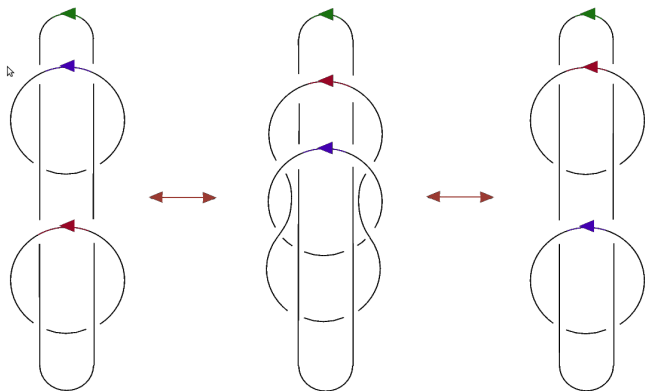


On set-theoretic solutions to the Yang–Baxter equation

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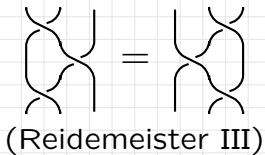
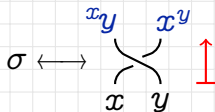
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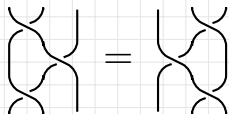
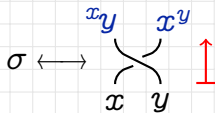
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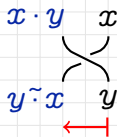
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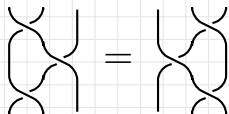
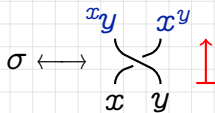
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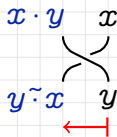
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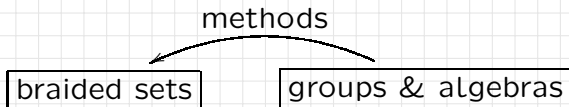
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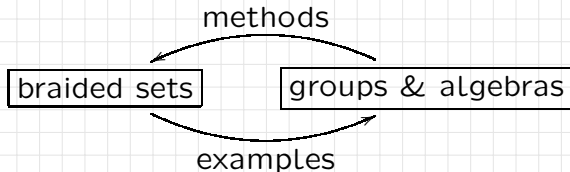
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(Manin, Gateva-Ivanova & Van den Bergh, Etingof–Schedler–Soloviev, Jespers–Okniński, Chouraqui 80'–...).

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- invariants of knots and knotted surfaces
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Other examples:

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- ✓ Young tableaux;
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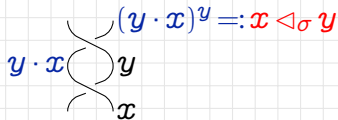


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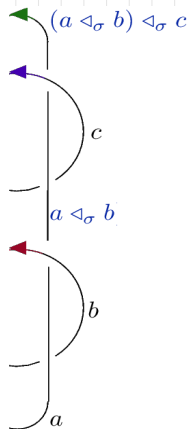
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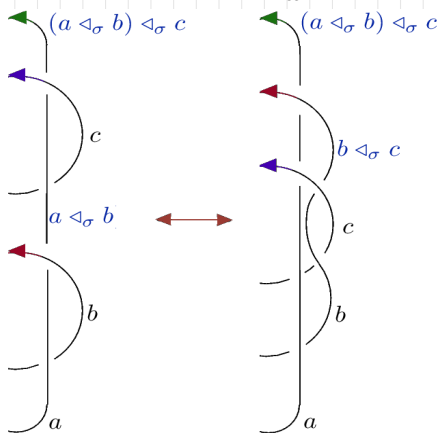
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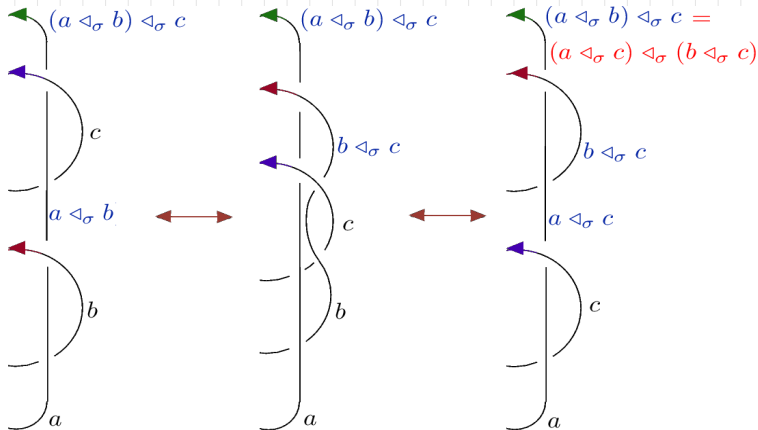


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- $(S, \triangleleft_\sigma)$ is a rack $\Leftrightarrow \sigma$ is invertible;
- $(S, \triangleleft_\sigma)$ is a trivial $(x \triangleleft_\sigma y = x)$ $\Leftrightarrow \sigma^2 = \text{Id}$;
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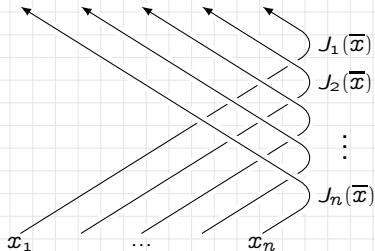
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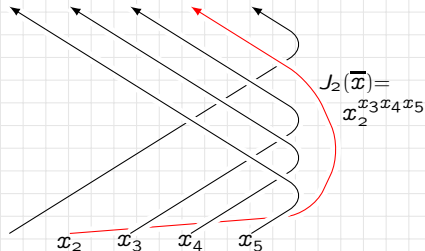
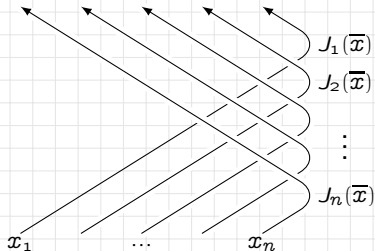
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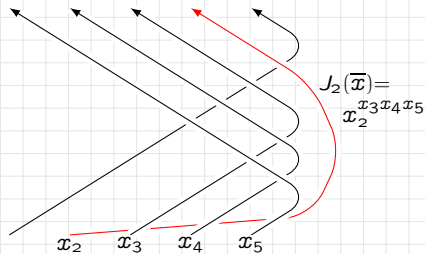
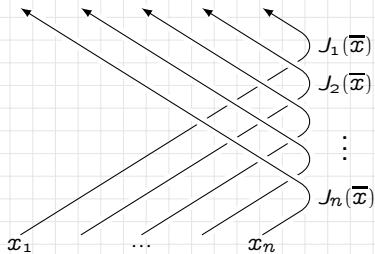


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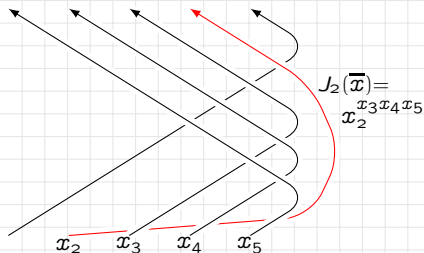
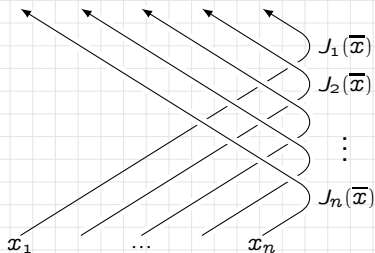
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Corollary: σ and σ' yield isomorphic B_n -actions on $S^{\times n}$.

Warning: In general, $(S, \sigma) \not\cong (S, \sigma')$ as braided sets!

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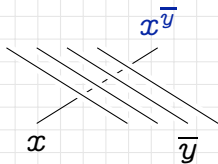
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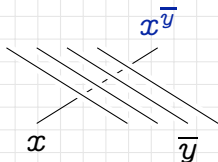
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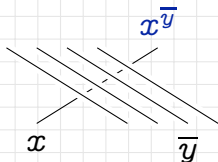


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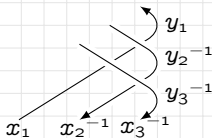
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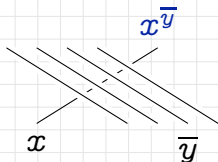
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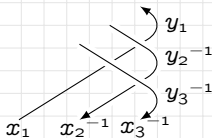
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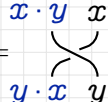
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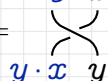
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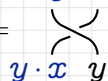
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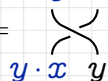
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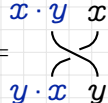
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
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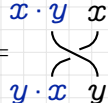
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
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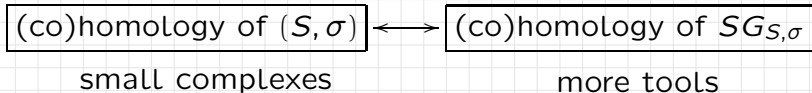
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