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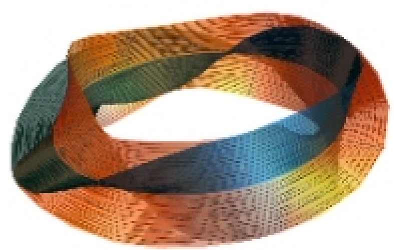

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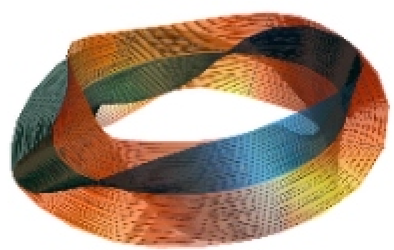

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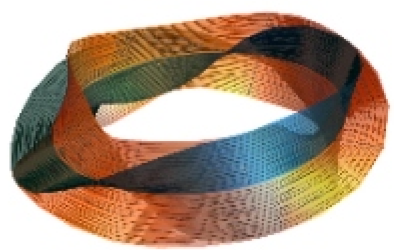

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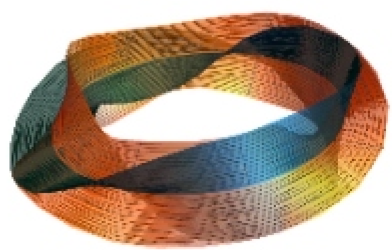

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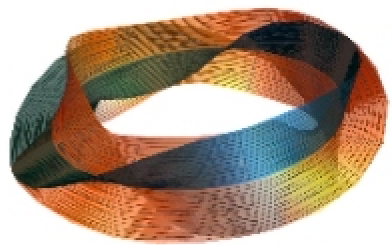

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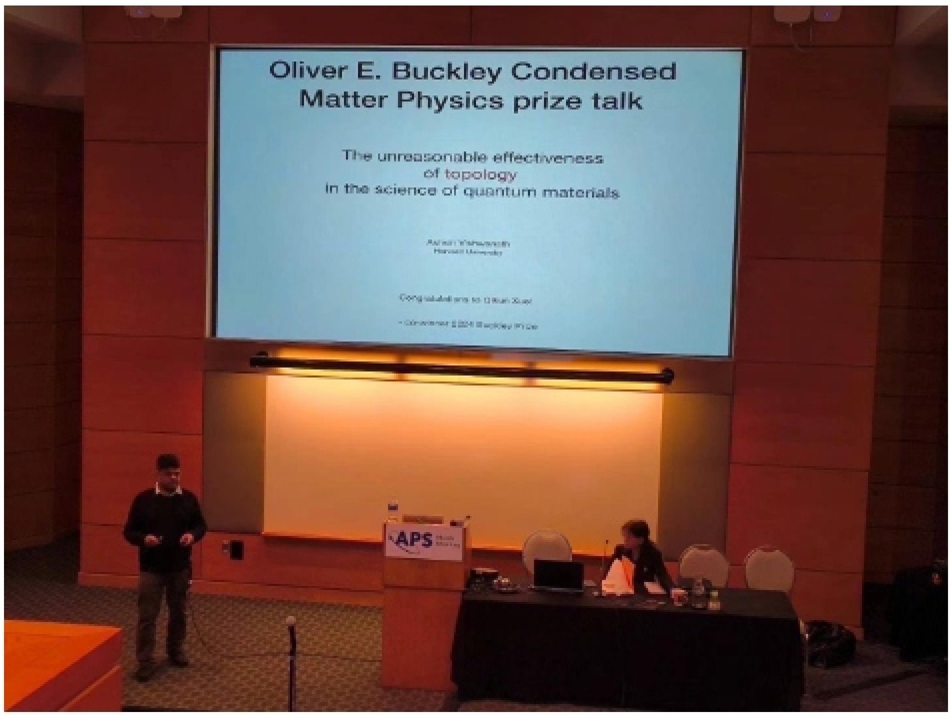

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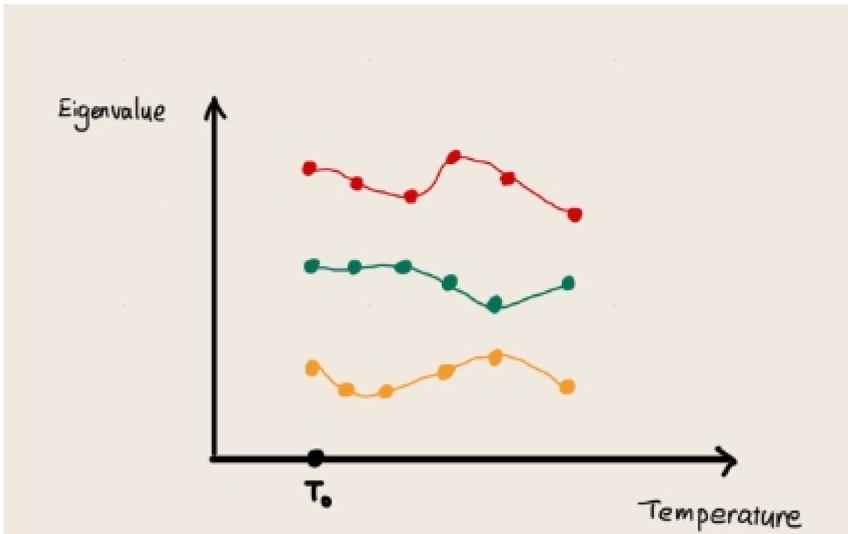

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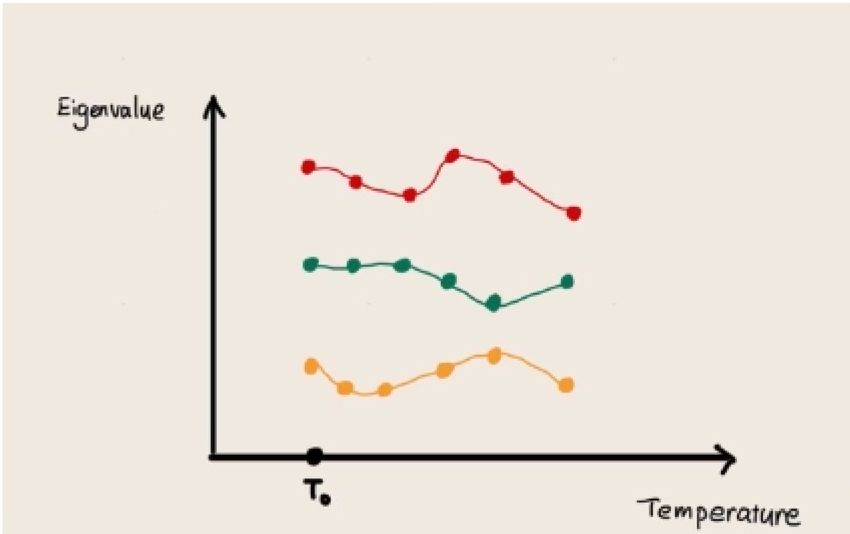

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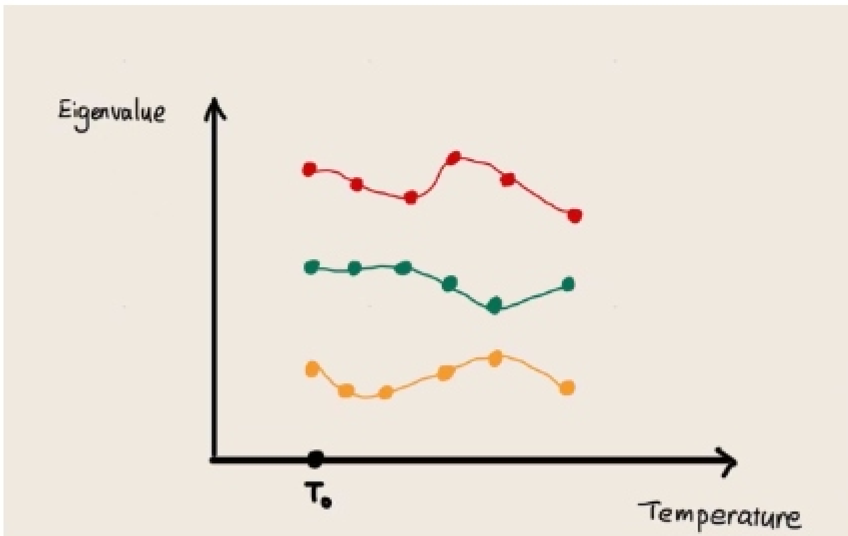

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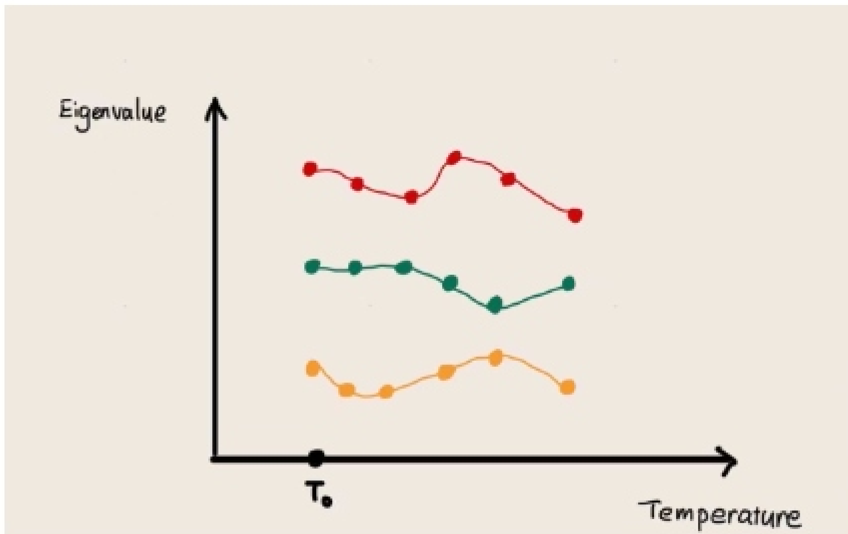

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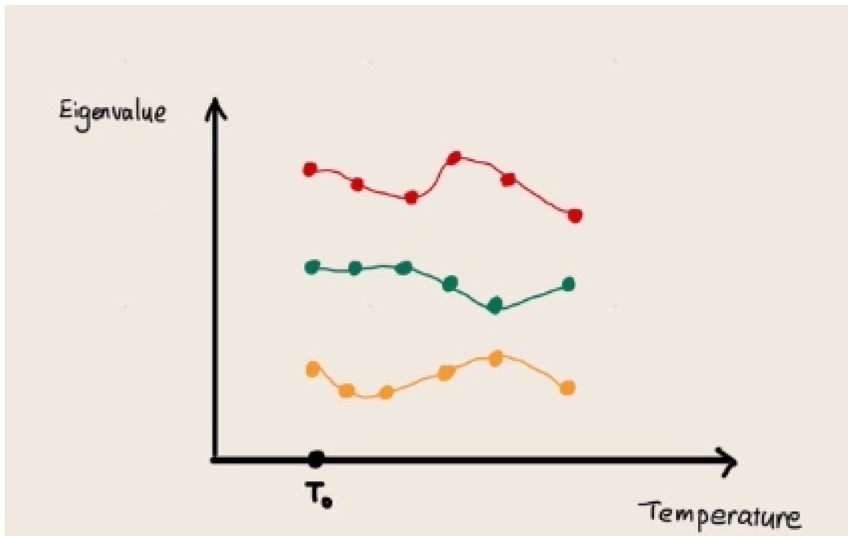

Hermitian vs. non-Hermitian

real eigenvalues (observable energies) vs. eigenvalues with imaginary part (counts for energy exchange with surrounding environment or other systems)

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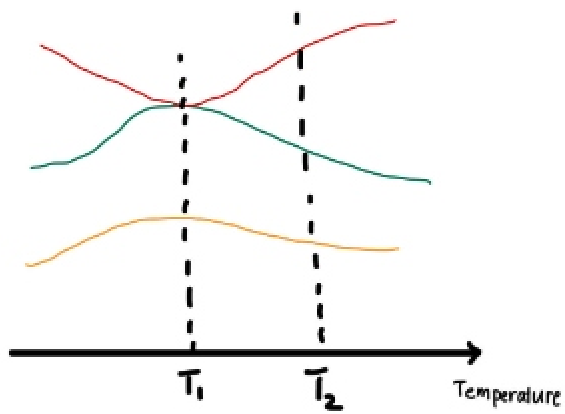

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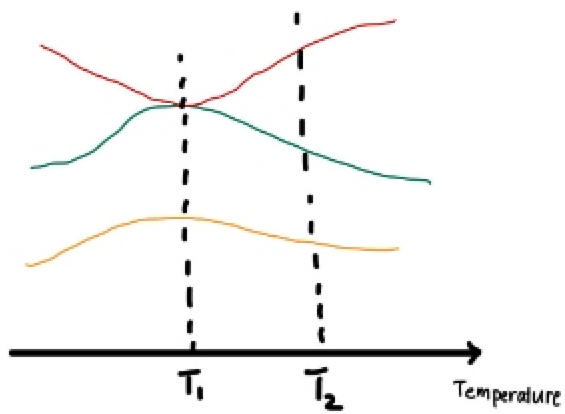

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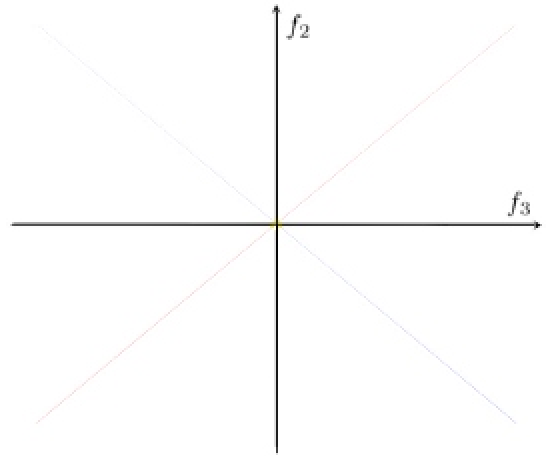

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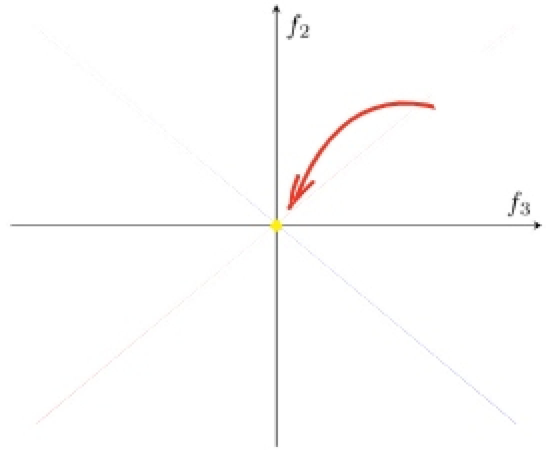

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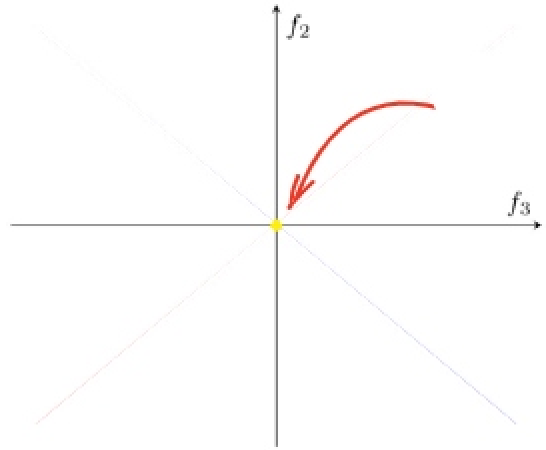

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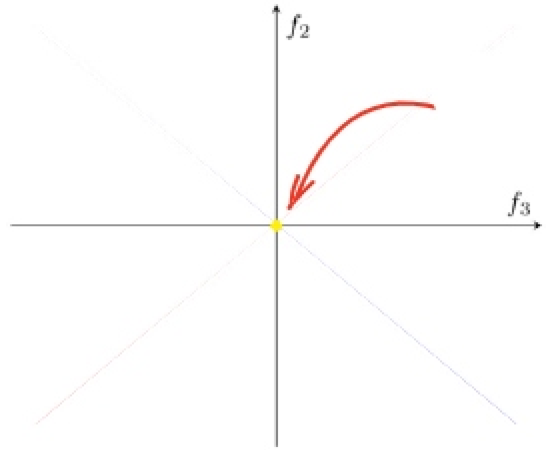

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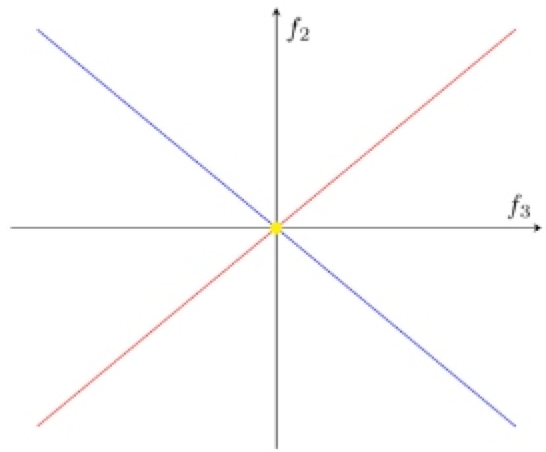

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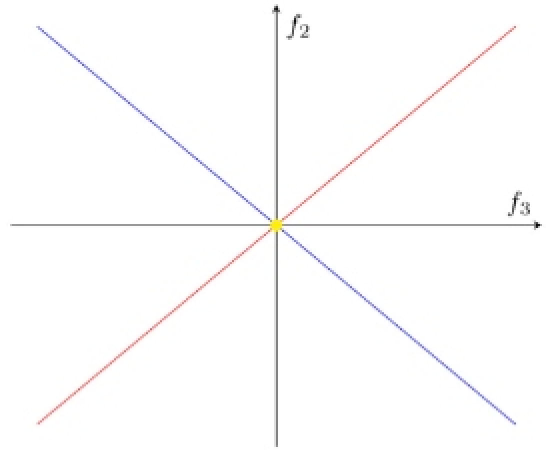

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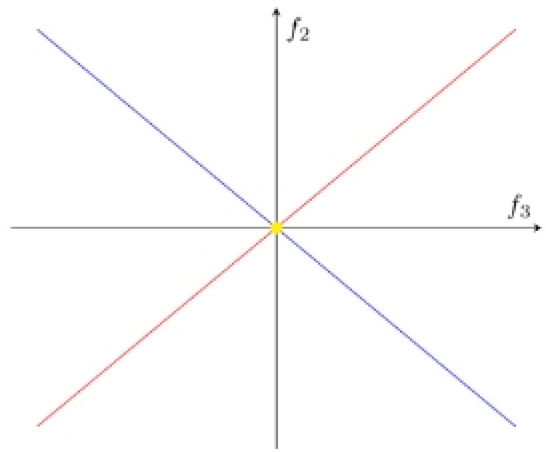

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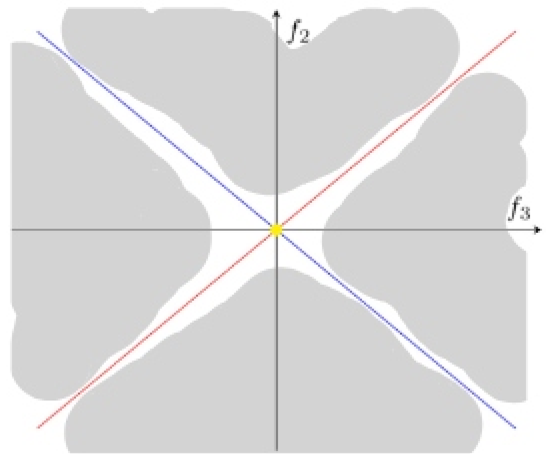

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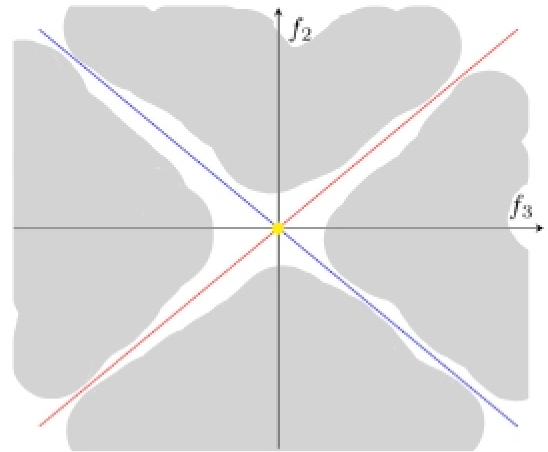

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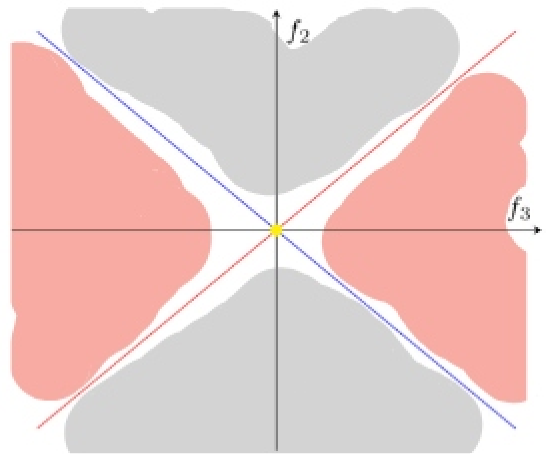

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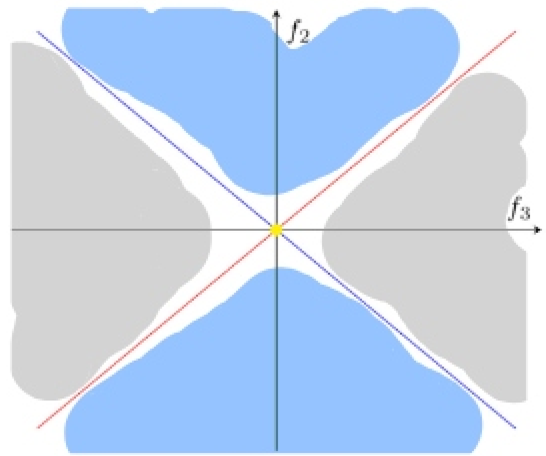

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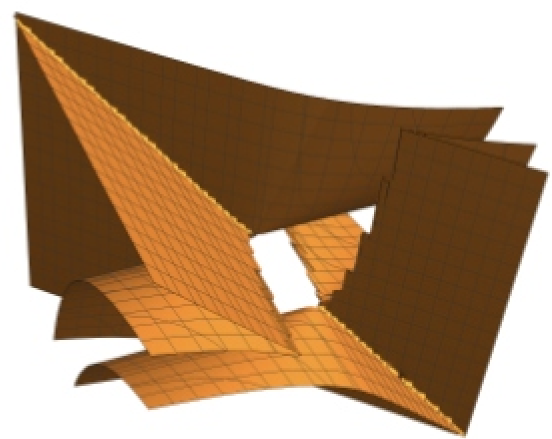

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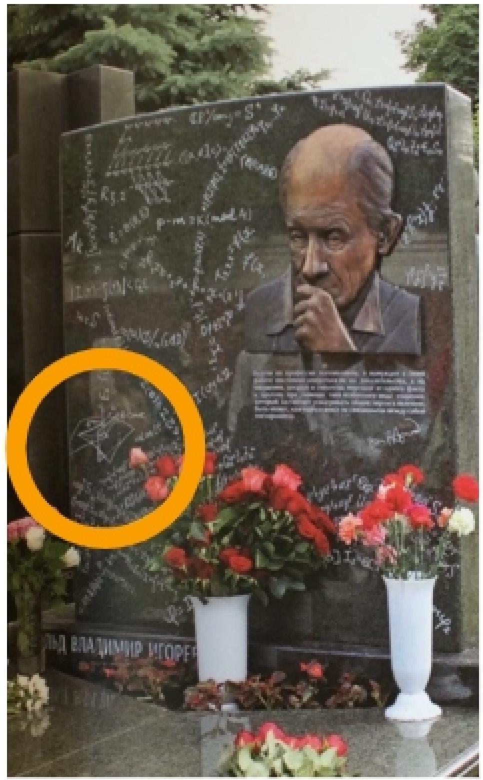

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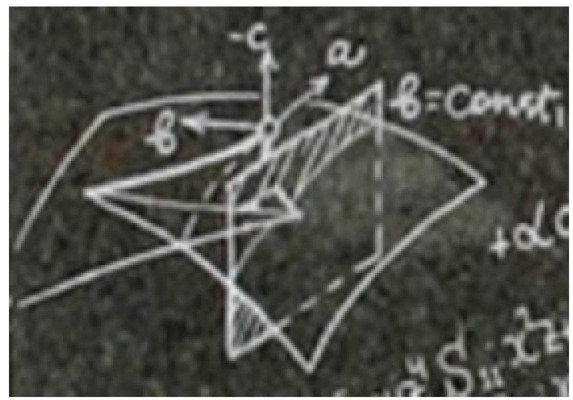

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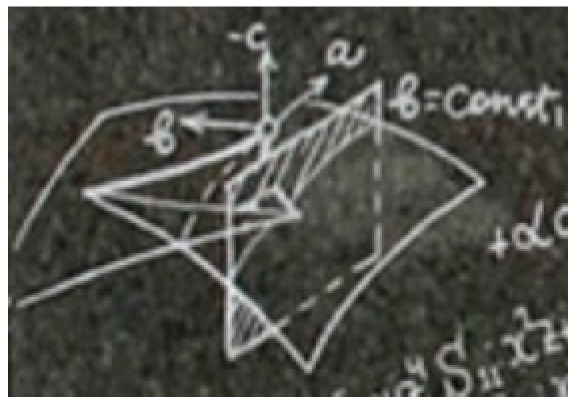

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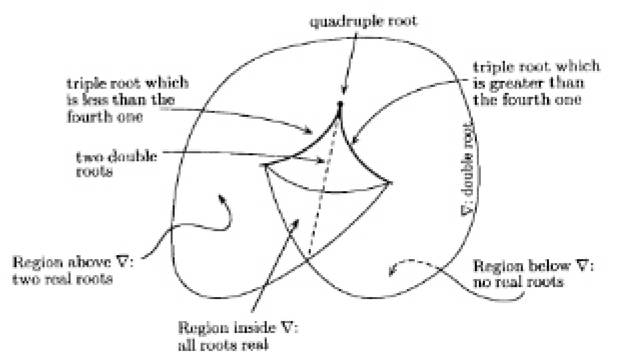

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Arnold, Braids of algebraic functions and the cohomology of swallowtails, 1968.

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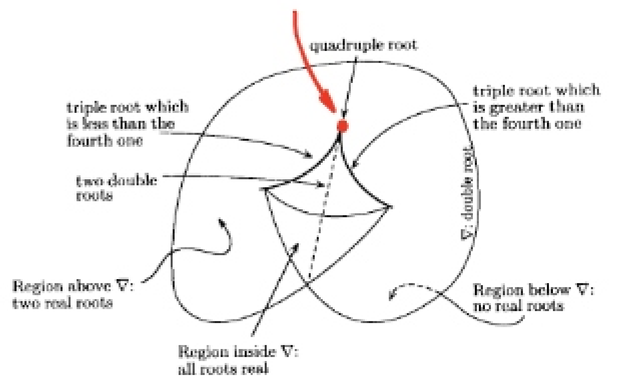

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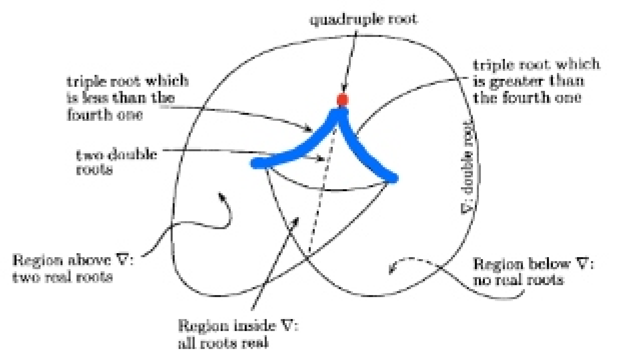

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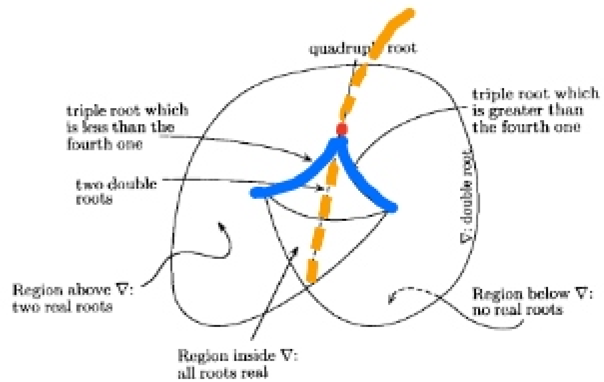

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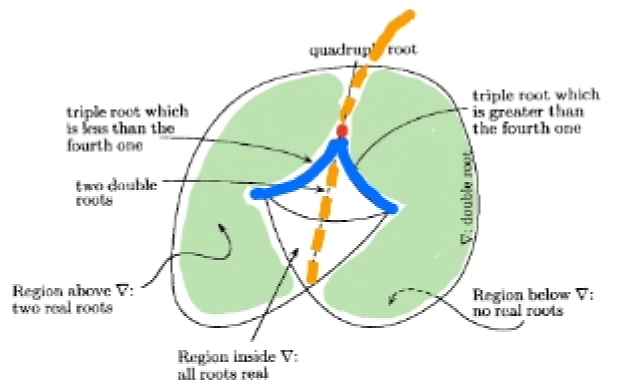

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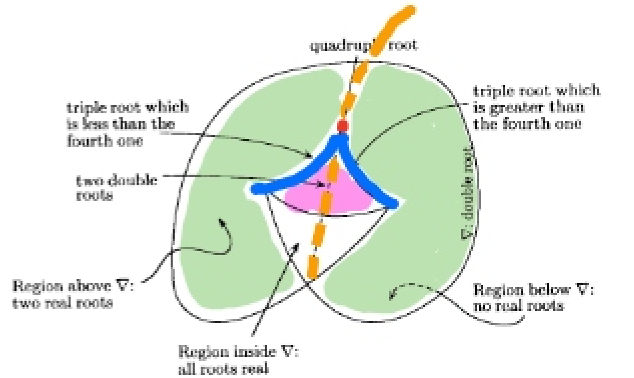

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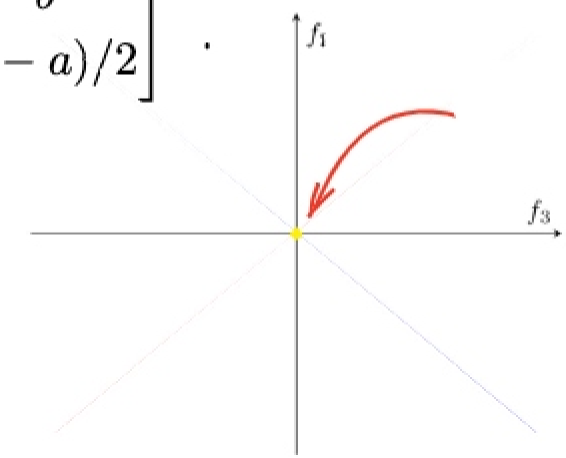

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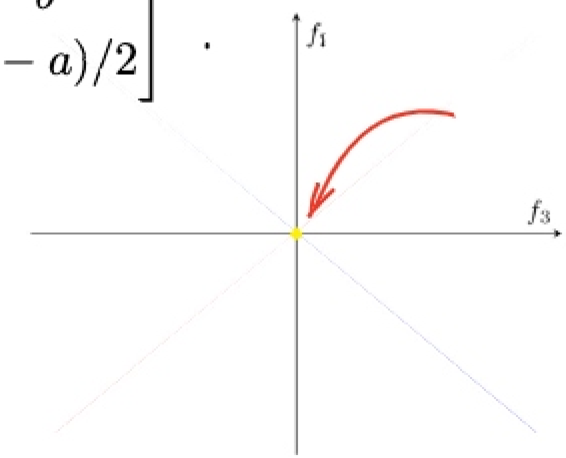

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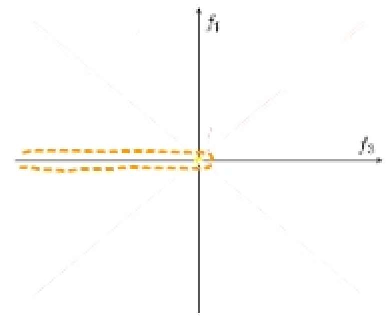

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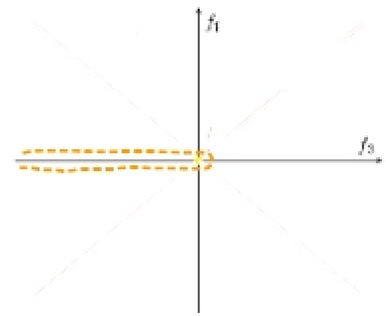

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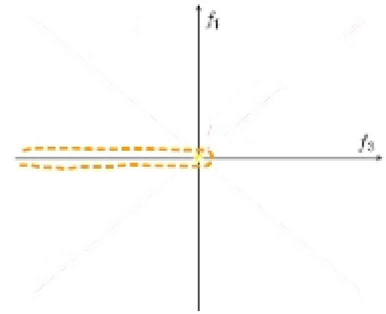

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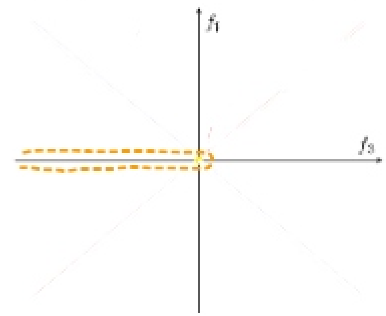

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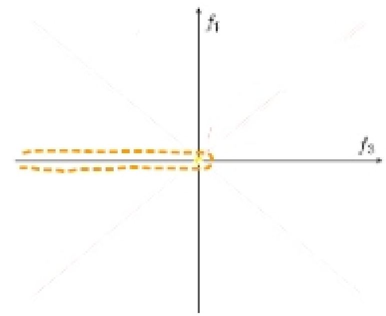

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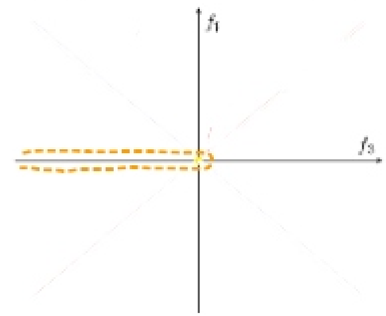

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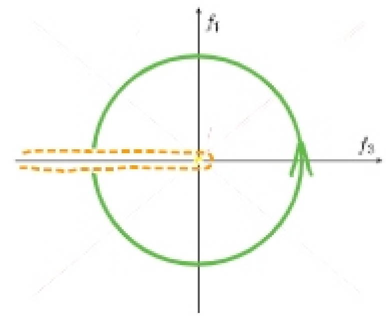

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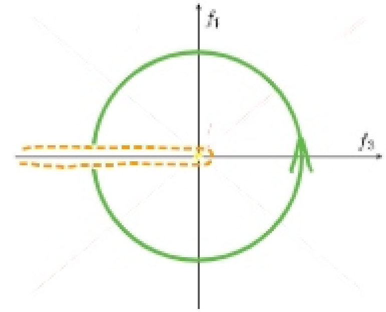

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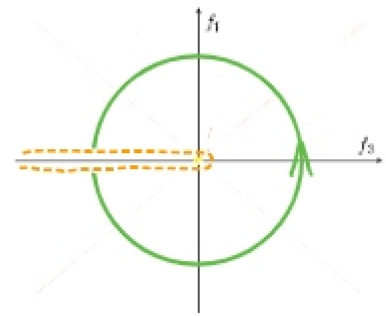

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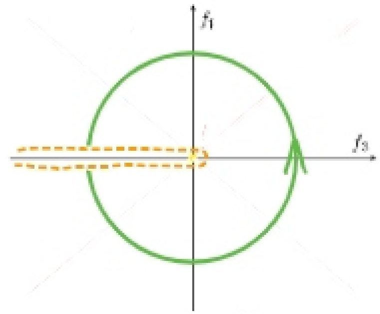

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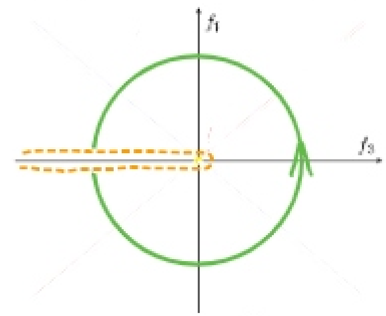

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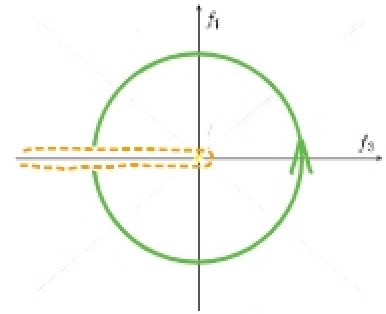

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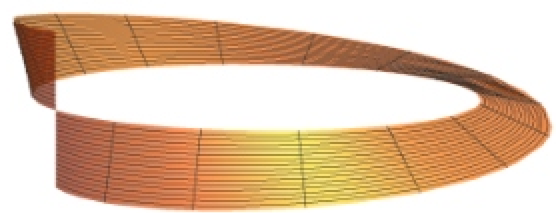

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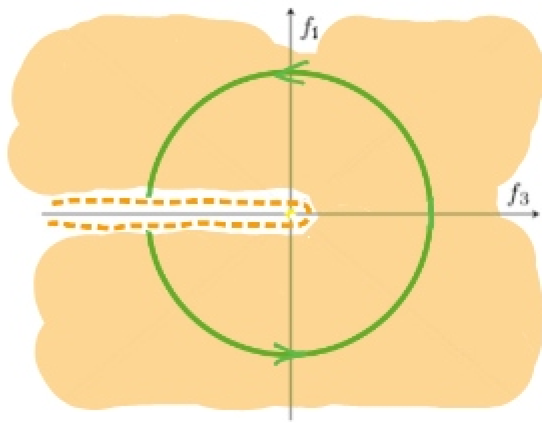

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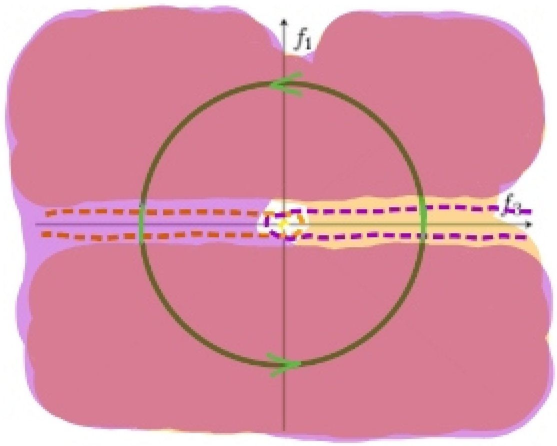

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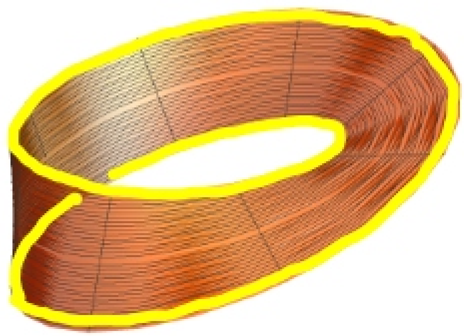

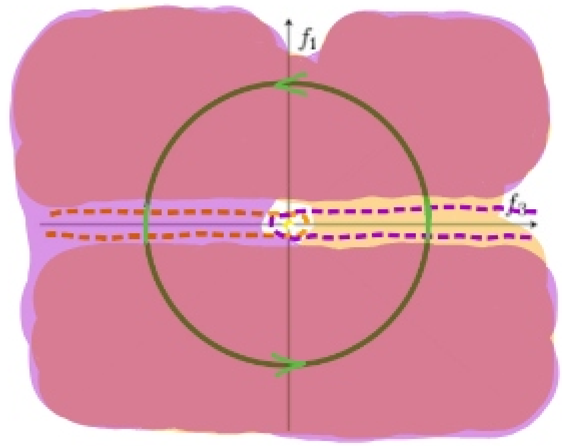

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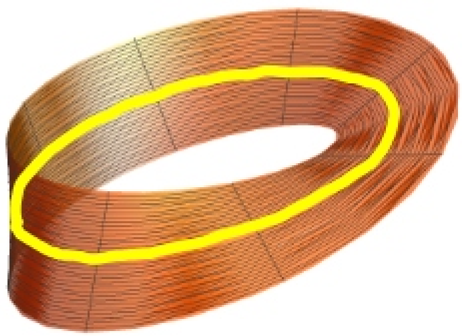

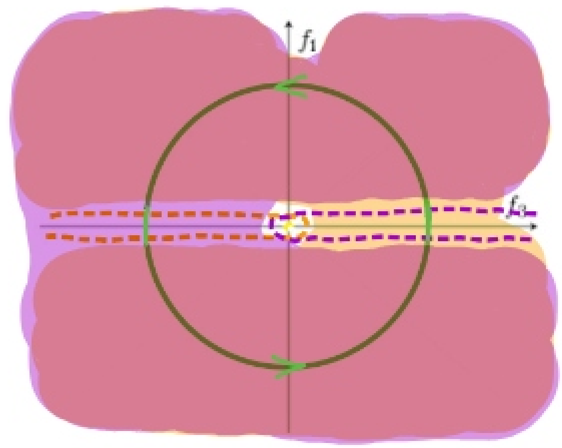

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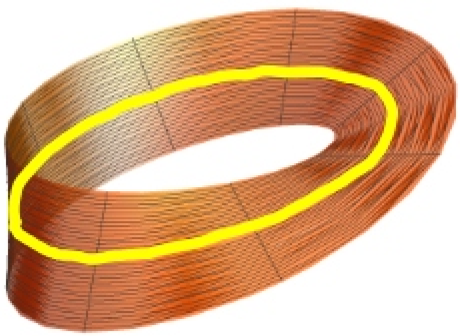

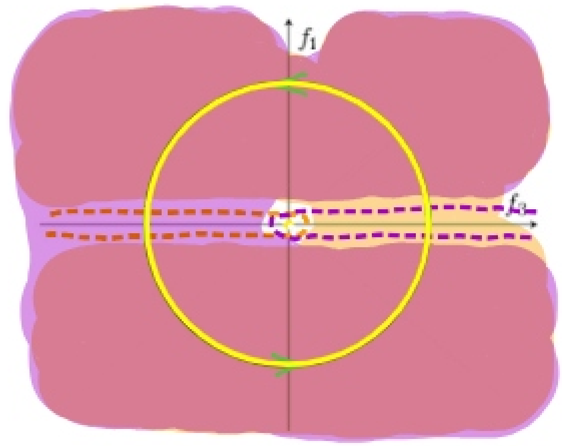

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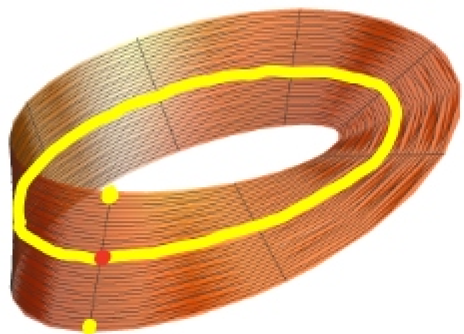

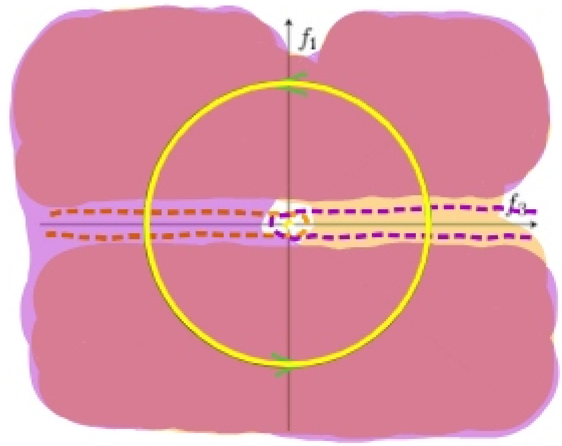

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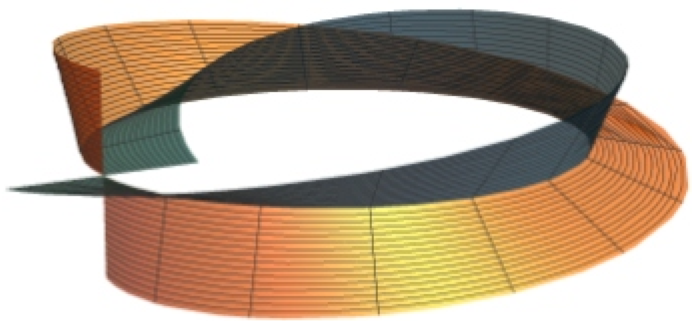

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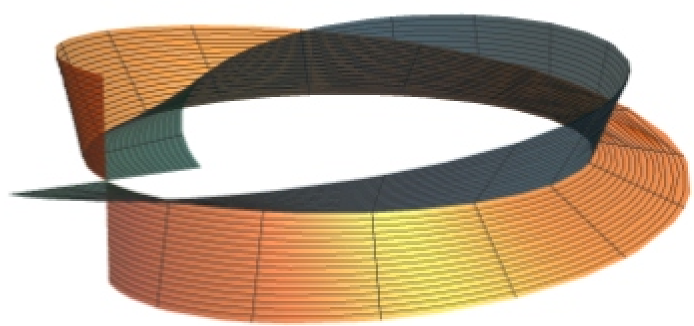

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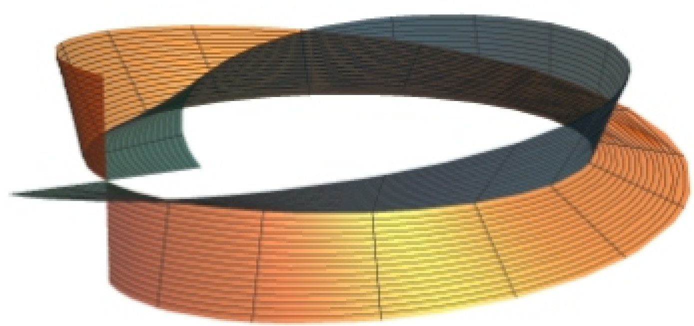

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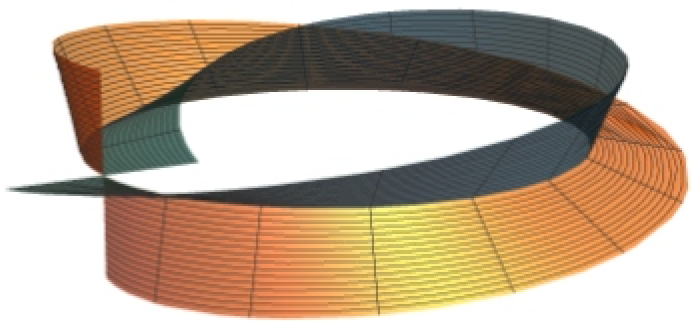

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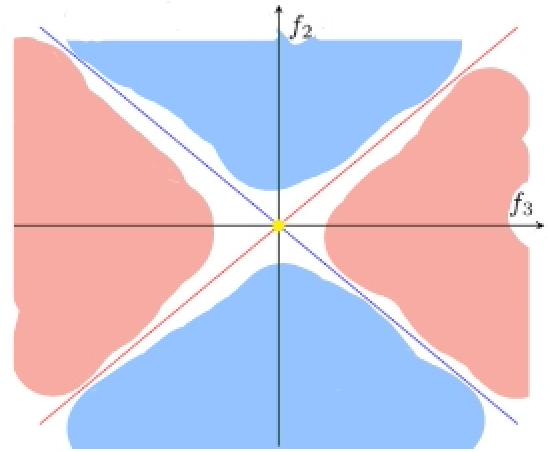

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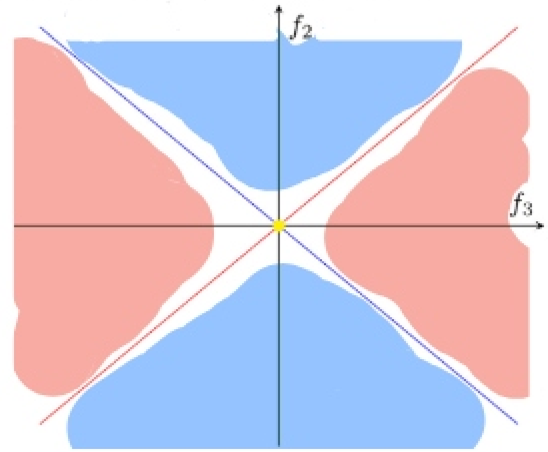

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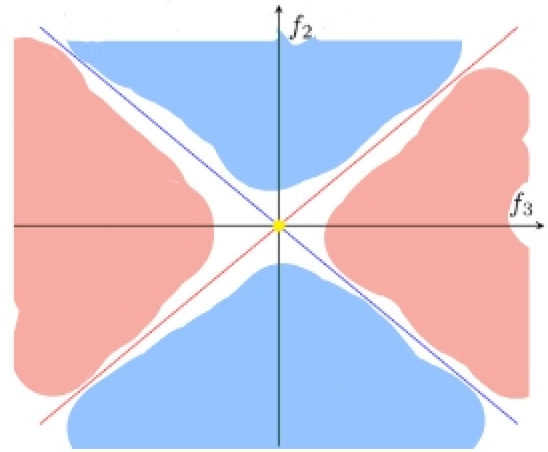

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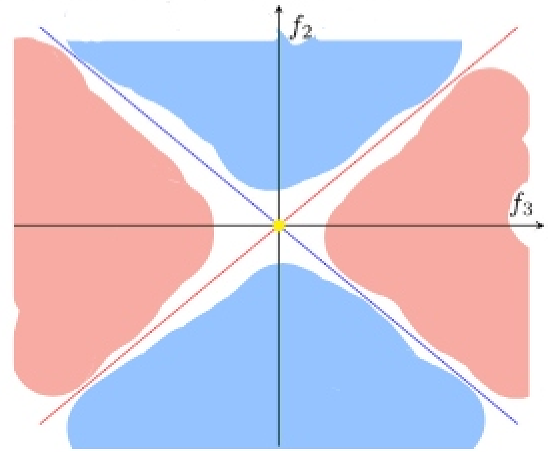

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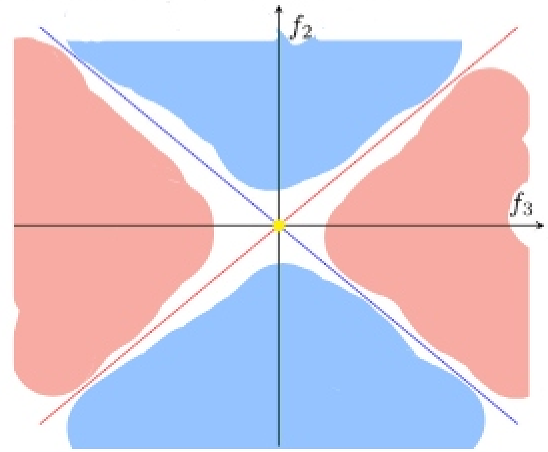

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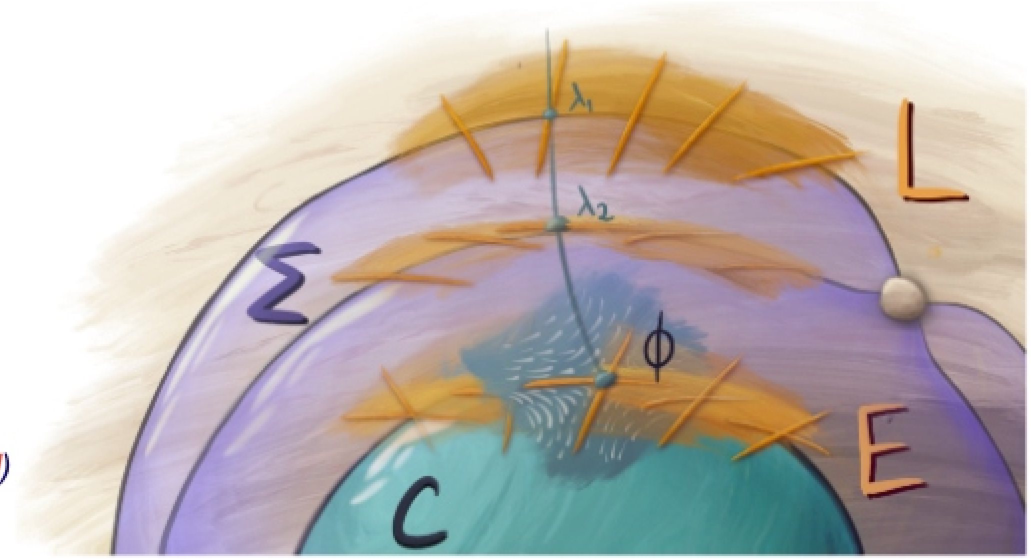

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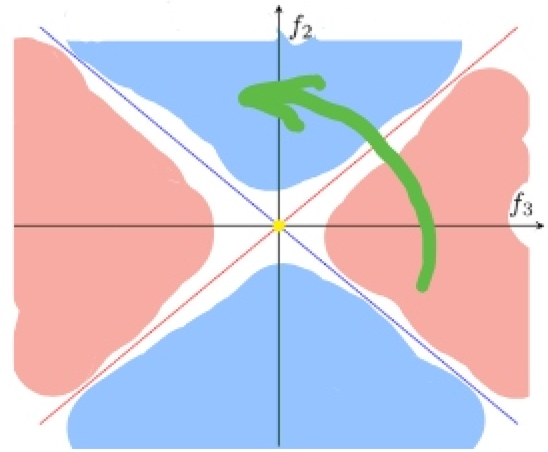

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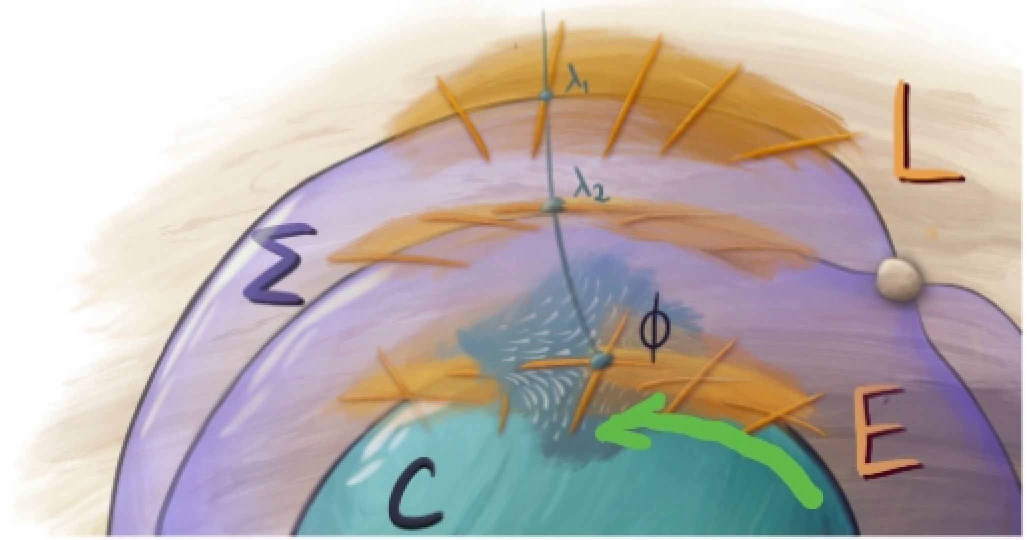

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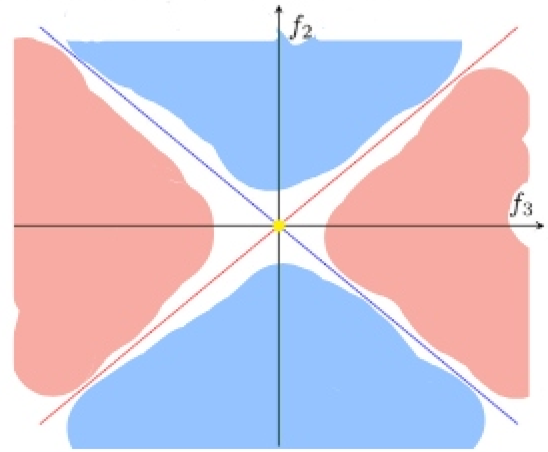

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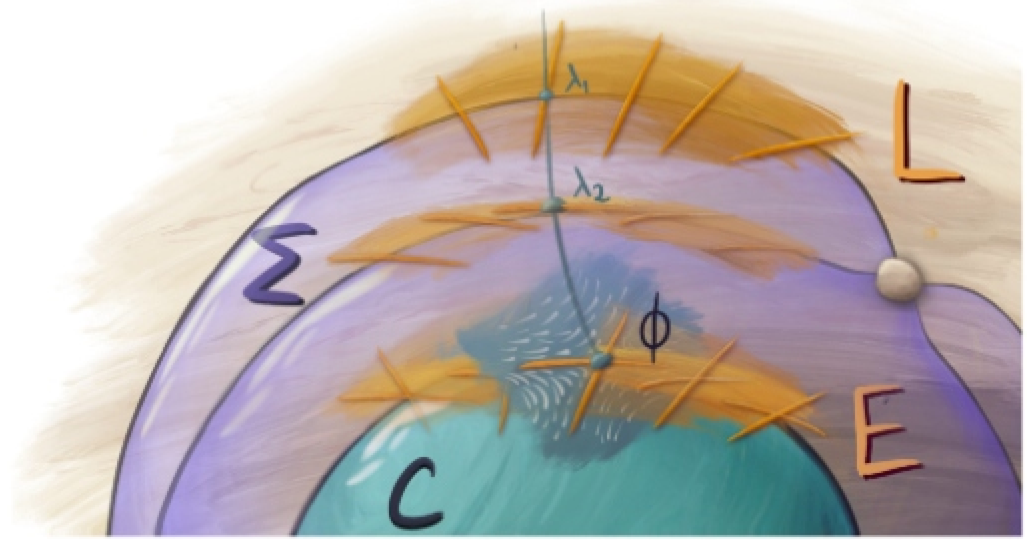

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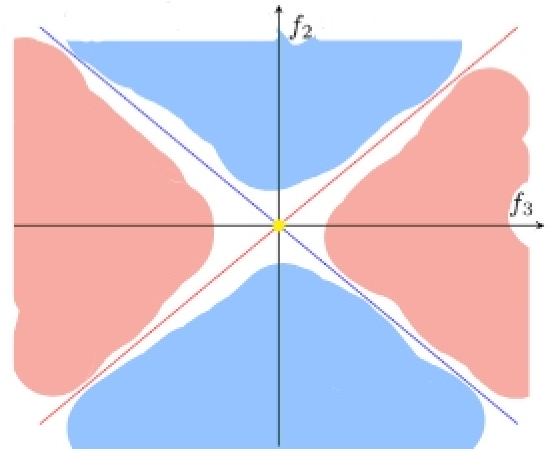

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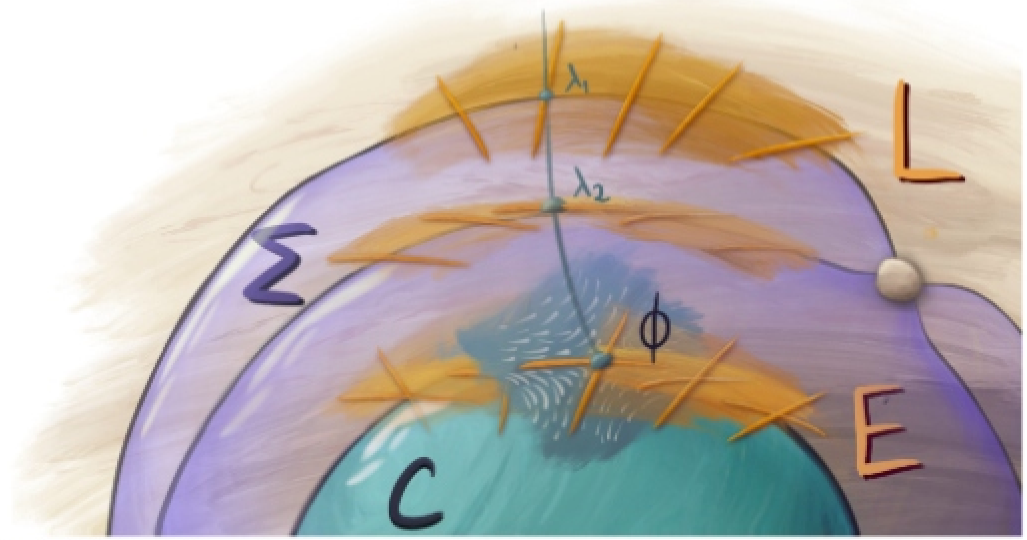

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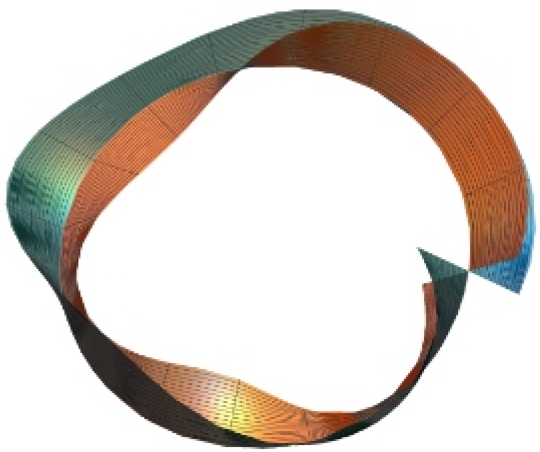

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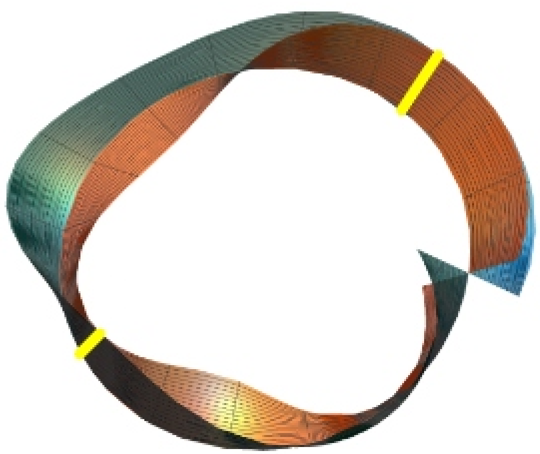

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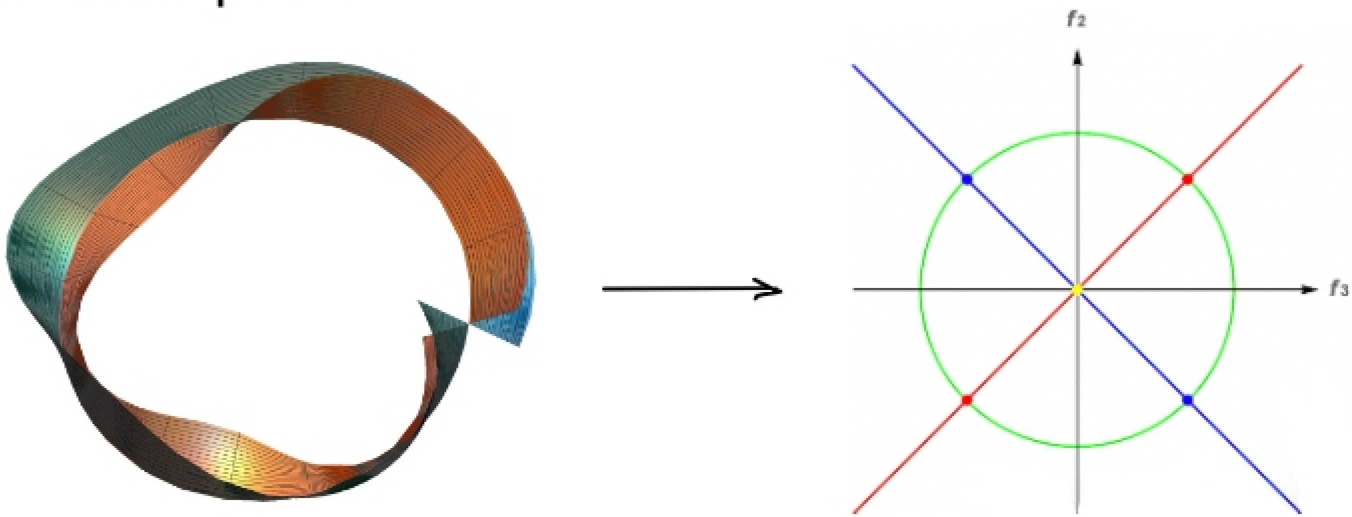

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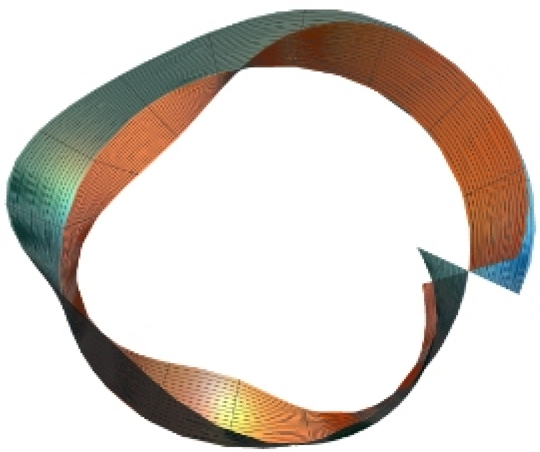

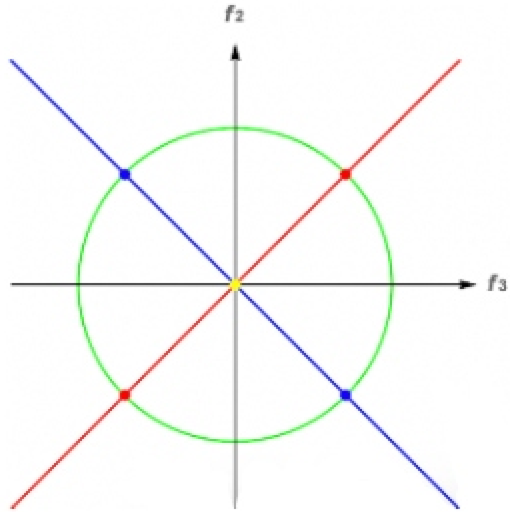

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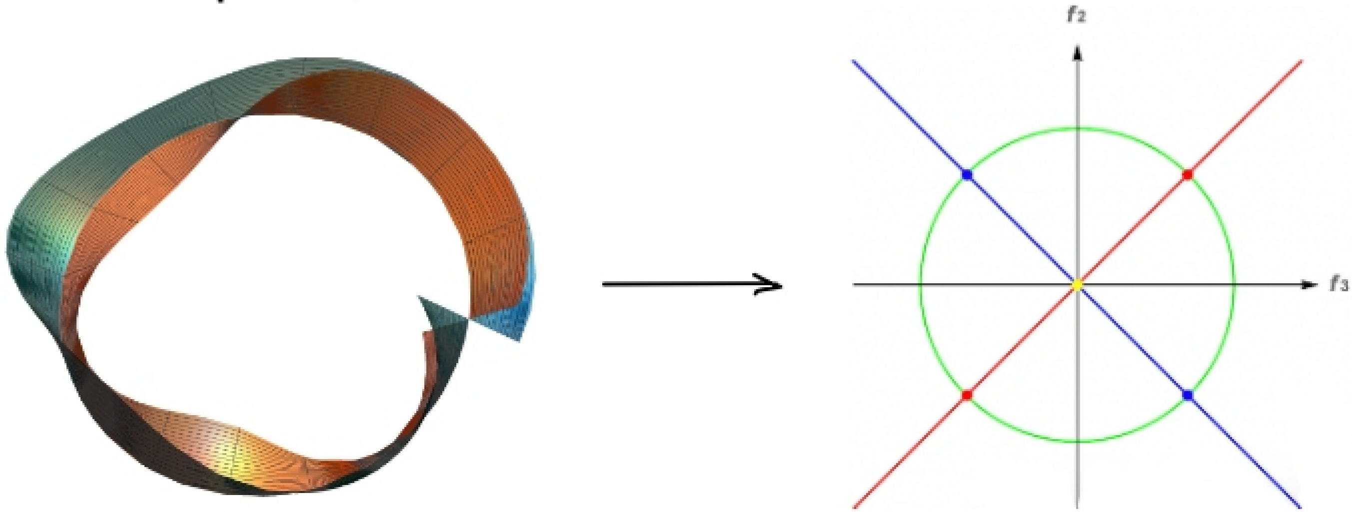

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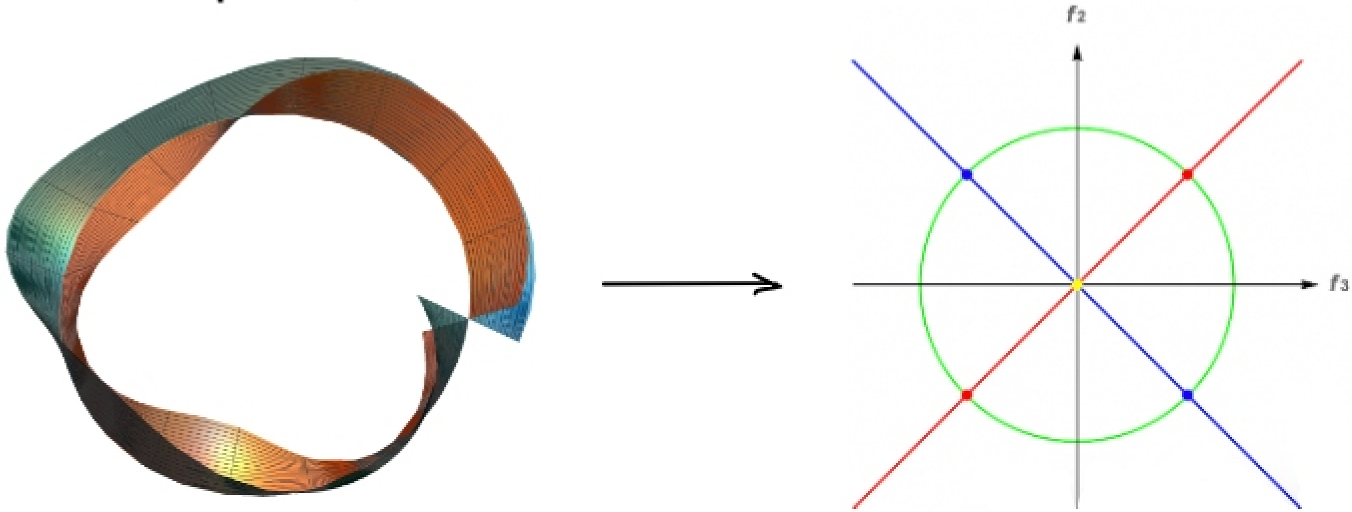

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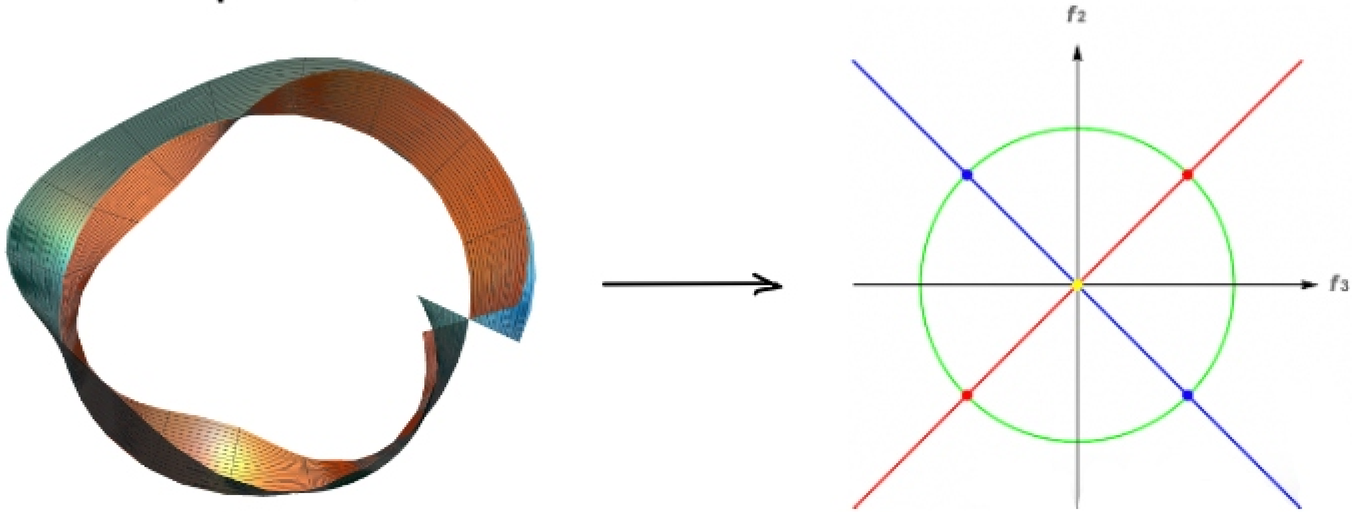

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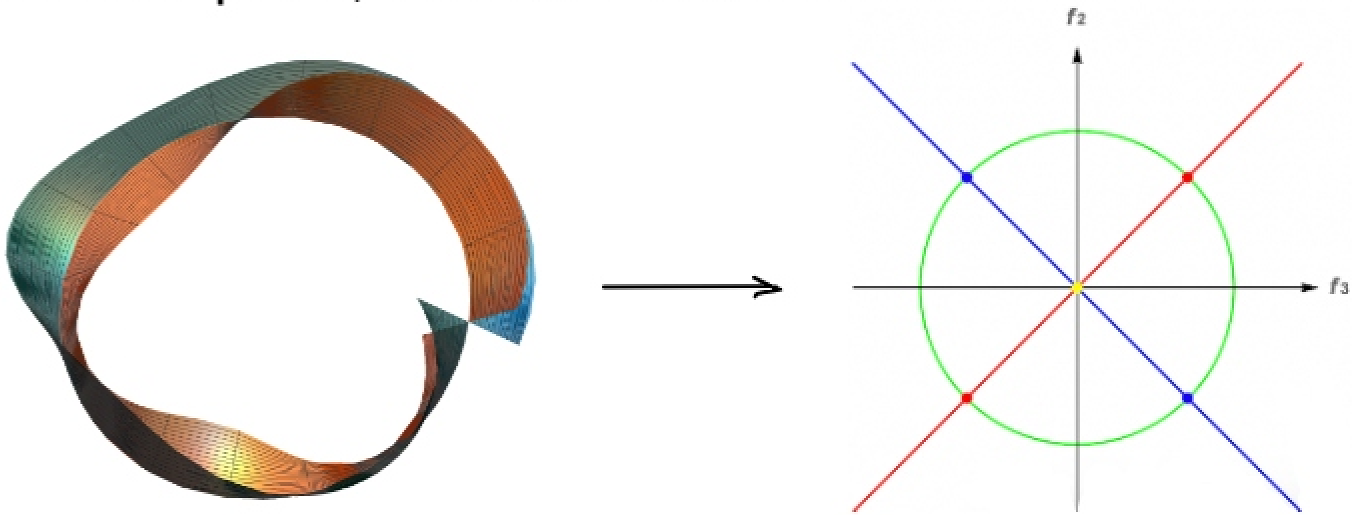

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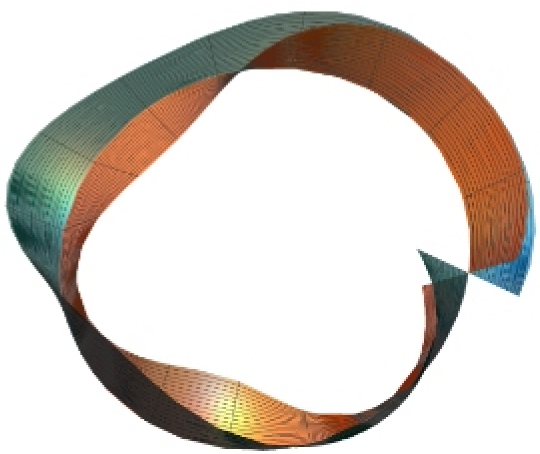

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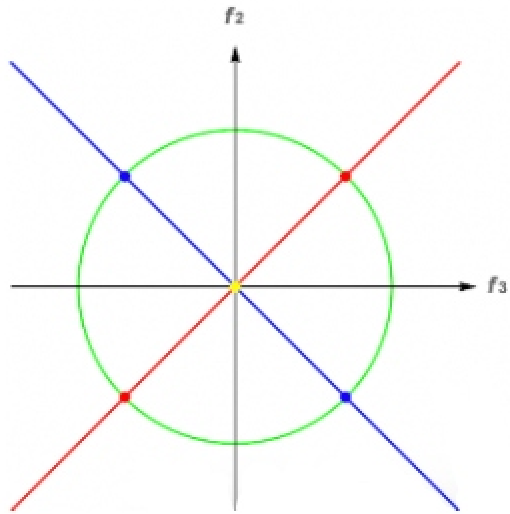

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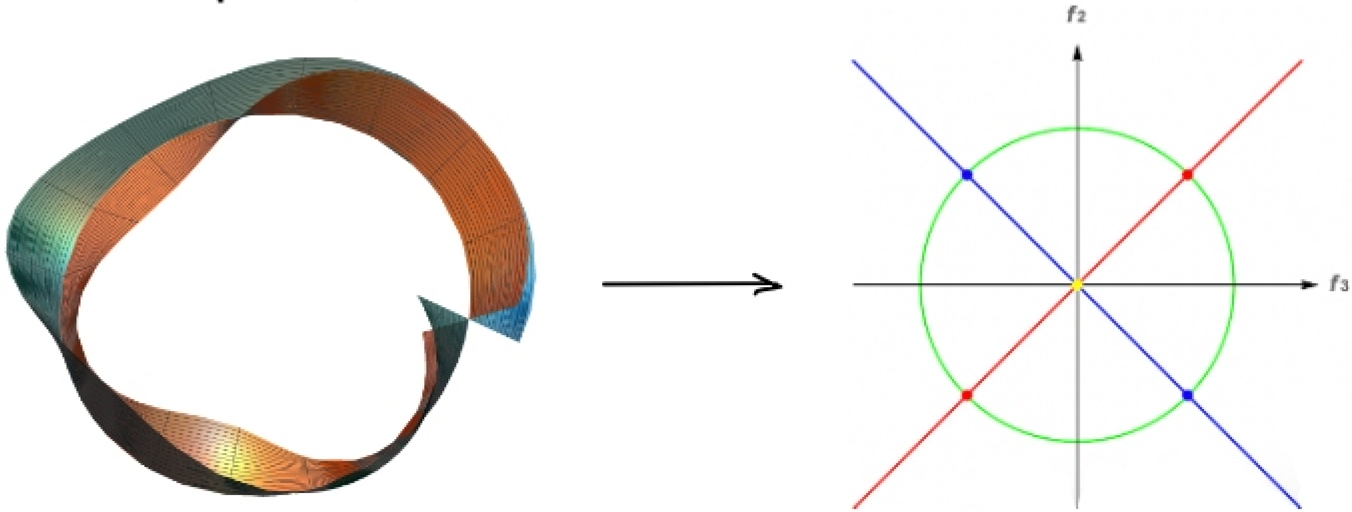

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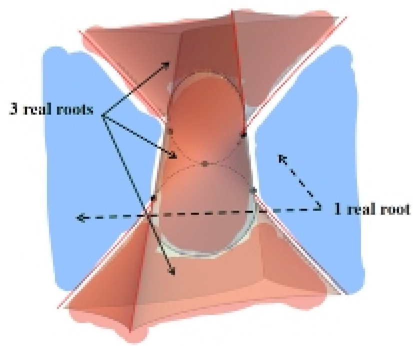

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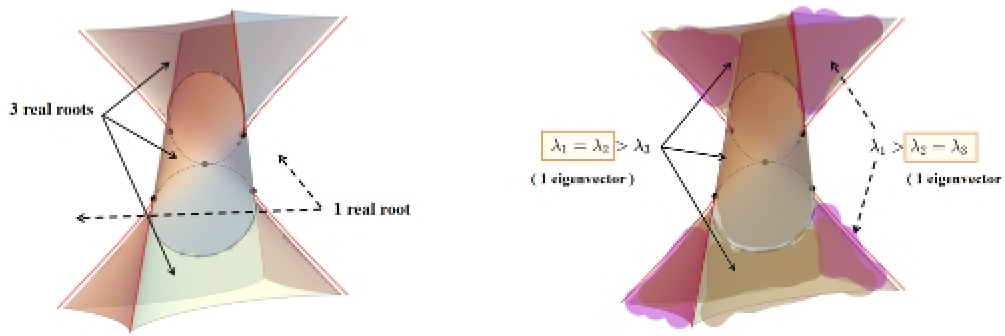

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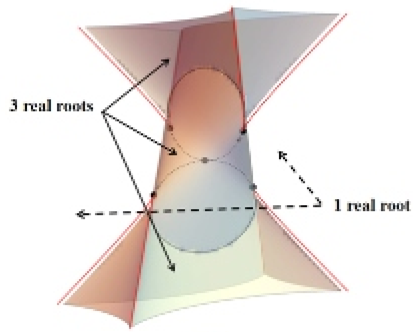

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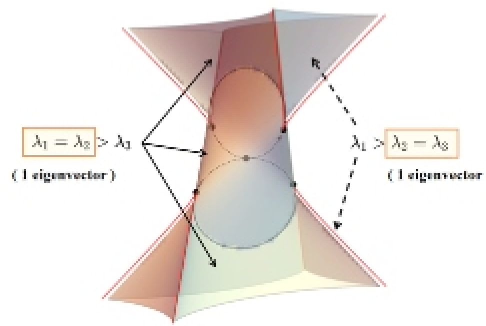

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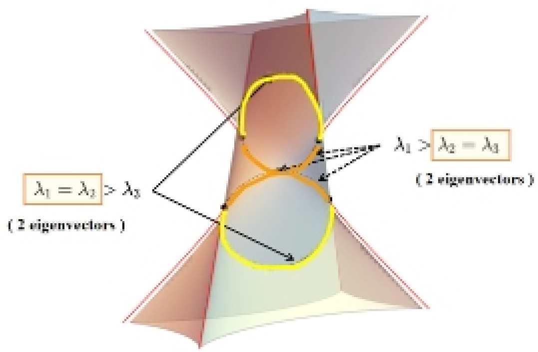

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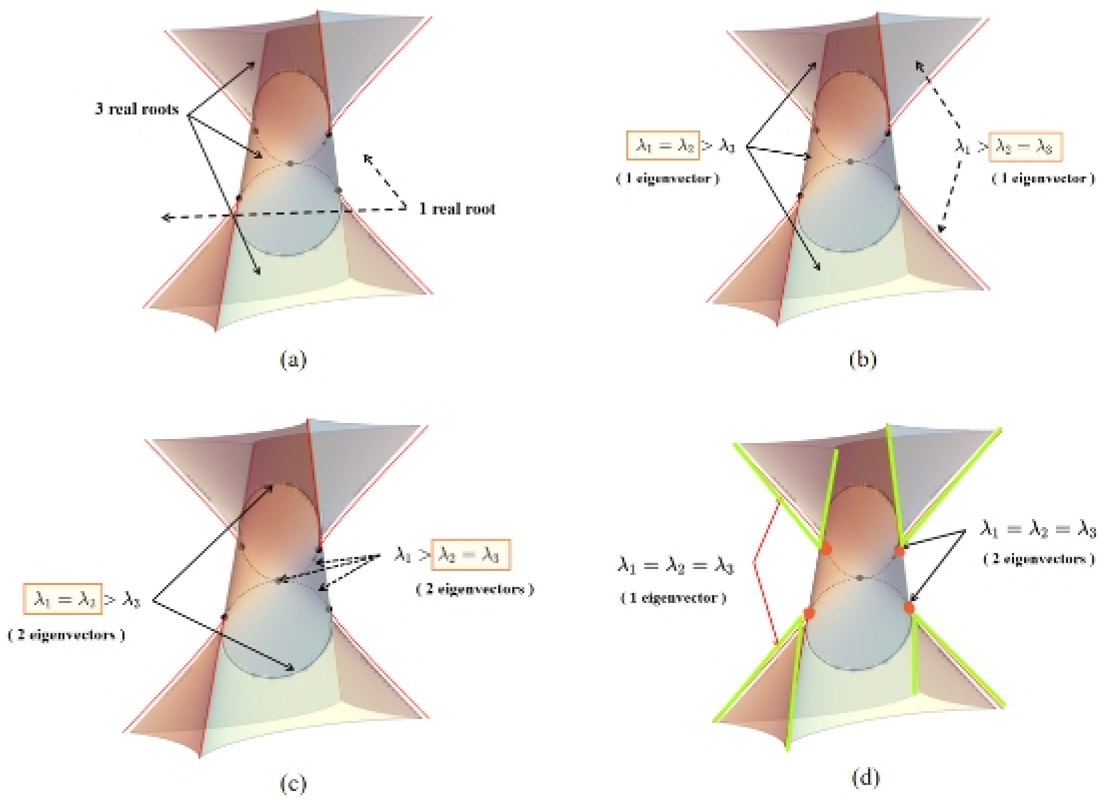

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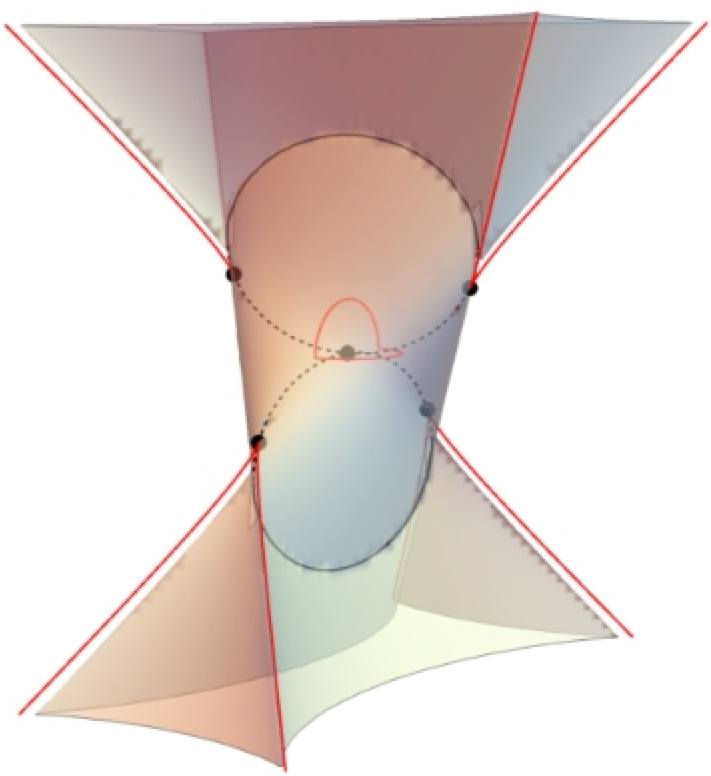

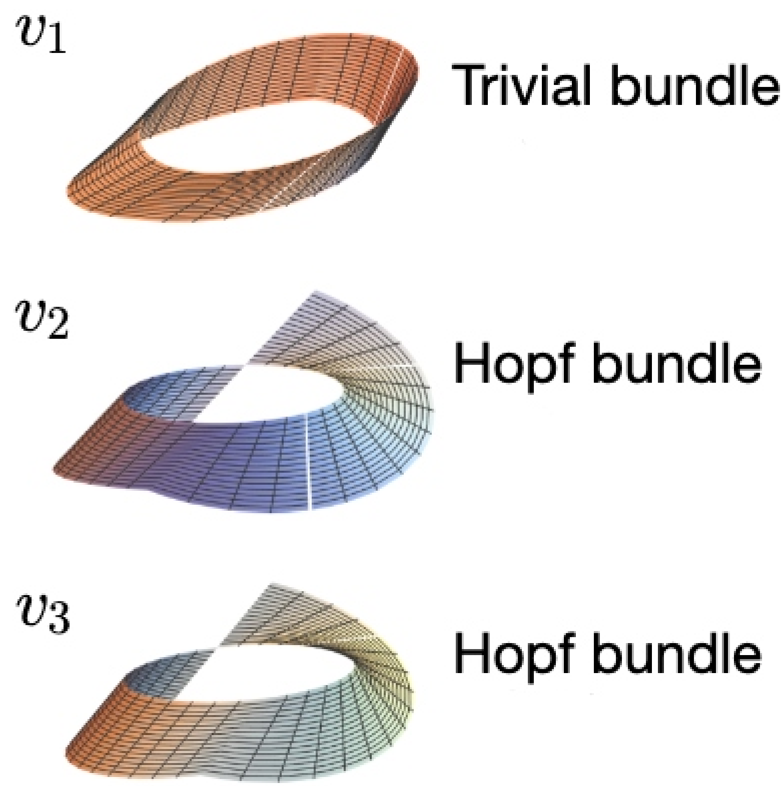

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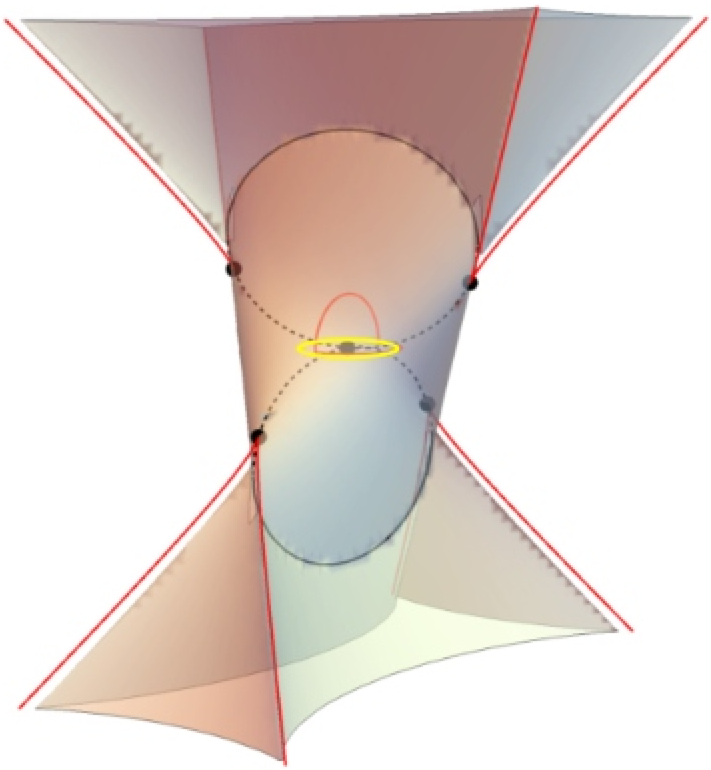

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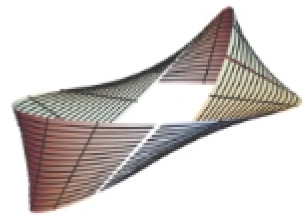

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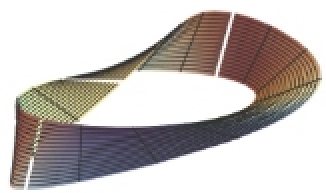

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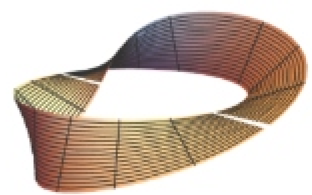

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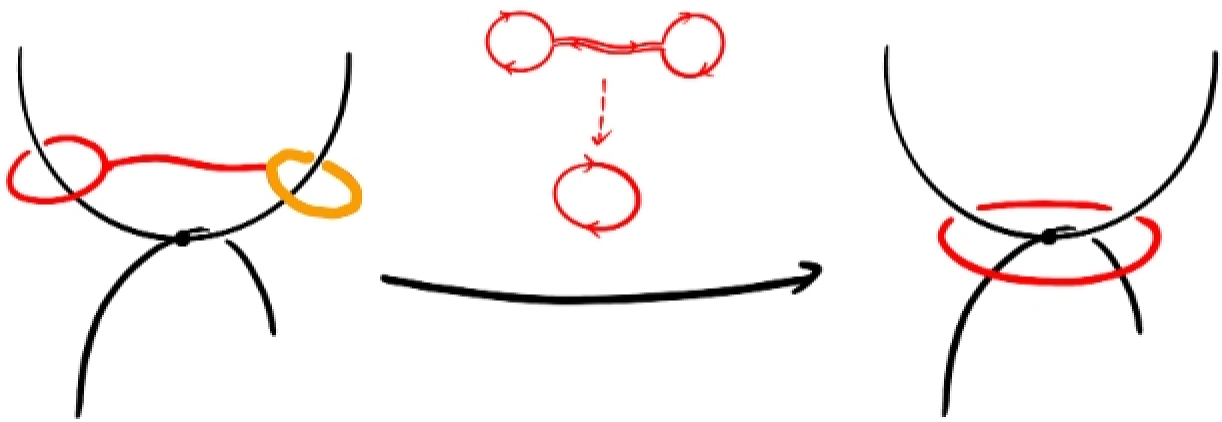

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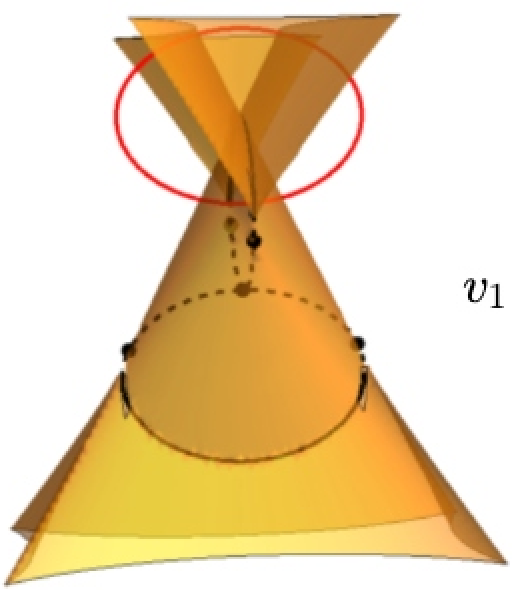

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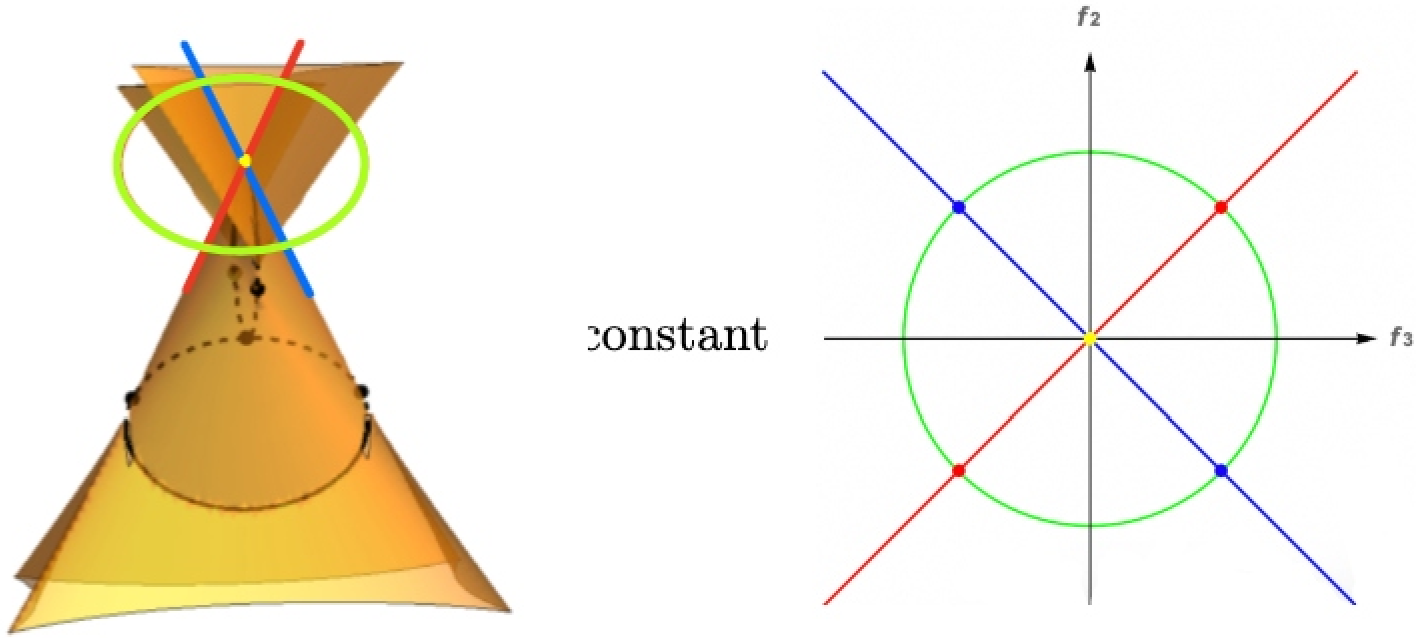

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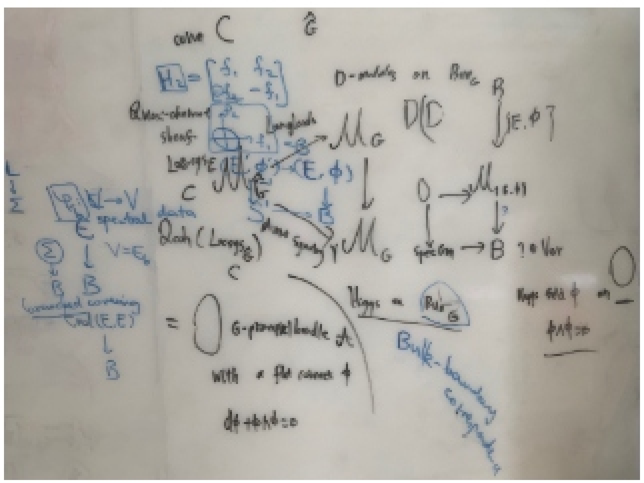

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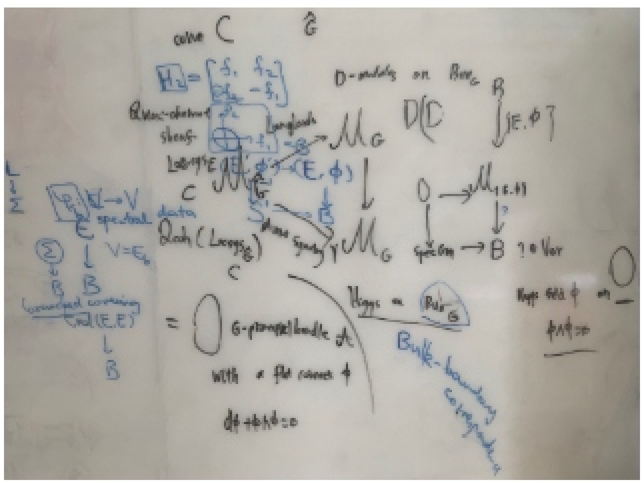

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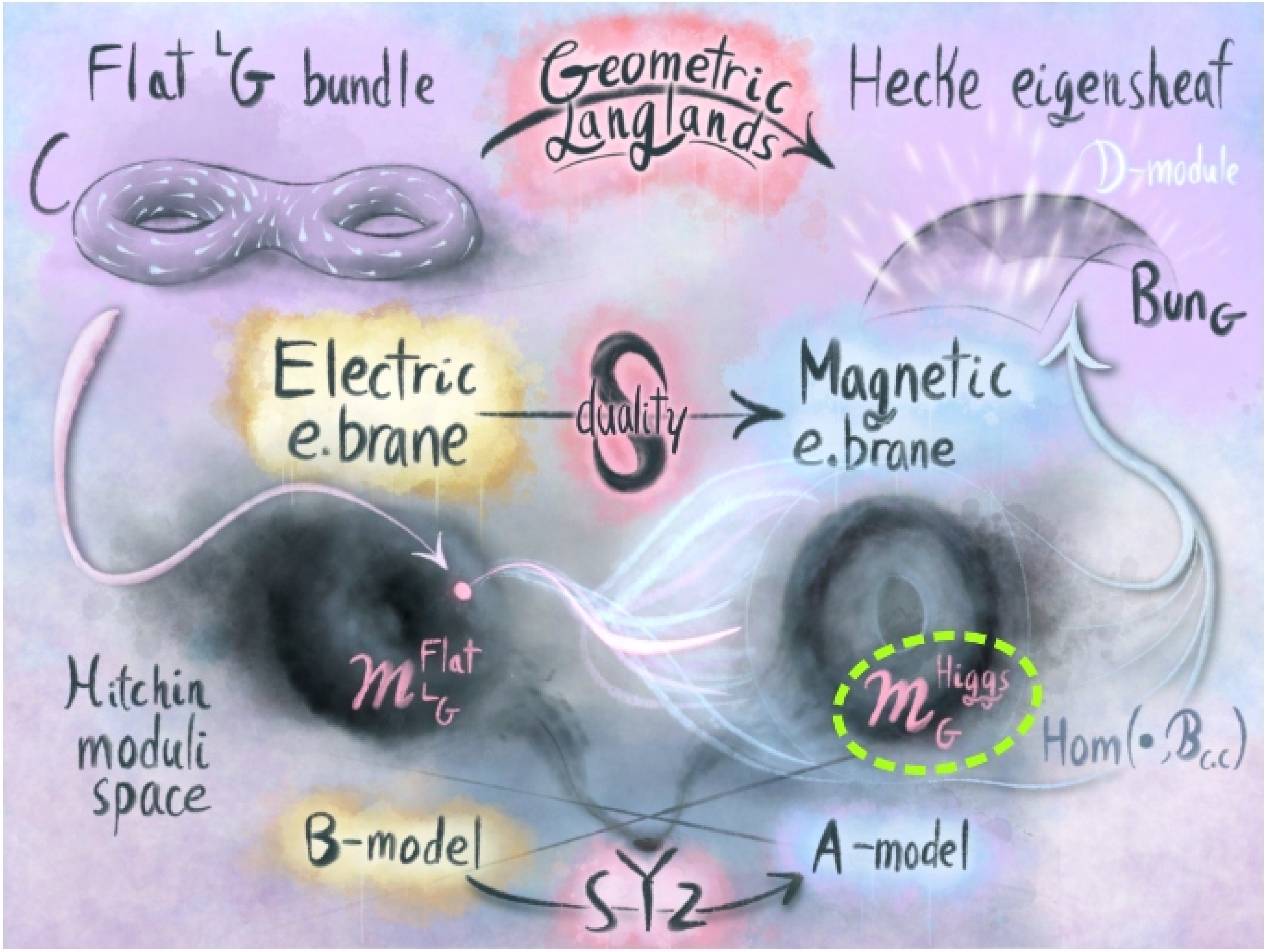

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