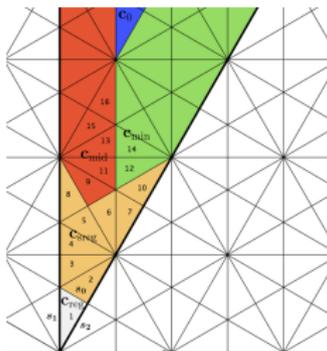


# Green's theory of cells in categorification

Or: Mind your cells!

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Clifford, Munn, Ponizovskii, Green ~1942++. Finite semigroups or monoids.

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**Example.**  $\mathbb{N}$ ,  $\text{Aut}(\{1, \dots, n\}) = S_n \subset T_n = \text{End}(\{1, \dots, n\})$ , groups, groupoids, categories, any  $\cdot$  closed subsets of matrices, “everything” [▶ click](#), etc.

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Left, right and two-sided cells (a.k.a.  $\mathcal{L}$ -,  $\mathcal{R}$ - and  $\mathcal{J}$ -cells): Equivalence classes.

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**Example (group-like).** The unit 1 is always in the lowest cell – e.g.  $1 \leq_L y$  because we can take  $z = y$ . Invertible elements  $g$  are always in the lowest cell – e.g.  $g \leq_L y$  because we can take  $z = yg^{-1}$ .

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**Example (the transformation monoid  $T_3$ ).** Cells –  $\mathcal{L}$  (columns),  $\mathcal{R}$  (rows),  $\mathcal{J}$  (big rectangles),  $\mathcal{H}$  (small rectangles).

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**Example. ( $T_3$ .)** [▶ More](#)

$\mathcal{J}_{\text{all}}$

$\mathcal{H}(e) = S_3, S_2, S_1$  gives  $3 + 2 + 1 = 6$  associated simples (over  $\mathbb{C}$ ).

$S_3$

Cute facts.

This is a general philosophy in representation theory.

▶ Each  $\mathcal{H}$  Buzz words. Idempotent truncations, Kazhdan–Lusztig cells, Each  $e$  is  
contain quasi-hereditary algebras, cellular algebras, etc.

▶ Each  $\mathcal{H}$  (Note. Whenever one has a (reasonable) antiinvolution  $*$ ,  
▶ Each sim the  $\mathcal{H}$ -cells to consider are the diagonals  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{L} \cap \mathcal{L}^*$ . kill it. (Apex.)  
I will almost ignore non-contributing  $\mathcal{H}$ -cells from now on.

**Kazhdan–Lusztig (KL) and others**  $\sim 1979++$ . Green's theory in linear.

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**Choose a basis.** For a finite-dimensional algebra  $S$  fix a basis  $B_S$ . For  $x, y, z \in B_S$  write  $y \in zx$  if  $y$  appears in  $zx$  with non-zero coefficient.

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**Spoiler.**

On the categorified level all problems vanish and (a version of) the  $\mathcal{H}$ -reduction can be recovered.

**There is a good basis.** For a finitary monoidal category  $\mathcal{S}$ , and  $X, Y, Z$  indecomposable write  $Y \oplus ZX$  if  $Y$  is a direct summand of  $ZX$ .

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## Examples.

- ▶ Cells in  $\mathcal{S}$  give  $\otimes$ -ideals.
- ▶ If  $\mathcal{S}$  is semisimple, then  $XX^*$  and  $X^*X$  both contain the identity, so cell theory is trivial.
- ▶ For Soergel bimodules cells are Kazhdan–Lusztig cells.
- ▶ For 2-Kac–Moody algebras you can push everything to cyclotomic KLR algebras, and  $\mathcal{H}$ -cells are of size one.

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To make the " $\simeq$ " above precise is a whole paper...but it works.  
 For example,  $B_{1212}B_{1212} \cong pB_{1212}$  for  $p = [2][4] \in \mathbb{N}[v, v^{-1}]$  being a shift.  
 So  $B_{1212}$  is a pseudo-idempotent, but you can't easily rescale on the categorical level.

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**Strong  $\mathcal{H}$ -reduction  $\sim 2020$ .**

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stmod means the category of 2-simples.

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**A direct application.**

For (Schur quotients of) 2-Kac–Moody algebras,  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}} \simeq \mathcal{V}\text{ect}$ , and  $\mathcal{J}$ -cells are indexed by dominant integral weights.

The associated 2-simples are the categorifications of simple  $g$ -modules (à la Chuang–Rouquier & Khovanov–Lauda).

$\mathcal{H}$ -reduction implies that there are no other 2-simples.

**A trickier application.**

We can classify 2-simples of Soergel bimodules of any finite Coxeter type except for one apex in type  $H_4$ .

Group	Order	Number of conjugacy classes	Number of irreducible characters	Number of linear characters	Number of faithful irreducible characters
$S_3$	6	3	3	1	2
$S_4$	24	5	5	1	4
$S_5$	120	7	7	1	6
$S_6$	720	9	9	1	8
$S_7$	5040	11	11	1	10
$S_8$	40320	15	15	1	14
$S_9$	362880	21	21	1	20
$S_{10}$	3628800	27	27	1	26
$S_{11}$	39916800	35	35	1	34
$S_{12}$	479001600	45	45	1	44
$S_{13}$	6227020800	57	57	1	56
$S_{14}$	87178291200	73	73	1	72
$S_{15}$	1307674368000	93	93	1	92

From the table, the conjugacy classes are:

- There are zillions of semigroups, e.g. 1843120128 of order 8. (Compare: There are 5 groups of order 8.)
- Already the easiest of these are not semisimple – not even over  $\mathbb{C}$ .
- Almost all of them are of wild representation type.

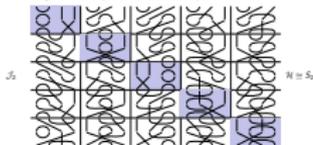
Is the study of semigroups hopeless?

Green & Rea

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### Classification of simples of the Brauer algebra – in real time

One cell of  $\text{Br}(d)$  (the dimension of  $\text{Br}(d)$  is 105 and I wasn't able to fit the whole thing on the slide...), with the circle value  $\delta \neq 0$ .



In general,  $\mathcal{J}$ -cells in  $\mathcal{J}_i$  are  $S_i$ .

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A finite, pivotal  $(\text{mod})$ -tensor category  $\mathcal{C}$ :

- Basics:  $\mathcal{C}$  is  $\mathbb{K}$ -linear and monoidal.  $\otimes$  is  $\mathbb{K}$ -bilinear. Moreover,  $\mathcal{C}$  is abelian (this implies idempotent complete).
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Clifford, Maschke  **$\mathcal{H}$ -reduction** (Maschke year!) – stated for monoids or monoids

Example (the big rectangle):

There is a one-to-one correspondence

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{simples of } \mathcal{H}(e) \\ \text{apex } \mathcal{J}(e) \end{array} \right\} \xrightarrow{\text{one-to-one}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{strings of } \text{ans} \\ \mathcal{H}(e) \subset \mathcal{J}(e) \end{array} \right\}$$

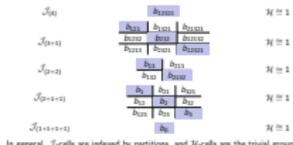
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### Classification of simples of the type A Hecke algebra – cheating a bit

Cells of  $\mathcal{H}(1 \equiv 2 \equiv 3)$ , with  $\delta_k$  being the Kazhdan-Lusztig (KL) basis.



In general,  $\mathcal{J}$ -cells are indexed by partitions, and  $\mathcal{H}$ -cells are the trivial group.

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Example ( $G$ -Mod, ground field  $\mathbb{C}$ ):

- Let  $K \subset G \subset G$  be a subgroup.
- $K$ -Mod is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -module, with action

$$\text{Res}_K^G \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} G\text{-Mod} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}\text{-Mod}(K\text{-Mod}),$$

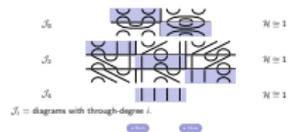


- which is indeed an action because  $\text{Res}_K^G$  is a  $\mathbb{C}$ -functor.
- All of these are 2-simple.
- The decategorifications are  $K_0(\mathcal{C})$ -modules.

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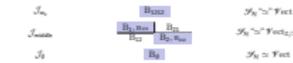
### Classification of simples of the Temperley-Lieb algebra – in real time

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### Mazorchuk-Miemietz and others –2010+-. Green's theory in categorification

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We count the correct number of  $\mathbb{C}$ -modules, namely  $1 + 2 + 1 = 4$ .

From the book: "The number of indecomposable Soergel bimodules is 4."

**$\mathcal{H}$ -reduction –2018.**

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$S_4$	24	5	5	3	4
$S_5$	120	7	7	3	6
$S_6$	720	9	9	3	8
$S_7$	5040	11	11	3	10
$S_8$	40320	13	13	3	12
$S_9$	362880	15	15	3	14
$S_{10}$	3628800	17	17	3	16
$S_{11}$	39916800	19	19	3	18
$S_{12}$	479001600	21	21	3	20
$S_{13}$	6227020800	23	23	3	22
$S_{14}$	87178291200	25	25	3	24
$S_{15}$	1316818240000	27	27	3	26
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$S_{17}$	355685440000000	31	31	3	30
$S_{18}$	6355134400000000	33	33	3	32
$S_{19}$	121645120000000000	35	35	3	34
$S_{20}$	2432902400000000000	37	37	3	36

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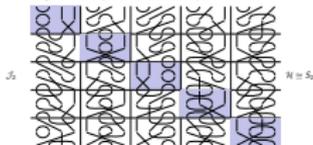
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Clifford, Maschke  **$\mathcal{H}$ -reduction** (Maschke year rule) – stated for monoids or monoids.

Example (the big rectangle):

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In other words,  $\text{Fonned}_{\mathcal{H}(e)} \cong \mathcal{H}(e)\text{-mod}$ .

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 $\mathcal{H}(e) \cong S_2$   
 $\mathcal{H}(e) \cong S_3$

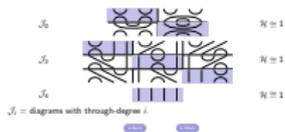
Cute facts:

- Each  $\mathcal{H}$  contains precisely one idempotent  $e$  or no idempotent. Each  $e$  is contained in some  $\mathcal{H}(e)$ . (Idempotent separation.)
- Each  $\mathcal{H}(e)$  is a unique subalgebra. (Group-like.)
- Each simple has a unique maximal  $\mathcal{J}(e)$  whose  $\mathcal{H}(e)$  does not kill it. (Apex.)

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### Mazorchuk-Mijnster and others – 2010+ – Green's theory in categorification

Example  $\mathbb{H}(1 \xrightarrow{\delta} 2)$ , but now Soergel bimodules over  $\mathbb{C}$  with their decompositions.

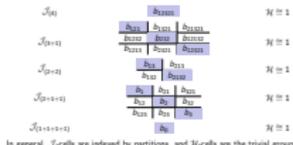


We count the correct number of **simple**, namely  $1 + 2 + 1 = 4$ .

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### Example $(G\text{-Mod}, \text{ground field } \mathbb{C})$ .

- Let  $K \subset G \subset C$  be a subgroup.
- $K\text{-Mod}$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -module, with action

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which is indeed an action because  $\text{Res}_K^G$  is a  $\otimes$ -functor.

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Thanks for your attention!

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<b>Inverse Semigroup</b>	Required	Required	Unneeded	Required	Unneeded
<b>Monoid</b>	Required	Required	Required	Unneeded	Unneeded
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<b>Abelian group</b>	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required

Picture from <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Semigroup>.

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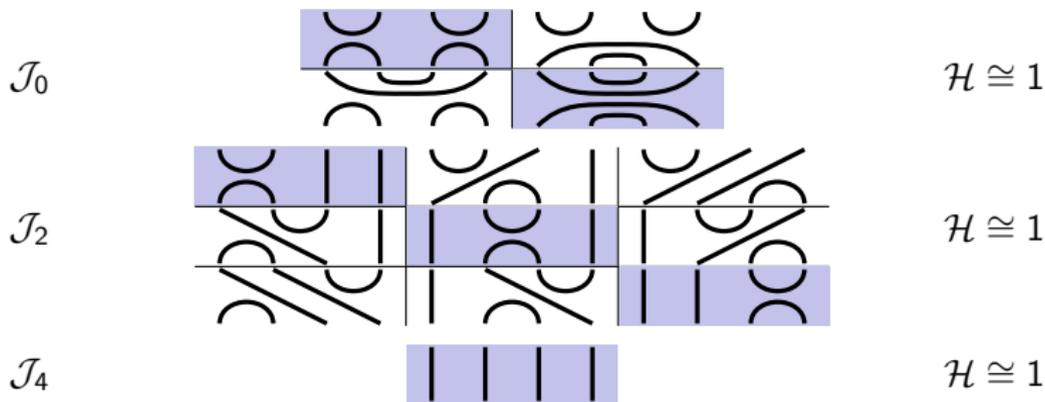
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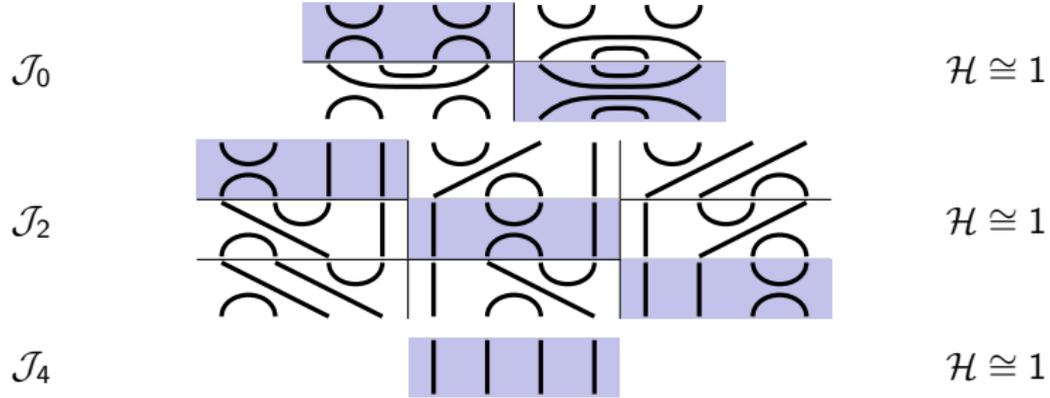
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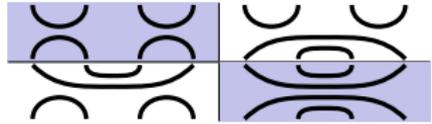
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Note that  $\mathcal{H}$ -cells are group-like, e.g.  $\text{---} \circ \text{---} = \delta \text{---}$ ,  
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 $\text{---}$  is the unit in the trivial group.

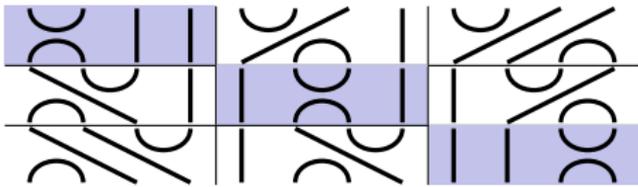
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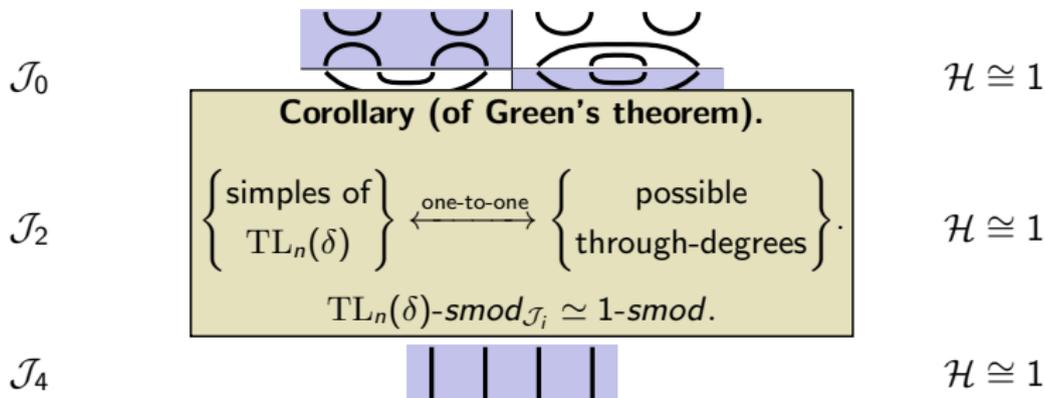
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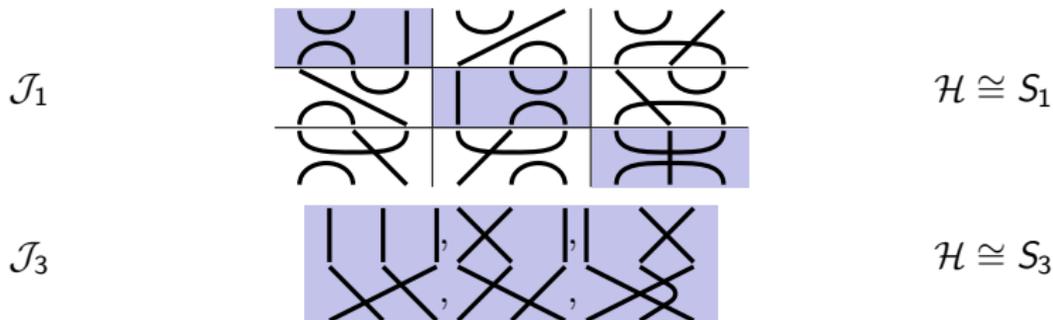
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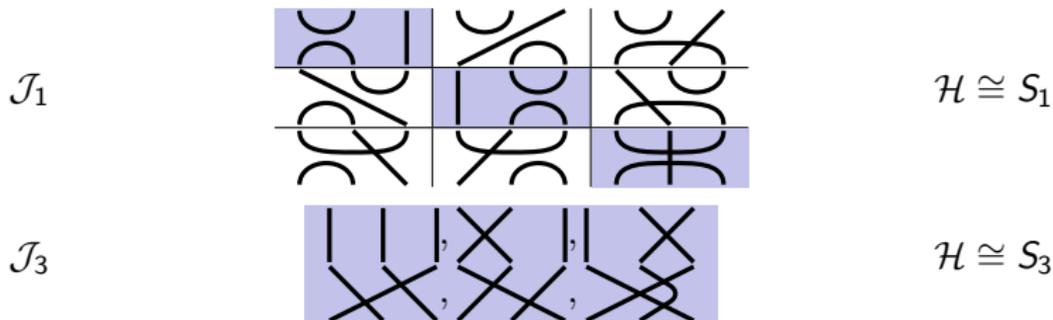
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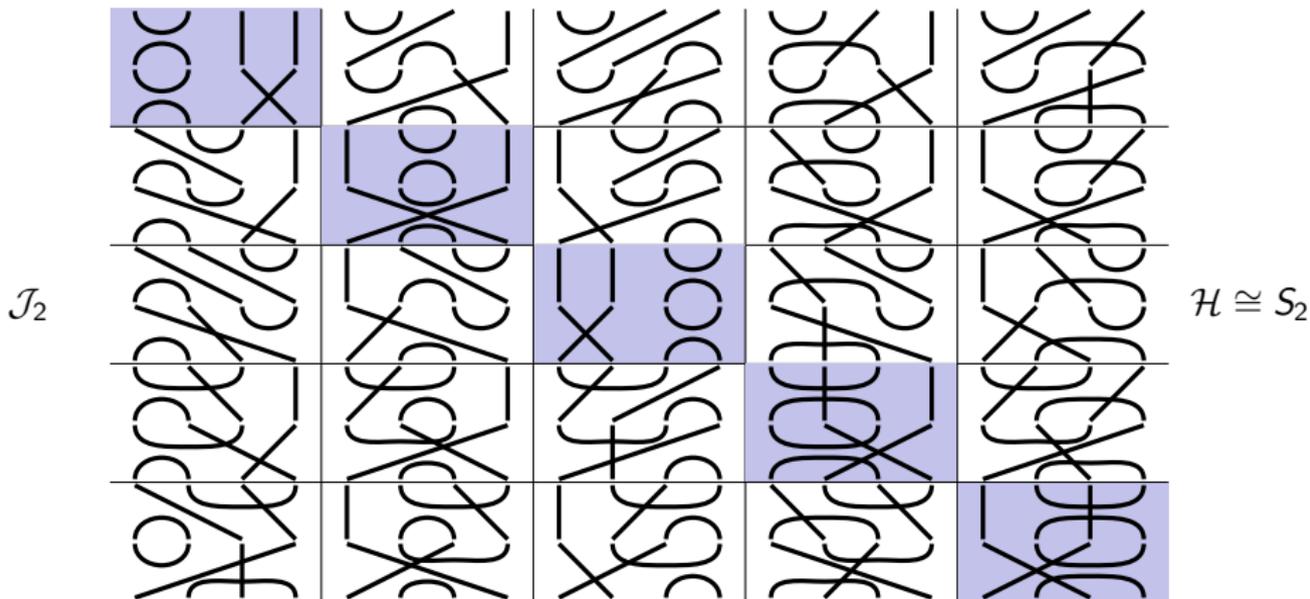
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$\mathcal{J}_2$

**Corollary (of Green's theorem – here over  $\mathbb{C}$ ).**

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$\text{Br}_n(\delta)\text{-smod}_{\mathcal{J}_i} \simeq S_i\text{-smod}.$

**Exercise.**

Do the same for the partition algebra.

$\mathcal{H} \cong S_2$

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**Warning.**

We only formulate the precise statements for the additive setting, but then at least for 2-categories.

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### The crucial difference...

...is what we like to consider as “elements” of our theory:

Abelian prefers simples,  
additive prefers indecomposables.

This is a **huge** difference – for example in the fiat case there is no Schur’s 2-lemma.

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### Why I like the additive case.

All the example I know from my youth are not abelian, but only additive:

Diagram categories, 2-Kac-Moody algebras  
and their Schur quotients, Soergel bimodules,  
tilting module categories etc.

And these only fit into the fiat and not the tensor framework.

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If  $\mathbb{K}$  is not of characteristic 2,  $\mathbb{K}G$  is semisimple and additive=abelian. So let us have a look at characteristic 2, where we have  $\mathbb{K}G \cong \mathbb{K}[X, Y]/(X^2, Y^2)$

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First, abelian:

- ▶  $X$  and  $Y$  have to act as zero on each simple, so  $\mathbb{K}G$  has just  $\mathbb{K}$  as a simple.
  - ▶  $\mathbb{K}G\text{-Mod}$  has just one element.
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Then additive:

- ▶ Only  $X^2$  and  $Y^2$  have to act as zero on each indecomposable, and one can cook-up infinitely many, e.g.



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**Example**  $G = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  (Klein four group).

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If  $\mathbb{K}$  is not of characteristic 2,  $\mathbb{K}G$  is semisimple and additive=abelian. So let us have a look at characteristic 2, where we have  $\mathbb{K}G \cong \mathbb{K}[X, Y]/(X^2, Y^2)$

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First, abelian:

**Theorem (Higman ~1953).**

For  $\text{char}(\mathbb{K}) = p$ ,  $\mathbb{K}G\text{-Mod}$  is...

...always a finite, pivotal tensor category.

... monoidal fiat if and only if ( $p \nmid |G|$  or the  $p$ -Sylow subgroup of  $G$  is cyclic).

... has infinitely many, e.g.



►  $\mathbb{K}G\text{-Mod}$  has infinitely many elements.

Abelian. A  $\mathcal{S}$ -module  $M$ :

- ▶ Basics.  $M$  is  $\mathbb{K}$ -linear and abelian. The action is a monoidal functor  $M: \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}nd_{\mathbb{K},lex}(M)$  ( $\mathbb{K}$ -linear, left exactness).
  - ▶ Finiteness. Hom-spaces are finite-dimensional, the number of **simples** is finite, finite length, enough projectives.
  - ▶ Categorification. The abelian Grothendieck group gives a finite-dimensional  $G_0(\mathcal{S})$ -module.
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Additive. A  $\mathcal{S}$ -module  $M$ :

- ▶ Basics.  $M$  is  $\mathbb{K}$ -linear, additive and idempotent complete. The action is a monoidal functor  $M: \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}nd_{\mathbb{K}}(M)$  ( $\mathbb{K}$ -linear).
- ▶ Finiteness. Hom-spaces are finite-dimensional, the number of **indecomposables** is finite.
- ▶ Categorification. The additive Grothendieck group gives a finite-dimensional  $K_0(\mathcal{S})$ -module.

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Abelian. A  $\mathcal{S}$ -module  $M$ :

► Basics.  $M$  is  $\mathbb{K}$ -linear and abelian. The action is a monoidal functor  $M: \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \text{End}_{\mathbb{K}\text{-lev}}(M)$  ( $\mathbb{K}$ -linear, left exactness).

► Finiteness.  $M$  is finite, finite-dimensional

► Categorification.  $M$  is a  $G_0(\mathcal{S})$ -module

The easiest of such modules are called simple transitive (2-simple for short) and they satisfy a Jordan–Hölder theorem.

By definition, these are those  $\mathcal{S}$ -modules without  $\mathcal{S}$ -stable ideals on the morphism level.

Additive. A  $\mathcal{S}$ -module

This categorifies the definition of a simple having no  $\mathcal{S}$ -stable subspaces.

► Basics.  $M$  is  $\mathbb{K}$ -linear, additive and idempotent complete. The action is a monoidal functor

► Finiteness.  $M$  is Hom-finite, indecomposables

► Categorification.  $M$  is a  $K_0(\mathcal{S})$ -module.

### Example.

For 2-Kac–Moody algebras the minimal categorifications of the  $g$ -simples in the sense of Chuang–Rouquier are 2-simple.

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## Example ( $G$ -Mod, ground field $\mathbb{C}$ ).

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- ▶ Let  $\mathcal{S} = G\text{-Mod}$ , for  $G$  being a finite group. As  $\mathcal{S}$  is semisimple, abelian=additive. Simples are simple  $G$ -modules.
- ▶ For any  $M, N \in \mathcal{S}$ , we have  $M \otimes N \in \mathcal{S}$ :

$$g(m \otimes n) = gm \otimes gn$$

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

- ▶ The regular  $\mathcal{S}$ -module  $M: \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}nd_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathcal{S})$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \longrightarrow & M \otimes \_ \\ \downarrow f & & \downarrow f \otimes \_ \\ N & \longrightarrow & N \otimes \_ \end{array}$$

- ▶ The decategorification is the regular  $K_0(\mathcal{S})$ -module.

## Example ( $G$ -Mod, ground field $\mathbb{C}$ ).

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- ▶ Let  $K \subset G$  be a subgroup.
- ▶  $K$ -Mod is a  $\mathcal{S}$ -module, with action

$$\mathcal{R}es_K^G \otimes \_ : G\text{-Mod} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}nd_{\mathbb{C}}(K\text{-Mod}),$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{R}es_K^G(M) \otimes \_ \\ \downarrow f & & \downarrow \mathcal{R}es_K^G(f) \otimes \_ \\ N & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{R}es_K^G(N) \otimes \_ \end{array}$$

which is indeed an action because  $\mathcal{R}es_K^G$  is a  $\otimes$ -functor.

- ▶ All of these are 2-simple.
- ▶ The decategorifications are  $K_0(\mathcal{S})$ -modules.