

# Algebraic structures on walks of graphs

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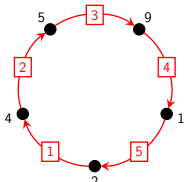
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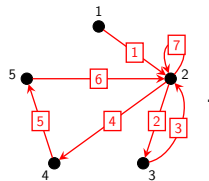
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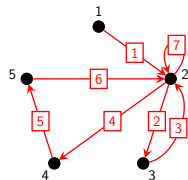
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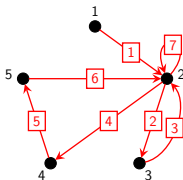


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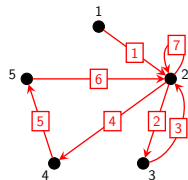
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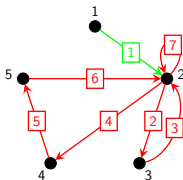


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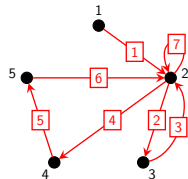


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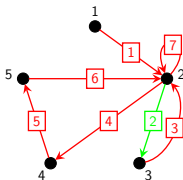


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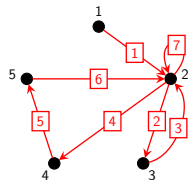


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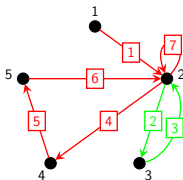


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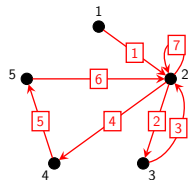


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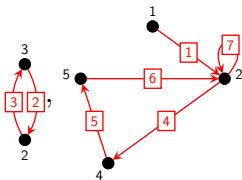


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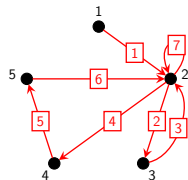


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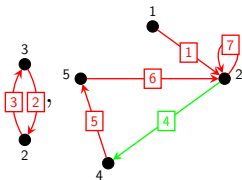


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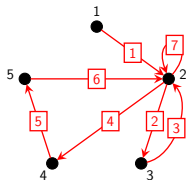


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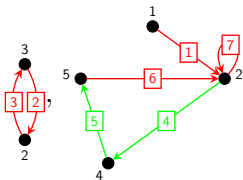


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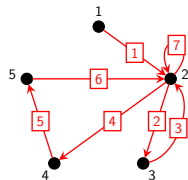


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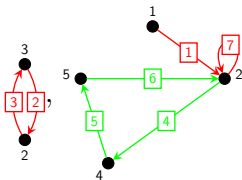


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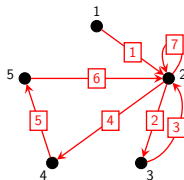


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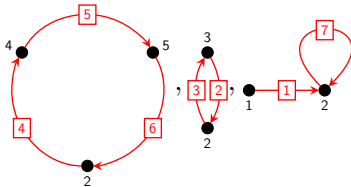


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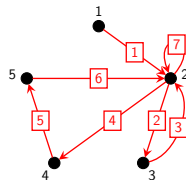
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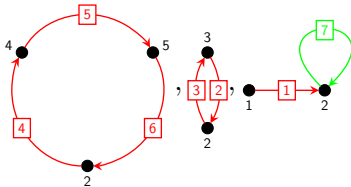


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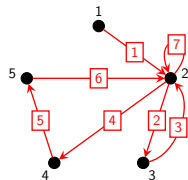


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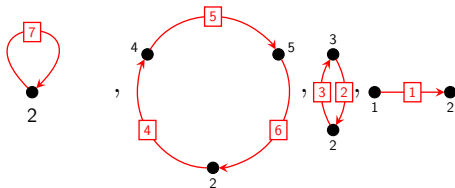


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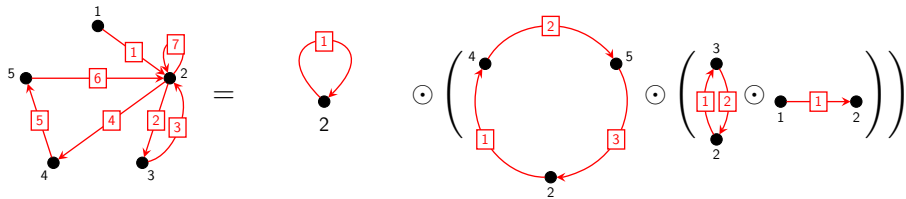
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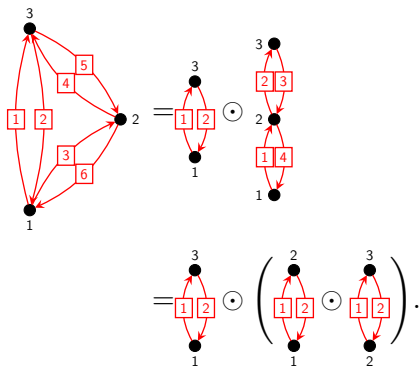
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Theorem (P.-L. Giscard, S.J. Thwaite et D. Jaksch)

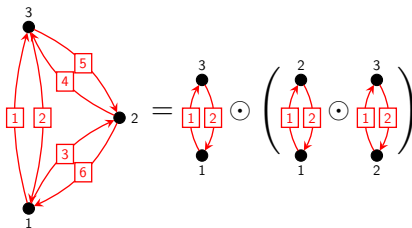
*Let  $\Gamma$  be a connected graph. Any walk  $\omega = w_1 \dots w_m$  on  $\Gamma$  can be factorised into nesting products of self-avoiding walk and simple cycles on  $\Gamma$ . The factorisation is essentially unique.*



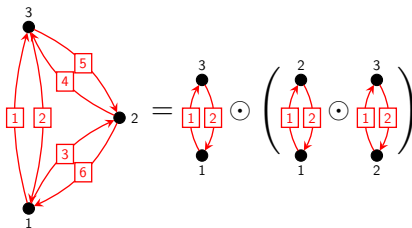


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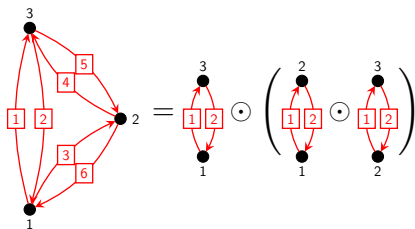


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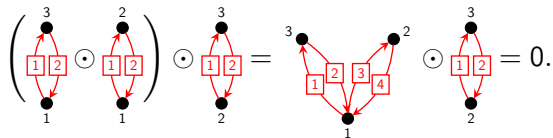


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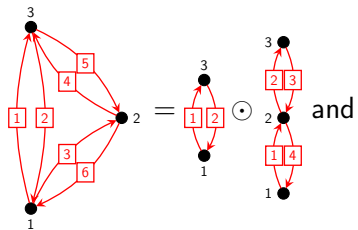
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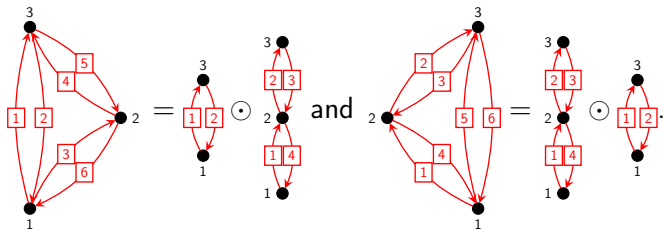


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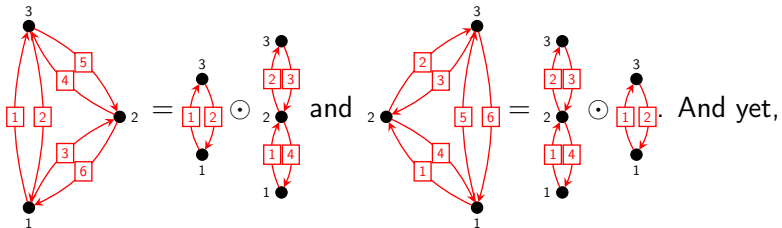


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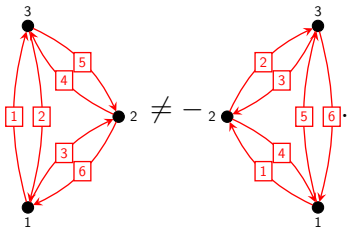




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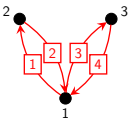
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The set of admissible cuts of  $\omega$  is denoted  $AdC(\omega)$ .

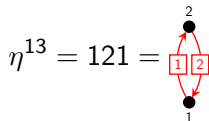


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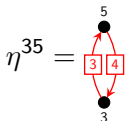
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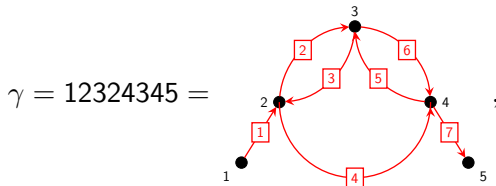


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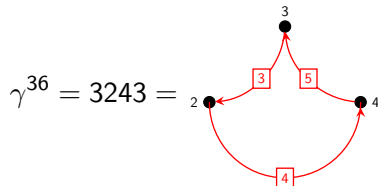


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Theorem (L. Foissy, P.L. Giscard, C. M., M. Ronco)

Let  $\Gamma$  be a finite or a countable connected graph and  $\mathcal{W}(\Gamma)$  the vector space spanned by its walks. Let define the linear map  $\Delta_{CP}$  by:

$$\Delta_{CP} : \begin{cases} \mathcal{W}(\Gamma) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{W}(\Gamma) \otimes \mathcal{W}(\Gamma) \\ \omega & \longmapsto & \Delta_{CP}(\omega) = \sum_{\omega'' \in \text{AdC}(\omega)} \omega'' \otimes \omega'', \end{cases}$$

where  $\omega = w_1 \dots w_m$  is a walk,  $\omega'' = w_1 \dots w_l w_{l+1} \dots w_m$  and the sum is taken over all the admissible cuts of  $\omega$ . Then the vector space  $\mathcal{W}(\Gamma)$ , equipped with the coproduct  $\Delta_{CP}$ , is a co-preLie (not co-unital) co-algebra.

## Example

$$\Delta_{\text{CP}} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1: A cycle with nodes } j, k, i. \text{ Edges are labeled } 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. \text{ Node } j \text{ has a loop labeled } 2. \text{ Node } k \text{ has a loop labeled } 4. \end{array} \right) = \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 2: Same as Diagram 1, but loops } 2 \text{ and } 4 \text{ are removed.} \\ \text{Diagram 3: A loop at node } j \text{ labeled } 2. \\ \text{Diagram 4: A loop at node } k \text{ labeled } 4. \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 5: Same as Diagram 2, but loop } 2 \text{ is present and loop } 4 \text{ is removed.} \\ \text{Diagram 6: A loop at node } k \text{ labeled } 4. \end{array}$$

The diagram illustrates the coproduct  $\Delta_{\text{CP}}$  of a cycle with two loops. The cycle has nodes  $j, k, i$  and edges labeled  $1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ . Node  $j$  has a loop labeled  $2$ , and node  $k$  has a loop labeled  $4$ . The coproduct is the sum of two terms. The first term consists of three diagrams: the cycle with both loops removed, a loop at node  $j$  labeled  $2$ , and a loop at node  $k$  labeled  $4$ . The second term consists of two diagrams: the cycle with loop  $2$  present and loop  $4$  removed, and a loop at node  $k$  labeled  $4$ .





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satisfying that  $\omega^{l_k l'_k}$  is an admissible cut of  $\omega$ , for any  $1 \leq k \leq s$ . The set of extended admissible cuts of  $\omega$  is denoted  $EAdC(\omega)$ .



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We define the morphism of algebras  $\Delta_H$  defined by:

$$\Delta_H : \begin{cases} \mathcal{T}\langle \mathcal{W}(\Gamma) \rangle & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{T}\langle \mathcal{W}(\Gamma) \rangle \otimes \mathcal{T}\langle \mathcal{W}(\Gamma) \rangle \\ \omega & \mapsto & \Delta_H(\omega) = \omega \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \omega \\ & & + \sum_{c \in EAdC(\omega)} \omega_{l_1 l'_1, \dots, l_s l'_s} \otimes \omega^{l_1 l'_1} | \dots | \omega^{l_s l'_s}, \end{cases}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
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 \end{aligned}$$

The diagrams are as follows:

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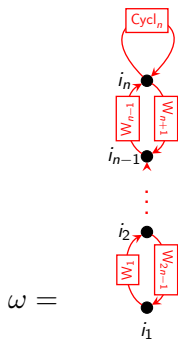
*In the graph  $\Gamma$ , we denote by  $\mathcal{I}$  the vector space spanned by the elements  $\omega_1 | \dots | \omega_s - \omega_{\sigma(1)} | \dots | \omega_{\sigma(s)}$  where  $\omega_1 | \dots | \omega_s \in \mathcal{T}\langle\mathcal{W}(\Gamma)\rangle$  and  $\sigma$  is a permutation. Then,  $\mathcal{I}$  is a Hopf bi-ideal of  $\mathcal{T}\langle\mathcal{W}(\Gamma)\rangle$ . Thus,  $(\mathcal{S}\langle\mathcal{W}(\Gamma)\rangle, \square, \Delta_H)$  is a quotient Hopf algebra of  $\mathcal{T}\langle\mathcal{W}(\Gamma)\rangle$ .*





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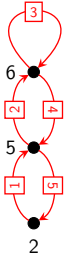
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## Example

The walk

$$\eta = 256652 =$$


$$= \left( \begin{array}{c} 5 \\ \uparrow \\ 2 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \downarrow \\ 5 \end{array} \right) \odot \left( \begin{array}{c} 6 \\ \uparrow \\ 5 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ \downarrow \\ 2 \end{array} \right) \odot \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ \updownarrow \\ 6 \end{array}$$

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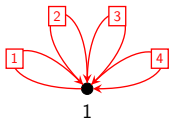
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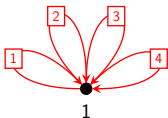
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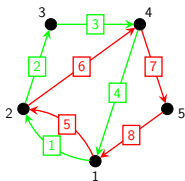
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- The walk  $\nu = 123412451 =$



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### Theorem (L. Foissy, P.L. Giscard, C. M., M. Ronco)

Let  $\Gamma$  be a connected finite or countable graph. Let define  $Lad(\Gamma)$ ,  $Cor(\Gamma)$  and  $Cor_i(\Gamma)$  the vector spaces spanned by ladders, corollas and corollas of base  $i$  respectively. Then

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## Definition

Let consider  $\Omega$  the complete graph such that  $\text{Nod}(\Omega) = \mathbb{N}^*$  and  $\text{Edg}(\Omega) = \{(i, j) \in (\mathbb{N}^*)^2\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{J}_1$  and  $\mathcal{J}_2$  be the vector spaces defined by:

$$\mathcal{J}_1 = \text{Span} \left( \omega_1 | \dots | \omega_s - f_1(\omega_1) | \dots | f_s(\omega_s), \right. \\ \left. s \in \mathbb{N}^*, \forall i \in \{1, \dots, s\}, \omega_i \in \text{Cact}(\Omega), f_i \in \mathcal{F} \right),$$

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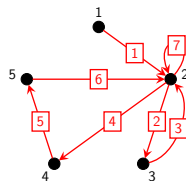
$$\mathcal{J}_2 = \text{Span} \left( \omega_1 \square \dots \square \omega_s - f_1(\omega_1) \square \dots \square f_s(\omega_s), \right. \\ \left. s \in \mathbb{N}^*, \forall i \in \{1, \dots, s\}, \omega_i \in \text{Cact}(\Omega), f_i \in \mathcal{F} \right),$$

where  $f$  is an admissible label of  $\omega_j$ .



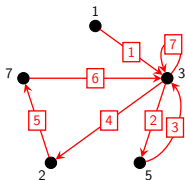
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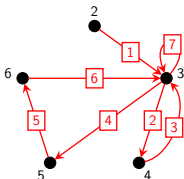
. The walk

$\sigma_1 = 13532733 =$



or the walk

$\sigma_2 = 23435633 =$



give admissible labels of  $\sigma$ .



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Remark

To compute the coproduct of a walk  $\omega$  in  $\frac{\mathcal{T}\langle\mathcal{W}(\Omega)\rangle}{\mathcal{J}_1}$  or in  $\frac{\mathcal{S}\langle\mathcal{W}(\Omega)\rangle}{\mathcal{J}_2}$  it is sufficient to compute it by equipping  $\omega$  with an admissible label and after that forgot all vertices' labels.









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Let  $\Gamma$  be a finite or a countable connected graph. Let  $\omega = w_1 \dots w_m$  a walk in  $\Gamma$ . There exist at least one admissible label  $f$  making  $f(\omega) = f(w_1) \dots f(w_m)$  into a cactus. Let  $\text{Forgot}(f(\omega))$  the unlabeled cactus where the labels of vertices are forgotten. Then, the algebra morphisms

$$\varphi_1 : \begin{cases} \mathcal{T}\langle \mathcal{W}(\Gamma) \rangle & \longrightarrow & \frac{\mathcal{T}\langle \mathcal{W}(\Omega) \rangle}{\mathcal{J}_1} \\ \omega & \mapsto & \text{Forgot}(f(\omega)) \end{cases}$$

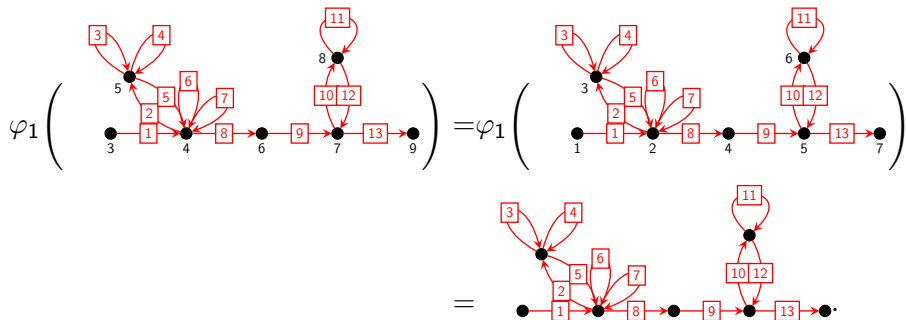
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## Example 1





## Example 2

