

From lifting objects to lifting diagrams: recent progress on ladders and CLL

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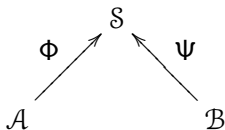
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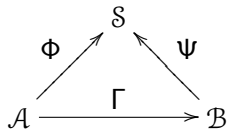
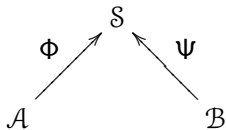
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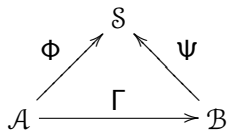
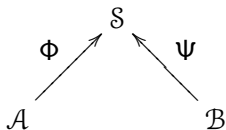
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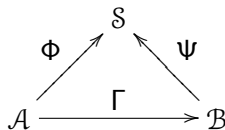
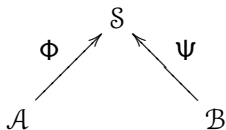
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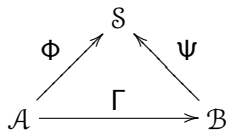
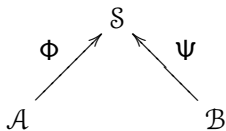
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Let's see some examples.

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In fact, the functor Γ constructed in Pudlák's proof sends finite distributive lattices to finite atomistic lattices, and preserves directed colimits (=direct limits).

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Theorem (Růžička 2004)

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Every **normal** morphism in \mathbf{Bool}_P is a **directed colimit** of **compact normal** morphisms.

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- Let \mathbf{A} be a finitely presented P -scaled Boolean algebra. For each atom u of A , denote by $|u|$ the largest $p \in P$ such that $u \in A^{(p)}$.
- Set $\mathbf{A} \otimes \vec{S} := \prod (S_{|u|} \mid u \in \text{At } A)$.
- For a morphism $\varphi: \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ in \mathbf{Bool}_P , one can define naturally a morphism $\varphi \otimes \vec{S}: \mathbf{A} \otimes \vec{S} \rightarrow \mathbf{B} \otimes \vec{S}$ in \mathcal{S} .
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- Let λ be an infinite cardinal. A **λ -lifter** of P is a pair (X, \mathbf{X}) , where X is a norm-covering of P , \mathbf{X} is a set of sharp ideals of X , and, setting $\mathbf{X}^= := \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{X} \mid \partial\mathbf{x} \text{ not maximal}\}$,
 - 1 $\text{card}(\mathbf{X} \downarrow \mathbf{x}) < \lambda$ for each $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{X}^=$.
 - 2 (**Kuratowski-like property**) For each isotone $S: \mathbf{X}^= \rightarrow [X]^{<\lambda}$, there exists an isotone $\sigma: P \rightarrow X$ such that
 - 1 $\partial \circ \sigma = \text{id}_P$;
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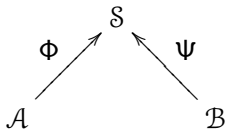
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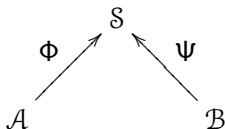
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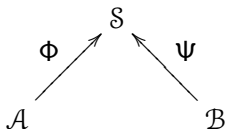
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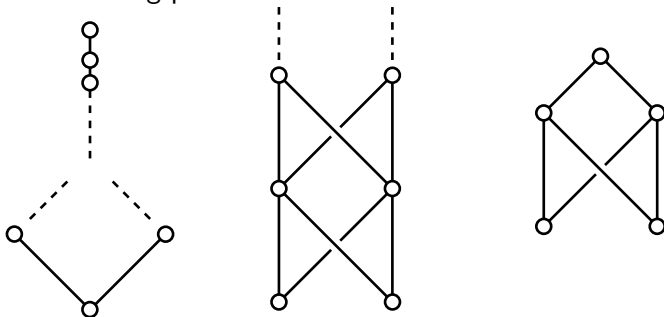
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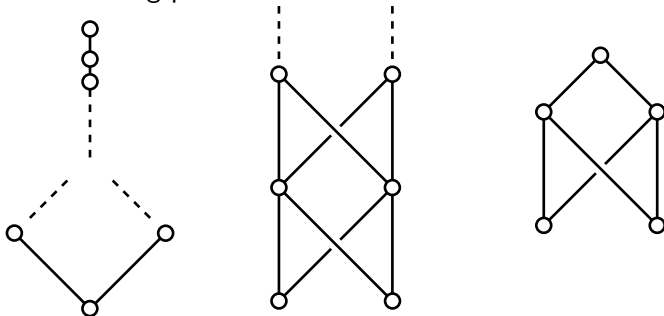
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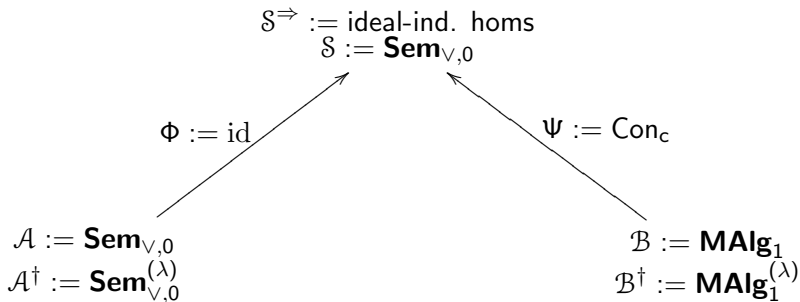
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if it exists, ∞ otherwise.

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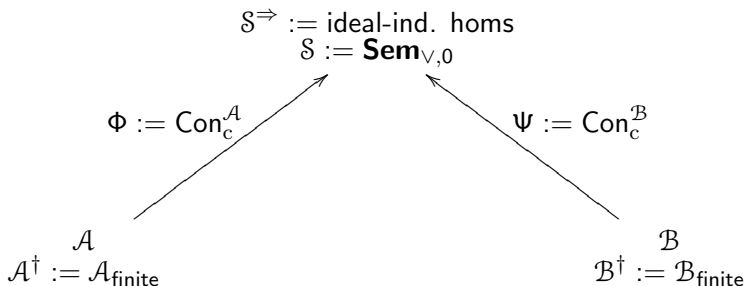
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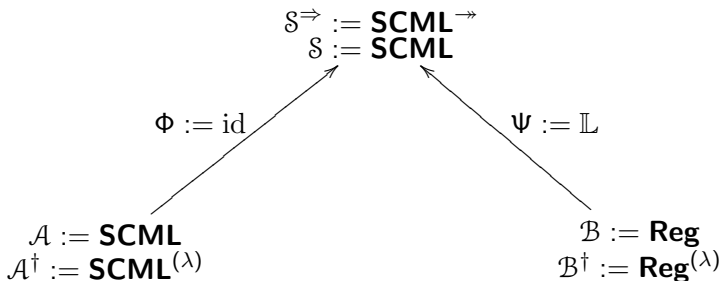
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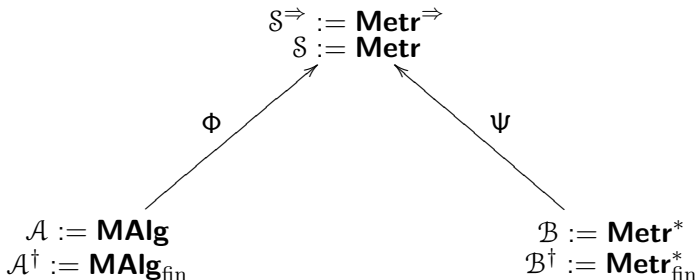
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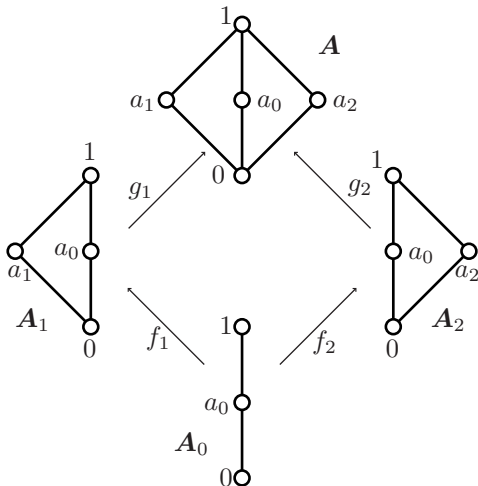
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