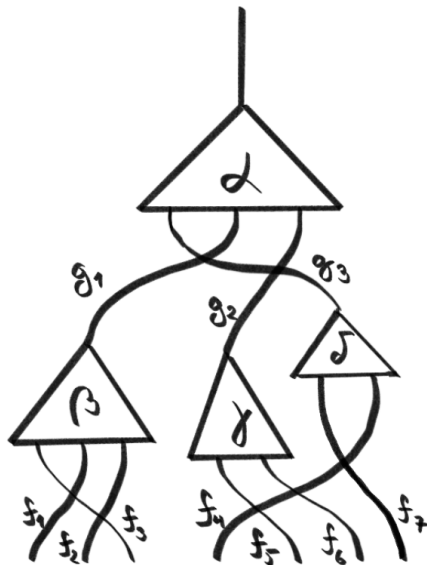


Category-colored operads

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The diagram says what to do with elements $x_1, \dots, x_7 \in X$ (of certain types) to produce a new element of X (of a certain type).

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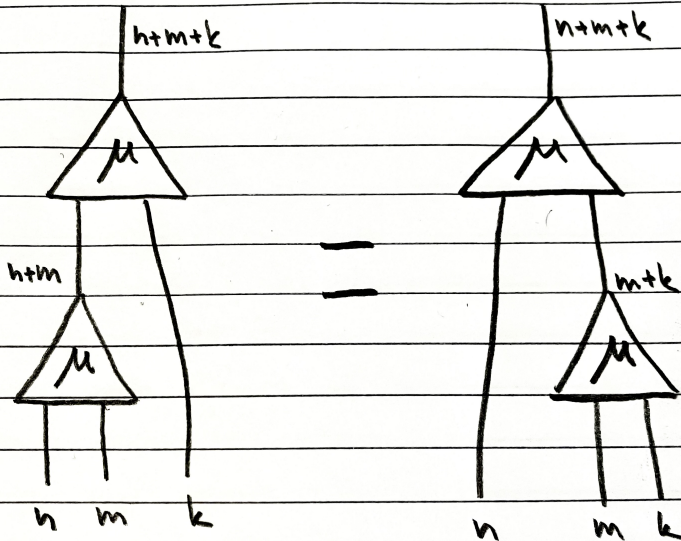
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The diagram illustrates the compatibility of the differential ∂ and the multiplication μ in a differential graded associative algebra. It shows three triangles representing the multiplication map μ on a grid background. The first triangle has inputs n and m , and output $h+m-1$. A differential arrow ∂ points up from the input n to the top vertex, labeled $h-1$. The second triangle has inputs n and $m-1$, and output $h+m-1$. A differential arrow ∂ points up from the input m to the top vertex, labeled $m-1$. The third triangle has inputs n and m , and output $h+m$. A differential arrow ∂ points up from the output $h+m$ to the top vertex, labeled $h+m-1$. The triangles are separated by plus and minus signs, and the entire expression is set equal to zero.

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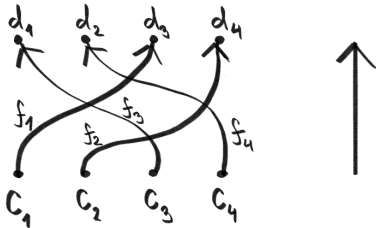
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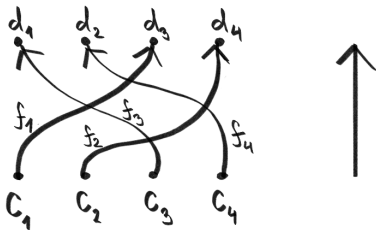
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$$P_n \left(\begin{array}{c} C \\ c_1 \cdots c_n \end{array} \right)$$

- symmetric actions

$$P \left(\begin{array}{c} C \\ c_1 \cdots c_n \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow[\cong]{(-)\sigma} P \left(\begin{array}{c} C \\ c_{\sigma(1)} \cdots c_{\sigma(n)} \end{array} \right),$$

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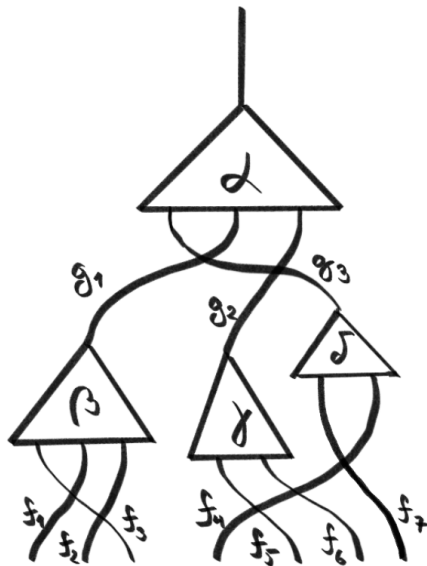
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- Characterisation of C -operad as *internal operads* in a specific categorical operad of functors (more category theory).

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Classical operad:

spaces $O(n)$ with symmetric actions $O(n) \xrightarrow{(-)\sigma} O(n)$,

compositions $O(n) \times O(m) \xrightarrow{\circ_i} O(m+n-1)$,

equivariant:

$$\circ_i \cdot ((-)\sigma \otimes (-)\tau) = (\sigma \circ_i \tau) \cdot \circ_{\sigma(i)},$$

associative:

$$\circ_i \cdot (\circ_j \otimes \mathbf{1}) = \begin{cases} \circ_{j+k-1} \cdot (\circ_i \otimes \mathbf{1}) & \text{if } 1 \leq i < j \leq n, \\ \circ_j \cdot (\mathbf{1} \otimes \circ_{i-j+1}) & \text{if } j \leq i < j+m, \\ \circ_j \cdot (\circ_{i-m+1} \otimes \mathbf{1}) & \text{if } j+m \leq i \leq n+m-1. \end{cases}$$

\Rightarrow we want to abstract this data

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$$[*_{i}] \circ_1 [*_{j}] \sim \tau([*_{j+k-1}] \circ_1 [*_{i}])$$

$$[*_{i}] \circ_1 [*_{j}] \sim [*_{j}] \circ_2 [*_{i-j+1}]$$

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