



# A Diagram Category for Non-Orientable Surfaces

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  - ▶ Combinatorial
  - ▶ Finite Dimensional Hom-spaces
  - ▶ More structure? (monoidal... etc)

In particular, we consider **nested**  $(0, 1, 2)$  - “cobordism categories”.



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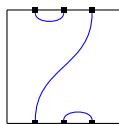
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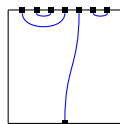
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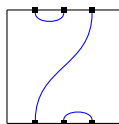
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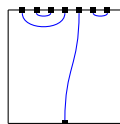
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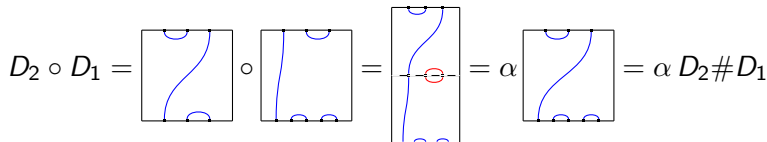
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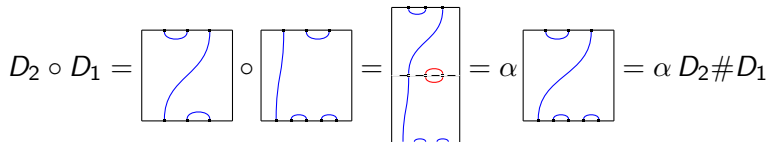
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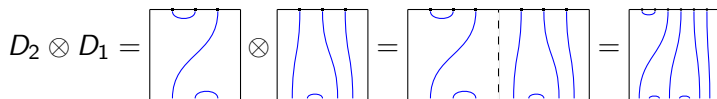
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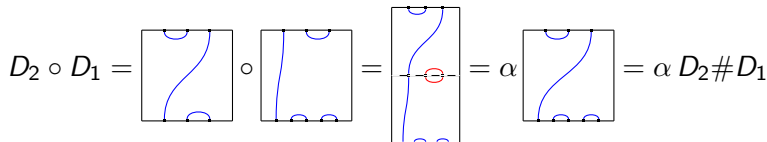
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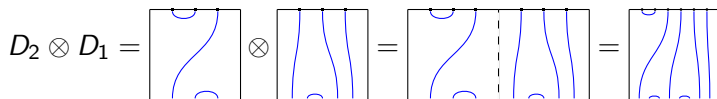
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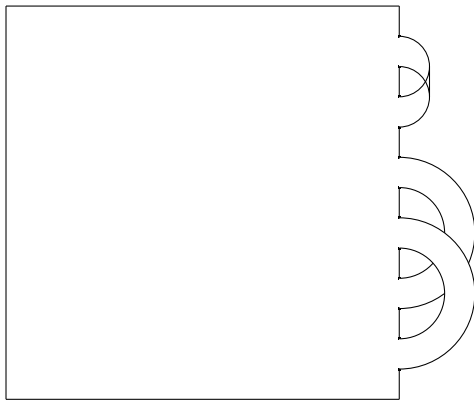


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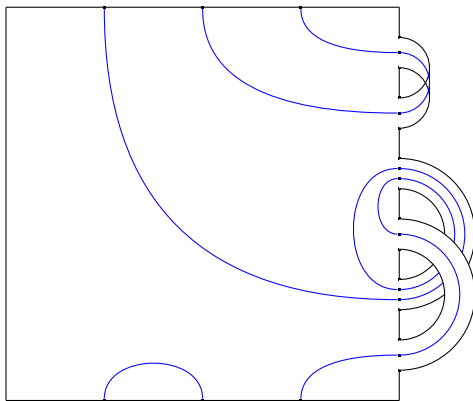
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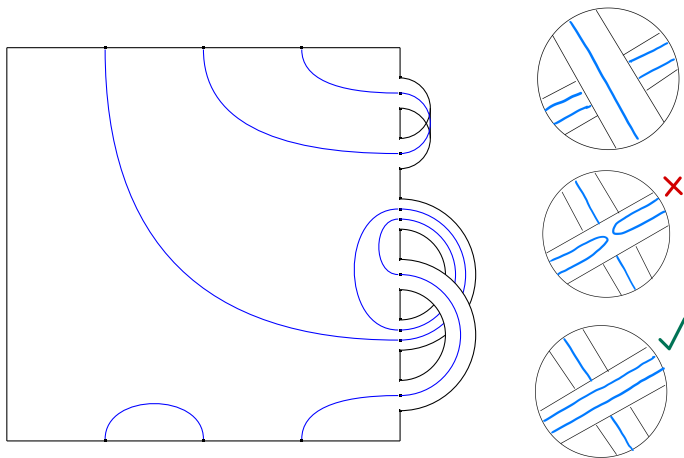
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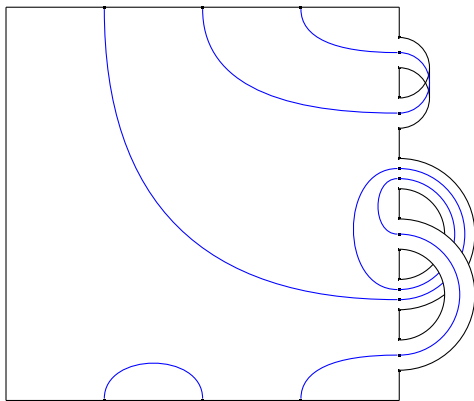
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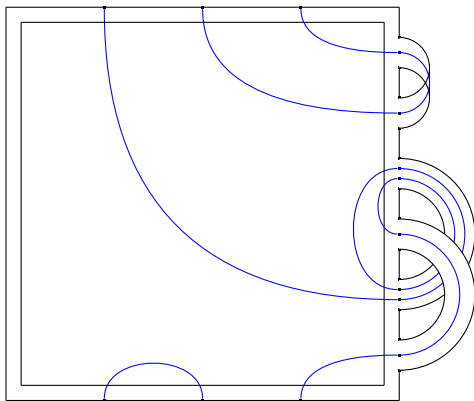
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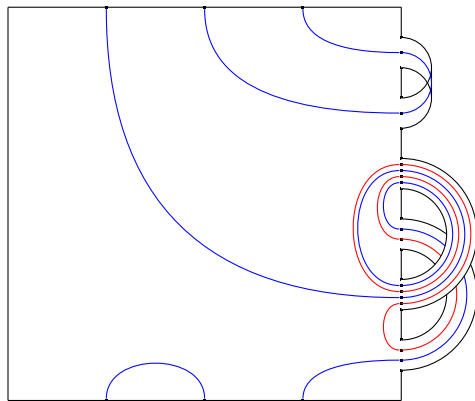
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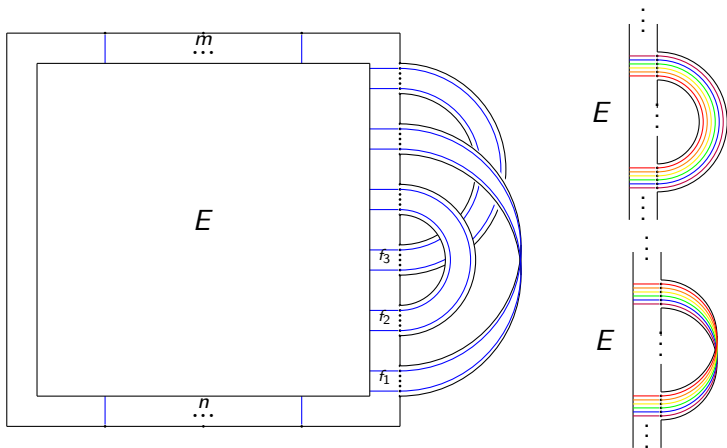
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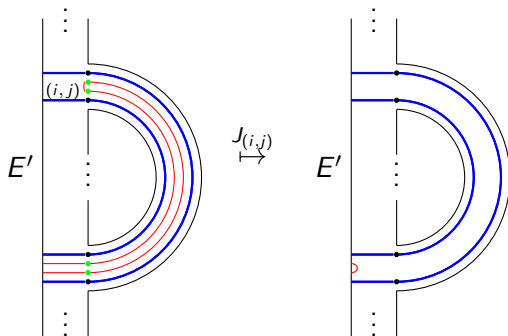




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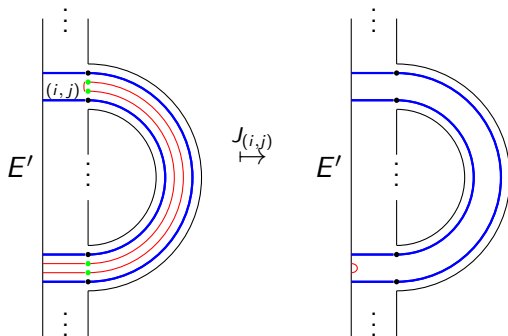
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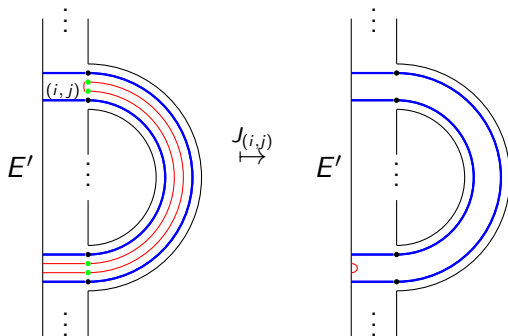


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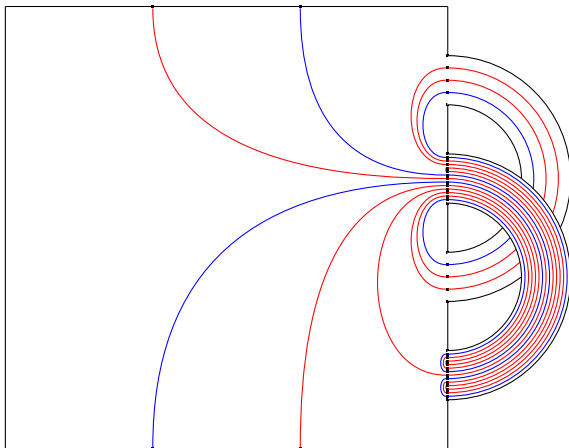


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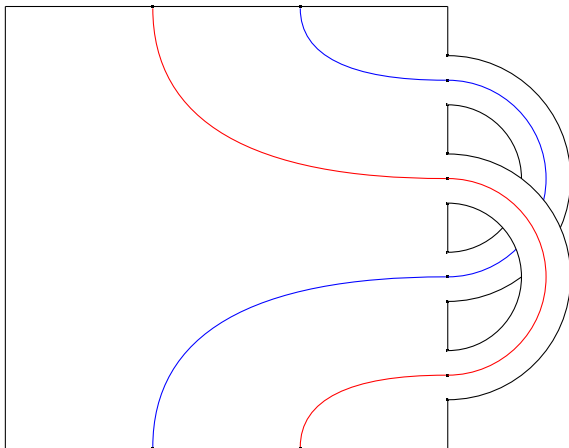
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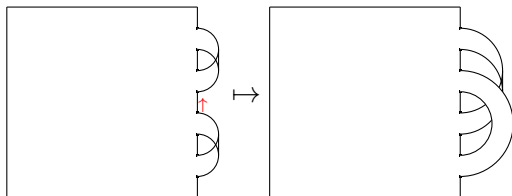


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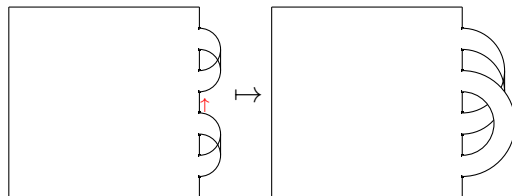
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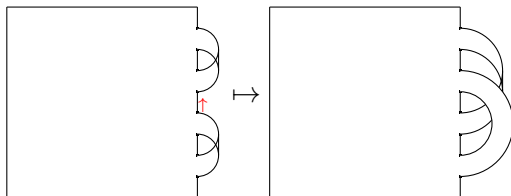
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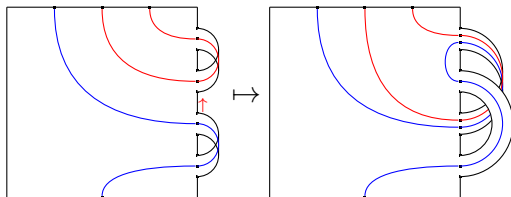
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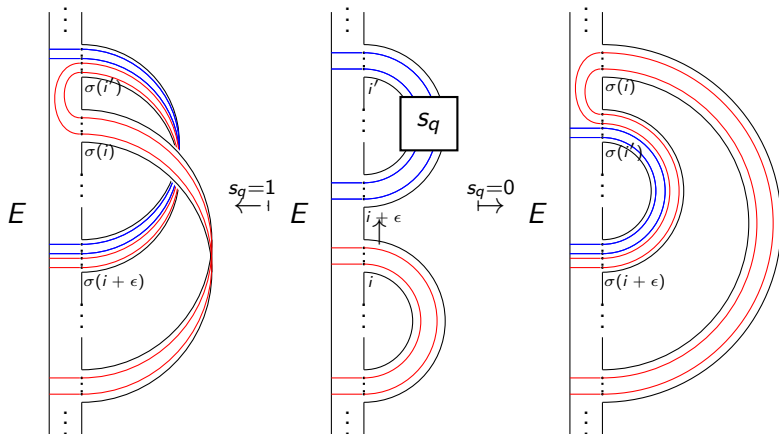


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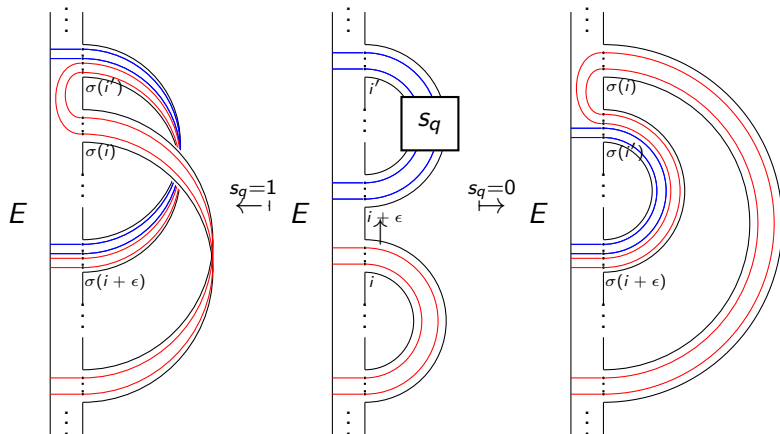
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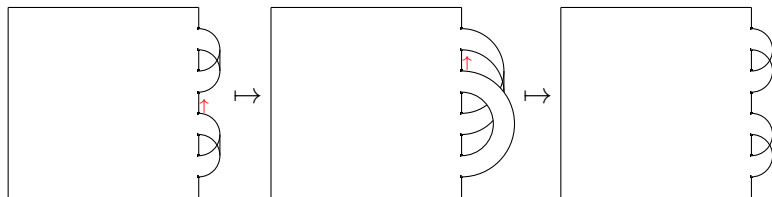
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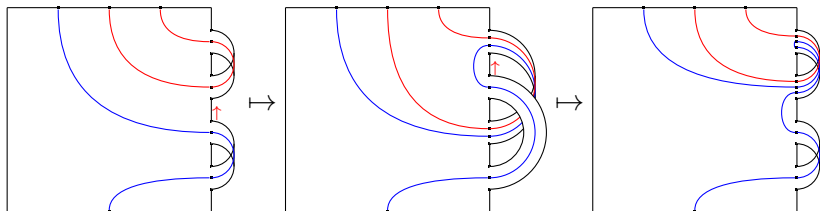
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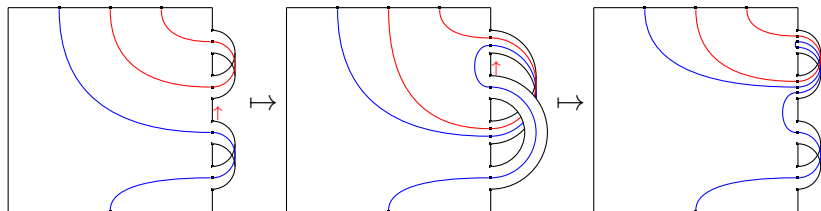
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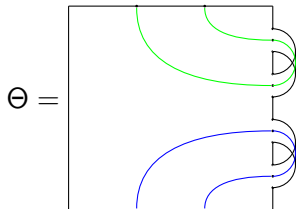


Defines an equivalence relation on **isotopy classes** of SWB diagrams - call this **Handleslide (HS) Equivalence**.

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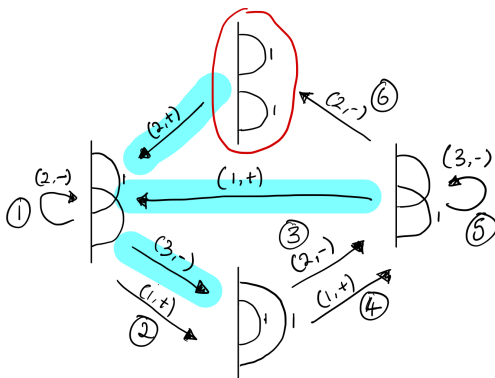
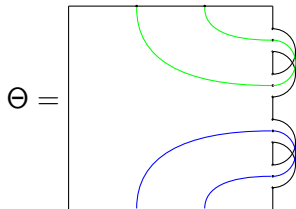




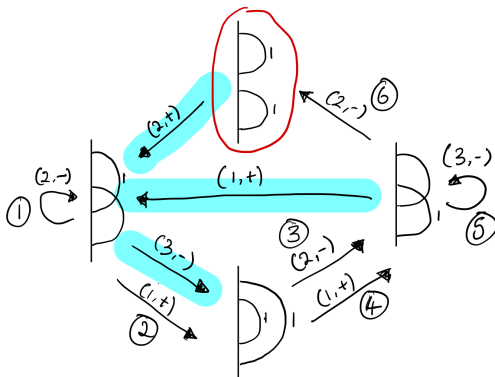
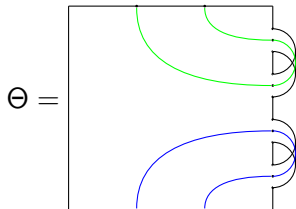
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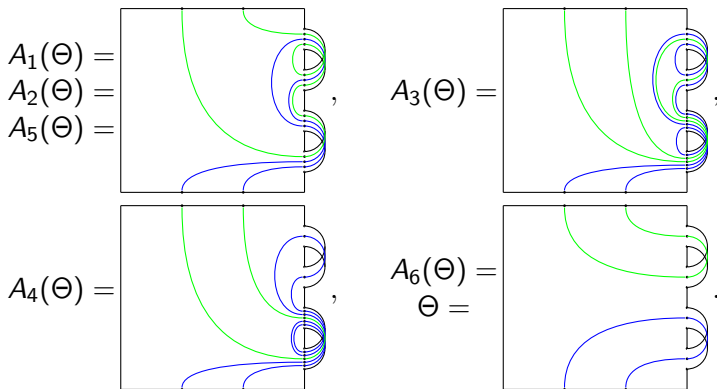
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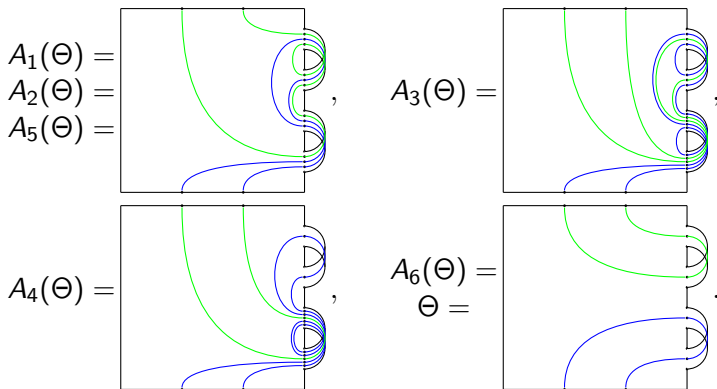
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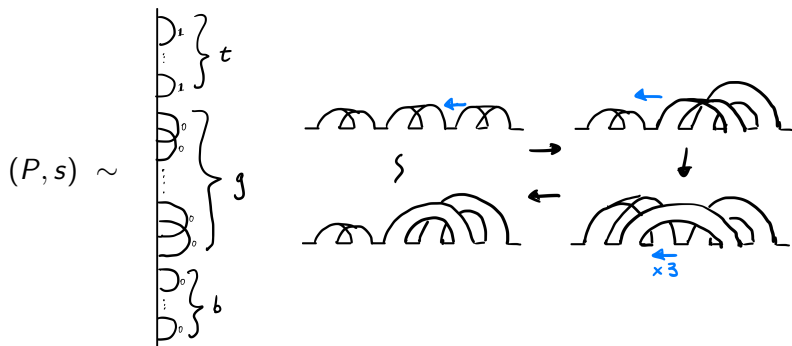
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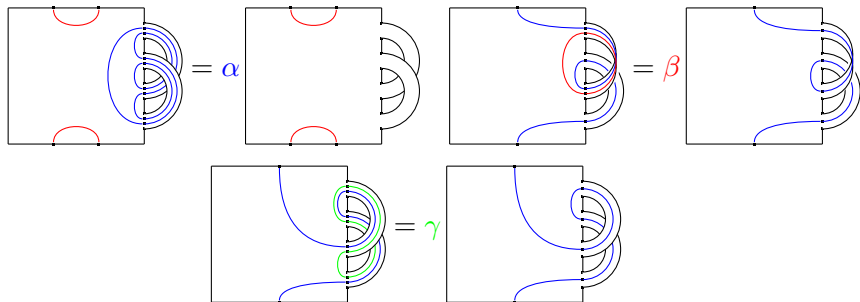
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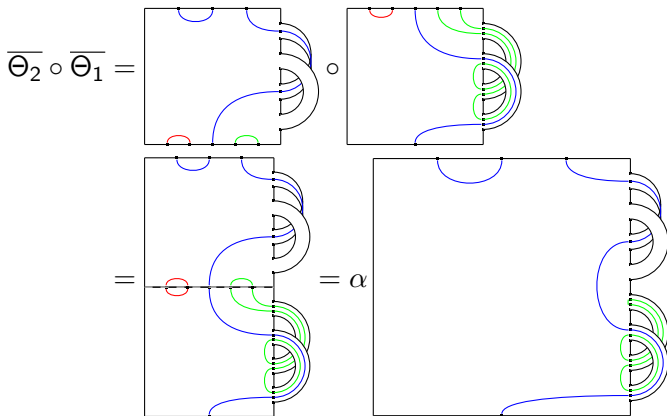
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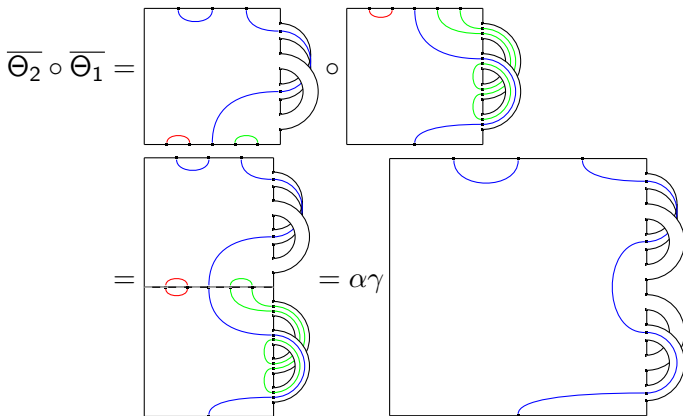
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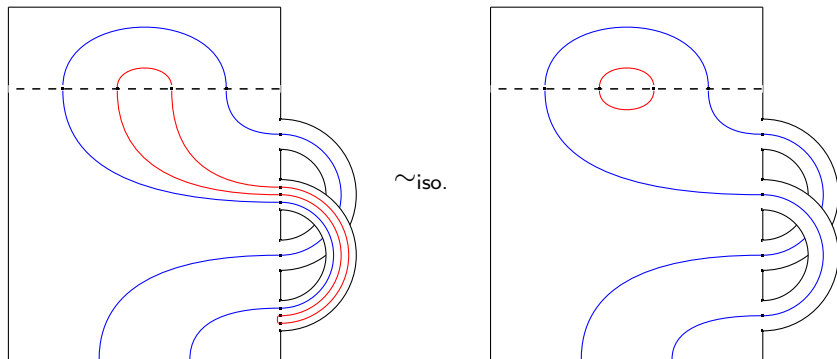


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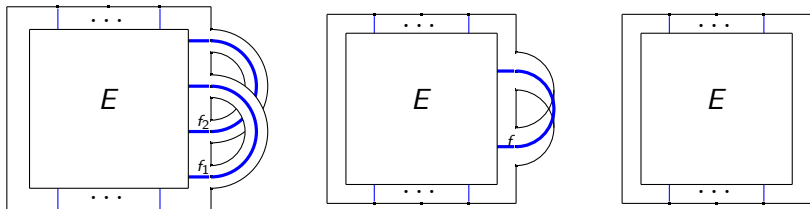
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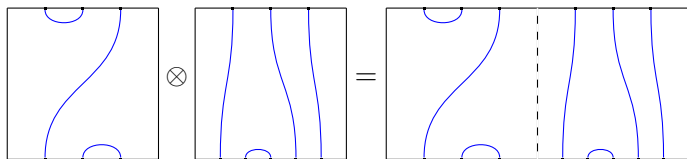
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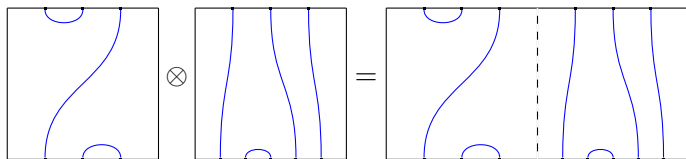
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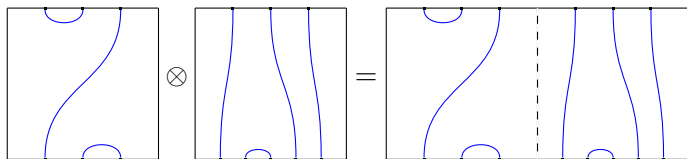
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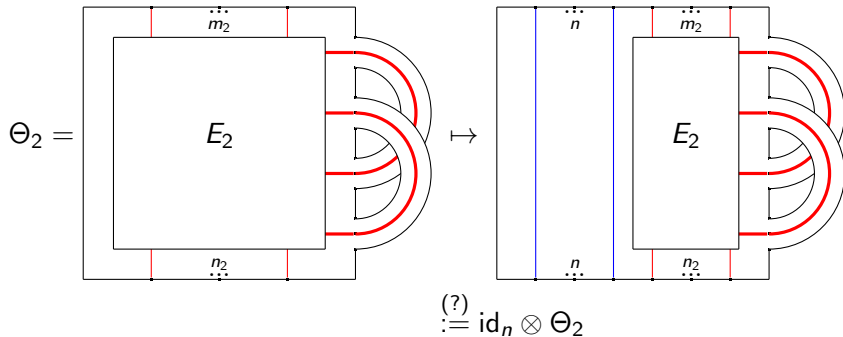
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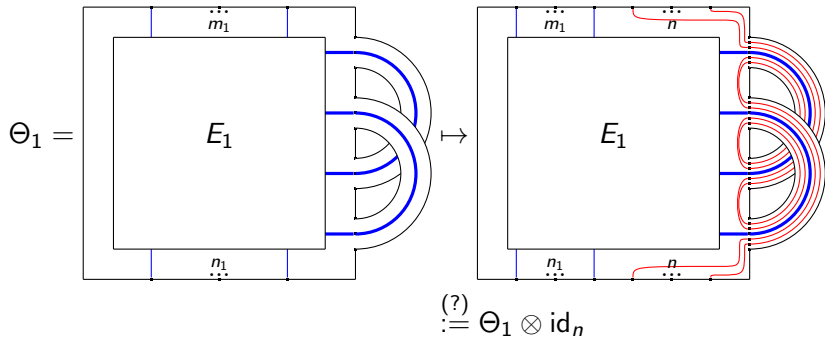
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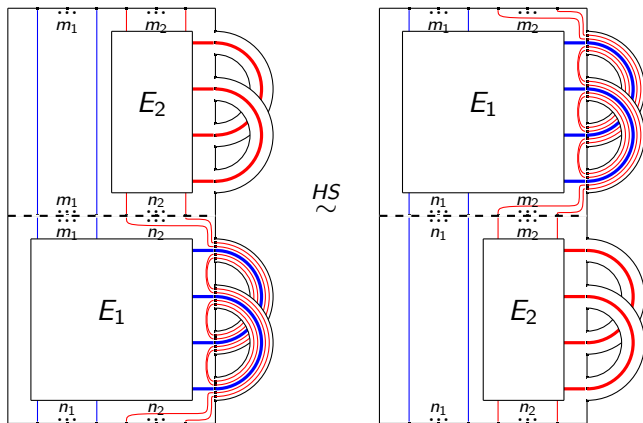
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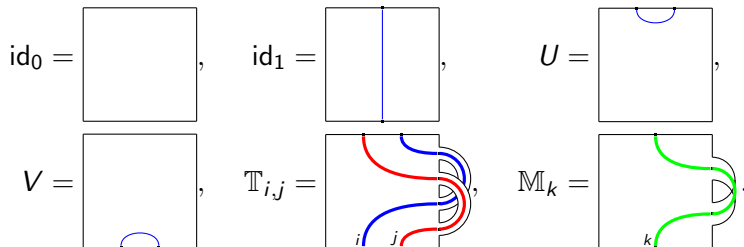
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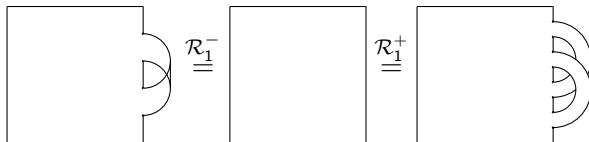


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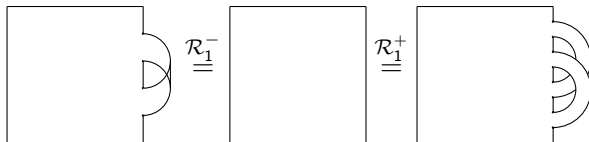
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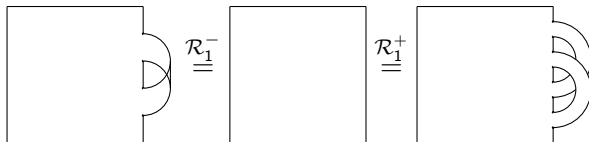


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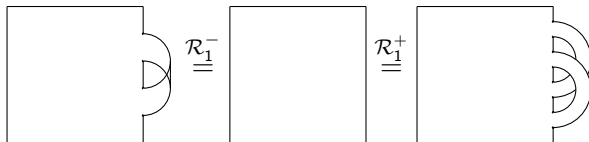


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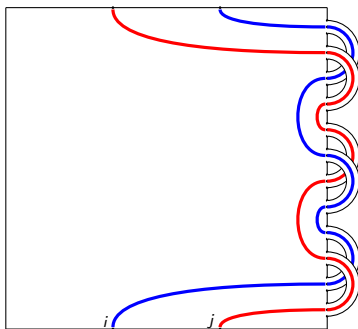
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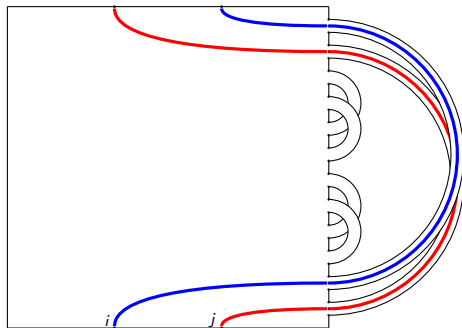
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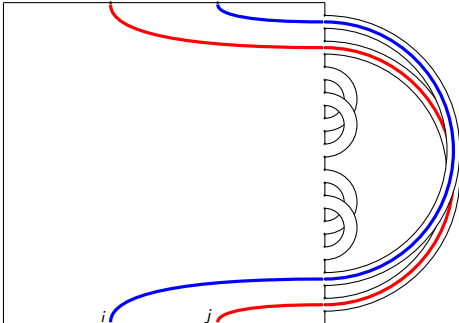
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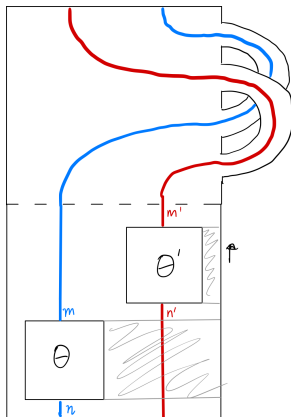
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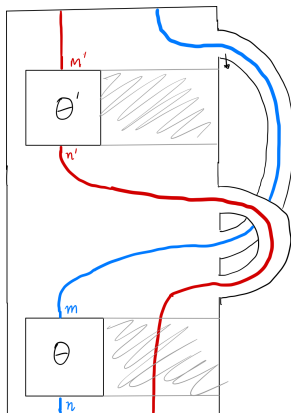
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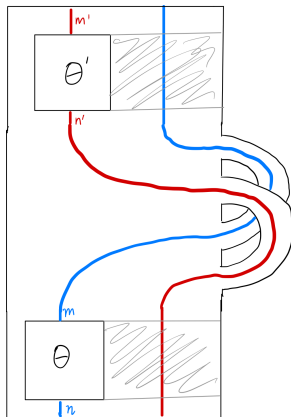




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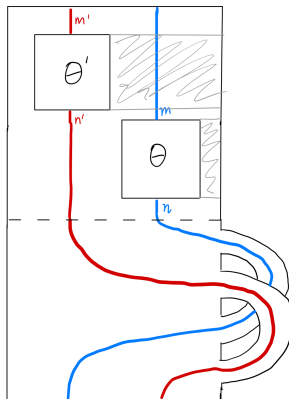
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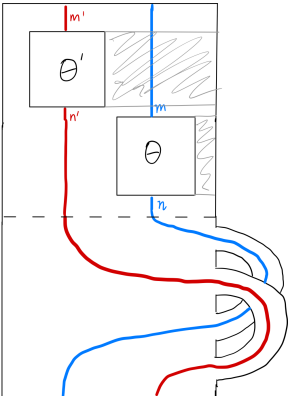
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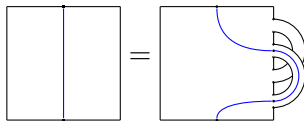
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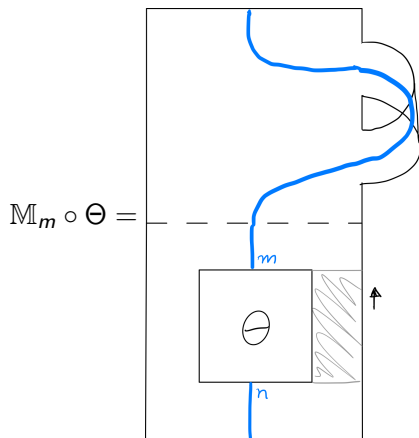
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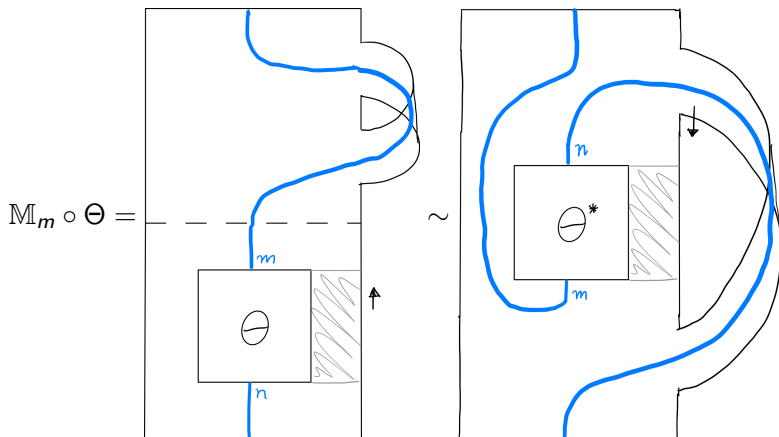
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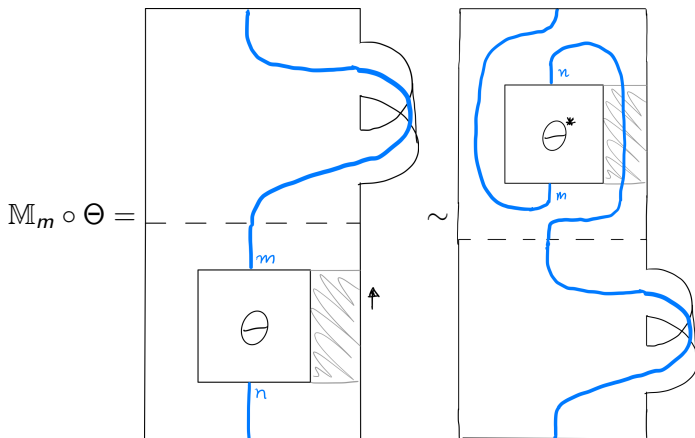




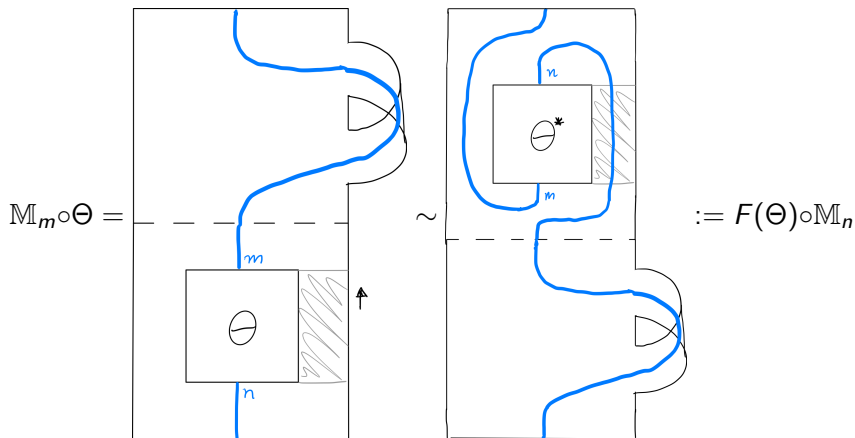
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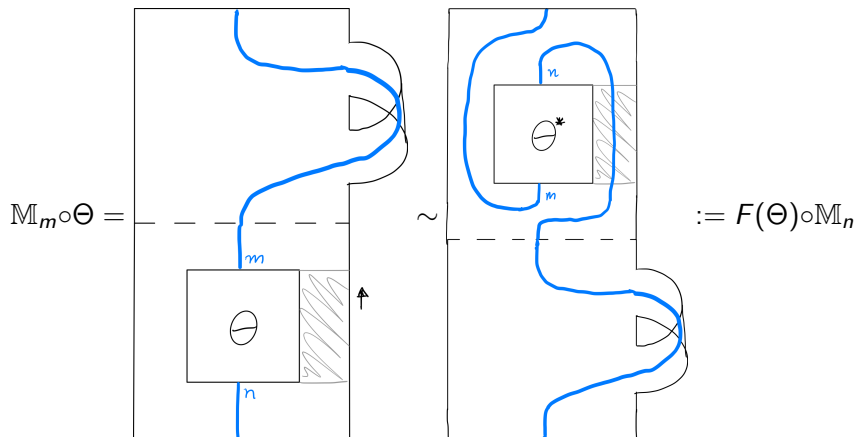
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