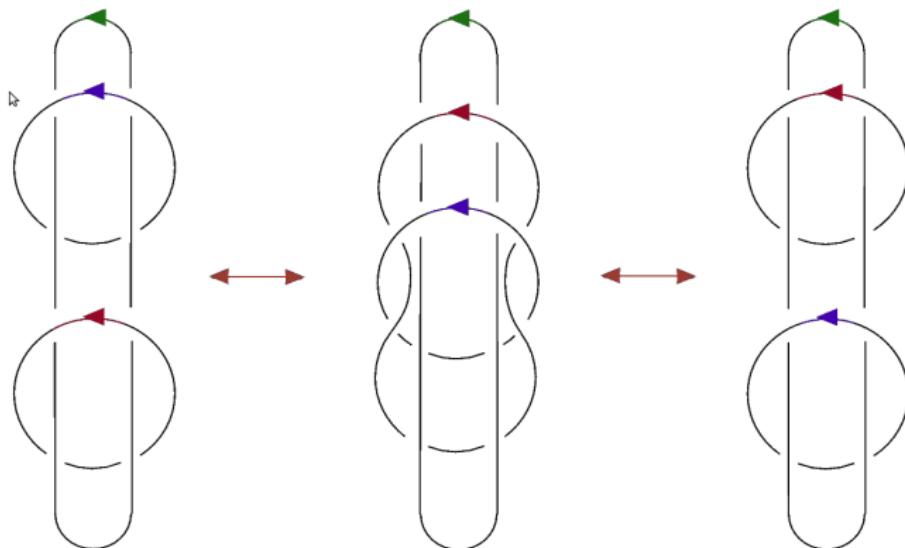


On set-theoretic solutions to the Yang-Baxter equation

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- factorization condition for the dispersion matrix in the **1-dim. n -body problem** (*McGuire & Yang 60'*);
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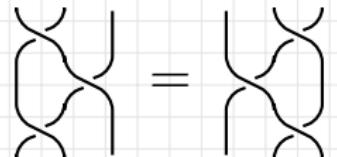
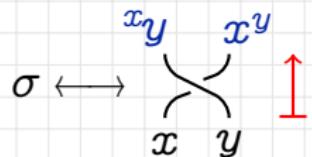
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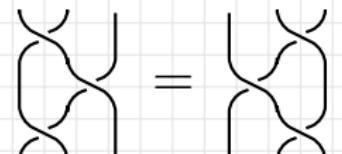
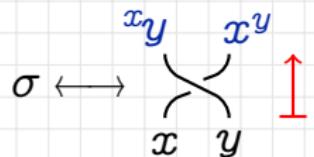
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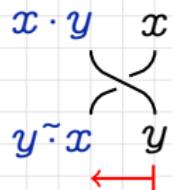
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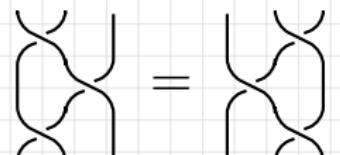
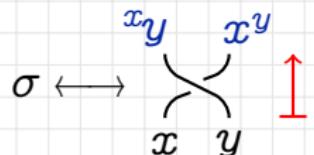
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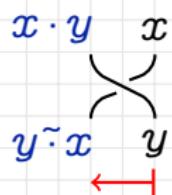
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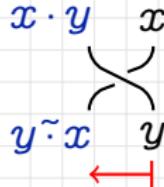
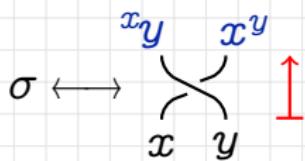
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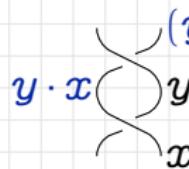
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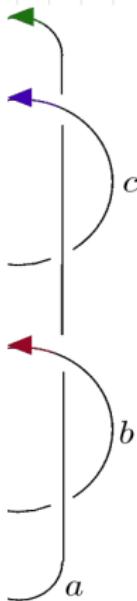
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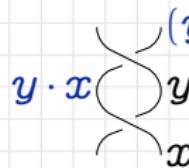


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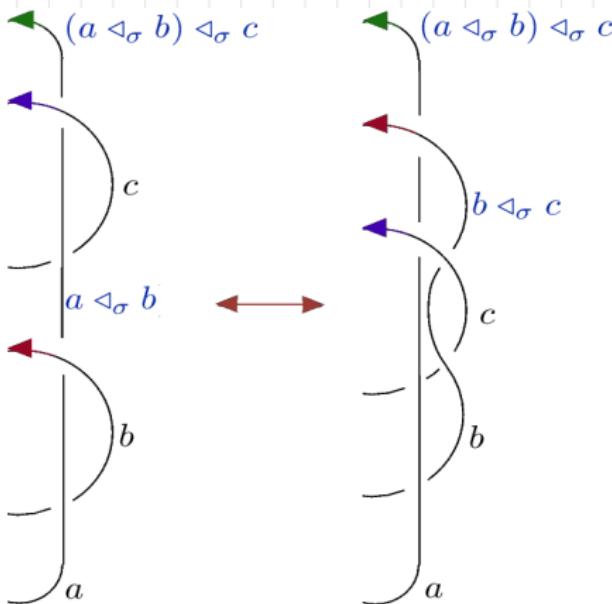
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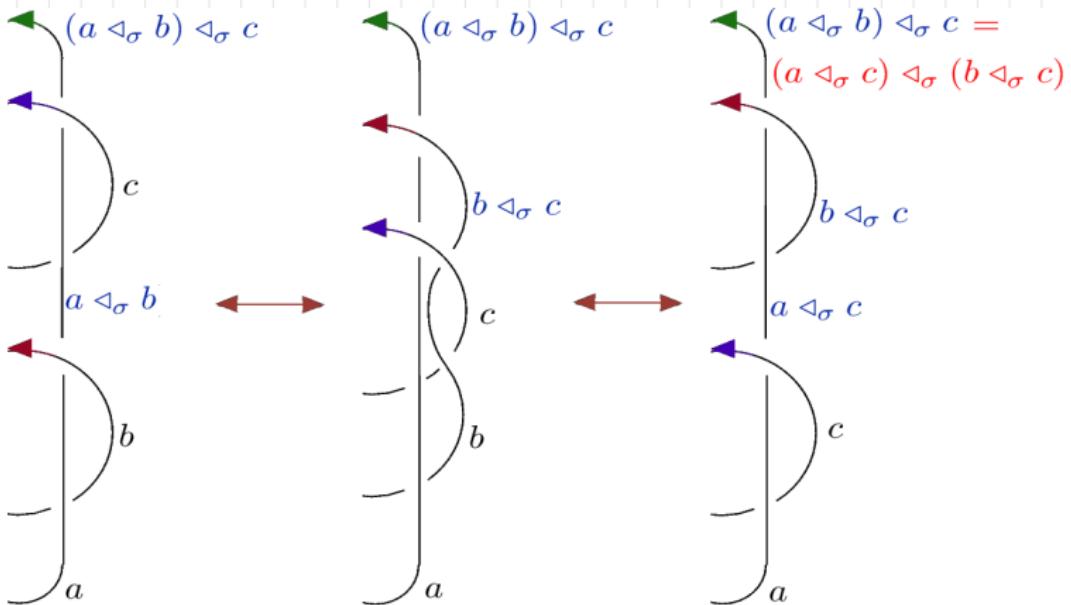
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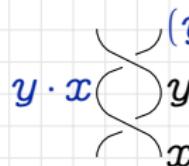


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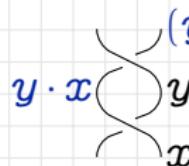
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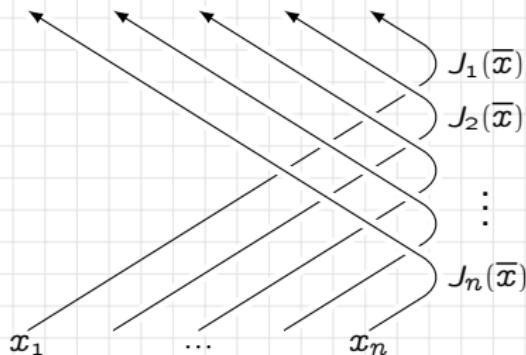
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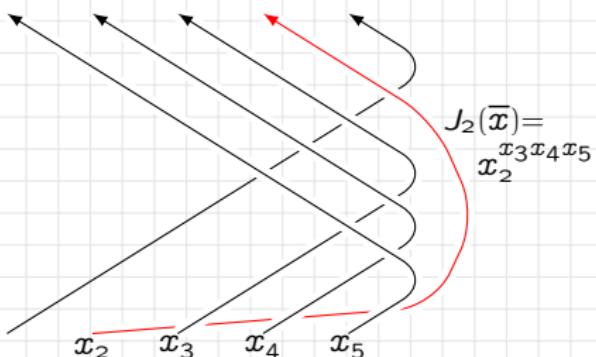
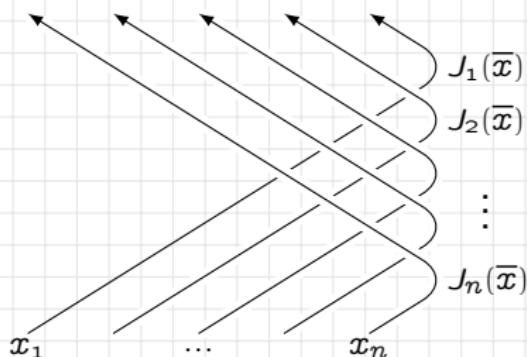
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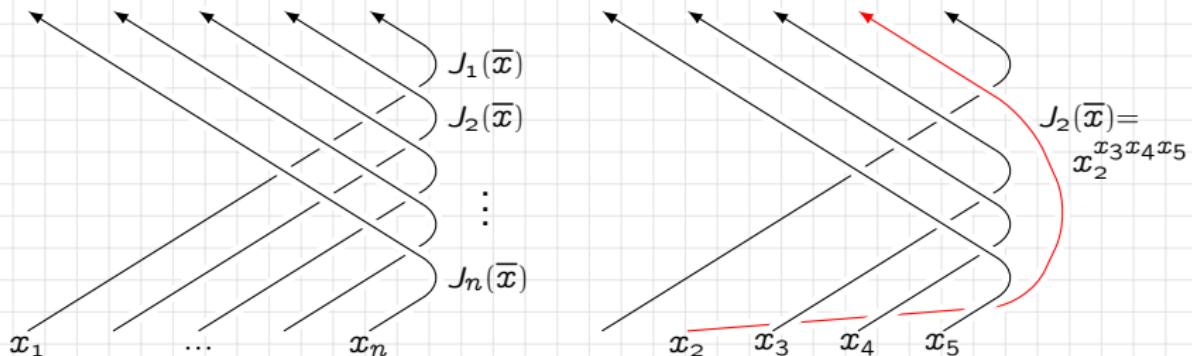
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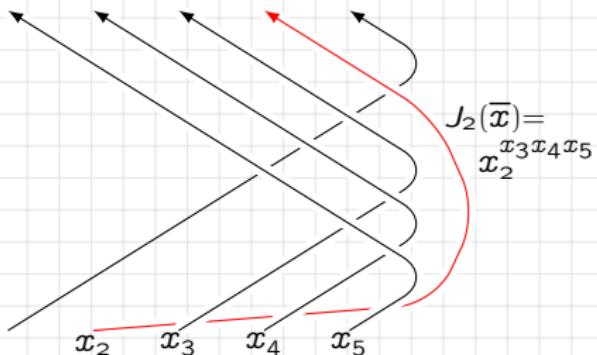
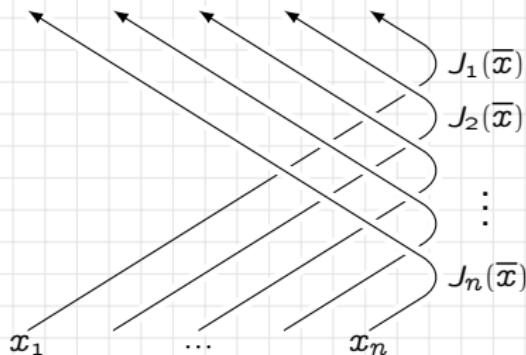
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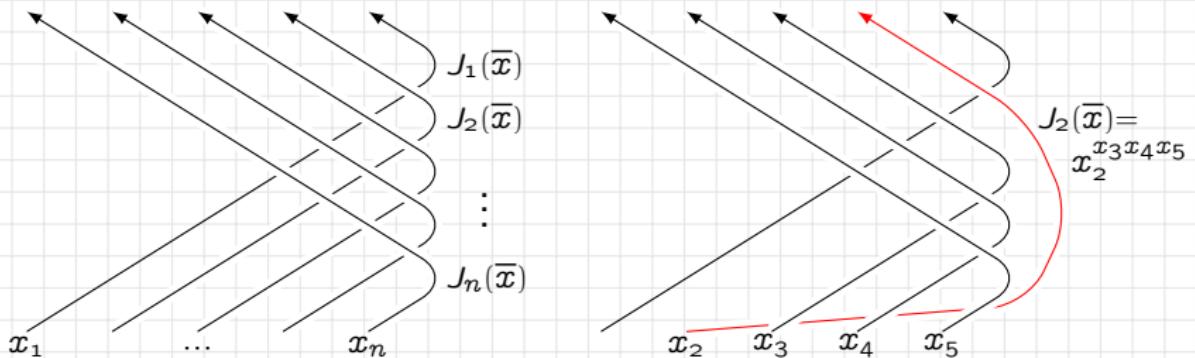
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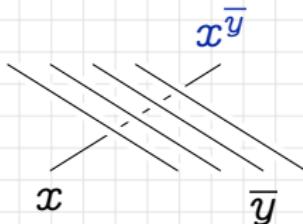
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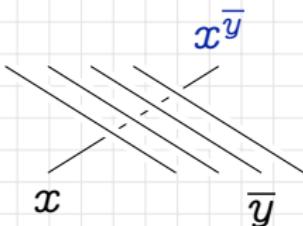
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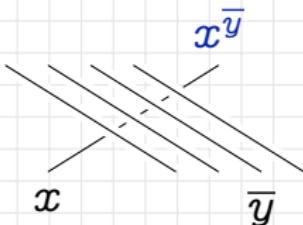
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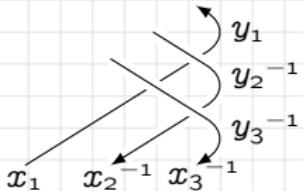
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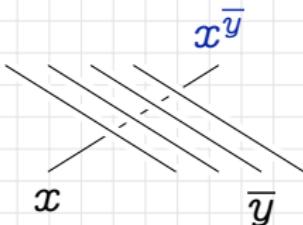
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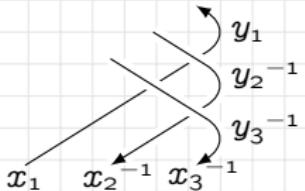
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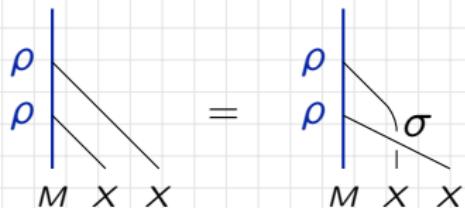
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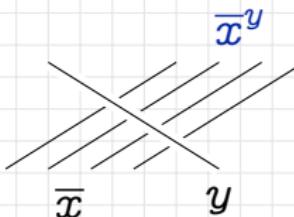
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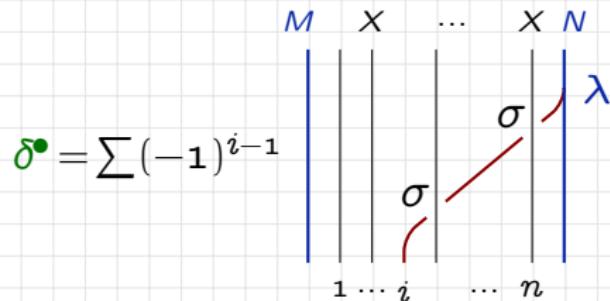
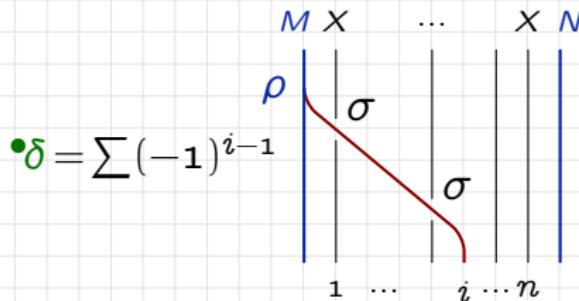
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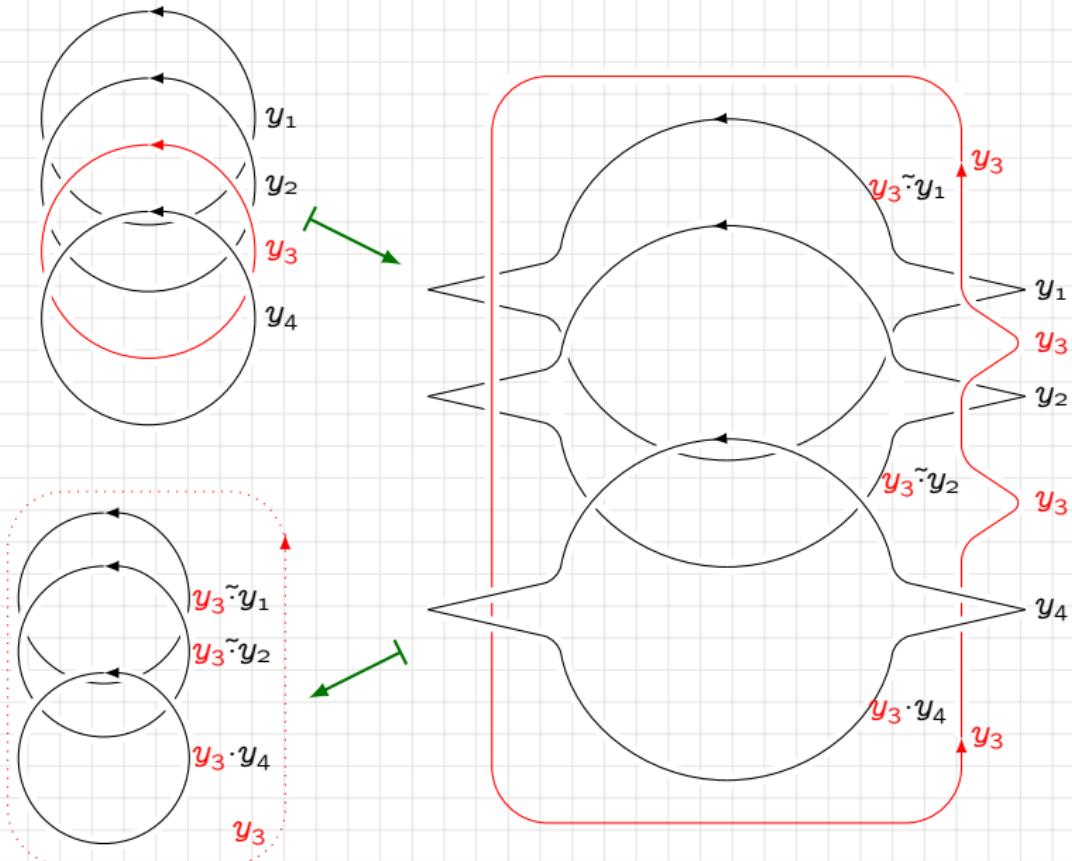
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