

Swiss-Cheese operad and Drinfeld center

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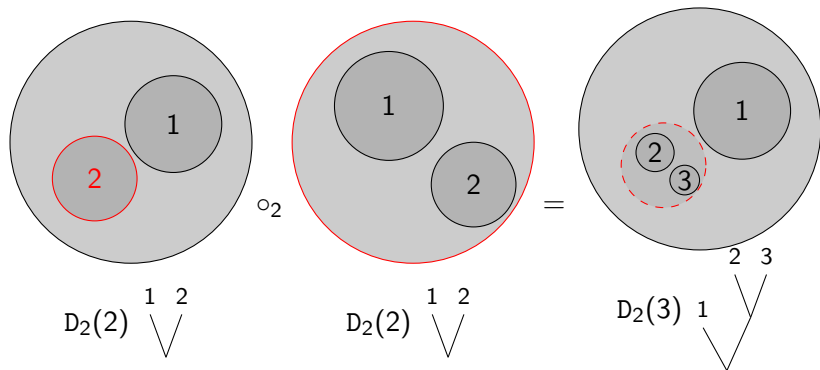
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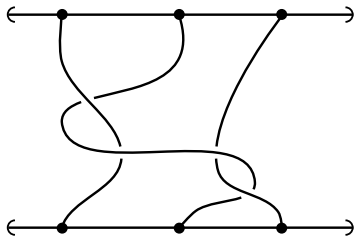
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The topological **operad** D_n [Boardman–Vogt, May] of **little n -disks** governs homotopy associative and commutative algebras:



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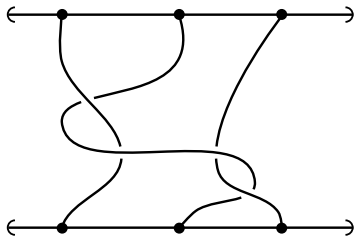


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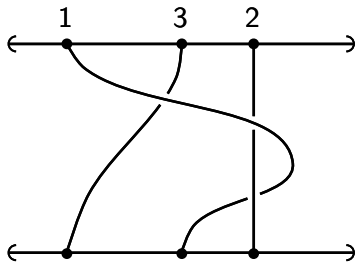


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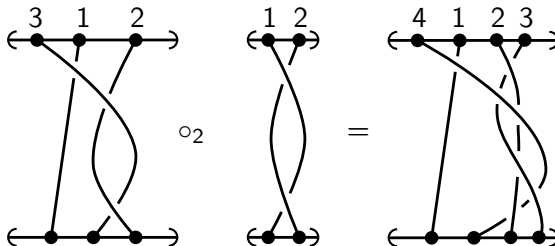
“Extension” of P_r : colored braid groupoid $\text{CoB}(r)$



$$\text{ob CoB}(r) = \Sigma_r, \quad \text{End}_{\text{CoB}(r)}(\sigma) \cong P_r$$

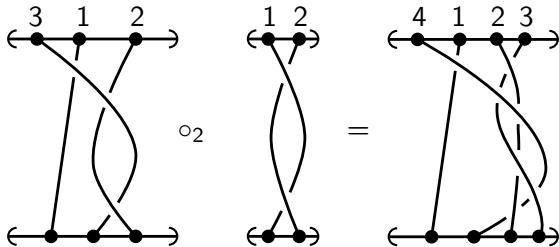
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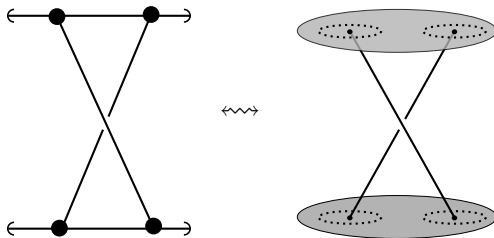
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$\implies \{\text{CoB}(r)\}_{r \geq 1}$ is a symmetric operad in groupoids:

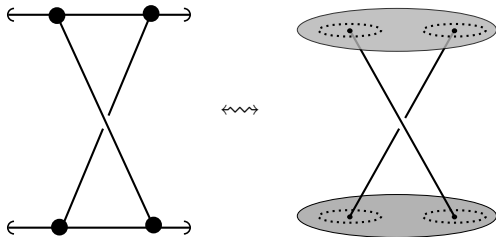
$$\circ_i : \text{CoB}(k) \times \text{CoB}(l) \rightarrow \text{CoB}(k + l - 1), \quad 1 \leq i \leq k$$

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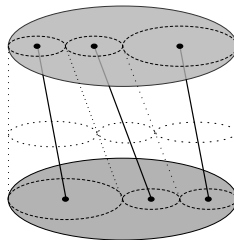
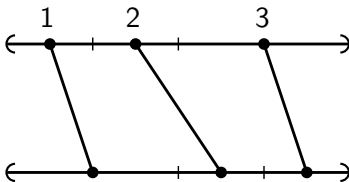


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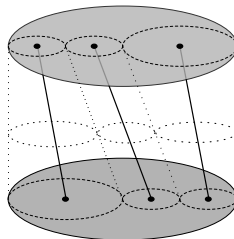
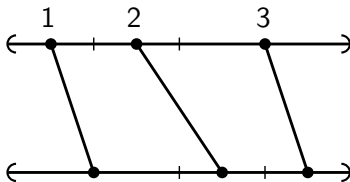
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Theorem (Fresse; see also results of Fiedorowicz, Tamarkin...)

Operads πD_2 and CoB are weakly equivalent.

$\pi D_2 \xleftarrow{\sim} \text{PaB} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{CoB}$ is a zigzag of weak equivalences of *operads*.

Algebras over categorical operads

$P \in \text{CatOp} \implies$ a P -algebra is given by:

- A category C ;
- For every object $x \in \text{ob } P(r)$, a *functor* $\bar{x} : C^{\times r} \rightarrow C$;
- For every morphism $f \in \text{Hom}_{P(r)}(x, y)$, a *natural transformation*

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- + compatibility with the action of symmetric groups and operadic composition.

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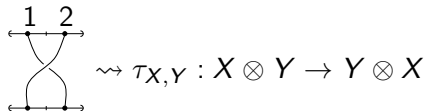
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$$\rightsquigarrow \tau_{X,Y} : X \otimes Y \rightarrow Y \otimes X$$

Theorem (MacLane, Joyal–Street)

An algebra over CoB is a braided monoidal category (strict, no unit).

Remarks

Extension of the theorem for parenthesized braids:

Theorem

An algebra over PaB is a braided monoidal category (no unit).

Unital versions CoB_+ and PaB_+ :

Theorem

An algebra over CoB_+ (resp. PaB_+) is a strict (resp. non-strict) braided monoidal category with a strict (in both cases) unit.

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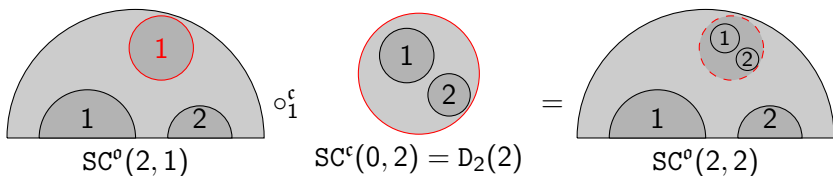
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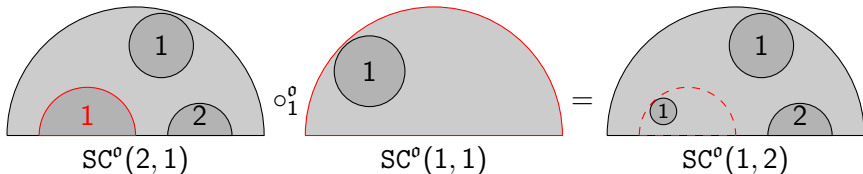
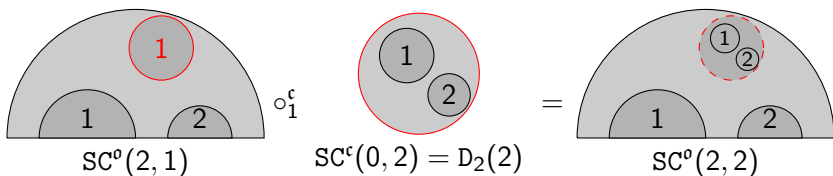
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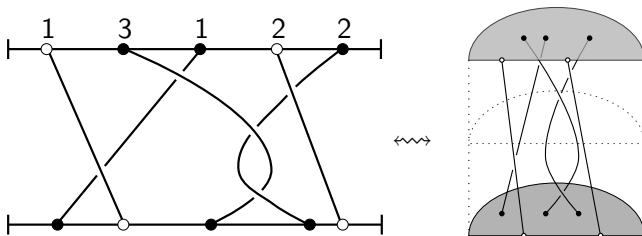
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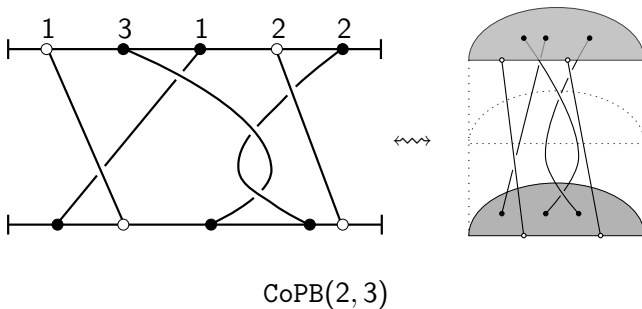


$\text{CoPB}(2,3)$

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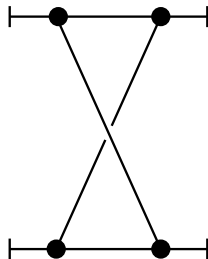
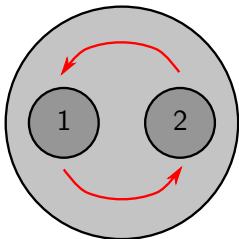


Theorem (I.)

$$\pi\text{SC} \xleftarrow{\sim} \text{PaPB} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{CoPB}.$$

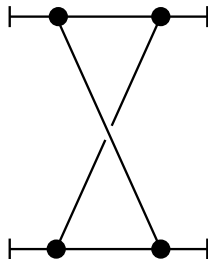
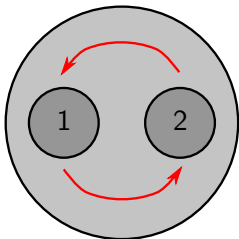
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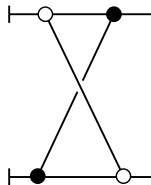
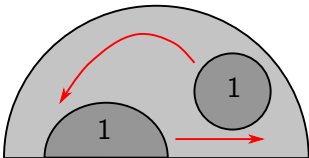


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Drinfeld center

- \mathcal{C} : monoidal category $\rightsquigarrow \Sigma\mathcal{C}$ bicategory with one object
 \rightsquigarrow **Drinfeld center** $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}) := \text{End}(\text{id}_{\Sigma\mathcal{C}})$
- objects: (X, Φ) with $X \in \mathcal{C}$ and $\Phi : (X \otimes -) \xrightarrow{\cong} (- \otimes X)$ (“half-braiding”);
 - $\{\text{morphisms } (X, \Phi) \rightarrow (Y, \Psi)\} = \{\text{morphisms } X \rightarrow Y \text{ compatible with } \Phi \text{ and } \Psi\}$.

Theorem (Drinfeld, Joyal–Street 1991, Majid 1991)

$\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C})$ is a braided monoidal category with:

$$(X, \Phi) \otimes (Y, \Psi) = (X \otimes Y, (\Psi \otimes 1) \circ (1 \otimes \Phi)),$$

$$\tau_{(X, \Phi), (Y, \Psi)} = \Phi_Y.$$

Voronov's theorem

Recall:

$$H_*(D_1) = \text{Ass}, \quad H_*(D_2) = \text{Ger}$$

Theorem (Voronov, Hoefel)

An algebra over $H_*(SC)$ is given by:

- An associative algebra A ;
- A Gerstenhaber algebra B ;
- A central morphism of commutative algebras $B \rightarrow Z(A)$.

(Voronov's original version: $B \otimes A \rightarrow A$ instead $B \rightarrow A$)

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


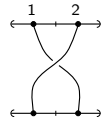
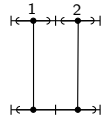
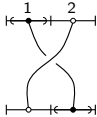
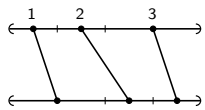
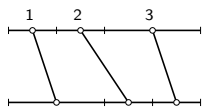
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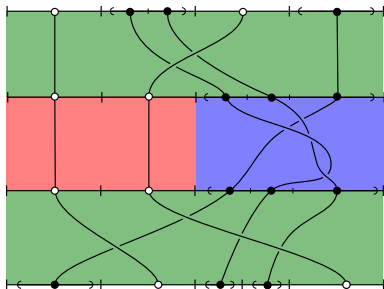
Mirrors results of Ayala–Francis–Tanaka and Ginot from the realm of ∞ -categories and factorization algebras.

Generators

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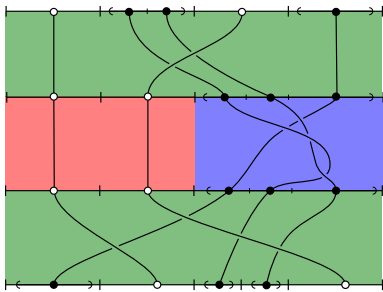
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- Coherence theorems of MacLane and Epstein;
- Adaptation of the proofs the theorem on PaP and the theorem on PaB;

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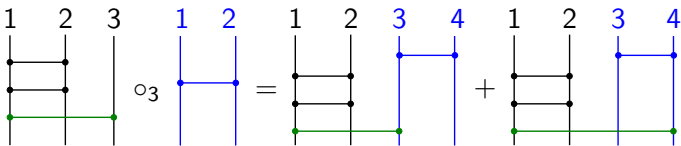
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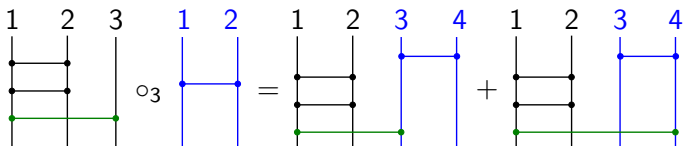
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Mal'cev completion:

$$\widehat{\mathcal{CD}} = \mathbb{G}\widehat{\mathbb{U}\mathfrak{p}}$$

→ operad in the category of complete group(oid)s

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Theorem (Drinfeld)

$$\text{Ass}^\mu(\mathbb{Q}) \neq \emptyset$$

ϕ induces a *rational equivalence* $\pi(\mathbb{D}_2)_+ \simeq \text{PaB}_+ \xrightarrow{\sim \phi} \widehat{\text{CD}}_+$

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- Tamarkin: $\text{Ass}(\mathbb{Q}) \neq \emptyset \implies \pi\mathcal{D}_2 \simeq_{\mathbb{Q}} \pi \langle H^*(\mathcal{D}_2) \rangle^{\mathbb{L}} \simeq \widehat{\text{CD}}$.

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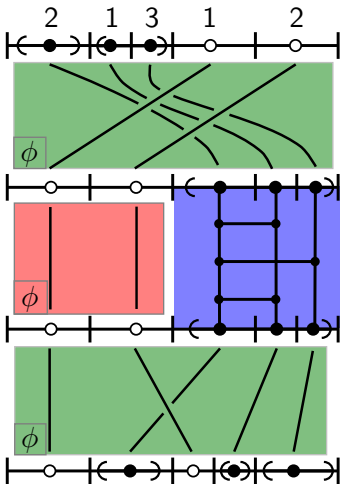
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Remark

Not known if $SC^{\text{vor}} \simeq_{\mathbb{Q}}^{???} \langle H^*(SC^{\text{vor}}) \rangle^{\mathbb{L}} \simeq_{\mathbb{Q}} \langle \text{Ger}^* \rangle^{\mathbb{L}} \times \langle \text{Ass}^* \rangle^{\mathbb{L}}$

Rational model of πSC_+



By reusing the proof of the previous theorem, we build a new operad PaPCD_+^ϕ (for a given $\phi \in \text{Ass}^\mu(\mathbb{Q})$).

Theorem (I.)

$$\pi\text{SC}_+ \simeq_{\mathbb{Q}} \text{PaPCD}_+^\phi.$$

Thanks!

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