

# Koszul duality and categorifying Jacobi-Trudi

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## Part I: Koszul

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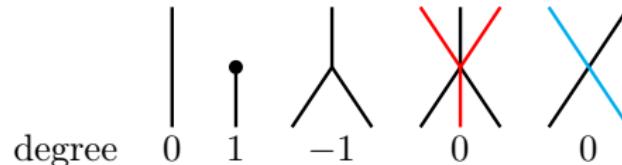
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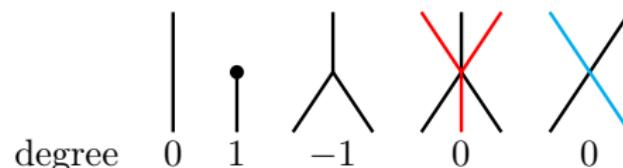


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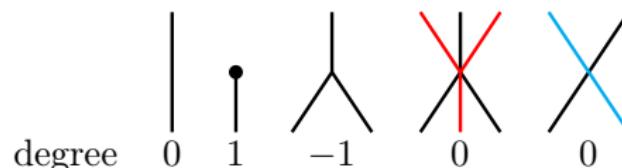
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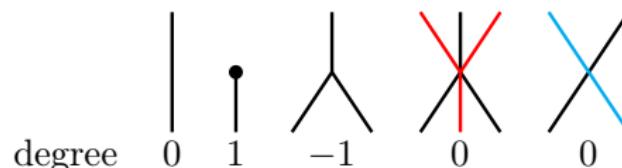
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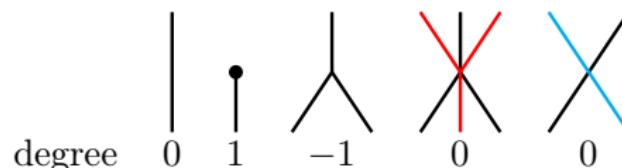
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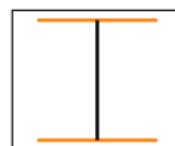
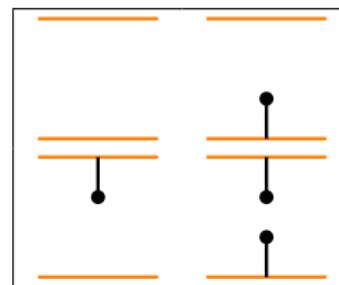
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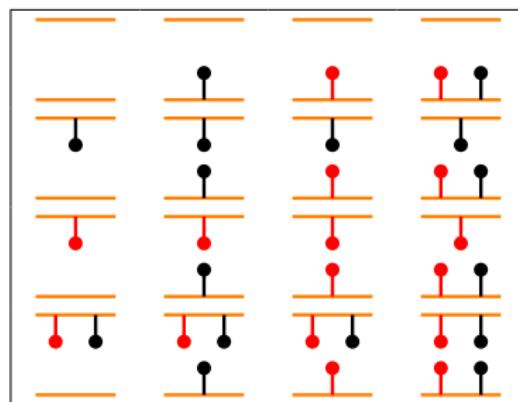
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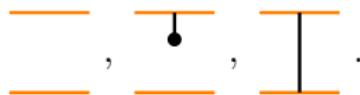
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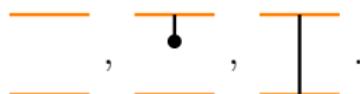
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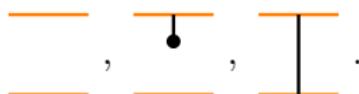
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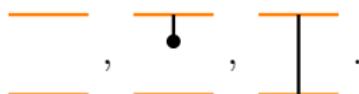
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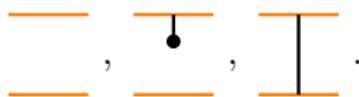
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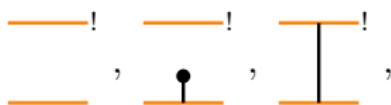
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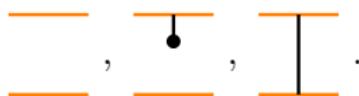


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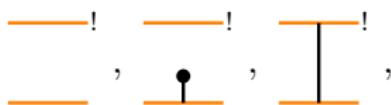
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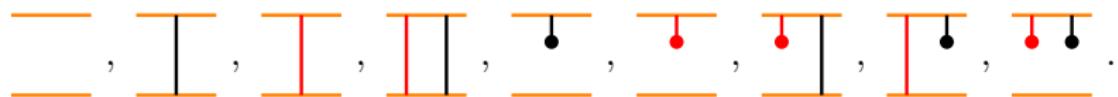
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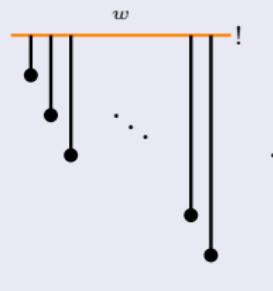
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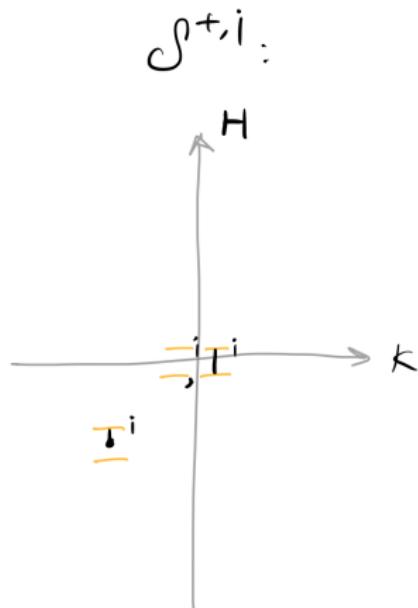
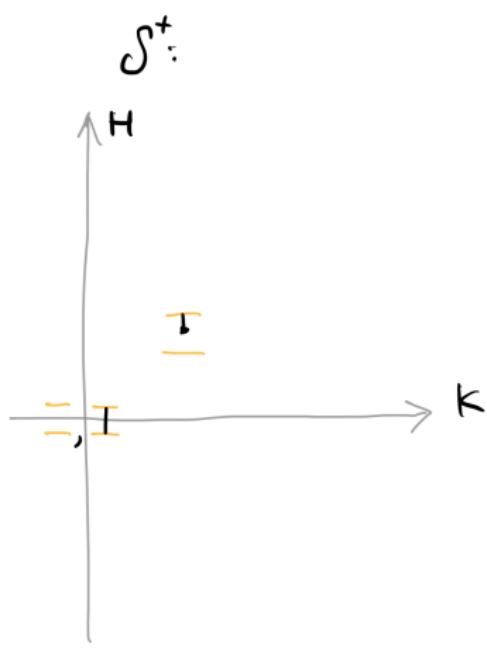
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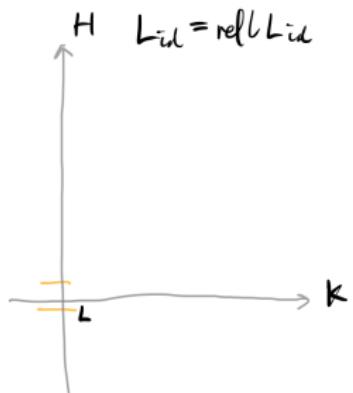
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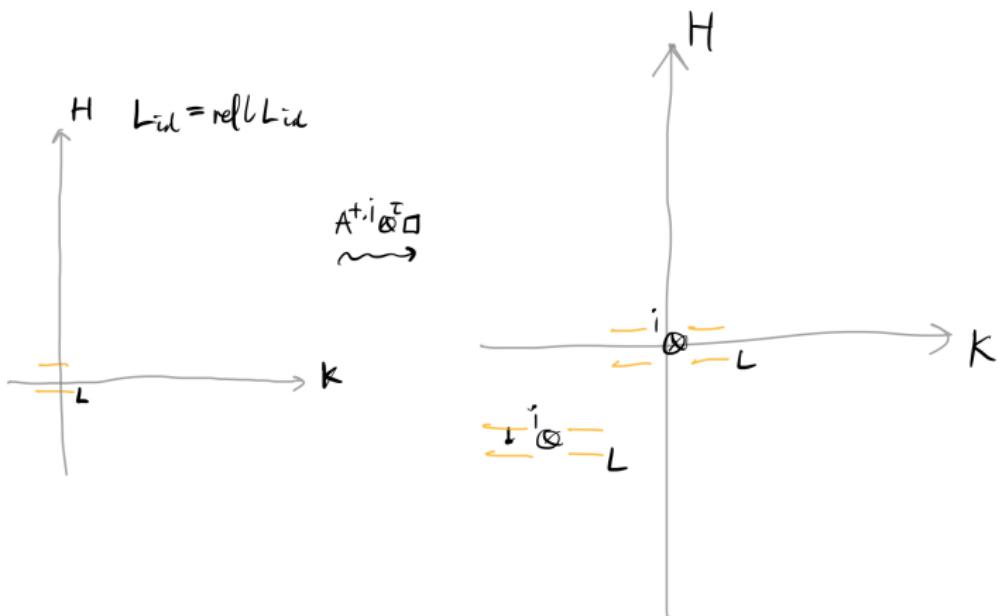
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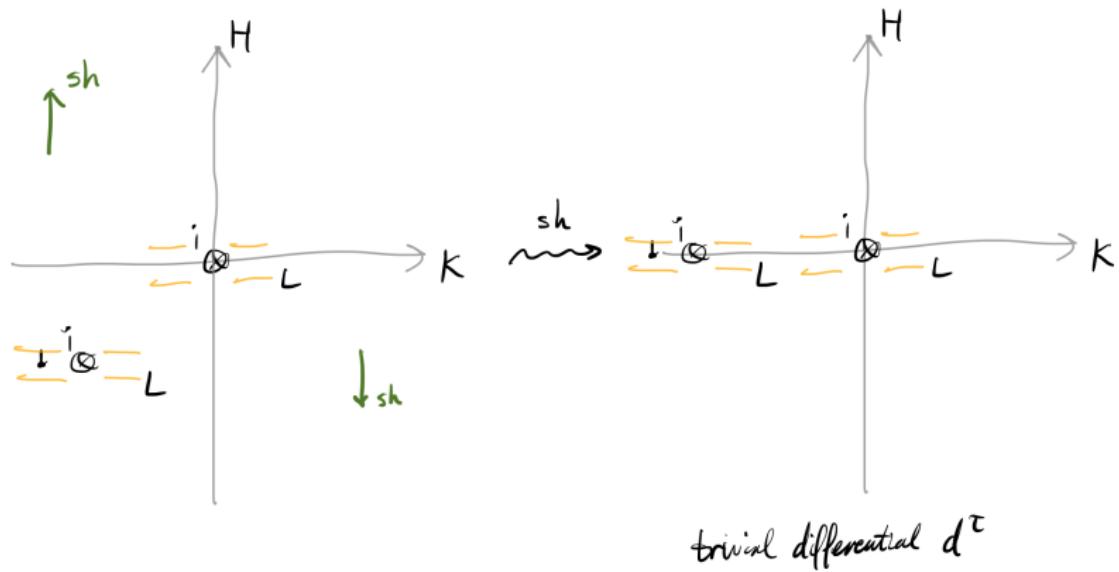
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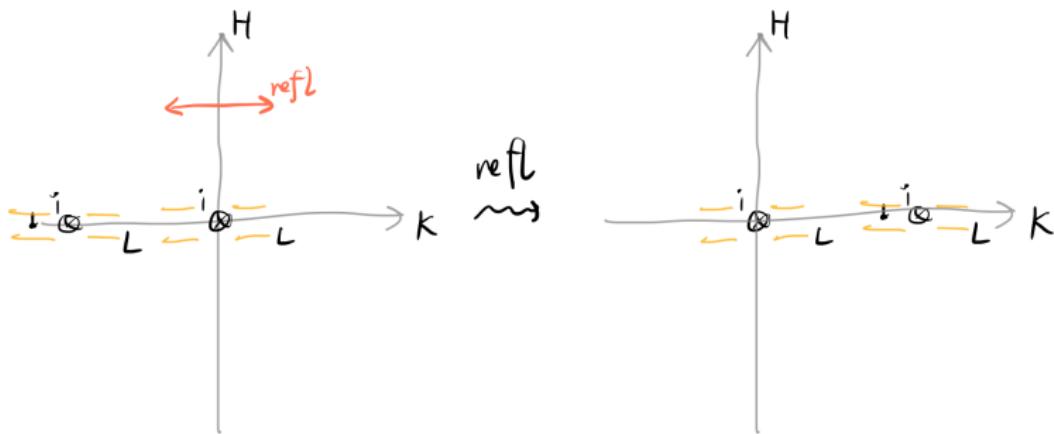
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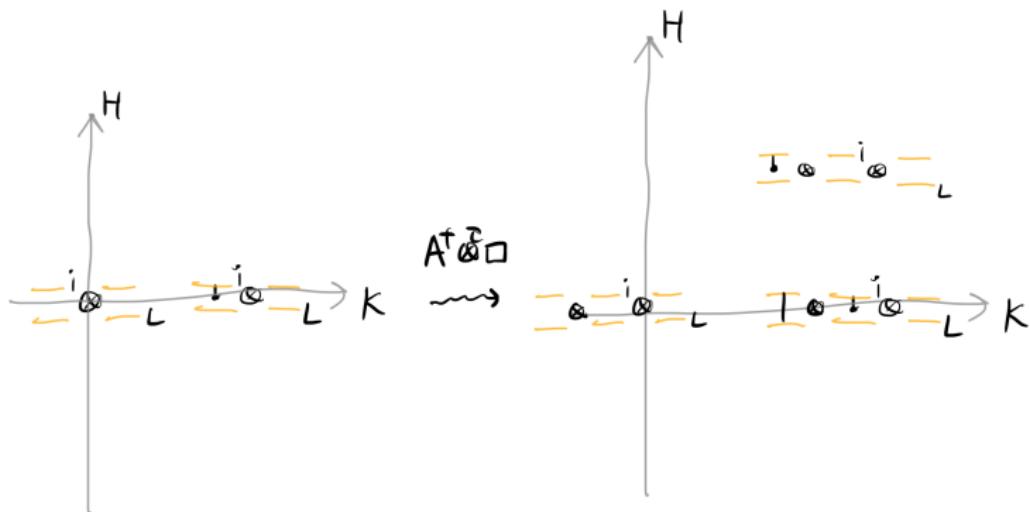
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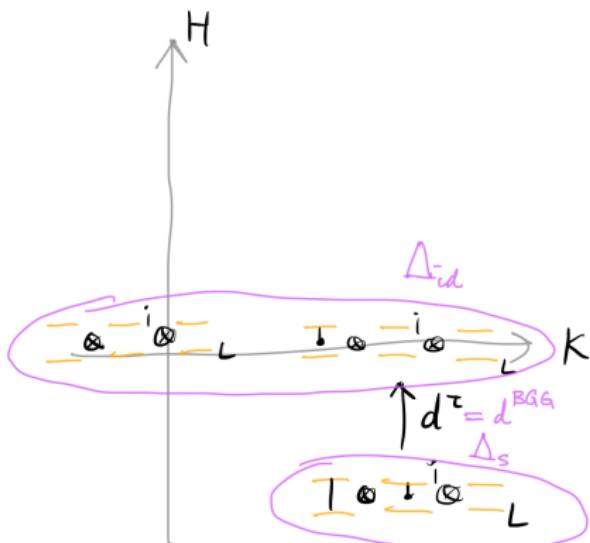
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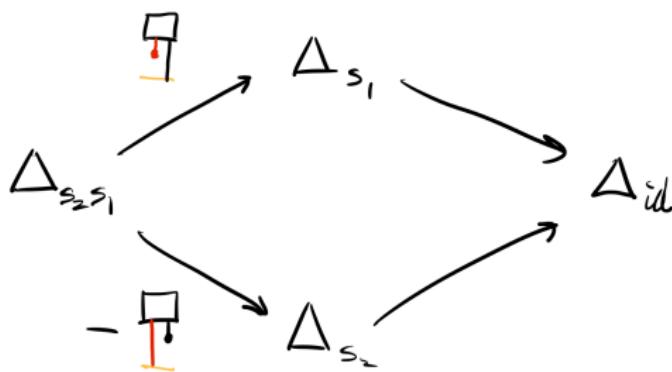


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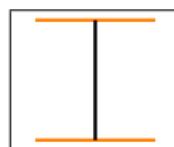
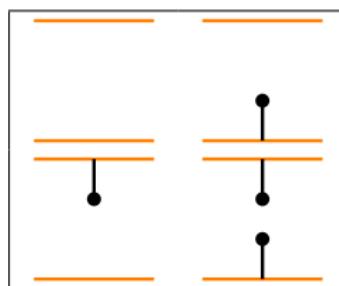
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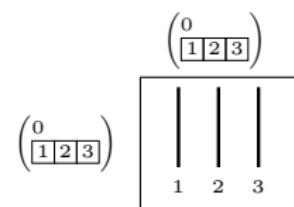
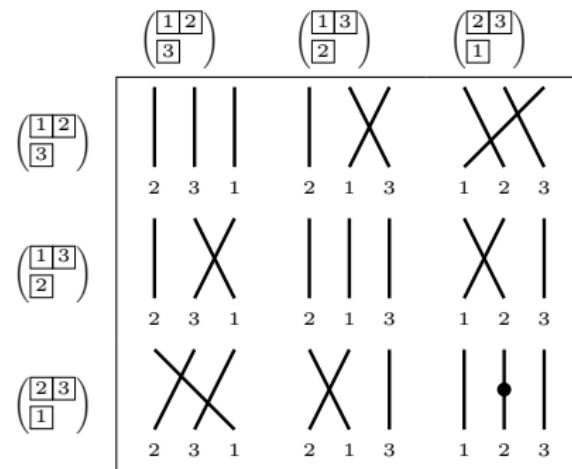
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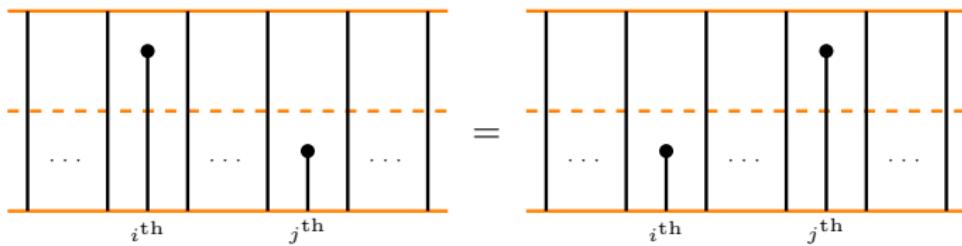
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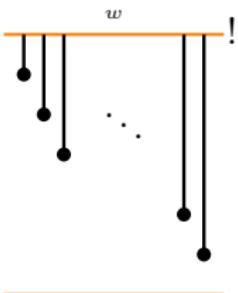
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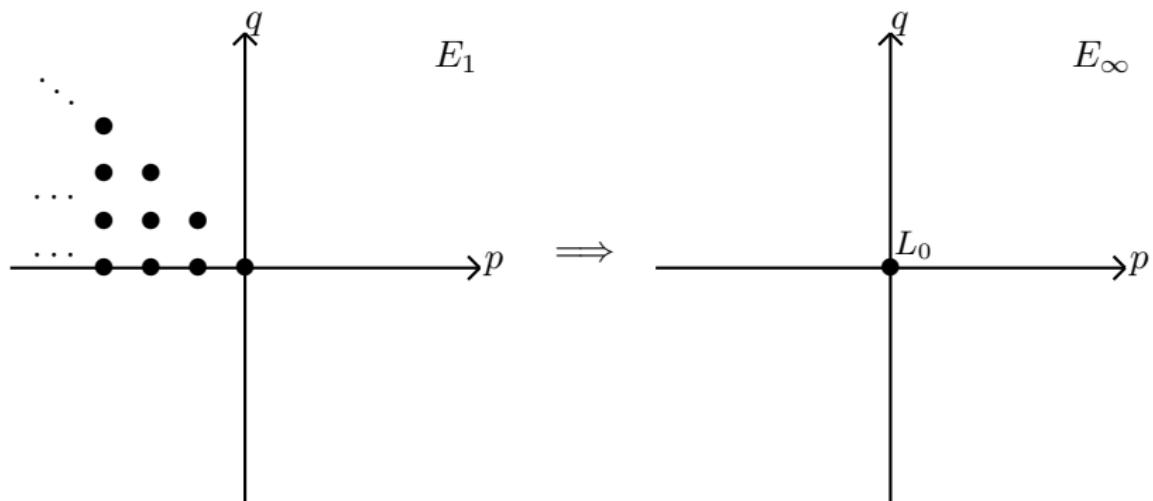
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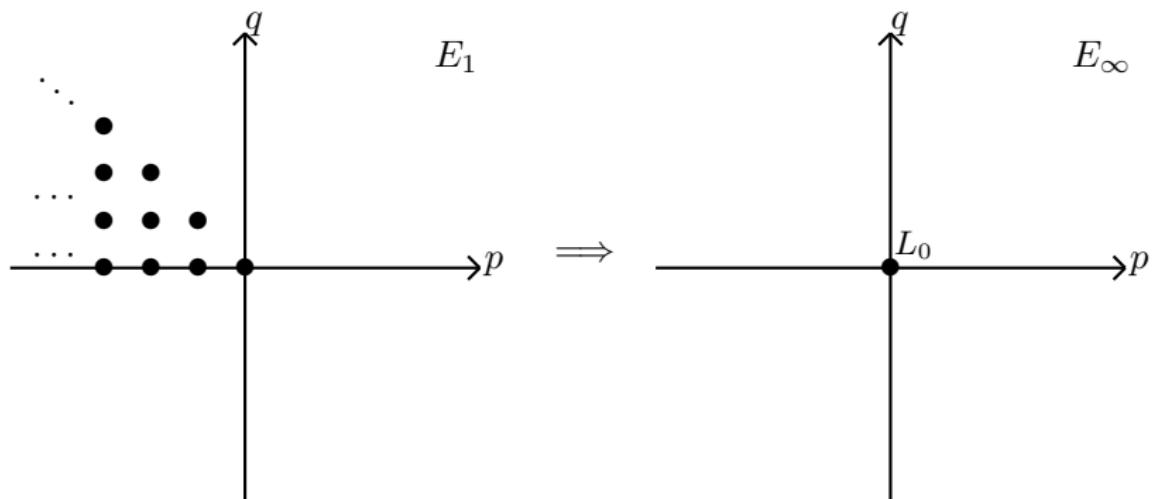


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# Some predicted questions

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- What does this say about positive characteristic?
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Let us briefly explain the sign rules for the twisted tensor product. Given  $A \odot M$ , and letting  $C = A^\dagger$  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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