

2-braid groups and positivity phenomenons in Hecke and Temperley-Lieb algebras

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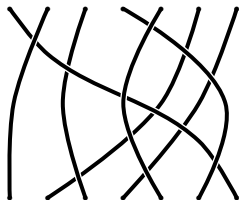
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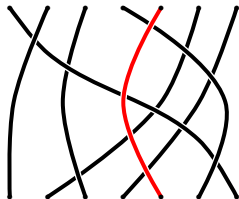
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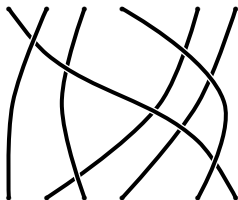
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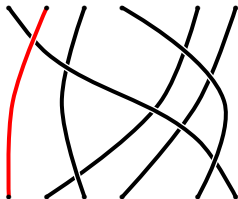
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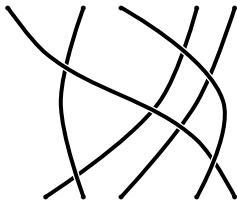
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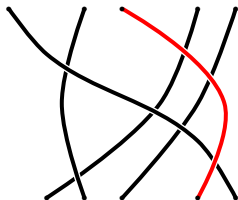
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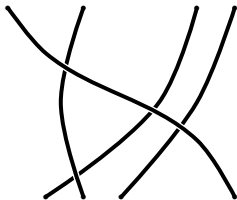
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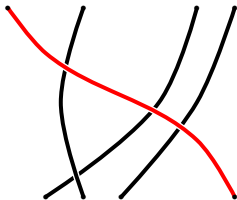
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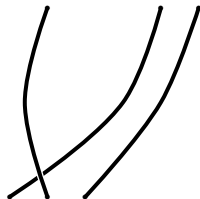
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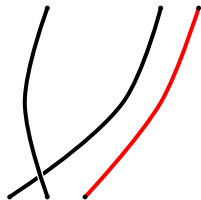
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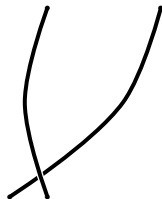
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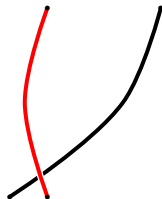
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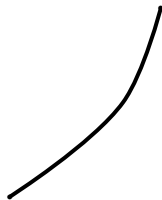
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- ▶ A crucial step in the proof of inverse KL positivity is to show that $F_{\mathbf{x}}^{\min}$ is *linear*, i.e., that the indecomposable summands in homological degree i are all of the form $B_x(i)$ for various $x \in W$ (in other words, the object $F_{\mathbf{x}}$ lies in the heart of the canonical t -structure on $K^b(\mathcal{B})$).

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3. *Conversely, one has $C'_w \in \sum_{x \in W} \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}[v^{\pm 1}] T_x T_y^{-1}$, where coefficients are interpreted as graded multiplicities in a twisted filtration of B_w .*

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