

Koszul duality and categorifying Jacobi-Trudi

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Part I: Koszul stuff

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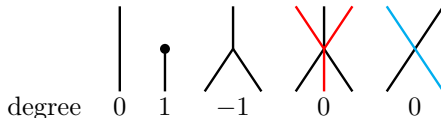
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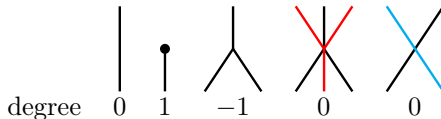


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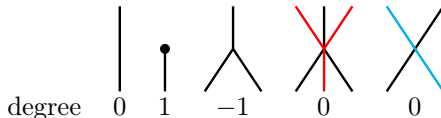
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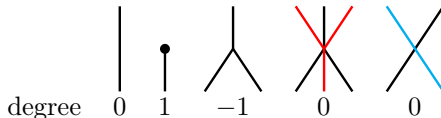
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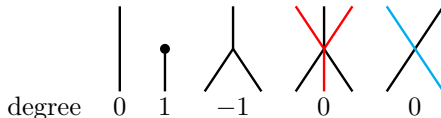
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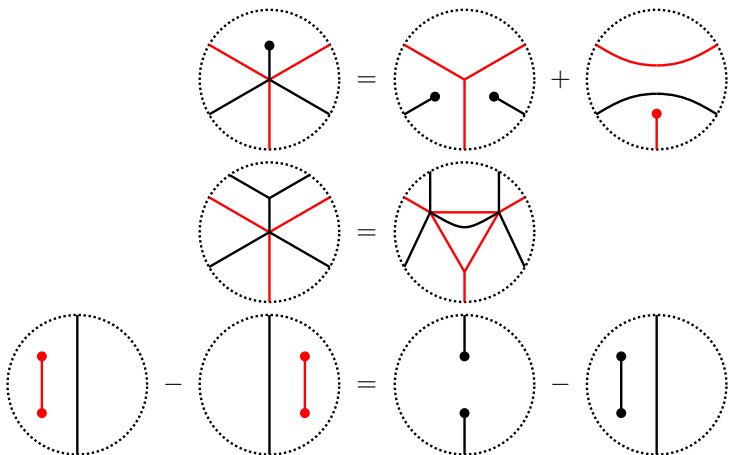
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- Top equation:** A diagram with two vertical lines and a diagonal line connecting the left line to the right line is equal to a diagram with three lines meeting at a central point (a Y-shape).
- Middle equation:** A diagram with a vertical line and a curved line starting from a dot on the vertical line and ending at the top boundary is equal to a diagram with a single vertical line.
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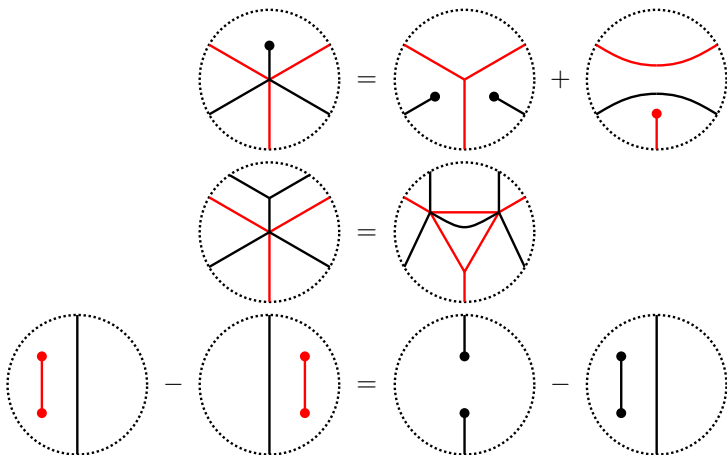
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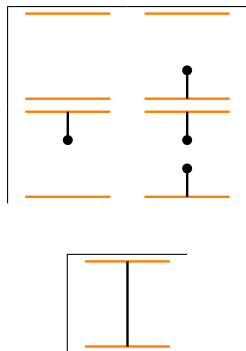
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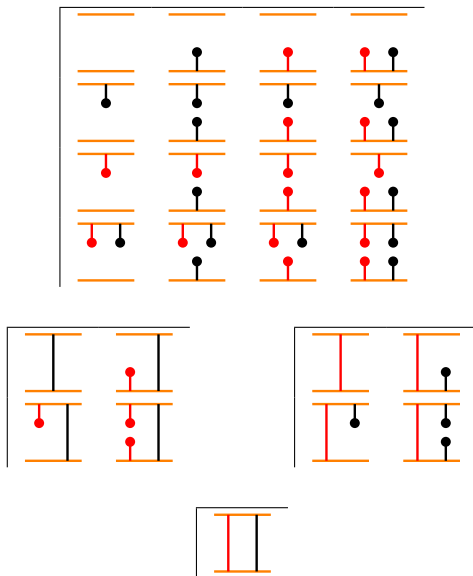
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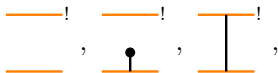
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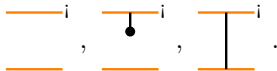


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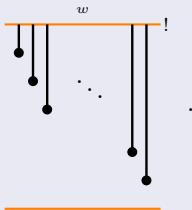
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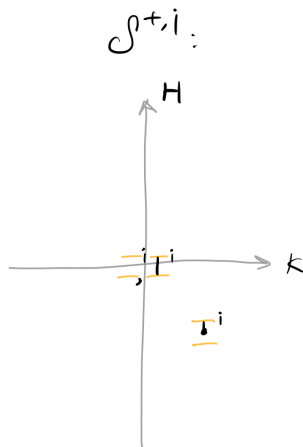
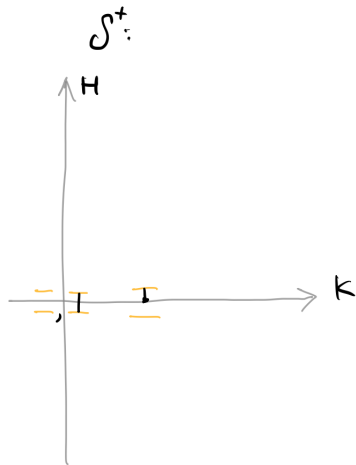
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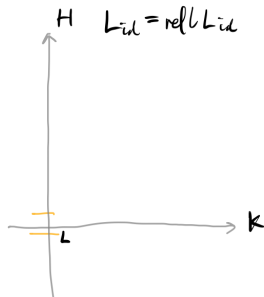
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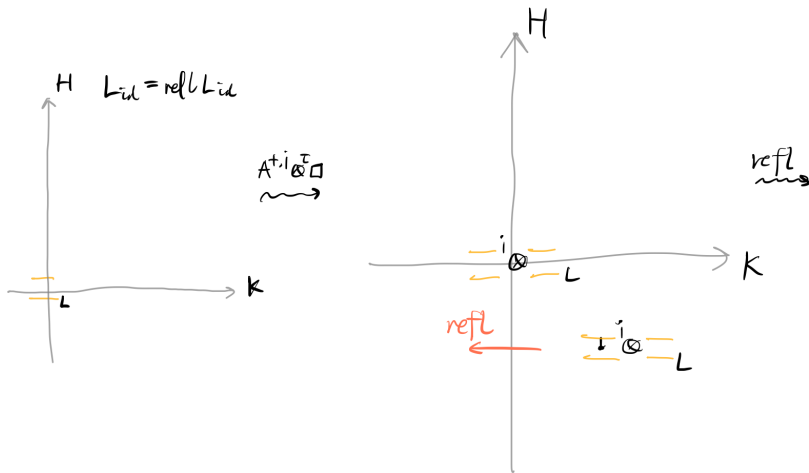
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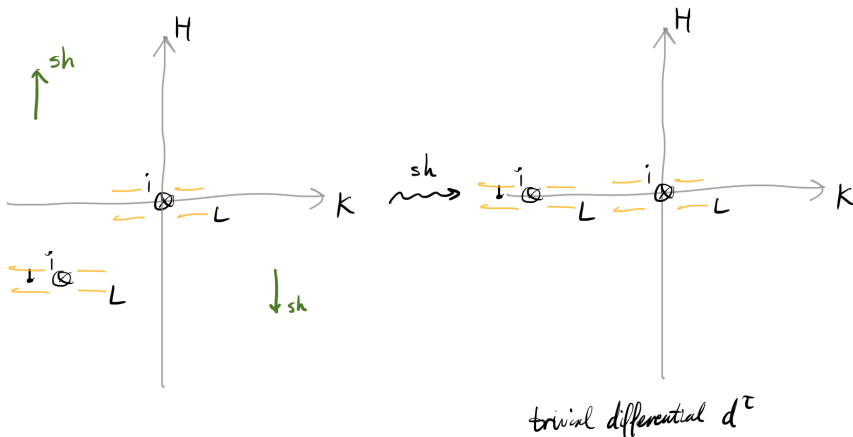
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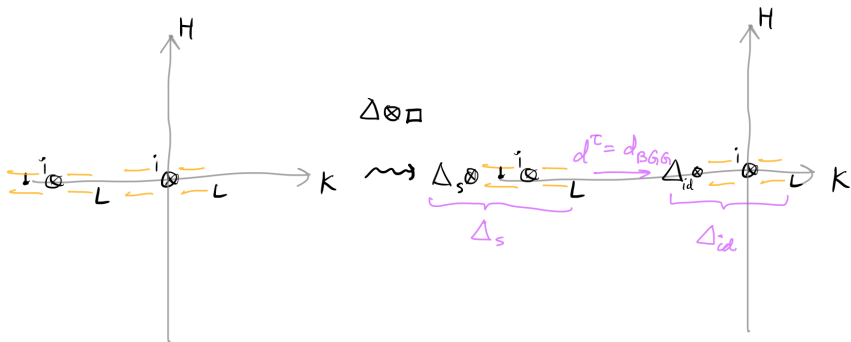
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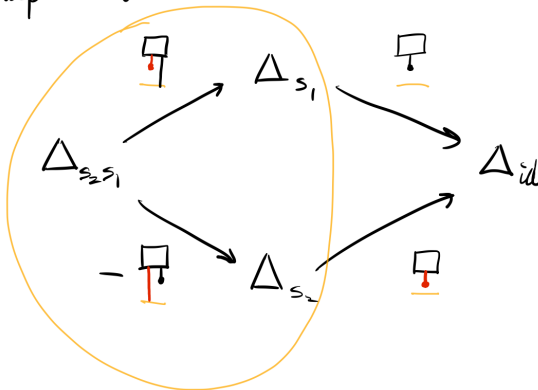


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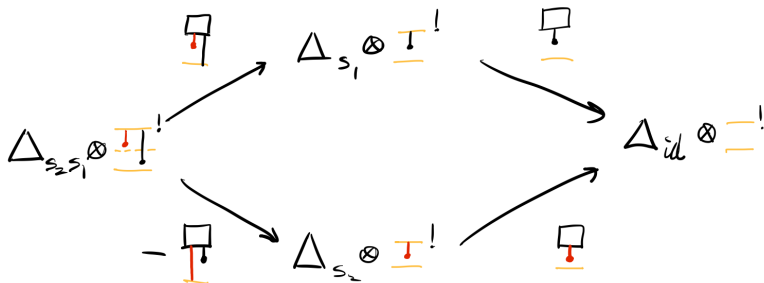
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Part II: Jacobi-Trudi

A Tale of Two Cities

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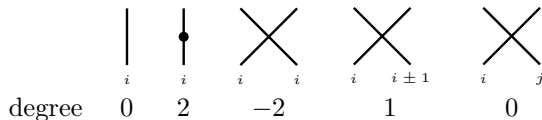
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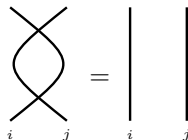
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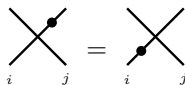
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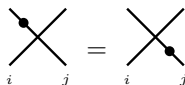
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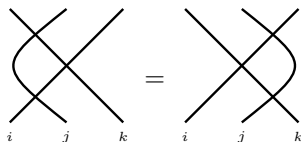
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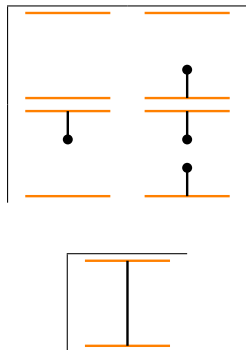
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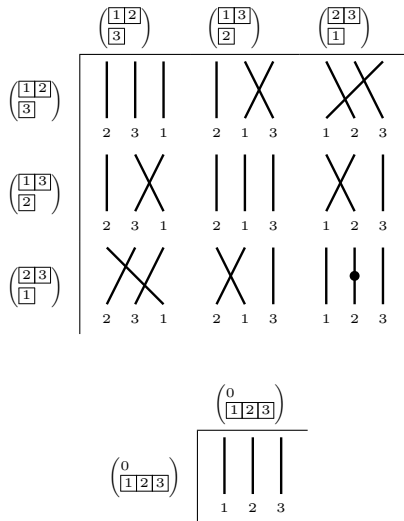
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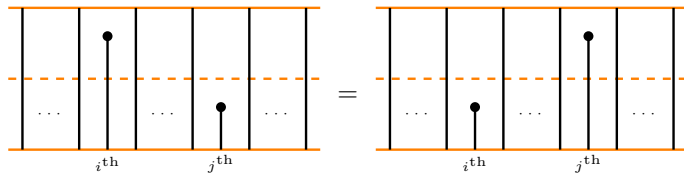
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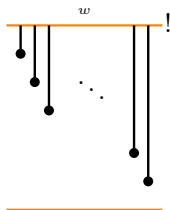
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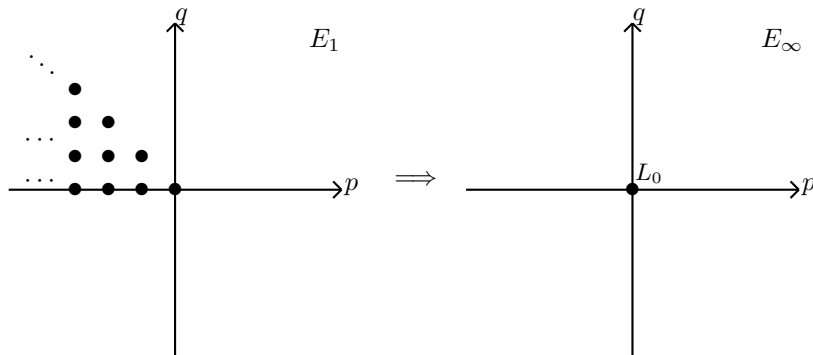
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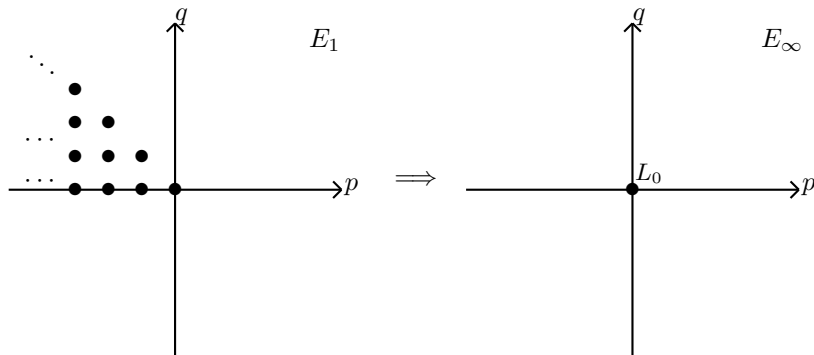


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Let us briefly explain the sign rules for the twisted tensor product. Given $A \curvearrowright M$, and letting $C = A^!$ be the Koszul dual coalgebra, we have that $C \otimes^\tau M$ is a dg C -comodule where the coaction is on the first entry and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

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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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