

Quantum Flag Manifolds: From Quantum Groups to Noncommutative Geometry

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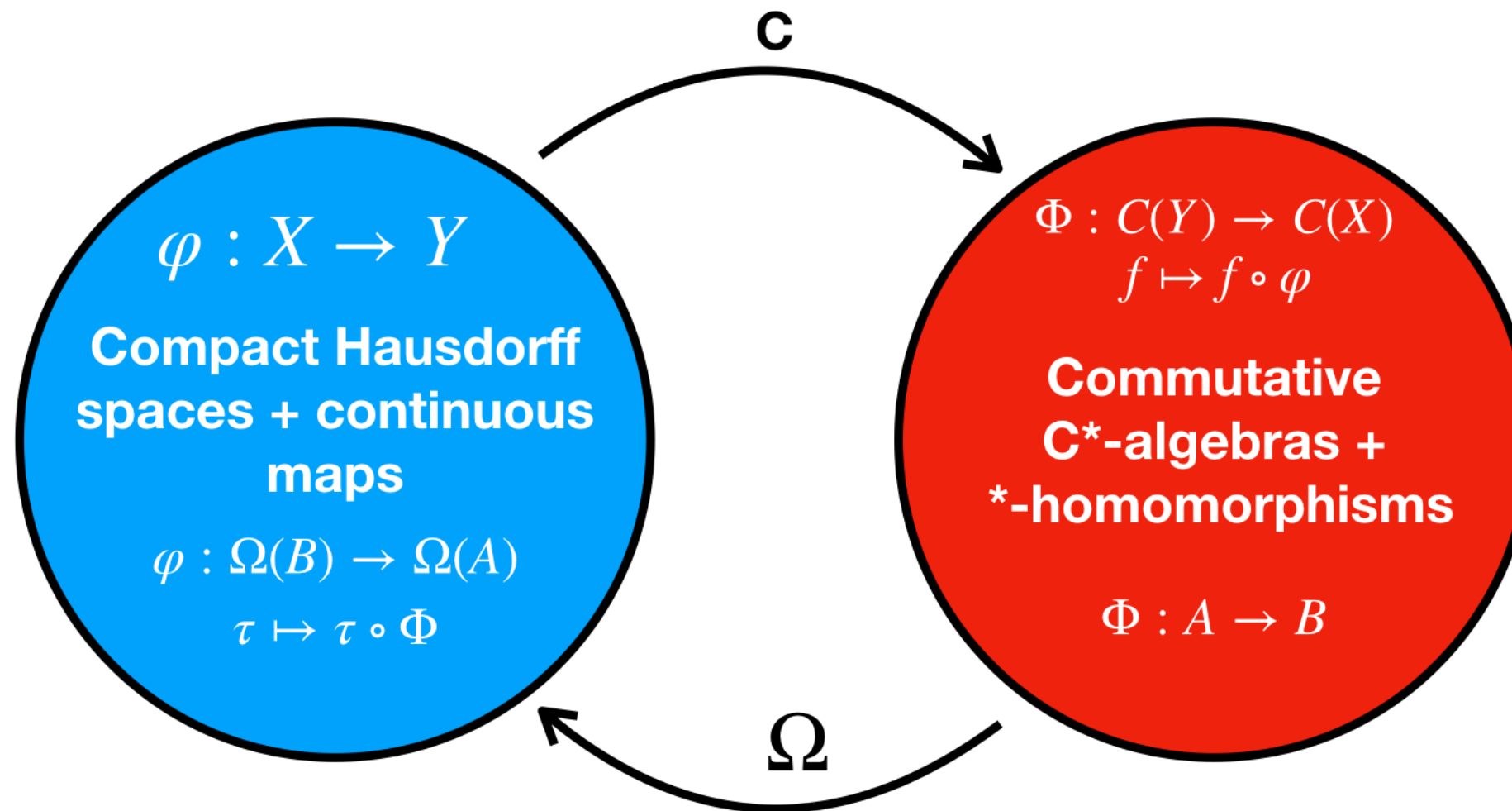
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Theorem (Gelfand–Naimark '43)

Every commutative C^ -algebra is isomorphic to $C(X)$, for some compact Hausdorff space X .*

In fact, we get a duality of categories:



$\Omega(A) := \{\tau : A \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid \tau \text{ a } *\text{-homomorphism}\}$,
equipped with weak- $*$ topology

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compact space X	\longleftrightarrow	comm. C^* -algebra $C(X)$
locally compact space X	\longleftrightarrow	non-unital comm. C^* -algebra $C_0(X)$
homeomorphism	\longleftrightarrow	$*$ -isomorphism
image of a function	\longleftrightarrow	spectrum of an element
positive function	\longleftrightarrow	positive element
regular Borel measure	\longleftrightarrow	bounded linear functionals on $C(X)$
one-point compactification of a space	\longleftrightarrow	unitisation of $C(X)$
open subset of X	\longleftrightarrow	ideal of $C(X)$
X is connected	\longleftrightarrow	$C(X)$ is projectionless
X is metrisable	\longleftrightarrow	$C(X)$ is separable
vector bundle over X	\longleftrightarrow	finite projective module over $C(X)$
measure space	\longleftrightarrow	comm. von Neumann algebra

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Any norm-closed $*$ -subalgebra of $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$.

Theorem (Gelfand–Naimark–Segal '43)

Every C^ -algebra \mathcal{A} admits a faithful $*$ -representation*

$$\phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$$

for some Hilbert space \mathcal{H} .

- For a commutative C^* -algebra $C(X)$ such a representation is given by the elements of $C(X)$ acting by multiplication on the square integrable functions $L^2(X, \mu)$, where μ is a Borel measure.

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 - 2 Elliott’s classification program for simple separable nuclear C^* -algebras uses noncommutative topological K -theory and Winter’s noncommutative topological covering dimension.

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- **On the topological side:** It is an object G in the category of compact Hausdorff spaces, together with a 4-tuple of morphisms $(m, \bullet^{-1}, \eta, \varepsilon)$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 m : G \times G \rightarrow G, & \bullet^{-1} : G \rightarrow G, \\
 \iota : \{\bullet\} \rightarrow G & e : G \rightarrow \{\bullet\}.
 \end{array}$$

such that the following diagrams commute:

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Thus the dual structure in the category of commutative C^* -algebras is an object \mathcal{A} and a 4-tuple $(\Delta, S, \varepsilon, \eta)$, where $\mathcal{A} = C(G)$ is a C^* -algebra with the following commutative diagrams:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
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- An important observation is the following:
 - Denote by $\mathcal{O}(G)$ the algebra of *representable functions* on G , that is, the functions generated by the coordinate functions of all the finite-dimensional representations $\rho : G \rightarrow M_k(\mathbb{C})$.
 - Note that $\mathcal{O}(G) \subseteq C(G)$.
 - It holds that $\Delta(\mathcal{O}(G)) \subseteq \mathcal{O}(G) \otimes \mathcal{O}(G)$, and $S(\mathcal{O}(G)) \subseteq \mathcal{O}(G)$.
- This gives us the definition of a Hopf algebra.

Definition

A *Hopf algebra* is a 4-tuple $(C, \Delta, S, \varepsilon)$, where C is a vector space, and

$$\Delta : C \rightarrow C \otimes C; \quad S : C \rightarrow C, \quad \varepsilon : C \rightarrow \mathbb{C},$$

are linear maps (called the *coproduct*, *antipode*, and *counit* respectively), satisfying the following axioms:

- 1 $(\Delta \otimes \text{id}) \circ \Delta = (\text{id} \otimes \Delta) \circ \Delta,$
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A Hopf algebra structure on $U_q(\mathfrak{sl})_2$ is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(E) &= 1 \otimes E + E \otimes K, & \Delta(K) &= K \otimes K, & \Delta(F) &= K^{-1} \otimes F + F \otimes 1 \\ S(E) &= -EK^{-1}, & S(K) &= K^{-1}, & S(F) &= -FK, \\ \varepsilon(E) &= \varepsilon(F) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

- It was shown by Drinfeld and Jimbo that, for every semisimple complex Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} :
 - There exists a q -deformed universal enveloping algebra $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$.
 - For $q = 1$, $U_1(\mathfrak{g})$ forms a $\text{rank}(\mathfrak{g})$ -fold cover of $U(\mathfrak{g})$.
 - $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ comes endowed with a Hopf algebra structure, deforming that Hopf algebra structure of $U(\mathfrak{g})$.
- Moreover, for $q \in \mathbf{R}$, it admits a $*$ -algebra structure, whose fixed points identify the compact real form of \mathfrak{g} .

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$$X \triangleright v \otimes w = \sum_i (X_i \triangleright v) \otimes (X'_i \triangleright w),$$

where $\Delta(X) = \sum_i X_i \otimes X'_i$.

- Moreover, $Q(V \otimes W) \simeq Q(V) \otimes Q(W)$.
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- A very interesting feature of a braided monoidal category is that it allows us to define a braided notion of dimension. This is very important in applications to knots, and will arise later in our treatment of Dirac operator spectra.

5: Quantum Coordinate Algebras and Woronowicz

- For a Hopf algebra H , consider the linear dual H^* .
- We can dualise comultiplication of H to a multiplication on H^* , such that for $f, g \in H^*$,

$$f * g(h) := \sum_i f(h_i)g(h'_i), \quad \text{where } h \in H, \Delta(h) = \sum_i h_i \otimes h'_i.$$

- With respect to this multiplication, the counit ε_H is the unit 1_{H^*} .
- The unit 1_H dualises to a counit ε_{H^*}

$$\varepsilon_{H^*} : H^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad f \mapsto f(1_H).$$

- We can dualise multiplication to a map

$$\Delta : H^* \rightarrow (H \otimes H)^*, \quad \Delta(f)(h, g) := f(hg).$$

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The $$ -structure of $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ dualises to a $*$ -algebra structure on $\mathcal{O}_q(G)$. Moreover, $\mathcal{O}_q(G)$ admits a unique completion to a C^* -algebra $C_q(G)$.*

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- This is where we need to look to Woronowicz for help . . .

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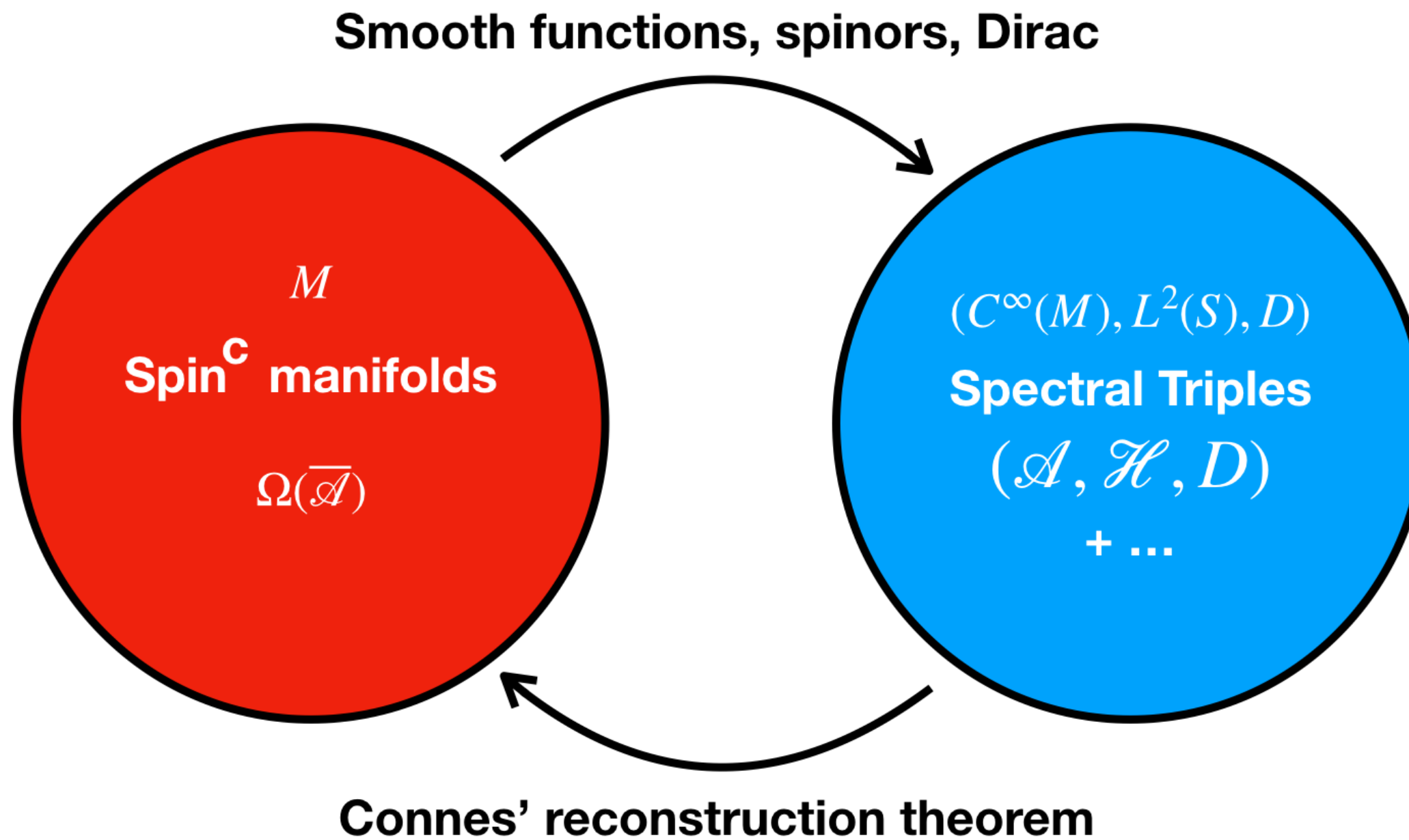
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Definition

A **spectral triple** is a triple (A, \mathcal{H}, D) , where

- A is a dense $*$ -subalgebra of a C^* -algebra,
- \mathcal{H} is a Hilbert space with a faithful $*$ -representation $\rho : A \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$
- D is a densely defined unbounded self-adjoint operator $D : \text{dom}(D) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$, such that

$$[D, a] \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}), \text{ for all } a \in A, \quad \text{and} \quad (1 - D^2)^{-1} \in \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{H}).$$

- $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{H})$ denotes the compact operators on \mathcal{H} , i.e. the norm closure of the finite rank operators

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$$(C^\infty(M), L^2(\Omega^{(0,\bullet)}), D_{\bar{\partial}} := \bar{\partial} + \bar{\partial}^\dagger),$$

where $d = \partial + \bar{\partial}$, and $\bar{\partial}^\dagger$ is the adjoint of $\bar{\partial}$.

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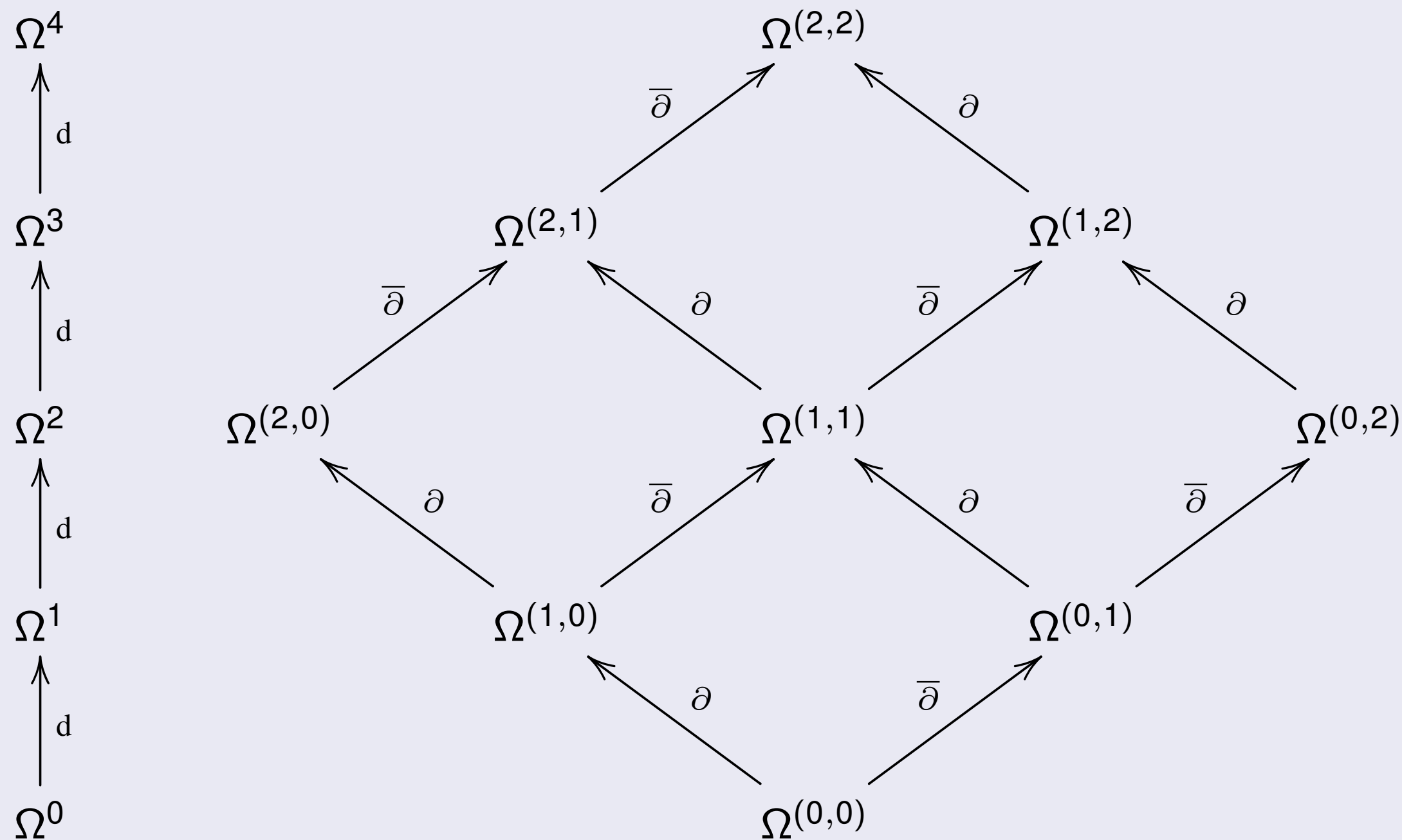
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Example

The quantum projective plane $\mathbb{C}_q[\mathbb{C}P^2]$ has such a structure



Theorem (Newlander–Nirenberg '57)

Holomorphic atlases *on a differential manifold M*

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Complex structures *on $\Omega^\bullet(M)$, that is, almost complex structures such that*

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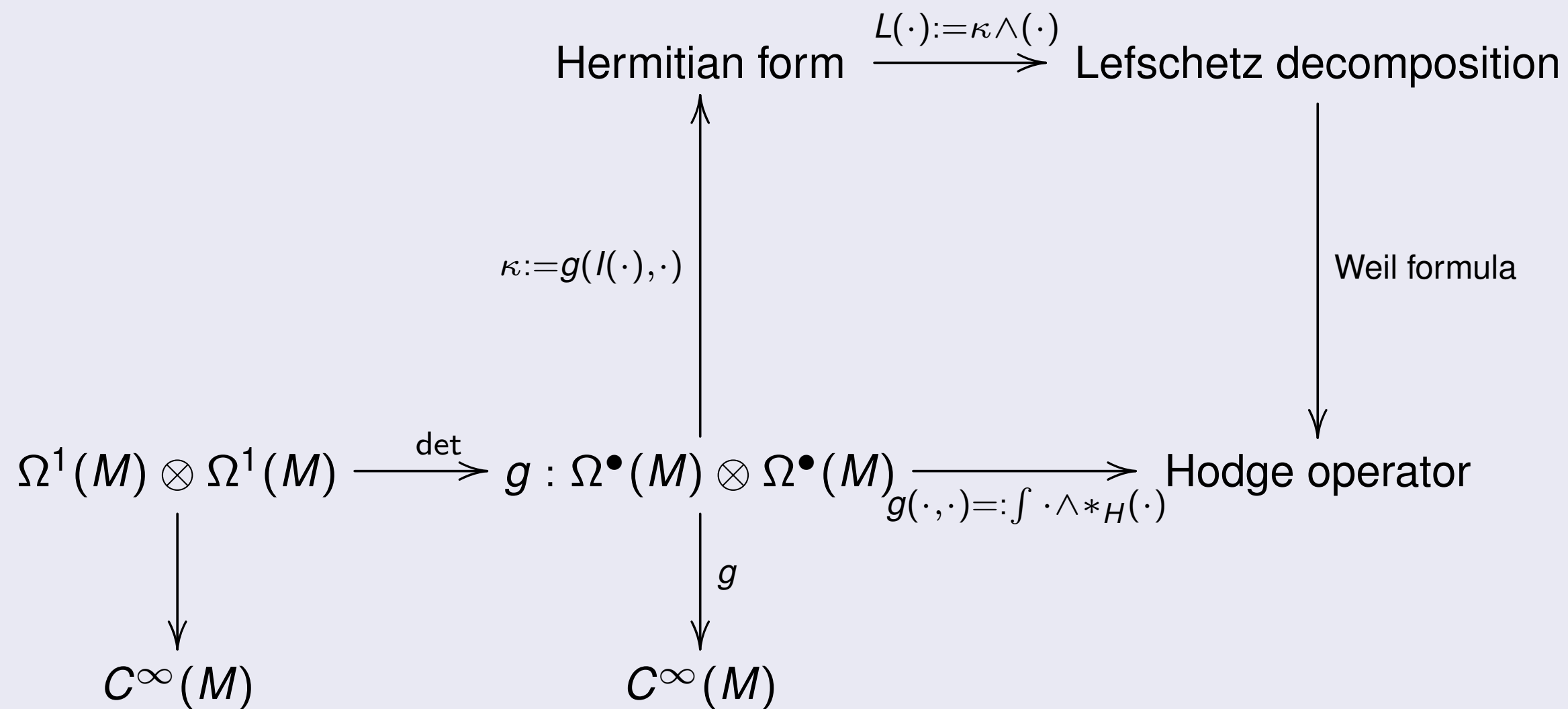
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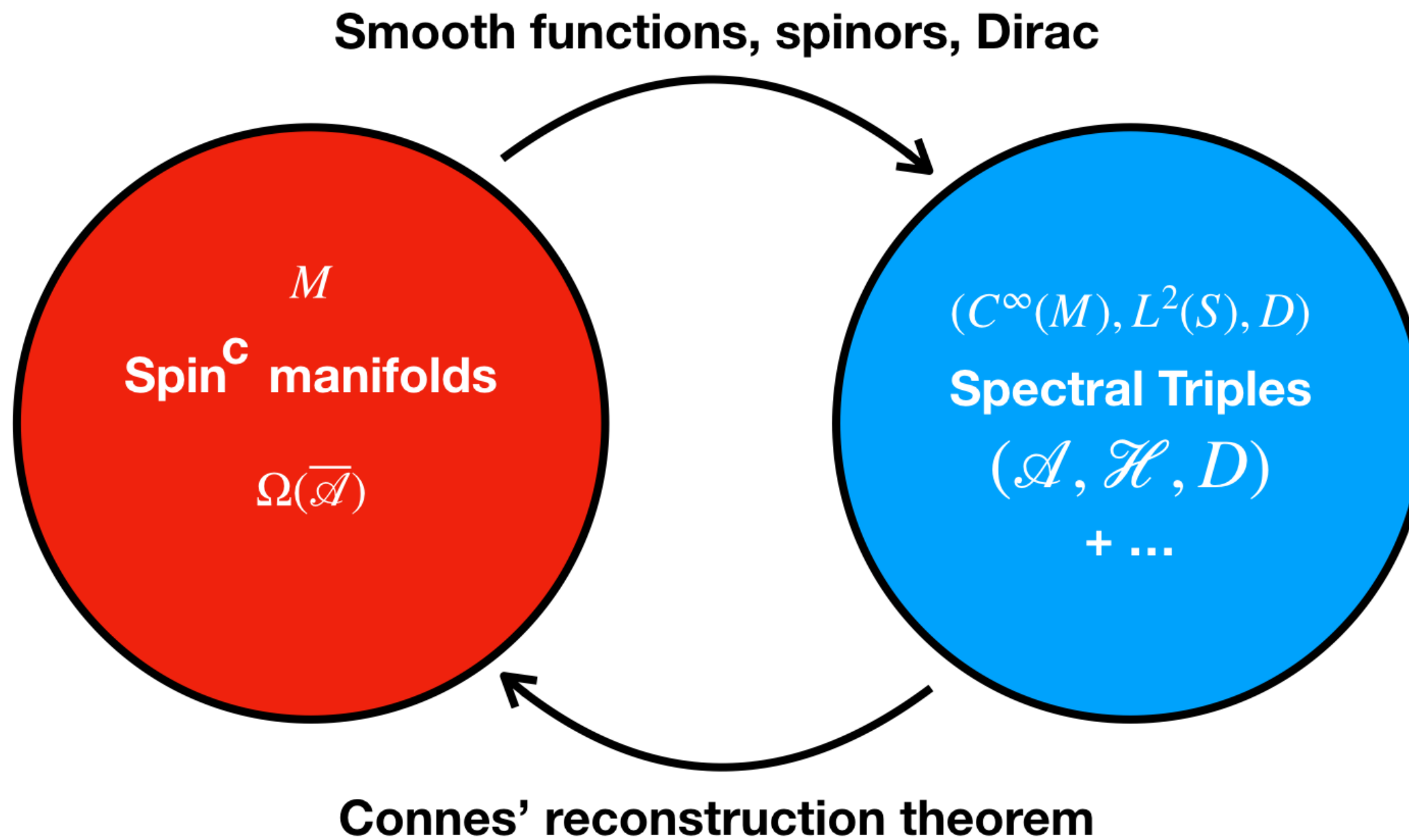
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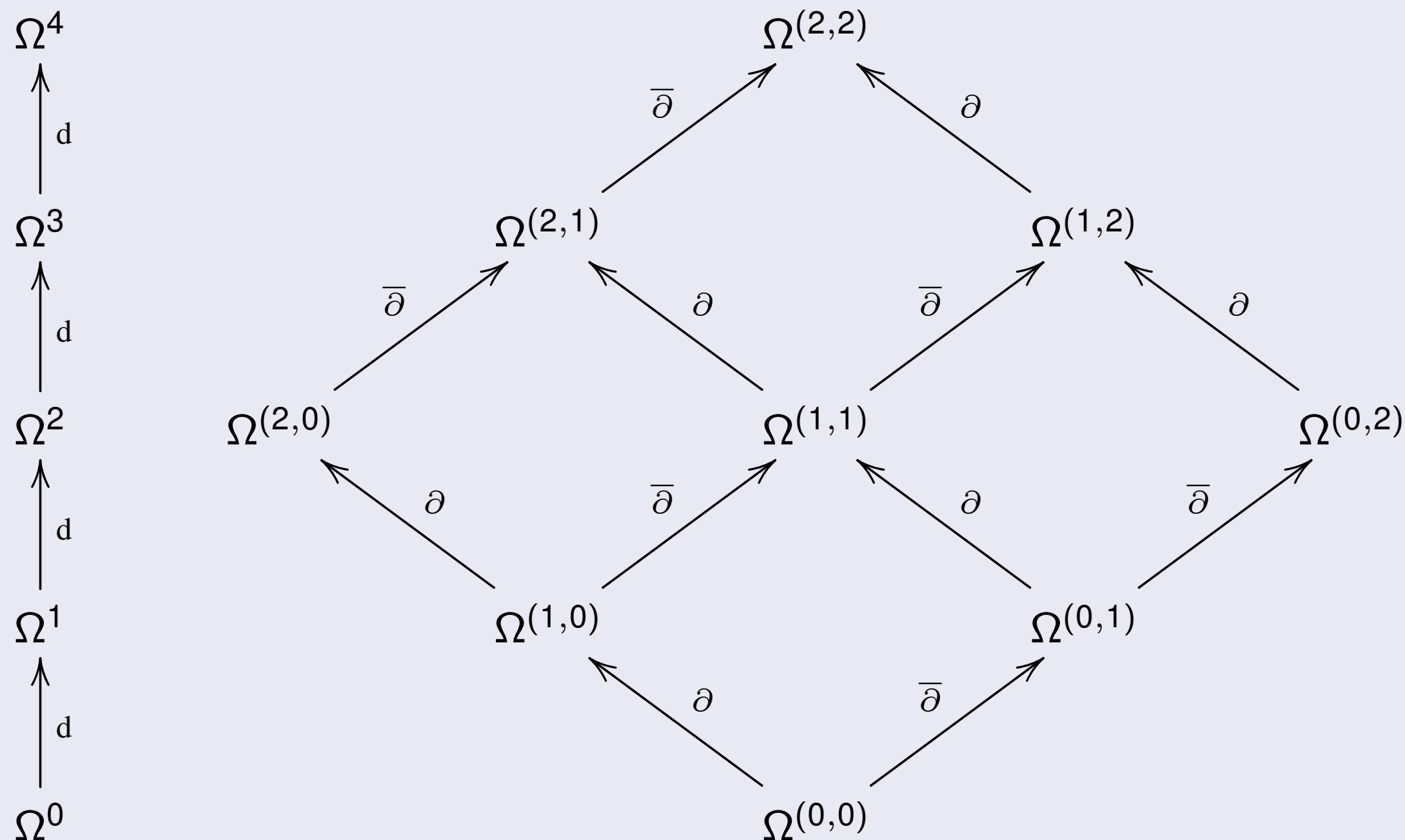
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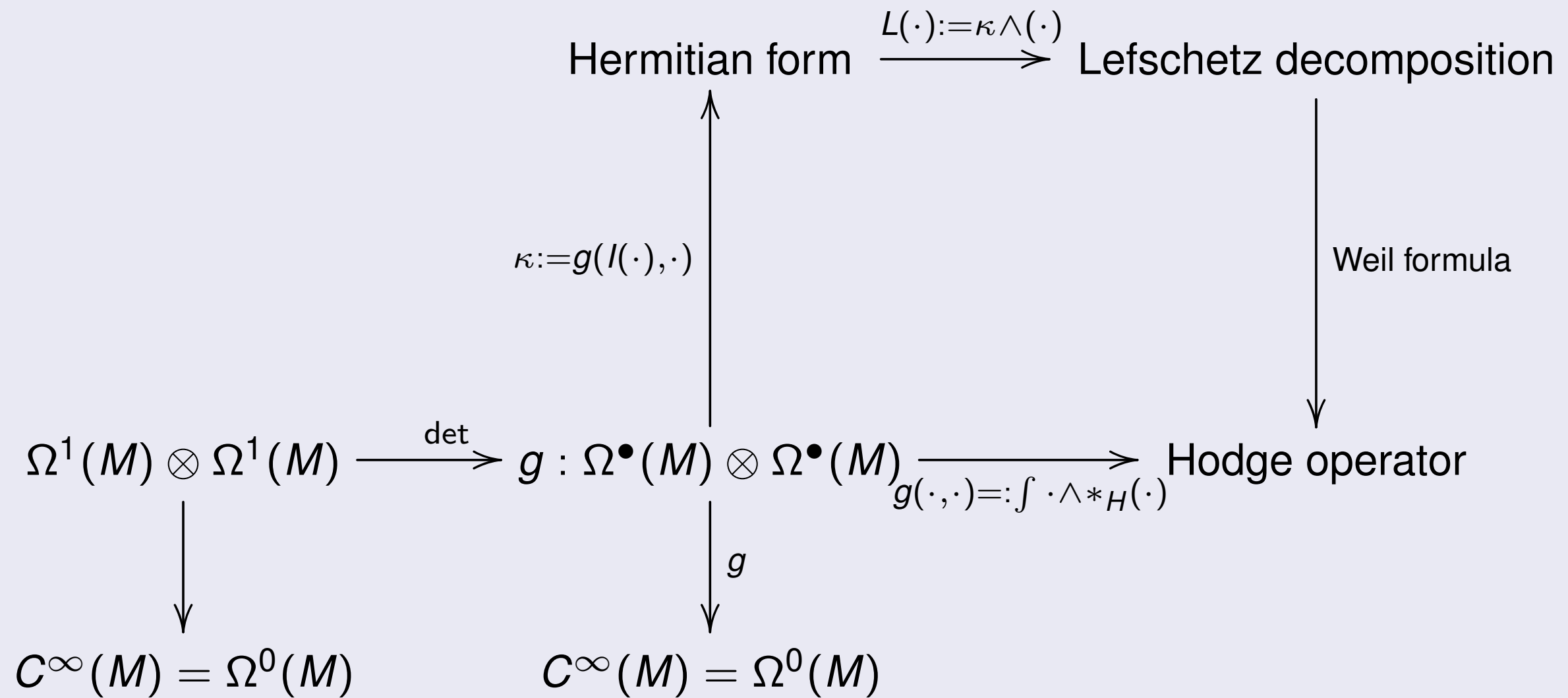
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Summary of Classical Hermitian Geometry

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Theorem (A. Krutov, R. Ó B., K. Strung '18)

For the quantum Grassmannians, endowed with their Heckenberger–Kolb calculus, there exist (Yetter–Drinfeld) braidings

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Denoting by σ^\pm the induced braidings,

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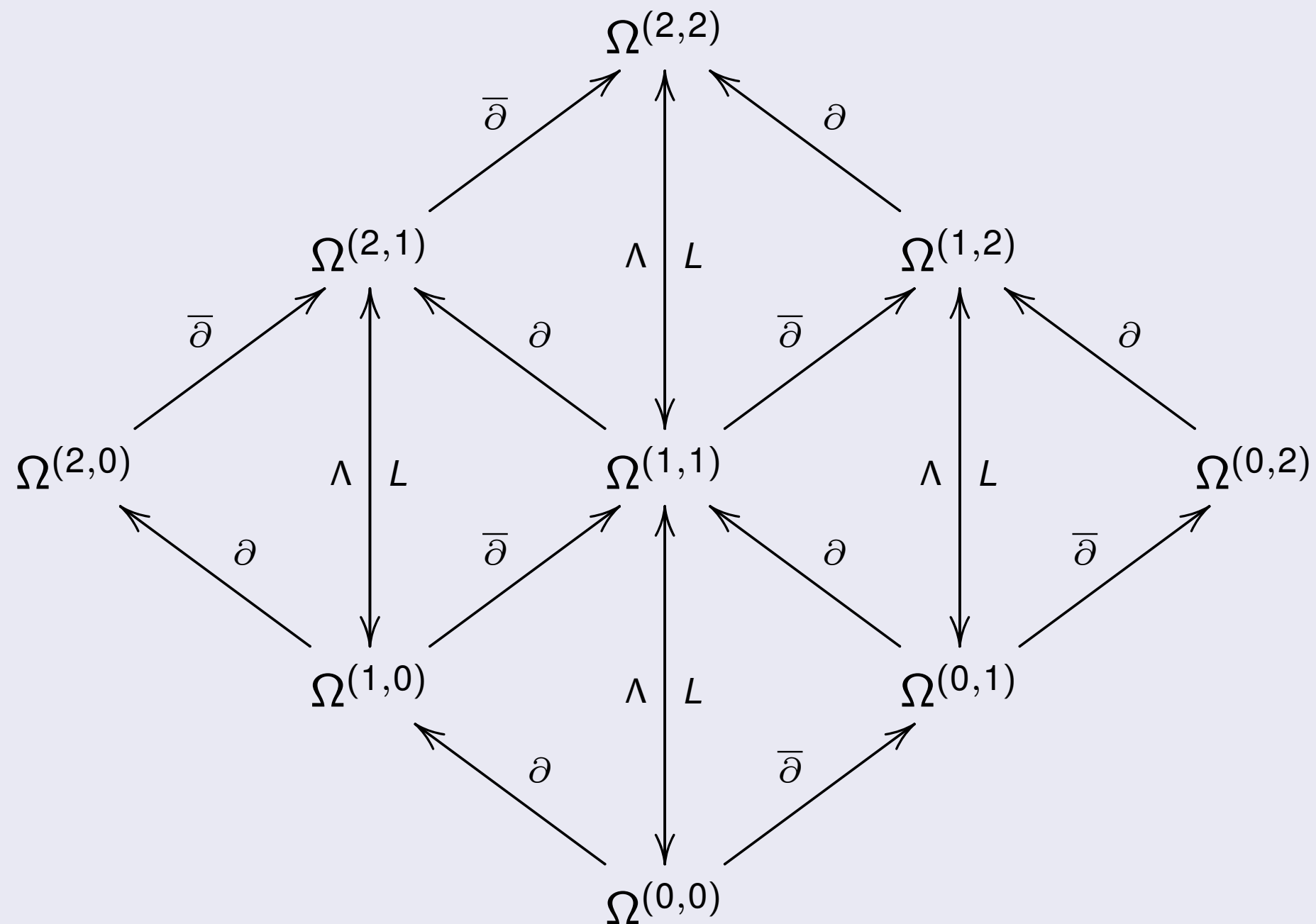
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Lemma (Lefschetz Decomposition)

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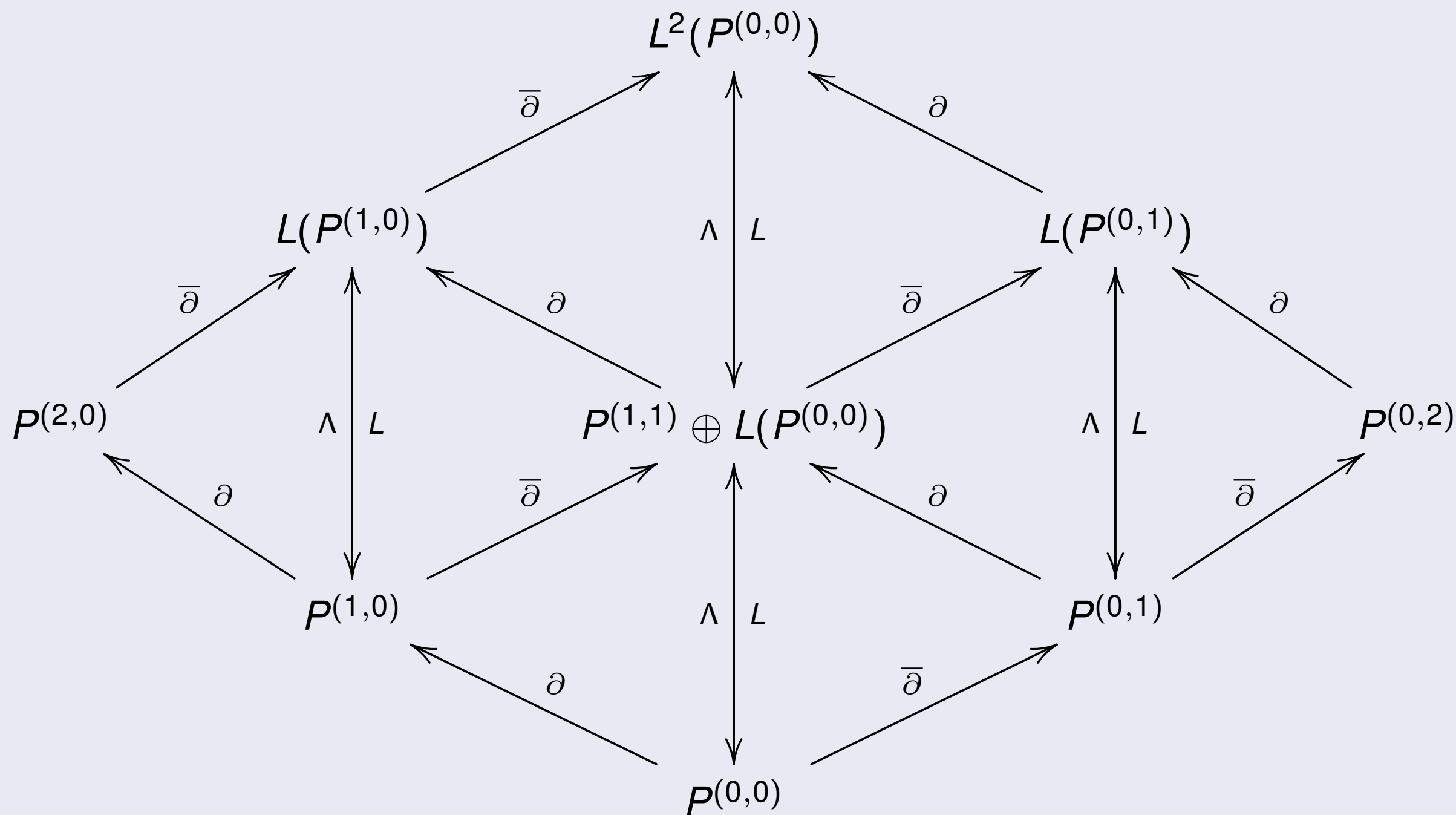
$$\Omega^{(a,b)}(M) := \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\min\{a,b\}} L^i(\mathcal{P}^{(a-i,b-i)}),$$

where we have denoted

$$\mathcal{P}^{(a,b)} := \ker(L^{n-(a+b)+1} : \Omega^{(a,b)}(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{(n-b+1,n-a+1)}(M)).$$

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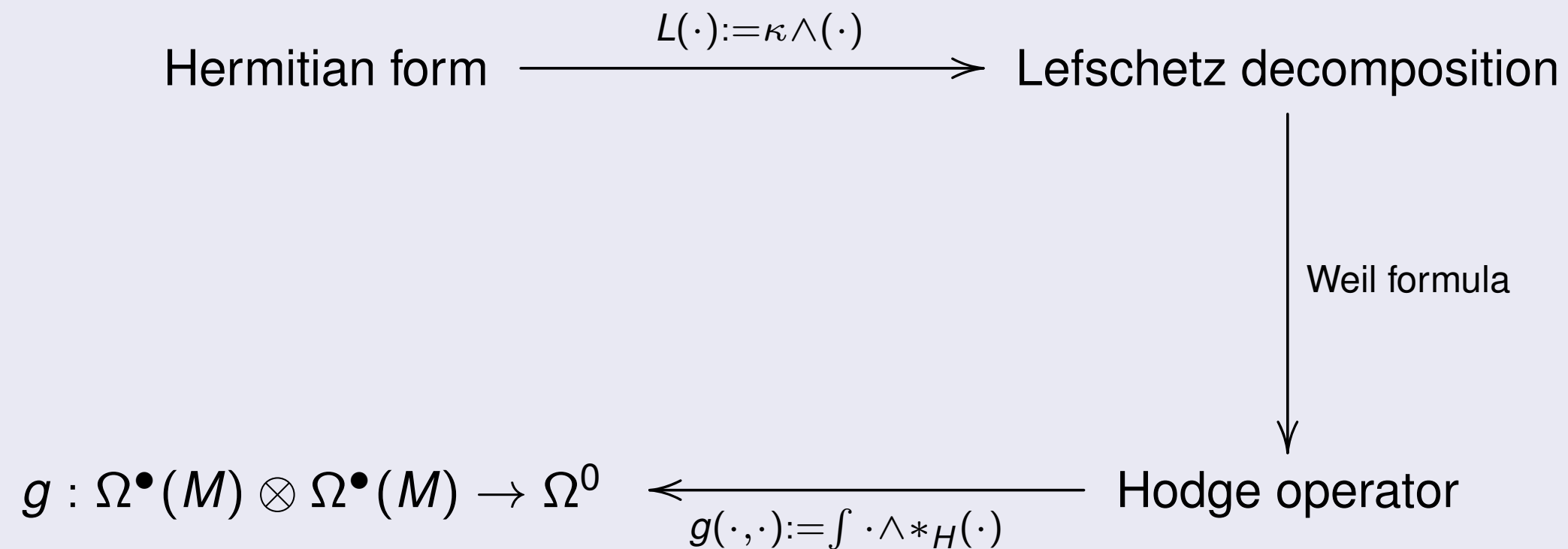
$$[k]_h := \frac{1 - h^k}{1 - h}, \quad [k]_h! := [k]_h [k - 1]_h \cdots [2]_h.$$

- the **associated metric** is the map

$$g(\omega, \nu) := \text{vol}(\omega \wedge *_H(\nu^*)),$$

Summary

Noncommutatively we define:



Lemma

It holds that

- 1 $*_H(\Omega^{(a,b)}) = \Omega^{(n-b,n-a)}$;
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- 3 $[*_H, *] = 0$;
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The maps $L, d, \partial, \bar{\partial}$ are adjointable with respect to g , and

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Hodge Decomposition and Cohomology

Definition

The d , ∂ , and $\bar{\partial}$ **Laplacians** are respectively the operators

$$\Delta_d = (d + d^*)^2, \quad \Delta_\partial = (\partial + \partial^*)^2, \quad \Delta_{\bar{\partial}} = (\bar{\partial} + \bar{\partial}^*)^2.$$

We denote their respective kernels by \mathcal{H}_d , \mathcal{H}_∂ , and $\mathcal{H}_{\bar{\partial}}$, and call them the d , ∂ , and $\bar{\partial}$ **harmonic forms**.

Theorem (R. Ó B. '17)

For the Heckenberger–Kolb calculi, with their unique Kähler structure, we have the three decompositions

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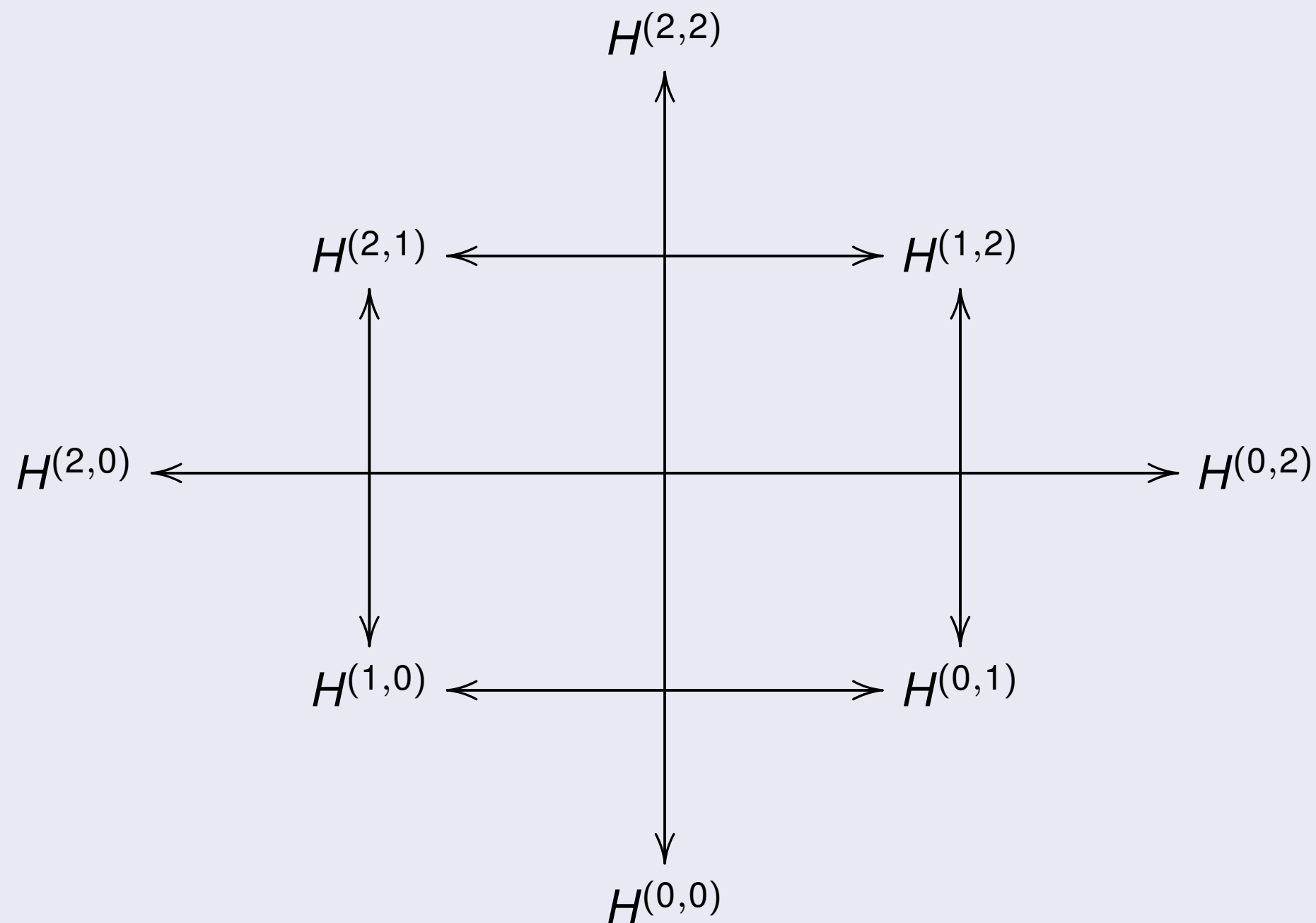
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Spectral Triples

Theorem (B. Das, R. Ó B., P. Somberg)

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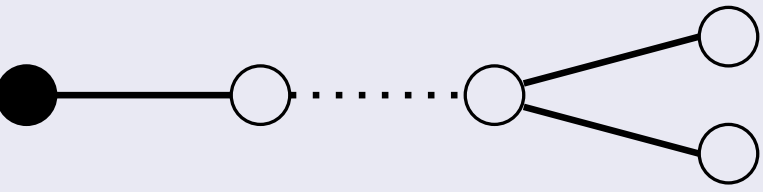
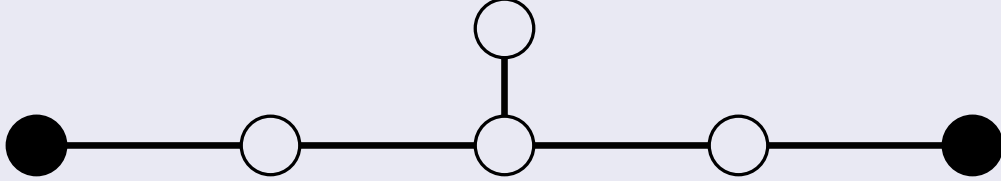
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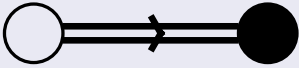
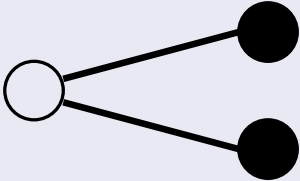

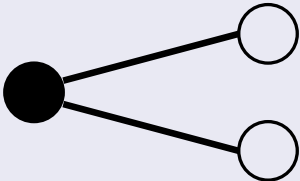

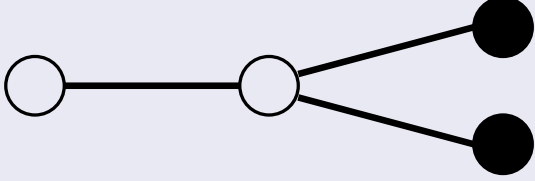
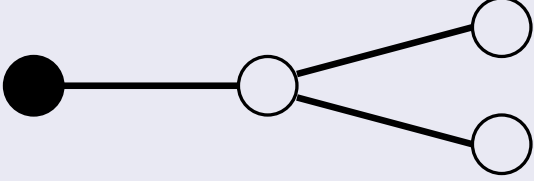
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The second diagram identifies four isolated examples, arising from low dimensional redundancies in the table of compact quantum Hermitian spaces given above.

B_3		\mathbb{R}		$\mathcal{O}_q(\mathbb{L}_2) \simeq \mathcal{O}_q(\mathbb{Q}_5)$
D_3		\mathbb{R}		$\mathcal{O}_q(\mathbb{S}_3) \simeq \mathcal{O}_q(\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^3)$
D_3		\mathbb{R}		$\mathcal{O}_q(\mathbb{Q}_6) \simeq \mathcal{O}_q(\mathit{Gr}_{4,2})$
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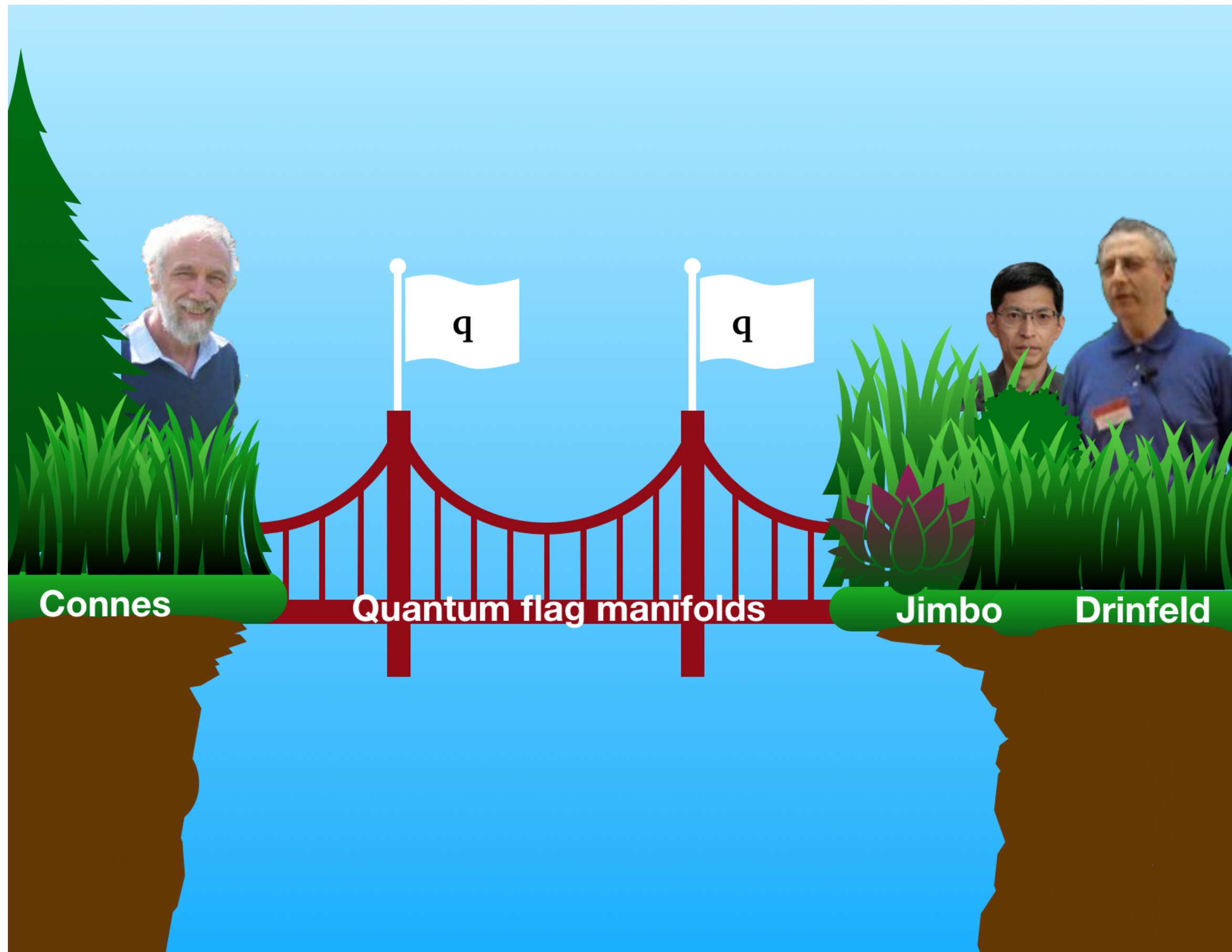
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An even *Fredholm module* over \mathcal{A} is a Fredholm module together with a $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -graded $\mathcal{H} := \mathcal{H}_0 \oplus \mathcal{H}_1$ of Hilbert spaces on which \mathcal{A} is represented by a degree zero map and F is a degree one Fredholm operator on \mathcal{H} .

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An even *Fredholm module* over \mathcal{A} is a Fredholm module together with a $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -graded $\mathcal{H} := \mathcal{H}_0 \oplus \mathcal{H}_1$ of Hilbert spaces on which \mathcal{A} is represented by a degree zero map and F is a degree one Fredholm operator on \mathcal{H} .

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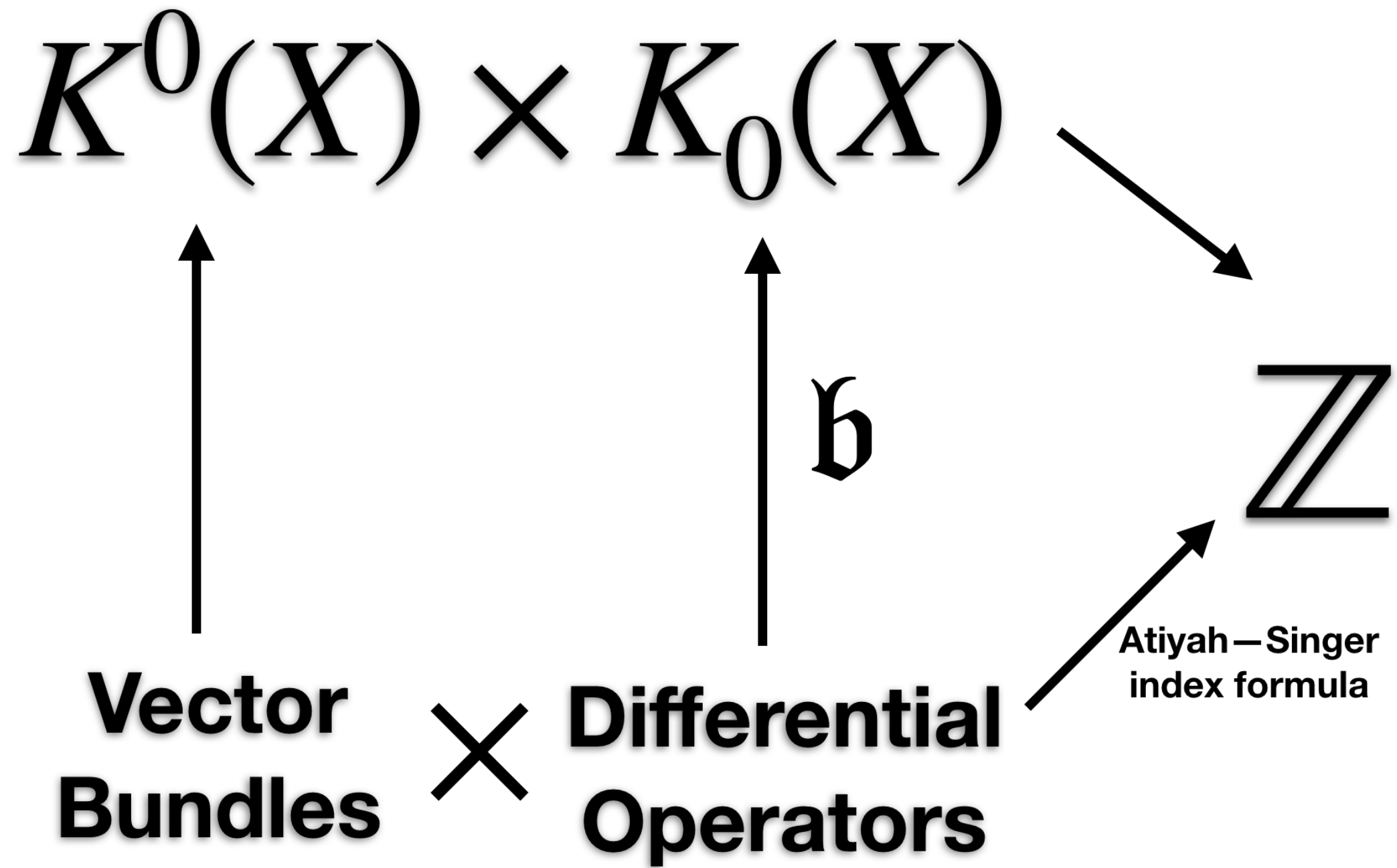
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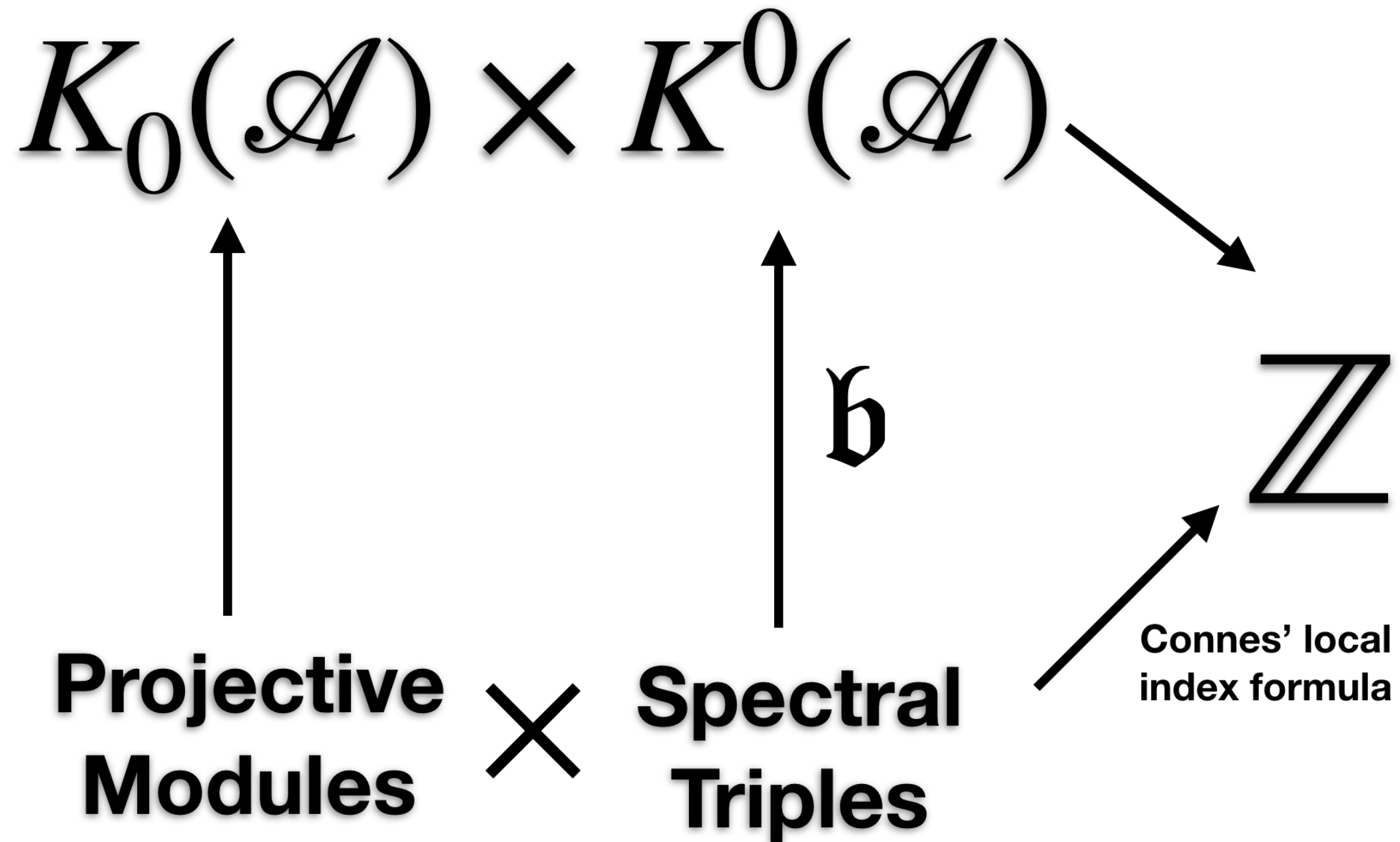
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Theorem

For any Dolbeault–Dirac spectral triple

$$(\mathcal{O}_q(\mathbf{G}/L_S), L^2(\Omega^{(0,2)}), D_{\bar{\partial}}),$$

and a noncommutative homogeneous vector bundle

$\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{O}_q(\mathbf{G}) \square_{U_q(\mathfrak{g}_S)} V$, with a noncommutative holomorphic structure $\bar{\partial}_{\mathcal{F}}$, it holds that

$$\langle (\mathcal{F}, \bar{\partial}_{\mathcal{F}}), D_{\bar{\partial}} \rangle = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k H_{\mathcal{F}}^{(0,k)}.$$