

ecture 1/4 Part I : Diagrammatics for Categories
 We use planar diagrams to describe morphisms b/w (singular) Seifert boards, but it's no accident!
 Planar diagrams are precisely the tool for the job.

Baby case: Linear Diagrams for (1-)categories
 You're familiar w/ $P \xrightarrow{g} N \xleftarrow{f} M$
 objects fill a pt, morphisms a line. Let's take dual picture.
 Same data, but has some apparent positioning. $P \xleftarrow{f} N \xrightarrow{g} M$

In picture: A (generic) pt is an object
 A (stop sign) interval is a morphism $[N \leftarrow f] \rightarrow [M \rightarrow g]$ from RHS to LHS

Composition $[I \leftarrow f] \rightarrow [I \rightarrow g]$ identity $[M \rightarrow g] \rightarrow [M \rightarrow g]$ is 1_M

Axioms of a category \leftrightarrow Diagram (up to linear isotopy) unambiguously represents a morphism
 (ie. could use positioning to keep track of parents, but no need)

Planar Diag for 2-cats Old way (2-cat of cats) $\mathcal{D} \xrightarrow{\alpha} \mathcal{C}$ New way $\mathcal{D} \xrightarrow{\alpha} \mathcal{C}$

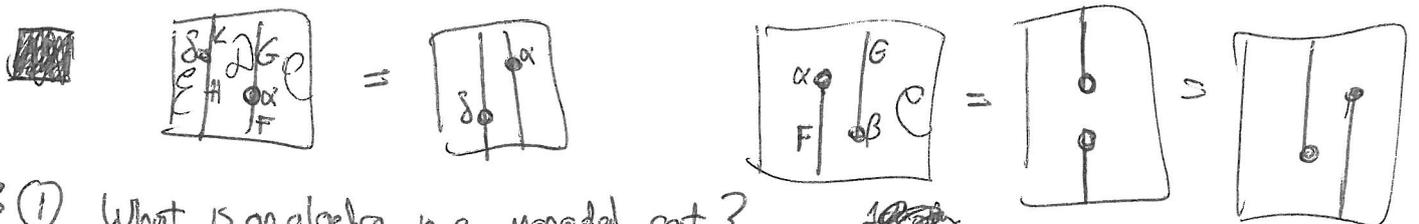
pt \leftrightarrow object

horiz line $[F \rightarrow G]$ \leftrightarrow 1-mor, some rules as above, $[F \rightarrow F] = 1_F$

rectangle $\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{D} & \alpha & \mathcal{C} \\ F & & G \end{bmatrix} \leftrightarrow$ 2-mor bottom to top. $\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{D} & \alpha & \mathcal{C} \\ F & & F \end{bmatrix} = 1_F$ $\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{C} \\ G \end{bmatrix} = 1_G$

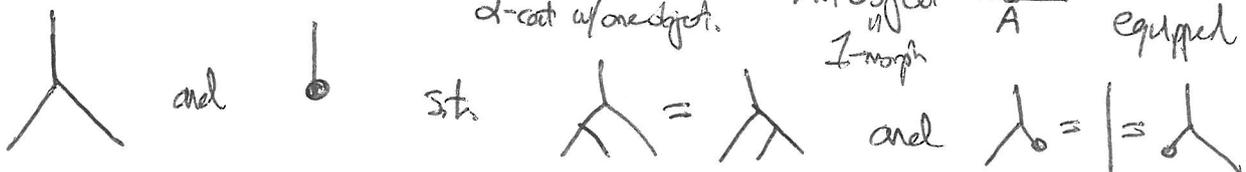
compose horiz or vertically.

Axioms of 2-cats \leftrightarrow Diagram (up to rectilinear isotopy) unambiguously gives a morphism



Examples: ① What is an algebra in a monoidal cat?
 2-cat w/ one object.

An object A equipped with 1-morph



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Let's draw another monoidal category.

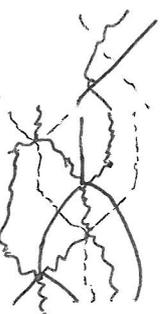
Def: Let G be a group. The \mathcal{Q} -groupoid of G is the monoidal category w/ objects $g \in G$ and $g \circ h = gh$. Only morphisms are identity maps.

So, for instance, there is a map  and  satisfying $\text{crossing} = | \text{parallel} \text{ , } \text{cup} = | \text{cap} = |$ etc.

However, when G has a presentation w/ gens + relations, want to abuse that to simplify diagrams.

Ex: $G = (W, S)$ a Coxeter gp. Generated by $s \in S$. Since $s^2 = 1$ have maps  with $\text{cup} = | = \text{cap}$ and $\text{cup} = | \text{ , } 0 = \text{cup} = \text{cap}$

Since $sts = tst$ have maps  s.t. $\text{braid} = | \text{ , } \text{braid} = |$ (and other ones)

Are there any more relations? Sure! Since $stst = tsts = w_s$. Two maps  =  but there can be only one, so relation "Zamolodchikov"

Thm (E-W): The following is a diagrammatic presentation for the \mathcal{Q} -groupoid of (W, S) for any Coxeter gp.

Generators:  Relations:  $\exists r$: One such relation for each finite rank \exists Cox subgp. Equality b/w distinct paths in layered directed.

Idea: For any w , let Γ_w be the reduced expression graph; vertices = reduced expressions, edges = braid relations.

Any path gives a morphism, any loop better be equal to identity. Ex: each row in Zam above, Trivial loop: $\text{cup} = |$; Fact: Non-trivial loop all gen by Zam's.

What about non-reduced expressions. Trick: We proved using topology of Coxeter complexes.