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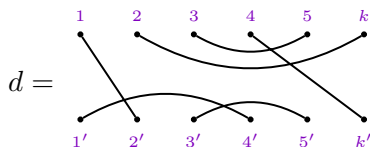
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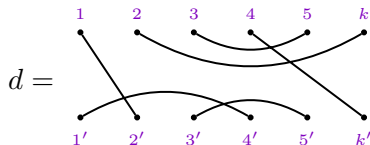


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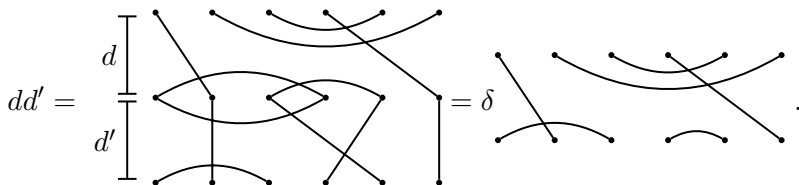
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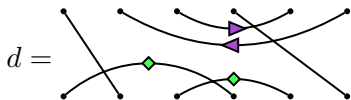
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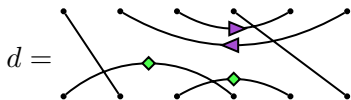
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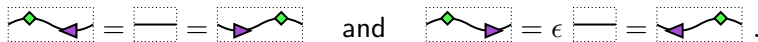


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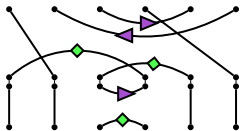
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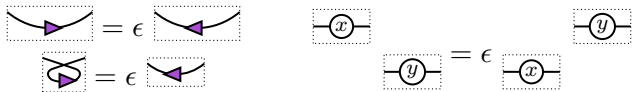
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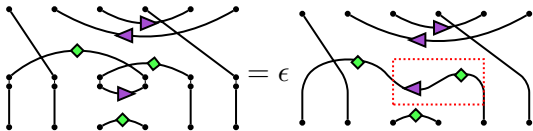


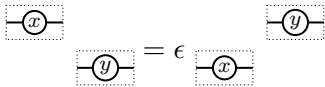
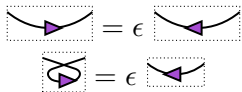


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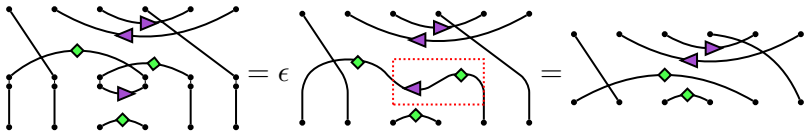




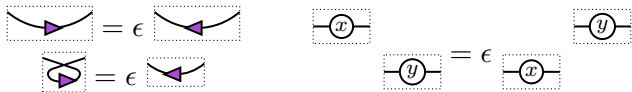
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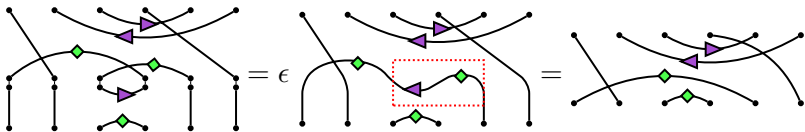




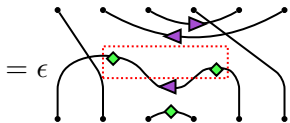
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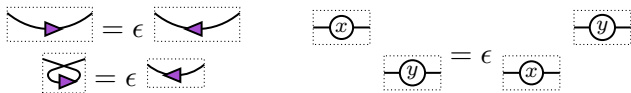


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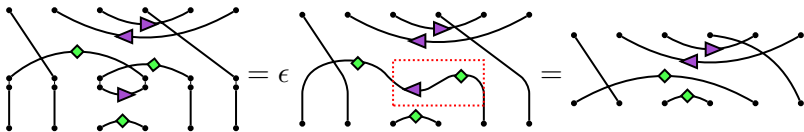




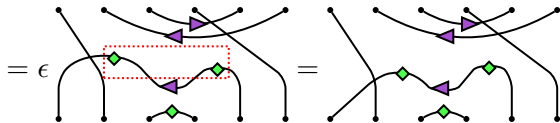
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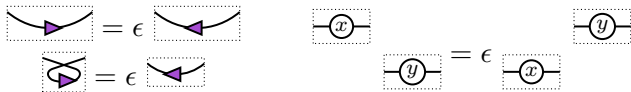


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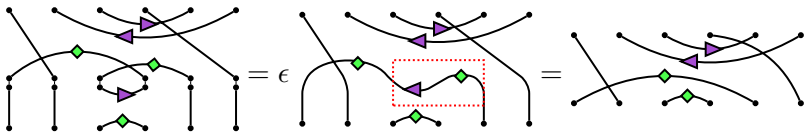




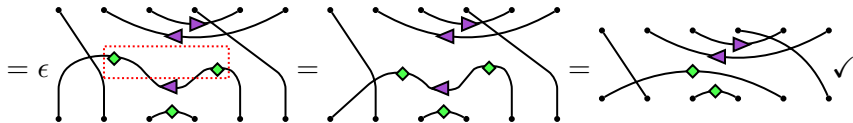
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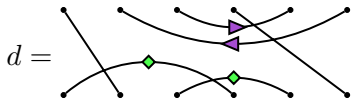
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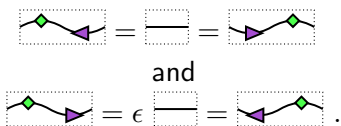


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Specifically

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whenever  $\lambda \pm \varepsilon_i$  are dominant, or replace  $K(*)$  with 0 whenever they're not (similar statement for  $\tilde{K}$ ). Proof uses eigenvalues of  $\gamma$  on  $K(\lambda) \otimes V$  and  $\tilde{K}(\lambda) \otimes V$ , which are combinatorial in terms of boxes added/removed (good), but do not differentiate between adding or removing (not as great).

**To do:** What are the minimal polynomials for  $\gamma$ ? What happens at the next step  $K(\lambda) \otimes V \otimes V$  when  $M_i$  doesn't split? What are the dimensions?