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**REPRESENTABLE
TANGENT
STRUCTURES**

**FOR
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TANGENT CATEGORY

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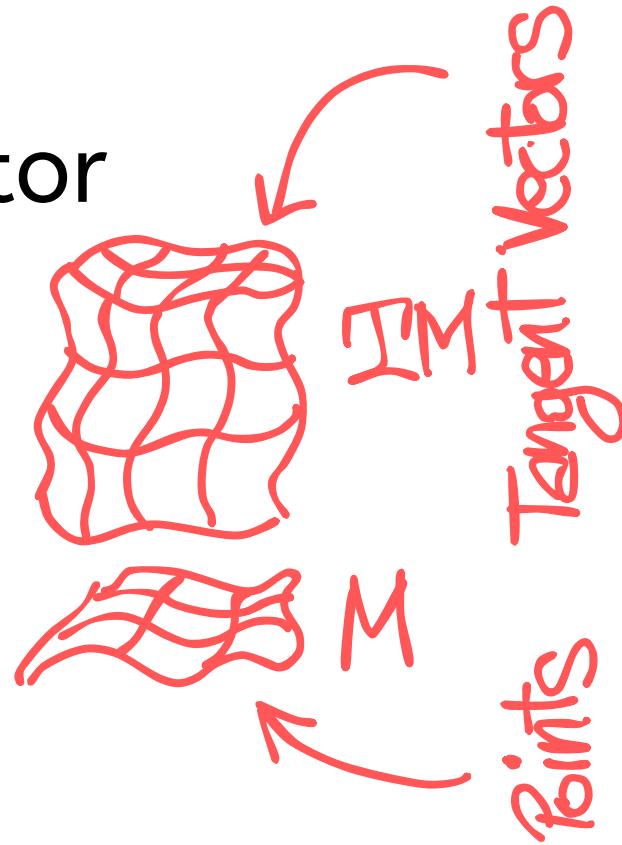
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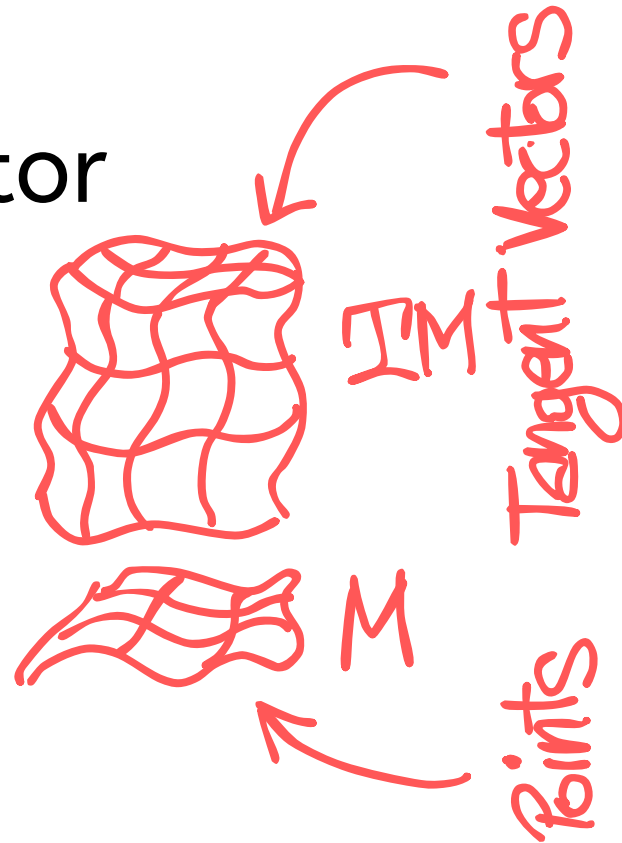
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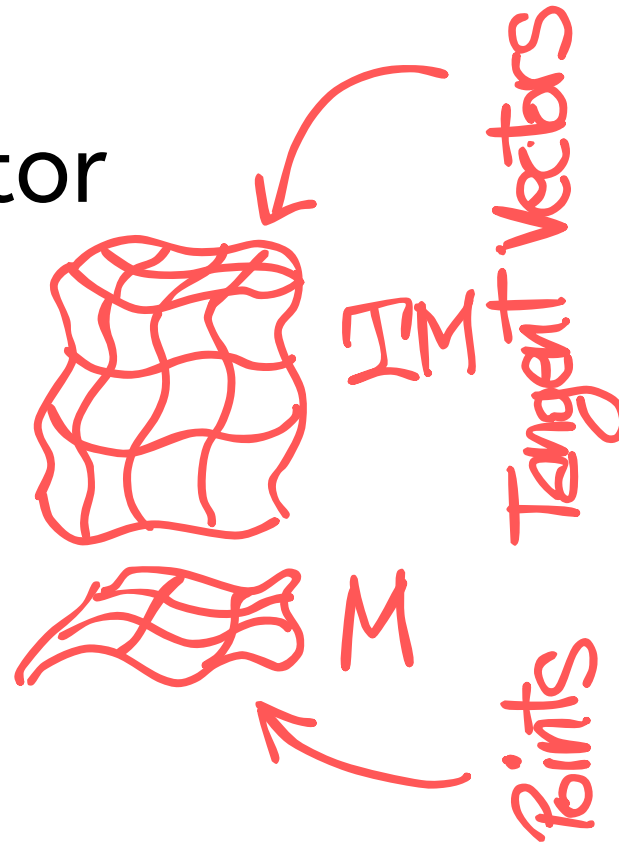
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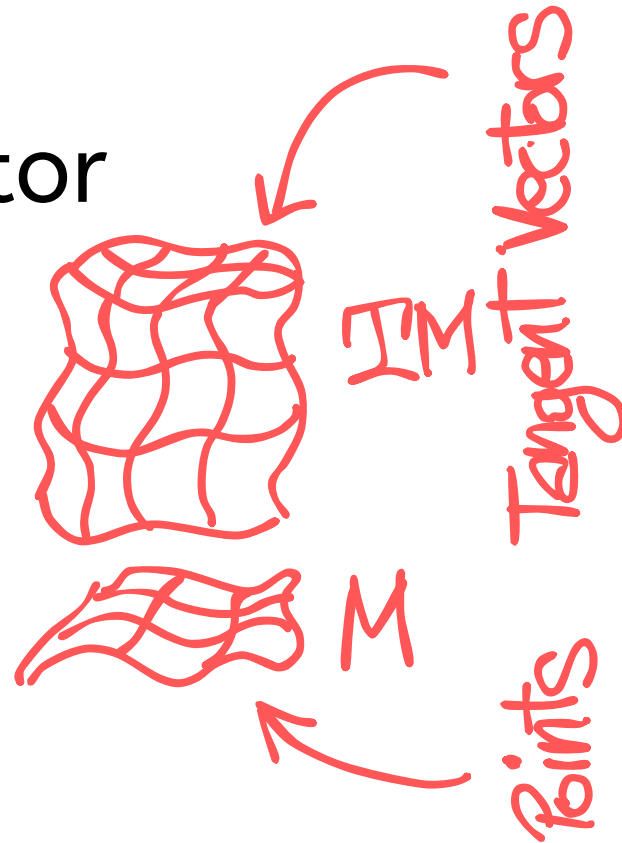
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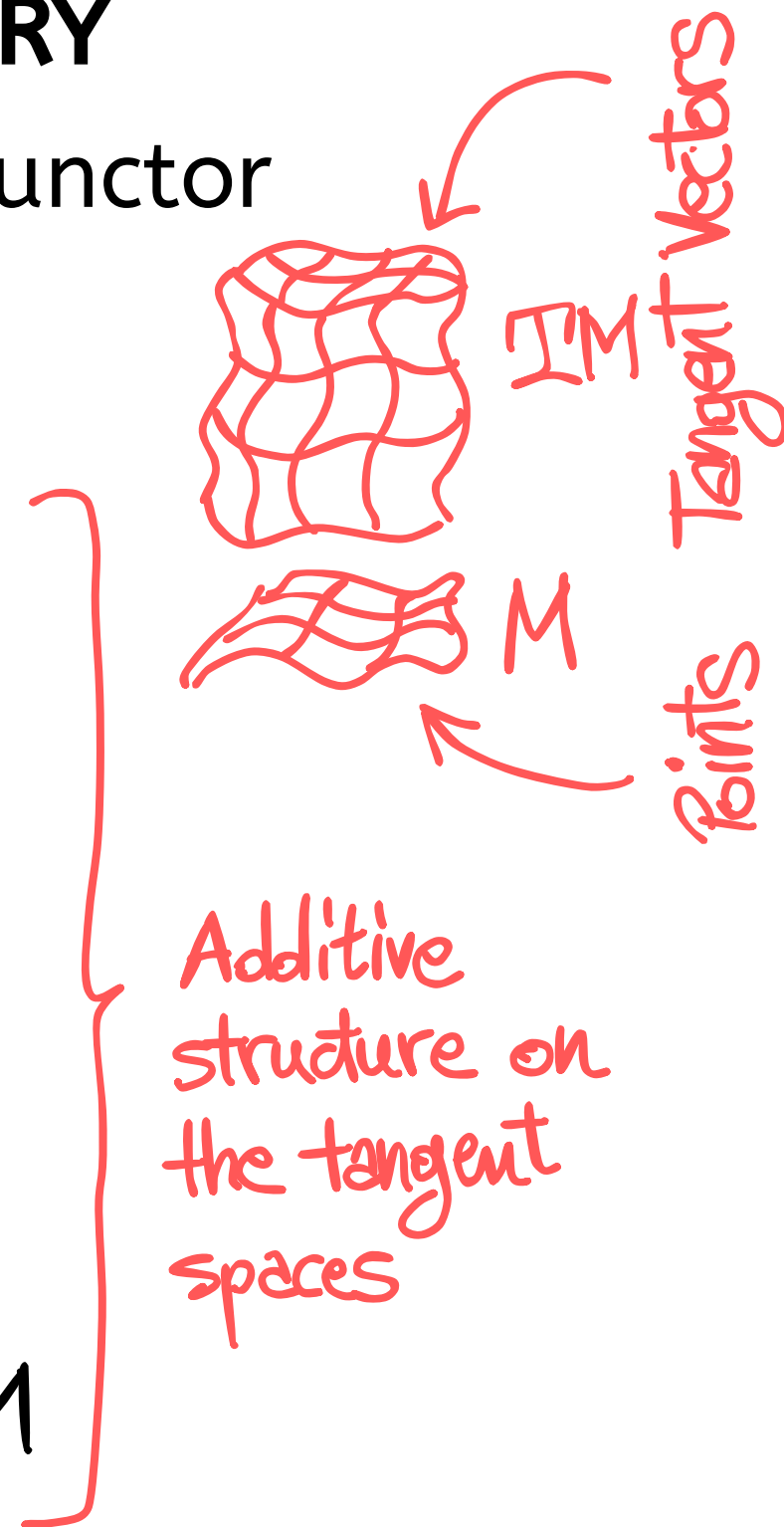
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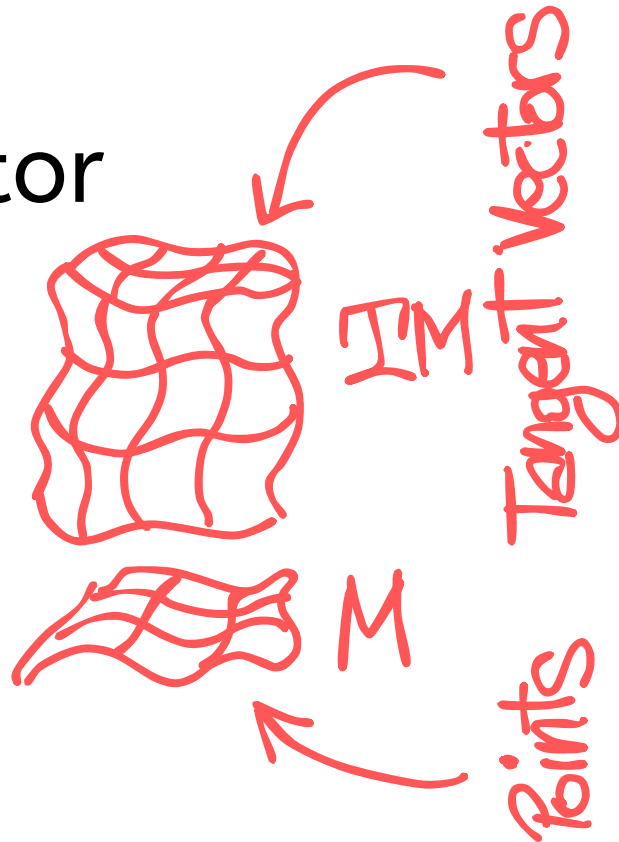
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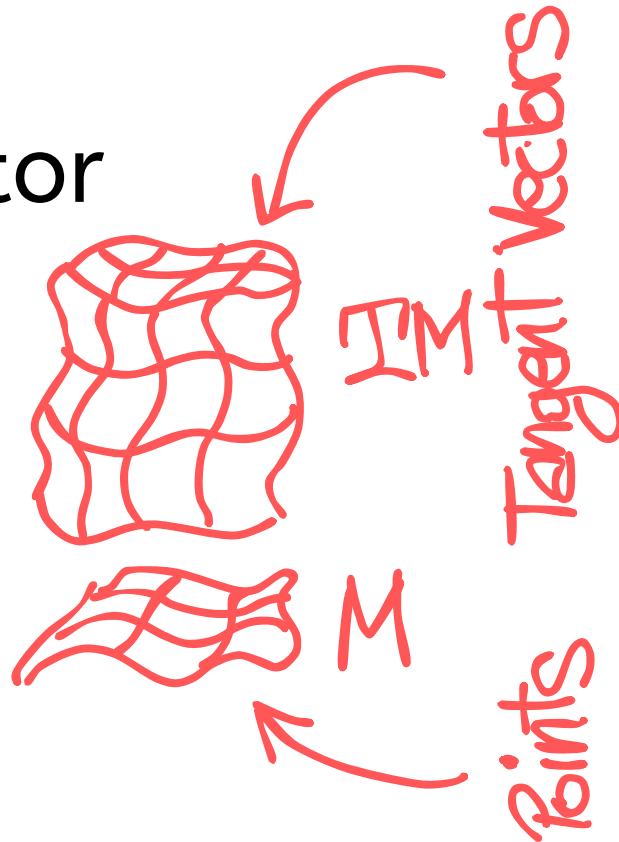
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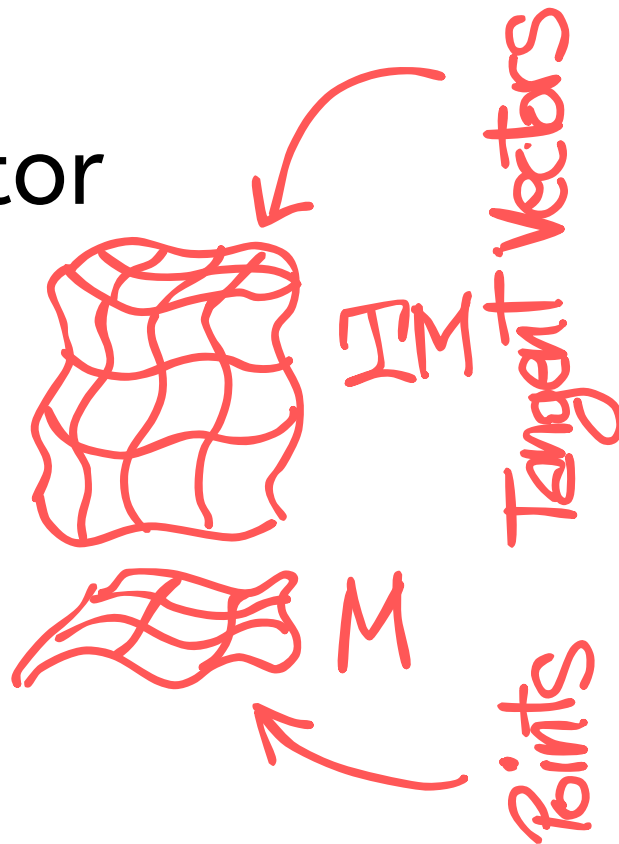
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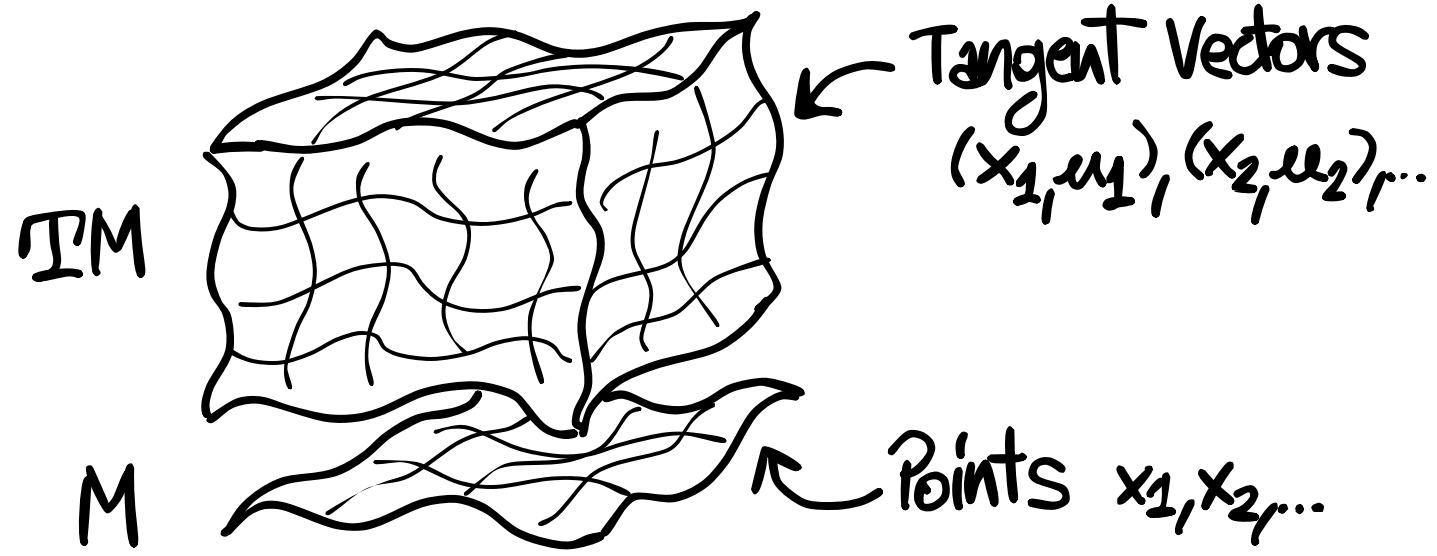
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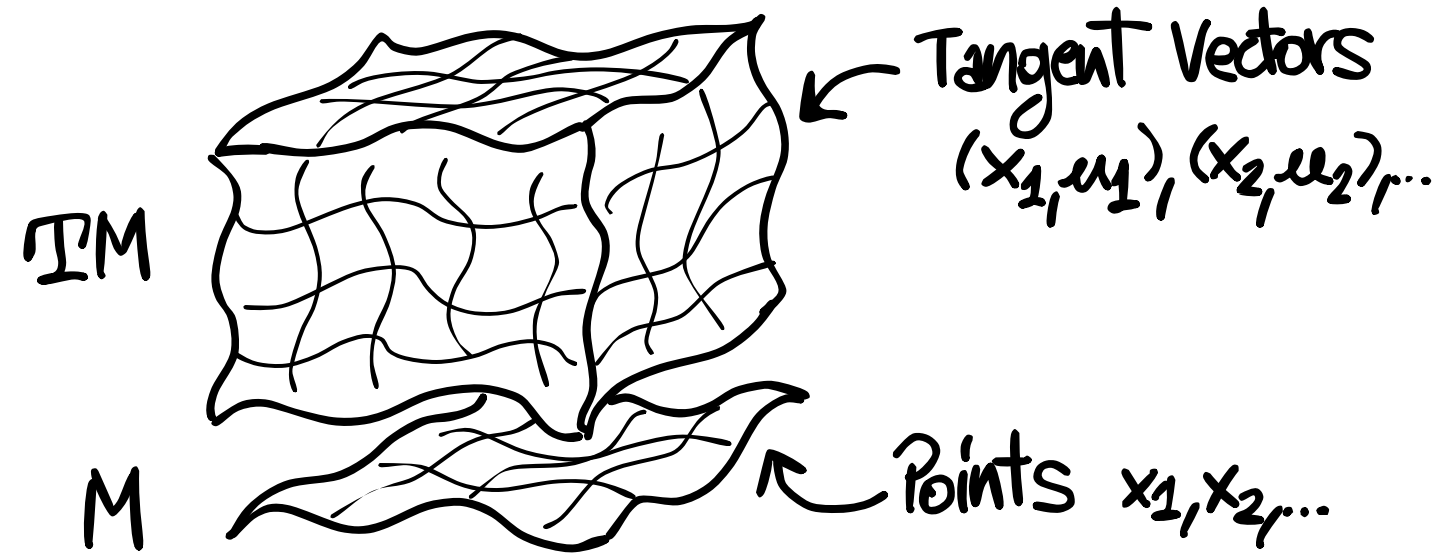
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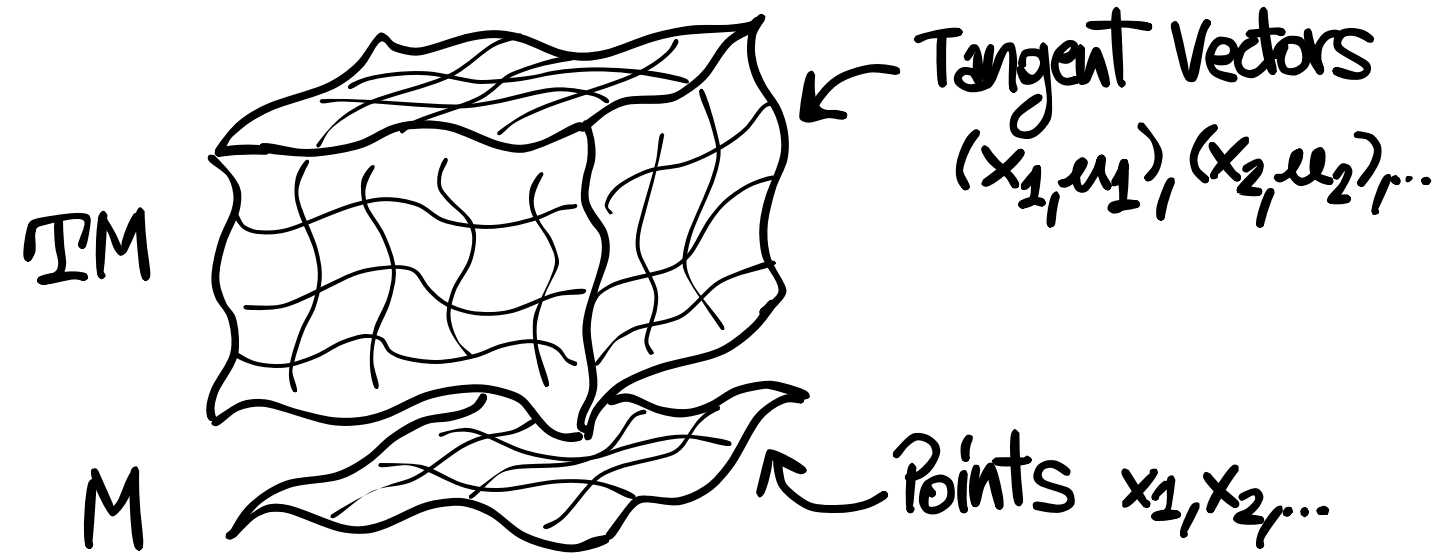
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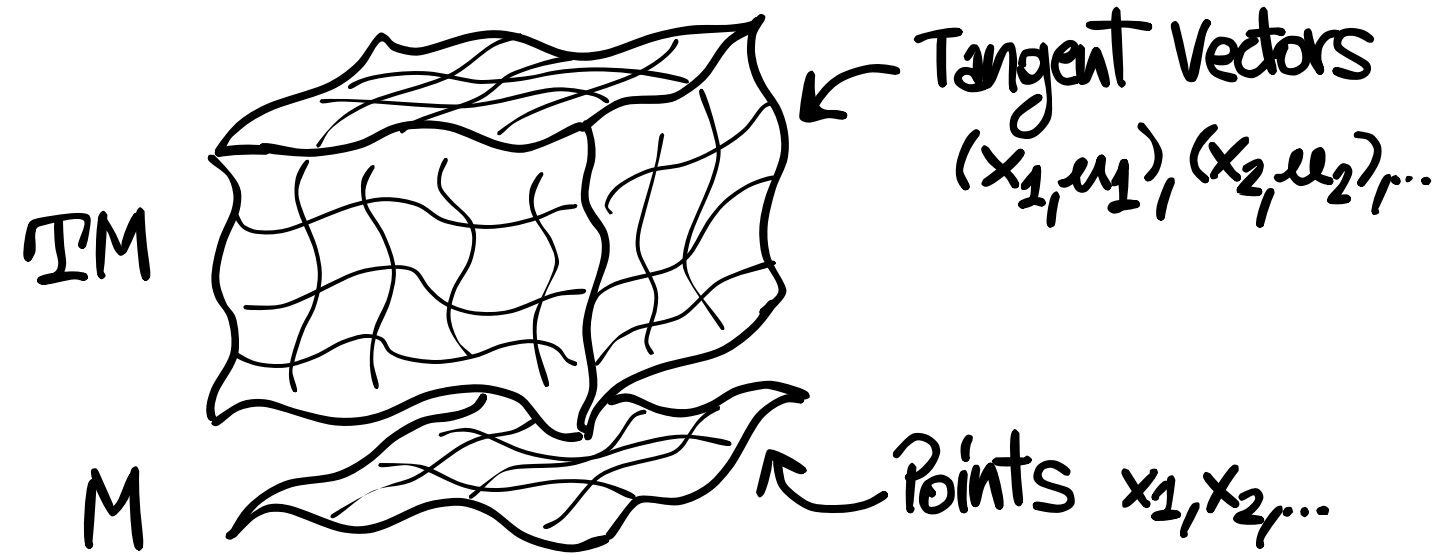
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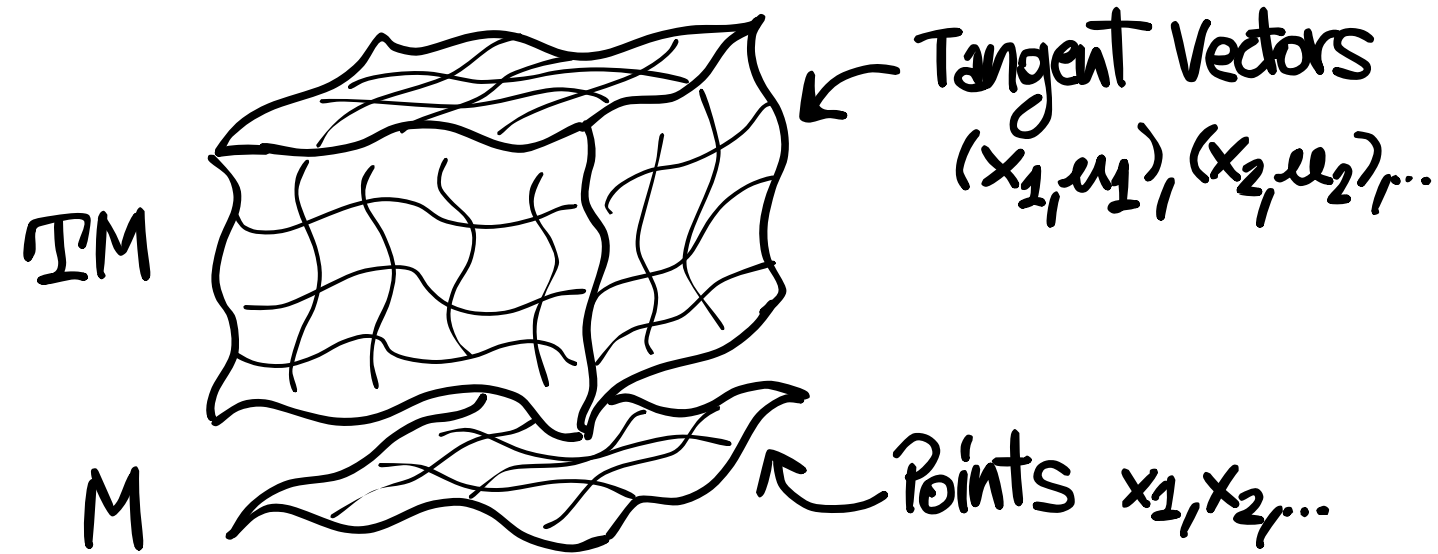
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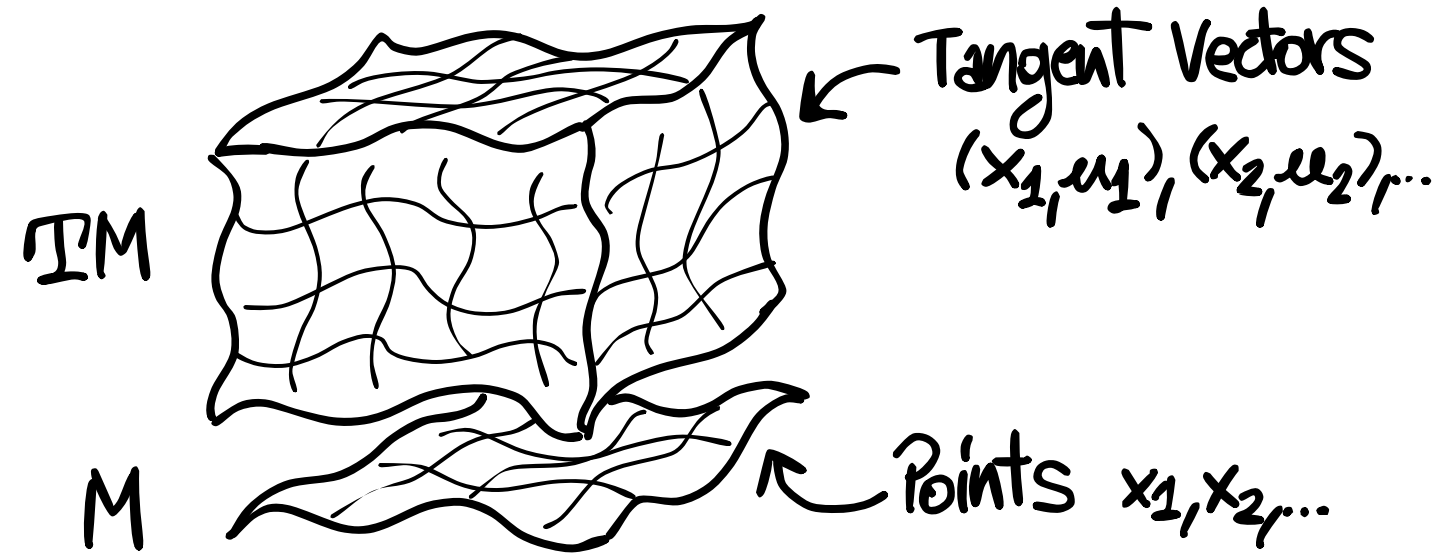
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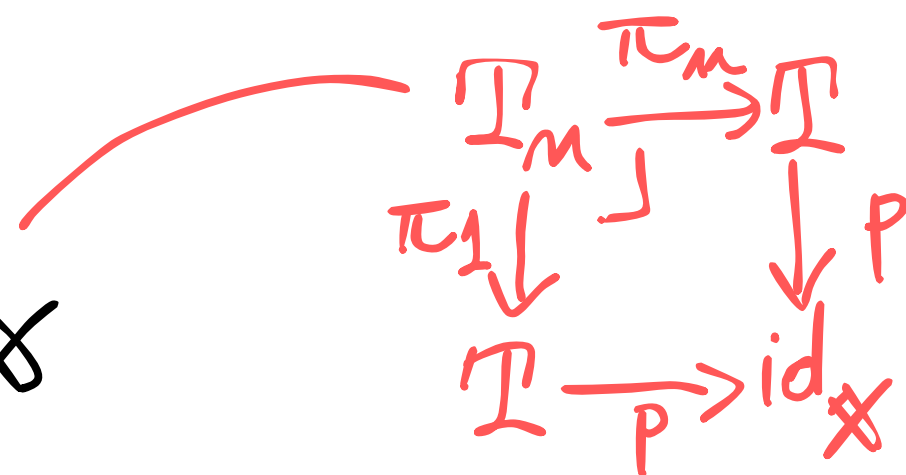
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Concretely, there is a sequence

$$D_1, D_2, \dots$$

of objects such that, for each $n > 0$, the functor

$$D_n X - : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$$

is a left adjoint to the functor

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TRIVIAL TANGENT STRUCTURE

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AFFINE SCHEMES

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if and only if

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A **coexponentiable** tangentoid in a monoidal category

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is a tangentoid for which each

$$D_n \otimes - : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$$

admits a left adjoint.

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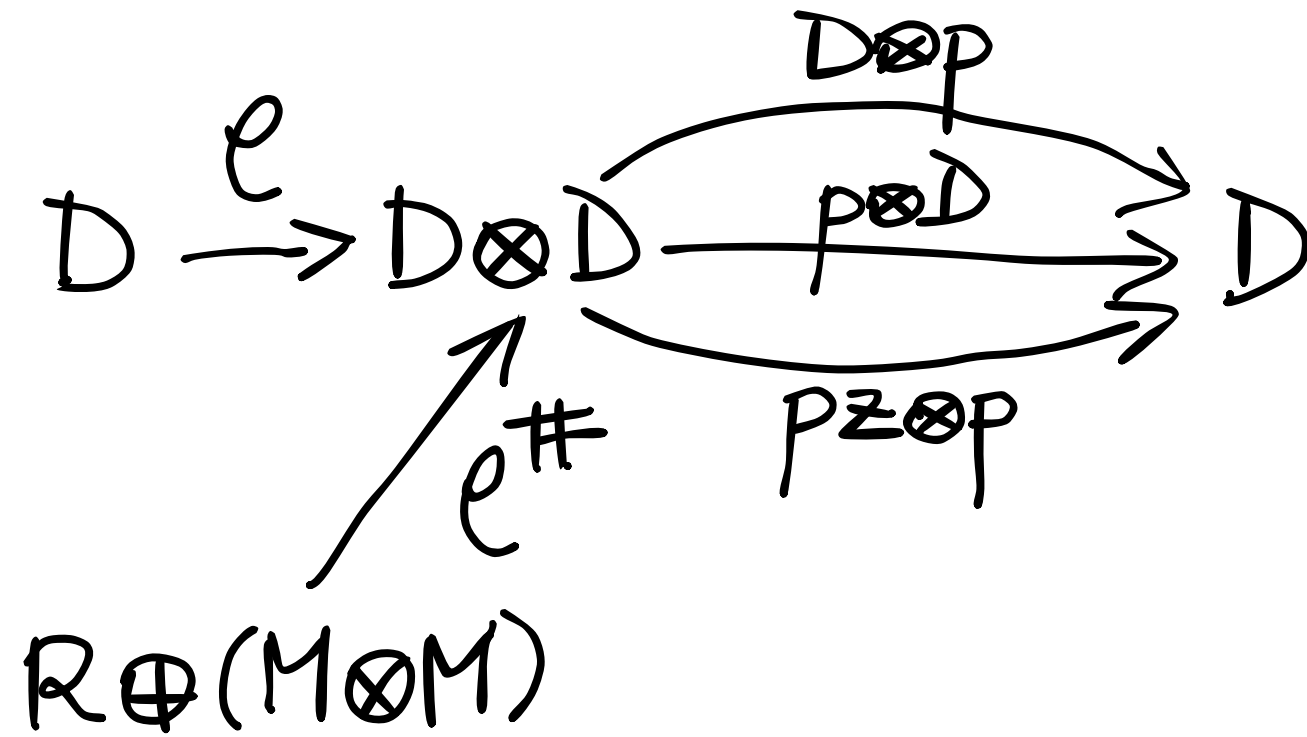
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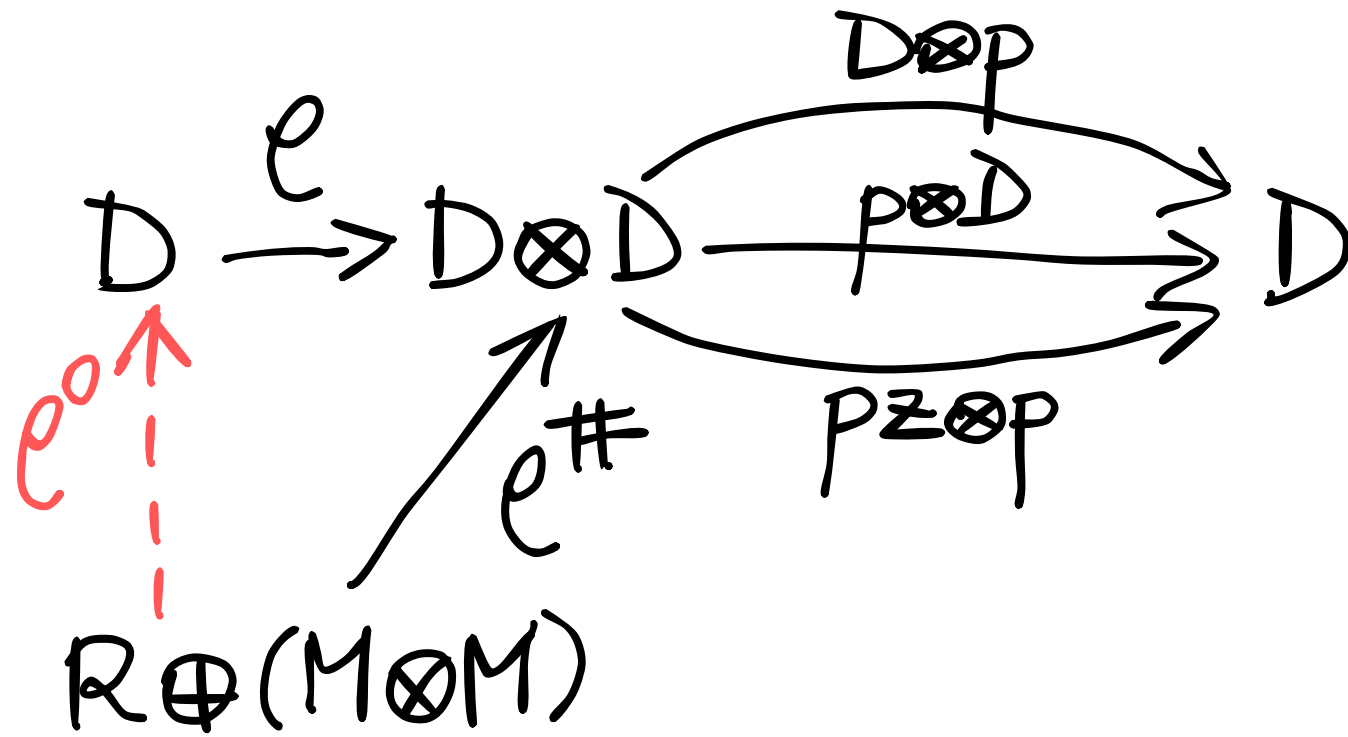
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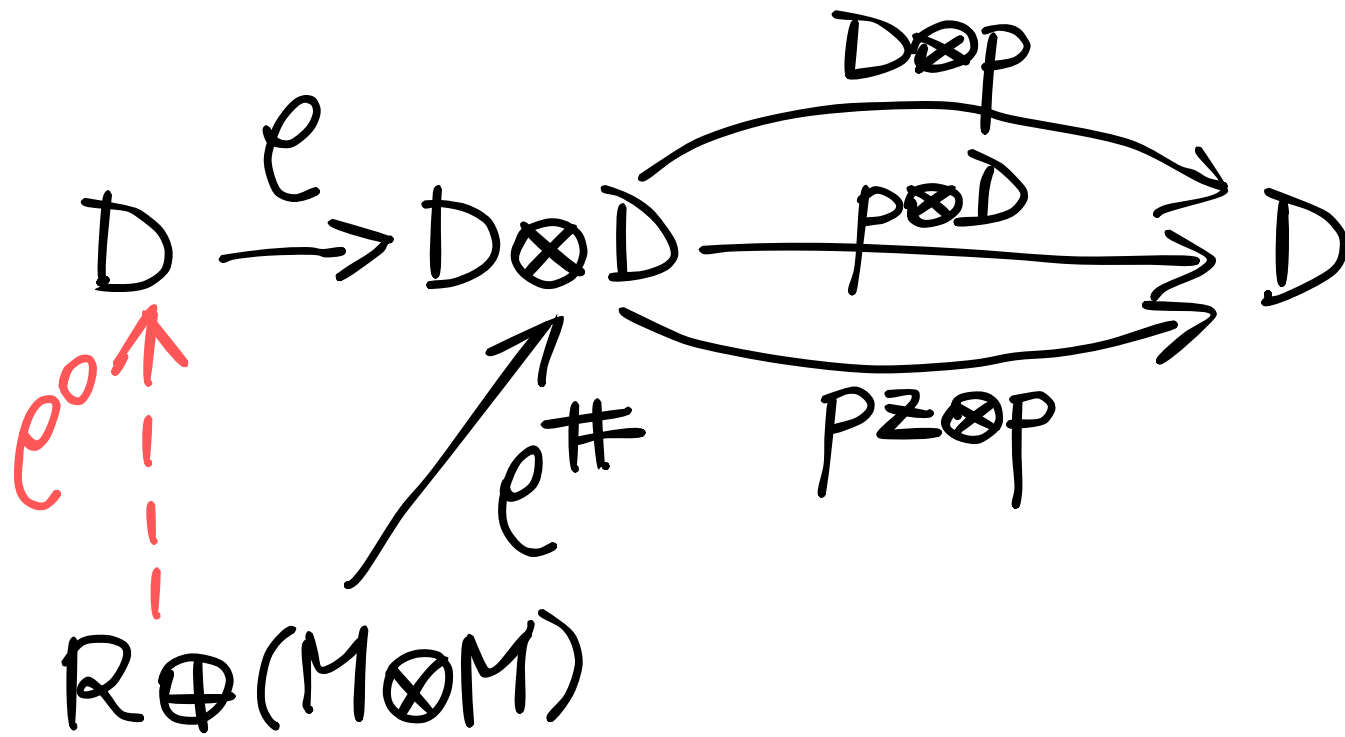
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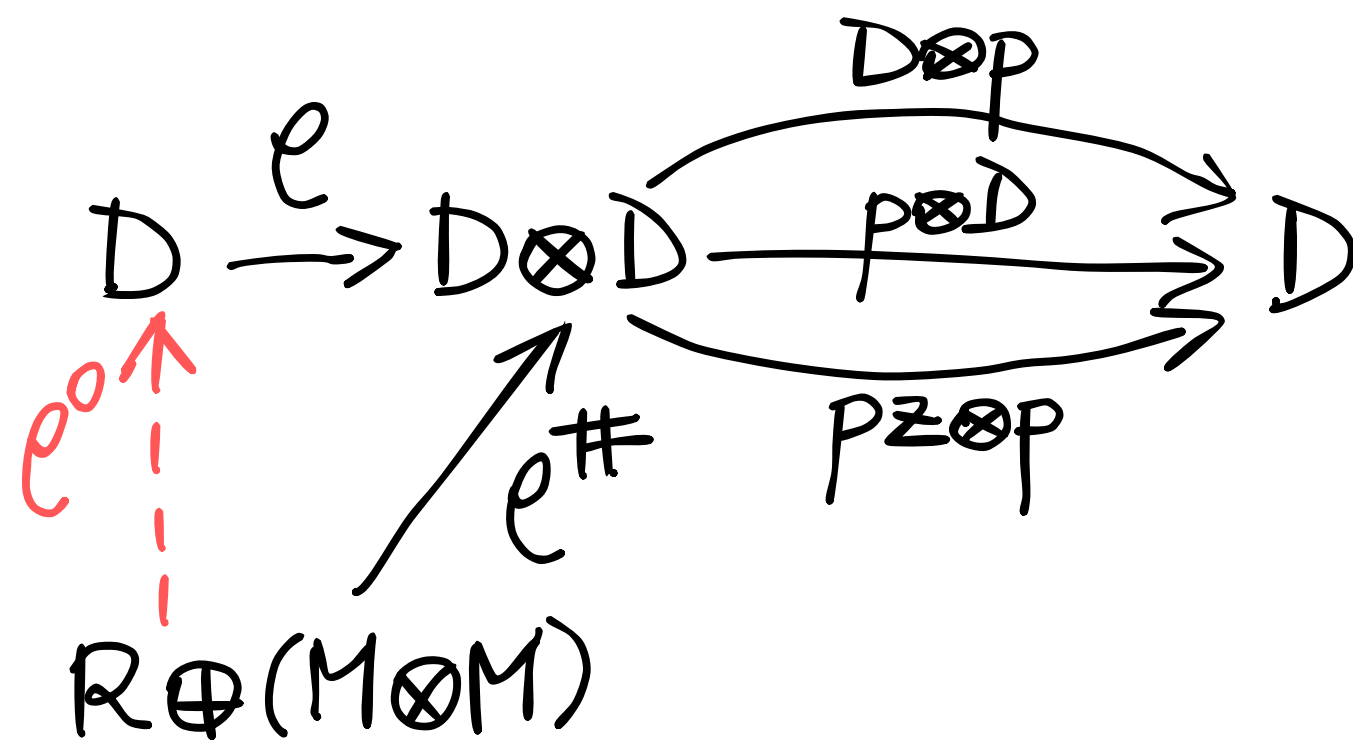


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in CRING.

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