
Graphical CSS Code Transformation Using ZX Calculus

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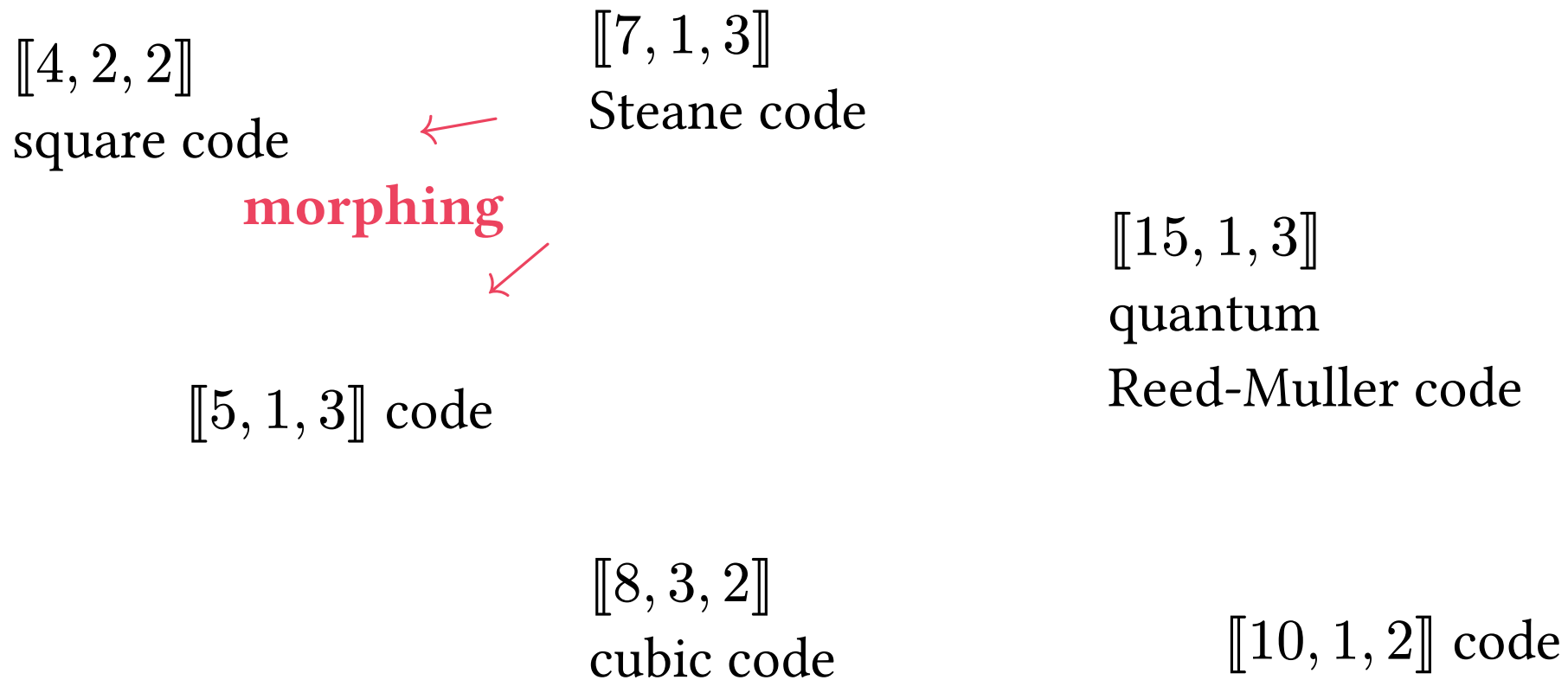
$[[7, 1, 3]]$
Steane code

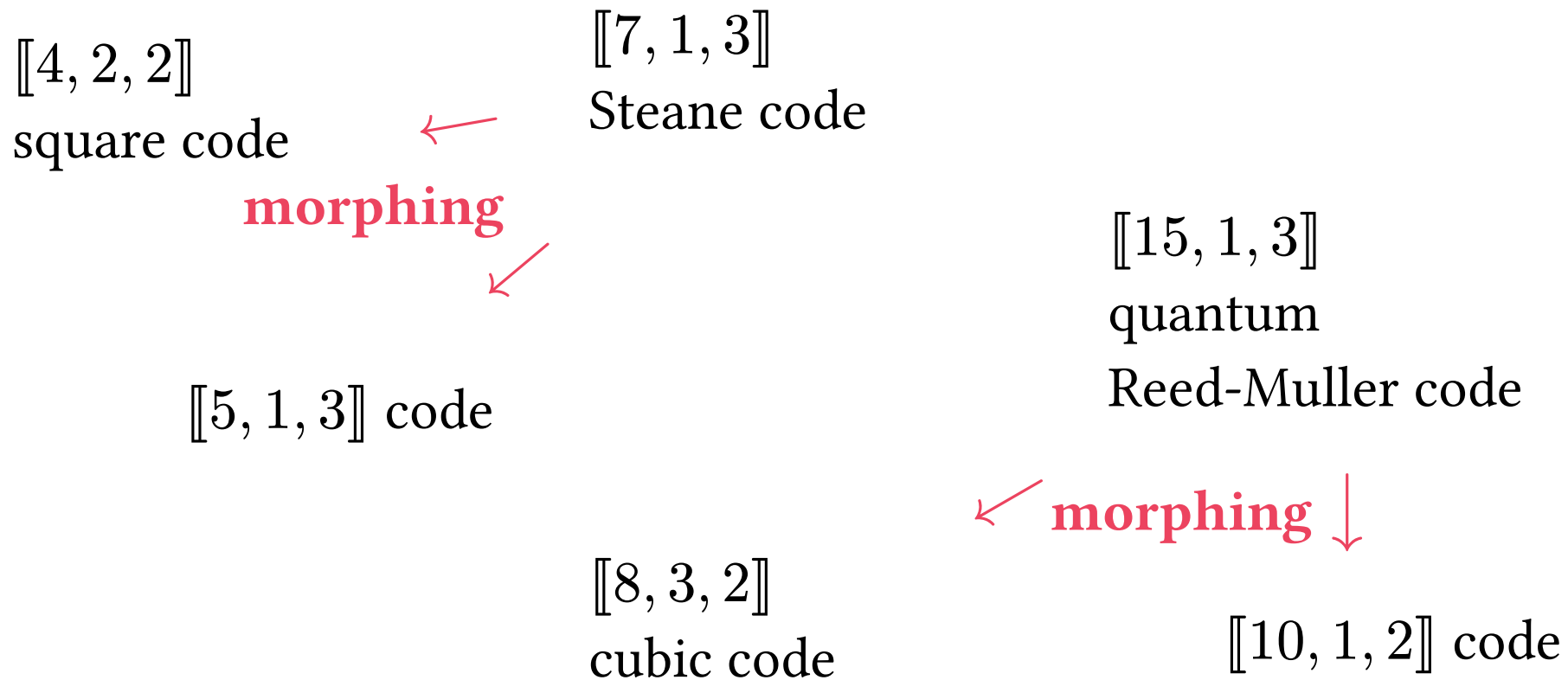
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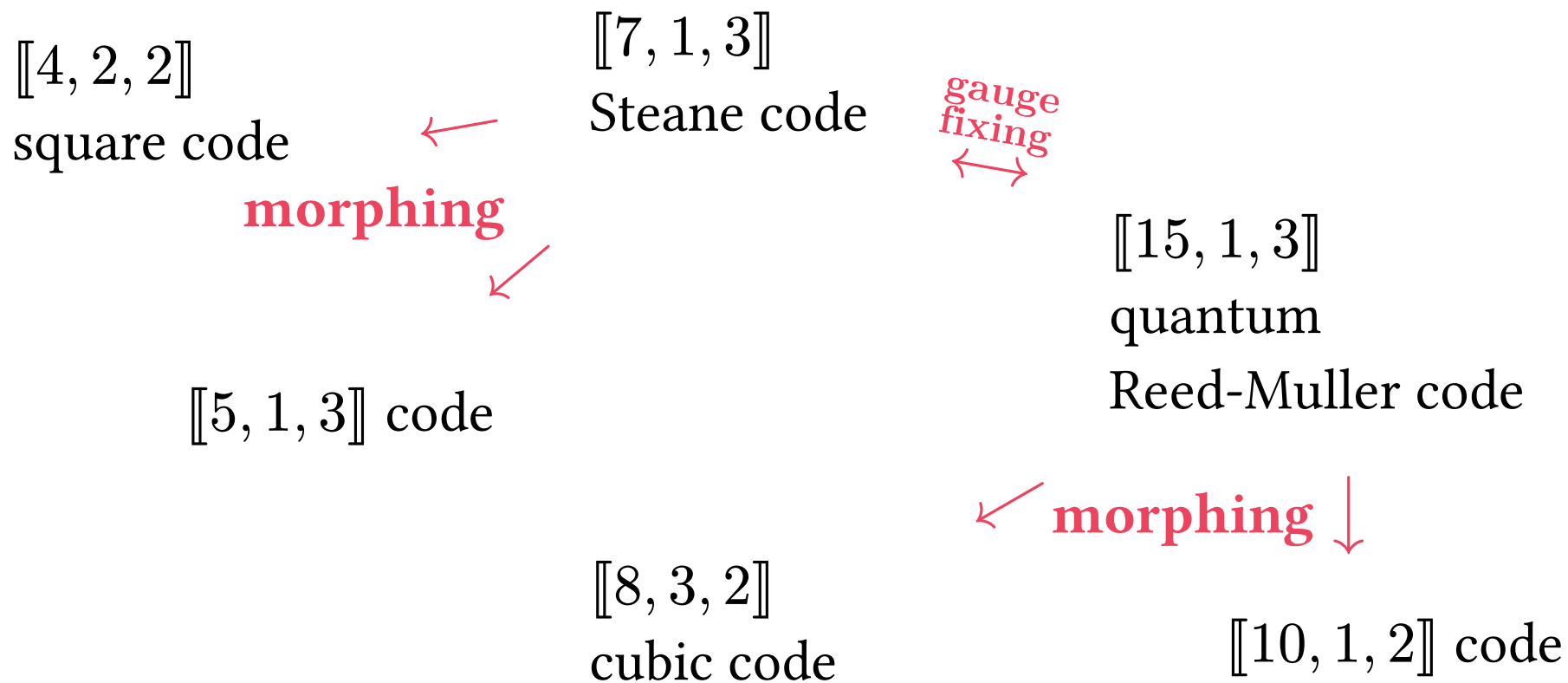
$[[15, 1, 3]]$
quantum
Reed-Muller code

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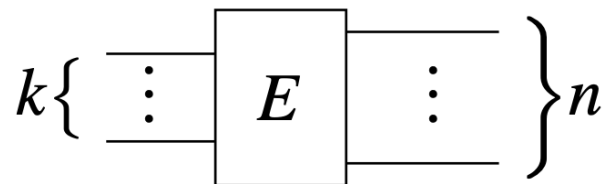
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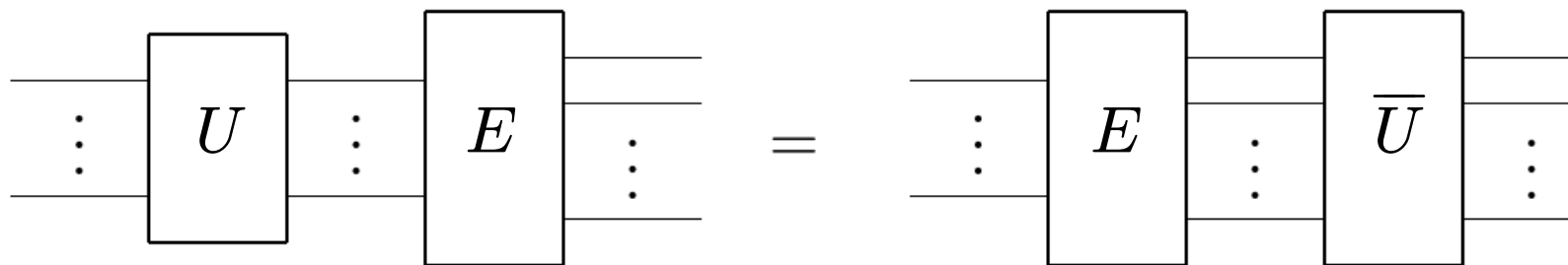
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Every CSS code encoder is a phase-free ZX diagram.

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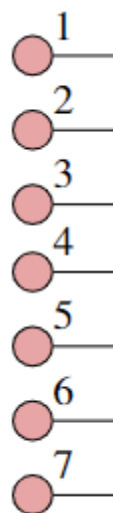
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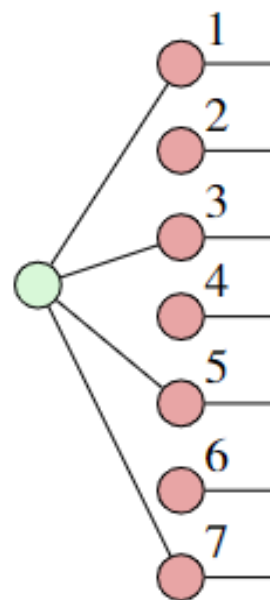
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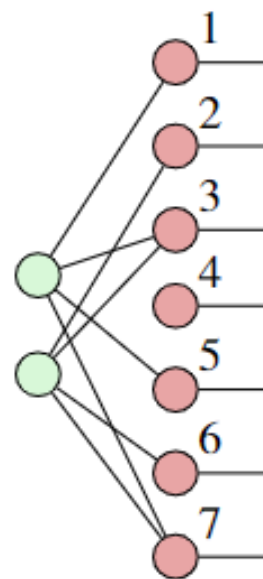
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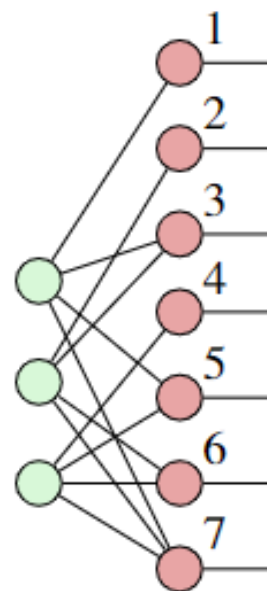
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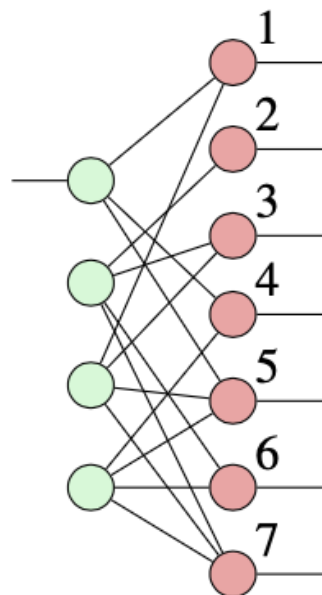
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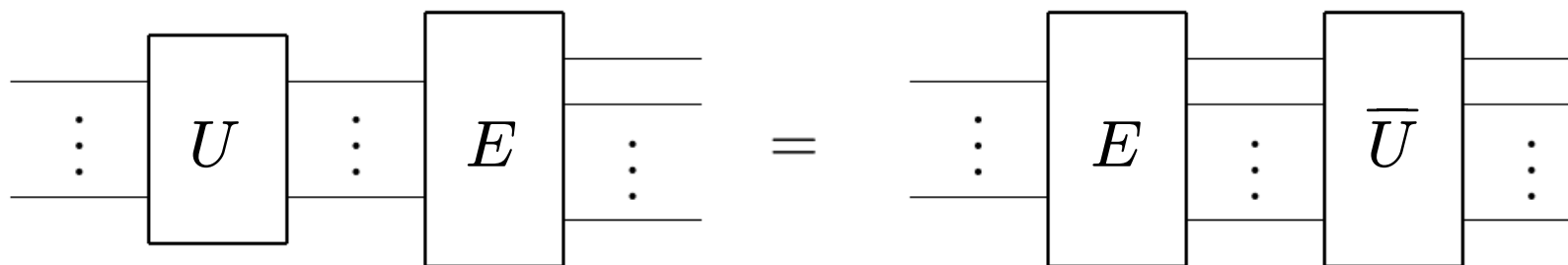
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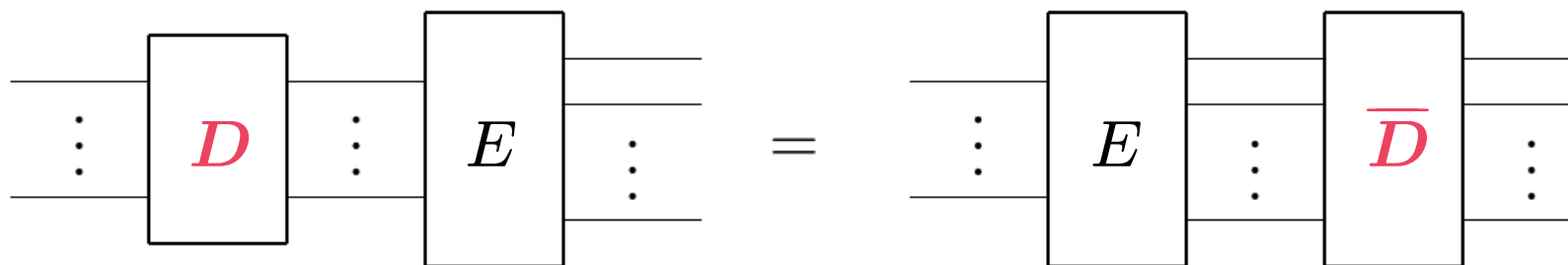
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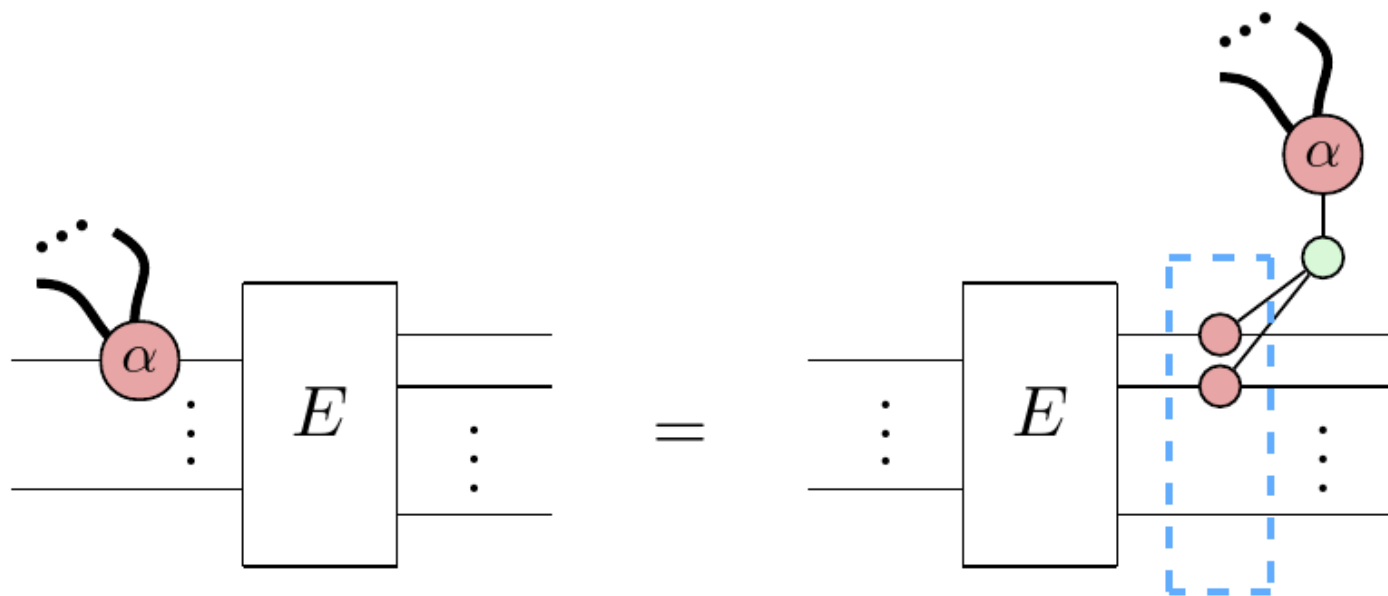


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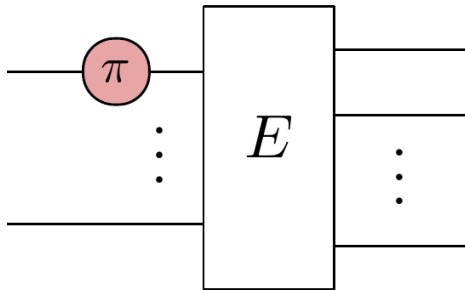
Given a ZX diagram D , what is the corresponding diagram \overline{D} , such that the above equation holds?

Lemma: PTE

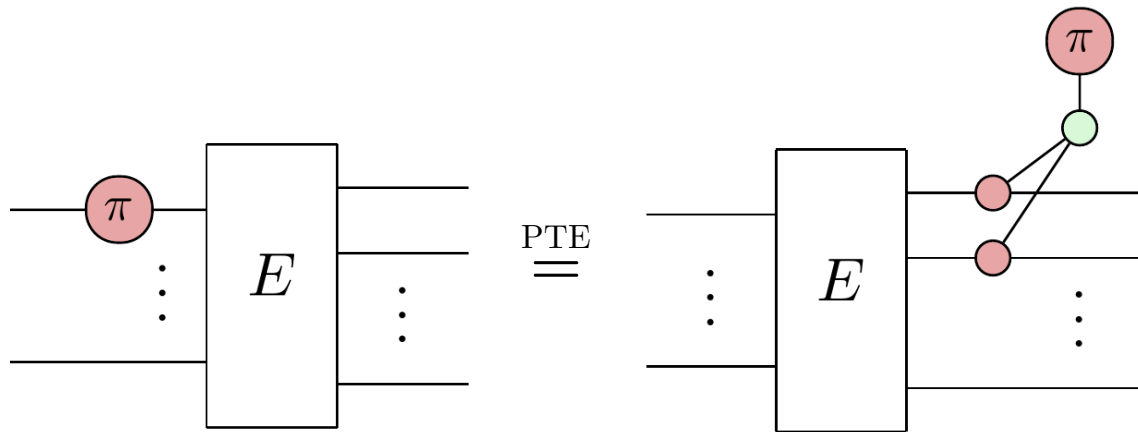


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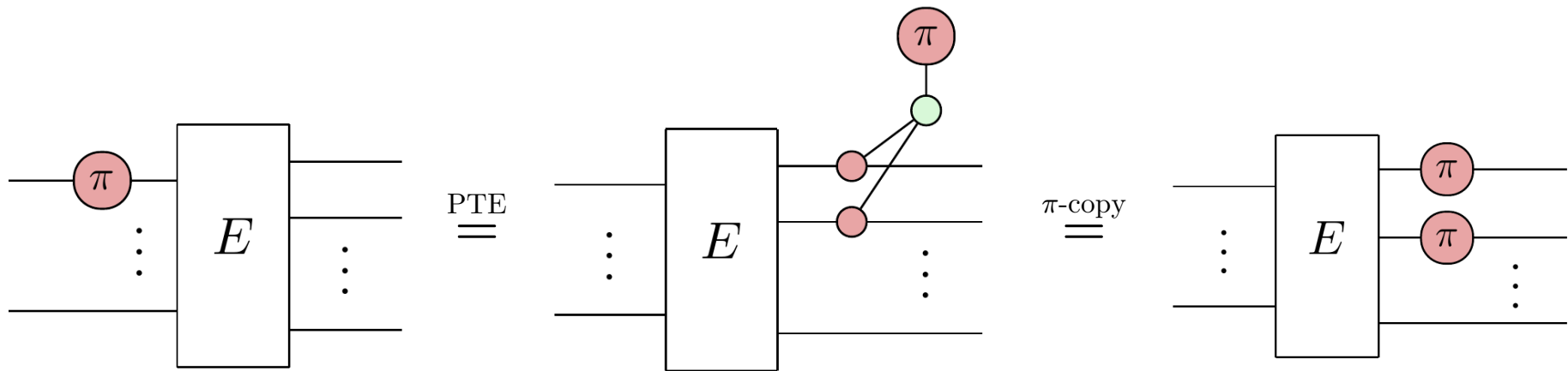


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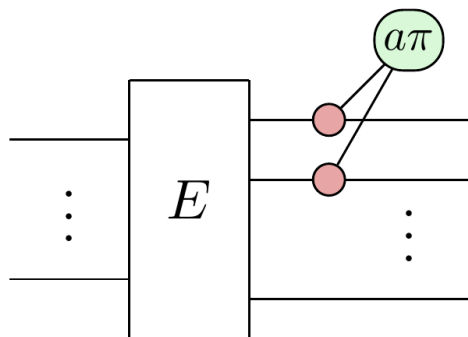
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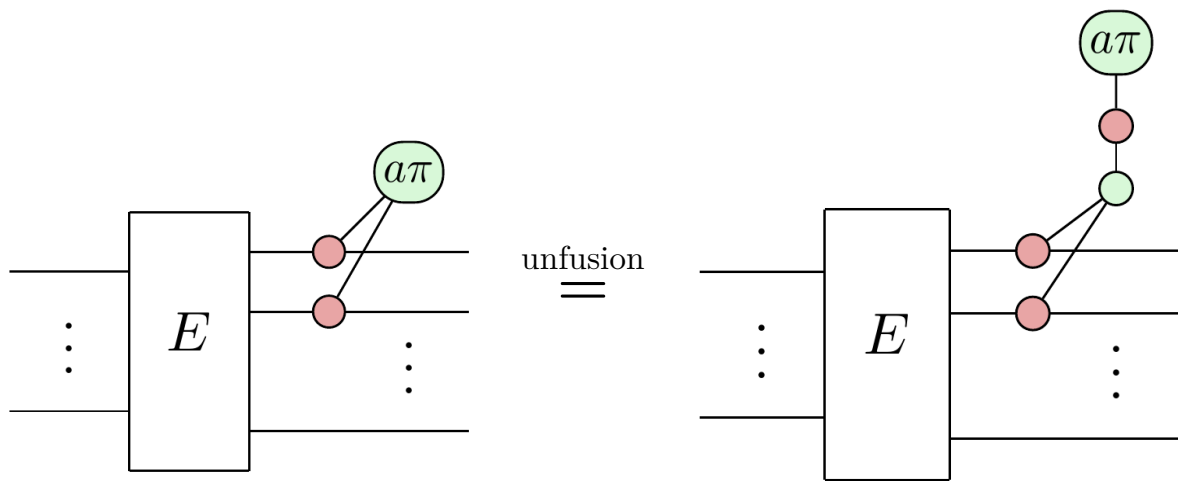


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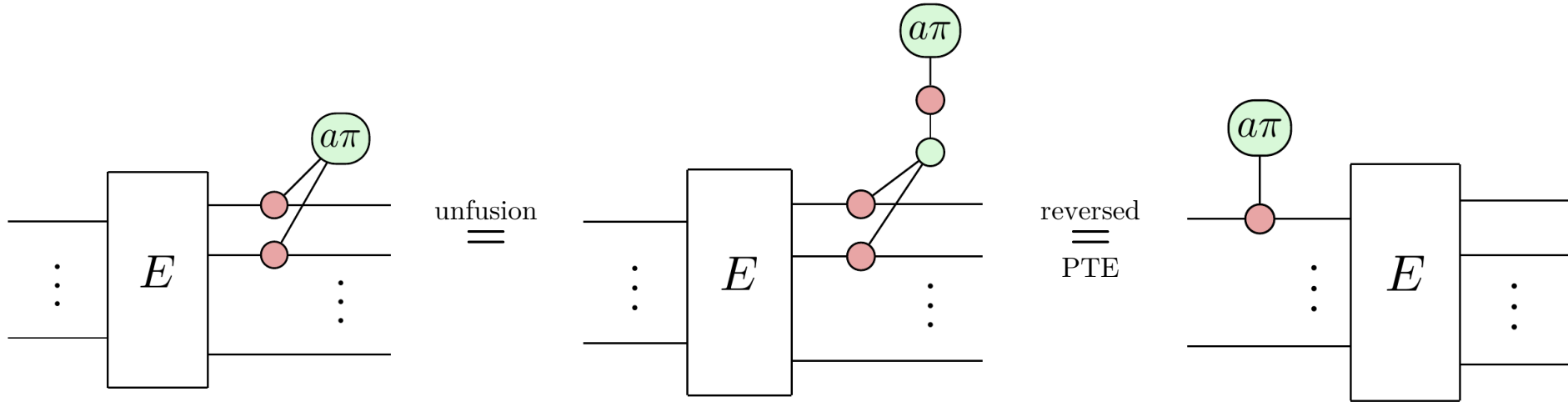
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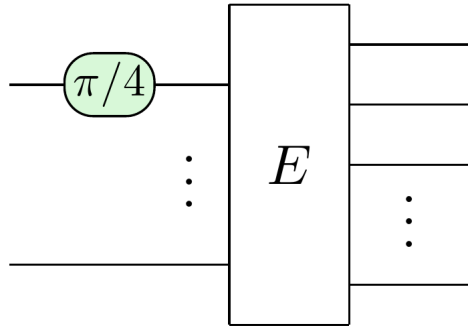


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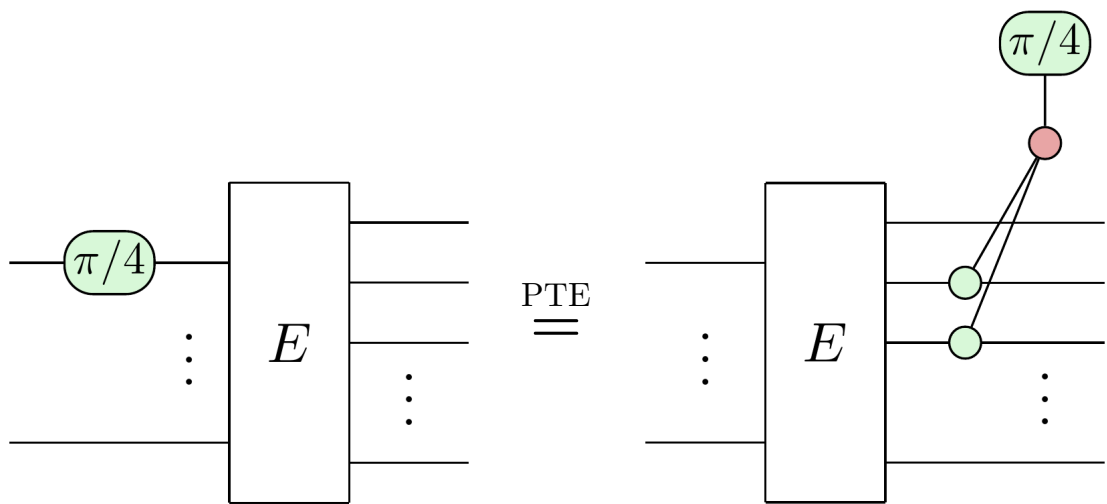


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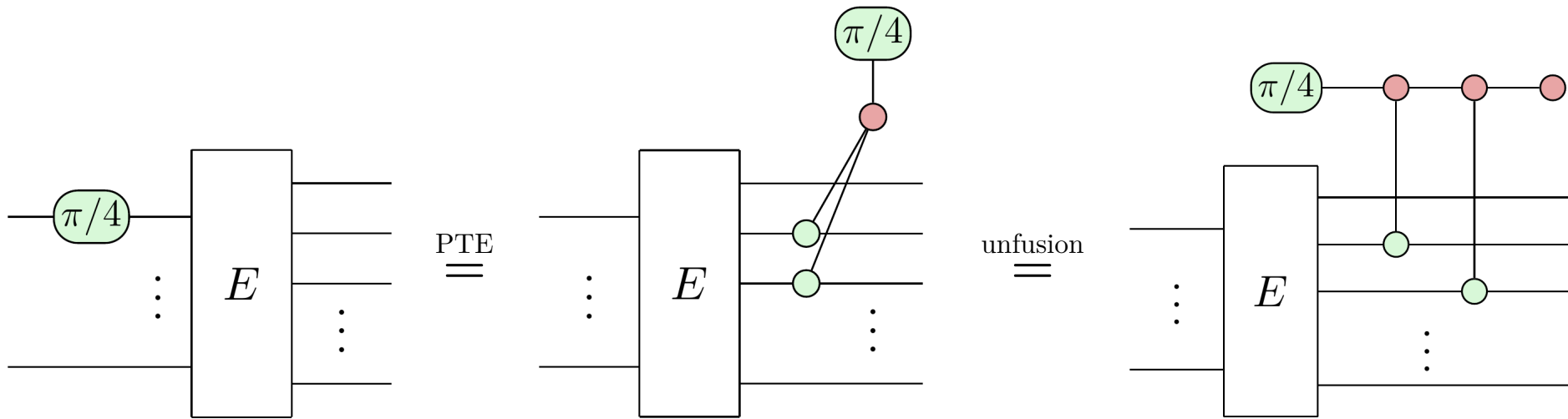


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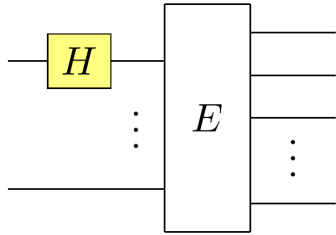
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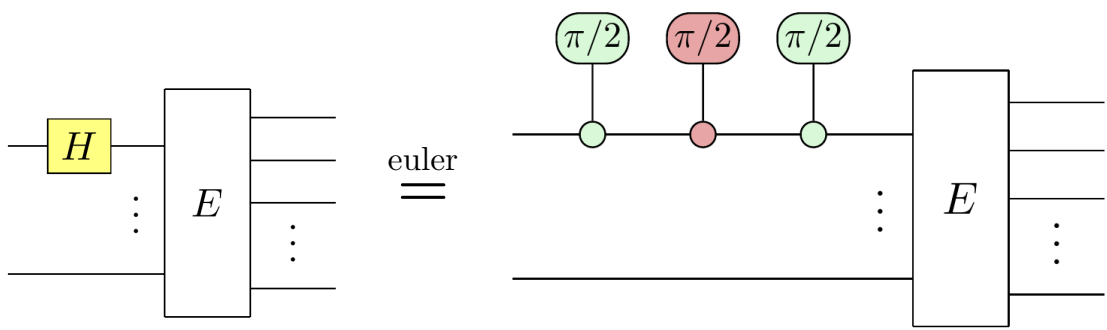


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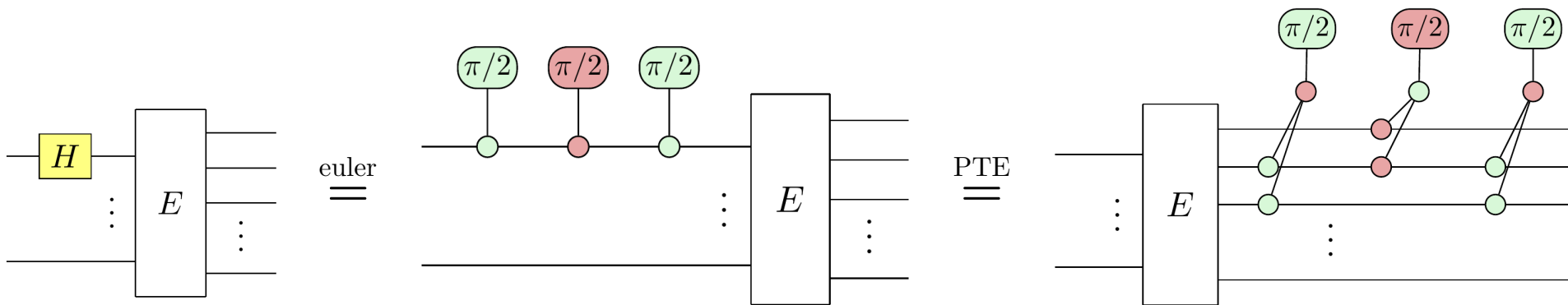
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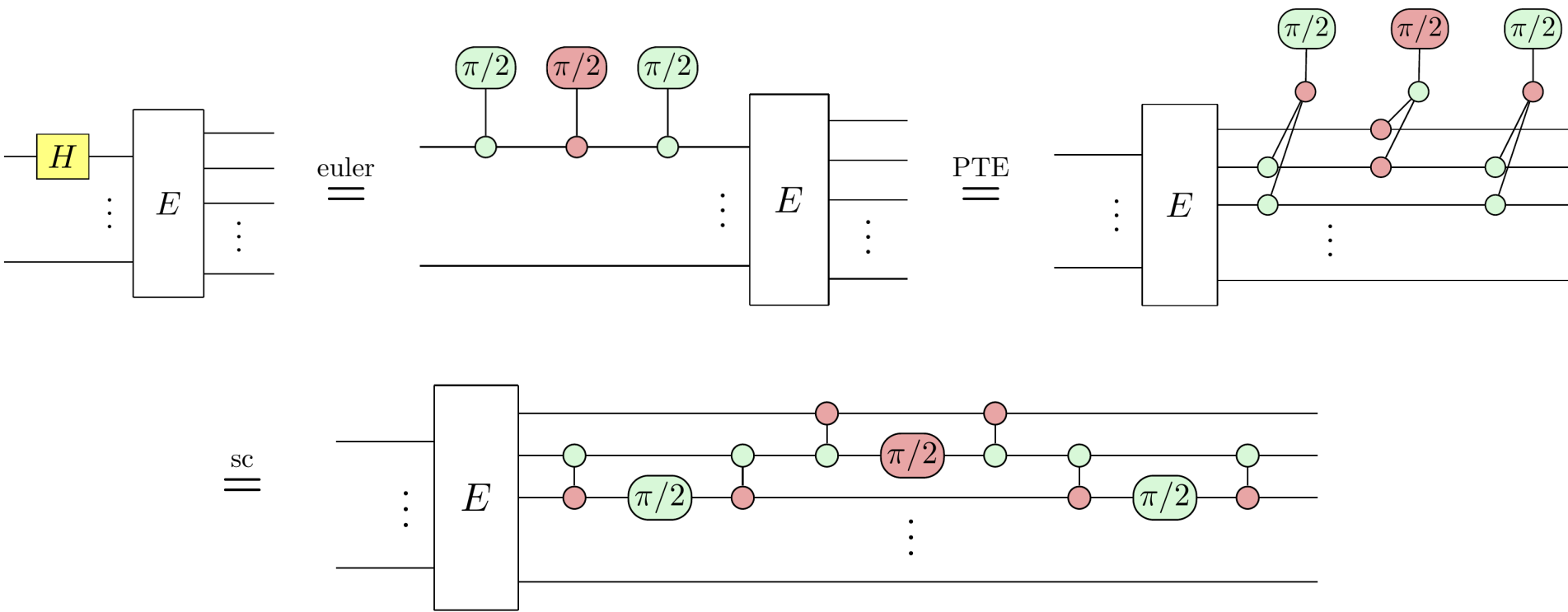
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child code $\mathcal{C}_{\text{child}}$ whose stabilizers are

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{child}} := \{S \in \mathcal{S} : \text{supp}(S) \subset R\}.$$

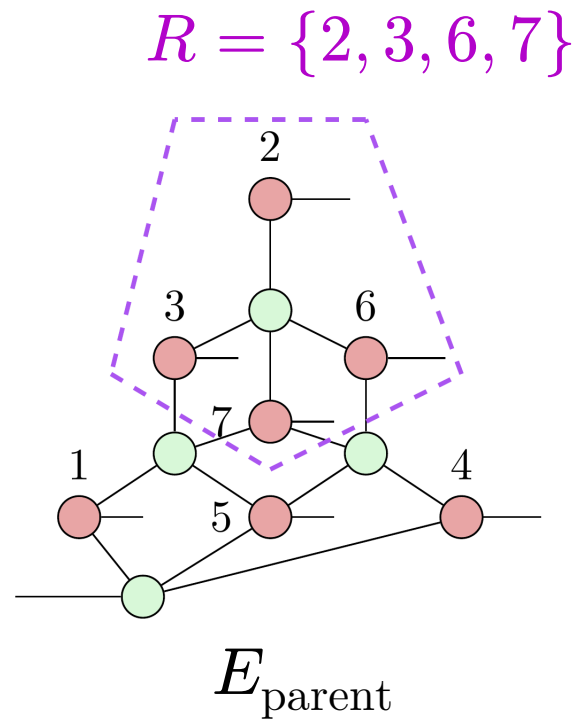
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Consider the encoders E_{parent} and E_{child} , which are Clifford,
morphed code $\mathcal{C}_{\text{morphed}}$ whose encoder is

$$E_{\text{morphed}} := \left(I^{\otimes |Q \setminus R|} \otimes E_{\text{child}}^\dagger \right) E_{\text{parent}}.$$

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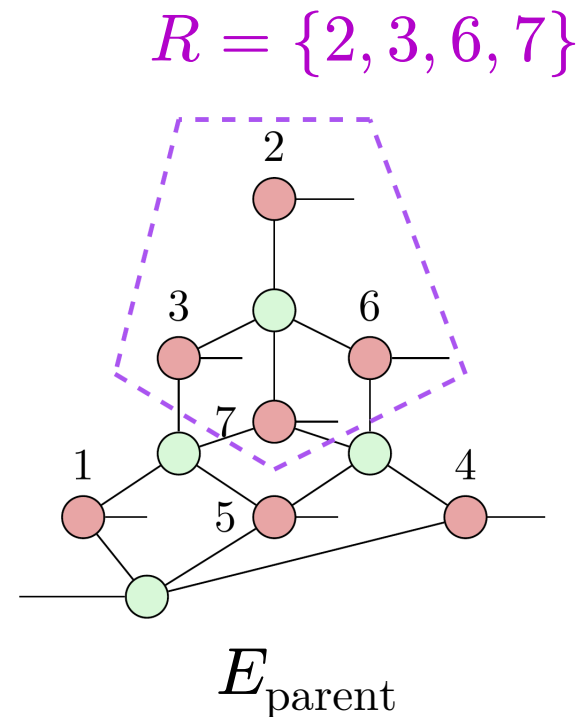
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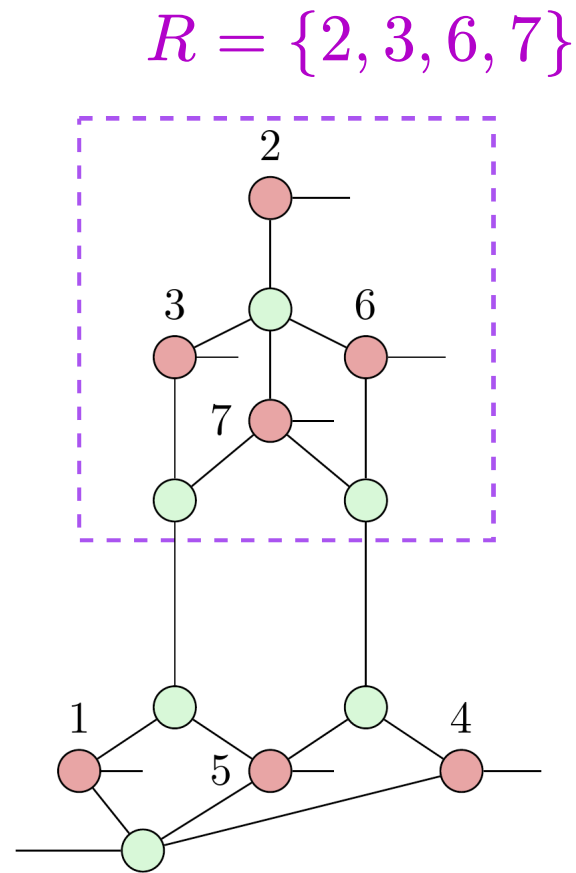
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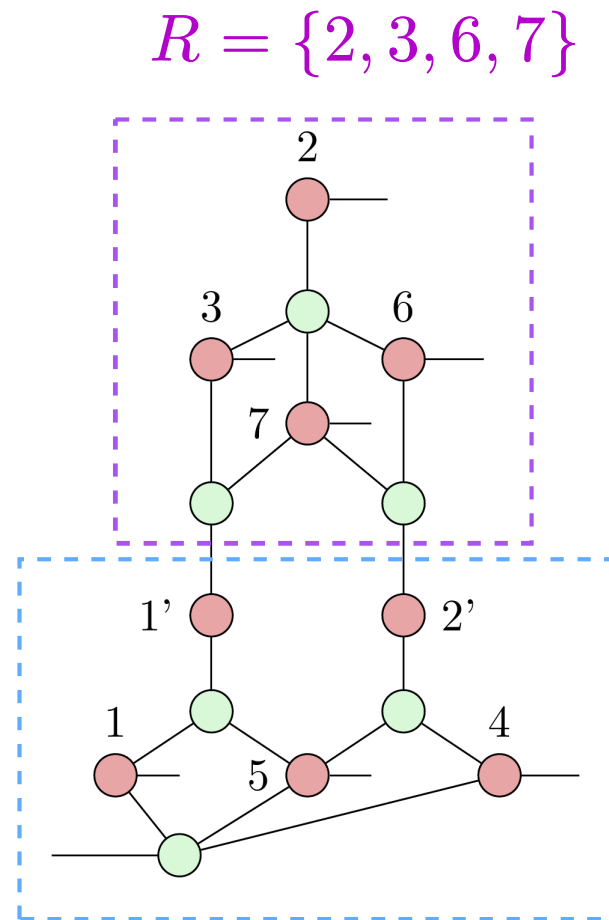
2. Add an identity **red** spider between each pair of unfused **green** spiders.



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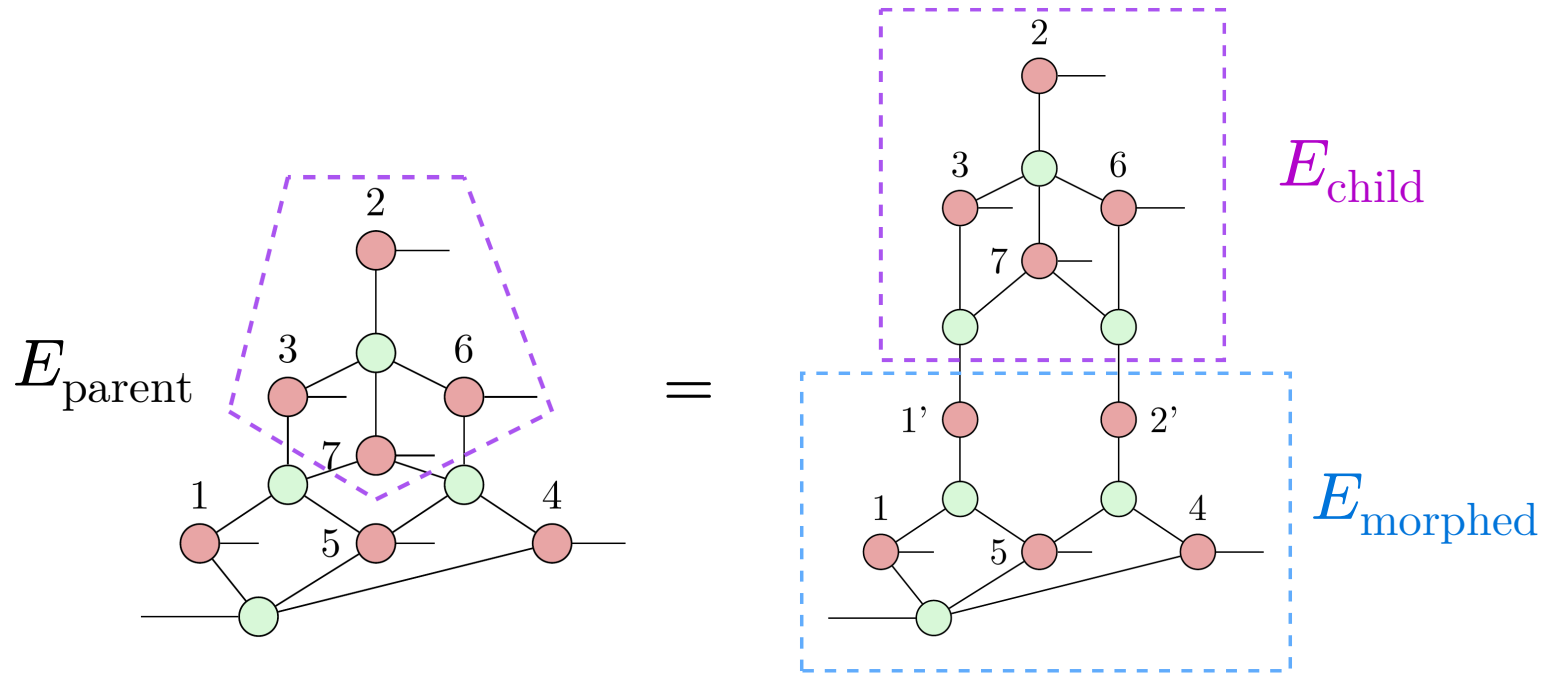
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- let E_{child} be the subdiagram enclosed by R ;
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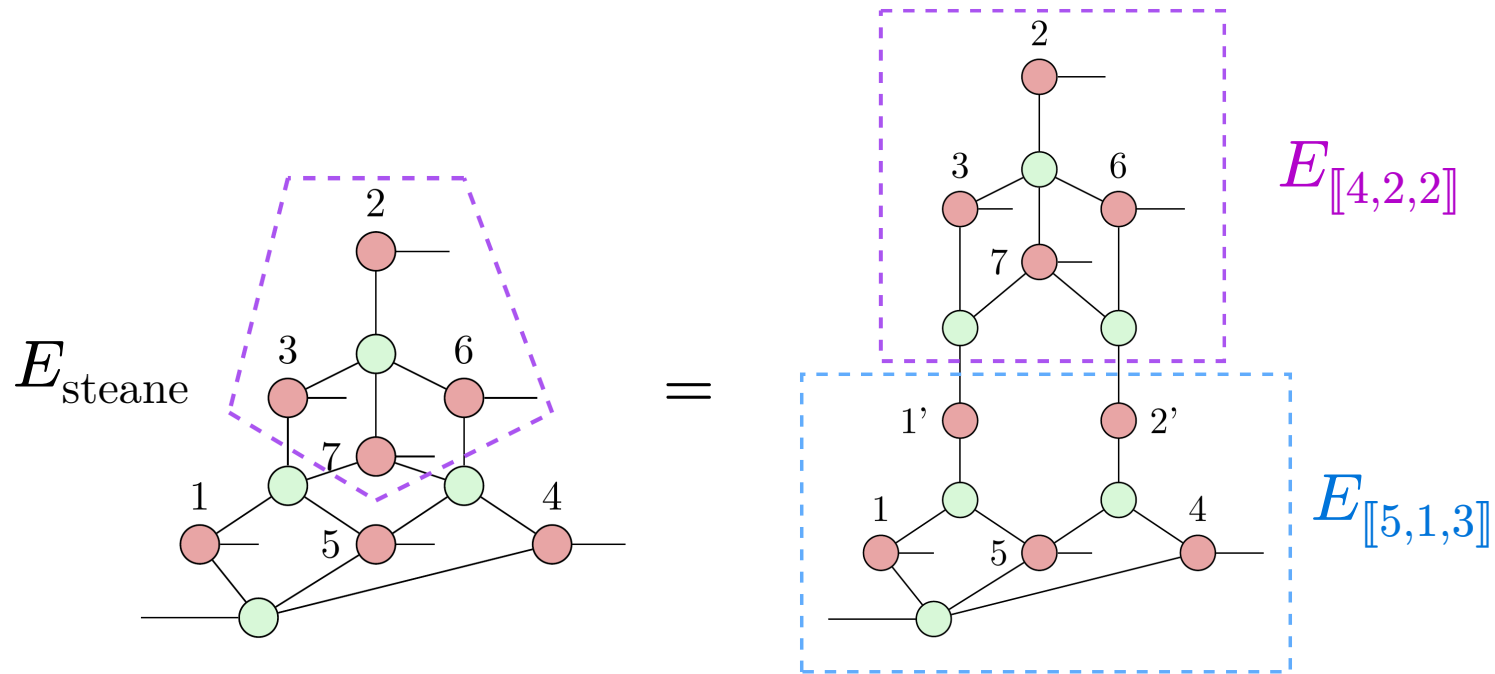
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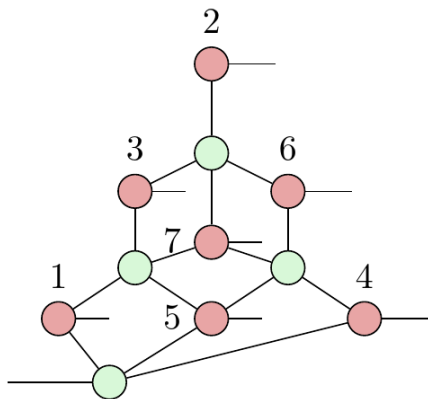
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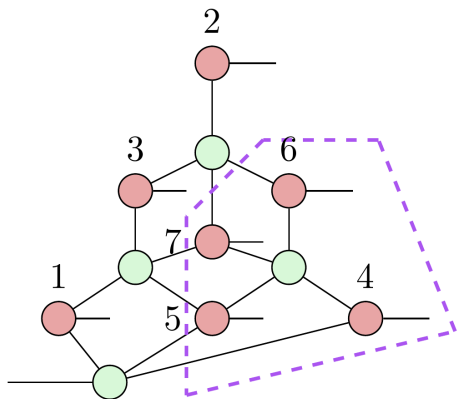
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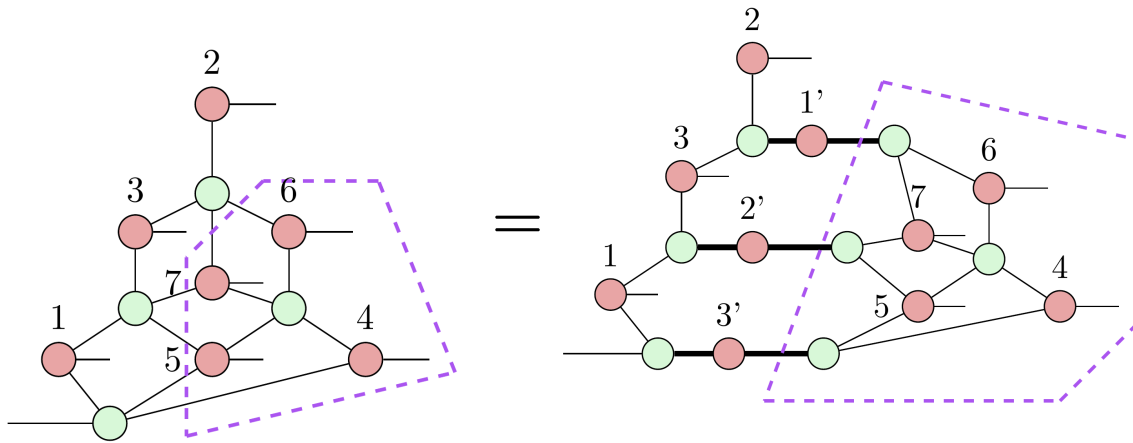
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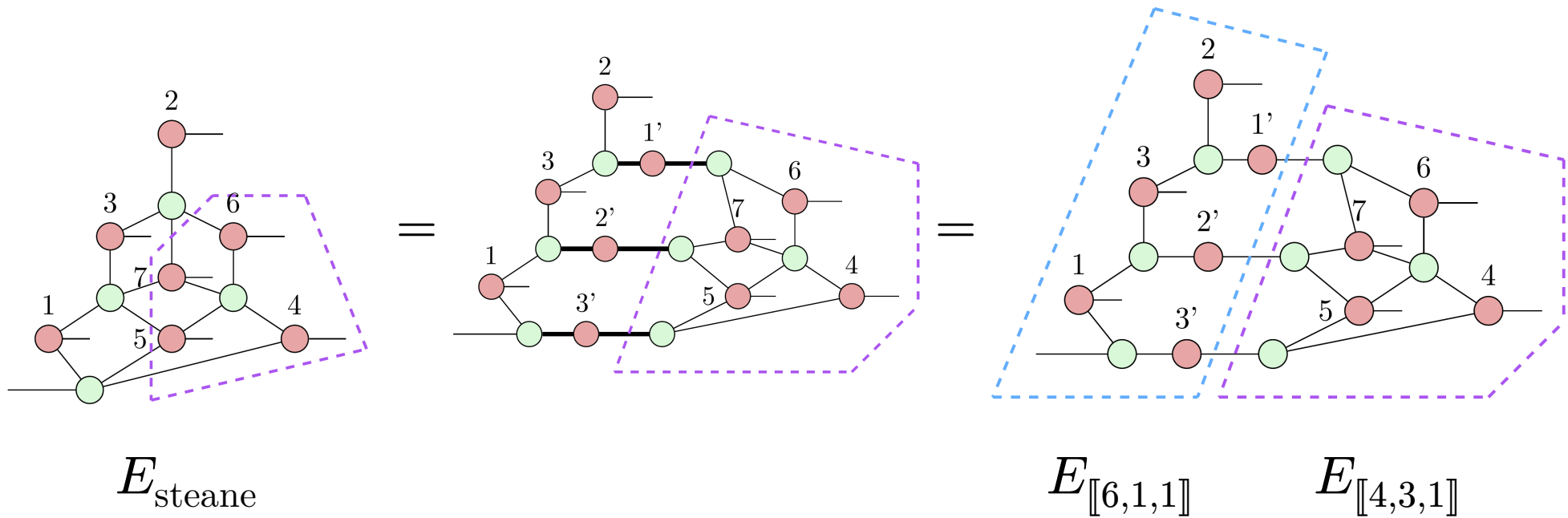
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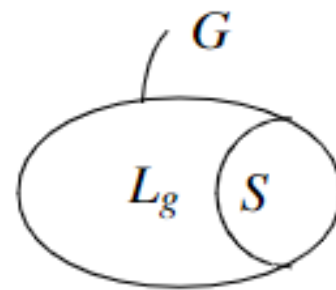
$$|\Psi\rangle := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle \otimes (E_{\text{steane}}|0\rangle) + |1\rangle \otimes (E_{\text{steane}}|1\rangle))$$

Quantum subsystem code

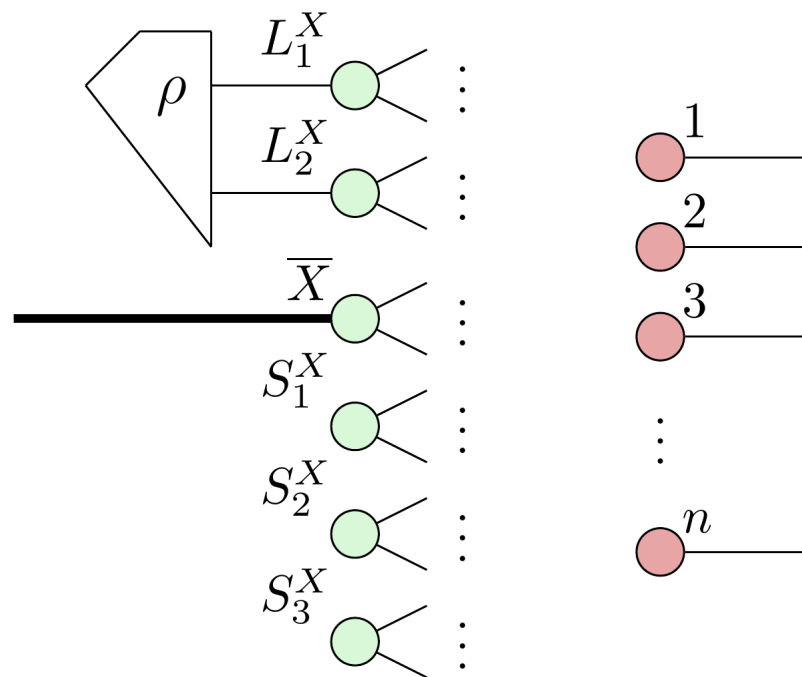
Gauge group any subgroup $\mathcal{G} < \mathcal{P}_n$

Stabilizer group $\mathcal{S} := \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{G}) \cap \mathcal{G} = \{S \in \mathcal{G} : SG = GS, \forall G \in \mathcal{G}\}$

Gauge operators $\mathcal{L}_g := \mathcal{G} / \mathcal{S}$
 $\cong \langle L_1^X, L_1^Z, \dots, L_t^X, L_t^Z \rangle < \mathcal{P}_n$



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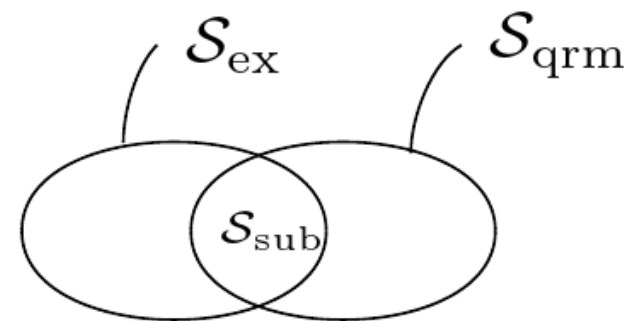


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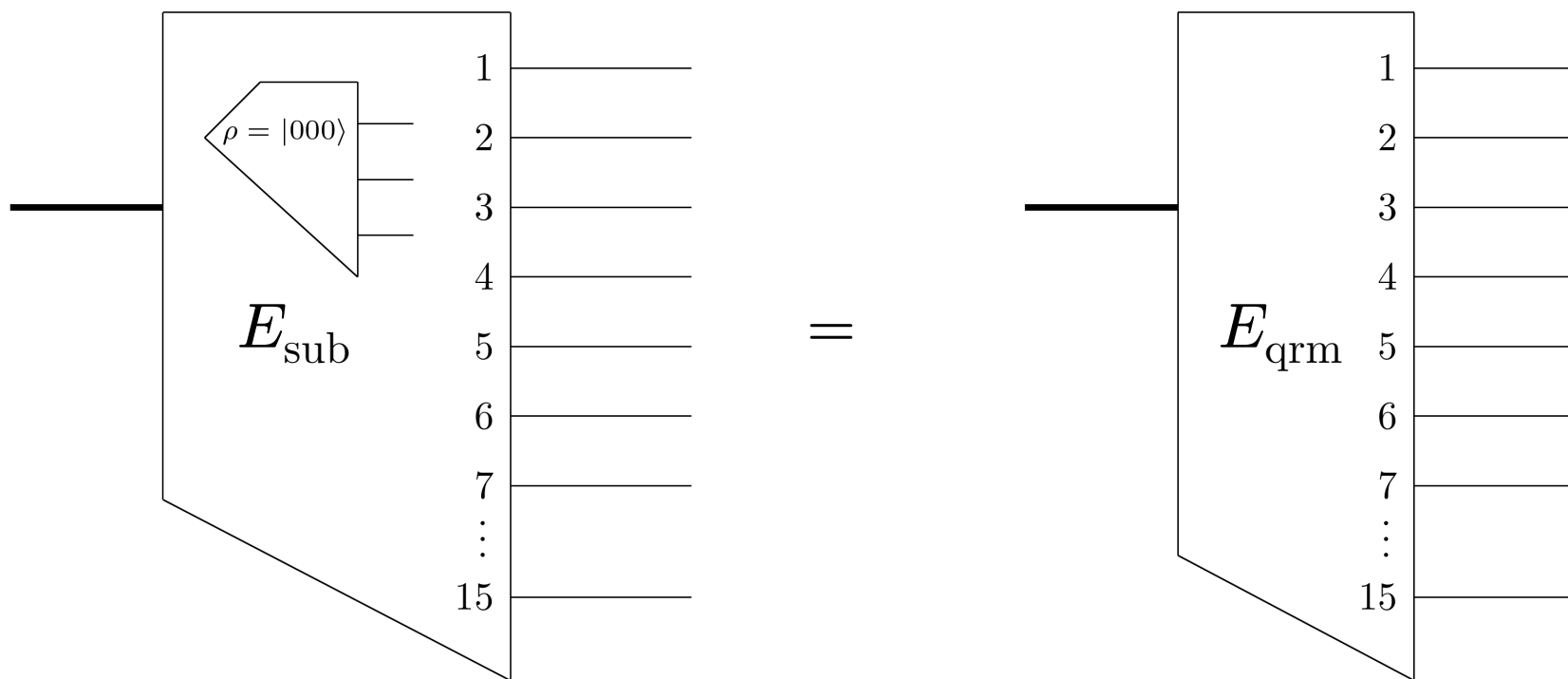
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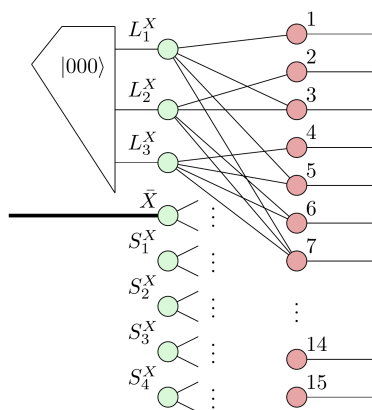
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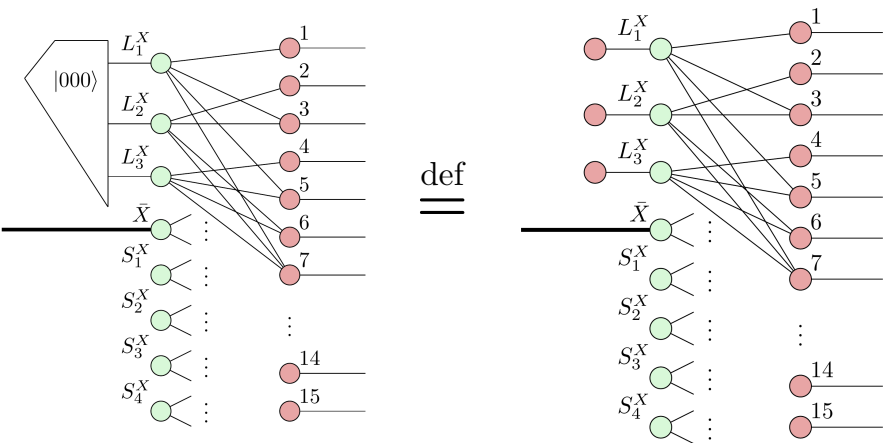
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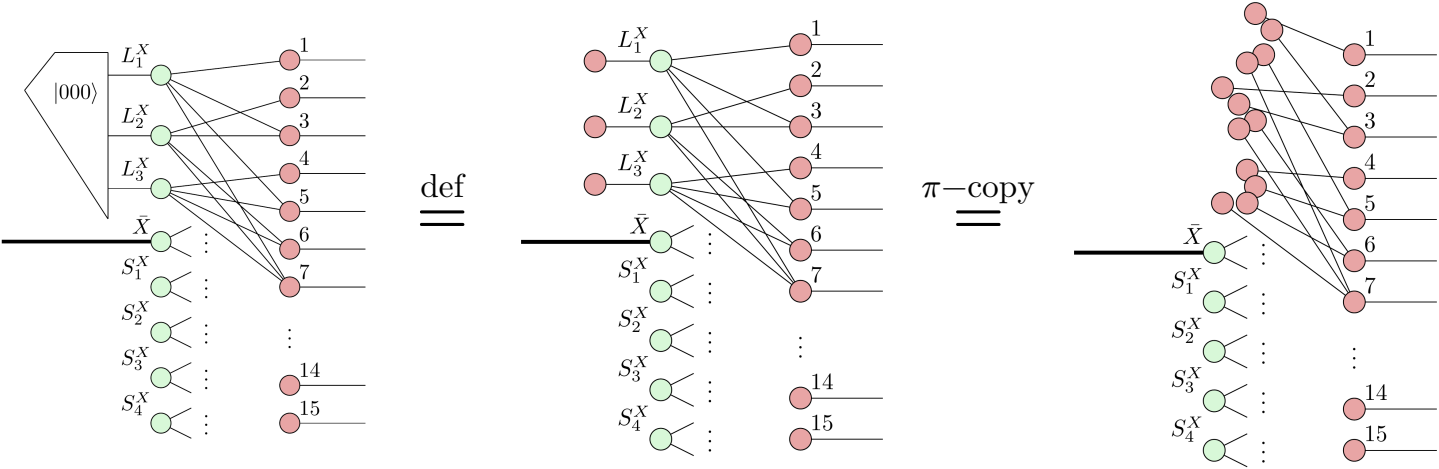
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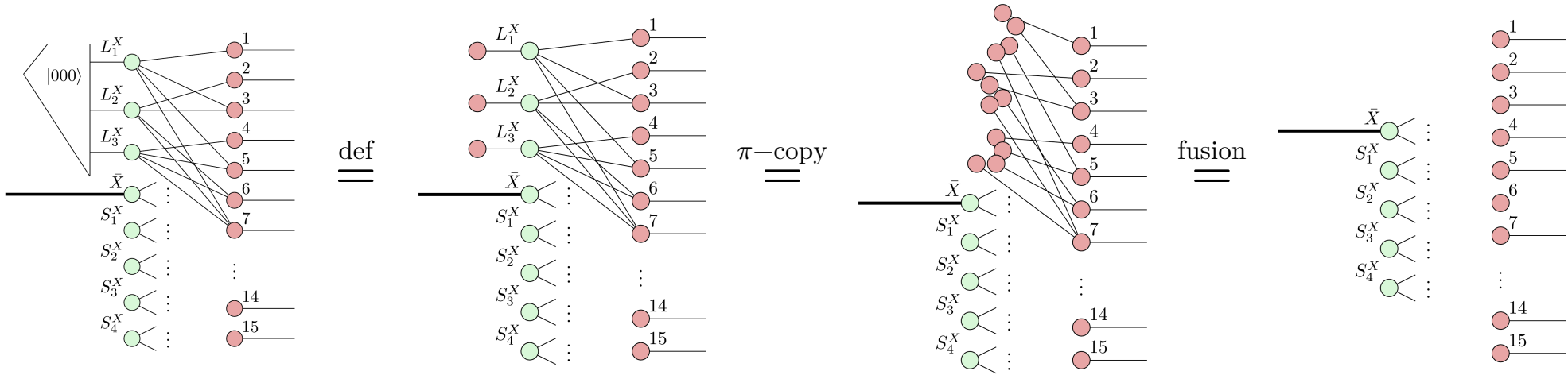
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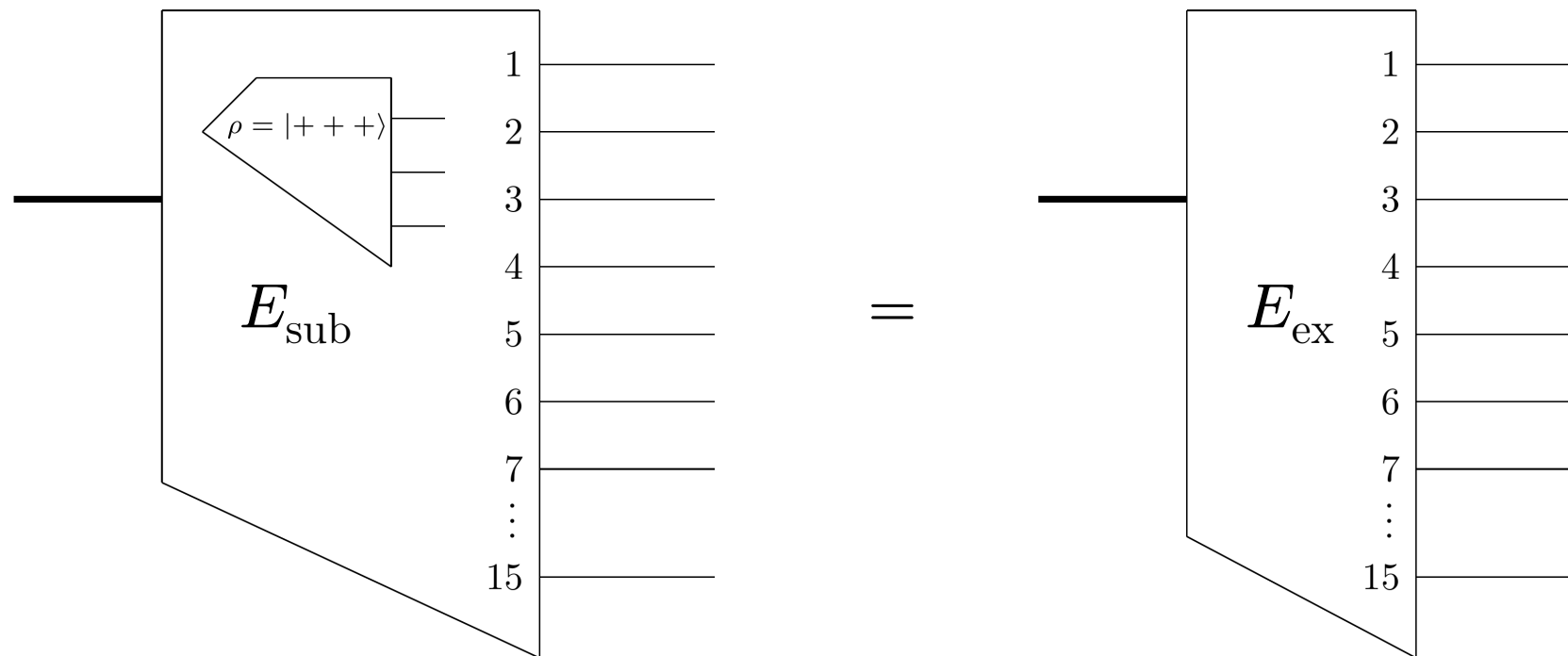
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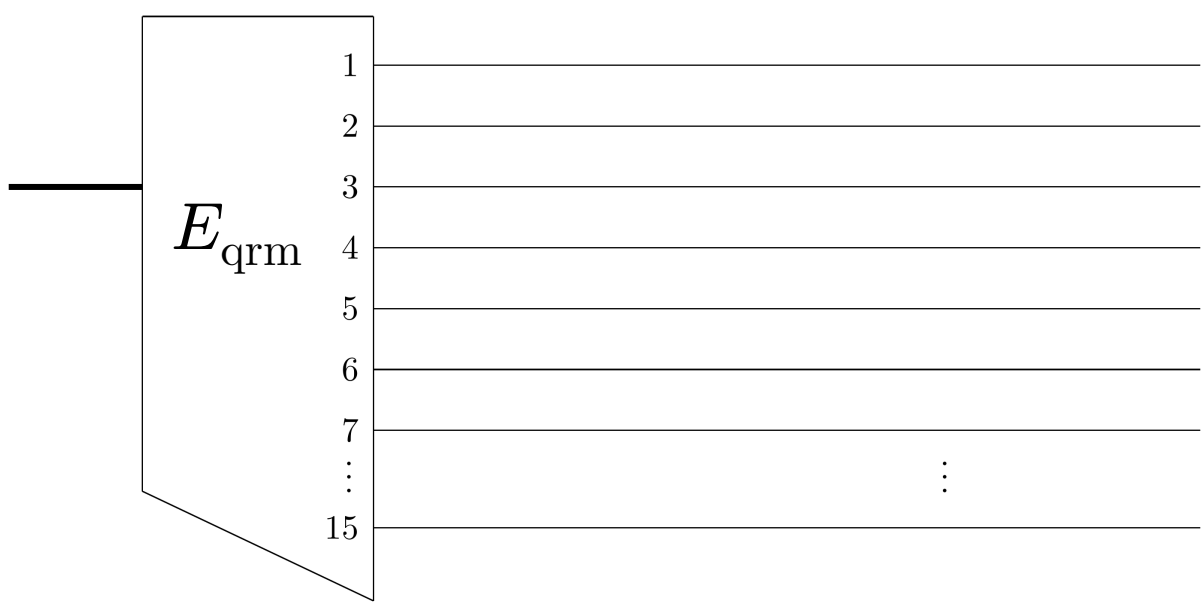
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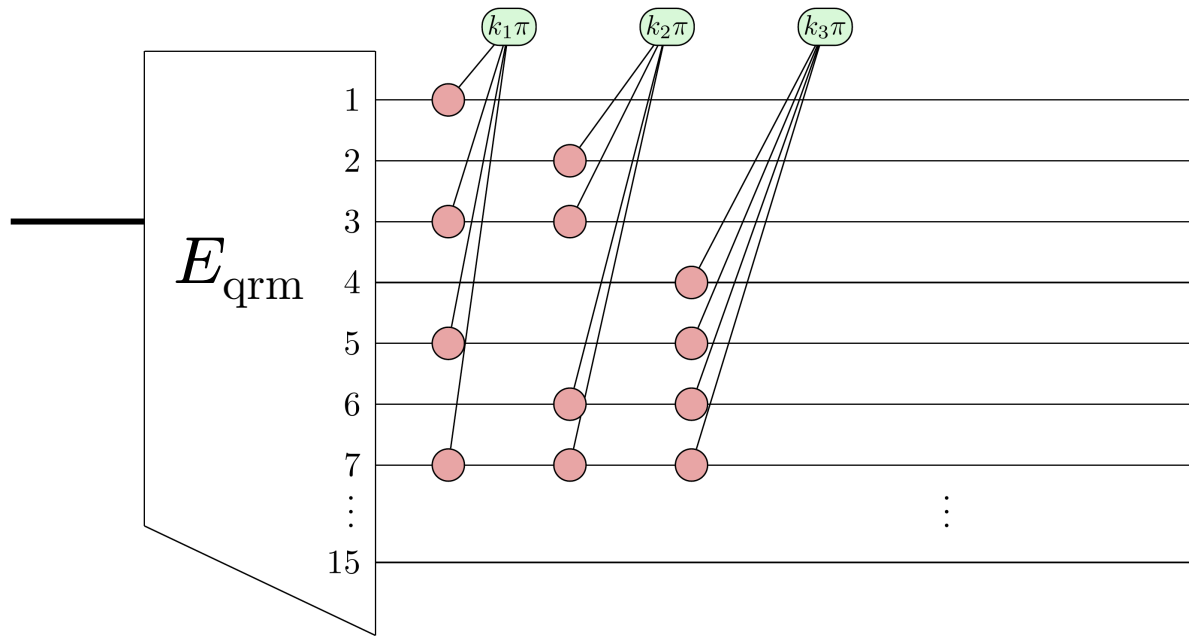
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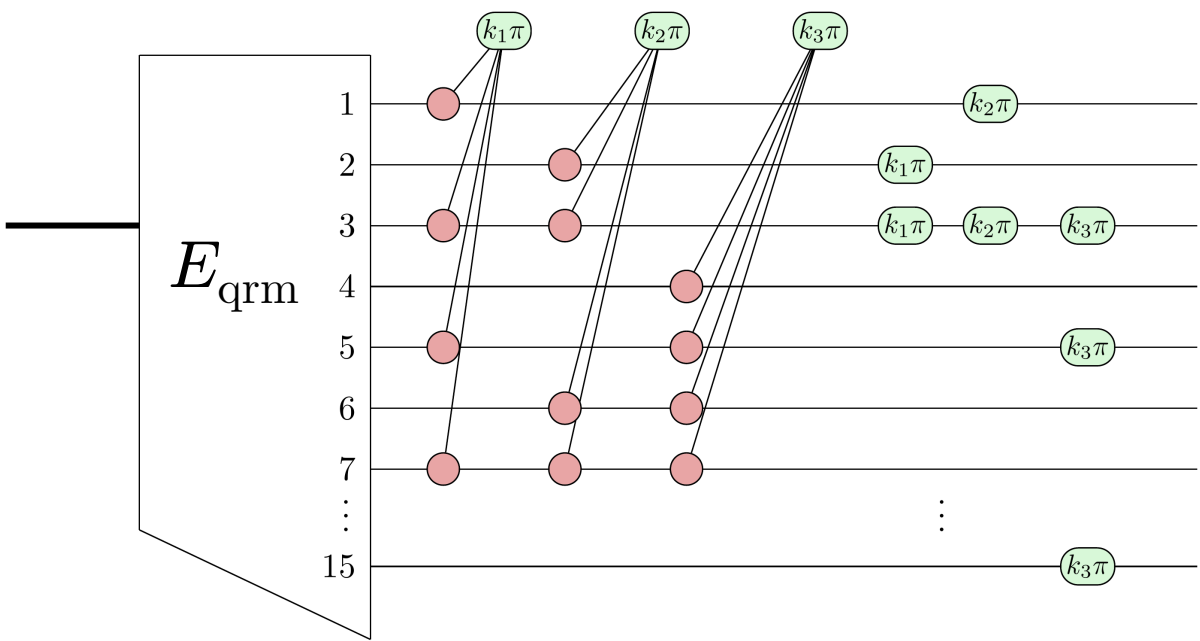


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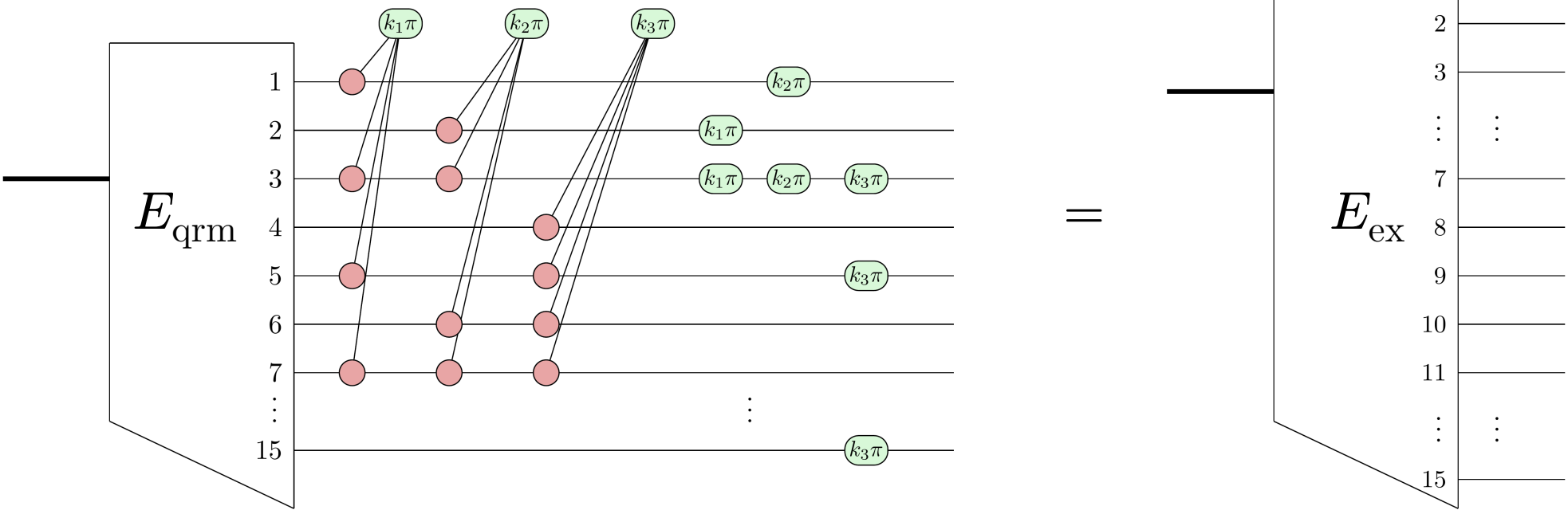
Step 1 measure gauge operators L_1^X, L_2^X, L_3^X ,
obtaining outcomes $k_1, k_2, k_3 \in \mathbb{Z}_2$.

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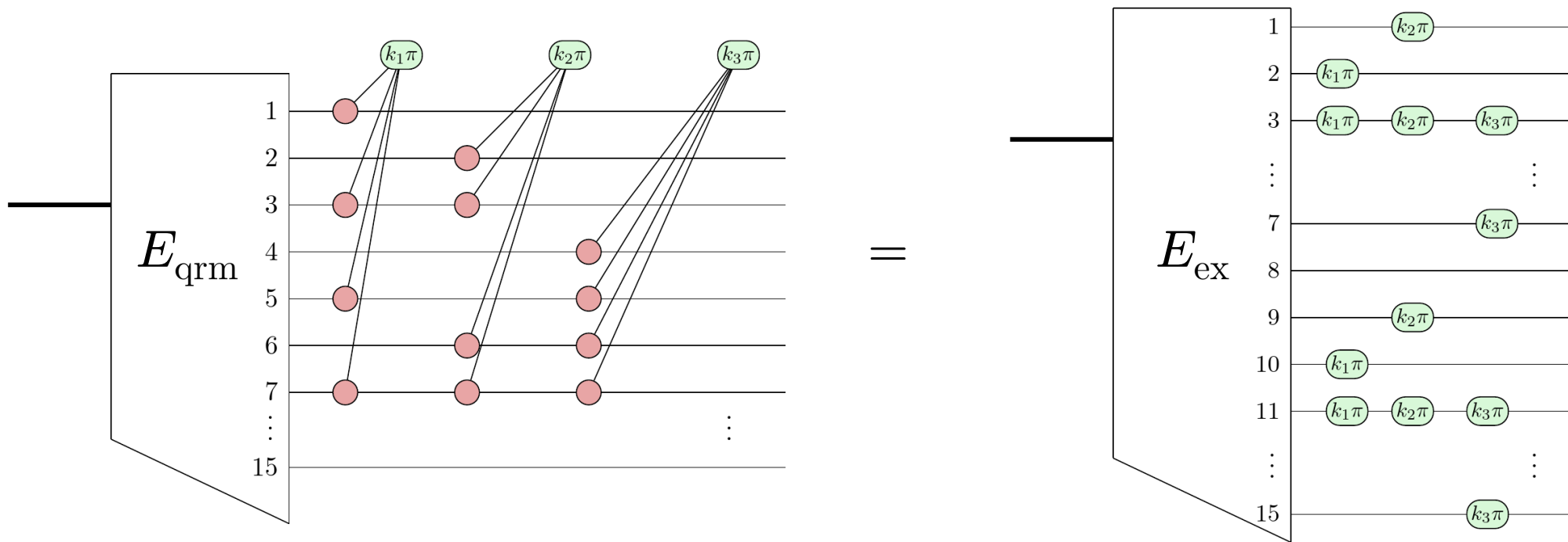


Step 2 For each $k_i = 1$, apply L_i^Z .

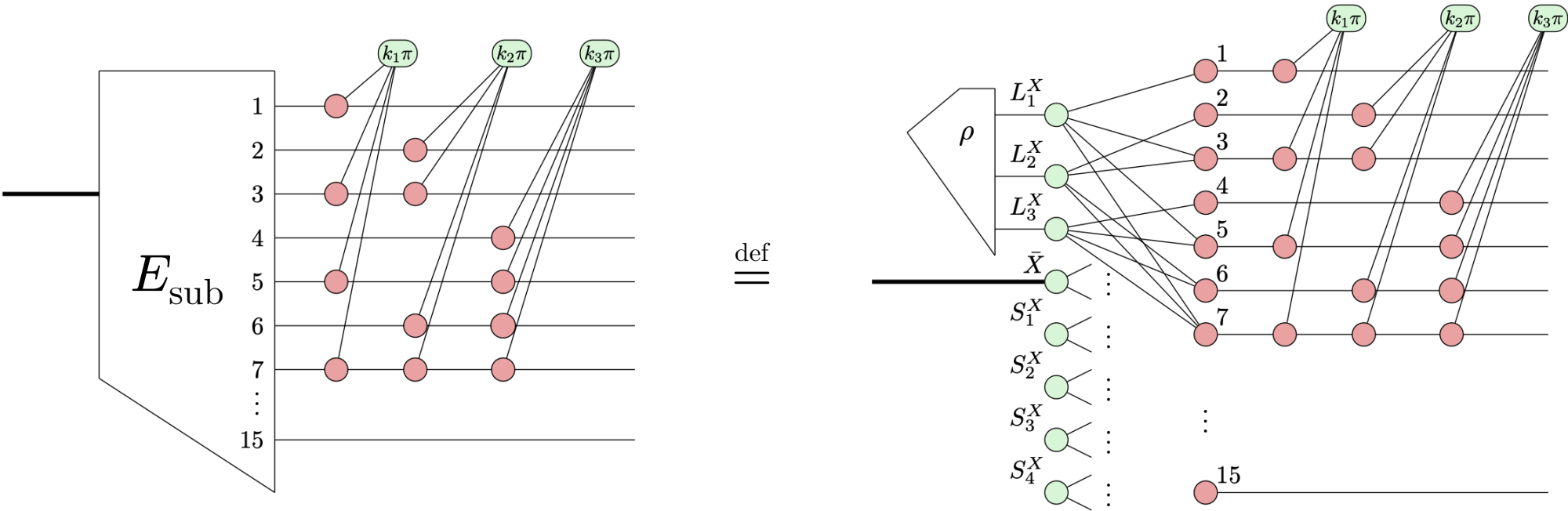
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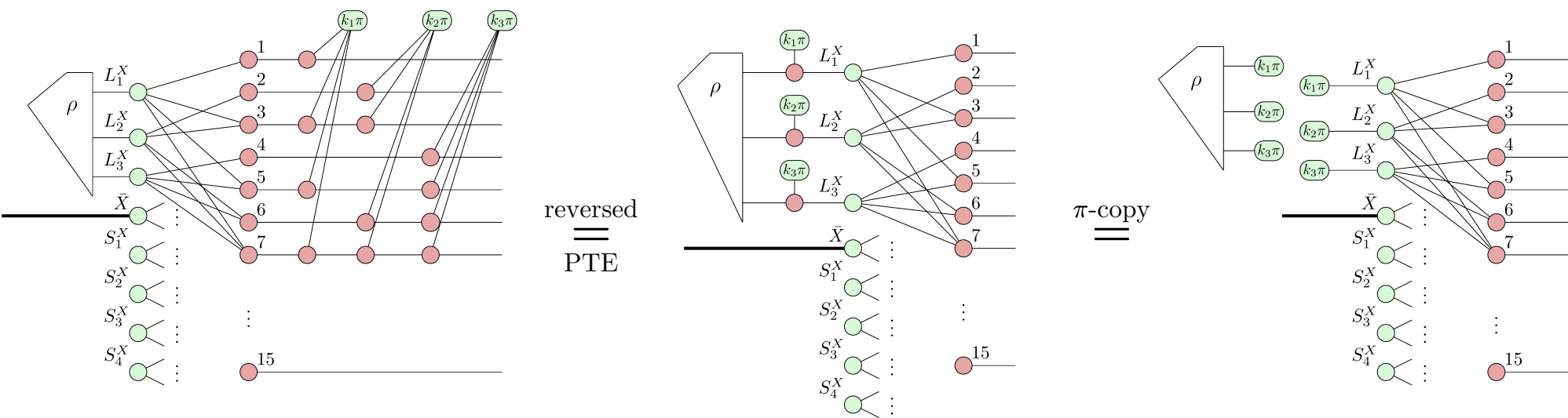
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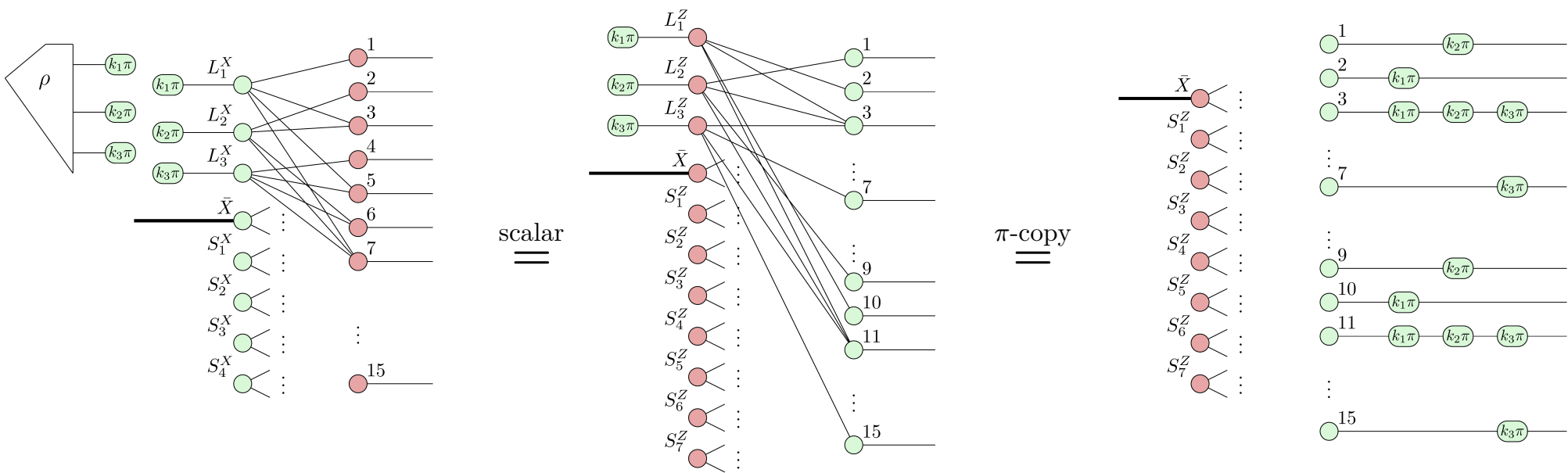
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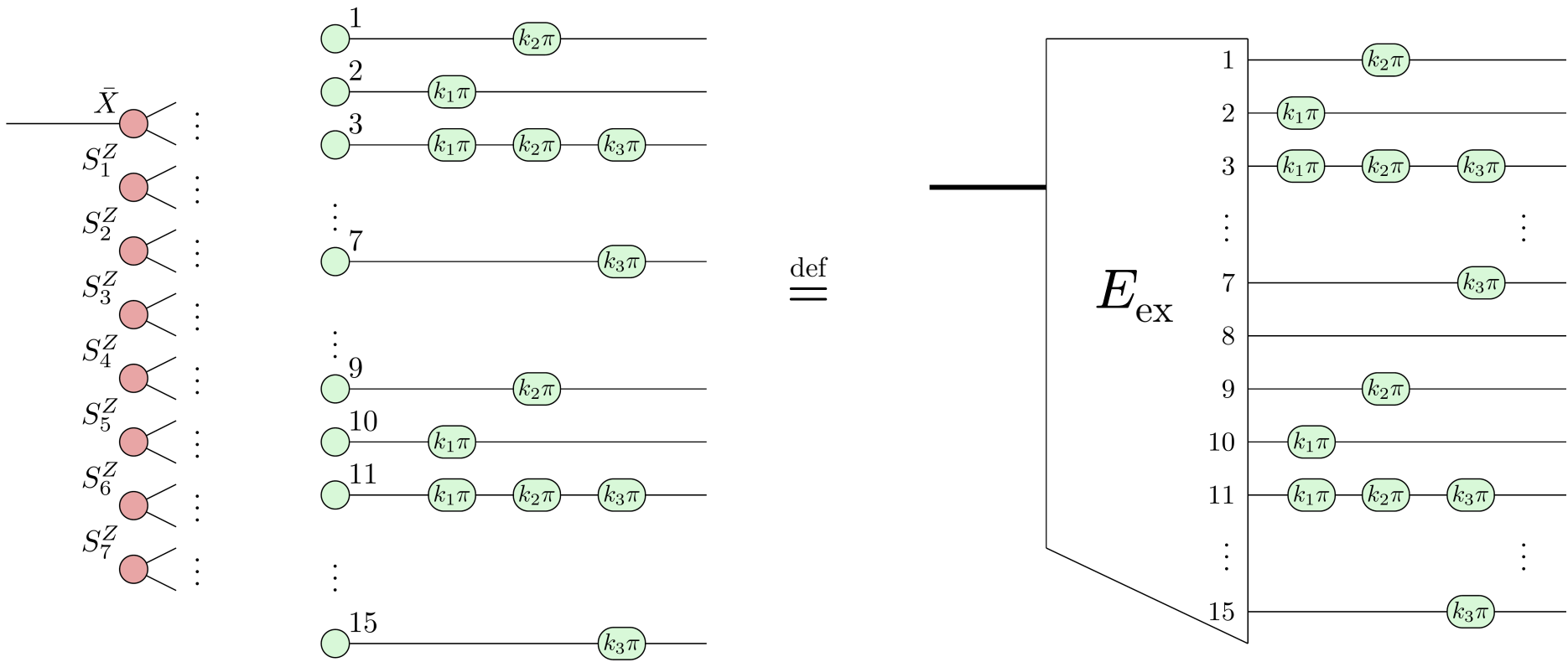
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Thank you.



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