

Generalised flip order

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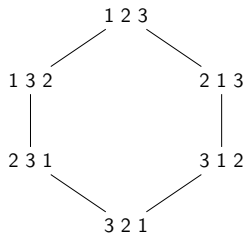
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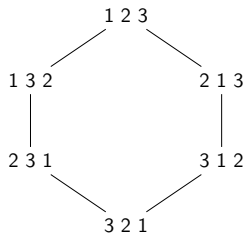
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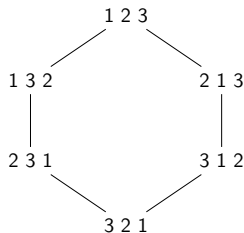
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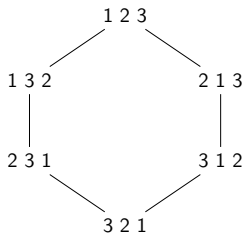
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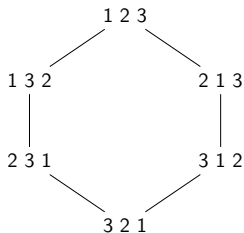
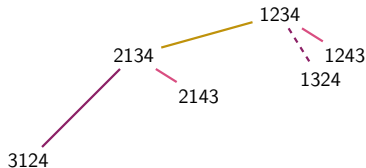


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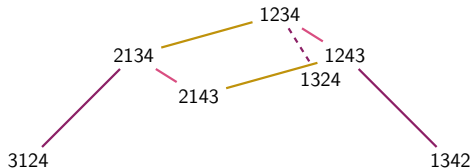
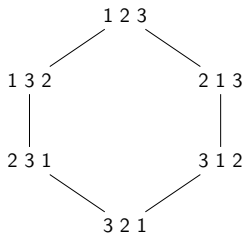


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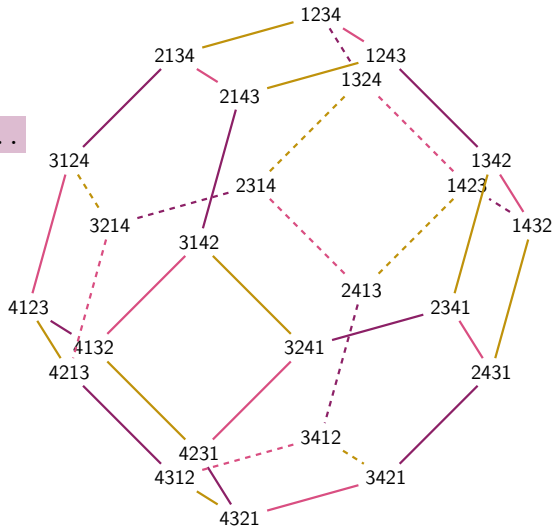
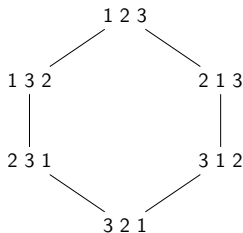


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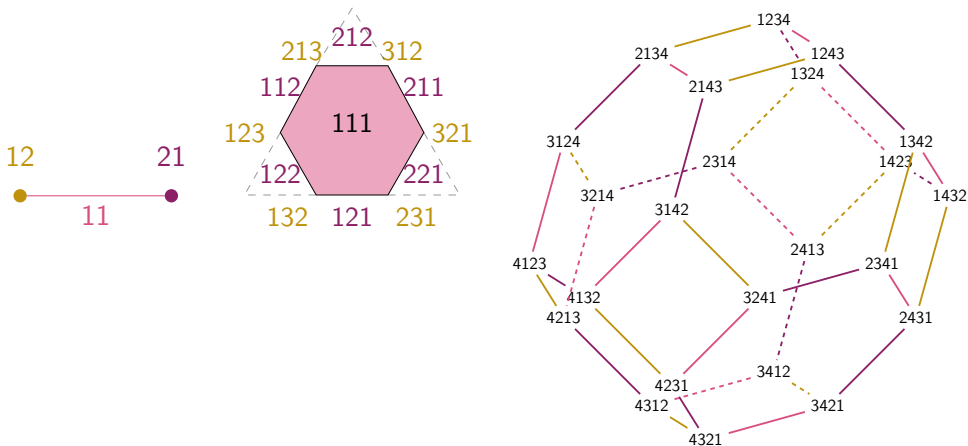
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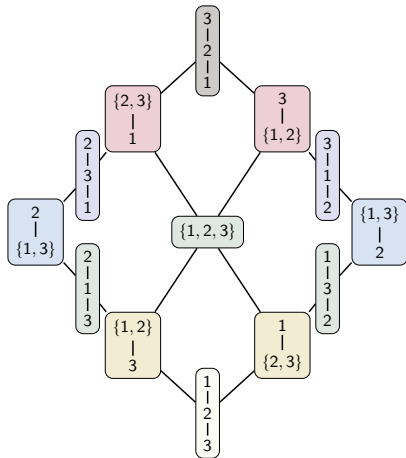
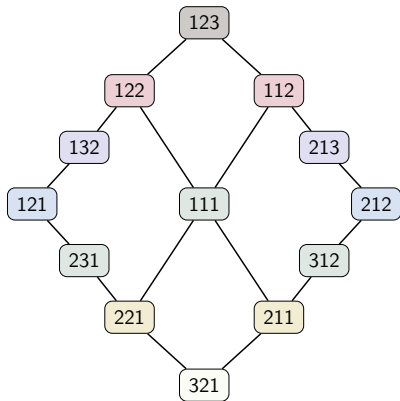
Permutohedra [Schoute 1911]

vertices = permutation of $\llbracket 1; n \rrbracket$

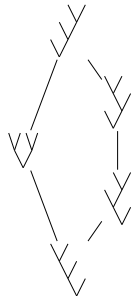
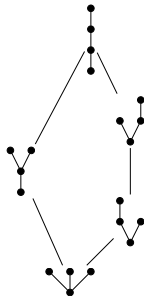
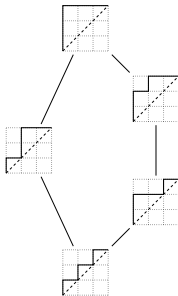
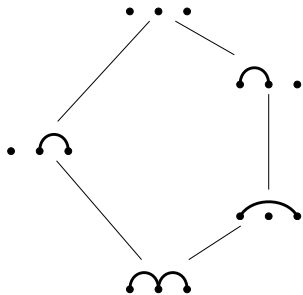
k -dimensional face = a **surjection** from $\llbracket 1; n \rrbracket$ to $\llbracket 1; k \rrbracket$ (also known as packed word)



Generalised weak order [Krob-Lapaty-Novelli-Phan-Schwer, 01;
Palacios-Ronco, 06; Dermenjian-Hohlweg-Pilaud, 18]

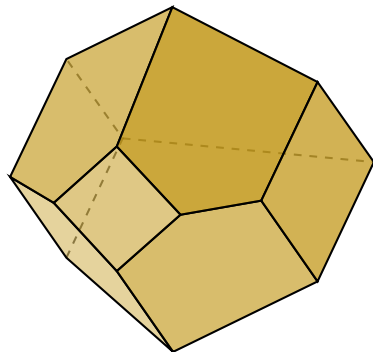
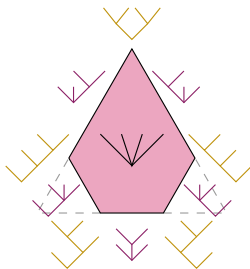
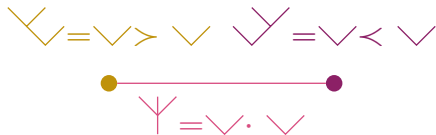


Tamari order

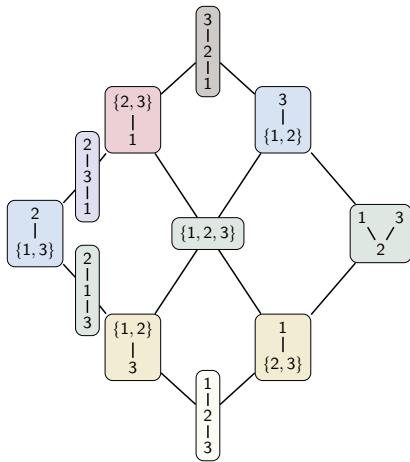
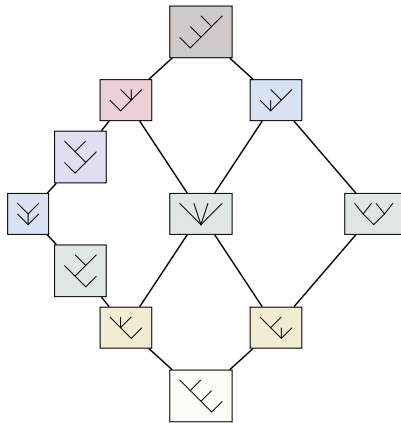


Associated polytope: Associahedra

vertices = planar binary trees
 k-dimensional face = planar trees on $n - k$ nodes



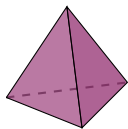
Generalised Tamari order [Ronco, 12]



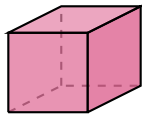
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Simplices



Hypercubes



Associahedra



Permutohedra

These four polytopes are instances of nestohedra / hypergraph polytopes

Could we define an order on their faces ?

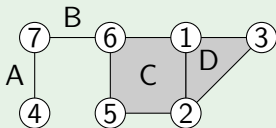
Hypergraphs

Definition

A **hypergraph** (on vertex set V) is a pair (V, E) where:

- V is a finite set, (**the vertex set**)
- E is a set of sets of size at least 2, $E \subset \mathcal{P}(V)$.

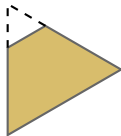
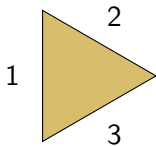
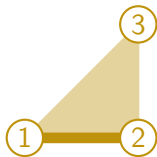
Example of an hypergraph on $[1; 7]$



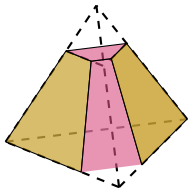
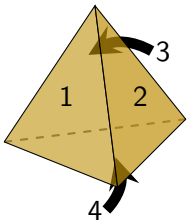
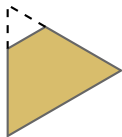
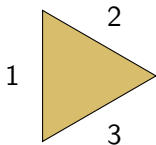
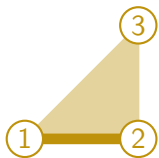
Warning:

All the hypergraphs considered in this talk are connected !

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Constructs [Postnikov; Curien-Ivanovic-Obradović]

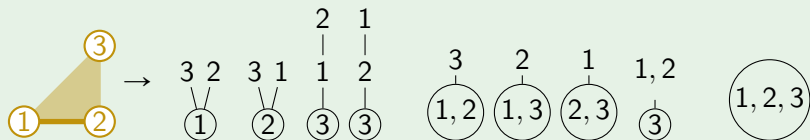
Constructs

A **construct** c of a hypergraph H is a rooted tree whose vertices form a partition of $V(H)$ and defined inductively by:

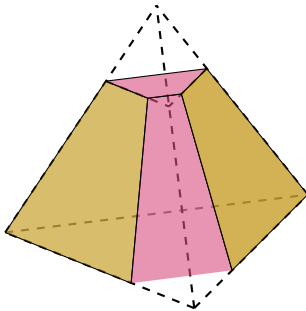
- c has only one node labelled by $V(H)$,
- or the root of c is $E \subseteq V(H)$
and each of its children is a construct of a connected component of $H - E$.

The set of constructs of a given hypergraph labels faces of the associated polytope.

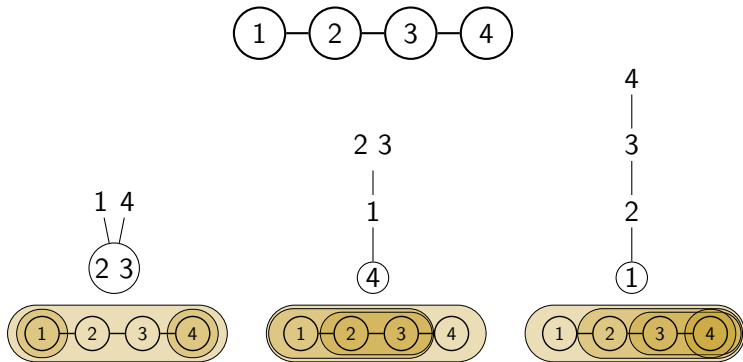
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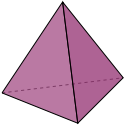
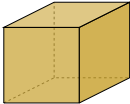
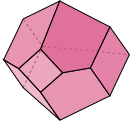
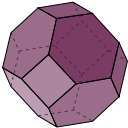
Second example geometrically



Correspondence Tubings = Constructs = Spines



Upper ideals in constructs = tubes

Polytope	Simplex	Hypercube	Associahedron	Permutohedron
Photo				
Associated hypergraph				
Combinatorial objects	multipointed sets	left-comb tree	planar trees	packed words
Cardinality	$2^{n+1} - 1$ (A074909)	3^n (A013609)	Super-Catalan (A001003)	Fubini nbrs (A000670)

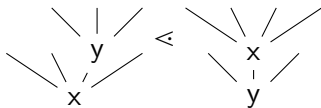
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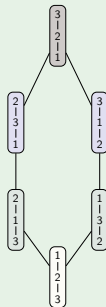
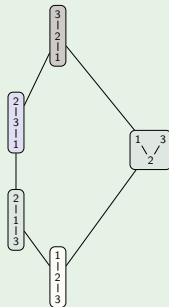
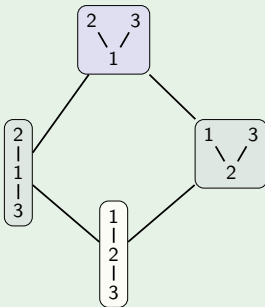
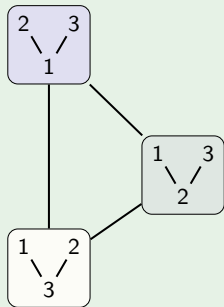
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Barnard-McConville's flip order

For $x < y$,



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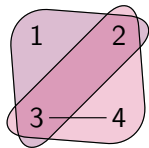
Order on faces of nestohedra : generalised flip order [Curien–Laplante-Anfossi, Curien–D.O.–Obradovic]

- Hypergraphs on $\mathbb{Z}$ (called **ordered** hypergraph)

Definition

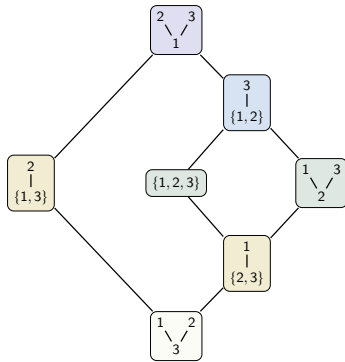
S and T two constructs of **H**. $S \leq T$ if and only if there exists

- U parent of V in S such that $\min(U) > \max(V)$ and T obtained from S by merging U and V , (contraction)
- or V parent of U in T such that $\min(U) > \max(V)$, and S obtained from T by merging U and V . (split)

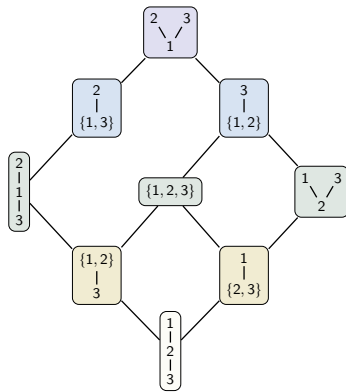


$$\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \diagdown \\ 2 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ | \\ 4 \end{array} \leq \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ | \\ 4 \\ | \\ \{1, 2\} \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ | \\ \{2, 3, 4\} \end{array} \leq \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \diagdown \\ 2 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \{3, 4\} \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} \{1, 2, 3\} \\ | \\ 4 \end{array} \leq \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \leq \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ | \\ \{1, 2, 3\} \end{array}$$

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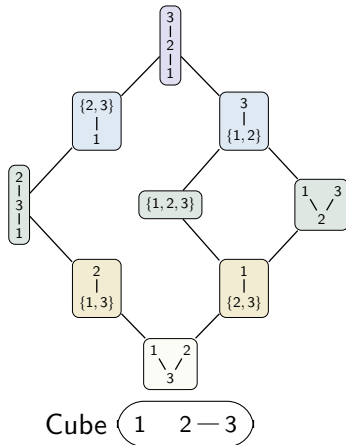
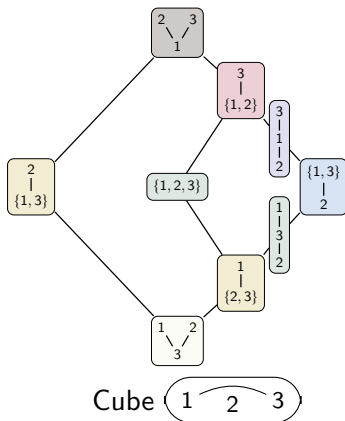


Simplex $\{1 \ 2 \ 3\}$

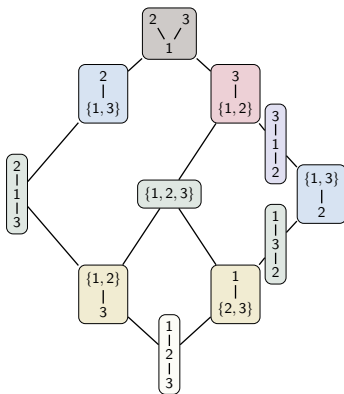


Cube $\{1-2 \ 3\}$

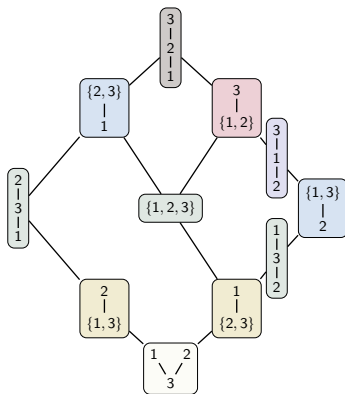
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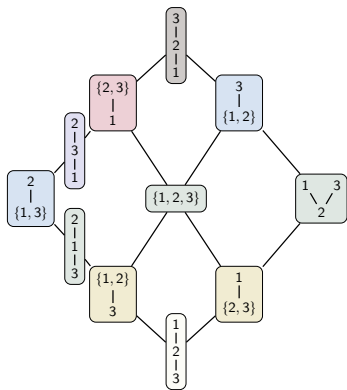


Pentagon 2-1-3

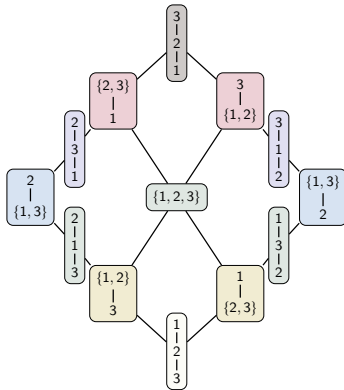


Pentagon 1-3-2

Examples



Pentagon 1 — 2 — 3



Hexagon $\begin{matrix} & 3 & \\ 1 & & 2 \\ 1 & \text{---} & 2 \end{matrix}$

Link between orders

Definition

$\mathbf{H}$ is **hereditarily ordered** if for any non-empty $X \subseteq H$, the induced decomposition $\mathbf{H}, X \rightsquigarrow H_1, \dots, H_n$ can be ordered in such a way that $H_1 < H_2 < \dots < H_n$.

Proposition (Curien –DO–Obradovic, 26+)

Let $S, T : \mathbf{H}$ be two constructions. The following two properties hold:

- ① If $S \triangleleft_{BM} T$, then $S \triangleleft^+ T$.
- ② If $\mathbf{H}$ is hereditarily ordered and if $S \triangleleft^+ T$, then $S \triangleleft_{BM}^+ T$.

In terms of inversions

For a construct S of $\mathbf{H}$, $a, b \in H$, write

- $b <_S a$ iff the unique path from the node containing b to the root of S passes through the node containing a , and
- $a =_S b$ iff the same node of S contains a and b ,

and define

$$\text{Inv}_{\mathbf{H}}(S) \text{ (resp. } \widetilde{\text{Inv}}_{\mathbf{H}}(S)) := \{(a, b) \in H \times H \mid a < b \text{ and } b <_S a \text{ (resp. } a =_S b)\}.$$

Definition

$\mathbf{H}$ is **right-filled** if, $\forall a, b, c \in H$ s.t. $a < b < c$ and $\forall X \in \mathbf{H}$ s.t. $a, c \in X$, there exists a hyperedge $Y \in \mathbf{H}$ such that $\{b, c\} \subseteq Y \subseteq (X \setminus \{a\}) \cup \{b\}$.

Theorem (Curien–DO–Obradovic, 26+)

If $\mathbf{H}$ is a right-filled hypergraph, then, for any two constructs S, T of $\mathbf{H}$, it holds that $S \leq T$ if and only if $\text{Inv}_{\mathbf{H}}(S) \subseteq \text{Inv}_{\mathbf{H}}(T)$ and $\widetilde{\text{Inv}}_{\mathbf{H}}(S) \subseteq \widetilde{\text{Inv}}_{\mathbf{H}}(T) \cup \text{Inv}_{\mathbf{H}}(T)$.

Link with the shuffle products

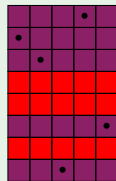
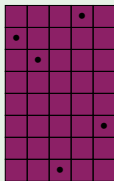
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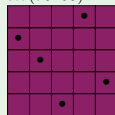
Vertical shuffle

$$\sigma \sqcup_v \tau = \sum_{\substack{\text{std}(s)=\sigma \\ \text{std}(t)=\tau}} s.t.,$$

Example:

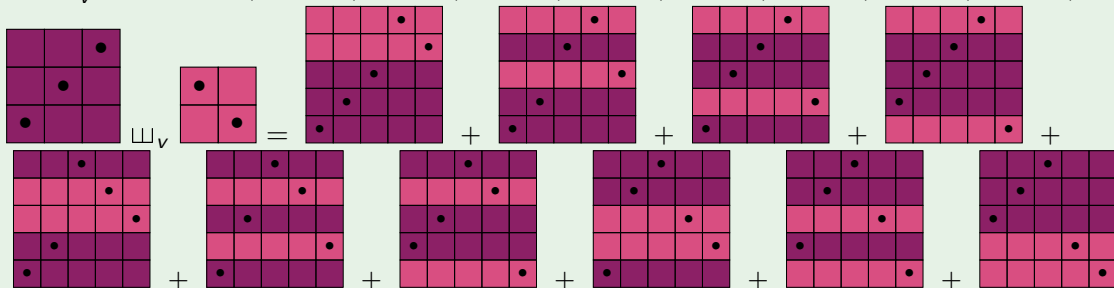


$\text{std}(76183) = 43152$



Example:

$$123 \sqcup_v 21 = 12354 + 12453 + 13452 + 23451 + 12543 + 13542 + 23541 + 14532 + 24531 + 34521$$



Link between the shuffle of permutations and weak Bruhat order

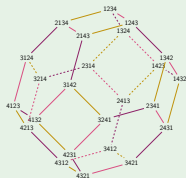
Proposition (Loday-Ronco 02)

There exists two (duplicial) products on permutations $\triangleleft$ and $\triangleright$ s.t. for any permutations $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_p$ and $\tau \in \mathfrak{S}_q$:

$$\sigma \sqcup_v \tau = \sum_{\sigma \triangleright \tau \leq p \leq \sigma \triangleleft \tau} p,$$

where $\leq$ is the weak Bruhat order and $\sigma \triangleleft \tau = \sigma.(\tau + p)$ and $\sigma \triangleright \tau = (\sigma + q).\tau$.

Example:



$$\begin{aligned} 21 \sqcup 12 &= \sum_{4312 \leq p \leq 2134} p \\ &= 4312 + 4213 + 4123 + 3214 + 3124 + 2134 \end{aligned}$$

Shuffles of packed words/surjections [Perm : Chapoton 2000, WQSym: Hivert-Novelli-Thibon ≡2000, NQSym* : Bergeron-Zabrocki, 2005]

Definition

A **packed word** is a word w on $\mathbb{N}$ such that the set of letters in w is an interval $\llbracket 1; k \rrbracket$. Equivalently, it is a surjection.

$$u \sqcup v = \sum_{\substack{\text{pack}(\alpha)=u \\ \text{pack}(\beta)=v}} \alpha\beta,$$

Example :

$$11 \sqcup 221 = 22221 + 33221 + 22331 + 11221 + 11332$$

Proposition (Palacios-Ronco 02)

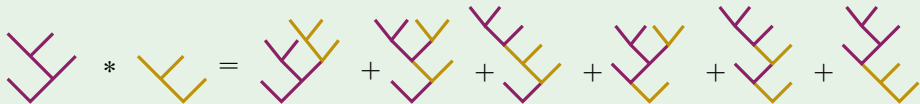
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Shuffles of planar binary trees [Loday-Ronco 1998]

Denoted by $T = \begin{array}{c} T_l \\ \vee \\ T_r \end{array}$ a planar binary tree, Loday-Ronco introduced the following product in 1998:

$$T * S = \begin{array}{c} T_l \\ \vee \\ T_r * S \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} T * S_l \\ \vee \\ S_r \end{array}.$$

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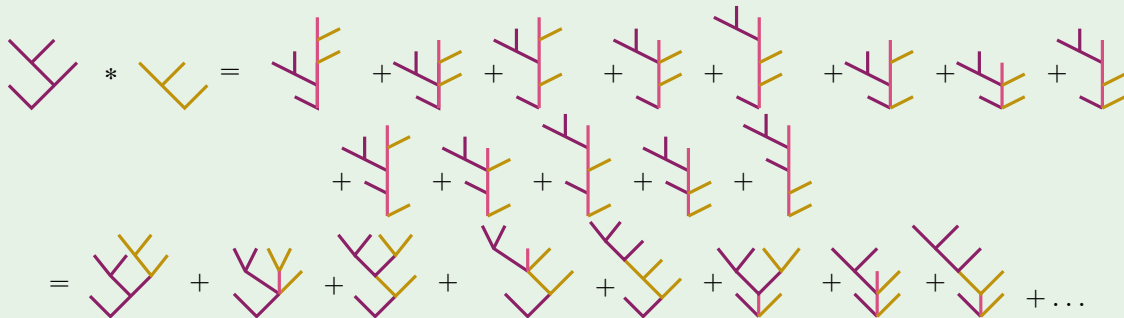


Proposition (Loday-Ronco 2002)

The shuffle product of two planar binary trees S and T can be expressed as a sum of elements in an interval whose bounds are given by some (duplicial) operations on S and T .

Shuffles of planar trees [Loday-Ronco, 2004; Chapoton, 2002]

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First problem in hypercubes

$$1 * (2 * 3) = 1 * \left(\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ \textcircled{2} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ \textcircled{3} \end{array} + \textcircled{2 \ 3} \right) = 3 \times \begin{array}{c} 3 \ 2 \\ \diagup \ \diagdown \\ \textcircled{1} \end{array} + \dots \neq (1 * 2) * 3$$

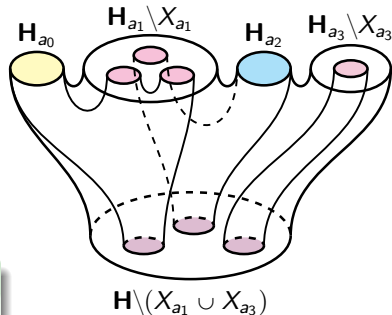
Strict teams [Curien–D.O.–Obradovic, 25]

A preteam is a **strict team** if the connected components obtained by deleting a subset X_a to every hypergraph $\mathbf{H}_a$ are

- in $\mathfrak{U}$
- and included in the connected components of $\mathbf{H} \setminus (\bigcup_{a \in A} X_a)$.

Examples:

Associahedra, Permutohedra, Restrictohedra, ...



$$(X_{a_0} = X_{a_2} = \emptyset)$$

Shuffle product

$$*(\delta) = \sum_{\emptyset \subset B \subseteq A} q^{|B|-1} \left(\bigcup_{b \in B} X_b \right) (*(\delta_1^B), \dots, *(\delta_{n_B}^B)),$$

Proposition (Ronco 12 ; Curien–D.O.–Obradovic 26+)

For any strict ordered associative clan, the shuffle product is the sum of elements in an interval in the generalised flip order.

Thank you very much for your attention !