

# T-homotopy and Refinement of Observation

*Application : Reconstructing Whitehead's theorem for the full dihomotopy relation*

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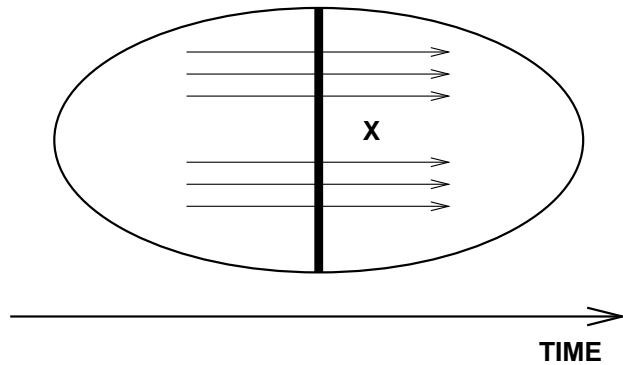
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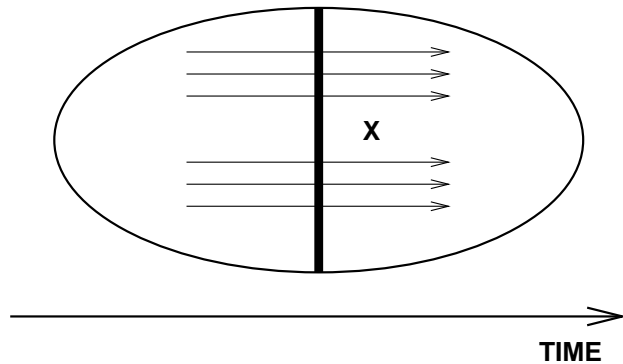
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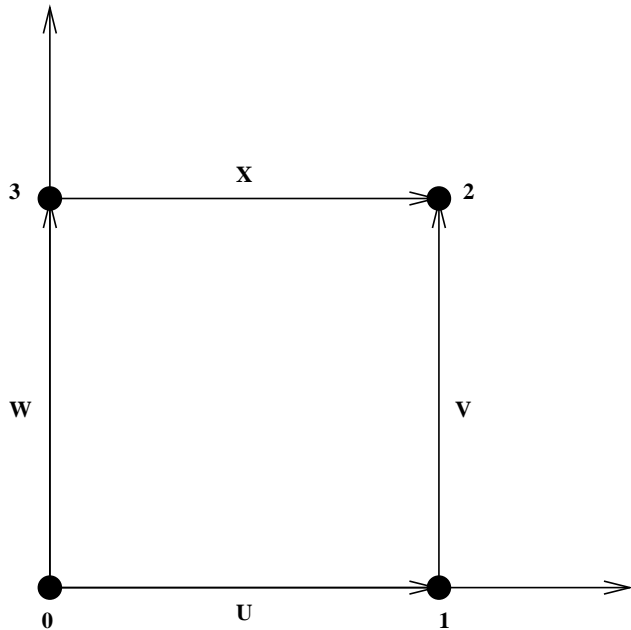
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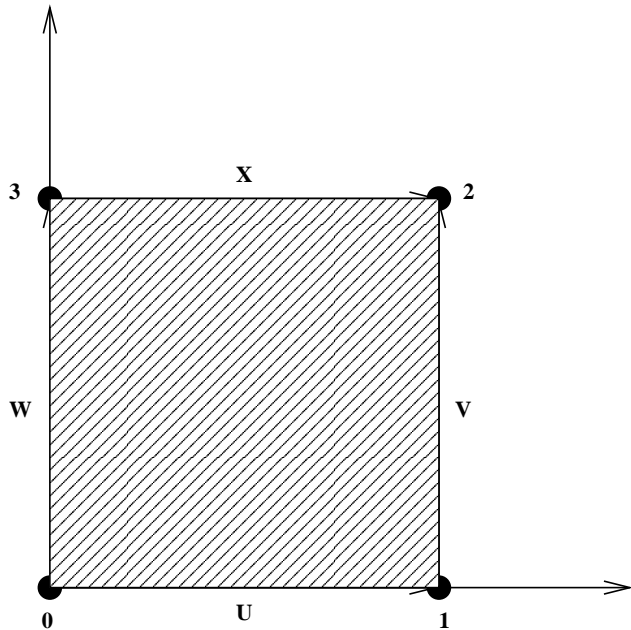


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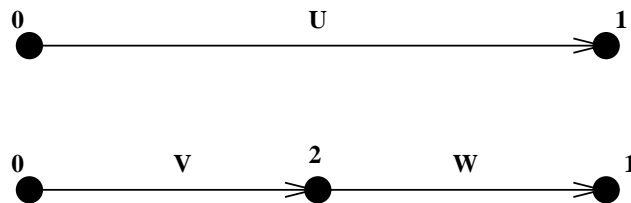
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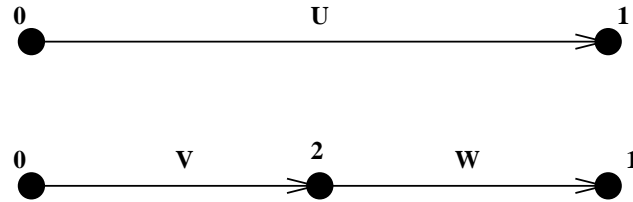
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- T-homotopy equivalences model invariance by refinement of observation

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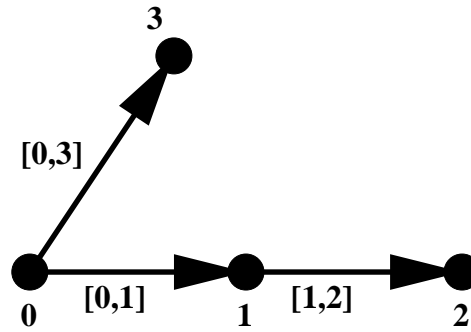
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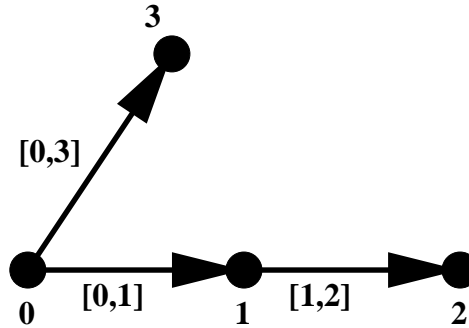
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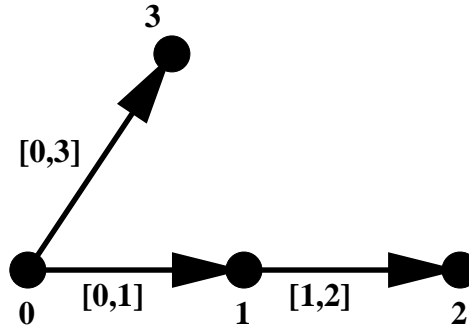


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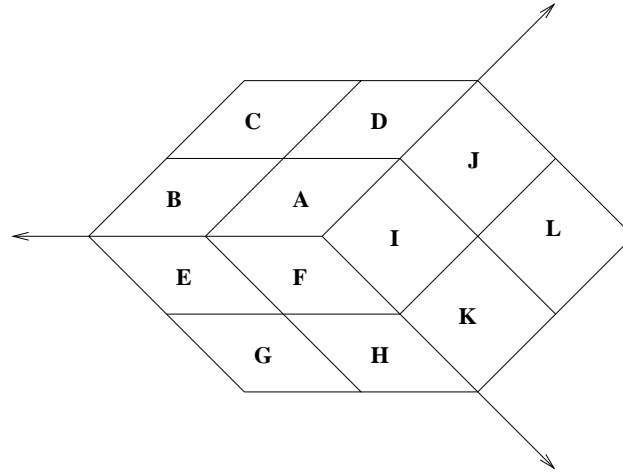
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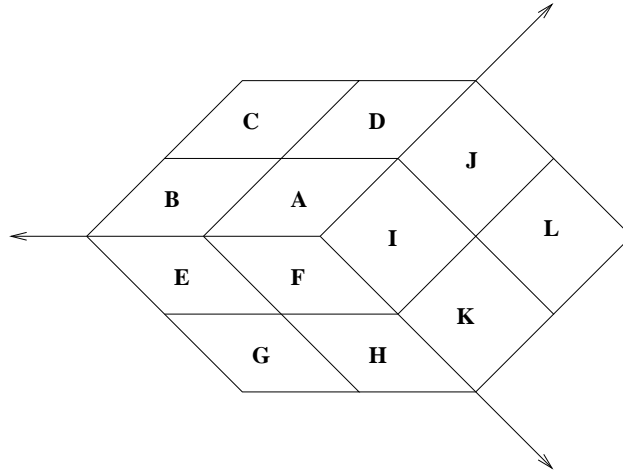
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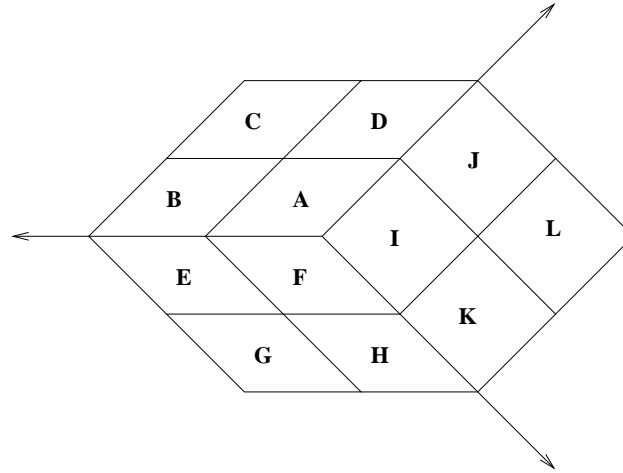
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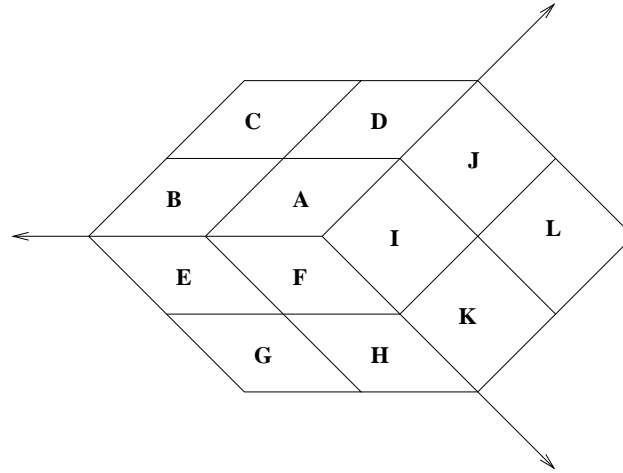


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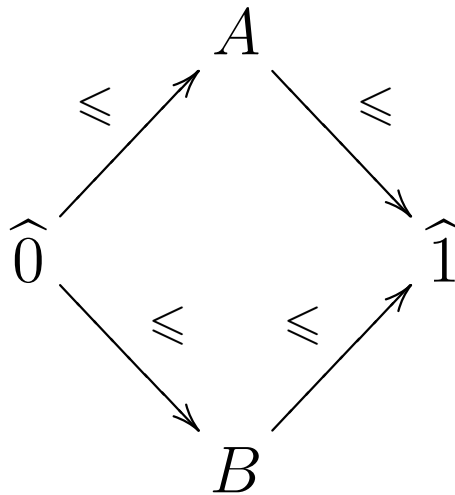


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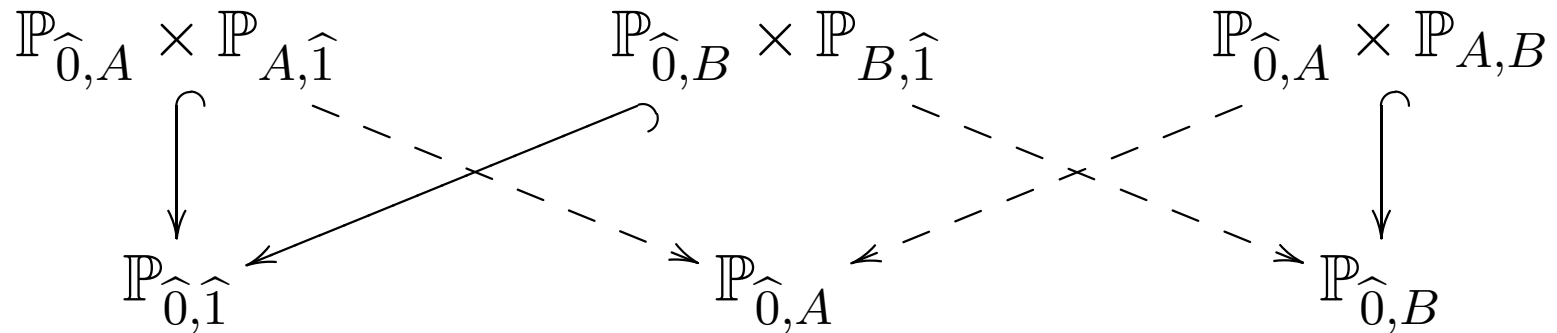
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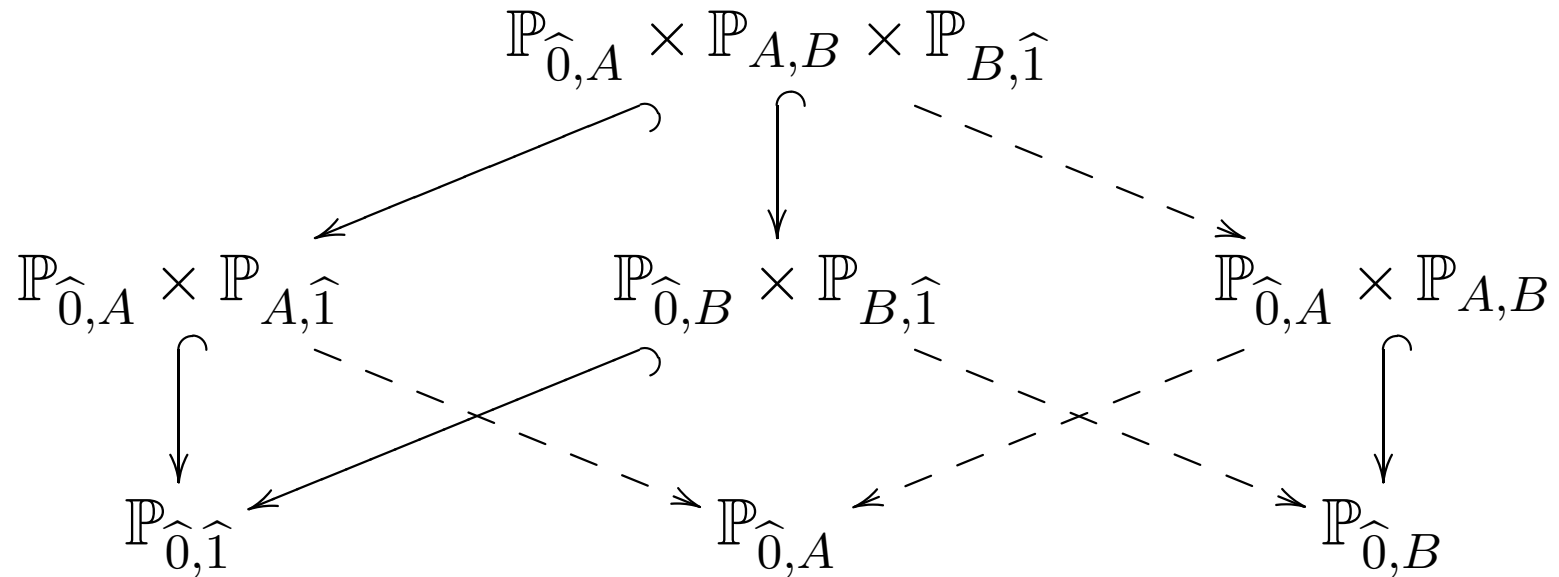


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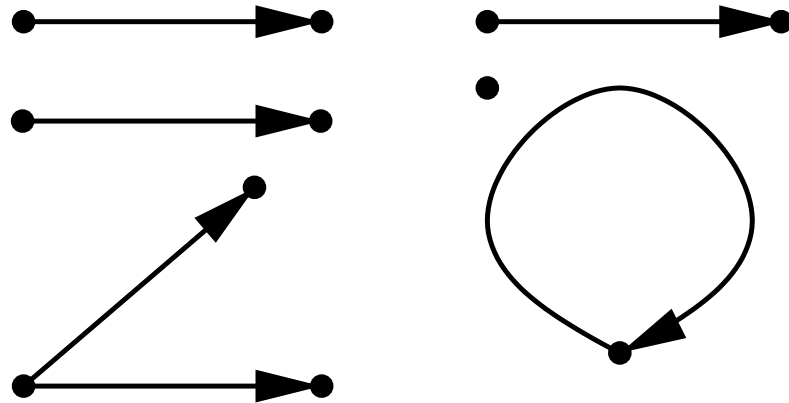
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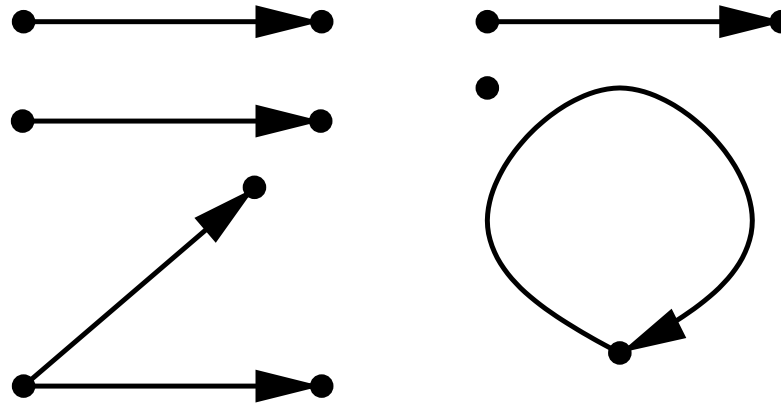
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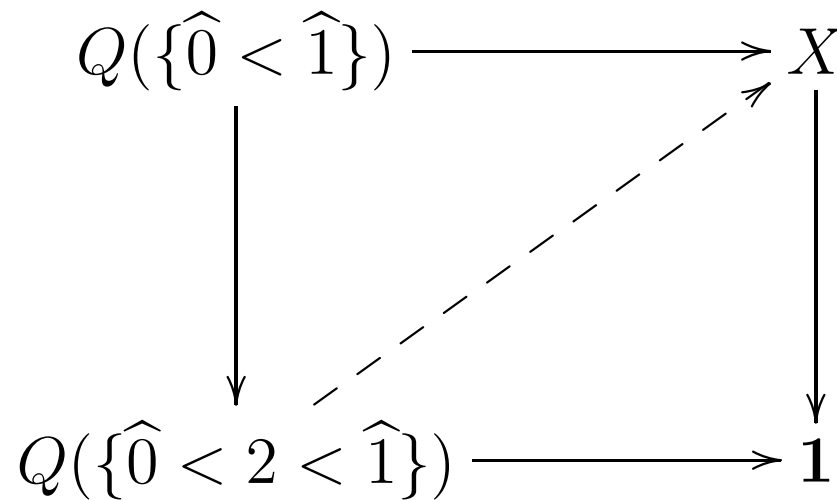
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