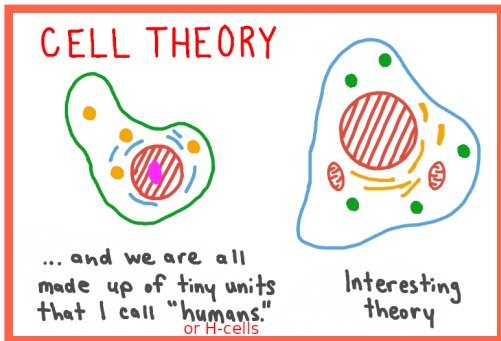


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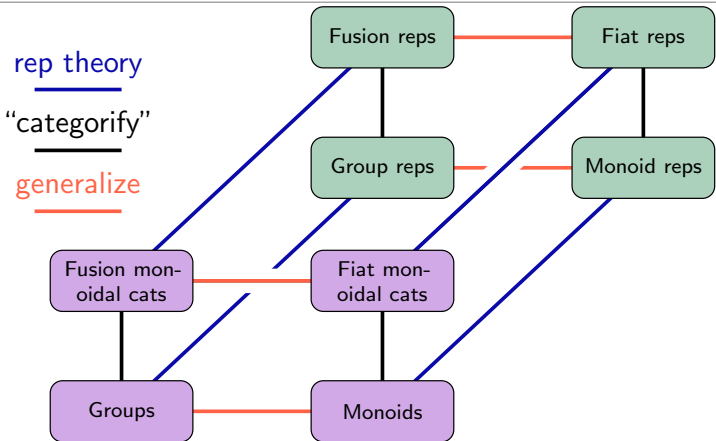
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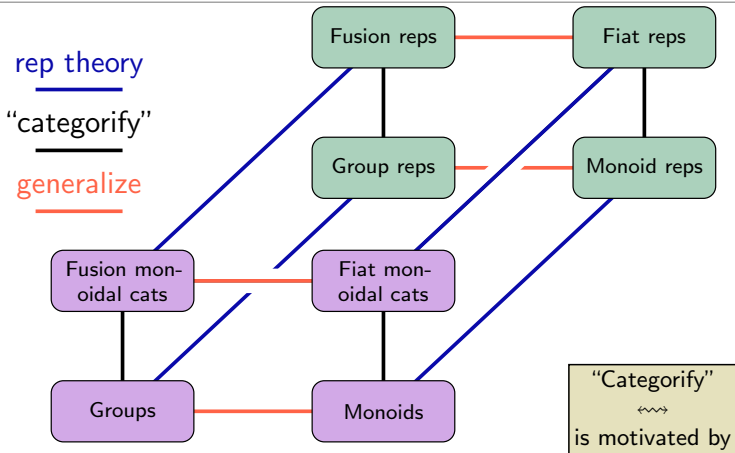
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David Kazhdan<sup>1</sup> and George Lusztig<sup>2\*</sup>

Inventiones math. 53, 165–184 (1979)

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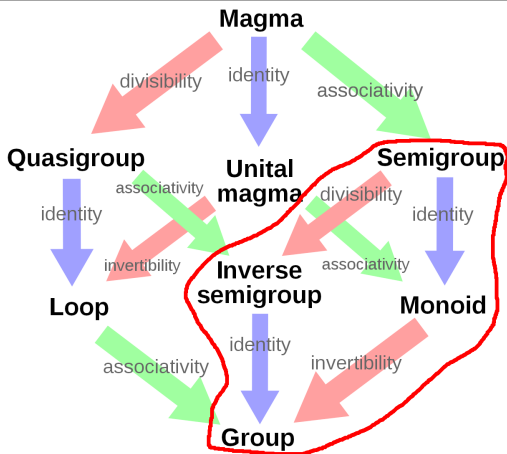
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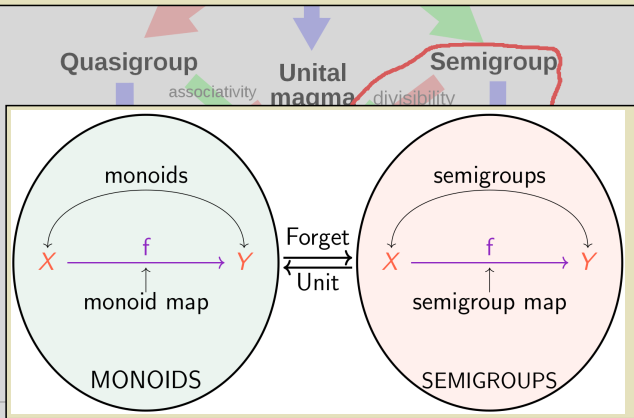


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### Monoids appear naturally in categorification

#### Group-like structures

	Totality <sup>a</sup>	Associativity	Identity	Invertibility	Commutativity
<b>Semigroupoid</b>	Unneeded	Required	Unneeded	Unneeded	Unneeded
<b><u>Small category</u></b>	Unneeded	Required	Required	Unneeded	Unneeded
<b>Groupoid</b>	Unneeded	Required	Required	Required	Unneeded
<b>Magma</b>	Required	Unneeded	Unneeded	Unneeded	Unneeded
<b>Quasigroup</b>	Required	Unneeded	Unneeded	Required	Unneeded
<b>Unital magma</b>	Required	Unneeded	Required	Unneeded	Unneeded
<b>Semigroup</b>	Required	Required	Unneeded	Unneeded	Unneeded
<b>Loop</b>	Required	Unneeded	Required	Required	Unneeded
<b>Inverse semigroup</b>	Required	Required	Unneeded	Required	Unneeded
<b><u>Monoid</u></b>	Required	Required	Required	Unneeded	Unneeded
<b>Commutative monoid</b>	Required	Required	Required	Unneeded	Required
<b>Group</b>	Required	Required	Required	Required	Unneeded
<b>Abelian group</b>	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required

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# The theory of monoids (Green ~1950++)

## Examples of monoids

### Groups

Multiplicative closed sets of matrices (these need not to be unital, but anyway)

Symmetric groups  $\text{Aut}(\{1, \dots, n\})$

$(24138567)$   $\leftrightarrow$



Transformation monoids  $\text{End}(\{1, \dots, n\})$

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## The theory of monoids (Green ~1950++)

### Example

$\mathbb{Z}$  is a group **Integers**

$\mathbb{N}$  is a monoid **Natural numbers**

### Example

$C_n = \langle a \mid a^n = 1 \rangle$  is a group **Cyclic group**

$C_{n,p} = \langle a \mid a^{n+p} = a^n \rangle$  is a monoid **Cyclic monoid**

### Example (now with notation)

$S_n = \text{Aut}(\{1, \dots, n\})$  is a group **Symmetric group**

$T_n = \text{End}(\{1, \dots, n\})$  is a monoid **Transformation monoid**

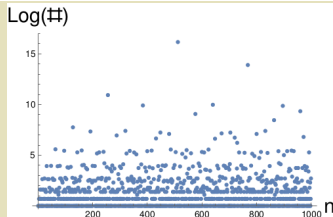
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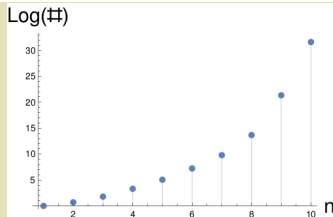
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Monoids have almost no structure  
and there are zillions of them

⇒ not clear that there is a satisfying (rep) theory of monoids

Spoiler There is ;-)

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## The theory of monoids (Green ~1950++)

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The cell orders and equivalences:

$$\begin{aligned}x &\leq_L y \Leftrightarrow \exists z: y = zx \\x &\leq_R y \Leftrightarrow \exists z': y = xz' \\x &\leq_{LR} y \Leftrightarrow \exists z, z': y = zxz' \\x &\sim_L y \Leftrightarrow (x \leq_L y) \wedge (y \leq_L x) \\x &\sim_R y \Leftrightarrow (x \leq_R y) \wedge (y \leq_R x) \\x &\sim_{LR} y \Leftrightarrow (x \leq_{LR} y) \wedge (y \leq_{LR} x)\end{aligned}$$

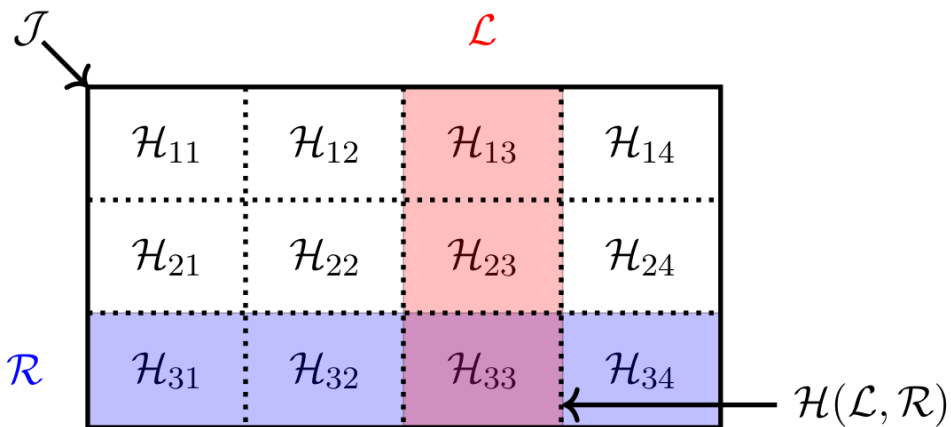
Left, right and two-sided cells (a.k.a.  $L$ ,  $R$  and  $J$ -cells): equivalence classes

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- ▶ **H-cells** = intersections of left and right cells
- ▶ **Slogan** Cells measure information loss

## The theory of monoids (Green ~1950++)

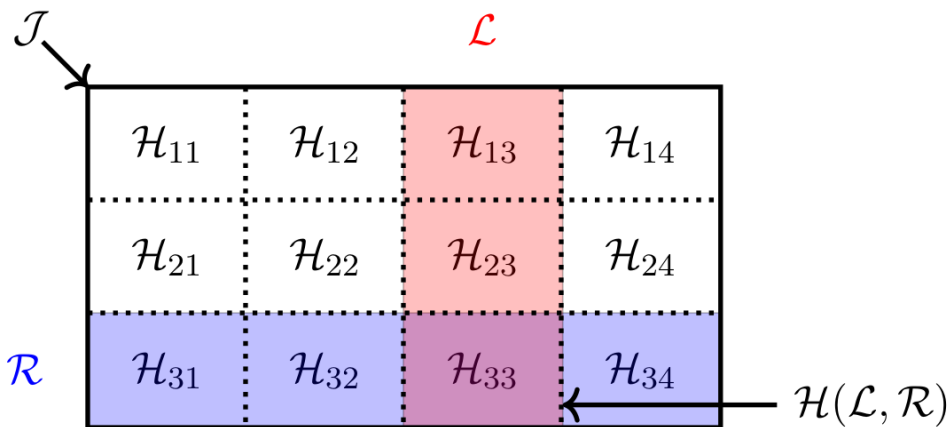
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► Cells partition monoids into matrix-type-pieces

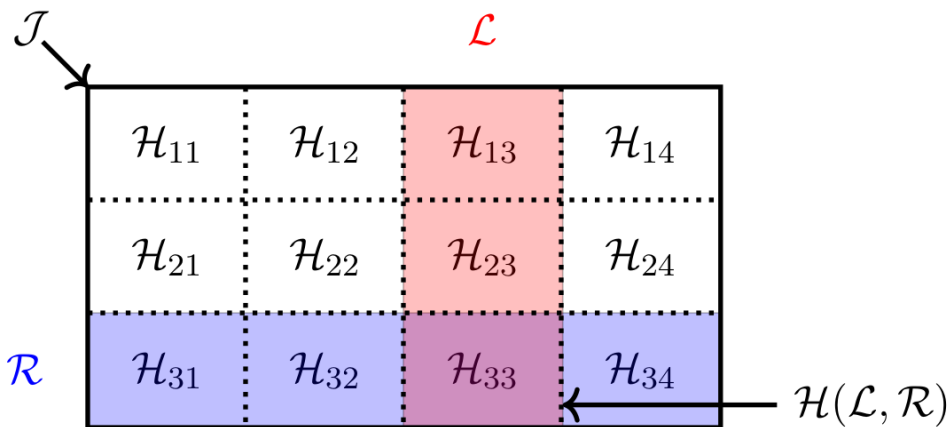
►  $L$  and  $R$ -cells  $\leftrightarrow$  columns/rows

## The theory of monoids (Green ~1950++)



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- ▶ The  $J$ -cells are matrices with values in  $H$ -cells

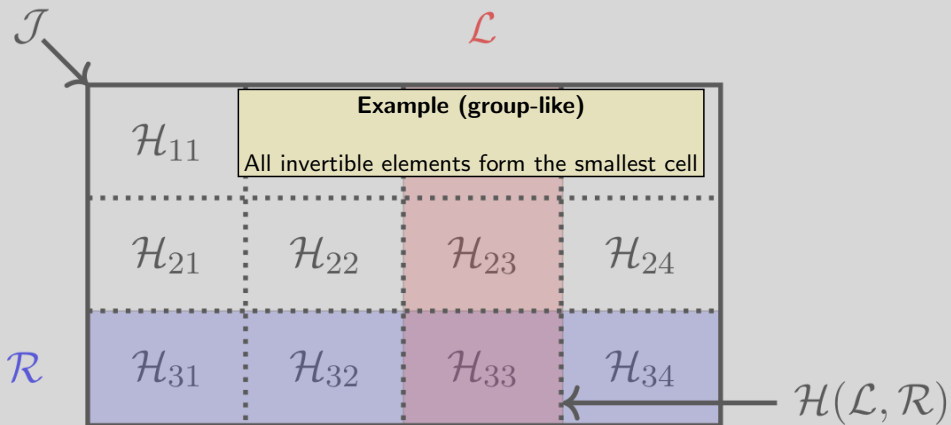
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## Example (cells of $\mathbb{N}$ )

Every element is in its own cell, only 0 is idempotent

$\mathcal{J}$

## Example (group-like)

All invertible elements form the smallest cell

$\mathcal{H}_{11}$

$\mathcal{H}_{21}$

$\mathcal{H}_{22}$

$\mathcal{H}_{23}$

$\mathcal{H}_{24}$

$\mathcal{H}_{31}$

$\mathcal{H}_{32}$

$\mathcal{H}_{33}$

$\mathcal{H}_{34}$

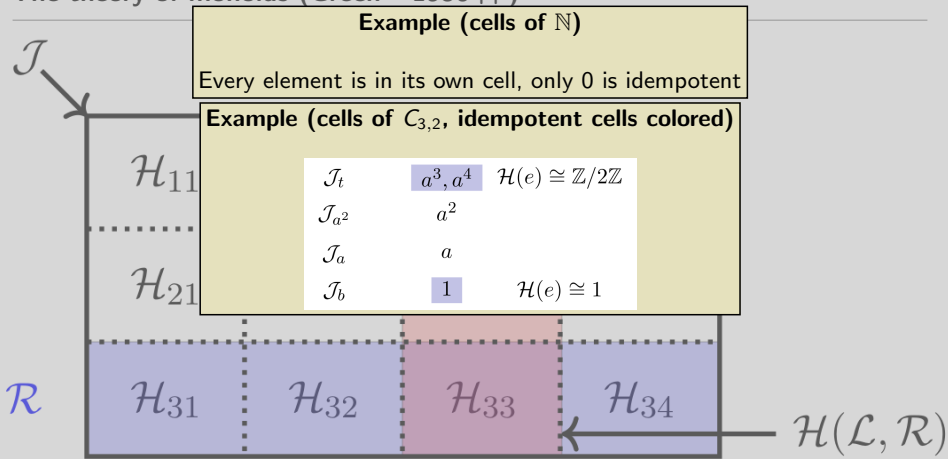
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**Example (cells of  $C_{3,2}$ , idempotent cells colored)**

$\mathcal{J}_t$	$a^3, a^4$	$\mathcal{H}(e) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$
$\mathcal{J}_{a^2}$	$a^2$	
$\mathcal{J}_a$	$a$	
$\mathcal{J}_b$	$1$	$\mathcal{H}(e) \cong 1$

**Example (cells of  $T_3$ , idempotent cells colored; more in a second)**

The diagram shows three levels of cells in  $T_3$  with braid diagrams and their corresponding maximal subgroups  $\mathcal{H}(e)$ :

- $\mathcal{J}_t$ : A single braid diagram with two strands crossing once.  $\mathcal{H}(e) \cong S_1$ .
- $\mathcal{J}_m$ : A row of three braid diagrams, each with two strands crossing twice.  $\mathcal{H}(e) \cong S_2$ .
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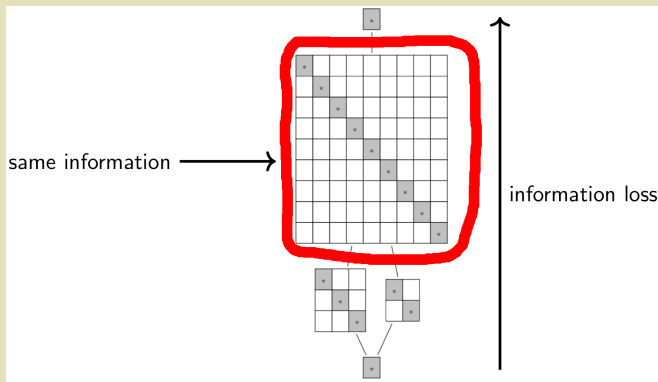
$\mathcal{H}(e)$

► Each

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# The theory of monoids (Green ~1950++)

$\mathcal{J}$  Computing these “egg box diagrams” is one of the main tasks of monoid theory



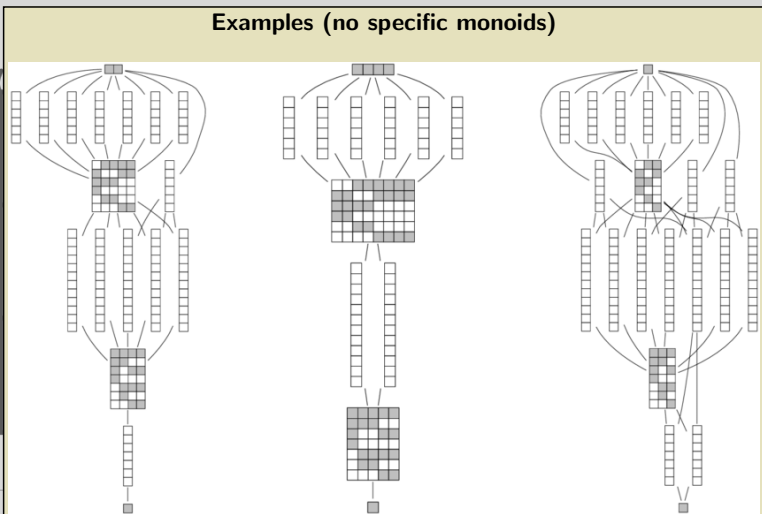
$\mathcal{R}$  GAP can do these calculations for you (package semigroups)

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# The theory of monoids (Green ~1950++)

$\mathcal{J}$

## Examples (no specific monoids)



$\mathcal{R}$

$\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{R}$

► Ea

$\mathcal{L}(e)$

Grey boxes are idempotent  $H$ -cells

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## Cells of some diagram monoids

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Connect eight points at the bottom with eight points at the top:



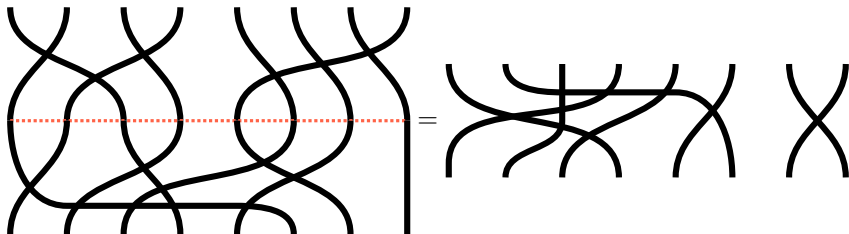
or



We just invented the symmetric group  $S_8$  on  $\{1, \dots, 8\}$

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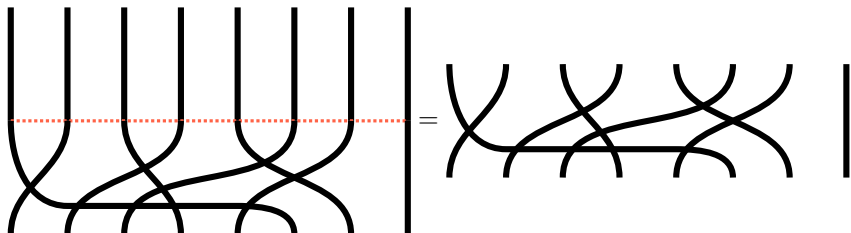
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My multiplication rule for  $gh$  is “stack  $g$  on top of  $h$ ”

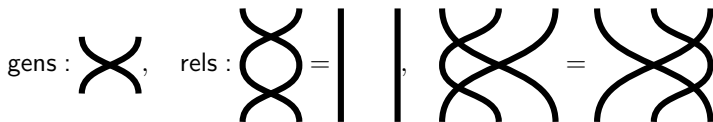


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- ▶ We clearly have  $g(hf) = (gh)f$
- ▶ There is a do nothing operation  $1g = g = g1$



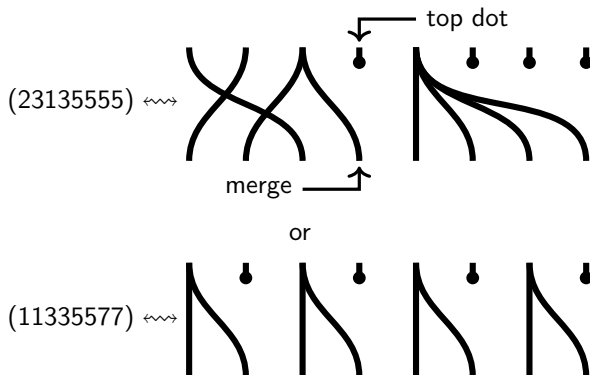
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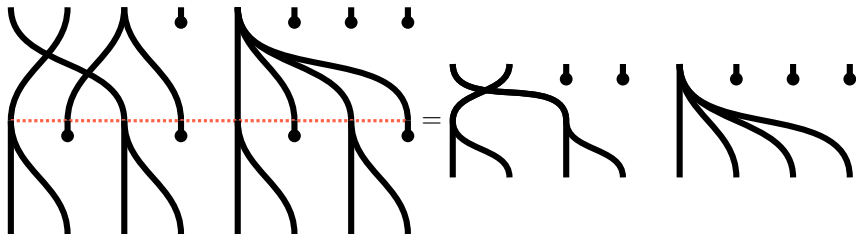
Allow merges and top dots:



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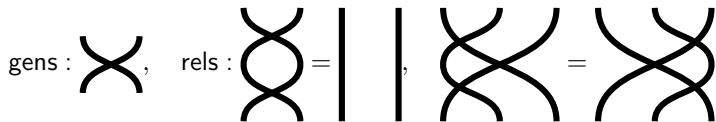


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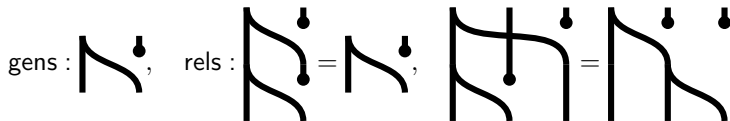
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- Generators–relations for  $S_n \subset T_n$  (the Reidemeister moves), e.g.



- Generators–relations for the non-invertible part of  $T_n$ , e.g.



- Interactions, e.g.



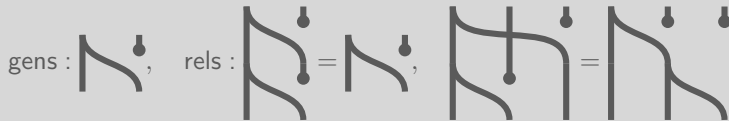
## Example (cells of $\mathcal{T}_3$ , idempotent cells colored)

Cells of so

► Genera

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	(333)			
$\mathcal{I}_m$	(122), (211)	(121), (212)	(221), (112)	$\mathcal{H}(e) \cong S_2$
	(133), (311)	(313), (131)	(113), (331)	
	(233), (322)	(323), (232)	(223), (332)	
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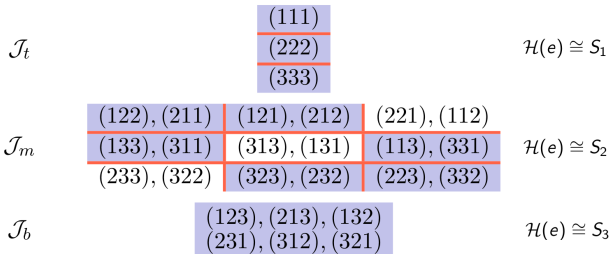
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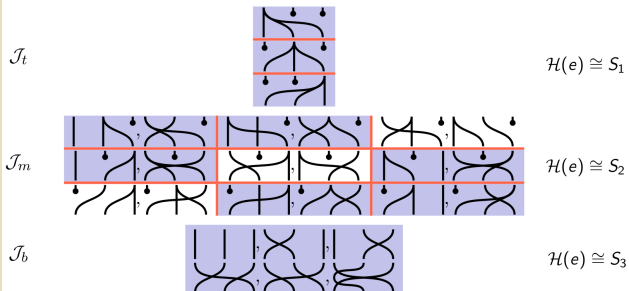
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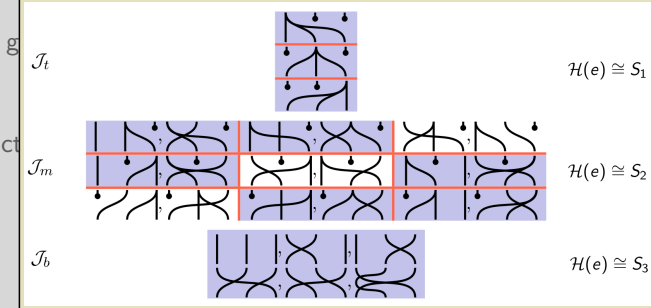
# Cells of some diagram monoids

## Theorem (folklore)

- ▶  $J$ -cells of  $T_n$  are given and ordered by **through strands  $\lambda$**
- All  $J$ -cells contain idempotents
- $L$ -cells correspond to fixed bottom ( $\{\binom{n}{\lambda}\}$  many),  $R$ -cells to fixed top ( $\binom{n}{\lambda}$  many)
- $\mathcal{H}(e) \cong S_\lambda$  for  $\lambda = \#$  through strands**

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Example ( $T_5$  via GAP)

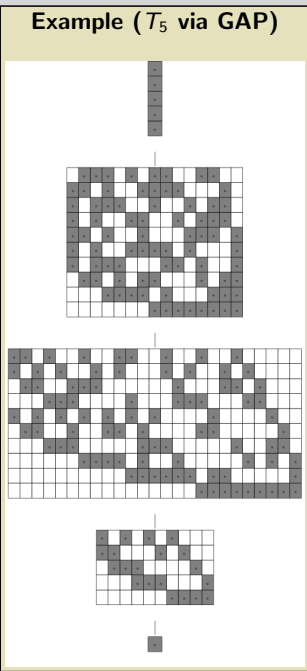
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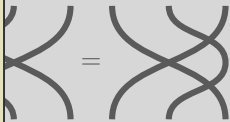
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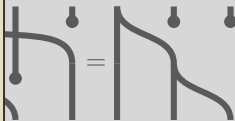
- Interactions, e.g.



... moves), e.g.



$T_n$ , e.g.





## Cells of some diagram monoids

### More examples (details on the exercise sheets)

Planar (left) and symmetric (right) diagram monoids, e.g.

Symbol	Diagrams	Symbol	Diagrams
$pPa_n$		$Pa_n$	
$Mo_n$		$RoBr_n$	
$TL_n$		$Br_n$	
$pRo_n$		$Ro_n$	
$pS_n$		$S_n$	

The (planar) symmetric groups  $pS_n, S_n$  are groups  $\Rightarrow$  Boring cells

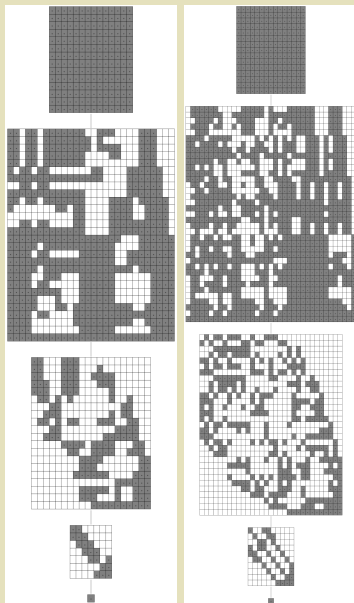
# Examples ((planar) partition monoid $pPa_4, Pa_4$ via GAP)

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Planar (left)

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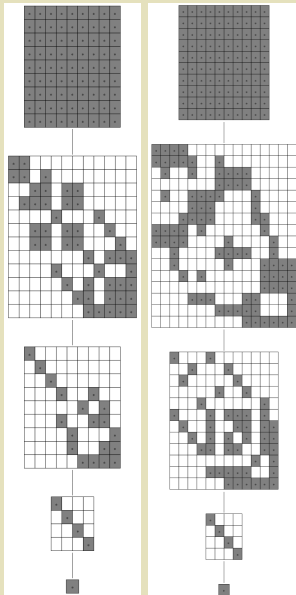


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# Examples (Motzkin + rook Brauer monoid $Mo_4, RoBr_4$ via GAP)

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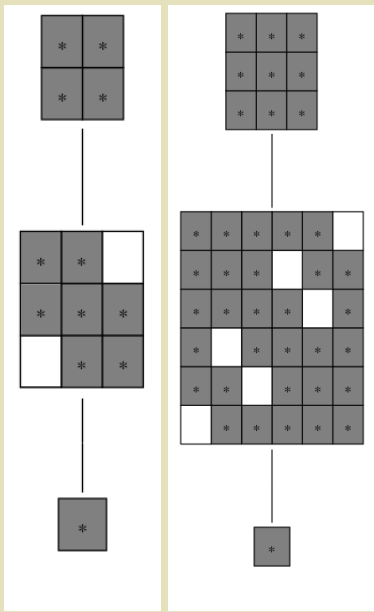


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# Examples (Temperley–Lieb + Brauer monoid $TL_4, Br_4$ via GAP)

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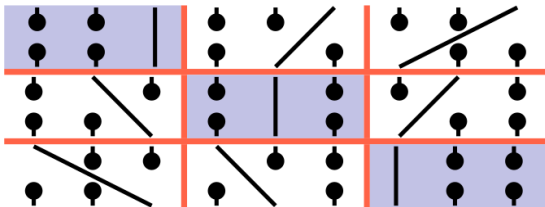
The (planar) symmetric groups  $PS_n, S_n$  are groups of permutations. Being cells

# Cells of some diagram monoids

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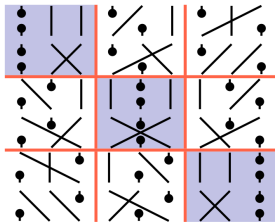
Examples ((planar) rook monoid  $pR_{O_3}, R_{O_3}$  by hand)

$\mathcal{J}_1$



$\mathcal{H}(e) \cong 1$

$\mathcal{J}_2$



$\mathcal{H}(e) \cong S_2$

The (planar) symmetric groups  $pS_n, S_n$  are groups  $\Rightarrow$  Boring cells

## The simple reps of monoids

$\phi: S \rightarrow GL(V)$   $S$ -representation on a  $\mathbb{K}$ -vector space  $V$ ,  $S$  is some monoid

- ▶ A  $\mathbb{K}$ -linear subspace  $W \subset V$  is  $S$ -invariant if  $S \cdot W \subset W$  **Substructure**
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The rep theory of monoids is much better than expected!

theorem

simple reps

## The simple reps of monoids

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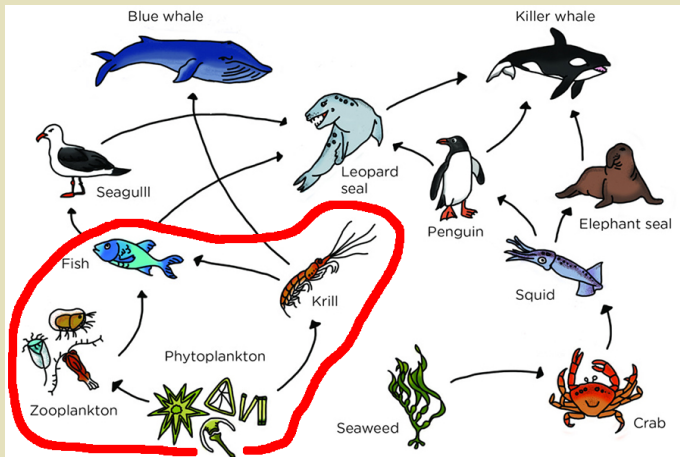
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## Example (anti apex predator)



“Apex = fish” means that the red bubble does not annihilate your rep and the rest does

*J*-reduction = existence of apexes

Basically, there is a monoid  $S_{\mathcal{J}}$  associated to fish with

Simples of  $S_{\mathcal{J}} \xleftrightarrow{1:1}$  simples of  $S$  with apex fish

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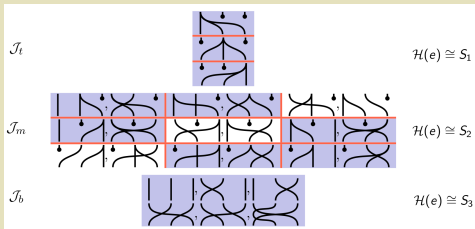
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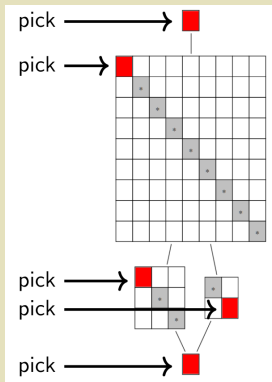
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Example (no specific monoid)



Five apices: bottom cell, big cell, 2x2 cell, 3x3 cell, top cell  
 Simples for the 2x2 cell are acted on as zero by elements from 3x3 cell, top cell

**H-reduction**

It is sufficient to pick one  $\mathcal{H}(e)$  per block



# The simple reps of monoids

## Clifford, Munn, Ponizovskii ~1940++ $H$ -reduction

- ▶ There are cell representations

Cells can be considered  $S$ -representations, called *cell representations* or Schützenberger representations, up to higher order terms:

**Lemma 3B.1.** *Each left cell  $\mathcal{L}$  of  $S$  gives rise to a left  $S$ -representation  $\Delta_{\mathcal{L}} = \mathbb{K}\mathcal{L}$  by*

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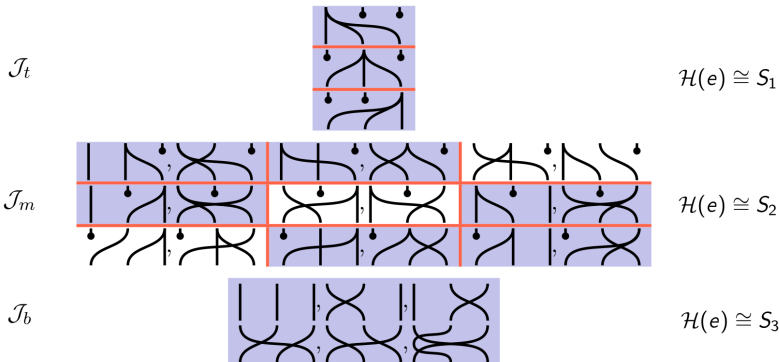
*Similarly, right cells give right representations  ${}_{\mathcal{R}}\Delta$  and  $J$ -cells give birepresentations (often called bimodules). We have  $\dim_{\mathbb{K}}(\Delta_{\mathcal{L}}) = |\mathcal{L}|$  and  $\dim_{\mathbb{K}}({}_{\mathcal{R}}\Delta) = |\mathcal{R}|$ .*

- ▶ There is a sandwich matrix which takes values in the  $H$ -cells
- ▶ There is an isomorphism of rings

$$[S\text{-mod}] \cong \prod_{\mathcal{J}(e)} [\mathcal{H}(e)\text{-mod}]$$

- ▶  $S$  is semisimple if and only if all  $J$ -cells are idempotent and square, all  $\mathcal{H}(e)$  are semisimple + a condition on cell representations
- ▶ Many more...

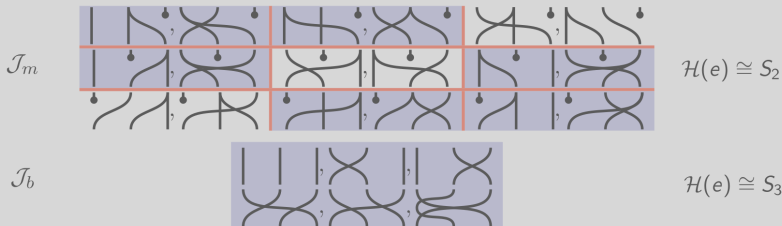
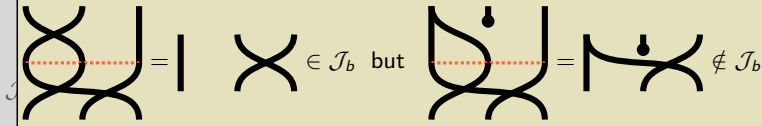
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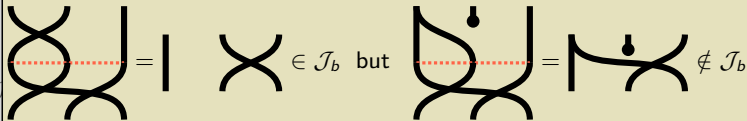
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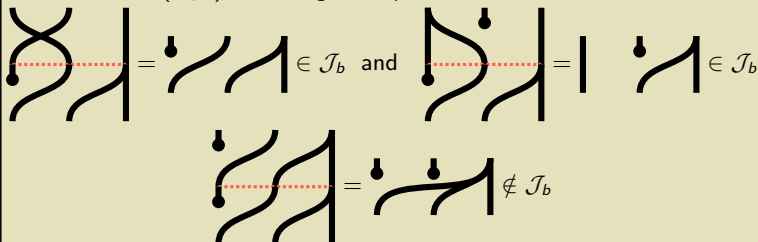
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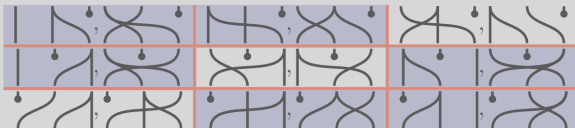
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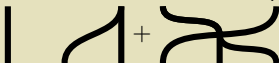
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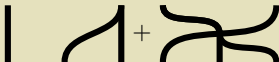
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**Theorem (folklore)**

The simple  $T_n$ -reps are  $L(\lambda, K)$  for  $K$  a simple  $S_\lambda$ -rep  
 Unless  $K$  is the sign  $S_\lambda$ -rep the induction to the cell is simple  
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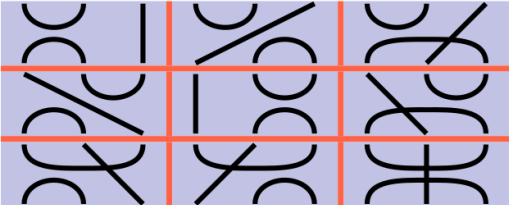
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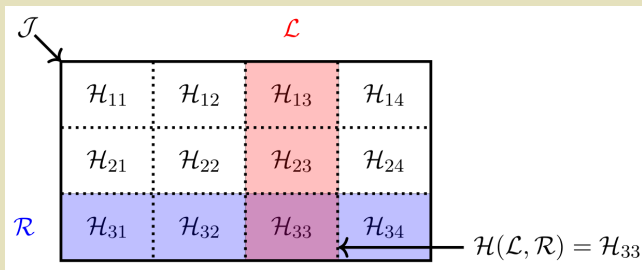
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- ▶ The Brauer monoid  $Br_3$  has two apexes, four left/right cell modules
- ▶ Over  $\mathbb{C}$  we find  $3 + 1$  simple modules
- ▶ Other diagram algebras are similar; more on the exercise sheets

## Summary

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Where do we want to go?



- Green, Clifford, Mann, Poinzevski – 1940++ + many others
- Representation theory of  $(\text{finite})$  monoids
- Goal: Find some categorical analog

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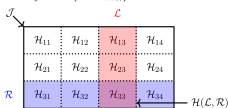
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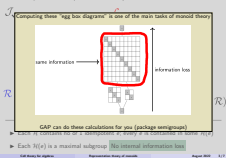
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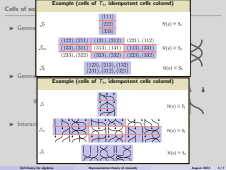
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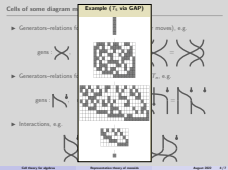
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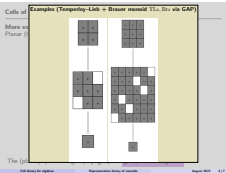
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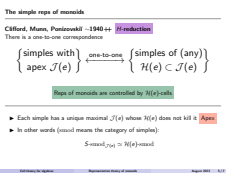
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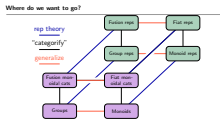


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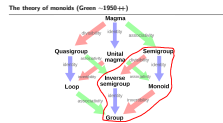


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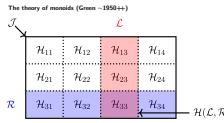
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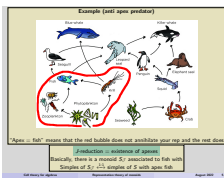
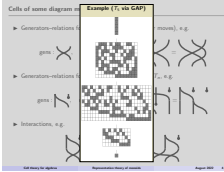
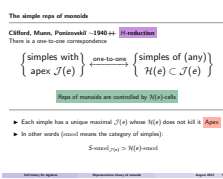
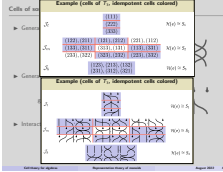
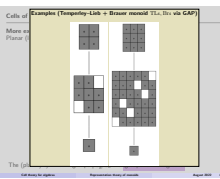
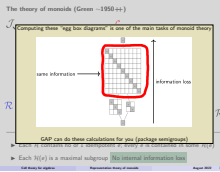
- Green, Clifford, Mann, Ponizovskii – 1940++ + many others
- Representation theory of  $(\text{finite})$  monoids
- Goal Find some categorical analog



- Associativity  $\Rightarrow$  reasonable theory of matrix reps
- Southeast corner  $\Rightarrow$  reasonable theory of matrix reps



- $H$ -cells  $\Rightarrow$  intersections of left and right cells
- The  $J$ -cells are matrices with values in  $H$ -cells



Thanks for your attention!