

10/15 The Walking Monad

defn: given 2-categories C & D ,
 a 2-functor $F: C \rightarrow D$ consists of:

- a function (called F) sending objects of C to objects of D .
- given $c, c' \in C$ a functor (called F)

$$F: C(c, c') \rightarrow D(F(c), F(c'))$$

such that these preserve composition & identity.

defn: the walking monad M is the 2-category

with • one object $*$ in M

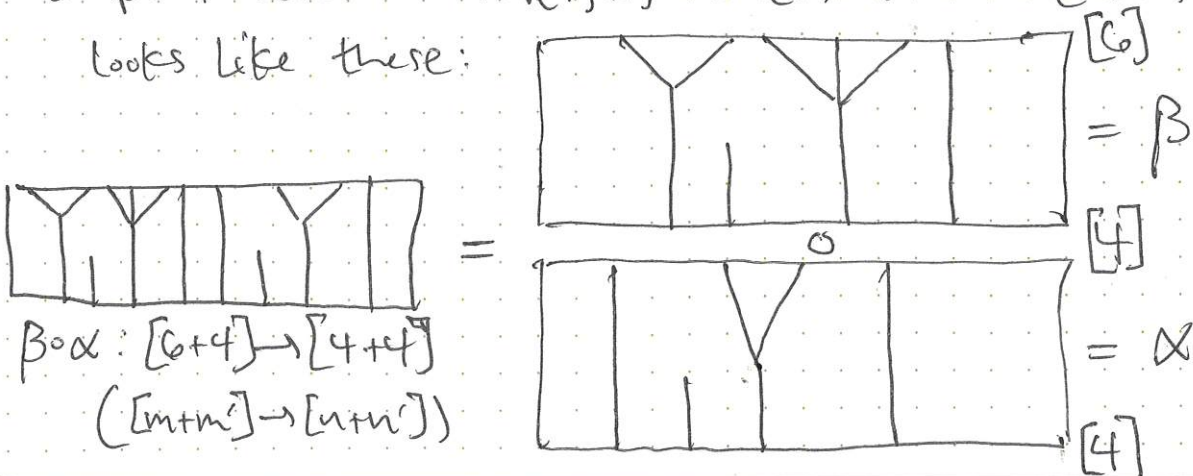
• $M(*, *) = \Delta_n$,

the augmented simplex category

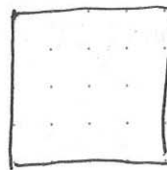
(with objects finite ordinals
 morphisms order-preserving maps)

comp. functor • $M(*, *) \times M(*, *) \rightarrow M(*, *)$

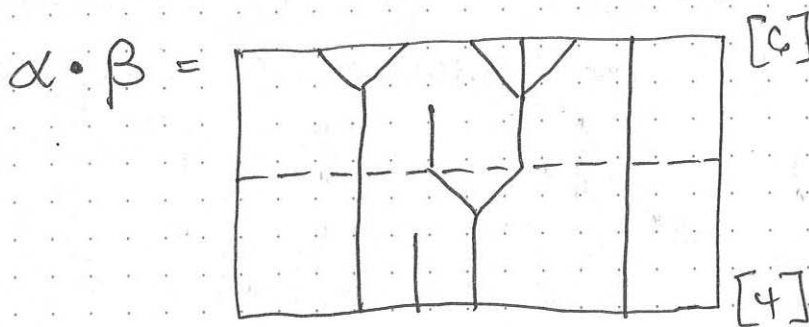
looks like these:



• only possible identity:



Note: composition in $M(*, *)$ is "vertical composition"



(one-object 2-category:
 \approx strict monoidal category, "+")

Thm if C is any 2-category, there is a 1-1 correspondence between monads in C and 2-functors $M \rightarrow C$

Prf let $F: M \rightarrow C$ be a 2-functor.

(want a monad $x \in C, T: x \rightarrow x, \mu: T^2 \rightarrow T, i: 1_x \rightarrow T$, unit/assoc)

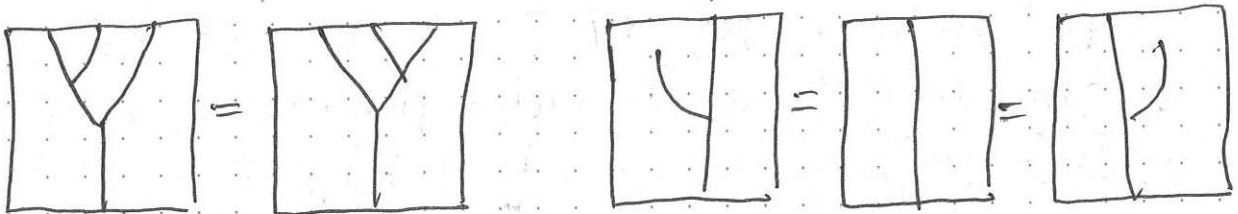
let $x = F(*)$

$T = F([1])$

$\mu = F(\mu)$

$i = F(i)$

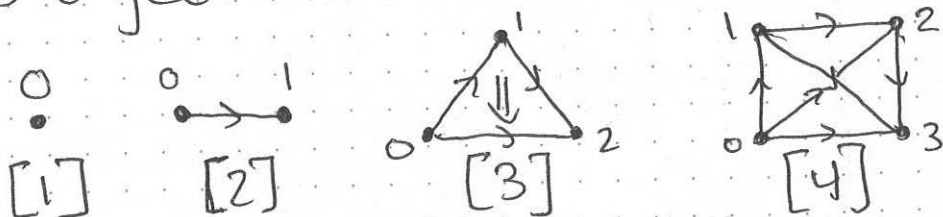
μ + i obey assoc/unit because they hold in M , and F preserves them.



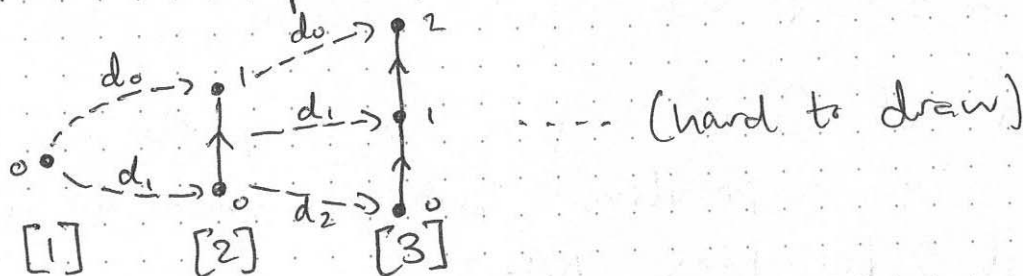
Converse: basically same backwards

the simplex category Δ

recall, has nonempty finite ordinals
and order-preserving functions
its objects can be drawn as simplices



its morphisms are certain maps
between simplices:



the map $d_i: [n] \rightarrow [n+1]$
is the unique order-preserving injection
with i not in its range ($0 \leq i \leq n$)
(there are also other maps)

a simplicial set is a functor

$$F: \Delta^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Set}$$

so for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $F([n])$ is the "set of
 n -simplices". each order-preserving map
 $g: [n] \rightarrow [m]$ gives a function $F(g): F \rightarrow F$

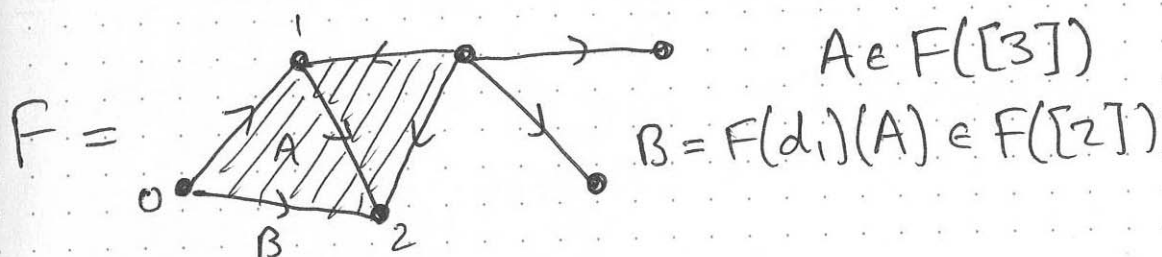
$$F(g): F([m]) \rightarrow F([n]) \quad \text{contravariant}$$

for example, $d_i: [n] \rightarrow [n+1]$ will give function

$$F(d_i): F([n+1]) \rightarrow F([n]) \quad \text{"boundary maps"}$$

picking out the i th face of each simplex in $F([n+1])$.

so a simplicial set could look like this:



(like higher-dimensional tinker toys)

— a CW complex built up from n -balls
(simplices equivalent, but connecting rules seem more rigid; but there's a highly nontrivial theorem that every CW is homotopy equivalent to a simplicial set)

so, we can build up essentially all spaces we need in a "simplistic" way.

Q&A: Yoneda: $F([3]) \approx [\triangle, F]$

boundary? ($\sum E_i$) etc) — comps from (also top class in a rush)

Set $\xrightarrow{\text{free}} \text{Ab}$

category of simplicial abelian groups

is equivalent to category of chain complexes