

Diagrammatic Reasoning with Control as a Constructor, Applications to Quantum Circuits

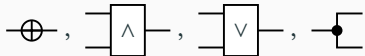
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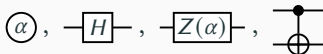
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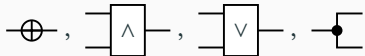
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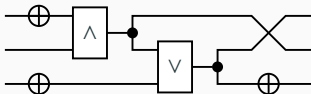


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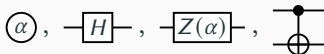


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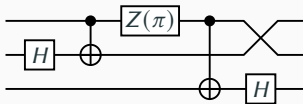


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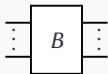
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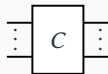
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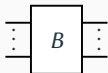
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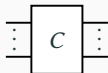
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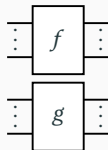


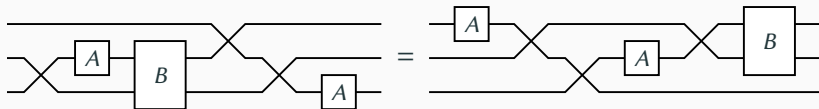
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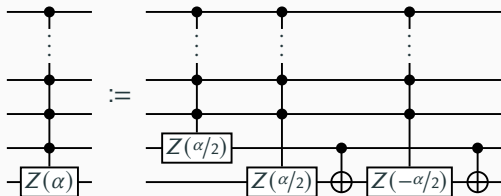
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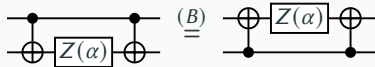
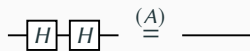
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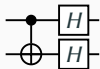
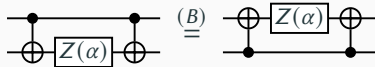
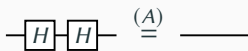
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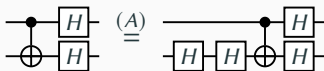
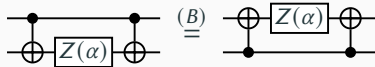
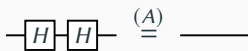


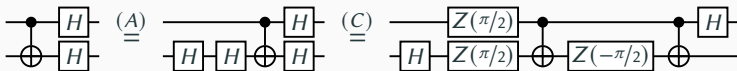
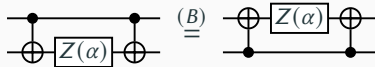
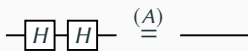
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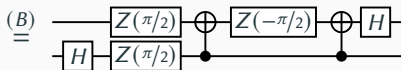
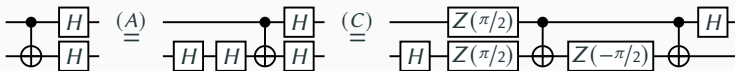
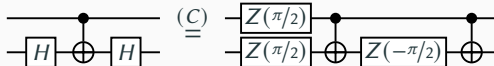
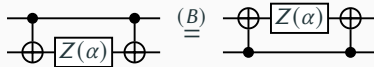
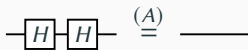


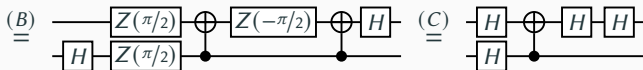
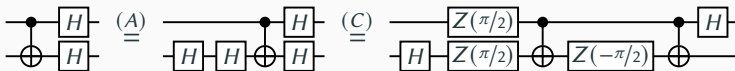
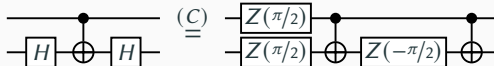
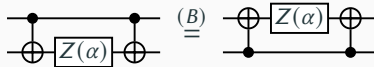
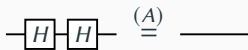


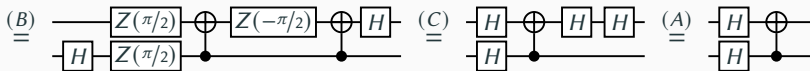
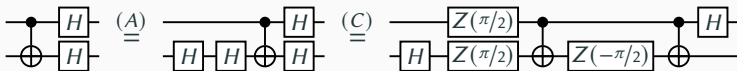
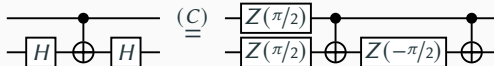
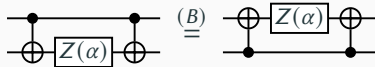
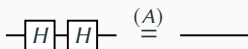












Definition

An axiomatization is said to be **complete** when any true equation can be derived from its axioms.

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$$\boxed{Z(2\pi)} = \text{---}$$

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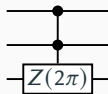
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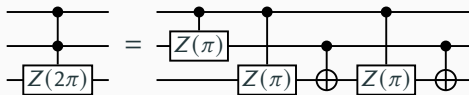
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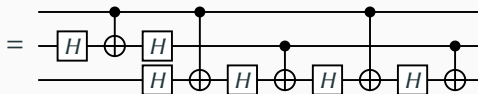
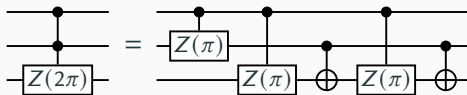
Theorem [CDP2024]

Any complete axiomatization must contain **at least one axiom involving n qubits** for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Controlled gates are everywhere.



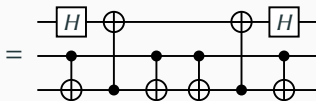
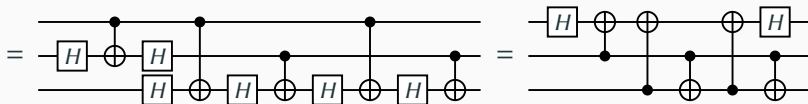
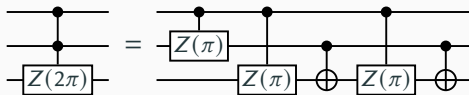


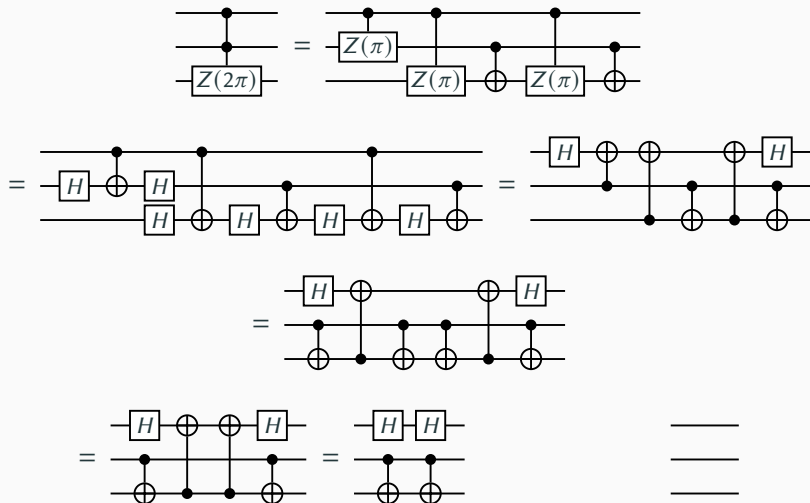


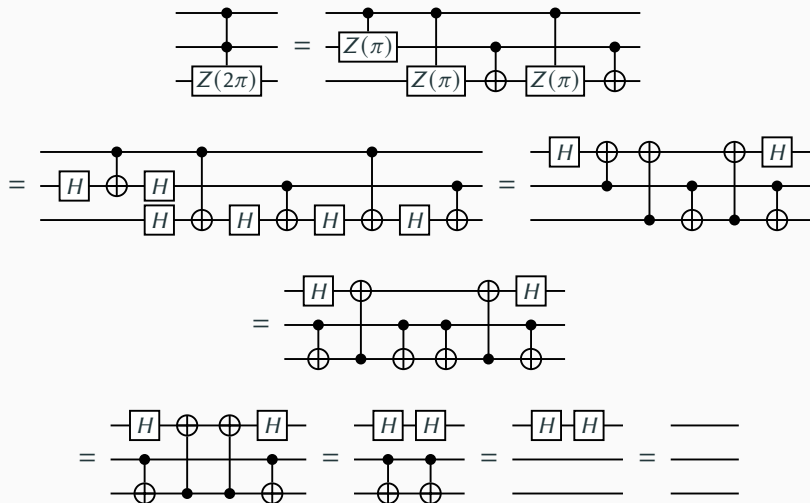
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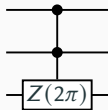


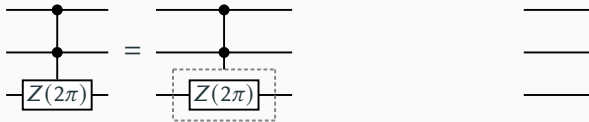


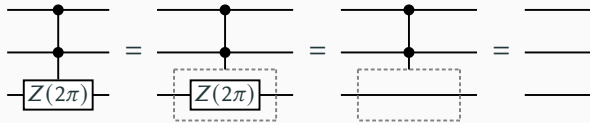












Controlled PROP

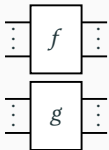
Definition

A **controlled PROP** is a PROP equipped with a **control functor**.

$$\frac{f : n \rightarrow p \quad g : p \rightarrow m}{f \circ g : n \rightarrow m}$$



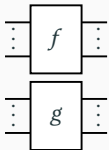
$$\frac{f : n \rightarrow m \quad g : p \rightarrow q}{f \otimes g : n + p \rightarrow m + q}$$



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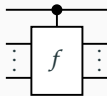


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NEW!

$$\frac{f : n \rightarrow n}{C(f) : 1 + n \rightarrow 1 + n}$$



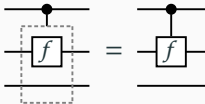
$$C(\text{id}_1) = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \text{---} \\ \boxed{} \\ \text{---} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} = \text{id}_2$$

$$C(f \circ g) = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \text{---} \\ \boxed{f \quad g} \\ \text{---} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \quad \bullet \\ \text{---} \quad \text{---} \\ \boxed{f} \quad \boxed{g} \\ \text{---} \quad \text{---} \end{array} = C(f) \circ C(g)$$

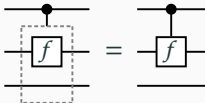
However, control functors are not monoidal.

$$C(f \otimes g) \neq C(f) \otimes C(g)$$

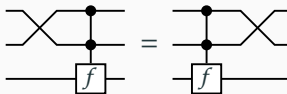
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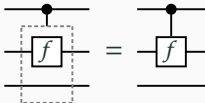
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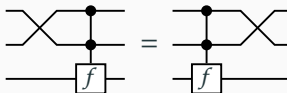
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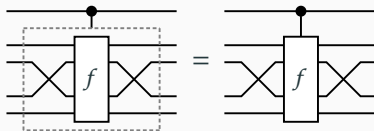
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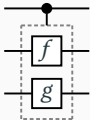


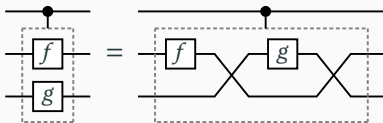
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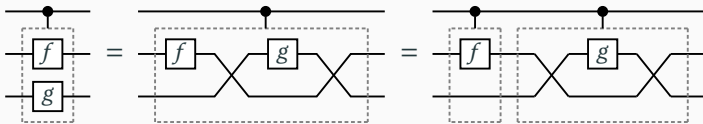


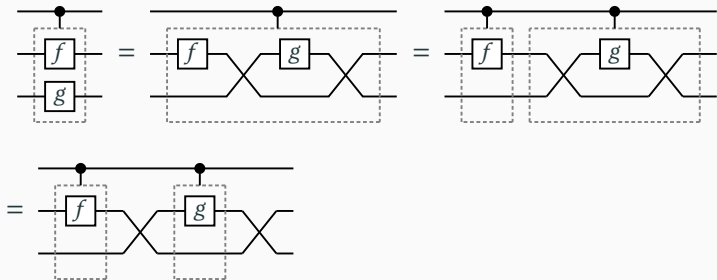
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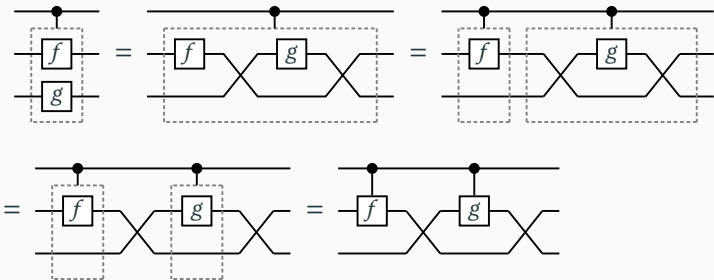


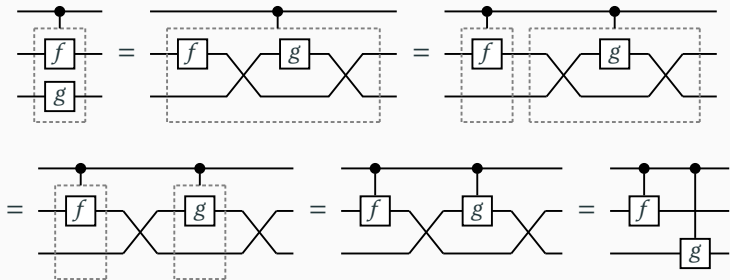


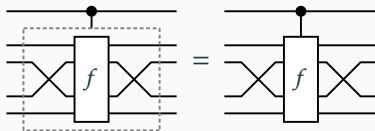


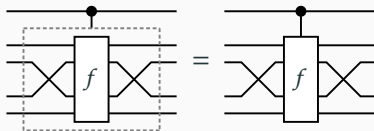






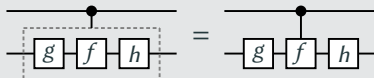






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A **conjugated controlled PROP** is a controlled PROP satisfying the equation

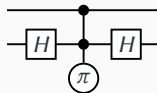


whenever $\boxed{g} \boxed{h} = \text{---}$.

Controllable quantum circuits









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$$- \boxed{Z(\alpha_1)} \boxed{Z(\alpha_2)} - = - \boxed{Z(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)} -$$

$$- \boxed{X(\alpha_1)} \boxed{H} \boxed{X(\alpha_2)} - = \odot \beta_0 - \boxed{Z(\beta_1)} \boxed{X(\beta_2)} \boxed{Z(\beta_3)} -$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ | \\ \oplus \end{array} \boxed{Z(\alpha)} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ | \\ \oplus \end{array} = \text{---} \boxed{Z(\alpha)} \text{---}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ | \\ \oplus \end{array} \oplus \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ | \\ \oplus \end{array} = \text{---} \text{---} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ | \\ \oplus \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ | \\ \oplus \end{array} \boxed{H} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ | \\ \oplus \end{array} \boxed{H} = \begin{array}{c} \boxed{Z(\pi/2)} \\ | \\ \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ | \\ \oplus \end{array} \boxed{Z(-\pi/2)} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ | \\ \oplus \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \vdots \\ \bullet \\ | \\ \boxed{Z(2\pi)} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} \end{array}$$

$$(2\pi) = \square$$

$$(\alpha_1)(\alpha_2) = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)$$

$$- \boxed{H} \boxed{H} - = \text{---}$$

$$\text{---} \bullet \text{---} = \text{---}$$

(2π)

$$\text{---} \bullet \text{---} \bullet \text{---} = \text{---} \bullet \text{---}$$

$(\alpha_1) \quad (\alpha_2) \quad (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)$

$$\text{---} \boxed{H} \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \boxed{H} \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \boxed{H} \text{---} = (\beta_0) \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \boxed{H} \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \boxed{H} \text{---} \bullet \text{---}$$

$(\alpha_1) \quad (\alpha_2) \quad (\beta_1) \quad (\beta_2) \quad (\beta_3)$

$$\begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array}$$

$(\pi) \quad (\alpha) \quad (\pi) \quad (\alpha)$

$$\text{X} = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array}$$

$(\pi) \quad (\pi) \quad (\pi)$

$$\begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array}$$

$(\pi) \quad (\pi/2) \quad (\pi/2) \quad (\pi) \quad (-\pi/2) \quad (\pi) \quad (\pi) \quad (\pi)$

$$\begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \vdots \\ \bullet \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array}$$

(2π)

$$(2\pi) = \square$$

$$(\alpha_1)(\alpha_2) = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)$$

$$- \boxed{H} \boxed{H} - = \text{---}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \bullet \quad \bullet \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \alpha_1 \quad \alpha_2 \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$- \boxed{H} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \hline \end{array} \alpha_1 \boxed{H} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \hline \end{array} \alpha_2 \boxed{H} - = (\beta_0) \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \hline \end{array} \beta_1 \boxed{H} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \hline \end{array} \beta_2 \boxed{H} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \hline \end{array} \beta_3 -$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \pi \quad \alpha \quad \pi \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \alpha \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\times = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \pi \quad \pi \quad \pi \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \pi \quad \pi/2 \quad \pi/2 \quad \pi \quad -\pi/2 \quad \pi \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \vdots \\ \bullet \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 2\pi \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$(2\pi) = \square$$

$$(\alpha_1)(\alpha_2) = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)$$

$$- \boxed{H} \boxed{H} - = \text{---}$$

$$- \boxed{H} \bullet \boxed{H} \bullet \boxed{H} - = (\beta_0) \bullet \boxed{H} \bullet \boxed{H} \bullet$$

$\alpha_1 \quad \alpha_2 \quad \beta_1 \quad \beta_2 \quad \beta_3$

$$\begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array}$$

$\pi \quad \alpha \quad \pi \quad \alpha$

$$\times = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array}$$

$\pi \quad \pi \quad \pi$

$$\begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array}$$

$\pi \quad \pi/2 \quad \pi/2 \quad \pi \quad -\pi/2 \quad \pi$

$$\begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \vdots \\ \bullet \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array}$$

2π

$$\textcircled{2\pi} = \square$$

$$\alpha_1 \alpha_2 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2$$

$$\text{---} \boxed{H} \text{---} \boxed{H} \text{---} = \text{---}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} [H] \text{---} \bullet \text{---} [H] \text{---} \bullet \text{---} [H] \text{---} \\ \quad \quad \quad \downarrow \quad \quad \quad \downarrow \\ \quad \quad \quad \alpha_1 \quad \quad \quad \alpha_2 \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \bigcirc \beta_0 \text{---} \bullet \text{---} [H] \text{---} \bullet \text{---} [H] \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \\ \quad \quad \quad \downarrow \quad \quad \quad \downarrow \quad \quad \quad \downarrow \\ \quad \quad \quad \beta_1 \quad \quad \quad \beta_2 \quad \quad \quad \beta_3 \end{array}$$

The diagram shows an equality between two expressions. On the left, a vertical line with two dots (representing fermion number) is connected to a circle labeled 2π . On the right, a vertical line with two dots is shown. The equality is indicated by a double equals sign.

$$(2\pi) = \boxed{}$$

$$(\alpha_1)(\alpha_2) = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)$$

$$-\boxed{H}\boxed{H}- = \text{---}$$

$$-\boxed{H}-\bullet_{\alpha_1}-\boxed{H}-\bullet_{\alpha_2}-\boxed{H}- = (\beta_0) -\bullet_{\beta_1}-\boxed{H}-\bullet_{\beta_2}-\boxed{H}-\bullet_{\beta_3}-$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \alpha \\ 2\pi \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \end{array} \quad \alpha$$

$$\times = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \\ | \quad | \quad | \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \boxed{H} \\ \boxed{H} \\ \boxed{H} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \\ | \quad | \quad | \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \boxed{H} \\ \boxed{H} \\ \boxed{H} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \\ | \quad | \quad | \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \boxed{H} \\ \boxed{H} \\ \boxed{H} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \pi \\ \pi \\ \pi \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \bullet \quad \bullet \\ | \quad | \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \end{array} \pi = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \\ | \quad | \quad | \quad | \quad | \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \pi/2 \\ \pi/2 \\ \pi \\ -\pi/2 \\ \pi \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \boxed{H} \\ \boxed{H} \\ \boxed{H} \\ \boxed{H} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \vdots \\ \bullet \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \vdots \\ \bullet \end{array} 2\pi$$

$$(2\pi) = \boxed{}$$

$$(\alpha_1)(\alpha_2) = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)$$

$$-\boxed{H}\boxed{H}- = \text{---}$$

$$-\boxed{H}-\bullet-\boxed{H}-\bullet-\boxed{H}- = (\beta_0) -\bullet-\boxed{H}-\bullet-\boxed{H}-\bullet-$$

α_1 α_2 β_1 β_2 β_3

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \\ \boxed{} \\ \text{---} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array}$$

α α

$$\text{X} = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \\ | \quad | \quad | \\ \boxed{H} \quad \boxed{H} \quad \boxed{H} \\ | \quad | \quad | \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \end{array}$$

π π π

$$\begin{array}{c} \bullet \quad \bullet \\ | \quad | \\ \pi \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \\ | \quad | \quad | \quad | \\ \pi/2 \quad \pi/2 \quad \pi \quad -\pi/2 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \quad \text{---} \quad \text{---} \quad \text{---} \\ \boxed{H} \quad \boxed{H} \quad \boxed{H} \quad \boxed{H} \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \\ \pi \quad \pi \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \vdots \\ \bullet \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} \end{array}$$

2π

$$(2\pi) = \square$$

$$(\alpha_1)(\alpha_2) = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)$$

$$- \boxed{H} \boxed{H} - = \text{---}$$

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α_1 α_2 β_1 β_2 β_3

$$\text{X} = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \\ | \quad | \quad | \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \\ | \quad | \quad | \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \boxed{H} \\ \boxed{H} \\ \boxed{H} \\ \boxed{H} \\ \boxed{H} \end{array}$$

π π π

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$$\begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \vdots \\ \bullet \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array}$$

2π

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$$- \boxed{H} \boxed{H} - = \text{---}$$

$$- \boxed{H} \bullet - \boxed{H} \bullet - \boxed{H} - = (\beta_0) - \bullet - \boxed{H} \bullet - \boxed{H} \bullet -$$

α_1 α_2 β_1 β_2 β_3

$$\text{X} = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \text{---} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \boxed{H} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \text{---} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \boxed{H} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \text{---} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \boxed{H} \\ \text{---} \end{array}$$

π π π

$$\begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \vdots \\ \bullet \\ \text{---} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} \end{array}$$

2π

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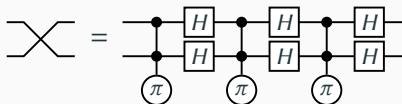
$$- \boxed{H} \boxed{H} - = \text{---}$$

$$- \boxed{H} \bullet - \boxed{H} \bullet - \boxed{H} - = (\beta_0) - \bullet - \boxed{H} \bullet - \boxed{H} \bullet -$$

α_1 α_2 β_1 β_2 β_3

$$\text{X} = \begin{array}{ccccccc} & \bullet & & \bullet & & \bullet & \\ \text{---} & \boxed{H} & \text{---} & \boxed{H} & \text{---} & \boxed{H} & \text{---} \\ & \bullet & & \bullet & & \bullet & \\ \text{---} & \boxed{H} & \text{---} & \boxed{H} & \text{---} & \boxed{H} & \text{---} \\ & \pi & & \pi & & \pi & \end{array}$$

Complete axiomatization for quantum circuits defined as a conjugated controlled PROP.



$$\textcircled{2\pi} = \boxed{}$$

$$\textcircled{\alpha_1} \textcircled{\alpha_2} = \textcircled{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}$$

$$\text{---} \boxed{H} \boxed{H} \text{---} = \text{---}$$

$$\text{---} \boxed{H} \text{---} \textcircled{\alpha_1} \text{---} \boxed{H} \text{---} \textcircled{\alpha_2} \text{---} \boxed{H} \text{---} = \textcircled{\beta_0} \text{---} \textcircled{\beta_1} \text{---} \boxed{H} \text{---} \textcircled{\beta_2} \text{---} \boxed{H} \text{---} \textcircled{\beta_3} \text{---}$$

Complete axiomatization for quantum circuits defined as a conjugated controlled PROP.

$$\text{Braid} = \text{CNOT}_{12} \text{CNOT}_{21} \text{CNOT}_{12}$$

$$(2\pi) = \square$$

$$(\alpha_1)(\alpha_2) = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)$$

$$-H-H- = -$$

$$-X(\alpha_1)-H-X(\alpha_2)- = (\beta_0) -Z(\beta_1)-X(\beta_2)-Z(\beta_3)-$$

Complete axiomatization for quantum circuits defined as a controlled PROP.

$$\text{CNOT} = \text{CNOT}^T$$

$$2\pi = \square$$

$$\alpha_1 \alpha_2 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2$$

$$H H = \text{---}$$

$$X(\alpha_1) H X(\alpha_2) = \beta_0 Z(\beta_1) X(\beta_2) Z(\beta_3)$$

$$\text{CNOT} H \text{CNOT} = \text{CNOT} H \text{CNOT}$$

$$\text{CNOT} Z(\alpha) \text{CNOT} = \text{CNOT} Z(\alpha) \text{CNOT}$$

$$\text{CNOT} H \text{CNOT} = \text{CNOT} H \text{CNOT}$$

$$\text{CNOT} Z(\pi) \text{CNOT} = \text{CNOT} Z(\pi) \text{CNOT}$$

Versatility of the formalism

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \boxed{U} \text{---} \end{array} \right] = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \mathbb{I} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & U \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \boxed{U} \text{---} \end{array} \right] = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \mathbb{I} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & U \end{array} \right)$$

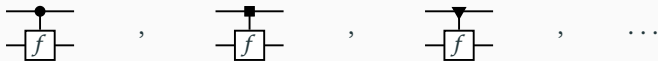
$$\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \blacksquare \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \boxed{U} \text{---} \end{array} \right] = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} U & 0 \\ \hline 0 & VUV^\dagger \end{array} \right)$$

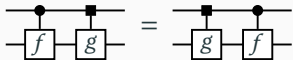
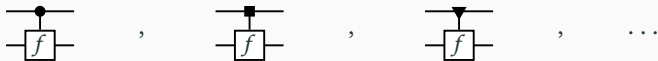
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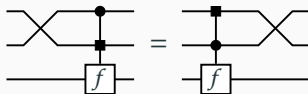
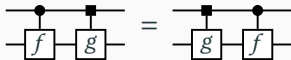
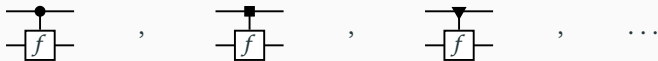
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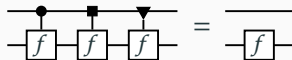
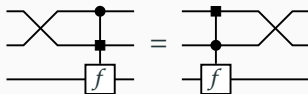
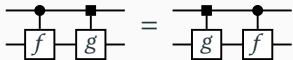
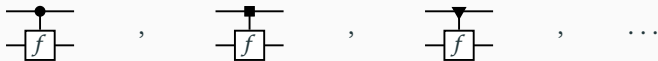
$$\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \blacktriangledown \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \boxed{U} \text{---} \end{array} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \mathbb{I} + U & \mathbb{I} - U \\ \hline \mathbb{I} - U & \mathbb{I} + U \end{array} \right)$$

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