

where  $\delta_0$  and  $\gamma_0$  are the morphisms  $\delta_0 : D_0 \rightarrow b_2$  and  $\gamma_0 : b_1 \rightarrow E_0$ .

A consequence of all of this is that the DG algorithm can be applied to a vertical complex in  $\Omega$  in such a way that the others vertical complexes remain unchanged.

## 6. PROOF OF THEOREM 2

The main part of the proof of Theorem 2 is to show that the composition of coherently diagonal complexes in a binary basic operator is also coherently diagonal. So, before proving this theorem, let us analyze first what occurs when in this type of operator two smoothings are embedded. Recall that  $\mathcal{S}_o$  denotes the class of alternating oriented smoothings.

**Proposition 6.1.** *Let  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  be smoothings in  $\mathcal{S}_o$ , and let  $D$  be a suitable binary planar operator defined from a no-curl planar arc diagram with output disc  $D_0$ , input discs  $D_1, D_2$ , associated rotation constant  $R_D$  and with at least one boundary arc ending in  $D_1$ . Then there exists a closure operator  $C$  and a unary operator  $U$  such that  $D(\sigma, \tau) = U(C(\sigma))$ . Moreover, if  $(\Omega, d)$  is  $C$ -diagonal, then  $D(\Omega, \tau)$  is  $(C - R(\tau) - R_D)$ -diagonal.*

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*Proof.* To prove that the rotation constant of  $D(\Omega, \tau)$  is  $C - R(\tau) - R_D$ , we observe that for each smoothing  $\sigma\{q_\sigma\}$  in  $\Omega$  the shifted rotation number satisfies  $R(D(\sigma\{q_\sigma\}, \tau)) = R_D + R(\sigma\{q_\sigma\}) + R(\tau) = R_D + 2r - C + R(\tau)$ . Therefore,  $2r - R(D(\sigma\{q_\sigma\}, \tau)) = C - R(\tau) - R_D$   $\square$

The last line belongs to the next proposition

**Proposition 6.2.** *Let  $\Omega$  be a coherently  $C$ -diagonal complex. Let  $[\sigma_j]_j$  be a vector of degree-shifted smoothings in  $\mathcal{S}_o$ , all of them with the same rotation number  $R$ . Suppose that  $D$  is an appropriate binary operator defined from a no-curl planar arc diagram with associated rotation constant  $R_D$  and at least one boundary arc coming from the first input disc. Then  $D(\Omega, [\sigma_j]_j)$  is a  $(C - R - R_D)$ -diagonal complex.*

*Proof.* The complex  $\Omega$  is homotopy equivalent to a reduced  $C$ -diagonal complex  $\Omega'$ . The complex  $D(\Omega', [\sigma_j]_j)$  is the direct sum  $\bigoplus_j [D(\Omega', \sigma_j)]$ . Thus, the proposition follows from the observation that by proposition 6.1, each of its direct summands  $D(\Omega', \sigma_j)$  is a coherently diagonal complex with rotation constant  $C - R - R_D$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 6.3.** *Let  $\Omega_1$  be a coherently  $C_1$ -diagonal complex. Let  $\Omega_2$  be a  $C_2$ -diagonal complex. Suppose that  $D$  is an appropriate binary operator defined from a no-curl planar arc diagram with associated rotation constant  $R_D$  and at least one boundary arc coming from the first input disc. Then  $D(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)$  is  $(C_1 + C_2 - R_D)$ -diagonal.*

*Proof.* Observe that  $\Omega = D(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)$  is a double complex. Indeed, if  $\Omega_2$  is the chain complex

$$\dots \longrightarrow \Omega_2^{q-1} \longrightarrow \Omega_2^q \longrightarrow \Omega_2^{q+1} \dots$$

then  $\Omega_{\bullet, q}$  is the planar composition  $D(\Omega_1, \Omega_2^q)$ . Assume that  $\Omega_2$  is in its reduced form, then any of the smoothings in  $\Omega_2^q$  has the same rotation number,  $2q - C_2$ . Thus, by proposition 6.2,  $\Omega_{\bullet, q}$  is homotopy equivalent to a reduced diagonal complex  $\Omega'_{\bullet, q}$  with rotation constant  $C_1 + C_2 - 2q - R_D$ . We already know that we can apply delooping and gaussian elimination in  $\Omega$  involving only elements of  $\Omega_{\bullet, q}$  and obtain a homotopy equivalent complex that has no changes in another vertical chain complex of  $\Omega$ . In consequence,  $\Omega$  is homotopy equivalent to a perturbed complex  $\Omega'$  in which each  $\Omega_{\bullet, q}$  has been replaced by its correspondent reduced complex  $\Omega'_{\bullet, q}$ . Thus, for each obtained  $\Omega'_{\bullet, q}$  and each of its homological degree  $p$ , we have  $2p - R(\Omega'_{p, q}) = C_1 + C_2 - 2q - R_D$ . Therefore,  $\Omega'$  is a diagonal complex with rotation constant  $C_1 + C_2 - R_D$ .  $\square$