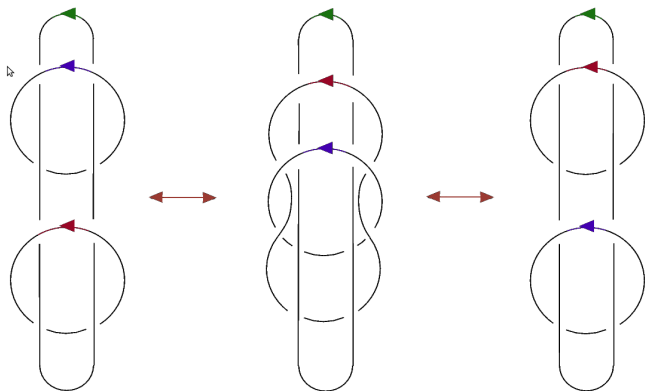


On set-theoretic solutions to the Yang-Baxter equation

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Origins:

- factorization condition for the dispersion matrix in the 1-dim. n -body problem (McGuire, Yang, 60');
- partition function for exactly solvable lattice models (Baxter, 70').

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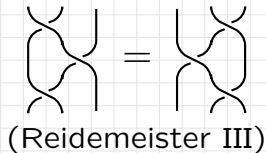
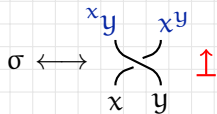
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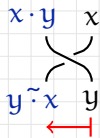
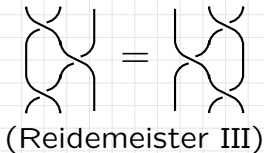
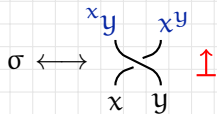
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(Reidemeister III)

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- ✓ $SG_{X, \sigma}$ is of I-type, cancellative, Öre;
- ✓ $G_{X, \sigma}$ is solvable, Garside;
- ✓ $\mathbb{k}SG_{X, \sigma}$ is Koszul, noetherian, Cohen-Macaulay,

Artin-Schelter regular

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

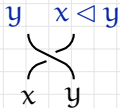
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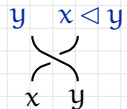
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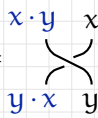
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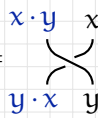
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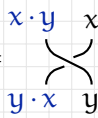
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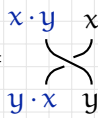
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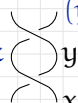
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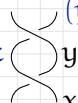


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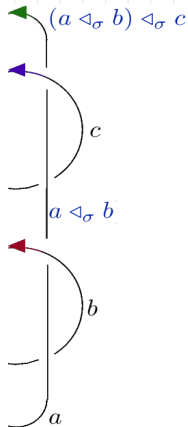
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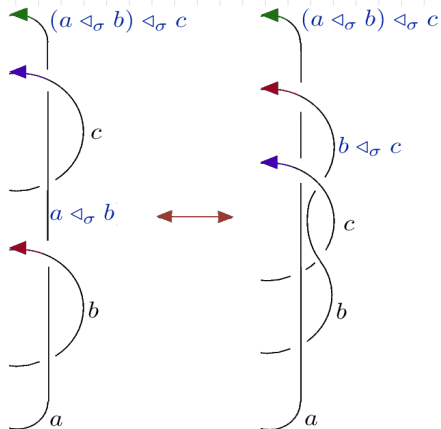
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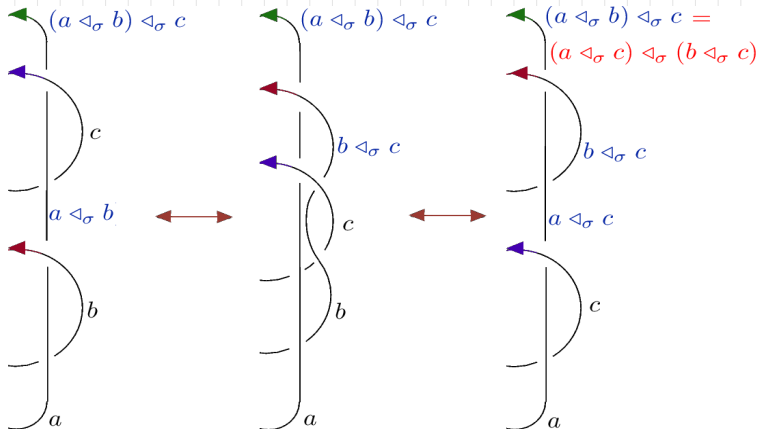
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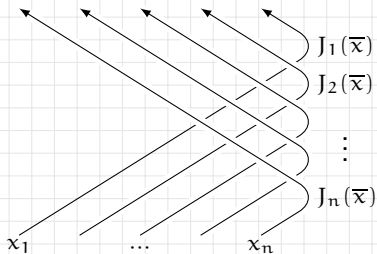
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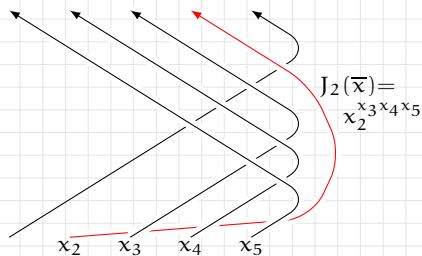
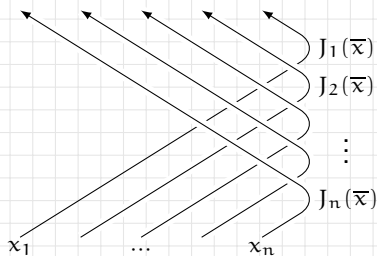


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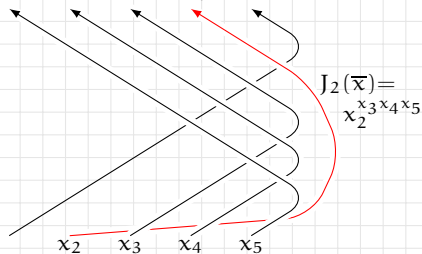
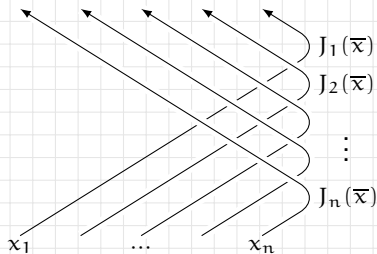


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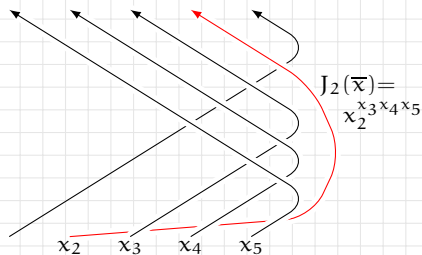
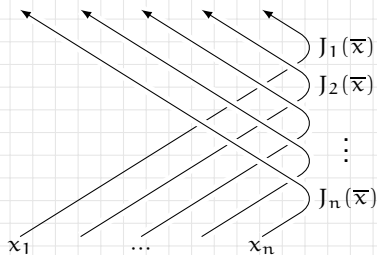
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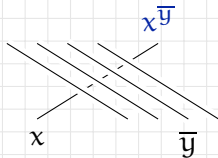
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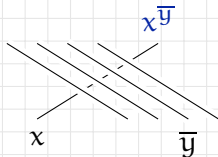
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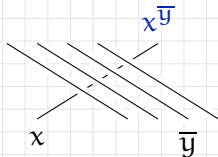
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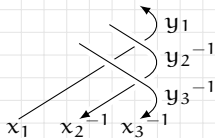
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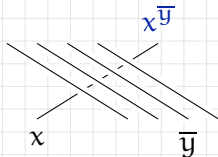
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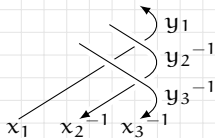
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