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Adjunctions and limits for double and multiple categories
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-     - in higher (also infinite) dimension, we have:
- weak multiple categories of cubical spans or cospans,
- chiral multiple categories of spans and cospans, etc.
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- What do we make of unit and counit?


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Coherence conditions (besides naturality) for $A$ and $w=u \otimes v$ in $\mathbb{A}$ :

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\begin{gathered}
\left(V \underline{F} A\left|\pi e_{A}\right| G \underline{U} A\right)=\left(\underline{V} F A\left|e_{\pi A}\right| \underline{G} U A\right) \\
(V \underline{F}(u, v)|\pi w| \underline{G} \underline{U}(u, v))=(\underline{V}(F u, F v)|(\pi u \otimes \pi v)| \underline{G}(U u, U v))
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## 5. The second coherence condition (for vertical composition)

- based on the laxity comparisons $\underline{F}, \underline{G}$ (of $F, G$ ) and the colaxity comparisons $\underline{U}, \underline{V}$ (of $U, V$ ), for $w=u \otimes v$ in $\mathbb{A}$
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The existence of functorial double products in $\mathbb{R e l} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{b}$ means that:

- the category of horizontal arrows (i.e. Ab) has products,
- the category of vertical arrows and double cells has products,
- these solutions agree w.r.t. vertical (co)domain and identities.

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- transversal map $\varphi: x \rightarrow y: \vee^{n} \rightarrow$ Set (a natural transformation)
- they compose strictly (in direction 0 , the transversal direction)
- and give the comparisons for the $i$-composition of $n$-cubes.


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