

Quantum groups in nature¹



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¹nature is actually homologies of labeled configuration spaces of surfaces

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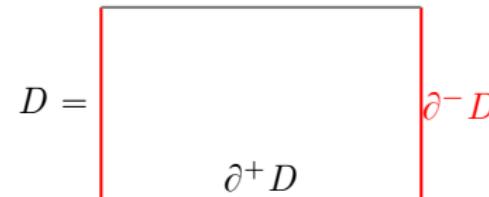


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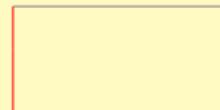
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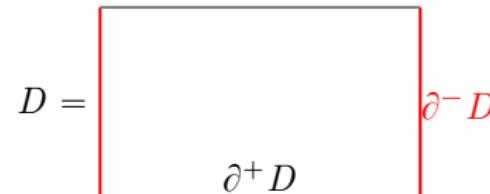


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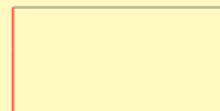
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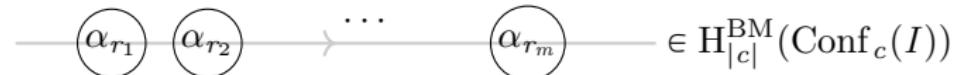
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where I is the (open) unit interval and $c = \alpha_{r_1} + \dots + \alpha_{r_m} \in \mathbb{N}\Pi$.

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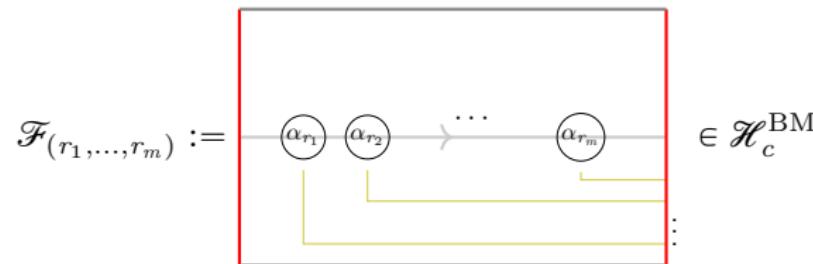
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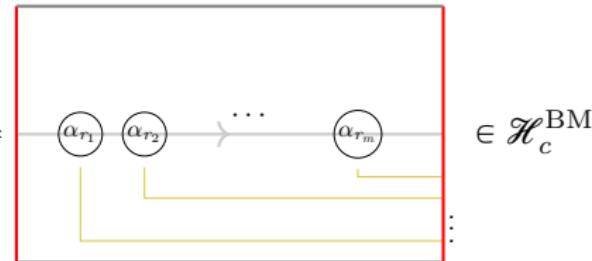
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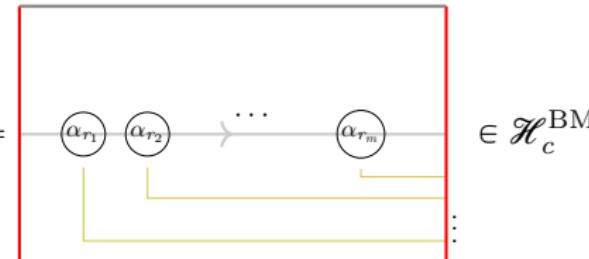
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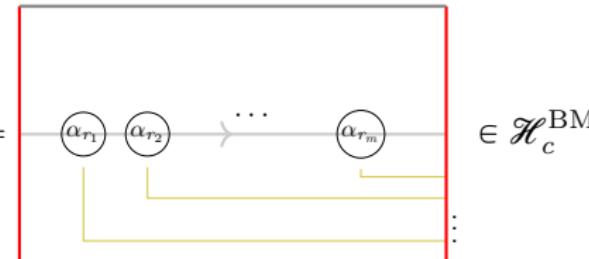
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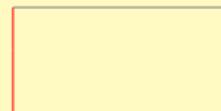
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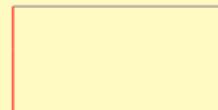
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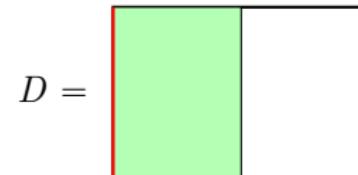
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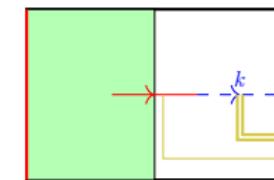
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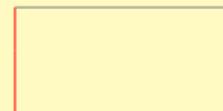
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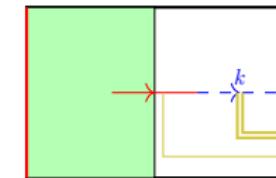
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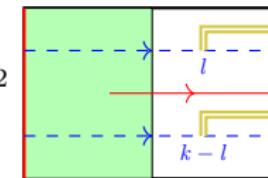
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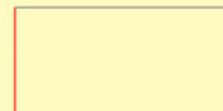
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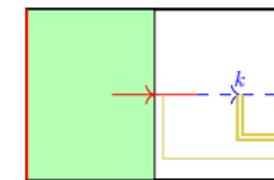
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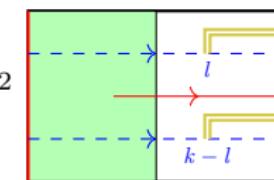
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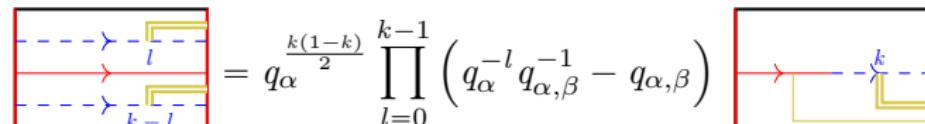


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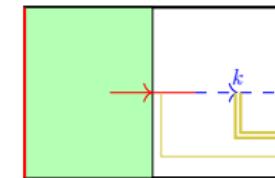
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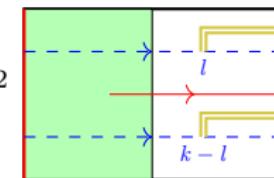
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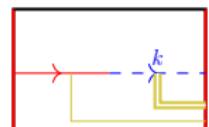


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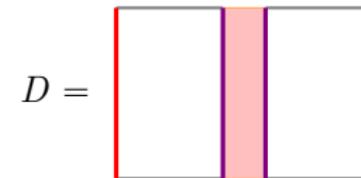
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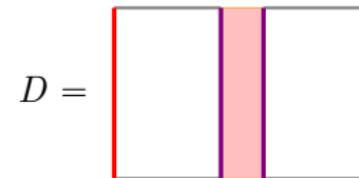
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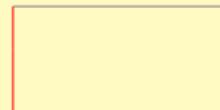
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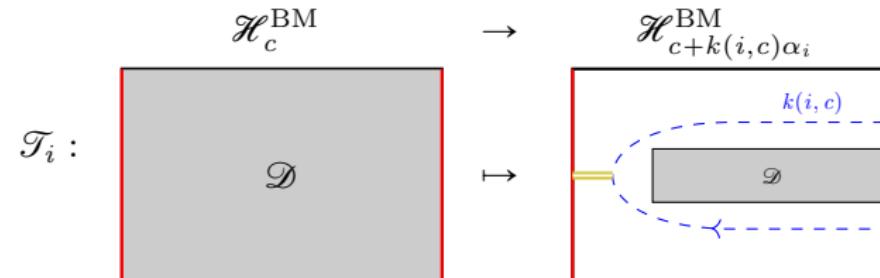
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Proposition

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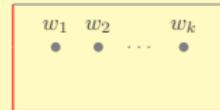
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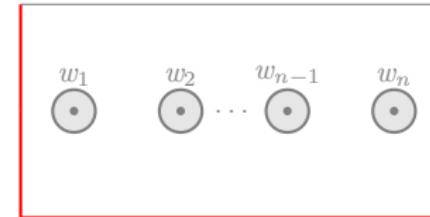
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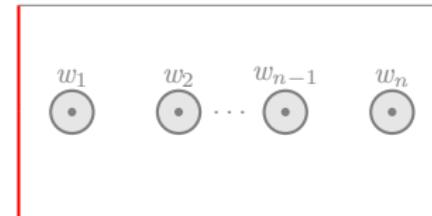
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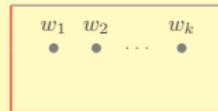
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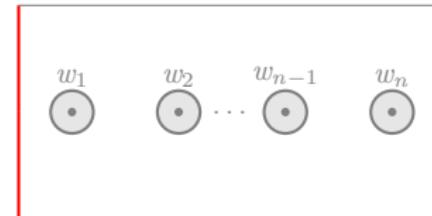
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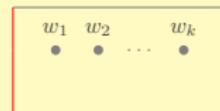
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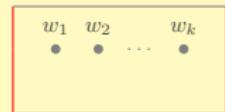
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Proposition

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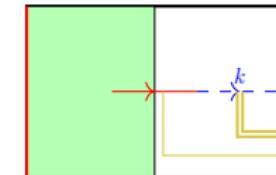
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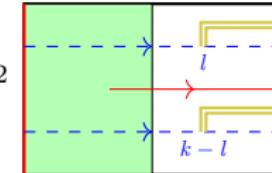
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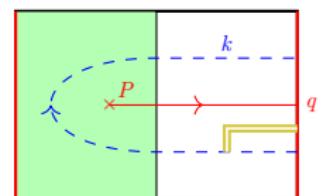
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