

Strings, Membranes, and a Hidden Symmetry Algebra in Quantum Gravity

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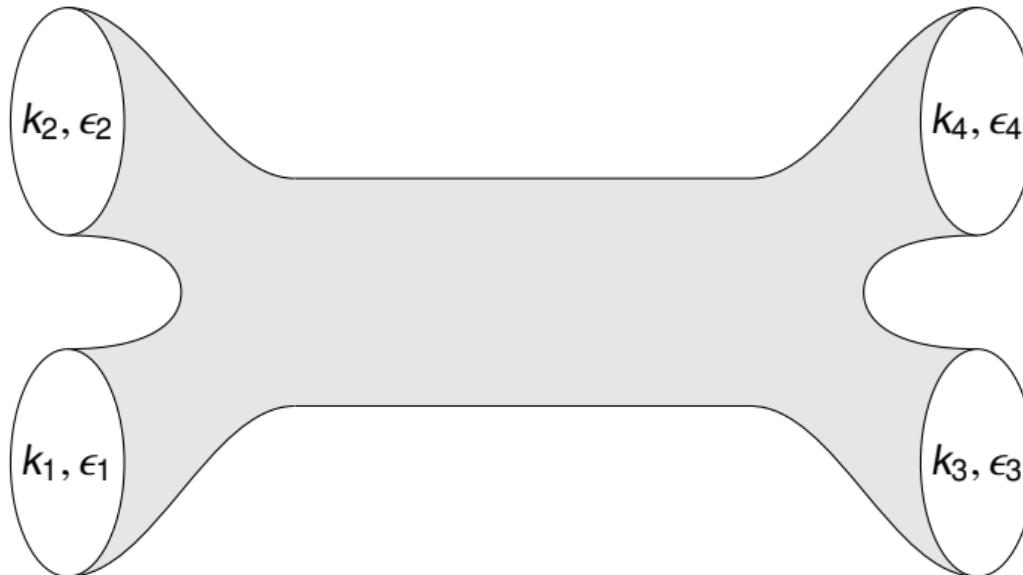
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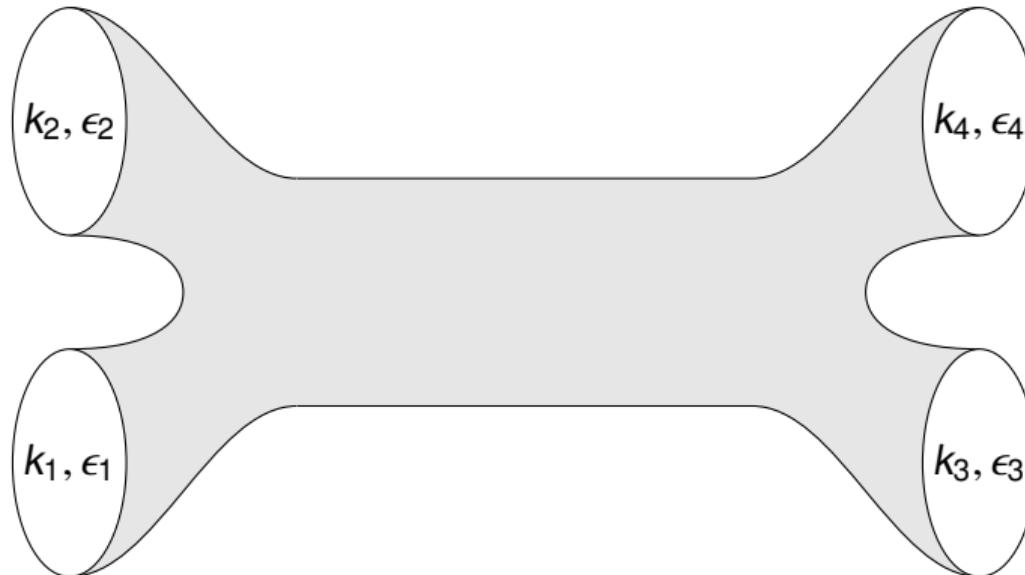
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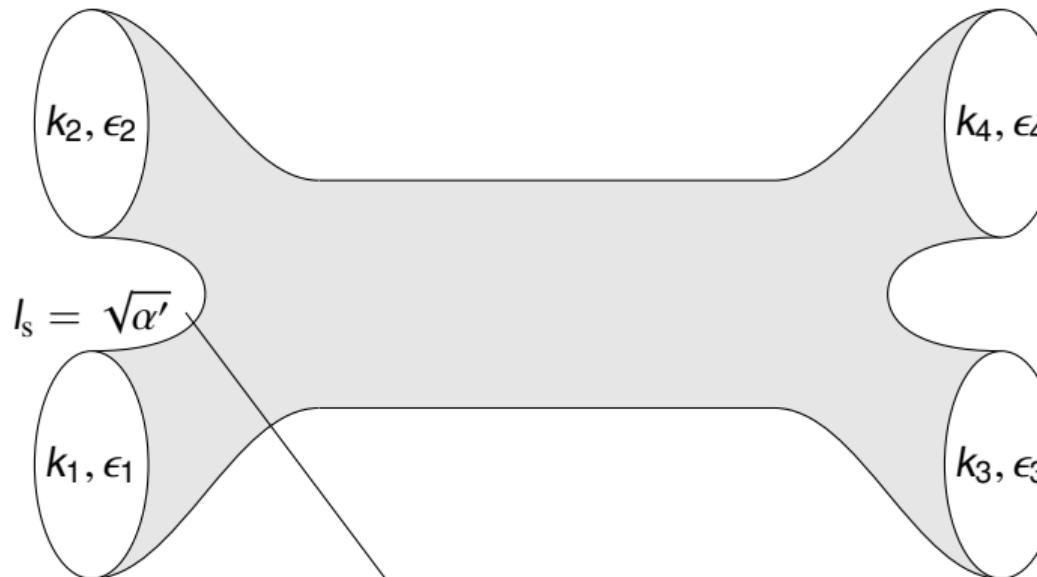
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deals with polarizations ϵ_i

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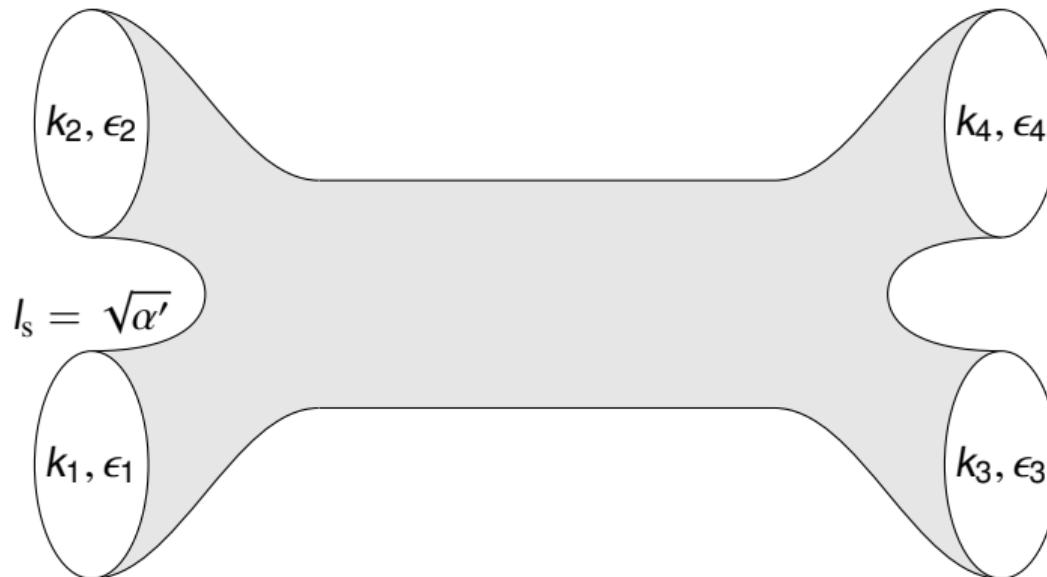


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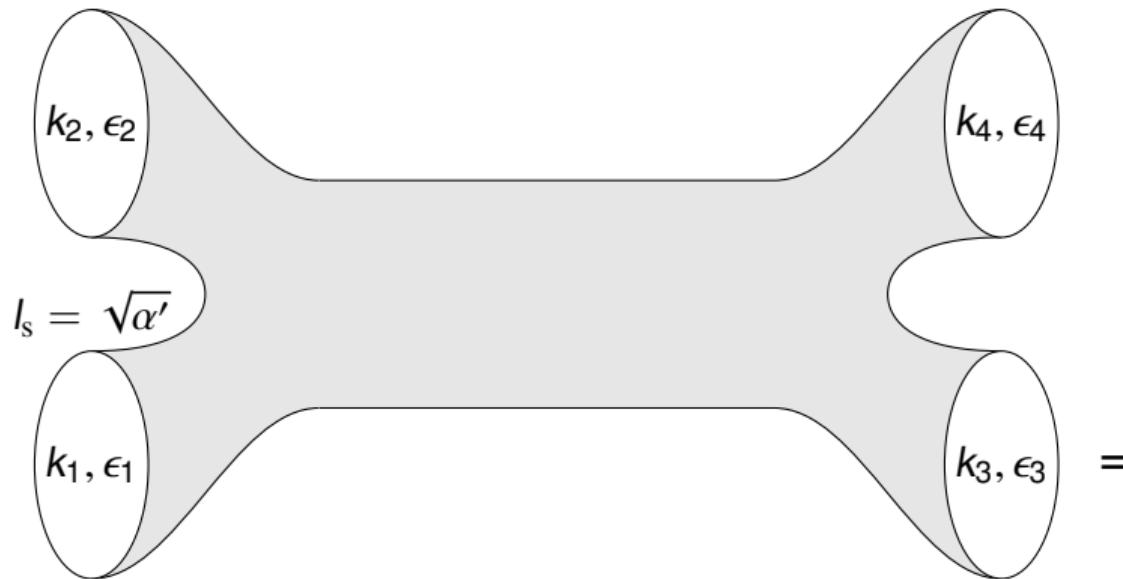


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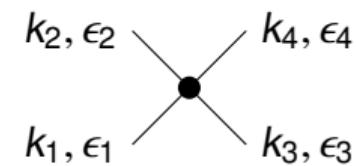
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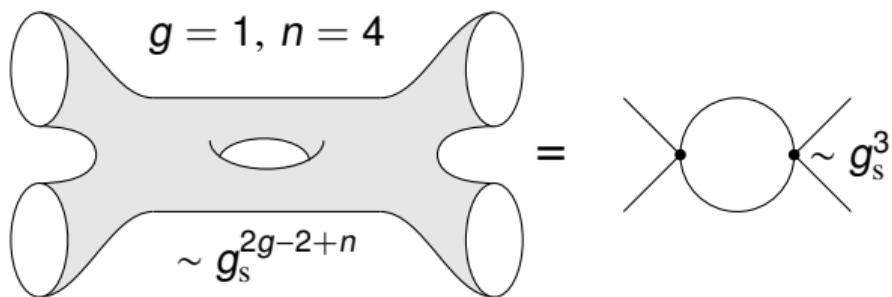
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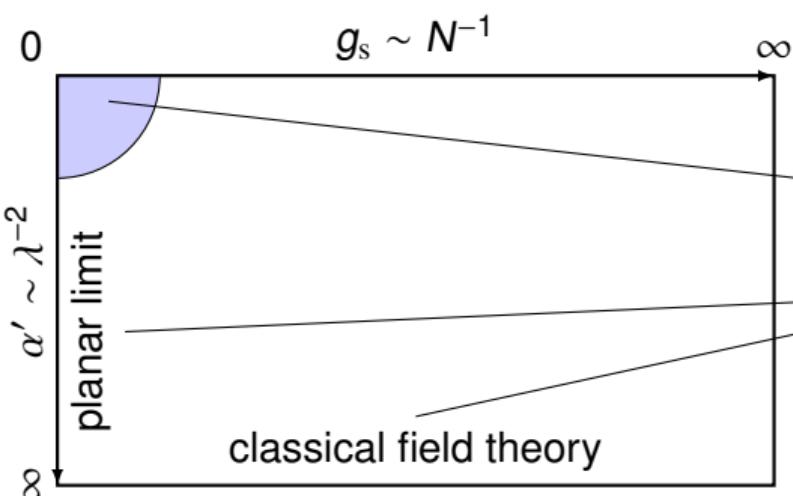
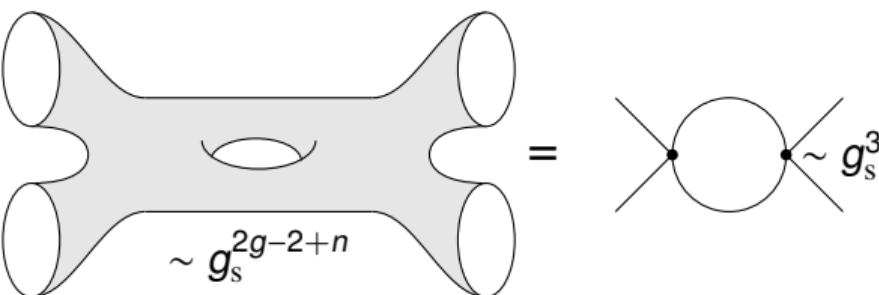


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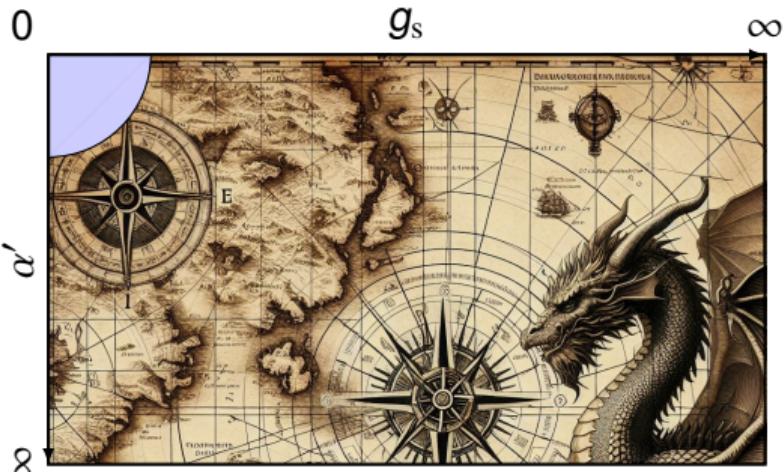
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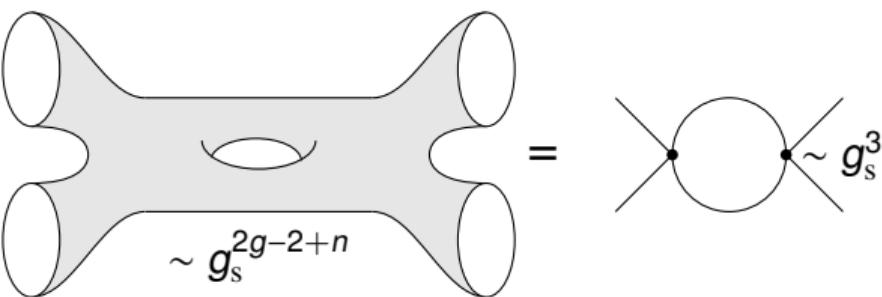
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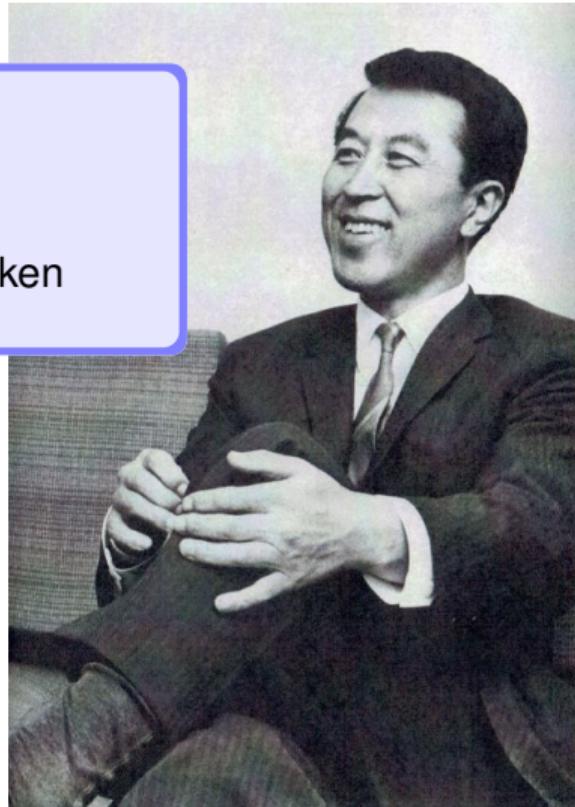
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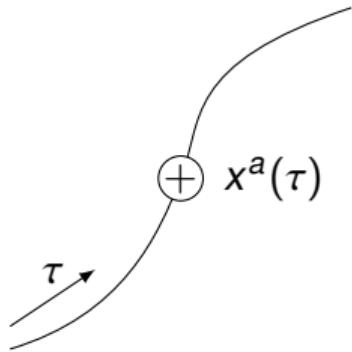
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Coset construction (non-linear realization)

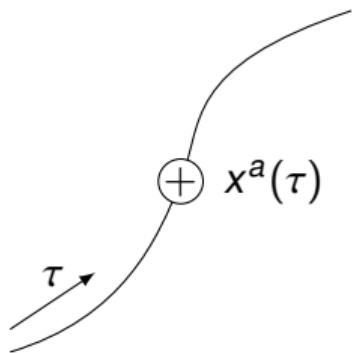
- ▶ G = the full symmetry group
- ▶ H = residual symmetries after spontaneous breaking
- ▶ introduce Maurer-Cartan form $\Omega = g^{-1}dg$ for $g \in G/H$
- ▶ expand it in broken generators t_a as $\Omega = \Omega^a t_a + \dots$

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 $L = L(\Omega^a, D_a)$

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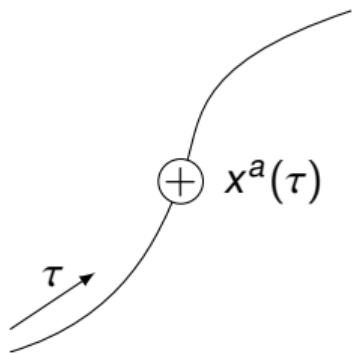
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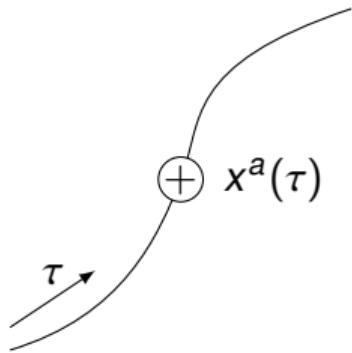
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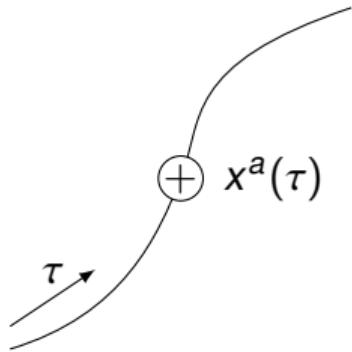
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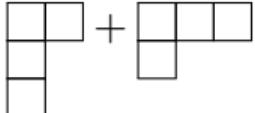
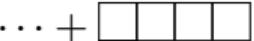
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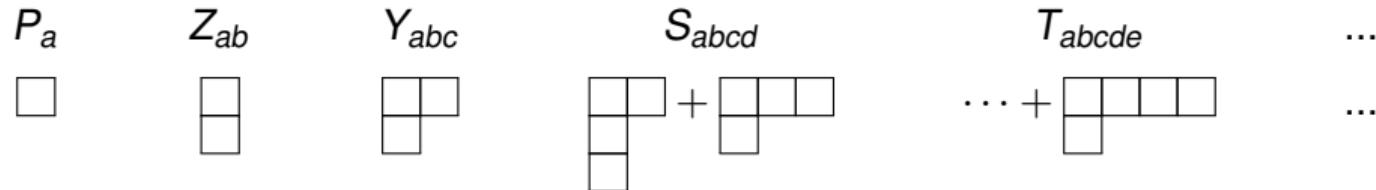
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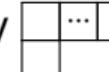
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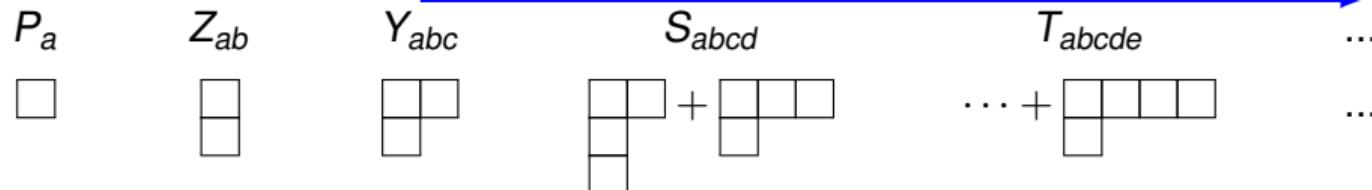
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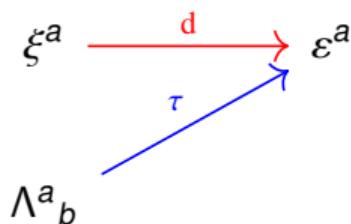
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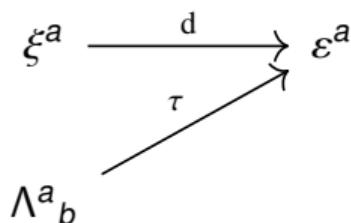
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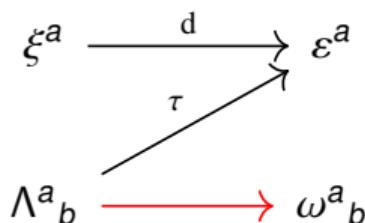
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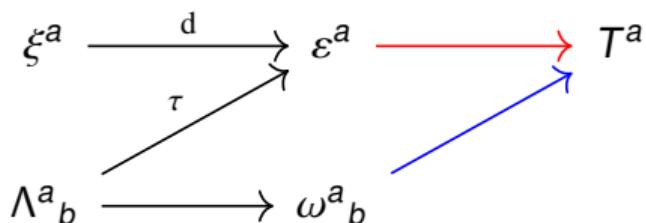
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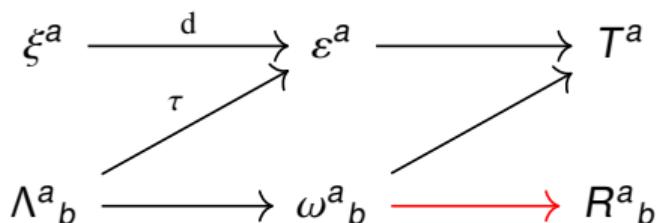
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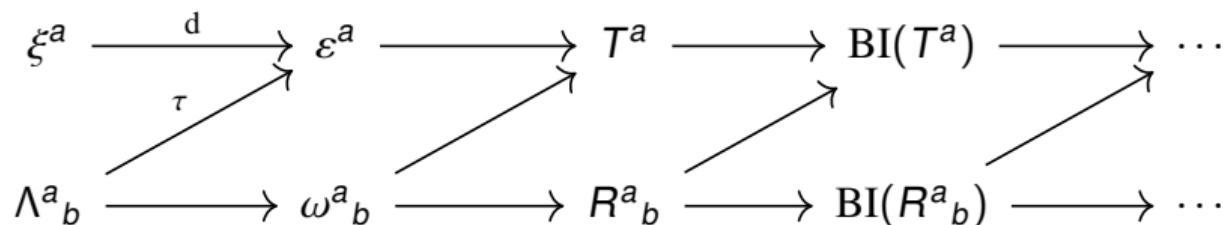
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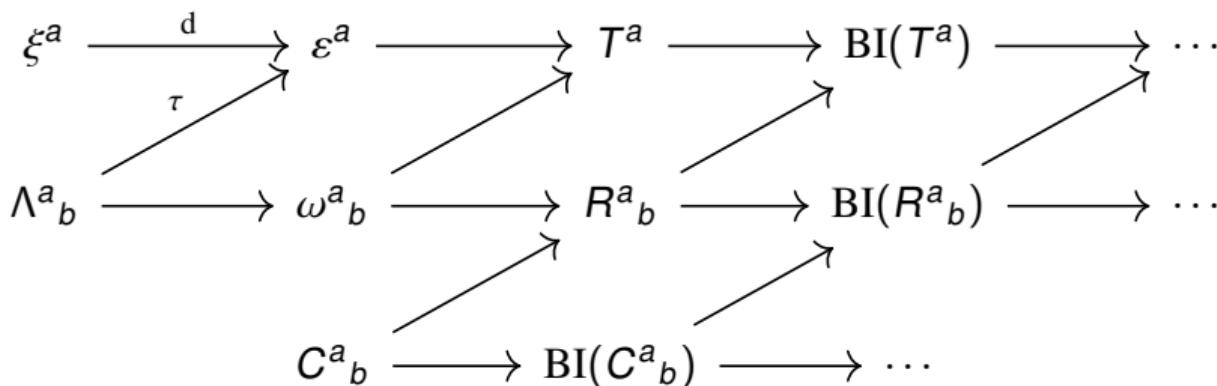
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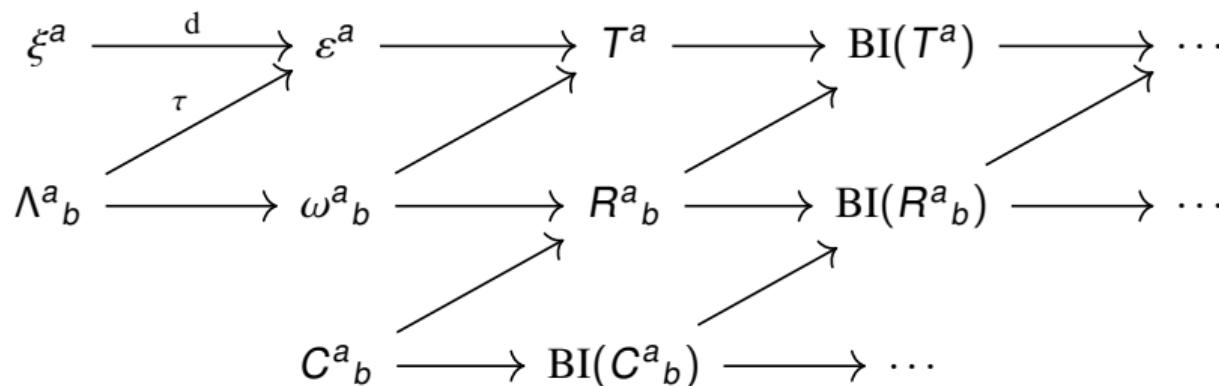
$$\nabla_i e_j^a = 0$$

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► curvature

$$R^a{}_b = d\omega^a{}_b$$

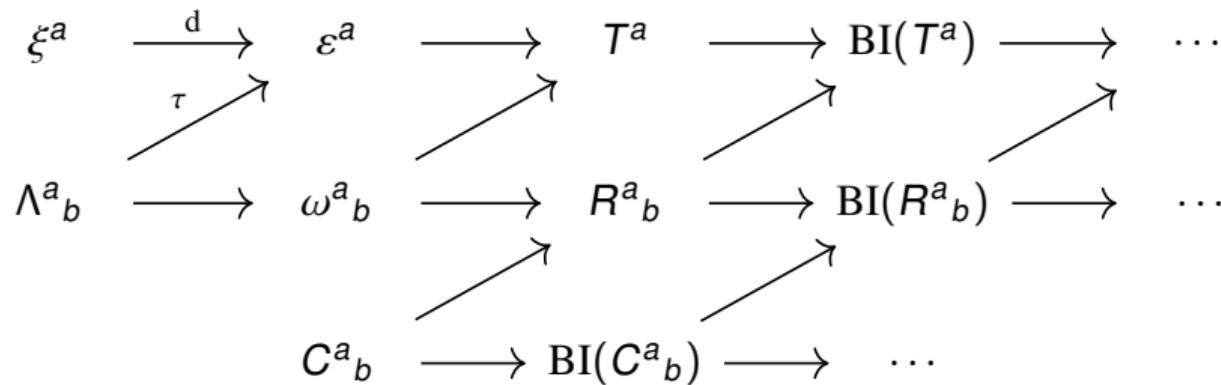


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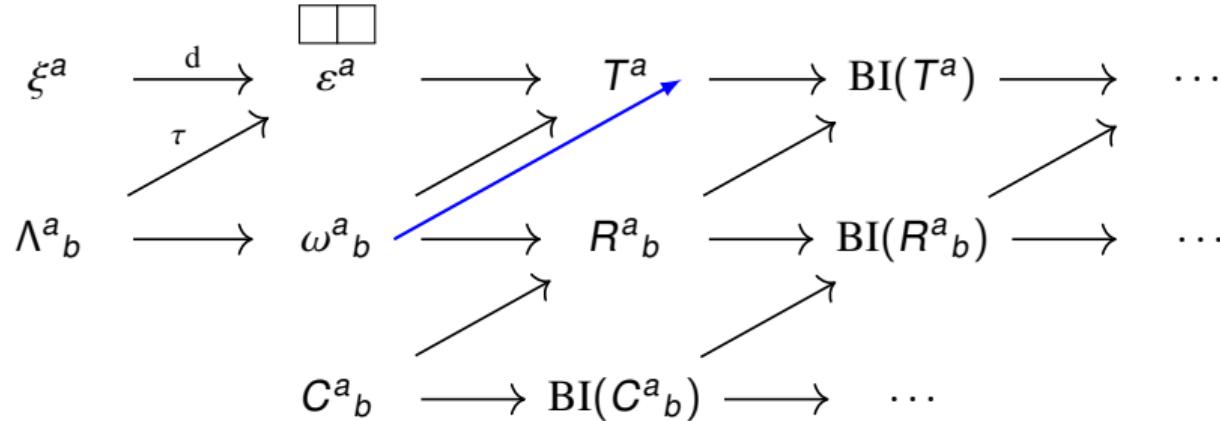
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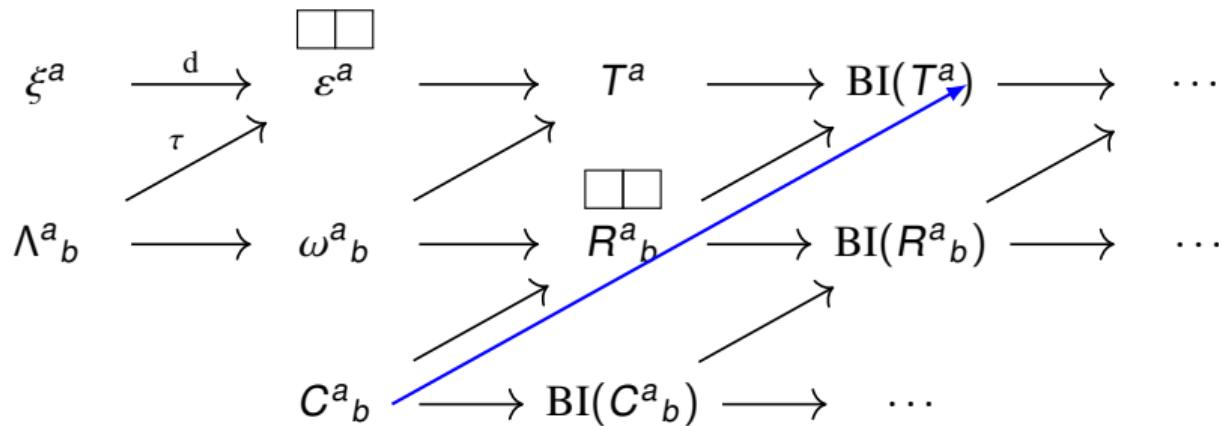
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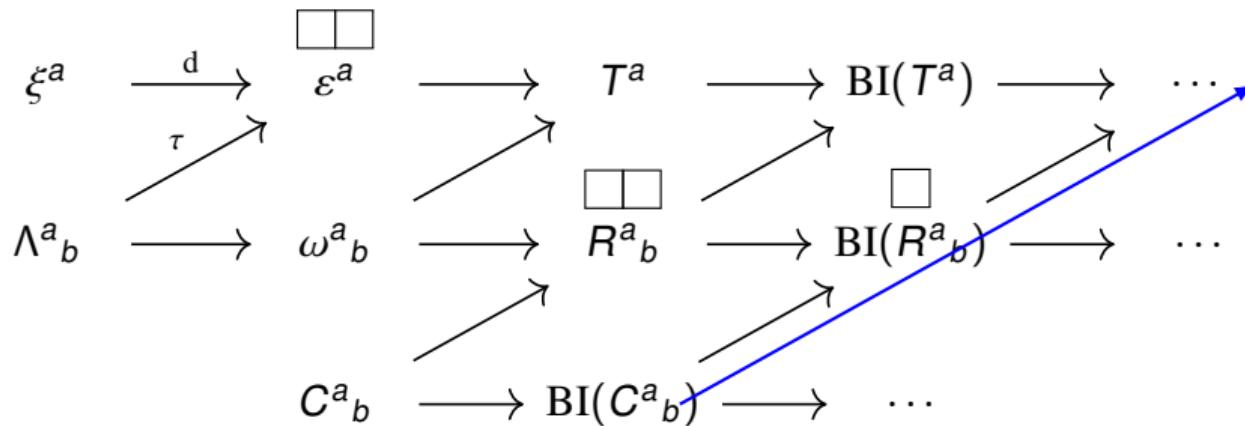
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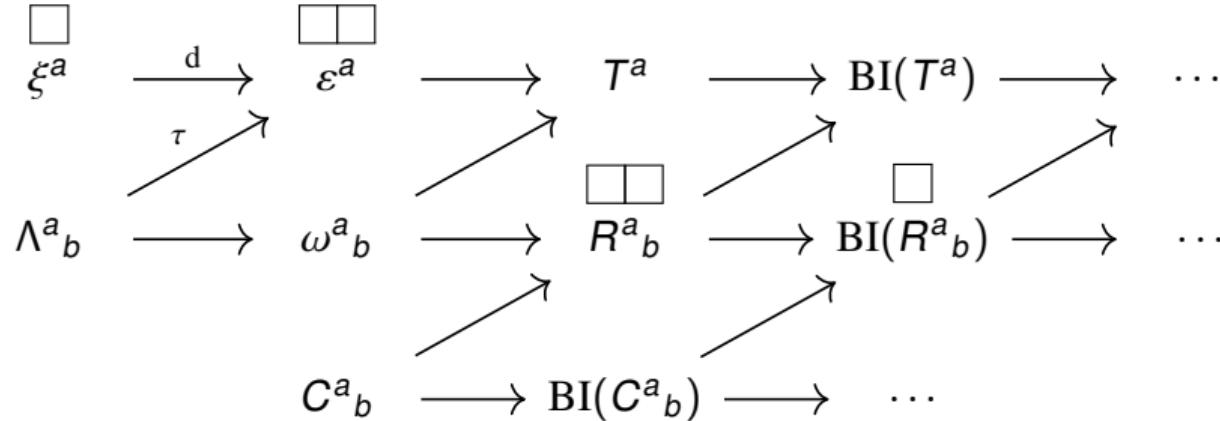
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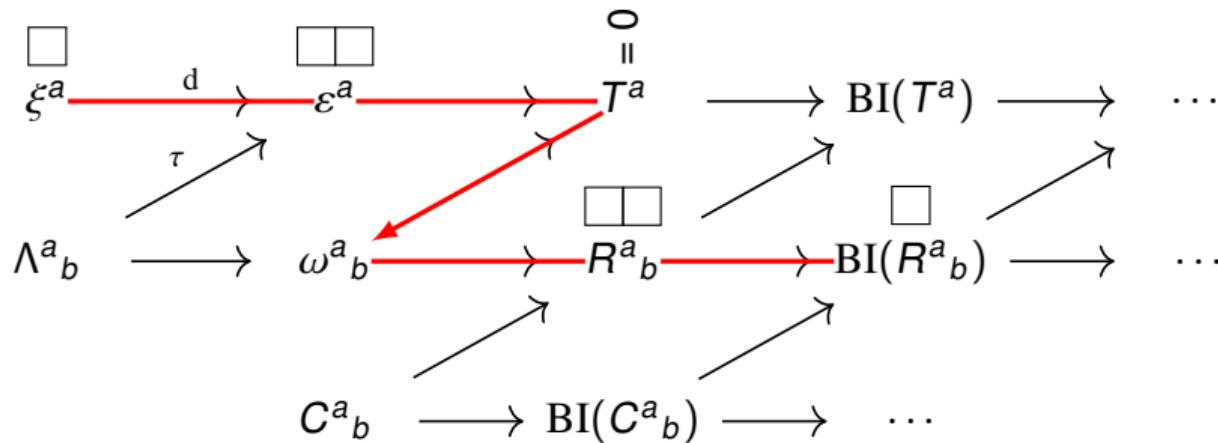
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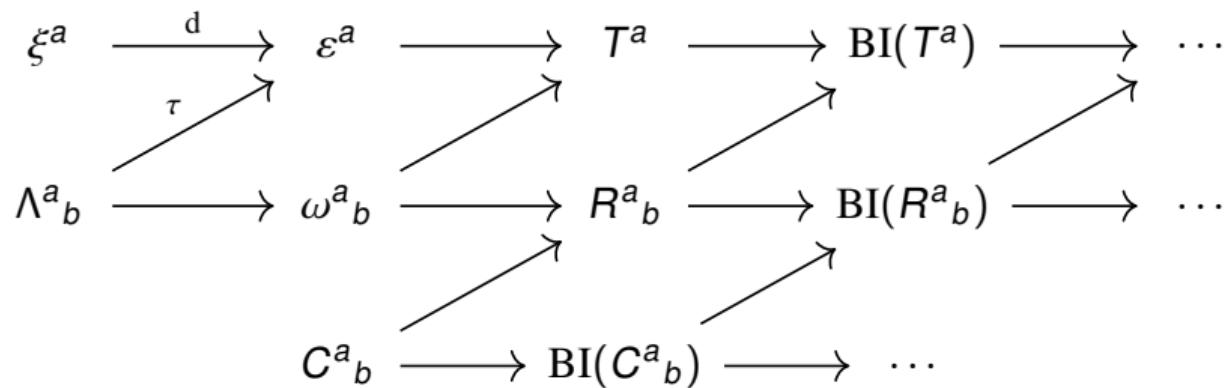


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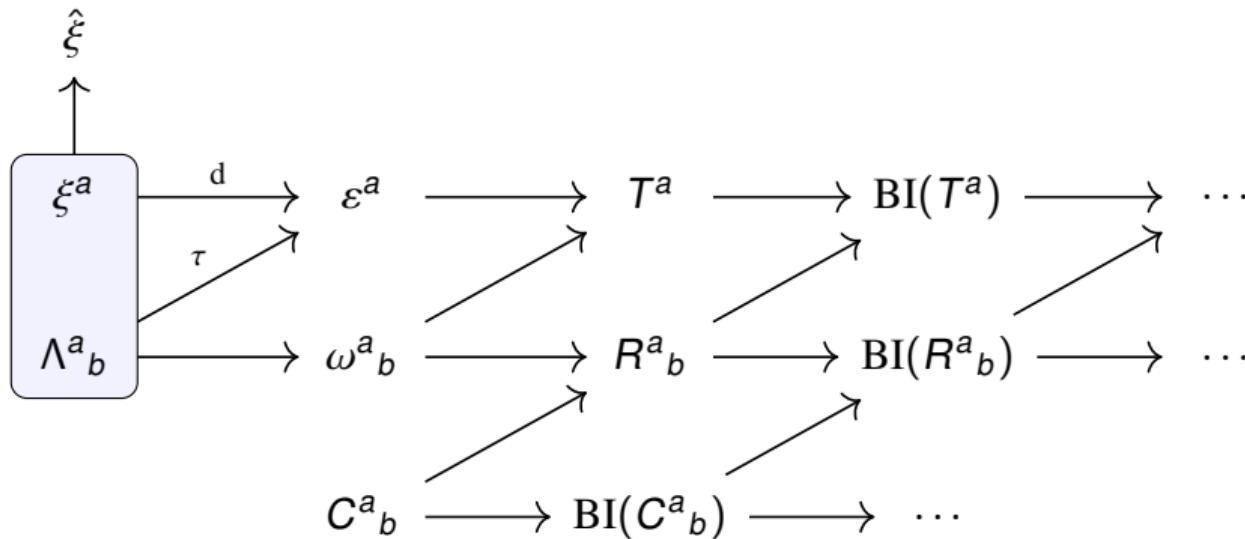
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algebra from point particle

P_a translations

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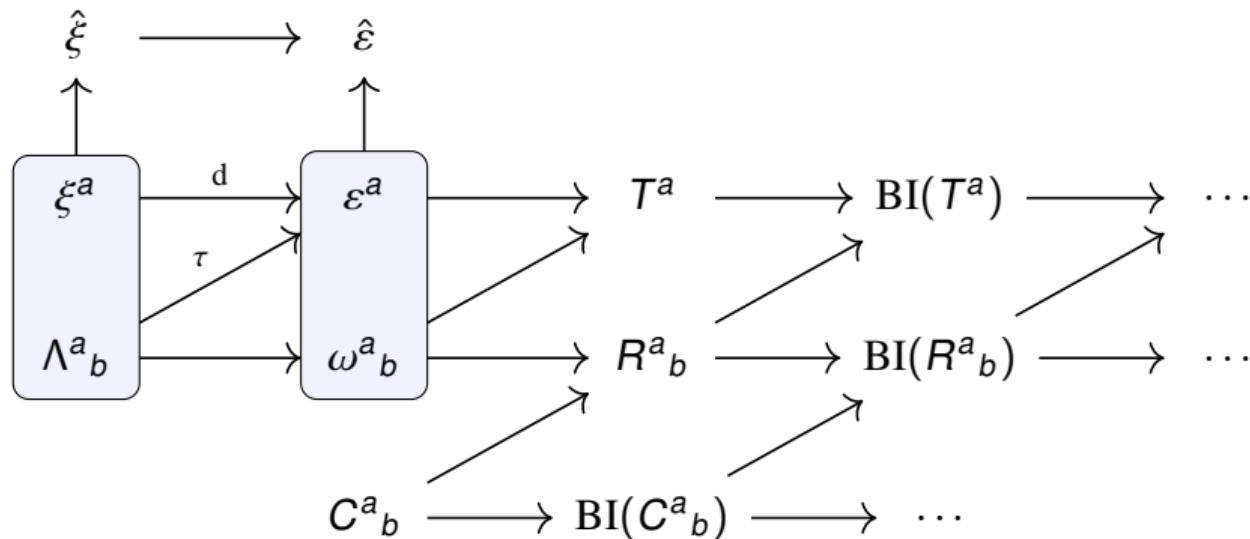
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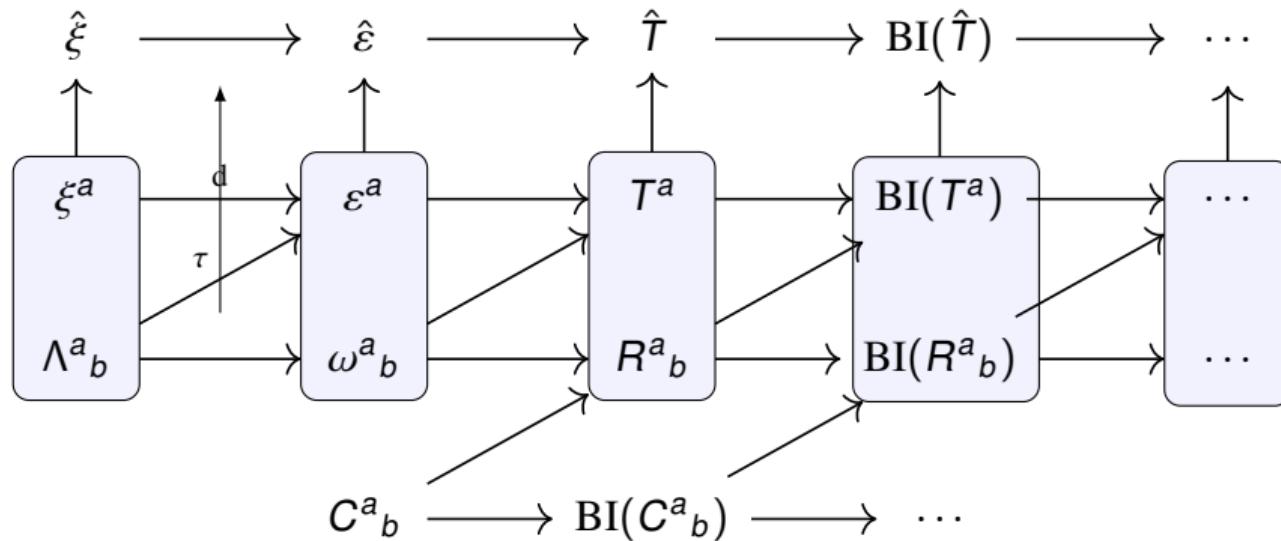
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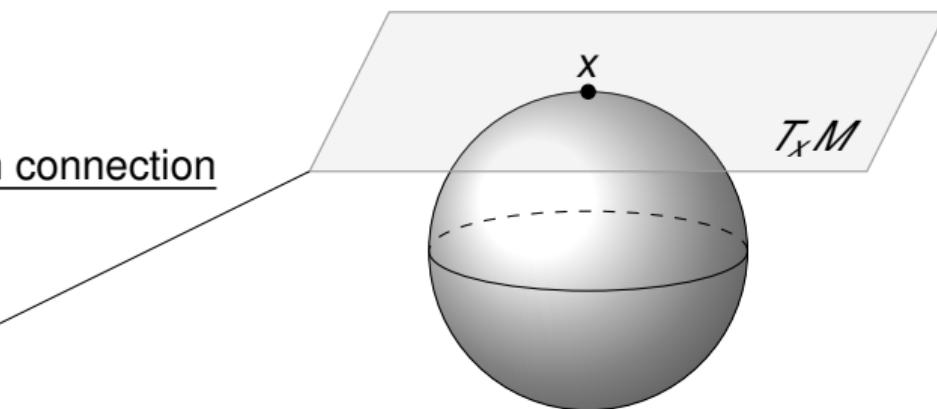
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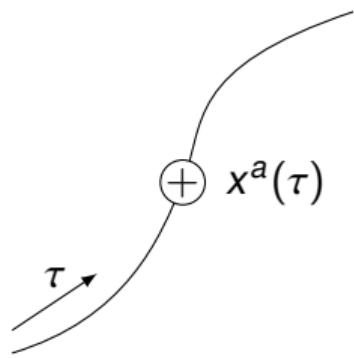
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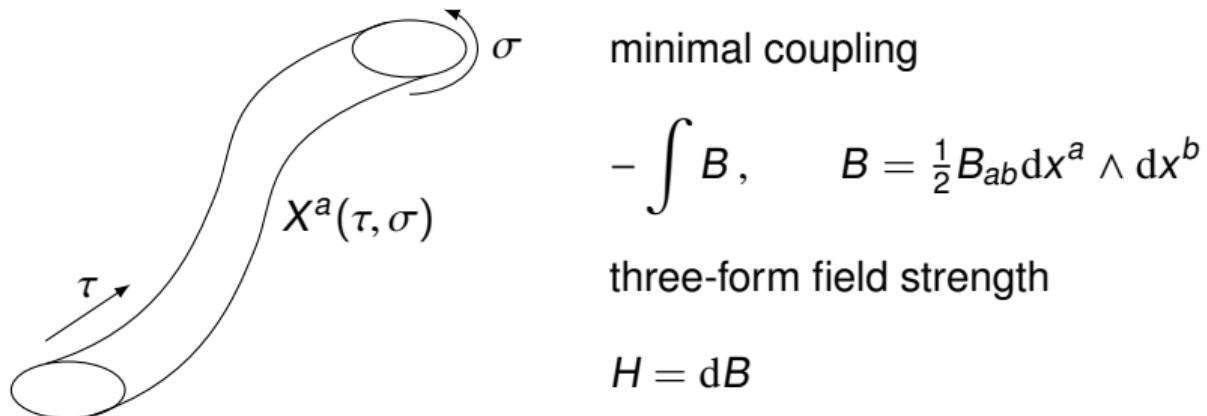
minimal coupling

$$-q \int A, \quad A = A_a dx^a$$

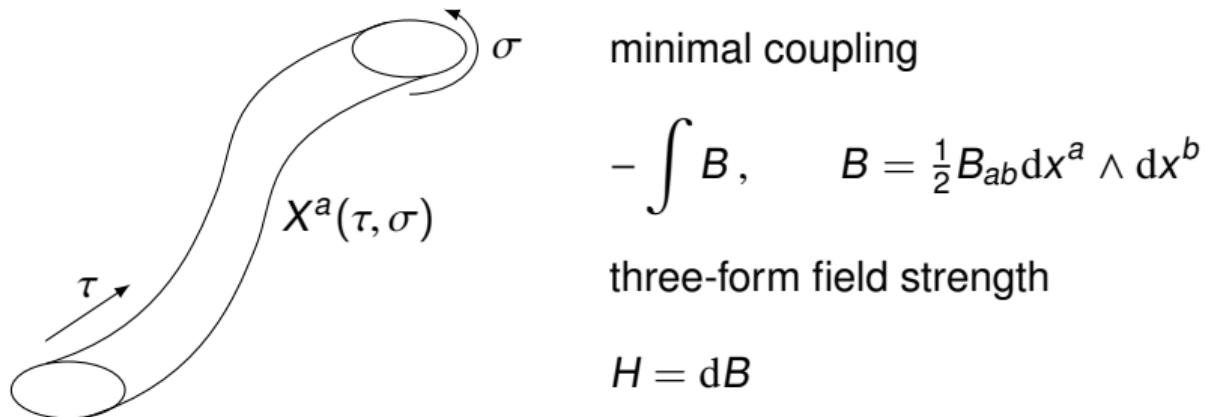
two-form field strength

$$F = dA, \quad F = \frac{1}{2} F_{ab} dx^a \wedge dx^b$$

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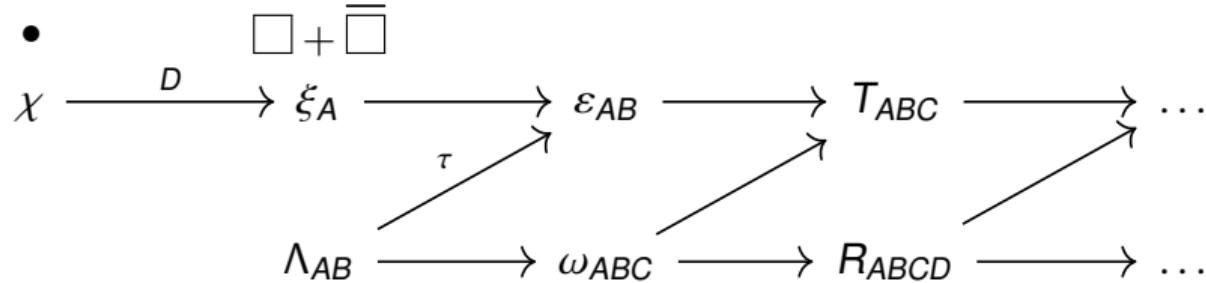
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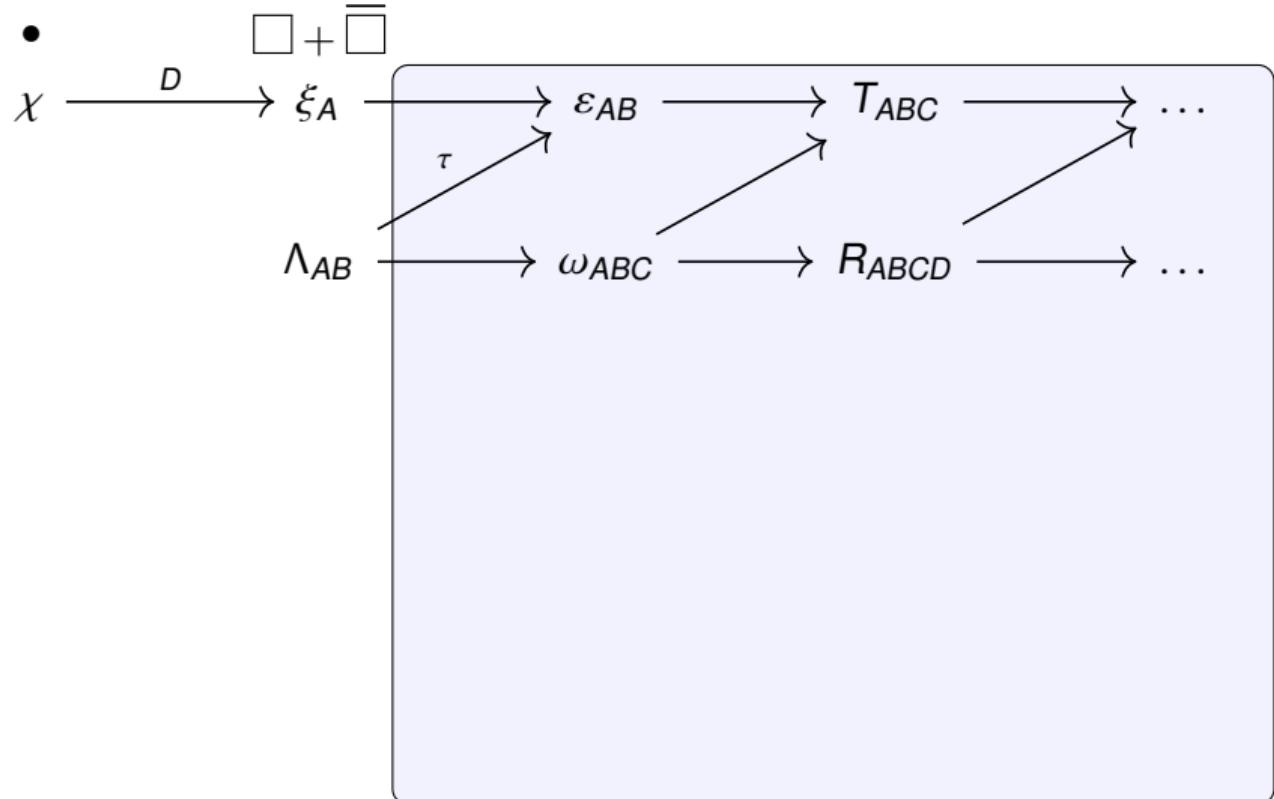
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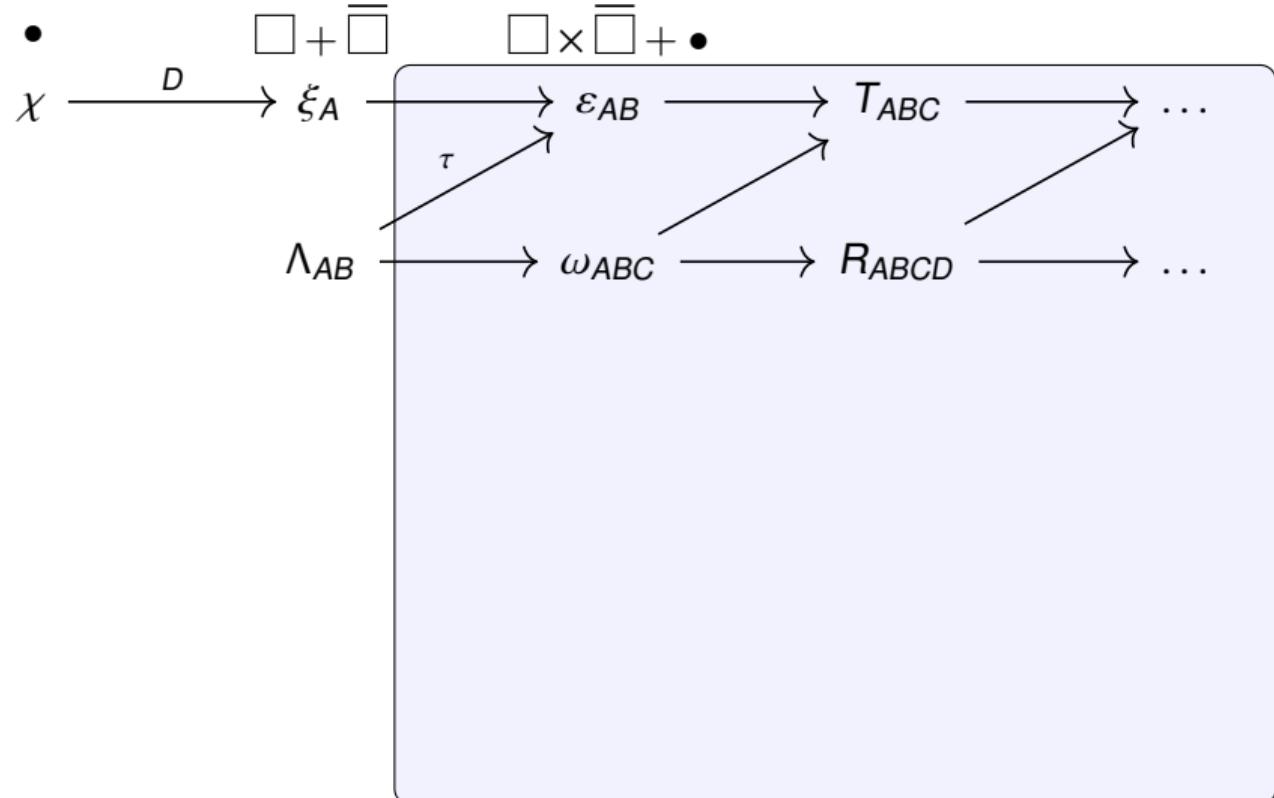
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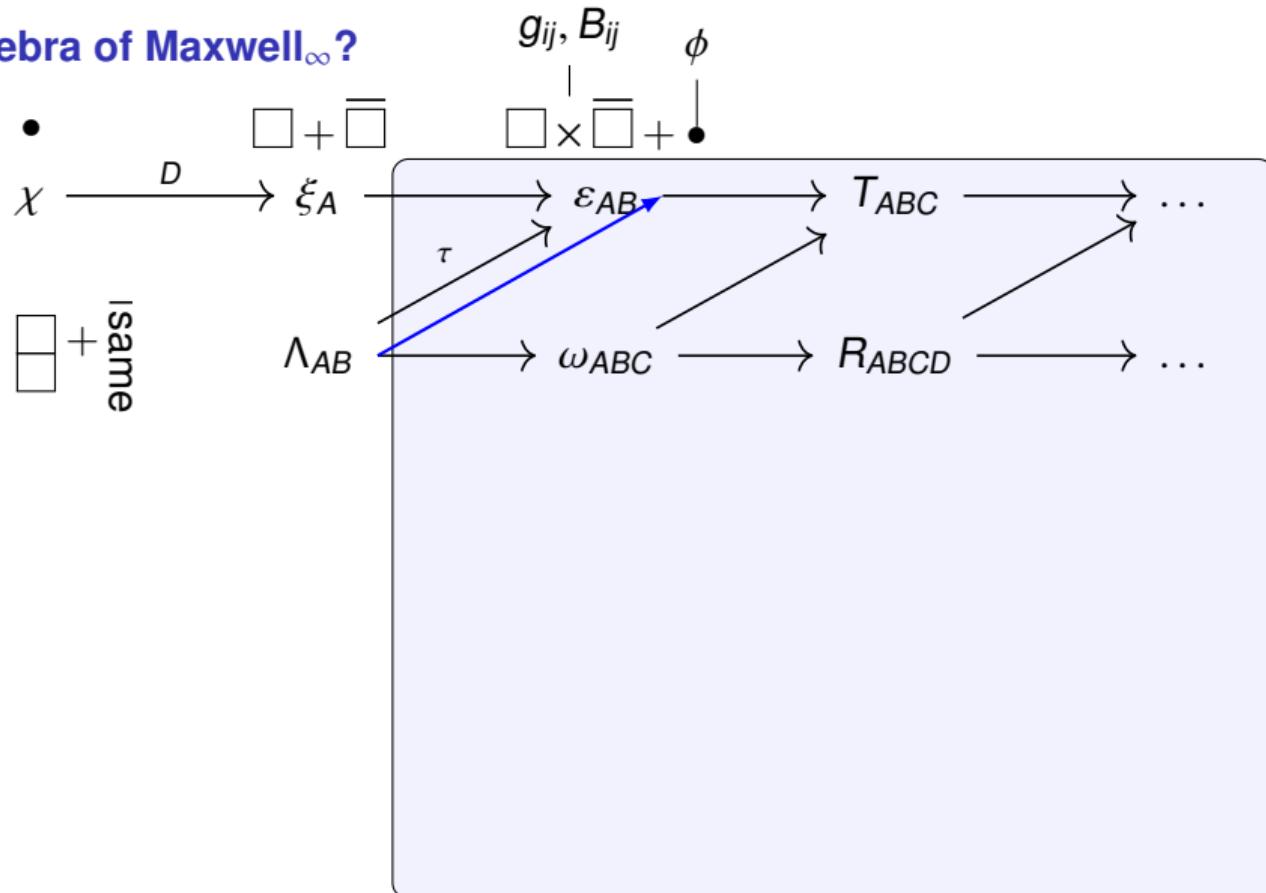
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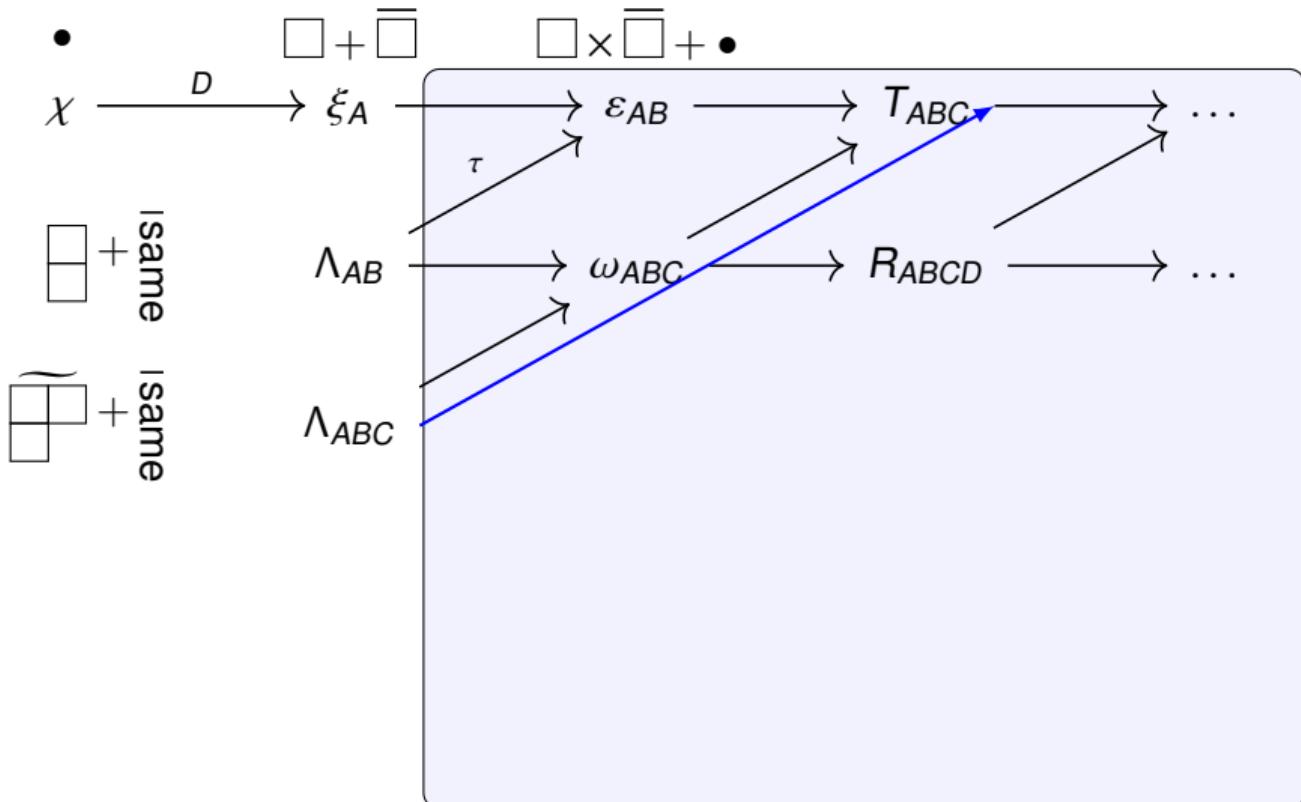
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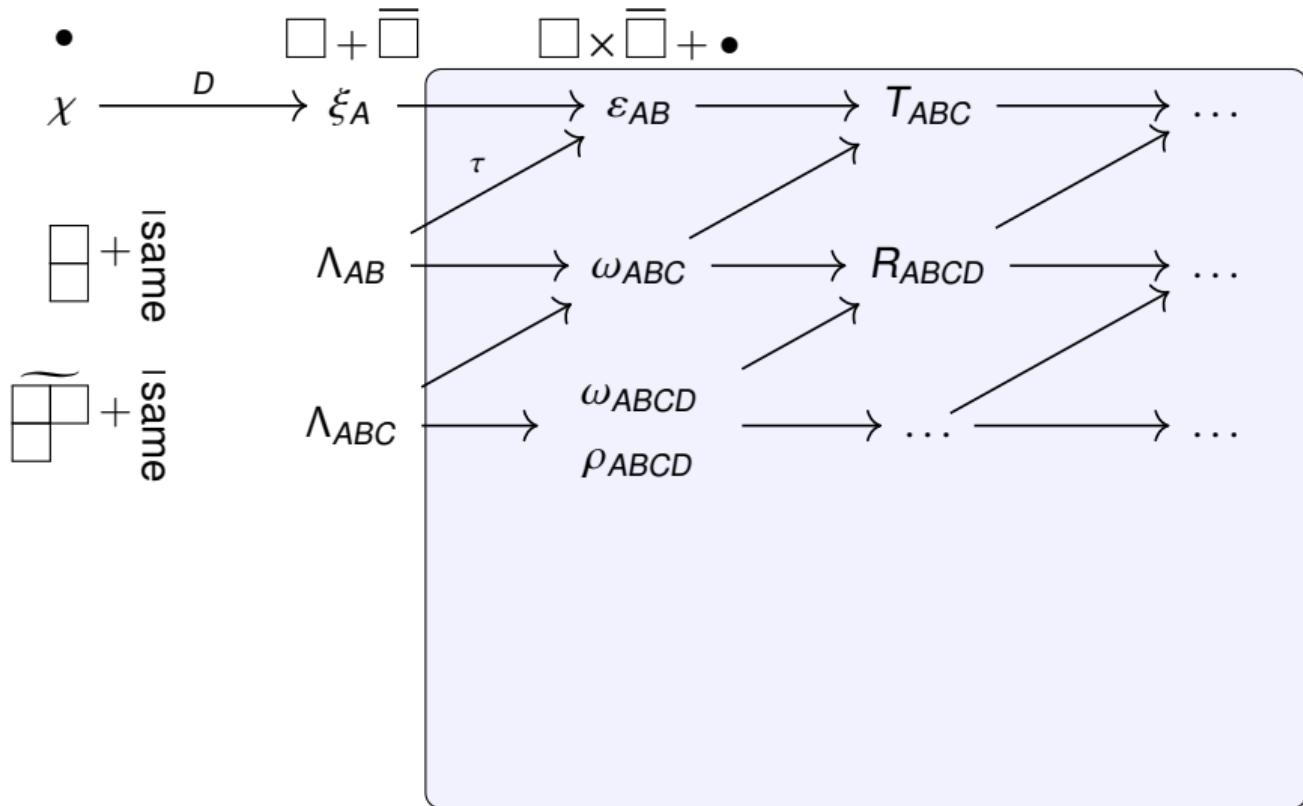


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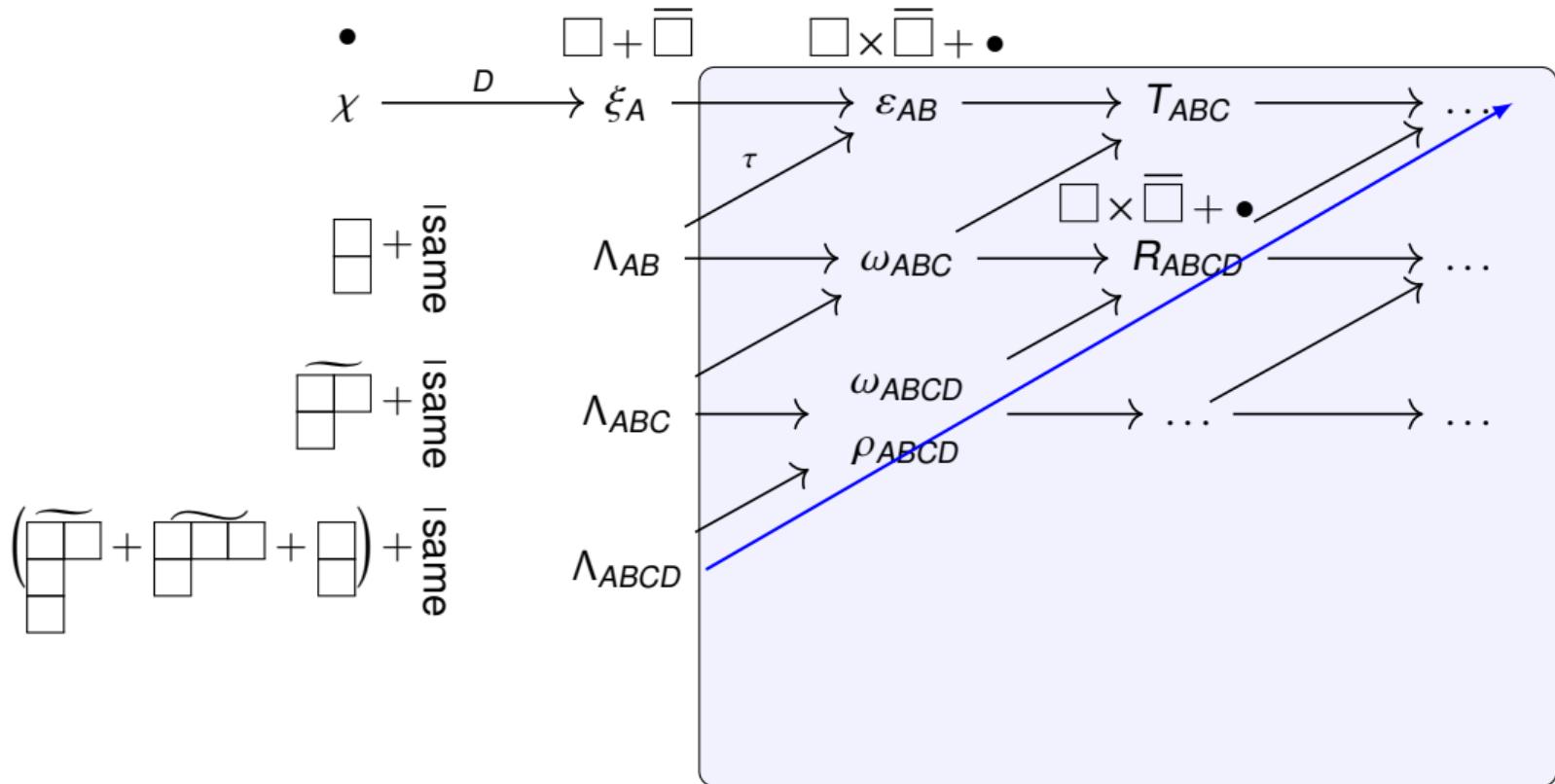
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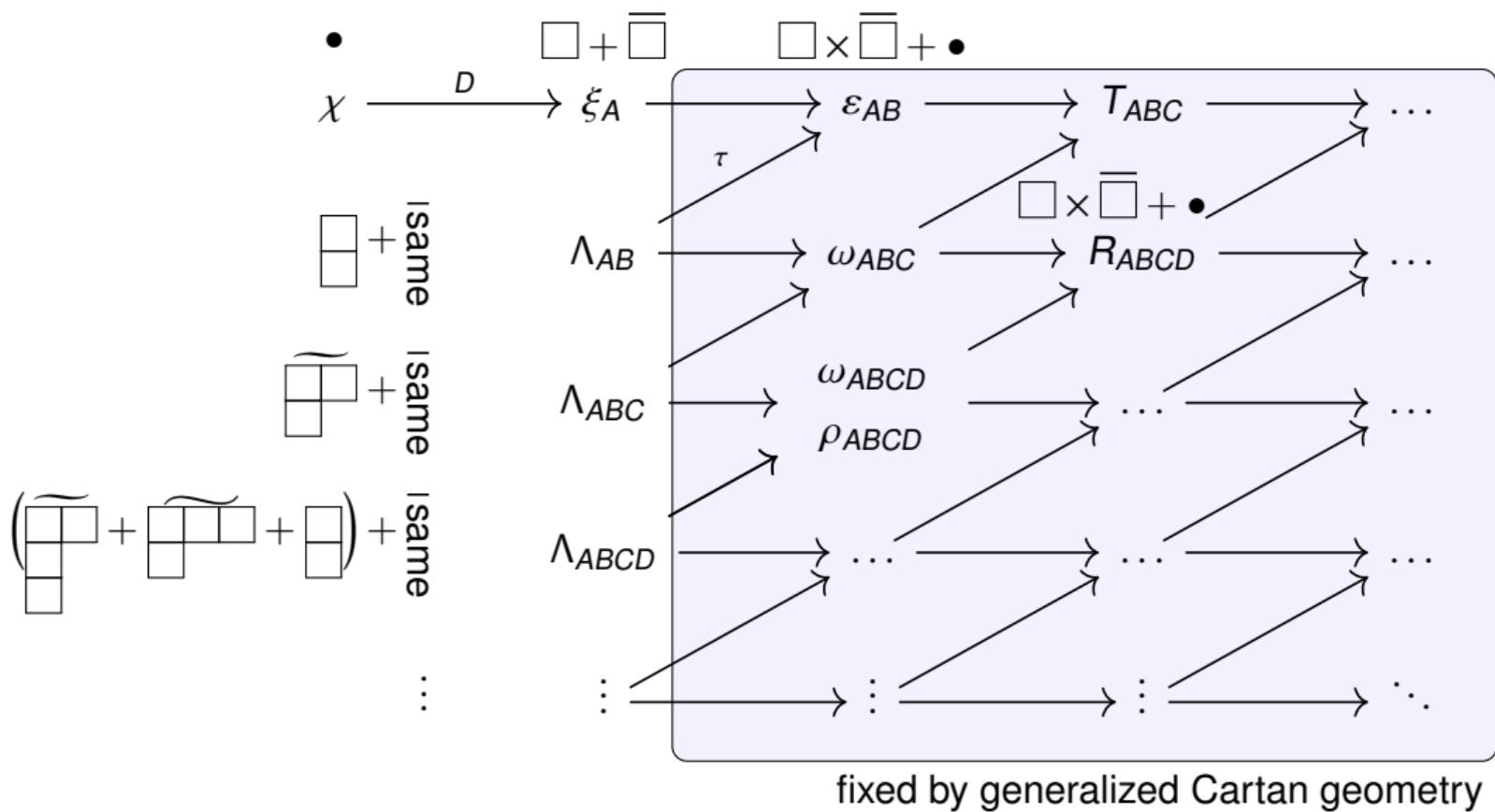
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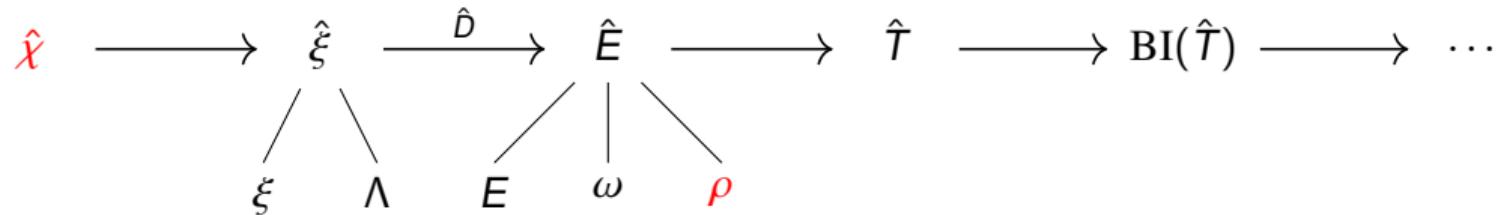
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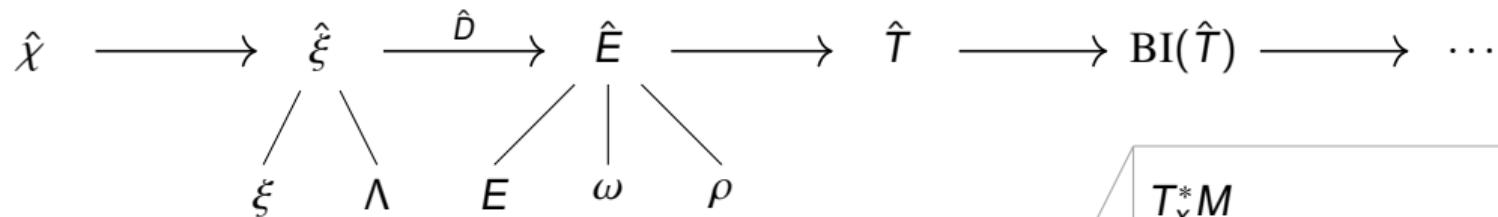


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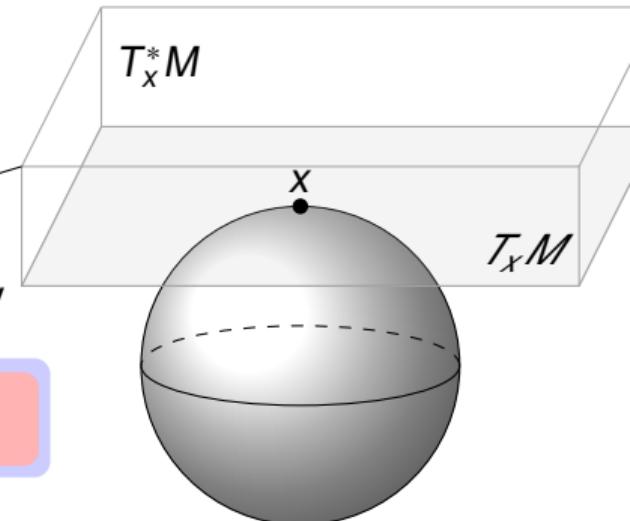


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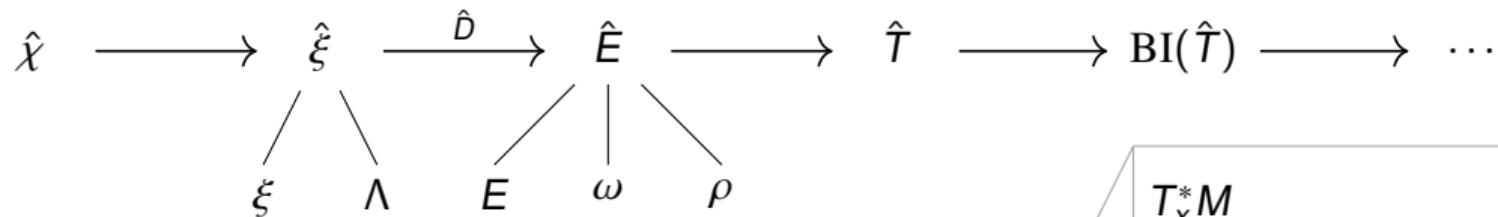


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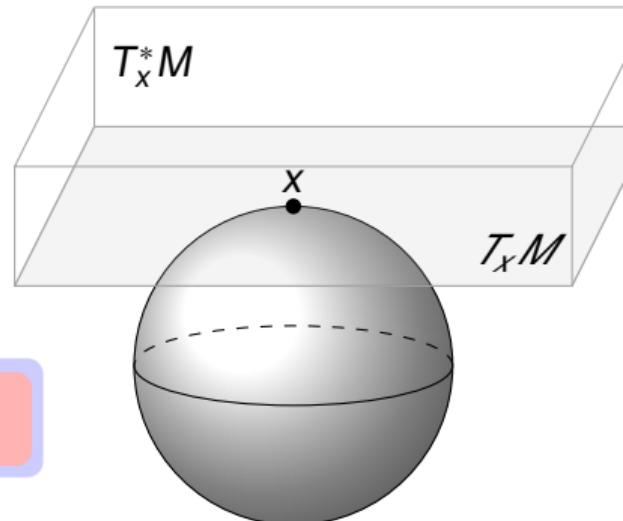


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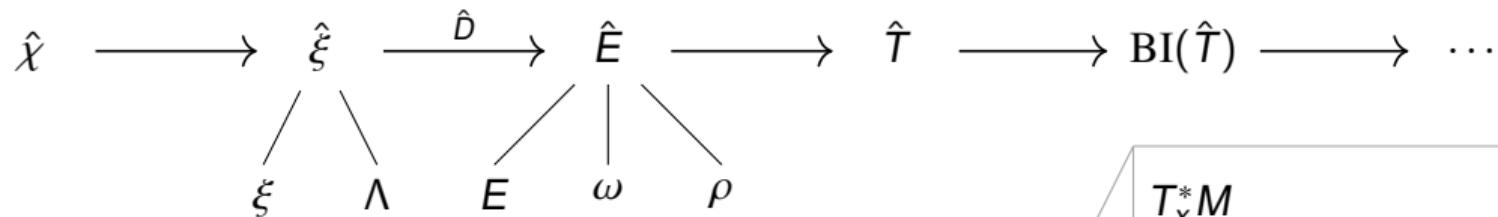


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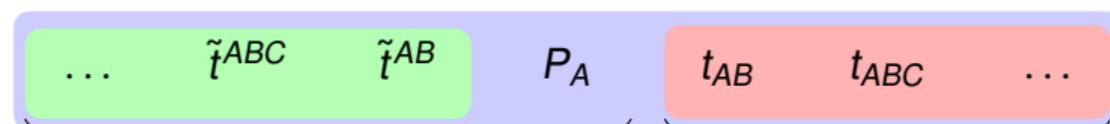


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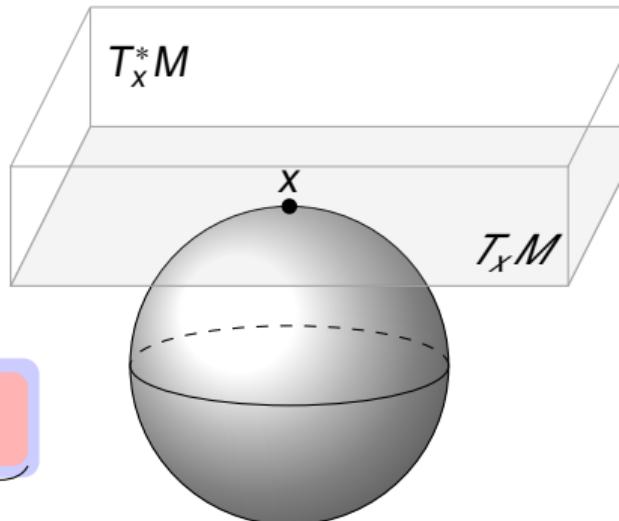


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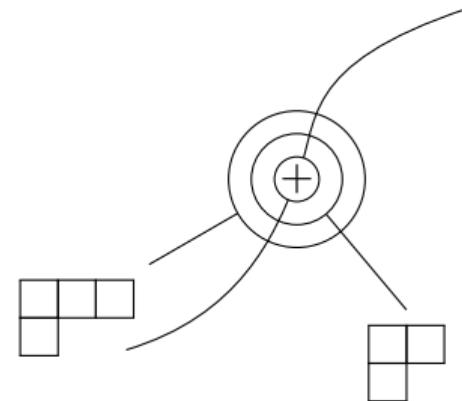
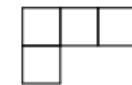
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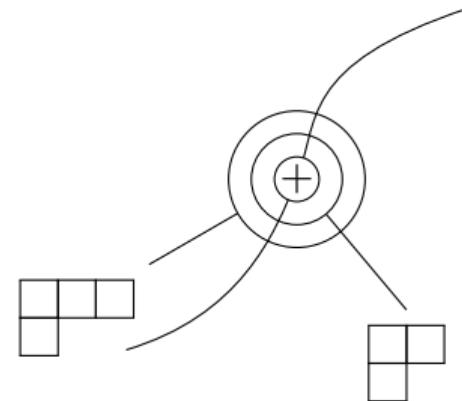
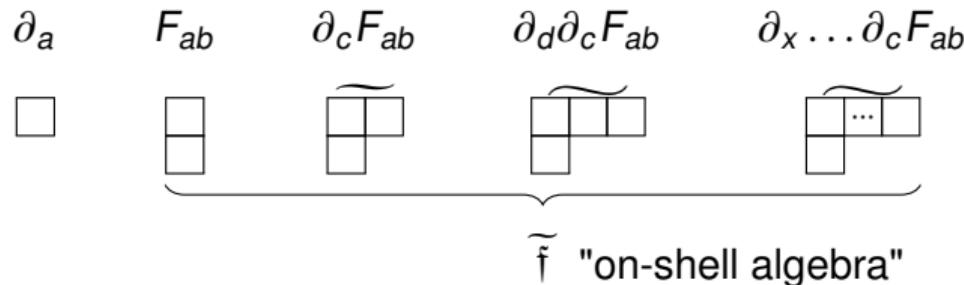
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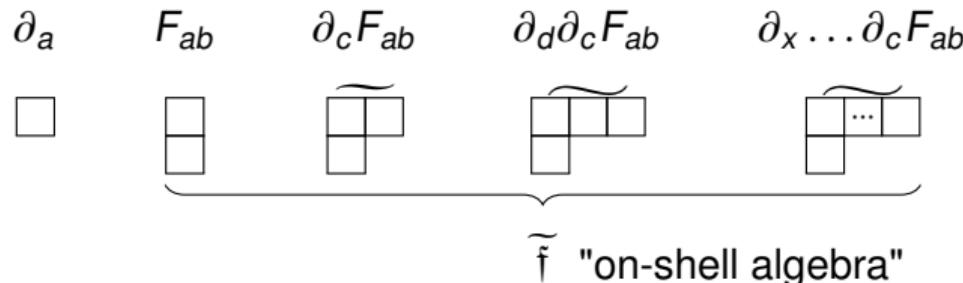
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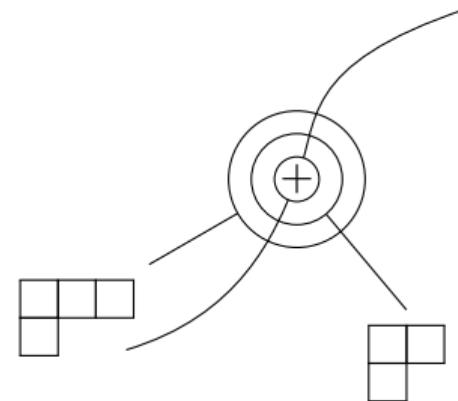
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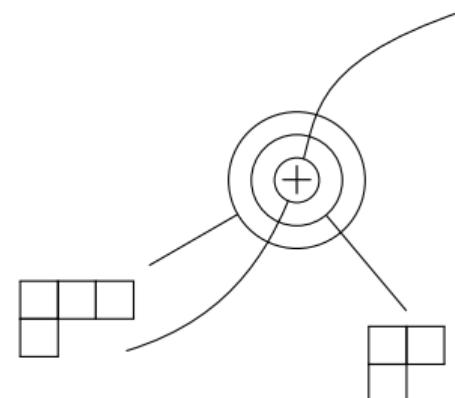
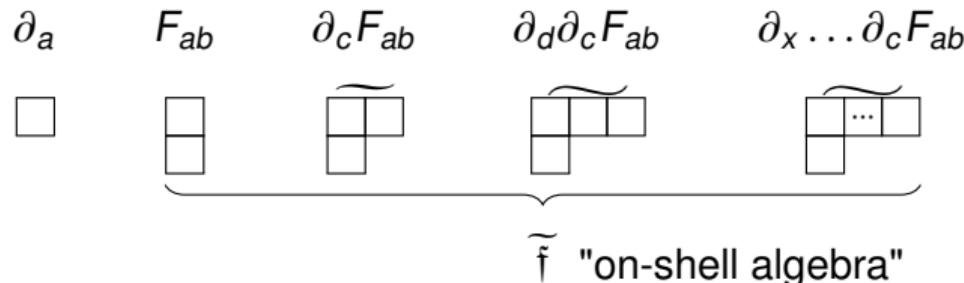
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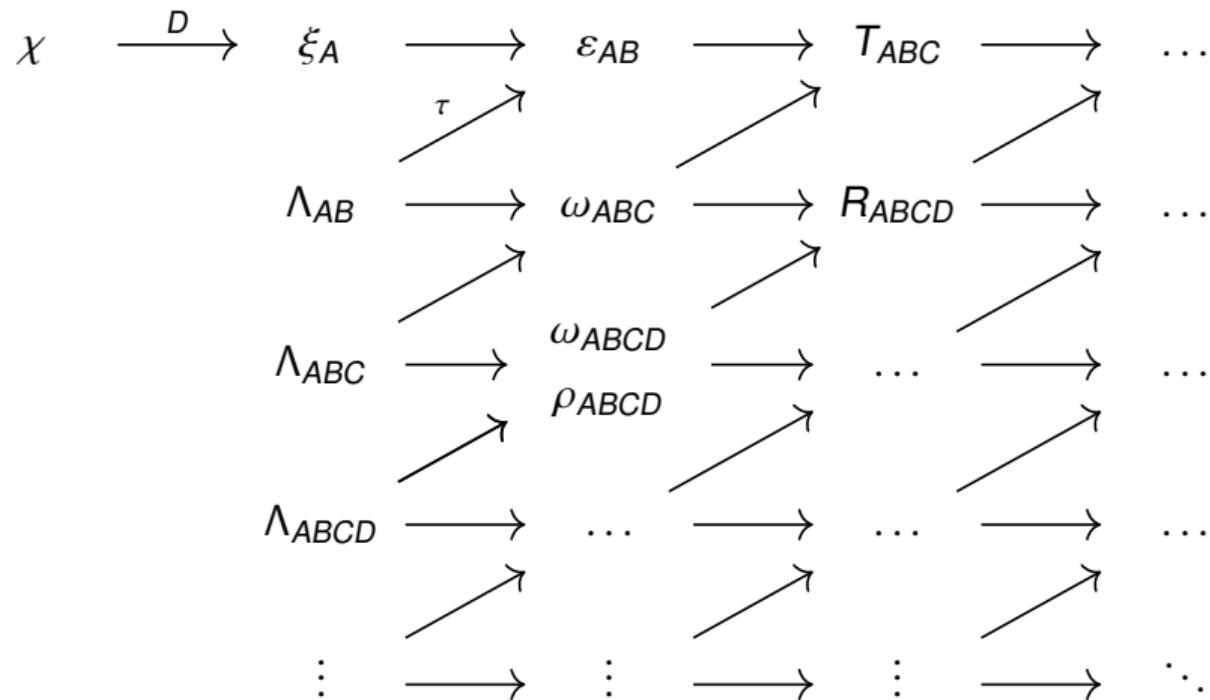


- introduce $t_{\hat{A}} = (\tilde{t}^\alpha \quad P_A \quad t_\alpha)$ with $[t_{\hat{A}}, t_{\hat{B}}] = f_{\hat{A}\hat{B}}{}^{\hat{C}} t_{\hat{C}}$
- define $S = \frac{1}{6} f_{\hat{A}\hat{B}\hat{C}} \theta^{\hat{A}} \theta^{\hat{B}} \theta^{\hat{C}}$, and $\{\theta^{\hat{A}}, \theta^{\hat{B}}\} = \eta^{\hat{A}\hat{B}}$
- solve $\{S, S\} = 0$ (linear order by order)

$$\eta_{\hat{A}\hat{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \delta_\beta^\alpha \\ 0 & \eta_{AB} & 0 \\ \delta_\alpha^\beta & 0 & -\kappa_{\alpha\beta} \end{pmatrix}$$

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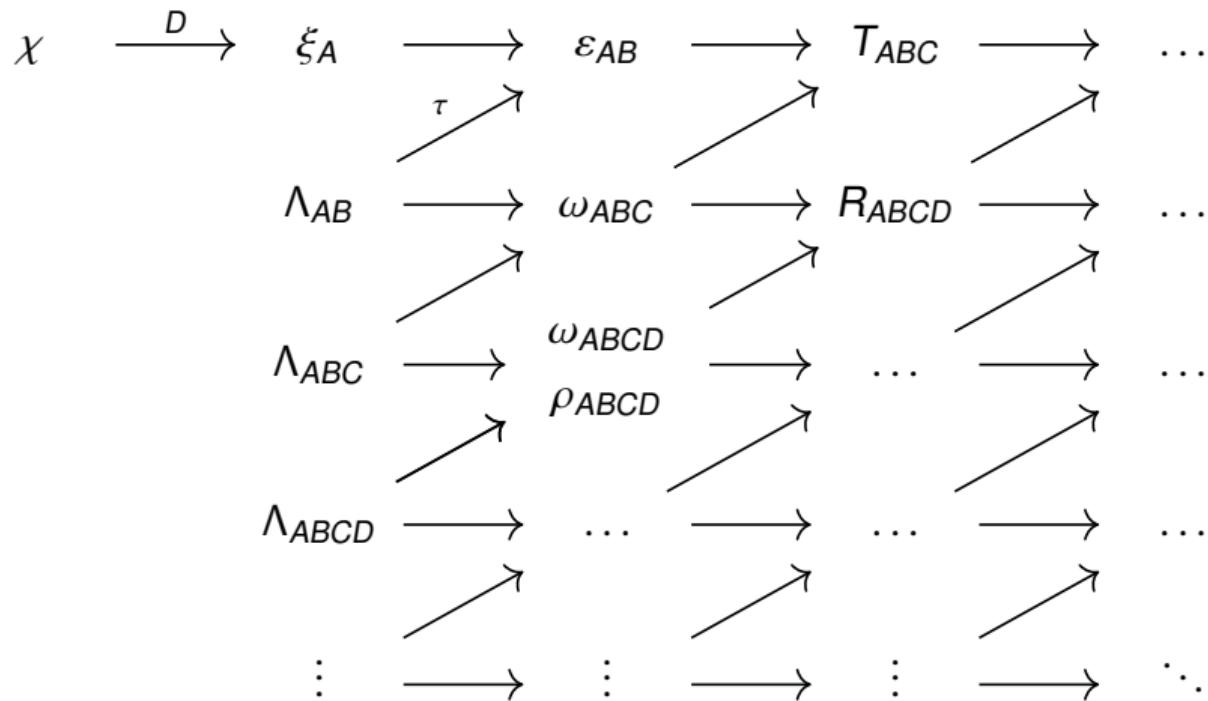
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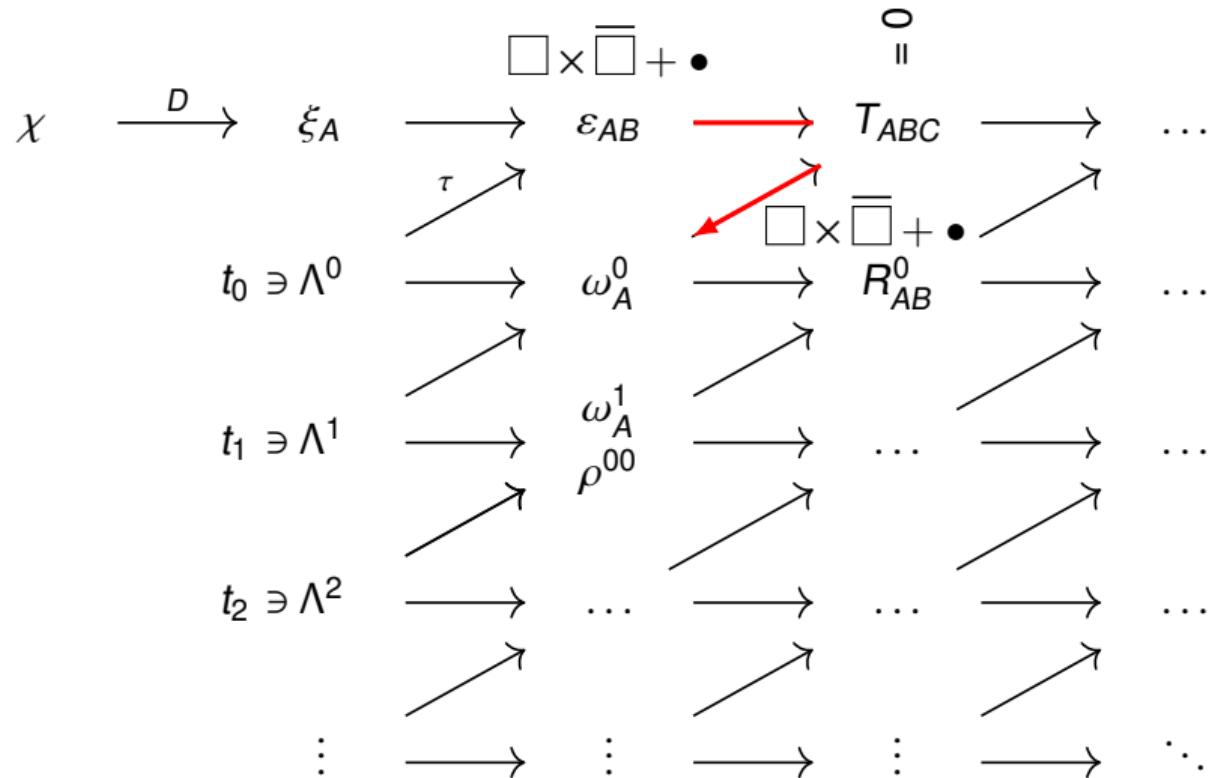
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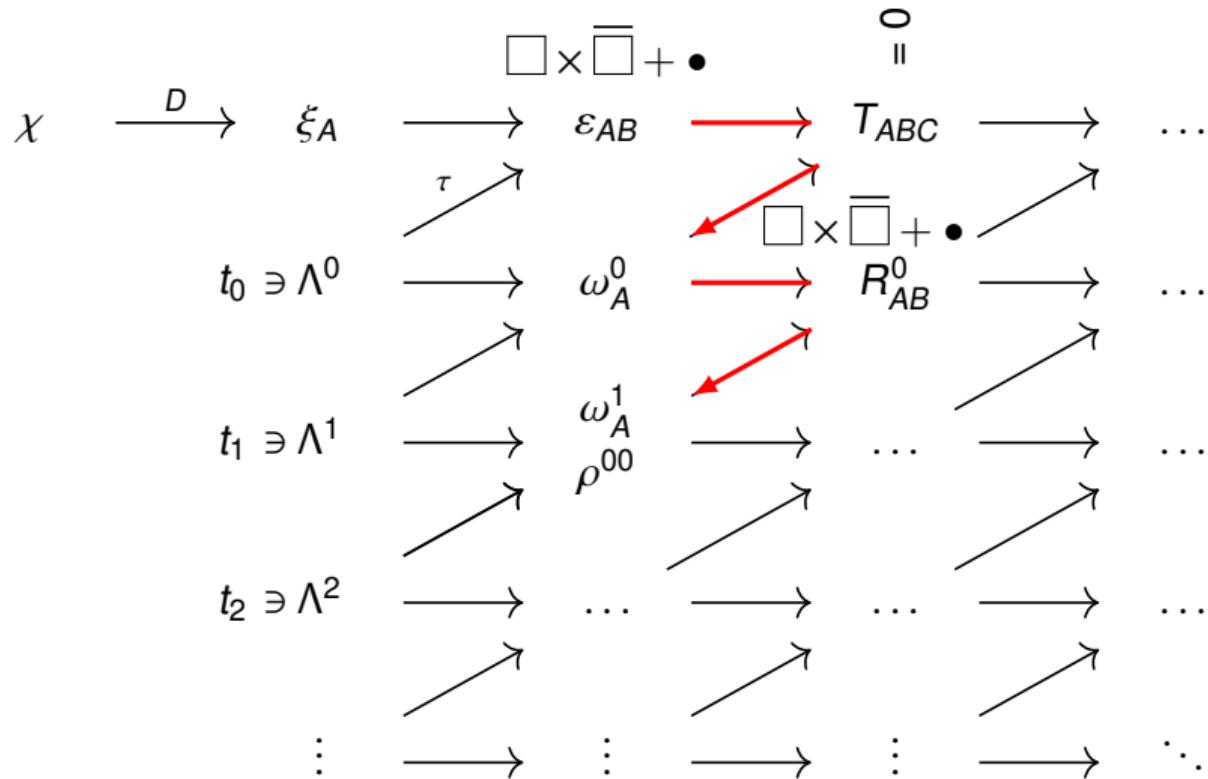
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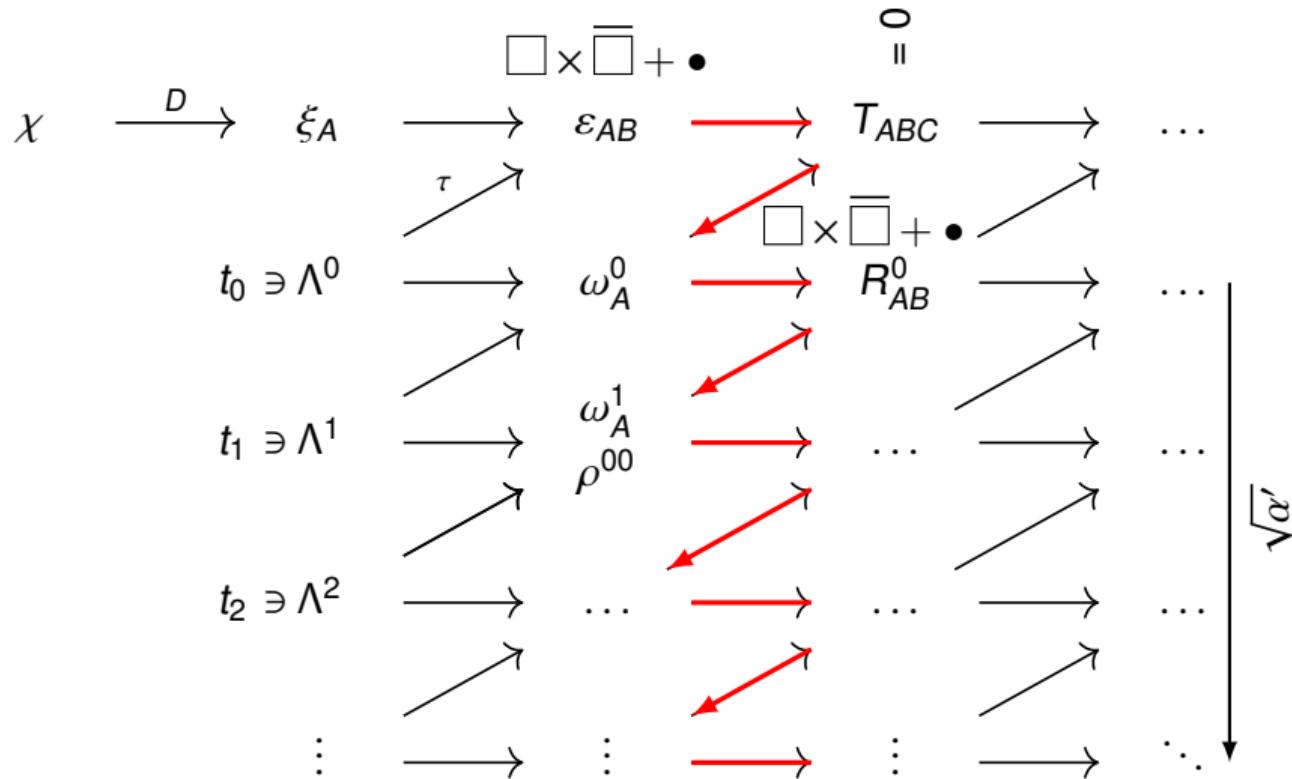
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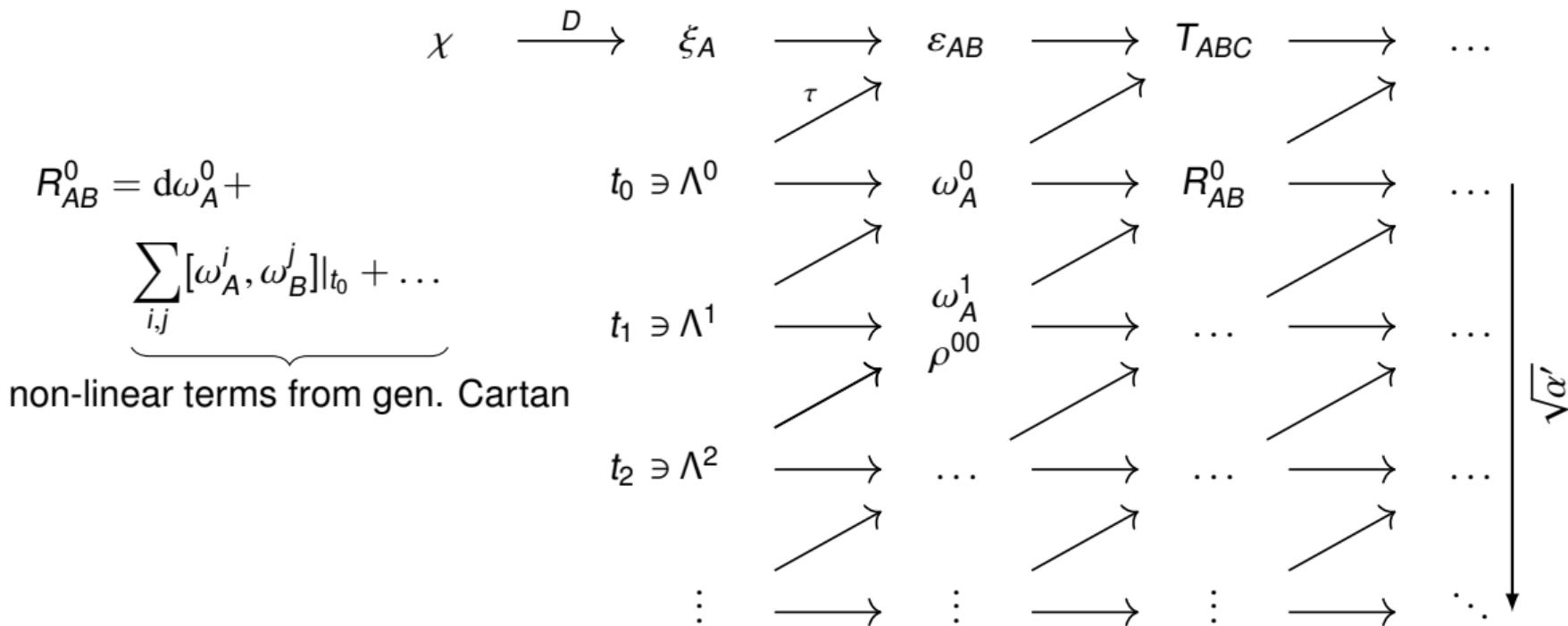
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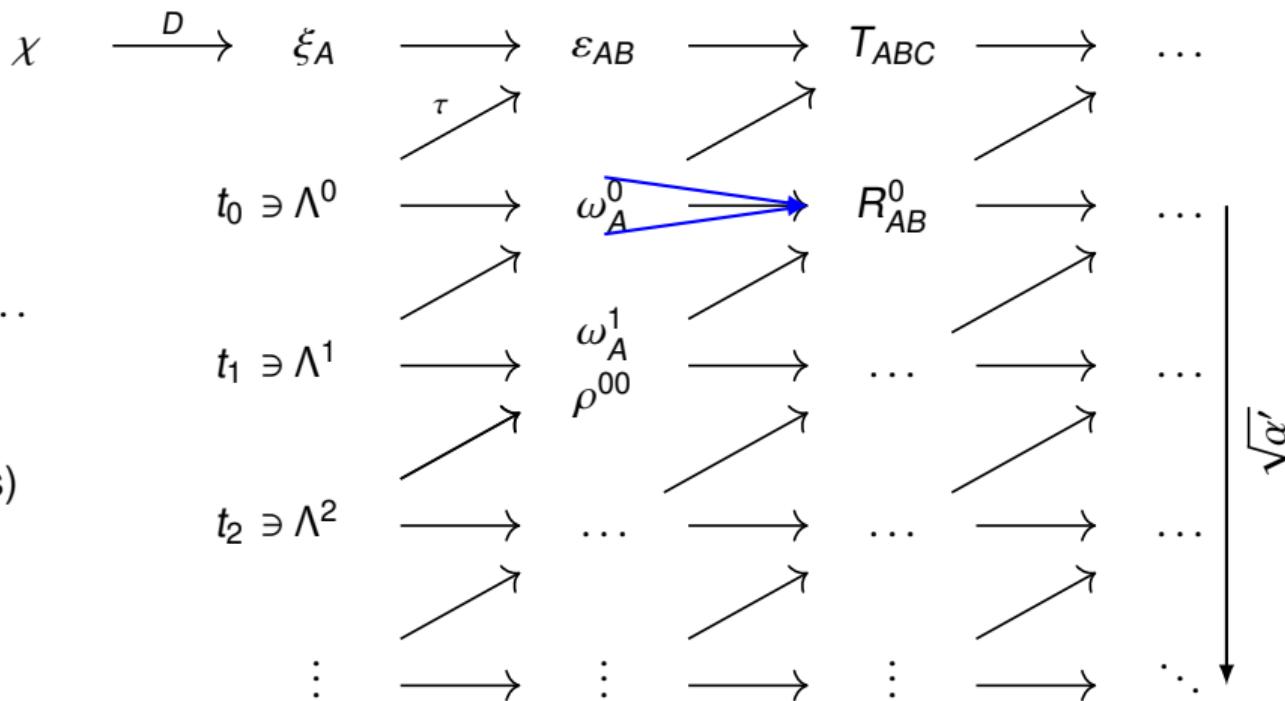
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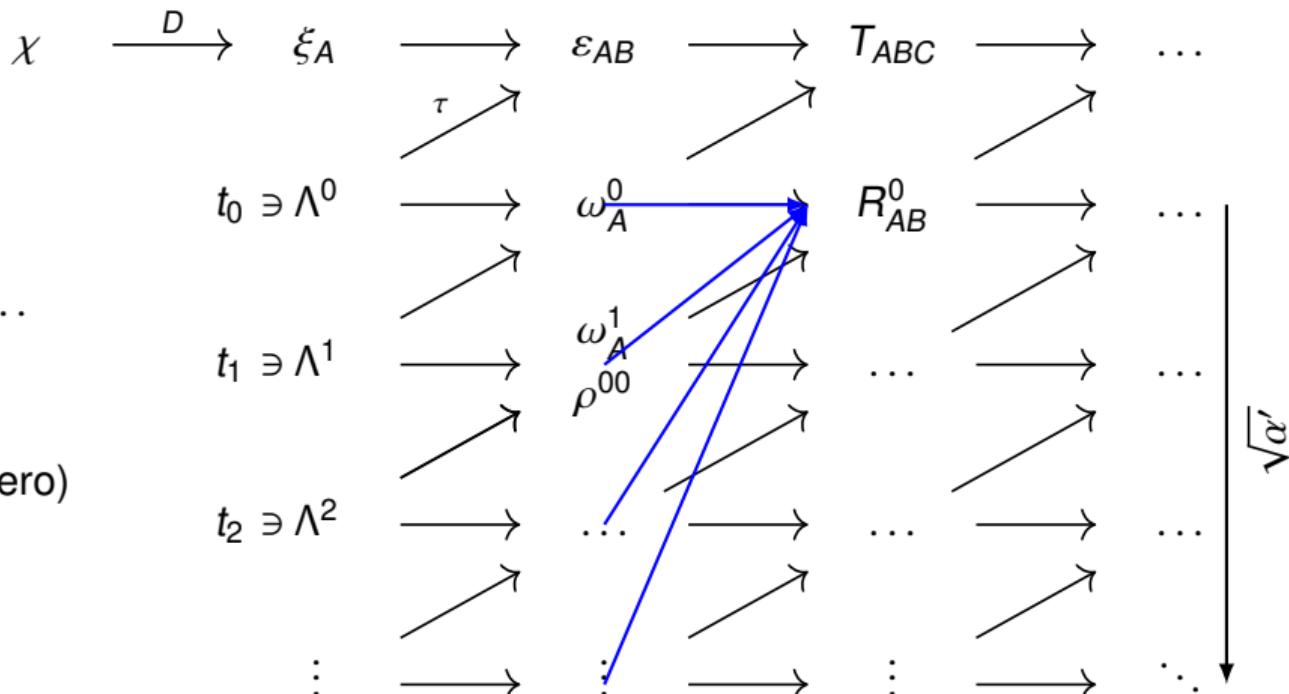
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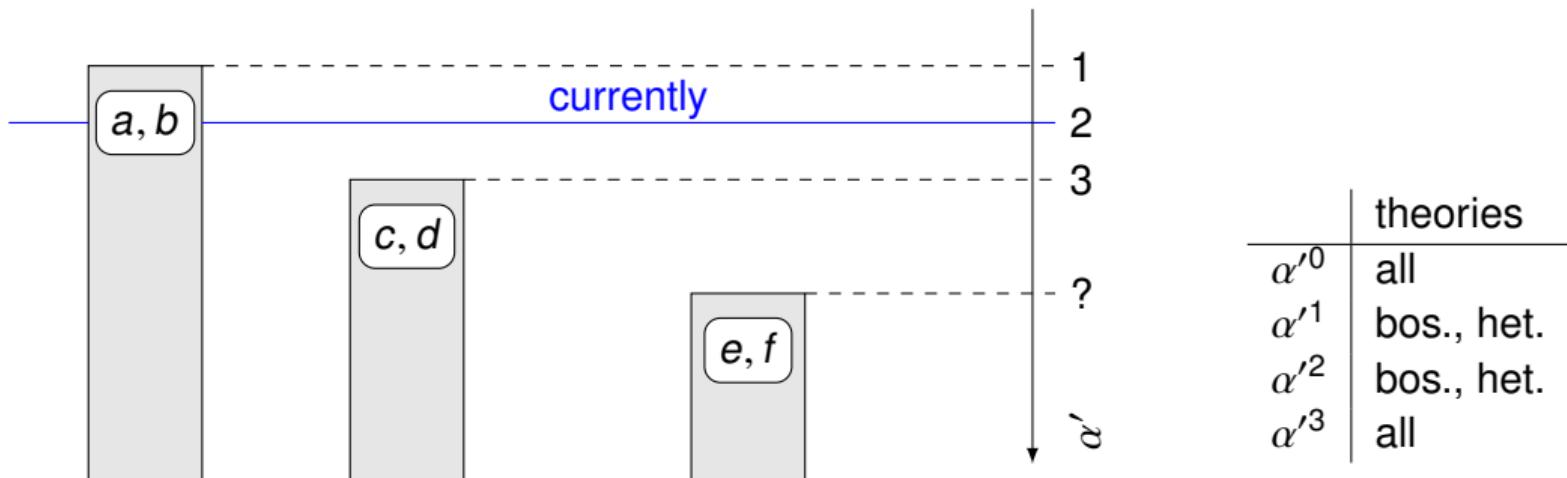
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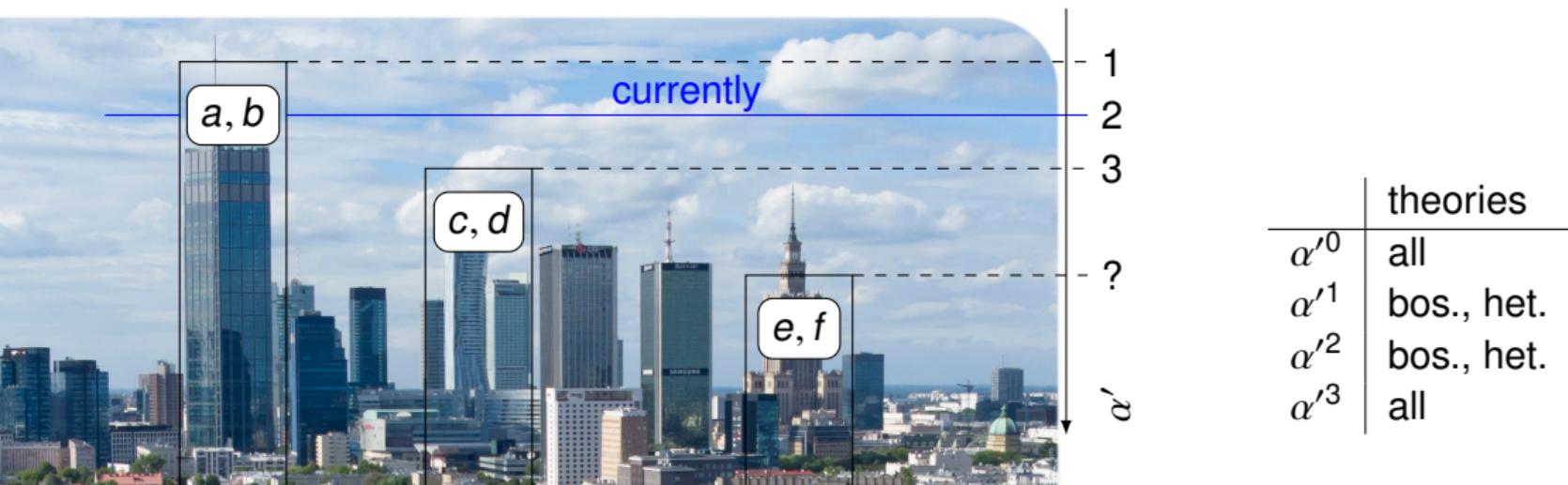
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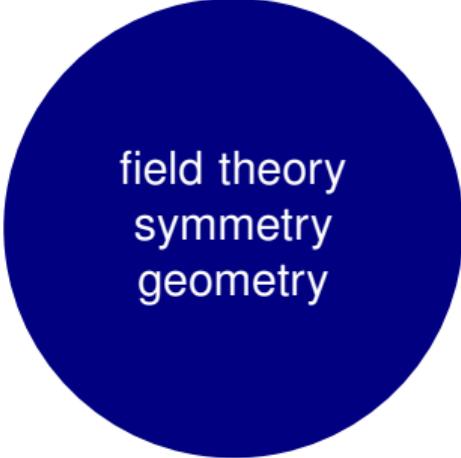
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No problem, we don't need this symmetry!

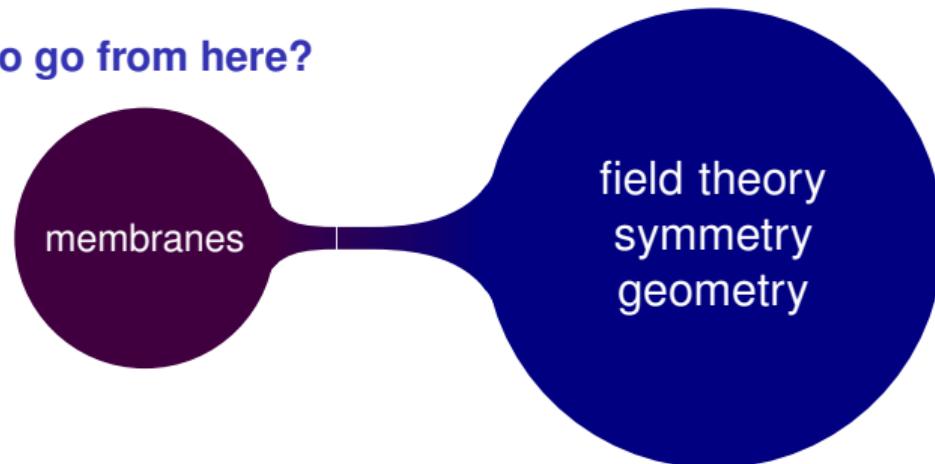


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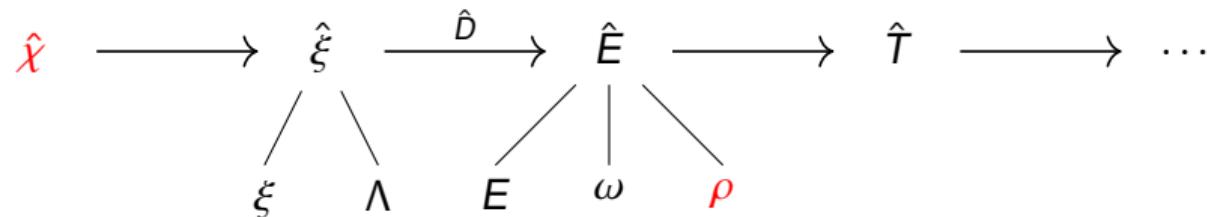


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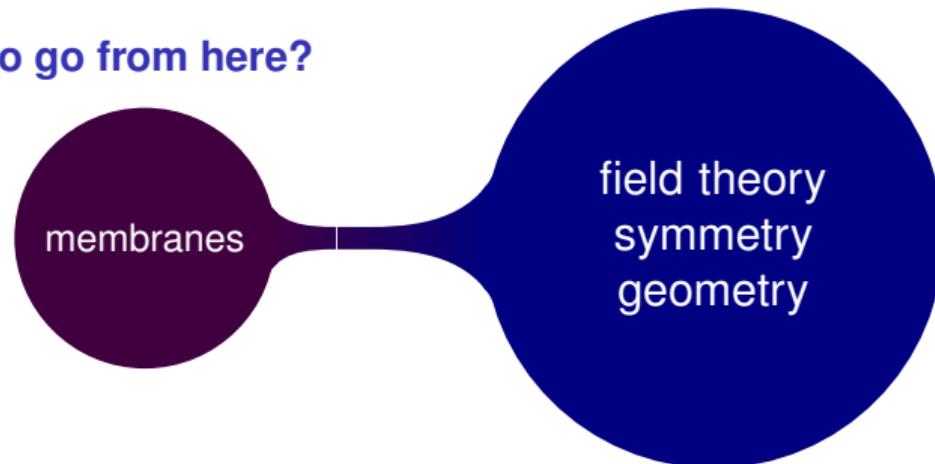
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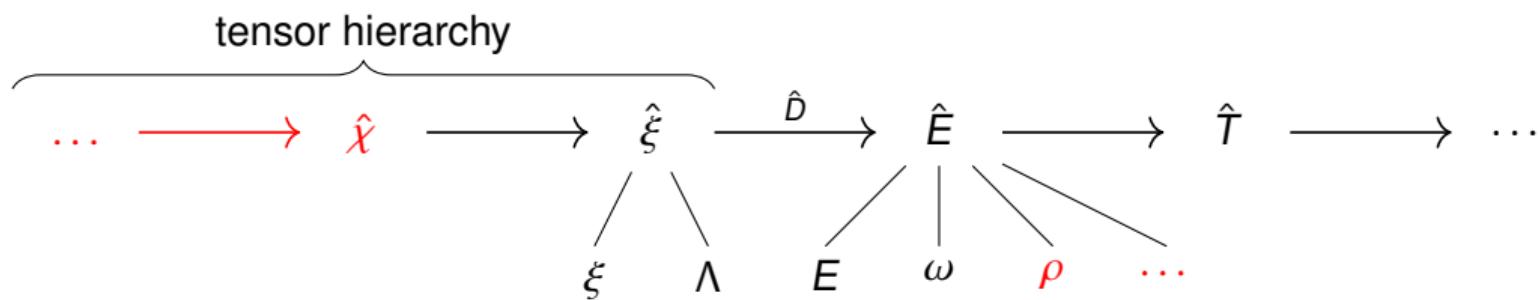
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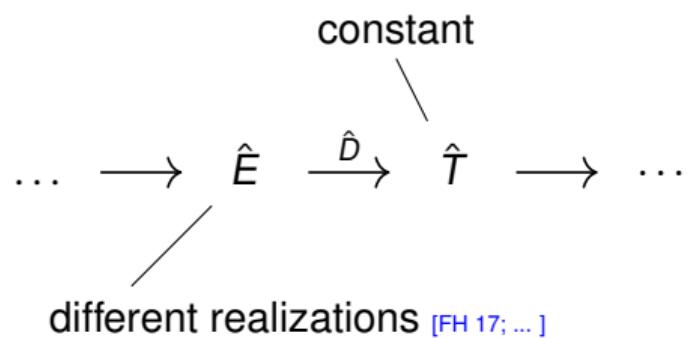
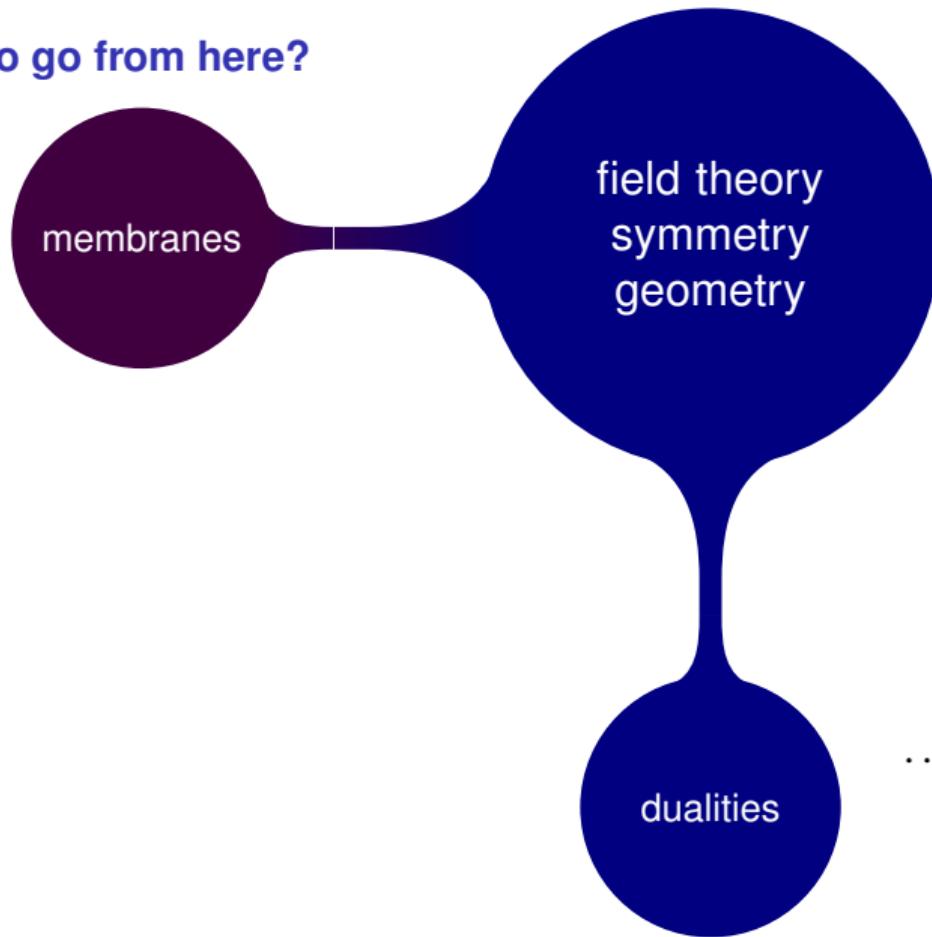
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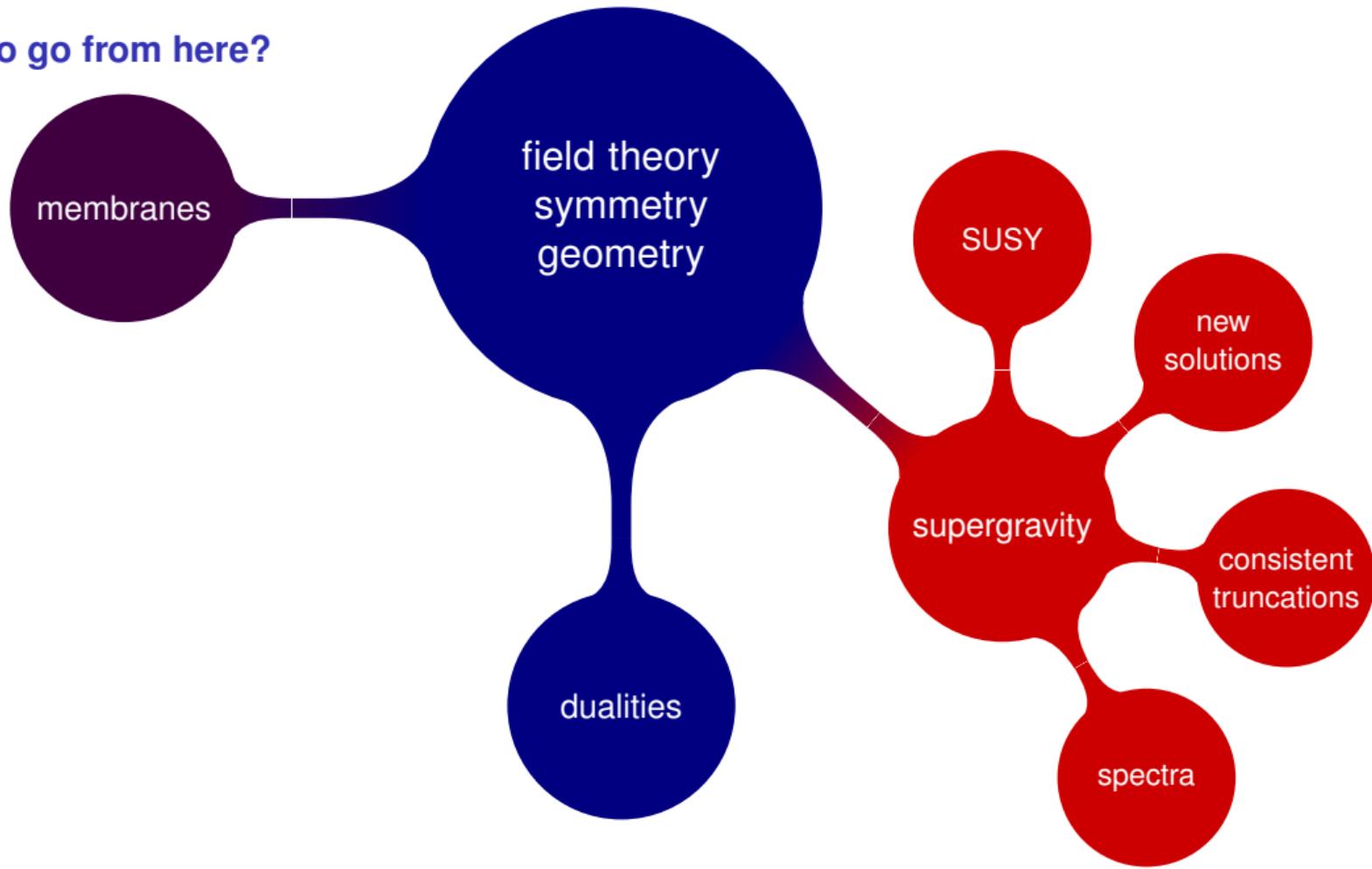
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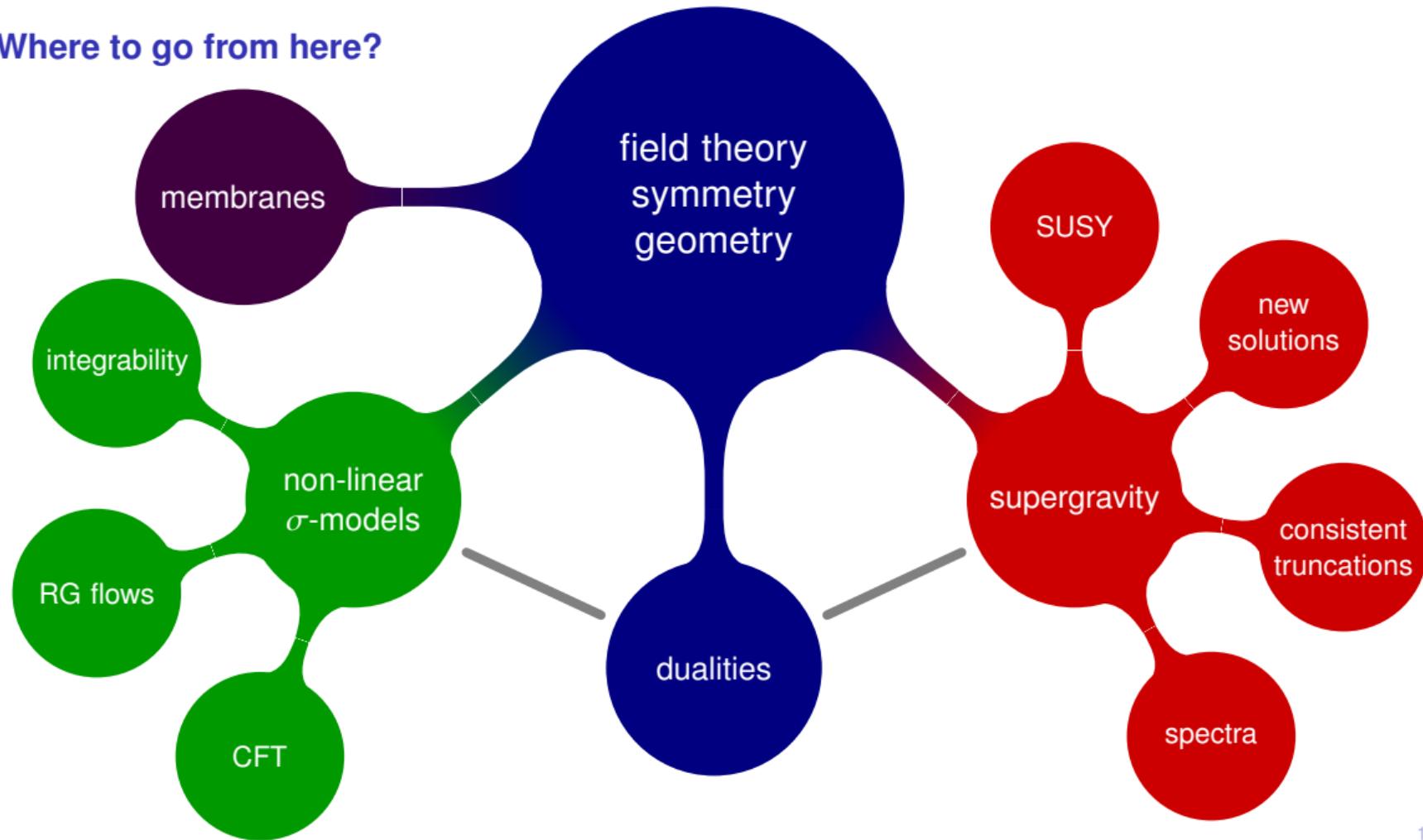
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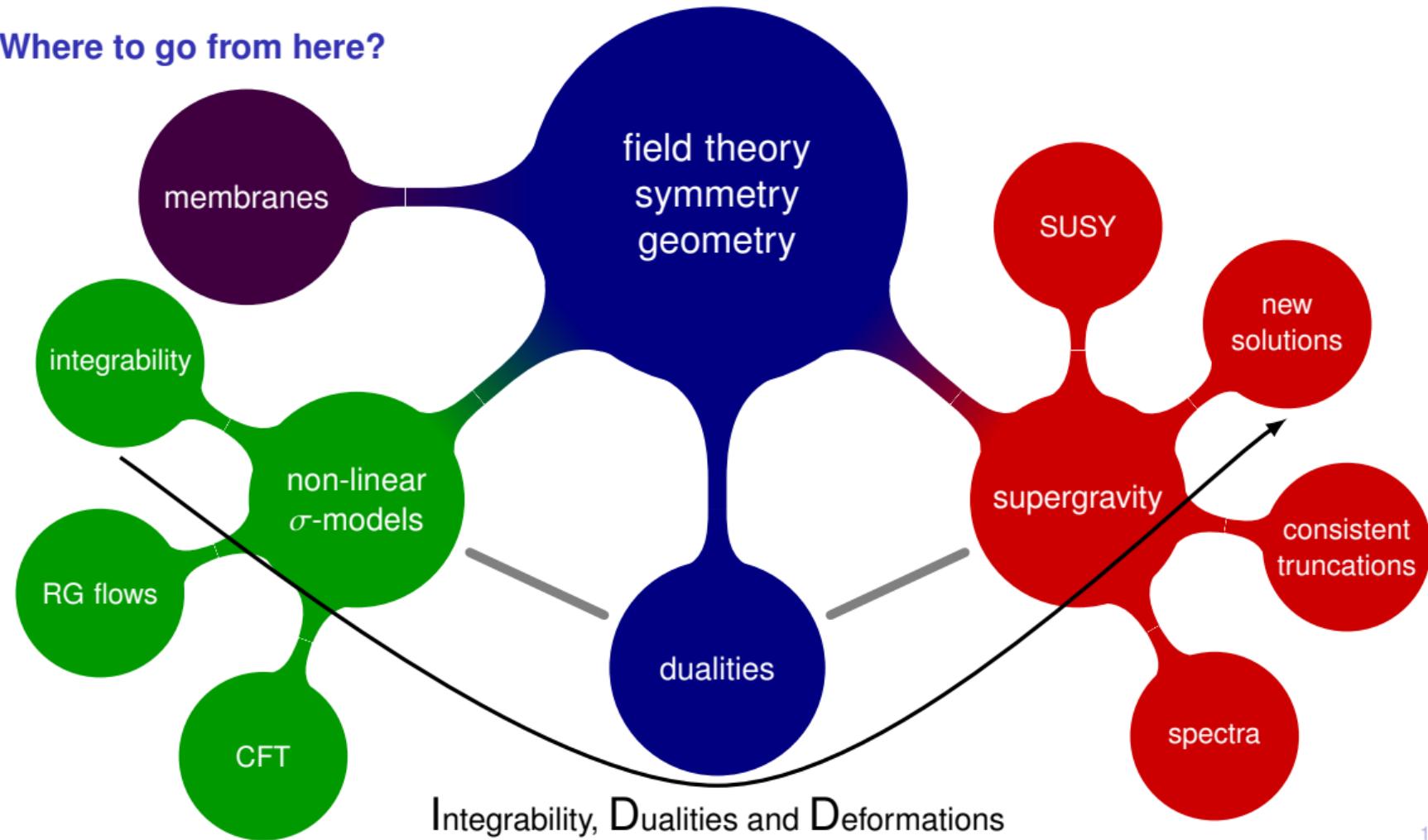
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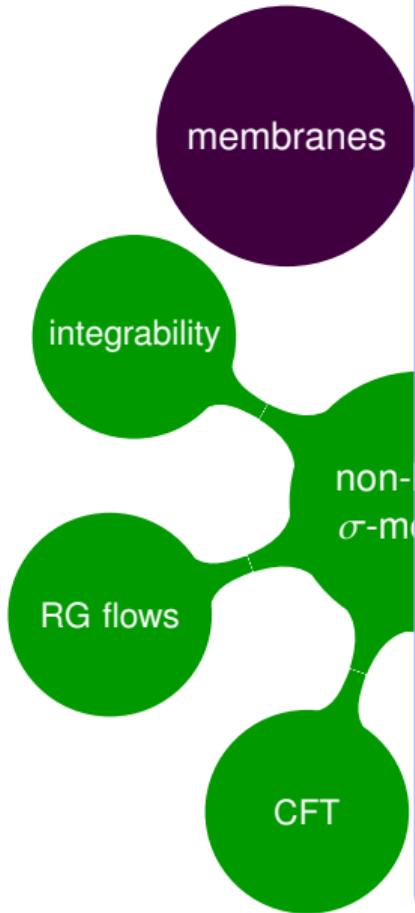


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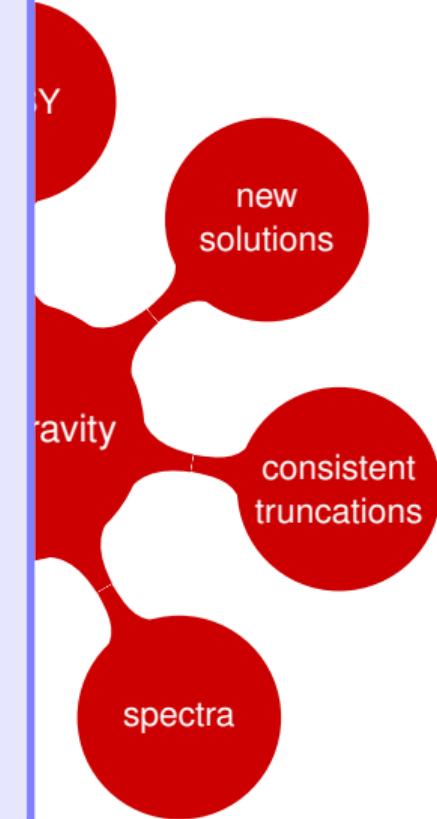
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