

Two 2-traces

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$$\mathrm{Tr}^{\searrow}(f) := \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{[Diagram: A green rectangle with a red vertical line segment labeled } f \text{ inside. A black dot labeled } \theta \text{ is at the top of the red line. The letter } V \text{ is at the bottom right of the rectangle.]} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\mathrm{Tr}^{\circlearrowleft}(f) := \begin{array}{c} \text{[Diagram: A purple parallelogram containing a green oval. The oval has three red dots on its boundary. A red line segment labeled } f \text{ is inside the oval. The letter } V \text{ is at the bottom right of the oval.]} \end{array}$$

Traces

What is a trace?

$$\text{Tr}(f \circ g) = \text{Tr}(g \circ f)$$

$$\text{Tr}(f) = \text{Tr}(a \circ f \circ a^{-1})$$

Traces in a monoidal category

In $(\mathcal{C}, \otimes, \mathbf{1})$, an object V^* is **left-dual** to V if there exist morphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{[Diagram: A parallelogram with a green loop. The top edge is labeled } V^* \text{ and the right edge is labeled } V. \text{ The loop starts at a red dot on the left edge and ends at a red dot on the right edge.]} & & \text{[Diagram: A parallelogram with a green loop. The top edge is labeled } V^* \text{ and the left edge is labeled } V. \text{ The loop starts at a red dot on the left edge and ends at a red dot on the right edge.]} \\
 \mathbf{1} \xleftarrow{\text{ev}} V^* \otimes V & & V \otimes V^* \xleftarrow{\text{coev}} \mathbf{1}
 \end{array}$$

such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{[Diagram: A parallelogram with a green loop. The top edge is labeled } V^* \text{ and the left edge is labeled } V^*. \text{ The loop starts at a red dot on the left edge and ends at a red dot on the right edge.]} & = & \text{[Diagram: A parallelogram with a horizontal green line. The top edge is labeled } V^*. \text{ The line starts at a red dot on the left edge and ends at a red dot on the right edge.]} \\
 \text{[Diagram: A parallelogram with a green loop. The bottom edge is labeled } V \text{ and the left edge is labeled } V. \text{ The loop starts at a red dot on the left edge and ends at a red dot on the right edge.]} & = & \text{[Diagram: A parallelogram with a horizontal green line. The bottom edge is labeled } V. \text{ The line starts at a red dot on the left edge and ends at a red dot on the right edge.]}
 \end{array}$$

If V is also left dual to V^* then V and V^* are **bidual**.

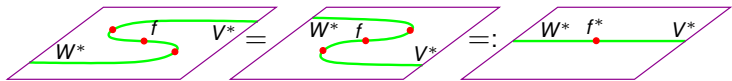
If V has a bidual and $V \xleftarrow{f} V$ define

$$\text{Tr}(f) := \text{[Diagram: A parallelogram with a green loop. The bottom edge is labeled } V \text{ and the left edge is labeled } f. \text{ The loop starts at a red dot on the left edge and ends at a red dot on the right edge.]} \in \text{Hom}(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}).$$

In $(\text{Vect}, \otimes, \mathbb{C})$ this gives the usual trace on finite dimensional vector spaces.

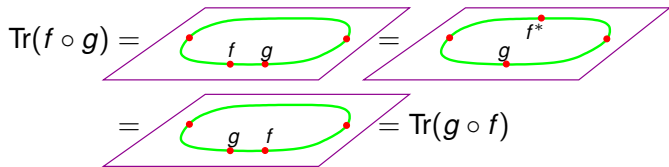
Transposes (or adjoints or duals)

If V and W have biduals then $V \xleftarrow{f} W$ has a **transpose** (or is cyclic) if


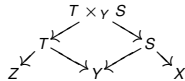

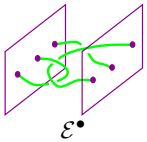
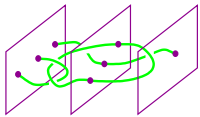


Theorem (Trace property)

If $V \xleftarrow{f} W$ and $W \xleftarrow{g} V$ with f having a transpose then

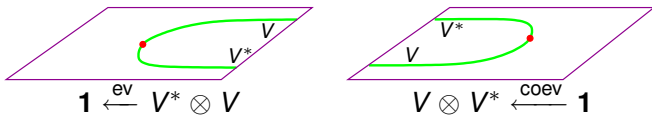


Examples of monoidal bicategories

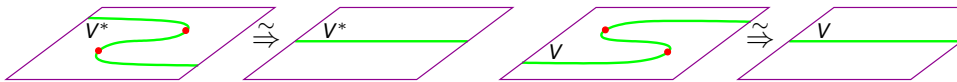
	objects	1-morphisms	composition	2-morphisms	
Span	Sets				\times
Bim	Algebras/ \mathbb{C}	${}_B M_A$	${}_C N_B \otimes_B {}_B M_A$	$\text{Hom}_{B,A}({}_B M_A, {}_B M'_A)$	$\otimes_{\mathbb{C}}$
\mathcal{V} -Mod	\mathcal{V} -cats	$\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \otimes \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$	$\otimes_{\mathcal{D}}$	\mathcal{V} -nat trans	\otimes
2-Tang	pts in plane			cobordisms	\sqcup
Var	\mathbb{C} -manifolds	\mathcal{E}^\bullet \downarrow $Y \times X$	convolution	$\text{Ext}_{Y \times X}^\bullet(\mathcal{E}^\bullet, \mathcal{F}^\bullet)$	\times
DBim	Diff algs/ \mathbb{C}	$\rightarrow {}_B M_A^i \rightarrow {}_B M_A^{i-1} \rightarrow$	\otimes_B^L	$\text{Ext}_{B \times A^{\text{op}}}^\bullet({}_B M_A^\bullet, {}_B N_A^\bullet)$	$\otimes_{\mathbb{C}}$

Biduals in a monoidal bicategory

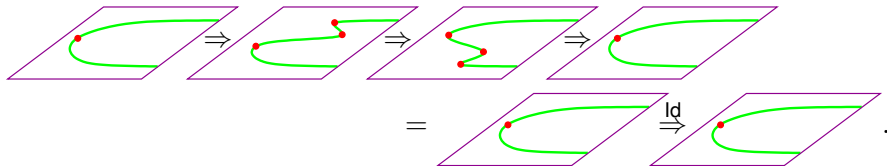
In \mathcal{C} , an object V^* is left-dual to V if there exist 1-morphisms



and 2-isomorphisms



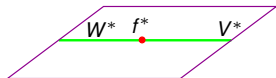
such that the Swallowtail Relations hold, e.g.,



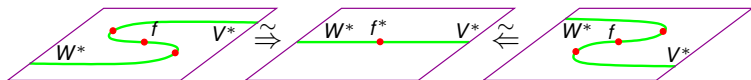
If V is also left dual to V^* then V and V^* are **bidual**.

Transposes in monoidal bicategories

A 1-morphism $V \xleftarrow{f} W$ has a transpose (or is cyclic) if there is a 1-morphism $W^* \xleftarrow{f^*} V^*$:

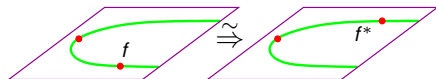


together with isomorphisms






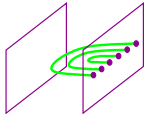
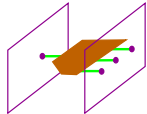
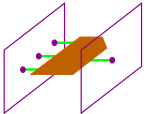


satisfying some conditions.

This gives for example



Examples of duals in monoidal bicategories

	object	bidual	evaluation	morphism	transpose
Span	X	X			
Bim	A	A^{op}	$\mathbb{C} A_{A \otimes A^{\text{op}}}$	${}_B M_A$	${}_{A^{\text{op}}} M_{B^{\text{op}}}$
\mathcal{V} -Mod	\mathcal{C}	\mathcal{C}^{op}	$\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \otimes \mathcal{C} \otimes \star \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}} \mathcal{V}$	$\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \otimes \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$	$(\mathcal{D}^{\text{op}})^{\text{op}} \otimes \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$
2-Tang					
Var	X	X	\mathcal{O}_Δ \downarrow $\star \times X \times X$	\mathcal{E}^\bullet \downarrow $Y \times X$	\mathcal{E}^\bullet \downarrow $X \times Y$
DBim	A^\bullet	$A^{\bullet \text{op}}$	$\mathbb{C} A_{A^\bullet \otimes A^{\bullet \text{op}}}$	${}_{B^\bullet} M_{A^\bullet}$	${}_{A^{\bullet \text{op}}} M_{B^{\bullet \text{op}}}$

The round trace

If V has a bidual and $V \xleftarrow{f} V$ define the **round trace**:

$$\mathrm{Tr}^{\circlearrowleft}(f) := \text{diagram} \in \mathbf{1}\text{-Hom}(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}).$$

Theorem (Trace property)

If $V \xleftarrow{f} W$ and $W \xleftarrow{g} V$ with f having a transpose then

$$\mathrm{Tr}^{\circlearrowleft}(f \circ g) \cong \mathrm{Tr}^{\circlearrowleft}(g \circ f).$$

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The diagonal trace

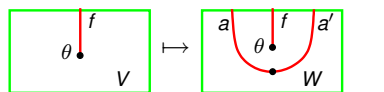
This can be defined in a bicategory **without** monoidal structure.

If V is an object of a bicategory and $V \xleftarrow{f} V$ define the **diagonal trace**:

$$\mathrm{Tr}^{\searrow}(f) := 2\text{-Hom}(\mathrm{Id}_V, f) = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \boxed{\begin{array}{c} f \\ \theta \bullet \\ V \end{array}} \end{array} \right\}$$

Theorem (Trace property)



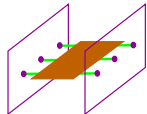

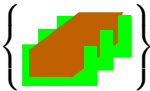
If $W \xleftarrow{a} V$ and $V \xleftarrow{a'} W$ with a 2-morphism $a \circ a' \xleftarrow{\eta} \mathrm{Id}_W$ then you get a (functorial) morphism between sets (or \mathcal{V} -objects):

$$\mathrm{Tr}^{\searrow}(f) \xrightarrow{\eta_*} \mathrm{Tr}^{\searrow}(a \circ f \circ a')$$


In particular if $W \xleftarrow{a} V$ is an equivalence then

$$\mathrm{Tr}^{\searrow}(f) \cong \mathrm{Tr}^{\searrow}(a \circ f \circ a^{-1}).$$

Examples of traces in monoidal bicategories

	object	endo, f	$\text{Tr}^{\circlearrowleft}(f)$	$\text{Tr}^{\searrow}(f)$
Span	X		“loops in T ”	“choice of loop at each $x \in X$ ”
Bim	A	${}_A M_A$	$M/\{ma - am\}$ coinvariants	$\{m \in M \mid am = ma\}$ invariants
\mathcal{V} -Mod	\mathcal{C}	$c^{\text{op}} \otimes c \xrightarrow{F} \mathcal{V}$	$\int^c F(c, c)$	$\int_c F(c, c)$
2-Tang				
Var	X	\mathcal{E}^\bullet \downarrow $X \times X$	$\text{HH}_\bullet(X, \mathcal{E}^\bullet)$	$\text{HH}^\bullet(X, \mathcal{E}^\bullet)$
DBim	A^\bullet	${}_{A^\bullet} M_{A^\bullet}$	$\text{HH}_\bullet(A^\bullet, M^\bullet)$	$\text{HH}^\bullet(A^\bullet, M^\bullet)$

Dimension

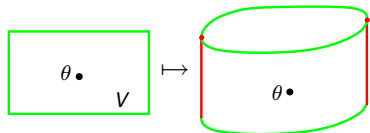
The dimension of an object can be defined to be the trace of the identity.

$$\text{Dim}^{\circlearrowleft}(V) := \text{Tr}^{\circlearrowleft}(\text{Id}_V) = \text{Diagram} \in 1\text{-Hom}(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})$$



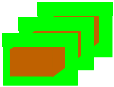
$$\text{Dim}^{\searrow}(V) := \text{Tr}^{\searrow}(\text{Id}_V) = 2\text{-Hom}(\text{Id}_V, \text{Id}_V) = \left\{ \text{Diagram} \right\}$$

- ▶ $\text{Dim}^{\searrow}(V)$ is a commutative monoid
- ▶ $\text{Dim}^{\searrow}(V)$ acts on $\text{Dim}^{\circlearrowleft}(V)$

$$\text{Dim}^{\searrow}(V) \rightarrow 2\text{-Hom}(\text{Dim}^{\circlearrowleft}(V), \text{Dim}^{\circlearrowleft}(V))$$



Examples of dimensions in monoidal bicategories

	object, V	$\text{Dim}^{\circlearrowleft}(V)$	$\text{Dim}^{\searrow}(V)$
Span	X	X	$\{\star\}$
Bim	A	$A/[A, A]$	$Z(A)$
\mathcal{V} -Mod	\mathcal{C}	$\int^{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{C}(c, c)$	$\mathcal{V}\text{-NAT}(\text{Id}_{\mathcal{C}}, \text{Id}_{\mathcal{C}})$
2-Tang			
Var	X	$\text{HH}_{\bullet}(X)$	$\text{HH}^{\bullet}(X)$
DBim	A^{\bullet}	$\text{HH}_{\bullet}(A^{\bullet})$	$\text{HH}^{\bullet}(A^{\bullet})$