

# $\mathfrak{sl}_2$ -actions on Soergel Bimodules

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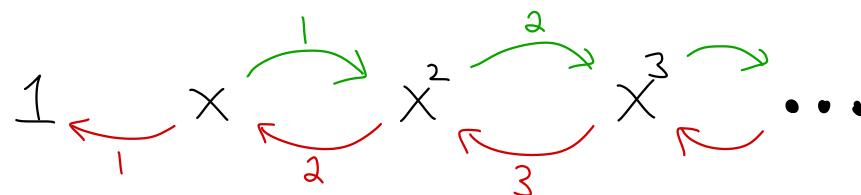
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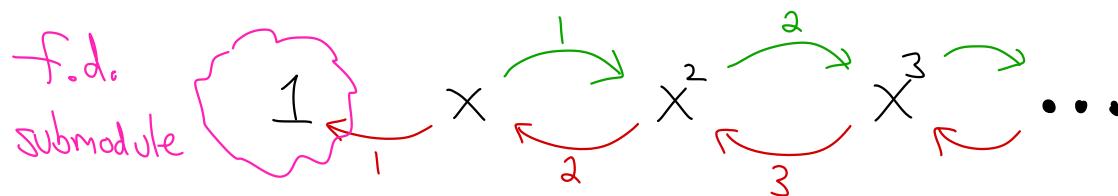
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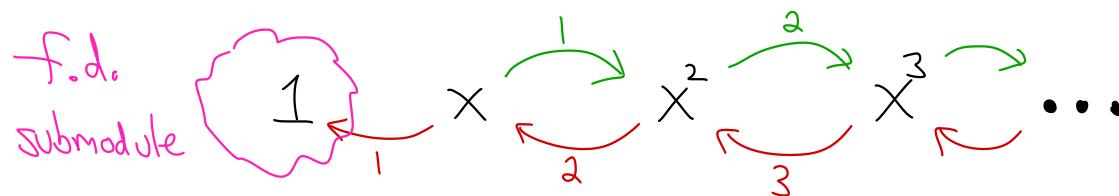
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We found while exploring hard Lefschetz/Hodge-Riemann phenomena related to  $d$

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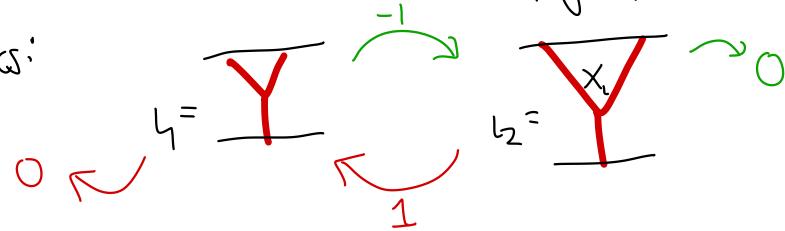
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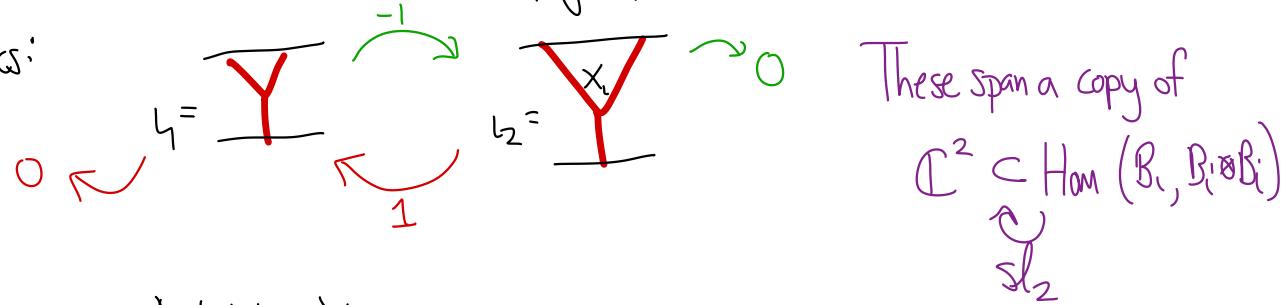
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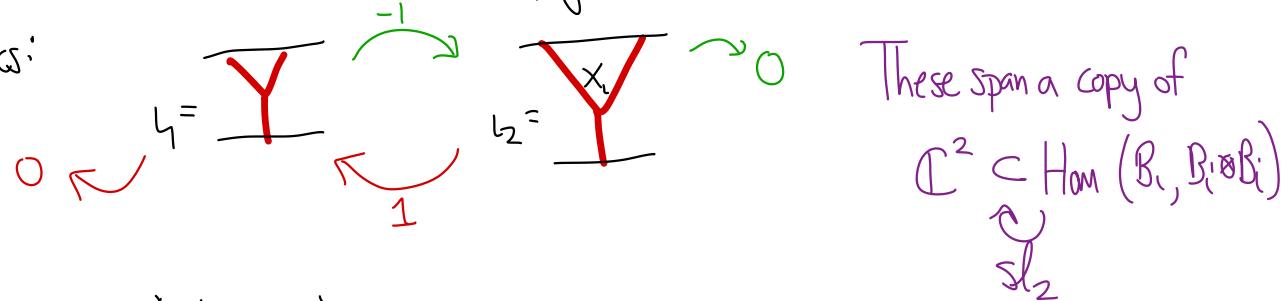
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Where I'm going: in ordinary Hecke category / SBim,

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When upgraded with  $sl_2$  action, what happens? Incl/proj maps are NOT  $sl_2$ -int.

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(Some new kind of Hopfological algebra?)

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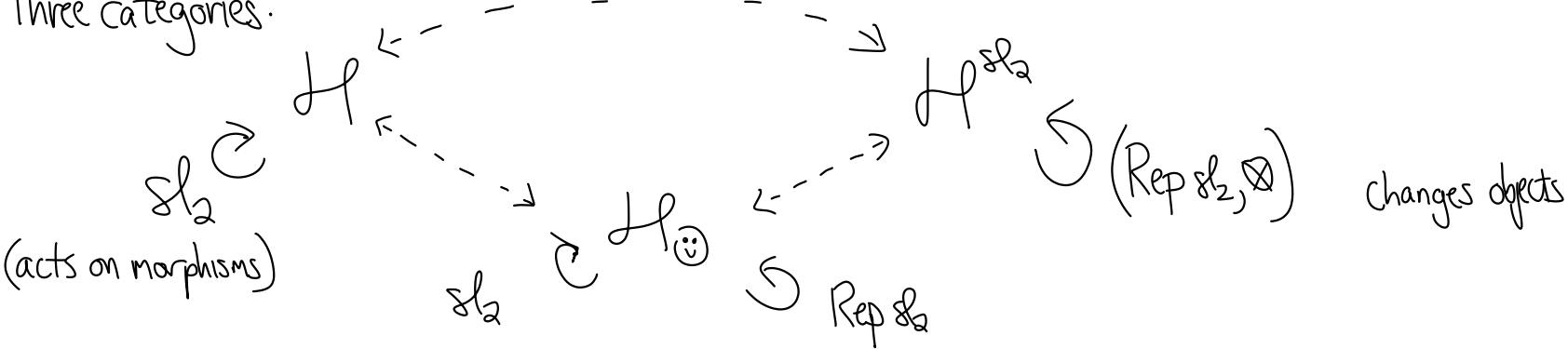
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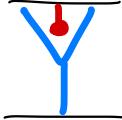
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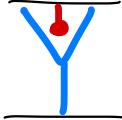
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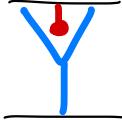
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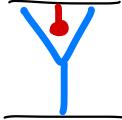
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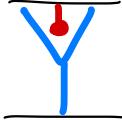
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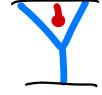
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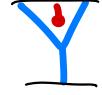
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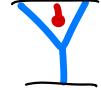
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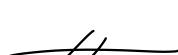
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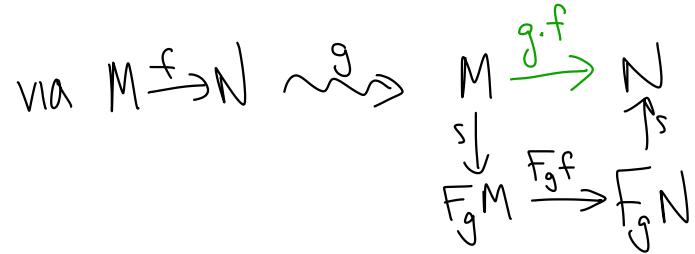
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If you take a chain complex and look at all (not necc chain) maps, you get morphisms in here

It's just like

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$C_{\bullet}$

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(here  $H$  acts on  $A\text{-mod}$  trivially.)

More generally, if  $B$  is a dg-algebra,

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but maybe we should have been working here all along  
Maybe we're using the wrong Groth group!

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how does this work?

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Pinch me, I'm dreaming, possibly drooling.

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The word "FAN" is written in a stylized, hand-drawn font. Each letter is formed by a single continuous line of a specific color: F is purple, H is red, A is blue, N is green, and S is orange. Below the letters, there are two thin, grey, curved lines that form an arch or wave-like shape.

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