

# Yang–Baxter Equation III

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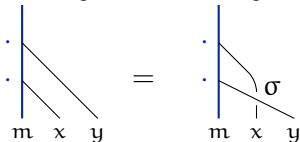
The diagram illustrates the equation  $(m \cdot x) \cdot y = (m \cdot y') \cdot x'$  using string diagrams. On the left, a vertical blue line represents the vector space  $M$ , with two dots representing elements  $m$  and  $m \cdot x$ . Two diagonal lines represent the action of  $x$  and  $y$ . On the right, a similar vertical blue line represents  $M$ , with two dots representing  $m$  and  $m \cdot y'$ . A diagonal line represents the action of  $y'$ , and another diagonal line represents the action of  $x'$ . A curved arrow labeled  $\sigma$  indicates the mapping from the first dot to the second dot and from the  $x$  line to the  $x'$  line.

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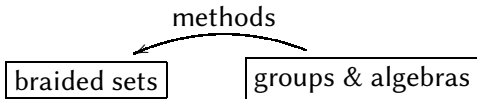
Remark: The **coefficients** for yesterday's **cohomology theory** are  $(S, \sigma)$ -bimodules in this sense.



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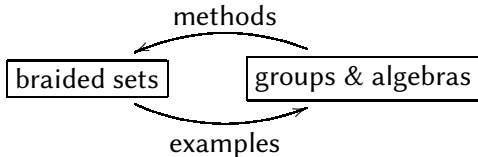
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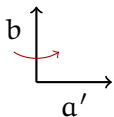
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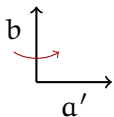


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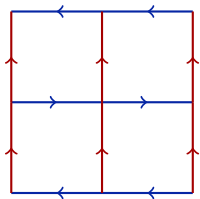
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② Better understand such groups?

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A tool: For any finite rack, a map

$$\prod_{i=1}^r \text{Stab}(x_i, \text{Grp}(S, \triangleleft)) \twoheadrightarrow H_2(S, \triangleleft).$$

Example:  $(a, bc^{-1}d) \mapsto$

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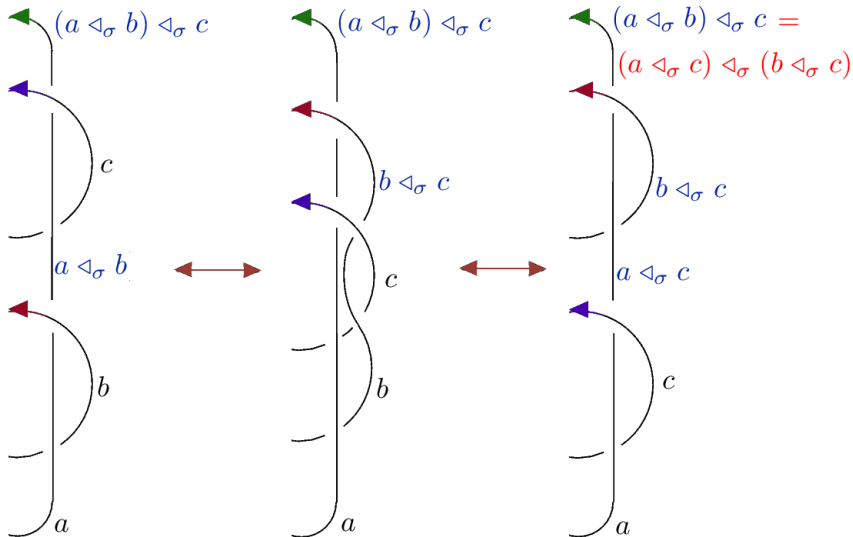
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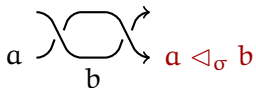
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