Bousfield's localization of groups

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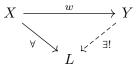
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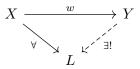


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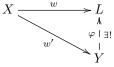
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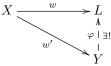


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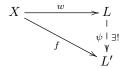
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- Localization theory from commutative algebra gives examples for this general categorial notion.

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