

# On the Category Theoretic Implications on Induced Representation of Finite Groups

Part 2: Induced Representation Theory

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Voila! We have Representation Theory!!!

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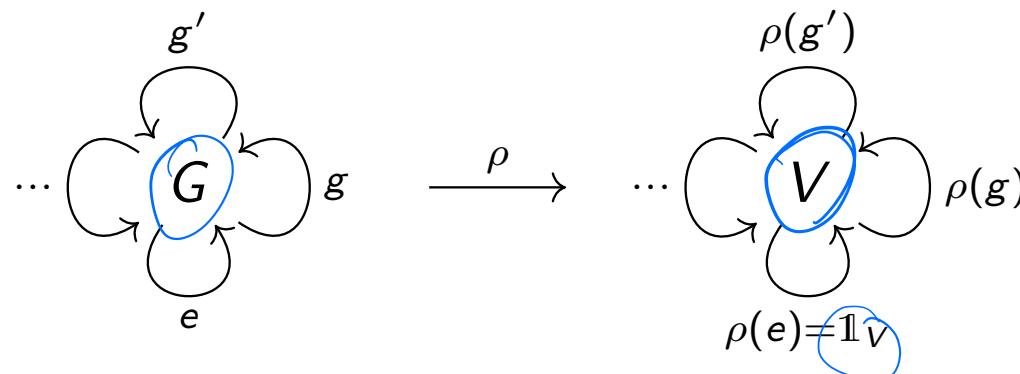
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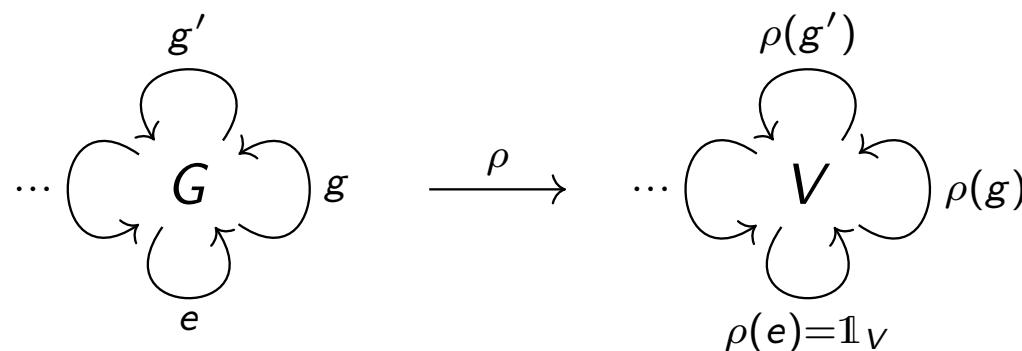
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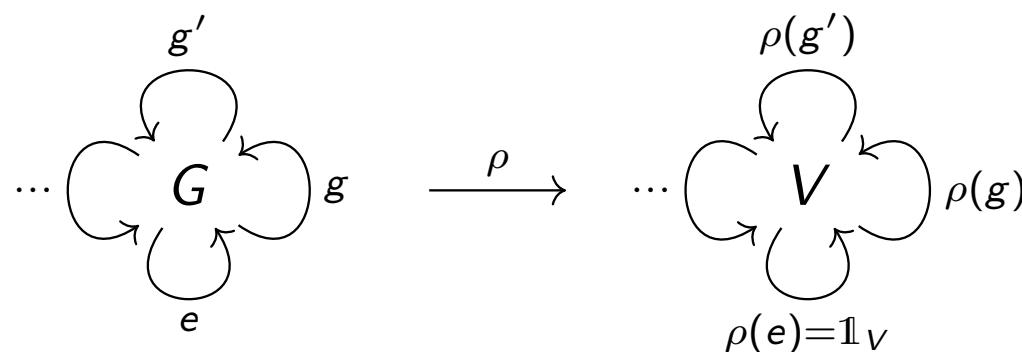


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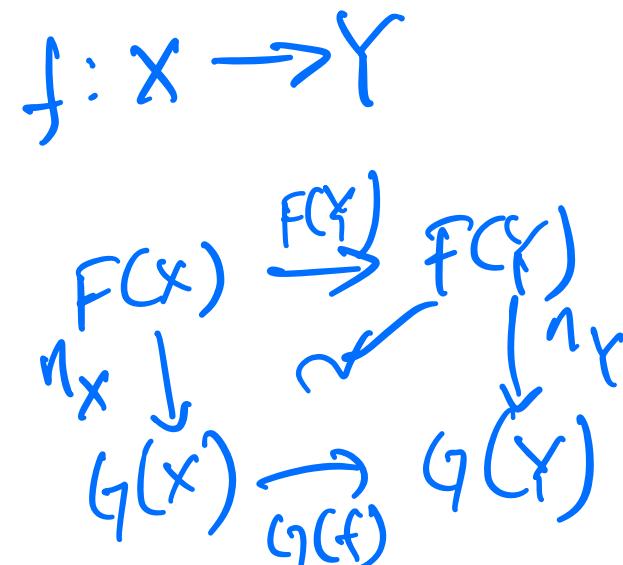
Recall the definition of natural transformations: Let  $F, G : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  be two functors. Then a **natural transformation**  $\eta : F \Rightarrow G$  is a family of arrows

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in  $\mathcal{D}$  such that for every arrow  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ , the following diagram commutes:

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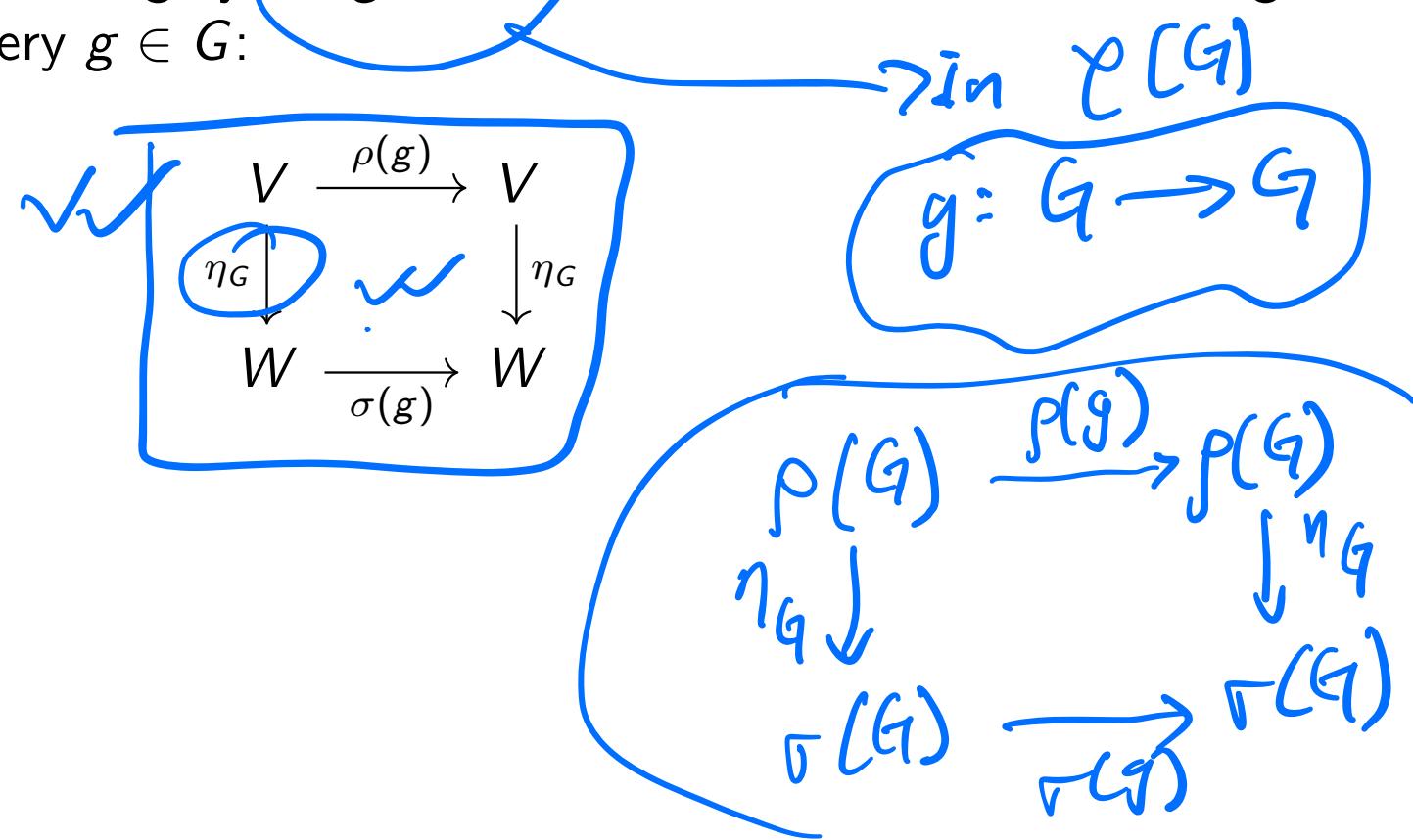
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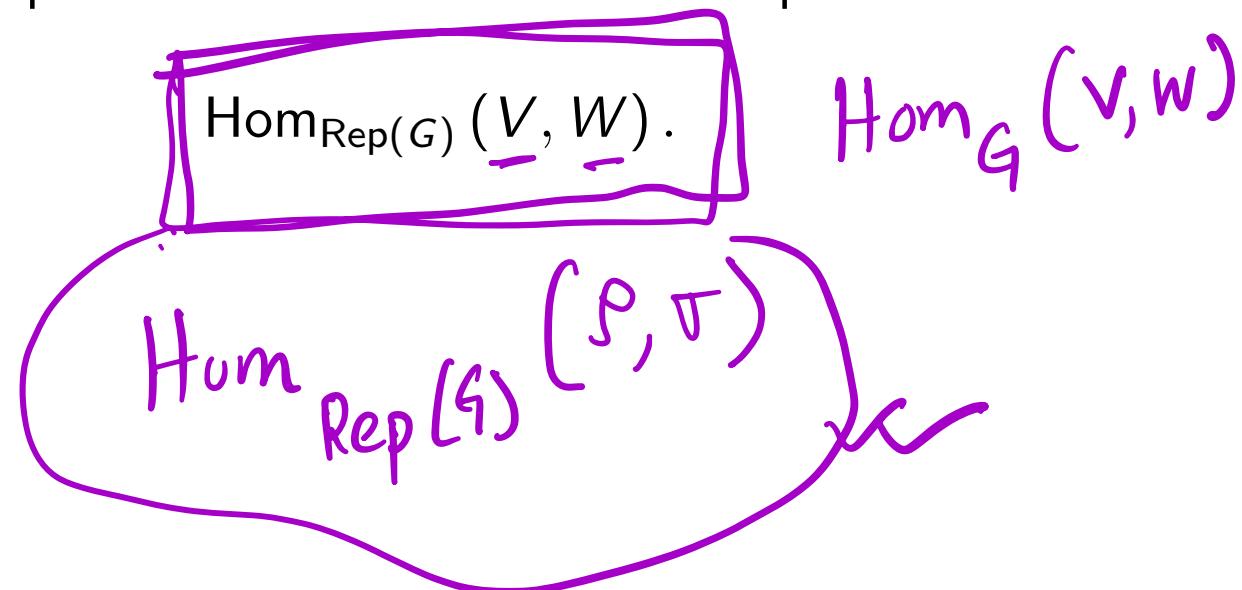
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We also call it a  $G$ -linear map, or intertwining operator.

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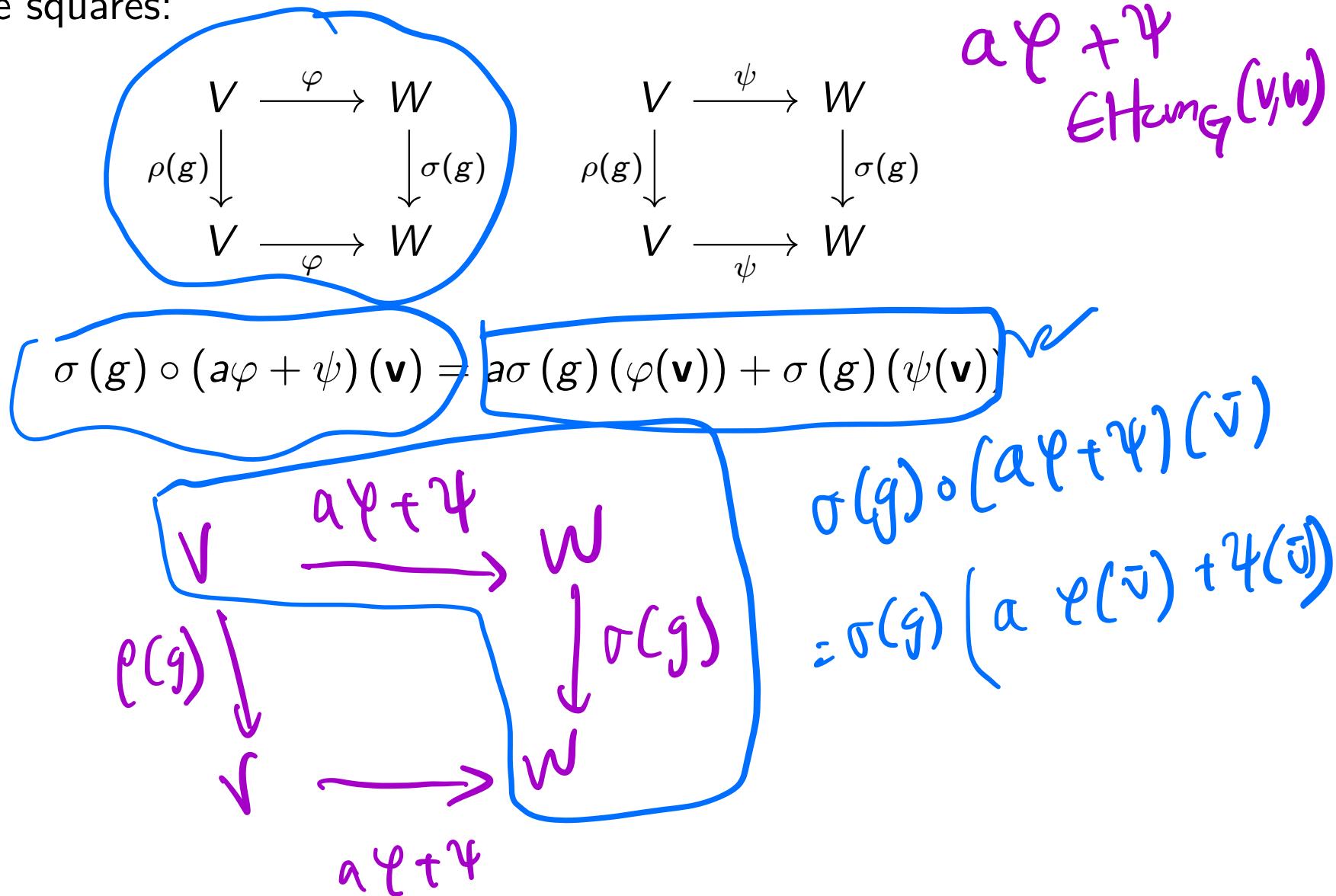
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This proves the commutativity of the following square:

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Therefore,  $a\varphi + \psi \in \text{Hom}_G(V, W)$ , i.e.  $\text{Hom}_G(V, W)$  is a  $\mathbb{K}$ -vector space.

# New representations from old ones

$$V \oplus W = \left\{ (\bar{v}, \bar{\omega}) \mid \begin{array}{l} \bar{v} \in V \\ \bar{\omega} \in W \end{array} \right\}$$

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$$\rho^*: G \rightarrow \text{GL}(V^*); \quad V^* = \{f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{K}\}$$

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$$= \text{Hom}_{\text{Vect}_K}(V, \mathbb{K})$$

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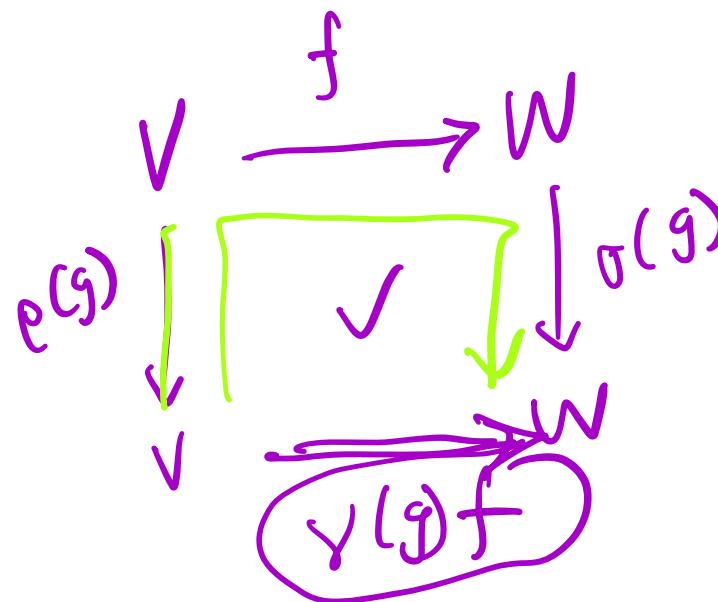
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$$\gamma(g) : \mathrm{Hom}(V, W) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}(V, W)$$



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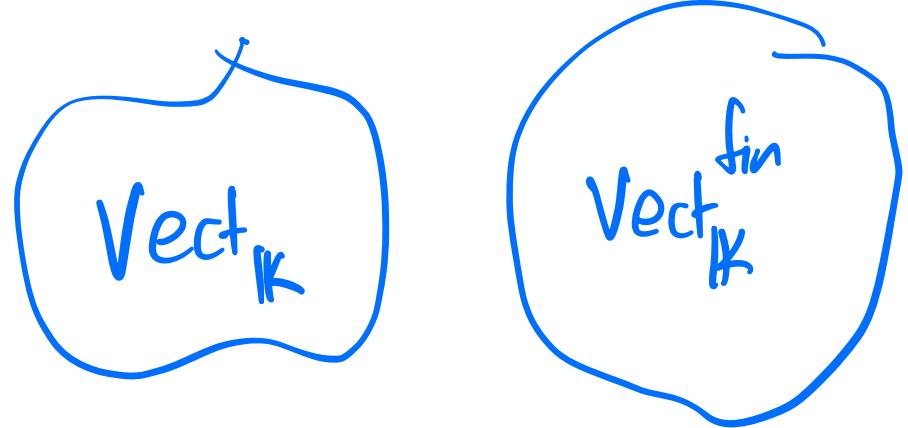
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From now on, for the rest of the talk, all groups are finite groups. Also, all the vector spaces are finite dimensional.

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Since we are restricting the domain of the representation  $\rho : G \rightarrow \text{GL}(V)$ , we call this the **restriction** of the representation  $\rho$  of  $G$ .

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$$\rho|_H(h) = \rho(h) \cdot$$

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This gives rise to a functor

$$\text{Res}_H^G : \text{Rep}(G) \rightarrow \text{Rep}(H),$$

called the restriction functor. It takes a representation of  $G$  and restricts it to a representation of  $H$ .

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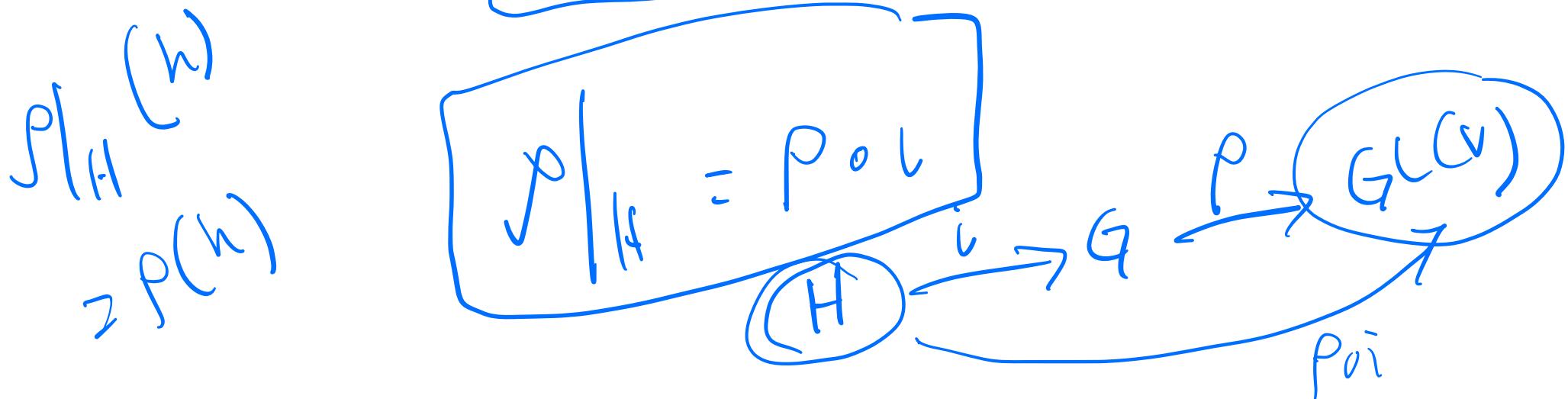
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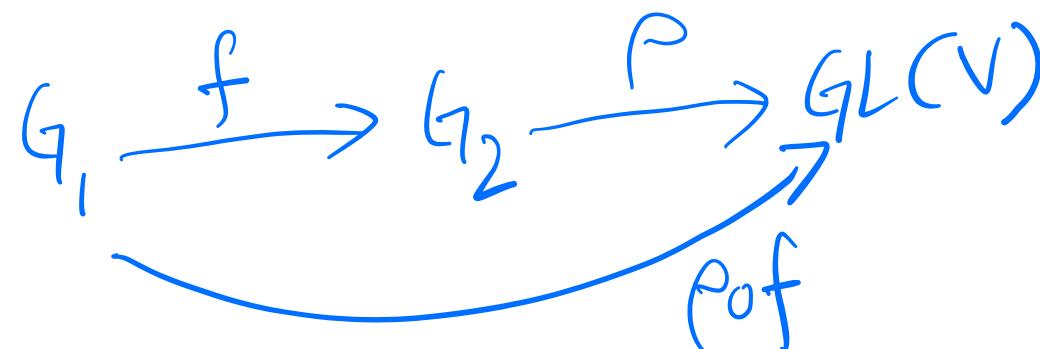
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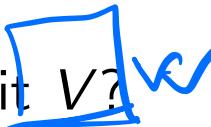
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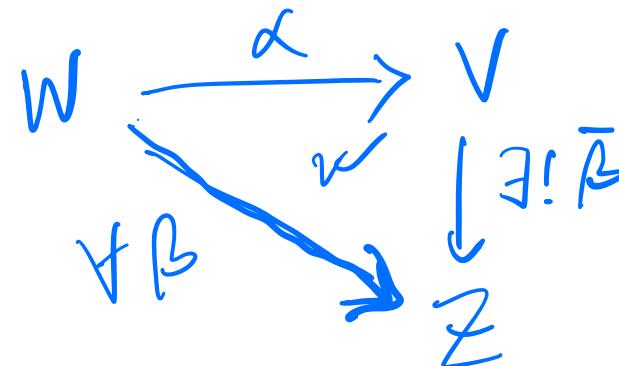
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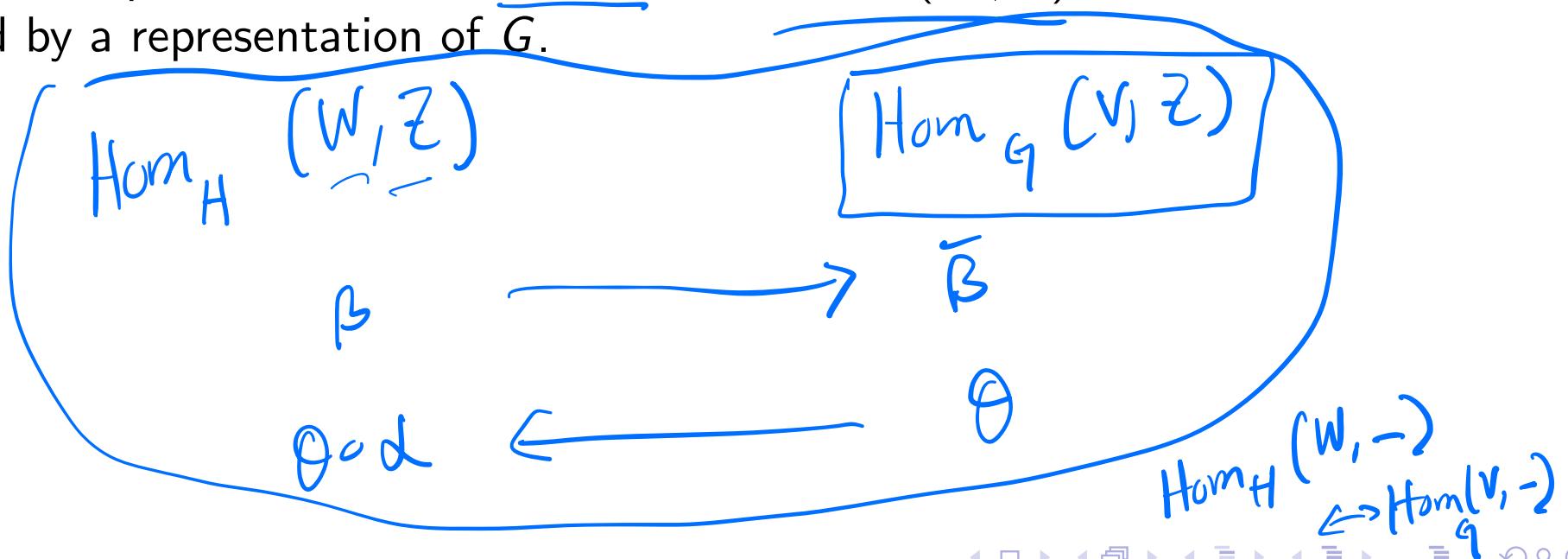
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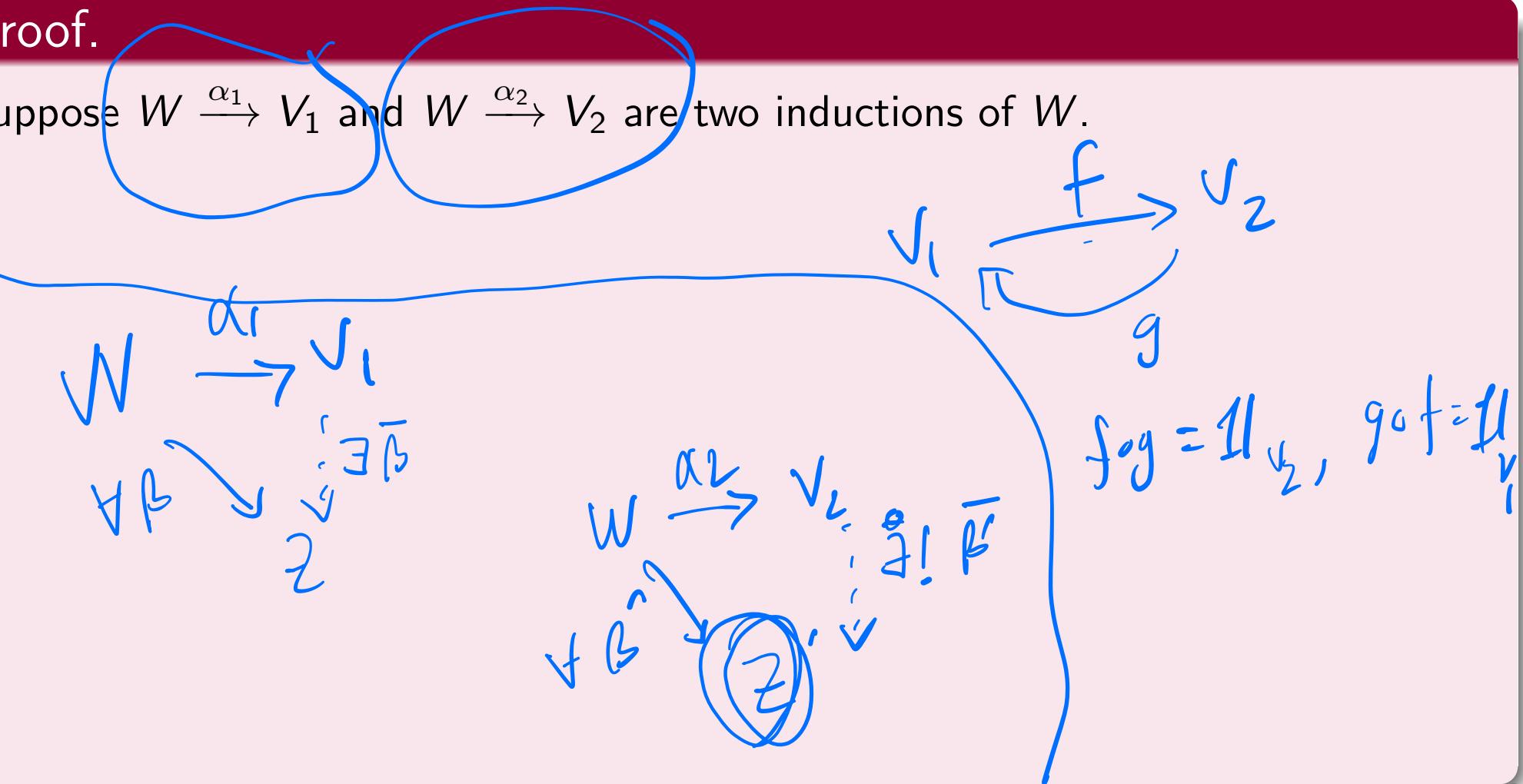
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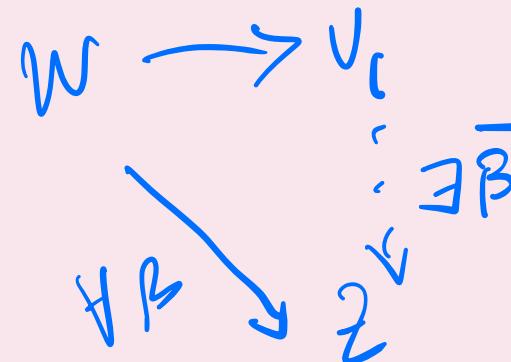
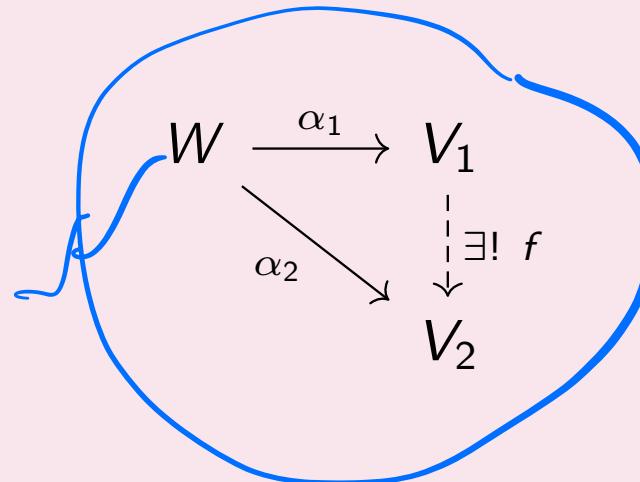
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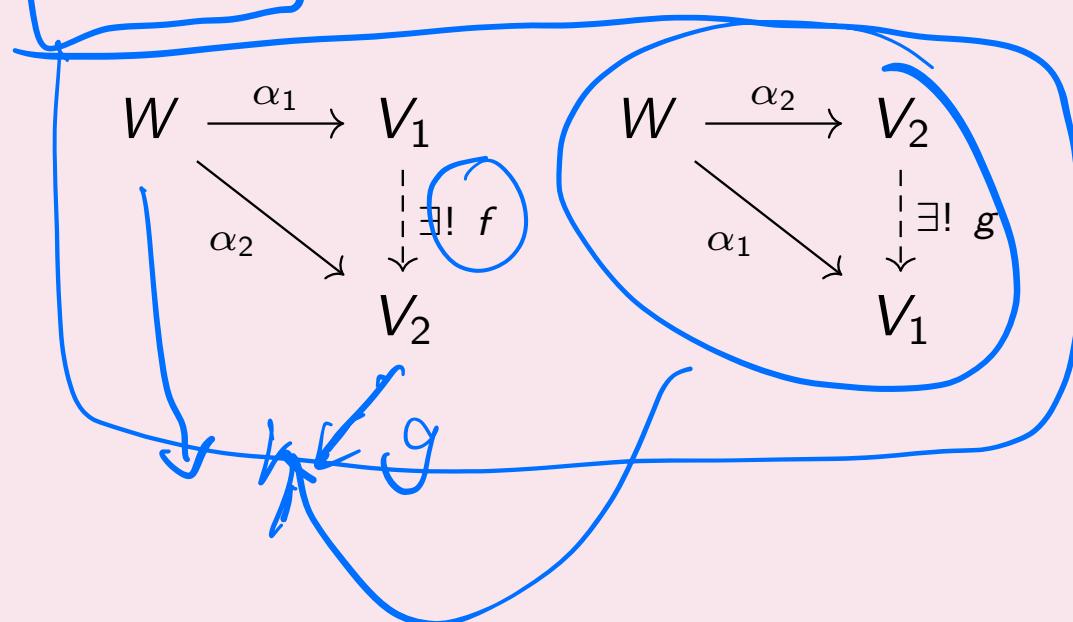
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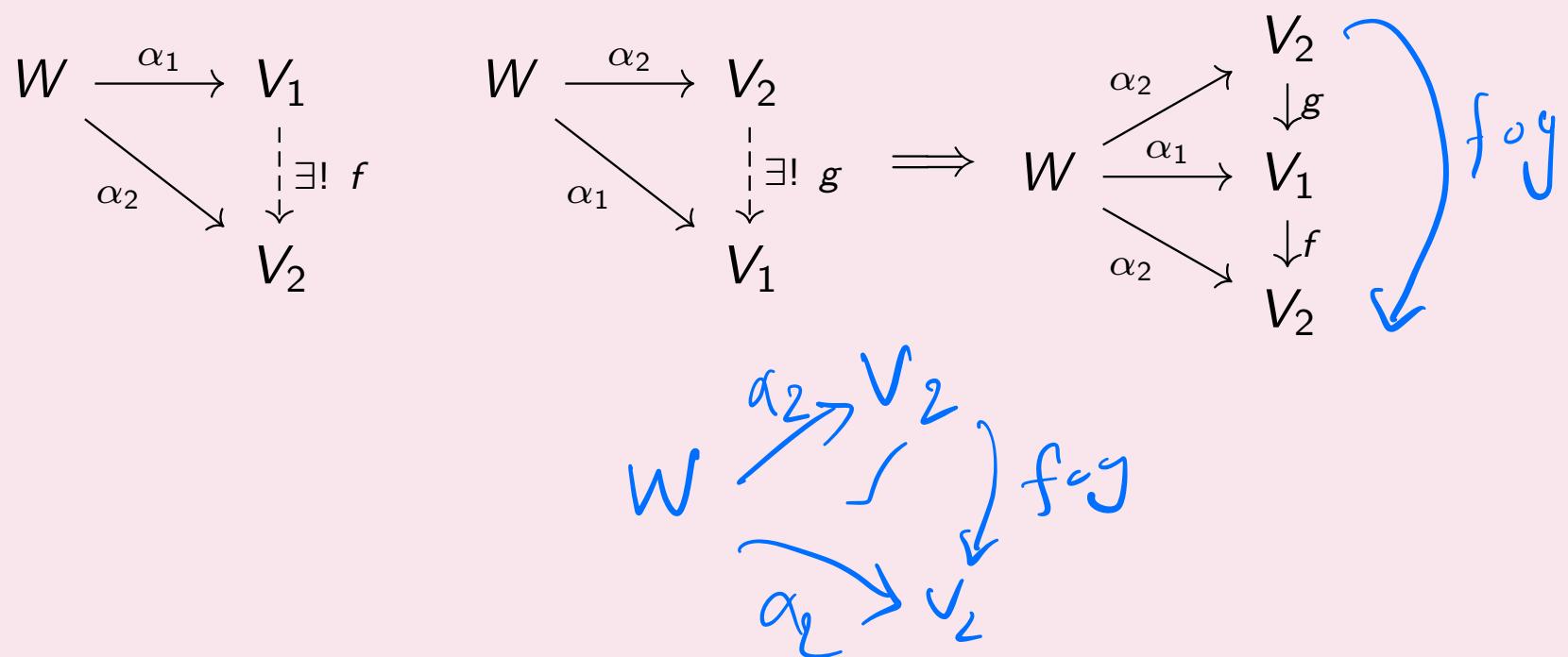
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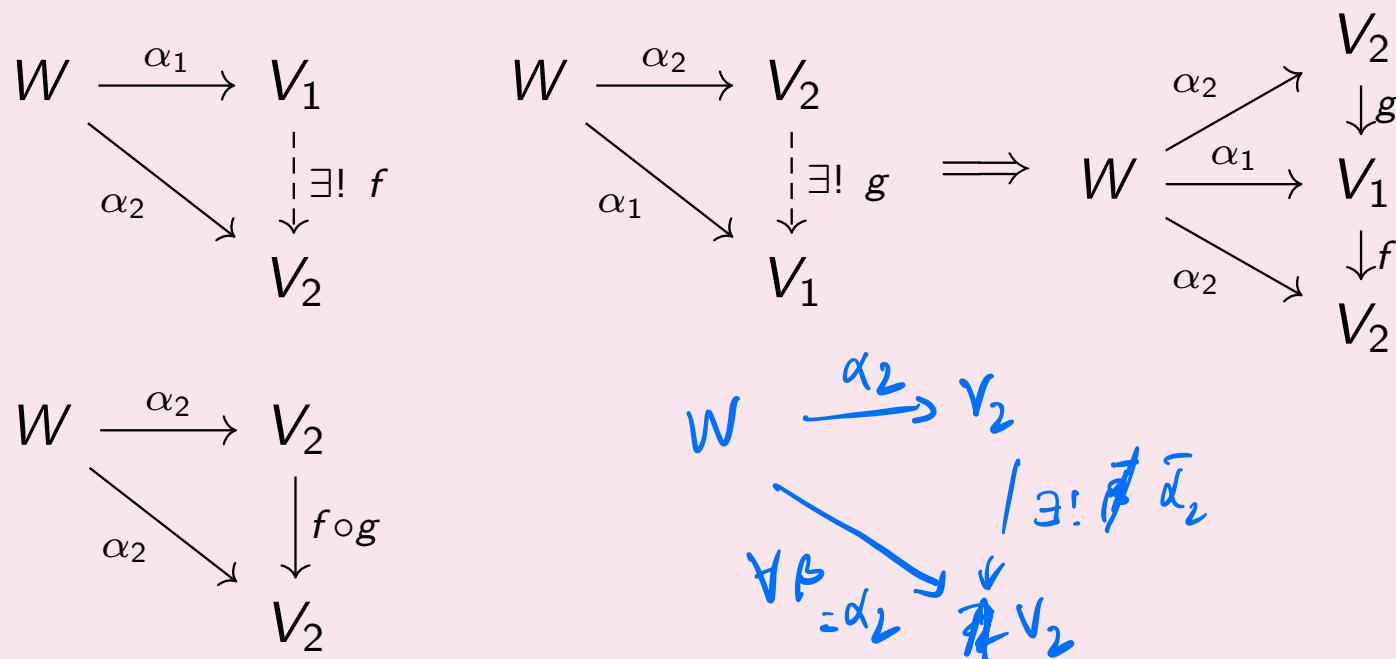
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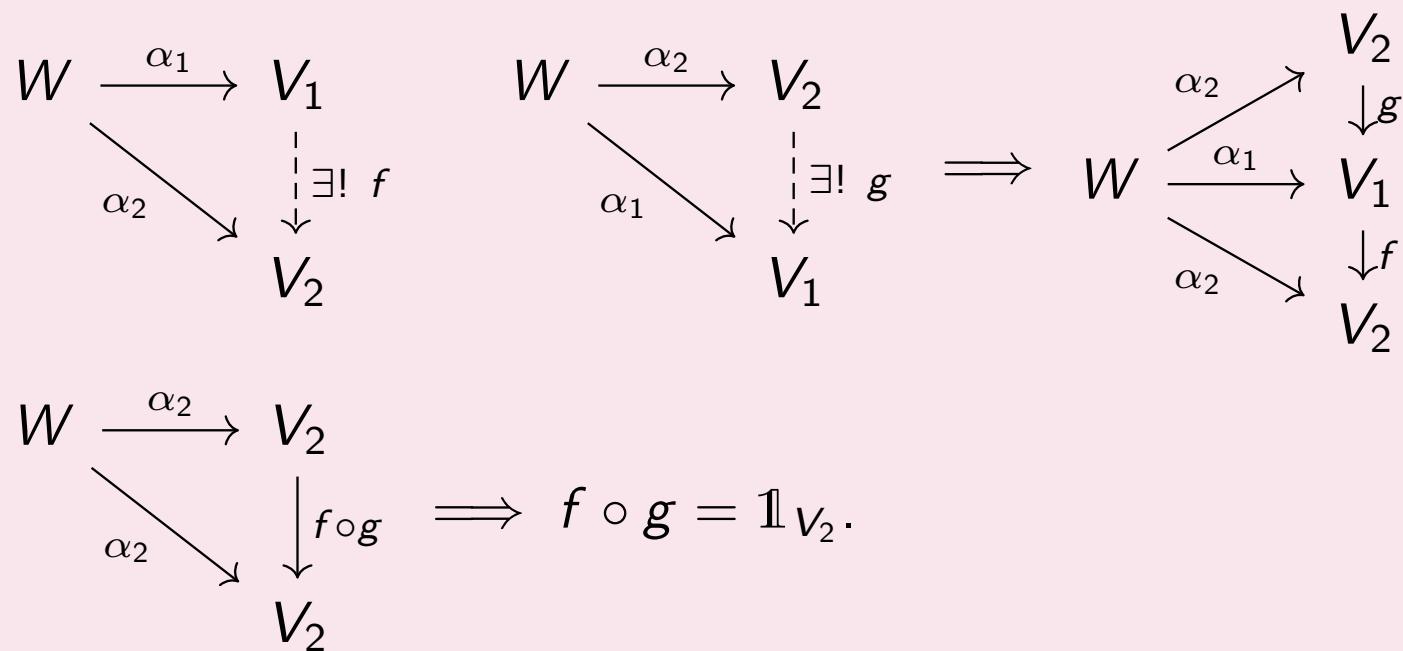
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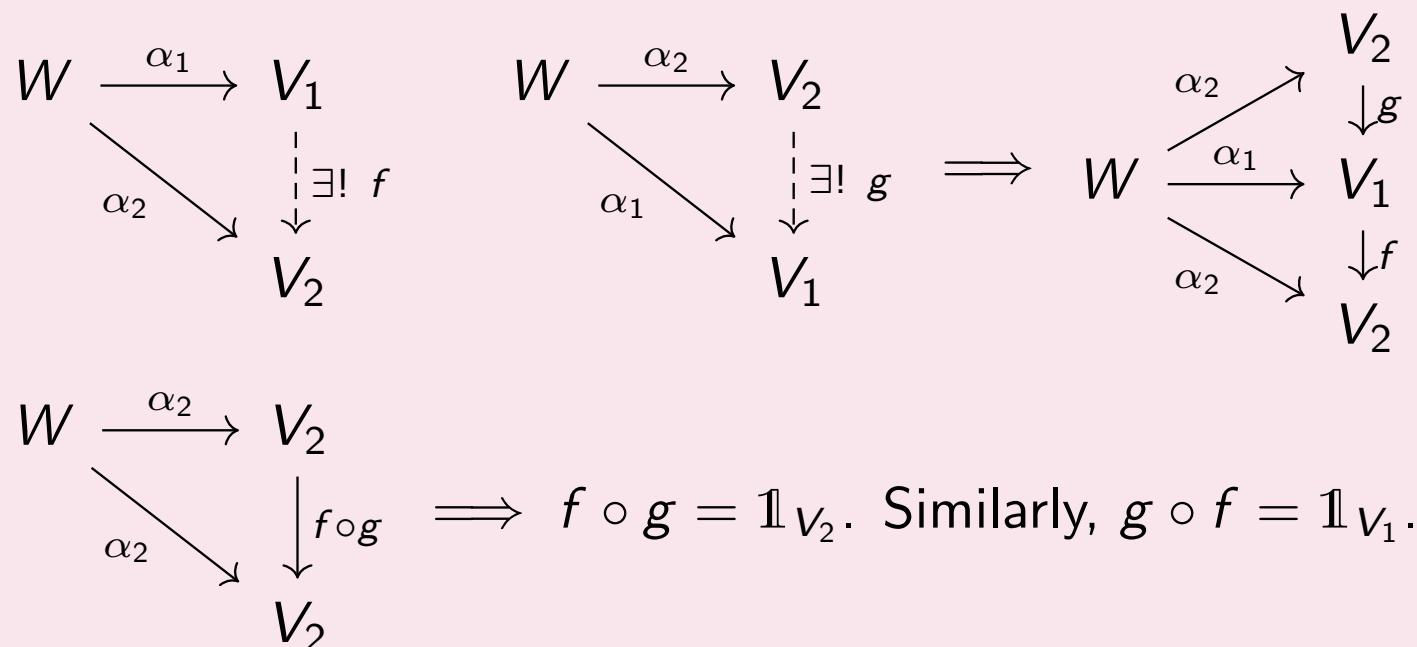
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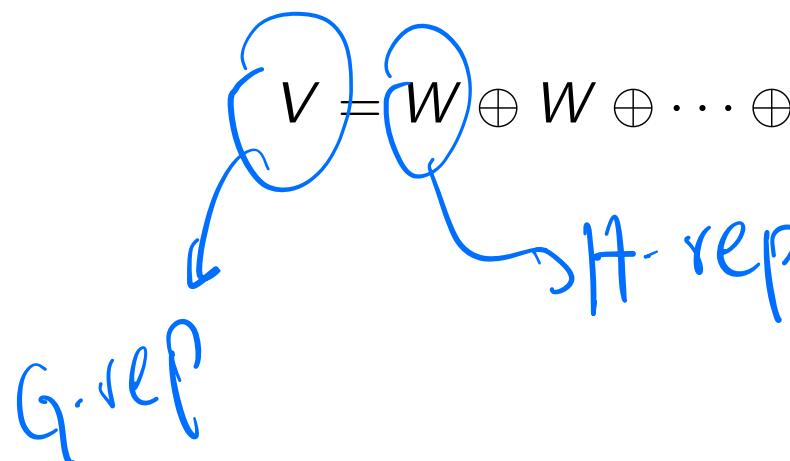
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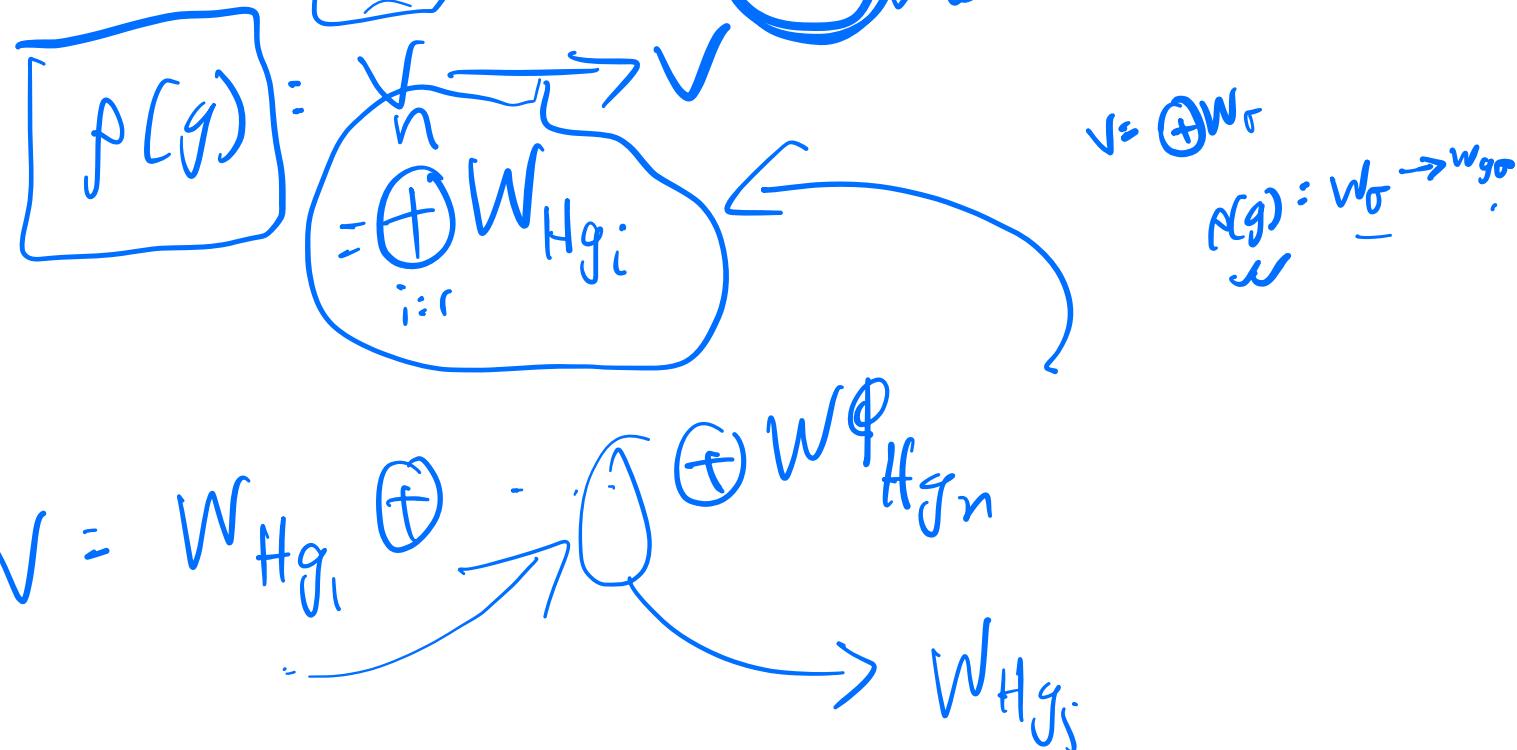
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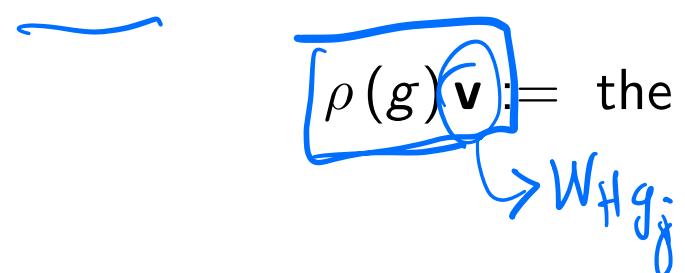
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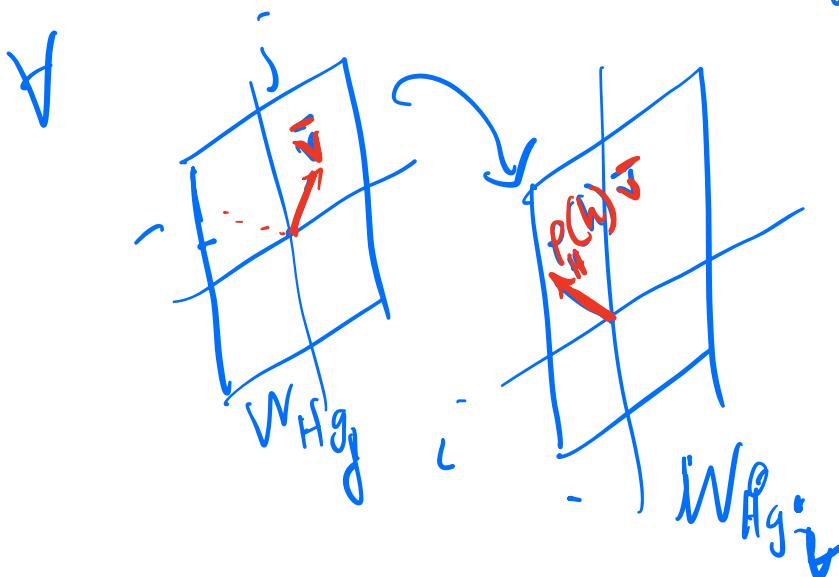
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The diagram illustrates the construction of the induced representation. It shows three vector spaces:  $W_{Hg_j}$  (left),  $W$  (middle), and  $W_{Hg_i}$  (right). A red arrow labeled  $f_j^{-1}$  maps from  $W_{Hg_j}$  to  $W$ . A red arrow labeled  $f_i$  maps from  $W$  to  $W_{Hg_i}$ . A purple arrow labeled  $\rho_H(h)$  maps from  $W$  to  $W$ . The composition of these arrows,  $\rho(g)v$ , is shown as a purple arrow from  $W_{Hg_j}$  to  $W_{Hg_i}$ .

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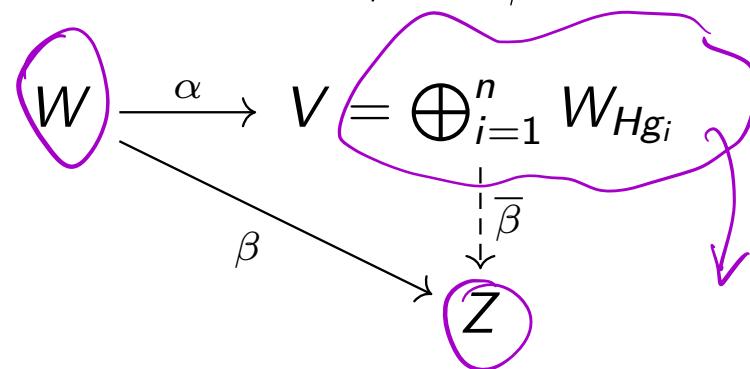
**Exercise:** Show that  $\rho : G \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}(V)$  is a homomorphism.

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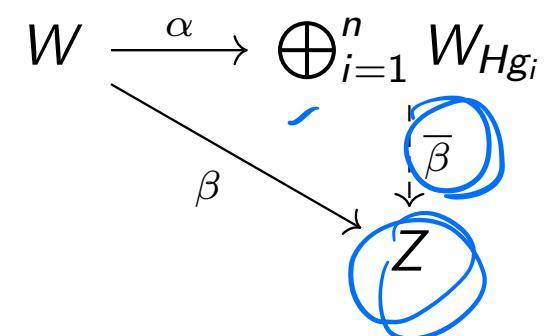
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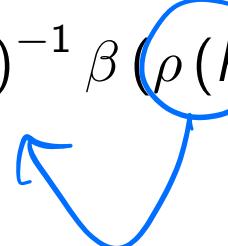
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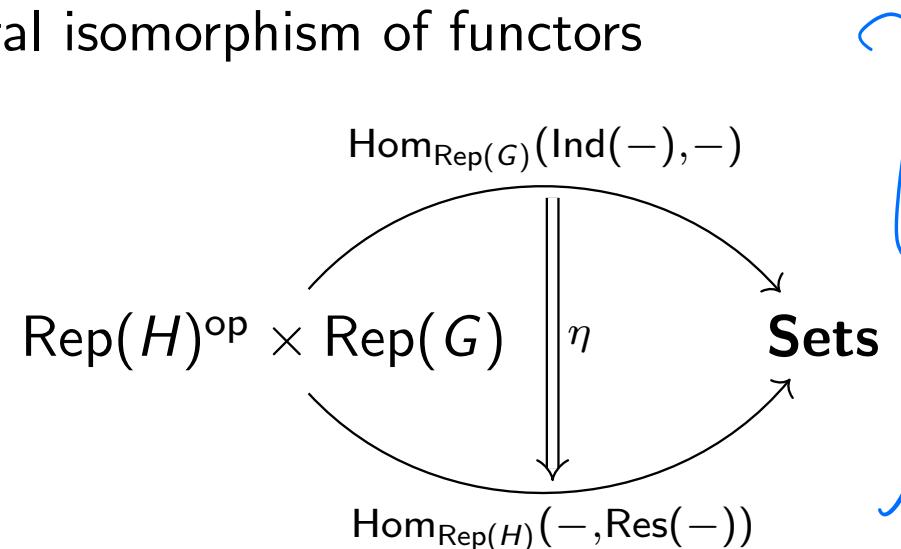
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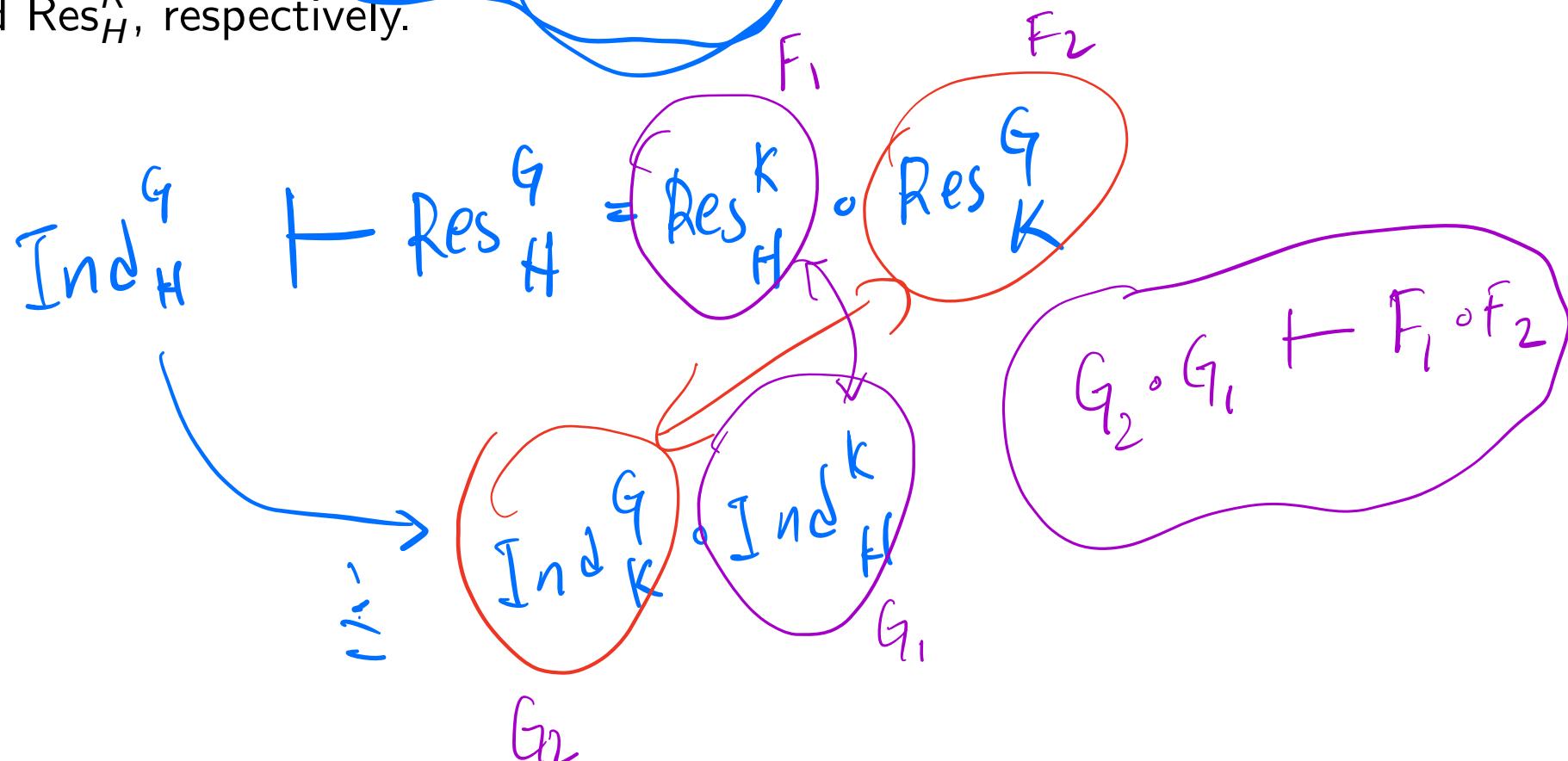
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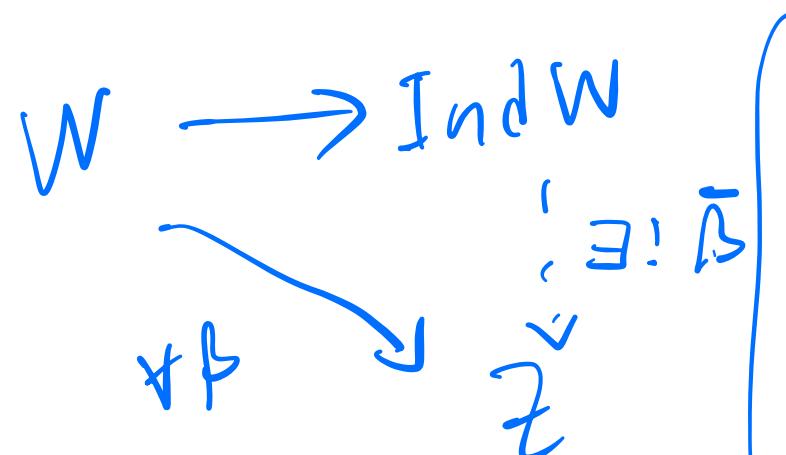
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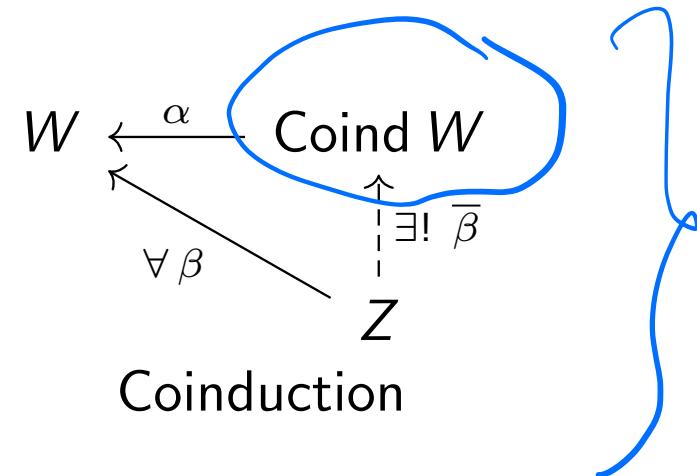
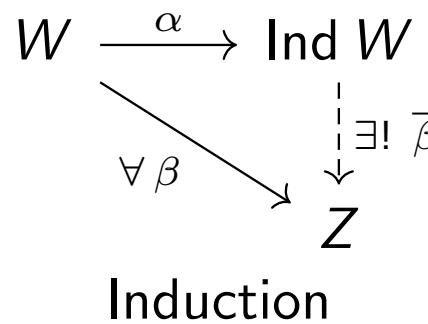
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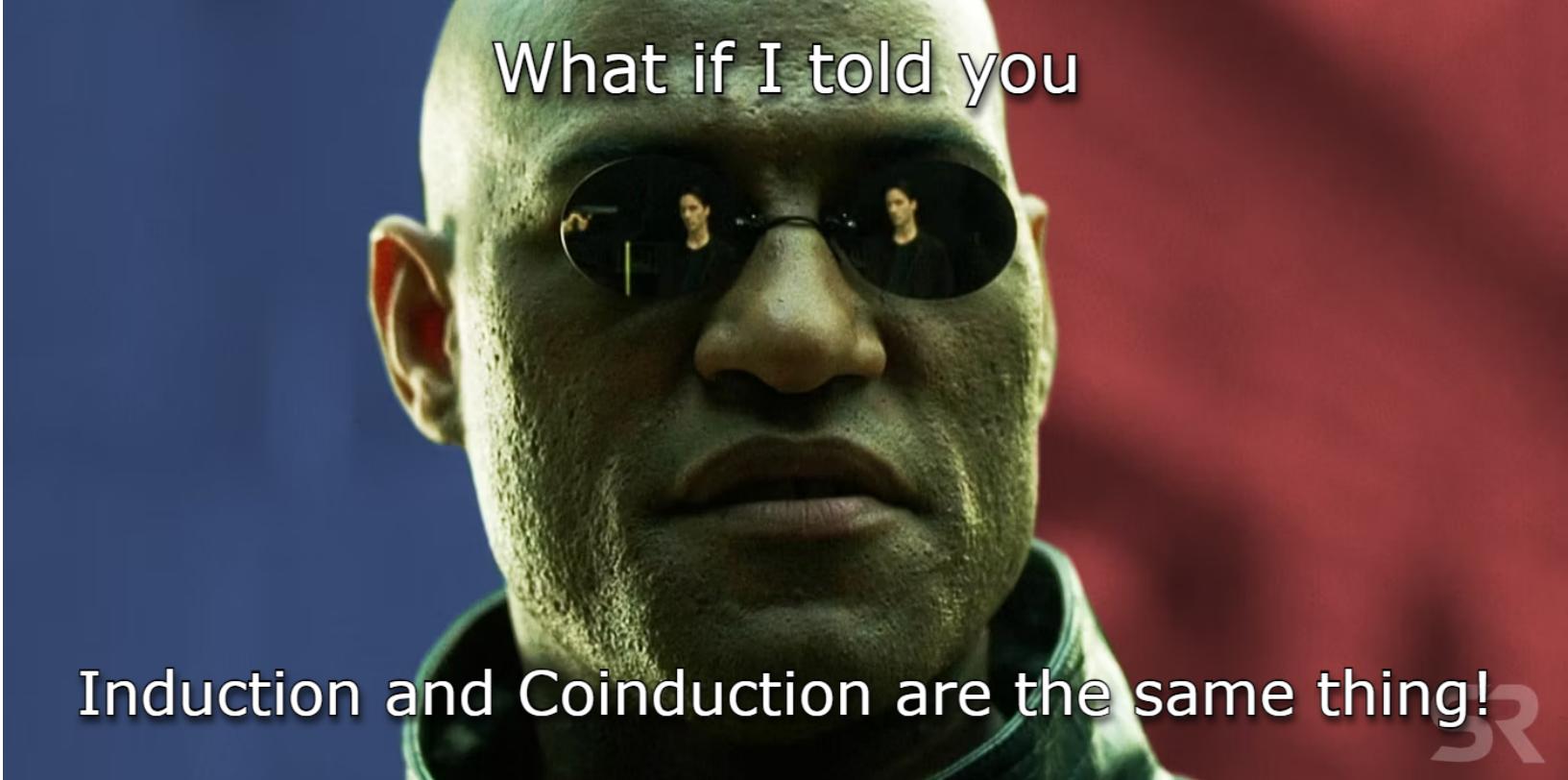
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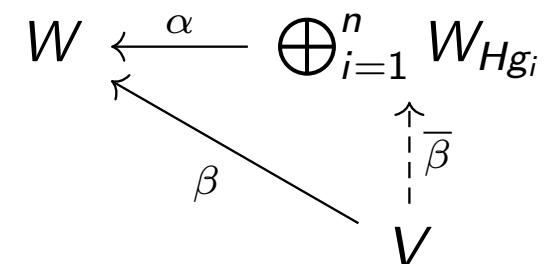
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