

Grand Unification



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References:

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Selection of topics:

Grand Unification is a vast field which is impossible to completely survey. Since there is no explicit experimental data on Grand Unification, many statements and preferences are opinion-based. Different researchers have different opinions on the virtues and shortcomings of this scheme. I will present my opinion and will make attempts to justify my statements, yet I'd like to make you aware that there are researchers whose opinion will differ from the views presented in these lectures.

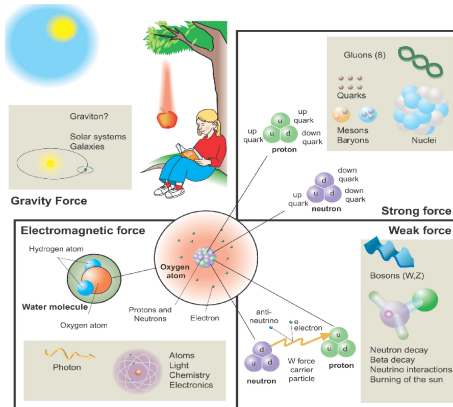
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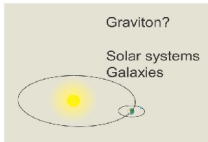
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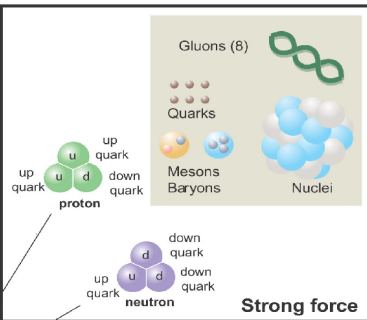
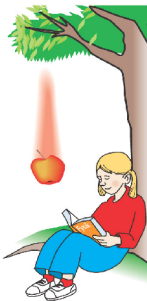
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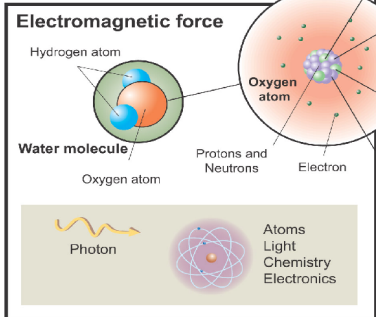




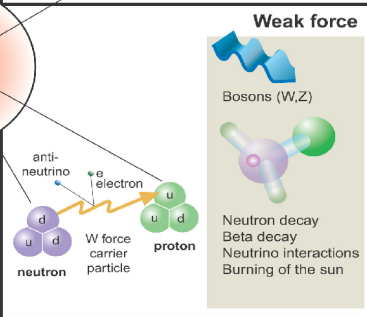
Gravity Force



Strong force



Electromagnetic force

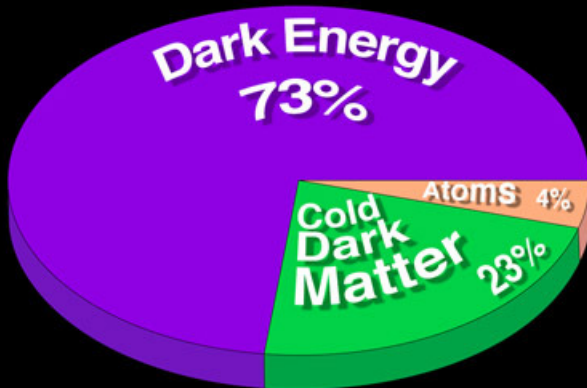


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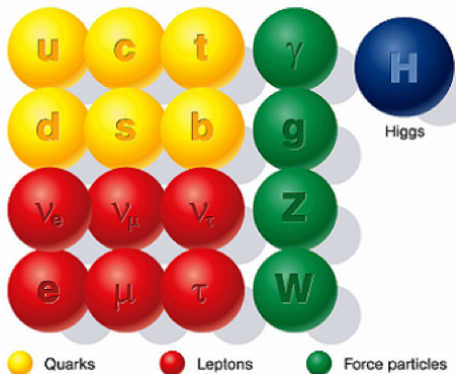
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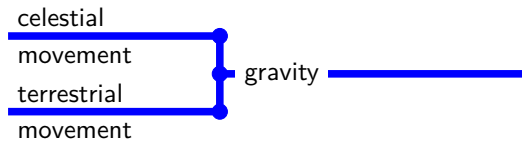
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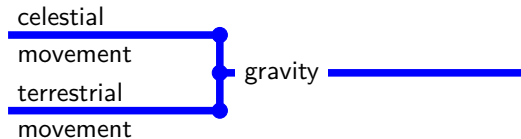
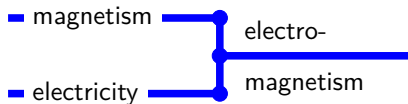


Unification of forces

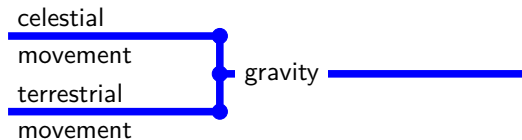
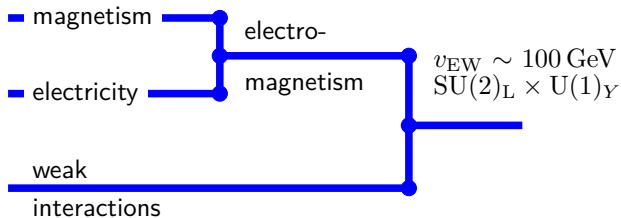
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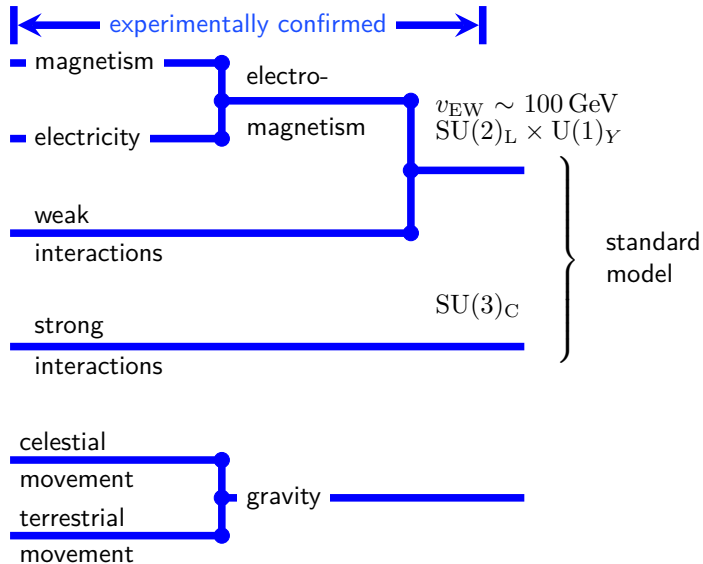
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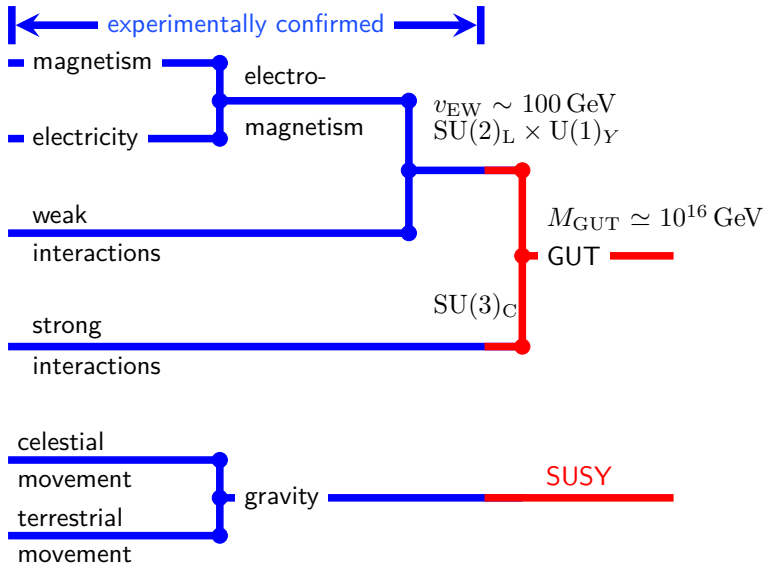
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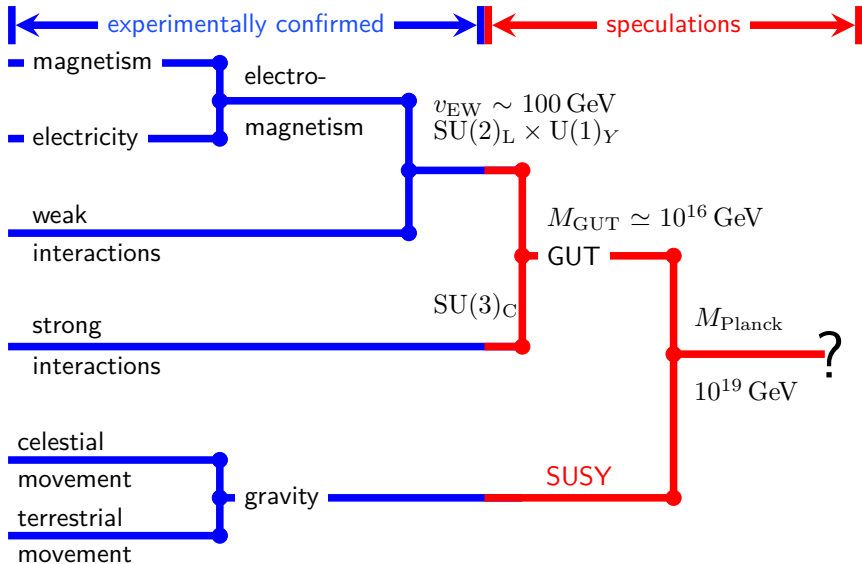
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Interactions

local U(1) rotation

$$\begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \psi_2 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \cos[\theta(x)] & \sin[\theta(x)] \\ -\sin[\theta(x)] & \cos[\theta(x)] \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \psi_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

or

$$\Psi \rightarrow \exp[i\theta(x)] \Psi$$

e.g. electron

$$\psi_e \rightarrow \exp[i\theta(x) q_e] \psi_e$$

Interactions

local SU(3) rotation : e.g. quark

$$\begin{pmatrix} \psi_q \\ \psi_q \\ \psi_q \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ * & * & * \\ * & * & * \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_q \\ \psi_q \\ \psi_q \end{pmatrix}$$

Interactions

local SU(2) rotation : e.g. lepton

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☞ all known (gauge) interactions can be unified in SU(5)

The structure
of the
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hints at
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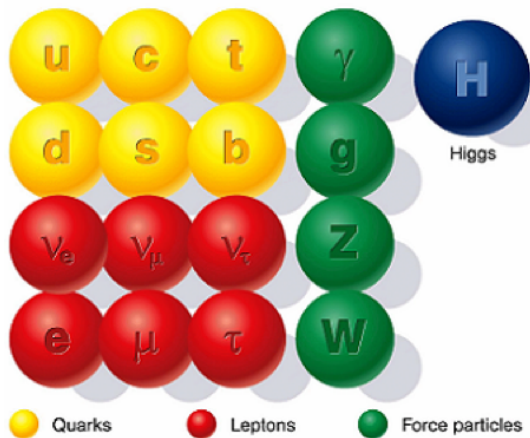
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Grand Unification

... in 4 dimensions

The standard model of particle physics



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☞ d -type quarks and lepton doublets can be combined to $\text{SU}(5)$ $\bar{\mathbf{5}}$ -plet

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Standard model matter in SU(5) (I)

- quark doublets, u -type quarks and lepton singlets can be combined to SU(5) $\mathbf{10}$ -plet

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- transformation of **10**-plet

$$\chi \rightarrow U \cdot \chi \cdot U^T$$

SU(5) matrix

Standard model matter in SU(5) (II)

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SU(3)_C matrix

SU(2)_L matrix

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➔ e^c transform as singlets

Unification of matter

- ↳ $SU(5)$ representations $\bar{\mathbf{5}}$ and $\mathbf{10}$ contain precisely one generation of standard model matter

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} d^c \\ \ell \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \bar{\mathbf{5}} \quad \text{and} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} q \\ u^c \\ e^c \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \mathbf{10}$$

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- G_{SM} maximal subgroup of $SU(5)$
 $SU(5) \supset SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y = G_{SM}$

Hypercharge (II)

infinitesimal t_Y transformations of $\bar{\mathbf{5}}$ -plet

$$-t_Y \begin{pmatrix} d_r^c \\ d_g^c \\ d_b^c \\ \ell^\uparrow \\ \ell^\downarrow \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{N} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} d_r^c \\ \frac{1}{3} d_g^c \\ \frac{1}{3} d_b^c \\ -\frac{1}{2} \ell^\uparrow \\ -\frac{1}{2} \ell^\downarrow \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{N} \begin{pmatrix} Q_Y d_r^c \\ Q_Y d_g^c \\ Q_Y d_b^c \\ Q_Y \ell^\uparrow \\ Q_Y \ell^\downarrow \end{pmatrix}$$

normalization constant

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infinitesimal transformation of 10 -plet

$$\begin{pmatrix} u^c & q \\ -q^T & e^c \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} u^c & q \\ -q^T & e^c \end{pmatrix} + \Delta \begin{pmatrix} u^c & q \\ -q^T & e^c \end{pmatrix}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \begin{pmatrix} u^c & q \\ -q^T & e^c \end{pmatrix} &= t_Y \begin{pmatrix} u^c & q \\ -q^T & e^c \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} u^c & q \\ -q^T & e^c \end{pmatrix} t_Y^T \\ &= \mathcal{N} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} u^c & q \\ -q^T & e^c \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{N} \begin{pmatrix} u^c & q \\ -q^T & e^c \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

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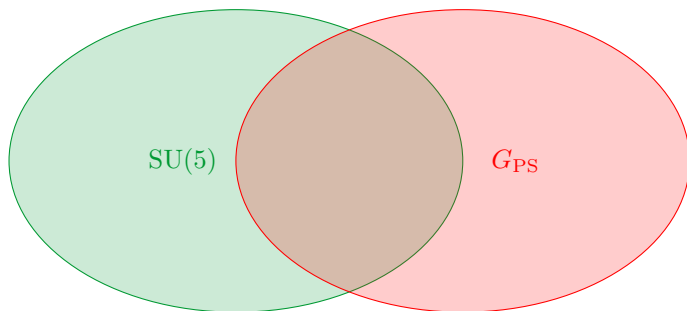
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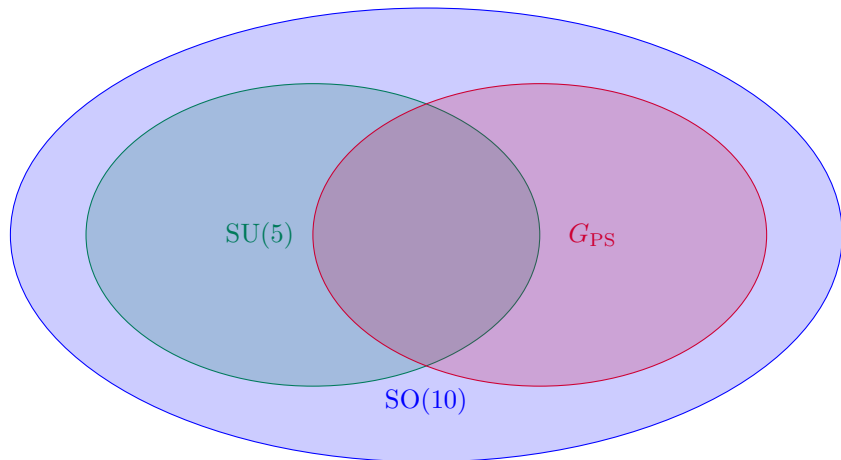
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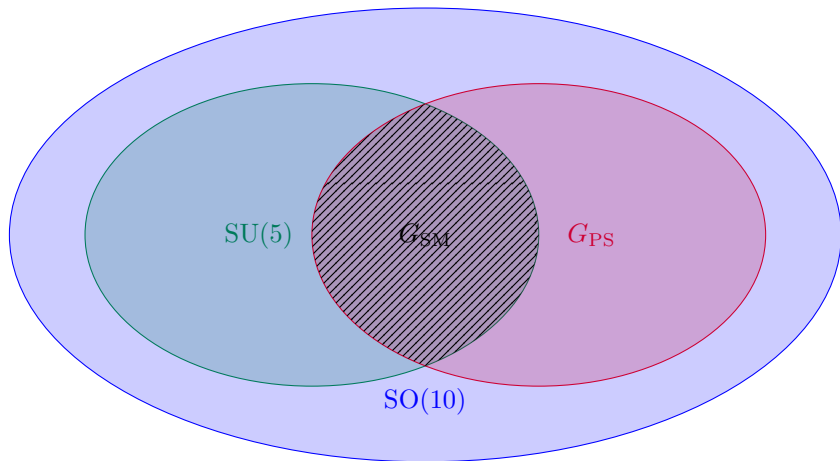
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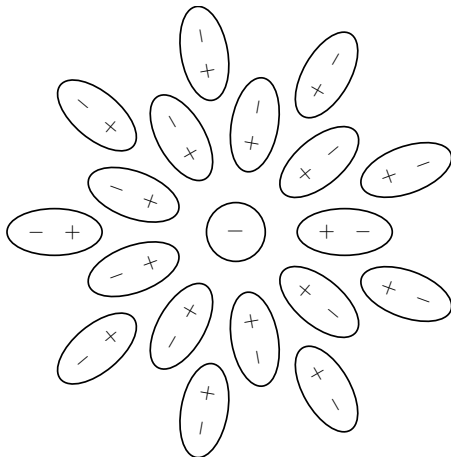
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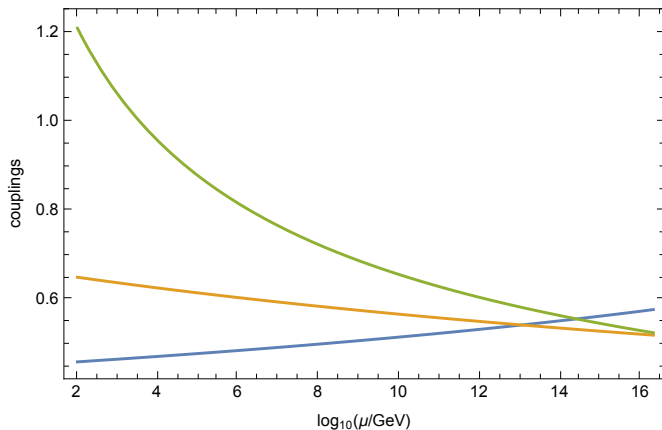
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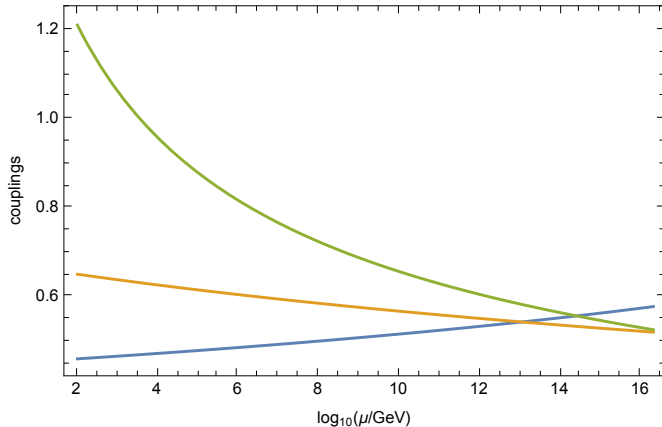
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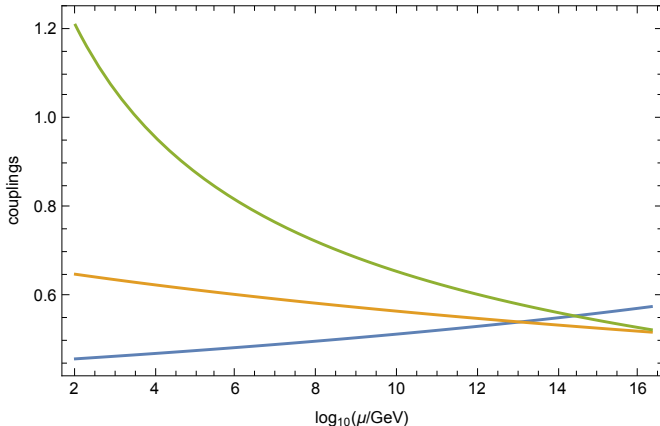


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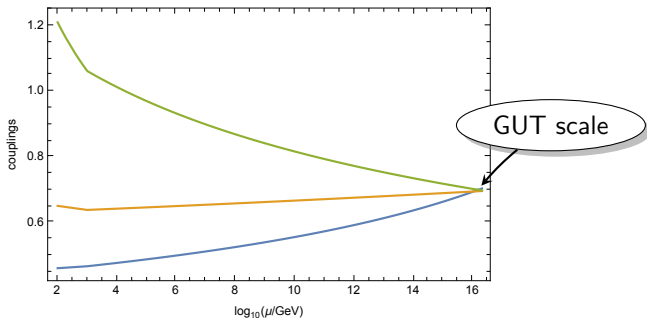
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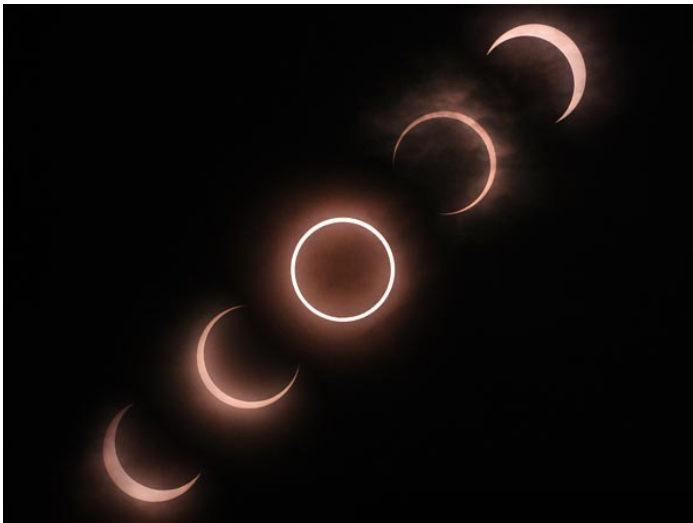
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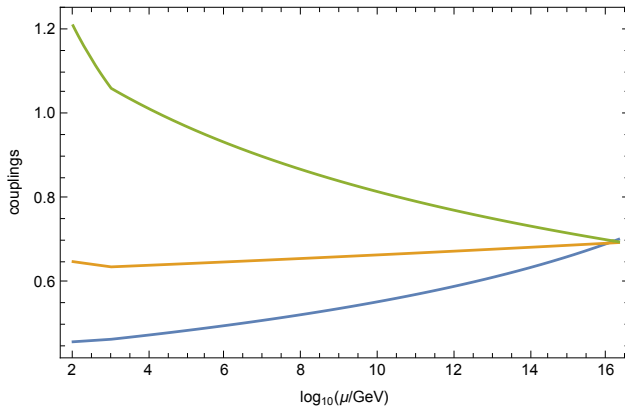
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Accidents in Nature



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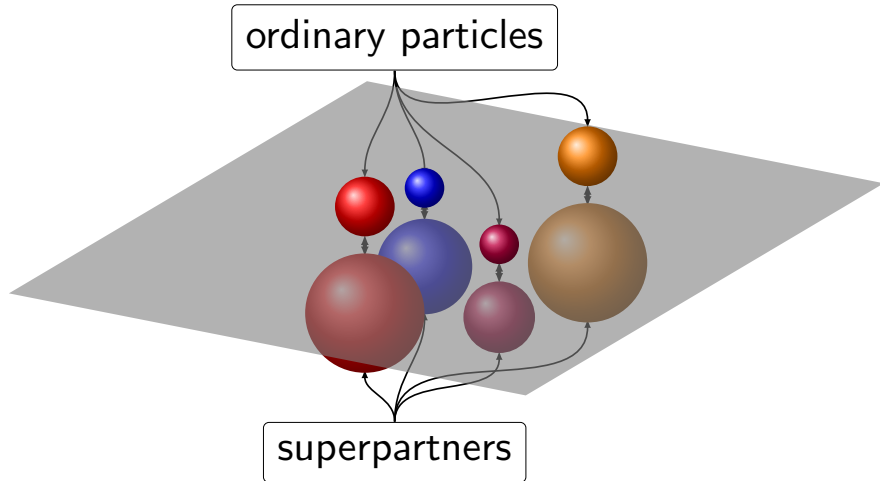
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see [Raby \(2009\)](#)

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u_{red}	$\frac{1}{6}$	-++	+-	} 10
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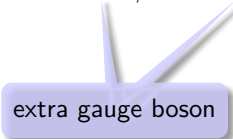
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Group work: proton decay

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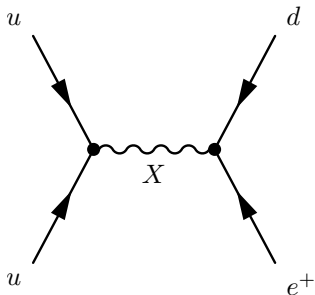
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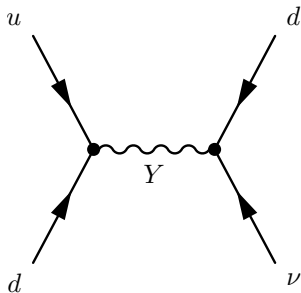
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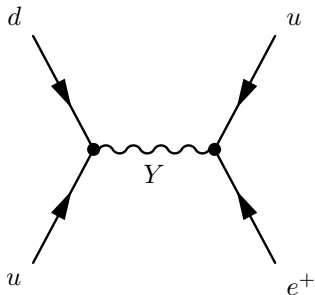
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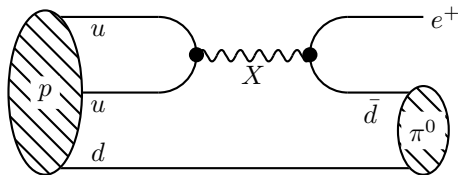
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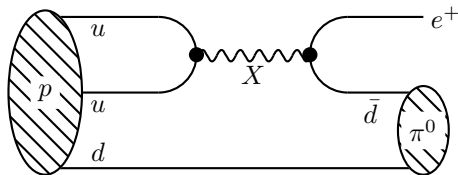
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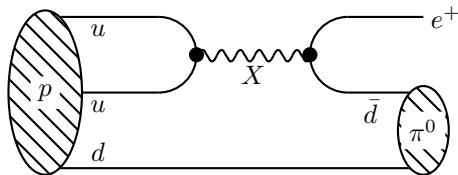
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[Binetruy & Ramond \(1995\)](#); [Binetruy, Lavignac & Ramond \(1996\)](#)

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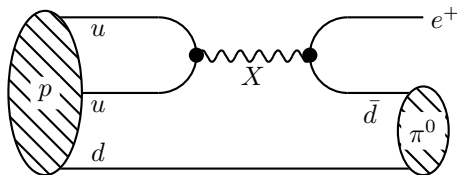
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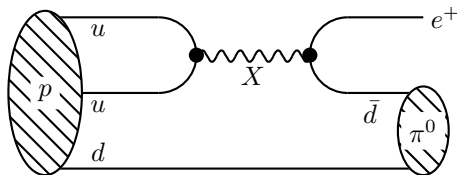
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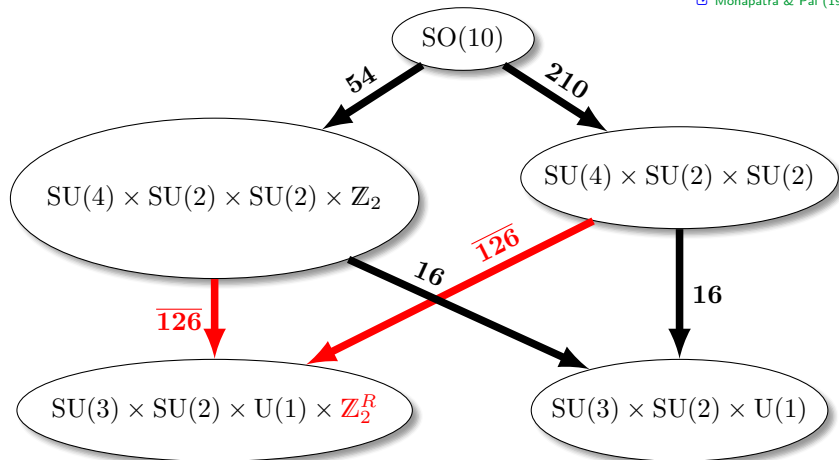
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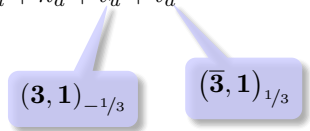


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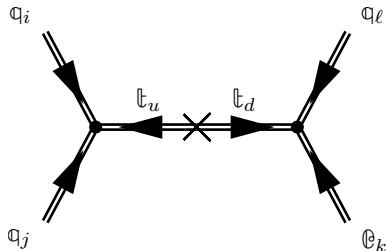
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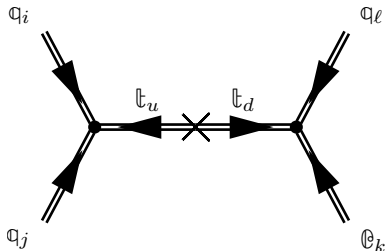
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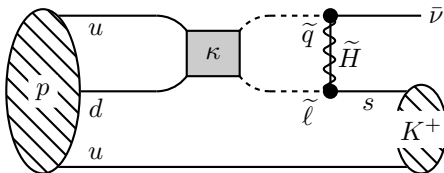


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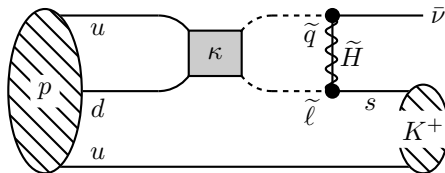


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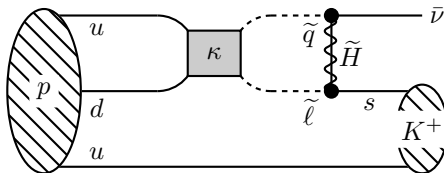
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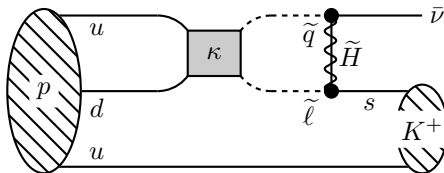


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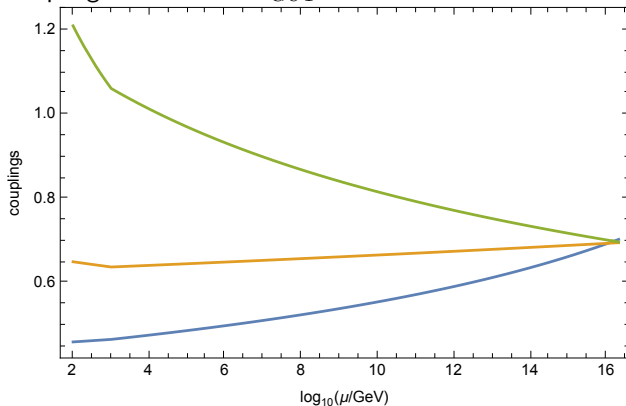


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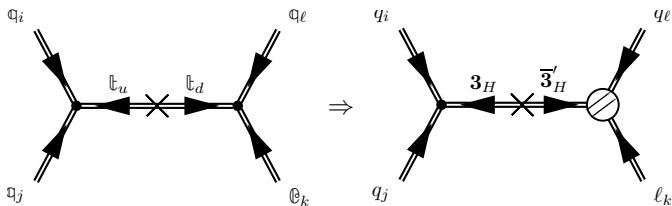
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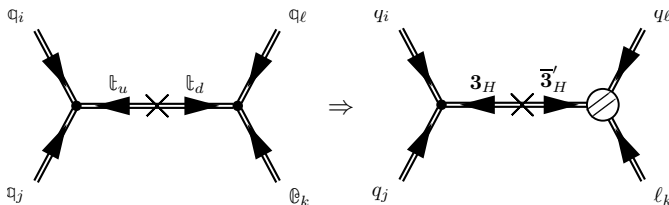
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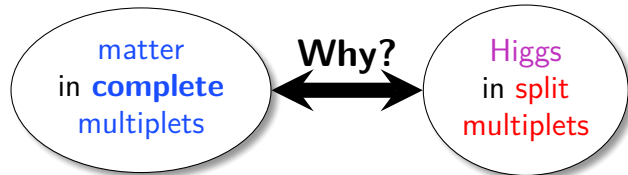
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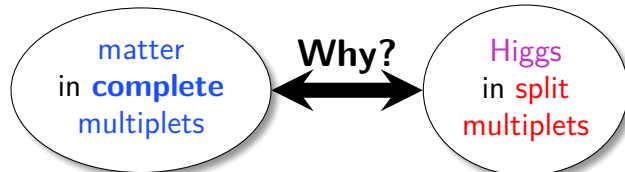


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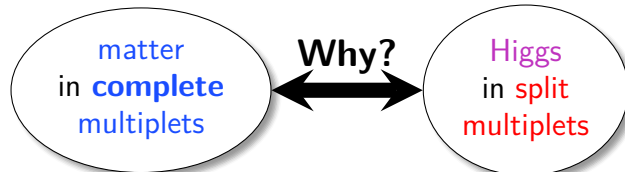
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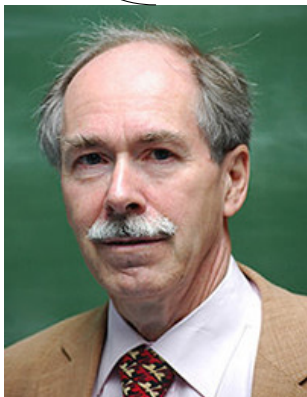
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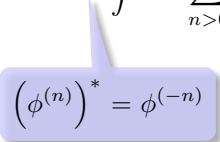
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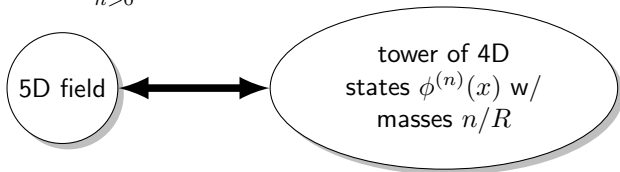
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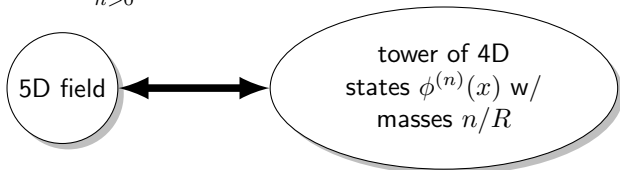
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Spinors in D dimensionscf. [Polchinski \(1998\)](#)

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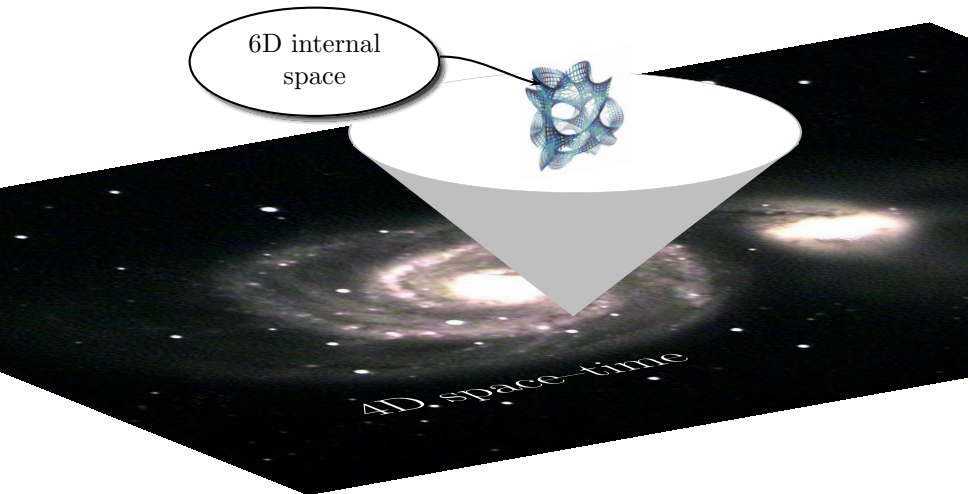
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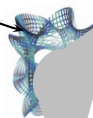


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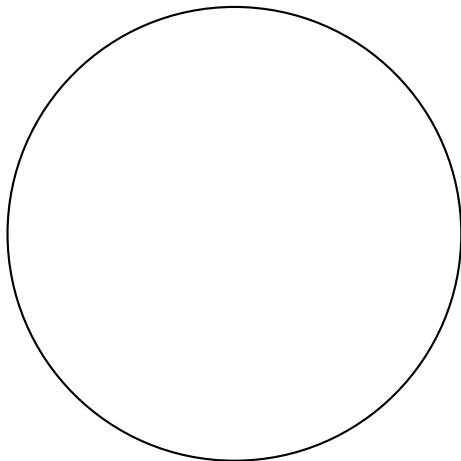
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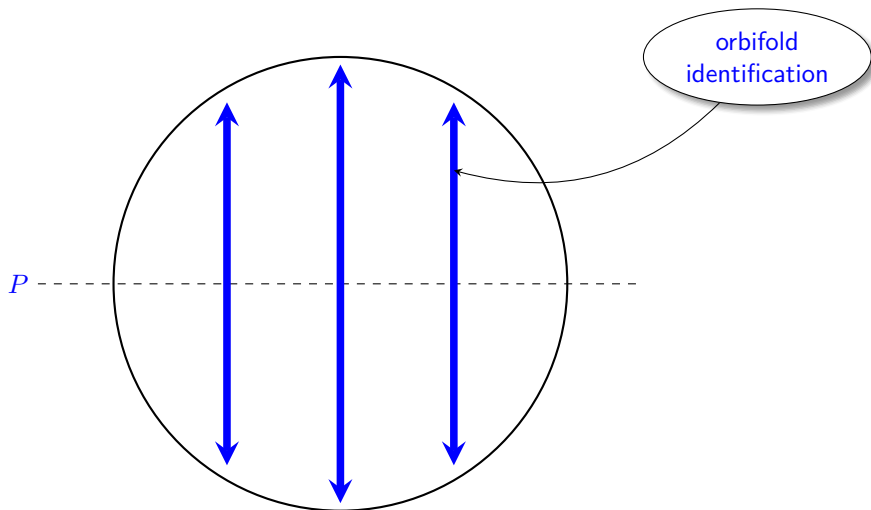
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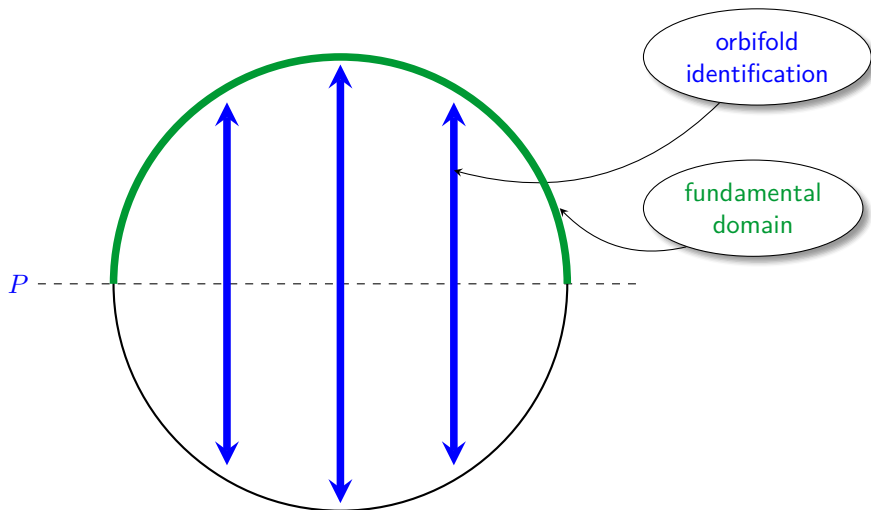
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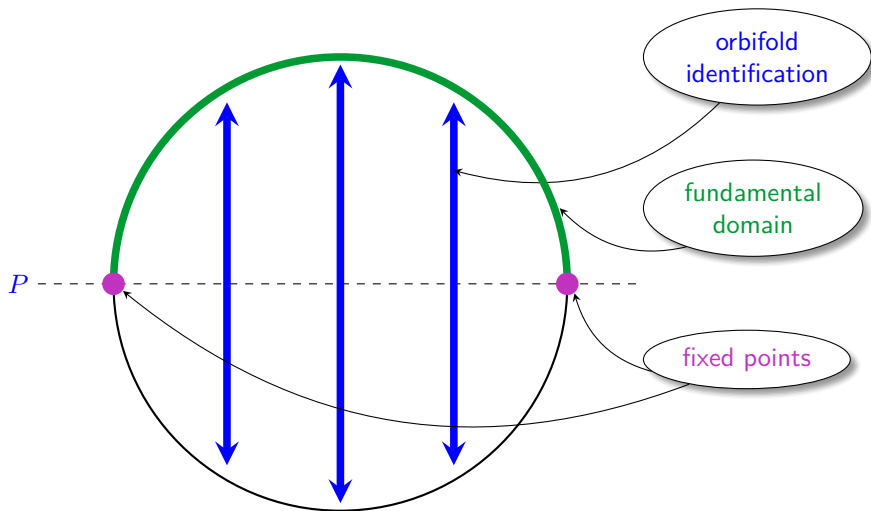


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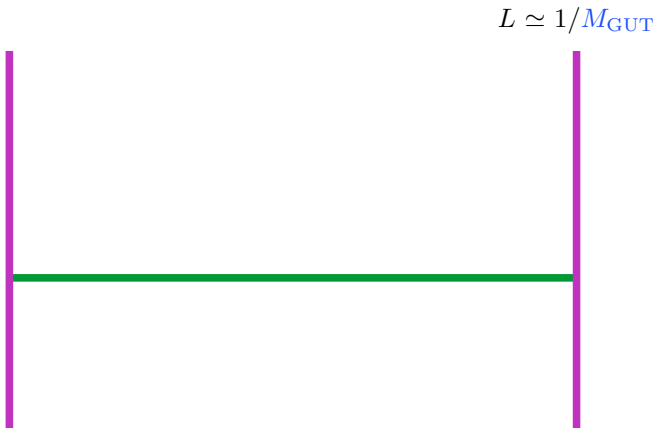


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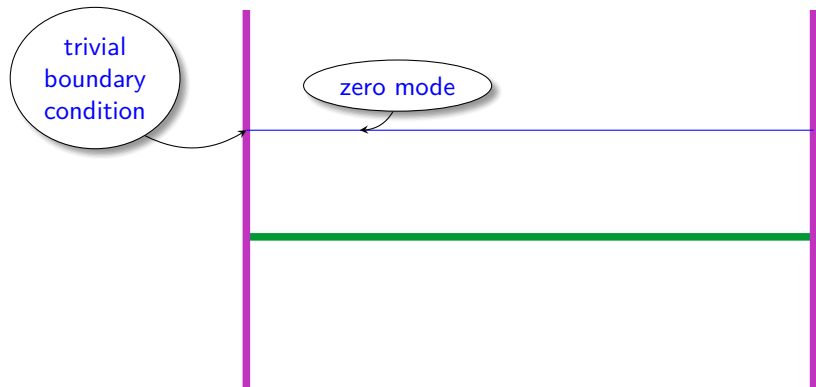
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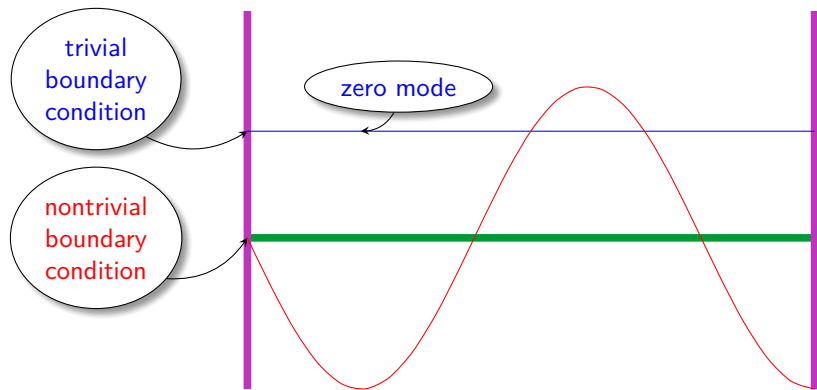
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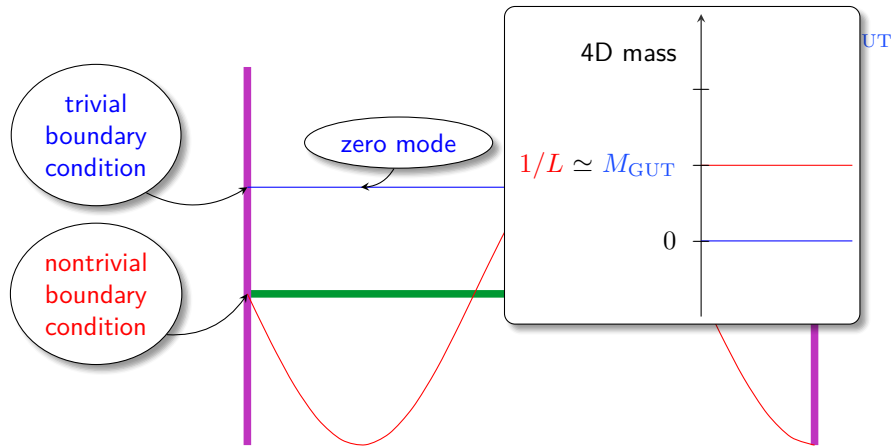
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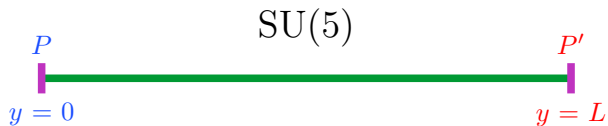
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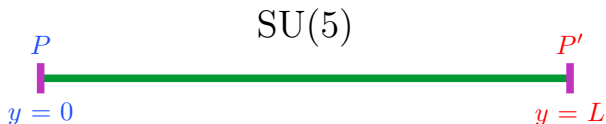
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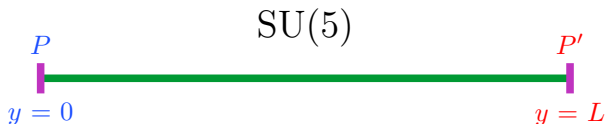
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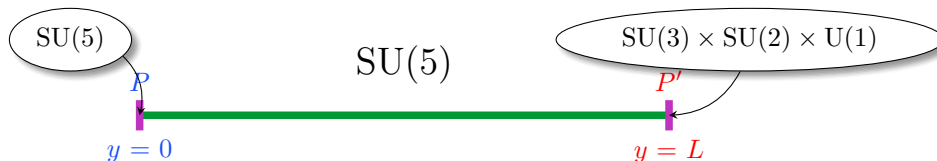


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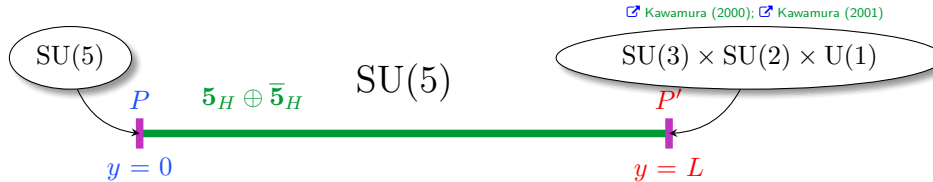
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cf. [Barbieri, Hall & Nomura \(2001\)](#)

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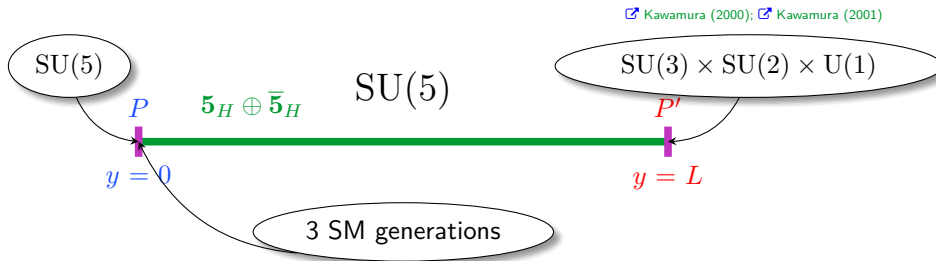
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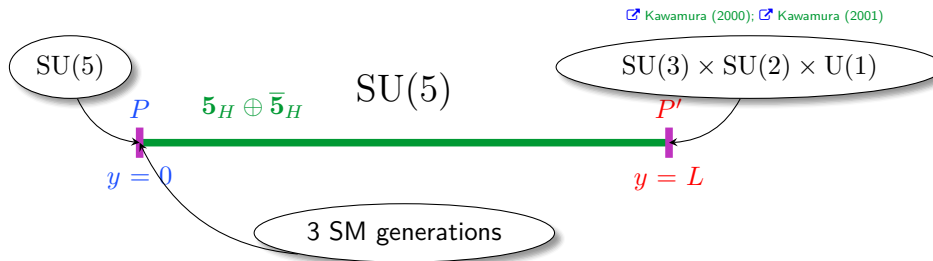
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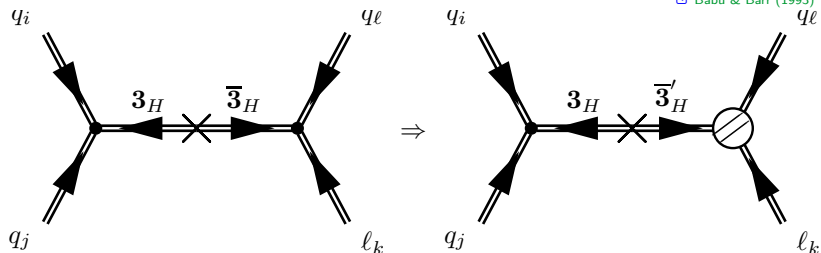
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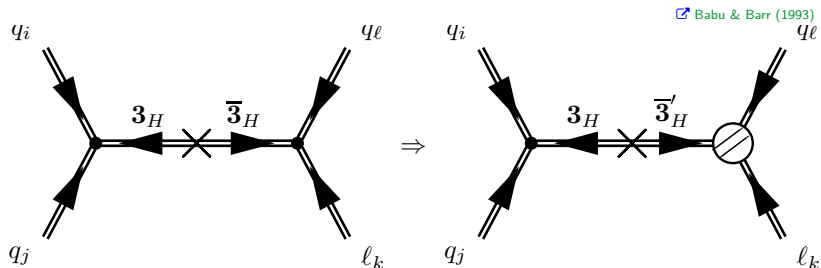
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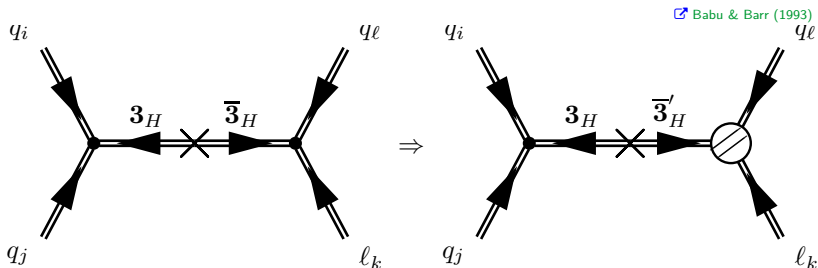


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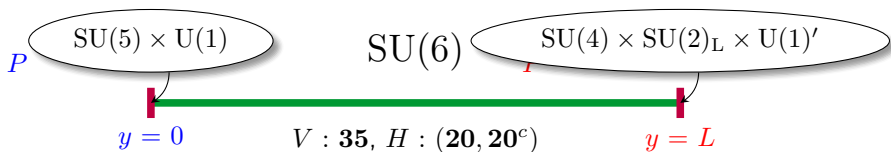
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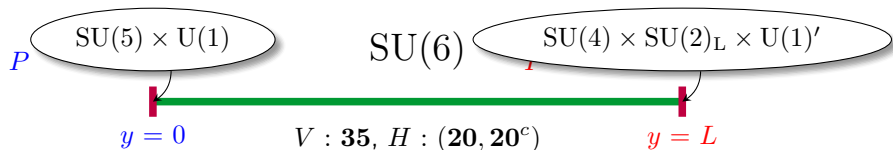
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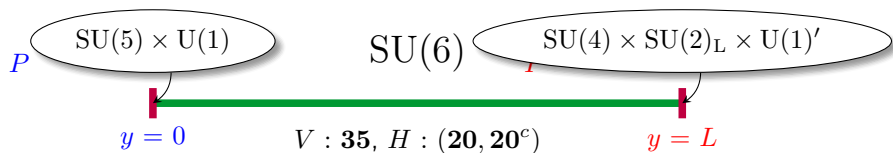
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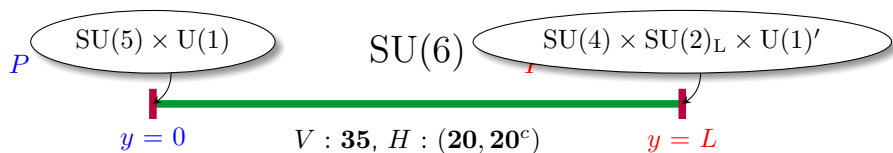
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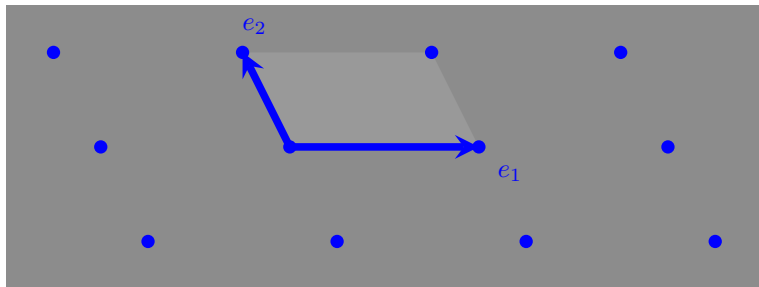
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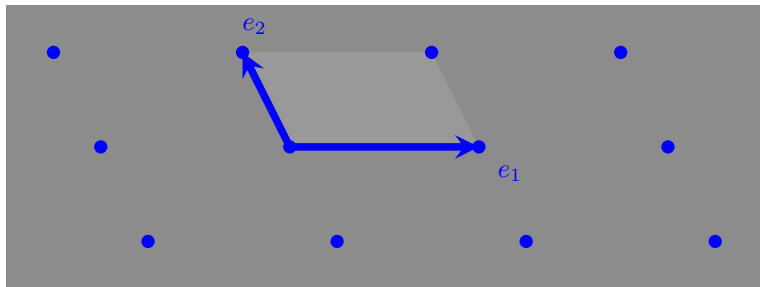
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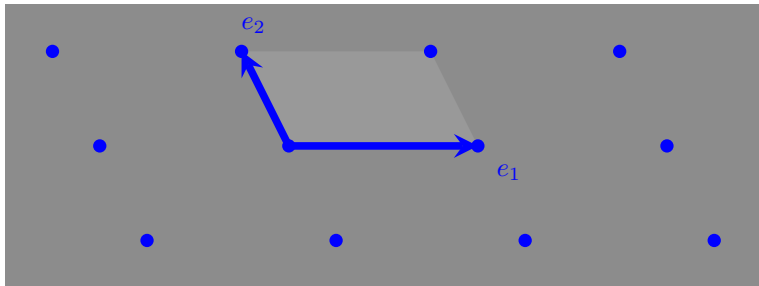
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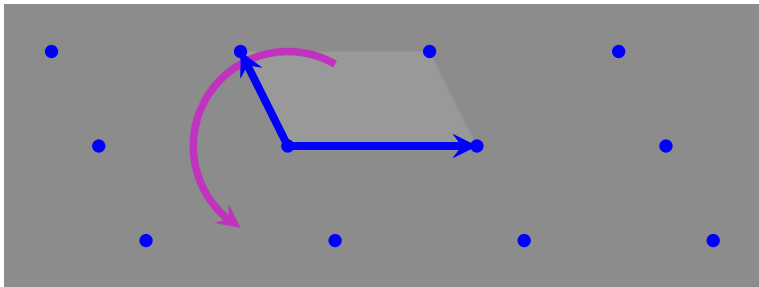
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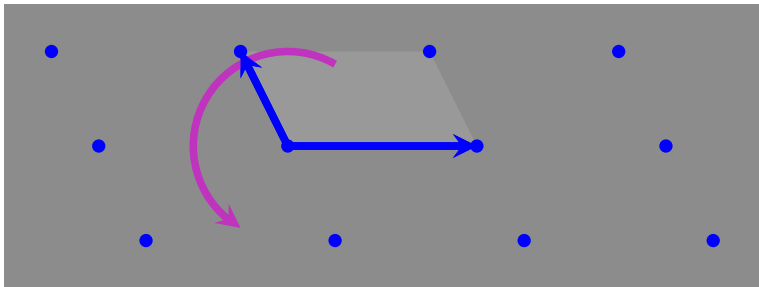
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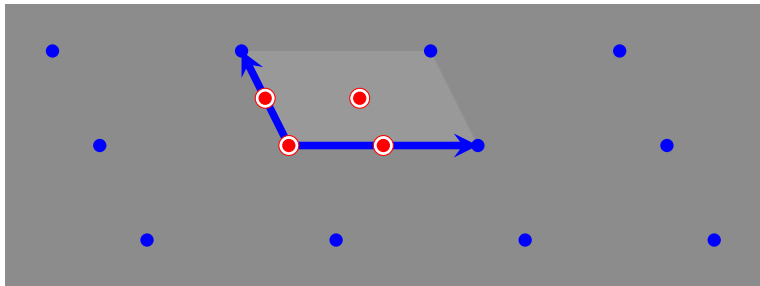
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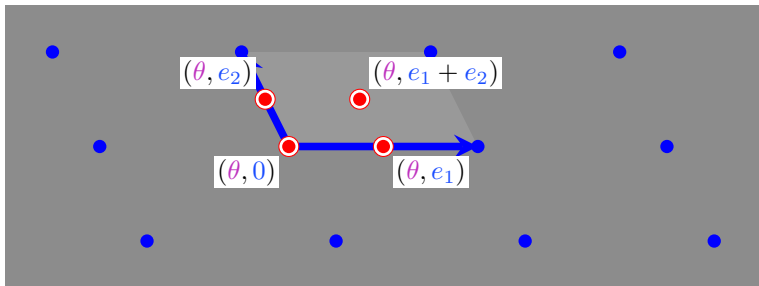
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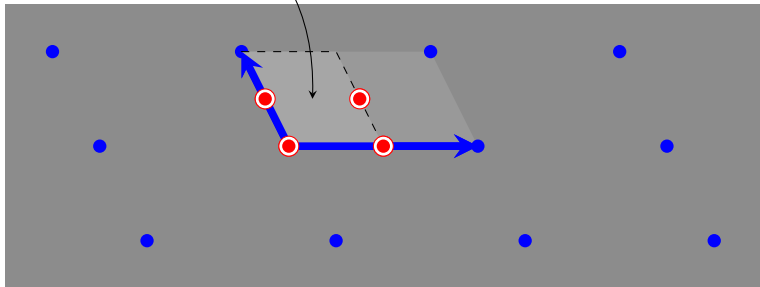
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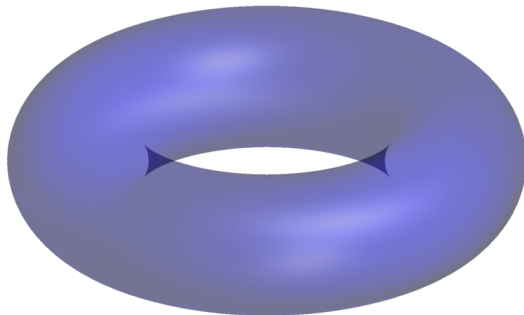
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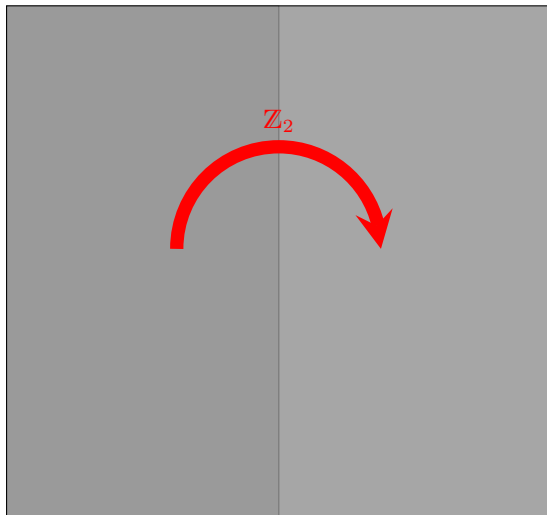


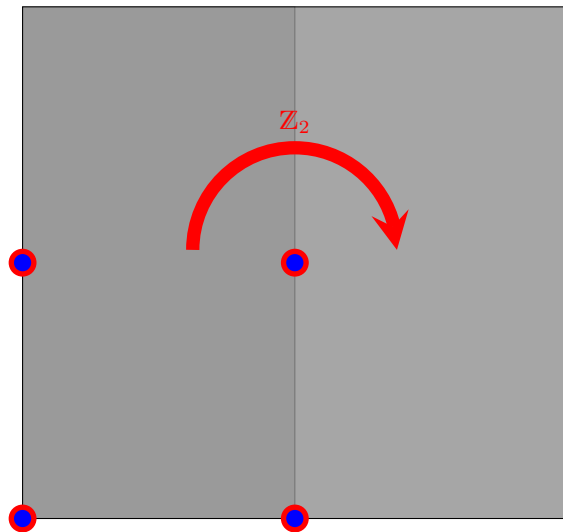
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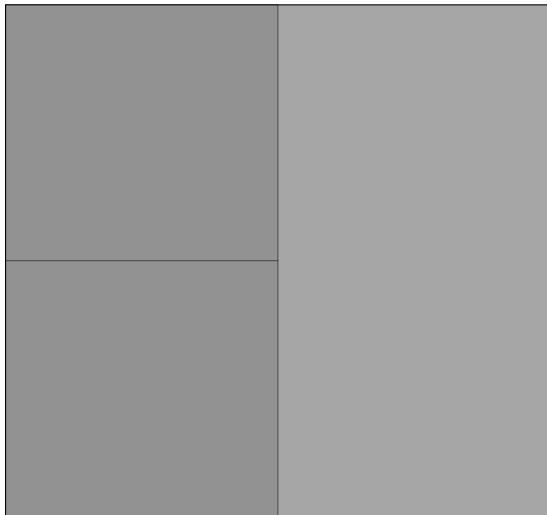
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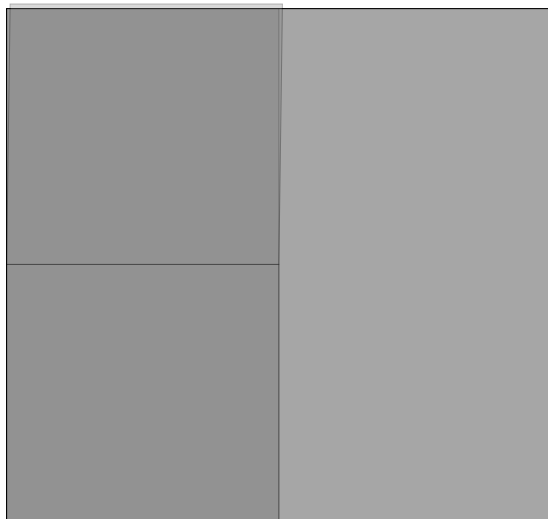


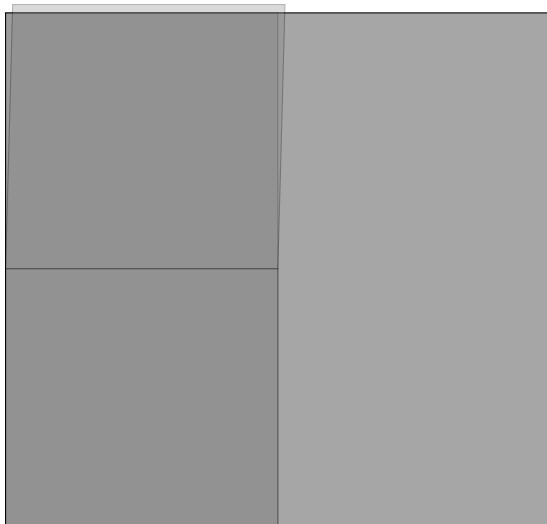
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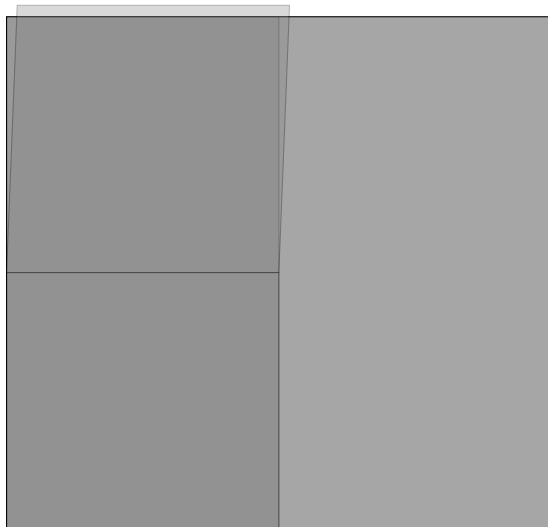
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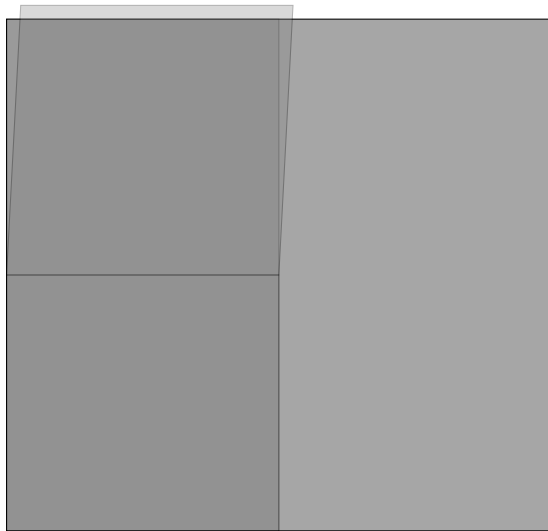
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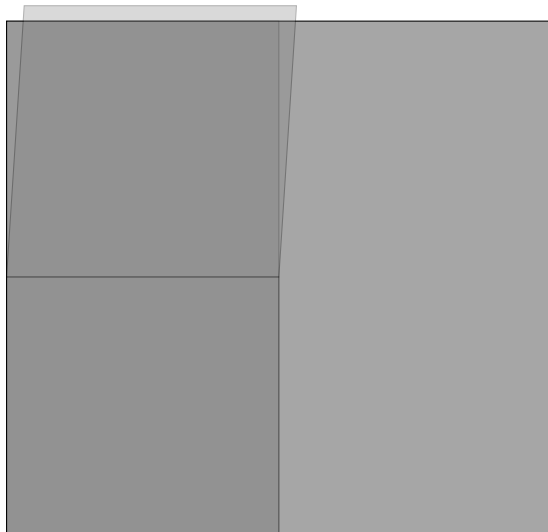
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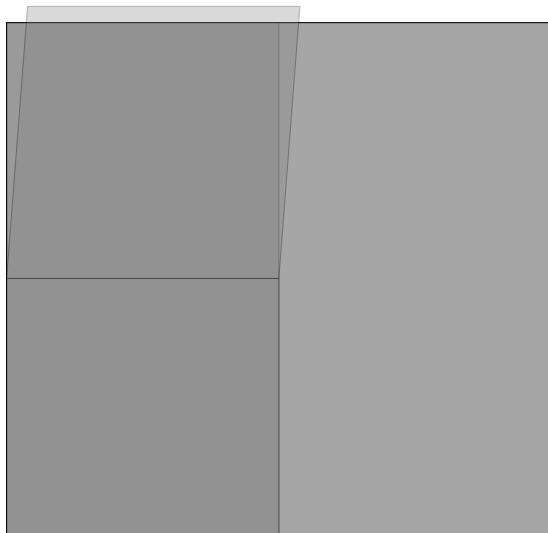
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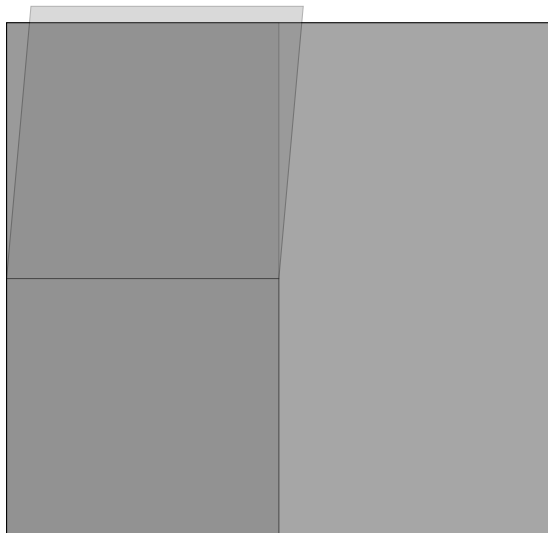
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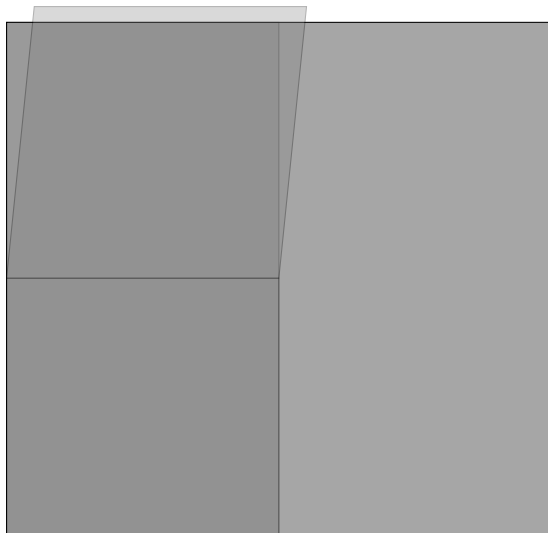
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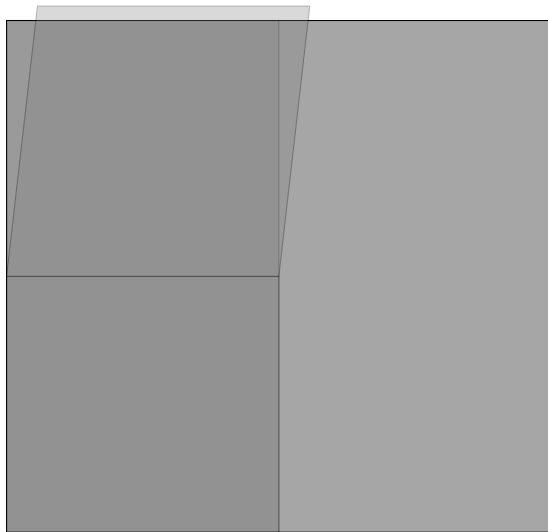
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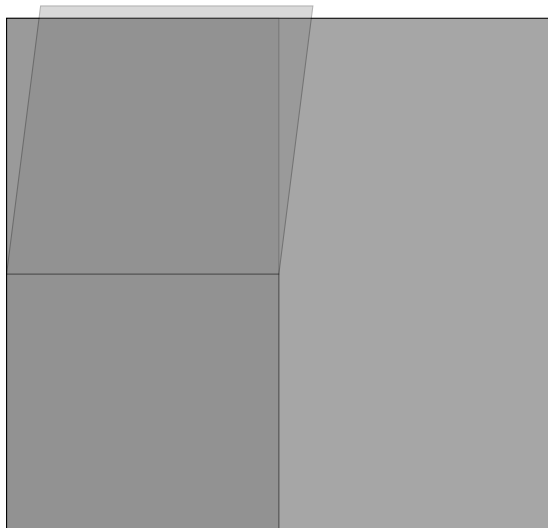
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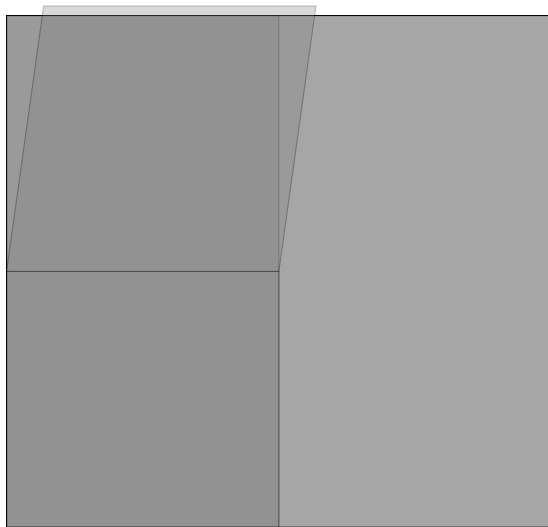
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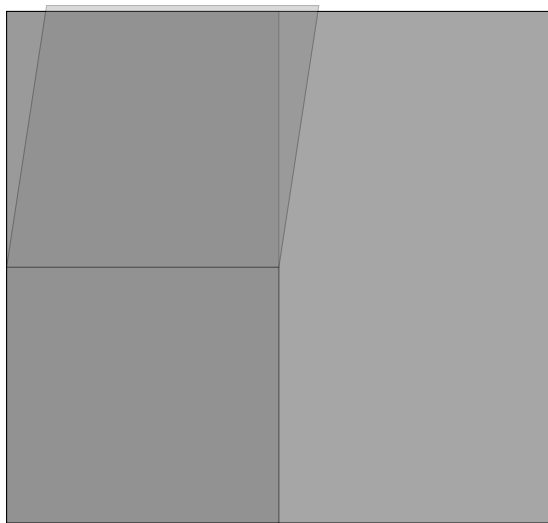
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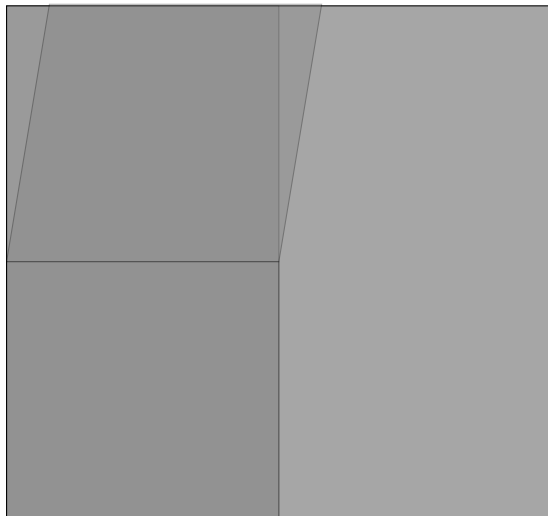
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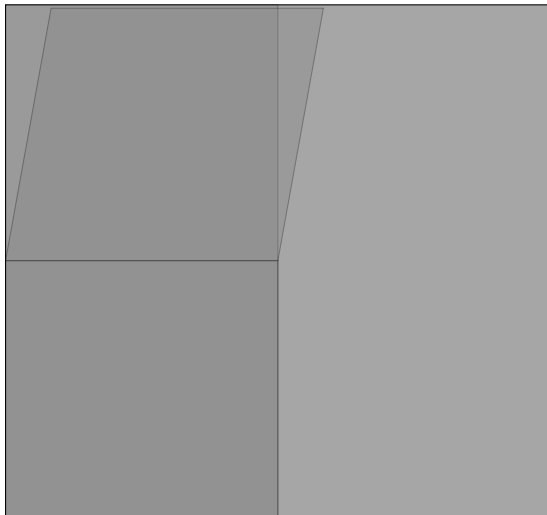
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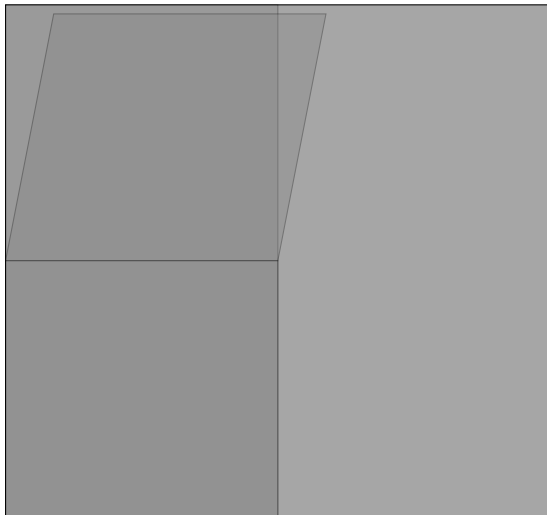
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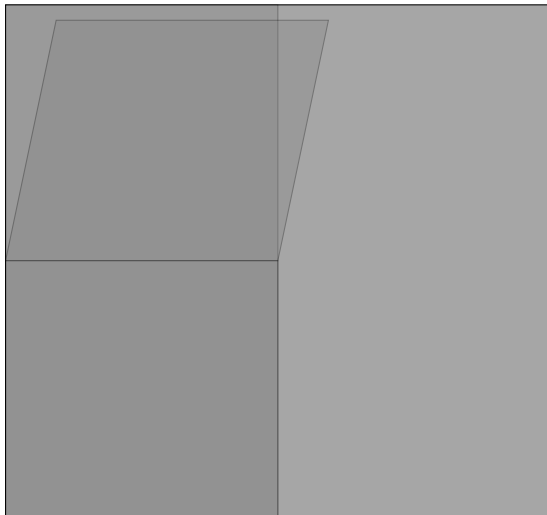
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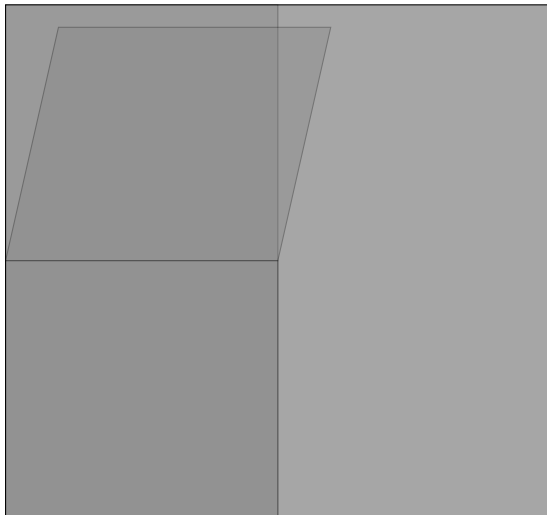
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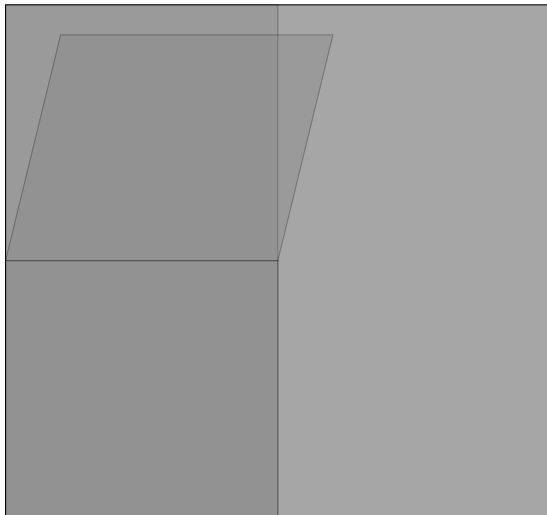
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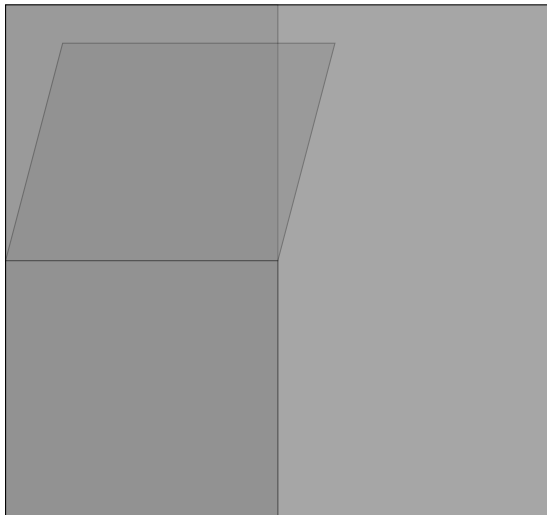
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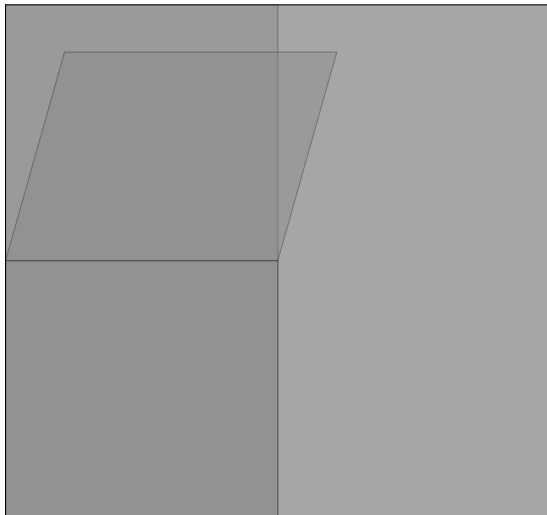
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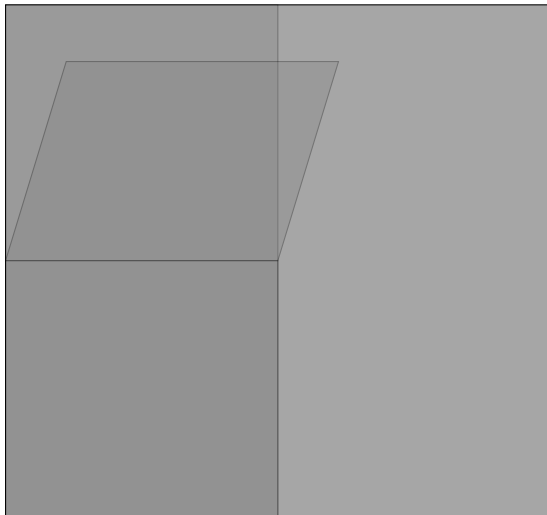
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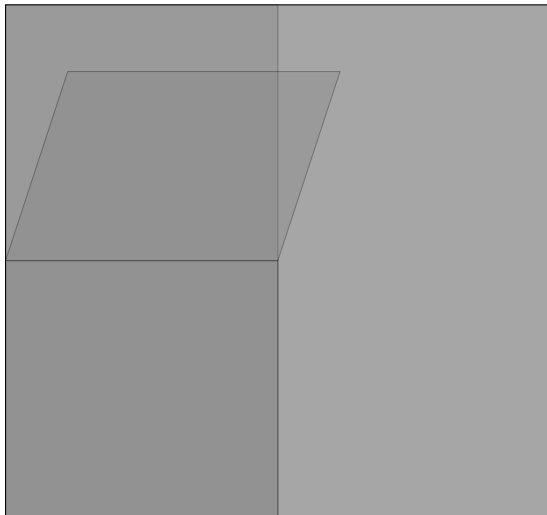
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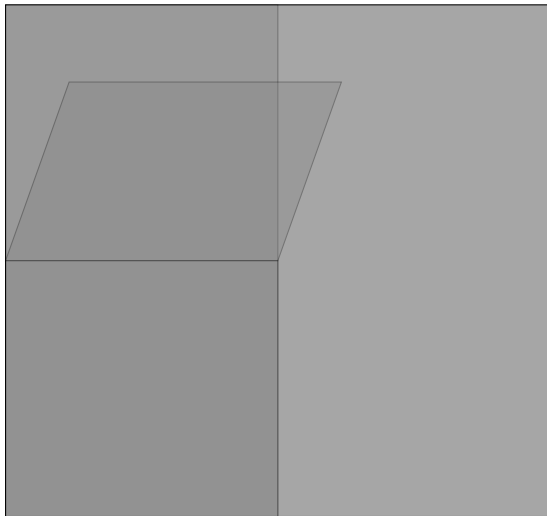
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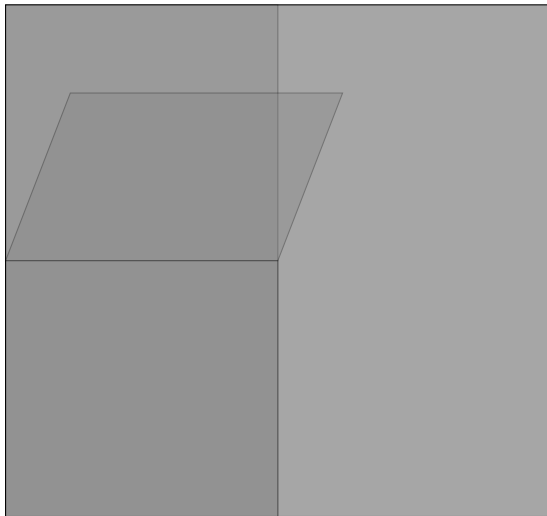
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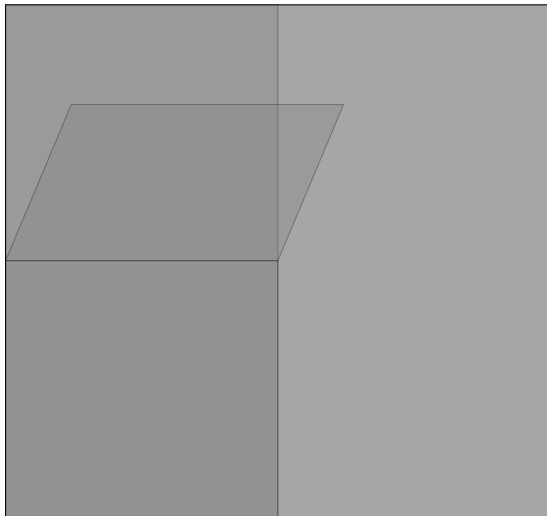
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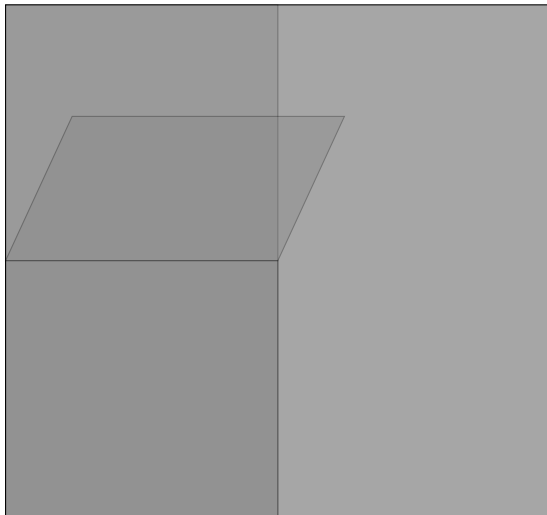
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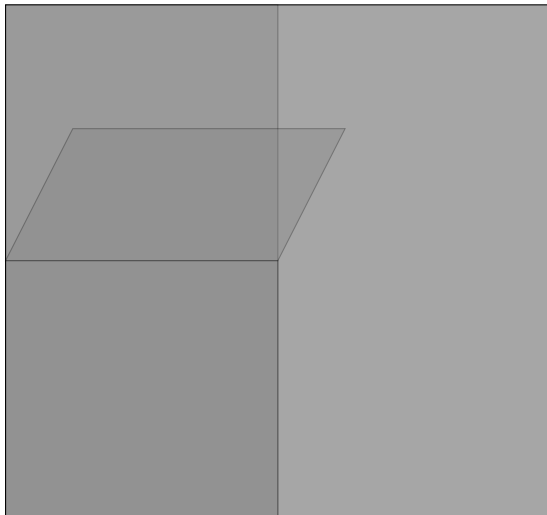
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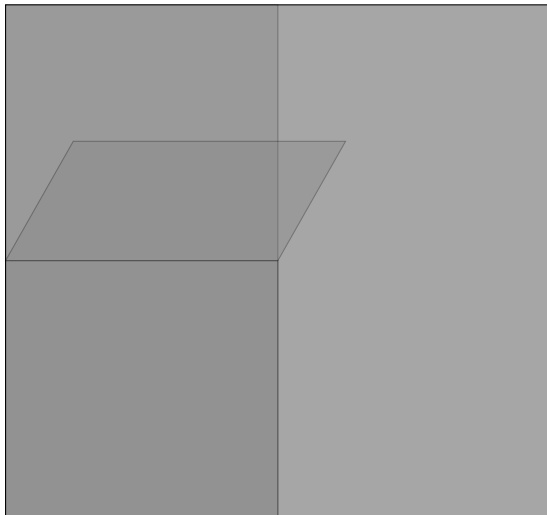
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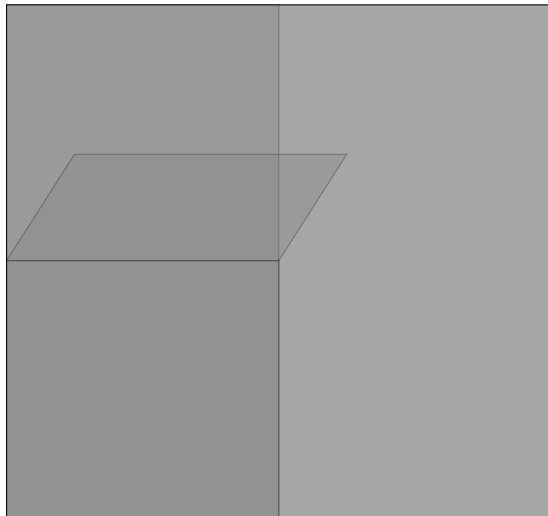
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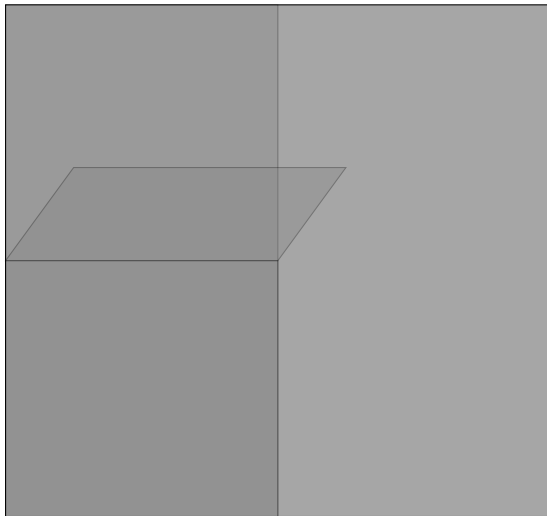
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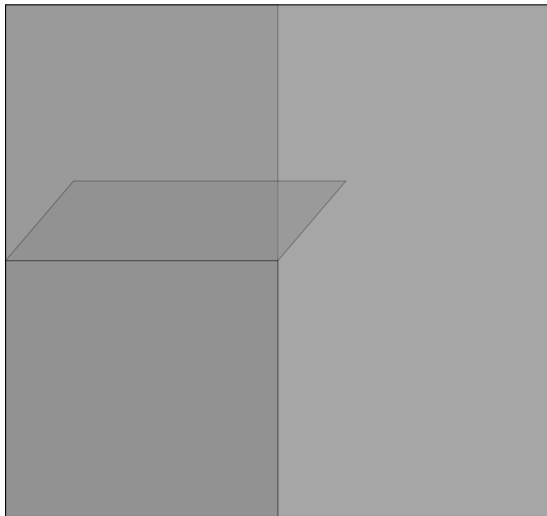
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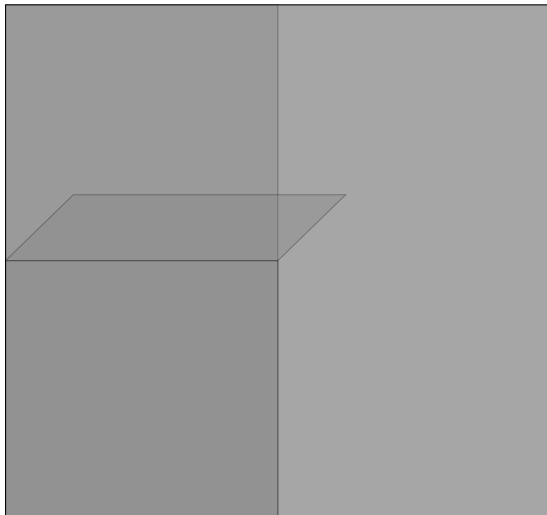
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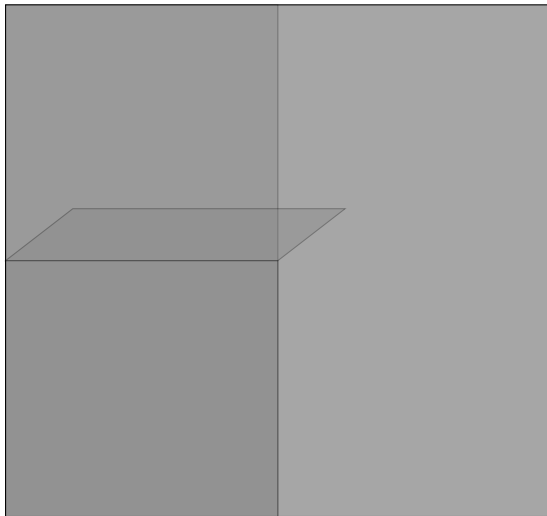
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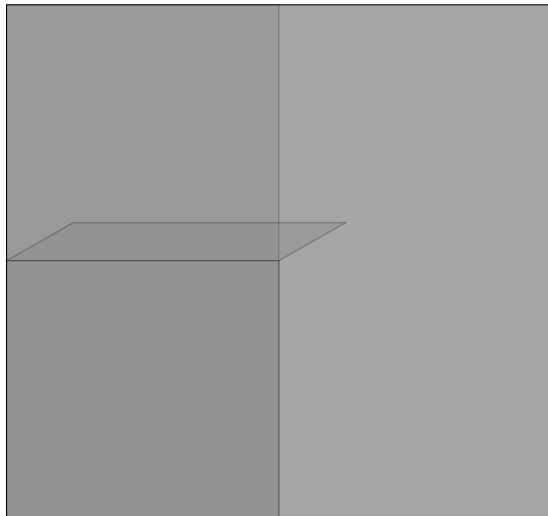
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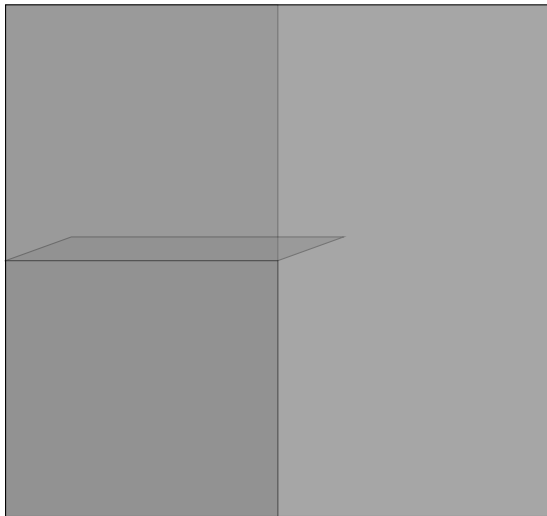
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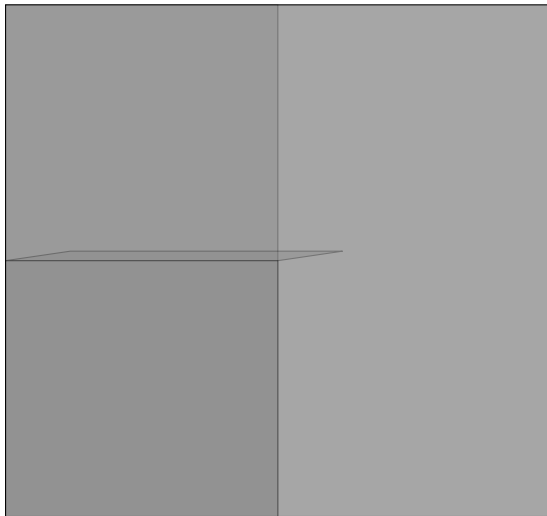
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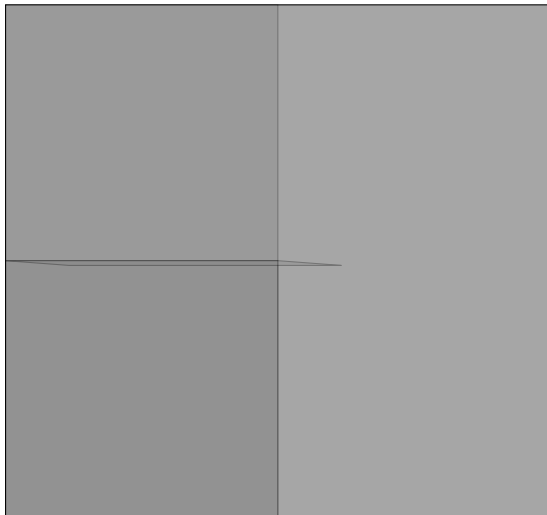
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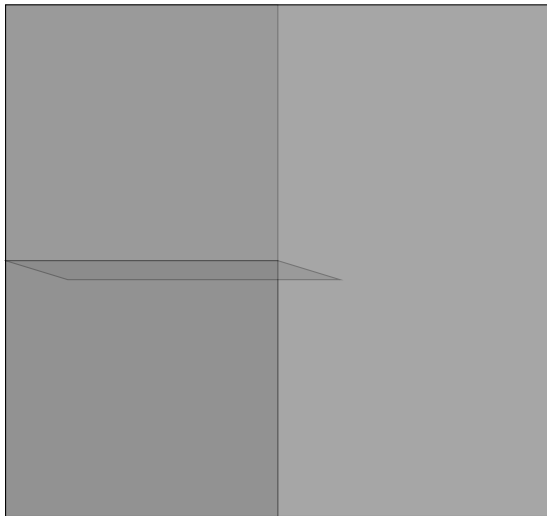
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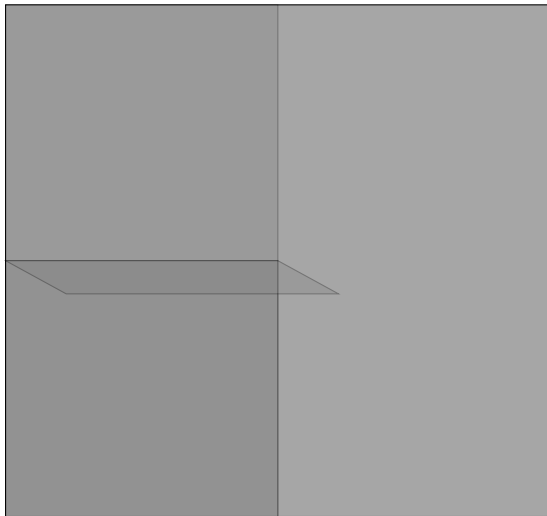
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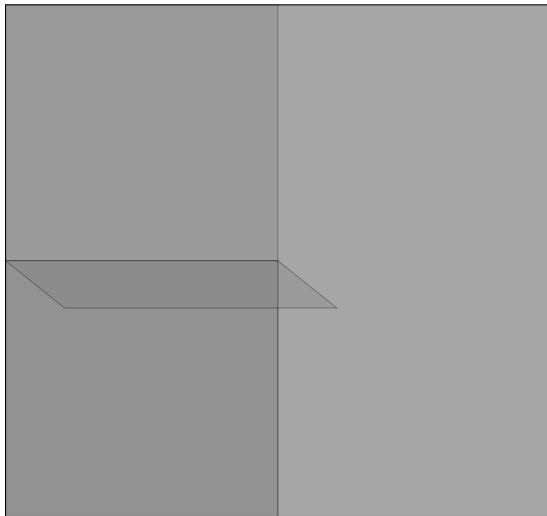
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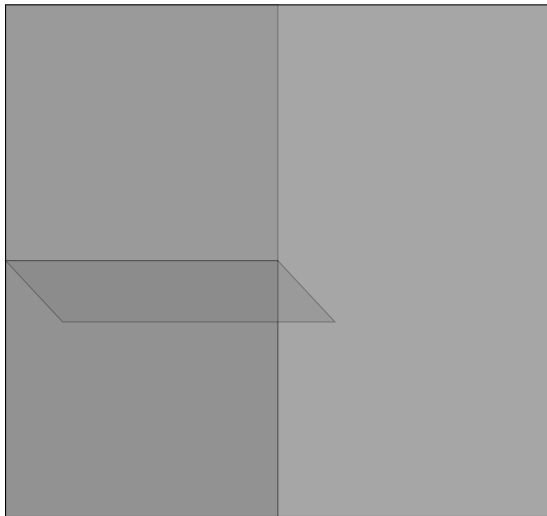
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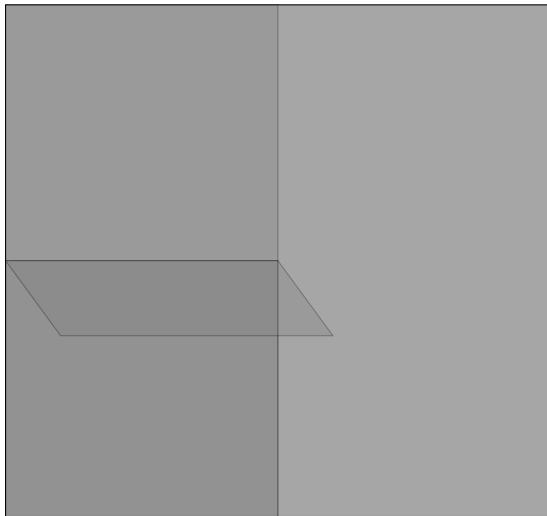
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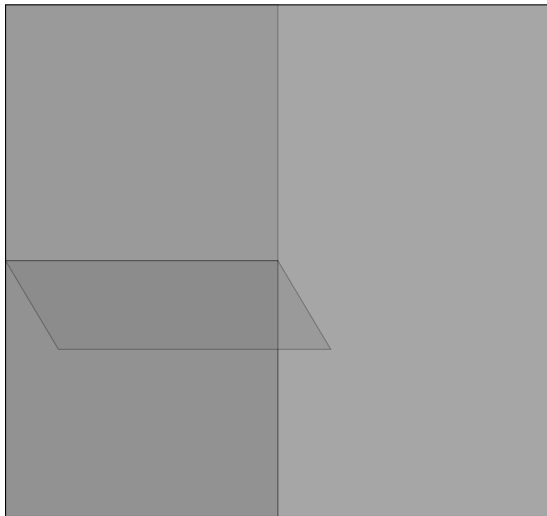
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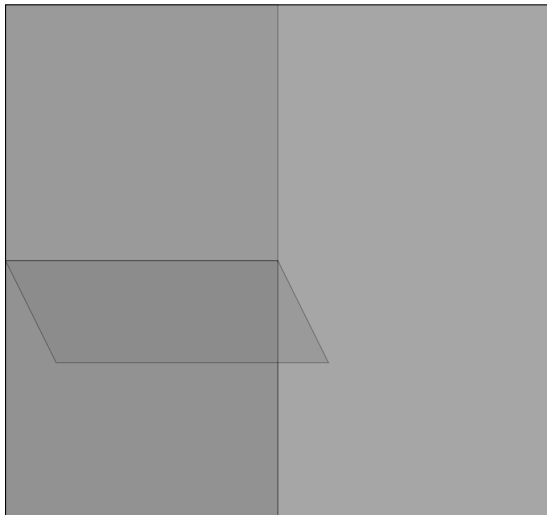
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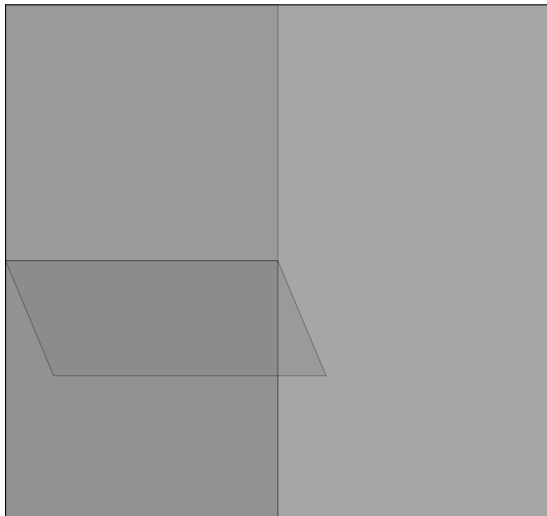
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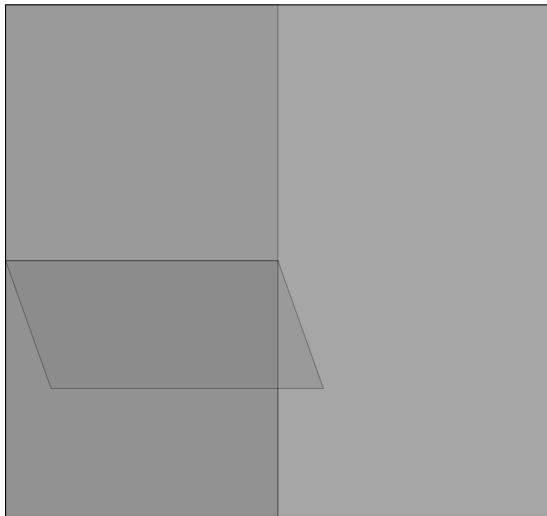
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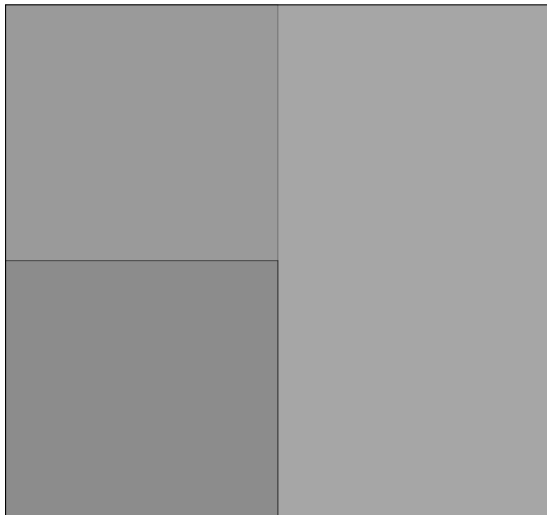
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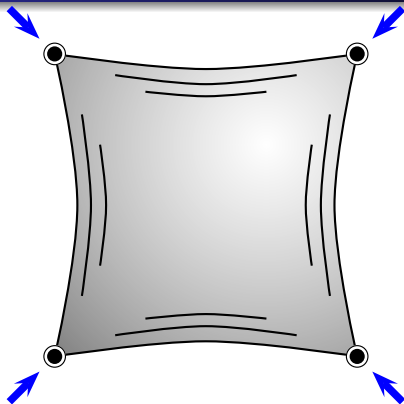
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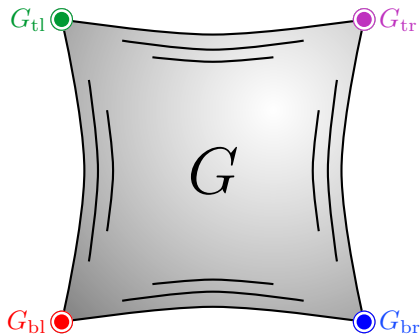
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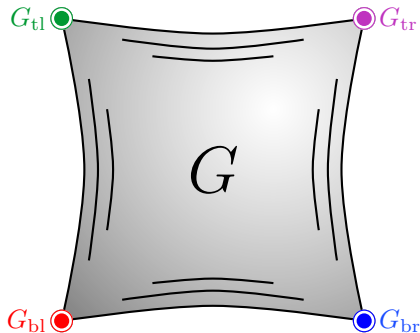
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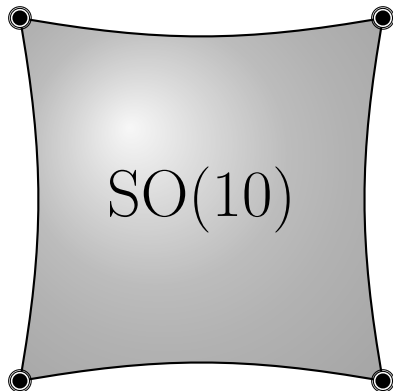
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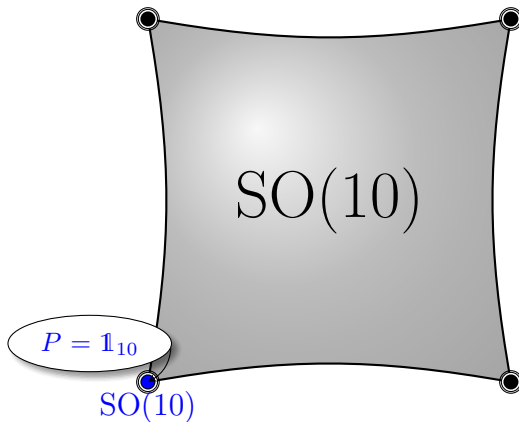
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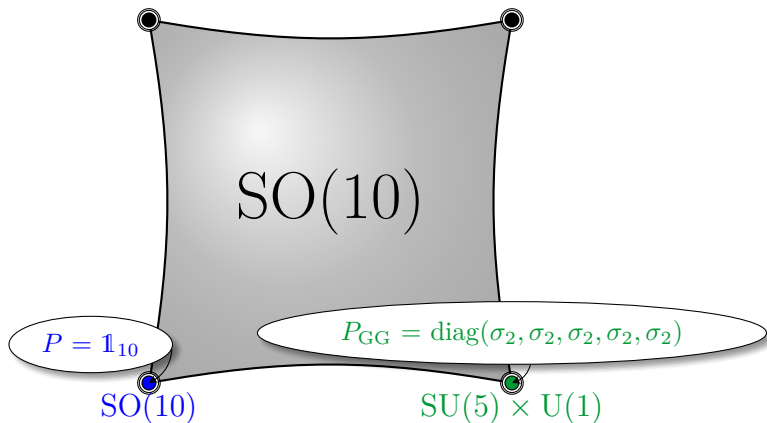
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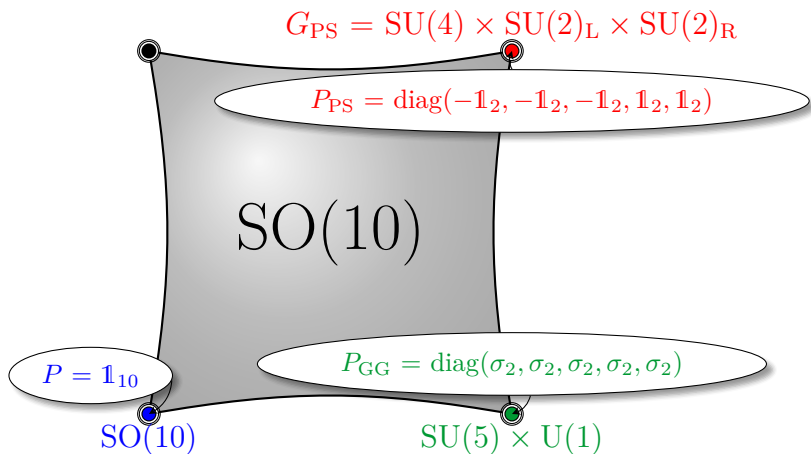
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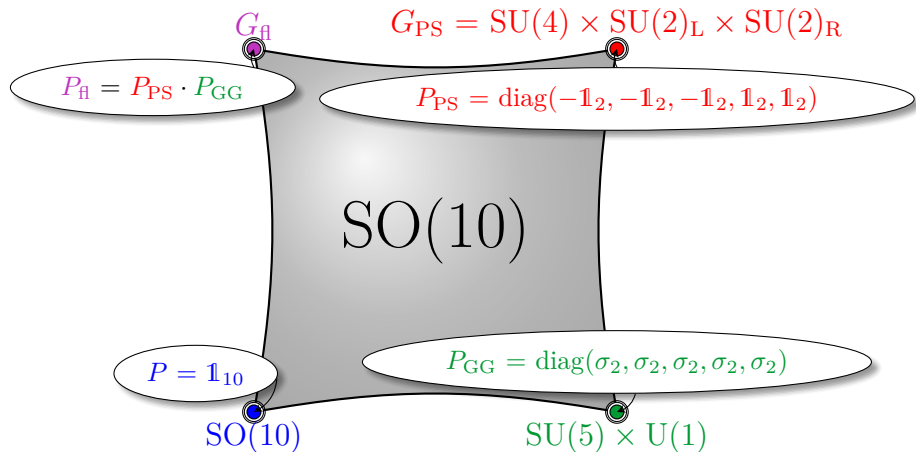
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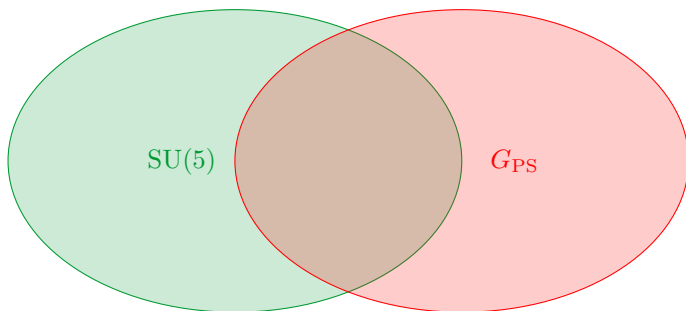
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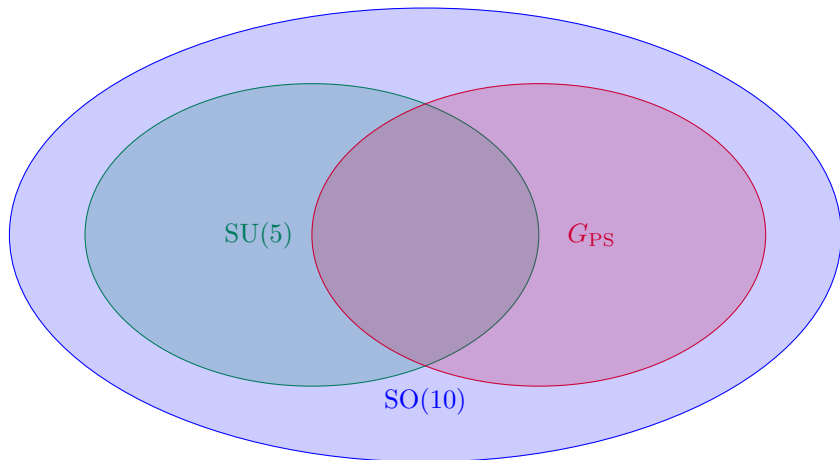
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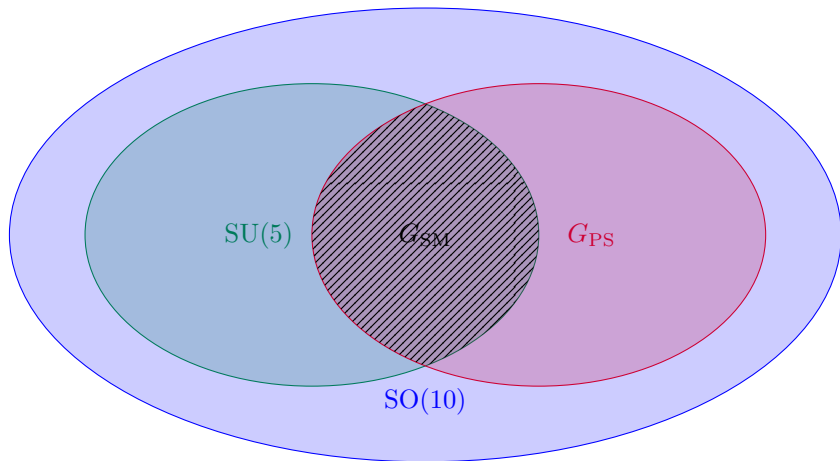
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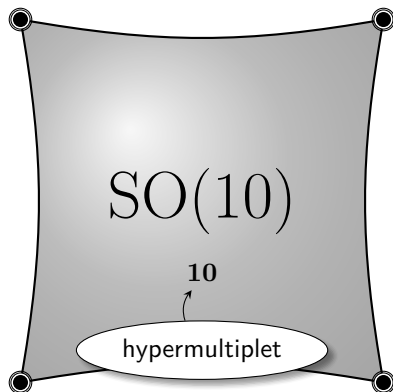
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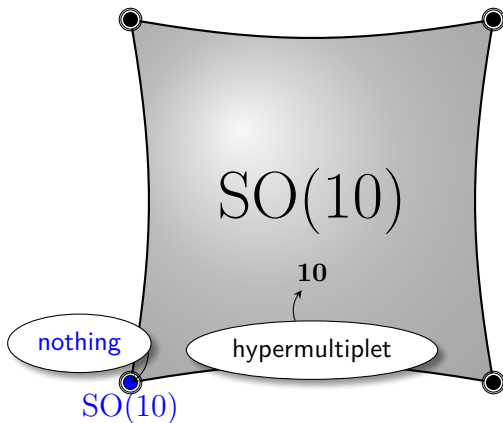
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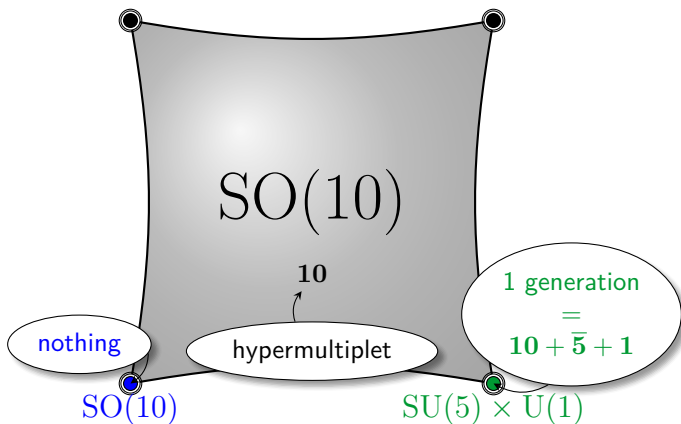
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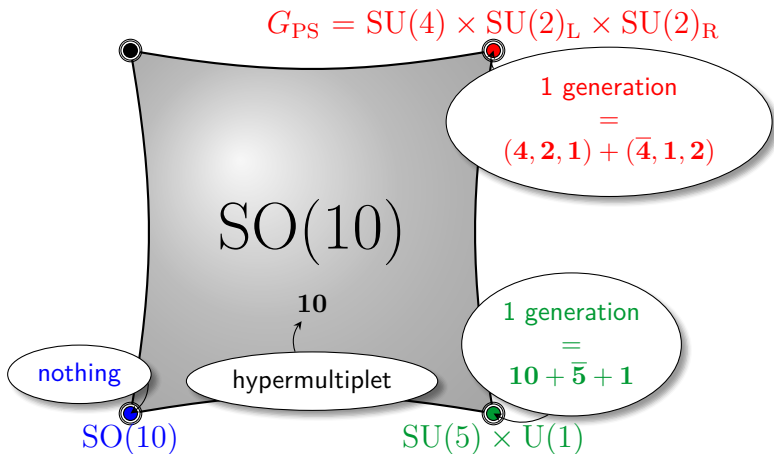
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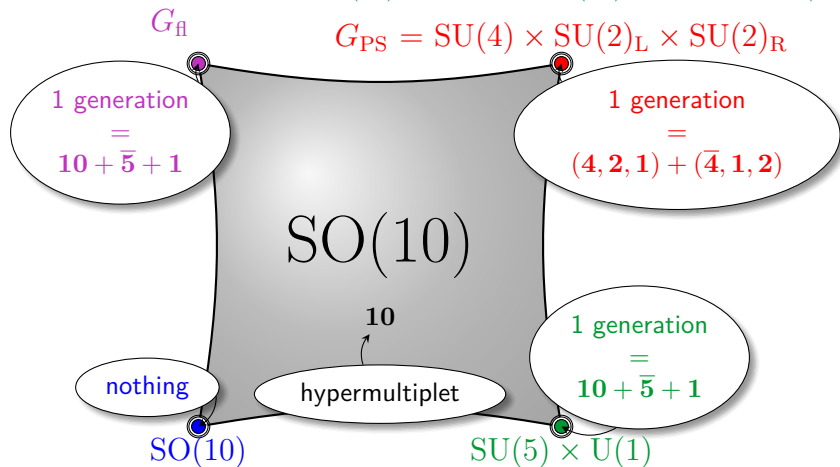
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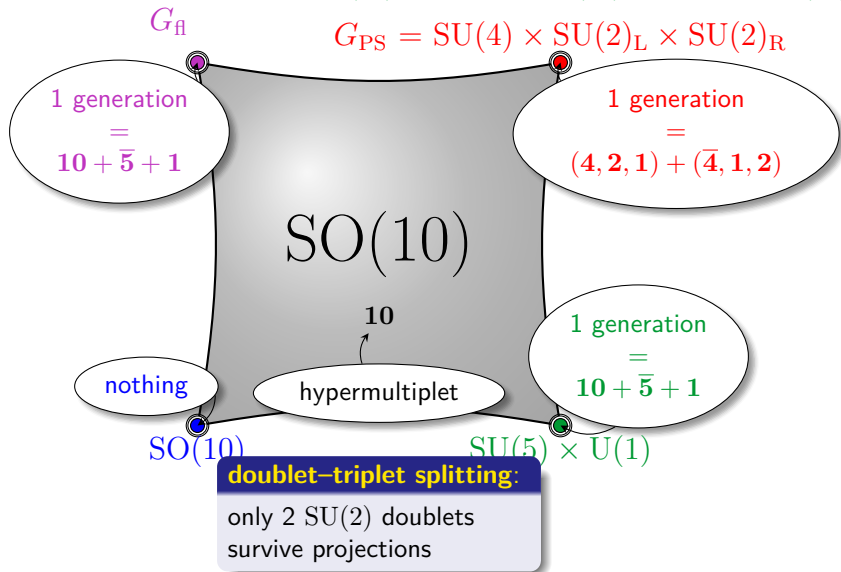
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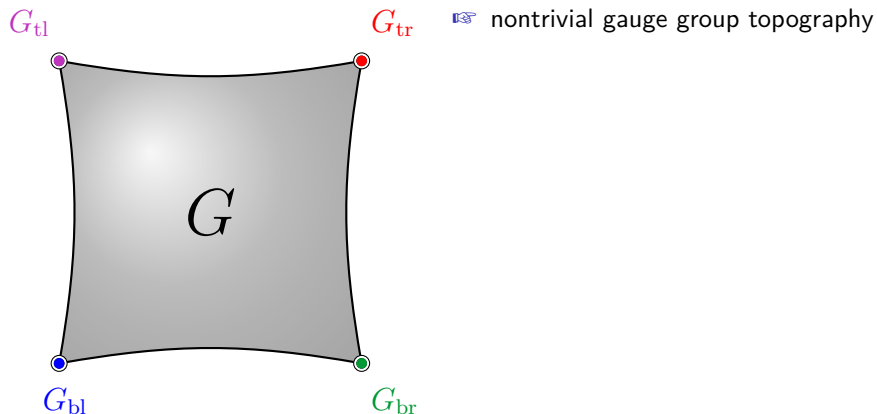


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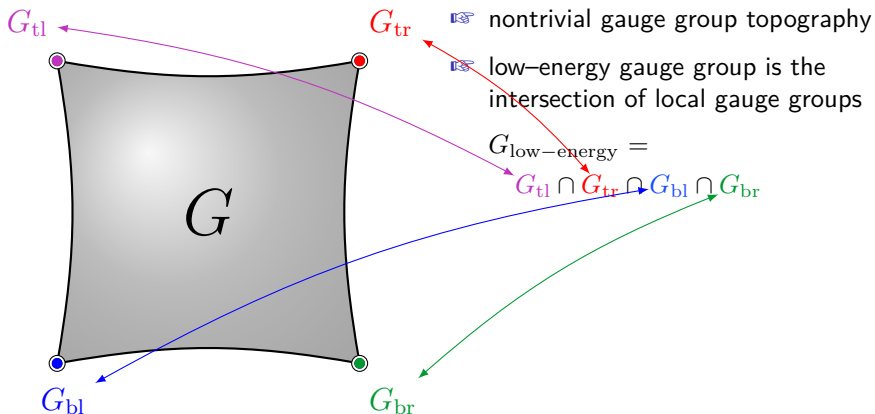
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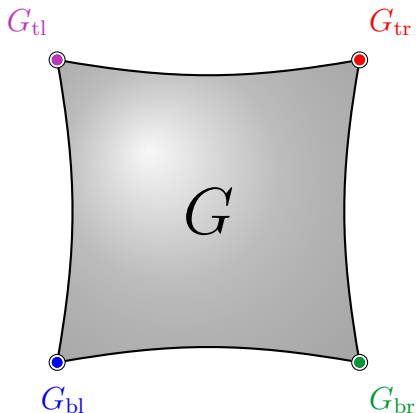
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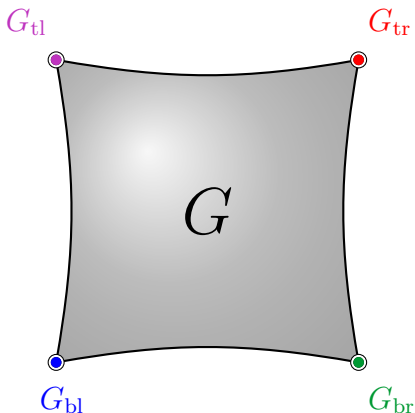
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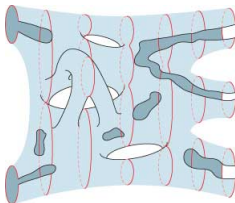
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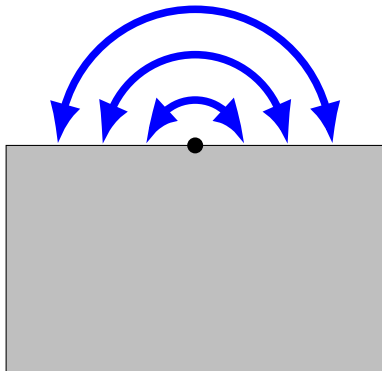
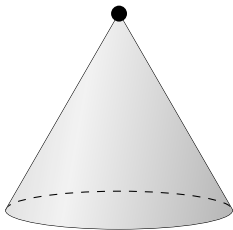
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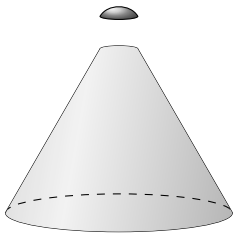
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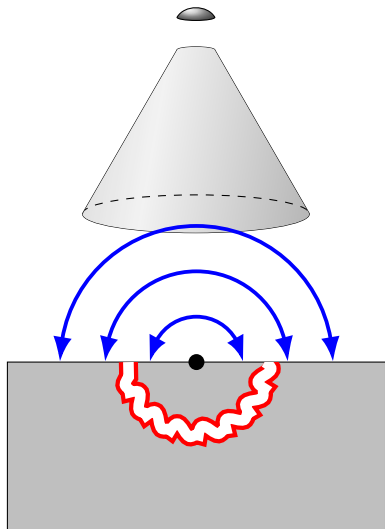
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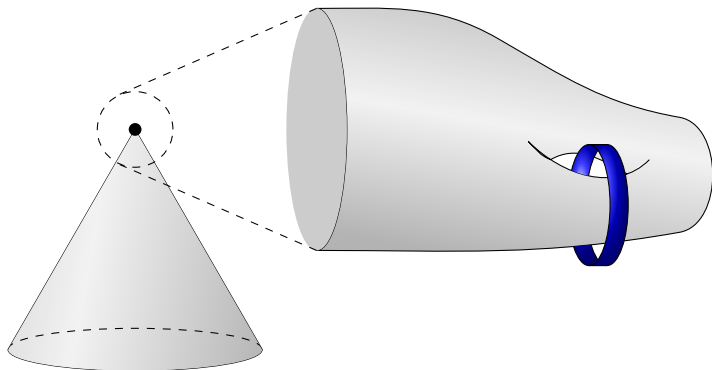
String-theorist's method

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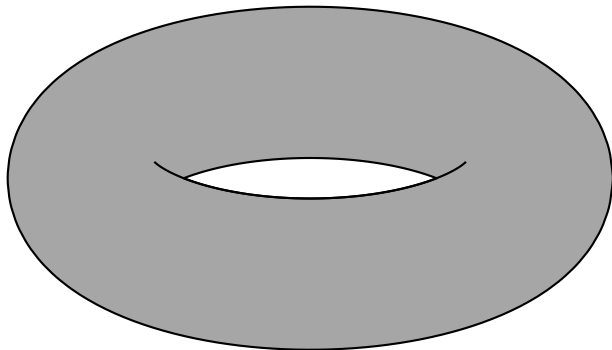
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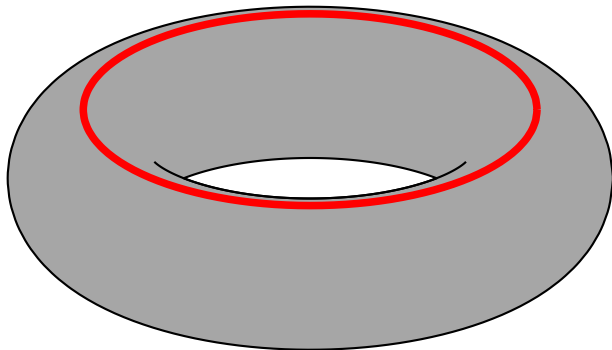
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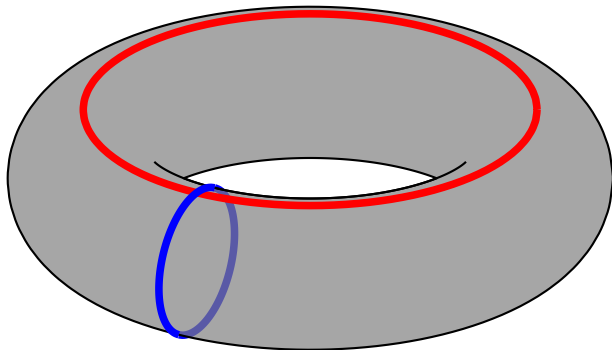
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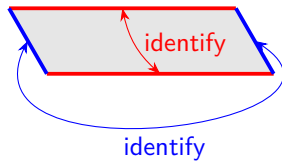


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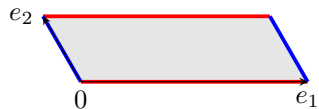
- torus can be thought of as a parallelogram (which emerges by cutting the torus open along the red and blue cycles)

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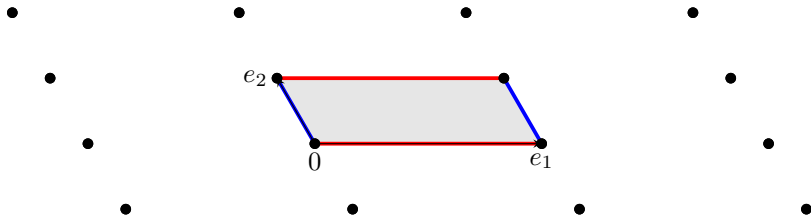
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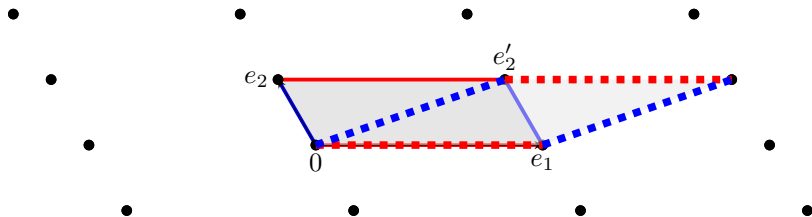
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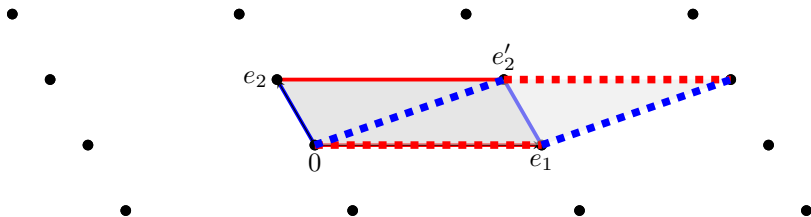
👉 torus is $\mathbb{T}^2 = \mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{Z}^2$: two points in the plane get identified if they differ by a lattice translation

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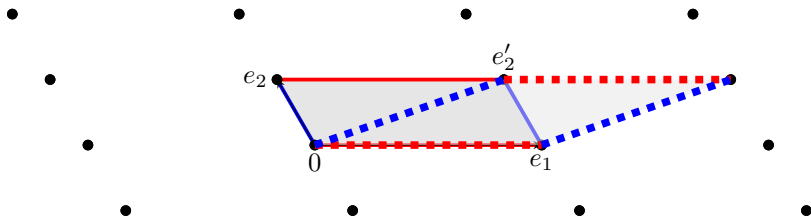


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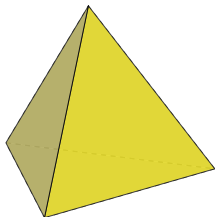
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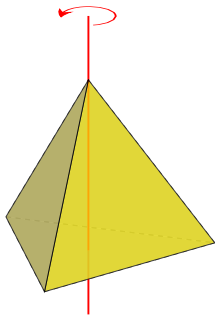


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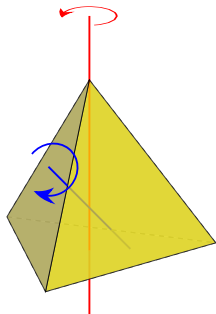


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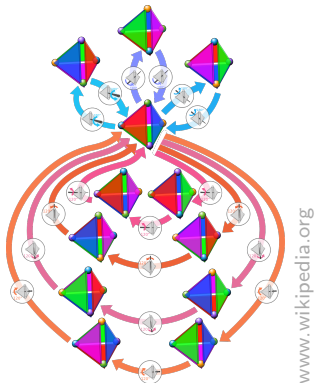


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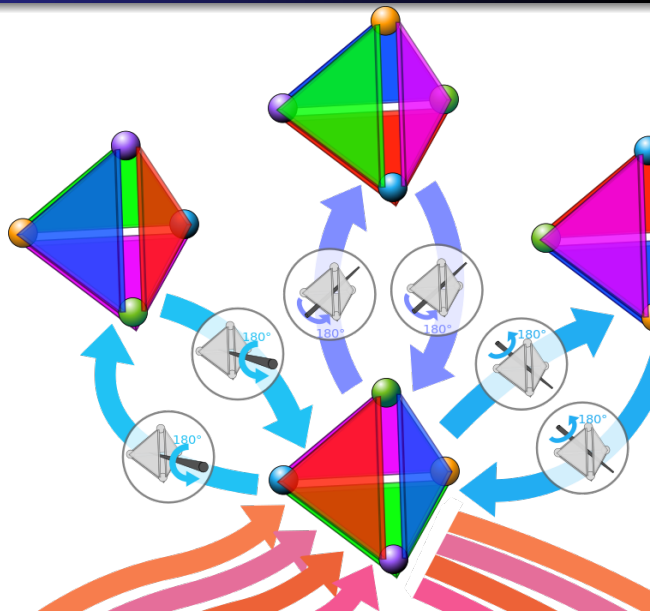
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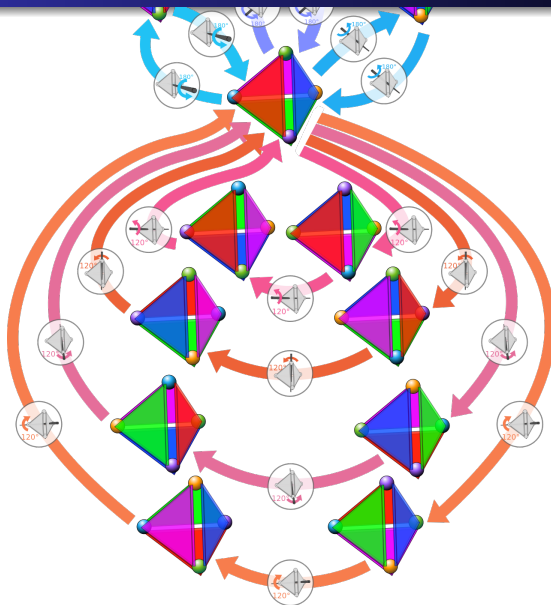


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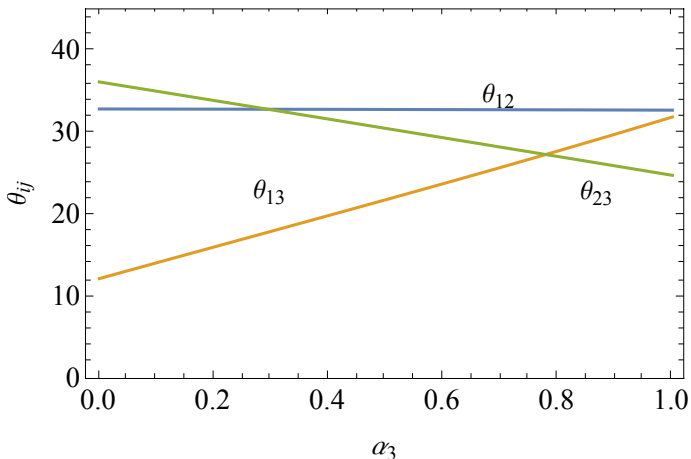
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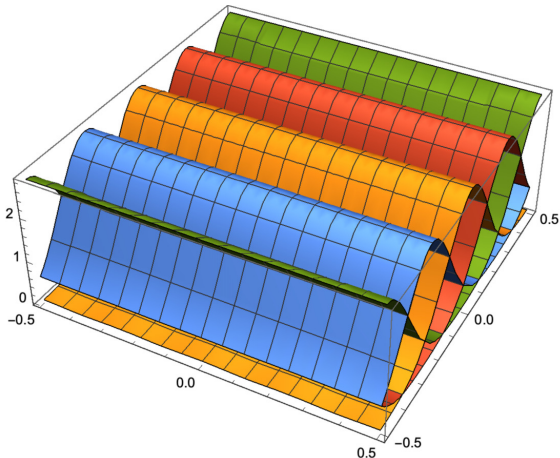
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Appendix

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Discrete symmetries and Grand Unification

- anomaly cancellation
- consistency with unification
- unique \mathbb{Z}_4^R symmetry
- no-go theorems in 4D

Prejudices and assumptions

Assumptions:

- ☞ $SO(10)$ unification of matter is not an accident
- ☞ μ term is forbidden by a symmetry
- ☞ symmetries need to be anomaly-free

Important ingredient :

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▶ GUTs

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 - ➡ There are no **anomaly-free** continuous R symmetries in the MSSM
- [Chamseddine & Dreiner \(1996\)](#)
- ➡ Only remaining option: **discrete R symmetries**

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➔ Consistent with anomaly universality

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\mathbb{Z}_4^R is anomaly-free via non-trivial GS mechanism

Automatic absence of $QQQL$ operators

- Consider family-independent \mathbb{Z}_M^R symmetry
- Conditions for usual MSSM Yukawa couplings

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~~dimension five
proton decay~~

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Proton hexality

[☞ Dreiner, Luhn & Thormeier \(2006\)](#); [☞ Dreiner, Luhn, Murayama & Thormeier \(2008\)](#)

☞ combine \mathbb{Z}_2^R and baryon triality B_3

	q	u^c	d^c	ℓ	e^c	h_u	h_d	ν^c
\mathbb{Z}_2^R	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1
B_3	0	-1	1	-1	2	1	-1	0
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cf. [Goodman & Witten \(1986\)](#)

Generalizing the basic argument

- ☞ It is possible to generalize the basic argument to
- arbitrary $SU(5)$ representations
 - larger GUT groups $G \supset SU(5)$
 - singlet extensions of the MSSM

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for details see [Fallbacher, MR & Vaudrevange \(2011\)](#)

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Transformation laws for 4D superfields (for odd M)

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 \psi^{j,M}(z, \tau, 0) &\xrightarrow{S} \frac{e^{i\pi/4}}{\sqrt{M}} \left(-\frac{\tau}{|\tau|}\right)^{1/2} \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} e^{2\pi i j k / M} \psi^{k,M}(z, \tau, 0) \\
 &= - \left(-\frac{\tau}{|\tau|}\right)^{1/2} \left[\rho(S)_M^\psi\right]_{jk} \psi^{k,M}(z, \tau, 0) \\
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Transformation laws for Yukawa couplings

$$\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\alpha}}(\tau) \xrightarrow{\tilde{\gamma}} \mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\alpha}}(\tilde{\gamma}\tau) = \pm(c\tau + d)^{1/2} \rho_{\lambda}(\tilde{\gamma})_{\hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}} \mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\beta}}(\tau)$$

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bottom-line:

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