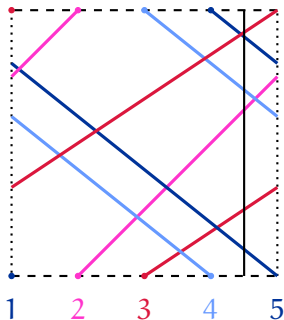


# The word problem for certain Hecke–Kiselman monoids

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Linear Hecke–Kiselman monoids  $L_n$  (of type  $A_n$ ):

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- relations

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Part 1: We will see that:

- ① they are interesting;
- ② one knows a lot about them.

Part 2: Same for circular Hecke–Kiselman monoids  $C_n$  (of type  $\tilde{A}_n$ ).



Positive braid monoids  $B_{n+1}^+$ :

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$$x_1 x_2 x_1 = x_2 x_1 x_2 \leftrightarrow \begin{array}{c} \diagdown \quad / \\ | \quad | \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} | \quad | \\ \diagdown \quad / \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \end{array} \quad (\text{Reidemeister III move})$$

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Finite quotients?

- (A)  $x_i^2 = 1$ : symmetric group  $S_{n+1}$ ;
- (B)  $x_i^2 = x_i$ : 0-Hecke monoids;
- (C)  $x_i^2 = 0$  (with an additional generator 0): nil-Hecke monoids;
- (D) monoid algebra + general quadratic relation: Hecke algebra.

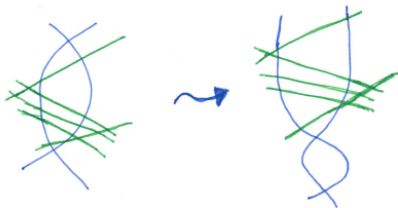
Why finite? **Bigon killing!**

# Bigon killing

1) minimal bigon:  
= empty

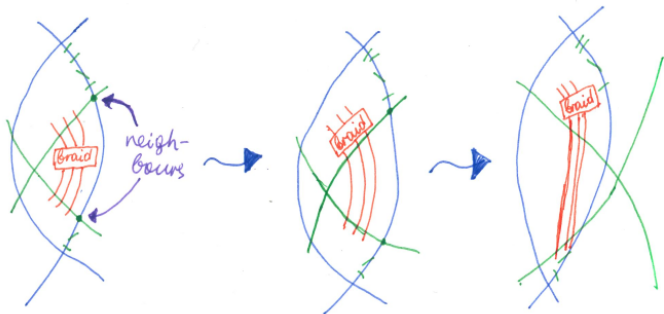


2) no internal crossings



3) general case:

no internal bigons



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## Why these relations?

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Positive braid monoids  $B_{n+1}^+ \rightsquigarrow$  0-Hecke monoids + Kiselman monoids.  
(convexity theory)

Also appear in:

- computer simulations (discrete sequential dynamical system,

*Collina–D'Andrea '15*)



- representations of path algebras of quivers (projection functors,  
*Grensing–Mazorchuk, '12-'17*).

$$x_i \leftrightarrow \begin{array}{c} | \quad | \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ | \quad | \end{array} \begin{array}{c} i \quad i+1 \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ | \quad | \end{array} \begin{array}{c} n+1 \\ | \\ | \end{array}$$

**Definition:**  $L_n$ -chain on  $A$  = idempotent maps  $\sigma_i: A^2 \rightarrow A^2$  satisfying

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**Proposition:**  $L_n$  acts on  $A^{n+1}$  by

$$x_i \mapsto \text{Id}^{i-1} \times \sigma_i \times \text{Id}^{n-i}.$$

**Remark:** All  $\sigma_i = \sigma \rightsquigarrow$  idempotent Kiselman Yang-Baxter operator.

**Examples:**

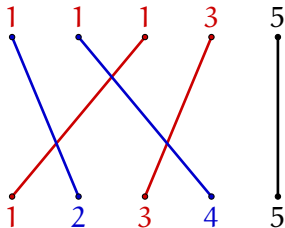
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Particular case:  $\sigma_i(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a})$  recovers

$$L_n \xleftrightarrow{1:1} \text{Cat}_{n+1} \text{ (Catalan monoid)}$$





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- $\sigma_i(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = (\mathbf{1}, f_i(\mathbf{a})\mathbf{b})$ , with  $A$  a monoid, and  $f_i$  monoid homomorphisms.
- $\sigma_i(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a} * \mathbf{b})$ , with  $*$  associative and absorbing:  
$$\mathbf{a} * (\mathbf{a} * \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{a} * \mathbf{b}.$$

- 1 size;
- 2 word problem;
- 3 normal form.

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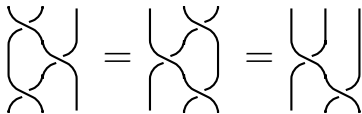
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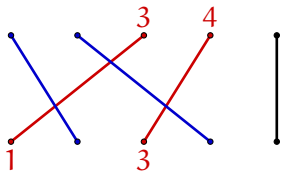
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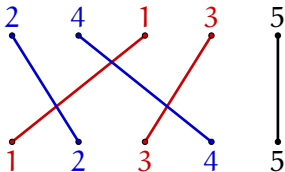
**Proof idea** for Ⓑ  $\rightarrow$  Ⓐ: draw the **right strands** and complete.

# 7 Permutations

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**Example:**



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- (D) 321-avoiding permutations from  $S_{n+1}$ .

**Proof idea** for (A)  $\rightarrow$  (C): use the  $L_n$ -chain  $\sigma_i(a, b) = (a, a)$ .

**Corollaries:**

1 size: Catalans  $C_{n+1} = \frac{1}{n+2} \binom{2n+2}{n+1}$  (byproduct: their exotic avatars);

2 word problem: a linear solution (A)  $\rightarrow$  (C);

3 a quadratic normal form: (A)  $\rightarrow$  (C)  $\rightarrow$  (B)  $\rightarrow$  (A)  
 or (A)  $\rightarrow$  (C)  $\rightarrow$  (D)  $\xrightarrow[\text{process}]{\text{inductive}}$  (A).

Circular Hecke–Kiselman monoids  $C_n$  (of type  $\tilde{A}_n$ ),  $n \geq 3$ :

- generators  $x_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ;

- relations

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$$1 \leq i < n + 1,$$

where  $x_{n+1}$  means  $x_1$ .





- 1 size: infinite;
- 2 word problem: two versions of the same solution:
  - a finite Gröbner basis (*Męcel–Okniński '19*);
  - confluent reductions (*Aragona–D'Andrea '20*);
- 3 a complicated normal form for almost all elements (*Okniński–Wiertel '20*).

**Application:** the algebra  $K[C_n]$  is Noetherian.

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$$= (\sigma_i \times \text{Id})(\text{Id} \times \sigma_{i+1}) \quad \text{on } A^3$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . As usual, we put  $\sigma_{n+1} = \sigma_1$ .

**Proposition:**  $C_n$  acts on  $A^n$  by

$$x_i \mapsto \text{Id}^{i-1} \times \sigma_i \times \text{Id}^{n-i} \quad \text{for all } i < n,$$

$$x_n \mapsto \theta^{-1}(\sigma_n \times \text{Id}^{n-2})\theta,$$

where  $\theta$  is the permutation moving the last component to the beginning.

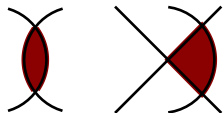
**Examples:** The same as for  $L_n$ . For instance,  $\sigma_i(a, b) = (a, f_i(a))$ .

Particular case:  $\sigma_i(a, b) = (a, a)$ ,  $i < n$ , and  $\sigma_n(a, b) = (a, a + 1)$   
(Aragona-D'Andrea '13).

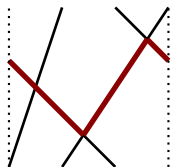


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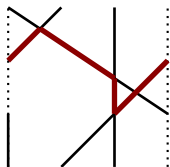
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non-contractible



- and compositions of elementary diagrams:

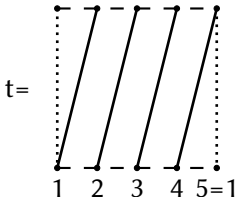
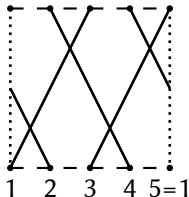
$$d_2 = \begin{array}{c} | \\ 1 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \cdot \\ \diagdown \\ \cdot \\ 2 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \cdot \\ \diagup \\ \cdot \\ 3 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} | \\ 4 \end{array}$$

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**Remark:** The  $d_i$  and  $t$  generate the braid monoid/group on the cylinder.

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 \end{array}$$

**Proof idea** for (B)  $\rightarrow$  (C): follow the **right strands**.

**Proposition:** For an  $\tilde{n}$ -diagram, the following are equivalent:

1. no contractible bigons, no contractible triangles;
2. no *minimal* contractible bigons, no *minimal* contractible triangles;
3. up to isotopy, each strand is **right**, **left** or vertical.

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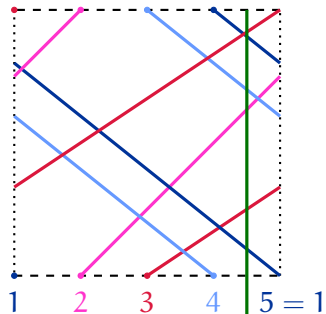
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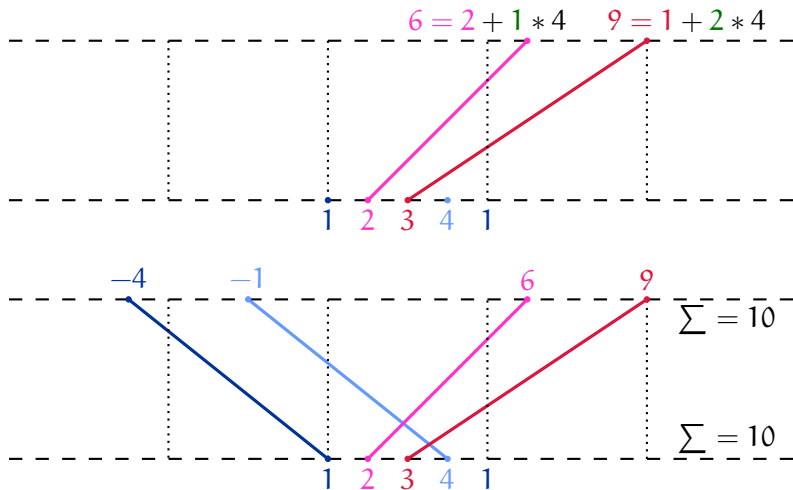
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**Proof idea** for (C)  $\rightarrow$  (B):

1. decode the **permutation** + **winding** info: Euclidean division;
2. draw the **right strands** (on the universal cover of the cylinder);
3. complete by the **left strands** and the vertical strands,  
use: the right winding  $nb =$  the left winding  $nb$ .

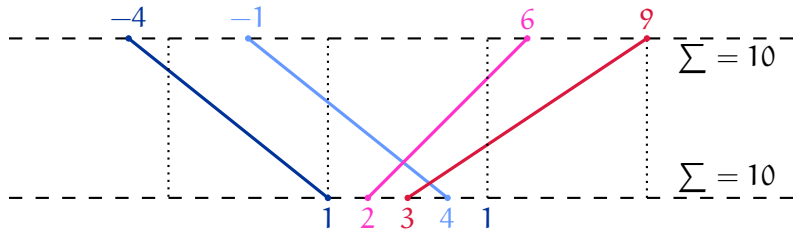
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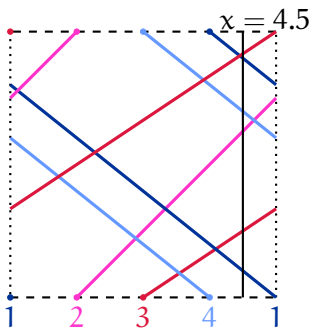


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in  $C_4$ :

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**Example:**  $x_4 x_3 x_1 x_4 x_2 x_1 x_3 x_2 x_4 x_3 \in C_4$ .

$$(1, 2, 3, 4) \xrightarrow{x_3} (1, 2, 3, 3) \xrightarrow{x_4} (7, 2, 3, 3) \xrightarrow{x_2} (7, 2, 2, 3) \xrightarrow{x_3} (7, 2, 2, 2) \xrightarrow{x_1} (7, 7, 2, 2) \\ \xrightarrow{x_2} (7, 7, 7, 2) \xrightarrow{x_4} (6, 7, 7, 2) \xrightarrow{x_1} (6, 6, 7, 2) \xrightarrow{x_3} (6, 6, 7, 7) \xrightarrow{x_4} (11, 6, 7, 7)$$

Modulo 4:  $(3, 2, 3, 3)$ ; right strands:  $2 \rightarrow 2$  and  $3 \rightarrow 1$ .

Twists:  $(1, 2, 3, 4) \mapsto (11, 6, 7, 7)$ ;  $6 = 2 + 1 * 4$ ,  $11 = 3 + 2 * 4$ .

Sequences:  $6 = 2 + 1 * 4$ ,  $9 = 1 + 2 * 4$ .  $6 < 9$   
 $2 < 3$

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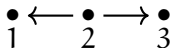
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**Problems:**

- no diagrammatic interpretation for general graphs;
- for a generically oriented chain, different webs may represent equivalent words.

**Example:**

relations:  $x_1^2 = x_1, x_2^2 = x_2, x_3^2 = x_3, \quad x_1x_3 = x_3x_1,$   
 $x_1x_2x_1 = x_2x_1x_2 = x_2x_1, \quad x_2x_3x_2 = x_3x_2x_3 = x_2x_3$



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