

# Algebras, Operads, Combinads

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The strategy: look for the free object, discard the variable  
ex:  $T(V)$  gives  $As$

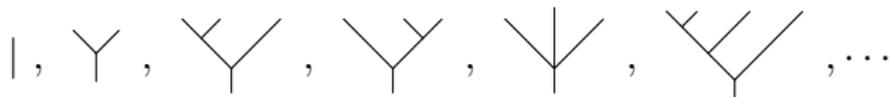
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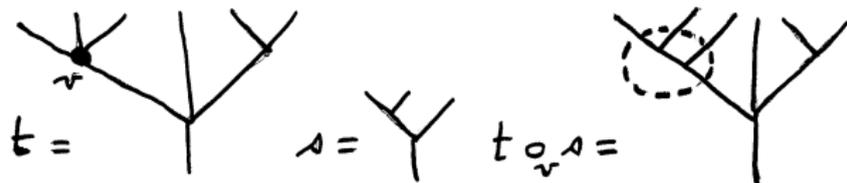
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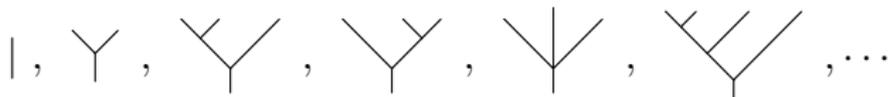
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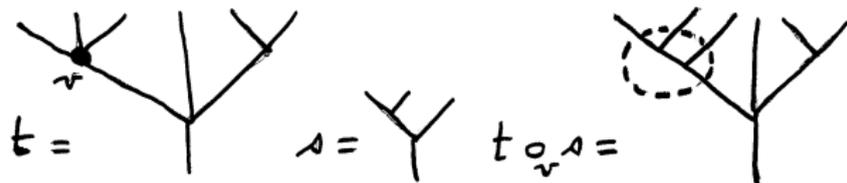
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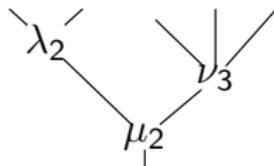
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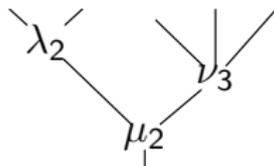


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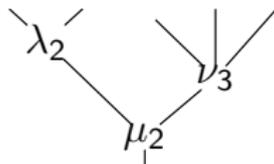
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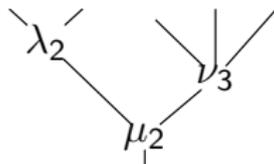
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**PROP**  $\mathbb{PT}(M)$  is the free ns operad on  $M$

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Related to rewriting of polygraphs (work in progress with Ph.Malbos and Y.Guiraud)

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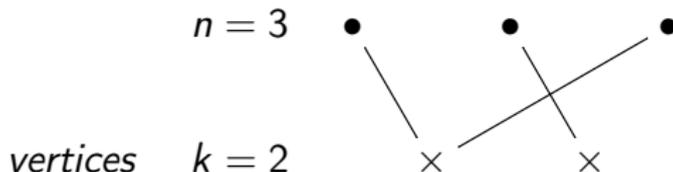
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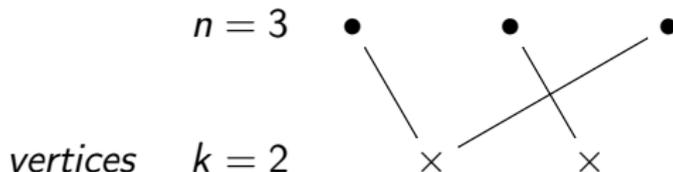
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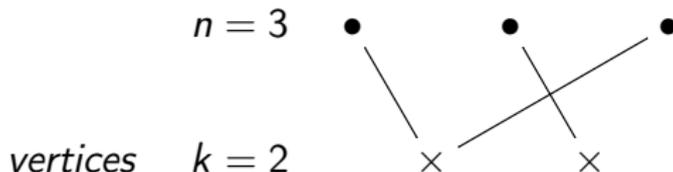
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This is the *partial definition* of a permutad. This is essentially the definition given by M. Ronco of a *shuffle algebra*, which are in fact *colored algebras*.

M. Ronco, Shuffle bialgebras, Ann.Inst.Fourier 61 (2011), 799-850.

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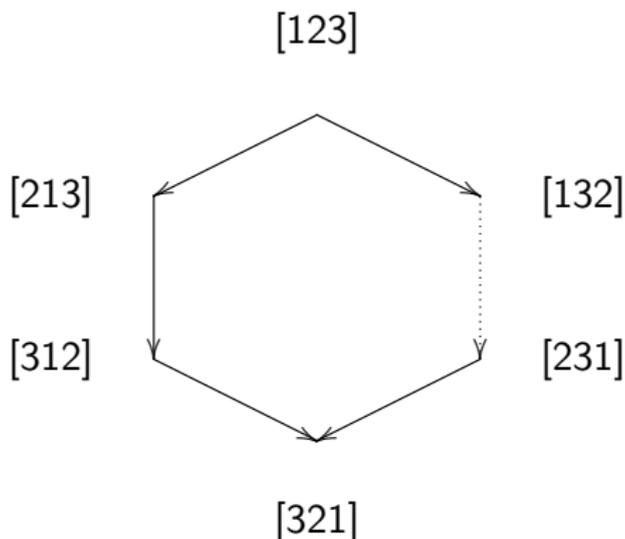
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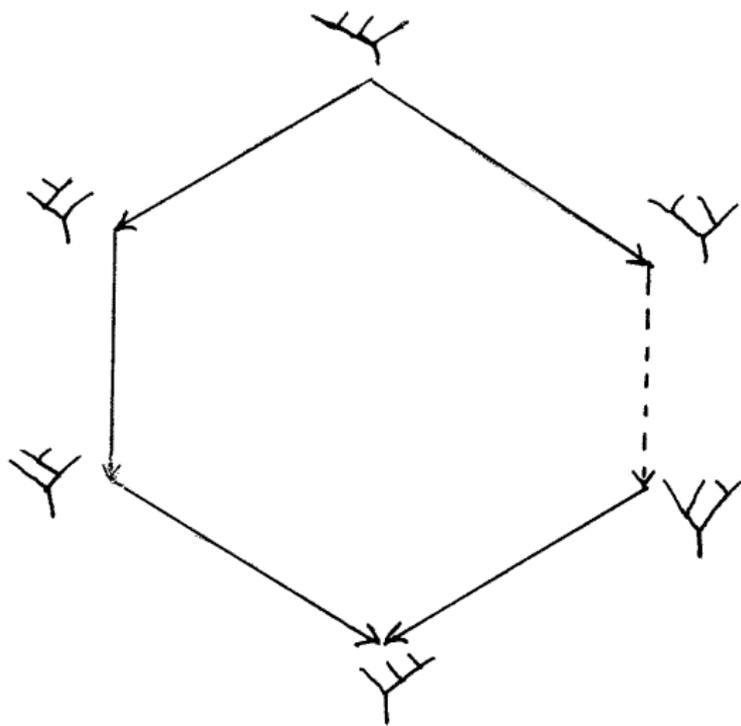
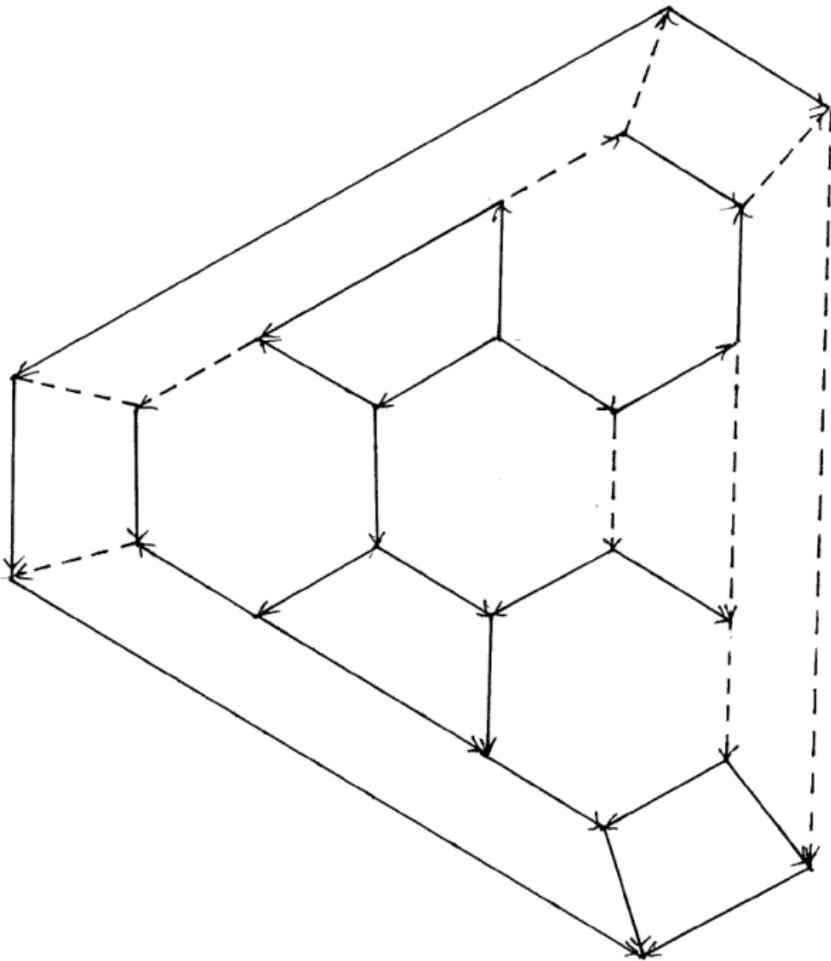


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# Combinatorics

ladder = Dynkin diagram  $A_n$

How to continue the sequence:

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N-mod



ladder

$k = 2$   
PT-mod



circled ladder = tree

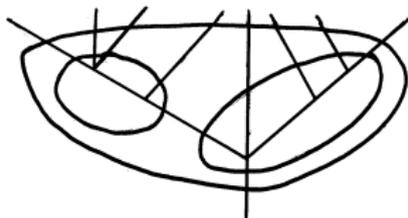
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(see picture later)

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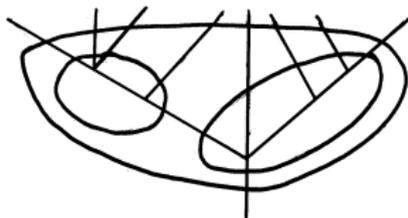
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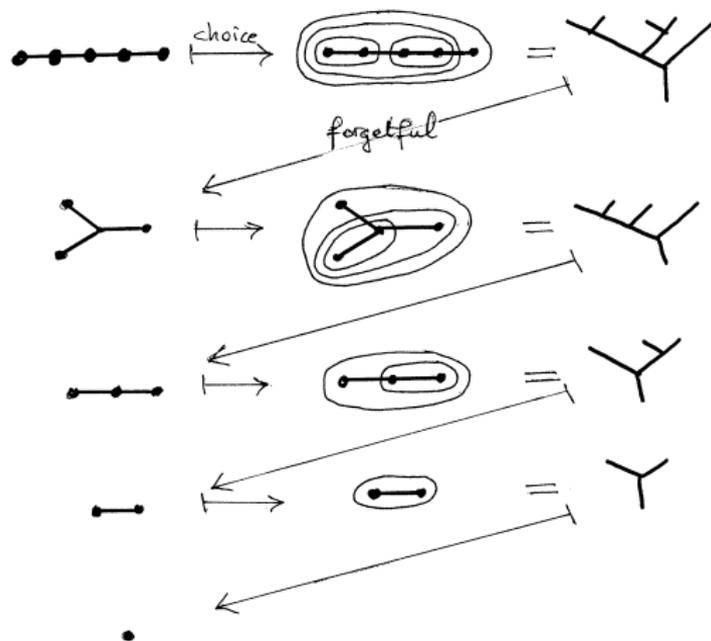
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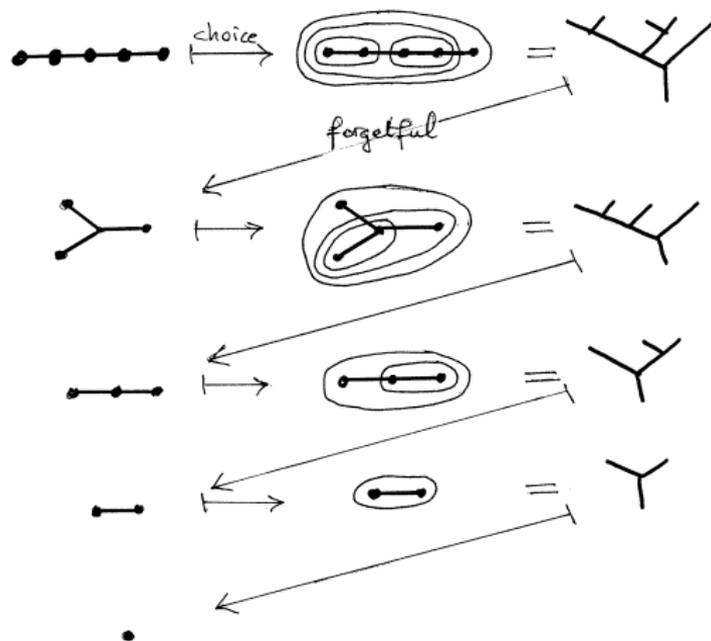


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Not surprising since the philosophy is the same, except that Baez, Dolan (and then Joyal, Kock, Batanin, etc.) work in the set environment, while we are working in the linear environment.

Main differences: a set is a co-object, because of the diagonal (duplication is possible),

in the linear case there is more freedom (*Lie* is not set-theoretic).

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**More:** a helpful lemma in order to compute  $a(n)$  and  $d(n)$  is the following. A *partition* of the graph  $G$  is:  $I$  and  $J$  nonempty connected subgraphs of  $G$  such that each vertex is either in  $I$  or in  $J$ . Define  $\varphi(G) = \text{sum of "derived graphs" ( forgetful } \circ \text{ choice)}$

**Lemma** For any graph  $G$  we have

$$\varphi(G) = \sum_{(I,J)} \varphi(I) \vee \varphi(J) ,$$

where the sum is over all partitions of  $G$ .

This decomposition is close to Carter's method to construct regions of linearity in

Carter, R.W. Canonical bases, reduced words, and Lusztig's piecewise-linear function. ... (1997).

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