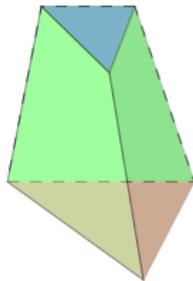
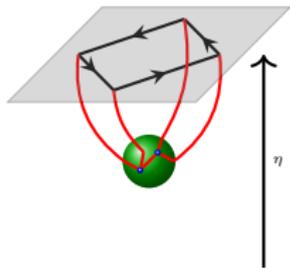


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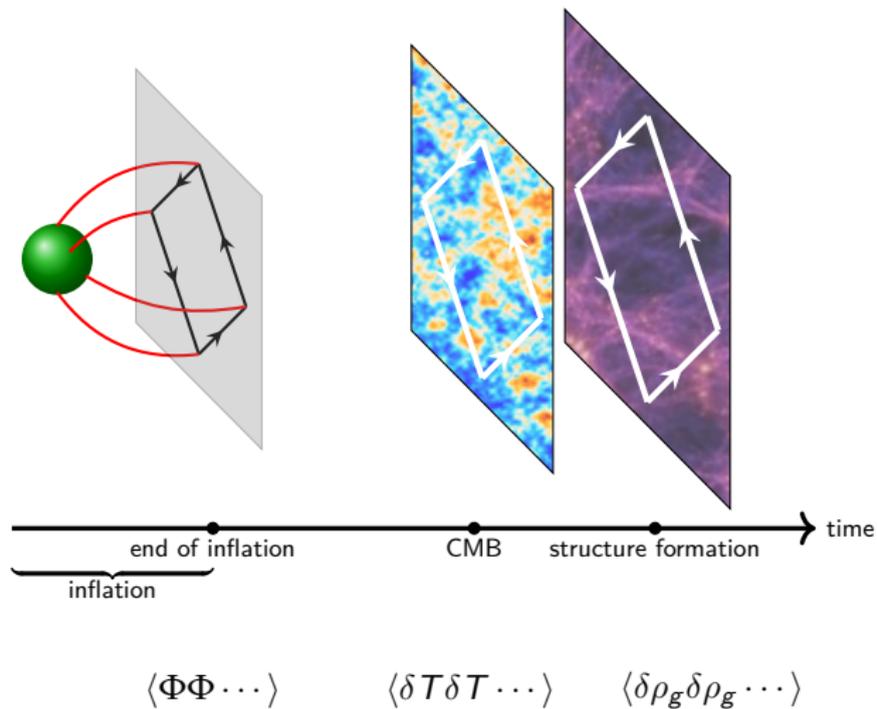


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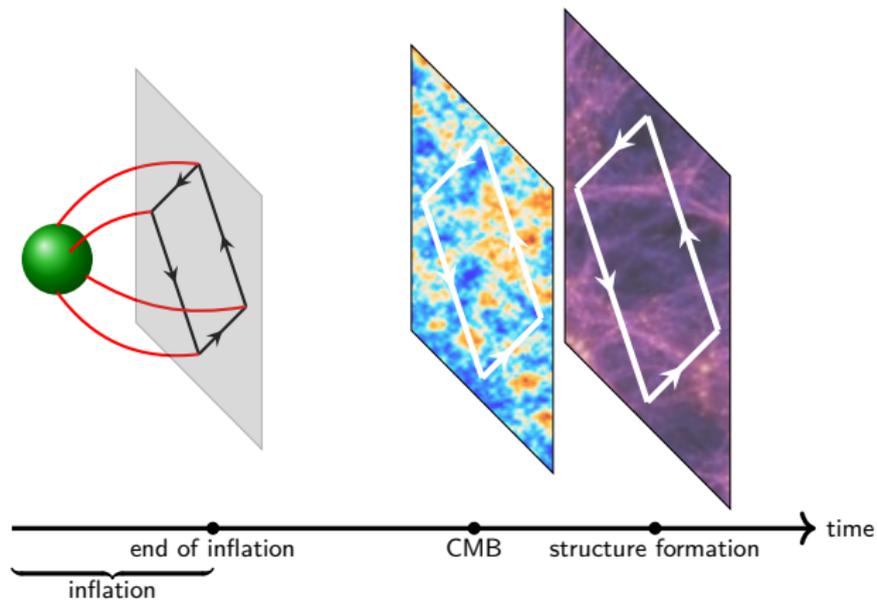
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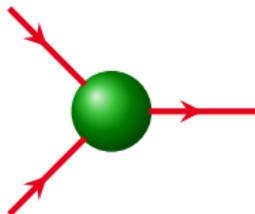
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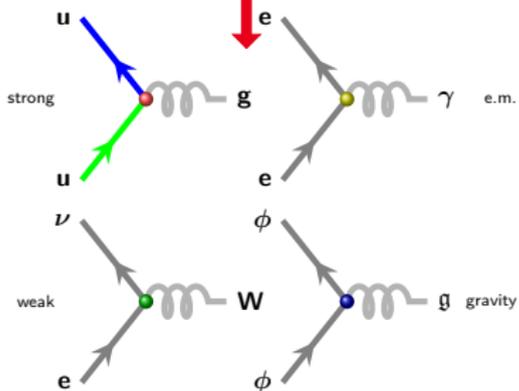
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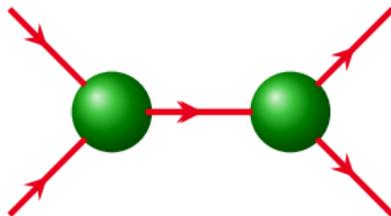
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### *Spin 1*

Self-interaction just  
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Graviton uniqueness  
 $\mathcal{N} = 1$  SUGRA

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with  $s \leq 2$   
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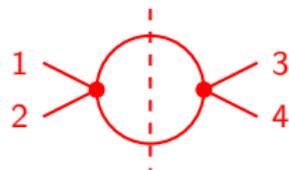
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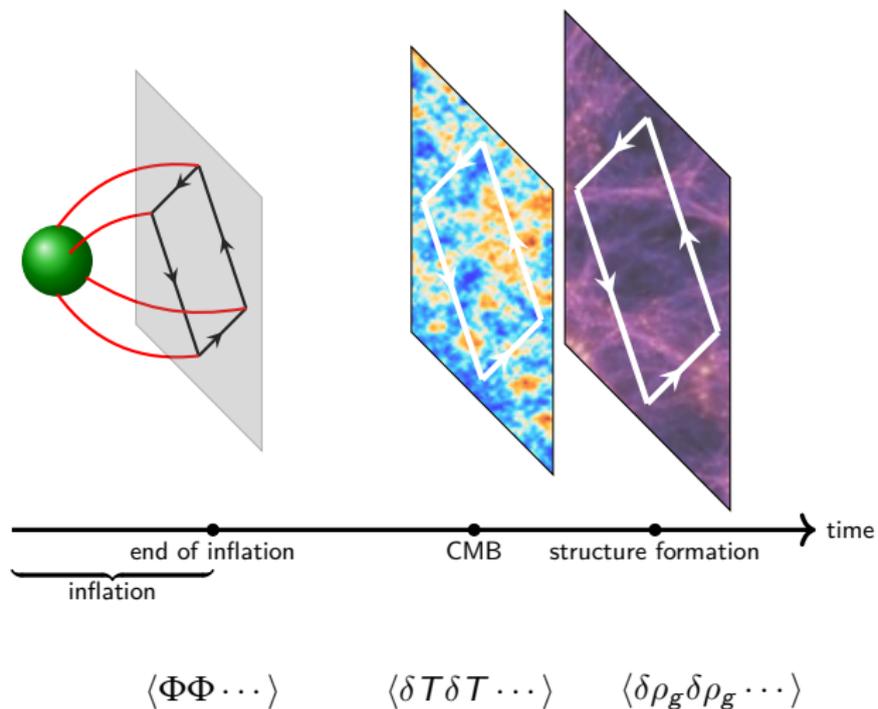
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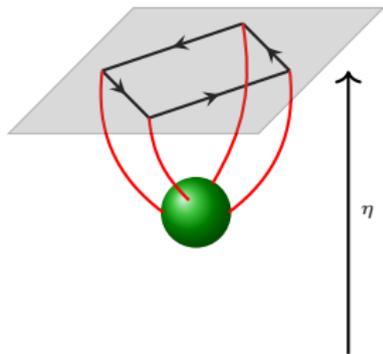
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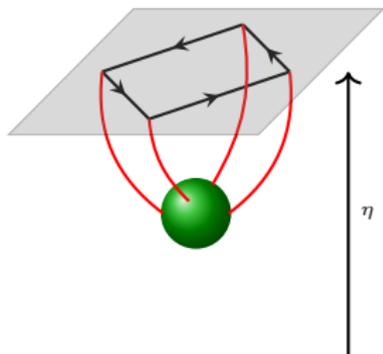


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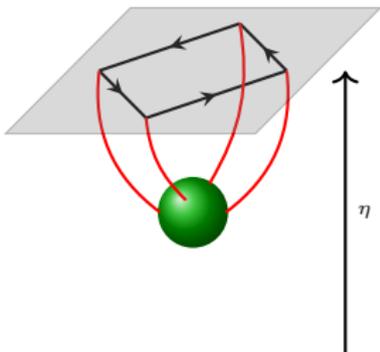
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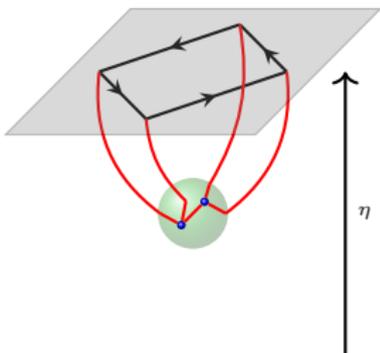


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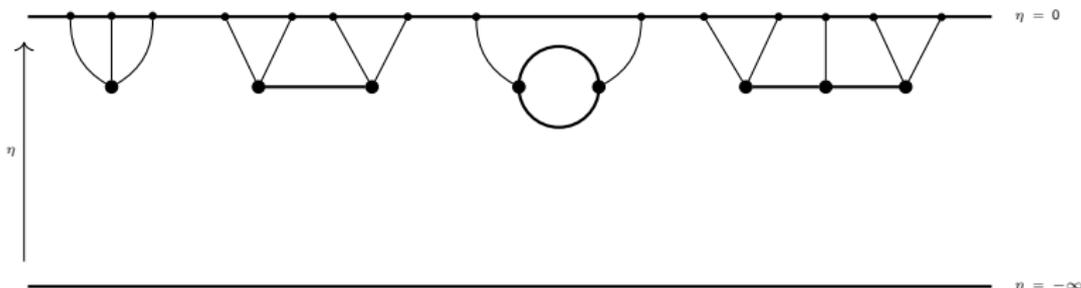


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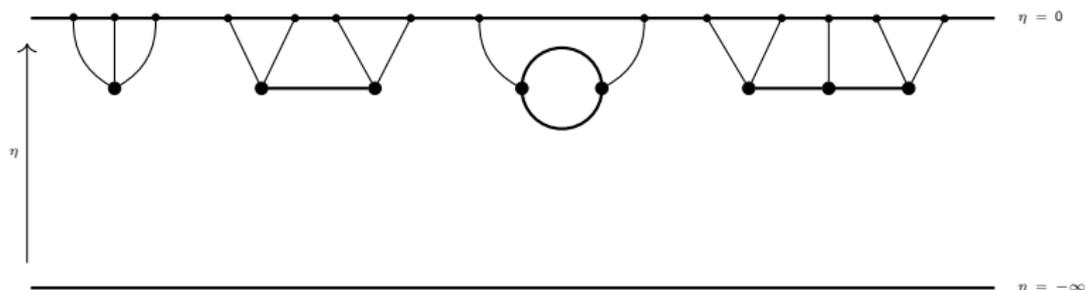
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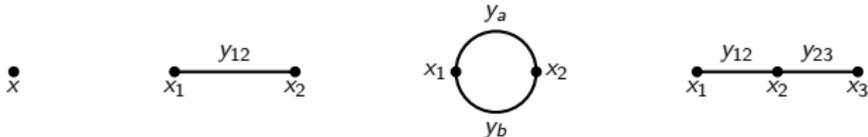
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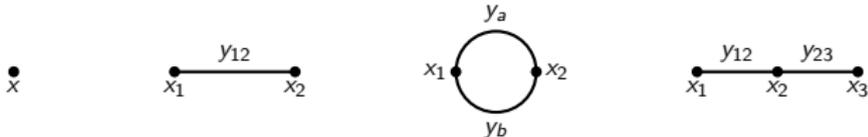


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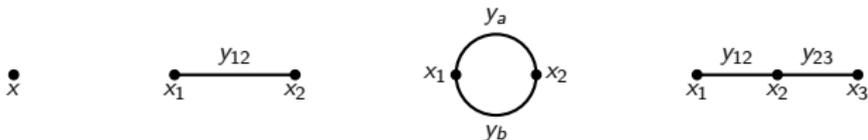
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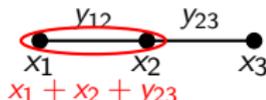
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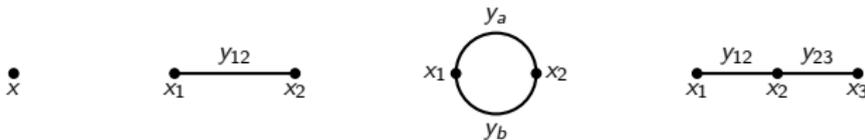


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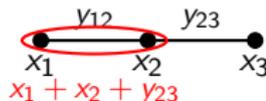
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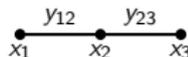
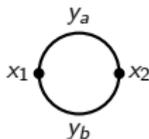
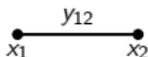
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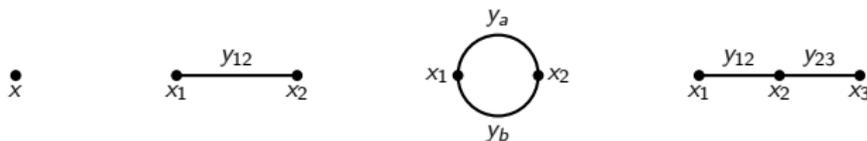
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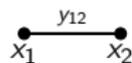
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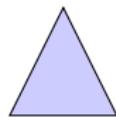
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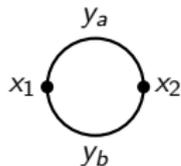
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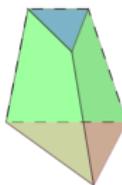
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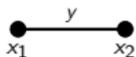
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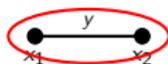
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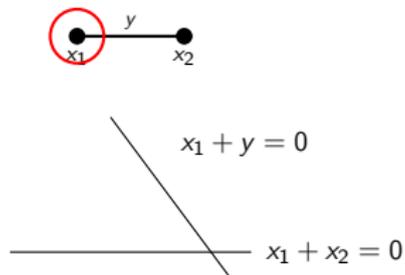


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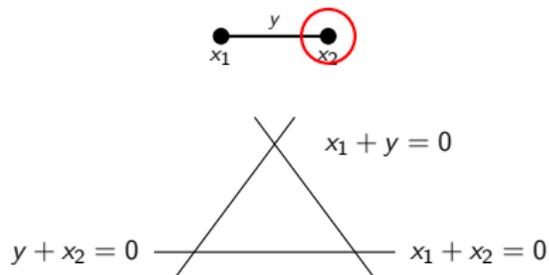
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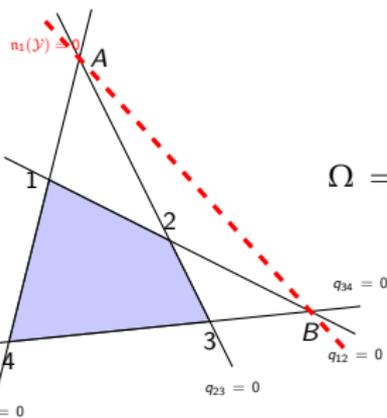
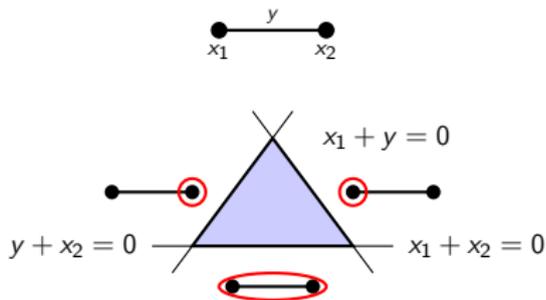
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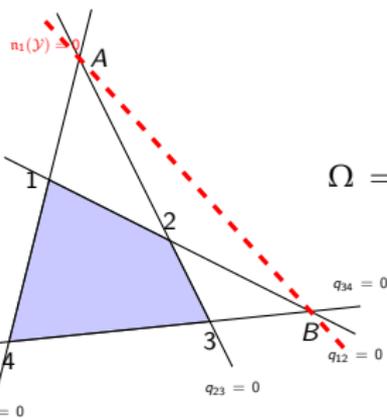
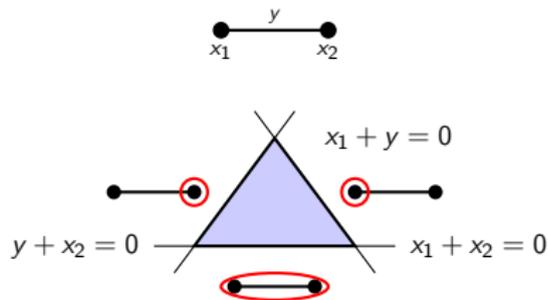
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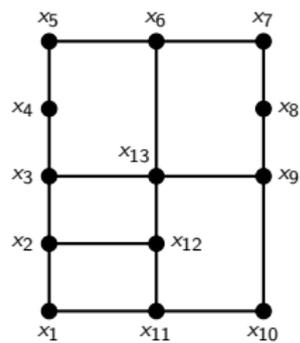
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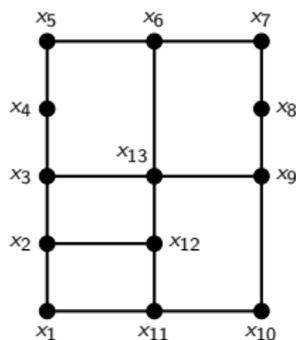
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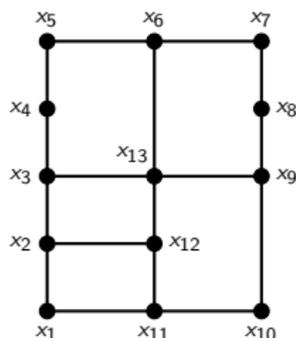
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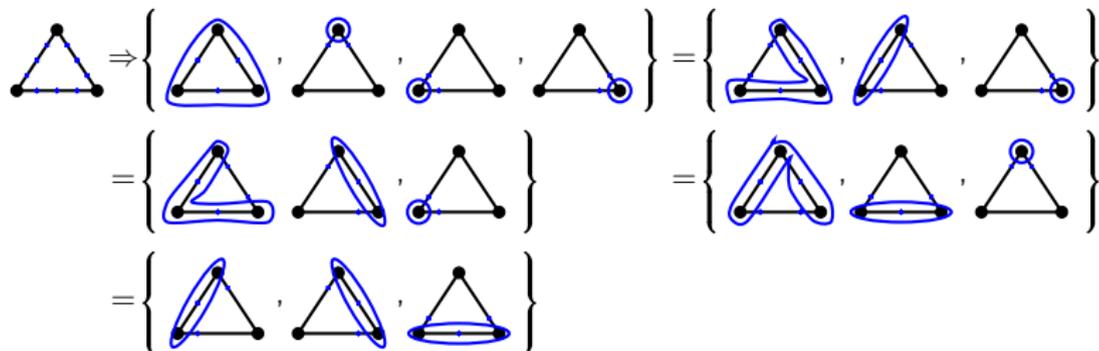
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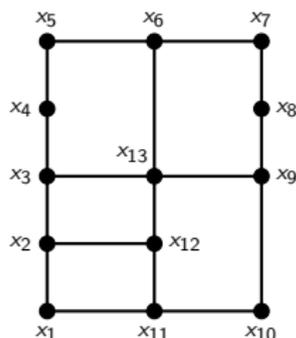
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Example:  $\{\mathfrak{G}_0\}$  for a triangle graph





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- 1 write all the possible representations without spurious singularities
- 2 make manifest the symmetries that maps a simplex into another one
- 3 improve analytical/numerical efficiency of the integration.

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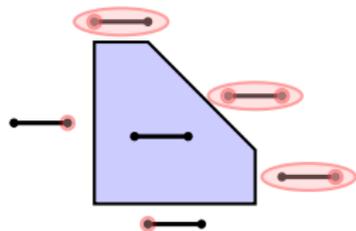
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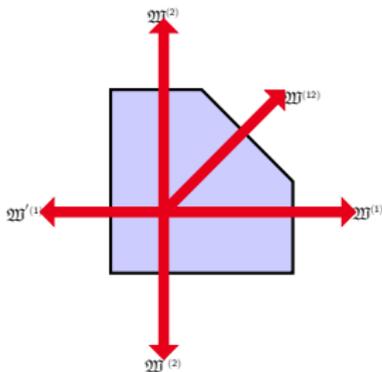
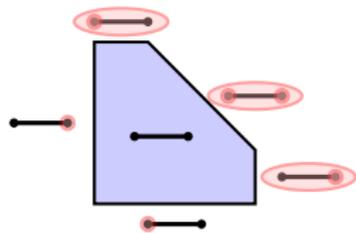


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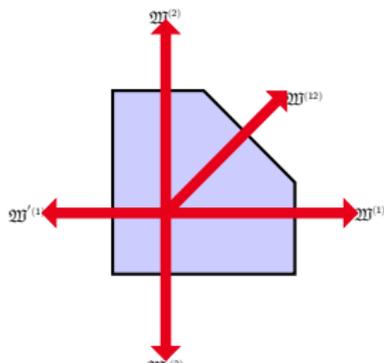
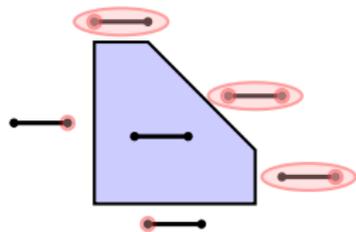
$$\mathfrak{W}^{(12)} = \begin{pmatrix} 2\alpha - 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathfrak{W}^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha - 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathfrak{W}^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha - 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathfrak{W}'^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} -\alpha \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathfrak{W}'^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} -\alpha \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix},$$

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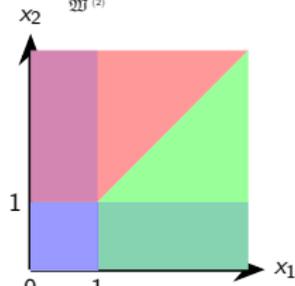
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E.g.: if  $\lambda^{(12)} \rightarrow 0$ : sector decomposition

$$\mathcal{I}_{\Delta_{j,12}}^{\text{div}} = \int_0^1 \frac{d\zeta_j}{\zeta_j} \frac{(\zeta_j)^{-\lambda^{(j)}}}{1 + \zeta_j} \times \int_0^1 \frac{d\zeta_{12}}{\zeta_{12}} (\zeta_{12})^{-\lambda^{(12)}}$$

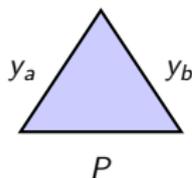


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1  $\mu(y) \sim \left[ \frac{\text{Vol}^2 \Sigma_2(y_e^2, P^2)}{\text{Vol}^2 \Sigma_1(P^2)} \right]^{\frac{d-3}{2}}$



2  $\Gamma \implies$  Volume of the triangle, and all its side, are positive

$$(y_a + y_b + P)(y_a + y_b - P)(y_a - y_b + P)(-y_a + y_b + P) \geq 0,$$

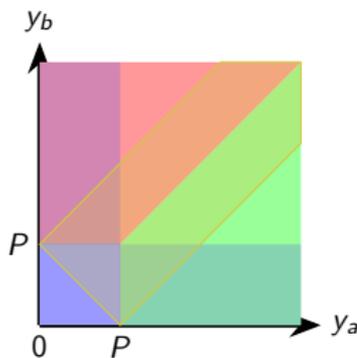
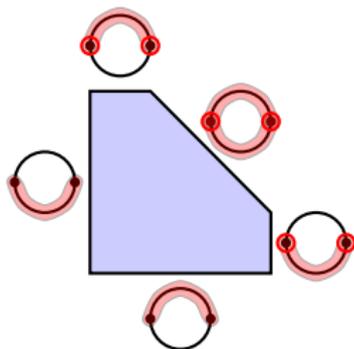
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The asymptotic structure of  $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{G}}$  is captured by:

- 1 a nestohedron, which is determined by the underlying cosmological polytope  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{G}}$ , and whose facets are fixed via subgraphs

$$\mathfrak{W}^{(j_1 \dots j_{n_s(\mathfrak{g}) + n_e(\mathfrak{g})})} = \left( \lambda^{(j_1 \dots j_{n_s(\mathfrak{g}) + n_e(\mathfrak{g})})}, \epsilon^{(j_1 \dots j_{n_s(\mathfrak{g}) + n_e(\mathfrak{g})})} \right), \quad \lambda^{(j_1 \dots j_{n_s(\mathfrak{g}) + n_e(\mathfrak{g})})} = \sum_{s \in \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{g}}} \alpha_s + \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}^{(L)}} \beta_e - \sum_{\mathfrak{g}' \in (\text{tubings})} \tau_{\mathfrak{g}'}$$

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This combinatorial picture allows to:

- 1 straightforwardly determine both the directions along which  $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{G}}$  can diverge and their degree of divergence;
- 2 straightforwardly compute leading and subleading divergences (both in the IR and in the UV) via sector decomposition;
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- 4 write a systematic subtraction that produces IR-finite quantities.

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Each of these integrals can be expressed as a *finite* linear combination of master integrals

$$\mathcal{I}_{\{\tau_{\mathfrak{g}}\}}^{(j)} := \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} c_j \mathcal{J}_j, \quad d\mathcal{J} = d\mathbb{A} \mathcal{J}$$

$$\text{Canonical form: } d\mathcal{J} = \varepsilon d\mathbb{A} \mathcal{J} \Rightarrow \mathcal{J} = \mathbb{P} \exp \left\{ \varepsilon \int_{\Gamma} d\mathbb{A} \right\} \mathcal{J}_0$$

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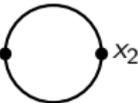
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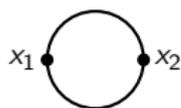
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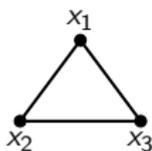
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