

# YOU CAN CONSTRUCT $G$ -COMMUTATIVE ALGEBRAS ONE NORM AT A TIME

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**ABSTRACT.** We define the category of  $G$ -operads and the hierarchy of *generalized  $N_\infty$ -operads*, which are  $G$ -suboperads of  $\text{Comm}_G^\otimes$ . We exhibit an isomorphism between the category of subterminal operads and the self-join poset

$$\text{Op}_G^{N_\infty} \simeq \text{Ind} - \text{Sys}_G \star \text{Ind} - \text{Sys}_G,$$

where  $\text{Ind} - \text{Sys}_G$  is the poset of *indexing systems* in  $G$ . This generalized  $N_\infty$ -operads as parameterizing *some commutative multiplicative transfers and possibly a commutative multiplication*. Indeed, their algebras in semiadditive Cartesian categories are incomplete Mackey functors and their algebras in Mackey functors recover incomplete Tambara functors when they are  $N_\infty$  operads, i.e. when they contain  $\mathbb{E}_\infty$ .

After this, we discuss some in-progress research. Namely, we construct a *Boardman-Vogt tensor product* of  $G$ -operads, and tensor products of generalized  $N_\infty$  operads correspond with joins in  $\text{Ind} - \text{Sys}_G \star \text{Ind} - \text{Sys}_G$  i.e. there is an  $\mathcal{N}_{(I \vee J)_\infty}$ -monoidal equivalence

$$\text{Alg}^{N_{I \vee J}_\infty} \text{Alg}^{N_J}_\infty C \simeq \text{Alg}^{N_{(I \vee J)_\infty}} C$$

for all  $\mathcal{N}_{(I \vee J)_\infty}$ -monoidal categories  $C$ , allowing  $G$ -commutative structures to be constructed “one norm at a time.”

**Foreword.** The following are notes prepared for a casual talk in the [zygotop](#) seminar concerning research which is currently in-progress [cite](#). Though I will attempt to confine these notes to their own proofs, citations to the literature, and well-marked conjecture, the reader should read with the understanding that they are particularly error-prone.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

In [\[Dre71\]](#), the concept of a *Mackey functor* was introduced; this structure was described as consisting of functors  $M_I : \mathcal{O}_G \rightarrow \mathbf{Mod}_R$  and  $M_R : \mathcal{O}_G^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Mod}_R$  which agree on  $\mathcal{O}_G^\simeq$  and satisfying the *double coset formula*

$$R_J^H I_K^H = \prod_{x \in [J \setminus H/K]} I_{J \cap xKx^{-1}}^J \cdot \text{conj}_X R_{x^{-1}Jx \cap K}$$

for all  $J, K \subset H$ , where  $R_J^K := M_R(G/J \rightarrow G/K)$  and similar for  $I$ . The ur-example of this is the assignment  $H \mapsto \mathbf{Rep}_H(R)$  with covariant functoriality  $\text{Ind}$  and contravariant functoriality  $\text{Res}$ . This was repackaged and generalized into the modern definition of the *category of  $C$ -valued  $G$ -Mackey functors*

$$\mathcal{M}_G(C) := \text{Fun}^\times(\text{Span}(\mathbb{F}_G), C),$$

where  $\mathbb{F}_G$  denotes the category of finite  $G$ -sets.

In parallel, the concept of *transfer maps in group cohomology* was being developed in [\[Evens\]](#), later lifted to genuine equivariant cohomology in [\[Greenlees\]](#), and finally developed as a functor

$$N_H^G : \text{Sp}_H \rightarrow \text{Sp}_G$$

in [\[HHR16\]](#), which played a crucial role in the solution to the Kervaire invariant one problem. These were noted in [\[HH16\]](#) to satisfy the conditions of a *Symmetric monoidal Mackey functor*, a notion they distinguished from their notion of  *$G$ -symmetric monoidal categories* due to coherence issues.

In the broad program announced in [\[Bar+16\]](#), the correct notion of  *$G$ -symmetric monoidal  $G$ - $\infty$ -categories* (henceforth  *$G$ -symmetric monoidal categories*) was introduced:

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $C$  have finite products. Then, the category of  $G$ -commutative monoids in  $C$  is

$$\text{CMon}_G(C) := \mathcal{M}_G(C).$$

The category of  $G$ -symmetric monoidal categories is  $\text{CMon}_G(\mathbf{Cat})$ .

We similarly define the *category of small  $G$ -categories* as

$$\mathbf{Cat}_G := \mathbf{Fun}(\mathcal{O}_G^{\text{op}}, \mathbf{Cat}) \simeq \mathbf{Cat}_{/\mathcal{O}_G^{\text{op}}}^{\text{cocart}},$$

where the equivalence is the *straightening-unstraightening construction* of [HTT]. We may summarize the structure  $\mathcal{C}^\otimes \in \mathbf{CMon}_G(\mathbf{Cat})$  a  $G$ -symmetric monoidal category, as consisting of, for every conjugacy class  $(H)$  of  $G$ , a category with Weyl group action  $\mathcal{C}_H \in \mathbf{Cat}^{BW_G H}$ , as well as functors

$$\begin{aligned} \otimes_H^2 : \mathcal{C}_H^2 &\rightarrow \mathcal{C}_H, \\ N_H^K : \mathcal{C}_H &\rightarrow \mathcal{C}_K, \\ \text{Res}_H^K : \mathcal{C}_K &\rightarrow \mathcal{C}_H \end{aligned}$$

which are associative, commutative, unital, and compatible with each other and the Weyl group action, together with coherence. The maps  $\text{Res}$  encode an underlying  $G$ -category  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $\mathcal{C}^\otimes$ , and  $N_H^K$  is pronounced “the norm from  $H$  to  $K$ .”

Given  $\mathcal{C}$  a  $G$ -symmetric monoidal category, we may informally define a  $G$ -commutative monoid to be a tuple of objects  $(X_H)_{H \in \mathcal{O}_G}$  satisfying

$$X_H \simeq \text{Res}_H^G X_G$$

together with structure maps

$$\begin{aligned} \otimes_H^2 : X_H^{\otimes 2} &\rightarrow X_H \\ \text{tr}_H^K : N_H^K X_H &\rightarrow X_K, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $H \subset K$ . The map  $\text{tr}_H^K$  is pronounced “the transfer from  $H$  to  $K$ .”

This talk concerns various relaxations of the notion of  $G$ -commutative algebras. Namely, we will define a symmetric monoidal closed category  $\mathbf{Op}_G$  of (colored)  $G$ -operads, whose internal hom  $\mathbf{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}}(\mathcal{C})^\otimes$  is called the *operad of algebras under pointwise tensors*, and whose tensor product is called the *Boardman-Vogt tensor product*.

We will define  $\mathcal{N}_\infty$  operads, which interpolate between  $\mathbb{E}_\infty$  and the  $G$ -operad  $\mathbf{Comm}_G$  which encodes  $G$ -commutative algebras by adding a subset of the transfers parameterized by  $\mathbf{Comm}_G$ :

**Definition 1.2.** A  $G$ -transfer system is a core-preserving wide subcategory  $\mathcal{O}_G^\approx \subset T \subset \mathcal{O}_G$  which is closed under base change, i.e. for any diagram in  $\mathcal{O}_G$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U & \longrightarrow & V \\ \downarrow \alpha' & & \downarrow \alpha \\ U' & \longrightarrow & V' \end{array}$$

with  $U \hookrightarrow V' \times_{U'} V$  a summand inclusion (pullback taken in  $\mathbb{F}_G$ ) and  $\alpha \in T$ , we have  $\alpha' \in T$ .

An *indexing system* is a subcategory  $I \subset \mathbb{F}_G$  induced by a transfer system under taking coproducts. A *generalized indexing system* is a core-preserving subcategory  $I \subset \mathbb{F}_G$  which is either an indexing system or is attained by one by removing all non-isomorphisms of trivial  $G$ -sets. The poset of indexing systems under inclusion is denoted  $\mathbf{Ind} - \mathbf{Sys}_G$ , and the poset of generalized indexing systems is denoted  $\widehat{\mathbf{Ind} - \mathbf{Sys}_G}$ .

It is not hard to see that there is an equivalence of posets

$$\widehat{\mathbf{Ind} - \mathbf{Sys}_G} \simeq \mathbf{Ind} - \mathbf{Sys}_G \star \mathbf{Ind} - \mathbf{Sys}_G,$$

and in particular, generalized indexing systems decompose into two different join-stable copies of indexing systems, depending on whether maps of trivial  $G$ -sets are included.

The main theorem of this talk follows:

**Theorem A.** *There is a fully faithful and symmetric monoidal inclusion*

$$\mathcal{N}_{(-)\infty} : \widehat{\mathbf{Ind} - \mathbf{Sys}_G} \xhookrightarrow{\Pi} \mathbf{Op}_G^\otimes$$

whose image consists of the suboperads of  $\text{Comm}_G$ , and when restricted to the indexing systems has image consisting of operads  $\mathcal{O}$  possessing diagrams  $\mathbb{E}_\infty \subset \mathcal{O} \subset \text{Comm}_G$ . In particular, for  $\mathcal{C}$  an  $\mathcal{N}_{(\text{I}\vee\text{J})^\infty}$ -monoidal category, there is a canonical  $\mathcal{N}_{(\text{I}\vee\text{J})^\infty}$ -monoidal equivalence

$$\text{Alg}^{\mathcal{N}_{\text{I}\infty}} \text{Alg}^{\mathcal{N}_{\text{J}\infty}} \mathcal{C} \simeq \text{Alg}^{\mathcal{N}_{(\text{I}\vee\text{J})^\infty}} \mathcal{C}.$$

We say an inclusion of subgroup  $H \subset K$  is *atomic* if it is proper and there exist no chains of proper subgroup inclusions  $H \subset J \subset K$ . More generally, we say that a conjugacy class  $(H) \in \text{Conj}(G)$  is an *atomic subclass* of  $(K)$  if there exists an atomic inclusion  $\tilde{H} \subset \tilde{K}$  with  $\tilde{H} \in (H)$  and  $\tilde{K} \in (K)$ , and we say that  $(K)$  is atomic if the canonical inclusion  $1 \hookrightarrow K$  is atomic.

Given  $(H) \subset (K)$  an atomic subclass, we refer to the  $\mathcal{N}^\infty$ -operad corresponding to the minimal index system containing the inclusion  $H \hookrightarrow K$  as  $\mathcal{N}^\infty(H, K)$ . When  $(H) = (1)$ , we instead simply write  $\mathcal{N}^\infty(K)$ .

**Corollary B.** *Let  $1 = G_n \subset G_{n-1} \subset \dots \subset G_0 = G$  be a maximal subgroup series of a finite group, and let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a  $G$ -symmetric monoidal category. Then, there exists a canonical  $G$ -symmetric monoidal equivalence*

$$\text{Alg}^{\mathcal{N}^\infty(G_1, G_0)} \dots \text{Alg}^{\mathcal{N}^\infty(G_n, G_{n-1})} \mathcal{C} \simeq \text{CAlg}_G \mathcal{C}.$$

Furthermore, if  $G \simeq H \times J$ , then

$$\text{CAlg}_H \text{CAlg}_J \mathcal{C} \simeq \text{CAlg}_G \mathcal{C}.$$

*Remark.* One may worry about the comparison between models for  $G$ -operads, as our notion of  $\mathcal{N}^\infty$ -operads is ostensibly embedded deep within the world of  $G$ - $\infty$ -operads, which are not known to be equivalent to the  $\infty$ -category presented by the graph model structure or by genuine  $G$  operads. However, in addition to being too complicated to work with, the model of [ref](#), all notions of  $\mathcal{N}^\infty$  operads coincide.

## 2. THE IDEAS

### 2.1. Fibrous patterns.

**Definition 2.1.** An *algebraic pattern* is an  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{O}$ , together with a factorization system  $(\mathcal{O}^{\text{int}}, \mathcal{O}^{\text{act}})$  of  $\mathcal{O}$  and a full subcategory  $\mathcal{O}^{\text{el}} \subset \mathcal{O}^{\text{int}}$ . The *category of algebraic patterns* is the full subcategory

$$\text{AlgPatt} \subset \text{Fun}(D, \text{Cat})$$

spanned by algebraic patterns, where  $D := \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \leftarrow \bullet$ .

Maps in  $\mathcal{O}^{\text{int}}$  and  $\mathcal{O}^{\text{act}}$  are pronounced *inert* and *active maps*, and objects of  $\mathcal{O}^{\text{el}}$  are pronounced *elementary objects*. For instance,  $\mathbb{F}_*$ , together with its inert and active maps as defined in [HA, § 2] and elementary objects  $\{\langle 1 \rangle\}$  determines an algebraic pattern. In analogy with [HA, § 2], we will use these to develop a notion of operads, called *fibrous patterns*.

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $\mathcal{O}$  be an algebraic pattern. A *fibrous  $\mathcal{O}$ -pattern* is a map of algebraic patterns  $\pi : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$  such that

- (1)  $\mathcal{P}$  has  $\pi$ -cocartesian lifts for inert morphisms of  $\mathcal{O}$ ,
- (2) (Segal condition for colors) For every active morphism  $\omega : \mathcal{O}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_1$  in  $\mathcal{O}$ , the functor

$$\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{O}_0} \rightarrow \lim_{\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{O}_1}^{\text{el}}} \mathcal{P}_{\omega_{\alpha,!} \mathcal{O}_1}$$

induced by cocartesian transport along  $\omega_\alpha$  is an equivalence, where  $\omega_{(-)} : \mathcal{O}_{Y/}^{\text{el}} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X/}^f$  is the inert morphism appearing in the inert-active factorization of  $\alpha \circ \omega$ , and

- (3) (Segal condition for multimorphism) for every active morphism  $\omega : \mathcal{O}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_2$  in  $\mathcal{O}$  and all objects  $X_i \in \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{O}_i}$ , the commutative square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Map}_{\mathcal{P}}(X_0, X_1) & \longrightarrow & \lim_{\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{O}_1}^{\text{el}}} \text{Map}_{\mathcal{P}}(X_0, \omega_{\alpha,!} X_1) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{Map}_{\mathcal{O}}(\mathcal{O}_0, \mathcal{O}_1) & \longrightarrow & \lim_{\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{O}_1}^{\text{el}}} \text{Map}_{\mathcal{O}}(\mathcal{O}_0, \omega_{\alpha,!} \mathcal{O}_1) \end{array}$$

is cartesian.

A fibrous  $\mathcal{O}$ -pattern  $\pi : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$  is a *Segal  $\mathcal{O}$ -category* if  $\pi$  is a cocartesian fibration. The category of fibrous  $\mathcal{O}$ -patterns is the full subcategory

$$\mathbf{Fbrs}(\mathcal{O}) \subset \mathbf{AlgPatt}_{/\mathcal{O}}$$

spanned by fibrous patterns, and the category of Segal  $\mathcal{O}$ - $\infty$ -category is the full subcategory of

$$\mathbf{Seg}_{\mathcal{O}}(\mathbf{Cat}) \subset \mathbf{Fbrs}(\mathcal{O}) \times_{\mathbf{Cat}_{/\mathcal{O}}} \mathbf{Cat}_{/\mathcal{O}}^{\text{cocart}}$$

spanned by Segal  $\mathcal{O}$ -categories.

We state one technical lemma:

**Lemma 2.3.** *All of the inclusions*

$$\mathbf{Seg}(\mathcal{O}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Fbrs}(\mathcal{O}) \hookrightarrow \mathbf{AlgPatt}_{/\mathcal{O}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}_{/\mathcal{O}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$$

have left adjoints; in particular, the full subcategory  $\mathbf{Fbrs}(\mathcal{O}) \subset \mathbf{AlgPatt}_{/\mathcal{O}}$  is localizing.

We refer to the left adjoint  $\mathbf{Env} : \mathbf{Fbrs}(\mathcal{O}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Seg}(\mathcal{O})$  as the *Segal envelope*, and we use it analogously to the *symmetric monoidal envelope*, reducing the question of characterizing maps of fibrous patterns into Segal  $\mathcal{O}$ -categories into simply a question of characterizing maps of Segal  $\mathcal{O}$ -categories, which is much simpler.

**Example 2.4:**

**Definition 2.5.** Given the data of  $\mathcal{X}$  a category,  $\mathcal{X}_b, \mathcal{X}_f$  wide subcategories, and  $\mathcal{X}_0 \subset \mathcal{X}_b$  a full subcategory, we define the *span pattern*  $\mathbf{Span}_{b,f}(\mathcal{X}; \mathcal{X}_0)$  to have:

- underlying category  $\mathbf{Span}_{b,f}(\mathcal{X})$  whose objects are objects in  $\mathcal{X}$  and whose morphisms  $X \rightarrow Z$  are spans

$$X \xleftarrow{B} Y \xrightarrow{F} Z$$

with  $B \in \mathcal{X}_b$  and  $F \in \mathcal{X}_f$ .

- inert morphisms  $\mathcal{X}_b^{\text{op}} \subset \mathbf{Span}(\mathcal{X})$ .
- active morphisms  $\mathcal{X}_f \subset \mathbf{Span}(\mathcal{X})$ .
- Elementary objects  $\mathcal{X}_0^{\text{el}} \subset \mathcal{X}_b^{\text{op}}$ .

Then, for instance we have the following:

**Theorem 2.6** ([BHS22]). *Pullback along the inclusion  $\mathbb{F}_* \hookrightarrow \mathbf{Span}(\mathbb{F})$  induces an equivalence on the categories of fibrous patterns and Segal categories.*

**2.2.  $G$ -operads and  $\mathcal{I}$ -operads.** There is an adjunction

$$\mathbf{Tot} : \mathbf{Cat}_G \rightleftarrows \mathbf{Cat} : \mathbf{CoFr}^G$$

where  $\mathbf{Tot}$  takes the total category of a cocartesian fibration and  $\mathbf{CoFr}^G(C)$  is classified by functor categories

$$\mathbf{CoFr}^G(C)_H := \mathbf{Fun}(\mathcal{O}_H^{\text{op}}, C)$$

with functoriality dictated by pullback. In particular, the  $G$ -category of small  $G$ -categories  $\mathbf{Cat}_G := \mathbf{CoFr}^G(C)$  has  $G$ -fixed points given by  $\mathbf{Cat}$ .

*Remark.* Elmendorf's theorem may be reinterpreted in this language as the statement that the  $G$ -category of  $G$ -spaces  $\mathcal{S}_G$  is cofreely generated by  $\mathcal{S}$ .

Let  $\mathbb{F}_G := \mathbf{CoFr}^G(\mathbb{F})$  and let  $\mathbb{F}_{G,*} := \mathbf{CoFr}^G(\mathbb{F}_*)$ . Then, there is an equivariant lift of [ref](#) :

**Theorem 2.7** ([BHS22]). *Pullback along the composition  $\mathbb{F}_{G,*} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{Span}(\mathbf{Tot} \mathbb{F}_G) \xrightarrow{U} \mathbf{Span}(\mathbb{F}_G)$  induces an equivalence on the categories of fibrous patterns and Segal categories, where  $\mathbb{F}_G$  is the category of  $G$ -sets.*

**Definition 2.8.** The category of  $G$ -operads is the category of fibrous patterns

$$\mathbf{Op}_G := \mathbf{Fbrs}(\mathbf{Span}(\mathbb{F}_G)).$$

A good sanity check is to verify that the category of  $G$ -symmetric monoidal categories agrees with the category of Segal  $\text{Span}(\mathbb{F}_G)$ -categories; after some argumentation, one finds that the Segal conditions associated with the unstraightening of a cocartesian fibration over  $\text{Span}(\mathbb{F}_G)$  are precisely the condition that the unstraightened functor preserves products in  $\text{Span}(\mathbb{F}_G)$ .

This is a straightforward, but heavy, generalization of the  $\infty$ -operads of [HA] to the equivariant world, and we suggest the interested reader consult [BHS22] for a less heavy variant or [NS22] for the original. In particular, postcomposition along the inclusion functor  $\mathbb{F} \hookrightarrow \text{Tot}\mathbb{F}_{G,*}$  induces a fully faithful functor  $\text{Op} \hookrightarrow \text{Op}_G$ .

An early observation about genuine equivariant homotopy coherent algebraic structures is that the structure of transfers *does not come canonically* from an  $\mathbb{E}_\infty$ -structure; that is,  $\mathbb{E}_\infty \in \text{Op}_G$  is not terminal. The failure of  $\mathbb{E}_\infty$  to be terminal is parameterized by the category of *generalized  $N^\infty$ -operads*:

**Definition 2.9.** Write  $\text{Comm}_G^\otimes := (\text{Span}(\mathbb{F}_G) = \text{Span}(\mathbb{F}_G))$  for the terminal  $G$ -operad. A  $G$ -operad  $\mathcal{O}^\otimes$  is a *generalized  $N^\infty$ -operad* if the unique morphism  $\mathcal{O}^\otimes \rightarrow \text{Comm}_G^\otimes$  is a monomorphism, i.e.  $\mathcal{O}_U^\otimes \simeq *$  for all  $U$  and  $\text{Map}_{\mathcal{O}}^\psi(x, y) \in \{*, \emptyset\}$  for all  $\psi : \pi(x) \rightarrow \pi(y)$ .

A generalized  $N^\infty$  operad  $\mathcal{N}_{\infty I}$  is an  $N^\infty$  operad if it admits a map

$$\mathbb{E}_\infty \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^\otimes.$$

Write  $\text{Op}_G^{GN^\infty}$  for the full subcategory consisting of generalized  $\mathcal{N}_\infty$ -operads. The following proposition is an exercise in category theory, and establishes that a map to an  $\mathcal{N}_\infty$  operad is a *property*, not a structure.

**Proposition 2.10.** *Given  $\mathcal{N}_{I\infty} \in \text{Op}_G^{GN^\infty}$  a generalized  $\mathcal{N}_\infty$  operad, the forgetful functor*

$$\text{Op}_{G,/\mathcal{N}_{I\infty}} \rightarrow \text{Op}_G$$

*is fully faithful.*

*Proof idea.* It is equivalent to prove that  $\text{Map}(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{N}_{I\infty}) \in \{*, \emptyset\}$  for all  $\mathcal{O} \in \text{Op}_G$ . In fact, there is a localizing (1-) subcategory  $N : \text{Op}_{1,G} \hookrightarrow \text{Op}_G$  consisting of operads whose structure spaces are discrete, and whose localization functor  $h : \text{Op}_G \rightarrow \text{Op}_{1,G}$  takes  $\pi_0$  of the structure spaces.  $\mathcal{N}_{I\infty}$  evidently lies in  $\text{Op}_{1,G}$ , so we have

$$\text{Map}_{\text{Op}_G}(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{N}_{I\infty}) \simeq \text{Hom}_{\text{Op}_{1,G}}(h\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{N}_{I\infty}).$$

Hence it suffices to check that the latter set is empty or contractible. This is easy to see in  $\text{Op}_{1,G}$ , since  $\text{Hom}(-, *)$  and  $\text{Hom}(-, \emptyset)$  are always either empty or contractible.  $\square$

In particular, this implies that  $\text{Op}_G^{GN^\infty}$  is a poset, so we'd like to identify this poset. There is a functor

$$A : \text{Op}_G \rightarrow \widehat{\text{Ind} - \text{Sys}_G}$$

called the *admissible sets* with value over  $G/H$  given by

$$A(\mathcal{O})_{/(G/H)} := \{S \rightarrow G/H \mid \pi_{\mathcal{O}}^{-1}(S \rightarrow G/H) \neq \emptyset\}$$

and extended to general  $G$ -sets by coproducts. The following proposition is an exercise in category theory (see [NS22, Ex 2.4.7], or the original references [BH15; GW18; Rub21]):

**Proposition 2.11.** *The restricted functor*

$$A : \text{Op}_G^{GN^\infty} \rightarrow \widehat{\text{Ind} - \text{Sys}_G}$$

*is an equivalence of categories.*

We denote by  $\mathcal{N}_{(-)\infty}$  the composite functor

$$\mathcal{N}_{(-)\infty} : \widehat{\text{Ind} - \text{Sys}_G} \xrightarrow{A^{-1}} \text{Op}_G^{GN^\infty} \hookrightarrow \text{Op}_G$$

Using this, we finally define *I-operads*.

**Definition 2.12.** Let  $I$  be a generalized indexing system. Then, the *category of  $I$ -operads* is the slice category

$$\mathrm{Op}_I := \mathrm{Op}_{G,/\mathcal{N}_{\infty}^{\otimes}}.$$

Given  $\mathcal{O}^{\otimes}, \mathcal{P}^{\otimes} \in \mathrm{Op}_I$ , the *category of  $\mathcal{O}$ -algebras in  $\mathcal{P}$*  is the full subcategory

$$\mathrm{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}}(\mathcal{P}) \subset \mathrm{Fun}_{/\mathcal{N}_{\infty}^{\otimes}}(\mathcal{O}^{\otimes}, \mathcal{P}^{\otimes})$$

spanned by maps of  $I$ -operads.

*Remark.* The notation  $\mathrm{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}}(\mathcal{P})$  does not include  $I$ . This presents no problem; indeed, by [proposition 2.10](#), the categories of  $\mathcal{O}$ -algebras in  $\mathcal{P}$  considered over various indexing systems (including the terminal one, i.e. in  $G$ -operads) are canonically equivalent to one another.

**Example 2.13:**

Let  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{O}_G$  be a *family*, i.e. a collection of subgroups of  $G$  closed under sub-conjugation. Then,  $\mathcal{F} \cup \mathcal{O}_G^{\approx}$  is a transfer system, and we denote by  $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{F}}$  the corresponding indexing system.

Let  $V$  be a real orthogonal  $G$ -representation, let  $\mathcal{F}_V$  is the family consisting of subgroups  $H$  such that  $V^H \neq *$ , and let  $\mathcal{I}_V := \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{F}_V}$ . Then, there is an  $\mathcal{I}_V$ -operad  $\mathbb{E}_V$  of *little  $V$ -disks*, which may be informally understood to have

$$\pi_{\mathbb{E}_V}^{-1}(\mathrm{Ind}_H^G T \rightarrow G/H) := \mathrm{Conf}_H(T, V)$$

the space of  $H$ -equivariant embeddings of  $T \hookrightarrow V$  (c.f. [\[Hor19\]](#)). These participate in *equivariant infinite loop space theory*, in the sense that there is an equivalence

$$\mathrm{Alg}_{\mathbb{E}_V}(\mathcal{S}_G) \simeq \{V - \text{loop spaces}\};$$

see [Guillou-May](#) for details.

**2.3. The BV tensor product.** By [ref](#), the category of algebraic patterns has a cartesian monoidal structure.

**Definition 2.14.** The category of *symmetric monoidal algebraic patterns* is  $\mathrm{CMon}(\mathrm{AlgPat})$ .

A symmetric monoidal structure on  $\mathcal{O}$  endows on the slice category  $\mathrm{AlgPat}_{/\mathcal{O}}^{\otimes}$  a symmetric monoidal structure, which we may view as taking  $\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{P}'$  to the tensor product

$$\mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{P}' \rightarrow \mathcal{O} \times \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}.$$

**Definition 2.15.** The *Boardman-Vogt symmetric monoidal category of fibrous  $\mathcal{O}$ -patterns* is the localized symmetric monoidal structure

$$\mathrm{Fbrs}(\mathcal{O})^{\otimes} \hookrightarrow \mathrm{AlgPat}_{/\mathcal{O}}^{\otimes}.$$

We may view the tensor product of fibrous  $\mathcal{O}$ -patterns as yielding the localized composite

$$\mathcal{O} \otimes \mathcal{P}' := L_{\mathrm{Fbrs}}(\mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{P}' \rightarrow \mathcal{O} \times \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}).$$

Note that the category  $\mathbb{F}_G$  has finite products, and any indexing system  $\mathcal{I}$  is closed under products. In particular, this endows  $i : \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{I}}^{\otimes} \rightarrow \mathrm{Span}(\mathbb{F}_G)$  with the structure of a map of symmetric monoidal algebraic patterns under the so it has a cartesian monoidal structure. By [cite](#), the forgetful functor  $\mathrm{Fbrs}(\mathcal{P}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Fbrs}(\mathcal{O})_{/\mathcal{P}}$  is an equivalence, so we may use this to define the BV tensor product of  $I$ -operads.

**Definition 2.16.** The *Boardman-Vogt symmetric monoidal category of  $I$ -operads* is

$$\mathrm{Op}_{\mathcal{I}}^{\otimes} := \mathrm{Fbrs}(\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{I}}^{\otimes})$$

The following proposition is easy:

**Proposition 2.17.** Given an inclusion  $i : \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{I}}^{\otimes} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{J}}^{\otimes}$ , pushforward along  $i$  yields a functor

$$i_! : \mathrm{Op}_{\mathcal{I}}^{\otimes} \rightarrow \mathrm{Op}_{\mathcal{J}}^{\otimes}$$

realizing  $\mathrm{Op}_{\mathcal{I}}$  as a symmetric monoidal colocalizing subcategory of  $\mathrm{Op}_{\mathcal{J}}$ .

The verification of this comes down to the following fact:

**Lemma 2.18.** Given  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  a map of commutative algebra objects in  $\mathcal{C}$  a symmetric monoidal, the associated functor  $f_! : \mathcal{C}_{/X} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{/Y}$  lifts to a canonical symmetric monoidal functor between the slice symmetric monoidal categories.



Given  $O, \mathcal{P} \in \text{Op}_I$ , their BV tensor product has a mapping out property:

**Proposition 2.19.** *The category  $\text{Alg}_{O \otimes \mathcal{P}}(Q)$  is equivalent to the category of commutative diagrams of algebraic patterns*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} O \times \mathcal{P} & \longrightarrow & Q \\ \downarrow \pi_O \times \pi_{\mathcal{P}} & & \downarrow \pi_Q \\ \mathcal{N}_{I^\infty}^\otimes \times \mathcal{N}_{I^\infty}^\otimes & \xrightarrow{\otimes} & \mathcal{N}_{I^\infty} \end{array}$$

An  $I$ -operad called the *pointwise tensor product* on  $\text{Alg}_{\mathcal{P}}(Q)$  was constructed in [NS22]. By **argument.....**, this implies the following proposition:

**Proposition 2.20.** *There is a natural equivalence*

$$\text{Alg}_{O \otimes \mathcal{P}} Q \simeq \text{Alg}_O \text{Alg}_{\mathcal{P}}^\otimes Q$$

realizing  $- \otimes \mathcal{P}$  as left adjoint to  $\text{Alg}_{\mathcal{P}}^\otimes(-)$ .

**2.4. Summary of the argument.** We would like to construct an equivalence  $\mathcal{N}_{I^\infty} \otimes \mathcal{N}_{J^\infty} \simeq \mathcal{N}_{(I \vee J)^\infty}$ . Let's begin with the special case  $I \subset J$ ; in this case, we can say something stronger.

**Proposition 2.21.** *If  $O$  is a one-object  $G$ -operad, then the map  $\mathcal{N}^\infty(I) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}^\infty(I) \otimes O$  is an  $I$ -equivalence; in particular,  $\mathcal{N}^\infty(I)$  is  $\otimes$ -idempotent.*

To prove this, we use [NS22, Cor 5.3.9]; in particular, they generalize [HA] to verify that any of the following conditions are true of  $\text{Alg}_{\mathcal{N}^\infty(I)}^\otimes(C)$ , and we verify that the conditions are equivalent in **ref**.

**Lemma 2.22.** *The following are equivalent:*

- (1) *The forgetful functor  $\text{CAlg}_I(C) \rightarrow C$  is an equivalence.*
- (2) *For all one-object  $I$ -operads  $O$ , the forgetful functor  $\text{Alg}^O(C) \rightarrow C$  is an equivalence.*
- (3) *The  $I$ -restricted operad is cocartesian*

Having proved this, we acquire a (unique) diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{N}_{I^\infty} & & \\ & \searrow & \\ & \mathcal{N}_{I^\infty} \otimes \mathcal{N}_{J^\infty} & \xrightarrow{\varphi} \mathcal{N}_{(I \vee J)^\infty} \otimes \mathcal{N}_{(I \vee J)^\infty} = \mathcal{N}_{(I \vee J)^\infty} \\ & \nearrow & \\ \mathcal{N}_{J^\infty} & & \end{array}$$

and we are tasked with proving that  $\varphi$  is an equivalence. An unfortunate fact is that the functor  $U : \text{Op}_{I \vee J} \rightarrow \text{Op}_I \times \text{Op}_J$  doesn't appear to be conservative in general. Our strategy will come down to trying *really hard* to make it conservative. We do so via the following two lemmas, proved as **ref**.

**Lemma 2.23.** *Denote by  $i : I \cup J \subset I \vee J$  the (non-indexing system) union of subcategories. Then, the pullback*

$$\text{Fbrs}(\text{Span}(\mathcal{I} \cup \mathcal{J})) \rightarrow \text{Op}_I \times \text{Op}_J$$

*is conservative. In particular,  $U$  reflects equivalences between  $\mathcal{I} \vee \mathcal{J}$ -operads in the image of  $L_{\text{Fbrs}} i_!$ .*

**Lemma 2.24.** *There is an equivalence  $\mathcal{N}_{(I \vee J)^\infty} \simeq L_{\text{Fbrs}} i_! \text{Span}(I \cup J)$ .*

*Proof of theorem A.* By the above argument, it suffices to prove that  $\varphi$  is an equivalence; in fact, by **lemmas 2.23** and **3.6** and symmetry it suffices to prove that the localized functor

$$\iota_J^* \mathcal{N}_{I \cap J^\infty} \otimes \mathcal{N}_{J^\infty} \rightarrow \iota_J^* \mathcal{N}_{I \vee J}$$

is an equivalence. But  $\iota_J^* \mathcal{N}_{I^\infty} \simeq \mathcal{N}_{I \cap J^\infty}$ , so the above is the inclusion  $\mathcal{N}_{I \cap J^\infty} \otimes \mathcal{N}_{J^\infty} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}_{J^\infty}$ , which is an equivalence by **proposition 2.21**.  $\square$

## 3. TECHNICAL NONSENSE

**3.1. Passing to monads is conservative.** Our arguments will be reminiscent of [SY19, § 2.3-2.4]

Given  $\mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$  a fibrous pattern, we define

$$\mathrm{Ar}_{\mathrm{act/el}}^{\simeq}(\mathcal{O}) \subset \mathrm{Ar}(\mathcal{O})$$

to be the core of the full subcategory of the arrow category consisting of active maps with elementary codomain, and we define

$$\mathcal{P}_{\Sigma} := \mathrm{Ar}(\mathcal{P}) \times_{\mathrm{Ar}(\mathcal{O})} \mathrm{Ar}_{\mathrm{act/el}}^{\simeq}(\mathcal{O}),$$

which we view as the *associated symmetric sequence*.

**Lemma 3.1** (C.f. [SY19, Prop 2.3.6]). *Let  $\mathrm{Fbrs}_{\bullet}(\mathcal{O})$  denote the full subcategory of fibrous patterns whose associated maps  $\mathcal{P}^{\mathrm{el}} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^{\mathrm{el}}$  are equivalences. Then, the functor*

$$(-)_{\Sigma} : \mathrm{Fbrs}_{\bullet}(\mathcal{O}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Fun}\left(\mathrm{Ar}_{\mathrm{act/el}}^{\simeq}(\mathcal{O}), \mathcal{S}\right)$$

*is conservative.*

*Proof.* **Just look at the Segal condition for fibrous patterns** □

In the case  $\mathcal{O} = \mathrm{Span}(\mathbb{F}_G)$ , note that an element of  $\mathrm{Ar}_{\mathrm{act/el}}(\mathrm{Span}(\mathbb{F}_G))$  is precisely a map of  $G$ -sets  $S \rightarrow G/H$ ; but in fact, there is a unique  $H$ -set  $T$  and equivalence  $\mathrm{Ind}_H^G T \simeq S$  over  $G/H$ , highlighting an equivalence  $\mathbb{F}_{G,/G/H} \simeq \mathbb{F}_H$ . Hence we have

$$\mathrm{Ar}_{\mathrm{act/el}}(\mathrm{Span}(\mathbb{F}_G)) \simeq \mathrm{Tot} \underline{\mathbb{F}}_G,$$

and  $\mathrm{Ar}_{\mathrm{act/el}}^{\simeq}(\mathrm{Span}(\mathbb{F}_G)) \simeq (\mathrm{Tot} \underline{\mathbb{F}}_G)^{\simeq}$ . Setting  $\bar{\Sigma}_G := (\mathrm{Tot} \underline{\mathbb{F}}_G)^{\simeq}$ , the above lemma asserts that

$$(-)_{\Sigma} : \mathrm{Op}_G \rightarrow \mathrm{Fun}(\bar{\Sigma}_G, \mathcal{S})$$

is conservative.

*Remark.* Let  $\Sigma_G := \mathrm{CoFr}^G(\mathbb{F}^{\simeq})$ , so that  $\bar{\Sigma}_G \simeq (\mathrm{Tot} \Sigma_G)^{\simeq}$ . Then, the above lemma implies that the evident forgetful functor  $U : \mathrm{Op}_G \rightarrow \mathrm{Fun}(\mathrm{Tot} \Sigma_G, \mathcal{S})$  is conservative. The *genuine model structure*  $\mathrm{Sym}_{\bullet}^G(\mathbf{sSet})$  of [BP22] exists and presents  $\mathrm{Fun}(\mathrm{Tot} \Sigma_G, \mathcal{S})$ ; this model category has a *composition product* for which monoids are a model for *genuine  $G$ -operads*, which are not known to be equivalent to  $G$ -operads.

In this setting, **lemma 3.1** amounts to a verification of one of the two Barr-Beck conditions expressing  $U$  as *monadic* (cf [HA, Thm 4.7.3.5]); if one can verify that  $U$  creates split geometric realizations and characterize the associated monad along the lines of [BP22, § A], then they may prove that one-object genuine  $G$ -operads are equivalent to one-object  $G$ -operads.

We say that a  $G$ -operad  $\mathcal{O}$  is *reduced* if  $\mathcal{O}_{\Sigma}(\mathrm{Ind}_H^G T \rightarrow G/H) = *$  whenever  $T$  is empty or an orbit. In this setting, we can characterize the *monad* associated with an operad:

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{O}$  be a reduced  $G$ -operad and let  $\mathcal{C} \in \mathrm{CAlg}_G(\mathrm{Pr}_G^L)$  be a presentably  $G$ -symmetric monoidal category. Then, the forgetful map  $\underline{\mathrm{Alg}}_{\mathcal{O}}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is monadic, and the associated monad  $T_{\mathcal{O}}$  acts on  $X \in \mathcal{C}$  as*

$$(T_{\mathcal{O}}X)_H \simeq \coprod_{\substack{J \supset K \subset H \\ S \in \mathbb{F}_J}} \left( \mathcal{O}(S) \otimes X^{\otimes (\mathrm{Ind}_K^H \mathrm{Res}_K^I S)} \right)_{h \mathrm{Aut}_J S},$$

where for all  $S' \in \mathbb{F}_H$ , we write

$$X^{\otimes S'} := \bigotimes_{U \in \mathrm{Orb}(S')} N_U^H X_U.$$

**Reference what presentability is and prove this**

**Corollary 3.3.** *The functor  $\mathrm{Alg}_{(-)}(\mathcal{S}_G) : \mathrm{Op}_G^{\mathrm{Red}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}_G$  is conservative.*



**3.2. The conservativity lemmas.** We have two conservativity lemmas to prove. The first is easier:

**Lemma 3.4.** *Denote by  $i : I \cup J \subset I \vee J$  the (non-indexing system) union of subcategories. Then, the pullback*

$$\mathrm{Fbrs}(\mathrm{Span}(I \cup J)) \rightarrow \mathrm{Op}_I \times \mathrm{Op}_J$$

*is conservative. In particular,  $U$  reflects equivalences between  $I \vee J$ -operads in the image of  $L_{\mathrm{Fbrs}} i_!$ .*

*Proof.* Passing to the underlying symmetric sequences yields a diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Fbrs}(\mathrm{Span}(I \cup J)) & \xrightarrow{i^*} & \mathrm{Op}_I \times \mathrm{Op}_J \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathrm{Fun}(I \cup J, \mathcal{S}) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathrm{Fun}(I, \mathcal{S}) \times \mathrm{Fun}(J, \mathcal{S}) \end{array}$$

The diagonal functor is a composite of two conservative arrows by ??, so it is conservative, and hence  $i^*$  is conservative.  $\square$

The second will take a bit more work. Note that the Segal conditions for Segal  $\mathrm{Span}(I \cup J)$ -categories are a *Union* of those of Segal  $\mathrm{Span}(I)$ -categories and Segal  $\mathrm{Span}(J)$ -categories. That is,

**Lemma 3.5.** *The following diagram of categories is cartesian:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{SegSpan}(I \cup J)(C) & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{SegSpan}(I)(C) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathrm{SegSpan}(J)(C) & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{SegSpan}(I \cap J)(C) \end{array}$$

In particular, all but the top left are simply categories of product preserving functors. We use this:

**Lemma 3.6.** *There is an equivalence  $\mathcal{N}_{(I \vee J)\infty} \simeq L_{\mathrm{Fbrs}} i_! \mathrm{Span}(I \cup J)$ .*

*Proof.* The functor  $L_{\mathrm{Fbrs}} i_! \mathrm{Span}(I \cup J)$  is left adjoint to  $i^*$ , so it suffices by lemma to verify that the following square is cartesian:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Fun}^\times(\mathrm{Span}(I \vee J), \mathcal{S}) & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Fun}^\times(\mathrm{Span}(I), \mathcal{S}) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathrm{Fun}^{\mathrm{times}}(\mathrm{Span}(J), \mathcal{S}) & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Fun}^\times(\mathrm{Span}(I \cap J), \mathcal{S}) \end{array}$$

The property that this square is cartesian is witnessed by the equivalence

$$\mathrm{Span}(I \vee J) \simeq \mathrm{Span}(I) \coprod_{\mathrm{Span}(I \cap J)} \mathrm{Span}(J),$$

with pushout taken in the category of Cartesian categories and product preserving functors.  $\square$

**3.3. Identifying cocartesian symmetric monoidal structures.**

**3.4. The pointwise tensor product is an internal hom.**

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