

Quantum scale symmetry via constrained dimensional regularization

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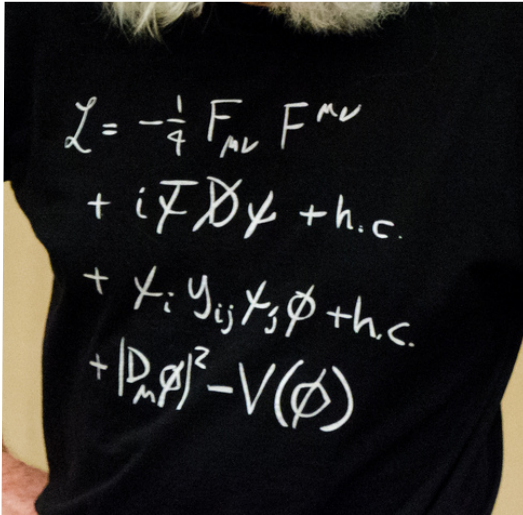
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Plan

- 1) Anomaly of the scale symmetry
- 2) Un-doing Coleman-Weinberg dimensional transmutation
- 3) Quantum scale symmetry
- 4) Scale symmetric Standard Model

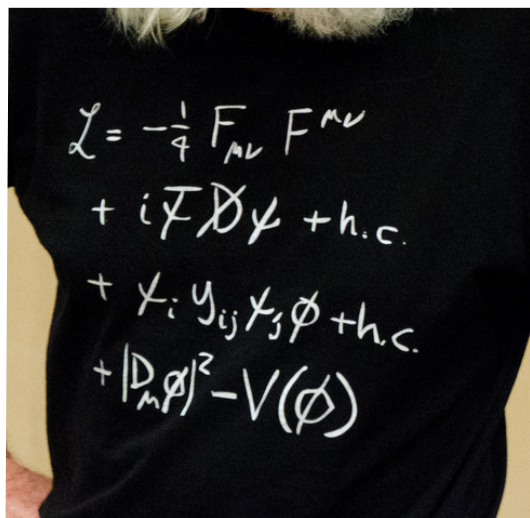
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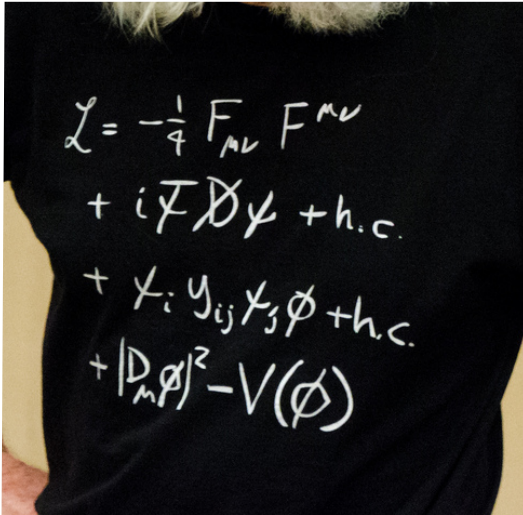
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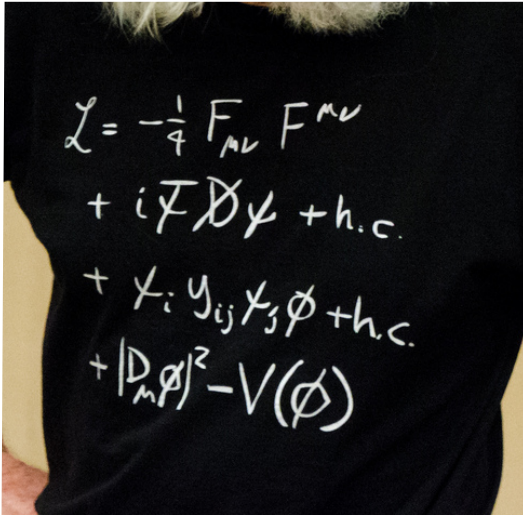
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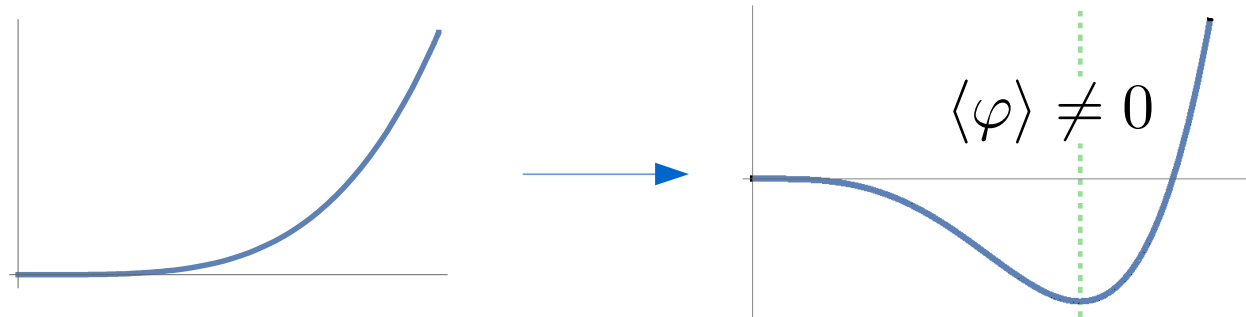
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$$\varphi^4 \longrightarrow \varphi^4 + \alpha \varphi^4 \log \varphi^2$$



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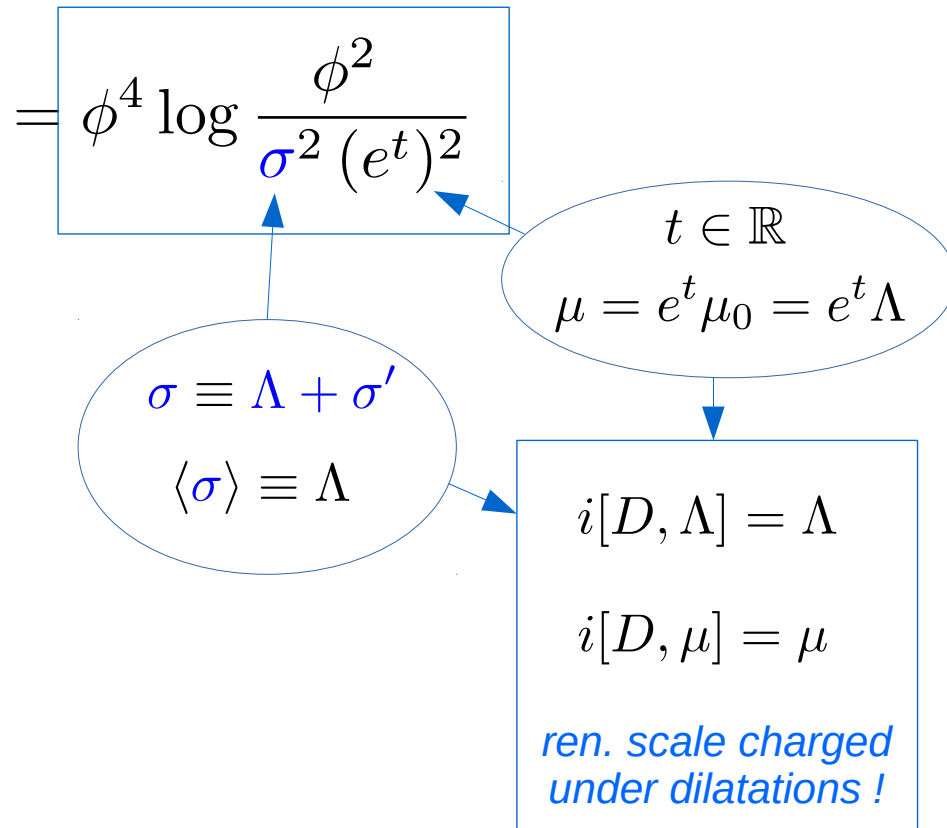
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ren. scale charged under dilatations !

For consistency add also:

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Yes! Here's why...

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similarly for gauge theories: $-\frac{1}{4g^2} \mu(\sigma)^{-2\varepsilon} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$

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go to broken phase

$$\mathcal{L}^{(0)}(\phi_0 + \phi', \sigma_0 + \phi')$$

compute loop corrections (in momentum expansion) & RGE functions β, γ

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}(\phi, \sigma) = -V_{\text{eff}}(\phi, \sigma) + \dots$$

- Homogenous function (no mass-parameters, only vev's)
- $\mathbb{Z}^2 \times \mathbb{Z}^2$ sym.
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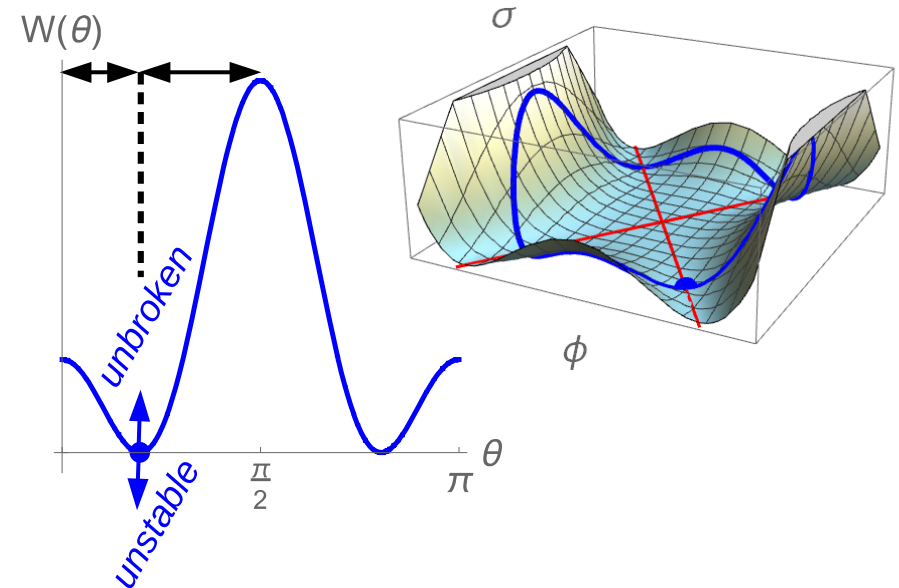
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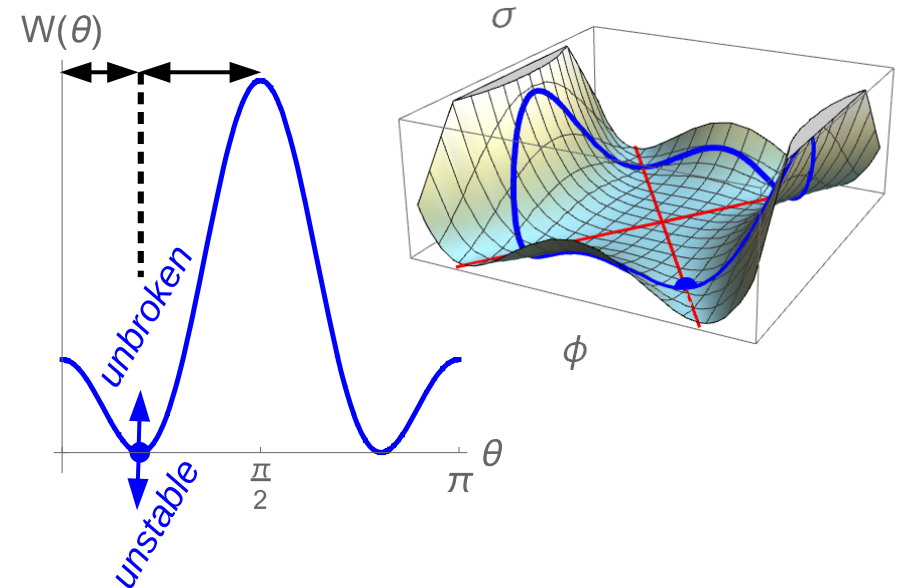
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*renormalization condition,
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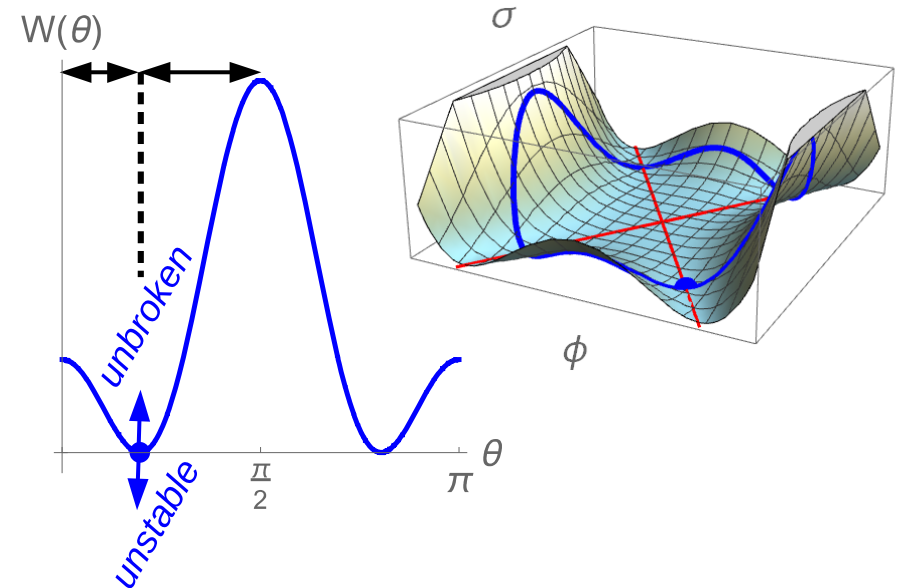
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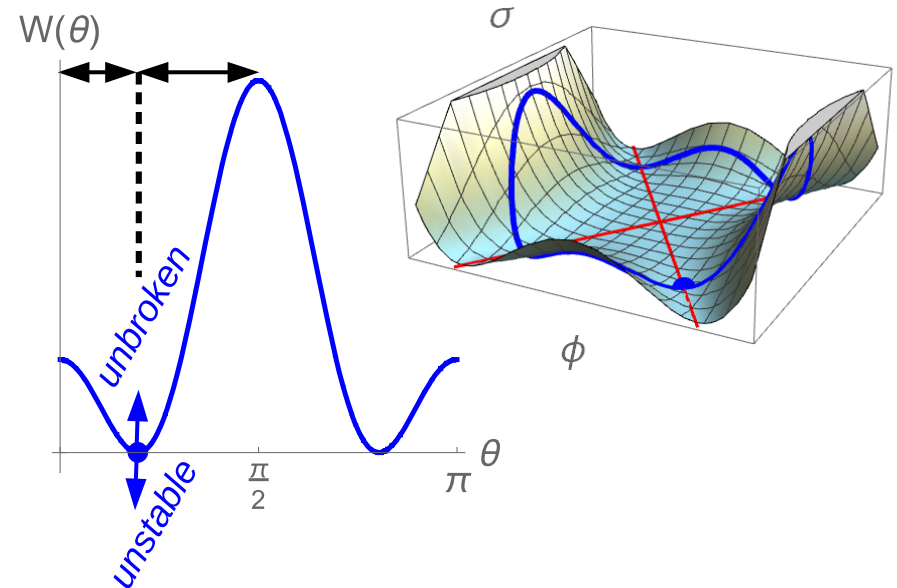
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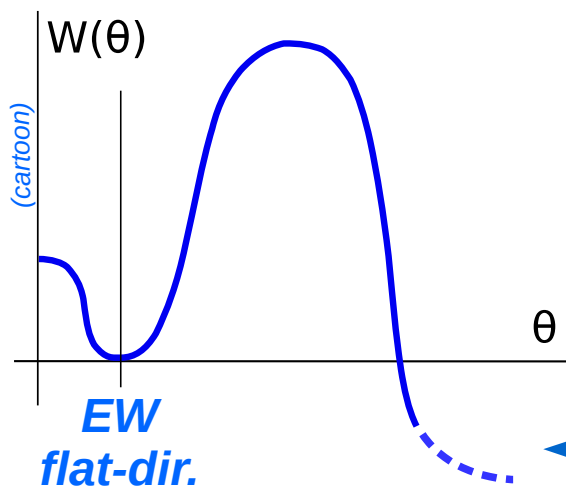
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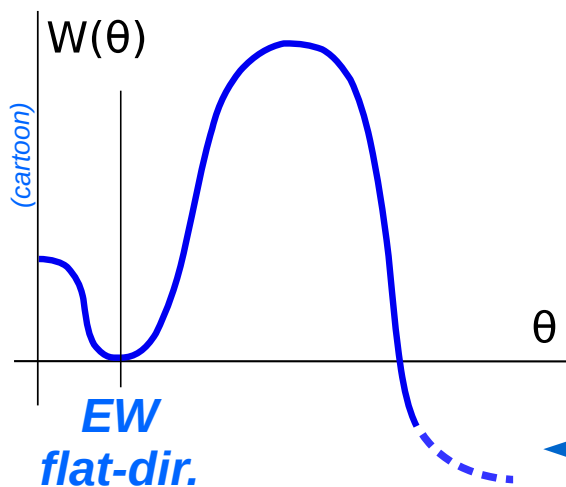
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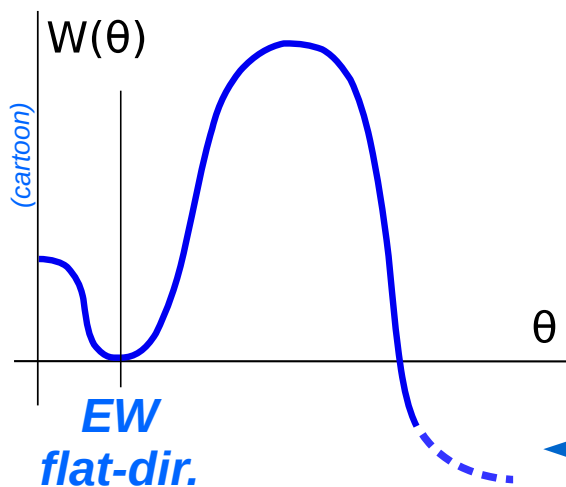
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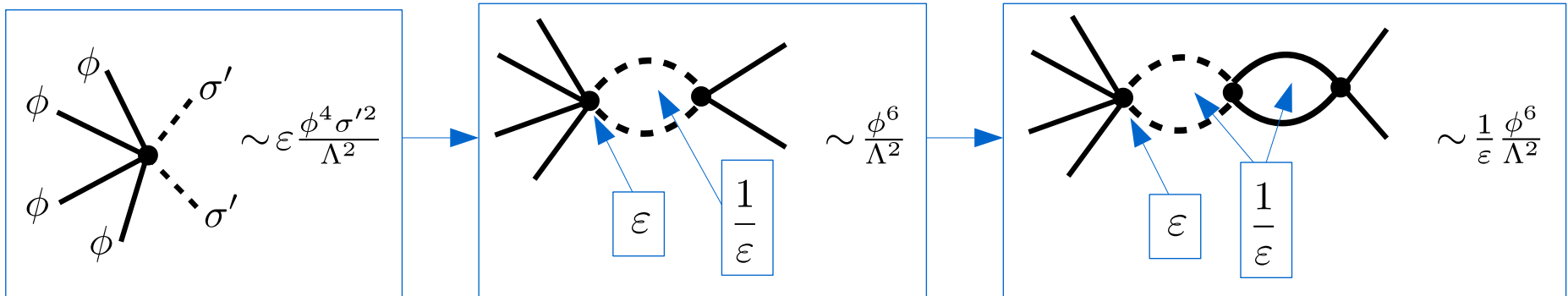
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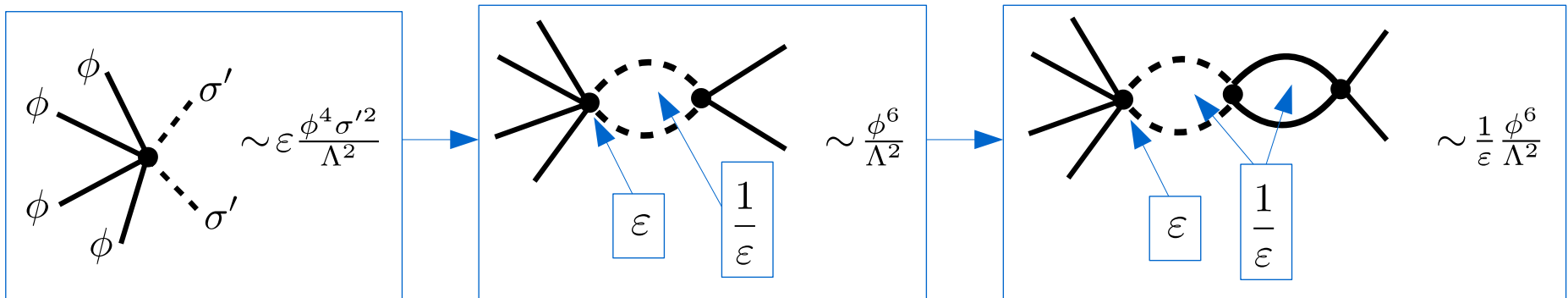
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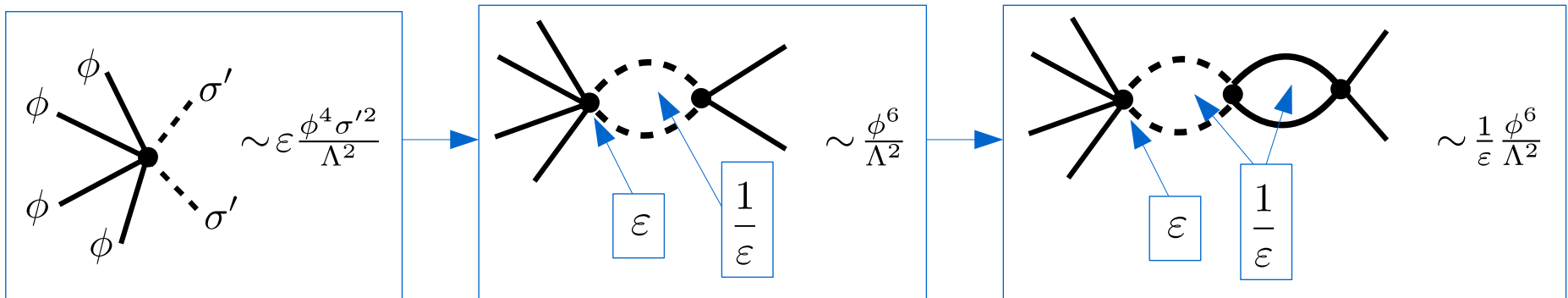
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