Network Operads

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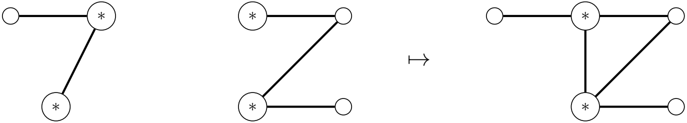
Theorem

The composite

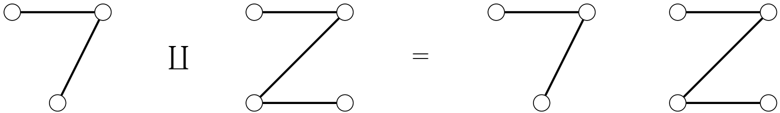
$$\mathbf{NetMod} \xrightarrow{\int} \mathbf{SSMC} \xrightarrow{\mathrm{op}(-)} \mathbf{Op}$$

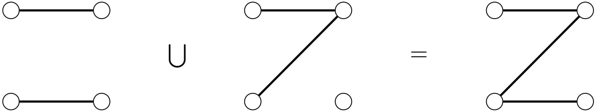
constructs a network operad for each network model.

Graphs can be combined to create bigger graphs by identifying some of the vertices



We choose to examine these as combinations of a few simpler operations





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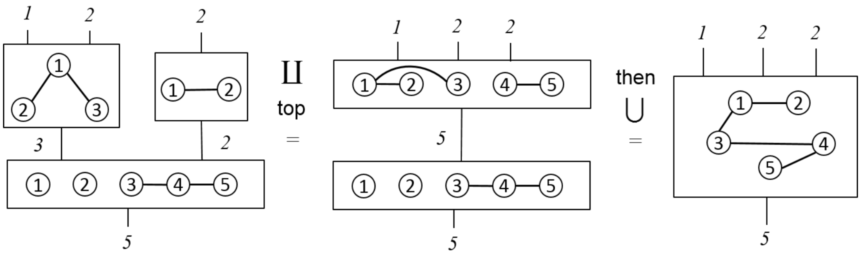

Endomorphism Operad

Given a symmetric monoidal category $(\mathbf{C}, \otimes)$, one can get a typed (aka coloured) operad $\mathrm{op}(\mathbf{C})$, called the **endomorphism operad**, with

- objects of $\mathbf{C}$ as types
- $\mathrm{op}(\mathbf{C})(c_1, \ldots, c_n; c) = \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{C}}(c_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes c_n, c)$

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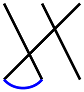
(τ, h) 

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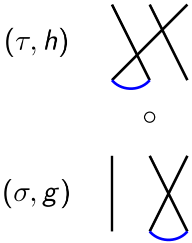

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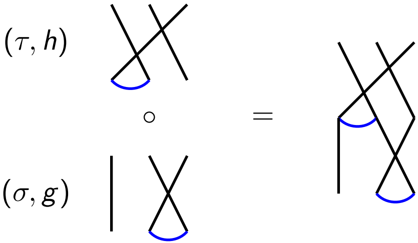

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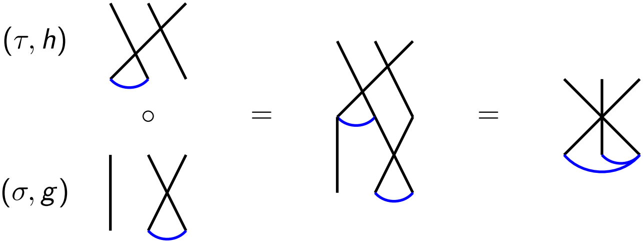

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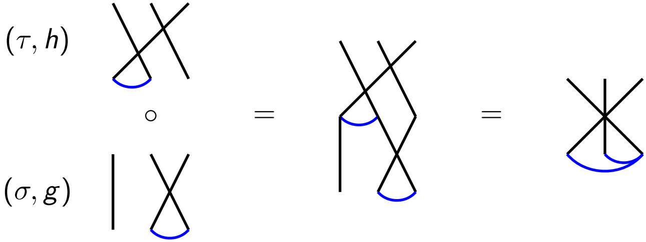

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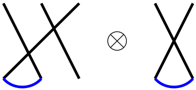

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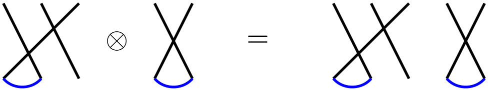

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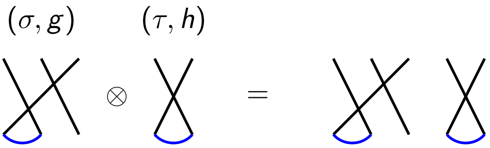

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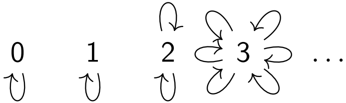

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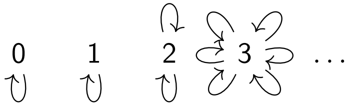

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Another way to see it is $\mathbf{S} = \coprod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} S_n$.

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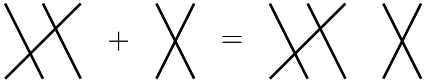
S is a symmetric monoidal category with $+$ where

- $n + m$ is exactly what you think
- $\sigma + \tau$ looks like



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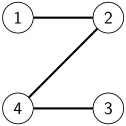

is the set $\{\{1, 2\}, \{2, 4\}, \{3, 4\}\}$ in this setting.

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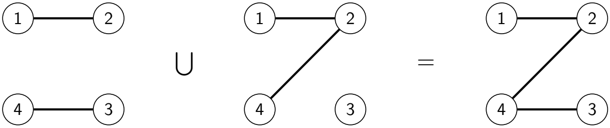

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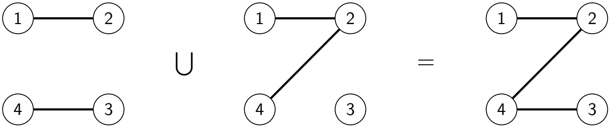

so the set of simple graphs on $\mathbf{n}$, denoted $\mathrm{SG}(\mathbf{n})$, is a monoid with operation $\cup$.

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$$(\mathrm{SG}, \sqcup) \colon (\mathbf{S}, +) \to (\mathbf{Cat}, \times)$$

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and produces a category fibred over $\mathbf{C}$

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Given a functor $F\colon \mathbf{C} \to \mathbf{Cat}$ the Grothendieck construction gives a category $\int F$ where

- objects are pairs (c, x) where
  - c is an object in $\mathbf{C}$
  - x is an object in Fc
- morphisms are $(f, g)\colon (c, x) \to (d, y)$ where
  - $f\colon c \to d$ in $\mathbf{C}$
  - $g\colon Ff(x) \to y$ in Fd
- composition is given by

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$$(c, x) \otimes_F (d, y) = (c \otimes d, \Phi_{c,d}(x, y))$$

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$$(f, g) \otimes_F (f', g') = (f \otimes f', \Phi_{d,d'}(g, g'))$$

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Now we can generalize this

Definition

A **Network Model** *is a lax symmetric monoidal functor* $F\colon \mathbf{S} \to \mathbf{Cat}$. *Let* **NetMod** *denote the category of network models.*

Theorem

The construction

$$\mathbf{NetMod} \xrightarrow{\mathrm{op}(\int -)} \mathbf{Op}$$

is functorial.

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Further reading and acknowledgments

- Check our e-print: Network Models, arXiv:1711.00037.
- You out for postings of technical reports [2, 3] for more examples.

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