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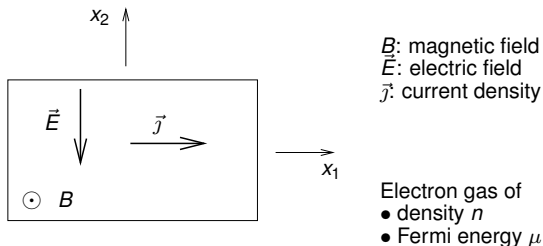
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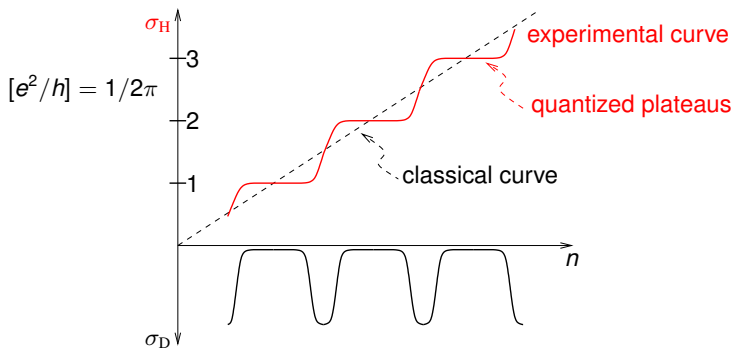
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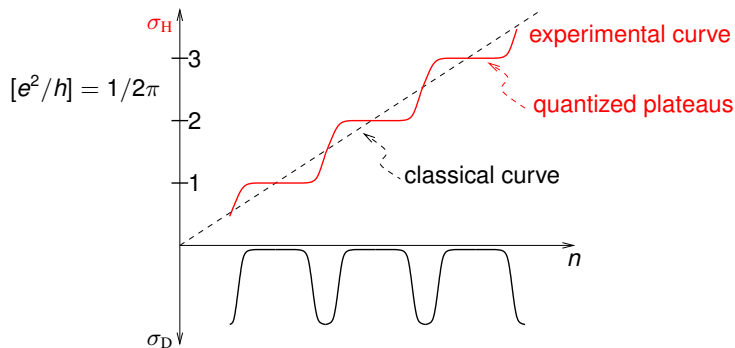
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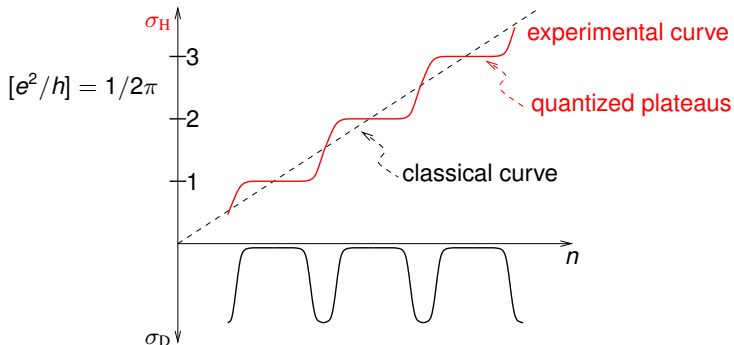
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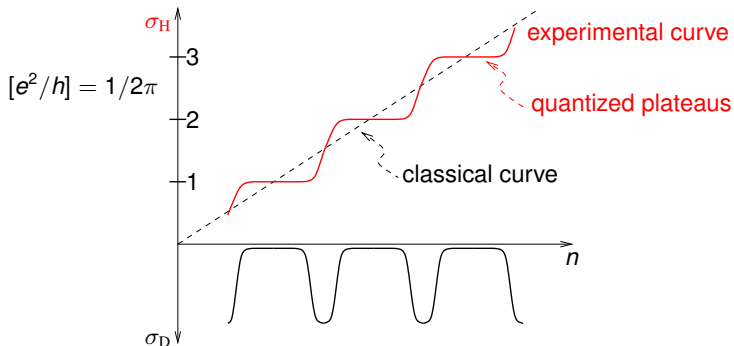
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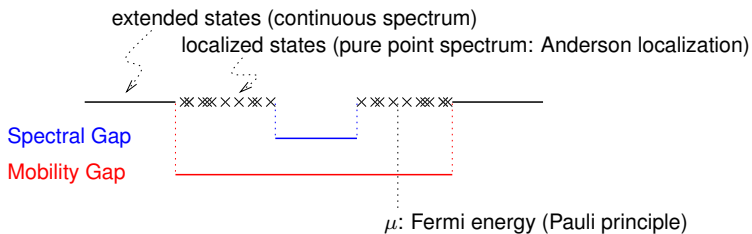
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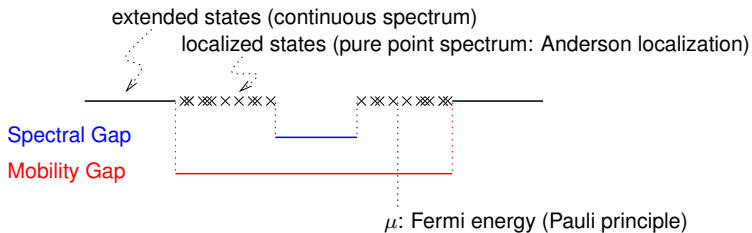
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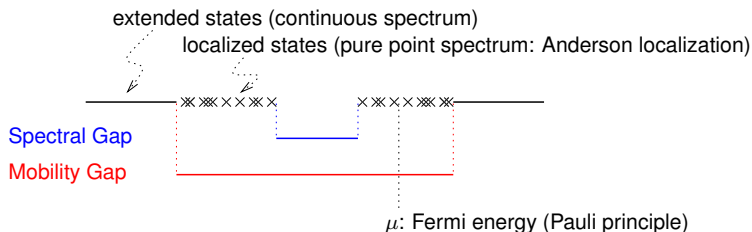
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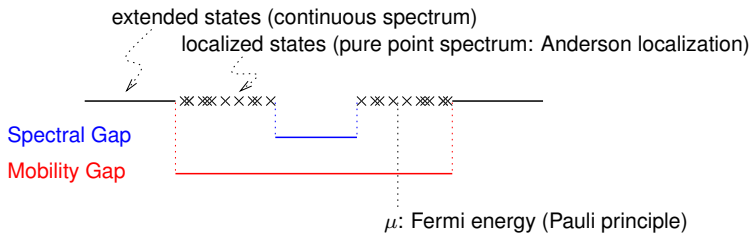
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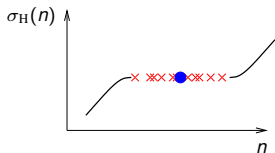
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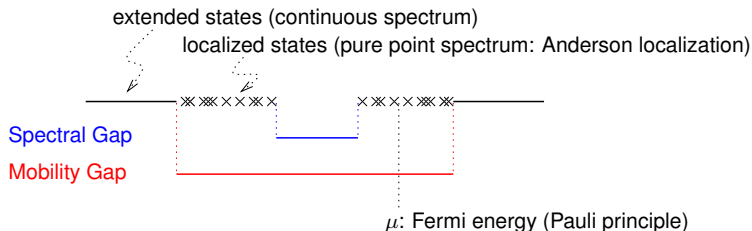
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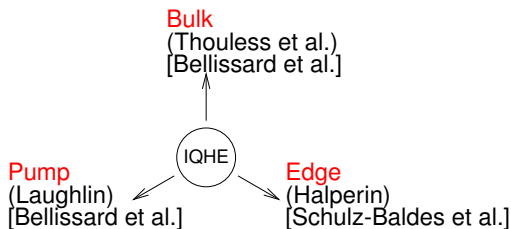
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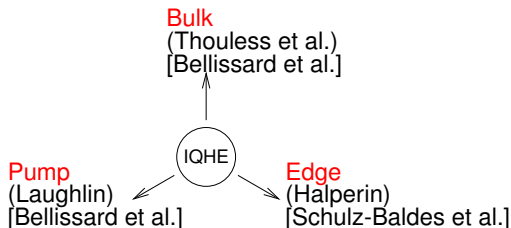


- ▶ For a periodic (crystalline) medium:
 - ▶ Method of choice: Bloch theory and vector bundles (Thouless et al.)
 - ▶ Gap is spectral
- ▶ For a disordered medium:
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 - ▶ Fermi energy may lie in a mobility gap (better) or just in a spectral gap

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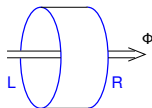
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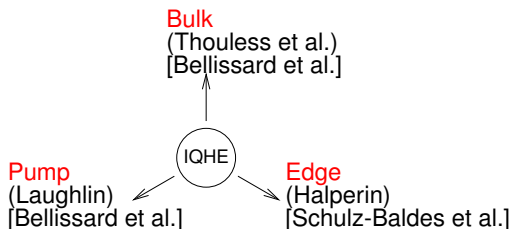
Pump:

$2\pi\sigma_P \equiv$ number n of electrons pumped from **L** to **R** upon increasing the magnetic flux Φ by 2π . (Note: $\Phi \rightsquigarrow \Phi + 2\pi$ implies $H \rightsquigarrow UHU^*$.)

Quantization: n is an integer.



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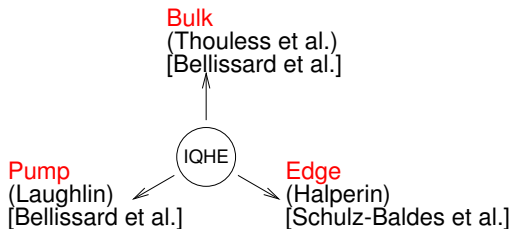


Bulk:

σ_B conductivity by Kubo formula: Current density \vec{j} as linear response to an applied (weak) electric field \vec{E} in the bulk.

Quantization: $2\pi\sigma_B$ is a Chern number.

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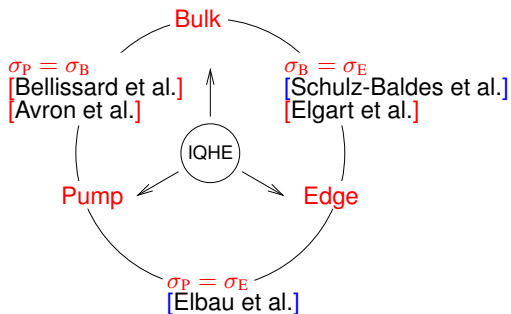


Edge:

σ_E conductance: Current carried by edge states per unit voltage,
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Equivalences of interpretations

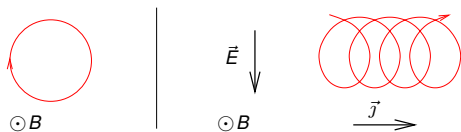


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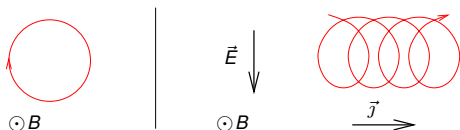
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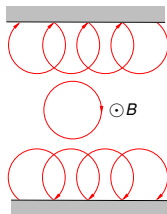
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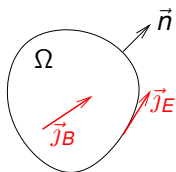
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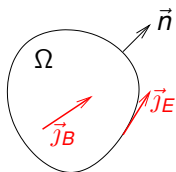


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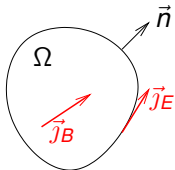
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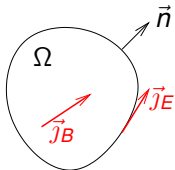
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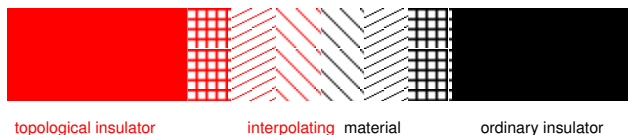
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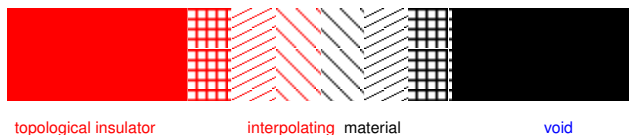
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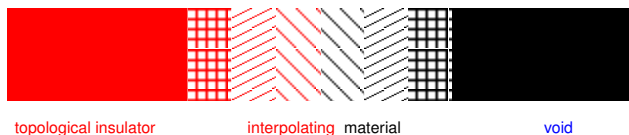
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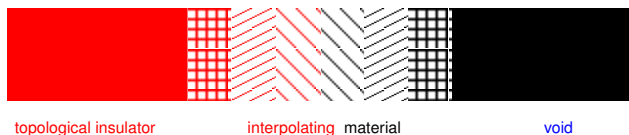
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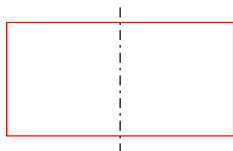
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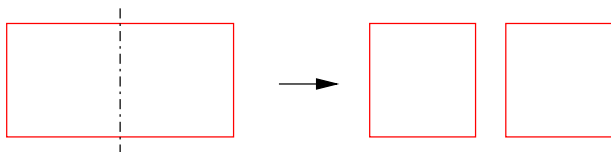
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Notation for symmetries:

- ▶ Θ (time-reversal): antiunitary, $H\Theta = \Theta H$, $\Theta^2 = \pm 1$
- ▶ Σ (charge-conjugation): antiunitary, $H\Sigma = -\Sigma H$, $\Sigma^2 = \pm 1$
- ▶ $\Pi = \Theta\Sigma = \Sigma\Theta$: unitary

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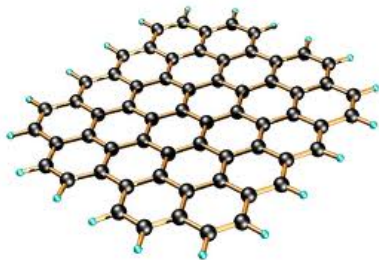
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- ▶ Proven in (virtually) all cases where localization is known.

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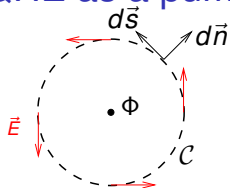
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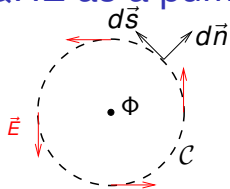
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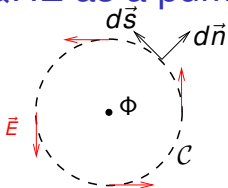


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gauge	$\vec{A} = 0$	equiv. to	$\vec{A} = \vec{\nabla} \chi$
	\downarrow		\downarrow
Hamiltonian	H_B		$U H_B U^*$

with $U = e^{i\chi}$, unitary. For $\Phi = 2\pi$, U is single-valued, though $\chi(\vec{x}) = \arg \vec{x}$ is not.

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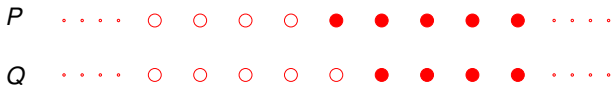
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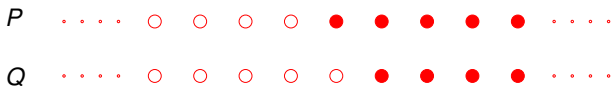
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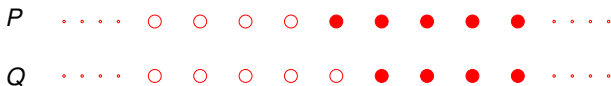
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(if dimensions finite)

Remarks. (i) In the example, both generalizations = 1. (ii) In the IQHE only the index is well-defined

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IQHE as a pump: Definition of σ_P

Definition.

$$2\pi\sigma_P = \text{Ind}(P_\mu, UP_\mu U^*) \quad (\text{Bellissard})$$

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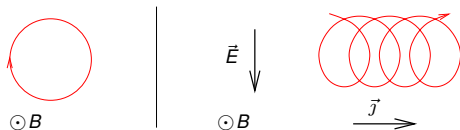
where $U = e^{i \arg \vec{x}} = z/|z|$.

Remarks. (i) Is a (stable) integer, whenever defined.

(ii) $P_\mu - UP_\mu U^* \notin \mathcal{I}_1$.

IQHE as a Bulk effect

Example: Cyclotron orbit drifting under a electric field \vec{E}

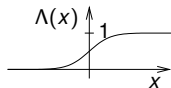


General: Hamiltonian H_B in the plane. Kubo formula (linear response to \vec{E})

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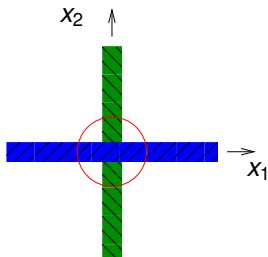
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Alternative treatment of disorder (Thouless): Large, but finite system (square); $(k_1, k_2) \rightsquigarrow (\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$ phase slips in boundary conditions

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Recall Kubo: $j_1 = -\sigma_B E_2$

Remarks. (i) Λ_1, Λ_2 : where from? Current operator across $x_1 = 0$: $i[H_B, \Lambda_1]$; field $\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} \Lambda_2$

(ii) The trace is **well-defined**. Roughly: An operator has a well-defined **trace** if it acts non-trivially on **finitely** many states only. Here the **intersection** contains only finitely many sites.

Theorem: Quantization and equivalence

Definition. Ergodic operators H_ω , ($\omega \in \Omega$: probability space): actions of (magnetic) \mathbb{Z}^2 -translations on Ω and on $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}^2)$ compatible.

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The claim

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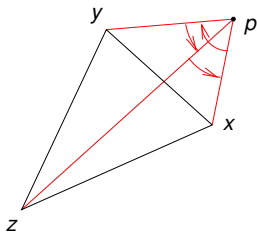
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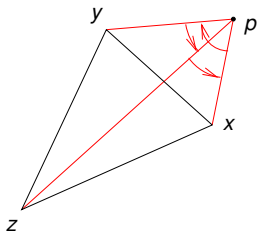
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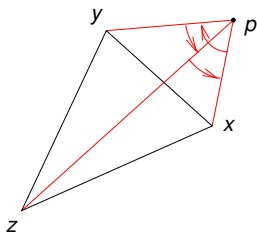
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by (i) integrand $O(|p|^{-3})$, ($p \rightarrow \infty$) and (ii) reflection symmetry. ▶

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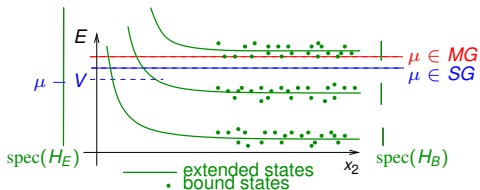
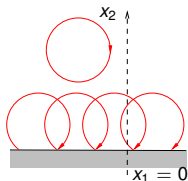
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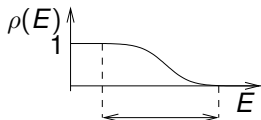
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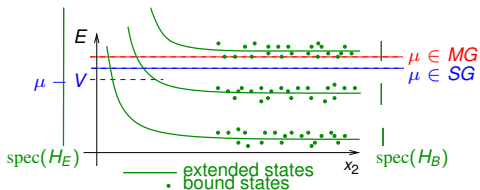
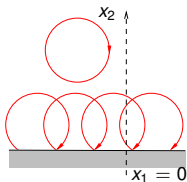
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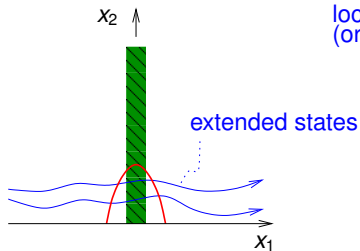
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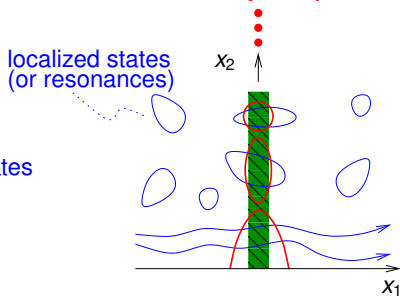
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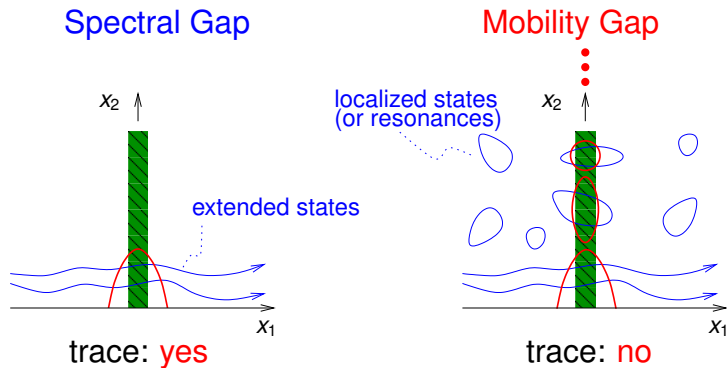
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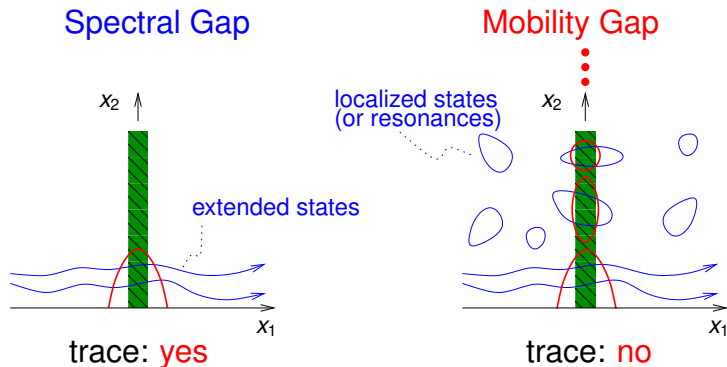
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Analogy: Electrodynamics of continuous media

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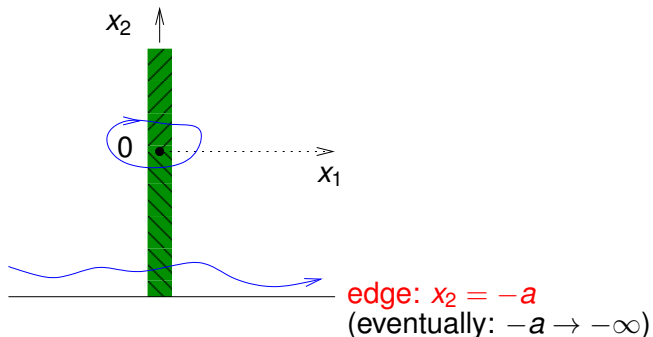
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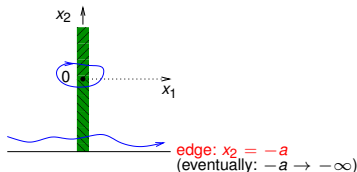
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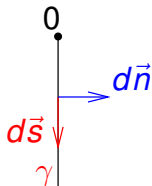
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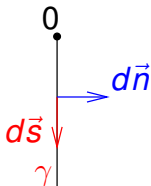


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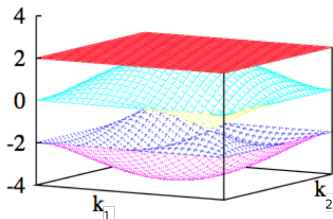
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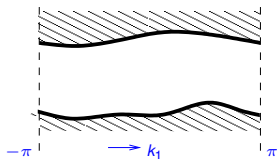
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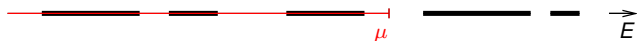
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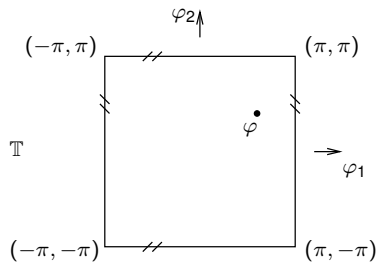
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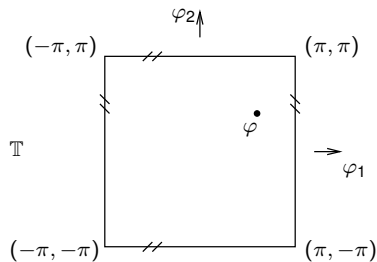
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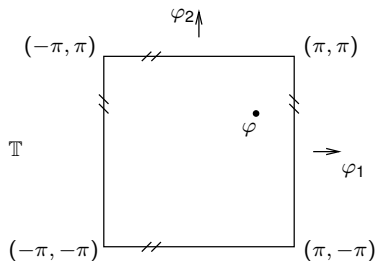
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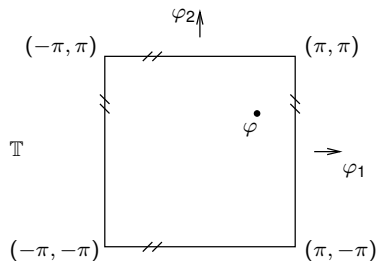
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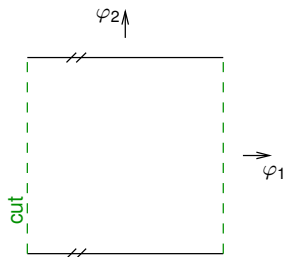
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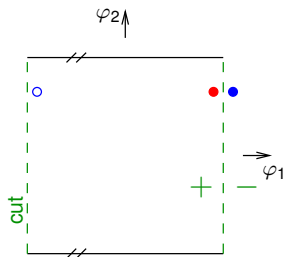


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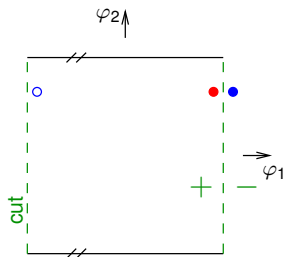


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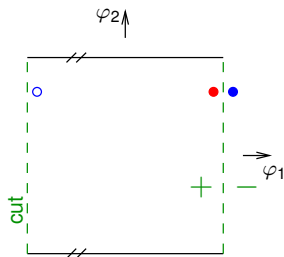
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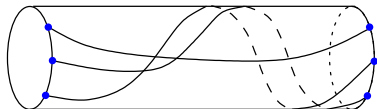
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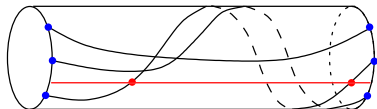
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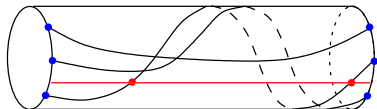
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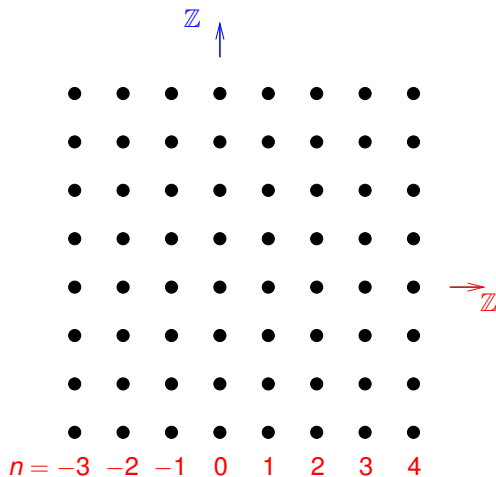
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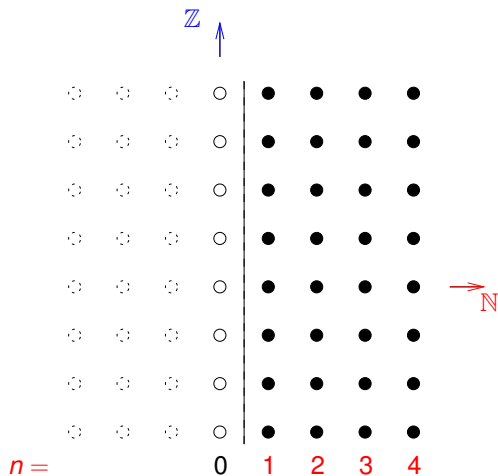
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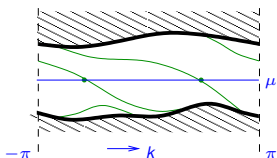
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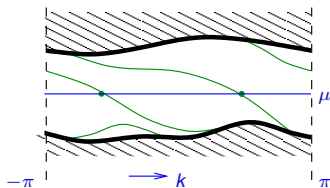
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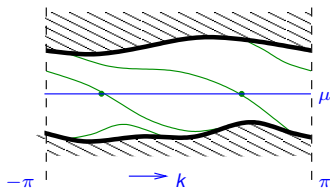
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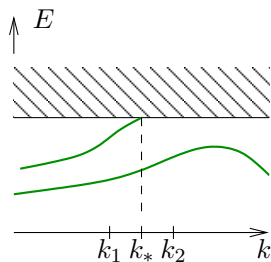
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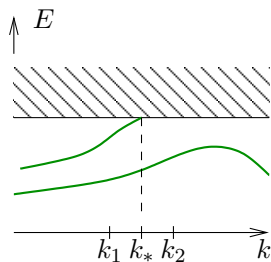
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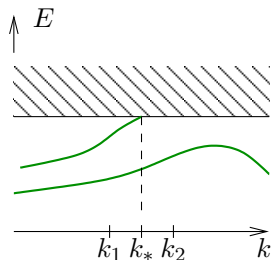


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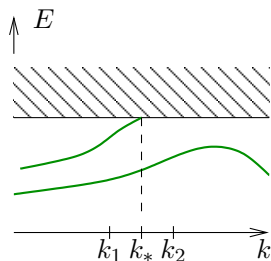
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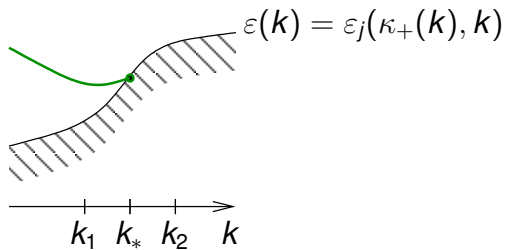


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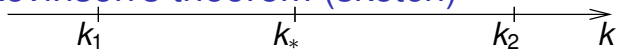
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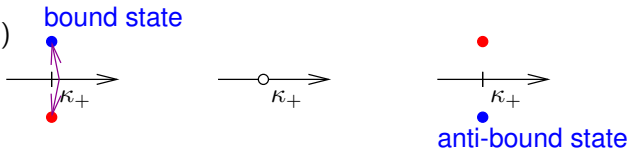


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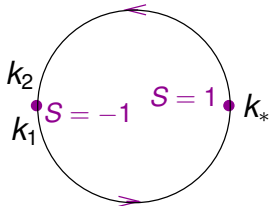


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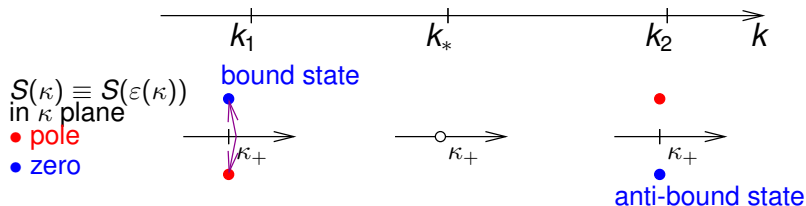


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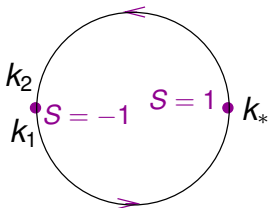
Bound state: $|\text{out}\rangle$ in absence of $|\text{in}\rangle \equiv |\kappa\rangle$ with $\text{Im } \kappa < 0$
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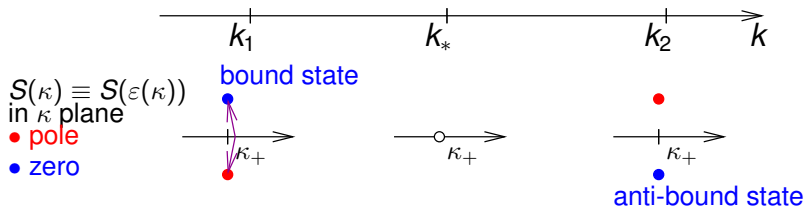


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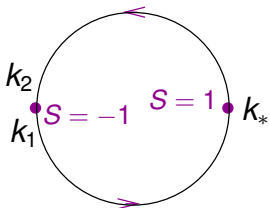


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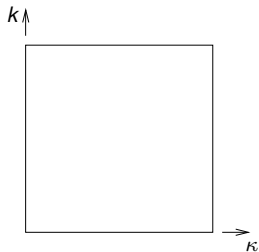


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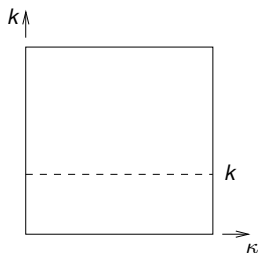
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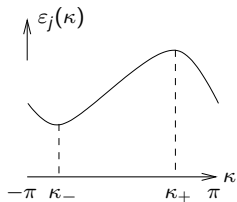


Brillouin zone $\ni (\kappa, k)$
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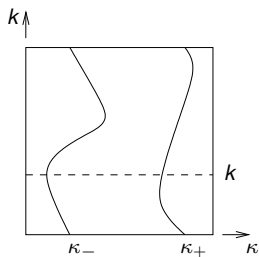
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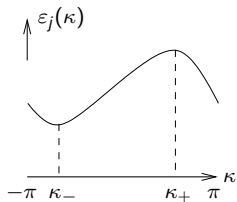
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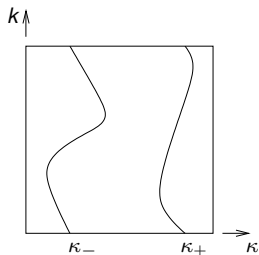
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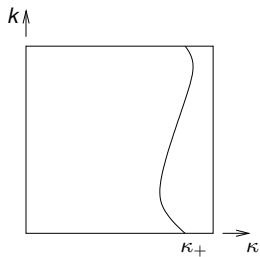


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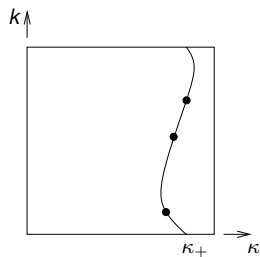
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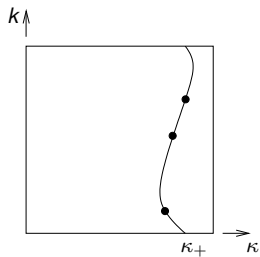
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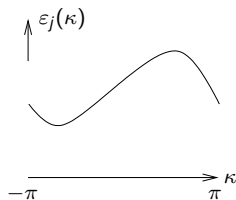


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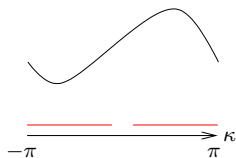


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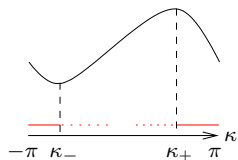
At fixed k : Energy band $\varepsilon_j(\kappa, k)$ and the line bundle P_j of Bloch states

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Line indicates choice of a section $|\kappa\rangle$ of Bloch states (from the given band). No global section in $\kappa \in \mathbb{R}/2\pi\mathbb{Z}$ is possible, as a rule.

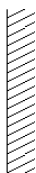
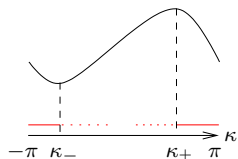
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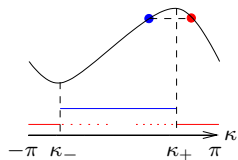
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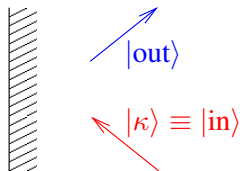
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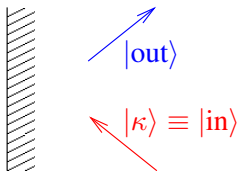
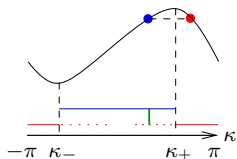
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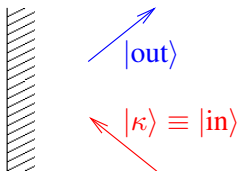
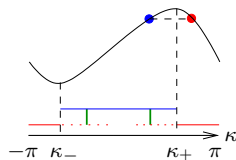


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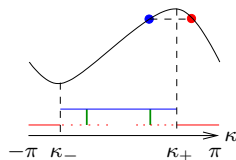
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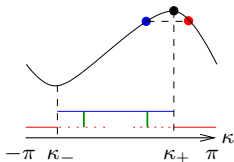


Chern number computed by sewing

$$\text{ch}(P_j) = \mathcal{N}(S_+) - \mathcal{N}(S_-)$$

with $\mathcal{N}(S_{\pm})$ the winding of $S_{\pm} = S_{\pm}(k)$ as $k = -\pi \dots \pi$.

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As $\kappa \rightarrow \kappa_+$, whence

$$|\text{in}\rangle = |\kappa\rangle \rightarrow |\kappa_+\rangle \quad |\text{out}\rangle = \mathbf{S}_+|\kappa\rangle \rightarrow |\kappa_+\rangle \text{ (up to phase)}$$

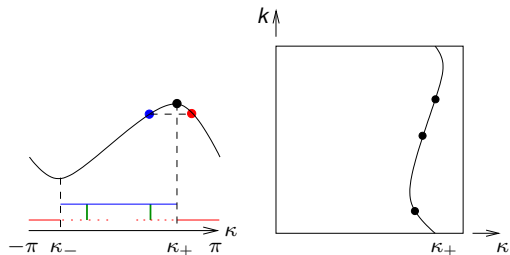
their limiting span is that of

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(bounded, resp. unbounded in space). The span contains the limiting scattering state $|\psi\rangle \propto |\text{in}\rangle + |\text{out}\rangle$.

If (exceptionally) $|\psi\rangle \propto |\kappa_+\rangle$ then $|\psi\rangle$ is a **semi-bound state**.

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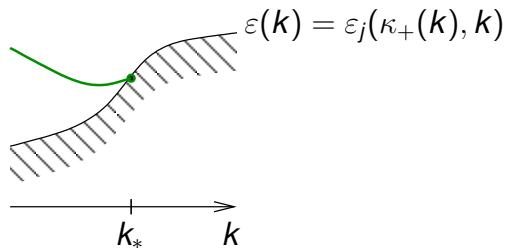
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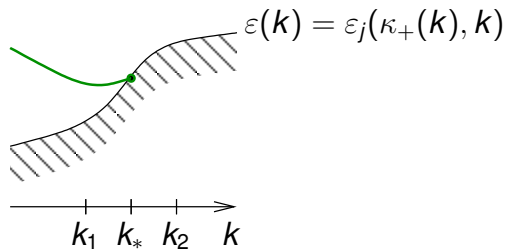
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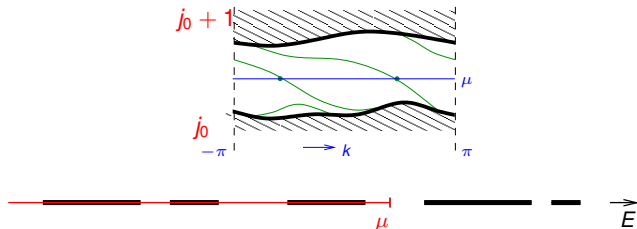
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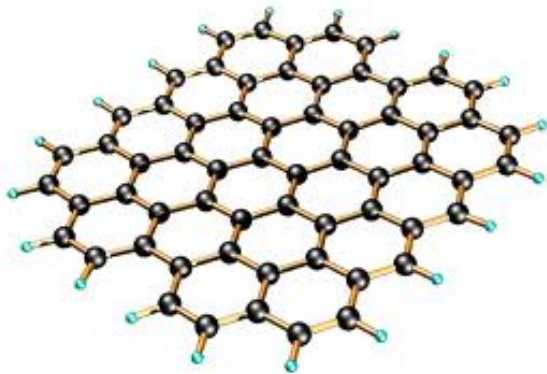
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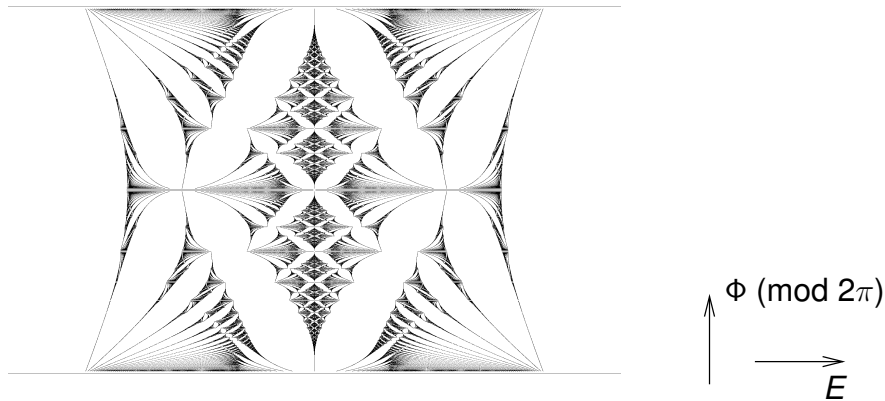


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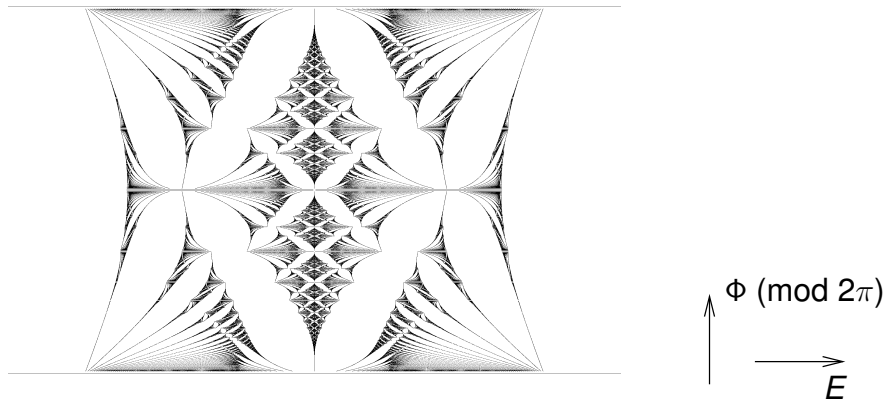
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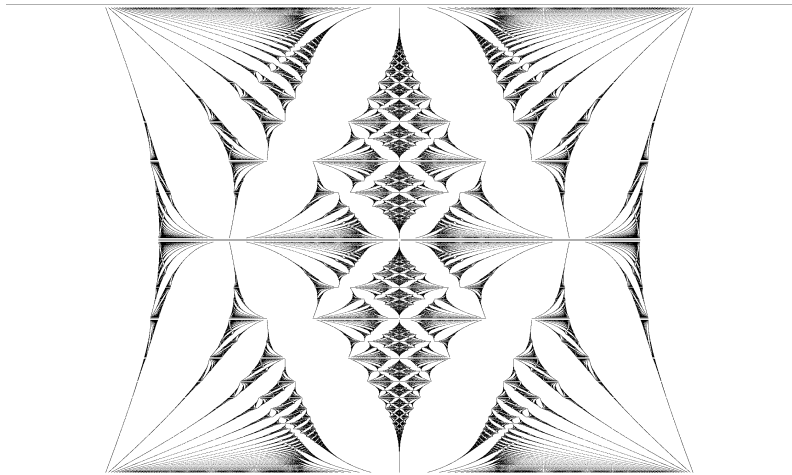
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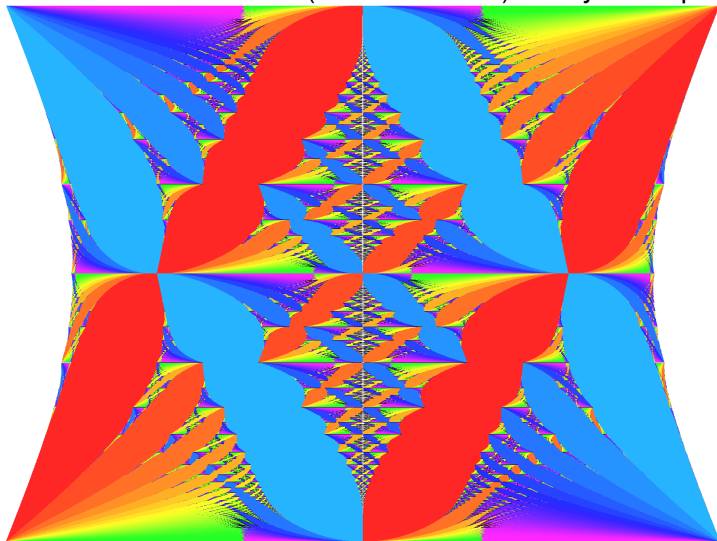
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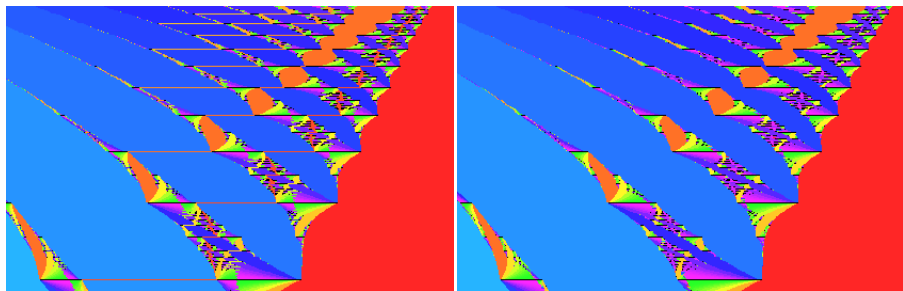


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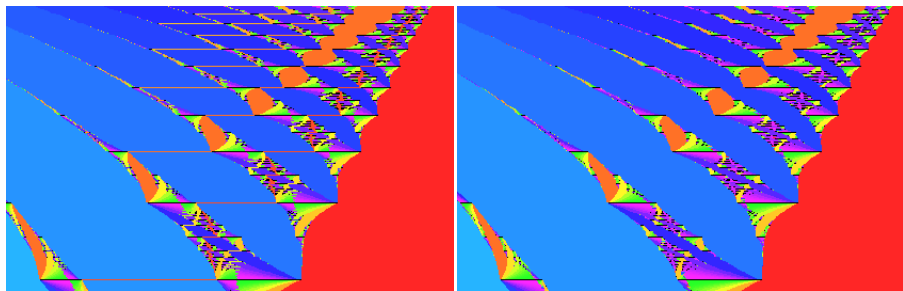
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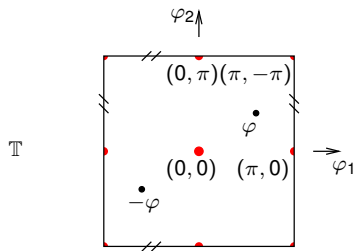
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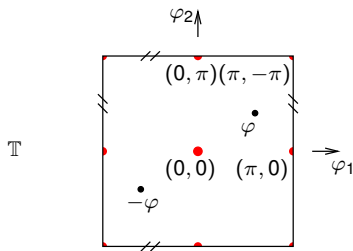
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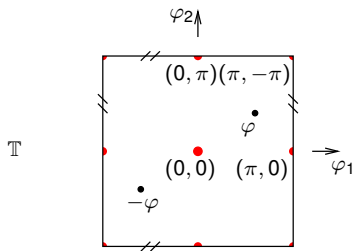
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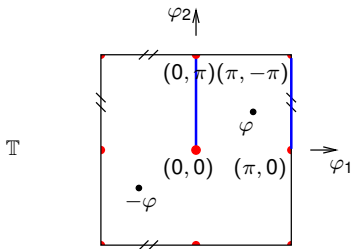
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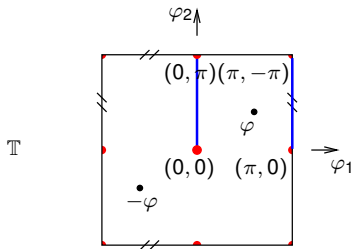


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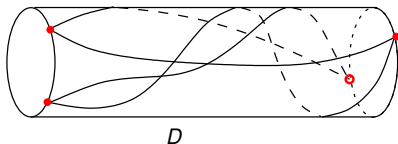
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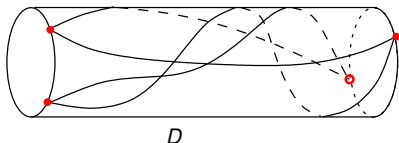
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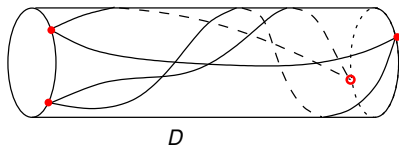


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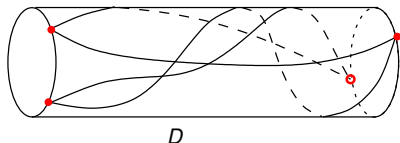
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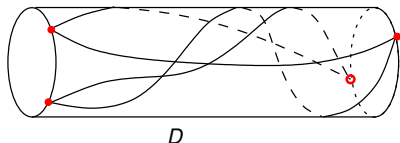
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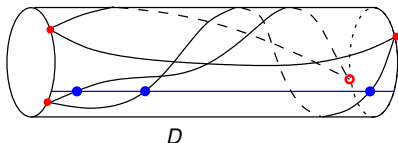
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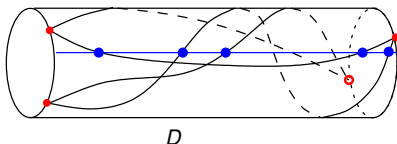
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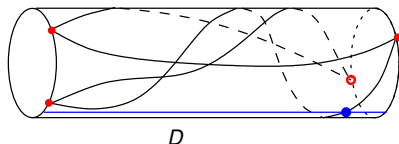
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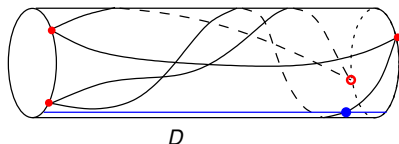
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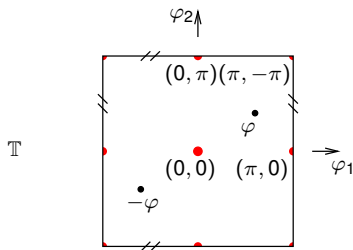
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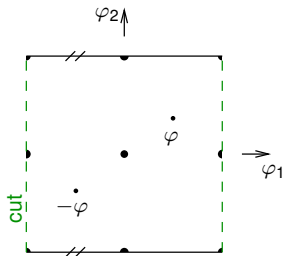
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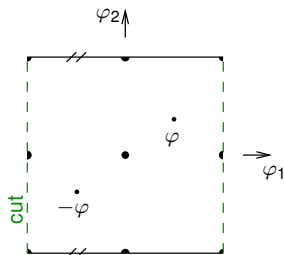
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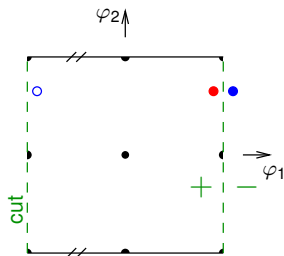
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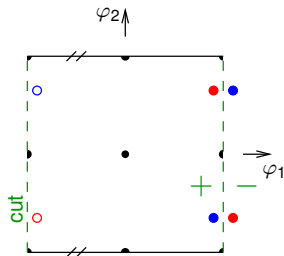
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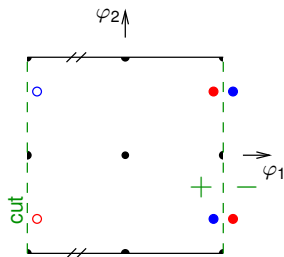
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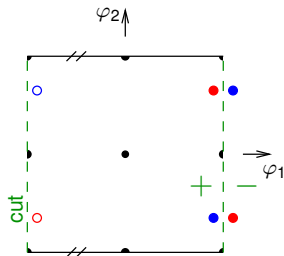
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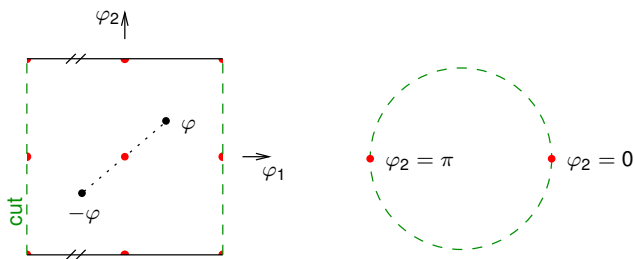
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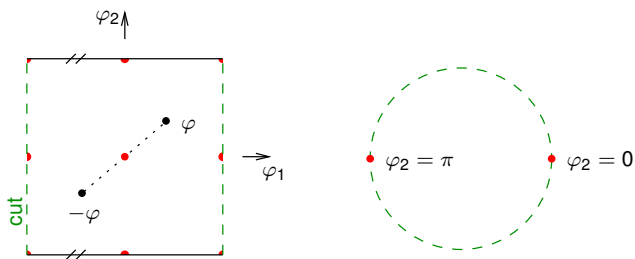
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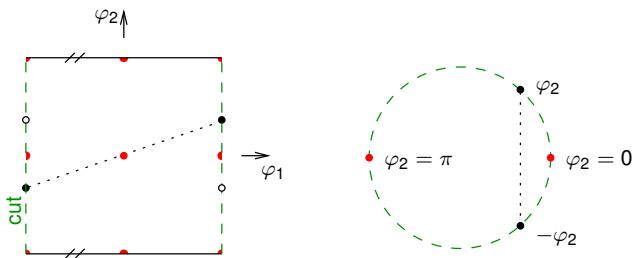


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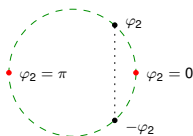


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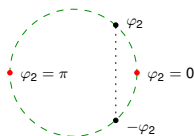
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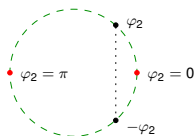
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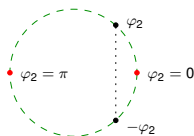
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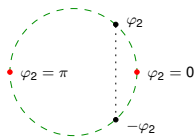
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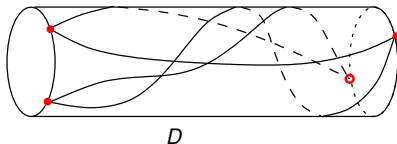
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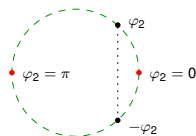
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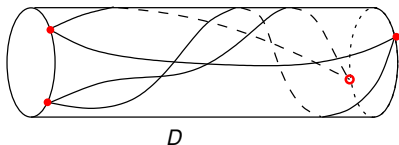
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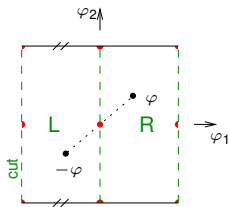
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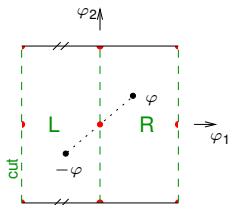
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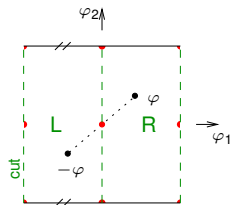
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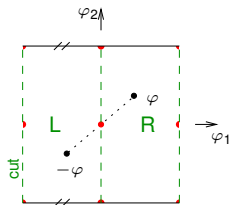
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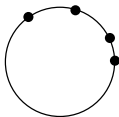
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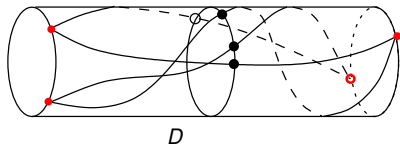


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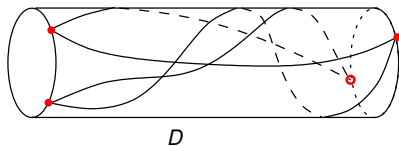


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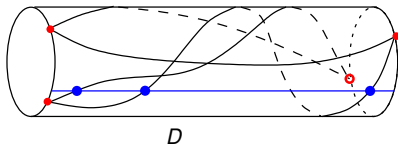


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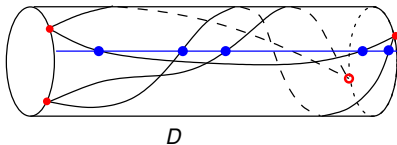


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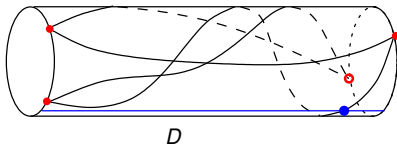


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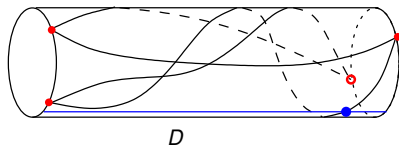


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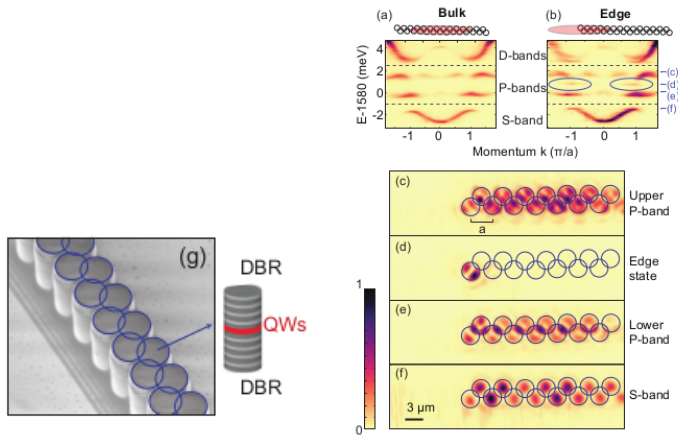


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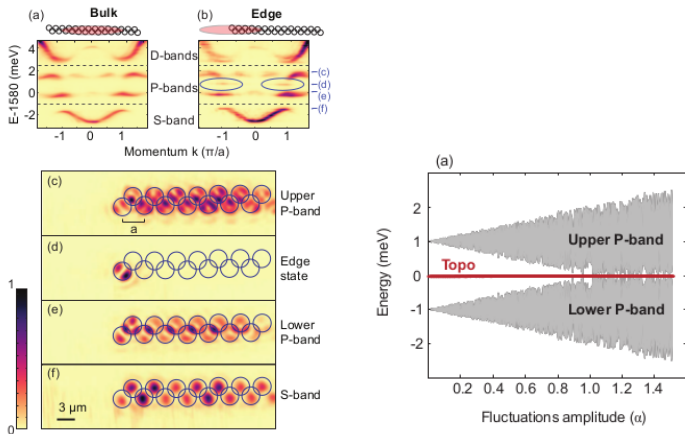


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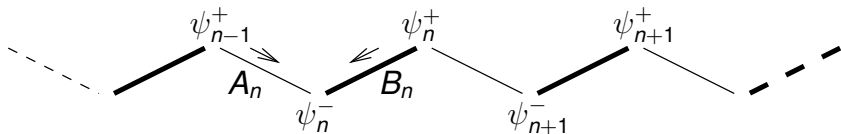
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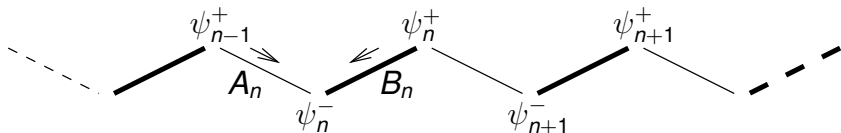
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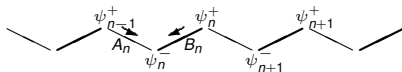
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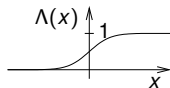
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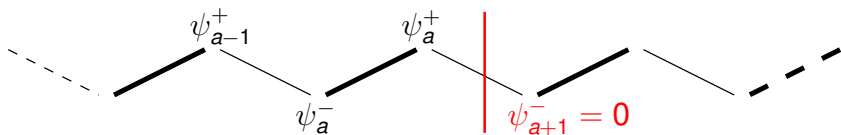
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with $\Lambda = \Lambda(n)$ a switch function (cf. Prodan et al.)

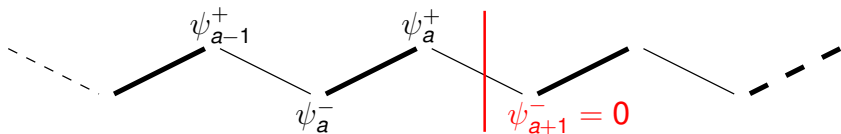


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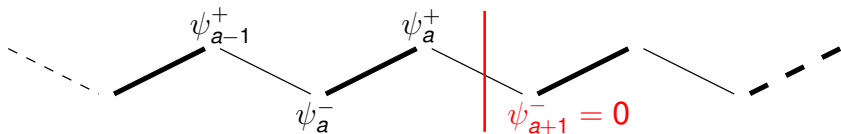
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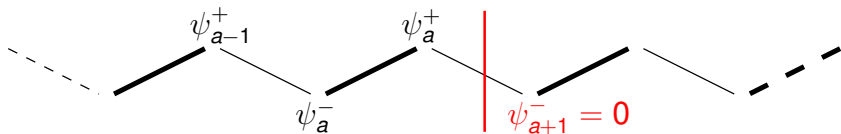


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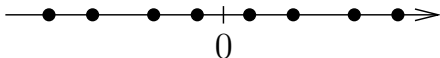
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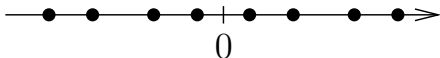
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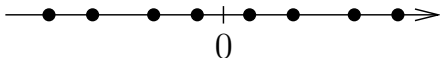
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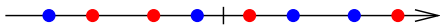
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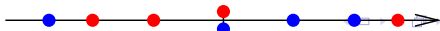
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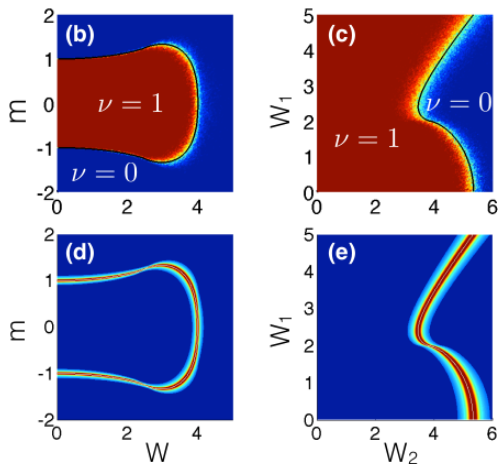
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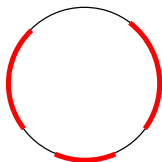
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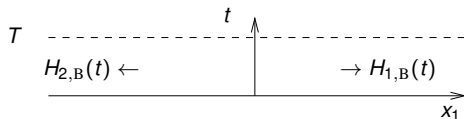
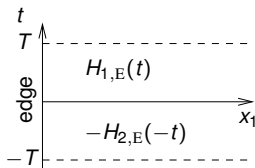
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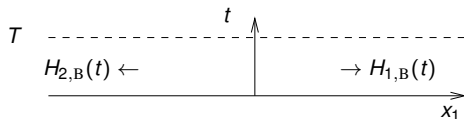
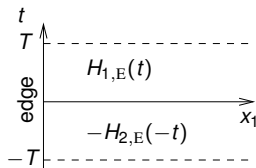
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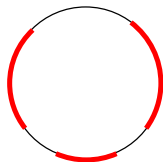


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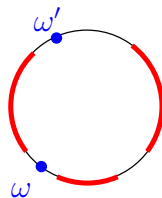
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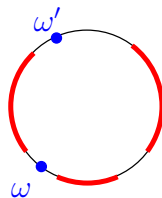
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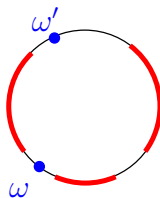
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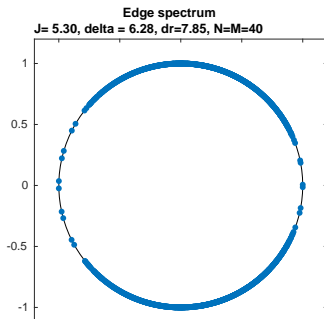
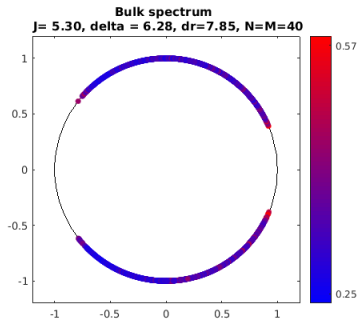
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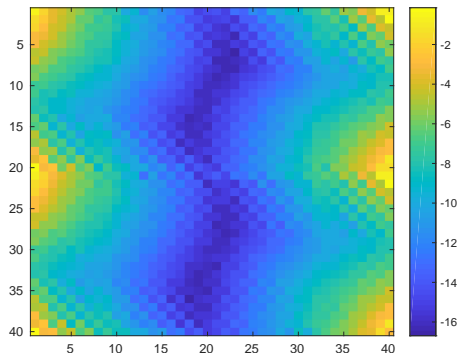


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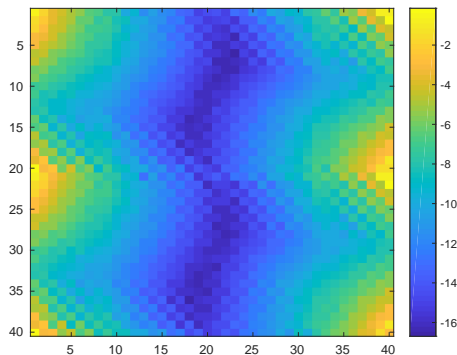
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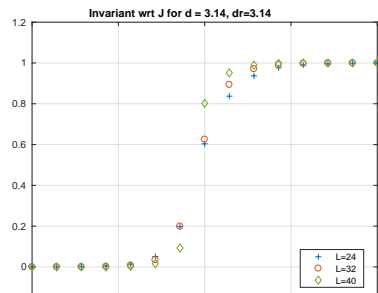
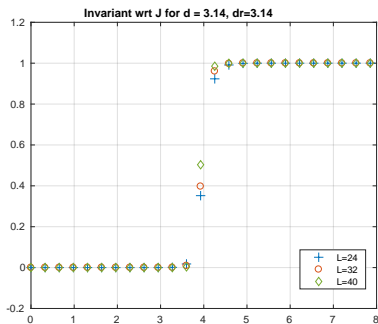
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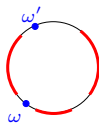
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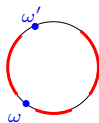
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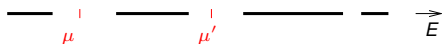


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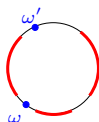
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