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Victor Guba and Mark Sapir have given a solution to the conjugacy problem in diagram groups, of which Thompson's group F is a prominent example. For the special case of F , we give a geometric interpretation of their solution in terms of geodesic loops in the Brown-Geoghegan complex. (Received September 25, 2006)