THE CLASSICAL THEORY IV SOERGEL BIMODULES, THE BEGINNINGS

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SOME ALGEBRAIC NOTATIONS

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- DEFINITION: A Z-graded vector space is a vector space M with decomposition $M \coloneqq \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} M^i$ into subspaces M^i . The M^i are the graded pieces of M.
- DEFINITION: A homogeneous element with degree *i* is an element *m* ∈ *M* that is contained in some *Mⁱ*.
- DEFINITION: Given a graded object M and $i \in \mathbb{Z}$, define M(i) with graded pieces $M(i)^j := M^{i+j}$.
- DEFINITION: A graded submodule of *M* is a submodule of *M* which is generated by homogeneous elements.
- DEFINITION: A graded *R*-module *M* is **free**, if it has an *R*-basis that consists of homogeneous elements of *M*.

- DEFINITION: A Coxeter system (W, S) is a group W and a finite set $S \subset W$. Its geometric representation V over \mathbb{R} is a real vector space with basis $\{\alpha_s | s \in S\}$
- DEFINITIONS: The basis elements α_s are called **simple roots**.
- LEMMA: V has dimension |S| and is equipped with symmetric bilinear form $(\alpha_s, \alpha_t) = -\cos\frac{\pi}{m_{st}}$,
 - $m: S \times S \longrightarrow \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$ a symmetric function
 - $m_{ss} = 1$ for all $s \in S$.

- For $s \neq t \in S, m_{st} = m_{ts} \in \{2, 3, ...\} \cup \{\infty\}$
- $W = \langle s \in S | (st)^{m_{st}} = id \text{ for any } s, t \in S \text{ with } m_{st} < \infty \rangle$
- DEFINITION: Define an action $W \to V$ where the elements are $s \in S$ by $s(\alpha_t) = \alpha_t - 2(\alpha_s, \alpha_t)\alpha_s$

- DEFINITION: Let $I \subset S$. Then the standard parabolic subgroup $W_I := \langle I \rangle \subset W$.
- DEFINTION: If that parabolic subgroup W_I is a finite group, then I is **finitary**.
- DEFINITION: Let *R* be the **symmetric algebra** of *V*. This means that $R = Sym(V) = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} Sym^{i}(V)$
- DEFINITION: The ring of W_I -invariants of \mathbf{R} , (denoted by \mathbf{R}^I) is: $R^I = \{f \in R | w \cdot f = f \text{ for all } w \in W_I\}$
 - Then R^S are the invariants under the entire Coxeter group.
 - We write R^s instead of $R^{\{s\}}$.

CHEVALLEY-SHEPHARD-TODD THEOREM (CST)

• THEOREM (Chevalley-Shephard-Todd, CST):

For $I \subset S$ finitary, R^I is a polynomial ring. R then is a graded free module of finite rank over R^I .

- The ring of invariants of a finite group is a polynomial ring
 ⇔ group generated by pseudoreflections.
- DEFINITION: A **pseudoreflection** is an invertible linear transformation g of V with finite order and such that $V^g = \{v \in V | gv = v\}$ is a subspace of dimension n - 1.
- CST is an algebraic foundation upon which the theory of Soergel bimodules is built.
- CST is a generalization of the theory of symmetric polynomials.

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• EXAMPLE:

Let $W = S_5$ which acts on $\mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_5]$. Let $I = \{s_1, s_3, s_4\}$. Then we have

 $R^{I} = \mathbb{R}[z_{1}, \dots, z_{5}] = \mathbb{R}[x_{1} + x_{2}, x_{1}x_{2}, x_{3} + x_{4} + x_{5}, x_{3}x_{4} + x_{3}x_{5} + x_{4}x_{5}, x_{3}x_{4}x_{5}]$

 $\Rightarrow R^{I}$ has 5 algebraically independent generators (in different degrees)

 $\Rightarrow R^{I}$ is a polynomial ring.

DEMAZURE OPERATOR

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- **RECALL**: $s(\alpha_t) = \alpha_t 2(\alpha_s, \alpha_t)\alpha_s$, with $(\alpha_s, \alpha_t) = -\cos\frac{\pi}{m_{st}}$.
- LEMMA: Let (W, S). Then $\forall s \in S, R^s$ is generated by α_s^2 and $\alpha_t + \left(\cos\frac{\pi}{m_{st}}\right)\alpha_s$ for all $t \in S \setminus \{s\}$. Hence $R = R^s \bigoplus R^s \alpha_s$ is a splitting of R into s-invariants and s-antiinvariants.
- DEFINITION: An element is said to be *s*-invariant if sf = f and *s*-antiinvariant if sf = -f.
- DEFINITION: Let $s \in S$. The **Demazure operator** ∂_s is a graded map $\partial_s : R \to R^s(-2), f \mapsto \frac{f - s(f)}{\alpha_s}$
 - The s-antiinvariants are generated by α_s (because $R = R^s \oplus R^s \alpha_s$)
 - f s(f) is divisible by α_s
 - ∂_s is well defined.

- LEMMA: The fraction $\frac{f-s(f)}{\alpha_s}$ is *s*-invariant
- LEMMA: For any $f \in R$, $\partial_s(f\alpha_s) = \frac{f\alpha_s s(f\alpha_s)}{\alpha_s} = f + s(f)$ (I) and $\alpha_s \partial_s(f) = f - s(f)$ (II)
 - (I) \Rightarrow $s(f): \partial_s(f\alpha_s) f = s(f)$ (III)
 - (III) \Rightarrow (II): $\alpha_s \partial_s(f) = f \partial_s(f \alpha_s) + f$ (IV)
 - (IV) \Rightarrow $f: f = \partial_s \left(f \frac{\alpha_s}{2} \right) + \frac{\alpha_s}{2} \partial_s (f)$
 - $\Rightarrow \text{Isomorphism } R \to R^s \oplus R^s(-2), f \mapsto \left(\partial_s \left(f \frac{\alpha_s}{2}\right), \partial_s(f)\right) \text{ with inverse given by } (g, h) \mapsto g + h \frac{\alpha_s}{2}.$

 \Rightarrow Demazure operator can be used to make the R^s -module splitting R into the direct sum of R^s and $R^s \cdot \alpha_s$.

- DEFINITION: An **expression** of $w \in W$ is a word $\underline{w} = (s_1, \dots, s_n)$.
- DEFINITION: An expression \underline{w} is **reduced** if the length of w is n ($\ell(w) = n$)
- DEFINITION: Demazure operator for $w \in W$ with reduced expression $\underline{w} = (s_1, \dots, s_n)$:

$$\partial_w \coloneqq \partial_{s_1} \cdots \partial_{s_n}$$

- LEMMA: Let $s \in S$.
 - 1. ∂_s is an R^s -bimodule map
 - 2. $s \circ \partial_s = \partial_s$ and $\partial_s \circ s = -\partial_s$
 - $3. \quad \partial_s^2 = 0$
 - 4. Twisted Leibniz rule: For $f, g \in R$, we have $\partial_s(fg) = \partial_s(f)g + s(f)\partial_s(g)$
 - 5. $\left\{1, \frac{\alpha_s}{2}\right\}$ is a basis for R over R^s , with dual basis $\left\{\frac{\alpha_s}{2}, 1\right\}$, because of $(f, g)_s \mapsto \partial_s (fg)$

6. Braid relations:
$$s, t \in S$$
 distinct with $m_{st} < \infty$. Then $\overbrace{\partial_s \partial_t \partial_s \dots}^{m_{st}} = \partial_t \partial_s \partial_t \dots$

- PROOF OF 2.): [$s \circ \partial_s = \partial_s$ and $\partial_s \circ s = -\partial_s$]
 - $s \circ \partial_s = s(\partial_s(f)) = s\left(\frac{f-s(f)}{\alpha_s}\right) = -\frac{1}{\alpha_s}s(f-s(f)) = -\frac{s(f)}{\alpha_s} + \frac{s(s(f))}{\alpha_s} = \frac{f-s(f)}{\alpha_s} = \partial_s$
 - $s(\alpha_s) = -\alpha_s$
 - s(f + g) = s(f) + s(g)
 - s(s(f)) = s(-f) = -s(f) = f

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$$\partial_s \circ s = \partial_s (s(f)) = \frac{s(f) - s(s(f))}{\alpha_s} = \frac{s(f) - f}{\alpha_s} = -\frac{f - s(f)}{\alpha_s} = -\partial_s$$

• **PROOF OF 3.**): $[\partial_s^2 = 0]$

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$$\partial_s^2 = \partial_s \left(\partial_s(f) \right) = \partial_s \left(\frac{f - s(f)}{\alpha_s} \right) = \frac{\frac{f - s(f)}{\alpha_s} - s\left(\frac{f - s(f)}{\alpha_s} \right)}{\alpha_s} = \frac{f - s(f)}{\alpha_s^2} + \frac{s(f - s(f))}{\alpha_s^2} = 0$$

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$$s(f-s(f)) = -f + s(f)$$

- **PROPOSITION**: $\partial_w(f) = 0 \Leftrightarrow f$ is *w*-invariant $(w \cdot f = f)$
- EXAMPLE: Let $W = S_5$ act on $\mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_5]$. Let $I = \{s_1, s_3, s_4\}$
 - $R^{I} = \mathbb{R}[z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}, z_{4}, z_{5}] = \mathbb{R}[x_{1} + x_{2}, x_{1}x_{2}, x_{3} + x_{4} + x_{5}, x_{3}x_{4} + x_{3}x_{5} + x_{4}x_{5}, x_{3}x_{4}x_{5}]$

• Here:
$$\alpha_{s_1} = x_1 - x_2, \alpha_{s_2} = x_2 - x_3$$

• For $z_1 = x_1 + x_2$:

$$\partial_{s_1}(x_1 + x_2) = \partial_{s_1}(x_1) + \partial_{s_1}(x_2) = \frac{x_1 - s_1(x_1)}{\alpha_{s_1}} + \frac{x_2 - s_1(x_2)}{\alpha_{s_1}} = \frac{x_1 - s_1(x_1)}{x_1 - x_2} + \frac{x_2 - s_1(x_2)}{x_1 - x_2} = \frac{x_1 - x_2}{x_1 - x_2} + \frac{x_2 - x_1}{x_1 - x_2} = 1 + (-1) = 0$$

• For
$$z_2 = x_1 x_2$$
:

$$\partial_{s_2}(x_1x_2) = \partial_{s_2}(x_1)x_2 + s_2(x_1)\partial_{s_2}(x_2) = \frac{x_1 - s_2(x_1)}{\alpha_{s_2}}x_2 + s_2(x_1)\frac{x_2 - s_2(x_2)}{\alpha_{s_2}} = \frac{x_1 - x_2}{x_2 - x_3}x_2 + x_2\frac{x_2 - x_1}{x_2 - x_3} = \frac{0}{x_2 - x_3} = 0$$

• For
$$z_3 = x_3 + x_4 + x_5$$
:
 $\partial_{s_3}(x_3 + x_4 + x_5) = \partial_{s_3}(x_3) + \partial_{s_3}(x_4) + \partial_{s_3}(x_5) = \frac{x_3 - s_3(x_3)}{x_3 - x_4} + \frac{x_4 - s_3(x_4)}{x_3 - x_4} + \frac{x_5 - s_3(x_5)}{x_3 - x_4} = \frac{x_3 + x_4 + x_5 - s_3(x_3) - s_3(x_4) - s_3(x_5)}{x_3 - x_4} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_{s_1}(z_1) = 0 \text{ for all } i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\} \Rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^5 \partial_{s_i} = 0 \xrightarrow{\text{Prop.}} R^I \text{ is } s \text{-invariant}$$

BOTT-SAMELSON BIMODULES

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- DEFINITION: For $s \in S$, B_s is the graded *R*-bimodule $B_s \coloneqq R \bigotimes_{R^s} R(1)$
 - B_s belongs to R-gbim.
- DEFINITION: *R*-gbim is the category of graded *R*-bimodules.
 - shift factor (n) for each integer n which sends $M \mapsto M(n)$.
 - tensor product $\bigotimes_R -$, hence the category of graded *R*-bimodules is per definition a monoidal category.
- LEMMA: Tensor product and grading shift commute.
 - For graded *R*-bimodules *M* and *N* and $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ we have the following canonical identifications: $(M(n)) \bigotimes_R N = M \bigotimes_R (N(n)) = (M \bigotimes_R N)(n)$
 - $MN \coloneqq M \otimes_R N$

• DEFINITION: An **element in** B_s can be represented as

 $\sum_i f_i \otimes g_i = \sum_i f_i |_s g_i$ for some appropriate $f_i, g_i \in R$

- LEMMA: $f|_s 1 = 1|_s f \Leftrightarrow f$ is s-invariant.
 - $1|_{s}1$ has degree -1 and $1|_{s_1}1|_{s_2}1|_{s_3}\cdots|_{s_n}1$ is of degree $-\ell(\underline{w})$.
 - B_s is graded free as a left respectively right R-module and its graded rank is $(v + v^{-1})^l$
- DEFINITION: The **Bott-Samelson bimodule** corresponding to $\underline{w} = (s_1, ..., s_n)$ is the graded R-bimodule

$$BS(\underline{w}) \coloneqq B_{S_1}B_{S_2} \dots B_{S_n} = B_{S_1} \otimes B_{S_2} \otimes \dots \otimes B_{S_n}$$

• Canonical isomorphism: $BS(\underline{w}) = R \bigotimes_{R^{s_1}} R \bigotimes_{R^{s_2}} \cdots \bigotimes_{R^{s_n}} R\left(\ell(\underline{w})\right)$

• DEFINITION: An element of $BS(\underline{w})$ is of the form

$$\sum_i f_i \otimes g_i \otimes \cdots \otimes h_i = \sum_i f_i |_{s_1} g_i |_{s_2} \cdots |_{s_n} h_i$$
 for some $f_i, g_i, \dots, h_i \in \mathbb{R}$

- EXAMPLE: Let $W = A_2$.
 - Then the $BS\left(\underline{s_1s_2s_1}\right)$ decomposes into the direct sum $B_{s_1s_2s_1} \oplus B_{s_1} = B_{s_1}B_{s_2}B_{s_1}$,
 - $B_{S_1S_2S_1} = R \bigotimes_{R^W} R(3)$ is the submodule generated by $1 \otimes 1 \otimes 1$.
 - More generally: If W is a dihedral group generated by (s, t) and l(w') < l(w) where w' = sw, then $B_s B_{w'} = B_w \bigoplus B_{tw'}$
- SOME PROPERTIES (Bott-Samelson-bimodules)
 - Let $\underline{u}, \underline{v}$ be two expressions. Then $BS(\underline{u})BS(\underline{v}) = BS(\underline{uv})$ (closed under tensor product)

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$$fg_1 \otimes_{R^{s_{i_1}}} g_2 \otimes_{R^{s_{i_2}}} \cdots \otimes_{R^{s_{i_n}}} g_n = g_1 \otimes_{R^{s_{i_1}}} g_2 \otimes_{R^{s_{i_2}}} \cdots \otimes_{R^{s_{i_n}}} g_n f$$
 for $f \in R^M$

 \Rightarrow every Soergel bimodule is an $R \otimes_{R^W} R$ -module.

- EXAMPLE: Product of two Bott-Samelson-bimodules. Using that
 - $R = R^s \oplus R^s \alpha_s = R^s \oplus R^s(-2)$
 - $B_s B_s = R \otimes_{R^s} R \otimes_{R^s} R = R \otimes_{R^s} (R^s \oplus R^s (-2)) \otimes_{R^s} R = B_s (1) \oplus B_s (-1).$
 - This is analogous to the relation: $b_s^2 = (v + v^{-1})b_s$, where b_s is an element of the Kazhdan-Lusztig-basis
- LEMMA: Bott-Samelson bimodules are not closed under taking grading shifts or direct sums.
 - $B_s \simeq R \otimes_{R^s} (R^s \oplus R^s(-2))(1) \simeq R(1) \oplus R(-1) \Longrightarrow B_s$ is graded free as a left *R*-module (resp as a right *R*-module).
- LEMMA: Any Bott-Samelson bimodule is graded free of finite rank as a left respectively right *R*-module.

- EXAMPLE: Consider $c_{id} := 1 \otimes 1$ of degree -1 and $c_s := \frac{1}{2}(\alpha_s \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \alpha_s)$ of degree 1. \Rightarrow These elements form a basis of B_s as a left (or right) R-module.
- LEMMA: For any $f \in R, f \cdot c_s = c_s \cdot f$
- LEMMA: For any $f \in R$, $f \cdot c_{id} = c_{id} \cdot s(f) + c_s \cdot \partial_s(f)$ (Polynomial forcing relation)

• PROOF:

$$f \cdot c_{id} = f \cdot (1 \otimes 1)$$

and
$$c_{id} \cdot s(f) + c_s \cdot \partial_s(f) = (1 \otimes 1) \cdot s(f) + \frac{1}{2} (\alpha_s \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \alpha_s) \cdot \frac{f - s(f)}{\alpha_s} = (1 \otimes 1) \cdot s(f) + 2\alpha_s (1 \otimes 1) \cdot \frac{f - s(f)}{2\alpha_s}$$
$$= (1 \otimes 1) \cdot s(f) + (1 \otimes 1) \cdot f - (1 \otimes 1)s(f) = f \cdot (1 \otimes 1)$$

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SOERGEL BIMODULES

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- DEFINITION: A Soergel bimodule is a finite direct sum of shifts of summands of Bott-Samelson bimodules in BSBim (category of Bott-Samelson bimodules)
- LEMMA: Soergel bimodules are closed under grading shifts.
- DEFINITION: The category of Bott-Samelson bimodules $\mathbb{BS}Bim$ is the monoidal category (category equipped with the tensor product of *R*-bimodules)
- DEFINITION: The category of Soergel bimodules SBim is the strictly full subcategroy of Rgbim consisting of Soergel bimodules
 - Is the smallest strictly full subcategory of R-gbim containing R and B_s for all $s \in S$ that is closed under tensor product, direct sums, direct summands and shifts.
- DEFINITION: SBim is strictly full if it is closed under isomorphisms.

- LEMMA: Soergel Bimodules are closed under tensor products: $SBim_u \otimes_s SBim_v = SBim_{uv}$
- LEMMA: For a graded left *R*-module *M* (free of finite rank), any graded summand *N* of *M* is also graded free.
- LEMMA:
 - Any Bott-Samelson bimodule is graded free of finite rank as a left respectively right *R*-module.
 - Any Soergel bimodule is graded free as a left respectively right *R*-module.

- DEFINITION: An object M of an additive category is called **indecomposable** if it cannot be expressed as a direct sum $M' \oplus M''$ for nonzero subobjects M', M''.
- LEMMA: Suppose that M is a graded R-bimodule which is generated as an R-bimodule by a homogeneous element $m \in M$. This then implies that M is indecomposable.
- EXAMPLE: R and $B_s = R \bigotimes_{R^s} R(1)$ are indecomposable
- LEMMA: The category of Soergel bimodules is an additive category such that every object is isomorphic to a direct sum of indecomposable objects and such decomposition is unique up to isomorphism and permutation of summands.

EXAMPLES

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- Symmetric group S_3 , $R = \mathbb{R}[x, y, z]$
 - s interchanges x and y: $s \cdot f(x, y, z) = f(y, x, z) \rightarrow R^s = \mathbb{R}[x + y, xy, z]$
 - r interchanges y and z: $s \cdot f(x, y, z) = f(x, z, y) \rightarrow R^r = \mathbb{R}[x, y + z, yz]$

 $\Rightarrow R^{s,t} = \mathbb{R}[x + y + z, xy + xz + yz, xyz]$

- Grading: x, y and z in degree 2, x^2 and xy in degree 4, $3xy^2z^7$ in degree 20.
- Define the ring R shifted down by one $R(1) \Rightarrow x$ is in degree 1, x^2 in degree 3 and $3xy^2z^7$ in degree 19.
- SOME EASY EXAMPLES:
 - $R \text{ and } B_s := R \bigotimes_{R^s} R(1)$
 - $B_{sr} = B_s \bigotimes_R B_r$ and $B_{srs} = R \bigotimes_{R^{s,r}} R(3)$.
- In S_3 , the category of Soergel bimodules the indecomposable set is $\{R, B_s, B_r, B_{sr}, B_{rs}, B_{srs}\}$

- COMPARISON: Hecke algebra ↔ Soergel bimodules
 - B_s , $B_s B_r$, B_{srs} are analogous objects to the elements b_s , b_{sr} and b_{srs} respectively in the Hecke algebra.
 - The product (resp. direct sum) between Soergel bimodules as an analogue of product (resp. sum) in the Hecke algebra.
 - Shifting the degree of a Soergel bimodule by one can be seen as multiplying the corresponding element in the Hecke algebra by *v*.
- RECALL: Hecke algebra $\mathcal{H}(S_3)$ is free over $\mathbb{Z}[v, v^{-1}]$ with basis $\{1, b_s, b_r, b_{sr}, b_{rs}, b_{srs}\}$.

- R, B_s and B_r : distinct and indecomposable.
- *R* is generated by the subrings R^s and $R^r \implies B_s B_r \cong R \otimes_{R^s} R \otimes_{R^r} R(2)$ and $B_r B_s \cong R \otimes_{R^r} R \otimes_{R^s} R(2)$
 - both are generated by $1 \otimes 1 \otimes 1 \implies B_s$ and B_r are not isomorphic $\implies B_{sr} := B_s B_r \neq B_r B_s =: B_{rs}$
 - $B_s B_r$ and $B_r B_s$ are indecomposables
- Isomorphism $B_s B_s \cong B_s(1) \oplus B_s(-1) \implies B_s B_s$ is clearly decomposable. $(B_t B_t \text{ is decomposable})$
- Look at the possibility $B_{srs} = R \bigotimes_{R^{s,r}} R(3) \implies \text{add } B_{srs}$ to our indecomposables
 - generated by $1 \otimes 1$ in degree -3.
 - Isomorphism $B_s B_r B_s \simeq B_{srs} \oplus B_s \Longrightarrow B_{srs}$ actually is in SBim.
- $B_s B_{srs} \simeq B_{srs}(1) \oplus B_{srs}(-1) \simeq B_r B_{srs} \implies B_{srs}$ is not isomorphic to any grading shift of indecomposables
- List of distinct indecomposables up to grading shift is complete and is given by the set $\{R, B_s, B_r, B_{sr}, B_{rs}, B_{srs}\}$.

- EXAMPLE: Category of Soergel bimodules in S_3 is stable under product
- If $p \in R$, then $p s \cdot p \in (y x)R^s$,
 - For example if $p = 3xy^2z^7 + yz$, $p s \cdot p = 3xy^2z^7 + yz 3yx^2z^7 + xz = (y x)(3xyz^7 + z)$.
 - true because the polynomial $p s \cdot p$ vanishes in the hyperplane defined by the equation y = x.

• same result for
$$r: p - r \cdot p \in (z - y)R^r$$
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• Define $\alpha_s := y - x$ and $\alpha_r := z - y$. Define $P_s(p) = \frac{p + s \cdot p}{2} \in R^s$ and $\partial_s(p) = \frac{p - s \cdot p}{2\alpha_s} \in R^s$.

 \Rightarrow Then $p = P_s(p) + \alpha_s \partial_s(p) \Rightarrow$ isomorphism of graded R^s -bimodules $R \cong R^s \oplus R^s(-2)$.

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$$B_s B_s \cong R \otimes_{R^s} R \otimes_{R^s} R(2) \cong R \otimes_{R^s} R(2) \oplus R \otimes_{R^s} R = B_s(1) \oplus B_s(-1) \iff b_s b_s = v b_s + v^{-1} b_s$$

- $B_s B_{srs} \cong R \otimes_{R^s} R \otimes_{R^s} R(4) \cong B_{srs}(1) \oplus B_{srs}(-1) \iff b_s b_{srs} = v b_s + v^{-1} b_{srs})$
- Same comparison for all products of elements of the set $\{R, B_s, B_r, B_{sr}, B_{rs}, B_{srs}\}$.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION