

# Koszul duality and categorifying Jacobi-Trudi

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# Link

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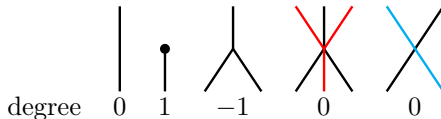
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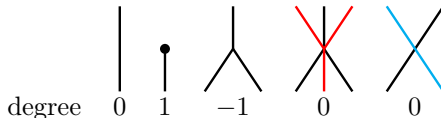


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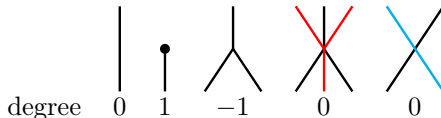
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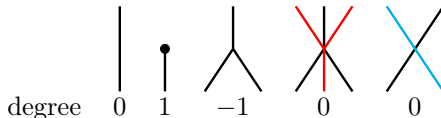
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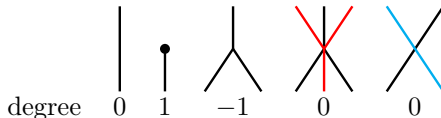
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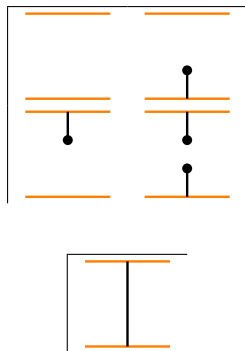
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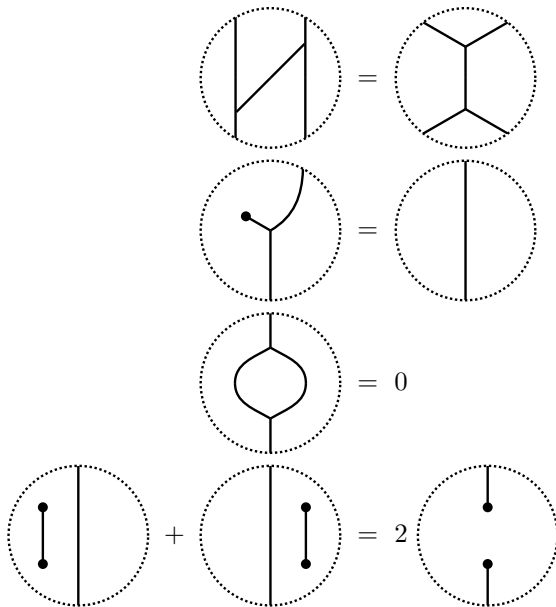
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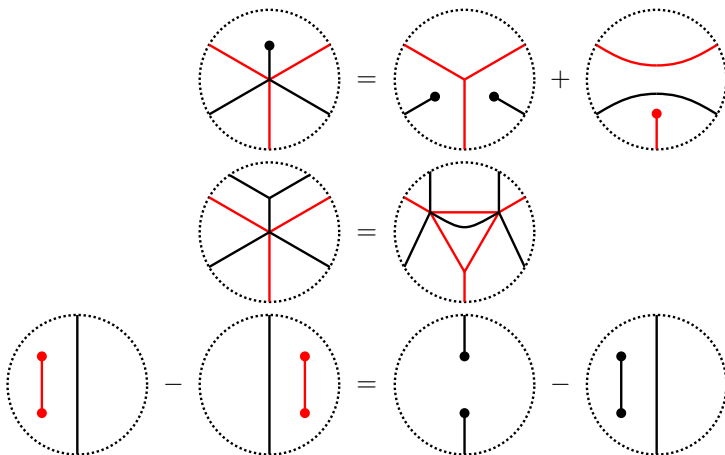
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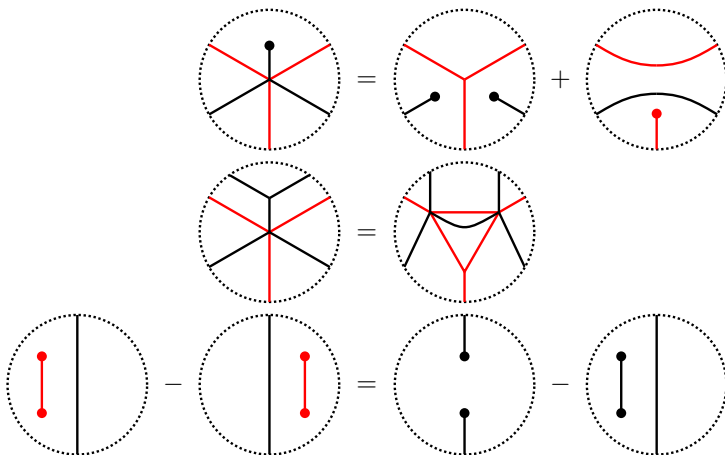
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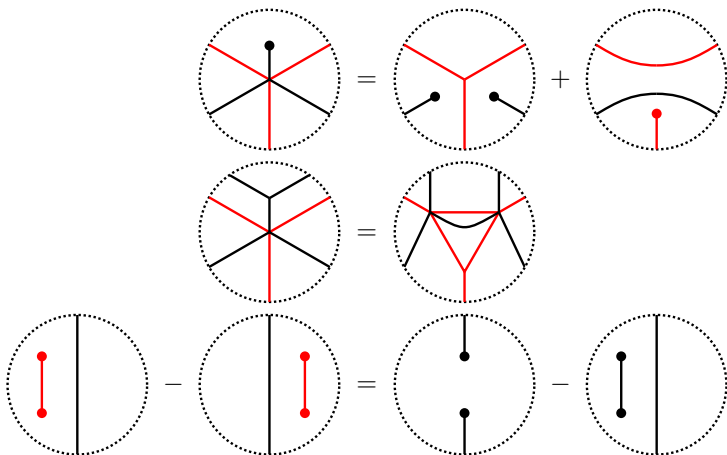
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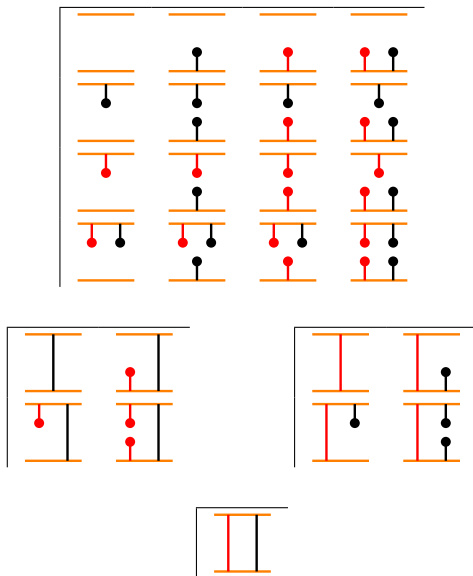
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$$x_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes x_n \longmapsto \sum_i (x_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes x_i) \otimes (x_{i+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes x_n).$$



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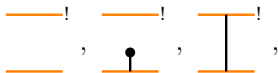
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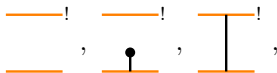
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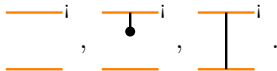


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This is secretly saying something about BGG differentials.

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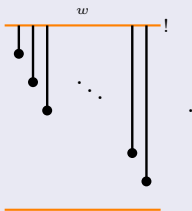
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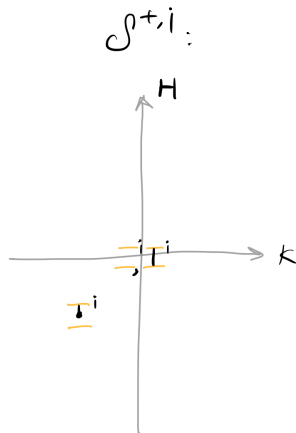
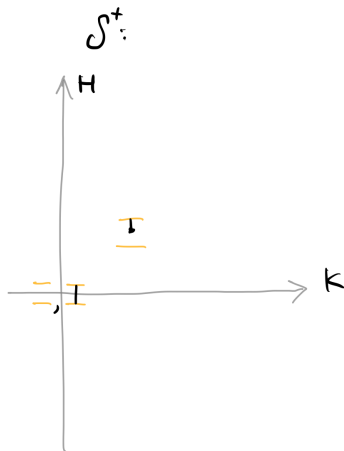
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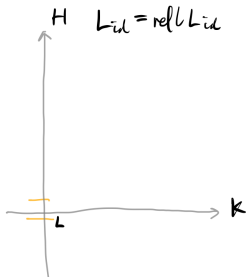
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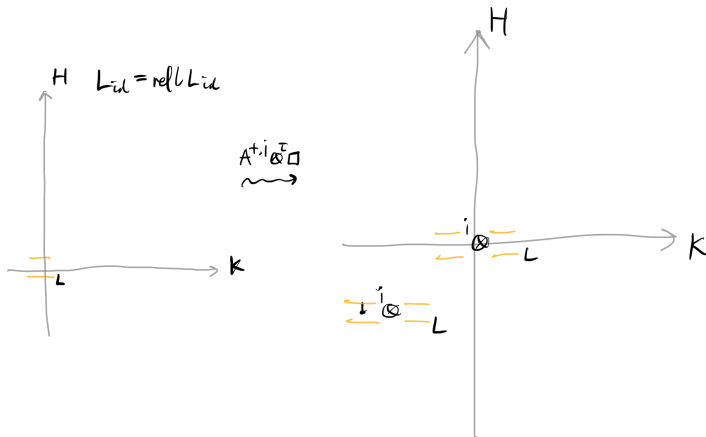
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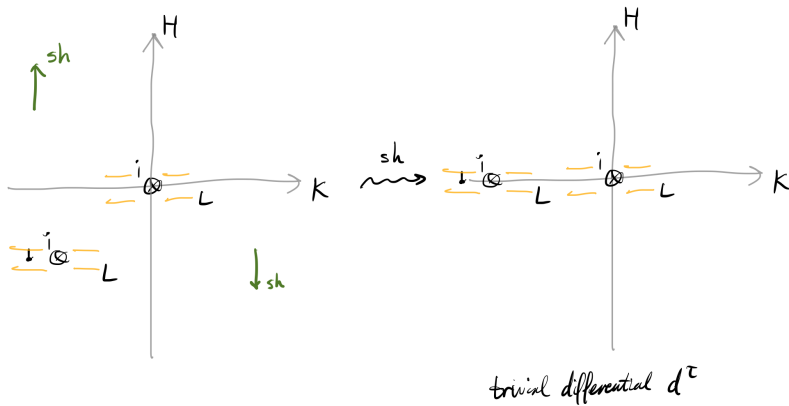
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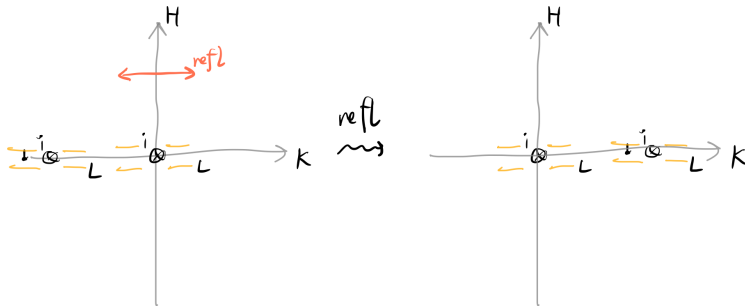
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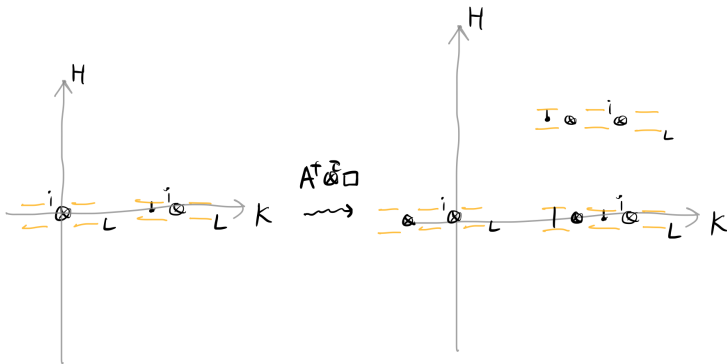
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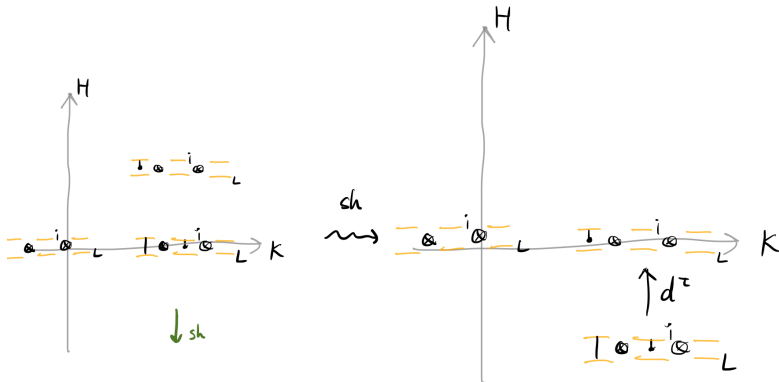
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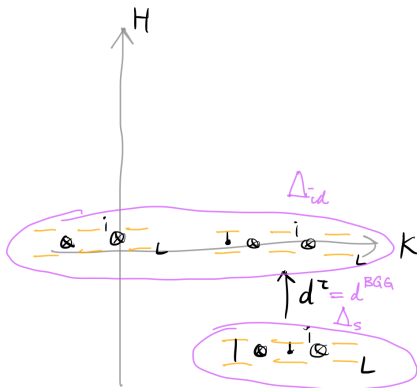
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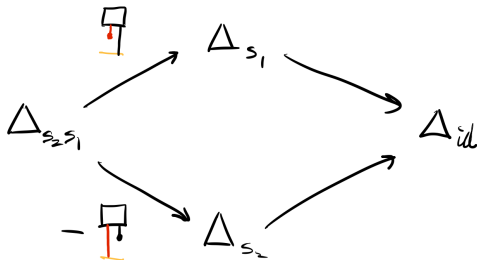


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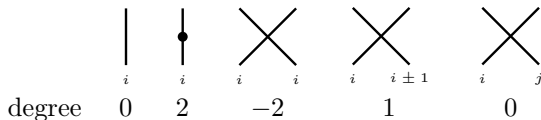


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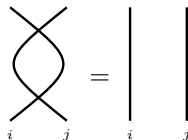
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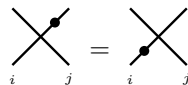
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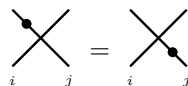
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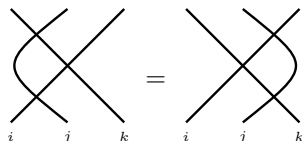
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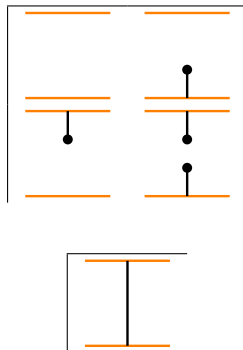
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Compare this to the earlier:



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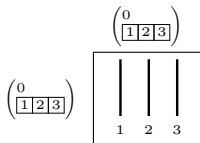
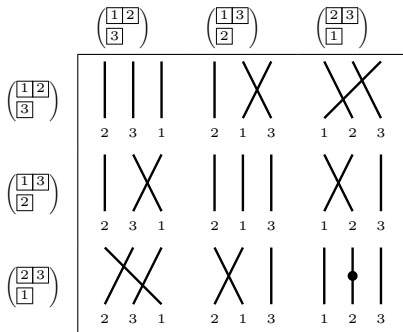
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Example:  $\mathcal{R}_\lambda$  for  $\lambda = \boxplus$ ,  $n = 3$ ,  $\delta = 2$



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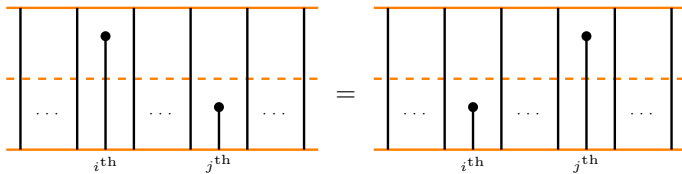
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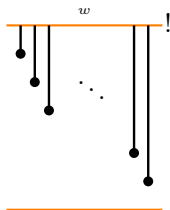
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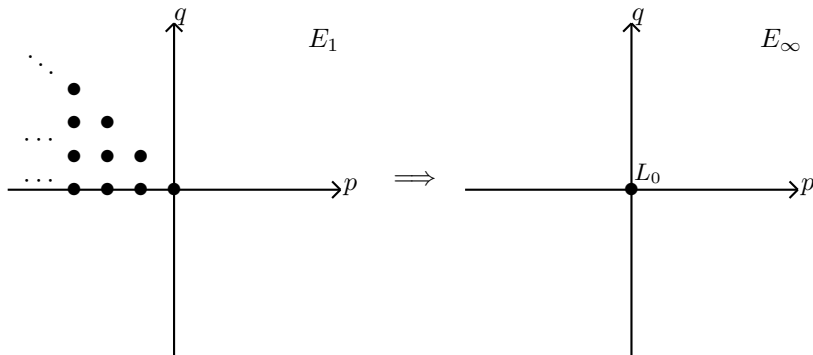
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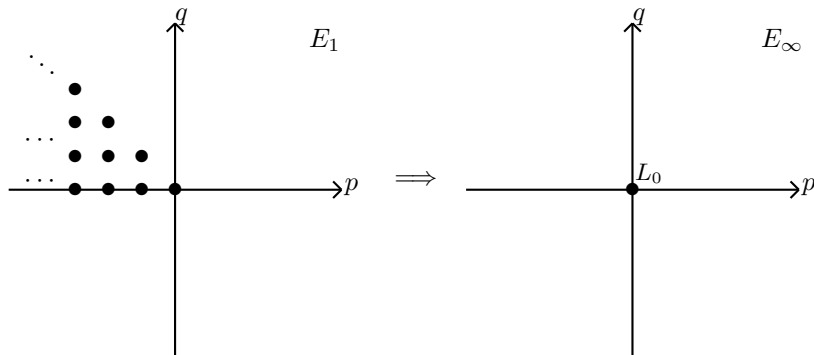


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- Remark: It can also recover the standard filtration of projectives.

# Some predicted questions

- Is there a monoidal product on  $\mathring{\mathcal{R}} = \bigoplus_{\lambda} \mathring{\mathcal{R}}_{\lambda}$  categorifying the Littlewood-Richardson structure?
- What does this say about positive characteristic?
- Is  $\mathring{\mathcal{R}}_{\lambda}$  itself nil-Koszul?
- What about the skew Jacobi-Trudi identity for skew Schur functions?

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# The differential in Koszul duality

Let us briefly explain the sign rules for the twisted tensor product. Given  $A \curvearrowright M$ , and letting  $C = A^i$  be the Koszul dual coalgebra, we have that  $C \otimes^\tau M$  is a dg  $C$ -comodule where the coaction is on the first entry and the differential is:

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Similarly, given a comodule  $C \overset{\text{co}}{\curvearrowright} N$ , we obtain  $A \otimes^\tau N$  a dg  $A$ -module, where the action is on the first entry and the differential is

$$d^\tau(a \otimes u) = d(a) \otimes u + (-1)^{|a|} a \otimes d(u) + (-1)^{|a|+1} a\tau(u_{(-1)}) \otimes u_{(0)}.$$

Let us briefly explain what the coderived category is. The cheap thing to do is to say that it is the localization of the category of (cocomplete, meaning that  $N$  is the union of the kernels of  $N \longrightarrow \overline{C}^{\otimes n} \otimes N$ ) dg  $C$ -comodules at the class of morphisms which become quasi-isomorphisms under the functor  $A \otimes^\tau \square$ . The longer thing to say is that the coderived category is the quotient category of the homotopy category of dg comodules by the minimal triangulated subcategory closed under infinite direct sums which contains the totalization comodules of all exact triples of  $C$ -comodules.

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