

# Temperley-Lieb Categories on Non-Orientable Surfaces

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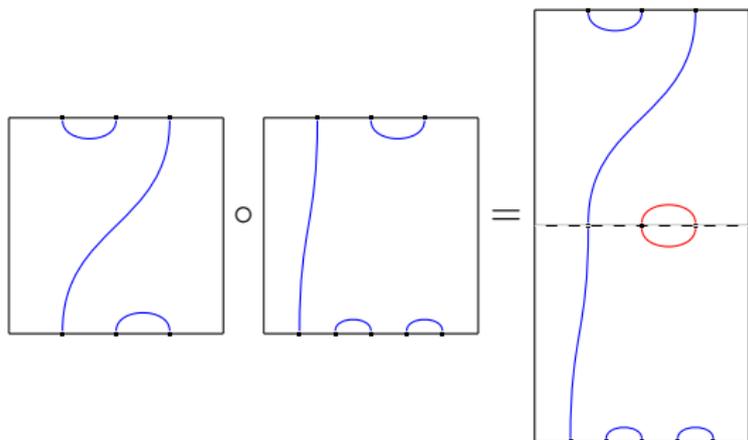
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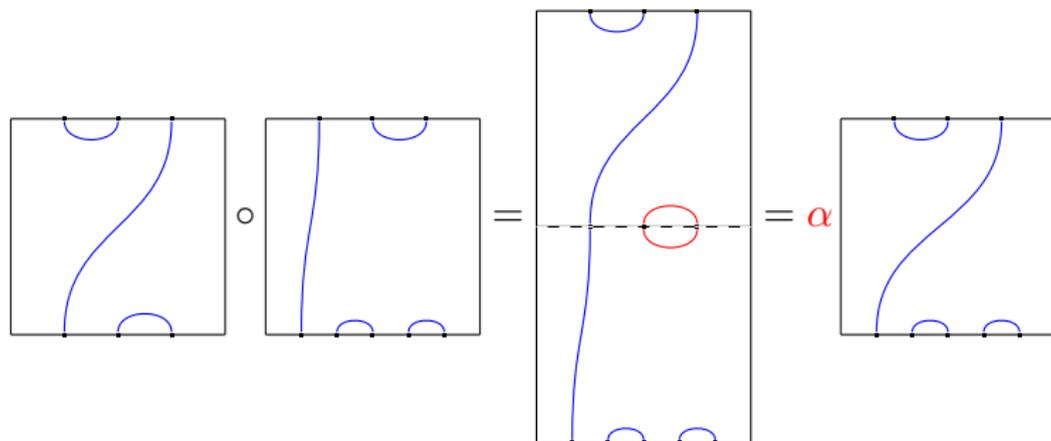
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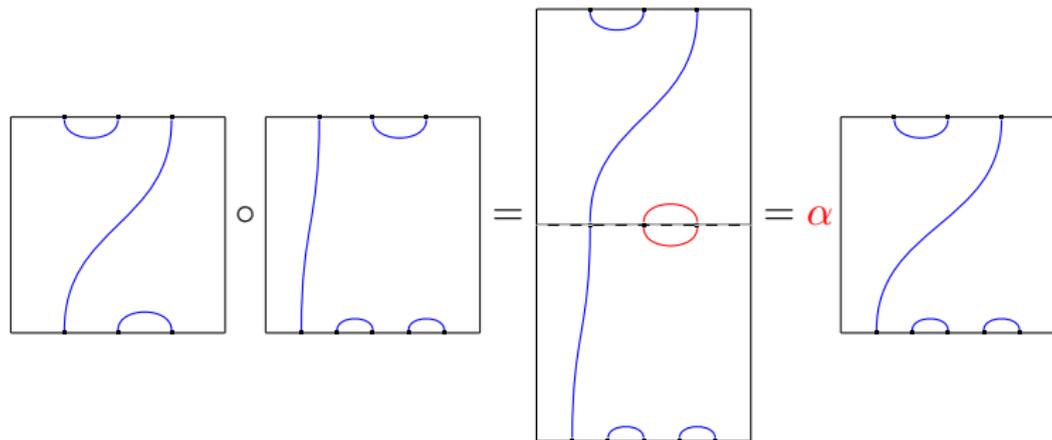
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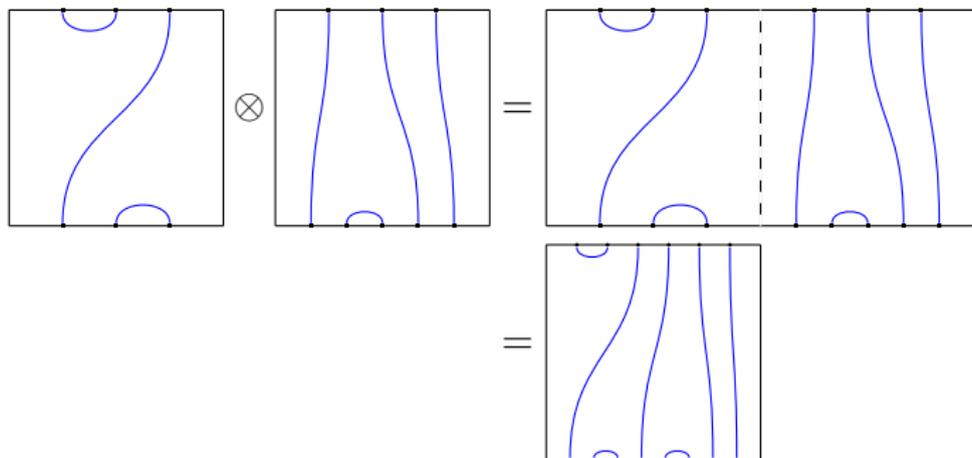
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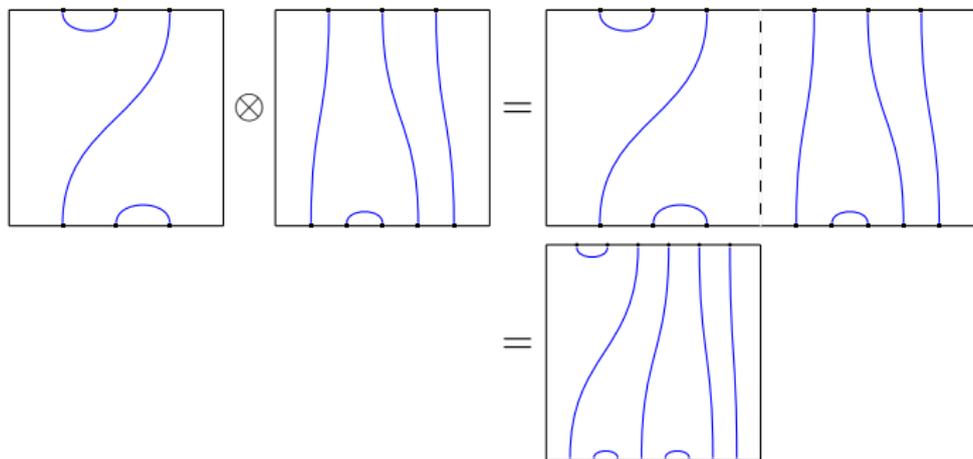
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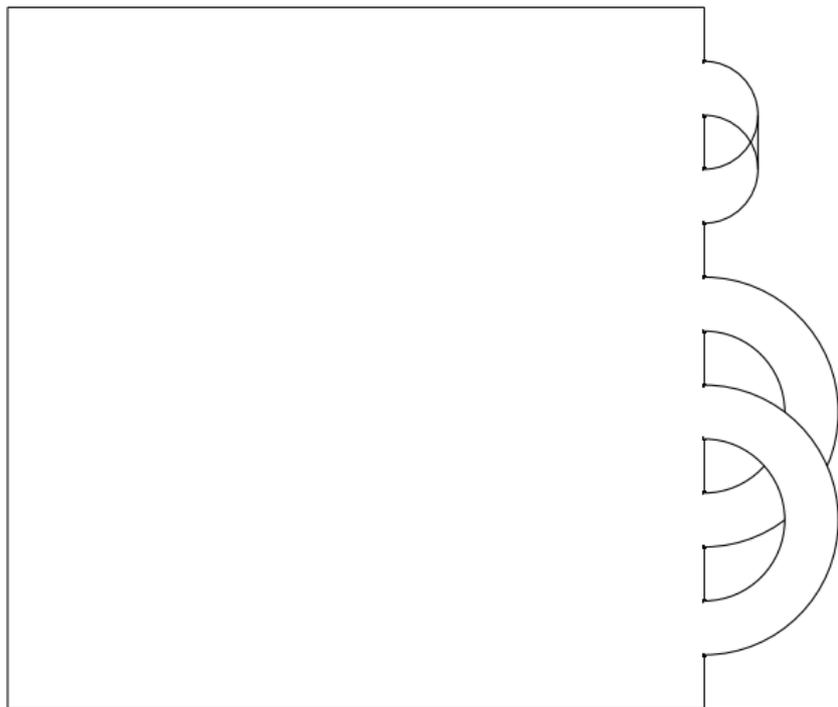


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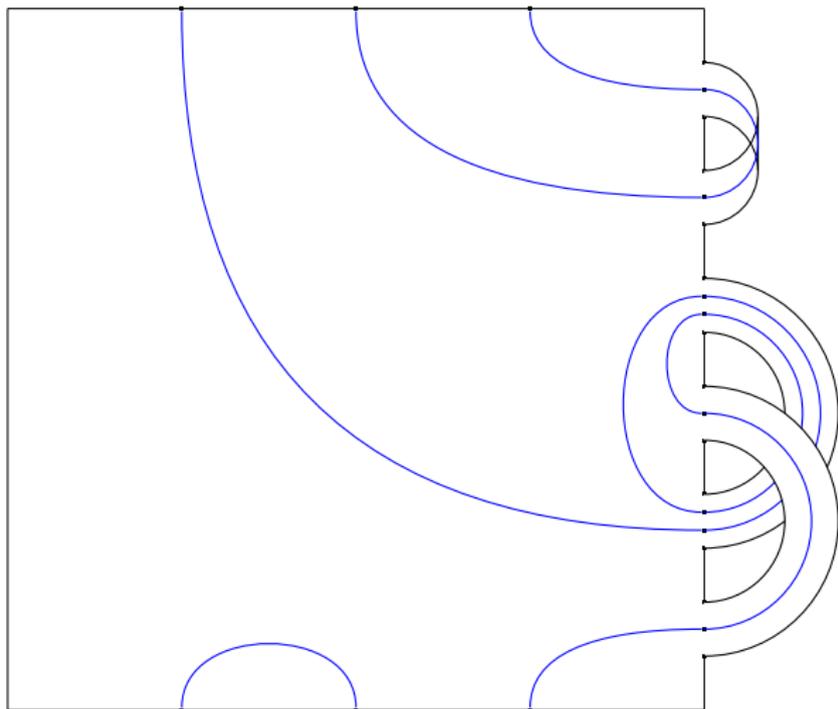
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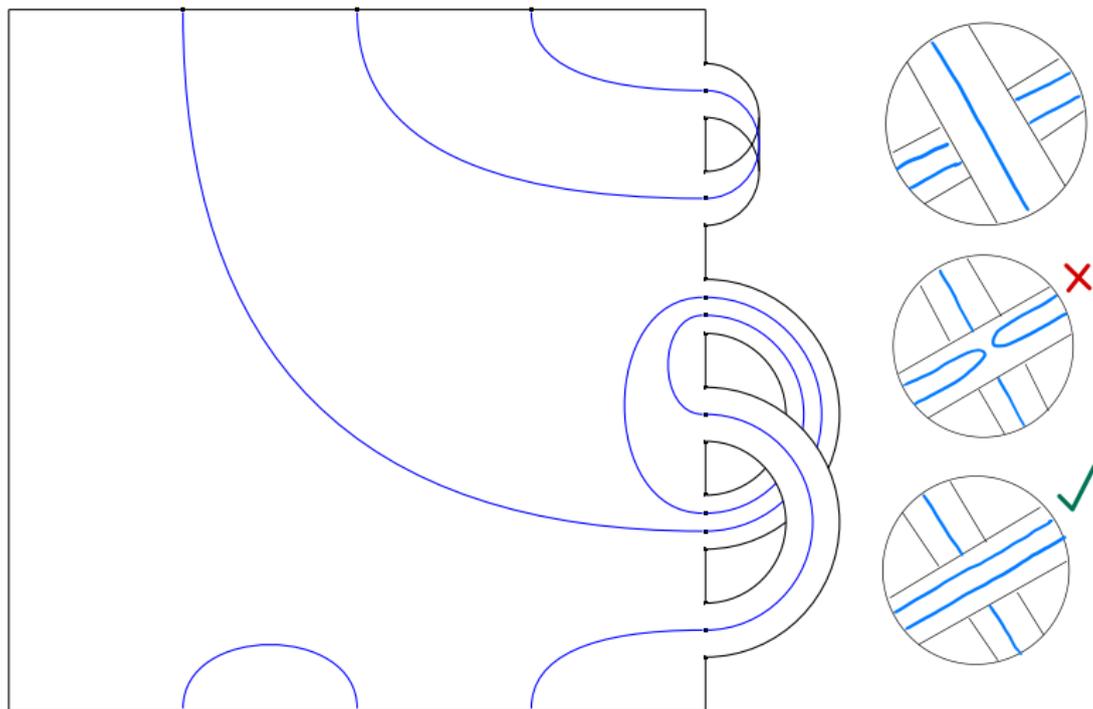
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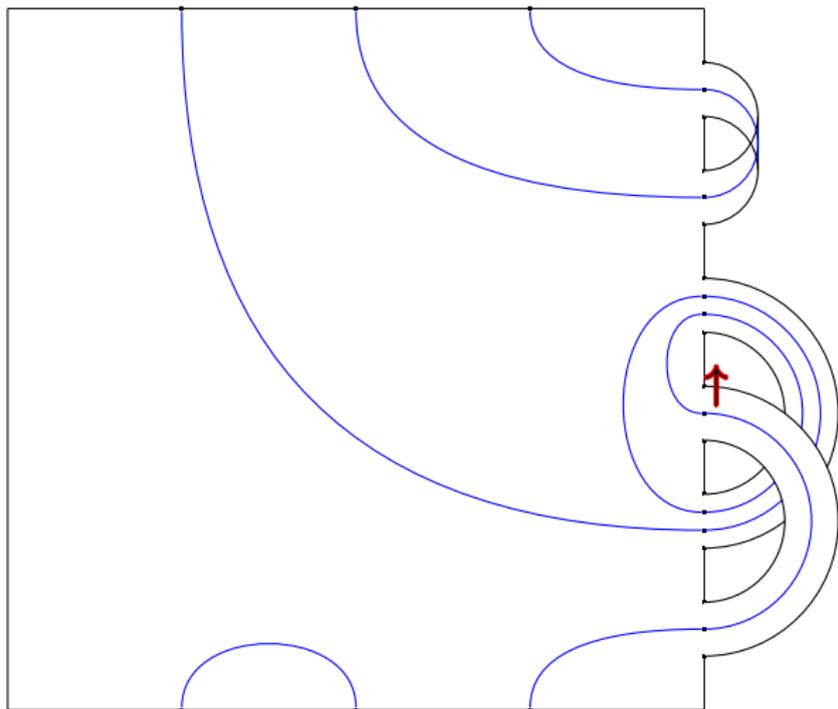
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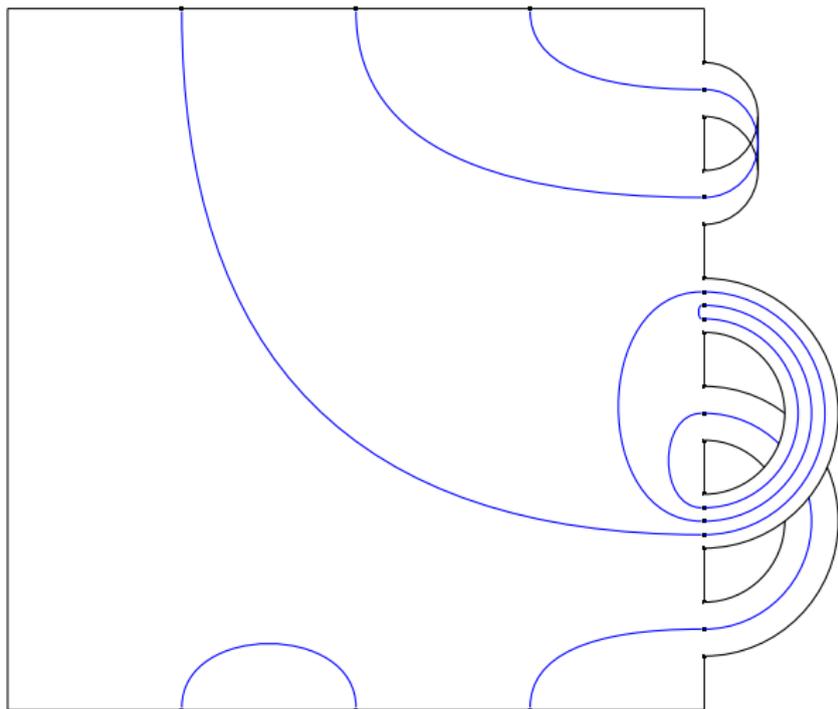
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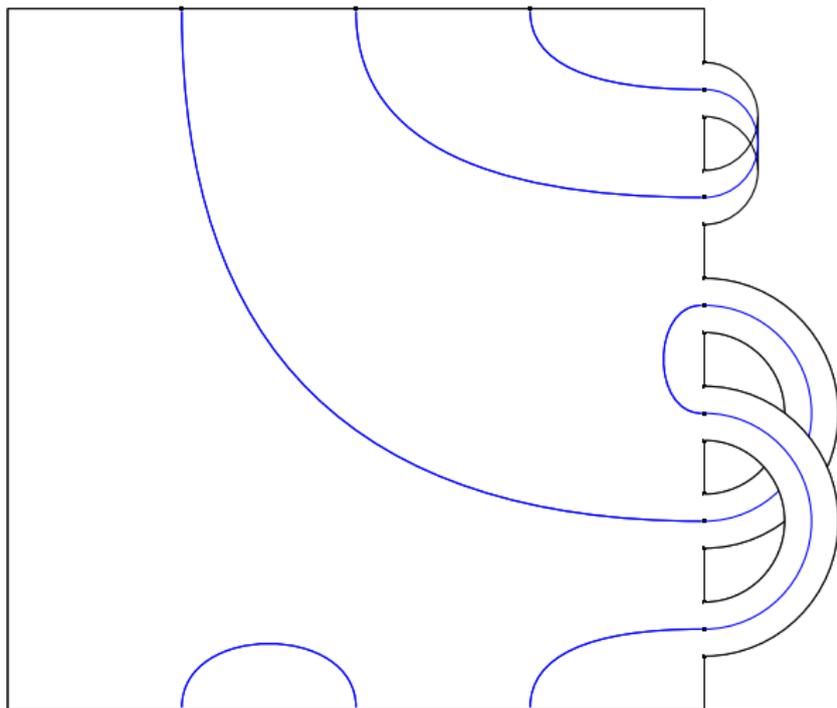
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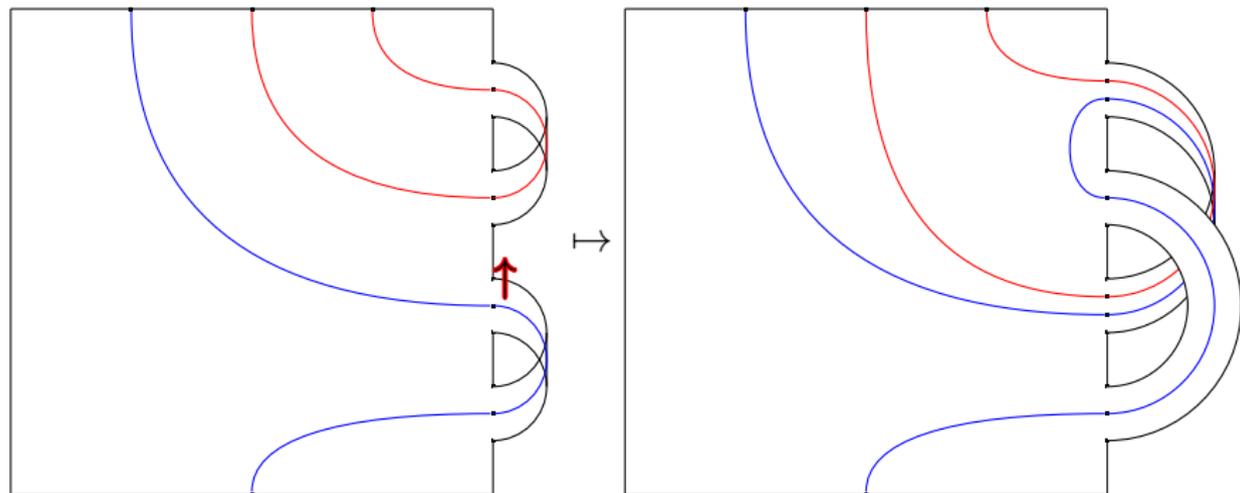
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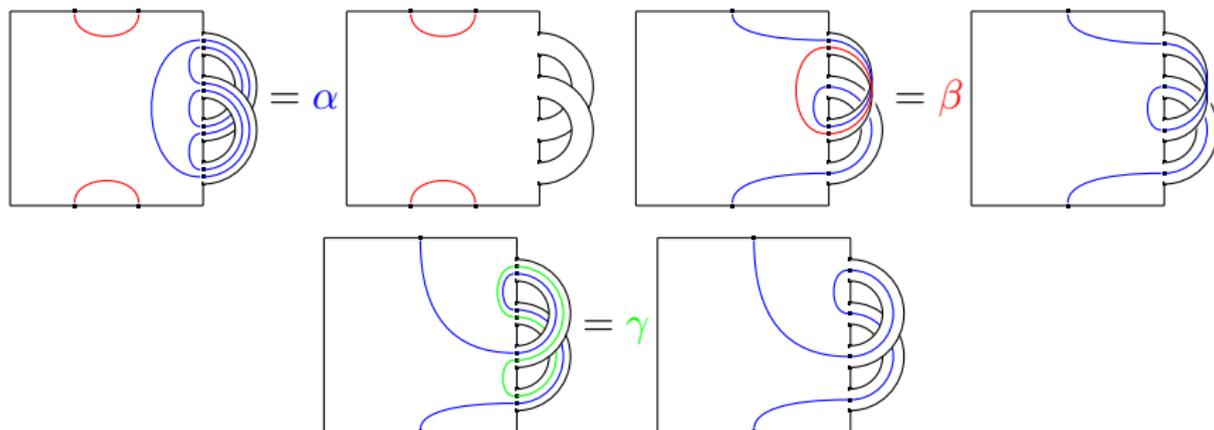
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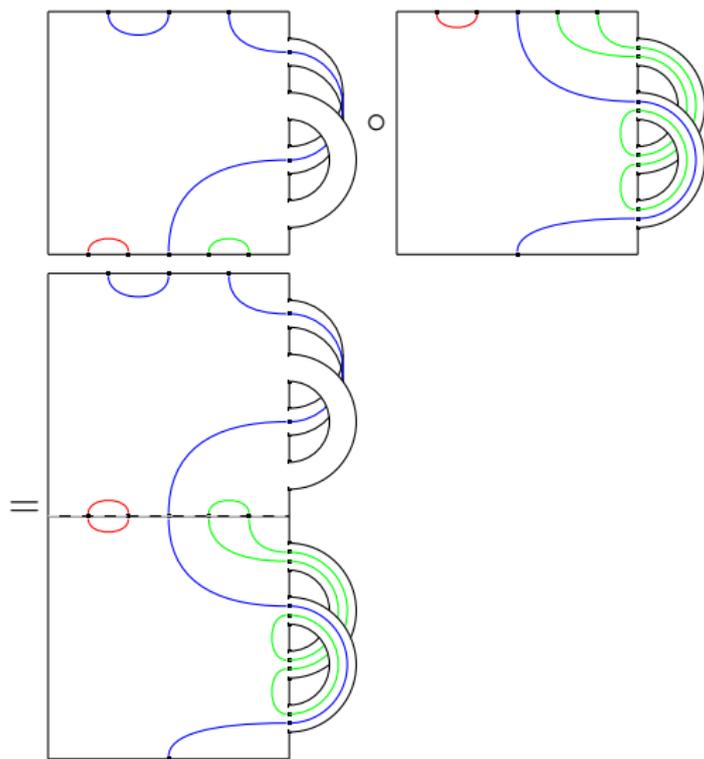
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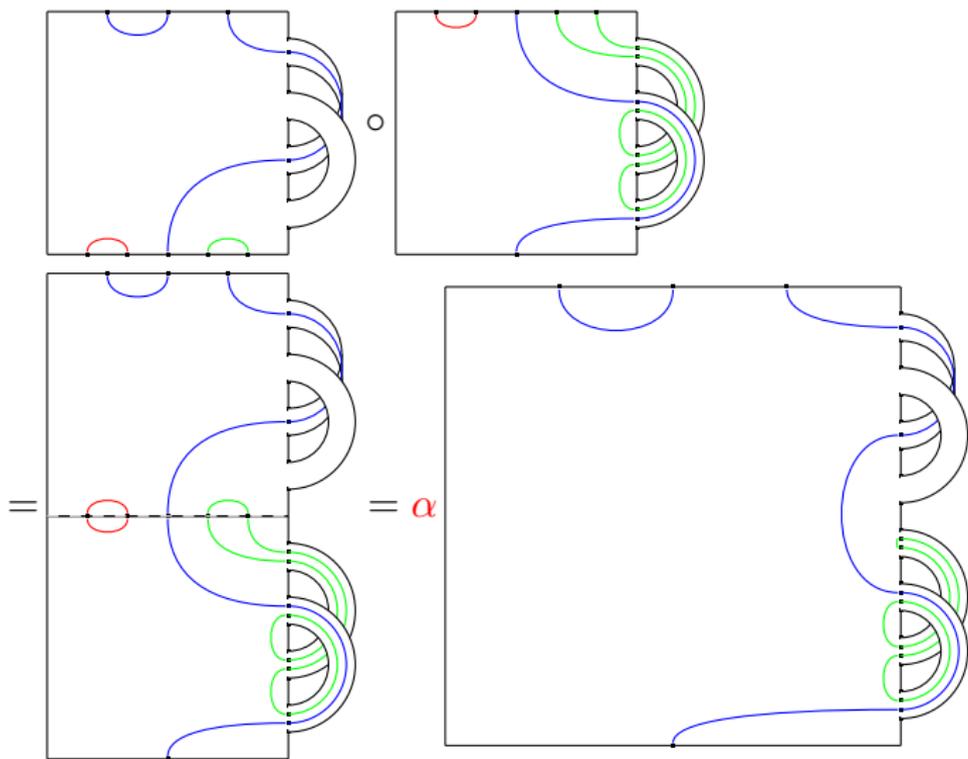
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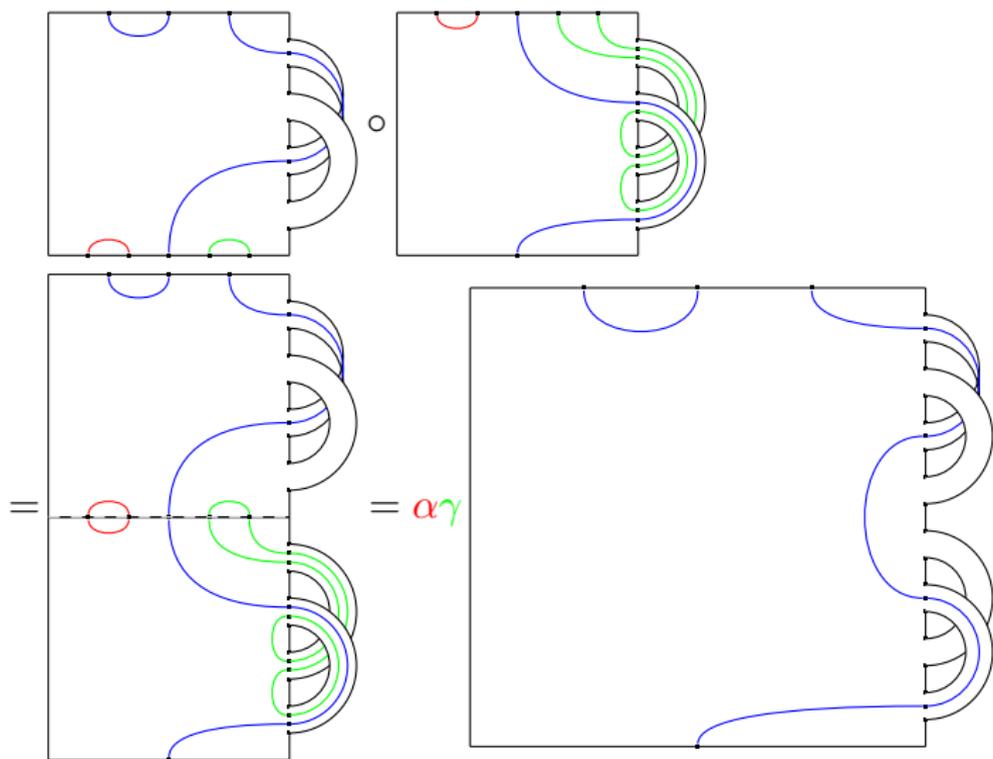
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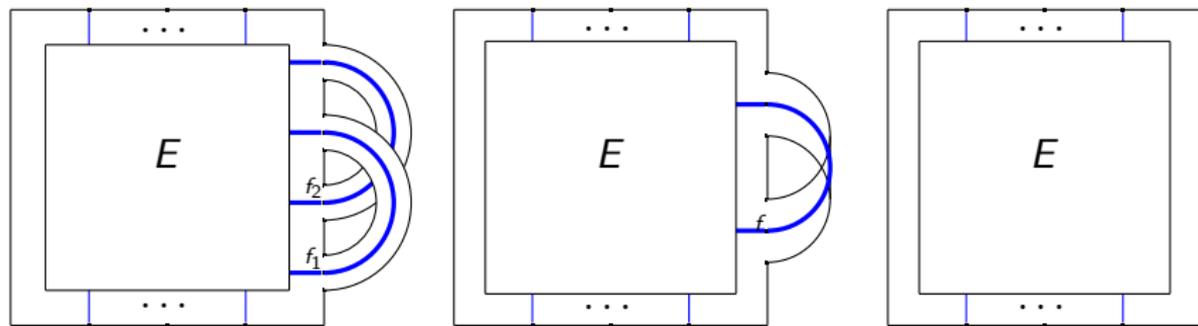
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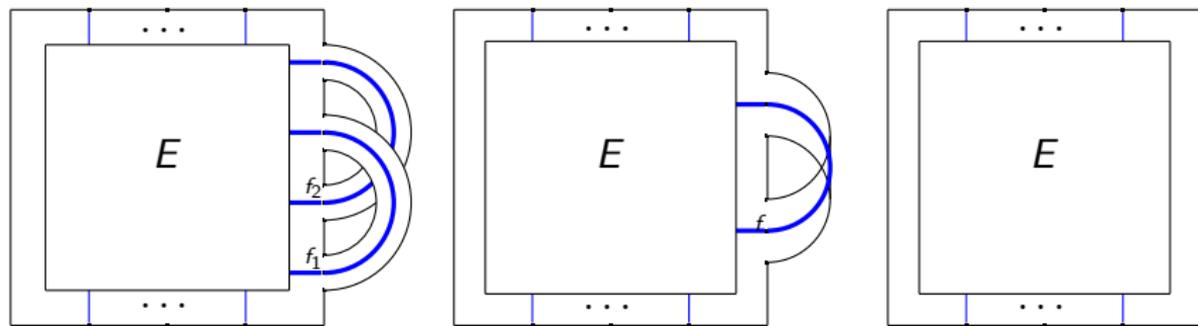
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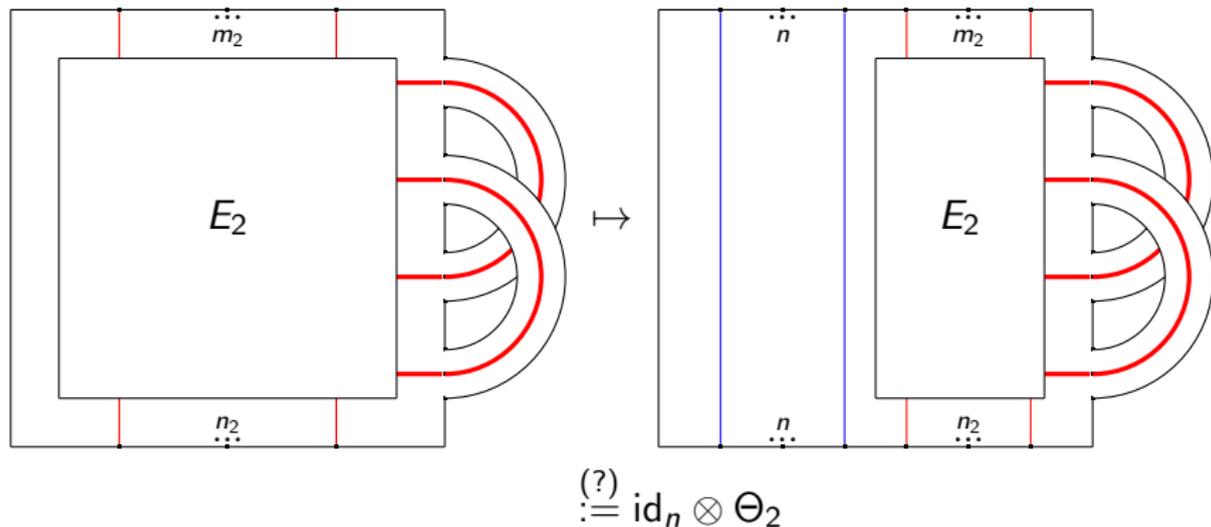
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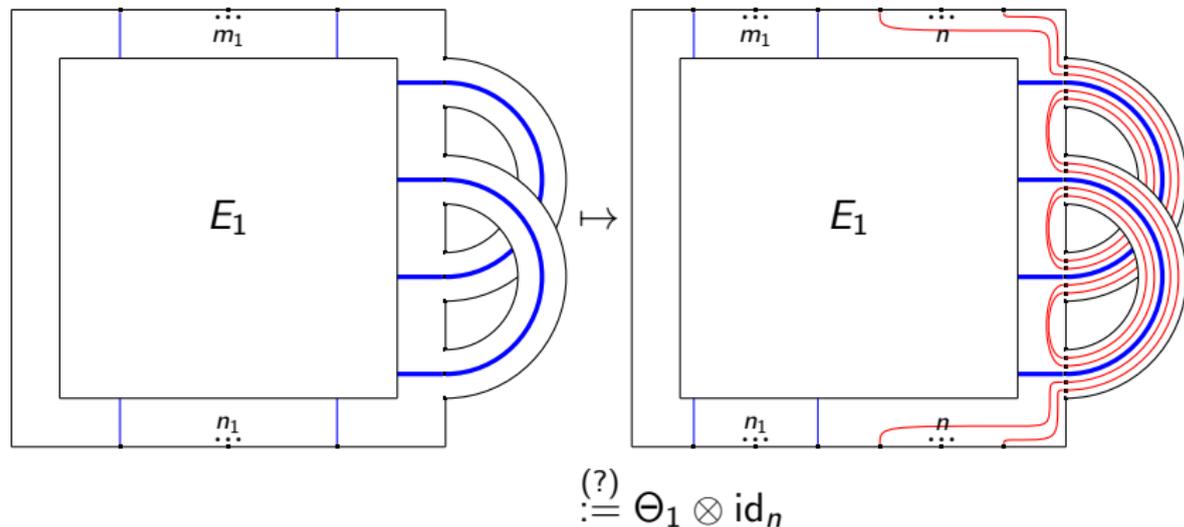


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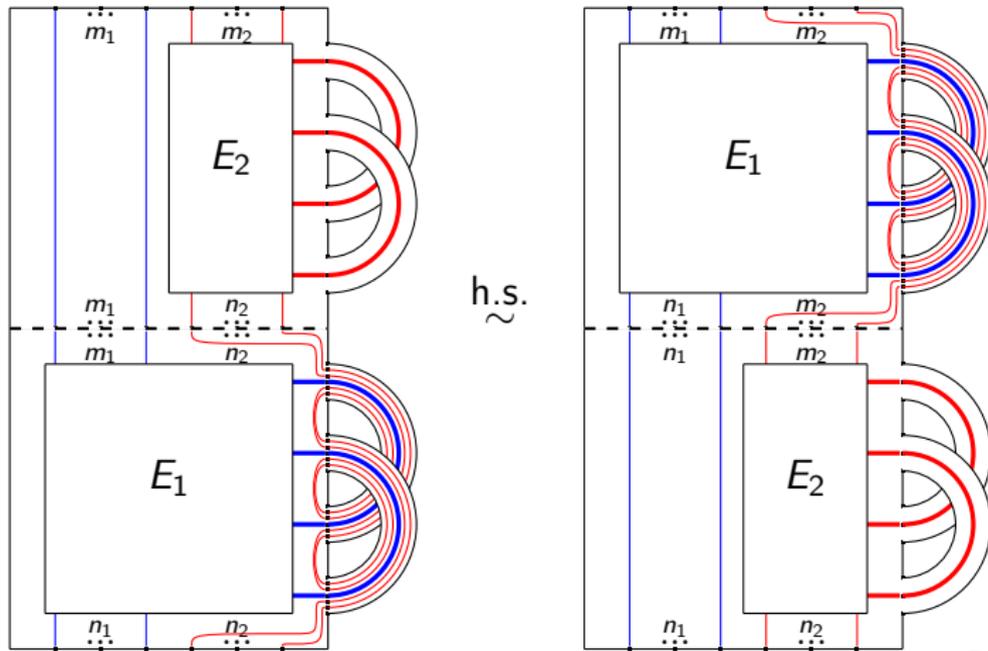
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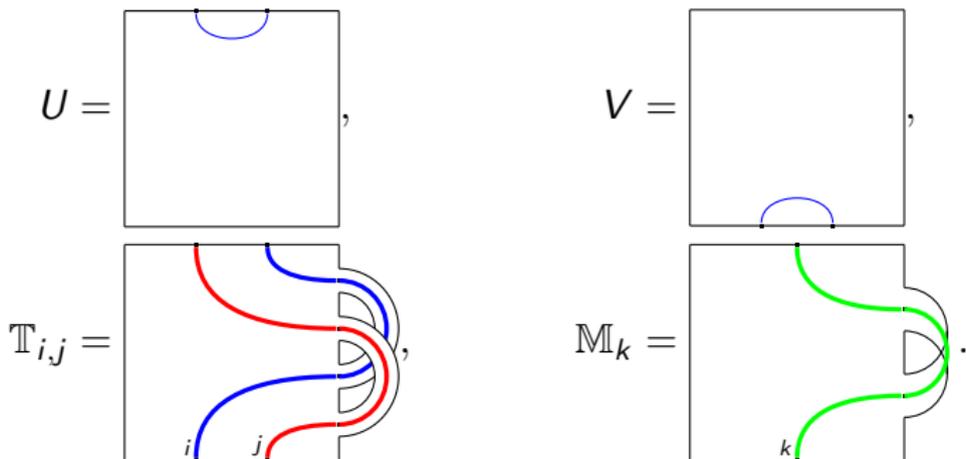
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## Theorem

*This defines a tensor product on  $SQ$ . The following is a monoidal generating set:*





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