

WATANABE'S PROPAGATORS FOR $(S^1)^4$

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TOPIC FOR THE NEXT 9 MINUTES

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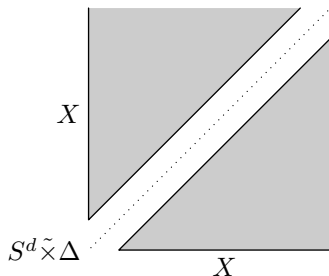
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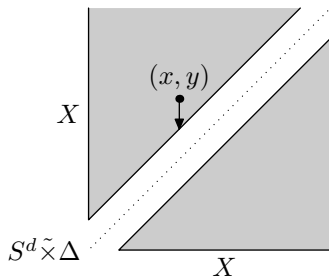
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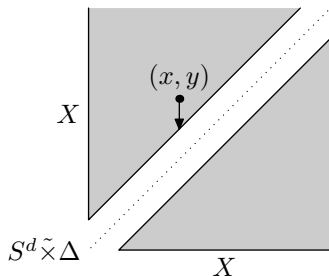


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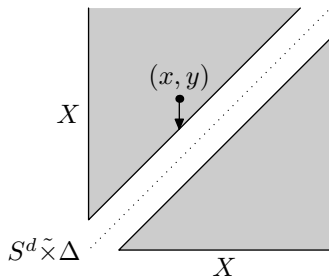


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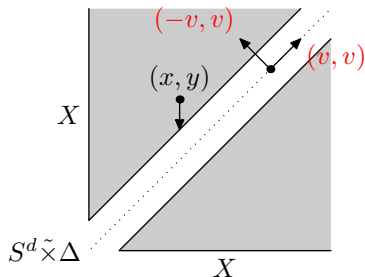


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$\overline{C}_n(-)$ can see the tangent bundle.



It is good to distinguish topological and smooth.

A very effective way to do that is to consider the two-point collisions.
We pull the volume form along

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Integrating forms of this type give Watanabe's invariant.

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We do not need to consider all pairs. Connect the points to be collided by edges. Irrelevant how exactly.

Each graph with n vertices induce a form:

$$\bigwedge_{i: \text{ edges}} \underbrace{\psi_i^* \varphi^* \text{vol}}_{\text{propagator}} \in H^{3i} \overline{C}_n(\mathbb{R}^4)$$

What graph to choose? There is a theory for that, see *Kontsevich graph cohomology*.

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Remark

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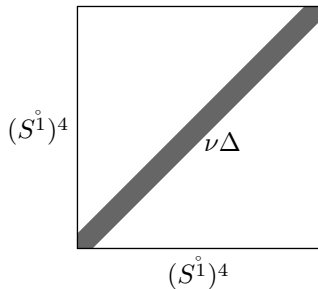
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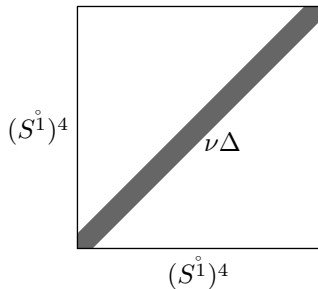
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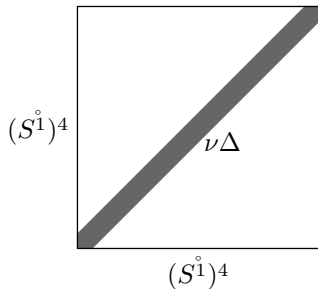


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$$\leadsto \quad \mathbb{Z}^4 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}^{16} \longrightarrow 0 \oplus \underbrace{H^3 C_2((S^1)^4)}_{\geq \mathbb{Z}^{12}}$$

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME