

Geometric vs non-geometric rough paths

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The object \mathbb{X} is known as a **branched rough path** (Gubinelli).

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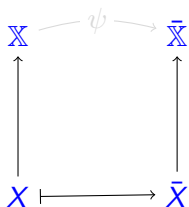
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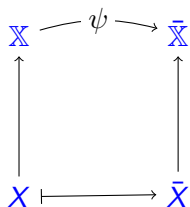
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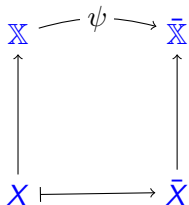
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