

Cheat sheet on the simplicial indexing category

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The category Δ has objects $[n]$ for $n \geq 0$ and its morphisms are generated by

$$(1) \quad \text{id}_n: [n] \rightarrow [n],$$

and

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} \partial_j^n: [n-1] &\rightarrow [n], \\ \sigma_j^n: [n+1] &\rightarrow [n] \end{aligned}$$

for $j = 0, \dots, n$, subject to the relations

$$(3) \quad \partial_j^{n+1} \circ \partial_i^n = \partial_i^{n+1} \circ \partial_{j-1}^n: [n-1] \rightarrow [n+1]$$

for $0 \leq i < j \leq n+1$,

$$(4) \quad \sigma_j^n \circ \sigma_i^{n+1} = \sigma_i^n \circ \sigma_{j+1}^{n+1}: [n+2] \rightarrow [n]$$

for $0 \leq i \leq j \leq n$, and

$$(5) \quad \sigma_j^{n-1} \circ \partial_i^n = \begin{cases} \partial_i^{n-1} \circ \sigma_{j-1}^{n-2} & i < j \\ \text{id}_{n-1} & i = j, j+1 \\ \partial_{i-1}^{n-1} \circ \sigma_j^{n-2} & j+1 < i \end{cases}$$

for $0 \leq i, j \leq n$.