Categorical Network Theory

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Outline

- 1. Applied Category Theory
- 2. Categorical Network Theory
- 3. Network Models
- 4. Noncommutative Network Models

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Blockchain companies:

- Pyrofex/RChain
- Statebox



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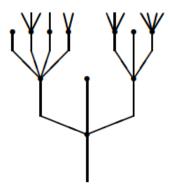
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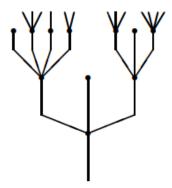
Categorical Perspectives on Network Theory

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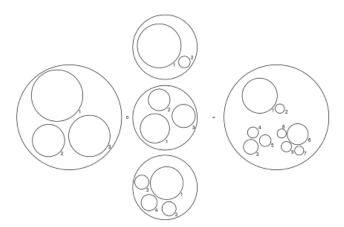
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Example: real functions



Little Discs Operad

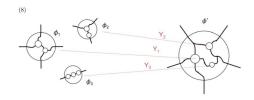


Underlying Operad

Given a symmetric monoidal category (C, \otimes) , one can get an operad op(C), called the **underlying operad**, with

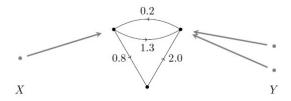
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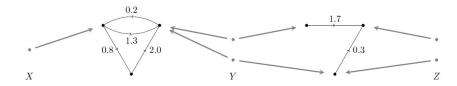
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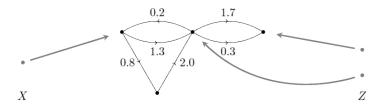


$$= \frac{\phi' \circ (\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3)}{\phi' \circ (\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3)}$$

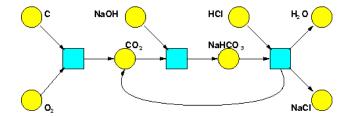




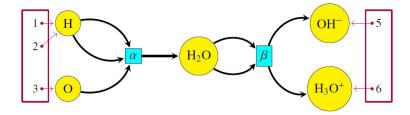




Petri Nets



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CASCADE

Complex Adaptive System Composition And Design Environment

▶ The goal of CASCADE is to provide a unified view of system behavior, allowing understanding of these complex interactions and a formal language for complex adaptive system composition and design. This unified view of system behavior, enabled by appropriate mathematical foundations, may also enable adaptation to unanticipated environments using arbitrary system components by providing a framework to dynamically identify and correct deficient system capabilities.

Constructing Network Operads

- Start with your favorite lax symmetric monoidal functor F: S → Cat
- ▶ apply the symmetric monoidal Grothendieck construction to get the symmetric monoidal category $\int F$ with \otimes_F
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Theorem (M)

The composite

$$\mathsf{NetMod} \xrightarrow{\int} \mathsf{SSMC} \xrightarrow{\mathrm{op}(-)} \mathsf{Op}$$

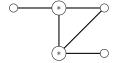
constructs a network operad for each network model.

Graphs can be combined to create bigger graphs by identifying some of the vertices









We choose to examine these as combinations of a few simpler operations





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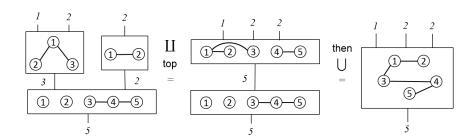








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Another way to see it is $S = \coprod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} S_n$.



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S is a symmetric monoidal category with + where

- ▶ n + m is exactly what you think
- $\triangleright \ \sigma + \tau \ \text{looks like}$

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is the set $\{\{1,2\},\{2,4\},\{3,4\}\}$ in this setting.

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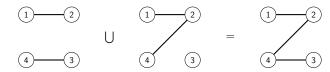
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Putting them all together gives a functor

$$\operatorname{SG}\colon S\to \mathsf{Mon}$$

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which makes SG a symmetric lax monoidal functor

$$(SG, \sqcup): (S, +) \rightarrow (Cat, \times)$$

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8.
$$e_m \sqcup e_n = e_{m+n}$$

9.
$$\sigma g \sqcup \tau h = (\sigma + \tau)(g \sqcup h)$$

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$$g_1 \sqcup (g_2 \sqcup g_3) = (g_1 \sqcup g_2) \sqcup g_3$$

11.
$$e_0 \sqcup g = g \sqcup e_0$$

12.
$$B_{m,n}(h \sqcup g) = g \sqcup h$$

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Given a functor $F \colon \mathbf{C} \to \mathsf{Cat}$ the Grothendieck construction gives a category $\int F$ where

- objects are pairs (c, x) where
 - c is an object in **C**
 - x is an object in Fc
- ▶ morphisms are (f,g): $(c,x) \rightarrow (d,y)$ where
 - $f: c \rightarrow d$ in **C**
 - ▶ $g: Ff(x) \rightarrow y \text{ in } Fd$
- composition is given by

$$(f,g)\circ (f',g')=(f\circ f',g\circ Ff(g'))$$

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$$(c,x)\otimes_{\mathsf{F}}(d,y)=(c\otimes d,\Phi_{c,d}(x,y))$$

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So there are relative commutativity relations that must hold in each monoid of a network model.

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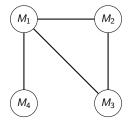
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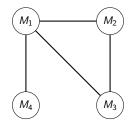
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This network model is able to remember the order in which edges were added to a network

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$$G(\{M_i\}) = \coprod M_i/R$$



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Graph products are isomorphic to the colimit of the diagram as described.

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Given a monoid M, there is a network model $\Gamma_{M,Mon}$ with monoids given by Kneser graph products of M,

$$\Gamma_{M,\mathsf{Mon}}(\mathbf{n}) = KG_{n,2}(M).$$

This gives the left adjoint to the functor $F \mapsto F(2)$.



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