

Canonicity for 2-Dimensional Type Theory

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Dependent Type Theory

Basis of proof assistants (Agda, Coq, NuPRL)

- * Formalization of math
- * Certified programming

$\text{sort} : \prod xs:\text{int list}. \sum ys:\text{int list}.\text{Sorted}(ys)$

**dependent
function**

**dependent
pair**

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But we'll say *equivalence* because...

Homotopy Type Theory

dependent type theory

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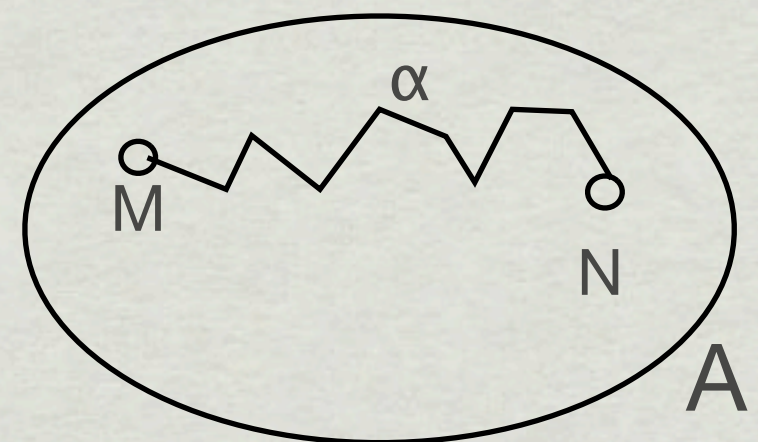
category theory

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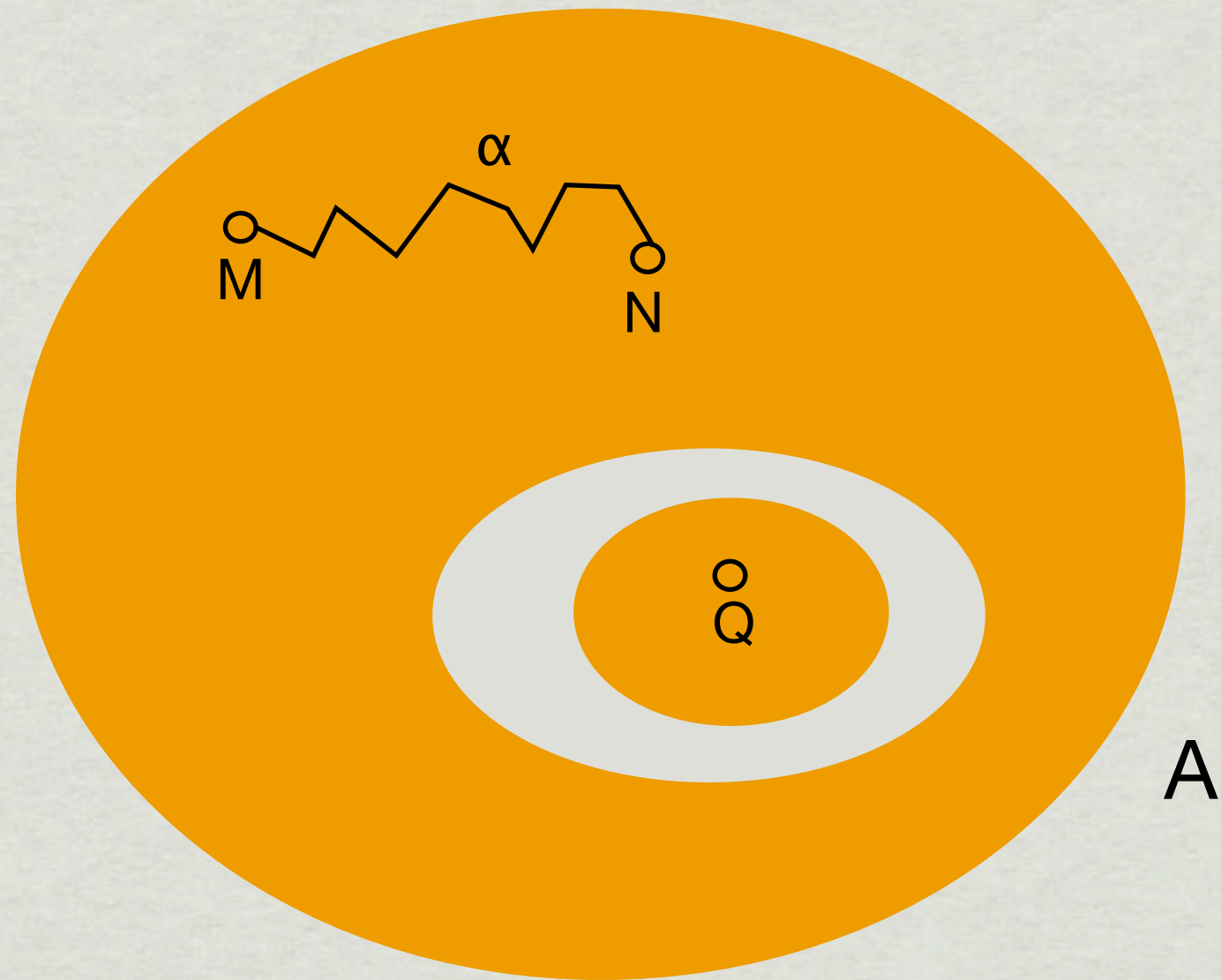


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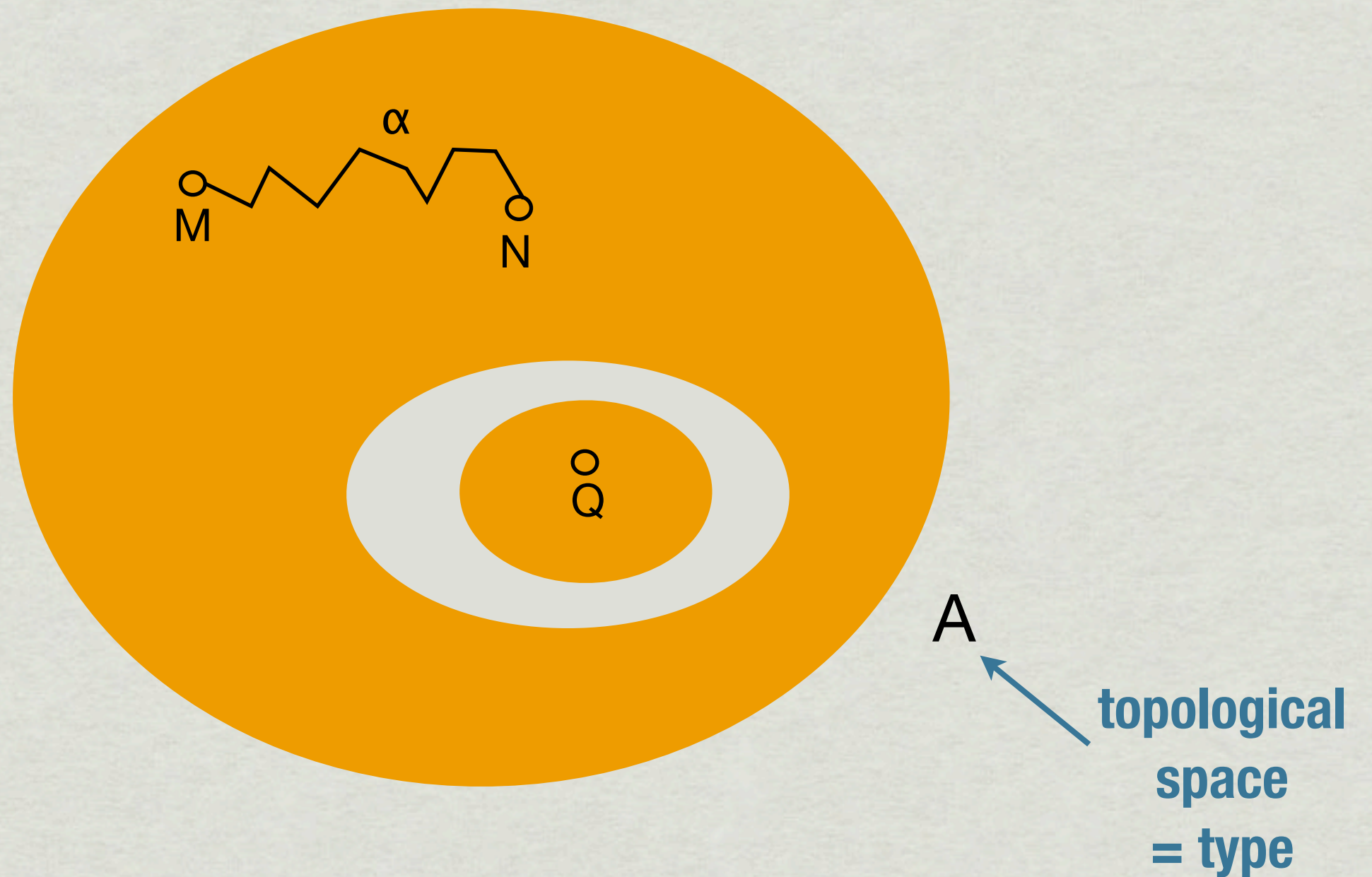
Theorem: Martin-Löf's intensional type theory has semantics in homotopy theory (spaces as types) and category theory (groupoids as types)

[Hofmann&Streicher,Awodey,
Warren,Lumsdaine,Garner,
Voevodsky, 1990's and 2000's]

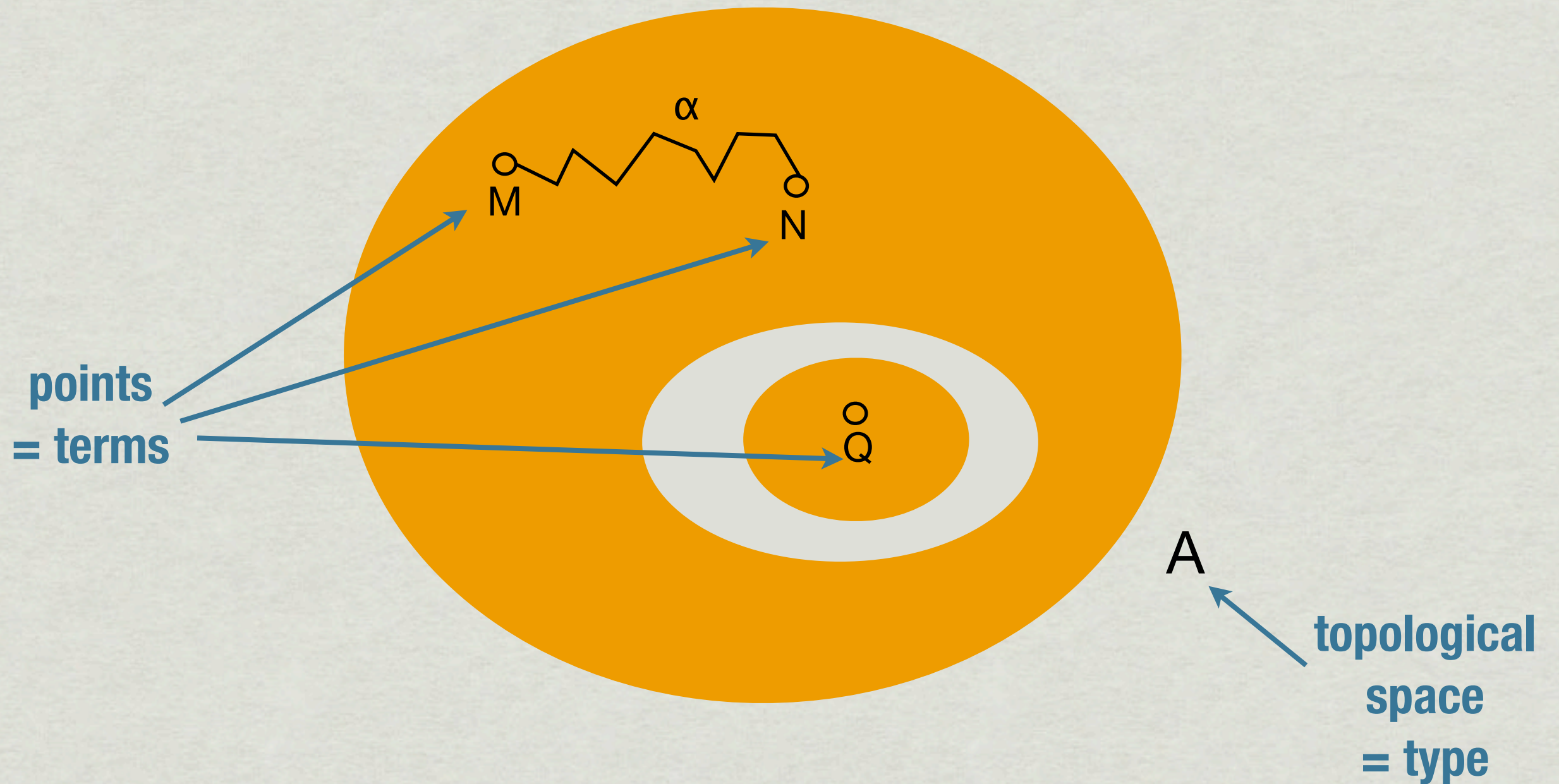
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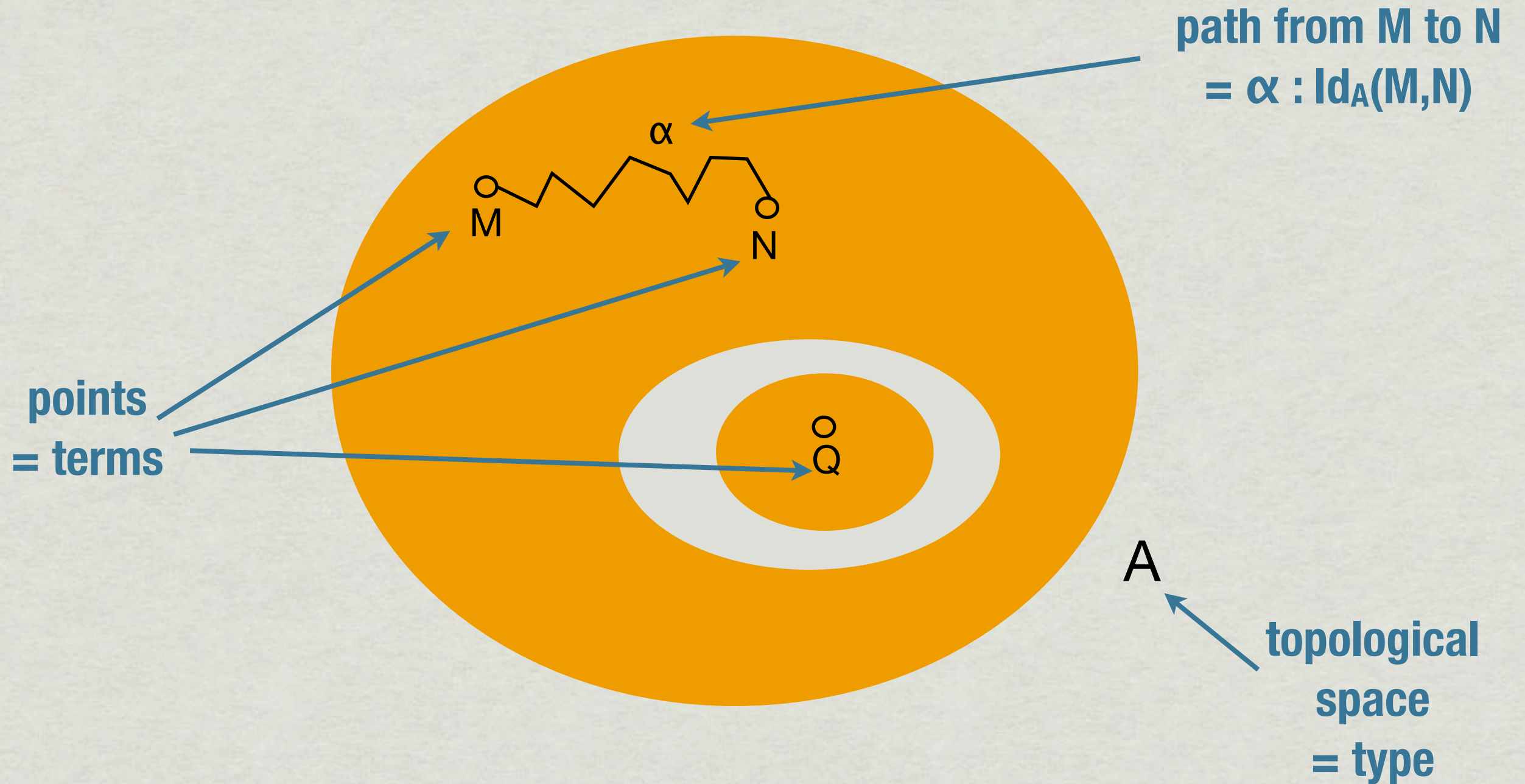
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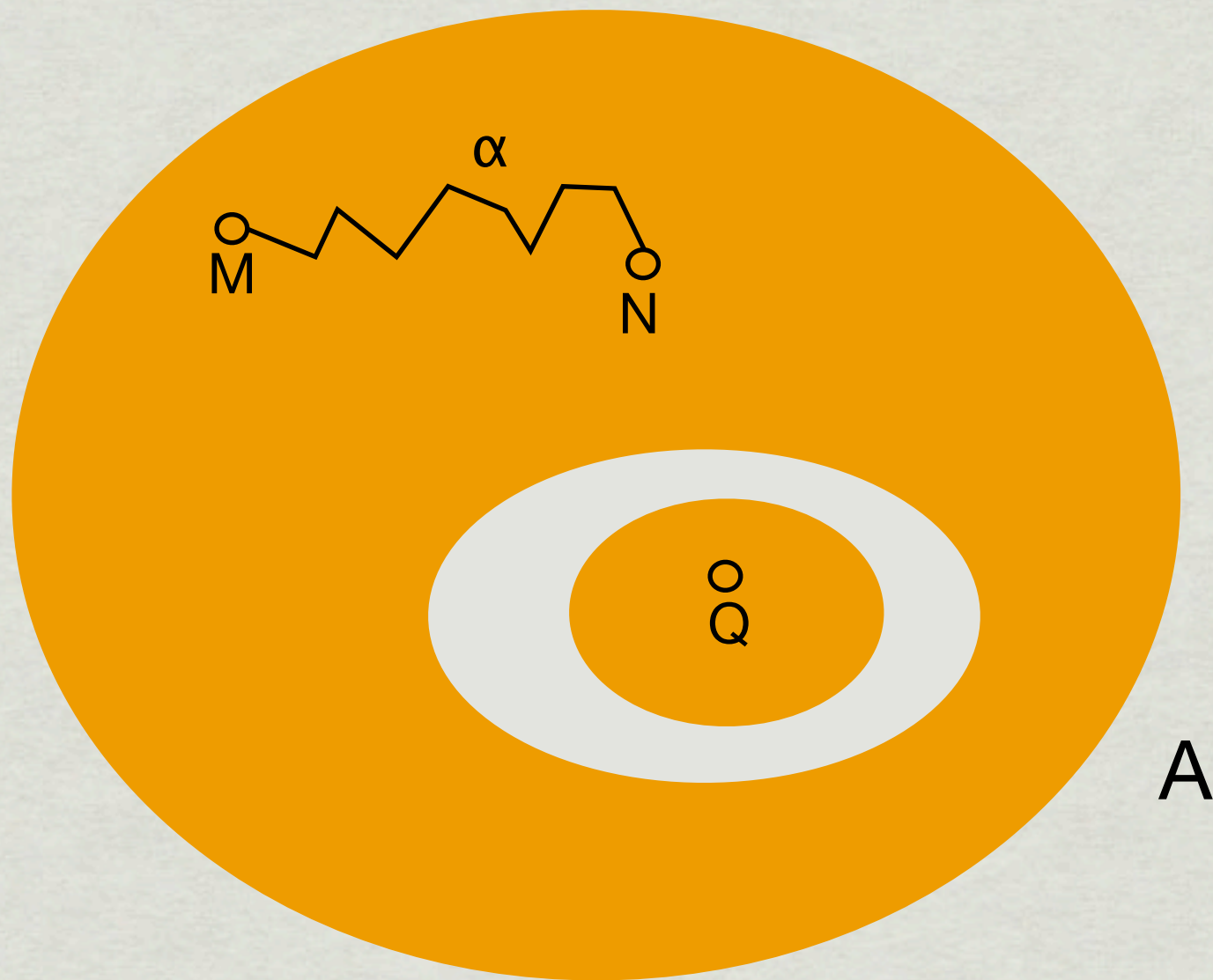
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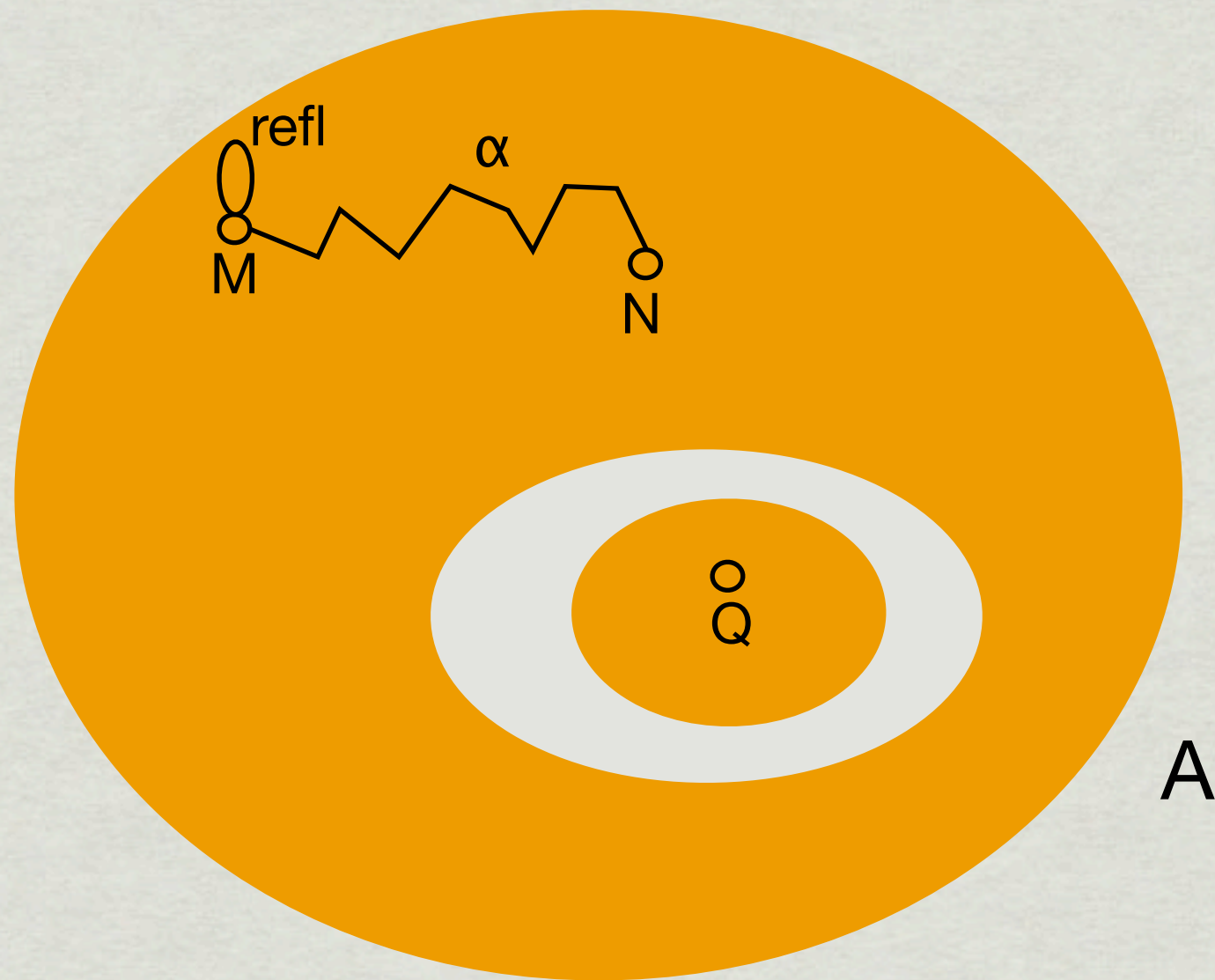
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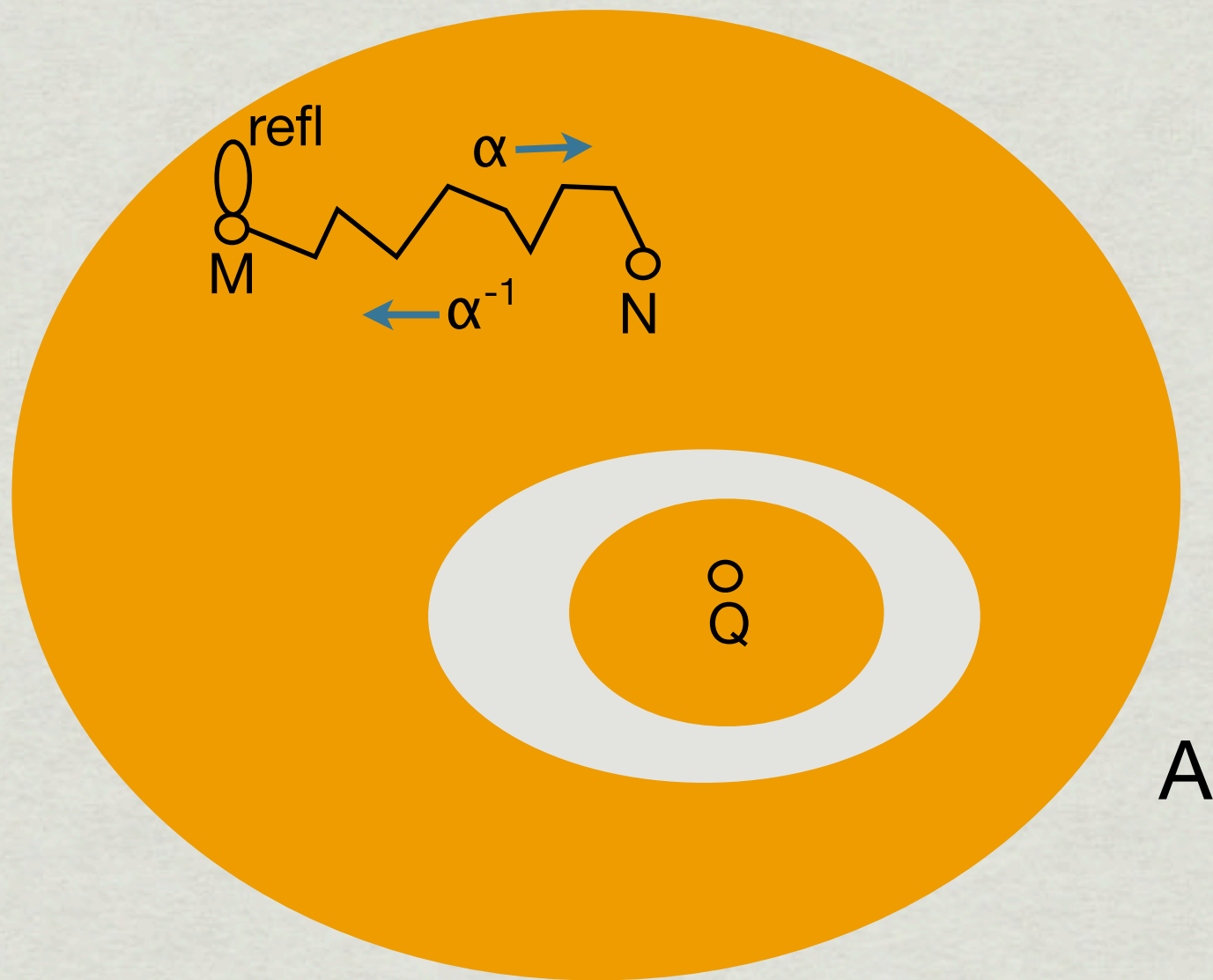


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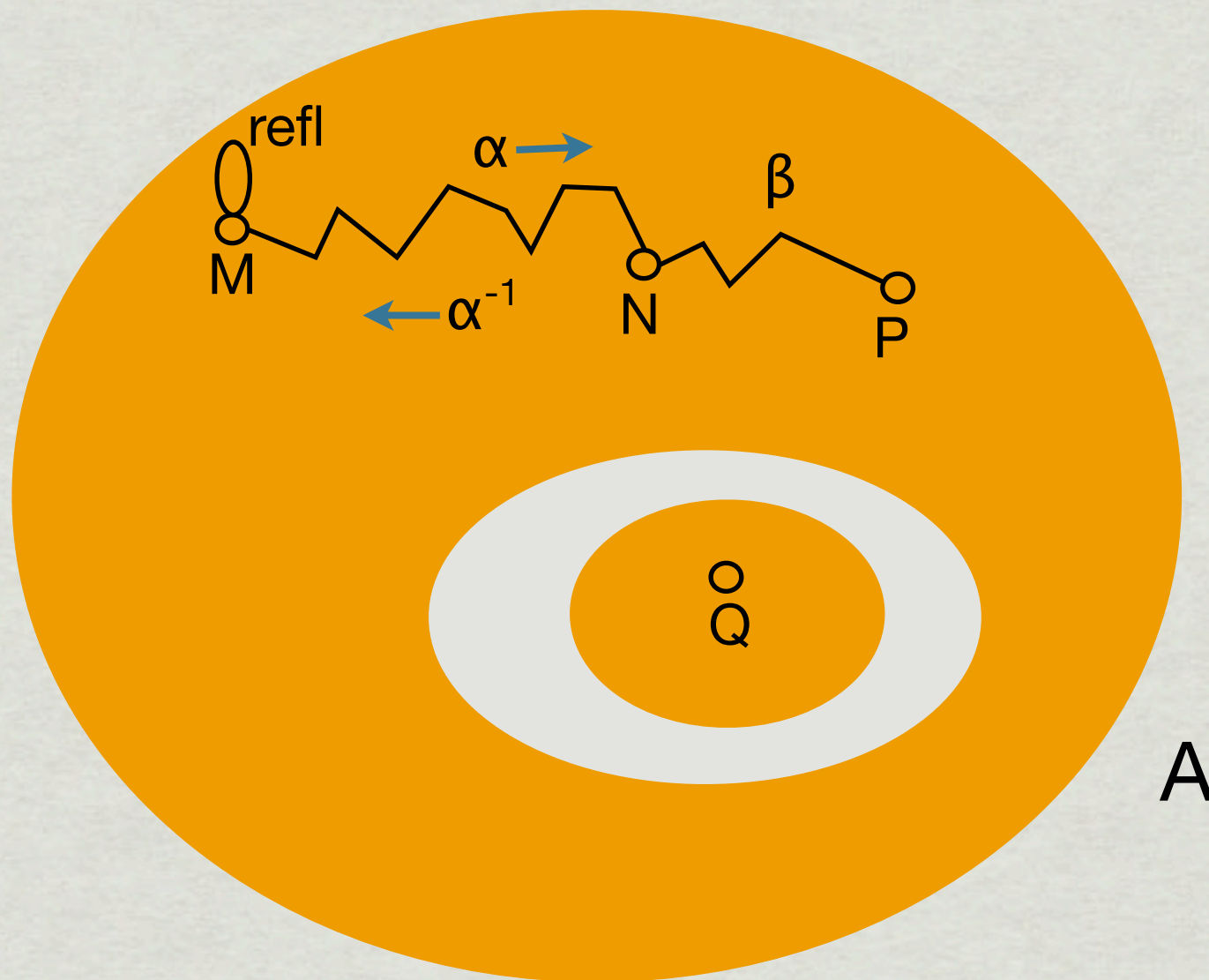
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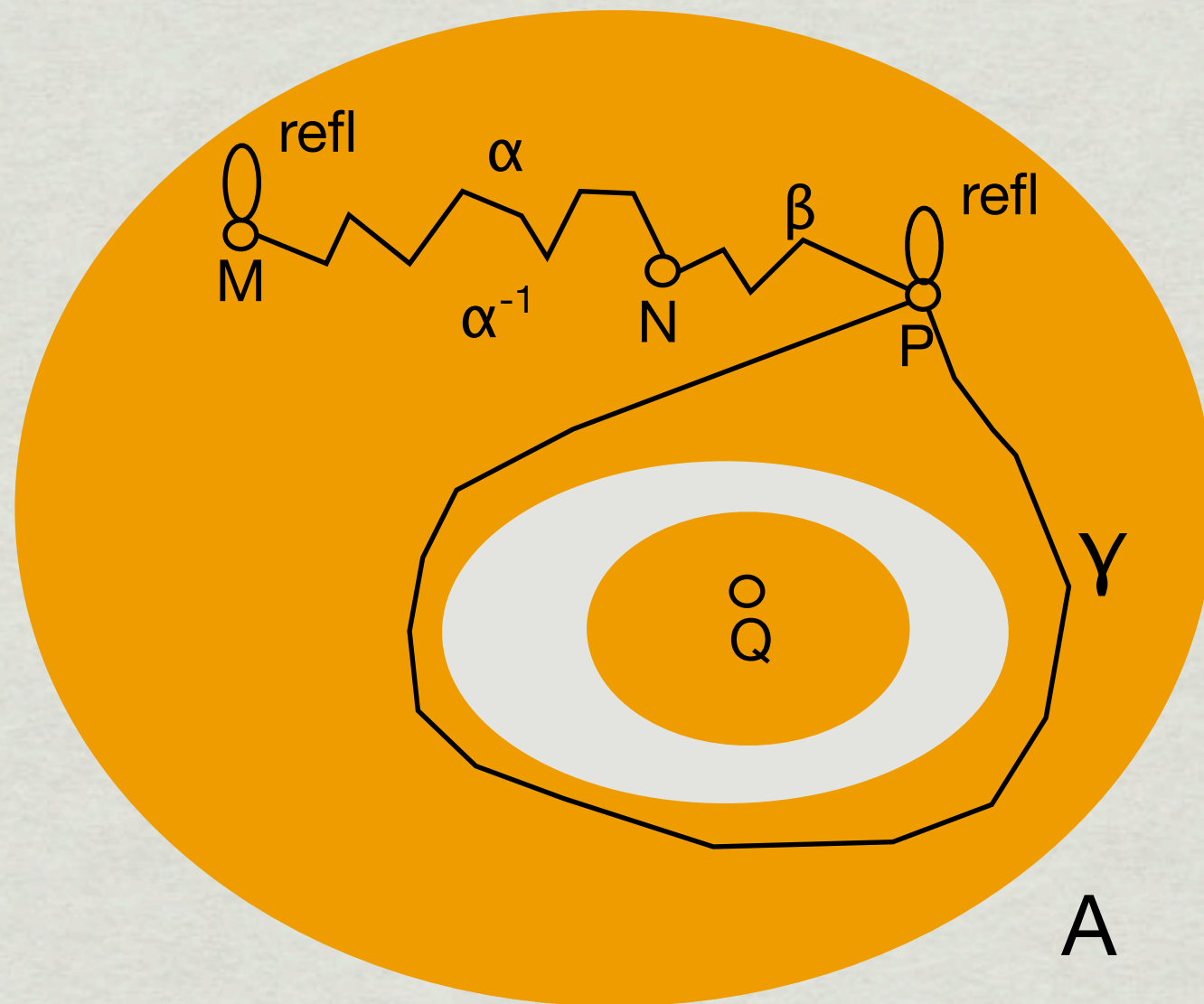


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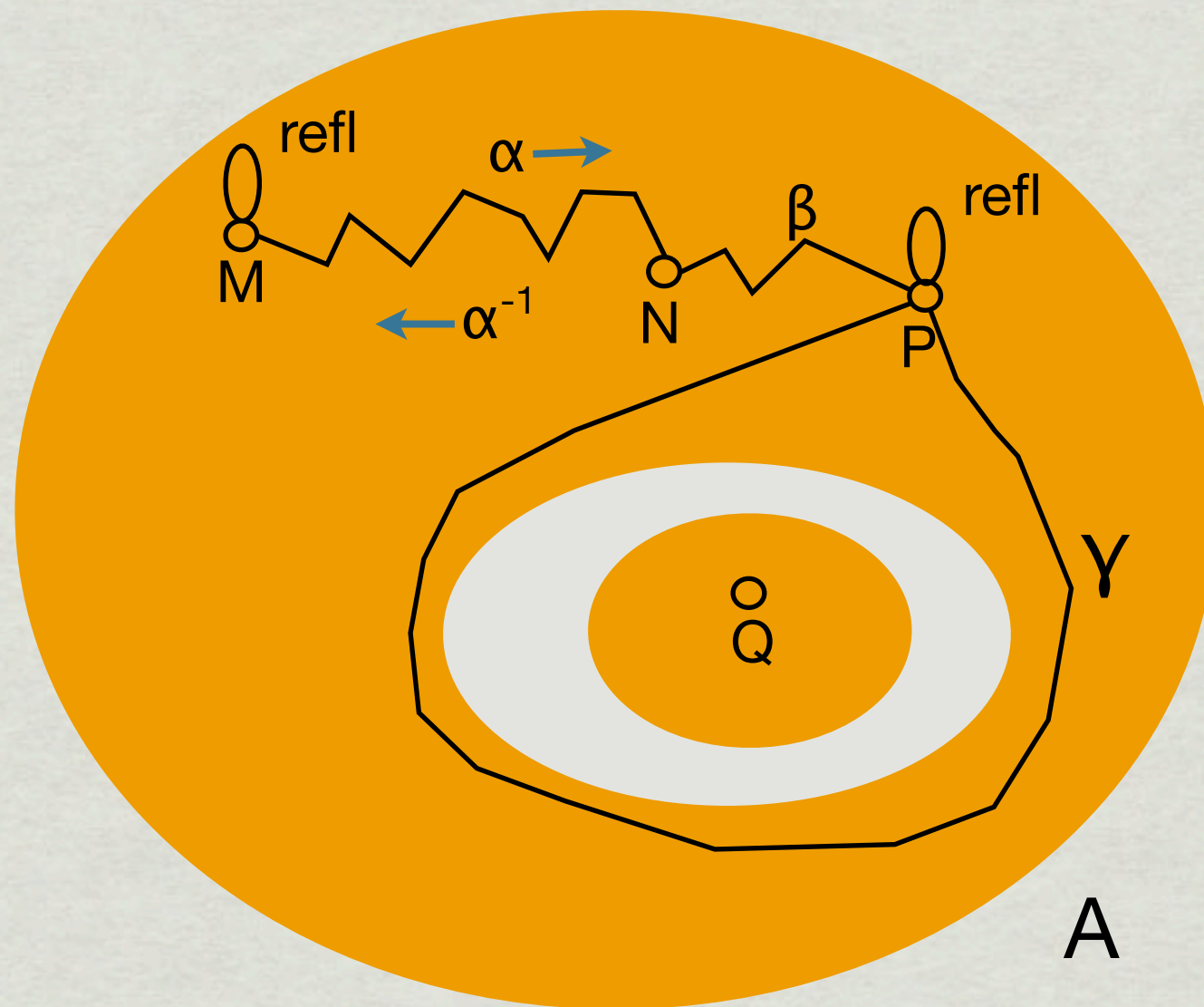
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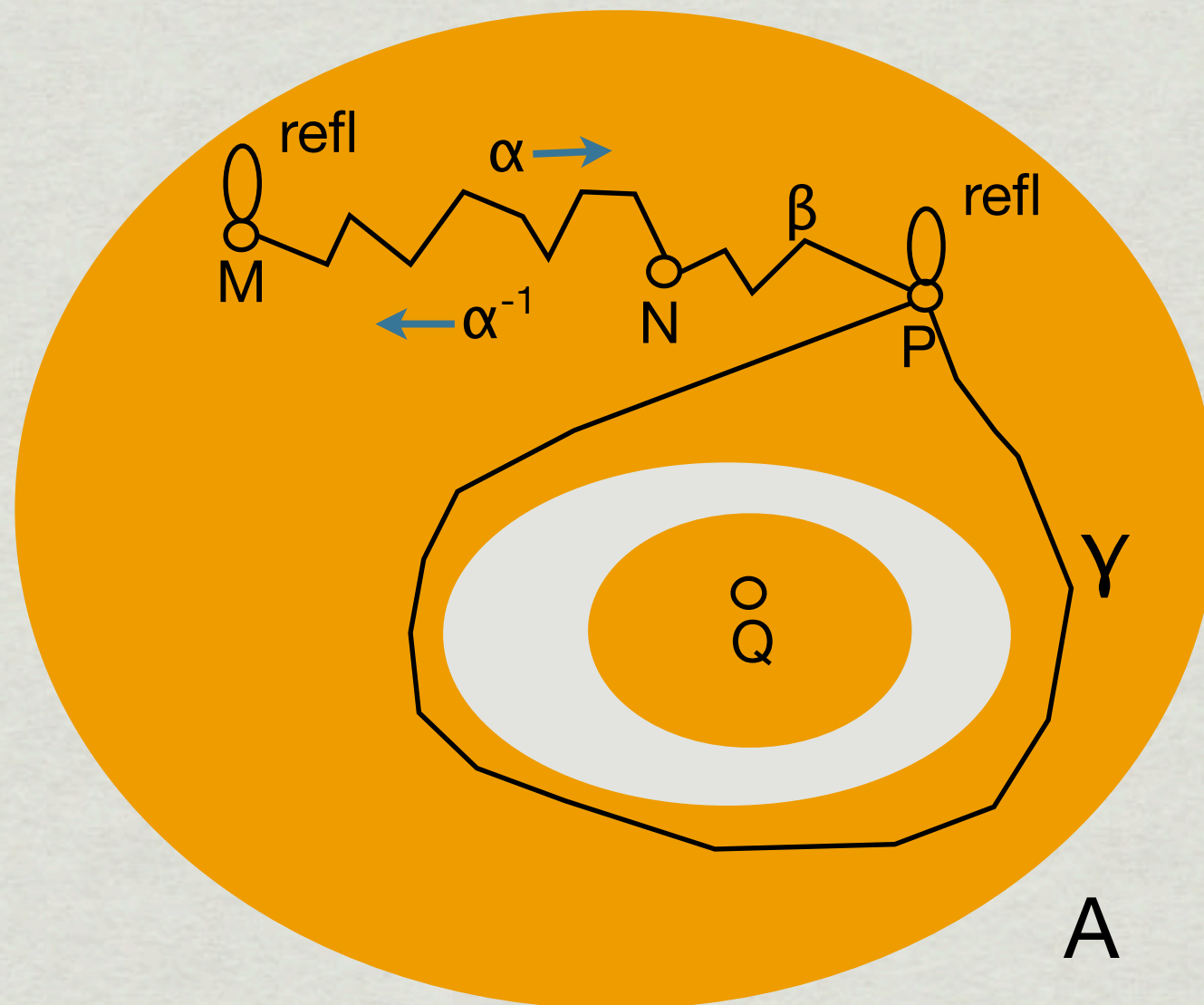
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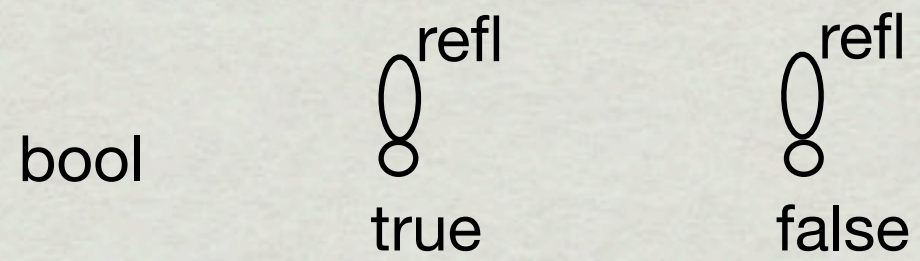
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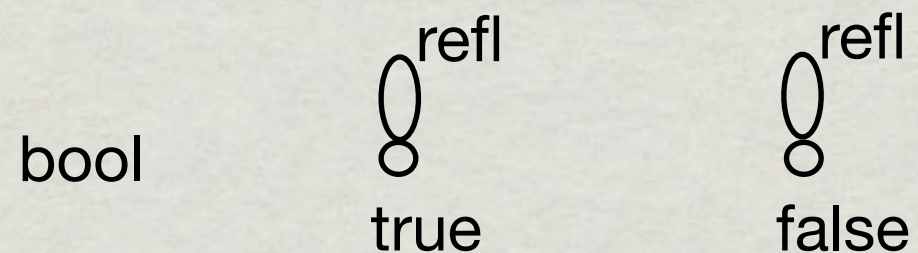
**provable/not using
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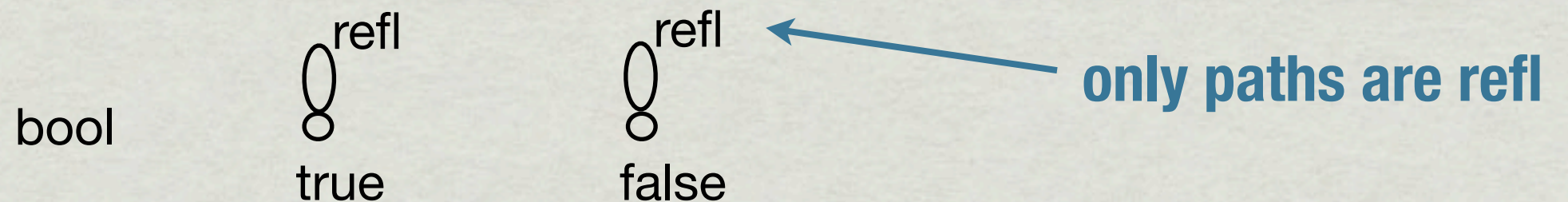


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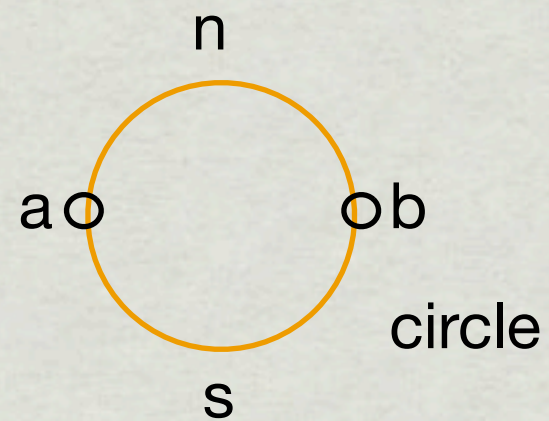
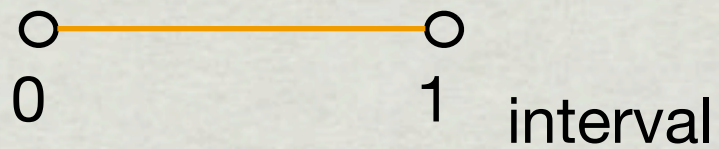
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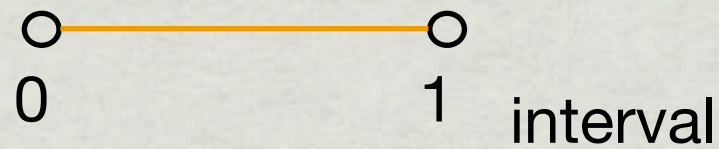
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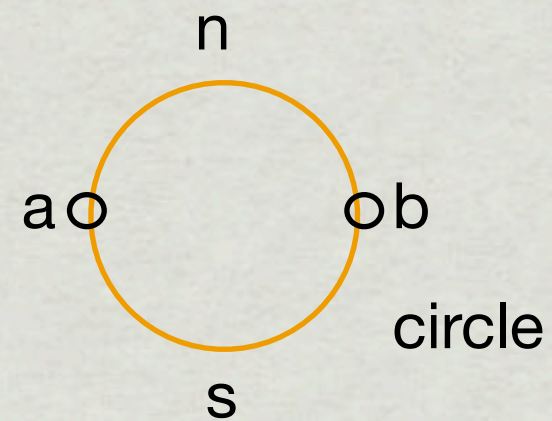
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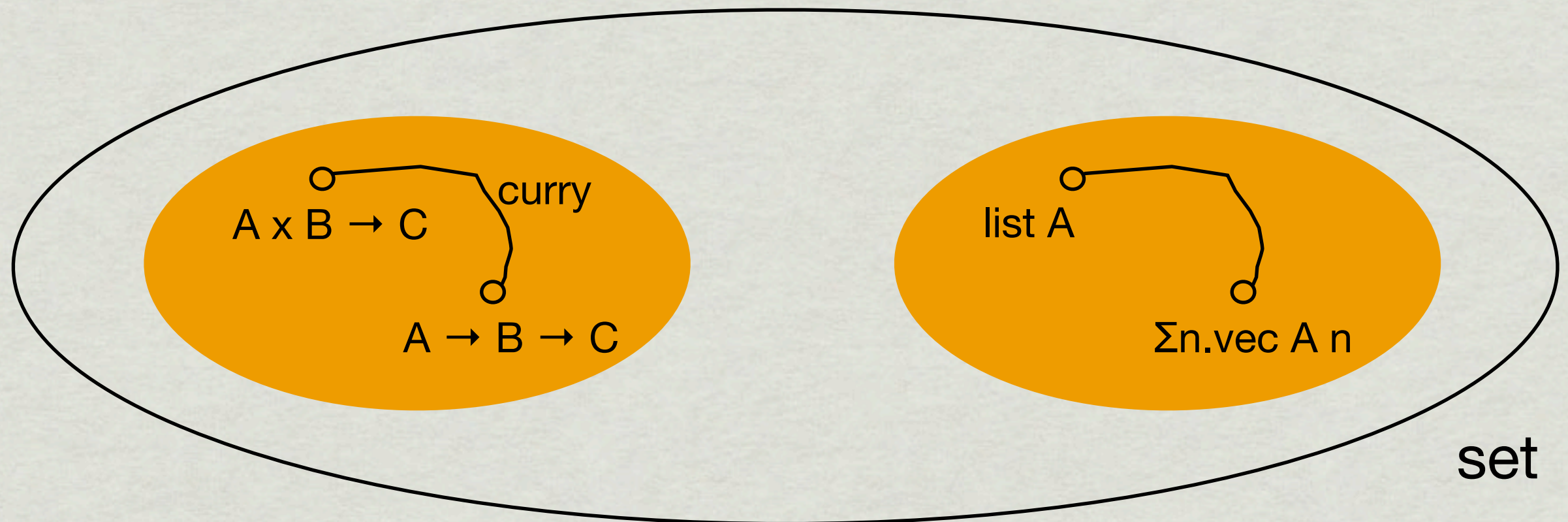
$0, 1 : I$
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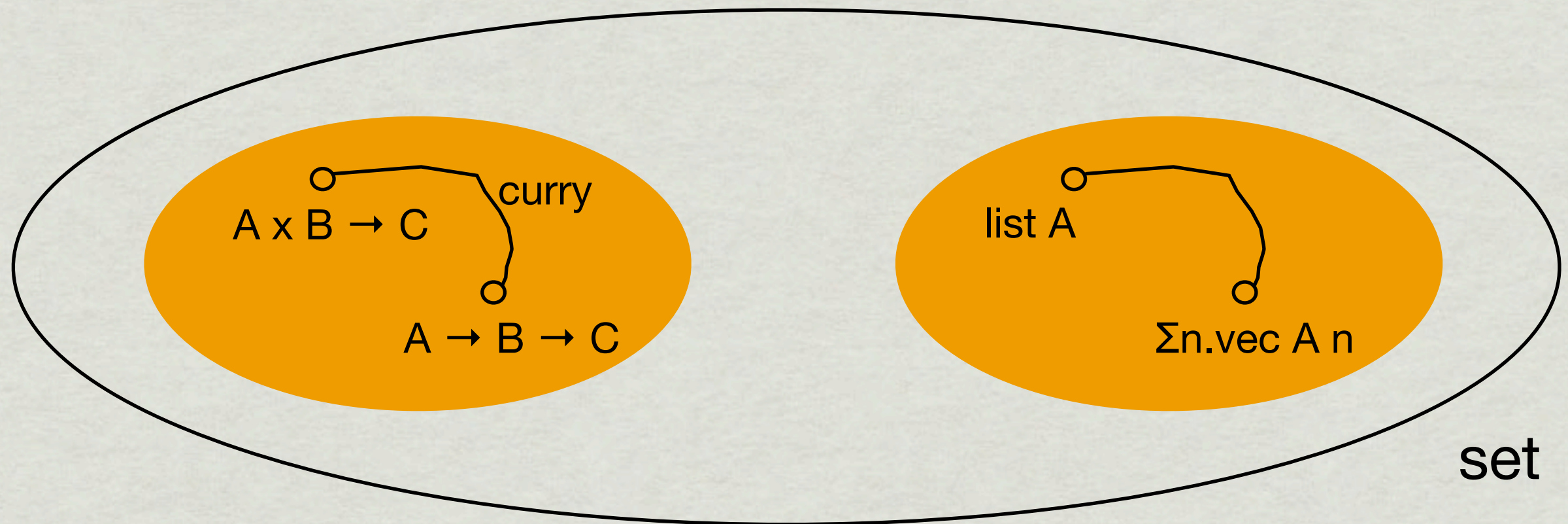
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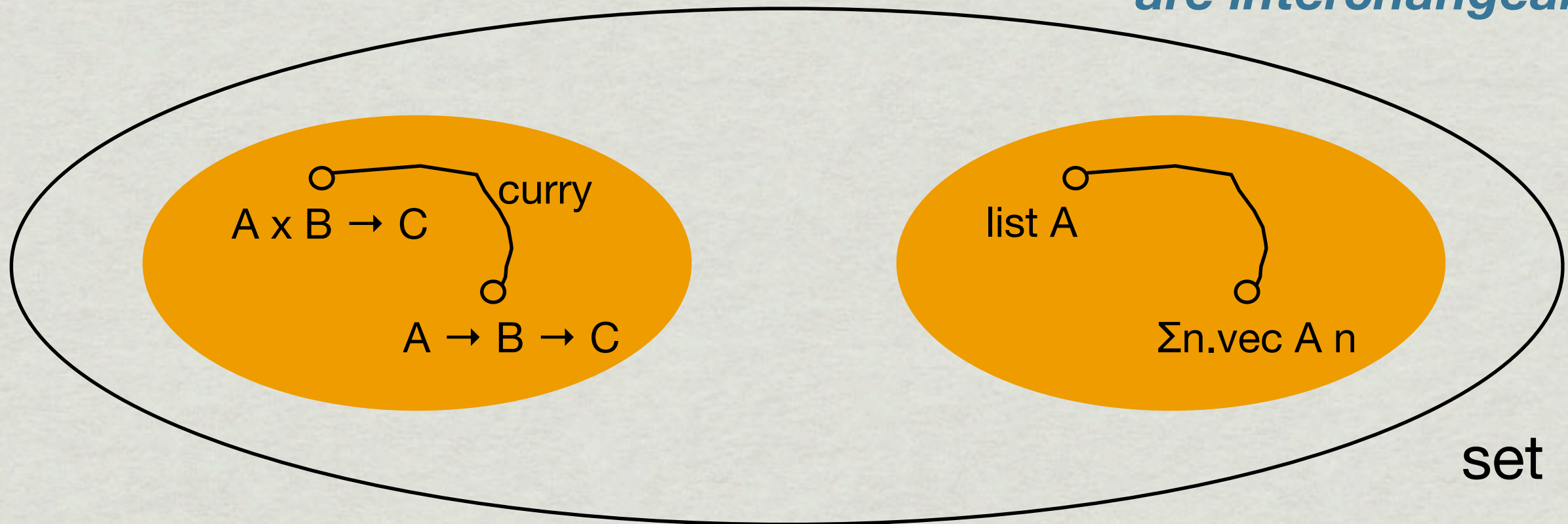


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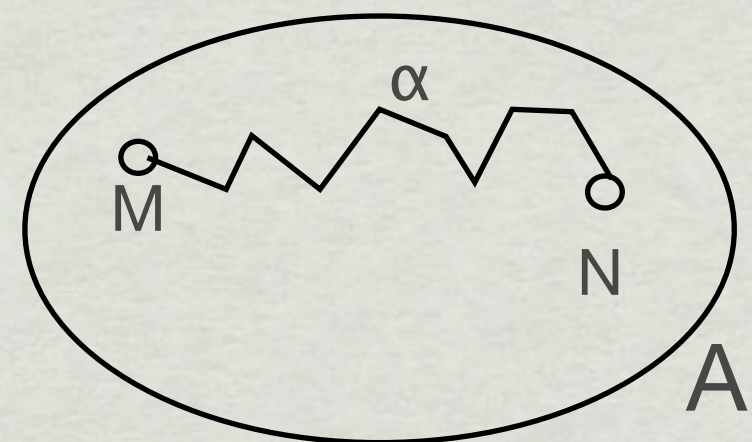
***univalence**
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To put it to work, we need to draw out a generic program hiding inside of type theory.

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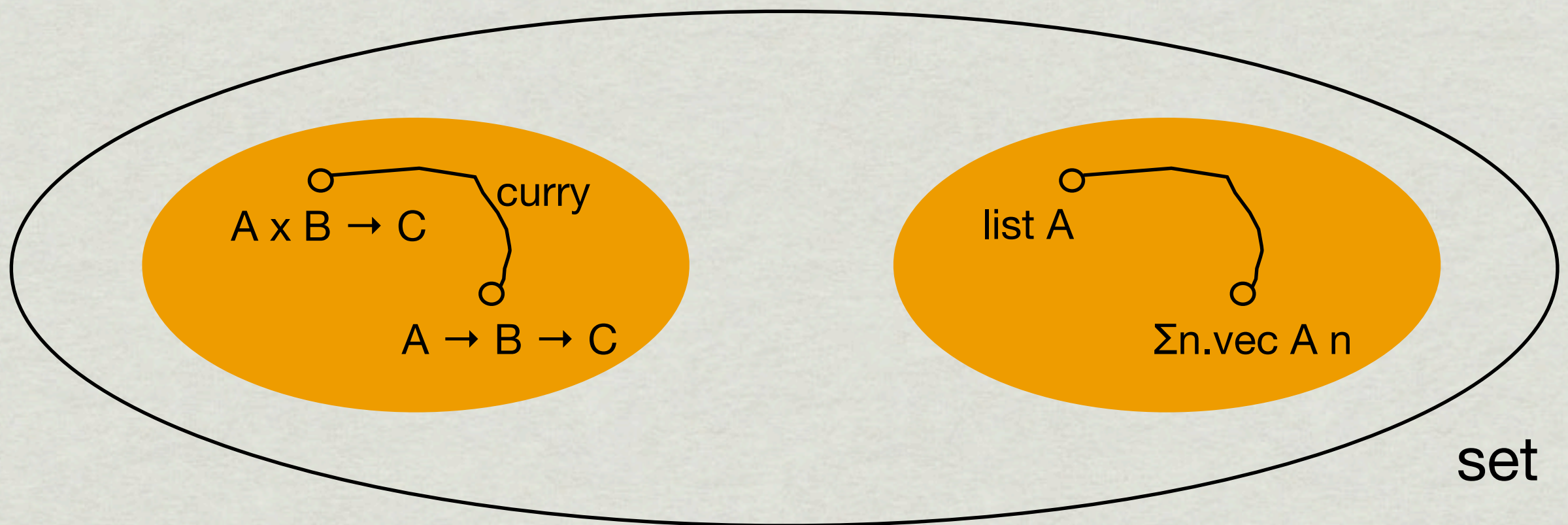
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Univalence for **set**

*subst: isomorphic sets
are interchangeable*



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Type Isomorphisms

```
data list (A : set) : set =  
  [] : list A  
  | :: : A → list A → list A
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data vec (A : set) (n : N) : set =  
  Nil : vec A 0  
  | Cons : ∀n. A → vec A n → vec A (n+1)
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$\text{fromlist} = \dots$

$\text{tolist} : \sum_{n:N} \text{vec } n \ A \rightarrow \text{list } A$

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and prove that they compose to the identity function

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$f : A \rightarrow B$

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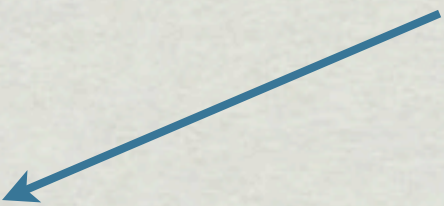
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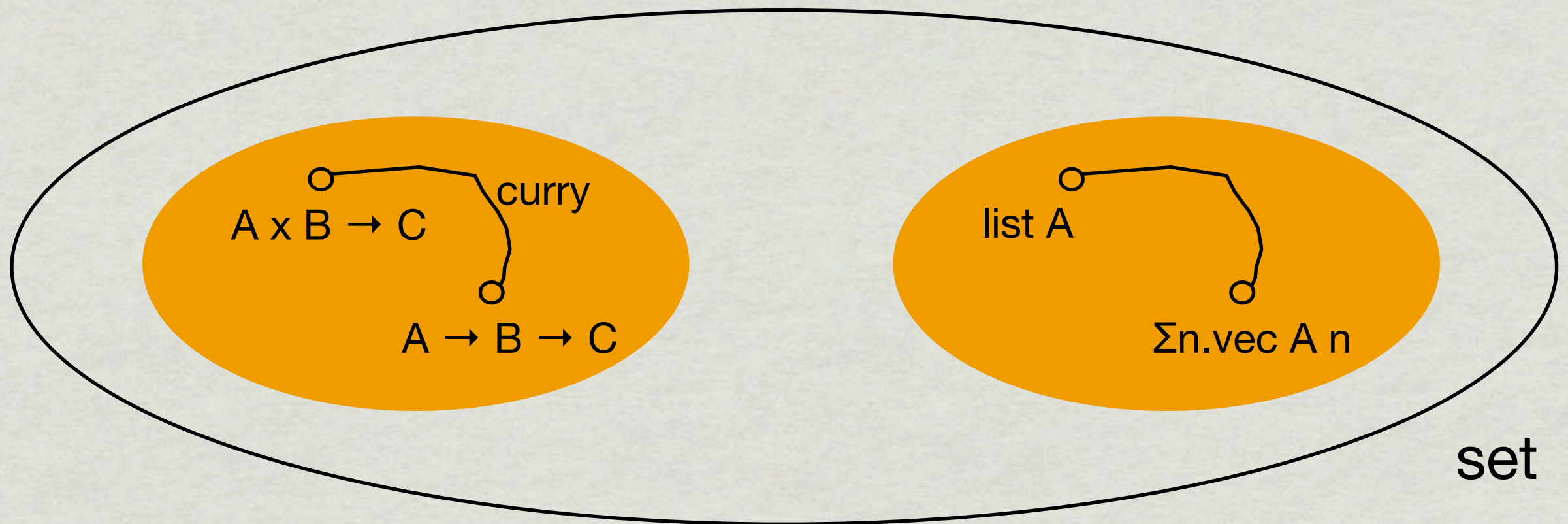
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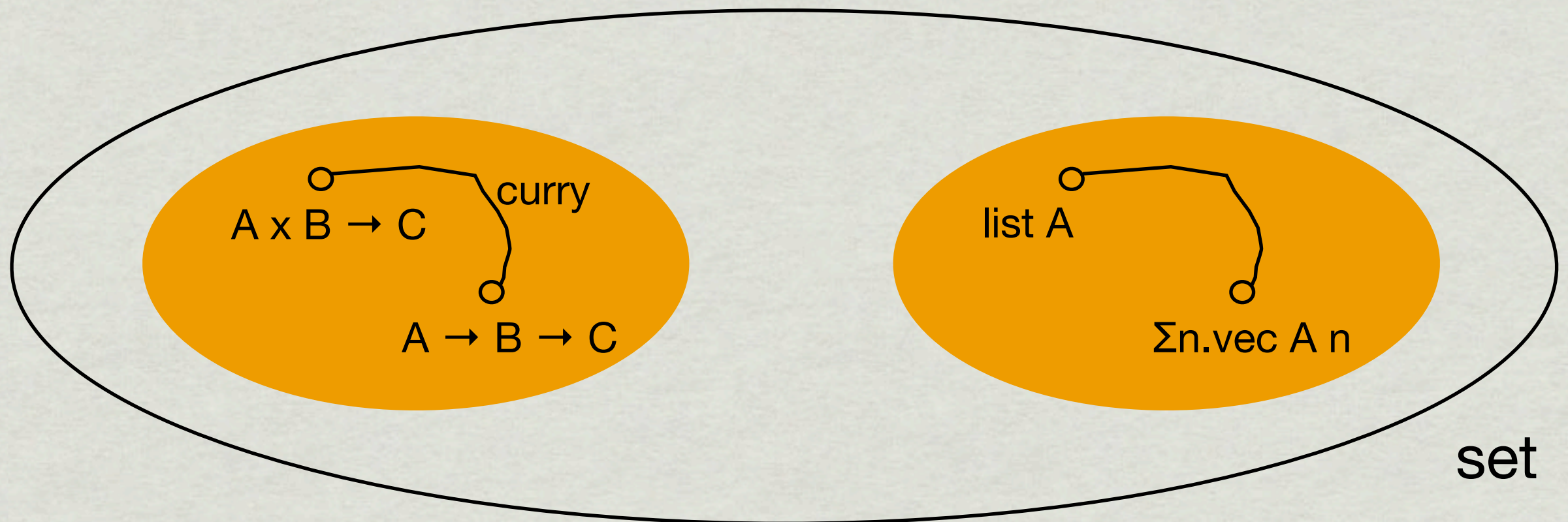
Iso has computational content!
(structure, not proposition)

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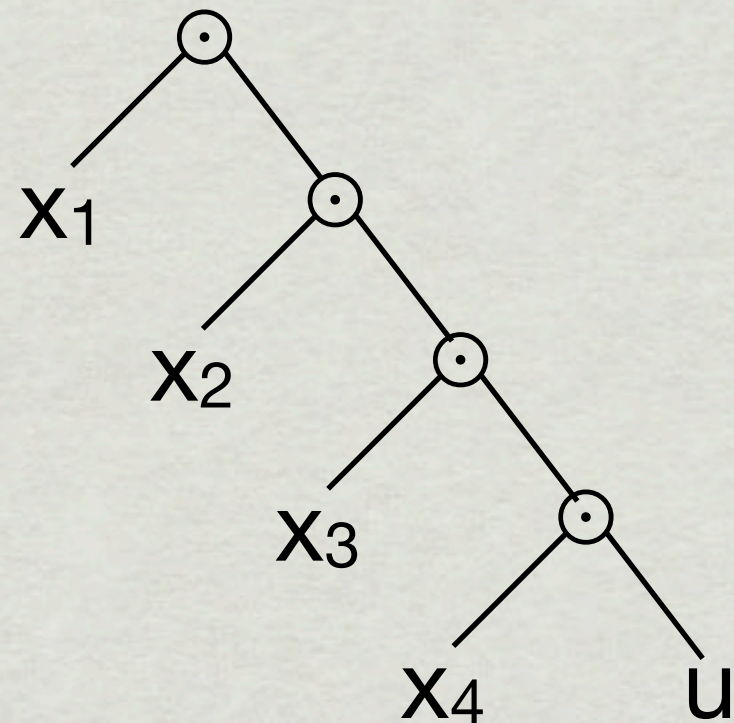
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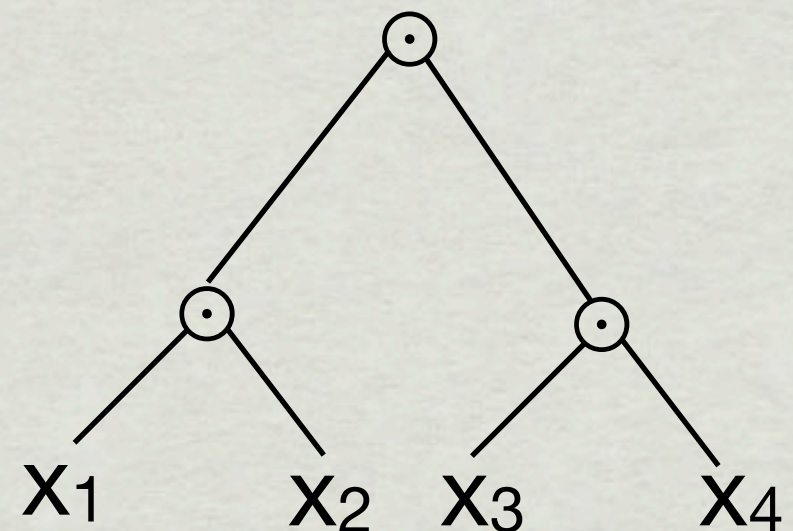
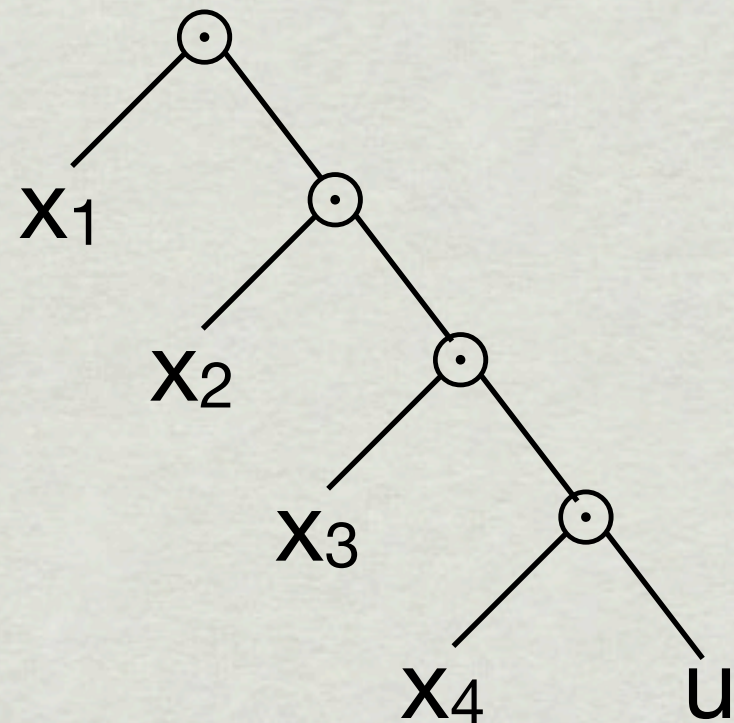


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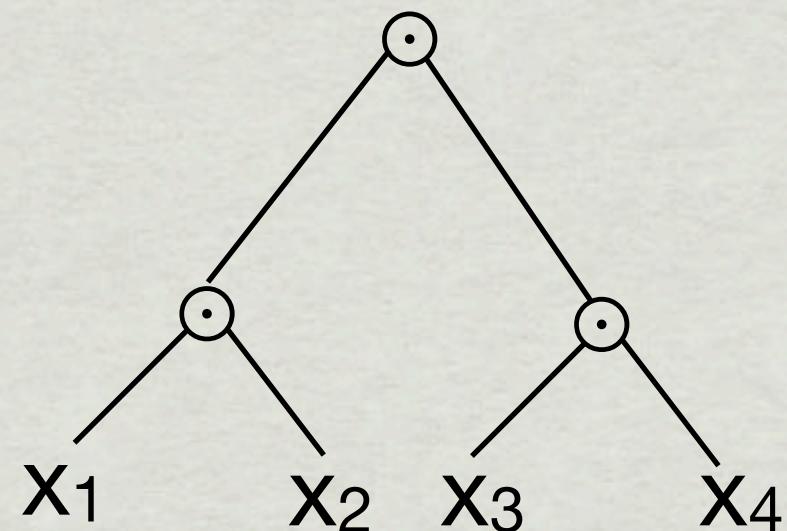
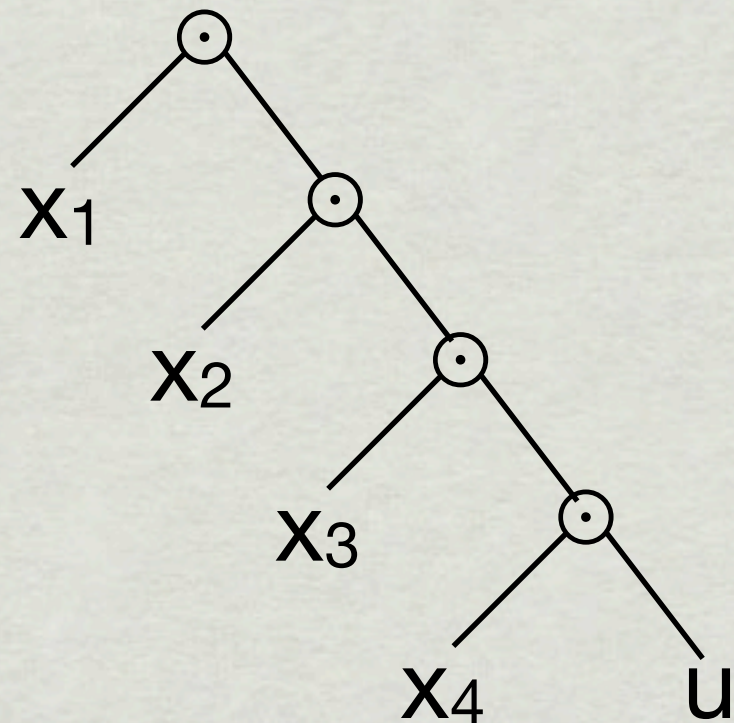
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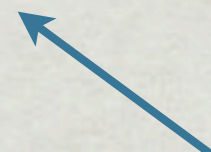
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 **type-generic lifting of isos**

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How do you compute with univalence?

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$$= y$$

by α

by unit law for $\odot$ and u

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2-Dimensional Type Theory

Types $\Gamma \vdash A \text{ type}$

Terms $\Gamma \vdash M : A$

Equivalence $\Gamma \vdash \alpha : M \simeq_A N$

$\equiv$ of M's and α 's

**2D means no equivalence
of equivalences**

**Families respect
equivalence:
generic programs**

$x:A \vdash C : \text{type}$

$\alpha : M \simeq_A N$

$P : C[M/x]$

$\text{subst}_{x.C} \alpha P : C[N/x]$

$x:A \vdash P : B$

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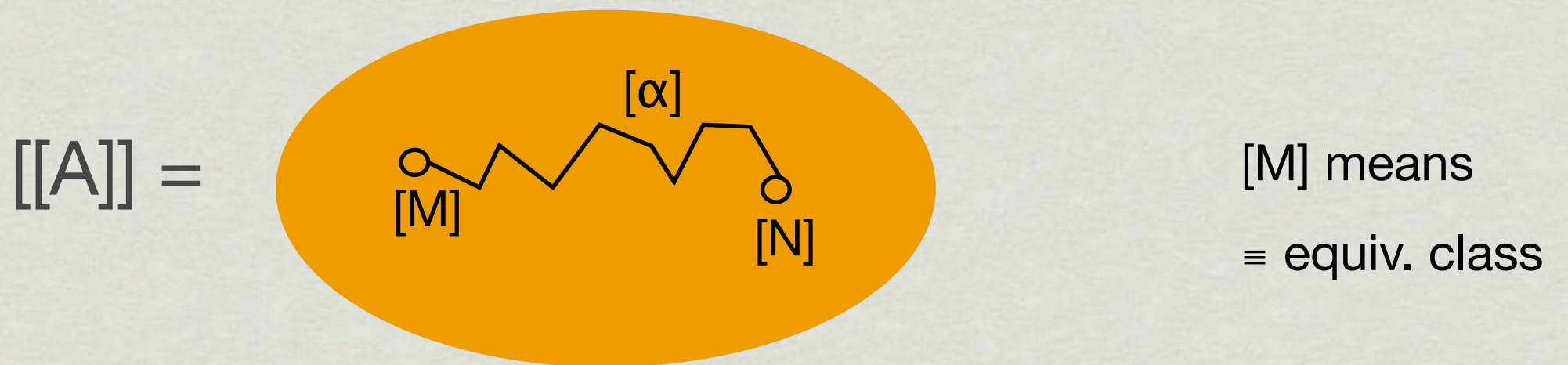
No stuck closed terms, up to judgemental equality:

If $\cdot \vdash M:\text{bool}$ then either $M \equiv \text{true}$ or $M \equiv \text{false}$

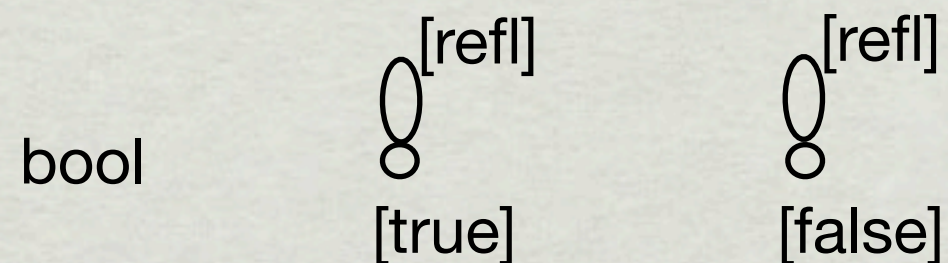
Proof extends reducibility from sets to spaces!

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Associate a **reducibility groupoid** with each type

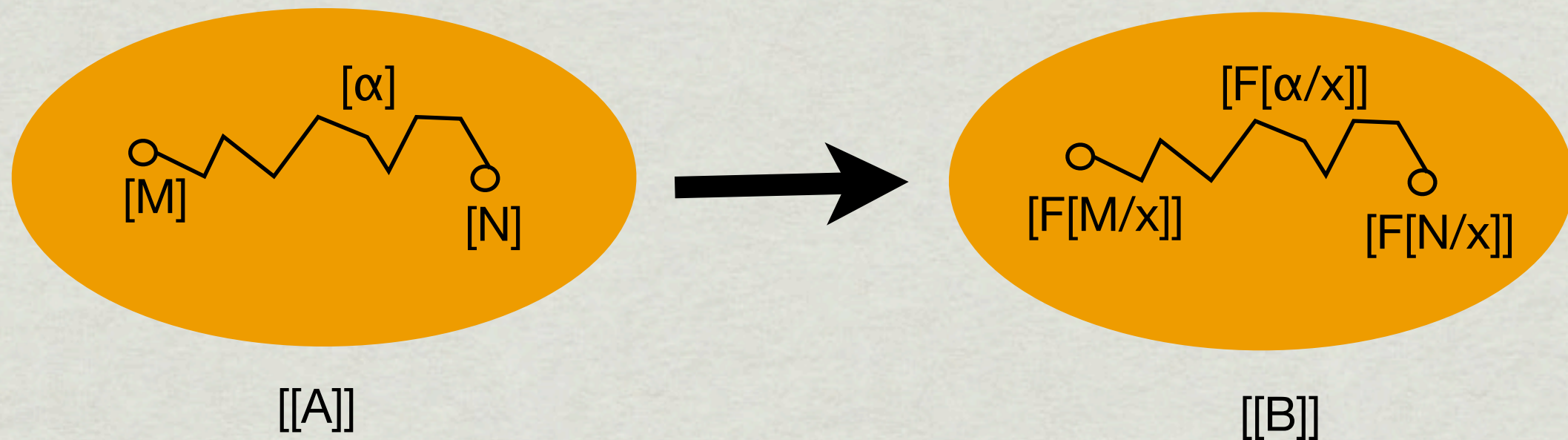


Reducibility groupoid for bool is discrete:



Canonicity: *If $\cdot \vdash M:\text{bool}$ then
either $M \equiv \text{true}$ or $M \equiv \text{false}$*

Reducible open terms are functors:
 $x:A \vdash F : B$ is reducible iff



Fund. Lemma: *Well-formed types/terms are reducible*

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Related Work

- * Categorical/homotopy semantics of dependent types
- * Type-directed equality for 1-dim type theory in OTT
- * Coercive subtyping
- * Explicit coercions
- * Generic programming via functors

This work: computational interpretation of computationally-relevant equivalence for all of MLTT, in syntax

Future Work

$$\frac{\alpha : P \simeq_{\text{Id}(M,N)} Q}{P \equiv Q}$$

Canonicity is necessary for an operational semantics, but not sufficient

✱ $\equiv$ has more than β :

equality reflection for 2-dimensionality

✱ equational deduction, not reduction

Future work: find deterministic operational semantics for $2\mathbb{T}$, and for fully higher-dimensional type theory

Homotopy Type Theory

*Intensional identity types are compatible with rich notions of equivalence, where two terms can be equivalent in multiple different, **computationally relevant**, ways.*

This work:

- ✱ **computational interpretation of 2D univalence by generic programming**
- ✱ **extend reducibility from relations to groupoids**

Reducibility

Reducibility groupoid $\langle \Gamma \rangle$ for Γ

- Objects: a set of eq. cls. of substitutions $\langle \theta \rangle : \Gamma$
- Maps: a set of $\langle \delta \rangle : \langle \theta_1 \rangle \rightarrow_{\langle \Gamma \rangle} \langle \theta_2 \rangle$ s.t. $\delta : \theta_1 \simeq \theta_2 : \Gamma$

Similarly for closed types, A

Reducibility functor $F : \langle A \rangle \rightarrow \langle B \rangle$ for $x : A \vdash M : B$

- Objects: $F(\langle N \rangle) = \langle [N/x]M \rangle$ for all objects $\langle N \rangle$ in $\langle A \rangle$
- Maps: $F(\langle \alpha \rangle) = \langle \text{resp}_B(\alpha)(M) \rangle$ for every $\langle \alpha \rangle : \langle N_1 \rangle \rightarrow_{\langle A \rangle} \langle N_2 \rangle$

Reducibility

Reducibility family $F : \langle \Gamma \rangle \rightarrow \mathbf{GPD}$ for $\Gamma \vdash A$

- $F(\langle \theta_1 \rangle)$ is a red. gpd. for $A[\theta_1]$
- $F(\langle \delta \rangle)$ is a red. func. for $x : A[\theta_1] \vdash \text{map}_A(\delta)(x) : A[\theta_2]$, for each $\langle \delta \rangle : \langle \theta_1 \rangle \rightarrow_{\langle A \rangle} \langle \theta_2 \rangle$

Interpretation of Types

Define $\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket$ by induction:

- $\llbracket \bullet \rrbracket = \mathbf{1}$;
- $\llbracket \Gamma, x:A \rrbracket = \int_{\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket} \llbracket A \rrbracket$: formal Grothendieck construction

Define family over $\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket$ for $\llbracket \Gamma \vdash A \rrbracket$ by induction:

- $\llbracket \Gamma \vdash \text{set} \rrbracket = \mathbf{const}(\mathbf{set})$: a universe of sets
- $\llbracket \Gamma \vdash \text{El}(M) \rrbracket = \mathbf{elt}[M_*]$: discrete groupoids
- $\llbracket \Gamma \vdash \Pi_{x:A}.B \rrbracket = \mathbf{pi}_{\llbracket \Gamma \vdash A \rrbracket} \llbracket \Gamma, x:A \vdash B \rrbracket$: dep. exponential

Canonicity

Everything in sight is reducible and preserves reducible equivalences. For example,

If Γ ctx, then $\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket$ is a red. gpd. for Γ .

If $\Gamma \vdash A$ type, then $\llbracket \Gamma \vdash A \rrbracket$ is a red. fam. for A over $\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket$.

If $\Gamma \vdash M : A$, then

- $\llbracket M[\theta_1] \rrbracket \in \text{Ob } \llbracket \Gamma \vdash A \rrbracket(\llbracket \theta_1 \rrbracket)$ for all $\llbracket \theta_1 \rrbracket \in \text{Ob } \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket$.
- $\llbracket M[\delta] \rrbracket : \llbracket \text{map}_A(\delta)(M[\theta_1]) \rrbracket \rightarrow_{\llbracket \Gamma \vdash A \rrbracket(\theta_2)} \llbracket M[\theta_2] \rrbracket$,
whenever $\llbracket \delta \rrbracket : \llbracket \theta_1 \rrbracket \rightarrow_{\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket} \llbracket \theta_2 \rrbracket$.