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Higher-dimensional diagrams: the basis

for the syntax of a new foundation of mathematics.

sets form a category, rather than a set

or even, a class: the category of sets is the

primary category. Other ^{categories} arise naturally from it: that of
the category of groups, that of topological spaces, etc.
We need for theories of categories, in particular,

the theory of all categories ^{generally}. Cat is no longer

analogous to the fact that Set is a
1-category, rather than a 0-category, but is not.

a category: it is a 2-dimensional category. This
is the beginning of the hierarchy of n -dimensional
categories, with n ranging over all natural numbers.

I will not speak in any detail about n -categories,
especially the so-called weak n -categories, which
are the ones we actually need: this is a long
story, going back now for over a decade, and
I have talked about them several times, at logic

meetings too. I want to concentrate on the ^{basic} ~~discourse~~ ^{discourse} about
syntax of the language suitable for n -categories, the
and in fact, only on the basic part of that syntax, the
one that comes before the logical operators. Someone

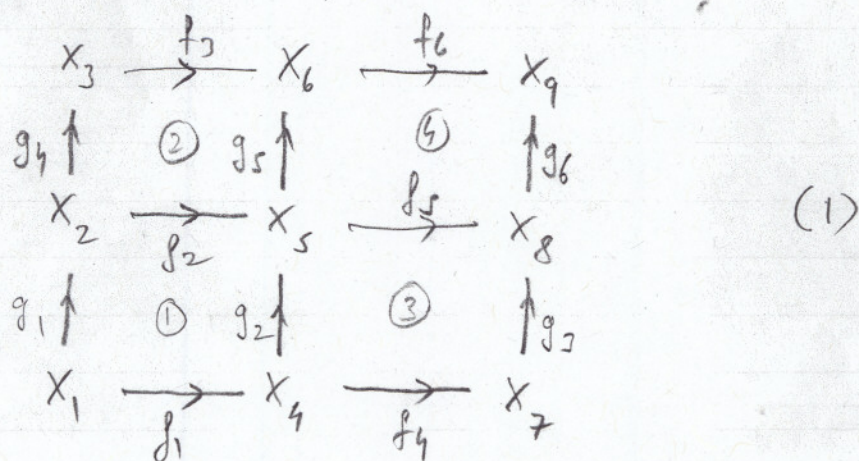
specialist with mathematical logic should think of

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a kind of type theory. Here, a type theory that has a fairly elaborate system of types, in fact, dependent types, ones that could themselves depend on variables of "earlier" types.

More specifically, the basic entities of this syntax are the high-dimensional diagrams of the title.

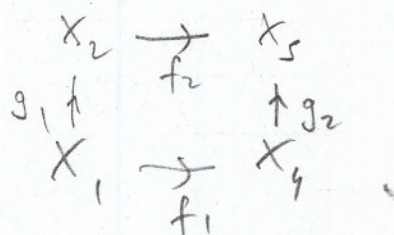
Very little exposure to category theory is needed to recognize the extension role of diagrams in that theory. Consider, for instance the following diagram:



One thinks of objects $X_1, \dots, X_9$ and arrows f_i, g_j in a category — in particular, of sets $X_1, \dots, X_9$, and functions f_i, g_j from one of the sets to another, in the definite pattern fixed by the diagram.

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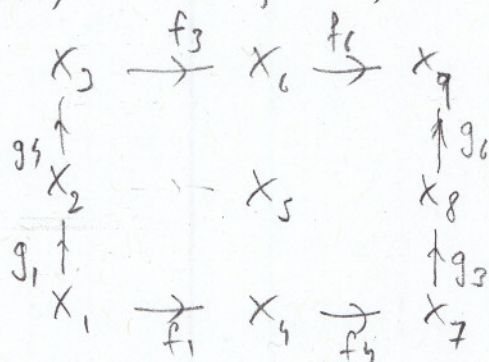
Eventually, we will have a definition from the concept of this diagram, and of many others, as an entity on its own right, just as in logic a formula is an object on its own right before we interpret it, variously, in models. But, ^{at the outset} we have to rely on interpretations to motivate the appearance of higher-dimensional diagrams. We have the concept of an interpreted diagram being commutative. For instance, the diagram



now with given objects and arrows in a category (for instance, Set), being commutative means just that composites are equal: $f_2 \circ g_1 = g_2 \circ f_1$.

Returning to (1), imagined interpreted in a fixed category, we have:

(2) if the four small squares (1), (2), (3), (4) all commute then, as a consequence, the big square



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also commutes: $f_6 \circ f_3 \circ g_4 \circ g_1 = g_6 \circ g_3 \circ f_4 \circ f_1$

This is a fact, one that will be seen as obvious with a minimal amount of experience with such things.

Having agreed on this fact, one asks, as a logician should,

what are the general laws behind fact (2) and its countless analogs? The answer is: the laws codified in the notion of ω -category (an ω -category being an umbrella notion of n -categories for all $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$)

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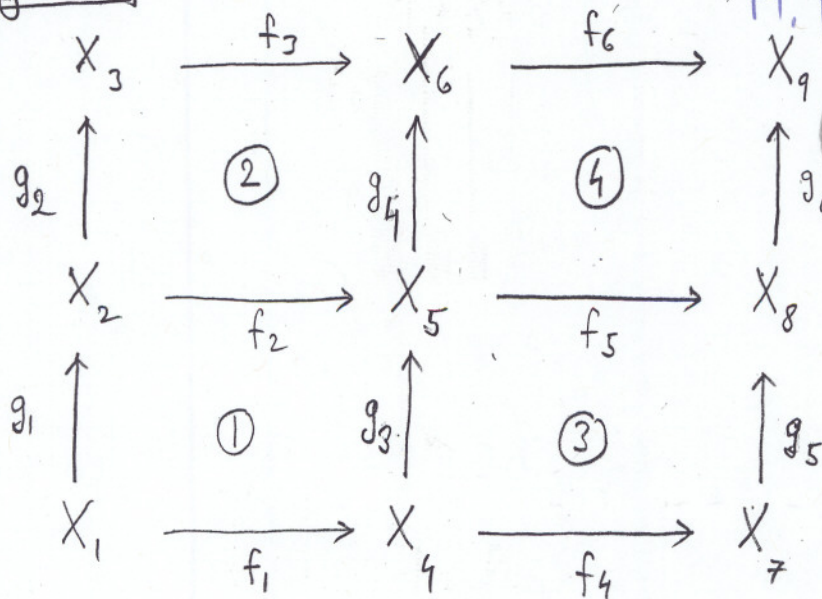
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Higher-dimensional diagrams

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1. ω -categories

Ex:



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(1) 'commutes

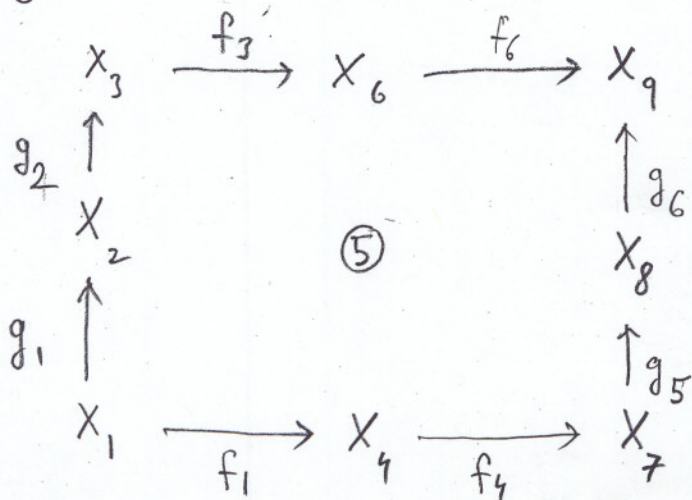
$\Leftrightarrow$
def

$$g_1 f_2 = f_1 g_3$$

(!) geometric notation : $f_1 g_3 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f_1 \# g_3 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} g_3 \circ f_1$

usual composition notation)

'boundary':



Fact(*): ①, ②, ③, ④ commute $\Rightarrow$ ⑤ commutes.

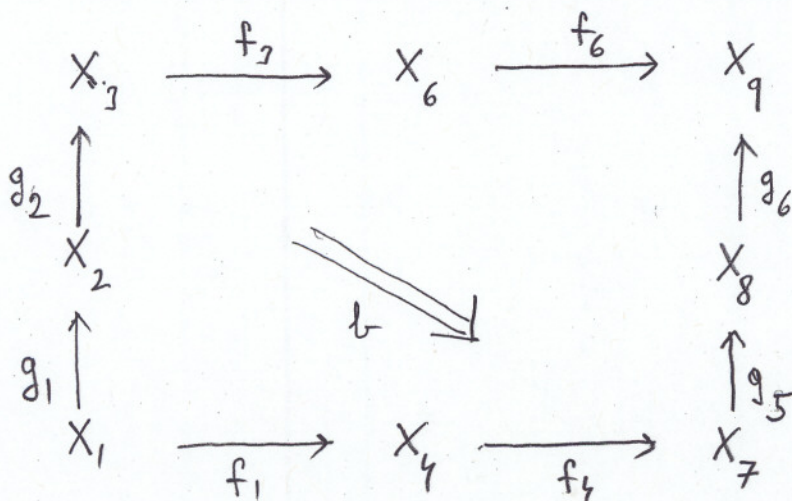
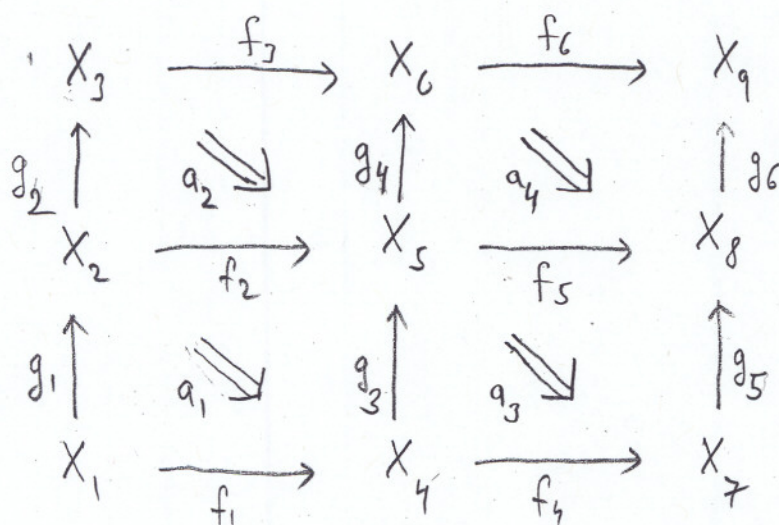
Want: general laws behind (*) and others like it.

Answer: ω -category

Approach: insert (imaginary) process transforming one composite into the other.

"① commutes via a_1 ": $g_1 f_2 \xrightarrow{a_1} f_1 g_3$

& similarly for the others:



In an ω -category;

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the implication $(*)$ becomes the

composite operation

$$(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4) \longmapsto b;$$

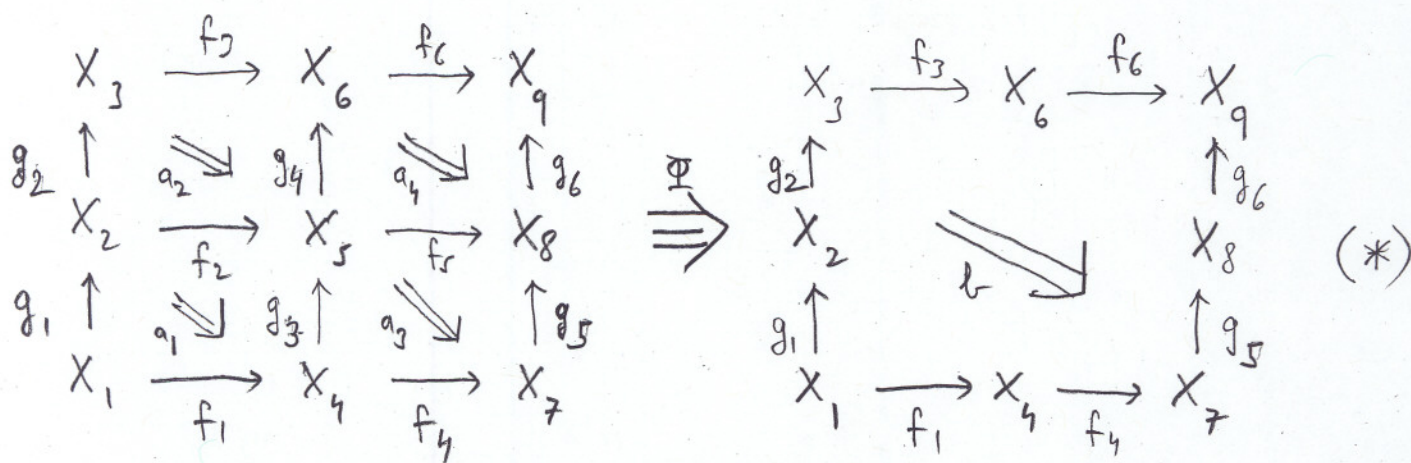
laws ensure that all ways of composing a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4 lead to the same result.

ω -category has: n -cells for all $n=0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

E.g., the

Fact $(**)$: $\text{comp}(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4) = b$

is 'generalized' to a 3-cell:



The picture represents 2-dimensional views of a 3-dimensional geometric structure (engineering drawing) (note the repetitions of $X_1, \dots, X_9, g_1, \dots, g_6$). And so on, for diagrams of 3-cells, 4-cells, ...

DEFINITION

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An ω -category X consists of:

for each $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$:

set X_n of n -cells

(convenient: add $X_{-1} = \{*\}$).

These are related by domain (d) and codomain (c)

maps

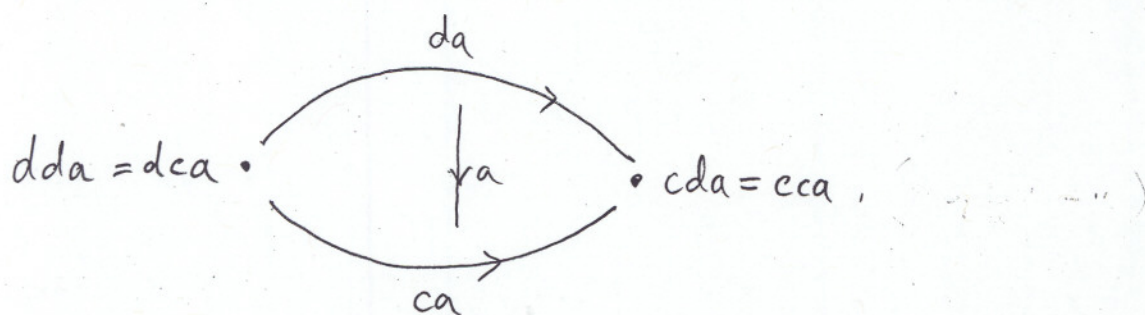
$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_n & \xrightarrow{d_n} & X_{n-1} \\ & \xrightarrow{c_n} & \\ & & X_{n-1} \end{array} \quad (n = 0, 1, \dots)$$

such that

$$d_n \circ d_{n+1} = d_n \circ c_{n+1}$$

$$c_n \circ d_{n+1} = c_n \circ c_{n+1}$$

(abbreviated: $d \circ d = d \circ c$
 $c \circ d = c \circ c$)



There are two operations:

$$a \mapsto 1_a$$

$$a \longmapsto 1_a \quad (\text{identity on } a)$$

and

Composition: for $a, b \in X_n$ $0 \leq k < n$: [5]

$$c^{(k)}a = d^{(k)}b \Rightarrow a \#_k b \in X_n \text{ is defined}$$

" $a \#_k b$ is well-defined"

$$(\text{ " } b \circ_k a \text{ "})$$

usual composition notation

$$\begin{array}{ccc} c \dots ca; & & \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \\ c^{(k)}b \in X_k & & \end{array}$$

and

$$d(a \#_k b) = \begin{array}{ll} da & \text{if } k = n-1 \\ da \#_k db & \text{if } k < n-1 \end{array}$$

and similarly for c .

Ex 1:

$$n=1, k=0:$$

$$\frac{da \xrightarrow{a} ca = db \xrightarrow{b} cb}{da \xrightarrow{a \#_0 b} cb}$$

$$n=2, k=0:$$

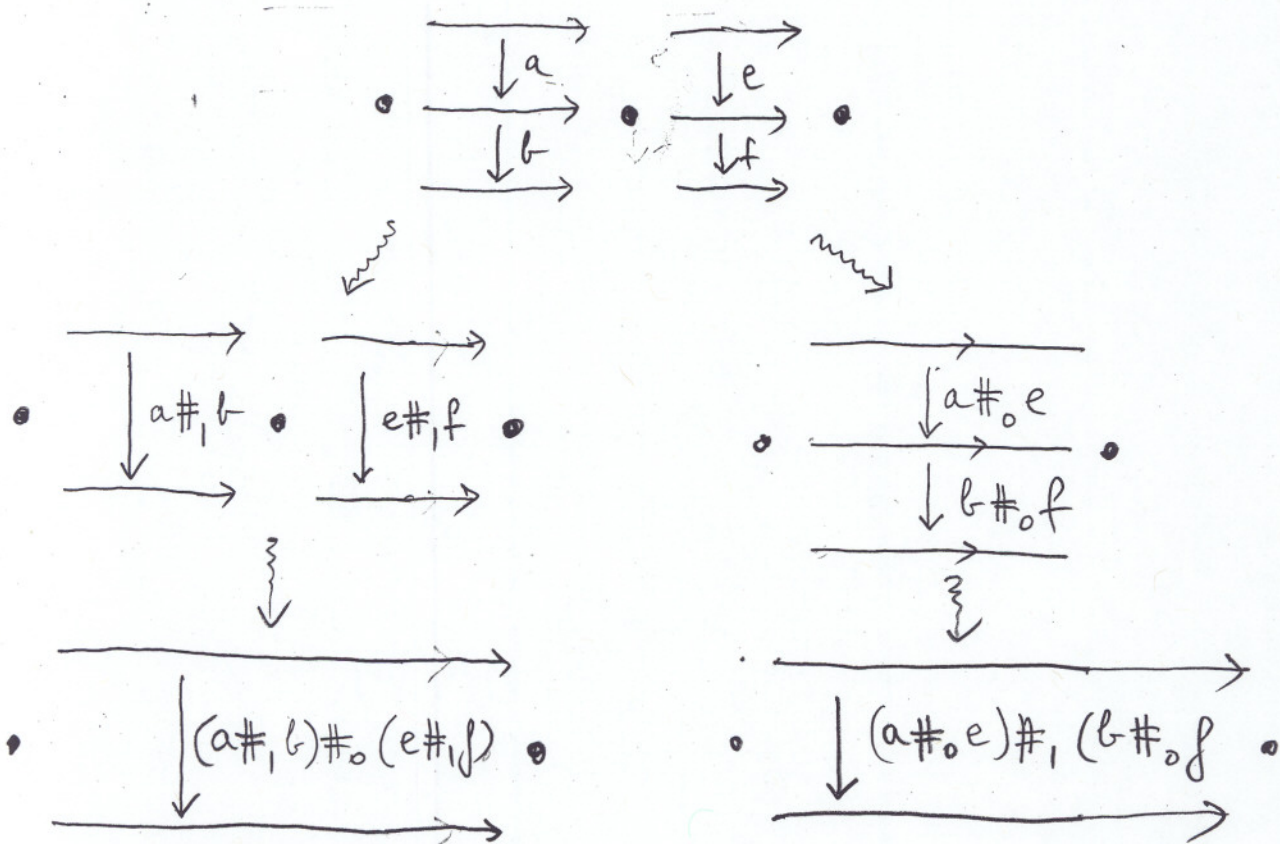
$$\frac{\begin{array}{ccc} da & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \\ \downarrow a & & \\ ca & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} c^{(0)}a = d^{(0)}b \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} db & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \\ \downarrow b & & \\ cb & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} c^{(0)}b \end{array}}{da \#_0 db \xrightarrow{\quad} c^{(0)}b}$$

There are five further laws; the last one is:
(Middle) interchange Law: [a 4-variable law!]

$$(a \#_k b) \#_l (e \# f) = (a \#_l e) \#_k (b \#_l f)$$

provided $k \neq l$, and the four simple composites are well-defined.

Ex: $n=2$, $k=1$, $l=0$:



Derived operations:

$$a \in X_m, b \in X_n, 0 \leq k \leq m, n:$$

$$N \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \max(m, n);$$

$$a \#_k b \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 1_a^{(N)} \#_k 1_b^{(N)}$$

$$(\text{notation: } 1_a^{(l)} = 1_{1_a^{(l-1)}} \text{ for } l > m, 1_a^{(m)} = a)$$

$$\text{Ex: } m=2, n=1, k=0:$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \downarrow a \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} \end{array} \cdot \xrightarrow{b} \cdot = \cdot \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ a \downarrow \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} \end{array} \cdot \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{b} \\ \downarrow 1_b \\ \xrightarrow{b} \end{array} \cdot$$

"Whiskering"

n -category : like w -category, but without $\geq n+1$ -cells.

0-category : set

1-category : category

(small) 1-categories are the 0-cells of a 2-category 1-Cat

(small) n -categories are the 0-cells of an $(n+1)$ -category n -Cat

Ex: in 1-Cat, a 2-category:

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$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{F} & Y \\
 \downarrow \alpha & & \downarrow \beta \\
 X & \xrightarrow{G} & Y \\
 & & K
 \end{array}$$

X, Y, Z : categories

F, G, H, K : functors

α, β : natural transformations

$$\alpha \#_0 \beta : F \#_0 H \longrightarrow G \#_0 K$$

natural transformation.

— . —

Alternative definition of " ω -category" (new!?):

Use $(a \in X_m, b \in X_n) \mapsto a \#_k b \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} a \cdot b$

for $k \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} k(a, b) = \min(m, n) - 1$ only,

together with $a \mapsto 1_a$

as primitive.

We have :

domain / codomain laws

unit laws

and

associative (3 variables)

distributive (3 - " -)

commutative (2 - " -) laws.

$a \in X_m, b \in X_n, c \in X_p :$

associative law:

$$a \cdot (b \cdot e) = (a \cdot b) \cdot e$$

provided $m=n \leq p$ or $m \geq n=p$ or $m=p \leq n$

distributive laws:

$$\begin{aligned} a \cdot (b \cdot e) &= (a \cdot b) \cdot (a \cdot e) & (m < n, m < p) \\ (a \cdot b) \cdot e &= (a \cdot e) \cdot (b \cdot e) & (p < n, p < m) \end{aligned}$$

commutative law:

$$(a \cdot \bar{d}b) \cdot ((\bar{c}a) \cdot b) = ((\bar{d}a) \cdot b) \cdot (a \cdot \bar{c}b)$$

provided: for $k = k(a, b)$, $1 \leq k$ and $c^{(k-1)}a = d^{(k-1)}b$;

notation: $\bar{d} = d^{(k)}$, $\bar{c} = c^{(k)}$.

pre-normal
expanded } form :

$\mathbb{X}$: ω -category ; fix n ;

let $U \subseteq \mathbb{X}_{n+1}$; suppose U generates $\mathbb{X}_{n+1}$ in
the sense that $\mathbb{X}_{n+1}$ is the least set $X \subseteq \mathbb{X}_{n+1}$
such that

$$U \subseteq X$$

$$b \in \mathbb{X}_n \Rightarrow 1_b \in X$$

$$a, b \in X \text{ \& } a \#_k b \text{ well-defined} \Rightarrow a \#_k b \in X.$$

A U -atom is a well-defined $(n+1)$ -cell of
the form

$$b_n \cdot (b_{n-1} \cdot (\dots (b_1 \cdot u \cdot e_1) \dots) \cdot e_{n-1}) \cdot e_n$$

where $b_i, e_i \in \mathbb{X}_i$ ($i=1, \dots, n$)

and $u \in U$.

A U -molecule is either $\boxed{1_a}$ for some $a \in \mathbb{X}_n$
or a well-defined composite

$$\boxed{\varphi_1 \cdot \varphi_2 \cdot \dots \cdot \varphi_\ell} \quad (\ell \geq 1)$$

with each φ_i a U -atom.

Proposition If U generates X_{n+1} ,

then every $a \in X_{n+1}$ is expressible as

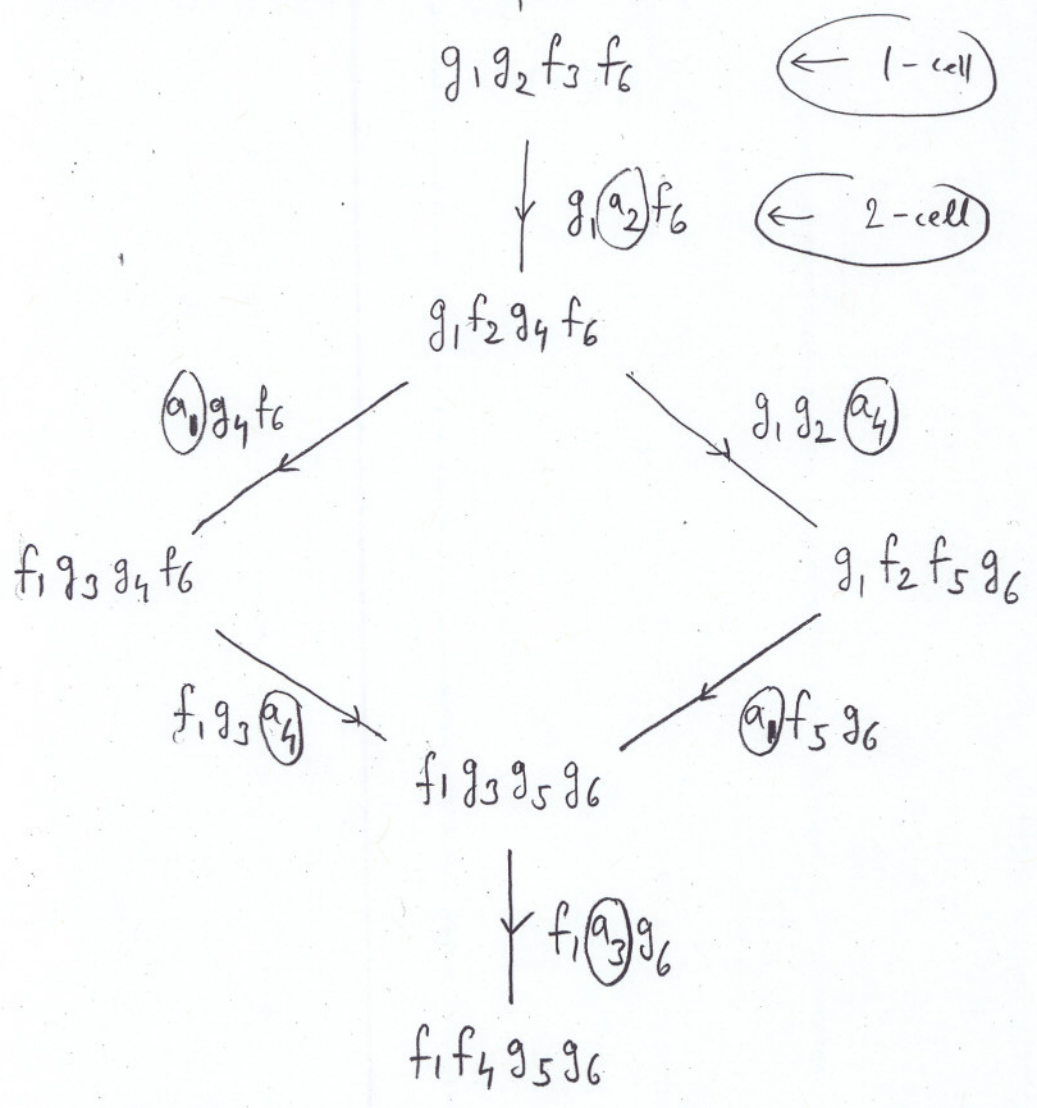
a U -molecule.

Remark: Analog of disjunctive normal form.

Example: The composite $(*)$ on p. 2, has

two molecular expressions ($U = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4\}$),

the two vertical composites:



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Look at the diagram (*) on p 3.

uninterpreted

as a single well-defined entity. It is like an uninterpreted logical expression. How should we construe this entity? Attempted answer: as a $\begin{cases} 3\text{-cat} \\ (w\text{-cat}) \end{cases}$ freely generated by the named symbols

$$X_1, \dots, X_9, f_1, \dots, f_6, g_1, \dots, g_6, \Phi. \quad (1)$$

Note, however, that the pieces of information:

$$d(a_1) = g_1 f_2, \quad c(a_1) = f_1 g_2 \quad (2)$$

similarly for a_2, a_3, a_4, b

and, most importantly,

$$d(\Phi) = \text{composite}(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4), \quad c(\Phi) = b \quad (3)$$

are parts of the diagram. Thus, it is not really possible to say, in one shot, that the diagram is free on the generators (1), because (2) and (3) are (further) constraints.

The correct answer is: a level-wise free 3-category, constructed in four steps:

Step 1 $X^0 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 0\text{-category (=set)}$
with elements $X_1, \dots, X_9$.

Step 2: $X^1 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X^0[f_1, \dots, f_6, g_1, \dots, g_6] :$

category obtained by freely adjoining

the indeterminates $f_1: X_1 \rightarrow X_4, \dots, g_6: X_8 \rightarrow X_9$
with prescribed domains and codomains as shown.

Step 3: $X^2 = X^1[a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, b] :$

2-category obtained by freely adjoining

the indeterminates $a_1: g_1 f_2 \rightarrow f_1 g_3, \dots, b: g_1 g_2 f_5 f_6 \rightarrow f_1 f_4 g_5 g_6$
with prescribed domains and codomains as shown;

note that this makes sense since the composites

$g_1 f_2, f_1 g_3, f_1 g_1, g_1 g_2 f_5 f_6, f_1 f_4 g_5 g_6$

are given in X^1 already defined.

Step 4: $X^3 = X^2[\Phi] : \dots$
— — —

Definition of computed [Repsl Street]

A computed is an ω -category X
 such that, for all $n = -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots$, we have

$$X \upharpoonright (n+1) = (X \upharpoonright n) [U_{n+1}] :$$

the $(n+1)^{\text{st}}$ truncation of X is obtained from
 the n^{th} truncation by adjoining some set U_{n+1}
 of indeterminate $(n+1)$ -cells with prescribed domains
 and codomains.

Here we use the universal construction:

given X , ω -category, and abstract set U

with two maps $U \xrightleftharpoons[c]{d} \underbrace{\|X\|}_{\text{total set of all cells in } X} \quad (*)$

such that $u \in U \Rightarrow d u \| c u$ ($d d u = d c u$ & $c d u = c c u$)

we construct $X[U]$, together with maps

$$X \longrightarrow X[U]$$

$$U \longrightarrow \|X[U]\|$$

$X[U]$ = ω -cat obtained from X by adjoining the
 elements of U subject to the constraint $(*)$.

The definition of $\mathbb{X}[U]$ is given by a universal property in the category ωCat of all ω -categories and their (ordinary structure-preserving) morphisms. It is similar to the one defining the polynomial ring $R[X, Y, \dots]$ out of the commutative ring R , with indeterminates $X, Y, \dots$. Also, similar to the construction of the group free on a given set of generators, or the group defined by given generators and relations. So Important to note that the indeterminates (indets) $U = U_0 \dot{\cup} U_1 \dot{\cup} U_2 \dot{\cup} \dots$ can be recovered as the indecomposable cells in the computed $\mathbb{X}$ and thus do not have to be kept track of.

Thesis : higher-dimensional diagram
 $=$
 computed.

$\mathbb{X}$ computed : $|\mathbb{X}| \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{set of } \underbrace{\text{indeterminates}}_{(\text{indets})} = U_0 \dot{\cup} U_1 \dot{\cup} U_2 \dot{\cup} \dots$

Just like a group presented by generators and relations, a computad can also be constructed as to consist of equivalence classes of suitable words formed of the generators; the equivalence in question being determined by the laws of ω -category. Unlike the group case, now there is the issue of a word being well-formed, because of the conditional nature of the composition operations; note that the condition itself is an equality, which translates into an instance of the equivalence in a smaller dimension. The definition of the equivalence of words and the well-definedness of words is a simultaneous recursion on dimension.

Theorem. The word problem for computads is (recursively) solvable.

The proof uses the expanded form
and the content-function (see below).

Main inductive move:

$$\underbrace{X \uparrow_{n+1}}_Y = \underbrace{(X \uparrow_n)}_Z \underbrace{[U_{n+1}]}_U$$

One 'reduces' equality in Y_{n+1} to an
equality in dimension n , as follows.

First, every element of Y_{n+1} is a

U-molecule: either 1_a ($a \in \mathbb{Z}_n$)

$$\text{or } \vec{\varphi} = \varphi_1 \cdots \varphi_\ell$$

where each $\varphi_i = \varphi_i$ is a U-atom:

$$\varphi := \varphi[u] = b_n (b_{n-1} (\cdots (b_1 u e_1) \cdots) e_{n-1}) e_n$$

$$\text{where } b_i, e_i \in \mathbb{Z}_i \quad (i=1, \dots, n)$$

and $u \in U$.

Let $\bar{u}$ be a new n -indet with

$$d\bar{u} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} ddu = d^{(n-1)}u$$

$$c\bar{u} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} ccu = c^{(n-1)}u$$

$$\& \varphi[\bar{u}] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} b_n (b_{n-1} (\cdots (b_1 \bar{u} e_1) \cdots) e_{n-1}) e_n \in \mathbb{Z}[\{\bar{u}\}]$$

(n-computed!)

$$\boxed{\text{Fact: } \varphi[u] = \varphi'[u]}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow$$

$$\varphi[\bar{u}] = \varphi'[\bar{u}]$$

(reduction to n)

$$\text{Let } \vec{\varphi} = \varphi_1 \dots \varphi_i \cdot \varphi_{i+1} \dots \varphi_\ell,$$

$$\vec{\psi} = \psi_1 \dots \psi_i \cdot \psi_{i+1} \dots \psi_\ell.$$

Suppose, there are n -atoms α, β such that

$$\underbrace{(\alpha \cdot d\beta)}_{\parallel \varphi_i} \underbrace{(c\alpha \cdot \beta)}_{\parallel \varphi_{i+1}} \stackrel{\checkmark}{=} \underbrace{(d\alpha \cdot \beta)}_{\parallel \psi_i} \underbrace{(c\alpha \cdot \beta)}_{\parallel \psi_{i+1}}$$

(commutative law)

or vice versa. (*) Then we write

$$\vec{\varphi} E_0 \vec{\psi}.$$

Let E be the transitive closure of E_0 .

$$\boxed{\text{Fact: } \vec{\varphi} = \vec{\psi} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \vec{\varphi} E \vec{\psi}}$$

as elements of $\mathcal{Y}_{n+1}$ as expressions

(*) and $\varphi_j = \psi_j$ for $j \neq i, j \neq i+1$

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X : computed; $|X|$ = set of indets of X

$\mathbb{Z} \cdot |X|$ = free Abelian group on $|X|$;

elements of $\mathbb{Z} \cdot |X|$:

$$\sum_{\text{finite}} a_i x_i = a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n x_n = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & \dots & x_n \\ a_1 & \dots & a_n \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{Z} \cdot |X|$$

multiset of indeterminates;

multiplicity of x_i is a_i ($a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$;

possibly $\forall a_i \leq 0$ now!)

Proposition

There is a (unique) function

$\underbrace{\|X\|}_{\text{all cells in } X}$

$$\longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \cdot |X|$$

a

$$\longmapsto [a] = \text{multiset of}$$

indets in a = content of a

defined by:

$$[*] = 0$$

$$(* \in X_{-1})$$

$$[x] = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + [dx] + [ex] \quad (x \in |X|)$$

$$[1_a] = [a]$$

$$[a \#_k b] = [a] + [b] - [a \wedge_k b]$$

$$(a \wedge_k b \stackrel{\text{dot}}{=} c^{(k)}(a) = d^{(k)}(b))$$

Point: $[a]$ is well-defined!

We have:

$$[a] \geq 0$$

$$[\lambda a], [ca] \leq [a]$$

$$[a], [b] \leq [a \#_k b]$$

$$[a](x) > 0 \iff x \in \text{supp}(a)$$

For any $F: X \rightarrow Y$ in Comp

$a \in |X|$, $y \in |Y|$:

$$[Fa]_Y(y) = \sum_{\substack{x \in |X| \\ Fx = y}} [a]_X(x)$$

$$x \in \text{supp}(a) \implies [x] \leq [a].$$

3. Type structures for computers

Example: R : commutative ring with 1
(e.g.: $R = \mathbb{Z}$: the integers)

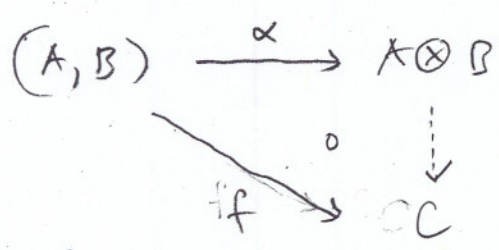
$A, B, \dots$: denote R -modules (Abelian groups)

$(A, B) \xrightarrow{f} C$: bilinear map ($f: |A| \times |B| \rightarrow |C|, \dots$)
 $f(ar, b) = f(a, rb), \dots$

$(A, B, C) \xrightarrow{g} D$: trilinear map

Tensor product: $A \otimes B$: comes with

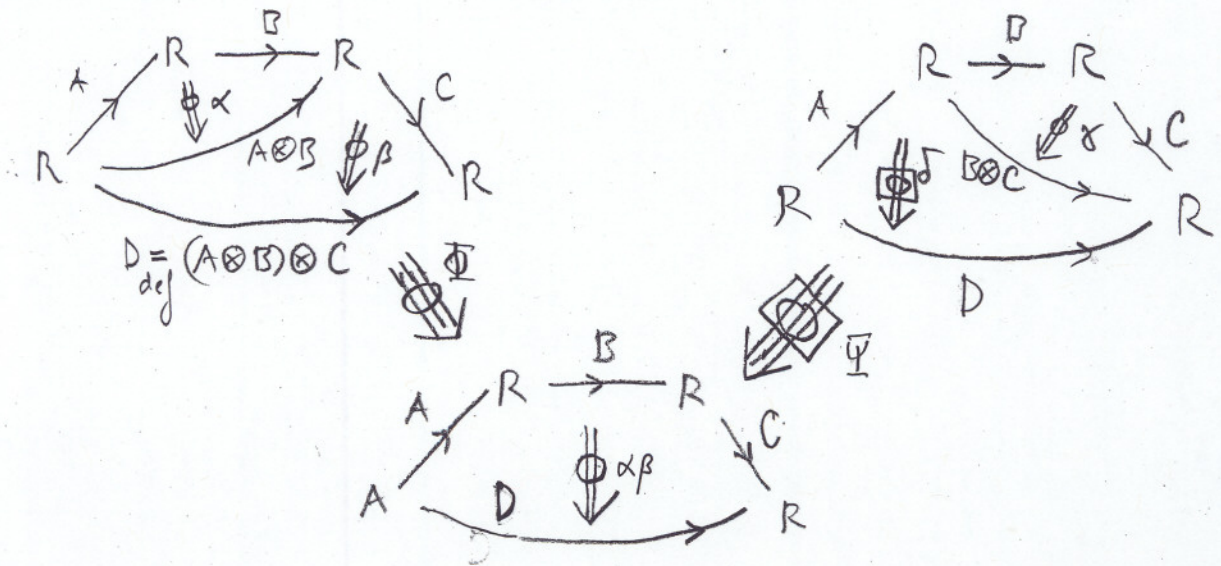
universal bilinear map $(A, B) \xrightarrow{\alpha} A \otimes B$

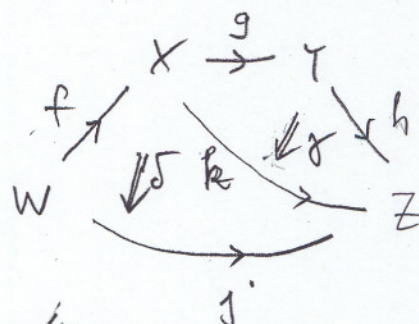
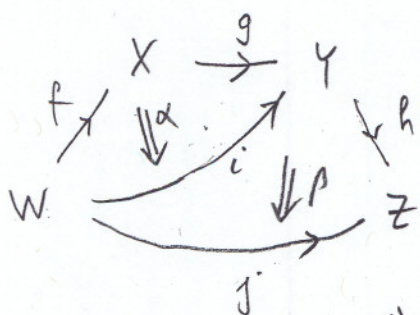


$A \otimes B$: defined
up to $\cong$
only

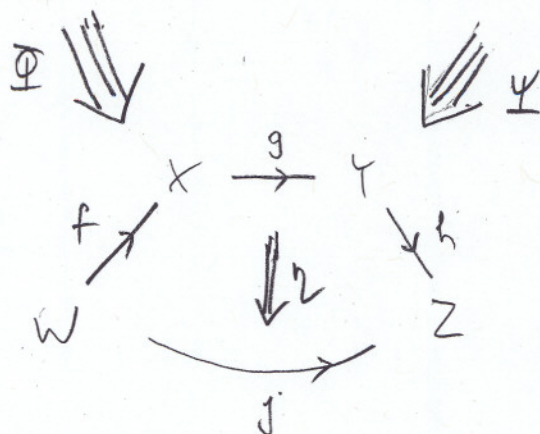
Fact: $(A \otimes B) \otimes C \cong A \otimes (B \otimes C)$

"proof":

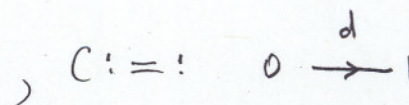
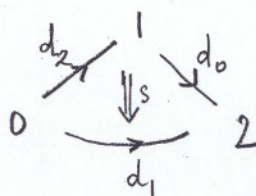


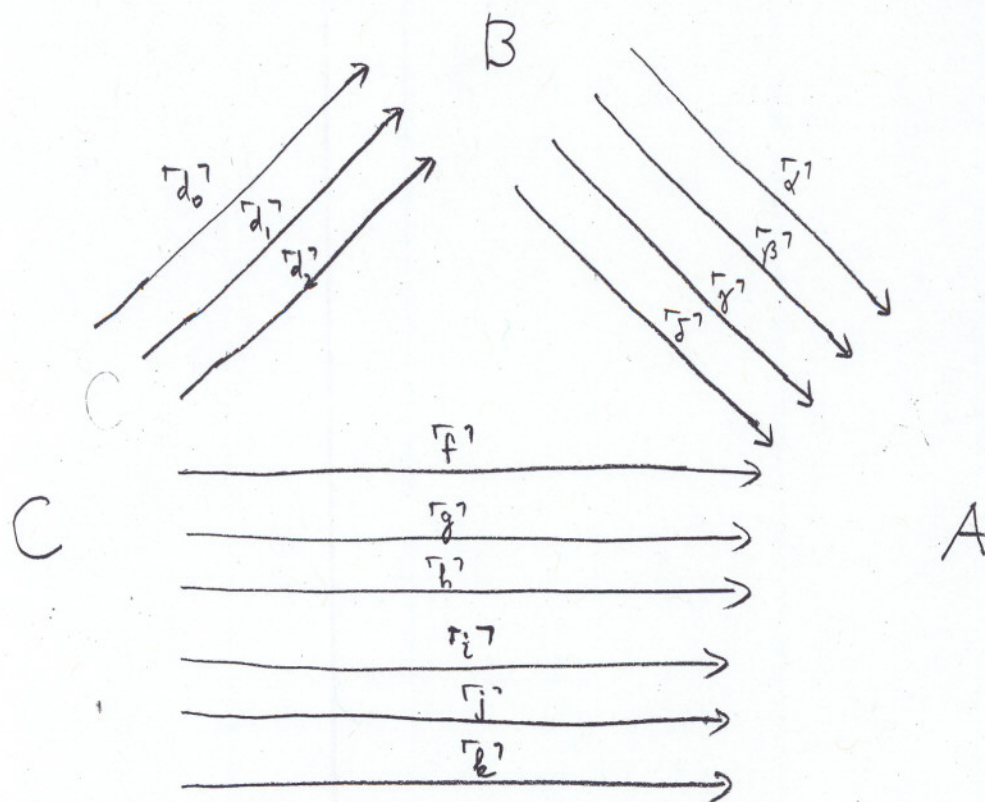


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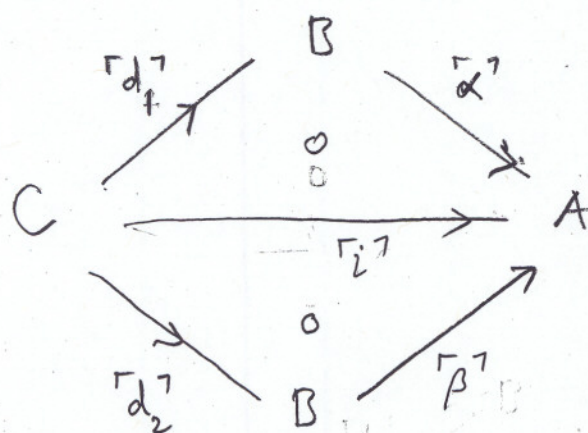
DefinitionA computed $\mathbb{X}$ is many-to-oneif $x \in |\mathbb{X}|_{>0} \Rightarrow cx \in |\mathbb{X}|$.Ex: $\{A \text{ depicts}\}$ is a many-to-one computed.M.M: "The multitopic cat of all multitopic cats" (1999/2003)Comp: the category of all small computers;morphisms: ω -category morphisms

mapping indets to indets.

Ex: with $\mathbb{B} :=$ 



(and :



Note that of the 0-cells W, X, Y, Z one or more may coincide; the same for the 2-cells $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$ — but not for η or Φ or Ψ .

$\text{Comp}_{m/1}$: the category of many-to-one
computads, a full subcategory of Comp .

Both Comp and $\text{Comp}_{m/1}$ have a natural
forgetful functor

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Comp} & \xrightarrow{|-|} & \text{Set} \\ \times & \longmapsto & |\times| \end{array} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Comp} & \xrightarrow{|-|} & \text{Set} \\ \times & \longmapsto & |\times| \end{array}} \right\}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Comp}_{m/1} & \xrightarrow{|-|} & \text{Set} \\ \times & \longmapsto & |\times| \end{array} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Comp}_{m/1} & \xrightarrow{|-|} & \text{Set} \\ \times & \longmapsto & |\times| \end{array}} \right\}$$

Let $\mathbb{C}$ be a small category.

$\hat{\mathbb{C}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Set}^{\mathbb{C}^{\text{op}}}$: the category of

all functors $\mathbb{C}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{A} \text{Set}$ (presheaves on $\mathbb{C}$)

with arrows the natural transformations

$\hat{\mathbb{C}}$ has the forgetful functor

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \hat{\mathbb{C}} & \xrightarrow{|-|_{\mathbb{C}}} & \text{Set} \\ A & \longmapsto & \coprod_{u \in \text{Ob}(\mathbb{C})} A(u) \end{array}$$

A concrete category is a pair (A, U) with $U: A \rightarrow \text{Set}$.

We say that the concrete categories

$(A, U), (B, V)$ are equivalent, $(A, U) \simeq (B, V)$,

if there exist F and φ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow[\cong]{F} & B \\ & \searrow U \quad \quad \swarrow V & \\ & \text{Set} & \end{array}$$

$\varphi: U \xrightarrow[\cong]{} V \circ F$

We are interested in when a given concrete category (A, U) is equivalent to some concrete presheaf category $(\hat{C}, I|_C)$; if 'yes', the 'shape-category' C is determined up to isomorphism.

We state an 'internal' criterion for (A, U) to be (equivalent to) a concrete presheaf category.

Given $(\mathcal{A}, U)$, let $\mathcal{IE}$ be the "category of elements" of $(\mathcal{A}, U)$: ($\mathcal{IE} = \mathcal{EL}(\mathcal{A}, U)$):

object of $\mathcal{IE}$: pair (A, a)

where $A \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{A})$, $a \in U(A)$

arrow of $\mathcal{IE}$:

$$(A, a) \xrightarrow{f} (B, b)$$

$$A \xrightarrow{f} B$$

such that

$$\begin{cases} U(A) \xrightarrow{1} U(B) \\ a \xrightarrow{U(f)} b \end{cases}$$

An object (A, a) of $\mathcal{IE}$ is principal if it 'generated by a ':

for any $(B, b) \xrightarrow{f} (A, a)$

if $B \xrightarrow{f} A$ is a monomorphism (in $\mathcal{A}$)

then f is necessarily an isomorphism.

(A, a) is primitive if it is principal, and

every $(B, b) \xrightarrow{f} (A, a)$, with (B, b) principal,
is an isomorphism.

Proposition (A, U) is a concrete presheaf category if and only if (i) & (ii):

(i) A has all small colimits, U preserves them, and U is faithful. The class of isomorphism classes of primitive objects of $\mathcal{E}$ is small.

[(i) automatically holds in all cases, when we are interested in the question whether (A, U) is a presheaf category.]

(ii) $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}l(A, U)$, writing R, S, T for objects in $\mathcal{E}$:

(a) For every principal R , there exist:
primitive S
and arrow $S \rightarrow R$.

(b) For S primitive, R principal
 $S \begin{smallmatrix} \xrightarrow{f} \\ \xrightarrow{g} \end{smallmatrix} R \Rightarrow f = g$.

(c) For S, T primitive, R principal

$\begin{array}{c} S \\ \searrow \\ T \end{array} \rightarrow R \Rightarrow S \cong T$.

For $(A, U) = (\underline{\text{Comp}}, 1-1)$,

a principal (A, a) has 'a' as the unique maximal dimensional indet, and all other indets in A are ones occurring in da or ca .

Can take of A itself as principal
(a is uniquely determined)

A computope is a primitive computed A
(for some a , (A, a) is primitive).

For $(A, U) = (\underline{\text{Comp}}_{m/1}, 1-1)$:

principal / primitive for $\underline{\text{Comp}}_{m/1}$

same as:

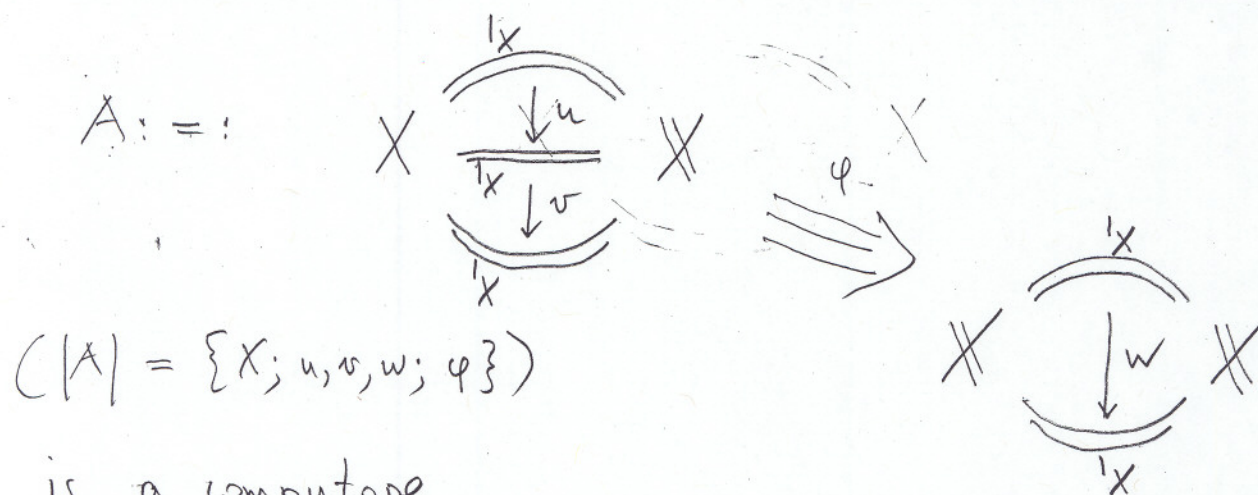
principal / primitive for $\underline{\text{Comp}}$
and belonging to $\underline{\text{Comp}}_{m/1}$

Theorem (C. Hermida, M.M., J. Power : JPTA 2000, 2001 & 2002

plus V. Harnik, M.M., M. Zawadowski: "Multitopic sets are the same as many-to-one computads" (www.math.mcgill.ca/makkai)

$\text{Comp}_{m/1}$ is a concrete presheaf category.

Example (M. Zawadowski, M.M.): the computad (not m-to-1)



is a computope

and it has a non-trivial

automorphism $A \rightarrow A$

$\therefore$ Comp is not a concrete presheaf category:
(ii)(b) is violated

Theorem (ii)(a) holds for Comp : for every
(principal) A there is $B \twoheadrightarrow A$, B primitive.

proof uses expanded form and content (as above)

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Seminar talk on:

"The Word Problem for Computals"

paper

& "Logic in Hungary" talk

['Sec II' because 'Sec I' is:

Item 3.2, slides for the

Logic in Hungary talk]

Sec II.1 $\mathcal{Y}$: ω -category

Oct 11/05

II.1

Y_n : n -cells in $\mathcal{Y}$

$y \in Y_n$ is INDECOMPOSABLE if

1) $y \neq 1_b \quad \forall b \in Y_{n-1}$

2) $b, e \in Y_n, k < n, y = b \#_k e$

$\Rightarrow$

$$b = 1_a^{(n)} \quad \text{or} \quad e = 1_a^{(n)}$$

for some $a \in Y_k$.

$\mathcal{Y}$ is a COMPUTAD (iff) the set

$$|\mathcal{Y}| = \{ \text{all indecomposables in } \mathcal{Y} \}$$

freely generates $\mathcal{Y}$;

'generates' (without 'freely') means:

the scheme

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$$y \mid 1_a \mid a \#_h b$$

$$y \in |Y|$$

generates all elements (cells) of Y .

Morphism of computads:

$$X \xrightarrow{F} Y$$

$$x \in |X| \Rightarrow Fx \in |Y|$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{indet} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \text{indet} \\ \text{"} & & \\ \text{indecomposable} & & \end{array}$$

Given $X \xrightarrow{F} Y$, we get

$$\begin{array}{ccc} |X| & \xrightarrow{\quad} & |Y| \\ |F| & & \end{array}, \text{ a Set-map.}$$

$$F \text{ is } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{mono} \\ \text{epi} \\ \text{iso} \end{array} \right\} \text{ iff } |F| \text{ is } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{mono} \\ \text{epi} \\ \text{iso} \end{array} \right\}$$

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Every subobject of (computed) $\mathcal{Y}$
is represented by a unique monomorphism
which is an inclusion

$$|\mathcal{X}| \hookrightarrow |\mathcal{Y}|$$

on the level of indets (and also as
a map $|\mathcal{X}| \rightarrow |\mathcal{Y}|$) : subcomputed.

For $a \in |\mathcal{Y}|$ = set of all 'cells' of ω -cat $\mathcal{Y}$:

$$\boxed{\text{Supp}_{\mathcal{Y}}(a)} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} |\mathcal{X}|$$

for the least subcomputed $\mathcal{X}$ of $\mathcal{Y}$
containing a ; $\boxed{|\mathcal{X}| = \text{Supp}_{\mathcal{Y}}(a)}$.

A subset $U \subseteq |\mathcal{Y}|$ is

$$U = |\mathcal{X}|$$

for a subcomputed $\mathcal{X}$ of $\mathcal{Y}$ (iff)

$$u \in U \Rightarrow \text{supp}_{\mathcal{Y}}(u) \subseteq U.$$

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Abbreviation:

$$a \cdot b = a \#_k b$$

for k 'maximal possible',

i.e.

$$\widetilde{k} = \min(\dim(a), \dim(b)) - 1$$

Vocabulary (definitions of
common terms)

1) (higher-dimensional) diagram

=

computed

2) pasting diagram (higher dimensional

diagram that pasts (composes) (in a definite way)

= pair

(A, a) s.t. $A = \text{Supp}_A(a)$

↑

computed

$(a \in \|A\|)$

pd = pasting diagram

3) composable diagram

= diagram (computed) A

such that $\exists$ a for which

(A, a) is a pd

4) uniquely composable diagram

A with unique a

s.t. (A, a) is a pd.

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A map of pd's:

$$(A, a) \xrightarrow{F} (B, b)$$

$$A \longrightarrow B$$

$$a \longmapsto b$$

Def'n: (B, b) is UNFOLDED if

for all $(A, a) \xrightarrow{F} (B, b)$,

map of pd's,

F is necessarily an isomorphism.

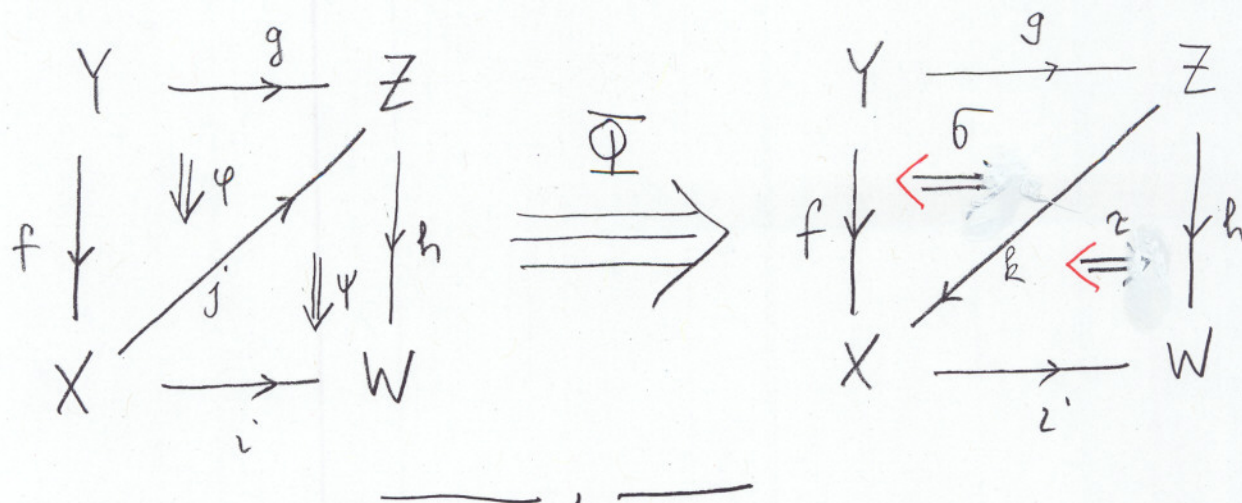
Examples: Ex1) (B, b) with B on p. I.1
 b on p. I.2

Ex2) $(A, \Phi) : p. I.3$

Ex3) $(C, \psi) : p. I.25$

Ex4) : next page

Ex 4) Small Power example :

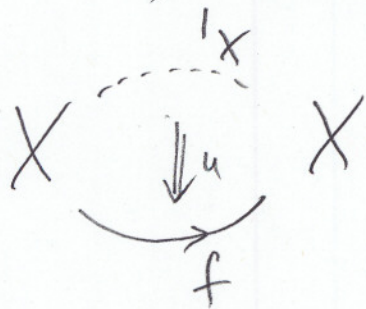


5) Computed A is positive if
for all $x \in |A|$, dx and cx
are not identities (1_b for some b)

$A \text{ pd } (A, a)$ is positive if A is,

Conjecture Any positive (unfolded)
computed A , if composable, is
uniquely composable

Ex's: 1) Both 'positive' and 'unfolded' are needed; II, 5.2

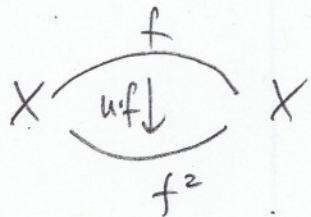


$$|A| = \{X, f, u\}$$

(A, u) : unfolded but not positive

$a = u$ & $b = u \cdot f$ have

$$\text{Supp}_2(a) = \text{supp}_2(b) = \{u\}$$



2)



positive but not unfolded

$a = f$ and $b = f^2$ have

$$\text{Supp}_1(a) = \text{supp}_1(b) = \{f\}$$

An unfolded pd (A, a)

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in which a is an indeterminate

is called a COMPUTOPE.

Theorem Every pd can be unfolded:

for every pd (B, b) , there is
an unfolded one (A, a) , with

a map

$$(A, a) \xrightarrow{F} (B, b)$$

Problem: Is (A, a) unique up to iso?

Note: F is not unique:

ex 3) has a non-trivial

automorphism.

Remark: this is one of the 'normal forms'
of the title ('unfolding')

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reference to
 $L_{int} H$ rule

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Repeat: I. 16.3, 16.4

$|a|$: natural content

defined similar, except:

$$[|x|] = \binom{x}{1} + E(x)$$

where, for any a ,

$$E(a) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} |da| + |ca| - |d^2a| - |c^2a| + |d^3a| + |c^3a| - \dots$$

This is well-defined, but from the facts

on p. I. 16.4, only one remains true:

$$|Fa|_{\mathbb{Y}}(y) = \sum_{\substack{x \in |X| \\ Fx = y}} |a|_{\mathbb{X}}(x)$$

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Natural multiplicity

of indeterminate x in $\text{pd}(A, a)$:

$$= |a|(x).$$

def Note: If $x \notin \text{supp}(a)$, then $|a|(x) = [a](x) = 0$.

Unfolded $\text{pd}(A, a)$ is called

Spherical

if

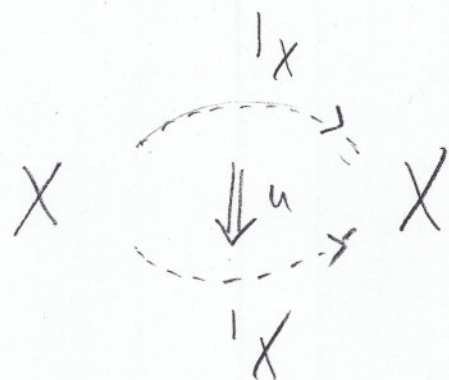
$$x \in \text{supp}(a) \Rightarrow |a|(x) = 1$$

Note: 'unfolded' should mean that each indeterminate that occurs at all occurs exactly once.

Ex's 1), 2) & 4) are spherical

but 3) is not; in fact, u is not (in 3))

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: a pd

(a comutope in fact)

$$|u| = \binom{u}{1} + |du| + |cu| - |d^2u| - |c^2u|$$

$$= u + X + X - X - X$$

$$= u$$

Thus, $X \in \text{supp}(u)$, but $|u|(X) = 0$,

rather than $= 1$.

It can get negative too ...

Proposition (partial sphericalness)

(A, a) unfolded pd, $\dim(a) = n$,

$x \in |a|$, $\dim(x) = n$

$$\Rightarrow |a|(x) = 1$$

Def'n:

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(A, a) is an atom if, for

$$n = \dim(a), \quad \text{supp}(a) \cap |A|_n = \{x\}$$

$$\text{Supp}_n(a) \stackrel{=}{=} \underbrace{\quad}_{\substack{n\text{-dim} \\ \text{inlets}}}$$

a singleton.

Proposition (second 'normal form' of title)

1) Every atom a , $\dim(a) = n+1$, is of the form:

$$a = b_n(b_{n-1} \dots (b_1, x, e_1) \dots e_{n-1})e_n$$

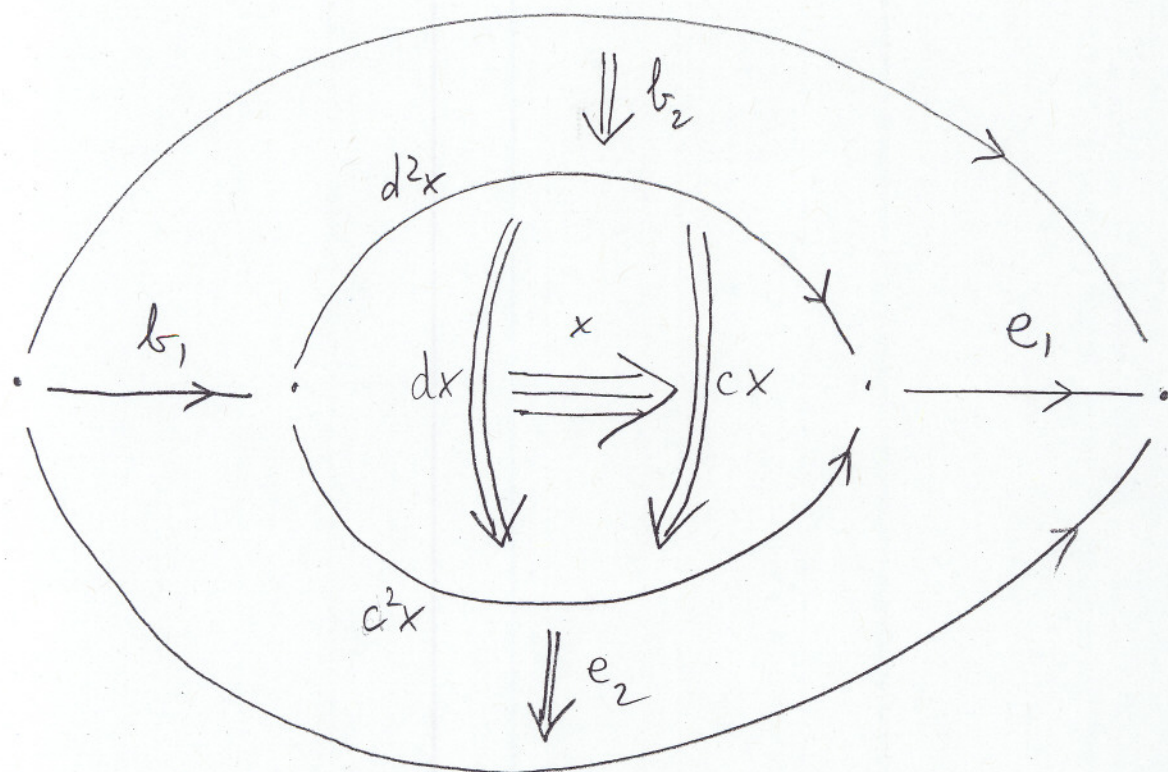
where x is an inlet of $\dim = n+1$,

and b_i, e_i are of $\dim = i$.

$n+1=3$:

$n+1 = 3$:

$\boxed{\Pi : 11}$



2) Every $(n+1)$ -dimensional pd is of the form

$$a_1 \# a_2 \cdot \dots \cdot a_k$$

with $k \geq 0$ & each a_i an atom of $\dim = n+1$
 (for $k=0$, we mean 1_b for some b of $\dim = n$)

I'll produce a

non-spherical

unfolded

positive pd,

the 'large' Power example

Let: A computed: ('cell' = indet)

0-cells: U, V, W, X, Y (5)

1-cells: $a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l$ (12)

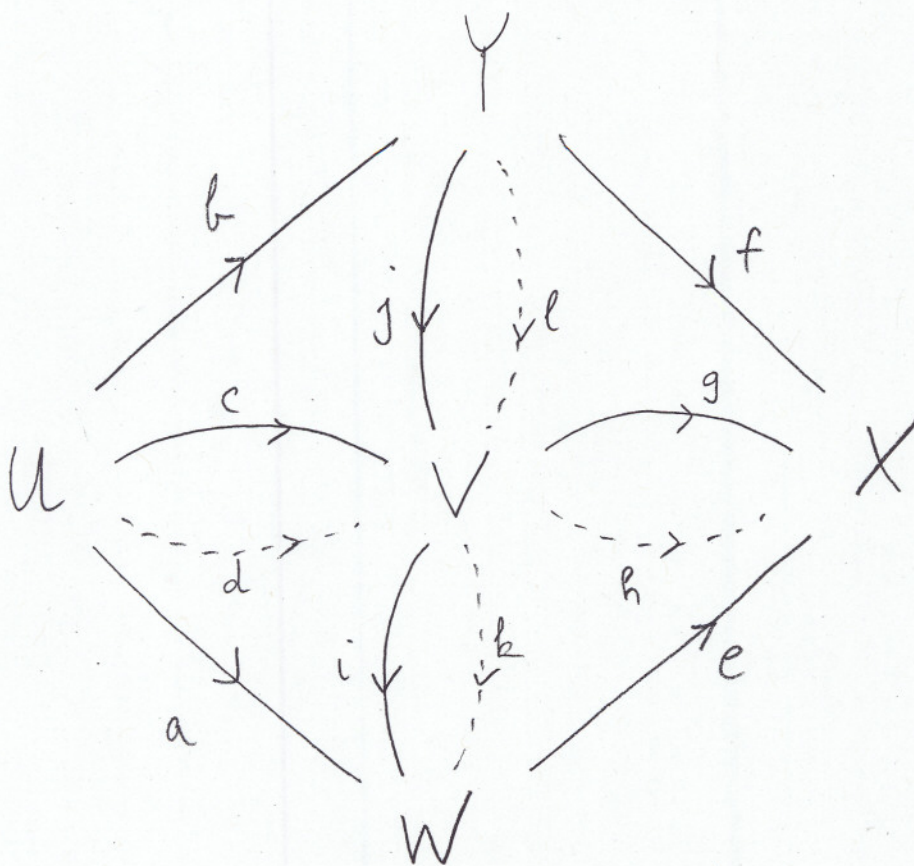
2-cells: $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \epsilon, \kappa, \lambda, \mu, \nu, \rho, \sigma, \theta, \tau, \omega$ (14)

3-cells: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, I (8)

$$\boxed{\text{II} \cdot 12 = \text{II} \cdot 13 = \text{II} \cdot 14}$$

0- and 1-cells:

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2-cells:

Uppers:	$a \xrightarrow{\alpha} \bar{c}\bar{i}$	$\bar{c} \xrightarrow{\beta} b\bar{j}$	$\bar{j}\bar{g} \xrightarrow{\gamma} f$	$\bar{i}e \xrightarrow{\delta} \bar{g}$
Crossers:	$a \xrightarrow{\epsilon} \underline{d}\bar{i}$	$\bar{c} \xrightarrow{\zeta} b\underline{l}$	$\bar{j}\underline{h} \xrightarrow{\eta} f$	$\underline{k}e \xrightarrow{\theta} \bar{g}$
Lower:	$a \xrightarrow{\kappa} \underline{d}\underline{k}$	$\underline{d} \xrightarrow{\lambda} b\underline{l}$	$\underline{l}\underline{h} \xrightarrow{\omega} f$	$\underline{k}e \xrightarrow{\tau} \underline{h}$

3-cells:

$\alpha \epsilon \xrightarrow{A} \gamma \lambda$	$\rho \bar{\nu} \xrightarrow{E} \tau$
$\alpha \xrightarrow{B} \gamma \bar{\nu}$	$\bar{\nu} \xrightarrow{F} \bar{\nu} \theta$
$\delta \epsilon \xrightarrow{C} \lambda$	$\gamma \mu \xrightarrow{G} \kappa \rho$
$\rho \bar{\nu} \xrightarrow{D} \tau \theta$	$\rho \theta \xrightarrow{I} \epsilon \omega$

Schematic:

$c, j: \beta$

$c, l: \varepsilon$

$d, l: \lambda$

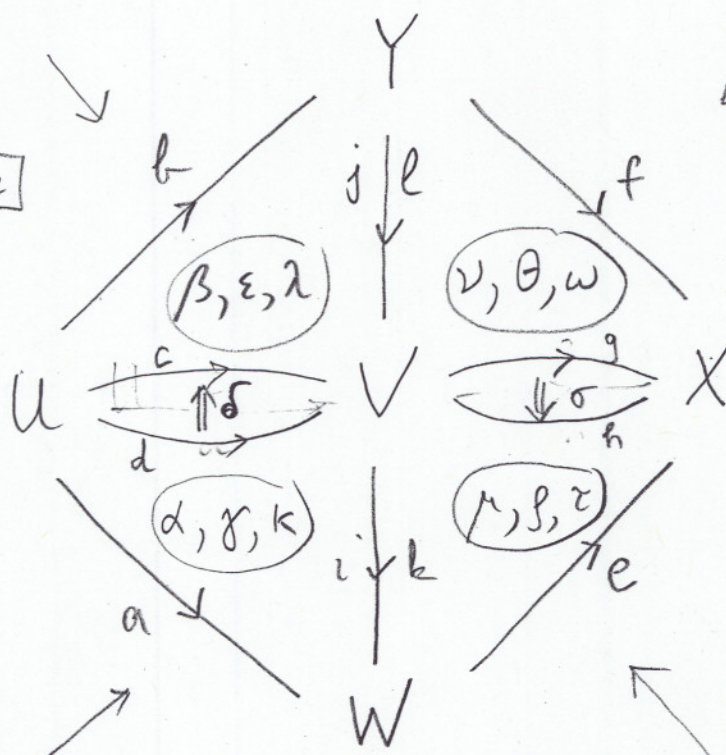
$d, j: \text{none}$

$j, g: \nu$

$j, h: \theta$

$l, g: \text{none}$

$l, h: \omega$



$c, i: \alpha$

$c, k: \text{none}$

$d, i: \gamma$

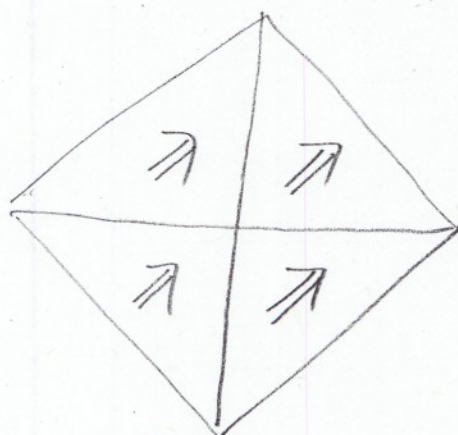
$d, k: \kappa$

$i, g: \mu$

$i, h: \text{none}$

$k, g: \rho$

$k, h: \tau$



Long 2-molecules:

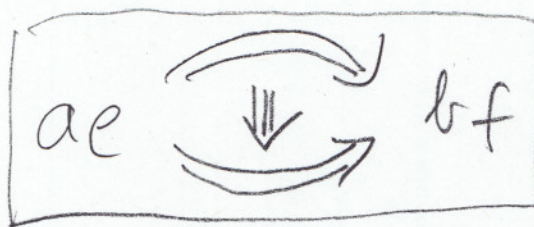
of the form

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$$\boxed{ae \Rightarrow bf}$$

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|----|--|
| 1 | $\alpha \mu \nu \beta$ |
| 2 | $\kappa \tau \omega \lambda$ |
| 3 | $\gamma \delta \mu \nu \beta$ |
| 4 | $\kappa \delta \rho \nu \beta$ |
| 5 | $\kappa \delta \tau \theta \beta$ |
| 6 | $\kappa \delta \tau \omega \varepsilon$ |
| 7 | $\mu \alpha \rho \sigma \theta$ |
| 8 | $\mu \alpha \varepsilon \sigma \omega$ |
| 9 | $\mu \gamma \lambda \sigma \omega$ |
| 10 | $\rho \kappa \lambda \sigma \omega$ |
| 11 | $\gamma \mu \theta \rho \delta \sigma$ |
| 12 | $\kappa \rho \theta \rho \delta \sigma$ |
| 13 | $\gamma \mu \omega \varepsilon \delta \sigma$ |
| 14 | $\kappa \rho \omega \varepsilon \delta \sigma$ |

3 atoms



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$$[8] \xrightarrow{A} [9]$$

$$[1] \xrightarrow{B} [3]$$

$$[7] \xrightarrow{B} [11]$$

$$[8] \xrightarrow{B} [13]$$

$$[6] \xrightarrow{C} [2]$$

$$[13] \xrightarrow{C} [9]$$

$$[14] \xrightarrow{C} [10]$$

$$[4] \xrightarrow{D} [5]$$

$$[14] \xrightarrow{E} [6]$$

$$[10] \xrightarrow{E} [2]$$

$$[12] \xrightarrow{E} [5]$$

$$[1] \xrightarrow{F} [7]$$

$$[3] \xrightarrow{F} [11]$$

$$[4] \xrightarrow{F} [12]$$

$$[3] \xrightarrow{G} [4]$$

$$[11] \xrightarrow{G} [12]$$

$$[13] \xrightarrow{G} [14]$$

$$[9] \xrightarrow{G} [10]$$

$$[7] \xrightarrow{H} [8]$$

$$[5] \xrightarrow{H} [6]$$

$$[12] \xrightarrow{H} [14]$$

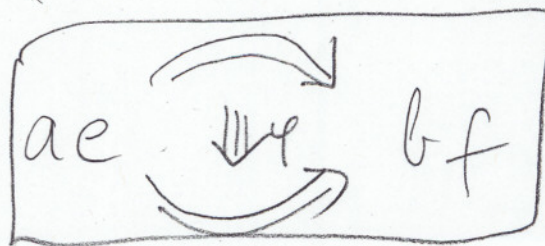
$$[11] \xrightarrow{H} [13]$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (2 \times 1) + (4 \times 3) + (2 \times 4) \\ &= 2 + 12 + 8 \\ &= 22 \end{aligned}$$

φ : atom of dim 3
such that

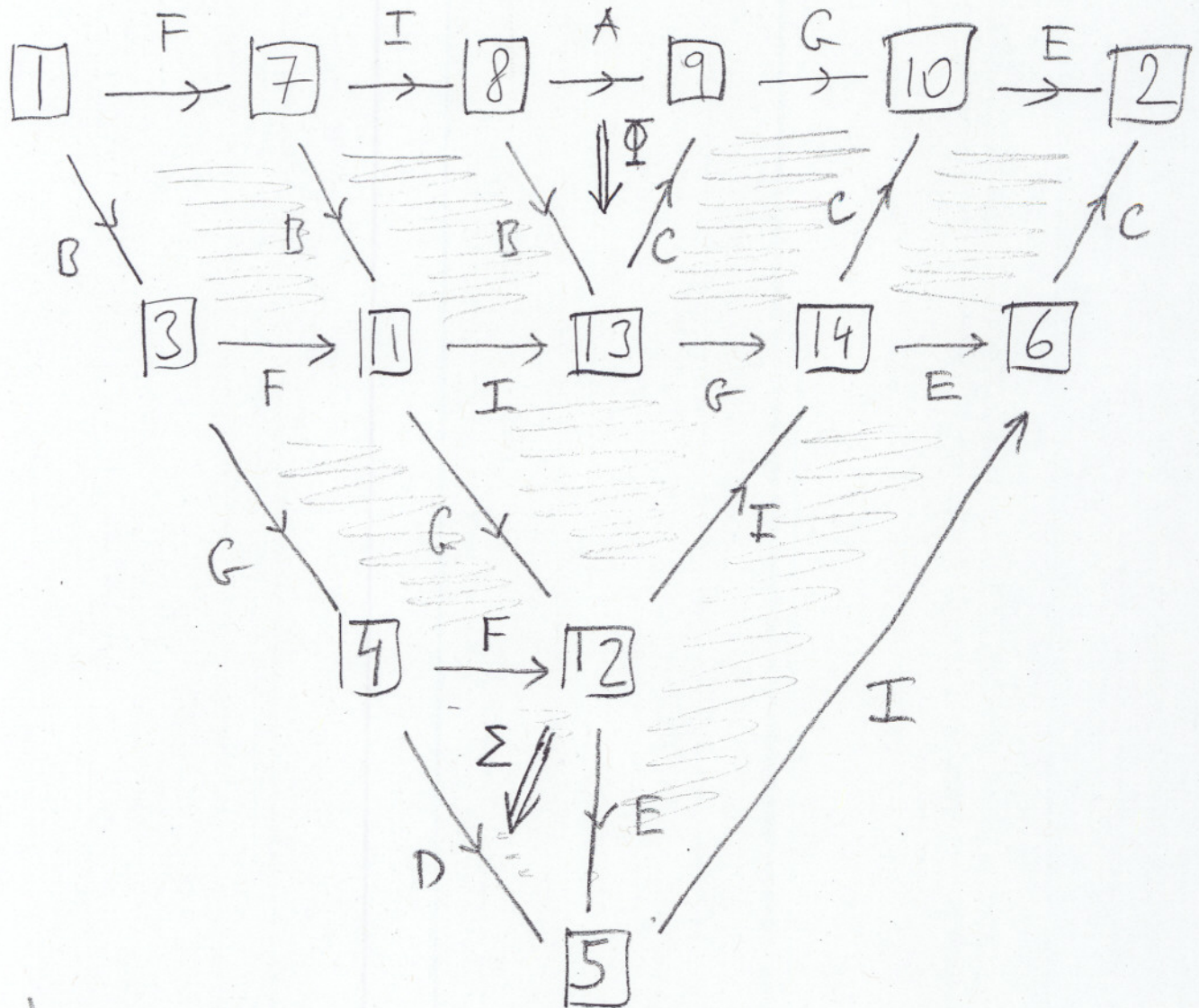
$$d^2 \varphi = ae$$

$$c^2 \varphi = bf$$



Picture:

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4-atoms:

$$\hat{\Phi} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} F I \Phi G E$$

$$\hat{\Sigma} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} B G \Sigma I C$$

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$$d \hat{\Phi} = F I A G E$$

$$c \hat{\Phi} = F I B C G E$$

$$d \hat{\Sigma} = B G F E I C$$

$$c \hat{\Sigma} = B G D I C$$

$\rangle \quad \textcircled{=} \quad !$

$\hat{\Phi} \cdot \hat{\Sigma}$ is well-defined.

Look at the domain and the
codomain of the 4-cell

$$\hat{\Phi} \cdot \hat{\Sigma} :$$

$F I A G E$ & $B G D I C$

They share the 3-cells I & G

Now, let :

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$$\Phi' \parallel \Phi$$

$$\Sigma' \parallel \Sigma$$

and let

$$\textcircled{5}\text{-cell} : \quad X : \hat{\Phi}, \hat{\Sigma} \longrightarrow \hat{\Phi}', \hat{\Sigma}'$$

Calculate - but only on 3-cells:

$$|X| \stackrel{(3)}{=} (x +) |\hat{\Phi} \cdot \hat{\Sigma}| + |\hat{\Phi}' \cdot \hat{\Sigma}'|$$

$$- |d(\hat{\Phi} \cdot \hat{\Sigma})| - |c(\hat{\Phi}' \cdot \hat{\Sigma}')|$$

$$\stackrel{(3)}{=} 2 |\hat{\Phi} \cdot \hat{\Sigma}| - |d(\hat{\Phi} \cdot \hat{\Sigma})| - |c(\hat{\Phi} \cdot \hat{\Sigma})|$$

$$\stackrel{(7)}{=} 2(|\hat{\Phi}| + |\hat{\Sigma}| - |\hat{\Phi} \wedge \hat{\Sigma}|) - |d\hat{\Phi}| - |c\hat{\Sigma}|$$

$$\stackrel{(6)}{=} 2(1 + 1 - 1) - 1 - 1 = 0$$