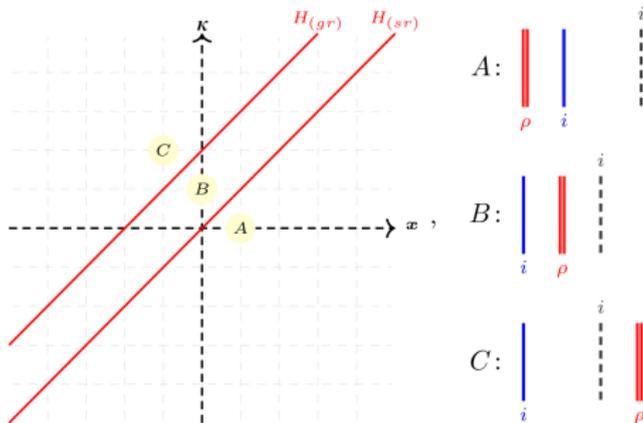


# On weighted KLRW algebras

Or: Diagrammatic interpolation

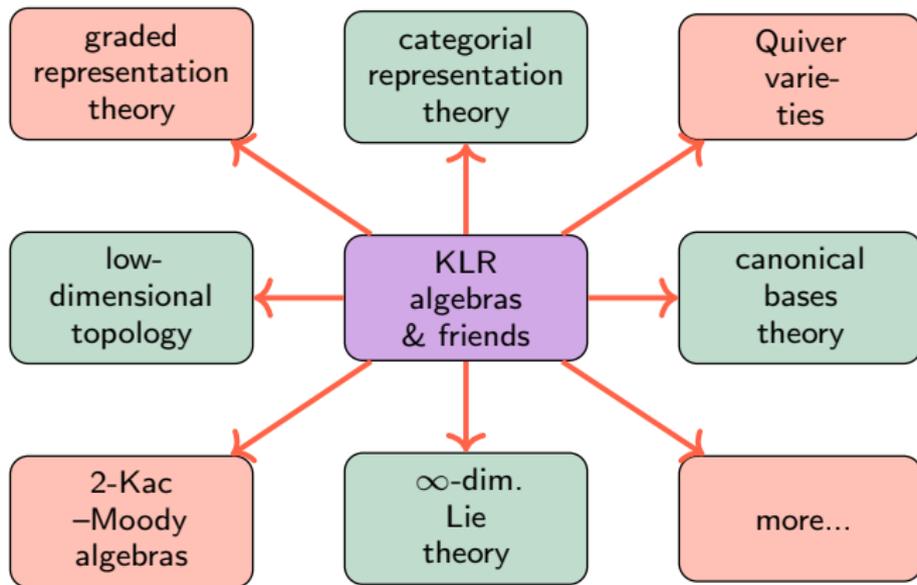
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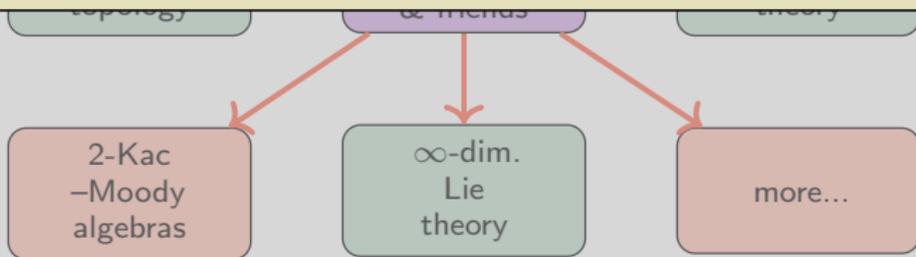
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## Today

How to play the interpolation game using planar geometry?

As an upshot we get an algebra interpolating between various algebras appearing in categorical representation theory

The takeaway keyword: Distance!

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## Careful

A lot but not everything

can be passed freely from  $\mathbb{C}[a, b][Y]/(Y - a)(Y - b)$  to  $\mathbb{C}[Y]/(Y^2)$   
e.g. simple modules

The same is true for the algebras we see today!

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



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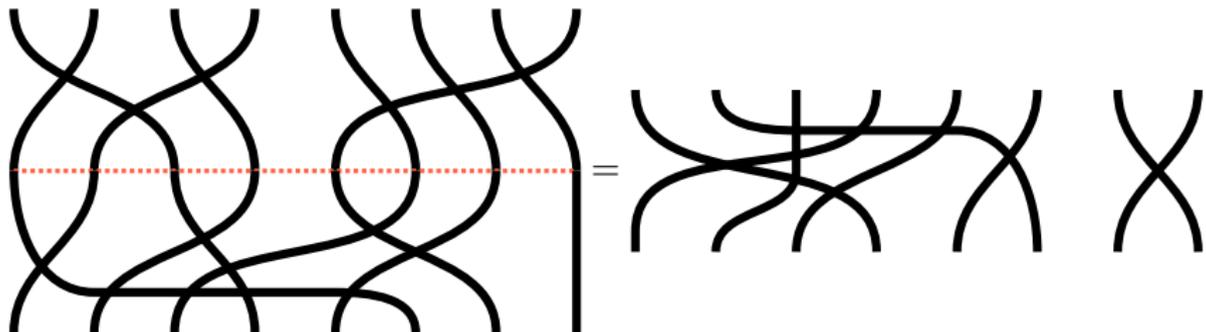


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We just invented the symmetric group  $S_8$  on  $\{1, \dots, 8\}$

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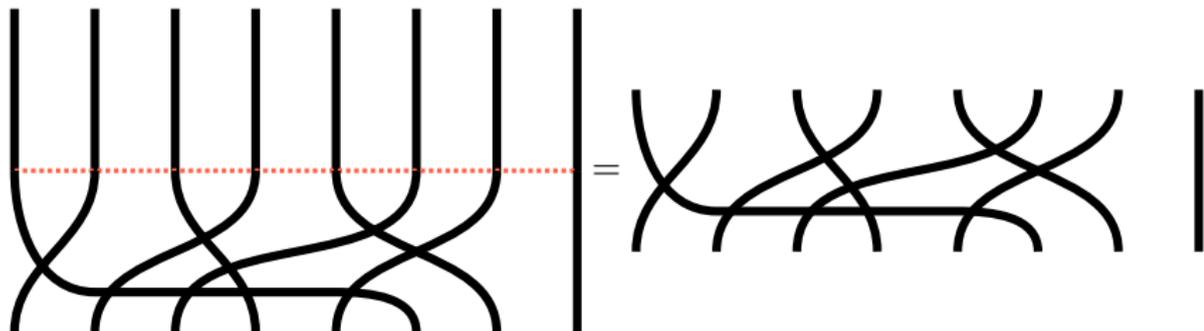


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My multiplication rule for  $gh$  is “stack  $g$  on top of  $h$ ”

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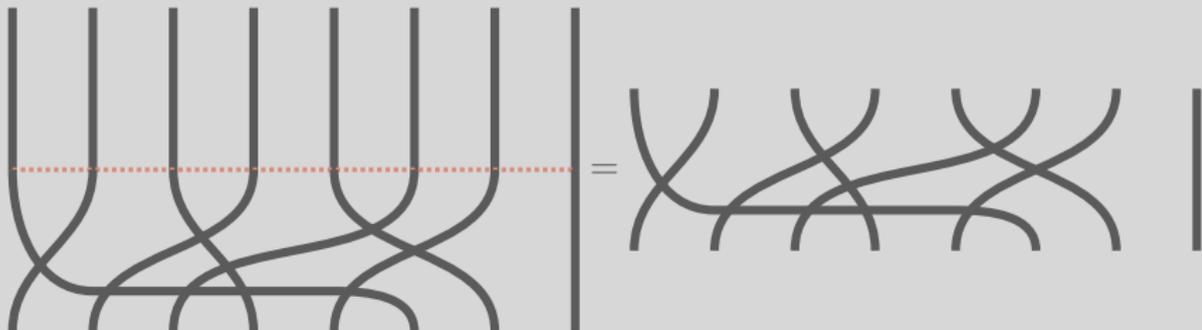
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- ### Idea (Webster ~2012)

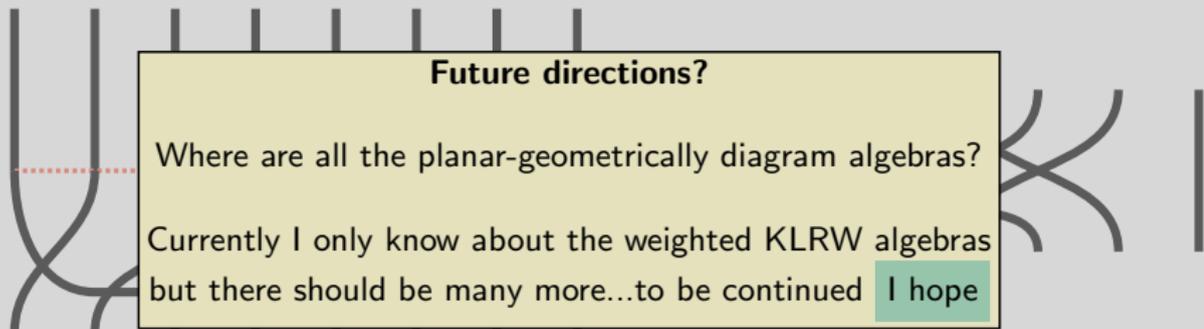
Define a diagram algebra that uses the distance in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

The result is called **weighted KLRW algebra**

These are “planar-geometrically symmetric group diagram algebras”

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**Future directions?**

Where are all the planar-geometrically diagram algebras?

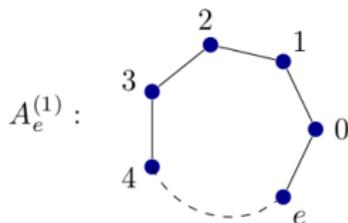
Currently I only know about the weighted KLRW algebras but there should be many more...to be continued **I hope**

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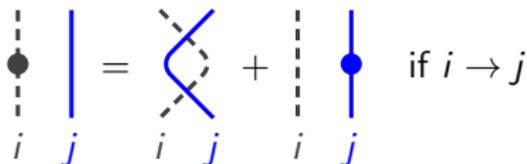
Examples of quivers  $\Gamma$

An additional orientation fixes signs



- ▶ The strings are labeled by  $i \in I$  from a fixed quiver  $\Gamma = (I, E)$
- ▶ The relations (that I am not going to show you ;-)) depend on  $e \in E$ , e.g.:

“Reidemeister II  
with error term” :

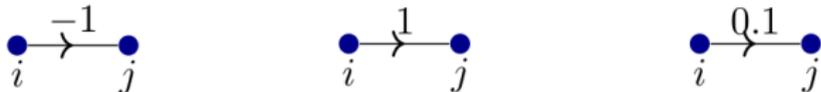


I usually never use the number  $\pi$  in a talk ;-)

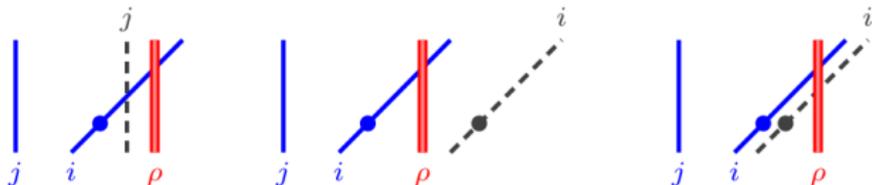
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Weighted quiver



diagram

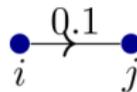
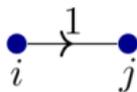
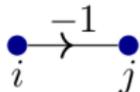


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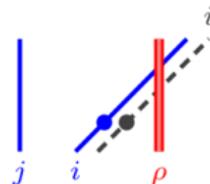
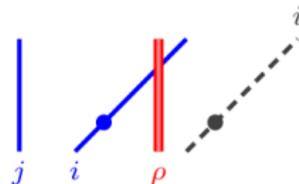
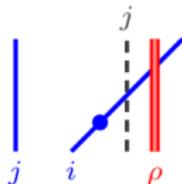
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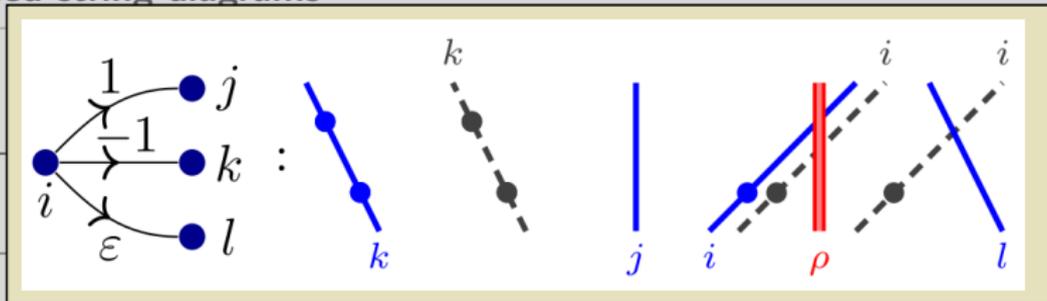
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► The weight of endpoints

This "asymmetric" definition, always shifting rightwards makes life a bit more convenient but is not essential

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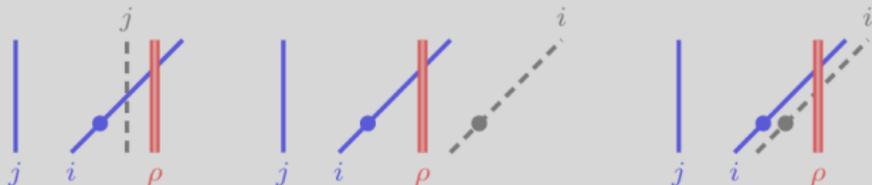


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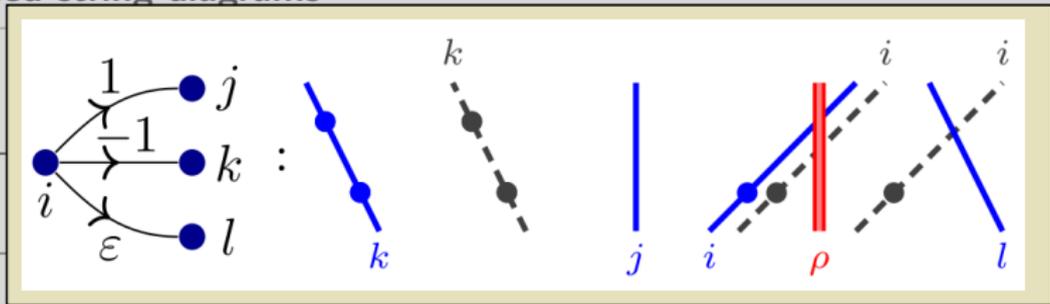
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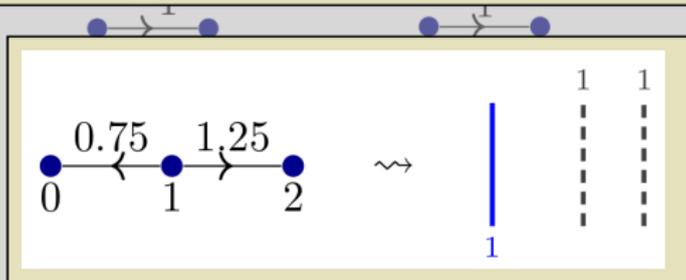
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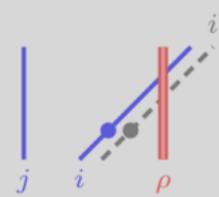


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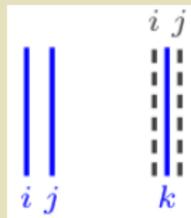
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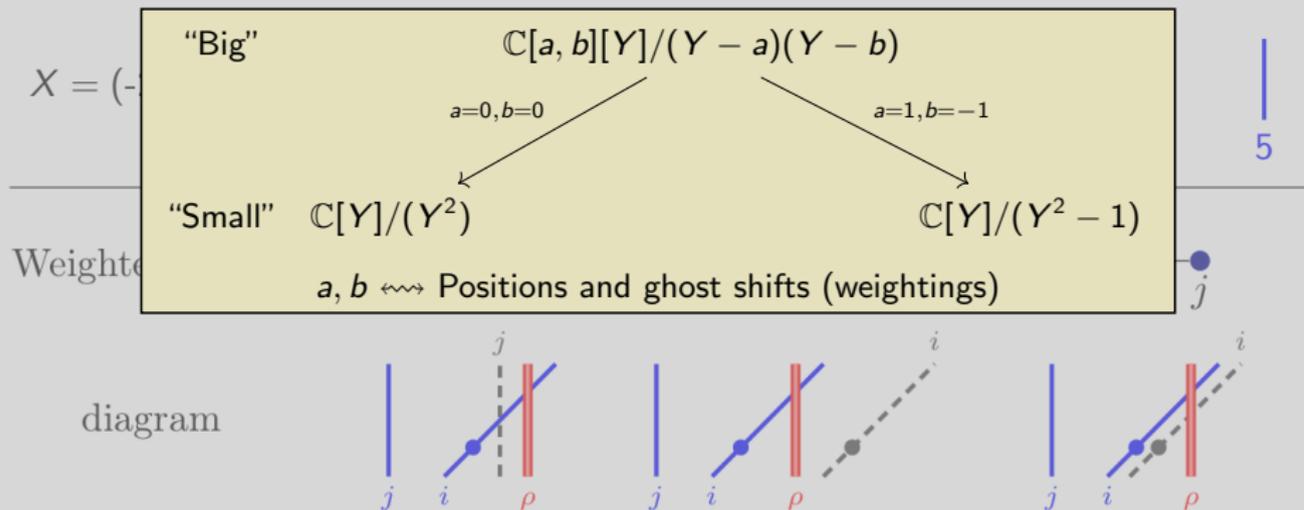
The following  $i$  and  $j$ -strings are not close:



**Slogan** Ghosts prevent the diagrams from being scale-able as for “usual diagram algebras”

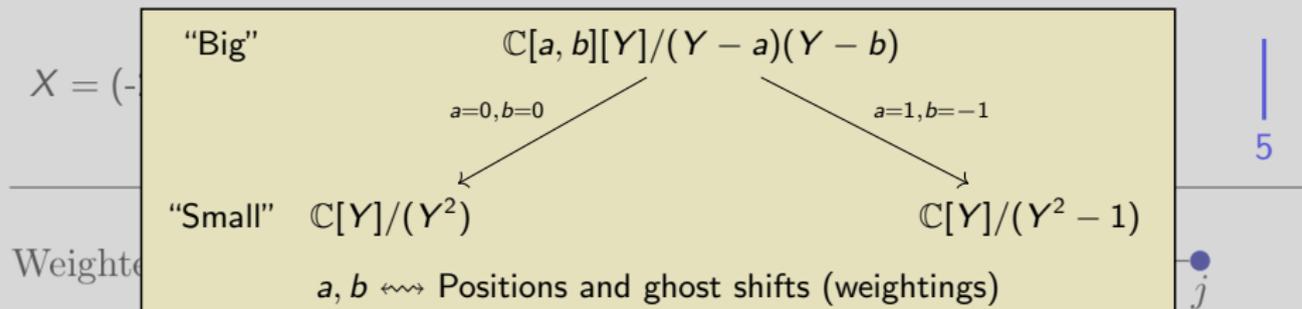
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diagram

For “good choices” of  $X$ :

Semisimple	Huge ghost shifts
KLR	Tiny ghost shifts
Quiver Schur	Some specific “cluster” spacing
Diagrammatic Cherednik	Ghost shifts 1
Unnamed algebras	The rest

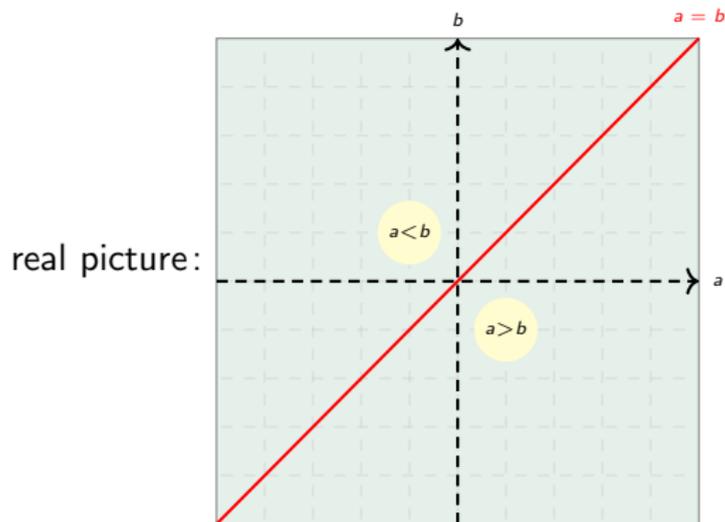
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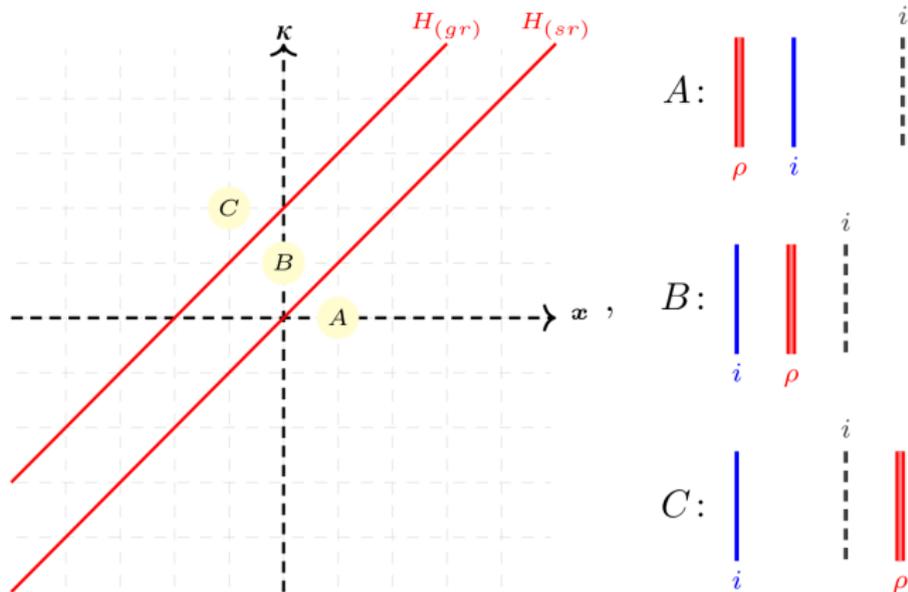
one double root  $a = b$

&

two different roots  $a \neq b$

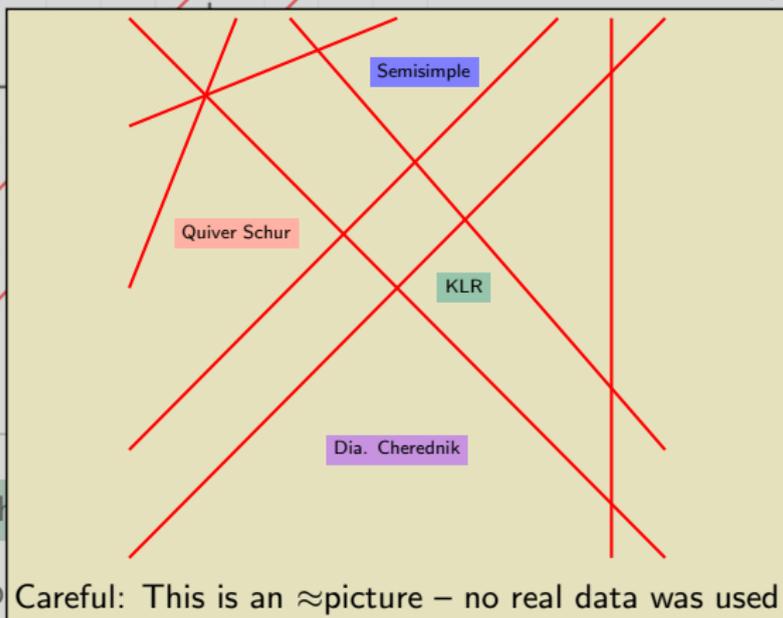
- What is the analog picture for weighted KLRW algebras?

# Hyperplanes



- ▶ There is a **hyperplane arrangement (HA)** associated to weighted KLRW algebras
- ▶ The hyperplanes are defined by **“colliding strings”** (a form of distance)

- ▶ Alcoves of the HA  $\Rightarrow$  Morita equivalence classes of weighted KLRW algebras
  - ▶ There is a theory of translation functors
- ▶  $\approx$ picture 1 There is an alcove for KLR, an alcove for the semisimple case etc.
  - ▶  $\approx$ picture 2 Translation functors interpolate between these algebras



▶ There is a

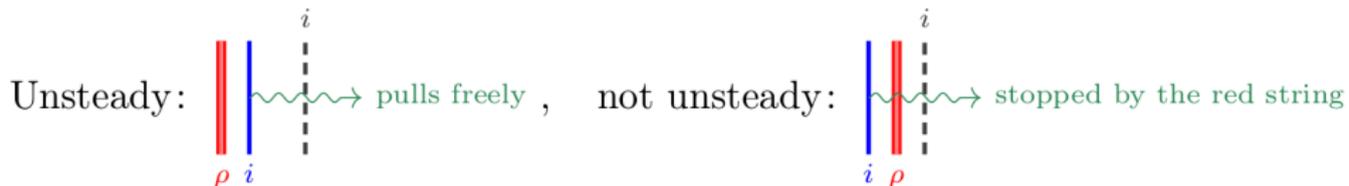
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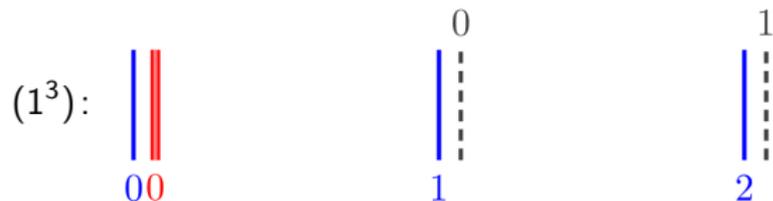
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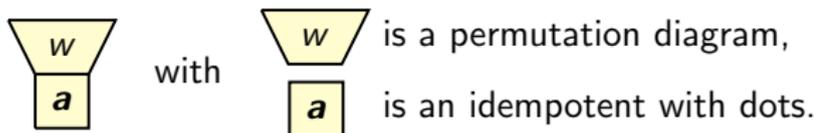
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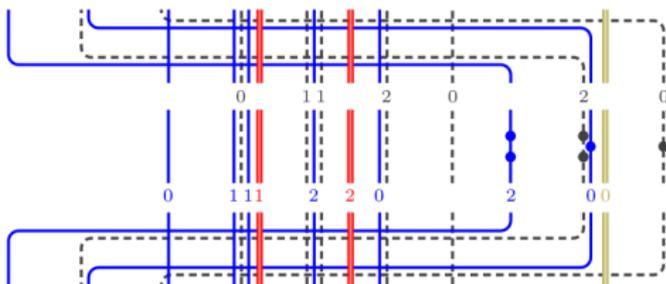
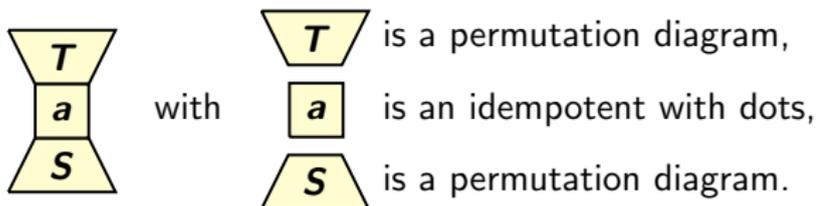
- ▶ More properties I won't explain today due to time restrictions...

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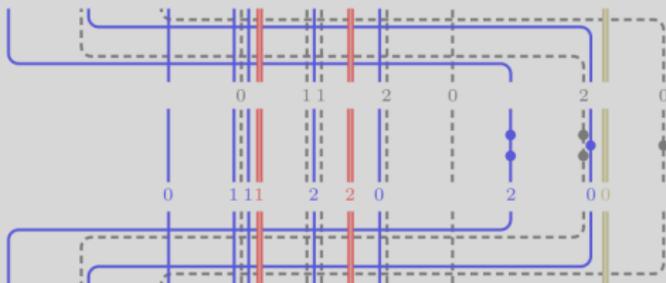
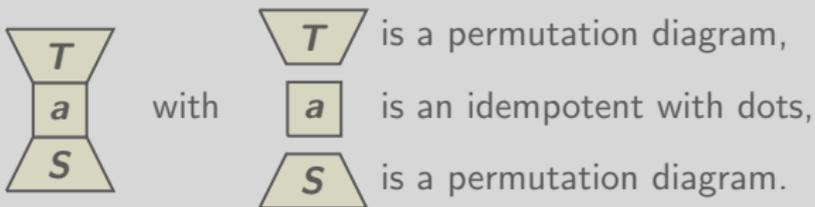
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Why this type?

Because the code I am going to use works best for this type ;-)

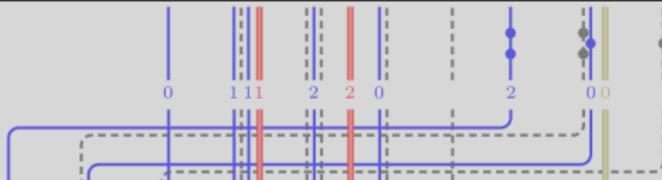
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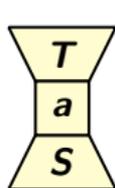
**Summary of the before**

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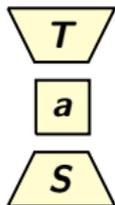
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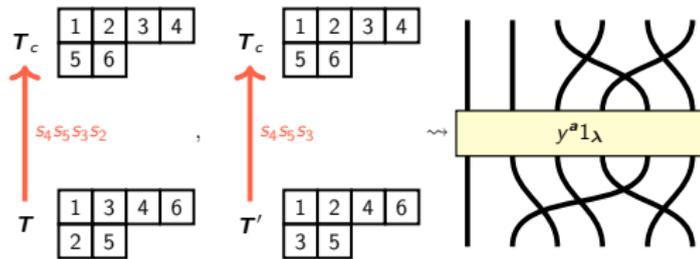


$T$  is a permutation diagram,

$a$  is an idempotent with dots,

$S$  is a permutation diagram.

- ▶ The definition of the permutation follows the usual strategy in this context:



- ▶ Let me focus on the middle  $y^a 1_\lambda$

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$C_3^{(1)} : (12, 6^3, 5) \leftrightarrow$

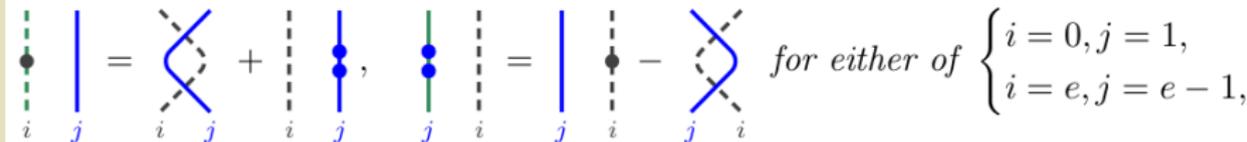
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- ▶ Assume the tableaux combinatorics is given (a better statement later!)
- ▶ Place strings inductively **as far to the right as possible** (this is the order!)
- ▶  $1_\lambda$  is **minimal** with respect to placing the strings to the right
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# Minimal diagrams in type $C_e^{(1)}$



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But they come directly from the Reidemeister II relations, e.g.



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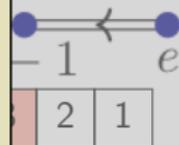
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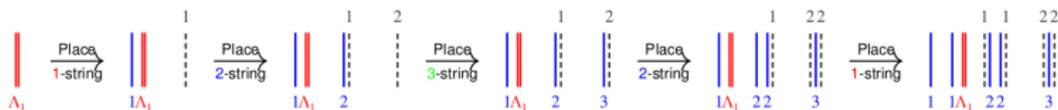


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## Wrap up

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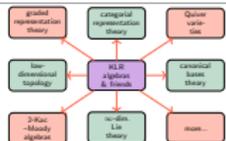
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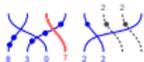
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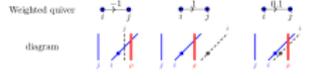
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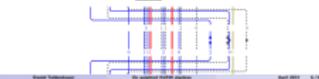


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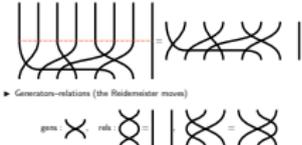
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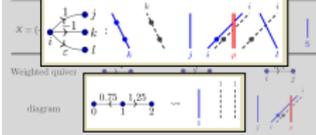


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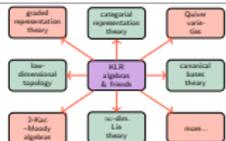
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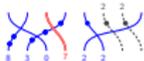
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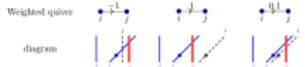
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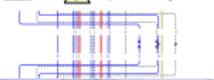
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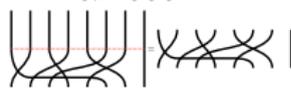
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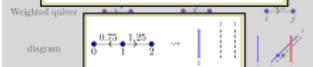
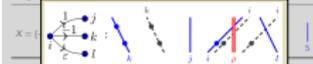
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Thanks for your attention!