

An introduction to operator structures: operads

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Operator structures

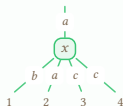
Informally, an operator structure is a set S of **operators** closed w.r.t. a set of **composition operations**.

There are a lot of kinds of operator structures, each dealing with a particular type of operators:



Nonsymm. operads

Planar operators



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Typed operators



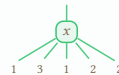
Symm. operads

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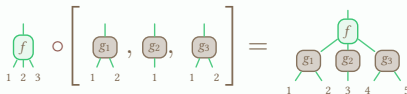
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General operators

Operator structures and compositions

These operators can be **composed** in different ways.

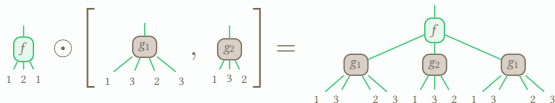
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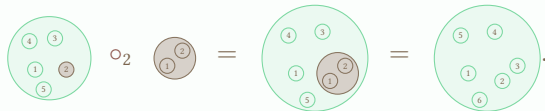


■ Clones:



Objects as operators

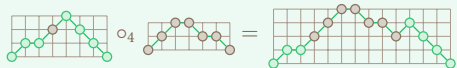
By **seeing combinatorial objects as operators**, we obtain ways to **compose** them. Schematically,



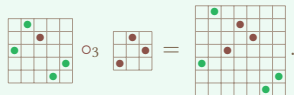
is an abstract composition of an object of size 5 with an object of size 2 at the 2-nd position.

– Examples –

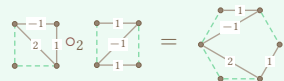
Composition of Motzkin paths:



Composition of permutations:



Composition of labeled graphs:



Main topics

In this lecture, we shall focus on **nonsymmetric operads**.

We will

- describe **free operads**;
- introduce **presentations** of operads;
- present **planar term rewrite systems** and tools to establish presentations;
- study **algebras** over operads;
- present two general **constructions** of operads;
- give some **combinatorial applications**.

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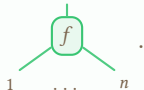
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Planar operators and composition

A planar operator is an entity f having $n \geq 0$ inputs and one single output, drawn as

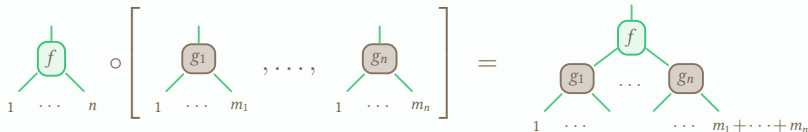


This planar operator denotes a **map** $(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n) \mapsto f(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n)$.

The arity $|f|$ of f is its number n of inputs, numbered from 1 to n .

Composing a planar operator f of arity n with n planar operators g_1, \dots, g_n consists in **grafting** all the outputs of the g_i to the inputs i of f .

This produces the new operator $f \circ [g_1, \dots, g_n]$ of arity $m_1 + \dots + m_n$, drawn as



and denoting the map

$$(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{m_1 + \dots + m_n}) \mapsto f(g_1(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{m_1}), \dots, g_n(\mathbf{x}_{m_1 + \dots + m_{n-1} + 1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{m_1 + \dots + m_n})).$$

Operads

Nonsymmetric operads provide a **formalization** of planar operators and their composition.

A nonsymmetric set-operad (or operad for short in this lecture) is a triple $(\mathcal{O}, \circ, \mathbf{1})$ where

- \mathcal{O} is a **graded set**

$$\mathcal{O} = \bigsqcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{O}(n);$$

- \circ is a **map**

$$\circ : \mathcal{O}(n) \times \mathcal{O}(m_1) \times \cdots \times \mathcal{O}(m_n) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(m_1 + \cdots + m_n)$$

called full composition map;

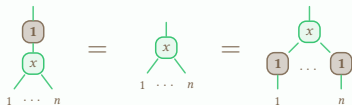
- $\mathbf{1}$ is an **element** of $\mathcal{O}(1)$ called unit.

This data has to satisfy some relations.

Operad relations

The following relations have to be satisfied:

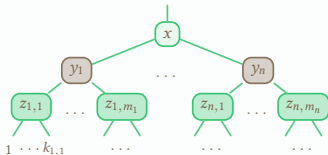
(OpU) For all $x \in \mathcal{O}$, $\mathbf{1} \circ [x] = x = x \circ [\mathbf{1}, \dots, \mathbf{1}]$.



This says that $\mathbf{1}$ is the **identity operator**.

(OpA) For all $x \in \mathcal{O}(n)$, $y_i \in \mathcal{O}(m_i)$, and $z_{i,j} \in \mathcal{O}$,

$$\begin{aligned} (x \circ [y_1, \dots, y_n]) \circ [z_{1,1}, \dots, z_{1,m_1}, \dots, z_{n,1}, \dots, z_{n,m_n}] \\ = x \circ [y_1 \circ [z_{1,1}, \dots, z_{1,m_1}], \dots, y_n \circ [z_{n,1}, \dots, z_{n,m_n}]]. \end{aligned}$$



This says that the two ways to form an operator having **three layers** (by starting from the top or by starting from the bottom) coincide.

Partial composition maps

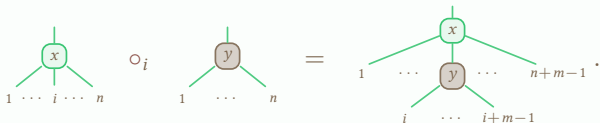
A partial composition map on \mathcal{O} is any map

$$\circ_i : \mathcal{O}(n) \times \mathcal{O}(m) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(n + m - 1), \quad i \in [n].$$

The **partial composition map** \circ_i of a full composition map \circ is defined by

$$x \circ_i y := x \circ [\overbrace{\mathbf{1}, \dots, \mathbf{1}}^{i-1}, y, \overbrace{\mathbf{1}, \dots, \mathbf{1}}^{n-i}].$$

Pictorially, by using Relation (OpU),



Conversely, the **full composition map** \circ of a partial composition map \circ_i is defined by

$$x \circ [y_1, \dots, y_n] := (\dots ((x \circ_n y_n) \circ_{n-1} y_{n-1}) \dots) \circ_1 y_1.$$

Partial composition maps and relations

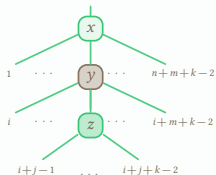
The two relations satisfied by \circ lead to the following three relations for the partial composition map \circ_i :

(OpU') For any $x \in \mathcal{O}(n)$ and $i \in [n]$, $\mathbf{1} \circ_i x = x = x \circ_i \mathbf{1}$.



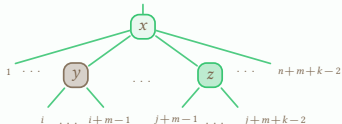
This says that $\mathbf{1}$ is the **identity operator**.

(OpAS) For any $x \in \mathcal{O}(n)$, $y \in \mathcal{O}(m)$, $z \in \mathcal{O}(k)$, $i \in [n]$ and $j \in [m]$, $(x \circ_i y) \circ_{i+j-1} z = x \circ_i (y \circ_j z)$.



This says that the two ways to form an operator **in series** (by starting from the top or by starting from the bottom) coincide.

(OpAP) For any $x \in \mathcal{O}(n)$, $y \in \mathcal{O}(m)$, $z \in \mathcal{O}(k)$, $j \in [n]$ and $i \in [j-1]$, $(x \circ_i y) \circ_{j+m-1} z = (x \circ_j z) \circ_i y$.



This says that the two ways to form an operator **in parallel** (by starting from the left or by starting from the right) coincide.

Equivalence between full and partial composition maps

– Proposition –

Let \mathcal{O} be a graded set and $\mathbf{1} \in \mathcal{O}(1)$.

1. If \circ is a full composition map satisfying Relations (OpU) and (OpA), then
 - (a) the partial composition map \circ_i of \circ satisfies Relations (OpAS), (OpAP), and (OpU');
 - (b) the full composition map of \circ_i is \circ .
2. If \circ_i is a partial composition map satisfying Relations (OpAs), (OpAP), and (OpU'), then
 - (a) the full composition map \circ of \circ_i satisfies Relations (OpU) and (OpA);
 - (b) the partial composition map of \circ is \circ_i .

– Exercise ●○○○○ –

Show the previous proposition.

Therefore, operads can **equivalently** be defined and studied through their **full** or **partial composition maps**.

It is often important to have expressions for **both these compositions**.

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Morphisms and quotients

A map $\phi : \mathcal{O}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_2$ between two operads $(\mathcal{O}_1, \circ_i^1, \mathbf{1}_1)$ and $(\mathcal{O}_2, \circ_i^2, \mathbf{1}_2)$ is an operad morphism if

- for any $x \in \mathcal{O}_1(n)$, $\phi(x) \in \mathcal{O}_2(n)$;
- $\phi(\mathbf{1}_1) = \mathbf{1}_2$;
- for any $x, y \in \mathcal{O}_1$, $\phi(x \circ_i^1 y) = \phi(x) \circ_i^2 \phi(y)$.

An equivalence relation \equiv on $(\mathcal{O}, \circ_i, \mathbf{1})$ is an operad congruence if

- by denoting by $[x]_{\equiv}$ the \equiv -equivalence class of $x \in \mathcal{O}$, for all $x' \in [x]_{\equiv}$, $|x'| = |x|$;
- for any $x, x', y, y' \in \mathcal{O}$ such that $x \equiv x'$ and $y \equiv y'$, $x \circ_i y \equiv x' \circ_i y'$.

Given an operad congruence \equiv of \mathcal{O} , $(\mathcal{O}/_{\equiv}, \circ_i^{\equiv}, \mathbf{1}_{\equiv})$ is the quotient operad of \mathcal{O} . It is defined in the following way:

- $\mathcal{O}/_{\equiv}(n) := \{[x]_{\equiv} : x \in \mathcal{O}(n)\}$;
- $[x]_{\equiv} \circ_i^{\equiv} [y]_{\equiv} := [x' \circ_i y']_{\equiv}$ where x' is any element of $[x]_{\equiv}$ and y' is any element of $[y]_{\equiv}$;
- the unit $\mathbf{1}_{\equiv}$ is \equiv -equivalence class of the unit $\mathbf{1}$ of \mathcal{O} .

Suboperads and generating sets

Let $(\mathcal{O}, \circ_i, 1)$ be an operad.

When for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\mathcal{O}(n)$ is finite, \mathcal{O} is combinatorial. In this case, the Hilbert series of \mathcal{O} is the generating series

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{O}}(z) := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \# \mathcal{O}(n) z^n.$$

A suboperad of \mathcal{O} is any subset of \mathcal{O} containing the unit 1 of \mathcal{O} and closed w.r.t. \circ_i .

Given a subset \mathfrak{G} of \mathcal{O} , $\mathcal{O}^{\mathfrak{G}}$ is the suboperad generated by \mathfrak{G} , that is the smallest suboperad of \mathcal{O} containing \mathfrak{G} .

If \mathfrak{G} is such that $\mathcal{O}^{\mathfrak{G}} = \mathcal{O}$, then \mathfrak{G} is a generating set of \mathcal{O} . When none of the proper subsets of \mathfrak{G} satisfy this property, \mathfrak{G} is minimal.

– Usual questions –

Given an operad \mathcal{O} and a (finite) subset \mathfrak{G} of \mathcal{O} , **study the suboperad $\mathcal{O}^{\mathfrak{G}}$** .

Given an operad \mathcal{O} , **describe the minimal generating sets of \mathcal{O}** .

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The duplicial operad

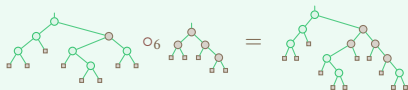
The duplicial operad **Dup** is the operad wherein

- $\mathbf{Dup}(0) = \emptyset$ and for any $n \geq 1$, $\mathbf{Dup}(n)$ is the set of the **binary trees** with n internal nodes;
- $t \circ_i s$ is obtained by replacing the i -th internal node u of t (w.r.t. the infix traversal) by a copy of s and by grafting the left (resp. right) subtree of u to the first (resp. last) leaf of the copy;
- the unit **1** is the unique element of $\mathbf{Dup}(1)$.

– Examples –



$\in \mathbf{Dup}(7)$



– Exercise ●○○○○ –

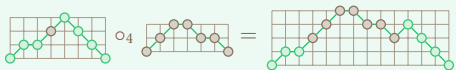
1. Show that **Dup** is an operad.
2. Describe the full composition map of **Dup**.

The Motz operad

The operad of Motzkin paths **Motz** is the operad wherein

- **Motz**(0) = \emptyset and for any $n \geq 1$, **Motz**(n) is the set of the **Motzkin paths** with n points;
- $u \circ_i v$ is obtained by replacing the i -th point of u by a copy of v ;
- the unit **1** is the unique element of **Motz**(1).

– Examples –



$$1 = \bigcirc$$

– Exercise ●○○○○ –

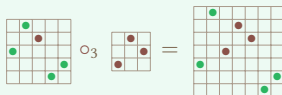
1. Show that **Motz** is an operad.
2. Describe the full composition map of **Motz**.

The Per operad

The operad of permutations **Per** is the operad wherein

- $\mathbf{Per}(0) = \emptyset$ and for any $n \geq 1$, $\mathbf{Per}(n)$ is the set of the permutations on $[n]$, seen through their **permutation matrices**;
- $\sigma \circ_i \nu$ is obtained by replacing the i -th point of σ by a copy of ν ;
- the unit **1** is the unique element of $\mathbf{Per}(1)$.

– Examples –



$$\mathbf{1} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \bullet \\ \hline \end{array}$$

– Exercise ●●○○○ –

1. Show that **Per** is an operad.
2. Describe the full composition map of **Per**.

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Planar terms

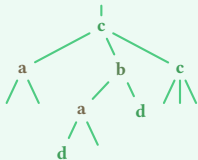
A signature is a set $\mathfrak{G} := \bigsqcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathfrak{G}(n)$ where each $\mathbf{a} \in \mathfrak{G}(n)$ is a constant of arity n .

A planar \mathfrak{G} -term is

- either the **leaf** $\mathbf{|}$;
- or a **pair** $(\mathbf{a}, (\mathbf{t}_1, \dots, \mathbf{t}_n))$ where $\mathbf{a} \in \mathfrak{G}(n)$ and each \mathbf{t}_i is a planar \mathfrak{G} -term.

The set of planar \mathfrak{G} -terms is $\mathfrak{T}_P(\mathfrak{G})$.

– Example –



This is the **tree representation** of the planar \mathfrak{G} -term

$$(\mathbf{c}, ((\mathbf{a}, (\mathbf{|}, \mathbf{|})), (\mathbf{b}, ((\mathbf{a}, ((\mathbf{d}, ()), \mathbf{|})), (\mathbf{d}, ()))), (\mathbf{c}, (\mathbf{|}, \mathbf{|}, \mathbf{|}))))))$$

where \mathfrak{G} is the signature such that $\mathfrak{G} = \mathfrak{G}(0) \sqcup \mathfrak{G}(2) \sqcup \mathfrak{G}(3)$ with $\mathfrak{G}(0) := \{\mathbf{d}\}$, $\mathfrak{G}(2) := \{\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}\}$ and $\mathfrak{G}(3) := \{\mathbf{c}\}$.

Free operads

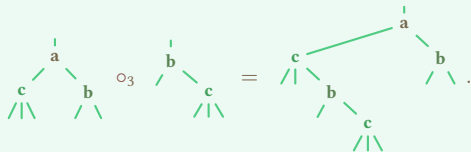
Let \mathfrak{G} be a signature.

The free operad on \mathfrak{G} is the operad $\mathfrak{T}_P(\mathfrak{G})$ where

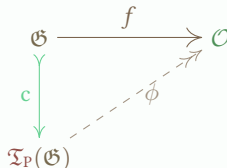
- for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\mathfrak{T}_P(\mathfrak{G})(n)$ is the set of **planar \mathfrak{G} -terms** with n leaves;
- the planar \mathfrak{G} -term $\mathfrak{t} \circ_i \mathfrak{s}$ is obtained by replacing the i -th leaf of \mathfrak{t} by a copy of \mathfrak{s} ;
- 1 is the planar \mathfrak{G} -term \mid .

– Example –

By setting $\mathfrak{G} := \mathfrak{G}(2) \sqcup \mathfrak{G}(3)$ where $\mathfrak{G}(2) := \{a, b\}$ and $\mathfrak{G}(3) := \{c\}$, we have in the free operad $\mathfrak{T}_P(\mathfrak{G})$,



For any signature \mathfrak{G} , any operad \mathcal{O} , and any map $f : \mathfrak{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$ preserving the arities, there exists a unique operad morphism $\phi : \mathfrak{T}_P(\mathfrak{G}) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$ such that $f = \phi \circ c$.



Presentation by generators and relations

Let \mathcal{O} be an operad.

A presentation of \mathcal{O} is a pair $(\mathfrak{G}, \mathfrak{R})$ where

- \mathfrak{G} is a **signature**;
- \mathfrak{R} is an **equivalence relation** on $\mathfrak{T}_P(\mathfrak{G})$;
- by denoting by $\equiv_{\mathfrak{R}}$ the smallest operad congruence of $\mathfrak{T}_P(\mathfrak{G})$ containing \mathfrak{R} , we have

$$\mathcal{O} \simeq \mathfrak{T}_P(\mathfrak{G}) / \equiv_{\mathfrak{R}}.$$

A presentation $(\mathfrak{G}, \mathfrak{R})$ is

- minimal if \mathfrak{G} and \mathfrak{R} are minimal w.r.t. set inclusion;
- binary if $\mathfrak{G} = \mathfrak{G}(2)$;
- quadratic if $(\mathfrak{t}, \mathfrak{t}') \in \mathfrak{R}$ implies that both \mathfrak{t} and \mathfrak{t}' have exactly two internal nodes.

Presentation of Dup

– Proposition –

The duplicial operad **Dup** admits the presentation $(\mathcal{G}, \mathfrak{R})$ where

$$\mathcal{G} := \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1} \\ \text{Diagram 2} \end{array} \right\}$$

and \mathfrak{R} satisfies

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Diagram 1} \circ_1 \text{Diagram 2} \mathfrak{R} \text{Diagram 3} \circ_2 \text{Diagram 4}, \\ \text{Diagram 1} \circ_1 \text{Diagram 2} \mathfrak{R} \text{Diagram 5} \circ_2 \text{Diagram 6}, \\ \text{Diagram 1} \circ_1 \text{Diagram 2} \mathfrak{R} \text{Diagram 7} \circ_2 \text{Diagram 8}. \end{array}$$

This presentation is minimal, binary, and quadratic.

– Exercise ●●●○○ –

Show this presentation of **Dup**.

Presentation of Motz

– Proposition –

The operad **Motz** admits the presentation $(\mathfrak{G}, \mathfrak{R})$ where

$$\mathfrak{G} := \{ \text{---}, \text{---} \}$$

and \mathfrak{R} satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{---} \circ_1 \text{---} \mathfrak{R} \text{---} \circ_2 \text{---}, \\ & \text{---} \circ_1 \text{---} \mathfrak{R} \text{---} \circ_2 \text{---}, \\ & \text{---} \circ_1 \text{---} \mathfrak{R} \text{---} \circ_3 \text{---}, \\ & \text{---} \circ_1 \text{---} \mathfrak{R} \text{---} \circ_3 \text{---}. \end{aligned}$$

This presentation is minimal, not binary, and quadratic.

– Exercise ●●●○○ –

Show this presentation of **Motz**.

Realizations

On the other way round, it is possible to **define operads** through **presentations**.

In this way, a presentation specifies a quotient of a free operad.

A realization of a presentation $(\mathfrak{G}, \mathfrak{R})$ consists in

- a graded set \mathcal{O} ;
- an element $1 \in \mathcal{O}(1)$;
- an explicit description of the partial compositions map \circ_i on \mathcal{O} ;

such that $(\mathcal{O}, \circ_i, 1)$ is an operad and admits $(\mathfrak{G}, \mathfrak{R})$ as presentation.

Of course, there can be **different realizations** \mathcal{O} and \mathcal{O}' of $(\mathfrak{G}, \mathfrak{R})$.

In this case, \mathcal{O} and \mathcal{O}' are isomorphic operads.

Realization of the diassociative operad

The diassociative operad **Dias** is the operad admitting the presentation $(\mathfrak{G}, \mathfrak{R})$ where \mathfrak{G} is the graded set $\mathfrak{G} := \mathfrak{G}(2) := \{\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}\}$ and \mathfrak{R} satisfies

$$\mathbf{a} \circ_1 \mathbf{a} \mathfrak{R} \mathbf{a} \circ_2 \mathbf{a} \mathfrak{R} \mathbf{a} \circ_2 \mathbf{b},$$

$$\mathbf{a} \circ_1 \mathbf{b} \mathfrak{R} \mathbf{b} \circ_2 \mathbf{a},$$

$$\mathbf{b} \circ_1 \mathbf{a} \mathfrak{R} \mathbf{b} \circ_2 \mathbf{b} \mathfrak{R} \mathbf{b} \circ_1 \mathbf{b}.$$

This operad is realized as the graded set \mathcal{O} defined as the set words on $\{0, 1\}$ having exactly one occurrence of 0, and where for any $u, v \in \mathcal{O}$, $u \circ_i v$ is obtained by replacing the i -th letter of u by v if $u_i = 0$ and by $1^{|v|}$ otherwise.

– Examples –

$$10111 \circ_4 \mathbf{110} = 1011111$$

$$10111 \circ_2 \mathbf{110} = 1110111$$

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A rewrite relation on $\mathfrak{T}_P(\mathfrak{G})$ is a binary relation \rightarrow on $\mathfrak{T}_P(\mathfrak{G})$ such that if $t \rightarrow t'$ then $|t| = |t'|$.

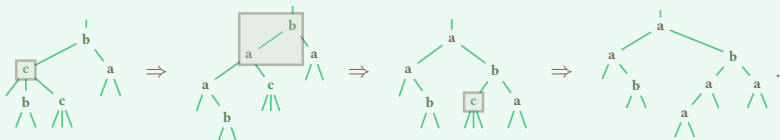
The context closure of \rightarrow is the binary relation \Rightarrow satisfying $t \Rightarrow t'$ if t' can be obtained by **replacing** in t a **connected part** (called occurrence) s by s' whenever $s \rightarrow s'$.

- Example -

Let $\mathfrak{G} := \mathfrak{G}(2) \sqcup \mathfrak{G}(3)$ be the signature where $\mathfrak{G}(2) := \{a, b\}$ and $\mathfrak{G}(3) := \{c\}$. Let \rightarrow be the rewrite relation defined by



We have



A planar term rewrite system (or PTRS for short) is such a pair $(\mathfrak{G}, \rightarrow)$.

Rewrite systems on planar terms 2 / 2

Let $\mathcal{S} := (\mathcal{G}, \rightarrow)$ be a PTRS.

We define

- \ll as the **reflexive and transitive closure** of \Rightarrow ($t \ll t'$ iff t' can be obtained from t by some rewrite steps);
- $G_{\mathcal{S}}(t)$ as the **digraph of the binary relation** \Rightarrow on $\{t' \in \mathfrak{T}_P(\mathcal{G}) : t \ll t'\}$, called rewrite graph of t ;
- \equiv as the **symmetric closure** of \ll ($t \equiv t'$ iff t and t' belong to the same connected component of a rewrite graph).

A planar \mathcal{G} -term t is a normal form for \mathcal{S} if there is no arc from t in $G_{\mathcal{S}}(t)$.

The PTRS \mathcal{S} can have two important properties:

- If for any $t \in \mathfrak{T}_P(\mathcal{G})$, there is **no infinite path** in $G_{\mathcal{S}}(t)$, then \mathcal{S} is terminating;
- If for any $t \in \mathfrak{T}_P(\mathcal{G})$, $t \ll s_1$ and $t \ll s_2$ implies that there exists t' such that $s_1 \ll t'$ and $s_2 \ll t'$, then \mathcal{S} is confluent.

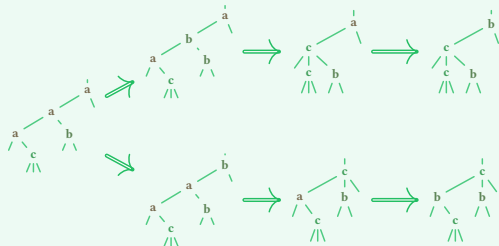
An example of a PTRS

– Example –

Let $\mathcal{G} := \mathcal{G}(2) \sqcup \mathcal{G}(3)$ be the signature where $\mathcal{G}(2) := \{\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}\}$ and $\mathcal{G}(3) := \{\mathbf{c}\}$. Let $\mathcal{S} := (\mathcal{G}, \rightarrow)$ be the PTRS where \rightarrow satisfies

$$\begin{array}{c} | \\ \mathbf{a} \\ / \quad \backslash \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} | \\ \mathbf{b} \\ / \quad \backslash \end{array}, \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{c} | \\ \mathbf{b} \\ / \quad \backslash \\ \mathbf{a} \quad \quad \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} | \\ \mathbf{c} \\ / \quad \backslash \end{array}.$$

Here is a portion of the rewrite graph of a planar \mathcal{G} -term:



This PTRS \mathcal{S} is **not confluent**.

It is **terminating**. This is implied by the fact that each rewriting decreases by one the number of internal nodes labeled by \mathbf{a} and there is a finite number of planar \mathcal{G} -terms with a given arity.

Some properties

Let $\mathcal{S} := (\mathcal{G}, \rightarrow)$ be a PTRS.

– Proposition (Connection with operads) –

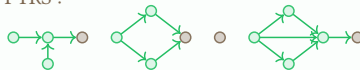
The equivalence relation \equiv is an **operad congruence** of the free operad $\mathfrak{T}_P(\mathcal{G})$.

Here are some classical properties of PTRS.

– Proposition (System of representative) –

If \mathcal{S} is terminating and confluent, then the set of **normal forms** of \mathcal{S} is a **system of representatives** of the quotient operad $\mathfrak{T}_P(\mathcal{G})/\equiv$.

Typical rewrite graph of a terminating and confluent PTRS :



– Proposition (Normal forms and avoidance) –

The set of normal forms of \mathcal{S} is the set of planar \mathcal{G} -terms having **no occurrence** of any term appearing as **left member** of \rightarrow .

Evaluation map and treelike expressions

Let \mathcal{O} be an operad. In particular, \mathcal{O} is a signature, so that $\mathfrak{T}_P(\mathcal{O})$ is a well-defined free operad.

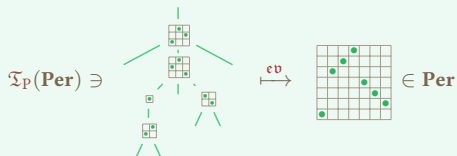
The evaluation map of \mathcal{O} is the map $\text{ev} : \mathfrak{T}_P(\mathcal{O}) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$ defined by

$$\text{ev}(\mathbf{t}) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathbf{t} = \mathbf{1}, \\ \mathbf{a} \circ [\text{ev}(\mathbf{t}_1), \dots, \text{ev}(\mathbf{t}_n)] & \text{otherwise, where } \mathbf{t} = (\mathbf{a}, (\mathbf{t}_1, \dots, \mathbf{t}_n)). \end{cases}$$

A treelike expression of $x \in \mathcal{O}$ is any planar \mathcal{O} -term \mathbf{t} such that $\text{ev}(\mathbf{t}) = x$.

– Example –

In **Per**, we have



A relation of \mathcal{O} is any pair $(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{t}')$ of planar \mathcal{O} -terms such that $\text{ev}(\mathbf{t}) = \text{ev}(\mathbf{t}')$.

Links with presentations

Let \mathcal{O} be an operad, \mathfrak{G} be a **generating set** of \mathcal{O} , and \mathfrak{R} be an equivalence relation on $\mathfrak{T}_P(\mathfrak{G})$ containing only **relations** of \mathcal{O} .

A rewrite relation \rightarrow on $\mathfrak{T}_P(\mathfrak{G})$ is an orientation of \mathfrak{R} if \rightarrow is a **subrelation** of \mathfrak{R} and for any $t \mathfrak{R} t'$, we have either $t \rightarrow t'$ or $t' \rightarrow t$.

– Theorem –

Given such \mathcal{O} , \mathfrak{G} , \mathfrak{R} , and \rightarrow , if

1. the PTRS $(\mathfrak{G}, \rightarrow)$ is terminating and confluent;
2. the set of normal forms of $(\mathfrak{G}, \rightarrow)$ of arity n are in one-to-one correspondence with $\mathcal{O}(n)$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

then $(\mathfrak{G}, \mathfrak{R})$ is a presentation of \mathcal{O} .

– Exercise ●●○○○ –

Let $\mathbf{a} := \text{○} \text{○}$ and $\mathbf{c} := \text{○} \text{○} \text{○}$ and $\mathfrak{G} := \{\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{c}\}$. Let \rightarrow be the rewrite relation satisfying

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{a} \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \mathbf{a} \end{array} & \rightarrow & \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{a} \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \mathbf{a} \end{array}, & \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{c} \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \mathbf{a} \end{array} & \rightarrow & \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{a} \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \mathbf{c} \end{array}, & \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{a} \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \mathbf{c} \end{array} & \rightarrow & \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{c} \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \mathbf{a} \end{array}, & \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{c} \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \mathbf{c} \end{array} & \rightarrow & \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{c} \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \mathbf{c} \end{array}, \end{array}$$

and \mathfrak{R} be the reflexive and symmetric closure of \rightarrow . Use the theorem to show that $(\mathfrak{G}, \mathfrak{R})$ is a presentation of **Motz**.

3. Fundamental notions

3.1 Free operads and presentations

3.2 Rewrite systems

3.3 Algebras over operads

Algebras over an operad

An \mathcal{O} -algebra is a set S equipped with a map

$$\mathbf{op} : \mathcal{O}(n) \rightarrow (S^n \rightarrow S),$$

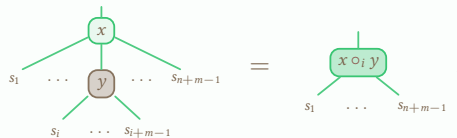
satisfying the following relations.

By writing simply $x(s_1, \dots, s_n)$ for $\mathbf{op}(x)(s_1, \dots, s_n)$,

- for any $s \in S$, $\mathbf{1}(s) = s$,
- for any $x \in \mathcal{O}(n)$, $y \in \mathcal{O}(m)$, $i \in [n]$, and $s_1, \dots, s_{n+m-1} \in S$,

$$(x \circ_i y)(s_1, \dots, s_{n+m-1}) = x(s_1, \dots, s_{i-1}, y(s_i, \dots, s_{i+m-1}), s_{i+m}, \dots, s_{n+m-1}).$$

On planar operators, the last relation depicts as



Algebras and presentations

If \mathcal{O} admits a **presentation** $(\mathfrak{G}, \mathfrak{R})$, to specify an \mathcal{O} -algebra S it is enough to define **op** on \mathfrak{G} and check that for any $(t, t') \in \mathfrak{R}$,

$$\mathbf{ev}(t)(s_1, \dots, s_n) = \mathbf{ev}(t')(s_1, \dots, s_n).$$

– Example –

Any **Motz**-algebra is a set S endowed with two generating operations

$$\circ \circ : S^2 \rightarrow S \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \circ \quad \circ \end{array} : S^3 \rightarrow S,$$

satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} \circ \circ (\circ \circ (s_1, s_2), s_3) &= \circ \circ (s_1, \circ \circ (s_2, s_3)), \\ \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \circ \quad \circ \end{array} (\circ \circ (s_1, s_2), s_3, s_4) &= \circ \circ (s_1, \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \circ \quad \circ \end{array} (s_2, s_3, s_4)), \\ \circ \circ (\begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \circ \quad \circ \end{array} (s_1, s_2, s_3), s_4) &= \circ \circ (s_1, \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \circ \quad \circ \end{array} (s_2, s_3, s_4)), \\ \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \circ \quad \circ \end{array} (\begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \circ \quad \circ \end{array} (s_1, s_2, s_3), s_4, s_5) &= \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \circ \quad \circ \end{array} (s_1, s_2, \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \circ \quad \circ \end{array} (s_3, s_4, s_5)). \end{aligned}$$

Categories of algebras

Let \mathcal{O} be an operad.

The collection of the \mathcal{O} -algebras forms a **category** where morphisms between two objects S and S' are maps $\phi : S \rightarrow S'$ satisfying, for any $x \in \mathcal{O}(n)$,

$$\phi(x(s_1, \dots, s_n)) = x(\phi(s_1), \dots, \phi(s_n)).$$

– Example –

Let **As** be the associative operad defined by $\mathbf{As}(0) := \emptyset$ and for any $n \geq 1$, $\mathbf{As}(n) := \{\star_n\}$, where $\star_n \circ_i \star_m := \star_{n+m-1}$.

A minimal generating set of **As** is $\{\star_2\}$.

Any **As**-algebra is a set S endowed with the generating operation \star_2 satisfying

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\star_2 \circ_1 \star_2)(s_1, s_2, s_3) & = & \star_2(\star_2(s_1, s_2), s_3) \\ \parallel & & \parallel \\ (\star_2 \circ_2 \star_2)(s_1, s_2, s_3) & = & \star_2(s_1, \star_2(s_2, s_3)). \end{array}$$

Using the infix notation for the binary operation \star_2 , we obtain the relation $(s_1 \star_2 s_2) \star_2 s_3 = s_1 \star_2 (s_2 \star_2 s_3)$, so that the category of **As**-algebras is the **category of semigroups**.

Operad morphisms and algebras

– Proposition –

Let \mathcal{O}_1 and \mathcal{O}_2 be two operads and $\phi : \mathcal{O}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_2$ be an operad morphism. If S is an \mathcal{O}_2 -algebra, by setting for any $x \in \mathcal{O}_1(n)$ and $s_1, \dots, s_n \in S$,

$$x(s_1, \dots, s_n) := (\phi(x))(s_1, \dots, s_n),$$

the set S becomes an \mathcal{O}_1 -algebra.

Therefore, any operad morphism from \mathcal{O}_1 to \mathcal{O}_2 gives rise to a **functor** from the category of \mathcal{O}_2 -algebras to the category of \mathcal{O}_1 -algebras.

– Example –

Let $\phi : \mathbf{Dup} \rightarrow \mathbf{Dias}$ be the map sending any $t \in \mathbf{Dup}(n)$ to $1^{k-1}01^{n-k}$, where k is the position of the root of t for the infix traversal. For instance,



Since this map is an operad morphism, any **Dias**-algebra gives rise to a **Dup**-algebra.

– Exercise ●○○○○ –

Prove that ϕ is an operad morphism.

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4. Constructions

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4.1 Construction **T**

4.2 Construction **C**

The construction \mathbf{T}

Let (\mathcal{M}, \cdot, e) be a **monoid** and let $(\mathbf{T}\mathcal{M}, \circ_i, \mathbf{1})$ be the triple such that

- $\mathbf{T}\mathcal{M}(0) = \emptyset$ and for any $n \geq 1$, $\mathbf{T}\mathcal{M}(n)$ is the set \mathcal{M}^n ;
- for any $u \in \mathbf{T}\mathcal{M}(n)$, $1 \leq i \leq n$, and $v \in \mathbf{T}\mathcal{M}$,

$$u \circ_i v := u(1, i-1) (u(i) \cdot v(1)) \dots (u(i) \cdot v(\ell(v))) u(i+1, \ell(u));$$

- $\mathbf{1}$ is the element e seen as a word of length 1.

– Examples –

Set $\mathcal{M} := (\mathbb{N}, +, 0)$. We have

$$20336 \in \mathbf{T}\mathcal{M}(5)$$

and, in $\mathbf{T}\mathcal{M}$,

$$325112 \circ_3 221 = 32(5+2)(5+2)(5+1)112 = 32776112.$$

– Theorem –

For any monoid \mathcal{M} , $\mathbf{T}\mathcal{M}$ is an operad.

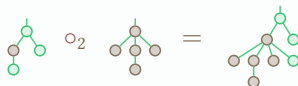
Operads from the construction T

The operads $T\mathcal{M}$ are large enough to contain a lot of suboperads realizable through certain combinatorial families.

As main examples:

- For any $m \geq 0$, with $\mathcal{M} := (\mathbb{N}, +, 0)$,
 - PRT_m , generated by $\{01, \dots, 0m\}$, on **primitive m -Dyck paths**;
 - $FCat_m$, gen. by $\{00, 01, \dots, 0m\}$, on **m -trees**;
 - $Schr_m$, gen. by $\{01, \dots, 0m, 00, m0, \dots, 10\}$, on some **Schröder trees**;
 - $Motz_m$, gen. by $\{00, 010, \dots, 0m0\}$, on **colored Motzkin paths**.
- For any $m \geq 0$, with $\mathcal{M} := (\mathbb{Z}/(m+1)\mathbb{Z}, +, 0)$,
 - $Comp_m$, gen. by $\{00, 01, \dots, 0m\}$, on **m -words**;
 - DA_m , gen. by $\{00, 01, \dots, 0(m-1)\}$, on some **directed animals**.
- For any $m \geq 0$, $\mathcal{M} := (\mathbb{N}, \max, 0)$,
 - $Dias_m$, gen. by $\{01, \dots, 0m, m0, \dots, 10\}$, is the **m -pluriassociative operad**;
 - $Trias_m$, gen. by $\{01, \dots, 0m, 00, m0, \dots, 10\}$, is the **m -pluritriassociative operad**.

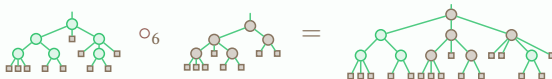
Some partial compositions on combinatorial objects



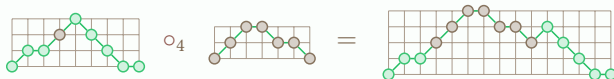
(in \mathbf{PRT}_1)



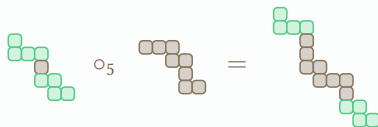
(in \mathbf{FCat}_2)



(in \mathbf{Schr}_1)

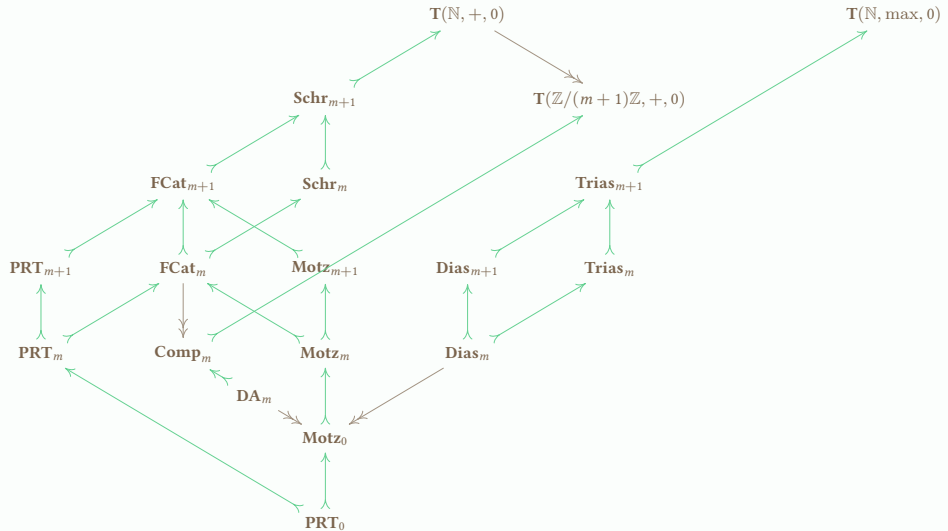


(in \mathbf{Motz}_1)



(in \mathbf{Comp}_1)

Full diagram



Translation algebras

Let (\mathcal{M}, \cdot, e) be a monoid.

– Proposition –

The operad $\mathbf{T}\mathcal{M}$ admits the presentation $(\mathfrak{G}, \mathfrak{R})$ where $\mathfrak{G} := \mathcal{M} \sqcup \{ee\}$ and \mathfrak{R} satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} ee \circ_1 ee &\mathfrak{R} ee \circ_2 ee, \\ a \circ_1 b &\mathfrak{R} a \cdot b, \quad a, b \in \mathcal{M}, \\ ee \circ [a, a] &\mathfrak{R} a \circ_1 ee, \quad a \in \mathcal{M}. \end{aligned}$$

An \mathcal{M} -translation algebra is a set S endowed with a binary operation $\star : S \times S \rightarrow S$ and unary operations $\theta_a : S \rightarrow S$, $a \in \mathcal{M}$, satisfying

$$(\mathbf{TAs}) \quad (s_1 \star s_2) \star s_3 = s_1 \star (s_2 \star s_3),$$

$$(\mathbf{TU}) \quad \theta_e(s_1) = s_1,$$

$$(\mathbf{TAc}) \quad \theta_a(\theta_b(s_1)) = \theta_{a \cdot b}(s_1),$$

$$(\mathbf{TMo}) \quad \theta_a(s_1 \star s_2) = \theta_a(s_1) \star \theta_a(s_2).$$

– Proposition –

Any \mathcal{M} -translation algebra is a $\mathbf{T}\mathcal{M}$ -algebra and any $\mathbf{T}\mathcal{M}$ -algebra is an \mathcal{M} -translation algebra.

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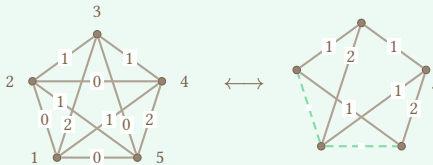
Decorated cliques

Let (\mathcal{M}, \cdot, e) be a monoid.

An \mathcal{M} -clique \mathfrak{p} is a **complete graph** on $[n + 1]$ where each edge (x, y) is **decorated** by an element $\mathfrak{p}(x, y) \in \mathcal{M}$. The arity of \mathfrak{p} is n .

– Example –

Set $\mathcal{M} := (\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}, +, 0)$. Here is an \mathcal{M} -clique (on the right, the edges decorated by the unit e of \mathcal{M} are not drawn and this convention is used in the sequel):

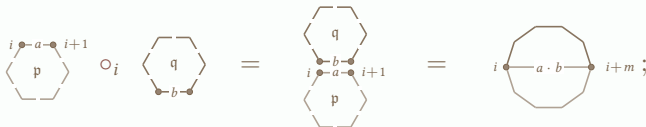


The arity of this clique is 4.

The construction \mathbf{C}

Let (\mathcal{M}, \cdot, e) be a **monoid** and let $(\mathbf{CM}, \circ_i, \mathbf{1})$ be the triple such that

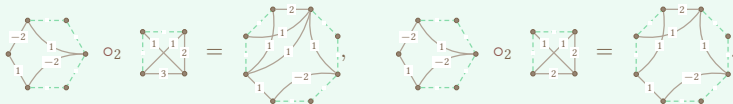
- $\mathbf{CM}(0) = \emptyset$ and for any $n \geq 1$, $\mathbf{CM}(n)$ is the set of the \mathcal{M} -cliques of arity n ;
- For any $p \in \mathbf{CM}(n)$ and $q \in \mathbf{CM}(m)$, $p \circ_i q$ is defined by



- $\mathbf{1}$ is the \mathcal{M} -clique $\bullet \text{---} \bullet$.

– Examples –

Set $\mathcal{M} := (\mathbb{Z}, +, 0)$. In \mathbf{CM} , we have



– Theorem –

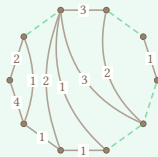
For any monoid \mathcal{M} , \mathbf{CM} is an operad.

Noncrossing cliques

An \mathcal{M} -clique p is noncrossing if there are no edges (x, y) and (x', y') such that $p(x, y) \neq e \neq p(x', y')$ and $x < x' < y < y'$ or $x' < x < y' < y$.

– Example –

For $\mathcal{M} := (\mathbb{N}, +, 0)$, the \mathcal{M} -clique



is noncrossing.

– Proposition –

The set of the noncrossing \mathcal{M} -cliques is a suboperad of \mathbf{CM} .

Let \mathbf{NCM} be this **operad of noncrossing \mathcal{M} -cliques**.

Link with translation algebras

Let (\mathcal{M}, \cdot, e) be a monoid.

– Proposition –

The operad \mathbf{NCM} admits the presentation $(\mathfrak{G}, \mathfrak{R})$ where

$$\mathfrak{G} := \{\bullet \xrightarrow{a} \bullet : a \in \mathcal{M}\} \sqcup \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \end{array} \right\}$$

and \mathfrak{R} satisfies

$$\begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \end{array} \circ_1 \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \end{array} \quad \mathfrak{R} \quad \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \end{array} \circ_2 \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \end{array}, \\ \bullet \xrightarrow{a} \bullet \circ_1 \bullet \xrightarrow{b} \bullet \quad \mathfrak{R} \quad \bullet \xrightarrow{a \cdot b} \bullet, \quad a, b \in \mathcal{M}. \end{array}$$

As a consequence, any \mathbf{NCM} -algebra is a set S endowed with a binary operation $\star : S \times S \rightarrow S$ and unary operations $\theta_a : S \rightarrow S$, $a \in \mathcal{M}$ satisfying Relations (TAs), (TAc), and (TU) of **\mathcal{M} -translation algebras**.

Link with the construction T

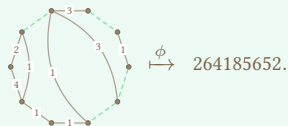
The map $\phi : \mathbf{NCM} \rightarrow \mathbf{TM}$ satisfying

$$\phi\left(\begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \end{array}\right) = ee \quad \text{and} \quad \phi(\bullet \xrightarrow{a} \bullet) = a, \quad a \in \mathcal{M}$$

extends uniquely into an operad morphism.

– Example –

For $\mathcal{M} := (\mathbb{N}, +, 0)$,



Since for any $u(1) \dots u(n) \in \mathbf{TM}(n)$,

$$\begin{array}{c} u(3) \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ u(2) \quad u(n) \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ u(1) \end{array} \xrightarrow{\phi} u(1)u(2)u(3) \dots u(n),$$

this morphism is surjective. Therefore, \mathbf{TM} is a **quotient operad** of \mathbf{NCM} .

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5. Combinatorics

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5.1 Fuss-Catalan operads

5.2 Narayana triangle

5.3 Catalan triangle

The operad \mathbf{FCat}_m

Recall that \mathbf{FCat}_m , $m \geq 0$, is the suboperad of $\mathbf{T}(\mathbb{N}, +, 0)$ generated by $\mathfrak{G}_m := \{00, 01, \dots, 0m\}$.

– Examples –

Here are the first sets of elements of \mathbf{FCat}_m , for $m \in \{1, 2\}$:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{FCat}_1(0) &= \emptyset, \quad \mathbf{FCat}_1(1) = \{0\}, \quad \mathbf{FCat}_1(2) = \{00, 01\}, \quad \mathbf{FCat}_1(3) = \{000, 001, 010, 011, 012\}, \\ \mathbf{FCat}_1(4) &= \{0000, 0001, 0010, 0011, 0012, 0100, 0101, 0110, 0111, 0112, 0120, 0121, 0122, 0123\},\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{FCat}_2(0) &= \emptyset, \quad \mathbf{FCat}_2(1) = \{0\}, \quad \mathbf{FCat}_2(2) = \{00, 01, 02\}, \\ \mathbf{FCat}_2(3) &= \{000, 001, 002, 010, 011, 012, 013, 020, 021, 022, 023, 024\},\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{FCat}_2(4) &= \{0000, 0001, 0002, 0010, 0011, 0012, 0013, 0020, 0021, 0022, 0023, 0024, 0100, 0101, 0102, 0110, 0111, 0112, \\ &\quad 0113, 0120, 0121, 0122, 0123, 0124, 0130, 0131, 0132, 0133, 0134, 0135, 0200, 0201, 0202, 0210, 0211, 0212, \\ &\quad 0213, 0220, 0221, 0222, 0223, 0224, 0230, 0231, 0232, 0233, 0234, 0235, 0240, 0241, 0242, 0243, 0244, 0245, 0246\}.\end{aligned}$$

– Example –

In \mathbf{FCat}_2 , $013102 \circ_4 0232 = 013134302$.

Description of its elements

– Proposition –

The elements of \mathbf{FCat}_m are exactly the words u of integers satisfying

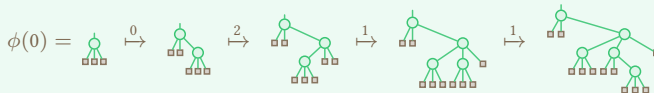
1. $u(1) = 0$;
2. $0 \leq u(i+1) \leq u(i) + m$ for all $i \in [|u| - 1]$.

Let \mathfrak{F}_m be the set of the m -trees, that are planar rooted trees such that each internal node has exactly $m + 1$ children. Let $\phi : \mathbf{FCat}_m \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_m$ be the map recursively defined by

- $\phi(0)$ is the m -tree consisting in a single internal node;
- $\phi(ua)$ is the planar rooted tree obtained by grafting $\phi(0)$ on the a -th leaf (indexed from 0 and from the right) of $\phi(u)$.

– Example –

Computation of $\phi(00211)$ for $m := 2$:



Interpretation of \mathbf{FCat}_m in terms of m -trees

– Proposition –

The map ϕ is a bijection between \mathbf{FCat}_m and \mathfrak{F}_m .

Therefore, for any $n \geq 1$,

$$\#\mathbf{FCat}_m(n) = \binom{(m+1)n}{n} \frac{1}{mn+1}.$$

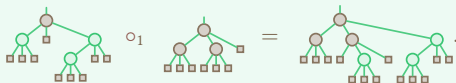
It is possible to interpret the partial composition of \mathbf{FCat}_m in terms of m -trees.

– Example –

In \mathbf{FCat}_2 , we have

$$0202 \circ_1 021 = 021202.$$

By ϕ , this translates as



Presentation

– Theorem –

The operad \mathbf{FCat}_m admits the presentation $(\mathfrak{G}_m, \mathfrak{R}_m)$ where \mathfrak{R}_m satisfies

$$0(a + b) \circ_1 0a \mathfrak{R}_m 0a \circ_2 0b,$$

for any $a, b \geq 0$ such that $a + b \leq m$.

– Exercise ●●○○○ –

Show this presentation by \mathbf{FCat}_m by considering the orientation \rightarrow_m of \mathfrak{R}_m satisfying

$$0(a + b) \circ_1 0a \rightarrow_m 0a \circ_2 0b.$$

– Example –

The operad \mathbf{FCat}_1 admits the presentation $(\mathfrak{G}_1, \mathfrak{R}_1)$ where $\mathfrak{G}_1 := \{00, 01\}$ and \mathfrak{R}_1 satisfies

$$00 \circ_1 00 \mathfrak{R}_1 00 \circ_2 00,$$

$$01 \circ_1 00 \mathfrak{R}_1 00 \circ_2 01,$$

$$01 \circ_1 01 \mathfrak{R}_1 01 \circ_2 00.$$

5. Combinatorics

5.1 Fuss-Catalan operads

5.2 Narayana triangle

5.3 Catalan triangle

Enumeration of the normal forms

By the previous results, there is a one-to-one correspondence between $\mathbf{FCat}_m(n)$ and the **normal forms** of arity n of the PTRS $(\mathfrak{G}_m, \rightarrow_m)$.

In the particular case where $m = 1$, these normal forms are the planar \mathfrak{G}_1 -terms avoiding



The formal series \mathbf{FA}_1 of these normal form expresses as

$$\mathbf{FA}_1 = | + \begin{array}{c} | \\ 00 \\ / \quad \backslash \\ \text{FA}_1 \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} | \\ 00 \\ / \quad \backslash \\ 01 \quad \text{FA}_1 \\ / \quad \backslash \\ \text{FA}_1 \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} | \\ 01 \\ / \quad \backslash \\ 01 \quad \text{FA}_1 \\ / \quad \backslash \\ \text{FA}_1 \end{array} .$$

Enumeration map

For any $m \geq 0$, the enumeration map is the map

$$\text{en} : \mathfrak{T}_P(\mathfrak{G}_m) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}[[z, q_0, \dots, q_m]]$$

such that

$$\text{en}(\mathbf{t}) := z^{|\mathbf{t}|} q_0^{\deg_{00}(\mathbf{t})} \dots q_m^{\deg_{0m}(\mathbf{t})}.$$

– Example –



This map extends by linearity on the space of formal series of planar \mathfrak{G} -terms.

If \mathbf{f} is a formal series of \mathfrak{G}_m -terms, then $\text{en}(\mathbf{f})$ is the **generating series** enumerating the terms appearing in \mathbf{f} w.r.t. their arities (parameter z) and their numbers of internal nodes labeled by $0k$ (parameters q_k).

Generating series

Let us set $\mathbf{FA}_m := \text{en}(\mathbf{FA}_m)$.

The previous expression for \mathbf{FA}_1 leads to the expression

$$\mathbf{FA}_1 = z(q_0\mathbf{FA}_1 + 1)(q_1\mathbf{FA}_1 + 1)$$

for \mathbf{FA}_1 so that

$$\mathbf{FA}_1 = \frac{1 - z(q_0 + q_1) - \sqrt{1 - 2z(q_0 + q_1) + z^2(q_0^2 - 2q_0q_1 + q_1^2)}}{2zq_0q_1}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{FA}_1 = & z + (q_0 + q_1)z^2 + (q_0^2 + 3q_0q_1 + q_1^2)z^3 \\ & + (q_0^3 + 6q_0^2q_1 + 6q_0q_1^2 + q_1^3)z^4 \\ & + (q_0^4 + 10q_0^3q_1 + 20q_0^2q_1^2 + 10q_0q_1^3 + q_1^4)z^5 \\ & + (q_0^5 + 15q_0^4q_1 + 50q_0^3q_1^2 + 50q_0^2q_1^3 + 15q_0q_1^4 + q_1^5)z^6 + \dots\end{aligned}$$

Narayana triangle

The **specialization** $FA_m(z, q_k)$ of all parameters of FA_m to 1 except z and the parameter q_k , $k \in [m]$, leads to a bi-indexed family of integers.

This produces **triangles of integers**, wherein the integer at position (i, j) , $i \geq 1, j \geq 0$, is the coefficient of $z^i q_k^j$ in $FA_m(z, q_k)$.

– Examples –

Coefficients of $FA_1(z, q_0)$:

1					
1	1				
1	3	1			
1	6	6	1		
1	10	20	10	1	
1	15	50	50	15	1

Coefficients of $FA_1(z, q_1)$:

1					
1	1				
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1	6	6	1		
1	10	20	10	1	
1	15	50	50	15	1

This is the same triangle, known as the **Triangle of Narayana numbers** (Triangle **A001263**).

It counts binary trees w.r.t. their number of internal nodes and the number of edges oriented to the left (resp. right) connecting two internal nodes.

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5.1 Fuss-Catalan operads

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Alternative orientation

The presentation $(\mathfrak{G}_m, \mathfrak{R}_m)$ of \mathbf{FCat}_m where \mathfrak{R}_m satisfies

$$0(a + b) \circ_1 0a \mathfrak{R}_m 0a \circ_2 0b,$$

for any $a, b \geq 0$ such that $a + b \leq m$ admits the **alternative orientation**

$$0(a + b) \circ_1 0a \rightarrow'_m 0a \circ_2 0b, \quad \text{if } 0 \leq a \leq b \leq m \text{ and } a + b \leq m,$$

$$0a \circ_2 0b \rightarrow'_m 0(a + b) \circ_1 0a, \quad \text{if } 0 \leq b < a \leq m \text{ and } a + b \leq m.$$

– Example –

The rewrite relation \rightarrow'_1 satisfies

$$00 \circ_1 00 \rightarrow'_1 00 \circ_2 00,$$

$$01 \circ_1 00 \rightarrow'_1 00 \circ_2 01,$$

$$01 \circ_2 00 \rightarrow'_1 01 \circ_1 01.$$

– Proposition –

The PTRS $(\mathfrak{G}_m, \rightarrow'_m)$ is terminating and confluent.

Enumeration of the normal forms

There is a one-to-one correspondence between $\mathbf{FCat}_m(n)$ and the normal forms of arity n of the PTRS $(\mathfrak{G}_m, \rightarrow'_m)$.

In the particular case where $m = 1$, these normal forms are the planar \mathfrak{G}_1 -terms avoiding



The formal series \mathbf{FB}_1 of these normal forms expresses as

$$\mathbf{FB}_1 = | + \begin{array}{c} | \\ 00 \\ \swarrow \searrow \\ \mathbf{FB}'_1 \quad \mathbf{FB}_1 \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} | \\ 01 \\ \swarrow \searrow \\ \mathbf{FB}'_1 \quad \mathbf{FB}'_1 \end{array},$$

where

$$\mathbf{FB}'_1 = | + \begin{array}{c} | \\ 01 \\ \swarrow \searrow \\ \mathbf{FB}'_1 \quad \mathbf{FB}'_1 \end{array}.$$

Generating series

Let us set $\text{FB}_m := \text{en}(\mathbf{FB}_m)$.

The previous expression for \mathbf{FB}_1 leads to the generating function

$$\text{FB}_1 = \frac{1 - 2zq_0 - \sqrt{1 - 4zq_1}}{2(q_1 - q_0 + zq_0^2)}$$

for FB_1 so that

$$\begin{aligned}\text{FB}_1 = & z + (q_0 + q_1)z^2 + (q_0^2 + 2q_0q_1 + 2q_1^2)z^3 \\ & + (q_0^3 + 3q_0^2q_1 + 5q_0q_1^2 + 5q_1^3)z^4 \\ & + (q_0^4 + 4q_0^3q_1 + 9q_0^2q_1^2 + 14q_0q_1^3 + 14q_1^4)z^5 \\ & + (q_0^5 + 5q_0^4q_1 + 14q_0^3q_1^2 + 28q_0^2q_1^3 + 42q_0q_1^4 + 42q_1^5)z^6 + \cdots ,\end{aligned}$$

Catalan triangle

The specialization $\text{FB}_m(z, q_k)$ of all parameters of FB_m to 1 except z and the parameter q_k , $k \in [m]$, leads to a bi-indexed family of integers.

This produces again triangles of numbers.

– Examples –

Coefficients of $\text{FB}_1(z, q_0)$:

1					
1	1				
2	2	1			
5	5	3	1		
14	14	9	4	1	
42	42	28	14	5	1

Coefficients of $\text{FB}_1(z, q_1)$:

1					
1	1				
1	2	2			
1	3	5	5		
1	4	9	14	14	
1	5	14	28	42	42

Each triangle is the mirror of the other. They are known as the **Catalan Triangle** (Triangle **A009766**).

It counts binary trees w.r.t. their number of internal nodes and the **jump-length statistics**.

Some projects

– Research project ●●●○○ –

Extends the previous results for any $m \geq 2$ by providing a combinatorial interpretation of the coefficients of the obtained triangles of integers. More precisely,

1. Provide systems of equations for \mathbf{FA}_m and \mathbf{FB}_m ;
2. Provide a description of \mathbf{FA}_m and \mathbf{FB}_m ;
3. Provide a description of the coefficients of $\mathbf{FA}_m(z, q_k)$ and $\mathbf{FB}_m(z, q_k)$ for all $k \in [m]$.

– Research project ●●●○○ –

Develop a similar study for other operads in order to discover new triangles of integers. This includes the operad \mathbf{Motz}_m of Motzkin paths, the operad \mathbf{Schr}_m of Schröder trees, and the operad \mathbf{DA}_m of directed animals.

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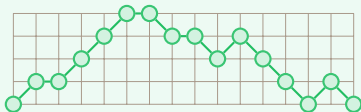
6.1 Miscellaneous

6.2 Construction A

Enumeration of Motzkin paths

A Motzkin path is a path in \mathbb{N}^2 starting from $(0, 0)$ and ending at $(n, 0)$, made of steps $(+1, +1)$, $(+1, -1)$, and $(+1, 0)$.

– Example –



With the aid of some elementary reasoning, one can prove that the generating series $\mathcal{F}(z)$ of Motzkin paths, enumerating them w.r.t. their number of points, satisfies

$$\mathcal{F}(z) = z + z\mathcal{F}(z) + z\mathcal{F}(z)^2$$

and

$$\mathcal{F}(z) = z + z^2 + 2z^3 + 4z^4 + 9z^5 + 21z^6 + 51z^7 + 127z^8 + 323z^9 + \cdots .$$

Composition of Motzkin paths and series of objects

A way to obtain the previous expression for this series consists in following both steps:

1. define a composition operation on the set of Motzkin paths;
2. express the infinite formal sum of all Motzkin paths.

If u and v are two Motzkin paths, the composition $u \circ_i v$ is obtained by replacing the i -th point of u by v .

The infinite formal sum of all Motzkin paths is

$$\mathbf{f} := \circ + \circ\circ + \circ\circ\circ + \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \diagup \diagdown \\ \circ \end{array} + \circ\circ\circ\circ + \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \diagup \diagdown \\ \circ \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \diagup \diagdown \\ \circ \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \diagup \diagdown \\ \circ \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \diagup \diagdown \\ \circ \end{array} + \cdots,$$

and we can prove that it satisfies the functional equation

$$\mathbf{f} = \circ + \circ\circ \circ [\circ, \mathbf{f}] + \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \diagup \diagdown \\ \circ \end{array} \circ [\circ, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{f}].$$

This is a consequence of a property of the operad **Motz** of Motzkin paths (and more precisely, the fact that it is a Koszul operad).

Generating set of **Per**

A permutation σ is simple if σ does not admit any factor of length between 2 and $|\sigma| - 1$ which is a segment.

– Examples –

415362 is simple.

3257861 is not simple.

These permutations are enumerated w.r.t. their size by Sequence **A111111**, beginning by

0, 2, 0, 2, 6, 46, 338, 2926, 28146, 298526.

– Proposition –

The set of the simple permutations is a minimal generating set of **Per**.

– Exercise ●●●●● –

Show the previous proposition.

The operad **Per** admits neither binary nor quadratic presentation.

Factors in planar terms

Let $\mathfrak{t}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{T}_P(\mathfrak{G})$.

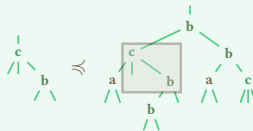
The planar term \mathfrak{s} is a factor of \mathfrak{t} if there exist $\mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{r}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{r}_{|\mathfrak{s}|} \in \mathfrak{T}_P(\mathfrak{G})$ and $i \in [|\mathfrak{r}|]$ such that

$$\mathfrak{t} = \mathfrak{r} \circ_i (\mathfrak{s} \circ [\mathfrak{r}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{r}_{|\mathfrak{s}|}]).$$

This property is denoted by $\mathfrak{s} \preceq \mathfrak{t}$.

When $\mathfrak{s} \not\preceq \mathfrak{t}$, \mathfrak{t} avoids \mathfrak{s} .

– Example –



– Exercise ●●○○○ –

Show that for any signature \mathfrak{G} , \preceq is a partial order relation on $\mathfrak{T}_P(\mathfrak{G})$.

Operad of maps and morphisms

Let S be a set. The operad of S -maps $\mathbf{Map}S$ is the operad wherein

- $\mathbf{Map}S(n)$ is the set of the maps from S^n to S ;
- $f \circ_i g$ is the map satisfying

$$(f \circ_i g)(s_1, \dots, s_{n+m-1}) = f(s_1, \dots, s_{i-1}, g(s_i, \dots, s_{i+m-1}), s_{i+m}, \dots, s_{n+m-1});$$

- the unit $\mathbf{1}$ is the identity map on S .

Alternatively, any \mathcal{O} -algebra S can be specified by an operad morphism

$$\phi : \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathbf{Map}S.$$

This map ϕ is in fact the map \mathbf{op} introduced previously.

Free algebras over operads

If \mathcal{O} is an operad and A is a nonempty set, let $\mathcal{O}(A)$ be the set of the pairs (x, u) where $x \in \mathcal{O}(n)$ and $u \in A^n$.

Let $\circ_{\mathcal{P}}$ be the map defined for any $x \in \mathcal{O}(n)$ and $(y_i, u_i) \in \mathcal{O}(A)$ by

$$x((y_1, u_1), \dots, (y_n, u_n)) := (x \circ [y_1, \dots, y_n], u_1 \dots u_n).$$

– Example –

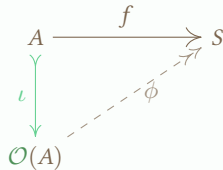
For $\mathcal{O} := \mathbf{Motz}$ and $A := \{a, b\}$,

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{Motz tree} \\ \left((\text{Motz tree}, ab), (\text{Motz tree}, aaba), (\text{Motz tree}, b) \right) \right) = \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{Motz tree} \\ \text{abaabab} \end{array} \right).$$

– Proposition –

The set $\mathcal{O}(A)$ is an \mathcal{O} -algebra. It is moreover free as an \mathcal{O} -algebra.

For any set A , any \mathcal{O} -algebra S , and any map $f : A \rightarrow S$, there exists a unique \mathcal{O} -algebra morphism $\phi : \mathcal{O}(A) \rightarrow S$ such that $f = \phi \circ \iota$, where $\iota : A \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(A)$ is the map $a \mapsto (\mathbf{1}, a)$.



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6.2 Construction **A**

The construction A

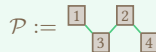
Let (\mathcal{P}, \preceq) be a **poset**. Given $a, b \in \mathcal{P}$, a and b are comparable if $a \preceq b$ or $b \preceq a$. In this case, the smallest element among a and b is denoted by $a \uparrow b$.

Let \mathbf{AP} be the operad admitting the **presentation** $(\mathfrak{G}, \mathfrak{R})$ where \mathfrak{G} is the graded set $\mathfrak{G} := \mathfrak{G}(2) := \mathcal{P}$ and \mathfrak{R} satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} a \circ_1 b &\mathfrak{R} (a \uparrow b) \circ_2 (a \uparrow b), & a, b \in \mathcal{P} \text{ when } a \text{ and } b \text{ are comparable,} \\ (a \uparrow b) \circ_1 (a \uparrow b) &\mathfrak{R} a \circ_2 b, & a, b \in \mathcal{P} \text{ when } a \text{ and } b \text{ are comparable.} \end{aligned}$$

– Example –

By considering the poset \mathcal{P} having the Hasse diagram on the right, the operad \mathbf{AP} admits the presentation $(\mathfrak{G}, \mathfrak{R})$ where $\mathfrak{G} := \mathfrak{G}(2) := \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and \mathfrak{R} satisfies



$$\begin{aligned} 1 \circ_1 1 &\mathfrak{R} 1 \circ_1 3 \mathfrak{R} 3 \circ_1 1 \mathfrak{R} 3 \circ_2 1 \mathfrak{R} 1 \circ_2 3 \mathfrak{R} 1 \circ_2 1, \\ 2 \circ_1 2 &\mathfrak{R} 2 \circ_1 3 \mathfrak{R} 2 \circ_1 4 \mathfrak{R} 3 \circ_1 2 \mathfrak{R} 4 \circ_1 2 \mathfrak{R} 4 \circ_2 2 \mathfrak{R} 3 \circ_2 2 \mathfrak{R} 2 \circ_2 4 \mathfrak{R} 2 \circ_2 3 \mathfrak{R} 2 \circ_2 2, \\ 3 \circ_1 3 &\mathfrak{R} 3 \circ_2 3, \\ 4 \circ_1 4 &\mathfrak{R} 4 \circ_2 4. \end{aligned}$$

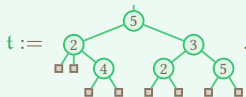
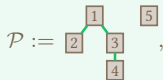
\mathcal{P} -alternating Schröder trees

A \mathcal{P} -alternating Schröder tree is a planar rooted tree \mathfrak{t} such that

- each internal node of \mathfrak{t} has two or more children;
- each internal node of \mathfrak{t} is decorated on \mathcal{P} ;
- if u and v are two internal nodes of \mathfrak{t} such that v is a child of u , then the decorations of u and of v are incomparable in \mathcal{P} .

– Example –

Here are a poset \mathcal{P} and a \mathcal{P} -alternating Schröder tree \mathfrak{t} :



Let not denote by $\mathfrak{A}\mathcal{P}$ the graded set of the \mathcal{P} -alternating Schröder trees where the arity of such a tree is its number of leaves.

Forest posets and realization of AP

A poset \mathcal{P} is a forest poset if for any $a, b, c \in \mathcal{P}$, if $a \preccurlyeq c$ and $b \preccurlyeq c$, then $a = c$ or $b = c$. In other terms, the Hasse diagram of \mathcal{P} is a **rooted forest**, where the roots are the minimal elements.

– Example –

Here is a forest poset:



– Example –

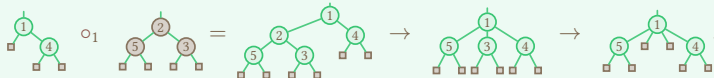
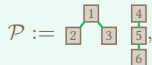
Here is a poset which is not a forest poset:



For any $\mathfrak{t}, \mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{AP}$, $\mathfrak{t} \circ_i \mathfrak{s}$ is obtained by grafting a copy of \mathfrak{s} on the i -th leaf of \mathfrak{t} , and by iteratively contracting each edge between two internal nodes decorated by two comparable elements a and b to form an internal node labeled by $a \uparrow b$.

– Example –

Here are a poset \mathcal{P} and a partial composition in \mathfrak{AP} :



Forest posets and realization of $A\mathcal{P}$

– Theorem –

If \mathcal{P} is a forest poset, then $\mathfrak{A}\mathcal{P}$ is a realization of the operad $A\mathcal{P}$.

– Open question ●●●○ –

Build a realization of $A\mathcal{P}$ for any poset \mathcal{P} .

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