Explicit bases in representation theory by rewriting

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- These questions have been studied in an algebraic context for associative and commutative algebras :
 - Gröbner bases to compute with ideals, Gröbner '49 and Buchberger '65;
 - Linear rewriting and Koszulness, Guiraud-Hoffbeck-Malbos '2017

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This category can be presented by the linear (3, 2)-polygraph defined with the same 0-cell, 1-cell and 2-cells and the relations being oriented in the following way :

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Rewriting results

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Proposition (Alleaume,'16)

Let Σ be a confluent and terminating left-monomial linear (3, 2)-polygraph and C be the linear (2, 2)-category presented by Σ . Then, for any 1-cells u and v of C with same 0-source and 0-target, the set of monomials of Σ in normal form from u to v gives a basis of C(u, v).

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III. Quiver Hecke algebras and Poincaré-Birkhoff-Witt bases



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Poincaré-Birkhoff-Witt bases

- We will explicit linear (3, 2)-polygraphs that present the simply-laced KLR algebras and prove that they are convergent.
- We will obtain a rewriting proof of the following algebraic result obtained by Khovanov and Lauda :

Theorem

The simply-laced KLR algebras admit Poincaré-Birkhoff-Witt bases

- These PBW bases have interesting algebraic and homological features.
 - They are linear bases.
 - They are build from a monomial order \leq on a generating set of the algebra.
 - The product of two elements of the basis is greater for <u>≺</u> than every element in its monomial decomposition.

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Definition of the KLR algebras

- Let Γ be a graph whose set of vertices is denoted by *I*. We set $\mathcal{V} = \sum_{i \in I} \nu_i \cdot i \in \mathbb{N}[I]$ an element of the free semi-group generated by *I*.
- Let \cdot be a bilinear form defined on $\mathbb{Z}[I]$ with values in \mathbb{Z} such that $i \cdot j \in \{0, -1\}$ for all $i, j \in I$.
- We put $m := |\mathcal{V}| = \sum \mathcal{V}_i$.
- We consider the set Seq(V) which consists of all sequences of vertices of r with length m in which the vertex i appears exactly V_i times.
 - For instance, $Seq(2i + j) = \{iij, iji, jii\}$.
- For i and $j \in Seq(\mathcal{V})$, we define the set ${}_{j}R(\mathcal{V})_{i}$ as the set of "braid-like diagrams" from i to j, that is :

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- Each strand is labelled by a vertex of F;
- A brand does not intersect with itself;
- One has to read i (resp. j) at the bottom (resp. at the top) of the diagram

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• These algebras are given by a diagrammatic presentation by generators and relations.

• For $\mathbf{i} = i_1 \dots i_m \in \text{Seq}(\mathcal{V})$, we represent the generators by :



These algebras can be seen as linear (2, 2)-categories with :

- One 0-cell,
- The 1-cells are the elements of $Seq(\mathcal{V})$,
- The 2-cells between two sequences i and i are $_{i}R(\mathcal{V})_{i}$.

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The 3-cells of the linear (3, 2)-polygraph KLR are given by :



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- To recover all the bases for general spaces of 2-cells, there are adjunction morphisms (cup and cap) that appear and the rewriting techniques become more complicated.

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