

# Quantum fields for Thompson's groups *F* and *T*

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# Haagerup CFT?

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# SOME UNITARY REPRESENTATIONS OF THOMPSON'S GROUPS $F$ AND $T$ .

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ABSTRACT. In a “naive” attempt to create algebraic quantum field theories on the circle, we obtain a family of unitary representations of Thompson’s groups  $T$  and  $F$  for any subfactor. The Thompson group elements are the “local scale transformations” of the theory. In a simple case the coefficients of the representations are polynomial invariants of links. We show that all links arise and introduce new “oriented” subgroups  $\vec{F} < F$  and  $\vec{T} < T$  which allow us to produce all *oriented* knots and links.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This paper is part of an ongoing effort to construct a conformal field theory for every finite index subfactor in such a way that the standard invariant of the subfactor, or at least its quantum double, can be recovered from the CFT. There is no doubt that interesting subfactors arise in CFT nor that in some cases the numerical data of the subfactor appears as numerical data in the CFT. But there are supposedly “exotic” subfactors for which no CFT is known to exist, the first of which was constructed by Haagerup in a tour de force in [14], [1]. But in the last few years ideas of Evans and Gannon (see [8]) have made it seem plausible that CFT’s exist for the Haagerup and other exotic subfactors constructed in the Haagerup line (see [20]). This has revived

**Subfactors**  $\longleftrightarrow$  **CFTs**

S. Doplicher and J. E. Roberts (1989)

M. Bischoff (2015)

# **Haagerup subfactor**

**(first irreducible finite-depth subfactor with Jones index  $>4$ )**

**Haagerup**  $\overset{?}{\longleftrightarrow}$  **CFT**

**Royal road: build a  
“Haagerup”  
microscopic model &  
find 2<sup>nd</sup> order phase  
transition**

(2<sup>nd</sup> order phase transitions “=” CFTs)



# Subfactors



P. Grossmann and N. Snyder (2011)

# Fusion cats

M. Levin and X.-G. Wen (2004)

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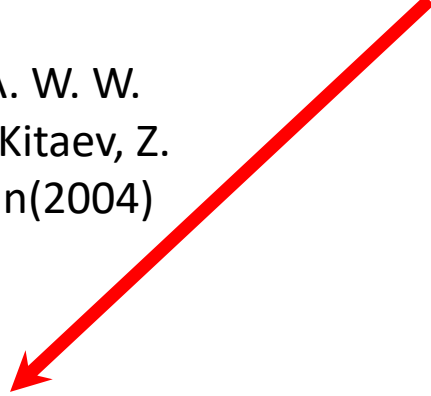
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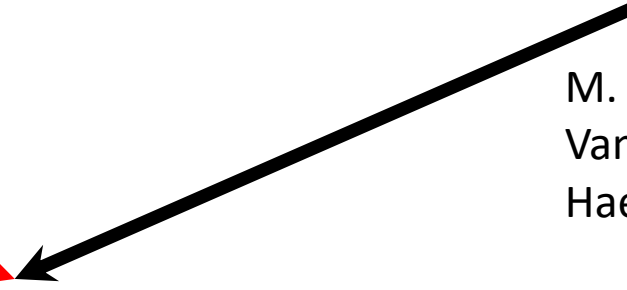
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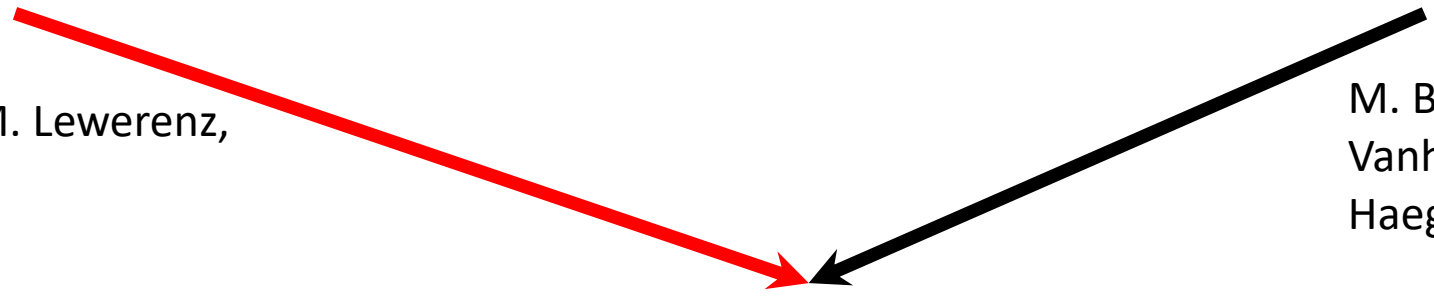


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# Continuous limits

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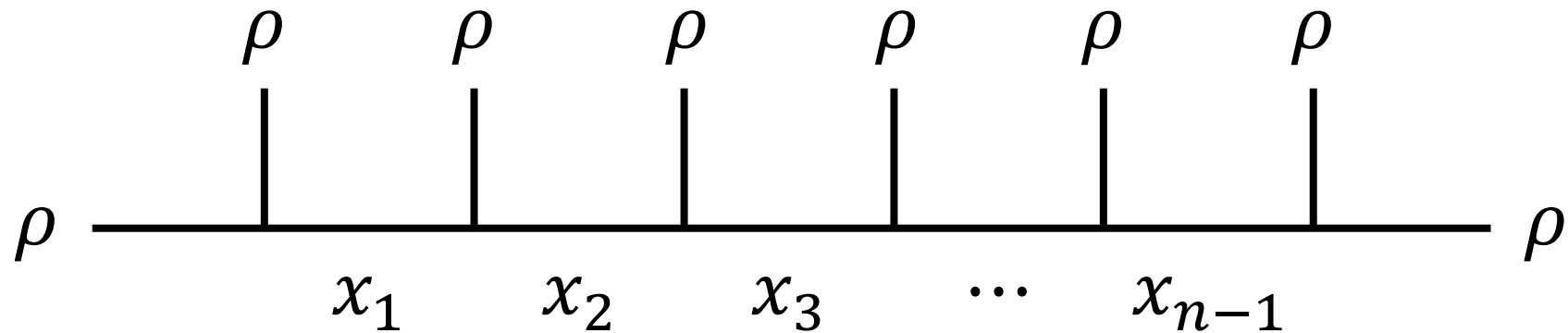


# CFT

# The H3 Fusion Category

	<b>1</b>	$\alpha$	$\alpha^*$	$\rho$	$\alpha\rho$	$\alpha^*\rho$
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$\alpha$	$\alpha$	$\alpha^*$	<b>1</b>	$\alpha\rho$	$\alpha^*\rho$	$\rho$
$\alpha^*$	$\alpha^*$	<b>1</b>	$\alpha$	$\alpha^*\rho$	$\rho$	$\alpha\rho$
$\rho$	$\rho$	$\alpha^*\rho$	$\alpha\rho$	$\mathbf{1} \oplus \rho \oplus \alpha\rho \oplus \alpha^*\rho$	$\alpha^* \oplus \rho \oplus \alpha\rho \oplus \alpha^*\rho$	$\alpha \oplus \rho \oplus \alpha\rho \oplus \alpha^*\rho$
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# The H3 golden chain: Hilbert space



$$\longrightarrow |x_1 x_2 \cdots x_{n-1}\rangle$$

Fusion paths:  $x_j \in \{1, \alpha, \alpha^*, \rho, \alpha\rho, \alpha^*\rho\}$

# The H3 golden chain: Hamiltonian

$$\begin{array}{c} \rho \quad \rho \\ | \quad | \\ \hline x_{j-1} \quad x_j \quad x_{j+1} \end{array} = \sum_{x'_j} \left[ F_{x_{j+1}}^{x_{j-1} \rho \rho} \right]_{x'_j x_j} \begin{array}{c} \rho \quad \rho \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ x'_j \\ | \\ \hline x_{j-1} \quad x_{j+1} \end{array}$$

Energy of  $x'_j = \mathbf{1}$  is 0, otherwise 1

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?

$$H = \sum_j h_j$$

# The Pentagon Equation

$$(F_u^{xyz})_{da} (F_u^{azw})_{cb} = \sum_e (F_d^{yzw})_{ce} (F_u^{xew})_{db} (F_b^{xyz})_{ea}$$

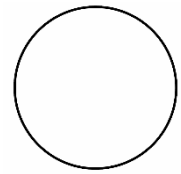
objects:  $a, b, \dots \in \{1, \alpha, \alpha^*, \rho, \alpha\rho, \alpha^*\rho\}$

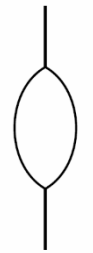

$\Rightarrow$  41391 equations

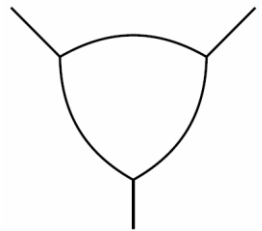
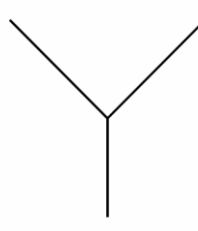
$\Rightarrow$  1431 variables



# Trivalent categories

 $= d$

 $= b$  

 $= t$  

# Trivalent categories

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{circle with 4 external legs} \end{array} = c_1 \left( \text{arc} \right) \left( + \text{arc} \right) + c_2 \left( \text{Y-junction} + \text{Y-junction} \right)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{square with 6 external legs} \end{array} = c_1 \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Y-junction} \\ \text{with } 1 \end{array} + \sum_x (F_\rho^{\rho\rho\rho})_{x1} \begin{array}{c} \text{Y-junction} \\ \text{with } x \end{array} \right) + c_2 \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Y-junction} \\ \text{with } \rho \end{array} + \sum_x (F_\rho^{\rho\rho\rho})_{x\rho} \begin{array}{c} \text{Y-junction} \\ \text{with } x \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{square with 6 external legs} \end{array} = \sum_x (F_\rho^{\rho\rho\rho})_{x\rho}^* (F_x^{\rho\rho\rho})_{\rho\rho} \sqrt{d} \begin{array}{c} \text{Y-junction} \\ \text{with } x \end{array}$$

# Trivalent categories

$$\left(F_{\rho}^{\rho\rho\rho}\right)_{\alpha\rho\rho}^* \left(F_{\alpha\rho}^{\rho\rho\rho}\right)_{\rho\rho} \sqrt{d} = c_1 \left(F_{\rho}^{\rho\rho\rho}\right)_{\alpha\rho 1} + c_2 \left(F_{\rho}^{\rho\rho\rho}\right)_{\alpha\rho\rho}$$

$$\left(F_{\rho}^{\rho\rho\rho}\right)_{\alpha^*\rho\rho}^* \left(F_{\alpha^*\rho}^{\rho\rho\rho}\right)_{\rho\rho} \sqrt{d} = c_1 \left(F_{\rho}^{\rho\rho\rho}\right)_{\alpha^*\rho 1} + c_2 \left(F_{\rho}^{\rho\rho\rho}\right)_{\alpha^*\rho\rho}$$

# Finding solutions

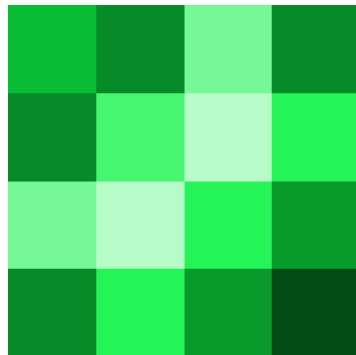
- Equations with one variable
- Gauge freedom
- Small solvable subsystems
- Unitarity

# The Solution

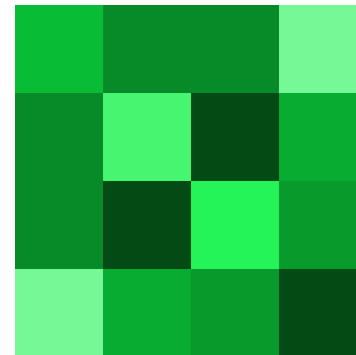
Two parameters:  $p_1, p_2 \in \{-1, +1\}$

$$F_{\rho}^{\rho\rho\rho} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{13}-3) & \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{13}-3)} & -\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{13}-3)} p_1 & \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{13}-3)} p_1 \\ \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{13}-3)} & \frac{1}{3}(2-\sqrt{13}) & \frac{1}{12}(\sqrt{13}-\sqrt{6(\sqrt{13}+1)}-5) p_1 & -\frac{1}{12}(\sqrt{13}+\sqrt{6(\sqrt{13}+1)}-5) p_1 \\ -\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{13}-3)} p_1 & \frac{1}{12}(\sqrt{13}-\sqrt{6(\sqrt{13}+1)}-5) p_1 & \frac{1}{12}(-\sqrt{13}-\sqrt{6(\sqrt{13}+1)}+5) & \frac{1}{3}(\sqrt{13}-2) \\ \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{13}-3)} p_1 & -\frac{1}{12}(\sqrt{13}+\sqrt{6(\sqrt{13}+1)}-5) p_1 & \frac{1}{3}(\sqrt{13}-2) & \frac{1}{12}(-\sqrt{13}+\sqrt{6(\sqrt{13}+1)}+5) \end{pmatrix}$$

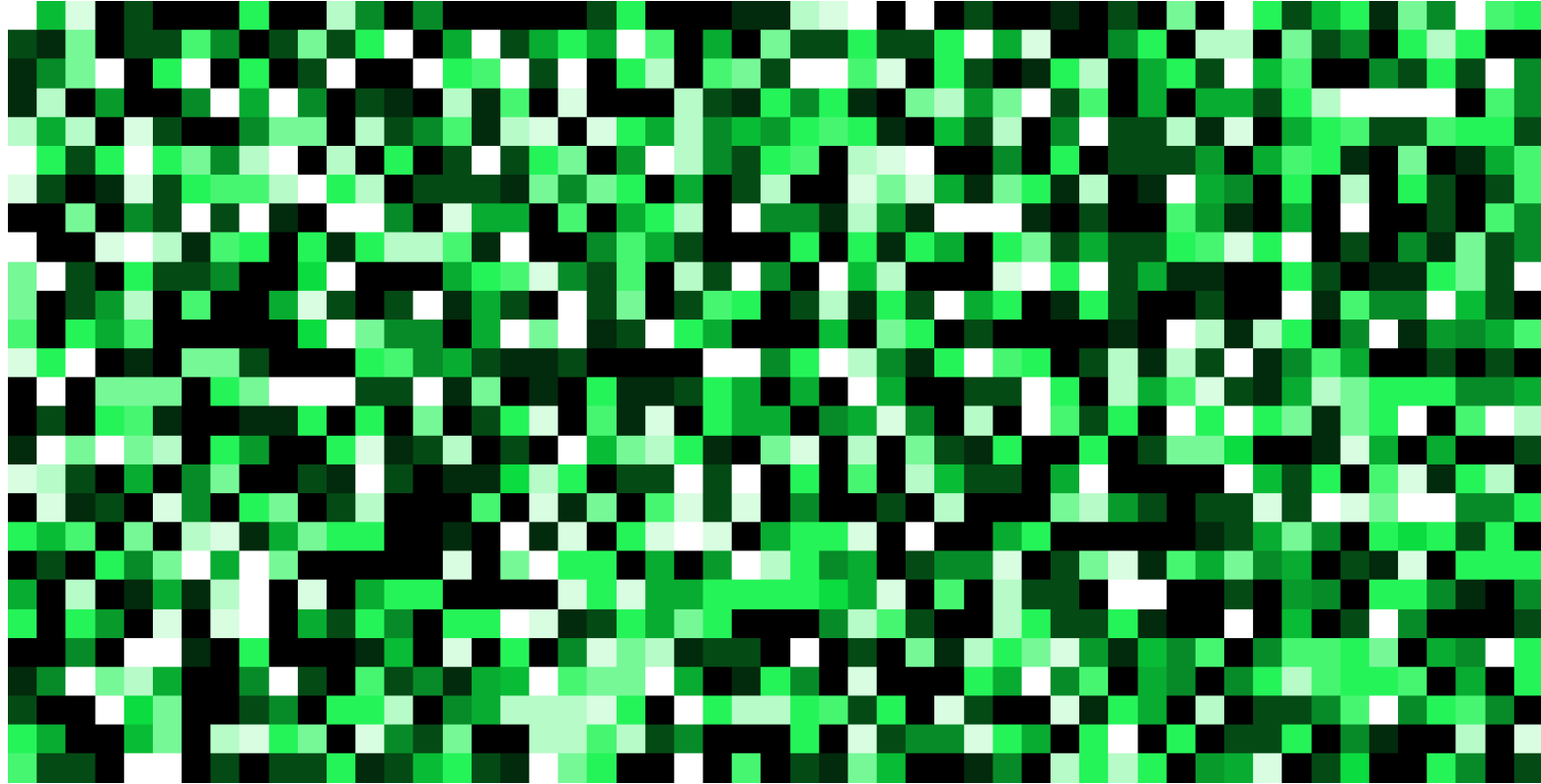
$p_1 = 1$



$p_1 = -1$



# The Solution



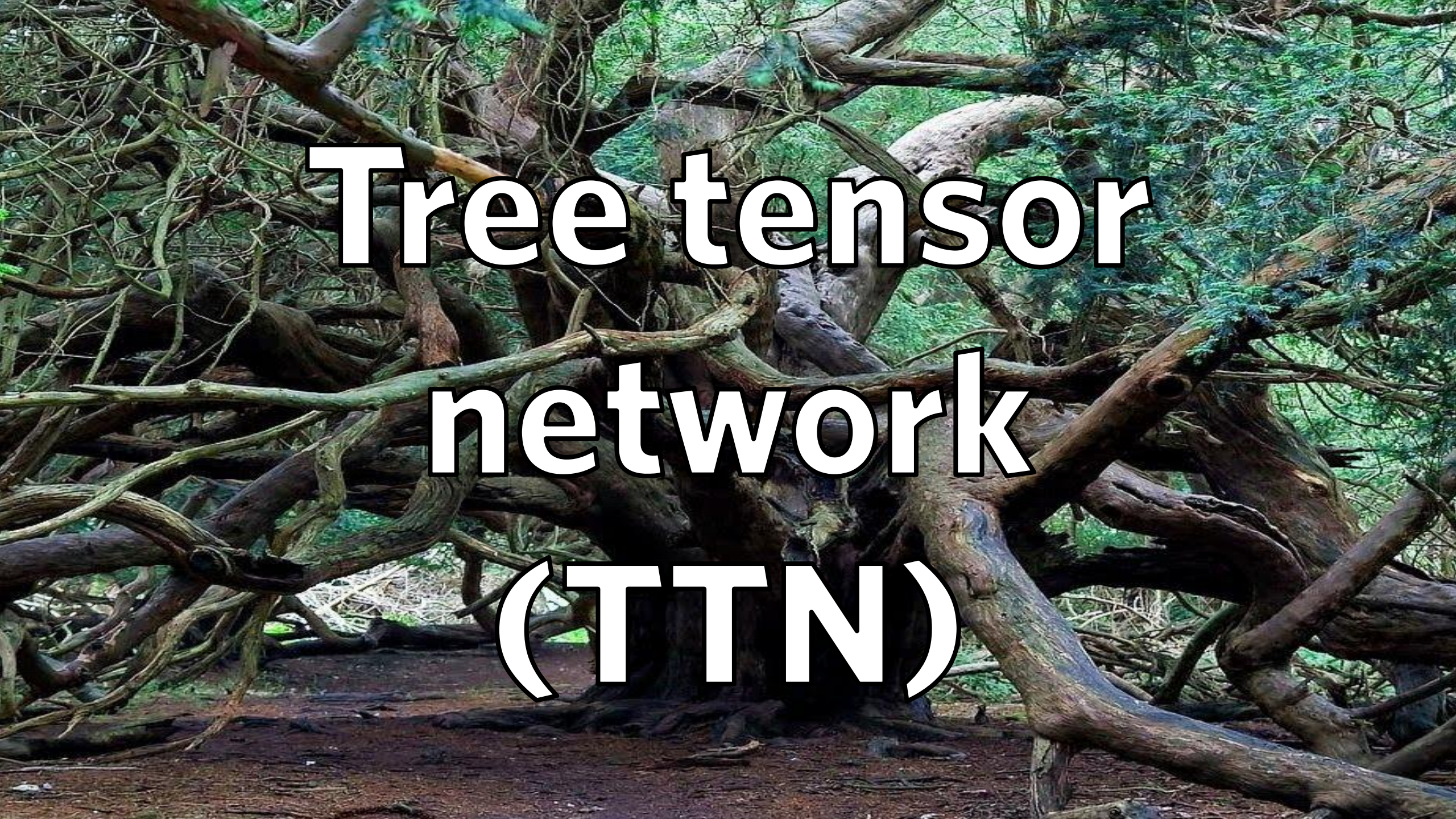
<https://github.com/R8monaW/H3Fsymbols>

# The H3 golden chain: Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_j h_j$$

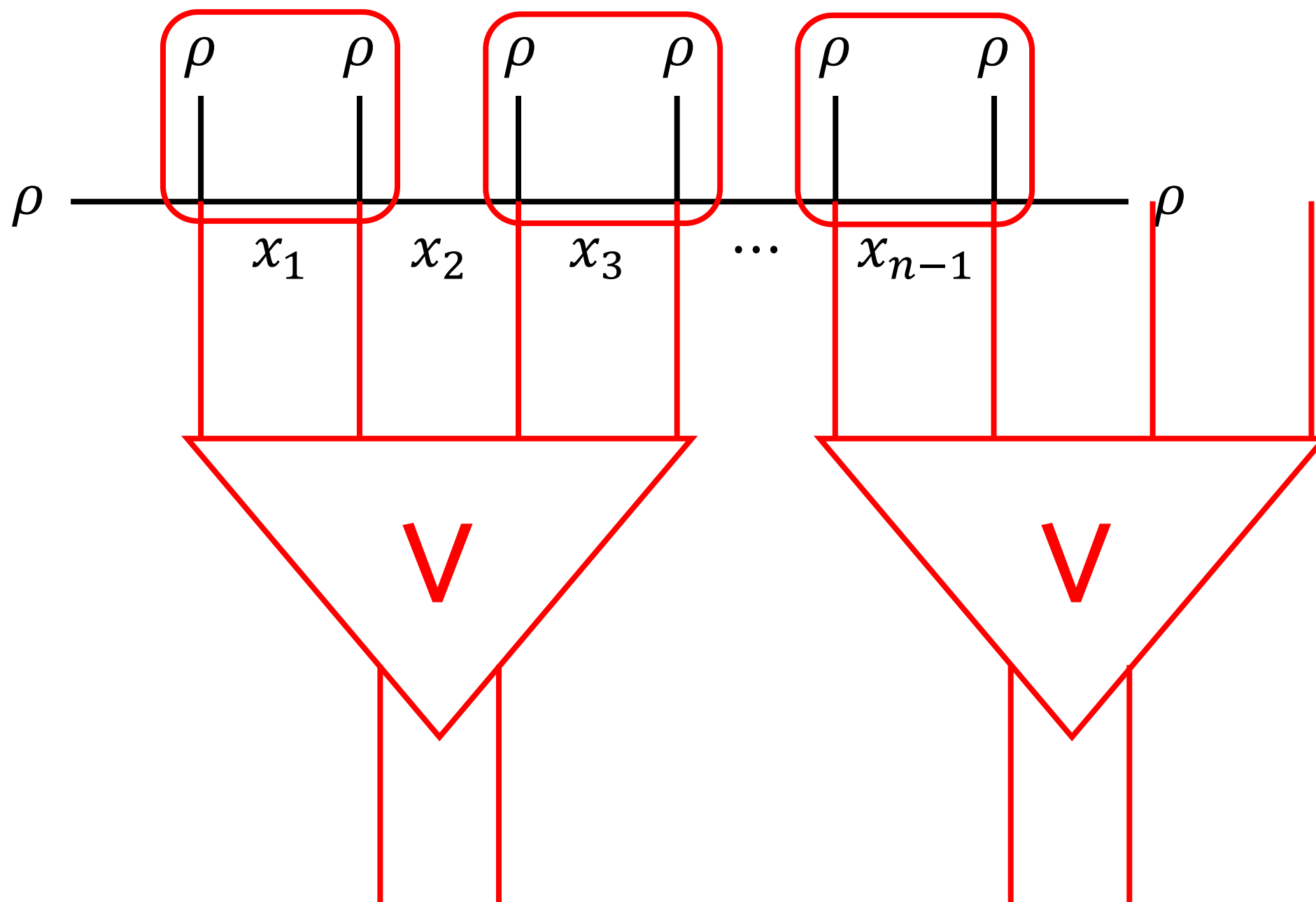
Eigenvalues? Eigenvectors?

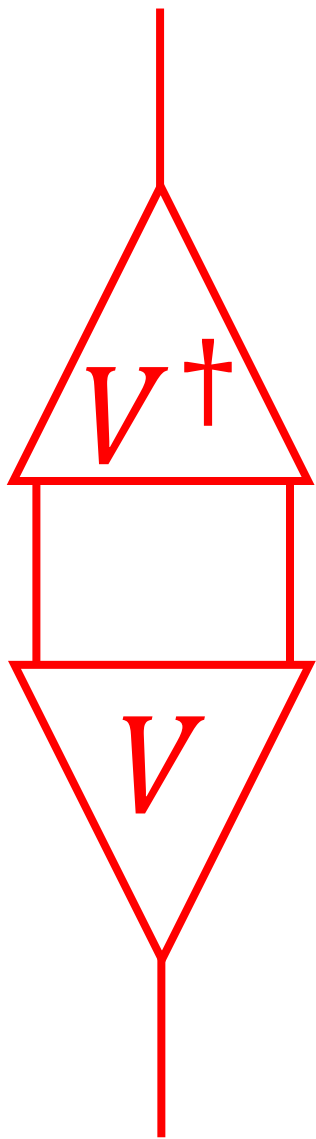


A photograph of a dense thicket of gnarled tree roots and branches, illustrating the concept of a tree tensor network. The roots are thick, dark brown, and highly textured, with many smaller, lighter-colored branches extending from them. The background is filled with green foliage, suggesting a forest setting. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

# Tree tensor network (TTN)

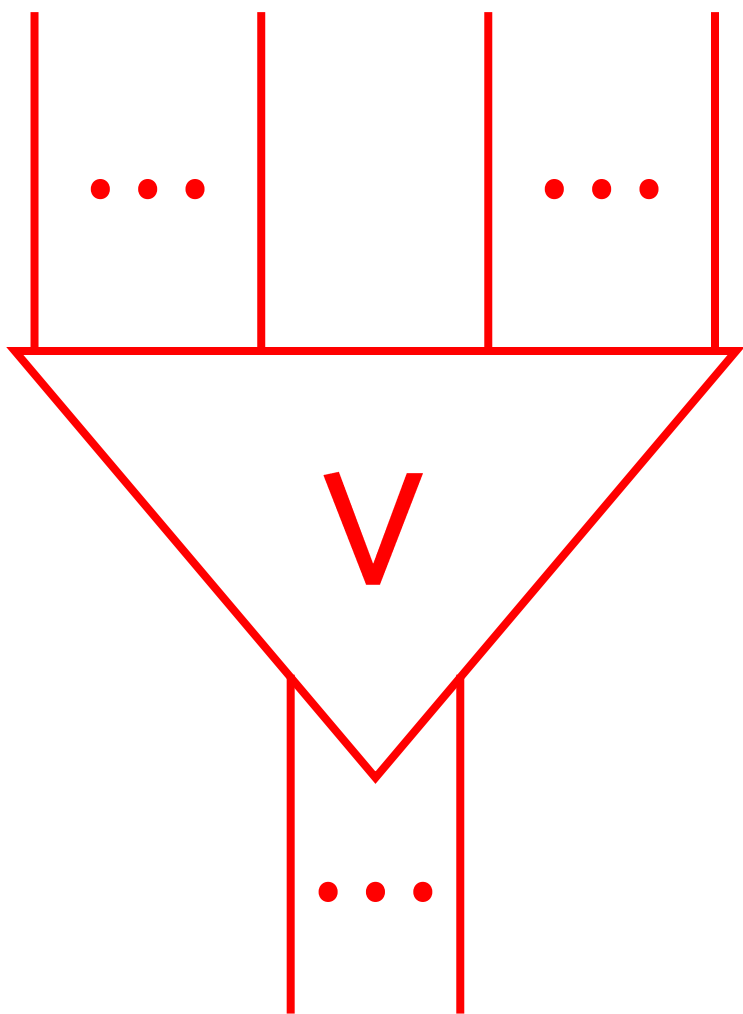




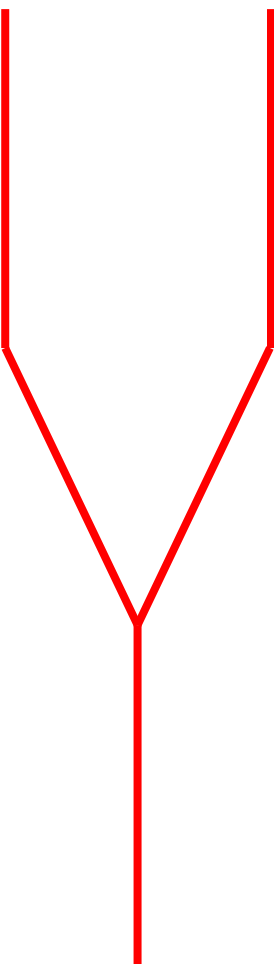


$\equiv$





$$\in \text{Mor}(\rho^m \otimes \rho^m, \rho^m)$$



$$\in \text{Mor}(\rho^1 \otimes \rho^1, \rho^1)$$

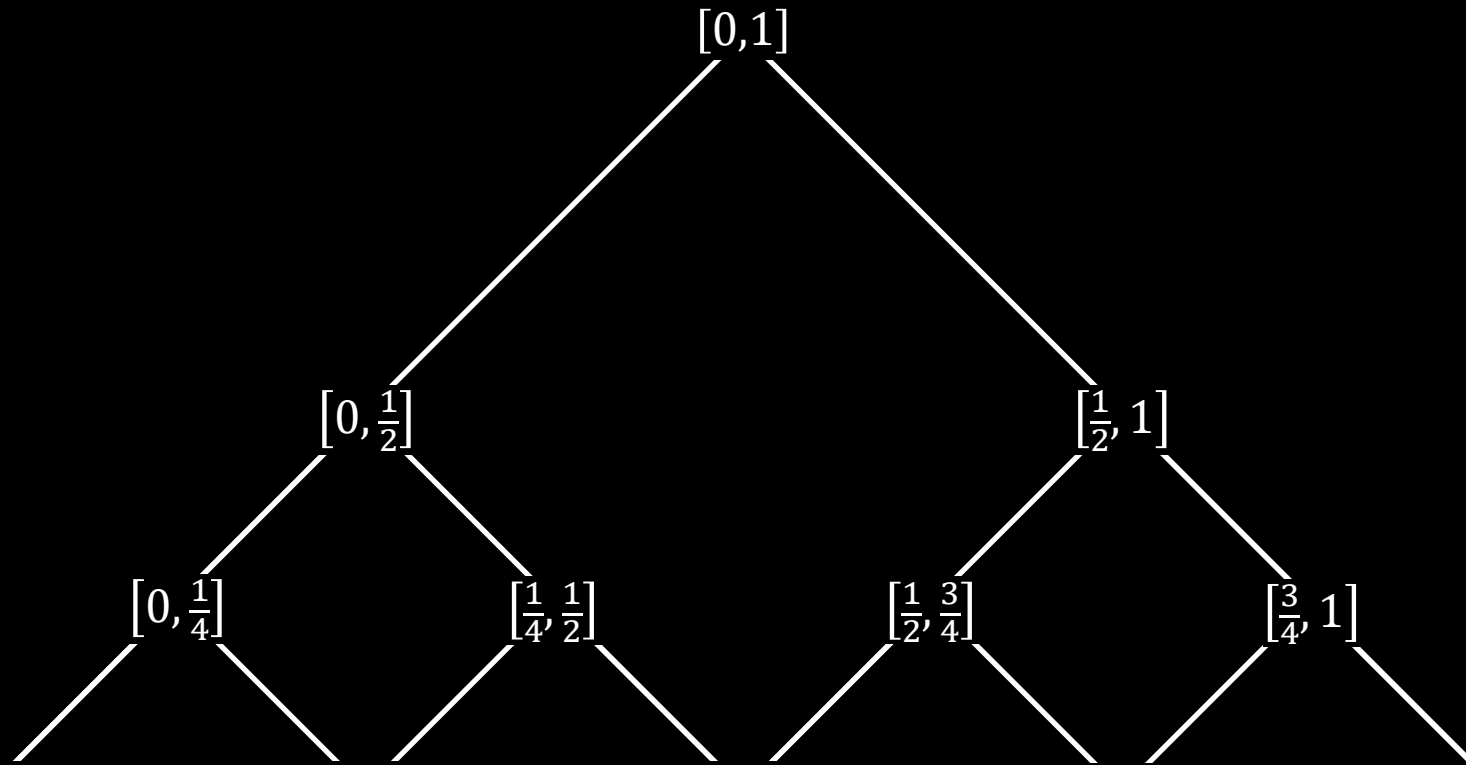
# Conformal field theory?

$$\text{conf}(\mathbb{R}^{1,1}) \cong \text{diff}_+(S^1) \times \text{diff}_+(S^1)$$

(Semi) continuous limit

# Standard dyadic interval:

interval of form  $\left[\frac{a}{2^n}, \frac{a+1}{2^n}\right]$ :



# Standard dyadic partitions:

partitions  $[0,1]$  into std. dyadic intervals

$$\mathcal{D} = \left\{ \dots, \text{---|---|---|}, \text{---|---|---|}, \dots \right\}$$

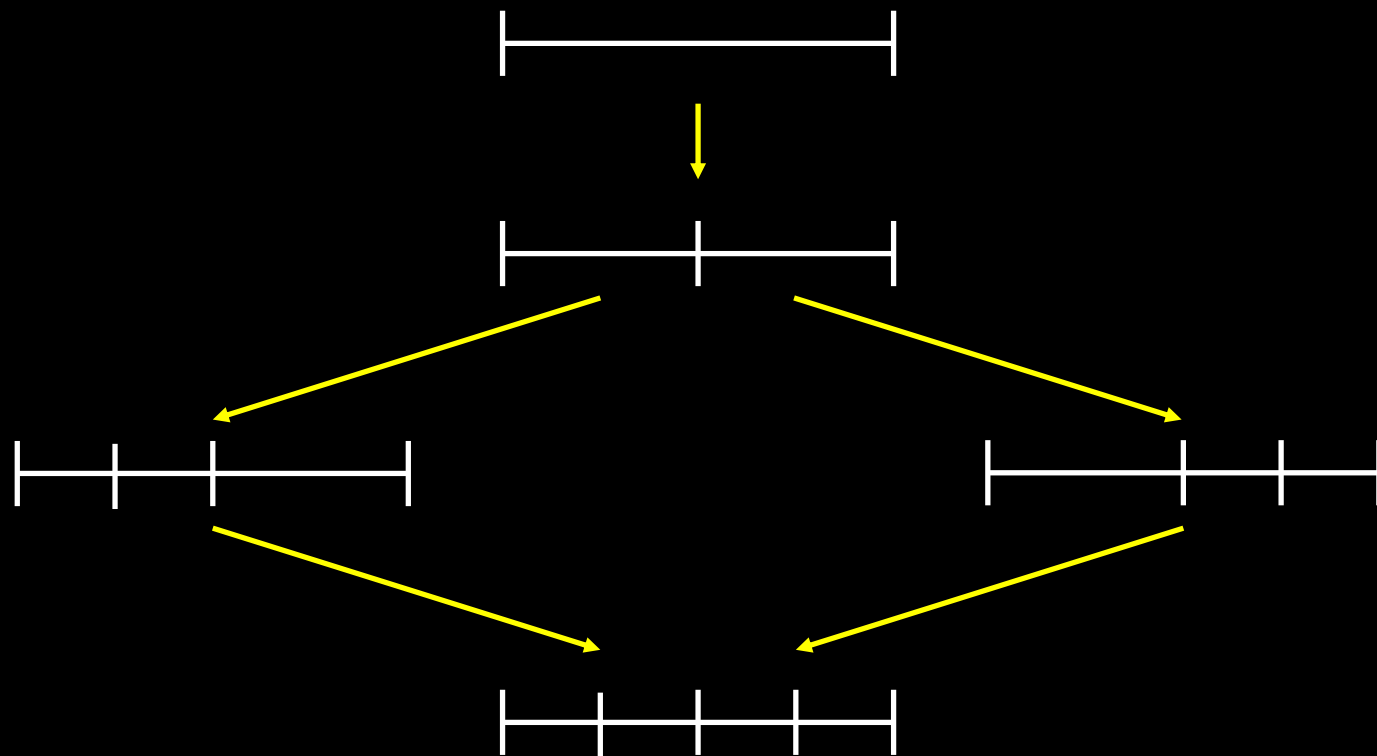


If  $P, Q \in \mathcal{D}$  say  
" $P \leq Q$ " to mean partition  
 $Q$  is a **refinement** of  $P$

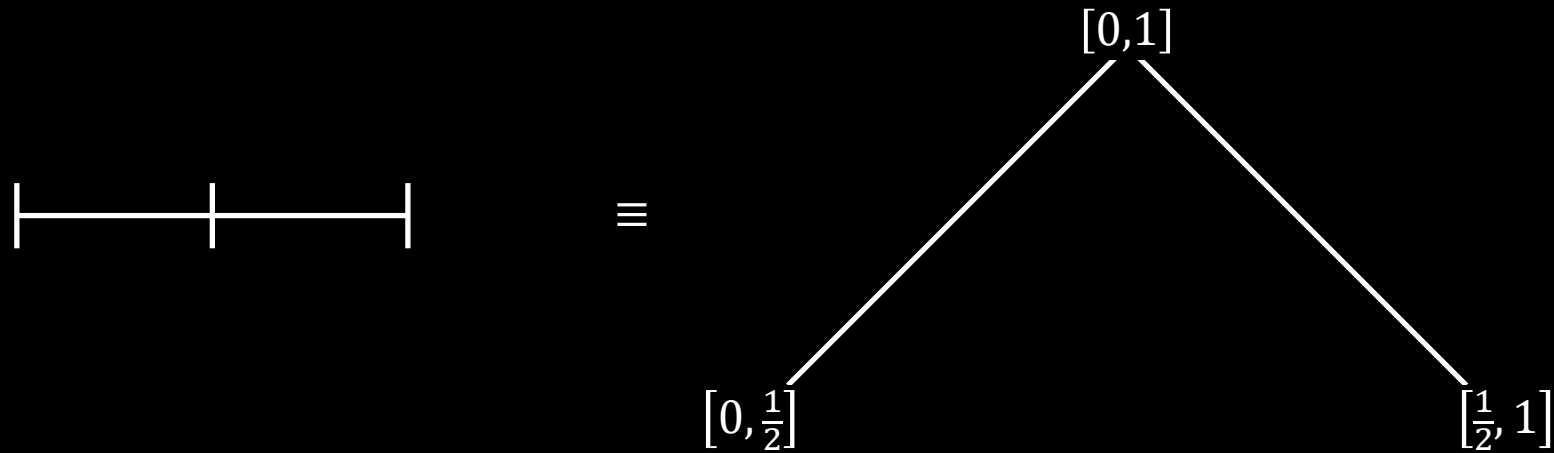
( $Q$  has more cells)

# Standard dyadic partition:

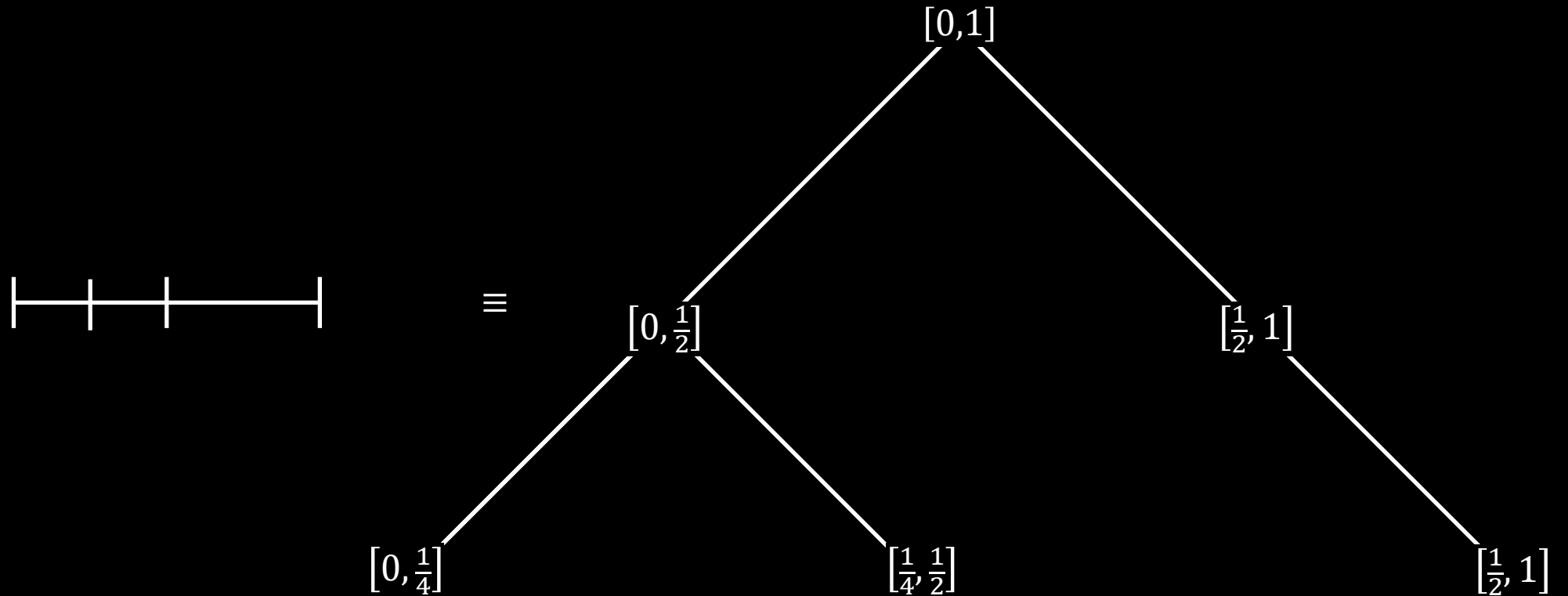
directed set  $\mathcal{D}$



# Standard dyadic partitions: representation via trees



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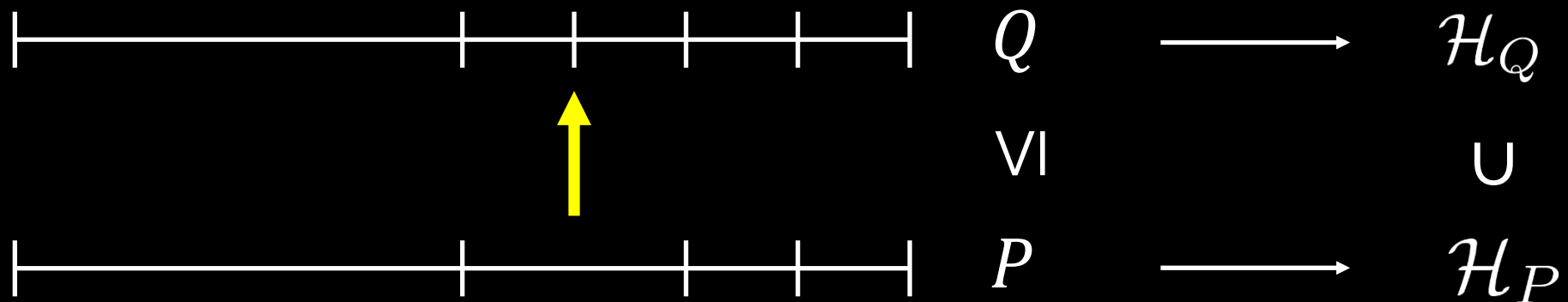


# Hilbert space structure

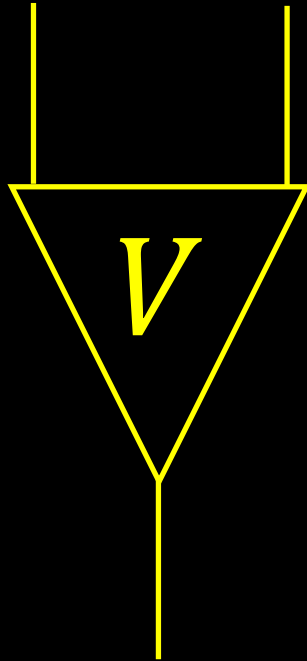


If  $P \leq Q$  identify  $\mathcal{H}_P \subset \mathcal{H}_Q$   
via isometry:

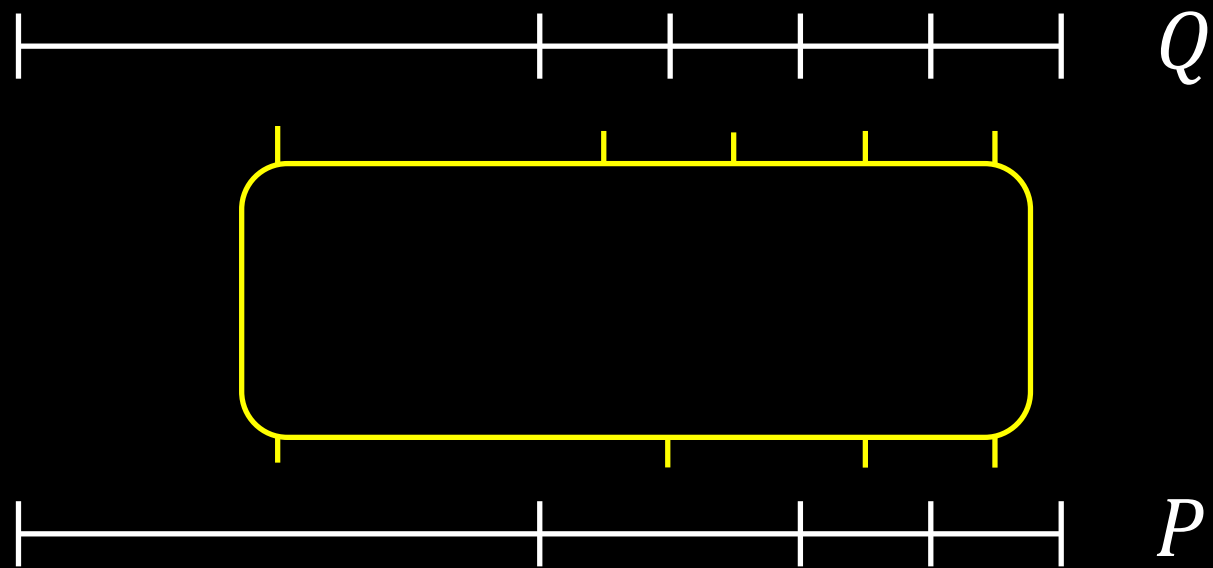
$$T_Q^P : \mathcal{H}_P \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_Q$$



# How to build isometries?

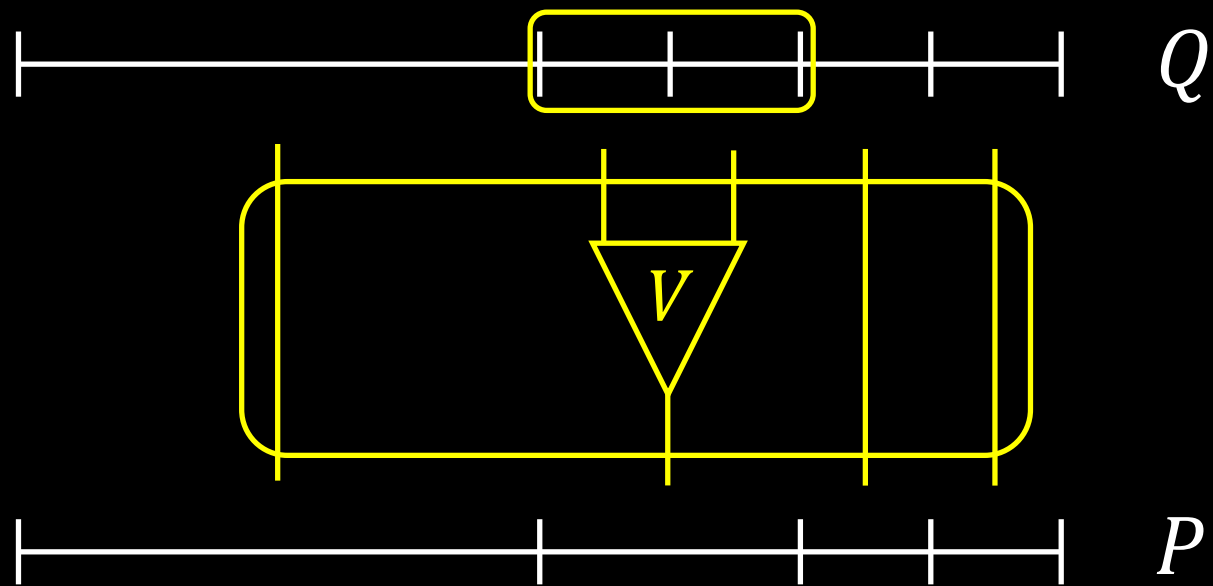


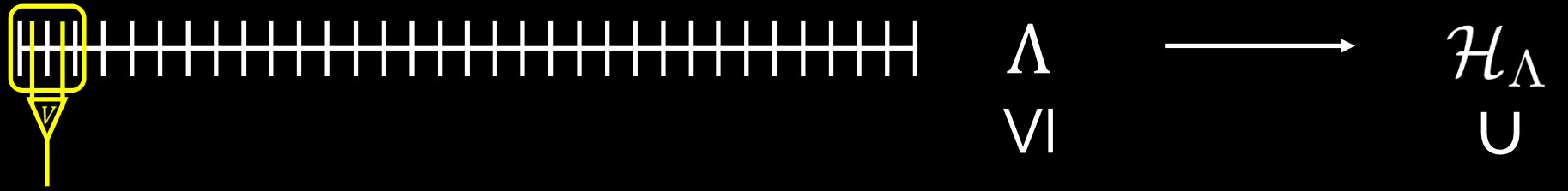
$$T_Q^P =$$





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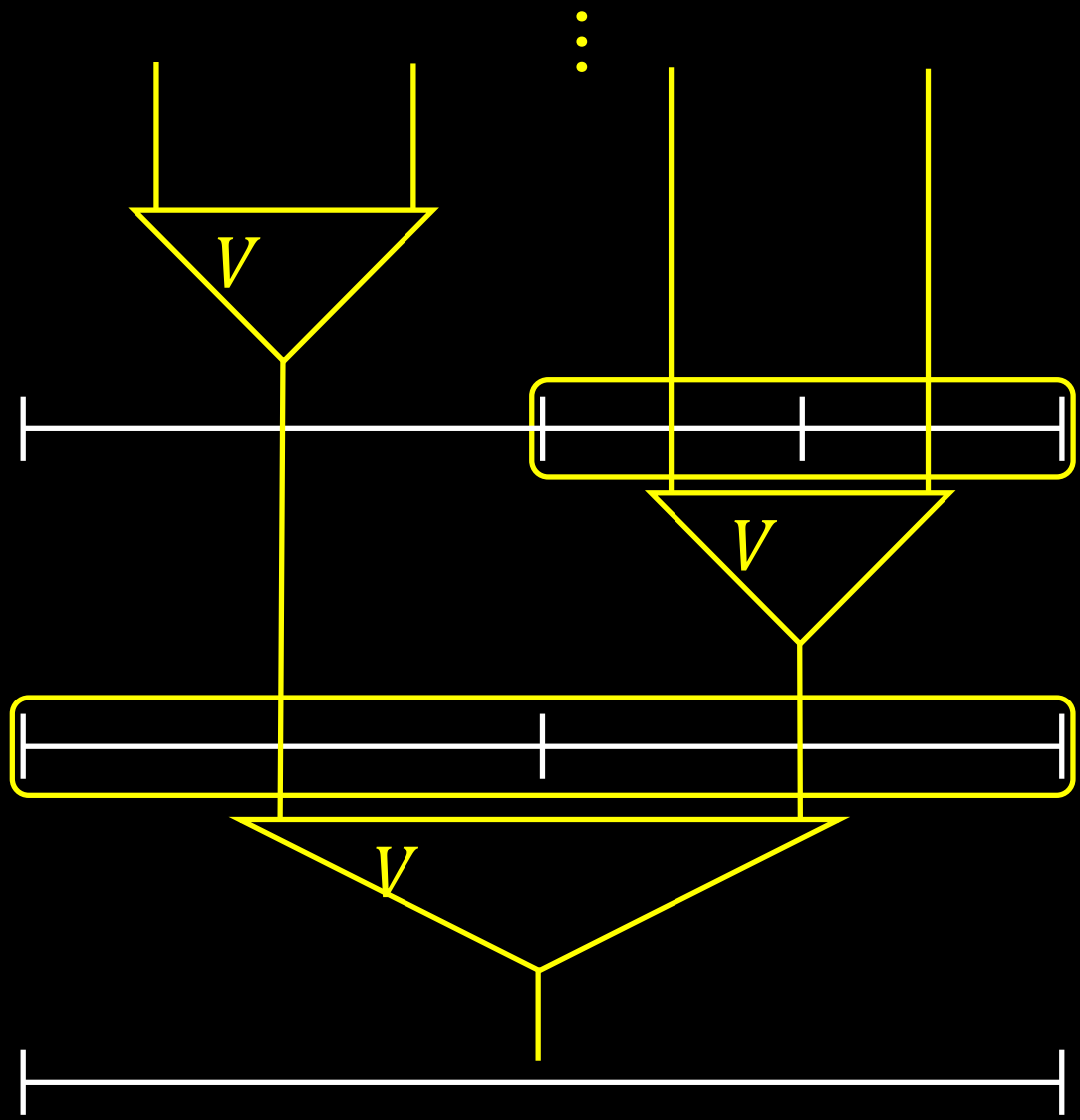




$\Lambda$   
VI



$\mathcal{H}_\Lambda$   
U



VI

U

$Q$



$\mathcal{H}_Q$

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$\mathcal{H}_P$

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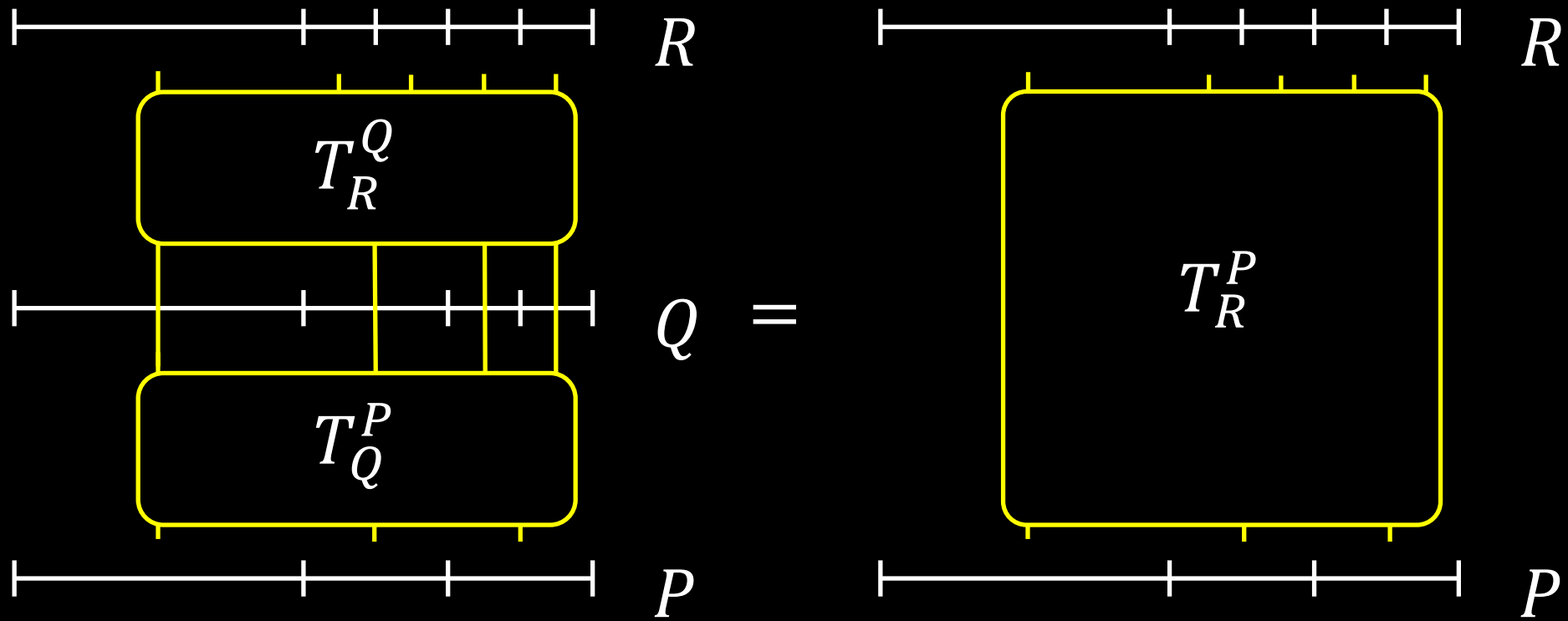
IR



$\mathcal{H}_{IR}$

# Demand WLOG

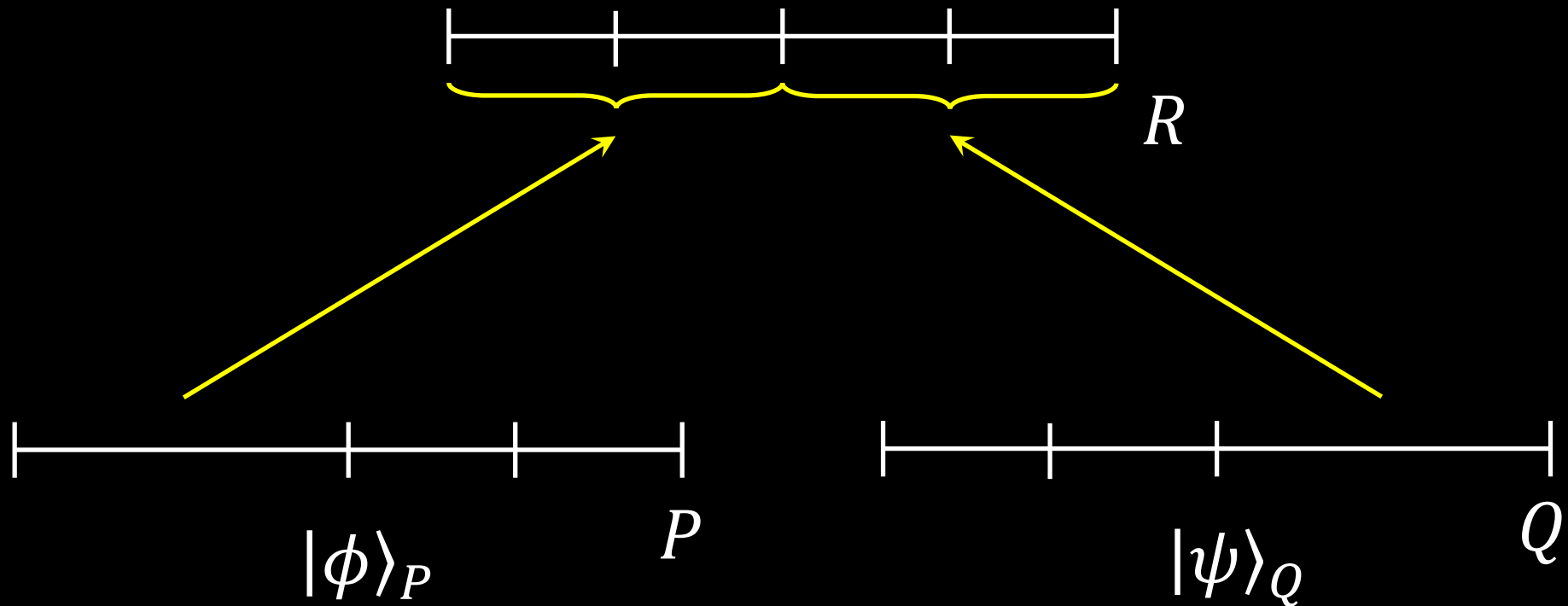
$$T_R^Q T_Q^P = T_R^P, \quad \forall P \leq Q \leq R$$



**Equivalence:**  $|\phi\rangle_P \sim |\psi\rangle_Q$

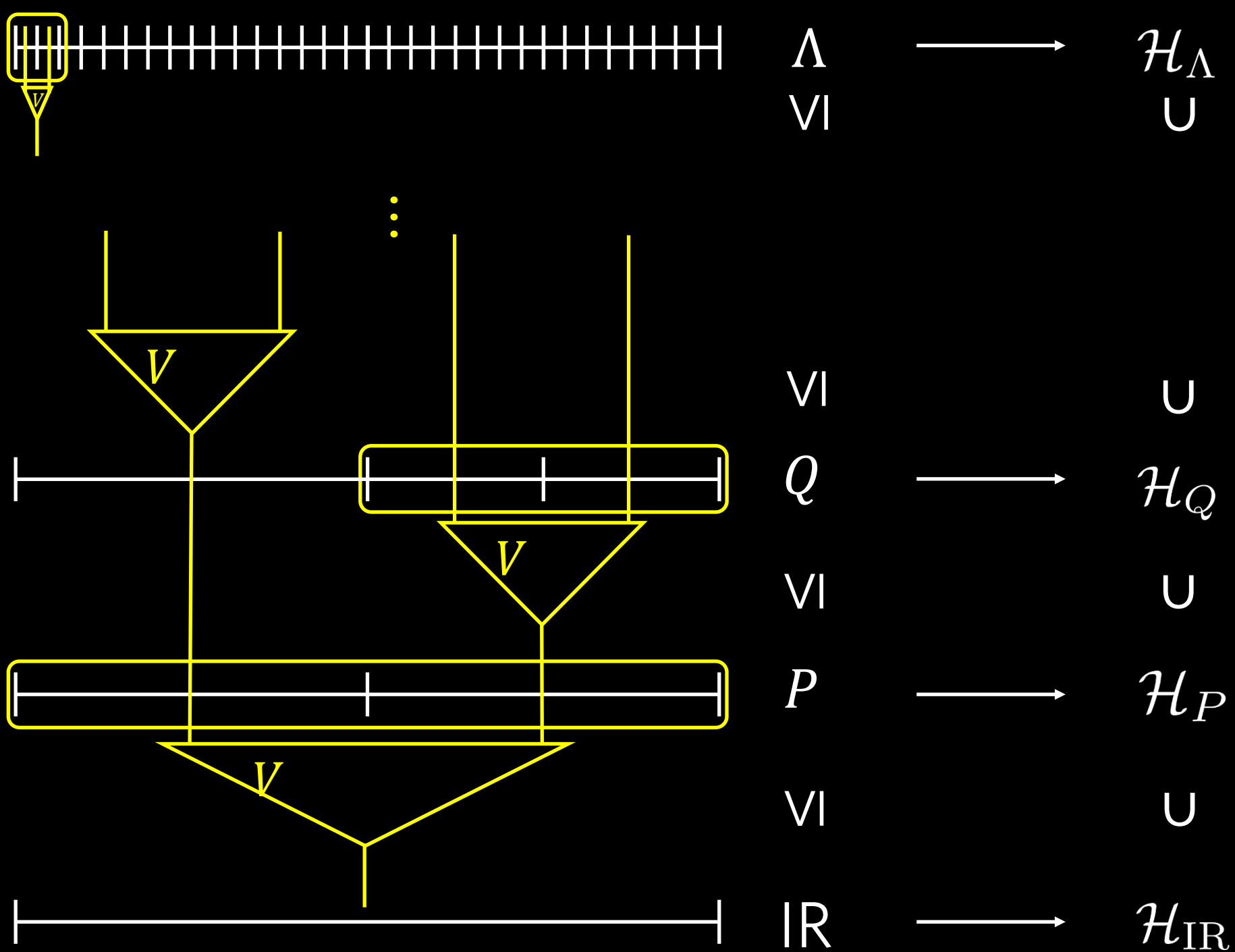
if  $\exists R$

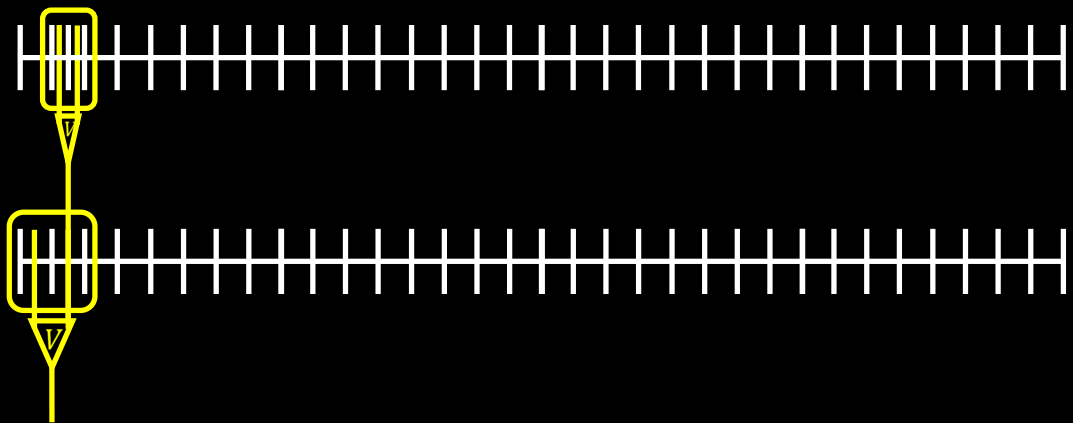
$$T_R^P |\phi\rangle_P = T_R^Q |\psi\rangle_Q$$



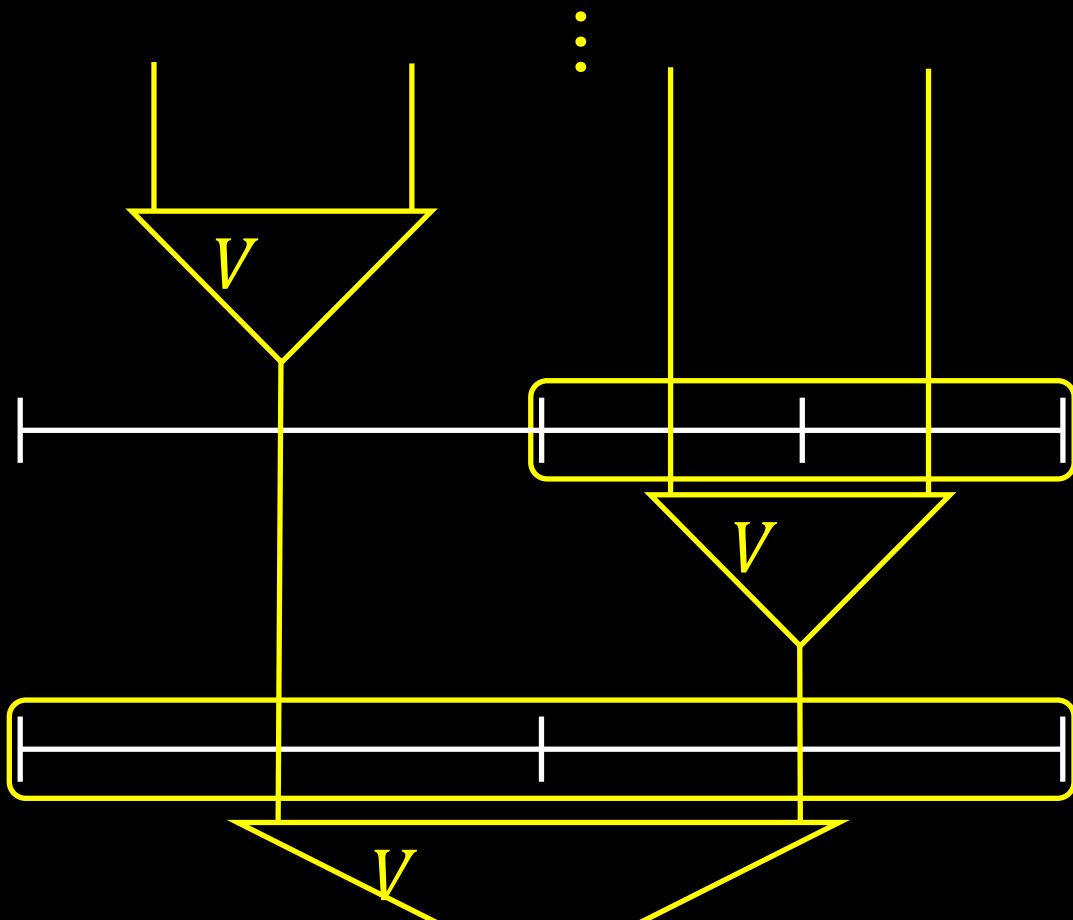
**Semicontinuous limit:** Extrapolate!

$T_Q^P$  embeds into arbitrarily  
fine (std. dyadic) lattices





$\Lambda$   $\longrightarrow$   $\mathcal{H}_\Lambda$   
 $\text{VI}$   $\text{U}$



$\text{VI}$   $\text{U}$   
 $Q$   $\longrightarrow$   $\mathcal{H}_Q$   
 $\text{VI}$   $\text{U}$   
 $P$   $\longrightarrow$   $\mathcal{H}_P$   
 $\text{VI}$   $\text{U}$



**Definition:** let  $(\mathcal{D}, \leq)$  be a directed set. Let a hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_P$  be given for each  $P \in \mathcal{D}$   
For all  $P \leq Q$  let  $T_Q^P : \mathcal{H}_P \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_Q$  be an isometry such that:

- (1)  $T_P^P$  is the identity
- (2)  $T_R^Q T_Q^P = T_R^P, \quad \forall P \leq Q \leq R$

Then  $(\mathcal{H}_P, T_Q^P)$  is a **directed system**.

# Semicontinuous limit:

$$\widehat{\mathcal{H}} \equiv \varinjlim_{P \in \mathcal{P}} \mathcal{H}_P$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{the disjoint union of } \mathcal{H}_P \text{ over all } P \in \mathcal{P} \\ \text{modulo the equivalence relation } |\phi\rangle_P \sim |\psi\rangle_Q \\ \text{if there is } R \geq P \text{ and } R \geq Q \text{ such that} \\ T_R^P |\phi\rangle_P = T_R^Q |\psi\rangle_Q \end{array} \right\}$$

**Residents of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$ :**

$$[|\psi\rangle_P] \equiv \{|\phi\rangle_Q = T_Q^P |\psi\rangle_P\}$$

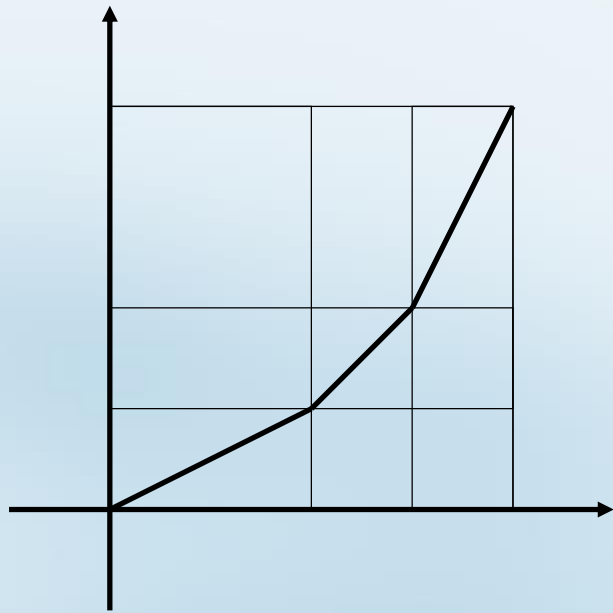
Each hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_P$  is a natural subspace of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$ :

$$\mathcal{H}_P \hookrightarrow \hat{\mathcal{H}}$$

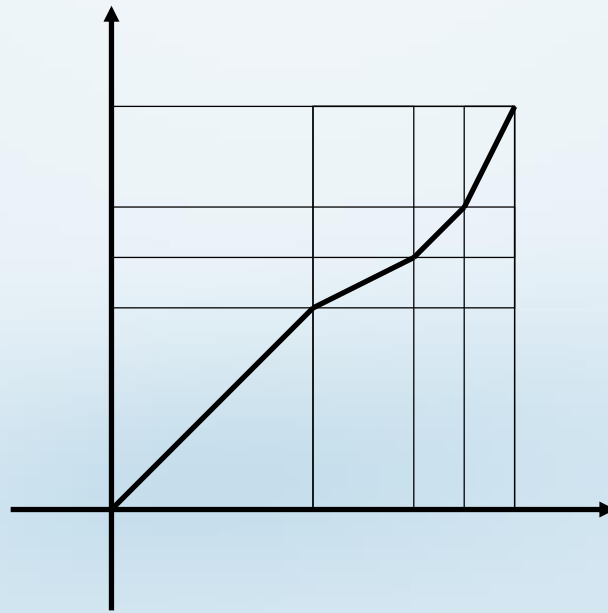
via

$$|\psi\rangle_P \mapsto [|\psi\rangle_P]$$

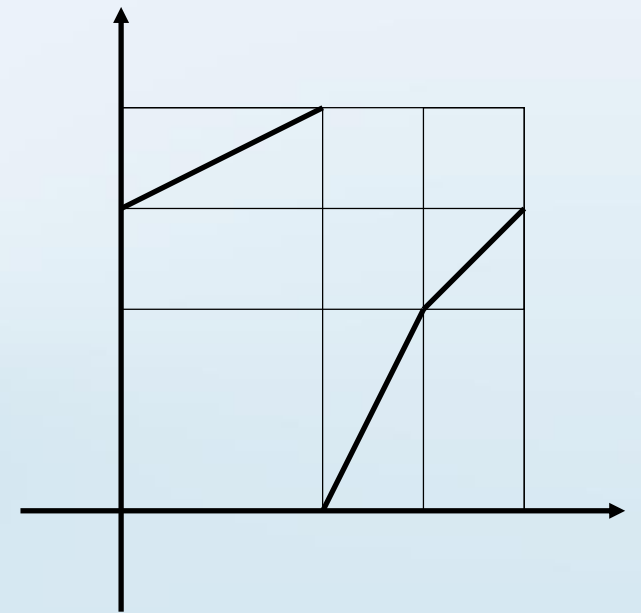
# Thompson's group $T$ : generated by $A(x)$ , $B(x)$ , and $C(x)$ under composition



$A(x)$

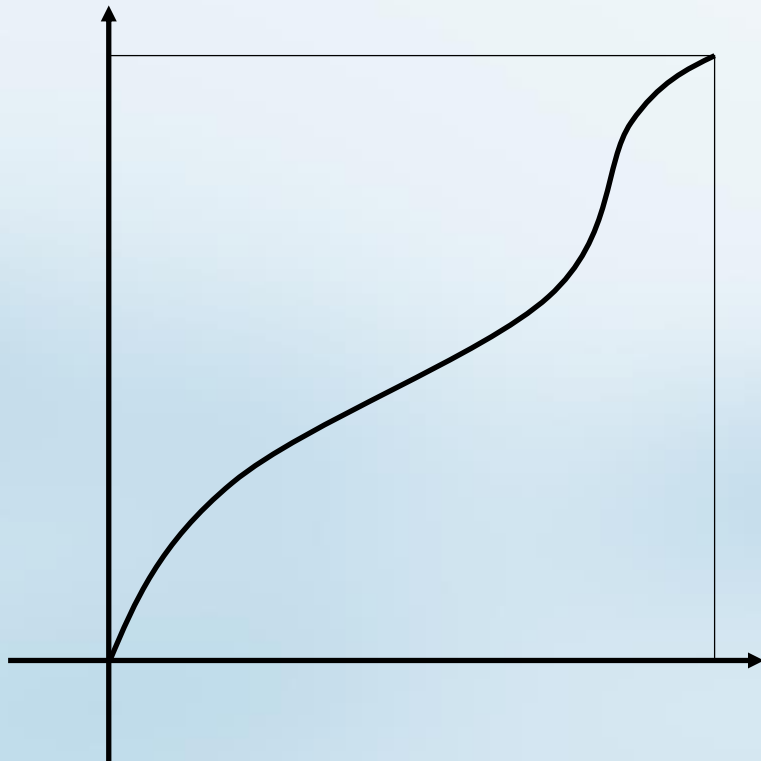


$B(x)$

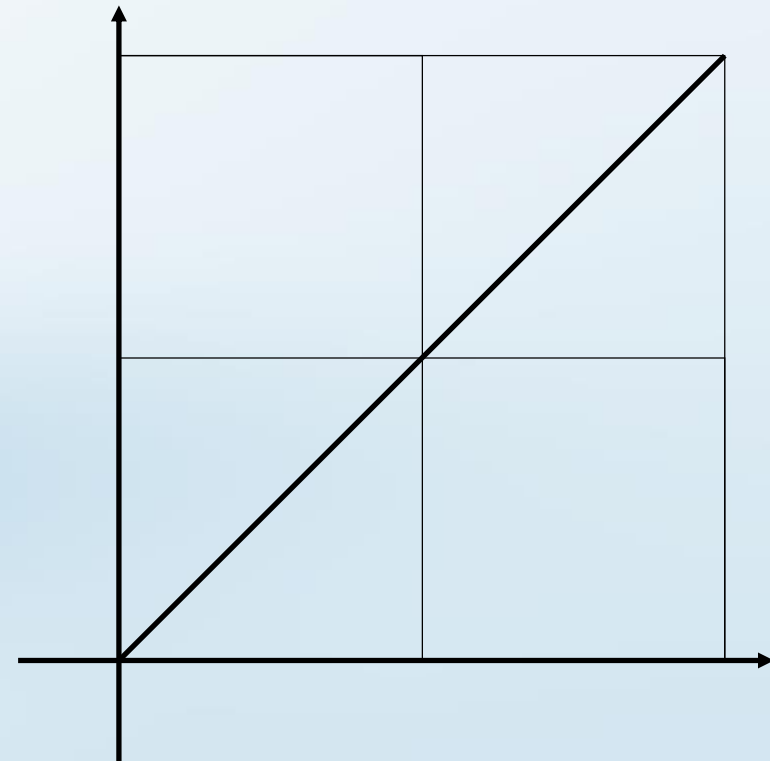


$C(x)$

Proposition (“well known”): let  $f \in \text{diff}_+(S^1)$ . Then  
 $\exists$  sequence  $A_n(x) \in T$  s.t.  $\|A_n - f\|_\infty \rightarrow 0$ .

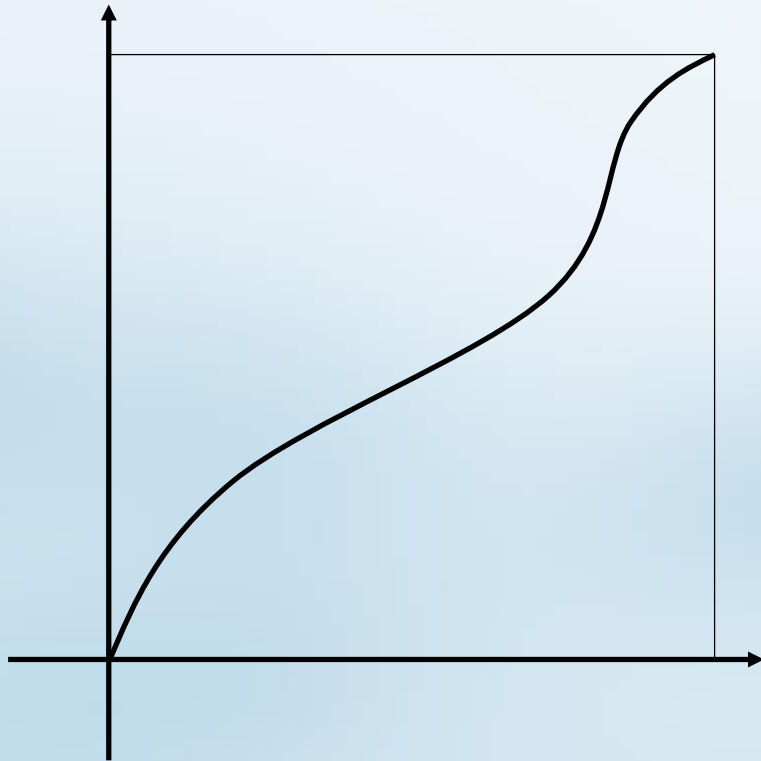


$f(x)$

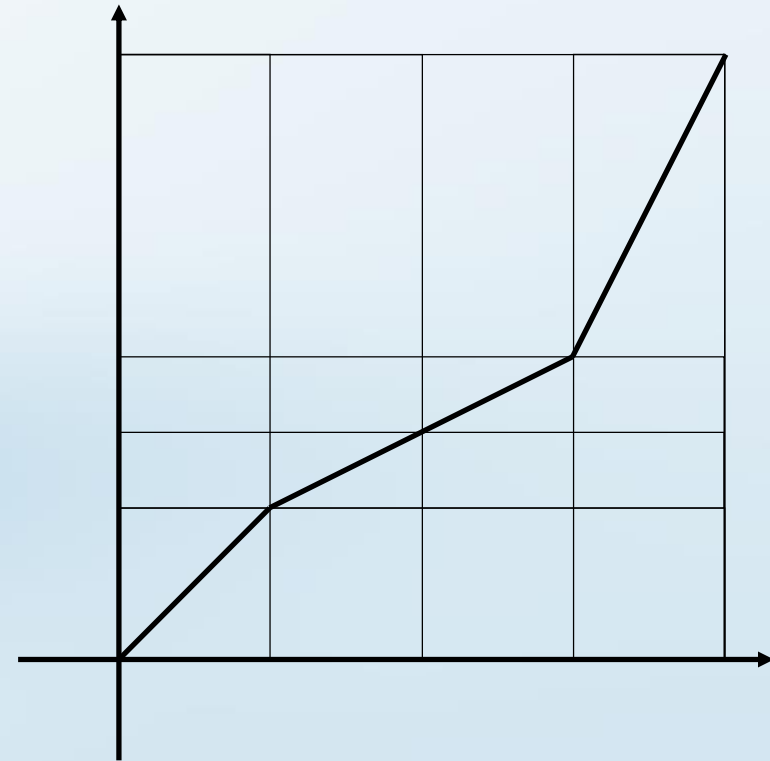


$A_1(x)$

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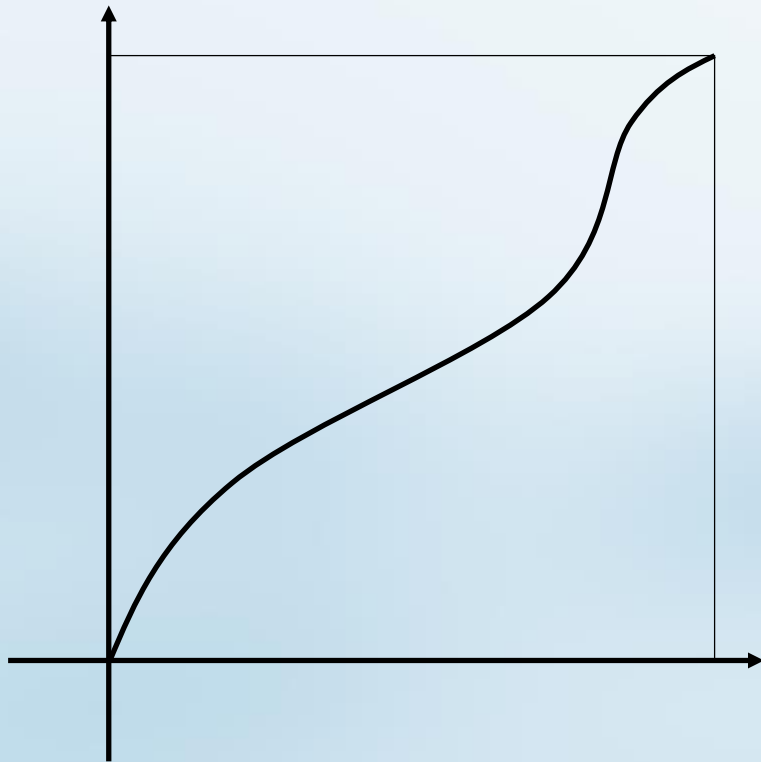


$f(x)$

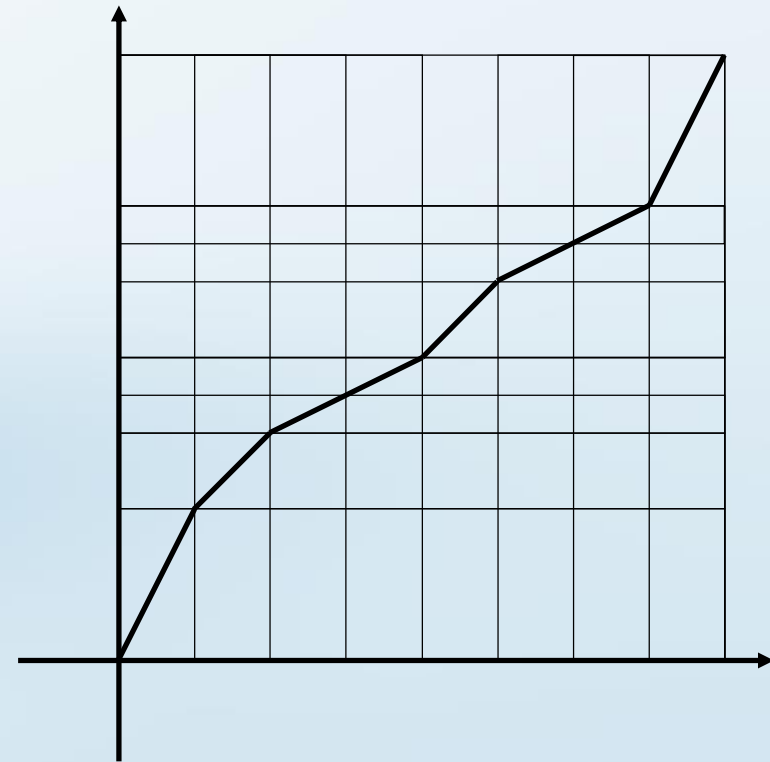


$A_2(x)$

Proposition (“well known”): let  $f \in \text{diff}_+(S^1)$ . Then  
 $\exists$  sequence  $A_n(x) \in T$  s.t.  $\|A_n - f\|_\infty \rightarrow 0$ .



$f(x)$

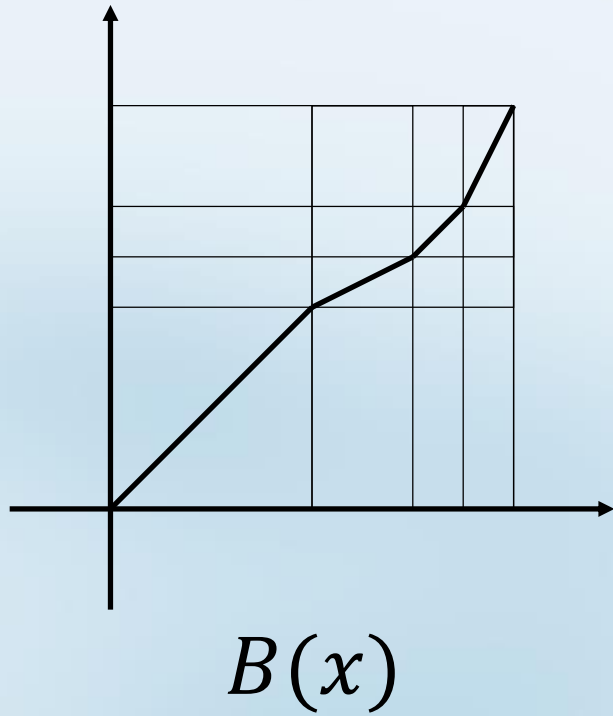


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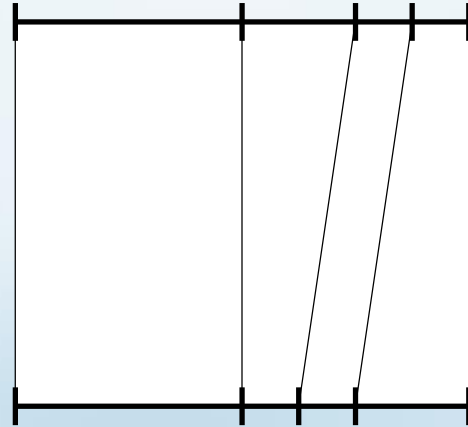


Elements of  $F$  and  $T$

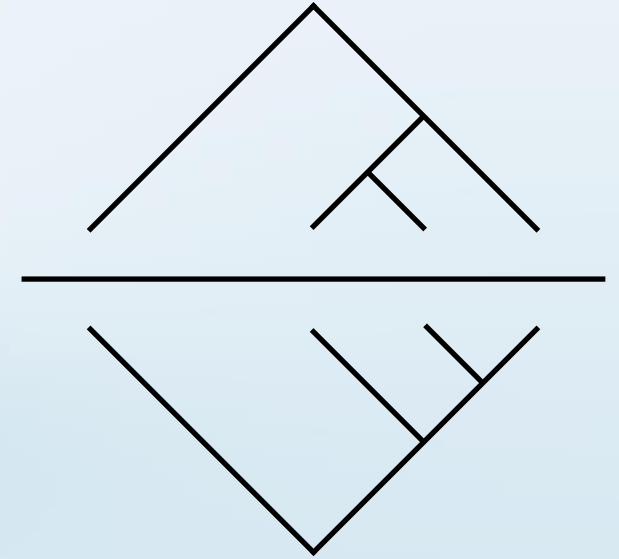
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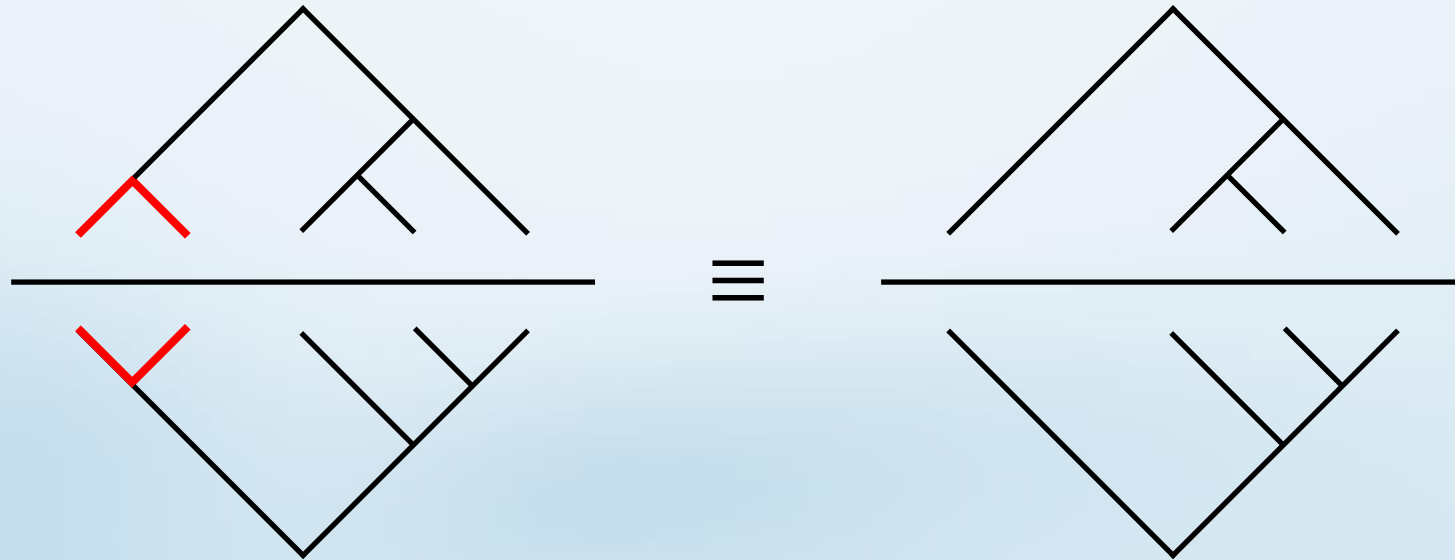
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# Representing $F$ and $T$ on $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$

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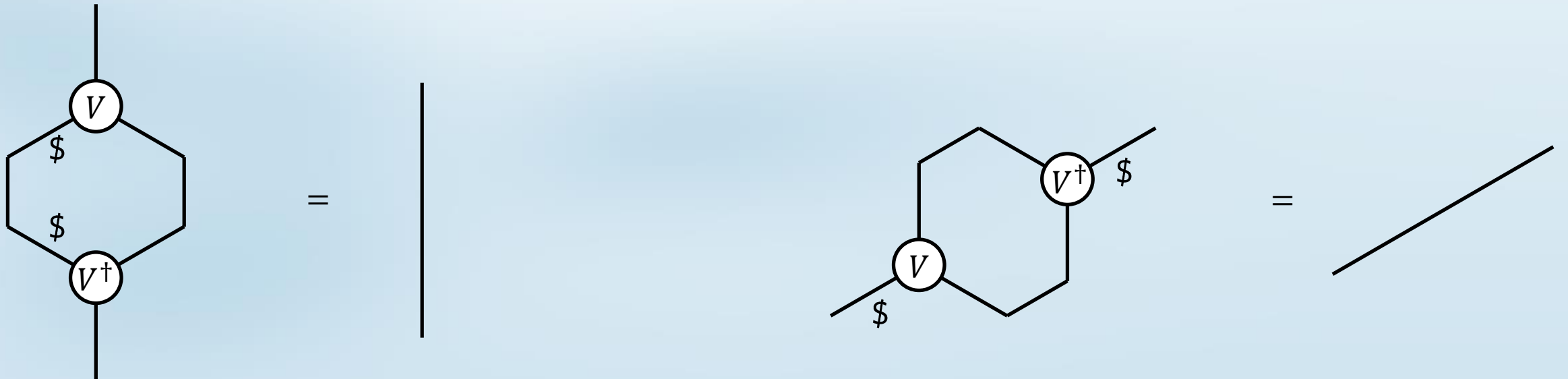
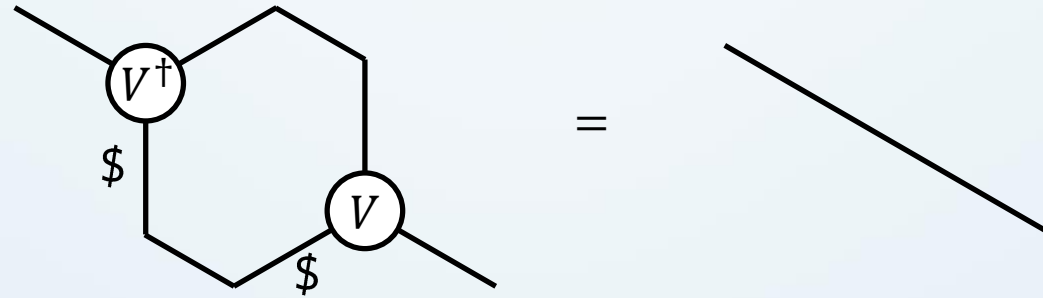
The diagram shows the representation of the element  $f$  in a Hopf algebra. It is defined as the ratio of two diagrams. The numerator is a diamond-shaped diagram with a horizontal line through its center. The top half of the diamond contains a smaller diamond, and the bottom half contains a larger diamond. The denominator is a similar diamond-shaped diagram, but the top half contains a larger diamond and the bottom half contains a smaller diamond. An arrow points from this ratio to a red diagram consisting of three concentric diamonds. The innermost diamond is white, the middle one is red, and the outermost one is white. The four corners of the middle red diamond are filled with red triangles. This red diagram is then equated to the trace of the element  $f$ ,  $\langle \Omega | U(f) | \Omega \rangle$ .

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$$\langle \Omega | U(a) | \Omega \rangle = \langle \Omega | U(b) | \Omega \rangle = 1$$

$$a^2 = (ab)^3 = 1$$

$$a = AC, b = C^{-1}A^{-1}C$$

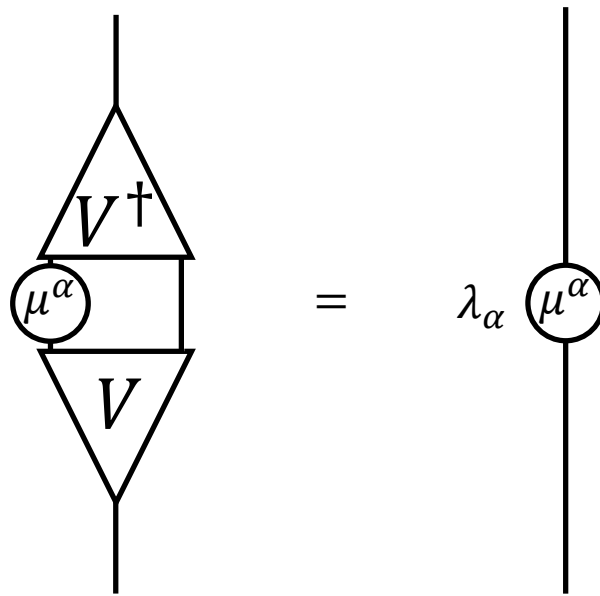
**Observables:**

“Thompson field  
theory”



**Definition:** an *ascending operator*  
 $\mu_\alpha \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is an eigenvector of the  
ascending channel:

$$V^\dagger (\mu^\alpha \otimes \mathbb{I}) V = \lambda_\alpha \mu^\alpha$$



**Definition:** the *discretised field operator* of type  $\alpha$  at  $z \in S^1$  with respect to a partition  $P \equiv (I_1, I_2, \dots, I_n)$  is

$$\phi_P(z) \equiv \sum_{I \in P} \mathbf{I}[z \in I] (\lambda_\alpha)^{\log_2(|I|)} \mu_I^\alpha$$

**Definition** (product of field operators): let  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  be a tuple of positions and  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n)$  a tuple of types, and  $P$  a partition.

$$M_P^\alpha(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \equiv \phi_P^{\alpha_1}(x_1) \phi_P^{\alpha_2}(x_2) \cdots \phi_P^{\alpha_n}(x_n)$$

## Theorem: the limit

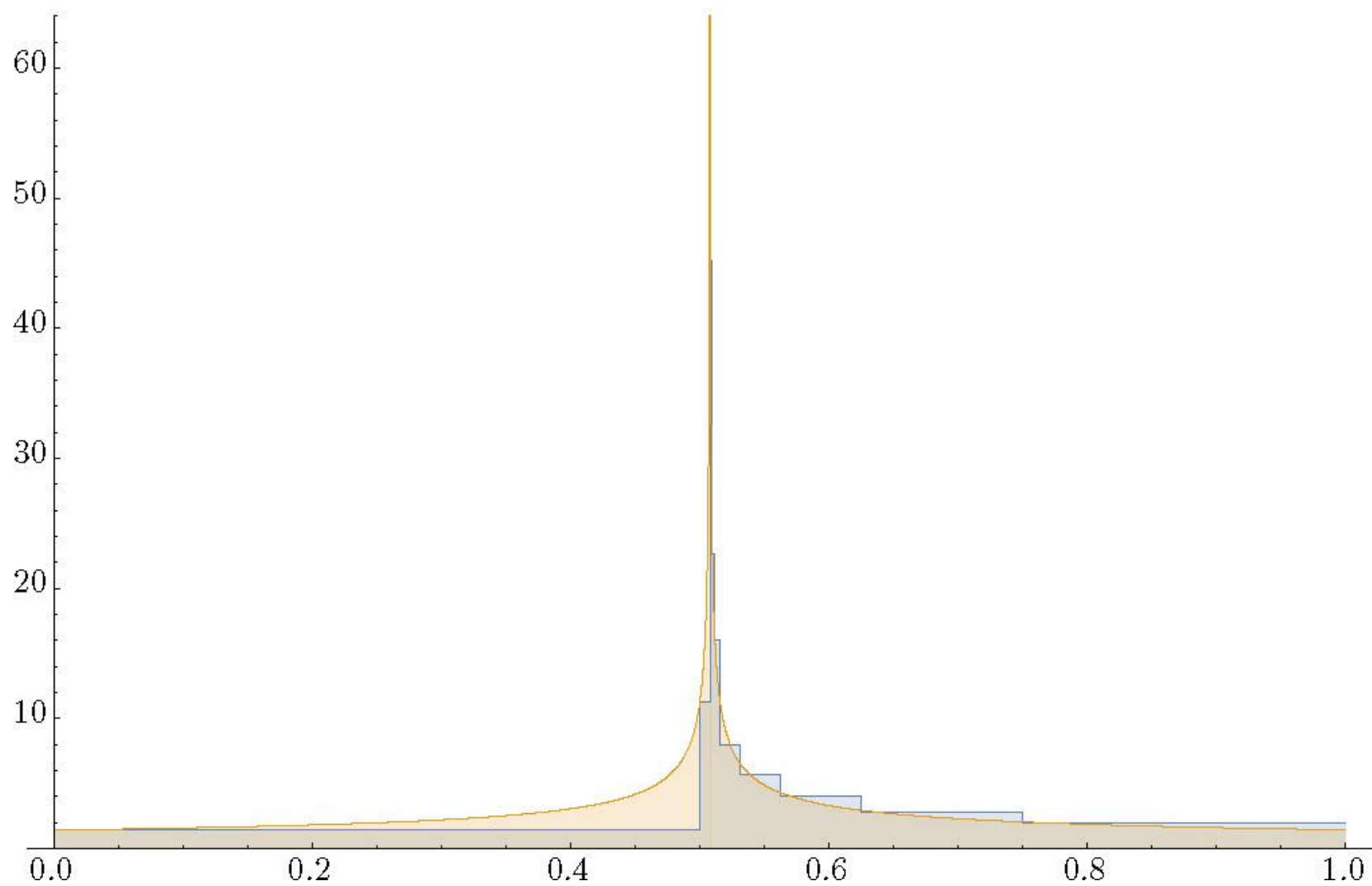
$$C^\alpha(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \equiv \lim_P \langle \Omega_{P'} | M_P^\alpha(\mathbf{x}) | \Omega_{P'} \rangle$$

exists and may be calculated using  $O(\log(n))$  operations.

**Conjecture (reconstruction):**

$$C^\alpha(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \equiv \langle \Omega | \hat{\phi}^{\alpha_1}(x_1) \cdots \hat{\phi}^{\alpha_n}(x_n) | \Omega \rangle$$

$$C\left(\frac{1}{2}, x\right) \equiv \lim_P \langle \phi_P^{\alpha_1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \phi_P^{\alpha_2}(x) \rangle:$$



**Lemma:** let  $x$  and  $y$  be two dyadic fractions

$$C^{\alpha\beta}(x, y) = c(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) D(x, y)^{\log \lambda_\alpha + \log \lambda_\beta - \log \lambda_\gamma}$$

where  $D(x, y)$  is the *coarse graining distance*.

## Short distance expansion:

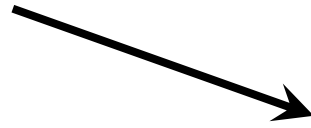
$$\hat{\phi}^{\alpha}(x)\hat{\phi}^{\beta}(y) \sim f_{\gamma}^{\alpha\beta} D(x,y)^{h_{\gamma}-h_{\alpha}-h_{\beta}} \hat{\phi}^{\gamma}(y)$$

“OPE” coefficients

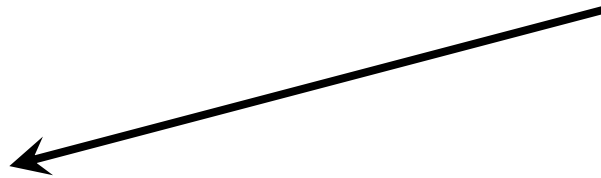




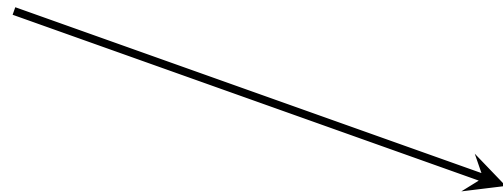
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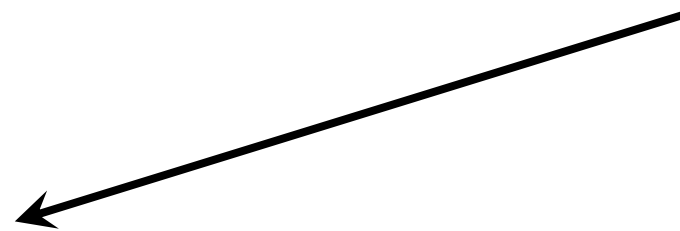
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Semicontinuous limit



Thompson's groups  $F$  and  $T$



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