

# BPS black holes, wall-crossing and mock modularity of higher depth

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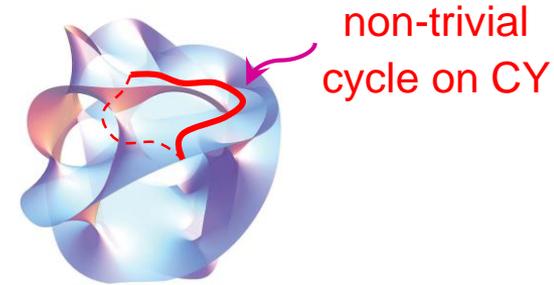
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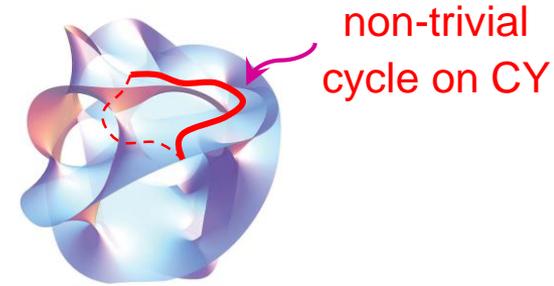
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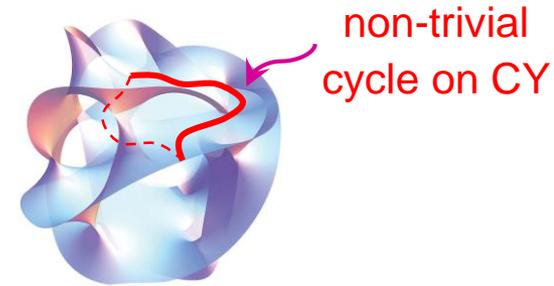
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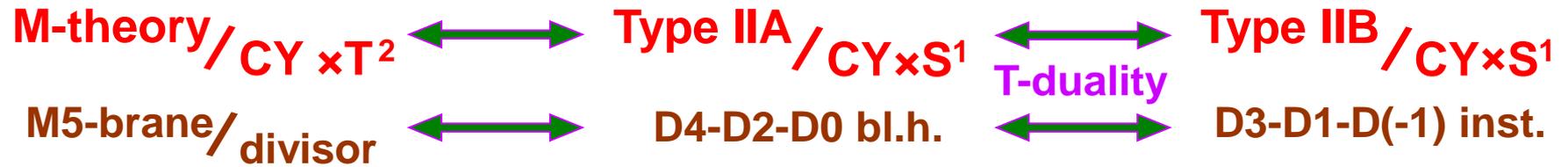
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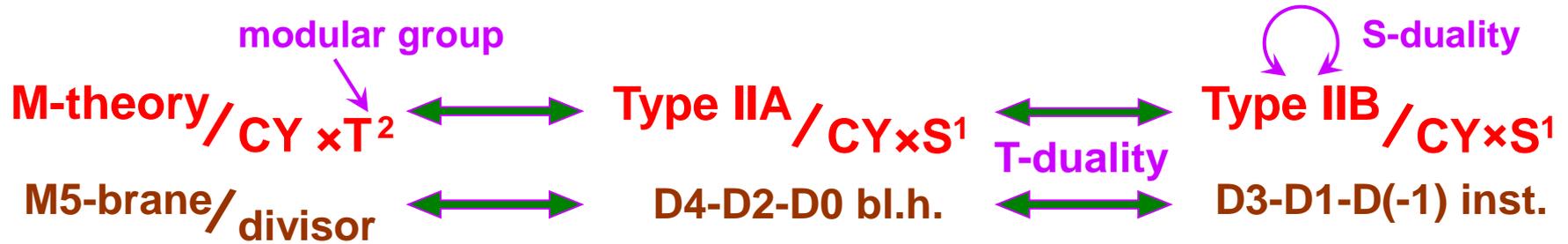
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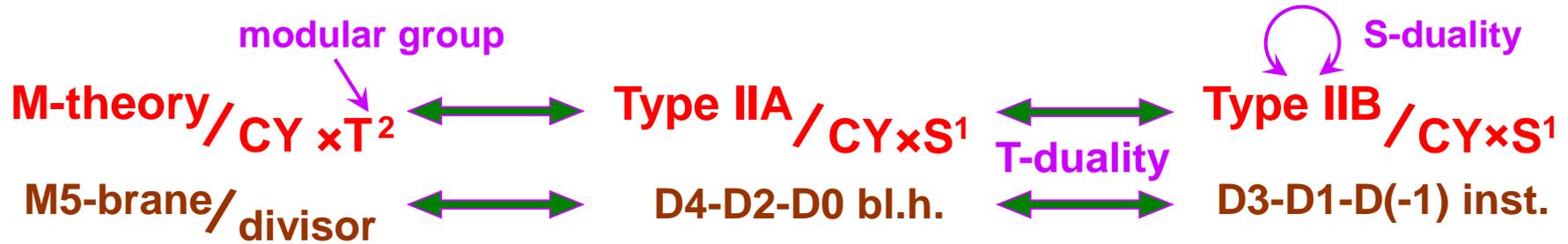
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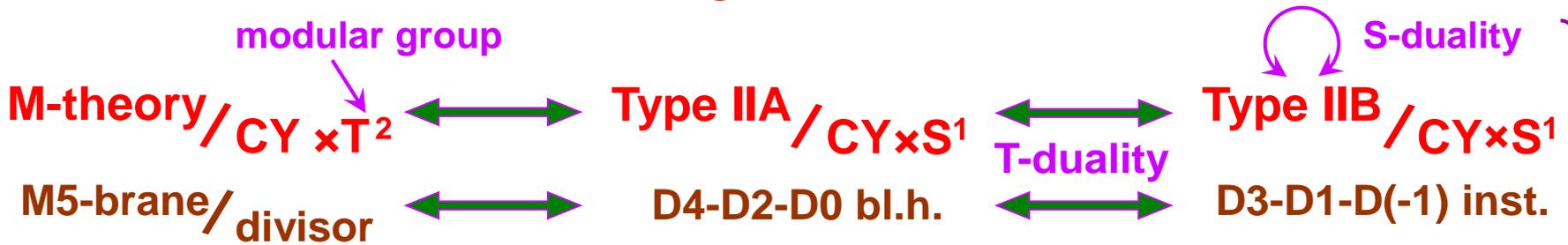
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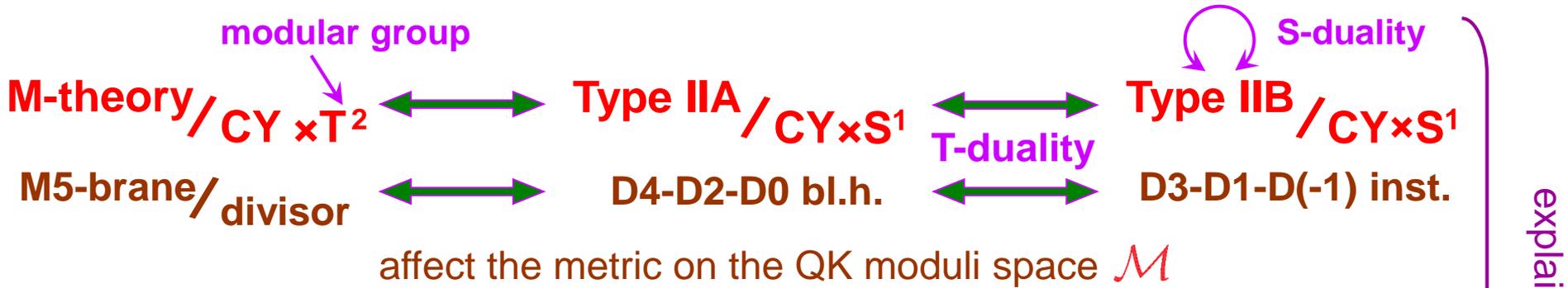
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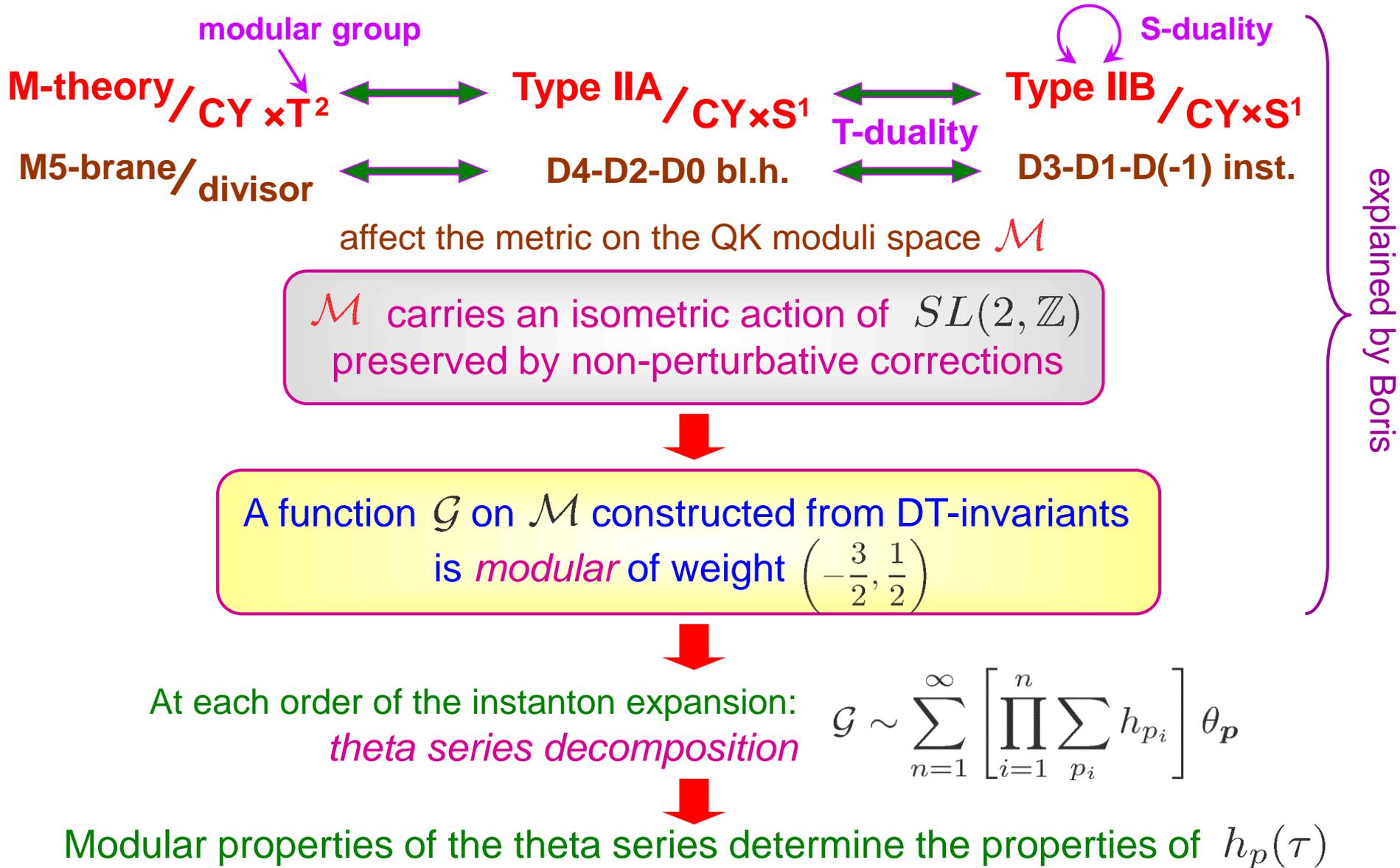
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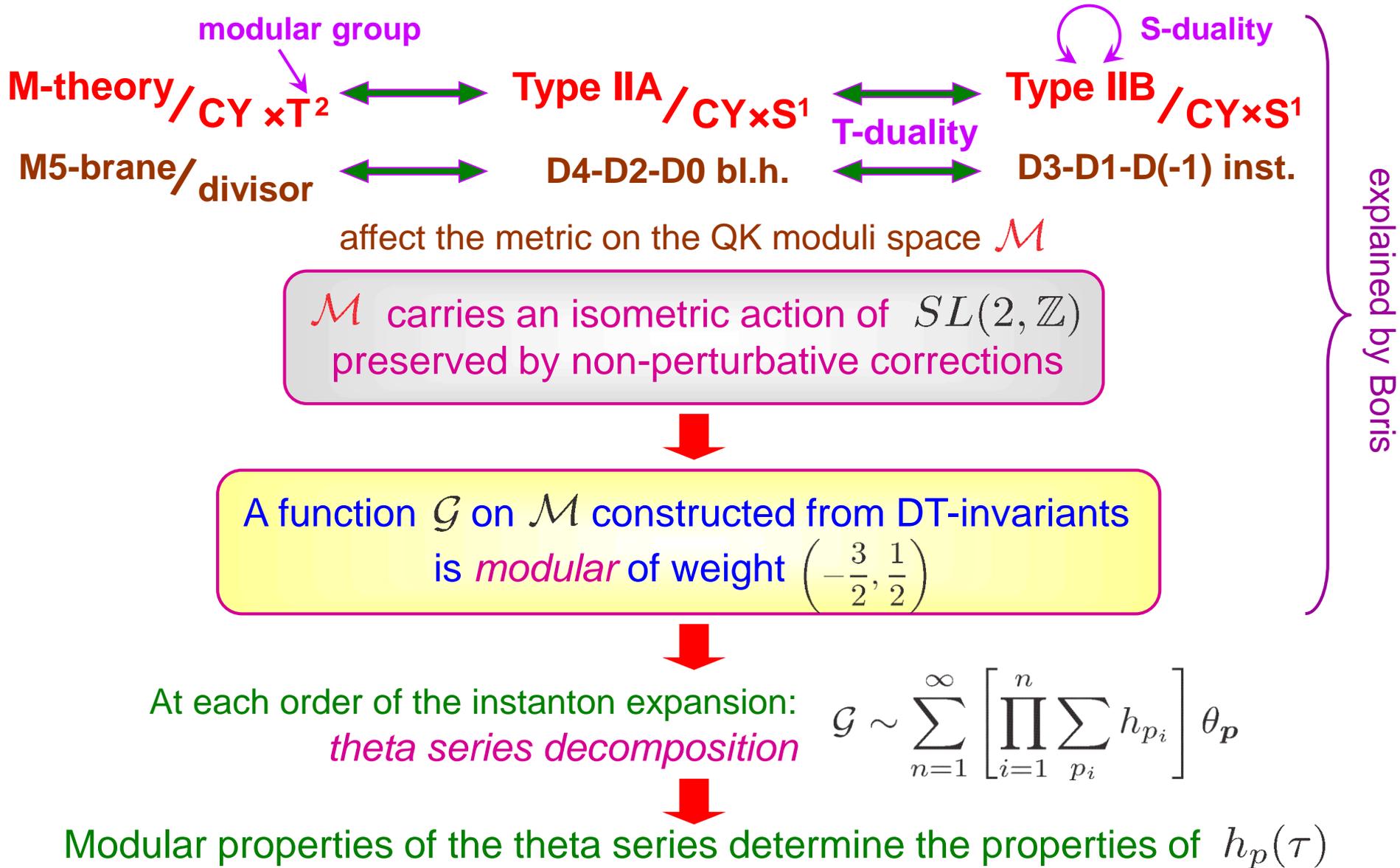
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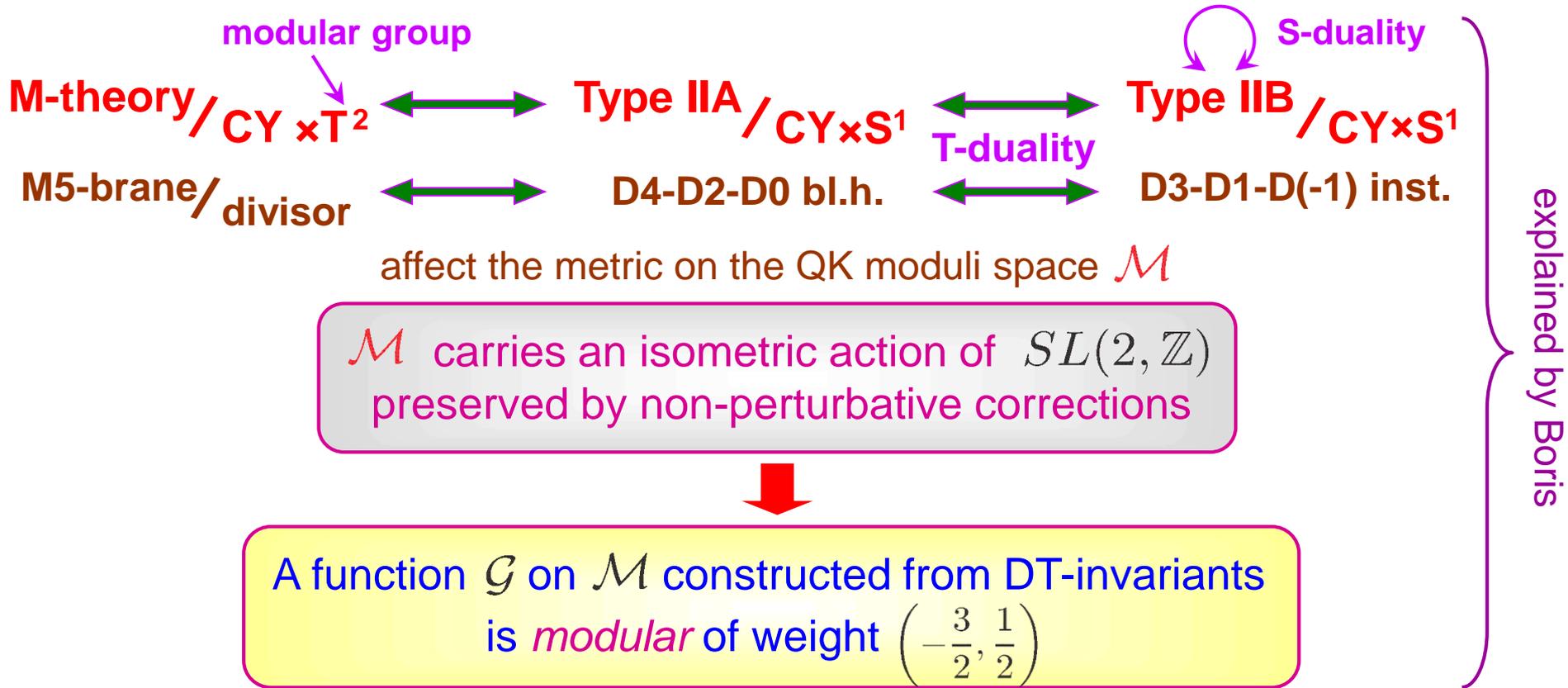
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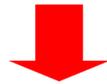
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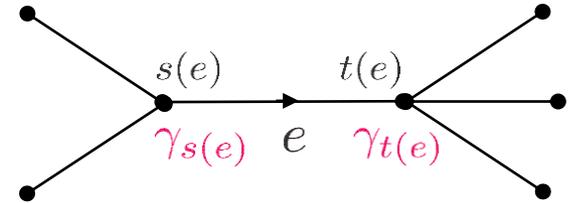
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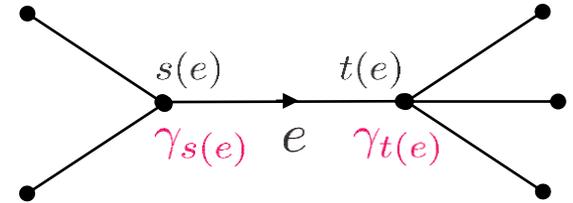
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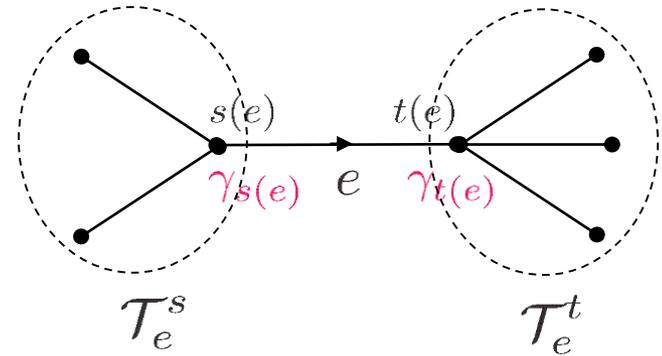
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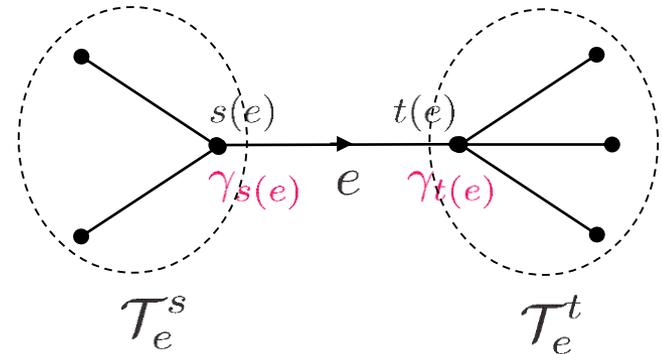
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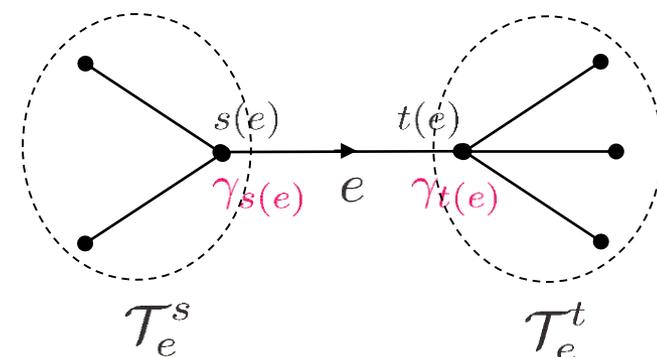
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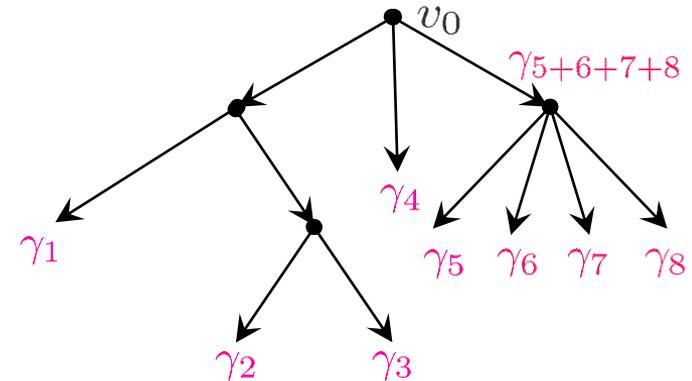
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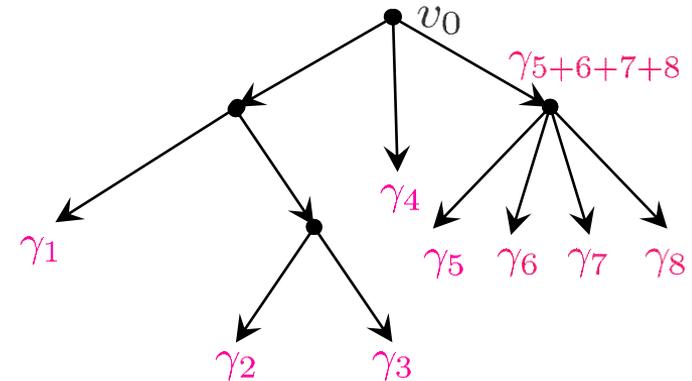
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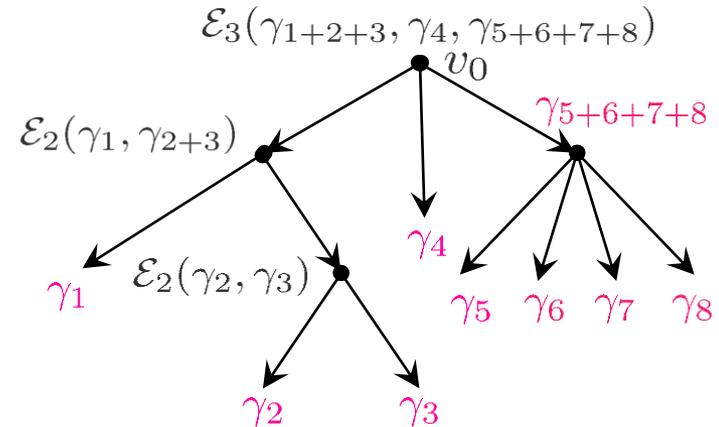
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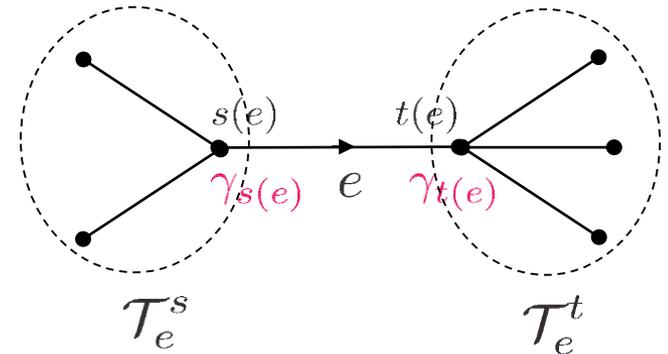
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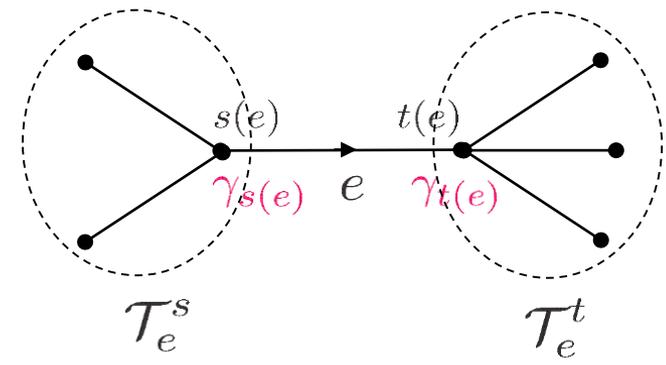
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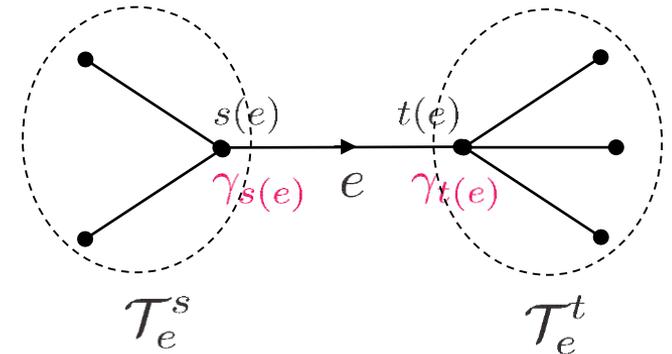
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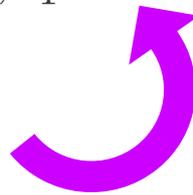
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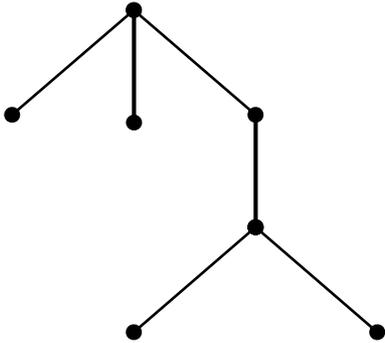
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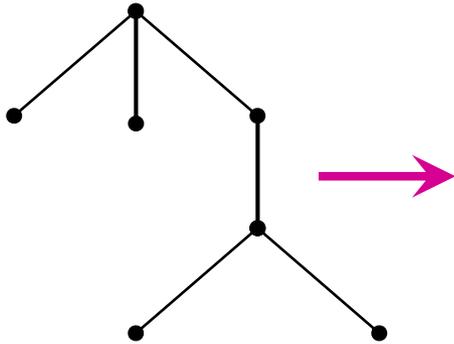
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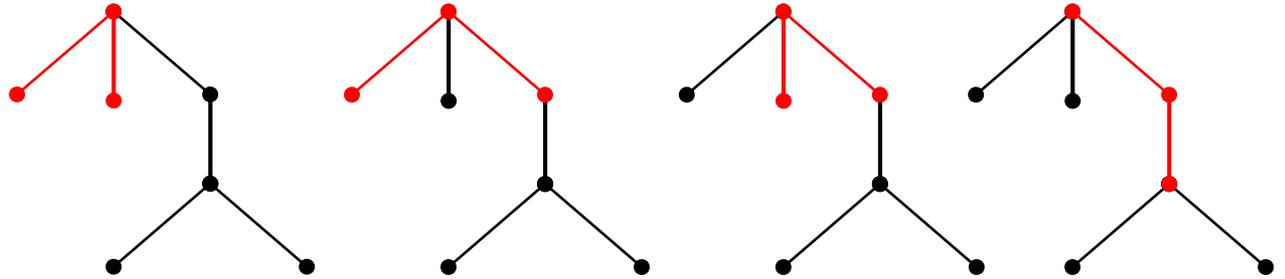


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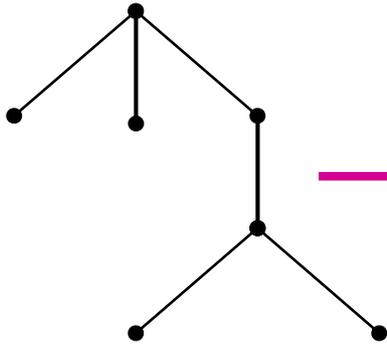


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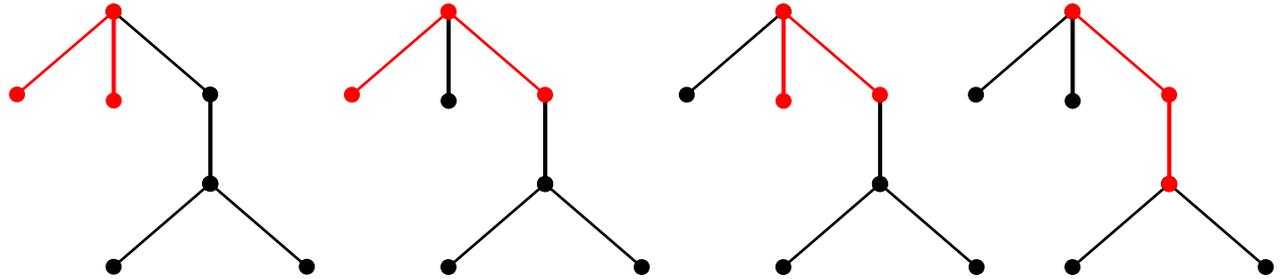


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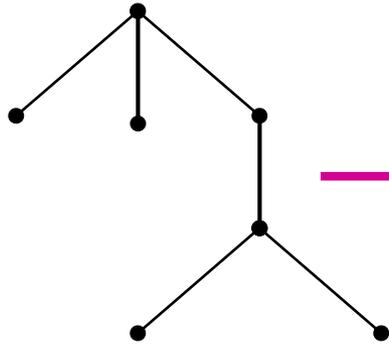
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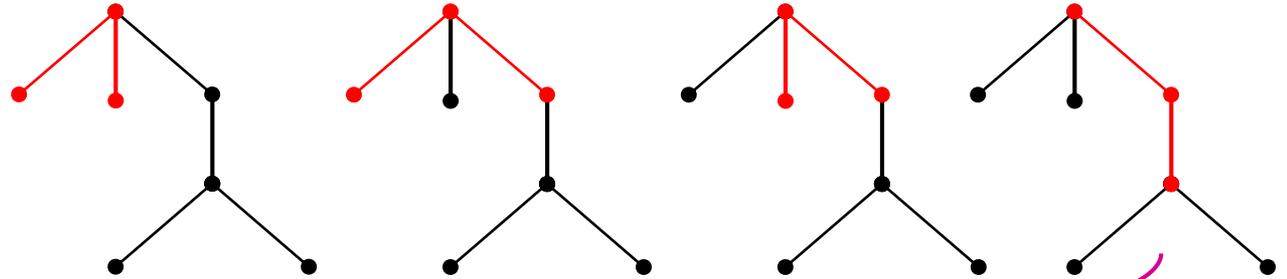
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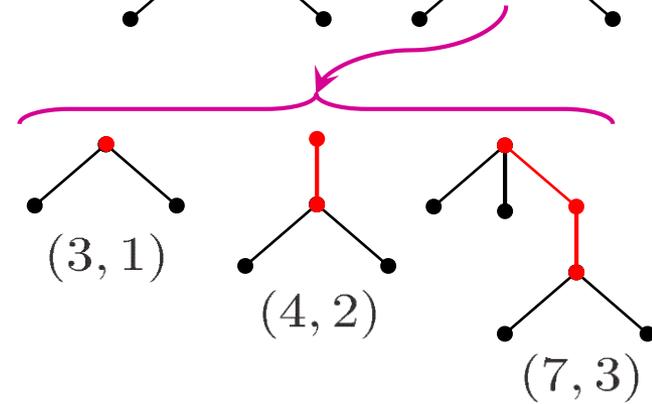
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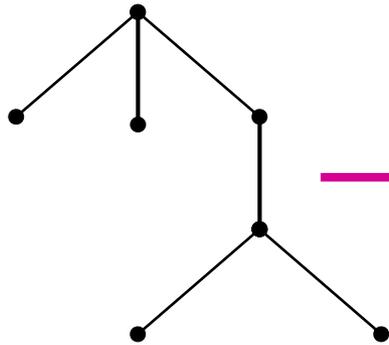


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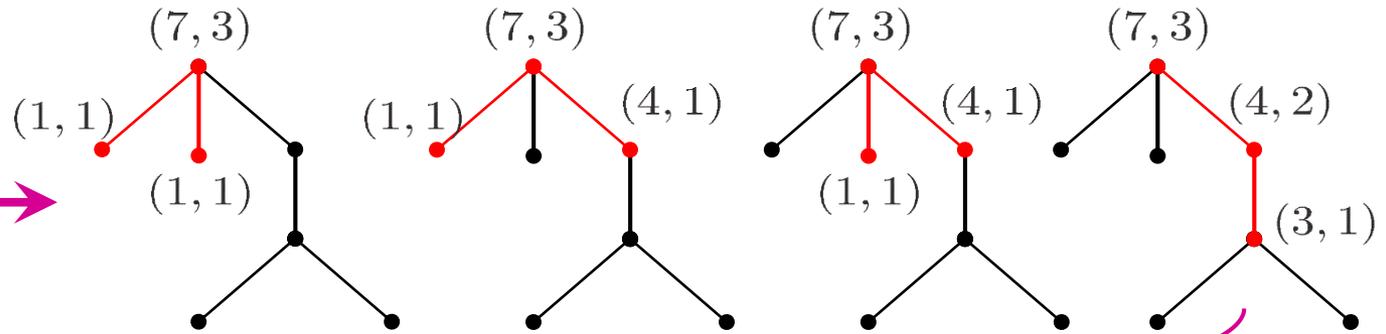


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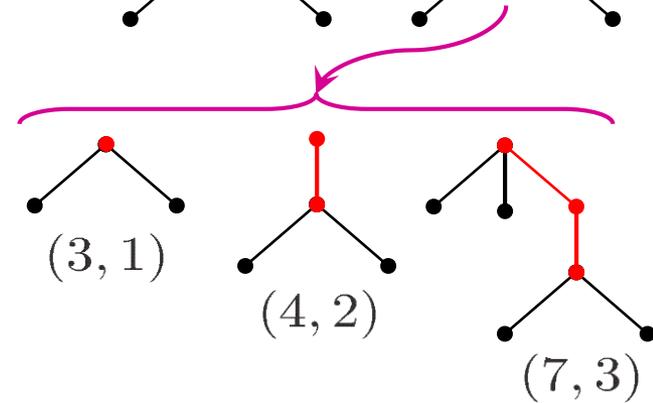
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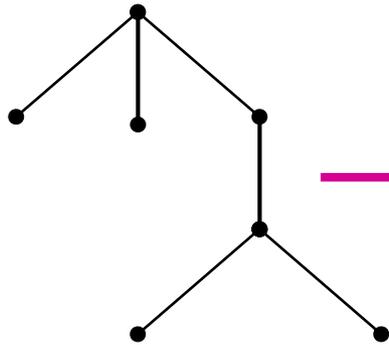


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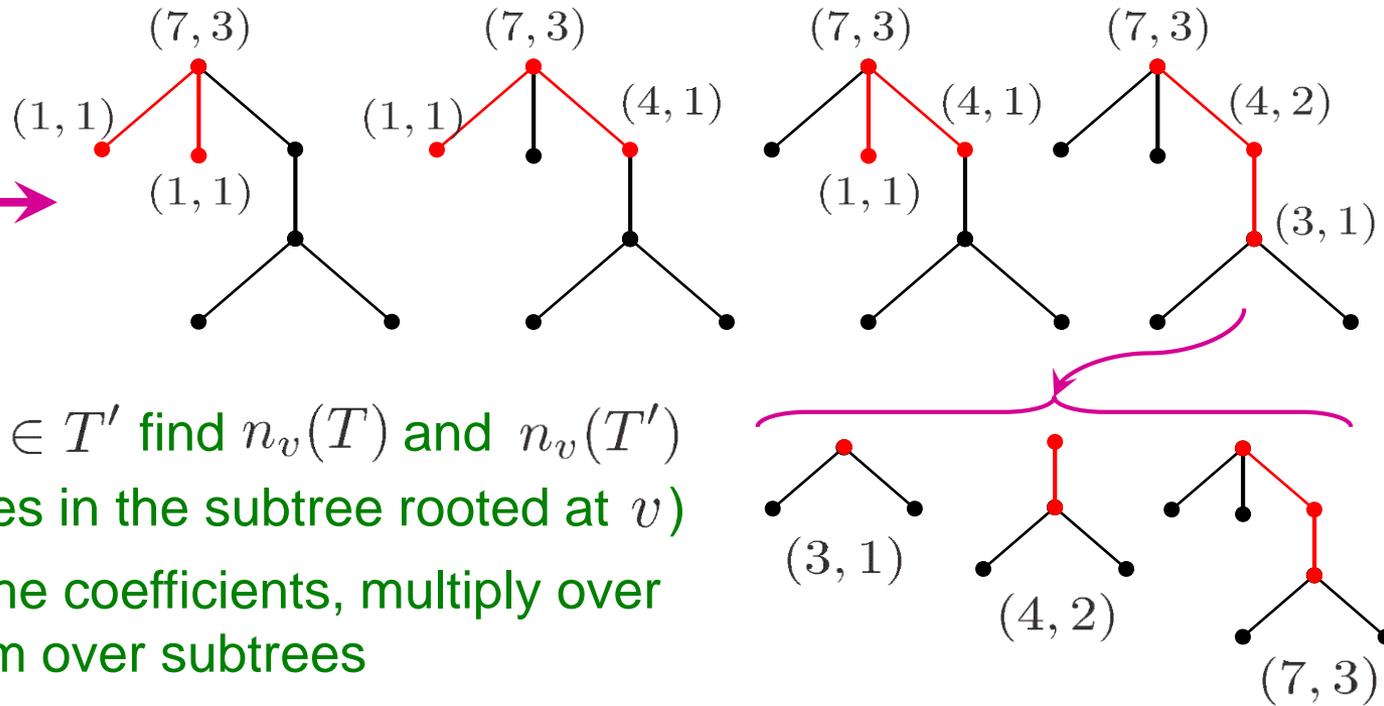


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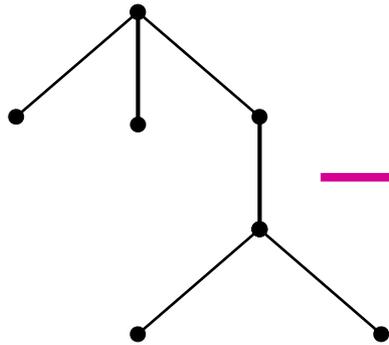


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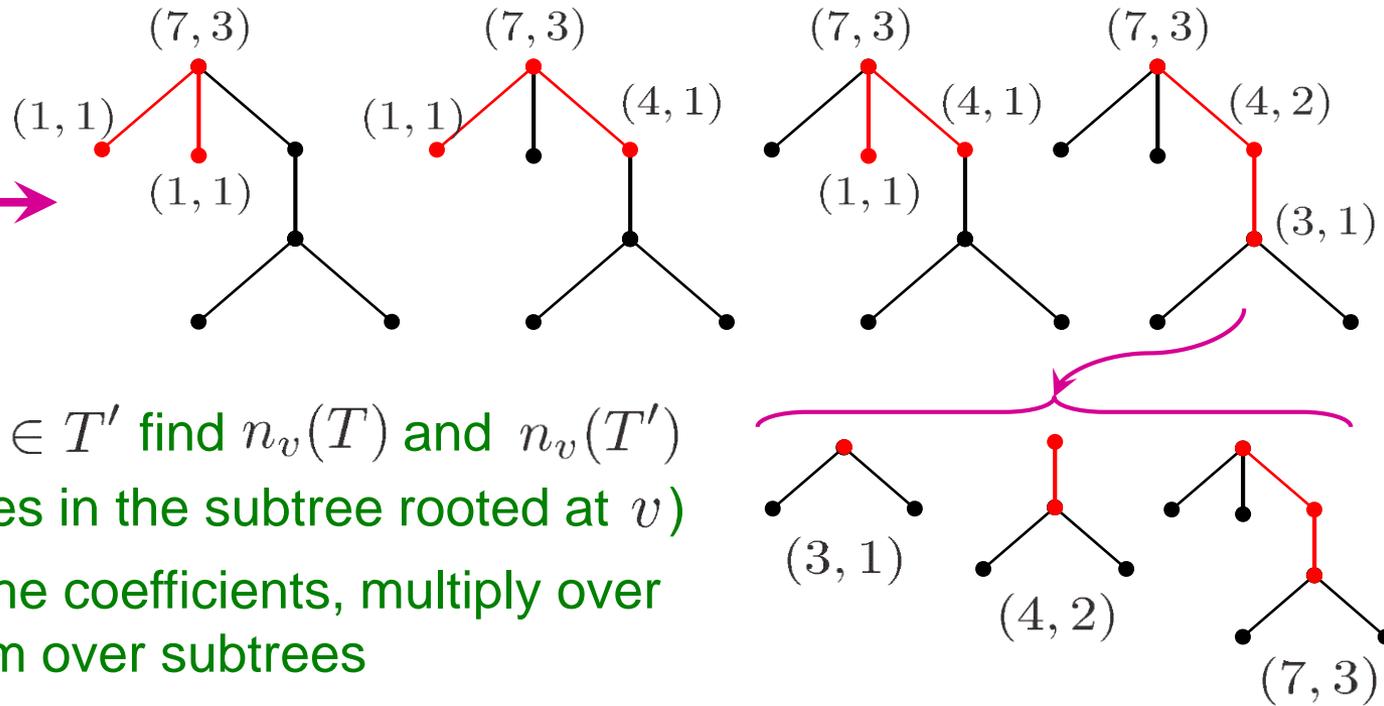
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# Conclusions

**The main result:** the *explicit* form of the *modular completion* of the generating function of black hole degeneracies (DT invariants) at large volume attractor point for *arbitrary* divisor of CY.

→  $h_p(\tau)$  – higher depth (mixed) mock modular form

- Indications that S-duality is compatible with *refinement*.
- New unexpected results for combinatorics of trees.

## Open problems and applications:

- Non-perturbative formulation of these results → *integral equation on  $\widehat{h}_p(\tau)$ ?*
- Understanding the completion from the point of view of world-volume theory on M5-brane wrapped on a reducible divisor.
- Geometric or physical meaning of the instanton generating function  $\mathcal{G}$ .
- Implications for black hole state counting → restrictions on growth
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