The quantum Yang-Baxter equation and Garside groups

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The example

Let $X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\}$.

The defining relations in G and in M generated by X

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Right least common multiple - Right lcm

The element Z in M is the *right lcm* of X and Y if:

- X and Y are both left divisors of Z.
- If X and Y are both left divisors of W, then Z is a left divisor of W.

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The element X_1^2 is the right lcm of X_1 and X_2. Why?
Since in M, $X_1^2 = X_2^2$ and:

- X_1 and X_2 are both left divisors of X_1^2.
- X_1^2 is of minimal length amongst all right common multiples of X_1 and X_2.

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Example 2: Right lcm

Let $M = Mon\langle a, b | ab = ba, a^2 = b^2 \rangle$. Then a and b don't have a right lcm !!

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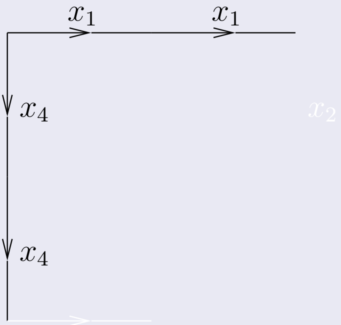

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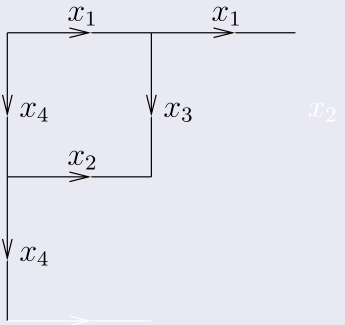

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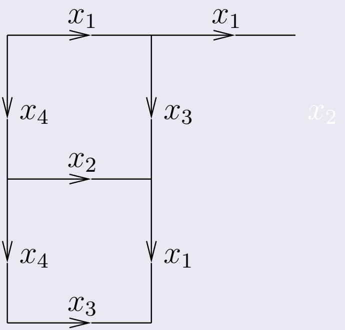

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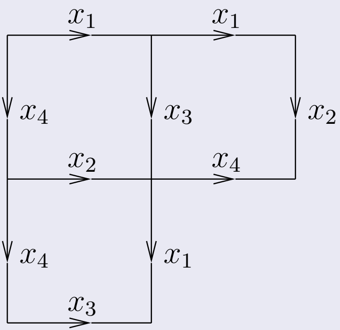

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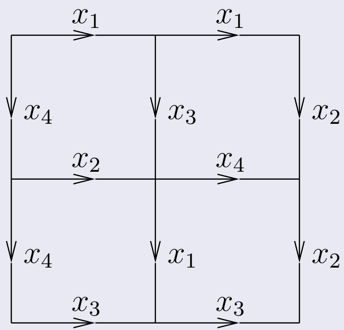

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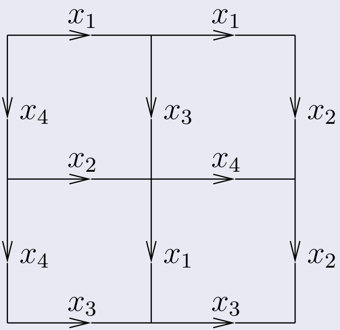

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Examples of Garside groups

- Braid groups [Garside]
- Artin groups of finite type [Deligne, Brieskorn-Saito]
- Torus link groups [Picantin]

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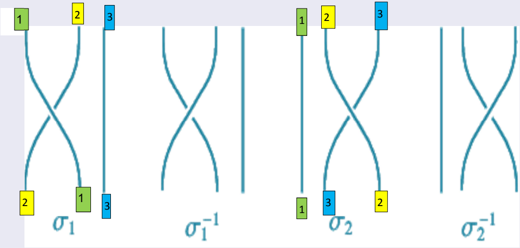

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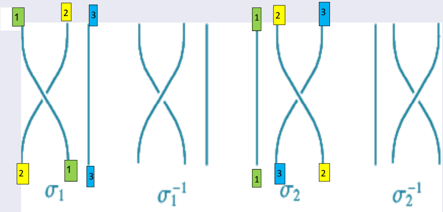

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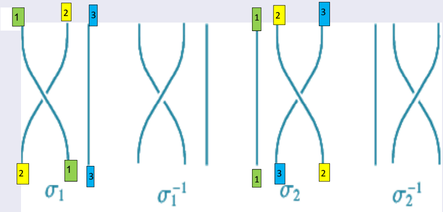

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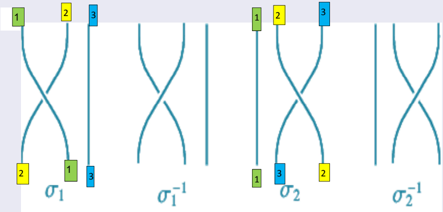

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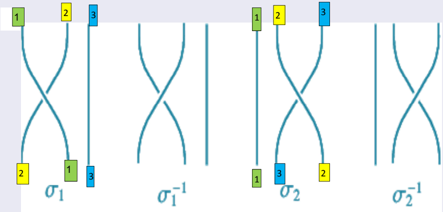

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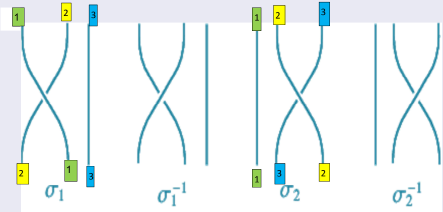

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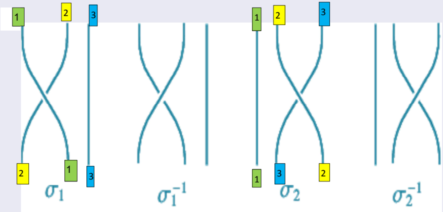

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- There exist QYBE groups that do not satisfy the unique product property (example of E. Jespers and I. Okninski).

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So, Question: does a Garside group satisfy Kaplansky's zero divisor conjecture?

The end

Thank you!