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- ▶ **Question:** Is there a topological characterization of Mikado braids in the above mentioned cases ?

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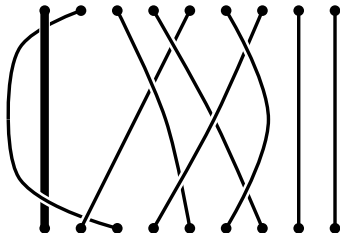
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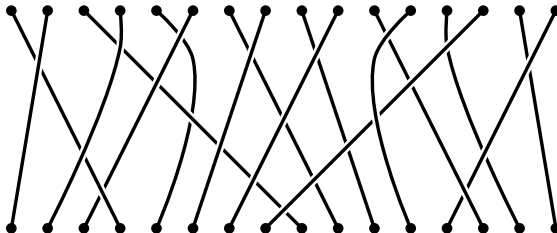
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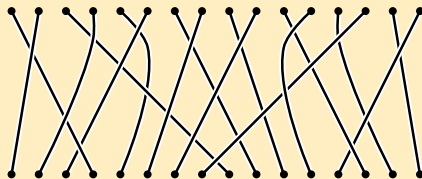
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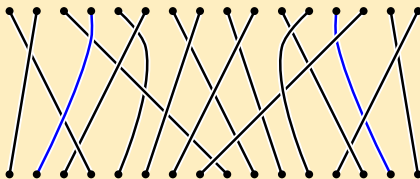
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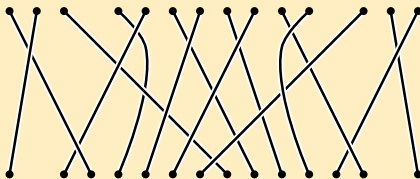
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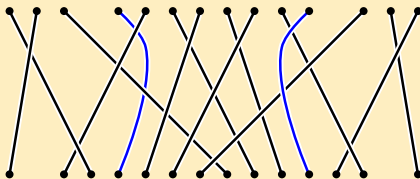
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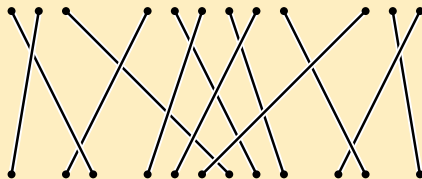


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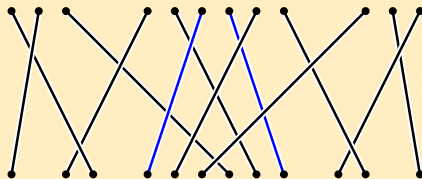
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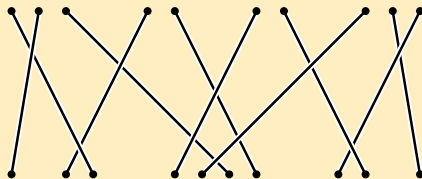
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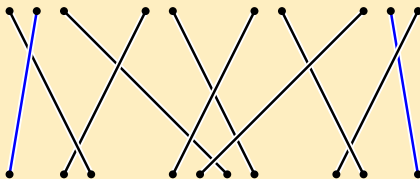
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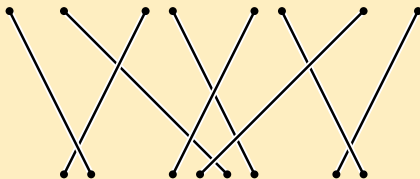
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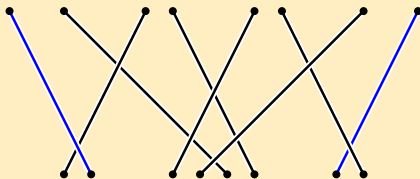
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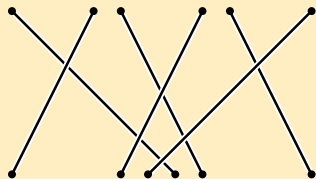
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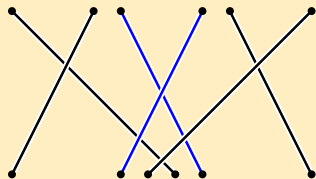
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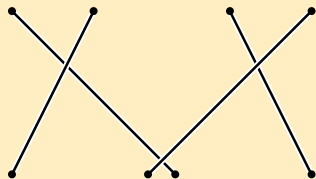


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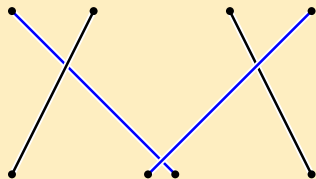
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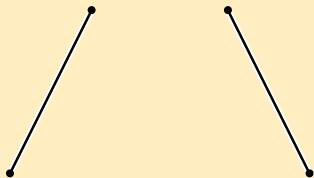
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  3.  $b_i^2 = (v + v^{-1})b_i, \forall i.$
- ▶ It can be realized as a quotient of  $\mathcal{H}(\mathfrak{S}_n)$  in at least two different ways. It is either the quotient by the two-sided ideal  $I$  generated by the  $C_{sts}$ , for all  $s, t \in S$  such that  $st \neq ts$ , or by the two-sided ideal  $I'$  generated by the  $C'_{sts}$ , for all  $s, t \in S$  such that  $st \neq ts$ .
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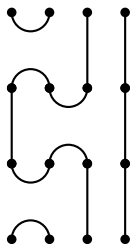
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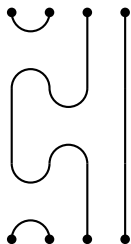
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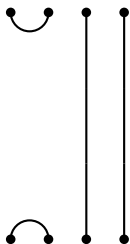
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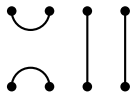
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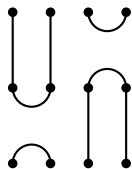
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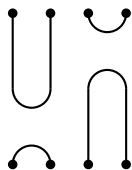
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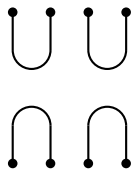
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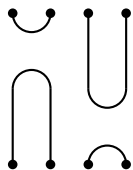
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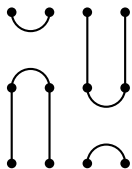
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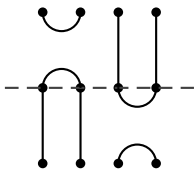
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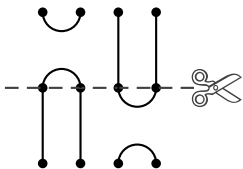


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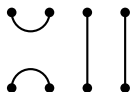
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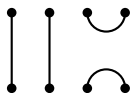
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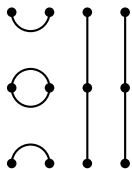
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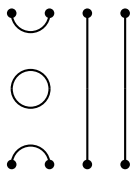
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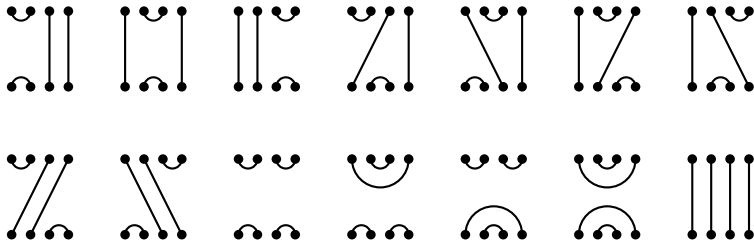
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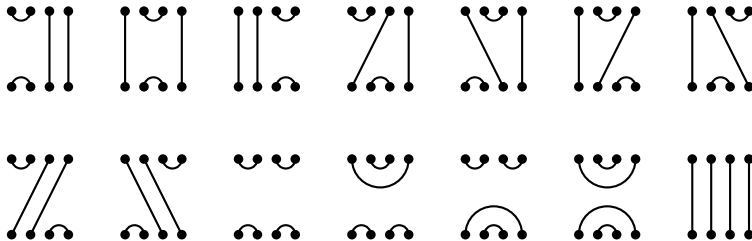
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These diagrams, which form a basis of the obtained diagram algebra, form a basis of the algebra.



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- ▶ Example: there are 5 fully commutative elements in  $\mathfrak{S}_3$ :  
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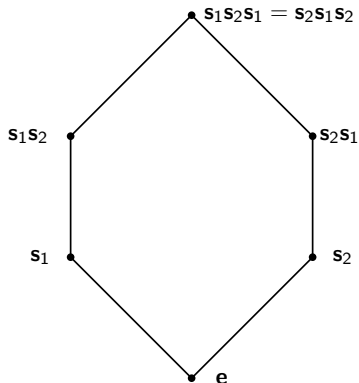
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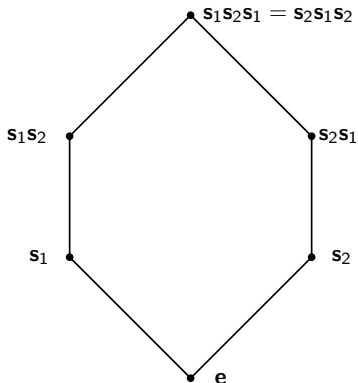
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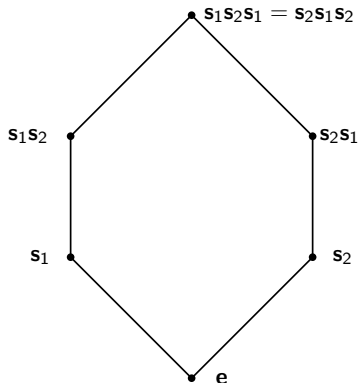
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## Proposition (Biane, 1997)

*The poset  $(P_c, \leq_T)$  is a lattice, isomorphic to the noncrossing partition lattice.*

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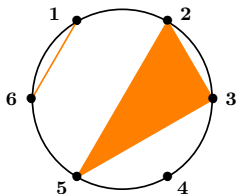
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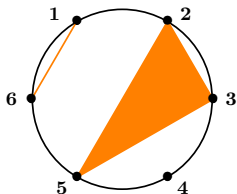
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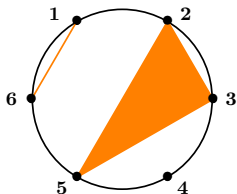
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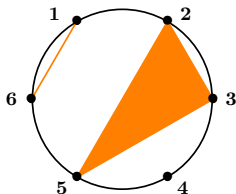
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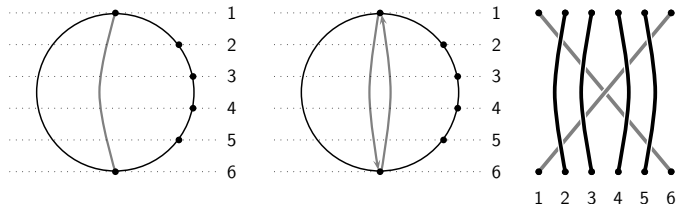
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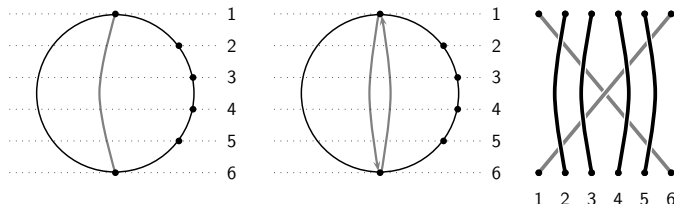
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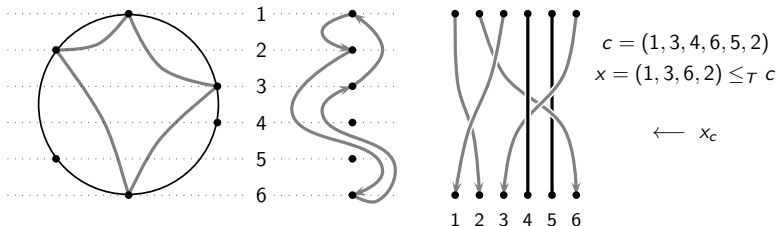
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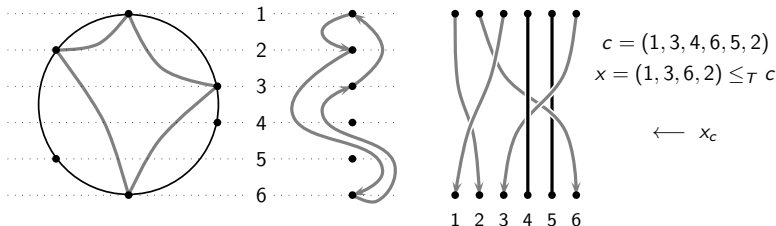
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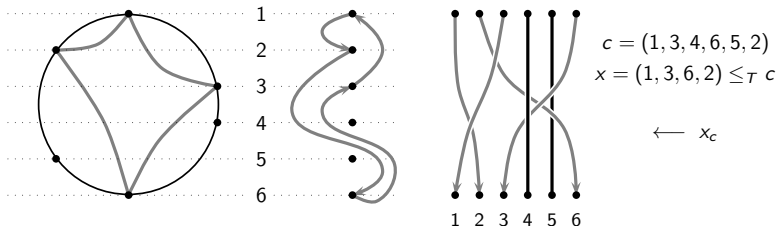
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