

Hidden Symmetries and Fermions in M-Theory

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Plan

- Motivation
- Bosonic $E_{10}/K(E_{10})$ coset model in $D = 1$
- Spectral analysis
- Bosonic correspondence and versatility
- Fermionic correspondence and spinors of $K(E_{10})$
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- Summary and discussion

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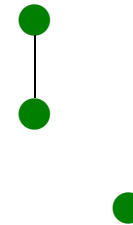
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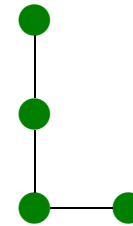
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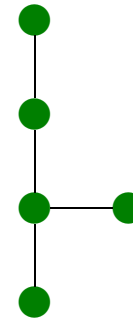
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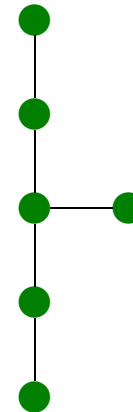
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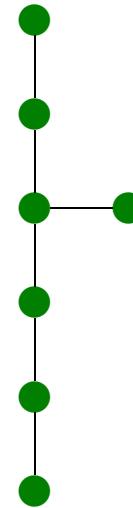
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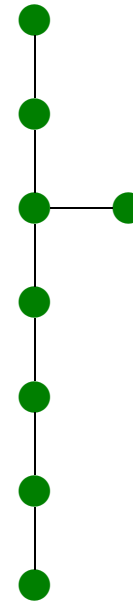
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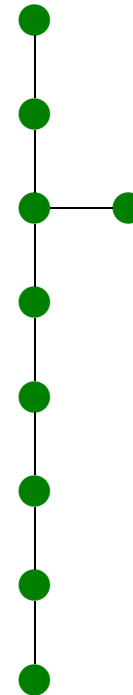
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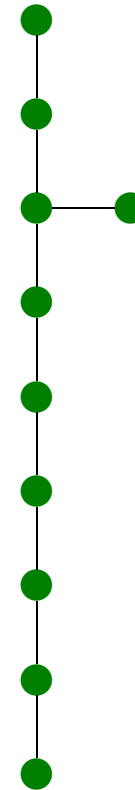
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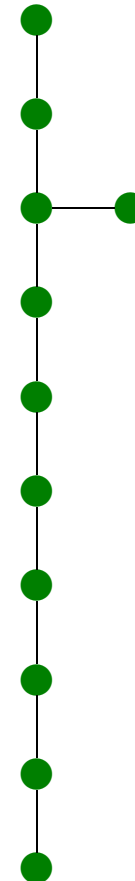


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Null geodesic motion of massless particle on $E_{10}/K(E_{10})$ coset $\mathcal{V}(t)$

Dynamical
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equivalence

$D = 11$ SUGRA
(or M-theory??)
 $G_{MN}^{(11)}(t, \mathbf{x})$
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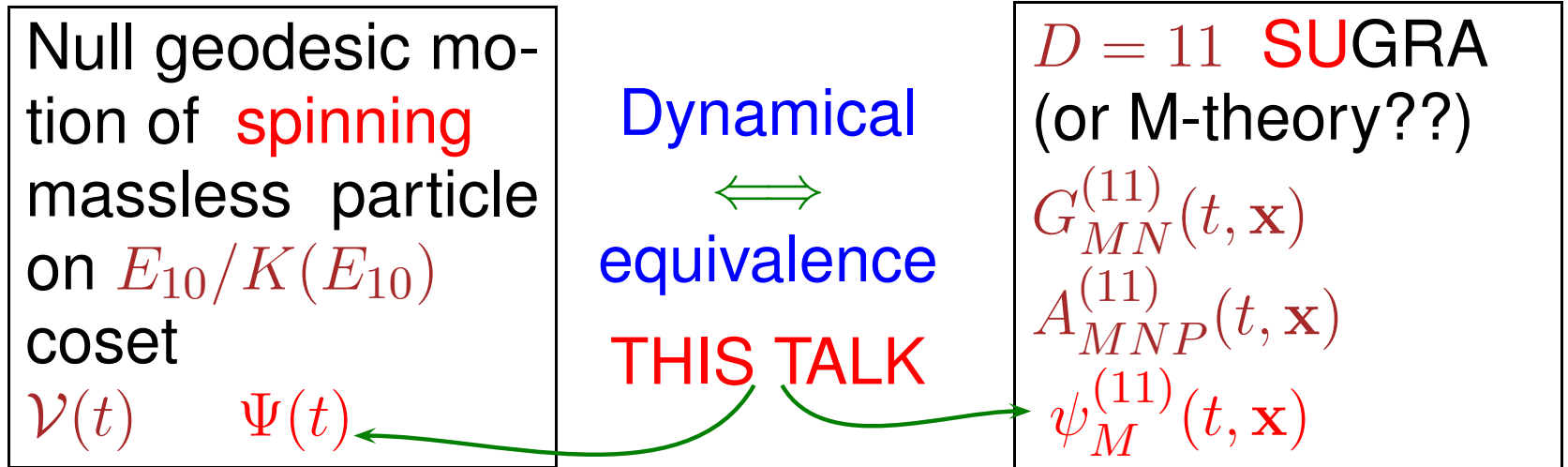
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Other approaches and related work

- E_{11} as symmetry **before** reduction

[West 2001] [Schnakenburg, West 2001]

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- Geodesic E_{11} coset model

[Englert, Houart 2003]

- Borcherds symmetries and mysterious dualities

[Julia, Henry-Labordère, Paulot 2002]

- Automorphic forms E_{10} and Borcherds

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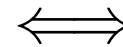
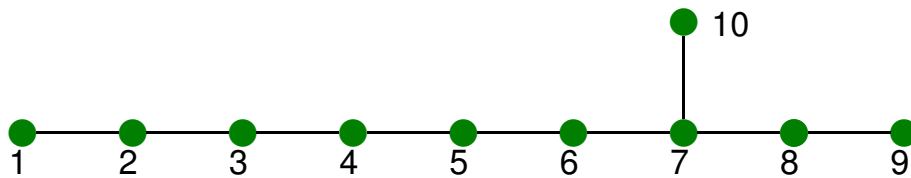
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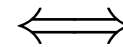
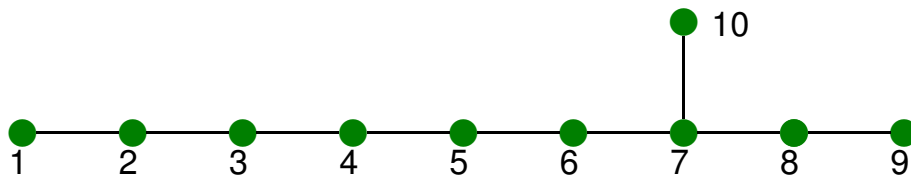
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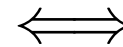
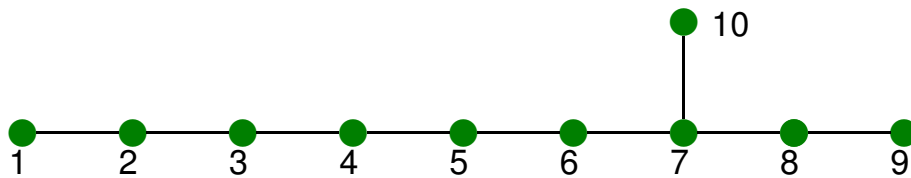


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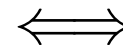
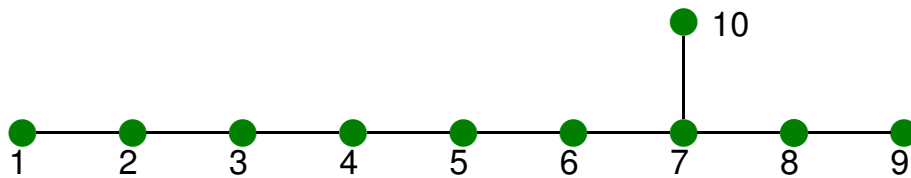


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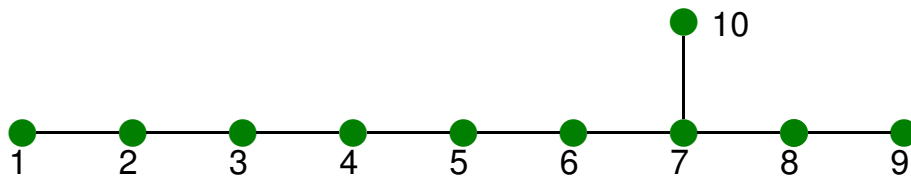
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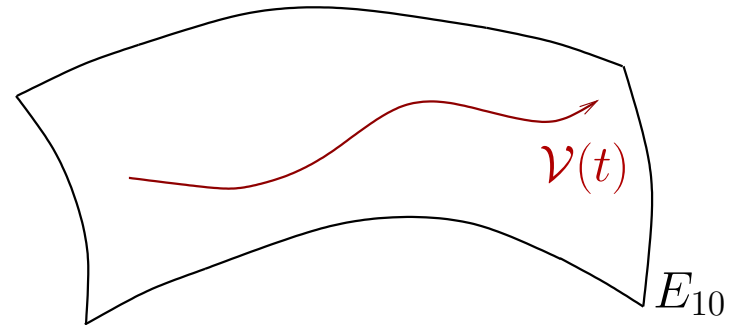
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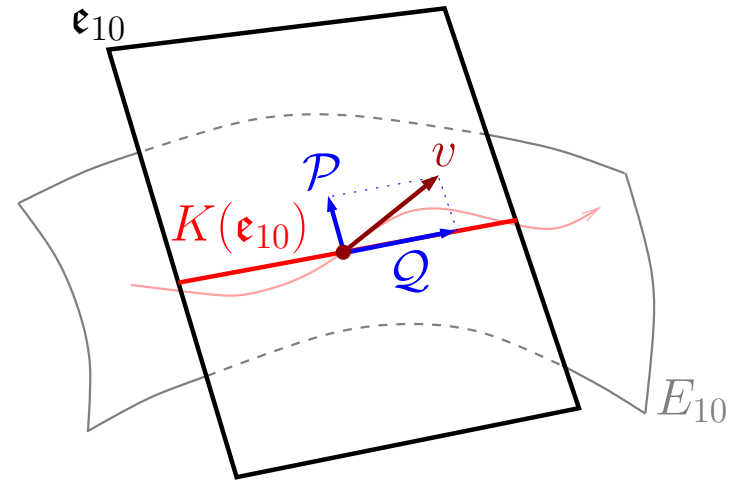
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Transformation with $g \in E_{10}$ and $k(t) \in K(E_{10})$

$$\mathcal{V}(t) \rightarrow k(t) \mathcal{V}(t) g^{-1} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{P} \rightarrow k \mathcal{P} k^{-1}, \quad \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow k \mathcal{Q} k^{-1} + \partial_t k k^{-1}$$

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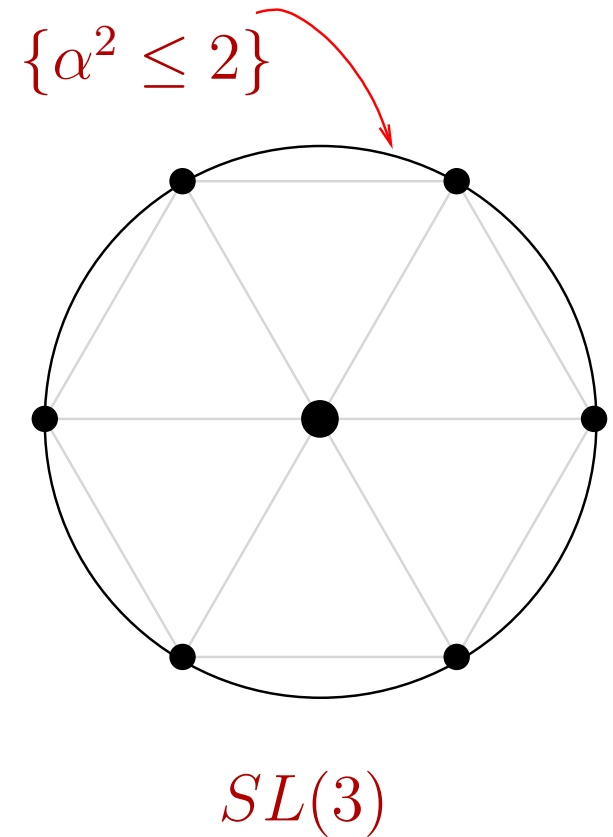
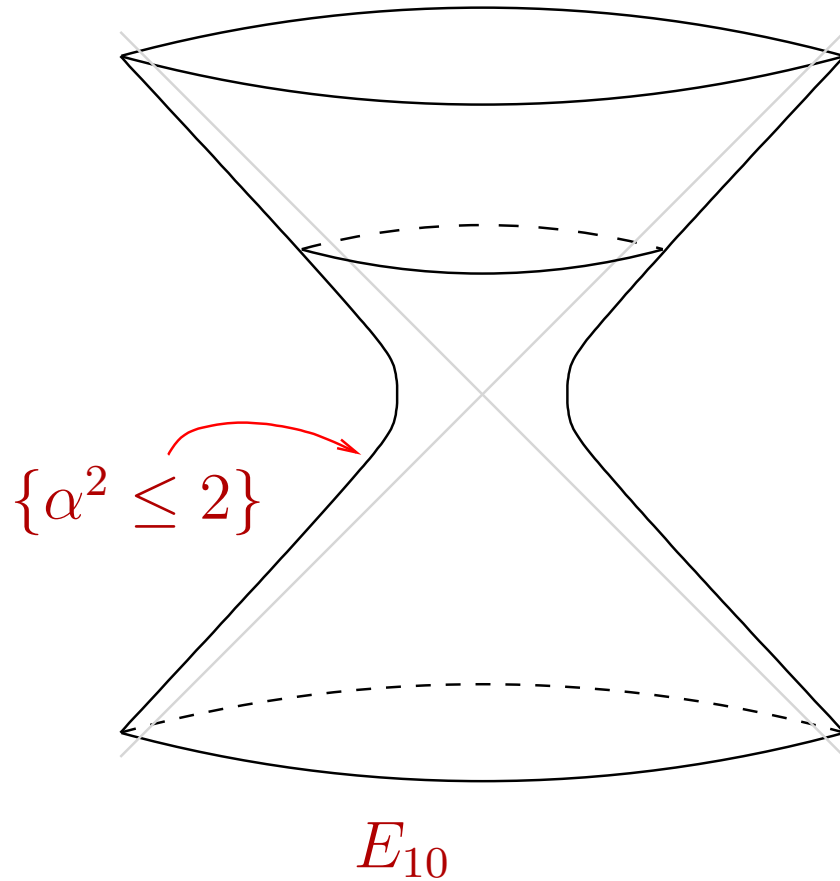
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The system is classically (formally) integrable. [Lax pair]

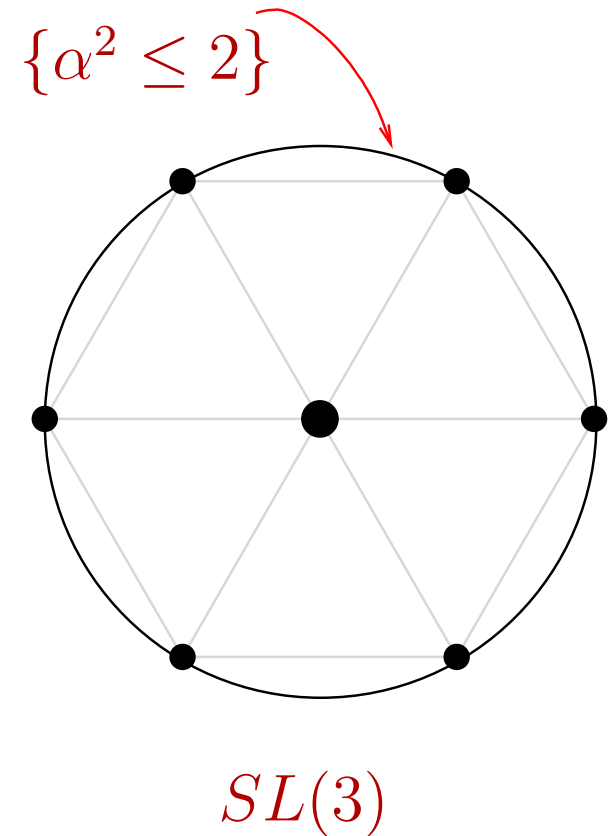
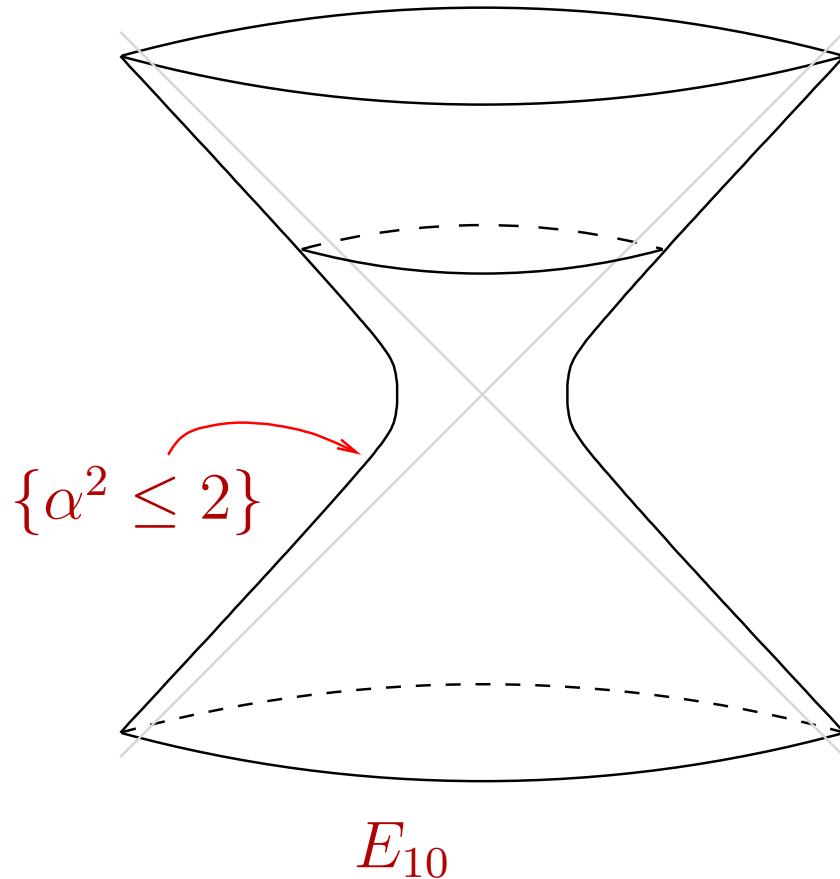
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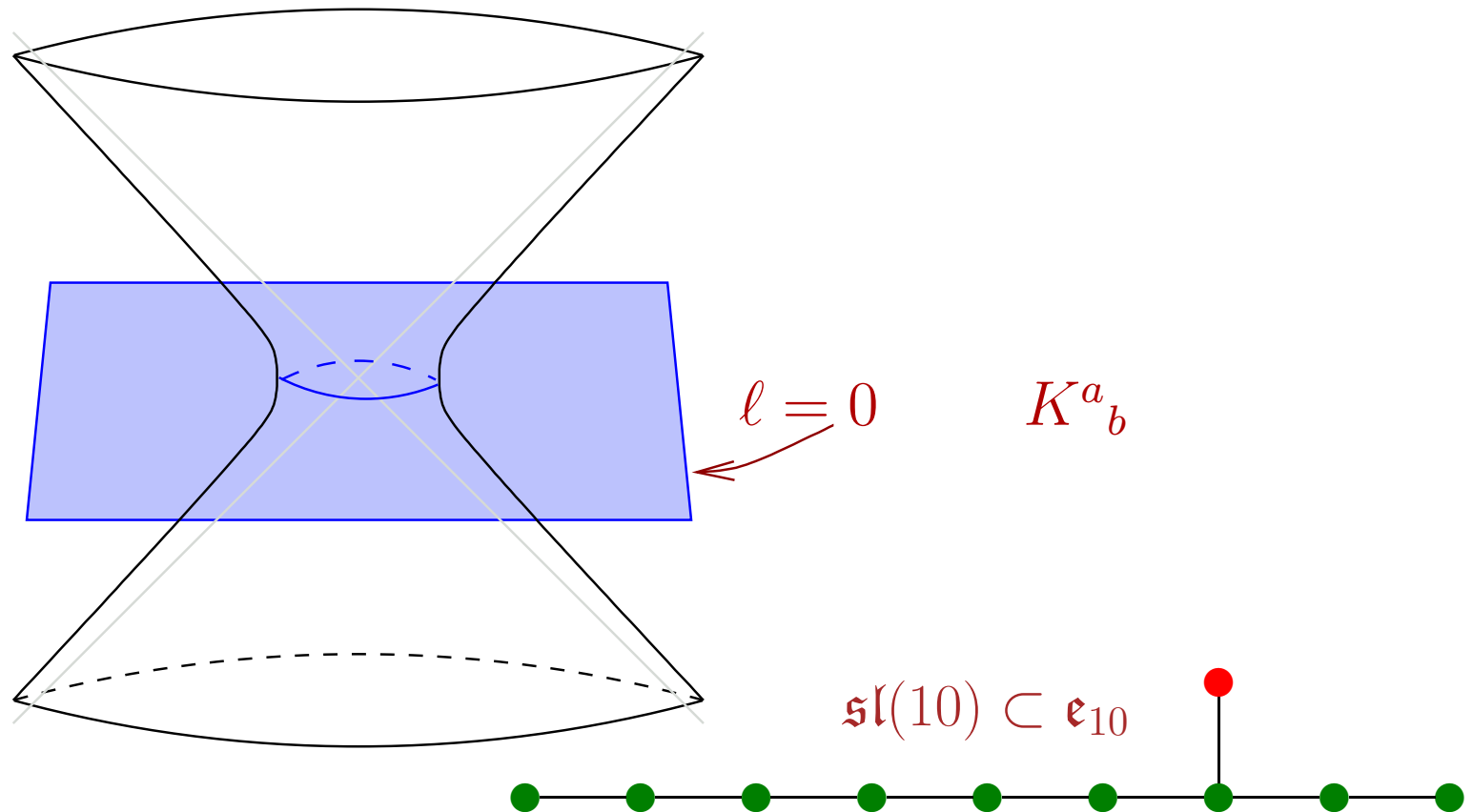


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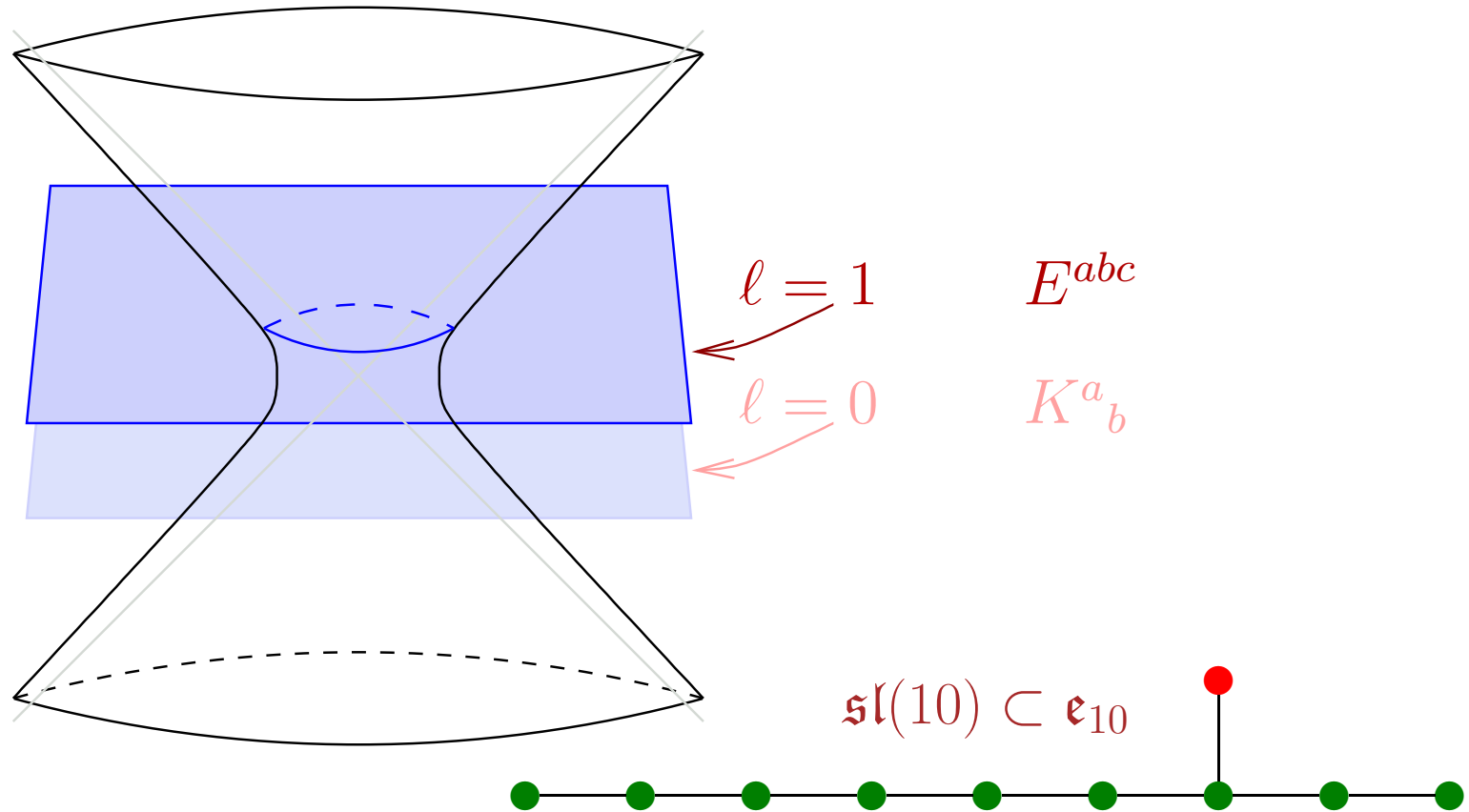
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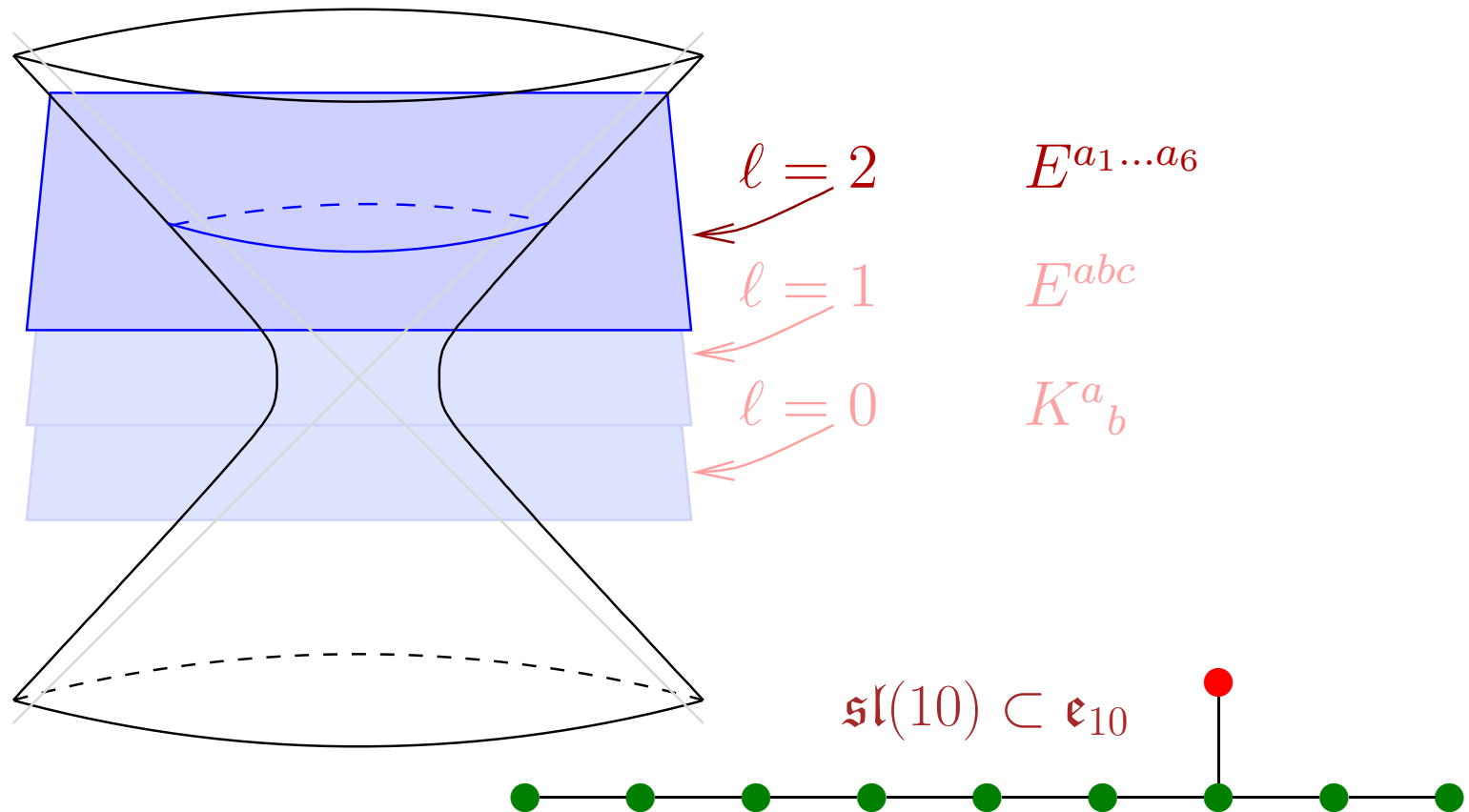
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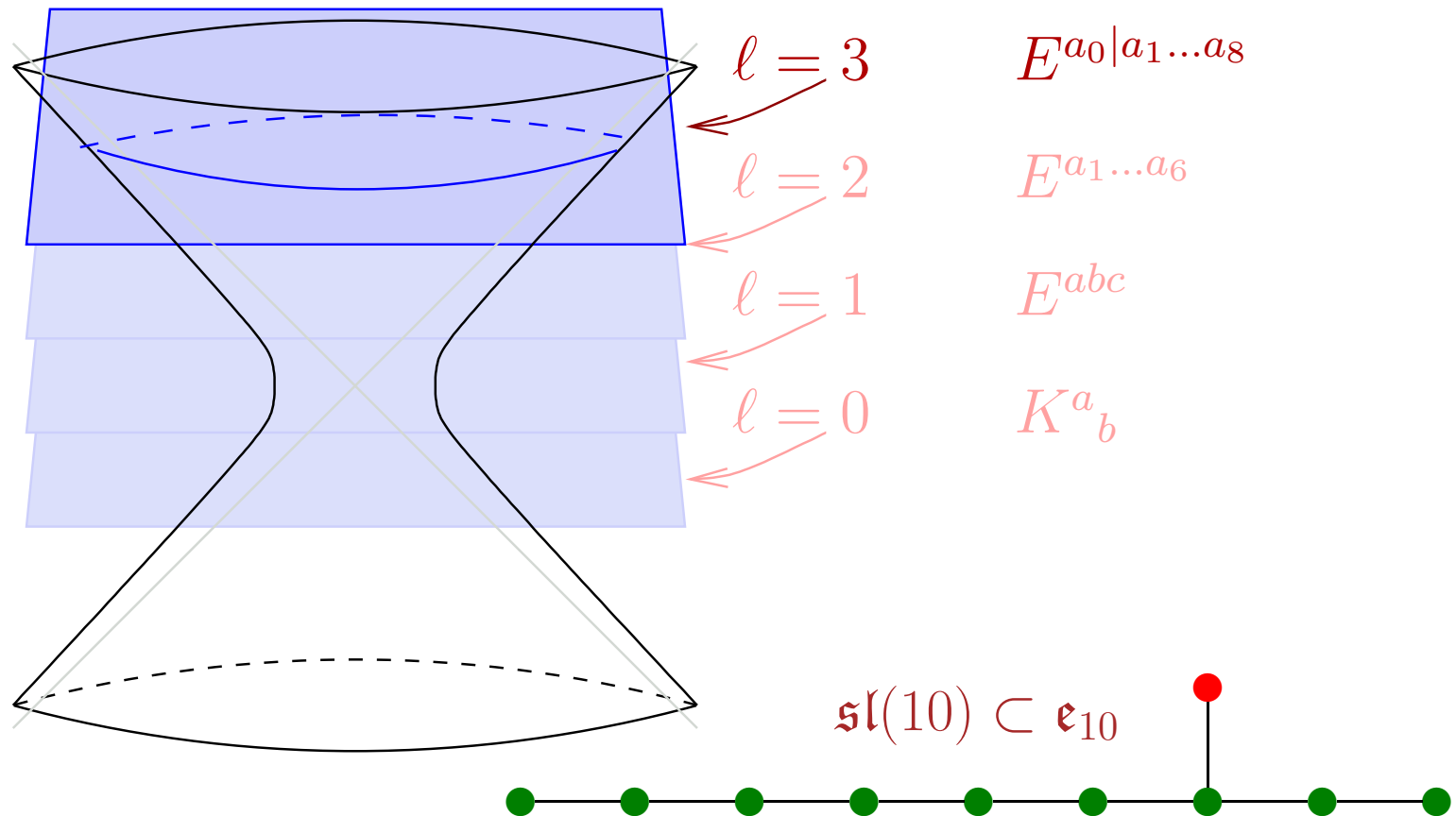
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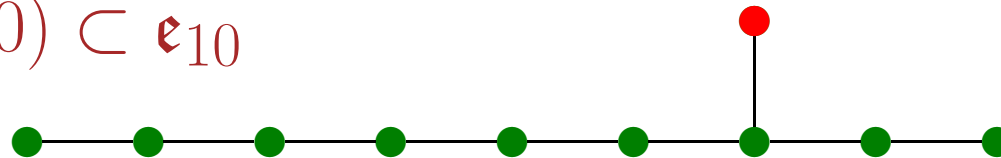
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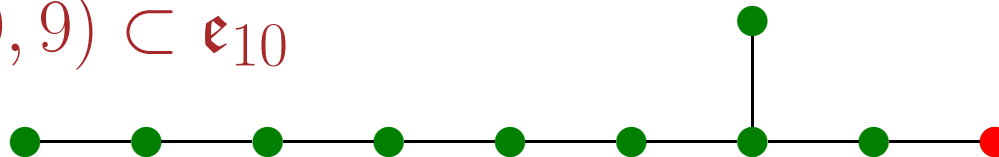
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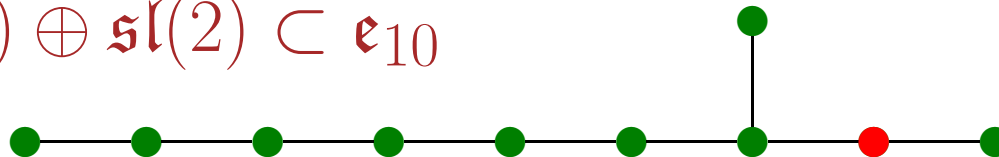
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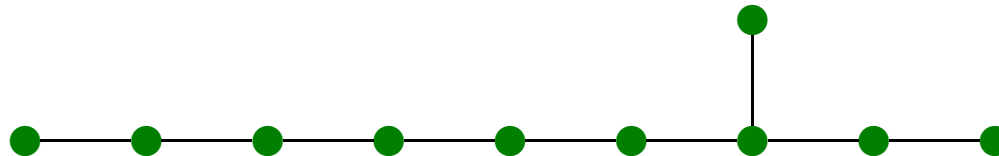
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One single and essentially unique model on $E_{10}/K(E_{10})$ exhibits all known features of (reductions of) maximal (super)gravities. [AK, Nicolai 2004]



- Similar results have been known for E_{11} .

[West 2001] [Schnakenburg, West 2001]

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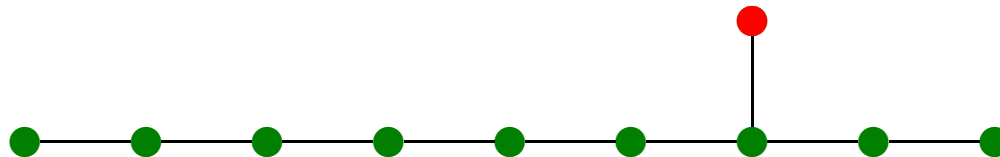
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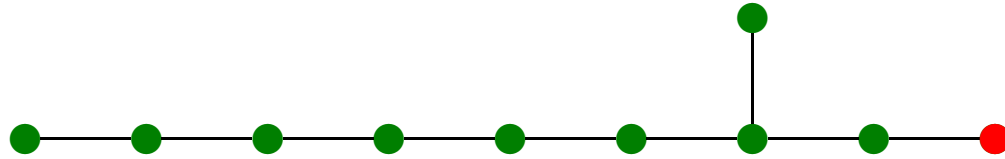
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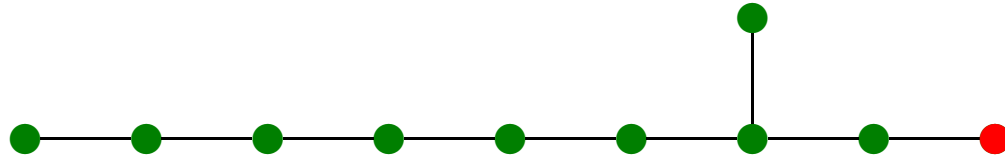


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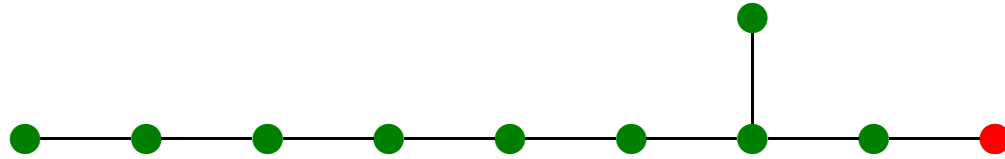


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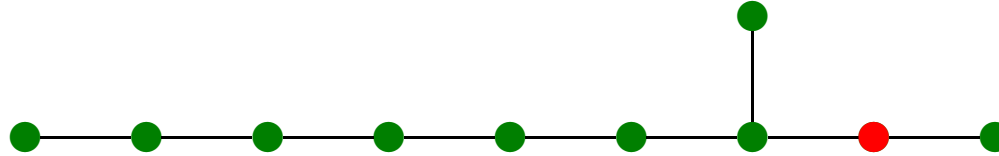
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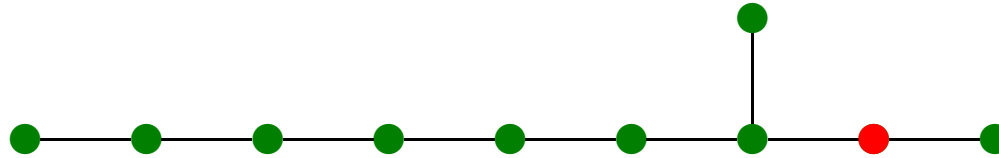
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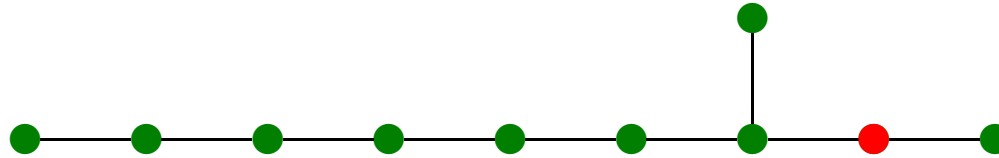


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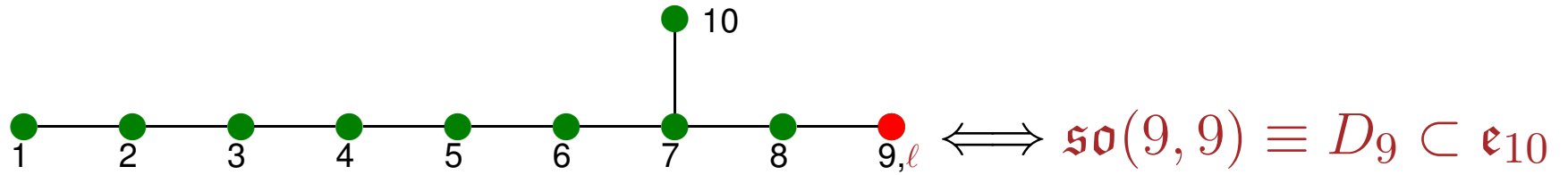
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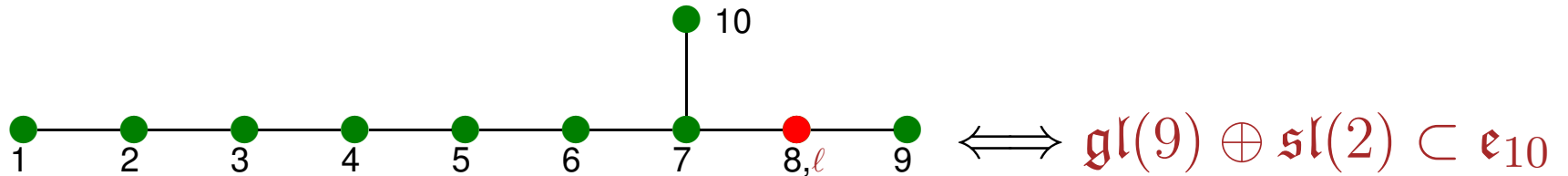
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