Graph insertion operads

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Abstract. Using the combinatorial species setting, we propose two new operad structures on multigraphs and on pointed oriented multigraphs. The former can be considered as a canonical operad on multigraphs, directly generalizing the Kontsevich-Willwacher operad, and has many interesting suboperads. The latter is a natural extension of the pre-Lie operad in a sense developed here and related to the multigraph operad. We study some of the finitely generated suboperads of the multigraph operad and establish links between them and the comutative operad and the commutative magmatic operad.

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Introduction

Operads are mathematical structures which have been intensively studied in the context of topology, algebra [11] but also of combinatorics [4] —see for example [7,13] for general references on symmetric and non-symmetric operads, set-operads through species, *etc.* In the last decades, several interesting operads on trees have been defined. Amongst these tree operads, maybe the most studied are the pre-Lie operad **PLie** [5] and the nonassociative permutative operad **NAP** [10].

However, it seems to us that a natural question to ask is what kind of operads can be defined on graphs and what are their properties? The need for defining appropriate graph operads comes from combinatorics, where graphs are, just like trees, natural objects to study, but also from physics, where it was recently proposed to use graph operads in order to encode the combinatorics of the renormalization of Feyman graphs in quantum field theory [9].

Other graph operads have been defined for example in [6,8,12,13,15]. In this paper, we go further in this direction and we define, using the combinatorial species [2] setting, new graph operads. Moreover, we investigate several properties of these operads: we

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describe an explicit link with the pre-Lie tree operad mentioned above, and we study interesting (finitely generated) suboperads.

This paper is organized as follows. Section 1 contains elementary definitions of species and operads. In Section 2 we define and study the main operads of interest of this paper. Section 3 is devoted to the study of finitely generated suboperads.

This text is an extended abstract. The long version of this work [1] contains a more general definition of graph insertion operads as well as new operad constructions and all the proofs of the results presented here.

1 Species, operads and graphs

Most definitions, results and proofs of this section can be found with more details in [13]. We refer the reader to [2] for the theory of species and to [11] for the theory of operads. In all the following, \mathbb{K} is a field of characteristic zero. For any positive integer *n*, [*n*] stands for the set $\{1, ..., n\}$.

Definition 1. A *set species S* consists of the following data. For each finite set *V* a set S[V], and for each bijection of finite sets $\sigma : V \to V'$ a map $S[\sigma] : S[V] \to S[V']$. These maps should be such that $S[\sigma \circ \tau] = S[\sigma] \circ S[\tau]$ and $S[\mathcal{I}] = \mathcal{I}$, where \mathcal{I} is the identity map.

A morphism of set species $f : R \to S$ is a collection of maps $f_V : R[V] \to S[V]$ such that for each bijection $\sigma : V \to V'$, $f_{V'} \circ R[\sigma] = S[\sigma] \circ f_V$. A set species S is positive if $|S[\emptyset]| = 0$ and connected if $|S[\{v\}]| = 1$ for any singleton $\{v\}$.

Switching sets with vector spaces, maps to linear maps and cardinality to dimension in the previous definition, we obtain the definitions of *linear species, morphisms of linear species, positive linear species,* and *connected linear species.* The *Hilbert series* of a linear species *S* is the formal series $\mathcal{H}_S(t) = \sum_{n \ge 0} \dim S[[n]] \frac{x^n}{n!}$. For *S* a set species, we denote by $\mathbb{K}S$ the linear species defined by $(\mathbb{K}S)[V] = \mathbb{K}S[V]$, where $\mathbb{K}S[V]$ is the \mathbb{K} -linear span of S[V]. The linear space $\mathbb{K}S[V]$ is naturally equipped with a scalar product $(-|-)_{S[V]}$ by setting that S[V] is an orthonormal basis. The *support* of $x \in \mathbb{K}S[V]$ is the set $\{y \in$ $S[V] : (x|y)_{S[V]} > 0\}$.

In all the following, *V* always denotes a finite set. Let *R* and *S* be two linear species. We recall the classical constructions on species: $(R + S)[V] = R[V] \oplus S[V]$ (*sum*), $(R \cdot S)[V] = \bigoplus_{V_1 \sqcup V_2 = V} R[V_1] \otimes S[V_2]$ (*product*), $(R \times S)[V] = R[V] \otimes S[V]$ (*Hadamard product*), $R'[V] = R[V \sqcup \{*\}]$ (*derivative*), $R^{\bullet}[V] = R[V] \times V$ (*pointing*), and $E(R)[V] = \bigoplus_{\cong W \in V/\cong} R[W]$ (*assembly*) where \cong run over the set of the equivalence relations on *V*. These definitions are compatible with the functor $S \mapsto \mathbb{K}S$, *e.g.*, $\mathbb{K}(R + S) = \mathbb{K}R \oplus \mathbb{K}S$.

Let *X* be the set species defined by $X[\{v\}] = \{v\}$ and $X[V] = \emptyset$ if *V* is not a singleton.

Definition 2. A (*symmetric*) set (resp. *linear*) operad is a positive set (resp. linear) species \mathcal{O} together with a *unit* $e : X \to \mathcal{O}$ (resp. $e : \mathbb{K}X \to \mathcal{O}$) and a *partial composition map* $\circ_* : \mathcal{O}' \cdot \mathcal{O} \to \mathcal{O}$, such that the following three diagrams commute

where $\tau_V : x \otimes y \in \mathcal{O}^2[V] \mapsto y \otimes x \in \mathcal{O}^2[V]$, and $p_V : x \otimes v \mapsto \mathcal{O}[* \mapsto v](x)$ with $* \mapsto v$ the bijection that sends * on v and is the identity on $V \setminus \{v\}$.

An *operad morphism* is a species morphism compatible with the units and the partial composition maps.

Remark that if (S, e, \circ_*) is a set-operad, then extending e and \circ_* linearly makes $(\mathbb{K}S, e, \circ_*)$ a linear operad. In all the following, e will often be trivial and we will not mention it. From now on all the considered species will be positive. Except for the set operad **ComMag** (see Section 3), we will only consider linear operad, hence we will write species and operad for linear species and linear opeard.

An *ideal* of an operad \mathcal{O} is a subspecies *S* such that the image of the products $\mathcal{O}' \cdot S$ and $S' \cdot \mathcal{O}$ by the partial composition maps are in *S*. The *quotient species* \mathcal{O}/S defined by $(\mathcal{O}/S)[V] = \mathcal{O}[V]/S[V]$ is then an operad with the natural partial composition and unit.

We now need to recall the notion of free operad. For this we first introduce some notations. For *V* a set, let \mathcal{T} be the species of *trees* defined as follows. For any set *V*, $\mathcal{T}[V]$ is the set such that

- if V = {v} is a singleton, then the sole element of T[V] is the tree reduced to a leaf labelled by {v}.
- Otherwise, let π = (π₁,..., π_k) be a partition of V and t₁,..., t_k be respectively elements of T[π₁], ..., T[π_k]. Then the tree consisting in an internal node having from left to right t₁, ..., t_k as sub-trees is an element of T[V].

Let now *G* be a positive species. The *free* operad \mathbf{Free}_G over *G* is defined as follows. As a species, \mathbf{Free}_G is such that for any set *V*, $\mathbf{Free}_G[V]$ is the set of labeled versions of the trees of $\mathcal{T}[V]$: any internal nodes having *k* children of a tree is labeled by an element of G[[k]]. The partial composition of \mathbf{Free}_G , denoted by \circ^{ξ} is the grafting of trees: for any disjoint sets V_1 and V_2 with $* \in V_1$, and $t_1 \in \mathbf{Free}_G[V_1]$ and $t_2 \in \mathbf{Free}_G[V_2]$, $t_1 \circ_*^{\xi} t_2$ is the tree obtained by grafting t_2 on the leaf * of t_1 . Moreover, for any $k \ge 0$, we denote by $\mathbf{Free}_G^{(k)}$ the subspecies of \mathbf{Free}_G of trees with *k* exactly internal nodes.

If *R* is a subspecies of $Free_G$, we denote by (*R*) the smallest ideal containing *R* and write that (*R*) is *generated by R*.

For any species *S* we denote by S^{\vee} the species defined by $S^{\vee}[V] = S[V]^*$ and $S^{\vee}[\sigma](x) = \operatorname{sign}(\sigma)x \circ S[\sigma^{-1}].$

Definition 3. Let *G* be a positive species and *R* be a subspecies of \mathbf{Free}_G . Let $Ope(G, R) = \mathbf{Free}_G/(R)$. The operad Ope(G, R) is *binary* if the species *G* of generators is concentrated in cardinality 2 (*i.e.*, for all $n \neq 2$, $G[[n]] = \{0\}$). This operad is *quadratic* if *R* is a subspecies of $\mathbf{Free}_G^{(2)}$.

Definition 4. Let $\mathcal{O} = \text{Ope}(G, R)$ be a binary quadratic operad. Let us define the linear form $\langle -, - \rangle$ on $\text{Free}_{G^{\vee}}^{(2)} \times \text{Free}_{G}^{(2)}$ as follows. For $V = \{a, b, c\}, f_1 \in G^{\vee'}[\{a\}], f_2 \in G[\{b, c\}], x_1 \in G'[\{a\}], \text{ and } x_2 \in G[\{b, c\}]:$

$$\langle f_1 \circ_* f_2, x_1 \circ_* x_2 \rangle = f_1(x_1) f_2(x_2).$$
 (1.4)

The *Koszul dual* of \mathcal{O} is then the operad $\mathcal{O}^! = \text{Ope}(G^{\vee}, R^{\perp})$ where R^{\perp} is the orthogonal of *R* for $\langle -, - \rangle$.

When \mathcal{O} is quadratic and its Koszul complex is acyclic [11], \mathcal{O} is a *Koszul operad*. In this case, the Hilbert series of \mathcal{O} and of its Koszul dual are related by the identity

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{O}}(-\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{O}^{!}}(-t)) = t. \tag{1.5}$$

2 Graph operads

A *multigraph* on *V* is a multiset of unordered pairs in V^2 which we call *edges*. In this context, the elements of *V* are called vertices and the elements in *V* which are in no edge are called *isolated vertices*. A multigraph on *V* is *connected* if for every vertices *v* and *v'*, there is a sequence of edges e_1, \ldots, e_k such that $v \in e_1$, $v' \in e_k$ and $e_i \cap e_{i+1}$ for every $1 \le i < k$. A *graph* on *V* is a multigraph on *V* which is a set and with no edge in $\{\{v,v\} : v \in V\}$. We denote by **MG** the set species of multigraphs, by **G** its set subspecies of graphs, and by **MG**_c and **G**_c their connected counterparts. We finally denote by **T** the set subspecies of **G**_c restricted to trees.

Let V_1 and V_2 be two disjoint sets such that $* \in V_1$. For any multigraphs $g_1 \in$ **MG**[V_1] and $g_2 \in$ **MG**[V_2], the *insertion* of g_2 into g_1 is the sum of all the multigraphs of **MG**[$V_1 \setminus \{*\} \sqcup V_2$] obtained by the following process:

- 1. Do the disjoint union of g_1 and g_2 ;
- 2. Remove the vertex *. We then have some edges with one (or two if * has loops) loose end(s);
- 3. Connect each loose end to any vertex in V_2 .

For instance,

Theorem 2.1. The species $\mathbb{K}MG$, endowed with the insertion as partial composition, is an operad.

We call **KMG** the *graph insertion operad*. It is straightforward to observe that the species **KG** and **KMG**_c are suboperads of **KMG**, that **KG**_c a suboperad of **KG**, and that **KT** is a suboperad of **KG**_c. In particular, this structure on **KG** is known as the Kontsevich-Willwacher operad [12]. For **KG**, the insertion reformulates more formally as follows. For any $g_1 \in \mathbf{G}[V_1]$ and $g_2 \in \mathbf{G}[V_2]$ such that V_1 and V_2 are two disjoint sets and $* \in V_1$,

$$g_1 \circ_* g_2 = \sum_{f:N_* \to V_2} (g_1 \setminus \{*\}) \cup g_2 \cup \bigcup_{v \in N_*} \{v, f(v)\},$$
(2.2)

where N_* is the set of neighbours of * in g_1 . For instance,

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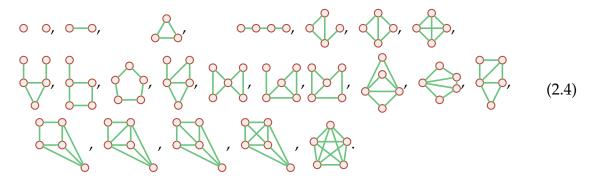
It is easy to observe that all graphs appearing in $g_1 \circ_* g_2$ have 1 as coefficient.

While $\mathbb{K}MG$ has an involved structure we will see that it has many interesting suboperads. Let us start by giving some basic results on $\mathbb{K}G$.

Let *S* be a species, *I* be a set, $\{V_i\}_{i \in I}$ be a family of finite sets, and $x_i \in S[V_i]$ for all $i \in I$. We call *subspecies of S generated by* $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$ the smallest subspecies of *S* containing the family $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$. If *S* is furthermore an operad, we call *suboperad of S generated by* $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$ the smallest suboperad of *S* containing the family $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$. We write that *x is generated by* $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$ if *x* is in the suboperad generated by $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$.

These definitions given, it is natural to search for a smallest family of generators of $\mathbb{K}\mathbf{G}$. The search of such a family is computationally hard. With the help of the computer,

we obtain that the generators of **KG** of arity no more than 5 are



Due to the symmetric group action on $\mathbb{K}\mathbf{G}$, only the knowledge of the shapes of the graphs is significant. While (2.4) does not provide to us any particular insight on a possible characterisation of the generators, it does suggest that any graph with enough edges must be a generator. This is confirmed by the following lemma.

Lemma 2.2. Let $\{V_i\}_{i \in I}$ be a family of non empty finite sets, $\{g_i\}_{i \in I}$ be a family of graphs such that $g_i \in \mathbf{G}[V_i]$, and let g be a graph in $\mathbf{G}[V]$ with at least $\binom{n-1}{2} + 1$ edges, where n = |V|. Then g is generated by $\{g_i\}_{i \in I}$ if and only if $g = g_i$ for some $i \in I$.

Sketch of proof. Remark that the number of edges of the graphs in the support of $g_1 \circ_* g_2$ is the sum of the number of edges in g_1 with the number of edges in g_2 . Hence graphs with too many edges cannot appear in the support of a partial composition.

Proposition 2.3. The operad **KG** is not free and has an infinite number of generators.

Proof. The fact that $\mathbb{K}\mathbf{G}$ has an infinite number of generators is a direct consequence of Lemma 2.2. Moreover, the relation

shows that **KG** is not free.

As a consequence of Proposition 2.3, it seems particularly hard to further investigate the structure of $\mathbb{K}\mathbf{G}$. Let us restrict further to its suboperad $\mathbb{K}\mathbf{T}$ of trees. The generators of $\mathbb{K}\mathbf{T}$ until arity 6 are



This operad $\mathbb{K}\mathbf{T}$ has a non trivial link with the pre-Lie operad **PLie** [5]. To show this we first need to introduce a new operad on oriented multigraphs.

An *oriented multigraph* on *V* is a graph where each edge end is either unlabelled or labelled with an arrow head. We denote by MG_{or} the set species of oriented graphs, by G_{or} the set species of oriented graphs, and by MG_{orc} and G_{orc} their connected counterparts.

Let V_1 and V_2 be two disjoint sets such that $* \in V_1$. For any rooted oriented multigraphs $(g_1, v_1) \in \mathbf{MG}_{or}^{\bullet}[V_1]$ and $(g_2, v_2) \in \mathbf{MG}_{or}[V_2]^{\bullet}$, the *rooted insertion* of (g_2, v_2) into (g_1, v_1) is the sum of all the rooted multigraphs of $\mathbf{MG}_{or}^{\bullet}[V_1 \setminus \{*\} \sqcup V_2]$ obtained by the following process:

- 1. Do the disjoint union of g_1 and g_2 ;
- 2. Remove the vertex *. We then have some edges with a loose end;
- 3. Connect each non labelled loose end to v_2 ;
- 4. Connect each labelled loose end to any vertex in V_2 ;
- 5. The new root is v_1 if $v_1 \neq *$ and is v_2 otherwise.

For instance, by depicting by squares the roots of the graphs,

$$\overset{a}{\ast} \circ_{\ast} \overset{c}{\leftarrow} \overset{a}{\rightarrow} \overset{a}{\leftarrow} \overset{a}{$$

Theorem 2.4. The species $\mathbb{K}MG_{orc}^{\bullet}$, endowed with the rooted insertion as partial composition, *is an operad.*

This makes $\mathbb{K}\mathbf{G}_{orc}^{\bullet}$ a suboperad of $\mathbb{K}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{G}_{orc}^{\bullet}$.

In a rooted tree, each edge has a parent end and a child end. Given a rooted tree t with root r, denote by t_r the oriented tree where each parent end of t is labelled and each child end is non labelled. Then, the monomorphism $\mathbf{T}^{\bullet} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{G}_{orc}^{\bullet}$ which sends each ordered pair (t, r), where t is a tree and r is its root, on (t_r, r) induces an operad structure on the species of rooted trees which is exactly the operad **PLie**.

Proposition 2.5. The monomorphism of species $\psi : \mathbb{K}\mathbf{T} \to \mathbb{K}\mathbf{T}^{\bullet}$ defined, for any tree $t \in \mathbf{T}[V]$ by

$$\psi(t) = \sum_{r \in V} (t, r), \qquad (2.8)$$

is a monomorphism of operads from **KT** *to* **PLie***.*

A natural question to ask is how to extend this morphism to $\mathbb{K}\mathbf{G}_c$ and $\mathbb{K}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{G}_c$. Let us introduce some notations in order to answer this question. For $g \in \mathbf{M}\mathbf{G}_c[V]$, $r \in V$, and $t \in \mathbf{T}[V]$ a spanning tree of g, let $\overrightarrow{g}^{(t,r)} \in \mathbf{M}\mathbf{G}_{orc}$ be the oriented multigraph obtained by labelling the edges of g in t in the same way as the edges of t_r , and by labelling both ends of the edges in g not in t. More formally, we have: $\overrightarrow{g}^{(t,r)} = t_r \oplus \iota_{\mathbf{G}}(g \setminus t)$, where $\iota : \mathbb{K}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{G} \to \mathbb{K}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{G}_{or}$ sends a multigraph to the oriented multigraph obtained by labelling all the edges ends.

Define $\mathbb{K}\mathcal{O}_2 \subset \mathbb{K}\mathcal{O}_1 \subset \mathbb{K}ST$ three subspecies of $\mathbb{K}MG_{orc}^{\bullet}$ by

$$\mathbf{ST}[V] = \left\{ (\overrightarrow{g}^{(t,r)}, r) : g \in \mathbf{MG}_c[V], r \in V \text{ and } t \text{ a spanning tree of } g \right\},$$
(2.9)

$$\mathcal{O}_1[V] = \left\{ \sum_{r \in V} (\overrightarrow{g}^{(t(r),r)}, r) : g \in \mathbf{MG}_c[V] \text{ and for each } r, t(r) \text{ a spanning tree of } g \right\},$$
(2.10)

$$\mathcal{O}_2[V] = \left\{ (\overrightarrow{g}^{(t_1,r)}, r) - (\overrightarrow{g}^{(t_2,r)}, r) : g \in \mathbf{MG}_c[V], r \in V, \right\}$$

and t_1 and t_2 two spanning trees of g. (2.11)

Lemma 2.6. The following properties hold

- **KST** *is a suboperad of* **KMG**[•]_{orc} *isomorphic to* **KMG** × **PLie**,
- $\mathbb{K}\mathcal{O}_1$ is a suboperad of $\mathbb{K}\mathbf{ST}$,
- $\mathbb{K}\mathcal{O}_2$ is an ideal of $\mathbb{K}\mathcal{O}_1$.

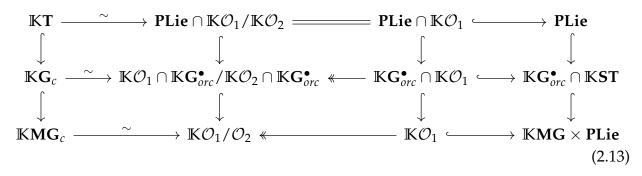
We can see **PLie** as a suboperad of **ST** by the monomorphism $(t, r) \mapsto (t_r, r)$. The image of the operad morphism ψ of Proposition 2.5 is then $\mathbb{KO}_1 \cap \mathbf{PLie}$ and we have that $\mathbb{KO}_2 \cap \mathbf{PLie} = \{0\}$ and hence $\mathbb{KO}_1 \cap \mathbf{PLie} / \mathbb{KO}_2 \cap \mathbf{PLie} = \mathbb{KO}_1 \cap \mathbf{PLie}$.

Proposition 2.7. The operad isomorphism $\psi : \mathbb{K}\mathbf{T} \to \mathbf{PLie}$ extends into an operad isomorphism $\psi : \mathbb{K}\mathbf{MG}_c \to \mathbb{K}\mathcal{O}_1/\mathbb{K}\mathcal{O}_2$ satisfying, for any $g \in \mathbf{MG}_c[V]$,

$$\psi(g) = \sum_{r \in V} \overrightarrow{g}^{(t(r),r)}, \qquad (2.12)$$

where for each $r \in V$, t(r) is a spanning tree of g. Furthermore, this isomorphism restricts itself to an isomorphism $\mathbb{K}\mathbf{G}_C \to \mathbb{K}\mathcal{O}_1 \cap \mathbb{K}\mathbf{G}_c / \mathbb{K}\mathcal{O}_2 \cap \mathbb{K}\mathbf{G}_c$.

The last results are summarized in the following commutative diagram of operad morphisms.



3 Finitely generated suboperads

Let us now focus on finitely generated suboperads of $\mathbb{K}G$. First remark that the suboperad of $\mathbb{K}G$ generated by $\{a \mid b\}$ is isomorphic to the commutative operad $\mathbb{K}Com$. Indeed,

 $a \otimes \circ_* b = a \otimes c = \otimes c \circ_* a \otimes b$ (3.1)

Recall that the set operad **ComMag** [3] is the free set operad generated by one binary and symmetric element. More formally, **ComMag**[*V*] is the set of all nonplanar binary trees with set of leaves equal to *V*. Let *s* be the connected set species defined by |s[V]| = 1if |V| = 2, |s[V]| = 0 otherwise. The action of transposition on the sole element of $s[\{a, b\}]$ is trivial. Then K**ComMag** = **Free**_{Ks}.

Proposition 3.1. The suboperad of $\mathbb{K}G$ generated by $\{a, b\}$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{K}ComMag$.

Proof. We know from Proposition 2.5 that the operad of the statement is isomorphic to the suboperad of **PLie** generated by

$$\begin{cases} a \\ b \\ b \\ c \\ a \end{cases}$$
 (3.2)

Then [3] gives us that this suboperad is isomorphic to \mathbb{K} **ComMag**. This concludes the proof

Now the fact that we can see both **KCom** and **KComMag** as suboperads of **KG** gives us natural way to define the smallest operad containing these two as suboperads. Let **SP** be the suboperad of **KG** generated by $\{a, b, a-b\}$ This operad has some nice properties.

Proposition 3.2. The operad **SP** is isomorphic to the operad Ope(G, R) where G is the subspecies of **KG** generated by $\{a, b, a-b\}$ and R is the subspecies of **Free**_G generated by

$$c \ast \circ_*^{\varsigma} a b - a \ast \circ_*^{\varsigma} b c, (3.3a)$$

and

$$a - (a) \circ_*^{\xi} (b) (c) - (c) (a) \circ_*^{\xi} (a) - (b) (a) \circ_*^{\xi} (a) - (c).$$
(3.3b)

Therefore, **SP** *is a binary and quadratic operad.*

For the readers familiar with Koszulity (see [11]), remark that **SP** is a Koszul operad.

Proposition 3.3. The operad **SP** admits as Koszul dual the operad **SP**[!] which is isomorphic to the operad Ope(G^{\vee} , R) where G is the subspecies of **KG** generated by $\{a, b^{\vee}, a - b^{\vee}\}$ and R is the subspecies of **Free**_{G^{\vee}} generated by

$$(a) - (*)^{\vee} \circ_*^{\varsigma} (b) - (c)^{\vee}, \tag{3.4a}$$

$$(a) \otimes^{\vee} \circ^{\xi}_{*} (b) - c^{\vee} + c^{\vee} \circ^{\xi}_{*} (a) (b)^{\vee} + b^{\vee} \circ^{\xi}_{*} (a) (c^{\vee}), \qquad (3.4b)$$

$$(a) *^{\vee} \circ^{\xi}_{*} (b) c^{\vee} + c *^{\vee} \circ^{\xi}_{*} (a) b^{\vee} + b *^{\vee} \circ^{\xi}_{*} c a^{\vee}.$$
(3.4c)

Sketch of proof. Let us respectively denote by r_1 , r_2 , r'_1 , r'_2 , and r'_3 the elements (3.3a), (3.3b), (3.4a), (3.4b), and (3.4c). Denote by *I* the operad ideal generated by r_1 and r_2 . Then as a vector space, $I[[\{a, b, c\}]]$ is the linear span of the set

$$\{r_1, r_1 \cdot (ab), r_2, r_2 \cdot (abc), r_2 \cdot (acb)\},$$
(3.5)

where \cdot is the action of the symmetric group, e.g $r_1 \cdot (ab) = \mathbf{Free}_G[(ab)](r_1)$. This space is a sub-space of dimension 5 of $\mathbf{Free}_G[\{a, b, c\}\}$, which is of dimension 12. Hence, since as a vector space

$$\mathbf{Free}_{G^{\vee}}[\{a,b,c\}] \cong \mathbf{Free}_{G^*}[\{a,b,c\}] \cong \mathbf{Free}_G[\{a,b,c\}], \tag{3.6}$$

 $I^{\perp}[\{a, b, c\}]$ must be of dimension 7.

Denote by *J* the ideal generated by r'_1 , r'_2 and r'_3 . Then as a vector space $J[\{a, b, c\}]$ is the linear span of the set

$$\{r'_1, r'_1 \cdot (ab), r'_1 \cdot (ac), r'_2, r'_2 \cdot (abc), r'_2 \cdot (acb), r'_3\}.$$
(3.7)

This space is of dimension 7. Verifying that for any $f \in J[\{a, b, c\}]$ and $x \in I[\{a, b, c\}]$ we have $\langle f, x \rangle = 0$ concludes this proof.

Proposition 3.4. *The Hilbert series of* **SP**[!] *is*

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{SP}^{!}}(x) = \frac{(1 - \log(1 - x))^{2} - 1}{2}.$$
(3.8)

The first dimensions dim **SP**[!][[*n*]] for $n \ge 1$ are

$$1, 2, 5, 17, 74, 394, 2484, 18108, 149904.$$
 (3.9)

This is sequence A000774 of [14]. This sequence is in particular linked to some pattern avoiding signed permutations and mesh patterns.

Before ending this section let us mention the suboperad LP of KMG generated by

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} a \\ a \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} a \\ b \end{array} \right\}. \tag{3.10}$$

This operad presents a clear interest since its two generators can be considered as minimal elements in the sense that a partial composition with the two isolated vertices adds exactly one vertex and no edges, while a partial composition with the loop adds exactly one edge and no vertex. A natural question to ask at this point concerns the description of the multigraphs generated by these two minimal elements.

Proposition 3.5. The following properties hold

- *the operad* **SP** *is a suboperad of* **LP***;*
- the operad LP is a strict suboperad of KMG. In particular, the multigraph

is in **KMG** but is not in **LP**.

Concluding remarks

We defined in this extended abstract a notion of graph insertion operad. In the complete version [1] of this paper, we give an even more general definition of graph insertion operads which also naturally extends to hypergraphs.

There are two main questions, with reciprocical goals, raised by this paper: the description of the multigraphs generated contained in LP and the description of the generators of the various operads defined here (as $\mathbb{K}G_{orc}^{\bullet}$, $\mathbb{K}G_c$, $\mathbb{K}T$, *etc.*). Another perspective for future work is to study appropriate examples of algebras on SP and SP[!].

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