

# Pipe Rings and Pipe Formal Groups

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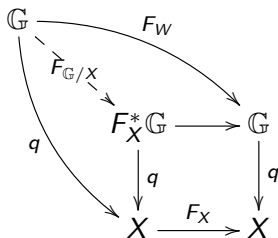
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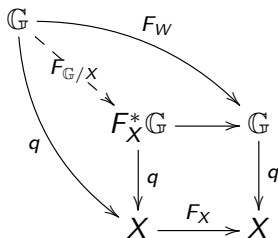
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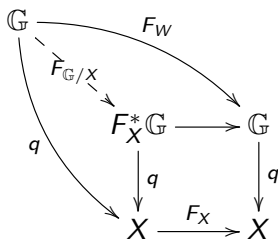
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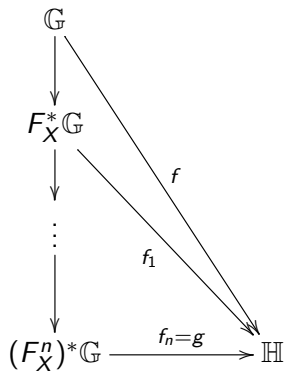
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# Pipe Dream

For every pipe  $X$ , there is an initial cofine pipe  $X^c$  over  $X$ , such that  $X^c \rightarrow X$  induces an isomorphism  $\underline{X^c} \rightarrow \underline{X}$ . Dually, for every pipe  $Y$ , there is a terminal fine pipe  $Y^f$  under  $Y$ , which induces  $\underline{Y} \rightarrow \underline{Y^f}$  an isomorphism. Finally, there is a class of maps  $W$  called weak equivalences, such that

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# Thank You!