

Imaginary sorts and strong conceptual completeness for $L_{\omega_1\omega}$

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Main ingredient: $\mathcal{L}_{\omega_1\omega}$ -**imaginary sorts** \leftrightarrow $\text{Mod}(\mathcal{T})$ -**actions**.

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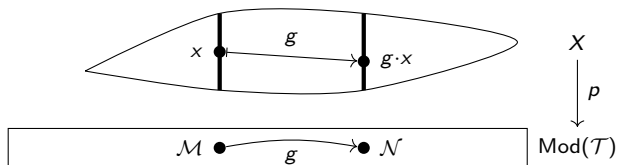
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- ▶ Lopez-Escobar theorem (full-on-subobjects)
- ▶ main lemma (essentially surjective)

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This follows from the **Joyal–Tierney representation theorem (1984)** for Grothendieck toposes via localic groupoids, which is an analogous result for $\mathcal{L}_{\infty\omega}$.

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