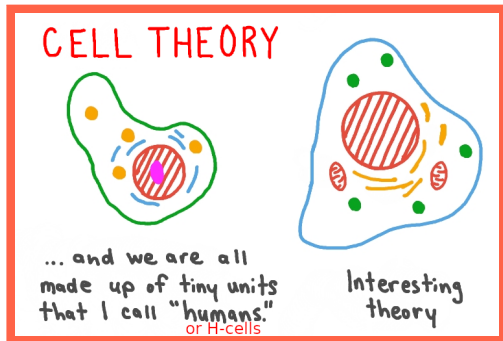


# Representation theory of algebras

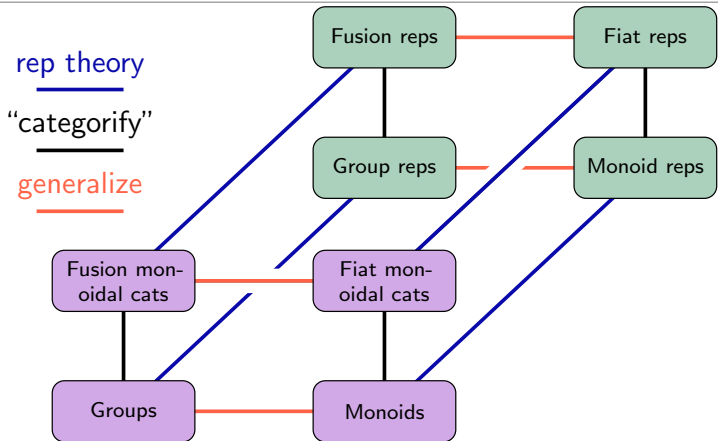
Or: Cell theory for algebras

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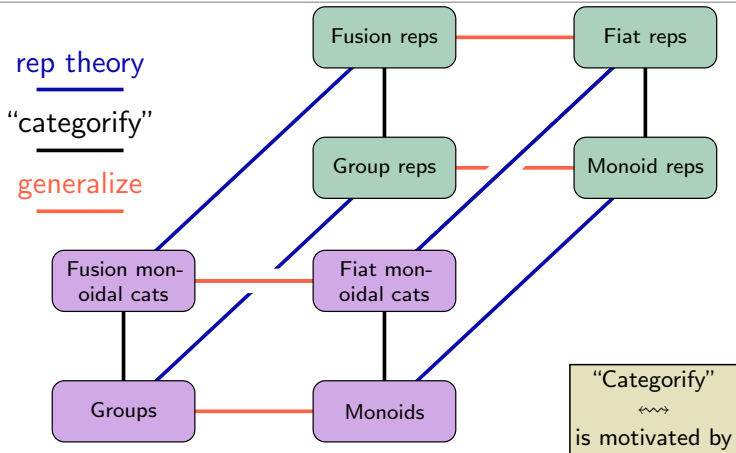
Part 1: Reps of monoids; Part 3: Reps of monoidal cats

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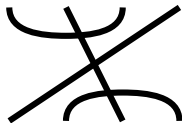
- ▶ Today: off track Interlude on  $H$ -reduction for algebras
- ▶ We will discover the  $H$ -reduction for algebras in real time!
- ▶ Examples we discuss The good, the ugly and the bad

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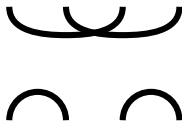
Connect 4 points at the bottom with 4 points at the top, potentially turning back:

$$\{\{1, -4\}, \{2, 4\}, \{3, -2\}, \{-1, -3\}\} \leftrightarrow$$



or

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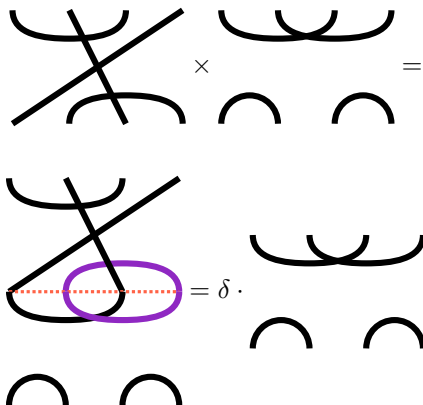


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We just invented the Brauer **monoid**  $Br_4$  on  $\{1, \dots, 4\} \cup \{-1, \dots, -4\}$

## The good

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Fix some field  $\mathbb{K}$  and  $\delta \in \mathbb{K}$ , evaluate circles to  $\delta \Rightarrow$  Brauer algebra  $Br_4(\delta)$   
The Brauer monoid is the non-linear version of  $Br_4(1)$

## The good

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Clifford, Munn, Ponizovskii ~1940++ ***H*-reduction**

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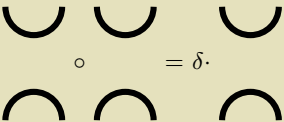
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Pseudo idempotent can be normalized to idempotents

$$ee = \delta e \Rightarrow \frac{e}{\delta} \frac{e}{\delta} = \frac{e}{\delta}$$

►  $Br_n$

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Green, Clifford, Munn, Ponizovskii  $\Rightarrow$  pseudo idempotents are good!

The group **Example (cells of  $Br_3(\delta)$  for  $\delta \neq 0$ , pseudo idempotent cells colored)**

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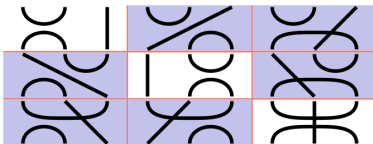
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$H$ -reduction works for the Brauer algebra

## CANONICAL BASES FOR THE BRAUER CENTRALIZER ALGEBRA

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- (a)  $J$ -cells  $\leftrightarrow$  through strands, all  $J$ -cells are pseudo idempotent for  $\delta \neq 0$  and  $\mathcal{H}(e)$  are symmetric groups in the through strands
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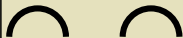
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*H*-reduction works for other diagram algebra and quantum versions

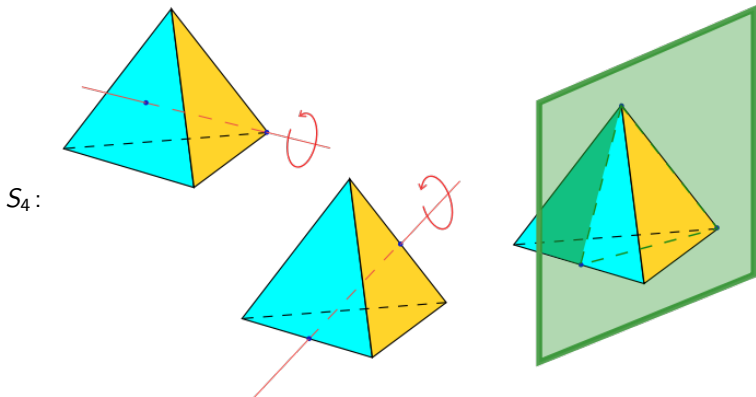
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More details on the exercise sheets

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Green cells in linear

$B = \{x, y, z, \dots\}$  fix basis of an algebra  $A$

$\in$  = has a nonzero coefficient when expressed via  $B$

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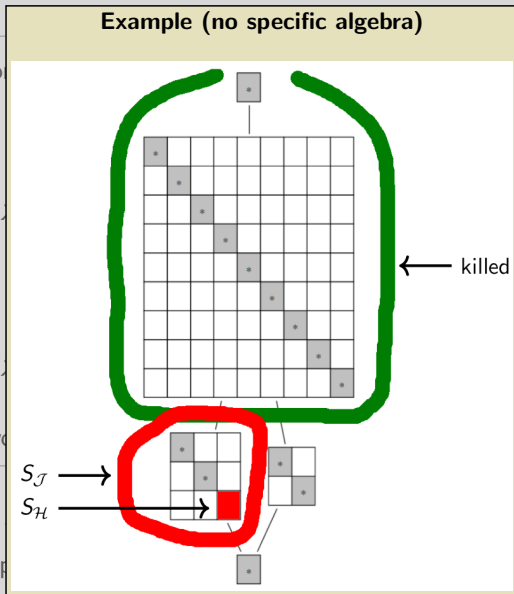
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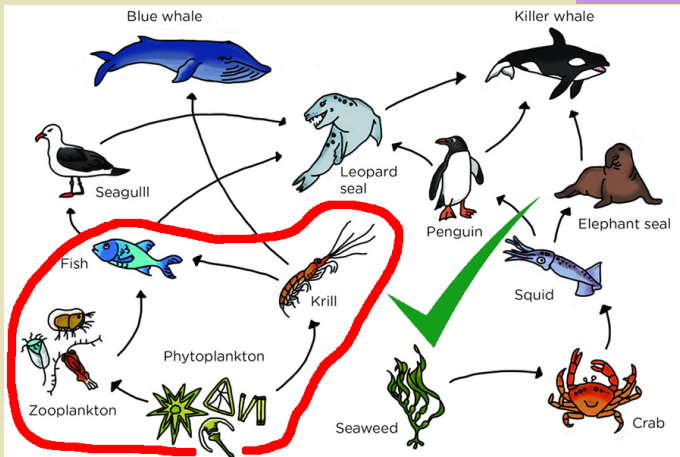
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The notion of an apex makes sense for the pair  $(S_n, B_{KL})$  J-reduction



“Apex = fish” means that the KL basis elements in the red bubble do not annihilate your rep and the others do

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**For the record**

(b) works over any field but with  $p$ -restricted partitions  
There is also a quantum version

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### Example (symmetric group $S_3$ )

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Size		1	3	2
Order		1	2	3
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$p = 2$		1	1	3
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X.1	+	1	1	1
X.2	+	1	-1	1
X.3	+	2	0	-1

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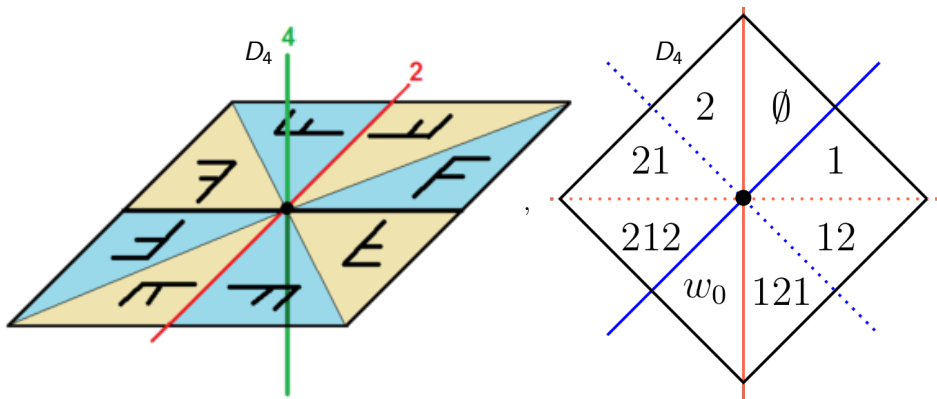
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X.1	+	1	1
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The simple reps over  $\mathbb{K}$  with  $\text{char}(\mathbb{K}) = 2$  corresponding to the two  $\mathcal{J}(e)$  cells via  $\chi_1 = \chi_2 \leftrightarrow \mathcal{J}_\emptyset$ ,  $\chi_3 \leftrightarrow \mathcal{J}_m$ ,

## The bad



- ▶ Dihedral groups  $D_n$  of order  $2n$  are the symmetry groups of  $n$  gons
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- ▶ They are groups  $\Rightarrow$  Green's cell theory is boring

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Class		1	2	3	4	5
Size		1	1	2	2	2
Order		1	2	2	2	4
-----						
$p$	=	2	1	1	1	2
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X.1	+	1	1	1	1	1
X.2	+	1	1	-1	1	-1
X.3	+	1	1	1	-1	-1
X.4	+	1	1	-1	-1	1
X.5	+	2	-2	0	0	0

$$D_4:$$

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Class		1	2	3	4	
Size		1	5	2	2	
Order		1	2	5	5	
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$p$	=	2	1	1	4	3
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X.1	+	1	1	1	1	
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$$D_5:$$

- ▶ **Kazhdan–Lusztig (KL) ~1979, Lusztig ~1984, folklore** Use a  $J$ -reduction approach
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The **Example (cells for  $D_4, D_5 = \langle 1, 2 \rangle$  over  $\mathbb{C}$ , pseudo idempotent cells colored)**

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▶ For  $B=KL$  basis  $b_w$ ,  $\cong_s =$  up to scaling (more on the exercise sheets)

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For  $D_n$ ,  $n$  odd there exists a basis  $B$  such that:

- (a) All simple  $D_n$  modules have a unique apex
- (b) There are three  $J$ -cells, all  $J$ -cells are pseudo idempotent and all corresponding  $S_{\mathcal{H}}$  are isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}$  or  $\mathbb{C}[\mathbb{Z}/(\frac{n-1}{2})\mathbb{Z}]$   
There is also a slightly more involved version for general  $\mathbb{K}$
- (c)  $H$ -reduction works for  $D_n$

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$p = 5$	1	2	1	1
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X.1	+	1	1	1
X.2	+	1	-1	1
X.3	+	2	0	Z1 Z1#2
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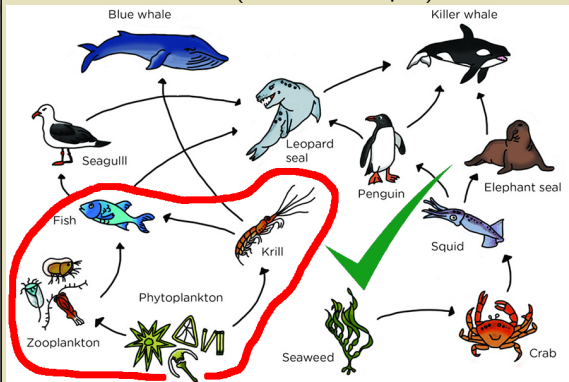
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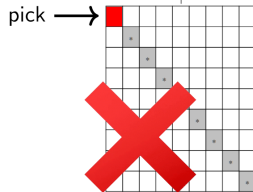
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The  $J$ -reduction (notion of an apex) makes sense for all Coxeter groups



pick  $\longrightarrow$



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But  $H$ -reduction only works in type  $A$  and odd dihedral type

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

**$H$ -reduction** Powerful, but doesn't work in general

**$J$ -reduction** General, but not so powerful

► Get algebras

► Pseudo idempotents make  $S_J, S_H$  unital

## The bad

$J$ -reduction often doesn't get you far

A middle cell in type  $E_8$  where  $\dim S_{\mathcal{J}} = 202671840$  and zillions of associated simples:

$\mathcal{J}_{23}$

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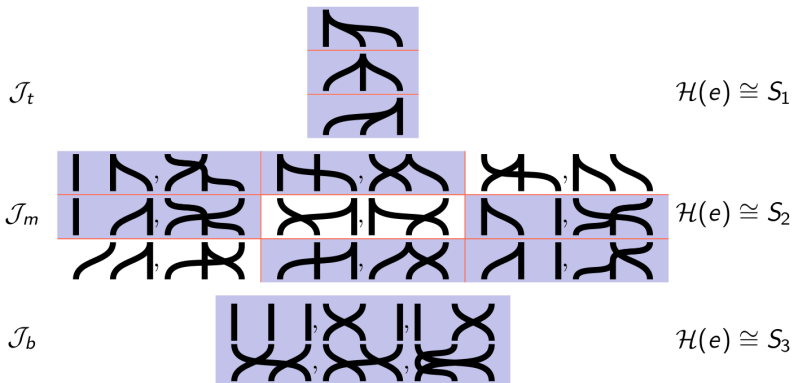
$A_{k,l} = H$ -cells of size  $A$  arranged in a  $(k \times l)$ -matrix

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## The good, the ugly and the bad – comparison

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- ▶ For monoids all  $H$ -cells within one  $J$ -cell are of the same size
- ▶ For the good, the ugly and the odd bad the same is true
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Strategy (Brown ~1953, König–Xi ~1999, folklore)

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Sandwich datum:

- A partial ordered set  $\Lambda = (\Lambda, \leq_\Lambda)$
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- an algebra  $\mathbb{S}_\lambda$  and a fixed basis  $B_\lambda$  of it for all  $\lambda \in \Lambda$
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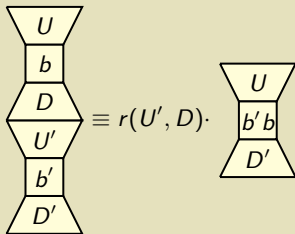
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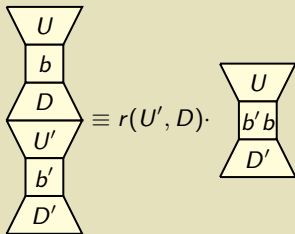
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H-cells are of equal size, by definition! As free  $\mathbb{K}$  vector spaces:

$$\mathcal{L}(\lambda, U) \cong M_\lambda \otimes_{\mathbb{K}} \mathbb{S}_\lambda \iff \begin{array}{c} U \\ b \\ D \end{array}, \quad \mathcal{R}(\lambda, D) \cong \mathbb{S}_\lambda \otimes_{\mathbb{K}} N_\lambda \iff \begin{array}{c} U \\ b \\ D \end{array},$$

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## The good, the ugly and the bad – comparison

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In spirit of Clifford, Munn, Ponizovskii ~1940++ **H-reduction**

There is a one-to-one correspondence (under some conditions on  $\mathbb{K}$  and  $\mathbb{S}_\lambda$ )

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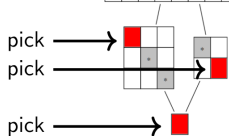
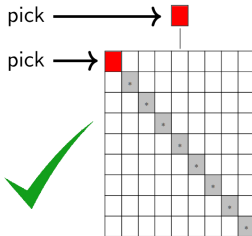
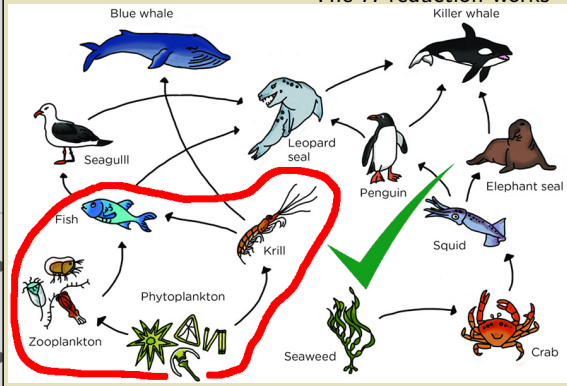
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# The good, the ugly and the bad – comparison

For sandwich cellular algebras

The  $J$ -reduction (notion of an apex) makes sense  
The  $H$ -reduction works



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# The good, the ugly and the bad – comparison

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## Example

All algebras are sandwich cellular with  $\Lambda = \{\bullet\}$  and  $\mathbb{S}_\bullet = A$

We get the fantastic  $H$ -reduction tautology:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{simples of} \\ A \end{array} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{simples with} \\ \text{apex } \bullet \end{array} \right\} \xleftrightarrow{\text{one-to-one}} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{simples of} \\ \mathbb{S}_\bullet \end{array} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{simples of} \\ A \end{array} \right\}$$



The point is to find a good sandwich datum!

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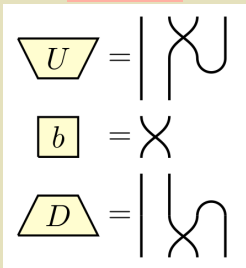
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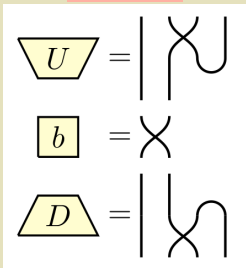
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
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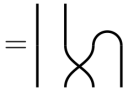
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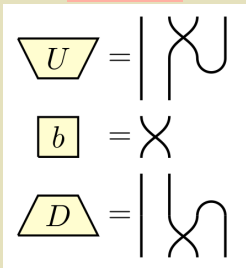
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**Nonexample**  
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The even bad

Where do we want to go?



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

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The good

Clifford Mann, Ponziozkil – 1940++

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Example (cells of  $\mathcal{H}(e)$  for  $\beta \neq 0$ , pseudo idempotent cells colored)

$\mathcal{H}(e) \cong S_1$

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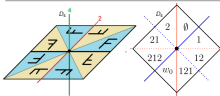
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The bad



- Dihedral groups  $D_n$  of order  $2n$  are the symmetry groups of  $n$  gons
- Frobenius – 1895++ Their (complex) rep theory is well understood
- They are groups  $\Rightarrow$  Green's cell theory is boring

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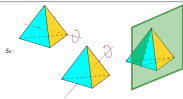
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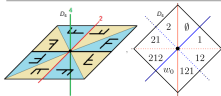
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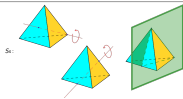
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