A geometric computation of cohomotopy groups in co-degree one

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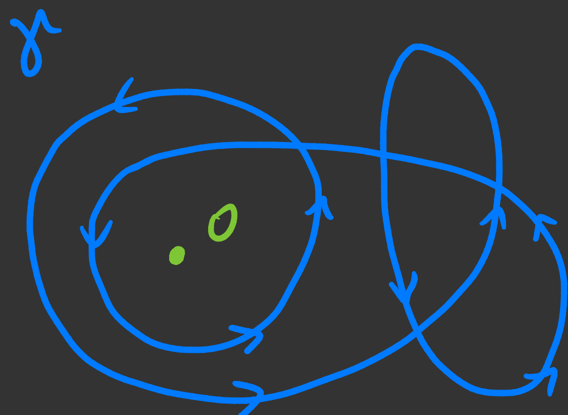

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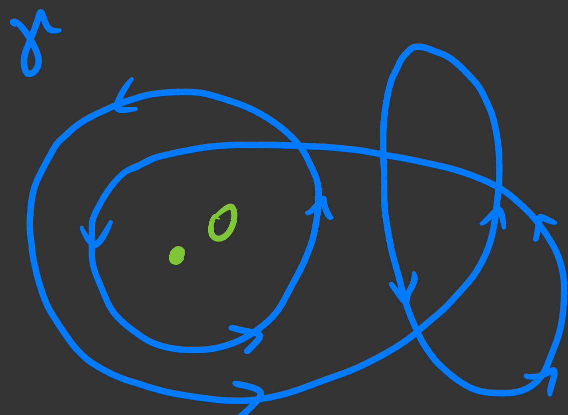

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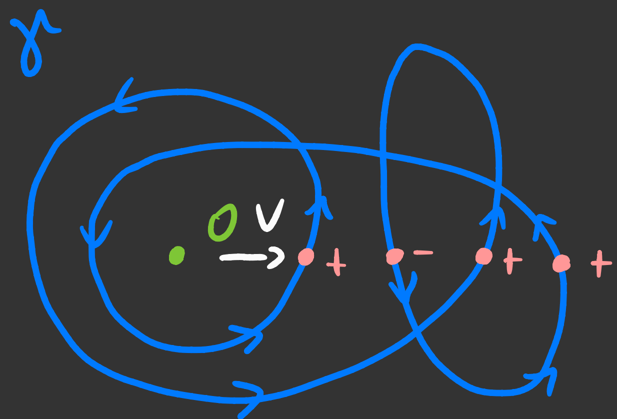

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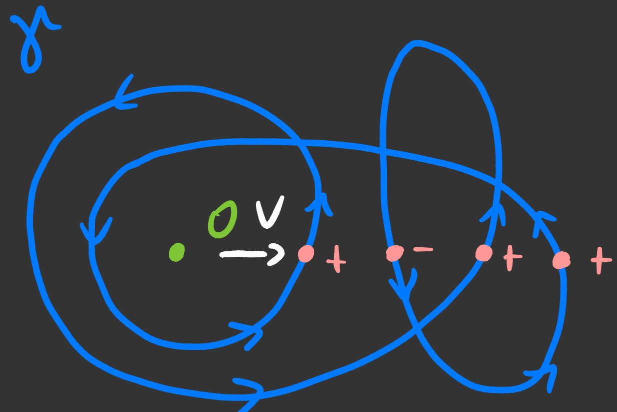

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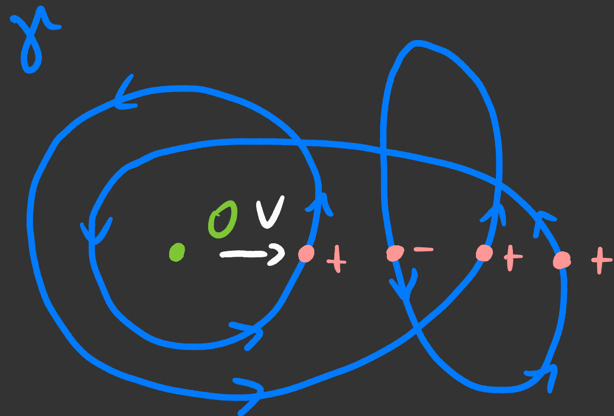

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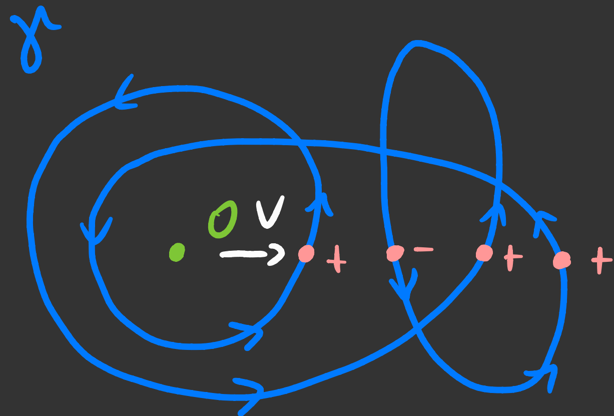

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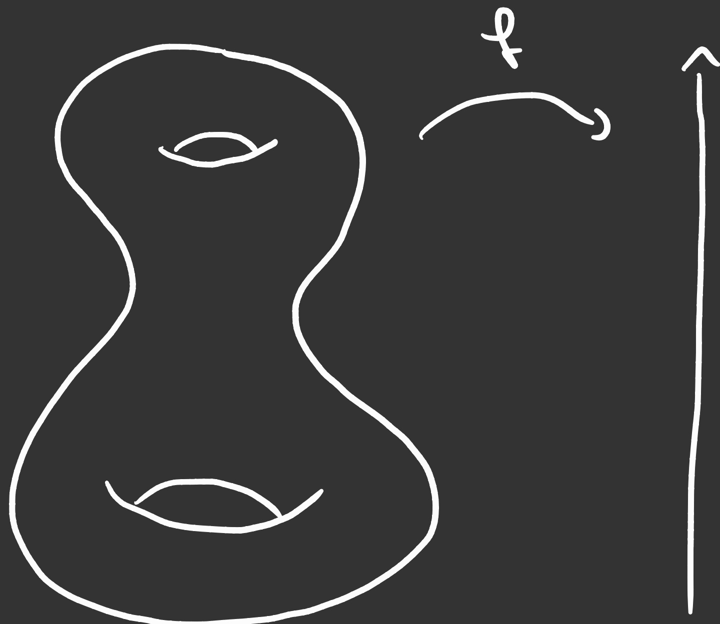

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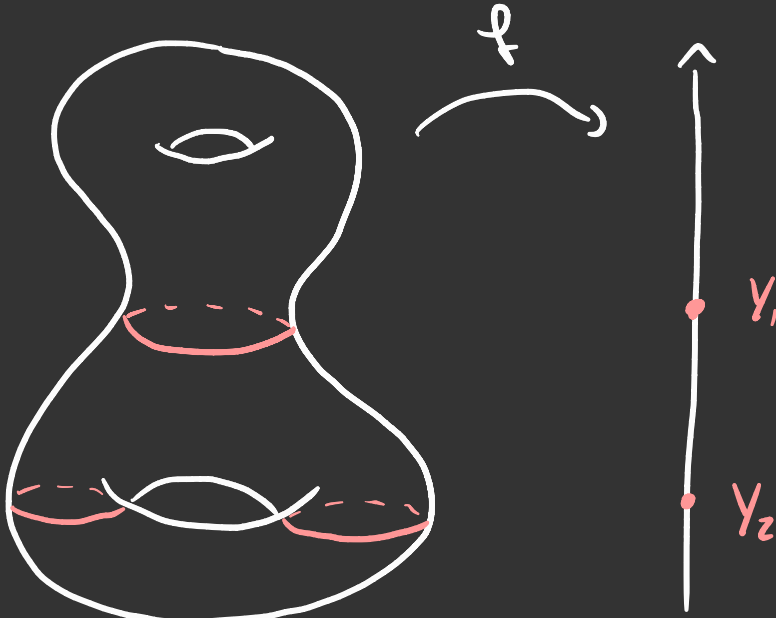

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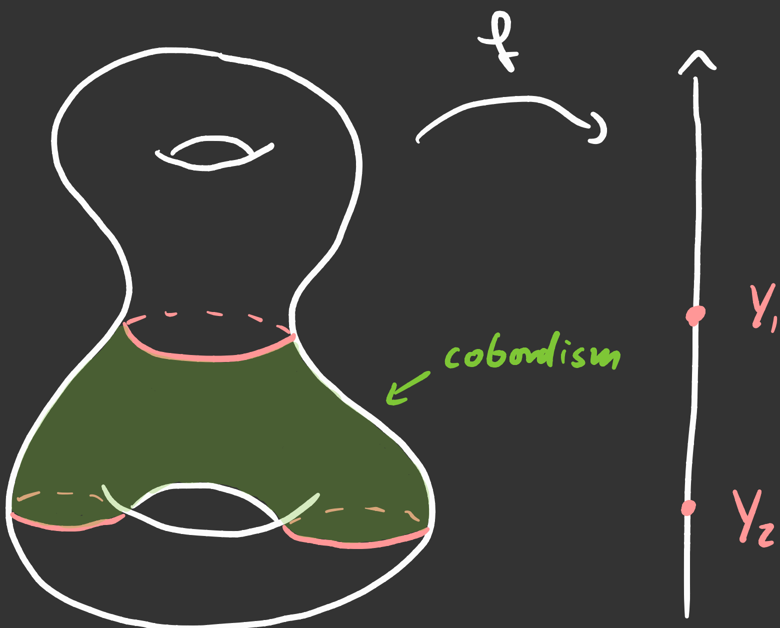

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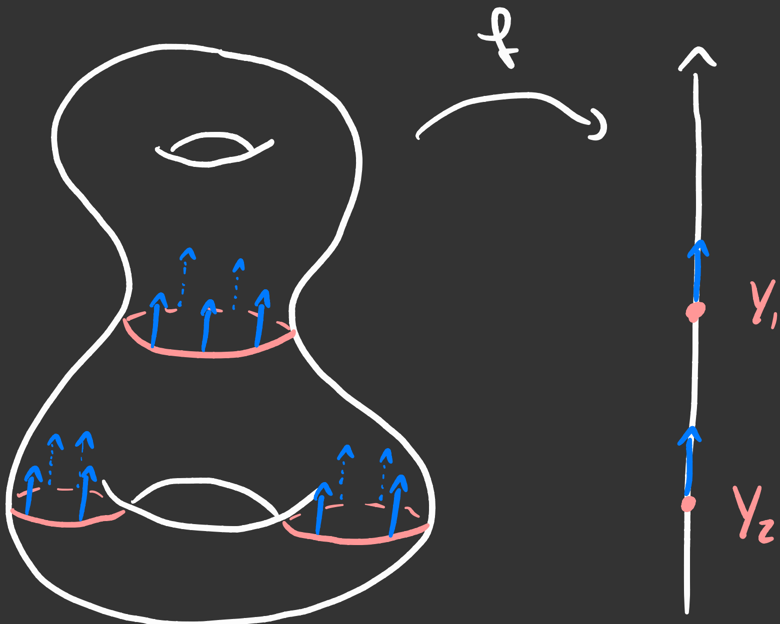

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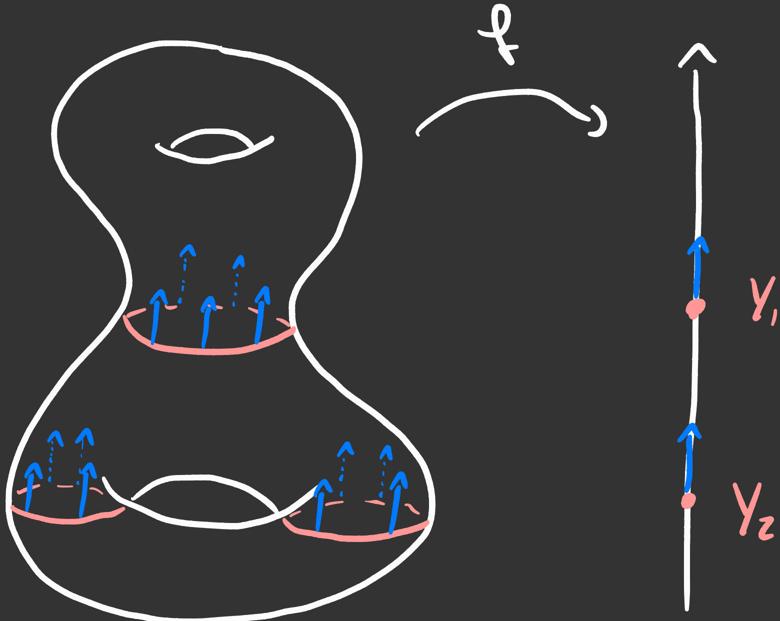

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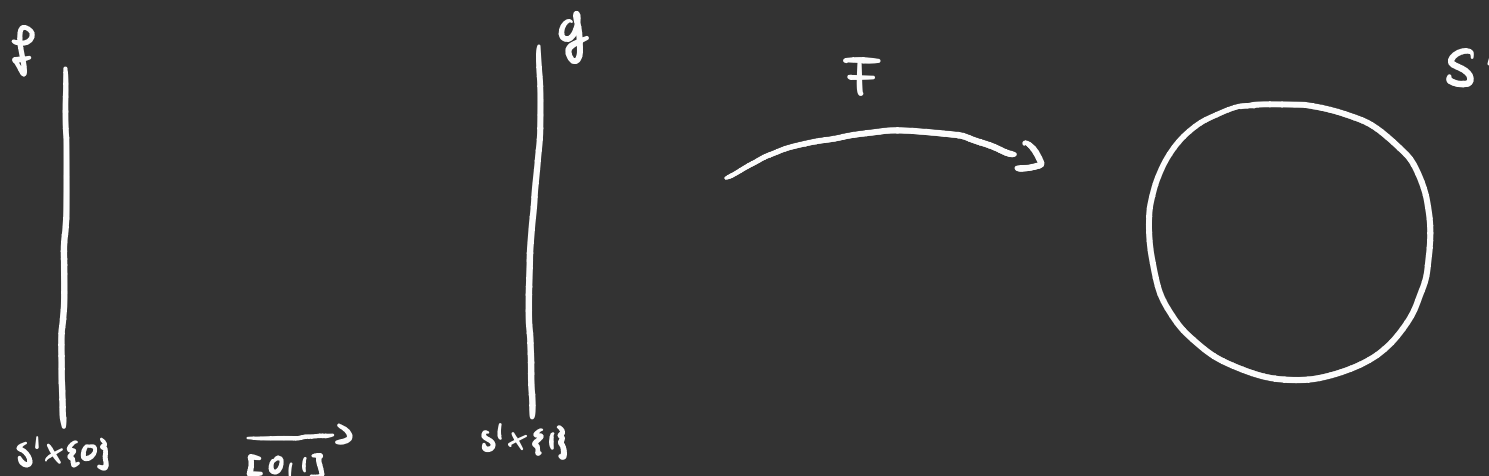

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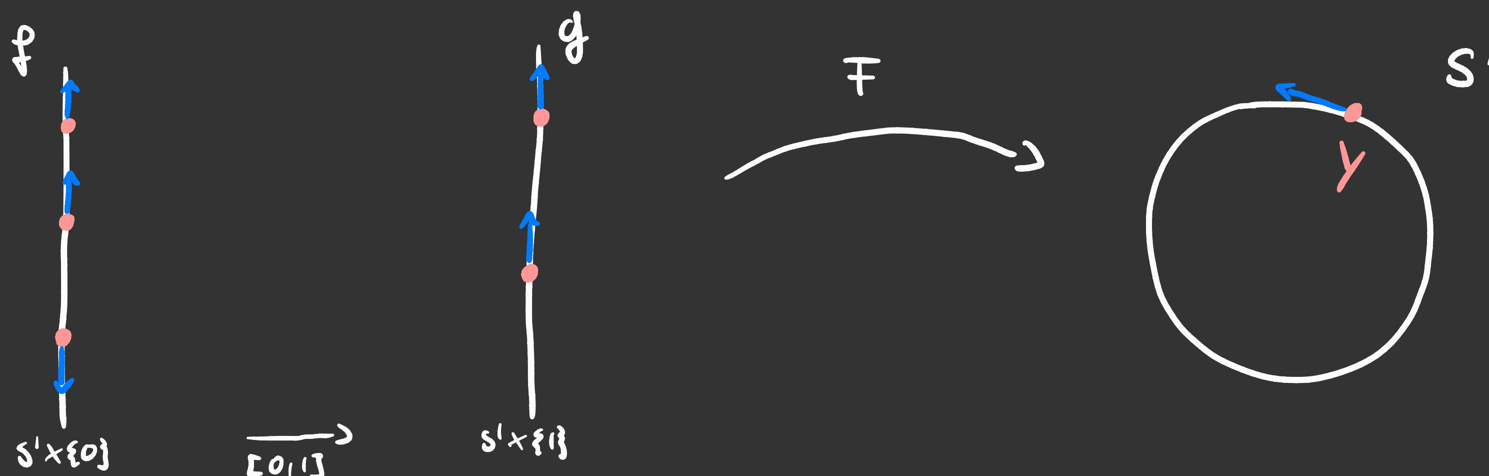

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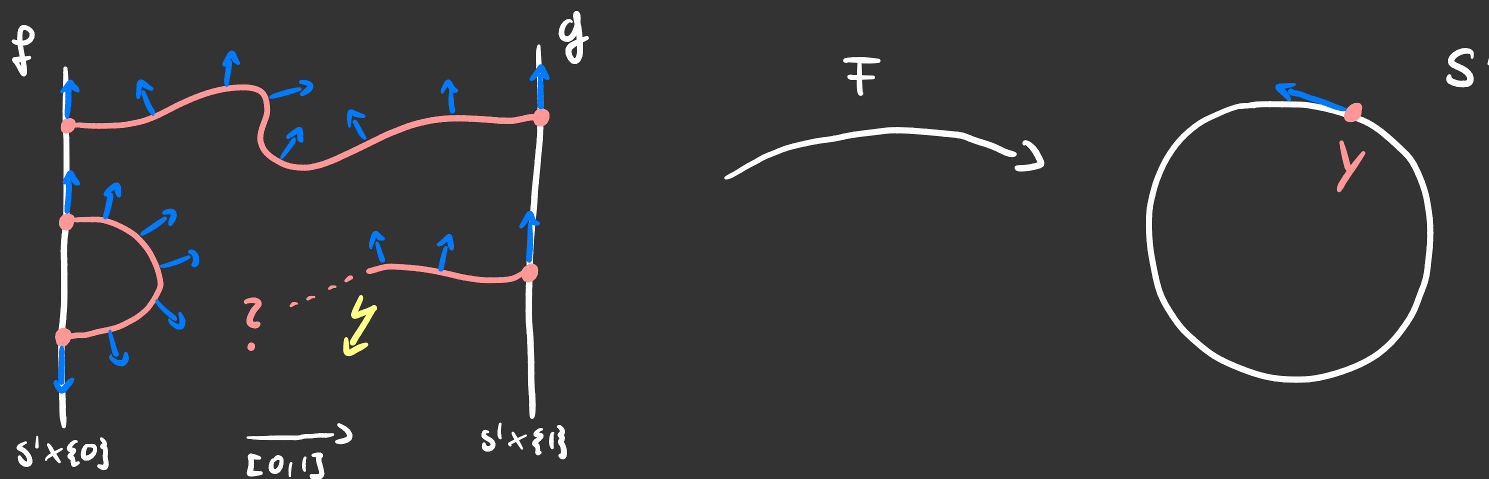

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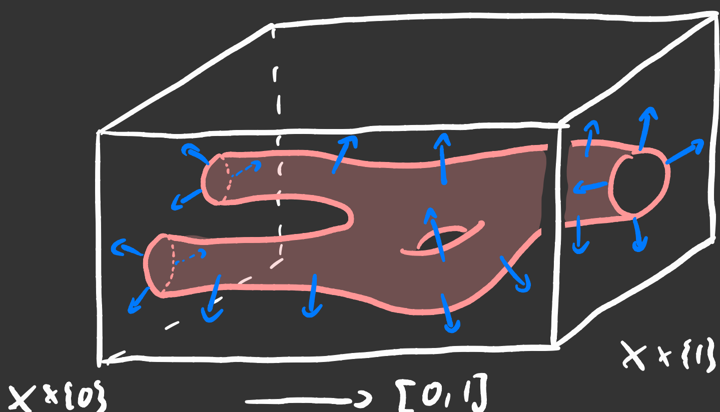

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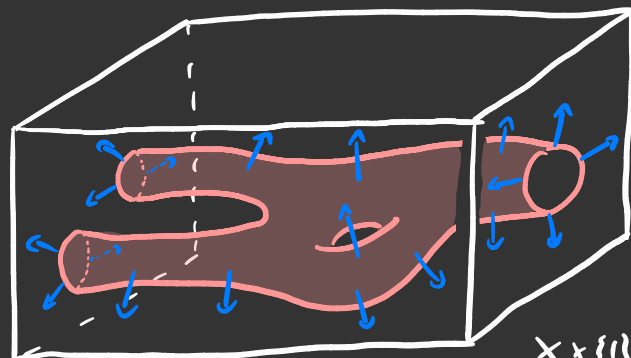

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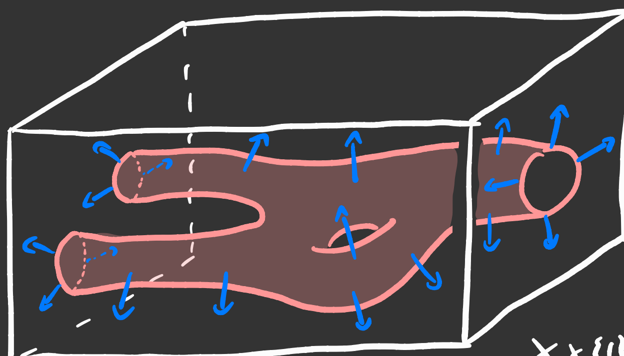

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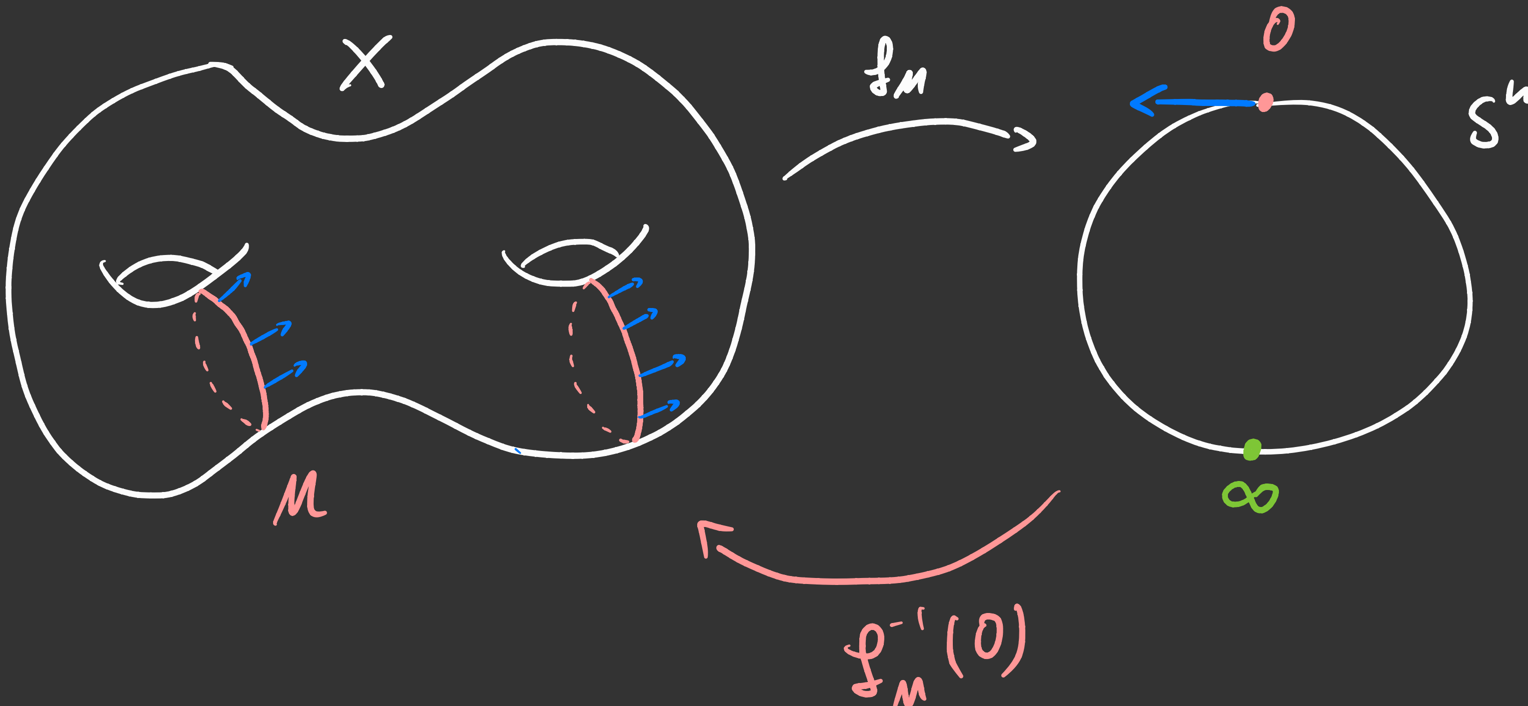

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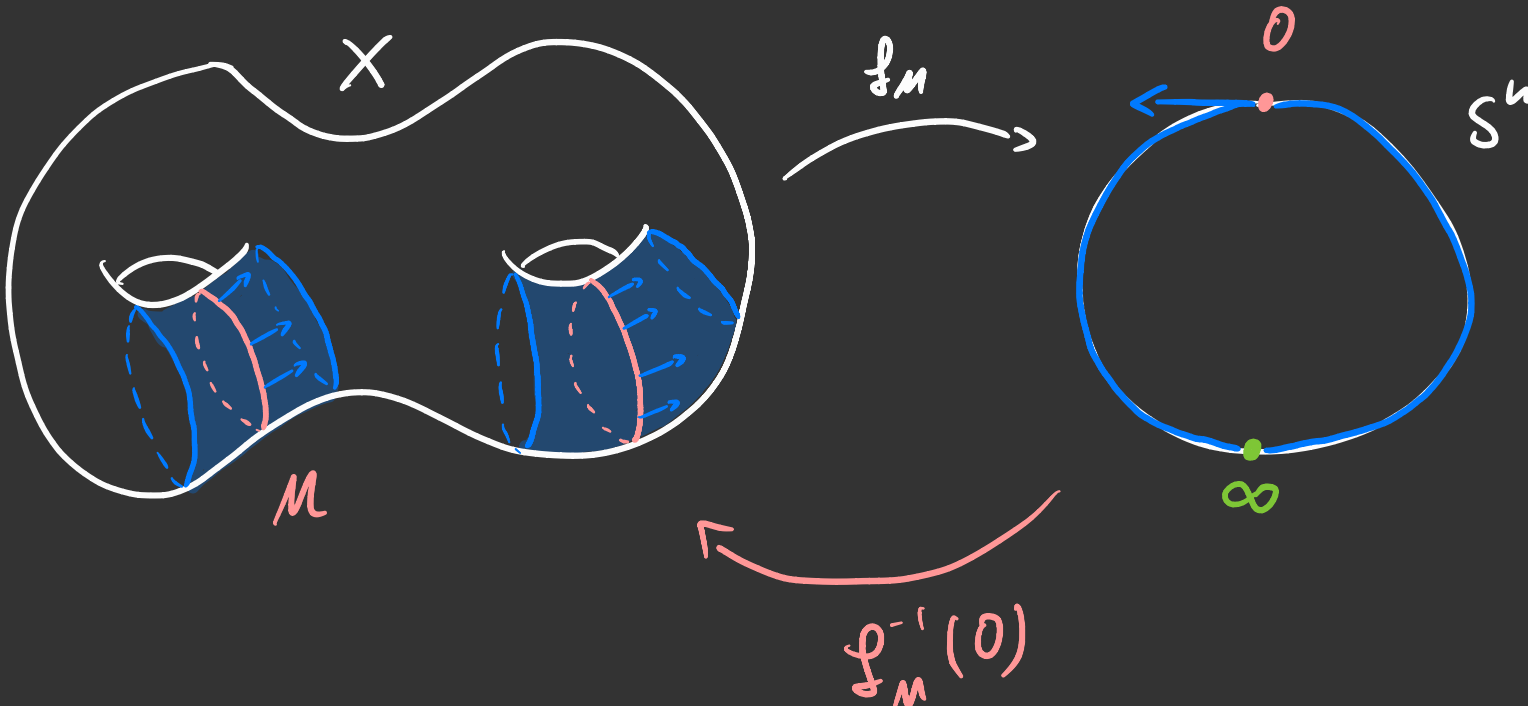

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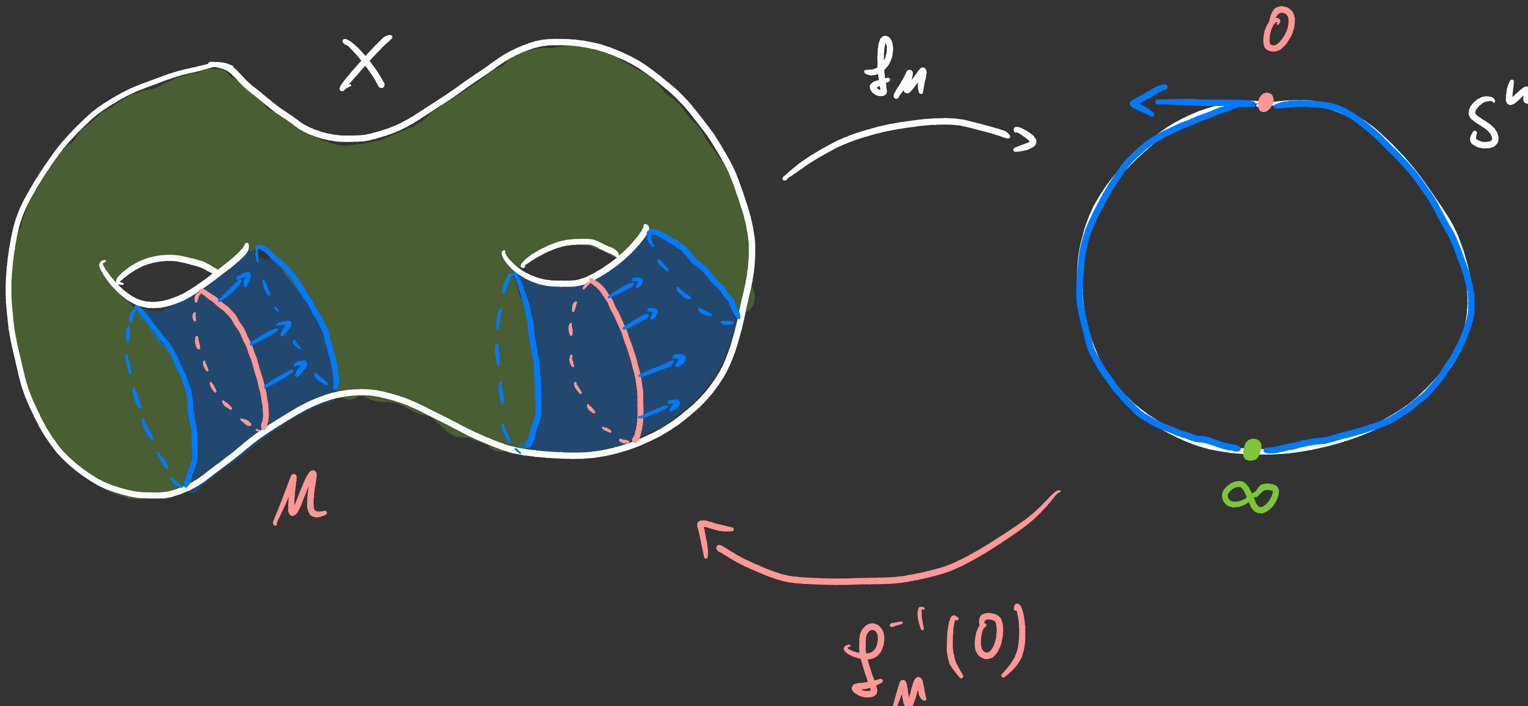

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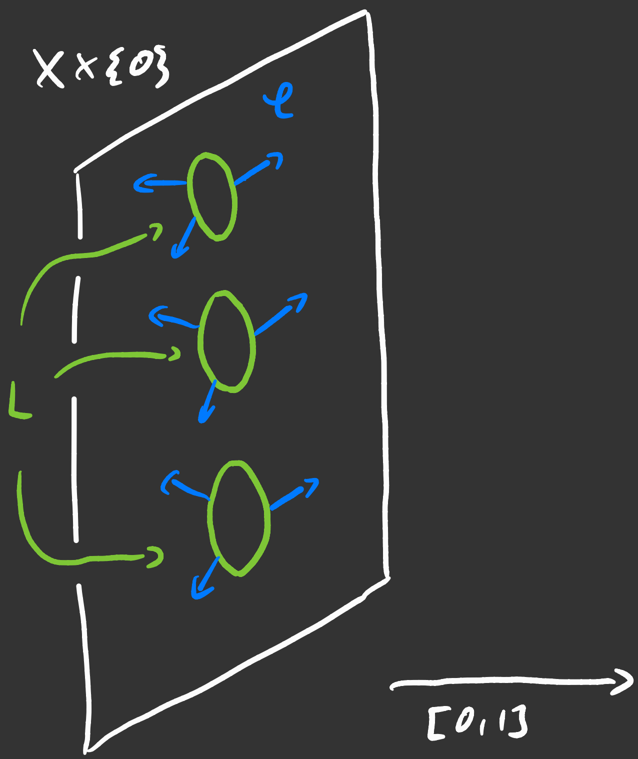

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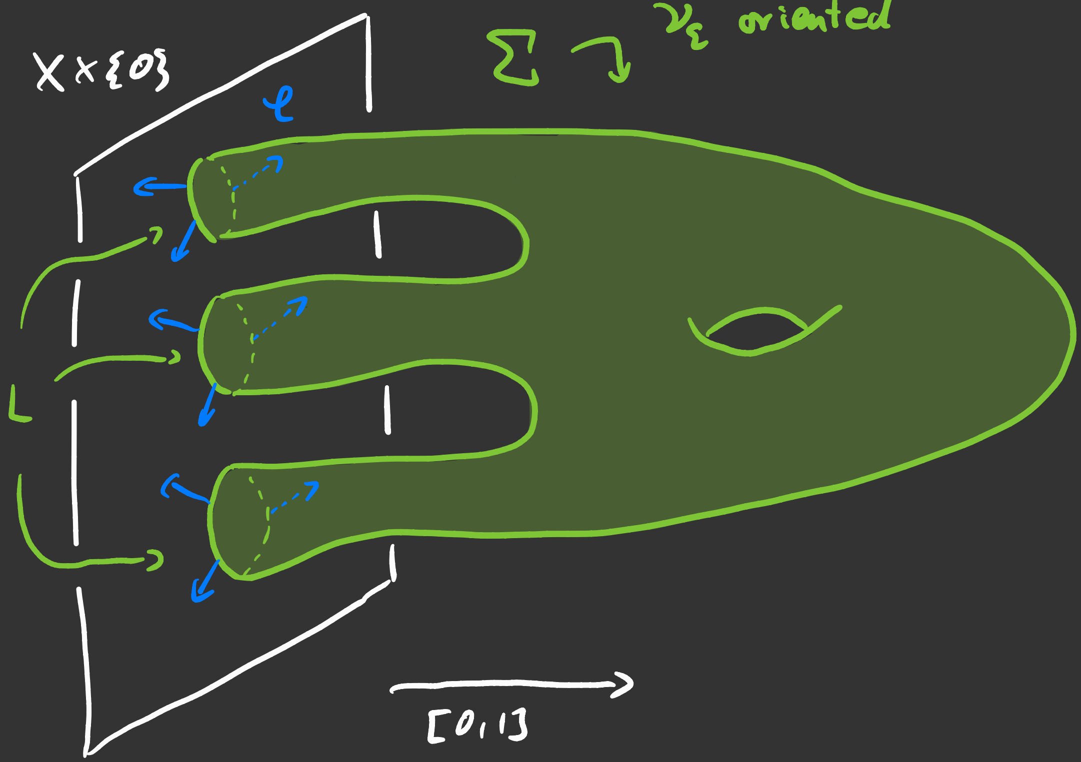

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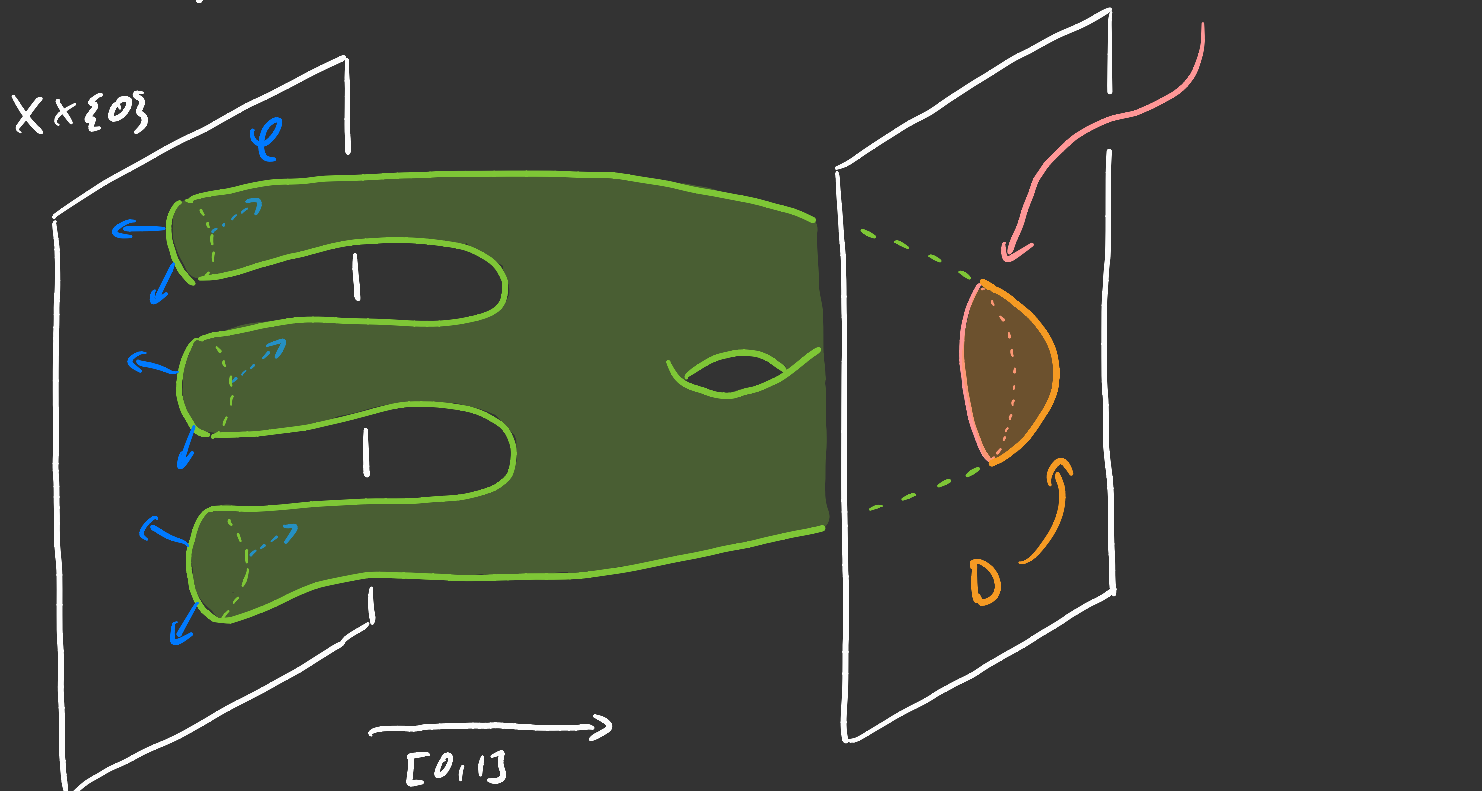

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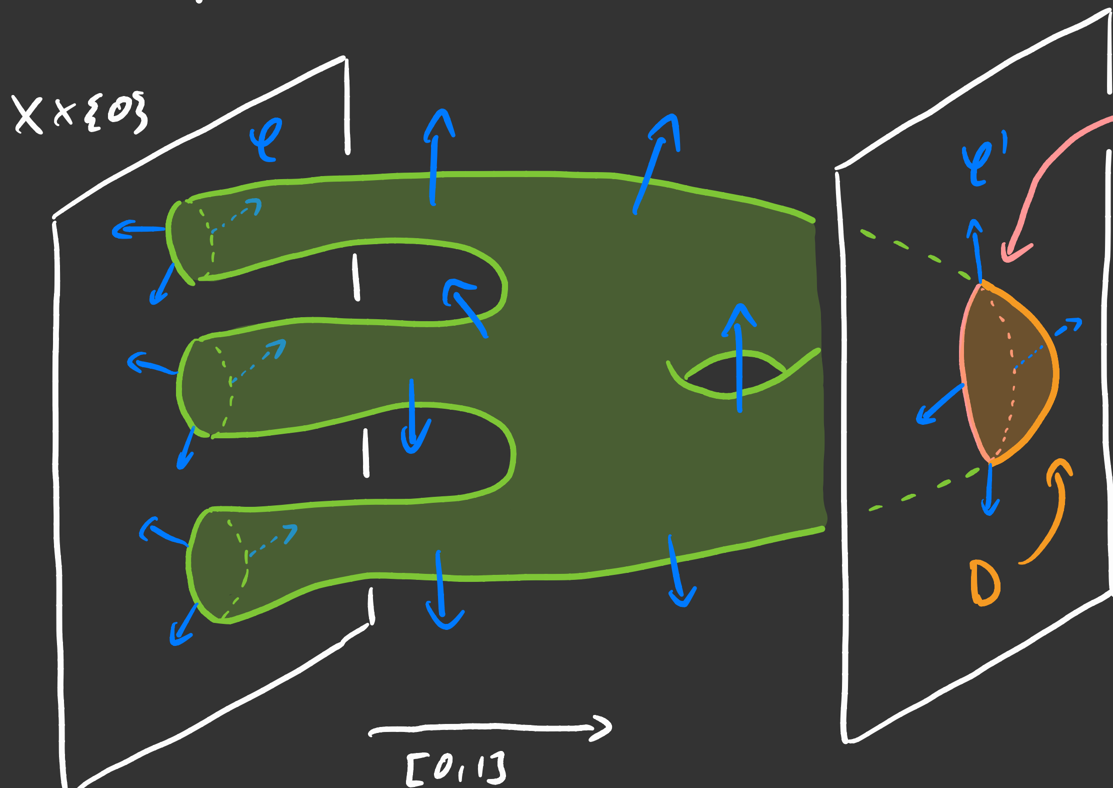

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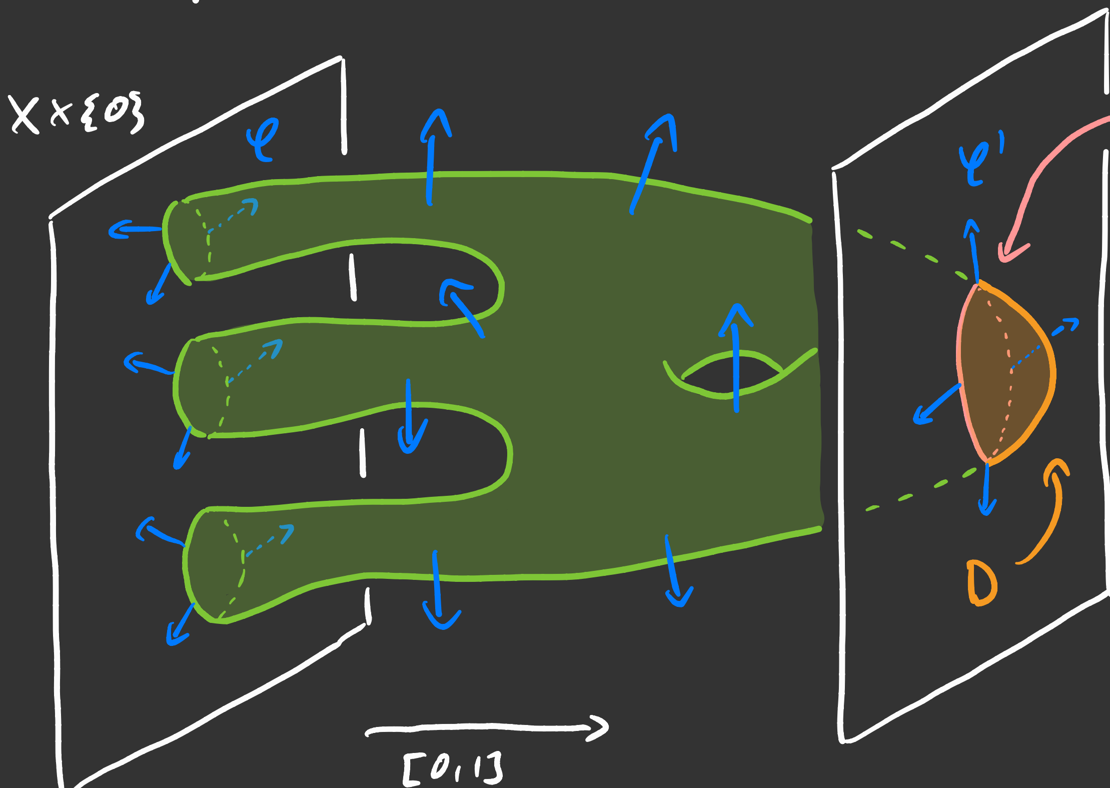

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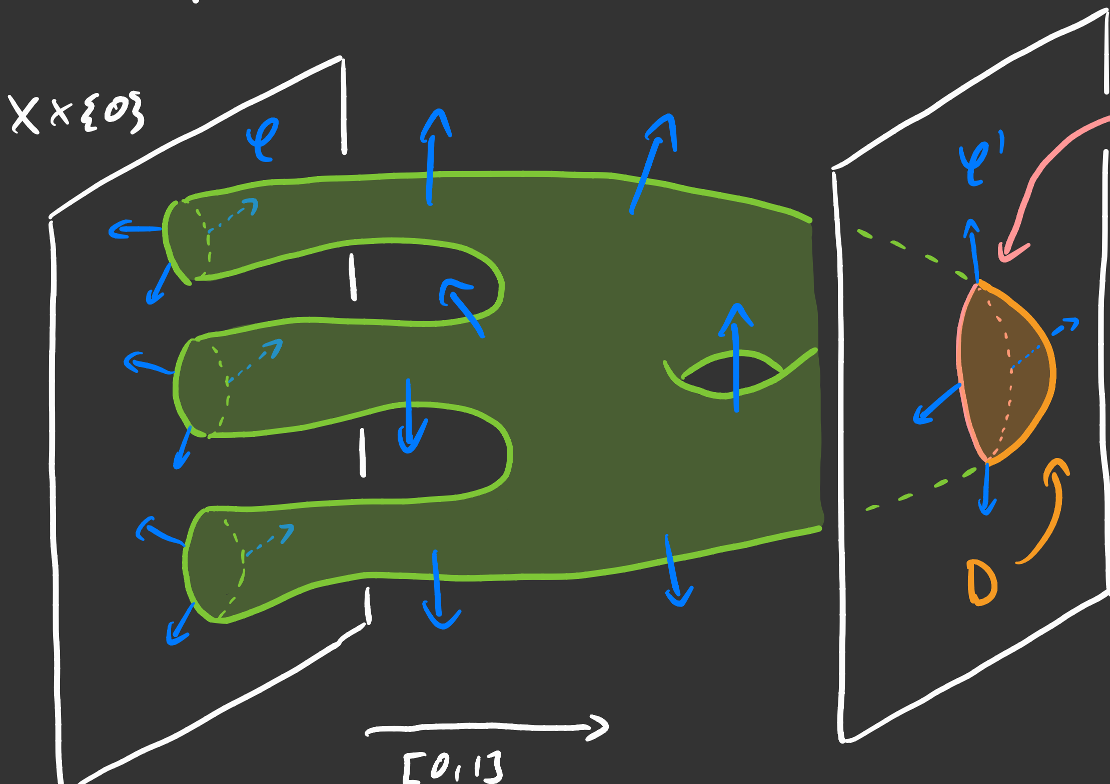

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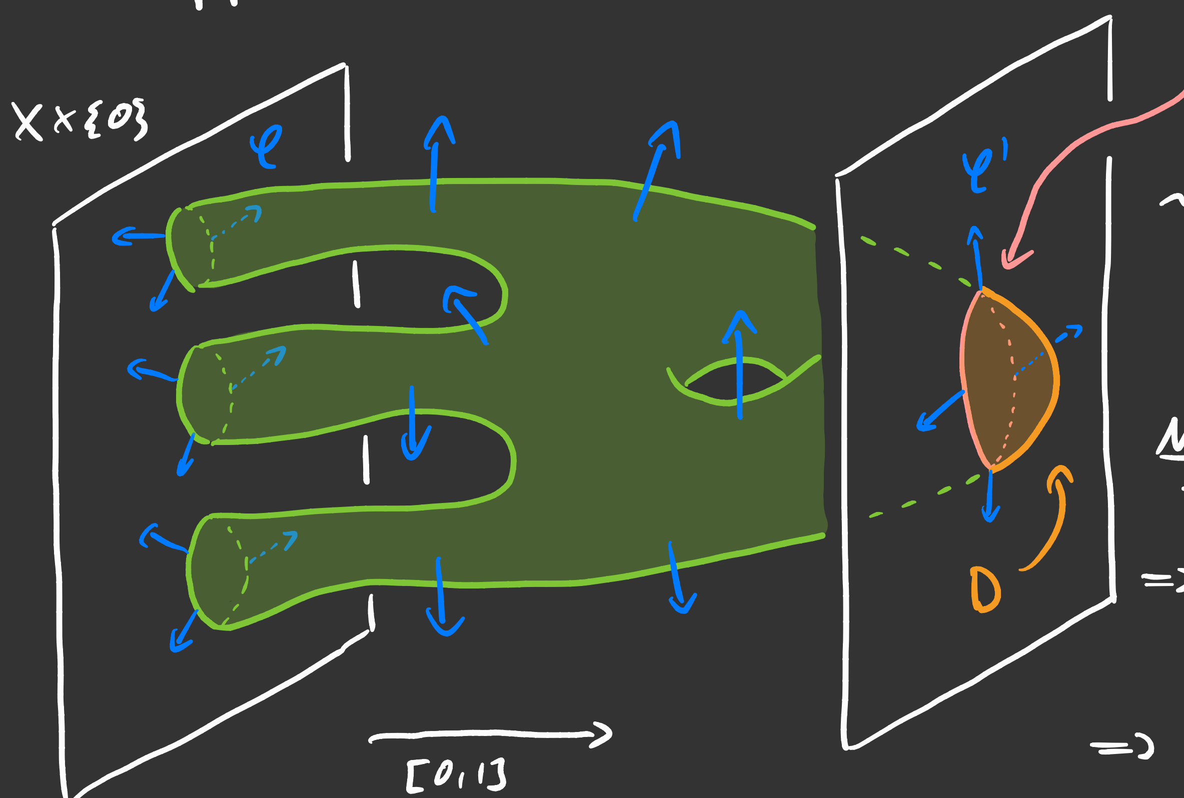

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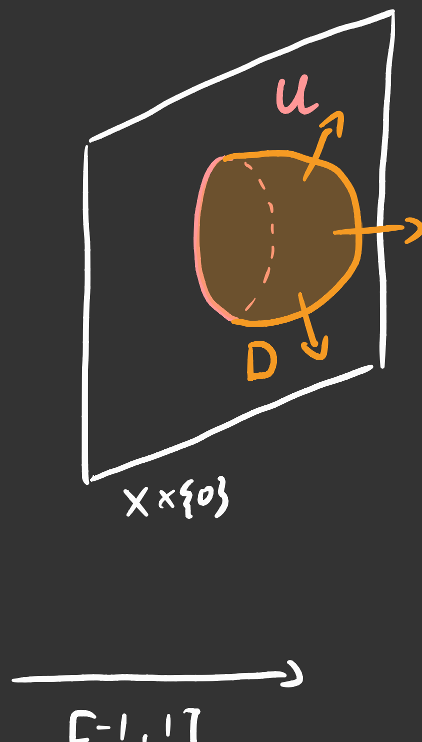

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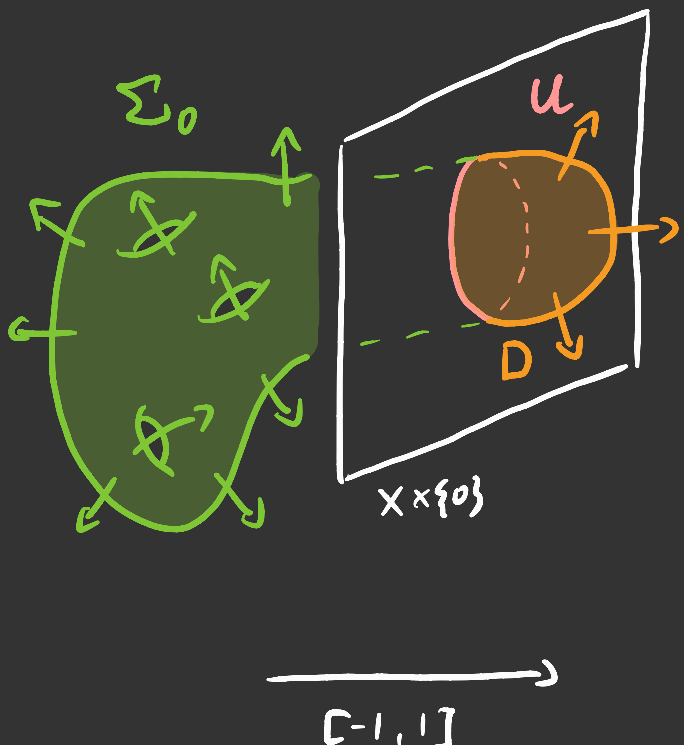

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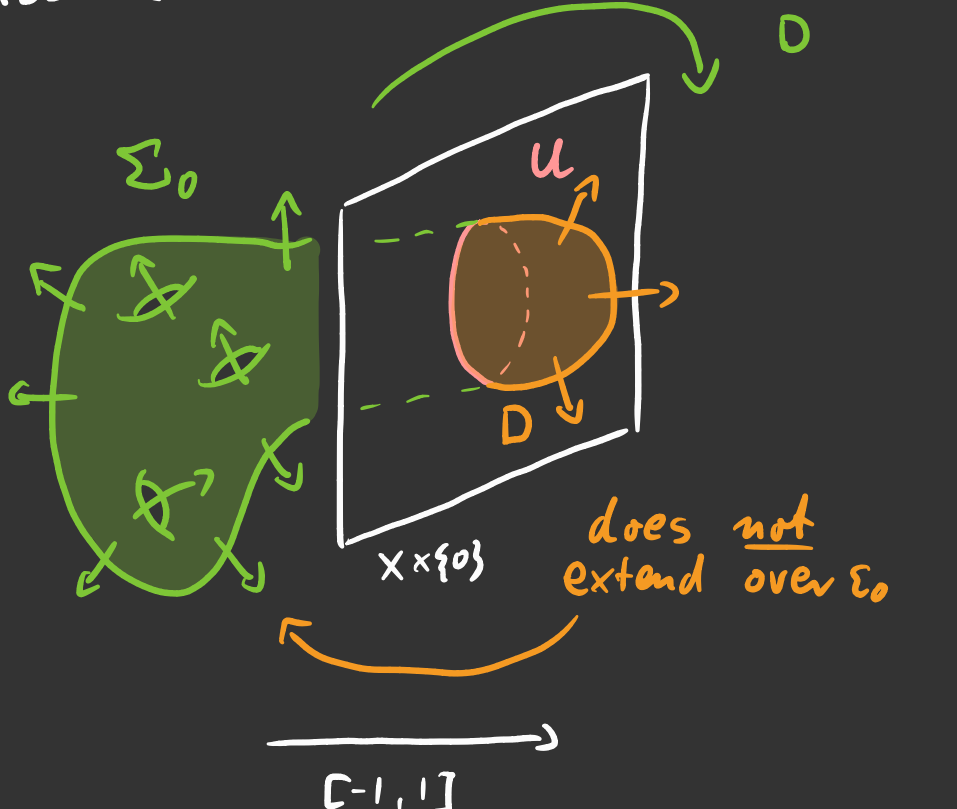

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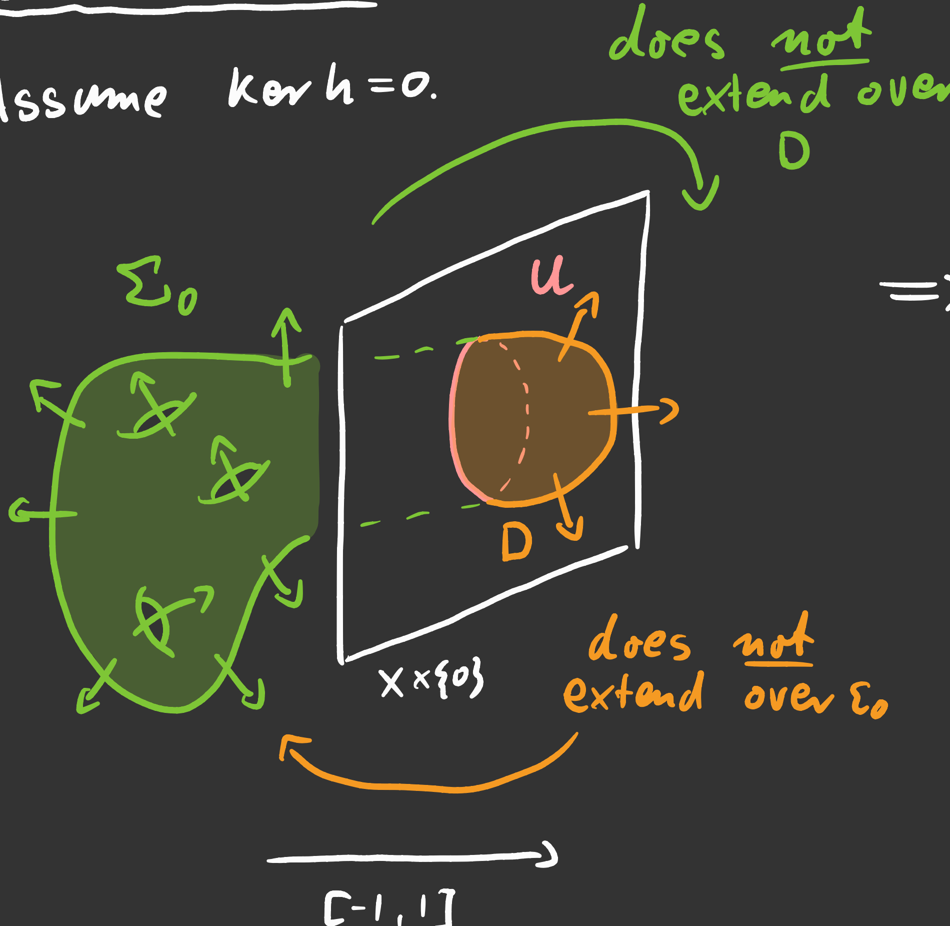

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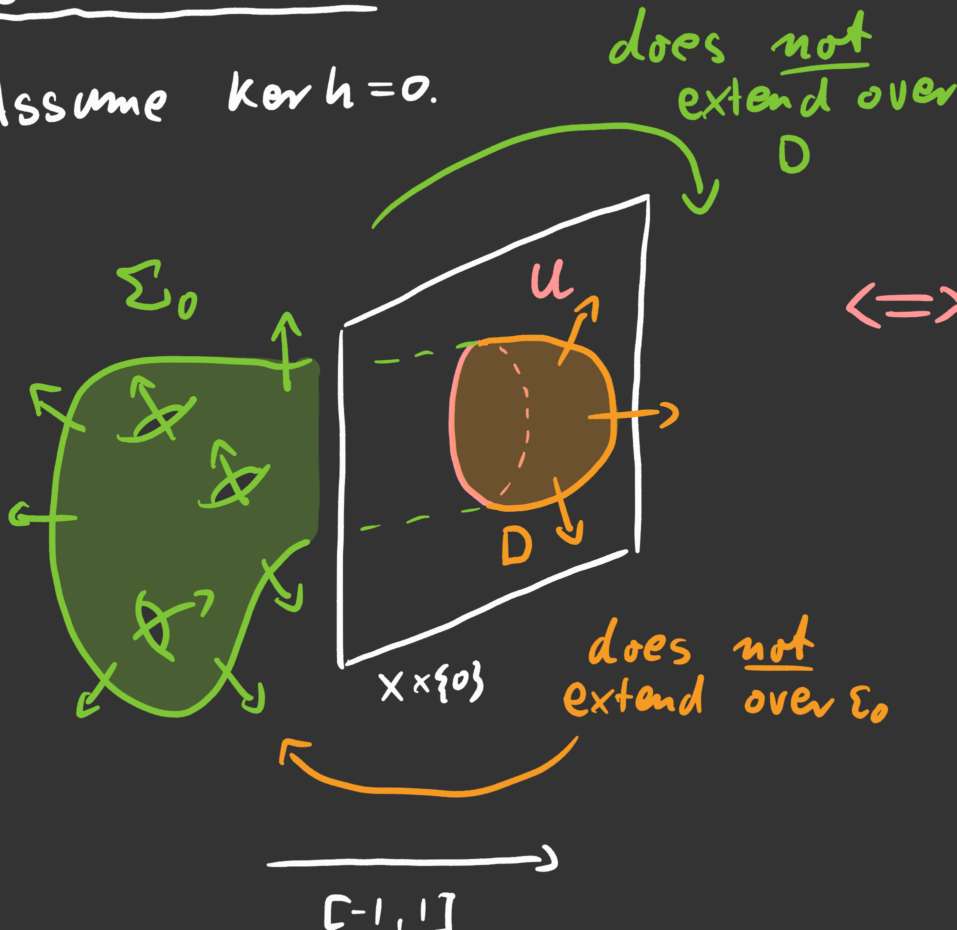

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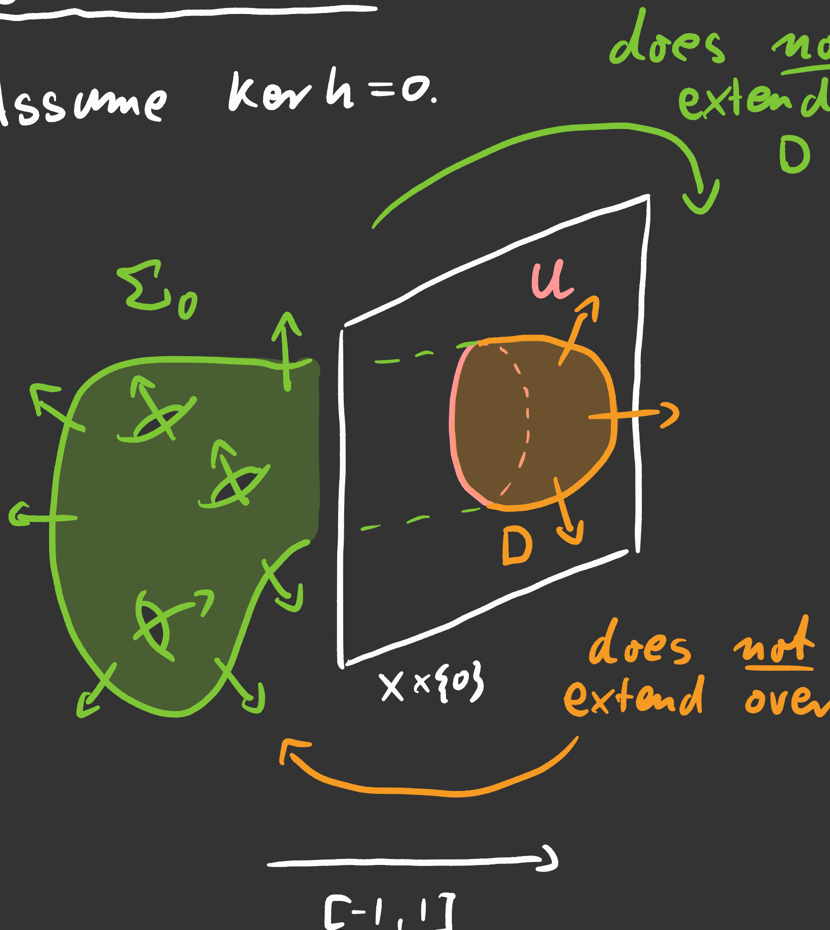

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say X is type I iff $\exists\, \Sigma \subset X$ s.t. ν_Σ or. but not triv.

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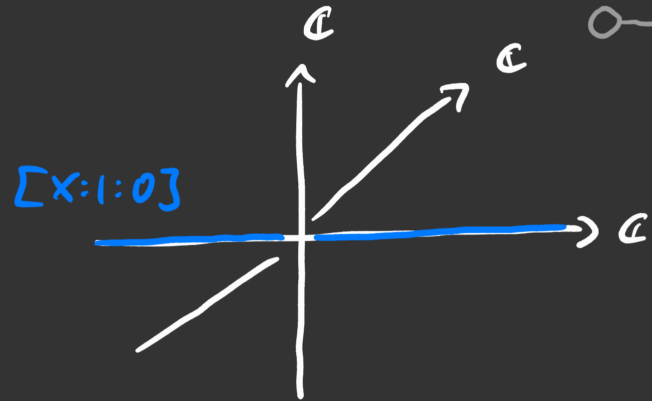

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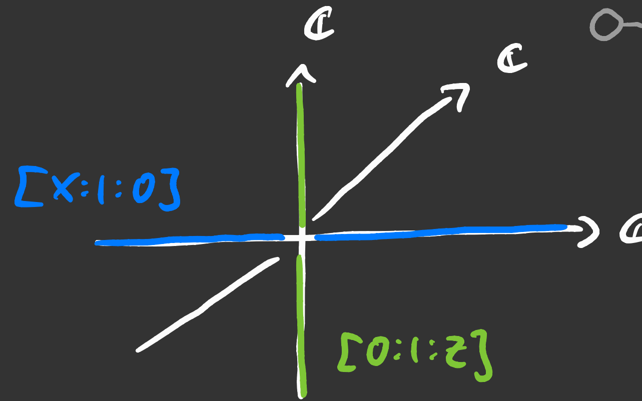

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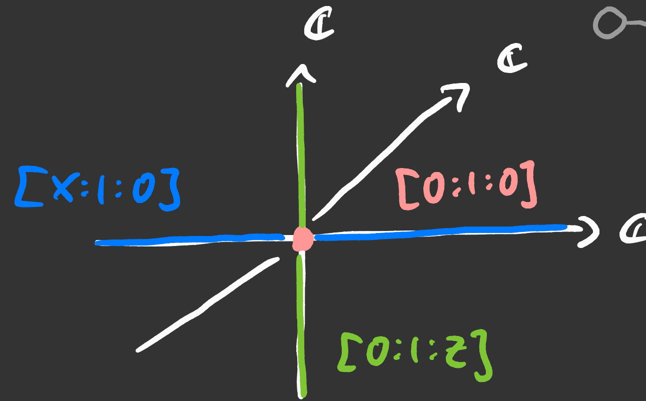

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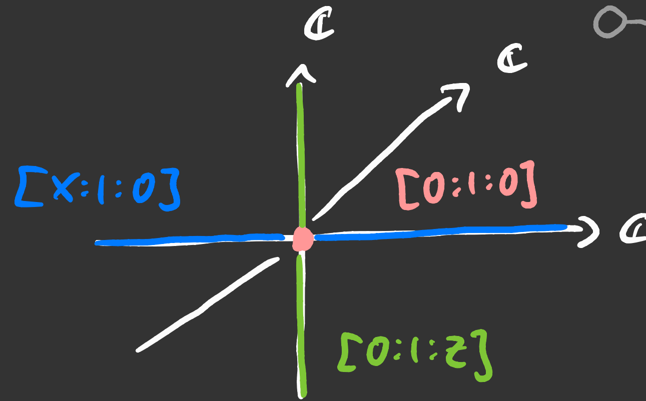

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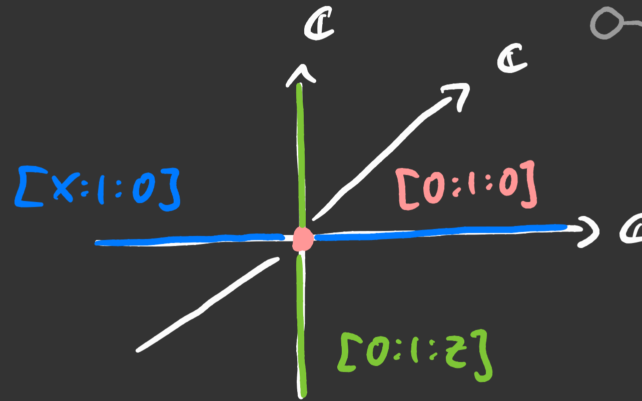

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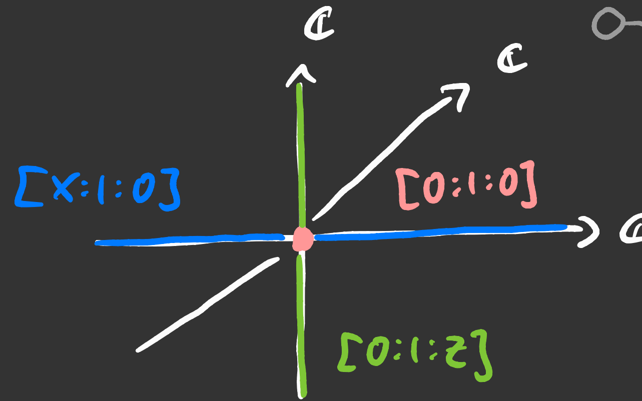

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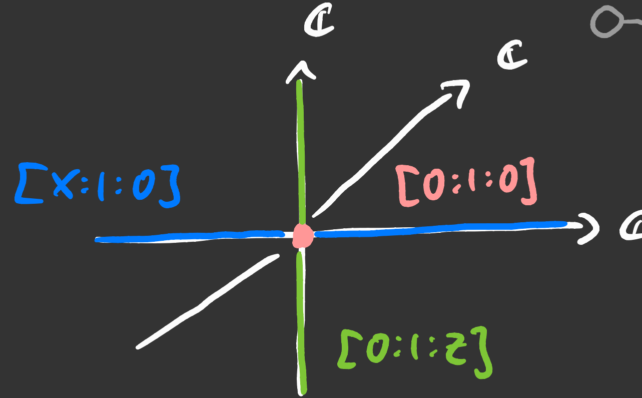

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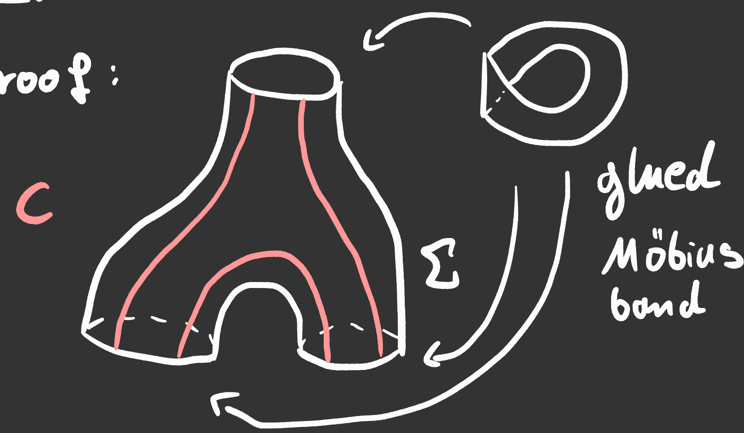

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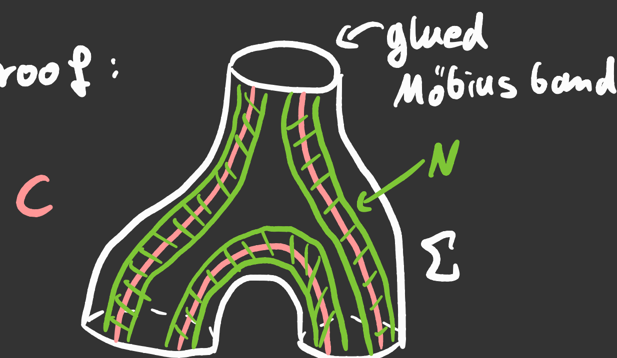

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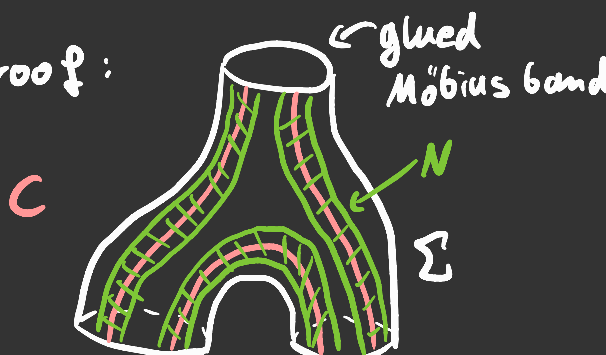

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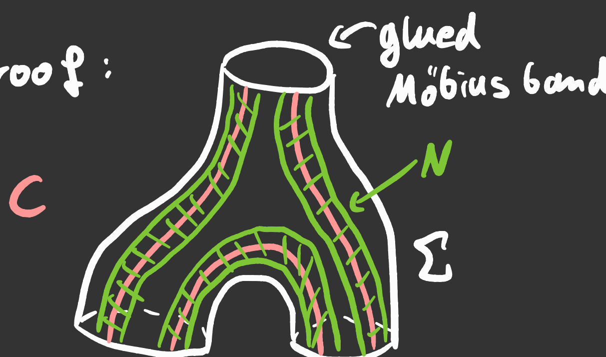

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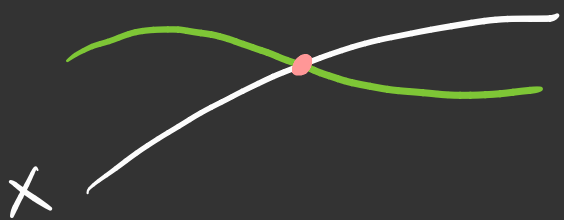

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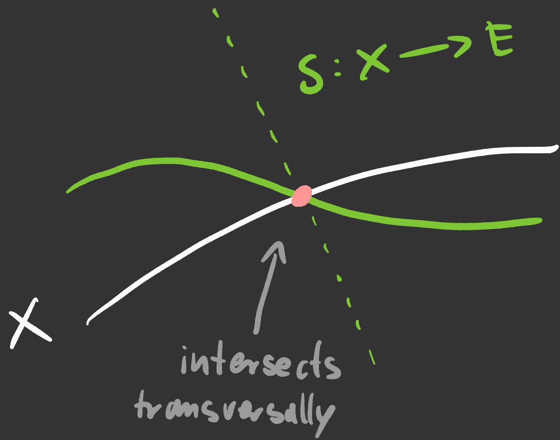

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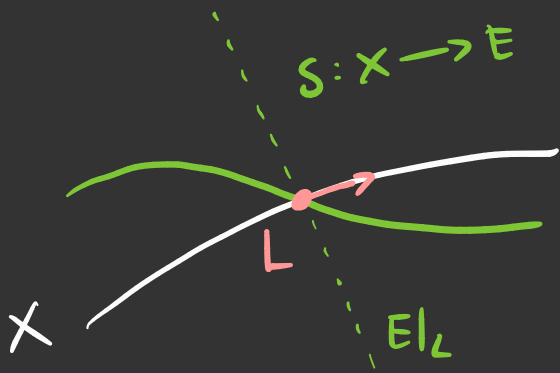

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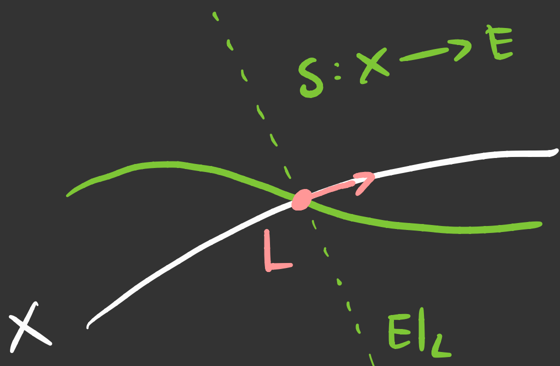

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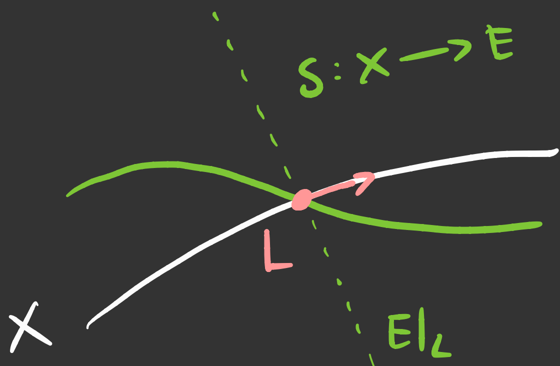

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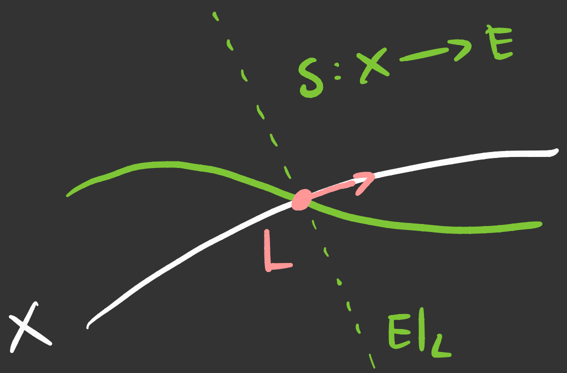

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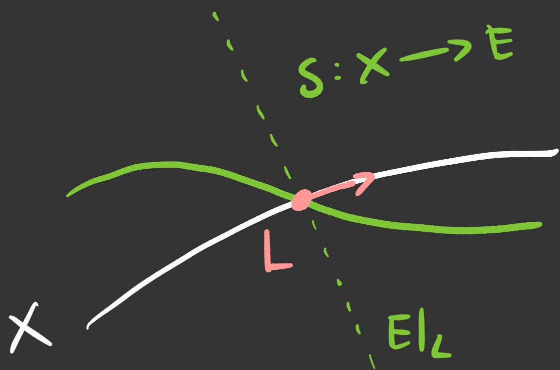

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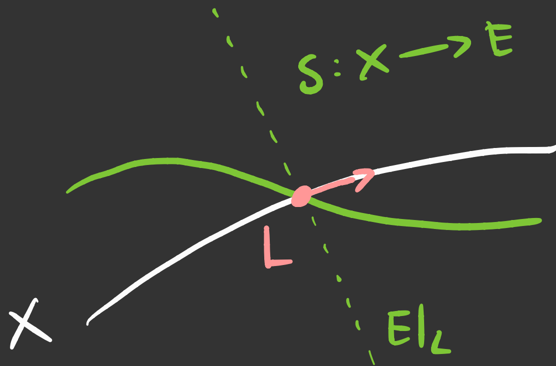

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