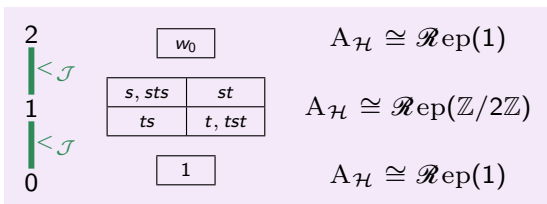


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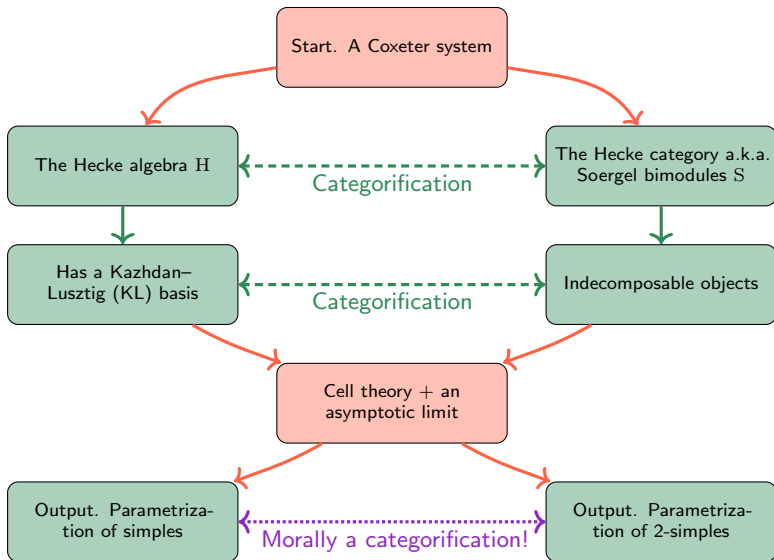
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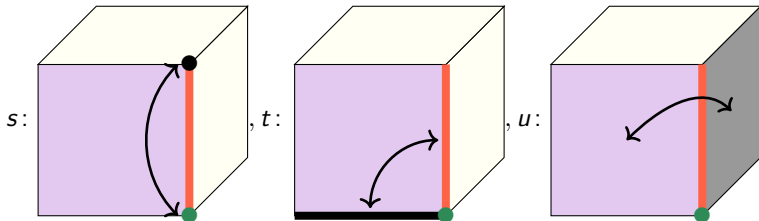


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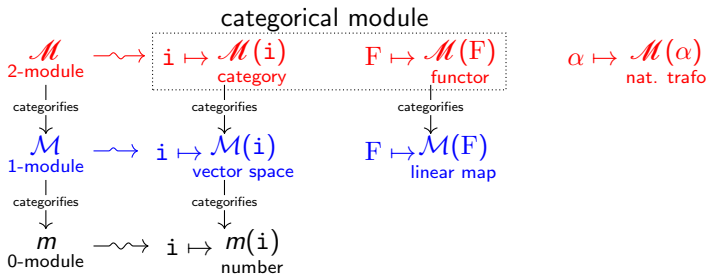
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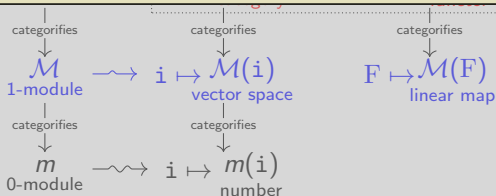
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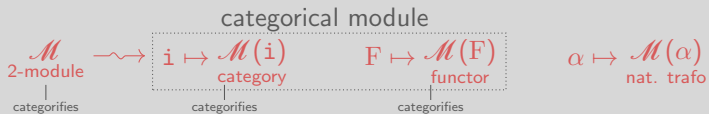
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In order to have a satisfactory theory and true statements
one needs to add adjectives
(additive, finite-dimensional hom spaces, Krull–Schmidt, etc.)
but I completely ignore that – my apologies!

Example. $\mathcal{R}ep(G)$

- ▶ Let $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{R}ep(G)$ (G a finite group)
- ▶ \mathcal{C} is monoidal and nice. For any $M, N \in \mathcal{C}$, we have $M \otimes N \in \mathcal{C}$:

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for all $g \in G, m \in M, n \in N$. There is a trivial representation $\mathbb{1}$

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- ▶ **Completeness** All 2-simples of $\mathcal{R}ep(G)$ are of the form $\mathcal{V}(K, \psi)$
- ▶ **Non-redundancy** We have $\mathcal{V}(K, \psi) \cong \mathcal{V}(K', \psi')$
 \Leftrightarrow
- ▶ the subgroups are conjugate and $\psi' = \psi^g$, where $\psi^g(k, l) = \psi(gkg^{-1}, glg^{-1})$

Crucial. The parametrization is now a computational problem (K, ψ) instead of a categorical one – so lower in complexity

- ▶ The de [Why?](#)

Theorem (Soergel–Elias–Williamson ~1990,2012)

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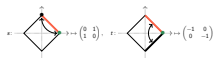
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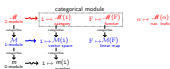
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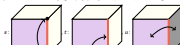


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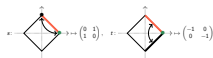
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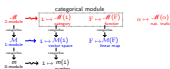
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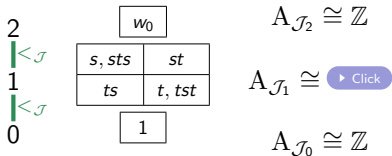
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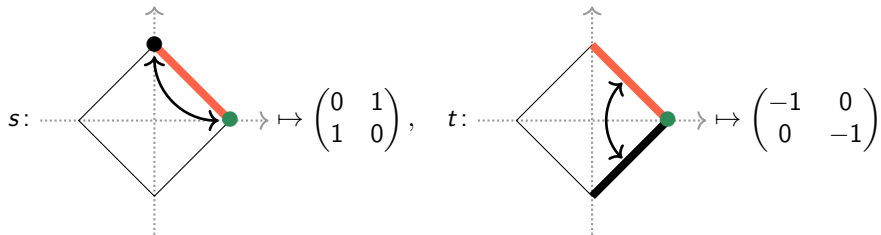
$$c_1 = 1, c_s = v(1+s), c_t = v(1+t), \dots, c_{w_0} = v^3(1+s+t+st+ts+sts+tst+w_0)$$

These could act as zero [▶ Apex](#)

Cell structure (write w instead of c_w):



The defining representation has apex \mathcal{J}_1 :



$$c_s = v(1+s) \mapsto v \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad c_{w_0} = v^3(1+s+t+st+ts+sts+tst+w_0) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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The multiplication tables ($[2] = 1 + v^2$) for $A_{\mathcal{J}_1}$ vs. H :

	a_s	a_{sts}	a_{st}	a_t	a_{tst}	a_{ts}
a_s	a_s	a_{sts}	a_{st}			
a_{sts}	a_{sts}	a_s	a_{st}			
a_{ts}	a_{ts}	a_{ts}	$a_t + a_{tst}$			
a_t				a_t	a_{tst}	a_{ts}
a_{tst}				a_{tst}	a_t	a_{ts}
a_{st}				a_{st}	a_{st}	$a_s + a_{sts}$

$$\cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus \text{Mat}_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{Z})$$

\Rightarrow

3 associated simples

The $v \rightarrow 0$ and mod \mathcal{J}_2 of:

	c_s	c_{sts}	c_{st}	c_t	c_{tst}	c_{ts}
c_s	$[2]c_s$	$[2]c_{sts}$	$[2]c_{st}$	vc_{st}	$vc_{st} + vc_{w_0}$	$vc_s + vc_{sts}$
c_{sts}	$[2]c_{sts}$	$[2]c_s + [2]^2c_{w_0}$	$[2]c_{st} + [2]c_{w_0}$	$c_s + c_{sts}$	$vc_s + v[2]^2c_{w_0}$	$vc_s + vc_{sts} + v[2]c_{w_0}$
c_{ts}	$[2]c_{ts}$	$[2]c_{ts} + [2]c_{w_0}$	$[2]c_t + [2]c_{tst}$	$vc_t + vc_{tst}$	$vc_t + vc_{tst} + v[2]c_{w_0}$	$2vc_{ts} + vc_{w_0}$
c_t	vc_{ts}	$vc_{ts} + vc_{w_0}$	$vc_t + vc_{tst}$	$[2]c_t$	$[2]c_{tst}$	$[2]c_{ts}$
c_{tst}	$vc_t + vc_{tst}$	$vc_t + v[2]^2c_{w_0}$	$vc_t + vc_{tst} + v[2]c_{w_0}$	$[2]c_{tst}$	$[2]c_t + [2]^2c_{w_0}$	$[2]c_{ts} + [2]c_{w_0}$
c_{st}	$vc_s + vc_{sts}$	$vc_s + vc_{sts} + v[2]c_{w_0}$	$2vc_{st} + vc_{w_0}$	$[2]c_{st}$	$[2]c_{st} + [2]c_{w_0}$	$[2]c_s + [2]c_{sts}$

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$\text{ep}(S_3)$

K	1	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$	S_3
#	1	1	1	1
H^2	1	1	1	1
rk	1	2	3	3

$\text{ep}(S_4)$

K	1	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$	$(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2$	S_3	D_4	A_4	S_4
#	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
H^2	1	1	1	1	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	1	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$
rk	1	2	3	4	4,1	3	5,2	4,3	5,3

$\text{ep}(S_5)$

K	1	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$	$(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2$	$\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$	S_3	$\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$	D_4	D_5	A_4	D_6	$GA(1,5)$	S_4	A_5	S_5
#	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
H^2	1	1	1	1	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	1	1	1	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	1	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$
rk	1	2	3	4	4,1	5	3	6	5,2	4,2	4,3	6,3	5	5,3	5,4	7,5

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Example ($G = S_3, K = S_3$); the \mathbb{N} -matrices

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rk	1	2	3	4	4,1	5	3	6	5,2	4,2	4,3	6,3	5	5,3	5,4	7,5
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Example ($G = S_3, K = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} = S_2$); the \mathbb{N} -matrices

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$$\mathcal{R}es_K^G(\square\square) \cong \square\square \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathcal{R}es_K^G(\begin{matrix} \square \\ \square \end{matrix}) \cong \square\square \oplus \square \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathcal{R}es_K^G(\begin{matrix} \square \\ \square \end{matrix}) \cong \begin{matrix} \square \\ \square \end{matrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Computation of $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{H}}$ (Lusztig \sim 1984, Bezrukavnikov–Finkelberg–Ostrik \sim 2006)

type	A	$B = C$	D	E_6
worst case	$\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{H}} \simeq \mathcal{R}\text{ep}(1)$	$\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{H}} \simeq \mathcal{R}\text{ep}(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}^d)$	$\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{H}} \simeq \mathcal{R}\text{ep}(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}^d)$	$\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{H}} \simeq \mathcal{R}\text{ep}(S_3)$
type	E_7	E_8	F_4	G_2
worst case	$\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{H}} \simeq \mathcal{R}\text{ep}(S_3)$	$\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{H}} \simeq \mathcal{R}\text{ep}(S_5)$	$\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{H}} \simeq \mathcal{R}\text{ep}(S_4)$	$\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{H}} \simeq \mathcal{S}\mathcal{O}(3)_6$

This gives a complete classification of 2-simples for finite Weyl type

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