## ALGEBRA SEMINAR

## A beginner's guide to monoidal categories, I

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ABSTRACT: This is a mini-course on the rudiments of category theory. I will start by introducing categories, functors, and natural transformations. Then I will talk about adjoint functors, limits and colimits. Finally, I will cover monoidal categories and symmetric monoidal categories. If time permits, then I will explain a proof of Mac Lane's coherence theorem.

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