

# Braided Hopf Algebras as the Framework for Logarithmic Conformal Field Theories

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- Gaberdiel–Kausch model and its  $(1, p)$  generalizations.

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$$W^- = e^{-\sqrt{6}\varphi},$$

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and

$$\begin{aligned} W^+ = & \left( -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \partial^4 \varphi - 39 \partial^2 \varphi \partial^2 \varphi + 18 \partial^3 \varphi \partial \varphi \right. \\ & \left. + 12\sqrt{6} \partial^2 \varphi \partial \varphi \partial \varphi - 18 \partial \varphi \partial \varphi \partial \varphi \partial \varphi \right) e^{\sqrt{6}\varphi} \end{aligned}$$

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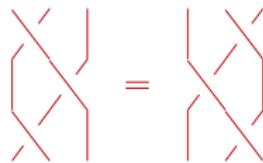
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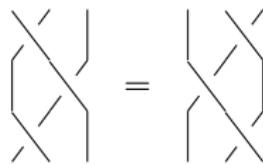
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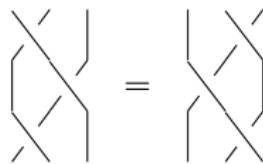
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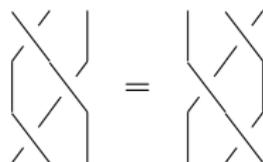
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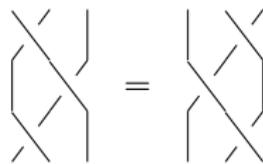
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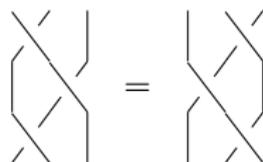
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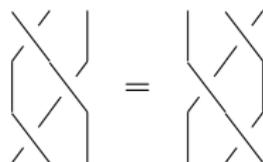
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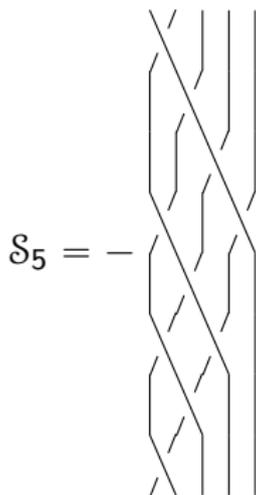
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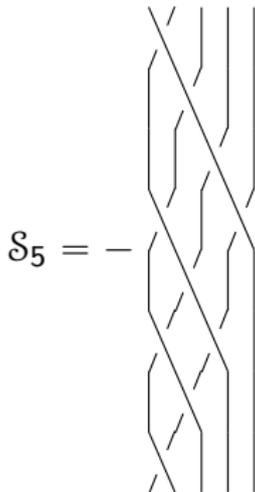


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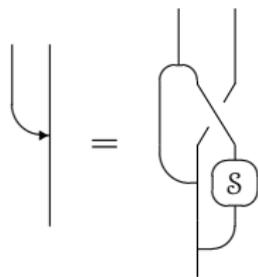
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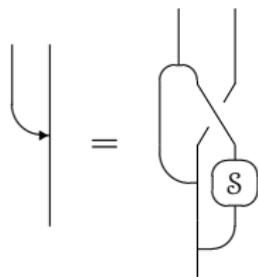


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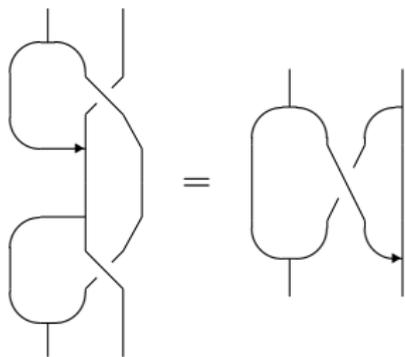
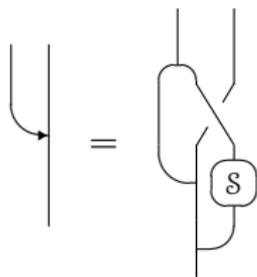


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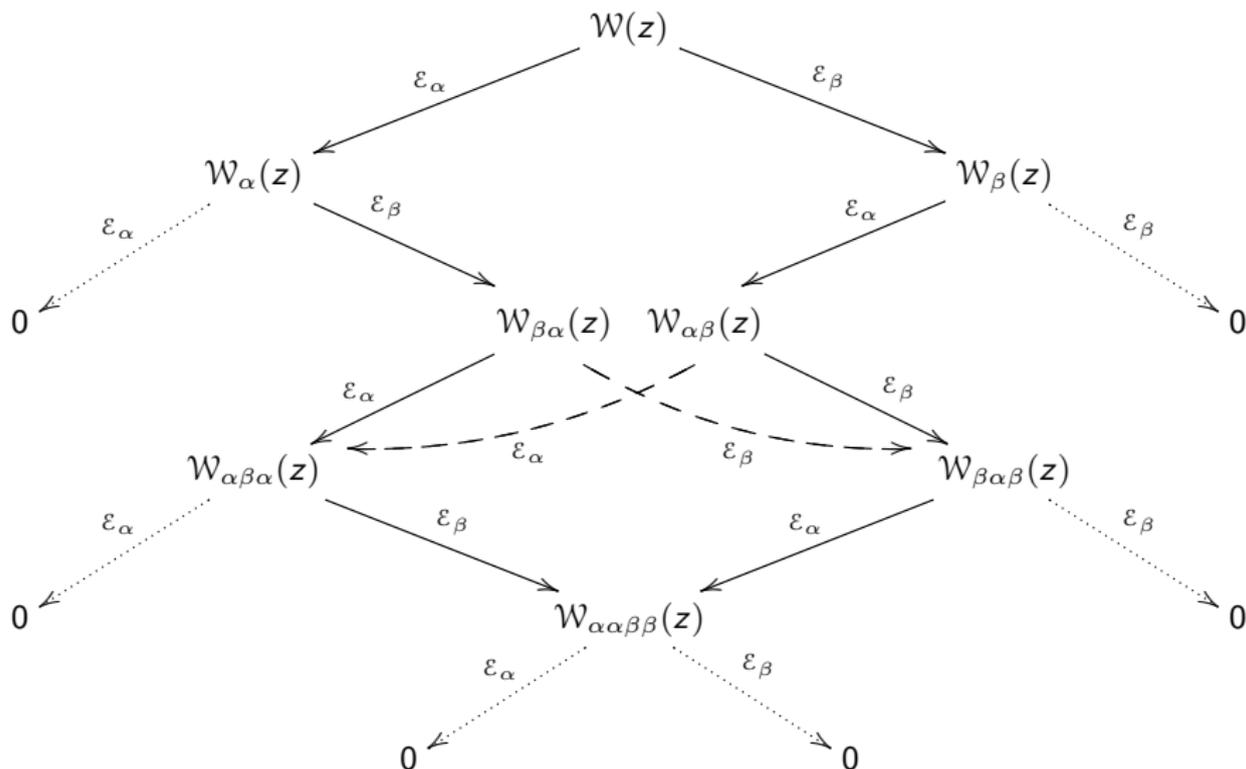
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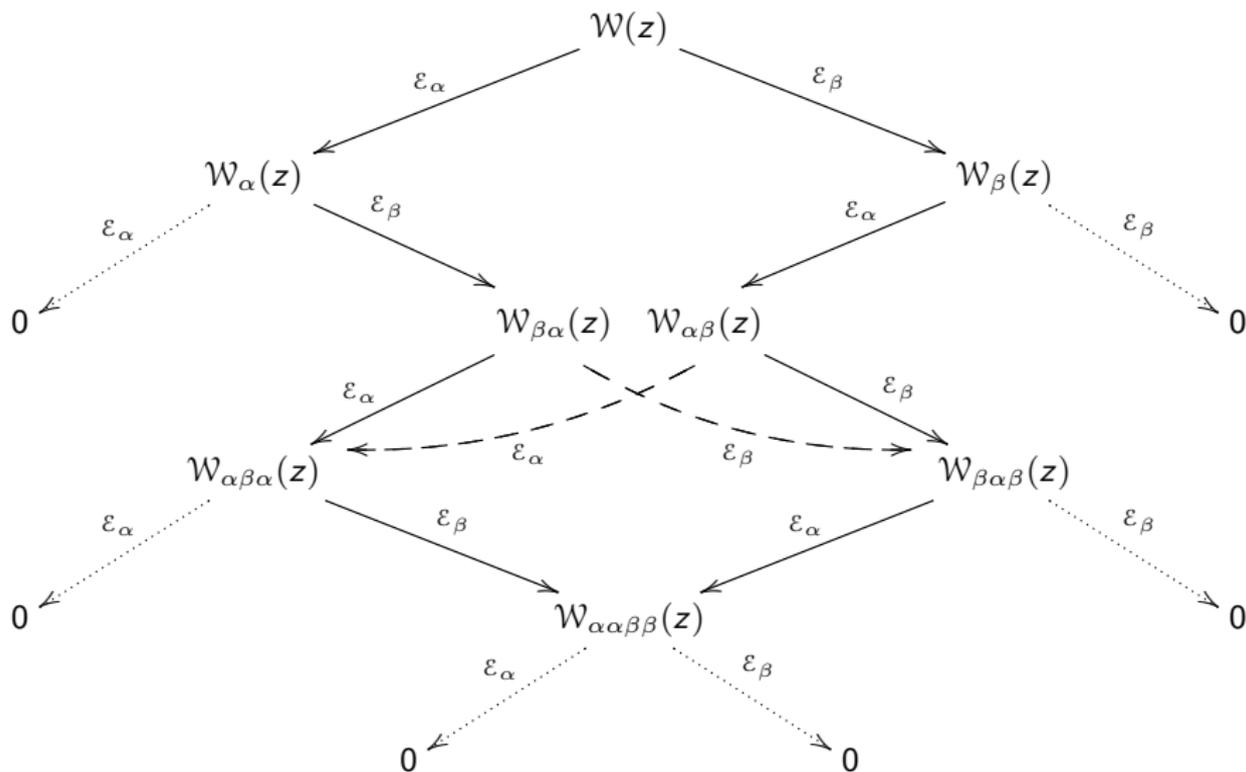
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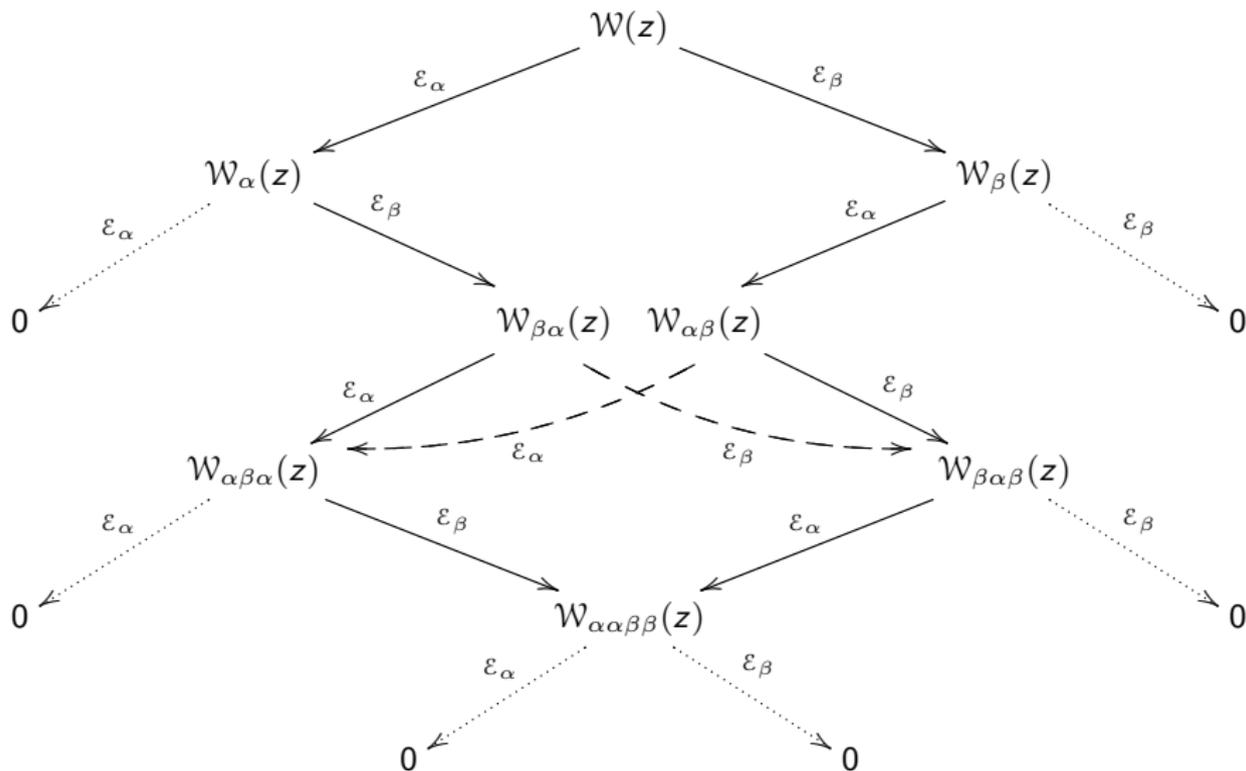
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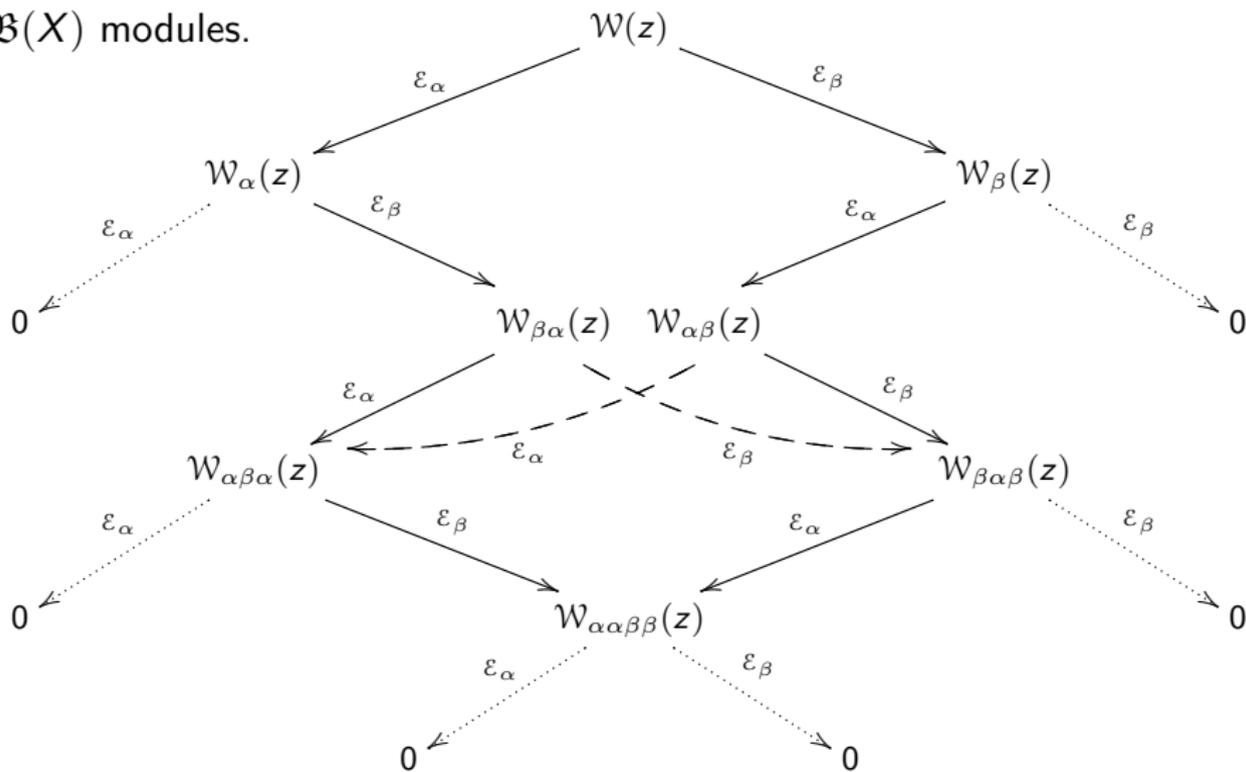
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