# Canonical $E_{\infty}$ -operads involved in homotopy colimits of $\mathcal{I}$ -chain complexes

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**Lemma**: For all  $n \ge 0$  and all chain complexes  $C_*$ :

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