

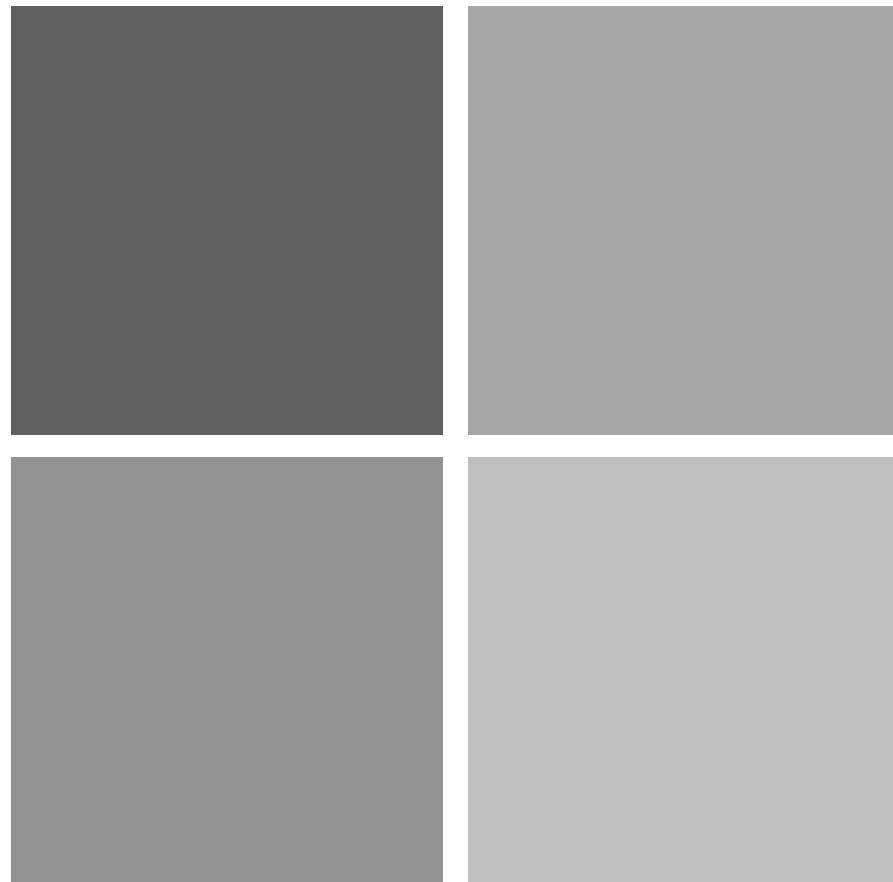
Singularities and Gauge Theory Phases

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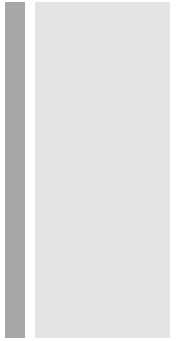
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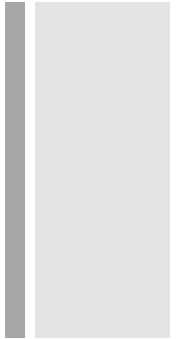
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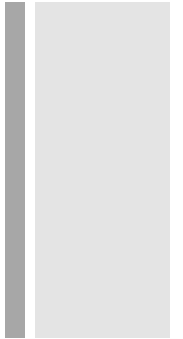


At the menu:

- Geometry
- Gauge theories
- Representation theory
- Singularities
- Resolutions of singularities

It also comes as a combo:

...an elliptic fibration

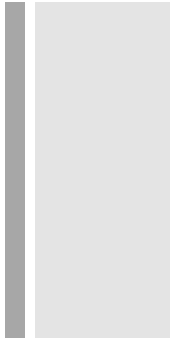


+ Tale of two worlds

Gauge theories	Elliptic fibrations
Gauge algebra	Codimension one singularities
Representations	Codimension two singularities
Yukawa	Codimension three singularities
Coulomb phases	Crepant resolutions
Walls	Partial resolutions
Phase transitions	Flops



5D supersymmetric gauge theories with 8 supercharges



Matter content:

Gravity multiplet

Vector multiplets

Hypermultiplets

Tensor multiplets

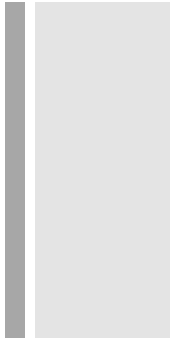
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Geometry:

Vector multiplets	Very Special Geometry
Hypermultiplets	Quaternionic-Kähler
	Hyperkähler



Coulomb branch of 5D gauge theory



- Vector multiplets \rightarrow Weyl chamber
- Massless Hybers at singularities \rightarrow sub-chamber structure

$$\mathcal{F}(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} m_0 \text{Tr}(\phi^2) + \frac{c_{cl}}{6} \text{Tr}(\phi^3) + \frac{1}{12} \left(\sum_{\alpha: \text{roots}} |(\phi, \alpha)|^3 - \sum_{w: \text{weights}} |(\phi, w)|^3 \right).$$

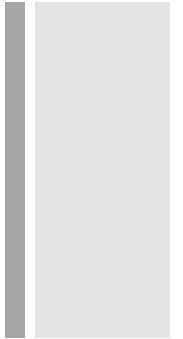


Incidence geometry of a representation R

- \mathfrak{g} is a Lie algebra with Cartan sub-algebra \mathfrak{h}
- Roots of \mathfrak{g} define Weyl chambers
- R : a representation of \mathfrak{g}
- Weights of R refine the Weyl chambers by adding a sub-chamber structure



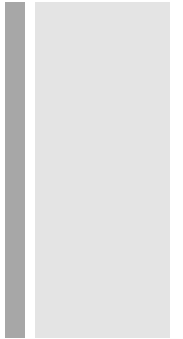
Elliptic fibrations



- Elliptic curves are some of the oldest but yet most prominent objects across mathematics
 - Number theory
 - Algebraic geometry
 - Cryptography
 - Geometric design
 - Physics



Elliptic fibrations



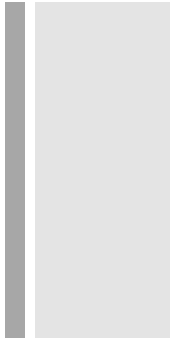
$$\begin{array}{ccc} T^2 & \longrightarrow & Y \\ & & \downarrow \\ & & B \end{array}$$

Weierstrass model:

$$Y : \quad y^2 z + a_1 x y z + a_3 y z^2 = x^3 + a_2 x^2 z + a_4 x z^2 + a_6 z^3$$



Singular fibers

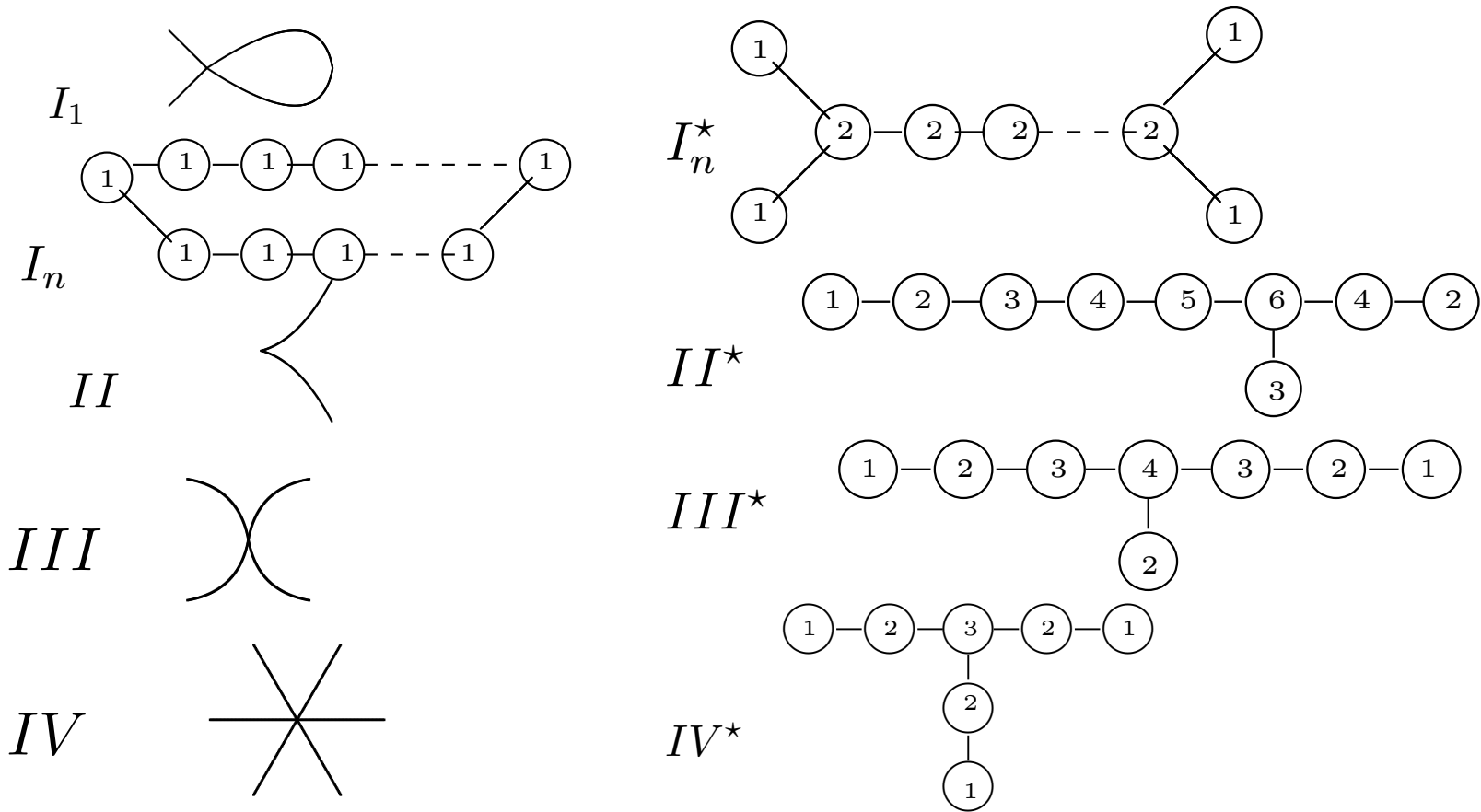


- Kodaira
- Weierstrass model
- Néron models
- Tate's algorithm
- Miranda models (collisions of singularities)
- Szydło (generalization of Miranda's model and Tate's algorithm)



Singular fibers

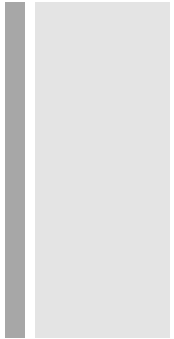
- Kodaira classification (for elliptic surfaces)





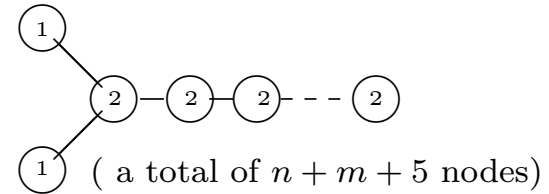
Collision of singularities

(Miranda models)



$$J = \infty \quad : \quad \begin{array}{l} I_n + I_m \\ I_{2n} + I_m^* \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} I_{n+m} \\ I_{n+m}^* \end{array}$$

$$I_{2n+1} + I_m^* \quad \rightarrow \quad I_{n+m+1}^{*+}$$



$$J = 0 \quad : \quad II + IV \quad \longrightarrow \quad (1) - (2)$$

$$II + I_0^* \quad \longrightarrow \quad (1) - (2) - (3)$$

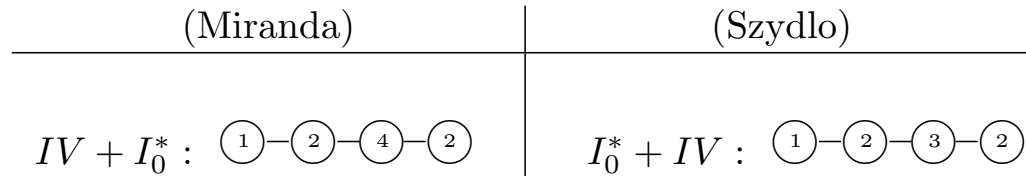
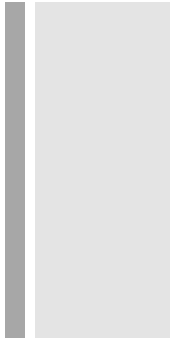
$$IV + I_0^* \quad \longrightarrow \quad (1) - (2) - (3) - (4) - (2)$$

$$II + IV^* \quad \longrightarrow \quad (1) - (2) - (4) - (2)$$

$$J = 1 \quad : \quad III + I_0^* \quad \longrightarrow \quad (1) - (2) - (3) - (2) - (1)$$

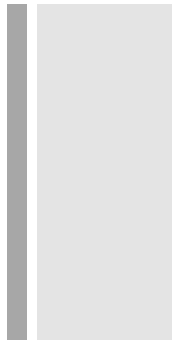


Non-uniqueness of resolutions

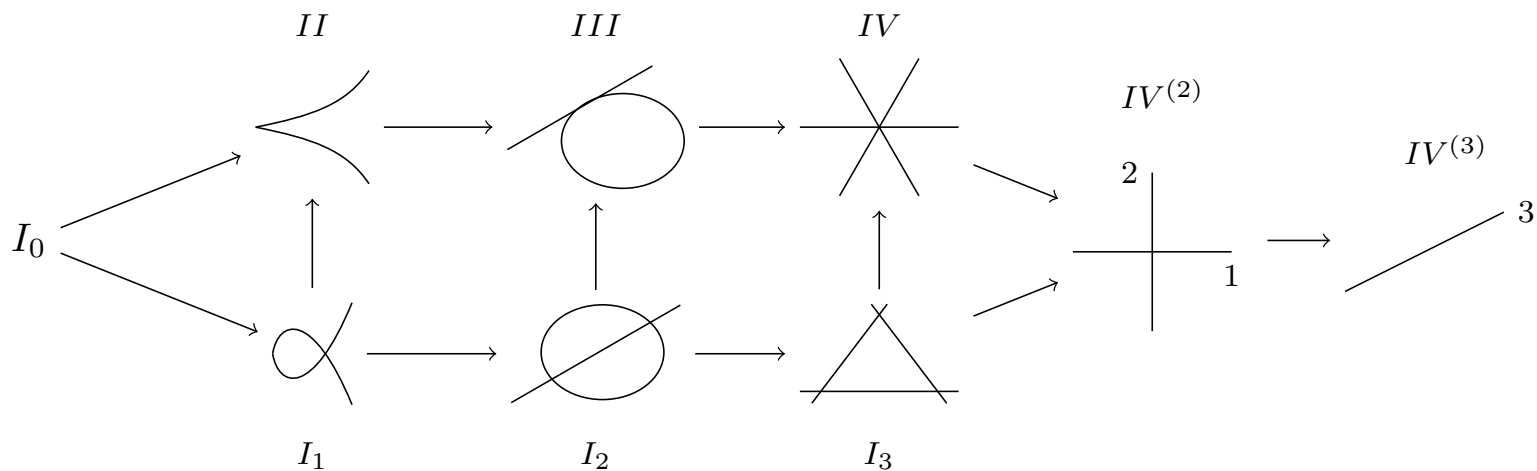




Example of possible fibers of a fibration



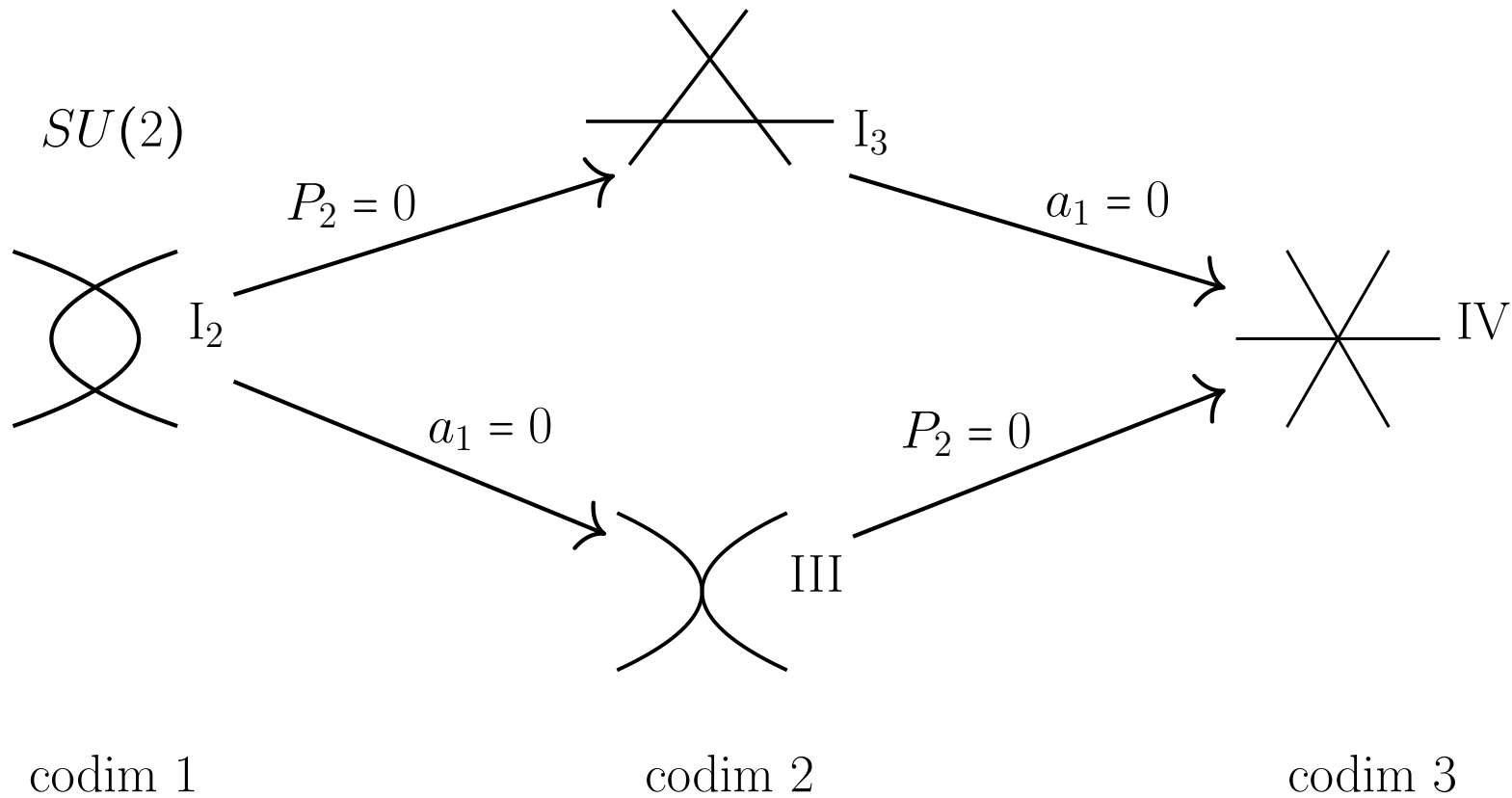
(for a general cubic)





The case of $SU(2)$

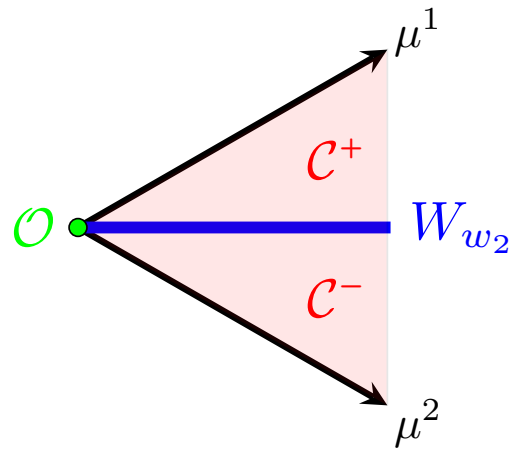
Fiber structure



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The case of $SU(3)$

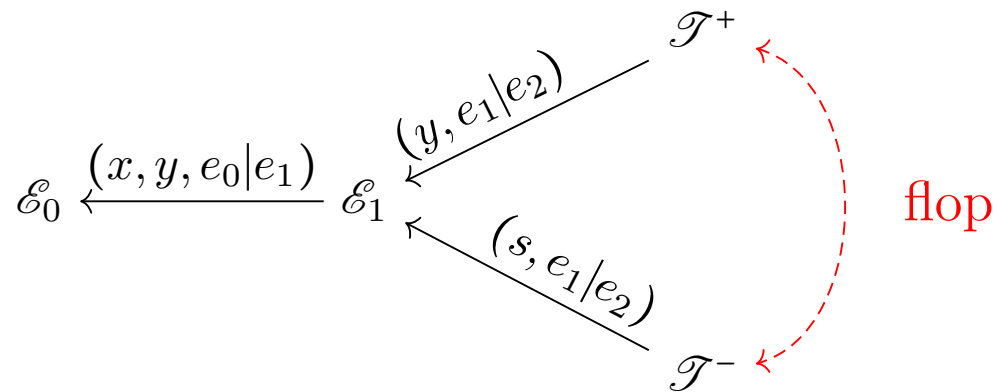
Incidence geometry from the representation theory



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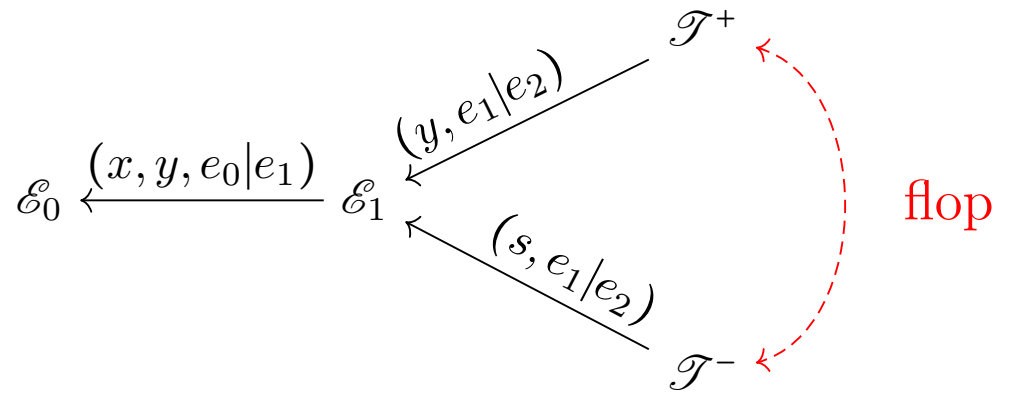
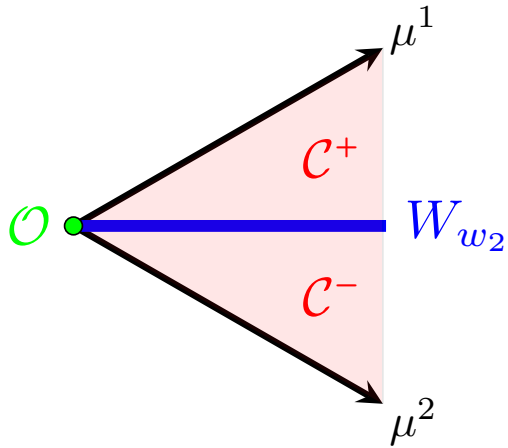
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Tree of resolutions



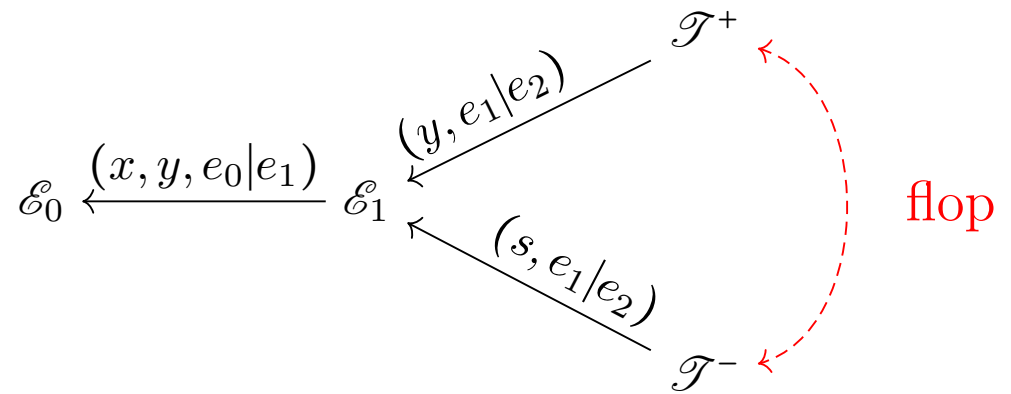
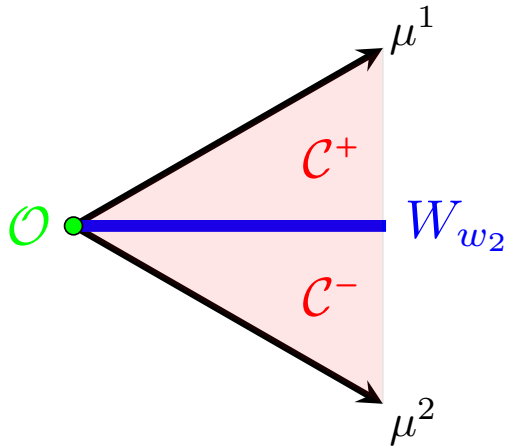
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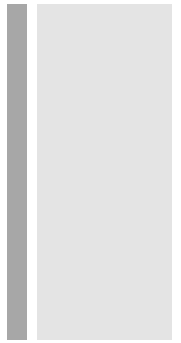
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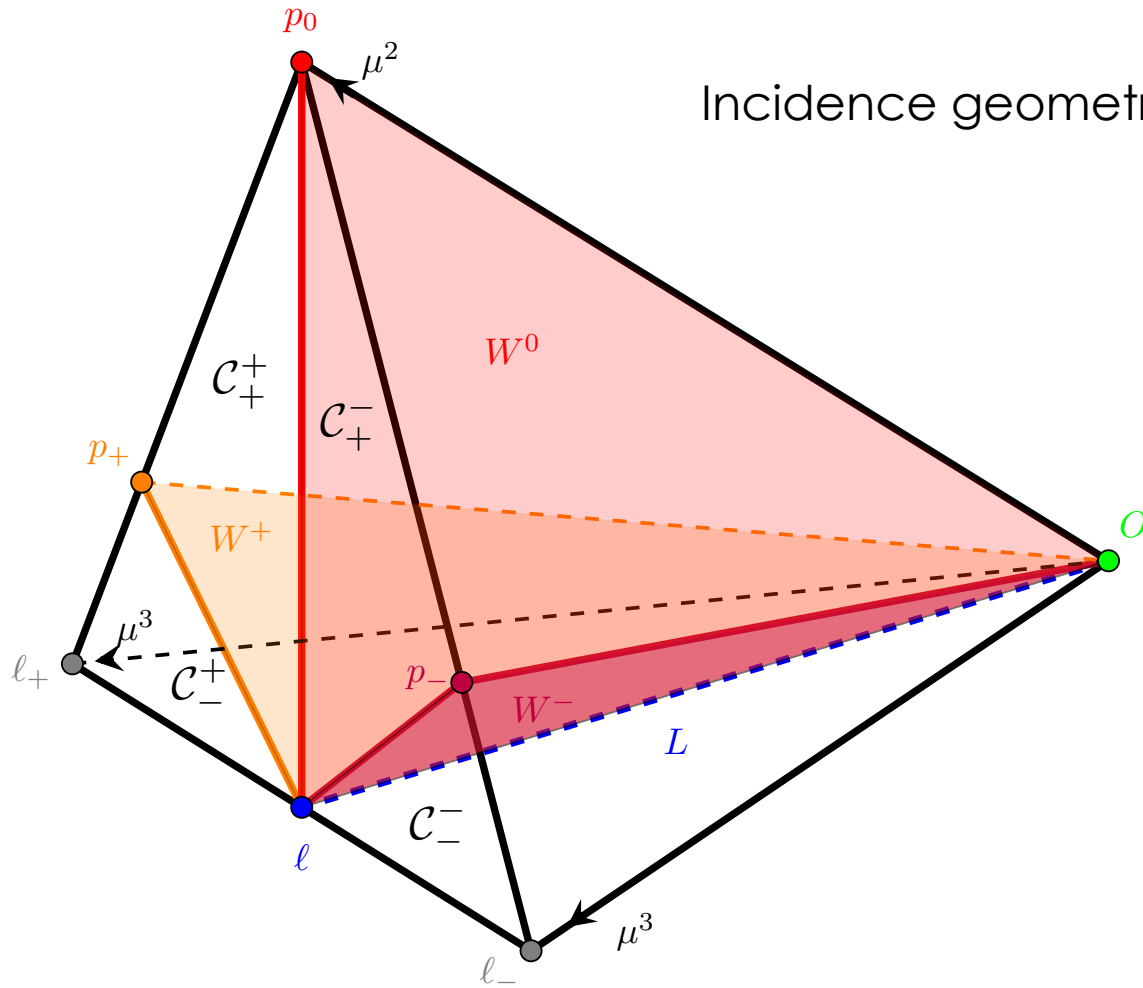
A perfect match!



The case of $SU(4)$

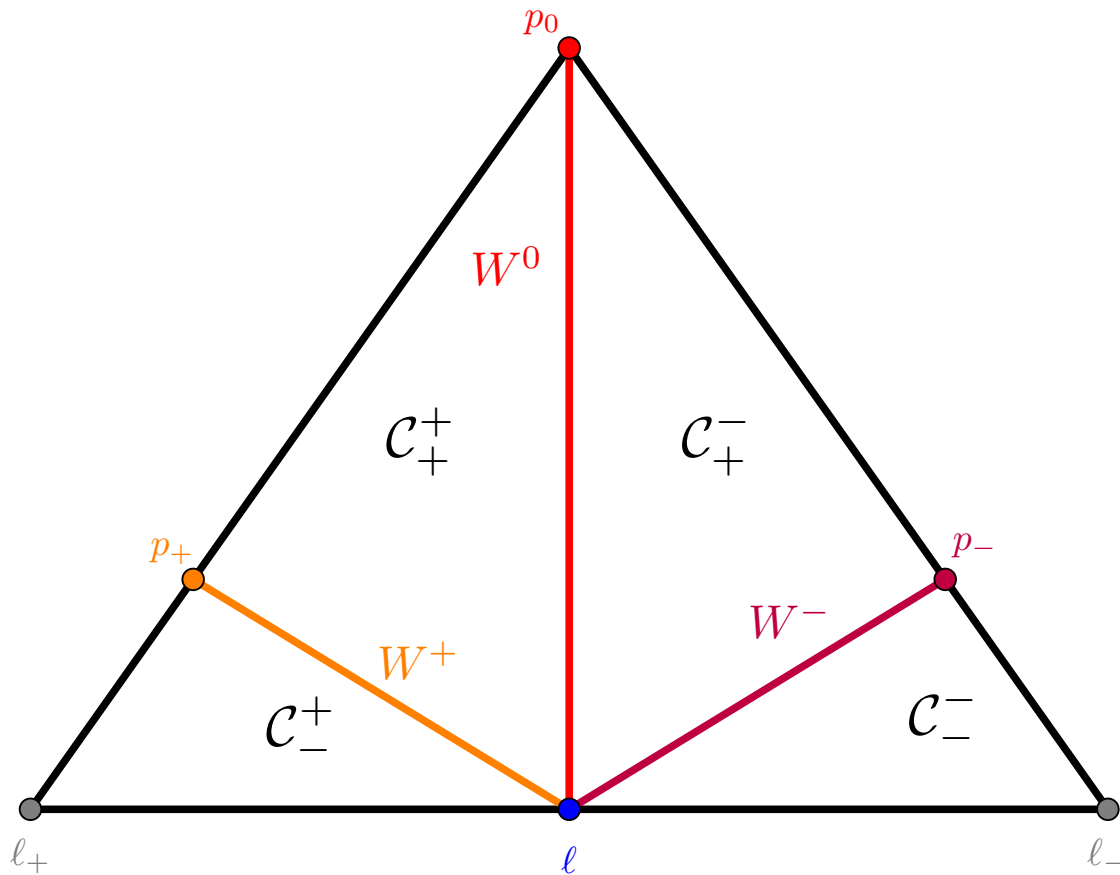


Incidence geometry



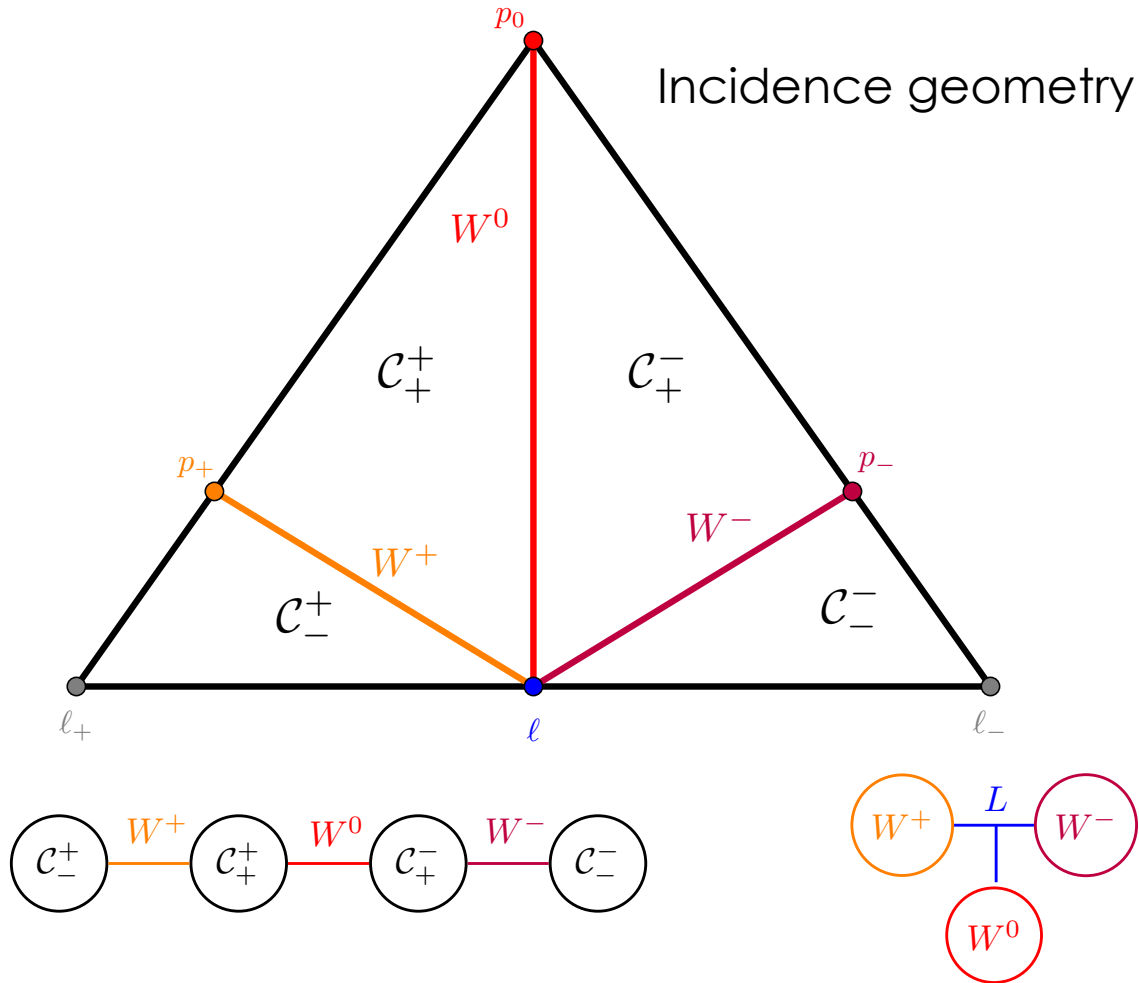
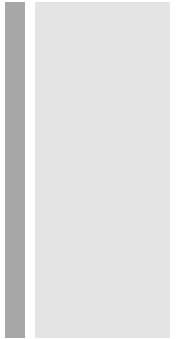
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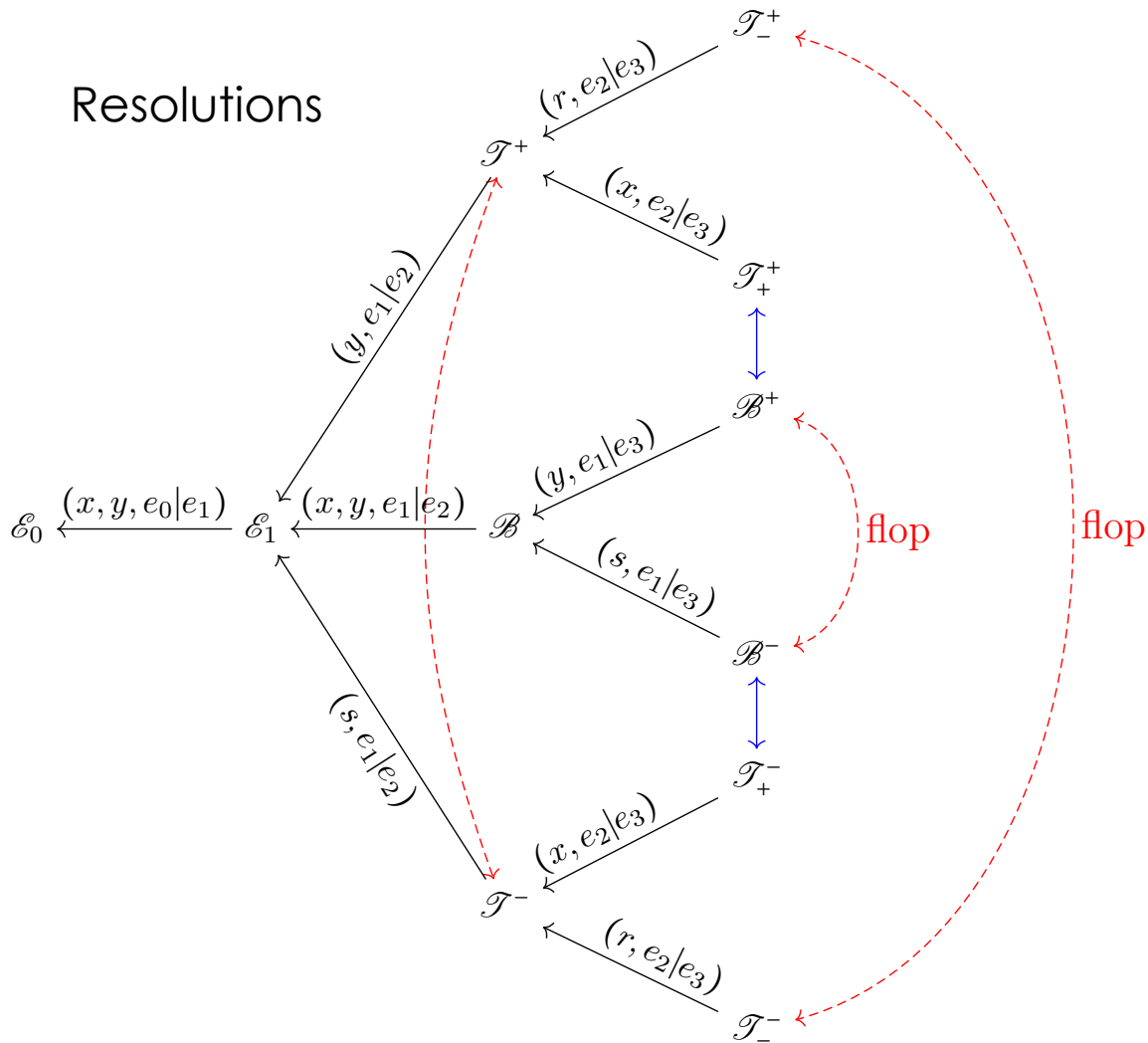


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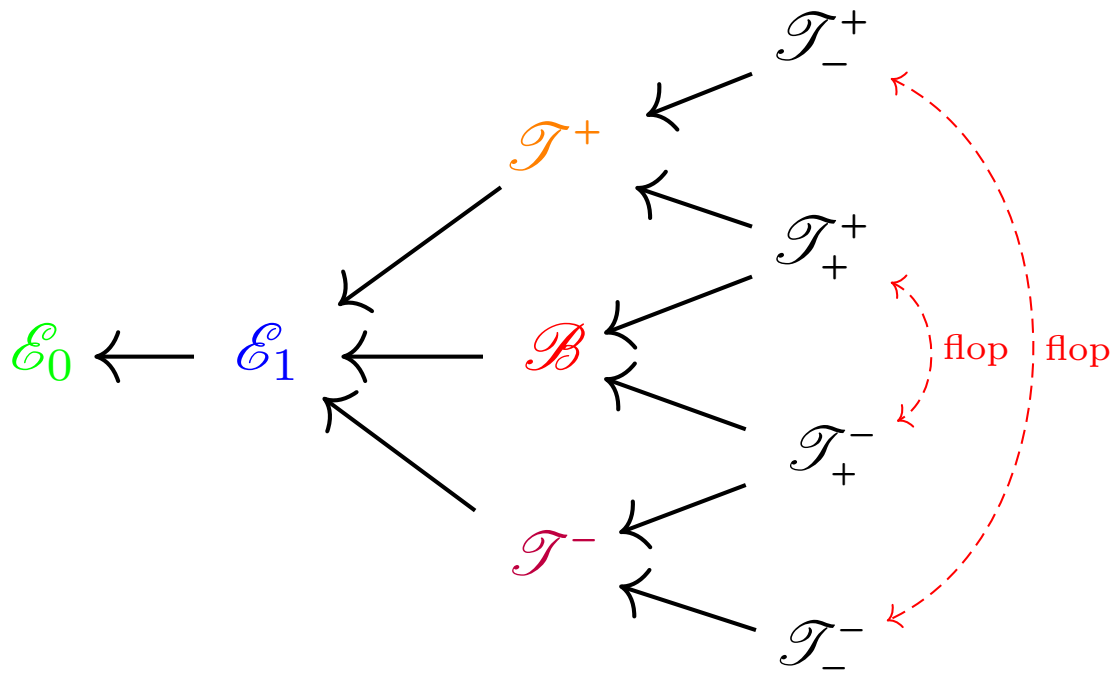


Tree of resolutions for SU(4)



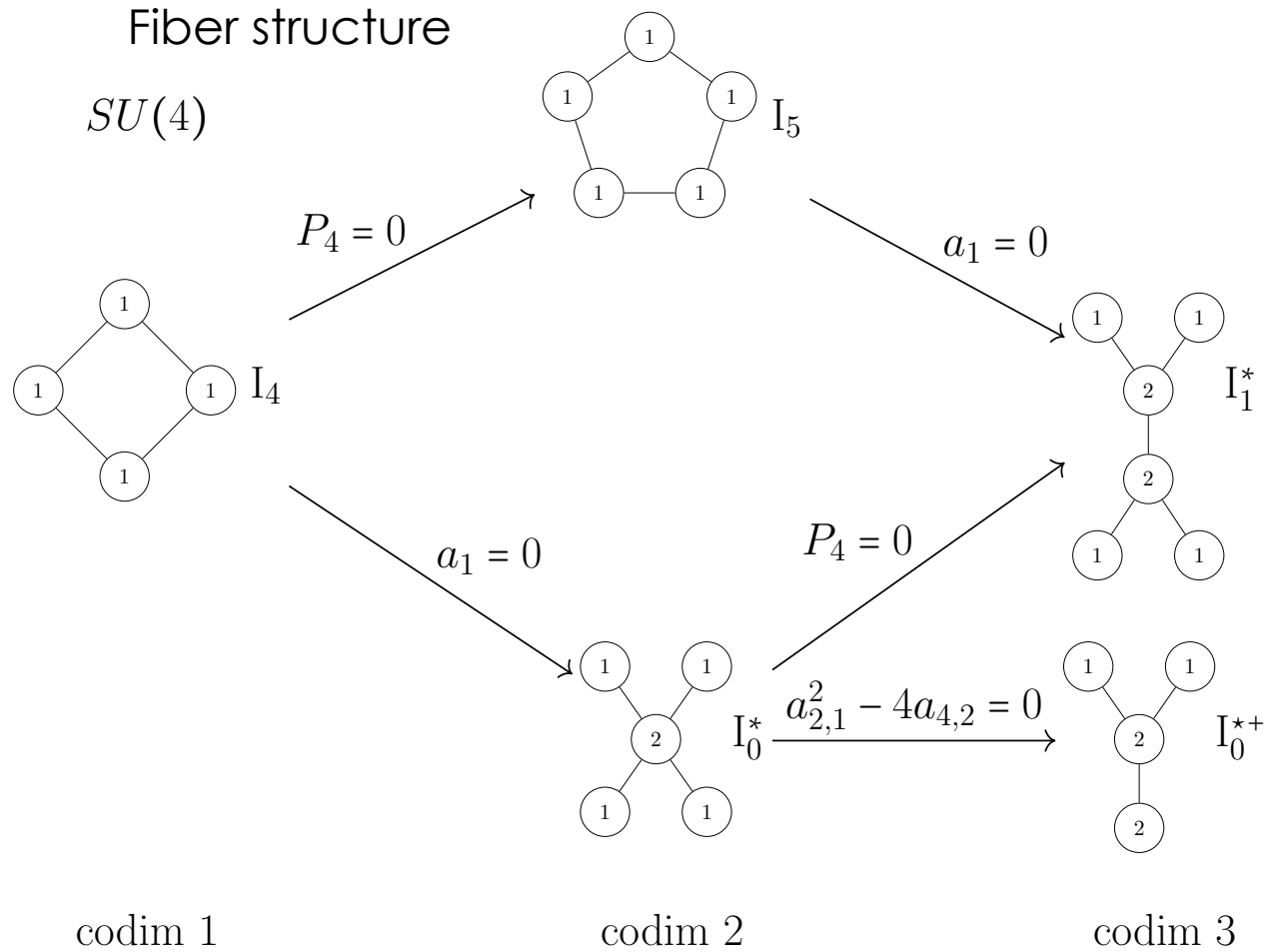
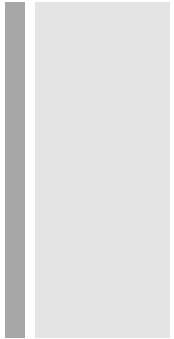
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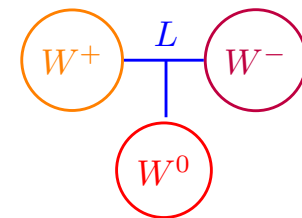
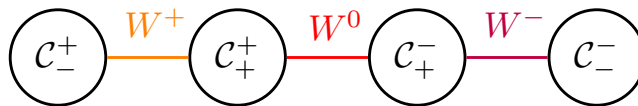
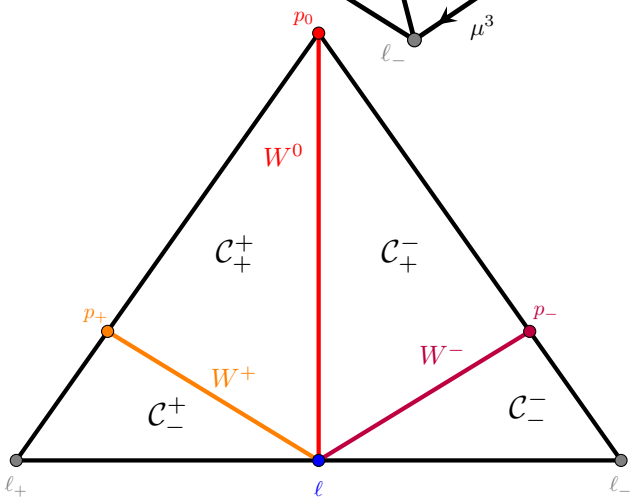
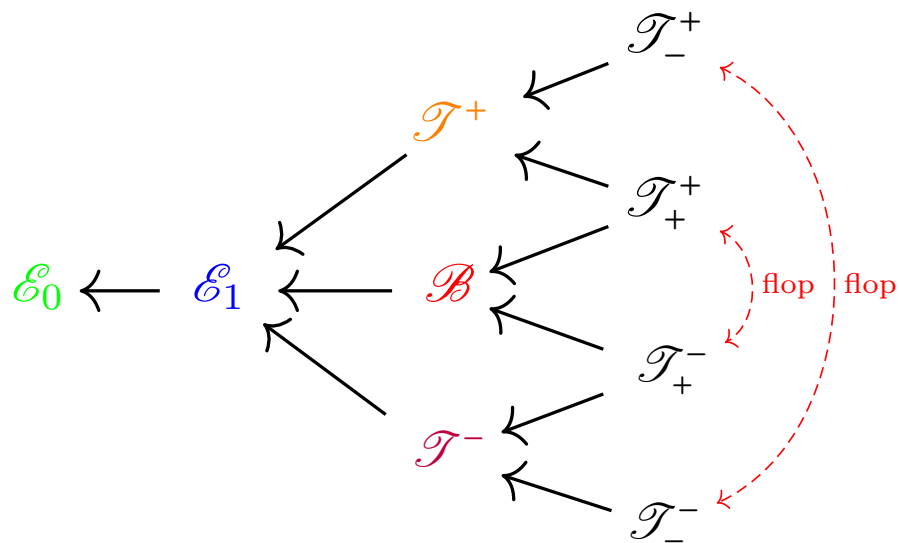
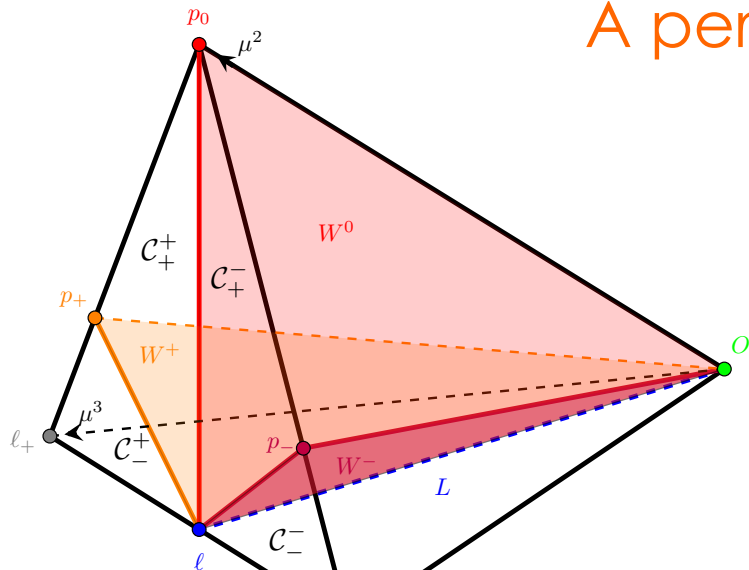




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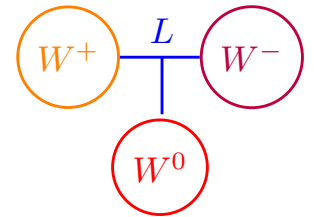
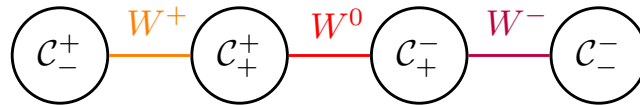
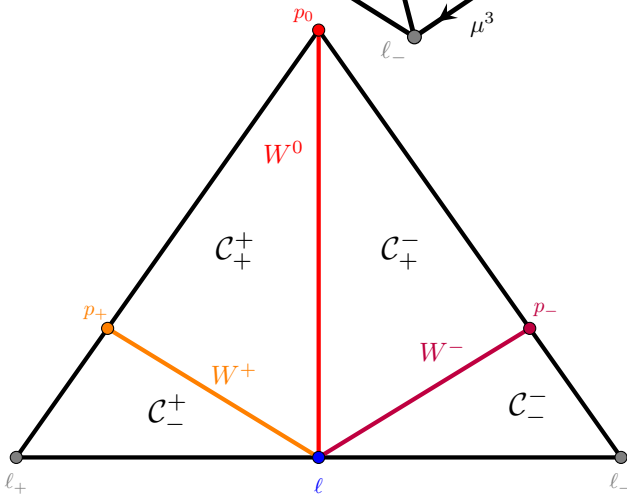
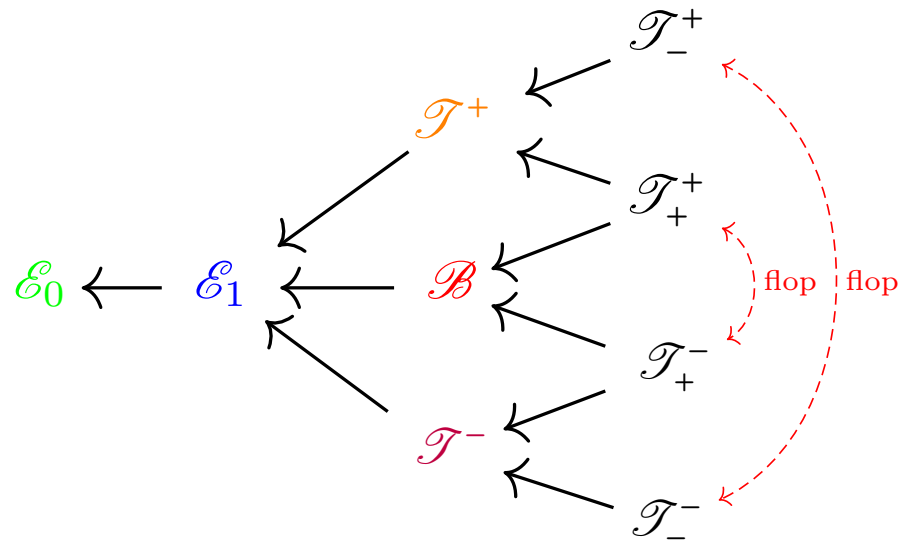
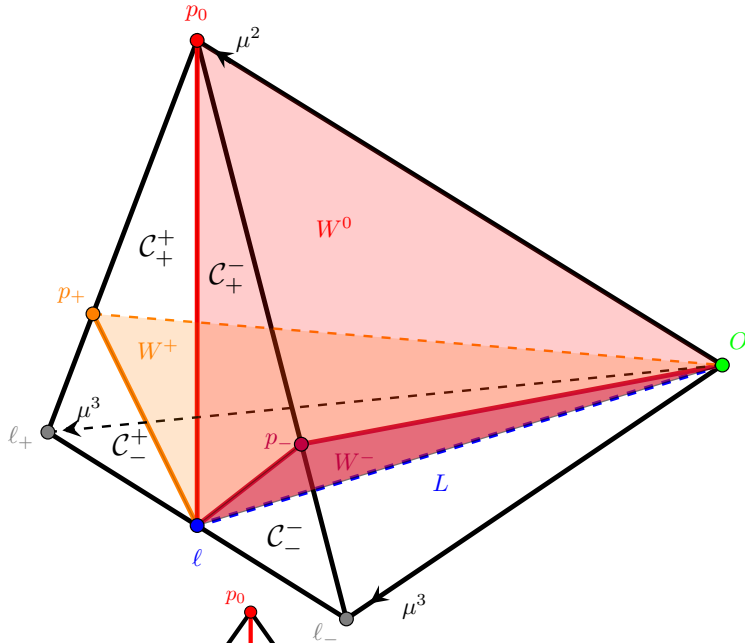
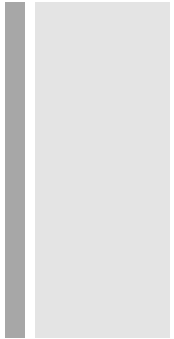


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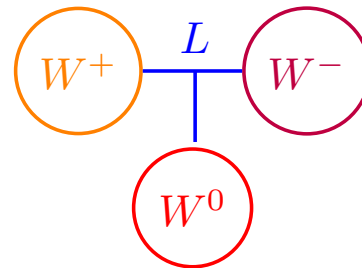
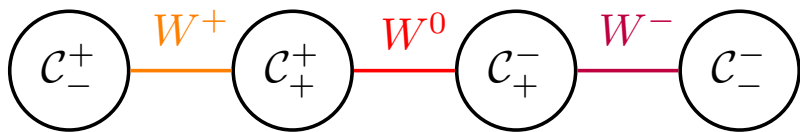


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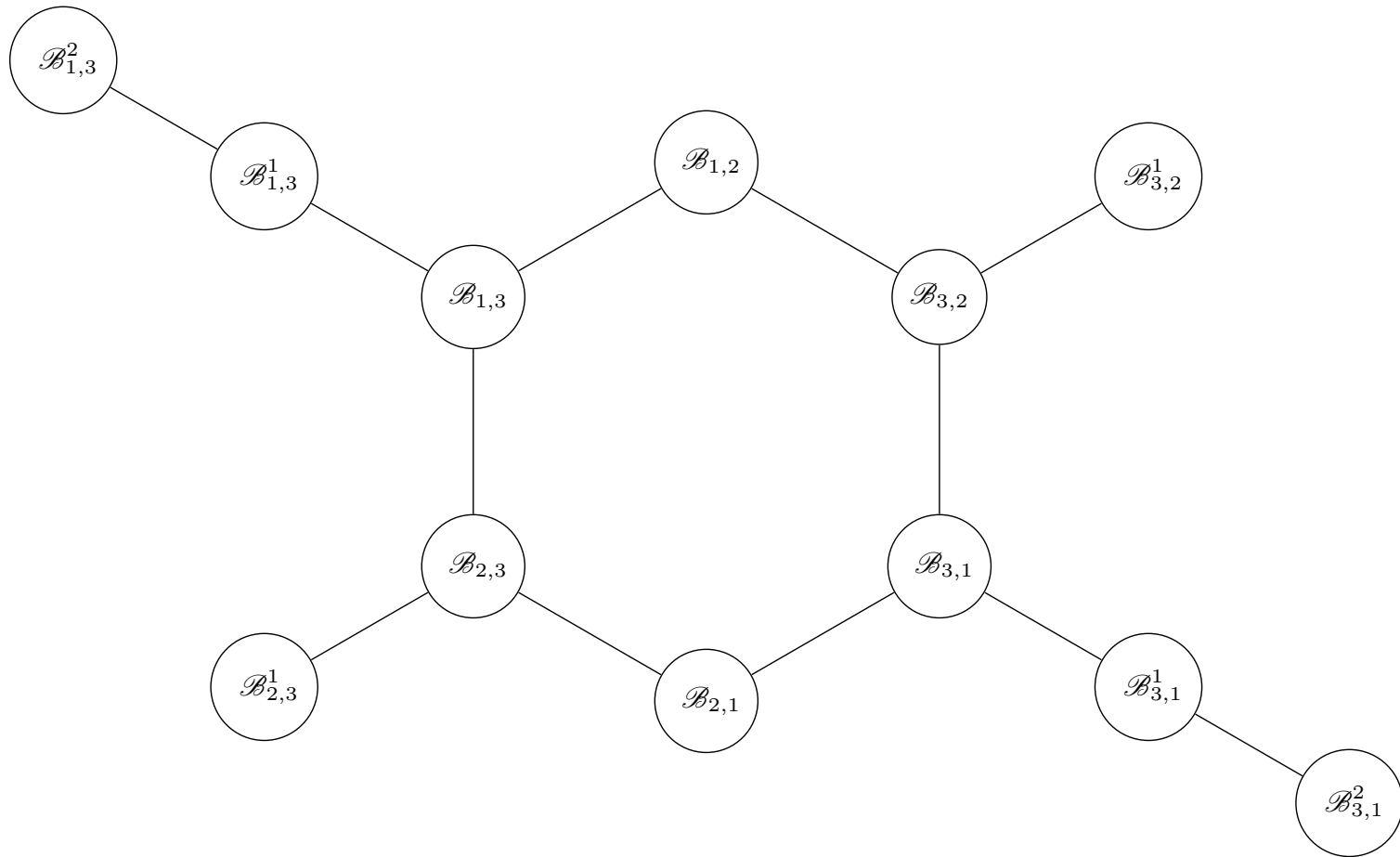
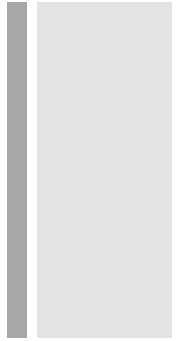
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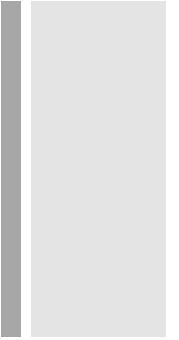
The case of SU(4)





The case of SU(5)





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