

# The Free Tangent Structure

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- (Soon) Another strong relationship with tangent structure!

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- We can write them in their presentations (not unique)

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*Remark*: We are only interested in *k* being  $\{0, 1\}$ ,  $\mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}$  or  $\mathbb{R}$

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*(The morphisms we will discuss later)*

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We can represent such Weil algebras with (finite simple) graphs.

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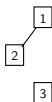
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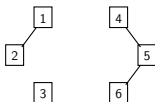
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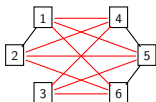
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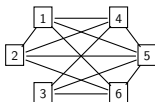
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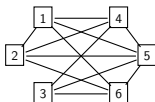
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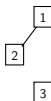
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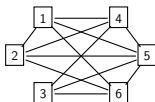
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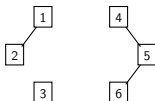
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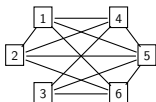


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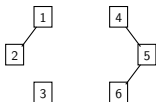


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So, we want all the graphs that can be constructed from taking graph joins and disjoint unions of the one-vertex graph...

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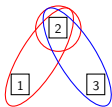
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which “picks out” the tangent structure  $\mathbb{T}$ !

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