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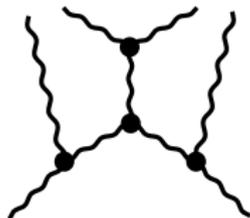
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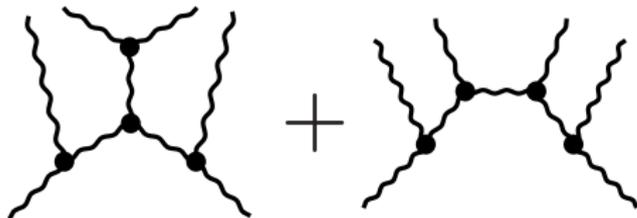
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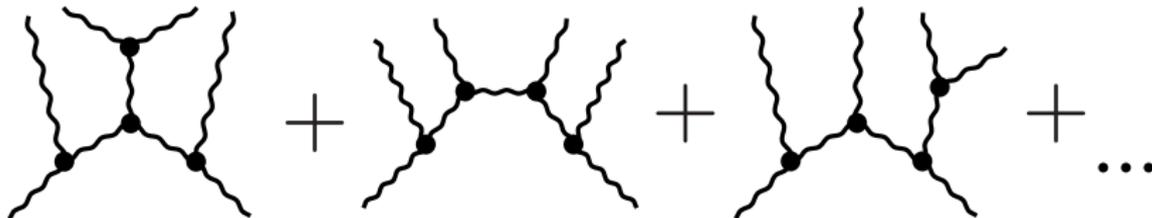
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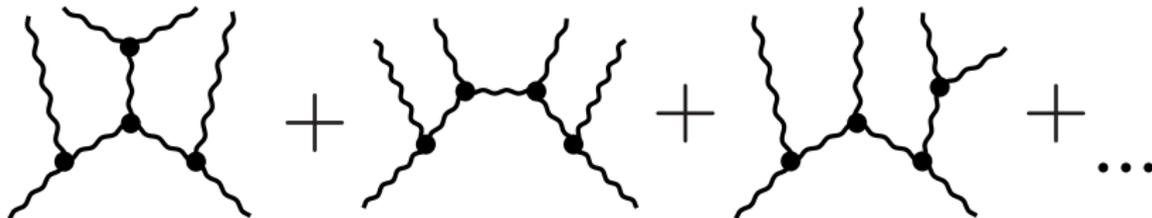
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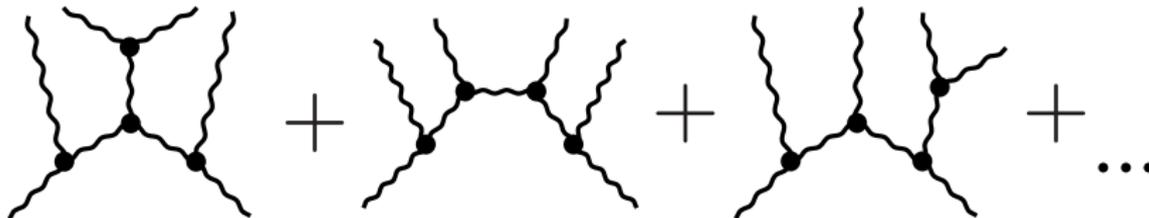
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TeV. From Fig. 76 we find the corresponding two-jet cross section (at $p_T = 0.5 \sqrt{s} \sqrt{1-\epsilon}$) to be about 7×10^{-2} nb/CeV, which is larger by an order of magnitude. Let us next consider the cross section in the neighborhood of the peak in Fig. 80. The integrated cross section in this bin $0.3 \cos^2 \theta < \theta < 0.4$ is approximately 0.1 nb/CeV with transverse energy given (roughly by $|E_T| = \sqrt{s} \sqrt{1-\epsilon}$) $\times \cos^2 \theta \approx 350$ GeV. The corresponding two-jet cross section, again from Fig. 76, is approximately 10 nb/CeV, which is larger by 2 orders of magnitude. In fact, we have certainly underestimated $\langle E_T \rangle$ and thus somewhat overestimated the two-jet/one-jet ratio in this second case.

We draw two conclusions from this very casual analysis:

At least at small-to-moderate values of E_T , two-jet events should account for most of the cross section. The observed cross section is large enough that a detailed study of this topology should be possible.

$$\sigma_{2J} \approx \int_{E_T} \int_{\theta} \int_{\phi} \int_{\psi} \frac{d^3 p_1}{4E_1} \frac{d^3 p_2}{4E_2} \frac{d^3 p_3}{4E_3} \frac{d^3 p_4}{4E_4} \frac{\alpha_s^4 |E_{12}|^2 |E_{34}|^2 |E_{13}|^2 |E_{24}|^2}{s^2} \times \langle E_T \rangle^2 \quad (8.47)$$

where $\sigma_{2J}(E_T)$ is the two-jet cross section and $\langle E_T \rangle$ denotes the minimum E_T required for a discernible two-jet event.

For a more careful study of double-parton scattering at QPC and Tevatron energies, see Flemer and Eichten (1983).

In view of the picture that multiple-parton interactions, improving our understanding of the QCD background is an urgent priority for further study.

D. Summary

We conclude this section with a brief summary of the range of jet energy which are accessible for various beam energies and luminosities. We find essentially no differences between pp and $p\bar{p}$ collisions, so only pp results will be given except at $\sqrt{s} = 2$ TeV where $p\bar{p}$ runs are contemplated. Figure 30A shows the E_T range which can be registered at the level of at least one event per (GeV) of E_T per unit rapidity at 90° in the c.m. (compare Figs. 77–79 and 83). The results are presented in terms of the transverse momentum p_T of a jet. In Fig. 103 we plot the value of E_T that distinguishes the region to which the two-gluon, quark-gluon, and quark-antiquark final states are dominant. Comparing with Fig. 30B, we find that while the accessible range of E_T narrows, it seems extremely difficult to obtain a clean sample of quark jets. Useful for the remaining trigger ones is the total cross section for the two jets integrated over $E_T = 2p_T = 2E_T$ for both jets in a rapidity interval of $-3.5 < y < 3.5$. This is shown for pp collisions in Fig. 30B.

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It is apparent that these questions are amenable to detailed investigation with the aid of realistic Monte Carlo simulations. Given the elementary two-color cross sections and reasonable parametrizations of the fragmentation functions, this exercise can be carried out with some degree of confidence.

For multiple events containing more than three jets, the theoretical situation is considerably more primitive. A specific question of interest concerns the QCD four-jet background to the detection of W^+W^- pairs in their leptonic decays. The cross sections for the elementary two-color processes have not been calculated, and their complexity is such that they may not be evaluated in the foreseeable future. It is worthwhile to seek estimates of the four-jet cross section, even if these are only reliable in restricted regions of phase space.

Another background source of four-jet events is double parton scattering, as shown in Fig. 103. If all the parton momenta fractions are small, the two interactions may be treated as uncorrelated. The resulting four-jet cross section with transverse energy E_T may then be approximated by

$$\sigma_{4J} \approx \int_{E_T} \int_{\theta} \int_{\phi} \int_{\psi} \frac{d^3 p_1}{4E_1} \frac{d^3 p_2}{4E_2} \frac{d^3 p_3}{4E_3} \frac{d^3 p_4}{4E_4} \frac{\alpha_s^4 |E_{12}|^2 |E_{34}|^2 |E_{13}|^2 |E_{24}|^2}{s^2} \times \langle E_T \rangle^2 \quad (8.47)$$

IV. ELECTROWEAK PHENOMENA

In this section we discuss the supercollider processes associated with the standard model of the weak and electroweak interactions (Glashow, 1961; Weinberg, 1967; Salam, 1960). By "standard model" we understand the SU(2) \times U(1) theory applied to three quark and lepton doublets, and with the gauge symmetry broken by a single complex Higgs doublet. The particles associated with the electroweak interactions are characterized by the left-handed charged interaction bosons W^\pm , the neutral interaction

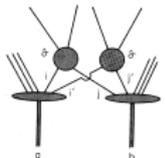


FIG. 30. Feynman topology arising from two independent parton interactions.

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where $\sigma(E_{jet})$ is the two-gluon section and E_{jet} denotes the minimum E_{jet} required for a di-jetronic target event. For a more study of double gluon scattering in light and heavy ion collisions, see Fleury and Teyssie (1991).

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We conclude this section with a brief summary of the range of jet energy which are accessible for various beam energies and luminosities. We find essentially no difference between pp and $p\bar{p}$ collisions, so only pp results will be given except at $\sqrt{s} = 2.76 \text{ TeV}$ where jet rates are central. Figure 80B shows the E_{jet} range which can be explored at the level of at least one event per 10^6 pb per year (luminosity at 30 fb^{-1} in the case). Compare Figs. 77-79 and 83D. The results are presented in terms of the transverse energy per cone E_{Tj} which corresponds to twice the transverse momentum p_{Tj} of a jet. In Fig. 80B we plot the values of E_{Tj} that distinguish the regions to which the two-gluon, four-gluon, and quark-gluon final states are dominant. Comparing with Fig. 80A, we find that while the accessible range of E_{Tj} is not increased, it is more uniformly distributed in a certain range of pp collisions. Useful for estimating jet rates in the total cross section for two jets produced over $E_{Tj} > 20 \text{ GeV}$ is $(E_{Tj})_{min}$ for the two jets in a region of interest of $-1.5 < \eta < 1.5$. This is shown for pp collisions in Fig. 80B.

FIG. 80D. Final jet topology arising from two independent parton interactions.

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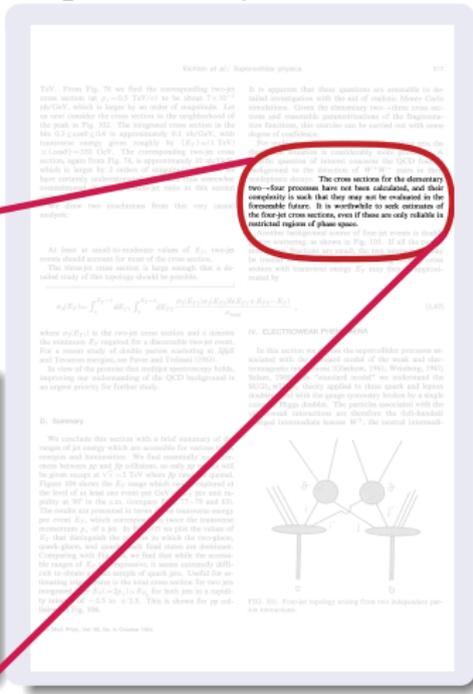
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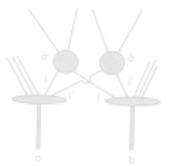


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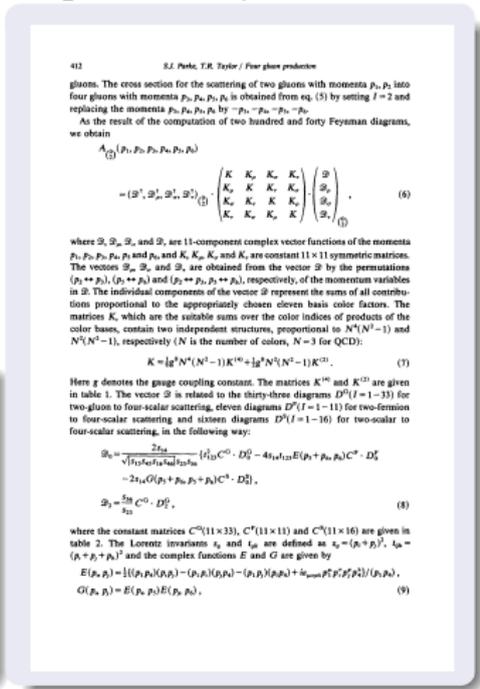
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gluons. The cross section for the scattering of two gluons with momenta p_1, p_2 into four gluons with momenta p_3, p_4, p_5, p_6 is obtained from eq. (5) by setting $l = 2$ and replacing the momenta p_3, p_4, p_5, p_6 by $^*p_3, ^*p_4, ^*p_5, ^*p_6$.

As the result of the computation of two hundred and forty Feynman diagrams, we obtain

$$A_{(2)}(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5, p_6) = -(\mathcal{D}^1, \mathcal{D}^2, \mathcal{D}^3, \mathcal{D}^4)_{(1)} \begin{pmatrix} K & K & K & K & K \\ K & K & K & K & K \\ K & K & K & K & K \\ K & K & K & K & K \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{D} \\ \mathcal{D} \\ \mathcal{D} \\ \mathcal{D} \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

where $\mathcal{D}^1, \mathcal{D}^2, \mathcal{D}^3$ and \mathcal{D}^4 are 11-component complex vector functions of the momenta p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5 and p_6 , and K, K, K, K and K, K, K, K are constant 11×11 symmetric matrices. The vectors $\mathcal{D}^1, \mathcal{D}^2$ and \mathcal{D}^3 are obtained from the vector \mathcal{D} by the permutations $(p_3 \leftrightarrow p_4), (p_5 \leftrightarrow p_6)$ and $(p_3 \leftrightarrow p_4, p_5 \leftrightarrow p_6)$, respectively, of the momentum variables in \mathcal{D} . The individual components of the vector \mathcal{D} represent the sums of all contributions proportional to the appropriately chosen eleven basic color factors. The matrices K , which are the suitable sums over the color indices of products of the color bases, contain two independent structures, proportional to $N^2(N^2 - 1)$ and $N^2(N^2 - 1)$, respectively (N is the number of colors, $N = 3$ for QCD):

$$K = \frac{1}{2} g^4 N^2 (N^2 - 1) K^{(1)} + \frac{1}{2} g^4 N^2 (N^2 - 1) K^{(2)} \quad (7)$$

Here g denotes the gauge coupling constant. The matrices $K^{(1)}$ and $K^{(2)}$ are given in table 1. The vector \mathcal{D} is related to the thirty-three diagrams $D^i (i = 1-33)$ for two-gluon to four-scalar scattering, eleven diagrams $D^i (i = 1-11)$ for two-fermion to four-scalar scattering and sixteen diagrams $D^i (i = 1-16)$ for two-scalar to four-scalar scattering, in the following way:

$$\mathcal{D}_\alpha = \frac{2g_4}{\sqrt{(1+2)4+3+4+5+6}} \{ i_{12} C^0 \cdot D_1^0 - 4i_{1+2+3} E(p_3 + p_4, p_5) C^1 \cdot D_1^1 - 2i_{1+2} G(p_3 + p_4, p_5 + p_6) C^2 \cdot D_1^2 \} \quad (8)$$

$$\mathcal{D}_2 = \frac{5g}{2} C^0 \cdot D_2^0 \quad (9)$$

where the constant matrices $C^0 (11 \times 33)$, $C^1 (11 \times 11)$ and $C^2 (11 \times 16)$ are given in table 2. The Lorentz invariants i_4 and i_{4a} are defined as $i_4 = (p_3 + p_4)^2$, $i_{4a} = (p_3 + p_4 + p_5)^2$ and the complex functions E and G are given by

$$E(p_3, p_4) = \frac{1}{2} [(p_3, p_4)(p_5, p_6) - (p_3, p_5)(p_4, p_6) + i_{4a} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} p_3^\alpha p_4^\beta p_5^\gamma p_6^\delta] / (p_3, p_4),$$

$$G(p_3, p_4) = E(p_3, p_4) E(p_5, p_6).$$

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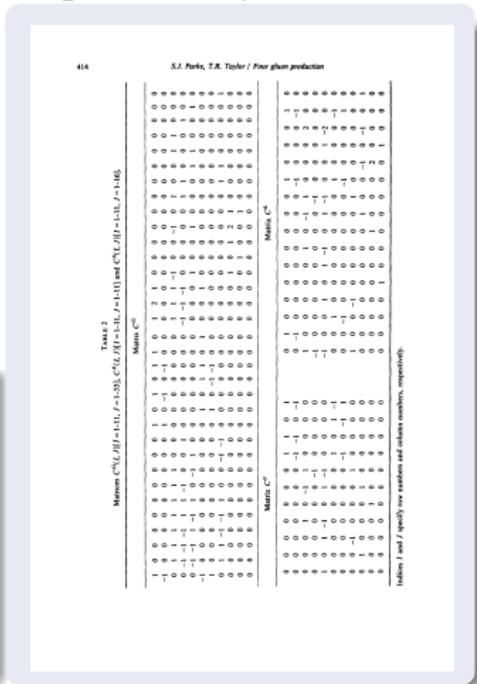
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 where ϵ is the totally antisymmetric tensor, $\epsilon_{1234} = 1$. For the future use, we define one more function,

$$F(p_i, p_j) = ((p_i, p_k)(p, p_j) + (p_i, p_l)(p, p_k) - (p_i, p_l)(p, p_j)) / (p_i, p_k). \quad (10)$$

Note that when evaluating A_4 and A_5 at crossed configurations of the momenta, care must be taken with the implicit dependence of the functions E , F and G on the momenta p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4 .

The diagrams D_i^G are listed below:

$$D_1^G(1) = \frac{8s}{3s_1 s_2 s_3 s_4} [((p_1 - p_2)(p_3 - p_4))E(p_1 - p_2, p_3 + p_4) - ((p_1 - p_3)(p_2 + p_4)) \times ((p_1 - p_4)(p_2 - p_3)) + ((p_2 + p_3)(p_1 - p_4))E(p_1 - p_4, p_2 - p_3)].$$

$$D_2^G(2) = \frac{1}{3s_1 s_2} [2E(p_1 - p_2, p_3 - p_4) - 2E(p_1 - p_2, p_4 - p_3) + 8d_2((p_1 - p_2)(p_3 - p_4))].$$

$$D_3^G(3) = \frac{4}{3s_1 s_2 s_3 s_4} [((p_1 + p_2 - p_3)(p_4 + p_3 - p_4))E(p_2, p_4) - ((p_1 + p_2 - p_3)(p_4 - p_3 + p_4))E(p_2, p_4) - ((p_1 - p_3 + p_4)(p_2 + p_3 - p_4))E(p_2, p_4) + ((p_1 - p_3 + p_4)(p_4 - p_3 + p_4))E(p_2, p_4) + ((p_1 - p_3 - p_4)(p_2 - p_3 - p_4 + p_3) - [p_4(p_3 - p_4)])E(p_2 + p_3, p_4 - p_3) + 8d_2(p_1 - p_3)E(p_1 - p_3)].$$

$$D_4^G(4) = \frac{-2}{3s_1 s_2} [E(p_2 - p_3, p_4 + p_3) - 8d_2(p_1 - p_3)].$$

$$D_5^G(5) = \frac{-2}{3s_1 s_2} [E(p_2 + p_3, p_4 - p_3) - 8d_2(p_1 - p_3)].$$

$$D_6^G(6) = \frac{8s}{t_{12}}.$$

$$D_7^G(7) = \frac{4}{3s_1 s_2 s_3 s_4} [((p_1 + p_2 - p_3)(p_4 + p_3 - p_4))E(p_2, p_4) - ((p_1 + p_2 - p_3)(p_4 - p_3 + p_4))E(p_2, p_4) - ((p_1 - p_3 + p_4)(p_2 + p_3 - p_4))E(p_2, p_4) - ((p_1 - p_3 + p_4)(p_4 - p_3 + p_4))E(p_2, p_4)].$$

$$D_8^G(8) = \frac{4}{3s_1 s_2 s_3 s_4} [((p_1 + p_2 - p_3)(p_4 + p_3 - p_4))E(p_2, p_4) - ((p_1 - p_2 + p_3)(p_4 + p_3 - p_4))E(p_2, p_4) - ((p_1 - p_2 + p_3)(p_4 - p_3 + p_4))E(p_2, p_4)].$$

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 D_1^2(9) &= \frac{4}{s_{12}s_{34}s_{13}} [(s_1 - p_1 + p_2)(p_1 + p_2 - p_3)] E(p_1, p_2) \\
 &\quad - [(s_1 - p_2 + p_3)(p_1 - p_2 + p_3)] E(p_2, p_3) + [(p_1(p_2 - p_3) + (p_1 + p_2 - p_3)E(p_1, p_2 - p_3))], \\
 D_1^2(10) &= \frac{4}{s_{12}s_{34}s_{13}} [(s_1 + p_1 - p_2)(p_1 - p_2 + p_3)] E(p_2, p_3) \\
 &\quad - [(s_1 - p_2 + p_3)(p_1 - p_2 + p_3)] E(p_2, p_3) + [(p_1(p_2 - p_3) + (p_1 + p_2 - p_3)E(p_1 - p_2, p_3))], \\
 D_1^2(11) &= \frac{s_1}{s_{12}s_{13}} [s_{12} - s_{34} + s_{31}], \\
 D_1^2(12) &= \frac{-s_1}{s_{12}s_{13}} [s_{12} - s_{34} - s_{31}], \\
 D_1^2(13) &= \frac{s_1}{s_{12}s_{13}s_{14}} [s_{12} + s_{34}][s_{12} - s_{34} + s_{31}], \\
 D_1^2(14) &= \frac{-s_1}{s_{12}s_{13}s_{14}} [s_{12} - s_{34}][s_{12} - s_{34} - s_{31}], \\
 D_1^2(15) &= \frac{s_1}{s_{12}s_{34}} (p_1 - p_2)(p_2 - p_3), \\
 D_1^2(16) &= \frac{-4}{s_{12}s_{34}s_{14}} [s_{12} - s_{34} + s_{31}] E(p_1, p_2), \\
 D_1^2(17) &= \frac{4}{s_{12}s_{34}s_{14}} [s_{12} - s_{34} - s_{31}] E(p_1, p_2), \\
 D_1^2(18) &= \frac{-4}{s_{12}s_{34}s_{13}} [2(p_1 + p_2)(p_2 - p_3) + s_{12}] E(p_2, p_3), \\
 D_1^2(19) &= \frac{-2}{s_{12}s_{34}} E(p_2, p_1 - p_3), \\
 D_1^2(20) &= \frac{2}{s_{12}s_{34}} E(p_1 - p_2, p_3), \\
 D_1^2(21) &= \frac{-4}{s_{12}s_{13}s_{14}} [s_{12} - s_{34} + s_{31}] E(p_2, p_3), \\
 D_1^2(22) &= \frac{4}{s_{12}s_{13}s_{14}} [s_{12} - s_{34} - s_{31}] E(p_2, p_3), \\
 D_1^2(23) &= \frac{4}{s_{12}s_{23}s_{34}} [2(p_1 + p_2)(p_2 - p_3) + s_{12}] E(p_2, p_3),
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$$\begin{aligned}
 D_1^0(24) &= -\frac{2}{315f_{314}} E(p_0, p_1, p_2), \\
 D_1^0(25) &= \frac{2}{315f_{315}} E(p_0, p_1, p_2), \\
 D_1^0(26) &= -\frac{2}{315f_{323}} E(p_0, p_1, p_2), \\
 D_1^0(27) &= \frac{2}{315f_{323}} E(p_0, p_1, p_2), \\
 D_1^0(28) &= \frac{2}{315f_{315}} E(p_0, p_1, p_2), \\
 D_1^0(29) &= -\frac{2}{315f_{315}} E(p_0, p_1, p_2), \\
 D_1^0(30) &= \frac{4}{315f_{314}f_{323}} [(p_1 + p_2 - p_0)(p_0 + p_1 - p_2) - f_{314}] E(p_0, p_2), \\
 D_1^0(31) &= \frac{4}{315f_{314}f_{323}} [(p_1 + p_2 - p_0)(p_0 + p_1 + p_2) + f_{314}] E(p_0, p_2), \\
 D_1^0(32) &= \frac{4}{315f_{314}f_{323}} [(p_1 - p_2 + p_0)(p_0 + p_1 - p_2) + f_{314}] E(p_0, p_2), \\
 D_1^0(33) &= \frac{4}{315f_{314}f_{323}} [(p_1 - p_2 + p_0)(p_0 + p_1 + p_2) - f_{314}] E(p_0, p_2),
 \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

where $\delta_0 = 1$.
 The diagrams D_1^0 are obtained from D_1^0 by replacing δ_0 by $\delta_0 = 0$ and the functions $E(p_0, p_2)$ by $G(p_0, p_2)$.
 The diagrams D_1^0 are listed below:

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_1^0(1) &= \frac{4}{315f_{314}f_{323}} [F(p_0, p_2)E(p_0, p_2) - F(p_0, p_2)E(p_0, p_2) \\
 &\quad + [F(p_0, p_2) + f_{314}]E(p_0, p_2)], \\
 D_1^0(2) &= \frac{4}{315f_{314}f_{323}} [F(p_0, p_2) + f_{314}]E(p_0, p_2) \\
 &\quad + [F(p_0, p_2) + f_{314}]E(p_0, p_2) - F(p_0, p_2)E(p_0, p_2)], \\
 D_1^0(3) &= \frac{4}{315f_{314}f_{323}} [F(p_0, p_2)E(p_0, p_2) - F(p_0, p_2)E(p_0, p_2) \\
 &\quad - [F(p_0, p_2) - f_{314} - f_{314}]E(p_0, p_2)].
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$$D_1^2(4) = \frac{4}{s_{12}s_{34}s_{13}} [F(p_1, p_2)E(p_3, p_4) - F(p_3, p_4)E(p_1, p_2)] \\ + [F(p_1, p_2) - \frac{1}{2}(s_{12} - s_{34}) + \frac{1}{2}(s_{13} + s_{24})]E(p_3, p_4),$$

$$D_1^2(5) = \frac{2}{s_{12}s_{34}s_{13}} [s_{12} - s_{13} + s_{23}]E(p_3, p_4),$$

$$D_1^2(6) = \frac{2}{s_{12}s_{34}s_{13}} [s_{34} - s_{24} - s_{23}]E(p_3, p_4),$$

$$D_1^2(7) = \frac{4}{s_{12}s_{34}s_{13}} [(F(p_1, p_2) - \frac{1}{2}(s_{12} - s_{34}) + \frac{1}{2}(s_{13} + s_{24})) \\ + [F(p_3, p_4) + \frac{1}{2}(s_{34} - s_{24})]E(p_1, p_2) - [F(p_1, p_2) + \frac{1}{2}(s_{12} - s_{34})]E(p_3, p_4)],$$

$$D_1^2(8) = \frac{1}{s_{12}s_{34}} E(p_1 - p_3, p_4),$$

$$D_1^2(9) = \frac{2}{2s_{12}s_{34}s_{13}} [s_{12} - s_{13} + s_{23}]E(p_1, p_3),$$

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The diagrams D_i^2 are listed below:

$$D_1^2(1) = \frac{1}{s_{12}s_{34}s_{13}} [s_{12} - s_{13} + s_{23}][s_{12} - s_{13} - s_{24}],$$

$$D_1^2(2) = \frac{1}{s_{12}s_{34}s_{13}} [s_{12} - s_{13} - s_{23}][s_{12} - s_{13} + s_{24}],$$

$$D_1^2(3) = \frac{1}{s_{12}s_{34}s_{13}} [s_{12} - s_{13} + s_{23}][s_{12} - s_{13} - s_{24}],$$

$$D_1^2(4) = \frac{1}{s_{12}s_{34}s_{13}} [s_{12} + s_{13} - s_{24}][s_{12} - s_{13} + s_{24}],$$

$$D_1^2(5) = \frac{1}{s_{12}s_{34}s_{13}} [s_{12} - s_{13} - s_{23}][s_{12} - s_{13} - s_{24}],$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 D_1^2(7) &= \frac{1}{2g_s^2 s_1 s_{12}} [s_{12} - s_{14} + s_{24}] [s_{12} - s_{13} - s_{23}], \\
 D_1^2(8) &= \frac{1}{2g_s^2 s_1 s_{14}} [s_{12} + s_{13} - s_{23}] [s_{12} - s_{14} + s_{24}], \\
 D_1^2(9) &= \frac{1}{2g_s^2 s_1 s_{13}} [s_{12} + s_{14} - s_{24}] [s_{12} - s_{13} + s_{23}], \\
 D_1^2(10) &= \frac{1}{2g_s^2 s_{14}} (p_1 - p_3)(p_2 - p_4), \\
 D_1^2(11) &= \frac{1}{2g_s^2 s_{13}} (p_1 - p_4)(p_2 - p_3), \\
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 &\quad + [(p_2 - p_3)(p_1 - p_4)] [(p_1 - p_4)(p_2 + p_3)] \\
 &\quad + [(p_1 + p_4)(p_2 - p_3)] [(p_1 - p_4)(p_2 - p_3)], \\
 D_1^2(16) &= -\frac{1}{2g_s^2 s_1 s_{12}} [(p_2 - p_3)(p_1 + p_4)] [(p_1 - p_4)(p_2 - p_3)] \\
 &\quad + [(p_1 + p_4)(p_2 - p_3)] [(p_1 - p_4)(p_2 - p_3)] \\
 &\quad + [(p_1 - p_4)(p_2 + p_3)] [(p_1 - p_4)(p_2 - p_3)]. \tag{13}
 \end{aligned}$$

The preceding list completes the result. Let us recapitulate now the numerical procedure of calculating the full cross section. First the diagrams D_i are calculated by using eqs. (11)–(13). The result is substituted into eq. (8) to obtain the vectors \mathcal{D}_i and \mathcal{D}_j . After generating the vectors \mathcal{D}_k , \mathcal{D}_l , \mathcal{D}_m , \mathcal{D}_n , \mathcal{D}_o , \mathcal{D}_p , and \mathcal{D}_q , by the appropriate permutations of momenta, eq. (6) is used to obtain the functions A_i and A_j . Finally, the total cross section is calculated by using eq. (5). The FORTRAN 5 program based on such a scheme generates ten Monte Carlo points in less than a second on the heterotic CDC CYBER 175/875.

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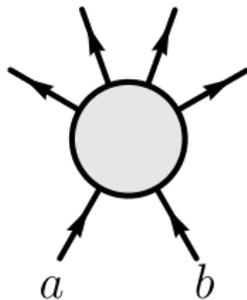
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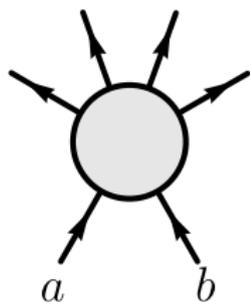
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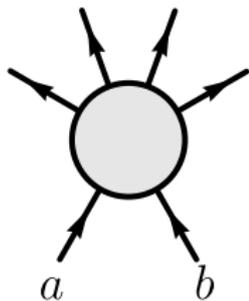
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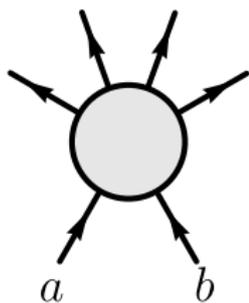
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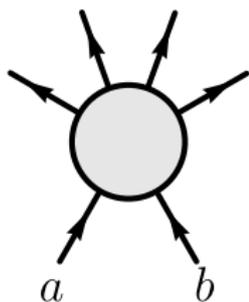
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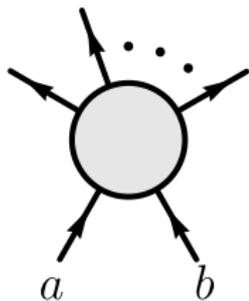
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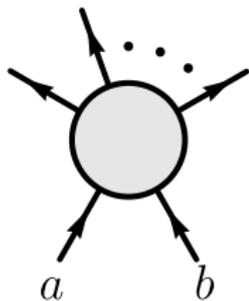


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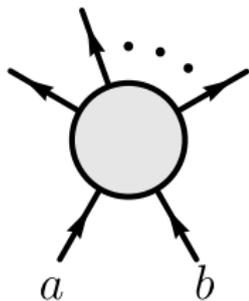
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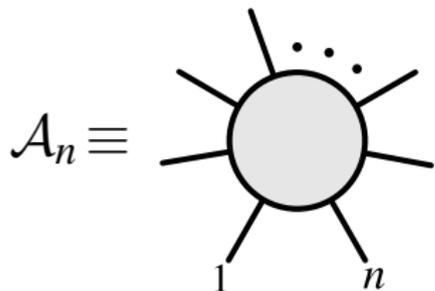
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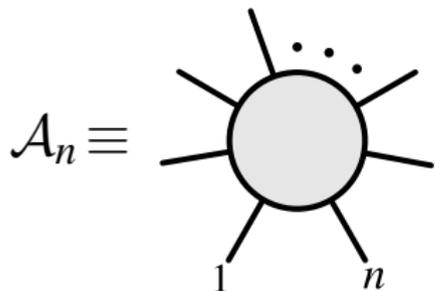
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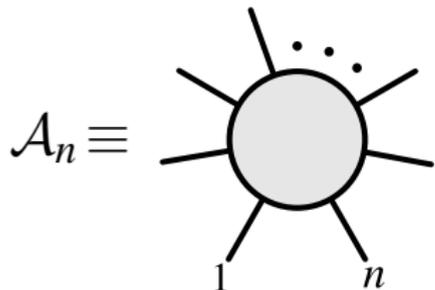
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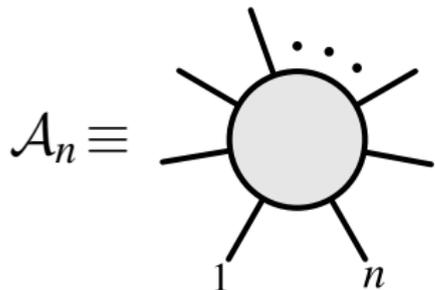
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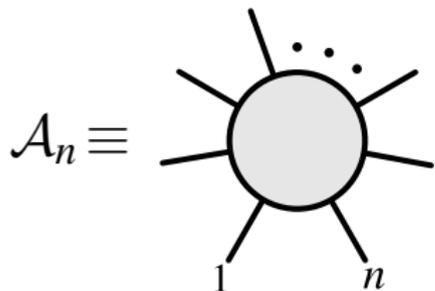


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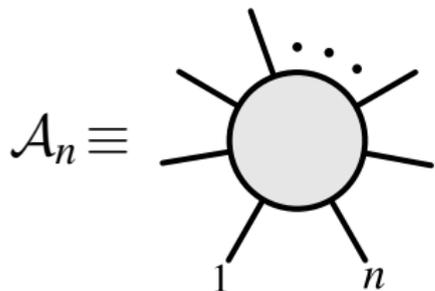


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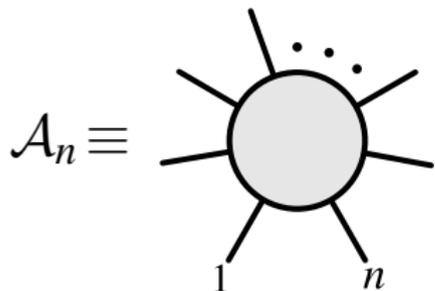


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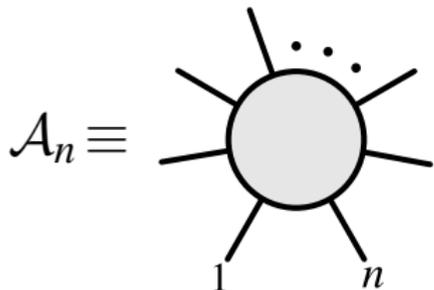


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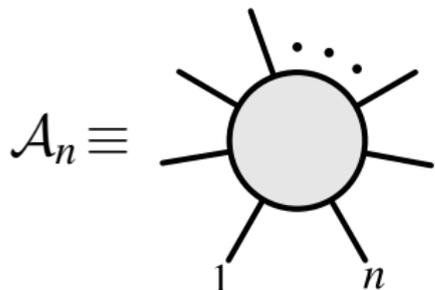


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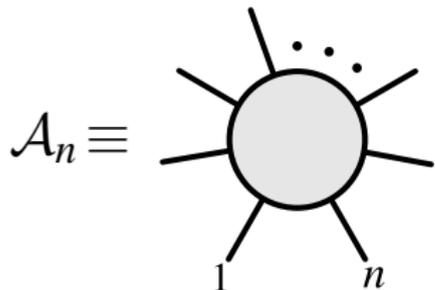


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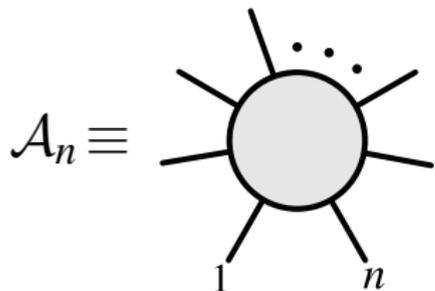


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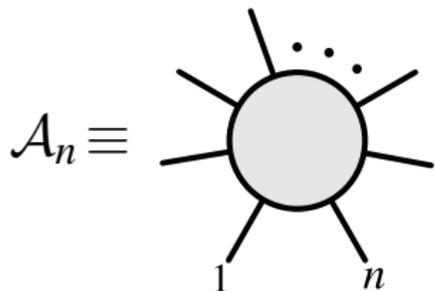


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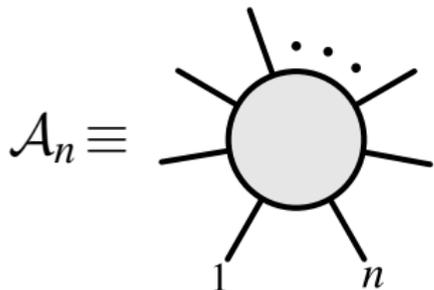


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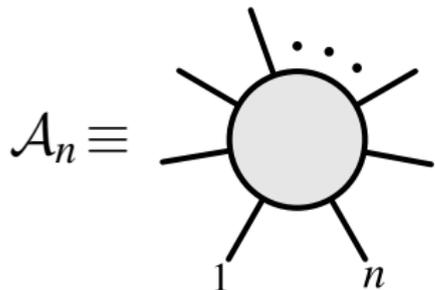


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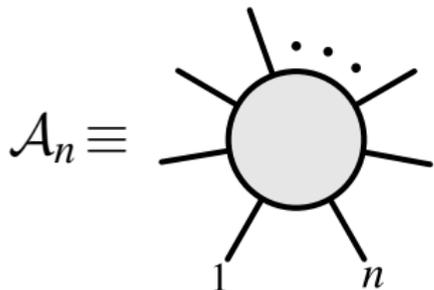


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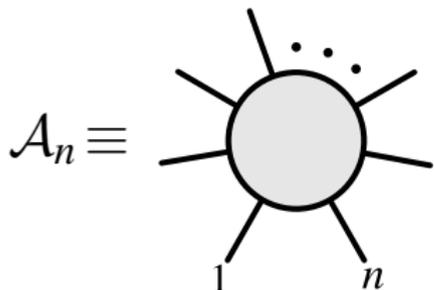
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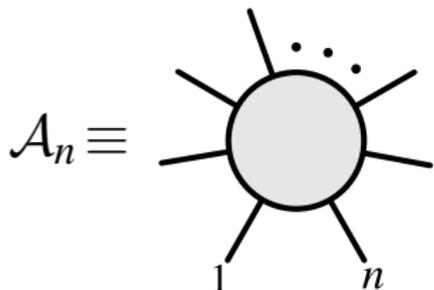
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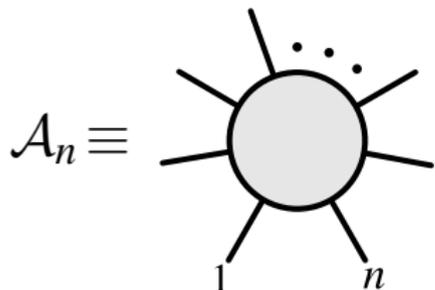
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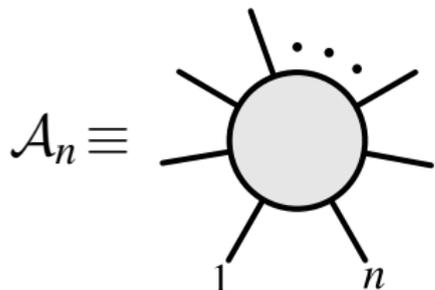
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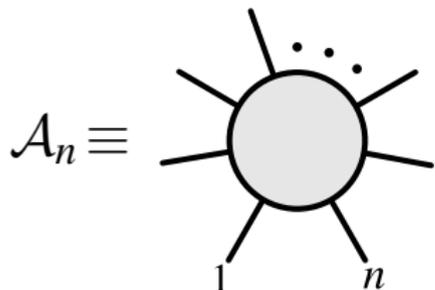
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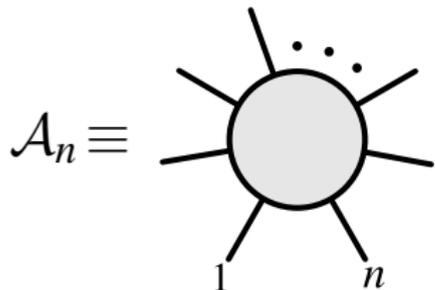
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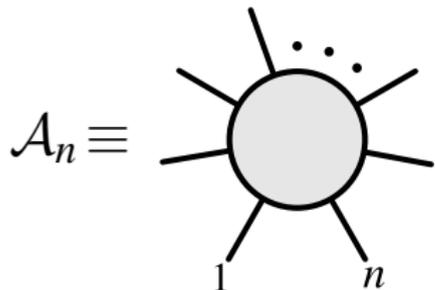
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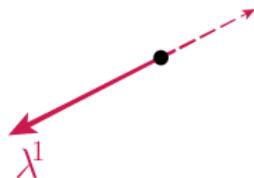
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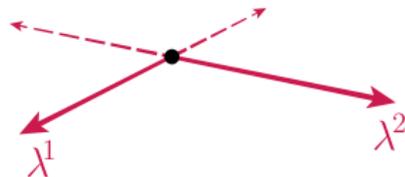
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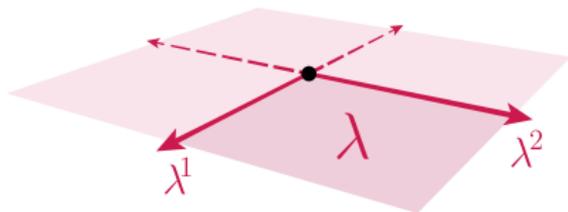
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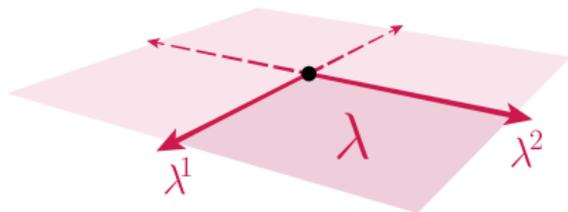
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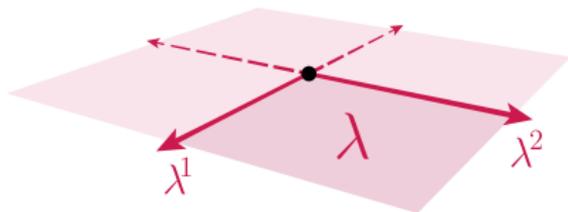
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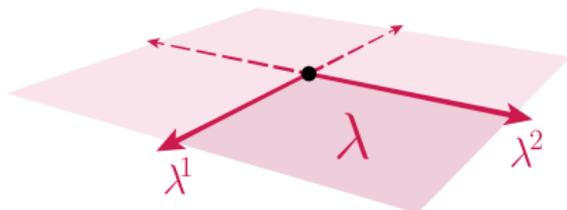
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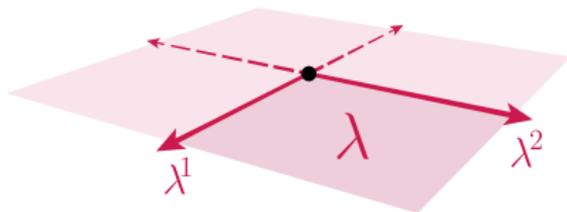
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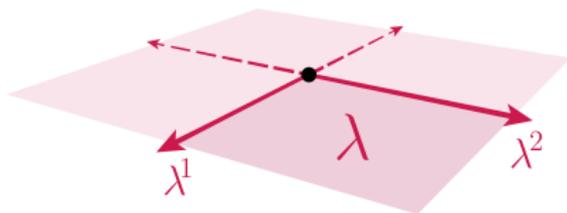
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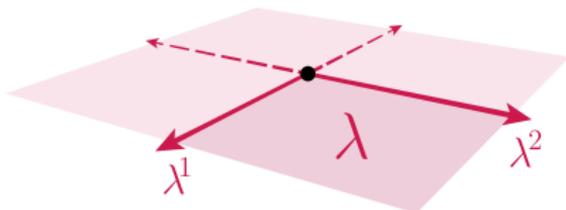
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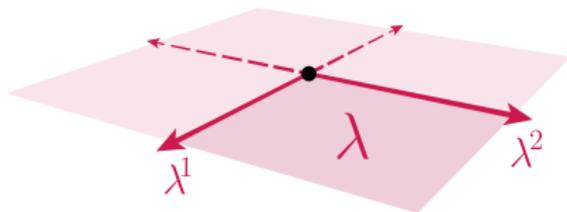
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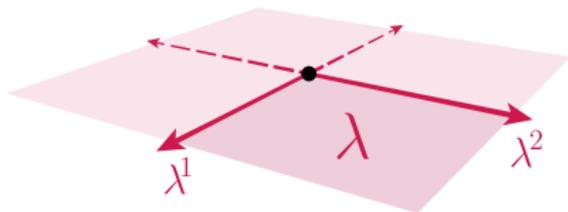
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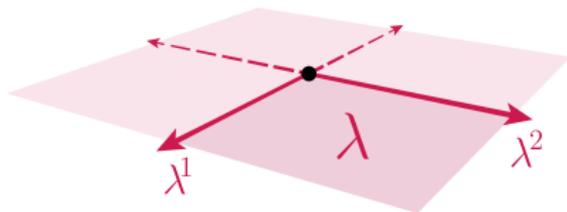
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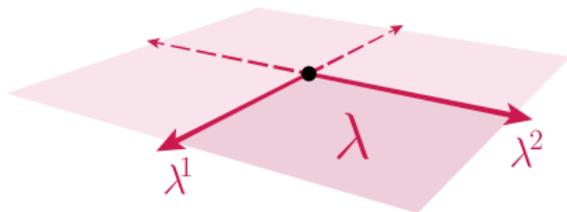
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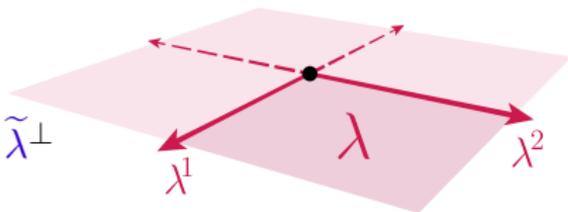
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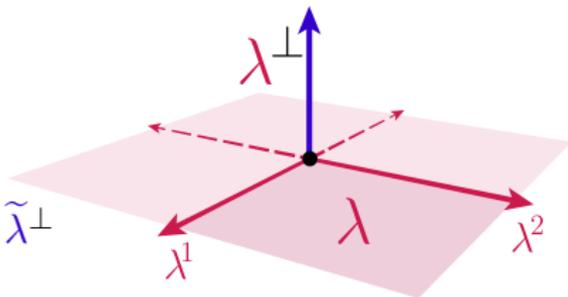
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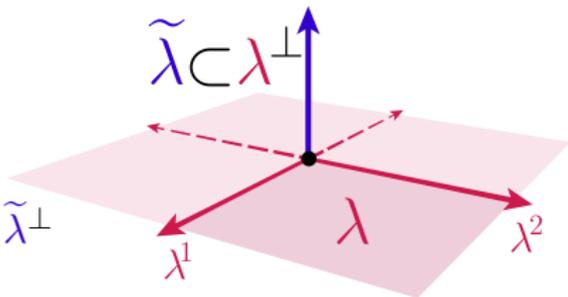
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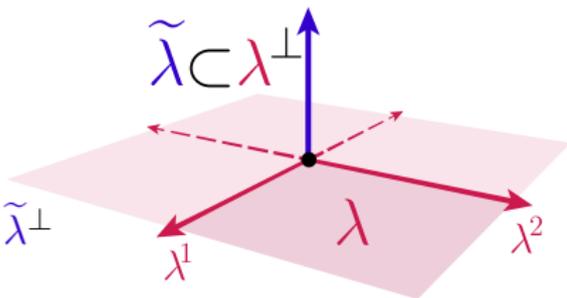
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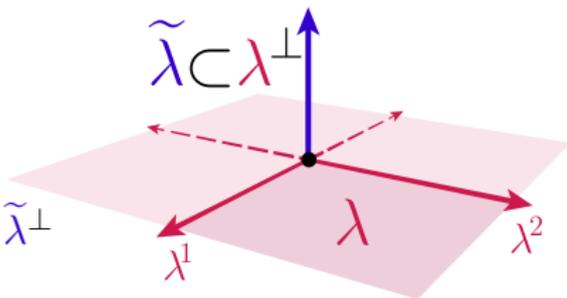
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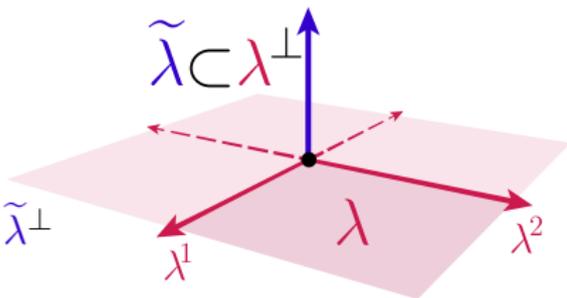
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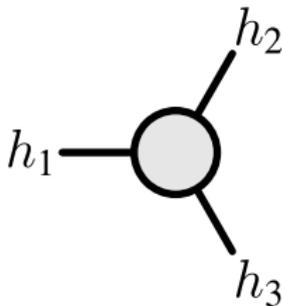


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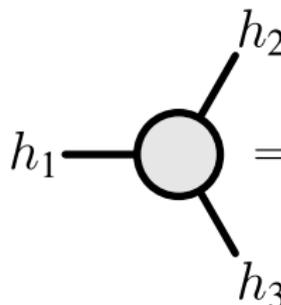
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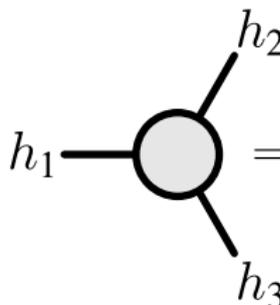


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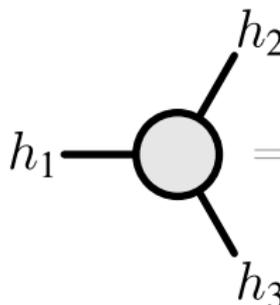
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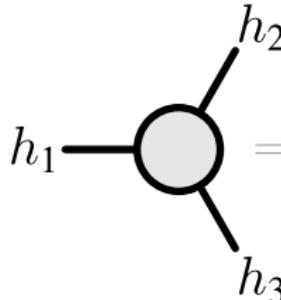
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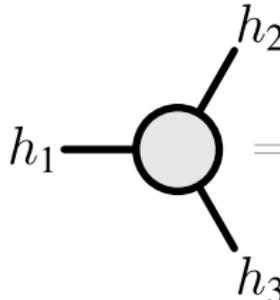
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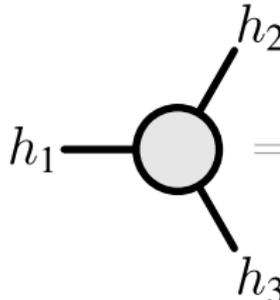
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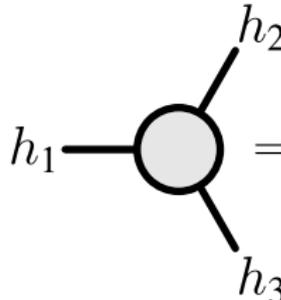
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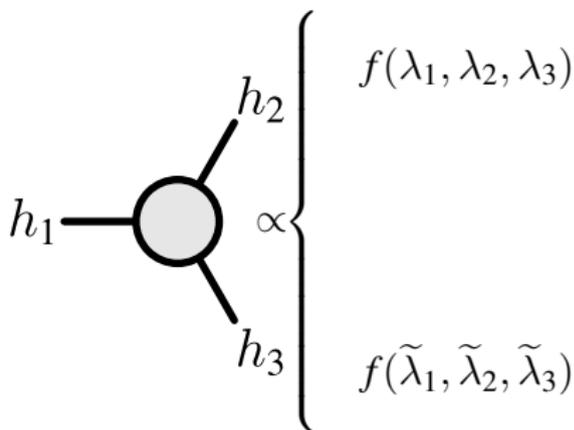
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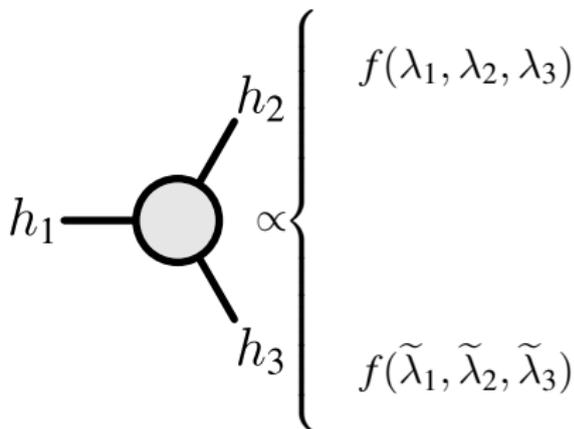
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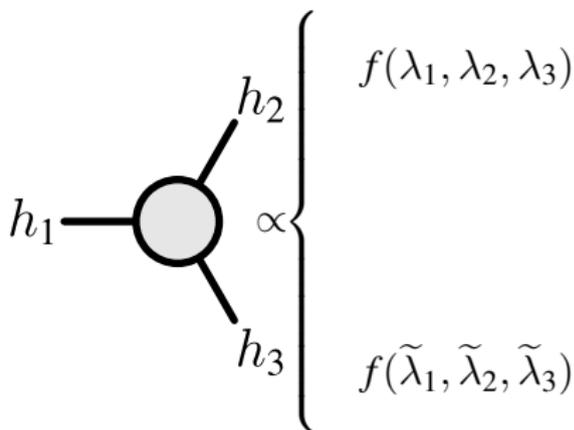
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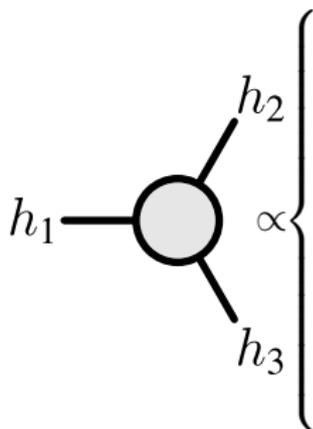
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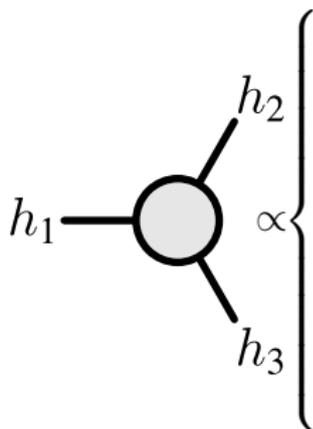
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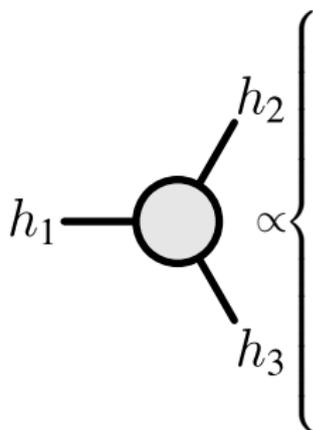
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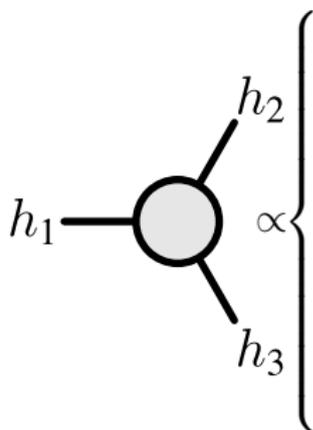
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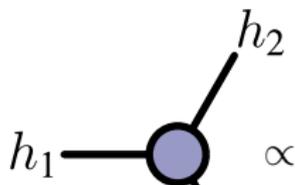
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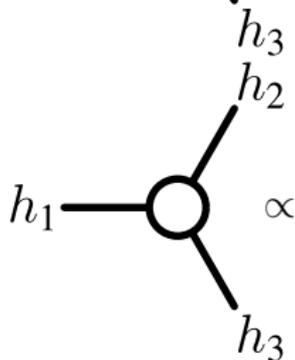
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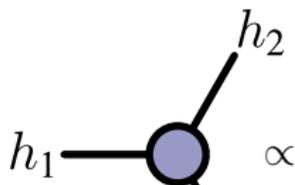
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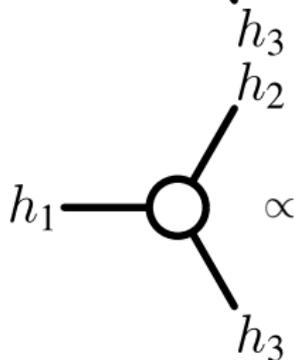
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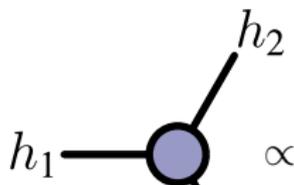
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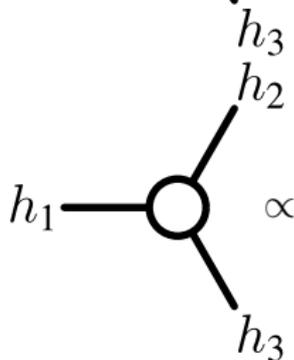
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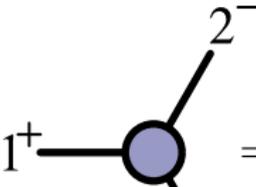
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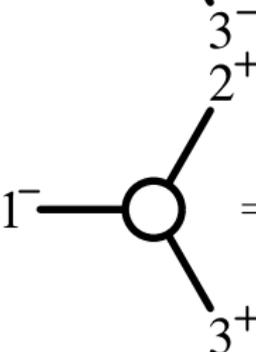
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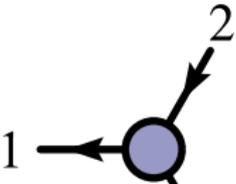
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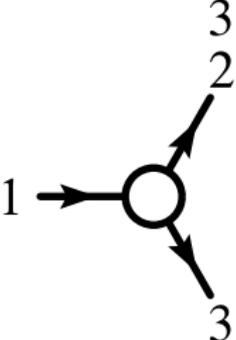
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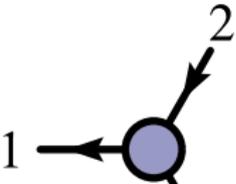
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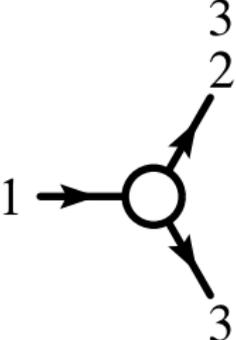
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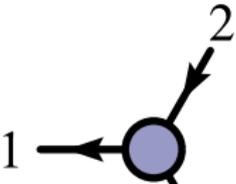
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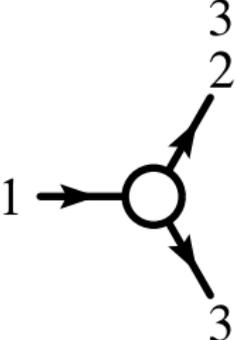
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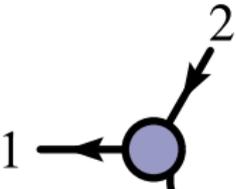
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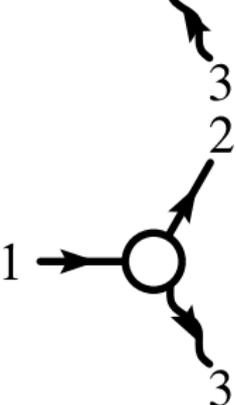
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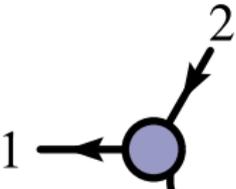
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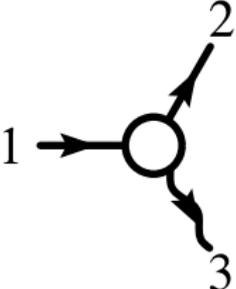
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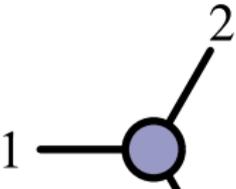
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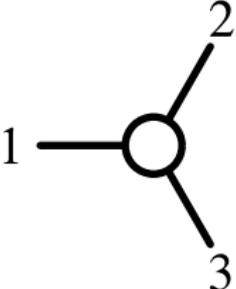
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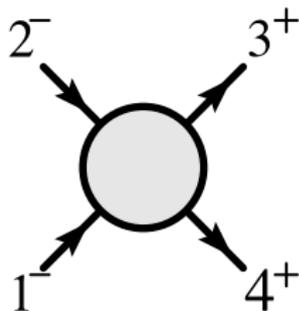
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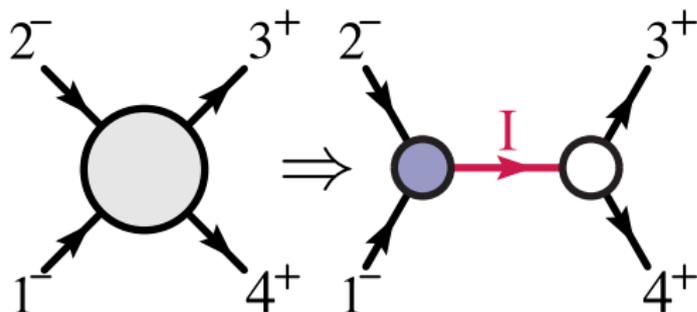
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