

Dynamics and fields for tensor networks

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Quantum phases of a chain of strongly interacting anyons

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Quantum gates for the manipulation of topological qubits rely on interactions between non-Abelian anyonic quasiparticles. We study the collective behaviour of systems of anyons arising from such interactions. In particular, we study the effect of favouring different fusion channels of the screened Majorana spins appearing in the recently proposed topological Kondo effect. Based on the numerical solution of a chain of $SO(5)_2$ anyons we identify two critical phases whose low-energy behaviour is characterised by conformal field theories with central charges $c = 1$ and $c = 8/7$, respectively. Our results are complemented by exact results for special values of the coupling constants which provide additional information about the corresponding phase transitions.

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Low-dimensional quantum systems hold an irresistible and enduring fascination because they can support topological states of matter with exotic quasiparticles, *anyons*, exhibiting unusual braiding statistics [1]. While initially a curiosity, anyons generated considerable excitement when it was realized that the fractional quantum Hall effect [2] — and later nanowires [3, 4] and the $p_x + ip_y$

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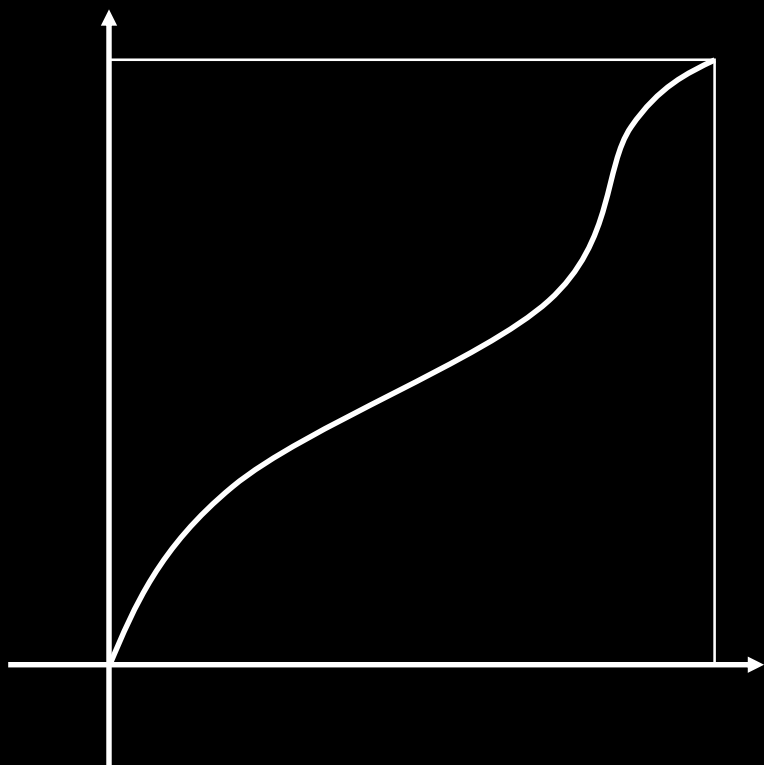
low-energy

space of quantum spin

system

Conformal group:

$$\text{conf}(\mathbb{R}^{1,1}) \cong \text{diff}_+(S^1) \times \text{diff}_+(S^1)$$



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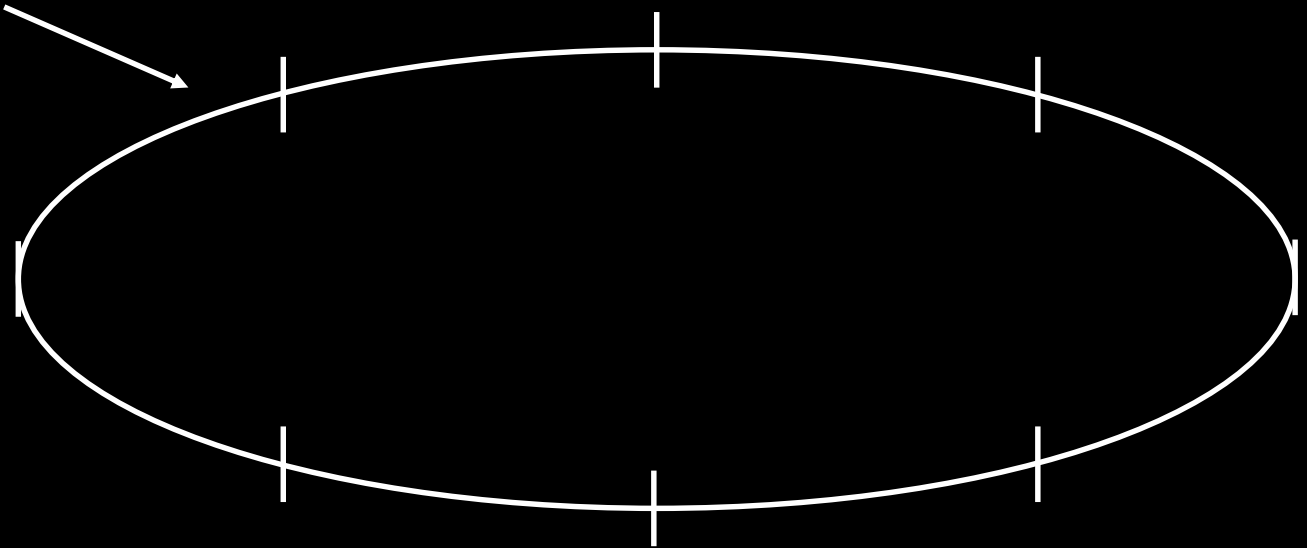


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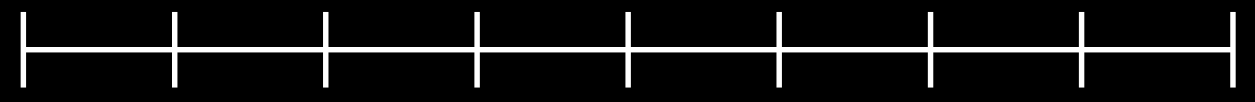
find TNS subspaces for
low energy & large scale
excitations which admit
“conformal group action”

Kadanoff block spin renormalisation

\mathbb{C}^d $\mathcal{H} = (\mathbb{C}^d)^{\otimes n}$



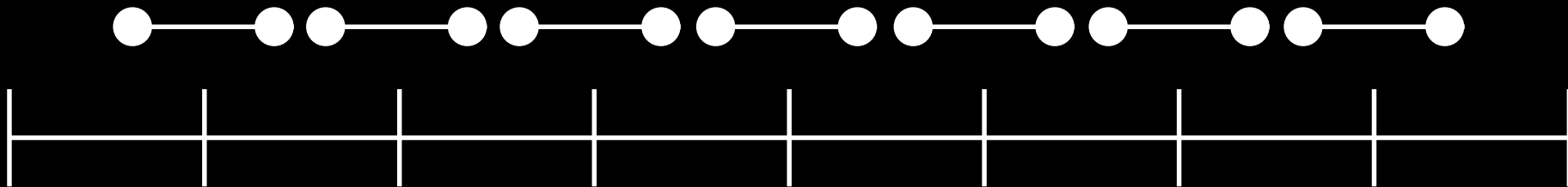
$\longrightarrow a = 1/\Lambda \longleftarrow$



This is important!

$$H(\Lambda) = \sum_j h_{j,j+1}(\Lambda)$$

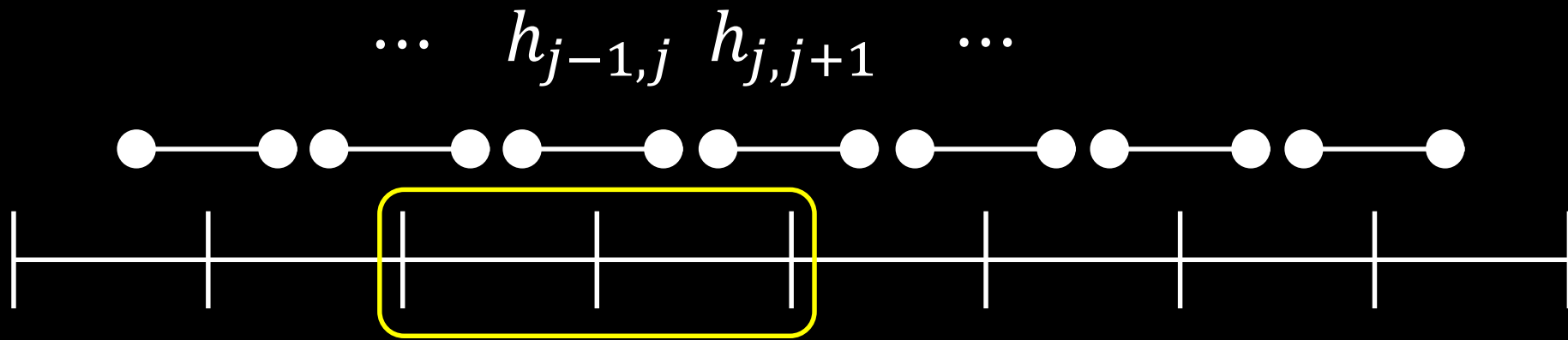
... $h_{j-1,j}$ $h_{j,j+1}$...



$$h_{j,j+1} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{d^2} |\psi_{\alpha}\rangle\langle\psi_{\alpha}|$$

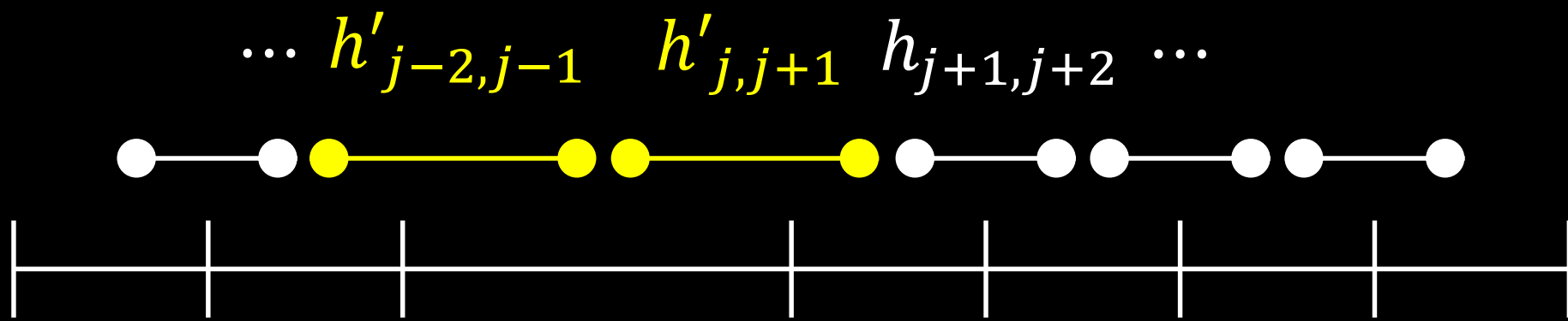


$$P_{low} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^d |\psi_{\alpha}\rangle\langle\psi_{\alpha}|$$



P_{low}

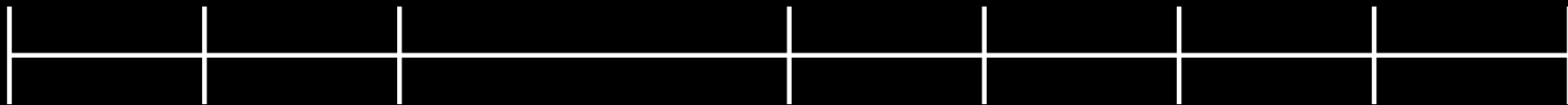
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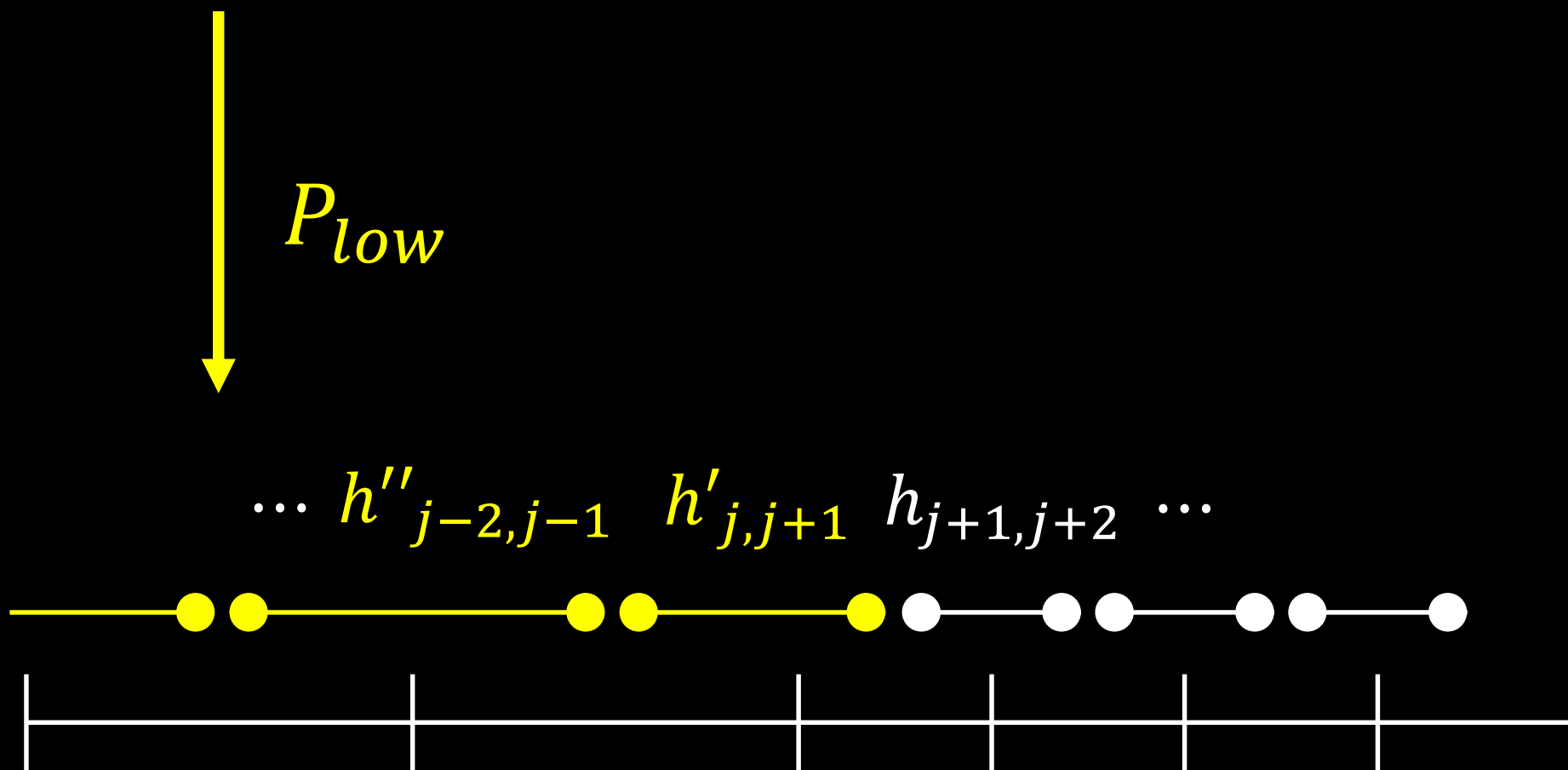
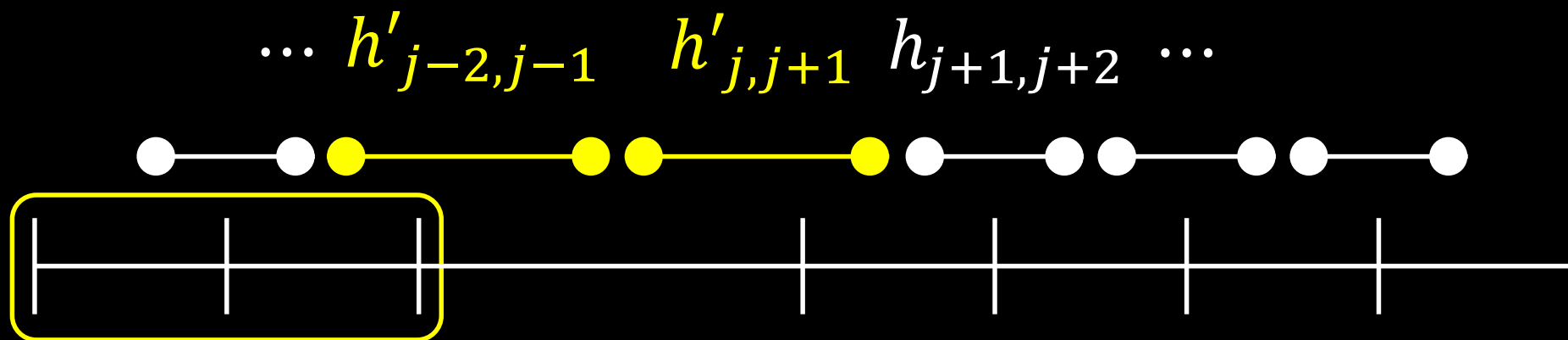


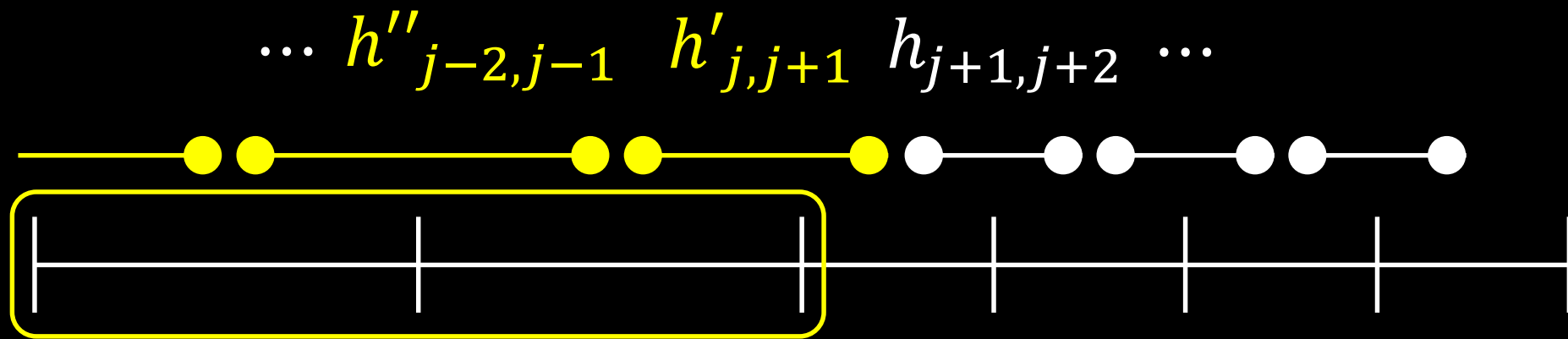
$$H_{\text{eff}} = \sum_{k \neq j-2, j-1, j} h_{k, k+1} + P_{\text{low}}(h_{j-2, j-1} + h_{j-1, j} + h_{j, j+1})P_{\text{low}}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} = P_{\text{low}} \mathcal{H} \cong (\mathbb{C}^d)^{\otimes n-1}$$

$$\longrightarrow a = 2/\Lambda \longleftarrow$$

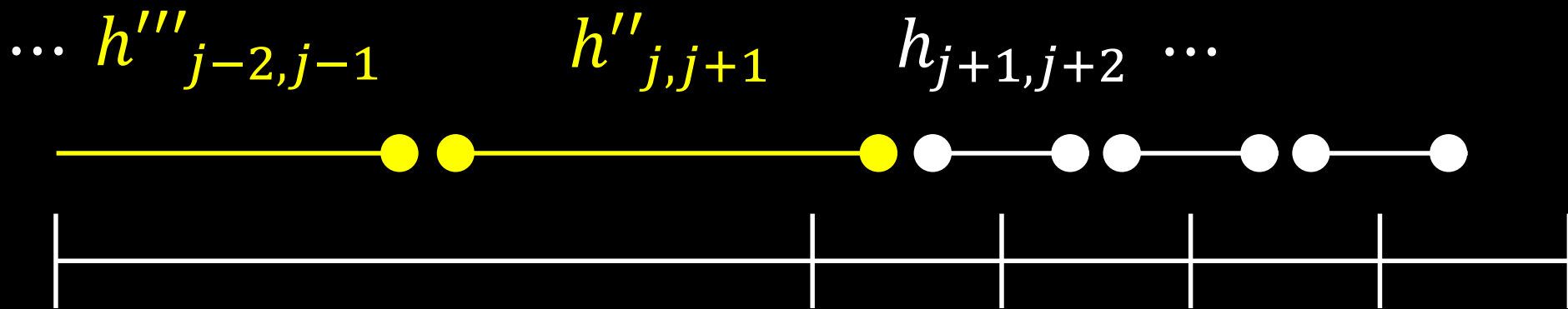


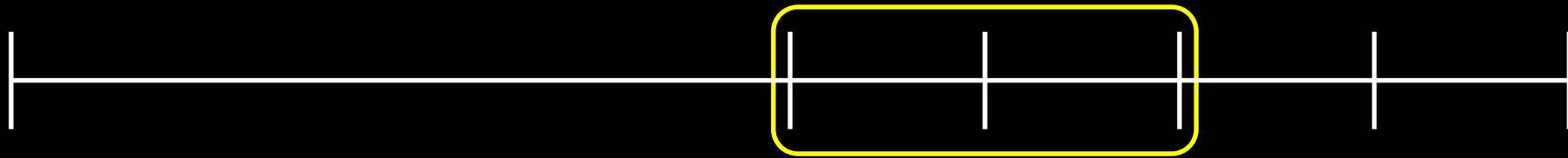




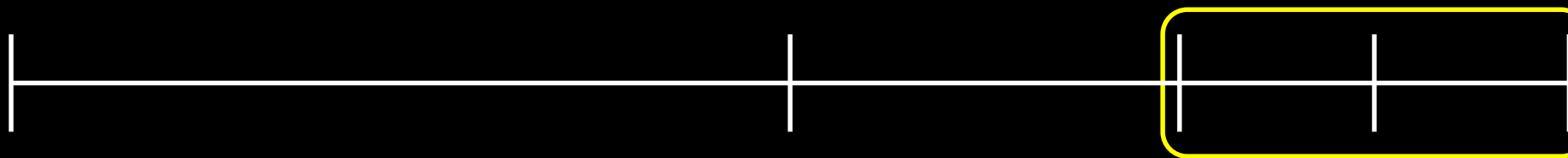
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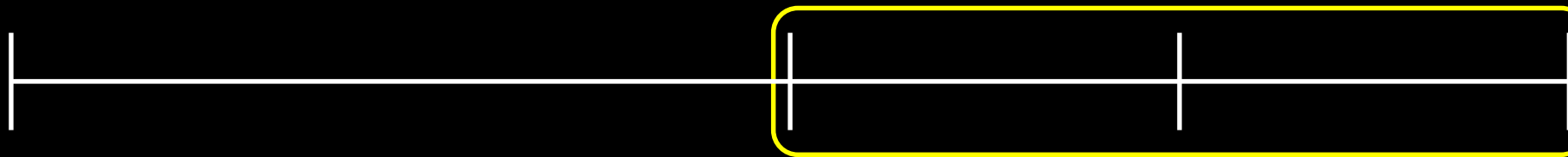




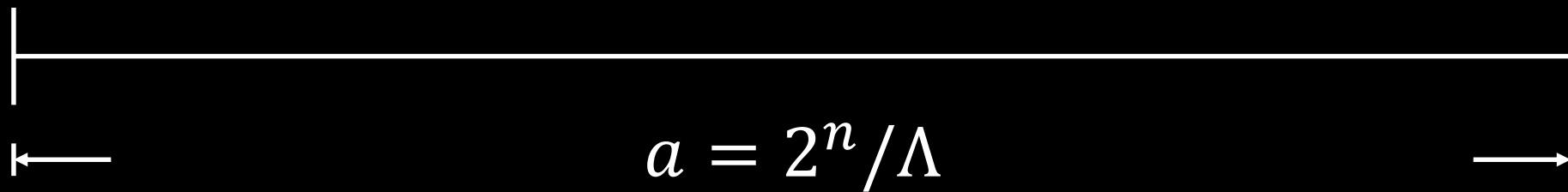
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A diagram showing a horizontal line segment with vertical end caps. Below the segment, there are two arrows pointing outwards from the ends of the segment, indicating its extent. The equation $a = 2^n / \Lambda$ is centered below the segment.

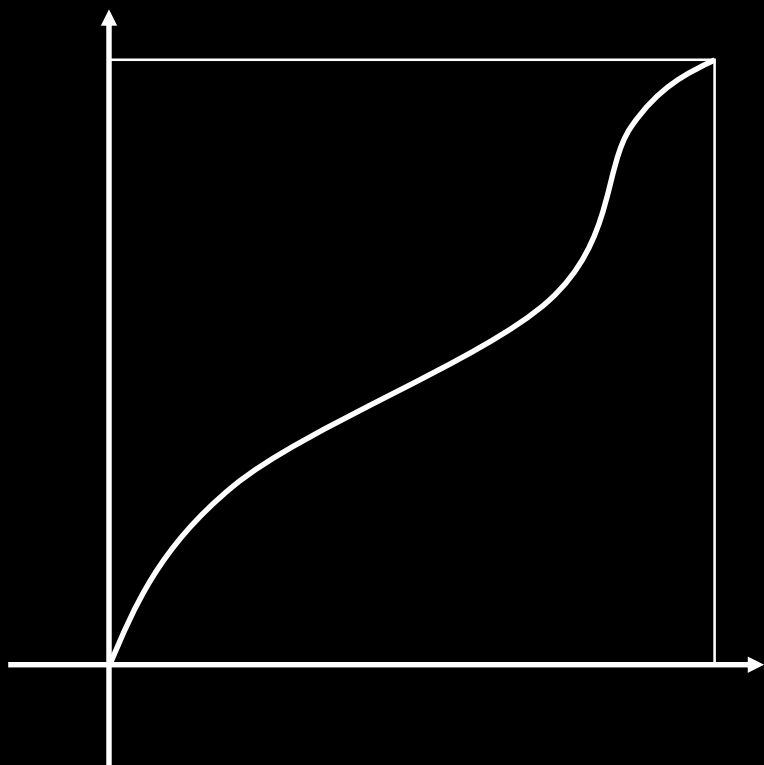
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$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^{(n)} = P_{\text{low}} \cdots P_{\text{low}} \mathcal{H} \cong \mathbb{C}^d$$

$$H_{\text{eff}}^{(n)} = h^{(n)}$$

Intermediate
lattice systems are
coarser partitions
of circle

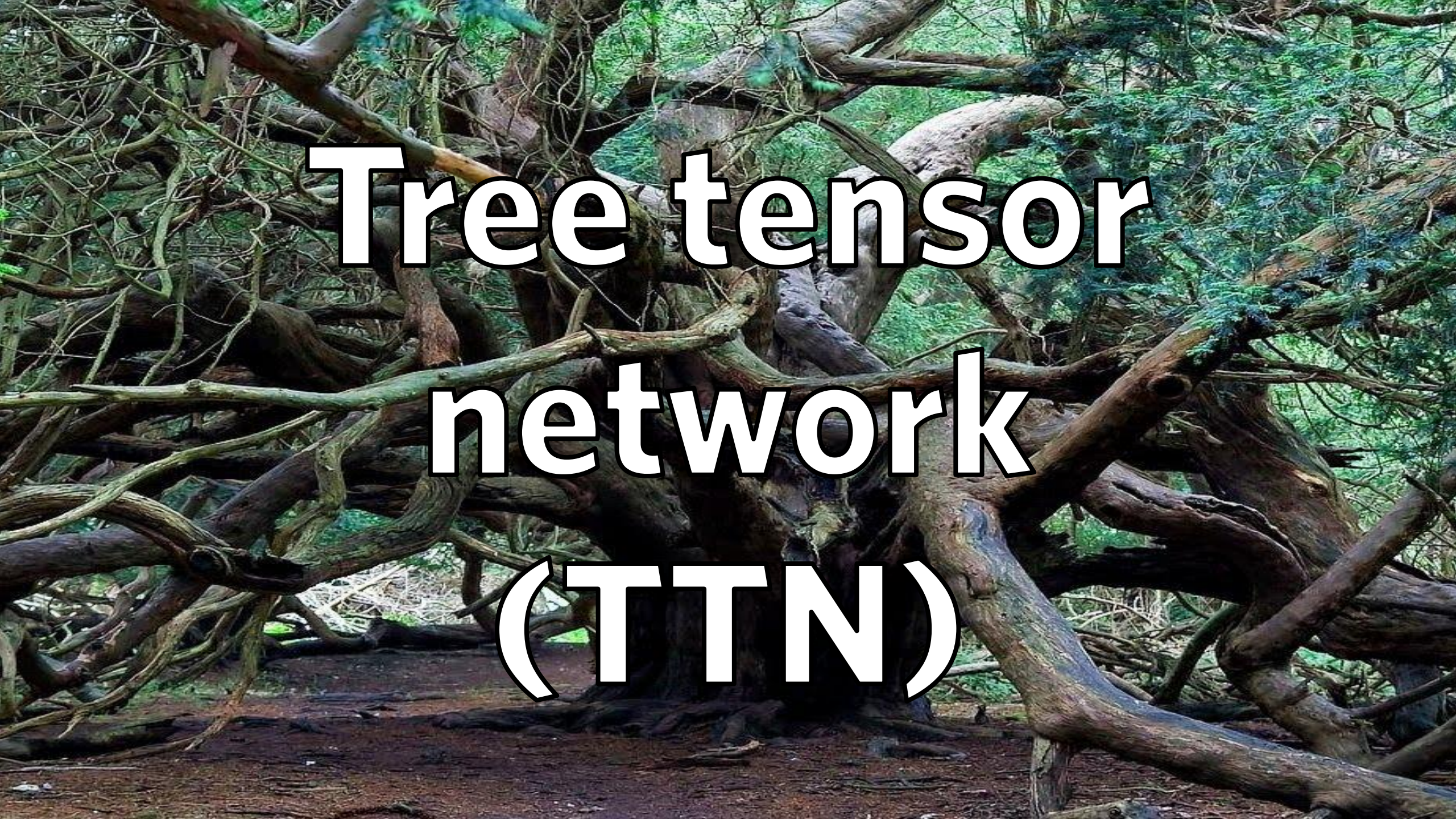
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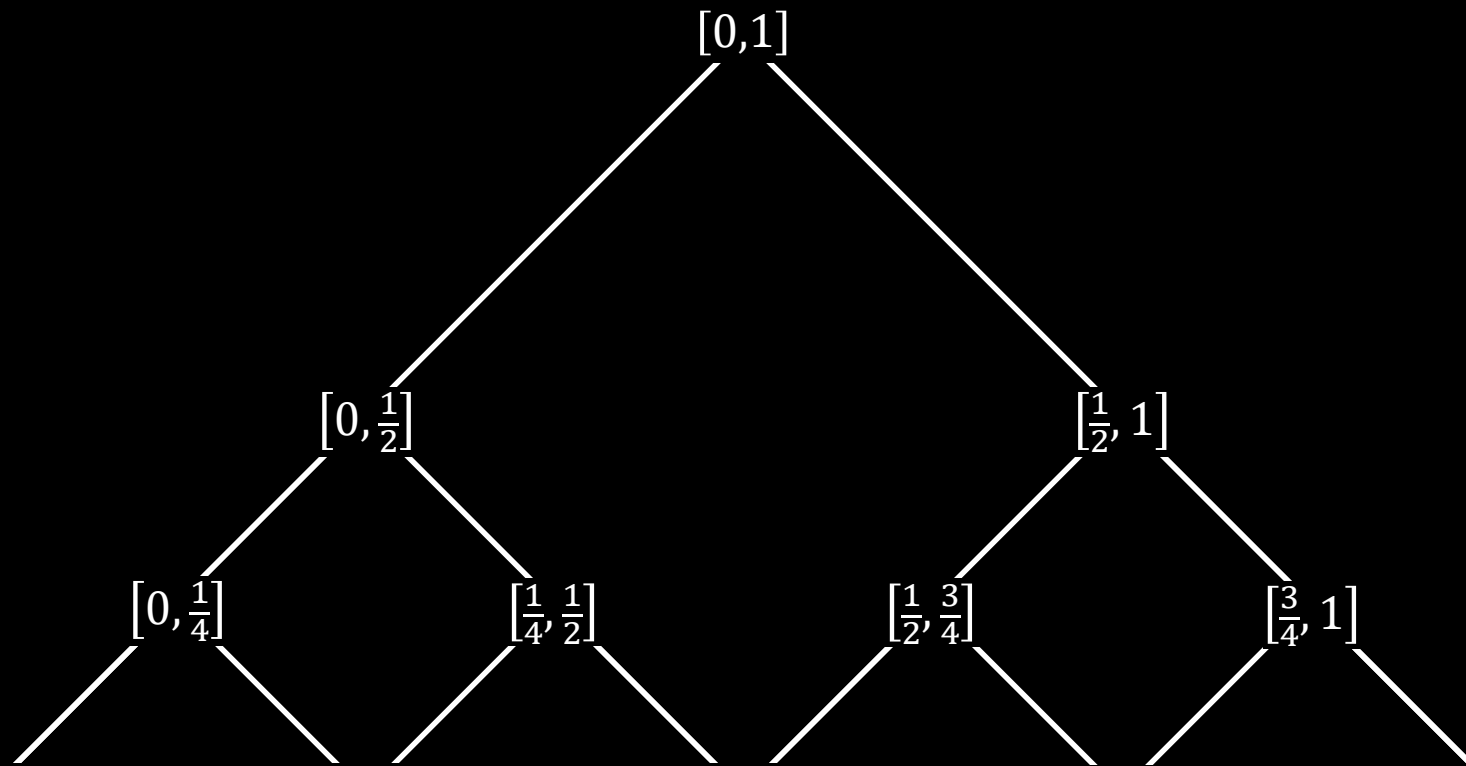
(Semi)continuous limit

A photograph of a dense thicket of gnarled tree roots and branches, illustrating the concept of a tree tensor network. The roots are thick and twisted, creating a complex, interconnected structure. The background is filled with green foliage, suggesting a forest setting.

Tree tensor network (TTN)

Standard dyadic interval:

interval of form $\left[\frac{a}{2^n}, \frac{a+1}{2^n}\right]$:



Standard dyadic partitions:

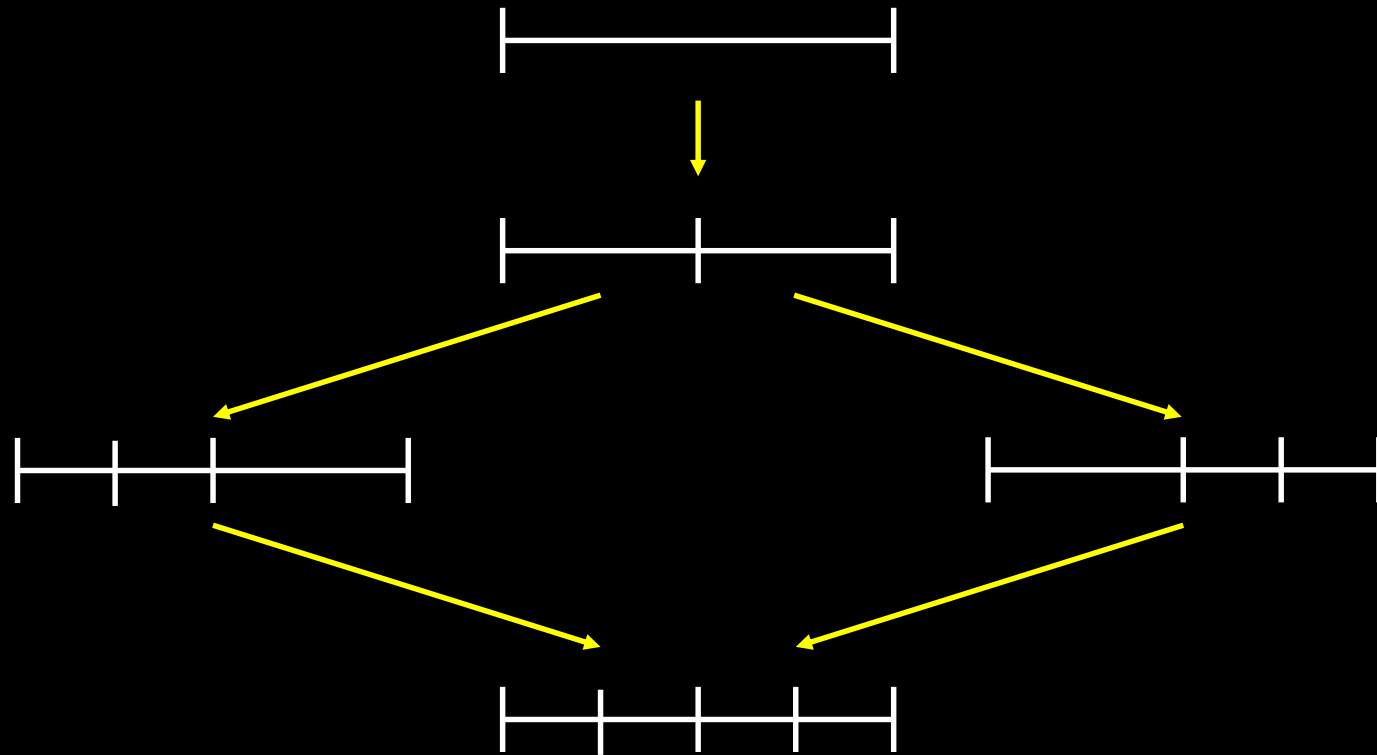
partitions $[0,1]$ into std. dyadic intervals

$$\mathcal{D} = \left\{ \dots, \text{---|---|---|}, \text{---|---|---|}, \dots \right\}$$

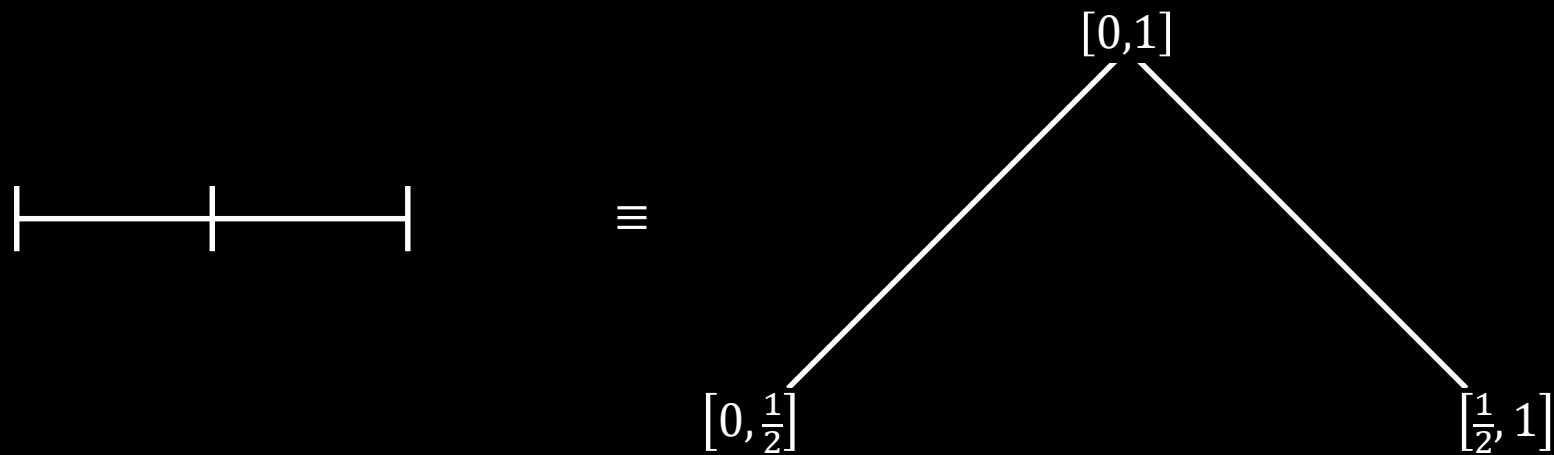
If $P, Q \in \mathcal{D}$ say
" $P \leq Q$ " to mean partition
 Q is a **refinement** of P

(Q has more cells)

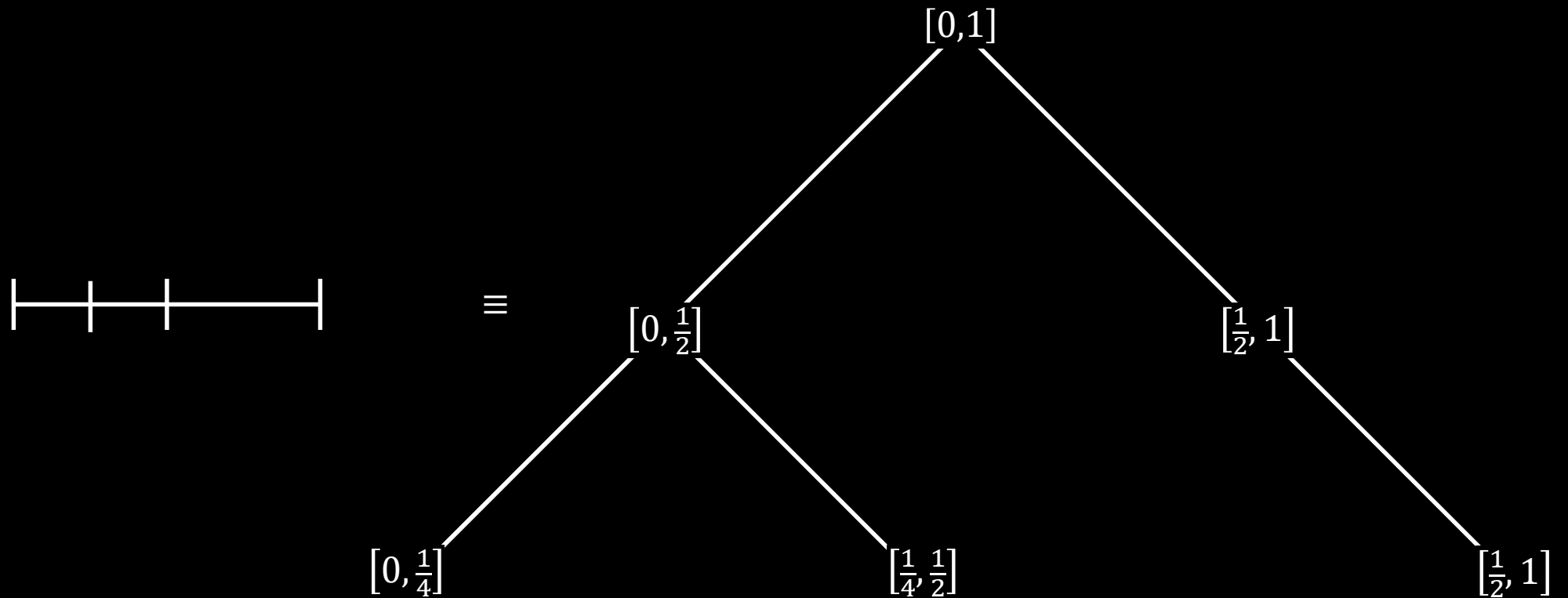
Standard dyadic partition: directed set \mathcal{D}



Standard dyadic partitions: representation via trees



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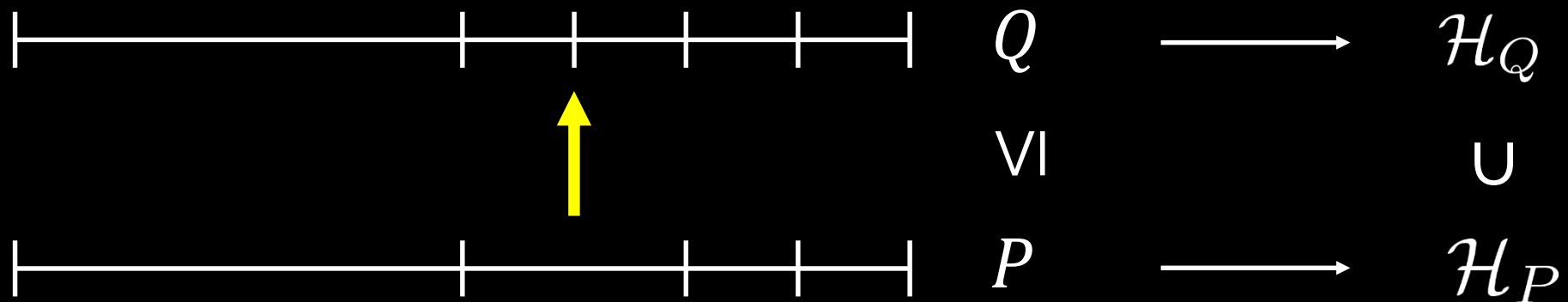


Hilbert space structure

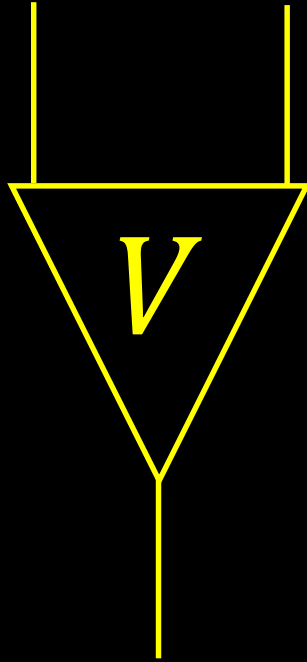


If $P \leq Q$ identify $\mathcal{H}_P \subset \mathcal{H}_Q$
via isometry:

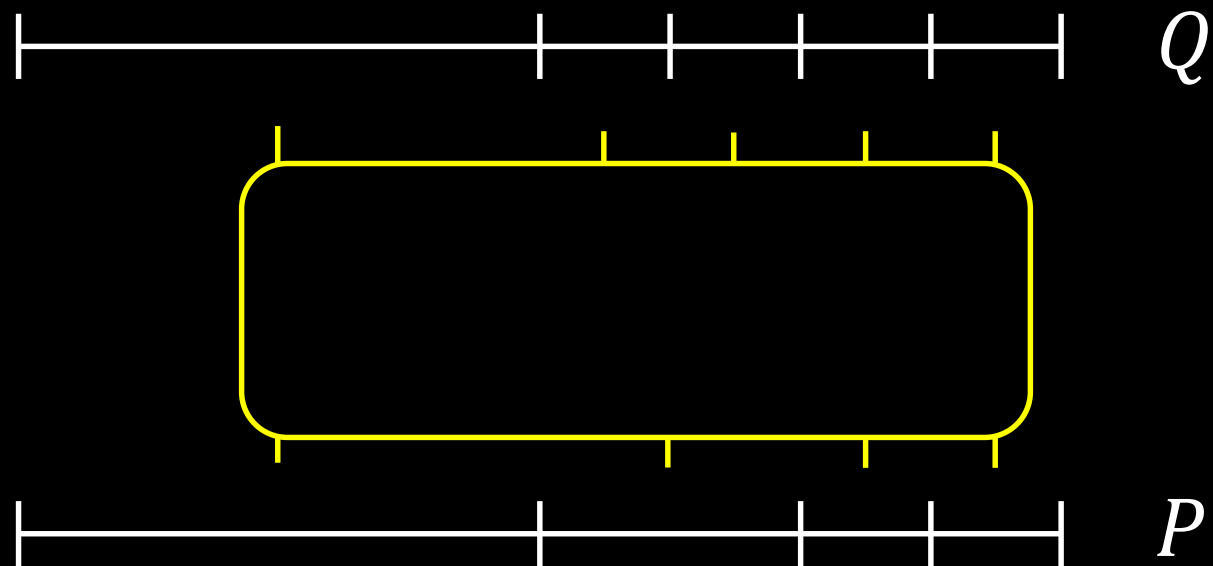
$$T_Q^P : \mathcal{H}_P \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_Q$$



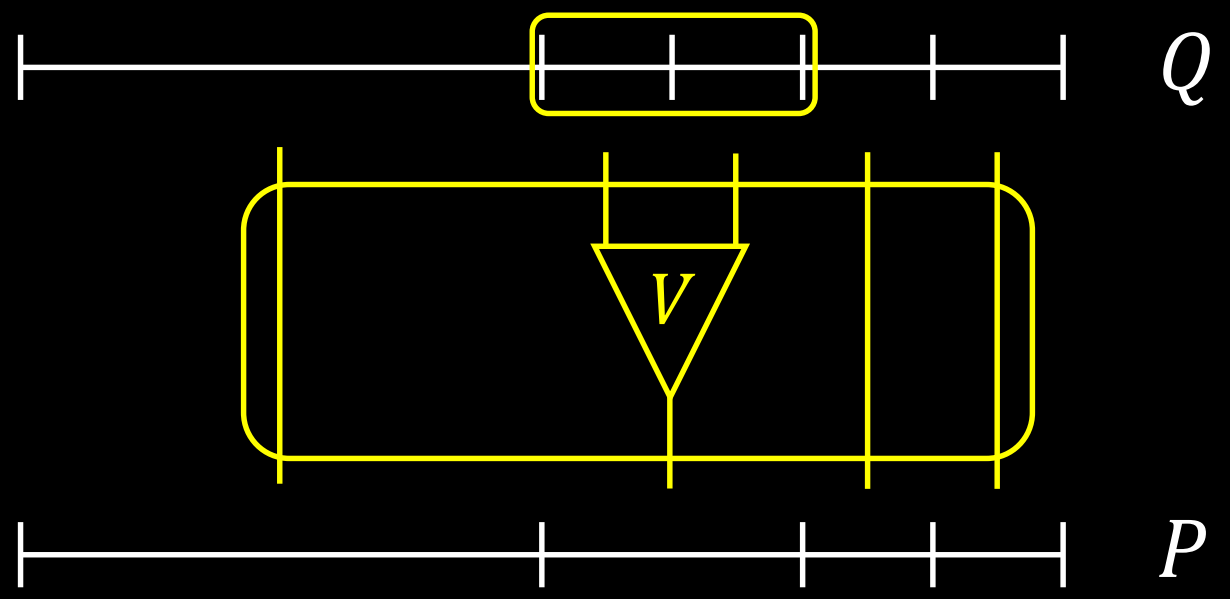
How to build isometries?



$$T_Q^P =$$

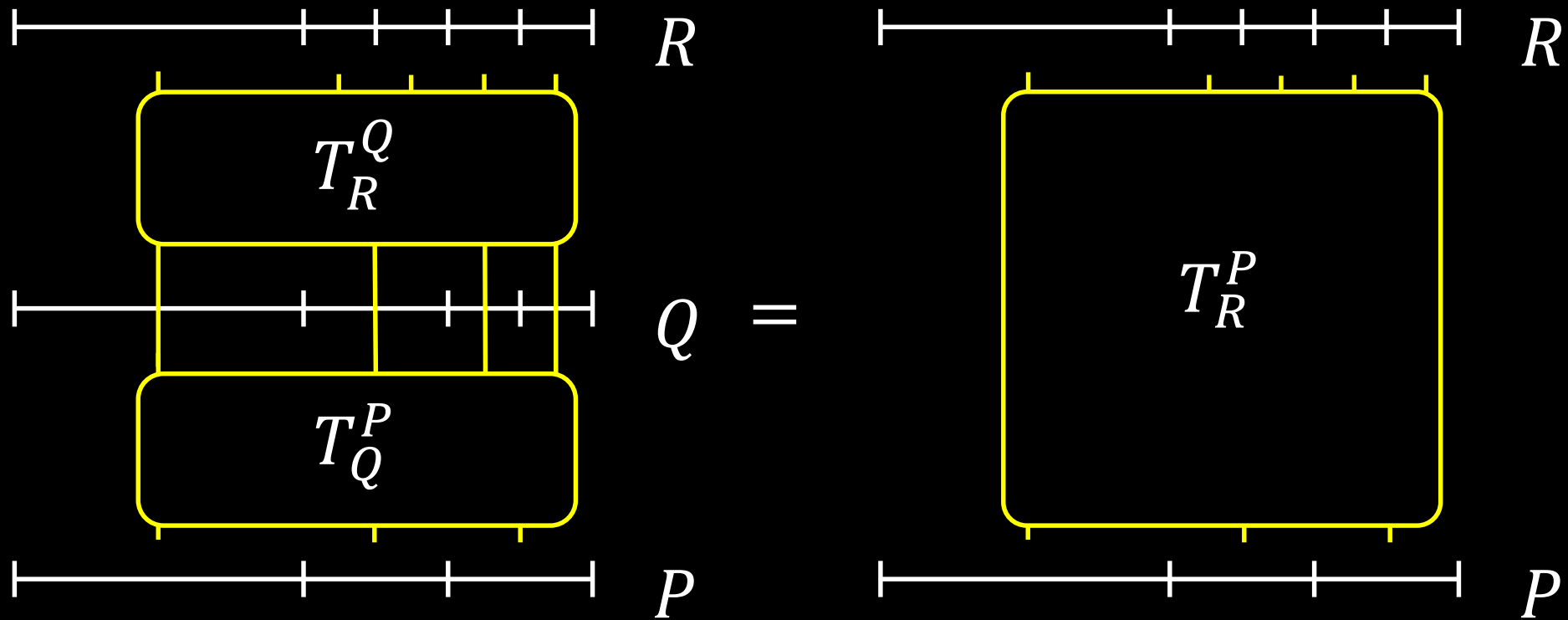


$$T_Q^P =$$



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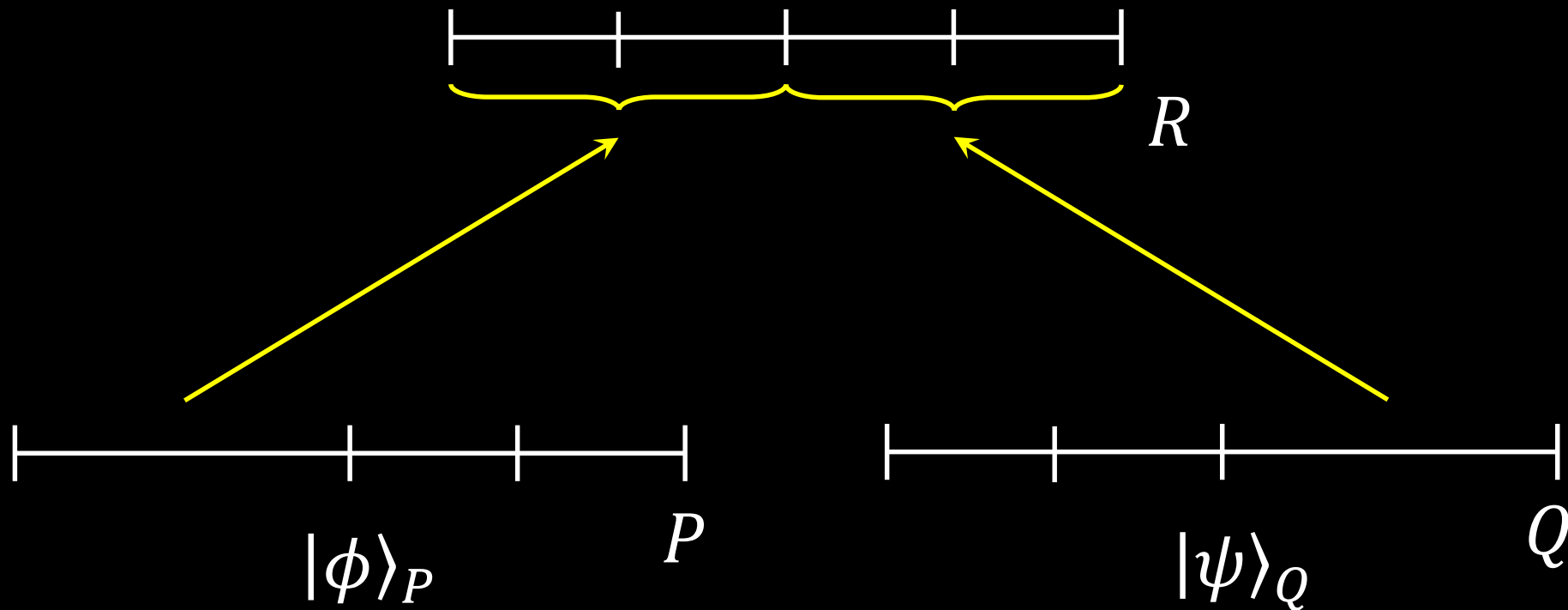
$$T_R^Q T_Q^P = T_R^P, \quad \forall P \leq Q \leq R$$



Equivalence: $|\phi\rangle_P \sim |\psi\rangle_Q$

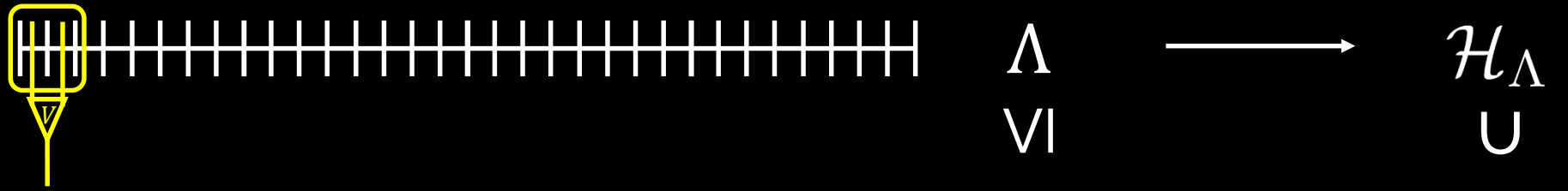
if $\exists R$

$$T_R^P |\phi\rangle_P = T_R^Q |\psi\rangle_Q$$



Semicontinuous limit: Extrapolate!

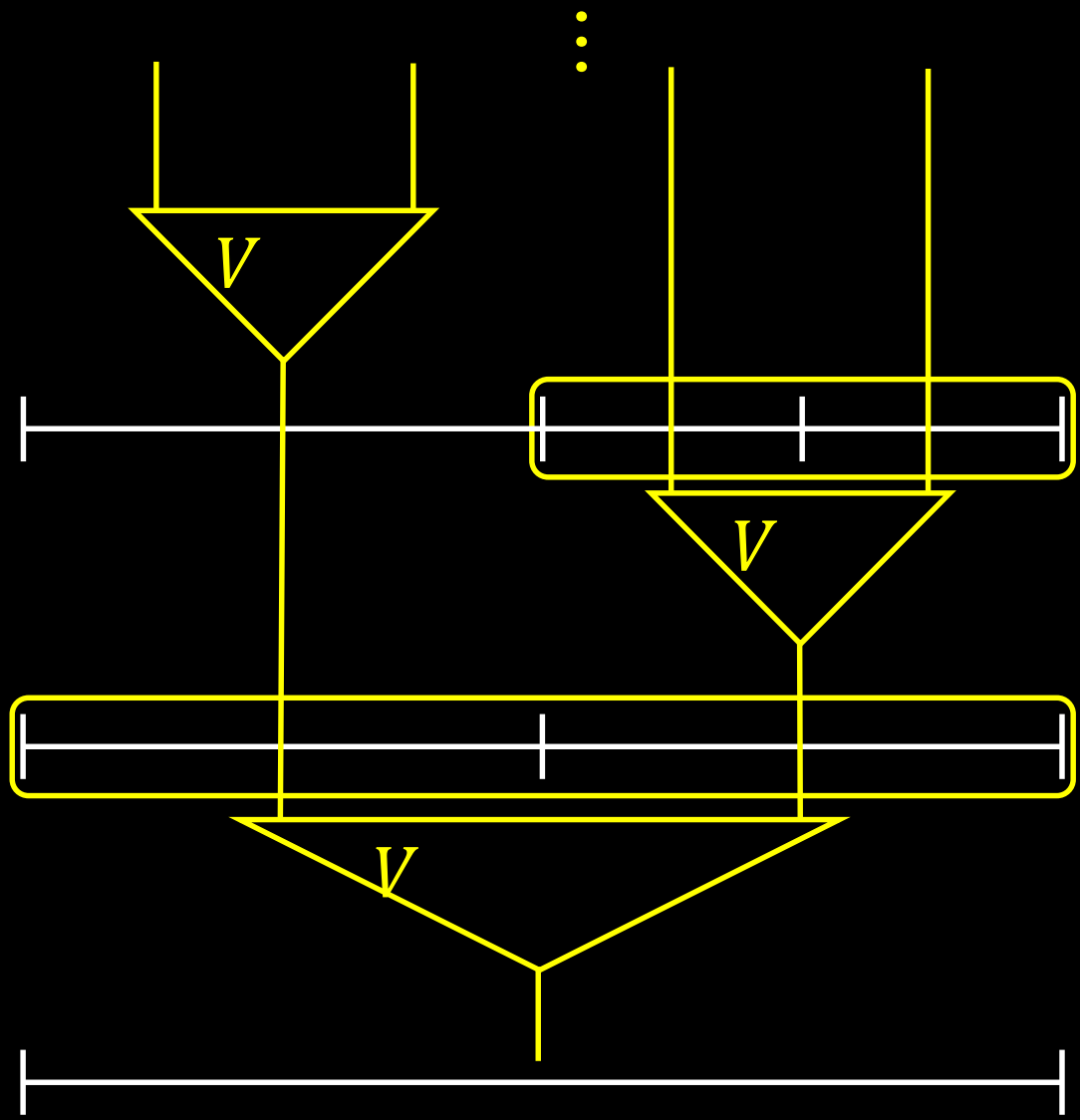
T_Q^P embeds into arbitrarily
fine (std. dyadic) lattices



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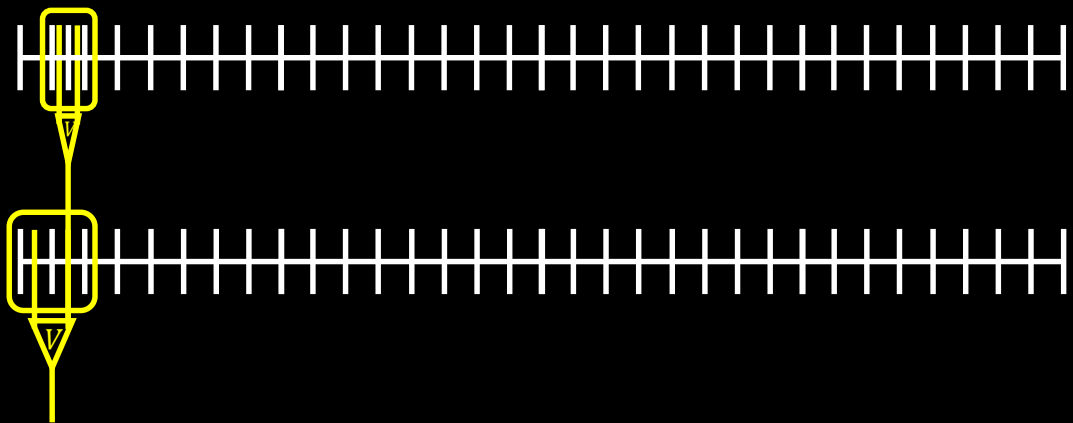
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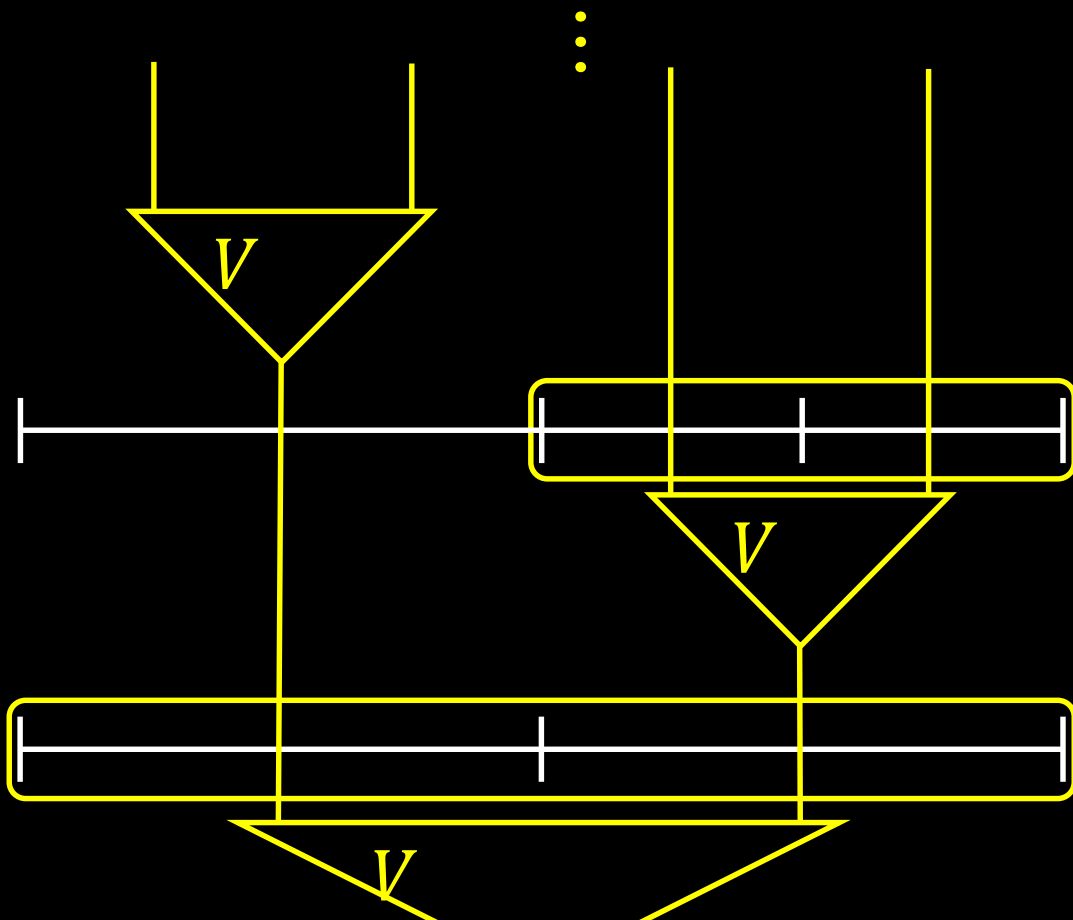
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Definition: let (\mathcal{D}, \leq) be a directed set. Let a hilbert space \mathcal{H}_P be given for each $P \in \mathcal{D}$
For all $P \leq Q$ let $T_Q^P : \mathcal{H}_P \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_Q$ be an isometry such that:

- (1) T_P^P is the identity
- (2) $T_R^Q T_Q^P = T_R^P, \quad \forall P \leq Q \leq R$

Then (\mathcal{H}_P, T_Q^P) is a **directed system**.

Semicontinuous limit:

$$\widehat{\mathcal{H}} \equiv \varinjlim_{P \in \mathcal{P}} \mathcal{H}_P$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{the disjoint union of } \mathcal{H}_P \text{ over all } P \in \mathcal{P} \\ \text{modulo the equivalence relation } |\phi\rangle_P \sim |\psi\rangle_Q \\ \text{if there is } R \geq P \text{ and } R \geq Q \text{ such that} \\ T_R^P |\phi\rangle_P = T_R^Q |\psi\rangle_Q \end{array} \right\}$$

Residents of $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$:

$$[|\psi\rangle_P] \equiv \{|\phi\rangle_Q = T_Q^P |\psi\rangle_P\}$$

Each hilbert space \mathcal{H}_P is a natural subspace of $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$:

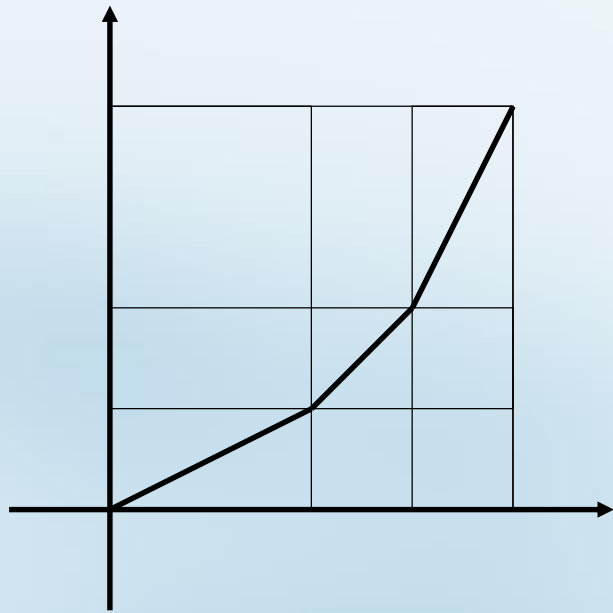
$$\mathcal{H}_P \hookrightarrow \hat{\mathcal{H}}$$

via

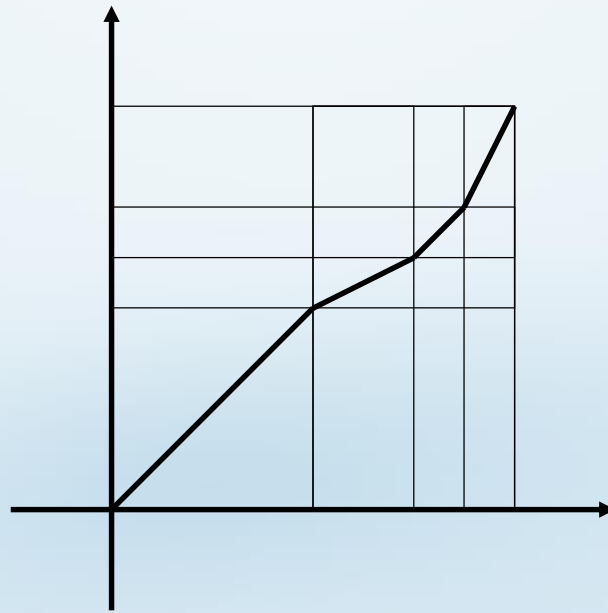
$$|\psi\rangle_P \mapsto [|\psi\rangle_P]$$

Dynamics

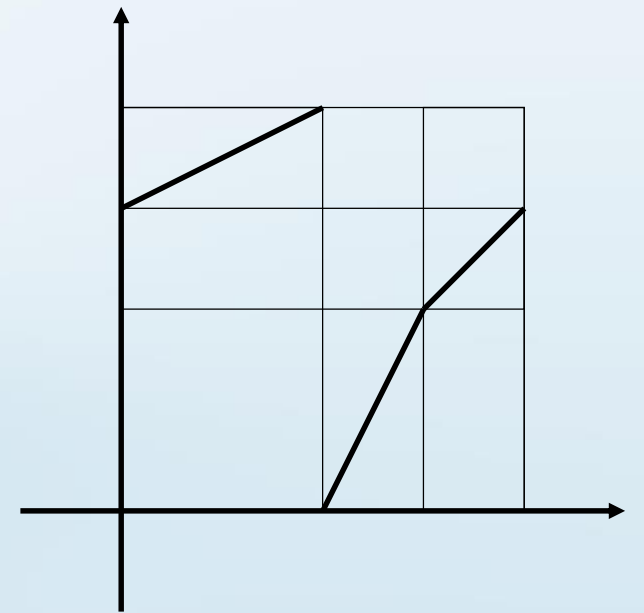
Thompson's group T : generated by $A(x)$, $B(x)$, and $C(x)$ under composition



$A(x)$

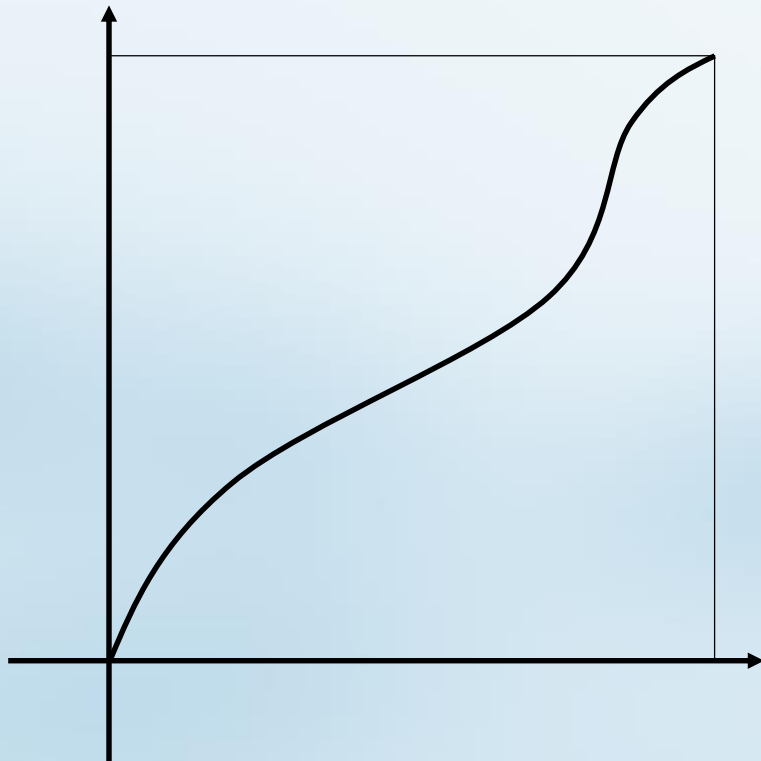


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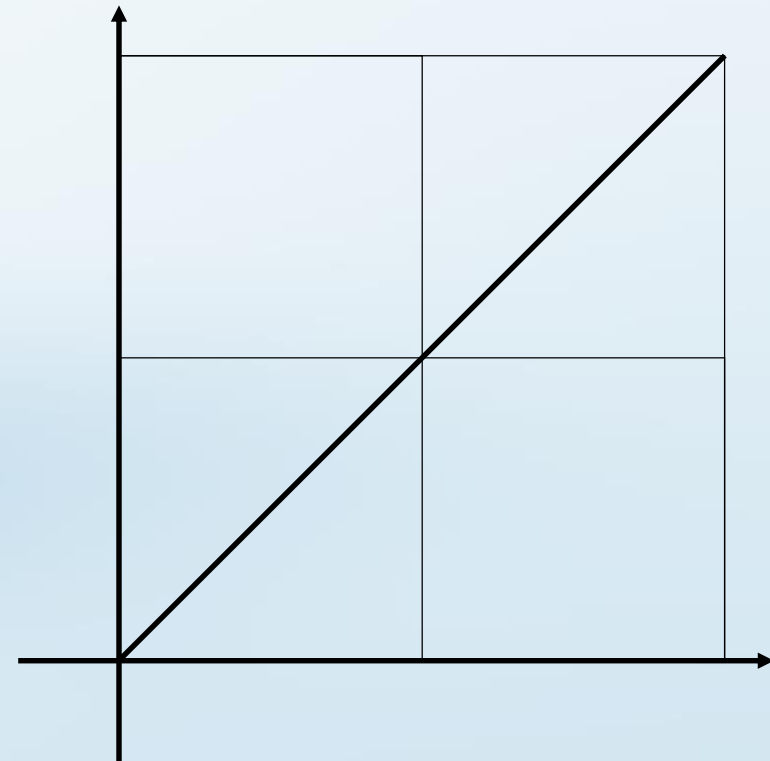


$C(x)$

Proposition (“well known”): let $f \in \text{diff}_+(S^1)$. Then \exists sequence $A_n(x) \in T$ s.t. $\|A_n - f\|_\infty \rightarrow 0$.

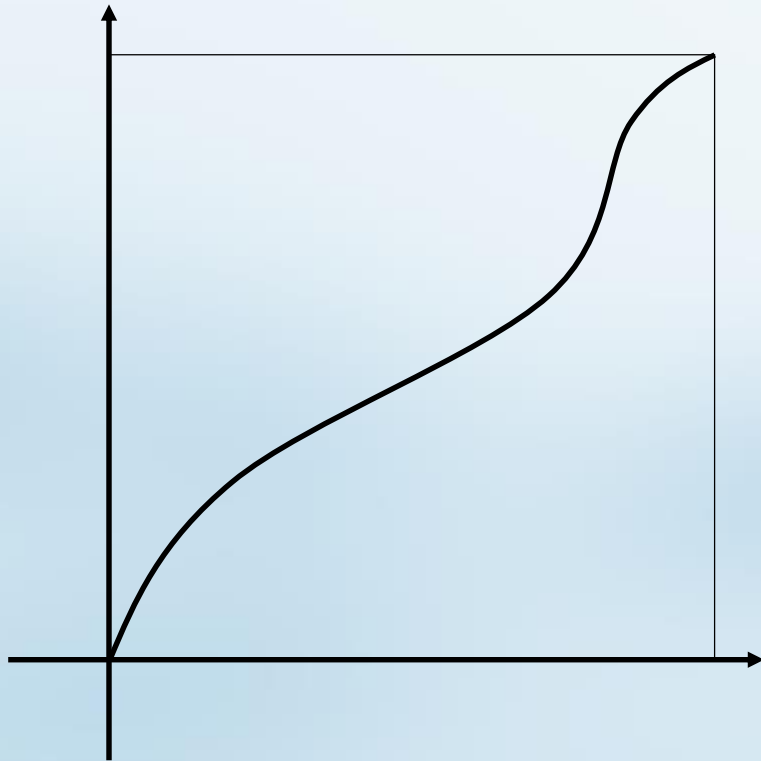


$f(x)$

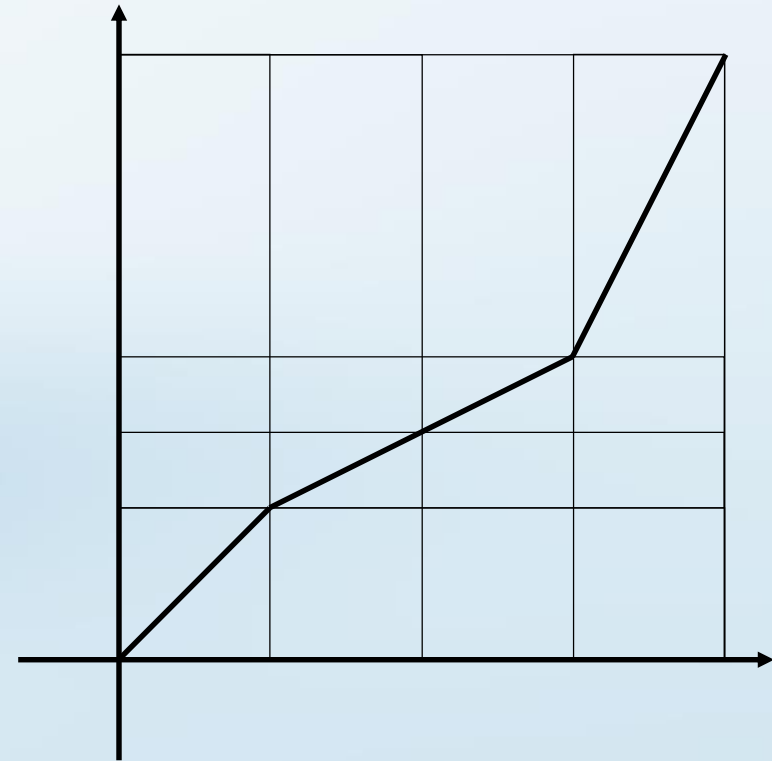


$A_1(x)$

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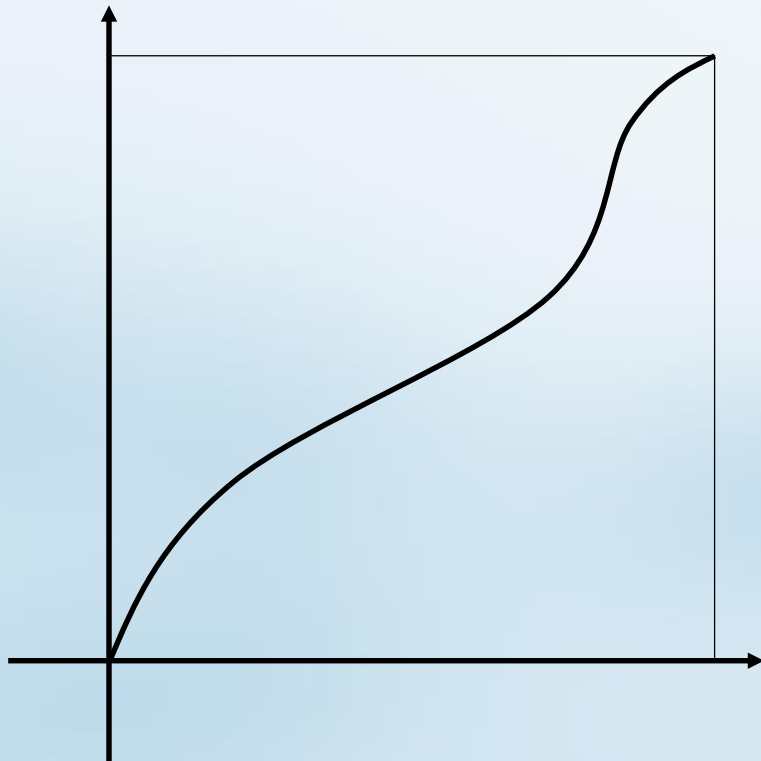


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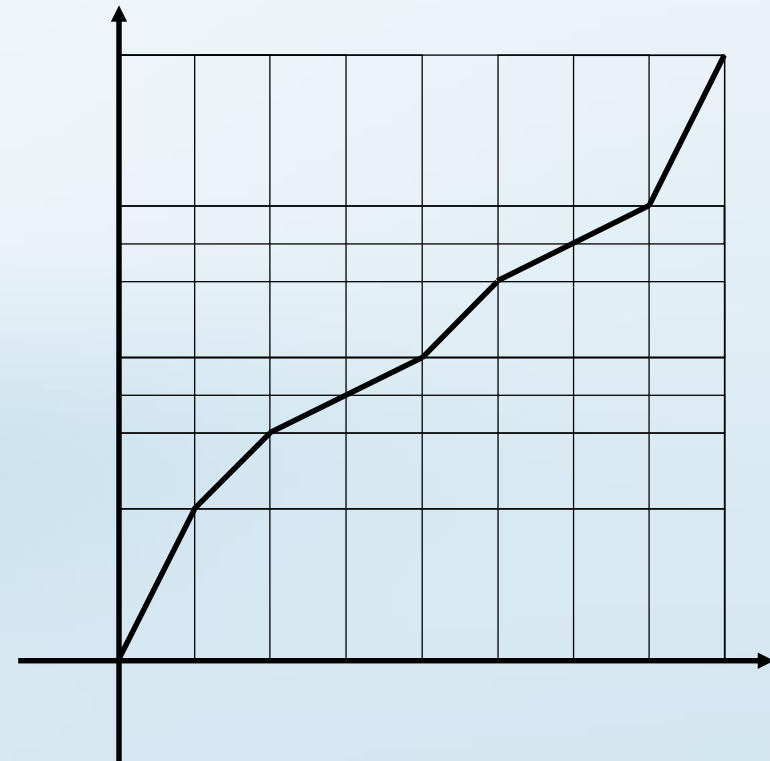


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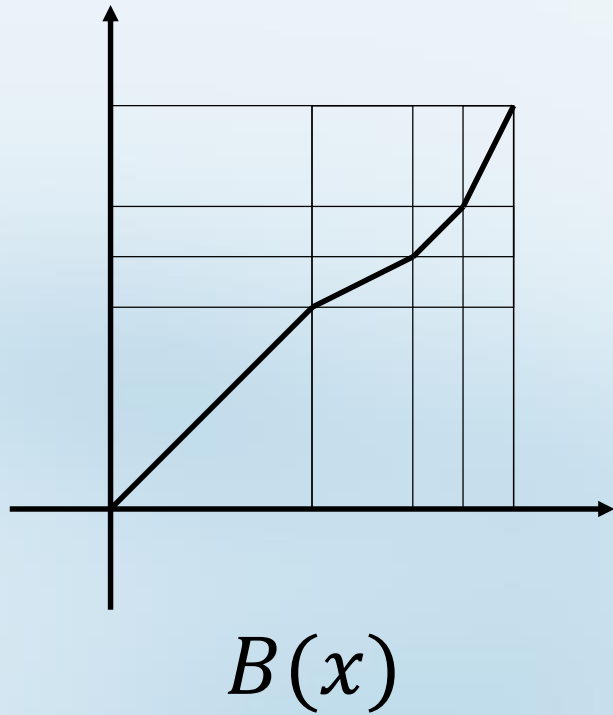
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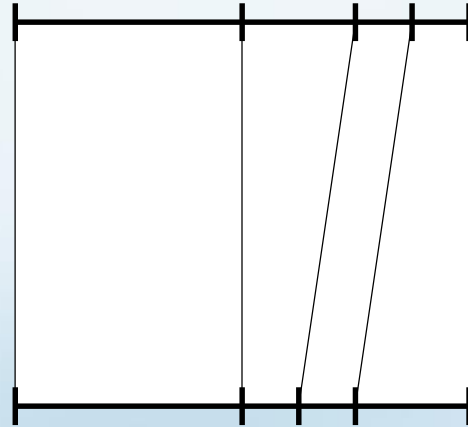
$A_3(x)$

Elements of F and T

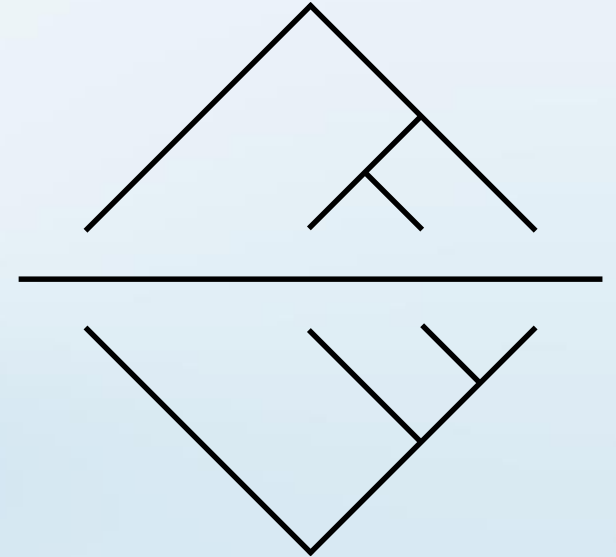
Pairs of std. dyadic partitions/trees



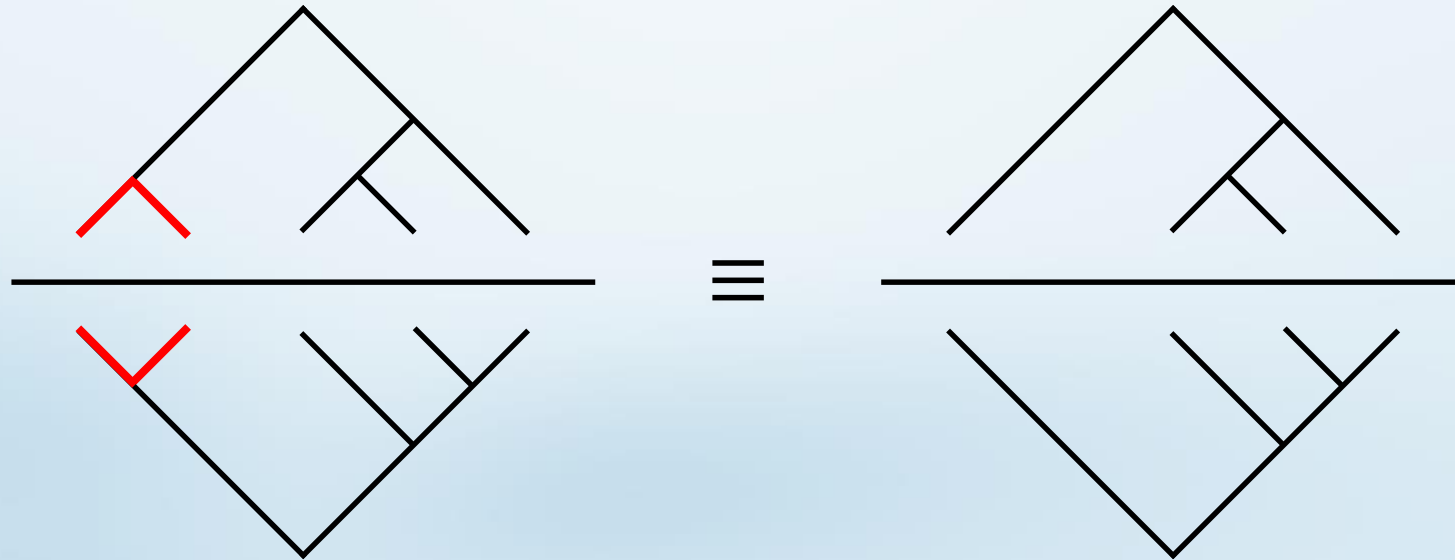
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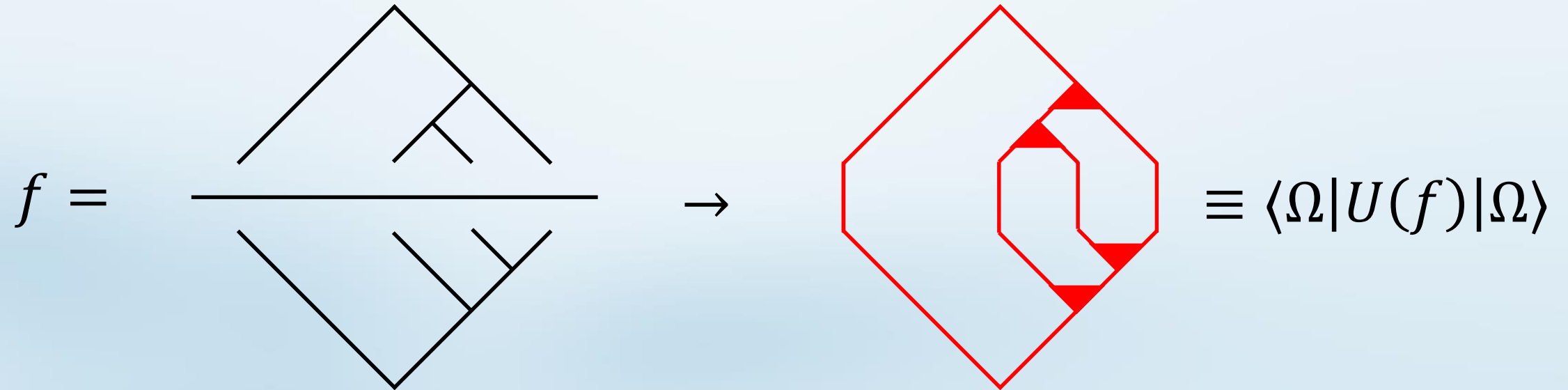
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Representing F and T on $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$



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$$f = \frac{\text{Diagram 1}}{\text{Diagram 2}} \rightarrow \text{Diagram 3} \equiv \langle \Omega | U(f) | \Omega \rangle$$

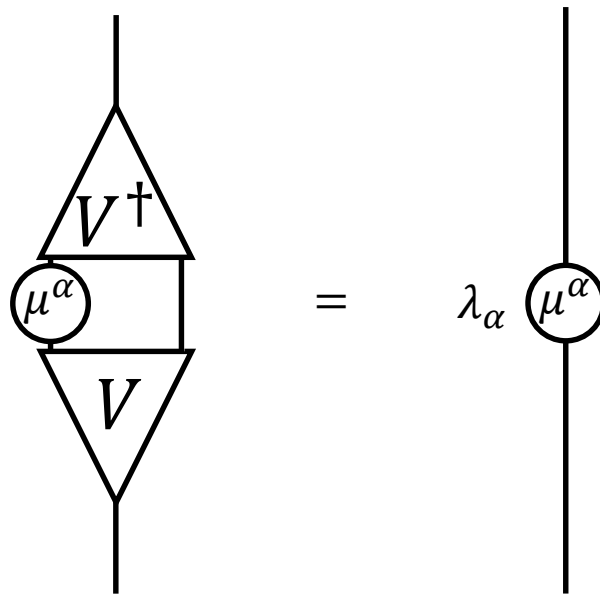
The diagram shows the representation of the element f in the algebra $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$. It is defined as the ratio of two diagrams. The numerator is a diamond-shaped diagram with a horizontal line across its center. The top half of the diamond is a triangle with a smaller triangle inside it, and the bottom half is its mirror image. The denominator is a similar diamond-shaped diagram, but with a different internal structure. An arrow points from this ratio to a single diagram consisting of two concentric pentagons. The outer pentagon is larger than the inner one, and they are offset relative to each other. This diagram is then equated to the trace of the operator $U(f)$ in the state $|\Omega\rangle$.

Observables:

“Thompson field
theory”

Definition: an *ascending operator*
 $\mu_\alpha \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ is an eigenvector of the
ascending channel:

$$V^\dagger (\mu^\alpha \otimes \mathbb{I}) V = \lambda_\alpha \mu^\alpha$$



Definition: the *discretised field operator* of type α at $z \in S^1$ with respect to a partition $P \equiv (I_1, I_2, \dots, I_n)$ is

$$\phi_P(z) \equiv \sum_{I \in P} \mathbf{I}[z \in I] (\lambda_\alpha)^{\log_2(|I|)} \mu_I^\alpha$$

Definition (product of field operators): let (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) be a tuple of positions and $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n)$ a tuple of types, and P a partition.

$$M_P^\alpha(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \equiv \phi_P^{\alpha_1}(x_1) \phi_P^{\alpha_2}(x_2) \cdots \phi_P^{\alpha_n}(x_n)$$

Theorem: the limit

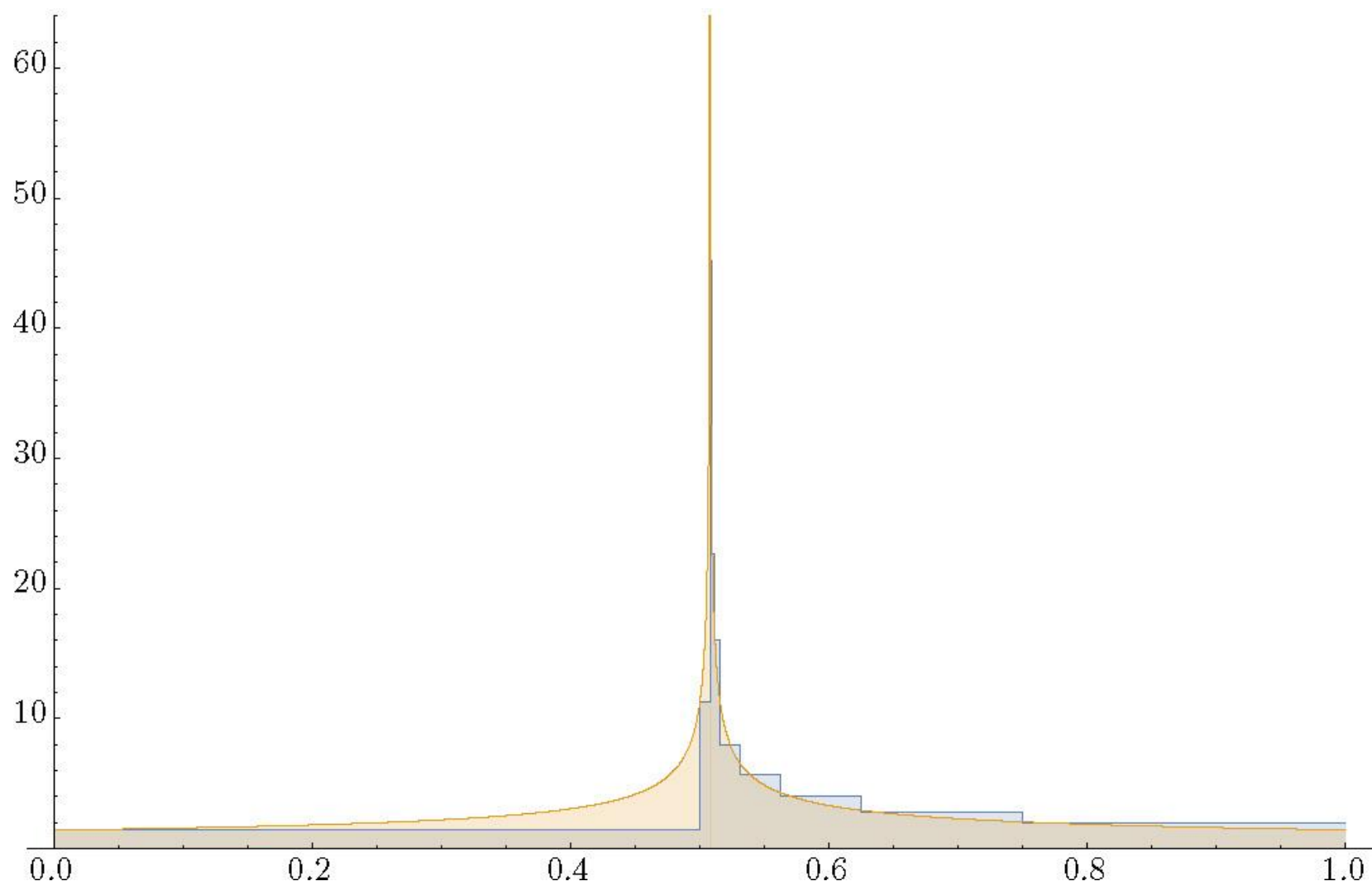
$$C^\alpha(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \equiv \lim_P \langle \Omega_{P'} | M_P^\alpha(\mathbf{x}) | \Omega_{P'} \rangle$$

exists and may be calculated using $O(\log(n))$ operations.

Conjecture (reconstruction):

$$C^\alpha(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \equiv \langle \Omega | \hat{\phi}^{\alpha_1}(x_1) \cdots \hat{\phi}^{\alpha_n}(x_n) | \Omega \rangle$$

$$C\left(\frac{1}{2}, x\right) \equiv \lim_P \langle \phi_P^{\alpha_1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \phi_P^{\alpha_2}(x) \rangle:$$



Lemma: let x and y be two dyadic fractions

$$C^{\alpha\beta}(x, y) = c(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) D(x, y)^{\log \lambda_\alpha + \log \lambda_\beta - \log \lambda_\gamma}$$

where $D(x, y)$ is the *coarse graining distance*.

Short distance expansion:

$$\hat{\phi}^{\alpha}(x)\hat{\phi}^{\beta}(y) \sim f_{\gamma}^{\alpha\beta} D(x,y)^{h_{\gamma}-h_{\alpha}-h_{\beta}} \hat{\phi}^{\gamma}(y)$$

“OPE” coefficients



Thompson field theory