

Quantum Proofs of Proximity

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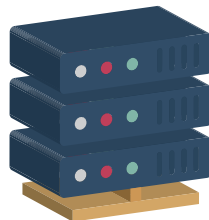
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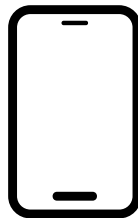
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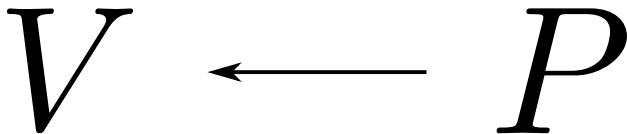
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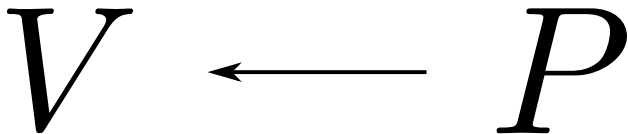
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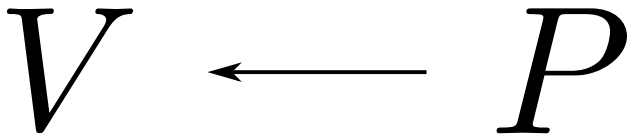


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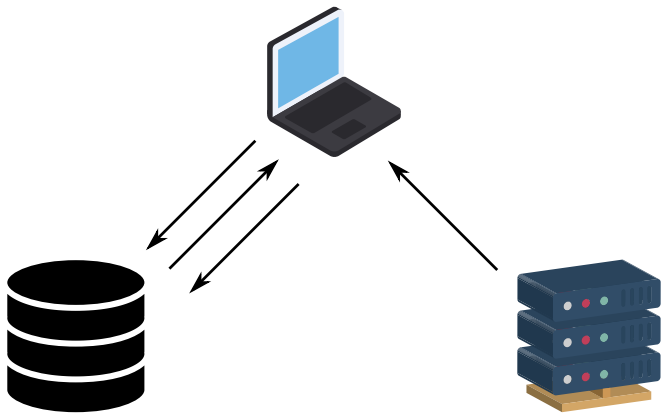
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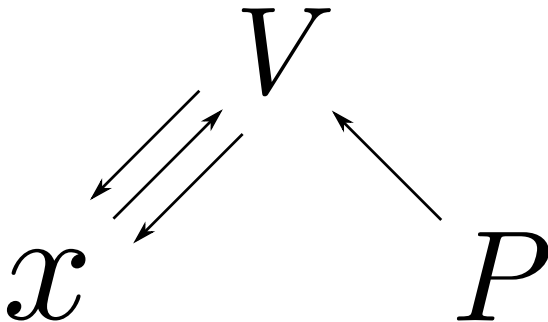
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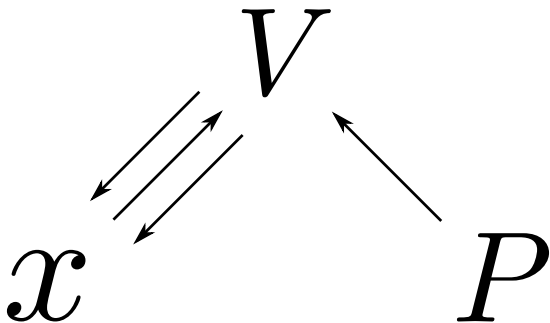
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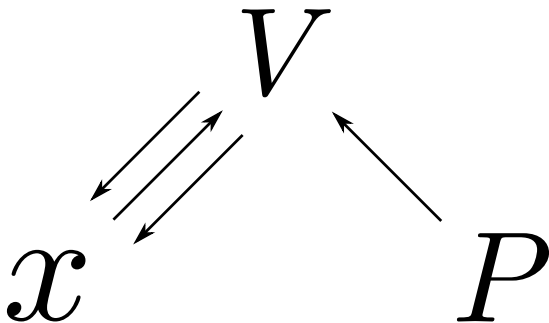




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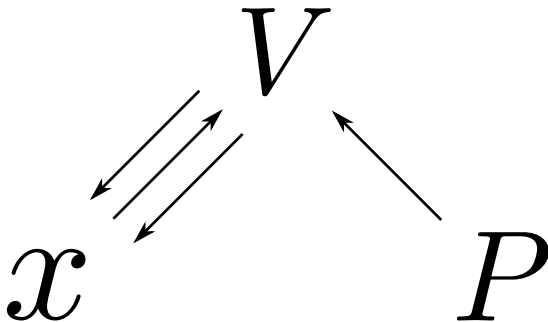
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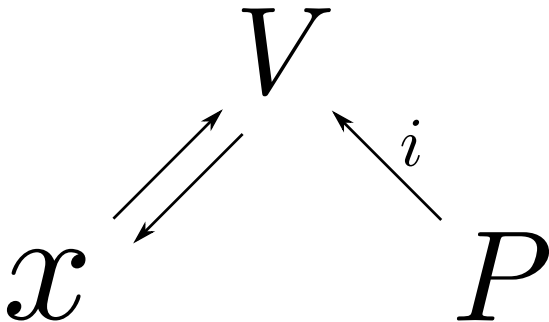
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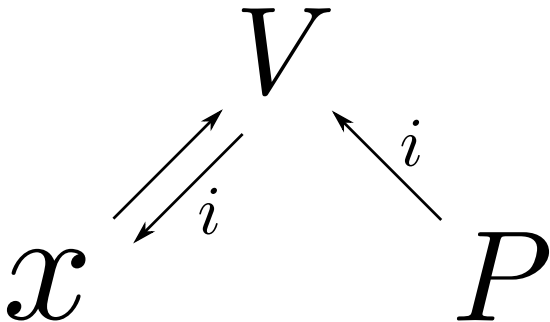
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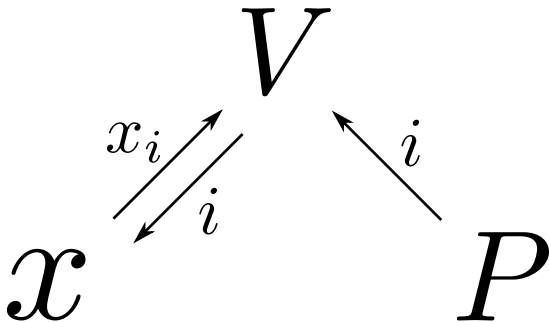
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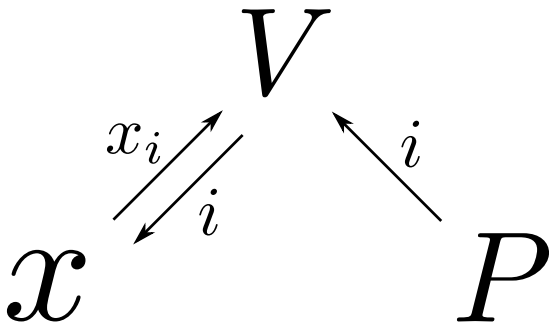


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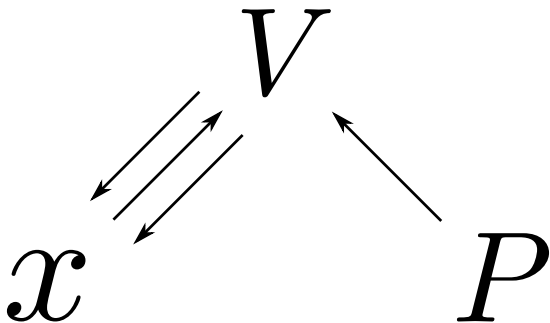


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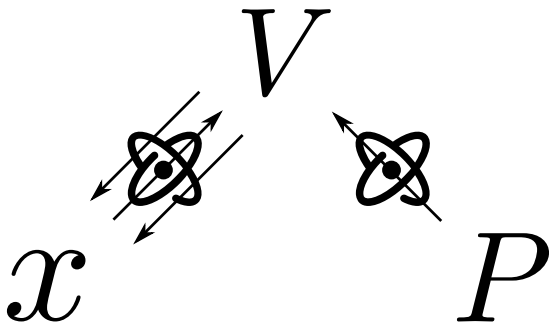
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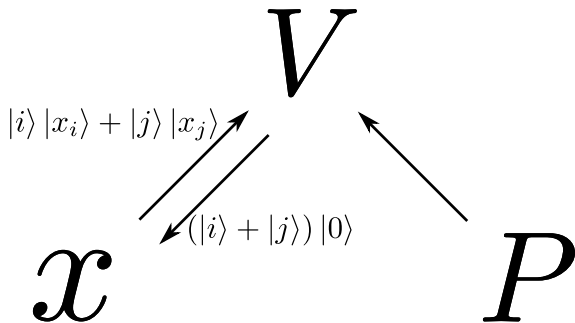
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If a one-sided randomised algorithm makes q queries and detects an error with probability ρ , there is a quantum algorithm making $O(q/\sqrt{\rho})$ queries that succeeds w. p. $2/3$.

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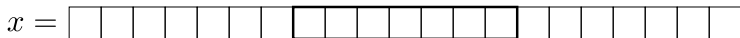
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Quantumly, an $n^{2/3}$ -bit proof and $O(n^{2/3})$ queries suffice!

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Setting $p = n^{2/3}$ in the previous algorithm, it makes $n^{1/3}$ queries to detect an error w. p. $1/n^{2/3}$. Therefore,

$$q = O\left(\frac{n^{1/3}}{\sqrt{1/n^{2/3}}}\right) = O(n^{2/3}).$$

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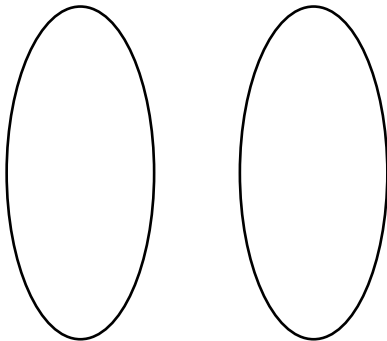
A similar strategy works for every decomposable property.

(Includes k -monotonicity, acceptance by branching programs, membership in context-free languages, and Eulerian graph orientations.)

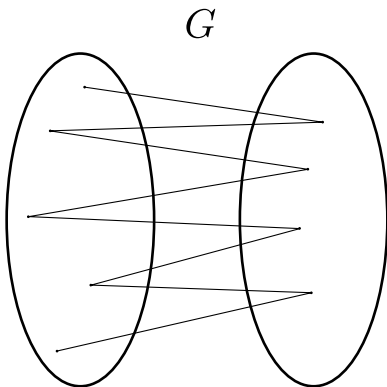
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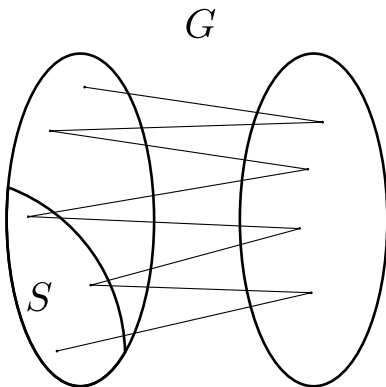
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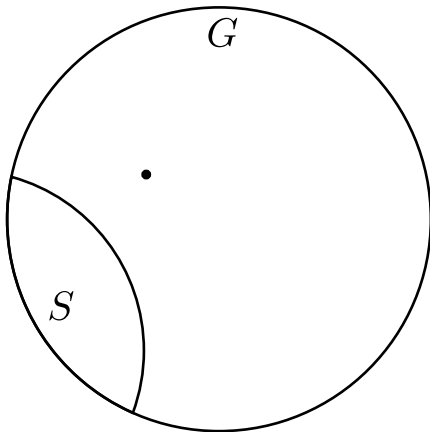
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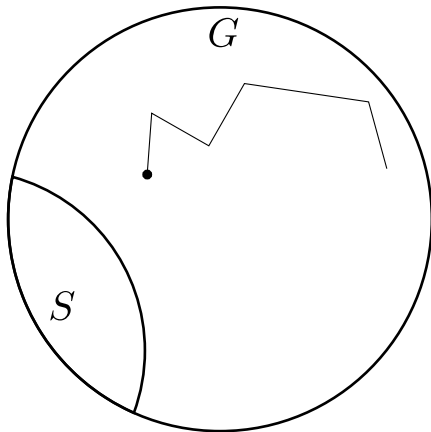


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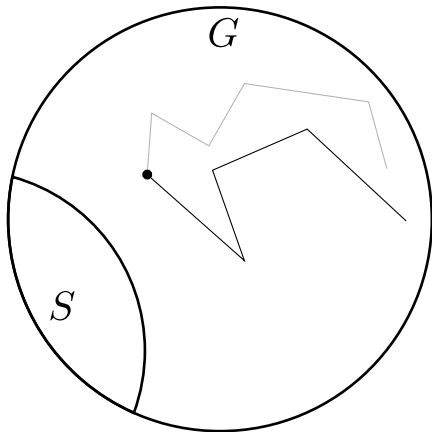
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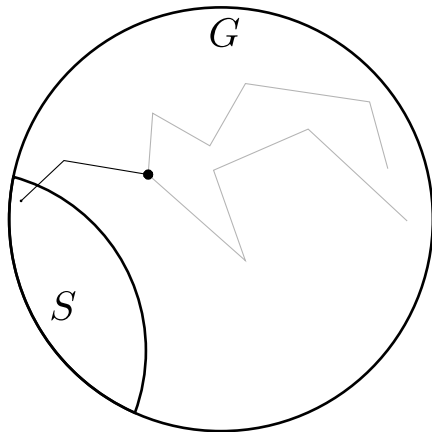
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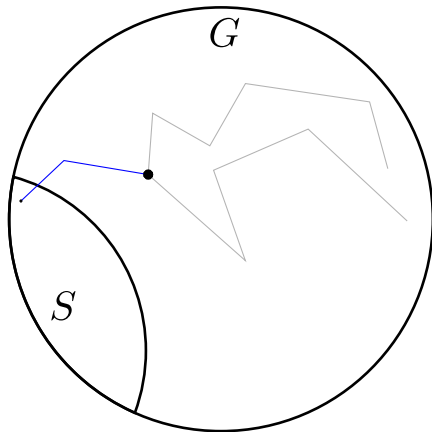
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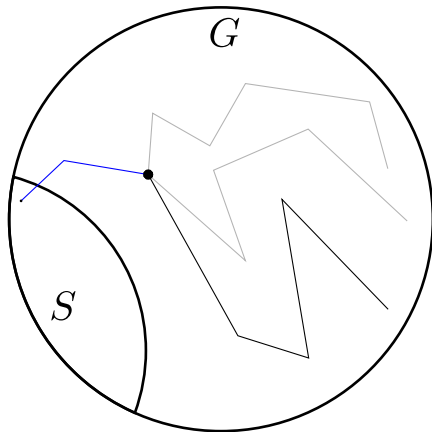
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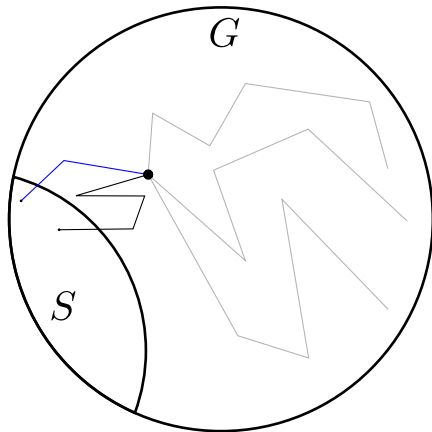
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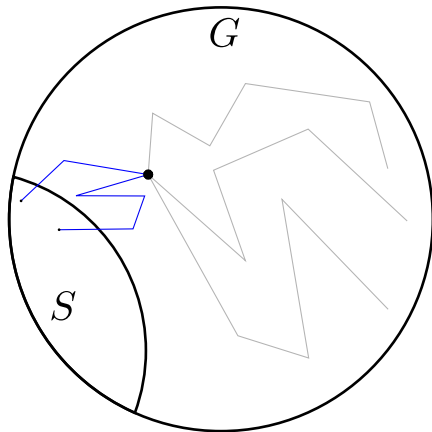
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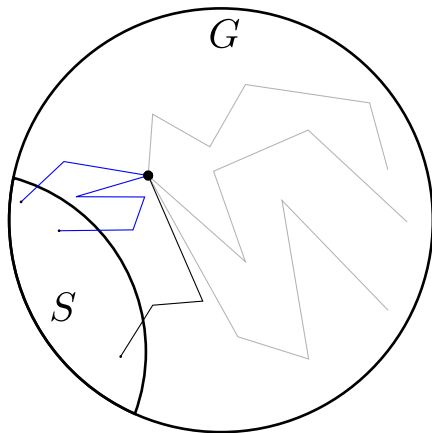
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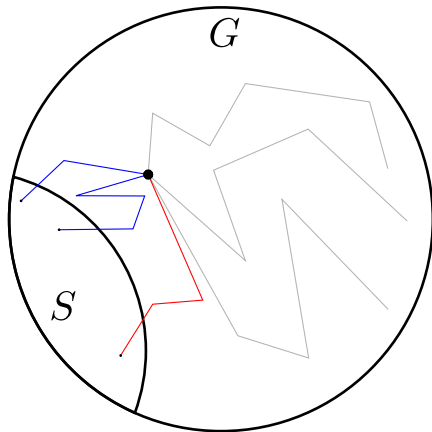
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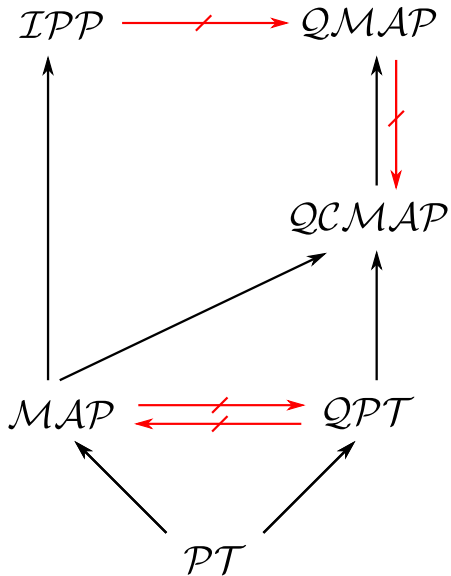
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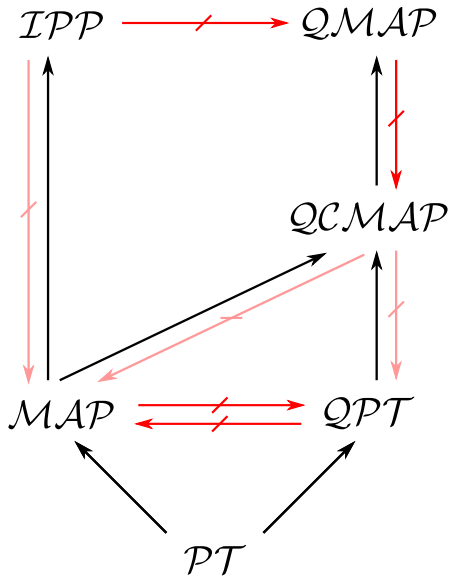
The following separations hold:

- *$QMAP \not\subseteq MAP \cup QPT$, i.e., quantum input access with a proof are more powerful in tandem than separately;*
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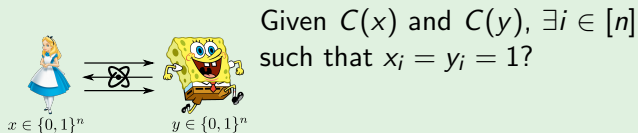
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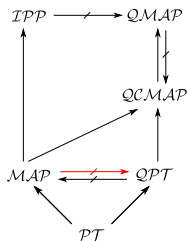
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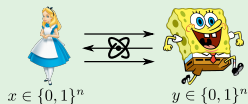
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- $\Omega(\sqrt{n})$ without proof
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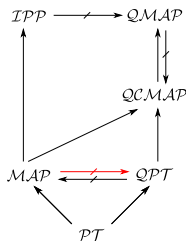
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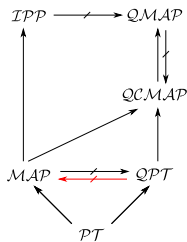
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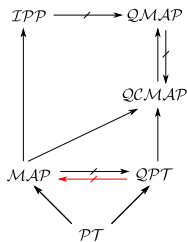
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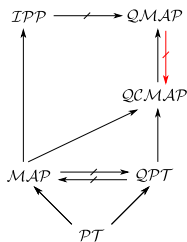


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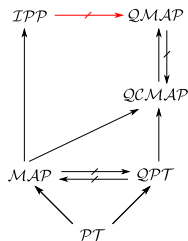
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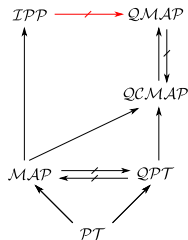
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