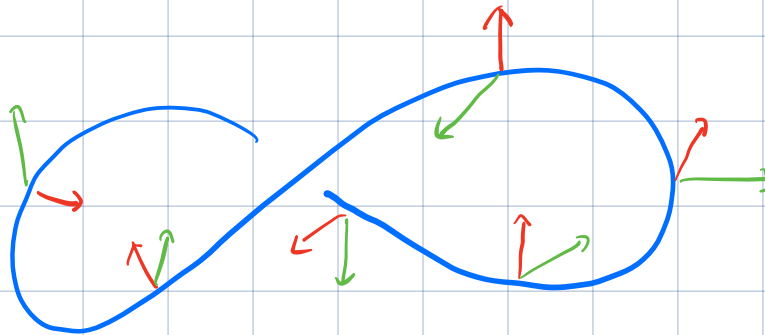


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and the stable homotopy groups of spheres.

joint with Lauran Toussaint
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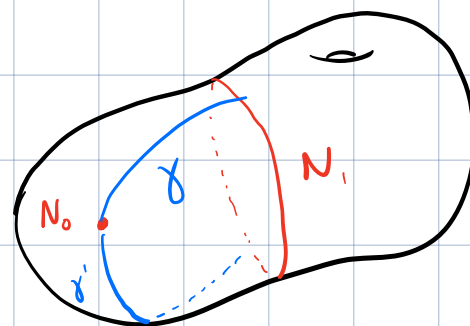
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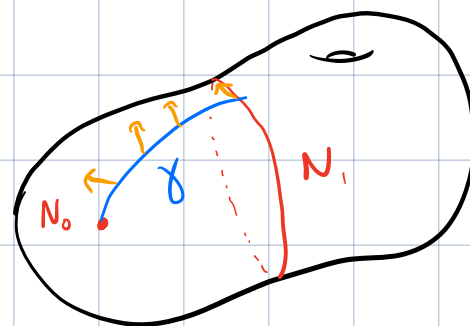


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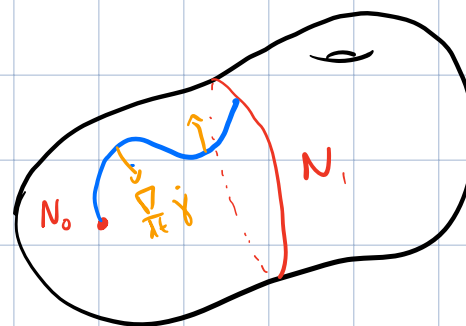
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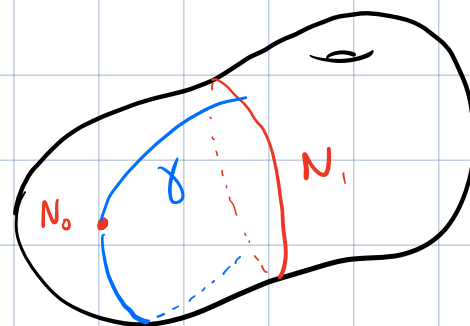
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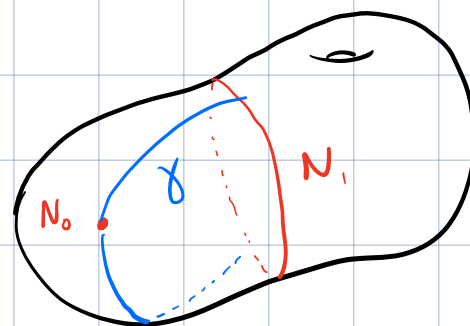
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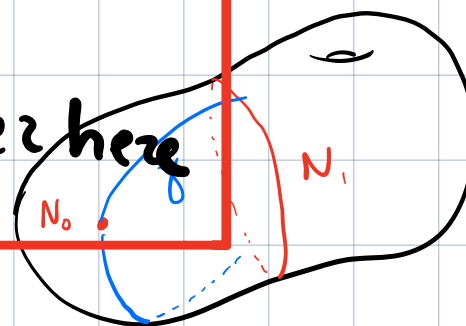
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Toy example

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Morse theory is better here



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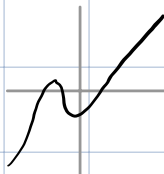
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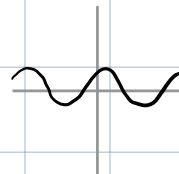
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f is proper if $f^{-1}(C)$ is compact for all C compact



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non proper map

" ∞ goes to ∞ "

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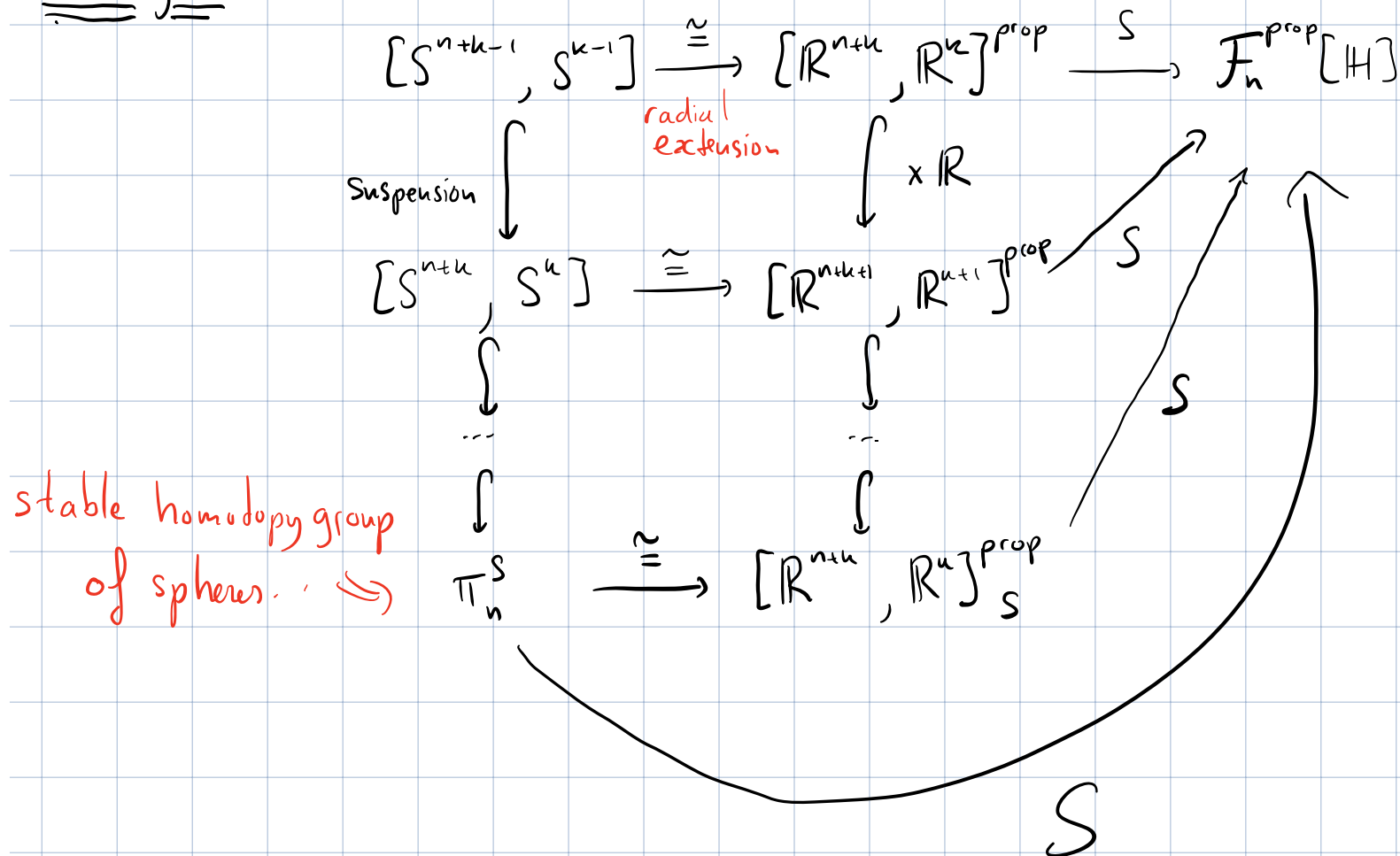
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Previous work
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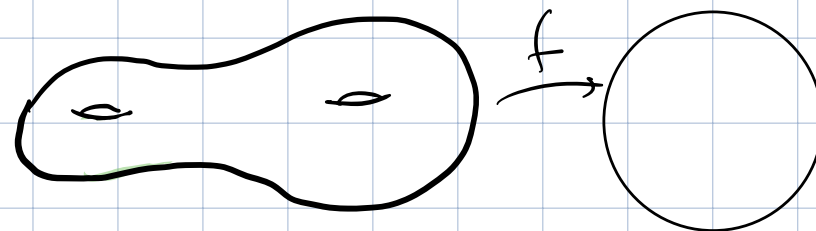
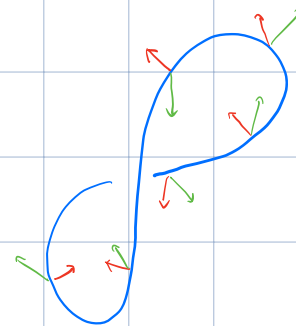
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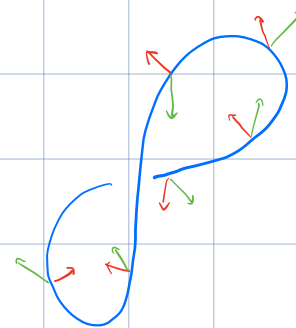
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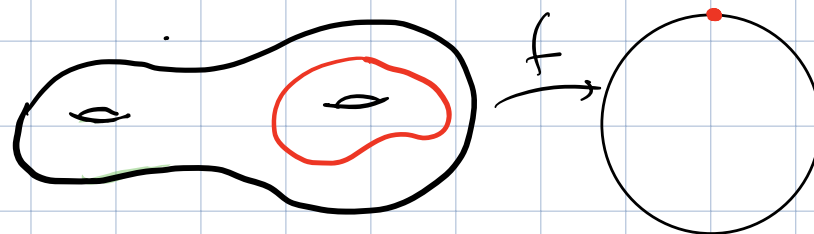


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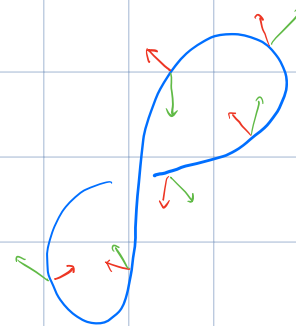


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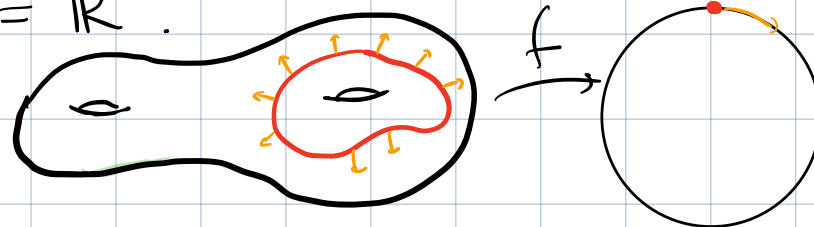
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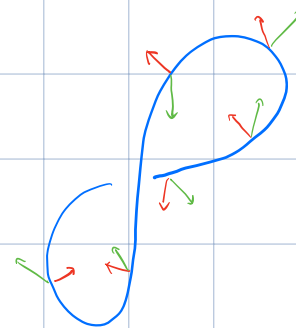
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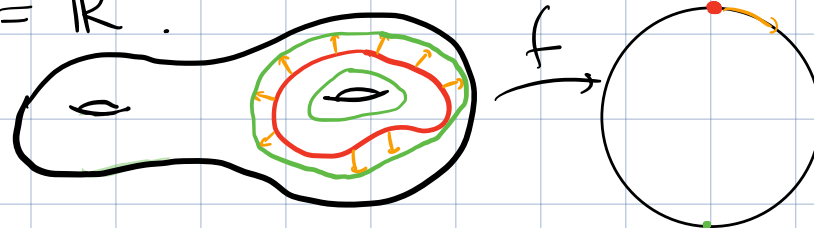
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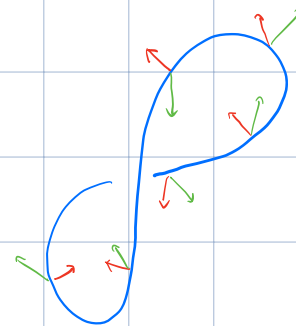
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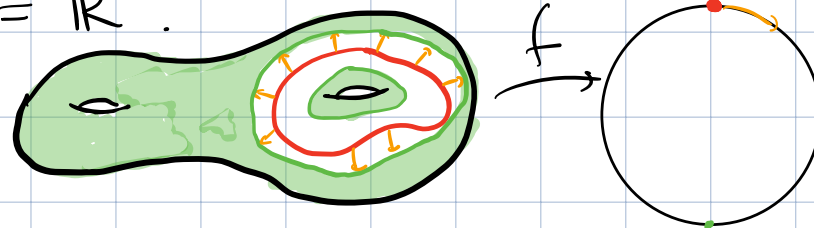
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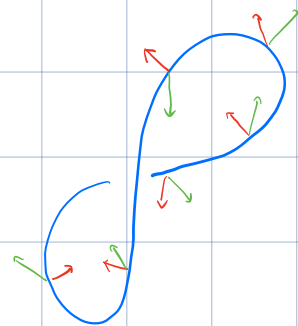
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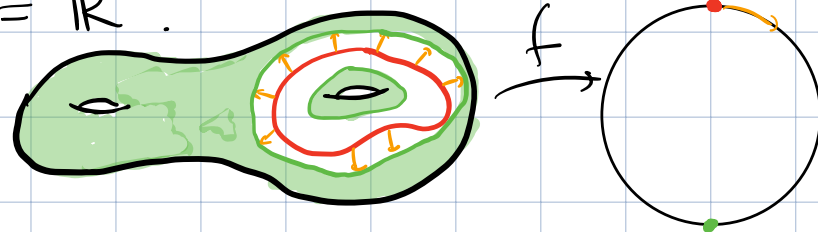
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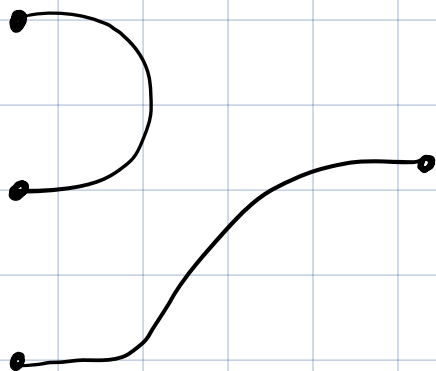
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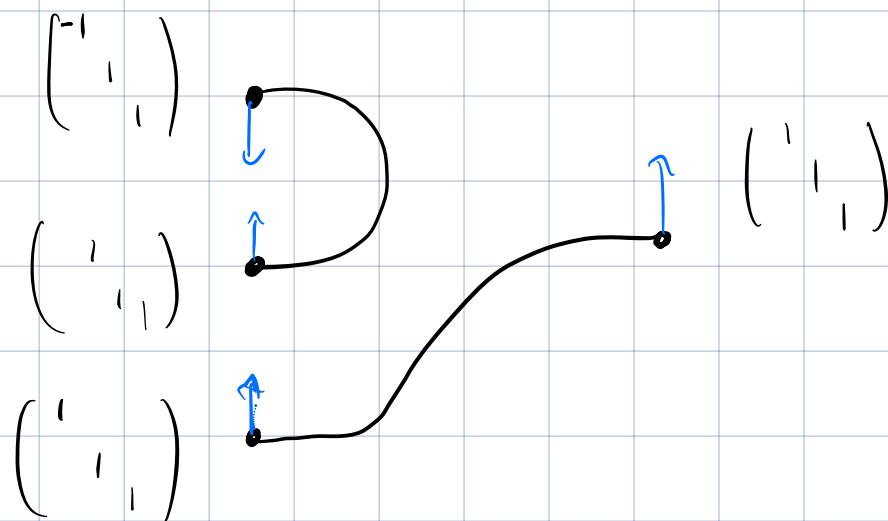
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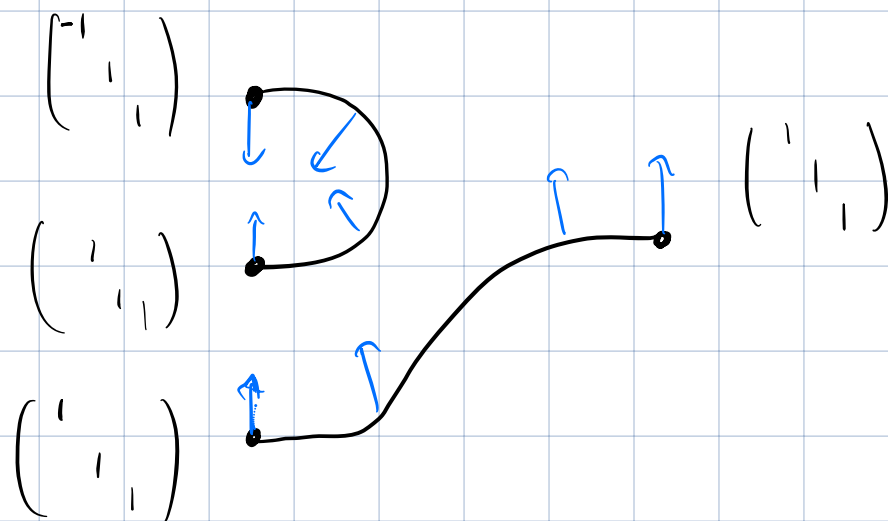
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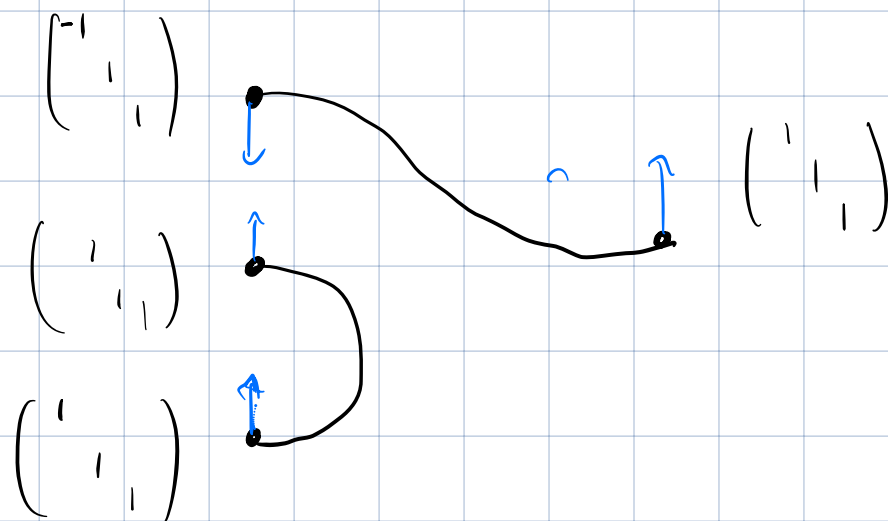
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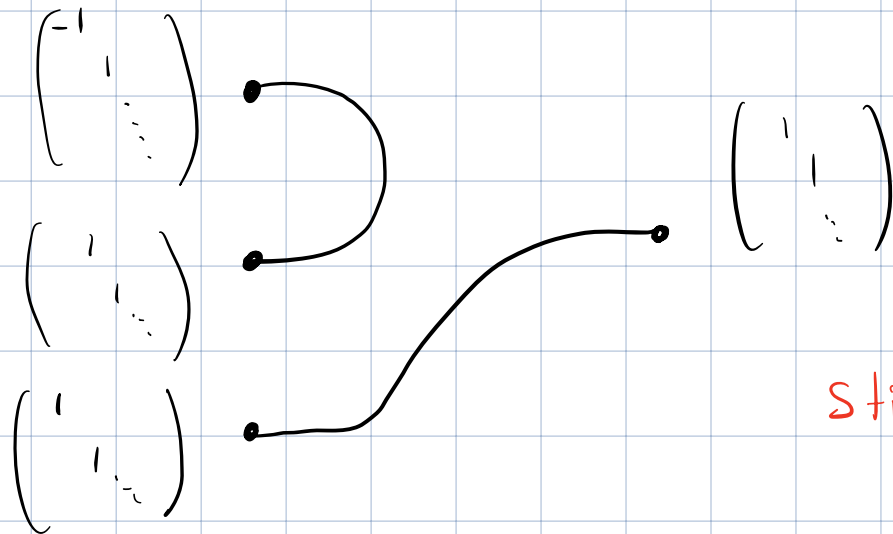
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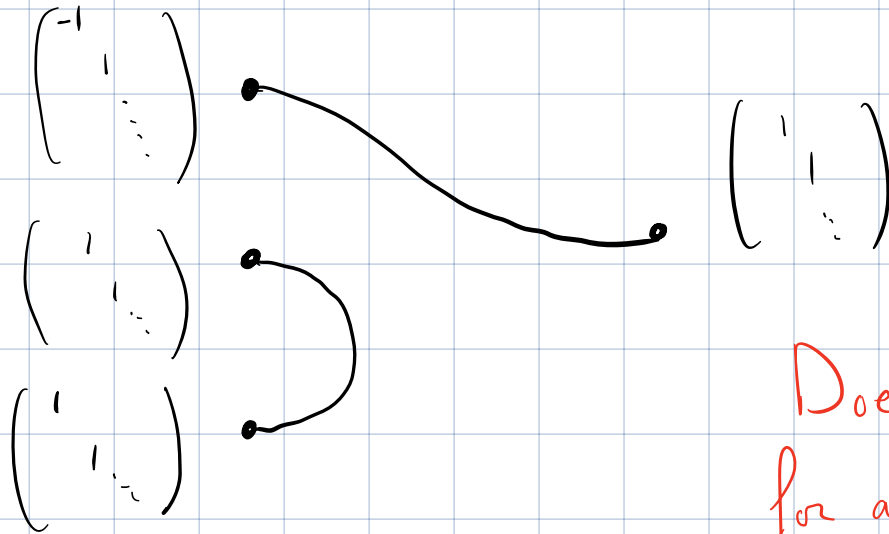
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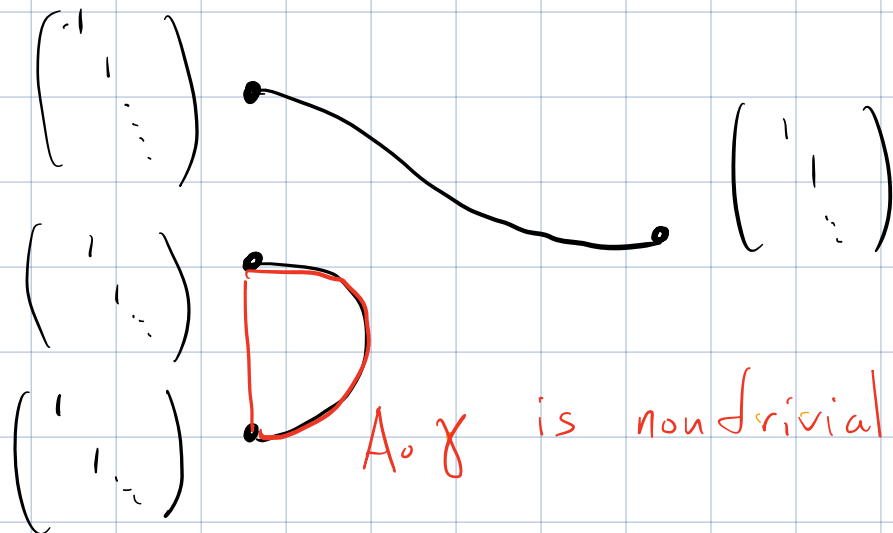
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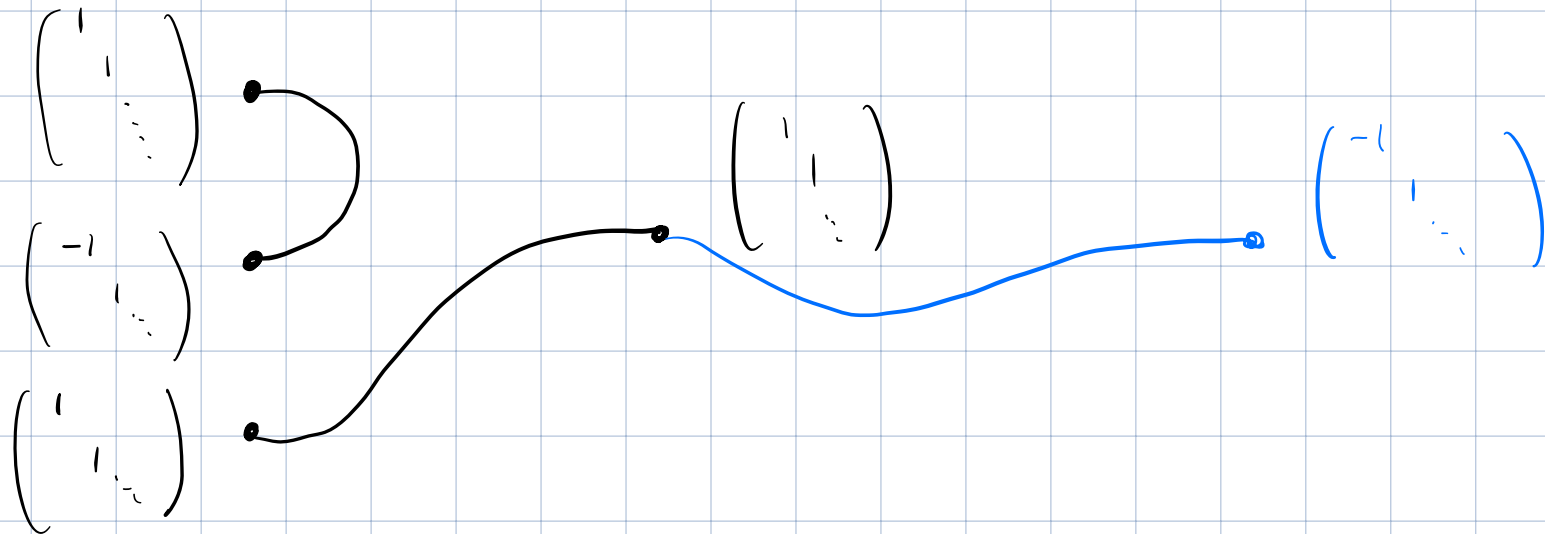
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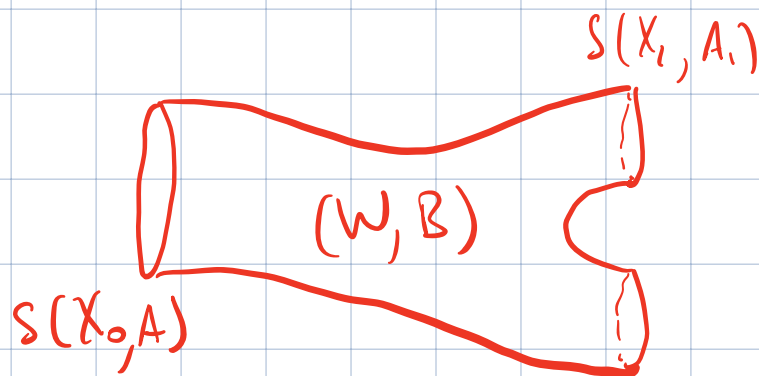
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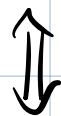
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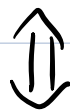
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Thank you for your attention

Arxiv: "Non-linear proper Fredholm maps
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