

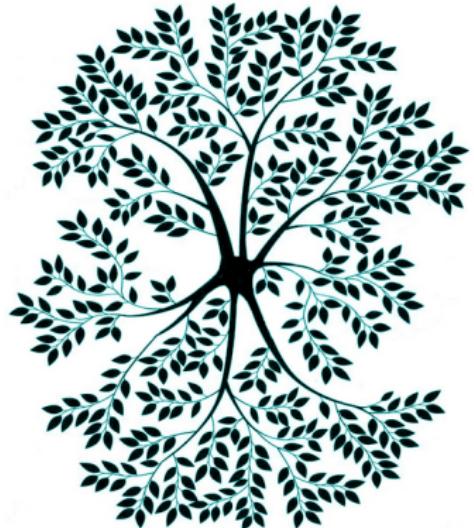


# Categorified cyclic operads (in nature)

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# Overview

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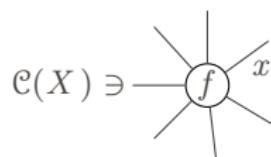
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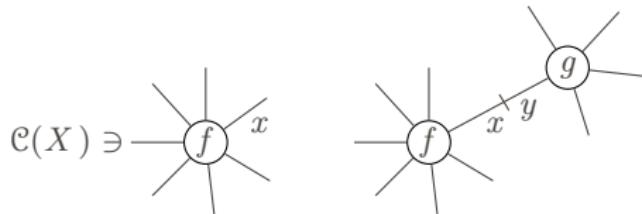
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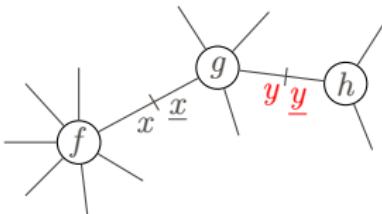
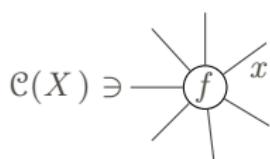


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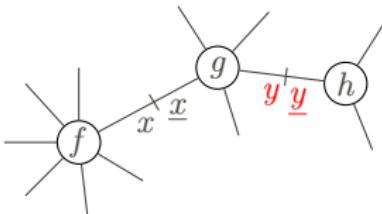
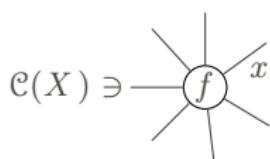


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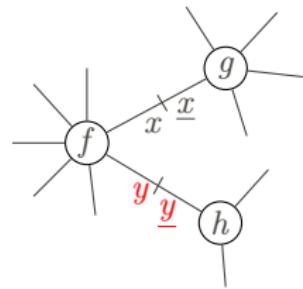
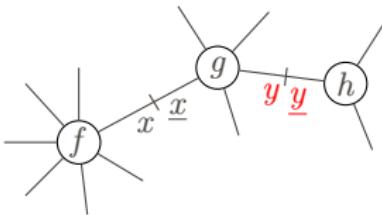
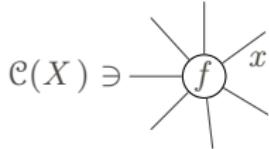
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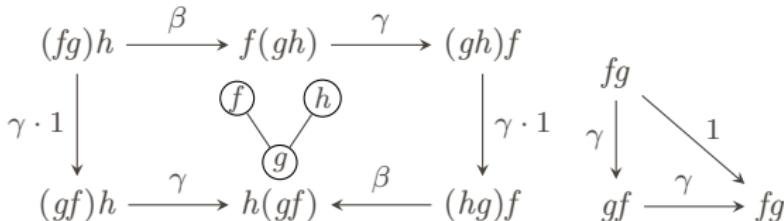
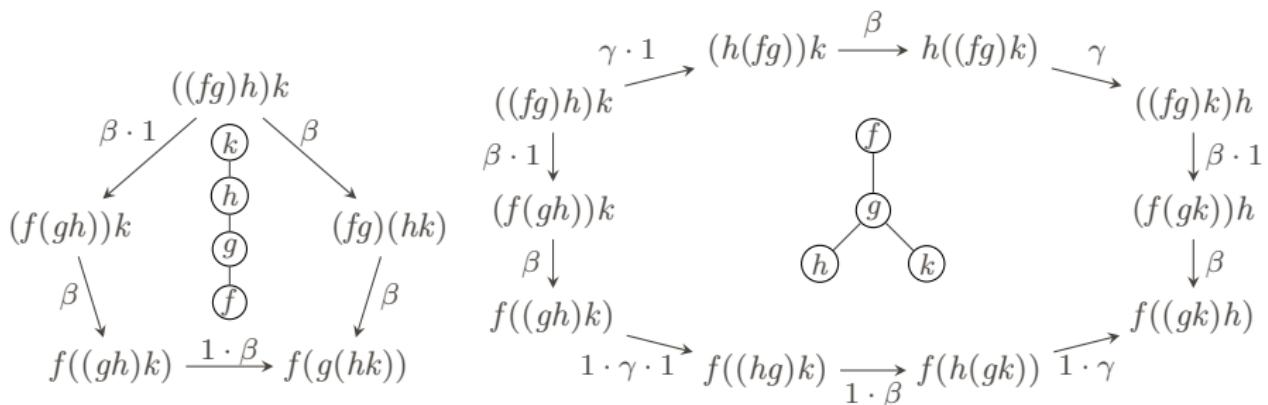
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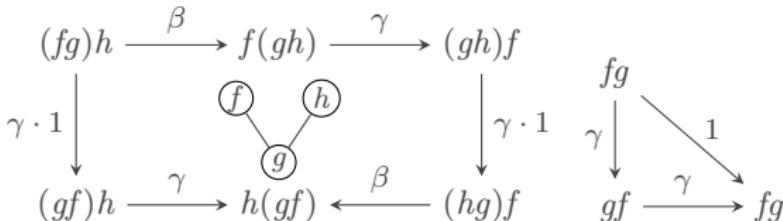
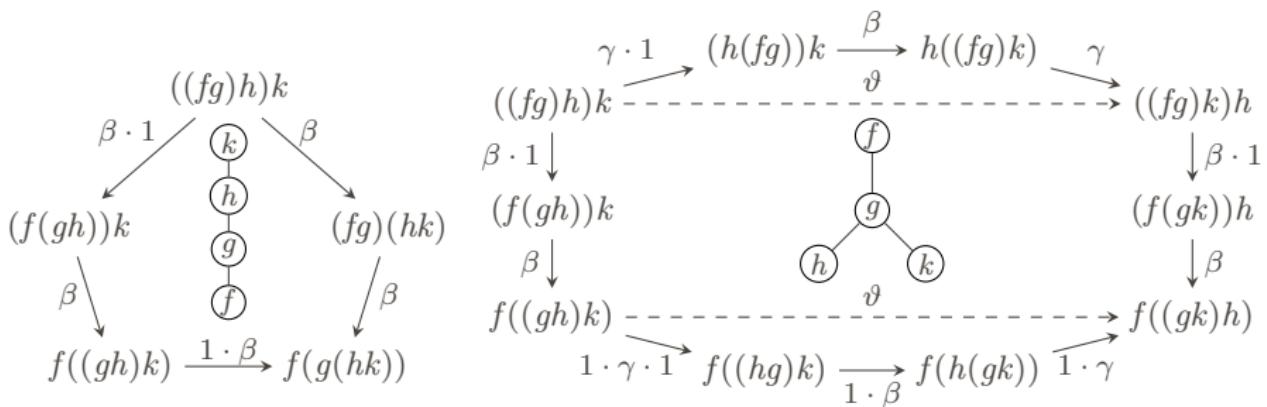
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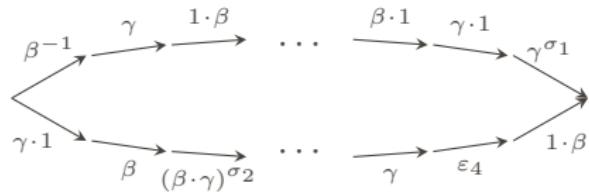
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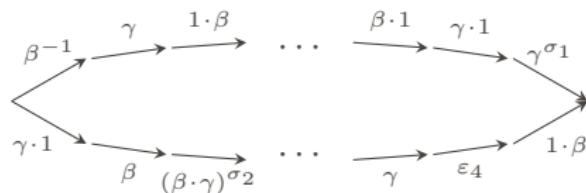
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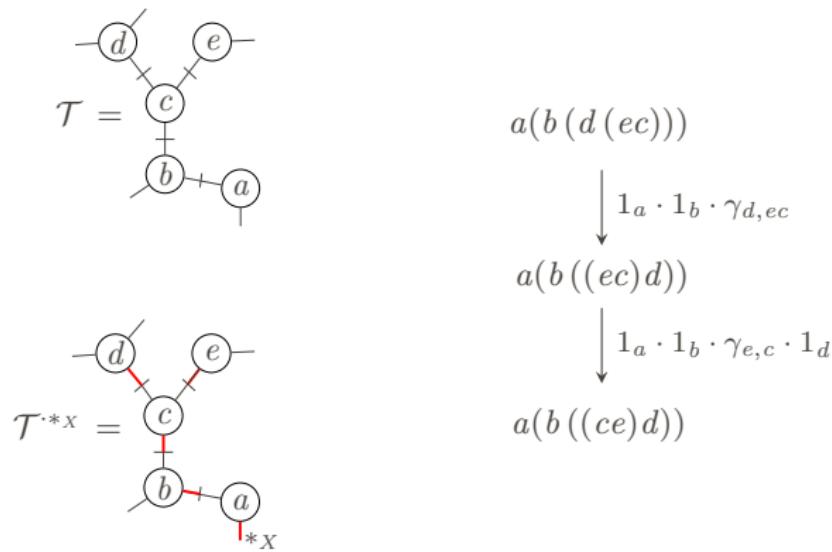
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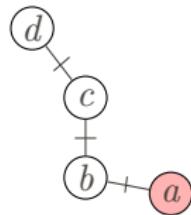
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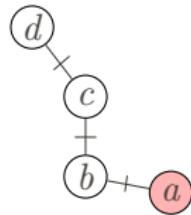
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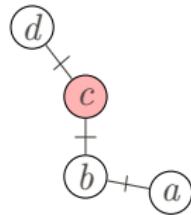
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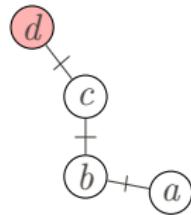
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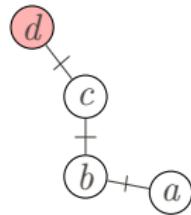
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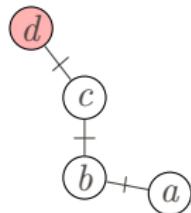
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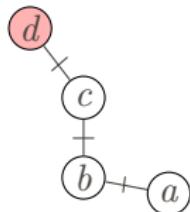
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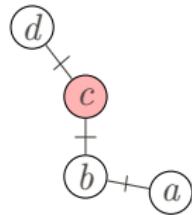
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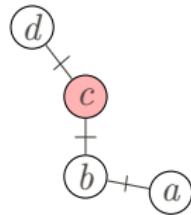
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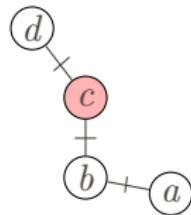
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Categorified cyclic operads “in nature”

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## Bicategory **Prof**

- objects: small categories
- 1-morphisms: profunctors  $F : \mathbf{C} \nrightarrow \mathbf{D}$ , i.e. functors  
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$$G \circ F = \int^d F(d, -) \times G(-, d)$$

- 2-morphisms: natural transformations

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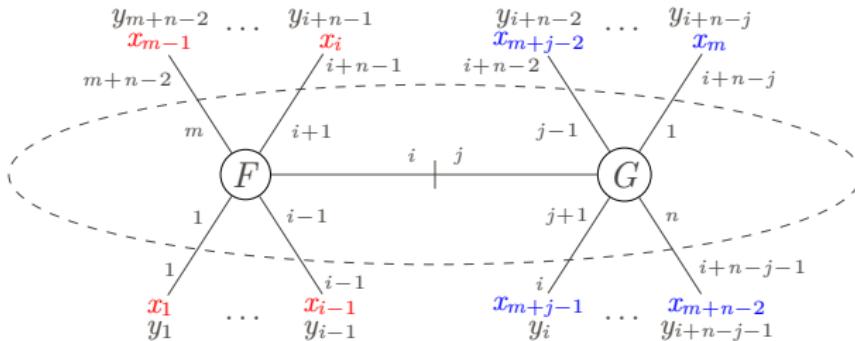
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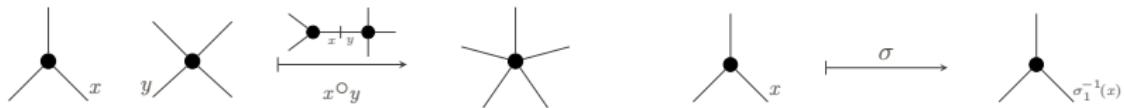
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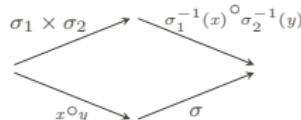
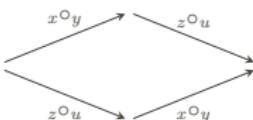
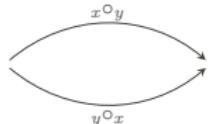


- relations:

$$x \circ y = y \circ x$$

$$x \circ y \ z \circ u = z \circ u \ x \circ y$$

$$\sigma_1^{-1}(x) \circ \sigma_2^{-1}(y) (\sigma_1 \times \sigma_2) = \sigma x \circ y$$



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# Polytopes of categorified cyclic operads

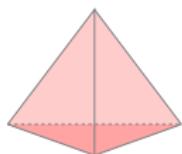
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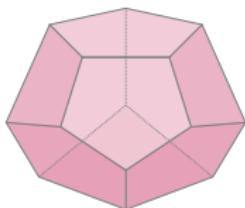
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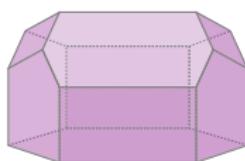
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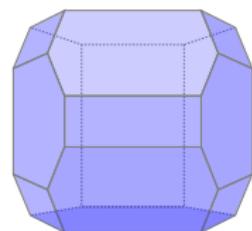
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*“the more hyperedges, the more truncations”*

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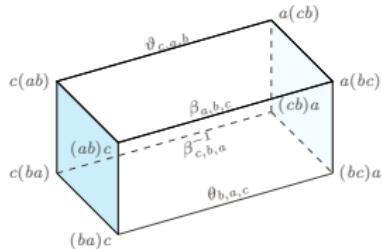
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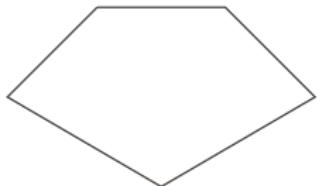
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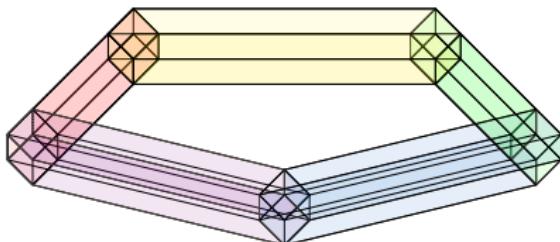
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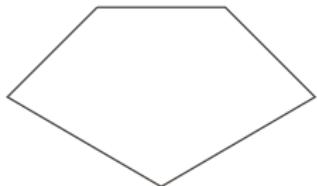
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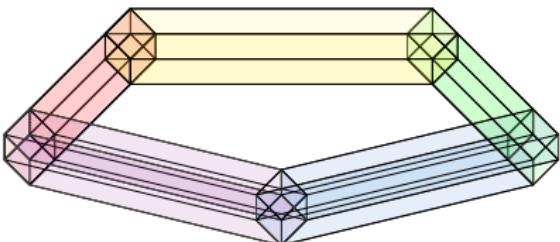
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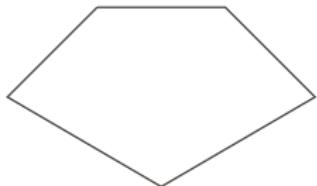


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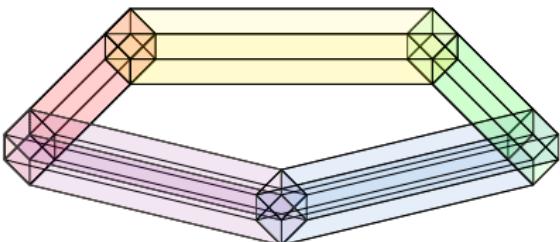
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