Diagrammatic Categories

in Representation Theory

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Kazhdan–Lusztig Conjecture

(Motivation)

- Relates Kazhdan–Lusztig polynomials to Jordan–Hölder multiplicities of Verma modules
- First proof by Beilinson and Bernstein (1981) using D-modules
- Algebraic proof by Elias and Williamson (2010's) using Soergel bimodules and diagrammatics

Talk Overview

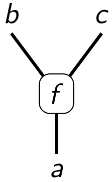
1. Diagrammatic Monoidal Categories
2. Diagrammatic Soergel bimodules
3. Further Applications

Monoidal Categories

A *monoidal category* is a category with an associative multiplication $\otimes$ for objects and morphisms, and a unit object $\mathbb{1}$, such that the multiplication works well with composition.

Monoidal Categories

$$f : a \to b \otimes c$$



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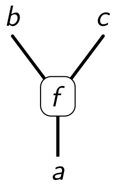

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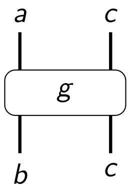

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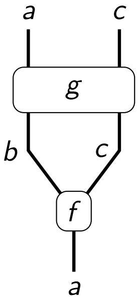

Monoidal Categories: Identity

$$\mathrm{id}_a : a \to a$$

Monoidal Categories: Tensor

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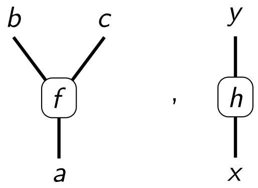

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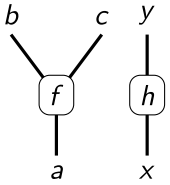
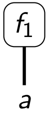


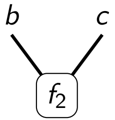
Monoidal Categories: Unit

$$f_1 : a \to \mathbb{1}$$



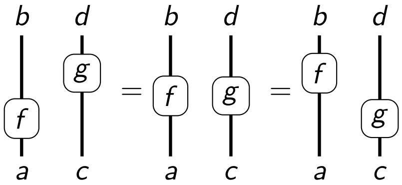
Monoidal Categories: Unit

$$f_2 : \mathbb{1} \to b \otimes c$$



Monoidal Categories

Interchange Law



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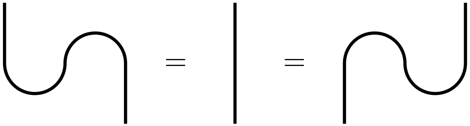
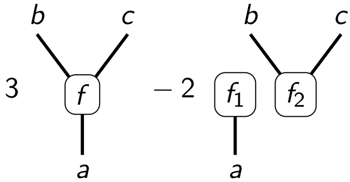


$\mathbb{Z}$-linear Monoidal Category

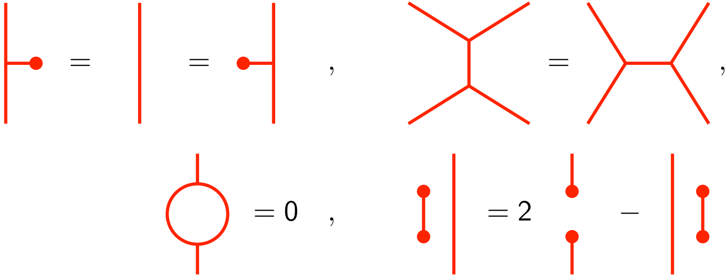


Diagrammatic Soergel Bimodules

Let $\mathcal{D}$ be the (diagrammatic) $\mathbb{Z}$-linear monoidal category with:
Generating object $|$.
Generating morphisms

and local relations...

Relations



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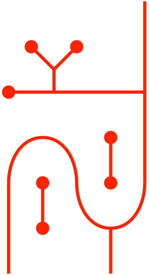

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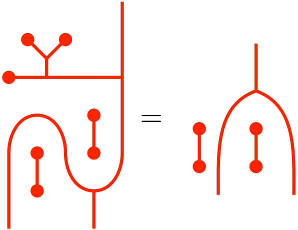

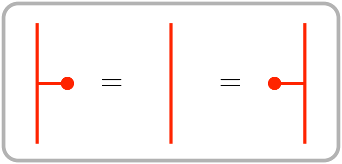

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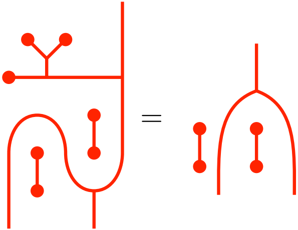

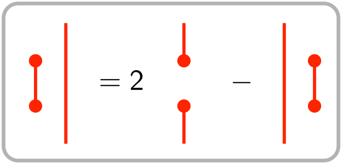

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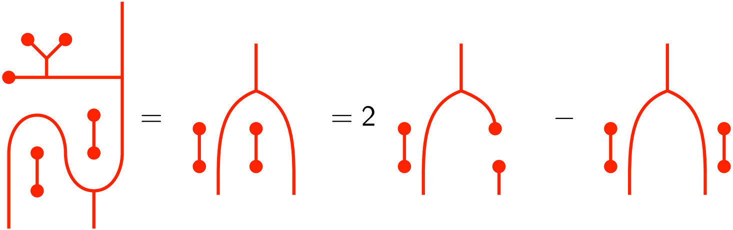

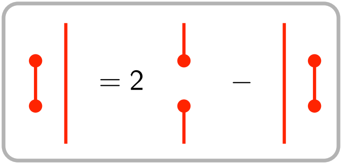

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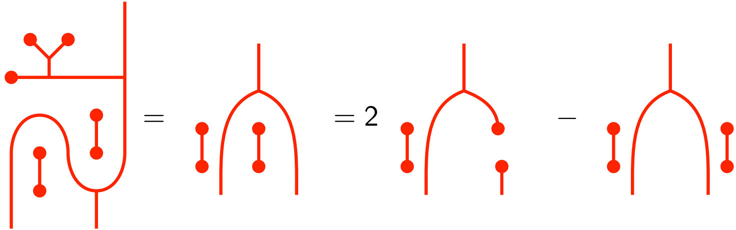

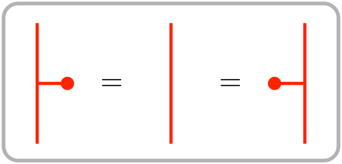

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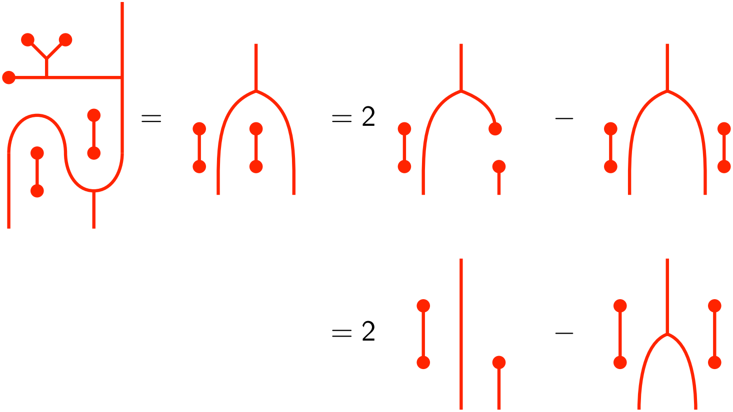

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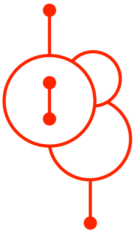

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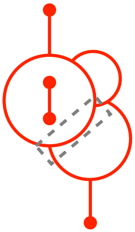

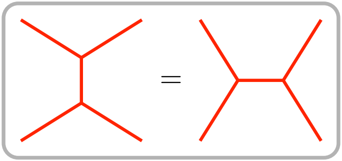

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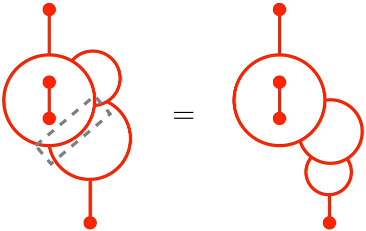

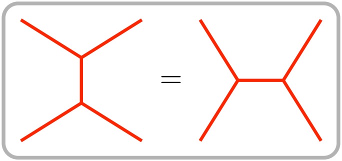

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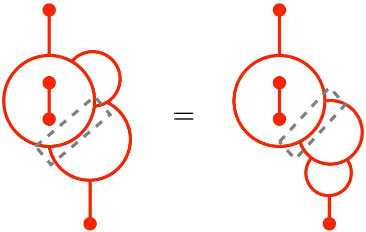

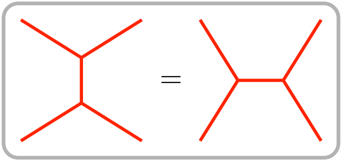

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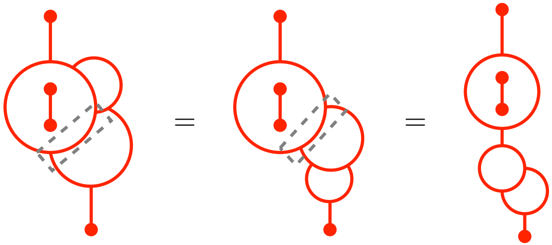

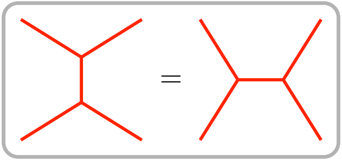

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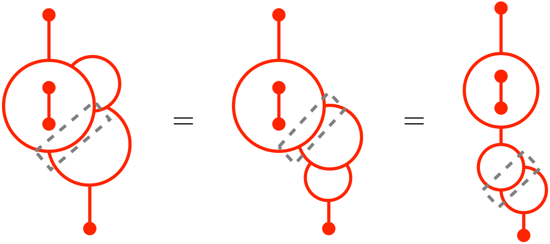

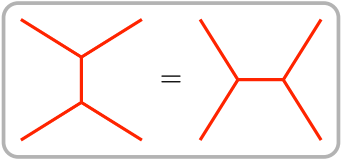

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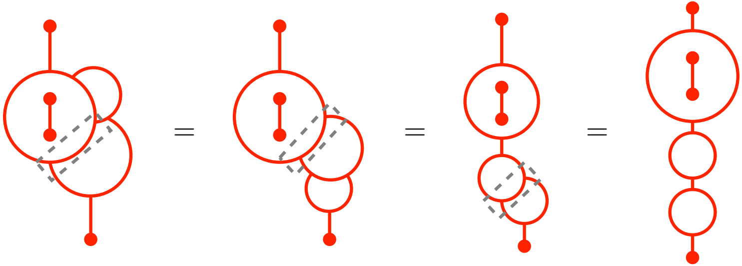

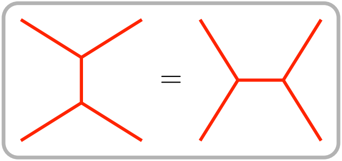

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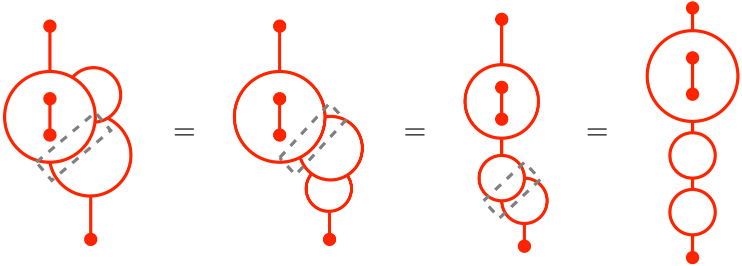

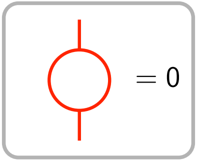

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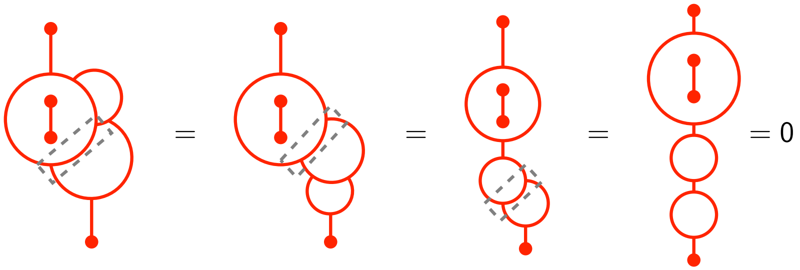

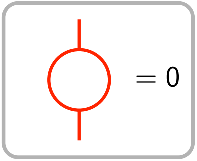

Soergel Bimodules

Theorem (Elias–Williamson, 2013)

The additive Karoubi envelope of $\mathcal{D}$ is equivalent to the category of Soergel Bimodules $\mathbb{S}\mathrm{Bim}$ *over* S_2 *as graded additive* $\mathbb{C}$*-linear monoidal categories.*

Generalisations

- Over general Coxeter groups e.g. S_n, D_n
- Diagrammatics for other categories of representations...

Further Applications

- Diagrammatics for BGG Category $\mathcal{O}$, Tilting modules
- Changing scalars to fields of characteristic p