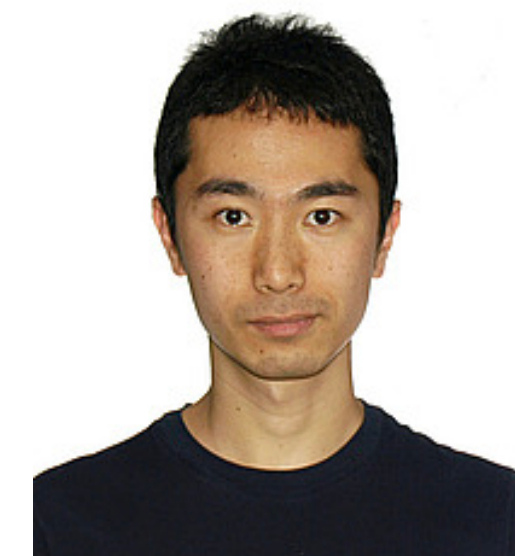


Chaos and the Reparametrization Mode on the AdS_2 String

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Outline

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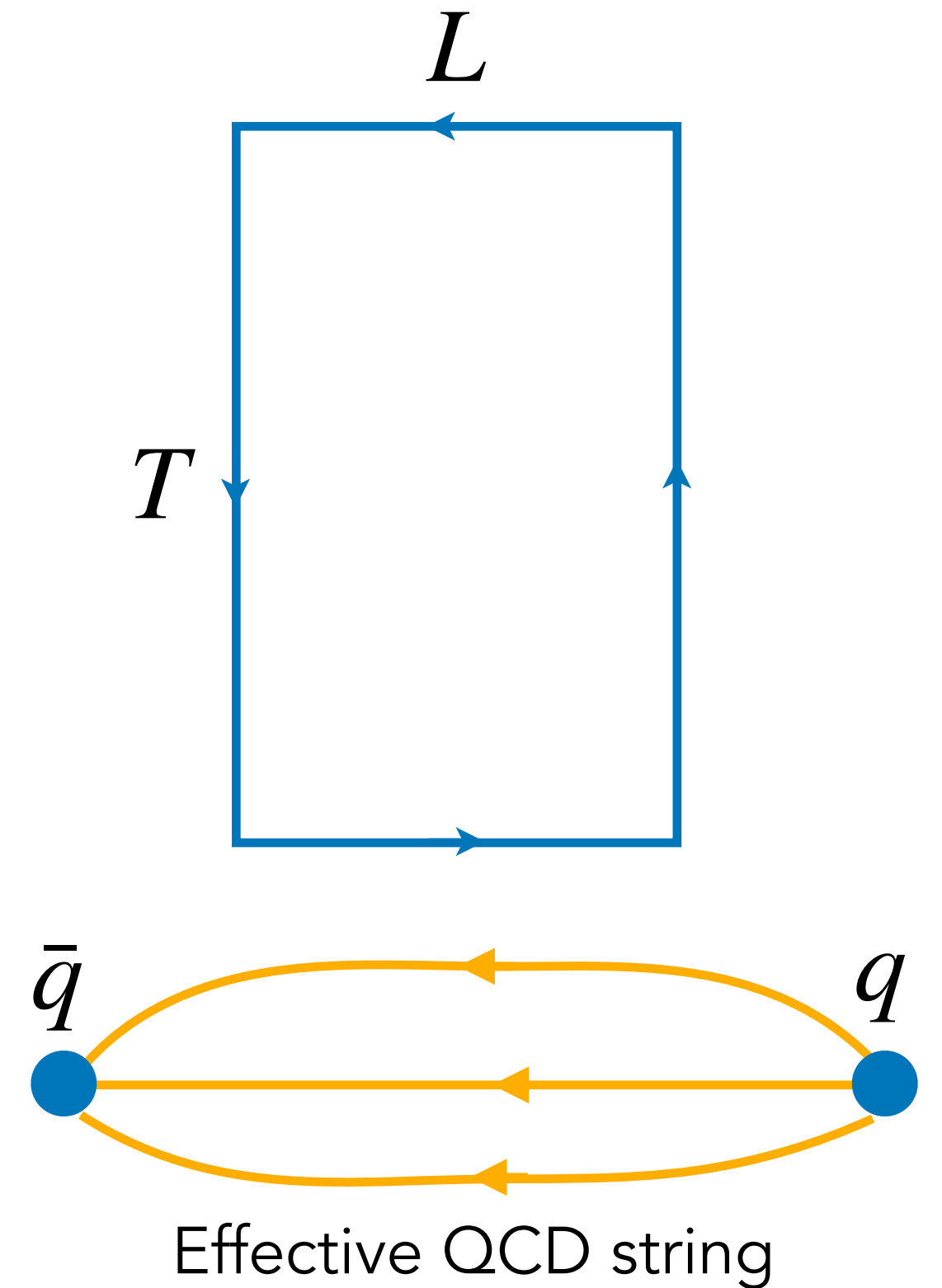
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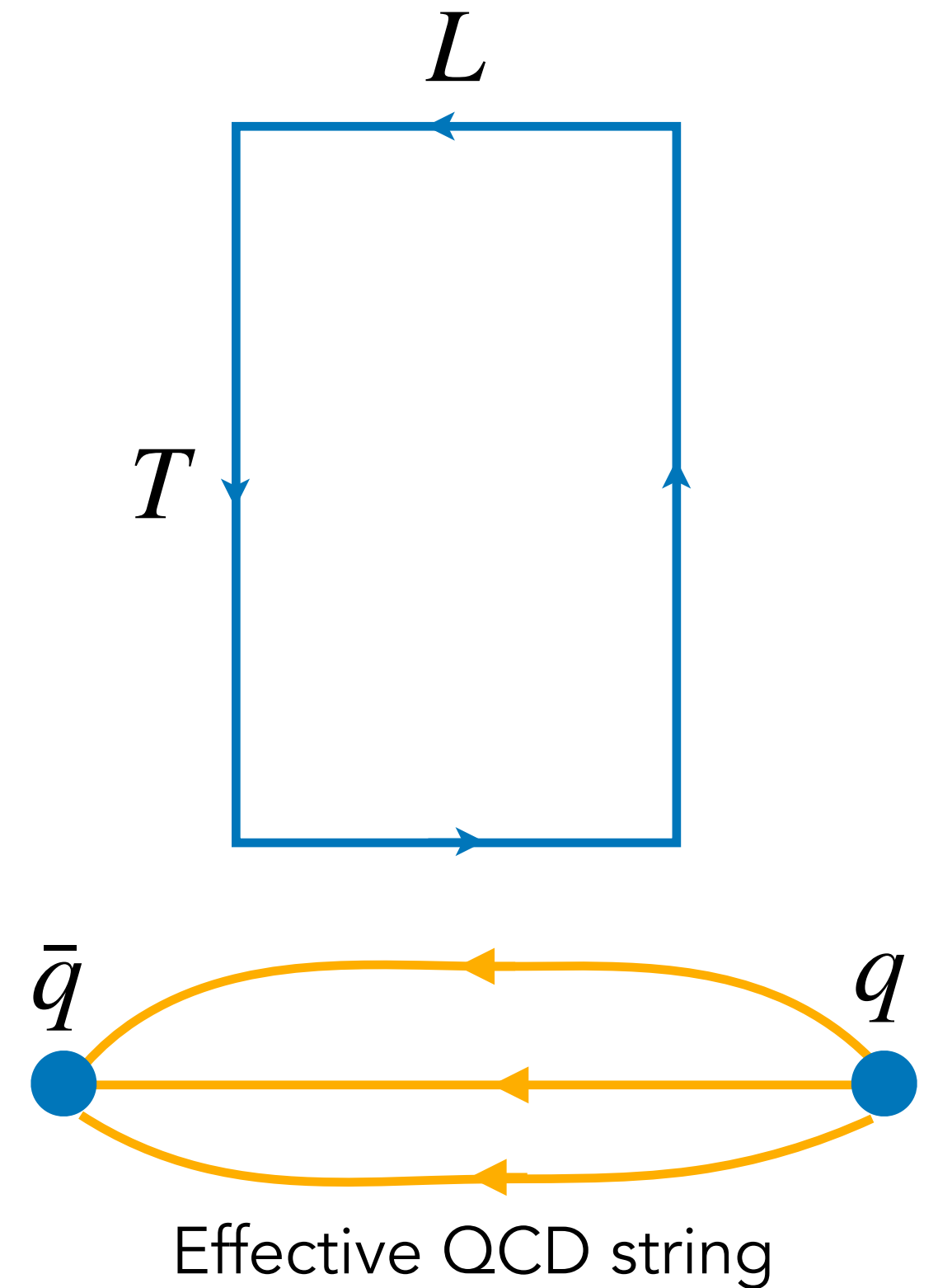


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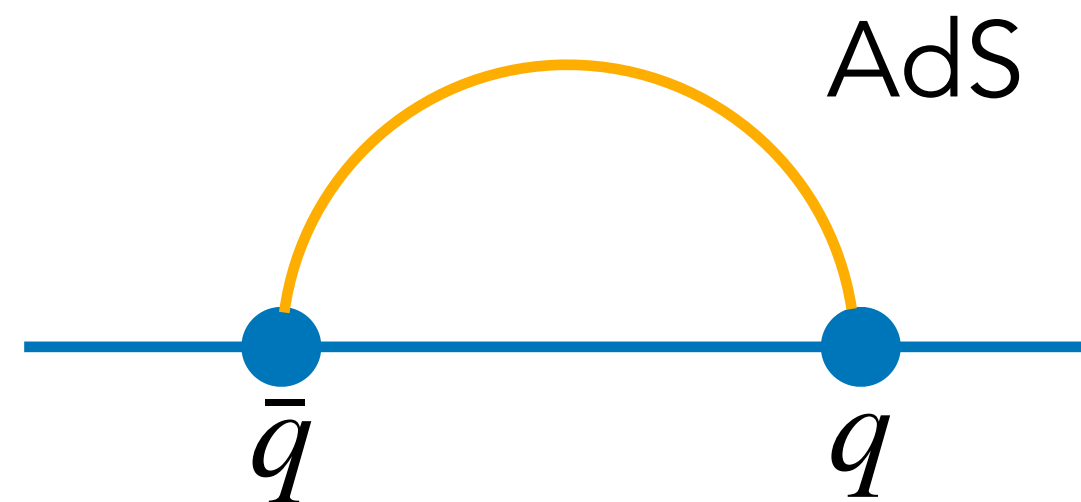
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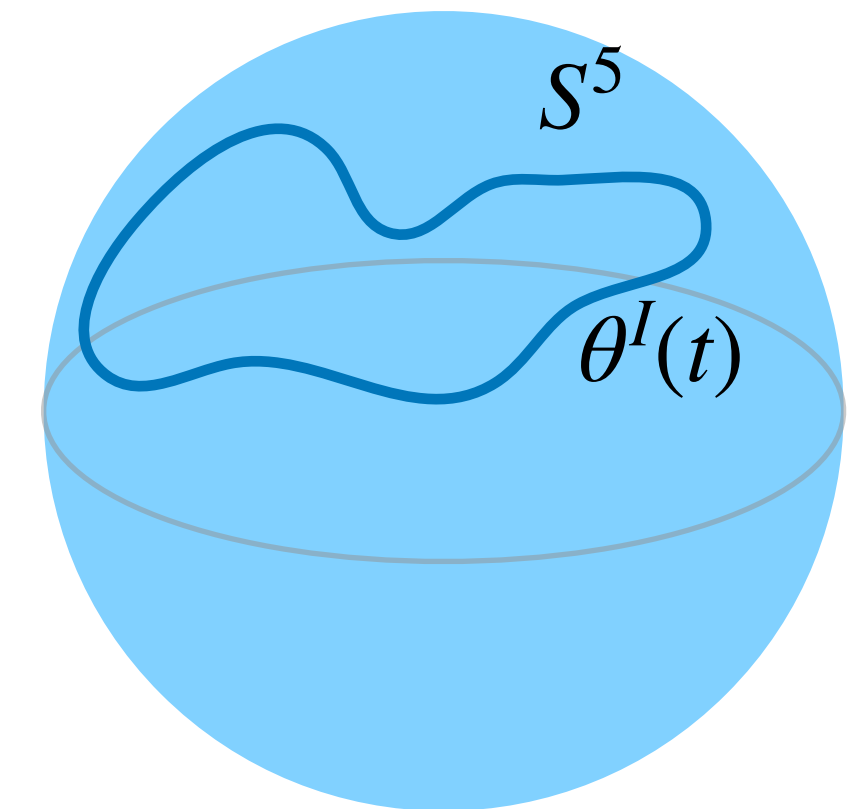
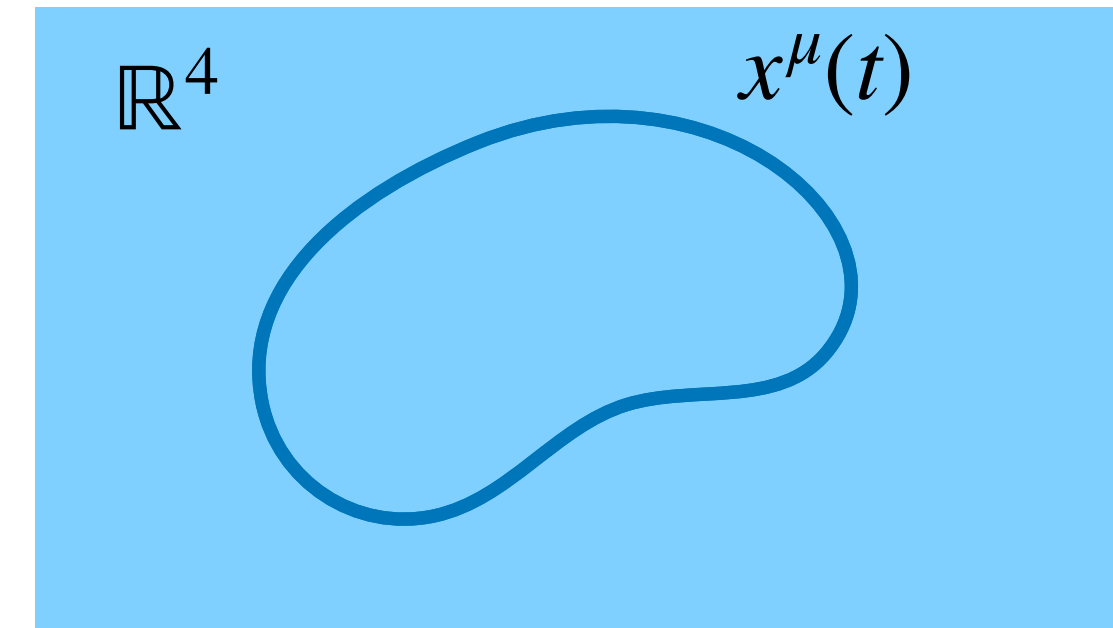


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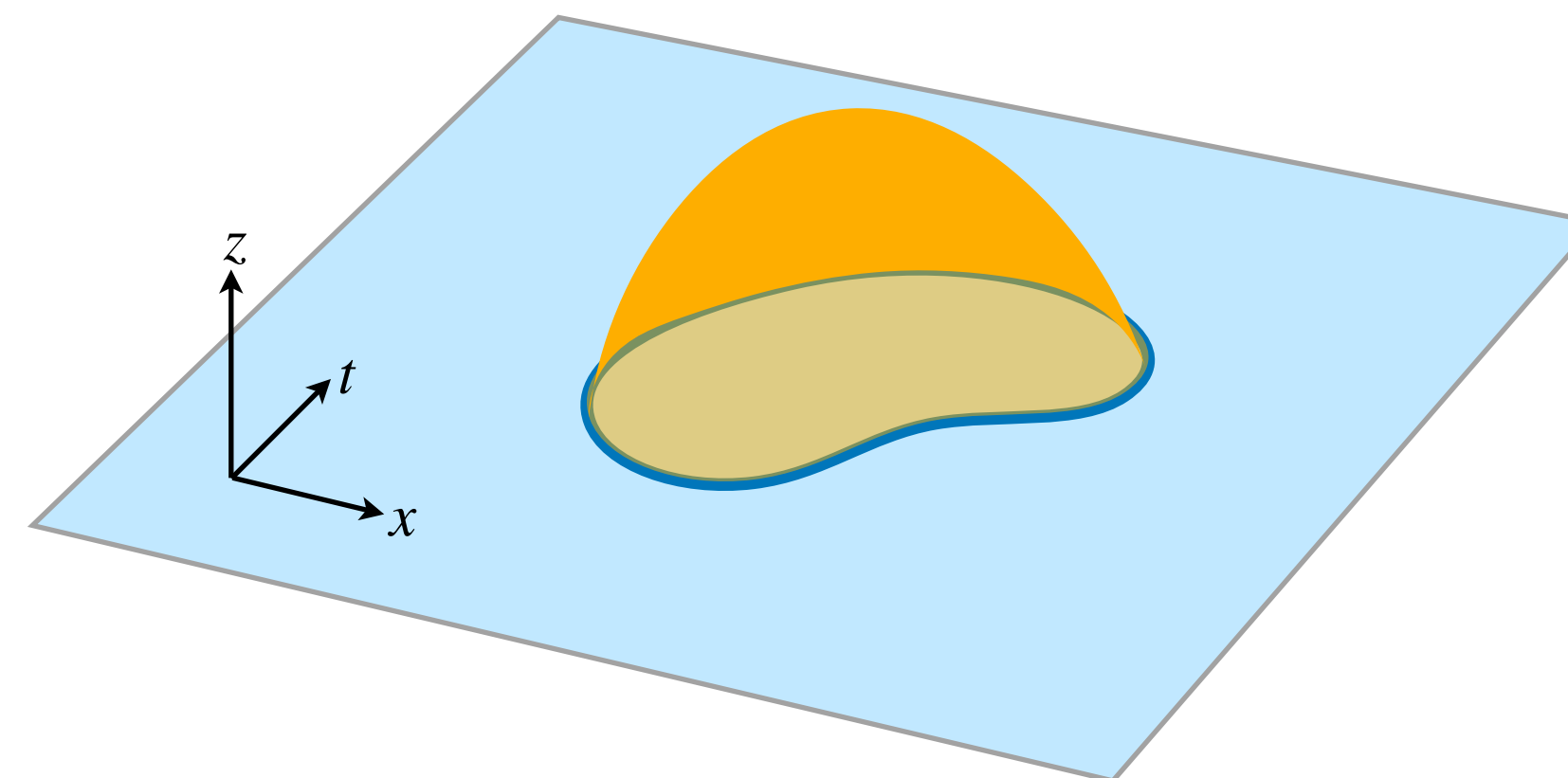
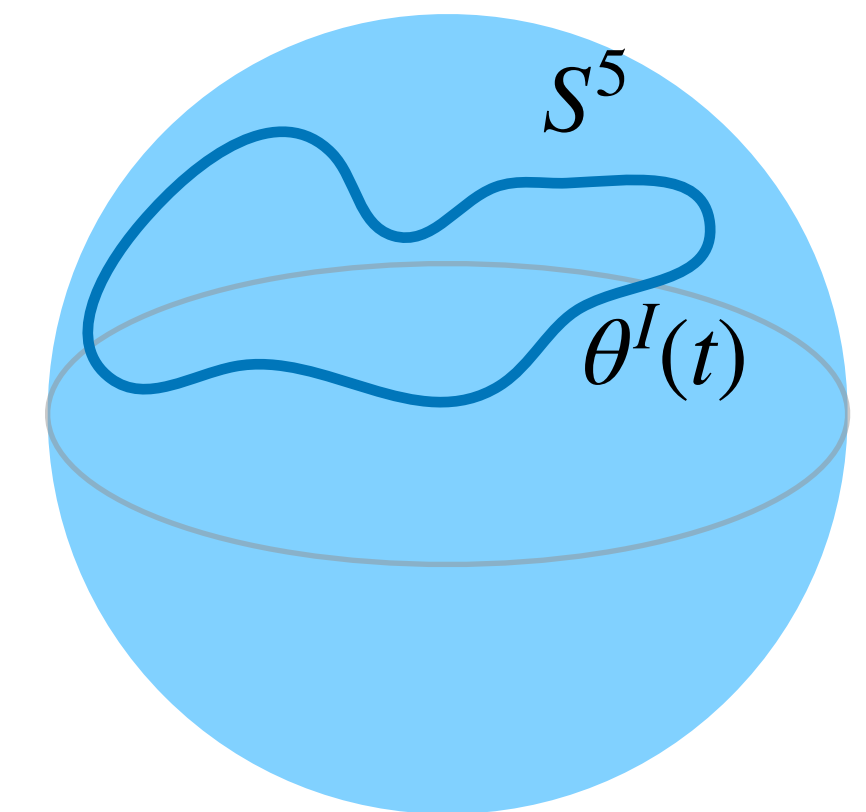
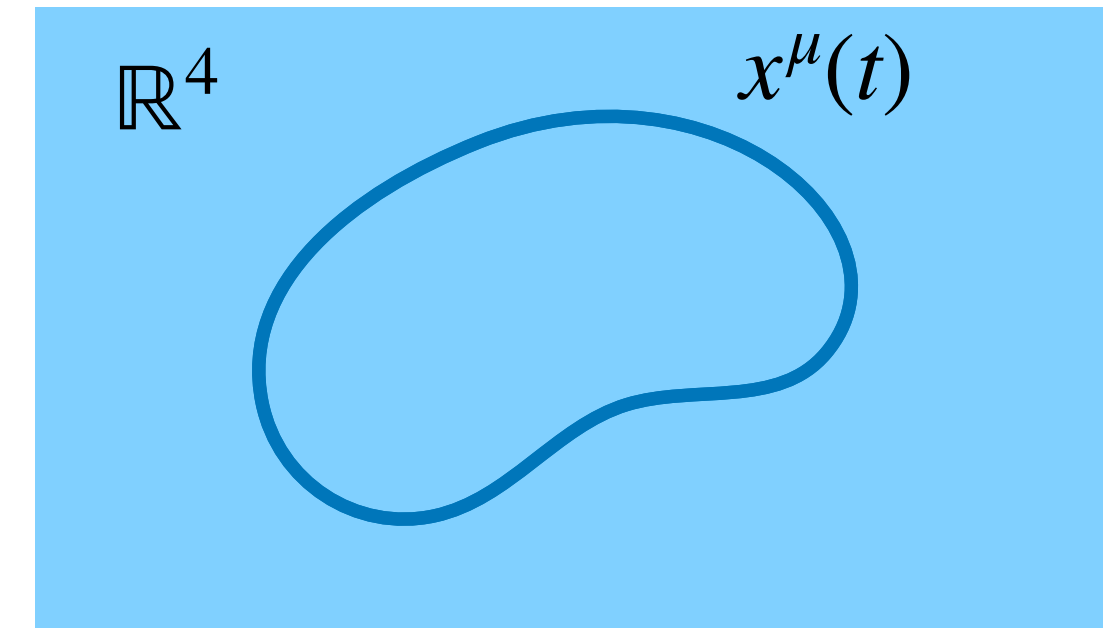
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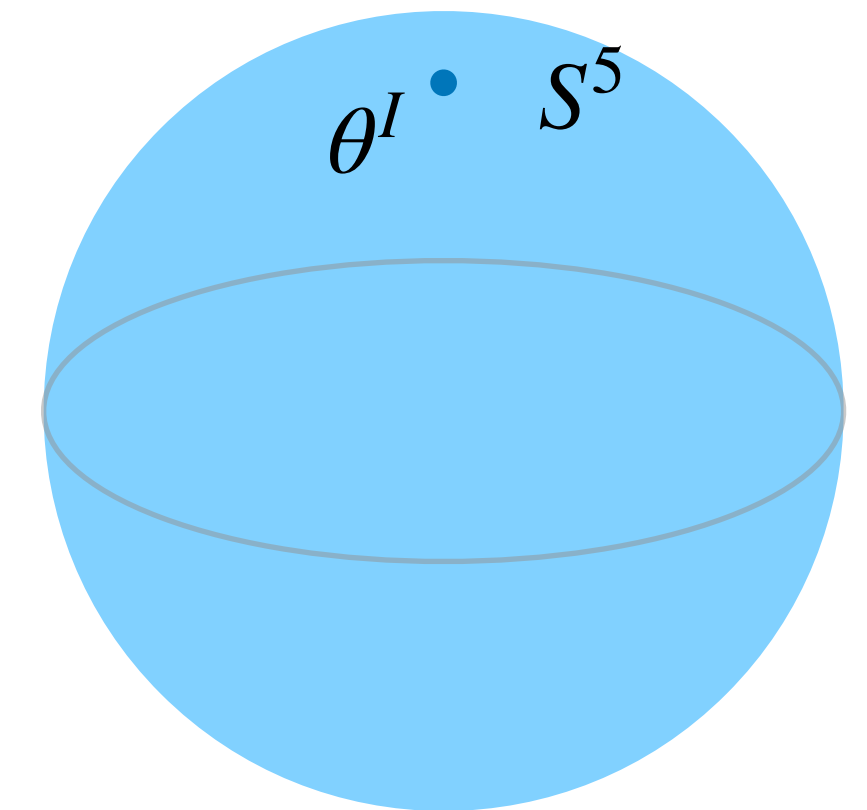
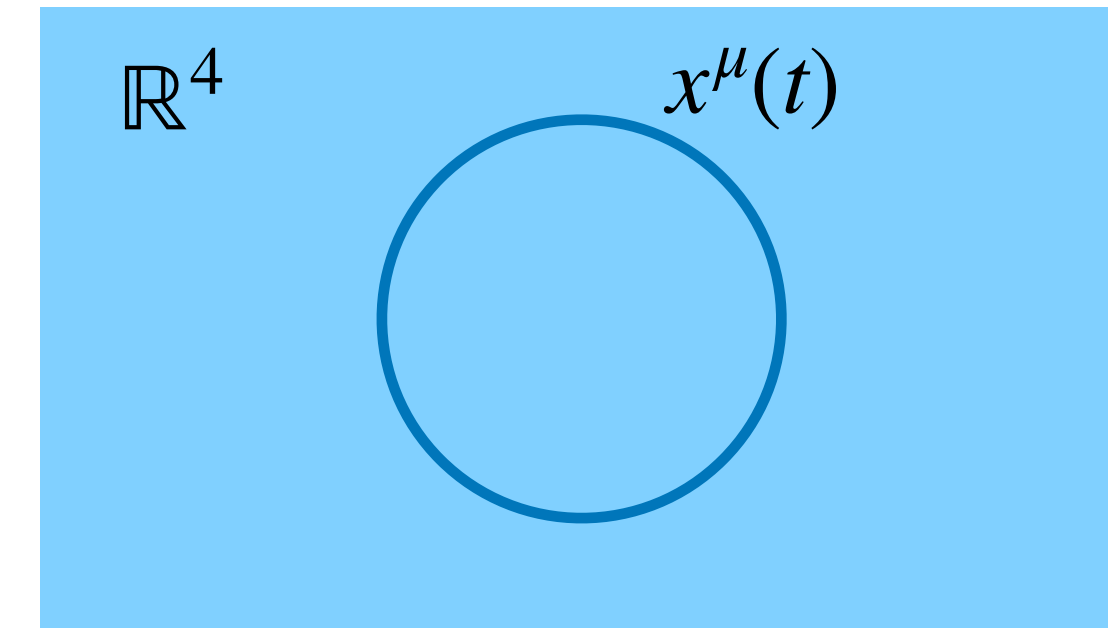
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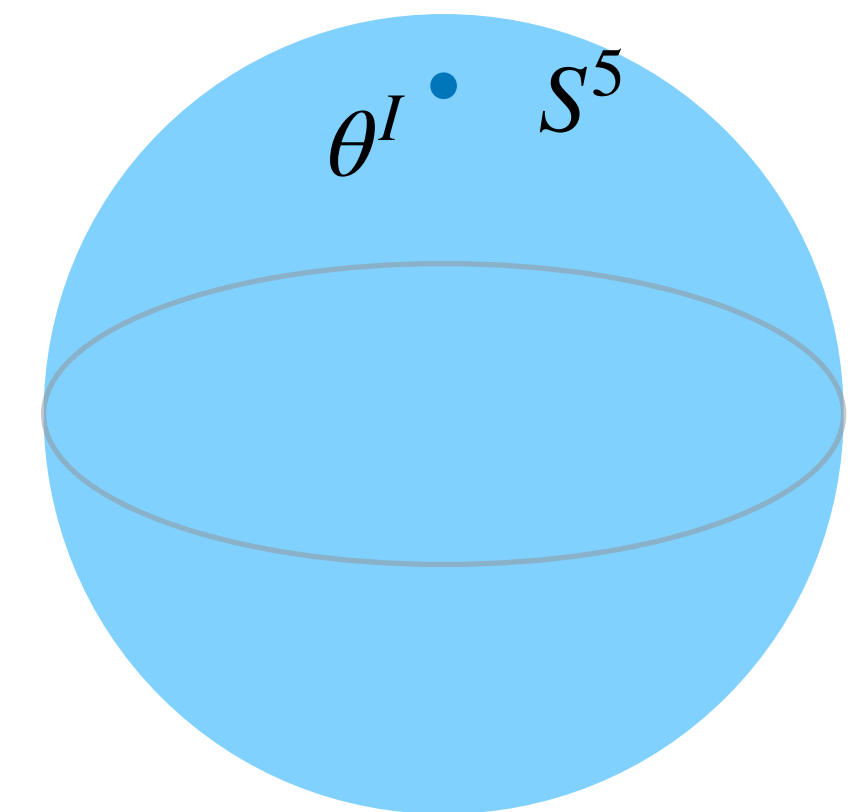
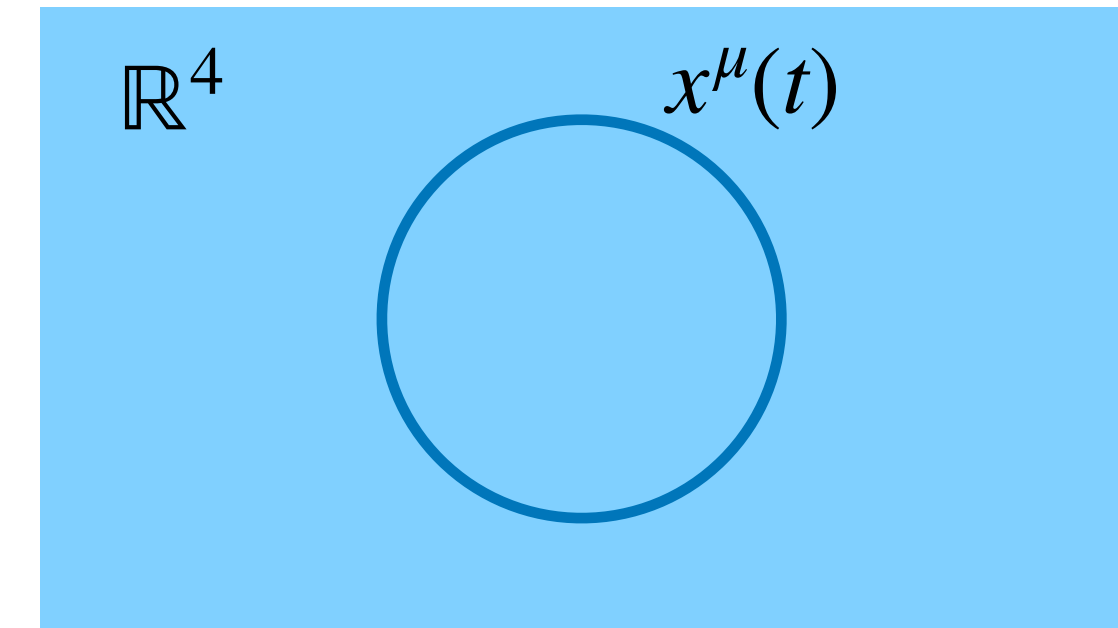
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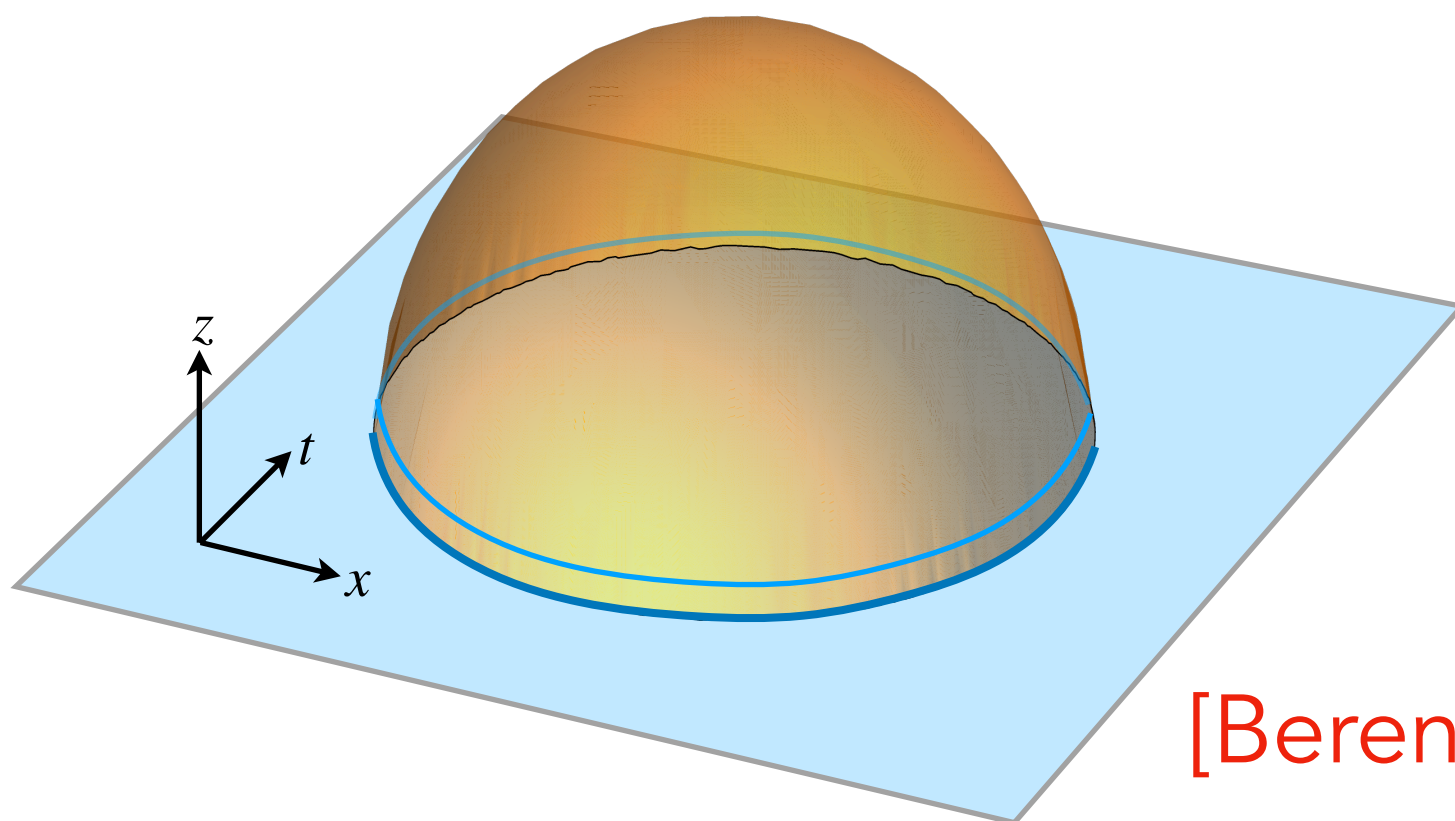
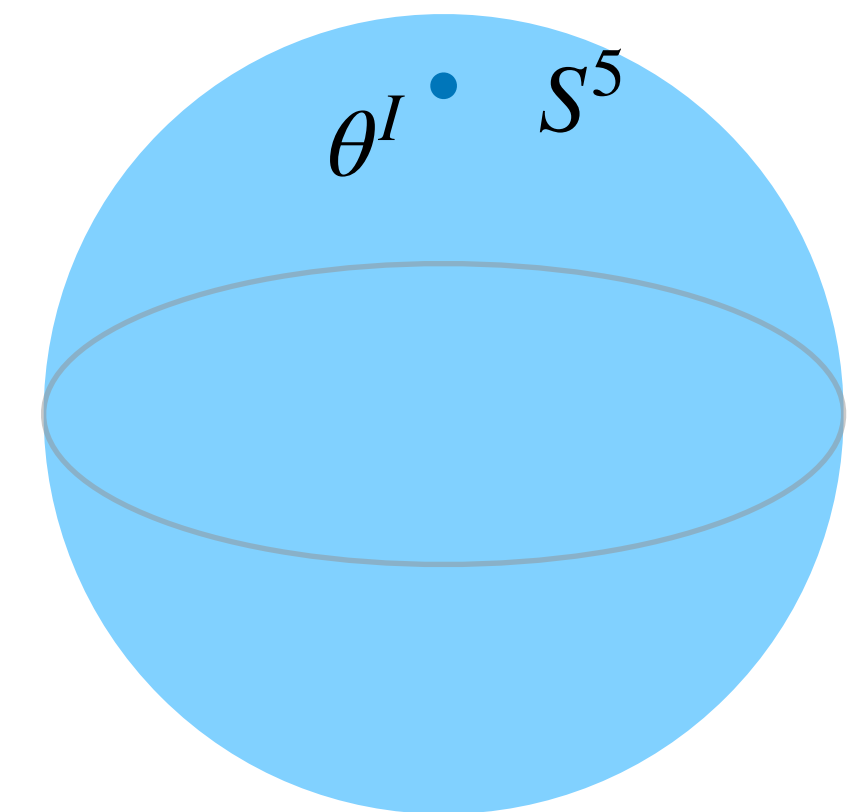
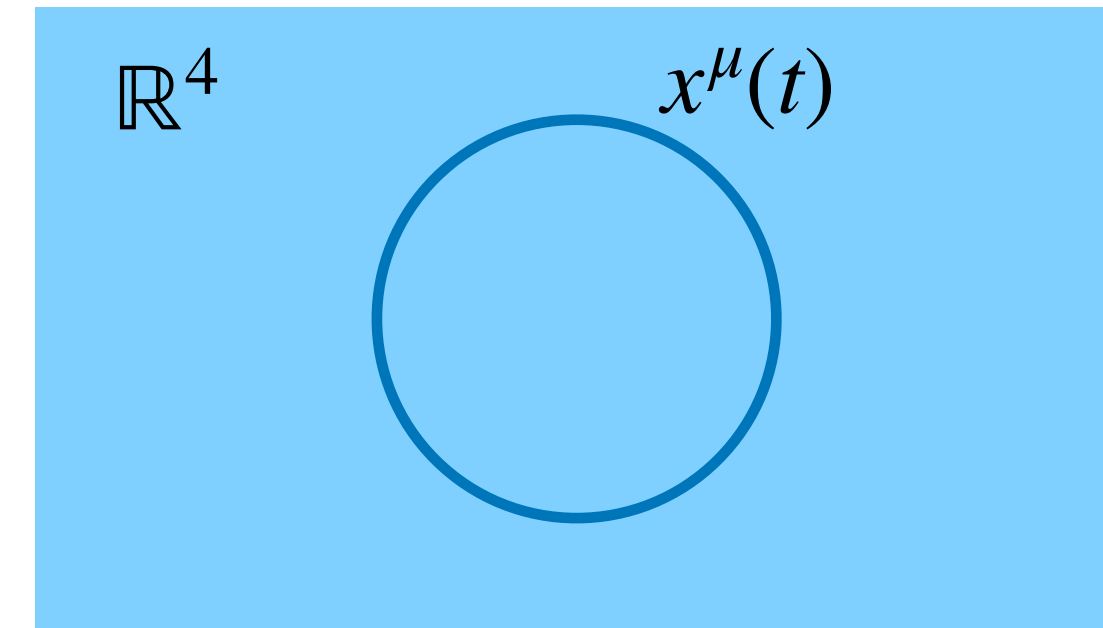
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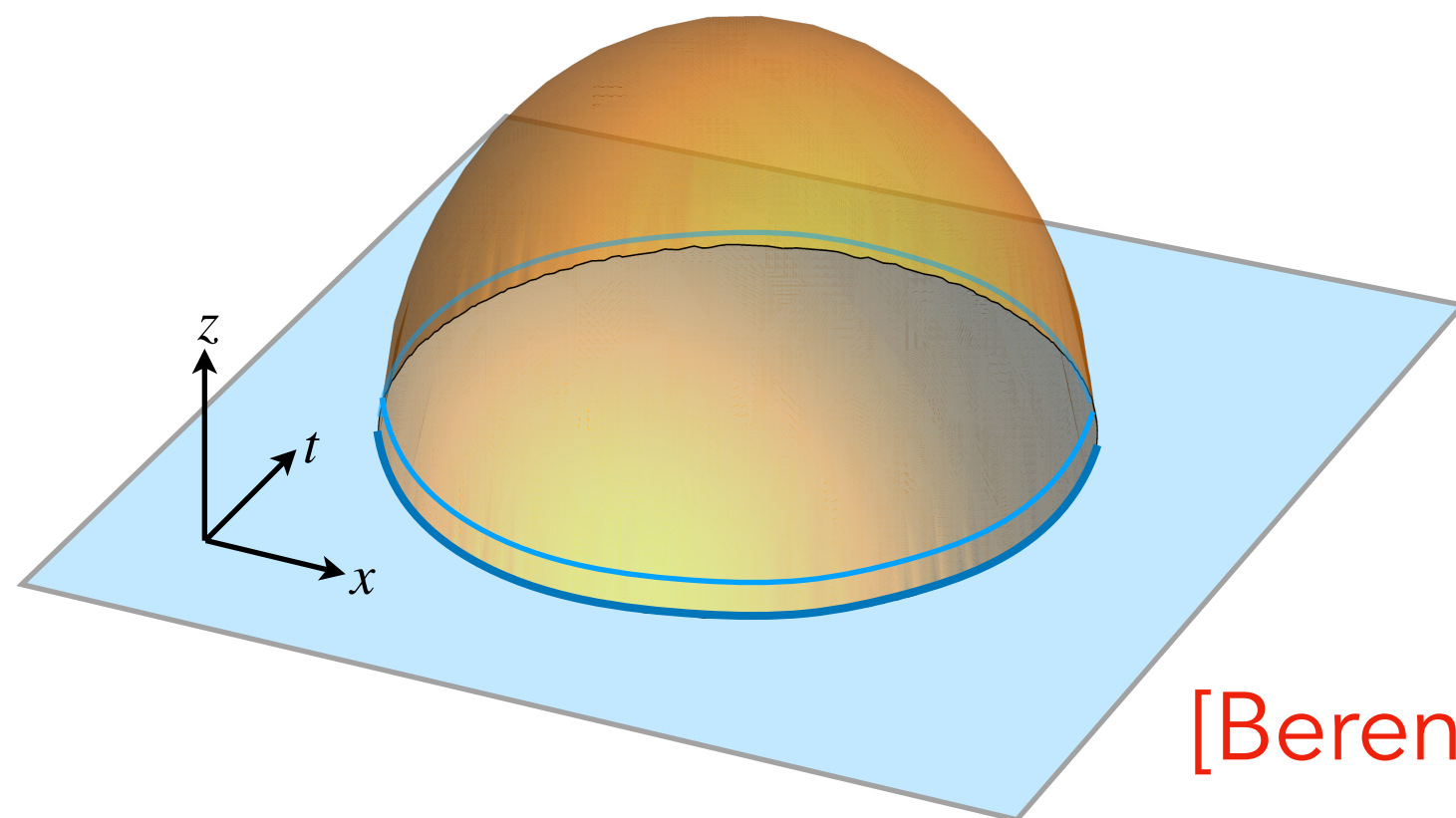
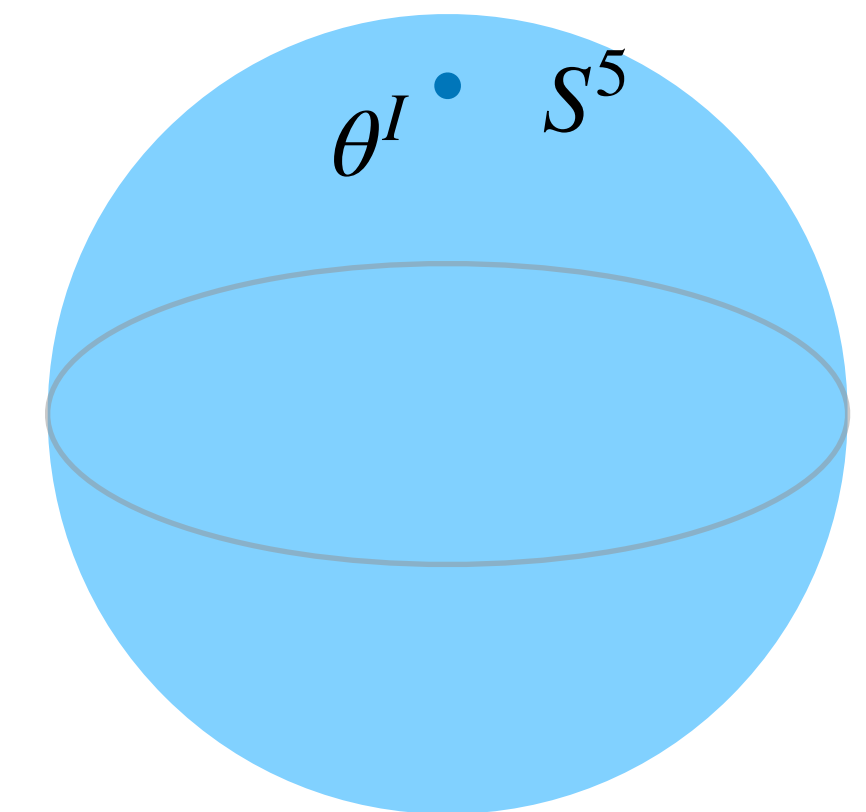
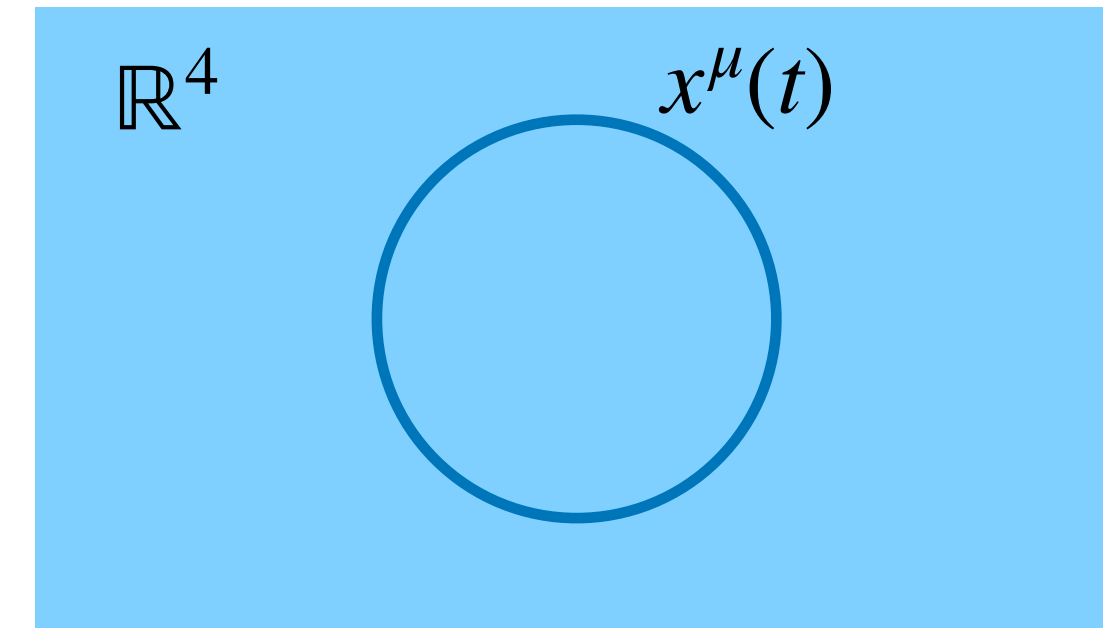
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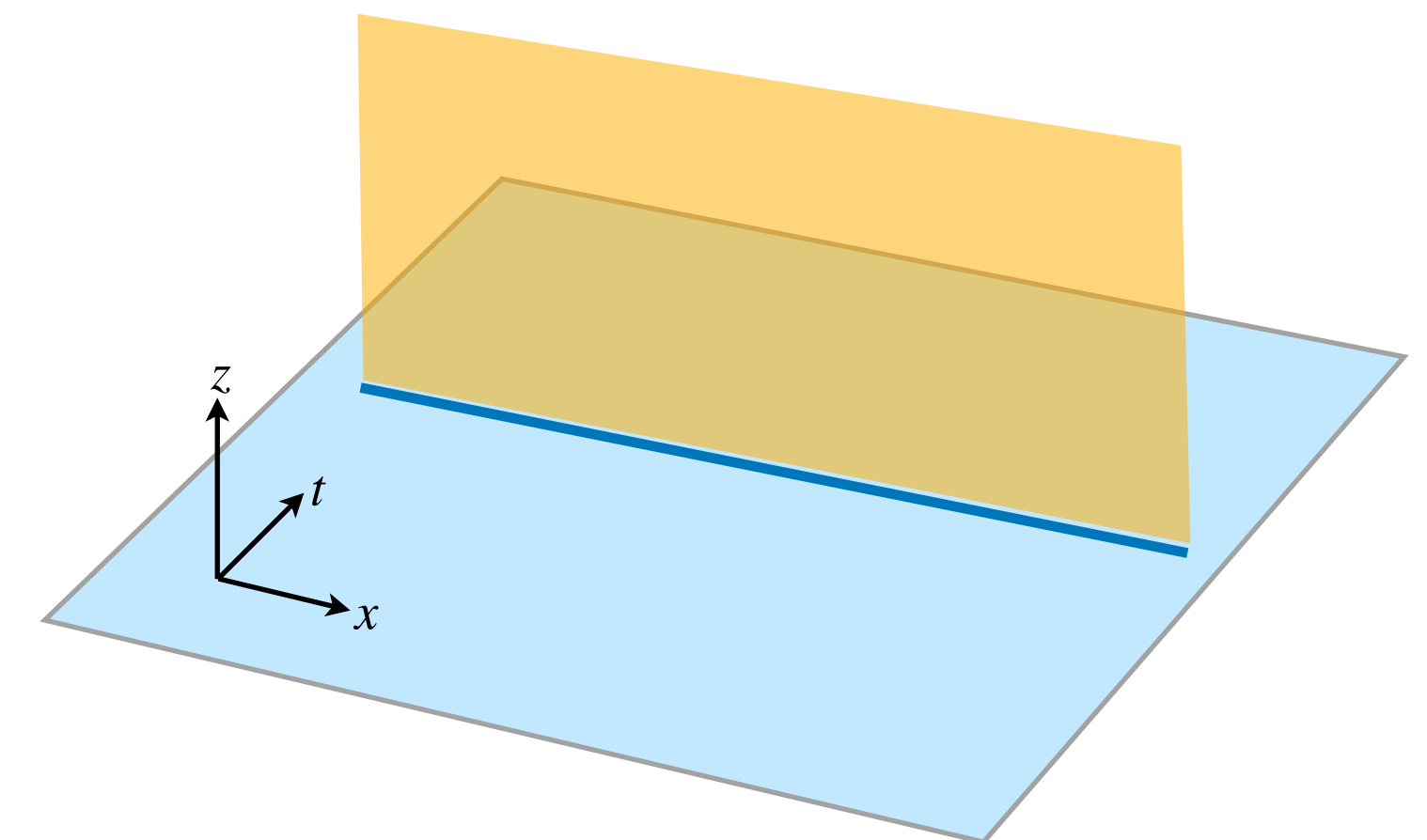
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This defect CFT has been studied extensively:

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- Using localization [Correa, Henn, Maldacena, Sever '12; Giombi, Komatsu '18]
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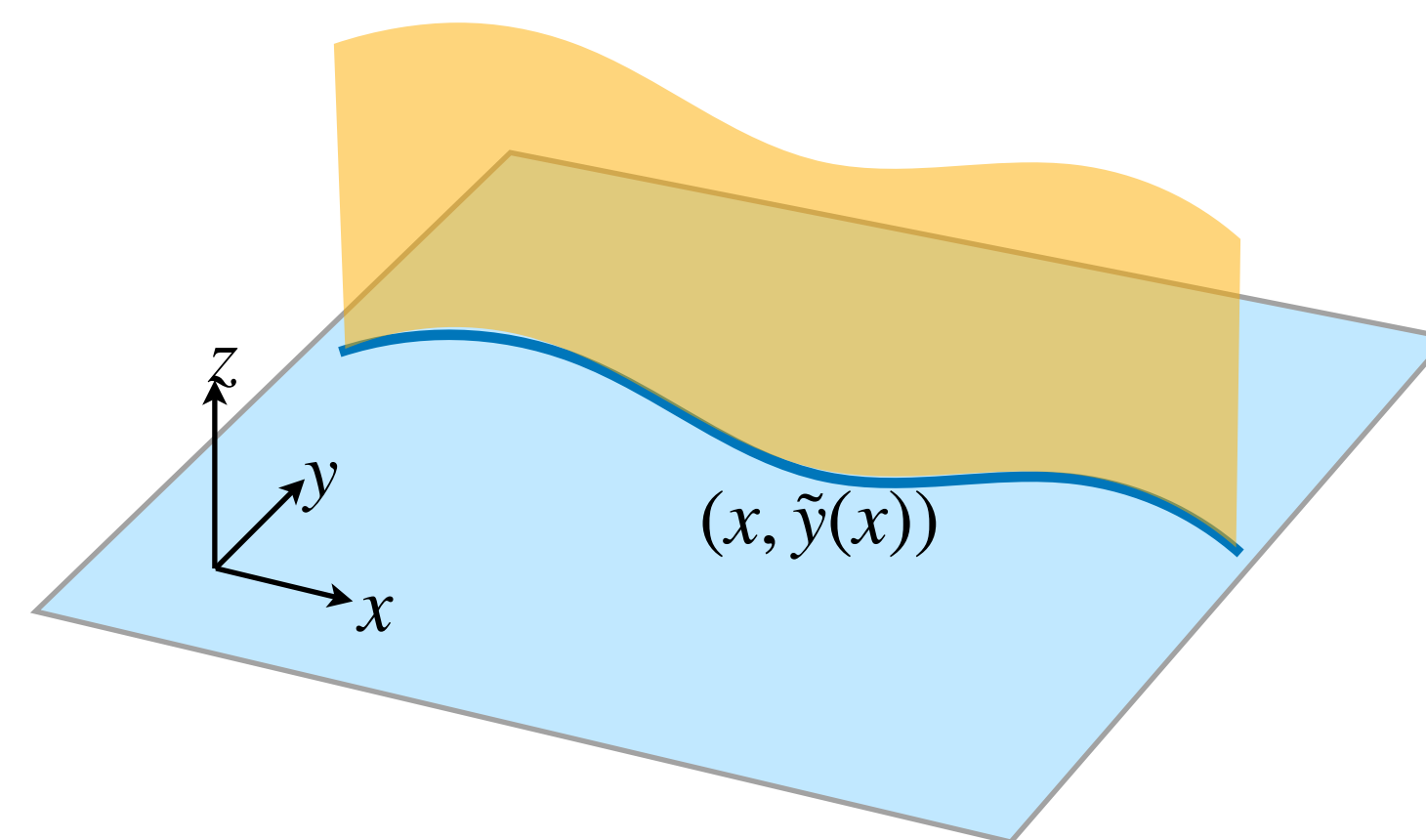
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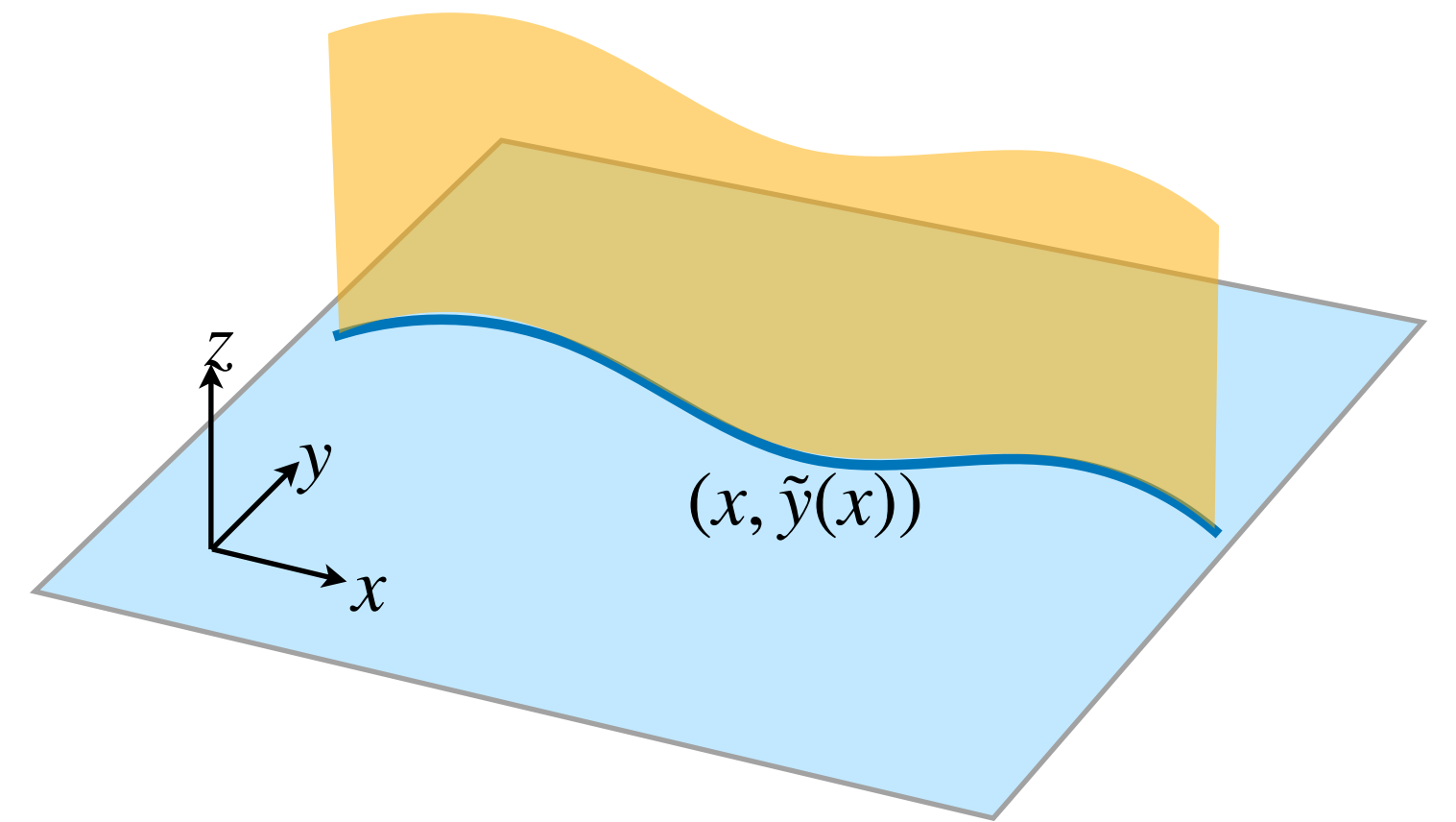
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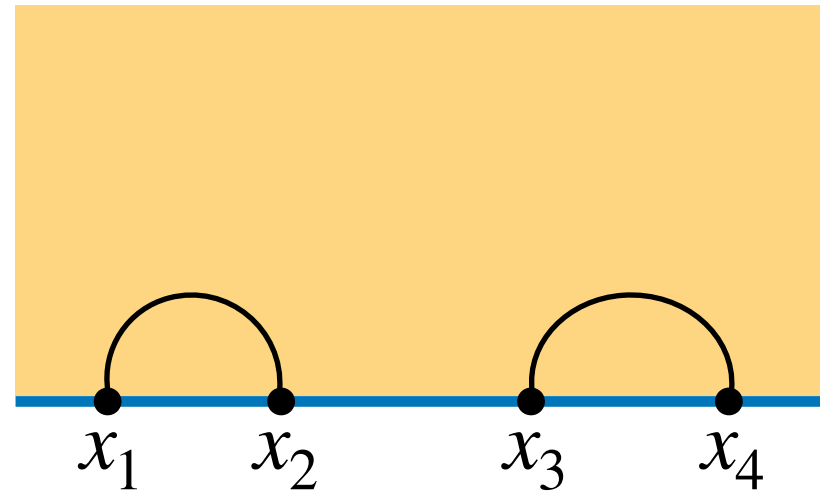
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We see that $y(s, t)$ is a massless field in AdS_2 with a tower of interactions. Recall that $m^2 = \Delta(\Delta - 1)$.

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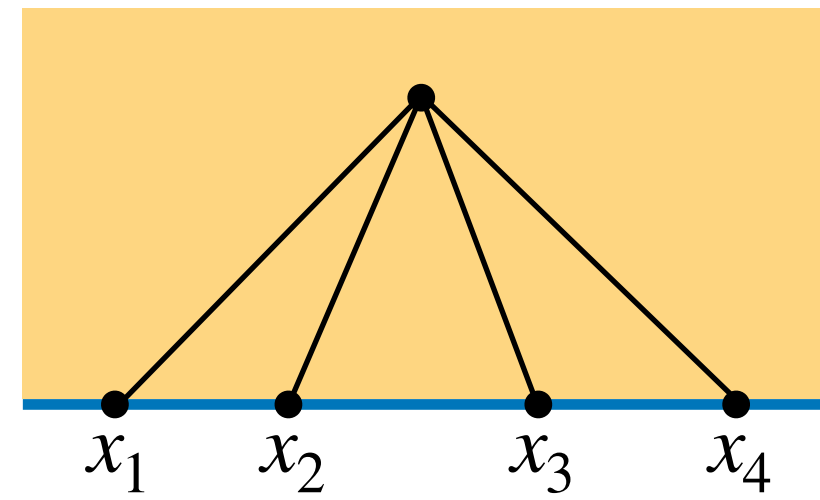
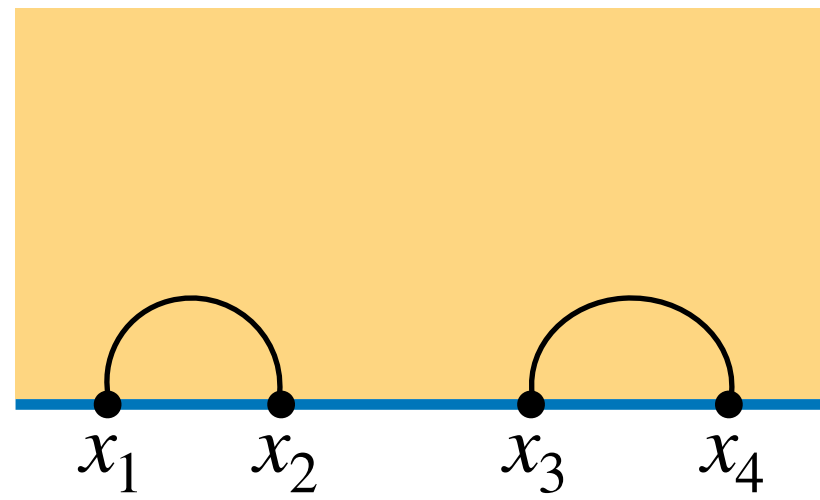
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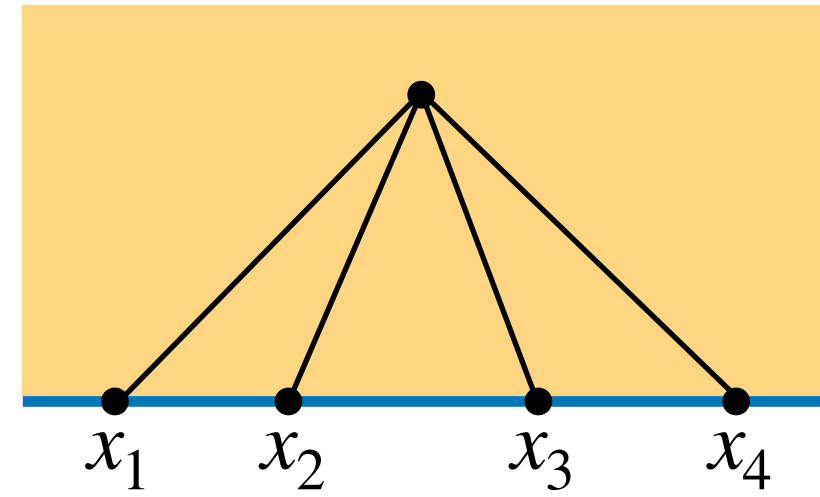
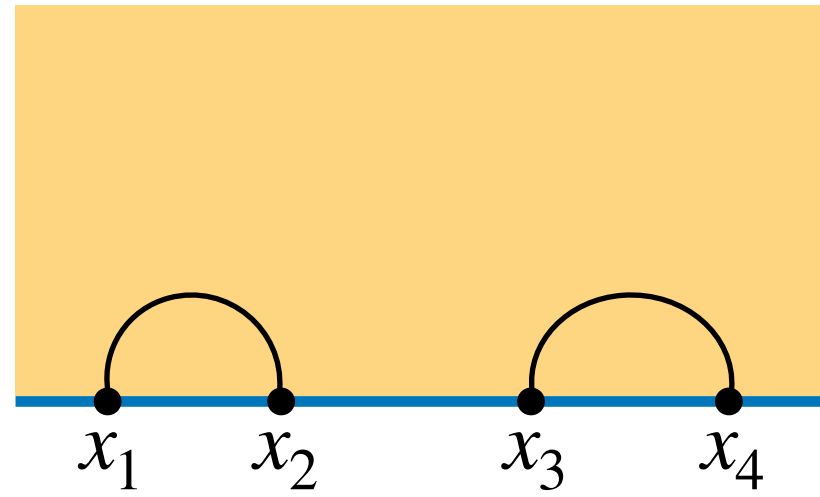
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We find the normalized four-point function takes the form:

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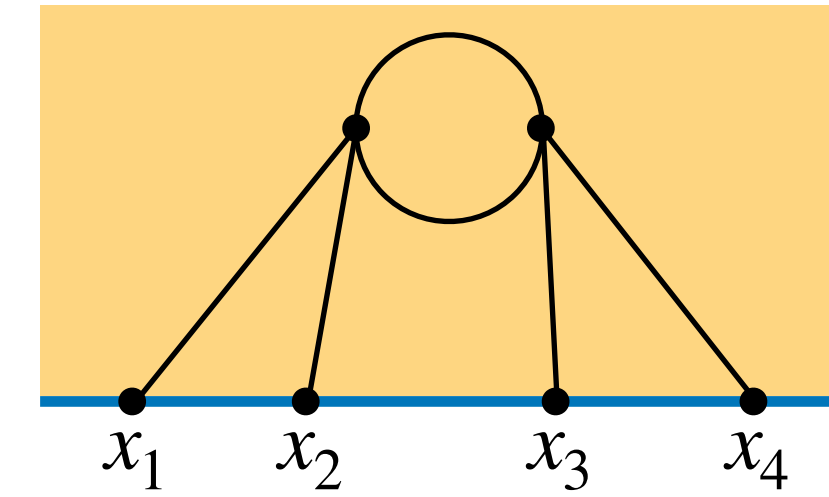
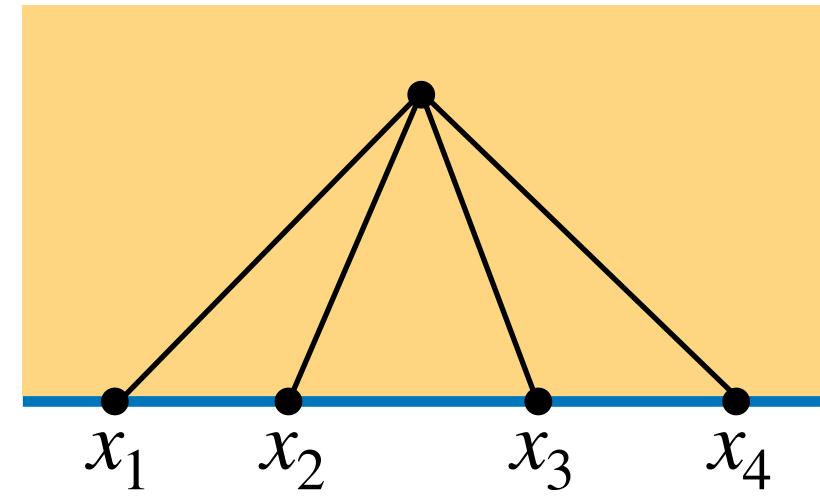
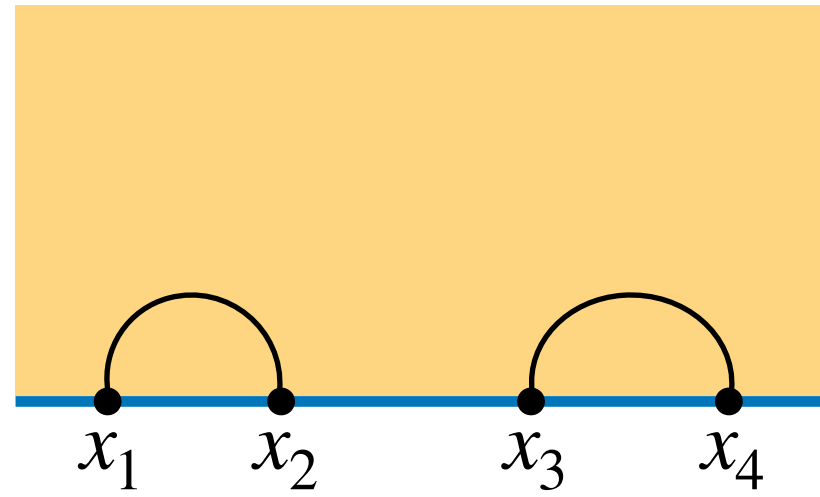
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Correlators on the string in static gauge

[Giombi, Roiban, Tseytlin '17]



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Part II

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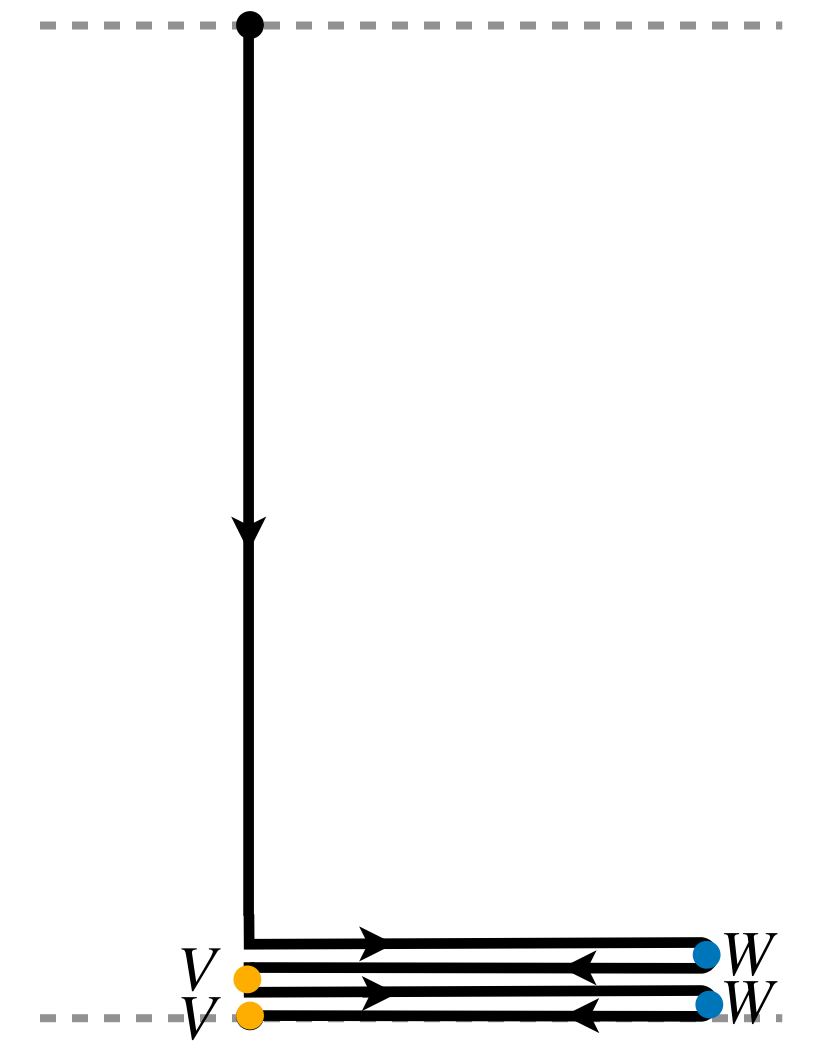
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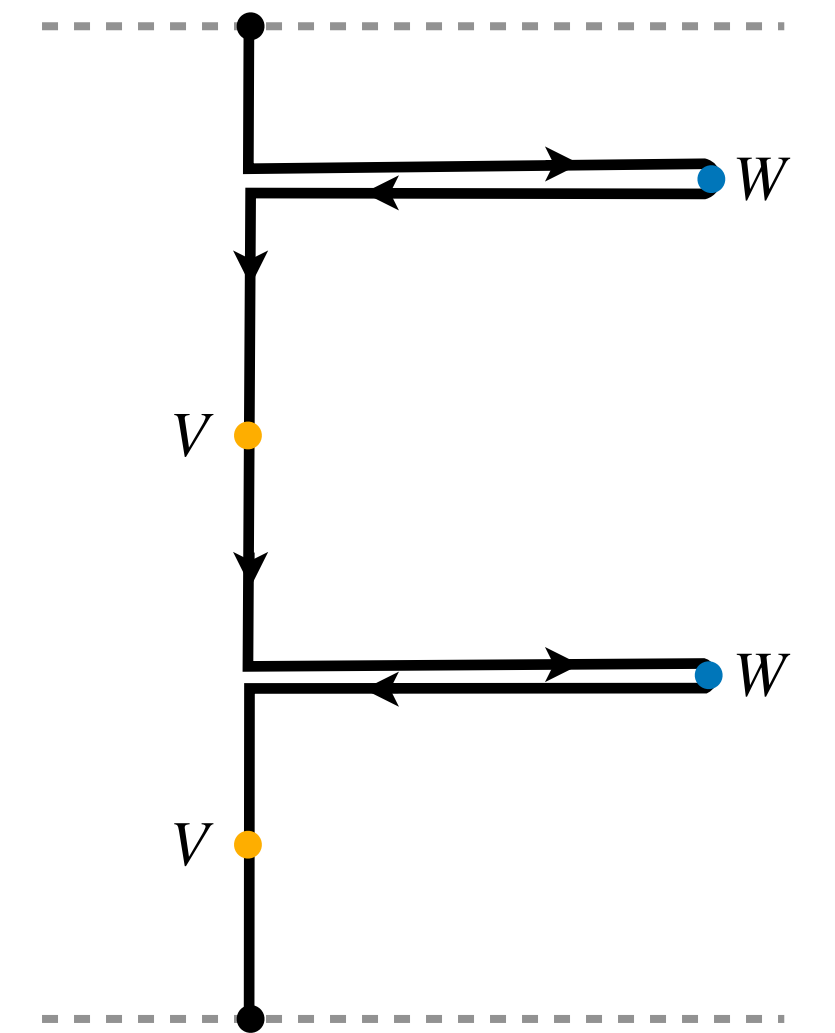
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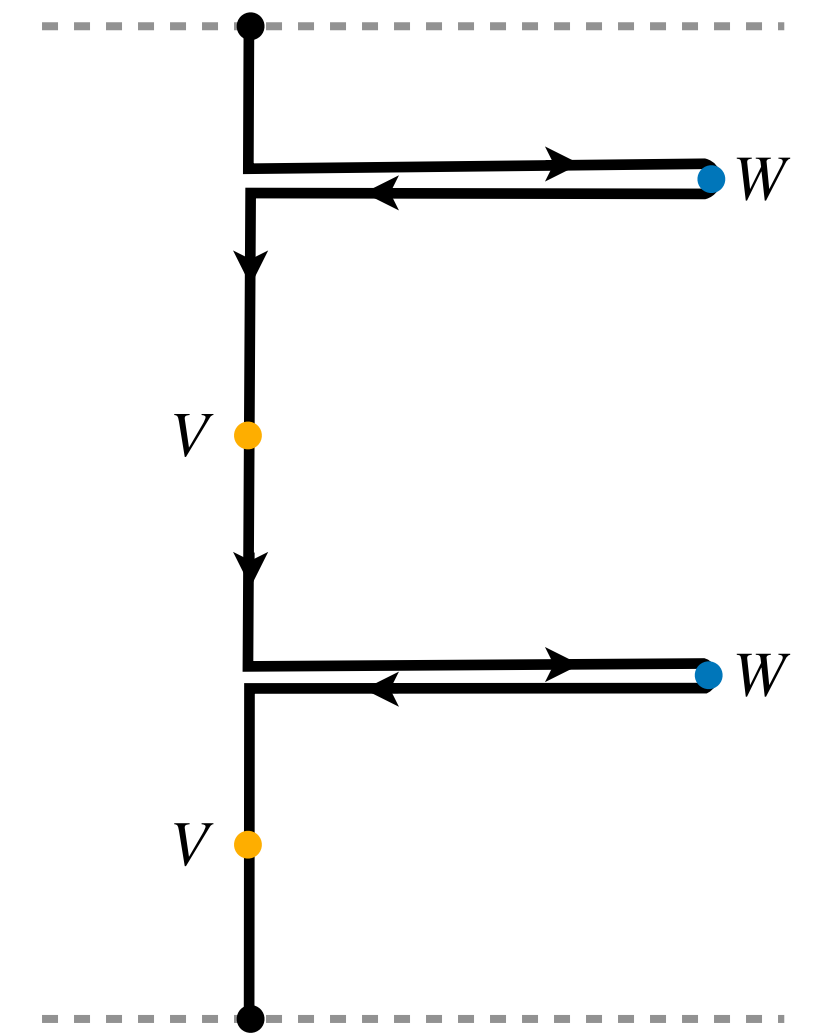
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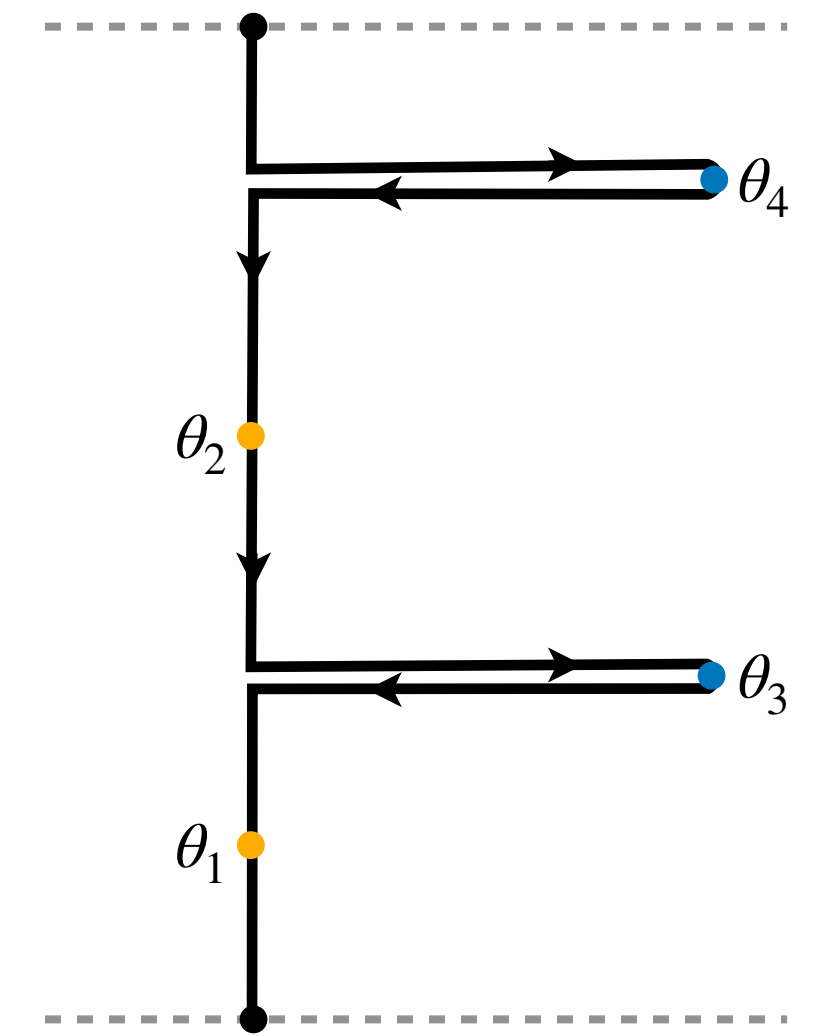
Einstein gravity saturates this bound [SS '14]. E.g., in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM, $\langle VW(t)VW(t) \rangle_\beta = 1 - \frac{\#}{N^2} e^{\frac{2\pi}{\beta} t} = 1 - \#G_N e^{\frac{2\pi}{\beta} t}$.



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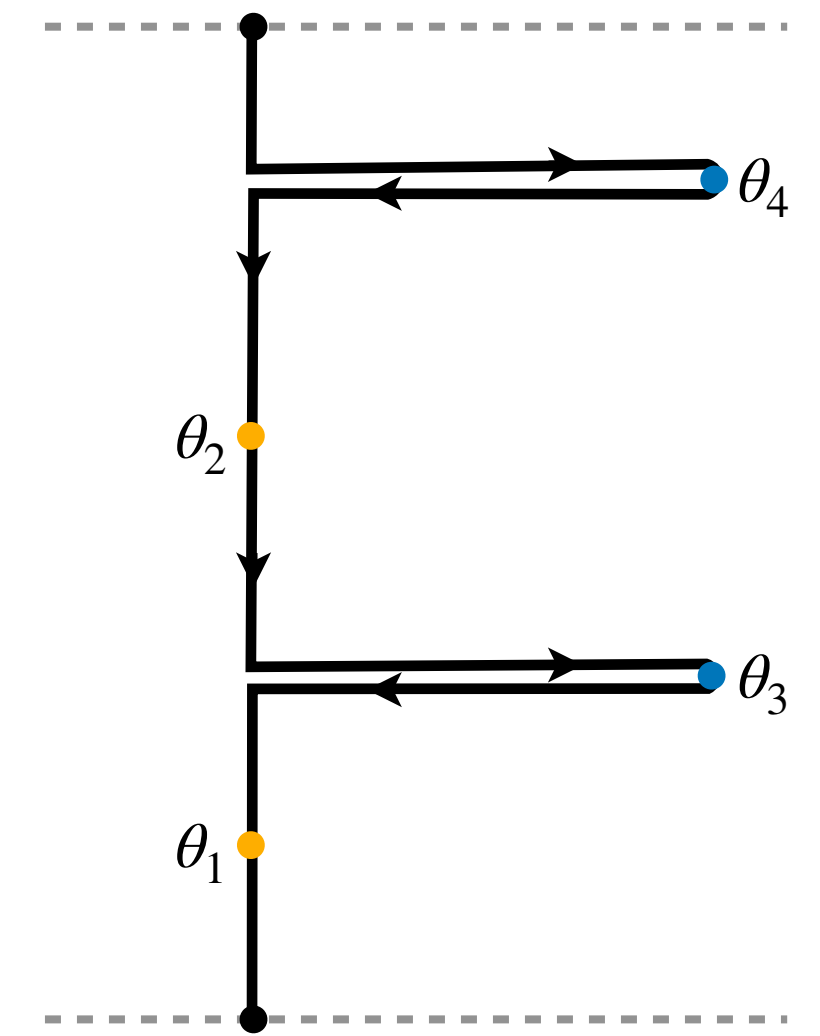
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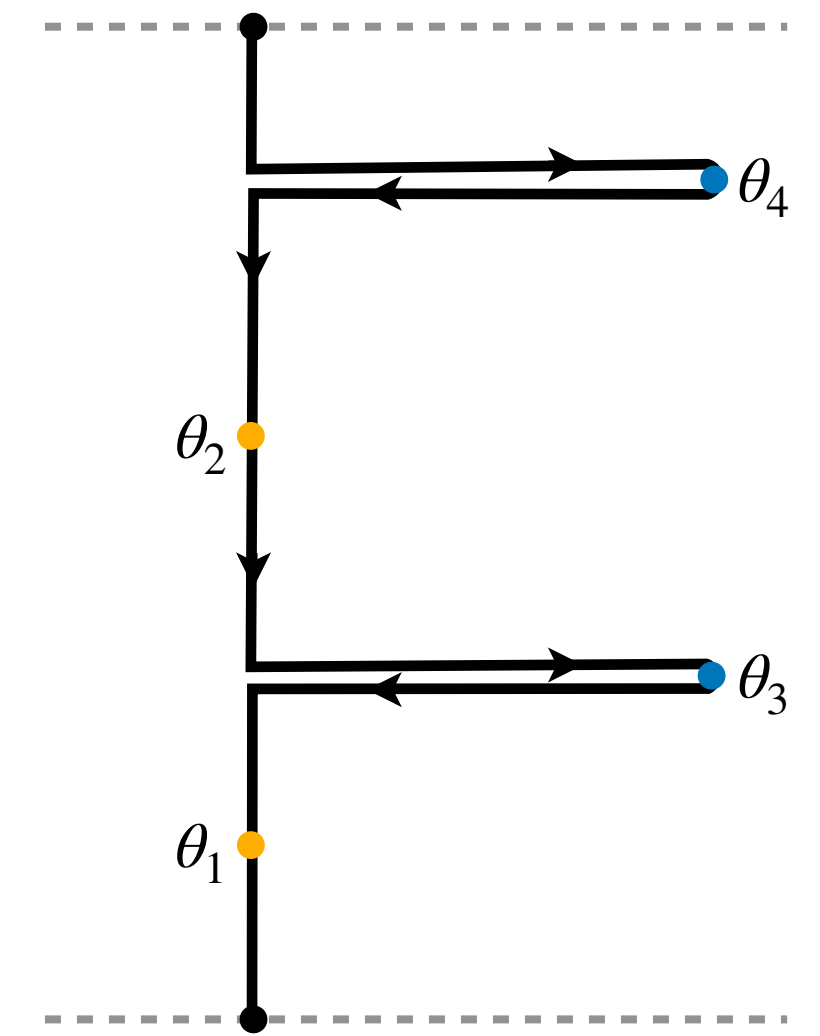
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This saturates the chaos bound: $\lambda_L = \frac{2\pi}{\beta}$.

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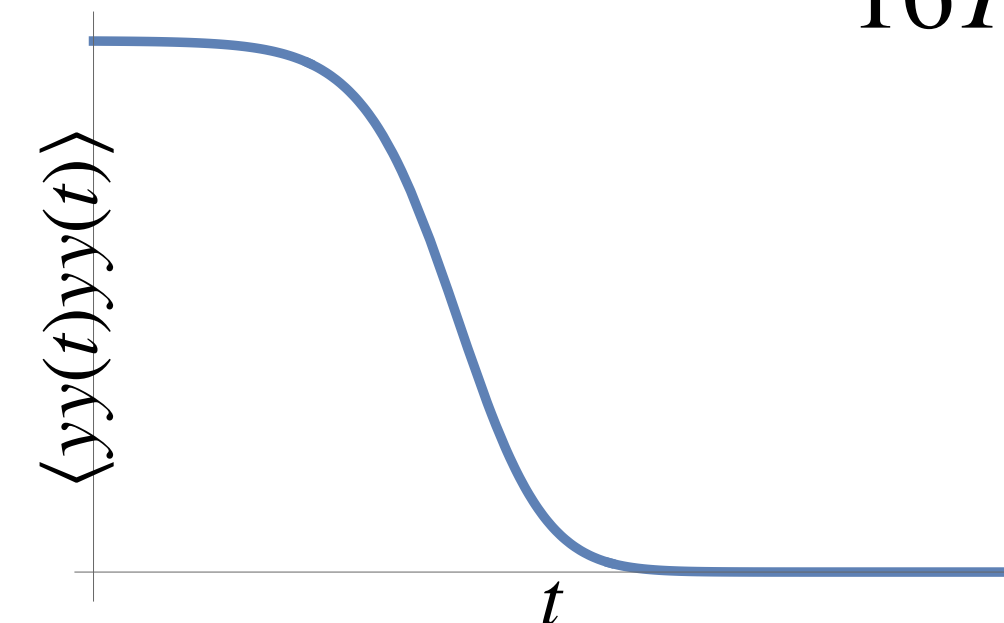
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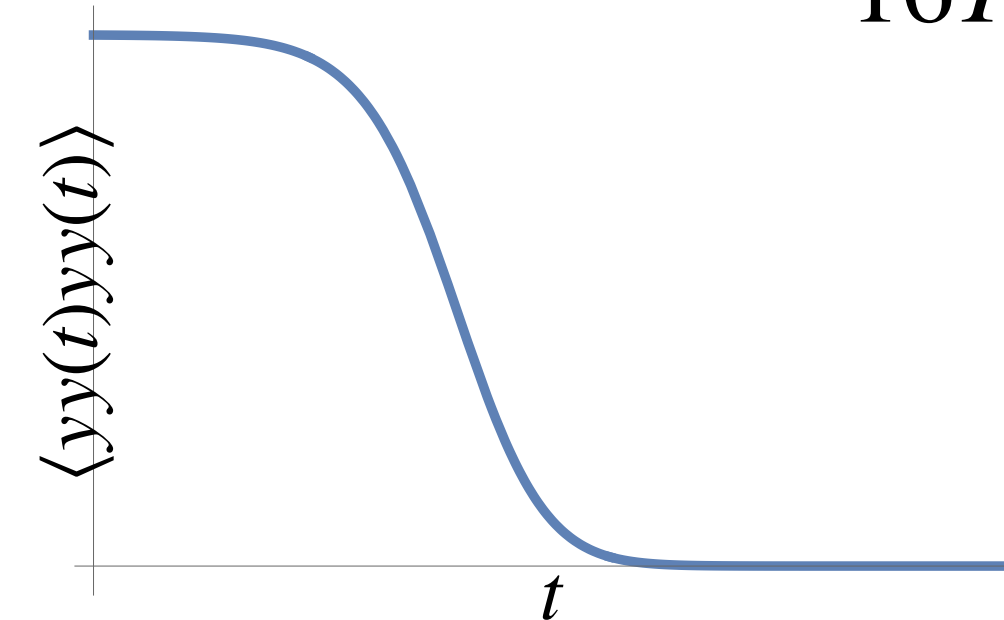


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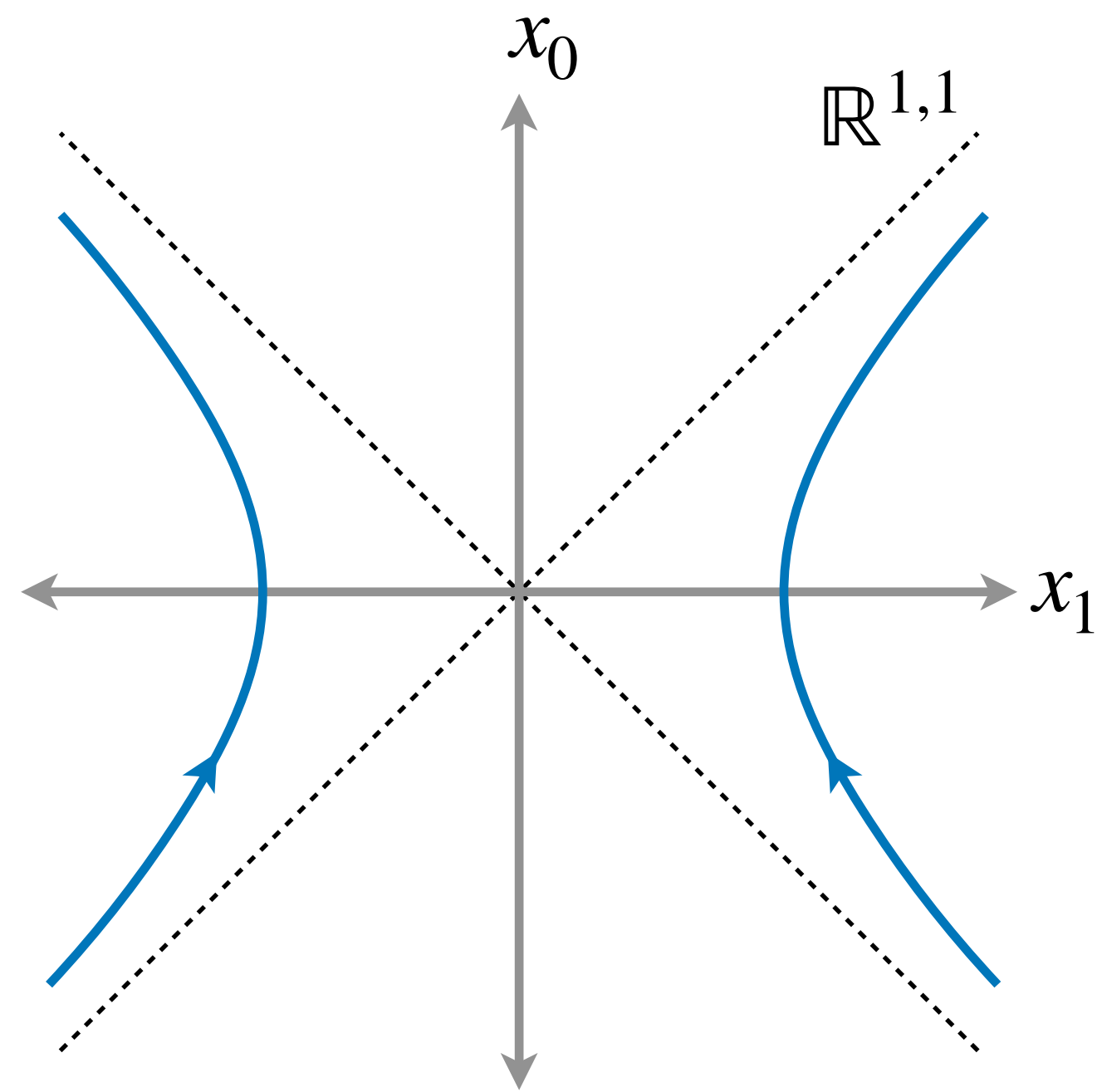
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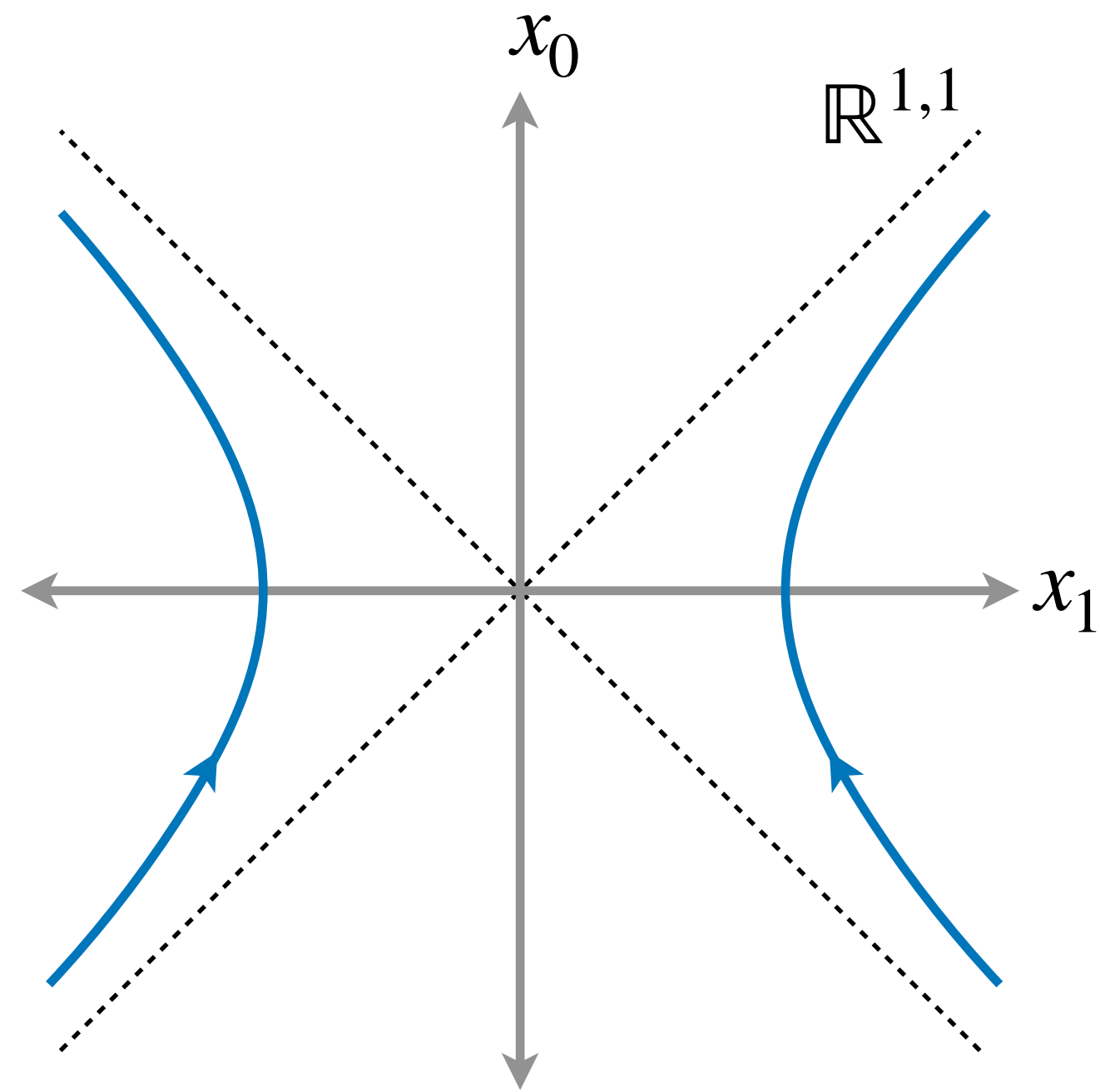
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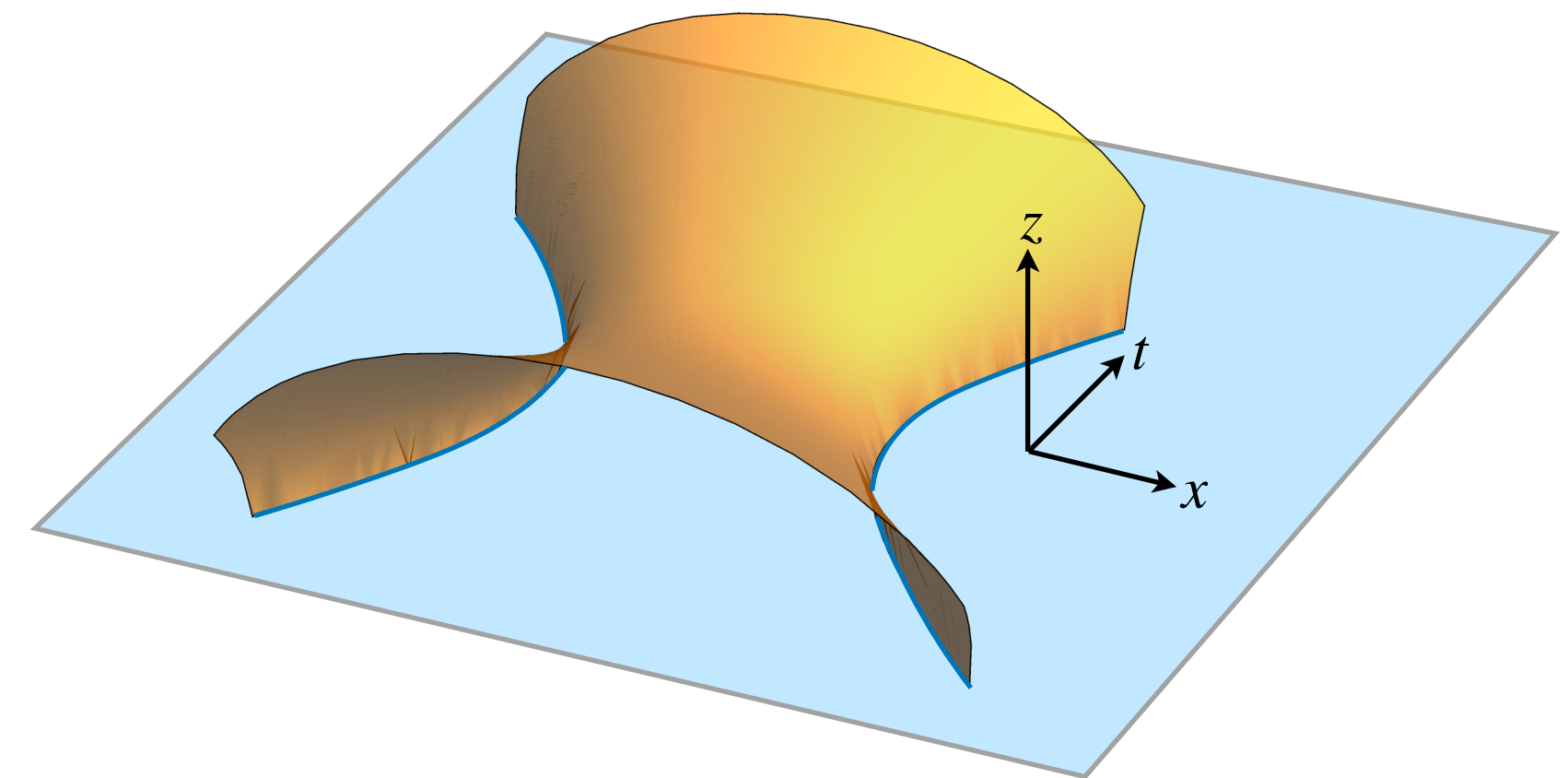
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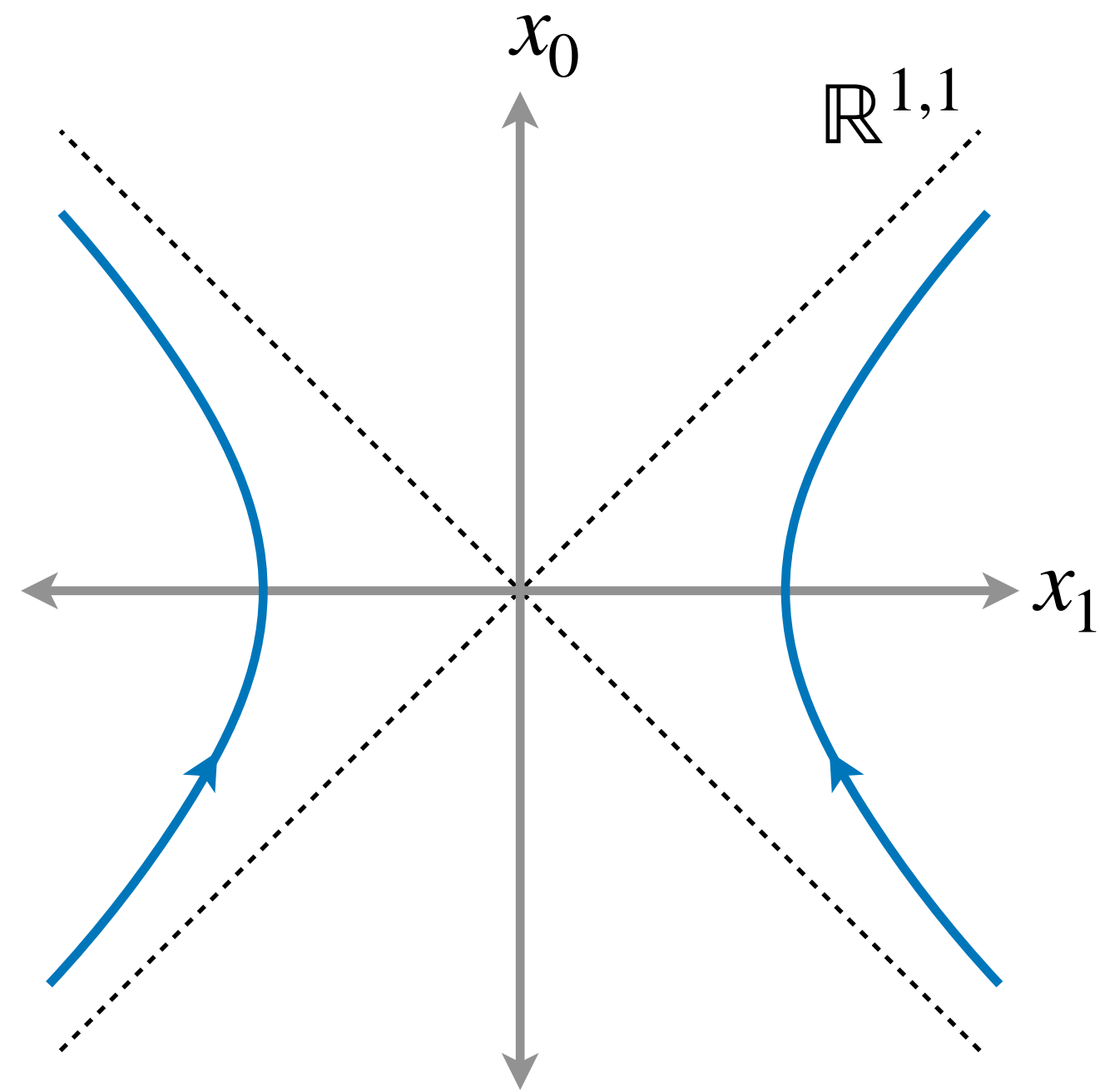
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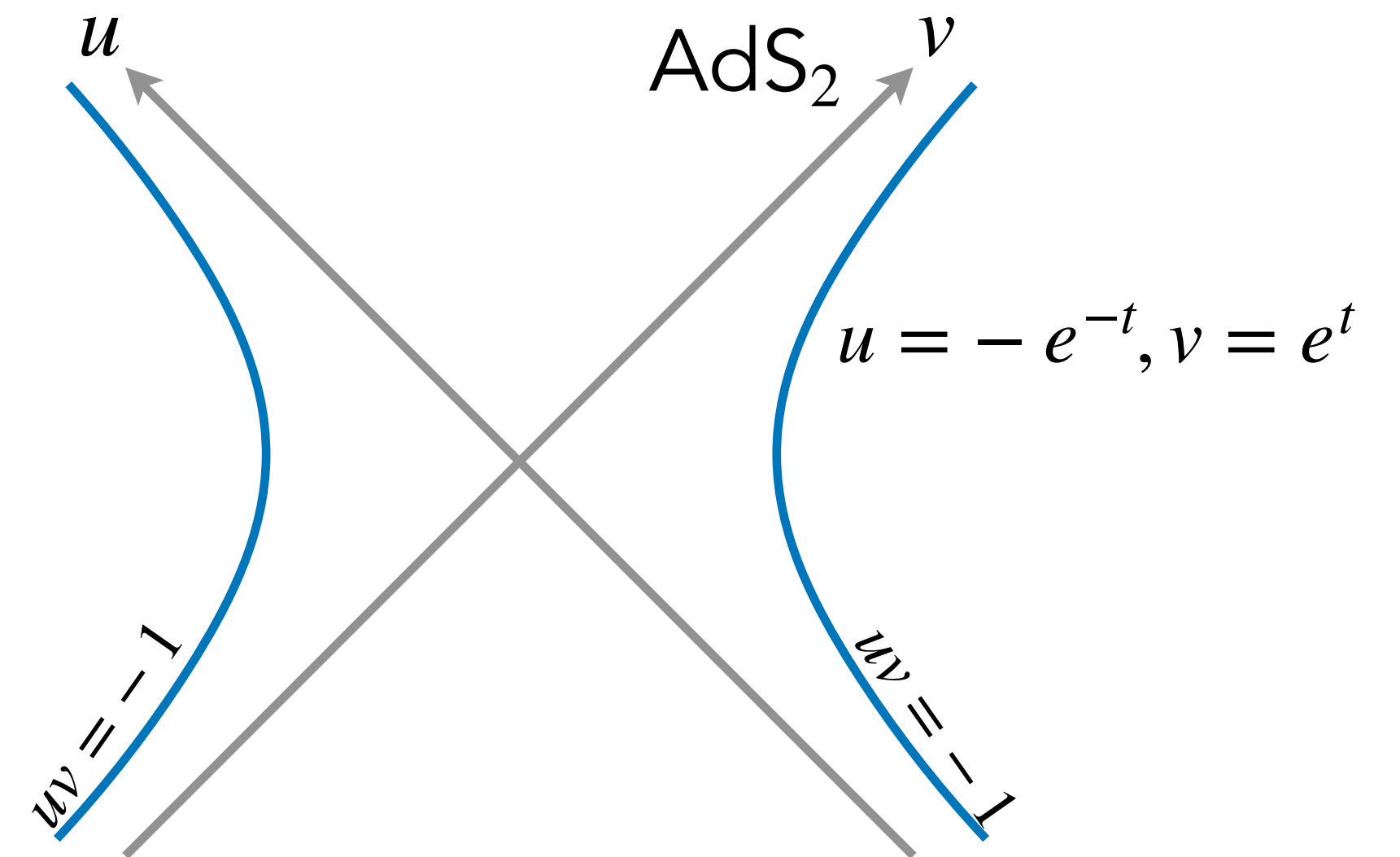
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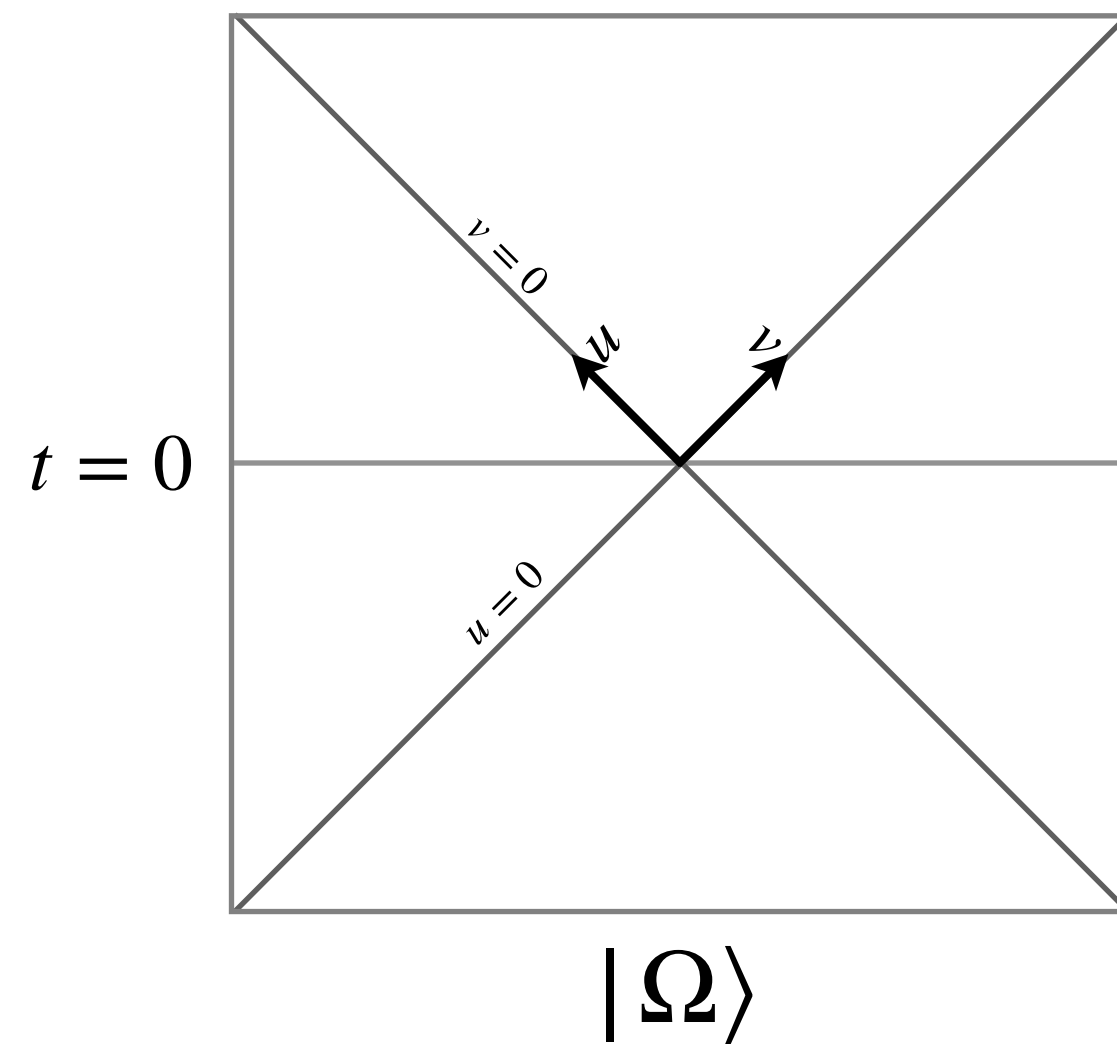
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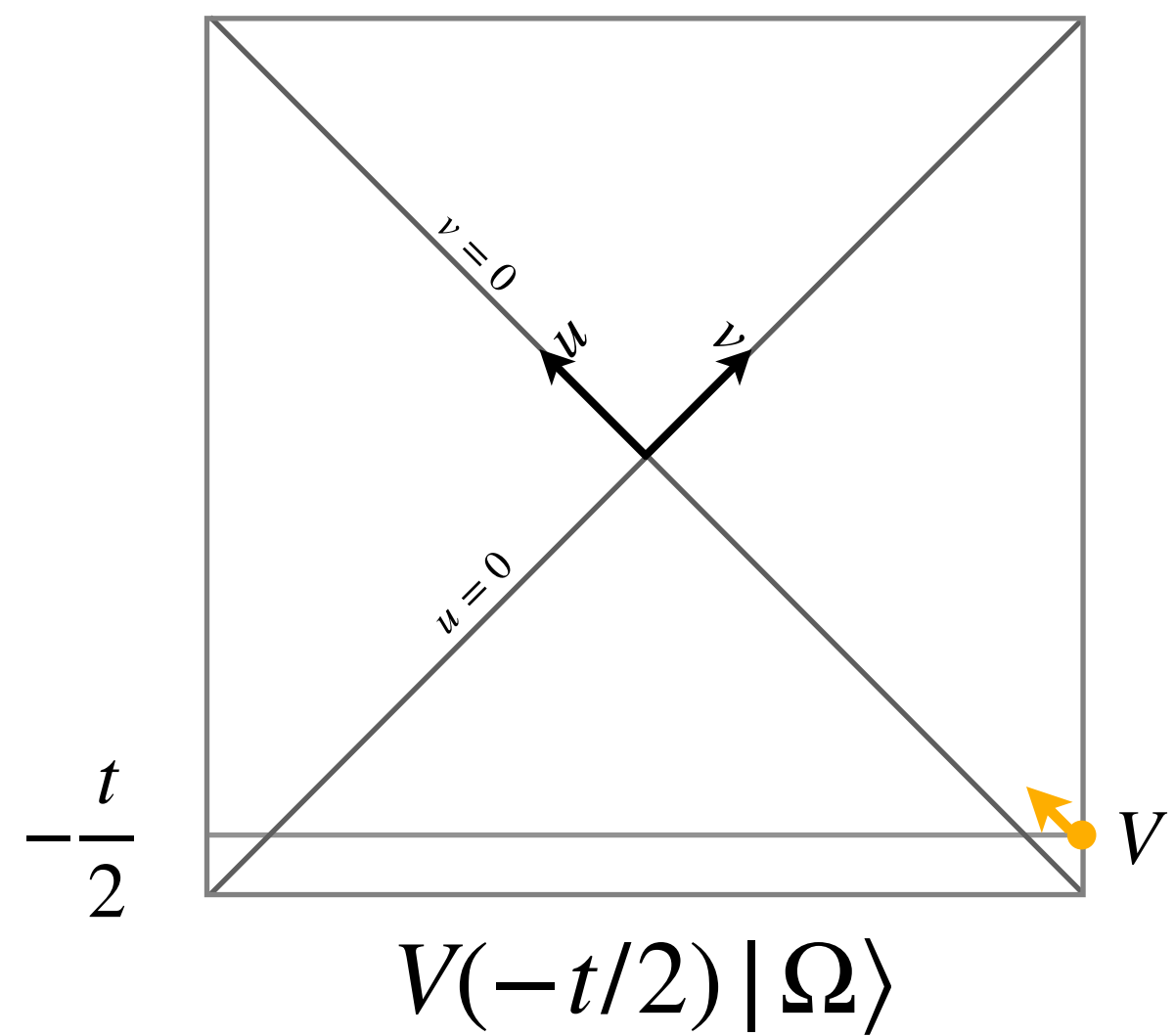
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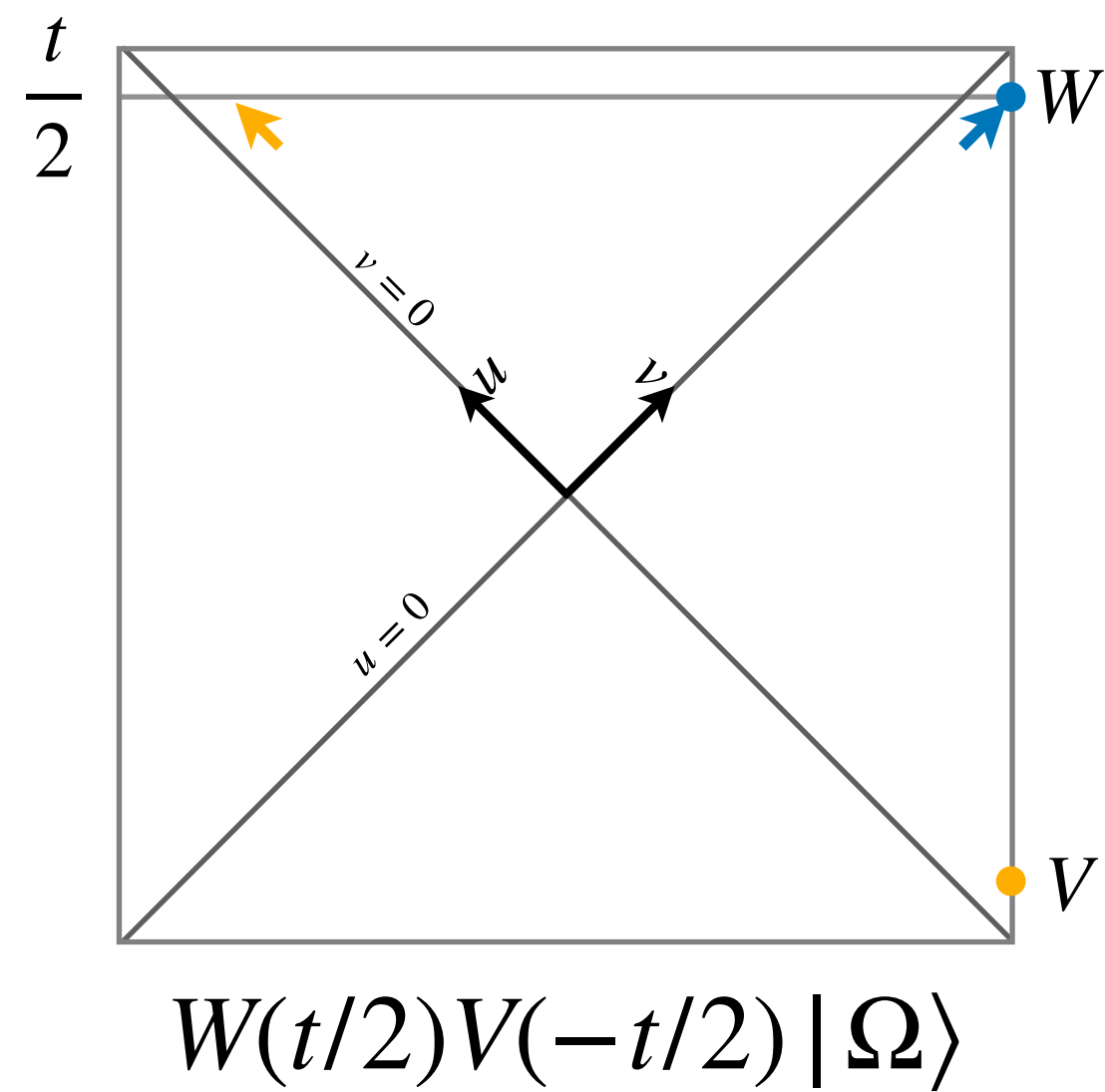
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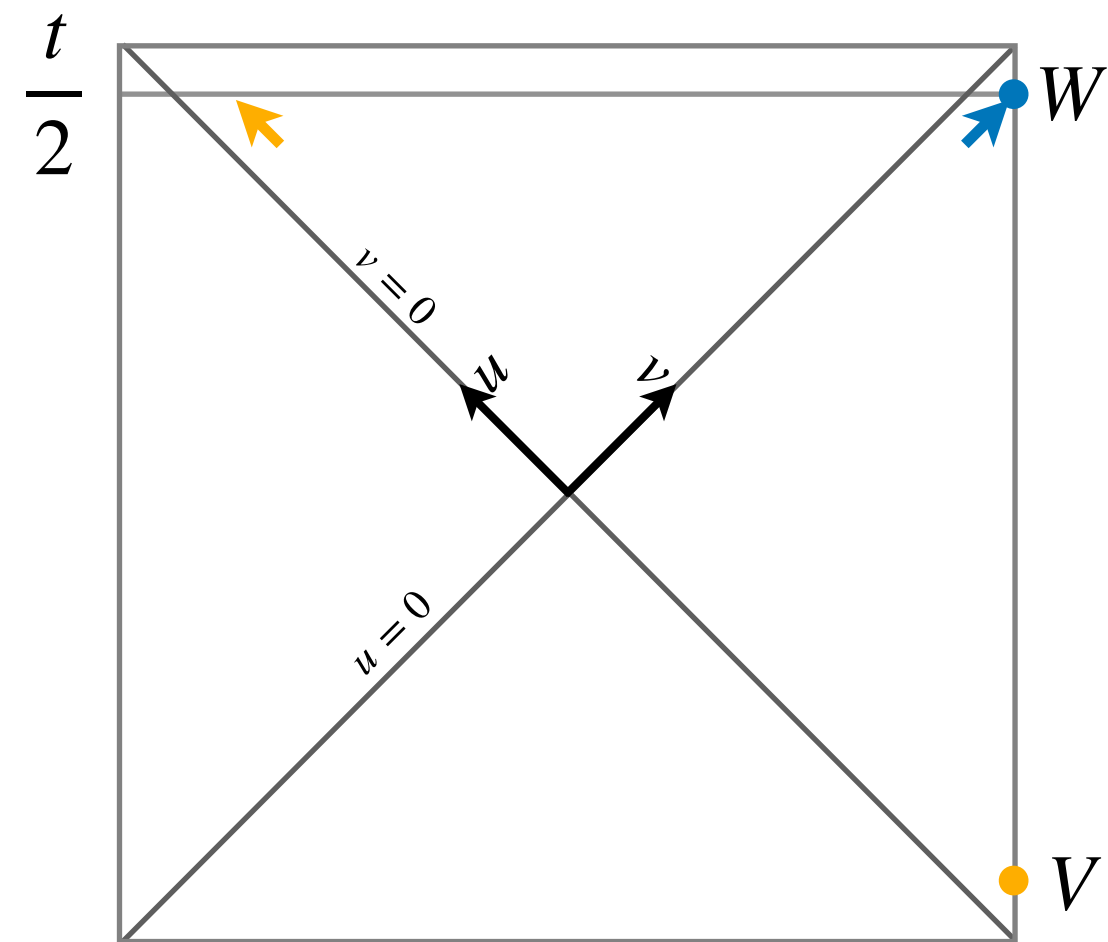
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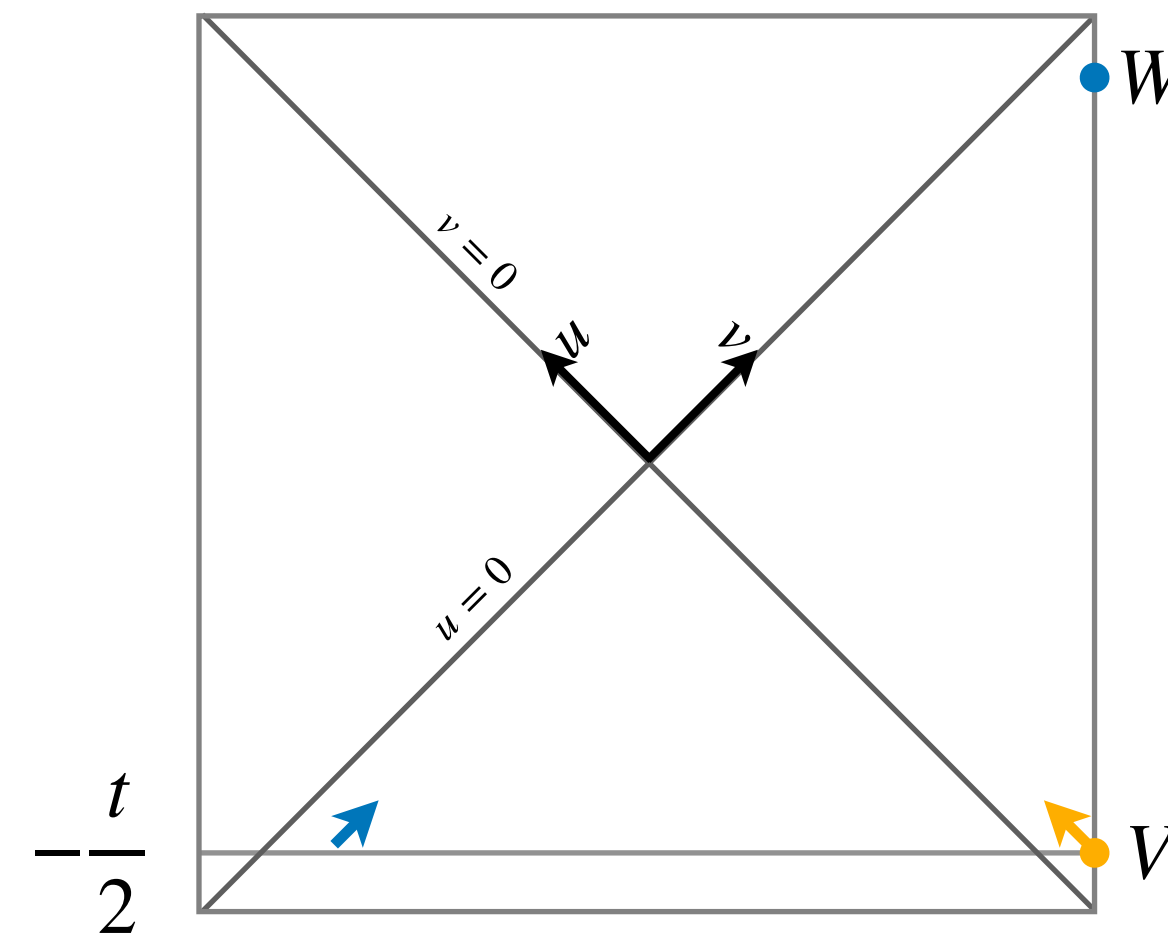
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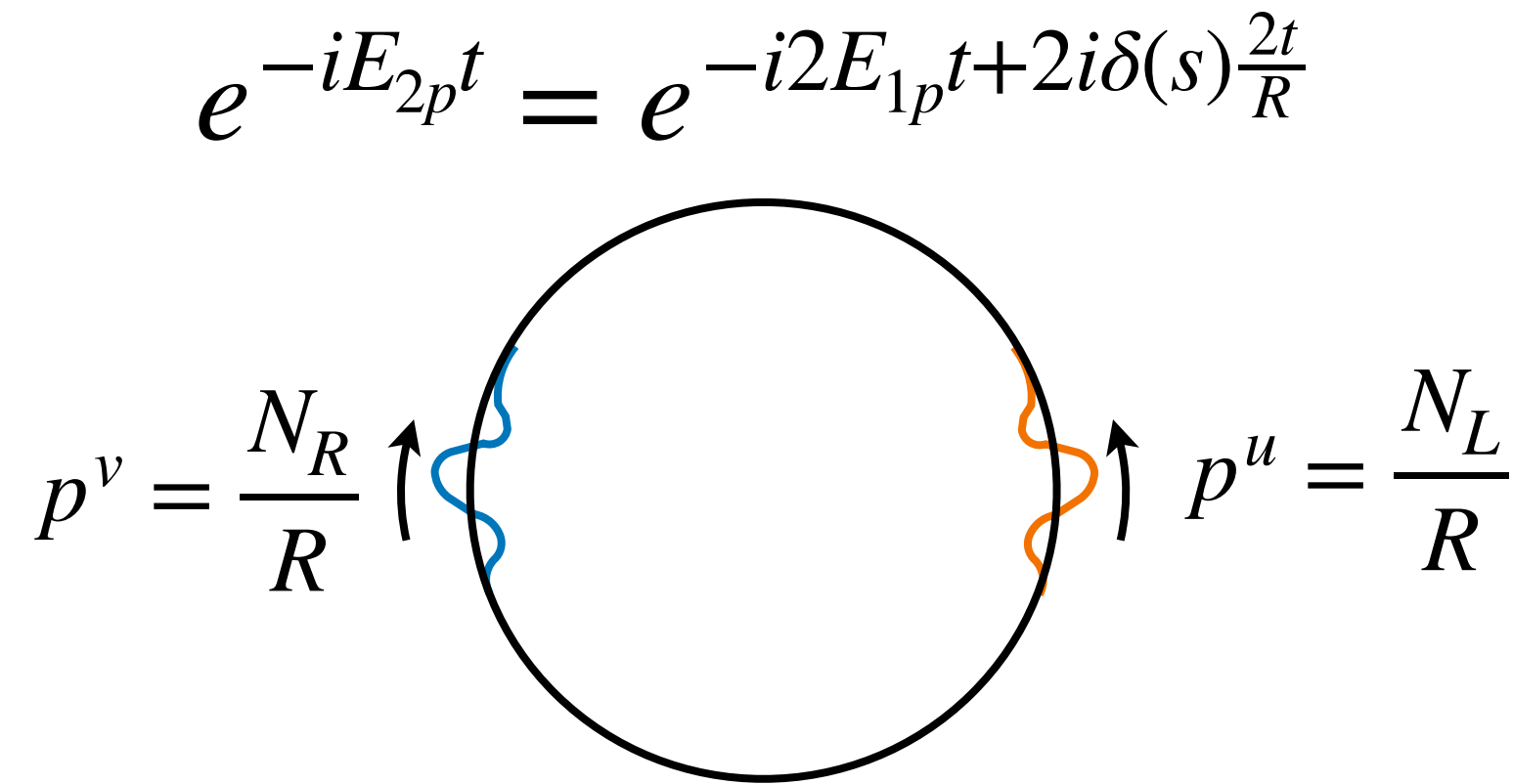
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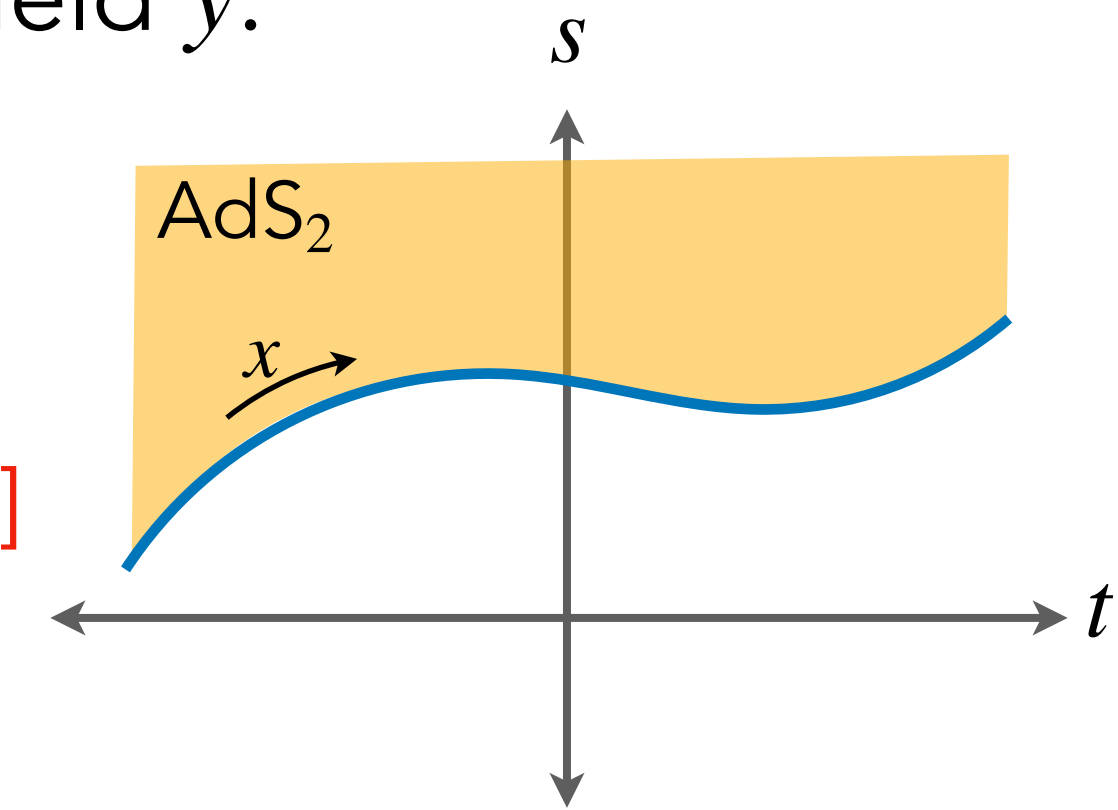
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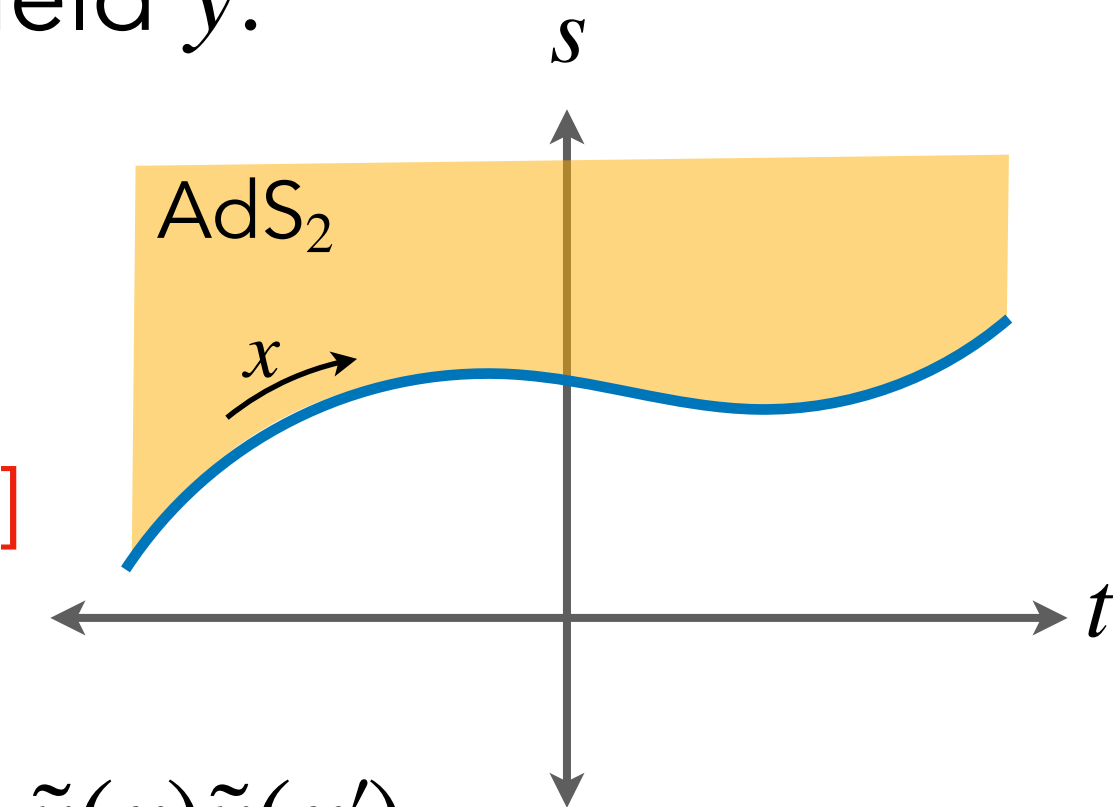


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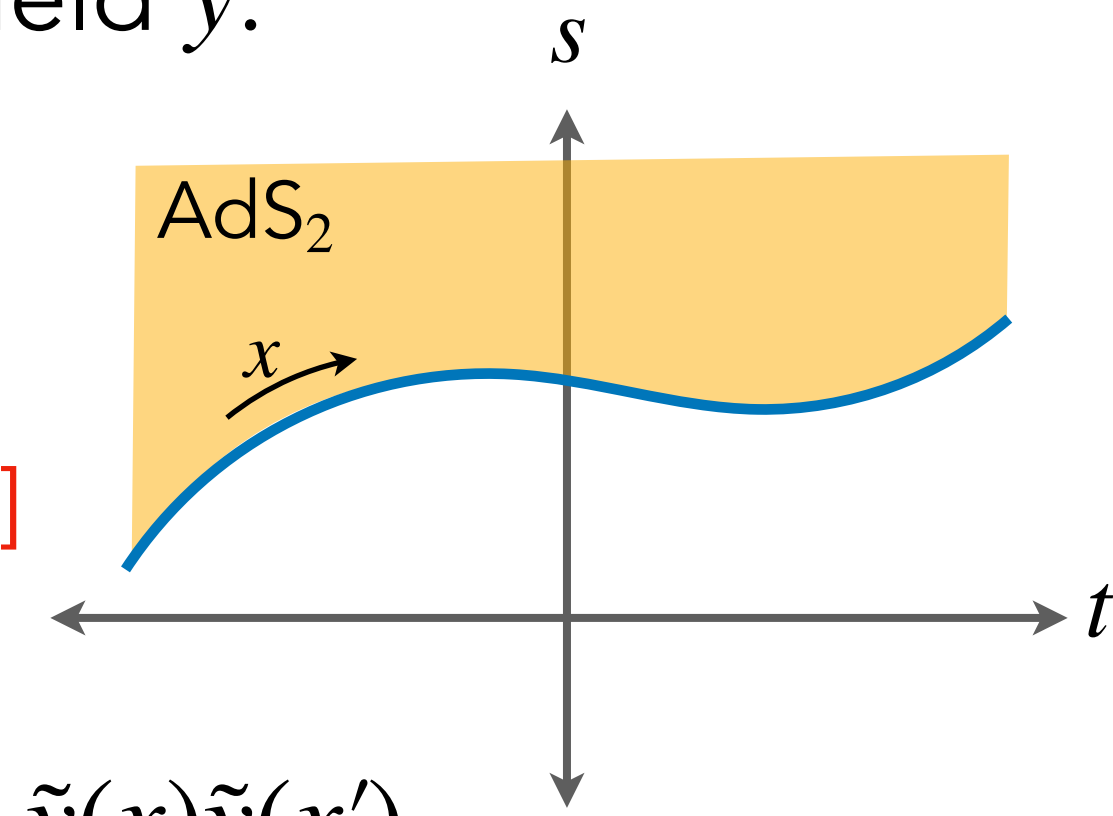
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[Kitaev; Almheiri, Polchinski; Maldacena, Stanford, Yang; Jensen; Mertens, Engelsoy, Verlinde; Bagrets, Altland, Kamenev; Stanford, Witten; Mertens, Turiaci, Verlinde; Kitaev, Suh; ...] [Mertens, Turiaci '22]

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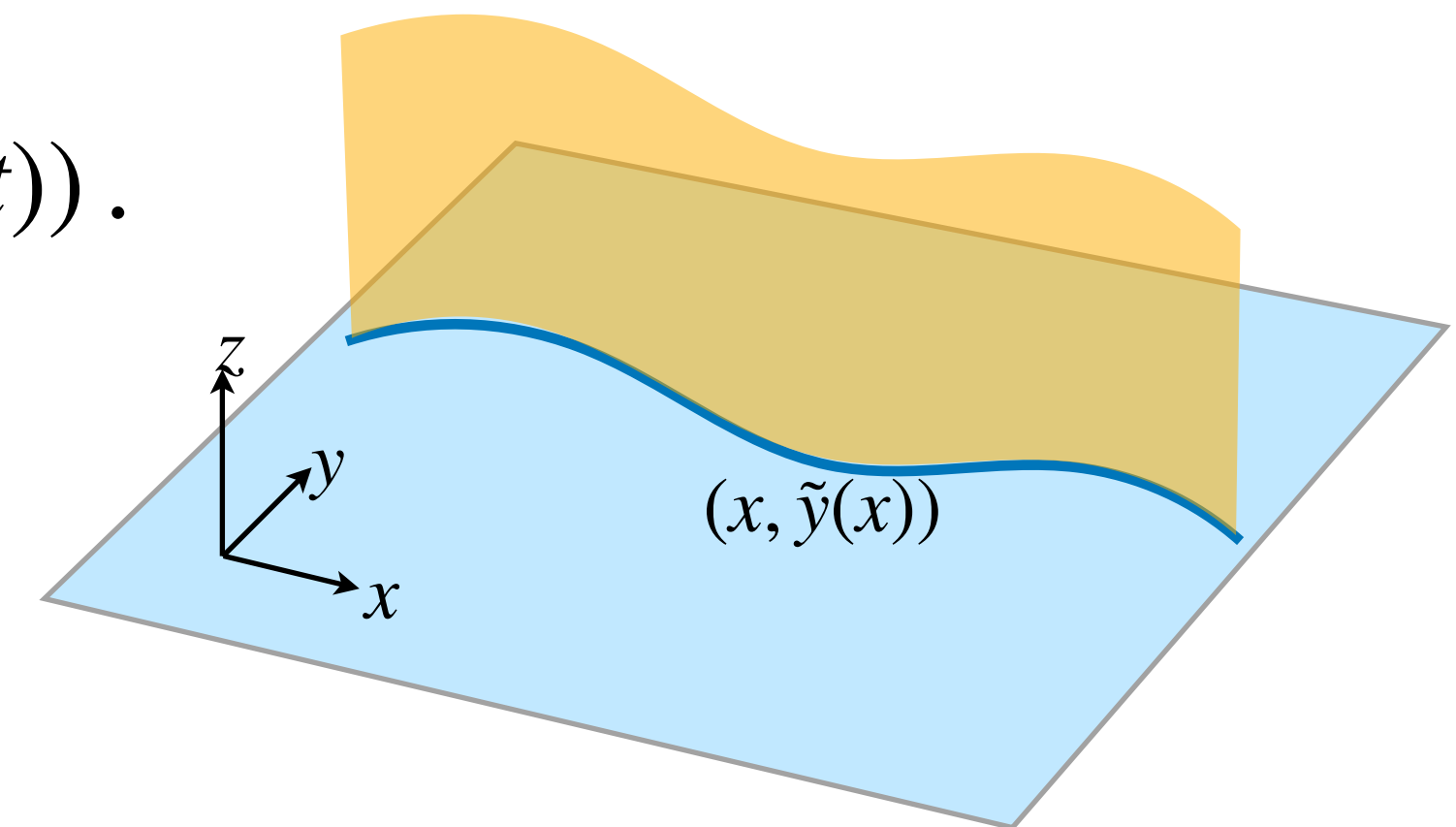
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Where

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From line to circle

We can map from the line to the circle by setting $t = \tan(\tau/2)$, $\alpha(t) = \tan(\tilde{\alpha}(\tau)/2)$.

Expanding $\alpha(t) = t + \epsilon(t)$, $\tilde{\alpha}(\tau) = \tau + \tilde{\epsilon}(\tau)$, we have $\tilde{\epsilon}(\tau) = 2 \cos^2(\tau/2)\epsilon(t) + O(\epsilon^2)$.

This gives the transverse action:

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Letting $\epsilon(\tau) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \epsilon_n e^{-in\tau}$, we find the longitudinal action in Fourier space:

$$S_L = 4\pi T_s \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |n| (n^2 - 1) \epsilon_n \epsilon_{-n}.$$

Note: $n = 0, \pm 1$ are zero modes.

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Nonetheless, let's see what we can get out of the rep. path integral.

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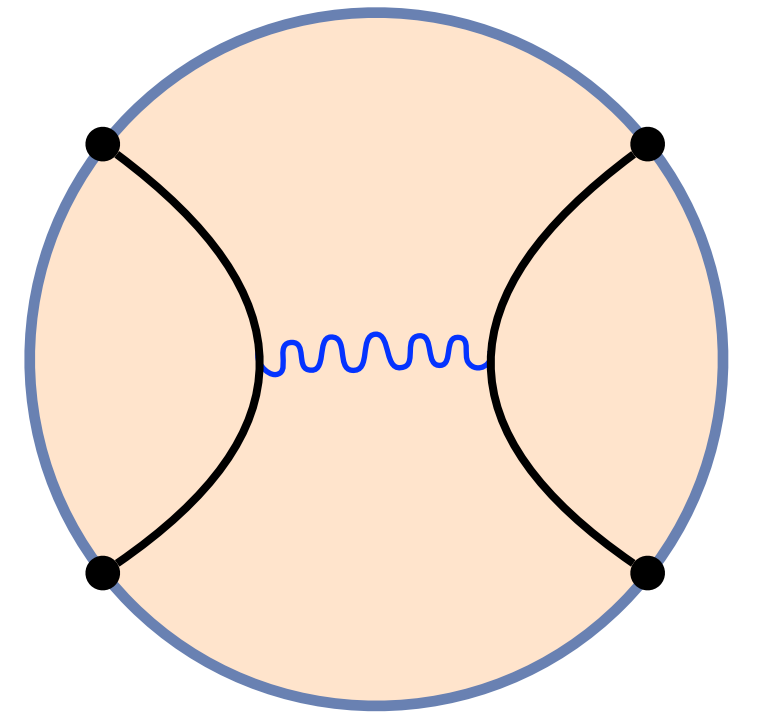
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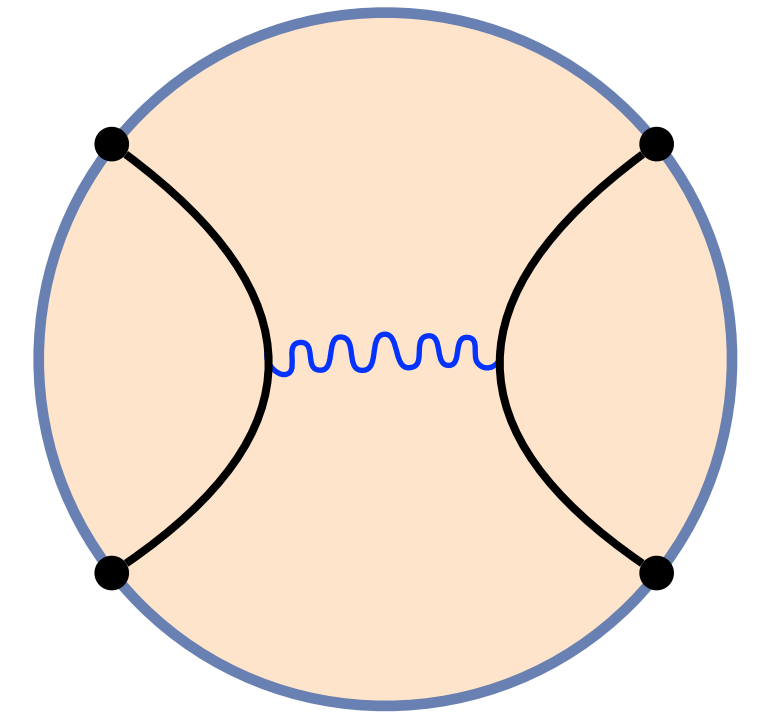


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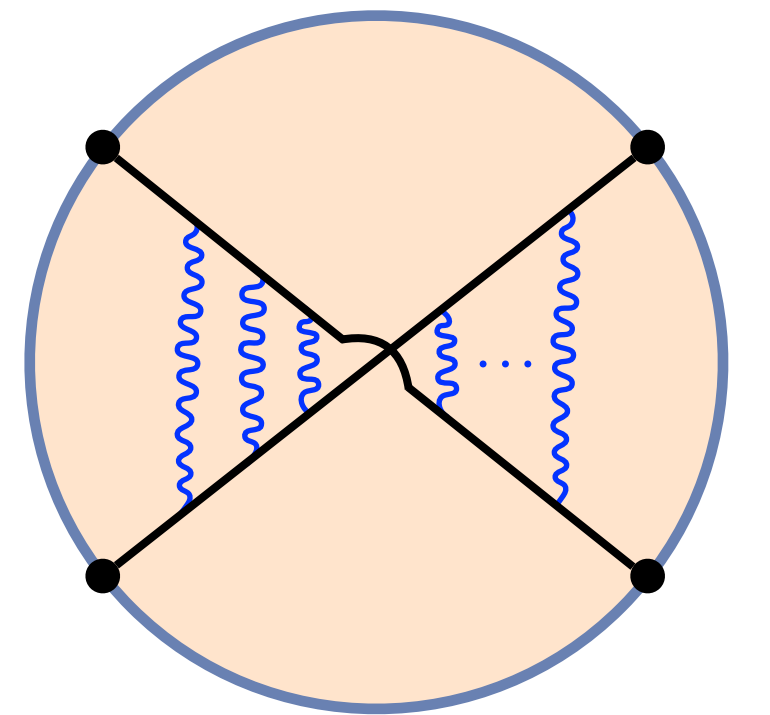
This reproduces the tree-level correlator in static gauge.

Doubled-scaled OTOC

Now we use the reparametrization path integral to compute the OTOC in the double scaling limit. We keep only the quadratic action. This corresponds to resumming all reparametrization mode exchanges.

The computation is easiest on the line, in which case we can write:

$$(1 + \dot{\epsilon}_i)^\Delta = \frac{\partial^\Delta}{\partial \alpha_i^\Delta} e^{\alpha_i(1+\dot{\epsilon}_i)}, \quad \frac{1}{(1 + \frac{\epsilon_{ij}}{x_{ij}})^{2\Delta}} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(2\Delta)} \int_0^\infty dp p^{2\Delta-1} e^{-p(1+\frac{\epsilon_{ij}}{x_{ij}})}$$

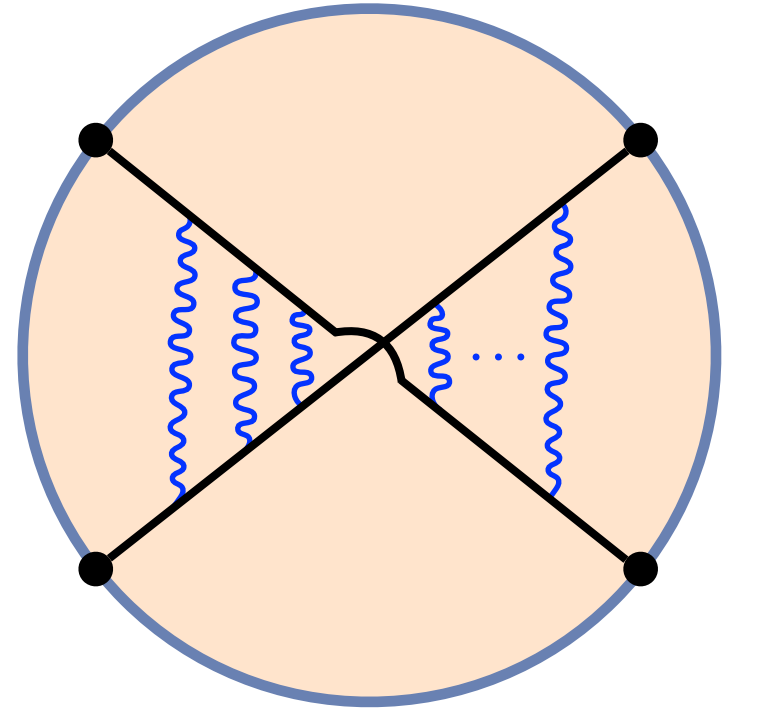


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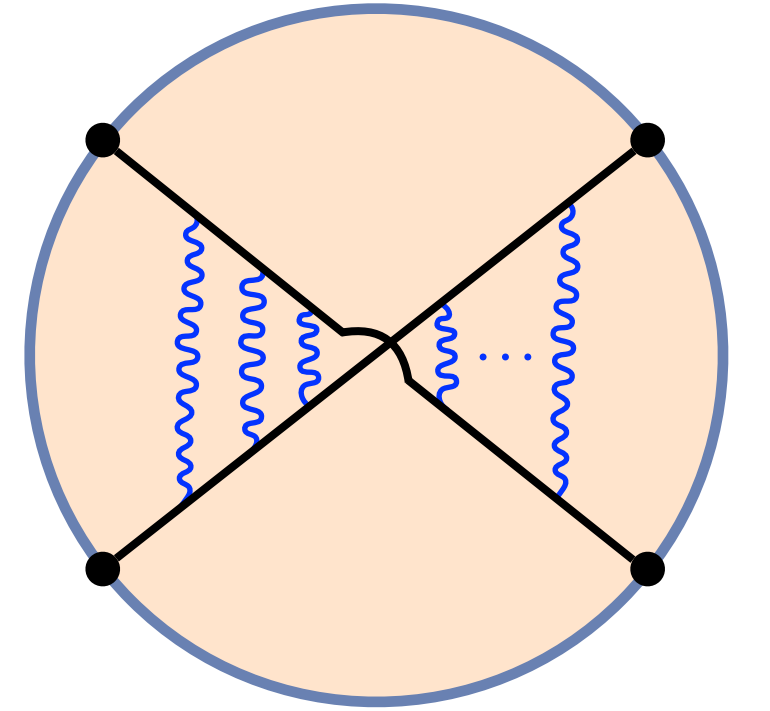


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In the double scaling limit, $\log X = \frac{pq}{x_{12}x_{34}} \langle \epsilon_{12}\epsilon_{34} \rangle + \dots \rightarrow -\kappa pq$ where $\frac{e^t}{16T_s}$. Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\langle V_1 V_2 W_3 W_4 \rangle}{\langle V_1 V_2 \rangle \langle W_3 W_4 \rangle} &= \int_0^\infty \frac{p^{2\Delta_V-1} dp}{\Gamma(2\Delta_V)} e^{-p} \int_0^\infty \frac{q^{2\Delta_W-1} dq}{\Gamma(2\Delta_W)} e^{-q} e^{-\kappa pq} \\ &= \kappa^{-2\Delta_V} U(2\Delta_V, 1 + 2\Delta_V - 2\Delta_W, \kappa^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

In agreement with the scattering result.

Summary

- We saw that the double scaled OTOC could be understood as a holographic scattering process on the string worldsheet in the manner of [SS' 14], with the interaction governed by the flat string S-matrix [DFG '12]. See also [de Boer, Llabres, Pedraza, Vegh '17].
- The scattering result agrees to 3-loops with the analytic result of [Ferrero, Meneghelli '21].
- We also clarified the role of the boundary reparametrization mode in the computation of the string boundary correlators in conformal gauge, and used it to derive the OTOC in the Lyapunov regime and (more heuristically) in the double scaling limit.

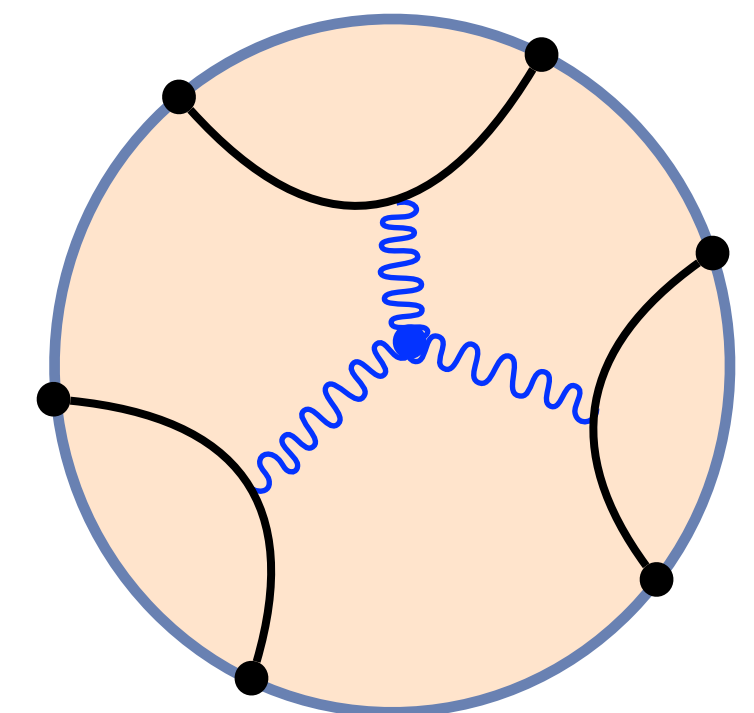
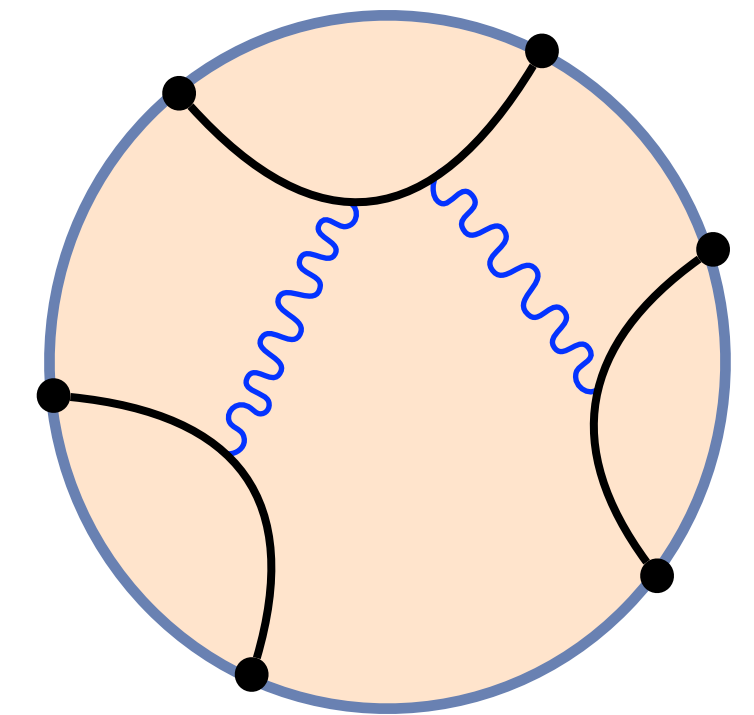
Open questions

Can the reparametrization path integral be defined more precisely and used to compute other observables?

- Tree-level (classical) contributions to higher-point correlators [WIP w/ Giombi, Komatsu, Shan]
- Loop corrections to two- or four-point functions? Partition function?

Is there a similar reparametrization action for the AdS_2 string in AdS_3 ?

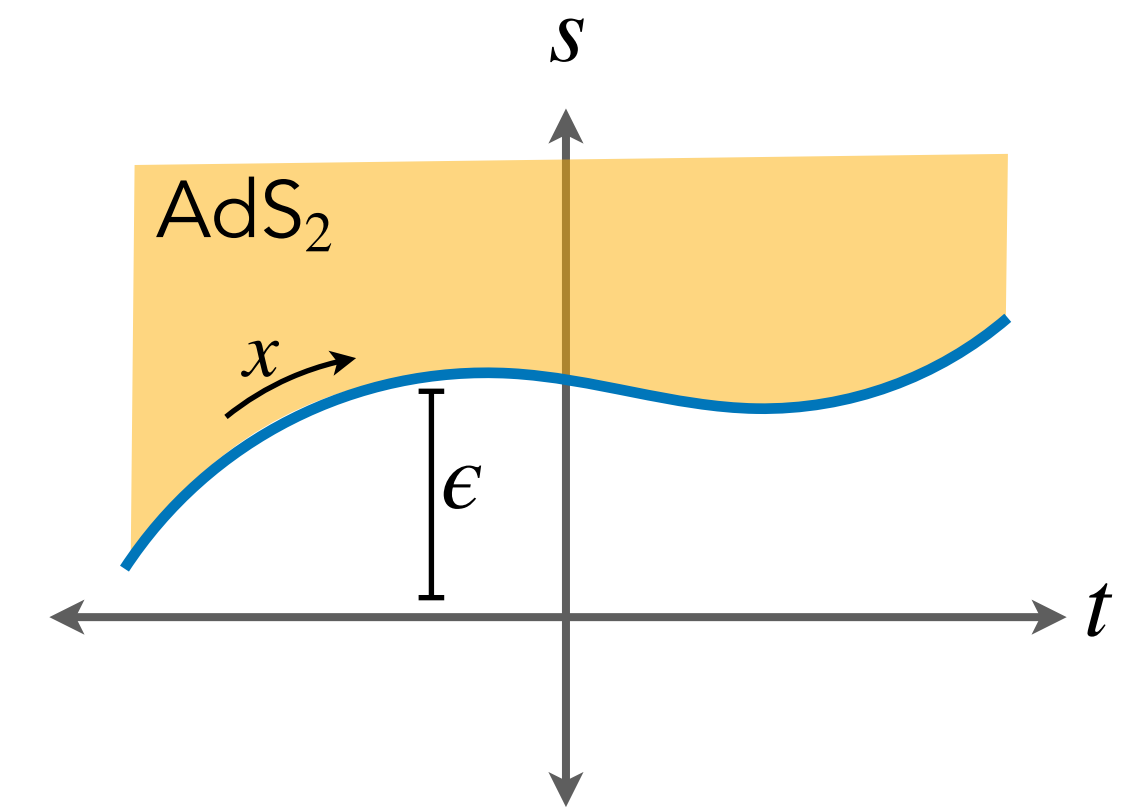
What about a non- AdS_2 string in AdS_3 or in $\text{AdS}_3 \times S^1$?



Thank you for listening

Extra slides

Lightning review of JT Gravity



Action:

$$S_{\text{JT}}[\phi, h] = S_{\text{Gauss-Bonnet}} - \frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \left[\int_{\mathcal{M}} d^2\sigma \sqrt{h} \phi (R + 2) + 2 \int_B dx \sqrt{h_{xx}} \phi (K - 1) \right],$$

$$S_m[y, h] = \int_{\mathcal{M}} d^2\sigma \frac{\sqrt{h}}{2} \left(h^{\alpha\beta} \partial_\alpha y \partial_\beta y + m^2 y^2 \right),$$

Boundary conditions along a boundary curve $(s(x), t(x))$:

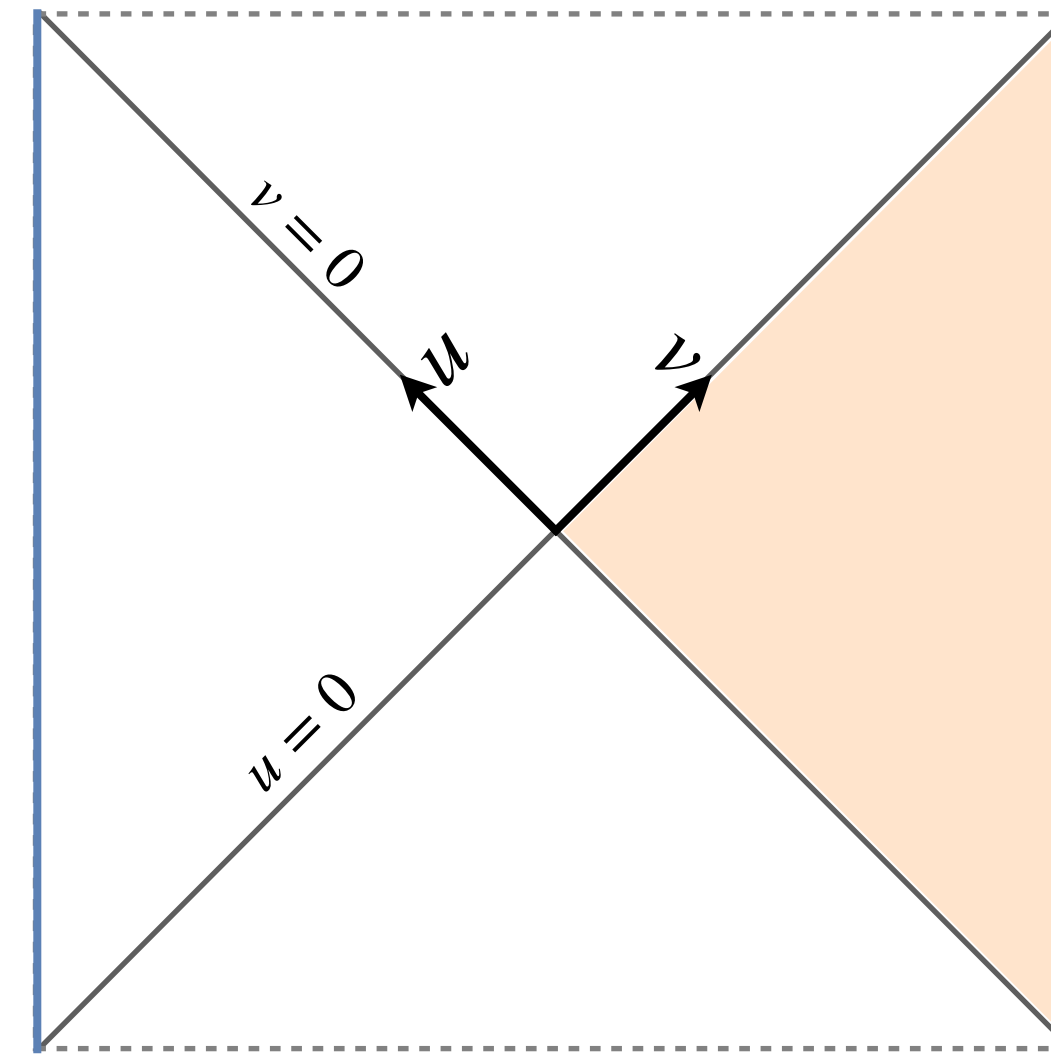
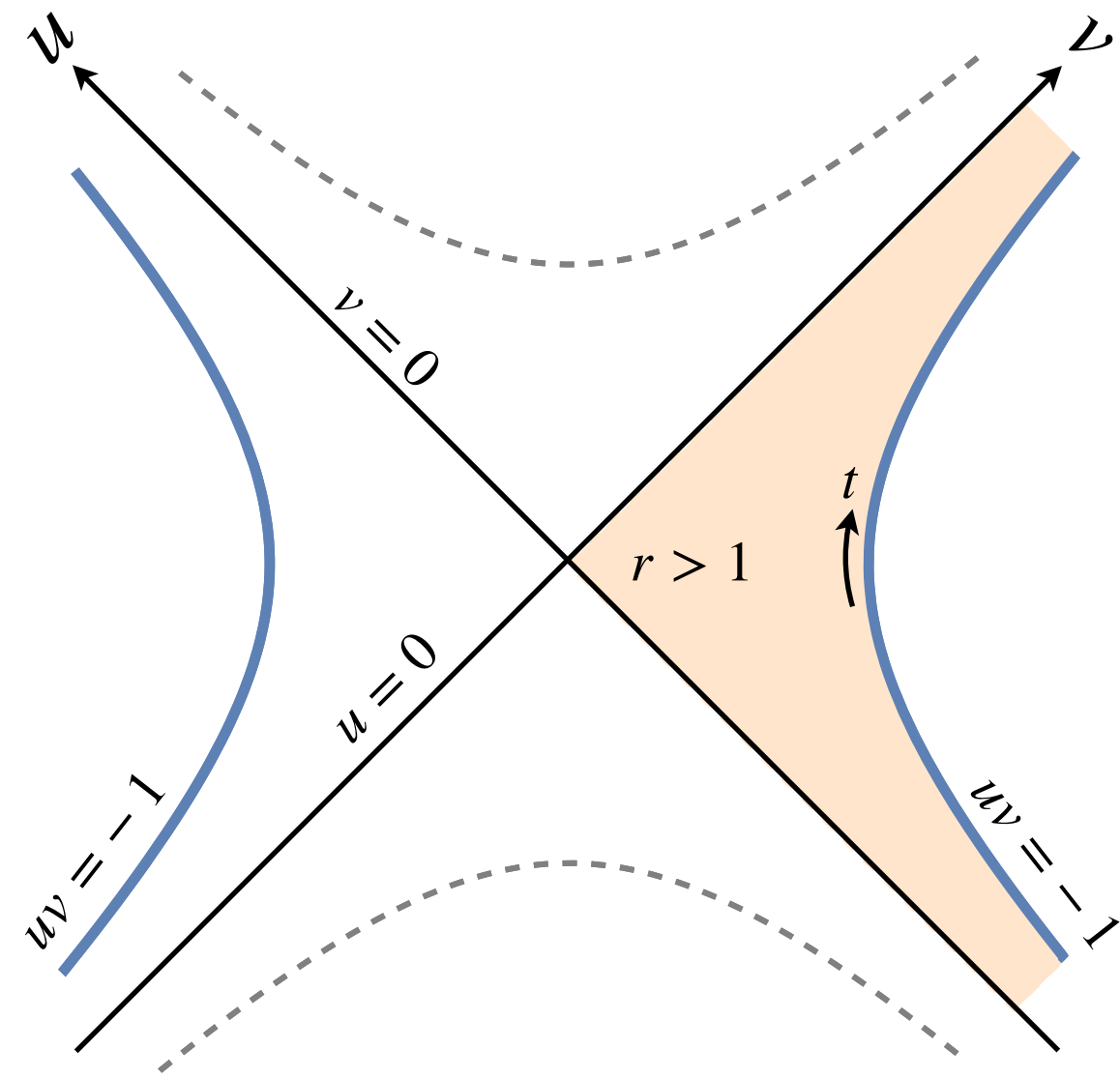
$$h_{xx} = \frac{\dot{s}(x)^2 + \dot{t}(x)^2}{s^2(x)} = \frac{1}{\epsilon^2}, \quad \phi(s(x), t(x)) = \frac{\tilde{\phi}}{\epsilon}, \quad y(s(x), t(x)) = \frac{\tilde{y}(x)}{\epsilon^{\Delta-1}}$$

The metric BC implies: $s(x) = \epsilon \dot{t}(x) + O(\epsilon^2)$. Note also that: $R = -2$ and $K = 1 + \epsilon^2 \{t, x\} + O(\epsilon^4)$

Wilson loops as versatile observables

- Higher representations dual to D-branes [Drukker, Fill '05; Yamaguchi '06; Gomis, Passerini '06, ...]
- Different contours preserving different fractions of superconformal symmetry [Zarembo '02; Drukker, Giombi, Ricci, Trancanelli '07]
- Can study the anomalous dimensions of cusps [Correa, Henn, Maldacena, Sever '12; Correa, Maldacena, Sever '12; Drukker '12; Gromov, Levkovich-Maslyuk '15]

Kruskal and Schwarzschild coordinates on AdS₂



$$ds^2 = -\frac{4dudv}{(1+uv)^2} = -(r^2 - 1)dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{r^2 - 1}$$

$$u = -\sqrt{\frac{r-1}{r+1}}e^{-t}, \quad v = \sqrt{\frac{r-1}{r+1}}e^t$$

Virasoro constraint = extremization over reparametrizations

Let $X^\mu(\sigma)$ solve the EOM with BC $X^\mu(0,t) = \tilde{X}^\mu(\alpha(t))$. Claim: if $\alpha(t) \rightarrow \alpha(t) + \delta\alpha(t)$, the variation in the action is:

$$\delta S = \int dt T_{st}(0,t) \frac{\delta\alpha(t)}{\dot{\alpha}(t)}.$$

Let $\bar{X}^\mu(\sigma)$ solve the EOM subject to $\bar{X}^\mu(0,t) = \tilde{X}^\mu(\alpha(t) + \delta\alpha(t))$. It can be represented as $\bar{X}^\mu(\sigma) = X^\mu(\sigma + \delta\sigma)$.

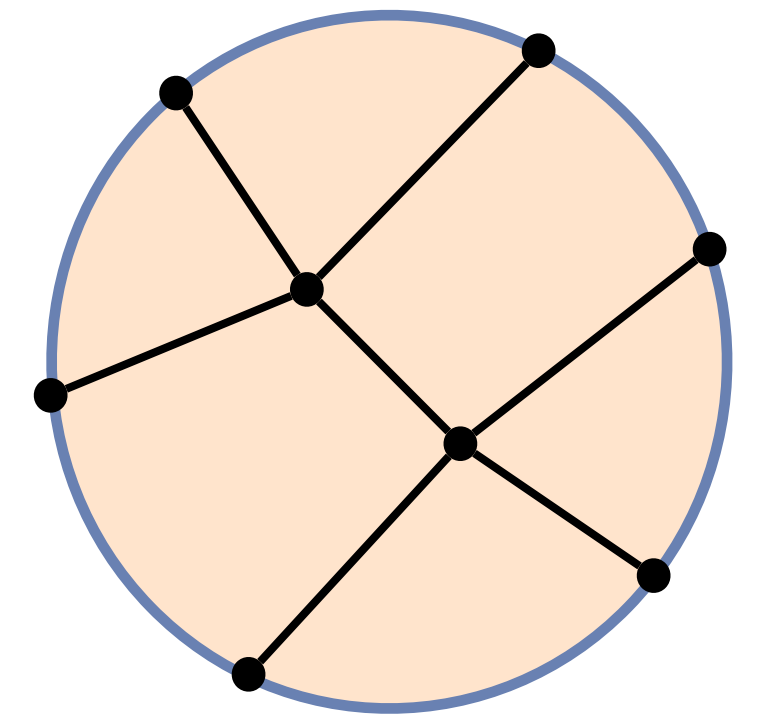
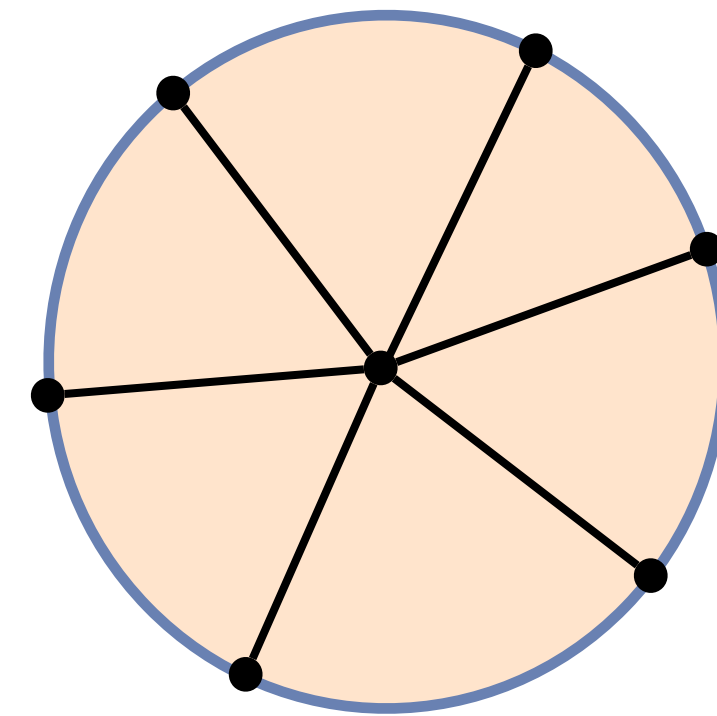
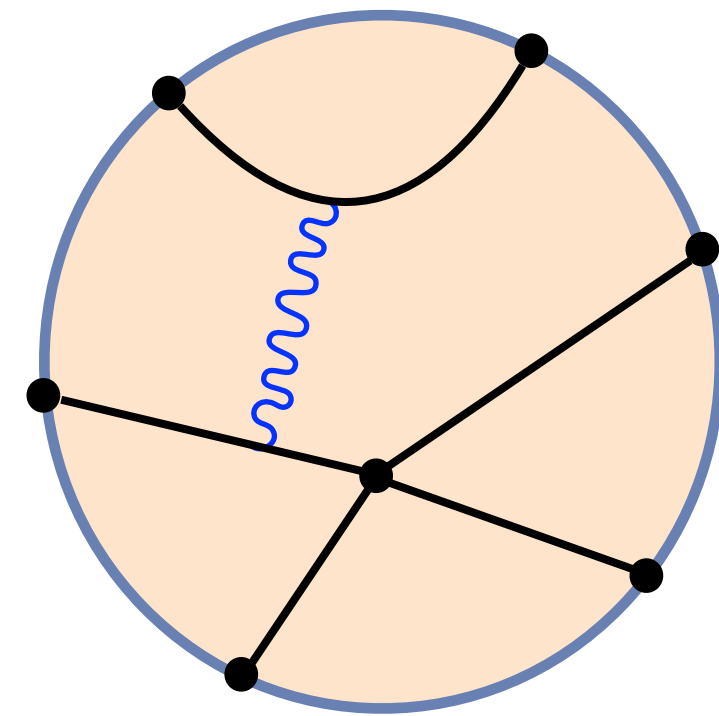
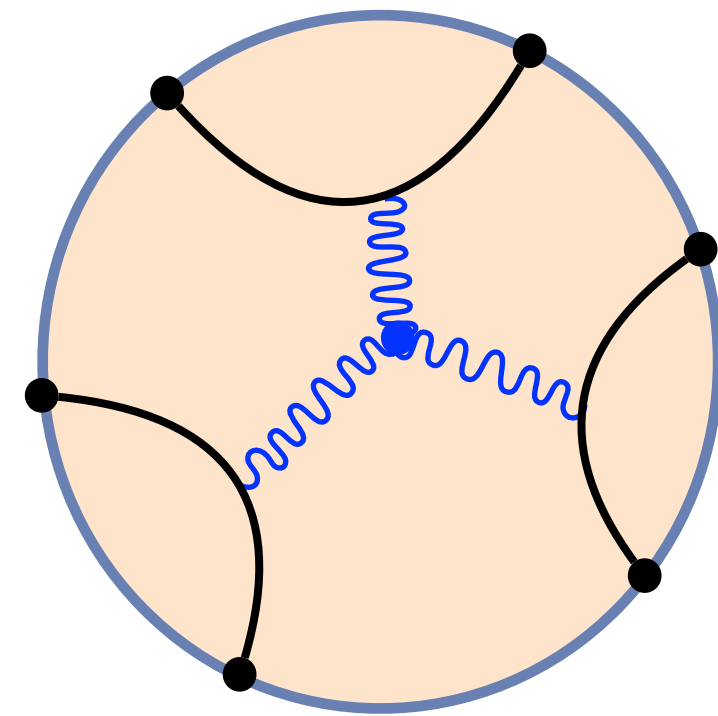
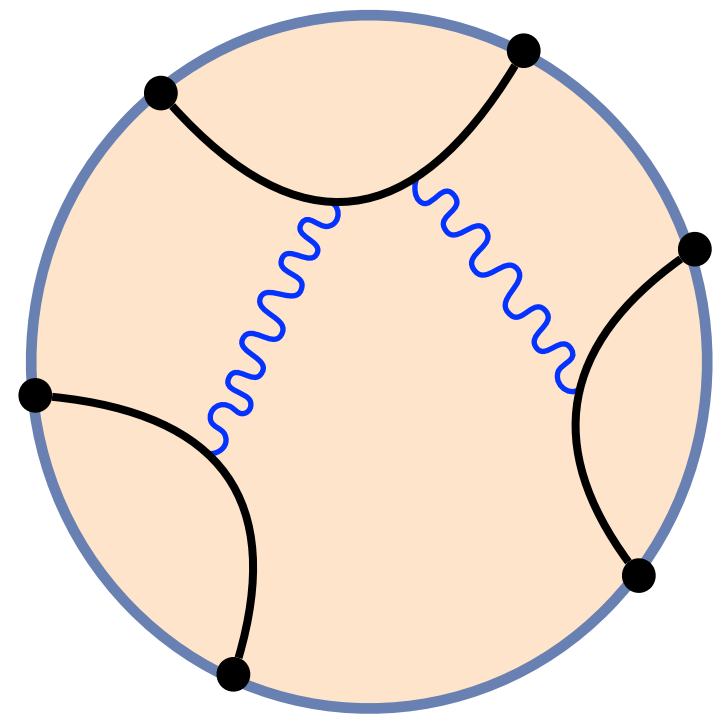
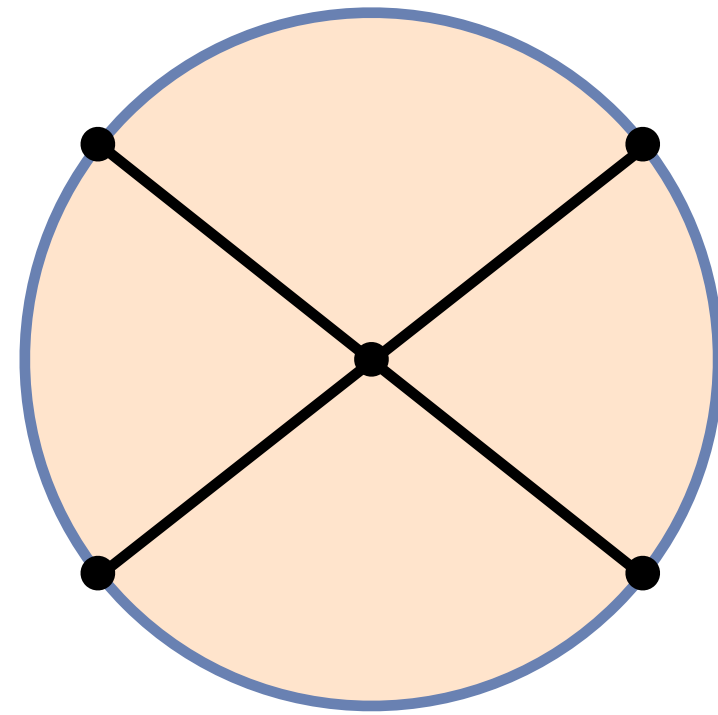
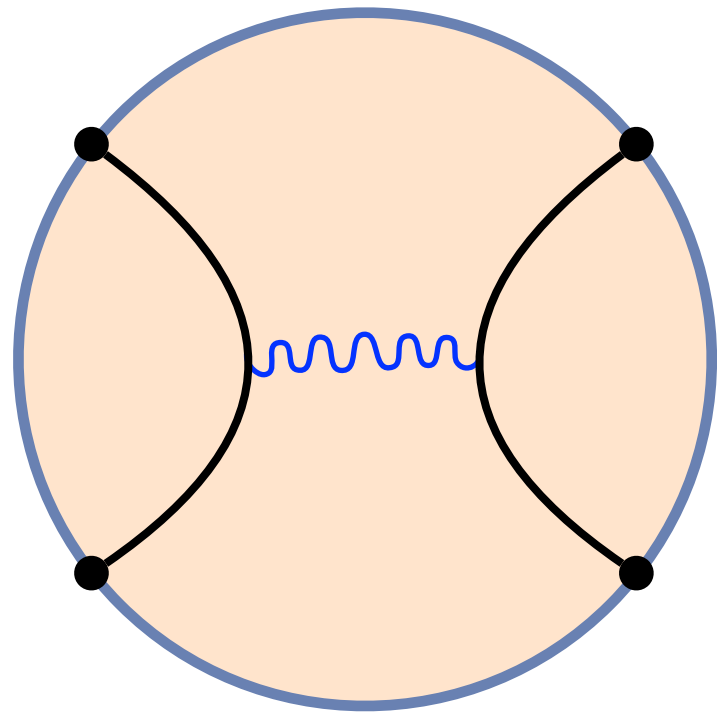
It follows that $\delta s(0,t) = 0$ and $\delta t(0,t) = -\frac{\delta\alpha(t)}{\dot{\alpha}(t)}$. The variation in the action is:

$$\delta S = \int d^2\sigma \frac{\delta S}{\delta X^\mu} \delta X^\mu = -\frac{1}{2} \int d^2\sigma T_{\alpha\beta} \delta h^{\alpha\beta}$$

Where $\delta X^\mu = \delta\sigma^\alpha \partial_\alpha X^\mu(\sigma)$ and $\delta h^{\alpha\beta} = -\partial^\alpha \delta\sigma^\beta - \partial^\beta \delta\sigma^\alpha$. This leads to:

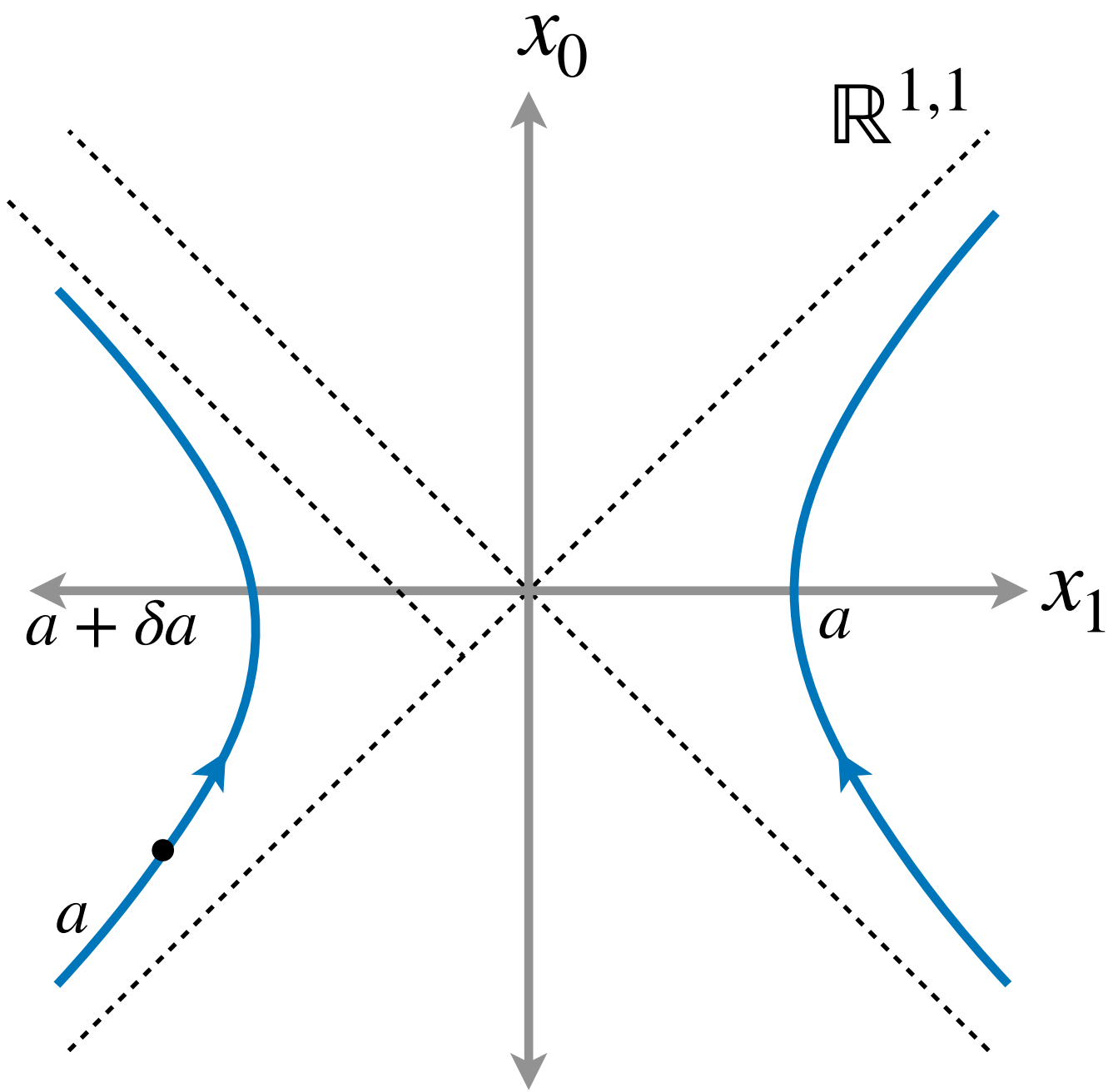
$$\delta S = \int d^2\sigma T_{\alpha\beta} \partial^\alpha \delta\sigma^\beta = \int d^2\sigma \partial^\alpha T_{\alpha\beta} \delta\sigma^\beta - \int dt T_{s\beta} \delta\sigma^\beta$$

Tree-level 4 and 6-point functions with multiple scalars



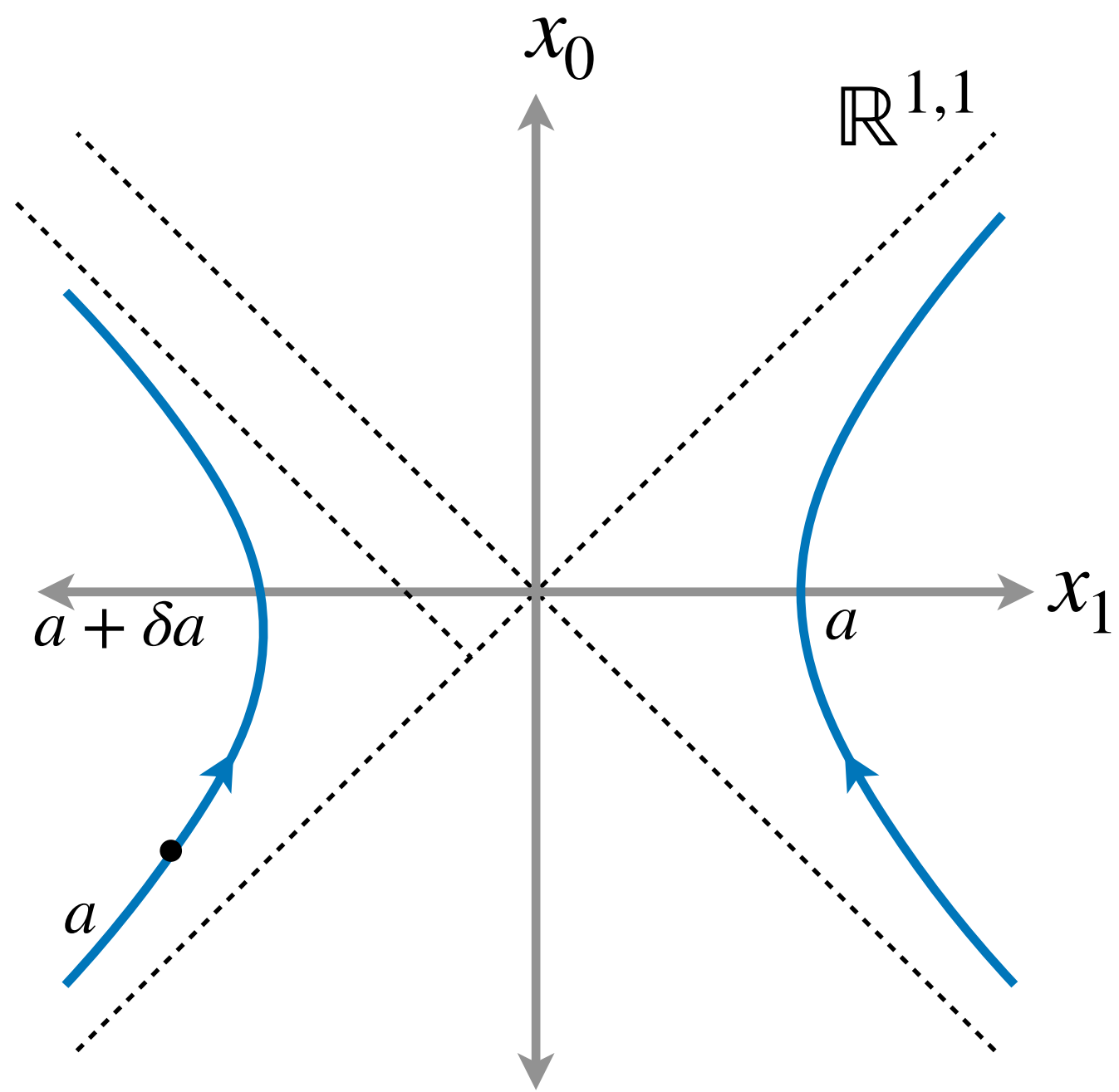
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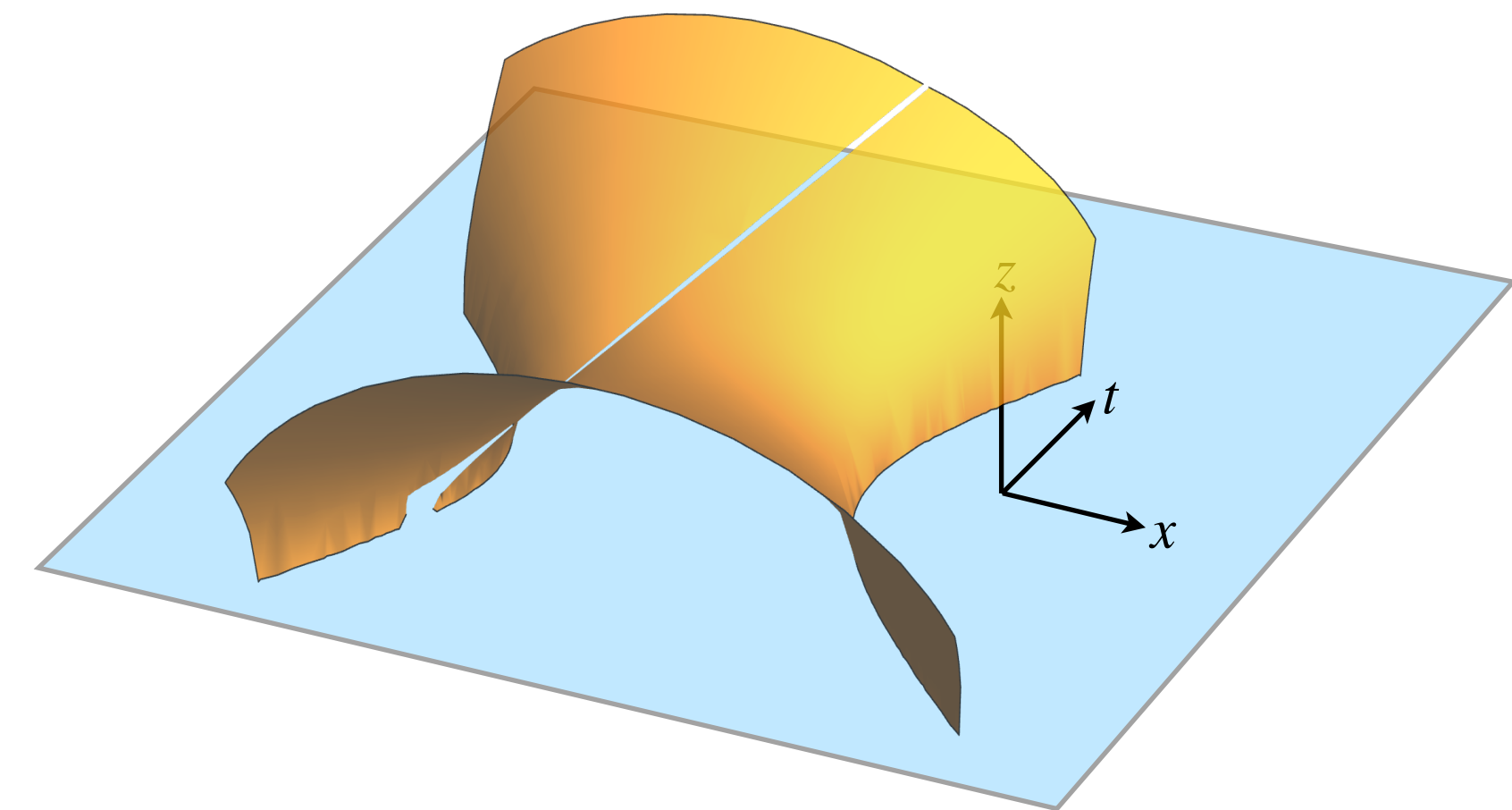


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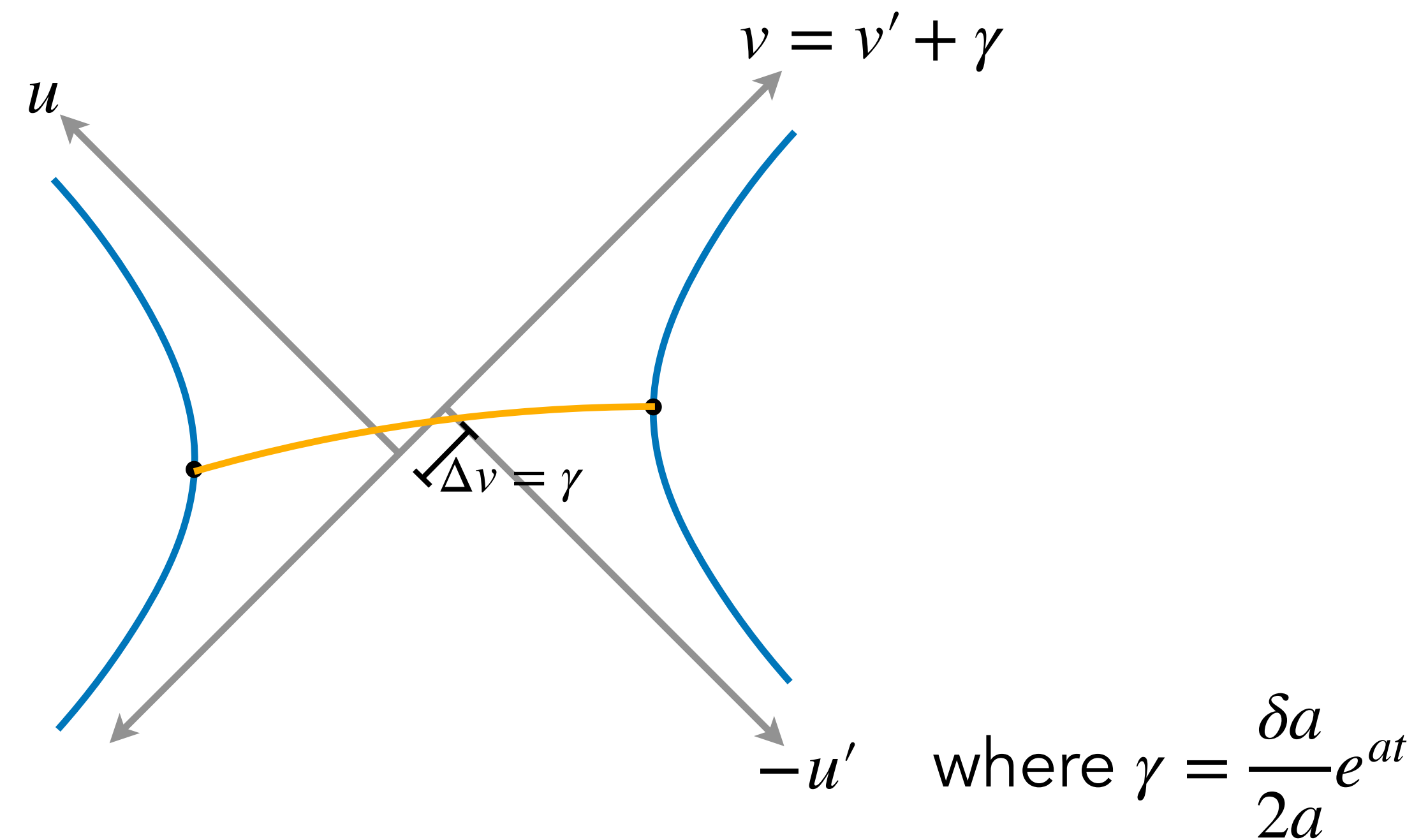
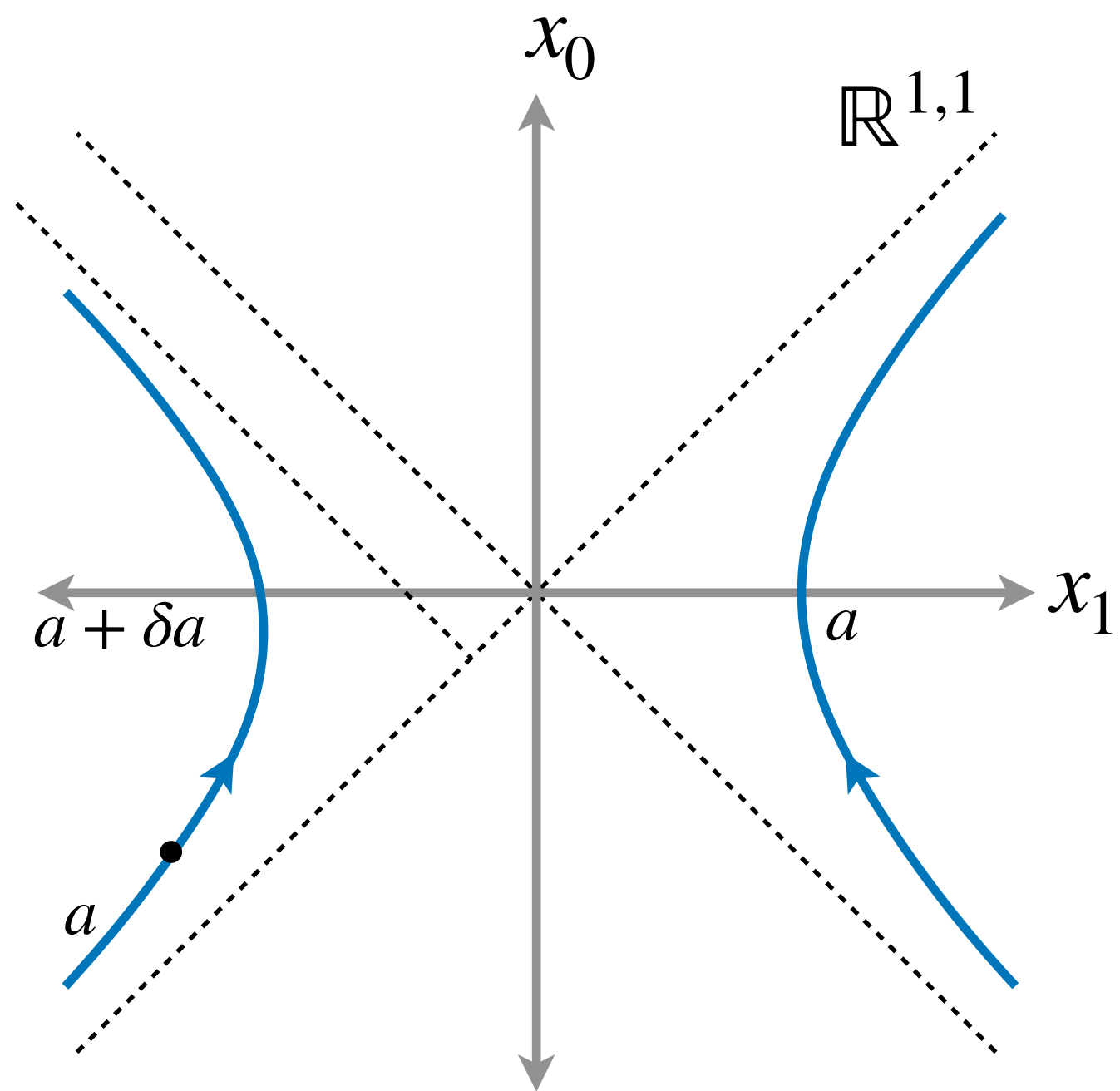


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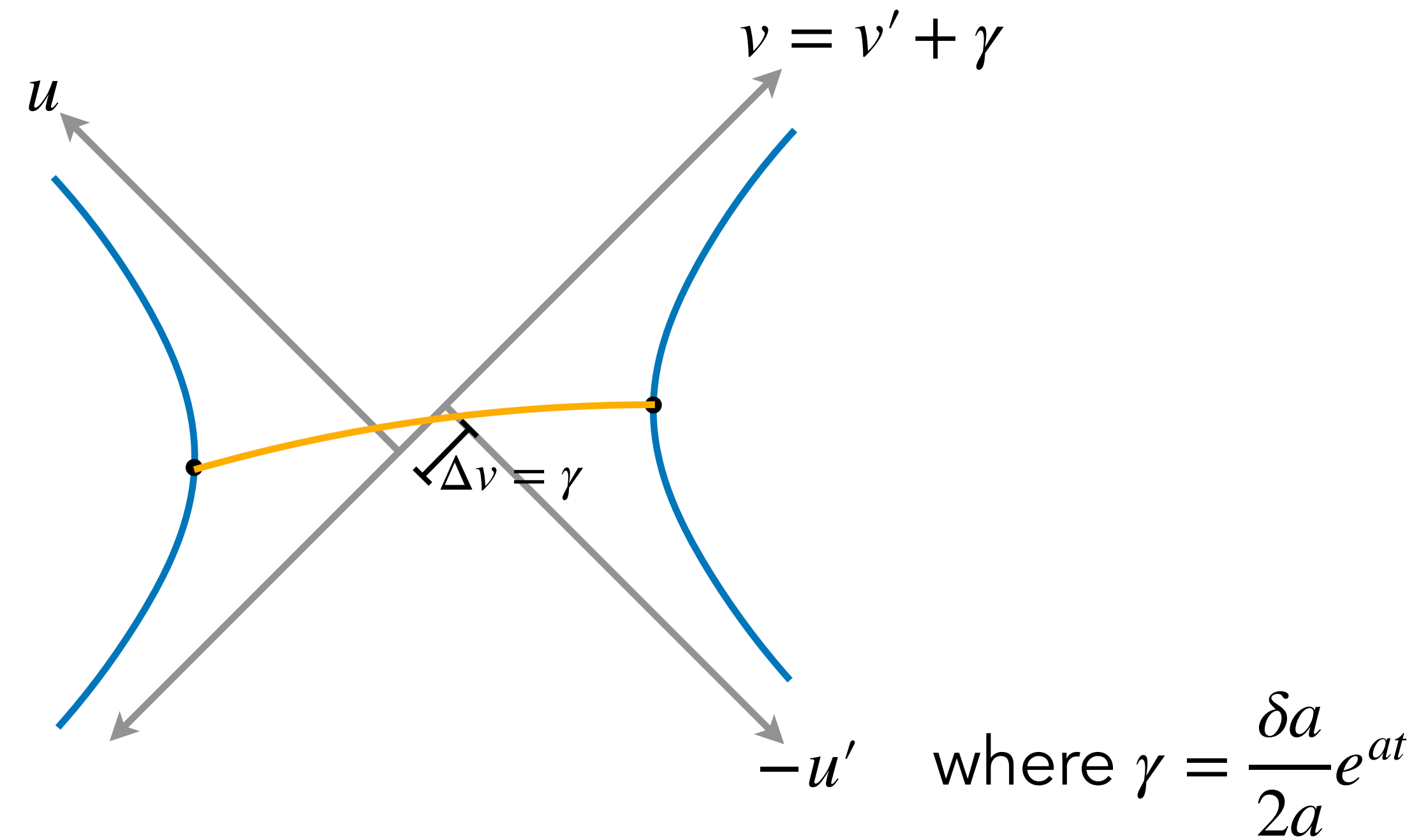
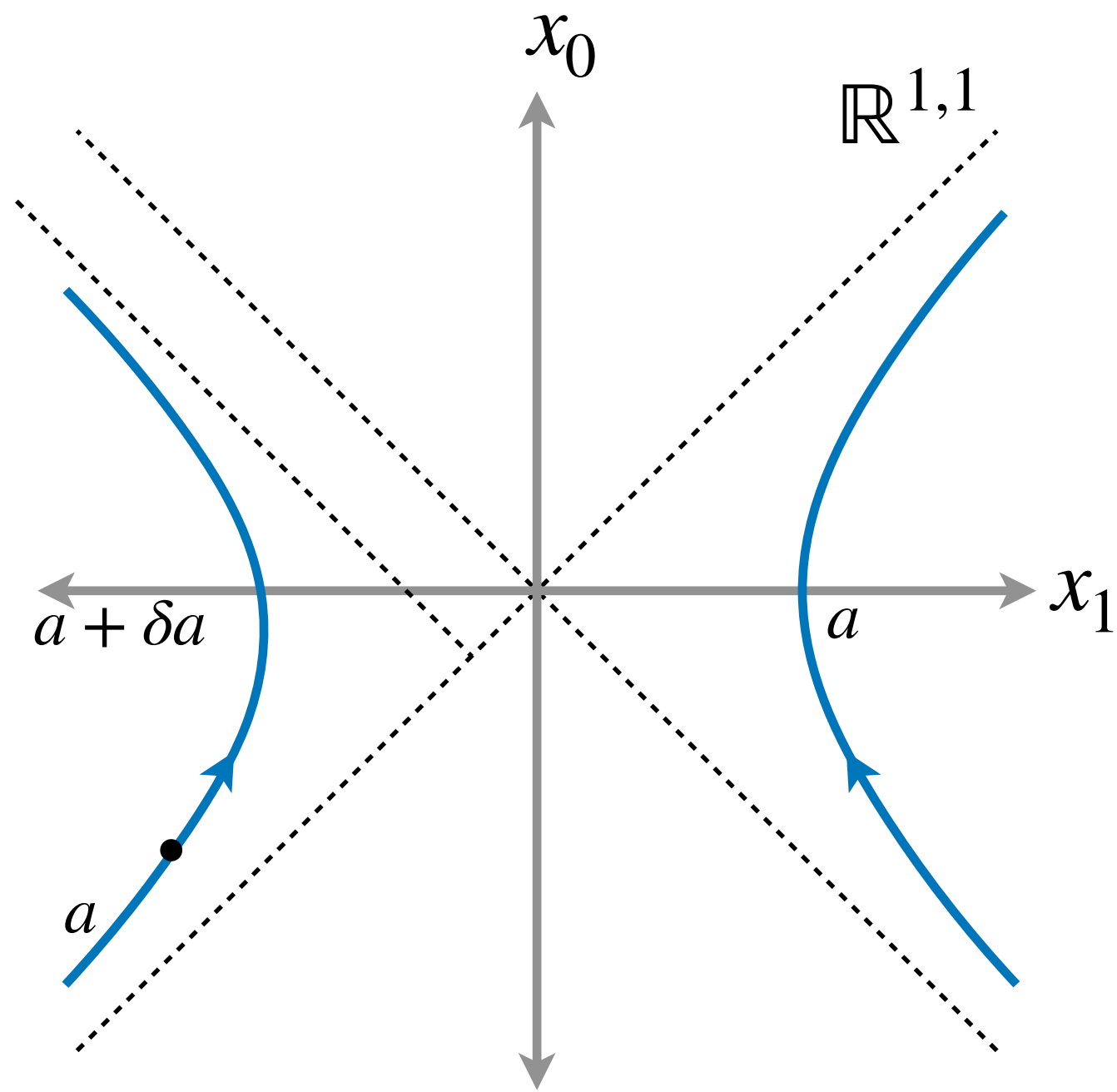
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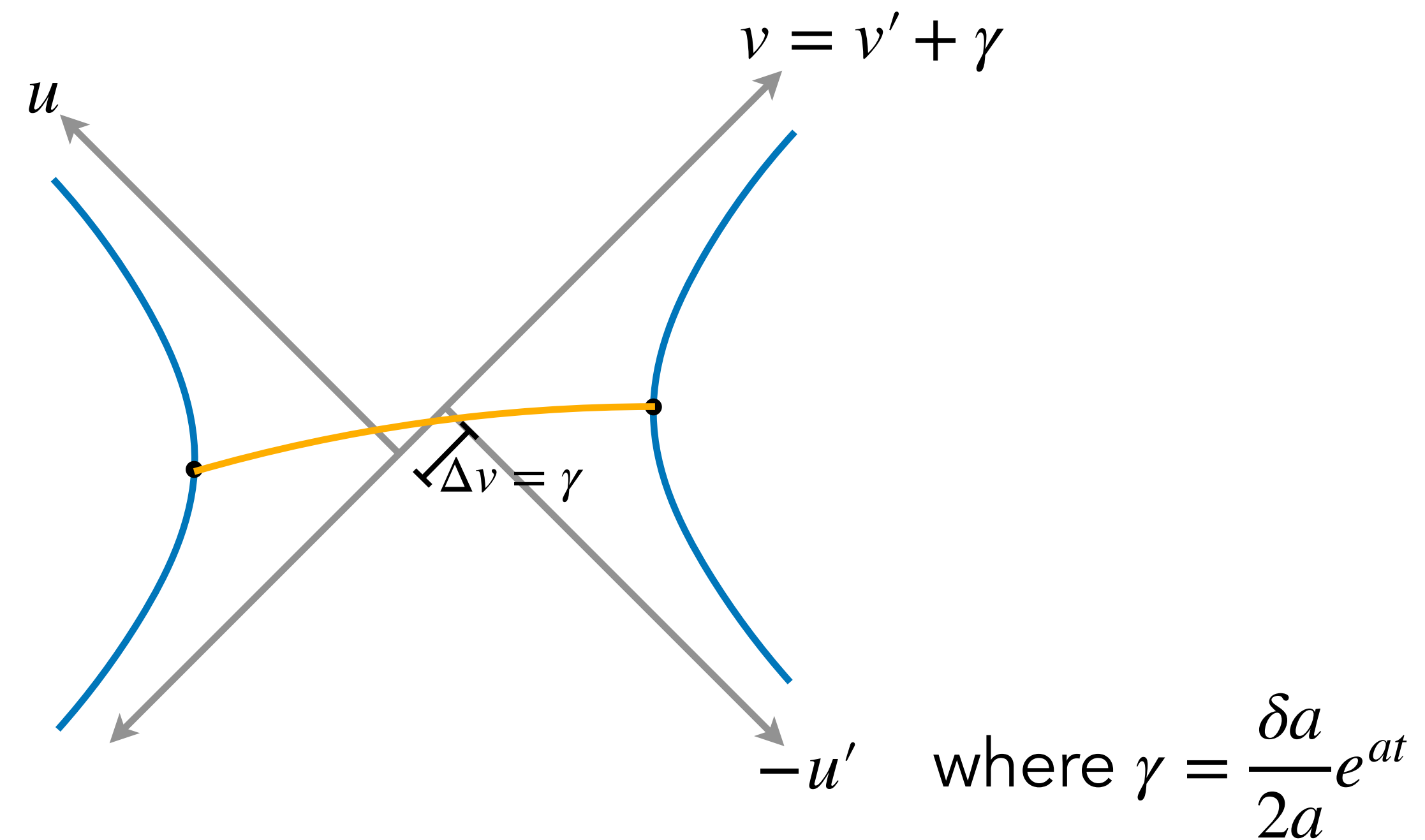
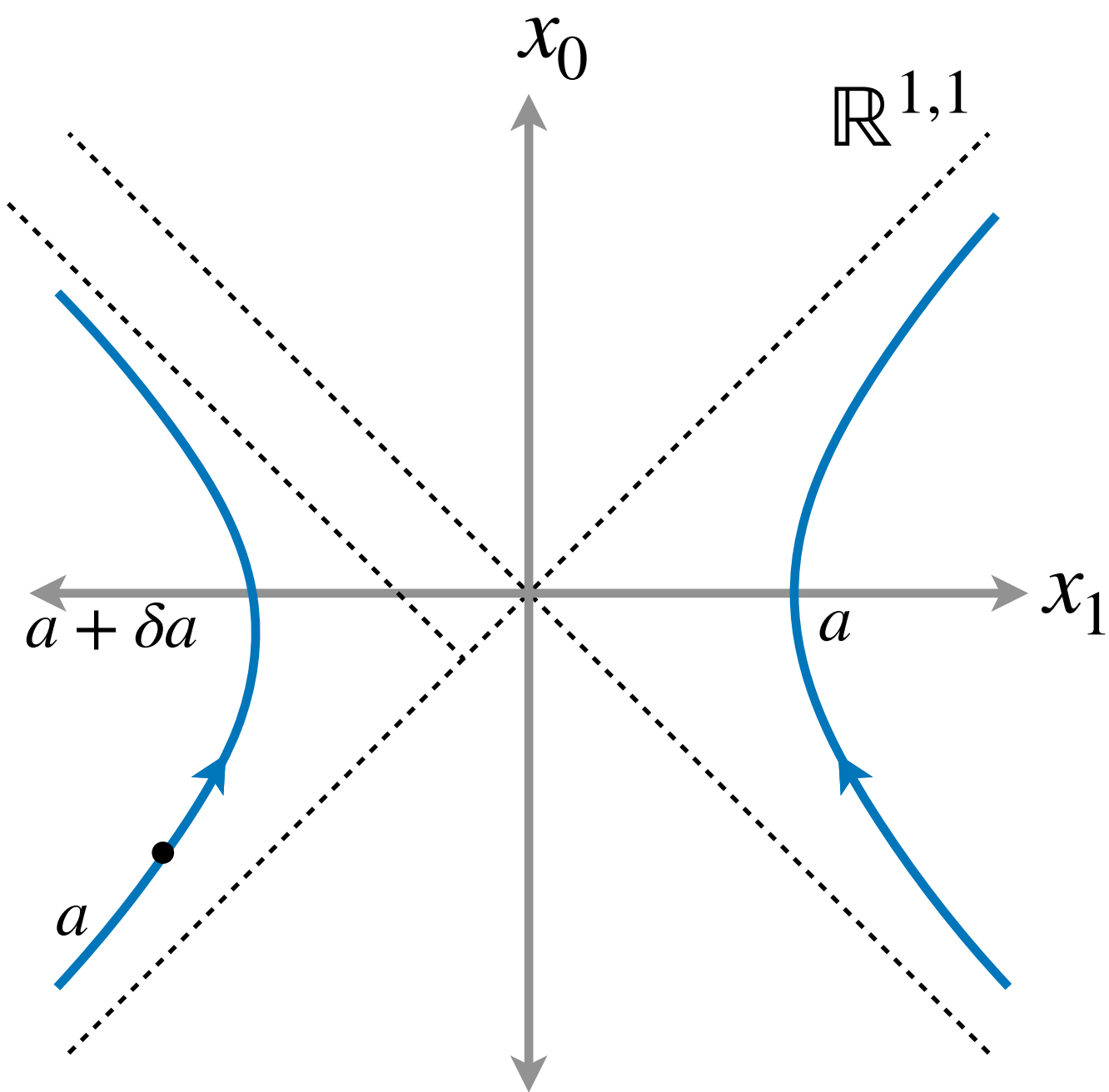
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