

CORNERED SKEIN LASAGNA THEORY

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(generalization in [RW])

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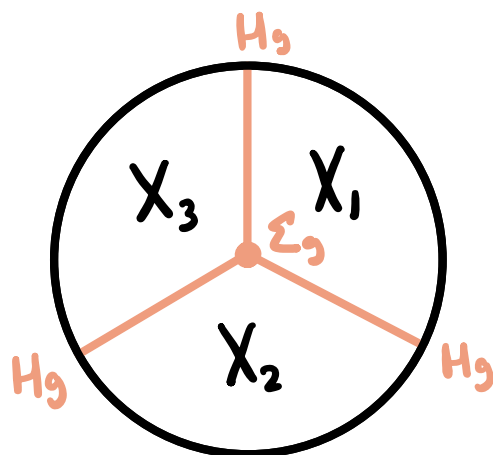
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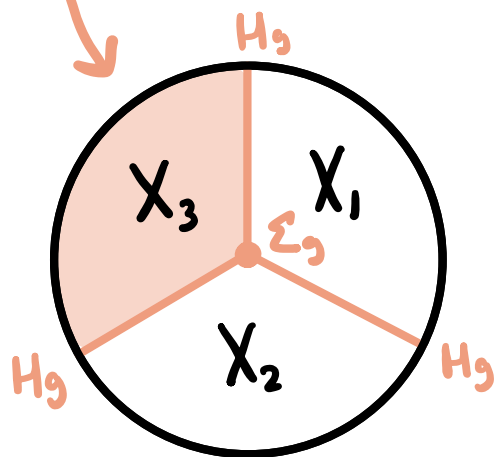
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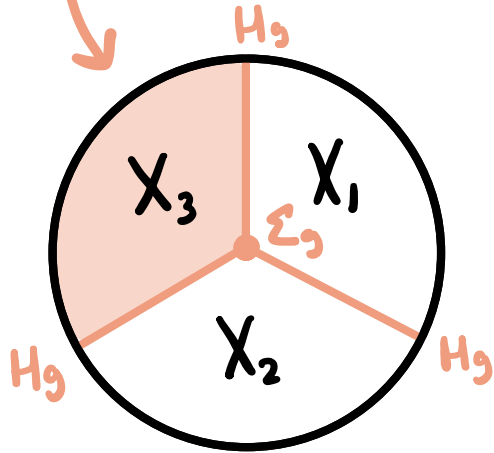
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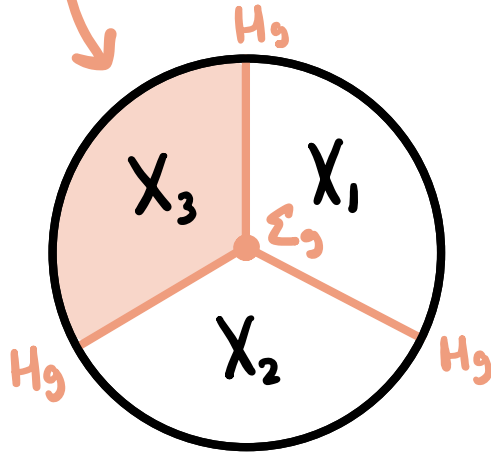
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(stated/proved
more generally
in preprint)

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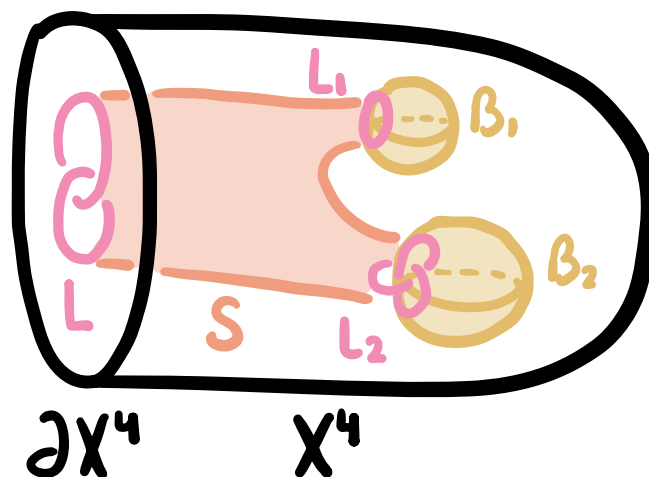
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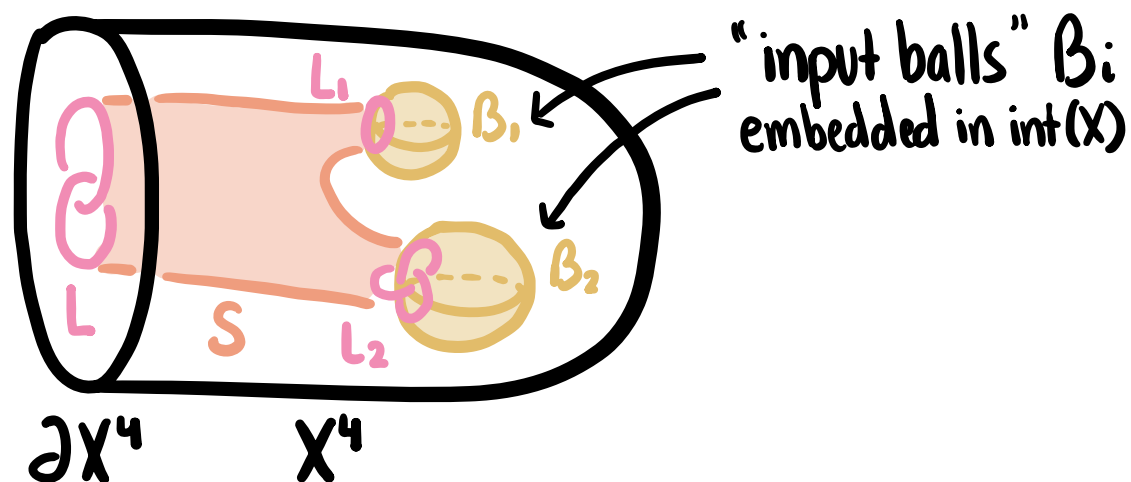
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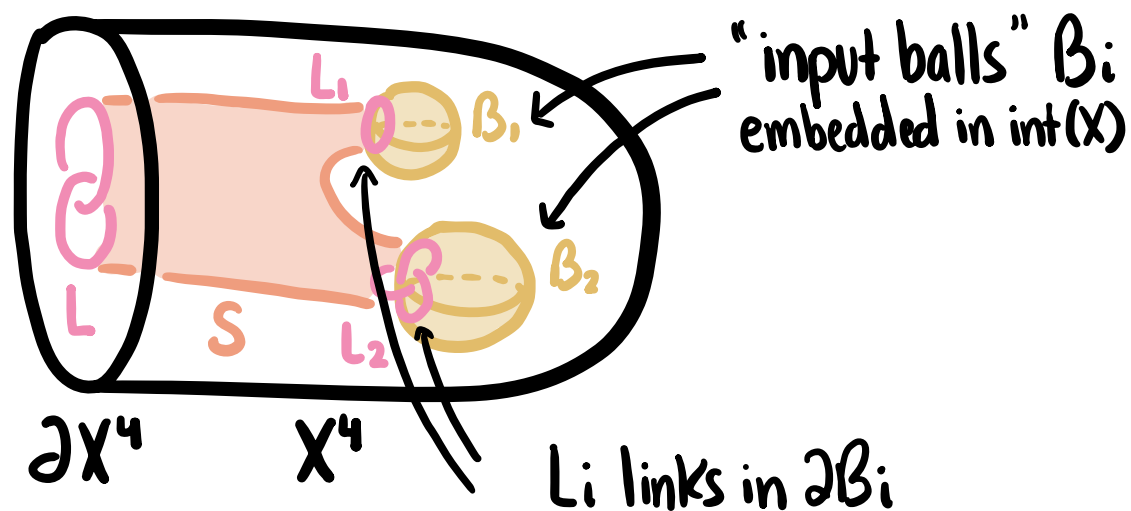
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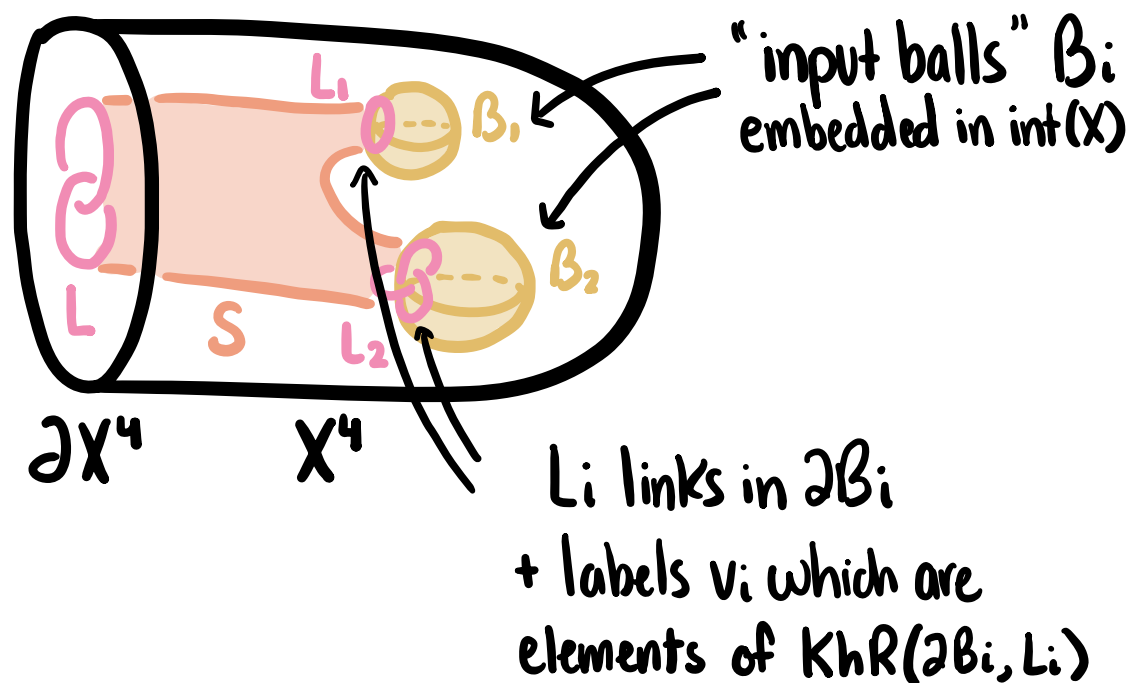
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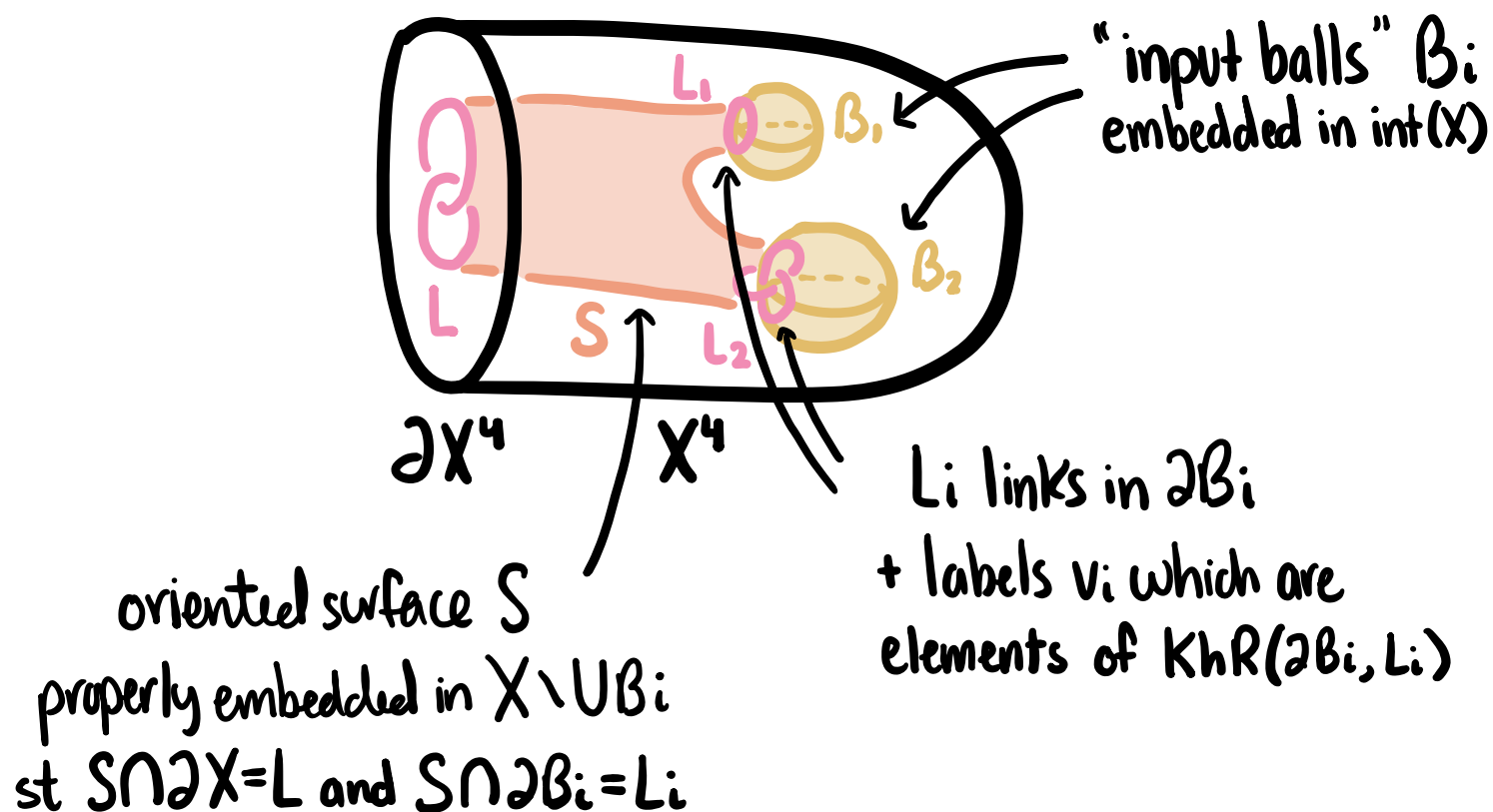
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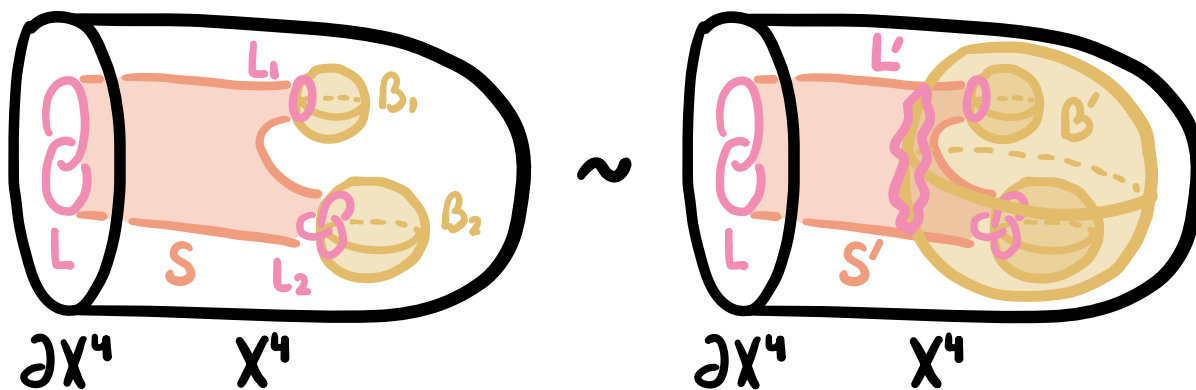
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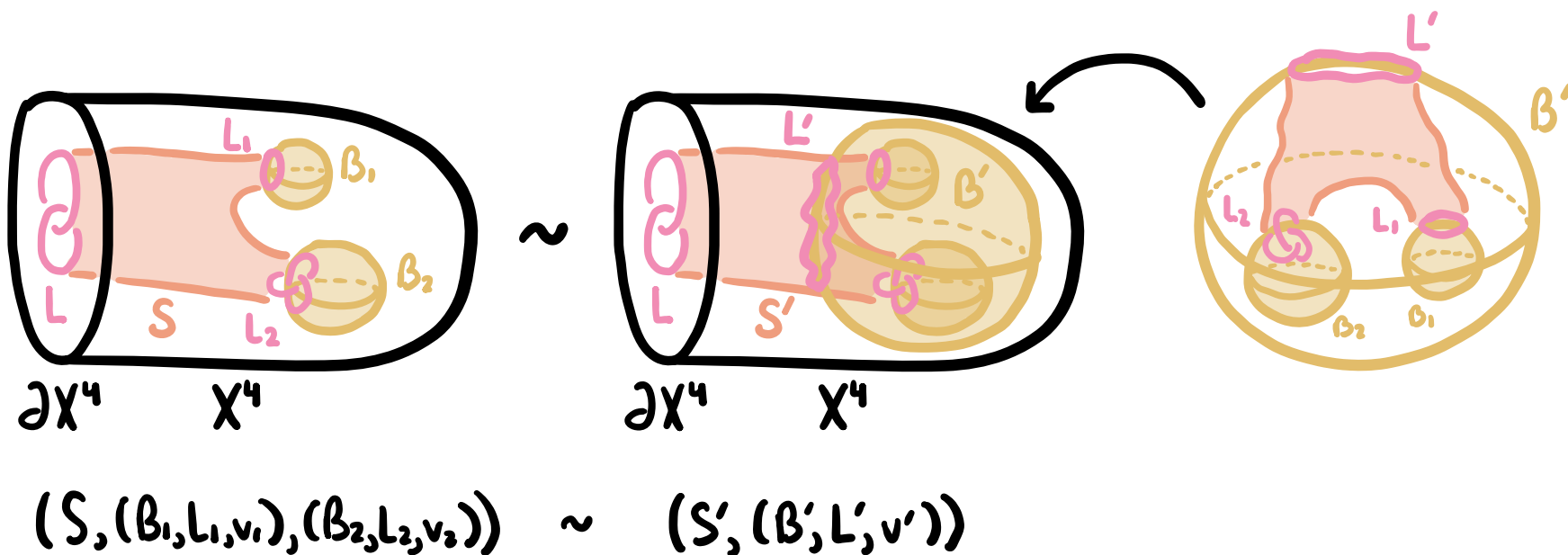
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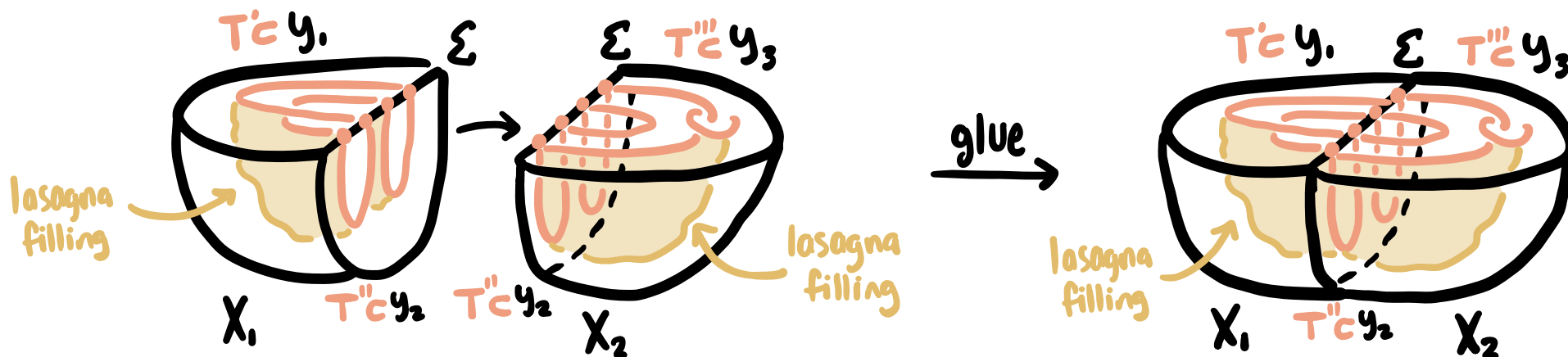
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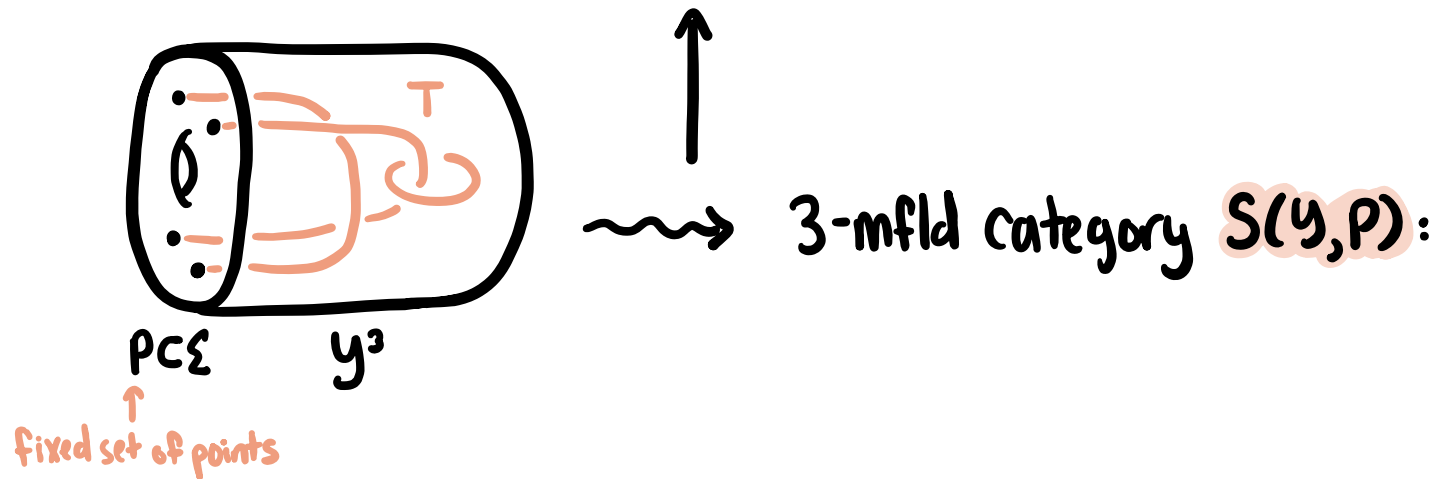
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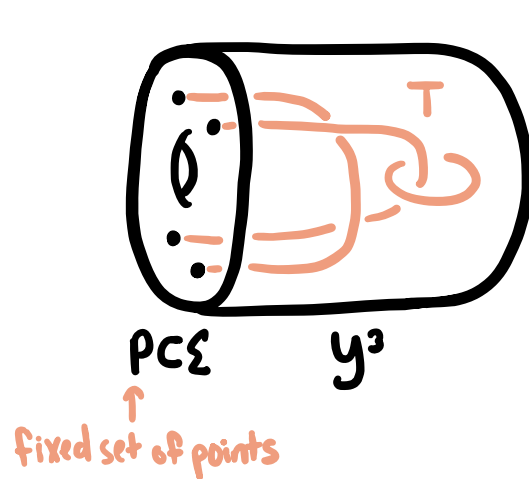
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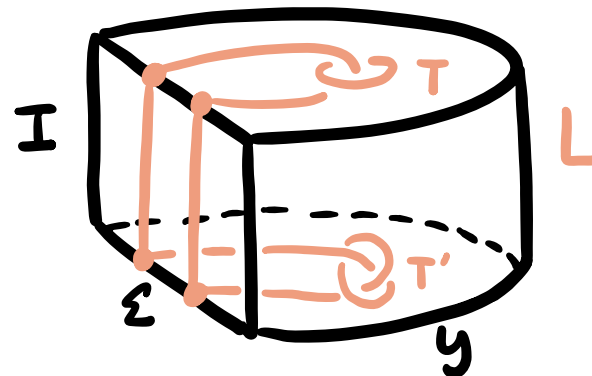
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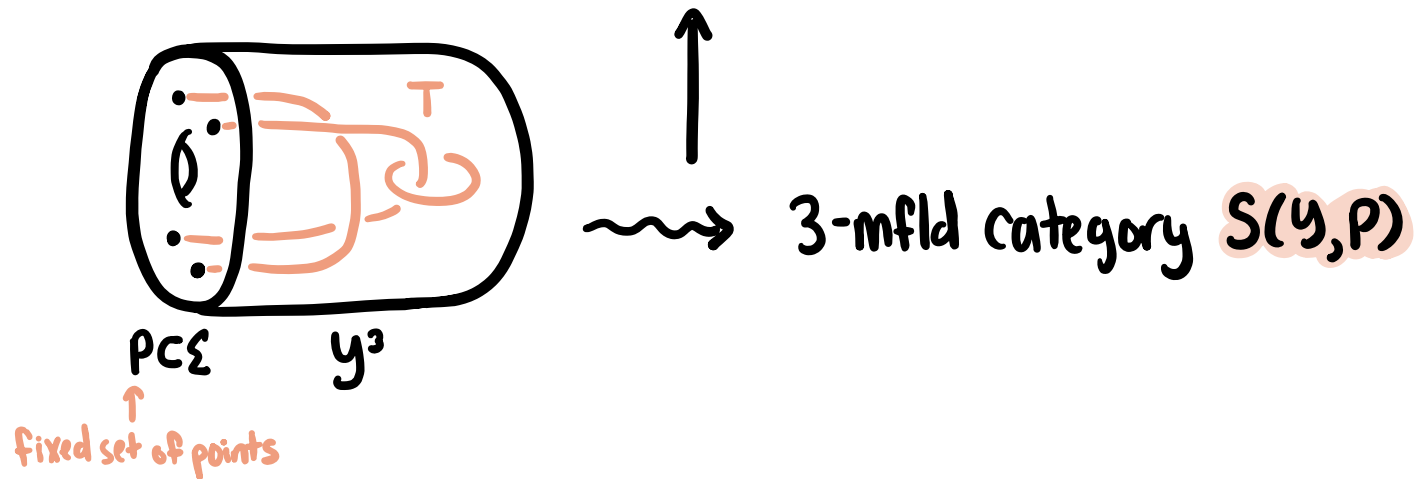
Obj = tangles T properly embedded in Y st $\partial T = P$

Mor(T, T') = $S(Y \times I, L)$ skew module



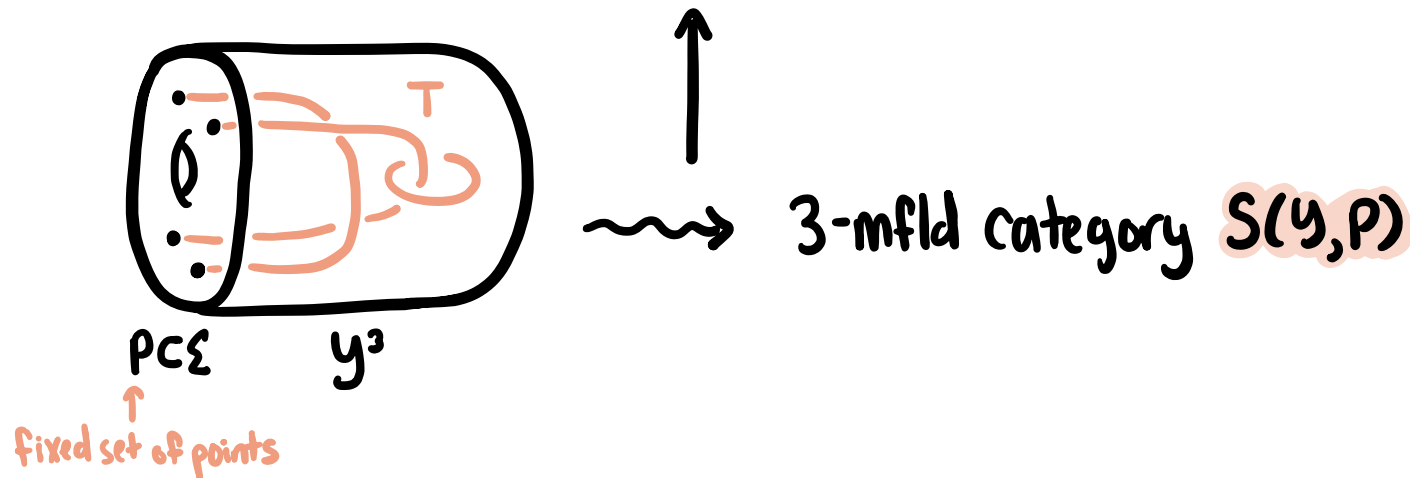
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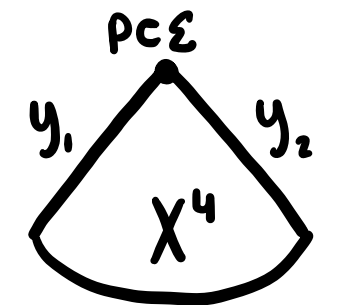


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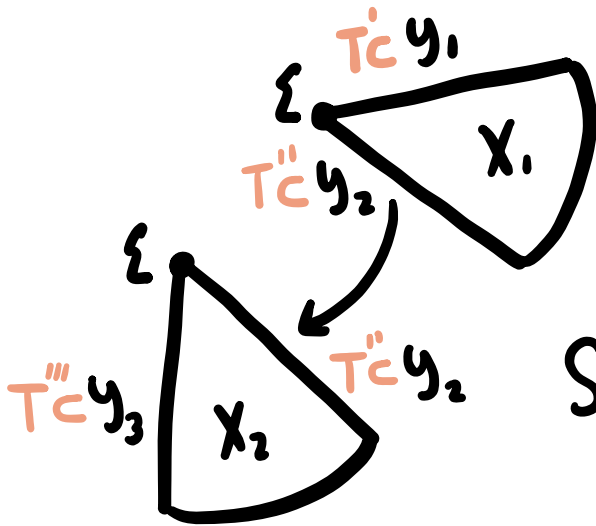
cornered 4-manifold

"cornered skein lasagna bimodule"
which is a bifunctor

$$S(X, -) : S(Y_1, P) \times S(Y_2, P) \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$$

category of $\mathbb{Z}^2$ -graded $\mathbb{Z}$ -modules

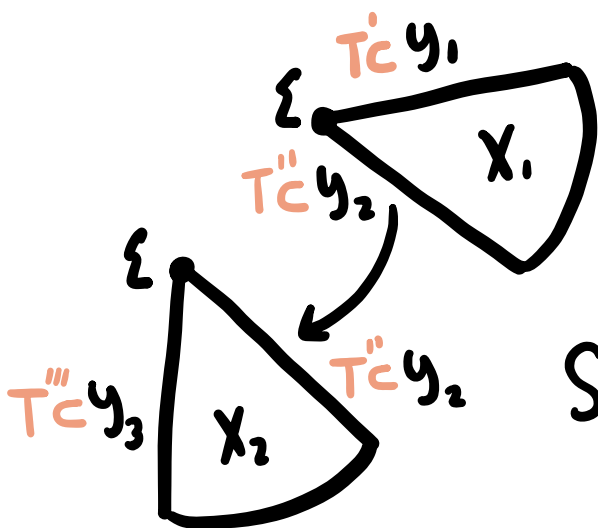
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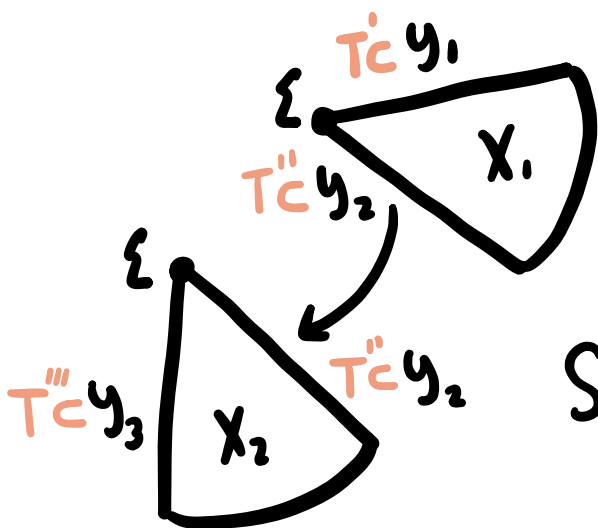


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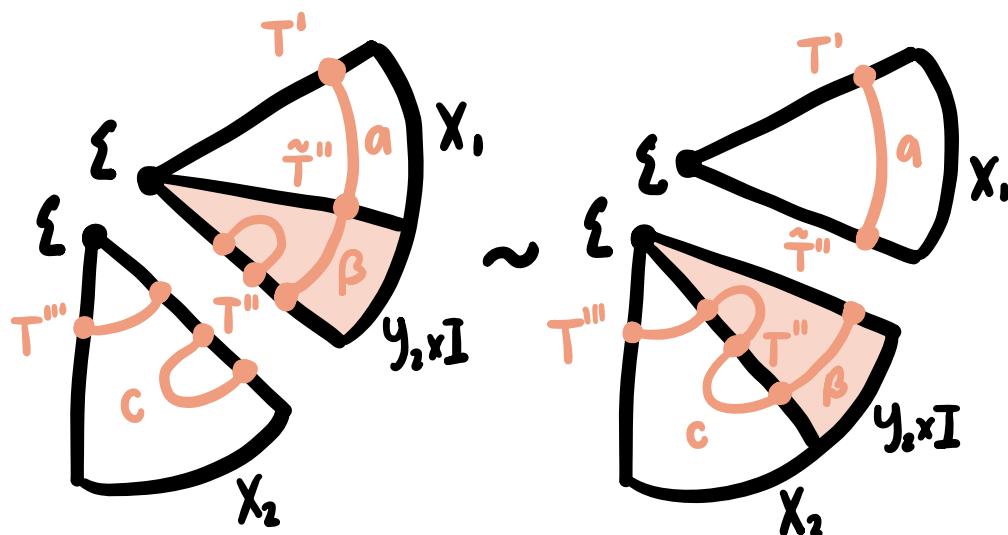
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