# Composing species and composing coalgebras. 

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For this talk, nice properties of species of coalgebras will be:

1. Cofree-ness,
2. Hopf-ness,
3. Polytopal-ness.

But first, our cast of characters:

## Ordered trees $\mathfrak{S}$.



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## Ordered trees are permutations $\mathfrak{S}_{n}$.



## Binary trees $\mathcal{Y}$.



## Combed binary trees $\mathfrak{C}$.



## Our cast as Polytopes.

## S : Permutohedron.



## Tonks cellular projection.



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## $\mathcal{Y}:$ Associahedron



## Our cast as graded Hopf algebras.

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and grafting:



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## Our cast as species.

## Species.

A species is an endofunctor of Finite Sets with bijections.

- Example: The species $\mathcal{L}$ of lists takes a set to linear orders of that set.

$$
\mathcal{L}(\{a, d, h\})=\{a<d<h, a<h<d, h<a<d, h<d<a, d<a<h, d<h<a\}
$$

- Example: The species $\mathcal{Y}$ of binary trees takes a set to trees with labeled leaves.

$$
\mathcal{Y}(\{a, d, h\})=\left\{Y^{a d}, Y^{a^{h} d}, \ldots, Y^{a d}, Y^{a^{h}}, \ldots\right\}
$$

## Species composition.

We define the composition of two species:

$$
(\mathcal{G} \circ \mathcal{H})(U)=\bigsqcup_{\pi} \mathcal{G}(\pi) \times \prod_{U_{i} \in \pi} \mathcal{H}\left(U_{i}\right)
$$

where the union is over partitions of $U$ into any number of nonempty disjoint parts.

$$
\pi=\left\{U_{1}, U_{2}, \ldots, U_{n}\right\} \text { such that } U_{1} \sqcup \cdots \sqcup U_{n}=U
$$

Familiar(?): also known as the cumulant formula, and the moment sequence of a random variable, and the domain for operad composition:

$$
\gamma: \mathcal{F} \circ \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}
$$

## Ordered tree of trees: indelible grafting.

## Example:

$$
(\mathfrak{S} \circ \mathcal{Y})(\{a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k\})=
$$



The graft is indelible! We will focus on the structure type, forgetting the labels.

## Example: $\mathcal{S} \circ \mathcal{Y}$ in 3d.



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## Composition of coalgebras

Given two graded coalgebras we combine them in a way reminiscent of species composition.

Let $\mathcal{C}$ and $\mathcal{D}$ be two graded coalgebras. We will form a new coalgebra $\mathcal{E}=\mathcal{D} \circ \mathcal{C}$ on the vector space

$$
\mathcal{D} \circ \mathcal{C}:=\bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \mathcal{D}_{n} \otimes \mathcal{C}^{\otimes(n+1)}
$$

## Example

By construction, the basis for a composition of coalgebras is indexed by the types of the composition of the species.

$$
\mathfrak{S S y m} \circ \mathcal{Y S y m}=
$$



Finally: results.

## Results:

Given composed coalgebras $\mathcal{E}=\mathcal{C} \circ \mathcal{D}$,
Theorem If $\mathcal{C}$ and $\mathcal{D}$ are cofree coalgebras then so is $\mathcal{E}$. Primitives are easy to compute.

Theorem If either $\mathcal{C}$ or $\mathcal{D}$ is a Hopf algebra with a special connection to $\mathcal{E}$, then $\mathcal{E}$ is a (one sided) Hopf algebra too. Antipodes are found recursively.

Conj. If $\mathcal{C}_{n}$ and $\mathcal{D}_{n}$ index vertices of polytopes, so does $\mathcal{E}_{n}$.

## Examples from trees.

Here is an example of the coproduct in $\mathcal{Y S y m} \circ \mathcal{Y}$ Sym:


Here is an example of the product in $\mathcal{Y}$ Sym $\circ \mathcal{Y}$ Sym:


## Composing species of trees.



## Polytope conjecture.



## $\mathfrak{S o C}$



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## $\mathfrak{S} \circ \mathfrak{C}$



This polytope has been seen before!
Stellohedron (S. Devadoss, A. Postnikov, V. Reiner, L. Williams).

Number of vertices $=\sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{n!}{k!}$

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