

Title: Levin-Wen is a gauge theory: entanglement from topology

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Abstract: The Levin-Wen model is known to produce a vast array of topological phases of matter. Among these theories are gauge theories such as the twisted quantum double. In this talk, we will show that the Levin-Wen model is itself a gauge theory. In particular, given a unitary fusion category  $C$ , we construct a globally tube algebra  $(\text{Tube}(C))$  symmetric lattice model and gauge this symmetry to produce the Levin-Wen model with anyons described by the Drinfeld center  $Z(C)$ . This construction endows the terms of the Levin-Wen Hamiltonian with the interpretation of flux and charge operators for the  $\text{Tube}(C)$  gauge symmetry. Furthermore, this construction gives a gauge theoretic interpretation to the mathematical fact that the category of representations of  $\text{Tube}(C)$  is equivalent to  $Z(C)$ . To demonstrate this new class of  $\text{Tube}(C)$  symmetric theories, we will explicitly explore the case where  $C$  is the Fibonacci category  $\text{Fib}$ . We will write down the ungauged  $\text{Tube}(\text{Fib})$  symmetric theory, compute the symmetry action, and show how to gauge the  $\text{Tube}(\text{Fib})$  global symmetry to produce the double Fibonacci Levin-Wen model.

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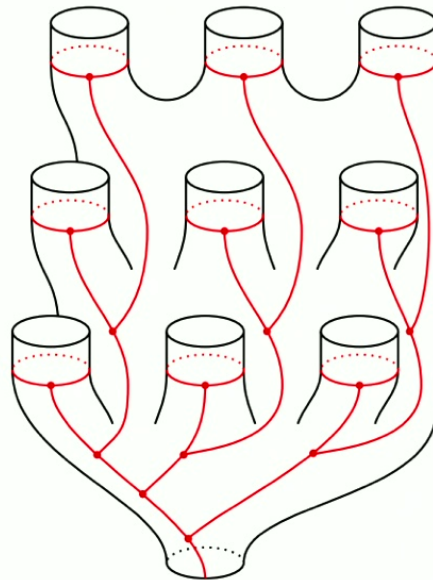
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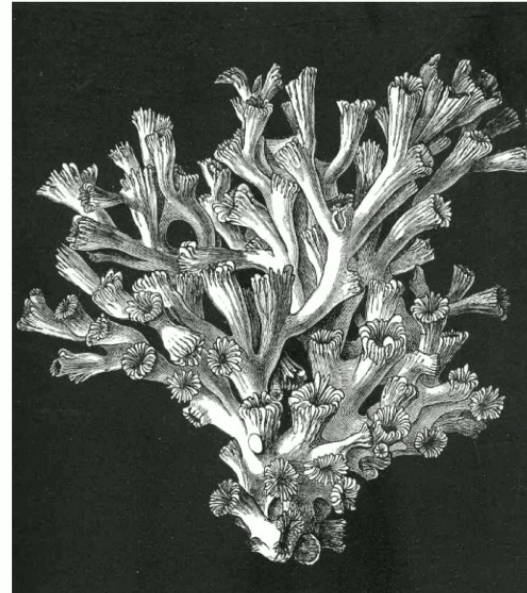
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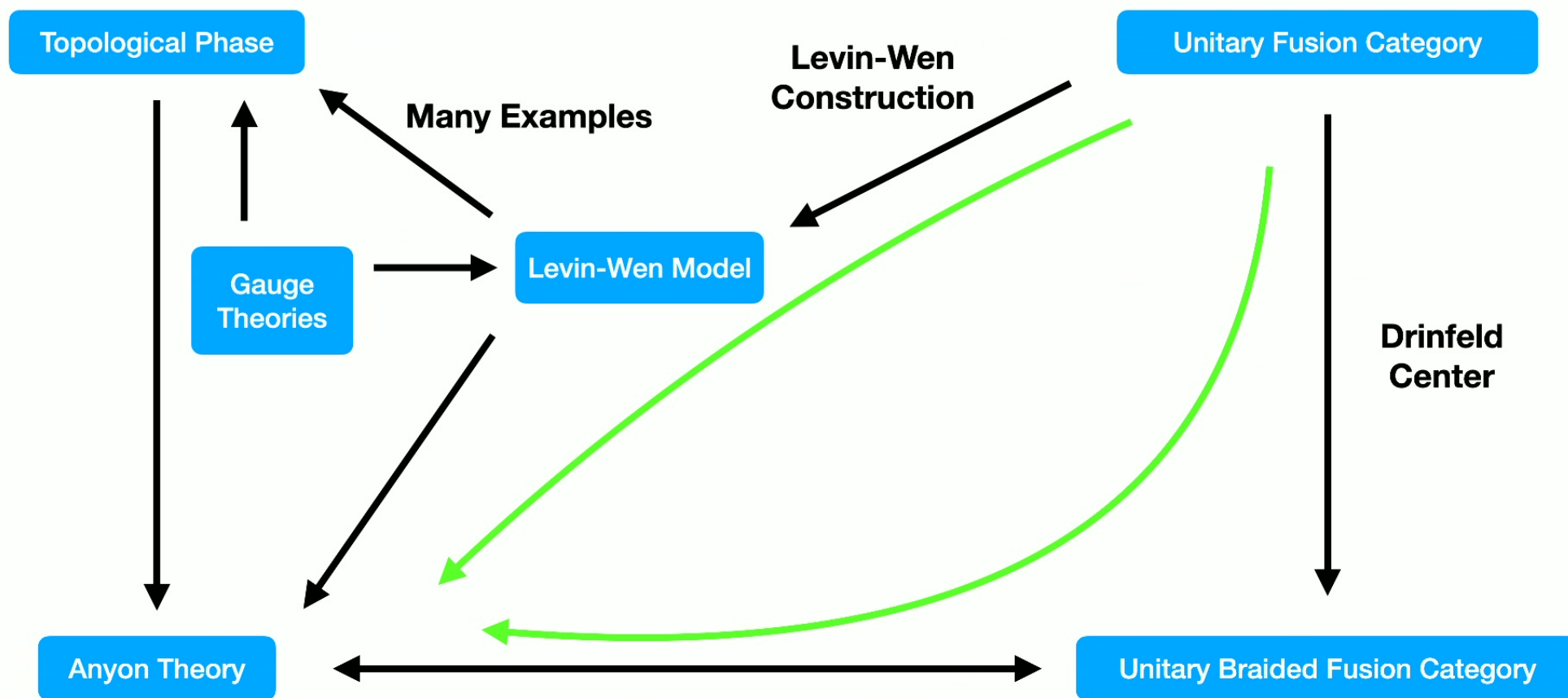


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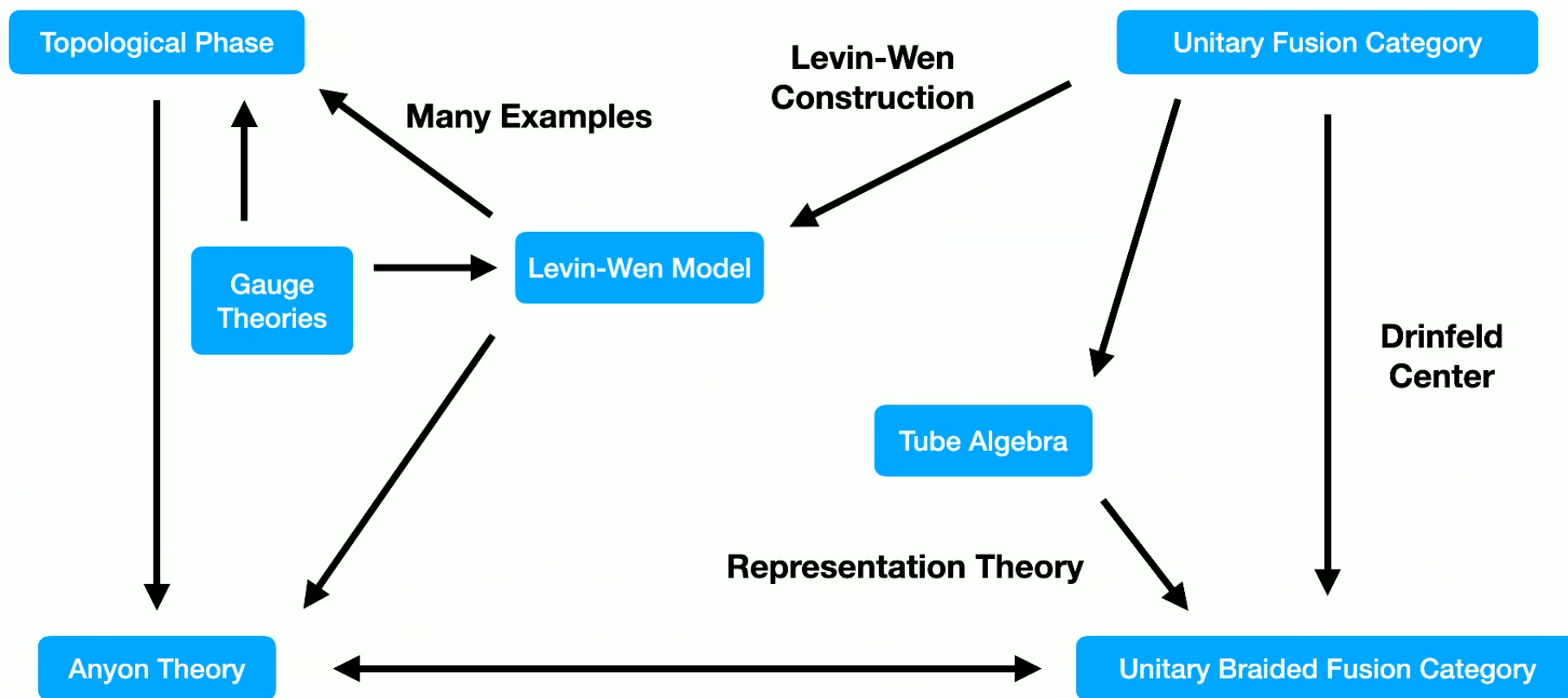


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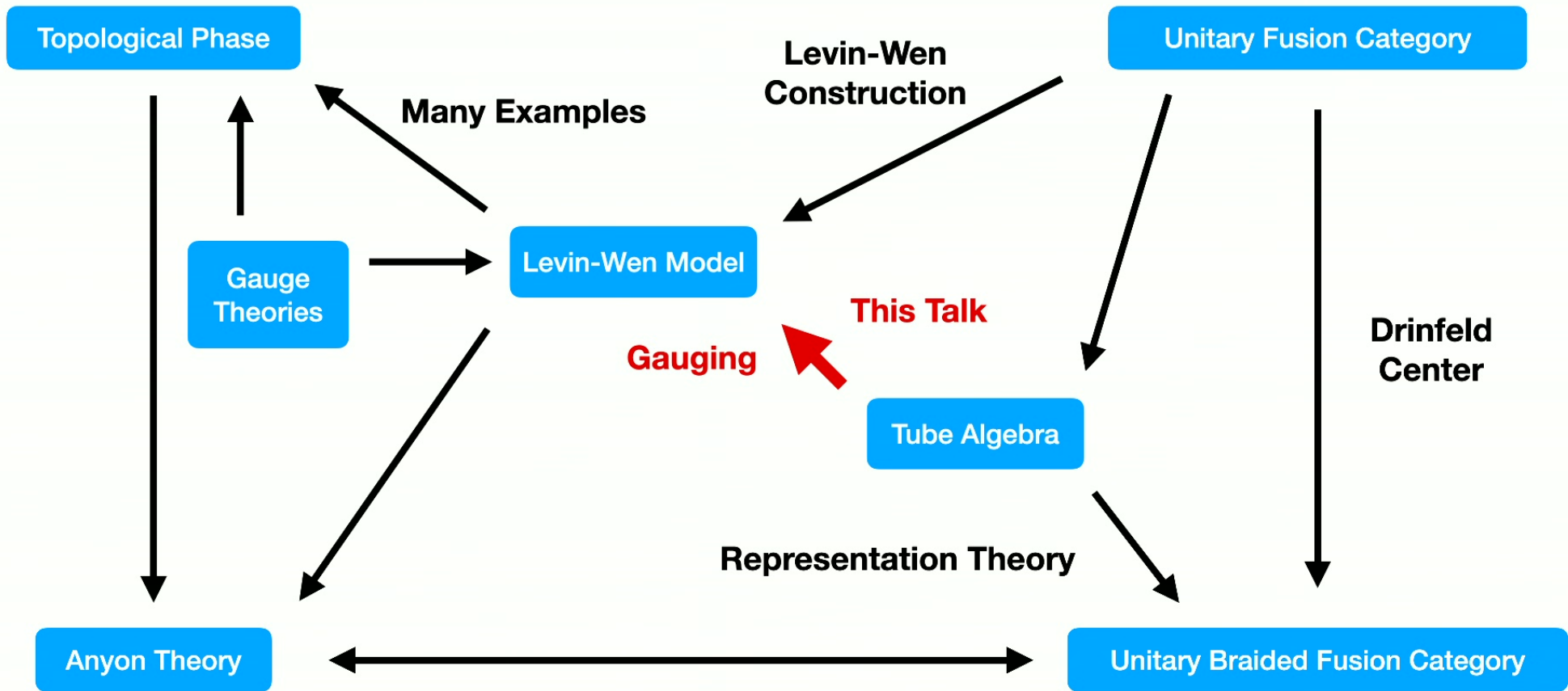
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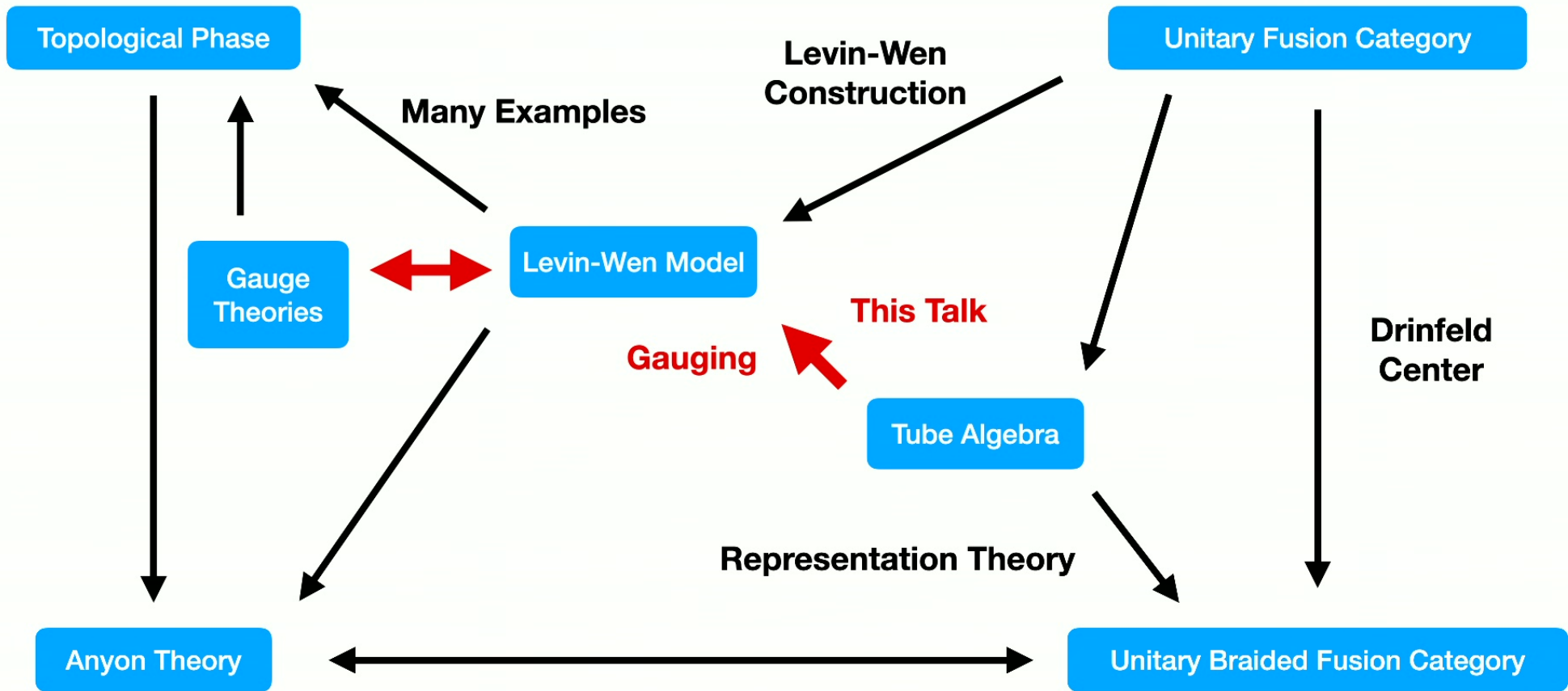
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# Motivation

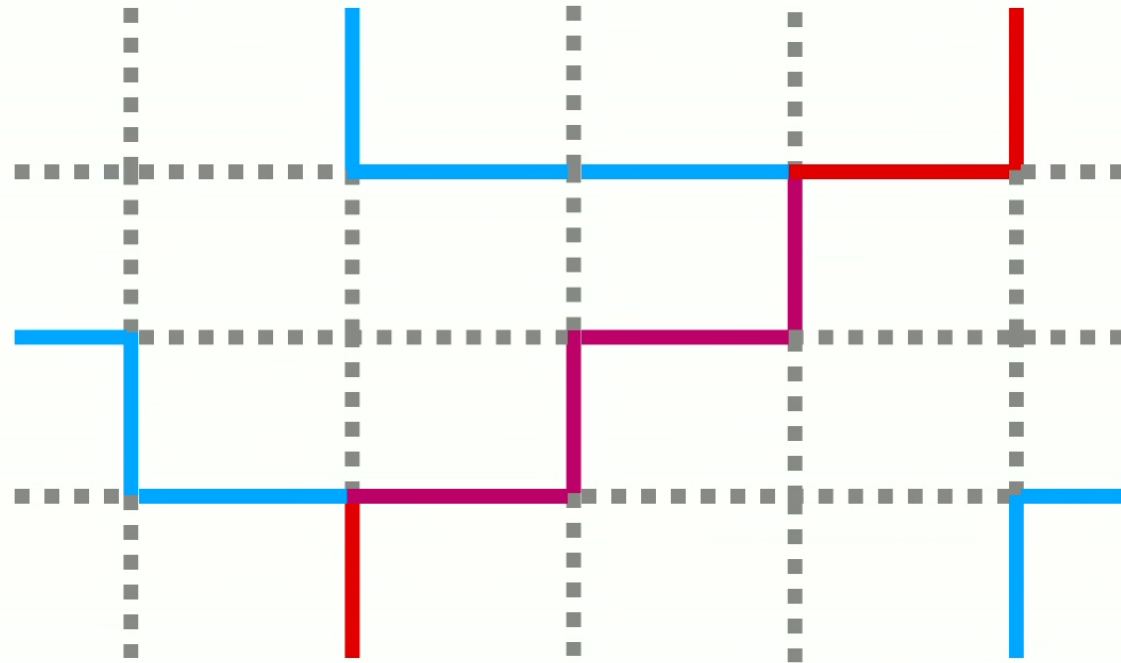
- The Levin-Wen model describes a vast array of gapped topological phases
- Many of these models are gauge theories.
- Levin-Wen Hamiltonian *looks* like a gauge theory

$$H = - \sum_v A_v - \sum_p B_p$$

- $Rep(Tube(\mathcal{C})) \cong Z(\mathcal{C}) =$  Levin-Wen anyons

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# What is the Levin-Wen model?



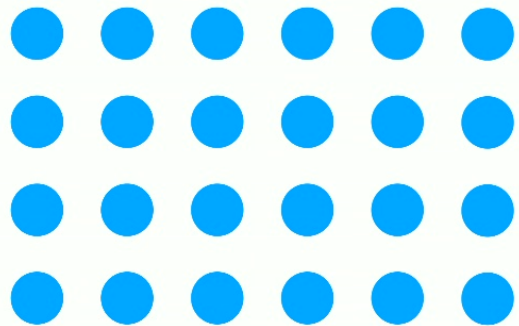
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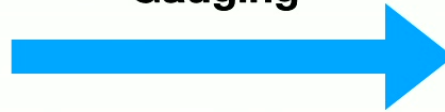


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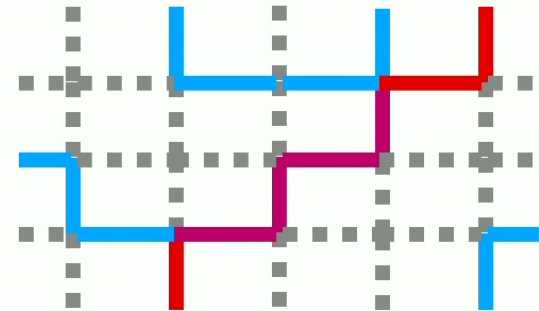
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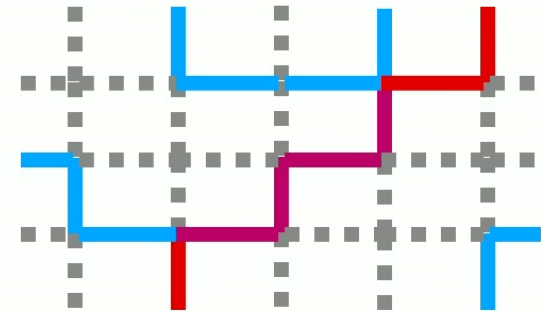
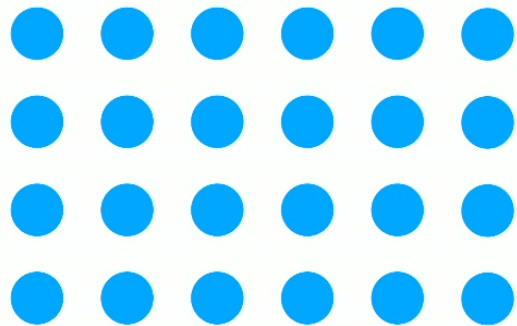
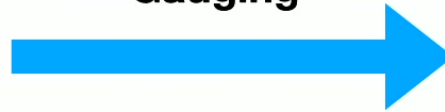


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Theory of domain walls  
Toric Code



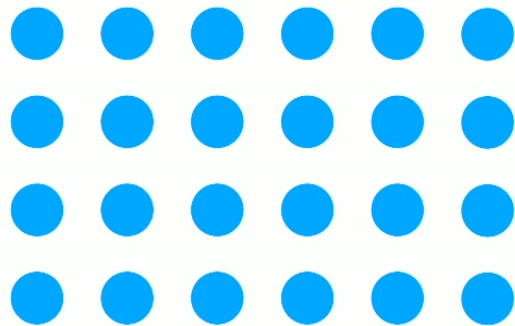
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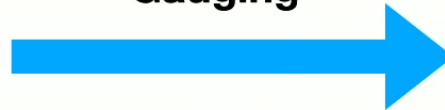
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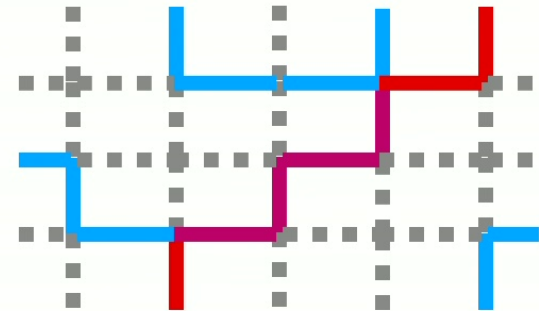
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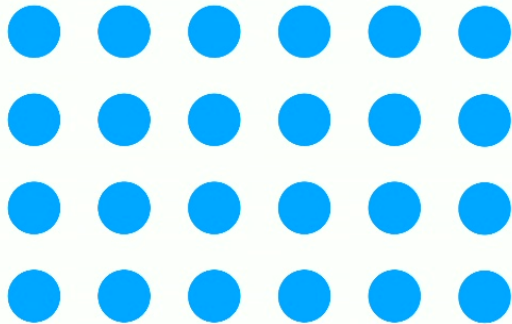
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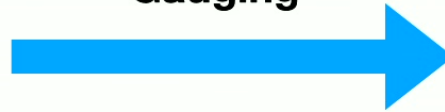
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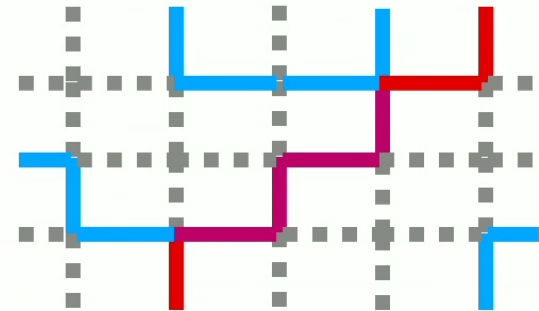
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Levin-Wen Model

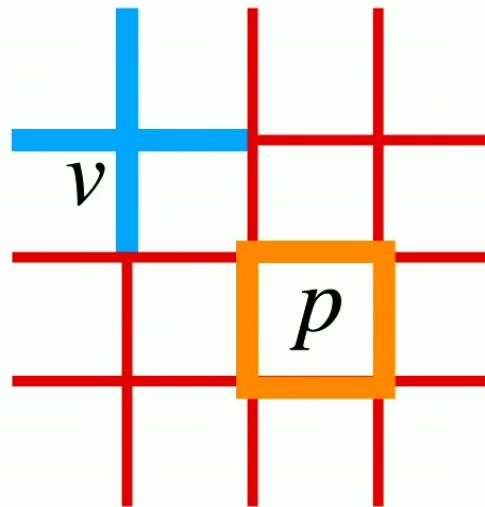


# Outline

1. Toric Code as gauge theory
2. Levin-Wen through diagrammatics
3. Levin-Wen as gauge theory
4. Example: Fibonacci symmetric model

# Toric Code

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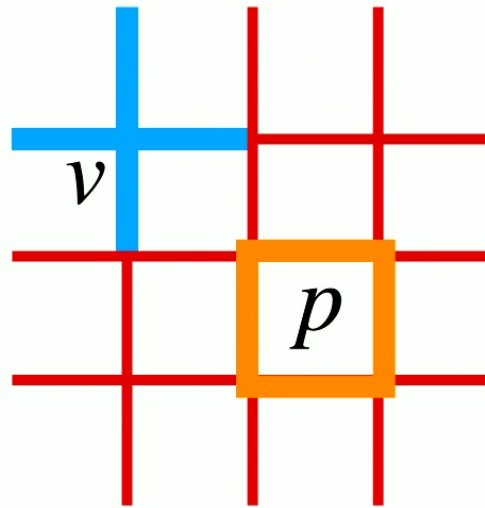
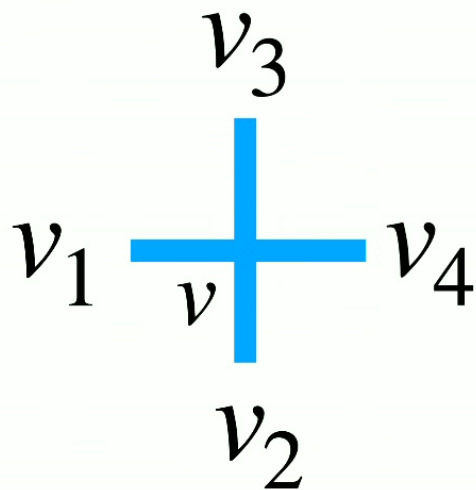


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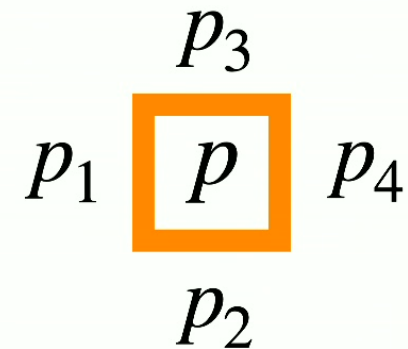
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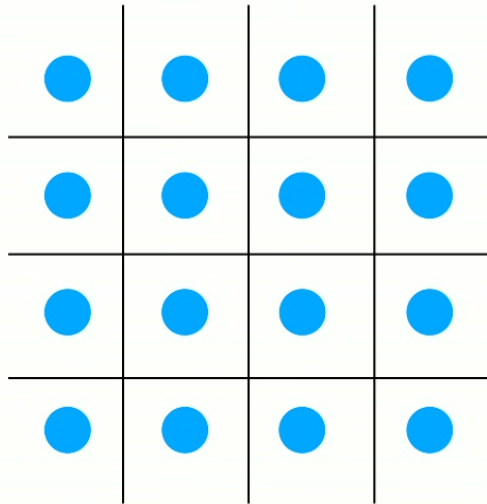
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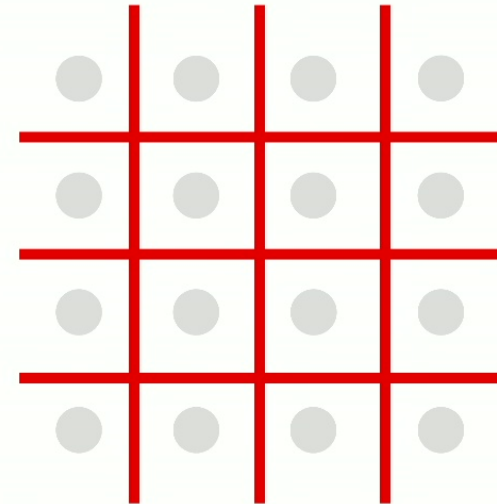
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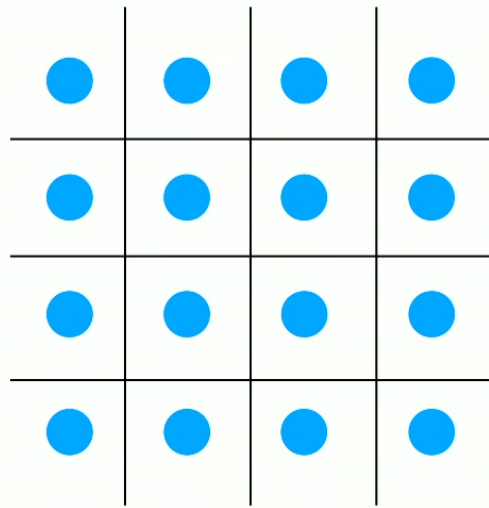


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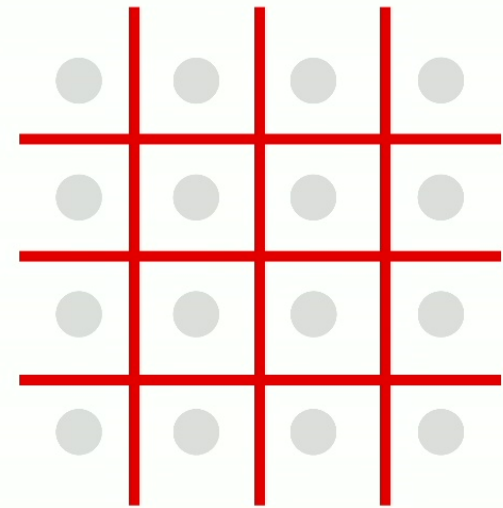




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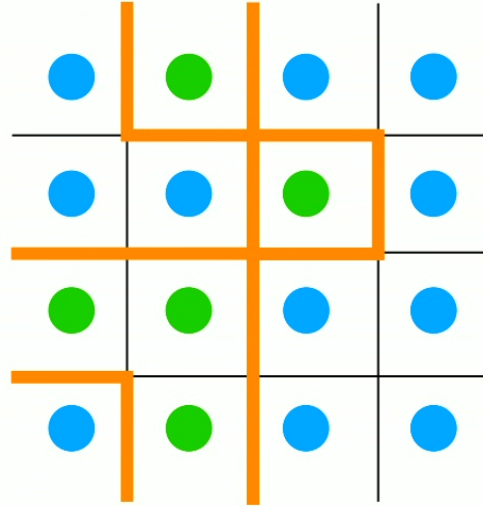
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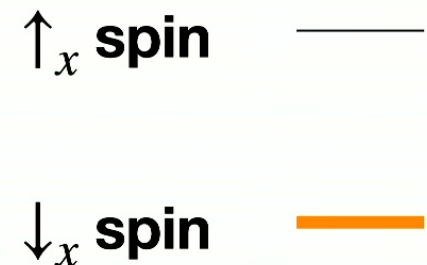
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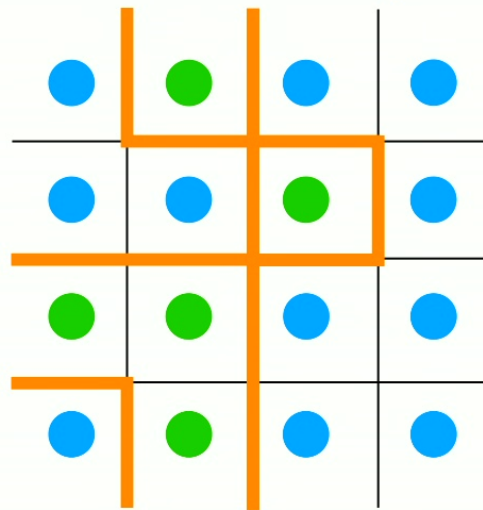
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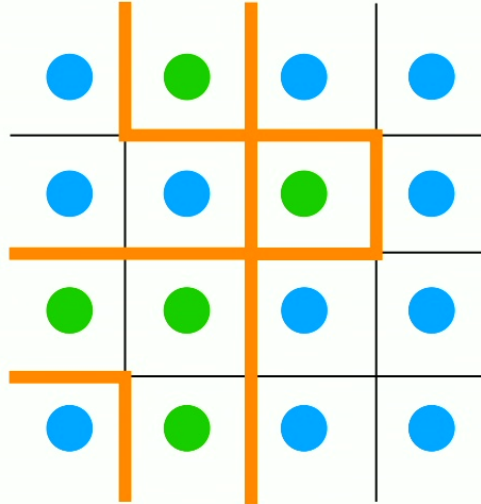
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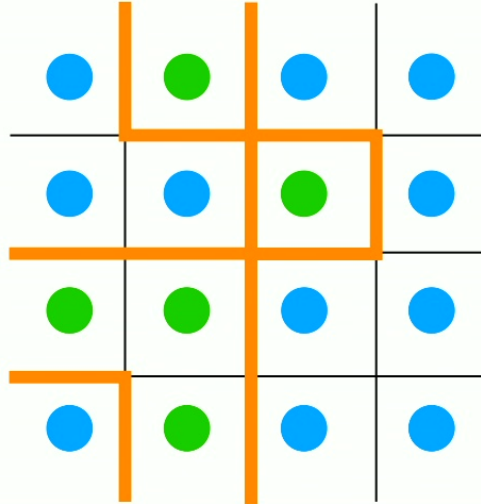
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$2^{15}$  dim.  $A_v = 1$  space

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All symmetry groups generate a symmetry algebra  
(But we will see that not all symmetry algebras have a symmetry group)





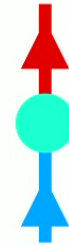
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**Objects**



**Morphisms**



# Quantum Circuits

**Qubits**



**Gates**



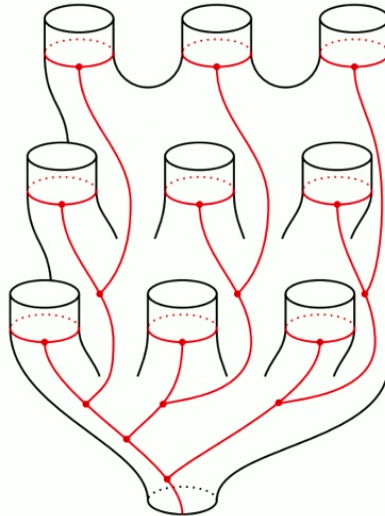
**Space of gates on a qubit is a 4D  
Hilbert space.**

$$\langle A | B \rangle = \text{Tr}(A^\dagger B) / 2$$

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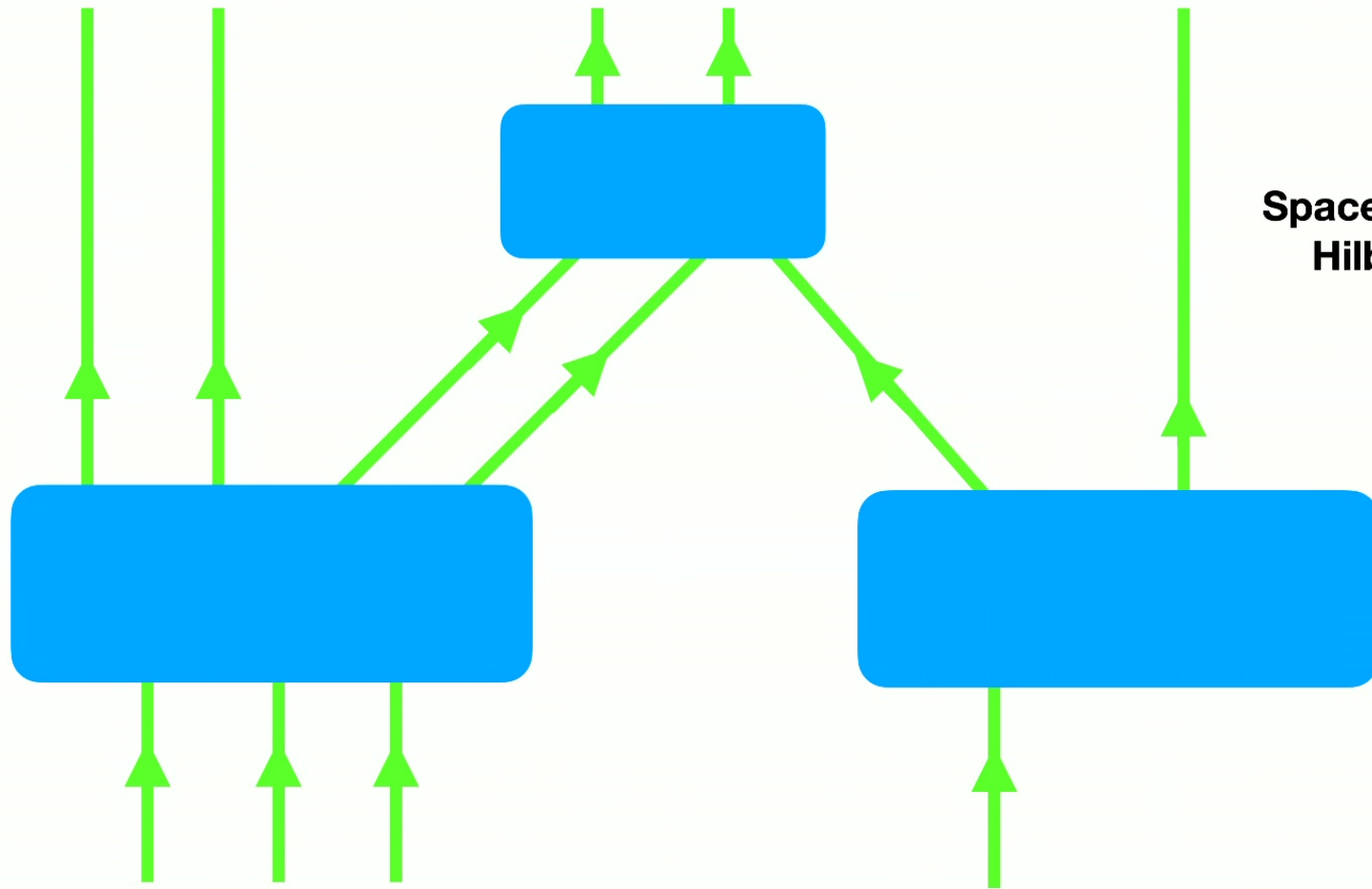


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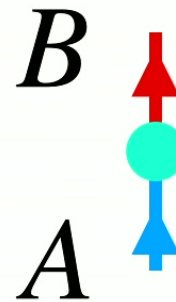
Objects



Finite list of “simple” objects

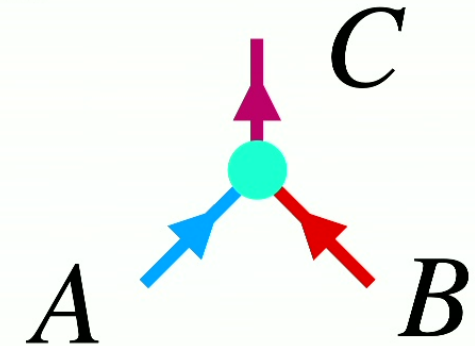
$$\text{Irr}(\mathcal{C})$$

Morphisms



$$\mathcal{C}(A \rightarrow B)$$

Space of morphisms from A to B  
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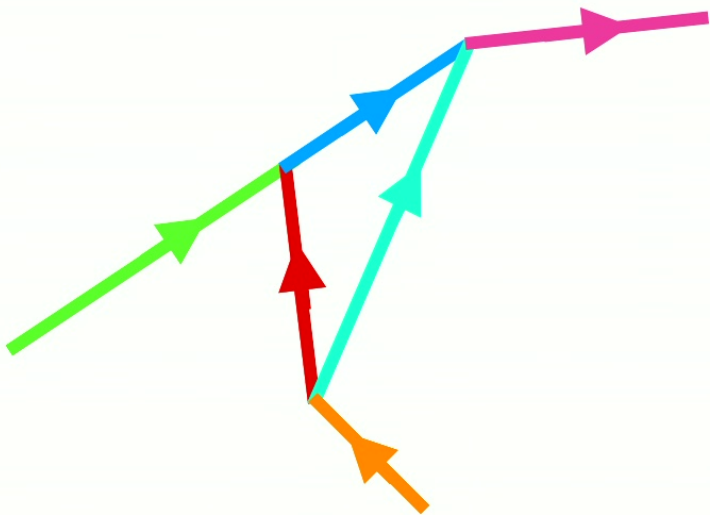
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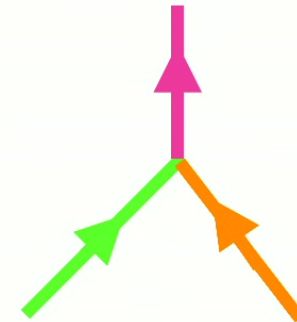


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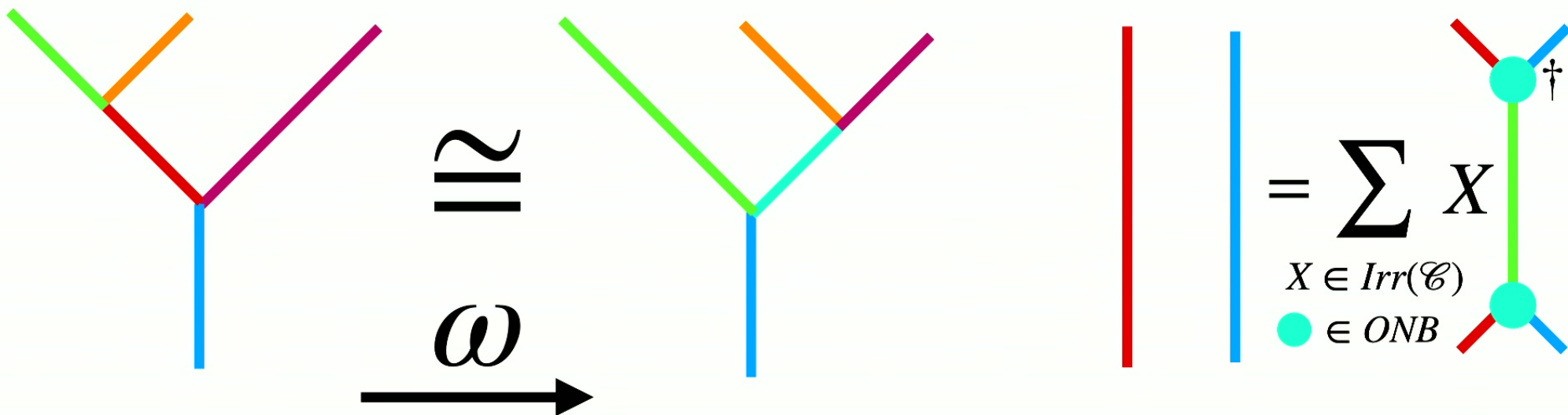
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Relations

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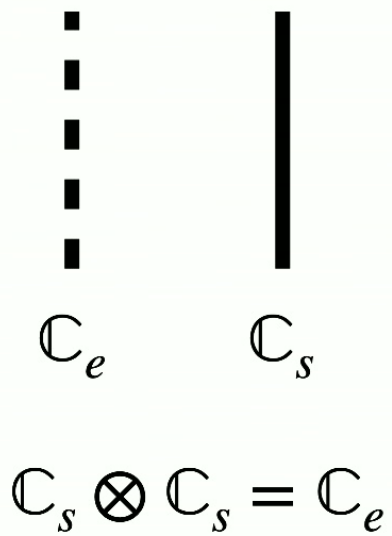


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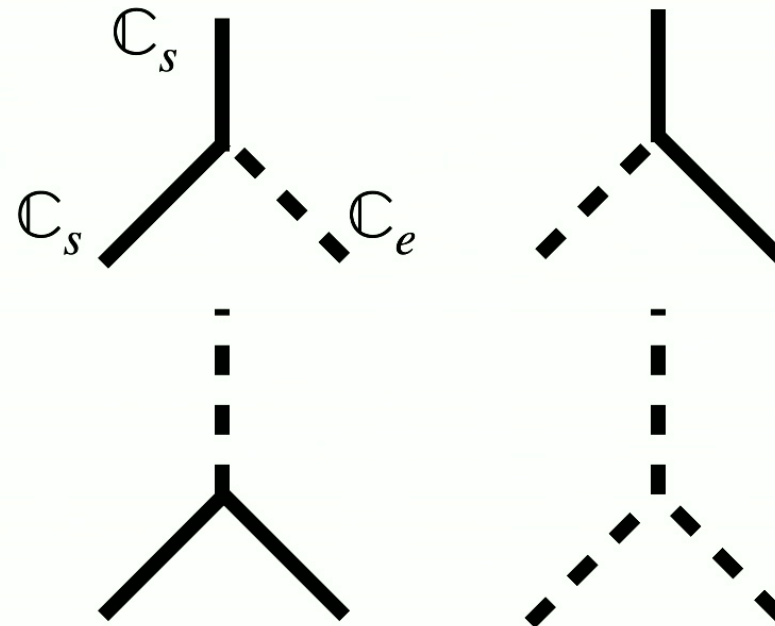


# $Vec\mathbb{Z}_2$

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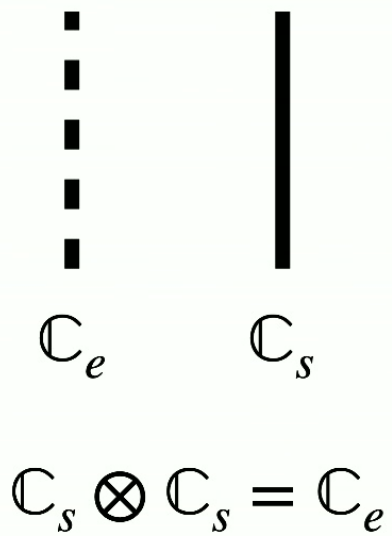
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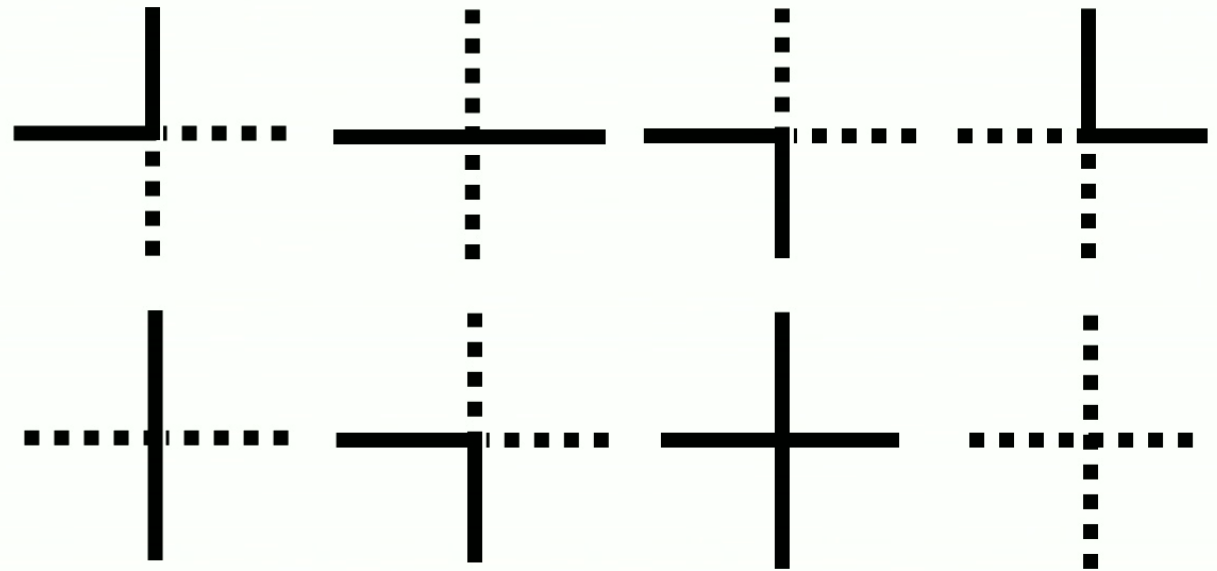


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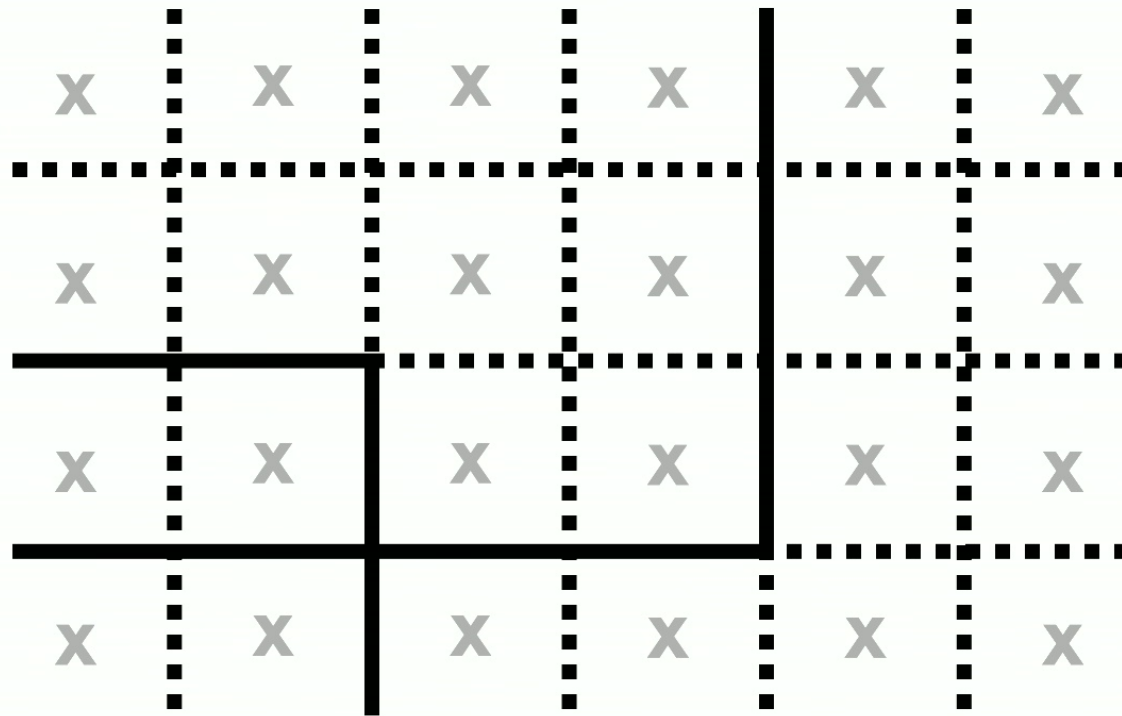


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# Flux free Toric Code ( $Vec\mathbb{Z}_2$ )

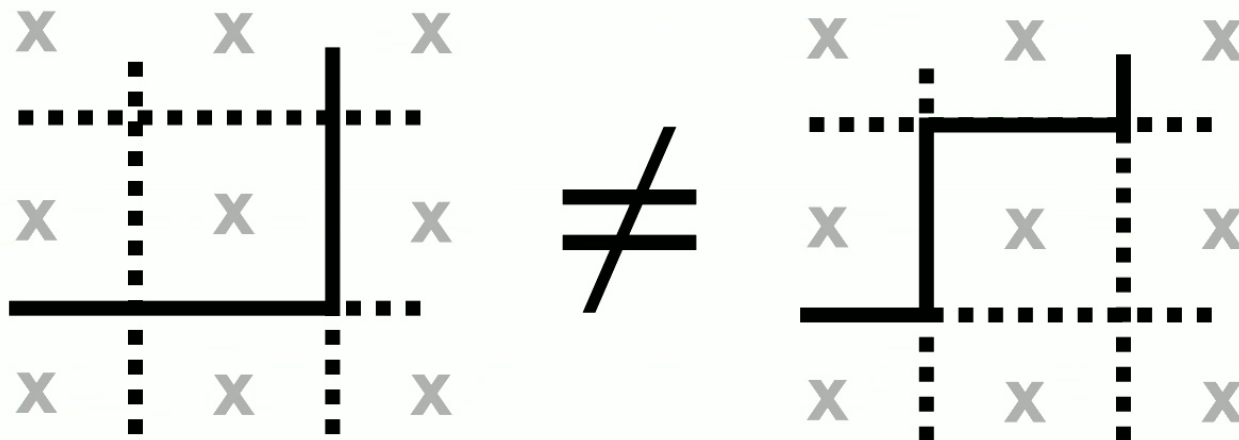
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Ground States of  $A_v$

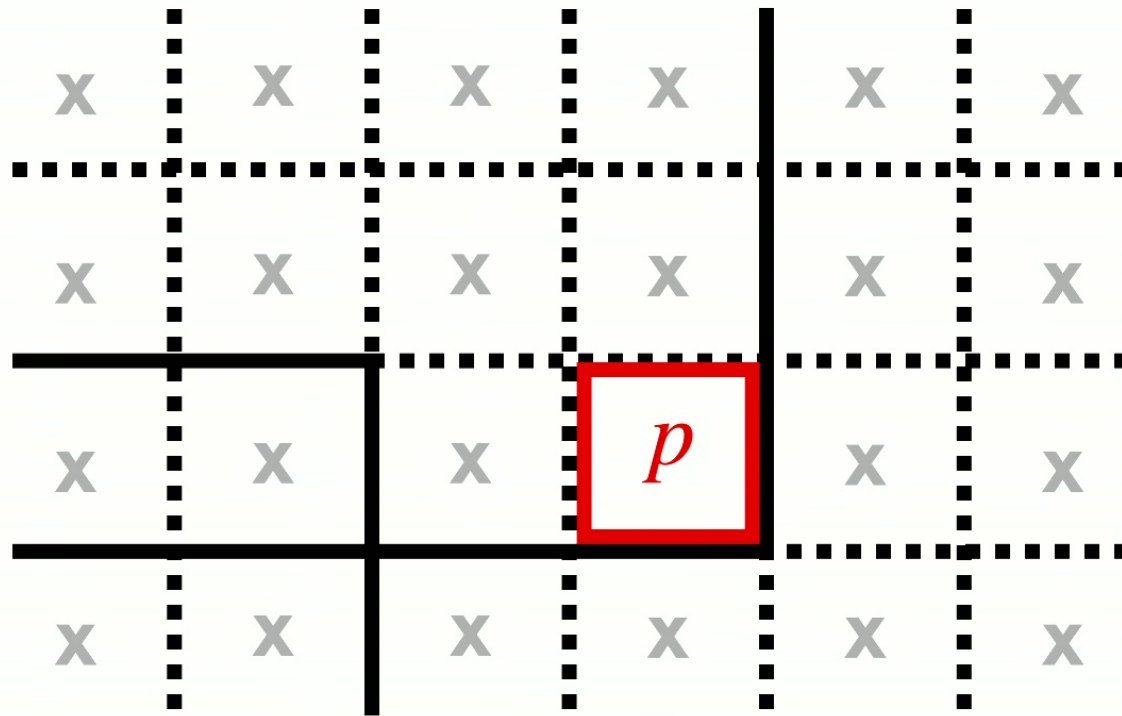
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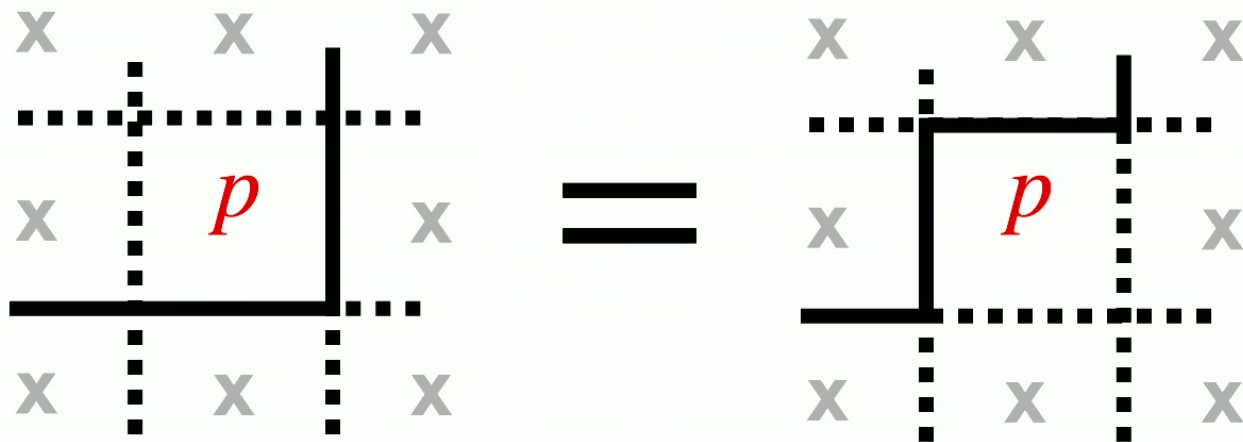
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Image of  $B_p = 1$  projection has no puncture

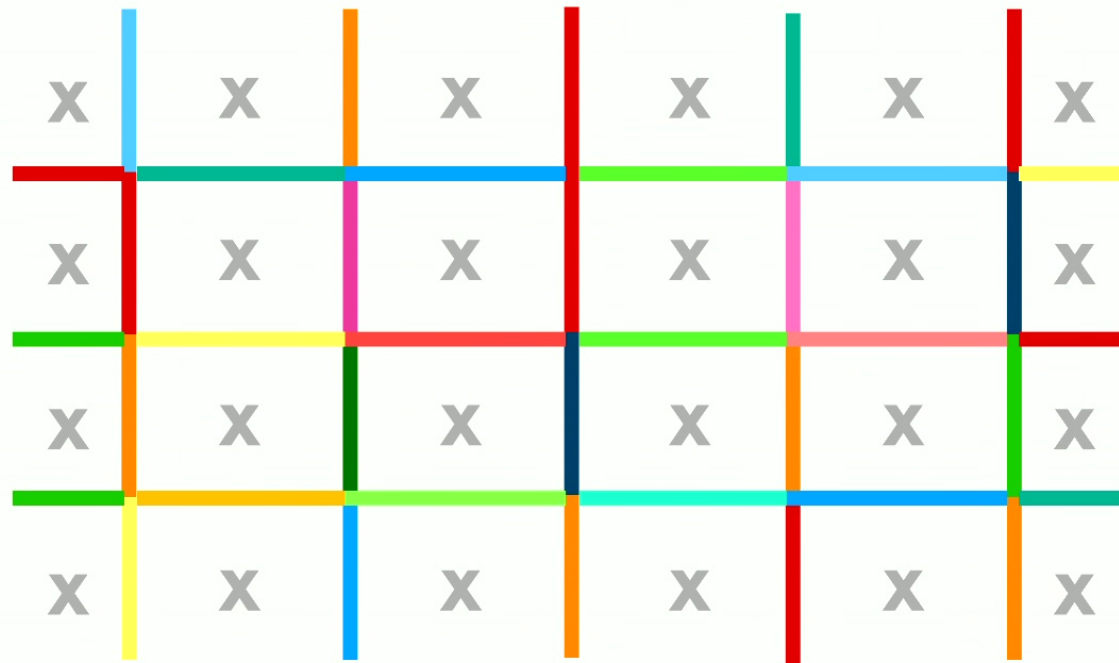


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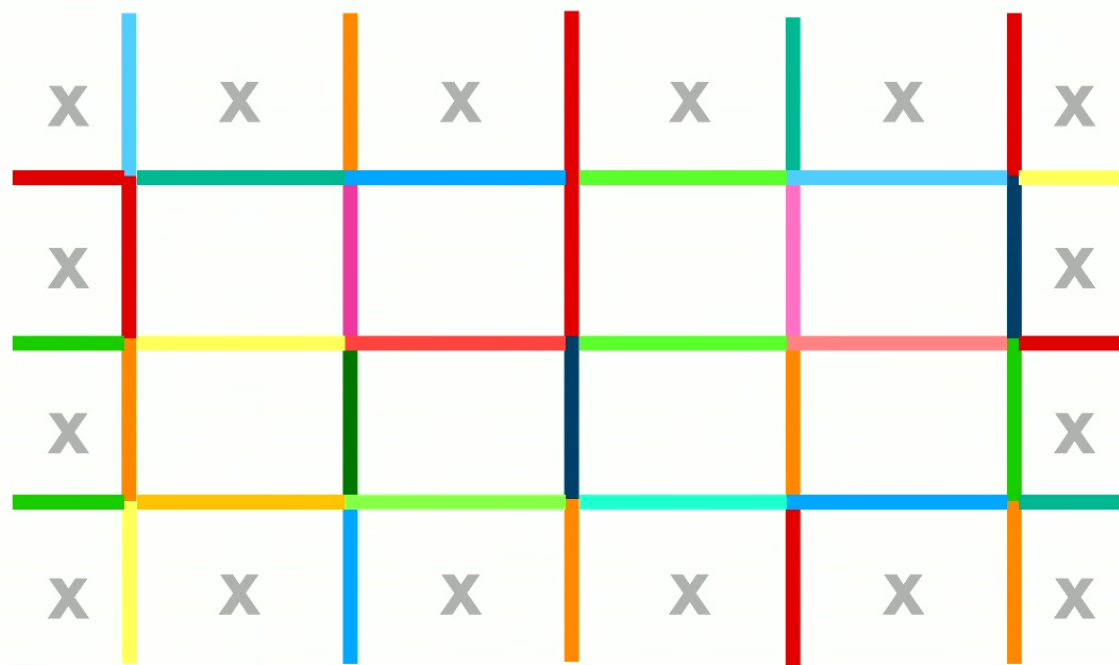
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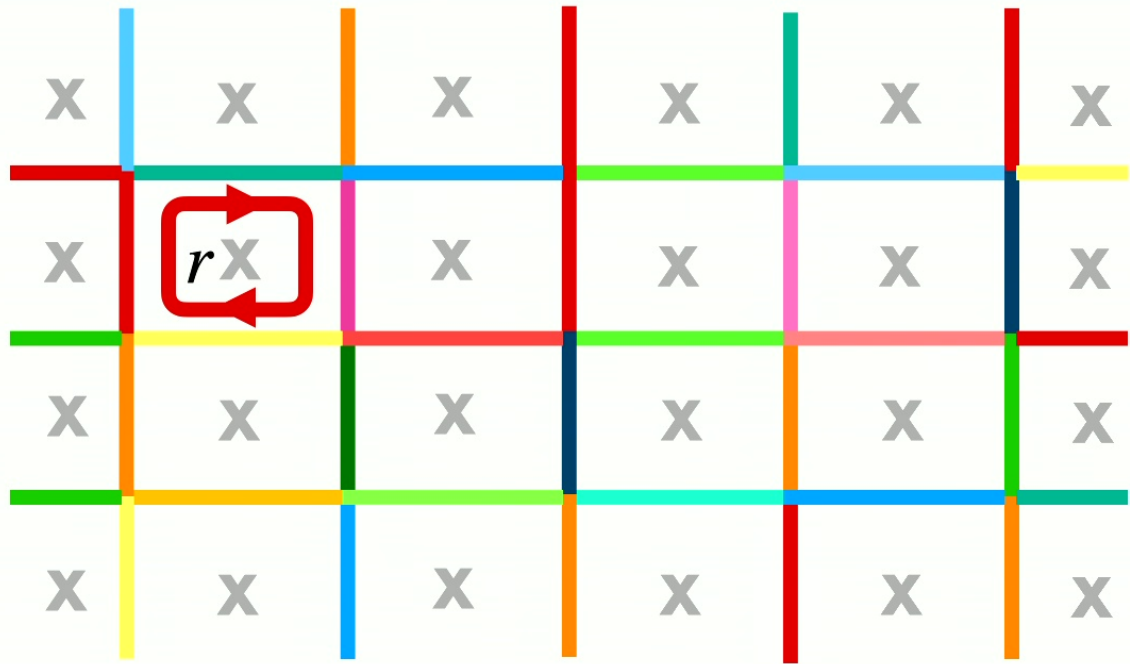
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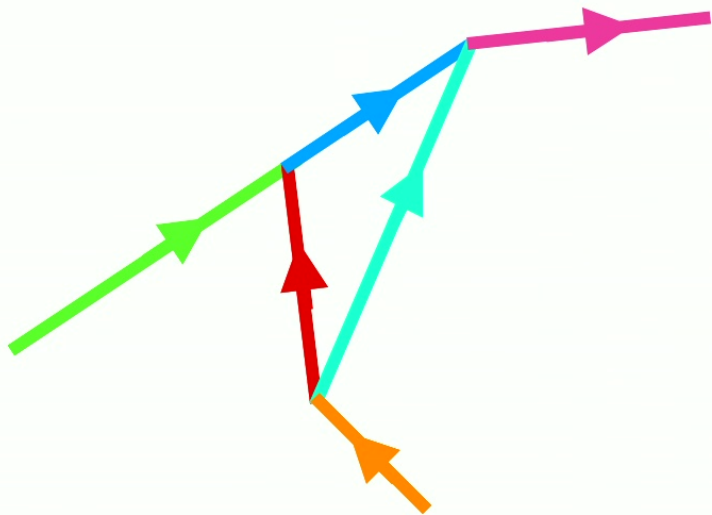
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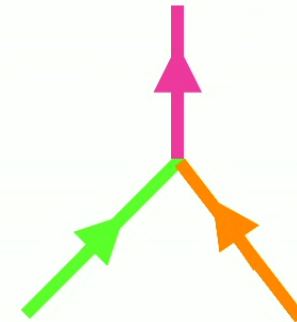
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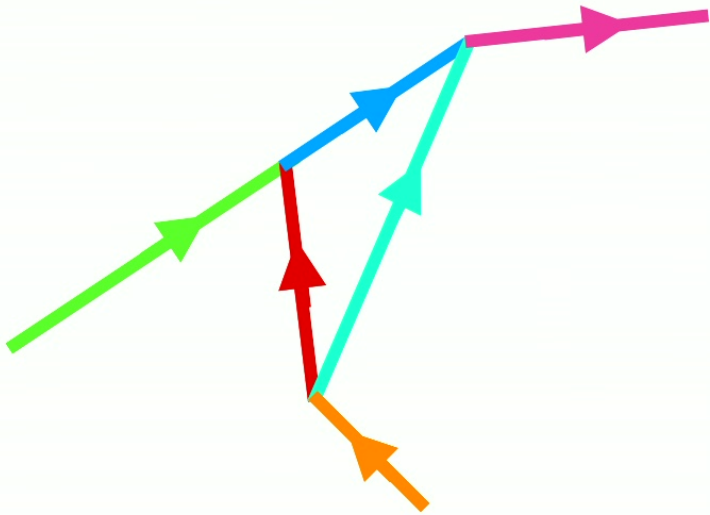
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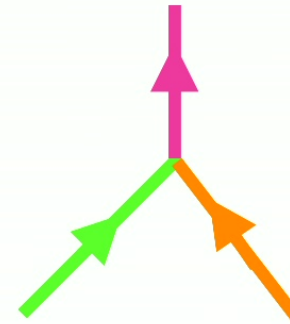
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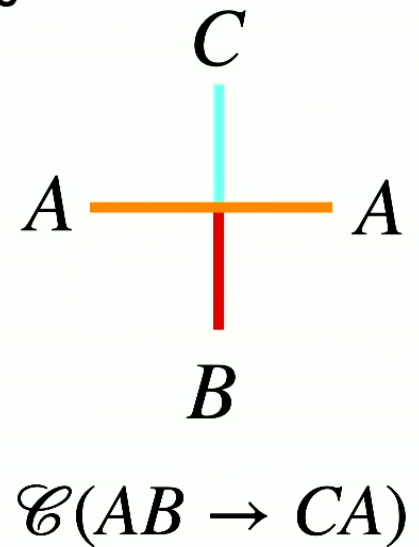
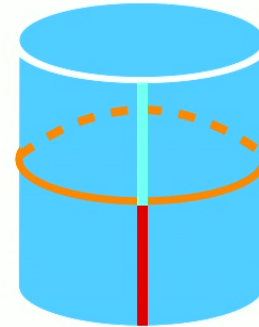
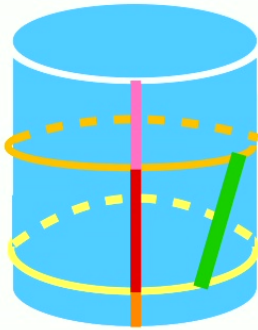


Diagrams on plane all reduce\* to points  
with incoming and outgoing lines  
\*(Really a subspace of single point)

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## Assign diagram on tube to vector space

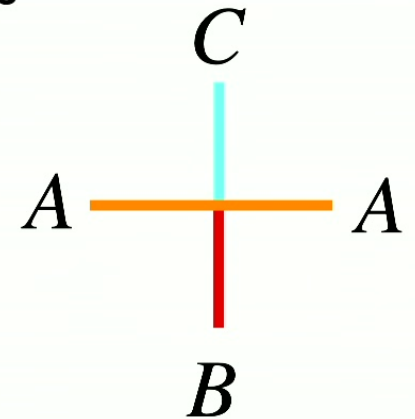
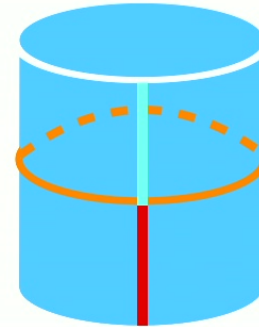
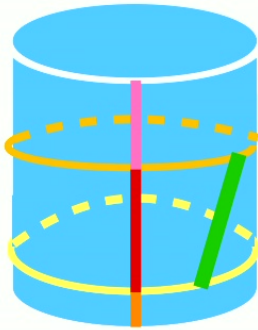
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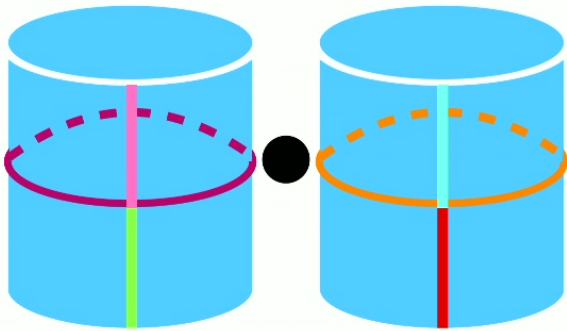
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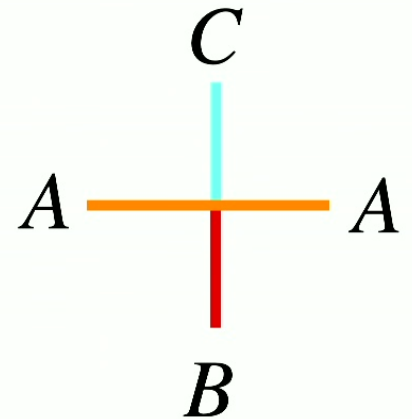
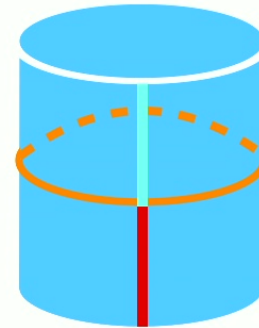
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Algebras have multiplication



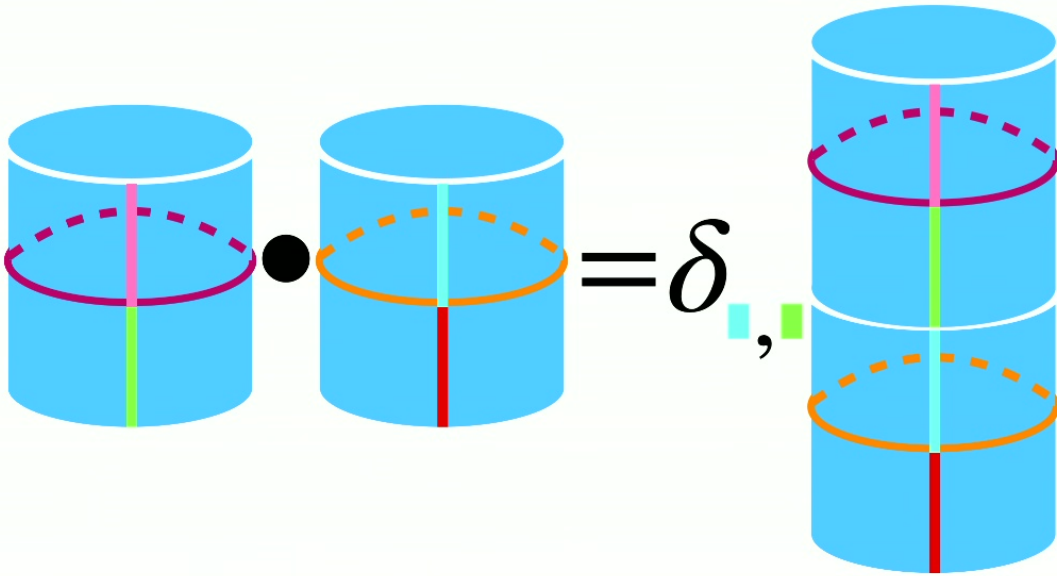
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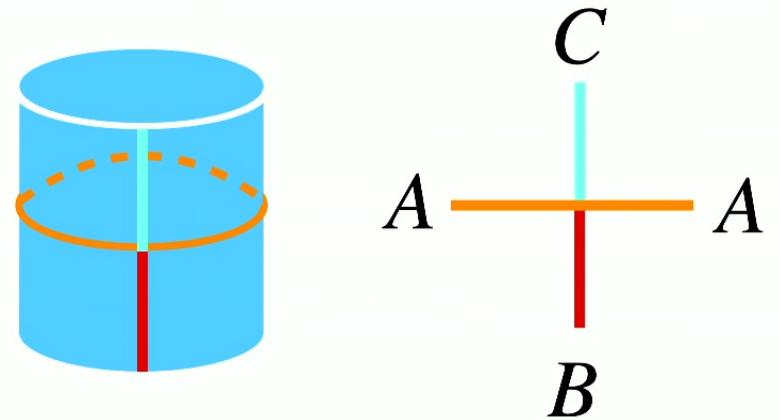
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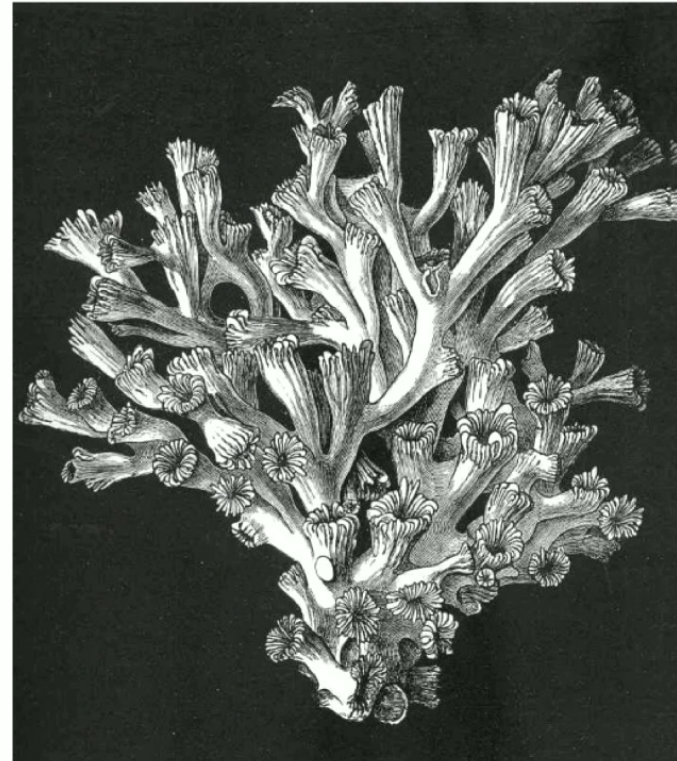
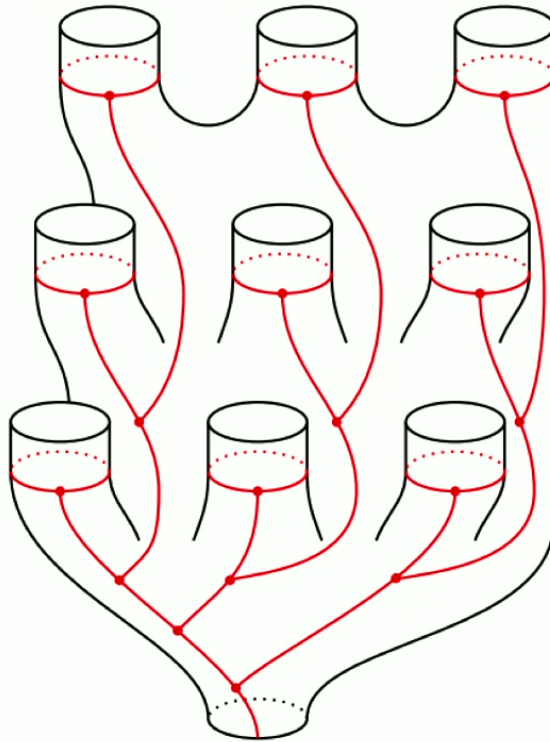


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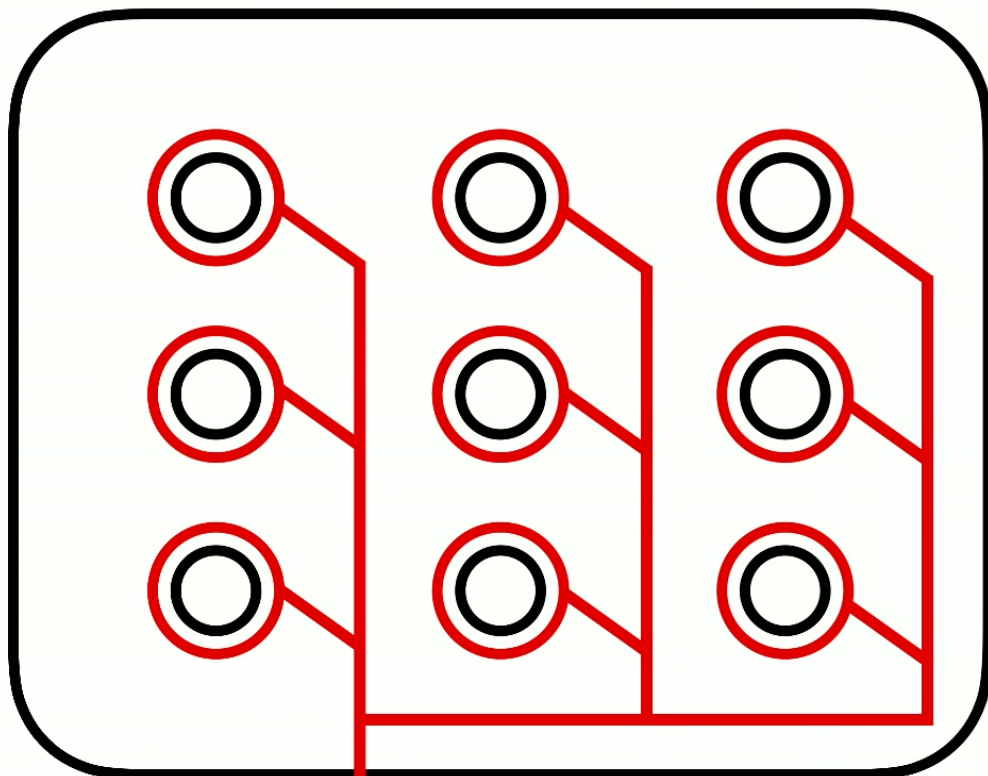
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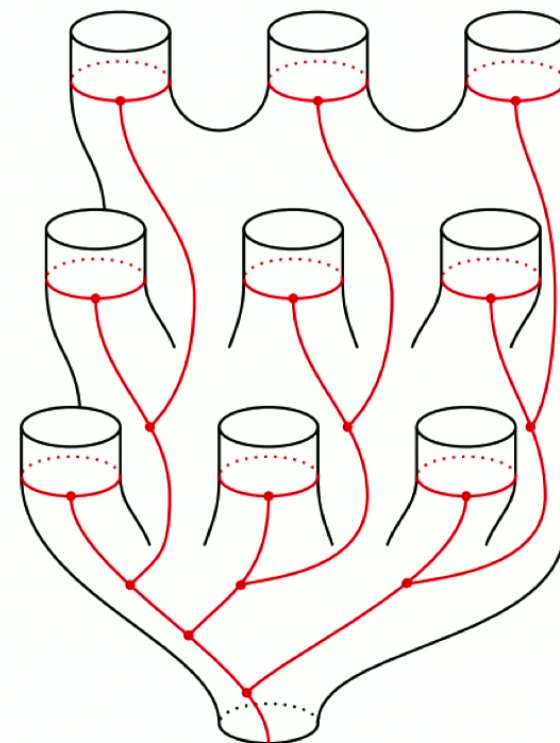
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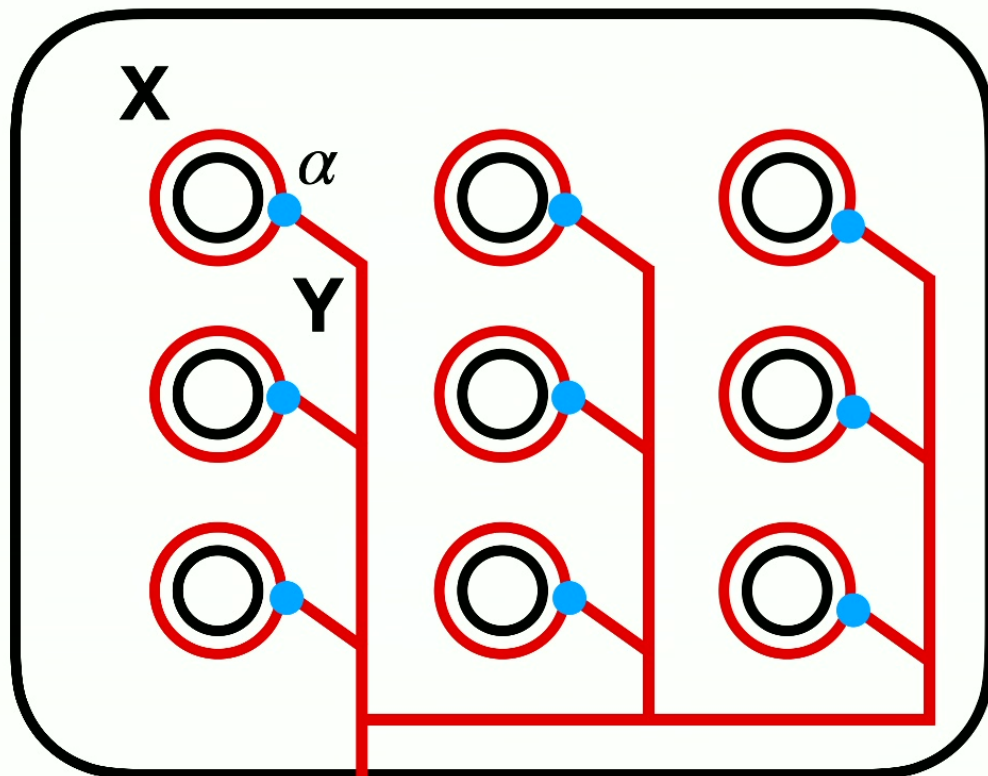


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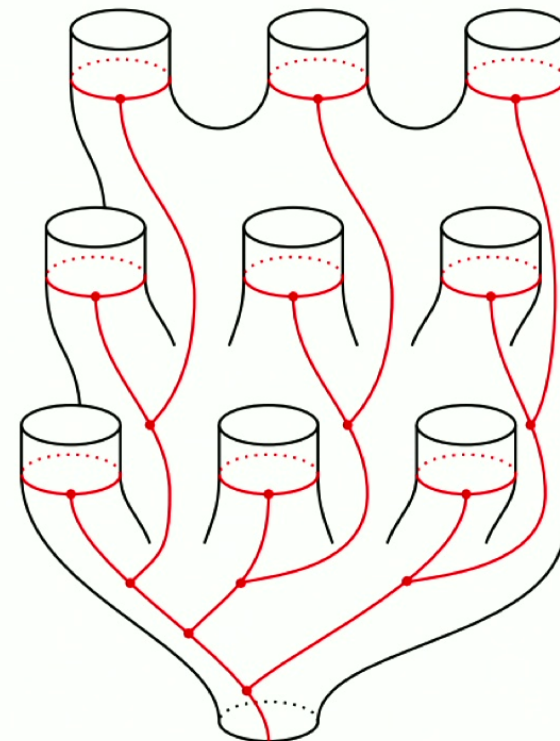


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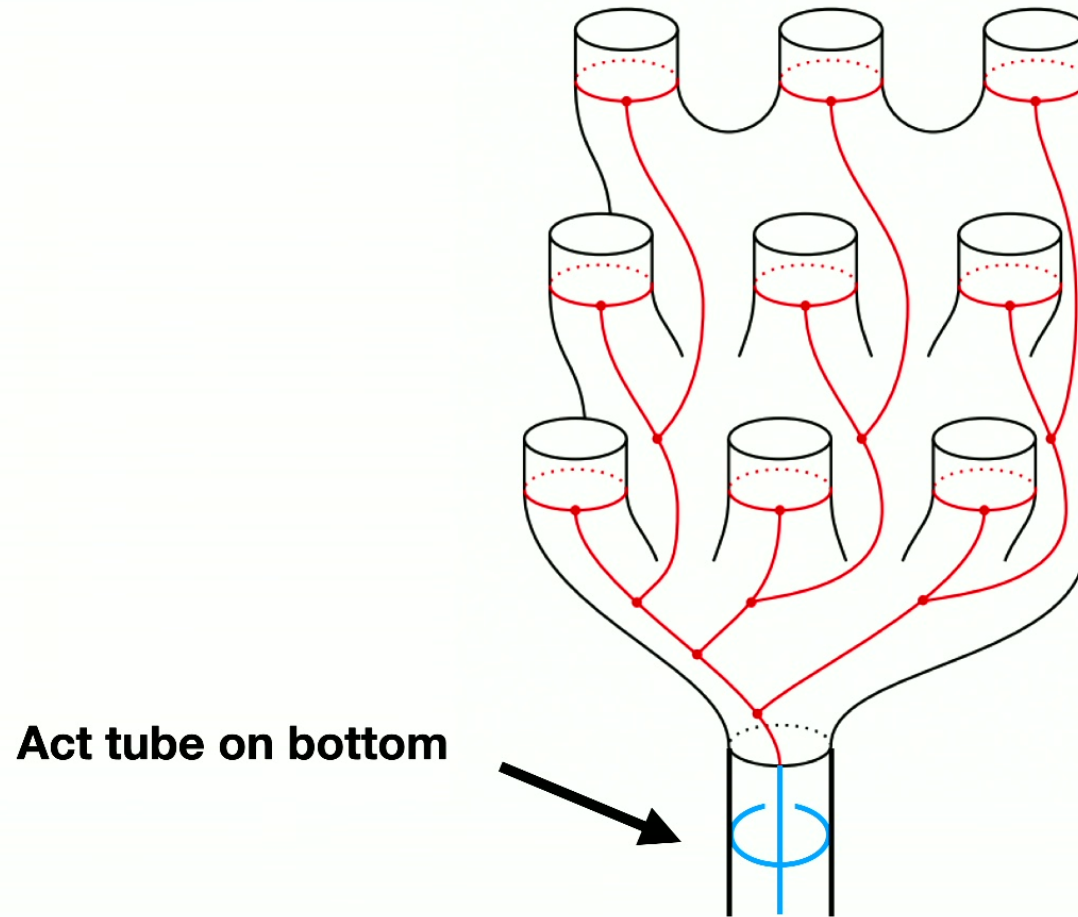
Label basis states by line and vertex labels



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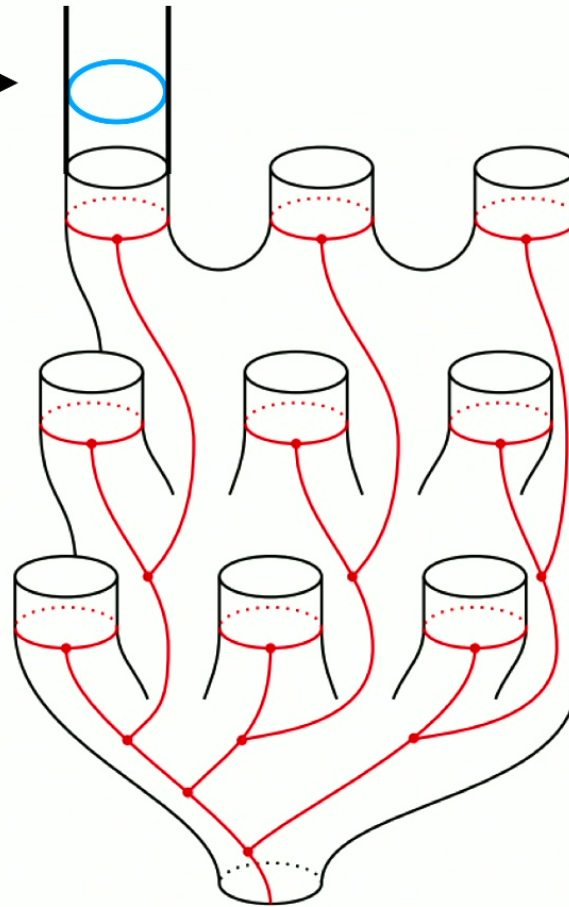
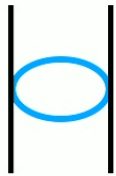


# Tube algebra symmetry action

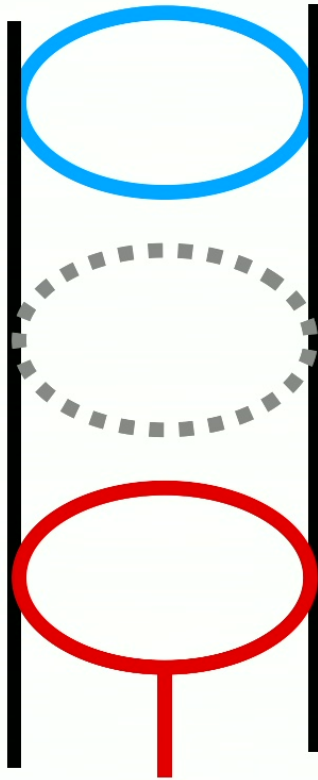


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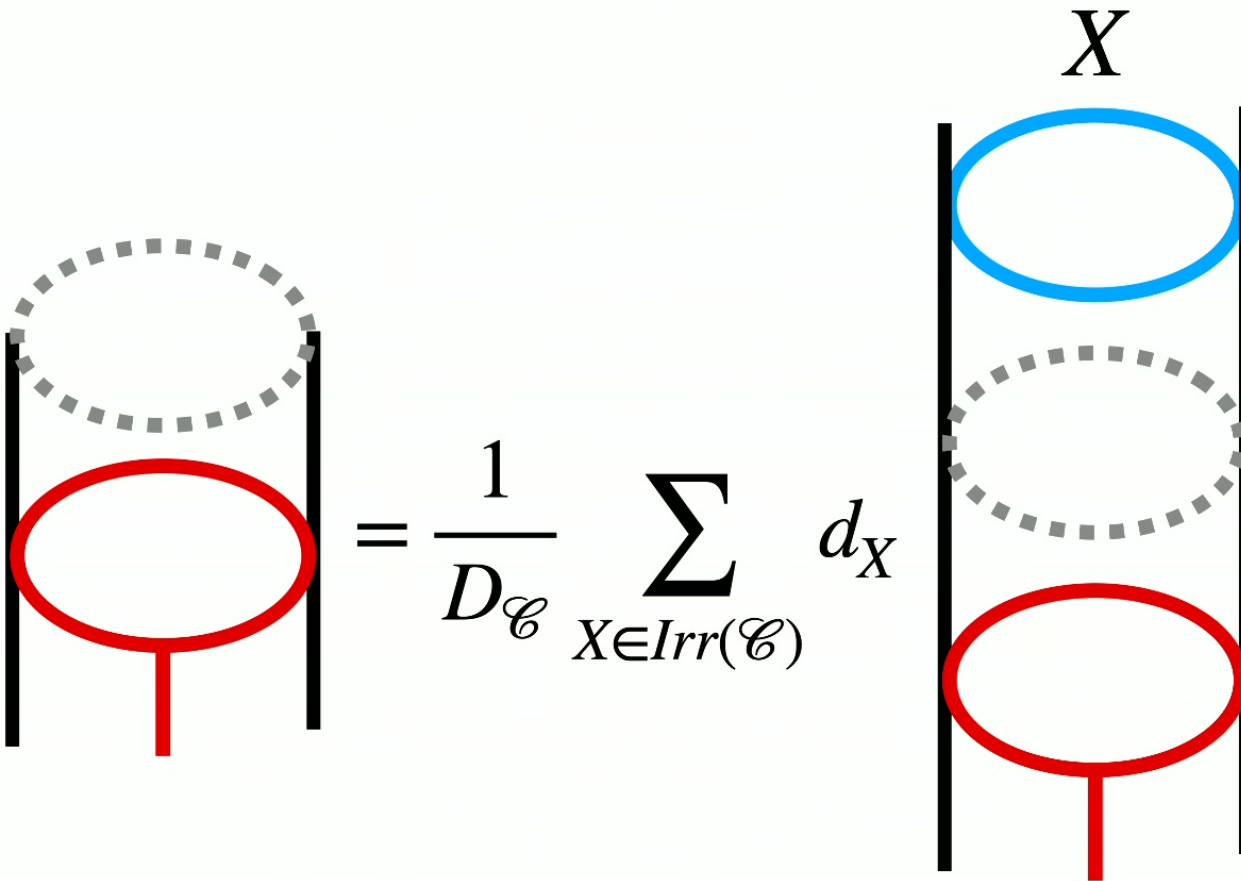
Act tube on top  
(But only a subalgebra)



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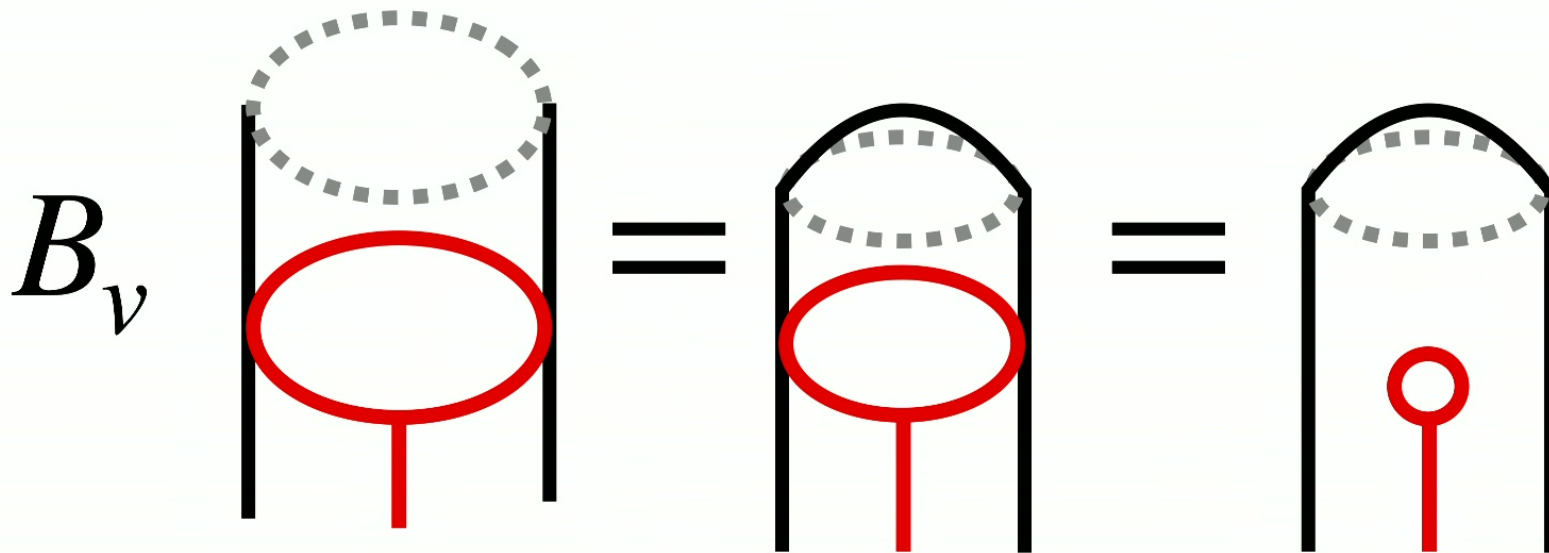


# Hamiltonian

$$B_v = \frac{1}{D_{\mathcal{C}}} \sum_{X \in \text{Irr}(\mathcal{C})} d_X$$


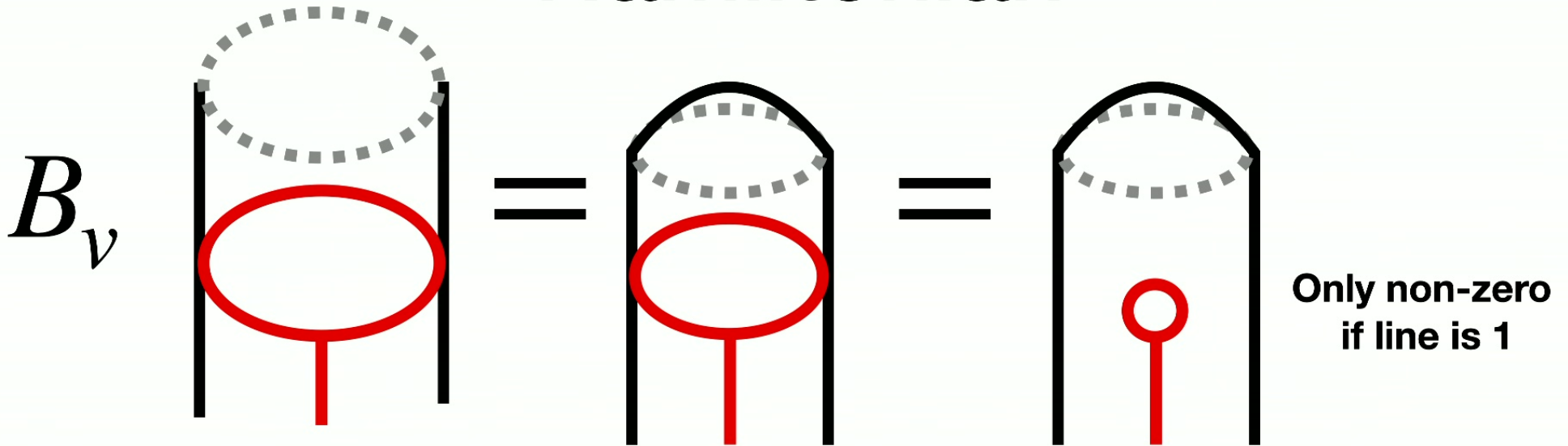


# Hamiltonian



Only non-zero if line is 1

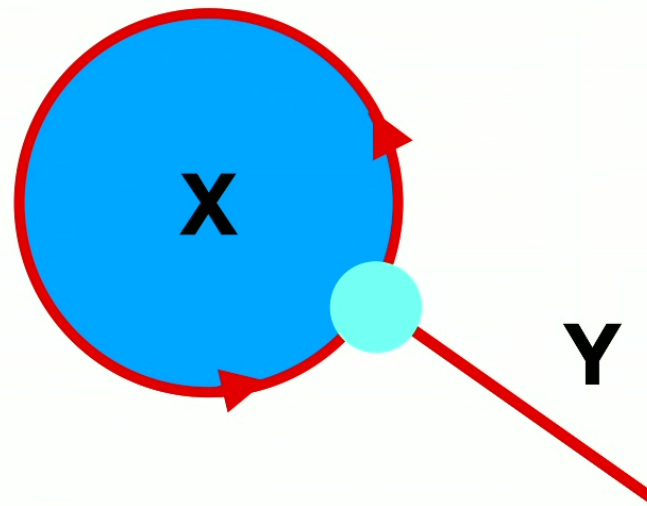
# Hamiltonian



- Commuting projector model
- Ground state is empty, capped off coral
- Gapped ground state on finite lattice with symmetric Hamiltonian implies\* **trivial** order

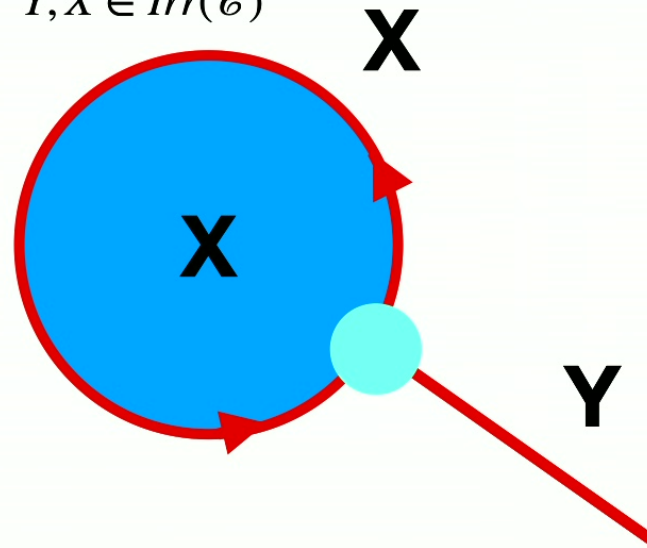
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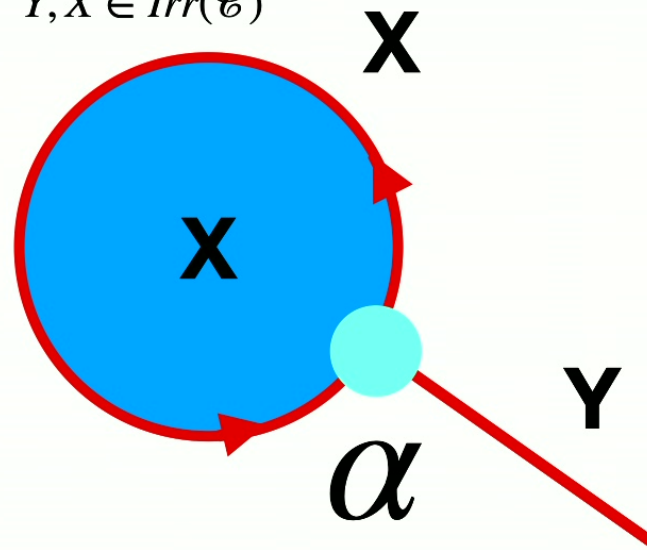
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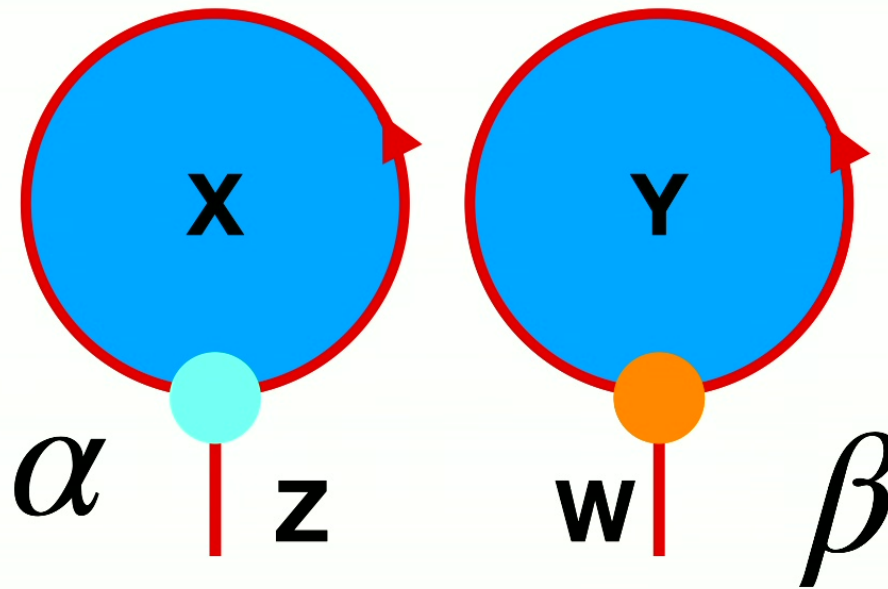


**$X$  domain twisted by  $(\alpha, Y)$**

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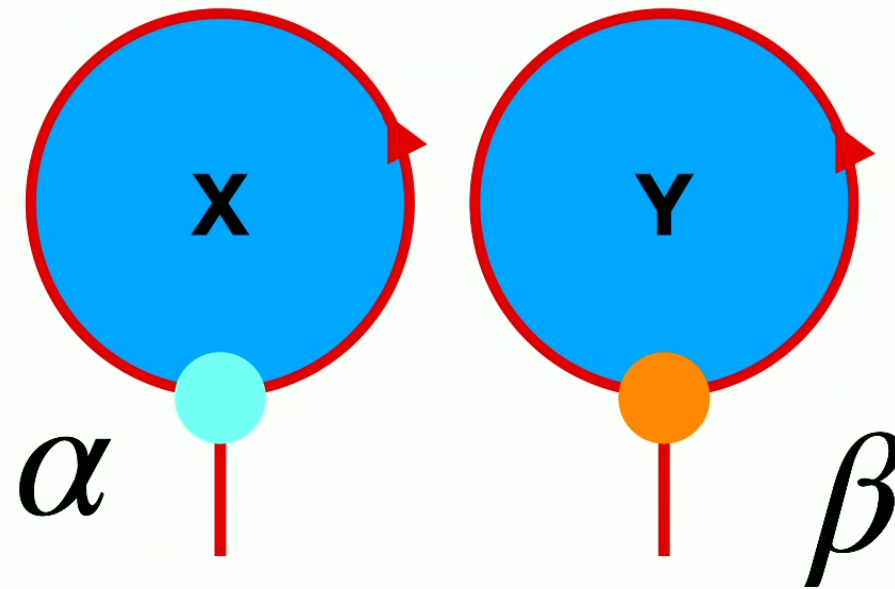
# Mathematical formalism

Day convolution product builds spine coral

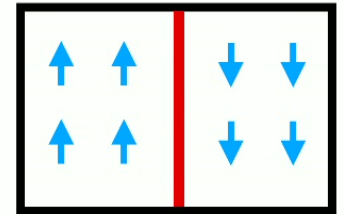
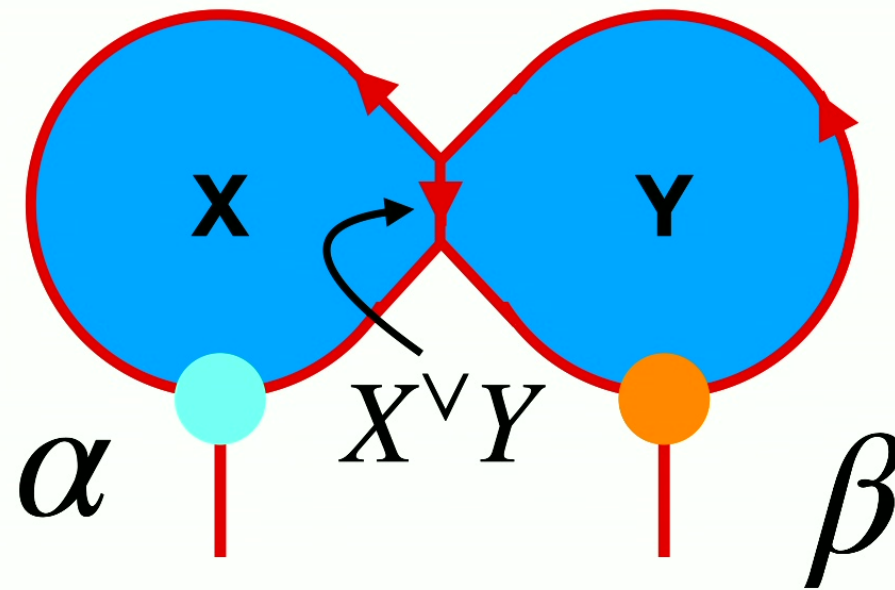


$$(\alpha \boxtimes \beta)_Q \in (H \boxtimes K)_Q = \sum_{Z, W, X, Y \in \text{Irr}(\mathcal{C})} \mathcal{C}(Q \rightarrow ZW) \otimes \mathcal{C}(Z \rightarrow X^\vee X) \otimes \mathcal{C}(W \rightarrow Y^\vee Y)$$

# Kramers-Wannier transformation



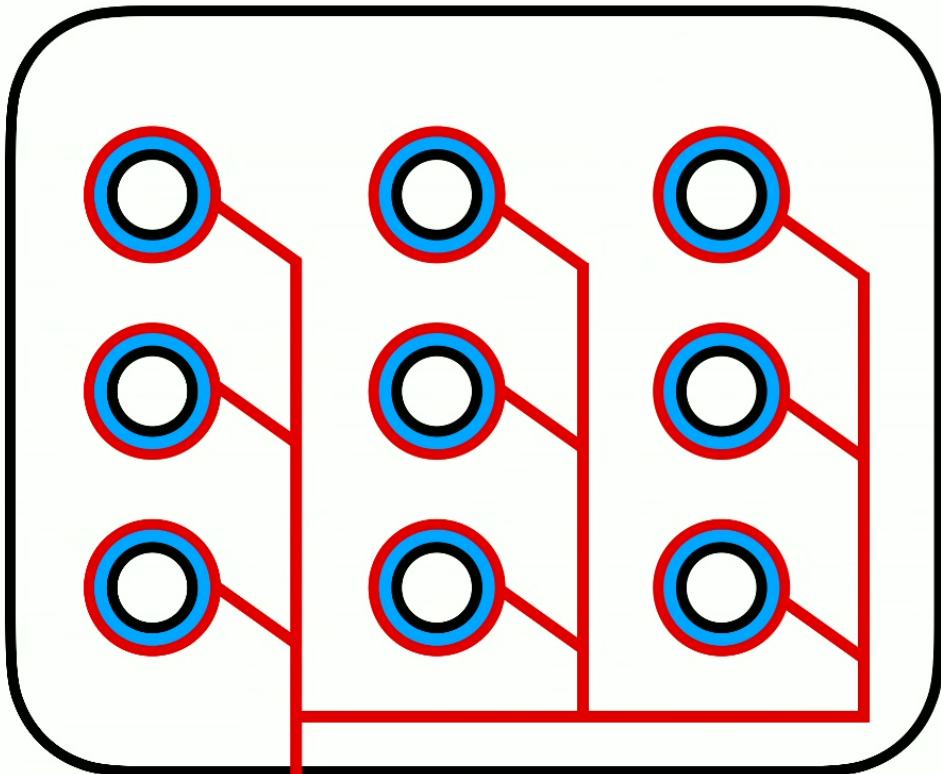
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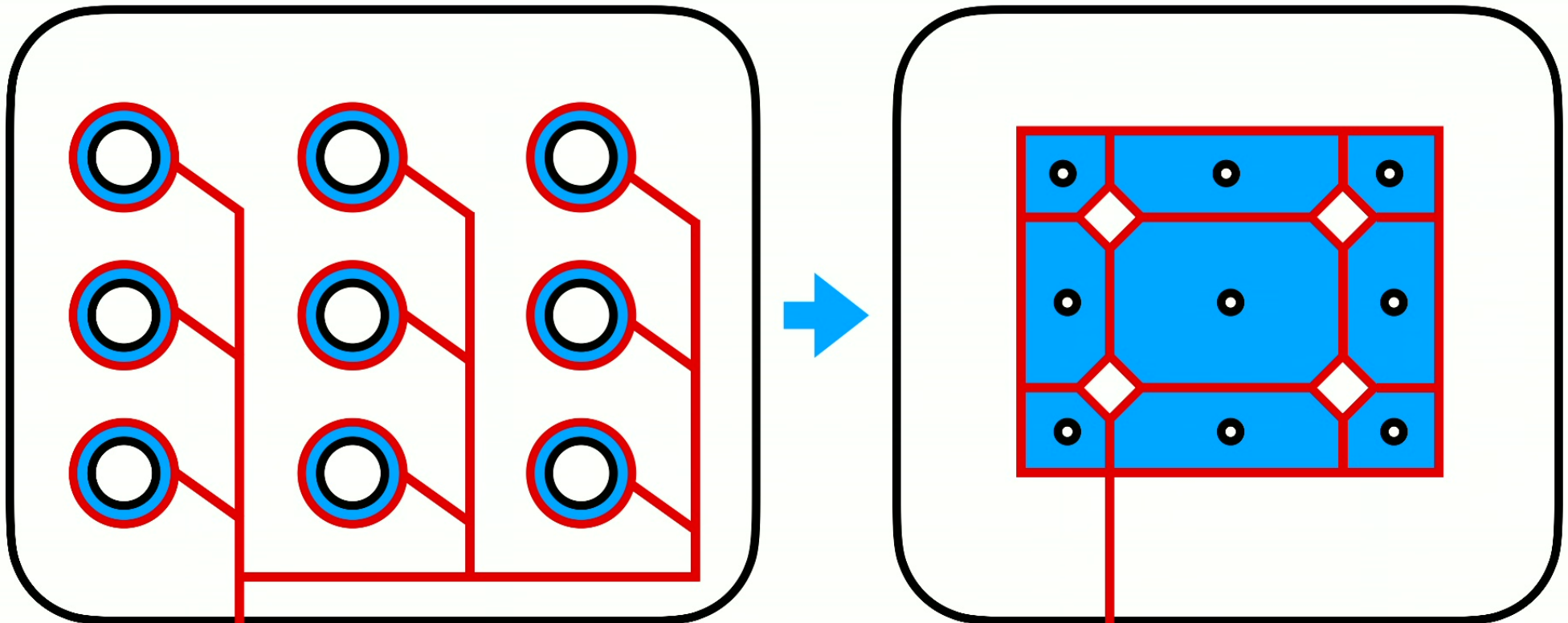
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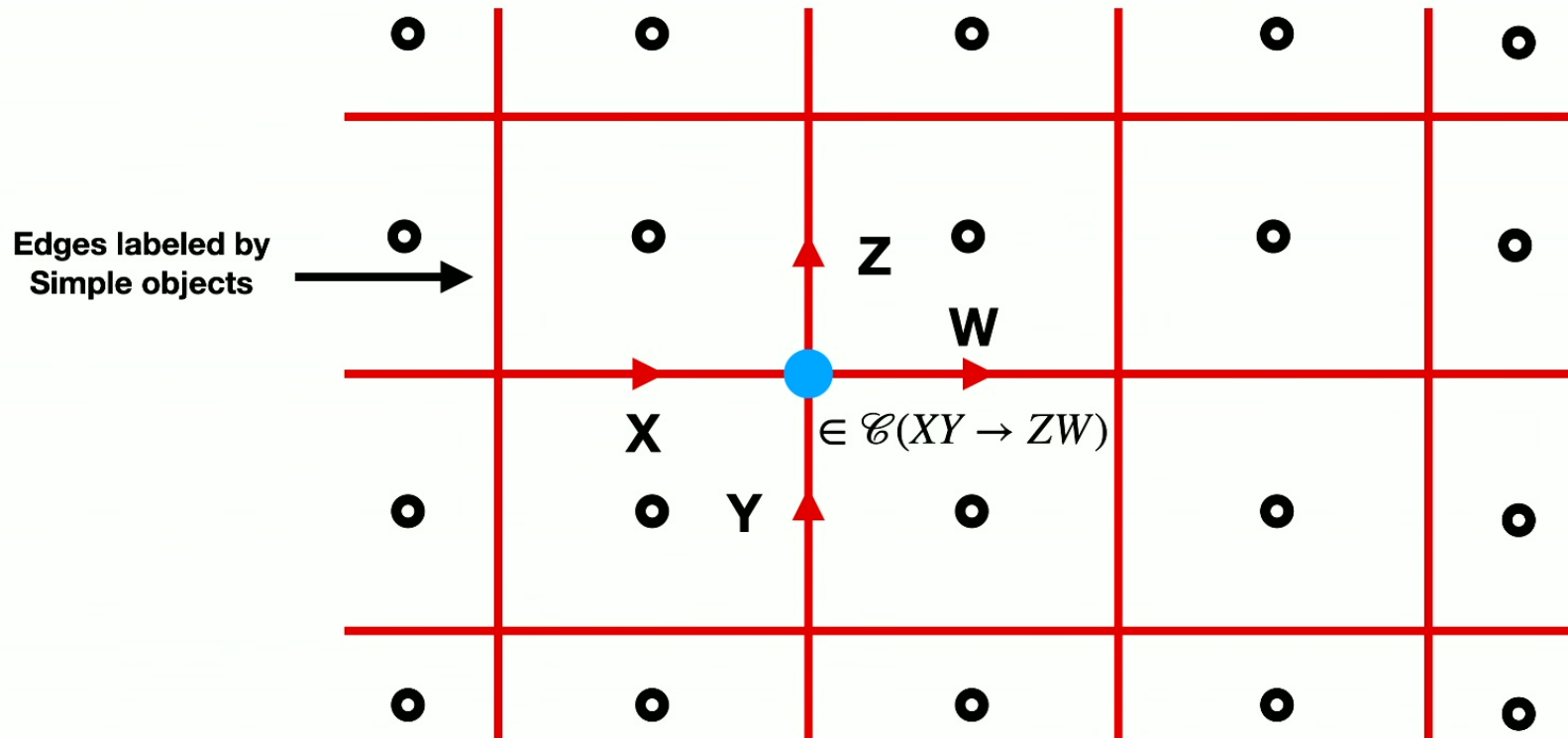
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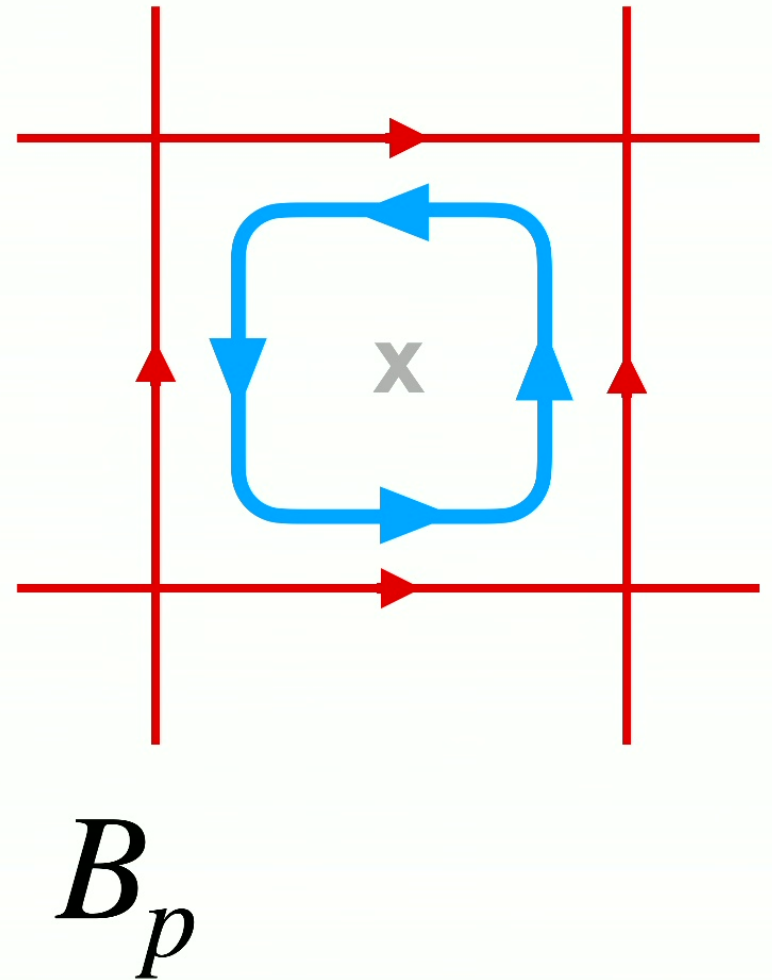
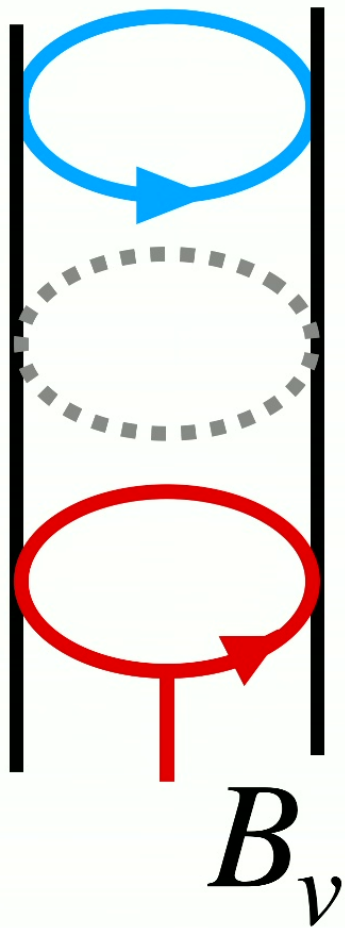
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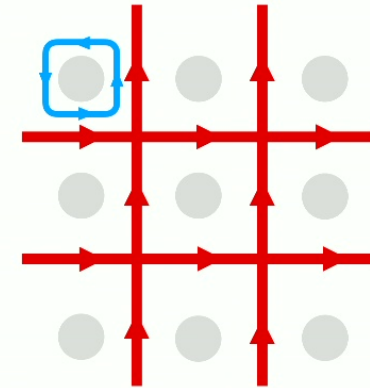
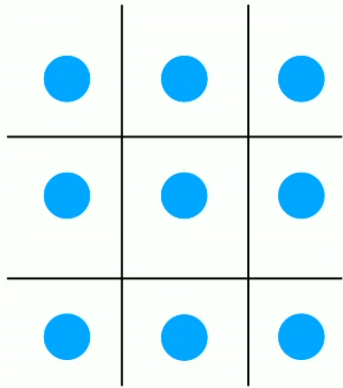
# Flux-Free Levin-Wen Hilbert Space



# Induced Hamiltonian



# Levin-Wen Krammers-Wannier Gauging

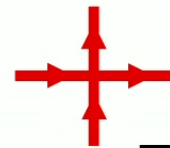


$$H = ???$$

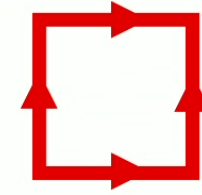


$$H = - \sum_v A_v - \sum_p B_p$$

$$\mathcal{H}_T = ???$$



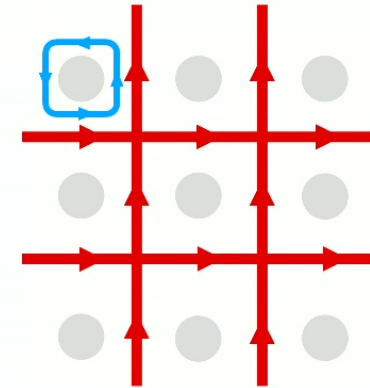
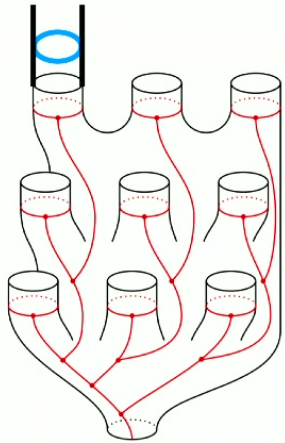
Flux?



Charge?



# Levin-Wen Krammers-Wannier Gauging



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projections

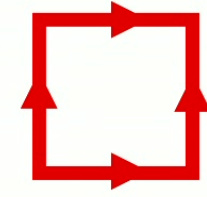
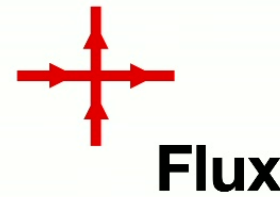


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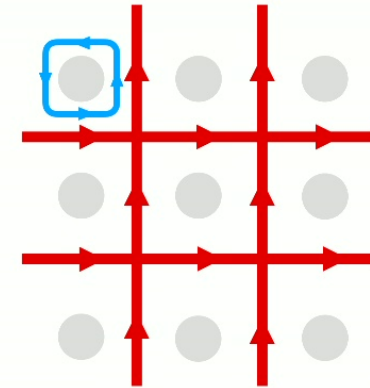
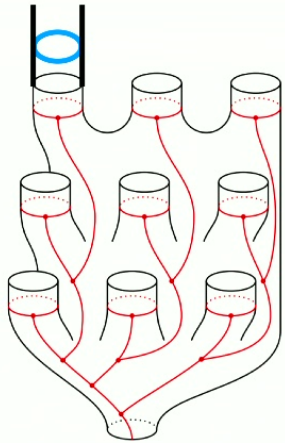
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# Levin-Wen is a gauge theory!



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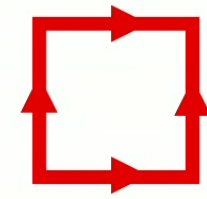
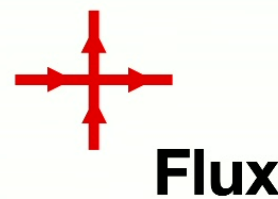


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# Outline

1. Toric Code as gauge theory
2. Levin-Wen through diagrammatics
3. Levin-Wen as gauge theory
4. **Example: Fibonacci symmetric model**



# Fibonacci Category — Fib

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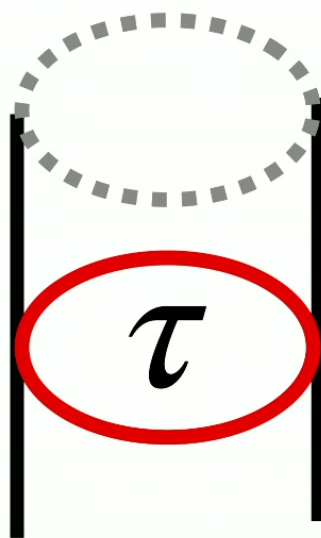
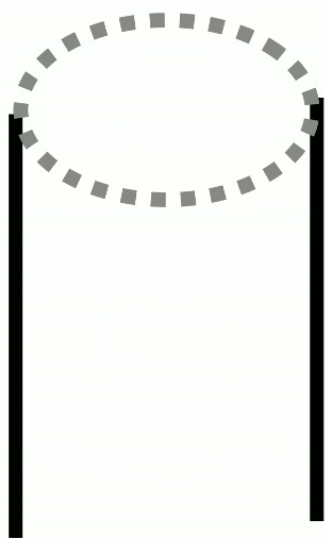
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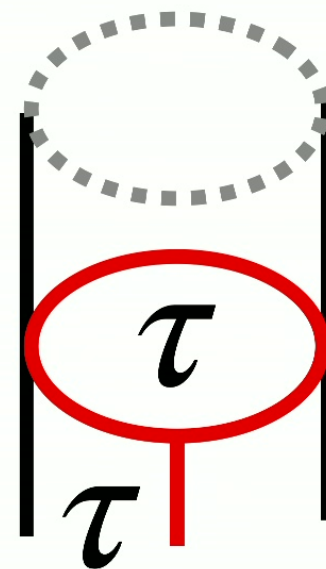
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 \bigcirc &= \phi \\
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# Fibonacci Site

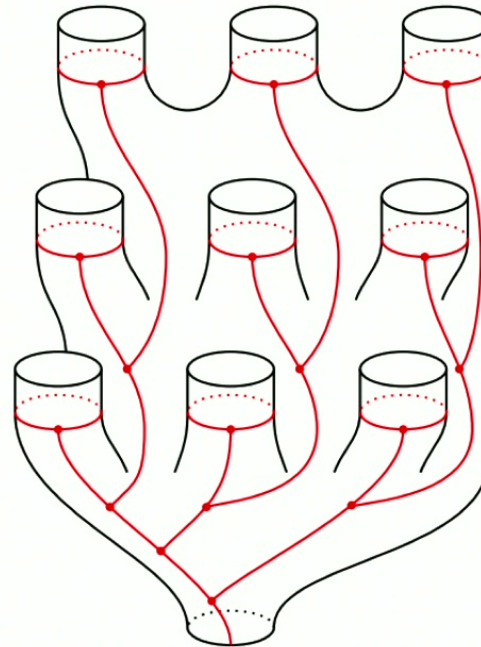


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# $N$ Fibonacci Sites

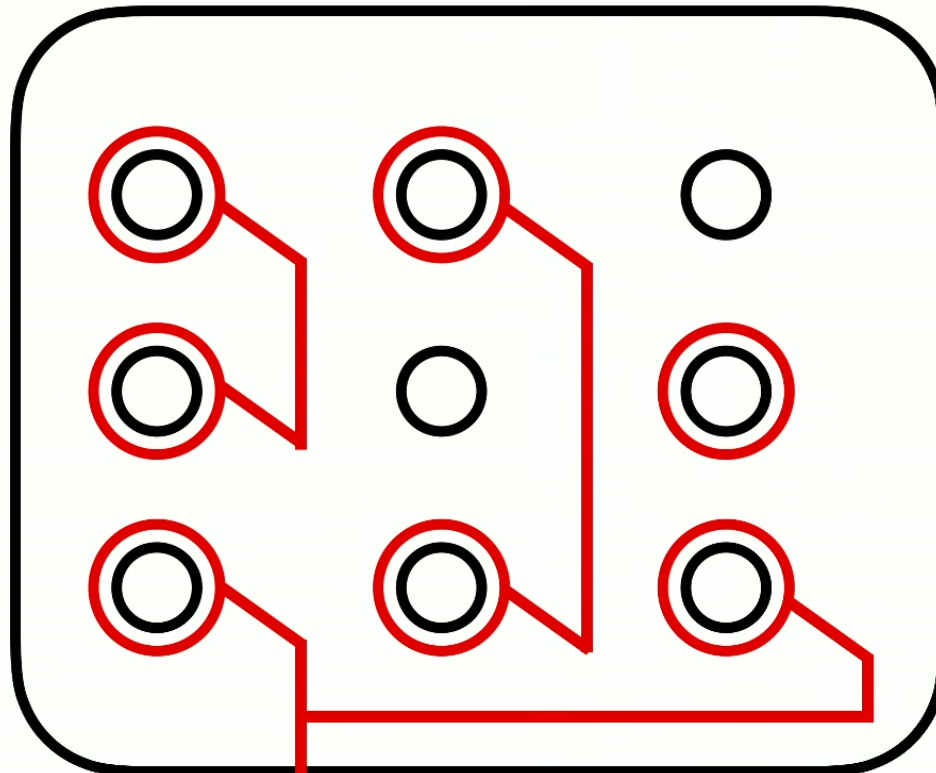


$$\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{10}\right) \left(\frac{5}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^N + \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{10} + \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} + \frac{5}{2}\right)^N$$

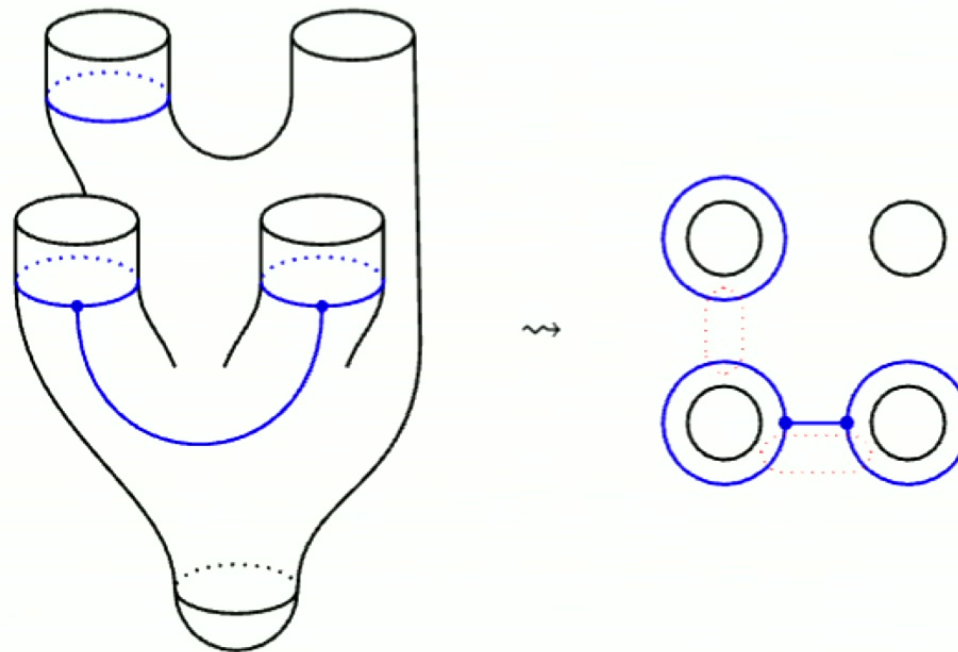
**Dimensions**

**(OEIS A081567)**

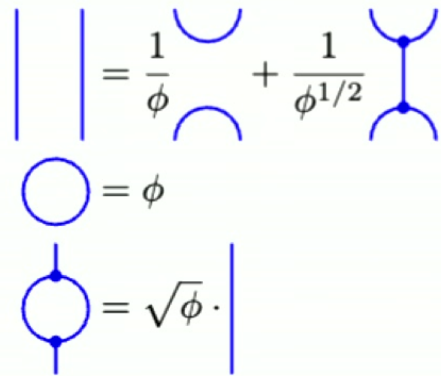
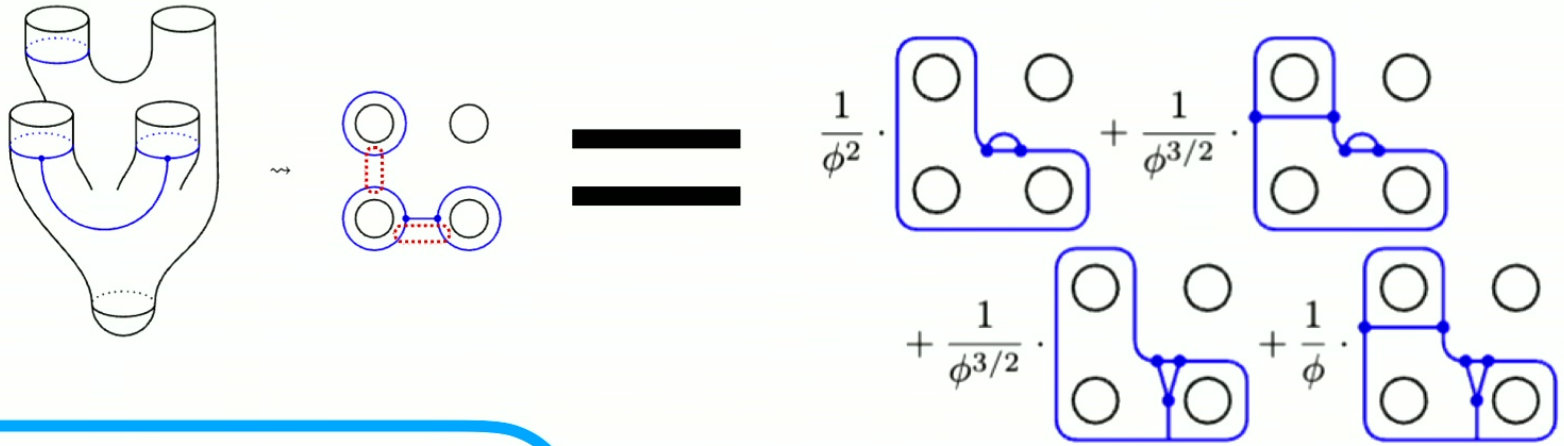
# Example State



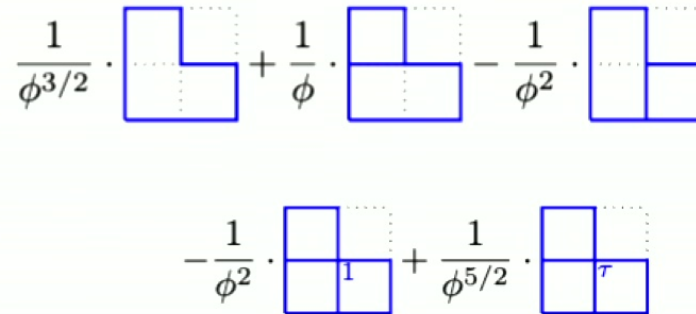
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# Conclusion

- The Levin-Wen model is a gauge theory
- Tube algebra as generalized gauge symmetry
- We showed the gauging procedure
- $B_p$  measures charge and  $A_v$  measures flux
- Gave new physical meaning to  $Rep(Tube(\mathcal{C})) \cong Z(\mathcal{C}) =$  Levin-Wen anyons  
(Details in extra slides)
- New Tube algebra SPT models — Example: Fibonacci SPT

# Main results alert!

# Other research to talk about!

- Continuous symmetry enriched topological order
- 2-group crossed fusion categories
- Operator algebraic superselection theory
- Anomaly detection in N-dimensional symmetry protected phases
- Boundary algebras of topological order
- Boundary theories of Walker-Wang