

Genuine equivariant operads

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Abstract

We build new algebraic structures, which we call genuine equivariant operads, which can be thought of as a hybrid between equivariant operads and coefficient systems. We then prove an Elmendorf type theorem stating that equivariant operads, with their graph model structure, are equivalent to genuine equivariant operads with their projective model structure.

As an application, we build explicit models for the N_∞ -operads of Blumberg and Hill.

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1 Introduction

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2 Planar and tall maps

2.1 Planar structures

Throughout we will work with trees possessing *planar structures* or, more intuitively, trees embedded into the plane.

Our preferred model for trees will be that of broad posets first introduced by Weiss in [We12] and further worked out by the second author in [Pe16b]. We now define planar structures in this context.

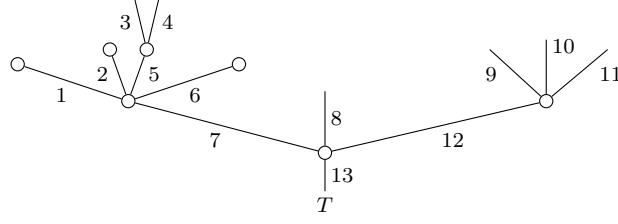
Definition 2.1. Let $T \in \Omega$ be a tree. A *planar structure* of T is an extension of the descandancy partial order \leq_d to a total order \leq_p such that:

- *Planar*: if $e \leq_p f$ and $e \not\leq_d f$ then $g \leq_d f$ implies $e \leq_p g$.

Example 2.2. An example of a planar structure on a tree T follows, with \leq_r encoded by

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the number labels.



Intuitively, given a planar depiction of a tree T , $e \leq_d f$ holds when the downward path from e passes through f and $e \leq_p f$ holds if either $e \leq_d f$ or if the downward path from e is to the left of the downward path from f (as measured by the node where they intersect).

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a planarization of T encodes the exact same information as a depiction of T in the plane, though we will not need to make this idea precise. Informally, a $e \leq_p f$ relation dictates that either: (i) e appears above f , should it be $e \leq_d f$, or; that “the path from e to the root is to the left of the path from f to the root”, should it be $e \not\leq_d f$.

We now establish some basic properties of planarizations. We start with some notation.

Notation 2.3. Let $T \in \Omega$ be a tree and $e \in T$ and edge. We will denote

$$I(e) = \{f \in T : e \leq_d f\}$$

and refer to this poset as the *input path* of e .

Notation 2.4. Let $T \in \Omega$ be a tree and suppose that $e <_d f$. We will denote by $f_e^\dagger \in T$ the only edge $f_e^\dagger \in f^\dagger$ such that $e \leq_f f_e^\dagger$.

Proposition 2.5. Let $T \in \Omega$ be a tree. Then

- (a) for any $e \in T$ the finite poset $I(e)$ is totally ordered;
- (b) the edge $g \in I(e)$ is the successor of $f \in I(e)$ iff $f \in g^\dagger$ iff $f = g_f^\dagger$;
- (c) the poset (T, \leq_d) has all joins.

Proof. To prove (a), note that if any two edges in $I(e)$ were \leq_d incomparable, then [Eq.D.S. Lemma 4.14](#) would lead to a non-simple broad relation for the root of T . (b) follows since $f \leq g_f^\dagger$.

To prove (c), note that $\min(\bigcap_{i=1}^n I(e_i))$ exists by (a), and this is clearly the join $\bigvee_{i=1}^n e_i$. \square

Proposition 2.6. All ternary joins in (T, \leq_d) are binary, i.e.

$$e_1 \vee e_2 \vee e_3 = e_i \vee e_j$$

for some $1 \leq i < j \leq 3$. Further, $e_1 \vee e_2 \vee e_3 \neq e_i \vee e_j$ can hold for at most one choice of $1 \leq i < j \leq 3$.

Proof. By definition of join the edges $(e_1 \vee e_2 \vee e_3)_{e_1}^\dagger$, $(e_1 \vee e_2 \vee e_3)_{e_2}^\dagger$, $(e_1 \vee e_2 \vee e_3)_{e_3}^\dagger$ can not all coincide. Noting that hence at most two of these edges are the same yields the result. \square

Proposition 2.7. Let $T \in \Omega$ be a tree. There is a bijection (*change Σ notation*)

$$\begin{aligned} \{\text{planarizations } (T, \leq_p)\} &\longrightarrow \prod_{(e^\dagger \leq e) \in V(T)} \Sigma_{e^\dagger} \\ \leq_p &\longmapsto (\leq_p|_{e^\dagger}) \end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

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Proof. Suppose e, f are \leq_d -incomparable edges. One must then have $e, f <_d e \vee f$ as well as $(e \vee f)_e^\dagger \neq (e \vee f)_f^\dagger$. Without loss of generality, we may assume

$$(e \vee f)_e^\dagger <_p (e \vee f)_f^\dagger \quad (2.9) \quad \text{PLANARORDERDEF}$$

and the relations $e \leq_d (e \vee f)_e^\dagger <_p (e \vee f)_f^\dagger \geq_d f$ now show that $e \leq_p f$, and hence (2.8) is injective.

To see that (2.8) is surjective, it suffices to check that for \leq_d -incomparable e, f , defining $e \leq_p f$ to hold iff (2.9) holds yields a planarization. In the remainder of the proof, we abuse notation by writing $e <_p f$ to denote (2.9) together with the assumption that e, f are \leq_d -incomparable. The antisymmetry and total order conditions are immediate. Now suppose that

$$e' \leq_d e \quad f' \geq_d f \quad e \vee f \neq e, f. \quad (2.10) \quad \text{TRANSITIV1 EQ}$$

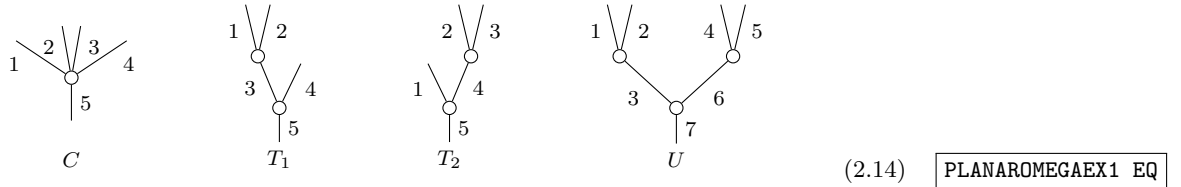
Noting that $e' \vee f'$ must be \leq_d -comparable with both e and f (since the relevant pairs lie in either $I(e')$ or $I(f')$), one sees that it must be $e, f <_d e' \vee f'$ (since otherwise all three would lie in either $I(e')$ or $I(f')$) and that hence $e \vee f = e' \vee f'$ and $(e \vee f)_e^\dagger = (e \vee f)_{e'}^\dagger$, $(e \vee f)_f^\dagger = (e \vee f)_{f'}^\dagger$. Therefore, in the conditions of (2.10) one has $e <_p f$ iff $e' <_p f'$. The planar condition and the non-trivial instances of transitivity thus follow, with the single exception of the $e <_p f <_p g$ case. To check this last case, note that by Proposition 2.6 either: (i) both $e \vee f, f \vee g$ equal $e \vee f \vee g$, in which case $(e \vee f \vee g)_e^\dagger <_p (e \vee f \vee g)_f^\dagger <_p (e \vee f \vee g)_g^\dagger$ implies that $e \vee g$ must also equal $e \vee f \vee g$ and transitivity follows; (ii) $e \vee f <_d e \vee f \vee g$, in which case transitivity follows from noting that $(e \vee f \vee g)_e^\dagger = (e \vee f \vee g)_f^\dagger$; (iii) $f \vee g <_d e \vee f \vee g$, which follows just as the previous case. \square

Remark 2.11. Definition 2.1 readily extends to forests $F \in \Phi$. The analogue of Proposition 2.7 then states that the data of a planarization is equivalent to total orderings of the vertices of F together with a total ordering of the roots of F . The interested reader may wish to suitably modify the proof of Proposition 2.1 to obtain this result. Instead, we simply note that planarizations of F are clearly in bijection with planarizations of the join tree $F \star \eta$ (cf. [Equiv. dend. sets](#)).

Convention 2.12. From now on, we will write Ω (resp. Ω_G) to denote a model for the category of trees (resp. G -trees) where

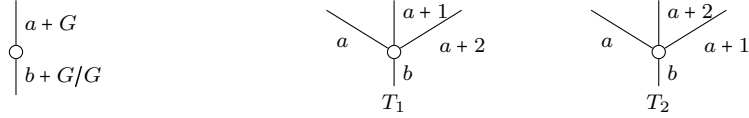
- each object (i.e. tree) is equipped with a planar structure;
- morphisms ignore the planar structure;
- there is exactly one representative of each planarization, i.e. the identities are the only isomorphisms that preserve the planar structure.

Remark 2.13. The reader desiring extra concreteness is welcome to think of the objects of Ω , Ω_G as consisting of planarized tree structures on one of the sets $\underline{n} = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ such that the planarization \leq_d is the canonical total order. Some trees depicted in this convention follow.

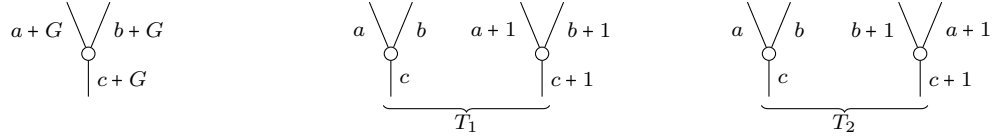


We note that T_1 and T_2 are isomorphic and, moreover, they encode the only two isomorphism classes of planar structures on their underlying dendroidal set, so that no other object of Ω is isomorphic to them. C and U , on the other hand, are isomorphic to no other object of Ω , since the planarizations of the underlying broad posets are unique up to isomorphism.

One drawback of the concrete convention illustrated in (2.14), however, is that discussion of subfaces of trees becomes awkward, since one can not then technically regard them as subobjects. To avoid this issue, we will often regard the objects of Ω as equivalence classes of trees with planarizations (with no ambiguity resulting since representatives are related via unique isomorphisms). Moreover, this is particularly convenient when discussing G -trees, as it otherwise the task of depicting the G -action becomes cumbersome. For some examples, (and recalling that the numbering of the edges as in (2.14) is superfluous, in the sense that it is already encoded in the planar picture itself), we note that for $G = \mathbb{Z}/3$ the orbital representation on the left below encodes the two isomorphic objects of Ω_G on the right (which are isomorphic to no other object of Ω_G).



Similarly, for $G = \mathbb{Z}/2$, the orbital representation on the left represents the two G -trees presented.



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