

Cluster Structures of Double Bott-Samelson Cells

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- Alternatively one can think of an element of $(Bs_{j_1}B) \times_B \dots \times_B (Bs_{j_m}B)$ as a sequence of flags that satisfies the relative position conditions imposed by the simple reflections $s_{j_1}, s_{j_2}, \dots, s_{j_m}$. So a “double Bott-Samelson cell” will then be two sequences of flags that satisfy two sequences of relative position conditions imposed by two words \mathbf{i} and \mathbf{j} .

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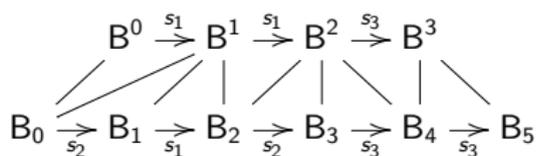
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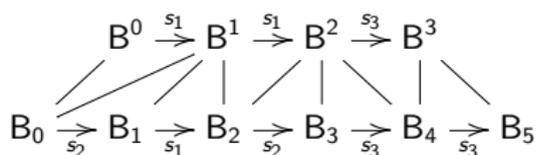
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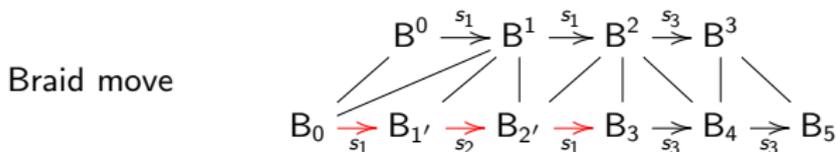
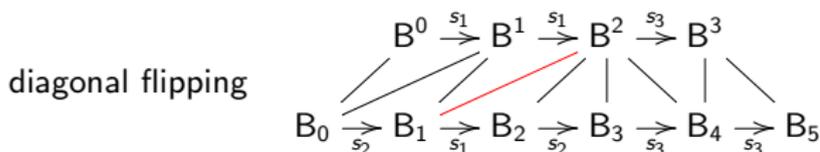


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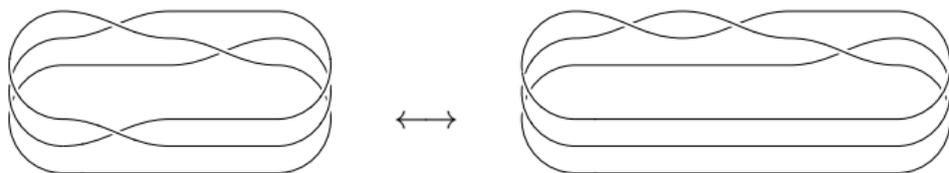
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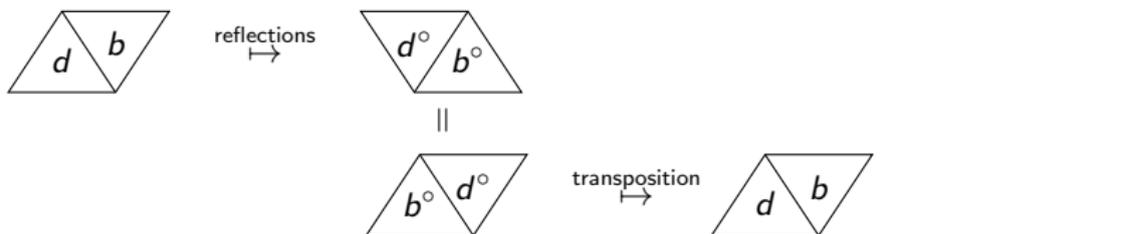
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Cluster Donaldson-Thomas transformations exist on double Bott-Samelson cells and are given by compositions of reflection maps and a transposition map. Reflection maps intertwine the cluster Donaldson-Thomas transformations on different double Bott-Samelson cells. By verifying the sufficient condition, we prove the cluster duality conjecture for double Bott-Samelson cells.



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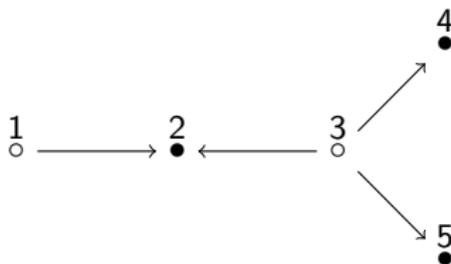
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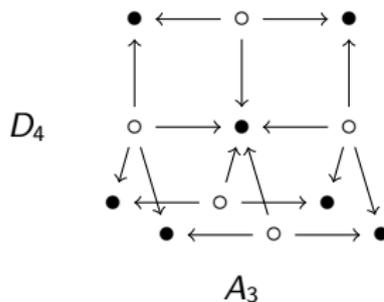
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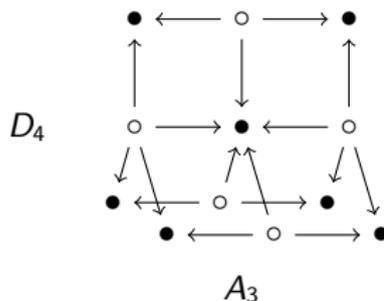
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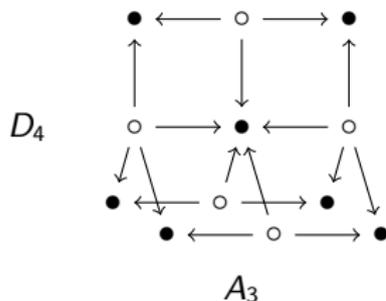
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