# Combinatorics, operations, and graded graphs 

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- monoids;
- Hopf bialgebras;
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If $C$ is endowed with operations $\star$, these operations extend as products $\bar{\star}$ on formal power series leading to expressions for $\mathbf{f}_{C}$.

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Intuition: for any $x, y \in C$ and $i \in[|x|], x \circ_{i} y$ can be thought as the insertion of $y$ into the $i$ th substitution place of $x$. For instance,


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We turn $\mathfrak{S}$ into an operad where $\sigma \circ_{i} \nu$ is the permutation whose permutation matrix is obtained by replacing the $i$ th point of the matrix of $\sigma$ by a copy of the matrix of $\nu$ [Aguiar, Livernet, 2007]. For instance,

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There exist many other (more or less complicated) operads involving combinatorial objects:

- on various families of trees (binary trees, $m$-trees, Schröder trees, rooted trees, etc.);
- on various families of paths (Dyck paths, Motzkin paths, etc.);
- on various families of graphs (cliques, drawn inside a polygon, with labeled edges, etc.).


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The Young lattice admits as Hasse diagram the graph wherein there is an $\operatorname{arc} \lambda \rightarrow \mu$ if $\mu$ can be obtained by adding a box from $\lambda$ :


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Classical examples include

- the Young lattice [Stanley, 1988];
- the bracket tree [Fomin, 1994];
- the composition poset [Björner, Stanley, 2005];
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General construction: given an operad $\mathcal{O}$ (satisfying some conditions), let the graphs $(\mathcal{O}, \mathrm{U})$ and $(\mathcal{O}, \mathrm{V})$ defined by

$$
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