

# FORENSIC CATEGORIES: A FRAMEWORK FOR SQISIGN-LIKE PRIMITIVES



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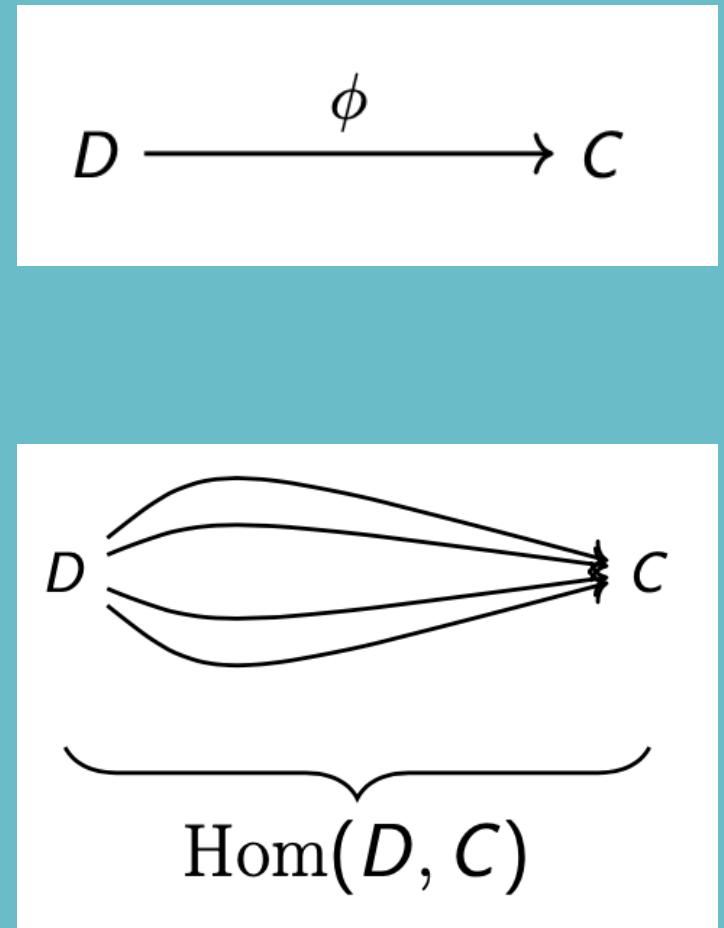
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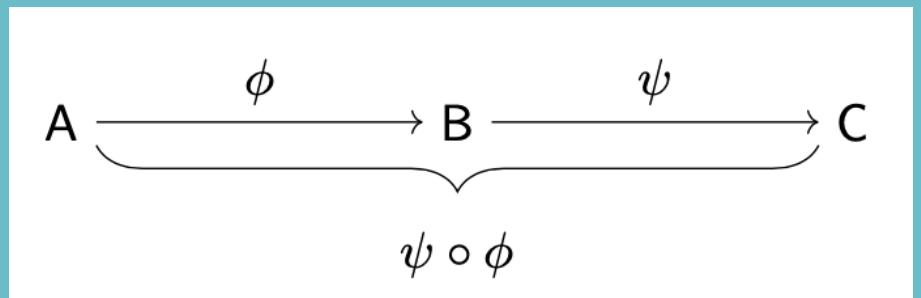
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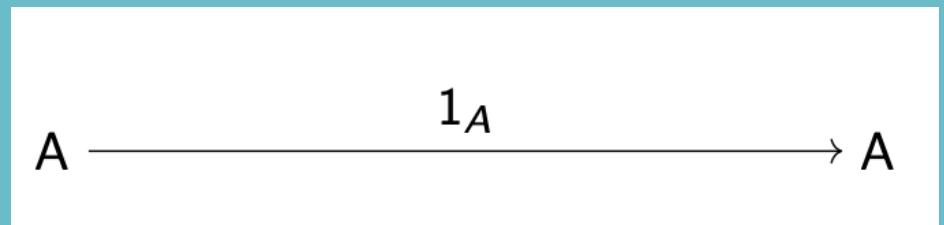
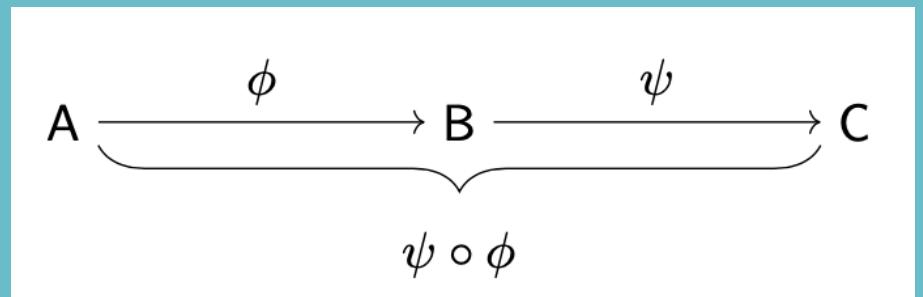
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$$\text{Pre-effective category} + \text{Walk} + \text{Origin object} = \text{Effective Category}$$

**Def (Effective category):** An **effective category** is a *pre-effective category* together with a *walk Walk* and an *origin object O* whose representation can be computed in polynomial time.

# The Fingerprint



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**Def (Fingerprint):** A **fingerprint**  $\text{fp}$  on a category  $\mathcal{C}$  is a collection of maps

$$\text{fp}: \text{Hom}(-, -) \rightarrow \mathcal{M} \cup \{ \perp \},$$

such that  $\mathcal{M}$  is finite and containing at least two fingerprints, i.e.,  $|\mathcal{M}| \geq 2$ . The special symbol  $\perp$  is used to denote those cases when  $\text{fp}$  is undefined.

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**Def (Forensic category):** A **forensic category** is an *effective category* where the *fingerprint* satisfies the following properties:

- Effective
- Hard (on average)
- Triangularizable
- (Computationally) Walk-Indistinguishable

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Given  $\varphi$ , computing  $\text{fp}(\varphi)$  is efficient.

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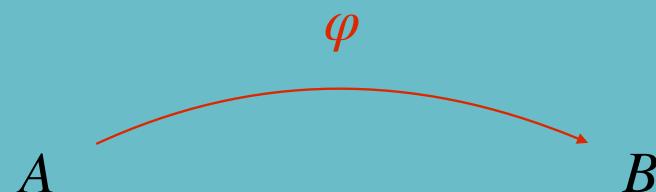
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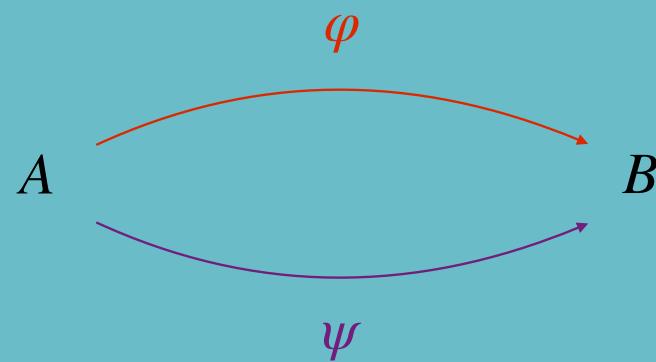


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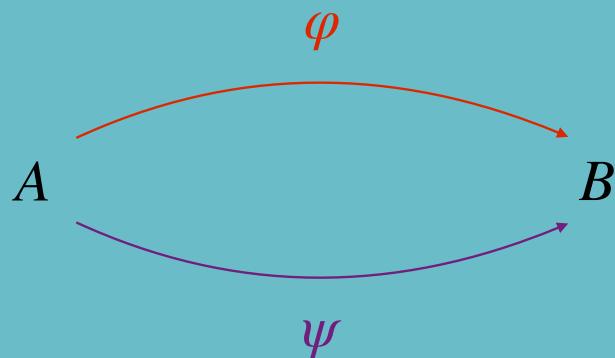


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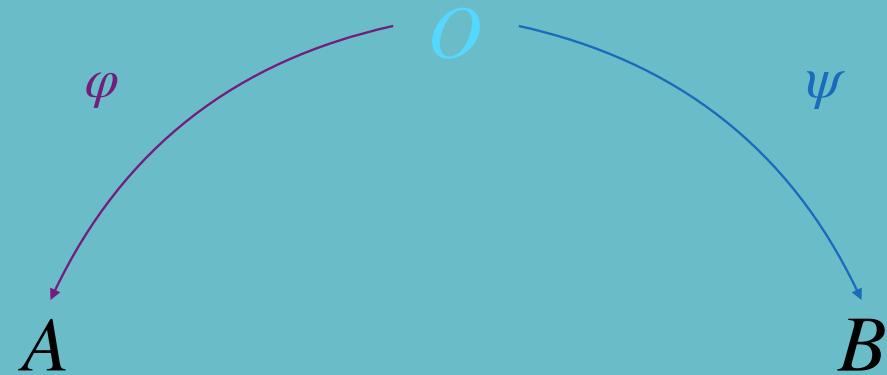
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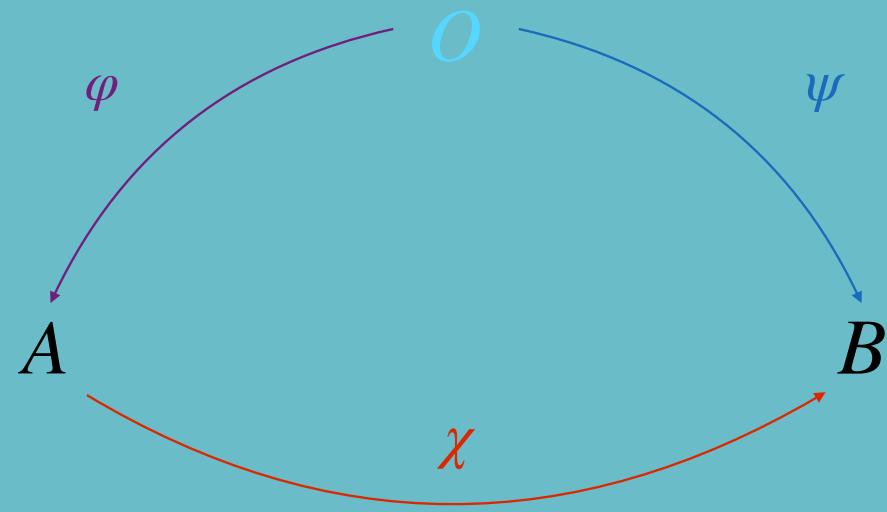
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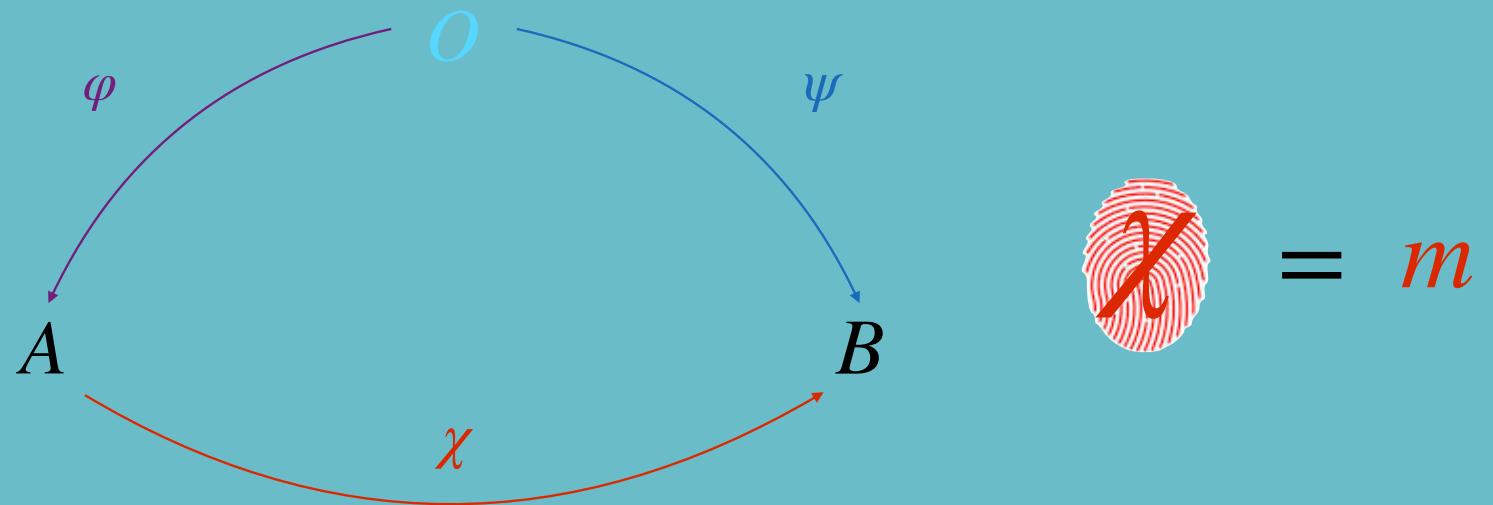
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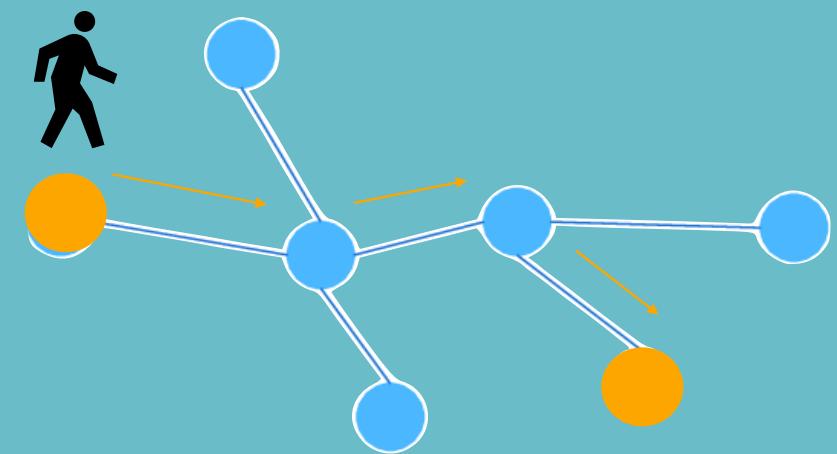
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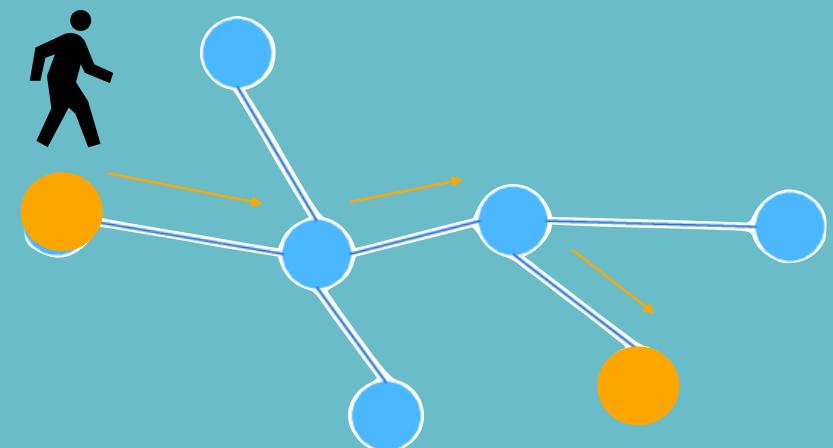
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There exists an algorithm to find a supersingular curve  $E_0$  of known endomorphism ring.

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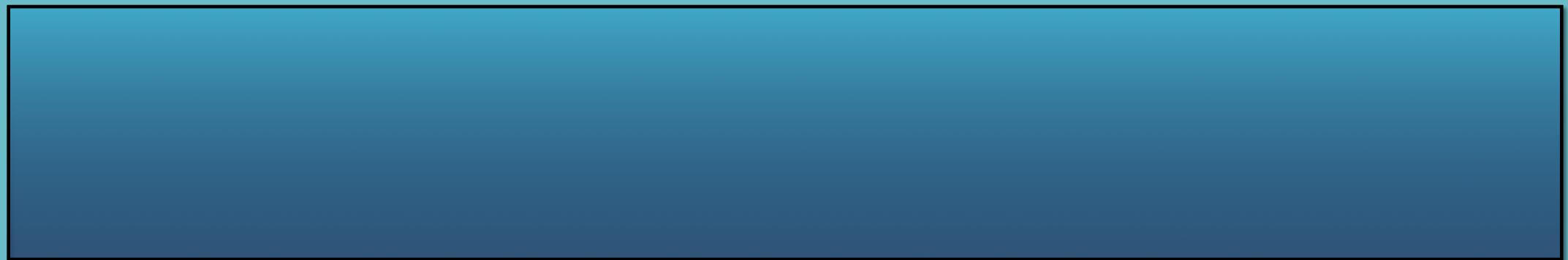
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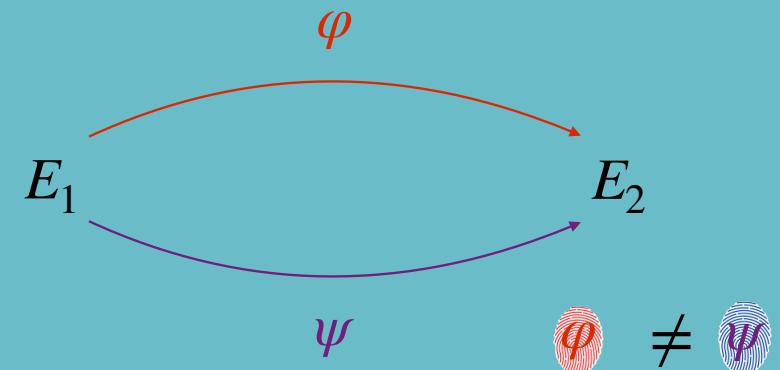
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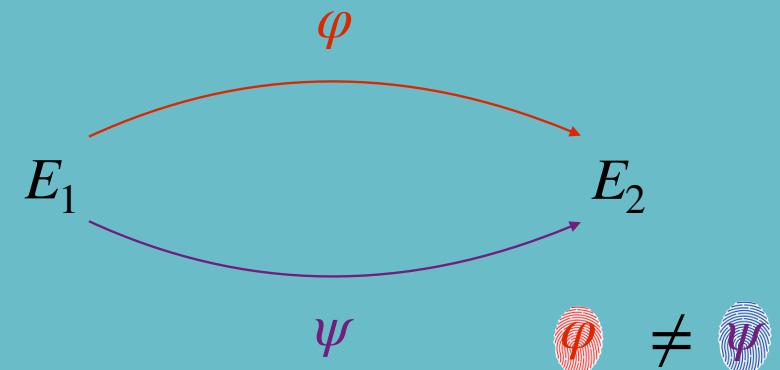
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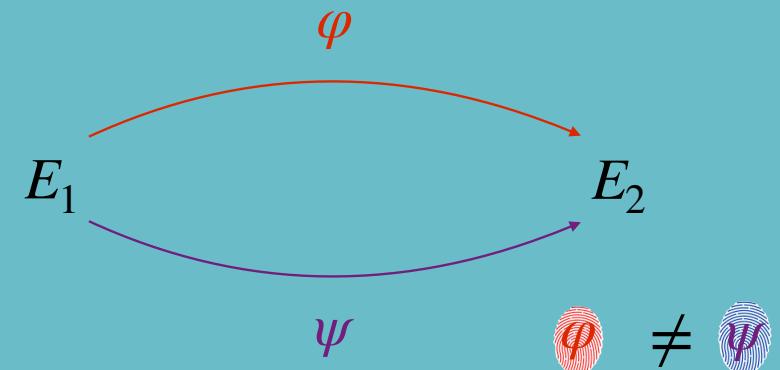


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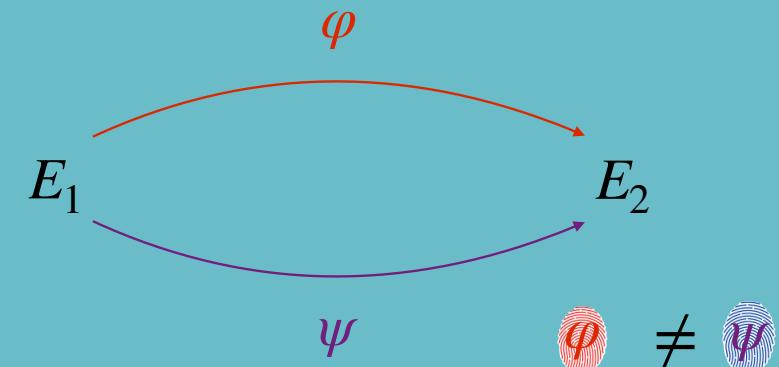


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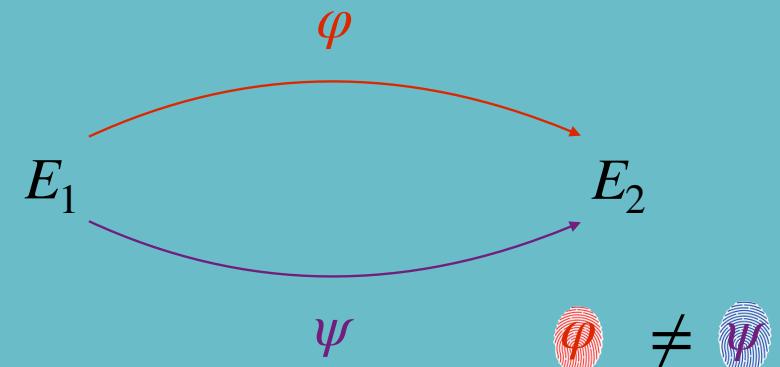
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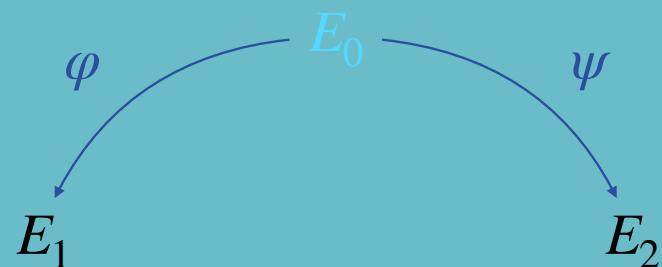
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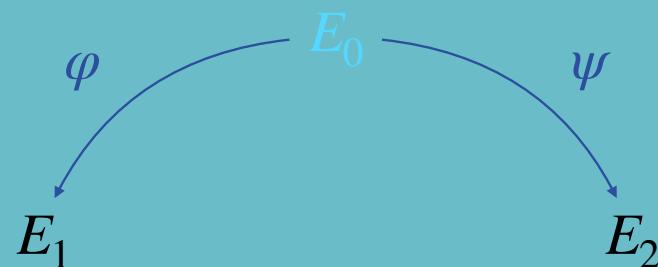
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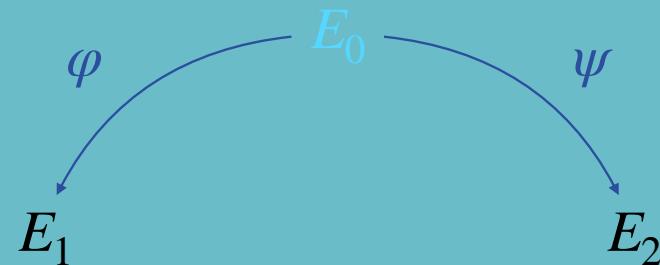
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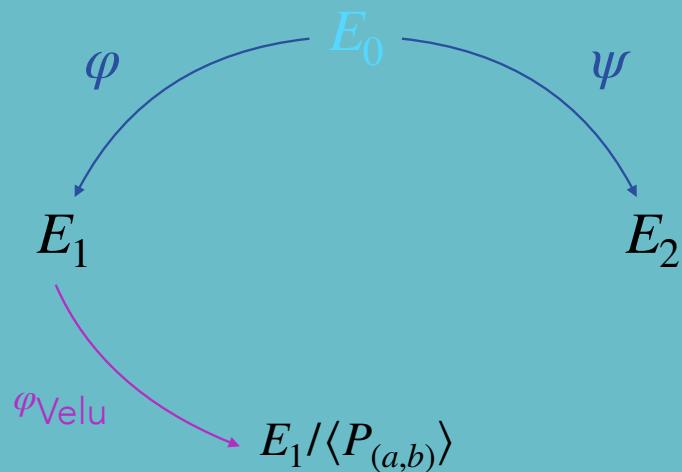
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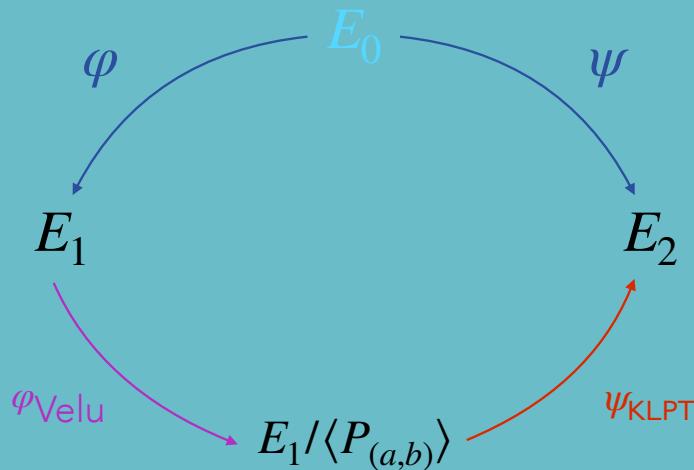
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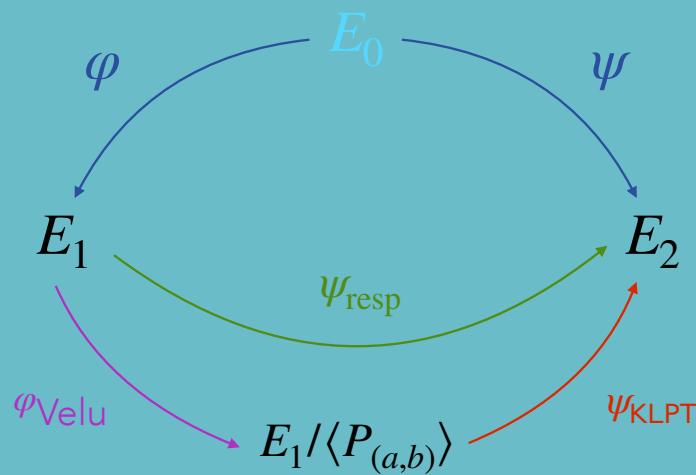


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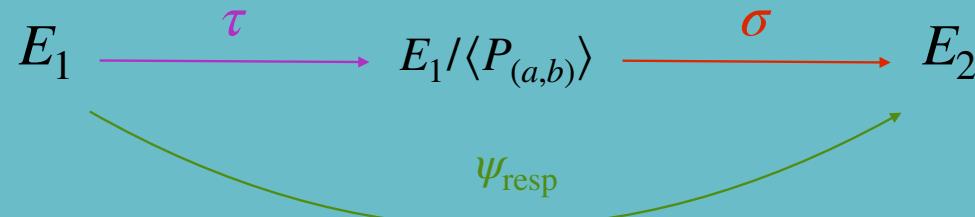
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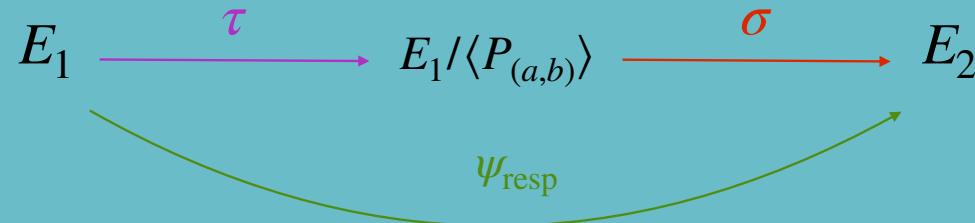


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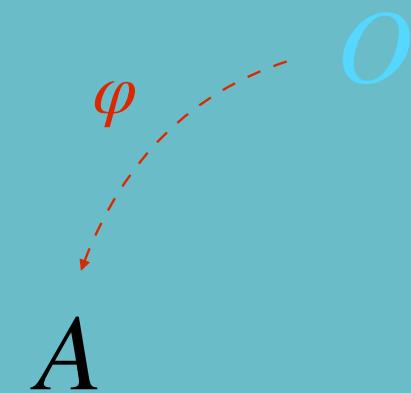
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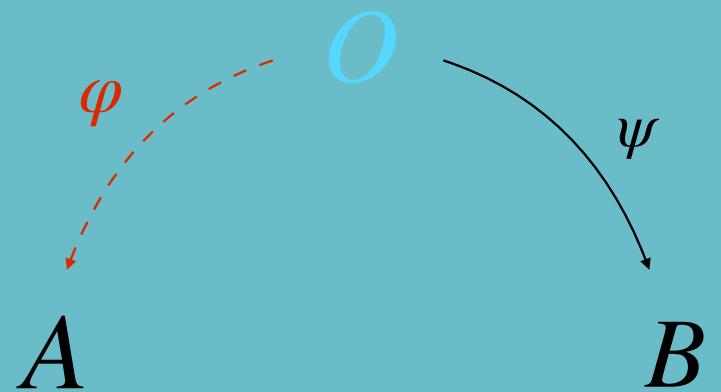
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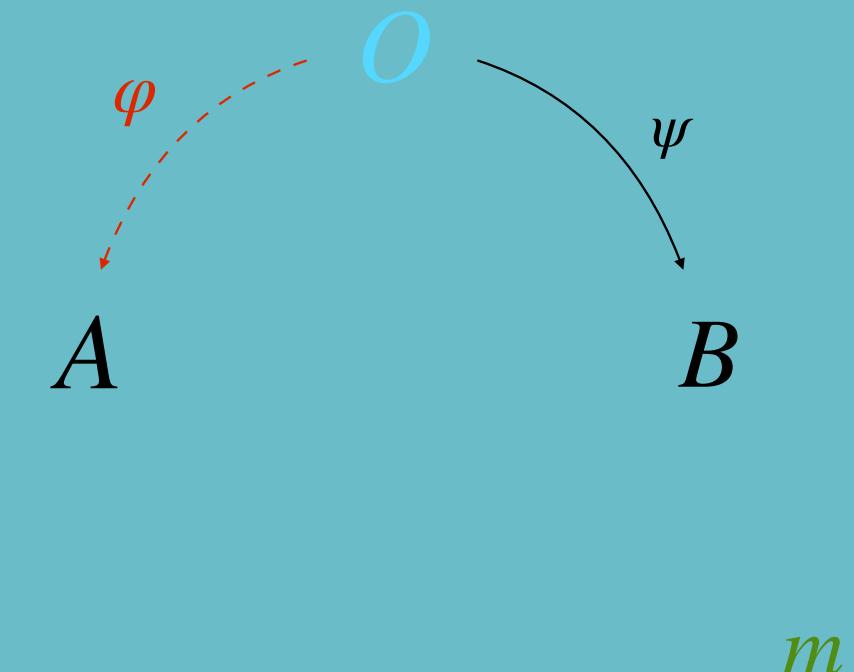


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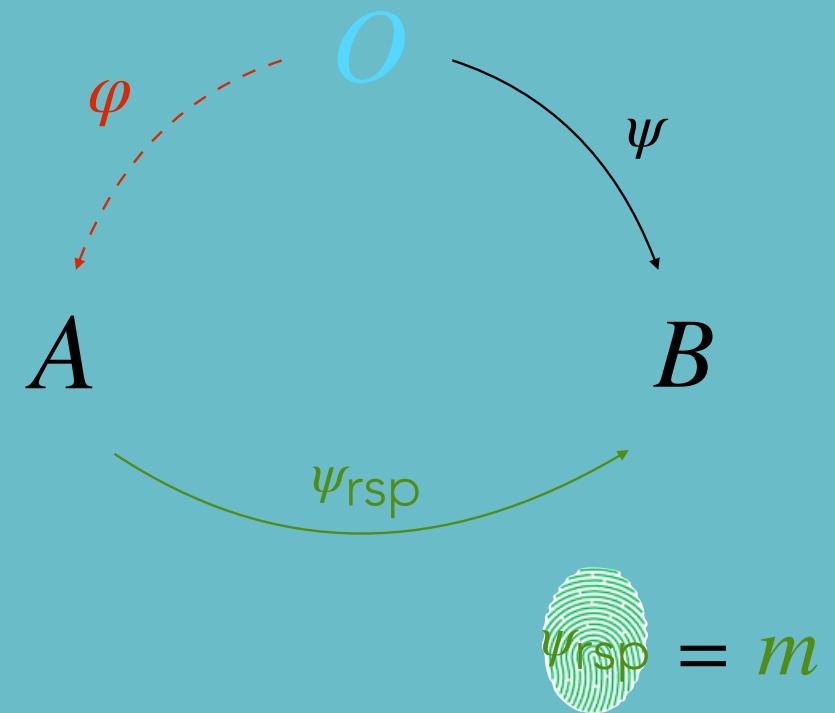
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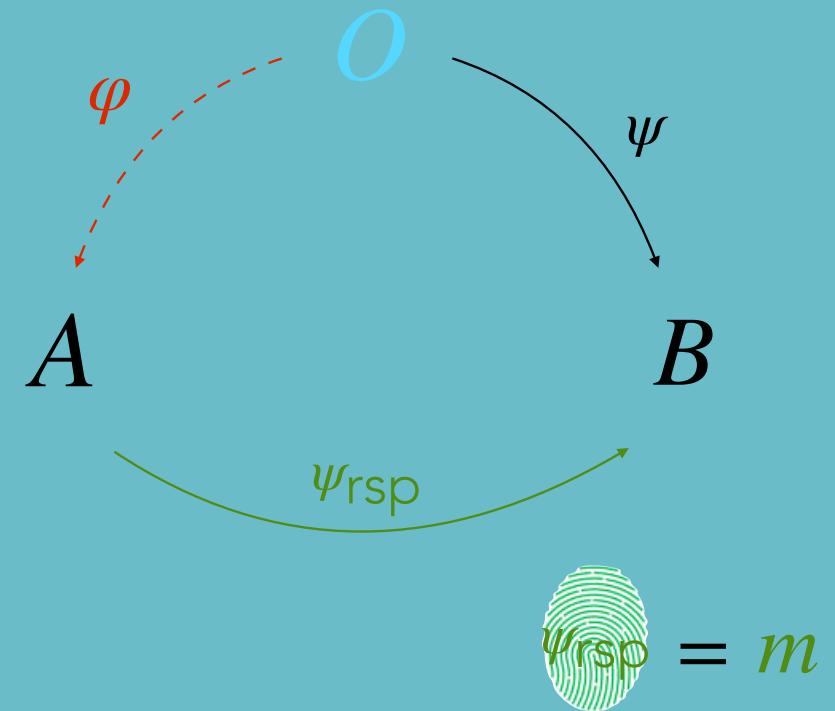
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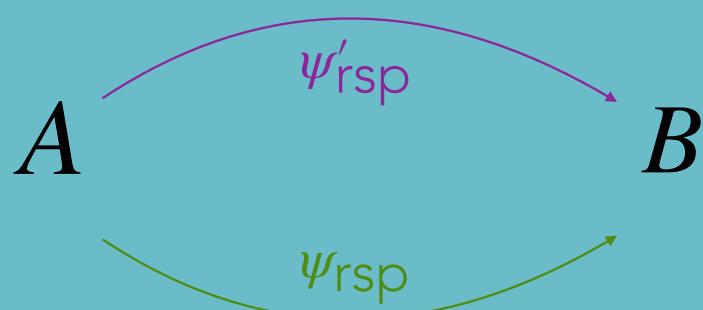
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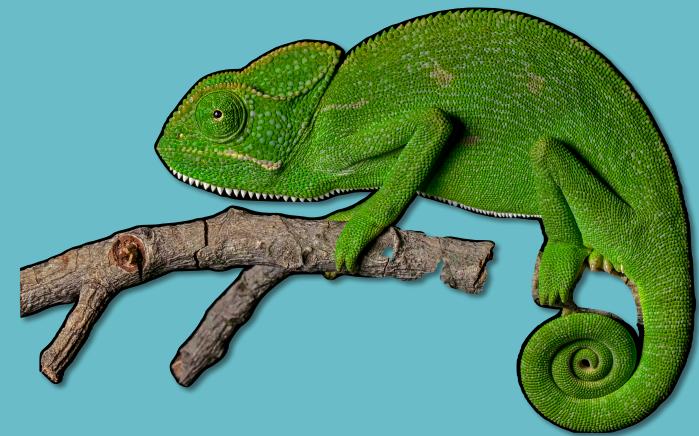
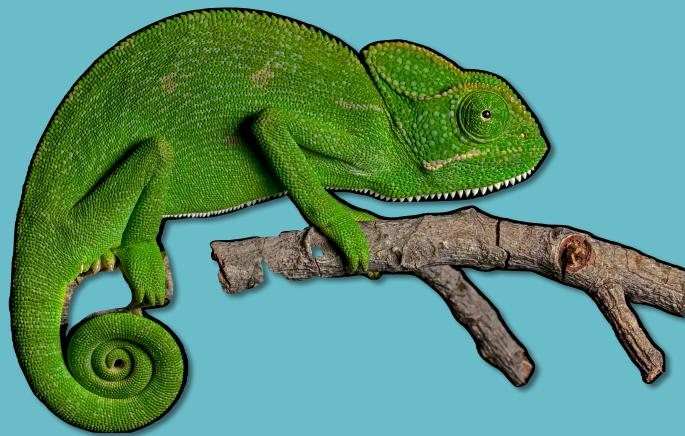
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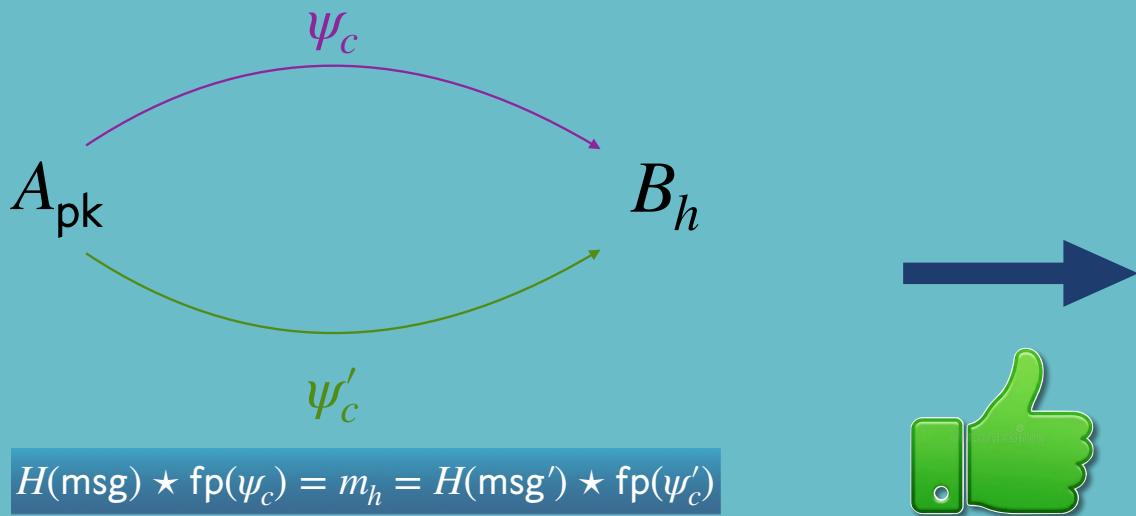
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