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Definability and Conceptual Completeness for Regular Logic

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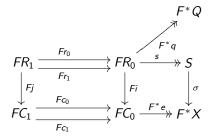
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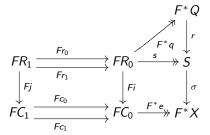
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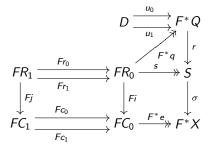
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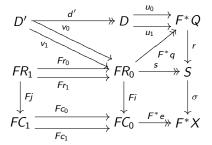
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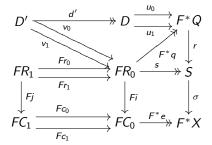


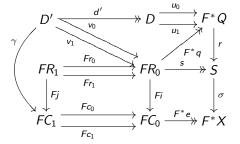
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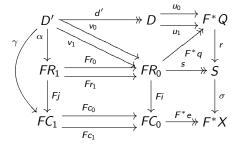




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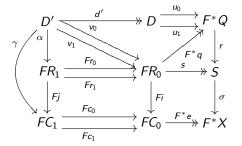
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Well-known examples: CHaus \simeq Stone_{ef}, AbGr \simeq TFAbGr_{ef}.

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