

Natural dualities for finite semigroups

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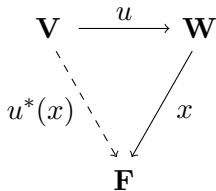
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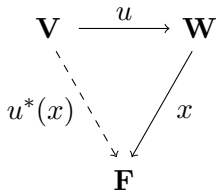
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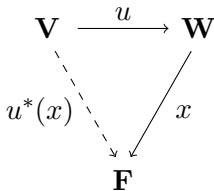
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The map u^* is linear, and moreover $*$: $\mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$ is a contravariant functor:

$$\text{id}_{\mathbf{V}}^* = \text{id}_{\mathbf{V}^*} \qquad (u \circ v)^* = v^* \circ u^*$$

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This yields a contravariant functor from \mathcal{A} into the category of sets. This functor is often denoted by $\mathcal{A}(-, M)$.

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It is necessary that $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathbb{ISP}(\underline{\mathbf{M}})$, so we usually consider natural dualities between $\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{ISP}(\underline{\mathbf{M}})$ and some category \mathcal{X} .

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We say that $\underline{\mathbf{M}}$ is **dualisable** if there is a choice of $\underline{\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}}$ giving rise to a duality of the above form, where

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