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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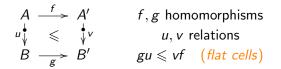
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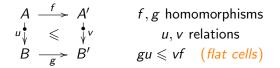
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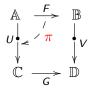
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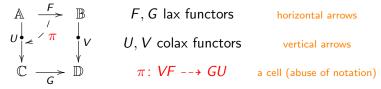


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 $\begin{array}{cccc} \mathbb{A} & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathbb{B} & F, G \text{ lax functors} & \text{horizontal arrows} \\ U & \swarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\ V & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ \mathbb{C} & \xrightarrow{-} & \mathbb{D} & \pi \colon VF \dashrightarrow GU & \text{a cell (abuse of notation)} \end{array}$

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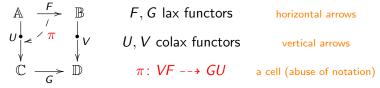
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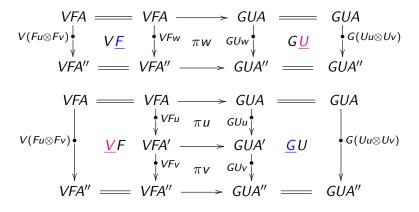
Coherence conditions (besides naturality) for A and $w = u \otimes v$ in A:

$$(V\underline{F}A \mid \pi e_A \mid G\underline{U}A) = (\underline{V}FA \mid e_{\pi A} \mid \underline{G}UA)$$
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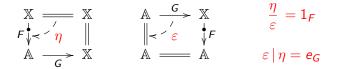
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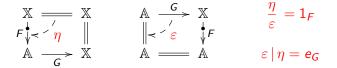


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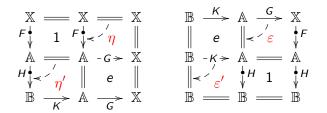
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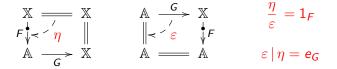


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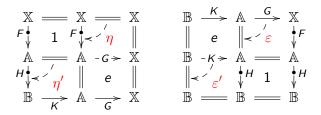




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(Pseudo-lax adjunction: in the 2-category $LxDbl = Hor\mathbb{D}bl$) (Colax-pseudo adjunction: in the 2-category $CxDbl = Ver^*Dbl$)

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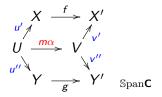
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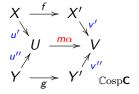
- the category of horizontal arrows (i.e. Ab) has products,
- the category of vertical arrows and double cells has products,
- these solutions agree w.r.t. vertical (co)domain and identities.

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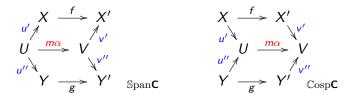


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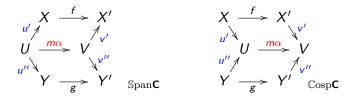
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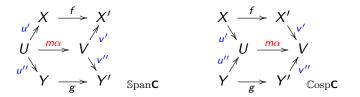
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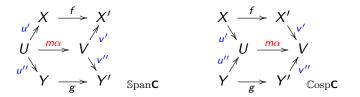
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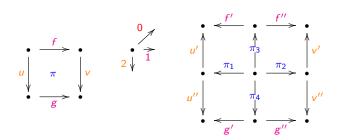
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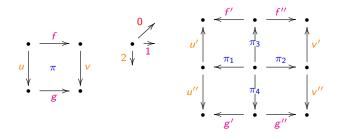
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- transversal map $\varphi : x \to y : \vee^n \to \mathbf{Set}$ (a natural transformation)
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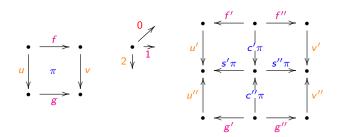
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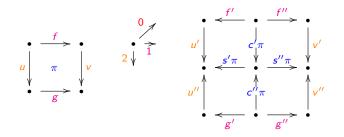
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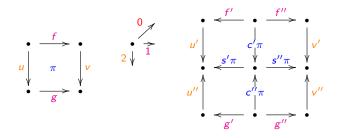
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