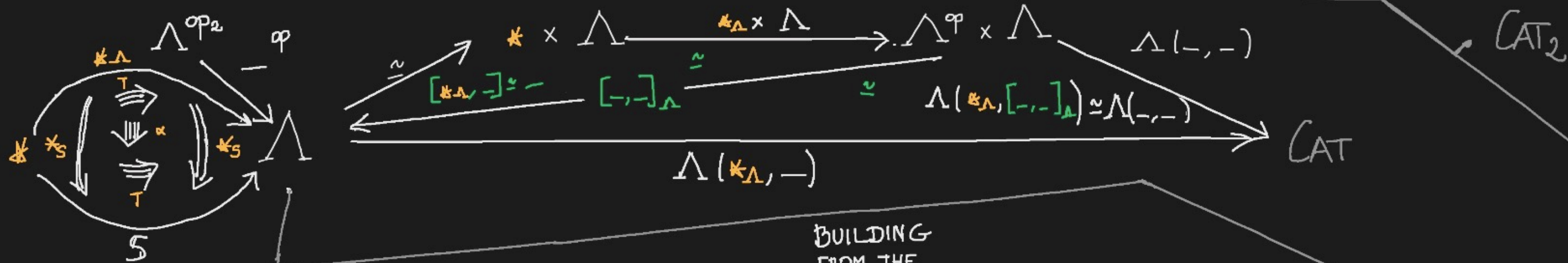


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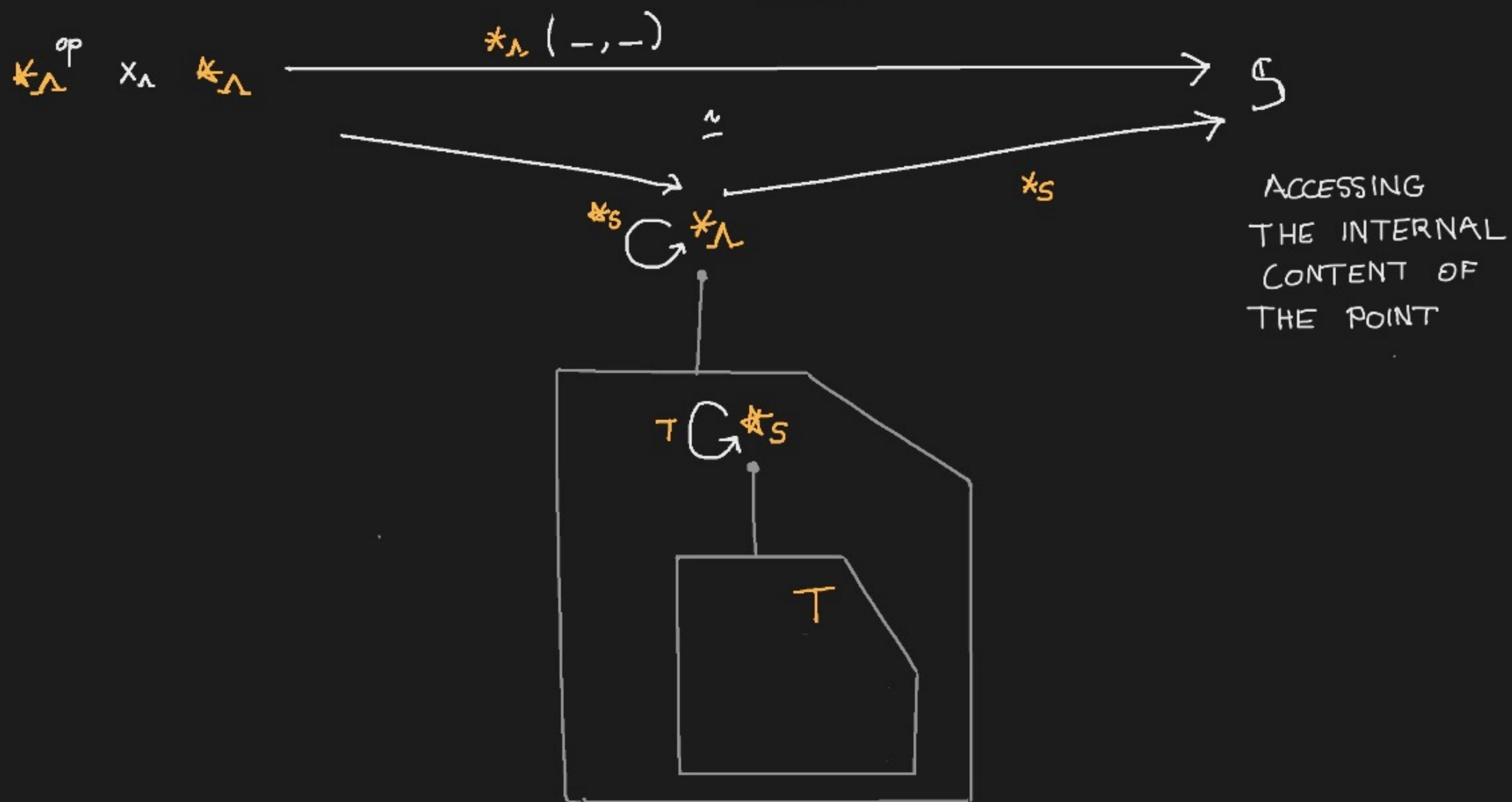


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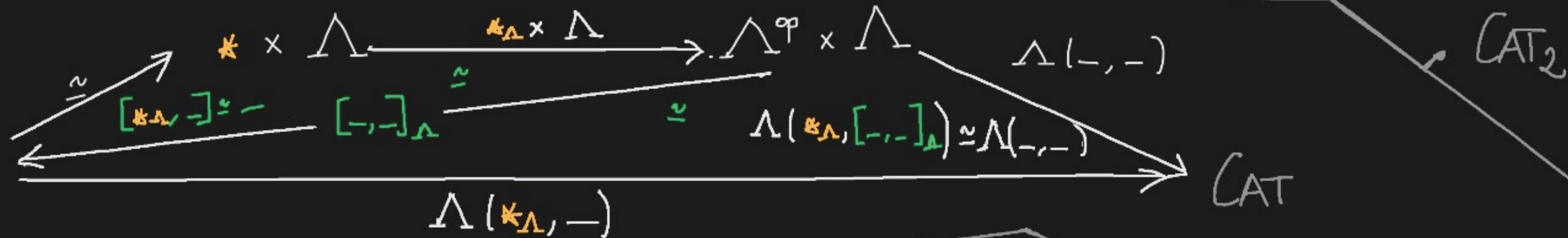
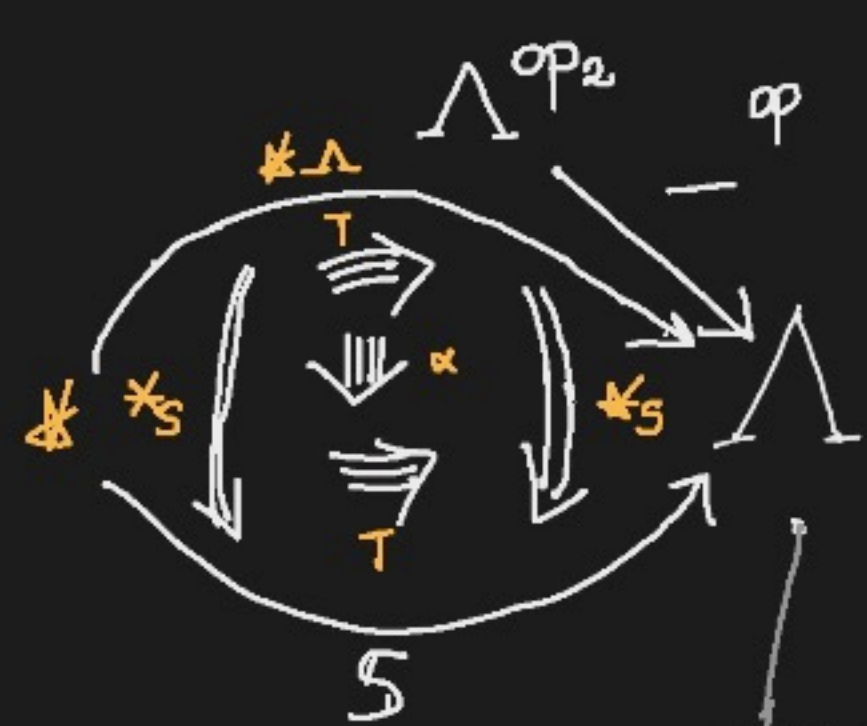




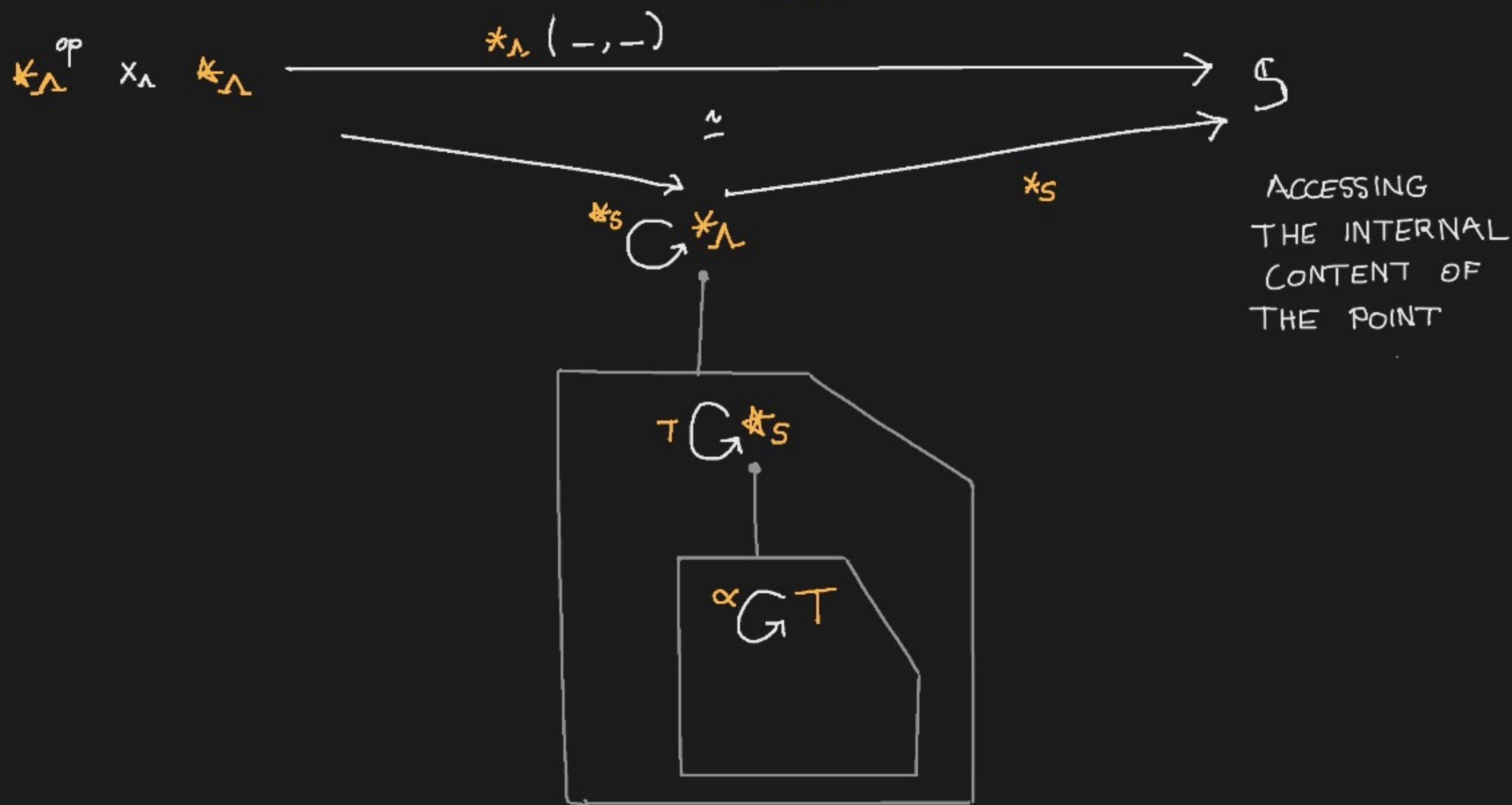
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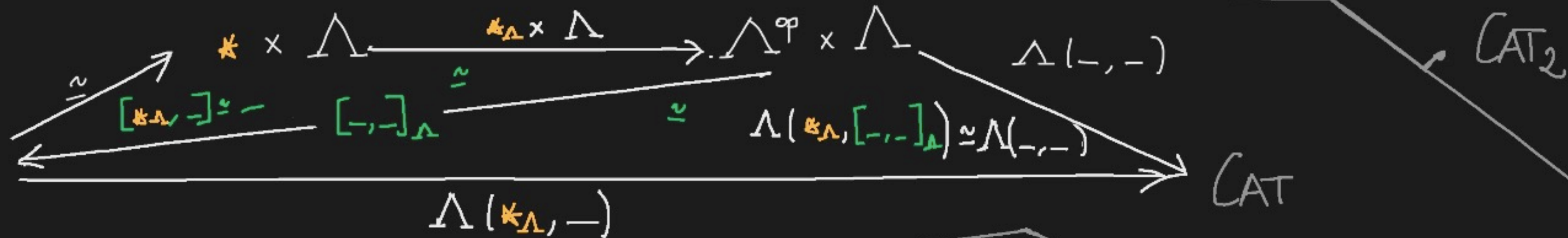
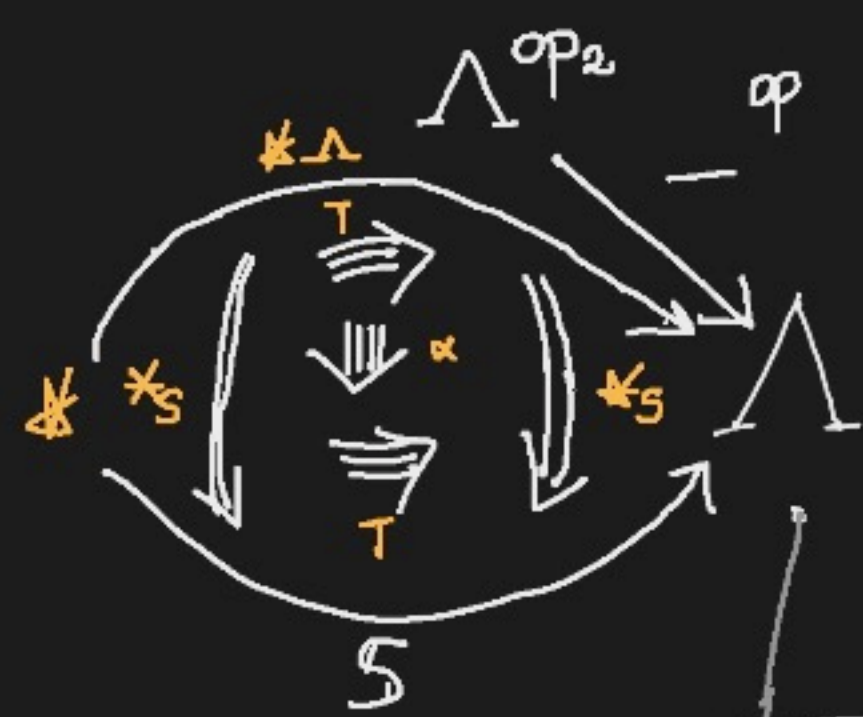
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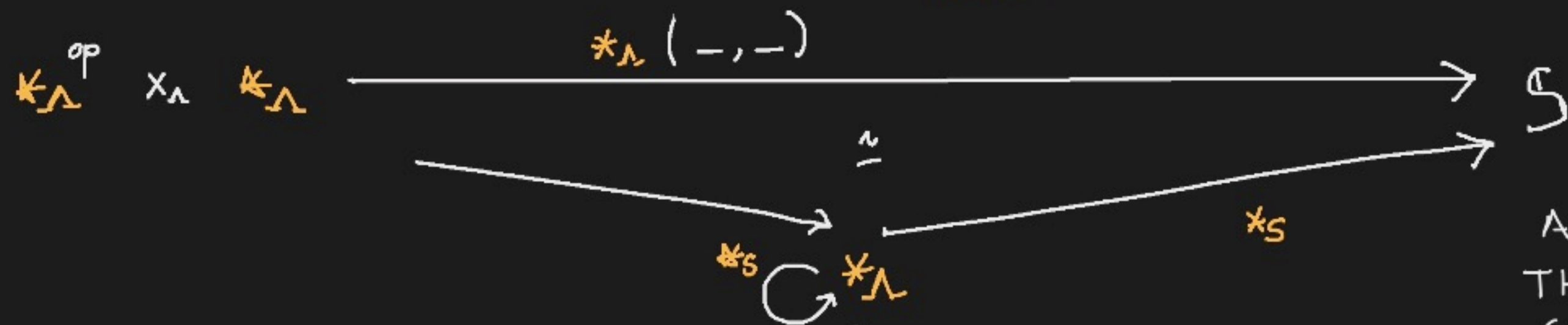
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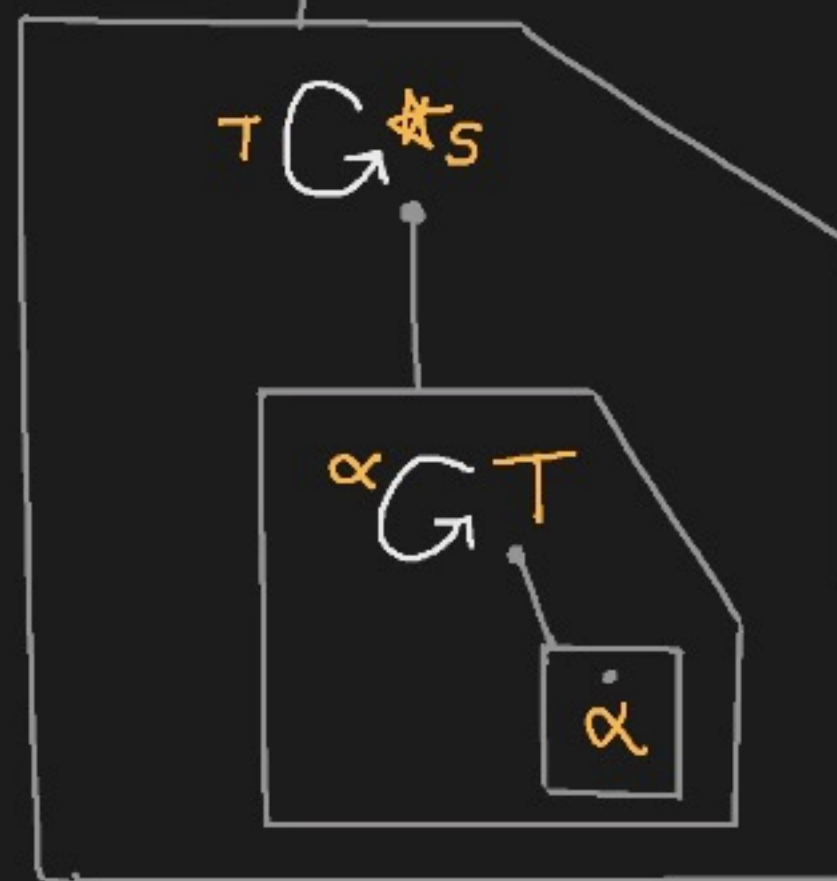
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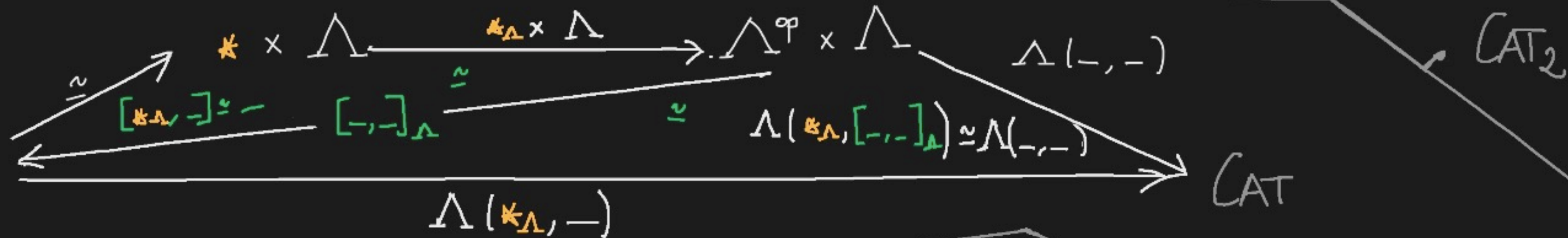
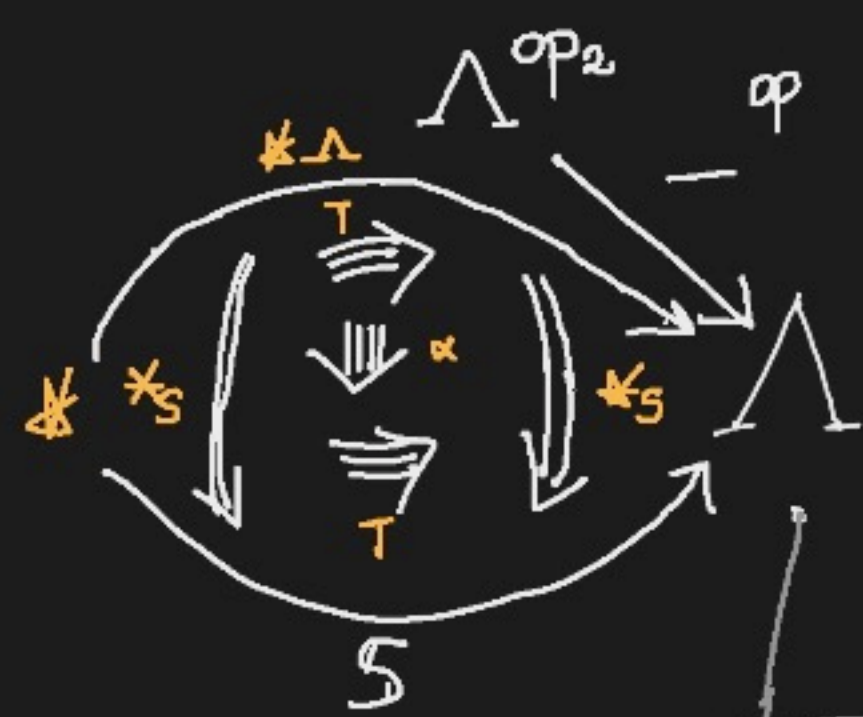


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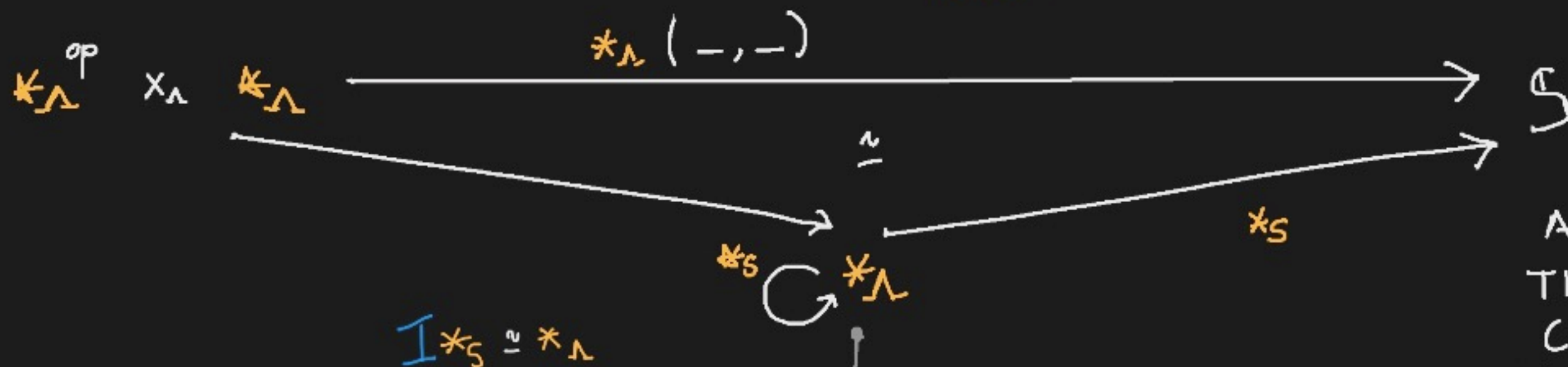




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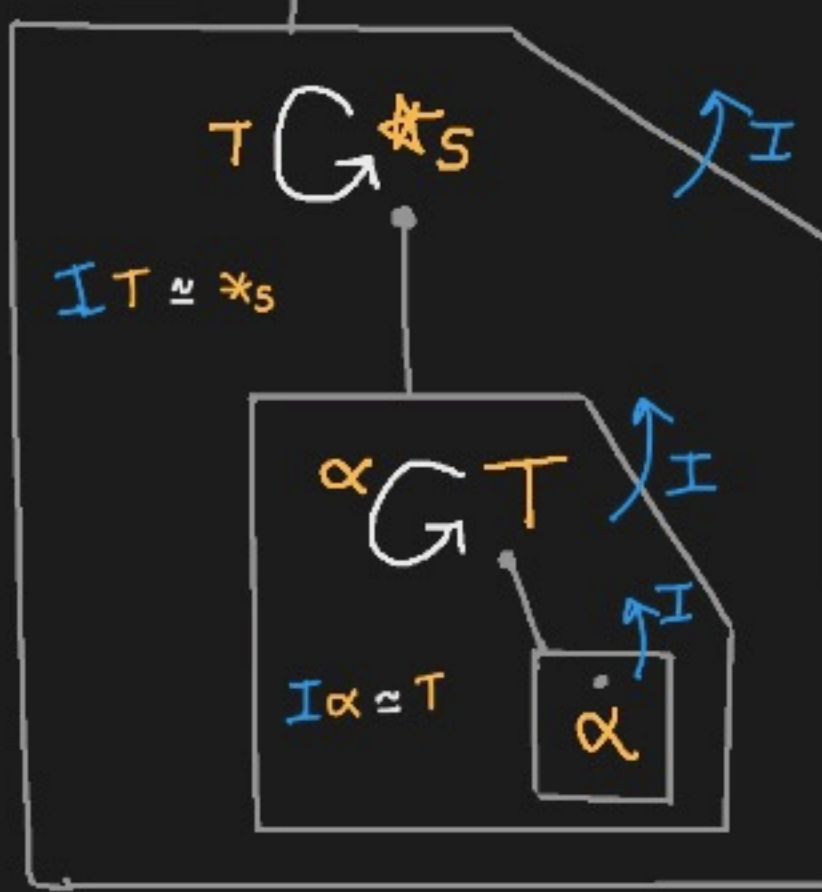


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