### Diagrammatic syntax for algebra

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Presentations (of groups) by generators and relations

 $\odot$  **B**<sub>3</sub> = < a,b | abab<sup>-1</sup>a<sup>-1</sup>b<sup>-1</sup> >  $\Rightarrow$  **S**<sub>3</sub>

G = < a<sub>1</sub>,...,a<sub>p</sub> | r<sub>1</sub>,...,r<sub>q</sub> > = F/N where F = < a<sub>1</sub>,...,a<sub>p</sub> > and
 N is the normal subgroup of F generated by r<sub>1</sub>,...,r<sub>q</sub>

#### Presentations of monoids

- M = <  $a_1, ..., a_p \mid u_1 = v_1, ..., u_q = v_q >^+ = W /↔_R*$  where
  W = { $a_1..., a_p$ }\* and ↔<sub>R</sub>\* is the congruence generated
  by the pairs ( $u_1, v_1$ ), ..., ( $u_q, v_q$ )
- $\oslash$  This leads to the notion of reduction:  $u \rightarrow_R^* v$ .
- In fact, reductions define a monoidal category.

### Presentations of PROs

A PRO is a strict monoidal category whose objects are natural numbers (with sum).

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∅ generators:

• relations:

The PRO is the free PRO D of diagrams built with the generators, quotiented by the congruence  $\leftrightarrow_R^*$  generated by the relations.









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## Computation with **Z**-diagrams

Many computations happen in algebras rather than in groups or in monoids.

- The syntax must be linearized: use linear combinations of diagrams (called Σ-diagrams) instead of diagrams.
- In that case, a congruence corresponds to a two-sided ideal.
- Sometimes, relations need to be consider as rules (explicitely oriented). Sometimes, they do not.

