Combinatorics, operations, and graded graphs

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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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Operad structures

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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 σ by a copy of the matrix of ν [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 arc $\lambda \rightarrow \mu$ if μ can be obtained by adding a box from λ :



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Classical examples include

- the Young lattice [Stanley, 1988];
- the bracket tree [Fomin, 1994];
- the composition poset [Björner, Stanley, 2005];
- the Fibonacci lattice [Fomin, 1988], [Stanley, 1988].

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- Idea -

Use operads as a source of dual pairs of graded graphs.





General construction: given an operad \mathcal{O} (satisfying some conditions), let the graphs (\mathcal{O}, U) and (\mathcal{O}, V) defined by

$$\mathbf{U}(x) := \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{a} \in G\\ i \in [[x]]}} x \circ_i \mathbf{a}, \qquad \mathbf{V}(x) := \sum_{\substack{y \in \mathcal{O}\\ \exists (\mathfrak{s}, \mathfrak{t}) \in \mathrm{ev}^{-1}(x) \times \mathrm{ev}^{-1}(y)\\ \langle \mathfrak{t}, \mathbf{V}(\mathfrak{s}) \rangle \neq 0}} y.$$

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