

## Left and Right Shifts of vertices

The position of a particular entry in a commutative diagram can be modified, if needed, by entering `**[l]` or `**[r]` just before the entry. The first produces a left shift in the object by almost one-half of its width, and the second produces a right shift in the object by almost one-half of its width. Compare the following two diagrams:

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\[
\xymatrix{
A\oplus B\oplus C\ar[r]^f \ar[d] & B \ar[d] \\
A\ar[r]_g & A\oplus B\oplus C}
\]
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$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A \oplus B \oplus C & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 A & \xrightarrow{g} & A \oplus B \oplus C
 \end{array}$$

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\[
\xymatrix{
**[l]A\oplus B\oplus C\ar[r]^f \ar[d] & B \ar[d] \\
A\ar[r]_g & **[r]A\oplus B\oplus C}
\]
```

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A \oplus B \oplus C & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 A & \xrightarrow{g} & A \oplus B \oplus C
 \end{array}$$

Notice the affect on the horizontal arrows.