

A Combinatorial Presentation of the Operad of Plane Graphs

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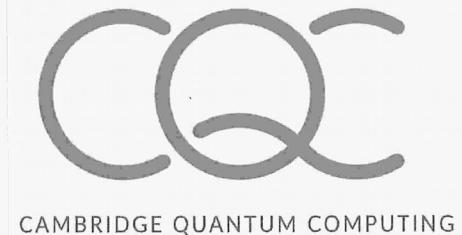
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Diagrams for Monoidal Categories

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- string diagrams graphical language for monoidal categories
- represented by graphs (Selinger, 2011)
 - SMC : directed acyclic graphs
 - traced : can contain cycles
 - autonomous : wires can go the other way
- diagram equality \rightarrow graph isomorphism
- equational reasoning via rewrite rules
 - \rightarrow double pushout graph rewriting

Diagrams for non-Symmetric Monoidal Categories

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Non-Symmetric case:

- printing circuits: crossings not possible
- quantum circuits: crossing not for free
- most general case: can add structure on top

Representation:

- no crossing wires
- represented by plane graphs

Implementation:

This project is being implemented in Agda

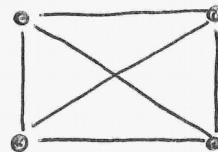
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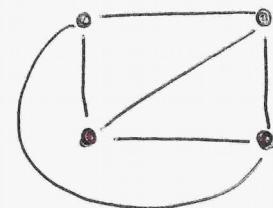
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- embedding of G : drawing of G on a surface S
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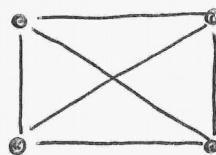
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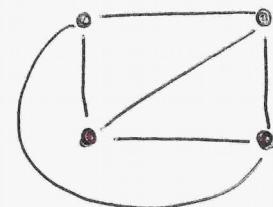
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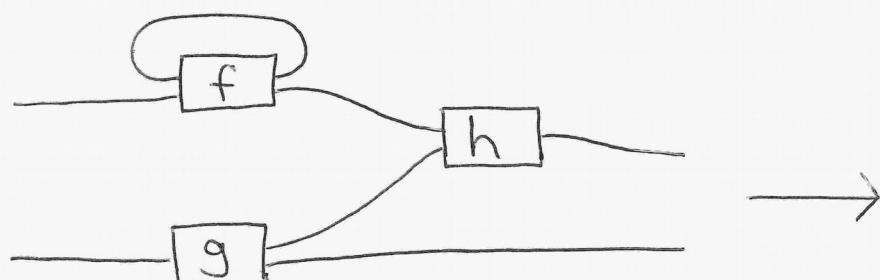
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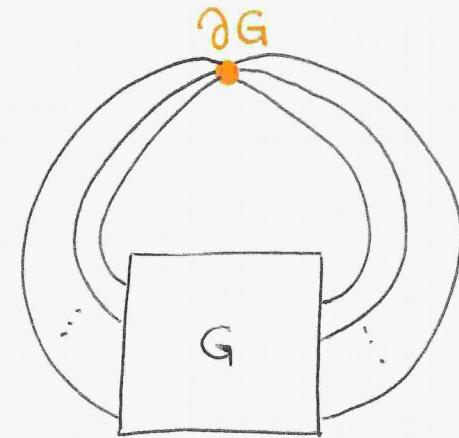
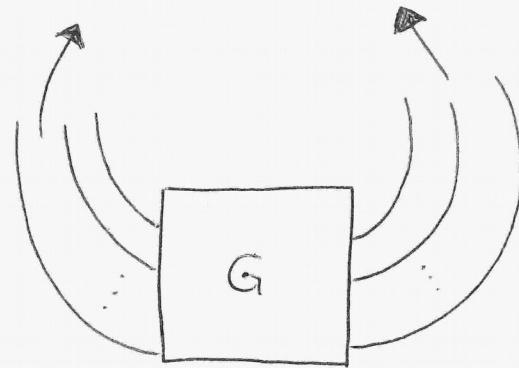


A PRO can be represented as open plane graph:



Plane Graphs with a Boundary Vertex (1)

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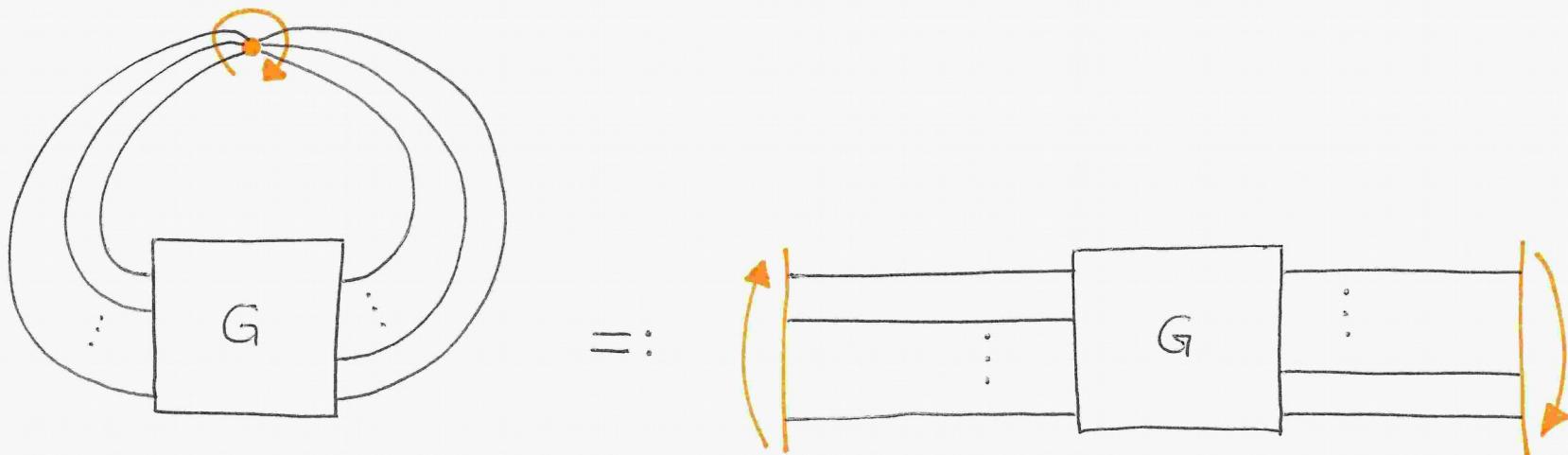


Encoding the dangling input and output wires :

- introduce a new vertex ∂G , the boundary vertex
- making the boundary part of the graph

Plane Graphs with a Boundary Vertex (2)

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- boundary vertex part of the plane graph
- connecting parallel graphs
- nice way to represent plane graphs combinatorically

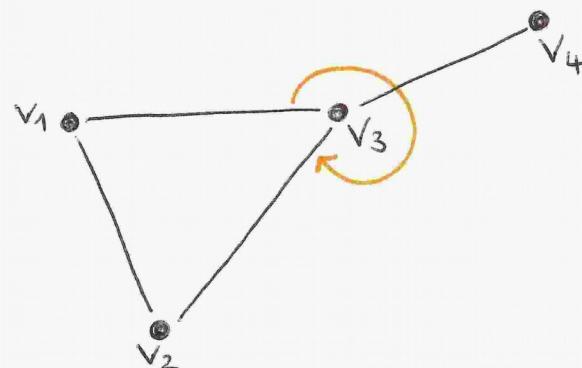
Rotation Systems (1)

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Definition:

- rotation of a vertex $v \in V$:
cyclic ordered list of adjacent vertices
- rotation system: rotation for all vertices in the graph

Here: rotation in clockwise direction



$v_1 : v_2, v_3$

$v_2 : v_1, v_3$

$v_3 : v_1, v_4, v_2$

$v_4 : v_3$

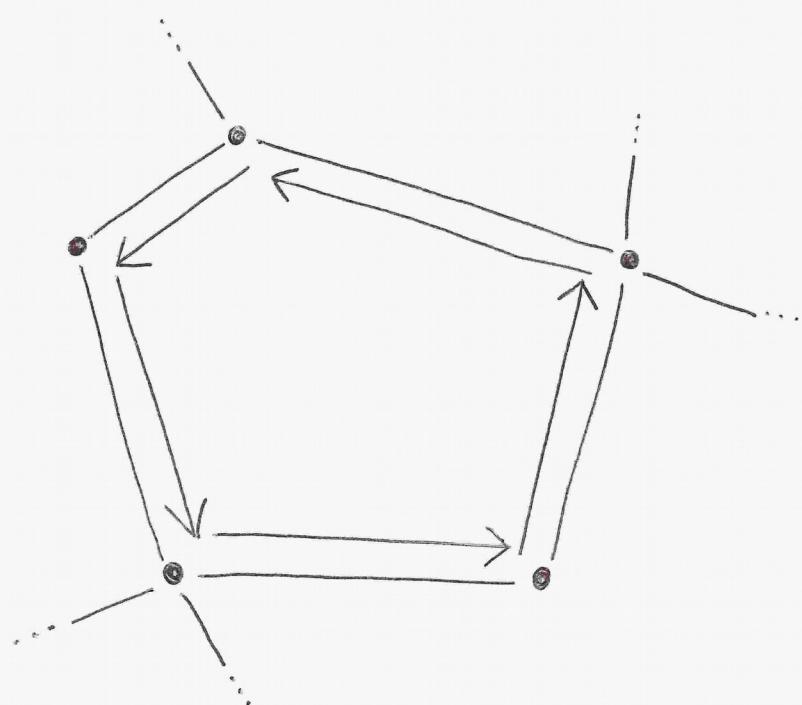
Rotation Systems (2)

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Lemma:

A rotation system uniquely defines a (cellular) embedding
of a graph (Youngs, 1963)

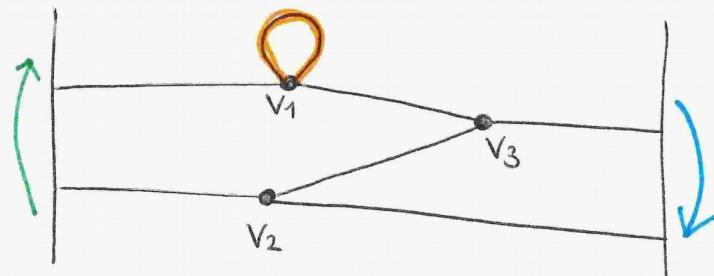
Proof:



Rotation Systems (3)

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Example:



v_1 : in, v_1 , v_1 , v_3

v_2 : in, v_3 , out

v_3 : v_1 , out, v_2

in : v_2, v_1

out : v_3, v_2

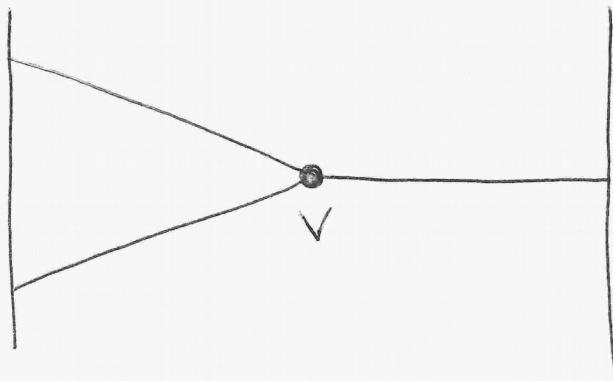
- categorically: inputs and outputs non-cyclic ordered lists
- combinatorially: boundary vertex as cyclic ordered list
- special case: multiple self loops (later, maybe)

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boundary and inner vertices

Building Graphs - Base Cases (1)

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Single vertex:



v : in, in, out

in : v, v

out: v

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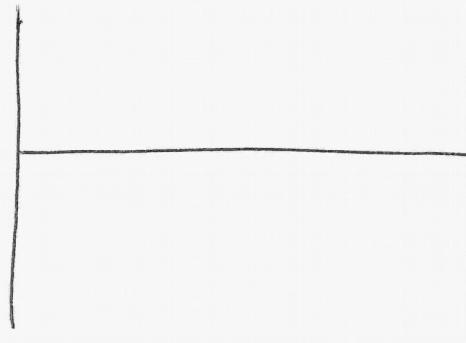
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empty graph:

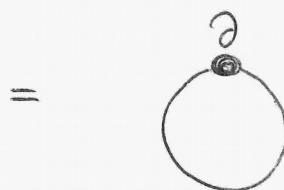


in: []
out: []

identity:



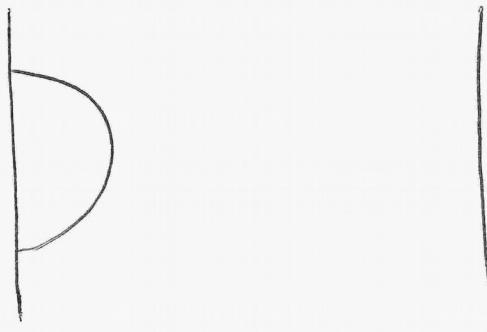
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Building Graphs - Base Cases (3)

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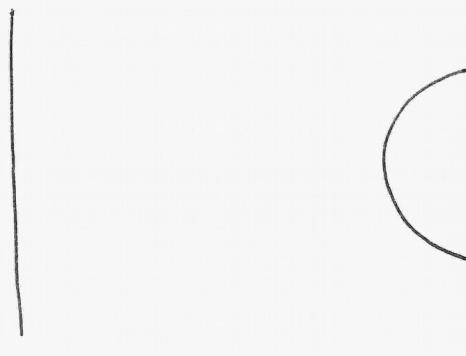
cap:



in: in, in
out: []

$$= \text{ } \circlearrowleft$$

cup:



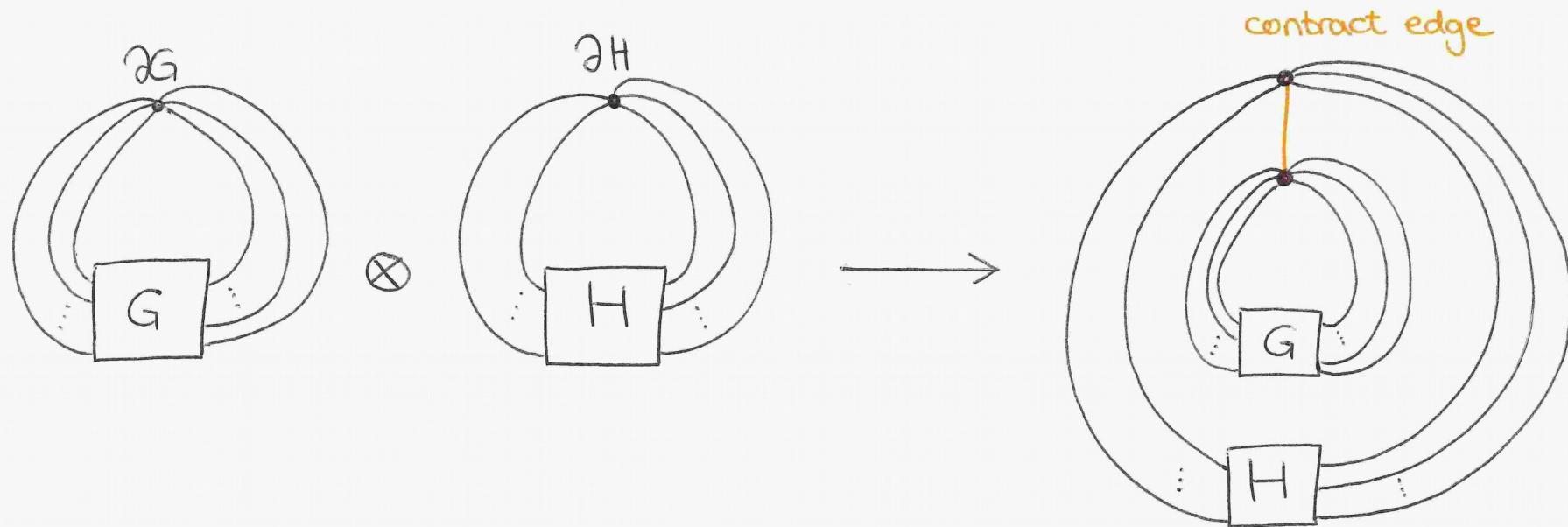
in: []
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cap and cup are self loops at the boundary vertex
(so is the identity!)

Building Graphs - Parallel Composition (1)

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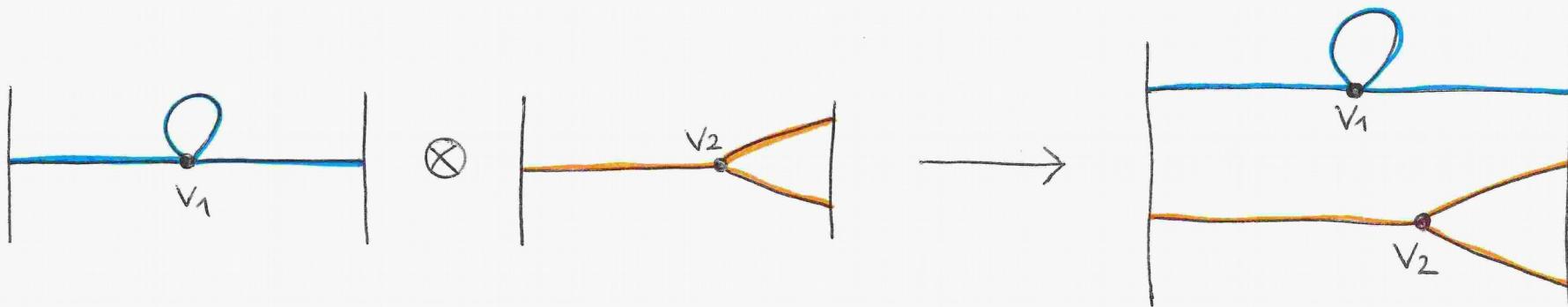


- make names of vertices disjoint
- new rotation system: union of both rotation systems
- new boundary vertex: draw **extra edge** and contract it

Building Graphs - Parallel Composition (2)

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Example :



v_1 : in, v_1 , v_1 , out

in : v_1

out: v_1

v_2 : in, out, out

in : v_2

out: v_2 , v_2

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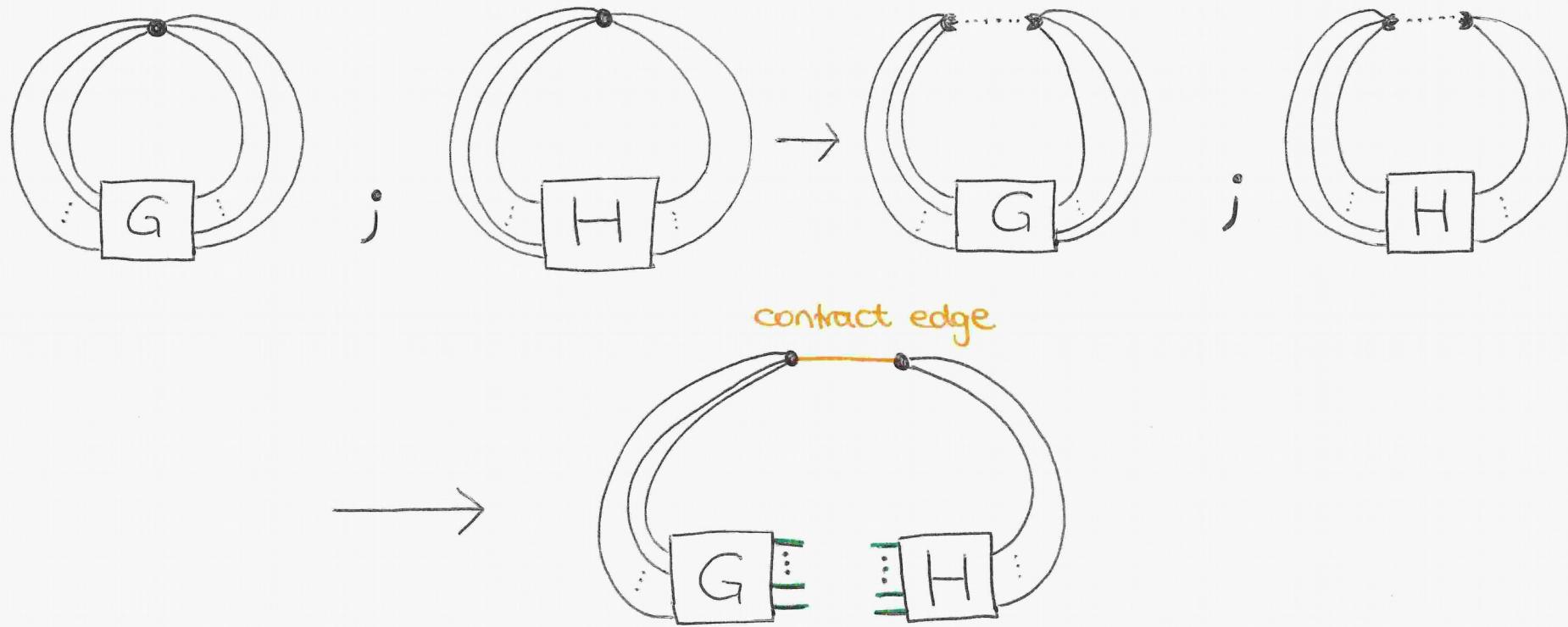
v_2 : in, out, out

in : v_2 , v_1

out: v_1 , v_2 , v_2

Building Graphs - Sequential Composition (1)

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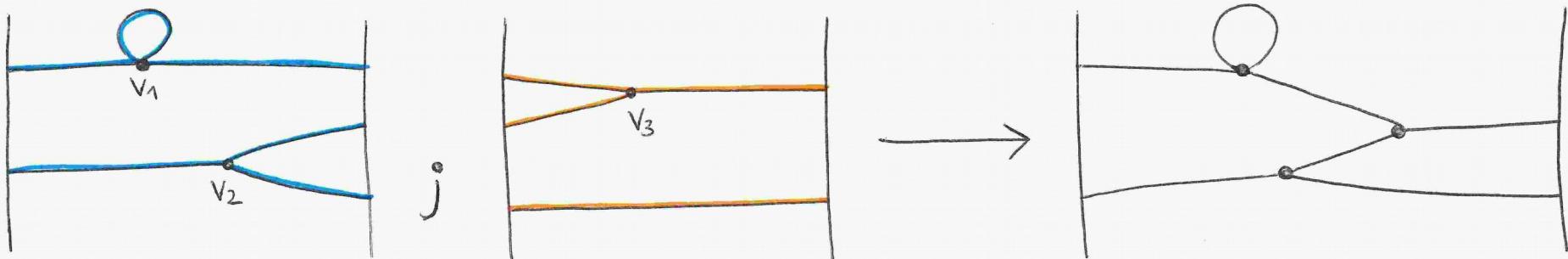


- identify edges at the composition boundary
- update rotation systems on both sides
- new boundary vertex: inputs from the left
outputs from the right

Building Graphs - Sequential Composition (2)

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Example :



v_1 : in, v_1 , v_1 , out

v_2 : in, out, out

in: v_2, v_1

out: v_1, v_2, v_2

v_3 : in, in, out

in: out, v_3, v_3

out: v_3, in

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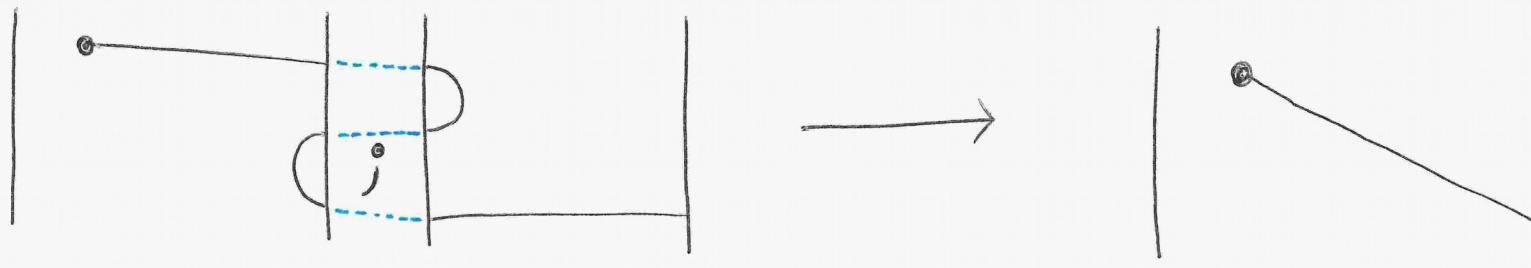
out: v_3, v_2

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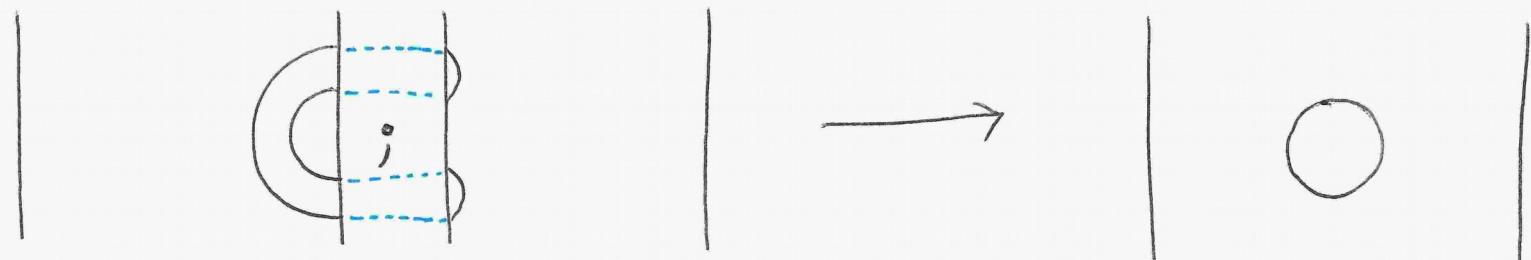
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Special cases for sequential composition:

- longer paths:



- cycles:



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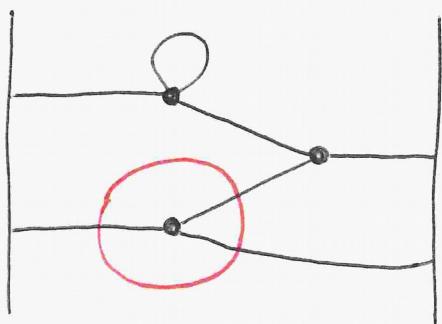
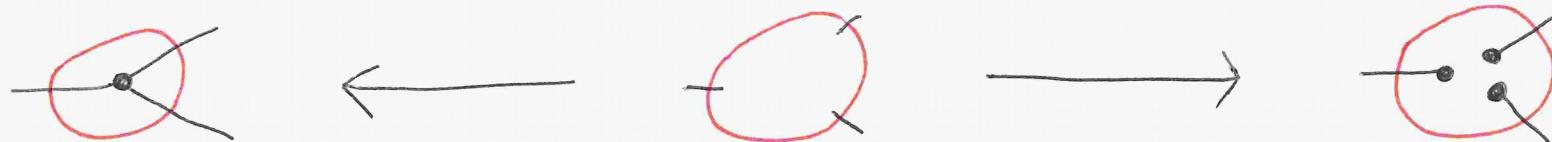
This representation of plane graphs with a boundary vertex defines a strict monoidal category, where

- the objects are lists of types of wires
- the morphisms are graphs
- parallel and sequential composition as defined above

Now: How does rewriting work?

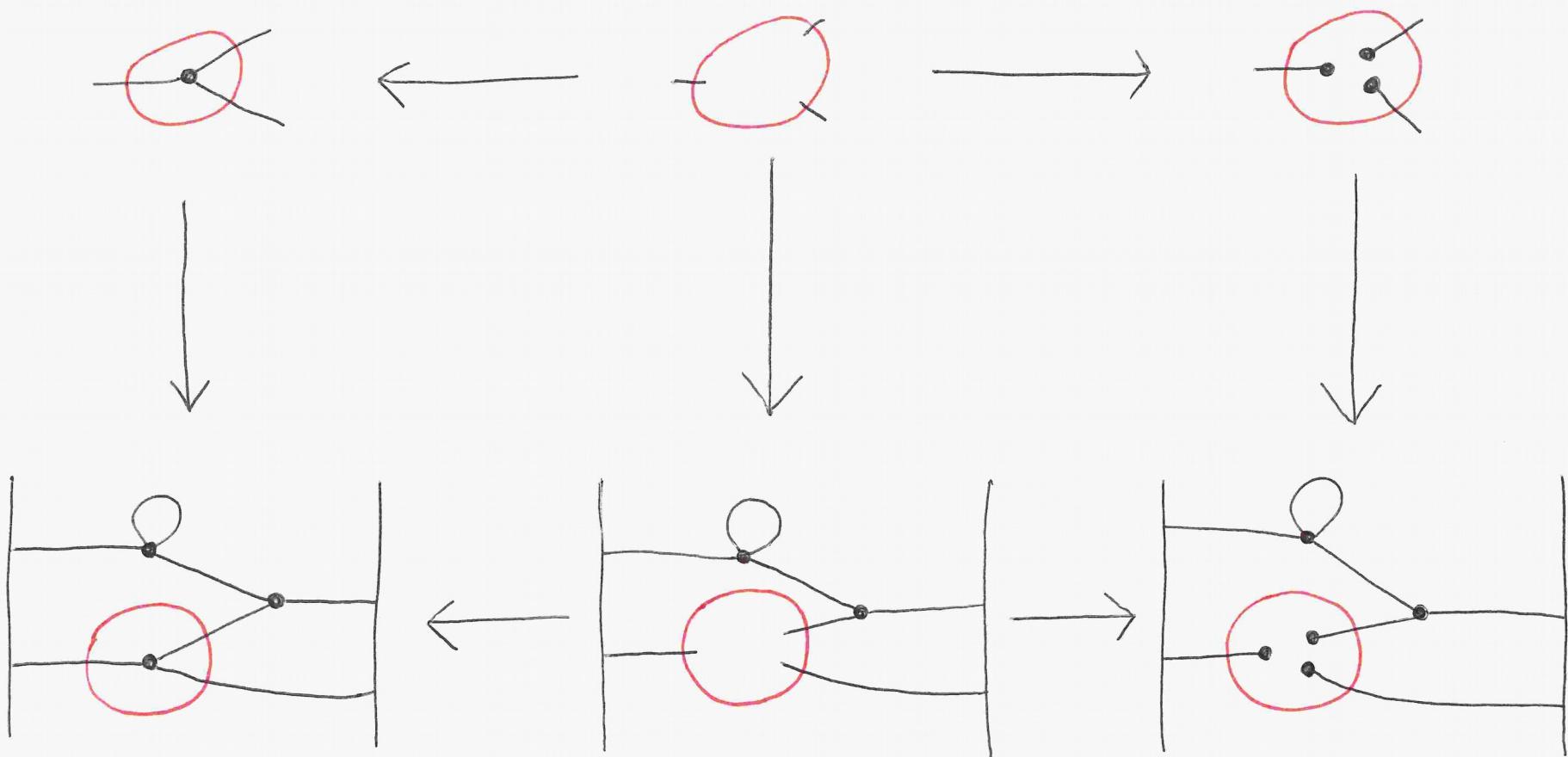
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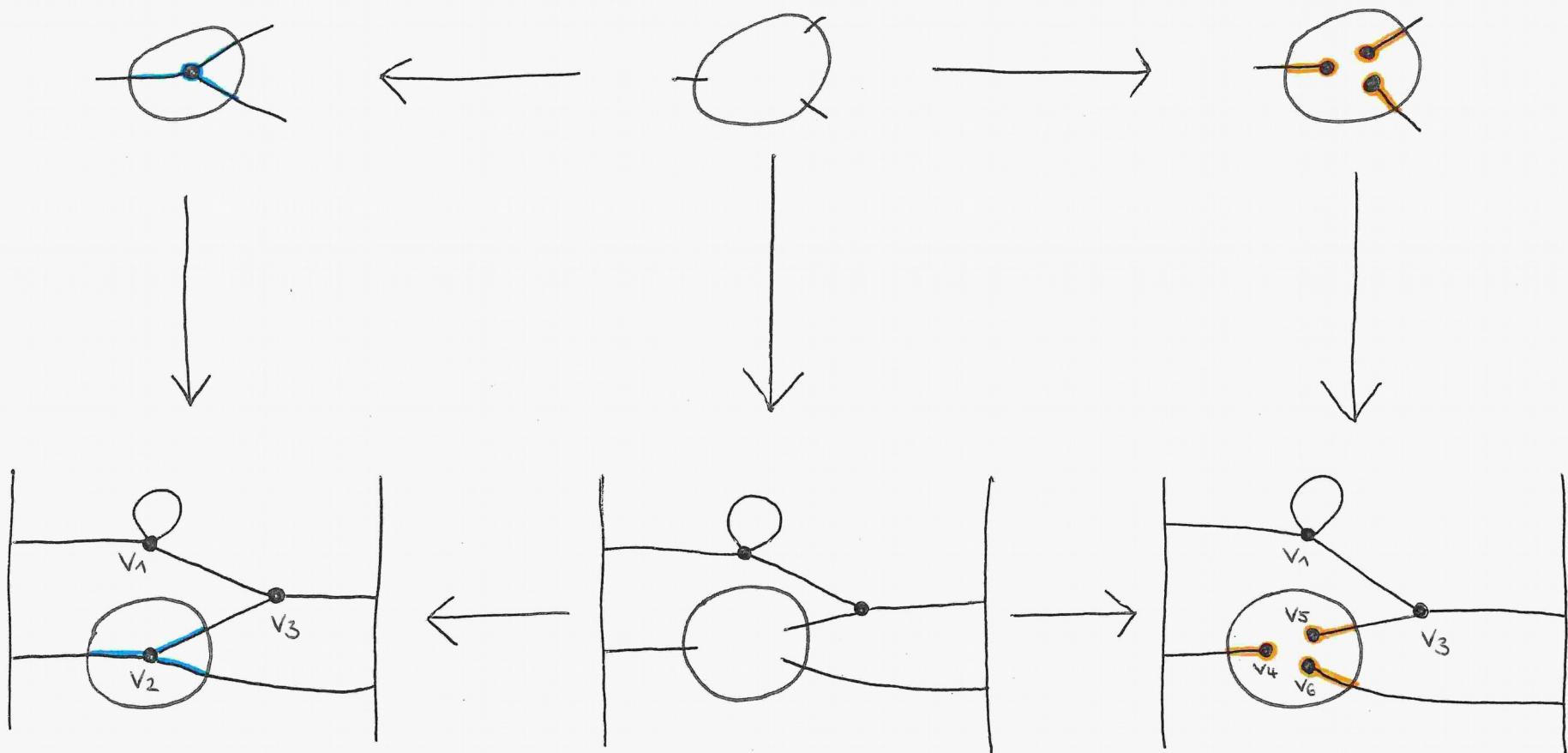
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$v_1 : \text{in}, v_1, v_1, v_3$

$v_4 : \text{in}; v_5 : v_3; v_6 : \text{out}$

$v_3 : v_1, \text{out}, v_5$

$\text{in} : v_4, v_1$

$\text{out} : v_3, v_6$

Graph Rewriting

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Lemma:

Graph rewriting (as defined above) preserves planarity.

Proof:

- LHS of rewrite rule is a connected graph
=> can be contracted to a single vertex
(edge contraction preserves planarity)
- Substitution of a plane graph for a vertex preserves planarity

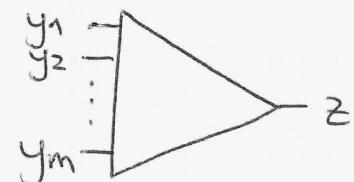
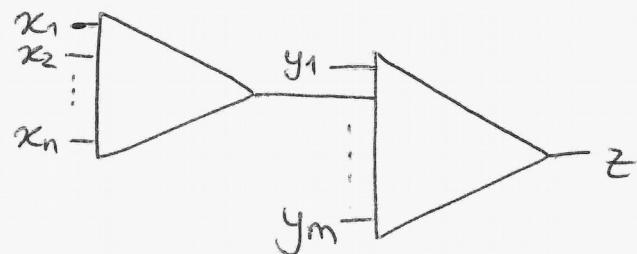
Operads

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here: coloured operad (= multicategory)

An operad consists of:

- a collection of objects
- a collection of morphisms which take multiple inputs
- Composition operation:



- identity $x \xrightarrow{\quad} x$

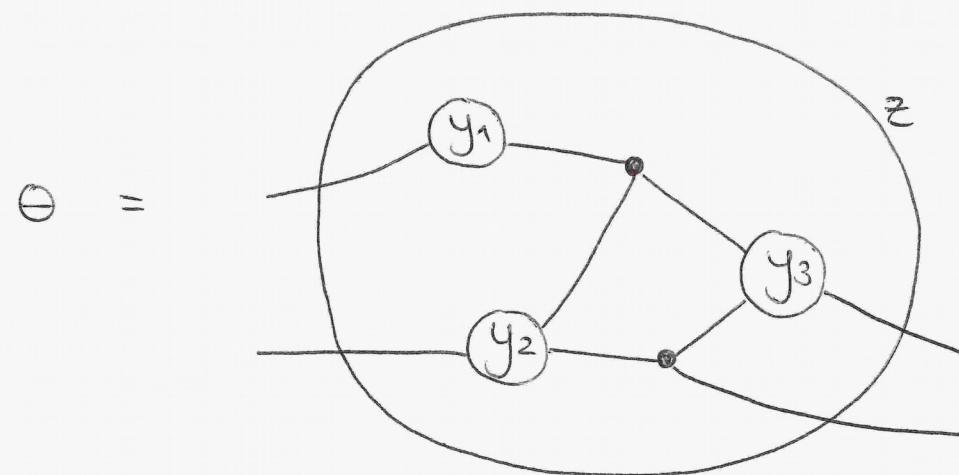
... satisfying the usual identity and associativity laws.

The Operad of Plane Graphs (1)

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- objects : Connectivity of graph variables
- morphisms : graphs

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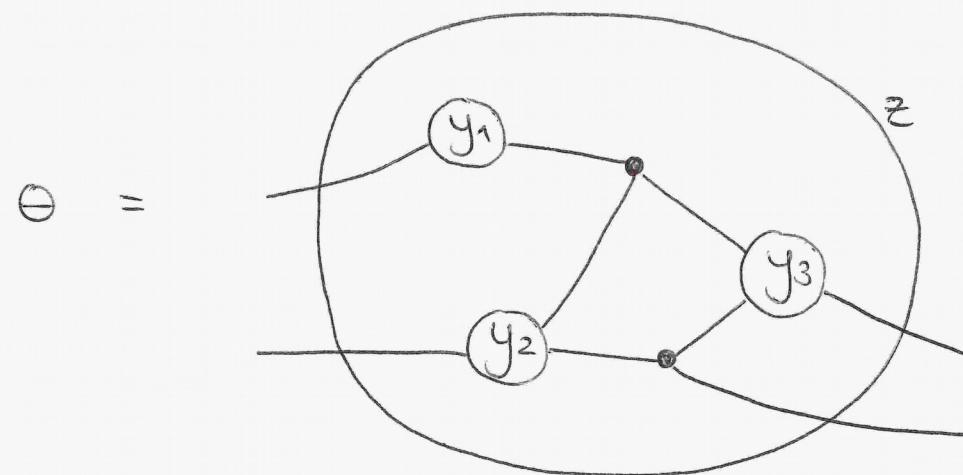
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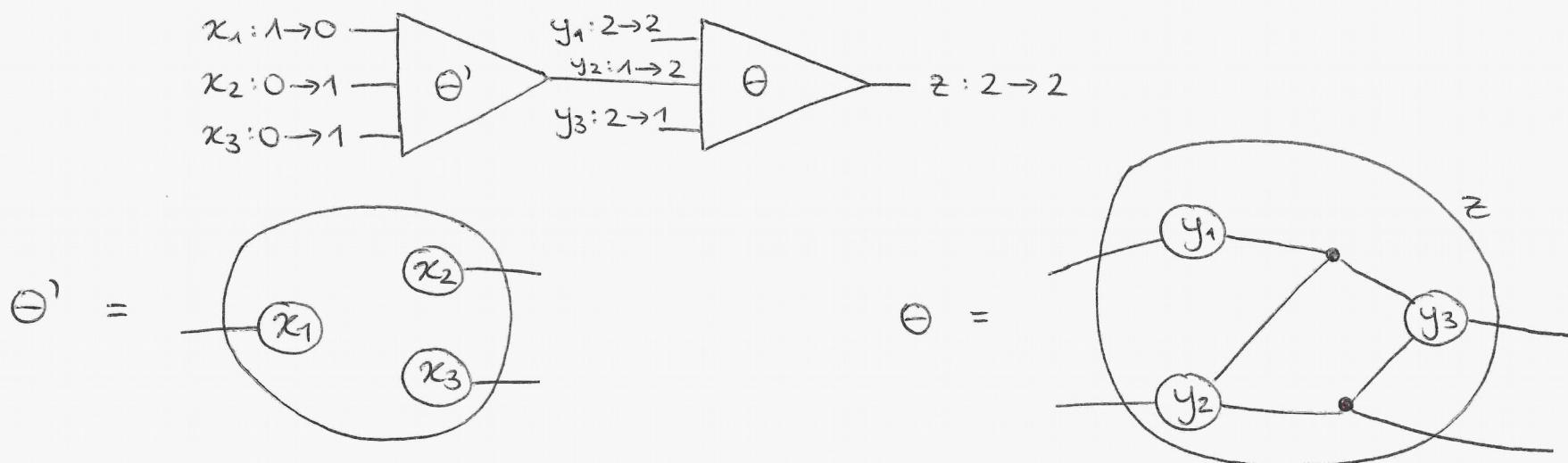


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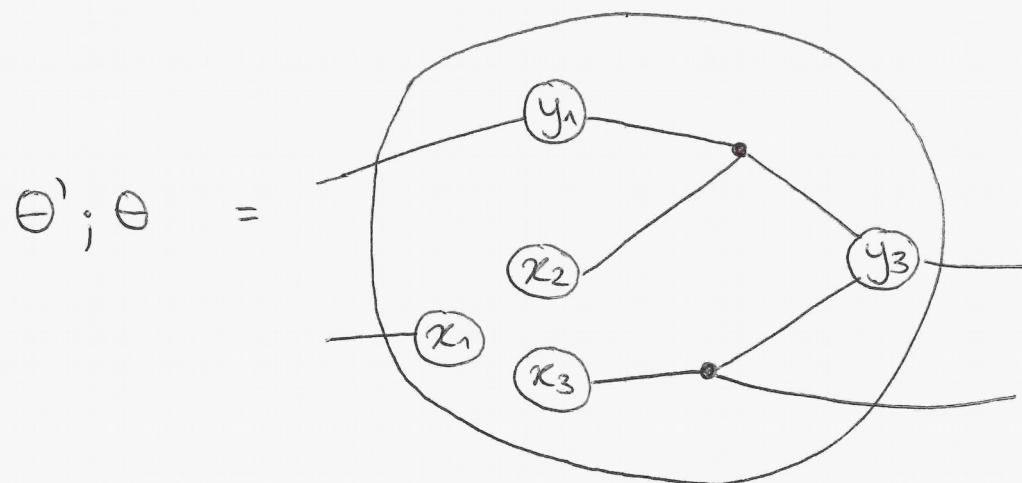
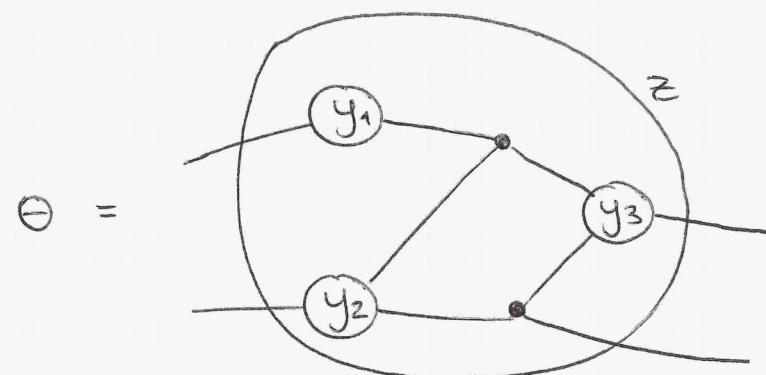
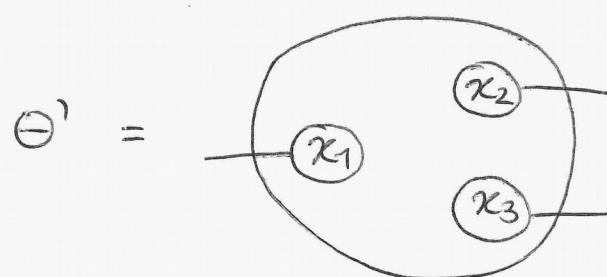
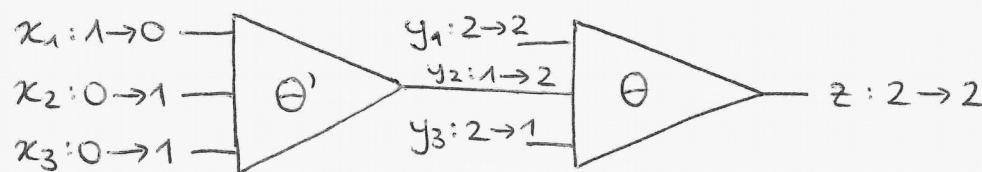
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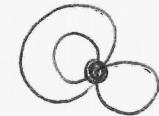
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Extra: Self Loops

- need to distinguish



and



rotation systems

$[v, v, v, v, v, v]$

$[v, v, v, v, v, v]$

- introduce pointers to other
end of edge

$\boxed{[v, v, v, v, v, v]}$

(validity check: well formed bracketing of pointers.

$\boxed{[v, v, v, v, v, v]}$ is not plane!)

- works for both inner vertices and the boundary