

We've outlined this:

Theorem - There's a category

$$\mathcal{C} = [\text{finite groupoids, equivalence classes of spans of finite groupoids}]$$

† a functor

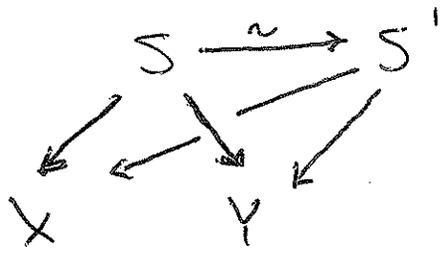
$$D: \mathcal{C} \longrightarrow \text{FinVect}_k$$

where k is any field of characteristic zero: $(\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Q}, \dots)$, given by:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \longmapsto & H_0(X) \\ \text{(finite groupoid)} & & \text{(0th homology)} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & S & \\ \swarrow p & & \searrow q \\ X & & Y \end{array} \longmapsto \begin{array}{ccc} & H_0(S) & \\ \swarrow p_* & & \searrow q_* \\ H_0(X) & \longrightarrow & H_0(Y) \end{array}$$

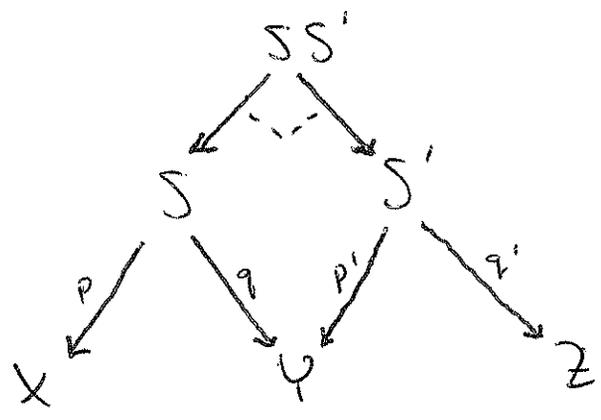
We say 2 spans from X to Y are equivalent:



commuting up to a natural isomorphism.

(Equivalent spans give equal operators from $H_0(X) \otimes H_0(Y)$)

We compose spans of groupoids via "weak pullback".



An object of SS' is an object $s \in S$; an object $s' \in S'$; an isomorphism $\alpha : q(s) \rightarrow p'(s')$

A morphism in $\mathcal{S}\mathcal{S}'$ is:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 q(s_1) & \xrightarrow[\sim]{\alpha_1} & p'(s'_1) \\
 \downarrow q(f) & & \downarrow p'(f') \\
 q(s_2) & \xrightarrow[\sim]{\alpha_2} & p'(s'_2)
 \end{array}$$

where

$$f: s_1 \longrightarrow s_2$$

$$f': s'_1 \longrightarrow s'_2$$

This composition is associative & unital up to equivalence.

Using

$$D: \mathcal{C} \longrightarrow \text{FinVect}_k$$

we can turn a category A enriched over \mathcal{C} into a category $\bar{D}(A)$ enriched over FinVect_k .

$\bar{D}(A)$ has same objects as A .

$$\text{hom}_{\bar{D}(A)}(x, y) = D(\text{hom}_A(x, y))$$

For us, $C = [\text{finite groupoids, equiv. classes of spans}]$

A category A enriched over C has:

- a class of objects x, y, z, \dots
- for any objects x, y ,
a finite groupoid $\text{hom}_A(x, y)$

- for any objects x, y, z ,

$$o : \text{hom}_A(x, y) \times \text{hom}_A(y, z) \longrightarrow \text{hom}_A(x, z)$$

(product of groupoids)
(eq. class of spans)

- for any object x ,

$$\text{id} : I \longrightarrow \text{hom}_A(x, x)$$

(terminal groupoid
 (one object, one morphism groupoid))

equivalence class of spans

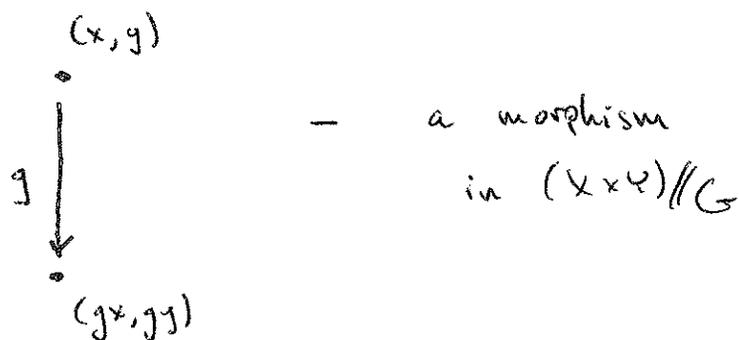
- associativity $\hat{=}$ l/r unit laws.

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Example: if G is a finite group, there's a category enriched over \mathbb{C} called $\text{Hecke}(G)$:

- objects are finite G -sets X, Y, \dots
- $\text{hom}_{\text{Hecke}(G)}(X, Y) = (X \times Y) // G$
- composition, units \dots

We call $(X \times Y) // G$ the Hecke groupoid of $X \ni Y$.



Components of $(X \times Y) // G$ are orbits in the G -set $X \times Y$.

For any G -set S ,

$$\underline{S // G} = S / G$$

so components of $(X \times Y) // G$ form set $(X \times Y) / G$.

So:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{hom}_{\overline{D}(\text{Hecke}(G))}(X, Y) &= D(\text{hom}_{\text{Hecke}(G)}(X, Y)) \\ &= H_0(\text{hom}_{\text{Hecke}(G)}(X, Y)) \\ &\cong K^{(X \times Y)/G} \end{aligned}$$

Elements of $X \times Y/G$ are also called:

"atomic invt. relations" between $X \stackrel{!}{\sim} Y$

a basis for

$$\text{hom}_G(K^X, K^Y)$$

\hookrightarrow perm. rep of G
on K^X

- "Hecke operators"!

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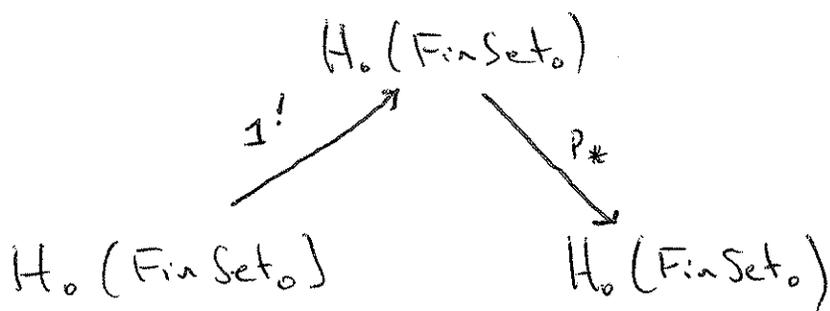
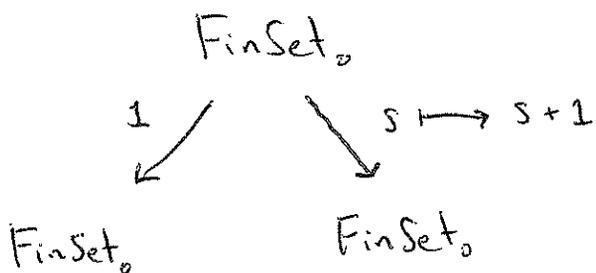
Fundamental Thm of Hecke Operators —

If G is a finite group & k is any field of char. 0,

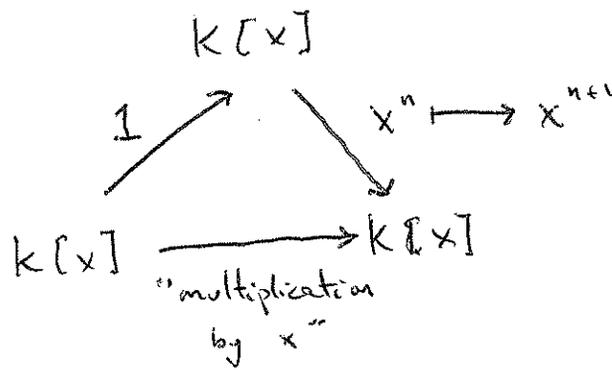
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \overline{D}(\text{Hecke}(G)) & \cong & \text{Fin Perm Rep}(G)_k \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \mathbb{C}\text{-enriched cat} & & \text{FinVect}_k\text{-enriched cat} \end{array}$$



Where next? Pascal's Triangle



So this diagram is :



$$n \in \text{FinSet}_0$$

$$[n] \in H_0(\text{FinSet}_0)$$



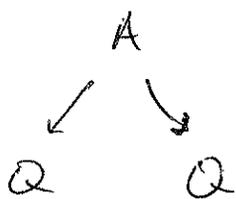
$$x^n \in K[x]$$

Next consider

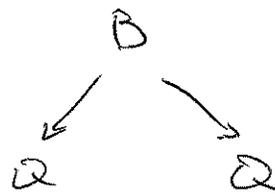
$$Q = [\text{finite sets equipped w. a subset}]$$

$$= \sum_{n, k \geq 0} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix}$$

Here we have 2 interesting spans :



("add an element to the subset"



("add an element not in the subset"

These give 2 linear operators ~

"multiplication by x" ; "multiplication by y"

$$(x+y)^n = \sum_{k \leq n} \binom{n}{k} x^{n-k} y^k$$

~ we can categorify this,

Similarly for the q-deformed version:

$$\text{FinSet} \xrightarrow{K_q[x,y]} \text{FinVect}_{\mathbb{F}_q}$$

Also a many-variable version involving multinomial coefficients.

"quantum n-space"

Categorify the quantum group $GL_q(n, k)$ -
or upper triangular part!