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- If a group $G=\langle X \mid R\rangle$ is presented as a monoid $M=\langle X \amalg \bar{X}| R \cup\left\{x x^{-} \stackrel{\alpha_{x}}{\Rightarrow} 1, x^{-} x \stackrel{\overline{\alpha_{\searrow}}}{\Rightarrow} 1\right\}$, the confluence diagram

is an artefact induced by the algebraic structure and should not be considered as a syzygy.


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- There are point cells, horizontal cells and vertical cells respectively pictured by

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$$
\partial_{-, \mathbf{1}}^{v}(A) \downarrow \stackrel{\Downarrow_{A} \downarrow^{\partial_{+, \mathbf{1}}^{v}(A)}}{\downarrow} \stackrel{\partial_{-, \mathbf{1}}^{h}(A)}{\partial_{+, \mathbf{1}}^{h}(A)} \cdot
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- Horizontal $(n+1)$-category will be the $(n+1)$-category of rewritings; vertical ( $n+1$ )-category is the $(n+1)$-category of modulo rules.


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- A double $n$-polygraph (resp. double ( $n+2, n$ )-polygraph) $\left(P^{v}, P^{h}, P^{s}\right)$ generates a free ( $n-1$ )-category enriched in double categories (resp. in double groupoids), denoted by $\left(P^{v}, P^{h}, P^{s}\right) \Pi$.


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$$
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