

Representation theory and combinatorics of diagram algebras.

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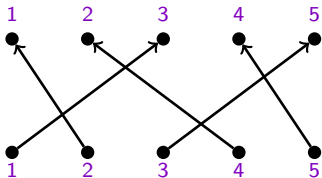
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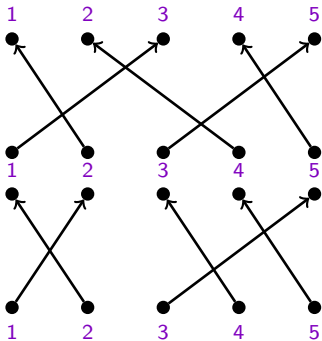
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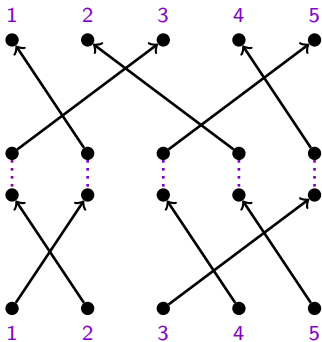
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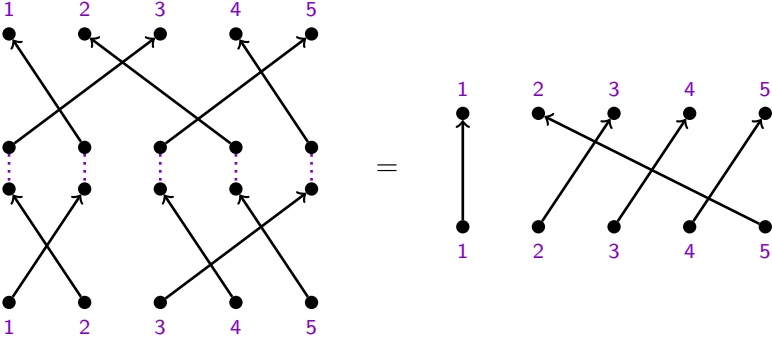
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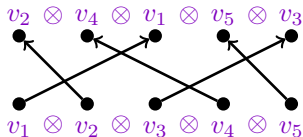
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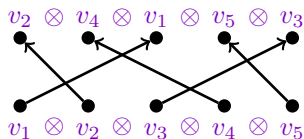


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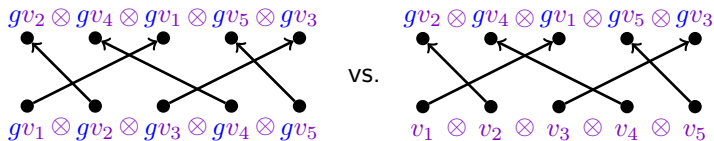
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For example,

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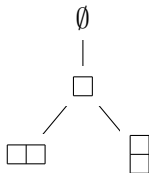
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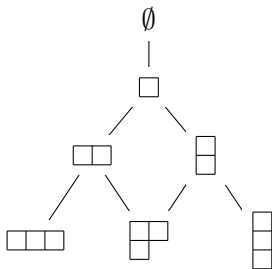
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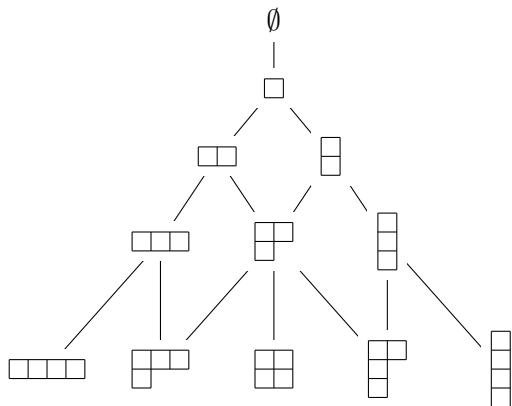
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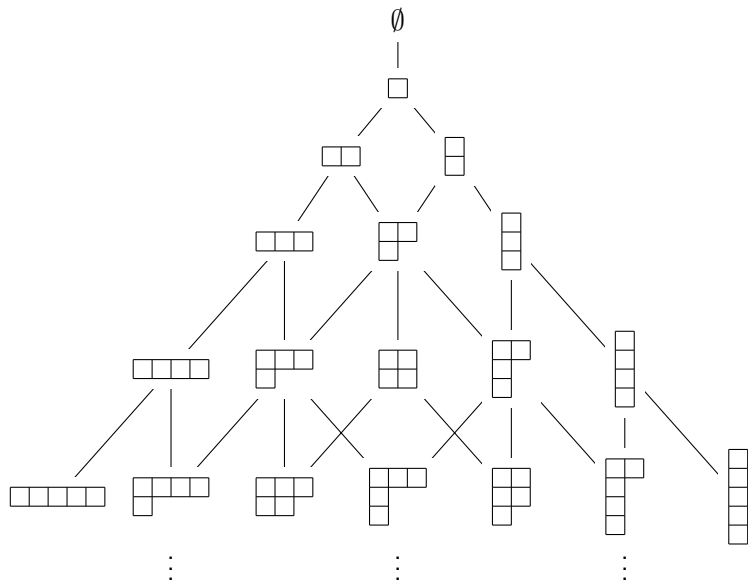
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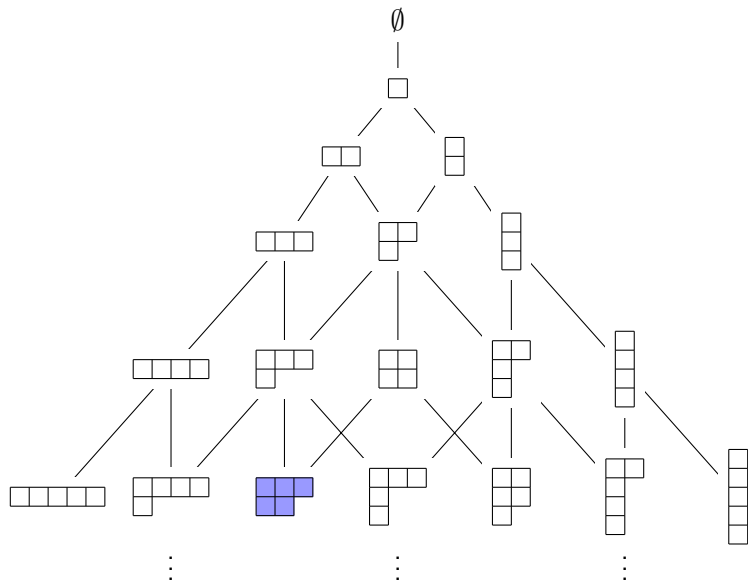
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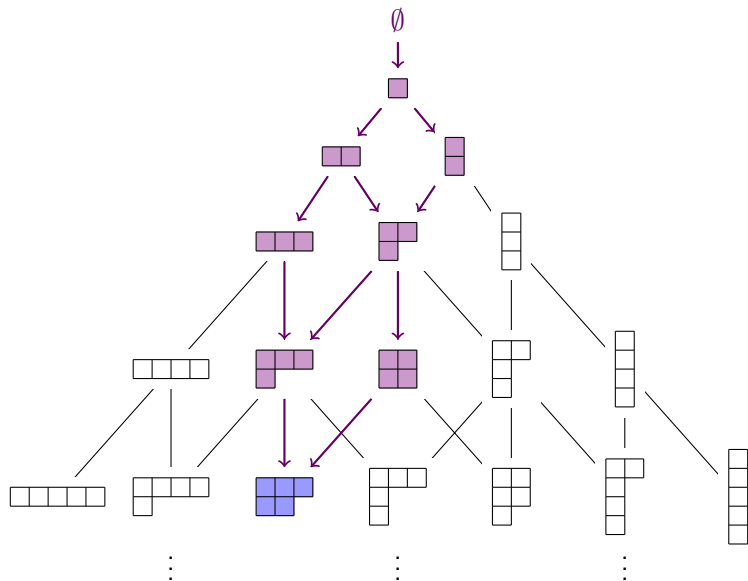
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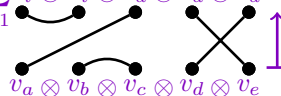
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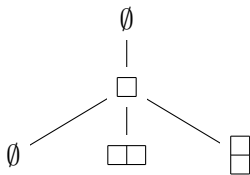
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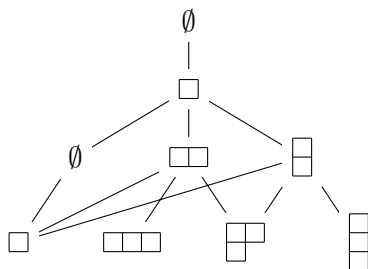
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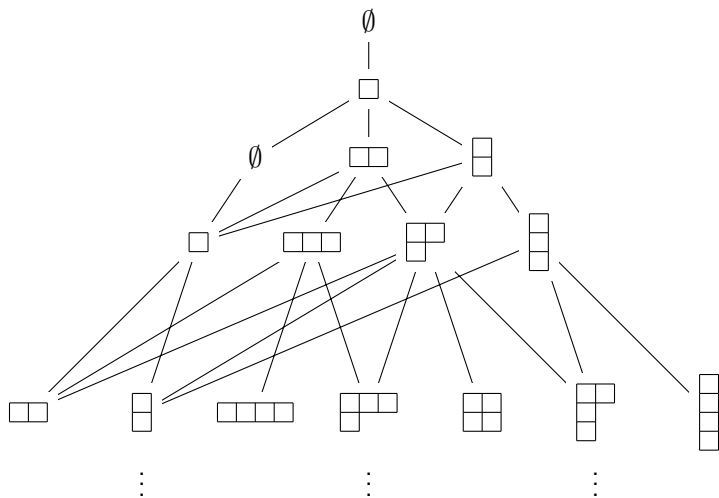
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Diagrams encoding maps $V^{\otimes k} \rightarrow V^{\otimes k}$ that commute with the action of some classical algebra.


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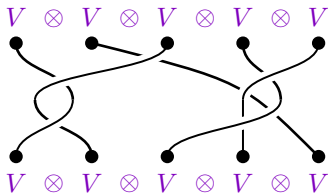
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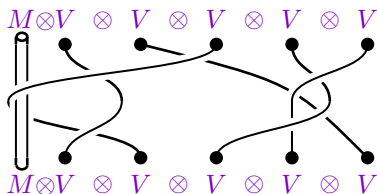
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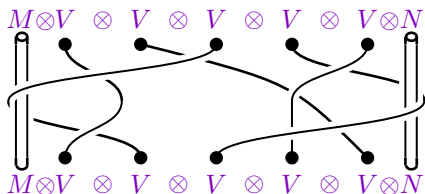
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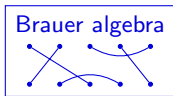


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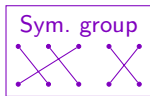
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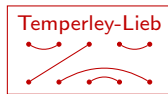


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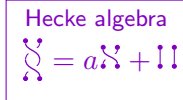
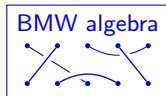
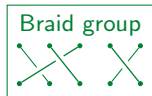
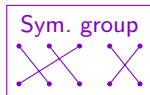
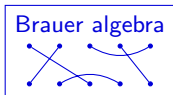
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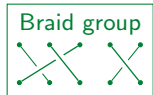
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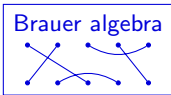
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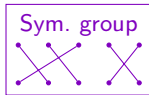
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Braid group



Brauer algebra



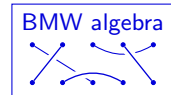
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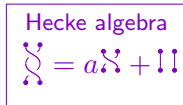
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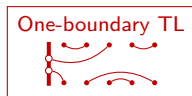
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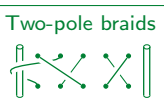
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Hecke algebra



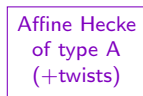
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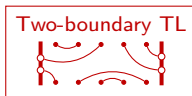
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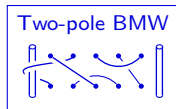
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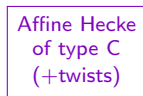
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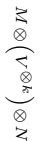
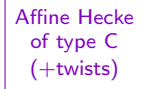
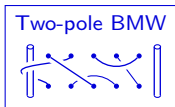
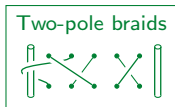
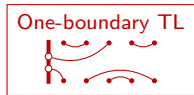
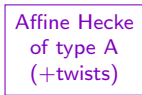
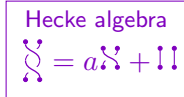
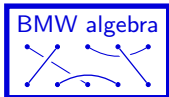
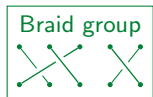
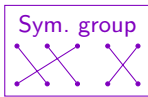
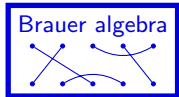
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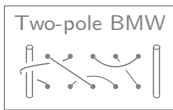
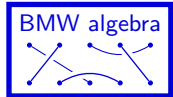
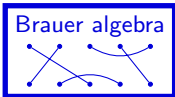
Quantum groups



Type B, C, D

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Lie grp/alg



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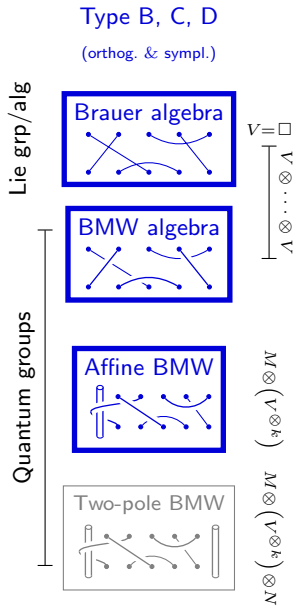
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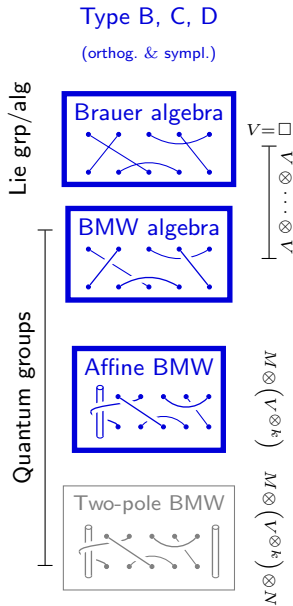
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Centralizer perspective: (D.-Ram-Virk) Use centralizer relationships to study these the affine and degenerate affine algebras simultaneously (representation theory of the quantum groups and the Lie algebras are basically the same).

Some results:

- The center of each algebra.
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Universal

Type B, C, D

Type A

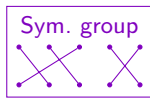
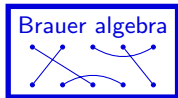
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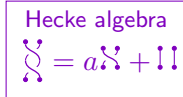
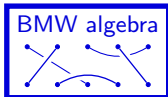
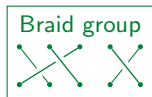
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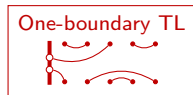
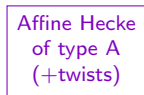
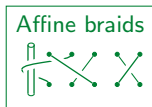
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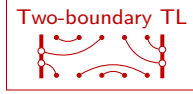
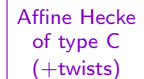
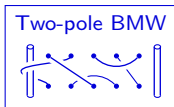
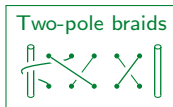
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Quantum groups



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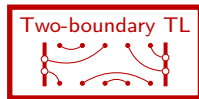
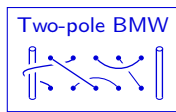
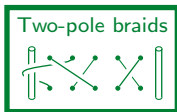
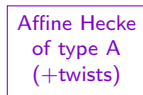
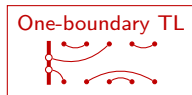
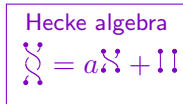
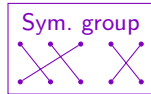
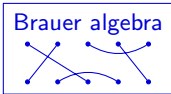
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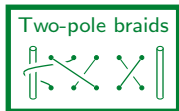


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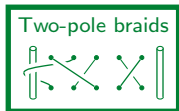
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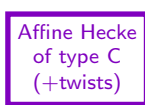
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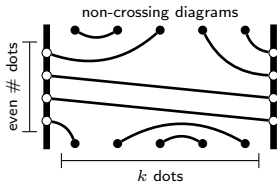


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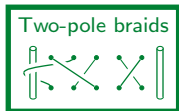
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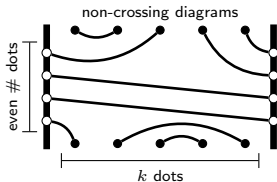


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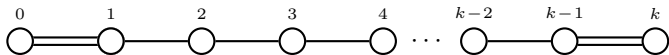
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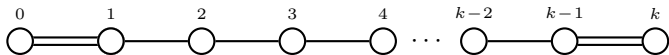


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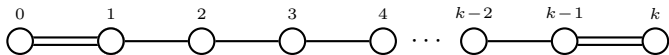
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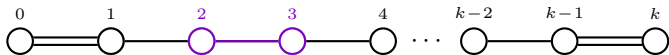
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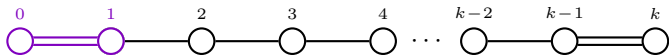
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Some consequences:

- (a) A combinatorial classification and construction of irreducible representations of H_k (type C with distinct parameters).
- (b) A diagrammatic intuition for H_k .
- (c) A classification of the representations of TL_k via the action of its center.

Universal

Type B, C, D

Type A

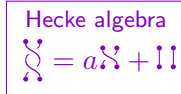
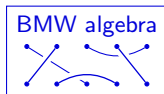
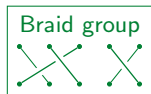
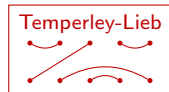
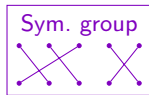
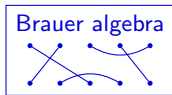
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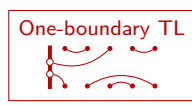
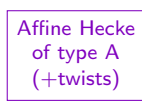
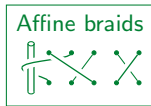
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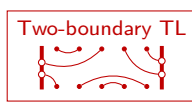
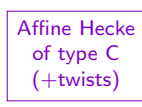
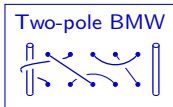
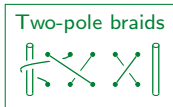


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Quantum groups



$M \otimes (\mathcal{Y} \otimes \Lambda) \otimes M$



$N \otimes (\mathcal{Y} \otimes \Lambda) \otimes M$