

S-Confinement of 3D Argyres-Douglas Theories and Seiberg-like Dualities

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- Part II: Revisit Dualities for Adjoint SQCD
- Conclusion

Based on CH, Sungjoon Kim, “S-confinement of 3d Argyres-Douglas theories and the Seiberg-like duality with an adjoint,” arXiv:2407.XXXX.

What kinds of theories are confining?

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Seiberg 94

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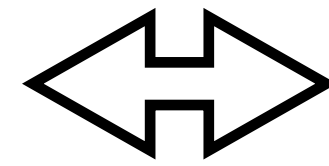
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Confinement

Free chirals

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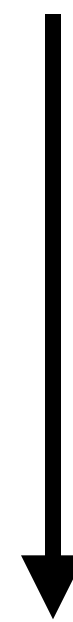
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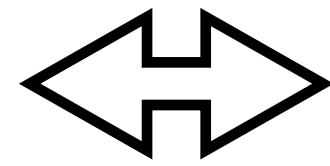
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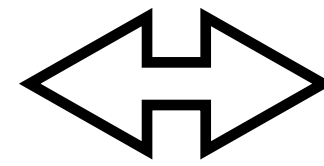
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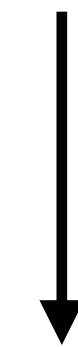


(Monopole) Confinement

Free chirals

Benini, Benvenuti, Pasquetti 17

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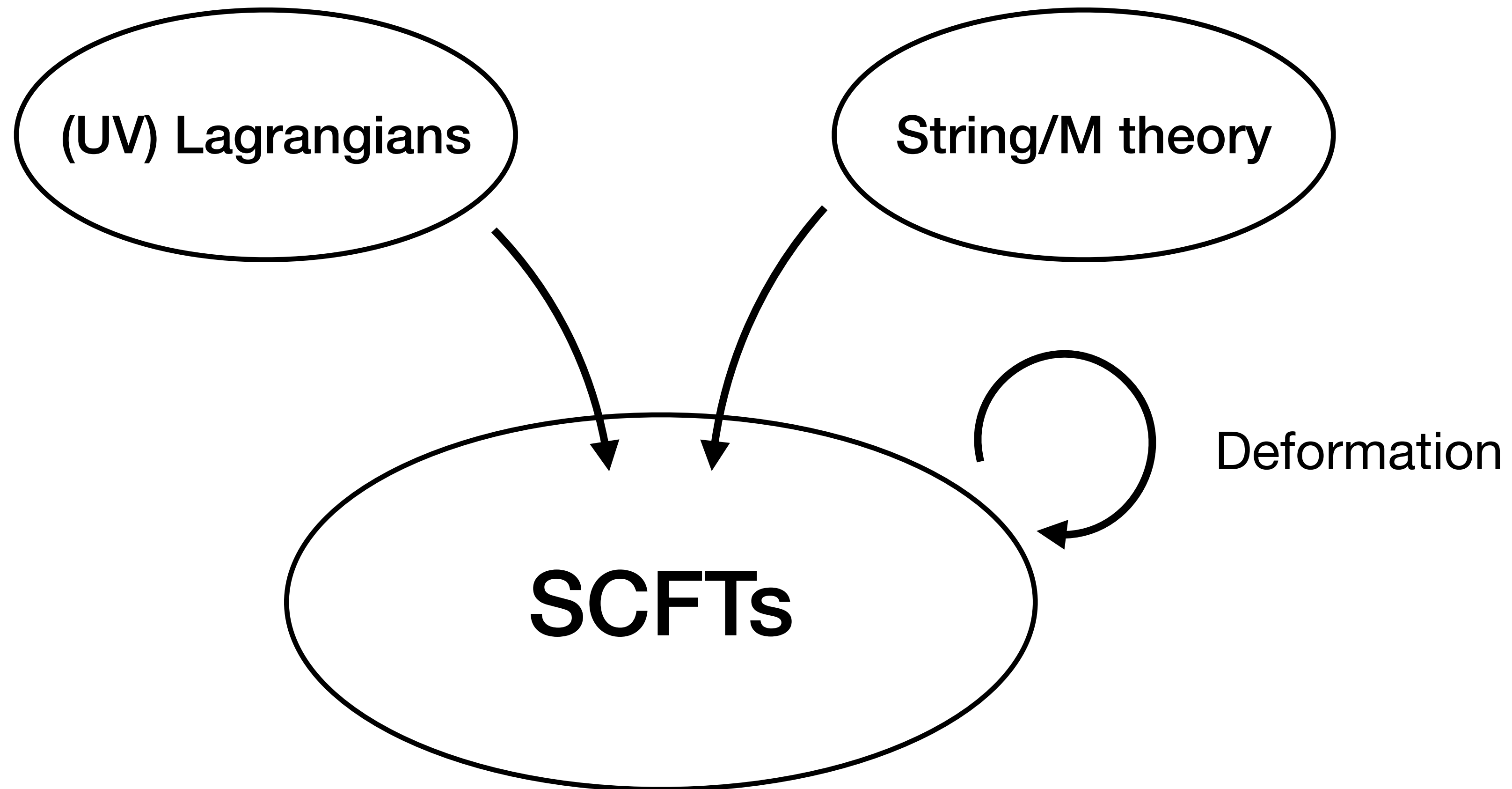
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Free chirals

- SQCDs have supersymmetric deformation leading to *confinement* of the theory
- Other cases? E.g., non-Lagrangian theories?

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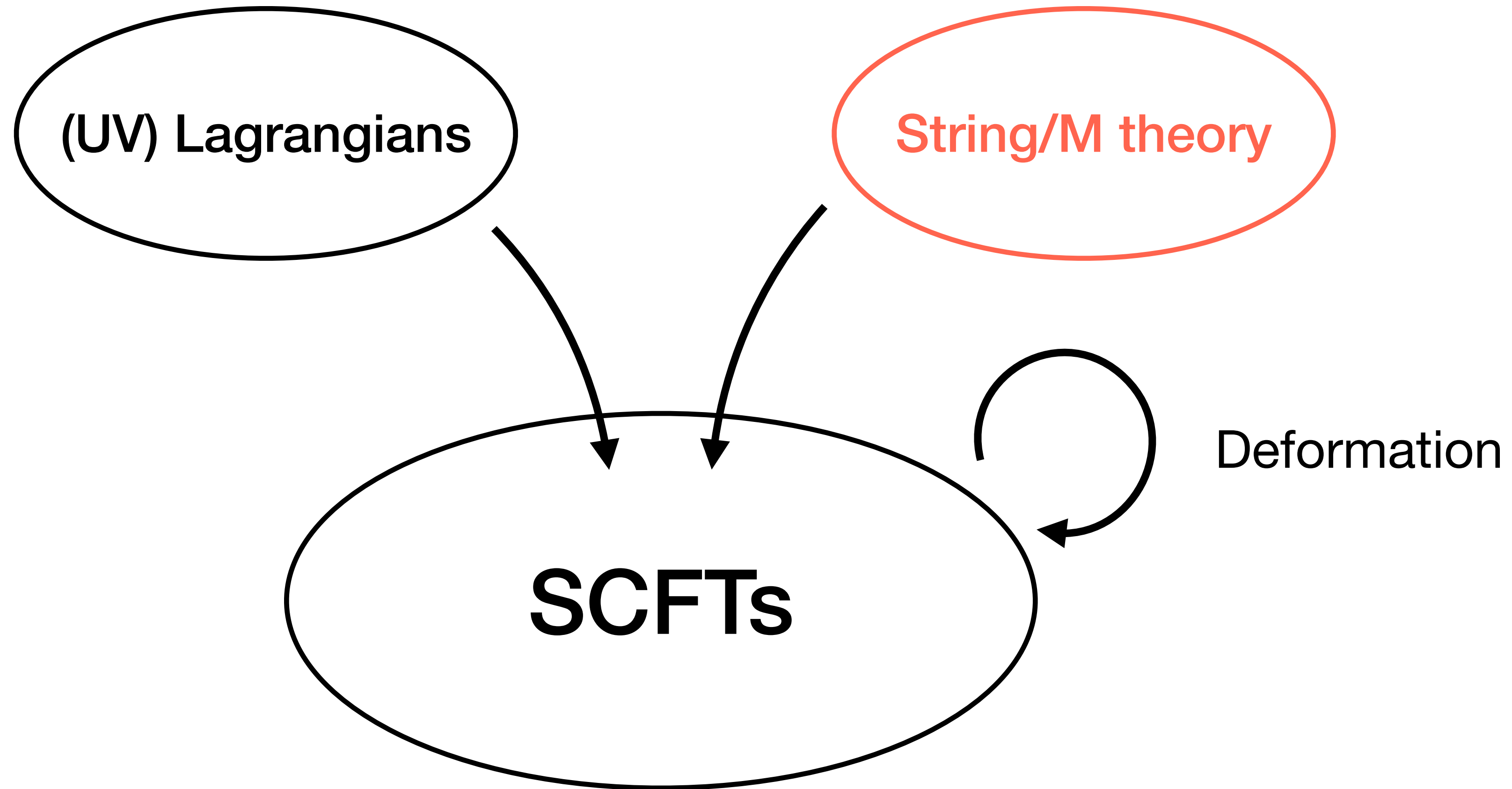
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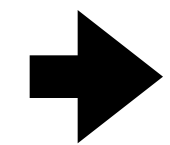
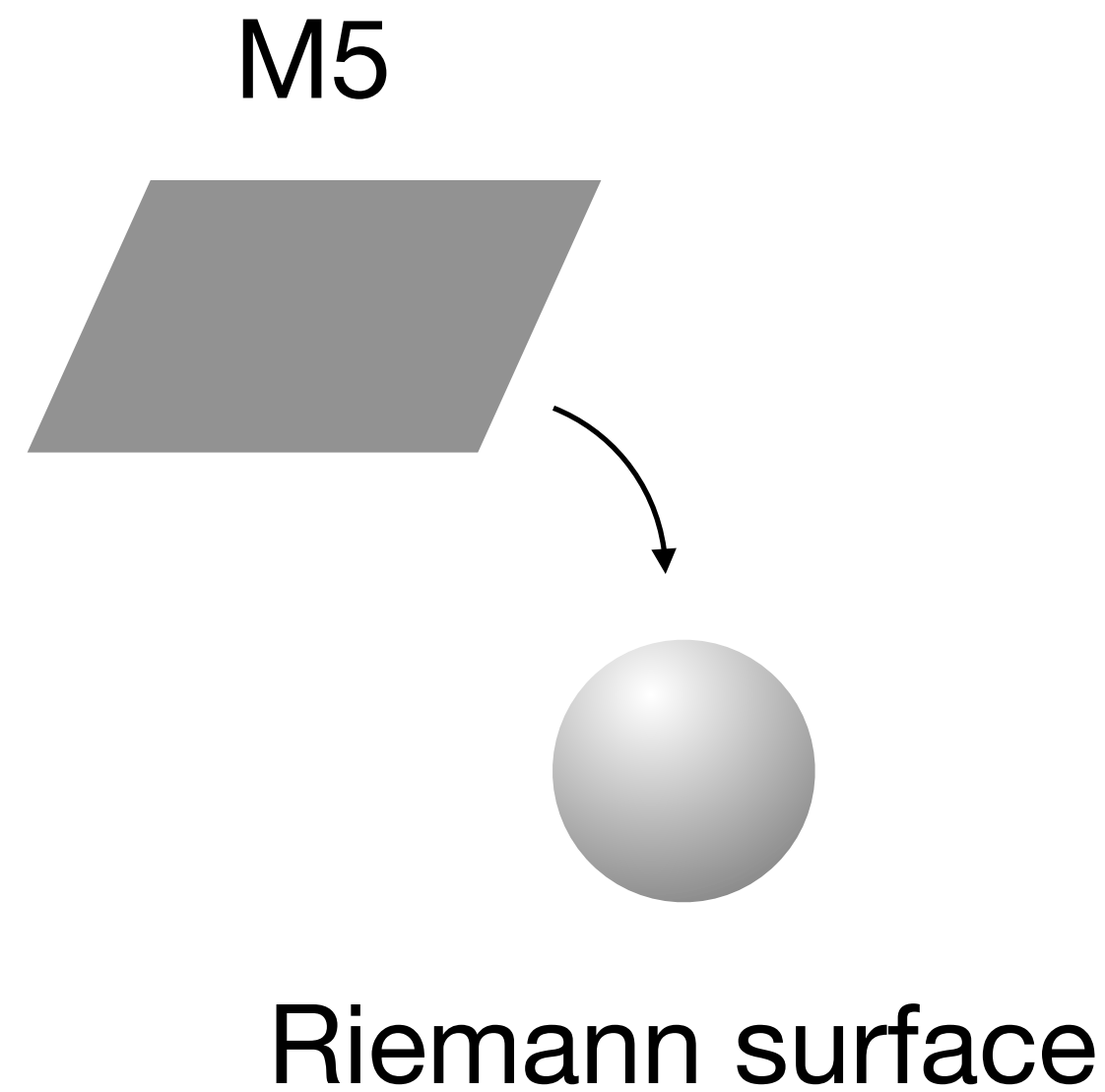


World of Superconformal Field Theories

- There are many ways to construct SCFTs

Class S, geometric engineering, ...





4-dimensional superconformal field theories

For example, one compactified on a Riemann sphere with an irregular singularity: (A_1, A_k)

[Dan Xie 12]

A variety of SCFTs have been constructed and classified by data of the Riemann surface.

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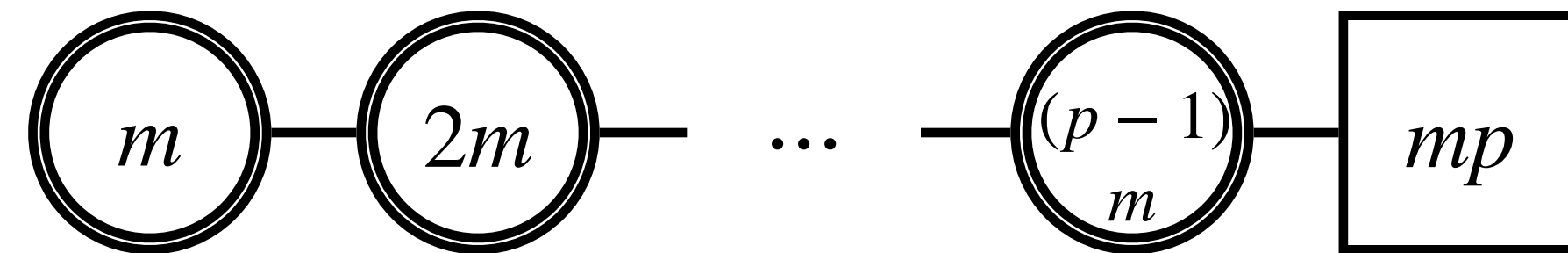
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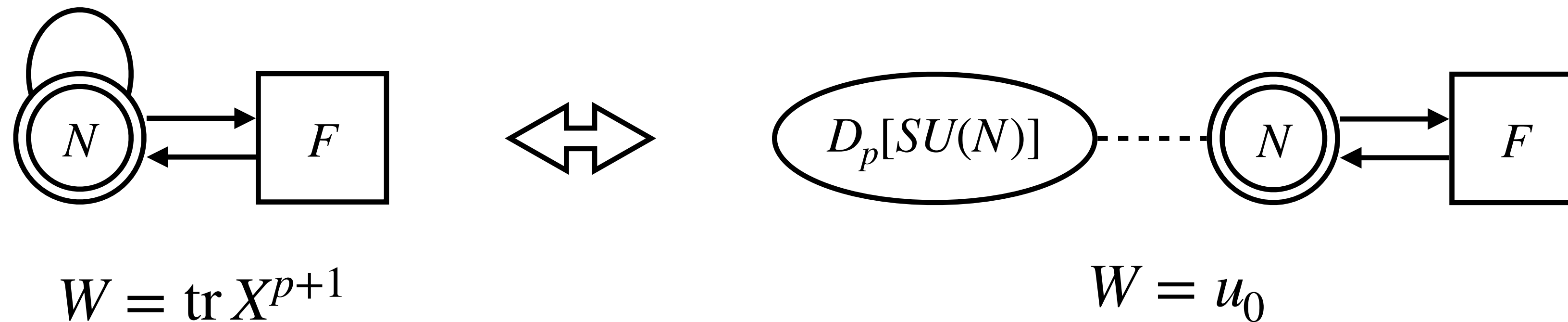
- The $D_p[SU(N)]$ theories allow Lagrangian dual descriptions when $N = mp$ [Cecotti, Del Zotto, Giacomelli 13].



- On the other hand, the $D_p[SU(N)]$ theories are non-Lagrangian when $\gcd(p, N) = 1$.

The Maruyoshi-Nardoni-Song Duality

- Recently, an interesting 4d $\mathcal{N} = 1$ duality involving $D_p[SU(N)]$ has been proposed for $p < N$ satisfying $\gcd(p, N) = 1$ [Maruyoshi, Nardoni, Song 23]:



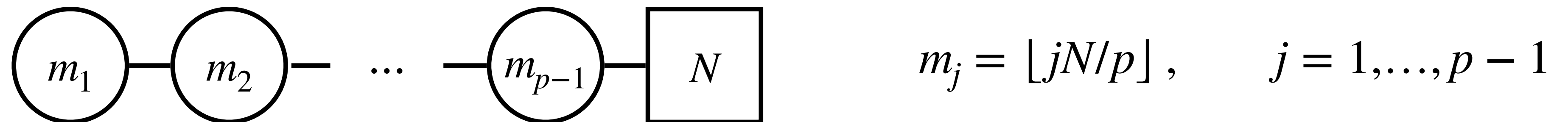
- Replace an adjoint by a $D_p[SU(N)]$ tail; i.e., $D_p[SU(N)]$ is confined into a (gauged) chiral fields.
- Pass many nontrivial tests

**Part I: 3D Reduction of $D_p[SU(N)]$ Argyres-
Douglas Theories and Confinement**

3D Reduction of $D_p[SU(N)]$ Theories

$$\curvearrowright \mathbb{D}_p[SU(N)]$$

- Interestingly, the 3d reduction of 4d $D_p[SU(N)]$ theories always has UV *Lagrangian* descriptions [Closset, Giacomelli, Schafer-Nameki, Wang 12]; e.g., if $\gcd(p, N) = 1$,



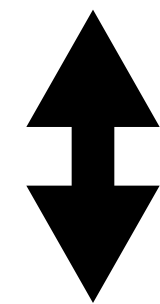
$$W = \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \text{Tr}_i \Phi^{(i)} Q_i \tilde{Q}_i + \sum_{i=1}^{p-2} \text{Tr}_{i+1} \Phi^{(i+1)} \tilde{Q}_i Q_i$$

- If $\gcd(p, N) \neq 1$, it includes SU gauge nodes.
- **Confining deformation?**

Confinement of 3D $\mathbb{D}_p[SU(N)]$

- Let's assume some simplifying conditions.
- 3d $\mathbb{D}_p[SU(N)]$ theories are either good or ugly in Gaiotto-Witten's sense.
- Focus on the good case, where each node satisfies

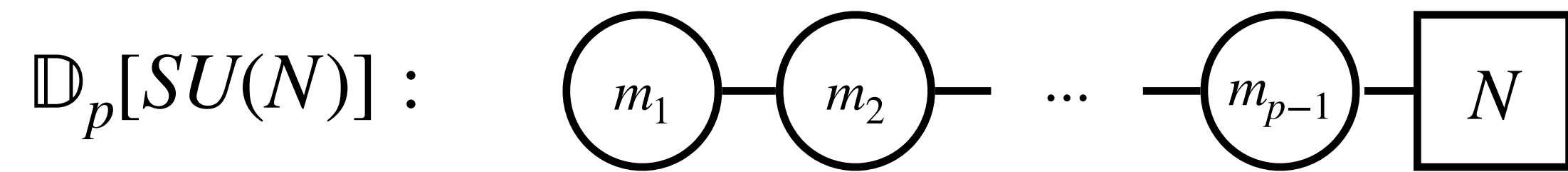
$$m_{j-1} + m_{j+1} - 2m_j \geq 0$$



$$N = \pm 1 \pmod{p}$$

- Also assume $p < N$, simplifying the formulas.

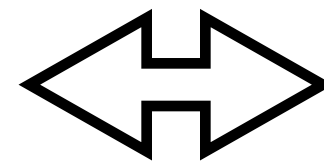
- **Proposal:** The 3d $\mathbb{D}_p[SU(N)]$ theory with deformation ΔW is confining.



$$m_j = \lfloor jN/p \rfloor, \quad j = 1, \dots, p-1$$

$\mathbb{D}_p[SU(N)]$ with

$$\Delta W = \eta \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \text{Tr} \Phi^{(i)} + \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \hat{v}^{(i),+} + \hat{v}^{(1,p-1),-}$$



A matrix-valued chiral field X with

$$W = \text{Tr} X^{p+1}$$

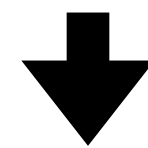
$$\hat{v}^{(i),\pm} = (0^{i-1}, \pm 1, 0^{p-i-1})$$

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Evidence I

- Superconformal index

$$I = \text{tr} (-1)^F x^{R+2j}$$

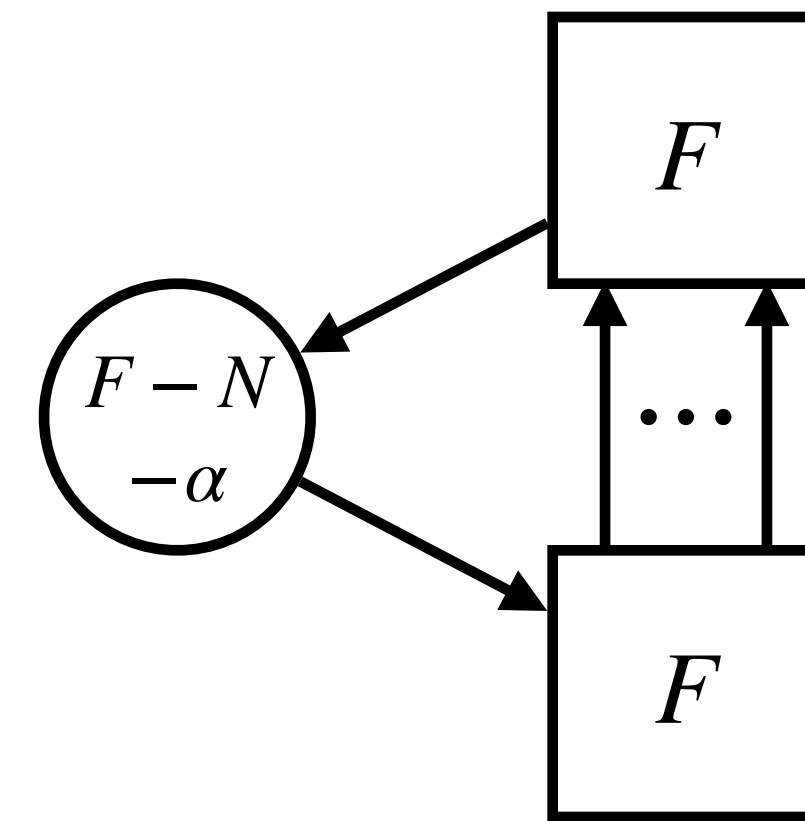
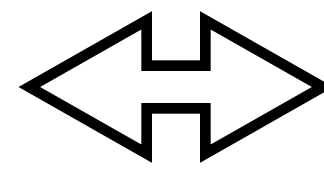
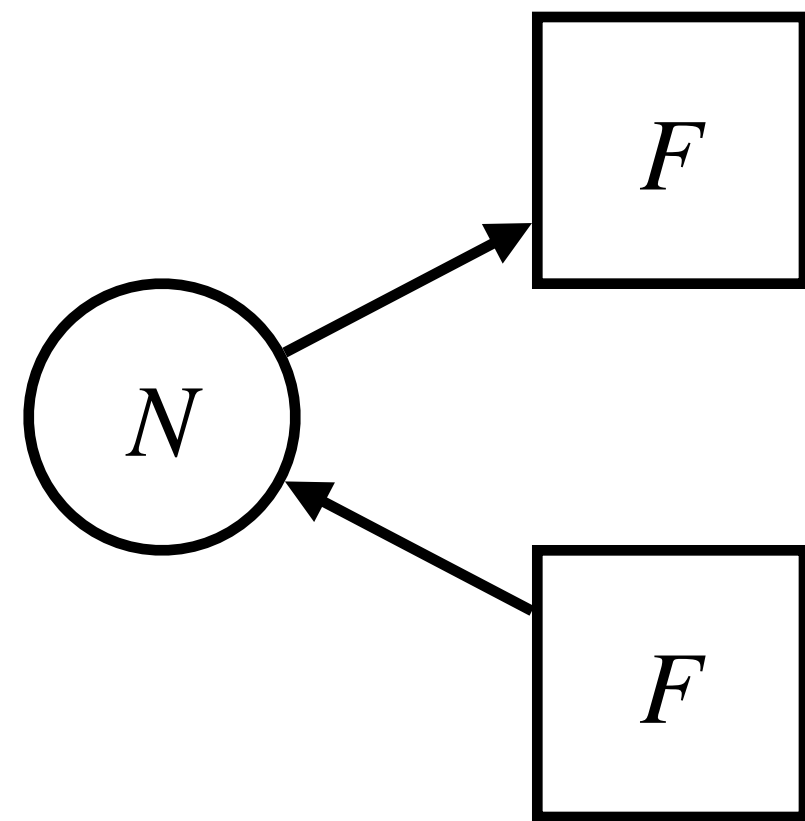


$$I_{\mathbb{D}_p[SU(N)]+\Delta W} = PE \left[\frac{N^2 \left(x^{\frac{2}{p+1}} - x^{\frac{2p}{p+1}} \right)}{1 - x^2} \right] = I_{WZ}$$

- Precisely matching the spectrum of BPS states! (Tested for some N & p)

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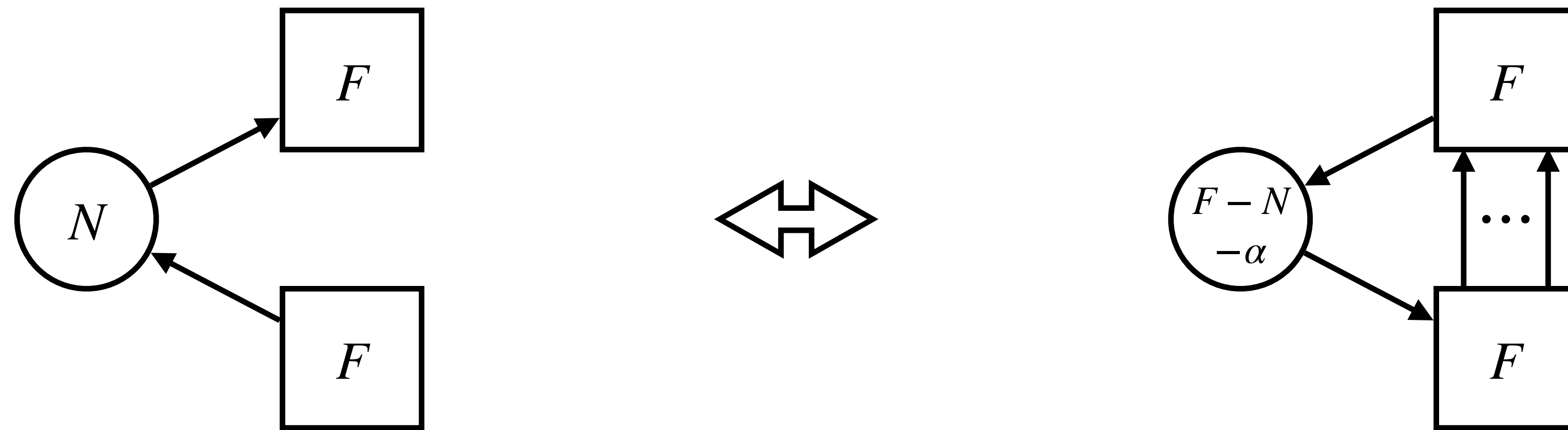


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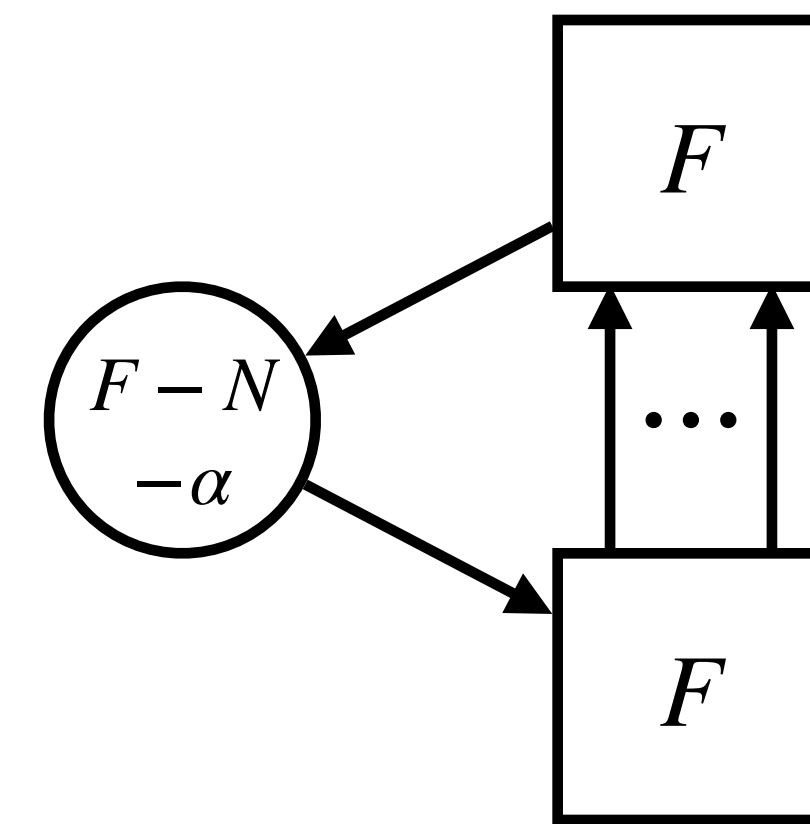
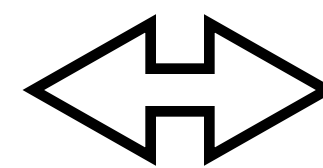
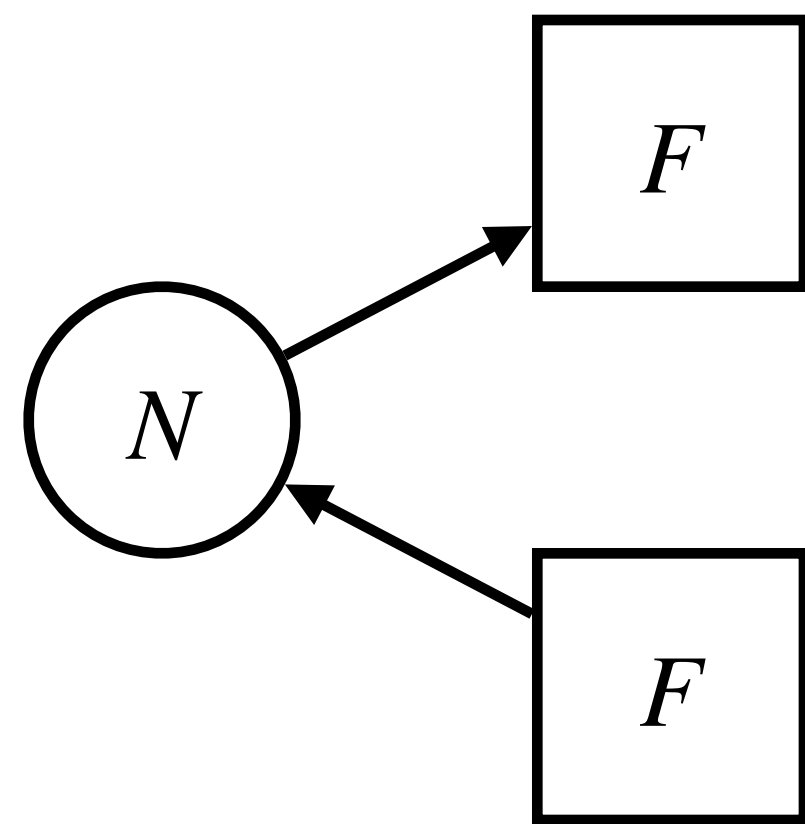
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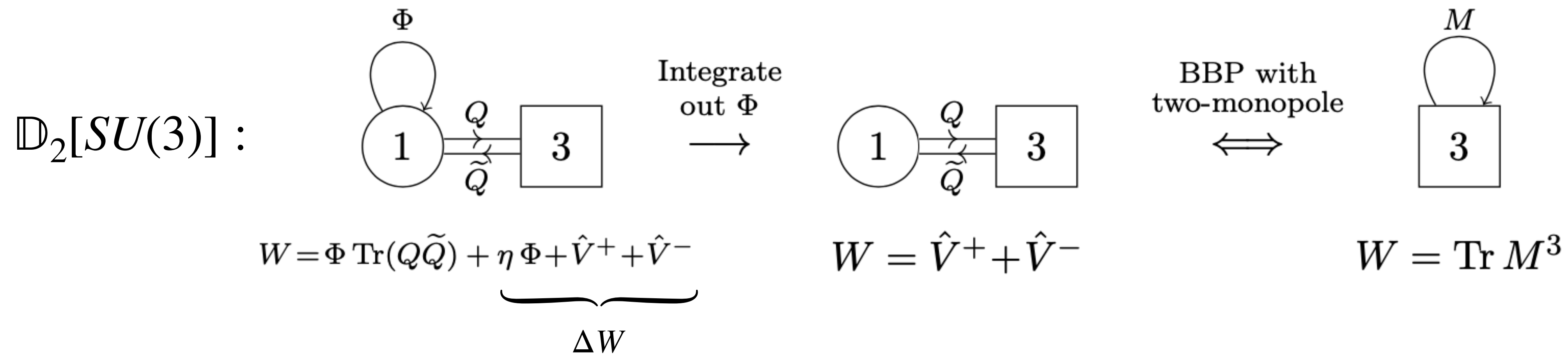
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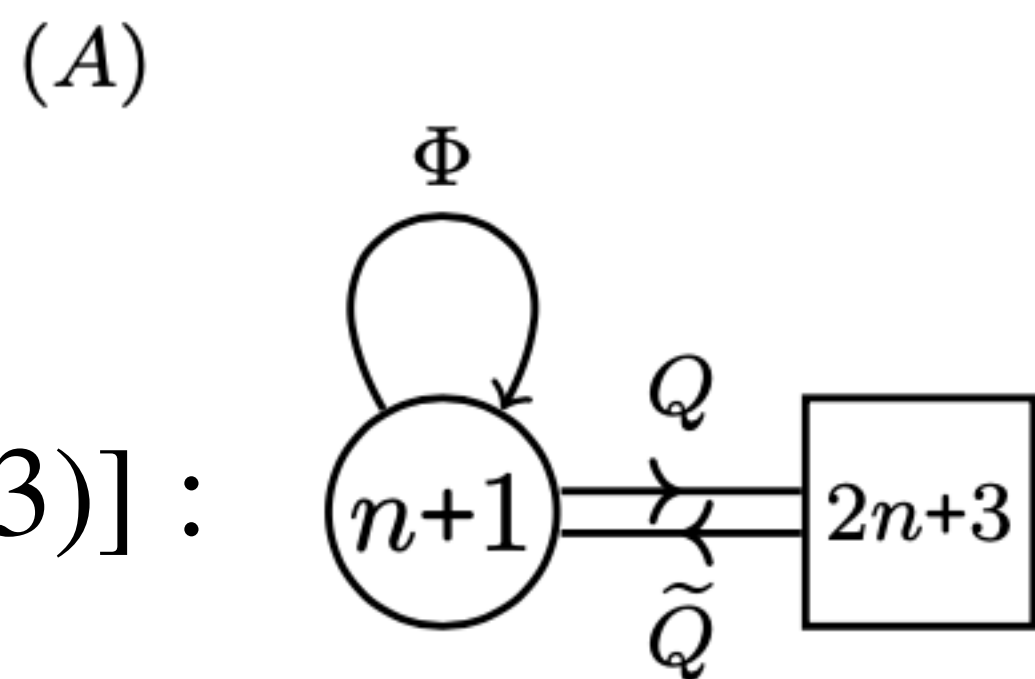
Derivation Using the BBP Dualities

- Let's consider the $p = 2$ case. (Assume the gauge rank N is odd.)
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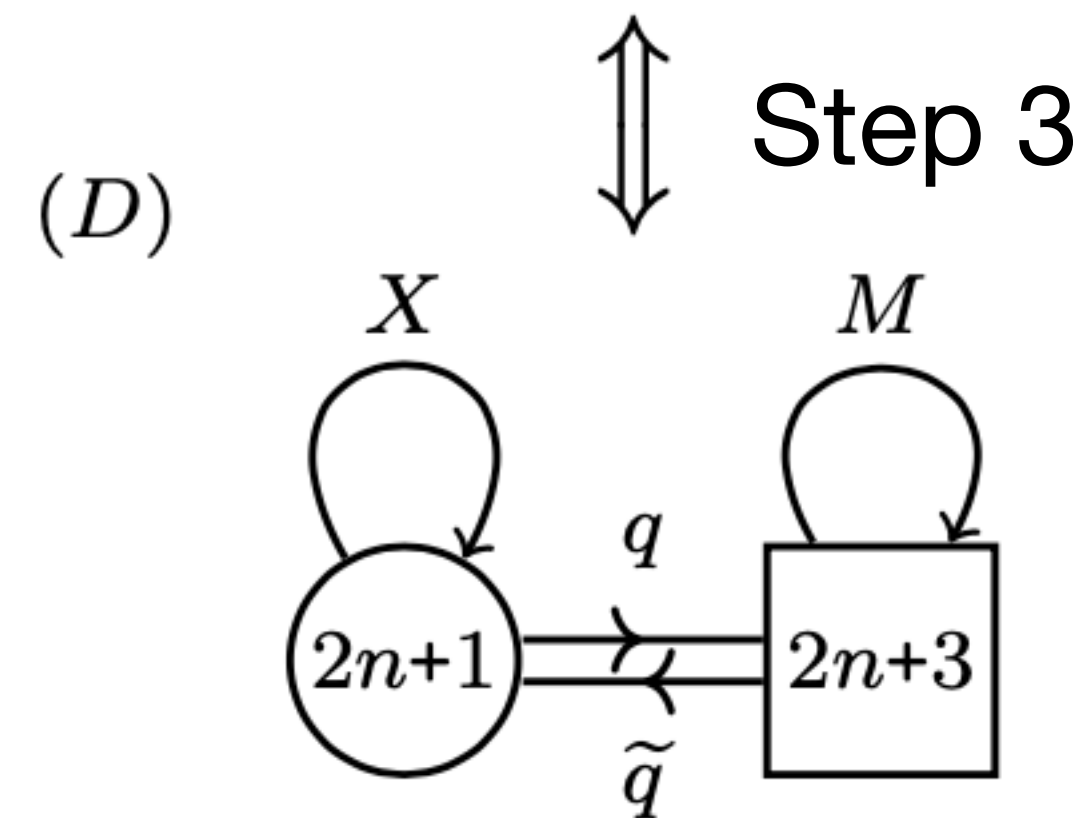
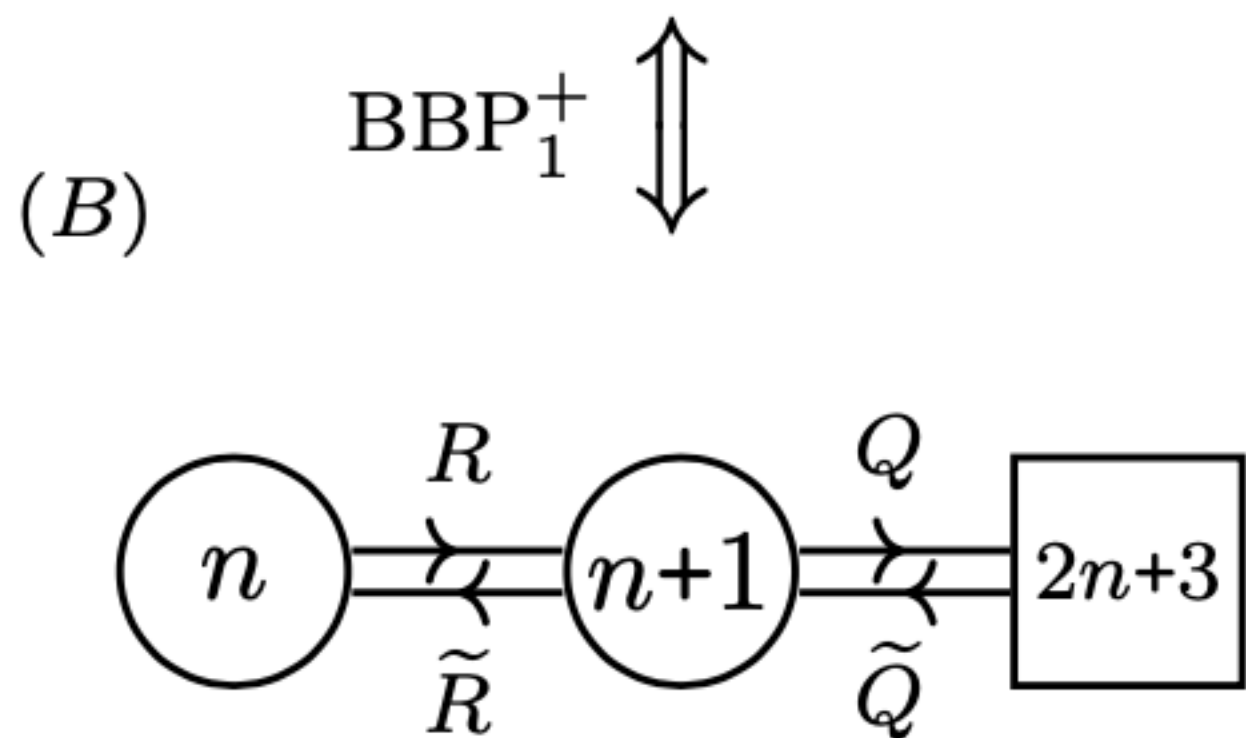
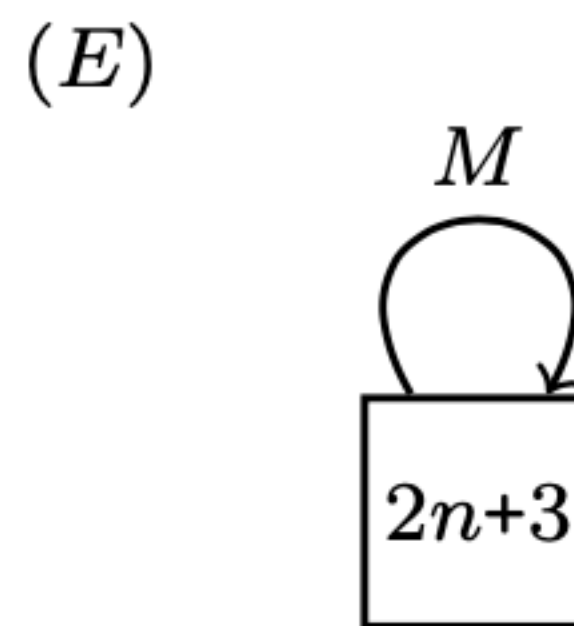


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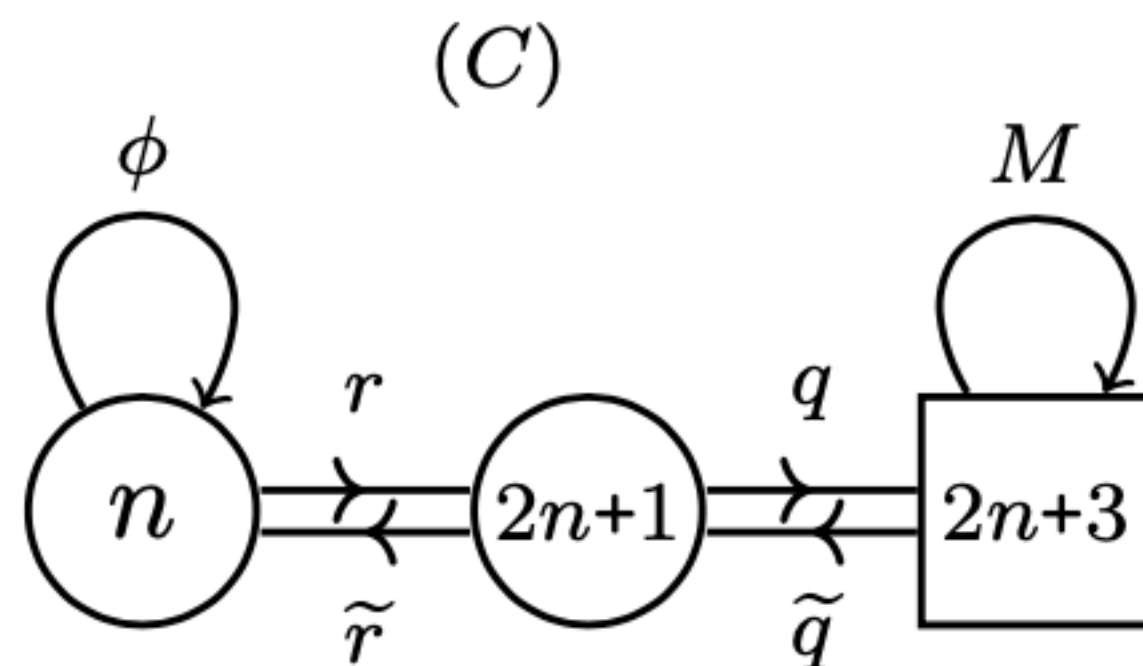
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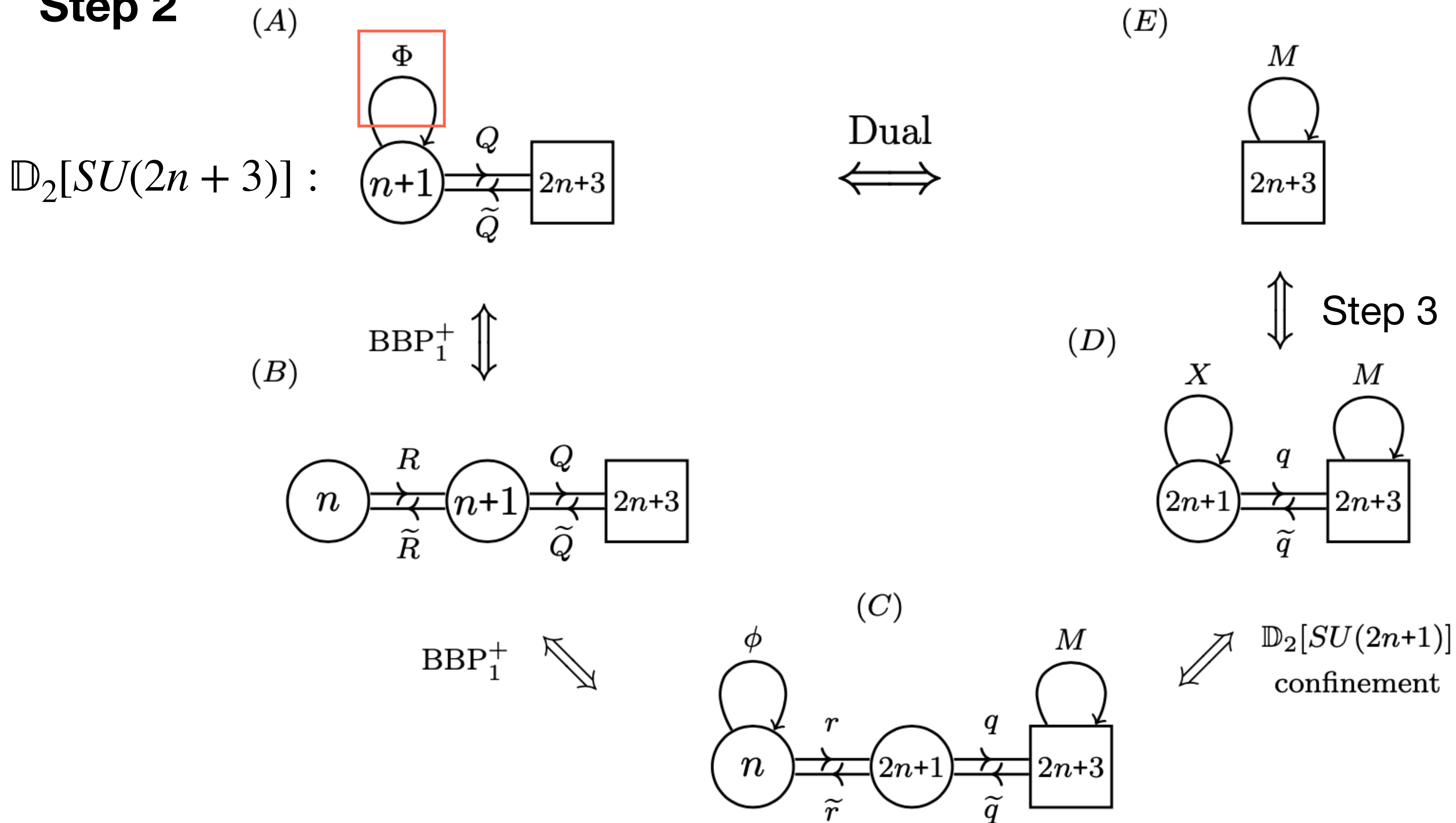


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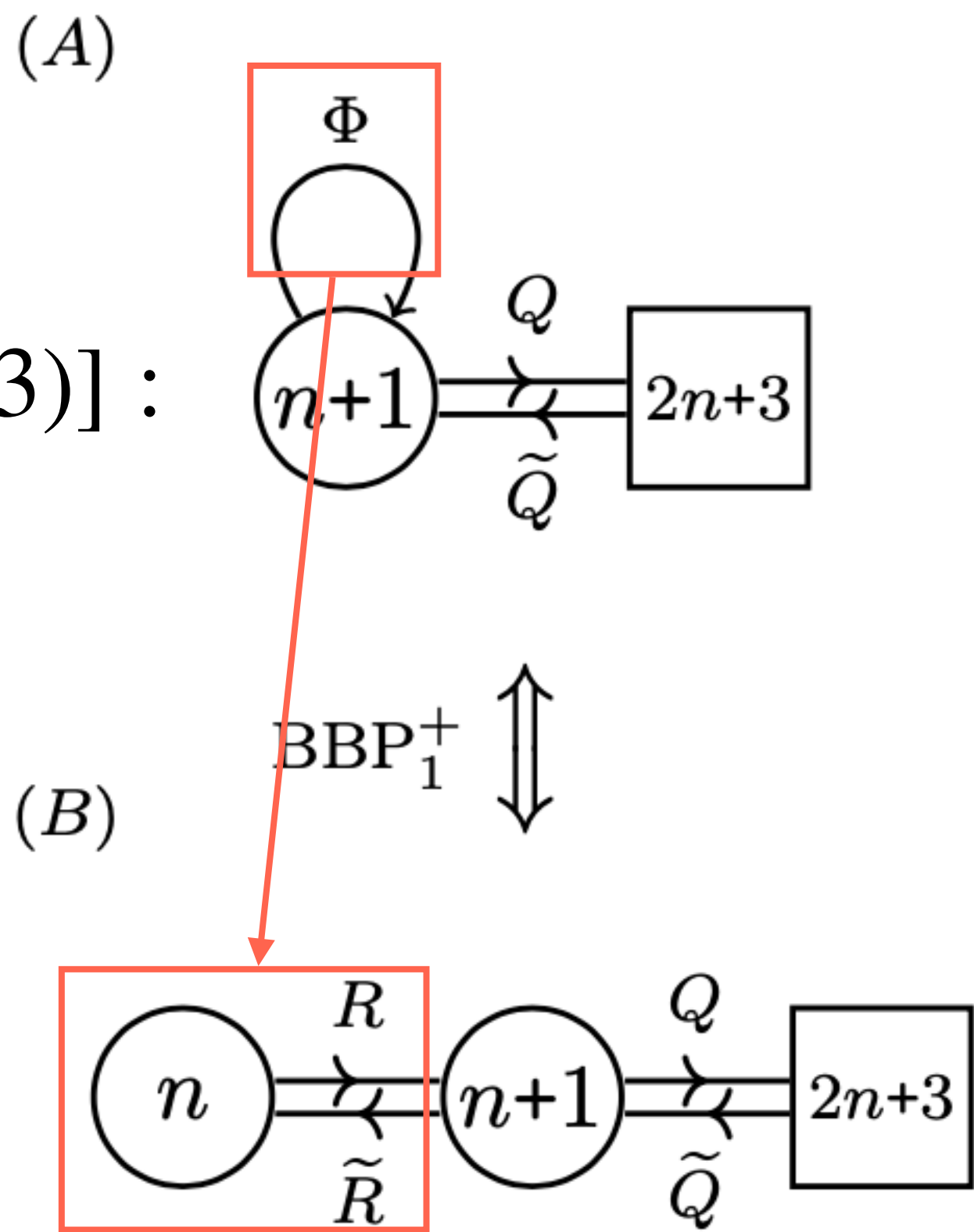
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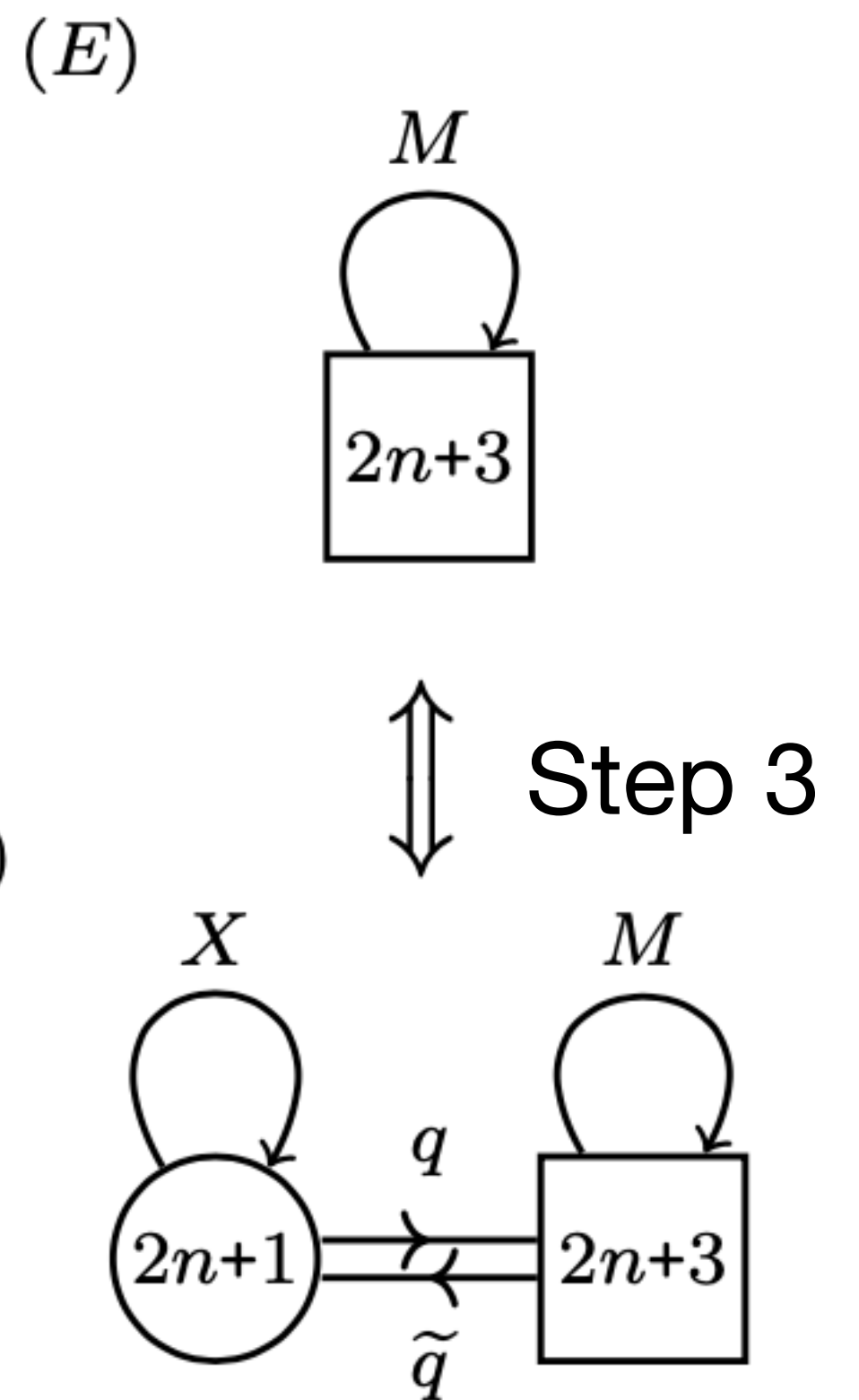


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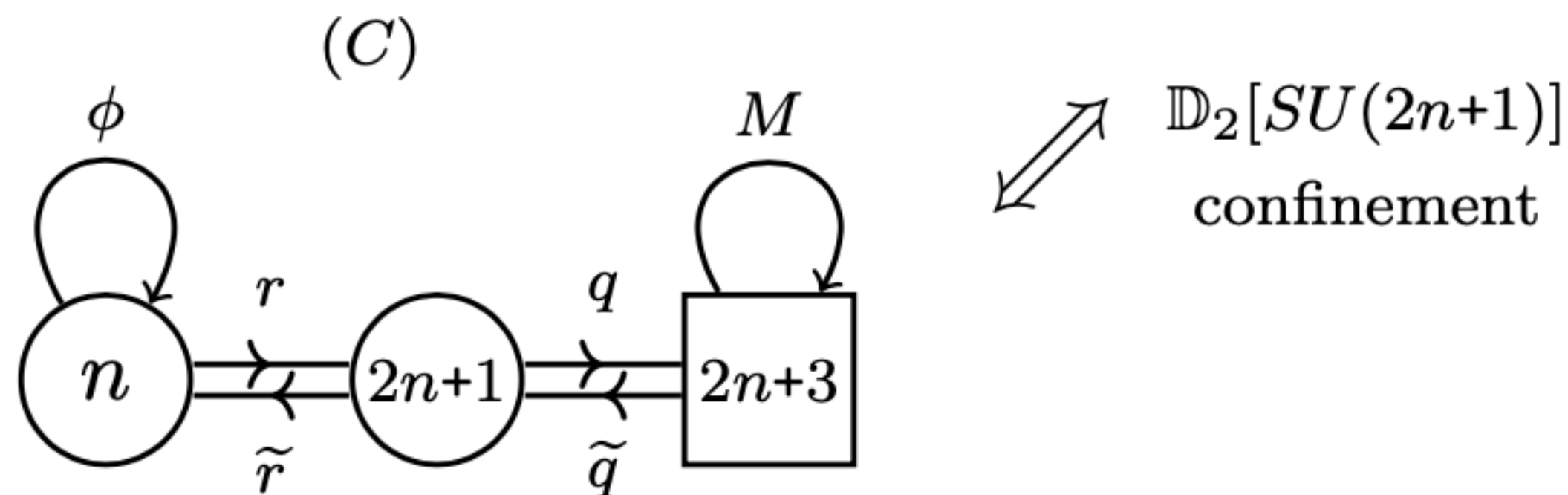
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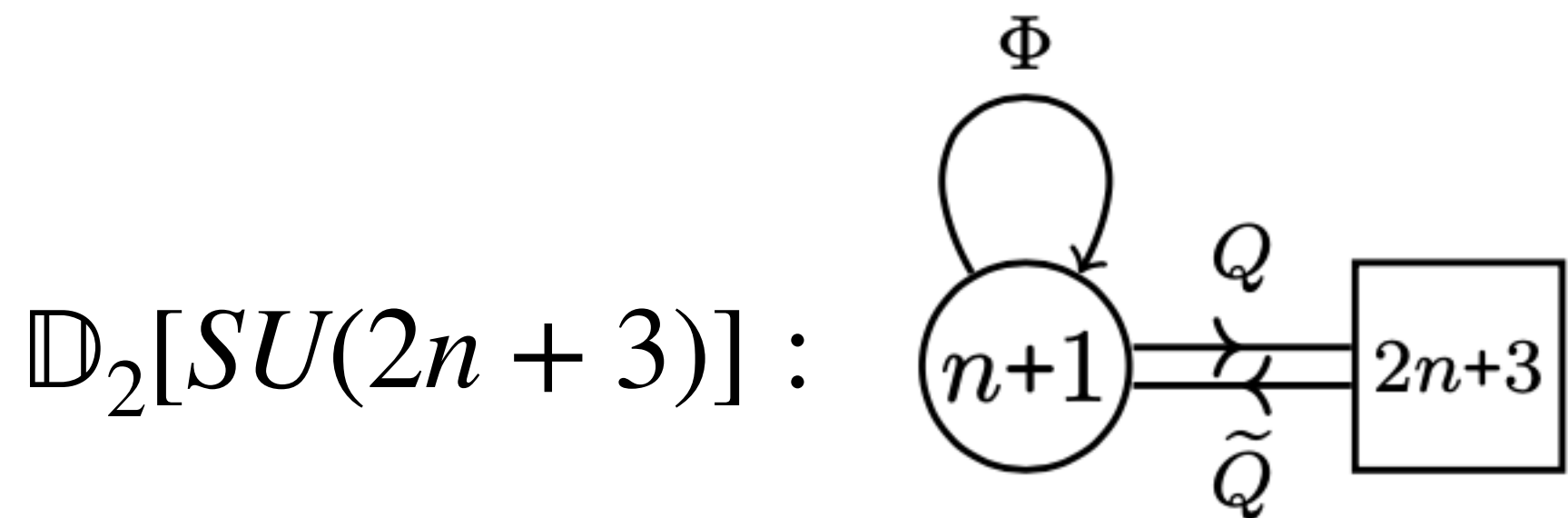


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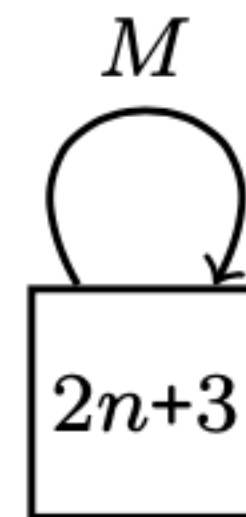
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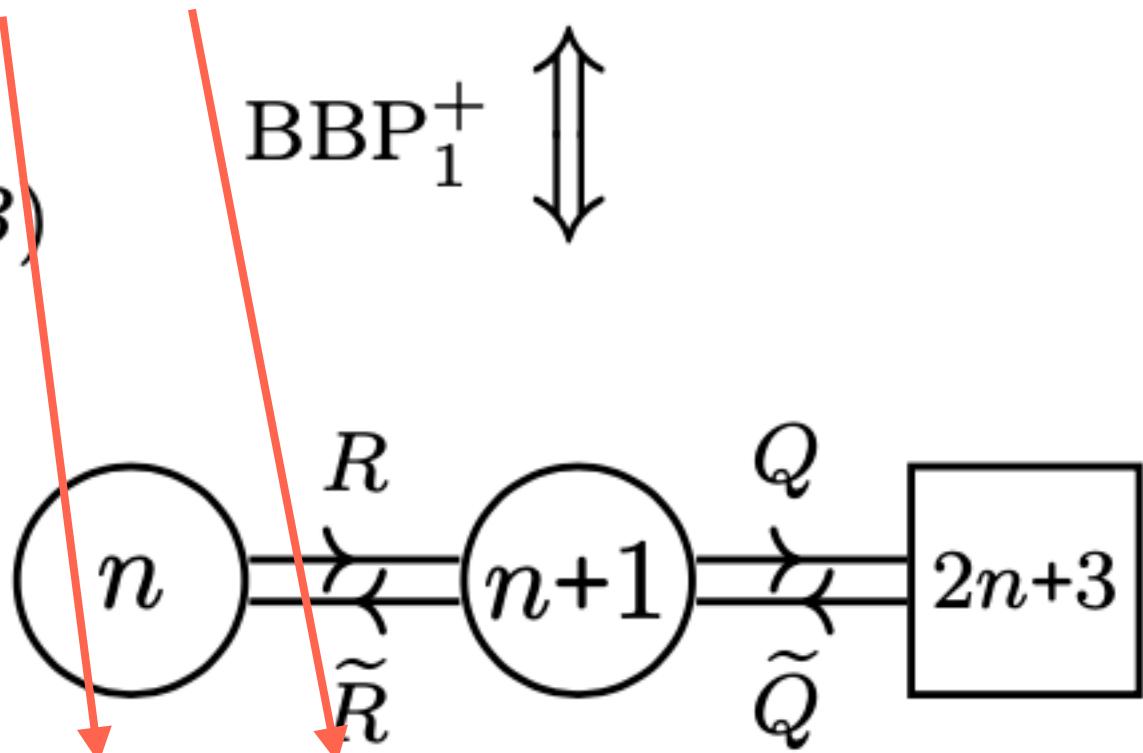
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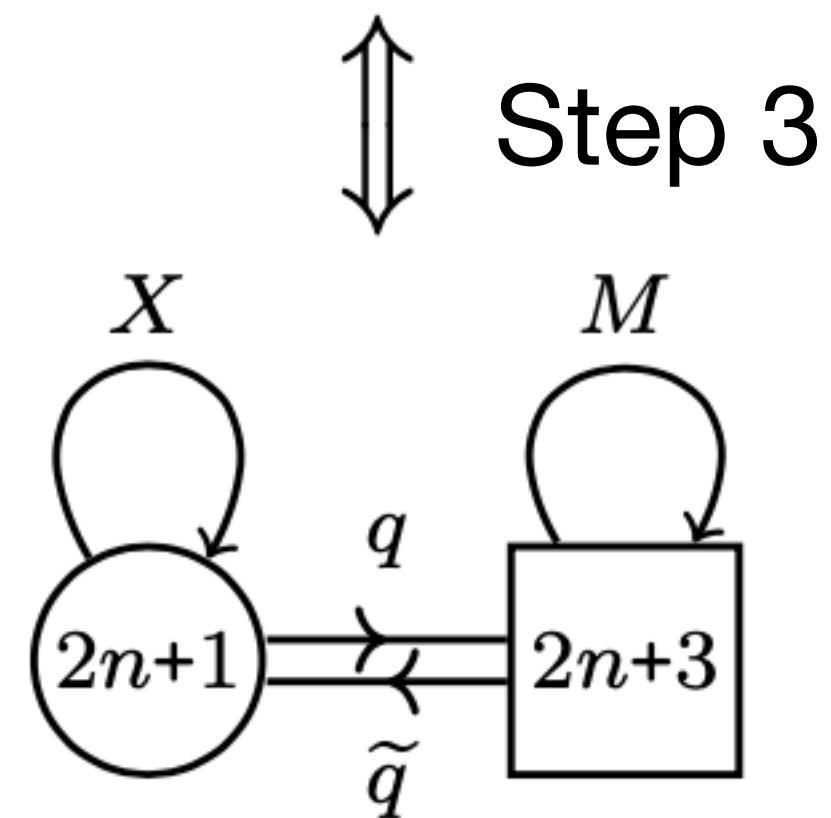
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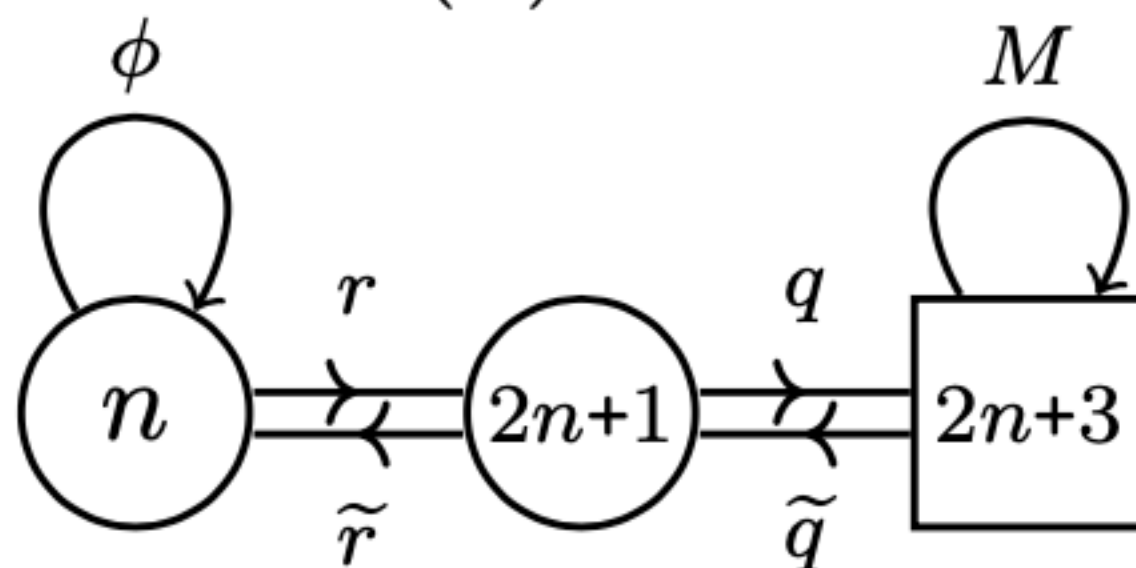
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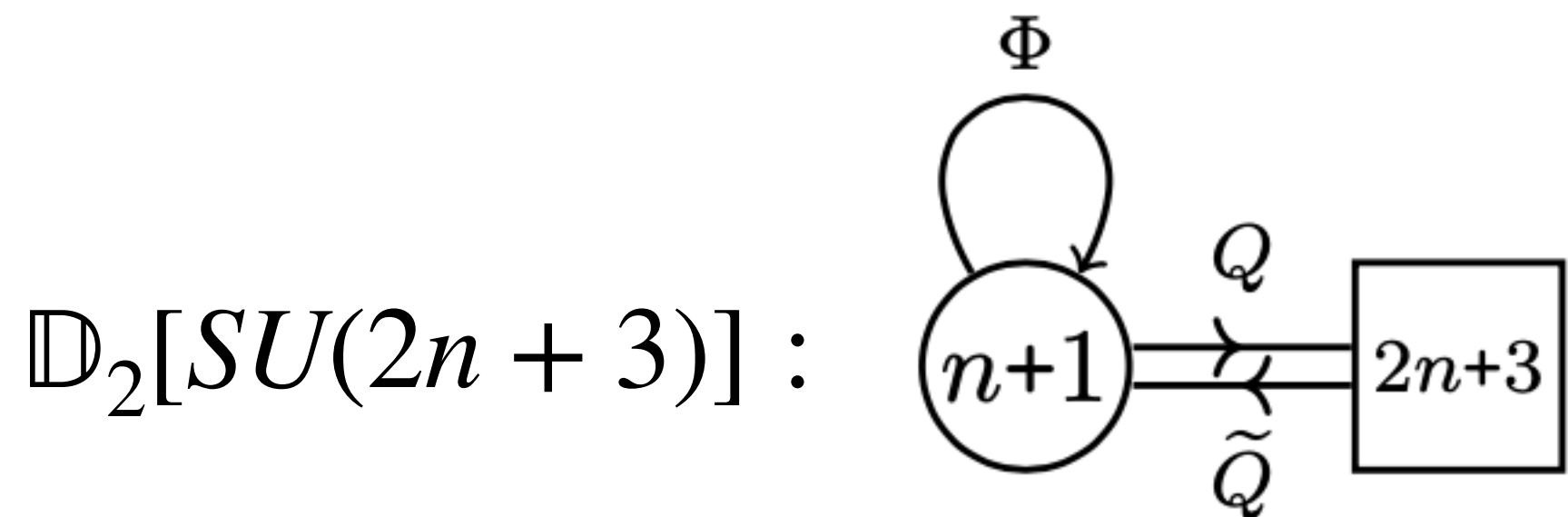
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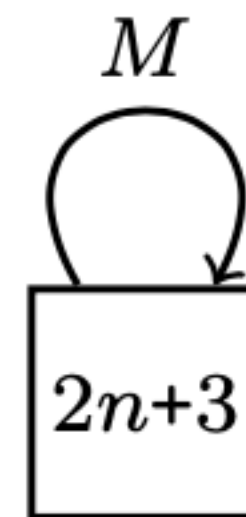
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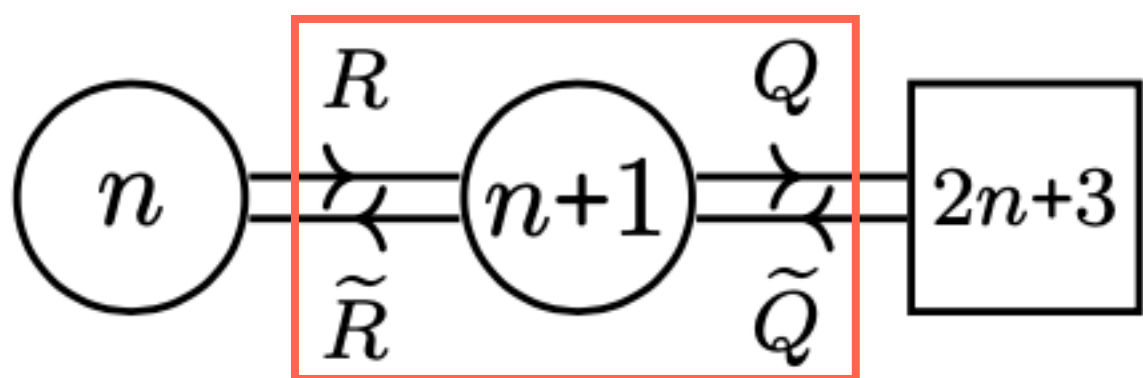
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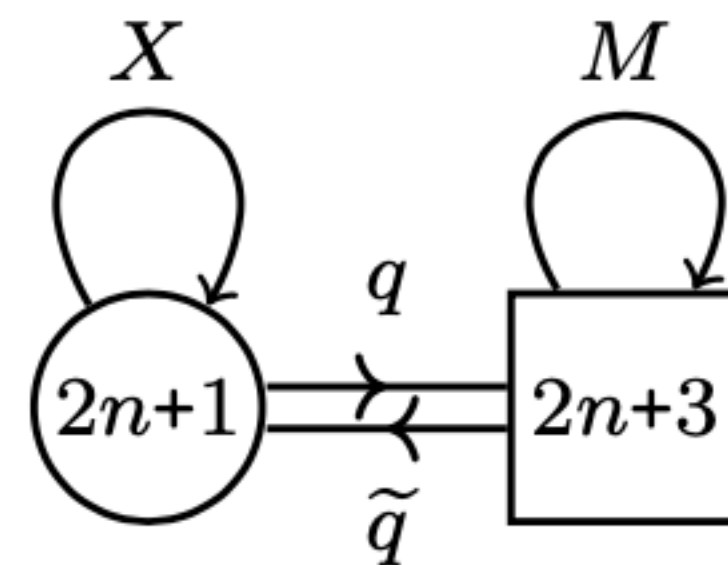
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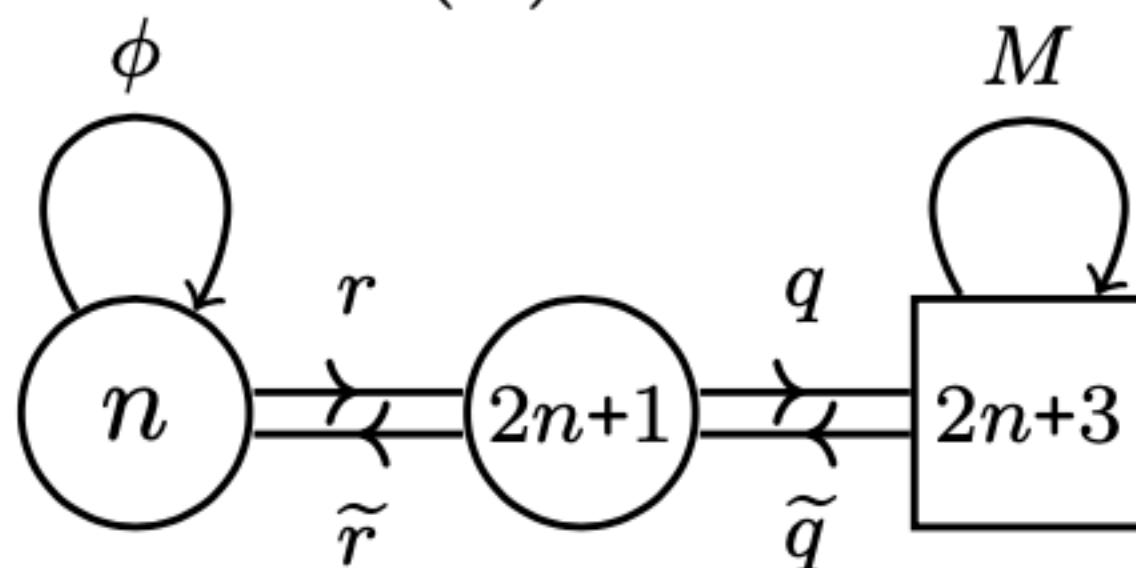
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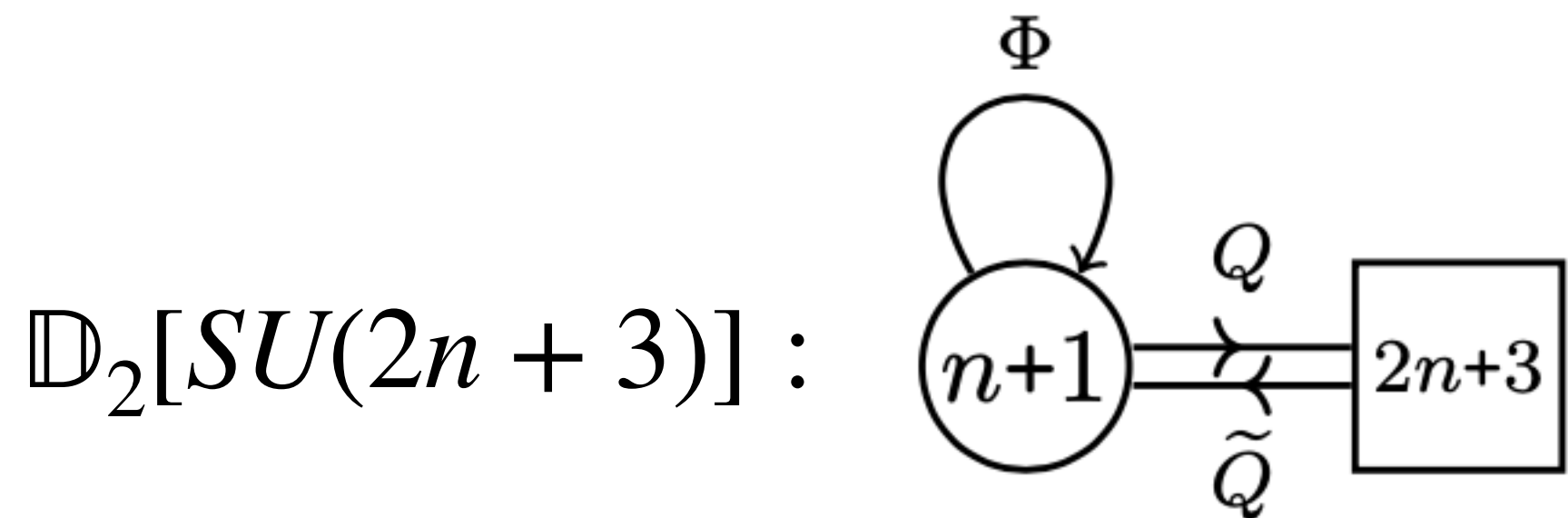
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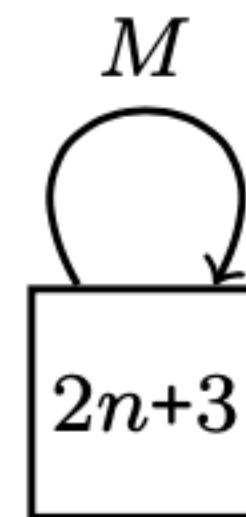


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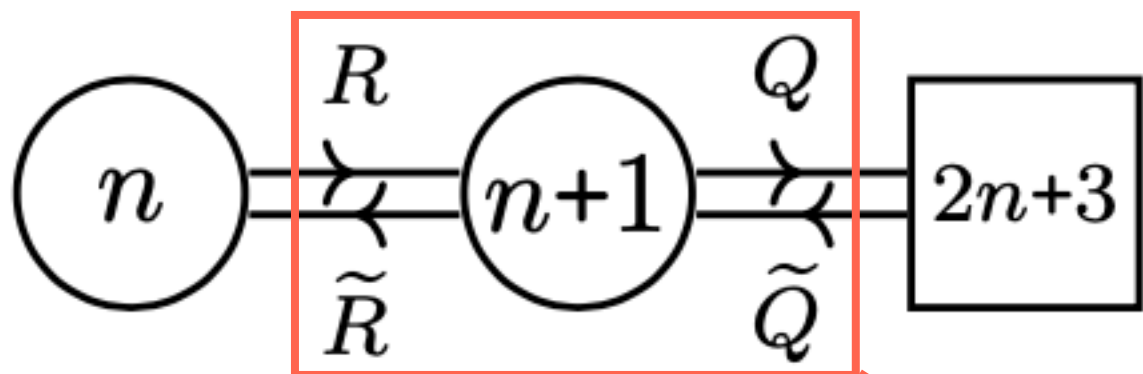
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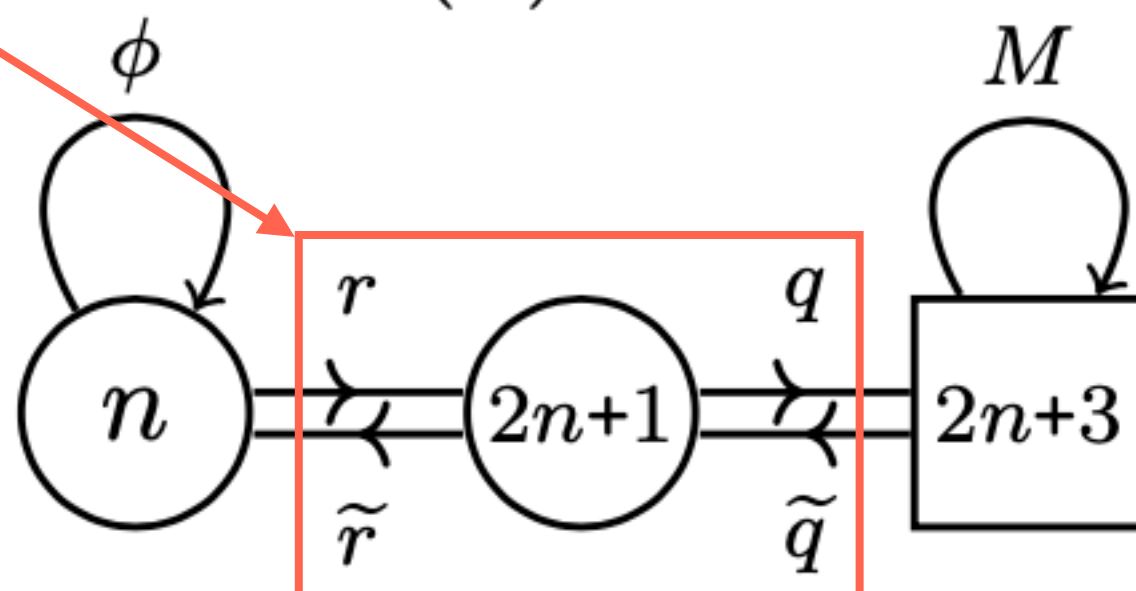
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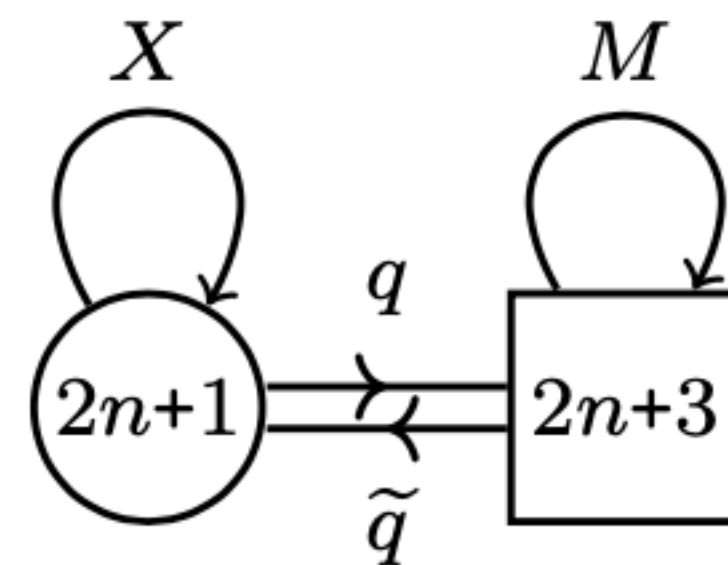
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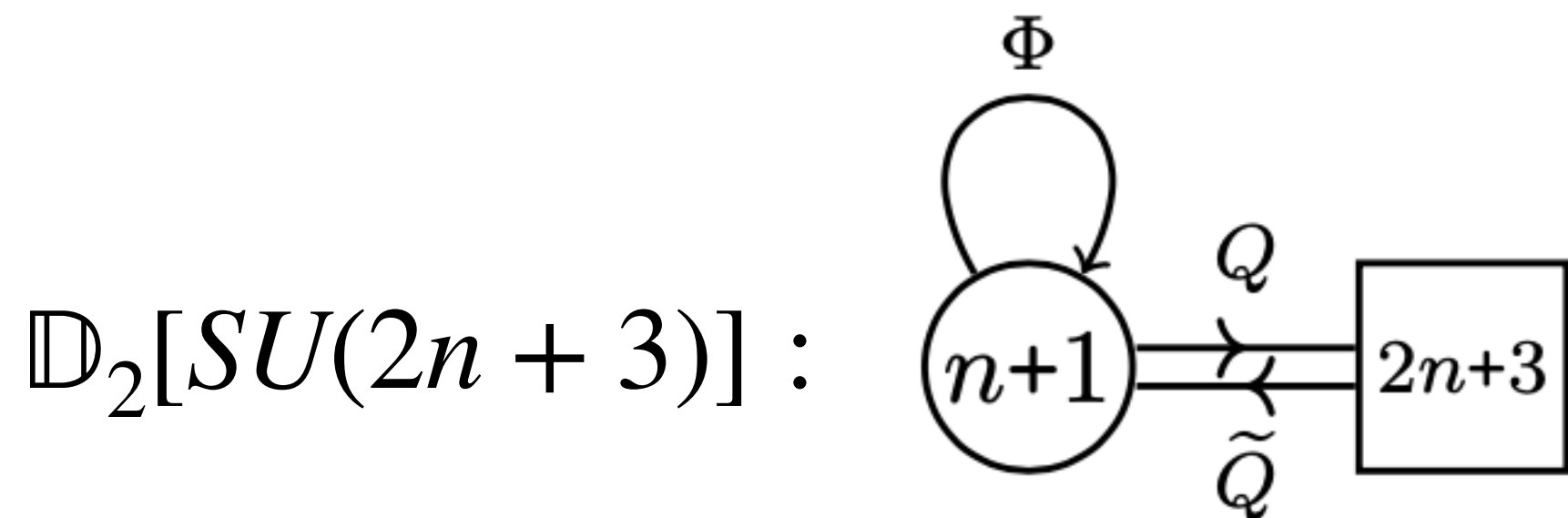


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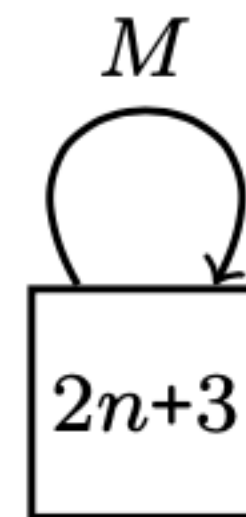
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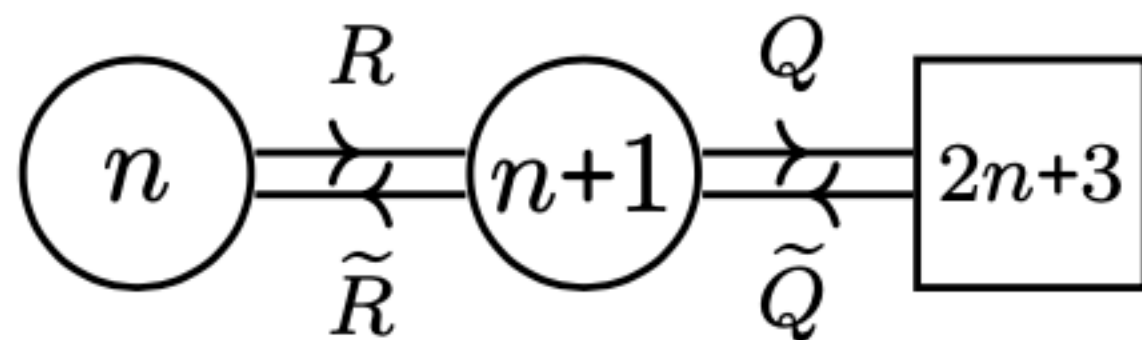
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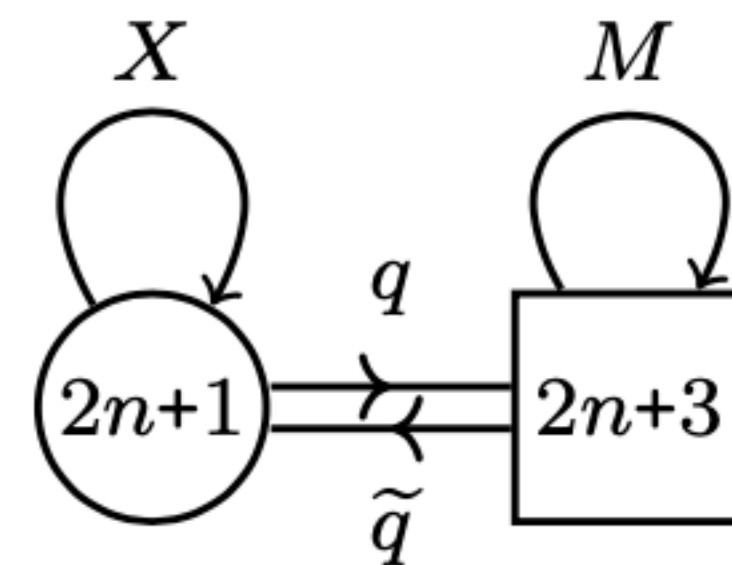
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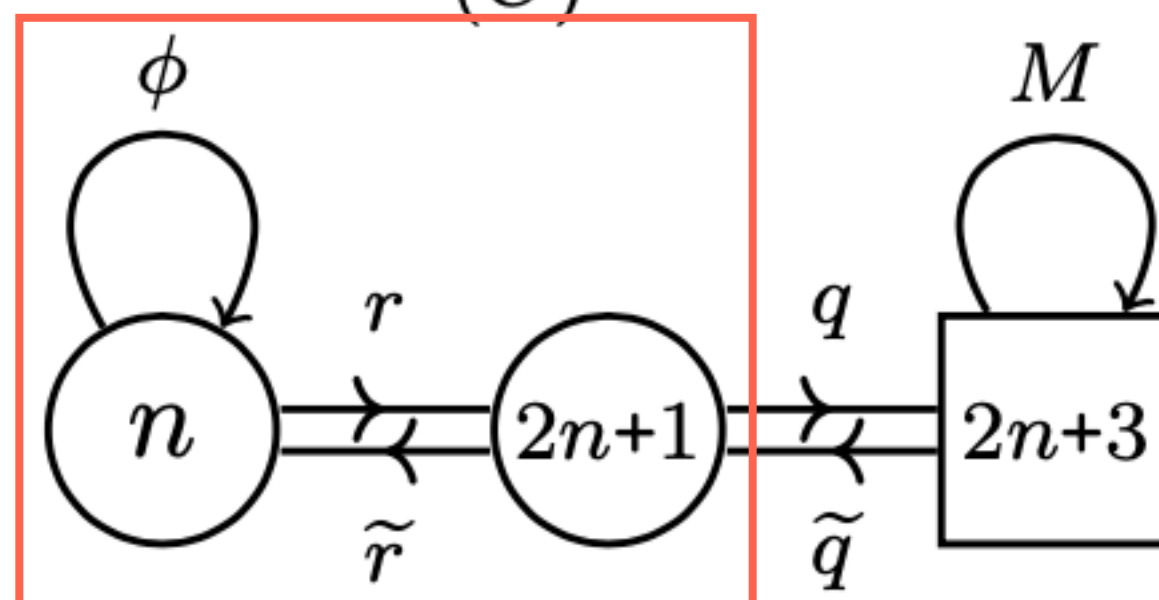
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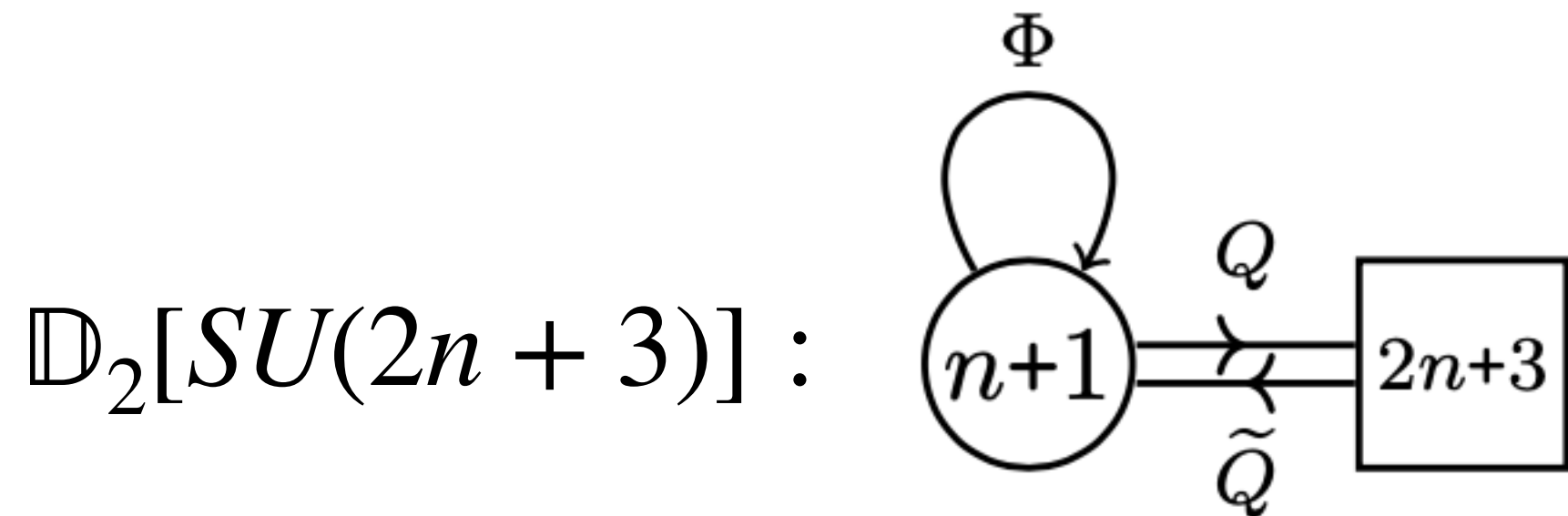


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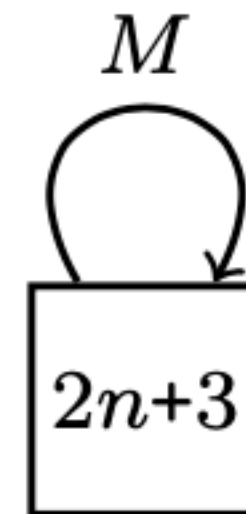
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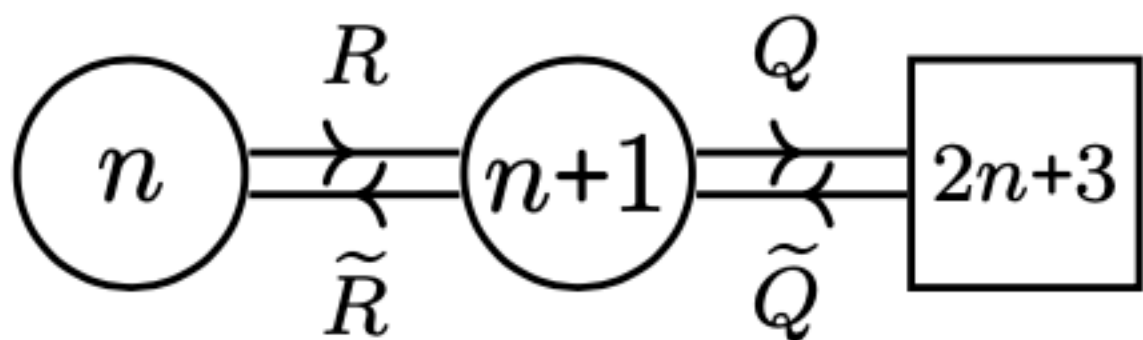
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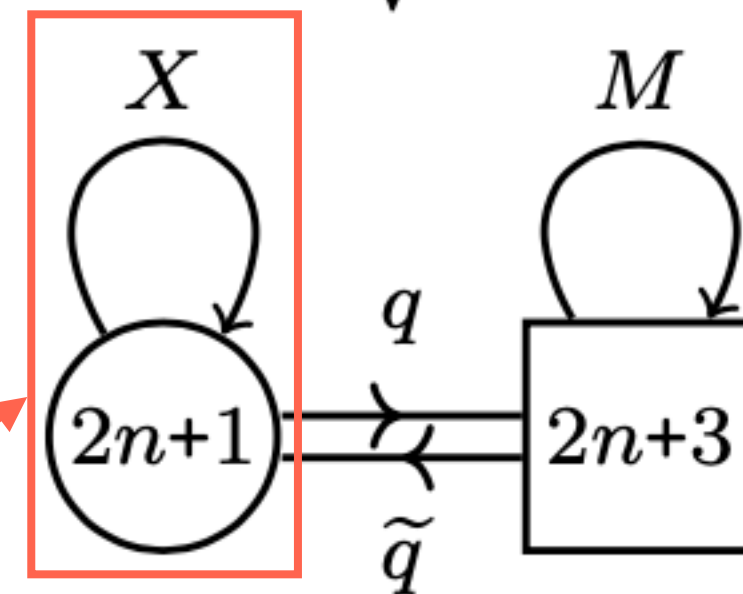
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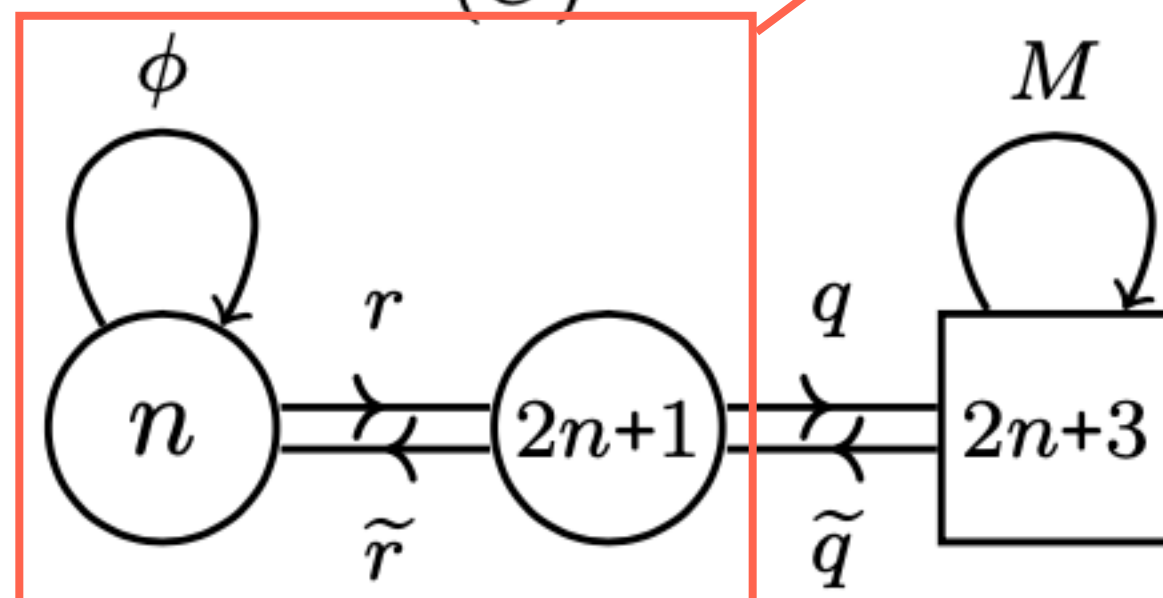
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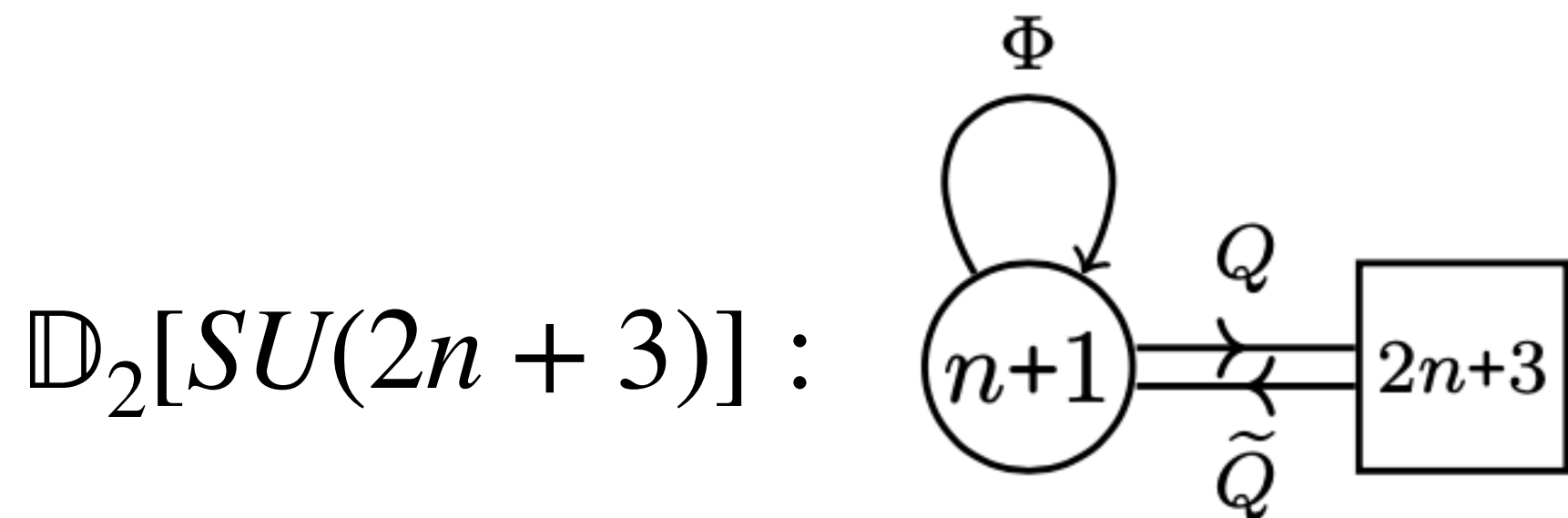


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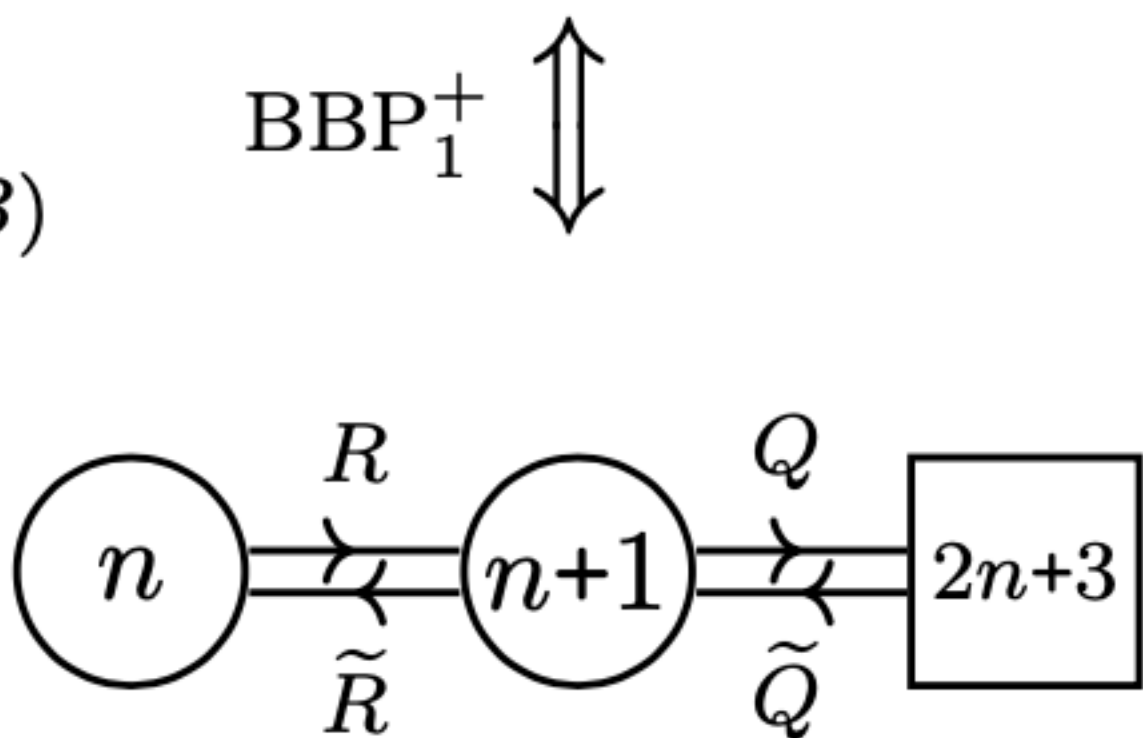
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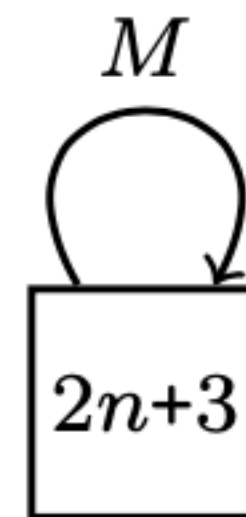


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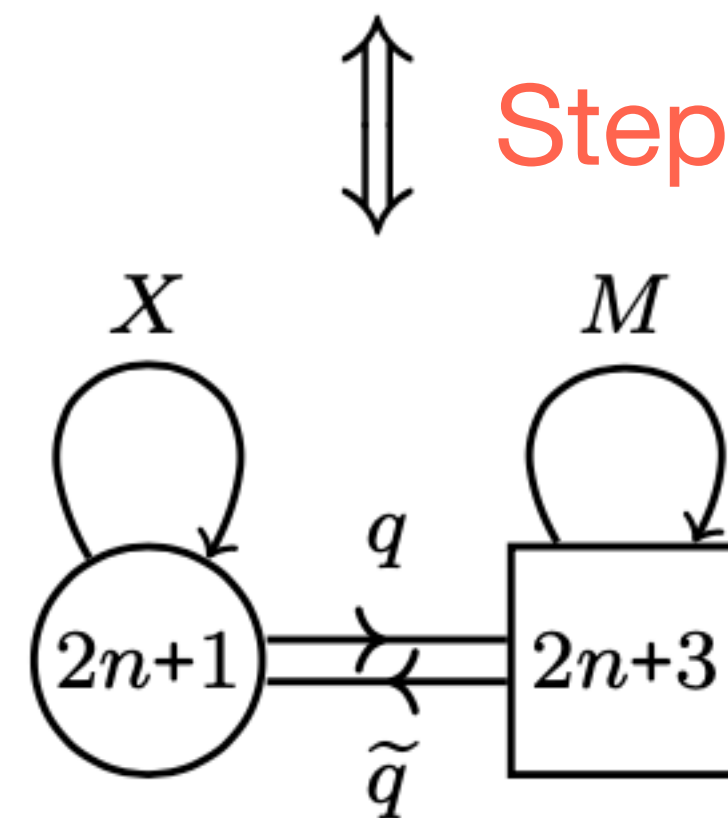
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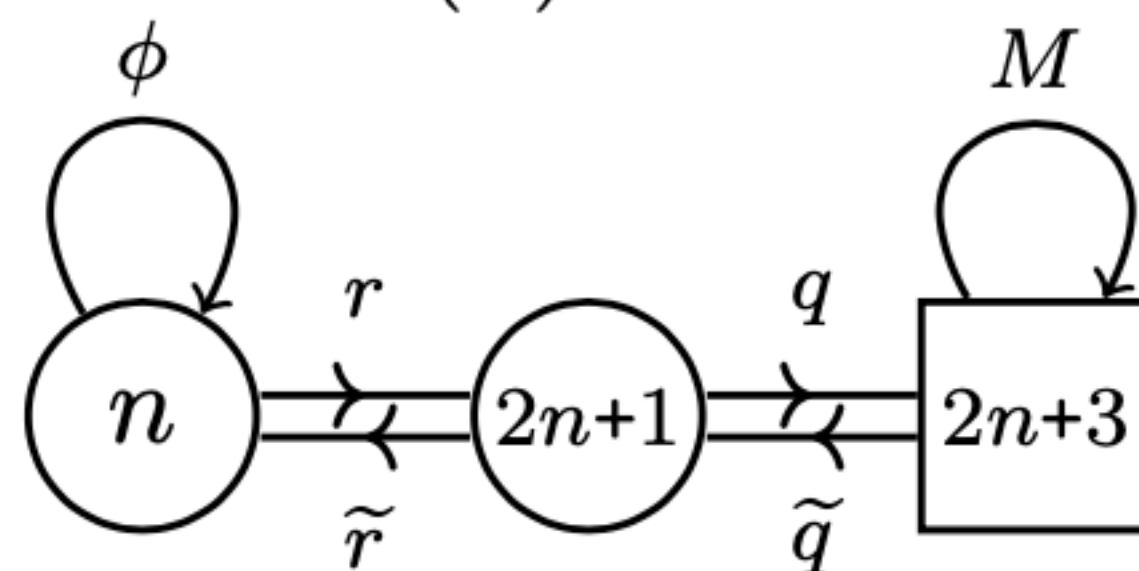
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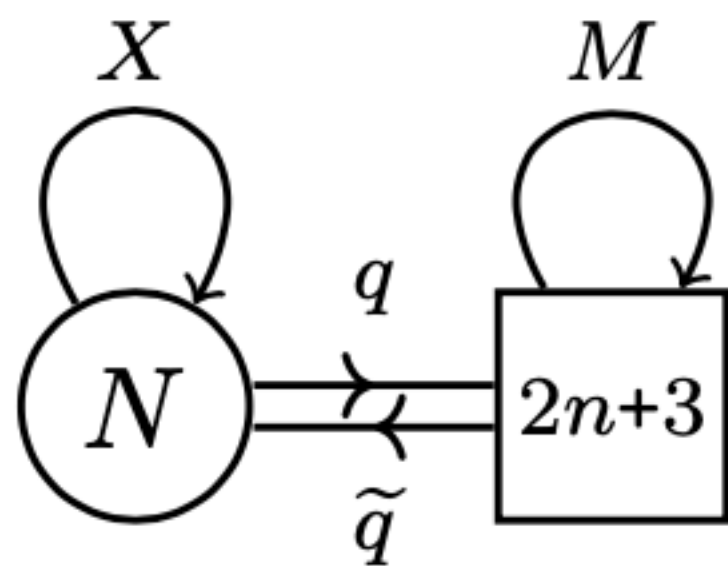
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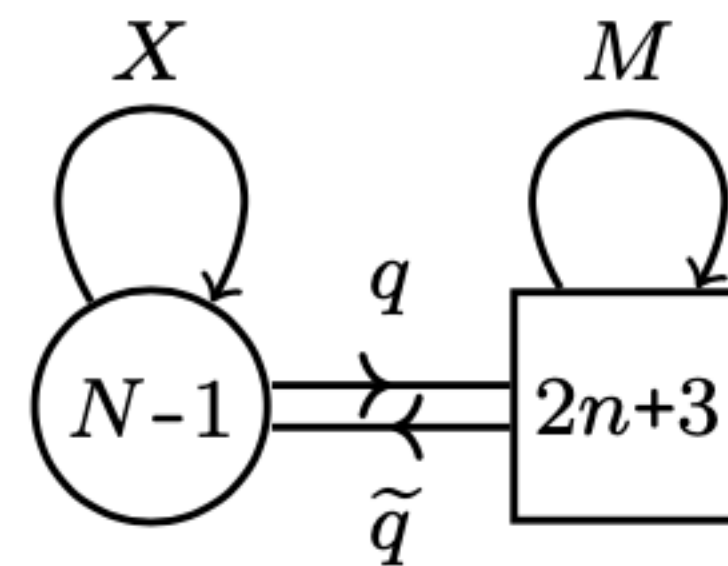
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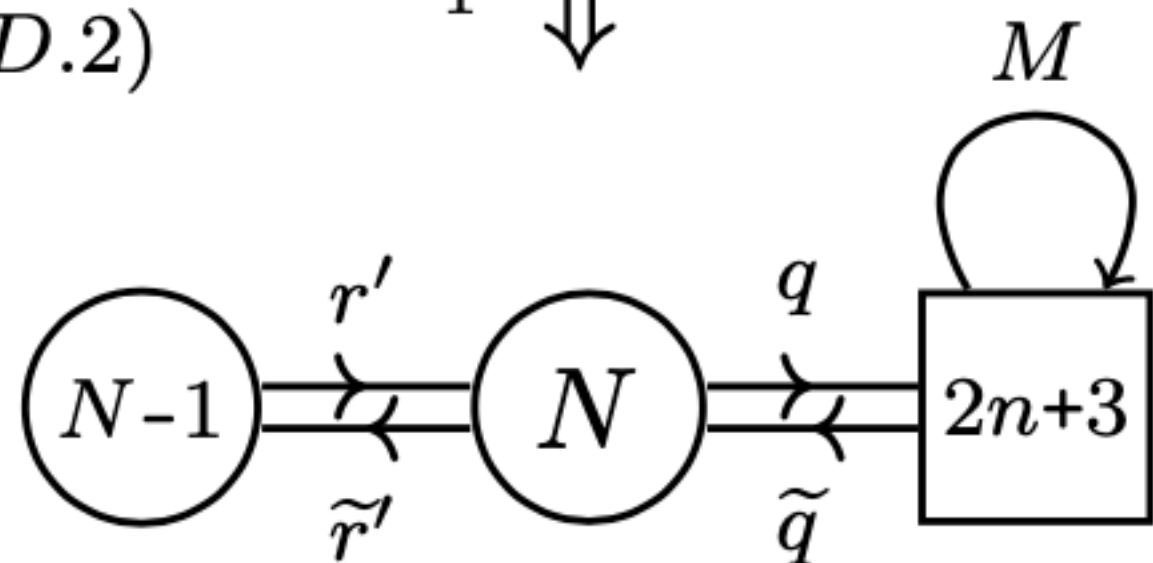
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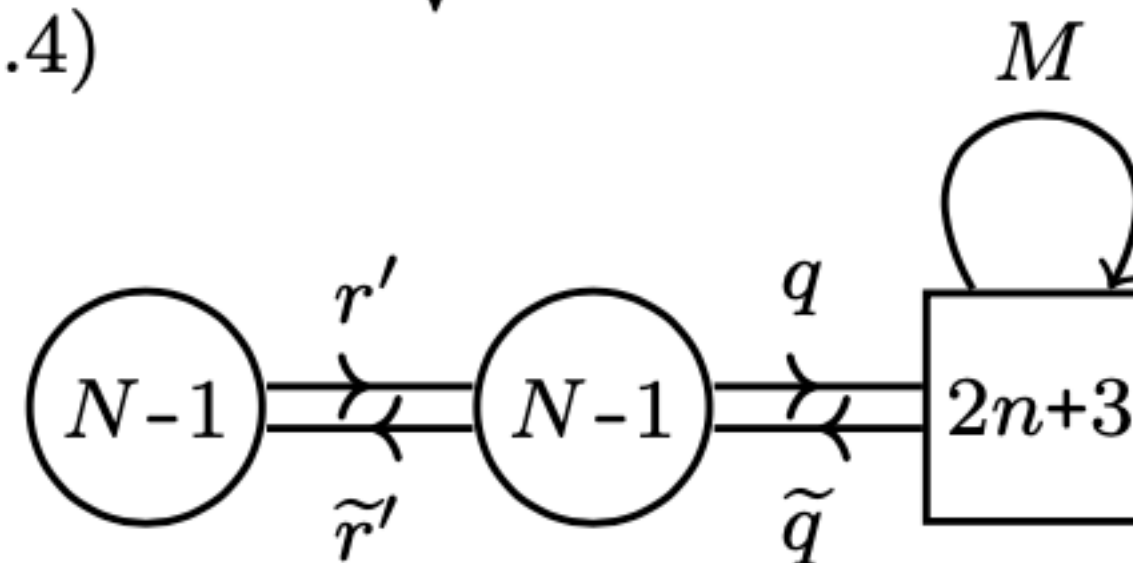
Aharony
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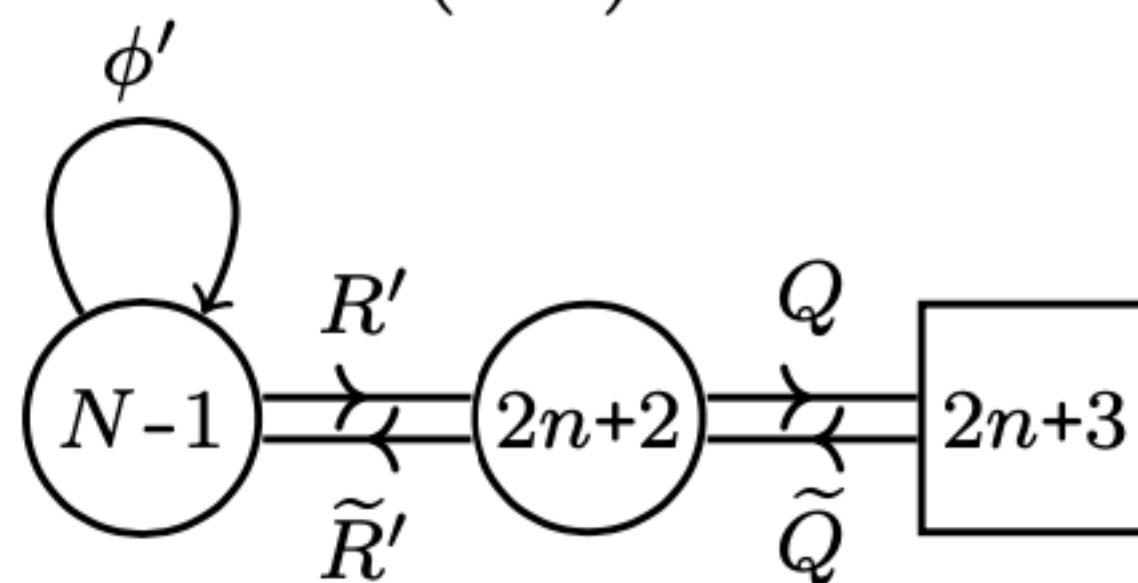


(D.4)



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(D.3)



\longleftrightarrow BBP_1^-

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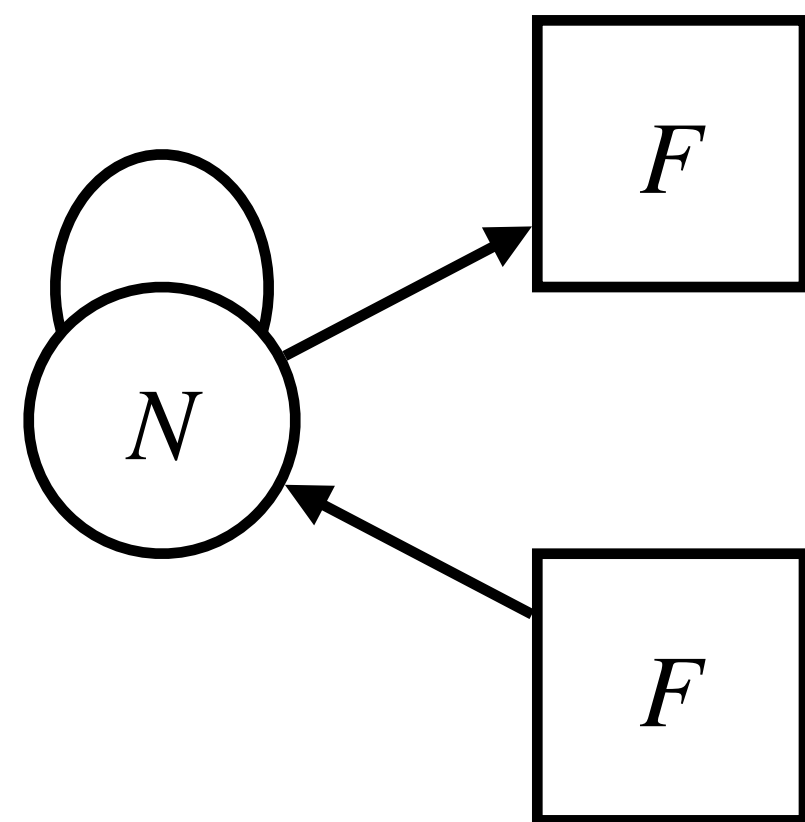
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- A consequence of the BBP dualities
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- Support for Xie-Yan's 4-dimensional result
- *Application to Seiberg-like dualities for adjoint SQCDs*

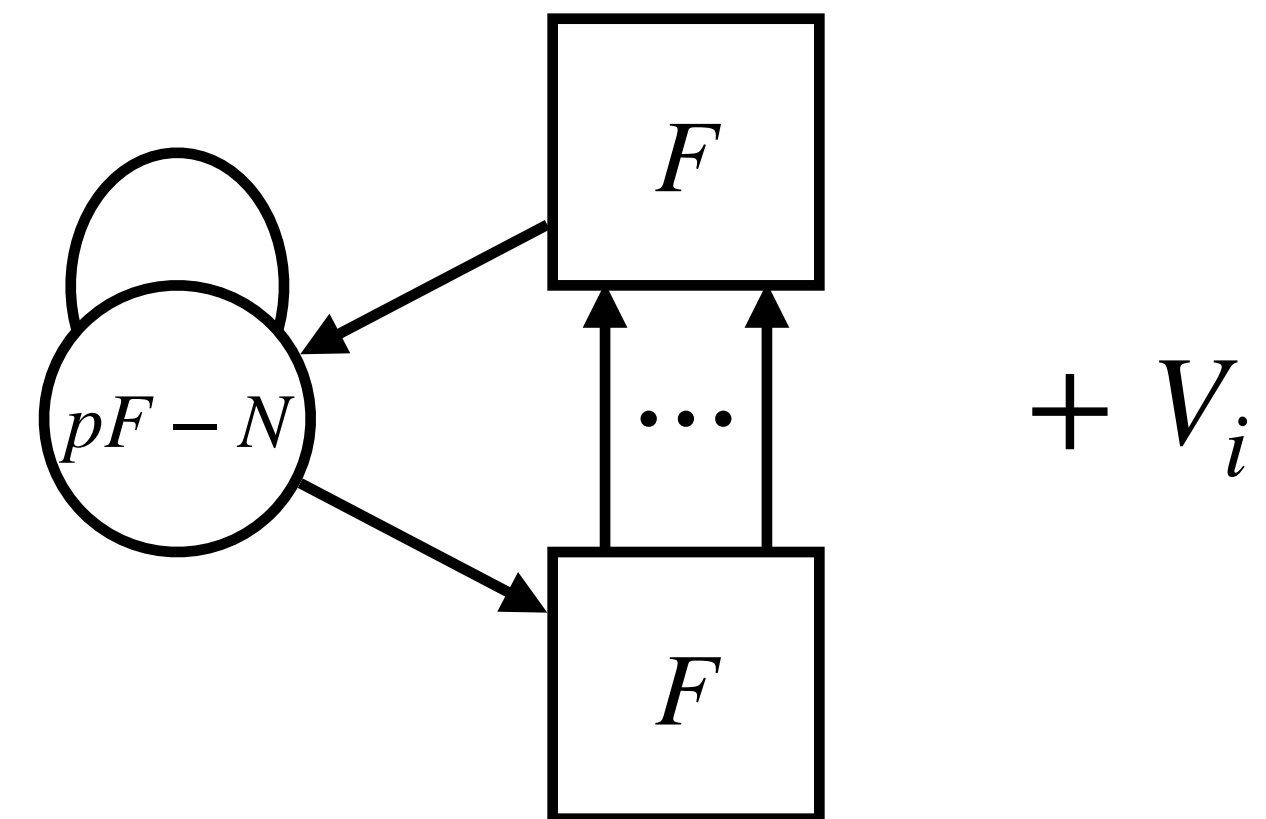
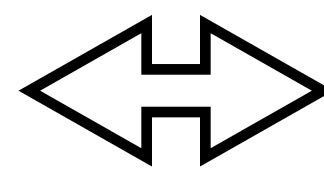
Part II: Revisit Dualities for Adjoint SQCDs

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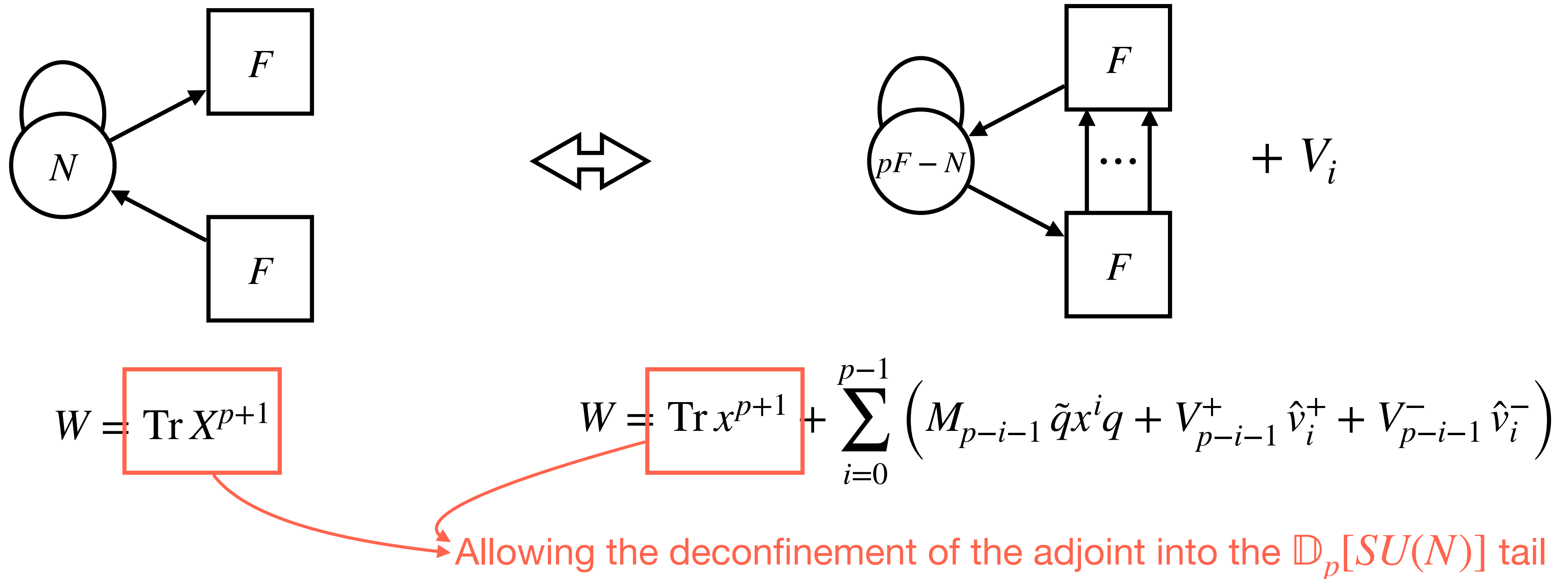
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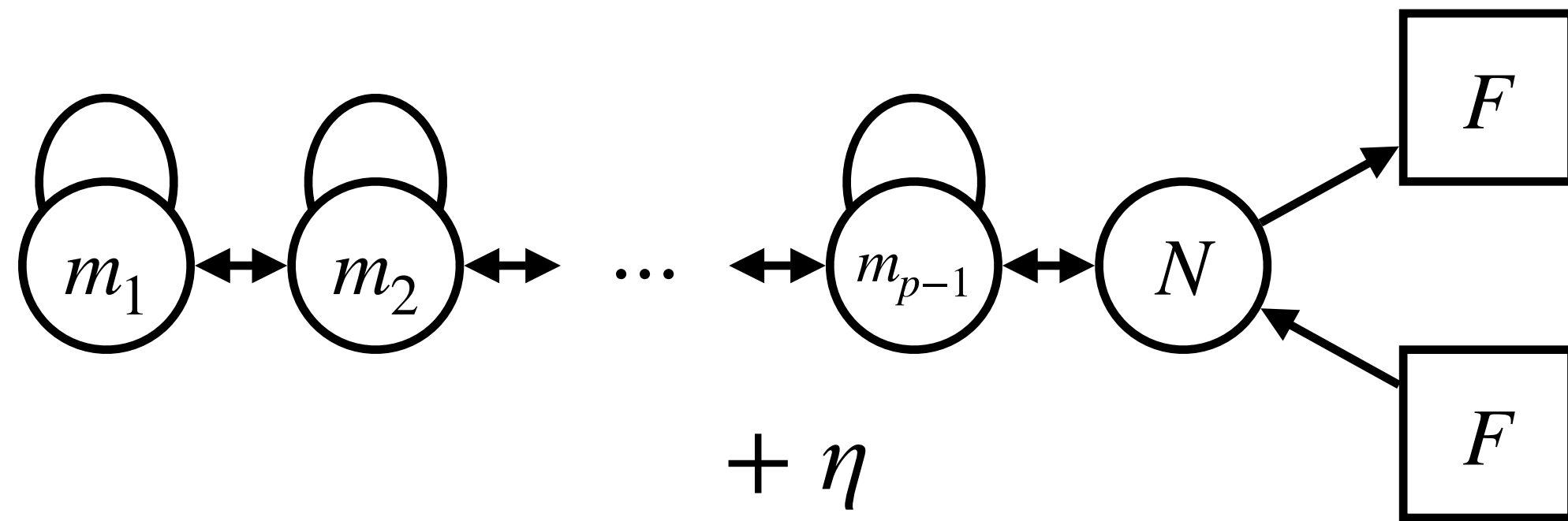
$$W = \text{Tr } x^{p+1} + \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} \left(M_{p-i-1} \tilde{q} x^i q + V_{p-i-1}^+ \hat{v}_i^+ + V_{p-i-1}^- \hat{v}_i^- \right)$$

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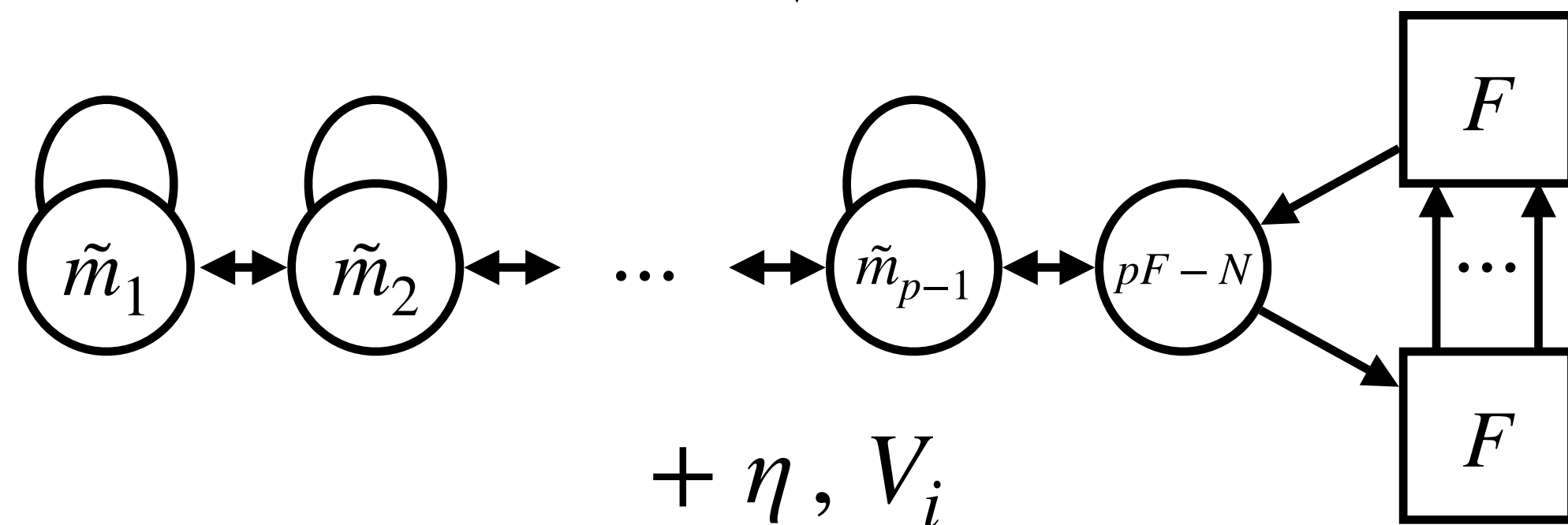
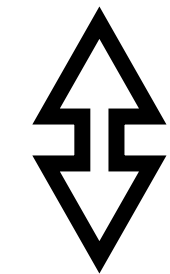
Deconfined Kim-Park Duality



$$m_j = \lfloor jN/p \rfloor, \quad j = 1, \dots, p-1$$

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$$\tilde{m}_j = \lfloor j(pF - N)/p \rfloor = jF + m_{p-j} - m_p, \quad j = 1, \dots, p-1$$

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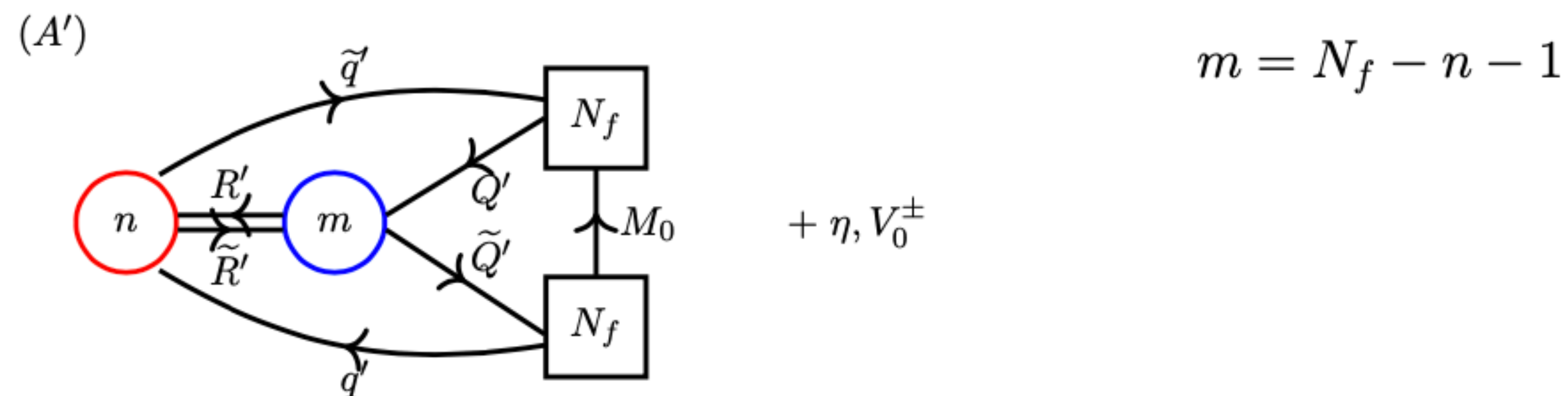
$$+ \dots$$

- Matching superconformal indices (tested for some N & p)
- E.g., the chiral ring generators for $p = 2$:

Kim–Park A	Theory A	Theory A'	Theory B	Kim–Park B
$\tilde{Q}Q$	$\tilde{Q}Q$	M_0	M_0	M_0
$\tilde{Q}XQ$	$\tilde{Q}\tilde{R}RQ$	$q'\tilde{q}'$	M_1	M_1
$\text{Tr } X$	$\eta \sim \text{Tr } \tilde{R}R$	η	$\eta \sim \text{Tr } \tilde{r}r$	$\text{Tr } x$
\hat{V}_0^\pm	$\hat{V}^{(2),\pm}$	V_0^\pm	V_0^\pm	V_0^\pm
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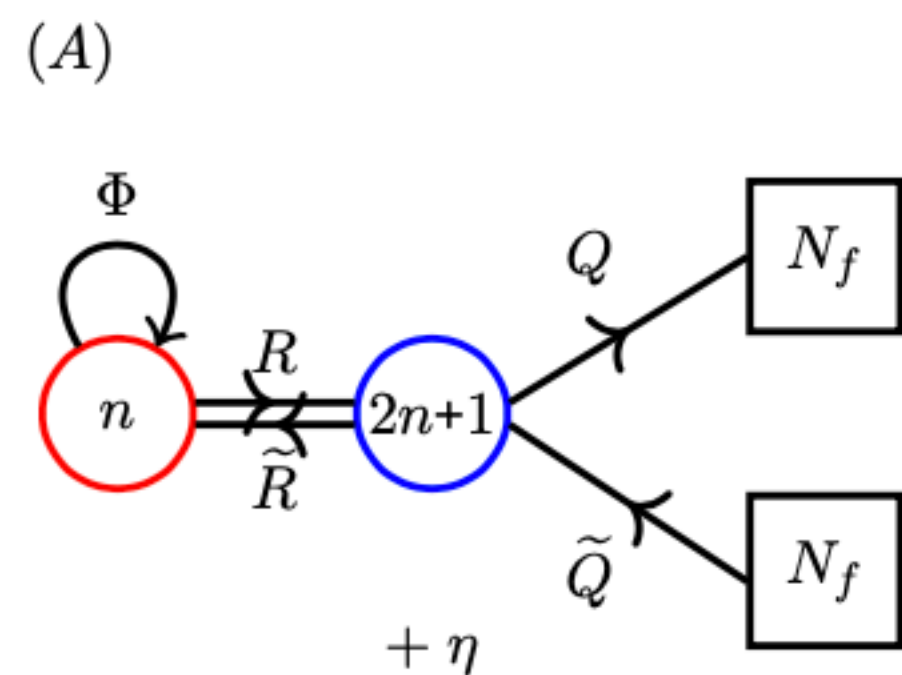
- Again, proved only assuming the Aharony duality

$$p = 2$$



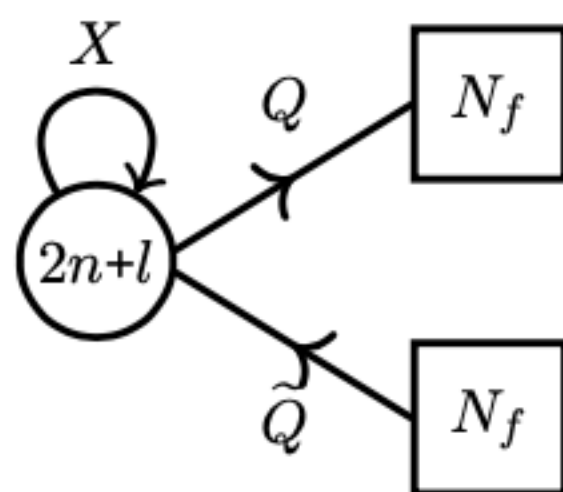
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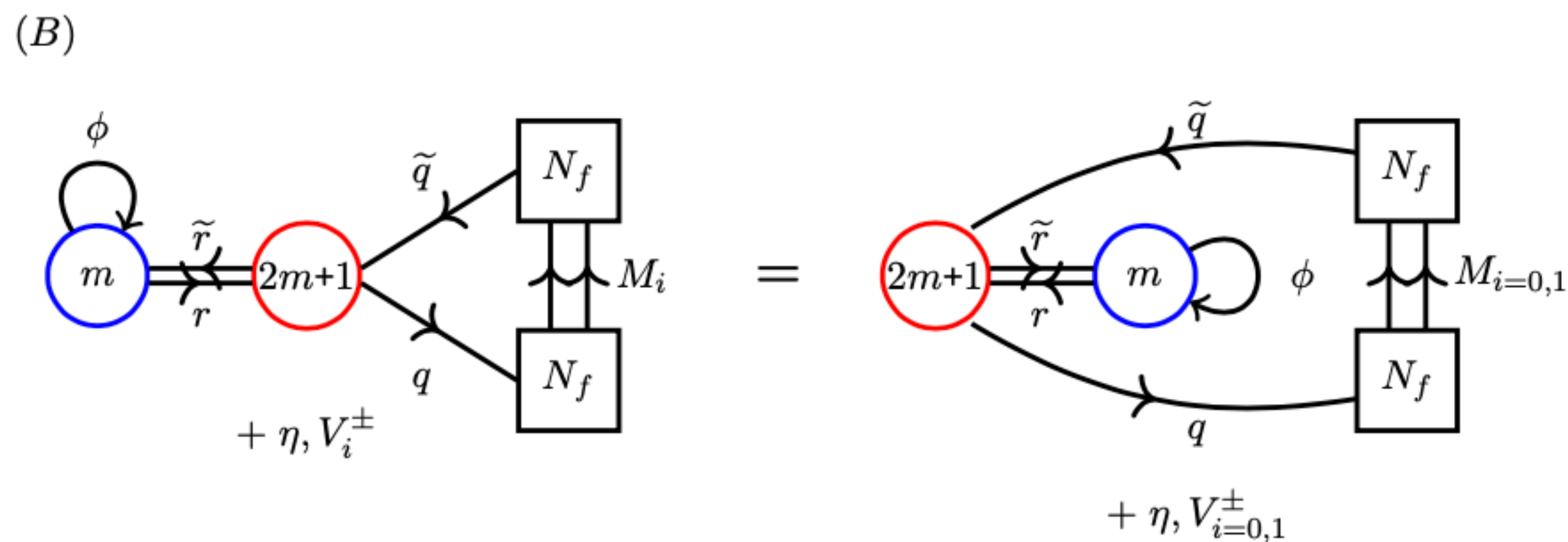


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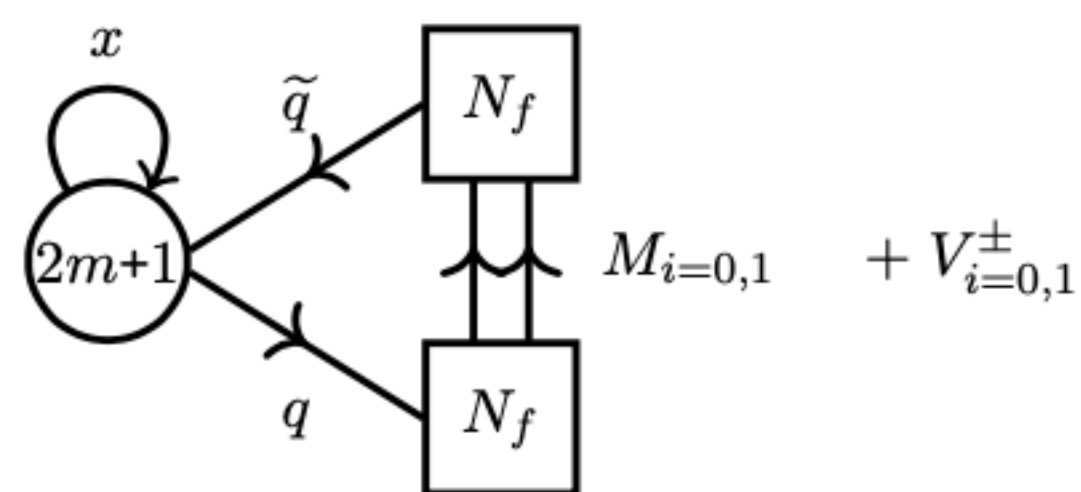


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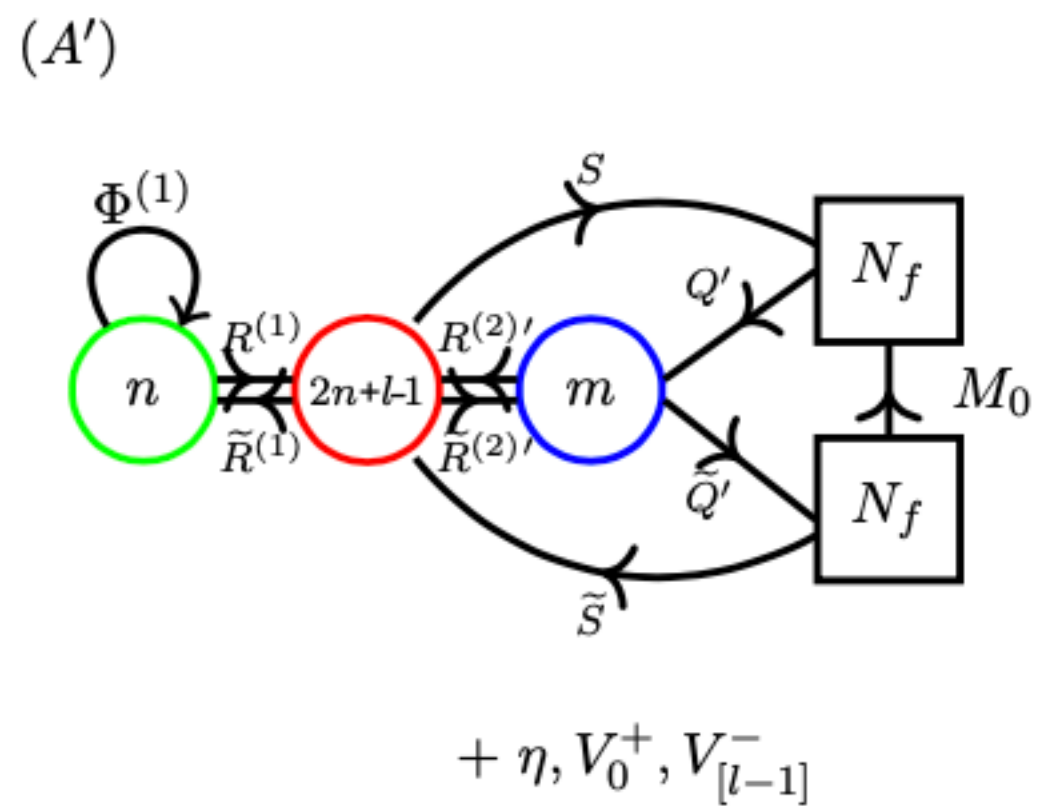
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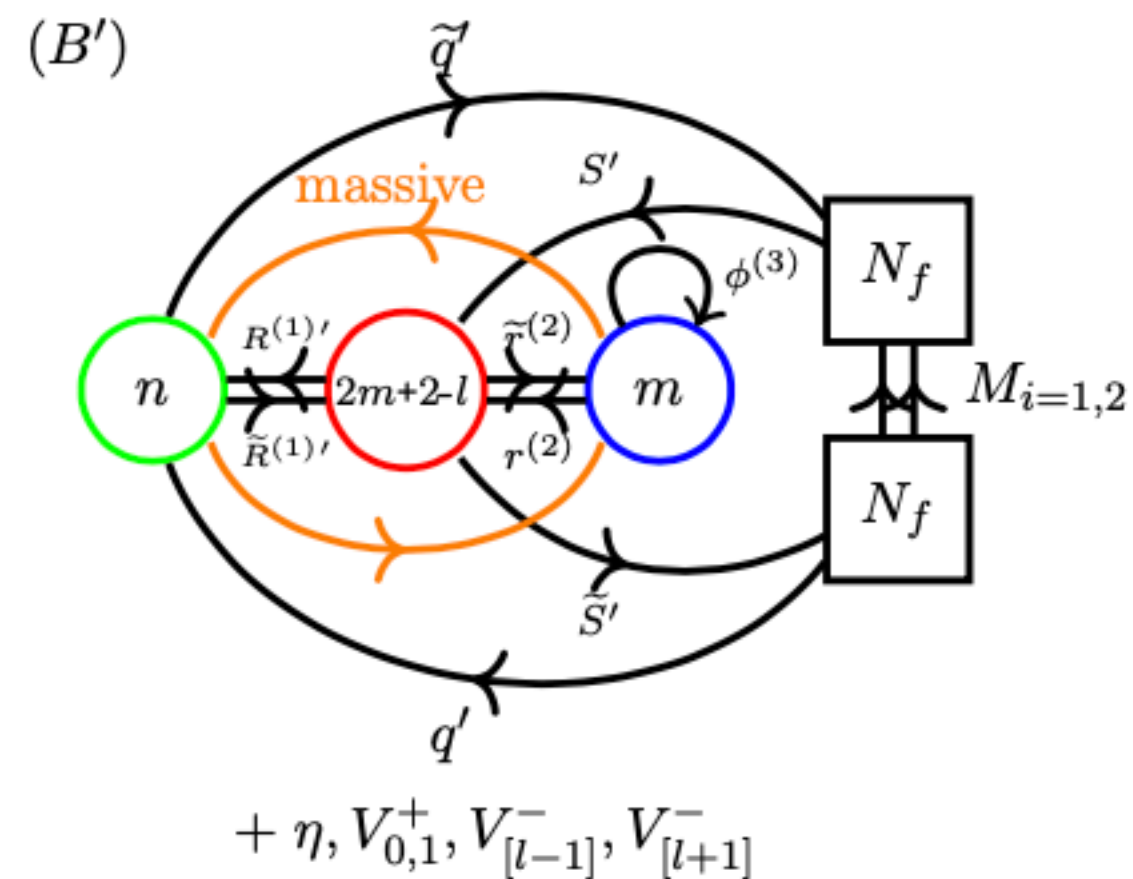


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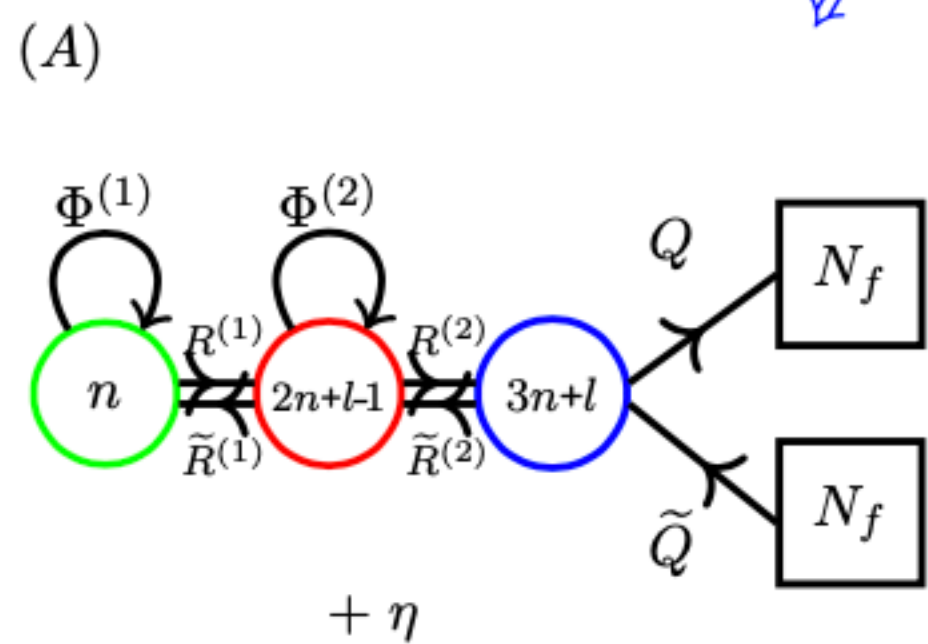


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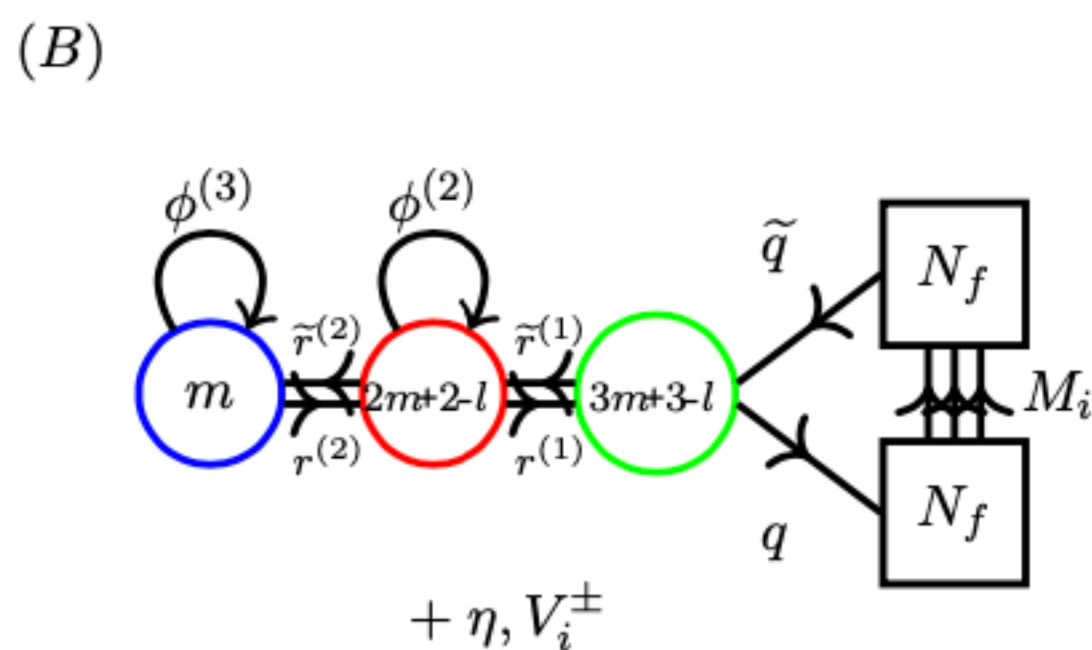


$$m = N_f - n - 1$$

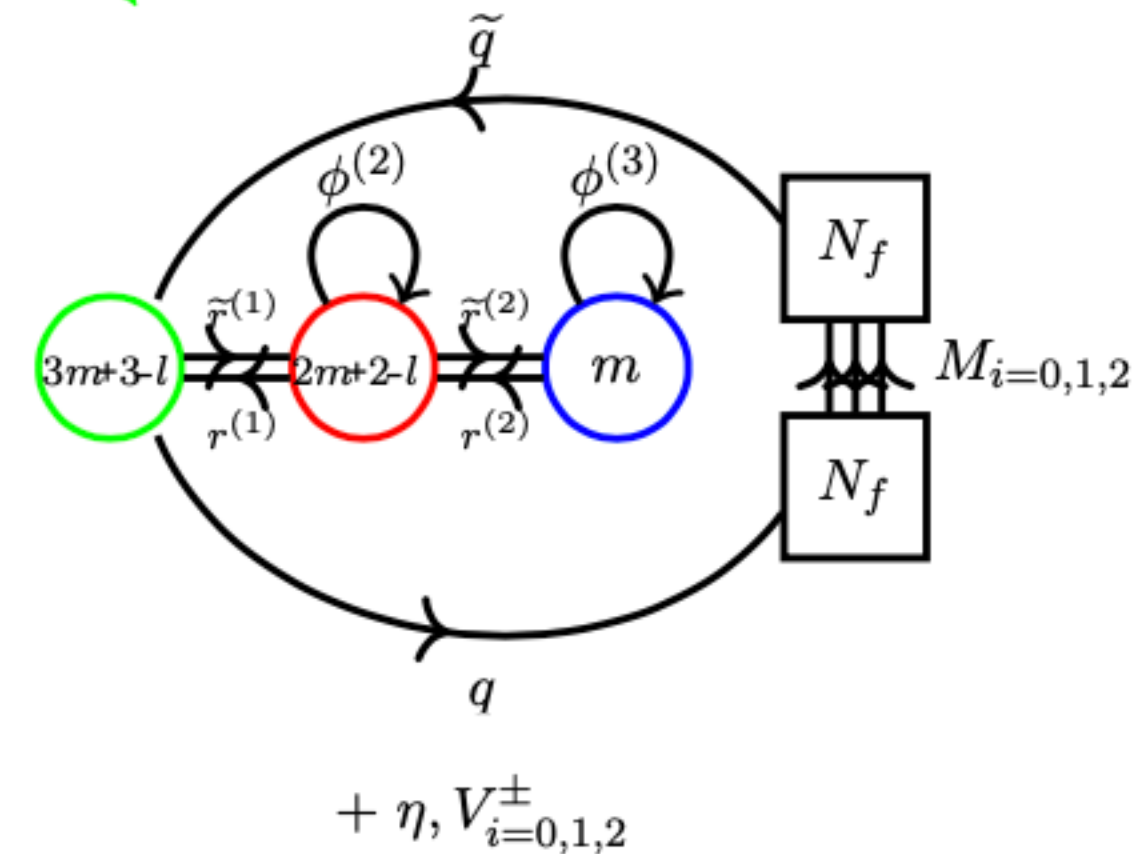
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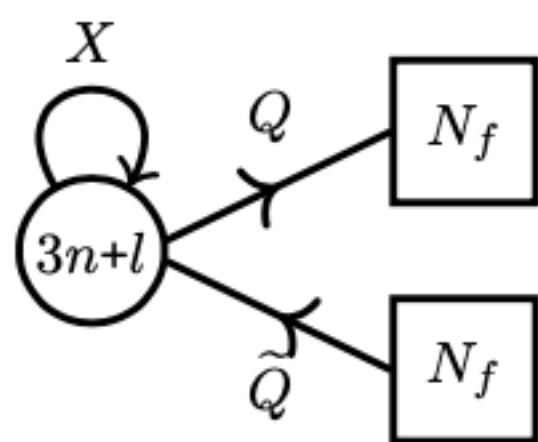


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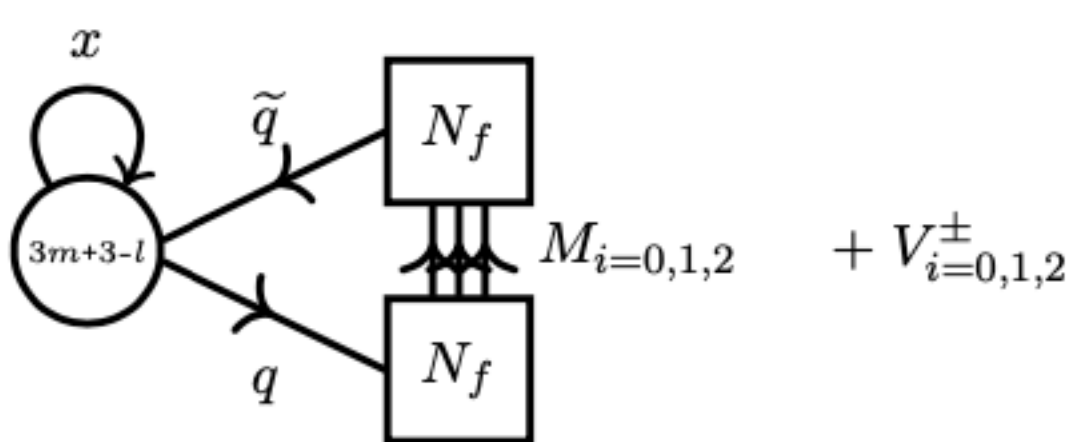
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- The (deconfined) Kim-Park duality, a Seiberg-like duality for adjoint SQCDs, can be derived from the Aharany duality.
- Furthermore, such underlying relations between different supersymmetric dualities provide **new proof of various special function identities** through the localization computation of supersymmetric partition functions (Spiridonov, Rains, ...)
- E.g., the superconformal index identity for the Aharony duality [CH, Yi, Yoshida 17] implies the identity for the Kim-Park duality.

Proof of the Index Identity for the Aharony Duality

- 3d superconformal index

$$I = \text{tr} (-1)^F x^{R+2j} e^{i\mu Q}$$

↓ SUSY localization [Kim 09, Imamura, Yokoyama 11]

$$I(x; \mu) = \sum_{\mathfrak{m} \in \mathbb{Z}^N / S^N} \frac{1}{|W_{\mathfrak{m}}|} \oint \frac{d^N a}{(2\pi)^N} Z_{cl}(x; \mu, a; \mathfrak{m}) Z_{1-loop}(x; \mu, a; \mathfrak{m})$$

$$Z_{1-loop}^{chiral}(x; \mu, a; \mathfrak{m}) = \prod_{\rho} \left(e^{i\rho(a+\mu)} x^{-1} \right)^{-\frac{\rho(\mathfrak{m})}{2}} \frac{\left(e^{-i\rho(a+\mu)} x^{2-R+|\rho(\mathfrak{m})|}; x^2 \right)}{\left(e^{i\rho(a+\mu)} x^{R+|\rho(\mathfrak{m})|}; x^2 \right)}$$

⋮

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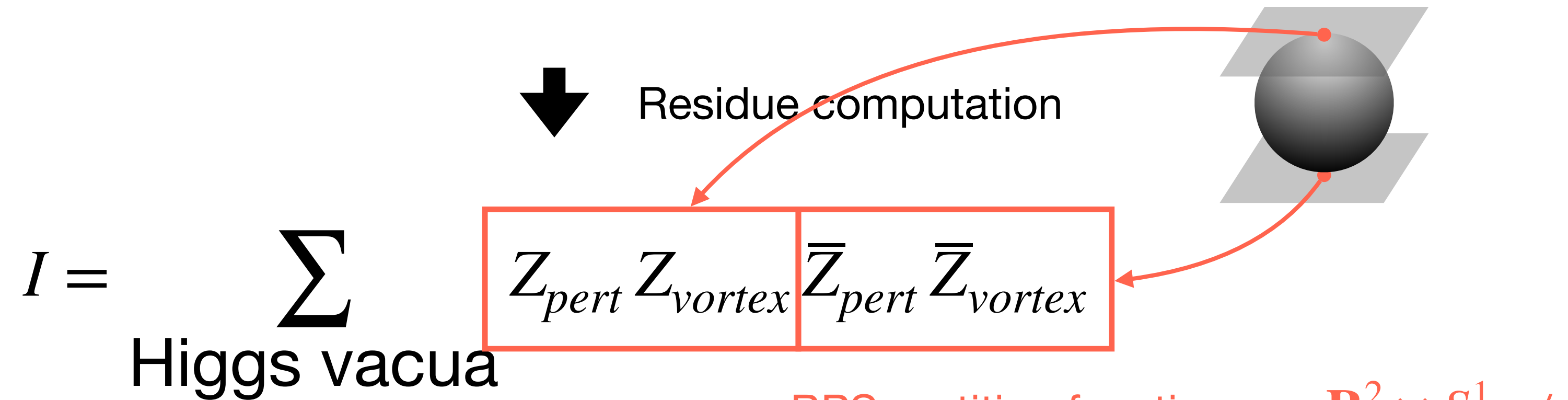
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BPS partition functions on $\mathbf{R}^2 \times S^1$ w/

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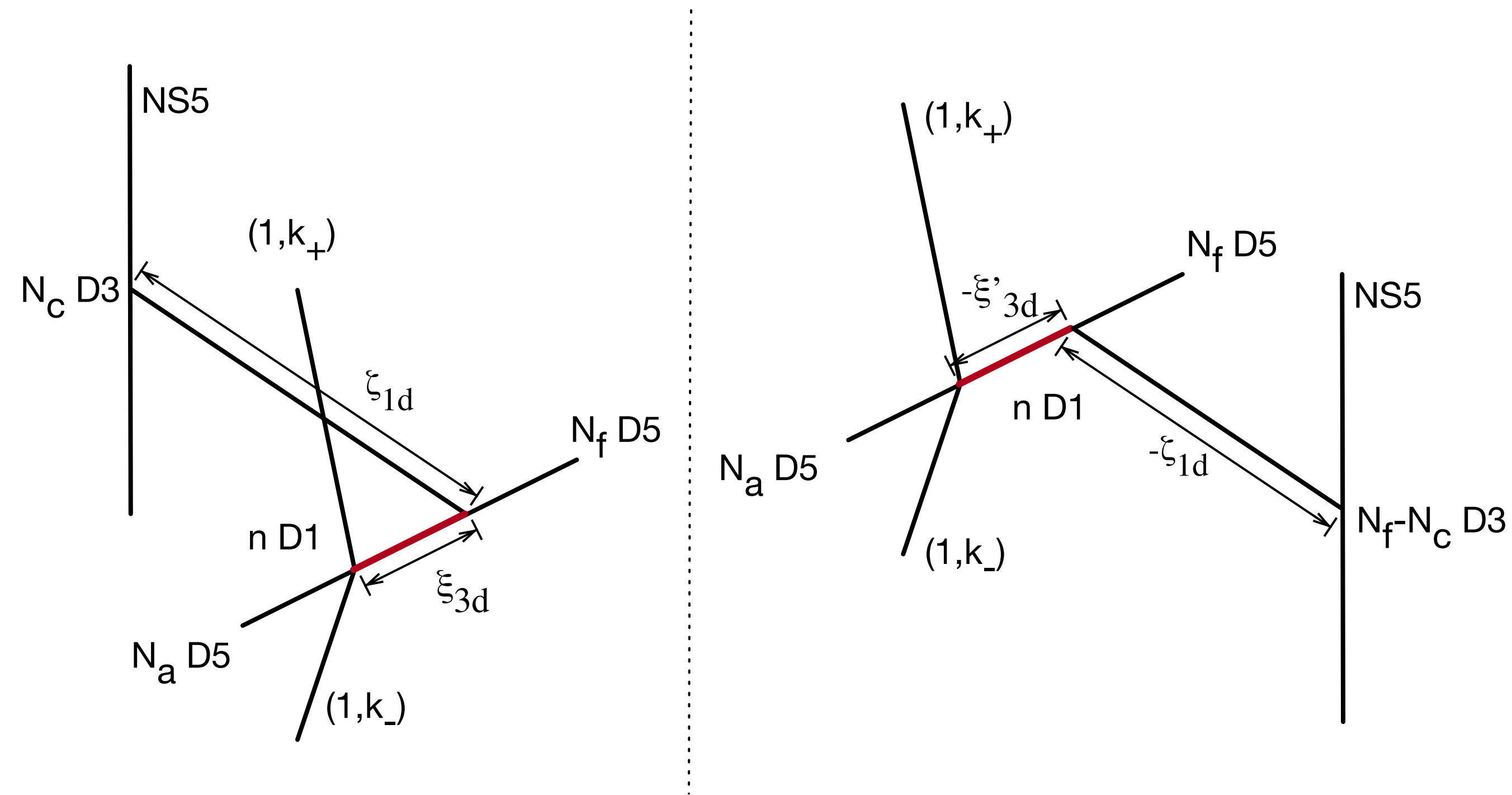
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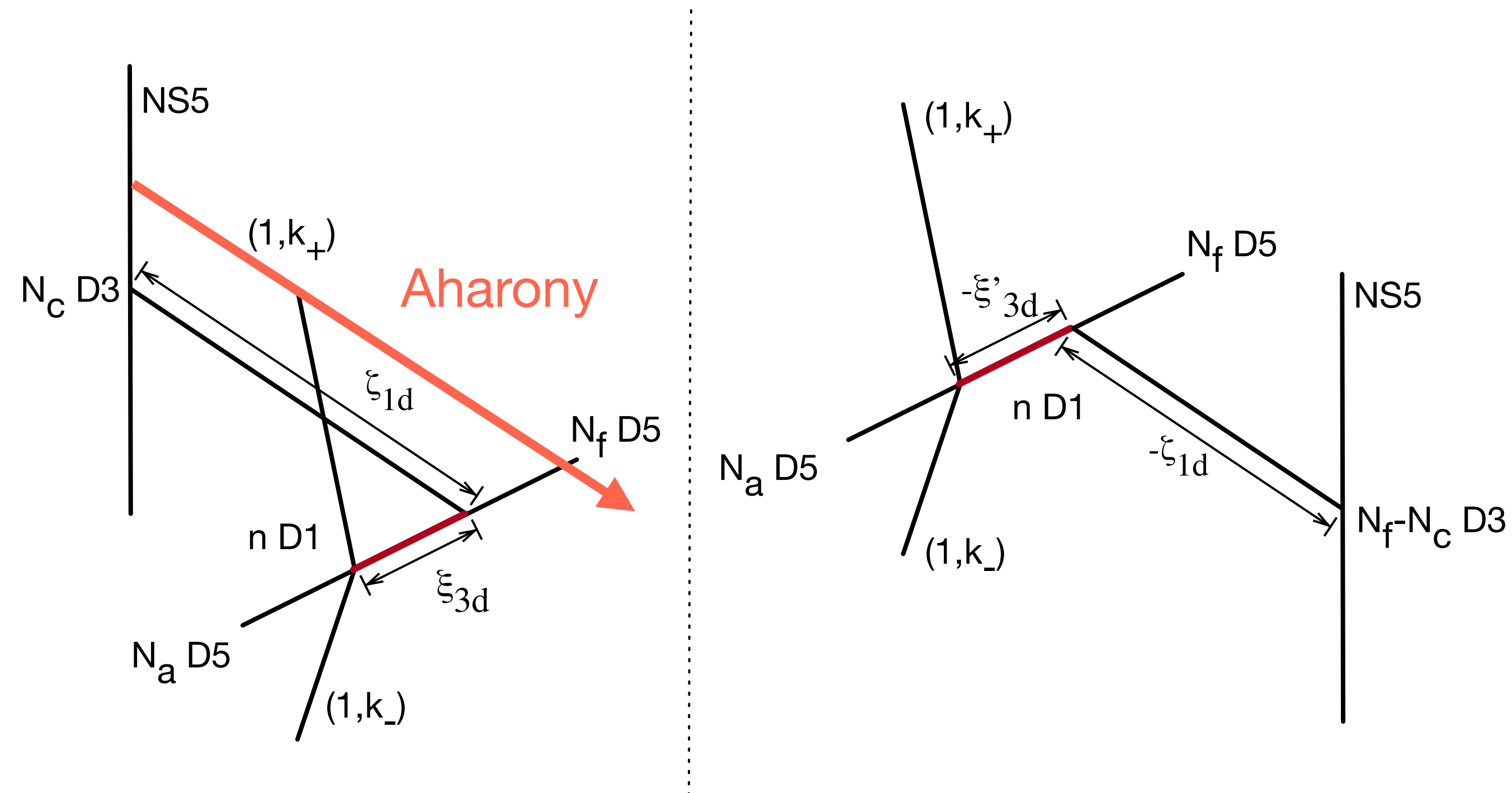
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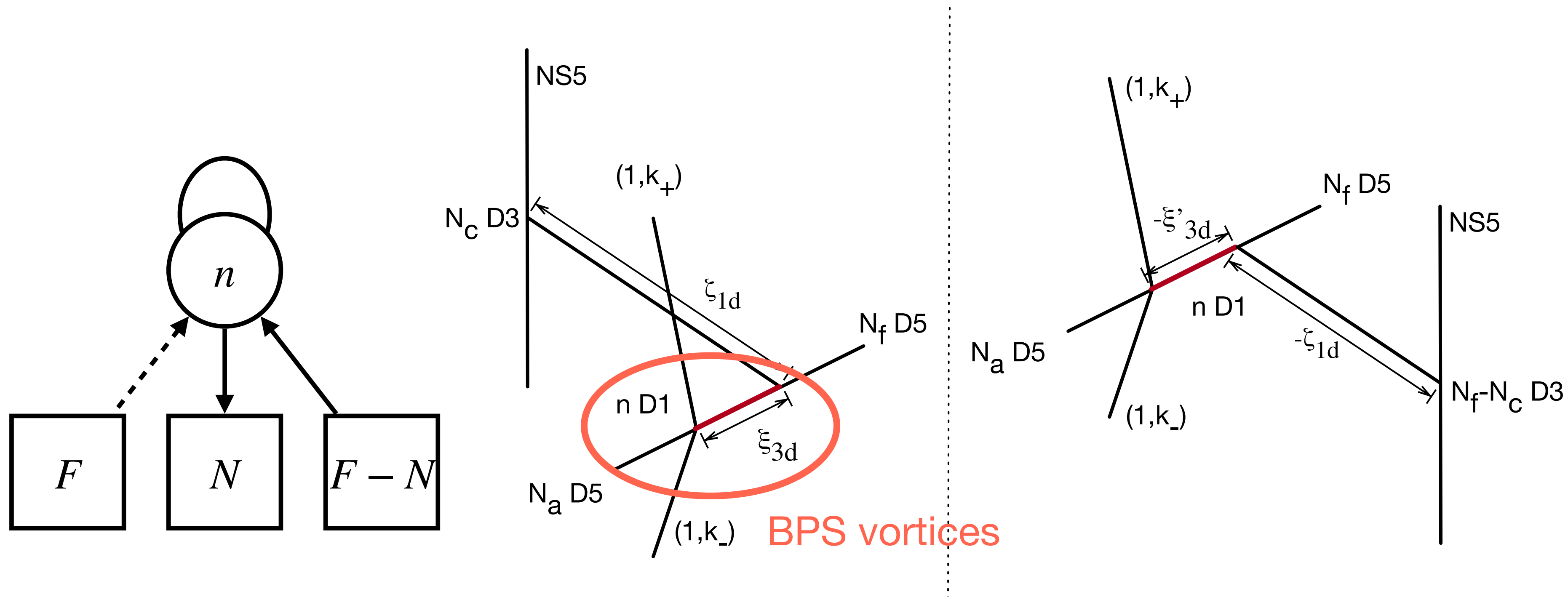
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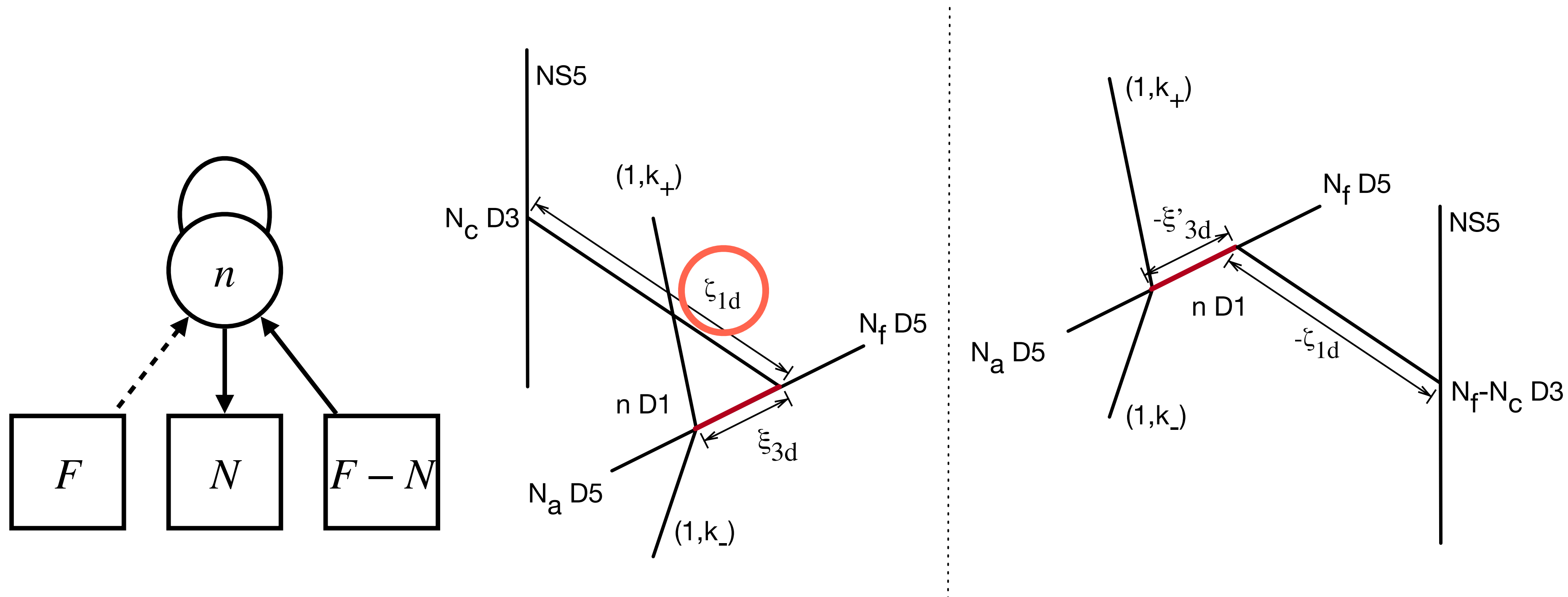
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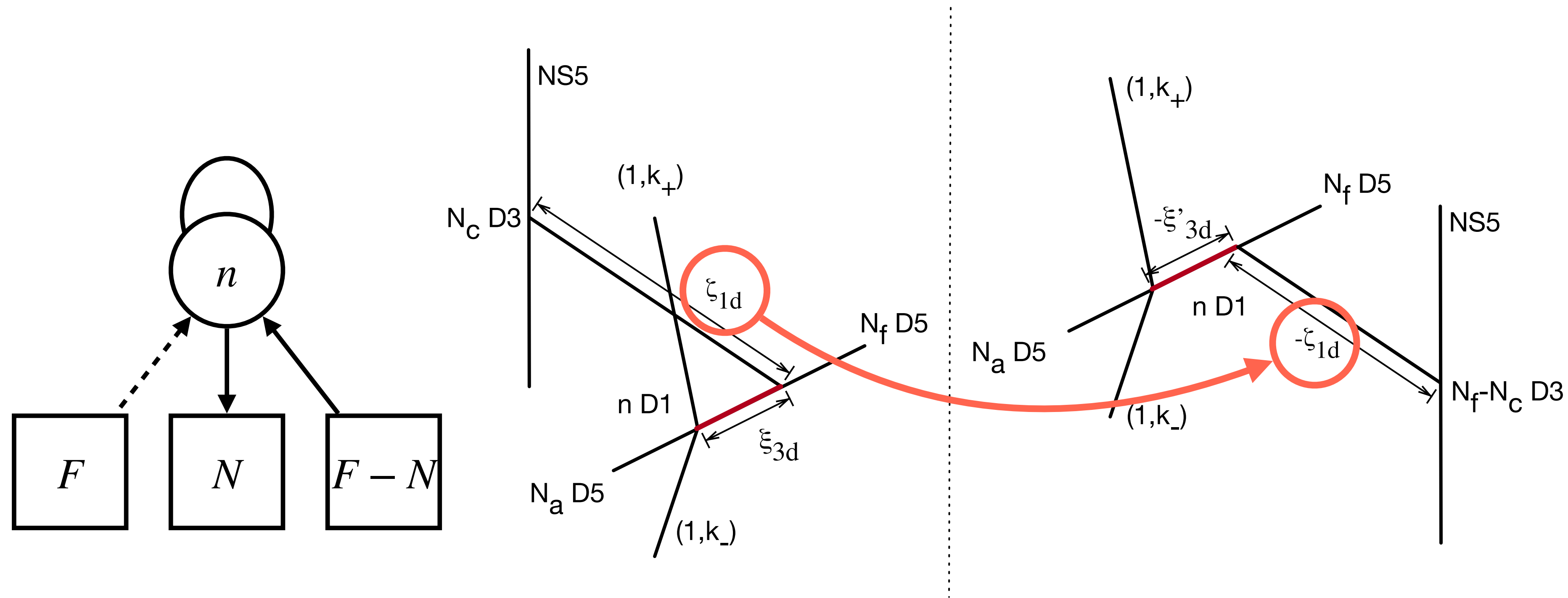
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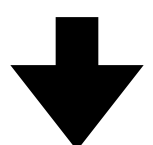
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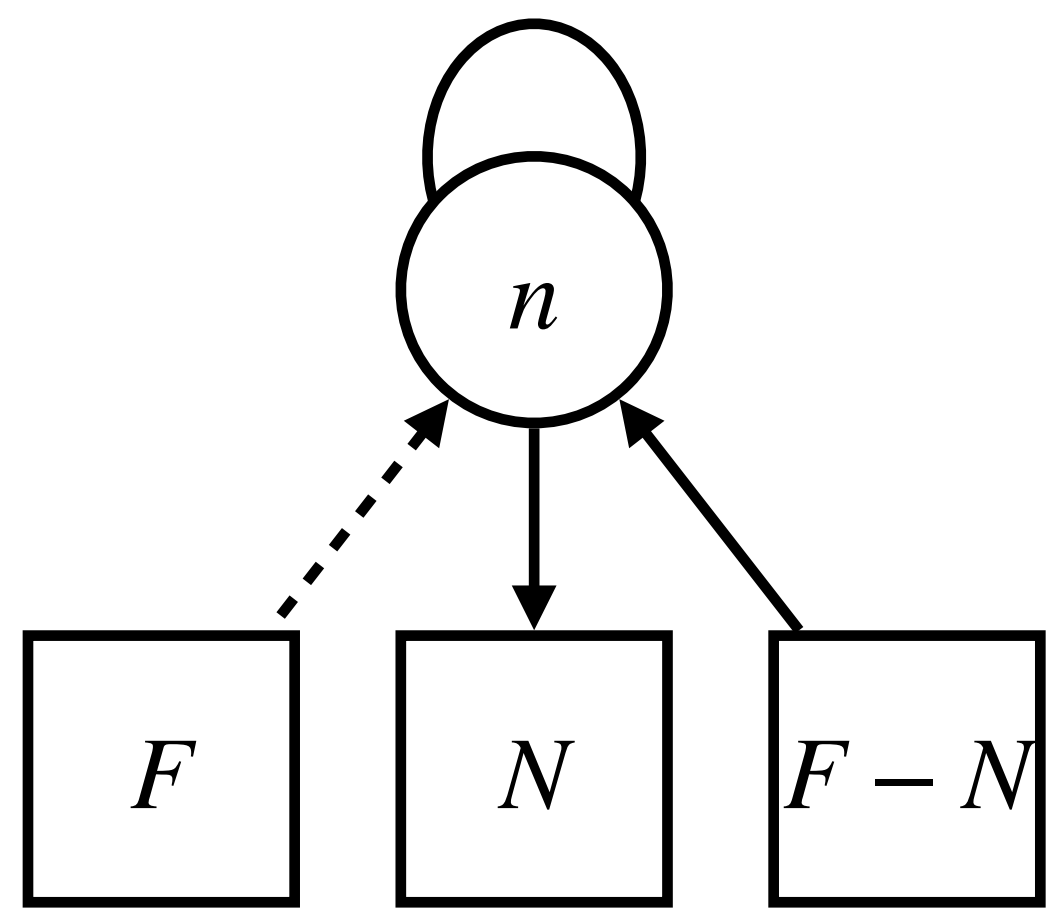
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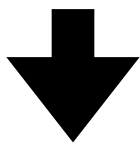
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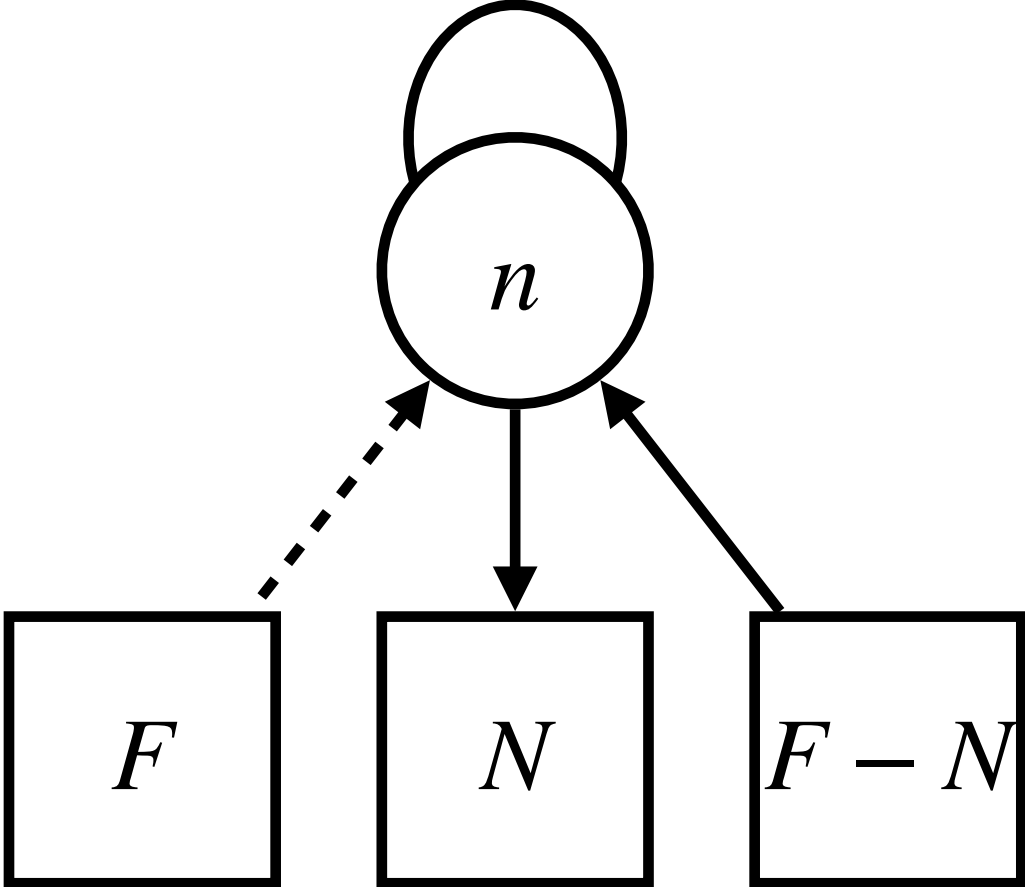
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The contribution of each vortex number can be computed using the Jeffrey-Kirwan residue method [CH, Kim, Kim, Park 14, Hori, Kim, Yi 14].

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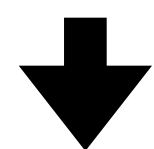
- For each vortex sector, it can be shown that

Residues inside the integration circle $Z_n(\zeta) = Z_n(-\zeta) + Z_n^{wall-crossing}$ Residues outside the integration circle

$$\sum_n w^n Z_n = Z_{vortex}$$

$$\sum_n w^n \left(Z_n(-\zeta) + Z_n^{wall-crossing} \right) = \tilde{Z}_{vortex} \tilde{Z}_V$$

$$Z_{vortex} = \tilde{Z}_{vortex} \tilde{Z}_V$$



$$I = \tilde{I}$$

Provides a proof of the index identity motivated by a physical D-brane picture

Concluding Remarks

- The $\mathbb{D}_p[SU(N)]$ theories enjoy other dualities such as 3d mirror symmetry and the flip-flip duality.
- Our confining deformation can be translated into Higgsing potential by the mirror symmetry and the flip-flip duality.
- Another realization of confinement as dual Higgs mechanism.
- The Aharony duality, or its monopole deformed cousin, is a **building block** of various supersymmetric 3d dualities, such as the Seiberg-like duality with an adjoint matter and 3d mirror symmetry [CH, Pasquetti, Sacchi 21].
- Their fundamental mechanism must be universal.

Many possible generalizations

- Relaxing the conditions among the parameters
- Multiple adjoints with ADE-type superpotentials
- Non-supersymmetric counterparts?

$$W_A = \text{tr} (X^{p+1} + Y^2) \text{ Kim, Park 13}$$

$$W_D = \text{tr} (X^{p+1} + X Y^2) \text{ CH, Kim, Park 13}$$

$$W_{E_6} = \text{tr} (Y^3 + X^4)$$

$$W_{E_7} = \text{tr} (Y^3 + YX^3)$$

$$W_{E_8} = \text{tr} (Y^3 + X^5)$$

- Many versions of 3d bosonization/particle-vortex dualities, resembling supersymmetric mirror symmetry, and generalized level-rank dualities of Chern-Simons-matter theories
- Further relations between SUSY dualities and non-SUSY dualities?

谢谢!