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- The latter property can also be expressed in the terms of the gradation in which base coordinates x have degrees 0 and 'linear coordinates' y have degree 1. Linearity in y 's is now equivalent to the fact that changes of coordinates respect the degrees.
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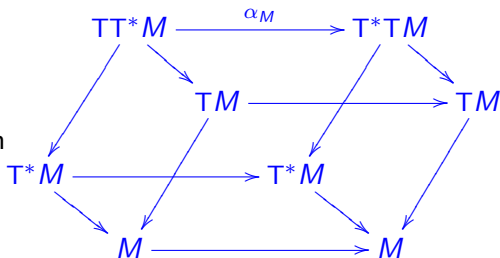
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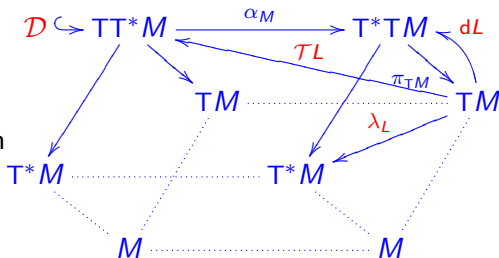
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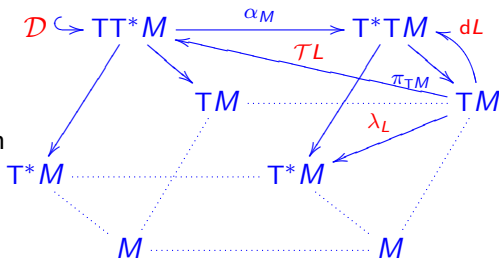
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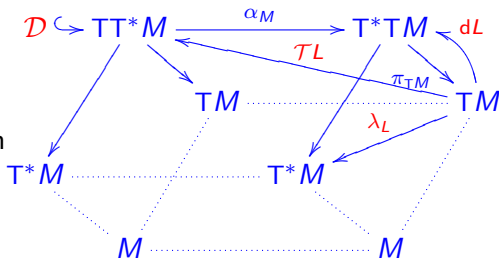
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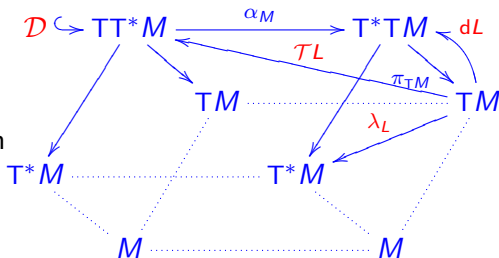
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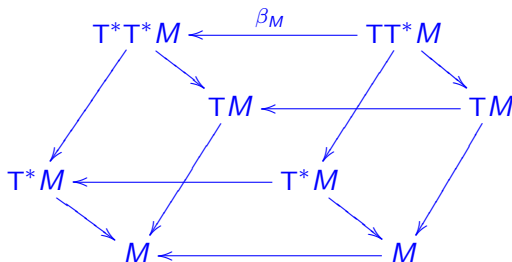
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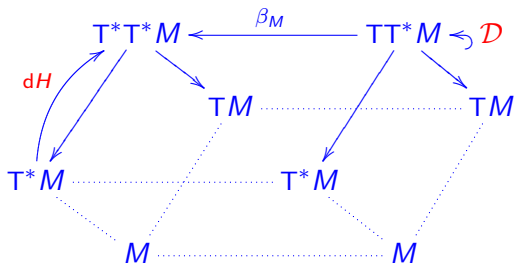
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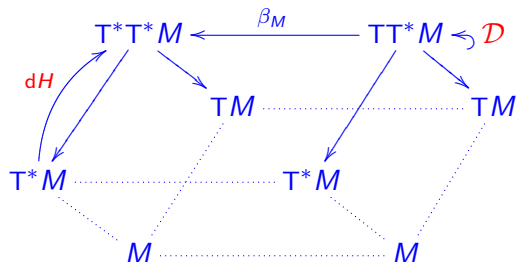
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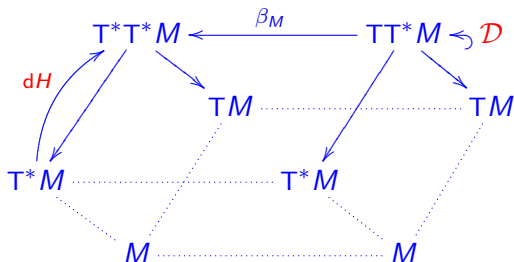
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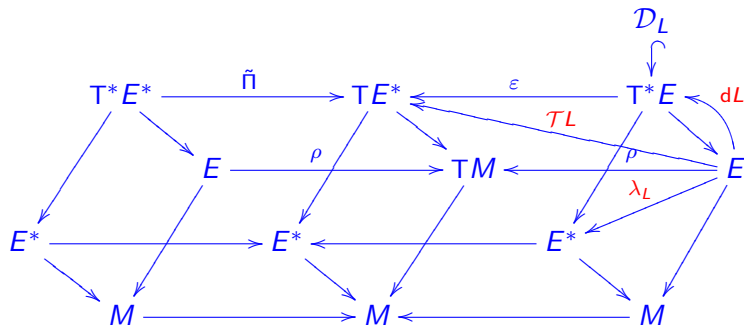


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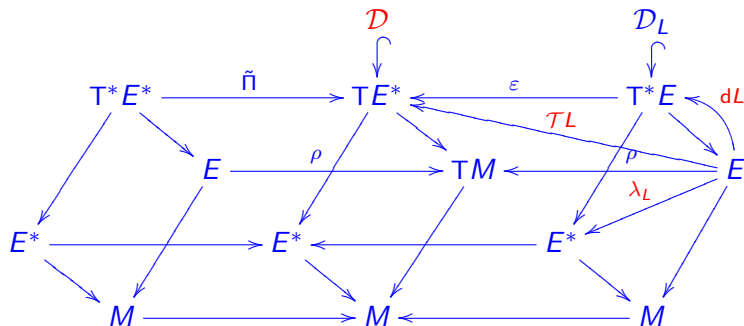
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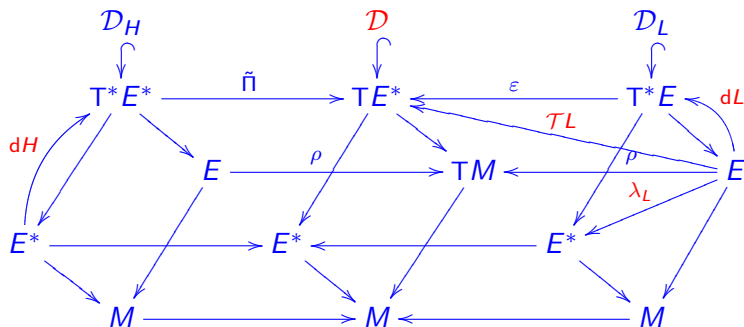
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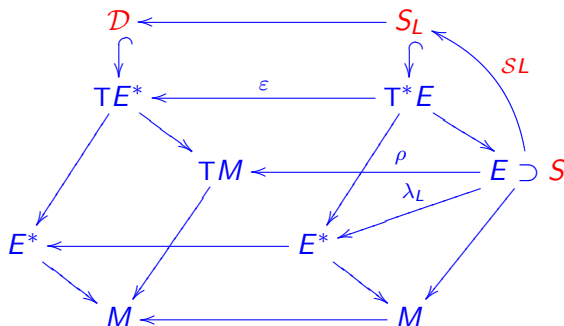
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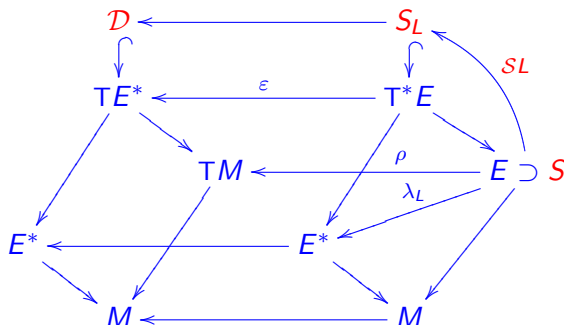


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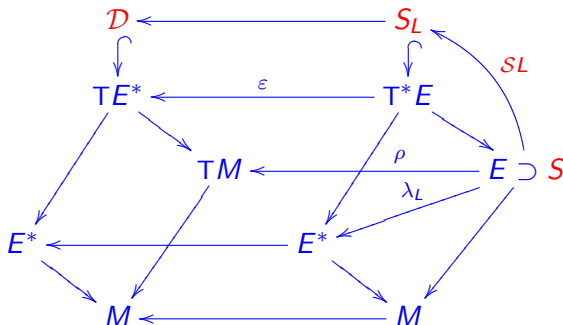


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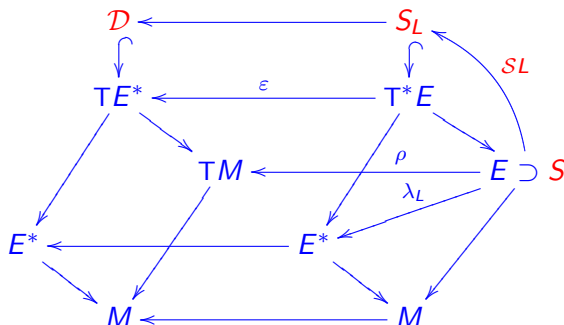


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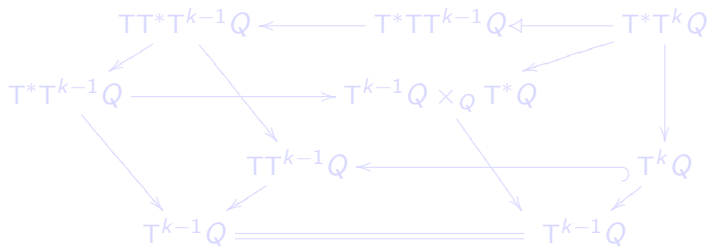
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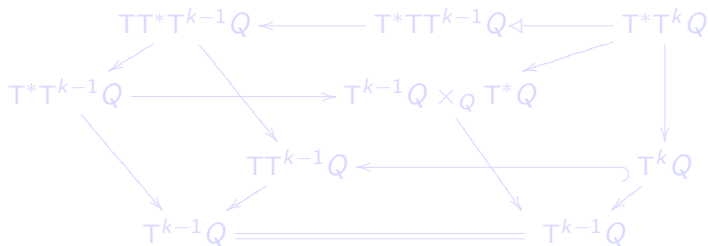
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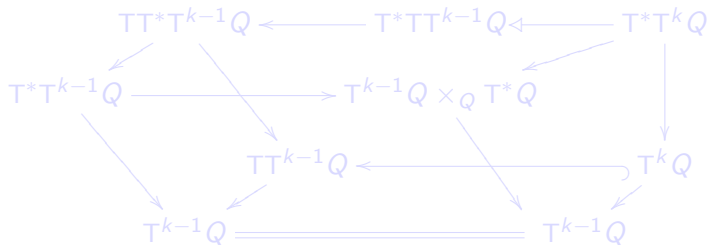
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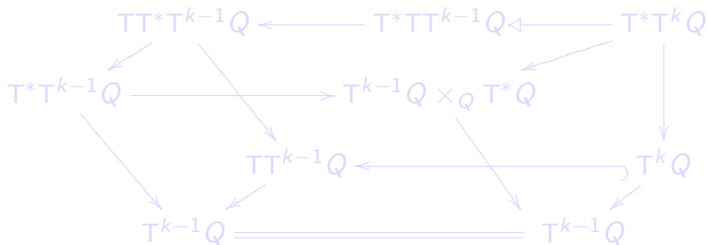
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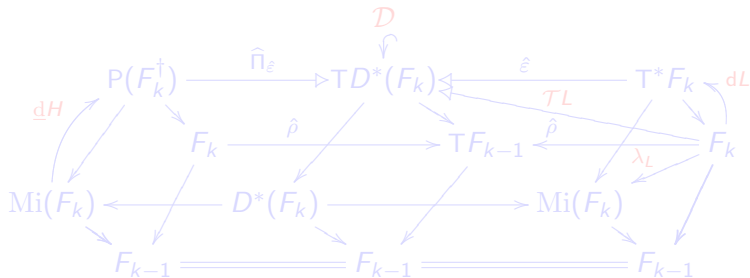
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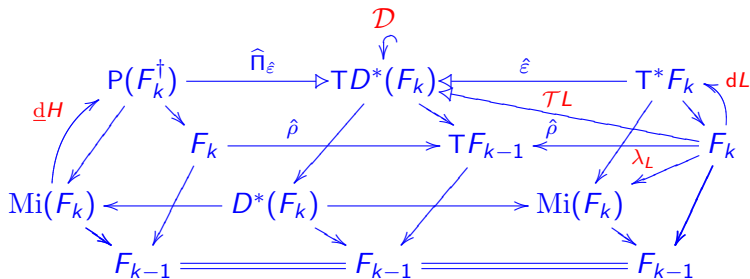
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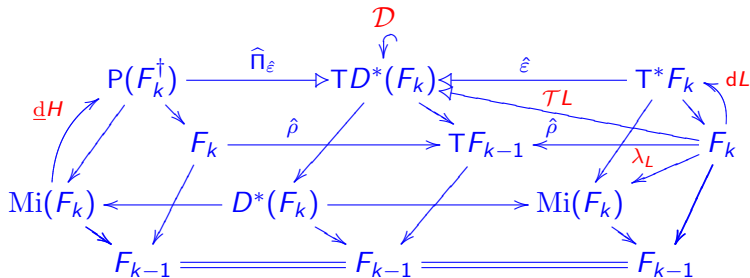
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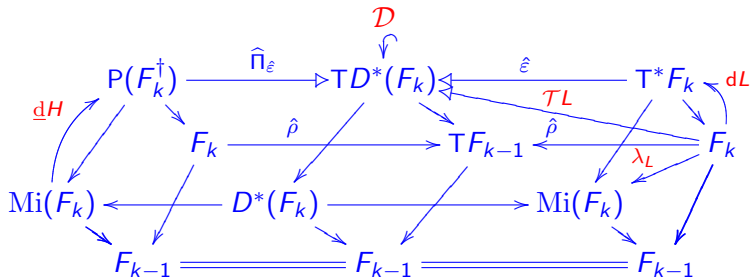
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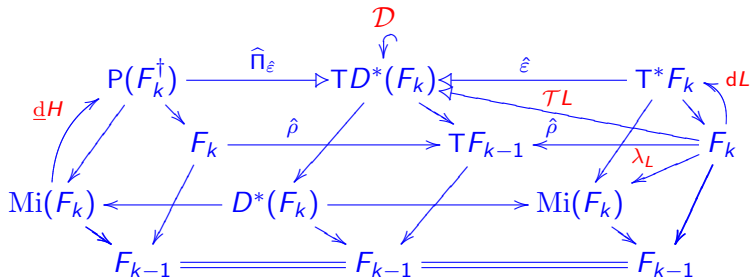
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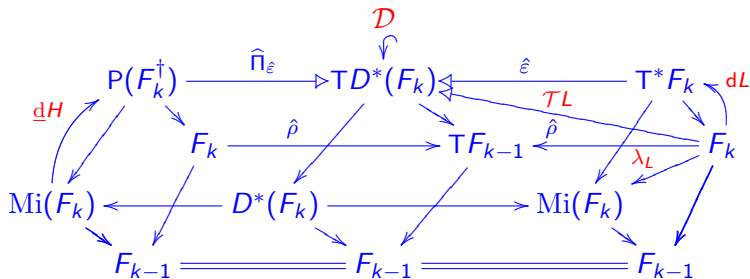
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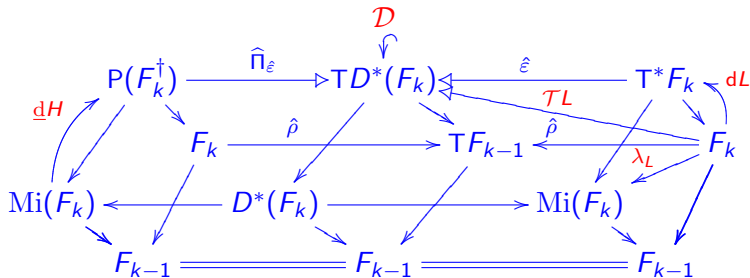
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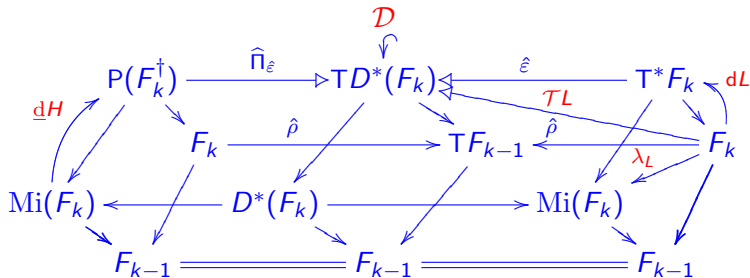
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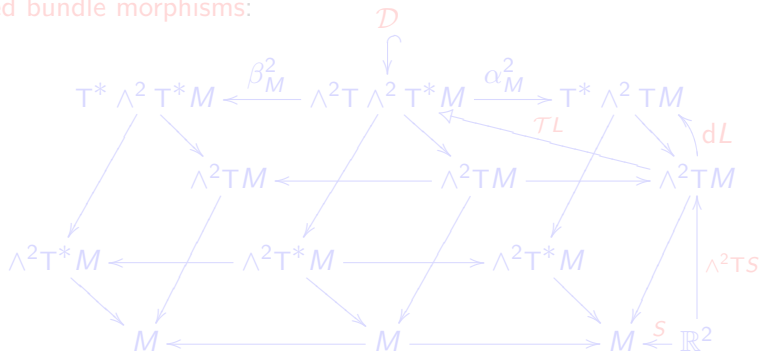
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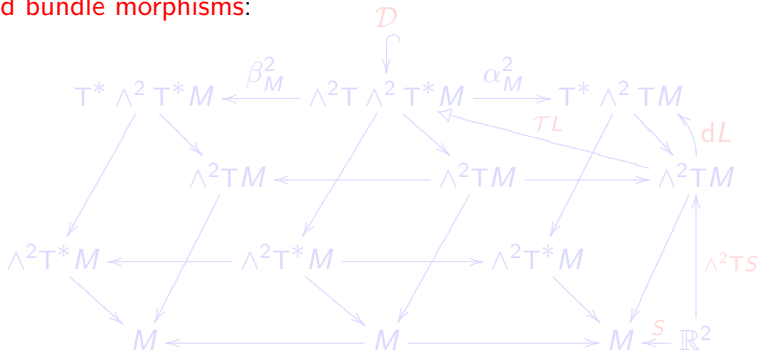
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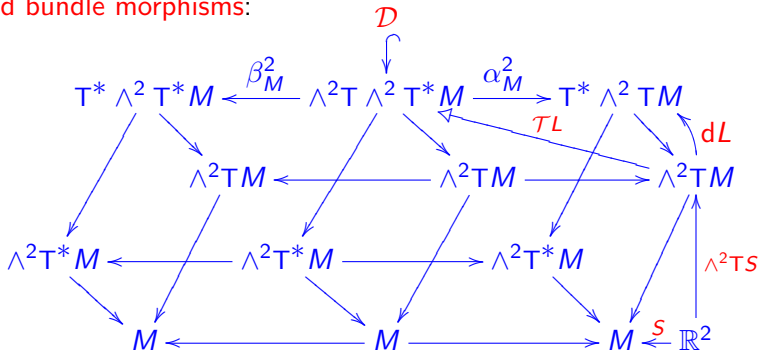
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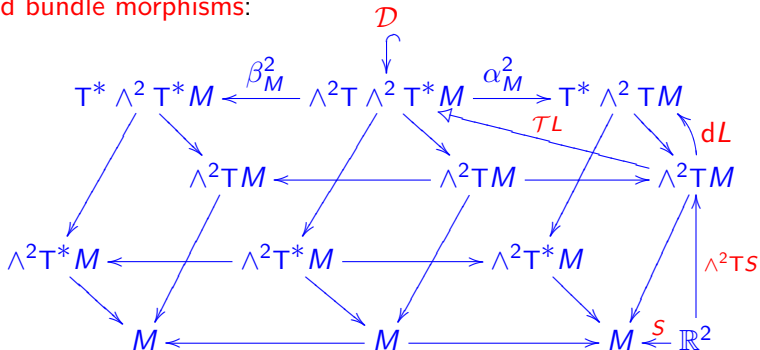
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