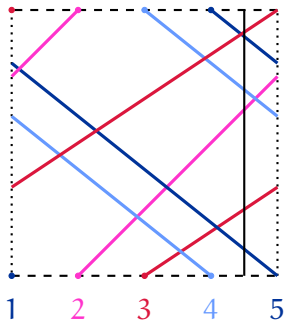


The word problem for certain Hecke–Kiselman monoids

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

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

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We will see that:

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

2nd talk: the same for circular Hecke–Kiselman monoids C_n (of type \tilde{A}_n).



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

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

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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.

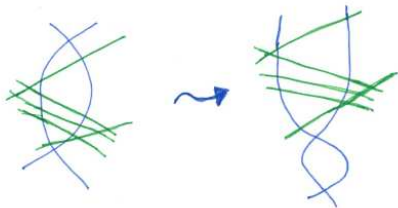
Why finite? **Bigon killing!**

Bigon killing

1) minimal bigon:
= empty

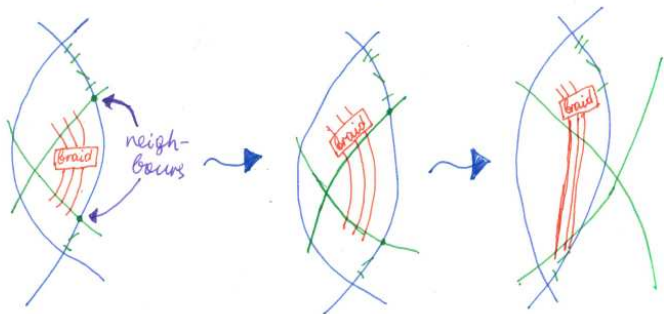


2) no internal crossings



3) general case:

no internal bigons



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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:

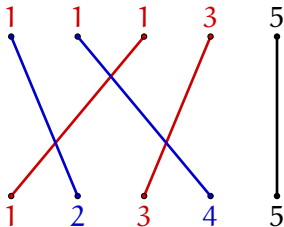
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Particular case: $\sigma_i(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a})$ recovers

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



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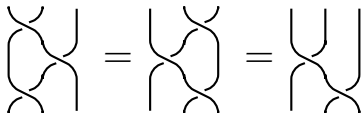
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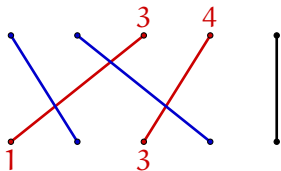
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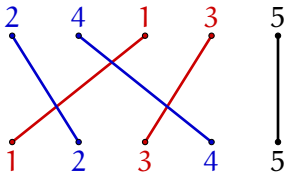
Proof idea for Ⓑ \rightarrow Ⓐ: draw the **right strands** and complete.

7 Permutations

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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), $n \geq 3$:

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

Proposition: C_n acts on A^n by

$$\begin{aligned}x_i &\mapsto \text{Id}^{i-1} \times \sigma_i \times \text{Id}^{n-i} \quad \text{for all } i < n, \\ x_n &\mapsto \theta^{-1}(\sigma_n \times \text{Id}^{n-2})\theta,\end{aligned}$$

where θ is the permutation moving the last component to the beginning.

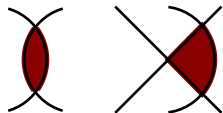
Examples: The same as for L_n . For instance, $\sigma_i(a, b) = (a, f_i(a))$.

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

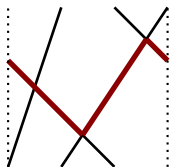


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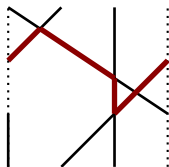
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non-contractible



- and composed from elementary diagrams:

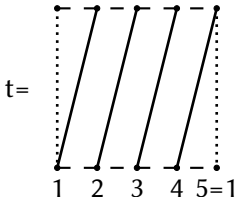
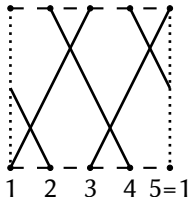
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Examples:



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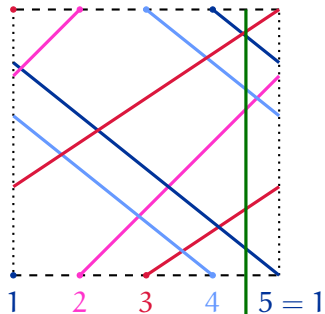
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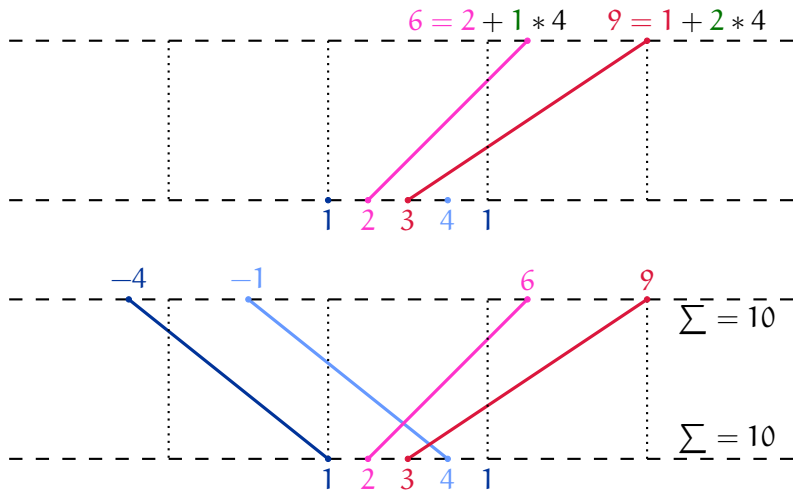
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Proof idea for (C) \rightarrow (B):

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 .

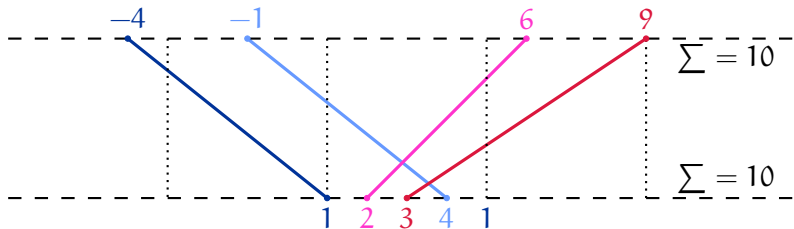
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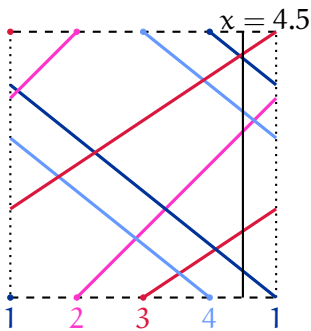


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Example: $x_4 x_3 x_1 x_4 x_2 x_1 x_3 x_2 x_4 x_3 \in C_4$.

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

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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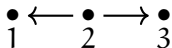
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Problems:

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

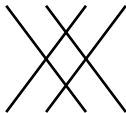
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relations: $x_1^2 = x_1, x_2^2 = x_2, x_3^2 = x_3, \quad x_1x_3 = x_3x_1,$
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