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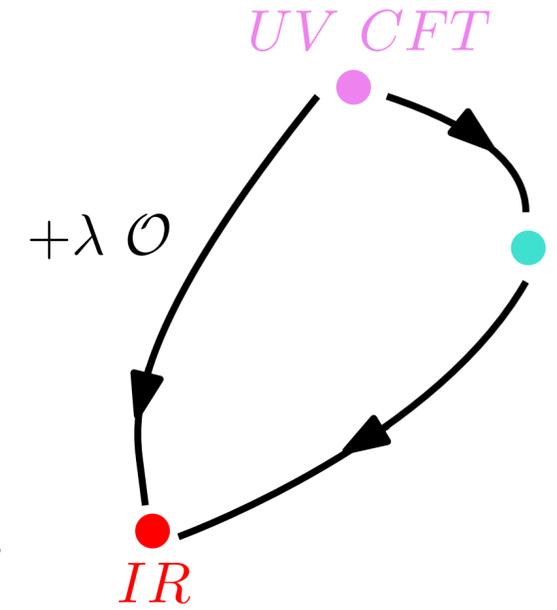
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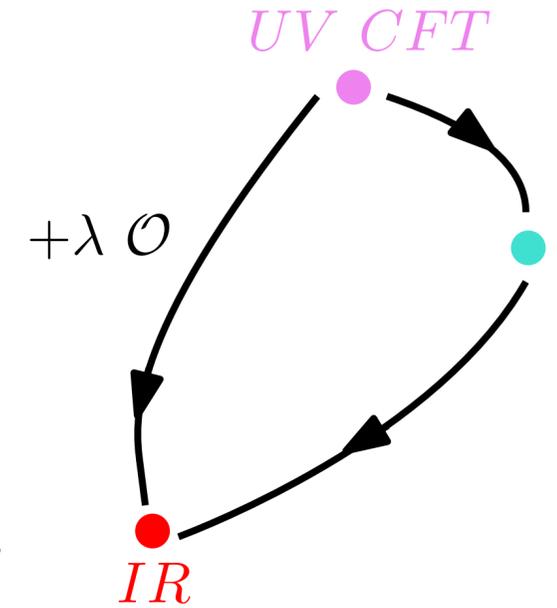
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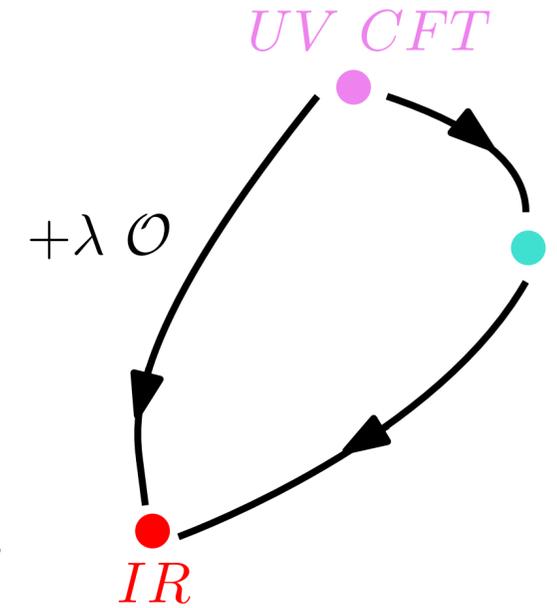
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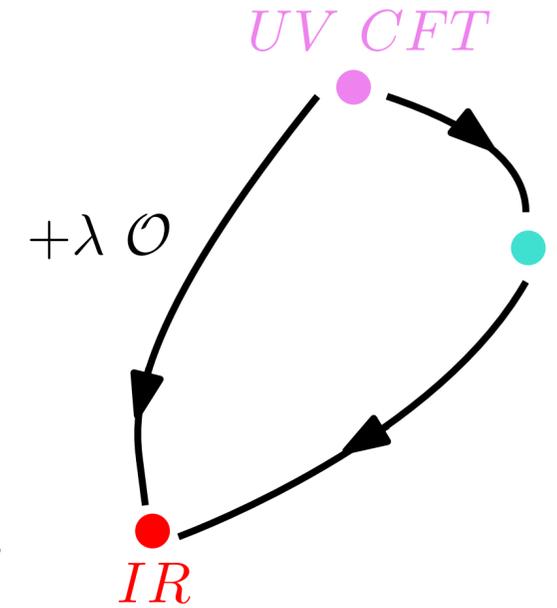
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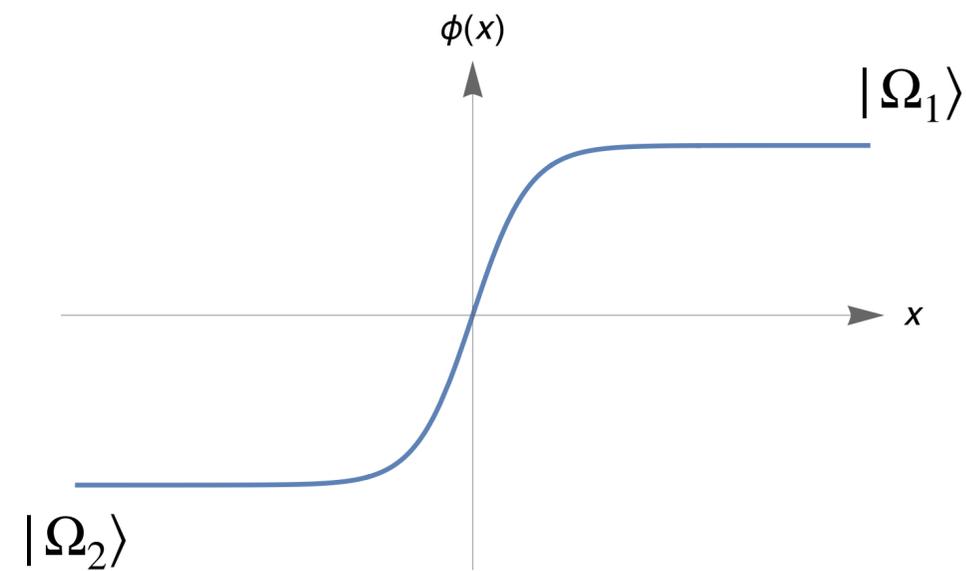
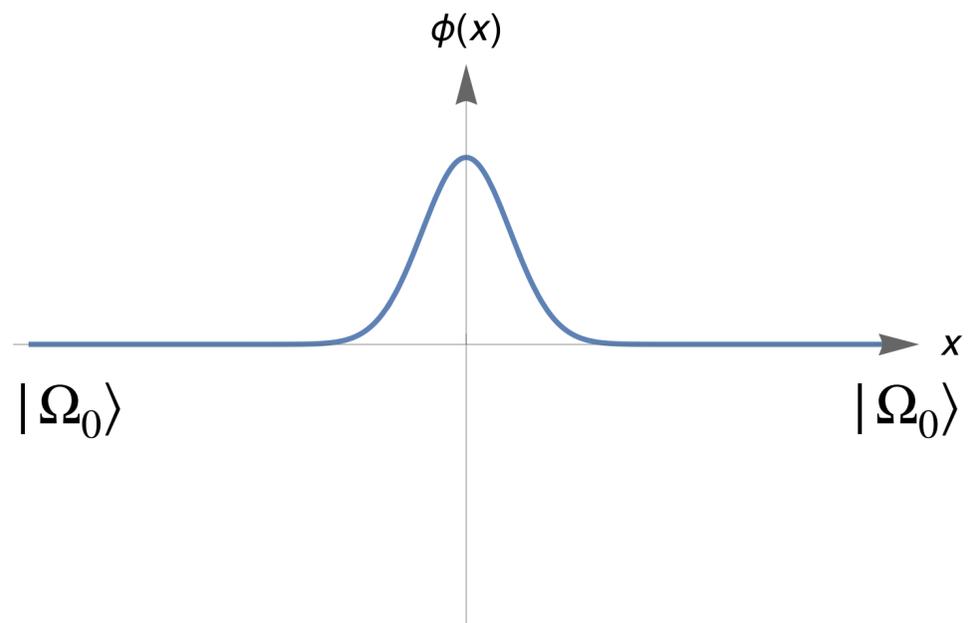
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Some Key Concepts: Particles and Solitons

Two qualitative different type of physical excitations:

- **Particles:** Excitations above a single vacuum state.
- **Solitons:** Excitations that interpolate between distinct vacua.



Cannot continuously deform soliton to particle: requires changing boundary condition at infinity.

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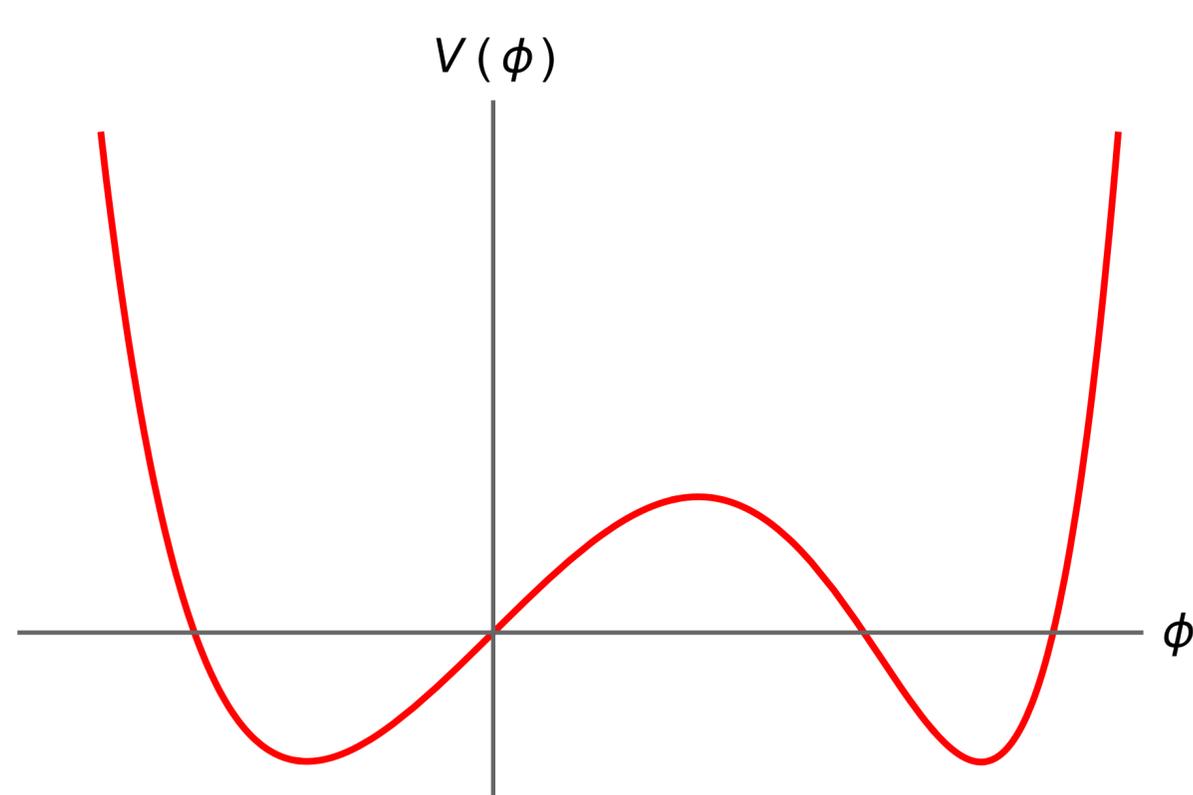
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- Turning on λ sets up a relevant deformation ($\phi_{2,1}$ deformation).
- Spectrum is gapped, and there are two ground states.

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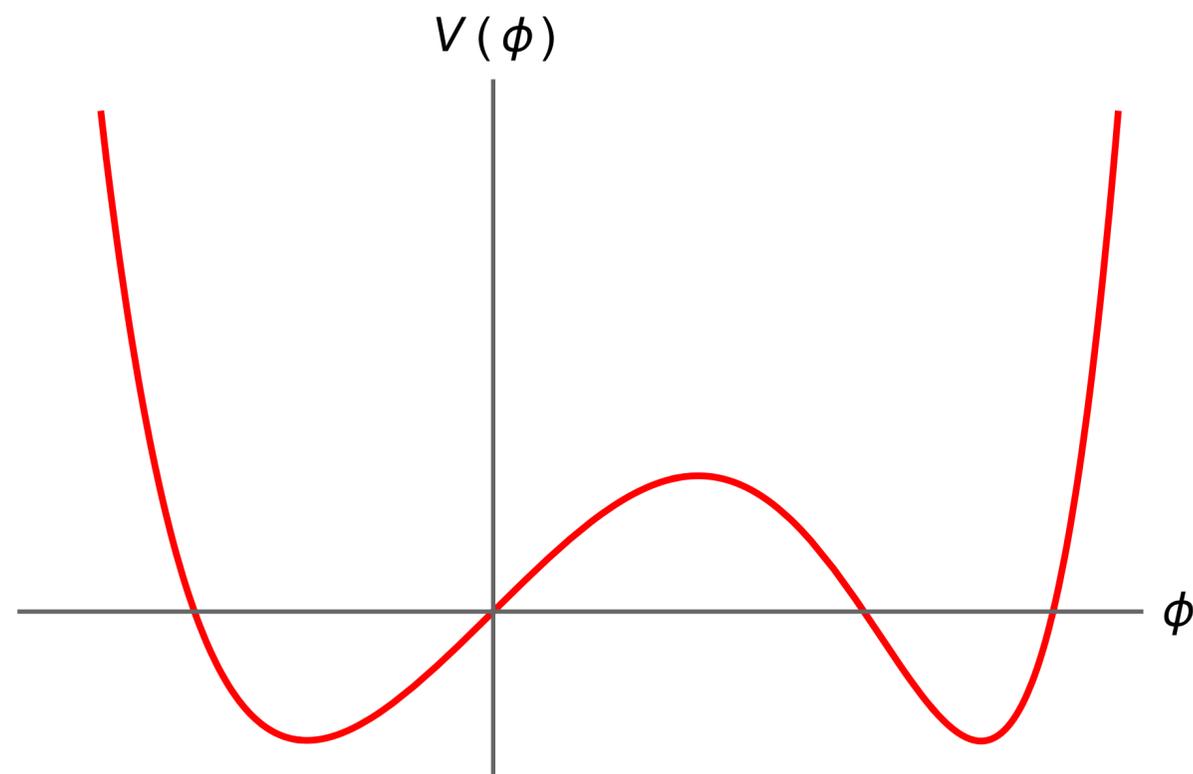
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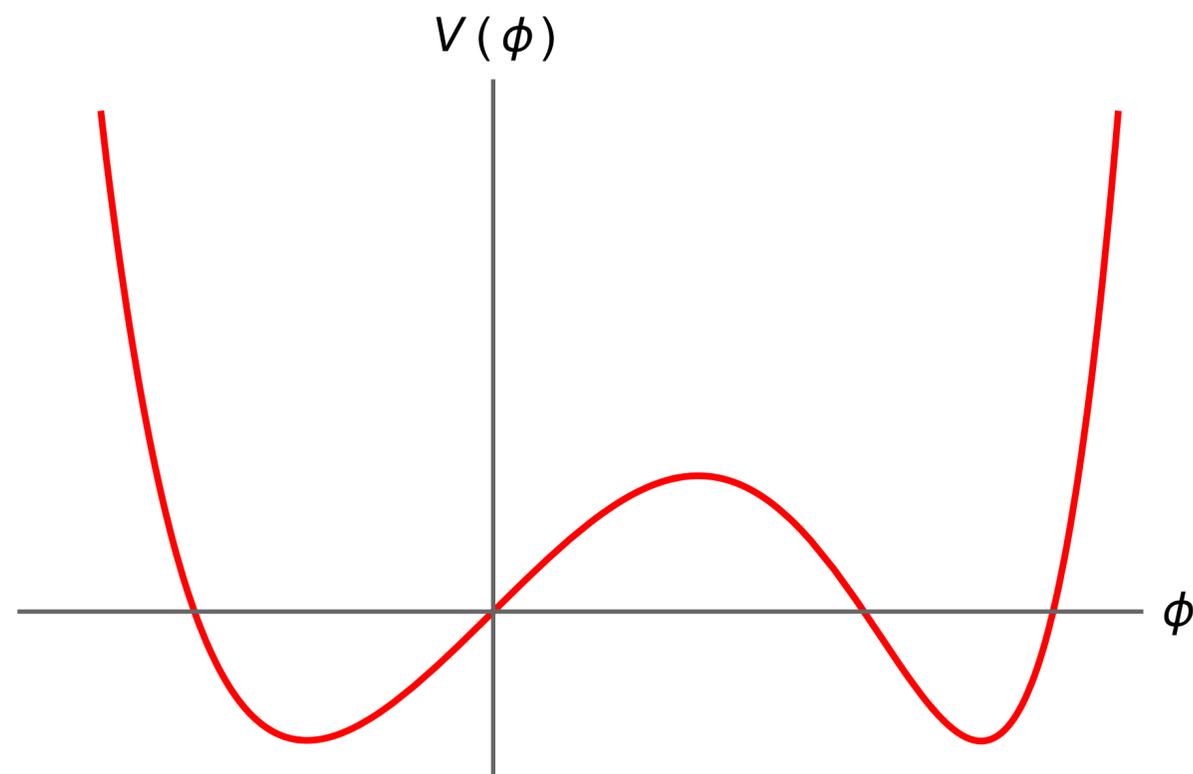
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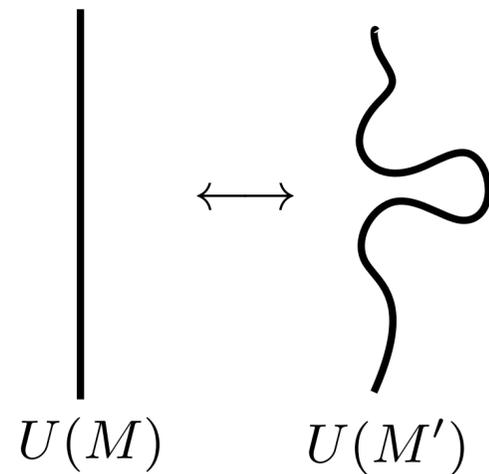
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Natural interpretation to this phenomenon?

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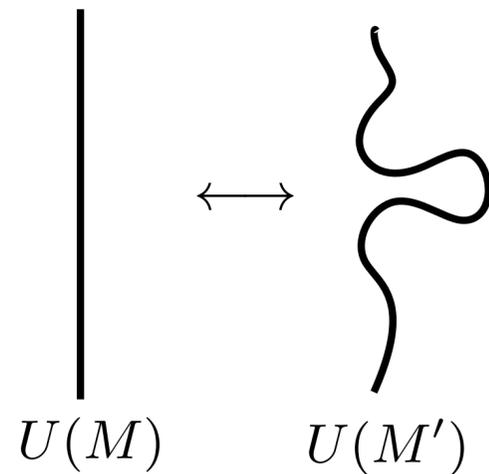
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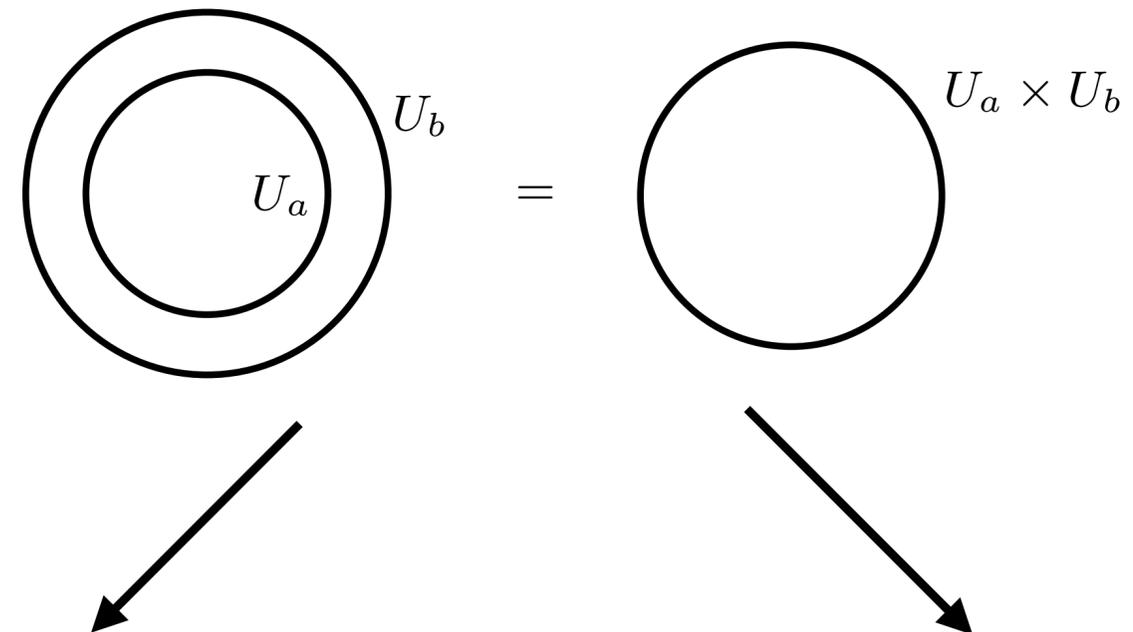
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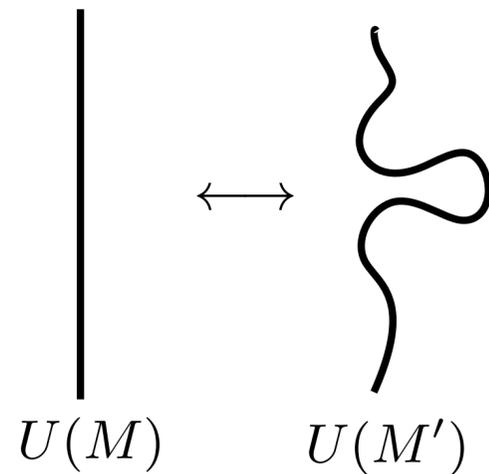
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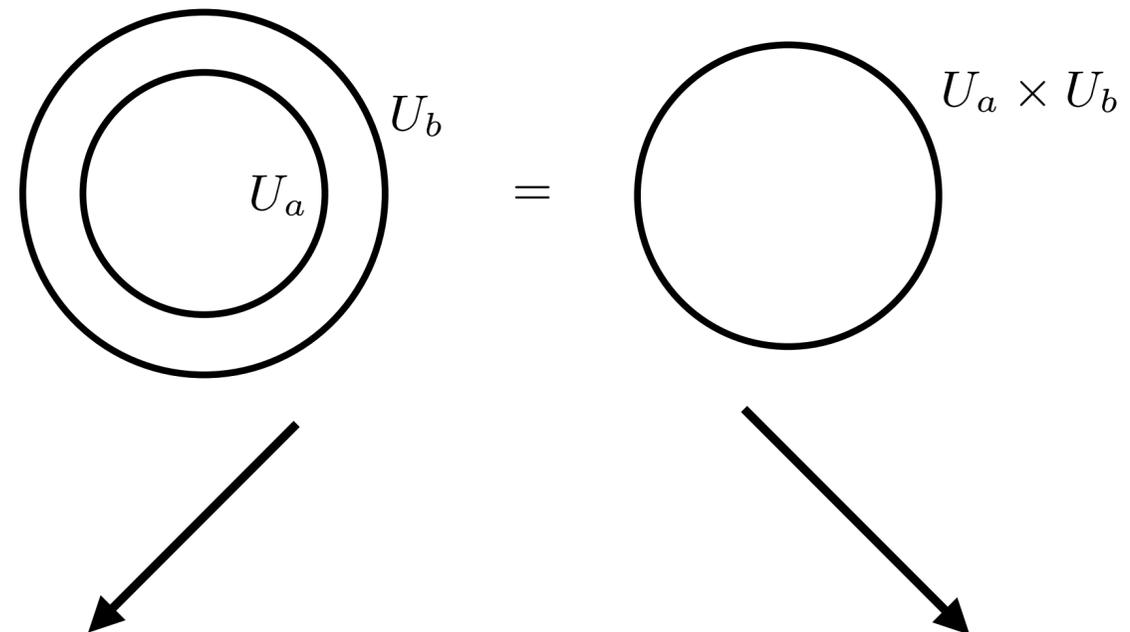
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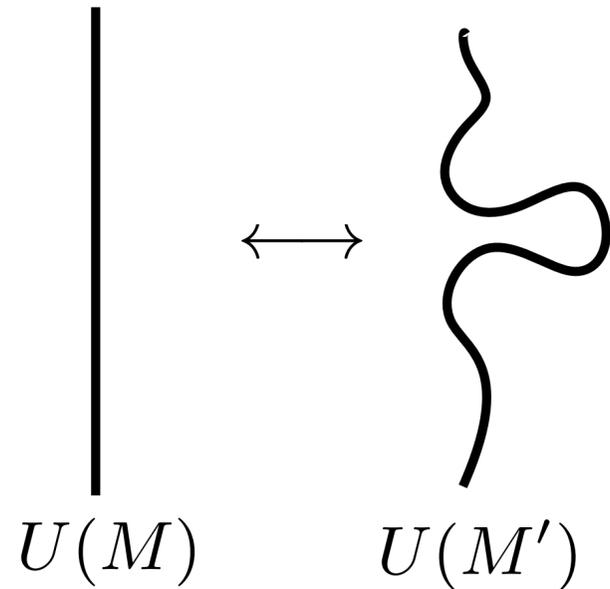
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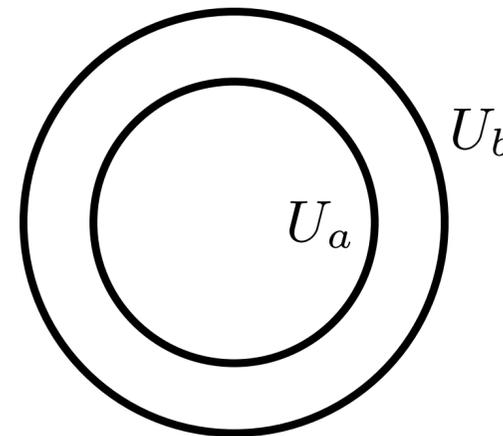
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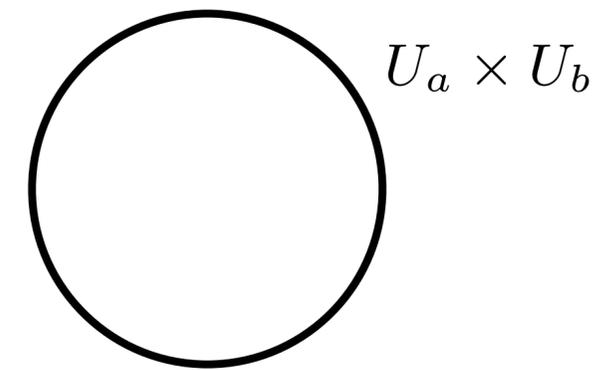
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→ Imply energetic degeneracies.

→ Can be anomalous (and thus constrain RG flows).

→ May be gauged if non-anomalous

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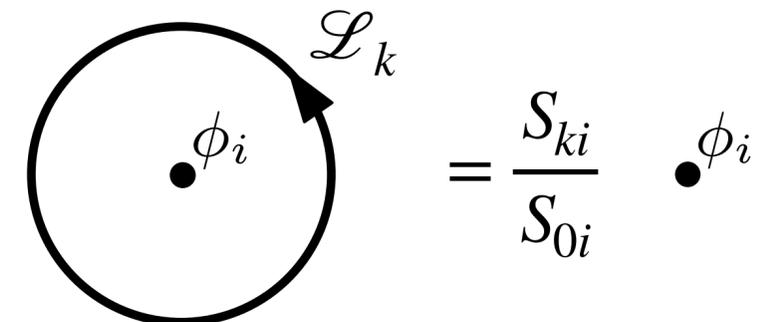
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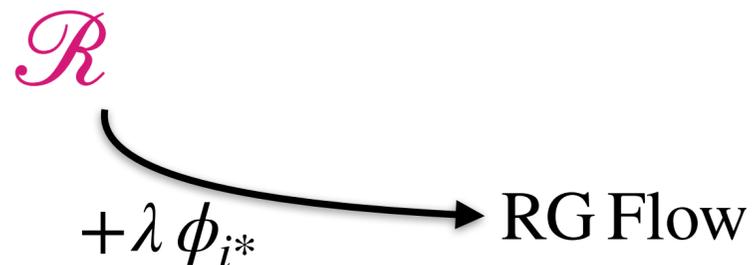
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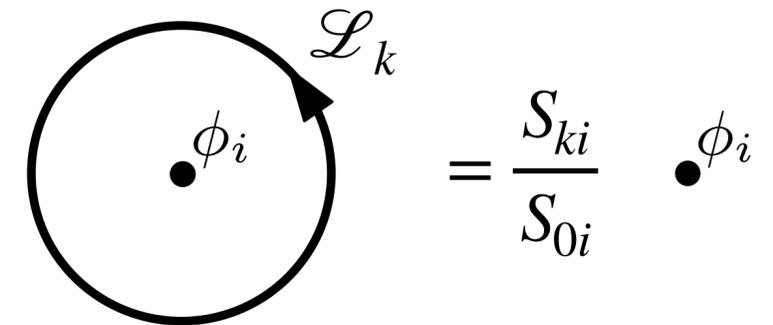
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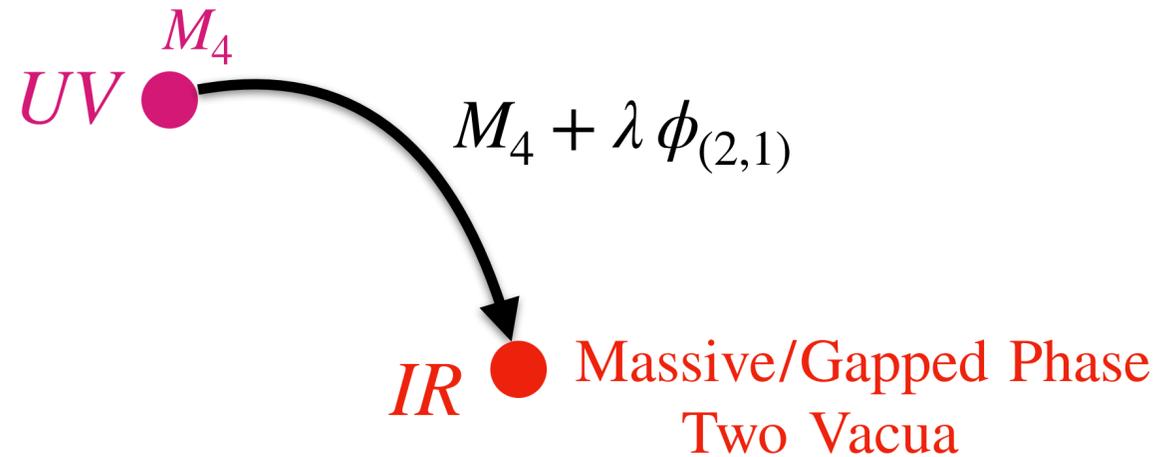
Verlinde lines preserved throughout the RG flow

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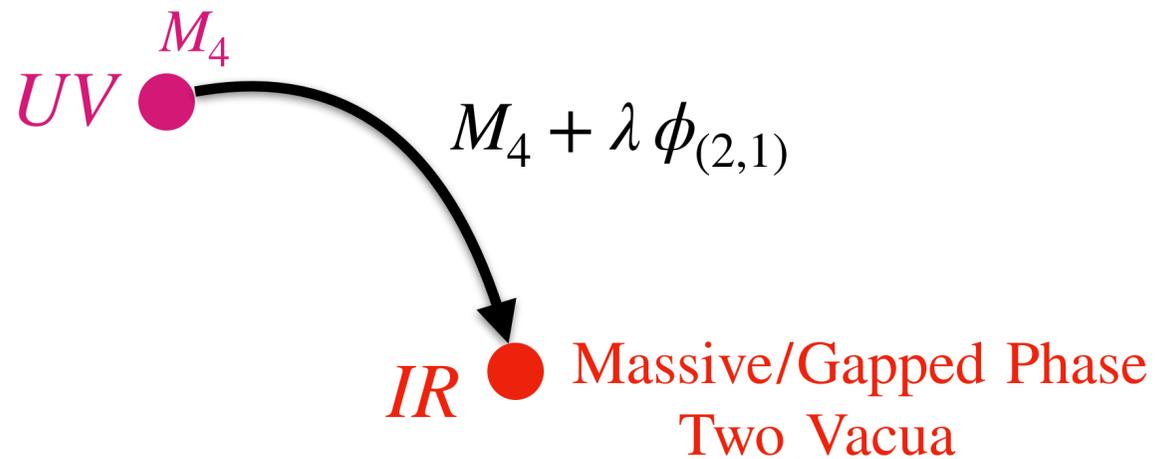
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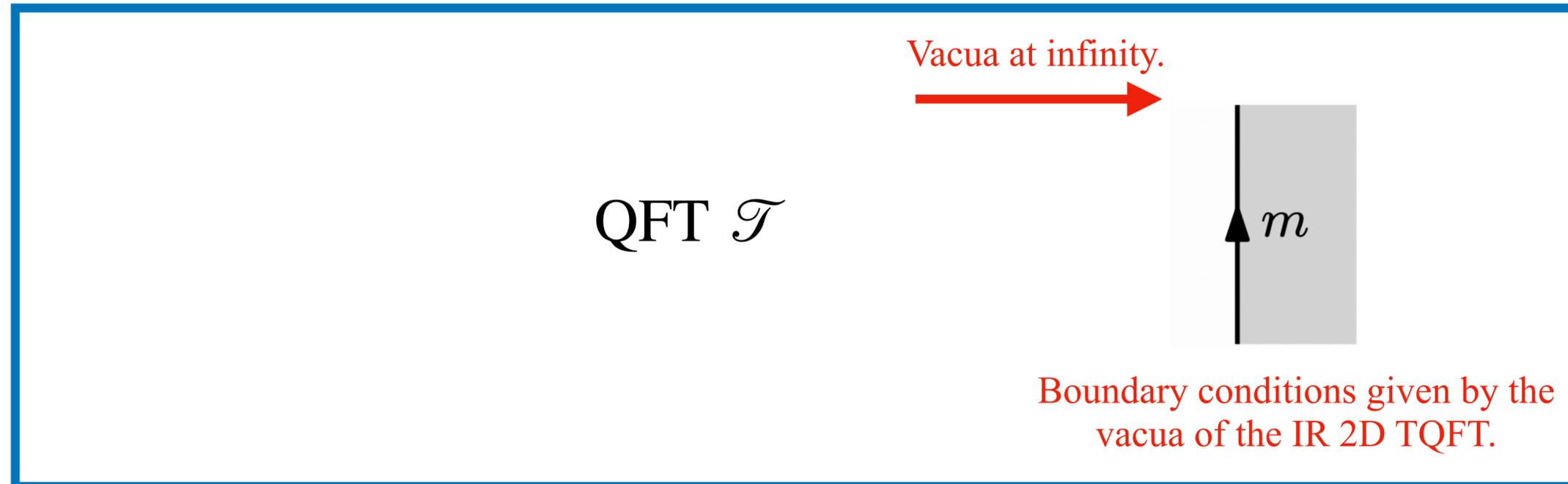
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Interestingly, this is a non-invertible symmetry!

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Solitons: Need to quantize the theory over the real line. Impose boundary conditions at infinity.



Topologically gapped 2D QFT: IR is a 2D TQFT, consisting on many vacua (topological local operators), acted over by the (possibly non-invertible) symmetry of the QFT.

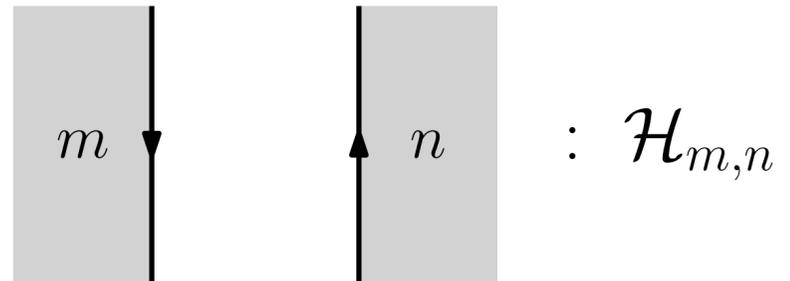
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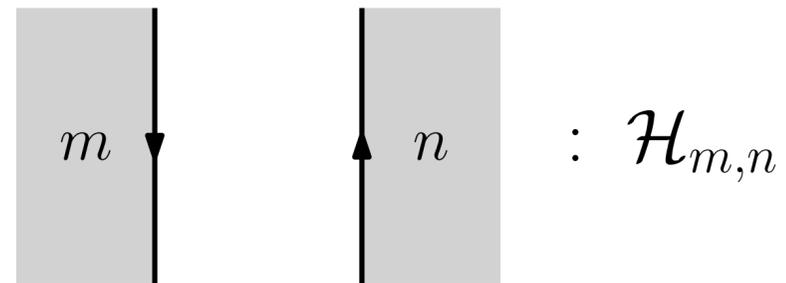
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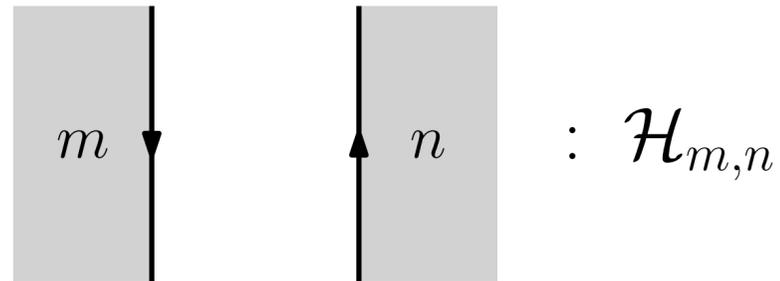
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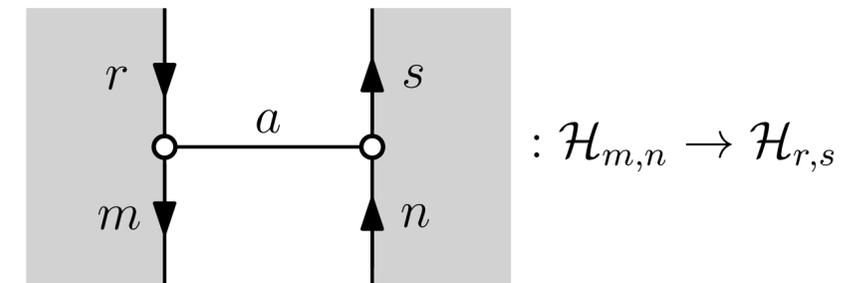
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- Clearly, local operators preserve sector.



- Spontaneously broken symmetry: acts over the vacua. Sectors may be permuted/intertwined.

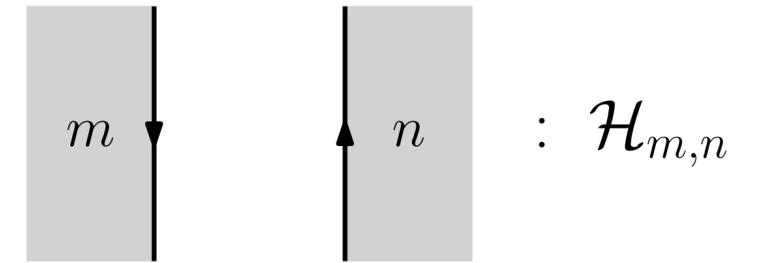
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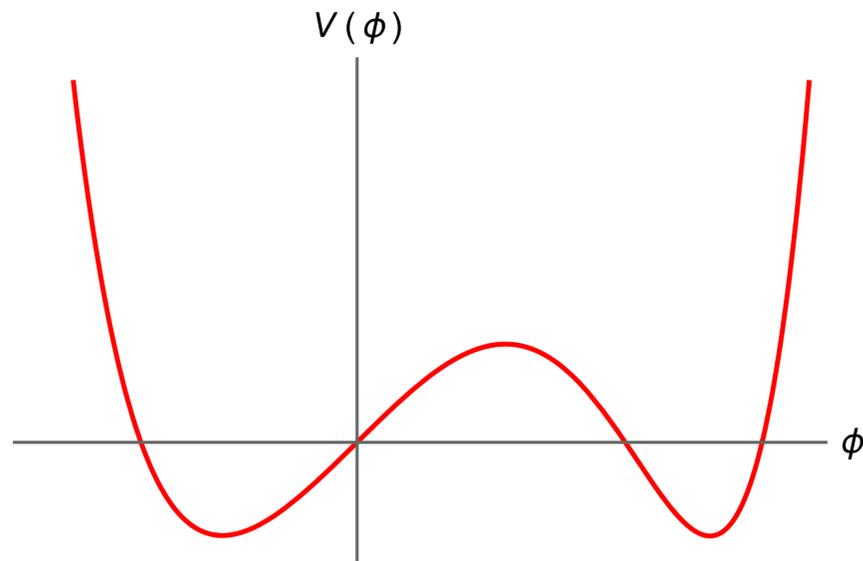
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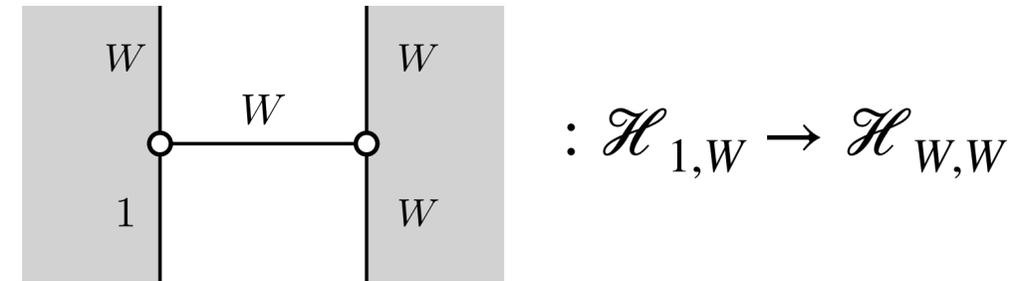


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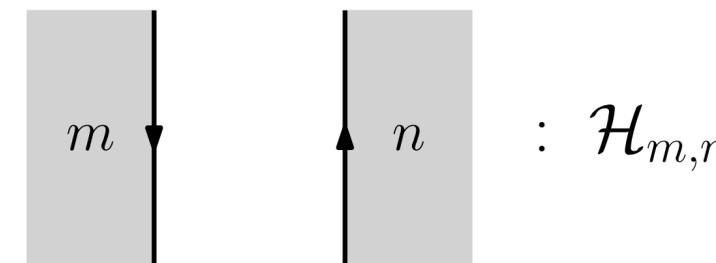
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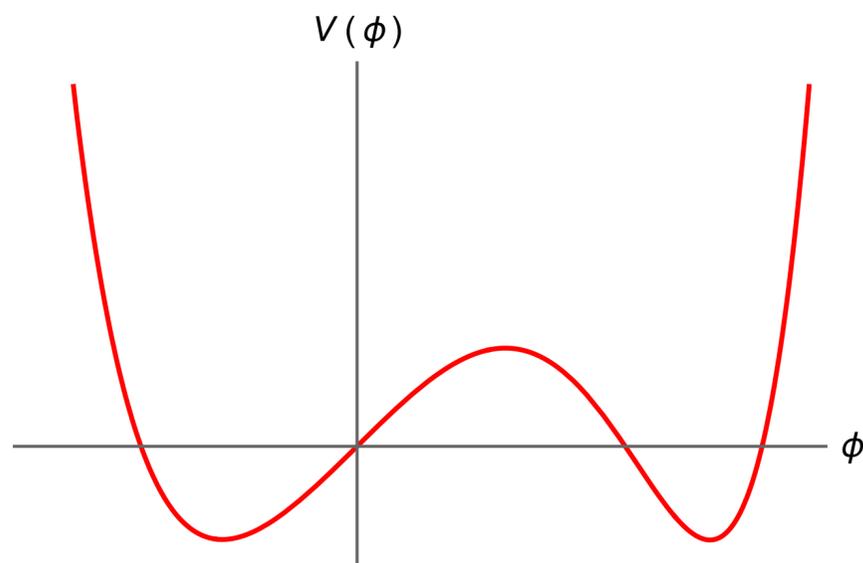
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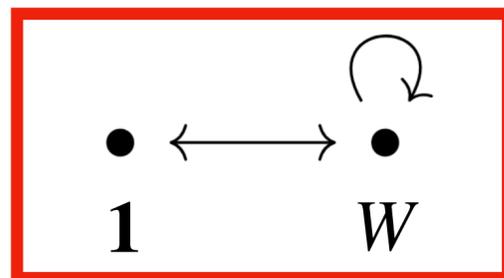
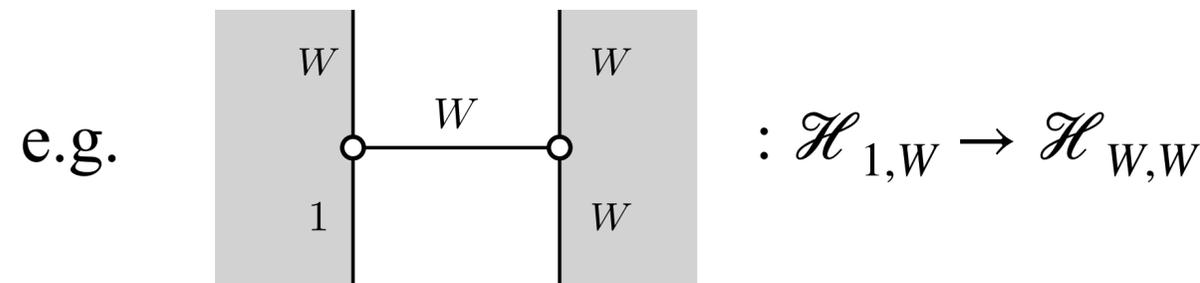


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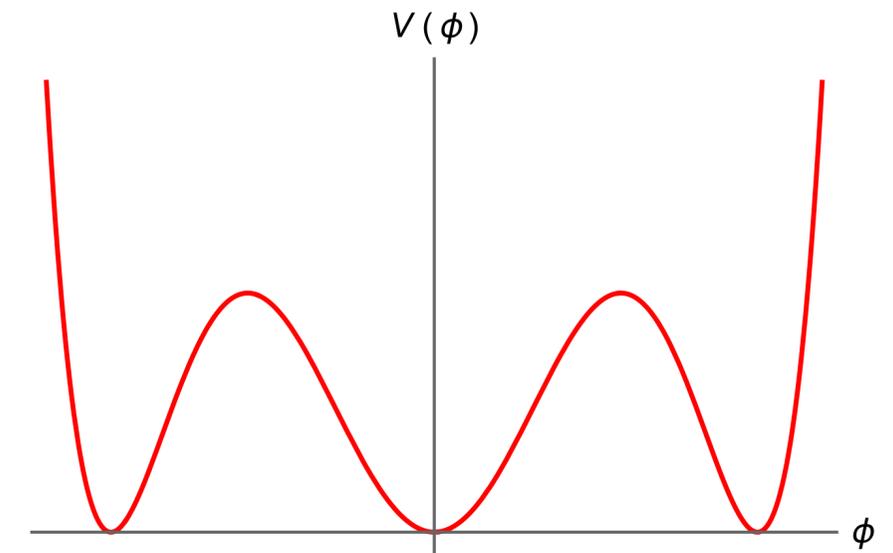
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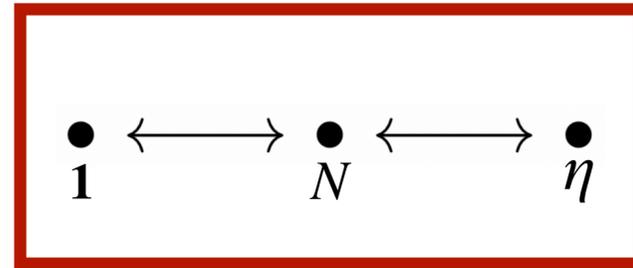
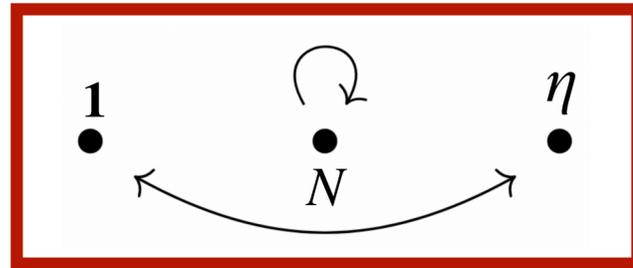
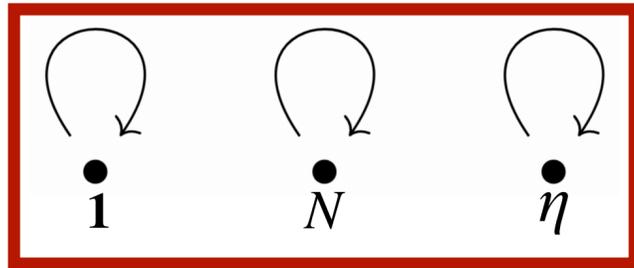
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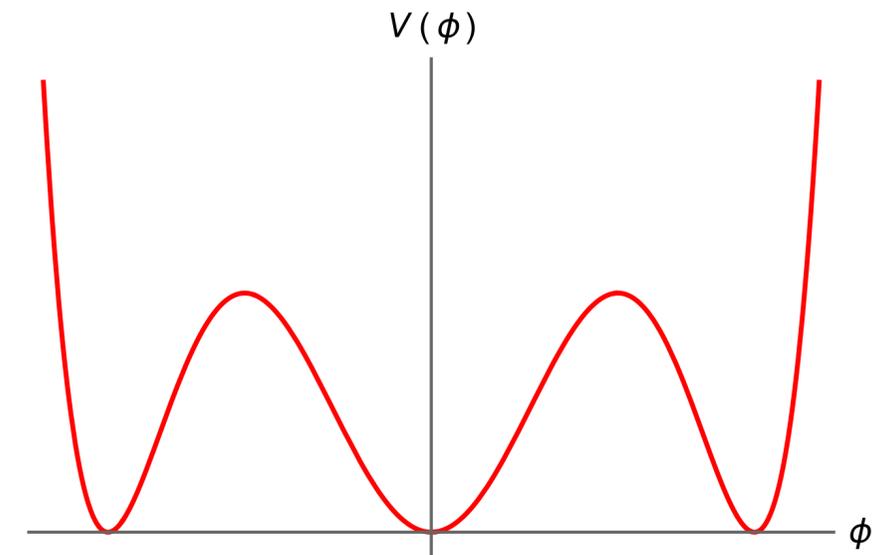
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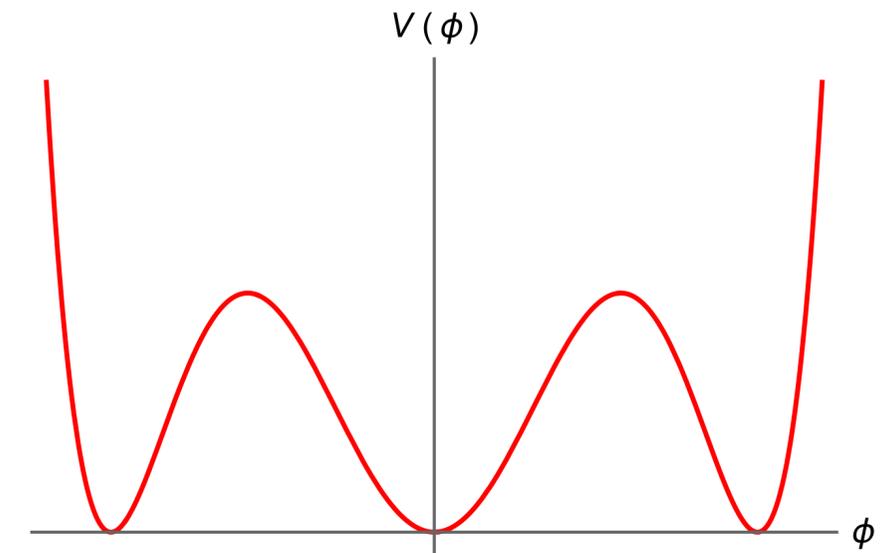
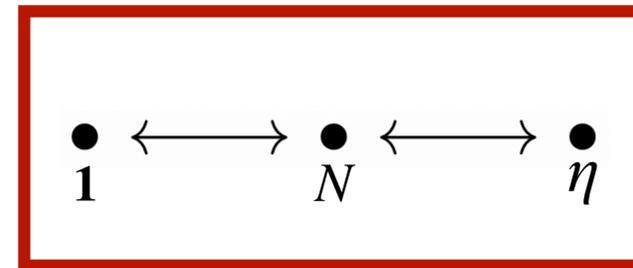
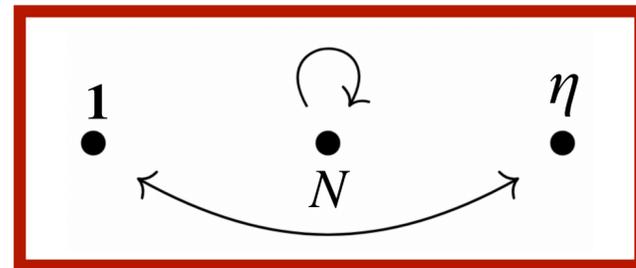
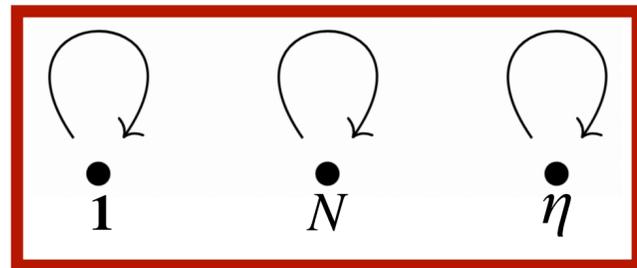
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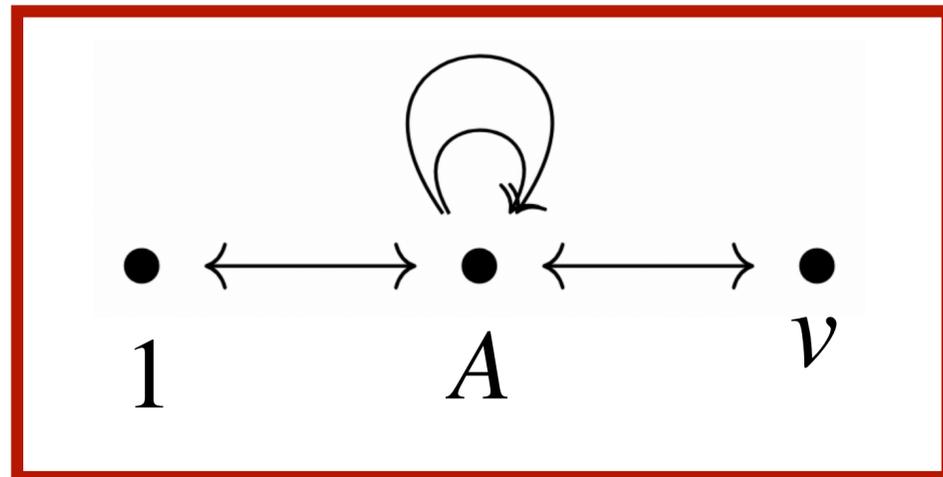
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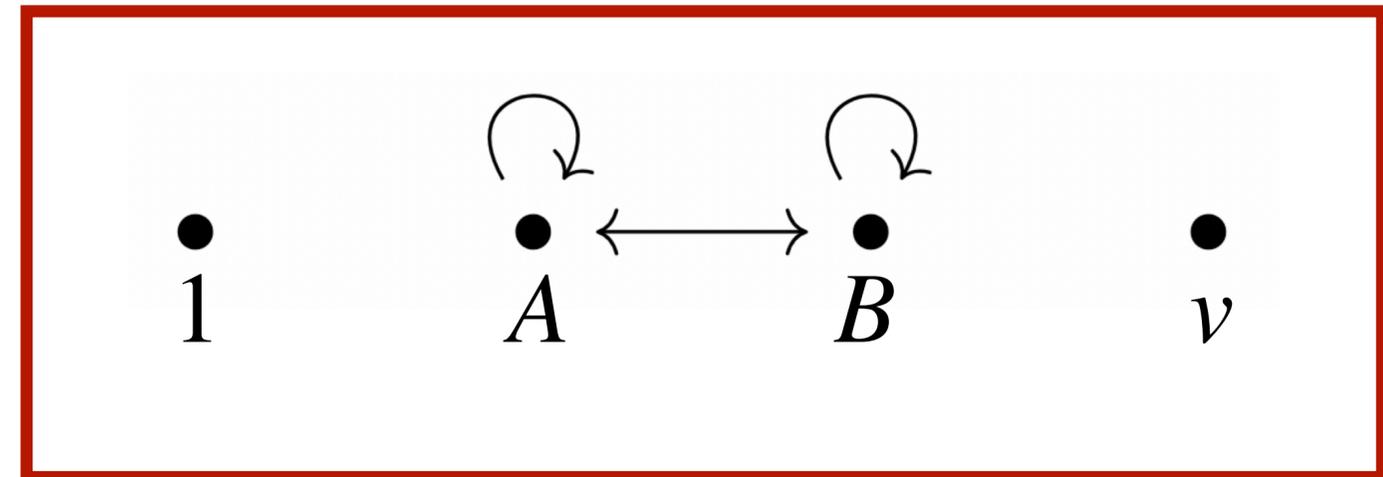
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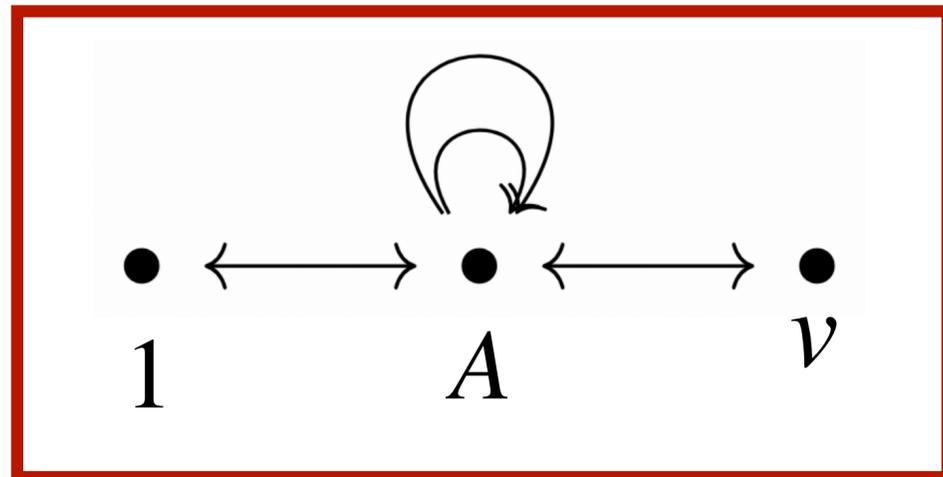
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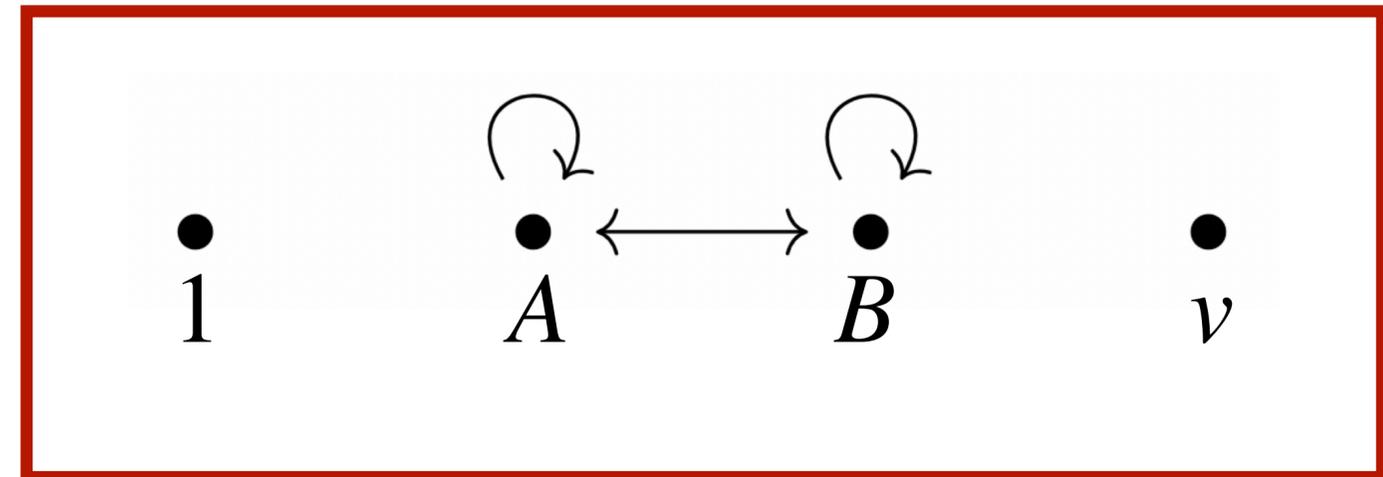
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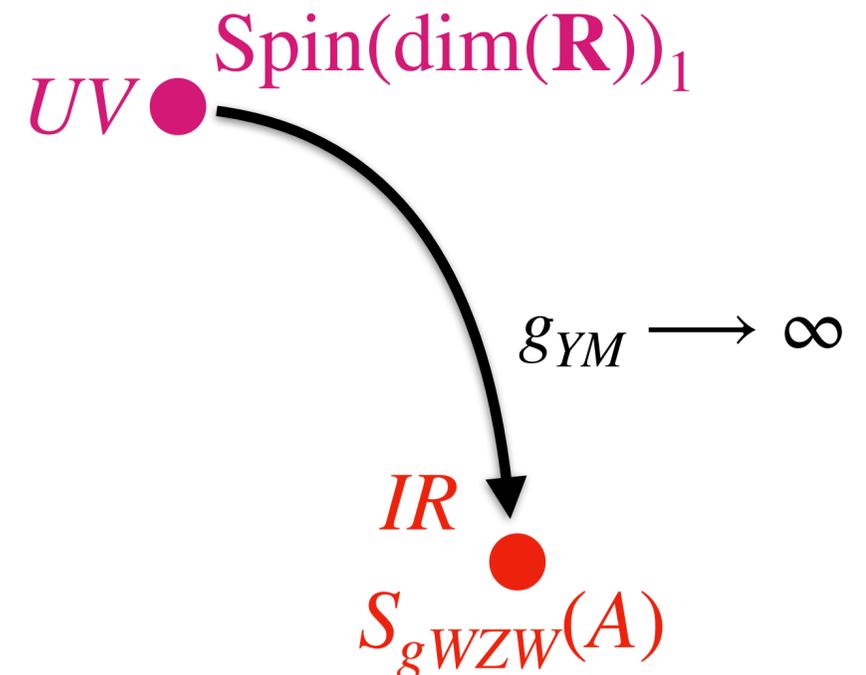
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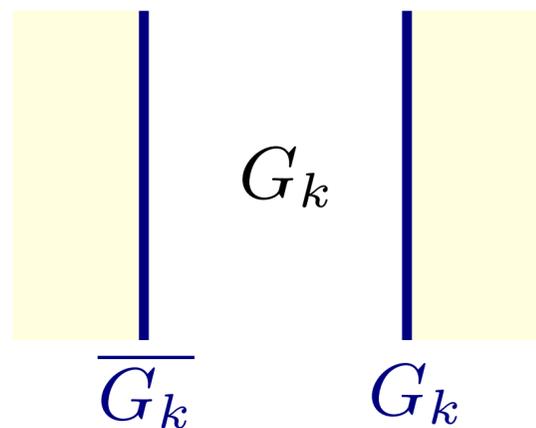


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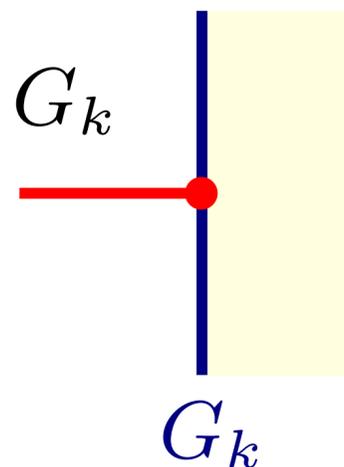


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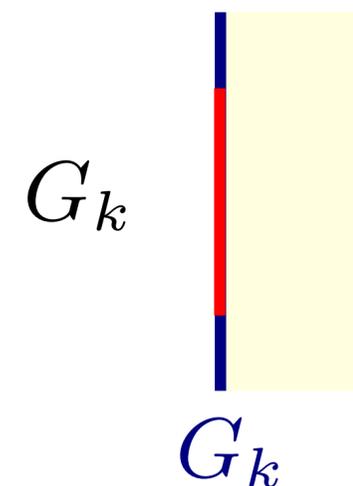
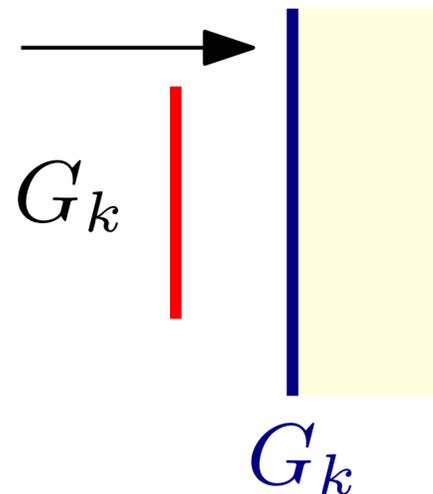
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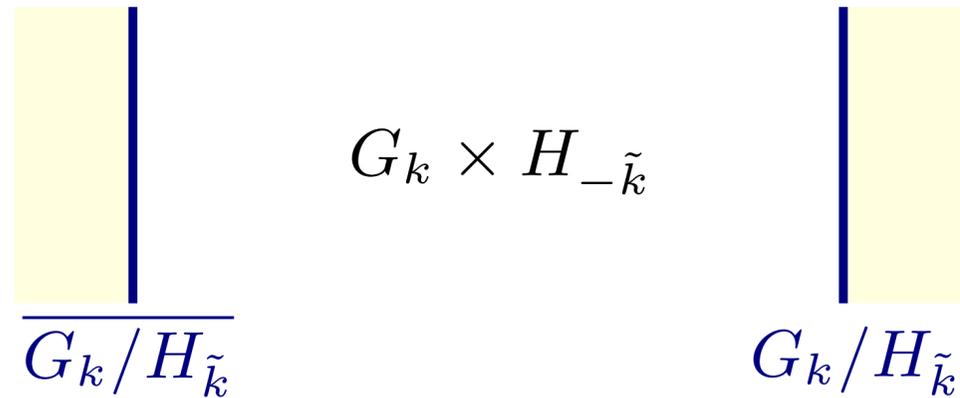
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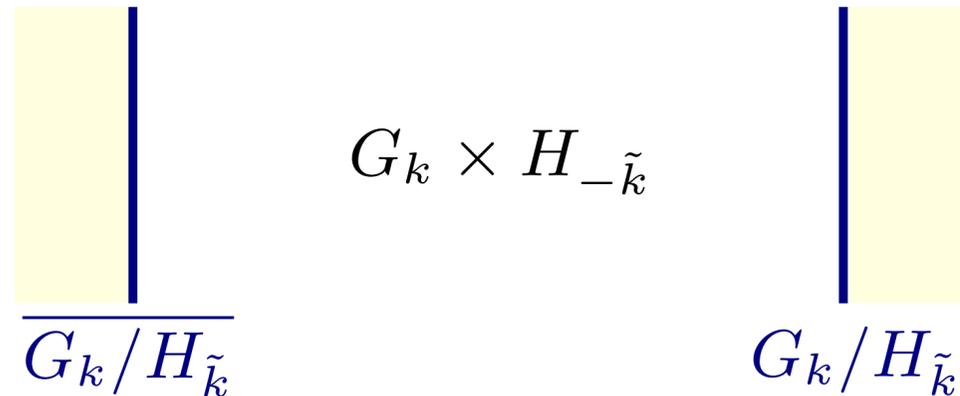
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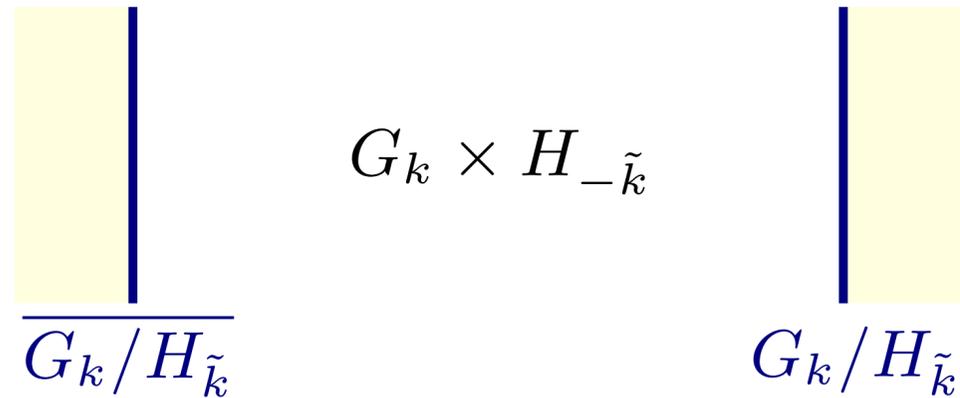
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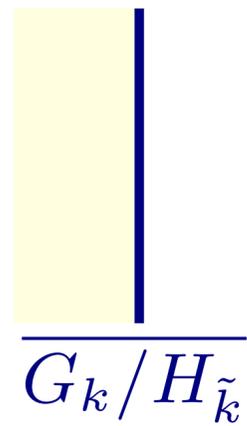
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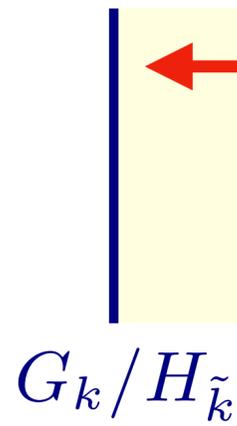
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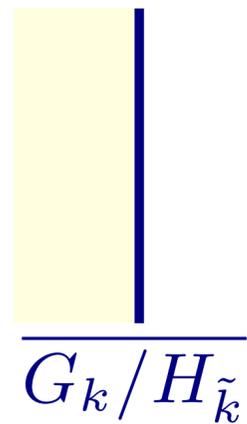


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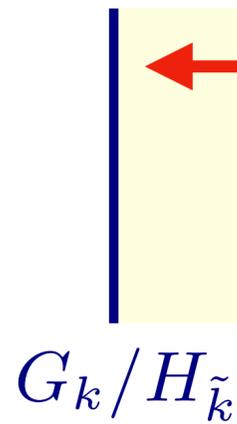
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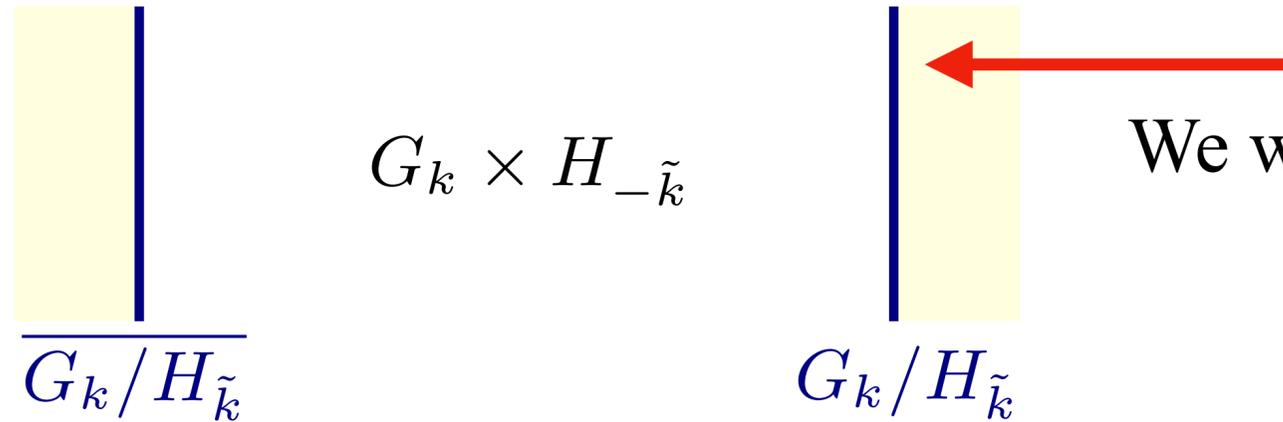
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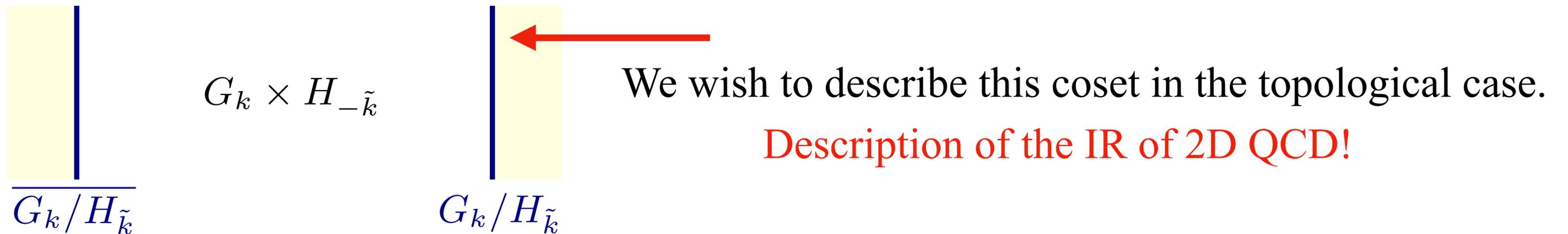
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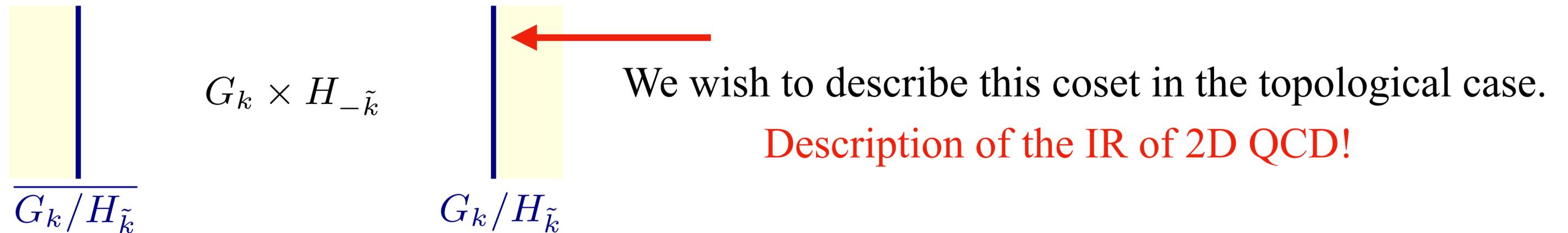
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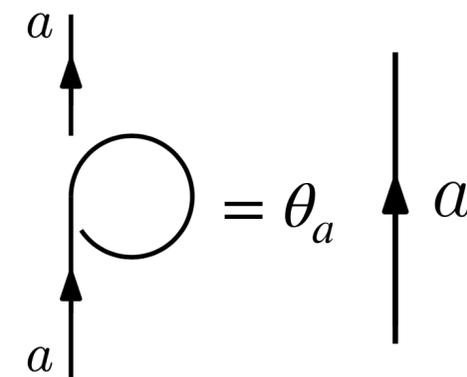
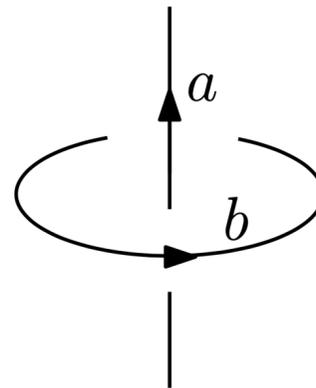


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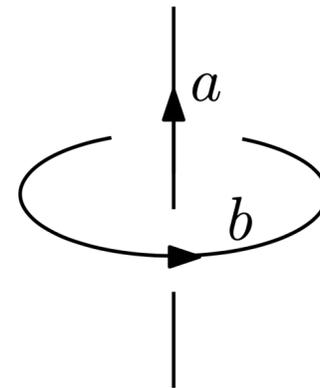


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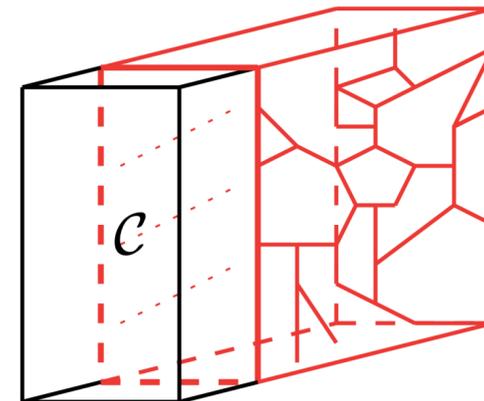
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Gauging of generalized symmetry \mathcal{F} : Insert a mesh of \mathcal{F} throughout the spacetime region where the original theory \mathcal{C} is defined. [1412.5148].



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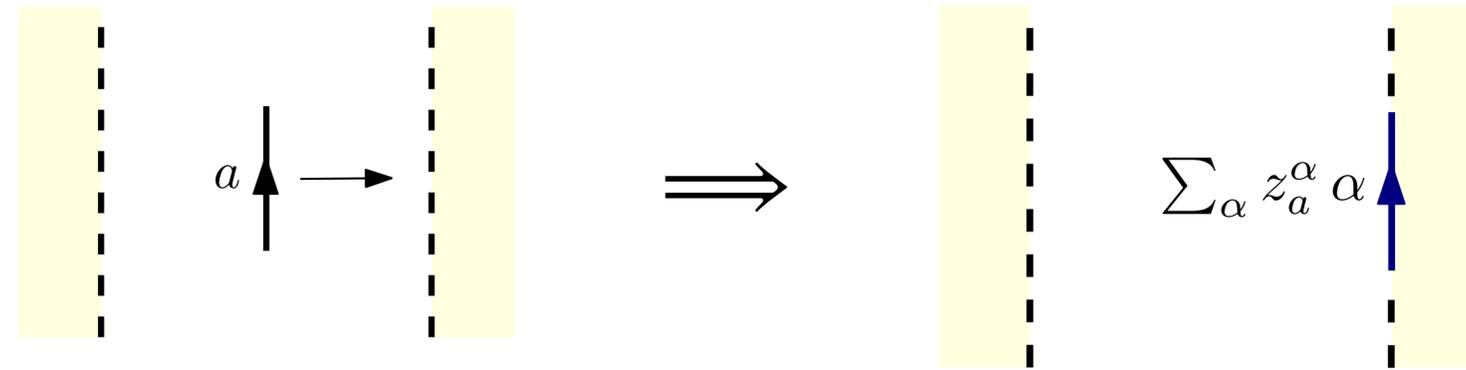
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- Simple bulk anyons a become generically at boundary via “splitting rule”:

$$a = \sum_{\alpha} z_a^{\alpha} \alpha, \quad z_a^{\alpha} \in \mathbb{N}$$

- How the bulk anyons split depend on the Lagrangian algebra.

$$a = \sum_{\alpha} z_a^{\alpha} \alpha \implies \bar{a} = \sum_{\alpha} z_a^{\alpha} \bar{\alpha}.$$

$$a = \sum_{\alpha} z_a^{\alpha} \alpha \implies d_a = \sum_b z_a^{\alpha} d_{\alpha}.$$

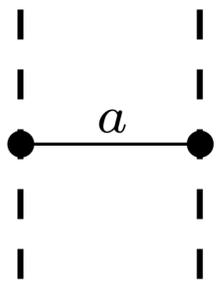
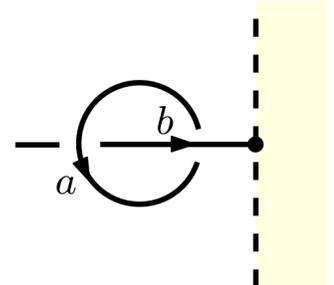
$$a \otimes b = \bigoplus_c N_{a,b}^c c \implies \left(\sum_{\alpha} z_a^{\alpha} \alpha \right) \times \left(\sum_{\beta} z_b^{\beta} \beta \right) = \sum_{c,\gamma} N_{a,b}^c z_c^{\gamma} \gamma.$$

Simple anyons in the Lagrangian algebra $\mathcal{L} = \bigoplus_a a$ always have a component of the identity line of the boundary theory:
 $a \rightarrow \mathbf{1} + \dots$

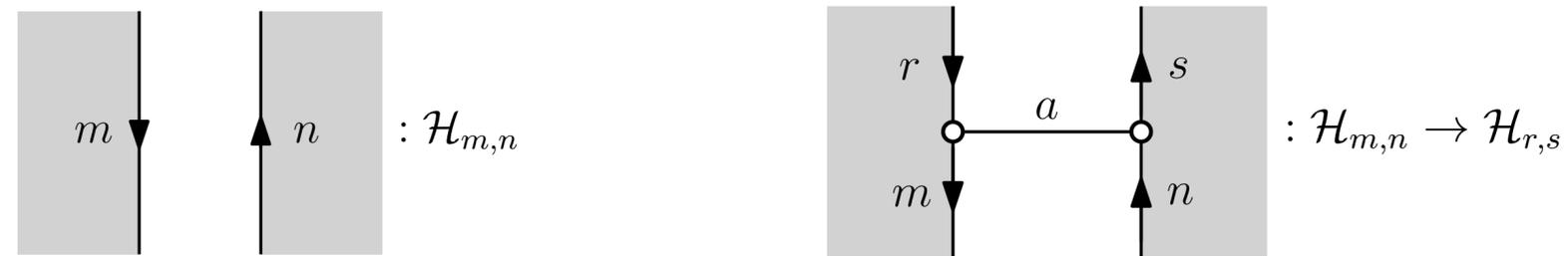


Find fusion ring of the 2D boundary by these splitting rules

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Reconstruct local operators of the 2D IR theory from the 3D bulk TQFT: $\phi_a =$  

Once we know how the fusion category acts over the boundary conditions, we can ask how Hilbert spaces defined by different boundary conditions are related by the action of the non-invertible symmetry:



General Story

[C. Córdova, K. Ohmori, N. Holfester. (2408.11045)]

For our purposes, the degeneracies can be encoded in quiver diagrams:

- For each vacuum/topological local operator m , write a node in the quiver.
- Irreducible representations are labeled by the lines a of the fusion category. Write N_{ma}^n directed arrows from m to n .

[S. Cecotti, C. Vafa. (9211097)]

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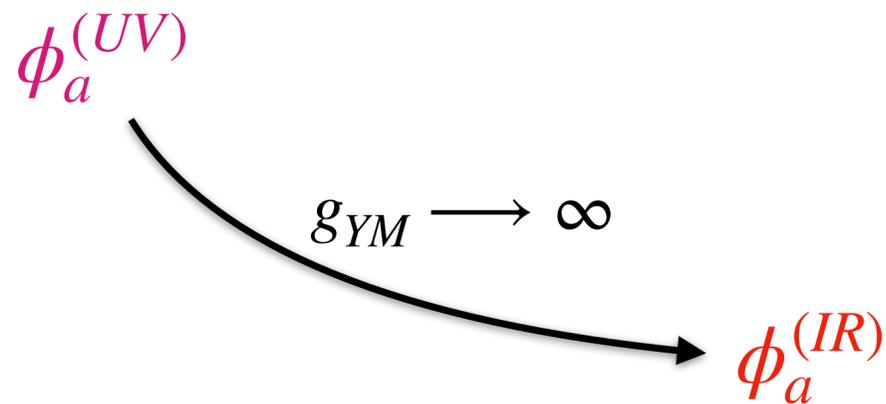
Effectively, in the 2D theory this quotient shifts the global form of the gauge group G to a non-simply connected version thereof.

Characterizing the vacua of 2D QCD

Flow of local operators in 2D QCD

[D. Delmastro, J. Gomis. (2211.09036)]

Characterize the vacua of the theory by examining the expectation value of local operators in each vacua (order parameters):



$$\langle \phi_a \rangle_i = \langle \mathbf{v}_i | \phi_a | \mathbf{v}_i \rangle$$

Matrix of condensates

$$B_{ai} = \langle \mathbf{v}_i | \phi_a | \mathbf{v}_i \rangle$$

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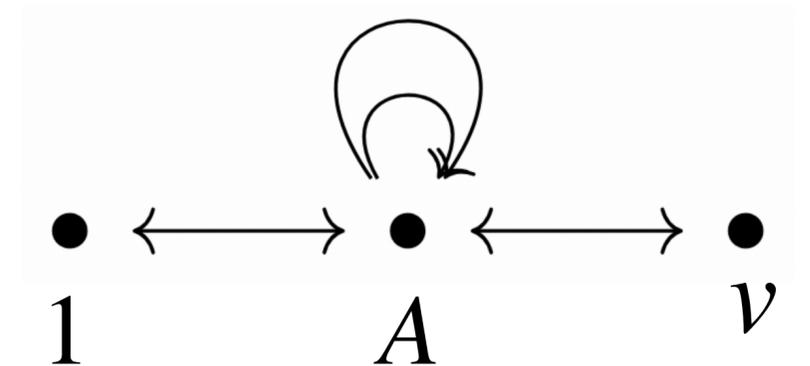
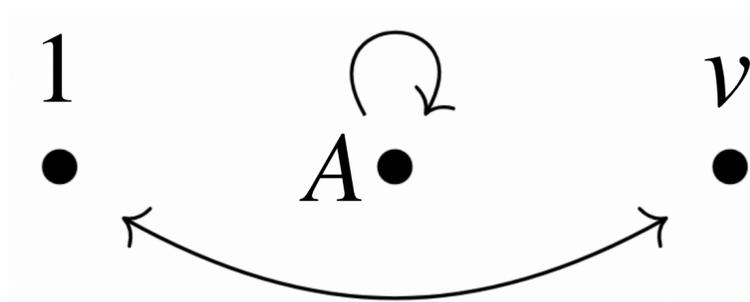
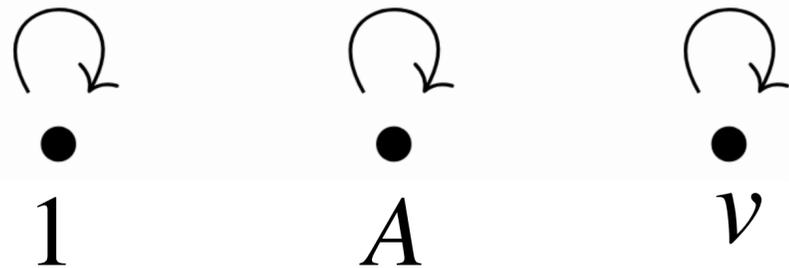
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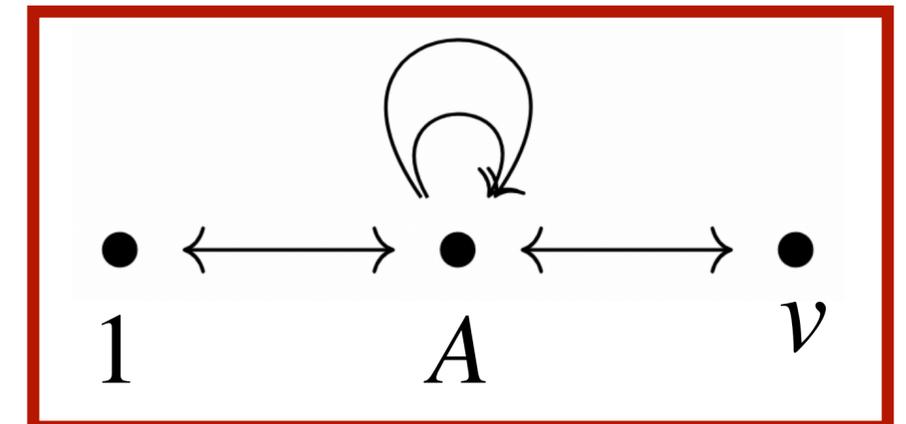
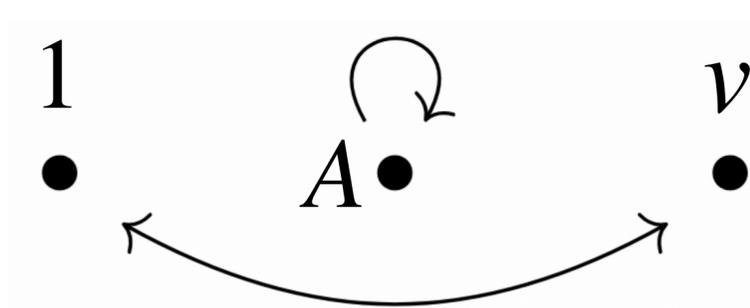
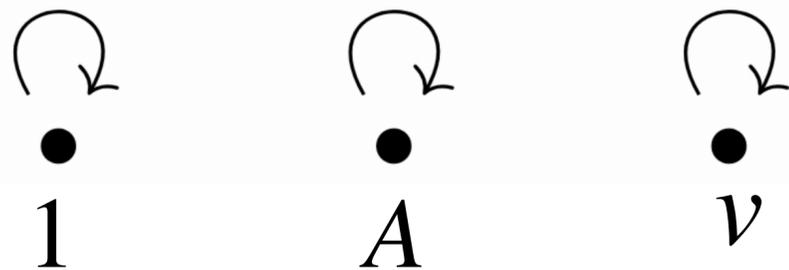
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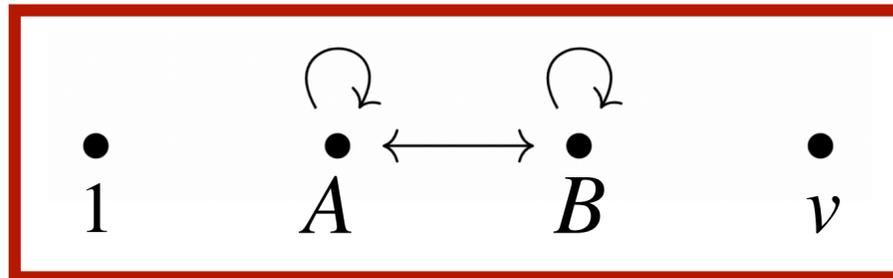
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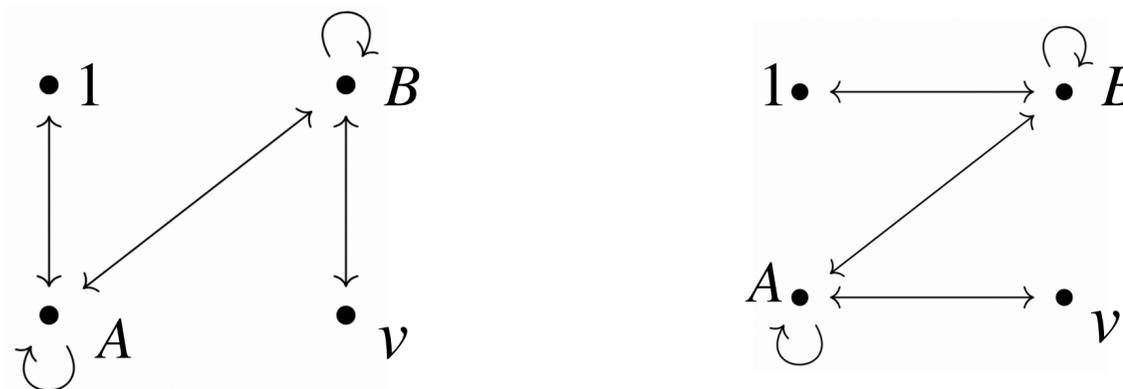
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ν	1	B	A
A	B	$1 + A + B$	$\nu + A + B$
B	A	$\nu + A + B$	$1 + A + B$



Excitations are necessarily members of the multiplets:



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