A constructive approach to Freyd categories

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A functor $F : R\text{-}\mathrm{Mod} \to \mathbf{Ab}$ is called **finitely presented** if there exist $A, B \in R\text{-}\mathrm{Mod}$ and an exact sequence of functors

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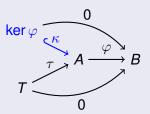
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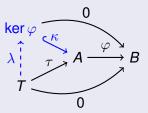
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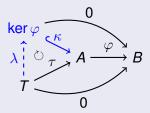
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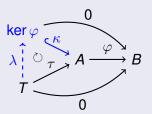
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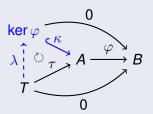
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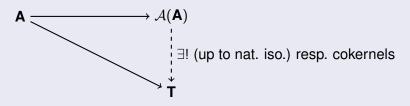
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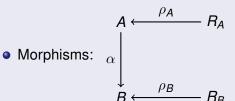
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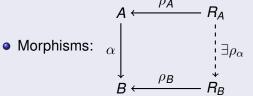
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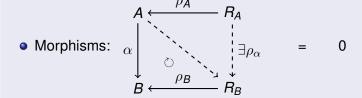
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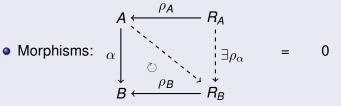


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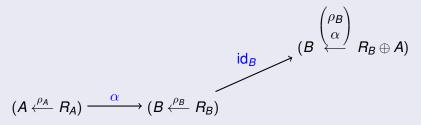
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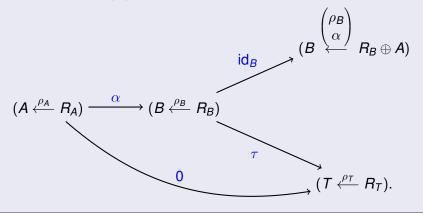
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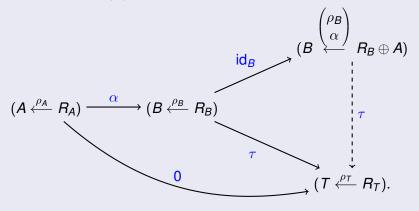
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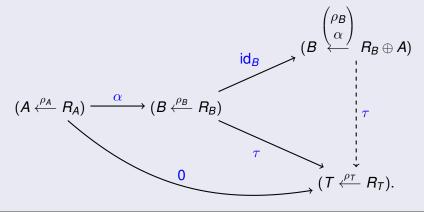
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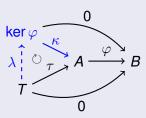
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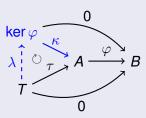
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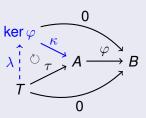
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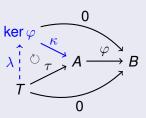
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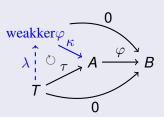
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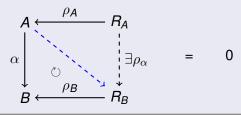
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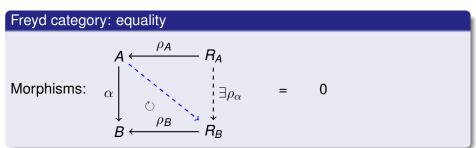
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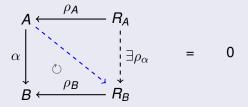


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