

## 5. SIGNAL Flow GRAPHS

⇒ Prop :

**Definition 5.2.** A *prop* is a symmetric strict monoidal category  $(\mathcal{C}, 0, +)$  for which  $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{C}) = \mathbb{N}$ , the monoidal unit is  $0 \in \mathbb{N}$ , and the monoidal product on objects is given by addition.

Note that each object  $n$  is the  $n$ -fold monoidal product of the object  $1$ ; we call  $1$  the generating object. Since the objects of a prop are always the natural numbers, to specify a prop  $P$  it is enough to specify five things:

- (i) a set  $\mathcal{C}(m, n)$  of morphisms  $m \rightarrow n$ , for  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- (ii) for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , an identity map  $\text{id}_n: n \rightarrow n$ .
- (iii) for all  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , a symmetry map  $\sigma_{m,n}: m + n \rightarrow n + m$ .
- (iv) a composition rule: given  $f: m \rightarrow n$  and  $g: n \rightarrow p$ , a map  $(f \circ g): m \rightarrow p$ .
- (v) a monoidal product on morphisms: given  $f: m \rightarrow m'$  and  $g: n \rightarrow n'$ , a map  $(f \otimes g): m + n \rightarrow m' + n'$ .

Eg : FINSET :

morphism  $f: m \rightarrow n$  are function from

m =  $\{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  to n =  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\} \Rightarrow \text{id}, \text{Sym} \&$

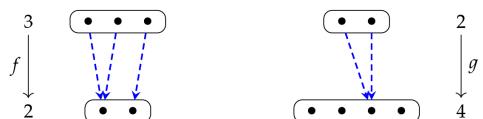
comp. are same as for functions. monoidal product

is "disjoint union of functions" (+)  $f: m \rightarrow m'$  &

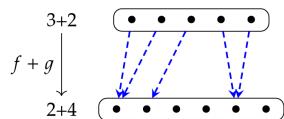
$n \rightarrow n'$  ;  $f + g: m + n \rightarrow m' + n'$

Eg for this is :

1. Below we draw a morphism  $f: 3 \rightarrow 2$  and a morphism  $g: 2 \rightarrow 4$  in FinSet:



2. Here is a picture of  $f + g$



\* There is a subcategory of FINSET : BIJ, as morph. exist in BIJ only if  $m=n$ .

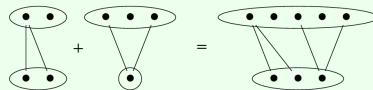
Other examples :

*Example 5.7.* The compact closed category **Corel**, in which the morphisms  $f: m \rightarrow n$  are partitions on  $\underline{m} \sqcup \underline{n}$  (see Example 4.61), is a prop.

*Example 5.8.* There is a prop **Rel** for which morphisms  $m \rightarrow n$  are relations,  $R \subseteq \underline{m} \times \underline{n}$ . The composition of  $R$  with  $S \subseteq \underline{n} \times \underline{p}$  is

$$R \circ S := \{(i, k) \in \underline{m} \times \underline{p} \mid \exists (j \in \underline{n}). (i, j) \in R \text{ and } (j, k) \in S\}.$$

The monoidal product is relatively easy to formalize using universal properties,<sup>3</sup> but one might get better intuition from pictures:



$\Rightarrow$  Prop functor :  $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$

- (a)  $F(n) = n$   $\nmid n \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C}) = \text{Ob}(\mathcal{D}) = \mathbb{N}$
- (b)  $\nmid f: m_1 \rightarrow m_2 \wedge g: n_1 \rightarrow n_2$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ ,

$$F(f) + F(g) = F(f + g)$$

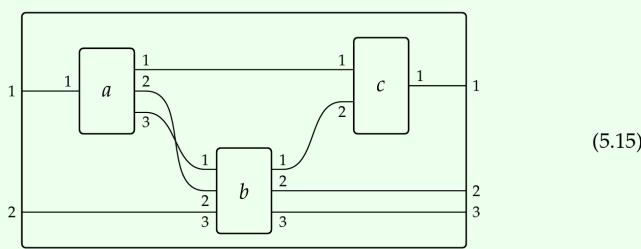
$\Rightarrow$  Port Graphs :

**Definition 5.13.** For  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , an  $(m, n)$ -port graph  $(V, \text{in}, \text{out}, \iota)$  is specified by

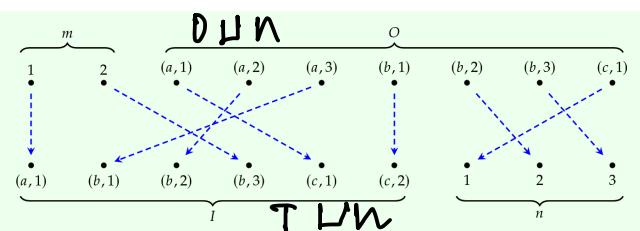
- (i) a set  $V$ , elements of which are called *vertices*,
- (ii) functions  $\text{in}, \text{out}: V \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ , where  $\text{in}(v)$  and  $\text{out}(v)$  are called the *in degree* and *out degree* of each  $v \in V$ , and
- (iii) a bijection  $\iota: \underline{m} \sqcup O \xrightarrow{\cong} I \sqcup \underline{n}$ , where  $I = \{(v, i) \mid v \in V, 1 \leq i \leq \text{in}(v)\}$  is the set of *vertex inputs*, and  $O = \{(v, i) \mid v \in V, 1 \leq i \leq \text{out}(v)\}$  is the set of *vertex outputs*.

This data must obey the following acyclicity condition. First, use the bijection  $\iota$  to construct the graph with vertices  $V$  and with an arrow  $e_{v,j}^{u,i}: u \rightarrow v$  for every  $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\iota(u, i) = (v, j)$ ; call it the *internal flow graph*. If the internal flow graph is acyclic—that is, if the only path from any vertex  $v$  to itself is the trivial path—then we say that  $(V, \text{in}, \text{out}, \iota)$  is a port graph.

*Example 5.14.* Here is an example of a  $(2, 3)$ -port graph, i.e. with  $m = 2$  and  $n = 3$ :



The Bijection Map :



for  $\text{in}()$  &  $\text{out}()$  func, eg:  $\text{in}(a) = 1$  &  $\text{out}(a) = 3$

\* Category PG whose morphisms are port graphs  
for two pgs (morphisms)

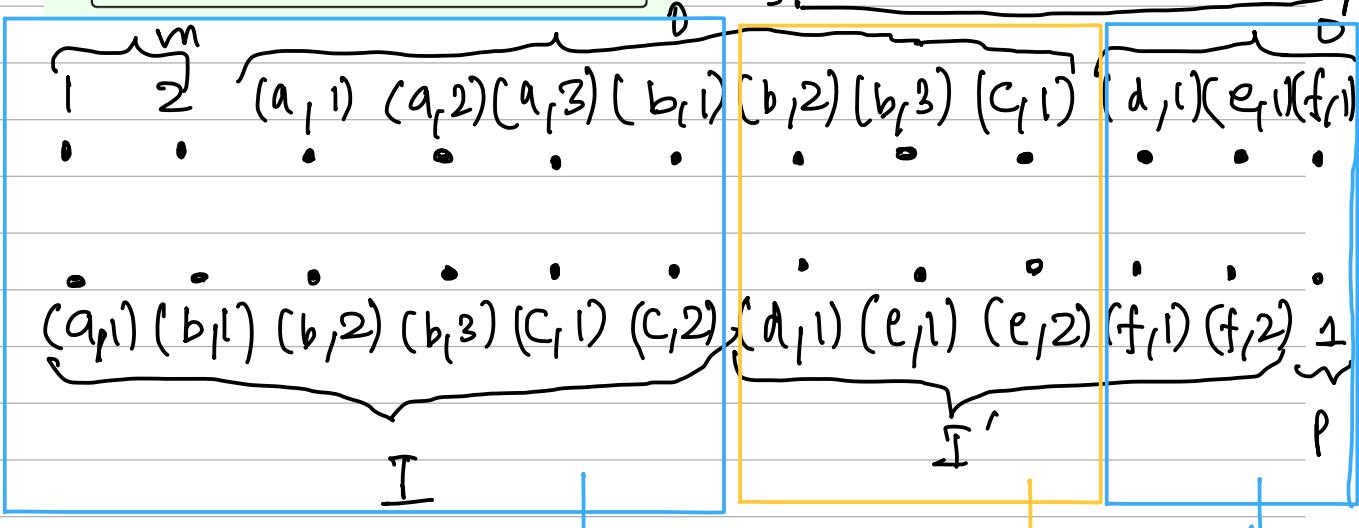
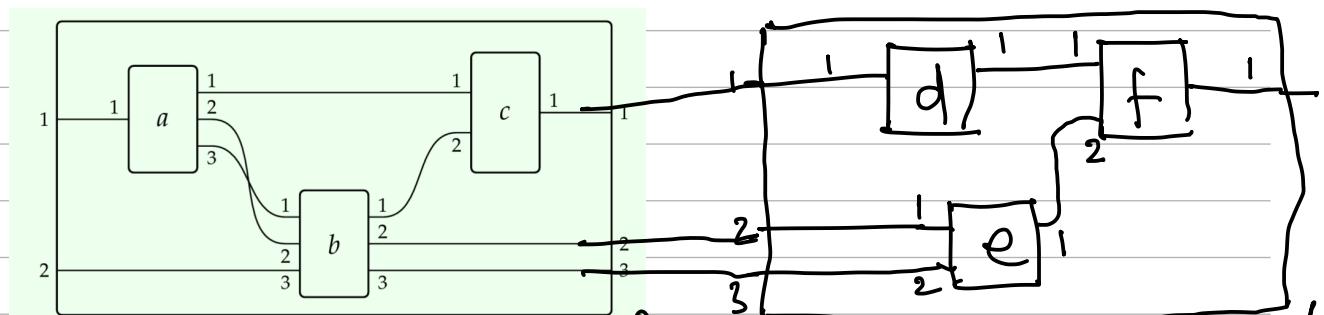
(m, n) graph = (V, in, out, l)

(n, p) graph = (V', in', out', l')

the composed graph (morph.) is :

(m, p) graph = (V ∪ V', in ∪ in', out ∪ out', l'')

$$l'' : \underline{m \sqcup n \sqcup n'} \rightarrow \underline{I \sqcup I' \sqcup P} \quad l''(x) = \begin{cases} l(x) & \text{if } l(x) \in I \\ l'(l(x)) & \text{if } l(x) \in n \\ l'(x) & \text{if } x \in O' \end{cases}$$



Mapping  
same as  $\nu(\alpha)$

$\nu'(\nu(\alpha))$

$\nu(\alpha)$

Monoidal product:  $G + G' = ([V \sqcup V'], [in, in'], [out, out'], [L \sqcup L'])$

$\Rightarrow$  Free Constructions :

$\downarrow$   
minimally-constrained

for a preorder : the minimal constraint will be  
the reflexive & transitive closure of a relation.

$\hookrightarrow$  because the other equalities doesn't matter in  
defining monotone maps

\* so we call these properties as "universal properties"  
of a preorder  $(P, \leq_p)$

$\Rightarrow$  Free category on graph :

the paths in  $G$ . (So  $\text{Free}(G)$  is a category that in a sense contains  $G$  and obeys no  
equations other than those that categories are forced to obey.)

Refer eg: 5.23

$\Rightarrow$  Free prop on a signature :

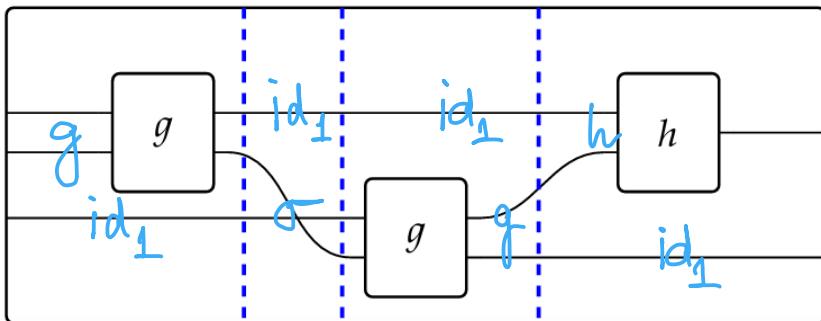
**Definition 5.25.** A prop signature is a tuple  $(G, s, t)$ , where  $G$  is a set and  $s, t: G \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$   
are functions; each element  $g \in G$  is called a generator and  $s(g), t(g) \in \mathbb{N}$  are called its  
in-arity and out-arity. We often denote  $(G, s, t)$  simply by  $G$ , taking  $s, t$  to be implicit.

A  $G$ -labeling of a port graph  $\Gamma = (V, in, out, \iota)$  is a function  $\ell: V \rightarrow G$  such that the  
arities agree:  $s(\ell(v)) = in(v)$  and  $t(\ell(v)) = out(v)$  for each  $v \in V$ .

Define the free prop on  $G$ , denoted  $\text{Free}(G)$ , to have as morphisms  $m \rightarrow n$  all  $G$ -  
labeled  $(m, n)$ -port graphs. The composition and monoidal structure are just those for  
port graphs  $\mathbf{PG}$  (see Eq. (5.17)); the labelings (the  $\ell$ 's) are just carried along.

**Proposition 5.29.** The free prop  $\text{Free}(G)$  on a signature  $(G, s, t)$  has the property that, for any prop  $\mathcal{C}$ , the prop functors  $\text{Free}(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  are in one-to-one correspondence with functions  $G \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  that send each  $g \in G$  to a morphism  $s(g) \rightarrow t(g)$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

Example :



$\sigma$  :  
Swap Map  
 $\times$

exp :  $(g + id_1); (id_1 + \sigma); (id_1 + g); (h + id_1)$

⇒ Presentation :

**Rough Definition 5.33.** A presentation  $(G, s, t, E)$  for a prop is a set  $G$ , functions  $s, t: G \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ , and a set  $E \subseteq \text{Expr}(G) \times \text{Expr}(G)$  of pairs of  $G$ -generated prop expressions, such that  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  have the same arity for each  $(e_1, e_2) \in E$ . We refer to  $G$  as the set of generators and to  $E$  as the set of equations in the presentation.<sup>6</sup>

The prop  $\mathcal{G}$  presented by the presentation  $(G, s, t, E)$  is the prop whose morphisms are elements in  $\text{Expr}(G)$ , quotiented by both the equations  $e_1 = e_2$  where  $(e_1, e_2) \in E$ , and by the axioms of symmetric strict monoidal categories.

⇒ Simplified Signal Flow Graphs :

\* Rigs :

Used to represent a signal which can be multiplied (amplified) & added and the distributive law holds

**Definition 5.36.** A rig is a tuple  $(R, 0, +, 1, *)$ , where  $R$  is a set,  $0, 1 \in R$  are elements, and  $+,*: R \times R \rightarrow R$  are functions, such that

- (a)  $(R, +, 0)$  is a commutative monoid,
- (b)  $(R, *, 1)$  is a monoid,<sup>8</sup> and
- (c)  $a * (b + c) = a * b + a * c$  and  $(a + b) * c = a * c + b * c$  for all  $a, b, c \in R$ .
- (d)  $a * 0 = 0 = 0 * a$  for all  $a \in R$ .

Examples :

①  $(\mathbb{N}, 0, +, 1, *)$     ②  $(\mathbb{B}, \text{false}, \vee, \text{true}, \wedge)$

Generally, for any quantale  $\mathcal{V} = (\vee, \odot, \wedge, I, \otimes)$

where  $\odot$  is empty join  $0 = V\phi$

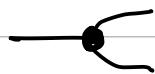
*Example 5.40.* If  $R$  is a rig and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  is any natural number, then the set  $\text{Mat}_n(R)$  of  $(n \times n)$ -matrices in  $R$  forms a rig. A matrix  $M \in \text{Mat}_n(R)$  is a function  $M: \underline{n} \times \underline{n} \rightarrow R$ . Addition  $M + N$  of matrices is given by  $(M + N)(i, j) := M(i, j) + N(i, j)$  and multiplication  $M * N$  is given by  $(M * N)(i, j) := \sum_{k \in \underline{n}} M(i, k) * N(k, j)$ . The 0-matrix is  $0(i, j) := 0$  for all  $i, j \in \underline{n}$ . Note that  $\text{Mat}_n(R)$  is generally not commutative.

*Example 5.42.* Any ring forms a rig. In particular, the real numbers  $(\mathbb{R}, 0, +, 1, *)$  are a rig. The difference between a ring and rig is that a ring, in addition to all the properties of a rig, must also have additive inverses, or *negatives*. A common mnemonic is that a rig is a ring without **negatives**.

Iconography :



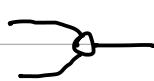
amplifies by a (scalar multi.)



copy a signal

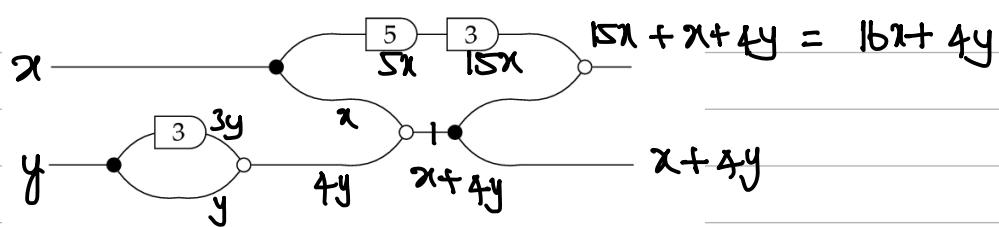


discard



add signals

Eg:



*Another way:*

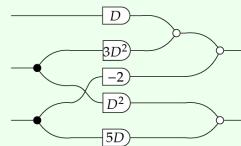
*Example 5.44.* This example is [spivak-applied-cat-theory \(1\) PDF](#). The familiarity with differential equations. A linear system of differential equations provides a simple way to specify the movement of a particle. For example, consider a particle whose position  $(x, y, z)$  in 3-dimensional space is determined by the following equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} + 3\dot{y} - 2z &= 0 \\ \dot{y} + 5\dot{z} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Using what is known as the Laplace transform, one can convert this into a linear system involving a formal variable  $D$ , which stands for “differentiate.” Then the system becomes

$$\begin{aligned}Dx + 3D^2y - 2z &= 0 \\ D^2y + 5Dz &= 0\end{aligned}$$

which can be represented by the signal flow graph

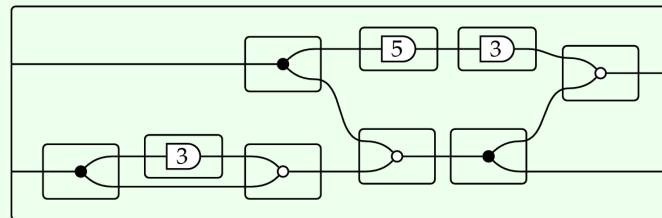


**Definition 5.45.** Let  $R$  be a rig (see Definition 5.36). Consider the set

$$G_R := \left\{ \text{--}, \circ, \leftarrow, \rightarrow \right\} \cup \left\{ -a | a \in R \right\},$$

and let  $s, t: G_R \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  be given by the number of dangling wires on the left and right of the generator icon respectively. A *simplified signal flow graph* is a morphism in the free prop  $\mathbf{Free}(G_R)$  on this set  $G_R$  of generators. We define  $\mathbf{SFG}_R := \mathbf{Free}(G_R)$ .

To see similarities –



→ The prop of matrices over a rig :

**Definition 5.50.** Let  $R$  be a rig. We define the *prop of  $R$ -matrices*, denoted  $\mathbf{Mat}(R)$ , to be the prop whose morphisms  $m \rightarrow n$  are the  $(m \times n)$ -matrices with values in  $R$ . Composition of morphisms is given by matrix multiplication as in Eq. (5.48). The monoidal product is given by the direct sum of matrices: given matrices  $A: m \rightarrow n$  and  $b: p \rightarrow q$ , we define  $A + B: m + p \rightarrow n + q$  to be the block matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix}$$

where each 0 represents a matrix of zeros of the appropriate dimension ( $m \times q$  and  $n \times p$ ). We refer to any combination of multiplication and direct sum as a *interconnection* of matrices.

$$\text{Eg: } A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 & 6 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A + B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 5 & 6 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Signal Flow Graphs  $\rightarrow$  Matrices  
 $\text{SFG}_R \longrightarrow \text{Mat}(R)$

$m \times n$  matrix

$$m=2 \quad \begin{array}{c} x \\ y \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \bullet \xrightarrow{5} \bullet \xrightarrow{3} a \\ \bullet \xrightarrow{7} \bullet \xrightarrow{2} b \end{array} \quad n=2$$

	$a$	$b$
$x$	15	3
$y$	0	21

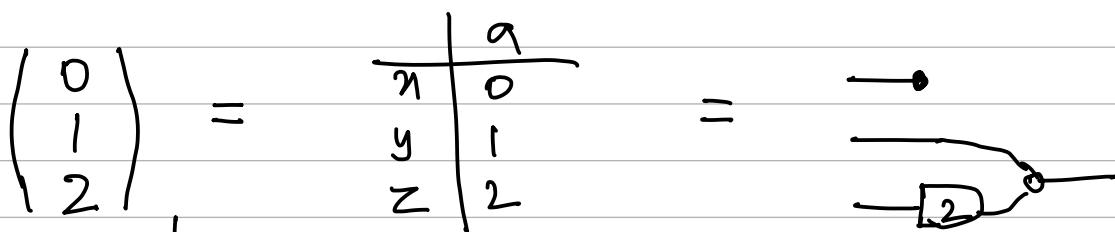
$$\begin{pmatrix} 15 & 3 \\ 0 & 21 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a &= 15x + 0y \\ b &= 3x + 0y \end{aligned}$$

We can say :

**Proposition 5.54.** Let  $g$  be a signal flow graph with  $m$  inputs and  $n$  outputs. The matrix  $S(g)$  is the  $(m \times n)$ -matrix whose  $(i, j)$ -entry describes the amplification of the  $i$ th input that contributes to the  $j$ th output.

other eg. :  $\text{---} \mapsto (1)$  and  $\text{X} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\text{---}^a \mapsto (a)$



$$x \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \quad \text{indicates } 0 \rightarrow a \text{ or } 0 \rightarrow b \\ (0 \rightarrow 1)$$

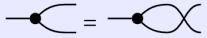
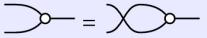
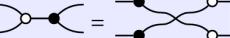
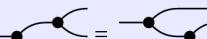
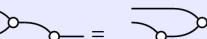
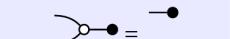
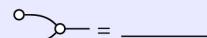
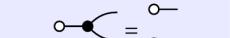
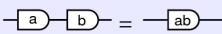
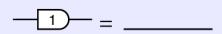
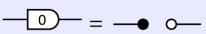
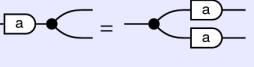
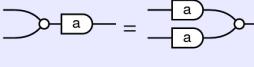
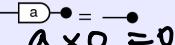
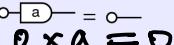
indicates  $x \rightarrow 0$  or  $y \rightarrow 0$   
 $(1 \rightarrow 0)$

**Theorem 5.60.** The prop  $\mathbf{Mat}(R)$  is isomorphic to the prop with the following presentation. The set of generators is the set

$$G_R := \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{--}, \quad \circ, \quad \leftarrow, \quad \rightarrow \\ \end{array} \right\} \cup \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ a \end{array} \mid a \in R \right\},$$

the same as the set of generators for  $\mathbf{SFG}_R$ ; see Definition 5.45.

We have the following equations for any  $a, b \in R$ :

		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
 } distributive laws of a rig		
		

## ⇒ Monoidal obj. in a monoidal category :

**Definition 5.65.** A monoid object  $(M, \mu, \eta)$  in a symmetric monoidal category  $(\mathcal{C}, I, \otimes)$  is an object  $M$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  together with morphisms  $\mu: M \otimes M \rightarrow M$  and  $\eta: I \rightarrow M$  such that

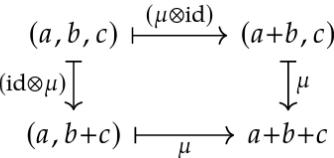
- (a)  $(\mu \otimes \text{id}) \circ \mu = (\text{id} \otimes \mu) \circ \mu$  and
- (b)  $(\eta \otimes \text{id}) \circ \mu = \text{id} = (\text{id} \otimes \eta) \circ \mu$ .

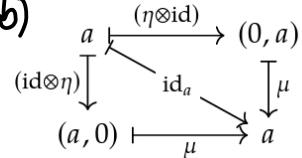
A commutative monoid object is a monoid object that further obeys

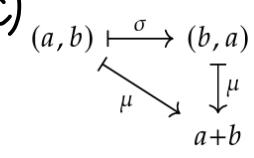
- (c)  $\sigma_{M,M} \circ \mu = \mu$ .

where  $\sigma_{M,M}$  is the swap map on  $M$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ . We often denote it simply by  $\sigma$ .

Eg:  $(\mathbb{R}, +, 0)$  is a monoid obj. if  $\mu \Rightarrow \mu(a, b) = a+b$   
 Ex 5.67  $\eta = 0$

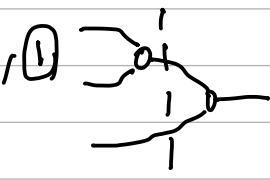
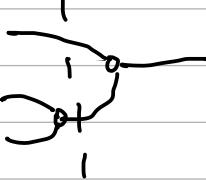
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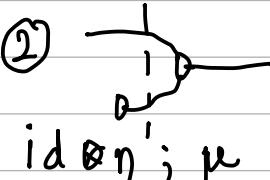
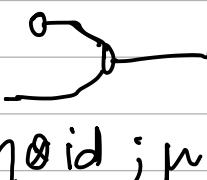
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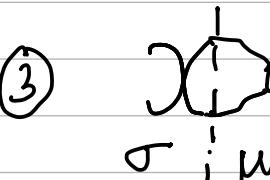
c) 

DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THIS...

\*  $(1, \circ, \circ)$  is a commutative monoid obj. in  
prop  $\text{MAT}(R)$

because, ①  =   
 $\mu \otimes \text{id} ; \mu$        $\text{id} \otimes \mu ; \mu$

②  =  =   
 $\text{id} \otimes \eta ; \mu$        $\text{id}$        $\eta \otimes \text{id} ; \mu$

③  =   
 $\sigma ; \mu$        $\mu$

\*  $(1, \neg\subset, \neg\bullet)$  is a comm. monoidal obj. in  
 $\text{MAT}(R)^{\text{op}}$

$\Rightarrow$  Behaviour of SFGs :

the SFG,  $g: m \rightarrow n$  has the behaviour

$$B(g) = \{ (x, S(g)(x)) \mid x \in R^m \} \subseteq R^m \times R^n$$

Mirror image of icon behaviour

$B(g^{\text{op}}) = \{ (S(g)(x), x) \mid x \in R^m \} \subseteq R^n \times R^m$   
 is called transposed relation

$$B(\neg\subset) = \{ ((y, z), x) \mid x \in R, x = y + z \} \subseteq R^3$$

→ Composition of behaviours :

$$M : m \rightarrow n$$

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$$N : n \rightarrow p$$

$$B_1 = \{ (x, Mx) \mid x \in R^m \}$$

$$B_2 = \{ (y, Ny) \mid y \in R^n \}$$

$$B_1; B_2 = \{ (x, z) \mid \text{there exists } y \in R^n \text{ s.t. } (x, y) \in B_1 \text{ and } (y, z) \in B_2 \}$$

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$$g : m \rightarrow n \quad h : l \rightarrow n \Rightarrow h^{op} : n \rightarrow l$$

we can compose  $g ; h^{op}$



$$B(g) = \{ (x, y) \subseteq R^m \times R^n \mid y = S(g)(x) \}$$

$$B(h^{op}) = \{ (y, z) \subseteq R^n \times R^l \mid z = S(h^{op})(y) \}$$

$$\cong y = S(h)(z)$$

$$B(g; h^{op}) = \{ (x, z) \subseteq R^{m \times l} \mid \exists y \in S(g)(x) \text{ such that } z = S(h^{op})(y) \}$$