

# What are the building blocks?

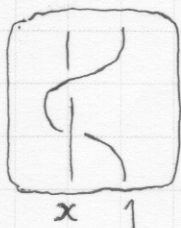
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$$Z \mapsto e^x$$

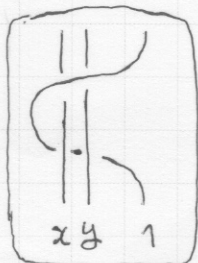
$$\Delta_{x \rightarrow x, y} \searrow$$

$$e^{x+y}$$

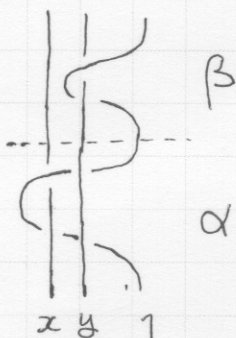


$$Z(\alpha) Z(\beta) = e^{x+y}$$

$$\Delta_{x \rightarrow x, y} \downarrow$$



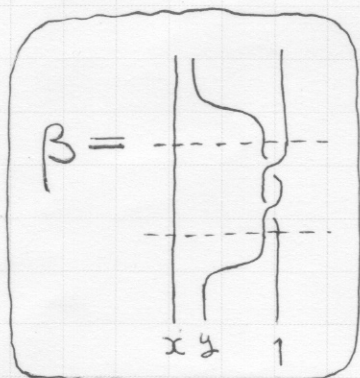
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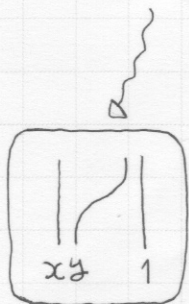
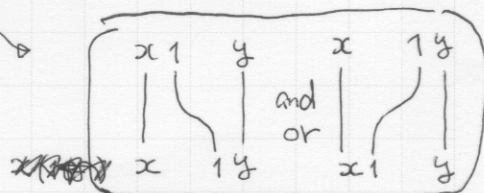
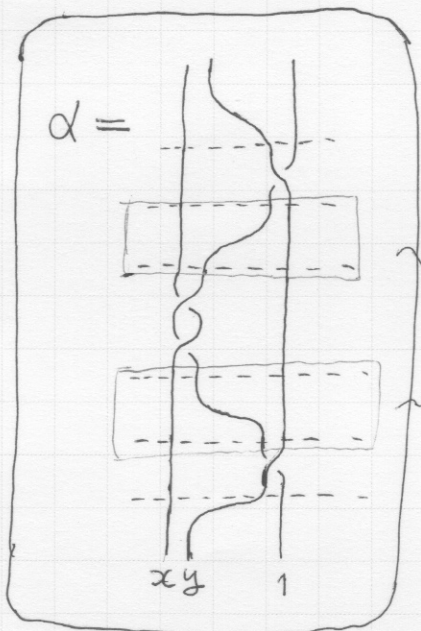
6-gon for  $\alpha$  &  $\beta$

$$\Delta_{1 \rightarrow 1, 2}(Z(\beta)) = Z(\Delta_{1, 1, 2}(\beta))$$

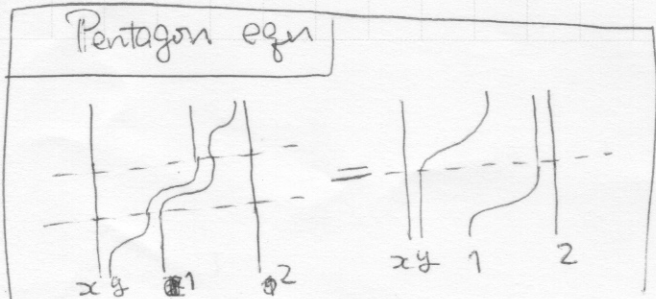
$$\Delta_{1 \rightarrow 1, 2}(Z(\alpha)) = Z(\Delta_{1 \rightarrow 1, 2}(\alpha))$$



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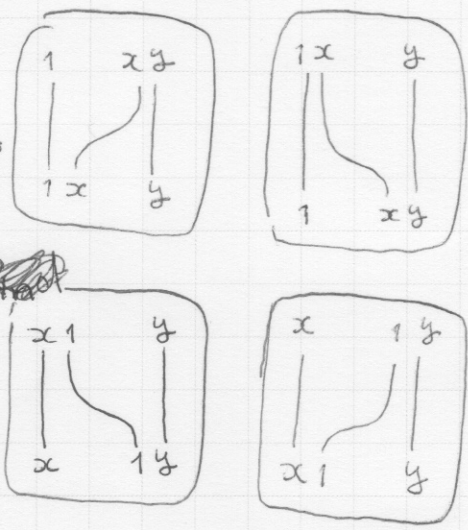
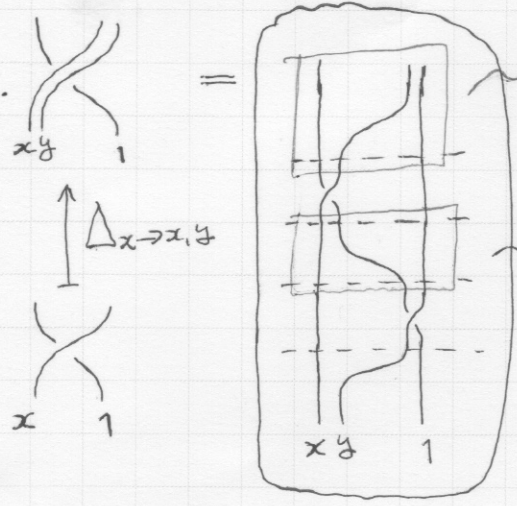


Pentagon eqn



Want:  $\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{X} \\ x \quad 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{Z} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{X} \\ e^{x/2} \end{array} \right)$

6-gon



6-gon eq.  
 $e^{(x+y)/2} = \Phi(x, y) e^{y/2} \hat{\Phi}(x, y)^{-1} e^{x/2} \Phi(y, x)^{-1}$   
 $\hat{\Phi}(x, y) = e^{x/2} \Phi(y, x)^{-1} e^{-(x+y)/2} \Phi(x, y) e^{y/2}$

$Z \left( \begin{array}{c} | \quad | \\ x \quad 1 \end{array} \right) =: \bar{\Phi}(x, y) = \bar{\Phi}_{em}$

Assumption(?):  
 $Z \left( \begin{array}{c} | \quad | \\ 1 \quad x \quad y \end{array} \right) = \Phi(y, x)$

$Z \left( \begin{array}{c} | \quad | \\ x \quad 1 \quad y \end{array} \right) =: \hat{\Phi}(x, y)$

$Z(\beta) = \Phi(x, y) e^y \Phi(x, y)^{-1}$

$Z(\alpha) = \Phi(x, y) e^{y/2} \hat{\Phi}(x, y)^{-1} e^x \hat{\Phi}(x, y) e^{-y/2} \Phi(x, y)^{-1}$

$= \dots$   
 $= e^{(x+y)/2} \Phi(y, x) e^x \Phi(y, x)^{-1} e^{-(x+y)/2}$

$Z(\alpha)Z(\beta) = e^{x+y} \iff e^{(x+y)/2} \Phi(y, x) e^x \Phi(y, x)^{-1} e^{-(x+y)/2} \Phi(x, y) e^y \Phi(x, y)^{-1} = e^{x+y}$

## Rather random questions

- (1) Does  $\Phi_{\text{em}} = \Phi_{\text{pps}}$  determine  $Z(\alpha)$  and  $Z(\beta)$ ? More concretely, should it be the following?

$$\begin{aligned}Z(\alpha) &= e^{\frac{x+y}{2}} \Phi_{\text{em}}(y, x) e^x \Phi_{\text{em}}(y, x)^{-1} e^{-\frac{x+y}{2}}, \\Z(\beta) &= \Phi_{\text{em}}(x, y) e^y \Phi_{\text{em}}(x, y)^{-1}.\end{aligned}$$

- (2) Does the pps-pentagon (plus normalization  $\Phi(x, y) = 1 + \frac{1}{24}[x, y] + \dots$ ) imply the equation  $Z(\alpha)Z(\beta) = e^{x+y}$ ?
- (3) On the pps-hexagon. We want to have  $\Delta_{1 \rightarrow 1,2}(Z(\alpha)) = Z(\Delta_{1 \rightarrow 1,2}(\alpha))$  and  $\Delta_{1 \rightarrow 1,2}(Z(\beta)) = Z(\Delta_{1 \rightarrow 1,2}(\beta))$ . Does any of the two follow from the other? (Do we need  $Z(\alpha)Z(\beta) = e^{x+y}$ ?)
- (4) If  $\Phi_{\text{em}}$  satisfies the pps-pentagon (with the normalization) and the pps-hexagon, does it induce an expansion  $Z$  which respects “adding/deleting poles/strands” and “pole/strand doubling”?
- (5) For questions above, does the argument in [AET] work?
- (6) What about the HOMFLY-PT quotient? For instance, will the set of solutions to the pps-pentagon be different?