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Genealogical Constraints

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Feynman integrals are hard!

- Computing scattering amplitudes to higher loop orders is hard in general
- Computing them explicitly requires sophisticated methods (iterated integrals)
- Naturally, we seek for different methods using basic axioms



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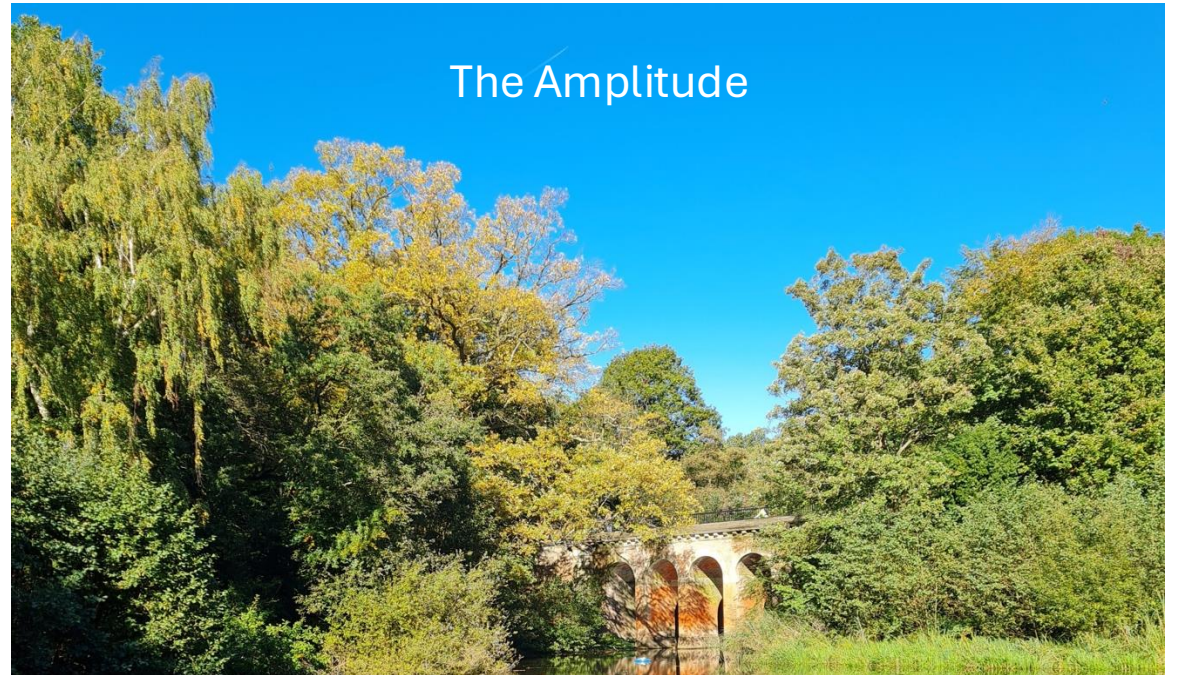
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 - Use analyticity to derive constraints on perturbative QFT

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Advantages of Feynman parametrisation:

- a) Explicitly Lorentz invariant
- b) Kinematic dependence in F polynomial

Choice of projection condition, e.g., $\delta(1 - \sum_i \alpha_i)$

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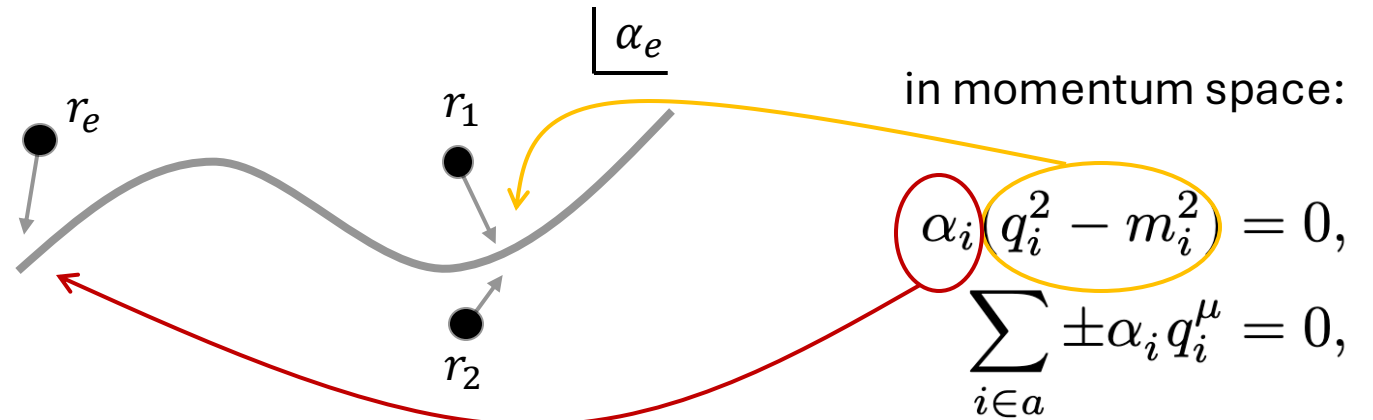
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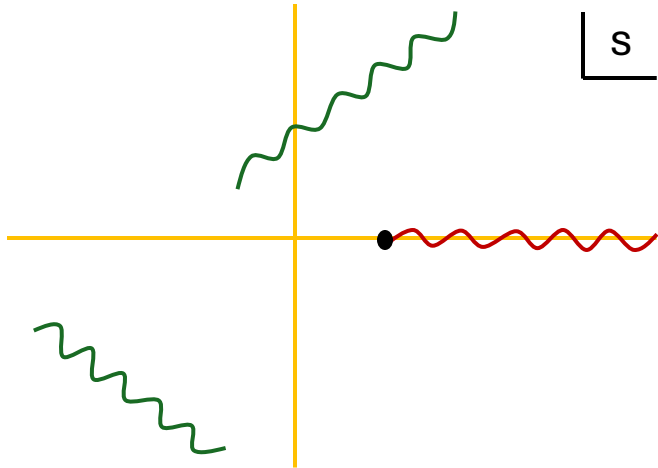
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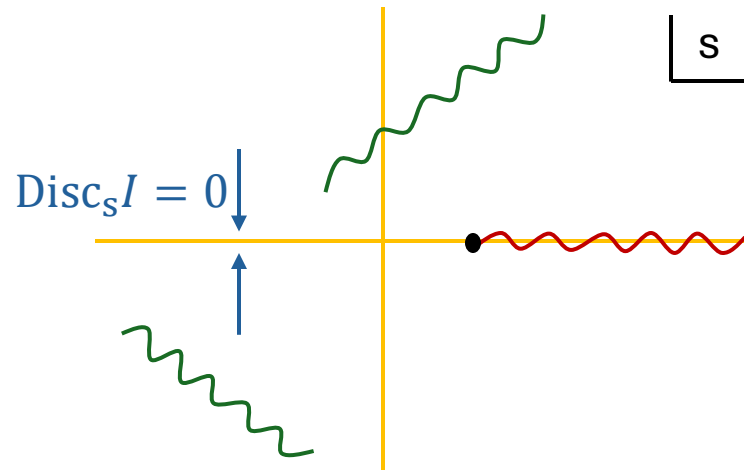
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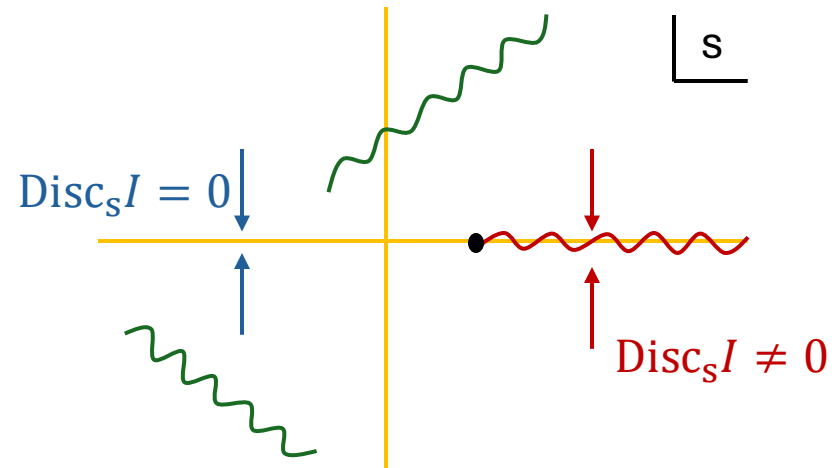
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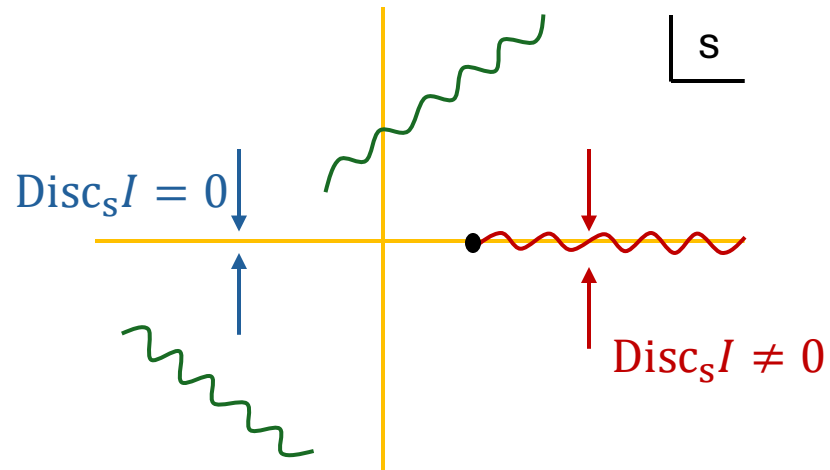
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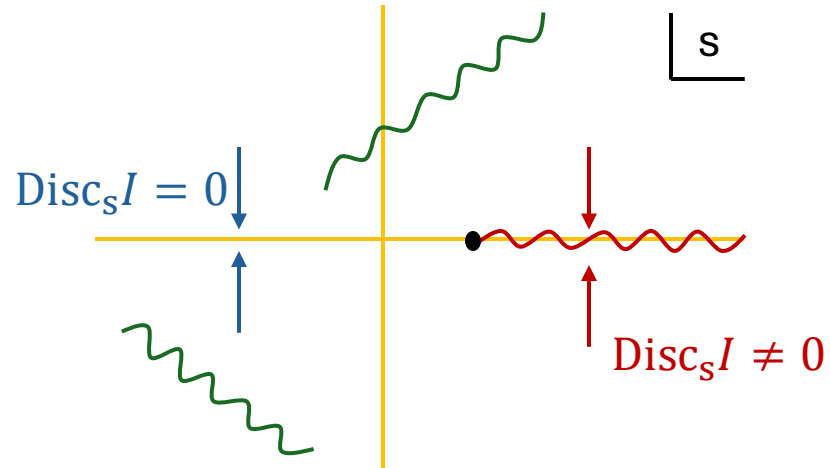
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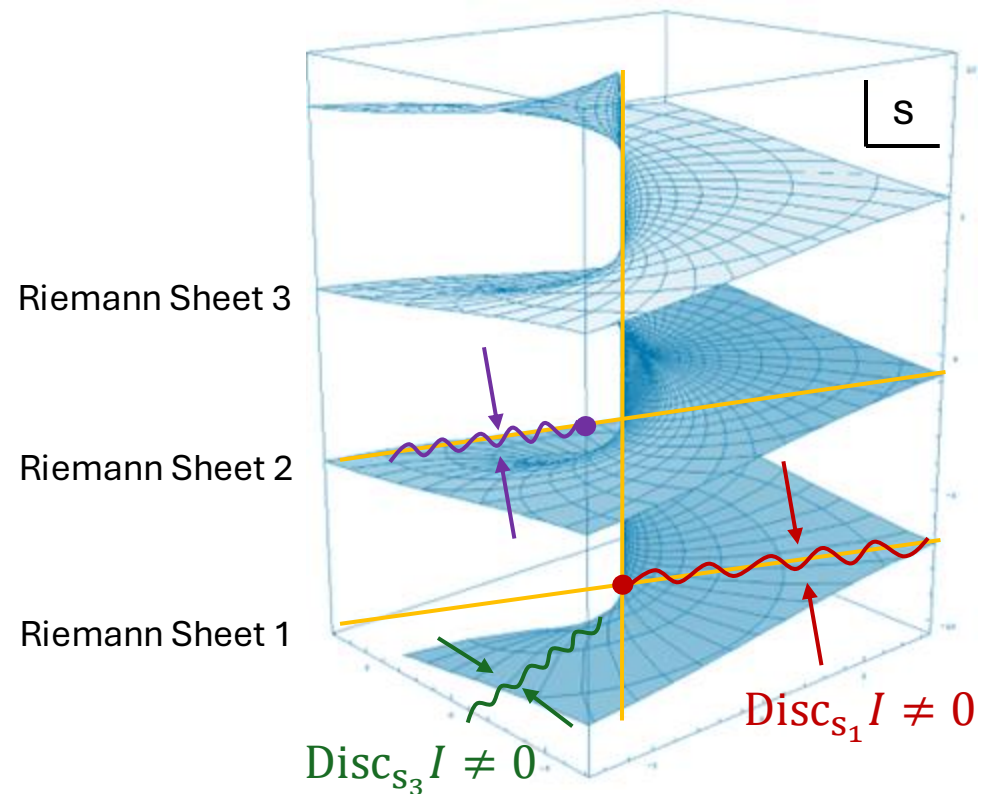
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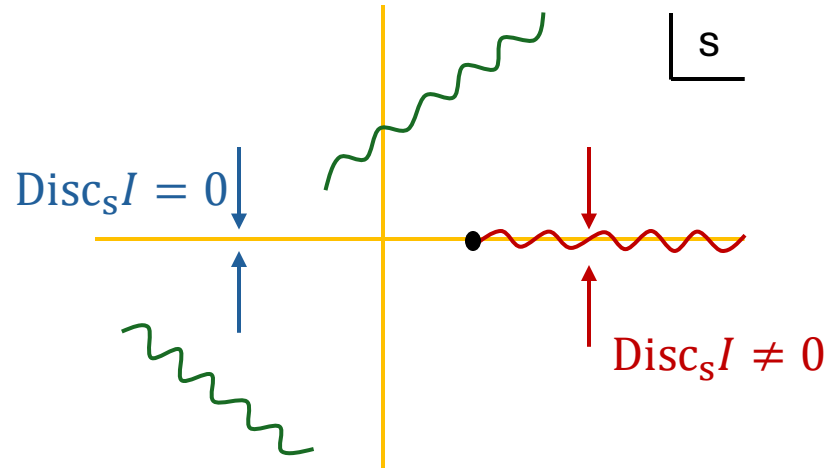
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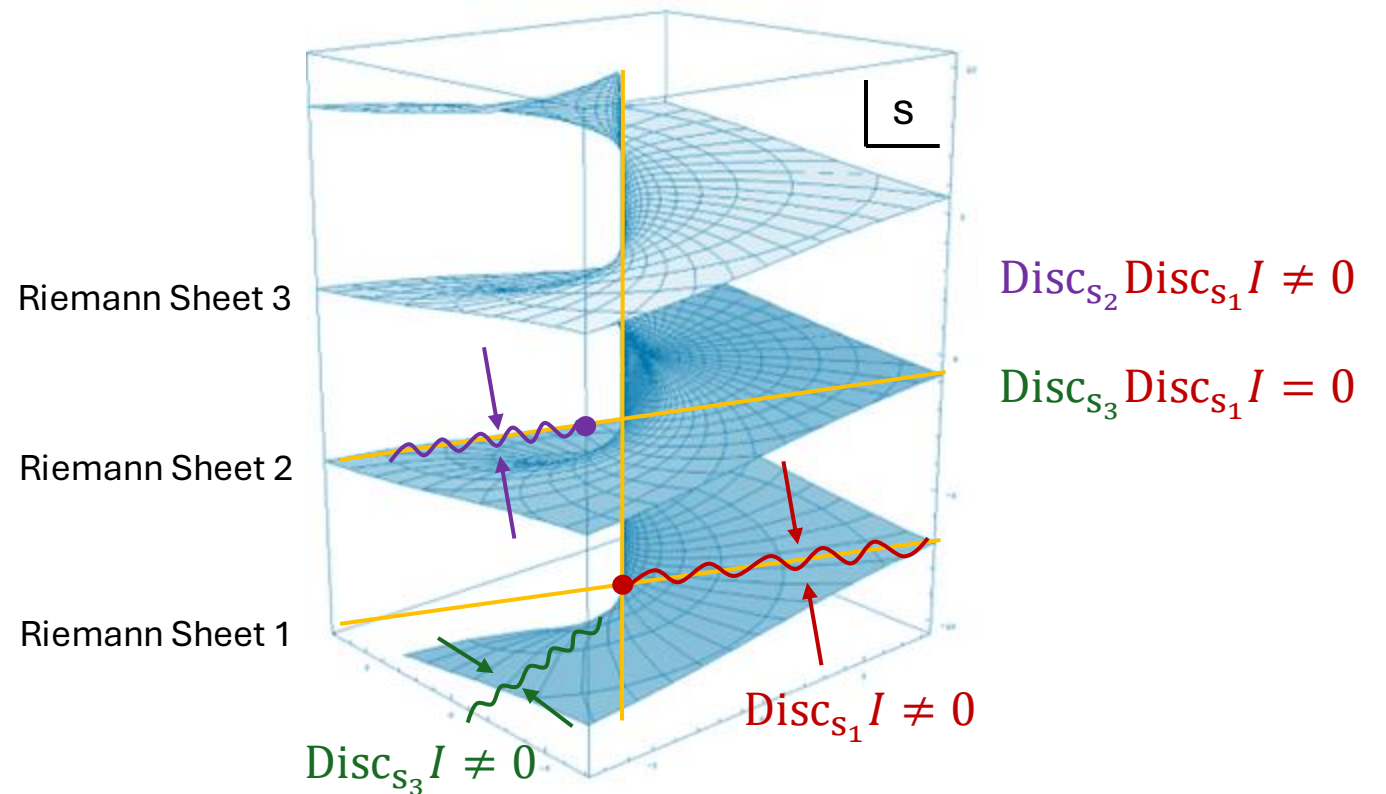
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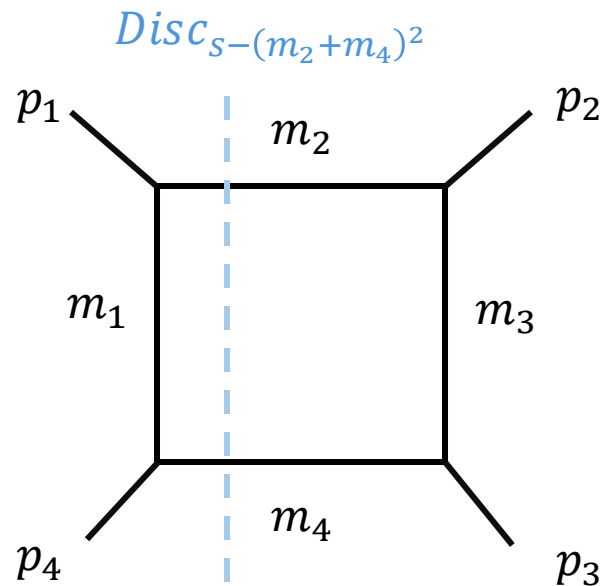
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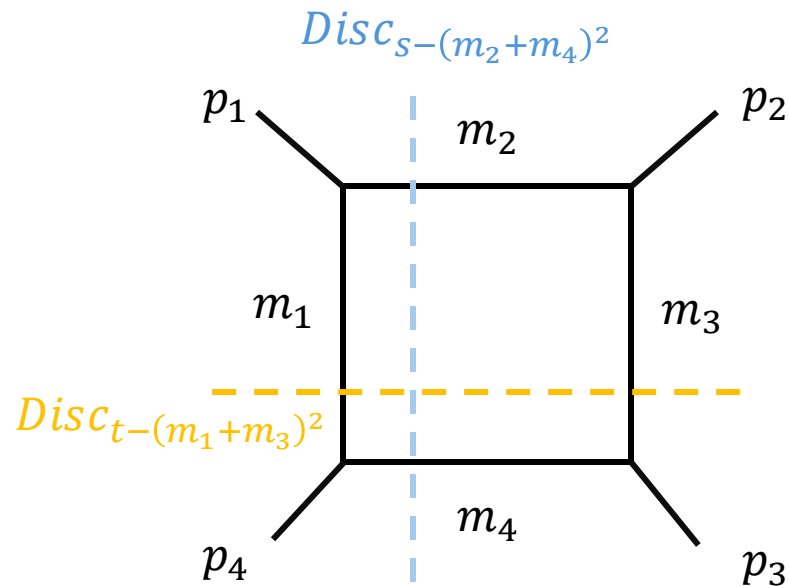
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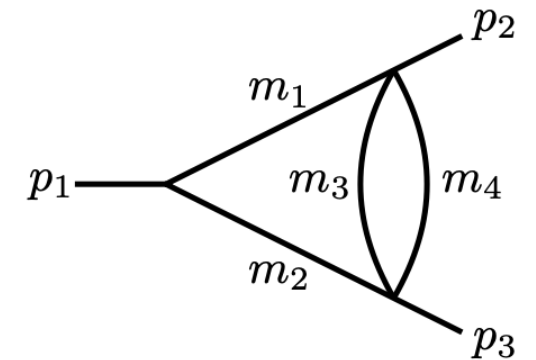
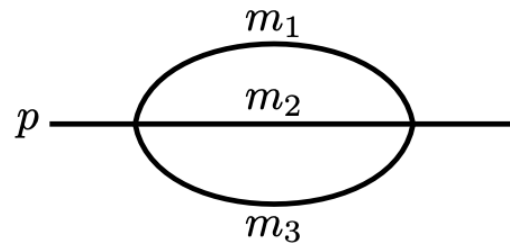
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- Therefore, only few examples exist with fully computed hierarchical constraints



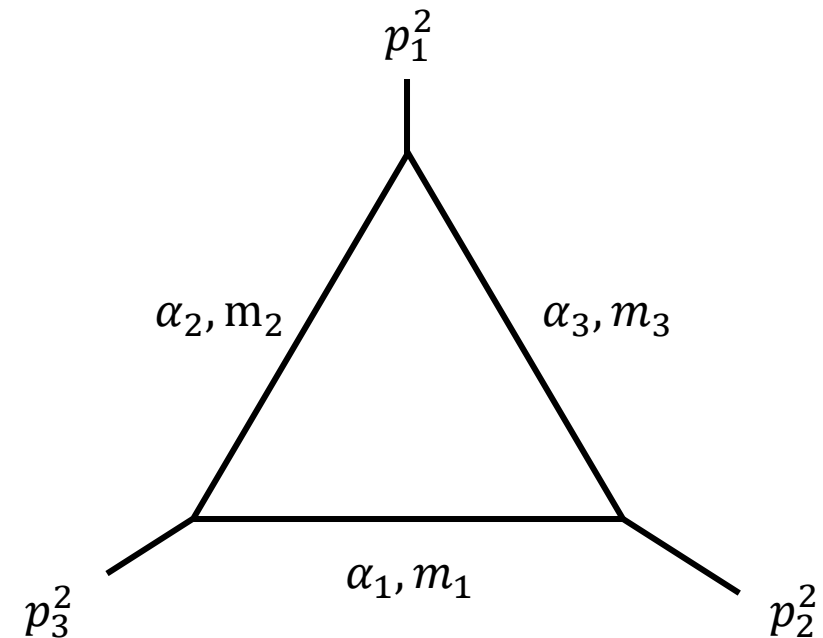
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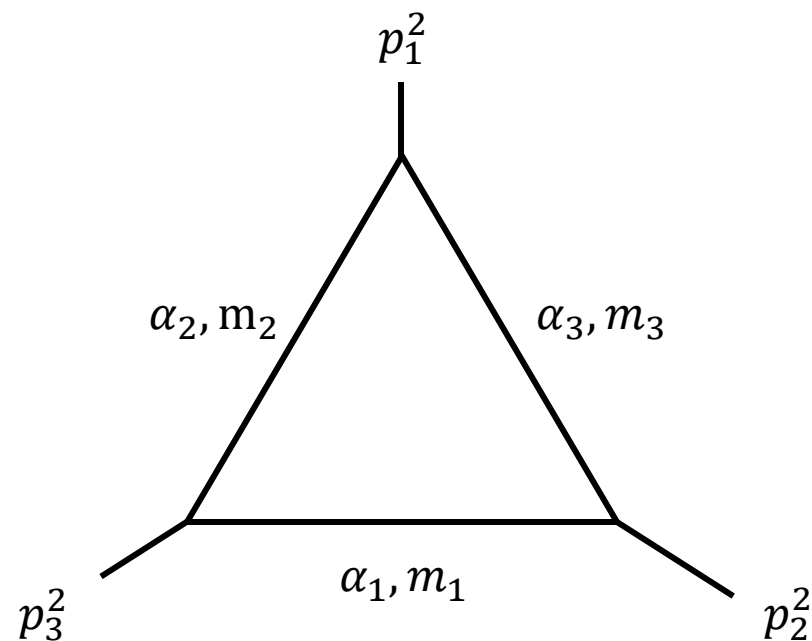
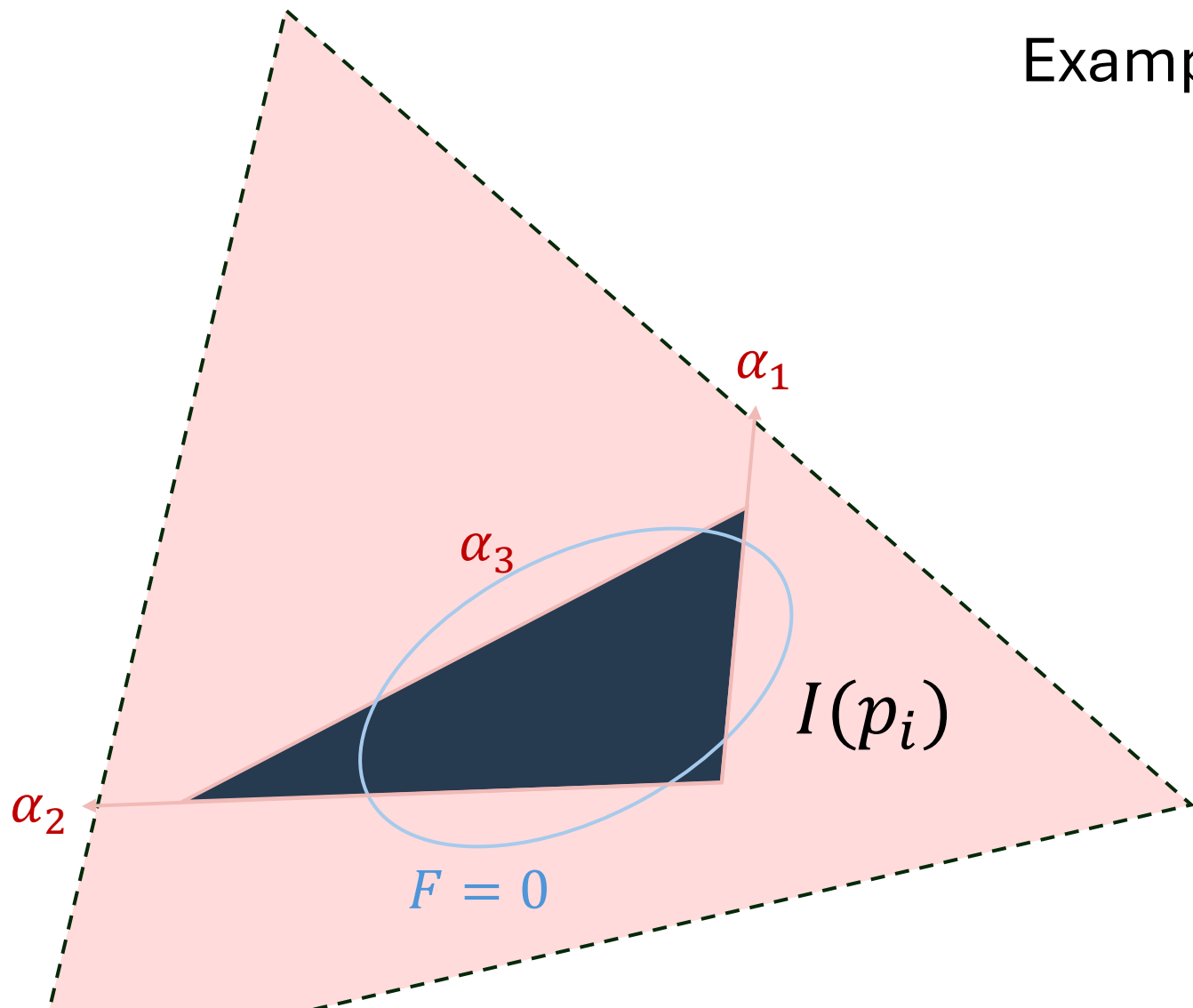
In FP space we can associate cutting edges to deleting boundaries of the α parameters

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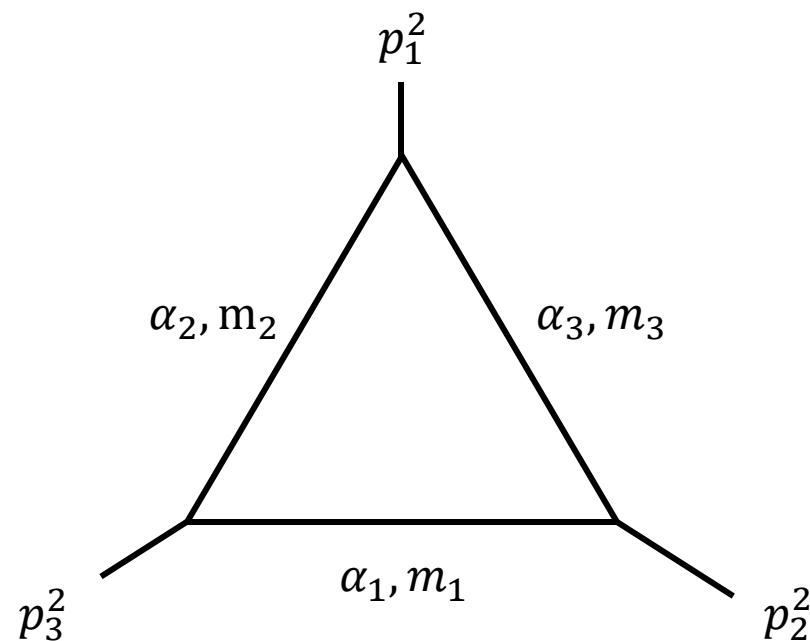
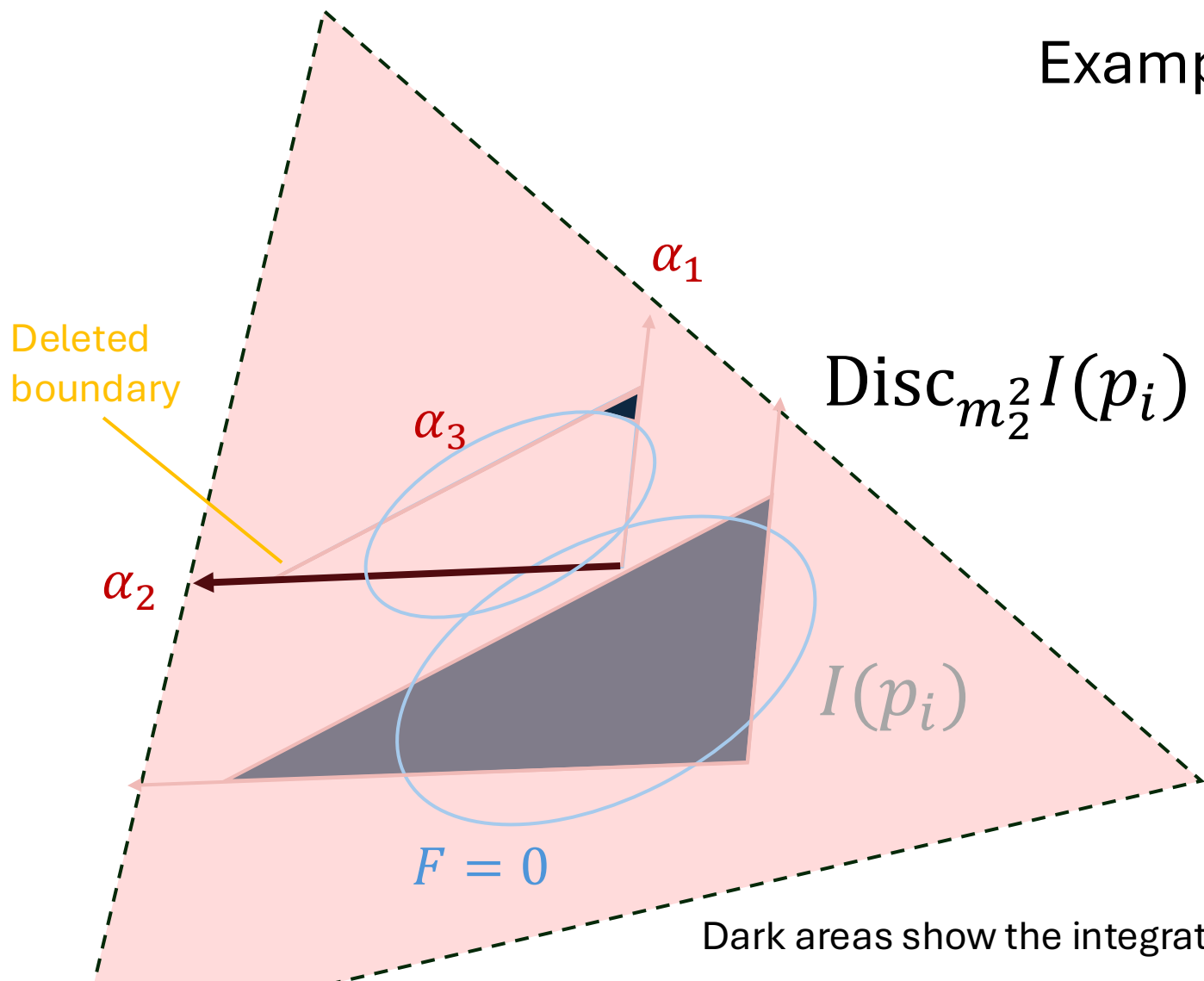
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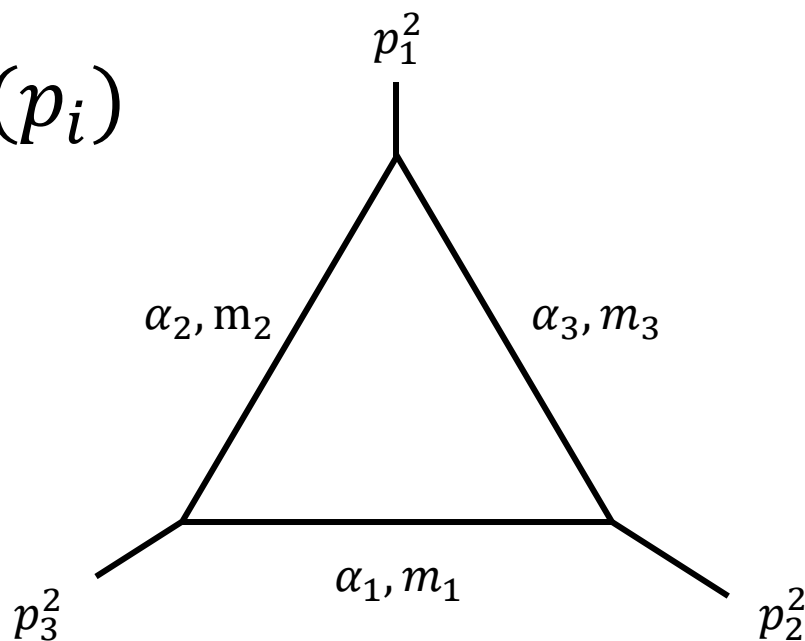
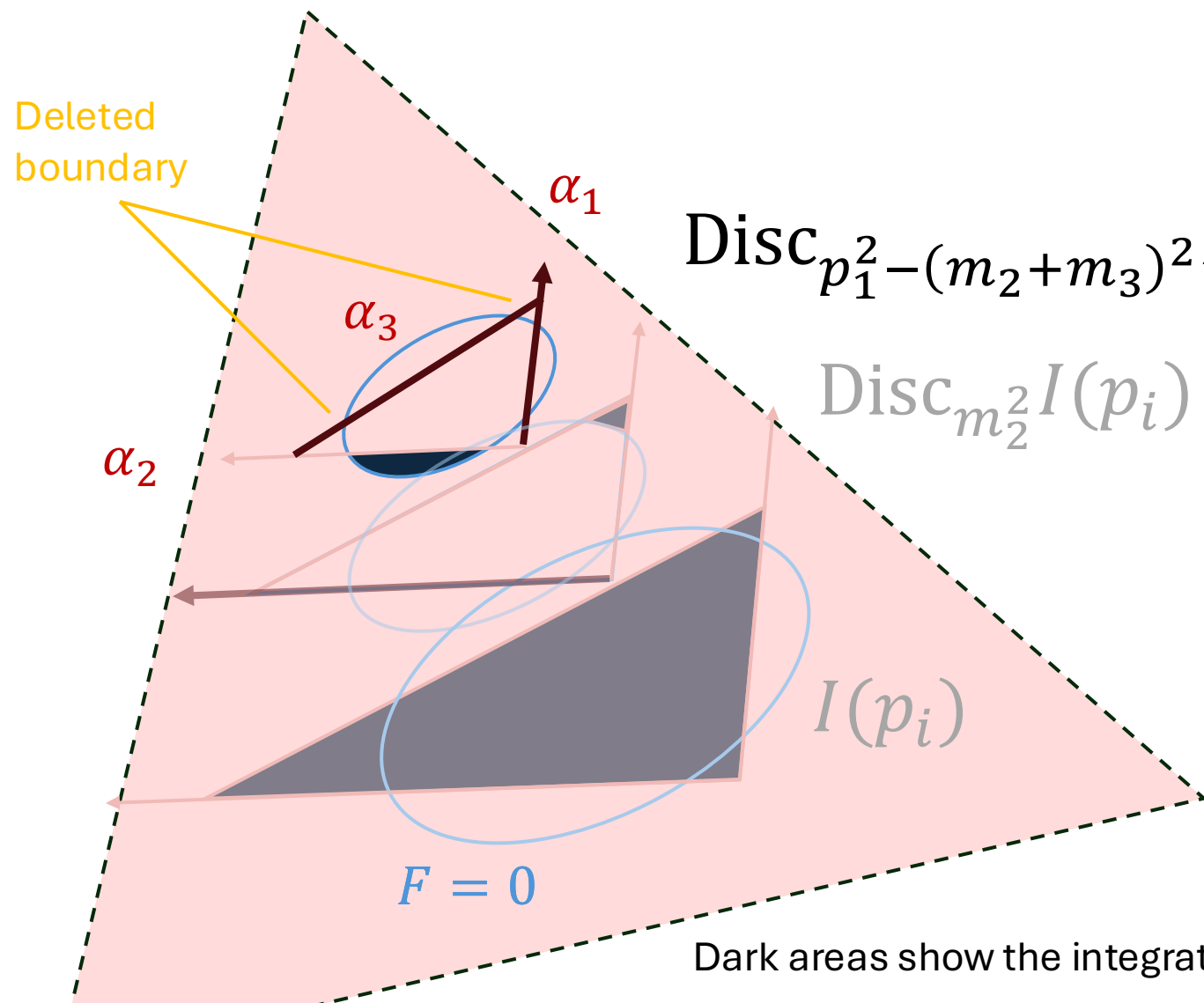
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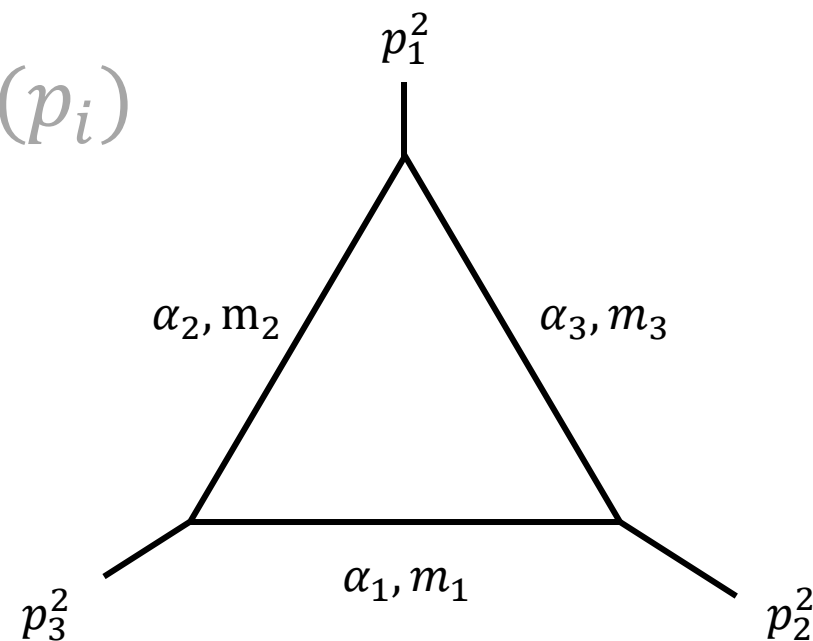
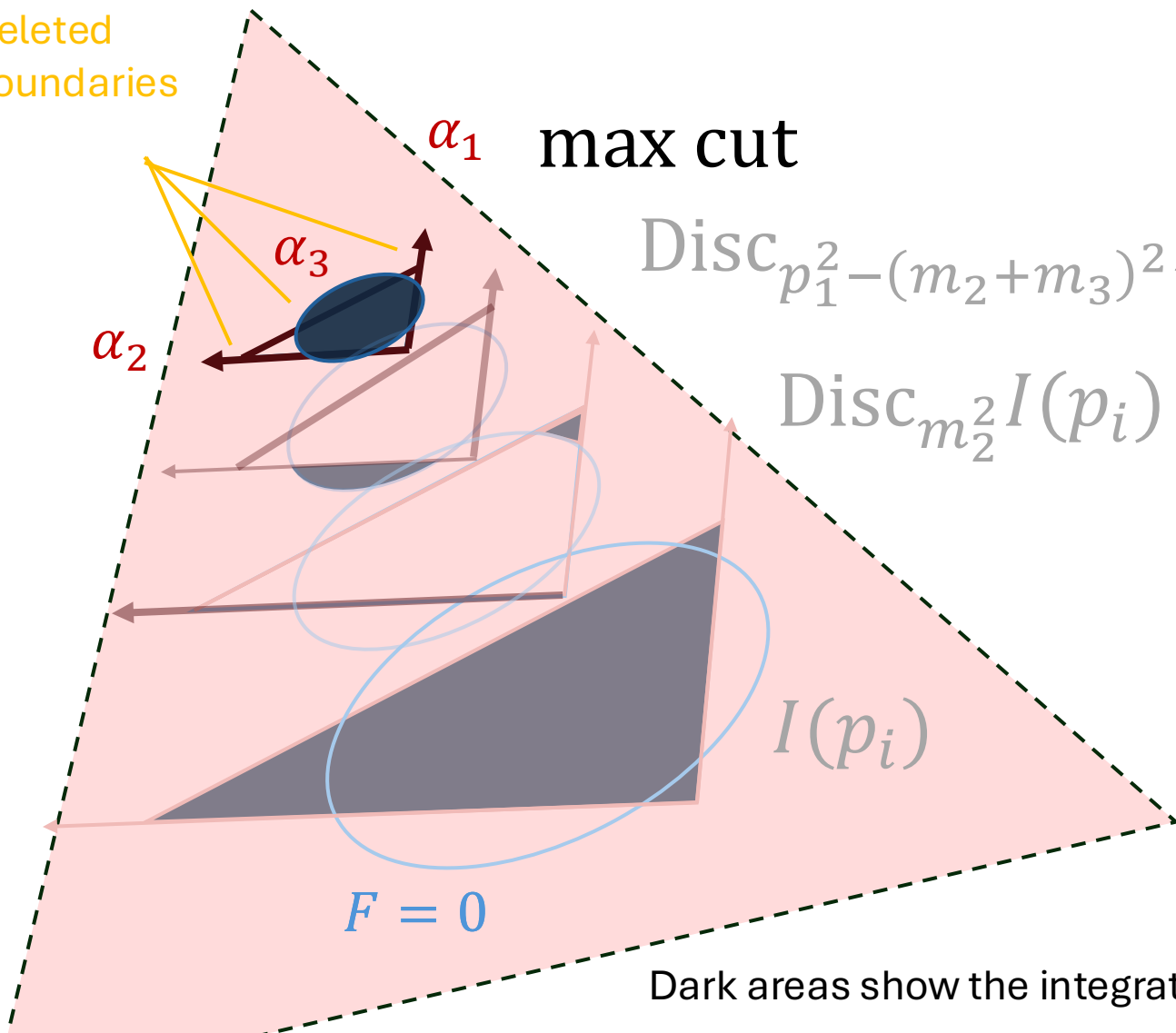
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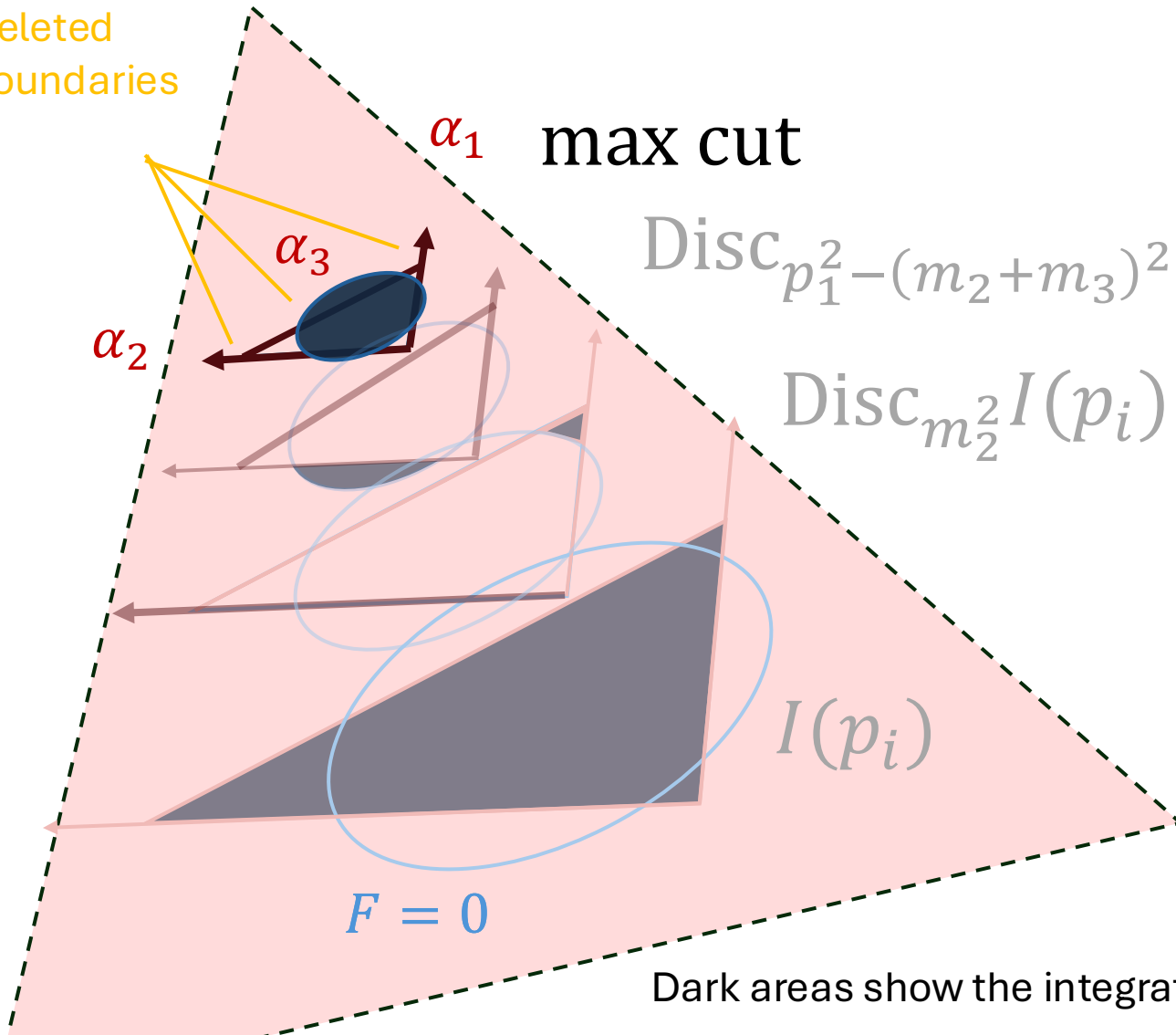
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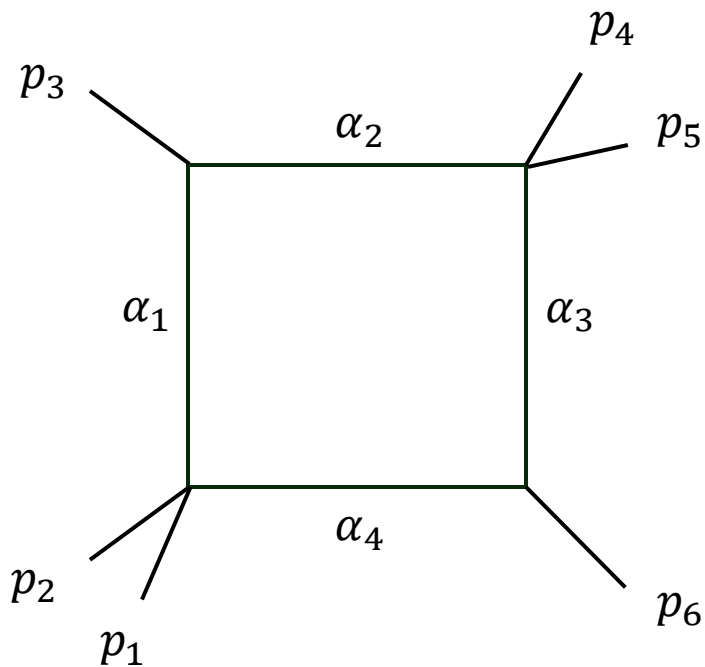
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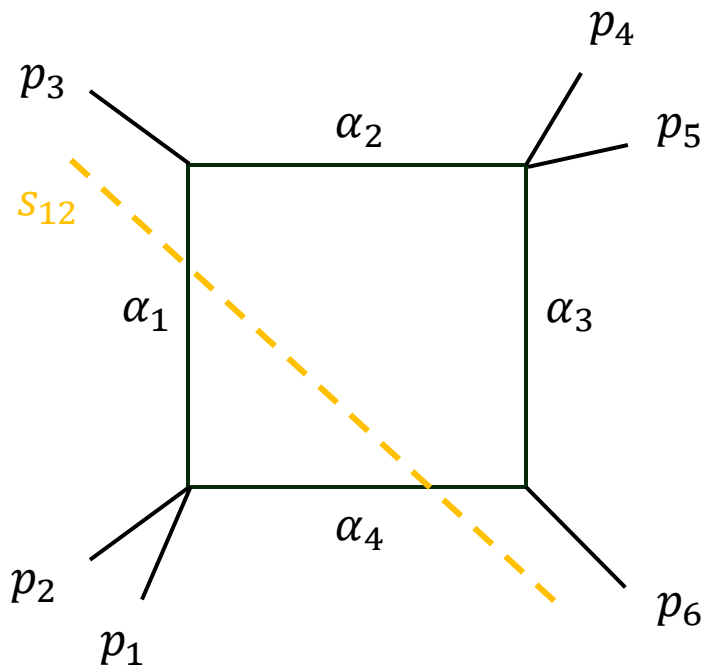


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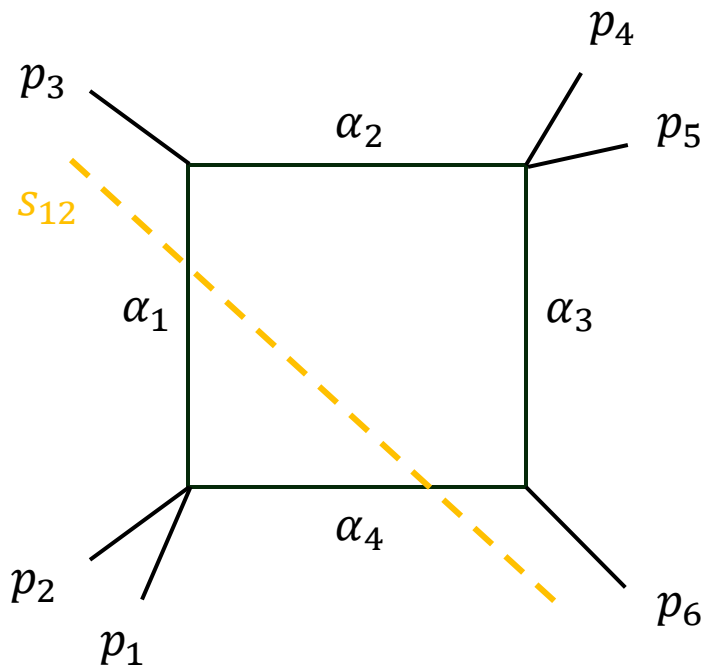


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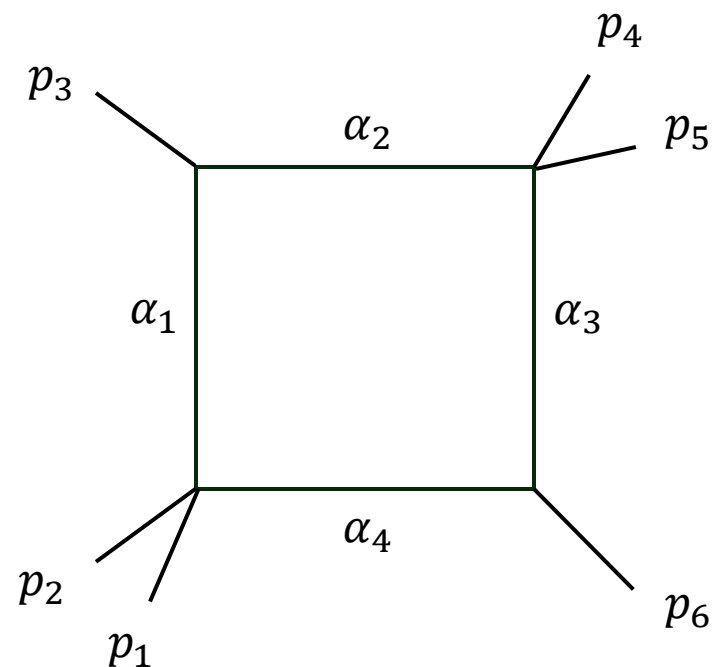
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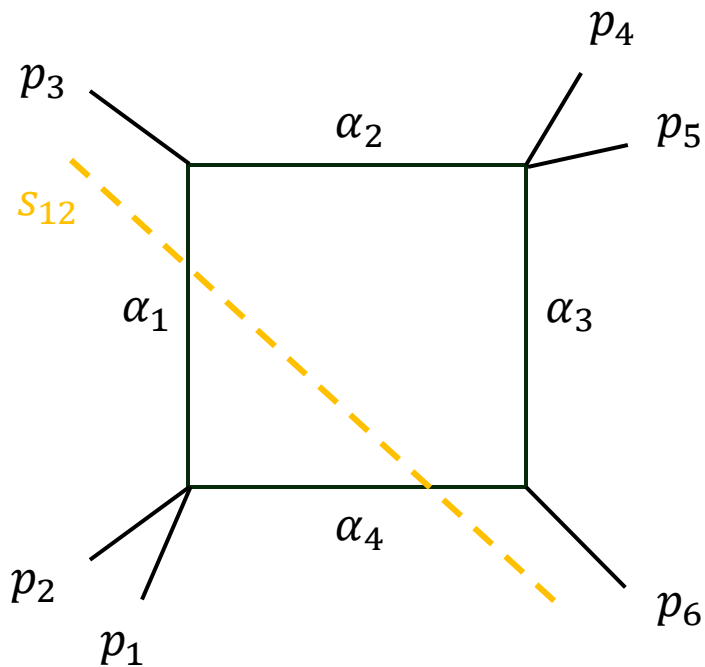


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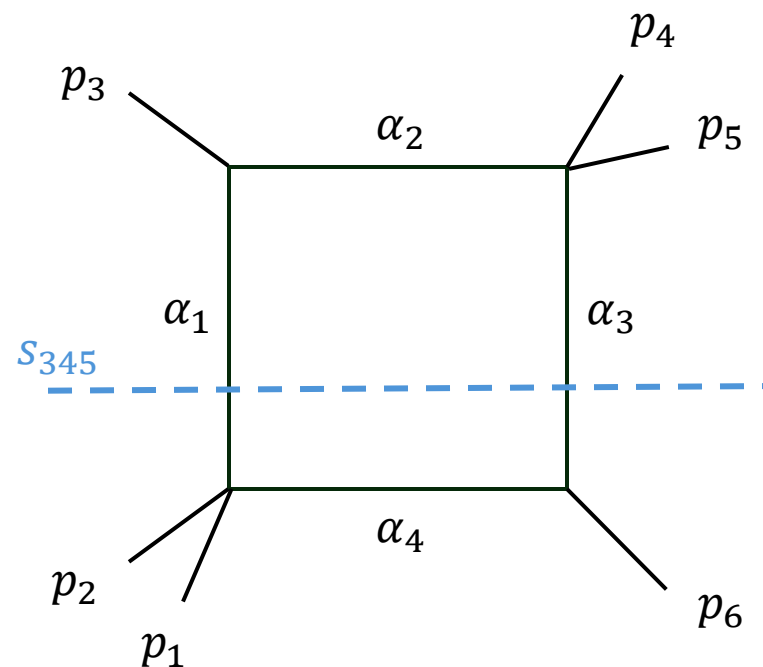
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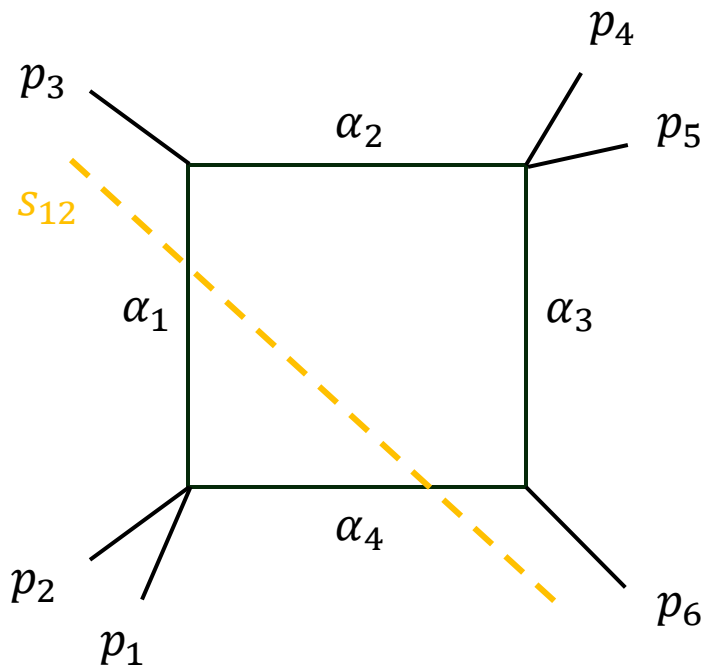


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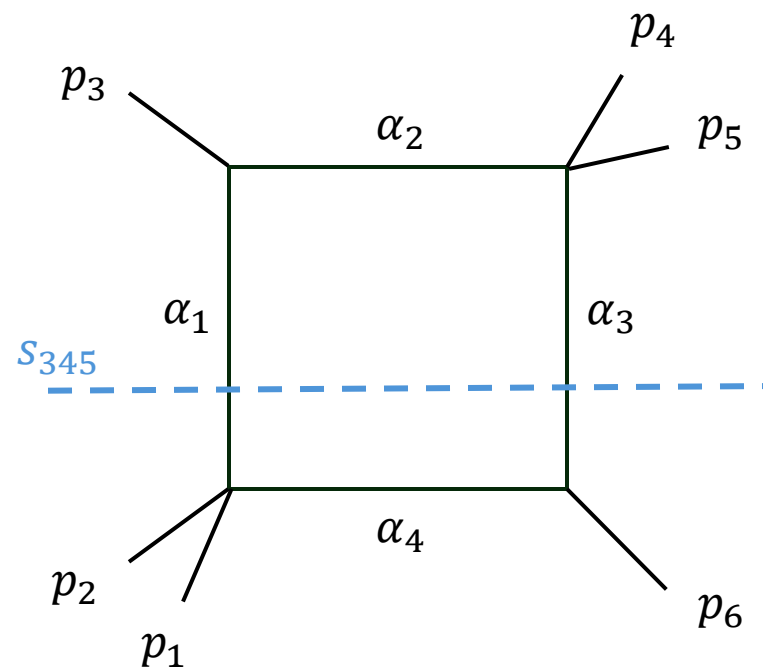
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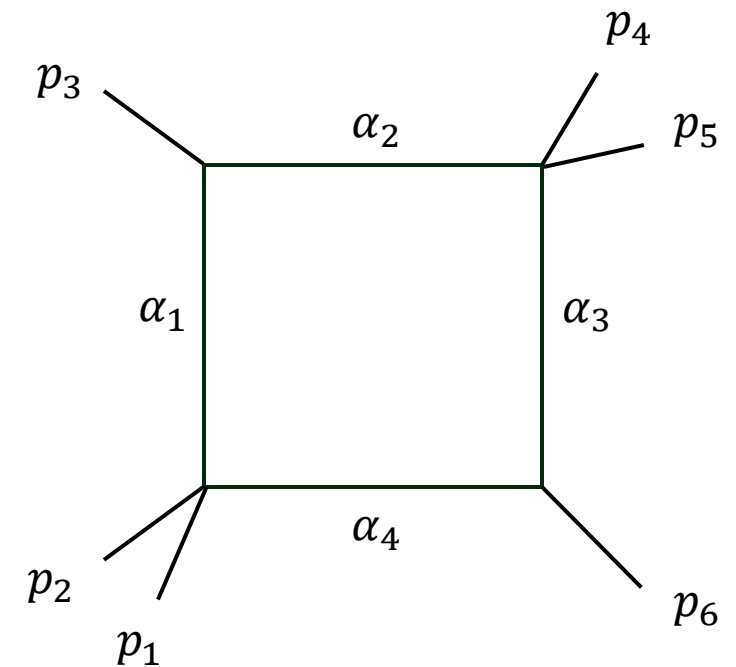
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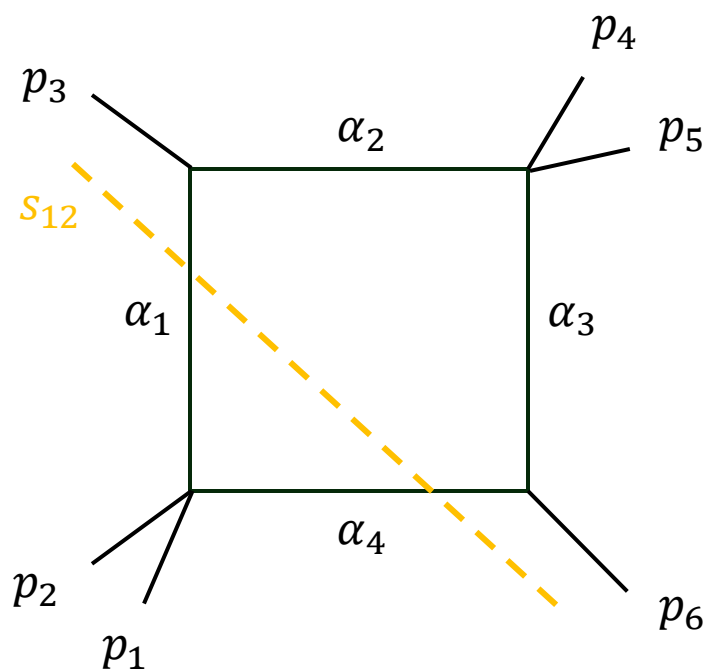


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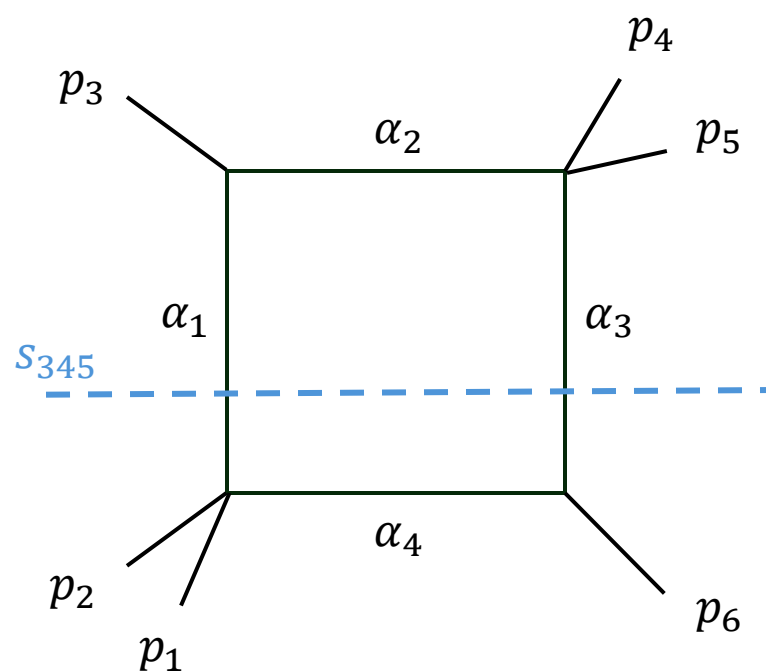
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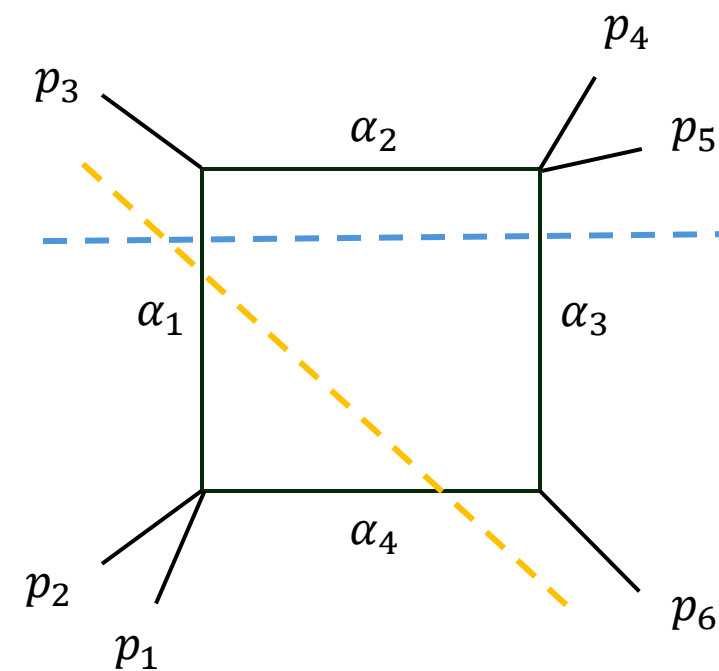
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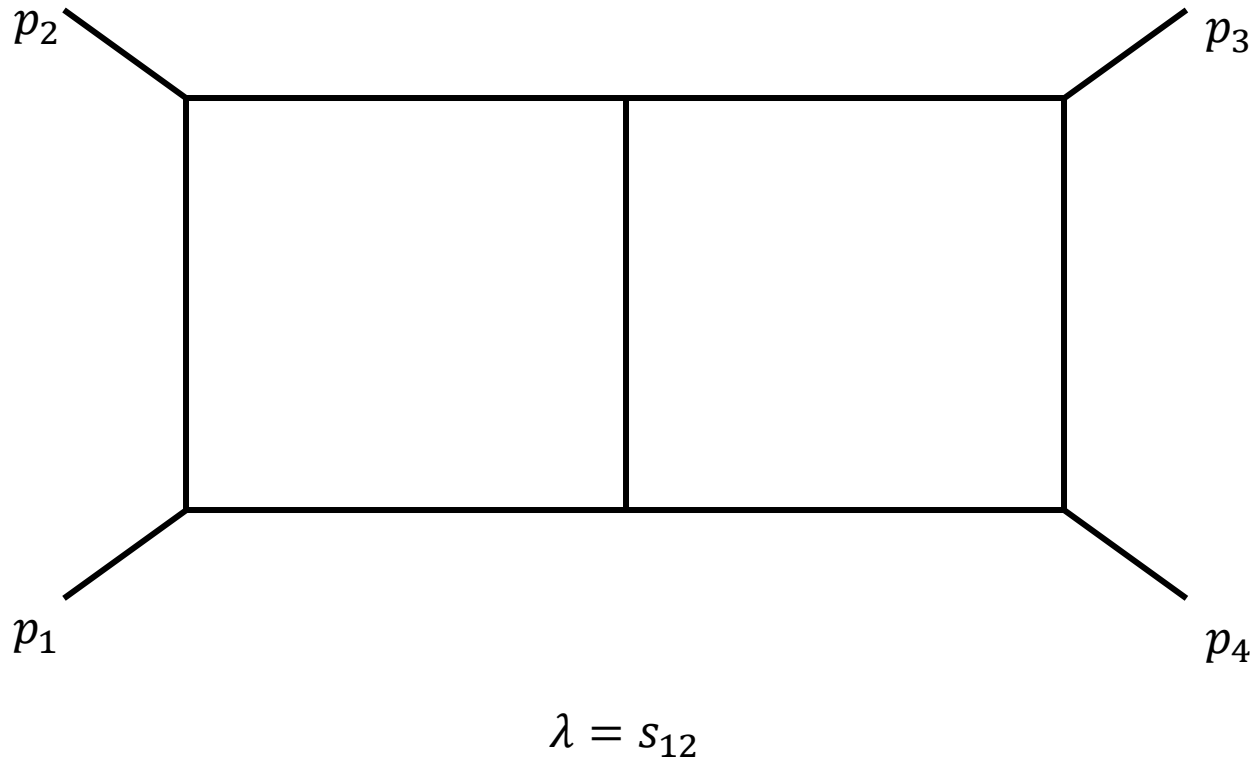
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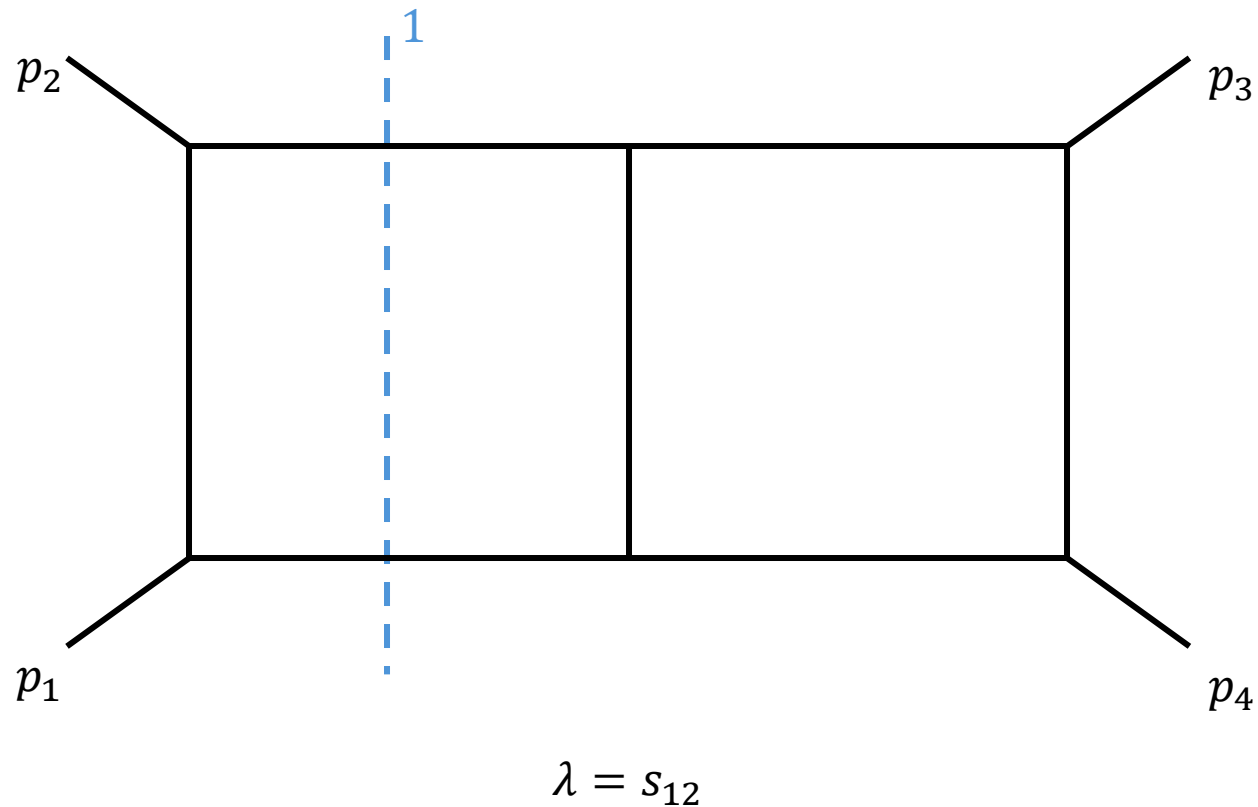
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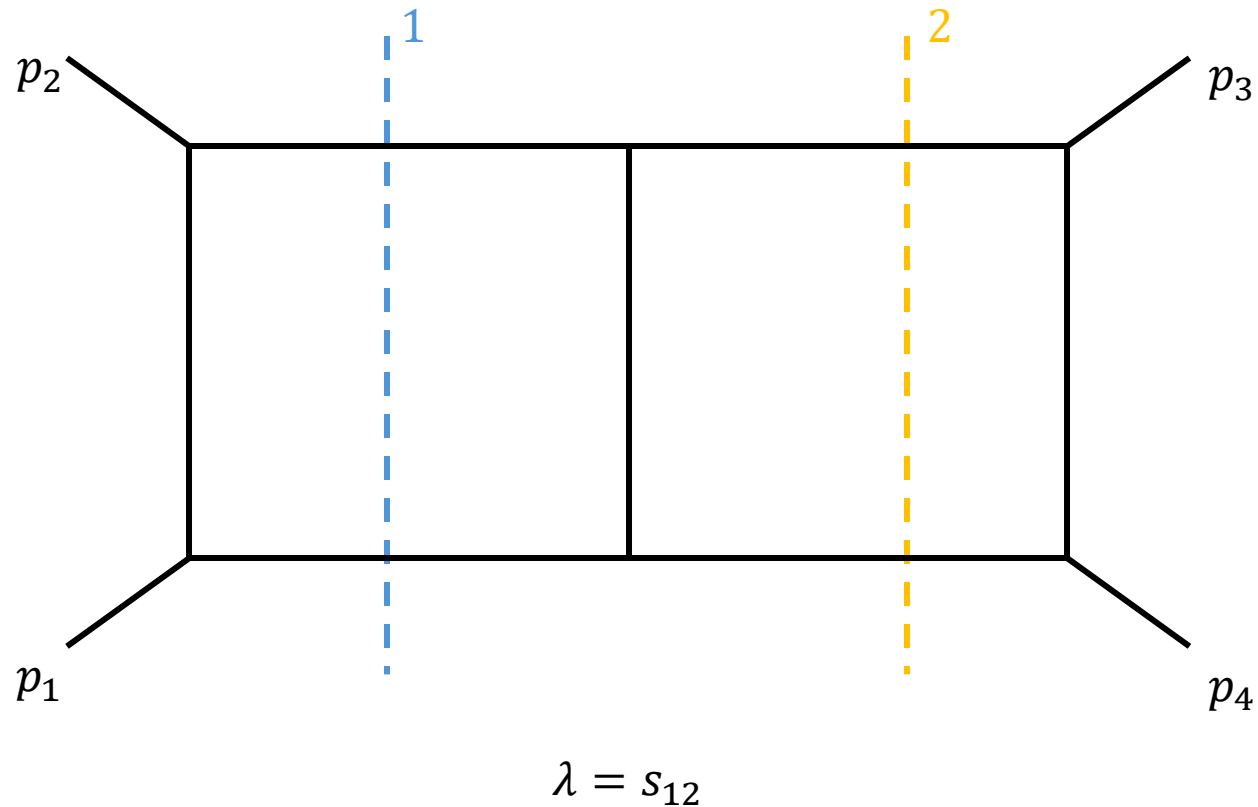
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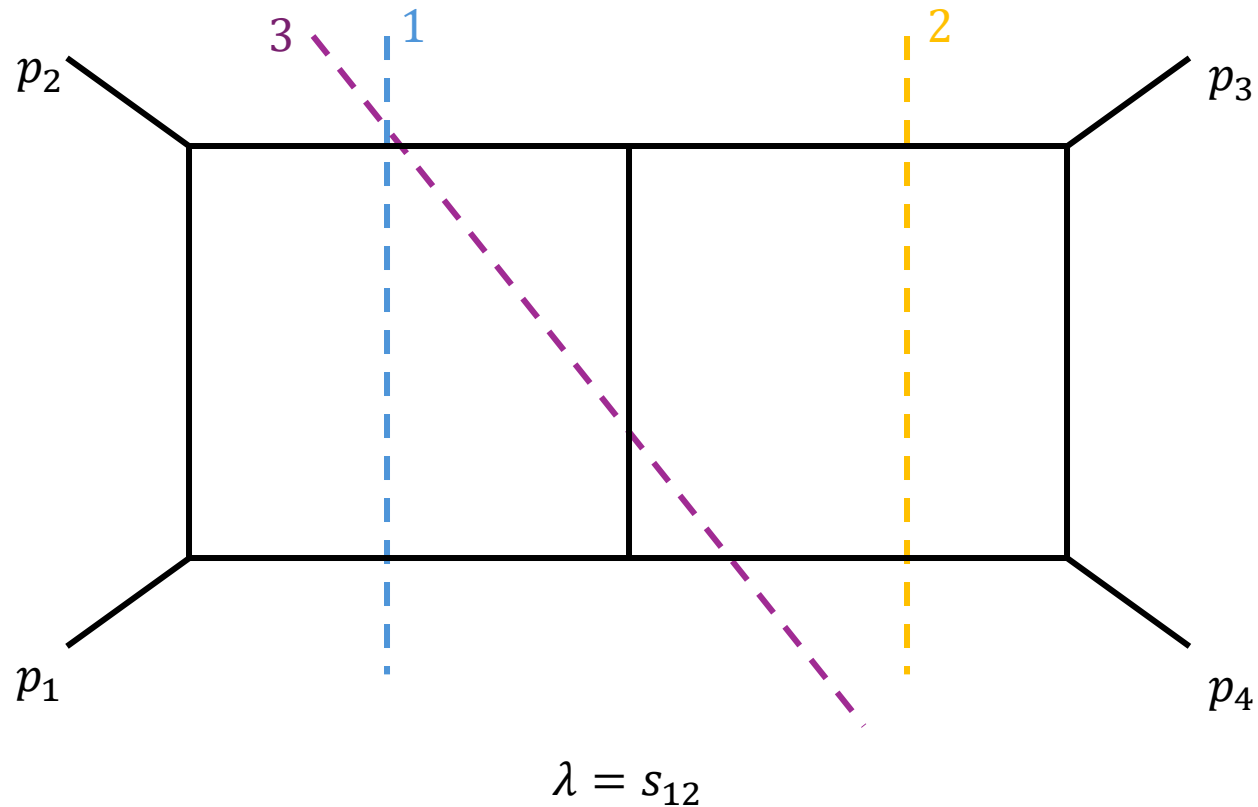
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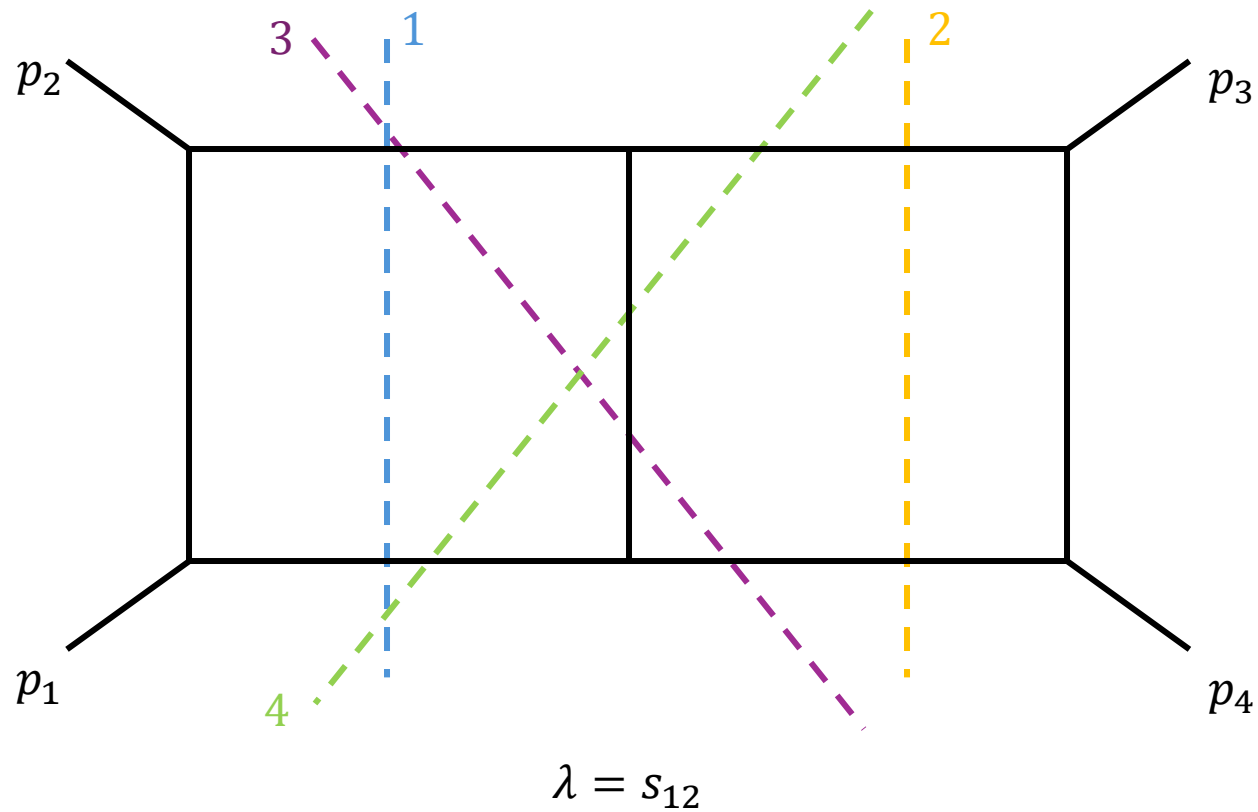
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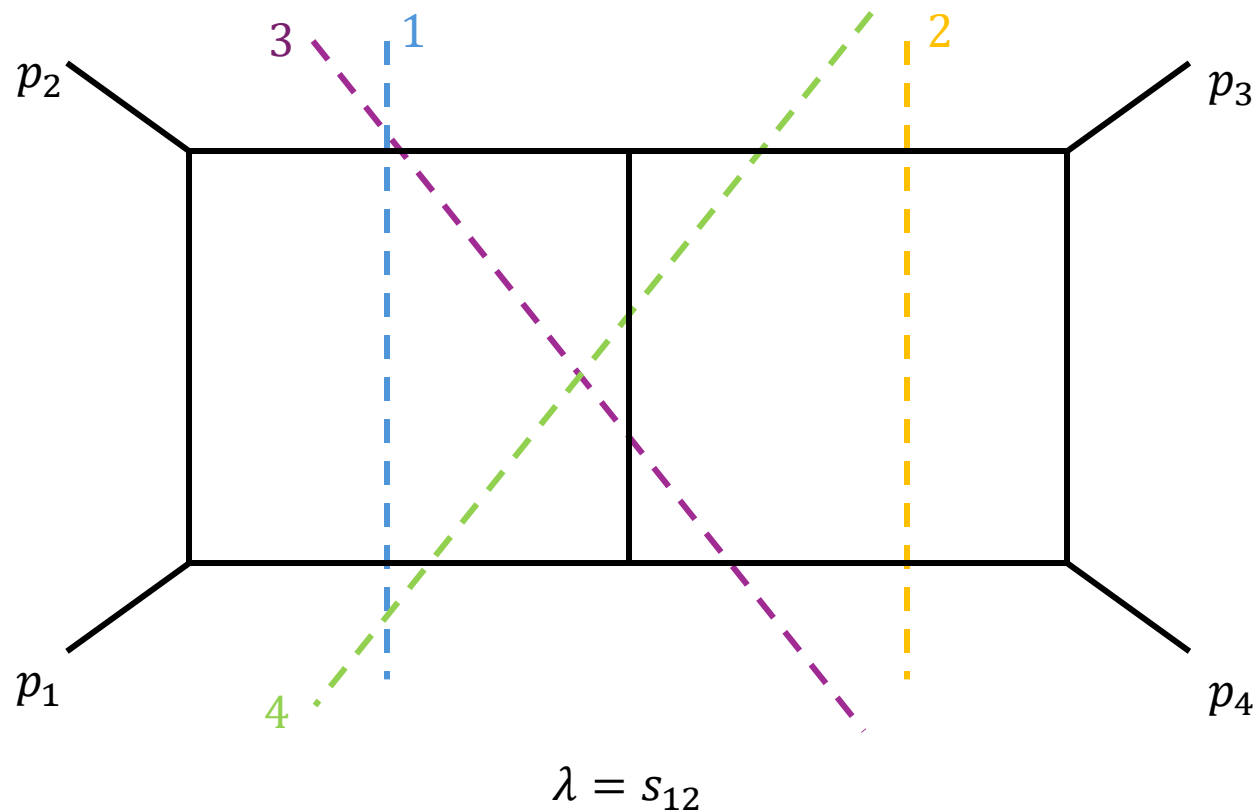
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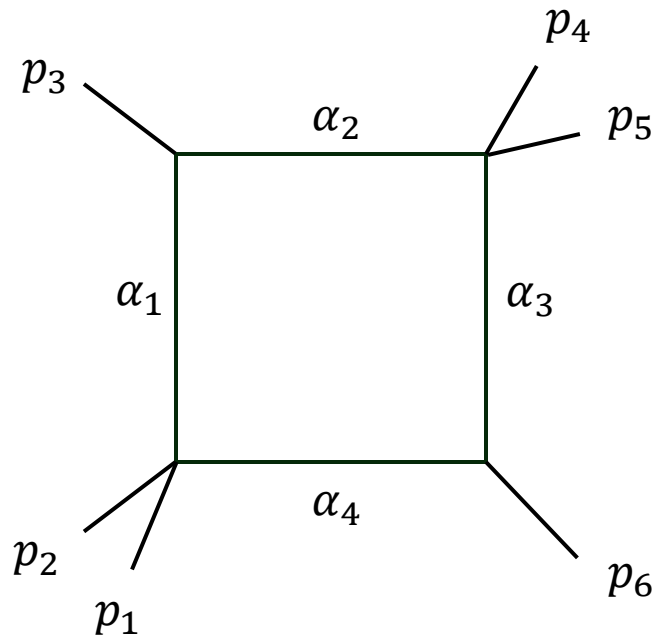
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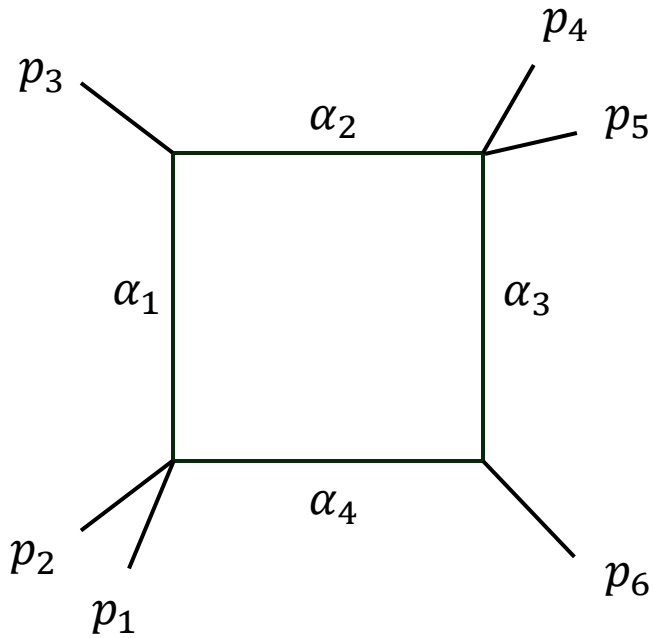
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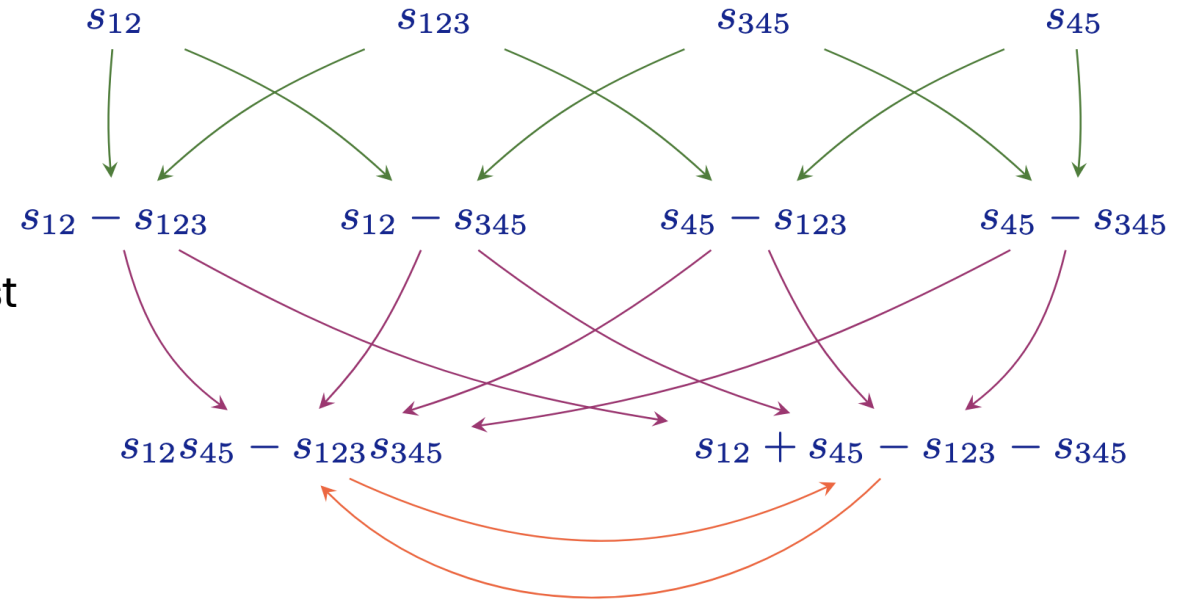
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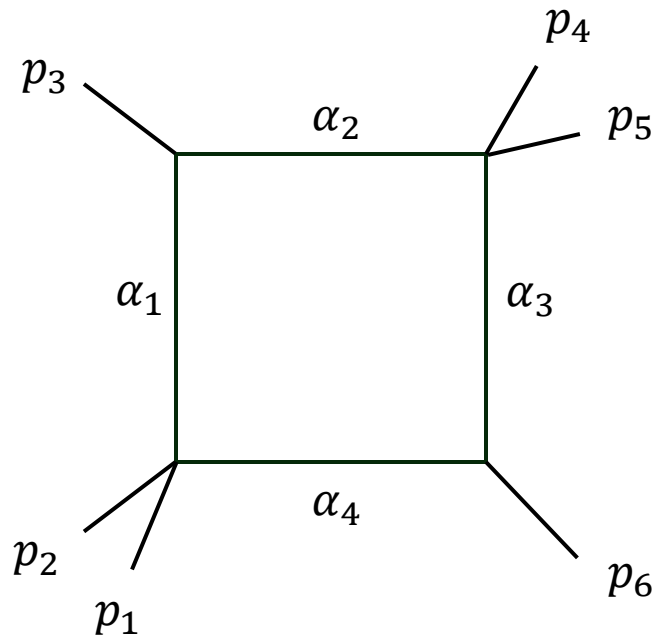


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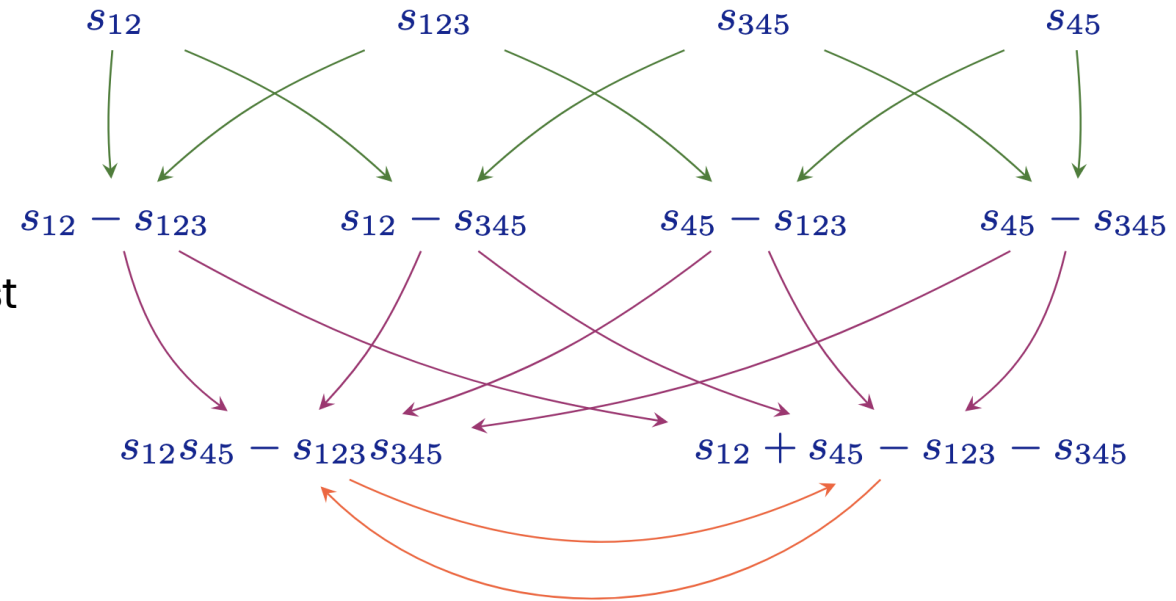


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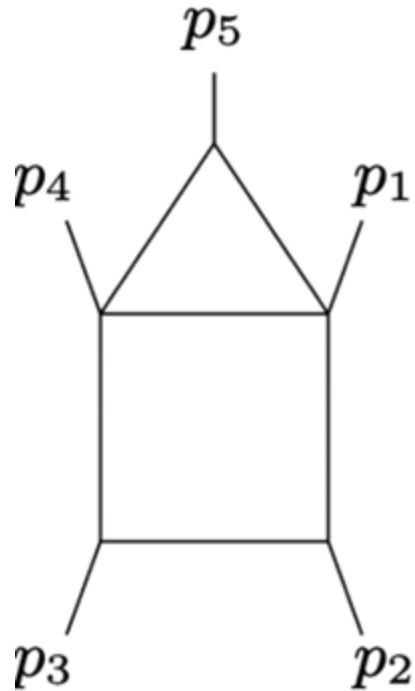
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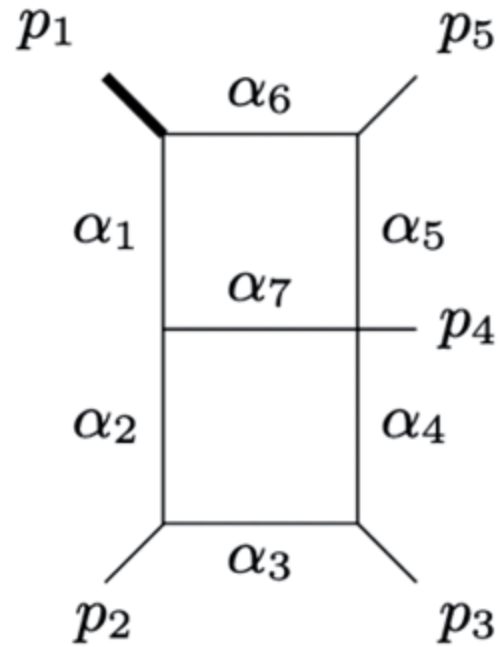
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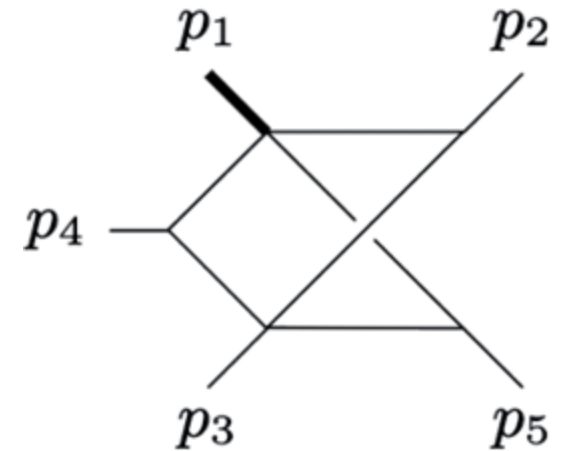
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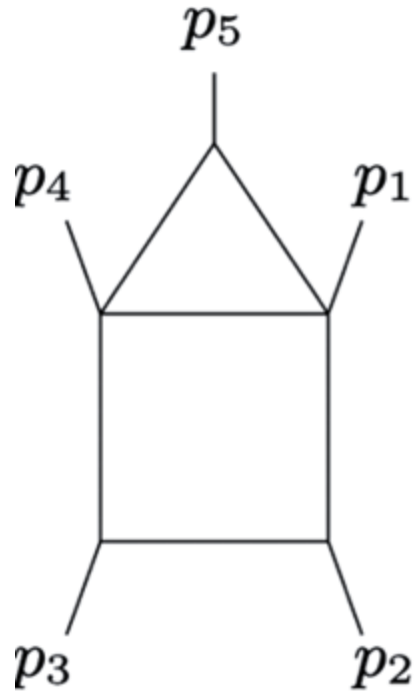


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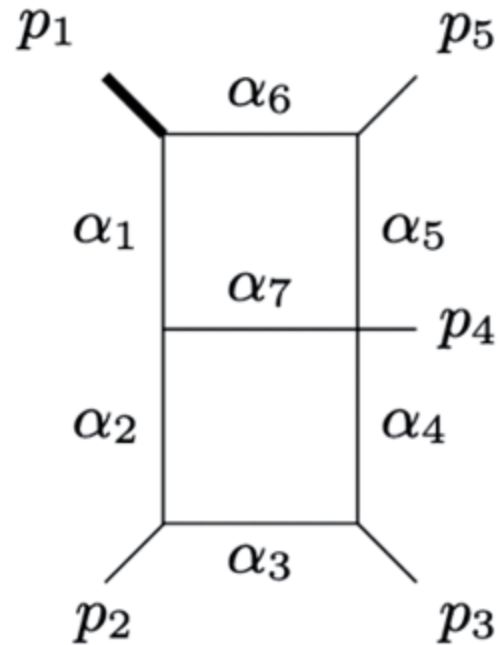
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Compared to Steinman relations, for double-box diagram in the middle, we get 305 more constraints on the symbol.



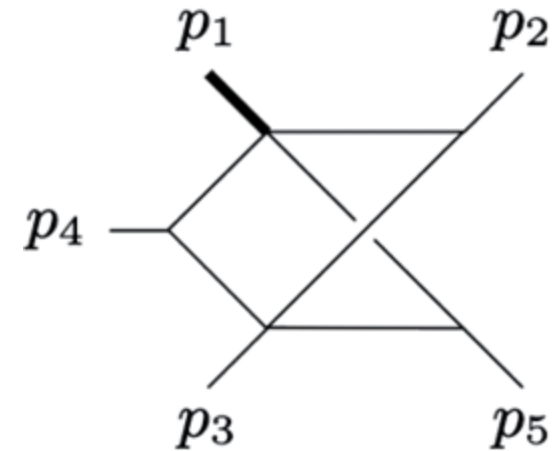
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these sequences are not allowed as first two discontinuities but could happen further in the sequence of discontinuities.

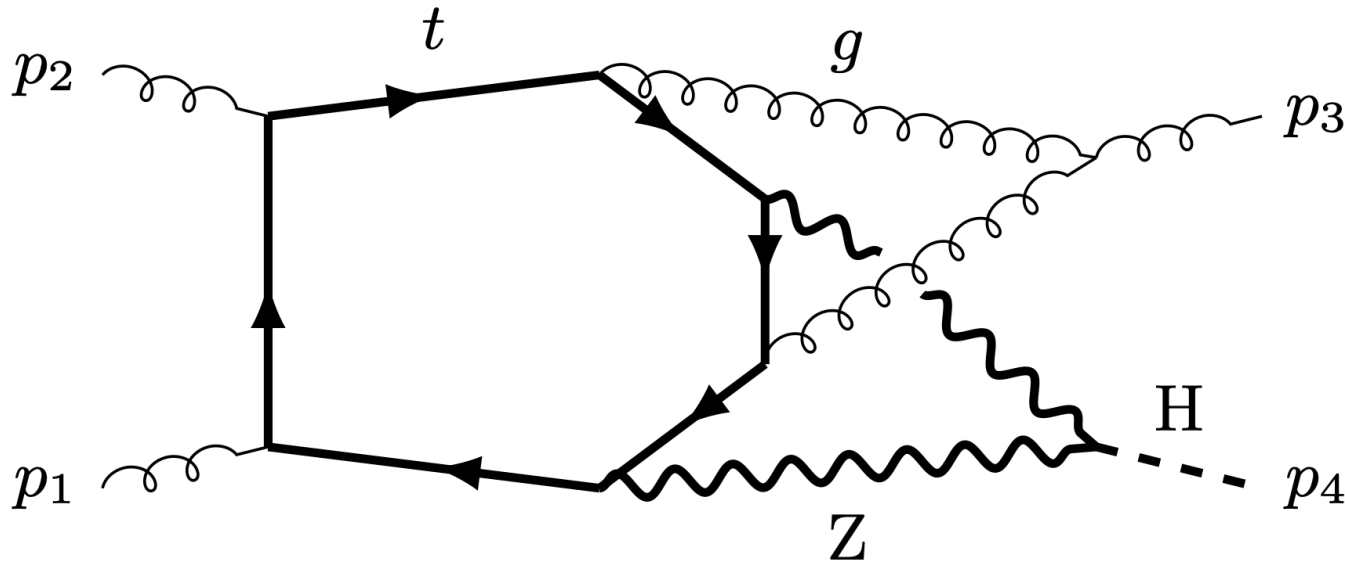
Euler Characteristic test does not distinguish between these two scenarios

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Summary

- Genealogical constraints find a rich number of hierarchical constraints on the analytical structure
- Genealogical constraints hold for all orders in dimensional regularisation
- Can be easily derived for any type of massive or massless kinematic configurations
- Further analysis can be conducted focusing on higher power propagators and integrals with numerators

Thank you!