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Presenting finite posets (with monotone maps?)

... using string diagrams



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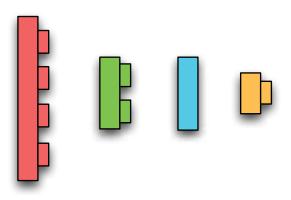
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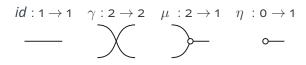
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String diagrams algebraically

We can assign each string a type, given by the number of input ports (on the left) and the number of output ports on the right:



$$\frac{S:k \to l \quad T:m \to n}{S \otimes T:k + m \to l + n} \qquad \frac{S:k \to l \quad T:l \to m}{S \circ T:k \to m}$$



String diagrams algebraically

$$(--- \otimes) \circ () \circ (\otimes ---)$$

$$=$$

$$(id \otimes \gamma) \circ (\gamma \otimes id)$$

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So what can we do with id, γ , μ and η ?

Say we have function $f:[5] \rightarrow [5]$ (where $[n] = \{0 \dots n-1\}$):

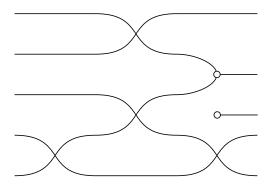
$$f(0) = 1$$

 $f(1) = 0$
 $f(2) = 4$
 $f(3) = 3$
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We can express this function as a string diagram:



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Or alternatively:

$$(id \otimes id \otimes id \otimes \gamma) \circ (\gamma \otimes \gamma \otimes id) \circ (id \otimes \mu \otimes \eta \otimes \gamma)$$



String diagram equations

More formally, the category of functions on finite sets \mathbf{F} , is presented by the string diagram rewriting system.

Our category **F** has natural numbers $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ as objects and arrows $f_{\mathbf{F}}: n \to m$, which are functions $f: [n] \to [m]$.

We can turn **F** into a symmetric monoidal category, by defining a bifunctor $\otimes: \mathbf{F} \times \mathbf{F} \to \mathbf{F}$ and pick an identity object **I**.

We can chose 0 as our identity object (remember objects in **F** are natural numbers) and define \otimes to be $n \otimes m = n + m$ on objects and "disjoint union" on functions, namely:

Given arrows $f_{\mathbf{F}}: k \to l$ and $g_{\mathbf{F}}: m \to n$, which are the functions $f: [k] \to [l]$ and $g: [m] \to [n]$, we define the arrow $f_{\mathbf{F}} \otimes g_{\mathbf{F}}: k + m \to l + n$ to be the function:

$$f \otimes g : [k+m] \to [l+n]$$

$$f \otimes g (x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{if } x < k \\ g(x-k) + l & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Essentially stacking one function disjointly on top of the other.



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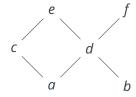
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What do we get, if we remove μ and η ? Finite sets and bijective functions / Permutations

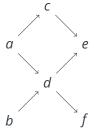
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A poset is a set S, together with a partial order relation \leq_S : $S \times S$, which is reflexive, transitive and antisymmetric.

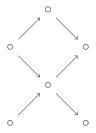
For example, for $S = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ and $a \leq_S c, a \leq_S d, b \leq_S d, c \leq_S e, d \leq_S e$, we can draw the following diagram, representing the poset:



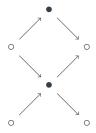




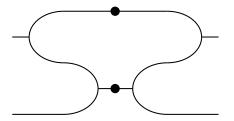




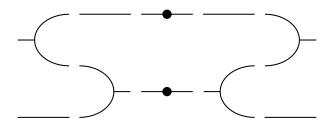










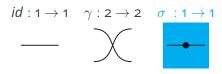




$$(\delta \otimes id) \circ (id \otimes \mu) \circ (\sigma \otimes \sigma) \circ (id \otimes \delta) \circ (\mu \otimes id)$$



We have some additional combinators in this theory:





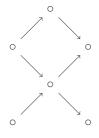


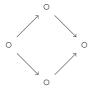
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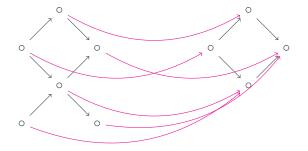
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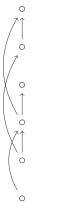






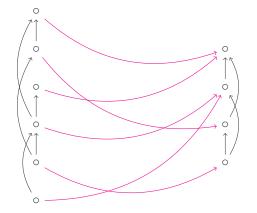














Who's stuff I stole borrowed

Drawing string diagrams is quite tedious!

I therefore borrowed some excellent ones from Pawel Sobocinski's MGS 2017 lecture notes (also, checkout his blog on Graphical Linear Algebra!)
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I also used some string diagrams from S. Mimram's paper Presenting Finite Posets, on which this presentation was based (p. 11,27)

