

# Pivotality, twisted centres, and the anti-double of a Hopf monad

A tale of string diagrams, categories, and monads.

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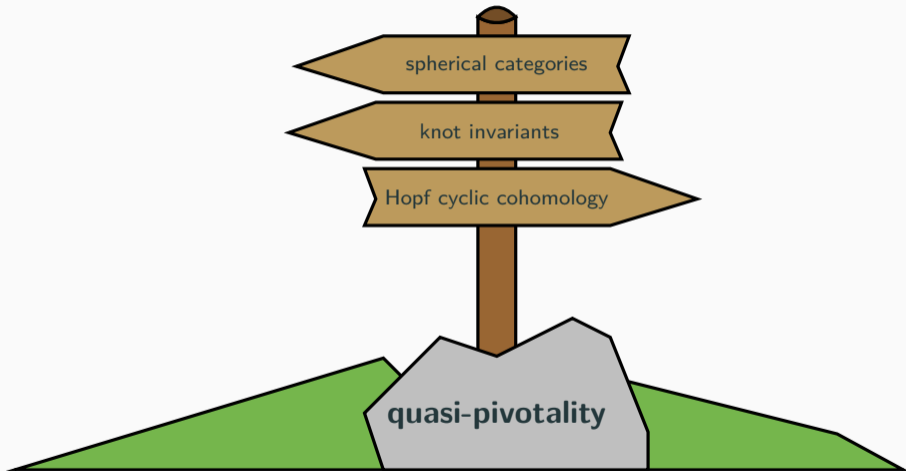
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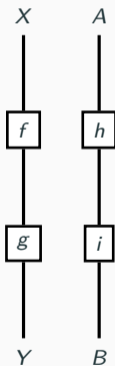
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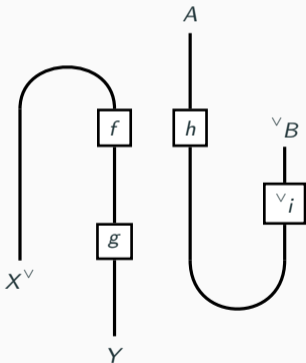
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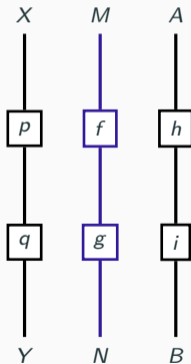
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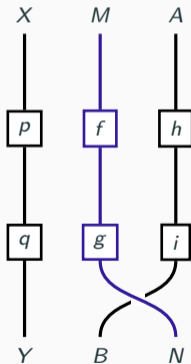
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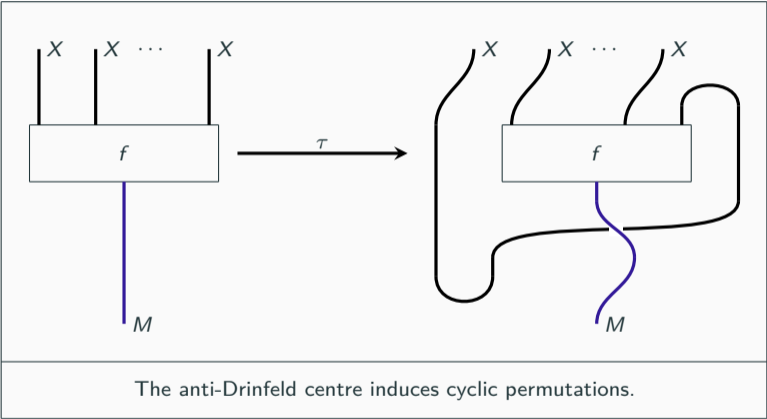
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For  $T$  the bidualising functor,  $Q(\mathcal{C}) := Z(\mathcal{M})$  is the *anti-Drinfeld centre*.

- The Drinfeld centre  $Z(\mathcal{C})$  is braided monoidal and acts on the anti-Drinfeld centre  $Q(\mathcal{C})$ .

# A cyclic action



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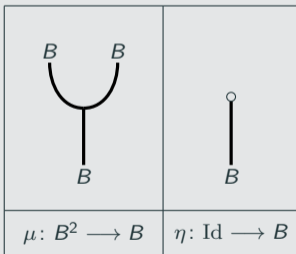
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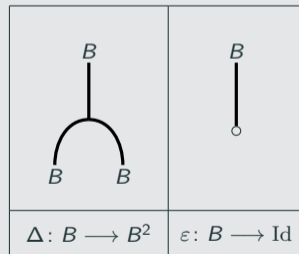
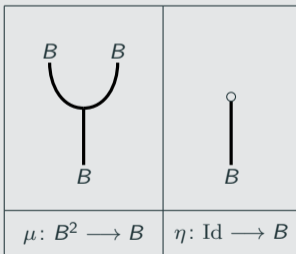
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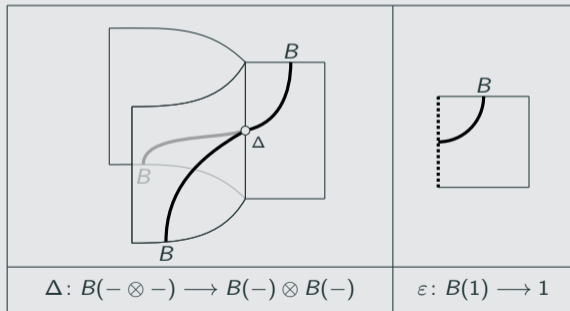
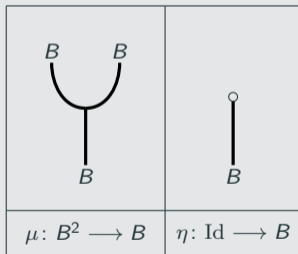
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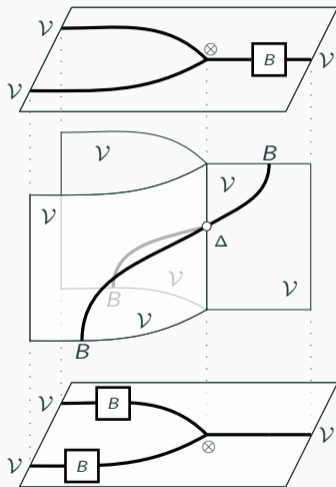
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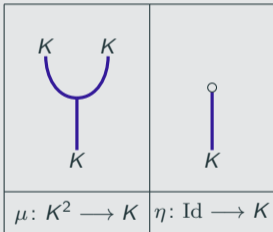
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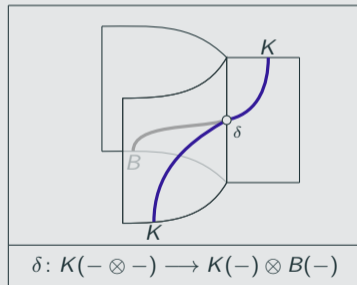
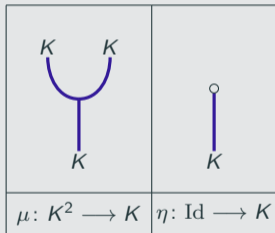




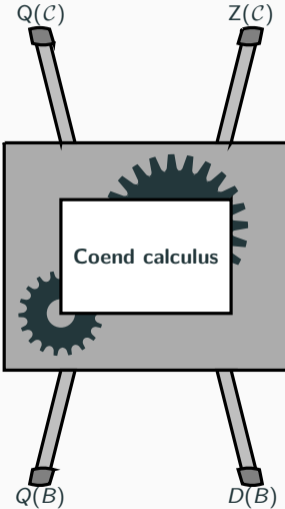
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A comodule monad  $K: \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$  over a bimonad  $B: \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$  consists of:



# Coend machinery



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**This was just an appetiser—the main course is to  
be found in our paper.**

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- The existence of these objects can be detected by the anti-Drinfeld double of the identity Hopf monad [HZ22, Cor. 6.27].

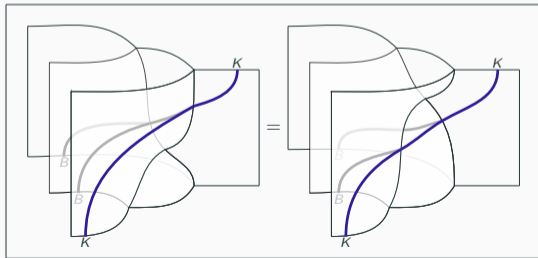
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