

# Ribbon Categories

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1.  $(\epsilon \otimes \text{id})\mathcal{R} = (\text{id} \otimes \epsilon)\mathcal{R} = 1$ .
2.  $(H, \mathcal{R}_{21}^{-1})$  is also a quasitriangular bialgebra ( $\mathcal{R}_{21}^{-1} = \tau(\mathcal{R}^{-1})$  is called the 'conjugate' quasitriangular structure).
3.  $\mathcal{R}_{12}\mathcal{R}_{13}\mathcal{R}_{23} = \mathcal{R}_{23}\mathcal{R}_{13}\mathcal{R}_{12}$  holds in  $H \otimes H \otimes H$  (the Yang-Baxter equation).

RTHA MEANS: IF  $h \in H$

$$(1) \quad \tau(\Delta h) = R(\Delta h | R^{-1}) \quad \text{IN } H \otimes H$$

$$(2) \quad (\Delta \otimes 1)R = R_{13}R_{23}$$

$$(3) \quad (1 \otimes \Delta)R = R_{13}R_{12}$$

PROOF OF LEMMA:

$$(\varepsilon \otimes 1)R = 1 \quad \text{IN } H \otimes H$$

$$(\varepsilon \otimes 1 \otimes 1)(\Delta \otimes 1)R = (\varepsilon \otimes 1 \otimes 1)R_{13}R_{23} \quad \cancel{\text{R}}$$

$$(\varepsilon \otimes 1 \otimes 1)R^{(1)}{}_{(1)} \otimes R^{(1)}{}_{(2)} \otimes R^{(2)} \quad \varepsilon(R^{(1)}{}_{(1)}) \circ F$$

$$1 \otimes \varepsilon(R^{(1)}{}_{(1)})R^{(1)}{}_{(2)} \otimes R^{(2)}$$

COUNIT PROPERTY:  $\varepsilon(a_{(1)} | a_{(2)} = a$ .

$$= 1 \otimes R^{(1)} \otimes R^{(2)} = \cancel{R_{23}}$$

BUT  $R_{23}$  IS INVERTIBLE

$$(\varepsilon \otimes \text{id}) R_{13} = 1 \quad \text{IN } H \otimes H \otimes H$$

$$((\varepsilon \otimes \text{id}) R)_{13}$$

THIS IMPLIES  $(\varepsilon \otimes \text{id}) R = 1$  IN  $H \otimes H$ .

$$R_{12} R_{13} R_{23} = R_{23} R_{13} R_{12}$$

PROOF:  $(1 \otimes \tau \Delta) R =$

$$(1 \otimes \tau) (1 \otimes \Delta) R = (1 \otimes \tau) R_{13} R_{12}$$

$$= R_{12} R_{13}$$

ALTERNATIVEN MEMBEN

$$\tau \Delta h = R \Delta h R^{-1}$$

$$(1 \otimes \tau \Delta R) = R^{(1)} \otimes \tau \Delta R^{(2)}$$

$$= R^{(1)} \otimes (R \Delta R^{(2)} R^{-1})$$

$$R_{23} ((1 \otimes A) R \setminus R_{23}^{-1})$$

$$= R_{23} R_{13} R_{12} R_{23}^{-1}$$

So  $R_{12} R_{13} R_{23} = R_{23} R_{13} R_{12}$ . //

Why does  $R_{12} R_{13} R_{23} = R_{23} R_{13} R_{12}$

DESERVE to BE CALLED YANG-BAXTER EQ?

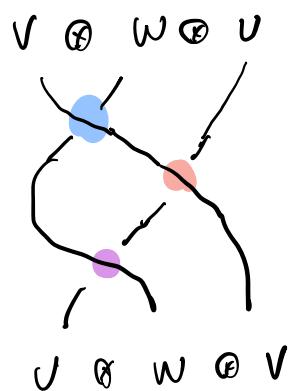
IN A BRAIDED CATEGORY, IT BE IS  
THE EQUIVALENCE OF

$$(c_{w,v} \otimes 1)(1 \otimes c_{v,w})(c_{v,w} \otimes 1)$$

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$$(1 \otimes c_{v,w})(c_{v,u} \otimes 1)(1 \otimes c_{w,v})$$

TO RELATE THIS TO  $R_{12}R_{13}R_{23} = R_{23}R_{13}R_{12}$   
 REMEMBER  $C_{V,V}: V \otimes V \rightarrow V \otimes V$  IS  
 IMPLEMENTED BY MUL BY  $R \in I\otimes A$  FOLLOWED  
 BY THE FCLP. THE ACTUAL YBE SHOULD  
 BE WRITTEN



$$\begin{aligned}
 & (T \otimes 1) (1 \otimes T) (T \otimes 1) \\
 & = (1 \otimes T) (T \otimes 1) (1 \otimes T) \\
 & \text{"BRAID RELATION"}
 \end{aligned}$$

LET'S MOVE THE T TO ONE SIDE.

LHS :  $(C \otimes 1) R_{12} (1 \otimes C) R_{23} (T \otimes 1) R_{12}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & = (T \otimes 1) (1 \otimes C) R_{13} R_{23} (T \otimes 1) R_{12} \\
 & = (T \otimes 1) (1 \otimes T) (T \otimes 1) R_{23} R_{13} R_{12}
 \end{aligned}$$

RHS : (SIMILAR)  $(1 \otimes T) (T \otimes 1) (1 \otimes T) R_{12} R_{13} R_{23}$

$$\text{IN } S_3 \quad (12)(23)(12) = (23)(12)(23)$$

MEANING  $(1\otimes T)(T\otimes 1)(1\otimes T) = (T\otimes 1)(1\otimes T)(T\otimes 1)$ .

TWO PROOFS OF YBE IN MODULE CATEGORY  
OF A QTHA.

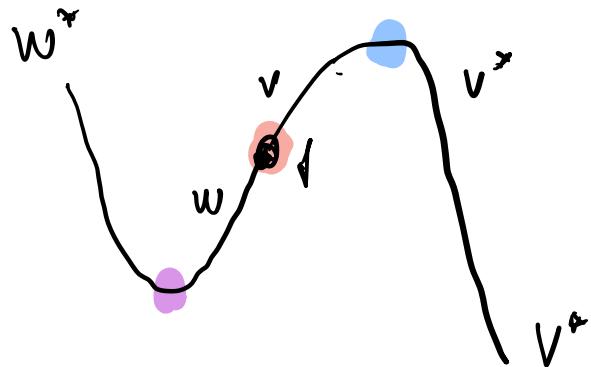
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IN A RIGID CATEGORY DUAL IS A  
CONTRAVARIANT FUNCTION,

$$f: V \rightarrow W$$

I CAN DEFINE  $f^*: W^* \rightarrow V^*$

USING PROPERTIES OF EVAL AND COEV.



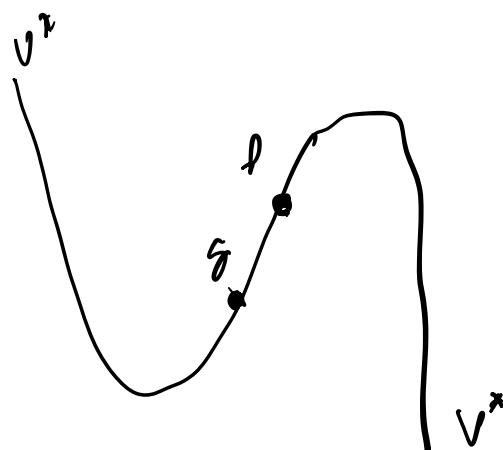
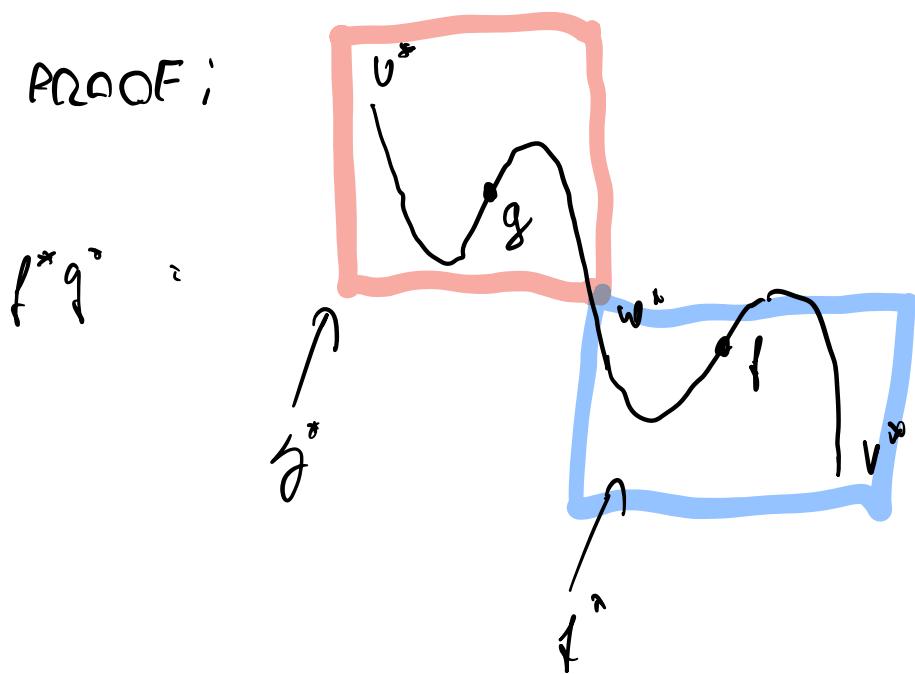
$$W^P \xrightarrow{1 \otimes \text{coev}_V} W^* \otimes V \otimes V^* \xrightarrow{1 \otimes f \otimes 1} W^* \otimes W \otimes V^* \xrightarrow{\text{Eva}_W \otimes 1_{V^*}} V^*$$

STRAIGHTFORWARD TO CHECK IF

$$V \xrightarrow{f} W \xrightarrow{g} U$$

$$(gf)^* = f^* g^*$$

PROOF:



USING G

$$= (gf)^*$$

$$\text{ALSO } (V \otimes W)^* = W^* \otimes V^*.$$

DEFINING SUITABLE EV AND COEV FOR  
 $V \otimes W$

$$\text{COEV} : F \rightarrow (V \otimes W) \otimes (W^* \otimes V^*)$$

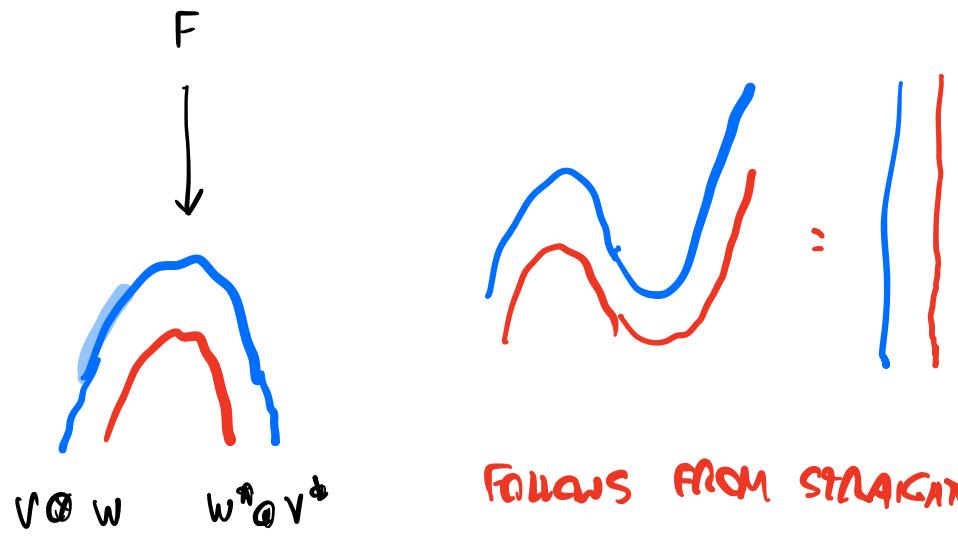
↑  
PURIFIED  
DUAL.

$$EV : (W^* \otimes V^*) \otimes (V \otimes W) \rightarrow F$$

WHICH HAVE STRAIGHTENING PROPERTIES.

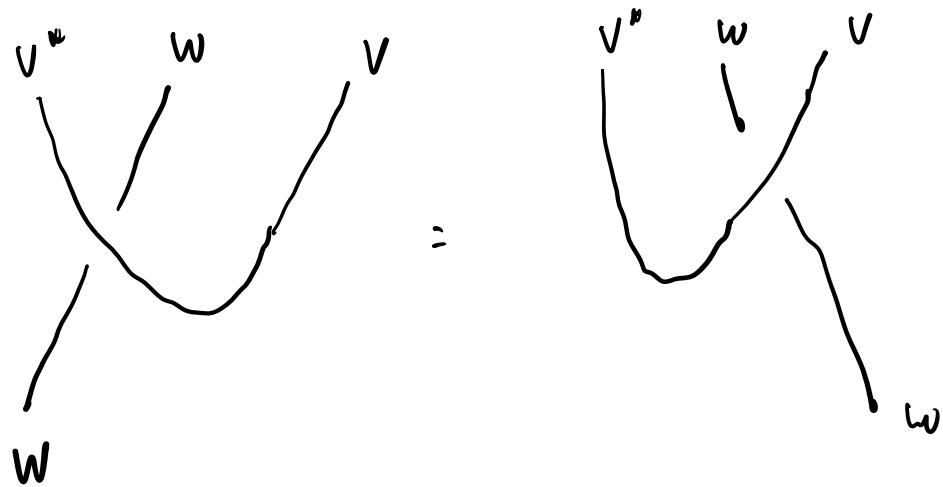
$$\begin{array}{c}
 F \\
 \downarrow \text{COEV}_V \\
 V \otimes V^* \cong V \otimes F \otimes V^* \\
 \downarrow 1 \otimes \text{COEV}_W \\
 V \otimes W \otimes W^* \otimes V^*
 \end{array}$$

$\text{COEV}_{V \otimes W}$



Follows from string theory  
for  $V, W$ , separately.

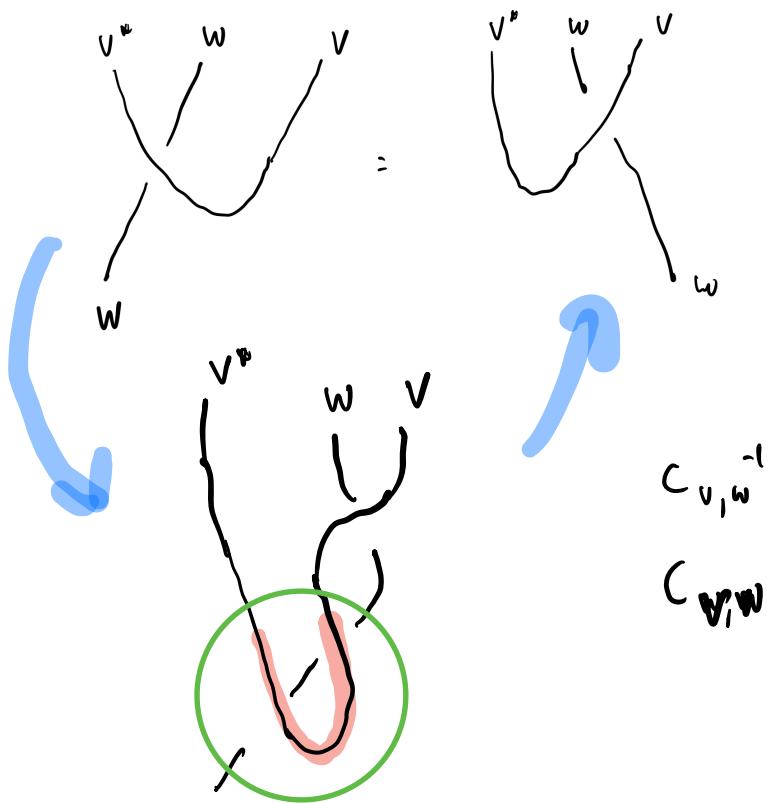
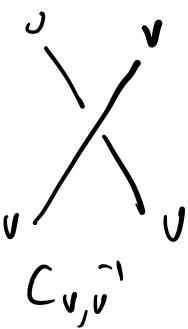
Next in A BRAIDED RIGID CATEGORY



$$V^* \otimes W \otimes V \xrightarrow{C_{V^*, W} \otimes I_V} W \otimes V^* \otimes V \xrightarrow{I \otimes \epsilon_{V^*}} W$$

LEFT PICTURE

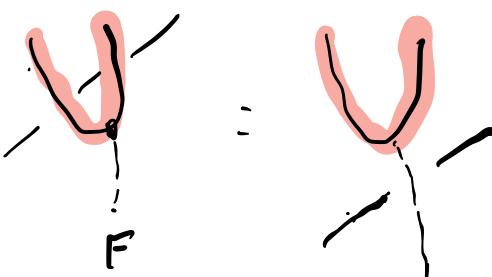
$$V^* \otimes W \otimes V \xrightarrow{I \otimes C_{V, W}} V^* \otimes V \otimes W \xrightarrow{\epsilon_{V^*} \otimes I_W} W$$



$$C_{v,w^{-1}}$$

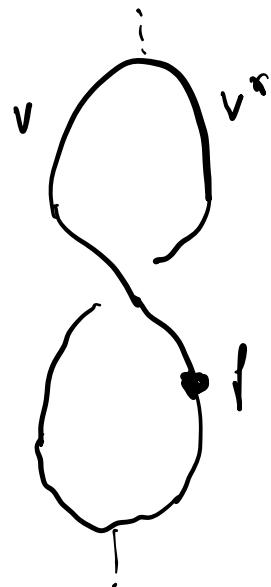
$$C_{v,w}$$

USE NATURALITY:



## RIBBON CATEGORY.

HERE TO DEFINE  $\text{TR}(f)$        $f: V \rightarrow V$



THIS GIVES A MORPHISM

$$F \rightarrow F$$

i.e. A SCALAR WHICH  
WE CAN DEFINE TO BE  
THE TRACE BUT

$$\text{TR}(f \otimes g)$$

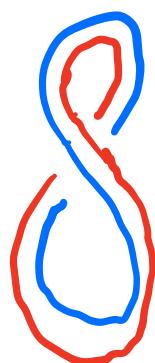
$\parallel$

$$\text{TR}(f) \text{ TR}(g)$$

$$f \in \text{END}(V)$$

$$g \in \text{END}(W)$$

BECAUSE



TWO CIRCLES ARE LINKED

IN THE RIBBON CATEGORY YOU CAN FIX THIS.

DEFINITION: A RIBBON CATEGORY IS ONE WHERE EVERY OBJECT  $V$  HAS A TWIST

$$\theta_V : V \rightarrow V \quad \text{NATURAL} \quad \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \downarrow \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \uparrow \end{array}$$

SUCH THAT

$$\theta_{V \otimes V} (c_{V,V} \circ c_{V,V}) = \theta_V \otimes \theta_V$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \begin{array}{c} V \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} & = & \begin{array}{cc} V & V \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \bullet & \bullet \\ \theta_V & \theta_V \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$\text{ALSO } \theta_{V^*} = (\theta_V)^*$$

**Definition 12.2** A braided category is called ribbon (or ‘tortile’) if the natural transformation  $\nu \circ u$  has a square root natural isomorphism  $\nu : \text{id} \rightarrow \text{id}$  (id the identity functor) characterised by a collection of functorial isomorphisms obeying

$$\nu_V^2 = \nu_V \circ u_V, \quad \nu_{V \otimes W} = \Psi_{V,W}^{-1} \circ \Psi_{W,V}^{-1} \circ (\nu_V \otimes \nu_W),$$

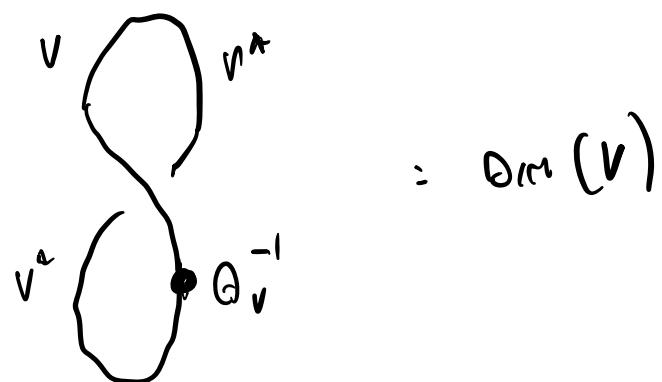
$$\nu_{\underline{1}} = \text{id}, \quad \nu_{V^*} = (\nu_V)^*.$$

These conditions are not independent (for example, one can conclude the first from the latter three). In this case, one can restore multiplicativity by using a modified notion dim' of dimension, as shown in Figure 12.3(b).

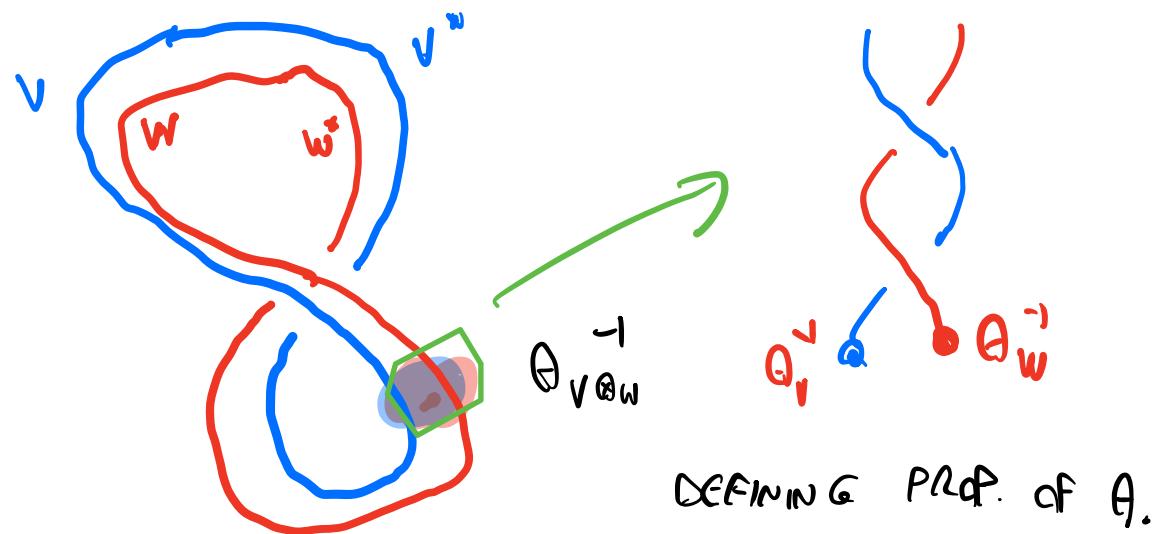


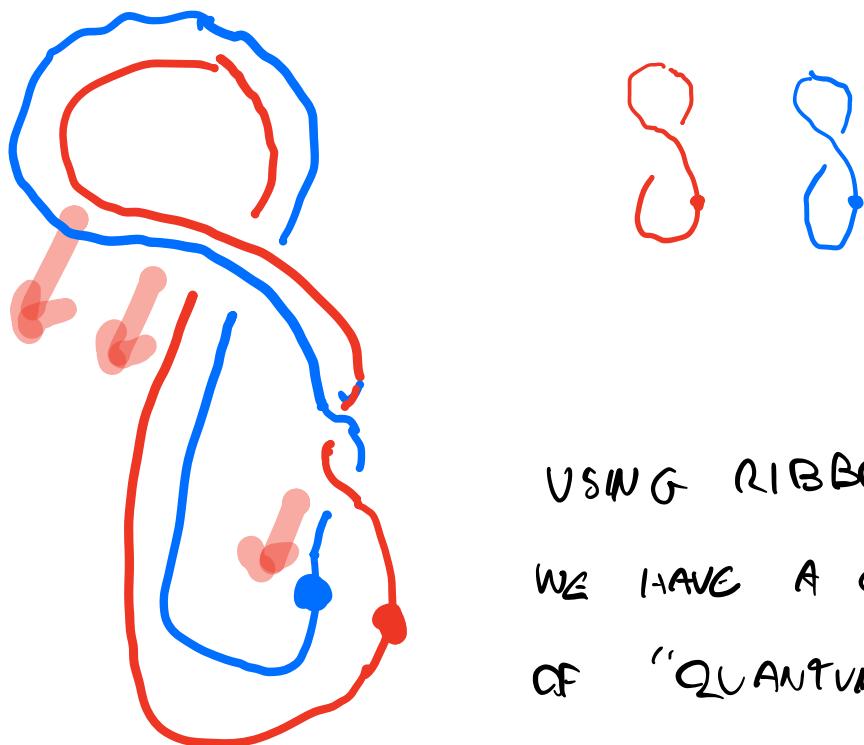
HOW THE RIBBON AXIOM FIXES THE DIFFICULTY  
WITH DIMENSION AND TRACE

DEFINE THE DIMENSION OF THE OBJECT V  
 "CORRECTLY"



PROOF THAT  $\dim(V \otimes W) = \dim(V) \otimes \dim(W)$





USING RIBBON PROPERTY  
 WE HAVE A GOOD DEF  
 OF "QUANTUM"  
 TRACES AND DIMENSIONS

