

Tensor products & Shuffle of trees

1) there is a tensor product of operads  $P \otimes Q$  with the property that  $P \otimes Q$ -algebras are  $P$ -algebras in the category of  $Q$ -algebras (or vice versa).

▷ If  $P$  has set of colours  $C$  and  $Q$  has set of colours  $D$  then the set of colours of  $P \otimes Q$  is  $C \times D$

▷ the operations of  $P \otimes Q$  are generated by two kinds

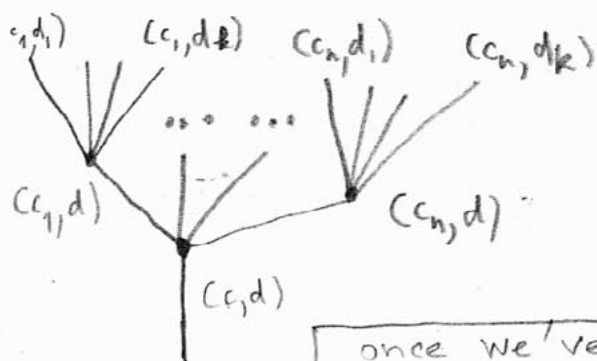
if  $p \in P(c_1, \dots, c_n; c)$  and  $d \in D$

then  $p \otimes d \in P \otimes Q((c_1, d), \dots, (c_n, d); (c, d))$

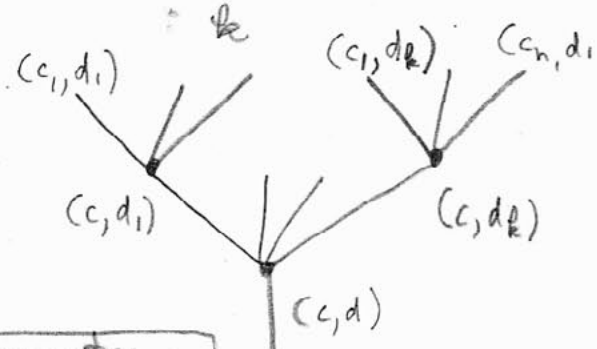
if  $q \in Q(d_1, \dots, d_k; d)$  and  $c \in C$

then  $c \otimes q \in P \otimes Q((c, d_1), \dots, (c, d_k); (c, d))$

▷ Relations "  $\underbrace{p(q, \dots, q)}_n = q(\underbrace{p, \dots, p}_k)$  "



is the same as this



once we've acted by a symmetry to put the entries in the same order

NB. this only makes sense for symmetric operads.

In particular, we get a functor:

$$\Omega \times \Omega \longrightarrow \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{operads} \\ \text{in sets} \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{N} \mathit{dSets}$$

$$(s, T) \longmapsto \Omega(s) \otimes \Omega(T) \longmapsto N(\Omega(s) \otimes \Omega(T))$$

By (left) Kan extension, this gives a tensor product:

$$\mathit{dSets} \times \mathit{dSets} \xrightarrow{\otimes} \mathit{dSets}$$

completely determined by the requirements:

- it preserves colimits in each variable separately
- for representables,  $\Omega[s] \otimes \Omega[T] = N(\Omega(s) \otimes \Omega(T))$ .

### Remarks

1) the functor  $\tau: \mathit{dSets} \longrightarrow \text{Operads}$  (left adjoint to the nerve)

is strictly monoidal in the sense that

$$\tau(X \otimes Y) \cong \tau(X) \otimes \tau(Y)$$

↑  
tensor  
of operads

(clear from the fact

that  $N$  is full and faithful.

hence  $\tau \circ N \cong \text{Id}$ )

2) the embedding  $i_! : s\text{Sets} \hookrightarrow d\text{Sets}$   
 is also strictly monoidal:

$$i_!(M \times N) = i_!(M) \times i_!(N)$$

(this can be checked directly on representables)

3) the unit is the representable

$$\eta = \Omega[1] = i_!(\Delta[0]).$$

How is  $\Omega[s] \otimes \Omega[t]$  a colimit of representables?

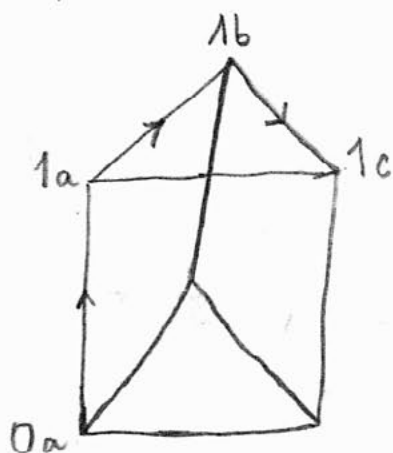
Special case of simplices:

$$\text{recall } \Delta[n] \times \Delta[m] = \bigcup_{\sigma} \Delta[n+m]$$

the union over all shuffles of the orders

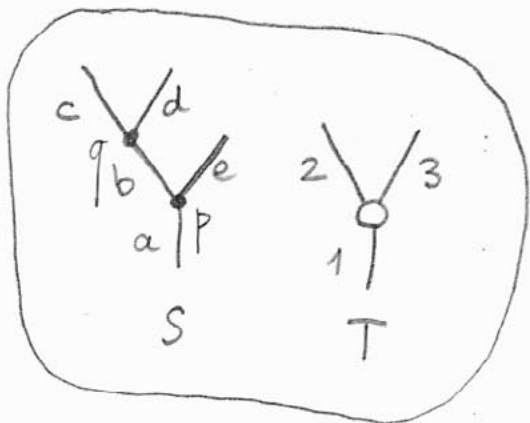
$$\{0, \dots, n\} \text{ and } \{0, \dots, m\}$$

$\Delta[1] \times \Delta[2]$

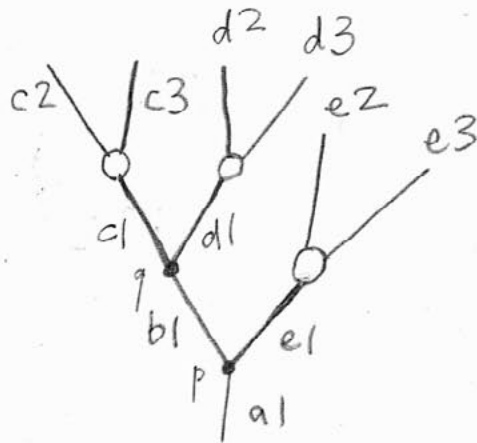


It works in this way for trees.

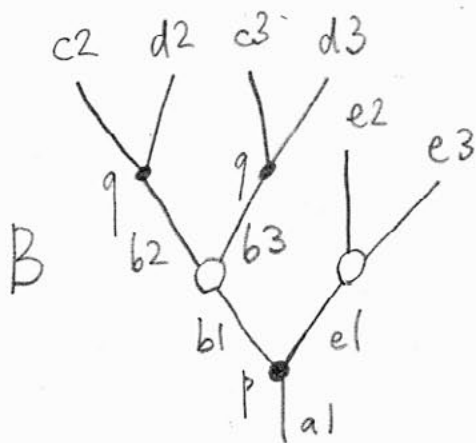
Let us compute  $\Omega[S] \otimes \Omega[T]$  for



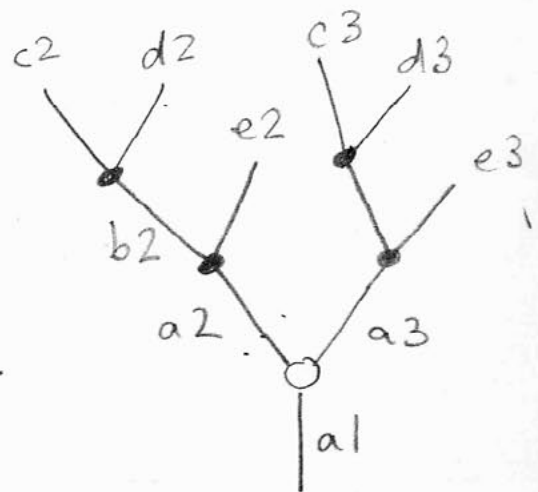
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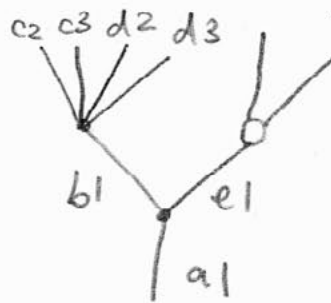


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Remark:

A and B are glued along



which is a "codim 2 face" of A

and maps via a symmetry to a codim 2 face of B.

This is the general pattern for arbitrary trees  $S$  and  $T$ : start with copies of  $T$  on top of  $S$  and percolate vertices of  $T$  down through vertices of  $T$ , to finally arrive at "copies of  $S$  on top of  $T$ ".

### Normal objects and skeletal filtration

Every dendroidal set  $X$  can be written as

$$X = \bigcup X^{(n)}$$

where  $X^{(n)}$  is the subsheaf generated by  $x \in X(T)$  where  $T$  has  $\leq n$  vertices.

So  $X^{(0)}$  is generated by  $X(1) = \text{hom}(\eta, X)$ .

So all the non-degenerate elements of  $X^{(n)}$  come from trees  $T$  with  $\leq n$  vertices.

We get  $X^{(0)} \subseteq X^{(1)} \subseteq \dots \subseteq X^{(n)} \subseteq \dots$

Call  $X$  normal if  $\text{Aut}(T)$  acts freely on  $X(T)$ .  
for every tree  $T$

Prop If  $X$  is normal, then for each  $n \gg 1$

there is a pushout

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \coprod_{[e]} \partial \Omega [T_e] & \longrightarrow & X^{(n-1)} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \coprod_{[e]} \Omega [T_e] & \longrightarrow & X^{(n)} \end{array}$$

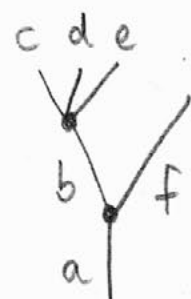

where  $e$  ranges over isomorphism classes of non degenerate elements  $e \in X(T_e)$

where  $T_e$  has exactly  $n$  vertices, and

$$\partial \Omega [S] = \cup \Omega [F]$$

for all faces  $F \twoheadrightarrow S$  for any tree  $S$   
("its boundary")

Example:

for  $S =$ 

 its boundary is "
 
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Similarly, we call a mono  $X \twoheadrightarrow Y$  normal

if  $\text{Aut}(T)$  acts freely on  $Y(T) \setminus X(T)$

for any tree  $T$ .

In that case, we can again write  $Y$  as the union of relative skeletons

$$X = Y_X^{(0)} \subseteq Y_X^{(1)} \subseteq \dots$$

where each  $Y_X^{(n-1)} \rightarrow Y_X^{(n)}$  is a pushout of a coproduct of boundary inclusions indexed by isomorphism classes of non degenerate elements  $y \in Y(T) - X(T)$  for  $T$  with  $n$  vertices.

Another way of saying:

the maps  $\partial\Omega[T] \rightarrow \Omega[T]$

generate all the normal monos in  $d\text{Sets}$ ,

in exactly the same way  $\partial\Delta[n] \rightarrow \Delta[n]$

generate all the monos in  $s\text{Sets}$ .

Remarks: ① every representable is normal

② if  $Y \rightarrow X$ ,  $X$  normal  $\Rightarrow Y$  normal

③ the presheaf  $P$  defined by

$P(T) = \text{planar structures on } T$

is normal.

④  $\Omega[S] \otimes \Omega[T]$  is normal.

$$\textcircled{5} \quad \left( \begin{array}{c} \partial\Omega[S] \otimes \Omega[T] \\ \otimes \\ \partial\Omega[T] \end{array} \right) \cup \left( \Omega[S] \otimes \partial\Omega[T] \right) \rightarrow \Omega[S] \otimes \Omega[T]$$

mono, hence a normal mono.

From this we conclude by "induction" that

the maps  $A \rightarrow X$  and  $B \rightarrow Y$  are normal monos  $\Rightarrow$  the map  $A \otimes Y \cup X \otimes B \rightarrow X \otimes Y$  is normal mono.

### Inner horns

Recall that in  $s\text{Sets}$ ,  $X$  is the nerve of a category if and only if any map

$$\Lambda^k[n] \rightarrow X$$

extends uniquely to  $\Delta[n]$ ,

or if and only if any map

$$S_c[n] \rightarrow X$$

extends uniquely to  $\Delta[n]$

Here  $0 < k < n$  and  $\Lambda^k[n]$  is the union of the faces of  $\Delta[n]$  except the one opposite the vertex  $k$ , and  $S_c[n]$  the Segal core



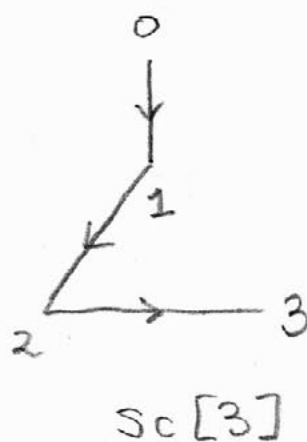
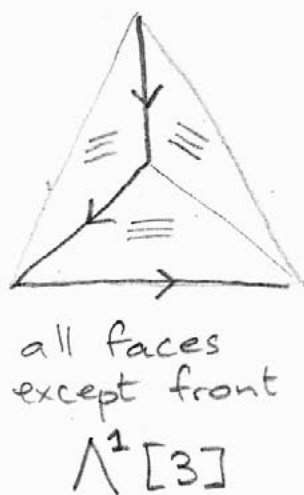
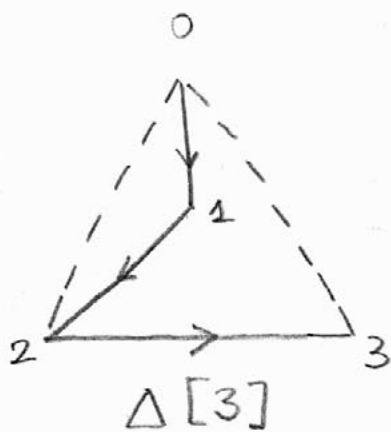
of  $\Delta[n]$  is the union of the ribbons  
 (1-simplices  $\Delta(i, i+1) \subset \Delta[n]$   $i=0, \dots, n-1$ )

$n=2$



$$\Lambda^1[2] = \text{Sc}[2]$$

$n=3$



Recall that  $X$  is called an  $\infty$ -category if  
 any  $\Lambda^k[n] \rightarrow X$  extends to  $\Delta[n] \rightarrow X$   
 not necessarily uniquely, for  $0 < k < n$ .

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We will say the same for dendroidal sets:  
 if  $T$  is a tree and  $e$  is an inner edge in  $T$ ,  
 then  $\Lambda^e[T] \subseteq \partial\Omega[T]$  is the union of  
 all the faces except the one given by contracting  $e$ .

We call  $\Lambda^e[T]$  an inner horn.

$S_c[T]$  is the union of all maps  $\Omega[S] \rightarrow \Omega[T]$  where  $S$  has at most one vertex.

Now,  $X \in \mathbf{dSets}$  is the nerve of an operad iff

for any tree  $T$  and inner edge  $e$  any map

$$\Lambda^e[T] \longrightarrow X$$

extends uniquely to  $\Omega[T] \longrightarrow X$ .

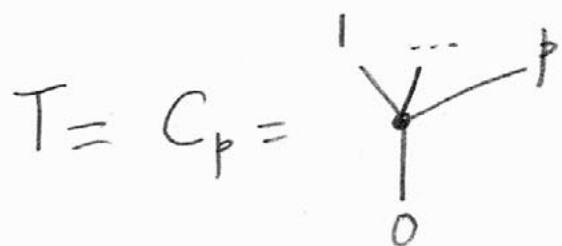
or iff  $S_c[T] \longrightarrow X$  extends uniquely to a map  $\Omega[T] \longrightarrow X$ .

Definition:  $X$  is called an  $\infty$ -operad if any map

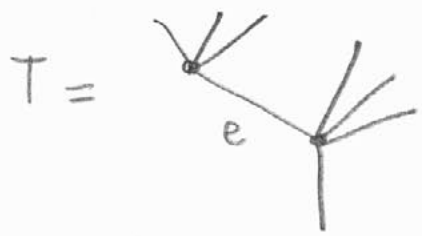
$\Lambda^e[T] \rightarrow X$  extends (not nec'ly uniquely)

to a map  $\Omega[T] \rightarrow X$ , for any inner edge  $e$  in any tree  $T$ .

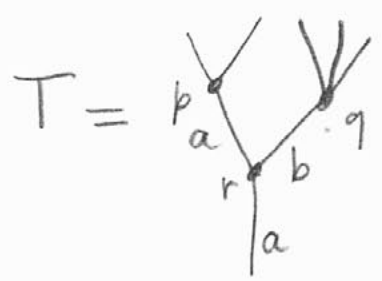
$$T = | \quad S_c(T) = T$$



$$S_c[T] = T$$



$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda^e [T] &= S_c [T] \\ &= \Omega [C_3] \cup \Omega [C_4] \\ &= \text{" } \cup \text{"} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda^a [T] &= \text{union of representables of trees} \\ &= \partial_p T \cup \partial_r T \cup \partial_b T \end{aligned}$$

$$S_c [T] = (C_p \cup_a C_r) \cup_b C_q$$

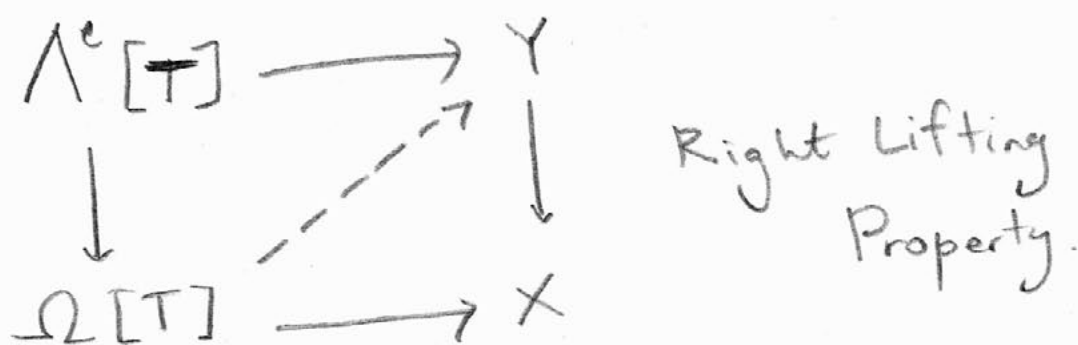
union of three corollas.

Prop. <sup>(1)</sup> if  $A$  is normal  
and  $X$  is an  $\infty$ -operad  
then Hom  $(A, X)$  is again an  $\infty$ -operad.

(here, Hom is the internal hom wrt  $\otimes$ , i.e.  
 $\text{Hom}(A, X)(T) = \text{Hom}_{\text{dSets}}(A \otimes \Omega[T], X)$ .)

(2) in fact, a more general statement is true:  
if  $A \twoheadrightarrow B$  is a normal mono  
and if  $Y \rightarrow X$  has the Right Lifting Property  
wrt. all inner horn inclusions, then so does

$$\underline{\text{Hom}}(B, Y) \longrightarrow \underline{\text{Hom}}(A, Y) \times_{\underline{\text{Hom}}(A, X)} \underline{\text{Hom}}(B, X)$$



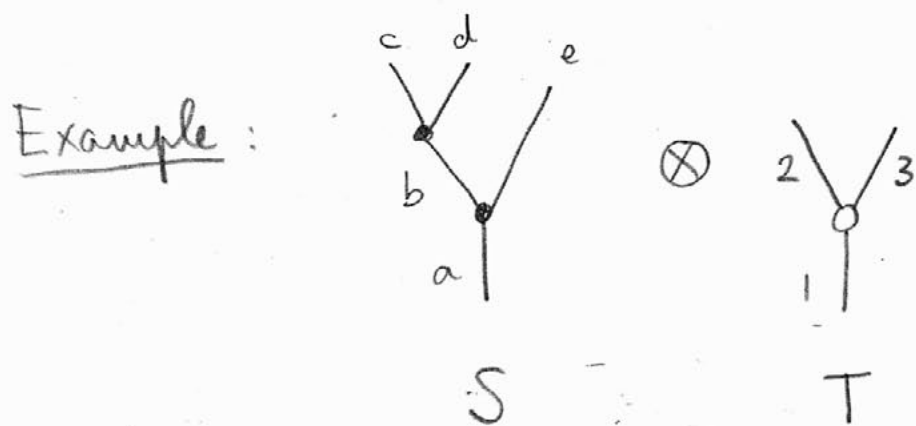
The proof boils down, by the usual induction on skeletons, to:

Lemma. For any two trees  $S$  and  $T$  and any inner edge  $e \in S$  the map

$$(\Lambda^e[S] \otimes \Omega[T]) \cup (\Omega[S] \otimes \Omega[T]) \longrightarrow \Omega[S] \otimes \Omega[T]$$

is a composition of pushouts of inner horn inclusions

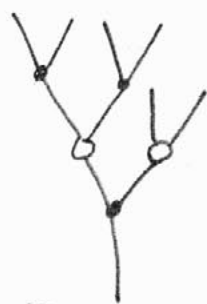
Proof is hard.



is the union of



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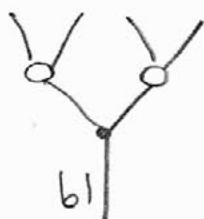
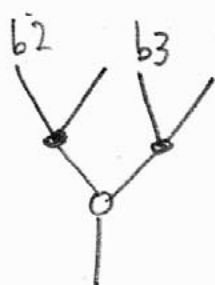
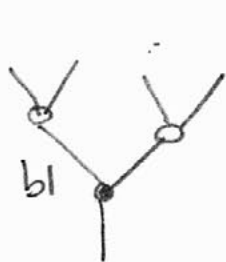


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$\Lambda^b[S] \otimes T$  is the union of

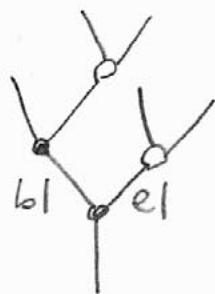


$S \otimes \partial T$  is the union of three copies of  $S$   
labelled by 1, 2, 3 respectively.

How do we glue eg A to  $\Lambda^b[S] \otimes T \cup S \otimes \partial T$ ?

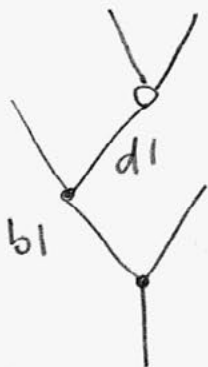
First, glue all the faces of A except the one given by contraction of  $b$

Eg, glue



We do this by first glueing on all its faces except the one contracting  $b_1$ .

Eg



We do this by first gluing all its faces  
except the one for  $b1$ .

the two outer faces are already there,  
so we only need  $\partial d1$ .



this has a unique inner horn.