Action accessibility and centralizers

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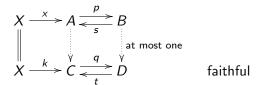
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with fx = k, fs = tg and qf = gp.

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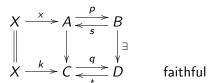
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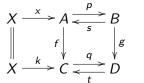


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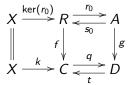
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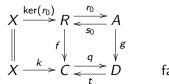
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Theorem (D. Bourn and G. Janelidze)

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Definition (M.C. Pedicchio)

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$$C \xrightarrow{p_0} S$$

$$d_1 \mid d_0 \quad v_1 \mid v_0$$

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Non symmetric commutativity and ns-centralizers of equivalence relations

Definition (non symmetric)

Let S be a relation on A and R an equivalence relation on A. We'll say that S, R = 0 if and only if there exists C, p_0, p_1, t_0 equivalence relation on S with C, d_0, d_1 relation on R such that

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$$d_1 \bigvee_{V} \begin{vmatrix} d_0 & v_1 \\ r_0 & V_1 \end{vmatrix} v_0$$

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② If $k: X \to C$ is a kernel of p_0 (or p_1 equivalently), then $d_0k = d_1k$.

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A characterization of action accessible categories

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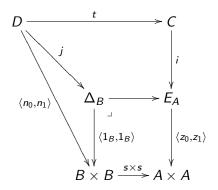
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- 2 C has ns-centralizers for equivalence relations;

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