

# The matched product of shelves

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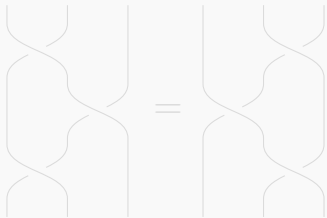
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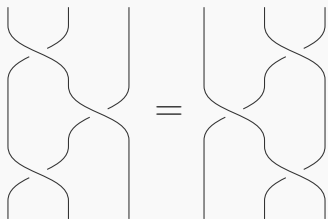
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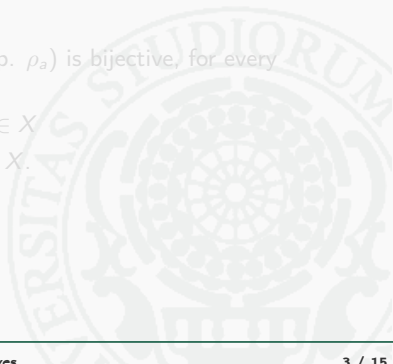
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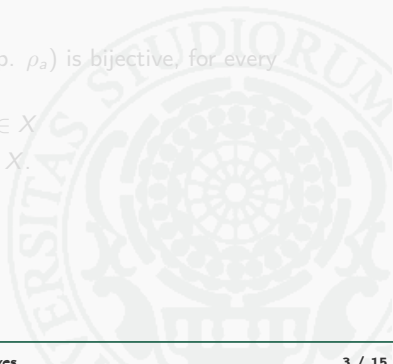
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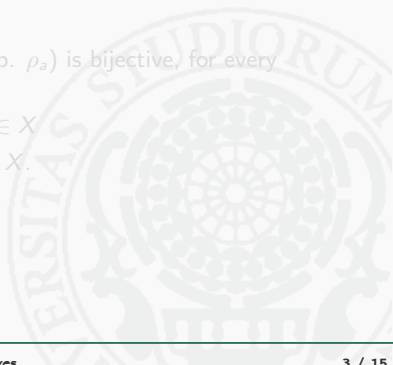
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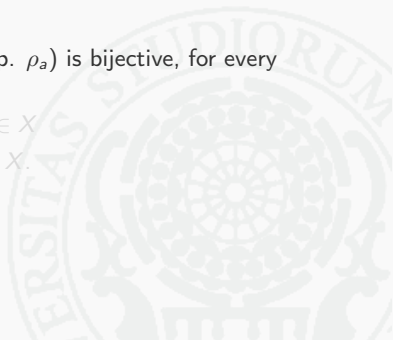
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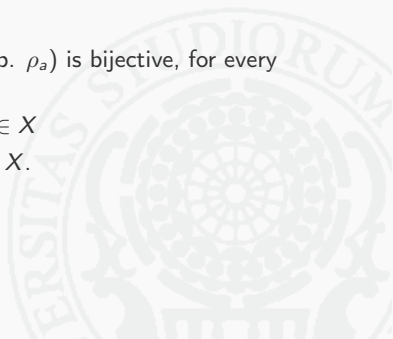
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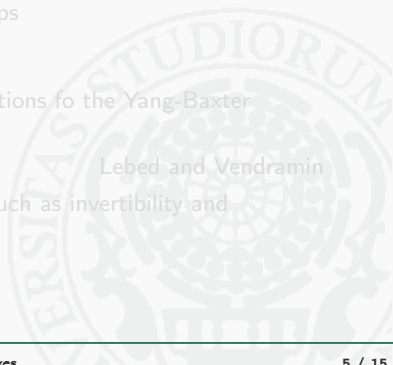
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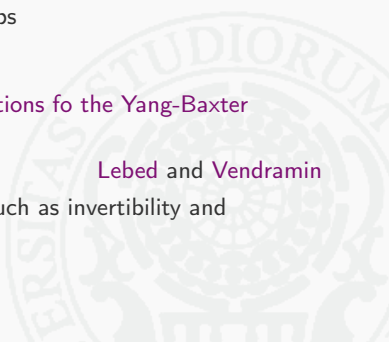
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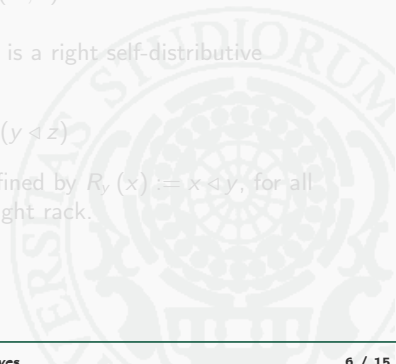
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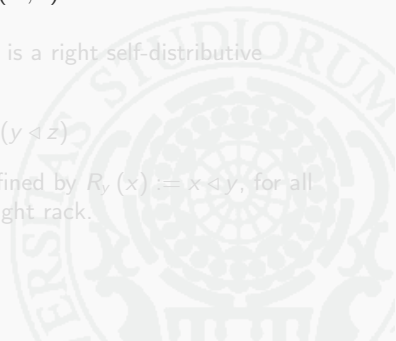
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$(r_S, r_T, \alpha, \beta)$  is a matched product system of solutions if and only if  $\alpha_u$  and  $\beta_a$  are homomorphisms of left shelves

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$$\beta_{b \triangleright a} = \beta_b^{-1} \beta_a \beta_b \quad (12)$$

$$\alpha_u = \alpha_{\beta_a^{-1}(u)} \quad (13)$$

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hold for all  $a, b \in S, u, v \in T$ .

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# The matched product of two right shelves

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- ▶  $\beta : S \rightarrow \text{Sym}(T)$  a map

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$$\alpha_{u \triangleleft v} = \alpha_u \alpha_v \alpha_u^{-1} \quad (\text{r1})$$

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# The matched product of left and right shelves

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$(r_S, r_T, \alpha, \beta)$  is a matched product system of solutions if and only if  $\alpha_u$  are homomorphisms of left shelves and  $\beta_a$  are homomorphisms of right shelves

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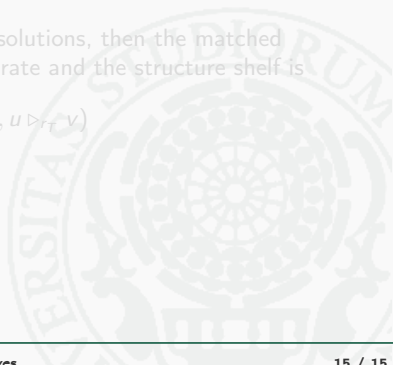
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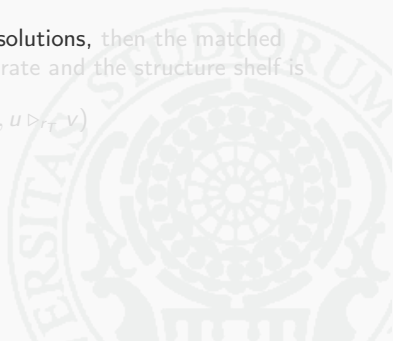


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