

A note of Tom Leinster, Higher Operads, Higher Categories.  
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$$\begin{array}{llll} \text{Lax} & \phi_{A,B} & FA \otimes FB & \longrightarrow F(A \otimes B) \\ & \phi & I & \longrightarrow FI \end{array}$$

$$\text{Colax} \quad \longleftarrow$$

$$\text{Weak} \quad \overset{\text{iso.}}{\longleftrightarrow}$$

$$\text{Strong} \quad \overset{\text{id.}}{\longleftrightarrow}$$

$$\text{Strict } n\text{-cat:} \quad \text{Str-0-cat} = \text{Set}$$

$$\text{Str-(n+1)-Cat} = (\text{Str-n-Cat})\text{-Cat}$$

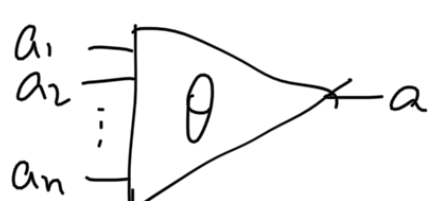
$$\text{Bicat: } B_0, B(A,B), B(B,C) \times B(A,B) \rightarrow B(A,C).$$

$$1_A \in B(A,A), \quad (h \circ g) \circ f \quad \downarrow \alpha_{h,g,f} \quad \alpha \text{ iso.}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 \circ f & f \circ 1 & h \circ (g \circ f) \\ \downarrow \lambda_f & \downarrow \rho_f & \downarrow \alpha_{h,g,f} \\ f & f & \lambda \cdot \rho \text{ iso.} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{Lax transf.} & FA & \xrightarrow{ff} & FB & \\ & \sigma_A \downarrow & \Rightarrow \sigma_f & \downarrow \sigma_B & \\ & GA & \xrightarrow{Gf} & GB & \end{array}$$

Multicat.



$$a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \rightarrow a + \text{comp.} + \text{id.}$$

1 object Multicat = Operad.

without comp., id. = Multigraph.

PRD:  $(S, A)$ .  $S$  set  $A$  strict monoidal category.

monoid of  $\text{Ob } A = \text{free monoid on } S$

$$\coprod_{a_1^{k_1}, \dots, a_n^{k_n}} (A(a_1^{k_1}, \dots, a_1^{k_1}), [a_1]) \times \dots \times A([a_n^{k_n}, \dots, a_n^{k_n}], a_n) \xrightarrow{\text{bij.}} A([b_1, \dots, b_m], [a_1, \dots, a_n])$$

$$(a_1^{k_1}, \dots, a_1^{k_1}, \dots, a_n^{k_n}, \dots, a_n^{k_n}) = [b_1, \dots, b_m].$$

tree.  $\text{tr}(1)$  has "1",  $\text{tr}(k_1) + \dots + \text{tr}(k_n) \rightarrow \text{tr}(k_1, \dots, k_n)$   
 $T_1 \quad T_n \mapsto (T_1, \dots, T_n)$

ctr:  $\text{ctr}(p)$  has "1",  $\text{ctr}(1)$  has "1"  $\text{ctr}(k_1) + \text{ctr}(k_2) \rightarrow \text{ctr}(k_1 + k_2)$   
 $T_1 \quad T_2 \mapsto (T_1, T_2)$

(0 or 2).  $\triangleright, \Rightarrow$

$\text{Lax MonCat} \xrightarrow{\text{lax (weak, strong)}} P: A \rightarrow A' \quad \prod_{a_1, \dots, a_n} (p_{a_1} \otimes \dots \otimes p_{a_n}) \rightarrow p(a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_n) \text{ is lax. (weak, strong).}$   
 $\downarrow \text{(unbiased, strong)}$

$\gamma((a_1^{k_1}, \dots, a_1^{k_1}), \dots, (a_n^{k_n}, \dots, a_n^{k_n})):$

$$[(a_1^{k_1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_1^{k_1}) \otimes \dots \otimes (a_n^{k_n} \otimes \dots \otimes a_n^{k_n})] \rightarrow$$

$$(a_1^{k_1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_n^{k_n}) \text{ is lax.}$$

$\text{La}: a \rightarrow (a) \text{ is lax. (unbiased, strong)}$

strict cover:  $(P, \pi) \cdot \text{st}(A) \rightarrow A$ .  $P$  full, faithful, essentially surjective

Cartesian = Preserve pullback.

$$\Sigma(T) \quad d \swarrow M \searrow e \quad \text{for 1 cell.}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & M & \\ d \swarrow & & \searrow e \\ TE & & E' \end{array}$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \begin{array}{ccc} & M & \\ & \downarrow N & \\ TE & & E' \end{array} \quad \text{for 2 cell.}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} M' \circ M \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ TM \quad \quad M \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \quad \searrow \\ Td \quad Tc \quad d' \quad e' \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ T^2E \quad TE' \quad E'' \\ \swarrow ME \\ TE \end{array} \quad \text{for 1-comp.}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & E & \\ \eta_E \swarrow & & \searrow \\ TE & & E \end{array} \quad \text{for 1-id.}$$

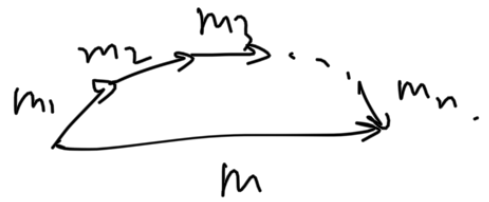
$T$ -multicat is a monad in bicat.  $\Sigma(T)$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{diag} \swarrow C_1 \searrow \text{cod} & & C_1 \circ C_1 = C_1 \times_{TC_0} TC_1 \xrightarrow{\text{comp}} C_1 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \\ TC_0 & C_0 & C_0 \xrightarrow{\text{id}} C_1 \end{array}$$

$T$ -Operad.  $T$ -graph. (similarly defined).

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{fc-multicat.} & a_0 & \xrightarrow{m_1} & a_1 & \xrightarrow{m_2} \dots \xrightarrow{m_n} a_n \\ & \downarrow f & & \downarrow \theta & \downarrow f' \\ & a & \xrightarrow{m} & & a' \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} + \text{comp.} \\ + \text{id.} \end{array}$$

plain-multi :  $f, f' = \text{id}$ .



weak double cat.

$$D_1^{(n)} = \lim \begin{array}{c} D_1 \\ \swarrow \text{dom} \searrow \text{cod} \\ D_0 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} D_1 \\ \swarrow \text{dom} \searrow \text{cod} \\ D_0 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} D_1 \\ \swarrow \text{dom} \searrow \text{cod} \\ D_0 \end{array} \dots \begin{array}{c} D_1 \\ \swarrow \text{dom} \searrow \text{cod} \\ D_0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{comp}^{(n)}: \begin{array}{ccc} & D_1^{(n)} & \\ \swarrow & \downarrow \text{comp}^{(n)} & \searrow \\ D_0 & & D_0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T\text{-Multicat}' & \varepsilon/E \xrightarrow{S} \varepsilon/E & \\ & \downarrow e_1 \quad \Downarrow \phi \quad \downarrow e_1 & (\text{colax}). \\ & \varepsilon/\tilde{E} \xrightarrow{S'} \varepsilon/\tilde{E} & \end{array}$$

$$\text{Opetope} \quad \Sigma_0 = \text{Set} \quad T_0 = \text{id}. \quad \Sigma_{n+1} = \Sigma_n / T_n$$

$$T_{n+1} = (\text{free } T_n\text{-operad}).$$

$n$	$\mathcal{O}_n$	$\Sigma_n$	$T_n$
0	1	Set	id.
1	1	Set	free monoid
2	$\mathbb{N}$	Set( $\mathbb{N}$ )	free plain operad.
3	{trees}	Set/{trees}	

$\mathcal{O}_0$   $\bullet$

$\mathcal{O}_1 \rightarrow$

$\mathcal{O}_2 \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram (0)} \\ (0) \end{array} , \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram (1)} \\ (1) \end{array} , \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram (2)} \\ (2) \end{array} , \dots \right\}$  (1-pasting diagram)

$\mathcal{O}_3 \left\{ \dots , \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram} \\ \parallel \\ \text{diagram} \end{array} , \dots \right\}$  (2-pd)

Strict tree  $stTr(1)$  has "1".  
 $stTr(k_1) + stTr(k_2) + \dots + stTr(k_n) \rightarrow stTr(k_1 + \dots + k_n)$   
 $T_1 \quad T_2 \quad T_n \quad \mapsto (T_1, \dots, T_n)$

$(stTr(0) = \emptyset, stTr(2) = \{ \text{diagram} \})$

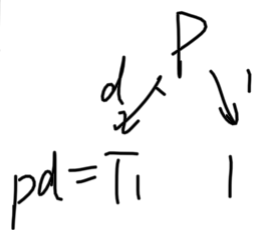
opetopic set:  $\mathcal{O} \rightarrow \text{Set}$

Globular pd.

$\begin{array}{c} \text{diagram} \\ \circ_1 \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\quad} \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram} \end{array} \quad pd(2) \times_{pd(1)} pd(2) \rightarrow pd(2)$

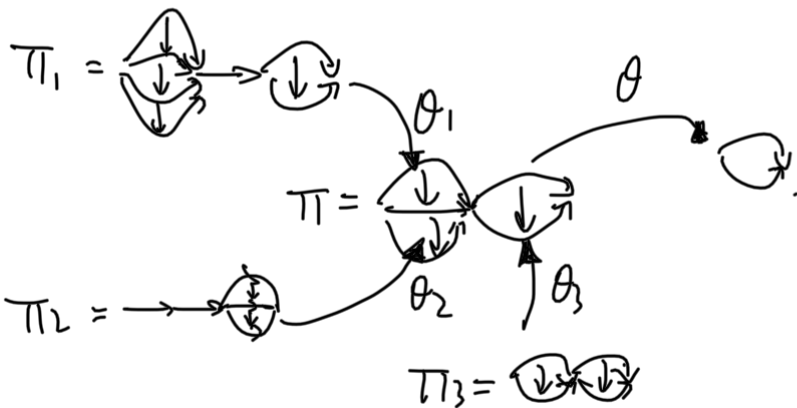
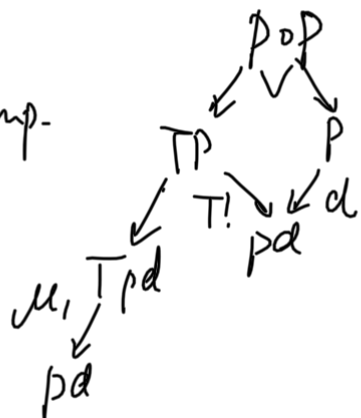
$\begin{array}{c} \text{diagram} \end{array} \circ_0 \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram} \end{array} \quad pd(3) \times_{pd(1)} pd(3) \rightarrow pd(3)$

Global operad

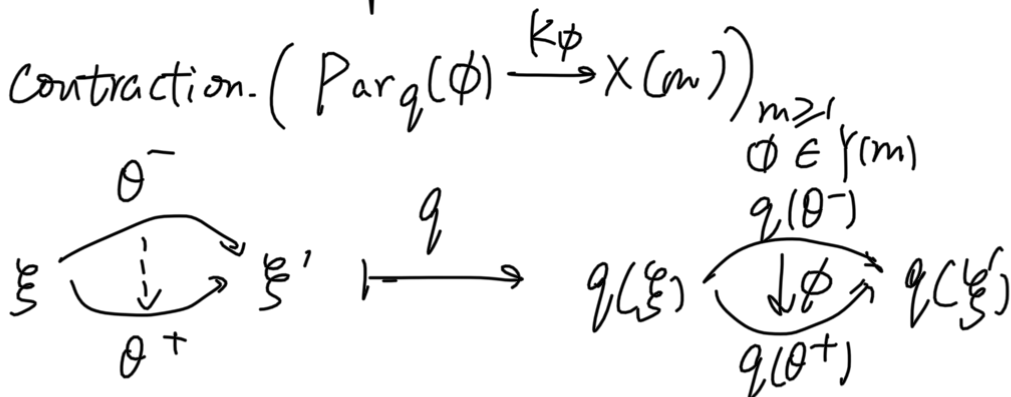


$$P(\pi) \xrightarrow[\tau]{s} P(\partial\pi).$$

Comp.



weak  $n$ -cat. parallel:  $\alpha^-, \alpha^+ \in X(m)$ .  $m=0$  or  $m \geq 1$ ,  
 $s(\alpha^-) = s(\alpha^+)$   
 $t(\alpha^-) = t(\alpha^+)$



operads with contraction  $(P, \kappa)$ .  $P$  globular operad.

$\kappa$  contraction.  $(P, \kappa) \xrightarrow{f} (P', \kappa')$  preserve contraction

$$f(\kappa_\pi(\theta^-, \theta^+)) = \kappa'_\pi(f\theta^-, f\theta^+). \forall m \geq 1. \pi \in \text{pd}(m). (\theta^-, \theta^+) \in \text{Par}_P(\pi)$$

OC has an initial obj.  $(L, \lambda)$ .

A weak  $\omega$ -cat is an  $L$ -alg.