

COHERENCE FOR PSEUDO COMMUTATIVE MONADS

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ABSTRACT. We prove that the free algebra functor associated to a symmetric, pseudo commutative 2-monad, from the underlying symmetric monoidal 2-category to the 2-category of algebras and pseudo maps over the 2-monad can be enhanced to a multifunctor. Furthermore, we prove that this multifunctor is pseudo symmetric. Our proof implies coherence results for both symmetric and non-symmetric pseudo commutative 2-monads conjectured by Hyland and Power.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In category theory, the theory of monads [ML98; BW85; Str72] was developed as a way to describe and study algebraic structures in the spirit of universal algebra, with a monad having an associated category of algebras that we want to understand. Several interesting enhancements have been proposed since they appeared. On the one hand, one can consider monads $T: \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$ on a symmetric monoidal closed category \mathcal{V} . When the monad T is strong, it can be considered as a monoidal functor in two ways. If these two ways agree, the monad is said to be commutative (equivalently it is a symmetric monoidal monad) [Koc70; Koc71; Koc72]. Under mild conditions on \mathcal{V} and T [Kel74, p. 349], [Koc71, p. 419], the category of T -algebras (and strict maps), $T\text{-alg}_s$ is symmetric monoidal closed. Thus, in this case, one has internal homs, a tensor product, and as a biproduct of this one has a multicategory structure which will be our focus. On the other hand, one can consider an enrichment in a 2-category which leads to the concept of 2-monads [Lac02; BKP89; Lac07]. In addition to algebras, 2-monads also have pseudo algebras, and between these we can have strict maps

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and pseudo maps, which are of special interest to us. We will call $T\text{-alg}$ the category of algebras and pseudo maps of a 2-monad T .

By merging the previous points of view one is led to the definition of a strictly commutative 2-monad over a 2-symmetric monoidal category. At least when $T: \mathbf{Cat} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$, such a monad generates a symmetric monoidal 2-category $T\text{-alg}_s$ [Kel74]. However, to include some important examples of 2-monads $T: \mathbf{Cat} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$, such as the monad for symmetric monoidal categories, and because usually one wants to focus in $T\text{-alg}$ as opposed to $T\text{-alg}_s$, Hyland and Power [HP02] defined, after [Kel74], the concept of a strong, pseudo commutative 2-monad in a monoidal 2-category $T: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$. These are 2-monads which are commutative only up to coherent isomorphisms in a precise sense. Just like Hyland and Power in [HP02], we will take \mathcal{K} to be a 2-category with finite products to avoid writing any associators, but we claim that what we do also holds for a general monoidal 2-category. Among other things, it is proven in [HP02] that $T\text{-alg}$ is a \mathbf{Cat} -enriched multicategory, and that it is pseudo closed as a 2-category. In the case that T satisfies the further condition of being symmetric, our first result is that the free algebra construction $T: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow T\text{-alg}$ preserves multilinear maps.

Theorem 1.1. (Theorem 3.16) If T is a symmetric, pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad, $T: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow T\text{-alg}$ is a multifunctor.

When T is a symmetric, pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad, $T\text{-alg}$ is a symmetric \mathbf{Cat} -enriched multicategory [HP02]. The free algebra multifunctor $T: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow T\text{-alg}$ is not symmetric since it doesn't preserve the action of the symmetric group on multilinear maps by swapping inputs. However, we prove that it does so up to coherent isomorphisms. Multifunctors with this property are called pseudo symmetric and they were defined by Yau in his study of inverse K -theory [Yau24b]. A coherence result for these was proven by the author [Man24]. So far, the only example in the literature of a pseudo symmetric multifunctor is provided by Mandell's inverse K -theory [Man10; Yau24b]. The following is the main theorem in this paper.

Theorem 1.2. (Theorem 4.28) If T is a symmetric pseudo commutative strong 2-monad, $T: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow T\text{-alg}$ is a pseudo symmetric multifunctor.

Our proof implies a coherence result for pseudo commutative monads originally conjectured by Hyland and Power [HP02, Theorem 4], even in the absence of symmetry as we explain in Remark 4.22.

Our results apply to all of the following. Examples of 2-monads $T: \mathbf{Cat} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$ that are symmetric pseudo commutative but not commutative include the monad for symmetric monoidal categories, the monad for permutative categories, the monads associated to the symmetric pseudo commutative operads defined in [CG23; GMMO23], and also considered in [Yau24a], chaotic \mathbf{Cat} -operads [GMMO23], and KZ -monads [LF11], also known as lax idempotent 2-monads, which include monads whose algebras are categories equipped with a given class of colimits (or limits). Examples of 2-monads that are not symmetric but are pseudo commutative include the monad for braided strict monoidal categories, which has two

pseudocommutative structures, neither of which are symmetric [CG23], as well as the operads in [CG23, Theorem 4.4]. Although the main theorems don't apply to these, our proofs, and in particular Remark 4.22 do.

In their definition of the multiplicative equivariant K -theory multifunctor in [GMMO23] the free algebra multifunctor for certain symmetric, pseudo commutative, strong 2-monads is considered. Our result can be understood as a step towards proving that this version of equivariant K -theory is pseudo symmetric and thus, preserves multiplicative structures in the sense of [Man24]. On the other hand, another multiplicative K -theory multifunctor was defined by Yau in [Yau24a], and our result can play a part in proving that these two machines are equivalent. Notice that one could view our result as a coherence theorem for pseudo symmetric monoidal 2-monads, so our result suggests the use of the underlying multicategorical structure to express coherence results about general lax symmetric monoidal functors or similar gadgets (where one relaxes symmetry). It is desirable to have a graphic calculus for symmetric pseudo commutative 2-monads that also works for pseudo and lax morphisms of symmetric monoidal 2-categories, our work can contribute to this end.

It is worth mentioning the work of Bourke which explores the question of when one can recover the multicategorical structure in $T\text{-alg}$ from a symmetric monoidal 2-categorical structure. Specializing to the case $T : \mathbf{Cat} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$, Bourke proves that the 2-multicategory $T\text{-alg}$ is skew [BL20], and so it admits a skew monoidal 2-category structure [BL18]. In the case that $T : \mathbf{Cat} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$ is accessible, the multicategory structure in $T\text{-alg}$ can be seen to arise from a symmetric bicategorical structure on $T\text{-alg}$ [Bou17; BL20].

Outline: In Section 2, we define symmetric, pseudo commutative, strong 2-monads $T : \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ following [HP02] as well as the \mathbf{Cat} -enriched multicategory $T\text{-alg}$. When T is symmetric we define $T\text{-alg}$ as a symmetric \mathbf{Cat} -enriched multicategory. In Section 3 we extend the free T -algebra 2-functor $T : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ to a non-symmetric multifunctor $T : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow T\text{-alg}$. We finish by proving that this multifunctor $T : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow T\text{-alg}$ is pseudo symmetric in Section 4. The full definitions of pseudo symmetric \mathbf{Cat} -enriched multifunctor and symmetric \mathbf{Cat} -enriched multicategory will be deferred to Section A.

2. SYMMETRIC PSEUDO COMMUTATIVE 2-MONADS

We will prove a coherence result for symmetric, pseudo commutative, strong 2-monads. We will assume that \mathcal{K} is a 2-category with finite products which we will denote by \times , with 1 denoting the empty product in \mathcal{K} . We do this following [HP02] as a way of justifying our suppression of the associators from our notation. However, we believe what we do to hold as well in any monoidal 2-category. We will denote by $\rho : 1 \times - \rightarrow 1_{\mathcal{K}}$ and $\lambda : - \times 1 \rightarrow 1_{\mathcal{K}}$ the natural isomorphisms coming from the monoidal structure in \mathcal{K} induced by products.

Definition 2.1. [Koc70] Suppose that $T : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ is a 2-functor. A *strength* t on T is the data of a (strict) 2-natural transformation (see [JY21]) with source

$$\mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{K} \xrightarrow{1_{\mathcal{K}} \times T} \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{K} \xrightarrow{\times} \mathcal{K},$$

and target

$$\mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{K} \xrightarrow{\times} \mathcal{K} \xrightarrow{T} \mathcal{K}.$$

The component of t at $(A, B) \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{K})$, will be denoted by $t_{A,B}: A \times TB \rightarrow T(A \times B)$ or just t when there is no room for confusion. These data are required to satisfy the following axioms:

- **Unity:** the triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 \times TA & \xrightarrow{t_{1,A}} & T(1 \times A) \\ & \searrow \lambda & \downarrow T\lambda \\ & & TA \end{array}$$

commutes for all $A \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{K})$.

- **Associativity:** the triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A \times B \times TC & \xrightarrow{1_A \times t_{B,C}} & A \times T(B \times C) \\ & \searrow t_{A \times B, C} & \downarrow t_{A, B \times C} \\ & & T(A \times B \times C) \end{array}$$

commutes for every $A, B \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{K})$.

In this case we say that $T: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ is *strong* with strength t .

Remark 2.2. Suppose that (T, η, μ, t) is a strong 2-monad. The following notation is introduced in [HP02]. For $n \geq 2$, t_i^n will denote the natural isomorphism having as component at $(A_1, \dots, A_n) \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{K}^n)$, the 1-cell

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A_1 \times \dots \times A_{i-1} \times TA_i \times A_{i+1} \times \dots \times A_n & \xrightarrow{t_i^n_{A_1, \dots, A_n}} & T(A_1 \dots \times A_n) \\ \cong \downarrow & & \uparrow T \cong \\ A_1 \times \dots \times A_{i-1} \times A_{i+1} \times \dots \times A_n \times TA_i & \xrightarrow{t} & T(A_1 \times \dots \times A_n \times A_i). \end{array}$$

We will denote $t_i^n_{A_1, \dots, A_n} = t_i$ when there is no room for confusion. Notice that $t = t_2^2$. In [HP02], t_1^2 is also called t^* . We will write our arrows in terms of t_1^2 and t_2^2 when possible. We notice that the associativity axiom implies that t_i^n can be written in many ways using the t_i^k for $k < n$. For example, one can prove by induction that the $t_i^n_{A_1, \dots, A_n}$ can be written as

$$A_1 \times \dots \times A_{i-1} \times TA_i \times A_{i+1} \times \dots \times A_n \xrightarrow{1 \times t_1} A_1 \times \dots \times A_{i-1} \times T(A_i \times \dots \times A_n) \xrightarrow{t_2} T(A_1 \times \dots \times A_n),$$

or as

$$A_1 \times \dots \times A_{i-1} \times TA_i \times A_{i+1} \times \dots \times A_n \xrightarrow{t_2 \times 1} T(A_1 \times \dots \times A_i) \times A_{i+1} \times \dots \times A_n \xrightarrow{t_1} T(A_1 \times \dots \times A_n).$$

Definition 2.3. Let (T, η, μ, t) be a 2-monad with $T: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$. That is, T is a strict 2-functor and η, μ are strict 2-natural transformations satisfying the usual triangle identities (see [JY21]). We say that (T, η, μ, t) is a *strong 2-monad* with strength t , if $T: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ is strong with strength t as a 2-functor and η, μ and t are compatible in the sense that, for every $A, B \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{K})$, the triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
A \times B & \xrightarrow{1 \times \eta} & A \times TB \\
& \searrow \eta & \downarrow t \\
& & T(A \times B)
\end{array}$$

commutes, as well as the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
A \times T^2 B & \xrightarrow{1 \times \mu} & A \times TB \\
\downarrow t & & \downarrow t \\
T(A \times TB) & \xrightarrow{Tt} T^2(A \times B) \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(A \times B).
\end{array}$$

Definition 2.4. [Koc70] A strong 2-monad (T, η, μ, t) is called commutative when the following diagram commutes for every $A, B \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{K})$:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
TA \times TB & \xrightarrow{t_1} & T(A \times TB) & \xrightarrow{Tt_2} & T^2(A \times B) \\
\downarrow t_2 & & & & \downarrow \mu \\
T(TA \times B) & \xrightarrow{Tt_1} & T^2(A \times B) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(A \times B).
\end{array}$$

Remark 2.5. Suppose that (T, η, μ, t) is a strong 2-monad. Then, T can be regarded as a monoidal 2-functor in two different ways. In each case, the unitary component is given by $\eta_1: 1 \rightarrow T1$. The binary components are given by the two 1-cells that form the boundary of the previous diagram. For each of these ways of seeing T as a monoidal 2-functor, η is a monoidal 2-natural transformation. It is proven in [Koc70] that T is commutative if and only if T is a monoidal 2-monad (i.e., μ is a monoidal 2-natural transformation).

There are a lot of examples of strong 2-monads which are non-commutative, but that are commutative up to coherent natural isomorphism, these are called pseudo commutative monads and we will defined them next. The examples include the 2-monads $T: \mathbf{Cat} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$ given by the free construction for symmetric stric monoidal categories, symmetric monoidal categories, categories with finite products, categories with finite coproducts, etc. A longer list is included in [HP02]. More examples come from pseudo commutative operads as defined by Corner and Gurski [CG23], and featured in [GMMO23; Yau24a]. These are operads whose associated monads are pseudo commutative. Guillou, Merling, May and Osorno [GMMO23] prove that chaotic operads are pseudo commutative.

Definition 2.6. [HP02, Def. 5] A strong 2-monad (T, η, μ, t) is called *pseudo-commutative* with *pseudocommutativity* Γ if there exists an invertible modification with components, for $A, B \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{K})$:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
TA \times TB & \xrightarrow{t_1} & T(A \times TB) & \xrightarrow{Tt_2} & T^2(A \times B) \\
\downarrow t_2 & & \swarrow \Gamma_{A,B} & & \downarrow \mu \\
T(TA \times B) & \xrightarrow{Tt_1} & T^2(A \times B) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(A \times B),
\end{array}$$

such that the following axioms are satisfied for all A, B, C objects of \mathcal{K} . We will write Γ instead of $\Gamma_{A,B}$ when A and B are clear from the context.

- (1) $\Gamma_{A \times B, C} \circ (t_{2A, B} \times 1_{TC}) = t_{2A, B \times C} \circ (1_A \times \Gamma_{B, C})$, i.e., the following pasting diagram equality holds:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A \times TB \times TC & \xrightarrow{t_2 \times 1} & T(A \times B) \times TC & \xrightarrow{\quad \Downarrow \Gamma \quad} & T(A \times B \times C) \\ & & \parallel & & \\ A \times TB \times TC & \xrightarrow{\quad \Downarrow 1 \times \Gamma \quad} & A \times T(B \times C) & \xrightarrow{t_2} & T(A \times B \times C). \end{array}$$

- (2) $\Gamma_{A, B \times C} \circ (1_{TA} \times t_{2B, C}) = \Gamma_{A \times B, C} \circ (t_{1A, B} \times 1_{TC})$, i.e., the following equality holds:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} TA \times B \times TC & \xrightarrow{1 \times t_2} & TA \times T(B \times C) & \xrightarrow{\quad \Downarrow \Gamma \quad} & T(A \times B \times C) \\ & & \parallel & & \\ TA \times B \times TC & \xrightarrow{t_1 \times 1} & T(A \times B) \times TC & \xrightarrow{\quad \Downarrow \Gamma \quad} & T(A \times B \times C). \end{array}$$

- (3) $\Gamma_{A, B \times C} \circ (1_{TA} \times t_{1B, C}) = t_{1A \times B, C} \circ (\Gamma_{A, B} \times 1_C)$, i.e., the following whiskering equality holds:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} TA \times TB \times C & \xrightarrow{1 \times t_1} & TA \times T(B \times C) & \xrightarrow{\quad \Downarrow \Gamma \quad} & T(A \times B \times C) \\ & & \parallel & & \\ TA \times TB \times C & \xrightarrow{\quad \Downarrow \Gamma \times 1 \quad} & T(A \times B) \times C & \xrightarrow{t_1} & T(A \times B \times C) \end{array}$$

- (4) $\Gamma_{A, B} \circ (\eta_A \times 1_{TB})$ is an identity 2-cell. That is, the following whiskering is an identity:

$$A \times TB \xrightarrow{\eta \times 1} TA \times TB \xrightarrow{\quad \Downarrow \Gamma \quad} T(A \times B)$$

- (5) $\Gamma_{A, B} \circ (1_{TA} \times \eta_B)$ is an identity 2-cell, that is, the following whiskering is an identity:

$$TA \times B \xrightarrow{1 \times \eta} TA \times TB \xrightarrow{\quad \Downarrow \Gamma \quad} T(A \times B).$$

- (6) The whiskering

$$T^2 A \times TB \xrightarrow{\mu \times 1} TA \times TB \xrightarrow{\quad \Downarrow \Gamma \quad} T(A \times B)$$

is equal to the pasting

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} T^2 A \times TB & \xrightarrow{t_1} & T(TA \times TB) & \xrightarrow{Tt_1} & T^2(A \times TB) & \xrightarrow{T^2 t_2} & T^3(A \times B) \\ t_2 \downarrow & & \downarrow Tt_2 & & \xleftarrow{T\Gamma} & & \downarrow T\mu \\ T(T^2 A \times B) & \xrightarrow{\quad \Gamma \quad} & T^2(TA \times B) & \xrightarrow{T^2 t_1} & T^3(A \times B) & \xrightarrow{T\mu} & T^2(A \times B) \\ Tt_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow \mu & & \downarrow \mu & & \downarrow \mu \\ T^2(TA \times B) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(TA \times B) & \xrightarrow{Tt_1} & T^2(A \times B) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(A \times B). \end{array}$$

- (7) The whiskering

$$TA \times T^2 B \xrightarrow{1 \times \mu} TA \times TB \xrightarrow{\quad \Downarrow \Gamma \quad} T(A \times B)$$

is equal to the pasting

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 TA \times T^2B & \xrightarrow{t_1} & T(A \times T^2B) & \xrightarrow{Tt_2} & T^2(A \times TB) \\
 \downarrow t_2 & & \swarrow \Gamma & & \downarrow \mu \\
 T(TA \times TB) & \xrightarrow{Tt_1} & T^2(A \times TB) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(A \times TB) \\
 \downarrow Tt_2 & & \downarrow T^2t_2 & & \downarrow Tt_2 \\
 T^2(TA \times B) & \swarrow_{T\Gamma} & T^3(A \times B) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T^2(A \times B) \\
 \downarrow T^2t_1 & & \downarrow T\mu & & \downarrow \mu \\
 T^3(A \times B) & \xrightarrow{T\mu} & T^2(A \times B) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(A \times B).
 \end{array}
 \tag{2.8}$$

Remark 2.9. The fact that the source and target of the equal whiskering and pasting diagrams in the previous list of axioms are the same follows from the definition of 2-strong monad. In other words, the pseudo commutativity axioms don't introduce new relations among 1-cells.

The axioms are not independent as it is noted in [HP02]. Any two of the axioms (1), (2), and (3) implies the other, and symmetry (Definition 2.27) introduces further redundancies.

A modification is more than a mere collection of 2-cells (see [JY22]). For Γ to be a modification we need that given $f: A \rightarrow A'$ and $g: B \rightarrow B'$ in \mathcal{K} , the following equality of pasting diagrams holds:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{ccccc}
 TA \times TB & \xrightarrow{Tf \times Tg} & TA' \times TB' & & \\
 \swarrow t_1 & & \swarrow t_1 & \searrow t_2 & \\
 T(A \times TB) & \xrightarrow{T(f \times Tg)} & T(A' \times TB') & & T(TA' \times B') \\
 \downarrow Tt_2 & & \downarrow Tt_2 & \xrightarrow{\Gamma} & \downarrow Tt_1 \\
 T^2(A \times B) & \xrightarrow{T^2(f \times g)} & T^2(A' \times B') & & T^2(A' \times B') \\
 \searrow \mu & & \searrow \mu & \searrow \mu & \\
 T(A \times B) & \xrightarrow{T(f \times g)} & T(A' \times B') & &
 \end{array} \\
 = &
 \begin{array}{ccccc}
 TA \times TB & \xrightarrow{Tf \times Tg} & TA' \times TB' & & \\
 \swarrow t_1 & & \swarrow t_2 & \searrow t_2 & \\
 T(A \times TB) & & T(TA \times B) & \xrightarrow{T(Tf \times g)} & T(TA' \times B') \\
 \downarrow Tt_2 & \xrightarrow{\Gamma} & \downarrow Tt_1 & & \downarrow Tt_1 \\
 T^2(A \times B) & & T^2(A \times B) & \xrightarrow{T^2(f \times g)} & T^2(A' \times B') \\
 \searrow \mu & \searrow \mu & \searrow \mu & & \\
 T(A \times B) & \xrightarrow{T(f \times g)} & T(A' \times B') & &
 \end{array}
 \end{array}
 \tag{2.10}$$

Example 2.11. We will introduce an example so that our reader has something to compare her intuitions with. Let $T: \mathbf{Cat} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$ be the monad whose 2-category of algebras is the category of symmetric monoidal categories. For a small category \mathcal{C} , $\text{Ob}(T\mathcal{C})$ consists of finite sequences of elements of $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$, including the empty sequence. The arrows of this category are freely generated by symmetries of the form \mathcal{C}

$$(a_{\sigma(1)}a_{\sigma(2)}\dots a_{\sigma(n)}) \xrightarrow{\sigma} (a_1a_2\dots a_n)$$

for $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$, and $\sigma \in \Sigma_n$, together with maps of the form

$$(f_1, \dots, f_n): (a_1 \dots a_n) \rightarrow (b_1 \dots b_n)$$

for $f_i: a_i \rightarrow b_i$ an arrow of \mathcal{C} for $1 \leq i \leq n$. Thus, every arrow in $T\mathcal{C}$ is of the form

$$(a_{\sigma(1)} \cdots a_{\sigma(n)}) \xrightarrow{\sigma} (a_1 \dots a_n) \xrightarrow{(f_1, \dots, f_n)} (b_1 \dots b_n) \xrightarrow{\tau^{-1}} (b_{\tau(1)} \dots b_{\tau(n)}),$$

for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\sigma, \tau \in \Sigma_n$, and f_i as before. We give $T\mathcal{C}$ the structure of a symmetric monoidal category with symmetric monoidal product concatenation, and unit the empty sequence. We make T into a 2-monad by defining $\eta: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow T\mathcal{C}$ as sending a to (a) , and $\mu: T^2\mathcal{C} \rightarrow T\mathcal{C}$ by erasing parentheses. This 2-monad is strong with respect to the 2-natural transformation $t: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow T\mathcal{B} \rightarrow T(\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B})$ which sends $(a, b_1 \dots b_n)$ to $((a, b_1)(a, b_2) \dots (a, b_n))$. Notice that Diagram (2.10) does not commute, and so, this monad is not commutative. One of the maps $T\mathcal{A} \times T\mathcal{B} \rightarrow T(\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B})$ sends the pair $(a_1 \dots a_n, b_1 \dots b_m)$ to the sequence

$$((a_1, b_1)(a_1, b_2) \dots (a_1, b_m)(a_2, b_1)(a_2, b_2) \dots (a_n, b_m)),$$

while the other maps it to the sequence

$$((a_1, b_1)(a_2, b_1) \dots (a_n, b_1), (a_1, b_2), (a_2, b_2), \dots, (a_n, b_m)).$$

Clearly, the two maps are not equal, but they commute up to a natural isomorphism given by a permutation. Furthermore the two permutations that exchange between one map and the other are inverses of each other, which means that this monad is an example of a symmetric pseudo commutative 2-monad, see Definition 2.27.

Following Blackwell, Kelly and Power [BKP02], we now define, for any 2-monad $T: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$, the 2-category $T\text{-Alg}$ of T -algebras and pseudo morphisms.

Definition 2.12. [BKP02, Def. 1.2] Let (T, η, μ) be a 2-monad. The 2-category $T\text{-Alg}$ has strict T -algebras as 0-cells. A 1-cell f between T -algebras $(A, a: TA \rightarrow A)$ and $(B, b: TB \rightarrow B)$, also called a strong morphism of T -algebras in [JY22], consists of a 1-cell $f: A \rightarrow B$ in \mathcal{K} , together with an invertible 2-cell

$$\begin{array}{ccc} TA & \xrightarrow{Tf} & TB \\ \downarrow a & \bar{f} \swarrow & \downarrow b \\ A & \xrightarrow{f} & B, \end{array}$$

subject to the following axioms.

- (1) The equality of pasting diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T^2A & \xrightarrow{T^2f} & T^2B \\ \mu \downarrow & & \downarrow \mu \\ TA & \xrightarrow{Tf} & TB \\ a \downarrow & \bar{f} \swarrow & \downarrow b \\ A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \end{array} = \begin{array}{ccc} T^2A & \xrightarrow{T^2f} & T^2B \\ Ta \downarrow & T\bar{f} \swarrow & \downarrow Tb \\ TA & \xrightarrow{Tf} & TB \\ a \downarrow & \bar{f} \swarrow & \downarrow b \\ A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \end{array}$$

holds.

- (2) The following pasting diagram equals the identity of $f: A \rightarrow B$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\
\eta \downarrow & & \downarrow \eta \\
TA & \xrightarrow{Tf} & Tb \\
a \downarrow & \swarrow \bar{f} & \downarrow b \\
A & \xrightarrow{f} & B.
\end{array}$$

A 2-cell in $T\text{-Alg}$ between 1-cells $(f, \bar{f}), (g, \bar{g}): A \rightarrow B$ is a 2-cell $\alpha: f \rightarrow g$ in \mathcal{K} such that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
TA & \xrightarrow{Tf} & TB \\
\alpha \downarrow & \swarrow Tg & \downarrow b \\
A & \xrightarrow{g} & B
\end{array}
=
\begin{array}{ccc}
TA & \xrightarrow{Tf} & TB \\
a \downarrow & \swarrow \bar{f} & \downarrow b \\
A & \xrightarrow{g} & B.
\end{array}$$

Hyland and Power [HP02] extend Blackwell, Kelly and Power's 2-categorical construction to provide a non symmetric **Cat**-multicategory whose underlying 2-category is $T\text{-Alg}$. When $\mathcal{K} = \mathbf{Cat}$ and T is accesible, Bourke proves [Bou17; BL20] that the **Cat**-multicategory structure can be seen to arise from a monoidal bicategory structure on $T\text{-alg}$. An example of this is the monad for permutative categories, and the corresponding symmetric monoidal 2-category structure on permutative categories is explicitly worked out in [GJO24]. Guillou, May, Merling and Osorno [GMMO23] specialize Hyland and Power's definition to define a multicategory $\mathcal{O}\text{-Alg}$ for \mathcal{O} a pseudo commutative operad. We refer the reader to the Section A for the definition of **Cat**-multicategory.

To be able to define the multicategory $T\text{-Alg}$, we first need to prove a coherence result.

Definition 2.13. Suppose (T, η, μ, t) is a pseudo-commutative, strong 2-monad, $n \geq 2$ and $1 \leq i < j \leq n$. We define a modification from $\mu \circ Ttj \circ t_i$ to $\mu \circ Tt_i \circ t_j$ as follows. Suppose A_1, \dots, A_n objects of \mathcal{K} , we define the component 2-cell of our modification in

$$\mathcal{K}(A_1 \times \dots \times A_{i-1} \times TA_i \times A_{i+1} \times \dots \times A_{j-1} \times TA_j \times A_{j+1} \times \dots \times A_n, T(A_1 \times \dots \times A_n))$$

in the following way. In principle there are various ways of doing this. Consider a partition K of the symbols $A_1, \dots, TA_i, \dots, TA_j, \dots, A_n$ into 4 subsets K_1, K_2, K_3, K_4 obtained by placing 3 bars in between symbols such that K_2 contains TA_i , and K_3 contains TA_j . We will represent K in the following way:

$$\underbrace{\dots \times \dots}_{K_1} \mid \underbrace{\dots \times TA_i \times \dots}_{K_2} \mid \underbrace{\dots \times TA_j \times \dots}_{K_3} \mid \underbrace{\dots \times \dots}_{K_4}.$$

For such a partition K , we can define the 2-cell $\Gamma_{i,j}^K$ as the whiskering

$$\begin{aligned}
& A_1 \times \cdots \times TA_i \times \cdots \times TA_j \times \cdots \times A_n \\
& \quad \downarrow \simeq \\
& \underbrace{\cdots \times \cdots}_{K_1} \mid \underbrace{\cdots \times TA_i \times \cdots}_{K_2} \mid \underbrace{\cdots \times TA_j \times \cdots}_{K_3} \mid \underbrace{\cdots \times \cdots}_{K_4} \\
& \quad \downarrow 1 \times t_{i-|K_1|}^{|K_2|} \times t_{j-|K_1|-|K_2|}^{|K_3|} \times 1 \\
& \cdots \times \cdots \times T(\cdots \times A_i \times \cdots) \times T(\cdots \times A_j \times \cdots) \times \cdots \times \cdots \\
& \quad \left(\xrightarrow{1 \times \Gamma \times 1} \right) \\
& \underbrace{\cdots \times \cdots}_{K_1} \times T(\cdots \times A_i \times \cdots \times A_j \times \cdots) \times \underbrace{\cdots \times \cdots}_{K_4} \\
& \quad \downarrow t_{|K_1|+1}^n \\
& T(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n).
\end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2.14. [HP02, Thm. 5] Suppose $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ is a pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad. The three strength axioms imply that given $n \geq 2$, and $1 \leq i < j \leq n$, any two partitions K and K' as in Definition 2.13 induce the same 2-cell. That is,

$$\Gamma_{i,j}^K = \Gamma_{i,j}^{K'}.$$

Proof. Let K be a partition of $A_1, \dots, TA_i, \dots, TA_j, \dots, A_n$ as in Definition 2.13. The following hold:

- (i) If K_1 ends by A_p , for some $p < i$, and K' is obtained from K by moving the first bar one spot to the left, then $\Gamma_{i,j}^K = \Gamma_{i,j}^{K'}$ by (1) in Definition 2.6.
- (ii) If K_2 ends by A_p , for some p such that $i < p < j$, and K' is obtained from K by moving the second bar one spot to the left, then $\Gamma_{i,j}^K = \Gamma_{i,j}^{K'}$ by (2) in Definition 2.6.
- (iii) If K_3 ends by A_p , for some $p > j$, and K' is obtained from K by moving the third bar one spot to the left, then $\Gamma_{i,j}^K = \Gamma_{i,j}^{K'}$ by (3) in Definition 2.6.

Finally, let K' be any partition as in Definition 2.13, then K' can be obtained from the partition

$$K = A_1 \times \cdots \times A_{i-1} \mid \times TA_i \times \cdots \times \mid TA_j \times \cdots \times A_n \mid$$

by making some number of moves (i), (ii) and (iii), and so $\Gamma_{i,j}^K = \Gamma_{i,j}^{K'}$. \square

Definition 2.15. Let $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ be a pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad, $n \geq 2$, $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ and A_1, \dots, A_n objects of \mathcal{K} we define the unique 2-cell in the previous theorem as $\Gamma_{i,j}$. That is, if K is any partition as in Definition 2.13, then $\Gamma_{i,j} = \Gamma_{i,j}^K$.

Remark 2.16. To save some space in the following definitions we will denote the product $A_1 \times \cdots \times A_{i-1}$ as $A_{<i}$. When considering a product $A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n$ we will also write $A_{>i} = A_{i+1} \times \cdots \times A_n$. Notice also that the 2-cell $\Gamma_{i,j}$ defined in the previous theorem fits in the following diagram by the μ axiom for strong monads in Definition 2.3:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
& & T(A_{<j} \times TA_j \times A_{>j}) & \xrightarrow{Tt_j} & T^2(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n) \\
& \nearrow t_i & & \Downarrow \Gamma_{ij} & \searrow \mu \\
A_{<i} \times TA_i \times \cdots \times TA_j \times A_{>j} & \xrightarrow{t_j} & T(A_{<i} \times TA_i \times A_{>i}) & \xrightarrow{Tt_i} & T^2(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n) \xrightarrow{\mu} T(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n).
\end{array}$$

Next, we define the **Cat**-multicategory $T\text{-alg}$, whose underlying 2-category is $T\text{-alg}$ from Definition 2.12. In Definition 2.17 we define the 2-cells of $T\text{-alg}$, in Definition 2.23 we define the 2-cells in $T\text{-alg}$, and in Definition 2.26 we define the composition in $T\text{-alg}$.

Definition 2.17. [HP02, Def. 10] Let $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ be a pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad. The n -ary 1-cells of the **Cat**-multicategory $T\text{-Alg}$ are defined as follows. When $n = 0$, and B is a T -algebra, we define the category $T\text{-Alg}(-; B)$ as $\mathcal{K}(1, B)$.

Suppose that $(A_i, a_i: TA_i \rightarrow A_i)$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $(B, b: TB \rightarrow B)$ are T -algebras. An n -ary 1-cell of $T\text{-alg}$, $\langle A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n \rangle \rightarrow B$ is the data of a 1-cell $h: A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n \rightarrow B$ in \mathcal{K} , together with 2-cells h_i for $1 \leq i \leq n$ fitting in the square:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
A_{<i} \times TA_i \times A_{>i} & \xrightarrow{t_i} & T(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n) & \xrightarrow{Th} & TB \\
1 \times a_i \times 1 \downarrow & & \swarrow h_i & & \downarrow b \\
A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & & & B.
\end{array}$$

These data have to satisfy the following axioms.

- η axiom: The following pasting diagram is the identity of $h: A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n \rightarrow B$.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
& & A_{<i} \times A_i \times A_{>i} & \xrightarrow{h} & B \\
& \swarrow 1 \times \eta \times 1 & \downarrow \eta & & \downarrow \eta \\
(2.18) \quad A_{<i} \times TA_i \times A_{>i} & \xrightarrow{t_i} & T(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n) & \xrightarrow{Th} & TB \\
1 \times a_i \times 1 \downarrow & & \swarrow h_i & & \downarrow b \\
A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & & & B.
\end{array}$$

- μ axiom: The pasting diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
A_{<i} \times T^2 A_i \times A_{>i} & \xrightarrow{t_i} & T(A_{<i} \times TA_i \times A_{>i}) & \xrightarrow{Tt_i} & T^2(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n) \xrightarrow{T^2 h} T^2 B \\
1 \times \mu \times 1 \downarrow & & & \downarrow \mu & \downarrow \mu \\
(2.19) \quad A_{<i} \times TA_i \times A_{<i} & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & T(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n) & \xrightarrow{Th} & TB \\
1 \times a_i \times 1 \downarrow & & \swarrow h_i & & \downarrow b \\
A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & & & B
\end{array}$$

and,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
A_{<i} \times T^2 A_i \times A_{>i} & \xrightarrow{t_i} & T(A_{<i} \times T A_i \times A_{>i}) & \xrightarrow{T t_i} & T^2(A_1 \times \dots \times A_n) \xrightarrow{T^2 h} T^2 B \\
1 \times T a_i \times 1 \downarrow & & T(1 \times a_i \times 1) \downarrow & \swarrow T h_i & \downarrow T b \\
(2.20) \quad A_{<i} \times T A_i \times A_{>i} & \xrightarrow{t_i} & T(A_1 \times \dots \times A_n) & \xrightarrow{T h} & T B \\
1 \times a_i \times 1 \downarrow & & \swarrow h_i & & \downarrow b \\
A_1 \times \dots \times A_n & \xrightarrow{h} & & & B
\end{array}$$

are equal.

- Coherence: For $i < j$, the pasting diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
A_{<i} \times T A_i \times \dots \times T A_j \times A_{>j} & \xrightarrow{t_i} & T(A_{<j} \times T A_j \times A_{>j}) & \xrightarrow{T t_j} & T^2(A_1 \times \dots \times A_n) \xrightarrow{\mu} T(A_1 \times \dots \times A_n) \\
1 \times a_j \times 1 \downarrow & & T(1 \times a_j \times 1) \downarrow & \swarrow T h_j & \downarrow T^2 h \\
(2.21) \quad A_{<i} \times T A_i \times A_{>i} & \xrightarrow{t_i} & T(A_1 \times \dots \times A_n) & \xrightarrow{T h} & T^2 B \xrightarrow{\mu} T B \\
1 \times a_i \times 1 \downarrow & & \swarrow h_i & & \downarrow T b \\
A_1 \times \dots \times A_n & \xrightarrow{h} & & & T B \xrightarrow{b} B \\
& & & & \downarrow b \\
& & & & B
\end{array}$$

and,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
& & T(A_{<j} \times T A_j \times A_{>j}) & \xrightarrow{T t_j} & T^2(A_1 \times \dots \times A_n) \\
& \nearrow t_i & \downarrow \Gamma_{i,j} & \searrow \mu & \\
A_{<i} \times T A_i \times \dots \times T A_j \times A_{>j} & \xrightarrow{t_j} & T(A_{<i} \times T A_i \times A_{>i}) & \xrightarrow{T t_i} & T^2(A_1 \times \dots \times A_n) \xrightarrow{\mu} T(A_1 \times \dots \times A_n) \\
1 \times a_i \times 1 \downarrow & & T(1 \times a_i \times 1) \downarrow & \swarrow T h_i & \downarrow T^2 h \\
(2.22) \quad A_{<j} \times T A_j \times A_{>j} & \xrightarrow{t_j} & T(A_1 \times \dots \times A_n) & \xrightarrow{T h} & T^2 B \xrightarrow{\mu} T B \\
1 \times a_j \times 1 \downarrow & & \swarrow h_j & & \downarrow T b \\
A_1 \times \dots \times A_n & \xrightarrow{h} & & & T B \xrightarrow{b} B \\
& & & & \downarrow b \\
& & & & B
\end{array}$$

are equal.

Definition 2.23. [HP02, Def. 10] Let $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ be a pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad. We define the 2-cells of $T\text{-alg}$ as follows. Suppose that $(A_i, a_i: T A_i \rightarrow A_i)$ and $(B, b: T B \rightarrow B)$ are T -algebras for $1 \leq i \leq n$, and that $(f, \langle f_i \rangle)$ and $(g, \langle g_i \rangle)$ are 1-cells in $T\text{-alg}(\langle A_1, \dots, A_n \rangle, B)$. A 2-cell $\alpha: f \rightarrow g$ in $T\text{-alg}$ is the datum of a 2-cell in \mathcal{K} of the form

$$A_1 \times \dots \times A_n \xrightarrow{\quad} B,$$

subject to the equality, for $i < n$, of the pasting diagrams

$$(2.24) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} A_{<i} \times TA_i \times A_{>i} & \xrightarrow{t_i} & T(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n) \xrightarrow{Tf} TB \\ \downarrow 1 \times a_i \times 1 & \swarrow f_i & \downarrow b \\ A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n & \xrightarrow{f} & B, \\ & \Downarrow \alpha & \\ & g & \end{array}$$

and

$$(2.25) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} A_{<i} \times TA_i \times A_{>i} & \xrightarrow{t_i} & T(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n) \\ \downarrow 1 \times a_i \times 1 & \swarrow g_i & \downarrow Tg \\ A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n & \xrightarrow{h} & B. \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{Tf} \\ \parallel T\alpha \\ \xrightarrow{Tg} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} TB \\ \downarrow b \\ B. \end{array}$$

Vertical composition of 2-cells in $T\text{-alg}$ is given by vertical composition in \mathcal{K} .

Next we define the γ composition in $T\text{-alg}$.

Definition 2.26. Let $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ be a pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad. For $(C, c) \in \text{Ob}(T\text{-alg})$, $n \geq 0$, $\langle B \rangle = \langle (B_j, b_j) \rangle_{j=1}^n \in \text{Ob}(T\text{-alg})^n$, $k_j \geq 0$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$, and $\langle A_j \rangle = \langle A_{j,i} \rangle_{i=1}^{k_j} \in \text{Ob}(T\text{-alg})^{k_j}$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$, we define

$$T\text{-alg}(\langle B \rangle; C) \times \prod_{j=1}^n T\text{-alg}(\langle A_j \rangle; B_j) \xrightarrow{\gamma} T\text{-alg}(\langle A \rangle; C)$$

as follows. Let $(f, f_j): B_1 \times \cdots \times B_n \rightarrow C$ and $(g_j, g_{ji}): A_{j,1} \times \cdots \times A_{j,k_j} \rightarrow B_j$ 1-cells of T -algebras. We define their γ composition as the \mathcal{K} 1-cell

$$\overline{A_1} \times \cdots \times \overline{A_n} \xrightarrow{\prod g_i} B_1 \times \cdots \times B_n \xrightarrow{f} C$$

where $\overline{A_j}$ denotes $\prod_{i=1}^{k_j} A_{j,i}$. Any number between s with $1 \leq s \leq \sum_{j=1}^n k_j$ can be uniquely written as $s = d + \sum_{t < j} k_t$ where $d < k_j$. We define $\gamma(\langle g_j \rangle, f)_s$ as the pasting

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
\overline{A_1} \times \cdots \times \overline{A_{j-1}} \times A_{j,1} \times \cdots \times TA_{j,d} \times \cdots \times A_{j,k_j} \times \overline{A_{j+1}} \times \cdots \times \overline{A_n} & \xrightarrow{1 \times a_{j,d} \times 1} & \overline{A_1} \times \cdots \times \overline{A_n} \\
\downarrow 1 \times t_d \times 1 & \searrow 1 \times g_{j,d} \times 1 & \downarrow 1 \times g_j \times 1 \\
\overline{A_1} \times \cdots \times T(\overline{A_j}) \times \cdots \times \overline{A_n} & & \overline{A_1} \times \cdots \times B_j \times \cdots \times \overline{A_n} \\
\downarrow 1 \times Tg_j \times 1 & & \downarrow g_1 \times \cdots \times 1 \times \cdots \times g_n \\
\overline{A_1} \times \cdots \times TB_j \times \cdots \times \overline{A_n} & \xrightarrow{1 \times b_j \times 1} & \overline{A_1} \times \cdots \times B_j \times \cdots \times \overline{A_n} \\
\downarrow g_1 \times \cdots \times 1 \times \cdots \times g_n & & \downarrow g_1 \times \cdots \times 1 \times \cdots \times g_n \\
B_1 \times \cdots \times TB_j \times \cdots \times B_n & \xrightarrow{1 \times b_j \times 1} & B_1 \times \cdots \times B_n \\
\downarrow t_j & \nearrow f_j & \downarrow f \\
T(\overline{A_1} \times \cdots \times \overline{A_n}) & & T(B_1 \times \cdots \times B_n) \\
\downarrow T(g_1 \times \cdots \times g_n) & & \downarrow Tf \\
TC & \xrightarrow{c} & C
\end{array}$$

t_s is a diagonal arrow from the top-left node to $T(\overline{A_1} \times \cdots \times \overline{A_n})$.
 t_j is a diagonal arrow from the top-left node to $\overline{A_1} \times \cdots \times TB_j \times \cdots \times \overline{A_n}$.

The multilinear composition for 2-cells is defined in the following way. Suppose that (f, f_j) , and (f', f_j) are multilinear 1-cells from $\langle B_1, \dots, B_n \rangle$ to C , and (g_j, g_{ji}) , and (g'_j, g'_{ji}) are multilinear 1-cells from $\langle A_{j,1}, \dots, A_{j,k_j} \rangle$ to B_j in $T\text{-alg}$. Suppose also that $\alpha: f \rightarrow f'$, and $\beta_j: g_j \rightarrow g'_j$ are 2-cells in $T\text{-alg}$. Then, the component 2-cell of $\gamma(\alpha; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_n)$ is the pasting

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\overline{A_1} \times \cdots \times \overline{A_n} & \xrightarrow{\Pi g_j} & B_1 \times \cdots \times B_n \\
\Downarrow \Pi \beta_j & & \Downarrow \alpha \\
\overline{A_1} \times \cdots \times \overline{A_n} & \xrightarrow{\Pi g_{j'}} & B_1 \times \cdots \times B_n \\
& & \xrightarrow{f'} C
\end{array}$$

One can easily check that this composition is well defined.

By imposing an extra condition on T we can turn $T\text{-alg}$ into symmetric **Cat**-multicategory.

Definition 2.27. A pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ is called *symmetric* if for all A, B objects of \mathcal{K} , the following pasting diagram equals the identity of the 1-cell

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
TA \times TB & \xrightarrow{t_1} & T(A \times TB) & \xrightarrow{Tt_2} & T^2(A \times B) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(A \times B) \\
\cong \downarrow & & & \nearrow \Gamma_{A,B} & & & \uparrow T\cong \\
TB \times TA & \xrightarrow{t_1} & T(B \times TA) & \xrightarrow{Tt_2} & T^2(B \times A) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(B \times A) \\
\cong \downarrow & & & \nearrow \Gamma_{B,A} & & & \uparrow T\cong \\
TA \times TB & \xrightarrow{t_1} & T(A \times TB) & \xrightarrow{Tt_2} & T^2(A \times B) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(A \times B)
\end{array}$$

Remark 2.28. As noted in [HP02], this axiom introduces further redundancies in Definition 2.6. Under symmetry, and using the nomenclature from Definition 2.6, the axioms (1), (2), and (3) are equivalent, the conditions (4) and (5) are equivalent and the two statements (7) and (6) are equivalent.

In general, for $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ we can define 2-cells $\Gamma_{j,i}$ that are inverses to the $\Gamma_{i,j}$ from Theorem 2.14.

Definition 2.29. Let $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ be a pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad and A_1, \dots, A_n objects of \mathcal{K} . Let K be a partition as in Definition 2.13. We define $\Gamma_{j,i}$ as the whiskering

$$\begin{aligned}
& A_1 \times \dots \times TA_i \times \dots \times TA_j \times \dots \times A_n \\
& \quad \downarrow = \\
& \underbrace{\dots \times \dots}_{K_1} | \underbrace{\dots \times TA_i \times \dots}_{K_2} | \underbrace{\dots \times TA_j \times \dots}_{K_3} | \underbrace{\dots \times \dots}_{K_4} \\
& \quad \downarrow \cong \\
& \underbrace{\dots \times \dots}_{K_1} | \underbrace{\dots \times TA_j \times \dots}_{K_3} | \underbrace{\dots \times TA_i \times \dots}_{K_2} | \underbrace{\dots \times \dots}_{K_4} \\
& \quad \downarrow 1 \times t_{j-|K_1|} \times t_{i-|K_1|-|K_3|} \times 1 \\
& \underbrace{\dots \times \dots}_{K_1} \times T(\dots \times A_i \times \dots) \times T(\dots \times A_j \times \dots) \times \underbrace{\dots \times \dots}_{K_4} \\
& \quad \downarrow \left(\frac{1 \times \Gamma \times 1}{=} \right) \\
& \underbrace{\dots \times \dots}_{K_1} \times T(\dots \times A_i \times \dots \times A_j \times \dots) \times \underbrace{\dots \times \dots}_{K_4} \\
& \quad \downarrow t_{|K_1|+1} \\
& T(\dots \times A_i \times \dots \times A_j \times \dots) \\
& \quad \downarrow \cong \\
& T(A_1 \times \dots \times A_n).
\end{aligned}$$

Remark 2.30. Notice that $\Gamma_{j,i}$ is independent of the partition by Theorem 2.14. The symmetry axiom can thus be written as $\Gamma_{1,2} = \Gamma_{2,1}^{-1}$. If we write $\Gamma_{1,2}: \omega \rightarrow \omega'$, then the symmetry axiom takes the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
& \omega & \\
& \curvearrowright & \\
TA \times TB & \xrightarrow{\quad \Downarrow \Gamma_{1,2} \quad} & T(A \times B) \\
& \curvearrowleft & \\
& \omega' &
\end{array}
=
\begin{array}{ccc}
& \omega & \\
& \curvearrowright & \\
TA \times TB & \xrightarrow{\quad \Downarrow 1_\omega \quad} & T(A \times B) \\
& \curvearrowleft & \\
& \omega &
\end{array}$$

Lemma 2.31. Let $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ be a symmetric, strong, pseudo commutative 2-monad. Let $0 \leq i < j \leq n$. Then $\Gamma_{j,i} = \Gamma_{i,j}^{-1}$.

We notice that since Γ is invertible, the inverse pseudo commutativity 2-cells Γ^{-1} satisfy analogous properties to those in Definition 2.6 satisfied by Γ . When using these properties we will refer the reader to Definition 2.6.

Next we define the symmetric **Cat**-multicategorical structure on $T\text{-alg}$ for T symmetric. This is the definition of Hyland and Power [HP02], which agrees with the one given in [GMMO23] for pseudo commutative operads.

Definition 2.32. [HP02, Prop. 18] Let $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ be a symmetric, pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad. We give $T\text{-alg}$ the structure of a symmetric **Cat**-multicategory by defining the action of the symmetric group. For A_1, \dots, A_n, B objects of \mathcal{K} , and $\sigma \in \Sigma_n$, define

$$T\text{-alg}(A_1, \dots, A_n; B) \xrightarrow{\sigma} T\text{-alg}(A_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, A_{\sigma(n)}; B),$$

in the following way. If $(h, h_i): \langle A_1, \dots, A_n \rangle \rightarrow B$ is a 1-cell in $T\text{-alg}$, we define the 1-cell component of $h\sigma$ in \mathcal{K} as $A_{\sigma(1)} \times \dots \times A_{\sigma(n)} \xrightarrow{\sigma} A_1 \times \dots \times A_n \xrightarrow{h} B$. We define $(h\sigma)_i$ as the pasting

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A_{\sigma(1)} \times \dots \times TA_{\sigma(i)} \times \dots \times A_{\sigma(n)} & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & A_1 \times \dots \times TA_{\sigma(i)} \times \dots \times A_n & \xrightarrow{t_{\sigma(i)}} & T(A_1 \times \dots \times A_n) \xrightarrow{h} TB \\ \downarrow 1 \times a_{\sigma(i)} \times 1 & & \downarrow 1 \times a_{\sigma(i)} \times 1 & \swarrow h_{\sigma(i)}^n & \downarrow b \\ A_{\sigma(1)} \times \dots \times A_{\sigma(n)} & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & A_1 \times \dots \times A_n & \xrightarrow{h} & B. \end{array}$$

Similarly, for $\alpha: f \rightarrow g$ 2-cell in $T\text{-alg}(A_1, \dots, A_n; B)(f, g)$, $\alpha\sigma$ is defined as having component 2-cell

$$A_{\sigma(1)} \times \dots \times A_{\sigma(n)} \xrightarrow{\sigma} A_1 \times \dots \times A_n \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \Downarrow \alpha \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} \end{array} B.$$

Remark 2.33. To prove that given a 1-cell $h: \langle A_1, \dots, A_n \rangle \rightarrow B$ in $T\text{-alg}$, $h\sigma: \langle A_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, A_{\sigma(n)} \rangle \rightarrow B$ is indeed a 1-cell in $T\text{-alg}$ we need the symmetry axiom. The η and μ axioms for $h\sigma$ follow from the same axioms for h . To prove coherence one can prove that given $0 \leq i < j \leq n$, if h satisfies coherence, then so does $h\sigma_{i,j}$. Here, $\sigma_{i,j} \in \Sigma_n$ is the transposition that permutes i and j . Coherence for $h\sigma_{i,j}$ follows from coherence for h together with Lemma 2.31.

3. THE FREE ALGEBRA FUNCTOR AS A NON-SYMMETRIC MULTIFUNCTOR

Recall that for $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ a pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad and $A \in \mathcal{K}$, $(TA, \mu: T^2A \rightarrow TA)$ is a T -algebra and can be thought of as the free T algebra generated by A . This defines a 2-functor $T: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow T\text{-alg}$ [BKP02] that, as we show in this section, can be extended to non-symmetric multifunctor when T is symmetric.

Definition 3.1. Let $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ be a symmetric, pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad. Given $A_1, A_2 \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{K})$ we define the 2-ary 1-cell in $T\text{-alg}$, $\omega = \omega_{A_1, A_2}: \langle TA_1, TA_2 \rangle \rightarrow T(A_1 \times A_2)$ as follows. The component 1-cell ω_{A_1, A_2} is the composite

$$TA_1 \times TA_2 \xrightarrow{t_1} T(A_1 \times TA_2) \xrightarrow{Tt_2} T^2(A_1 \times A_2) \xrightarrow{\mu} T(A_1 \times A_2).$$

We can take the 2-cell ω_1 to be the identity since the following diagram commutes by definition of t_1 and naturality of μ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T^2A_1 \times TA_2 & \xrightarrow{t_1} & T(TA_1 \times TA_2) \xrightarrow{T\omega} T^2(A_1 \times A_2) \\ \mu \times 1 \downarrow & & \downarrow \mu \\ TA_1 \times TA_2 & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_1 \times A_2). \end{array}$$

We define ω_2 as being the following pasting diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
TA_1 \times T^2 A_2 & \xrightarrow{t_2} & T(TA_1 \times TA_2) & \xrightarrow{T\omega} & T^2(A_1 \times A_2) \\
\downarrow 1 \times \mu & \searrow \cong & \downarrow T\cong & \swarrow T\Gamma_{A_1, A_2} & \nearrow T^2 \cong \\
& & T^2 A_2 \times TA_1 & \xrightarrow{t_1} & T(TA_2 \times TA_1) \xrightarrow{T\omega} T^2(A_2 \times A_1) \\
& & \downarrow \mu \times 1 & & \downarrow \mu \\
TA_1 \times TA_2 & \xrightarrow{\cong} & TA_2 \times TA_1 & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_2 \times A_1) \xrightarrow{T\cong} T(A_1 \times A_2) \\
& \searrow \cong & \downarrow \cong & \downarrow \Gamma_{A_2, A_1} & \uparrow T\cong \\
& & TA_1 \times TA_2 & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_1 \times A_2)
\end{array}$$

Remark 3.2. The previous definition generalizes the definitions of [GMMO23] for the case of pseudo commutative operads.

Lemma 3.3. *Let $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ be a symmetric, pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad. For A_1, A_2 be objects of \mathcal{K} , ω_2 equals the whiskering*

$$\begin{array}{c}
\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\omega'} \\ \Downarrow \Gamma^{-1} \\ \xrightarrow{\omega} \end{array}
\end{array}
TA_1 \times T^2 A_2 \xrightarrow{Tt_2} T^2(A_1 \times A_2) \xrightarrow{\mu} T(A_1 \times A_2).$$

Proof. By applying the strength μ -axiom (7) in Definition 2.6, we get that ω_2 equals the pasting

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
TA_1 \times T^2 A_2 & \xrightarrow{t_2} & T(TA_1 \times TA_2) & \xrightarrow{T\omega} & T^2(A_1 \times A_2) \\
\downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \cong & \swarrow T\Gamma_{A_1, A_2} & \nearrow T^2 \cong \\
T^2 A_2 \times TA_1 & \xrightarrow{t_1} & T(TA_2 \times TA_1) & \xrightarrow{Tt_1} & T^2(A_1 \times TA_1) \xrightarrow{T^2 t_2} T^3(A_2 \times A_1) \\
\downarrow t_2 & & \downarrow Tt_2 & \swarrow T\Gamma_{A_2, A_1} & \downarrow T\mu \\
T(T^2 A_2 \times A_1) & \xrightarrow{\Gamma} & T^2(TA_2 \times A_1) & \xrightarrow{Tt_1} & T^2(A_2 \times A_1) \xrightarrow{T\mu} T^2(A_2 \times A_1) \\
\downarrow Tt_1 & & \downarrow \mu & & \downarrow \mu \\
T^2(TA_2 \times A_1) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(TA_2 \times A_1) \xrightarrow{Tt_1} T^2(A_2 \times A_1) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(A_2 \times A_1) \xrightarrow{T\cong} T(A_1 \times A_2)
\end{array}$$

By symmetry ω_2 agrees with the whiskering

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
TA_1 \times T^2 A_2 & \xrightarrow{\cong} & T^2 A_2 \times TA_1 & \xrightarrow{\Gamma} & T(TA_2 \times A_1) & \xrightarrow{Tt_1} & T^2(A_2 \times A_1) \xrightarrow{\mu} T(A_2 \times A_1) \\
& & \downarrow \Gamma & & \downarrow T\cong & \downarrow T^2 \cong & \downarrow T\cong \\
& & & & T(A_1 \times TA_2) & \xrightarrow{Tt_2} & T^2(A_1 \times A_2) \xrightarrow{\mu} T(A_1 \times A_2)
\end{array}$$

By symmetry, the last whiskering equals the one in the lemma. \square

Lemma 3.4. *Let $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ be a symmetric, pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad, and let A_1, A_2 be objects of \mathcal{K} . Then*

$$\omega: \langle TA_1, TA_2 \rangle \rightarrow T(A_1 \times A_2)$$

is a 2-ary 1-cell in $T\text{-alg}$.

Proof. First we tackle coherence. By Lemma 3.3, we can write the Diagram (2.22) for ω as

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & T(TA_1 \times TA_2) & \xrightarrow{Tt_2} & T^2(TA_1 \times TA_2) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(TA_1 \times TA_2) \\
 & \nearrow t_1 & \nwarrow \Gamma_{TA_1, TA_2} & & \nwarrow \mu & & \\
 T^2A_1 \times T^2A_2 & \xrightarrow{t_2} & T(T^2A_1 \times TA_2) & \xrightarrow{Tt_1} & T^2(TA_1 \times TA_2) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(TA_1 \times TA_2) \\
 \downarrow \mu \times 1 & & \downarrow T(\mu \times 1) & & \downarrow T^2\omega & & \downarrow Tt_\omega \\
 TA_1 \times T^2A_2 & \xrightarrow{t_2} & T(TA_1 \times TA_2) & & T^3(A_1 \times A_2) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T^2(A_1 \times A_2) \\
 \downarrow t_1 & & \downarrow Tt_1 & & \downarrow T\mu & & \downarrow \mu \\
 T(A_1 \times T^2A_2) & \xleftarrow{\Gamma^{-1}} & T^2(A_1 \times TA_2) & \xrightarrow{T^2t_2} & T^3(A_1 \times A_2) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T^2(A_1 \times A_2) \\
 \downarrow Tt_2 & & \downarrow \mu & & \downarrow \mu & & \downarrow \mu \\
 T^2(A_1 \times TA_2) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(A_1 \times TA_2) & \xrightarrow{Tt_2} & T^2(A_1 \times A_2) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(A_1 \times A_2).
 \end{array}$$

By (6) in Definition 2.6, this equals the pasting

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccc}
 & & T(TA_1 \times T^2A_2) & \xrightarrow{Tt_2} & T^2(TA_1 \times TA_2) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(TA_1 \times TA_2) & \xrightarrow{Tt_1} & T^2(A_1 \times TA_2) & \xrightarrow{T^2t_2} & T^3(A_1 \times A_2) \\
 & \nearrow t_1 & \nwarrow \Gamma_{TA_1, TA_2} & & \nwarrow \mu & & \nwarrow \mu & & \nwarrow \mu & & \\
 T^2A_1 \times T^2A_2 & \xrightarrow{t_2} & T(T^2A_1 \times TA_2) & \xrightarrow{Tt_1} & T^2(TA_1 \times TA_2) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(TA_1 \times TA_2) & \xrightarrow{Tt_1} & T^2(A_1 \times TA_2) & \xrightarrow{T^2t_2} & T^3(A_1 \times A_2) \\
 \downarrow t_1 & & \nwarrow \Gamma_{TA_1, TA_2}^{-1} & & \nwarrow \mu & & \nwarrow \mu & & \nwarrow \mu & & \\
 T(TA_1 \times T^2A_2) & \xrightarrow{Tt_2} & T^2(TA_1 \times TA_2) & \xrightarrow{T^2t_1} & T^3(A_1 \times TA_2) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(A_1 \times TA_2) & \xrightarrow{Tt_2} & T^2(A_1 \times A_2) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T^2(A_1 \times A_2) \\
 \downarrow Tt_1 & & \nwarrow T\Gamma^{-1} & & \nwarrow T\mu & & \nwarrow \mu & & \nwarrow \mu & & \\
 T^2(A_1 \times T^2A_2) & \xrightarrow{T^2t_2} & T^3(A_1 \times TA_2) & \xrightarrow{T\mu} & T^2(A_1 \times TA_2) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T^2(A_1 \times A_2) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T^2(A_1 \times A_2) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(A_1 \times A_2).
 \end{array}$$

The 2-cells Γ_{TA_1, TA_2} and its inverse cancel out, so the previous pasting diagram equals Diagram (2.21) by Lemma 3.3. Now we tackle the η and μ axioms. For $i = 1$ there is nothing to prove since ω_1 is the identity. The η axiom for $i = 2$ follows by Lemma 3.3 and (5) in Definition 2.6. Let's prove that ω satisfies the μ axiom for $i = 2$. We start from pasting Diagram (2.19), which by Lemma 3.3 we can express as the whiskering

$$TA_1 \times T^3A_2 \xrightarrow{1 \times \mu} TA_1 \times T^2A_2 \xrightarrow{\Gamma^{-1}} T(A_1 \times TA_2) \xrightarrow{\mu \circ Tt_2} T(A_1 \times A_2).$$

By (7) in Definition 2.6 the previous diagram equals the following:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
& & TA_1 \times T^3 A_2 & \xrightarrow{t_2} & T(TA_1 \times T^2 A_2) & \xrightarrow{Tt_2} & T^2(TA_1 \times TA_2) \xrightarrow{T^2 t_1} T^3(A_1 \times TA_2) \\
& \swarrow 1 \times T\mu & \downarrow t_1 & & \downarrow Tt_1 & & \downarrow T\mu \\
TA_1 \times T^2 A_2 & \xrightarrow{T(1 \times T\mu)} & T(A_1 \times T^3 A_2) & \xleftarrow{\Gamma^{-1}} & T^2(A_1 \times T^2 A_2) & \xrightarrow{T^2 t_2} & T^3(A_1 \times TA_2) \xrightarrow{T\mu} T^2(A_1 \times TA_2) \\
& \downarrow t_1 & \downarrow Tt_2 & & \downarrow \mu & & \downarrow \mu \\
T(A_1 \times T^2 A_2) & \xrightarrow{Tt_2} & T^2(A_1 \times T^2 A_2) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(A_1 \times T^2 A_2) & \xrightarrow{Tt_2} & T^2(A_1 \times TA_2) \xrightarrow{\mu} T(A_1 \times TA_2) \\
& & \downarrow T(1 \times \mu) & & \downarrow T(1 \times \mu) & & \downarrow T^2 t_2 \\
& & T^2(A_1 \times TA_2) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(A_2 \times TA_2) & \xrightarrow{Tt_2} & T^2(A_1 \times A_2) \xrightarrow{\mu} T(A_1 \times A_2).
\end{array}$$

Here we decorated the diagram coming from Diagram (2.8) with some extra commutative squares that do not change the pasting. By using that Γ^{-1} is a modification, we get that the previous pasting equals

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
& & TA_1 \times T^3 A_2 & \xrightarrow{t_2} & T(TA_1 \times T^2 A_2) & \xrightarrow{Tt_2} & T^2(TA_1 \times TA_2) \xrightarrow{T^2 t_1} T^3(A_1 \times TA_2) \\
& \swarrow 1 \times T\mu & \downarrow T(1 \times \mu) & & \downarrow Tt_1 & & \downarrow T\mu \\
TA_1 \times T^2 A_2 & \xrightarrow{t_2} & T(TA_1 \times TA_2) & \xrightarrow{T(1 \times \mu)} & T^2(A_1 \times T^2 A_2) & \xrightarrow{T^2 t_2} & T^3(A_1 \times TA_2) \xrightarrow{T\mu} T^2(A_1 \times TA_2) \\
& \downarrow t_1 & \downarrow Tt_1 & & \downarrow \mu & & \downarrow \mu \\
T(A_1 \times T^2 A_2) & \xrightarrow{Tt_2} & T^2(A_1 \times TA_2) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(A_1 \times T^2 A_2) & \xrightarrow{Tt_2} & T^2(A_1 \times TA_2) \xrightarrow{\mu} T(A_1 \times TA_2) \\
& & \downarrow \mu & & \downarrow T(1 \times \mu) & & \downarrow T^2 t_2 \\
& & T^2(A_1 \times TA_2) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(A_1 \times TA_2) & \xrightarrow{Tt_2} & T^2(A_1 \times A_2) \xrightarrow{\mu} T(A_1 \times A_2).
\end{array}$$

The last pasting equals Diagram (2.20) for ω by two applications of Lemma 3.3 and a change in 1-cells. The previous diagram has the correct source 1-cell since the 1-cells $\mu \circ (T\mu) \circ (T^2 t_2)$ and $\mu \circ (Tt_2) \circ \mu : T^2(A_1 \times TA_2) \rightarrow T(A_1 \times A_2)$ are equal. \square

Lemma 3.5. (Associativity of ω) Let $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ be a symmetric, pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad. Let A, B, C be objects of \mathcal{K} , then

$$\gamma(\omega_{A,B \times C}; 1_A, \omega_{B,C}) = \gamma(\omega_{A \times B, C}; \omega_{A,B}, 1_C),$$

that is, the following multicategorical diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\langle TA, TB, TC \rangle & \xrightarrow{\langle \omega_{A,B}, 1_C \rangle} & \langle T(A \times B), TC \rangle \\
\downarrow \langle 1_A, \omega_{B,C} \rangle & & \downarrow \omega_{A \times B, C} \\
\langle TA, T(B \times C) \rangle & \xrightarrow{\omega_{A, B \times C}} & T(A \times B \times C).
\end{array}$$

Proof. First of all by associativity of t , the strength axioms, the monad axioms and naturality of various 2-natural transformations, the corresponding 1-cells $TA \times TB \times TC \rightarrow T(A \times B \times C)$ are equal. We must show that the 2-cell constraints are equal, i.e., $\gamma(\omega; \omega, 1)_i = \gamma(\omega; 1, \omega)_i$ for

$i = 1, 2, 3$. For $i = 1$ this follows since both $\gamma(\omega; \omega, 1)_1$ and $\gamma(\omega; 1, \omega)_1$ are identities. For $i = 2$, we have from Definition 2.26 and by Lemma 3.3 that $\gamma(\omega; \omega, 1)_2$ is the 2-cell

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} TA \times T^2B \times TC & \xrightarrow{\quad} & T(A \times TB) \times TC & \xrightarrow{Tt_2 \times 1} & T^2(A \times B) \times TC & \xrightarrow{\mu \times 1} & T(A \times B) \times TC & \xrightarrow{t_1} & T(A \times B \times TC) \\ & \searrow \Downarrow \Gamma^{-1} \times 1 & \downarrow t_1 & & \downarrow t_1 & & \nearrow \mu & & \downarrow \mu \circ Tt_3 \\ & & T(A \times TB \times TC) & \xrightarrow{T(t_2 \times 1)} & T(T(A \times B) \times TC) & \xrightarrow{Tt_1} & T^2(A \times B \times TC) & & T(A \times B \times TC), \end{array}$$

where $\mu \circ Tt_3 \circ t_1 = \omega: T(A \times B) \times TC \rightarrow T(A \times B \times C)$. We can then apply (3) in Definition 2.6, to get

$$TA \times T^2B \times TC \xrightarrow{1 \times t_1} TA \times T(TB \times TC) \xrightarrow{\quad \Downarrow \Gamma^{-1} \quad} T(A \times TB \times TC) \xrightarrow{\mu \circ Tt_3 \circ \mu \circ Tt_1 \circ T(t_2 \times 1)} T(A \times B \times C).$$

Since $\mu \circ Tt_3 \circ \mu \circ Tt_1 \circ T(t_2 \times 1)$ equals $\mu \circ Tt_2 \circ T(1 \times \mu) \circ T(1 \times Tt_2) \circ T(1 \times t_1)$ as 1-cells $T(A \times TB \times TC) \rightarrow T(A \times B \times C)$ by associativity of t , strength axioms for μ and monad axioms for μ , we can write the previous pasting as

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} TA \times T^2B \times TC & \xrightarrow{1 \times t_1} & TA \times T(TB \times TC) & \xrightarrow{t_2} & T(TA \times TB \times TC) & \xrightarrow{Tt_1} & T^2(A \times TB \times TC) \\ & \searrow 1 \times Tt_1 & \downarrow t_1 & & \swarrow \Gamma^{-1} & & \downarrow \mu \\ & & T(A \times T(TB \times TC)) & \xrightarrow{Tt_2} & T^2(A \times TB \times TC) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(A \times TB \times TC) \\ & & \downarrow T(1 \times Tt_1) & & \downarrow T^2(1 \times t_1) & & \downarrow T(1 \times t_1) \\ TA \times T^2(B \times TC) & \xrightarrow{t_1} & T(A \times T^2(B \times TC)) & \xrightarrow{Tt_2} & T^2(A \times T(B \times TC)) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(A \times T(B \times TC)) \\ & \downarrow 1 \times T^2t_2 & \downarrow T(1 \times T^2t_2) & & \downarrow T^2(1 \times Tt_2) & & \downarrow T(1 \times Tt_2) \\ TA \times T^3(B \times C) & \xrightarrow{t_1} & T(A \times T^3(B \times C)) & \xrightarrow{Tt_3} & T^2(A \times T^2(B \times C)) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(A \times T^2(B \times C)) \\ & \downarrow 1 \times T\mu & \downarrow T(1 \times T\mu) & & \downarrow T^2(1 \times \mu) & & \downarrow T(1 \times \mu) \\ TA \times T^2(B \times C) & \xrightarrow{t_1} & T(A \times T^2(B \times C)) & \xrightarrow{Tt_2} & T^2(A \times T(B \times C)) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(A \times T(B \times C)) & \xrightarrow{\mu \circ Tt_2} & T(A \times B \times C). \end{array}$$

Since Γ^{-1} is a modification, our diagram equals

$$TA \times T^2B \times TC \xrightarrow{(1 \times T\mu) \circ (1 \times T^2t_2) \circ (1 \times Tt_1) \circ (1 \times t_1)} TA \times T^2(B \times C) \xrightarrow{\quad \Downarrow \Gamma^{-1} \quad} T(A \times T(B \times C)) \xrightarrow{\mu \circ Tt_2} T(A \times B \times C).$$

By an application of Lemma 3.3, the previous whiskering is precisely $\gamma(\omega; 1, \omega)_2$.

Let's now prove that $\gamma(\omega; \omega, 1)_3 = \gamma(\omega; 1, \omega)_3$. Definition 2.26 and an application of Lemma 3.3 give us that $\gamma(\omega; \omega, 1)_3$ is the whiskering

$$TA \times TB \times T^2C \xrightarrow{(Tt_2 \times 1) \circ (t_1 \times 1)} T^2(A \times B) \times T^2C \xrightarrow{\mu \times 1} T(A \times B) \times T^2C \xrightarrow{\quad \Downarrow \Gamma^{-1} \quad} T(A \times B \times TC) \xrightarrow{\mu \circ Tt_3} T(A \times B \times C).$$

By an application of (6) in Definition 2.6, we then have that $\gamma(\omega; \omega, 1)_3$ equals

(3.6)

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
TA \times TB \times T^2C & \xrightarrow{(Tt_2 \times 1)(t_1 \times 1)} & T^2(A \times B) \times T^2C & \xrightarrow{t_2} & T(T^2(A \times B) \times TC) \xrightarrow{Tt_1} T^2(T(A \times B) \times TC) \\
& & \downarrow t_1 & \swarrow \Gamma^{-1} & \downarrow \mu \\
& & T(T(A \times B) \times T^2C) & \xrightarrow{Tt_2} & T^2(T(AB) \times TC) \xrightarrow{\mu} T(T(A \times B) \times TC) \\
& & \downarrow t_1 & & \downarrow T^2t_1 \\
& & T^2(A \times B \times T^2C) & & T^3(A \times B \times TC) \xrightarrow{\mu} T^2(A \times B \times TC) \\
& & \downarrow Tt_2 & \swarrow T\Gamma^{-1} & \downarrow T\mu \\
& & T^3(A \times B \times TC) & \xrightarrow{T\mu} & T^2(A \times B \times TC) \xrightarrow{\mu} T(A \times B \times TC) \xrightarrow{\mu \circ Tt_3} T(A \times B \times C).
\end{array}$$

Now, by Definition 2.26 and two applications of Lemma 3.3, $\gamma(\omega; 1, \omega)_3$ is the vertical composition of the whiskering

$$(3.7) \quad TA \times TB \times T^2C \xrightarrow{\quad \Downarrow 1 \times \Gamma^{-1} \quad} TA \times T(B \times TC) \xrightarrow{\mu \circ Tt_2 \circ t_1 \circ (1 \times \mu) \circ (1 \times Tt_2)} T(A \times B \times C),$$

with the whiskering

$$(3.8) \quad TA \times TB \times TC \xrightarrow{(1 \times T\mu) \circ (1 \times T^2t_2) \circ (1 \times Tt_1) \times (1 \times t_2)} TA \times T^2(B \times C) \xrightarrow{\quad \Downarrow \Gamma^{-1} \quad} T(A \times T(B \times C)) \xrightarrow{\mu \circ Tt_2} T(A \times B \times C).$$

We will show that Diagram (3.8) equals the whiskering

$$(3.9) \quad TA \times TB \times T^2C \xrightarrow{(Tt_2 \times 1) \circ (t_1 \times 1)} T^2(A \times B) \times T^2C \xrightarrow{\quad \Downarrow \Gamma^{-1} \quad} T(T(A \times B) \times TC) \xrightarrow{\mu \circ Tt_3 \circ \mu \circ Tt_1} T(A \times B \times C)$$

coming from Diagram (3.6), as well as an analogous statement for Diagram (3.7). We can decorate Diagram (3.9) with some extra commutative squares

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
TA \times TB \times T^2C & \xrightarrow{t_1 \times 1} & T(A \times TB) \times T^2C & \xrightarrow{t_2} & T(T(A \times TB) \times TC) & \xrightarrow{Tt_1} & T^2(A \times TB \times TC) \\
& & \downarrow Tt_2 \times 1 & & \downarrow T(Tt_2 \times 1) & & \downarrow T^2(t_2 \times 1) \\
& & T^2(A \times B) \times T^2C & \xrightarrow{t_2} & T(T^2(A \times B) \times TC) & \xrightarrow{Tt_1} & T^2(T(A \times B) \times TC) \\
& & \downarrow t_1 & & \swarrow \Gamma^{-1} & & \downarrow \mu \\
& & T(T(A \times B) \times T^2C) & \xrightarrow{Tt_2} & T^2(T(AB) \times TC) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(T(A \times B) \times TC) \\
& & & & & & \downarrow \mu \\
& & & & & & T(A \times B \times TC) \xrightarrow{\mu \circ Tt_3 \circ \mu \circ Tt_1} T(A \times B \times C),
\end{array}$$

so that we can apply the fact that Γ^{-1} is a modification to get

$$TA \times TB \times T^2C \xrightarrow{t_1 \times 1} T(A \times TB) \times T^2C \xrightarrow{\quad \Downarrow \Gamma^{-1} \quad} T(A \times TB \times TC) \xrightarrow{\mu \circ Tt_3 \circ \mu \circ Tt_1 \circ T(t_2 \times 1)} T(A \times B \times C).$$

By (2) in Definition 2.6 this pasting becomes

$$(3.10) \quad TA \times TB \times T^2C \xrightarrow{1 \times t_2} TA \times T(TB \times TC) \xrightarrow{\quad \Downarrow \Gamma^{-1} \quad} T(A \times TB \times TC) \xrightarrow{\mu \circ Tt_3 \circ \mu \circ Tt_1 \circ T(t_2 \times 1)} T(A \times B \times C).$$

Next, we decorate diagram (3.10) with some commutative squares without altering the pasting. We are using that $\mu \circ Tt_3 \circ \mu \circ Tt_1 \circ T(t_2 \times 1)$ is equal to $\mu \circ Tt_2 \circ T(1 \times \mu) \circ T(1 \times Tt_2) \circ T(1 \times t_1)$ as 1-cells from $T(A \times TB \times TC)$ to $T(A \times B \times C)$.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} TA \times TB \times T^2C & \xrightarrow{1 \times t_2} & TA \times T(TB \times TC) & \xrightarrow{t_2} & T(TA \times TB \times TC) & \xrightarrow{Tt_1} & T^2(A \times TB \times TC) \\ & \searrow 1 \times Tt_1 & \downarrow t_1 & & \swarrow \Gamma^{-1} & & \downarrow \mu \\ & & T(A \times T(TB \times TC)) & \xrightarrow{Tt_2} & T^2(A \times TB \times TC) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(A \times TB \times TC) \\ & & \downarrow T(1 \times Tt_1) & & \downarrow T^2(1 \times t_1) & & \downarrow T(1 \times t_1) \\ TA \times T^2(B \times TC) & \xrightarrow{t_1} & T(A \times T^2(B \times TC)) & \xrightarrow{Tt_2} & T^2(A \times T(B \times TC)) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(A \times T(B \times TC)) \\ & \downarrow 1 \times T^2t_2 & \downarrow T(1 \times T^2t_2) & & \downarrow T^2(1 \times Tt_2) & & \downarrow T(1 \times Tt_2) \\ TA \times T^3(B \times C) & \xrightarrow{t_1} & T(A \times T^2(B \times C)) & \xrightarrow{Tt_2} & T^2(A \times T^2(B \times C)) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(A \times T^2(B \times C)) \\ & \downarrow 1 \times T\mu & \downarrow T(1 \times T\mu) & & \downarrow T^2(1 \times \mu) & & \downarrow T(1 \times \mu) \\ TA \times T^2(B \times C) & \xrightarrow{t_1} & T(A \times T(B \times C)) & \xrightarrow{Tt_2} & T^2(A \times T(B \times C)) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(A \times T(B \times C)) \xrightarrow{\mu \circ Tt_2} T(A \times B \times C). \end{array}$$

We then get Diagram (3.8) since Γ^{-1} is a modification. To finish the proof we just have to show that Diagram (3.7) equals the following whiskering coming from Diagram (3.6)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} TA \times TB \times T^2C & \xrightarrow{t_1 \times 1} & T(A \times TB) \times T^2C & \xrightarrow{Tt_2 \times 1} & T^2(A \times B) \times T^2C & & \\ & \searrow t_{1A, TB \times T^2C} & \downarrow t_1 & & \downarrow t_1 & & \\ & & T(A \times TB \times T^2C) & \xrightarrow{T(t_2 \times 1)} & T(T(A \times B) \times T^2C) & \xrightarrow{\quad \Downarrow T\Gamma^{-1} \quad} & T^2(A \times B \times TC) \xrightarrow{\mu \circ Tt_3 \circ \mu} T(A \times B \times C). \end{array}$$

We can apply (1) in Definition 2.6 to get

$$TA \times TB \times T^2C \xrightarrow{t_1} T(A \times TB \times T^2C) \xrightarrow{\quad \Downarrow T(1 \times \Gamma^{-1}) \quad} T(A \times T(B \times TC)) \xrightarrow{\mu \circ Tt_3 \circ \mu \circ Tt_2} T(A \times B \times C).$$

Since t_1 is a 2-natural transformation, we get that the last pasting equals the whiskering

$$TA \times TB \times T^2C \xrightarrow{\quad \Downarrow 1 \times \Gamma^{-1} \quad} T(A \times T(B \times TC)) \xrightarrow{t_1} T(A \times T(B \times TC)) \xrightarrow{\mu \circ Tt_3 \circ \mu \circ Tt_2} T(A \times B \times C).$$

This equals (3.7) since $\mu \circ Tt_3 \circ \mu \circ Tt_2 \circ t_1 = \mu \circ Tt_2 \circ t_1 \circ (1 \times \mu) \circ (1 \times Tt_2)$ as 1-cells from $TA \times T(B \times TC)$ to $T(A \times B \times C)$. \square

Lemma 3.11. *Let $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ be a symmetric, pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad, then ω is 2-natural in the following sense:*

- (1) For $f_1: A_1 \rightarrow B_1$ and $f_2: A_2 \rightarrow B_2$ in \mathcal{K} ,

$$\gamma(T(f_1 \times f_2); \omega_{A_1, A_2}) = \gamma(\omega_{B_1, B_2}; Tf_1, Tf_2).$$

That is, the following multicategorical diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\langle TA_1, TA_2 \rangle & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_1 \times A_2) \\
\langle Tf_1, Tf_2 \rangle \downarrow & & \downarrow T(f_1 \times f_2) \\
\langle TB_1, TB_2 \rangle & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(B_1 \times B_2).
\end{array}$$

(2) For 2-cells $\alpha_1: f_1 \rightarrow g_1$ in $\mathcal{K}(A_1, B_1)$ and $\alpha_2: f_2 \rightarrow g_2$ in $\mathcal{K}(A_2, B_2)$

$$\gamma(T(\alpha_1 \times \alpha_2); 1_{\omega_{A_1, A_2}}) = \gamma(1_{\omega_{B_1, B_2}}; T\alpha_1, T\alpha_2).$$

That is, the multicategorical pasting

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\langle TA_1, TA_2 \rangle & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_1 \times A_2) \\
\langle Tf_1, Tf_2 \rangle \left(\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{T\alpha_1, T\alpha_2} \\ \downarrow \end{array} \right) \langle Tg_1, Tg_2 \rangle & & \downarrow T(g_1 \times g_2) \\
\langle TB_1, TB_2 \rangle & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(B_1 \times B_2).
\end{array}$$

equals

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\langle TA_1, TA_2 \rangle & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_1 \times A_2) \\
\langle Tf_1, Tf_2 \rangle \downarrow & T(f_1 \times f_2) \left(\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{T(\alpha_1 \times \alpha_2)} \\ \downarrow \end{array} \right) & T(g_1 \times g_2) \\
\langle TB_1, TB_2 \rangle & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(B_1 \times B_2).
\end{array}$$

Proof. For part (1), the corresponding 1-cells of $\gamma(T(f_1 \times f_2); \omega)$ and $\gamma(\omega; Tf_1, Tf_2)$ are equal since $\omega: TA_1 \times TA_2 \rightarrow T(A_1 \times A_2)$ equals $\mu \circ Tt_2 \circ t_1$, a composition of 2-natural transformations. The 1-cells $\gamma(T(f_1 \times f_2); \omega)_1$ and $\gamma(\omega; Tf_1, Tf_2)_1$ are equal since both are identity 1-cells, with Tf_1 and Tf_2 being strict maps of T -algebras. Let's show that $\gamma(T(f_1 \times f_2); \omega)_2 = \gamma(\omega; Tf_1, Tf_2)_2$. By a double application of Definition 2.6, $\gamma(\omega; Tf_1, Tf_2)_2$ equals

$$TA_1 \times T^2A_2 \xrightarrow{Tf_1 \times T^2f_2} TB_1 \times T^2B_2 \xrightarrow{\Downarrow_{\Gamma^{-1}}} T(B_1 \times TB_2) \xrightarrow{\mu \circ Tt_2} T(B_1 \times B_2).$$

Since Γ^{-1} is a modification, and because μ and Tt_2 are 2-natural this whiskering can be written as

$$TA_1 \times T^2A_2 \xrightarrow{\Downarrow_{\Gamma^{-1}}} T(A_1 \times TA_2) \xrightarrow{\mu \circ Tt_2} T(A_1 \times A_2) \xrightarrow{T(f_1 \times f_2)} T(B_1 \times B_2).$$

An application of Lemma 3.3 gives us that this is exactly $\gamma(T(f_1 \times f_2), \omega)_2$. Part (2) follows from the 2-naturality of t_1, Tt_2 and μ . \square

Definition 3.12. Let $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ be a symmetric, (pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad. For $A_1, \dots, A_n \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{K})$, we define

$$\omega_n = \omega_{A_1, \dots, A_n}: \langle TA_1, \dots, TA_n \rangle \rightarrow T(A_1 \times \dots \times A_n)$$

in $T\text{-alg}$ by recursion in the following way:

- For $n = 0$, $\omega_0: 1 \rightarrow T1$ is $\eta_1: 1 \rightarrow T1$.
- For $n = 1$ $\omega_1: TA_1 \rightarrow TA_1$ is the identity 1_{TA_1} .

- For $n = 2$, ω_2 is $\omega_{A_1, A_2}: \langle TA_1, TA_2 \rangle \rightarrow T(A_1 \times TA_2)$ from Lemma 3.4.
- For $n \geq 3$ $\omega_n = \gamma(\omega_2; \omega_{n-1}, \omega_1)$.

Corollary 3.13. *Let $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ be a symmetric, pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad, and A_1, \dots, A_n objects of \mathcal{K} . For $n \geq 3$,*

$$\omega_n = \gamma(\omega_2; \omega_{n-1}, \omega_1) = \gamma(\omega_2; \omega_1, \omega_{n-1}).$$

It follows by a straightforward induction that ω_n is natural in the following sense.

Lemma 3.14. *Let $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ be a symmetric, pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad. For any n , ω_n is natural in the following sense:*

- (1) *Suppose $f_i: A_i \rightarrow B_i$ are 1-cells in \mathcal{K} for $1 \leq i \leq n$, then*

$$\gamma(T(f_1 \times \dots \times f_n); \omega_{A_1, \dots, A_n}) = \gamma(\omega_{B_1, \dots, B_n}; Tf_1, \dots, Tf_n).$$

That is, the following multicategorical diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \langle TA_1, \dots, TA_n \rangle & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_1 \times \dots \times A_n) \\ \langle Tf_1, \dots, Tf_n \rangle \downarrow & & \downarrow T(f_1 \times \dots \times f_n) \\ \langle TB_1, \dots, TB_n \rangle & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(B_1 \times \dots \times B_n). \end{array}$$

- (2) *Suppose $\alpha_i: f_i \rightarrow g_i$ are 2-cells in $\mathcal{K}(A_i, B_i)$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$. Then*

$$\gamma(T(\alpha_1 \times \dots \times \alpha_n); 1_{\omega_{A_1, \dots, A_n}}) = \gamma(1_{\omega_{B_1, \dots, B_n}}; T\alpha_1, \dots, T\alpha_n).$$

That is, the multicategorical whiskering

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \langle TA_1, TA_2 \rangle & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_1 \times A_2) \\ \langle Tf_1, Tf_2 \rangle \left(\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\langle T\alpha_1, T\alpha_2 \rangle} \\ \downarrow \end{array} \right) & & \downarrow T(g_1 \times g_2) \\ \langle TB_1, TB_2 \rangle & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(B_1 \times B_2). \end{array}$$

equals the whiskering

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \langle TA_1, \dots, TA_n \rangle & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_1 \times \dots \times A_n) \\ \langle Tf_1, \dots, Tf_n \rangle \downarrow & & T(f_1 \times \dots \times f_n) \left(\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{T(\alpha_1 \times \dots \times \alpha_n)} \\ \downarrow \end{array} \right) T(g_1 \times \dots \times g_n) \\ \langle TB_1, \dots, TB_n \rangle & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(B_1 \times \dots \times B_n). \end{array}$$

Next, we define the free algebra **Cat**-multifunctor $T: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow T\text{-alg}$.

Definition 3.15. Let $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ be a symmetric, pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad. We define the multifunctor $T: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow T\text{-alg}$ as follows:

- T is already defined on objects and since $(TA, \mu: T^2A \rightarrow TA)$ is a T -algebra for $A \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{K})$.
- For $n = 0$, $T: \mathcal{K}(1, A) \rightarrow T\text{-alg}(1, TA)$ is defined as the composition

$$\mathcal{K}(1, A) \xrightarrow{T} \mathcal{K}(T1, TA) \xrightarrow{\eta_1^*} T\text{-alg}(1, TA),$$

\xrightarrow{T}

where $\eta_1: 1 \rightarrow T1$, and $T\text{-alg}(1, TA) = \mathcal{K}(1, TA)$.

- For $n = 1$, we define $T: \mathcal{K}(A, B) \rightarrow T\text{-alg}(TA, TB)$ as sending $f: A \rightarrow B$ to $Tf: TA \rightarrow TB$ with $(Tf)_1$ being an identity. Similarly, a 2-cell $\alpha: f \rightarrow g$ in $\mathcal{K}(A, B)$ is sent to $T\alpha$.
- For $n \geq 2$, we define $T: \mathcal{K}(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n, B) \rightarrow T\text{-alg}(TA_1, \dots, TA_n; TB)$ as the composition

$$\mathcal{K}(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n, B) \xrightarrow{T} T\text{-alg}(T(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n); TB) \xrightarrow{\omega_n^*} T\text{-alg}(TA_1, \dots, TA_n; TB).$$

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Theorem 3.16. *Let $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ be a symmetric, pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad. Then $T: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow T\text{-alg}$ is a non-symmetric **Cat**-multifunctor.*

Proof. It is clear from the definition that T preserves identities. Preservation of γ by T follows at once from Lemma 3.14 and Lemma 3.5. \square

4. PSEUDO SYMMETRY OF THE FREE ALGEBRA MULTIFUNCTOR

Next, we will define the pseudo symmetry isomorphisms. We do this in a recursive way, starting with the non trivial element of Σ_2 . From here on σ_i will denote the transposition in Σ_n that permutes i and $i + 1$.

Definition 4.1. Let $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ be a symmetric, pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad. For $A, B \in \mathcal{K}$ we define $\omega': \langle TA, TB \rangle \rightarrow T(A \times B)$ as the image of ω through the composition

$$T\text{-alg}(TB, TA; T(B \times A)) \xrightarrow{\sigma_1} T\text{-alg}(TA, TB; T(B \times A)) \xrightarrow{T\omega^*} T\text{-alg}(TA, TB; T(A \times B)).$$

Lemma 4.2. *For $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ a symmetric, pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad and ω' as in the previous definition, its component is*

$$TA \times TB \xrightarrow{t_2} T(TA \times TB) \xrightarrow{Tt_1} T^2(A \times B) \xrightarrow{\mu} T(A \times B).$$

The 2-cell ω'_1 equals

$$T^2A \times TB \xrightarrow{\quad \Downarrow \Gamma \quad} T(TA \times B) \xrightarrow{Tt_1} T^2(A \times B) \xrightarrow{\mu} T(A \times B),$$

while ω'_2 is an identity 1-cell.

Proof. Since ω_1 is an identity 2-cell we get that ω'_2 is as well. On the other hand, by Lemma 3.3, ω'_1 can be written as

$$T^2A \times TB \xrightarrow{\cong} TB \times T^2A \xrightarrow{\quad \Downarrow \Gamma^{-1} \quad} T(B \times TA) \xrightarrow{T\omega \circ \mu \circ Tt_2} T(A \times B).$$

By naturality of μ and definition of t_1 we can write this whiskering as

$$T^2A \times TB \xrightarrow{\cong} TB \times T^2A \xrightarrow{\quad \Downarrow \Gamma^{-1} \quad} T(B \times TA) \xrightarrow{T\omega} T(TA \times B) \xrightarrow{\mu \circ Tt_1} T(A \times B).$$

By Definition 2.27 we have that ω'_1 agrees with the whiskering in the statment of the lemma. \square

Lemma 4.3. *Let $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ be a symmetric, pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad. For A, B objects of \mathcal{K} , there is a 2-cell*

$$\langle TA, TB \rangle \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\omega} \\ \Downarrow \Gamma_{A,B} \\ \xrightarrow{\omega'} \end{array} T(A \times B),$$

in the multicategory $T\text{-alg}$ with component 2-cell $\Gamma_{A,B}$.

Proof. We need to prove that Diagrams (2.24) and (2.25) for $\Gamma_{A,B}$ are equal for $i = 1, 2$. For $i = 1$ Diagram (2.24) takes the form

$$T^2 A \times TB \xrightarrow{\mu \times 1} TA \times TB \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \Downarrow \Gamma \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} \end{array} T(A \times B)$$

Now, by Lemma 4.2, Diagram (2.25) for $i = 1$ agrees exactly with Diagram (2.7) and we are done by (6) in Definition 2.6. For $i = 2$ Diagram (2.24) is, by an application of (7) in Definition 2.6, and Lemma 3.3,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} TA \times T^2 B & & \xrightarrow{\omega'_{A,B}} & & T(A \times TB) \\ & \searrow \Gamma_{A,TB}^{-1} & \Downarrow & \nearrow \omega_{A,B} & \\ t_2 \downarrow & \Gamma_{A,TB} & & & \\ T(TA \times TB) & \xrightarrow{Tt_1} & T^2(A \times TB) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(A \times TB) \\ Tt_2 \downarrow & & \downarrow T^2 t_2 & & \downarrow Tt_2 \\ T^2(TA \times B) & \xrightarrow{T\Gamma_{A,B}} & T^3(A \times B) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T^2(A \times B) \\ T^2 t_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow T\mu & & \downarrow \mu \\ T^3(A \times B) & \xrightarrow{T\mu} & T^2(A \times B) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T(A \times B). \end{array}$$

The 2-cells $\Gamma_{A,TB}$ and its inverse cancel out to give Diagram (2.25) for $i = 2$. \square

Next, we define T_{σ_i} for $\sigma_i \in \Sigma_2$. From now on we will use the notation in the Section A, specially in Definition A.4. We start by defining T_{σ_1} for $\sigma_1 \in \Sigma_2$.

Definition 4.4. Let A, B and C be objects of \mathcal{K} . We define the natural transformation

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{K}(A \times B, C) & \xrightarrow{T} & T\text{-alg}(TA, TB; TC) \\ \sigma_1 \downarrow & \nearrow T_{\sigma_1} & \downarrow \sigma_1 \\ \mathcal{K}(B \times A, C) & \xrightarrow{T} & T\text{-alg}(TB, TA; C), \end{array}$$

as having component $T_{\sigma_1;f}$ for $f: A \times B \rightarrow C$, the whiskering in the multicategory $T\text{-alg}$

$$\langle TB, TA \rangle \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\omega} \\ \Downarrow \Gamma_{B,A} \\ \xrightarrow{\omega'} \end{array} T(B \times A) \xrightarrow{T\cong} T(A \times B) \xrightarrow{Tf} TC$$

The fact that T_{σ_1} is in fact a natural transformation follows from the exchange property in the 2-category \mathcal{K} .

Definition 4.5. Let $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ be a symmetric, pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad, and $\sigma_i \in \Sigma_n$. the transposition that interchanges i and $i+1$ in Σ_n for $n \geq 3$. We define the natural transformation T_{σ_i}

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{K}(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n, C) & \xrightarrow{T} & T\text{-alg}(TA_1, \dots, TA_n; TC) \\ \sigma_i \downarrow & \nearrow T_{\sigma_i} & \downarrow \sigma_i \\ \mathcal{K}(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_{i+1} \times A_i \times \cdots \times A_n, C) & \xrightarrow{T} & T\text{-alg}(TA_1, \dots, TA_{i+1}, TA_i, \dots, TA_n; C) \end{array}$$

as follows. For $f: A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n \rightarrow C$ the 2-cell $T_{\sigma_i;f}$ is

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \omega \times \omega \times \omega & \\ & \searrow & \nearrow \\ TA_1 \times \cdots \times TA_{i+1} \times TA_i \times \cdots \times TA_n & \xrightarrow{1 \times \Gamma_{A_{i+1}, A_i} \times 1} & T(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_{i-2}) \times T(A_{i+1} \times A_i) \times T(A_{i+2} \times \cdots \times A_n) \\ & \searrow \omega \times \omega' \times \omega & \downarrow \omega \\ & & T(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_{i+1} \times A_i \times \cdots \times A_n) \\ & & \downarrow T \cong \\ & & T(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_i \times A_{i+1} \times \cdots \times A_n) \\ & & \downarrow T^f \\ & & TC \end{array}$$

The fact that this is well defined comes from the associativity of ω (Lemma 3.5), and the fact that T_{σ_i} is in fact a natural transformation follows from the exchange rule in \mathcal{K} .

Next, we prove that this defines T_σ for every $\sigma \in \Sigma_n$ and every n by using that the symmetric group Σ_n is generated by the consecutive transpositions $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}$ subject to the relations:

- (a) $\sigma_i^2 = \text{id}$
- (b) $\sigma_i \sigma_j = \sigma_j \sigma_i$ for $|i - j| > 1$.
- (c) $\sigma_i \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i = \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1}$.

The relations between the different T_{σ_i} will follow from relations between 2-cells in $T\text{-alg}$ which can be proven in \mathcal{K} . The relations in \mathcal{K} can be proven even when T is not symmetric, except for the relation induced by $\sigma_i \sigma_i = \text{id}$. The following follows (in a way, it is equivalent to) symmetry for T .

Lemma 4.6. Suppose that $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ is a symmetric, pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad. Then the following pasting diagram is the identity:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{K}(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n, C) & \xrightarrow{T} & T\text{-alg}(TA_1, \dots, TA_n; TC) \\ \sigma_i \downarrow & \nearrow T_{\sigma_i} & \downarrow \sigma_i \\ \mathcal{K}(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_{i+1} \times A_i \times \cdots \times A_n, C) & \xrightarrow{T} & T\text{-alg}(TA_1, \dots, TA_{i+1}, TA_i, \dots, TA_n; C) \\ \sigma_i \downarrow & \nearrow T_{\sigma_i} & \downarrow \sigma_i \\ \mathcal{K}(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n, C) & \xrightarrow{T} & T\text{-alg}(TA_1, \dots, TA_n; TC). \end{array}$$

The following holds in the absence of symmetry.

Lemma 4.7. Suppose that $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ is a pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad. Then the pasting diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
TA_1 \times TA_2 \times TA_3 \times TA_4 & \xrightarrow{1 \times \omega} & TA_1 \times TA_2 \times T(A_3 \times A_4) & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3 \times A_4) \\
\downarrow 1 \times \cong & \swarrow \scriptstyle 1 \times \Gamma & \uparrow \scriptstyle 1 \times T \cong & & \uparrow \scriptstyle T \cong \\
TA_1 \times TA_2 \times TA_4 \times TA_3 & \xrightarrow[\omega \times 1]{1 \times \omega} & TA_1 \times TA_2 \times T(A_4 \times A_3) & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_4 \times A_3) \\
\downarrow \cong \times 1 & \searrow & \uparrow \scriptstyle T \cong \times 1 & \nearrow & \uparrow \scriptstyle T \cong \\
& & T(A_1 \times A_2) \times TA_4 \times TA_3 & & \\
& \swarrow \scriptstyle \Gamma \times 1 & \uparrow \scriptstyle T \cong \times 1 & & \\
TA_2 \times TA_1 \times TA_4 \times TA_3 & \xrightarrow[\omega \times 1]{1 \times \omega} & T(A_2 \times A_1) \times TA_4 \times TA_3 & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_2 \times A_1 \times A_4 \times A_3),
\end{array}$$

equals the pasting

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
TA_1 \times TA_2 \times TA_3 \times TA_4 & \xrightarrow{\omega \times 1} & T(A_1 \times TA_2) \times TA_3 \times TA_4 & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3 \times A_4) \\
\downarrow \cong \times 1 & \swarrow \scriptstyle \Gamma \times 1 & \uparrow \scriptstyle T \cong \times 1 & & \uparrow \scriptstyle T \cong \\
TA_2 \times TA_1 \times TA_3 \times TA_4 & \xrightarrow[\omega \times 1]{1 \times \omega} & T(A_2 \times A_1) \times TA_3 \times TA_4 & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_2 \times A_1 \times A_3 \times A_4) \\
\downarrow 1 \times \cong & \searrow & \uparrow \scriptstyle 1 \times T \cong & \nearrow & \uparrow \scriptstyle T \cong \\
& & TA_2 \times TA_1 \times T(A_3 \times A_4) & & \\
& \swarrow \scriptstyle 1 \times \Gamma & \uparrow \scriptstyle 1 \times T \cong & & \\
TA_2 \times TA_1 \times TA_4 \times TA_3 & \xrightarrow[1 \times \omega]{1 \times \omega} & TA_2 \times TA_1 \times T(A_4 \times A_3) & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_2 \times A_1 \times A_4 \times A_3).
\end{array}$$

Proof. Both pastings are equal to the pasting

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
TA_1 \times TA_2 \times TA_3 \times TA_4 & \xrightarrow{\omega \times \omega} & T(A_1 \times A_2) \times T(A_3 \times A_4) & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3 \times A_4) \\
\downarrow \cong \times \cong & \swarrow \scriptstyle \Gamma_{A_1, A_2} \times \Gamma_{A_3, A_4} & \uparrow \scriptstyle T \cong \times T \cong & & \uparrow \scriptstyle T \cong \\
TA_2 \times TA_1 \times TA_4 \times TA_3 & \xrightarrow[\omega \times \omega]{1 \times \omega} & T(A_2 \times A_1) \times T(A_4 \times A_3) & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3 \times A_4).
\end{array}$$

□

When T is symmetric, a slight generalization of the previous lemma can be interpreted as follows. To save space we will write $\overline{TA} = TA_1 \times \cdots \times TA_n$ and $\overline{TA}\sigma = TA_{\sigma(1)} \times \cdots \times TA_{\sigma(n)}$ when $\sigma \in \Sigma_n$ and A_1, \dots, A_n are objects of \mathcal{K} .

Lemma 4.8. *Suppose that $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ is a symmetric, pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad, $n \geq 3$ and $1 \leq i < i + 2 \leq j \leq n - 1$. Let A_1, \dots, A_n, C be objects of \mathcal{K} . Then, the pasting*

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
\mathcal{K}(\overline{TA}, C) & \xrightarrow{T} & T\text{-alg}(\langle TA \rangle; C) \\
\sigma_i \downarrow & \swarrow \scriptstyle T\sigma_i & \downarrow \sigma_i \\
\mathcal{K}(\overline{TA}\sigma_i, C) & \xrightarrow{T} & T\text{-alg}(\langle TA \rangle\sigma_i; C) \\
\sigma_j \downarrow & \swarrow \scriptstyle T\sigma_j & \downarrow \sigma_j \\
\mathcal{K}(\overline{TA}\sigma_i\sigma_j, C) & \xrightarrow{T} & T\text{-alg}(\langle TA \rangle\sigma_i\sigma_j; C),
\end{array}$$

equals the pasting

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{K}(\overline{TA}, C) & \xrightarrow{T} & T\text{-alg}(\langle TA \rangle; C) \\
\sigma_j \downarrow & \swarrow T\sigma_j & \downarrow \sigma_j \\
\mathcal{K}(\overline{TA}\sigma_j, C) & \xrightarrow{T} & T\text{-alg}(\langle TA \rangle\sigma_j; C) \\
\sigma_i \downarrow & \swarrow T\sigma_i & \downarrow \sigma_i \\
\mathcal{K}(\overline{TA}\sigma_j\sigma_i, C) & \xrightarrow{T} & T\text{-alg}(\langle TA \rangle\sigma_j\sigma_i; C).
\end{array}$$

Next we focus on the Yang-Baxter equation. First we prove the following lemma that we will also need later. We don't require symmetry.

Lemma 4.9. *Let $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ be a pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad, and A_1, A_2, A_3 objects of \mathcal{K} . Then,*

(1) *The pasting diagram*

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
TA_1 \times TA_2 \times TA_3 & \xrightarrow{\omega \times 1} & T(A_1 \times A_2) \times TA_3 & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3) \\
\cong \times 1 \downarrow & \swarrow \Gamma \times 1 & \uparrow T(\cong \times 1) & & \uparrow T(\cong \times 1) \\
TA_2 \times TA_1 \times TA_3 & \xrightarrow{\omega \times 1} & T(A_2 \times A_1) \times TA_3 & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_2 \times A_1 \times A_3) \\
1 \times \cong \downarrow & \swarrow 1 \times \omega & \uparrow 1 \times \Gamma & \searrow \omega & \uparrow T(1 \times \cong) \\
& & TA_2 \times T(A_1 \times A_3) & & \\
& & \uparrow 1 \times T \cong & & \\
TA_2 \times TA_3 \times TA_1 & \xrightarrow{1 \times \omega} & TA_2 \times T(A_3 \times A_1) & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_2 \times A_3 \times A_1)
\end{array}$$

equals the whiskering

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
TA_1 \times TA_2 \times TA_3 & \xrightarrow{1 \times \omega} & TA_1 \times T(A_2 \times A_3) \\
& & \Downarrow \Gamma \\
& & T(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3).
\end{array}$$

(2) *The pasting diagram*

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
TA_1 \times TA_2 \times TA_3 & \xrightarrow{1 \times \omega} & TA_1 \times T(A_2 \times A_3) & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3) \\
1 \times \cong \downarrow & \swarrow 1 \times \Gamma & \uparrow 1 \times T \cong & & \uparrow T(1 \times \cong) \\
TA_1 \times TA_3 \times TA_2 & \xrightarrow{1 \times \omega} & TA_1 \times T(A_3 \times A_2) & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_1 \times A_3 \times A_2) \\
\cong \times 1 \downarrow & \swarrow \omega \times 1 & \uparrow \Gamma \times 1 & \searrow \omega & \uparrow T(\cong \times 1) \\
& & T(A_1 \times A_3) \times TA_2 & & \\
& & \uparrow T \cong \times 1 & & \\
TA_3 \times TA_1 \times TA_2 & \xrightarrow{\omega \times 1} & T(A_3 \times A_1) \times TA_2 & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_3 \times A_1 \times A_2)
\end{array}$$

equals the whiskering

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
TA_1 \times TA_2 \times TA_3 & \xrightarrow{\omega \times 1} & T(A_1 \times A_2) \times TA_3 \\
& & \Downarrow \Gamma \\
& & T(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3).
\end{array}$$

Proof. For part (1) we start from

$$TA_1 \times TA_2 \times TA_3 \xrightarrow{(1 \times Tt_2) \circ (1 \times t_1)} TA_1 \times T^2(A_2 \times A_3) \xrightarrow{1 \times \mu} TA_1 \times T(A_2 \times A_3) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\omega} \\ \Downarrow \Gamma \\ \xrightarrow{\omega'} \end{array} T(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3)$$

By (7) in Definition 2.6, the previous whiskering equals the pasting diagram

(4.12)

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} TA_1 \times TA_2 \times TA_3 & \xrightarrow{(1 \times Tt_2) \circ (1 \times t_1)} & TA_1 \times T^2(A_2 \times A_3) & \xrightarrow{t_1} & T(A_1 \times T^2(A_2 \times A_3)) \xrightarrow{Tt_2} T^2(A_1 \times T(A_2 \times A_3)) \\ & & \downarrow t_2 & \swarrow \Gamma & \downarrow \mu \\ & & T(TA_1 \times T(A_2 \times TA_3)) & \xrightarrow{Tt_1} & T^2(A_1 \times T(A_2 \times A_3)) \xrightarrow{\mu'} T(A_1 \times T(A_2 \times A_3)) \\ & & \downarrow Tt_2 & & \downarrow T^2t_2 \\ & & T^2(TA_1 \times A_2 \times A_3) & \xrightarrow{T\Gamma} & T^3(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3) \xrightarrow{\mu} T^2(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3) \\ & & \downarrow T^2t_1 & & \downarrow T\mu \\ & & T^3(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3) & \xrightarrow{T\mu} & T^2(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3) \xrightarrow{\mu} T(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3). \end{array}$$

First we will prove that the whiskering

(4.13)

$$TA_1 \times TA_2 \times TA_3 \xrightarrow{(1 \times Tt_2) \circ (1 \times t_1)} TA_1 \times T^2(A_2 \times A_3) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\omega} \\ \Downarrow \Gamma \\ \xrightarrow{\omega} \end{array} T(A_1 \times T(A_2 \times A_3)) \xrightarrow{\mu \circ Tt_2} T(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3)$$

coming from the previous diagram equals the whiskering

$$TA_1 \times TA_2 \times TA_3 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\omega \times 1} \\ \Downarrow \Gamma \times 1 \\ \xrightarrow{\omega' \times 1} \end{array} T(A_1 \times A_2) \times TA_3 \xrightarrow{t_1} T(A_1 \times A_2 \times TA_3) \xrightarrow{\mu \circ (Tt_3)} T(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3)$$

coming from Diagram (4.10). By (3) in Definition 2.6, the previous whiskering equals

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} TA_1 \times TA_2 \times TA_3 & \xrightarrow{1 \times t_1} & TA_1 \times T(A_2 \times TA_3) & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\omega} \\ \Downarrow \Gamma \\ \xrightarrow{\omega'} \end{array} & T(A_1 \times A_2 \times TA_3) \\ & & \downarrow 1 \times Tt_2 & & \downarrow T(1 \times t_2) \\ & & TA_1 \times T^2(A_2 \times A_3) & \xrightarrow{\omega'} & T(A_1 \times T(A_2 \times A_3)) \xrightarrow{Tt_2} T^2(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3) \xrightarrow{\mu} T(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3). \end{array}$$

Since Γ is a modification, the previous diagram equals Diagram (4.13). To finish part (1), we will prove that the whiskering

$$(4.14) \quad TA_1 \times TA_2 \times TA_3 \xrightarrow{t_2 \circ (1 \times Tt_2) \circ (1 \times t_1)} T(TA_1 \times T(A_2 \times A_3)) \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{T\omega} \\ \Downarrow T\Gamma \\ \xrightarrow{T\omega'} \end{array}} T^2(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3) \xrightarrow{\mu} T(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3)$$

coming from Diagram (4.12) equals the whiskering

$$\begin{array}{ccc} TA_1 \times TA_2 \times TA_3 & \xrightarrow{\cong \times 1} & TA_2 \times TA_1 \times TA_3 \\ & & \downarrow t_1 \\ & & T(A_2 \times TA_1 \times TA_3) \end{array} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{1 \times \omega} \\ \Downarrow 1 \times \Gamma \\ \xrightarrow{1 \times \omega'} \end{array}} \begin{array}{ccc} & & TA_2 \times T(A_1 \times A_3) \\ & & \downarrow t_1 \\ & & T(A_2 \times T(A_1 \times A_3)) \end{array} \xrightarrow{T(\cong \times 1) \circ \mu \circ Tt_2} T(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3)$$

coming from Diagram (4.10). By 2-naturality of t_1 , the previous diagram equals

$$TA_1 \times TA_2 \times TA_3 \xrightarrow{t_1 \circ (\cong \times 1)} T(A_2 \times TA_1 \times TA_3) \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{T(1 \times \omega)} \\ \Downarrow T(1 \times \Gamma) \\ \xrightarrow{T(1 \times \omega')} \end{array}} T(A_2 \times T(A_1 \times A_3)) \xrightarrow{Tt_2} T^2(A_2 \times A_1 \times A_3) \xrightarrow{\mu \circ (\cong \times 1)} T(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3).$$

By (1) in Definition 2.6, this whiskering equals

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} TA_1 \times TA_2 \times TA_3 & \xrightarrow{t_2} & T(A_1 \times A_2 \times TA_3) & \xrightarrow{T(t_1 \times 1)} & T(T(A_1 \times A_2) \times TA_3) & \xrightarrow{T\omega} & T^2(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3) \xrightarrow{\mu} T(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3) \\ \downarrow \cong \times 1 & & \downarrow T(\cong \times 1) & & \downarrow T(\cong \times 1) & & \downarrow T^2(\cong \times 1) \\ TA_2 \times TA_1 \times TA_3 & \xrightarrow{t_1} & T(A_2 \times TA_1 \times TA_3) & \xrightarrow{T(t_2 \times 1)} & T(T(A_2 \times A_1) \times TA_3) & \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{T\omega} \\ \Downarrow T\Gamma \\ \xrightarrow{T\omega'} \end{array}} & T^2(A_2 \times A_1 \times A_3) \xrightarrow{\mu} T(A_2 \times A_1 \times A_3) \\ & & & & & & \downarrow T(\cong \times 1) \\ & & & & & & T(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3). \end{array}$$

Since Γ is a modification, we can write the previous whiskering as

$$TA_1 \times TA_2 \times TA_3 \xrightarrow{t_2} T(TA_1 \times A_2 \times TA_3) \xrightarrow{T(t_1 \times 1)} T(T(A_1 \times A_2) \times TA_3) \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{T\omega} \\ \Downarrow T\Gamma \\ \xrightarrow{T\omega'} \end{array}} T^2(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3) \xrightarrow{\mu} T(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3).$$

By (2) in Definition 2.6, we get

$$\begin{array}{ccc} TA_1 \times TA_2 \times TA_3 & \xrightarrow{t_2} & T(TA_1 \times A_2 \times TA_3) \\ \downarrow 1 \times Tt_2 & & \downarrow T(1 \times t_2) \\ TA_1 \times T^2(A_2 \times A_3) & \xrightarrow{t_2} & T(TA_1 \times T(A_2 \times A_3)) \end{array} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{T\omega} \\ \Downarrow T\Gamma \\ \xrightarrow{T\omega'} \end{array}} \begin{array}{ccc} & & T^2(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3) \\ & & \downarrow \mu \\ & & T(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3), \end{array}$$

which is precisely Diagram (4.14). We have proven part (1). Part (2) can be proven in a similar fashion. \square

The next Lemma is the Yang-Baxter equation for pseudo commutative, strong 2-monads. Part (3) is called the Associativity Equation in [HP02]. Symmetry is not required.

Lemma 4.15. *Let $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ be a pseudo commutative, strong, 2-monad. Then:*

(1) *The pasting*

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
TA_1 \times TA_2 \times TA_3 & \xrightarrow{1 \times \omega} & TA_1 \times T(A_2 \times A_3) & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3) \\
\downarrow 1 \times \cong & \swarrow 1 \times \Gamma & \uparrow 1 \times T \cong & & \uparrow T(1 \times \cong) \\
TA_1 \times TA_3 \times TA_2 & \xrightarrow{1 \times \omega} & TA_1 \times T(A_3 \times A_2) & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_1 \times A_3 \times A_2) \\
\downarrow \cong \times 1 & \searrow \omega \times 1 & \uparrow T \cong \times 1 & \nearrow \omega & \uparrow T(\cong \times 1) \\
& & T(A_1 \times A_3) \times TA_2 & & \\
& \swarrow \Gamma \times 1 & \uparrow T \cong \times 1 & & \\
TA_3 \times TA_1 \times TA_2 & \xrightarrow{\omega \times 1} & T(A_3 \times A_1) \times TA_2 & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_3 \times A_1 \times A_2) \\
\downarrow 1 \times \cong & \searrow 1 \times \omega & \uparrow 1 \times T \cong & \nearrow \omega & \uparrow T(1 \times \cong) \\
& & TA_3 \times T(A_1 \times A_2) & & \\
& \swarrow 1 \times \Gamma & \uparrow 1 \times T \cong & & \\
TA_3 \times TA_2 \times TA_1 & \xrightarrow{1 \times \omega} & TA_3 \times T(A_2 \times A_1) & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_3 \times A_2 \times A_1)
\end{array}$$

(4.16)

equals the horizontal composite

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
TA_1 \times TA_2 \times TA_3 & \xrightarrow{1 \times \omega} & TA_1 \times T(A_2 \times A_3) & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3) \\
& \Downarrow 1 \times \Gamma & & \Downarrow \Gamma & \\
& \xrightarrow{1 \times \omega'} & & \xrightarrow{\omega'} & \\
& & & &
\end{array}$$

(2) *The pasting*

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
TA_1 \times TA_2 \times TA_3 & \xrightarrow{\omega \times 1} & T(A_1 \times A_3) \times TA_2 & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3) \\
\downarrow \cong \times 1 & \swarrow \Gamma \times 1 & \uparrow T \cong \times 1 & & \uparrow T(\cong \times 1) \\
TA_2 \times TA_1 \times TA_3 & \xrightarrow{\omega \times 1} & T(A_2 \times A_1) \times TA_3 & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_2 \times A_1 \times A_3) \\
\downarrow 1 \times \cong & \searrow 1 \times \omega & \uparrow 1 \times T \cong & \nearrow \omega & \uparrow T(1 \times \cong) \\
& & TA_2 \times T(A_1 \times A_3) & & \\
& \swarrow 1 \times \Gamma & \uparrow 1 \times T \cong & & \\
TA_2 \times TA_3 \times TA_1 & \xrightarrow{1 \times \omega} & TA_2 \times T(A_3 \times A_1) & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_2 \times A_3 \times A_1) \\
\downarrow \cong \times 1 & \searrow \omega \times 1 & \uparrow T \cong \times 1 & \nearrow \omega & \uparrow T(\cong \times 1) \\
& & T(A_2 \times A_3) \times TA_1 & & \\
& \swarrow \Gamma \times 1 & \uparrow T \cong \times 1 & & \\
TA_3 \times TA_2 \times TA_1 & \xrightarrow{\omega \times 1} & T(A_3 \times A_2) \times TA_1 & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_3 \times A_2 \times A_1)
\end{array}$$

(4.17)

equals the horizontal composite

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
TA_1 \times TA_2 \times TA_3 & \xrightarrow{\omega \times 1} & T(A_1 \times A_2) \times TA_3 & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3) \\
& \Downarrow \Gamma \times 1 & & \Downarrow \Gamma & \\
& \xrightarrow{\omega' \times 1} & & \xrightarrow{\omega'} & \\
& & & &
\end{array}$$

(4.18)

(3) *The pastings and horizontal composites in (1) and (2) are equal.*

Proof. For (1), notice that by the Lemma 4.9, the pasting diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 TA_1 \times TA_2 \times TA_3 & & & & T(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3) \\
 \downarrow 1 \times \cong & & & & \uparrow T(1 \times \cong) \\
 TA_1 \times TA_3 \times TA_2 & \xrightarrow{\omega \times 1} & T(A_1 \times A_3) \times TA_2 & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_1 \times A_3 \times A_2) \\
 \downarrow \cong \times 1 & \swarrow \Gamma \times 1 & \uparrow T \cong \times 1 & & \uparrow T(\cong \times 1) \\
 TA_3 \times TA_1 \times TA_2 & \xrightarrow{\omega \times 1} & T(A_3 \times A_1) \times TA_2 & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_3 \times A_1 \times A_2) \\
 \downarrow 1 \times \cong & \swarrow 1 \times \omega & \uparrow 1 \times \Gamma & & \uparrow T(1 \times \cong) \\
 TA_3 \times TA_2 \times TA_1 & \xrightarrow{1 \times \omega} & TA_3 \times T(A_2 \times A_1) & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_3 \times A_2 \times A_1)
 \end{array}$$

equals the whiskering

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 TA_1 \times TA_2 \times TA_3 & \xrightarrow{1 \times \omega'} & TA_1 \times T(A_2 \times A_3) & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3) \\
 \downarrow 1 \times \cong & & \uparrow 1 \times T \cong & \searrow \Gamma & \uparrow T(1 \times \cong) \\
 TA_1 \times TA_3 \times TA_2 & \xrightarrow{1 \times \omega} & TA_1 \times T(A_3 \times A_2) & \xrightarrow{\omega'} & T(A_3 \times A_2 \times A_1)
 \end{array}$$

Since Γ is a modification, the last whiskering equals

$$TA_1 \times TA_2 \times TA_3 \xrightarrow{1 \times \omega'} TA_1 \times T(A_2 \times A_3) \xrightarrow[\omega']{\omega} T(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3).$$

Part (1) follows from this and part (2) is proven similarly. To prove part (3) we will prove that diagrams (4.16), and (4.18) are equal. We are done by (2) in Lemma 4.9 since the whiskerings

$$TA_1 \times TA_2 \times TA_3 \xrightarrow{\cong} TA_3 \times TA_1 \times TA_2 \xrightarrow[1 \times \omega']{1 \times \omega} TA_3 \times T(A_1 \times A_2) \xrightarrow{\omega} T(A_3 \times A_1 \times A_2) \xrightarrow{T \cong} T(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3)$$

and

$$TA_1 \times TA_2 \times TA_3 \xrightarrow[\omega' \times 1]{\omega \times 1} T(A_1 \times A_2) \times TA_3 \xrightarrow{\omega'} T(A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3)$$

are equal. □

In the presence of symmetry, we can give (a slight generalization of) the previous lemma the following interpretation.

Lemma 4.19. *Let $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ be a symmetric, pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad. Then, the pasting diagram*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{K}(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n, C) & \xrightarrow{T} & T\text{-alg}(TA_1, \dots, TA_n; TC) \\
\sigma_i \downarrow & \nearrow T_{\sigma_i} & \downarrow \sigma_i \\
\mathcal{K}(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_{i+1} \times A_i \times \cdots \times A_n, C) & \xrightarrow{T} & T\text{-alg}(TA_1, \dots, TA_{i+1}, TA_i, \dots, TA_n; TC) \\
\sigma_{i+1} \downarrow & \nearrow T_{\sigma_{i+1}} & \downarrow \sigma_{i+1} \\
\mathcal{K}(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_{i+1} \times A_{i+2} \times A_i \times \cdots \times A_n, C) & \xrightarrow{T} & T\text{-alg}(TA_1, \dots, TA_{i+1}, TA_{i+2}, TA_i, \dots, TA_n; TC) \\
\sigma_i \downarrow & \nearrow T_{\sigma_i} & \downarrow \sigma_i \\
\mathcal{K}(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_{i+2} \times A_{i+1} \times A_i \times \cdots \times A_n, C) & \xrightarrow{T} & T\text{-alg}(TA_1, \dots, TA_{i+2}, TA_{i+1}, TA_i, \dots, TA_n; TC),
\end{array}$$

equals the pasting diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{K}(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n, C) & \xrightarrow{T} & T\text{-alg}(TA_1, \dots, TA_n; TC) \\
\sigma_{i+1} \downarrow & \nearrow T_{\sigma_{i+1}} & \downarrow \sigma_{i+1} \\
\mathcal{K}(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_{i+2} \times A_{i+1} \times \cdots \times A_n, C) & \xrightarrow{T} & T\text{-alg}(TA_1, \dots, TA_{i+2}, TA_{i+1}, \dots, TA_n; TC) \\
\sigma_i \downarrow & \nearrow T_{\sigma_i} & \downarrow \sigma_i \\
\mathcal{K}(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_{i+2} \times A_i \times A_{i+1} \times \cdots \times A_n, C) & \xrightarrow{T} & T\text{-alg}(TA_1, \dots, TA_{i+2}, TA_i, TA_{i+1}, \dots, TA_n; TC) \\
\sigma_{i+1} \downarrow & \nearrow T_{\sigma_{i+1}} & \downarrow \sigma_{i+1} \\
\mathcal{K}(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_{i+2} \times A_{i+1} \times A_i \times \cdots \times A_n, C) & \xrightarrow{T} & T\text{-alg}(TA_1, \dots, TA_{i+2}, TA_{i+1}, TA_i, \dots, TA_n; TC).
\end{array}$$

The three previous lemmas give us the following.

Theorem 4.20. Suppose that $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ is a symmetric, pseudo commutative strong 2-monad and let A_1, \dots, A_n, C be objects of \mathcal{K} . The transformations T_{σ_i} for $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ assemble together to give, for each $\sigma \in \Sigma_n$, a unique transformation

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{K}(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n, C) & \xrightarrow{T} & T\text{-alg}(TA_1, \dots, TA_n; TC) \\
\sigma \downarrow & \nearrow T_\sigma & \downarrow \sigma \\
\mathcal{K}(A_{\sigma(1)} \times \cdots \times A_{\sigma(n)}, C) & \xrightarrow{T} & T\text{-alg}(TA_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, TA_{\sigma(n)}; TC).
\end{array}$$

These satisfy the unit and the product permutation axiom in Definition A.4.

We are just missing the top and bottom equivariance axioms to prove that our functor $T: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow T\text{-alg}$ is pseudo symmetric. When T is a pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad that fails to be symmetric, we can still give Lemma 4.15 an interpretation using the Bruhat order of the symmetric group Σ_n on generators σ_i for $1 \leq i \leq n-1$.

Definition 4.21. Let Σ_n be the symmetric group with generators $\{\sigma_i\}_{1 \leq i < n}$ and presentation:

- $\sigma_i \sigma_i = 1$,
- $\sigma_i \sigma_j = \sigma_j \sigma_i$ if $|i - j| \geq 2$
- $\sigma_i \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i = \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1}$.

The length of a permutation $\sigma \in \Sigma_n$, $\ell(\sigma)$, is the number of inversions of σ , i.e., the number of couples (i, j) such that $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ and $\sigma(i) > \sigma(j)$. This agrees with the length of a minimal word for σ in the previous presentation [BB05, Prop. 1.5.2.]. The weak right order on Σ_n [BB05, Def. 3.1.1.] is the partial order on Σ_n generated by declaring that $\sigma < \sigma \sigma_i$ when

$\ell(\sigma) < \ell(\sigma\sigma_i)$ [BB05, p. 66]. This only happens when none of the reduced words for σ end in σ_i . The bottom of this order is the identity and the top is the reverse order permutation.

Remark 4.22. Let $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ be a pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad and A_1, \dots, A_n objects of \mathcal{K} . We have the 1-cell

$$\omega: A_1 \times \dots \times A_n \longrightarrow T(A_1 \times \dots \times A_n).$$

Although we don't have a symmetric **Cat**-multicategory, we still have a 1-cell ω_σ (it is called t_σ on [HP02]):

$$\begin{array}{ccc} TA_1 \times \dots \times TA_n & \xrightarrow{\omega_\sigma} & T(A_1 \times \dots \times A_n) \\ \sigma^{-1} \downarrow & & \uparrow T\sigma \\ TA_{\sigma(1)} \times \dots \times TA_{\sigma(n)} & \xrightarrow{\omega} & T(A_{\sigma(1)} \times \dots \times A_{\sigma(n)}). \end{array}$$

When $\ell(\sigma) < \ell(\sigma\sigma_i)$, we can define a 2-cell $\omega_\sigma \rightarrow \omega_{\sigma\sigma_i}$ as

(4.23)

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} TA_1 \times \dots \times TA_n & \xrightarrow{\sigma^{-1}} & TA_{\sigma(1)} \times \dots \times TA_{\sigma(n)} & \xrightarrow{\sigma_i^{-1}} & TA_{\sigma(1)} \times \dots \times TA_{\sigma(i+1)} \times TA_{\sigma(i)} \times \dots \times TA_{\sigma(n)} \\ & & \downarrow 1 \times \omega \times 1 & \nearrow 1 \times \Gamma \times 1 & \downarrow 1 \times \omega \times 1 \\ & & TA_{\sigma(1)} \times \dots \times T(A_{\sigma(i)} \times A_{\sigma(i+1)}) \times \dots \times TA_{\sigma(n)} & \xleftarrow[1 \times T \cong 1]{1 \times \Gamma \times 1} & TA_{\sigma(1)} \times \dots \times T(A_{\sigma(i+1)} \times A_{\sigma(i)}) \times \dots \times TA_{\sigma(n)} \\ \omega_\sigma \downarrow & & \downarrow \omega & & \downarrow \omega \\ T(A_1 \times \dots \times A_n) & \xleftarrow{T\sigma} & T(A_{\sigma(1)} \times \dots \times A_{\sigma(n)}) & \xleftarrow{T\sigma_i} & T(A_{\sigma(1)} \times \dots \times A_{\sigma(i+1)} \times A_{\sigma(i)} \times \dots \times A_{\sigma(n)}) \end{array}$$

Thus we have a 2-cell $\omega_\sigma \rightarrow \omega_{\sigma'}$ when $\sigma < \sigma'$ in the weak right order.

Notice that our definition gives a 2-cell $\omega_\sigma \rightarrow \omega_{\sigma\sigma_i}$ even when $\sigma < \sigma\sigma_i$ is false in the weak right order, but we avoid considering these cells since, in the absence of symmetry, $\omega_\sigma \rightarrow \omega_{\sigma\sigma_i} \rightarrow \omega_{\sigma\sigma_i\sigma_i}$ may not be the identity.

By Lemmas 4.7 and 4.15, there is functor $\Omega: B_n \rightarrow \mathcal{K}(TA_1 \times \dots \times TA_n, T(A_1 \times \dots \times A_n))$, with $\Omega(1) = \omega$, $\Omega(\sigma) = \omega_\sigma$, and such that when $\sigma < \sigma\sigma_i$ in B_n , $\Omega(\sigma < \sigma\sigma_i)$ is the 2-cell Diagram (4.23). We believe this to be the coherence theorem that Hyland and Power refer to in [HP02].

To finish proving our coherence theorem, that is, that $T: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow T\text{-alg}$ is pseudo symmetric we need to prove the top and bottom invariance axioms for T in Definition A.4. First we will prove top equivariance for σ_i , for which we will need the following.

Notation 4.24. In what follows we will use $\overline{A_i}$ to denote $A_{i,1} \times \dots \times A_{i,k_i}$ and \overline{A} to denote $\overline{A_1} \times \dots \times \overline{A_n}$ when k_i and n are clear from the context. We will also use $A_{>i} = \overline{A_{i+1}} \times \dots \times \overline{A_n}$ when n is clear for the context, and similarly $A_{<i} = \overline{A_1} \times \dots \times \overline{A_{i-1}}$.

Lemma 4.25. Let $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ be a symmetric, pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad. Suppose $k_i \geq 1$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$, and let $A_{i,1}, \dots, A_{i,k_i}$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$ and C be objects of \mathcal{K} . The component of the natural transformation $T_{\sigma_i \langle id_{k_{\sigma_i(j)}} \rangle_{j=1}^n}$, fitting in the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{K}(\overline{A_1} \times \cdots \times \overline{A_n}, C) & \xrightarrow{T} & T\text{-alg}(\langle TA_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle TA_n \rangle, TC) \\
\sigma_i \langle \text{id}_{k_{\sigma_i(j)}} \rangle_{j=1}^n \downarrow & \nearrow T\sigma_i \langle \text{id}_{k_{\sigma_i(j)}} \rangle_{j=1}^n & \downarrow \sigma_i \langle \text{id}_{k_{\sigma_i(j)}} \rangle_{j=1}^n \\
\mathcal{K}(\overline{A_{<i}} \times \overline{A_{i+1}} \times \overline{A_i} \times \overline{A_{>i+1}}, C) & \xrightarrow{T} & T\text{-alg}(\langle \langle TA_j \rangle \rangle_{j<i}, \langle TA_{i+1} \rangle, \langle TA_i \rangle, \langle \langle TA_j \rangle \rangle_{j>i+1}; C), \\
\text{at } h: \overline{A_1} \times \cdots \times \overline{A_n} \rightarrow C \text{ in } \mathcal{K} & & \\
\overline{TA_1} \times \cdots \times \overline{TA_{i+1}} \times \overline{TA_i} \times \cdots \times \overline{TA_n} & \xrightarrow{1 \times \cong \times 1} & \overline{TA_1} \times \cdots \times \overline{TA_{i+1}} \times \overline{TA_i} \times \cdots \times \overline{TA_n} \\
1 \times \omega \times \omega \times 1 \downarrow & & \downarrow 1 \times \omega \times \omega \times 1 \\
\overline{TA_1} \times \cdots \times T(\overline{A_{i+1}}) \times T(\overline{A_i}) \times \cdots \times \overline{TA_n} & \xrightarrow{1 \times \cong \times 1} & \overline{TA_1} \times \cdots \times T(\overline{A_i}) \times T(\overline{A_{i+1}}) \times \cdots \times \overline{TA_n} \\
1 \times \omega \times 1 \downarrow & \nearrow 1 \times \Gamma \times 1 & \downarrow 1 \times \omega \times 1 \\
\overline{TA_1} \times \cdots \times T(\overline{A_{i+1}} \times \overline{A_i}) \times \cdots \times \overline{TA_n} & \xleftarrow{1 \times T(\cong) \times 1} & \overline{TA_1} \times \cdots \times T(\overline{A_{i+1}} \times \overline{A_i}) \times \cdots \times \overline{TA_n} \\
\omega \downarrow & & \\
T(\overline{A_1} \times \cdots \times \overline{A_{i+1}} \times \overline{A_i} \times \cdots \times \overline{A_n}) & \xrightarrow{T(1 \times \cong \times 1)} & T(\overline{A_1} \times \cdots \times \overline{A_n}) \xrightarrow{h} TC.
\end{array}$$

Proof. We prove this by induction on k_i and k_{i+1} . For $k_i = k_{i+1} = 1$ this is just Definition 4.5. Next we induct on k_{i+1} assuming $k_i = 1$. In this case we can write $\sigma_i \langle \text{id}_{k_{\sigma_i(j)}} \rangle$ as the composition

$$\begin{array}{c}
\overline{A_1} \times \cdots \times \overline{A_{i-1}} \times \overline{A_{i+1,1}} \times \overline{A_{i+1,2}} \times \cdots \times \overline{A_{i+1,k_{i+1}}} \times \overline{A_i} \times \overline{A_{i+2}} \times \cdots \times \overline{A_n} \\
\downarrow \sigma_{i+1} \langle \text{id}_{k_1}, \dots, \text{id}_{k_{i-1}}, \text{id}_1, \text{id}_{k_{i+1}-1}, \text{id}_1, \text{id}_{k_{i+2}}, \dots, \text{id}_{k_n} \rangle \\
\overline{A_1} \times \cdots \times \overline{A_{i-1}} \times \overline{A_{i+1,1}} \times \overline{A_i} \times \overline{A_{i+1,2}} \times \cdots \times \overline{A_{i+1,k_{i+1}}} \times \overline{A_{i+2}} \times \cdots \times \overline{A_n} \\
\downarrow \sigma_{1+\sum_{t=1}^{i-1} k_t} \\
\overline{A_1} \times \cdots \times \overline{A_{i-1}} \times \overline{A_i} \times \overline{A_{i+1}} \times \overline{A_{i+2}} \times \cdots \times \overline{A_n}.
\end{array}$$

After applying the inductive hypothesis to $\sigma_{i+1} \langle \text{id}_{k_1}, \dots, \text{id}_{k_{i-1}}, \text{id}_1, \text{id}_{k_{i+1}-1}, \text{id}_1, \text{id}_{k_{i+2}}, \dots, \text{id}_{k_n} \rangle$, Definition 4.5 to $\sigma_{1+\sum_{t=1}^{i-1} k_t}$, and the product axiom, we get the result for $\sigma_i \langle \text{id}_{k_{\sigma_i(j)}} \rangle$ by an application of (1) in Lemma 4.9. By induction, the result holds for any k_{i+1} and $k_i = 1$. We finish by induction on k_i , proving that the result holds for all k_{i+1} . We have proven that this is true for $k_i = 1$. For the inductive step we can write $\sigma_i \langle \text{id}_{k_{\sigma_i(j)}} \rangle$ as

$$\begin{array}{c}
\overline{A_1} \times \cdots \times \overline{A_{i-1}} \times \overline{A_{i+1}} \times \overline{A_{i,1}} \times \cdots \times \overline{A_{i,k_i-1}} \times \overline{A_{i,k_i}} \times \overline{A_{i+2}} \times \cdots \times \overline{A_n} \\
\downarrow \sigma_i \langle \text{id}_{k_1}, \dots, \text{id}_{k_{i-1}}, \text{id}_{k_{i+1}}, \text{id}_{k_i-1}, \text{id}_1, \text{id}_{k_{i+2}}, \dots, \text{id}_{k_n} \rangle \\
\overline{A_1} \times \cdots \times \overline{A_{i-1}} \times \overline{A_{i,1}} \times \cdots \times \overline{A_{i,k_i-1}} \times \overline{A_{i+1}} \times \overline{A_{i,k_i}} \times \overline{A_{i+2}} \times \cdots \times \overline{A_n} \\
\downarrow \sigma_{i+1} \langle \text{id}_{k_1}, \dots, \text{id}_{k_{i-1}}, \text{id}_{k_i-1}, \text{id}_{k_{i+1}}, \text{id}_1, \text{id}_{k_{i+2}}, \dots, \text{id}_{k_n} \rangle \\
\overline{A_1} \times \cdots \times \overline{A_i} \times \overline{A_{i+1}} \times \cdots \times \overline{A_i}.
\end{array}$$

After applying the inductive hypothesis to $\sigma_i \langle \text{id}_{k_1}, \dots, \text{id}_{k_{i-1}}, \text{id}_{k_{i+1}}, \text{id}_{k_i-1}, \text{id}_1, \text{id}_{k_{i+2}}, \dots, \text{id}_{k_n} \rangle$, the already proven to $\sigma_{i+1} \langle \text{id}_{k_1}, \dots, \text{id}_{k_{i-1}}, \text{id}_{k_i-1}, \text{id}_{k_{i+1}}, \text{id}_1, \text{id}_{k_{i+2}}, \dots, \text{id}_{k_n} \rangle$, and the product axiom, we get our result by an application of (2) in Lemma 4.9. \square

Lemma 4.26. *Suppose $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ is a symmetric, pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad. Let $n \geq 2$ and $1 \leq i \leq n-1$, and consider the **Cat**-multifunctor $T : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow T\text{-alg}$. Then, the top equivariance axiom in Definition A.4 holds for $\sigma_i \langle id_{k_{\sigma_i(j)}} \rangle_{j=1}^n$. That is, for every $C \in Ob(\mathcal{K})$, $\langle B \rangle = \langle B_j \rangle_{j=1}^n \in Ob(\mathcal{K})^n$, $k_j \geq 0$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$, and $\langle A_j \rangle = \langle A_{j,i} \rangle_{i=1}^{k_j} \in Ob(\mathcal{K})^{k_j}$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$, the pasting diagram*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{K}(\overline{B}; C) \times \prod_j \mathcal{K}(\overline{A}_j, B_j) & \xrightarrow{\prod T} & T\text{-alg}(\langle TB \rangle; TC) \times \prod_j T\text{-alg}(\langle TA_j \rangle; TB_j) \\
\downarrow \gamma & & \downarrow \gamma \\
\mathcal{K}(\overline{A}, C) & \xrightarrow{T} & T\text{-alg}(\langle \langle TA_j \rangle \rangle; TC) \\
\downarrow \sigma_i \langle id_{k_{\sigma_i(j)}} \rangle & \nearrow T_{\sigma_i \langle id_{k_{\sigma_i(j)}} \rangle} & \downarrow \sigma_i \langle id_{k_{\sigma_i(j)}} \rangle \\
\mathcal{K}(\overline{A}_{<i} \times \overline{A}_{i+1} \times \overline{A}_i \times \overline{A}_{>i+1}, C) & \xrightarrow{T} & T\text{-alg}(\langle \langle TA_j \rangle \rangle_{j<i}, \langle TA_{i+1} \rangle, \langle TA_i \rangle, \langle \langle TA_j \rangle \rangle_{j>i+1}; TC)
\end{array}$$

equals the pasting diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{K}(\overline{B}; C) \times \prod_j \mathcal{K}(\overline{A}_j, B_j) & \xrightarrow{\prod T} & T\text{-alg}(\langle TB \rangle; TC) \times \prod_j T\text{-alg}(\langle TA_j \rangle; TB_j) \\
\downarrow \sigma_i \times \sigma_i^{-1} & \nearrow T_{\sigma_i \times 1} & \downarrow \sigma_i \times \sigma_i^{-1} \\
\mathcal{K}(B_{<i} \times B_{i+1} \times B_i \times B_{>i+1}, C) \times \prod_j (\overline{A}_{\sigma_i(j)}, B_{\sigma_i(j)}) & \xrightarrow{\prod T} & T\text{-alg}(\langle TB \rangle_{\sigma_i}; TC) \times \prod_j T\text{-alg}(\langle TA_{\sigma_i(j)} \rangle; TB_{\sigma_i(j)}) \\
\downarrow \gamma & & \downarrow \gamma \\
\mathcal{K}(\overline{A}_i \times \overline{A}_{i+1} \times \overline{A}_i \times \overline{A}_{>i+1}, C) & \xrightarrow{T} & T\text{-alg}(\langle \langle TA_j \rangle \rangle_{j<i}, \langle TA_{i+1} \rangle, \langle TA_i \rangle, \langle \langle TA_j \rangle \rangle_{j>i+1}; TC).
\end{array}$$

Proof. The lemma follows at once from Lemma 4.25, Definition 4.5, and (1) in Lemma 4.9. \square

Lemma 4.27. *Suppose $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ is a symmetric, pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad. Let $n \geq 1$ and $1 \leq i \leq n-1$, and consider the **Cat**-multifunctor $T : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow T\text{-alg}$. Then, the bottom equivariance axiom in Definition A.4 holds for $id_n \langle id_{k_1}, \dots, \sigma_i, \dots, id_{k_n} \rangle$ that is, For every $C \in Ob(\mathcal{K})$, $\langle B \rangle = \langle B_j \rangle_{j=1}^n \in Ob(\mathcal{K})^n$, $k_j \geq 0$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$, and $\langle A_j \rangle = \langle A_{j,l} \rangle_{l=1}^{k_j} \in Ob(\mathcal{K})^{k_j}$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$, the pasting diagram*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{K}(\overline{B}; C) \times \prod_j \mathcal{K}(\overline{A}_j, B_j) & \xrightarrow{\prod T} & T\text{-alg}(\langle TB \rangle; TC) \times \prod_j T\text{-alg}(\langle TA_j \rangle; TB_j) \\
\downarrow \gamma & & \downarrow \gamma \\
\mathcal{K}(\overline{A}, C) & \xrightarrow{T} & T\text{-alg}(\langle \langle TA_j \rangle \rangle; TC) \\
\downarrow id_n \langle id_{k_1}, \dots, \sigma_i, \dots, id_{k_n} \rangle & \nearrow T_{id_n \langle id_{k_1}, \dots, \sigma_i, \dots, id_{k_n} \rangle} & \downarrow id_n \langle id_{k_1}, \dots, \sigma_i, \dots, id_{k_n} \rangle \\
\mathcal{K}(\overline{A}_{<i} \times \prod_j \overline{A}_{i, \sigma_i(j)} \times \overline{A}_{>i}, C) & \xrightarrow{T} & T\text{-alg}(\langle \langle TA_j \rangle \rangle_{j<i}, \langle TA_{i, \sigma_i(j)} \rangle_j, \langle \langle TA_j \rangle \rangle_{j>i}; TC)
\end{array}$$

is equal to the pasting

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{K}(\overline{B}, C) \times \prod_j \mathcal{K}(\overline{A_j}, B_j) & \xrightarrow{\Pi T} & T\text{-alg}(\langle TB \rangle; TC) \times \prod_j (TA_j; B_j) \\
\downarrow id \times id_{k_1} \times \dots \times \sigma_i \times \dots \times id_{k_n} & \nearrow 1 \times T_{\sigma_i} \times 1 & \downarrow id \times id_{k_1} \times \dots \times \sigma_i \times \dots \times id_{k_n} \\
\mathcal{K}(\overline{B}, C) \times \prod_{j < i} \mathcal{K}(\overline{A_j}, B_j) \times \mathcal{K}\left(\prod_j A_{i, \sigma_i(j)}, B_i\right) \times \prod_{j > i} \mathcal{K}(\overline{A_j}, B_j) & & \\
\downarrow \gamma & \searrow \Pi T & \downarrow \gamma \\
T\text{-alg}(\langle TB \rangle; TC) \times \prod_{j < i} T\text{-alg}(\langle TA_j \rangle; B_j) \times T\text{-alg}(\langle TA_{i, \sigma_i(j)} \rangle; TB_i) \times \prod_{j > i} T\text{-alg}(\langle TA_j \rangle; TB_j) & & \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
\mathcal{K}\left(\overline{A_{<i}} \times \prod_j A_{i, \sigma_i(j)} \times \overline{A_{>i}}, C\right) & \xrightarrow{T} & T\text{-alg}(\langle TA_j \rangle_{j < i}, \langle TA_{i, \sigma_i(j)} \rangle, \langle TA \rangle_{j > i}; C).
\end{array}$$

Proof. The lemma follows at once from Definition 4.5, and (2) in Lemma 4.9. \square

Finally we arrive at the proof of our main theorem.

Theorem 4.28. *Suppose $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ is a symmetric, pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad. Then, the free algebra **Cat**-multifunctor $T: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow T\text{-alg}$ is pseudo symmetric.*

Proof. We just need to prove that the bottom and top equivariance axioms hold for T . For the top equivariance axiom we notice that given $\sigma, \tau \in \Sigma_n$, and k_1, \dots, k_n , we can write $\sigma\tau \langle id_{k_{\sigma\tau(1)}}, \dots, id_{k_{\sigma\tau(n)}} \rangle$ as the composition

$$\overline{A_{\sigma\tau(1)}} \times \dots \times \overline{A_{\sigma\tau(n)}} \xrightarrow{\tau \langle id_{k_{\sigma\tau(i)}} \rangle} \overline{A_{\sigma(1)}} \times \dots \times \overline{A_{\sigma(n)}} \xrightarrow{\sigma \langle id_{k_{\sigma(i)}} \rangle} \overline{A_1} \times \dots \times \overline{A_n}.$$

By an application of the product axiom, if $\sigma \langle id_{k_{\sigma(i)}} \rangle$ and $\tau \langle id_{k_{\sigma\tau(i)}} \rangle$ satisfy the top invariance axiom, then so does $\sigma\tau \langle id_{k_{\sigma\tau(1)}}, \dots, id_{k_{\sigma\tau(n)}} \rangle$. We are done by Lemma Lemma 4.26.

Similarly, for the bottom equivariance axiom. Given n, k_1, \dots, k_n and $\sigma, \tau \in \Sigma_{k_i}$. If the bottom equivariance axiom holds for $id_n \langle id_{k_1}, \dots, \tau, \dots, id_{k_n} \rangle$, and $id_n \langle id_{k_1}, \dots, \sigma, \dots, id_{k_n} \rangle$, then it also holds for $id_n \langle id_{k_1}, \dots, \sigma\tau, \dots, id_{k_n} \rangle$ by the product axiom. By Lemma 4.27, we get the bottom equivariance axiom for $id_n \langle id_{k_1}, \dots, \sigma, \dots, id_{k_n} \rangle$ for any $\sigma \in \Sigma_{k_i}$. On the other hand, if the bottom equivariance axiom holds for $id_n \langle \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n \rangle$, and $id_n \langle \tau_1, \dots, \tau_n \rangle$, where $\sigma_i, \tau_i \in \Sigma_{k_i}$, then it also holds for $id_n \langle \sigma_1 \tau_1, \dots, \sigma_n \tau_n \rangle$ by another application of the product axiom. Thus T satisfies the bottom equivariance axiom. \square

Since the free functor associated to a pseudo commutative operad is a symmetric, pseudo commutative strong 2-monad, the free functors of the pseudo commutative operads defined in [CG23; GMMO23] and considered as well in [Yau24a] are pseudo symmetric.

Remark 4.29. We can get a version of Remark 4.22 for the case where $(T, \eta, \mu, t, \Gamma)$ is a symmetric, pseudo commutative, strong 2-monad. In this case, the Bruhat order is replaced by $E\Sigma_n$, i.e., the category with objects Σ_n and a unique morphism between each pair of objects. We notice that the $E\Sigma_n$'s assemble to give a **Cat**-operad known as the Barrat-Eccles operad. That is, there is a multicategory $E\Sigma_*$ with a single object and such that the n -multilinear maps are given by

$$E\Sigma_*(\underbrace{*, \dots, *}_{n \text{ times}}; *) = E\Sigma_n,$$

and the composition is defined for $\sigma \in \Sigma_n$ and $\tau_i \in \Sigma_{k_i}$ as $\gamma(\sigma; \tau_1, \dots, \tau_n) = \sigma \langle \tau_1, \dots, \tau_n \rangle$, (see Notation A.1). The composition for 2-cells is forced by the previous. By the coherence theorem for pseudo symmetric multifunctors [Man24] we can rigidify the multifunctor $T: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow T\text{-alg}$ and turn it into a symmetric multifunctor $\phi(T): \mathcal{K} \times E\Sigma_* \rightarrow T\text{-alg}$. For objects, $\phi(T)(A, *) = \phi(T)(A) = TA$, for 1-cells $\phi(T)(f, \sigma) = T(f\sigma^{-1})\sigma$, for 2-cells $\phi(T)(\alpha, 1_\sigma) = T(\alpha\sigma^{-1})\sigma$, and also $\phi(T)(1_f, \sigma \rightarrow \tau) = (T_{\tau\sigma^{-1}, f\sigma^{-1}})\sigma$. Let's focus on the 1-cell $1_{A_1 \times \dots \times A_n}$. It's easy to check that for ω_σ defined in Remark 4.22, we have that $\omega_\sigma = \phi(T)(1_{A_1 \times \dots \times A_n}, \sigma^{-1})$. Thus, we get a map

$$E\Sigma_n \rightarrow T\text{-alg}(TA_1, \dots, TA_n; T(A_1 \times \dots \times A_n))$$

which sends σ to $\phi(T)(1_{A_1 \times \dots \times A_n}, \sigma^{-1}) = \omega_\sigma$, and $\sigma \rightarrow \tau$ to $\phi(T)(1_{A_1 \times \dots \times A_n}, \sigma^{-1} \rightarrow \tau^{-1})$.

APPENDIX A.

Here are the definitions of C -multicategory, (symmetric) C -multifunctor, and pseudo symmetric **Cat**-multifunctor.

Notation A.1. If $\sigma \in \Sigma_n$ and $\tau_i \in \Sigma_{k_i}$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$, we will denote by $\sigma \langle \tau_1, \dots, \tau_n \rangle \in \Sigma_{k_1 + \dots + k_n}$ the permutation that swaps n blocks of lengths k_1, \dots, k_n according to σ and each block of length k_i according to τ_i .

Definition A.2. If $(C, \otimes, 1, \rho, \lambda)$ is a symmetric monoidal category, a C -multicategory $(\mathcal{M}, \gamma, 1)$ consists of the following data:

- A class of objects $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$.
- For every $n \geq 0$, $\langle a \rangle = \langle a_i \rangle_{i=1}^n \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})^n$ and $b \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$, an object in C denoted by

$$\mathcal{M}(\langle a \rangle; b) = \mathcal{M}(a_1, \dots, a_n; b).$$

We will write $\langle a \rangle$ instead of $\langle a_i \rangle_{i=1}^n$ when n is clear from the context or irrelevant. [In the case $C = \mathbf{Cat}$, an object f of $\mathcal{M}(\langle a \rangle; b)$ will be called an n -ary 1-cell with input $\langle a \rangle$ and output b and will be denoted as $f: \langle a \rangle \rightarrow b$. Similarly, we will call $\alpha: f \rightarrow g$ in $\mathcal{M}(\langle a \rangle; b)(f, g)$ an n -ary 2-cell.]

- For each $n \geq 0$, $\langle a \rangle \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})^n$, $b \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$, and $\sigma \in \Sigma_n$, a C -isomorphism

$$\mathcal{M}(\langle a \rangle; b) \xrightarrow[\cong]{\sigma} \mathcal{M}(\langle a \rangle \sigma; b)$$

called the right σ action or the symmetric group action. Here

$$\langle a \rangle \sigma = \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle \sigma = \langle a_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, a_{\sigma(n)} \rangle.$$

[In the case $C = \mathbf{Cat}$ we write $f\sigma$ for the image of an n -ary 1-cell $f: \langle a \rangle \rightarrow b$ in \mathcal{M} and similarly for 2-cells.]

- For each object $a \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$, a morphism

$$1 \xrightarrow{1_a} \mathcal{M}(a; a)$$

called the a -unit. In the case $C = \mathbf{Cat}$ we notice that if $a \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$, $1_a: a \rightarrow a$ is a 1-ary 1-cell while if $f: \langle a \rangle \rightarrow b$ is an n -ary 1-cell, then $1_f: f \rightarrow f$ is an n -ary 2-cell in $\mathcal{M}(\langle a \rangle; b)(f, f)$ so our notation is unambiguous.

- For every $c \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$, $n \geq 0$, $\langle b \rangle = \langle b_j \rangle_{j=1}^n \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})^n$, $k_j \geq 0$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$, and $\langle a_j \rangle = \langle a_{j,i} \rangle_{i=1}^{k_j} \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})^{k_j}$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$, a morphism in C ,

$$\mathcal{M}(\langle b \rangle; c) \otimes \bigotimes_{j=1}^n \mathcal{M}(\langle a_j \rangle; b_j) \xrightarrow{\gamma} \mathcal{M}(\langle a \rangle; c),$$

where we adopt the convention that $\langle a \rangle \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})^k$, where $k = \sum_{i=1}^n k_j$, denotes the concatenation of the varying a_j 's for $j = 1, \dots, n$. That is,

$$\langle a \rangle = \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle = \langle \langle a_j \rangle \rangle_{j=1}^n = \langle a_{1,1}, \dots, a_{1,k_1}, a_{2,1}, \dots, a_{n-1,k_{n-1}}, a_{n,1}, \dots, a_{n,k_n} \rangle.$$

The previous data are required to satisfy the following axioms.

- **Symmetric group action:** For every $n \geq 0$, $\langle a \rangle \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$, $b \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$, and σ, τ in Σ_n the following diagram commutes in C :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{M}(\langle a \rangle; b) & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & \mathcal{M}(\langle a\sigma \rangle; b) \\ & \searrow \sigma\tau & \xrightarrow{\tau} \mathcal{M}(\langle a\sigma\tau \rangle; b). \end{array}$$

- **Identity:** the identity permutation $\text{id}_n \in \Sigma_n$ act as the identity morphism on $\mathcal{M}(\langle a \rangle; b)$.
- **Associativity:** For every $d \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$, $n \geq 1$, $\langle c \rangle = \langle c_j \rangle_{j=1}^n \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})^n$, $k_j \geq 0$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$ with $k_j \geq 1$ for at least one j , $\langle b_j \rangle = \langle b_{j,i} \rangle_{i=1}^{k_j} \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})^{k_j}$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$, $l_{i,j} \geq 0$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$ and $1 \leq i \leq k_j$, and $\langle a_{j,i} \rangle = \langle a_{j,i,p} \rangle_{p=1}^{l_{i,j}} \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})^{l_{i,j}}$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$ and $1 \leq i \leq k_j$, the following *associativity diagram* commutes in C :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{M}(\langle c \rangle; d) \otimes \left(\bigotimes_{j=1}^n \mathcal{M}(\langle b_j \rangle; c_j) \right) \otimes \bigotimes_{j=1}^n \left(\bigotimes_{i=1}^{k_j} \mathcal{M}(\langle a_{j,i} \rangle; b_{j,i}) \right) & \xrightarrow{\gamma \times 1} & \mathcal{M}(\langle \langle b_j \rangle \rangle_{j=1}^n; d) \otimes \bigotimes_{j=1}^n \left(\bigotimes_{i=1}^{k_j} \mathcal{M}(\langle a_{j,i} \rangle; b_{j,i}) \right) \\ \cong \downarrow & & \downarrow \gamma \\ \mathcal{M}(\langle c \rangle; d) \otimes \bigotimes_{j=1}^n \left(\mathcal{M}(\langle b_j; c_j \rangle) \otimes \bigotimes_{i=1}^{k_j} \mathcal{M}(\langle a_{j,i} \rangle; b_{j,i}) \right) & & \\ 1 \otimes \bigotimes_{j=1}^n \gamma \downarrow & & \\ \mathcal{M}(\langle c \rangle; d) \otimes \bigotimes_{j=1}^n \mathcal{M}(\langle a_j \rangle; c_j) & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & \mathcal{M}(\langle a \rangle; b). \end{array}$$

- **Unity:** Suppose $b \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$ and $\langle a \rangle = \langle a_j \rangle_{j=1}^n \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})^n$, then the diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{M}(\langle a \rangle; b) \otimes \bigotimes_{j=1}^n 1 & & 1 \otimes \mathcal{M}(\langle a \rangle; b) \\ 1 \otimes \bigotimes_{j=1}^n 1_{a_j} \downarrow & \searrow \rho \circ \dots \circ \rho & \downarrow 1_b \otimes 1 \\ \mathcal{M}(\langle a \rangle; b) \otimes \bigotimes_{j=1}^n \mathcal{M}(a_j; a_j) & \xrightarrow{\gamma} \mathcal{M}(\langle a \rangle; b), \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{M}(b; b) \otimes \mathcal{M}(\langle a \rangle; b) & \xrightarrow{\gamma} \mathcal{M}(\langle a \rangle; b) \end{array}$$

commute.

- **Top equivariance:** For every $c \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$, $n \geq 1$, $\langle b \rangle = \langle b_j \rangle_{j=1}^n \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})^n$, $k_j \geq 0$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$, $\langle a_j \rangle = \langle a_{j,i} \rangle_{i=1}^{k_j} \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})^{k_j}$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$, and $\sigma \in \Sigma_n$, the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{M}(\langle b \rangle; c) \otimes \bigotimes_{j=1}^n \mathcal{M}(\langle a_j \rangle; b_j) & \xrightarrow{\sigma \otimes \sigma^{-1}} & \mathcal{M}(\langle b \rangle \sigma; c) \otimes \bigotimes_{j=1}^n \mathcal{M}(\langle a_{\sigma(j)} \rangle; b_{\sigma(j)}) \\
\gamma \downarrow & & \downarrow \gamma \\
\mathcal{M}(\langle a_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle a_n \rangle; c) & \xrightarrow{\sigma \langle \text{id}_{k_{\sigma(1)}}, \dots, \text{id}_{k_{\sigma(n)}} \rangle} & \mathcal{M}(\langle a_{\sigma(1)} \rangle, \dots, \langle a_{\sigma(n)} \rangle; c).
\end{array}$$

Here σ^{-1} is the unique isomorphism in C , given by the coherence theorem for symmetric monoidal categories, that permutes the factors $\mathcal{M}(\langle a_j \rangle, b_j)$ according to σ^{-1} .

- **Bottom equivariance:** For $\langle a_j \rangle, \langle b \rangle$ and c as in Top equivariance, the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{M}(\langle b \rangle; c) \otimes \bigotimes_{j=1}^n \mathcal{M}(\langle a_j \rangle; b_j) & \xrightarrow{\text{id} \otimes \bigotimes_{j=1}^n \tau_j} & \mathcal{M}(\langle b \rangle, c) \otimes \bigotimes_{j=1}^n \mathcal{M}(\langle a_j \rangle \tau_j; b_j) \\
\gamma \downarrow & & \downarrow \gamma \\
\mathcal{M}(\langle a_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle a_n \rangle; c) & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_n \langle \tau_1, \dots, \tau_n \rangle} & \mathcal{M}(\langle a_1 \rangle \tau_1, \dots, \langle a_n \rangle \tau_n; c).
\end{array}$$

This concludes the definition of a C -multicategory.

Definition A.3. A symmetric C -multifunctor $F: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$ between C -multicategories \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{N} consists of the following data:

- An object assignment $F: \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow \text{Ob}(\mathcal{N})$.
- For each $n \geq 0$, $\langle a \rangle \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})^n$ and $b \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$ a C morphism

$$\mathcal{M}(\langle a \rangle; b) \xrightarrow{F} \mathcal{N}(\langle Fa \rangle; Fb).$$

These data are required to preserve units, composition, and the action of the symmetric group.

- **Units:** For each object $a \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$, $F(1_a) = 1_{Fa}$, i.e., the following diagram commutes in C :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & \xrightarrow{1_a} \mathcal{M}(a, a) & \xrightarrow{F} \mathcal{N}(Fa, Fa) \\
& \searrow 1_{Fa} & \uparrow \\
& &
\end{array}$$

- **Composition:** For every $c \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$, $n \geq 0$, $\langle b \rangle = \langle b_j \rangle_{j=1}^n \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})^n$, $k_j \geq 0$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$, and $\langle a_j \rangle = \langle a_{j,i} \rangle_{i=1}^{k_j} \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})^{k_j}$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$ and $1 \leq i \leq k_j$, the following diagram commutes in C :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{M}(\langle b \rangle; c) \otimes \bigotimes_{j=1}^n \mathcal{M}(\langle a_j \rangle; b_j) & \xrightarrow{F \otimes \bigotimes_{j=1}^n F} & \mathcal{N}(\langle Fb \rangle; Fc) \otimes \bigotimes_{j=1}^n \mathcal{N}(\langle Fa_j \rangle; Fb_j) \\
\gamma \downarrow & & \downarrow \gamma \\
\mathcal{M}(\langle a \rangle; c) & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathcal{N}(\langle Fa \rangle; Fc).
\end{array}$$

- **Symmetric Group Action:** For each $\langle a \rangle \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})^n$ and $b \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$ the following diagram commutes in C :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{M}(\langle a \rangle; b) & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathcal{N}(\langle Fa \rangle; Fb) \\
\cong \downarrow \sigma & & \cong \downarrow \sigma \\
\mathcal{M}(\langle a \rangle \sigma; b) & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathcal{N}(\langle Fa \rangle \sigma; Fb).
\end{array}$$

Yau defines, in [Yau24b], a 2-category, **C-Multicat** with 0-cells C -multicategories, 1-cells symmetric C -multifunctors, and 2-cells C -multinatural transformations.

Definition A.4. [Yau24b, Def. 4.1.1] Suppose that \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N} are **Cat**-multicategories. A *pseudo symmetric Cat-multifunctor* $F: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$ consists of the following data:

- A function on object sets $F: \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow \text{Ob}(\mathcal{N})$.
- For each $\langle a \rangle \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})^n$ and $b \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$, a component functor

$$\mathcal{M}(\langle a \rangle; b) \xrightarrow{F} \mathcal{N}(\langle Fa \rangle; Fb).$$

- For each $\sigma \in \Sigma_n$, $\langle a \rangle \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})^n$, $b \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$, a natural isomorphism $F_{\sigma, \langle a \rangle, b}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{M}(\langle a \rangle; b) & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathcal{N}(\langle Fa \rangle; Fb) \\
\sigma \downarrow & \nearrow F_{\sigma, \langle a \rangle, b} & \downarrow \sigma \\
\mathcal{M}(\langle a \rangle \sigma; b) & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathcal{N}(\langle Fa \rangle \sigma; Fb).
\end{array}$$

When $\langle a \rangle$ and b are clear from the context we write simply F_σ , and if $f: \langle a \rangle \rightarrow b$ we will denote by $F_{\sigma, \langle a \rangle, b; f} = F_{\sigma; f}: F(f\sigma) \rightarrow F(f)\sigma$ the 2-cell in $\mathcal{N}(\langle Fa \rangle \sigma; Fb)$ corresponding to the component of F_σ at f .

These data are subject to the same axioms of unit and composition preservation as a symmetric **Cat**-multifunctor, but we replace the symmetric group action preservation axiom by the following four axioms.

- **Unit permutation:** Let $n \geq 0$, $\langle a \rangle \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})^n$ and $b \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$, then

$$F_{\text{id}_n, \langle a \rangle, b} = 1_F.$$

- **Product permutation:** Let $n \geq 0$, $\langle a \rangle \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})^n$, $b \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$ and $\sigma, \tau \in \Sigma_n$. Then, the following pasting digrams are equal.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{M}(\langle a \rangle; b) & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathcal{N}(\langle Fa \rangle; Fb) \\
\sigma \downarrow & \nearrow F_\sigma & \downarrow \sigma \\
\mathcal{M}(\langle a \rangle \sigma; b) & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathcal{N}(\langle Fa \rangle \sigma; Fb) \\
\tau \downarrow & \nearrow F_\tau & \downarrow \tau \\
\mathcal{M}(\langle a \rangle \sigma \tau; b) & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathcal{N}(\langle Fa \rangle \sigma \tau; Fb)
\end{array} & = & \begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{M}(\langle a \rangle; b) & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathcal{N}(\langle Fa \rangle; Fb) \\
\sigma \tau \downarrow & \nearrow F_{\sigma \tau} & \downarrow \sigma \tau \\
\mathcal{M}(\langle a \rangle \sigma \tau; b) & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathcal{N}(\langle Fa \rangle \sigma \tau; Fb)
\end{array}
\end{array}$$

- **Top equivariance:** For every $c \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$, $n \geq 0$, $\langle b \rangle = \langle b_j \rangle_{j=1}^n \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})^n$, $k_j \geq 0$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$, and $\langle a_j \rangle = \langle a_{j,i} \rangle_{i=1}^{k_j} \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})^{k_j}$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$, and $\sigma \in \Sigma_n$, the pasting

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{M}(\langle b \rangle; c) \times \prod_{j=1}^n \mathcal{M}(\langle a_j \rangle; b_j) & \xrightarrow{\Pi F} & \mathcal{N}(\langle Fb \rangle; Fc) \times \prod_{j=1}^n \mathcal{N}(\langle Fa_j \rangle; Fb_j) \\
\downarrow \gamma & & \downarrow \gamma \\
\mathcal{M}(\langle \langle a_j \rangle \rangle_{j=1}^n; c) & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathcal{N}(\langle \langle Fa_j \rangle \rangle_{j=1}^n; Fc) \\
\downarrow \sigma \langle \text{id}_{k_{\sigma(j)}} \rangle & \nearrow F_{\sigma \langle \text{id}_{k_{\sigma(j)}} \rangle} & \downarrow \sigma \langle \text{id}_{k_{\sigma(j)}} \rangle \\
\mathcal{M}(\langle \langle a_{\sigma(j)} \rangle \rangle_{j=1}^n; c) & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathcal{N}(\langle \langle Fa_{\sigma(j)} \rangle \rangle_{j=1}^n; Fc)
\end{array}$$

equals

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{M}(\langle b \rangle; c) \times \prod_{j=1}^n \mathcal{M}(\langle a_j \rangle; b_j) & \xrightarrow{\Pi F} & \mathcal{N}(\langle Fb \rangle; Fc) \times \prod_{j=1}^n \mathcal{N}(\langle Fa_j \rangle; Fb_j) \\
\downarrow \sigma \times \sigma^{-1} & \nearrow F_{\sigma} \times 1 & \downarrow \sigma \times \sigma^{-1} \\
\mathcal{M}(\langle b \rangle \sigma; c) \times \prod_{j=1}^n \mathcal{M}(\langle a_{\sigma(j)} \rangle; b_{\sigma(j)}) & \xrightarrow{\Pi F} & \mathcal{N}(\langle Fb \rangle \sigma; Fc) \times \prod_{j=1}^n \mathcal{N}(\langle Fa_{\sigma(j)} \rangle; Fb_{\sigma(j)}) \\
\downarrow \gamma & & \downarrow \gamma \\
\mathcal{M}(\langle \langle a_{\sigma(j)} \rangle \rangle_{j=1}^n; c) & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathcal{N}(\langle \langle Fa_{\sigma(j)} \rangle \rangle_{j=1}^n; Fc).
\end{array}$$

Here $\sigma \langle \text{id}_{k_{\sigma(j)}} \rangle = \sigma \langle \text{id}_{k_{\sigma(1)}}, \dots, \text{id}_{k_{\sigma(n)}} \rangle$.

- **Bottom Equivariance:** For every $c \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})$, $n \geq 0$, $\langle b \rangle = \langle b_j \rangle_{j=1}^n \in \text{Ob}(M)^n$, $k_j \geq 0$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$, and $\langle a_j \rangle = \langle a_{j,i} \rangle_{i=1}^{k_j} \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{M})^{k_j}$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$ and $1 \leq i \leq k_j$, and $\tau_j \in \Sigma_{k_j}$, the following two diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{M}(\langle b \rangle; c) \times \prod_{j=1}^n \mathcal{M}(\langle a_j \rangle; b_j) & \xrightarrow{\Pi F} & \mathcal{N}(\langle Fb \rangle; Fc) \times \prod_{j=1}^n \mathcal{N}(\langle Fa_j \rangle; Fb_j) \\
\downarrow \gamma & & \downarrow \gamma \\
\mathcal{M}(\langle \langle a_j \rangle \rangle_{j=1}^n; c) & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathcal{N}(\langle \langle Fa_j \rangle \rangle_{j=1}^n; Fc) \\
\downarrow \text{id}_n \langle \tau_j \rangle & \nearrow F_{\text{id}_n \langle \tau_j \rangle} & \downarrow \text{id}_n \langle \tau_j \rangle \\
\mathcal{M}(\langle \langle a_j \rangle \tau_j \rangle_{j=1}^n; c) & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathcal{N}(\langle \langle Fa_j \rangle \tau_j \rangle_{j=1}^n; Fc)
\end{array}$$

equals

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{M}(\langle b \rangle; c) \times \prod_{j=1}^n \mathcal{M}(\langle a_j \rangle; b_j) & \xrightarrow{\Pi F} & \mathcal{N}(\langle Fb \rangle; Fc) \times \prod_{j=1}^n \mathcal{N}(\langle Fa_j \rangle; Fb_j) \\
\downarrow 1 \times \prod \tau_j & \nearrow 1 \times \prod F\tau_j & \downarrow 1 \times \prod \tau_j \\
\mathcal{M}(\langle b \rangle; c) \times \prod_{j=1}^n \mathcal{M}(\langle a_j \rangle \tau_j; b_j) & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathcal{N}(\langle Fb \rangle; Fc) \times \prod_{j=1}^n \mathcal{N}(\langle Fa_j \rangle \tau_j; Fb_j) \\
\downarrow \gamma & & \downarrow \gamma \\
\mathcal{M}(\langle \langle a_j \rangle \tau_j \rangle_{j=1}^n; c) & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathcal{N}(\langle \langle Fa_j \rangle \tau_j \rangle_{j=1}^n; Fc).
\end{array}$$

The domain and codomain of the pasting diagrams in the Top and Bottom Equivariance axioms are equal by top and bottom equivariance for \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{N} . The preservation of γ by F guarantees that the empty squares commute.

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