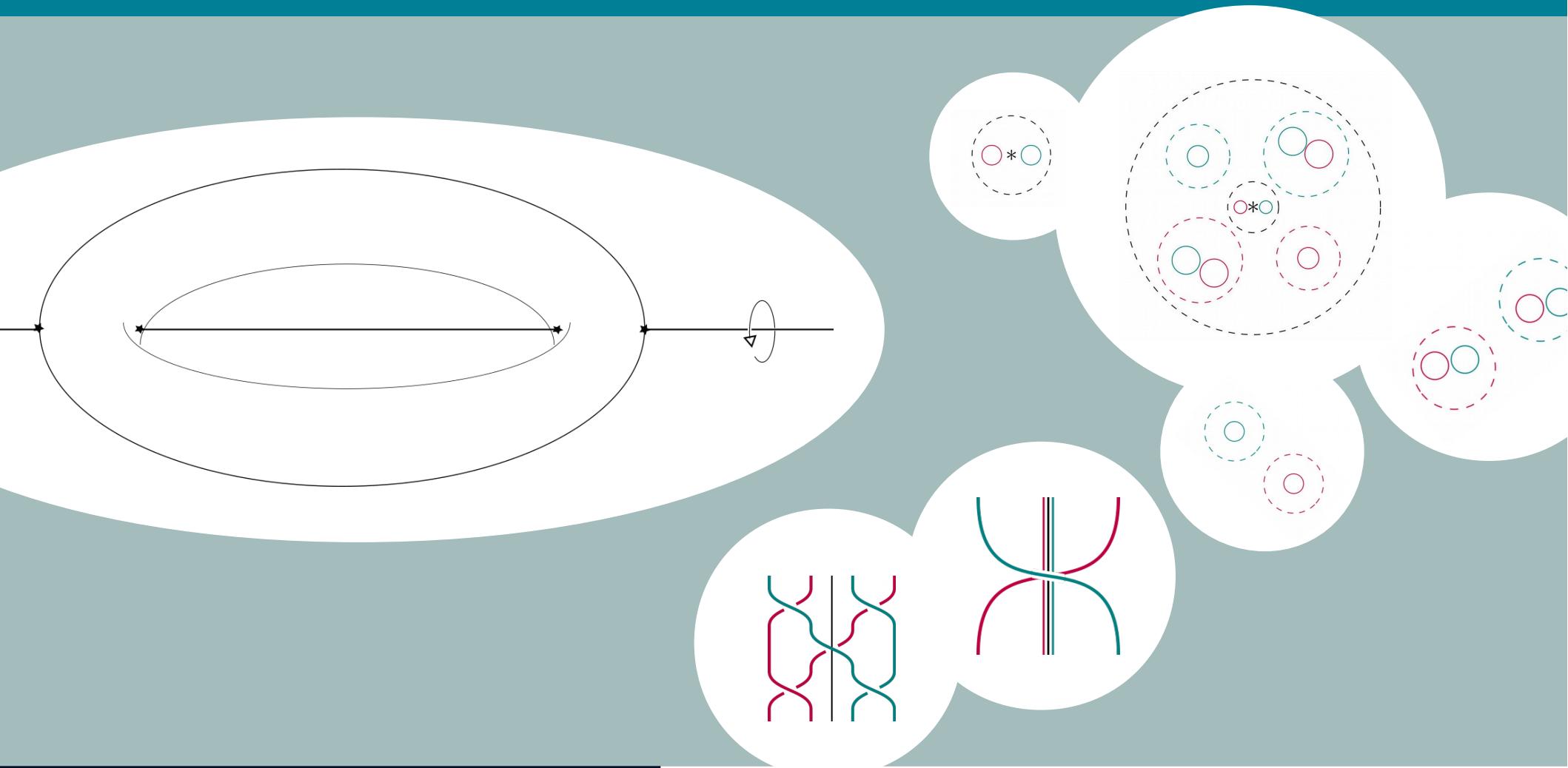


# Quantum symmetric pairs, low-dimensional topology & Hecke algebras



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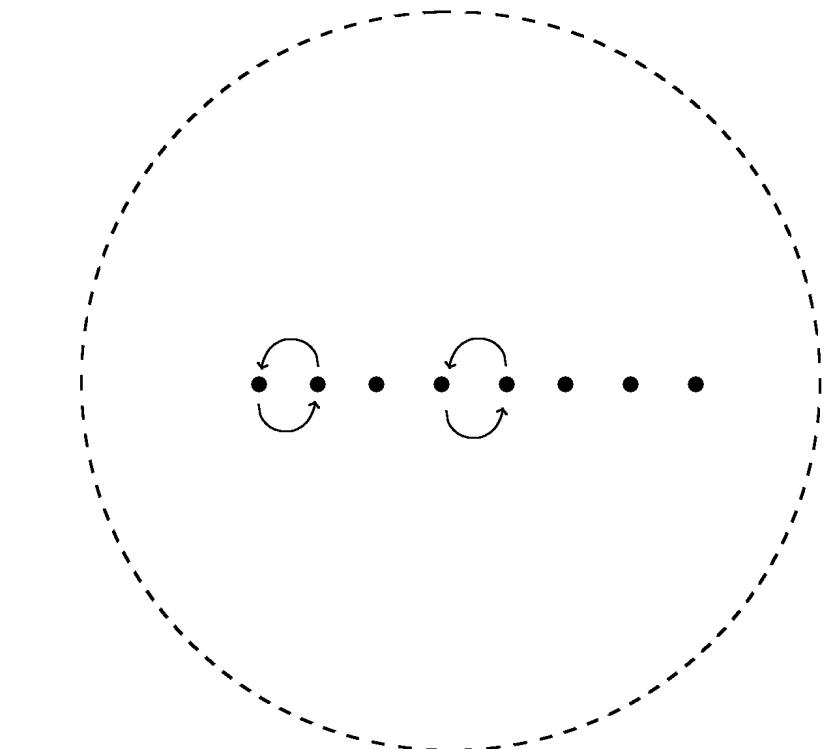
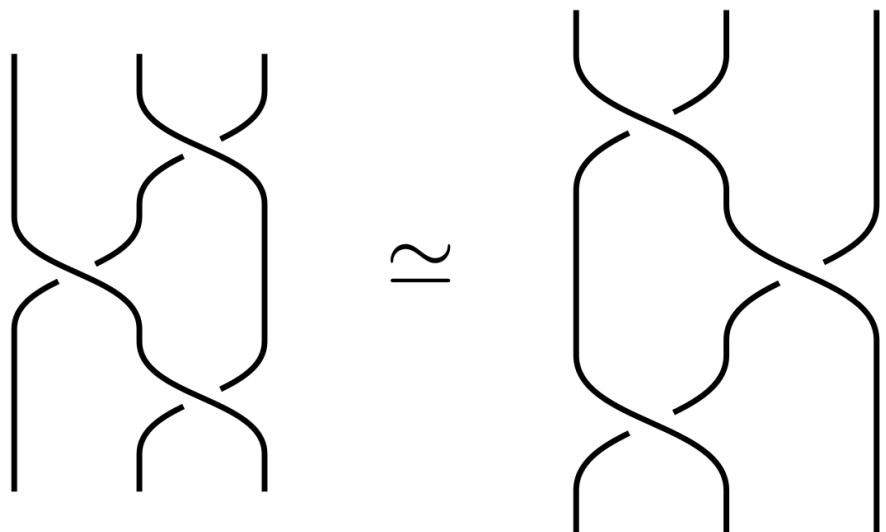
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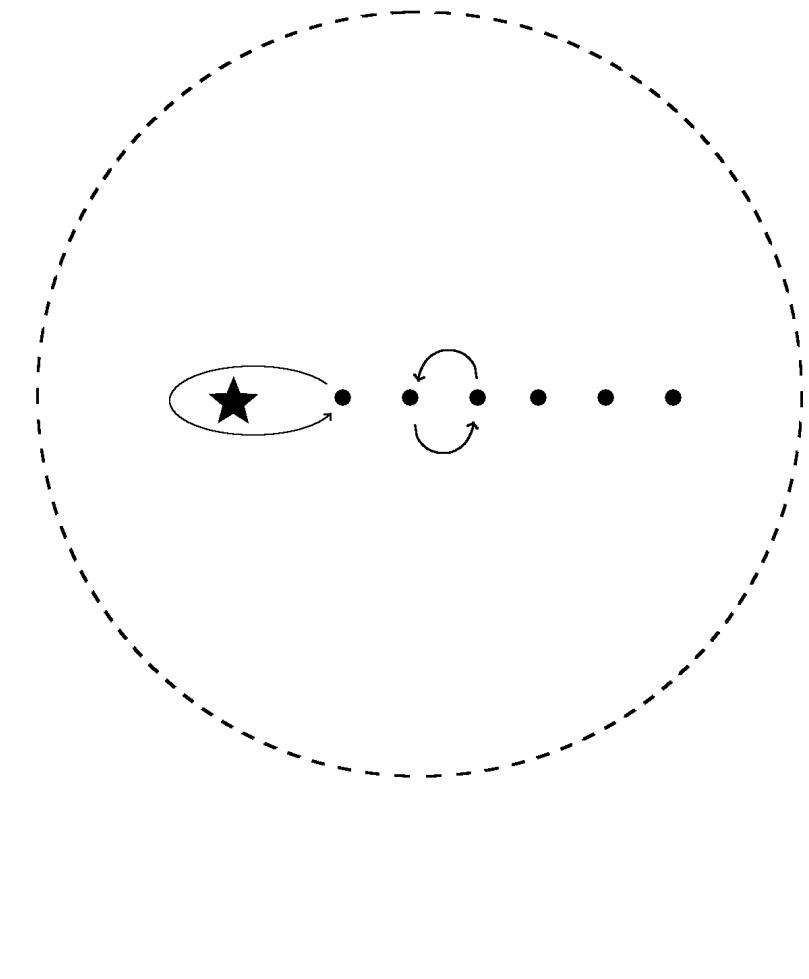
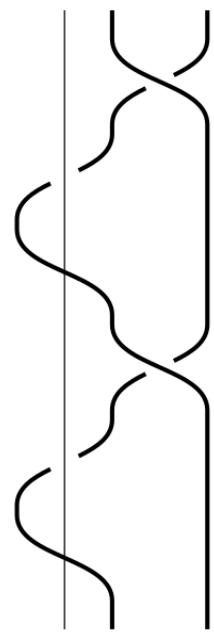
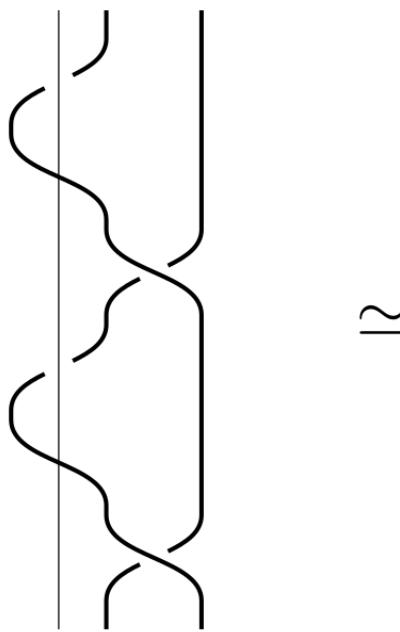


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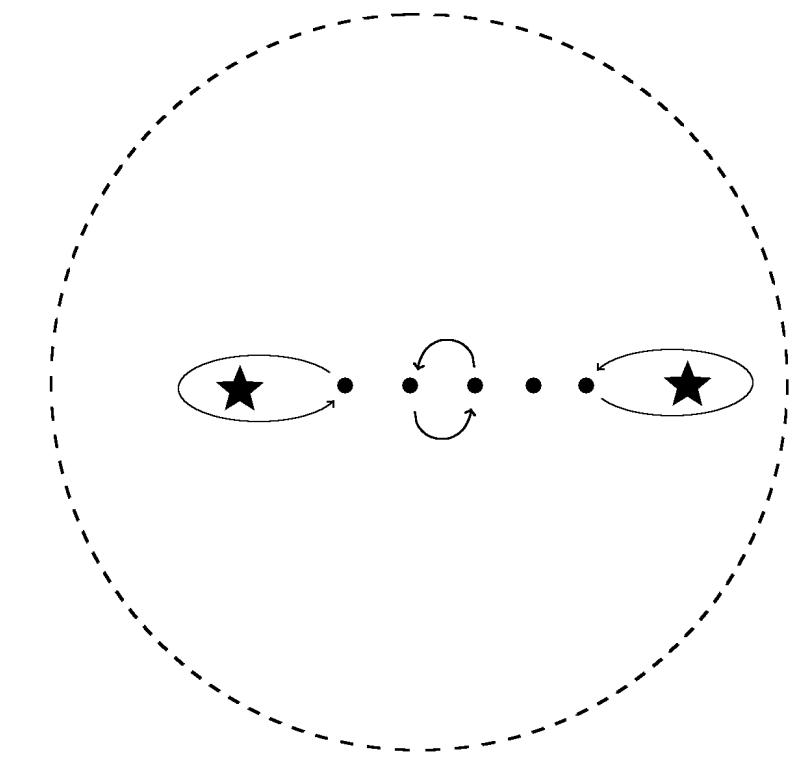
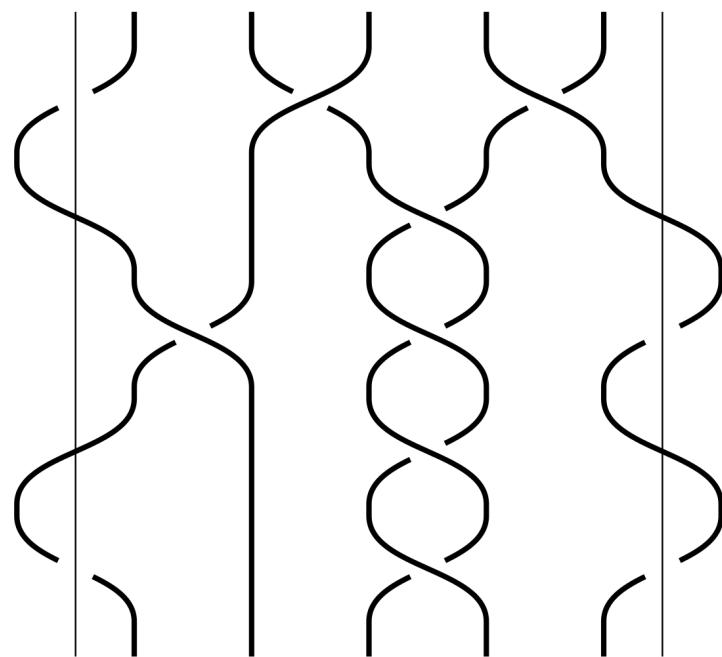


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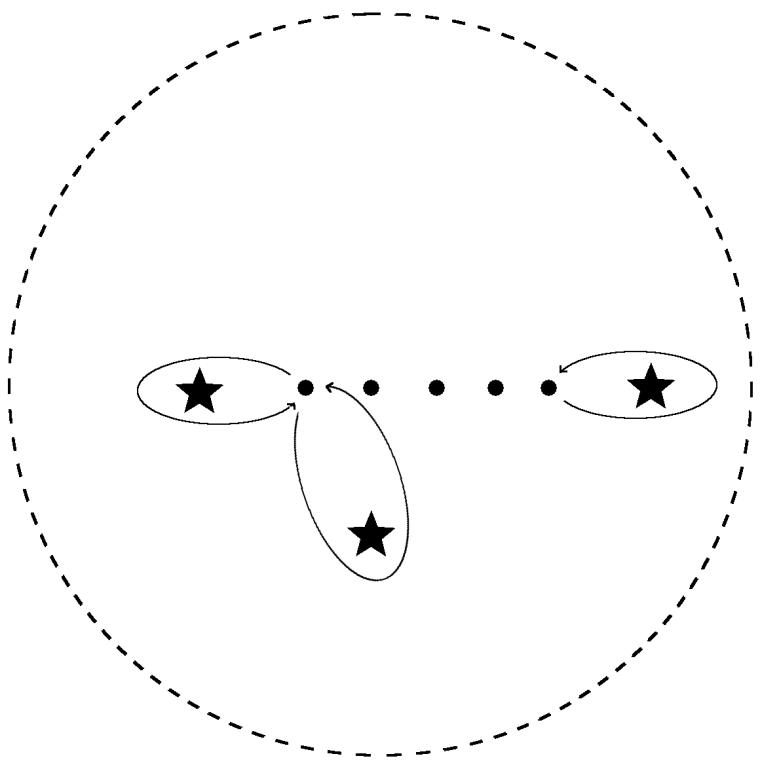


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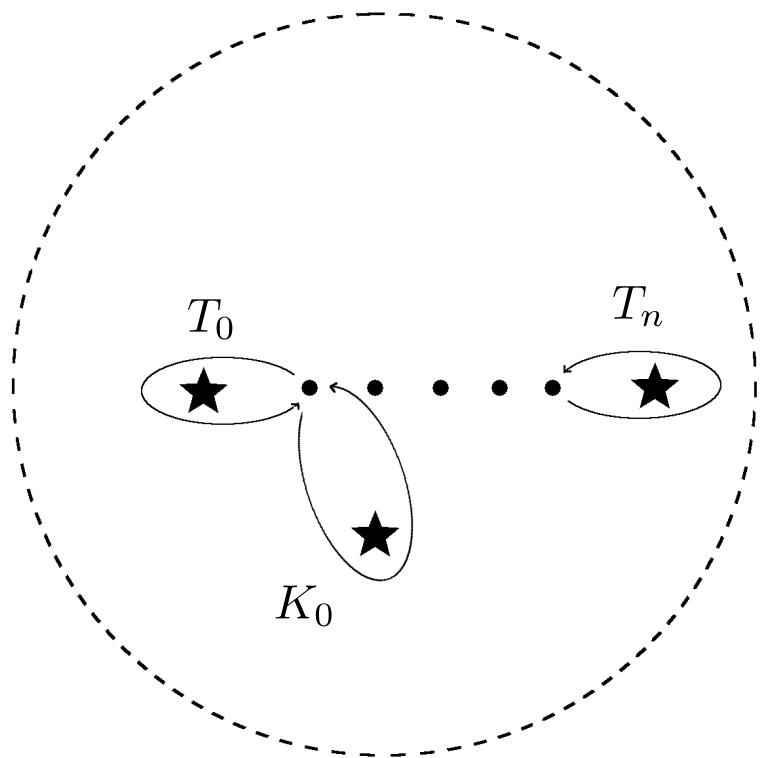
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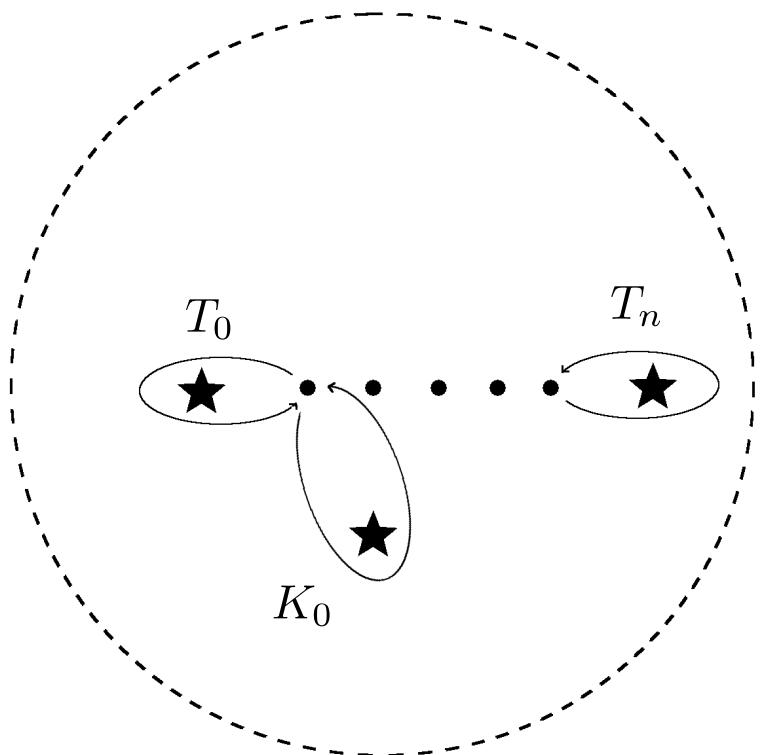


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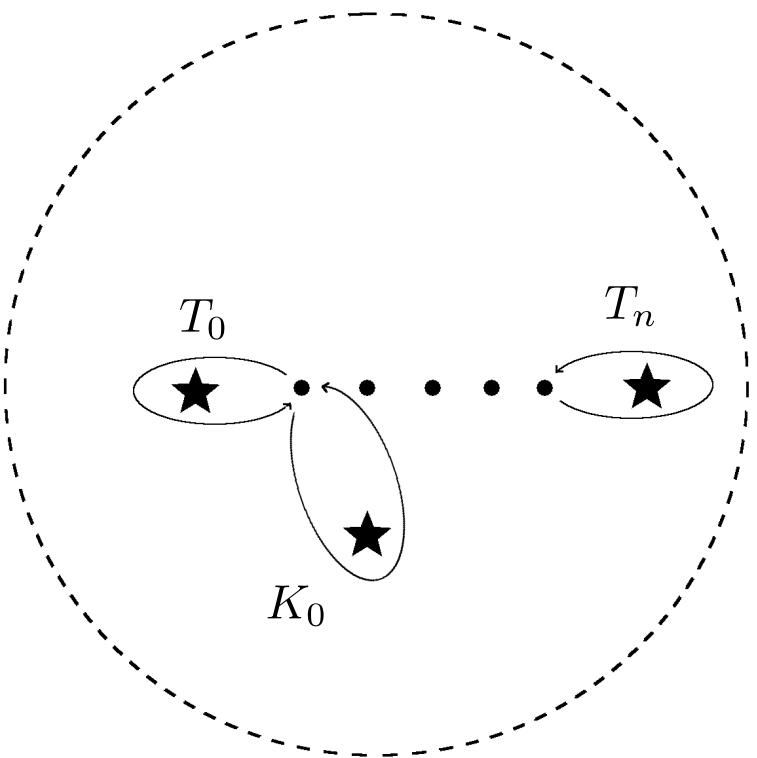
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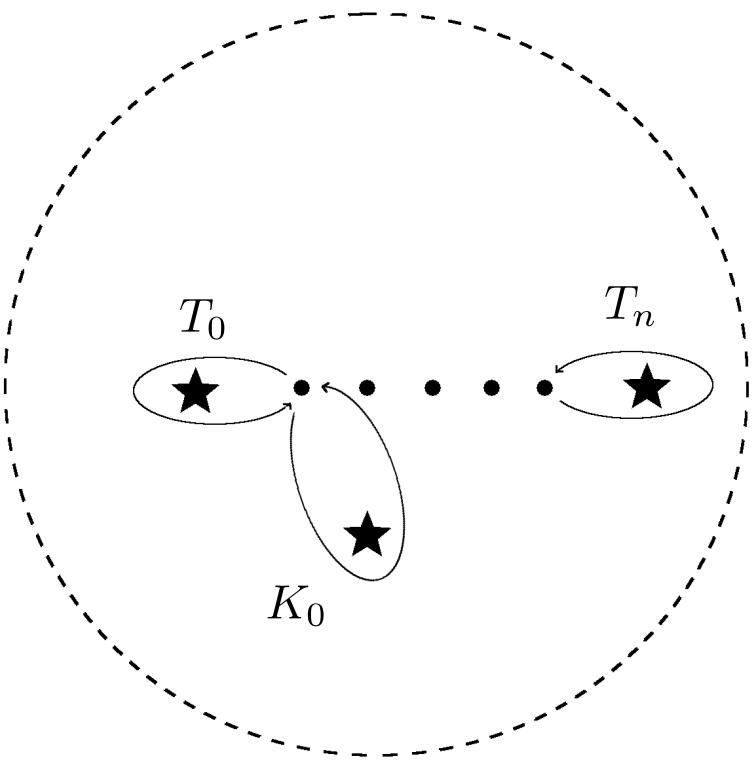
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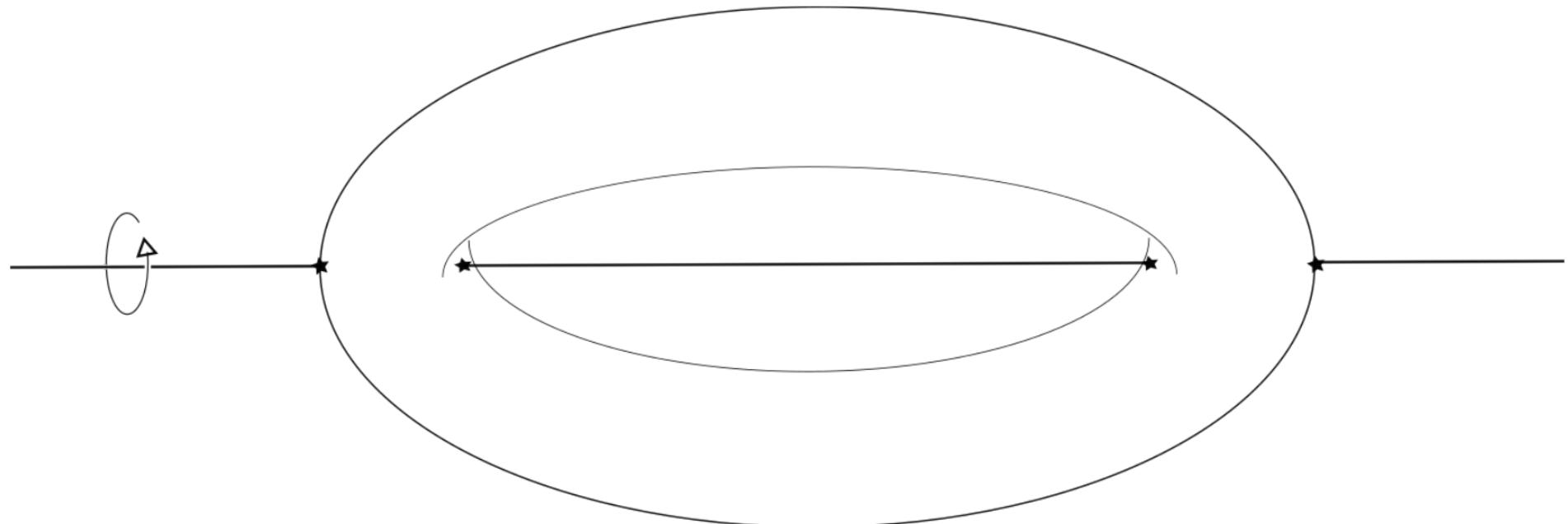
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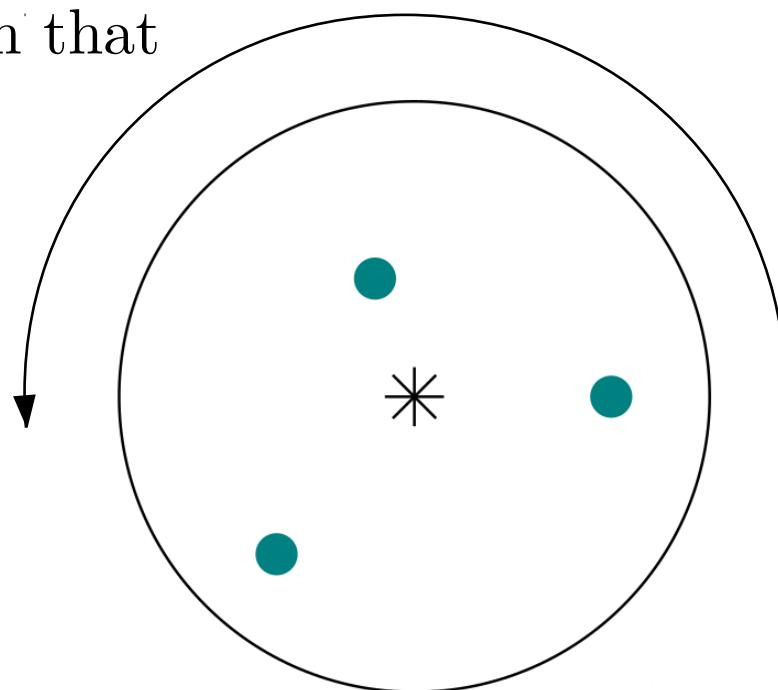
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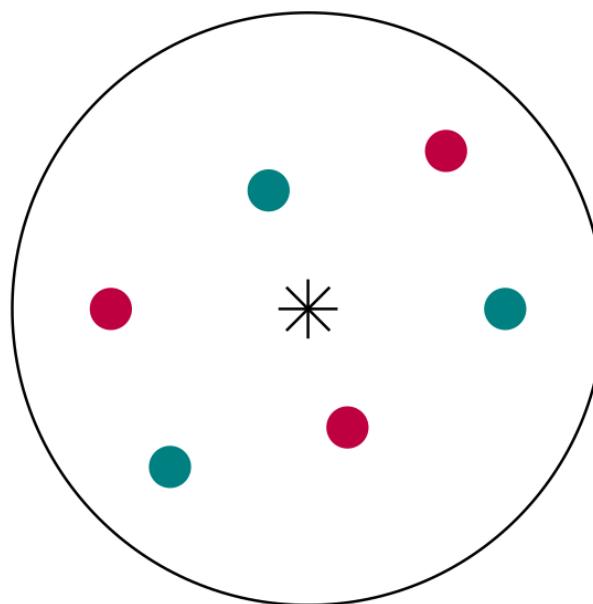


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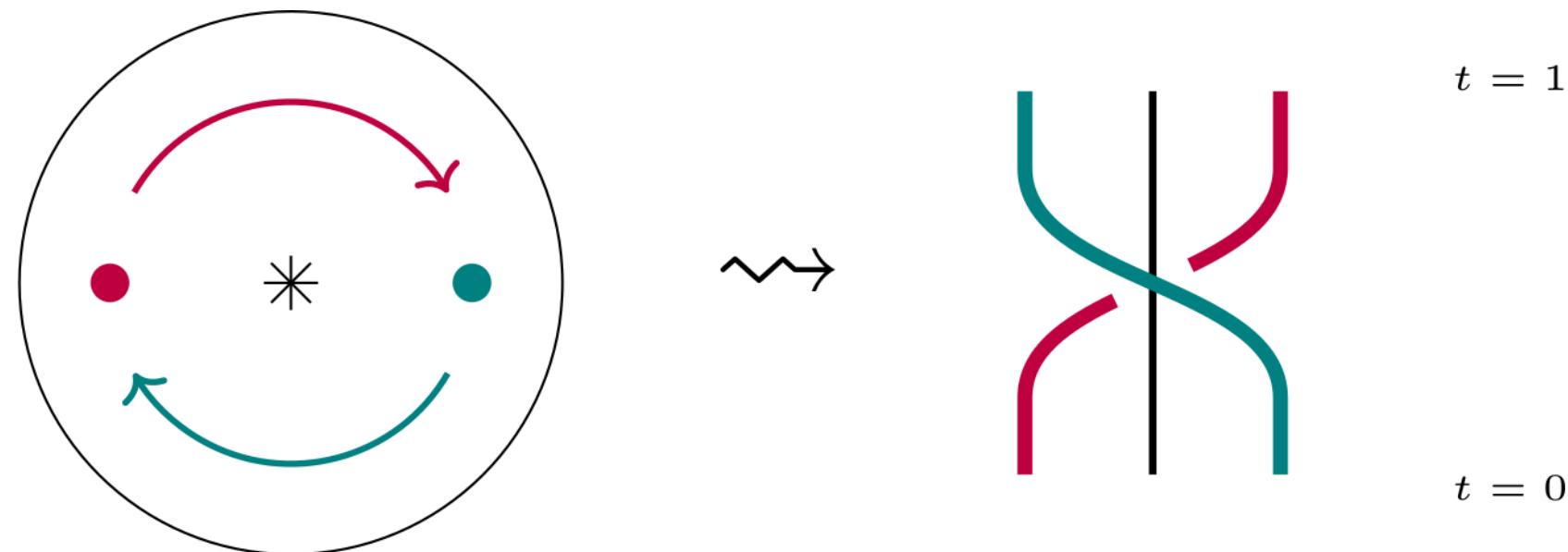
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Theorem (2008 D. Jordan, X. Ma)

One can construct  $C^\vee C_n$  DAHA representations out of the following data:

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- the vector representation,
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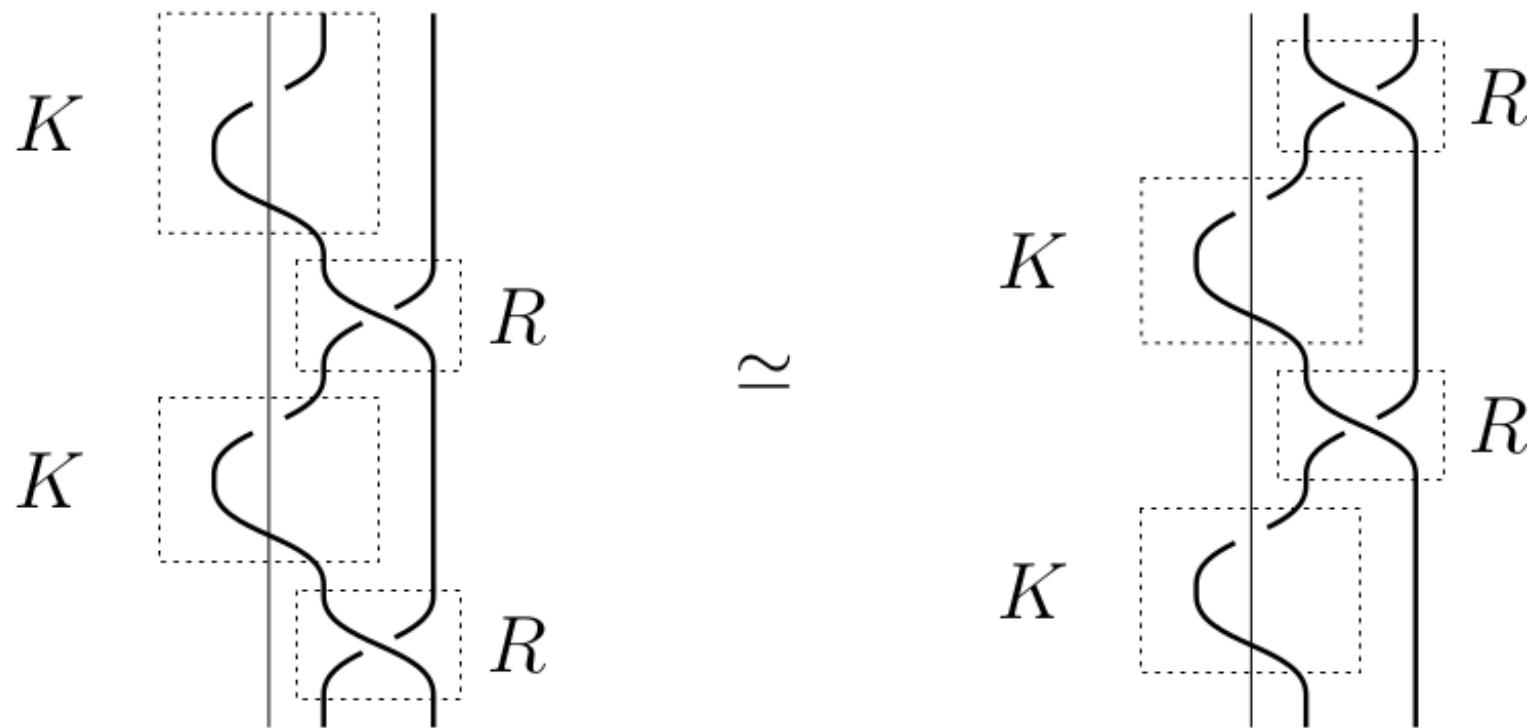
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Hope/expectation

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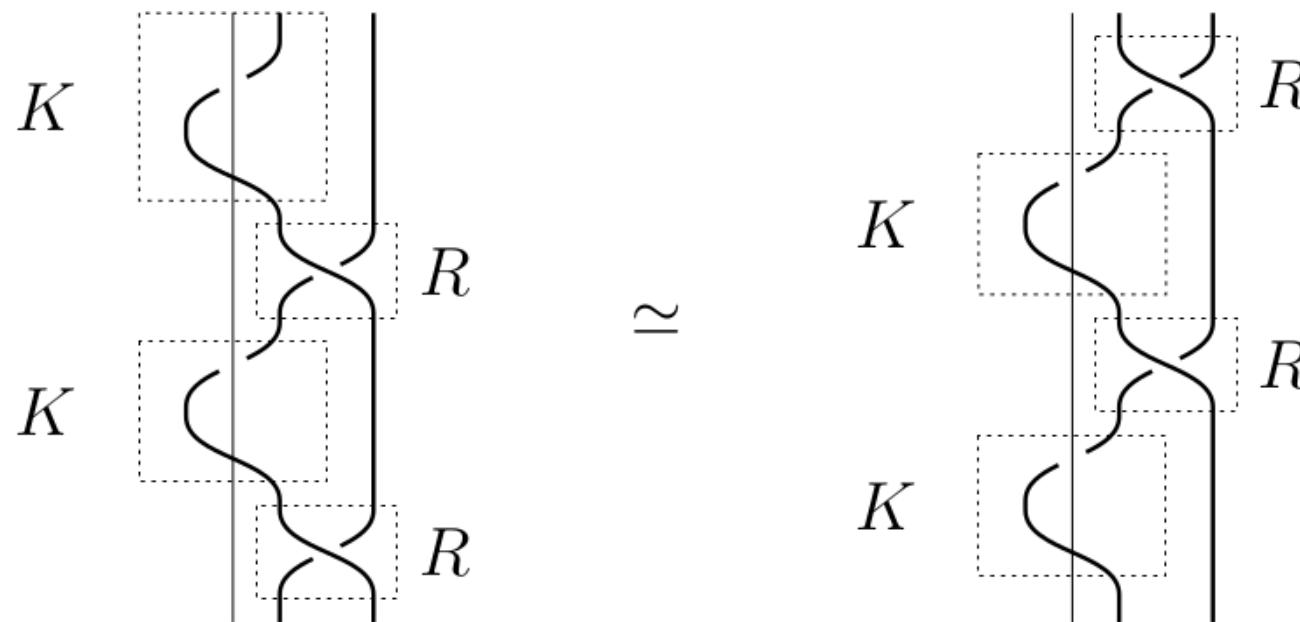
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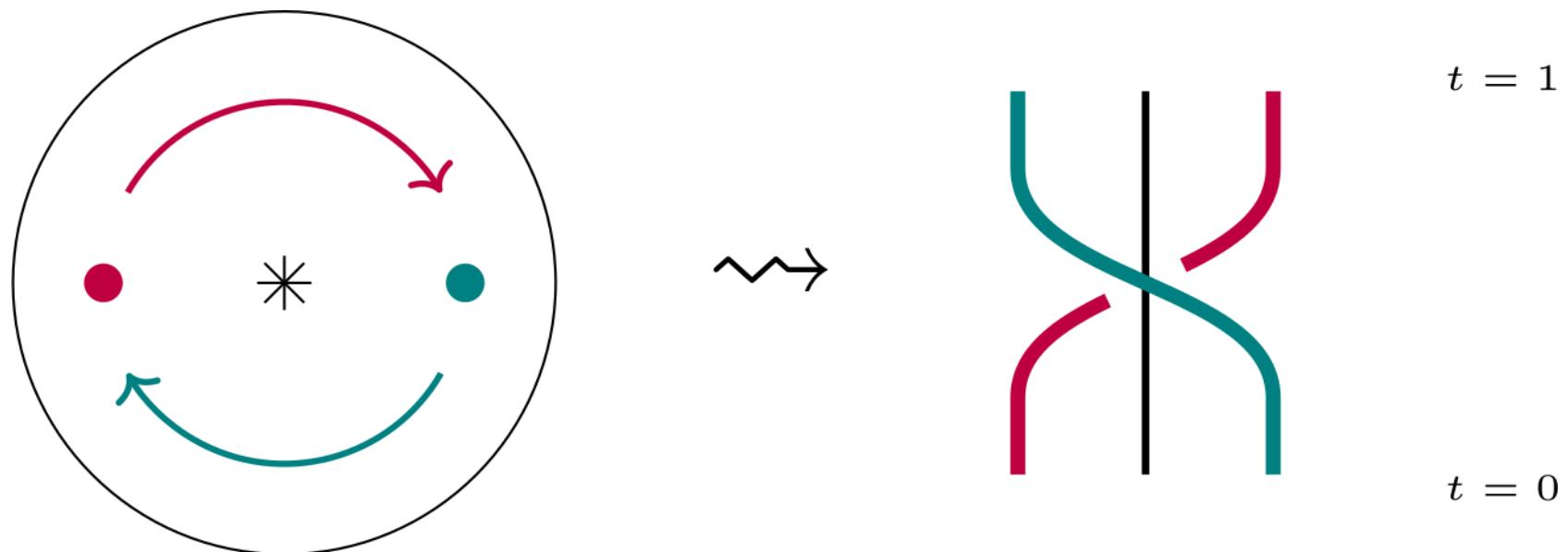
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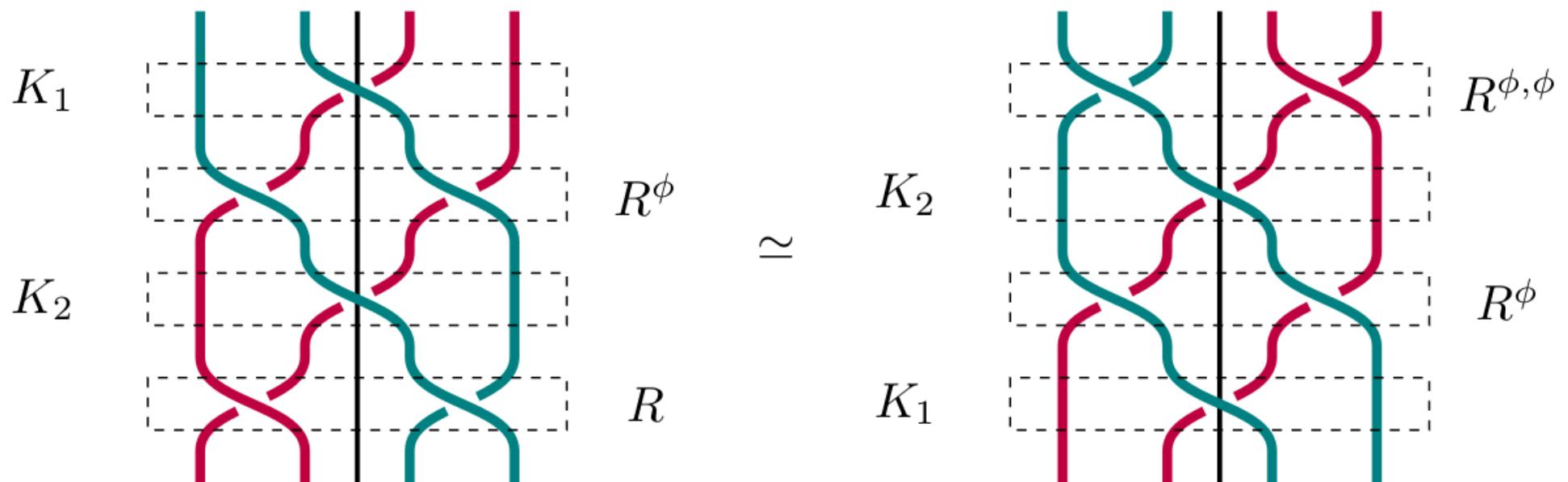


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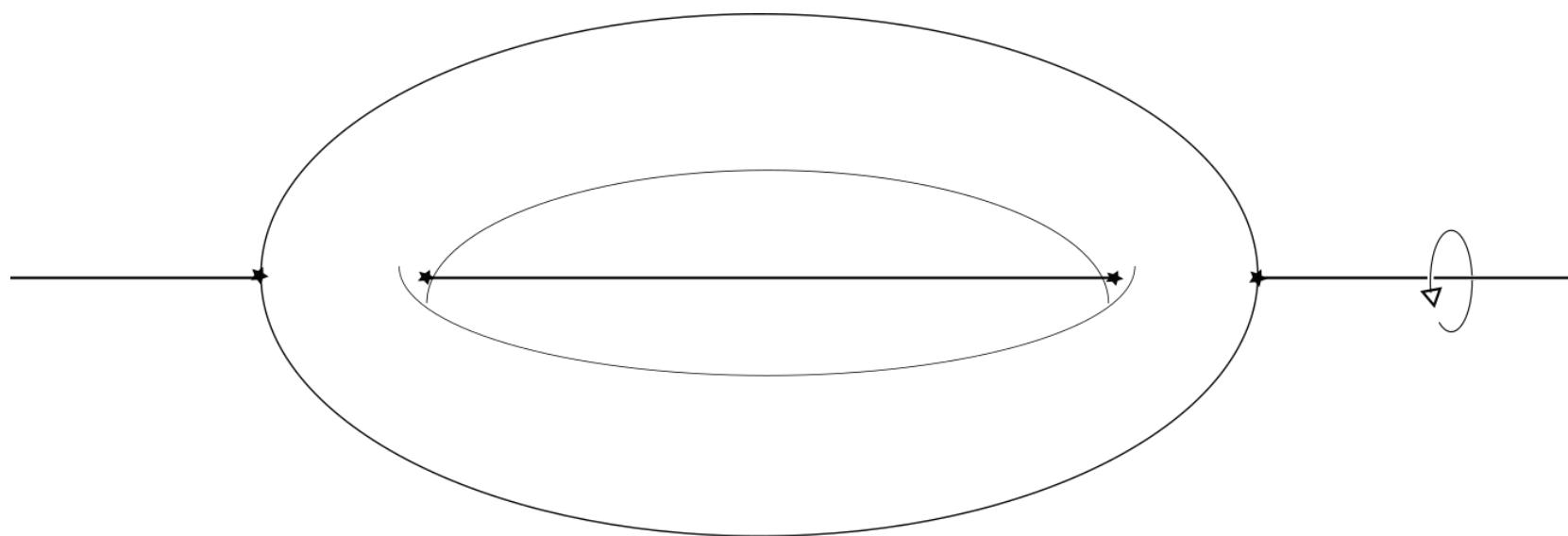
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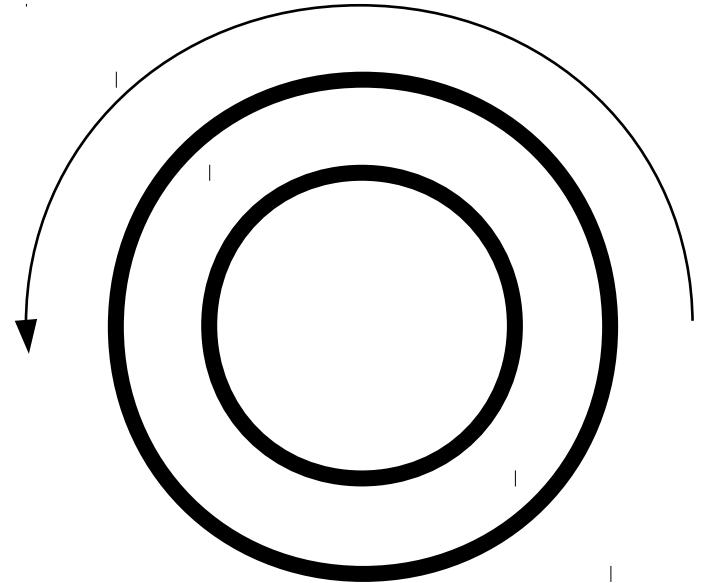
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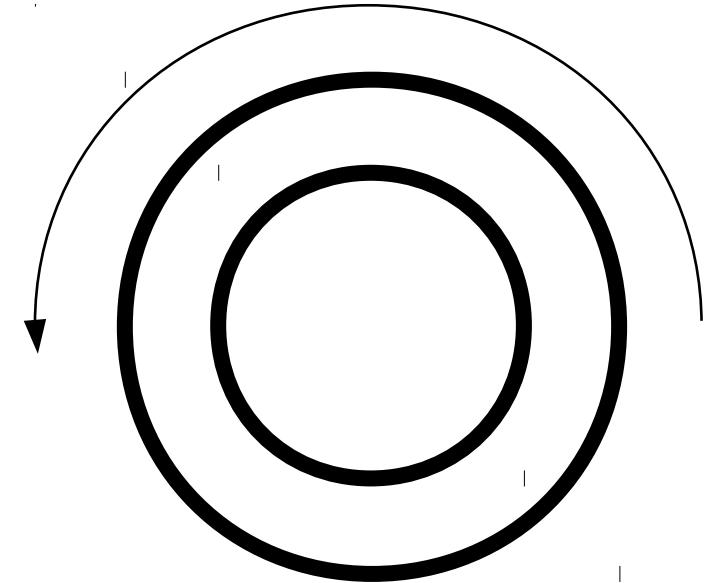
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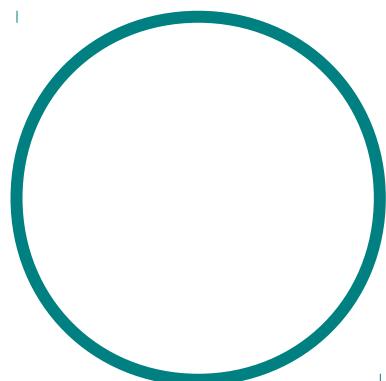
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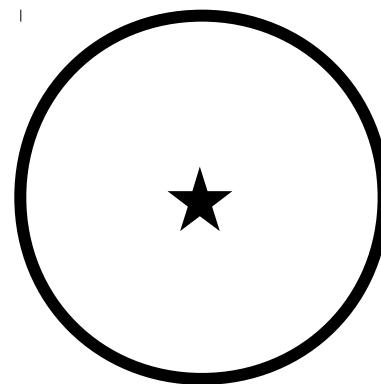
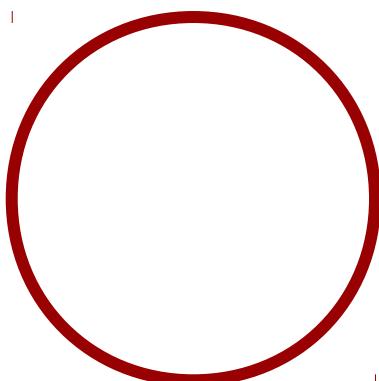
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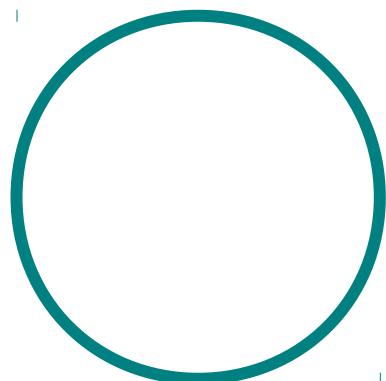
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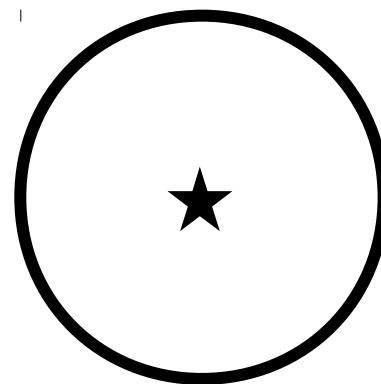
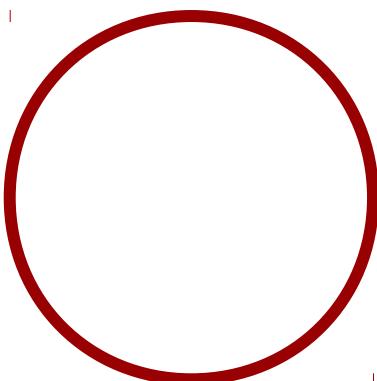
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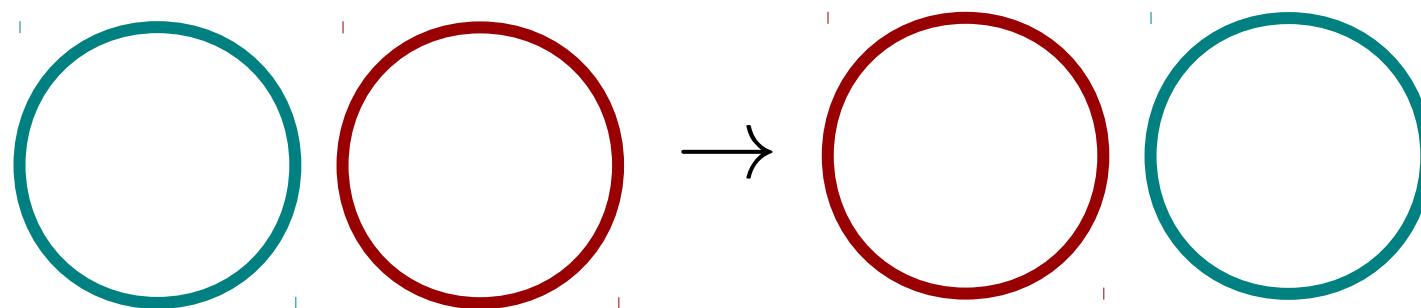
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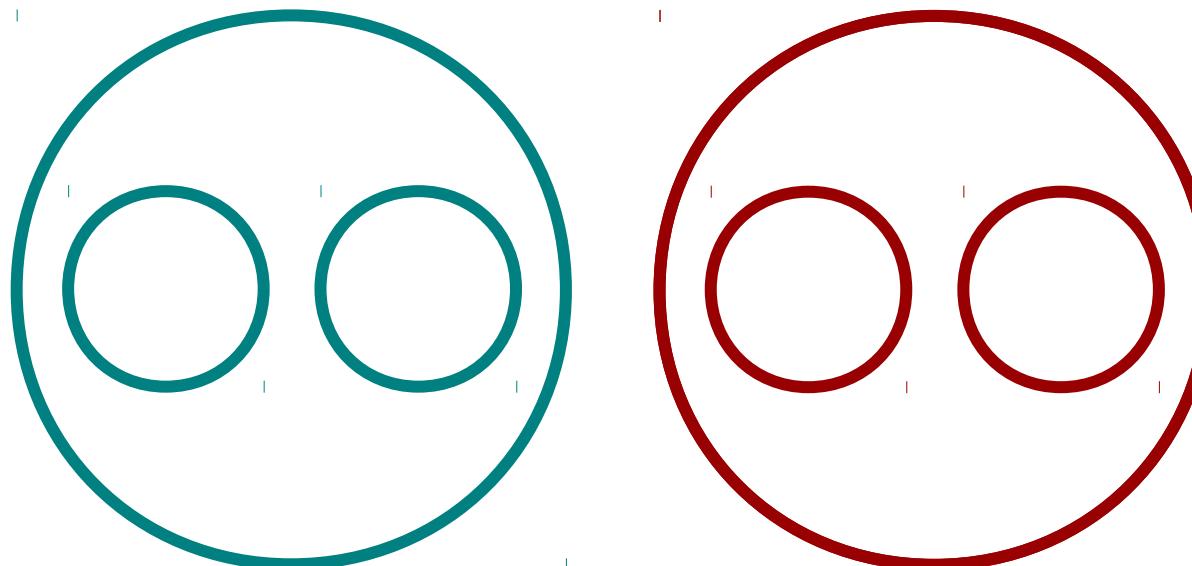
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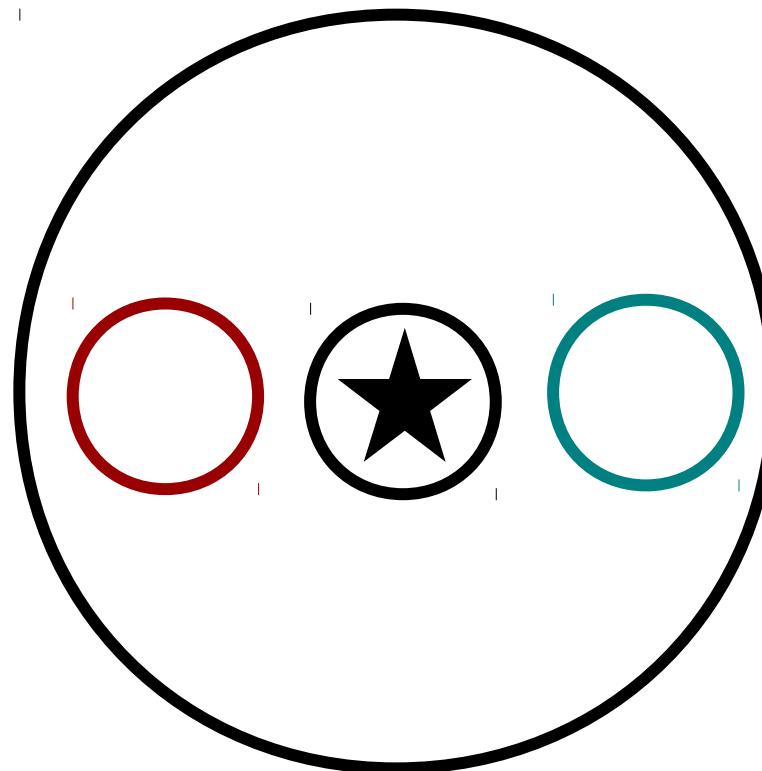
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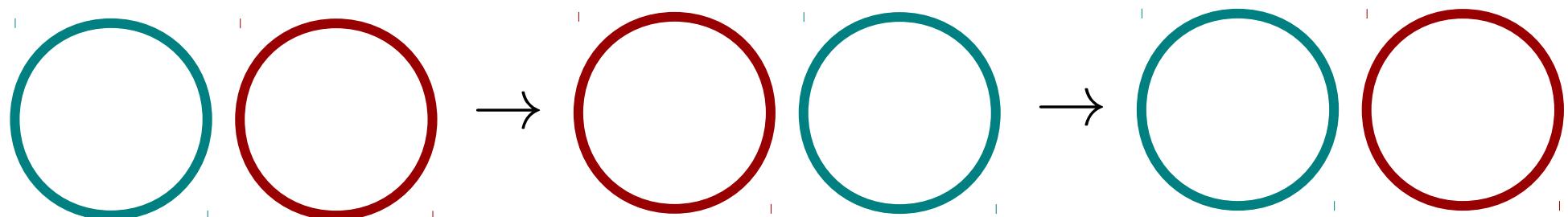
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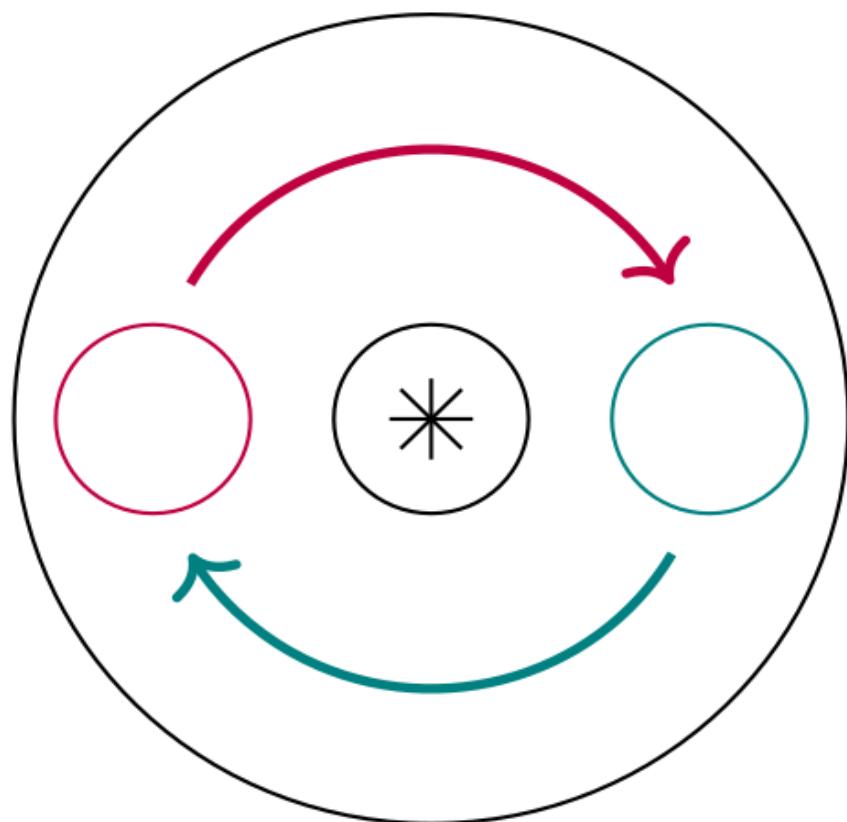
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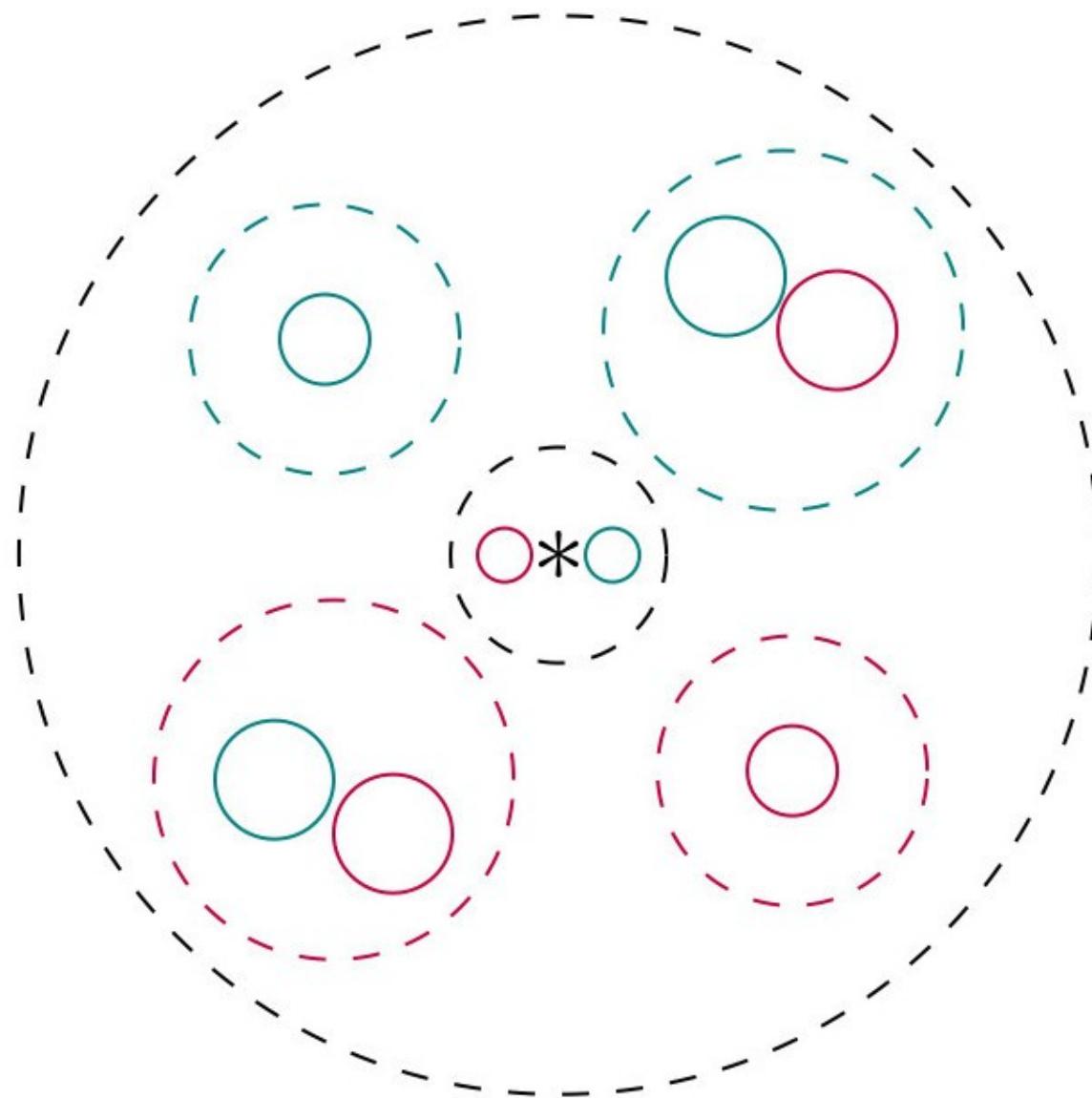
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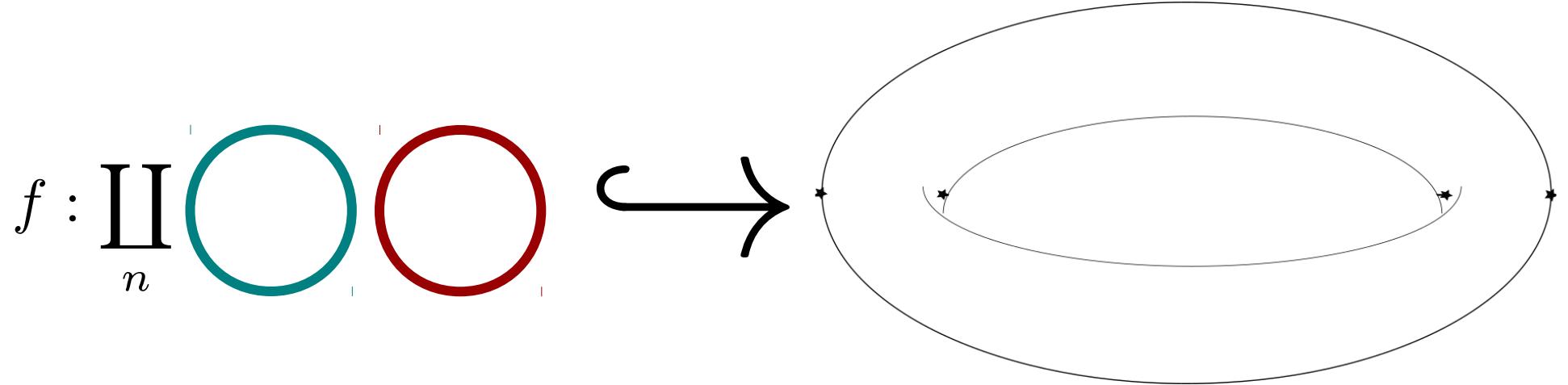
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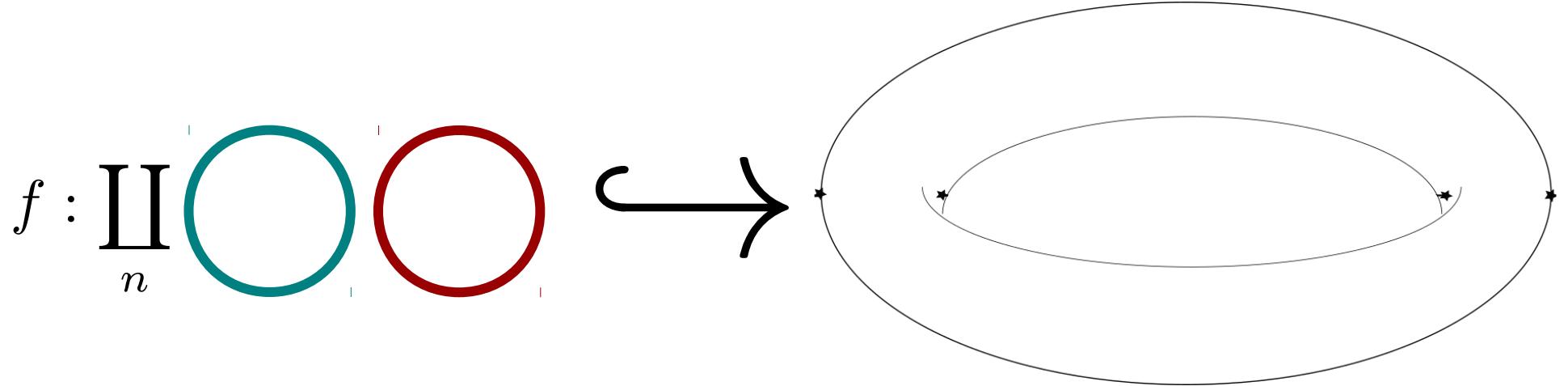
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2. We showed any quantum symmetric pair defines a 2d  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -orbifold TQFT (assigning categories as invariants).
3. We obtained canonical orbifold braid group actions for surfaces with an involution (and isolated fixed points).
4. Hope: recover and generalise the  $C^\vee C_n$  DAHA representations of D. Jordan and X. Ma.