

Quantum Functional Programming Language & Its Denotational Semantics

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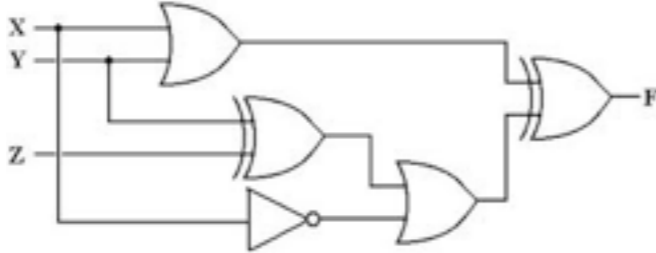
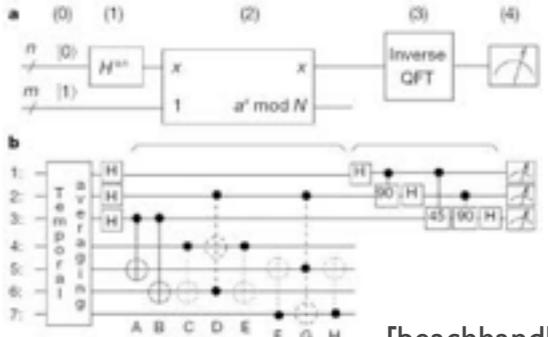
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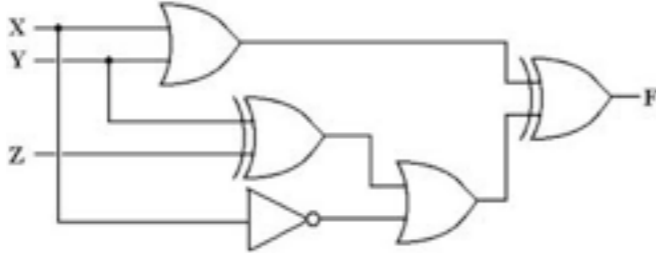
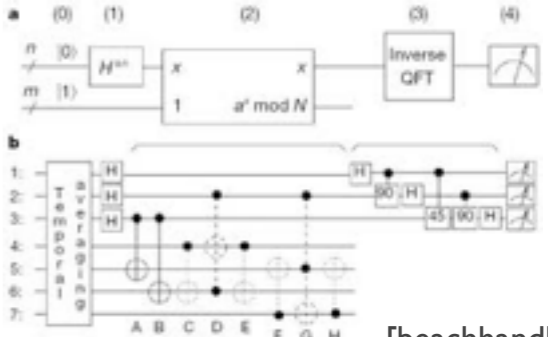
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- Well-developed techniques for correctness guarantee (*verification*)
 - Type system
 - Program model checking
 - etc.

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Q2. Why *functional* programming language?

(Classical) Functional Programming Languages

- Computation as *evaluation of mathematical functions*
- Avoids (*memory*) state or mutable data
- Scheme, Erlang, ML (SML, OCaml), Haskell, F#, ...

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int i, j;
int factorial(int k)
{
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        j=j*i;
    return j;
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Factorial in C

```
fun factorial x =
    if x = 0 then 1 else x * factorial (x-1)
```

Factorial in ML

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--o : “linear function”
(input is used only once)

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Faulty program

```
fun isValue t =  
  case t of  
    Num _ => 1  
  | _ => false
```

compile

Type error

```
ex.sml:22.3-24.15 Error: types of rules don't agree  
[literal]  
  earlier rule(s): term -> int  
  this rule: term -> bool  
in rule:  
  _ => false
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Examples

In [Selinger-Valiron]; similar in ours

- Quantum teleportation

$\mathbf{EPR} = \lambda x. \mathbf{CNOT} \langle H(\mathit{new} 0), \mathit{new} 0 \rangle$

$\mathbf{BellMeasure} =$

$\lambda q_2. \lambda q_1. (\mathit{let} \langle x, y \rangle = \mathbf{CNOT} \langle q_1, q_2 \rangle \mathit{in} \langle \mathit{meas}(Hx), \mathit{meas} y \rangle)$

$\mathbf{U} = \lambda q. \lambda \langle x, y \rangle. \mathit{if} x \mathit{then} (\mathit{if} y \mathit{then} U_{11}q \mathit{else} U_{10}q)$
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- (Fair) cointoss, repeated Hadamard

$\mathbf{c} = \lambda *. \mathit{meas}(H(\mathit{new} 0))$

$\mathbf{M} = \mathit{let} \mathit{rec} f x = (\mathit{if} (\mathbf{c} *) \mathit{then} H(f x) \mathit{else} x) \mathit{in} f p$

Flip coin:

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Hadamard and
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(stupid) sort \cong quick sort

Semantics

- For functional languages:
- *Operational*: how the program is transformed/evaluated/reduced

$$(\lambda x. 1 + x)3 \longrightarrow 1 + 3 \longrightarrow 4$$

- *Denotational*: “meaning” as a mathematical function

$$[\lambda x. 1 + x] = (\text{function } \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, n \mapsto 1 + n)$$

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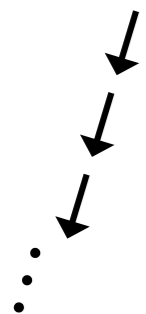
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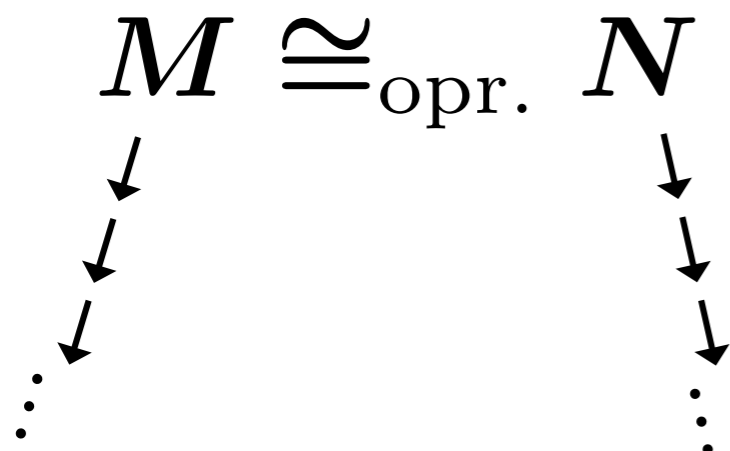
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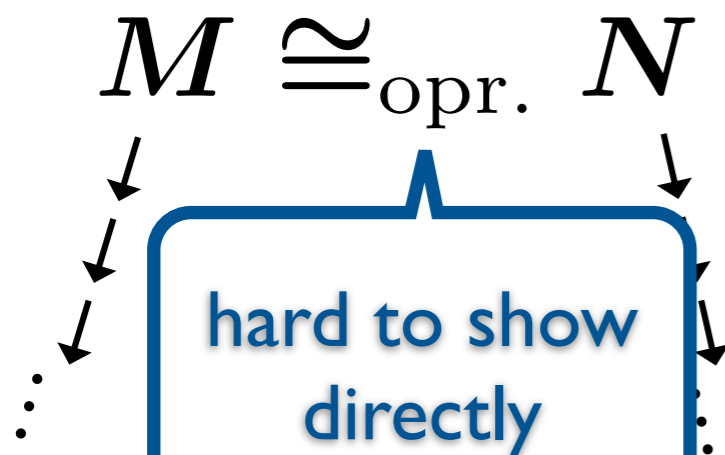
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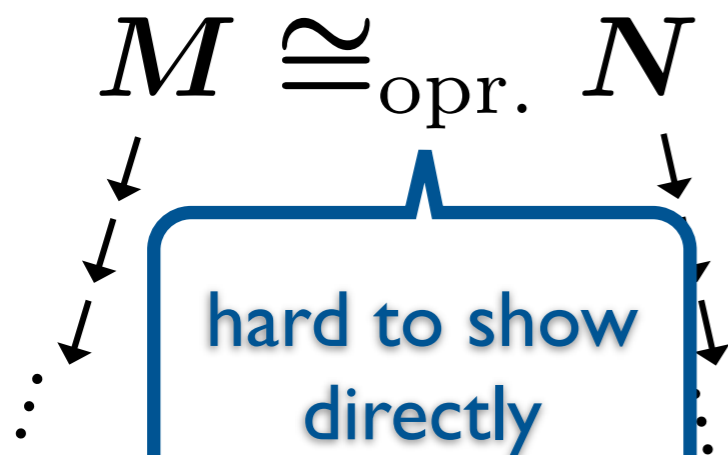
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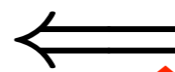
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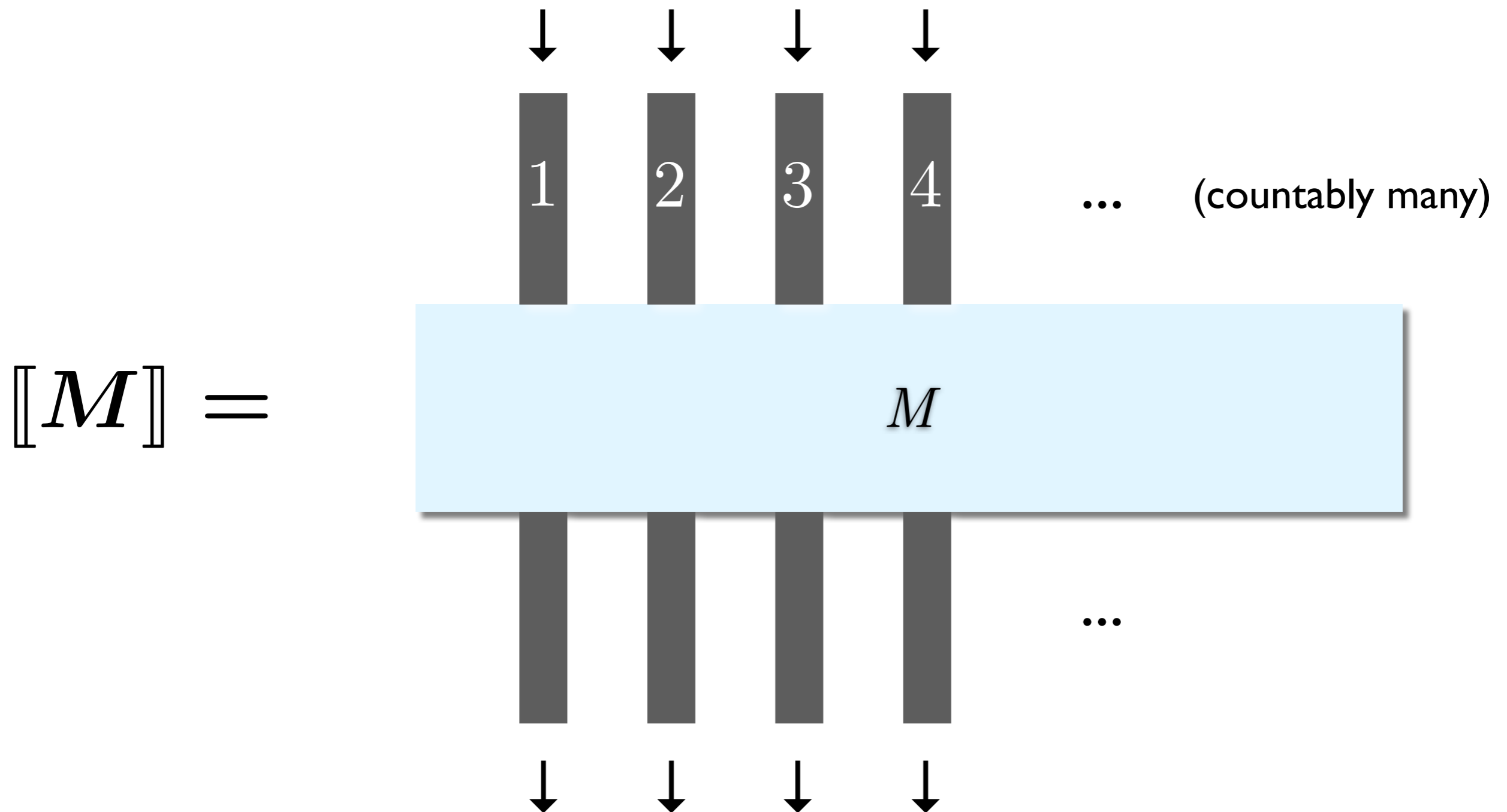
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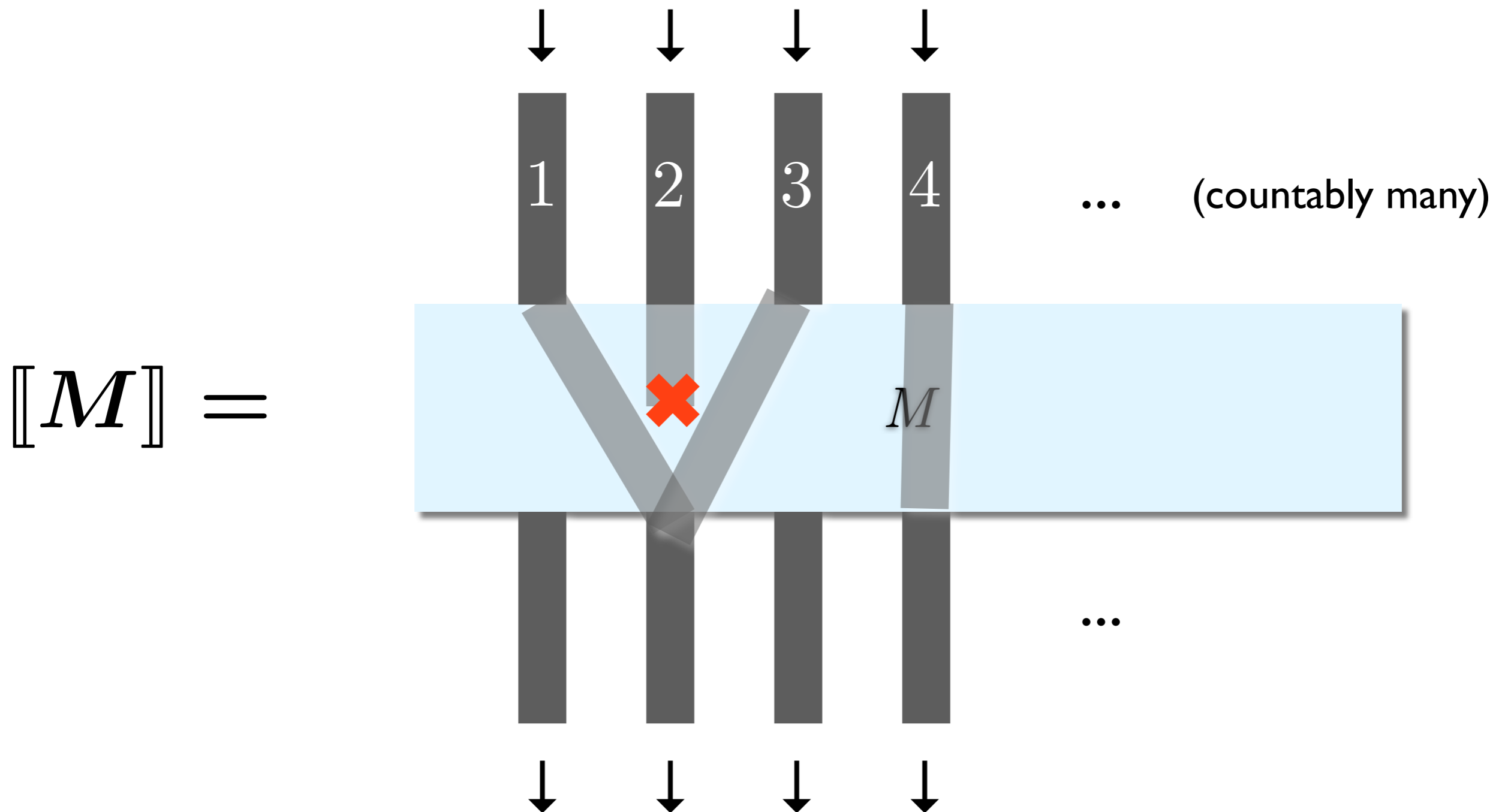
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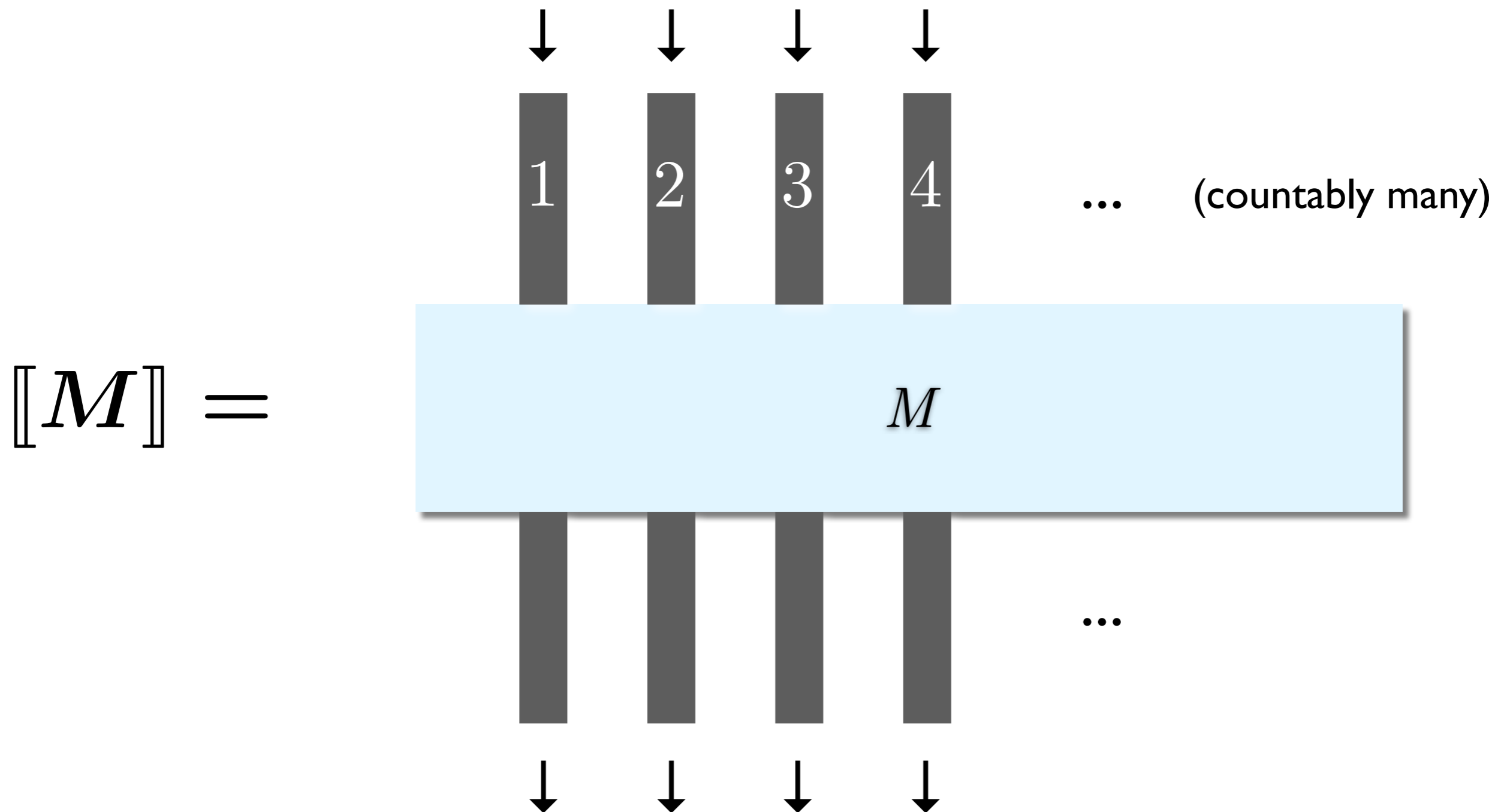
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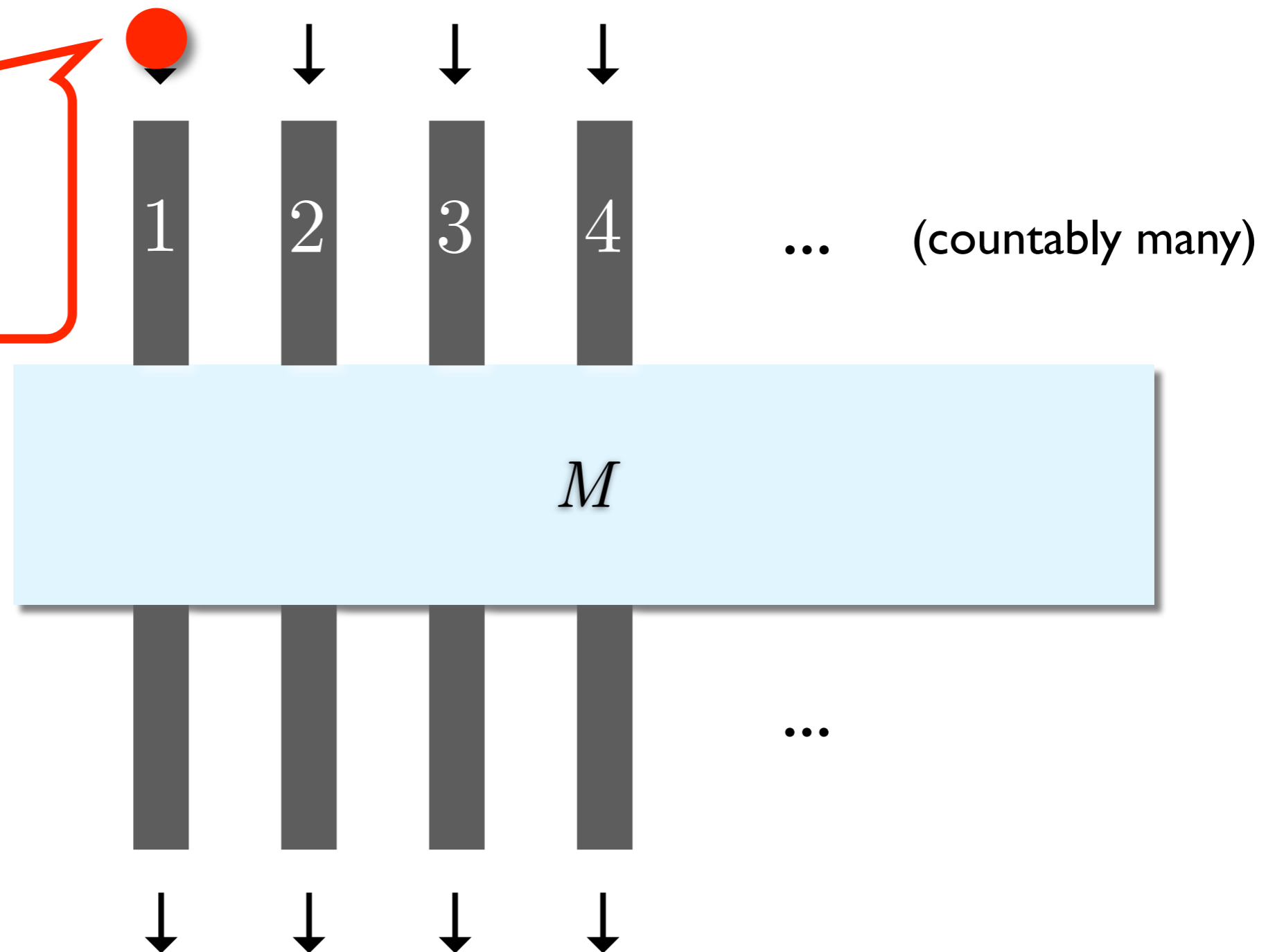


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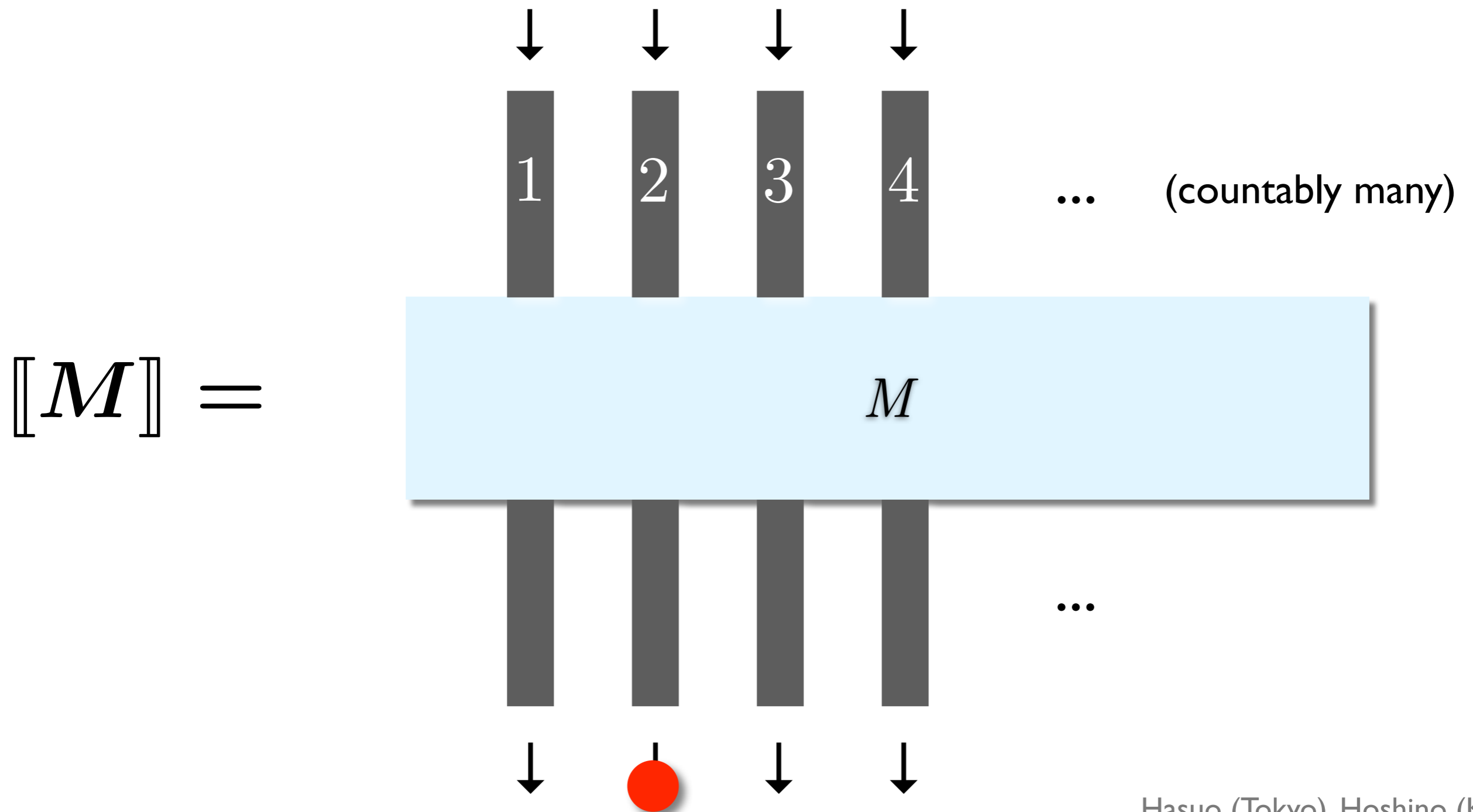
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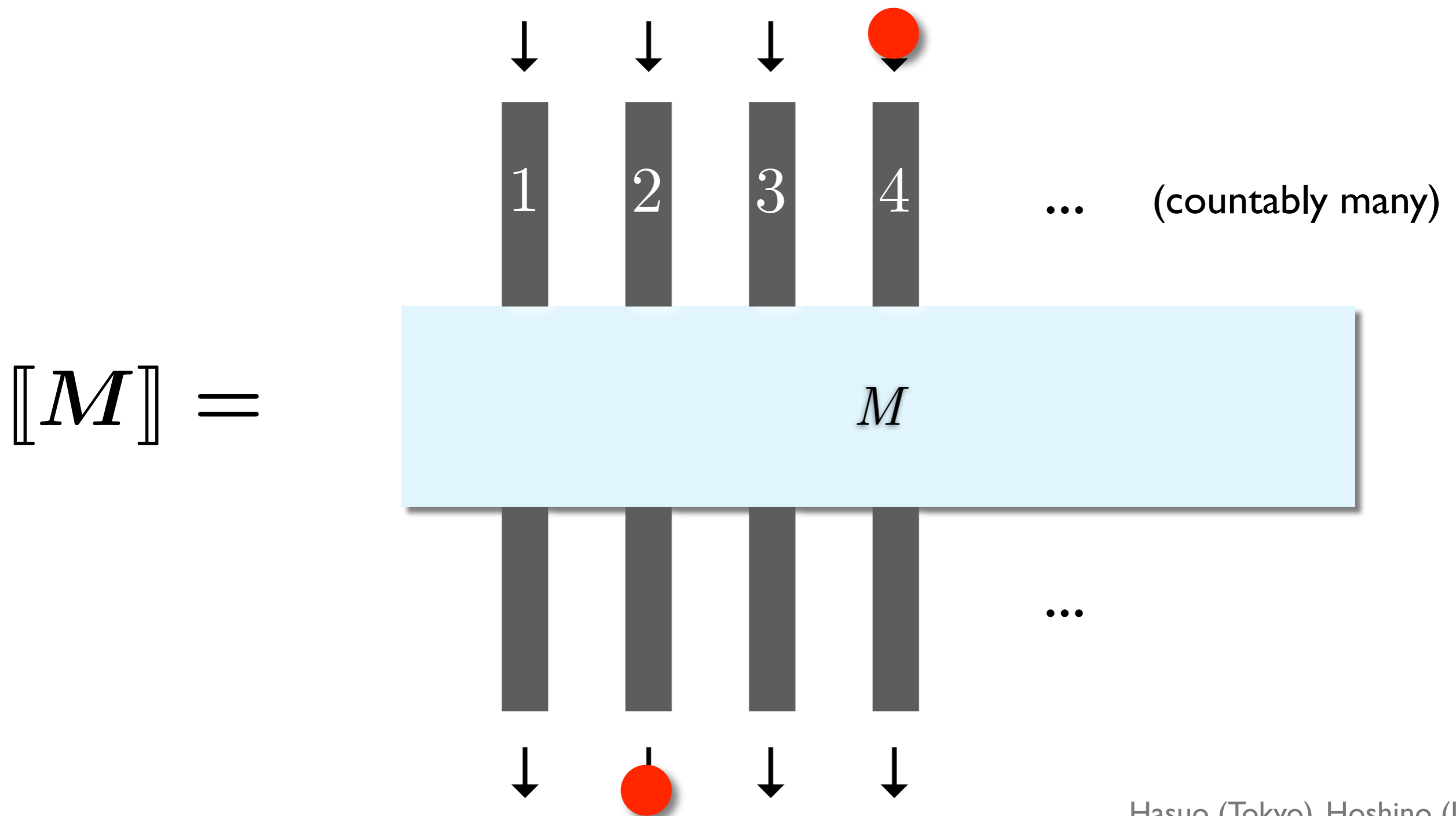


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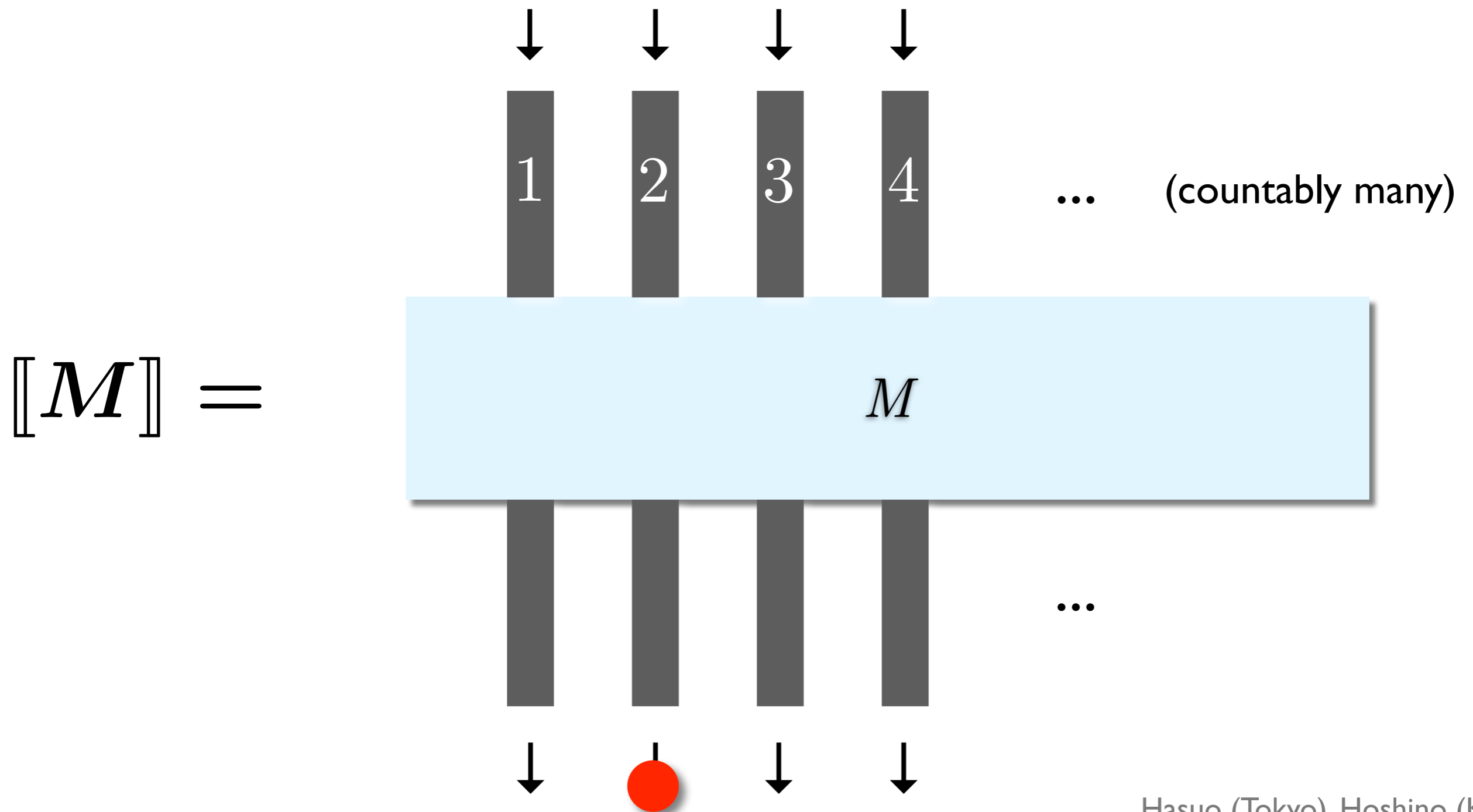
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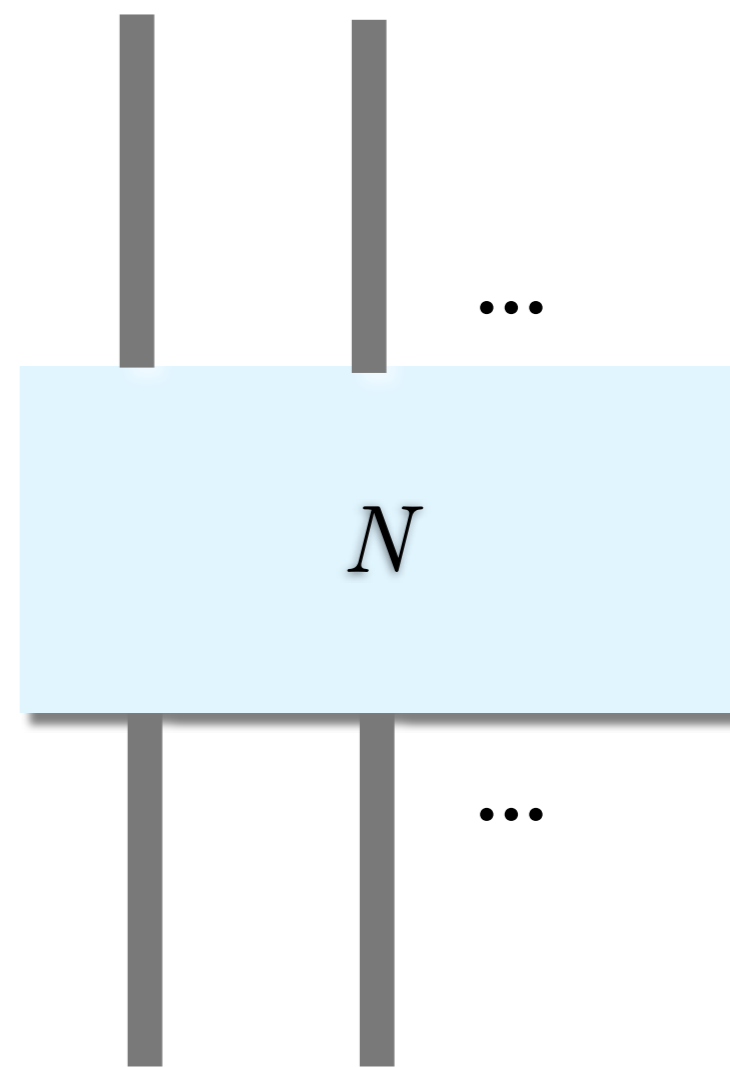
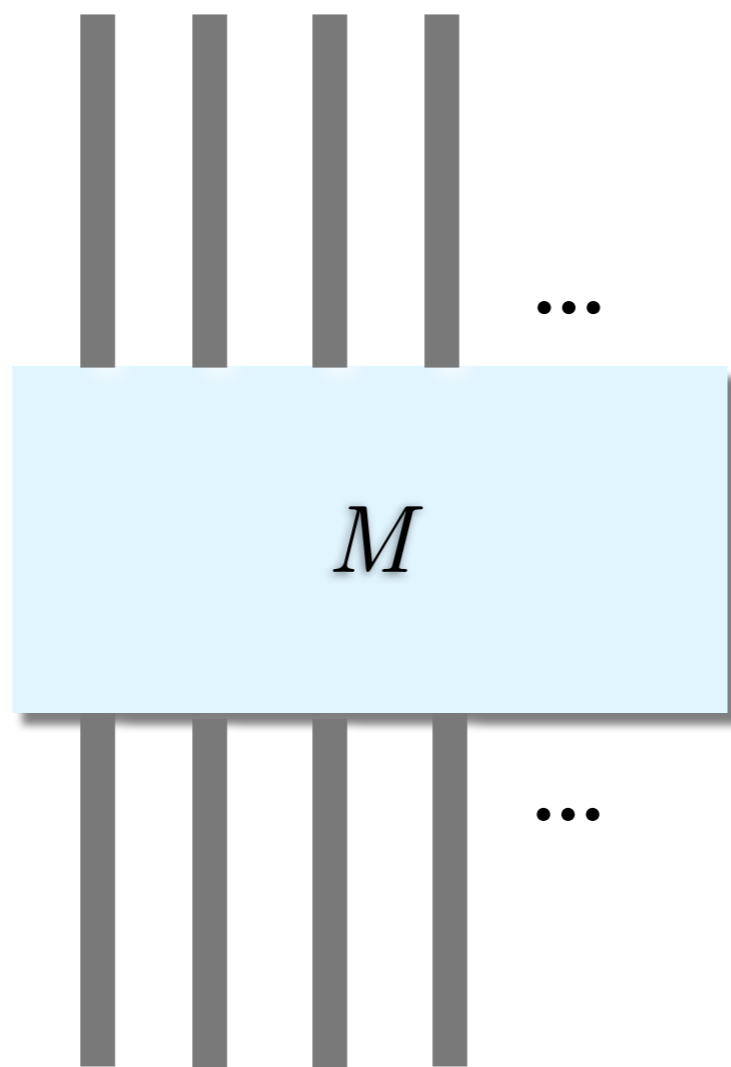
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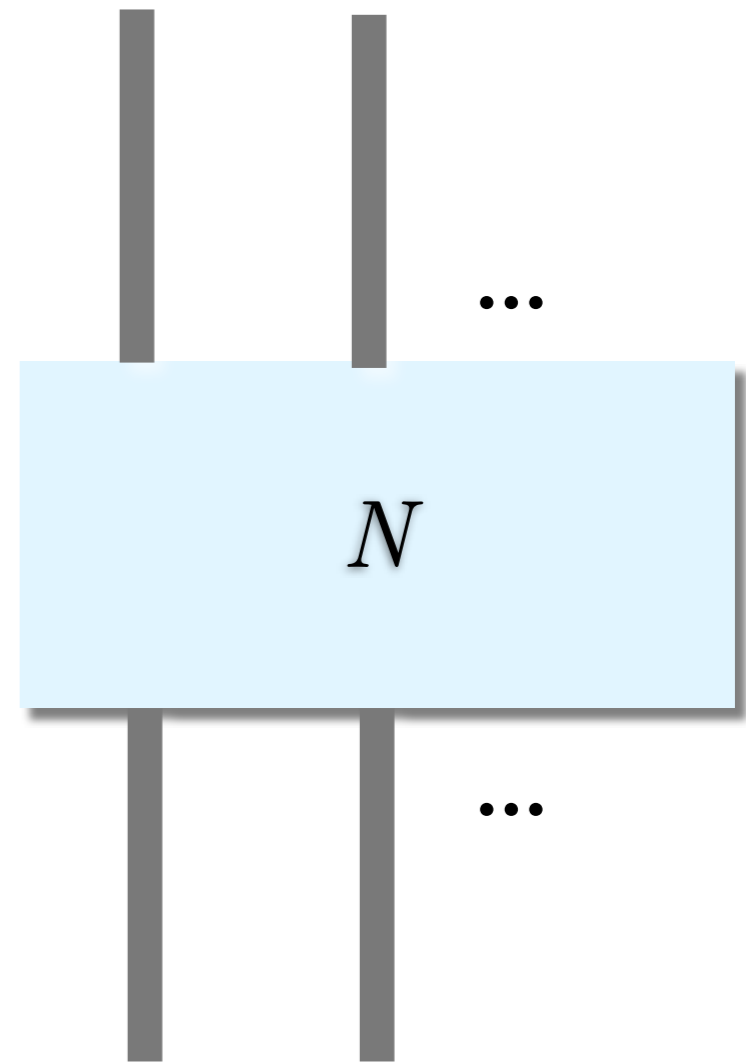
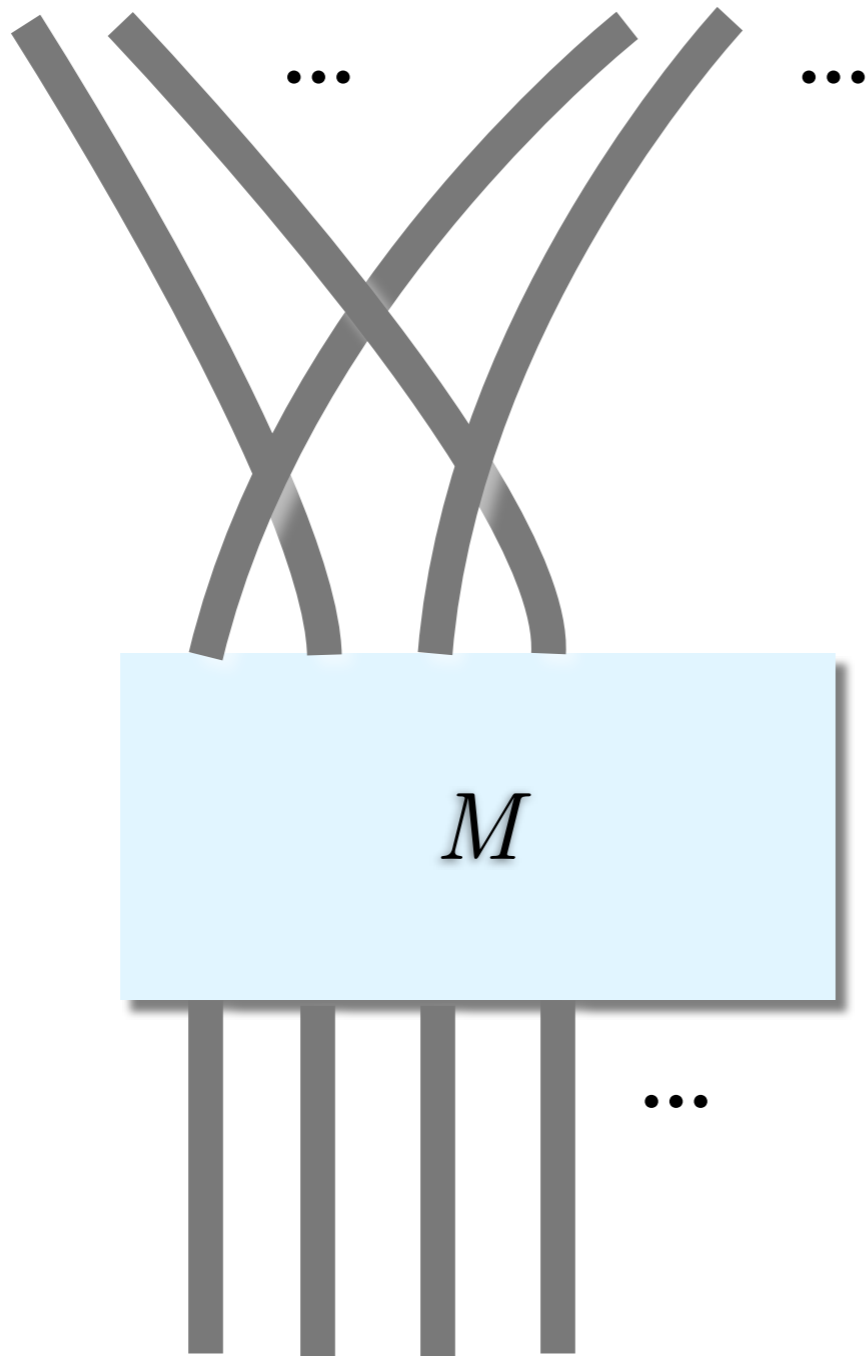
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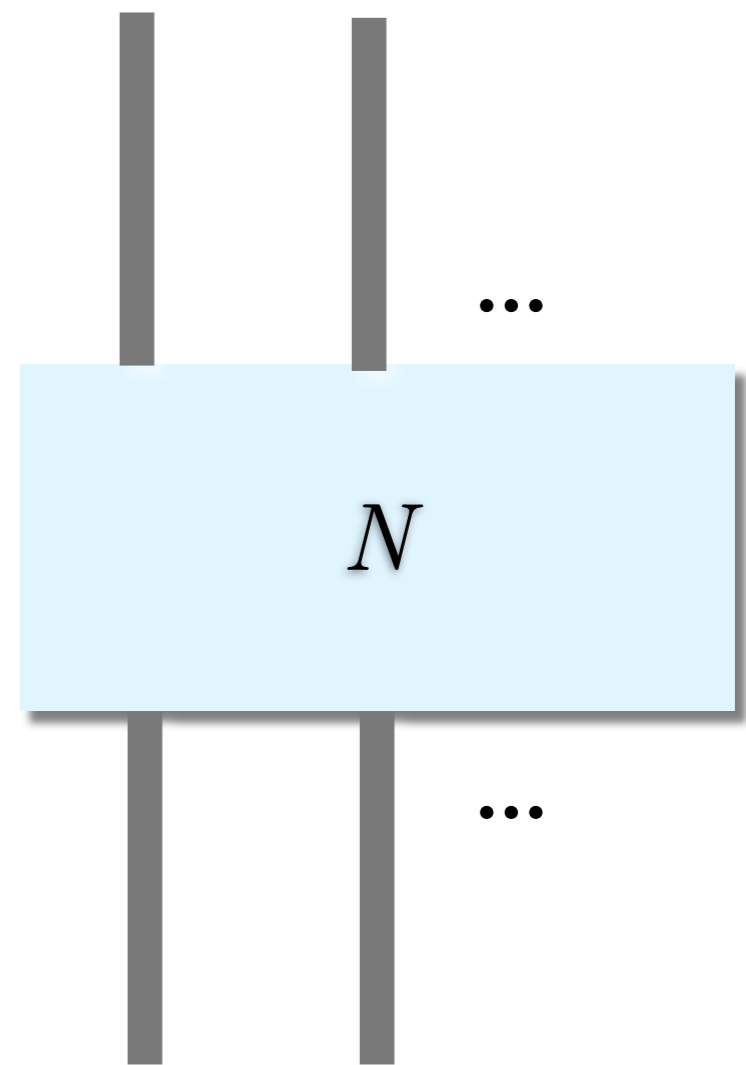
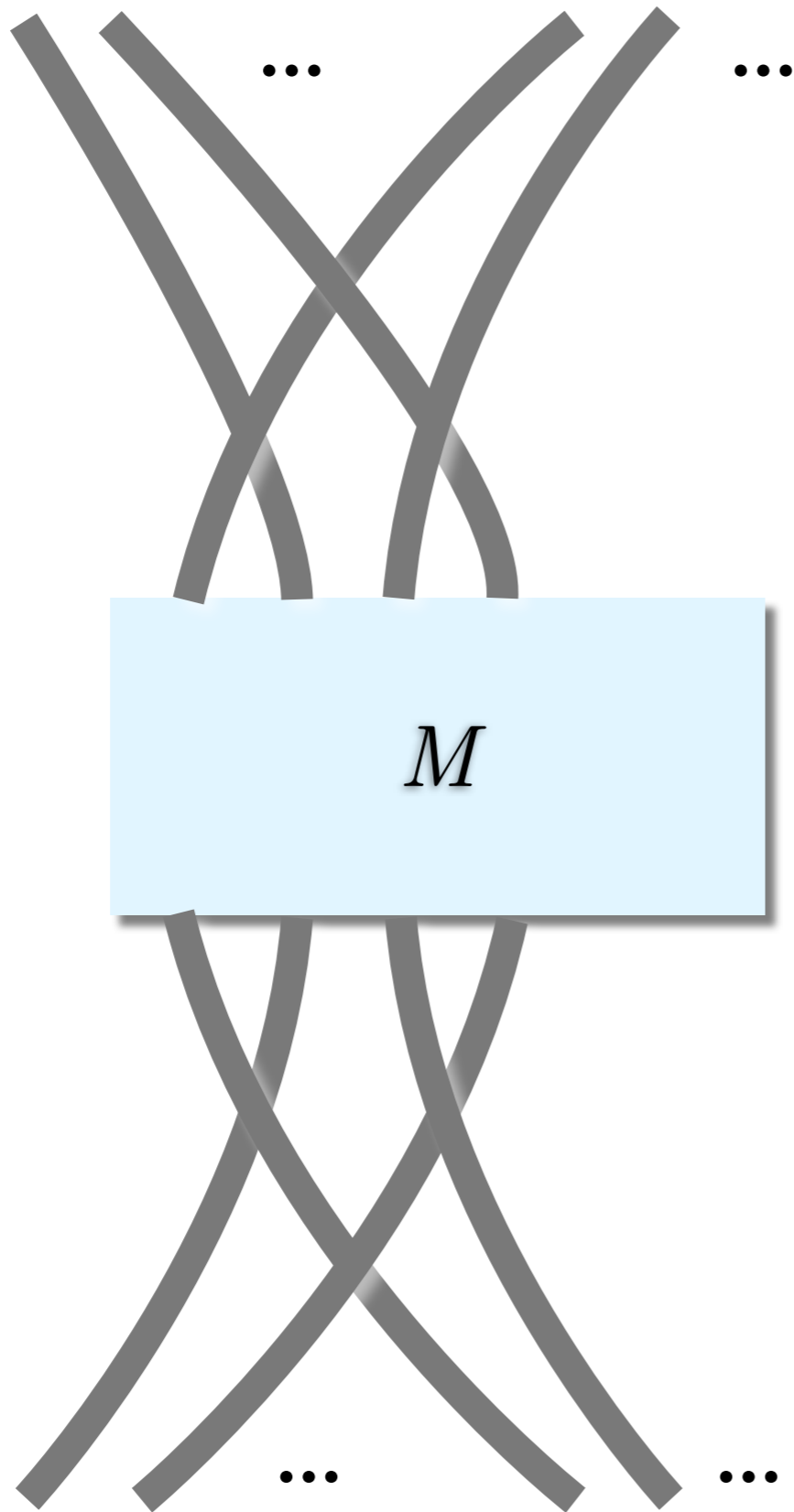
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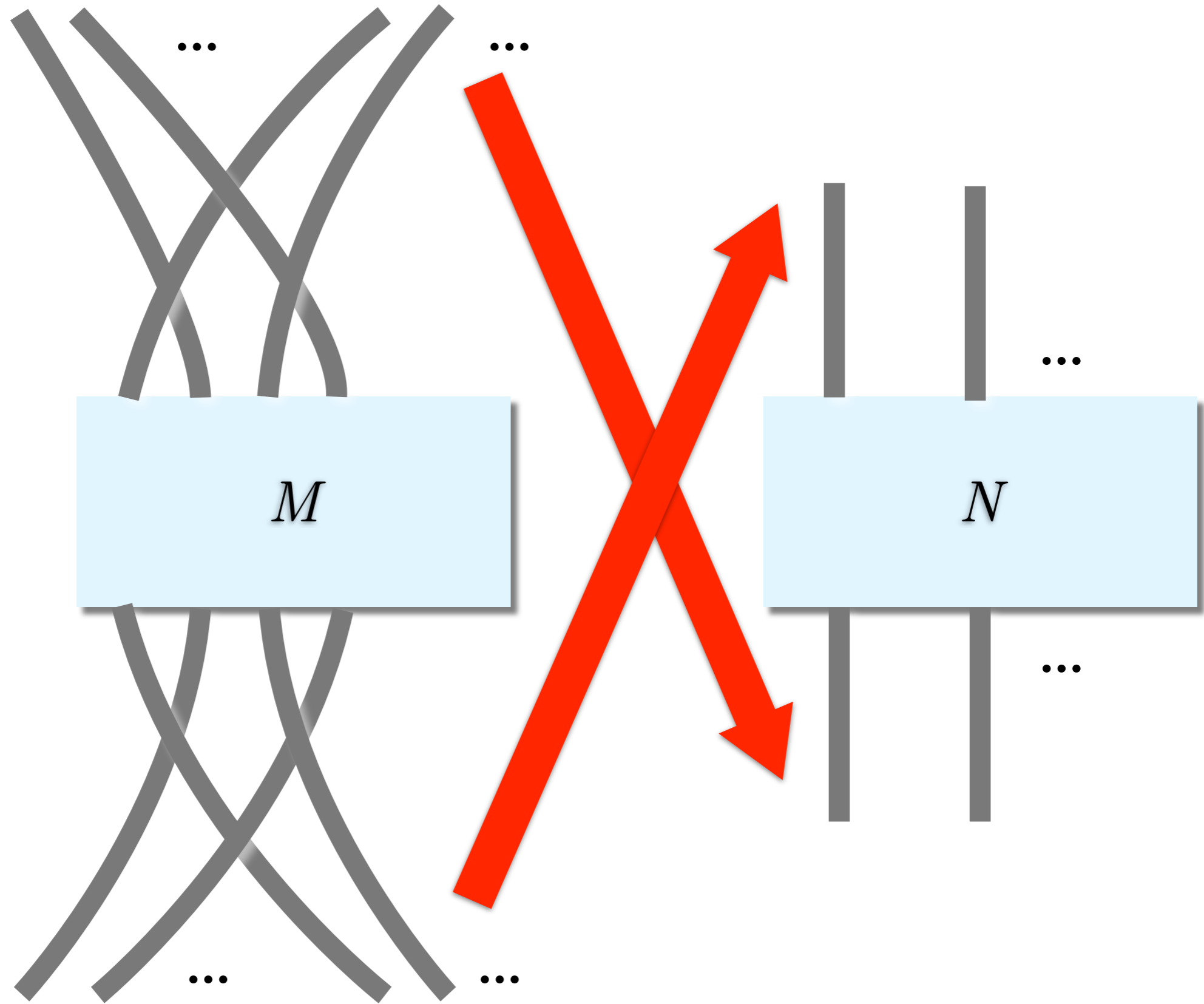
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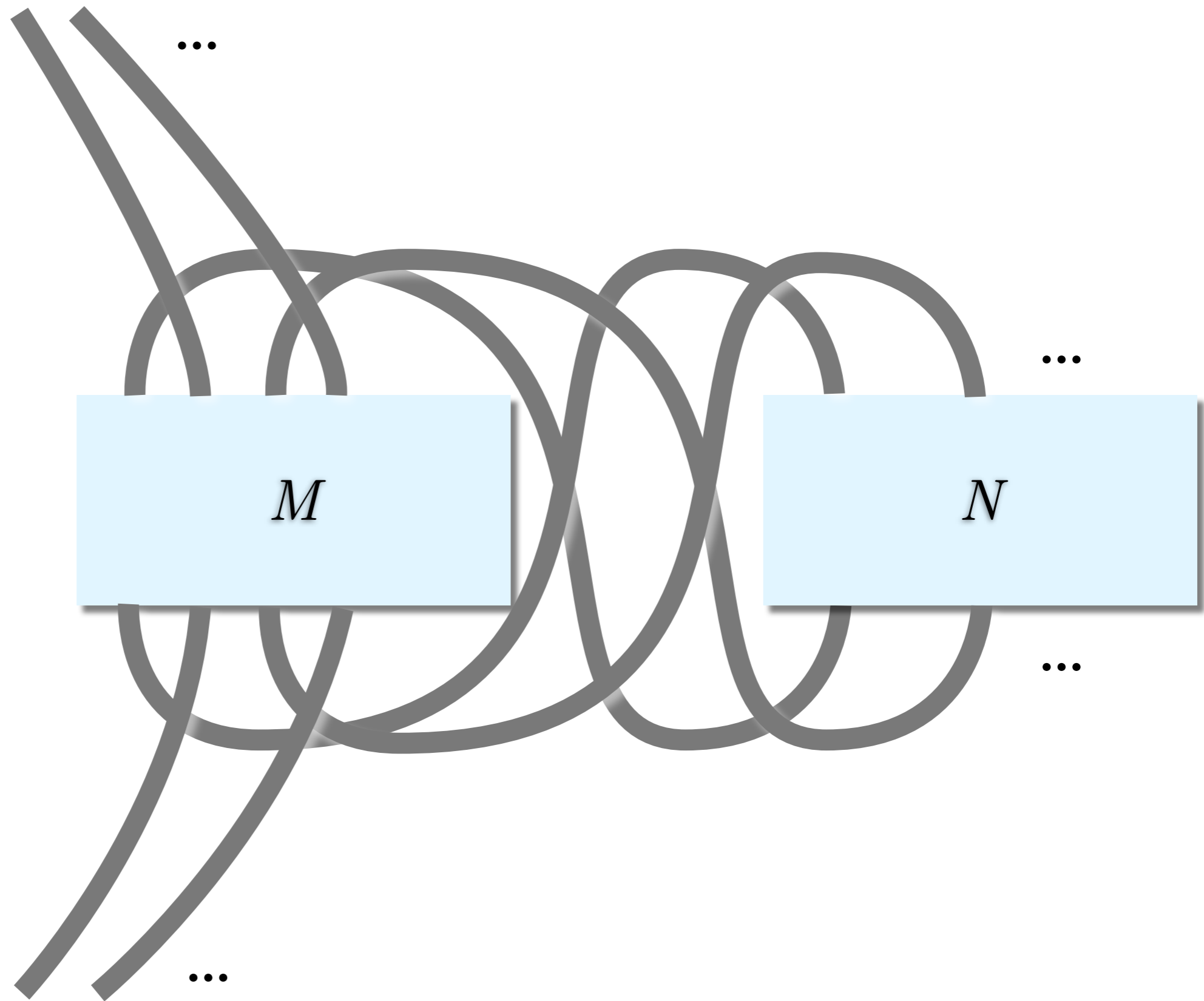
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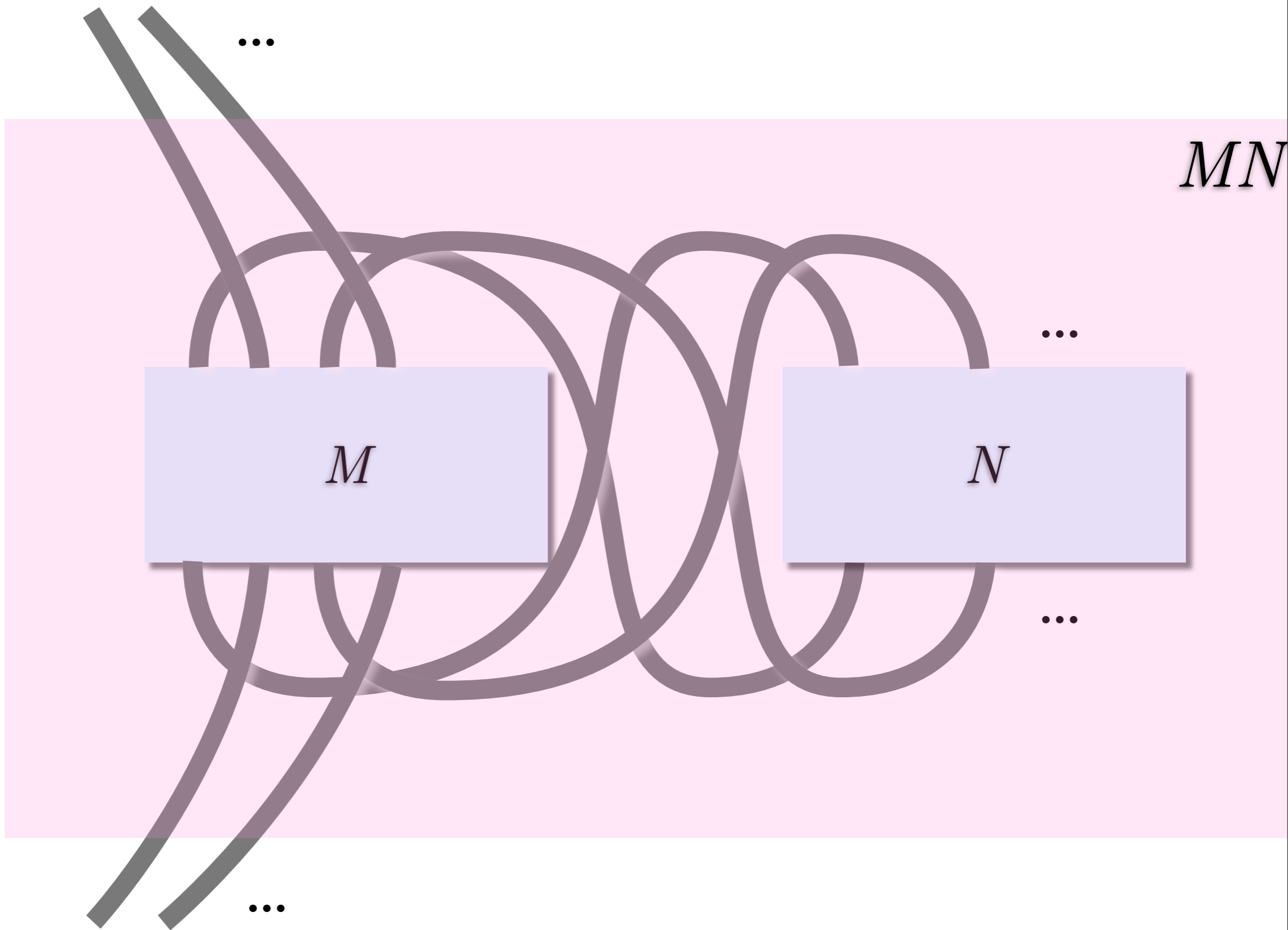
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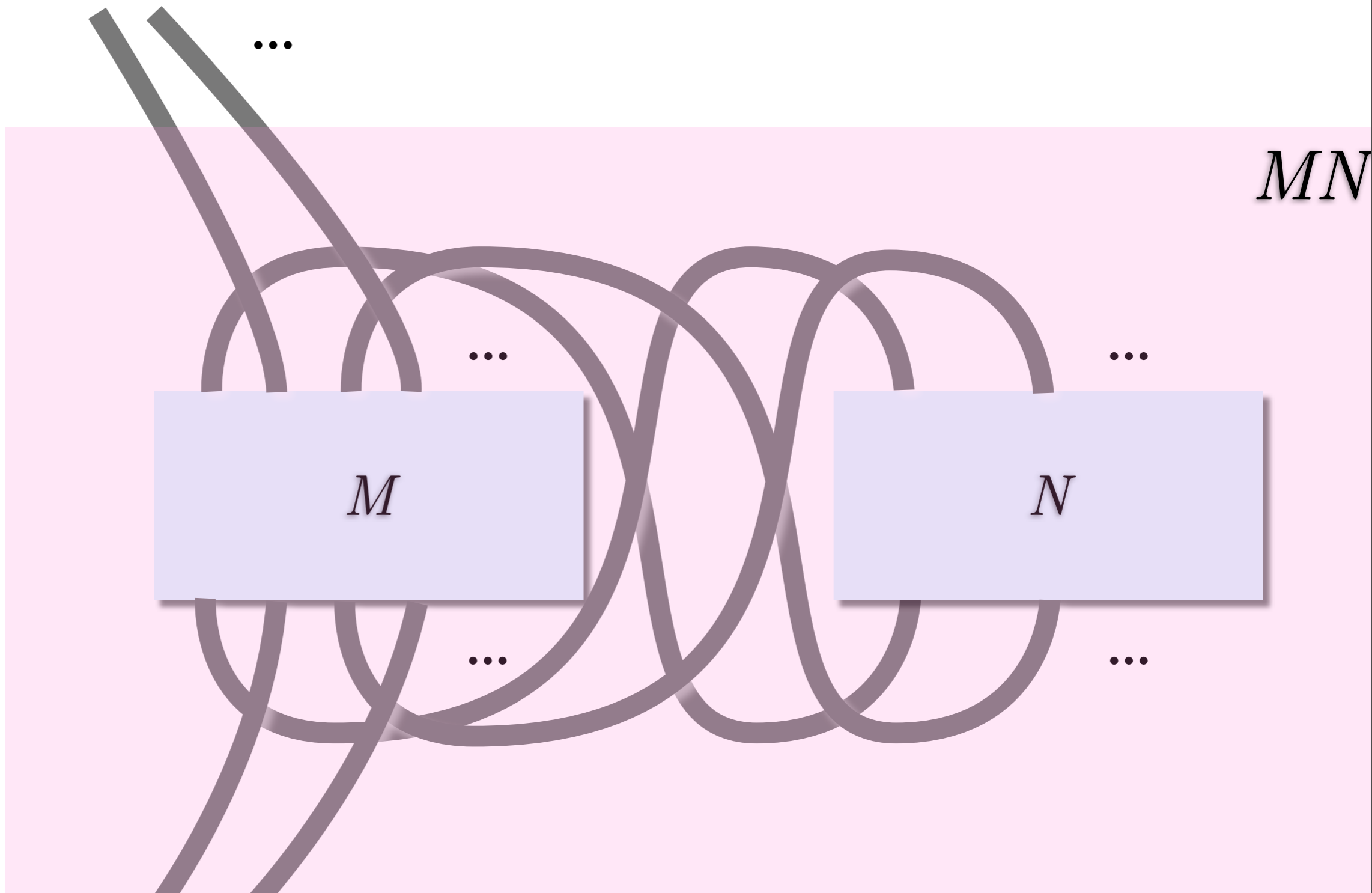


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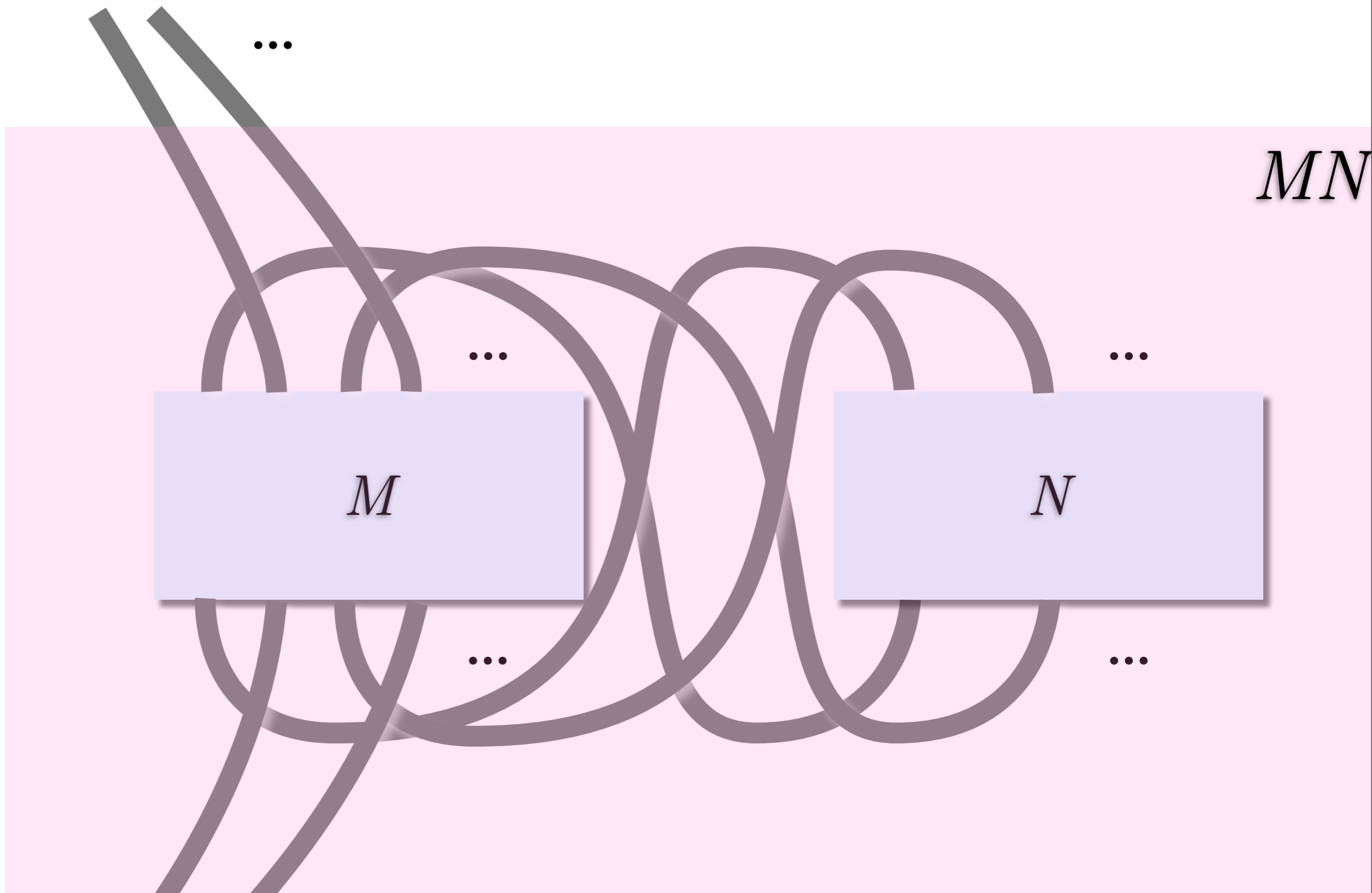
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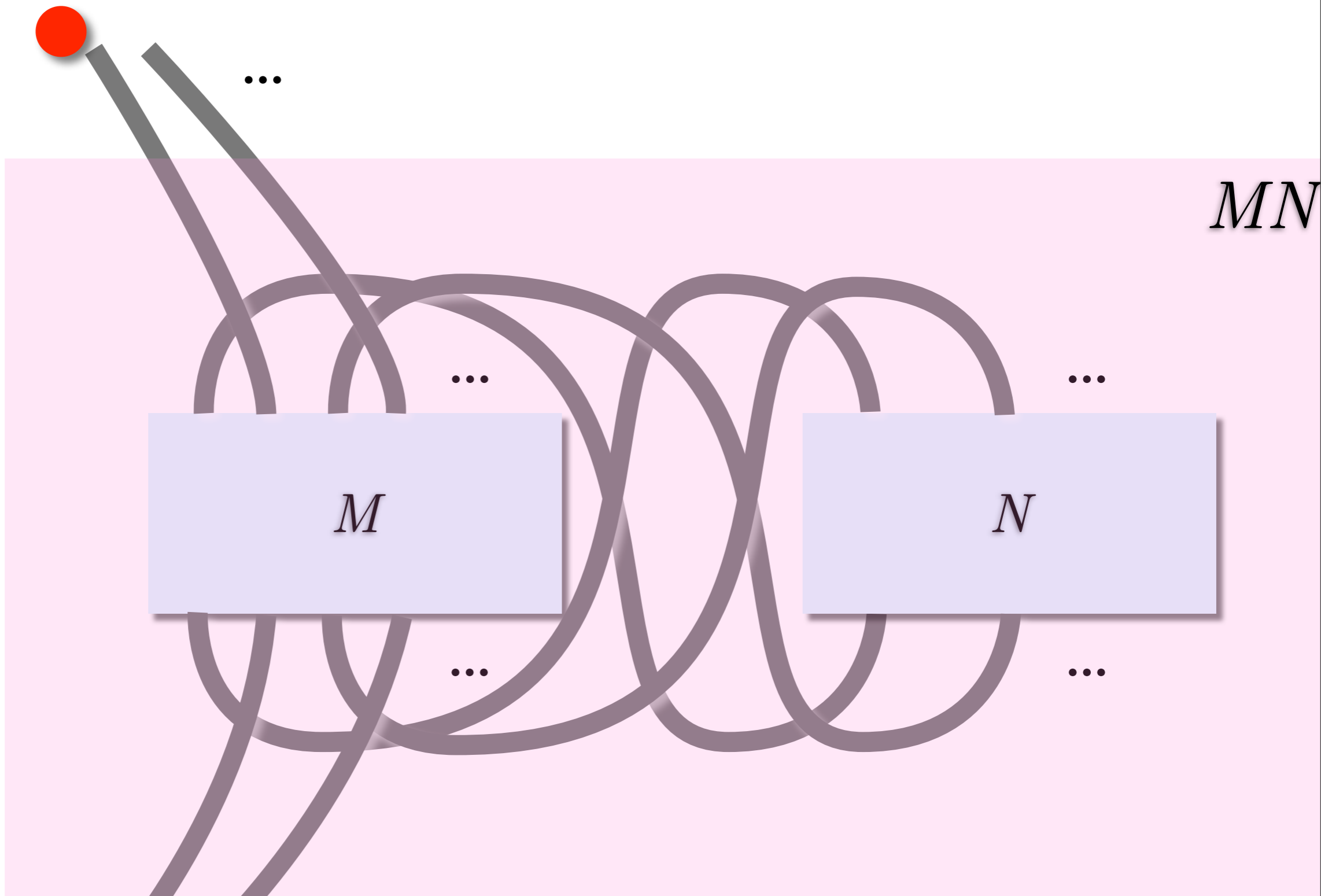
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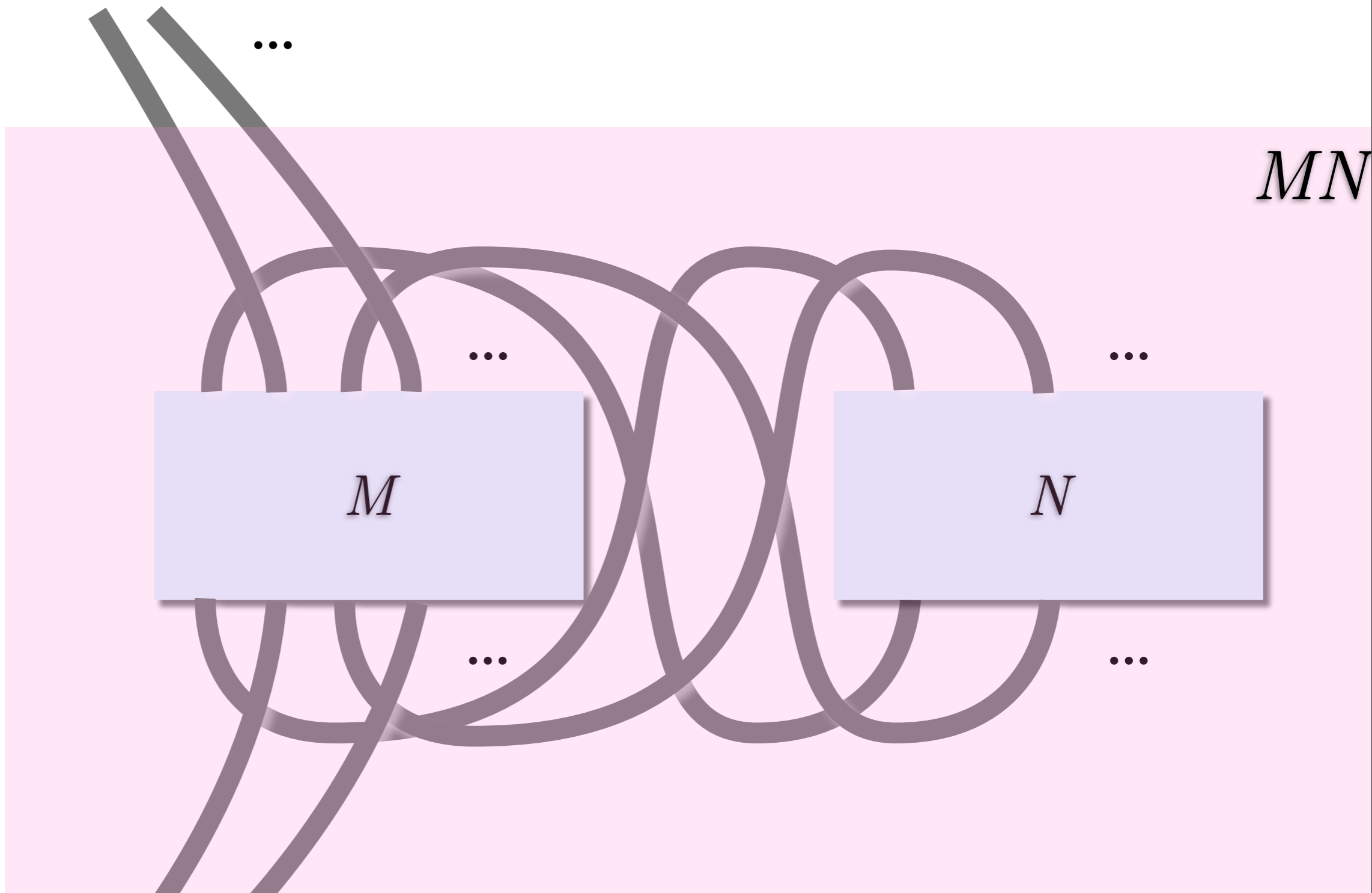
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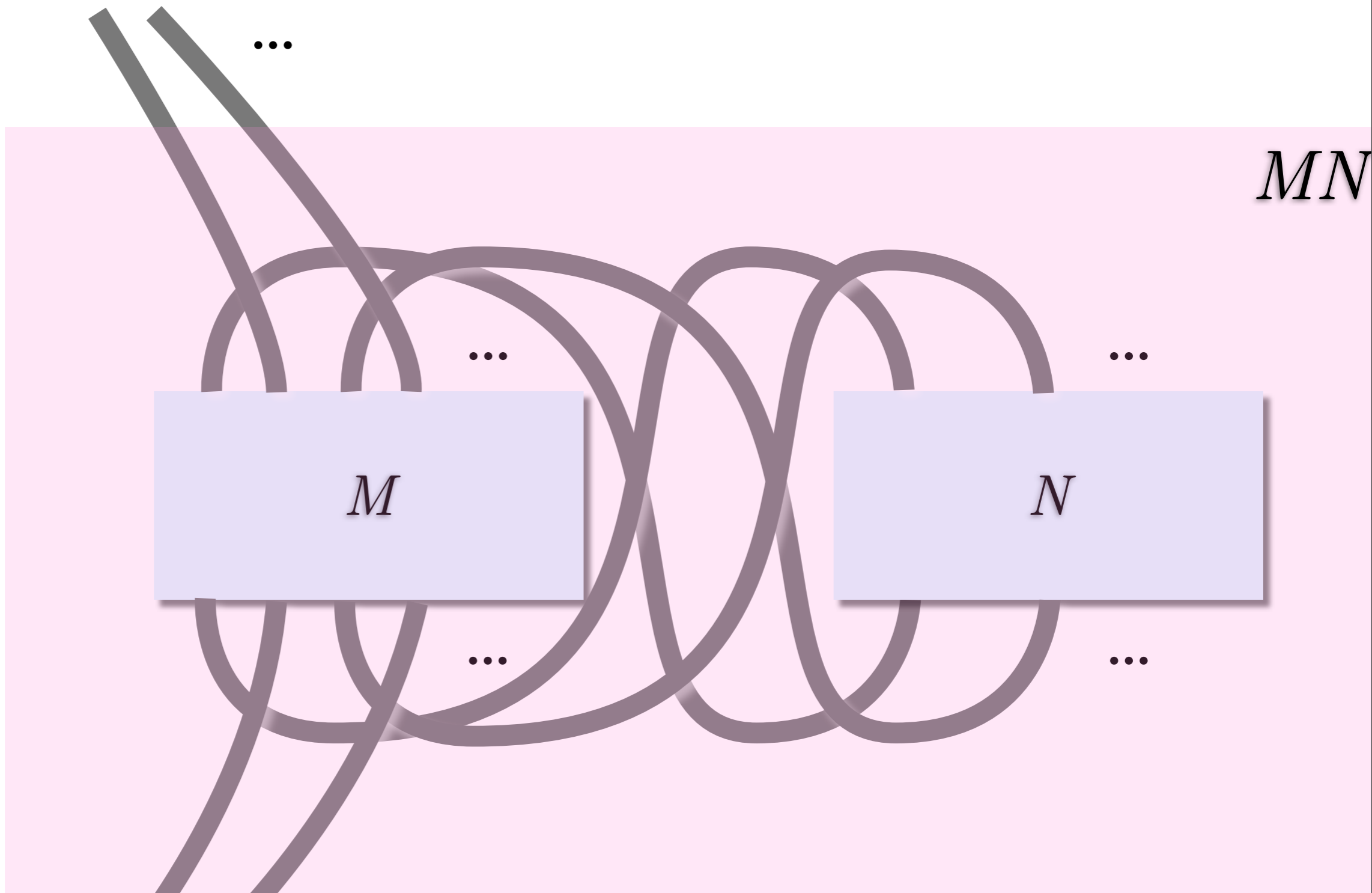
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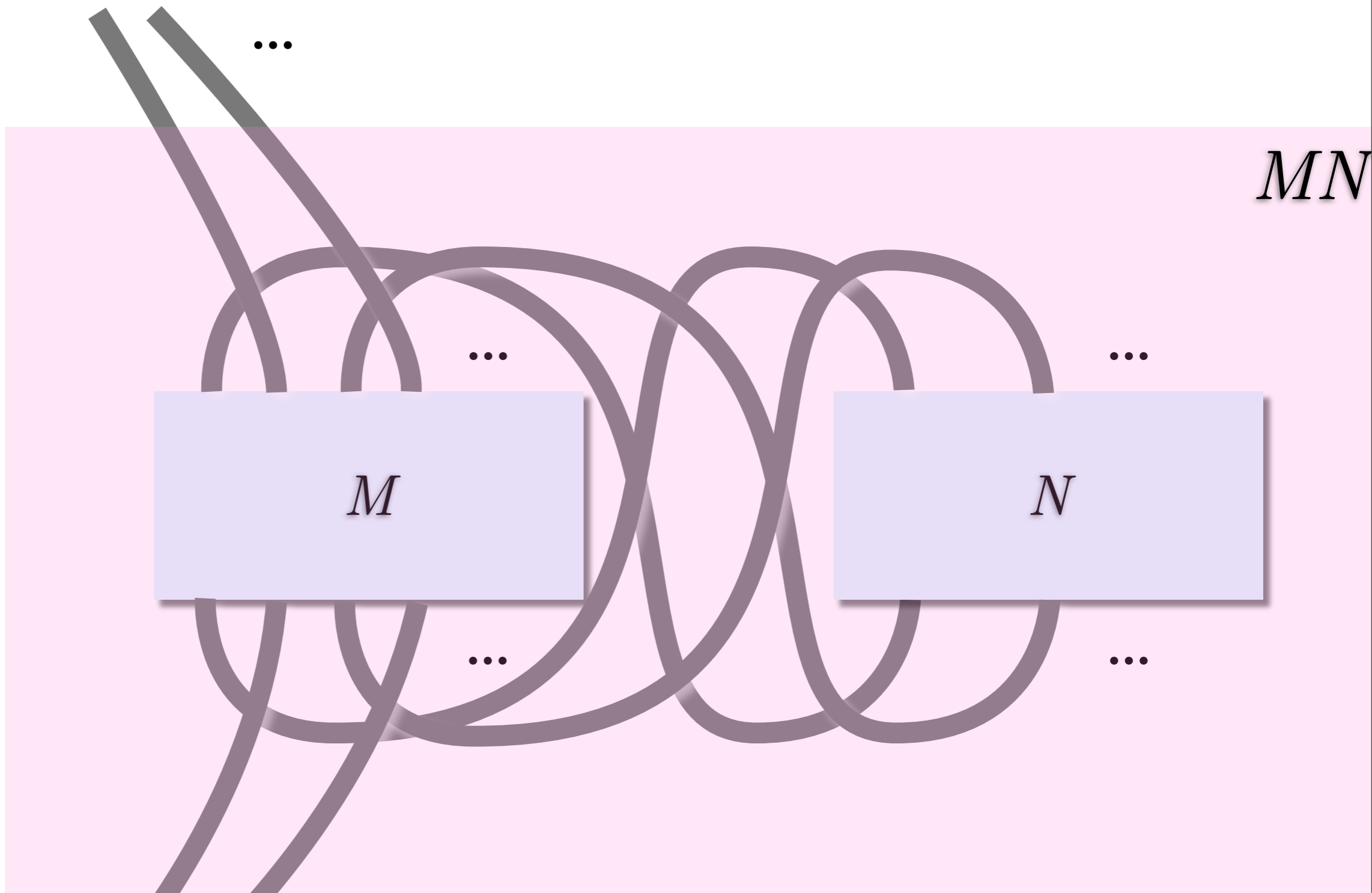
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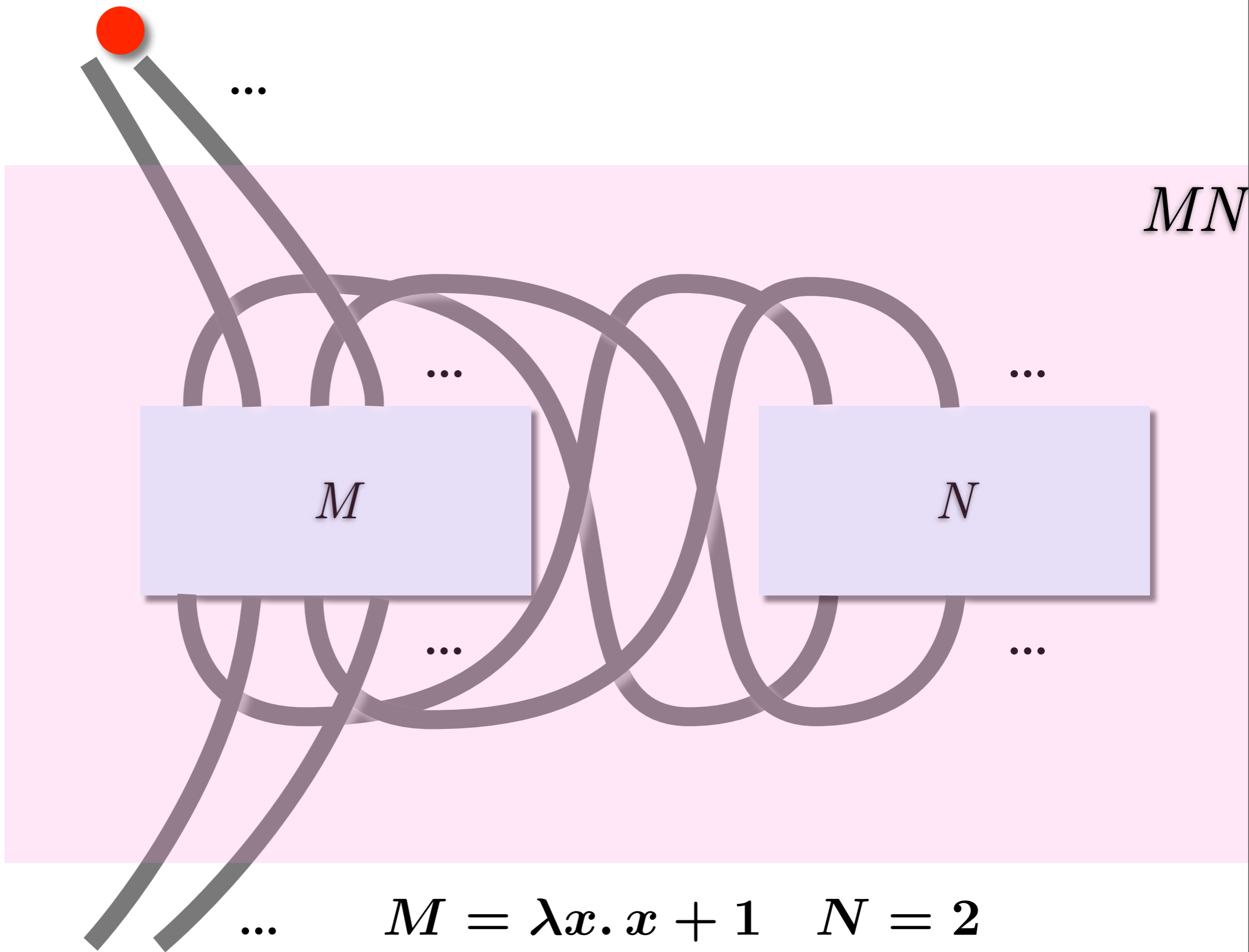
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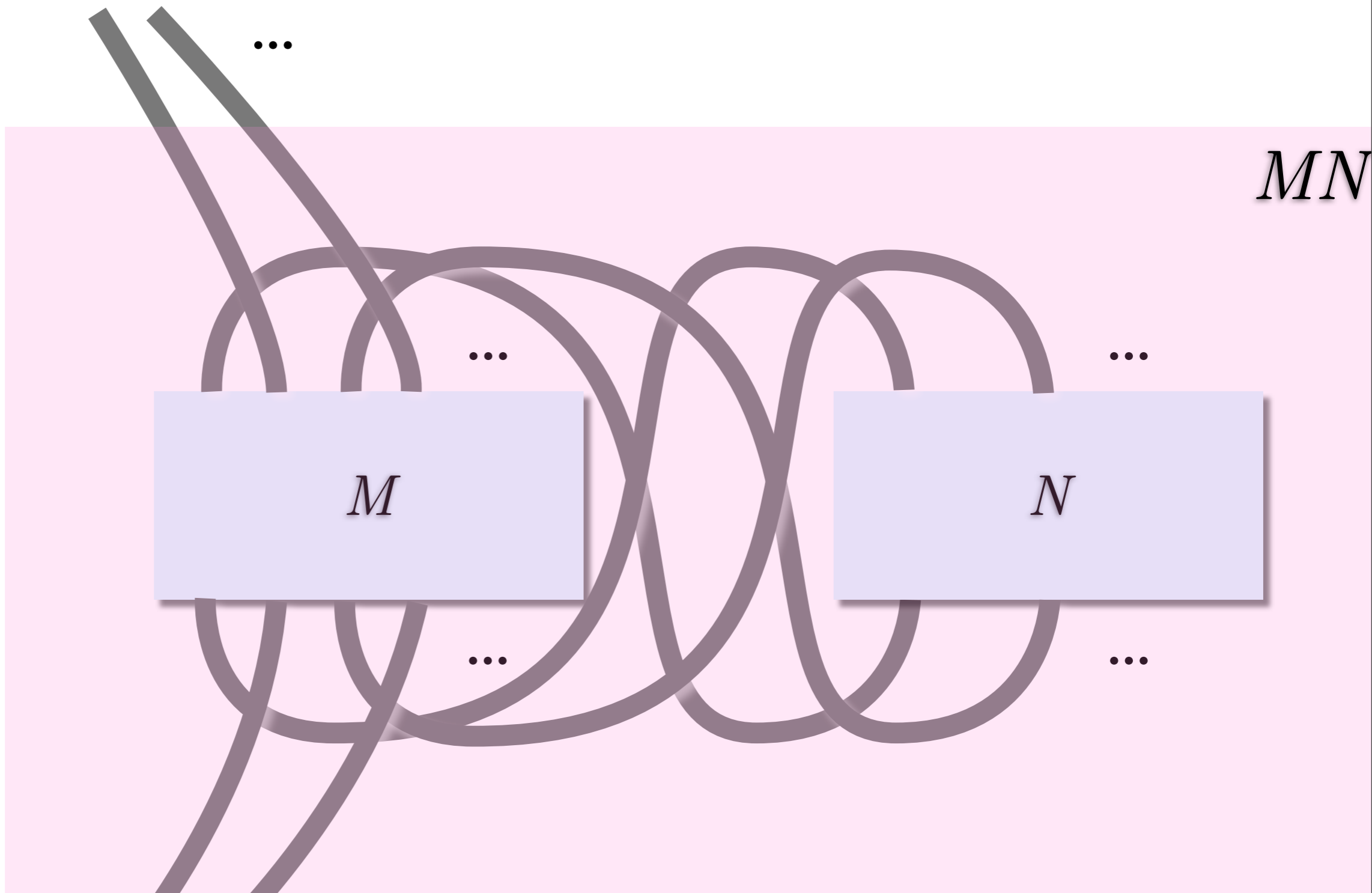
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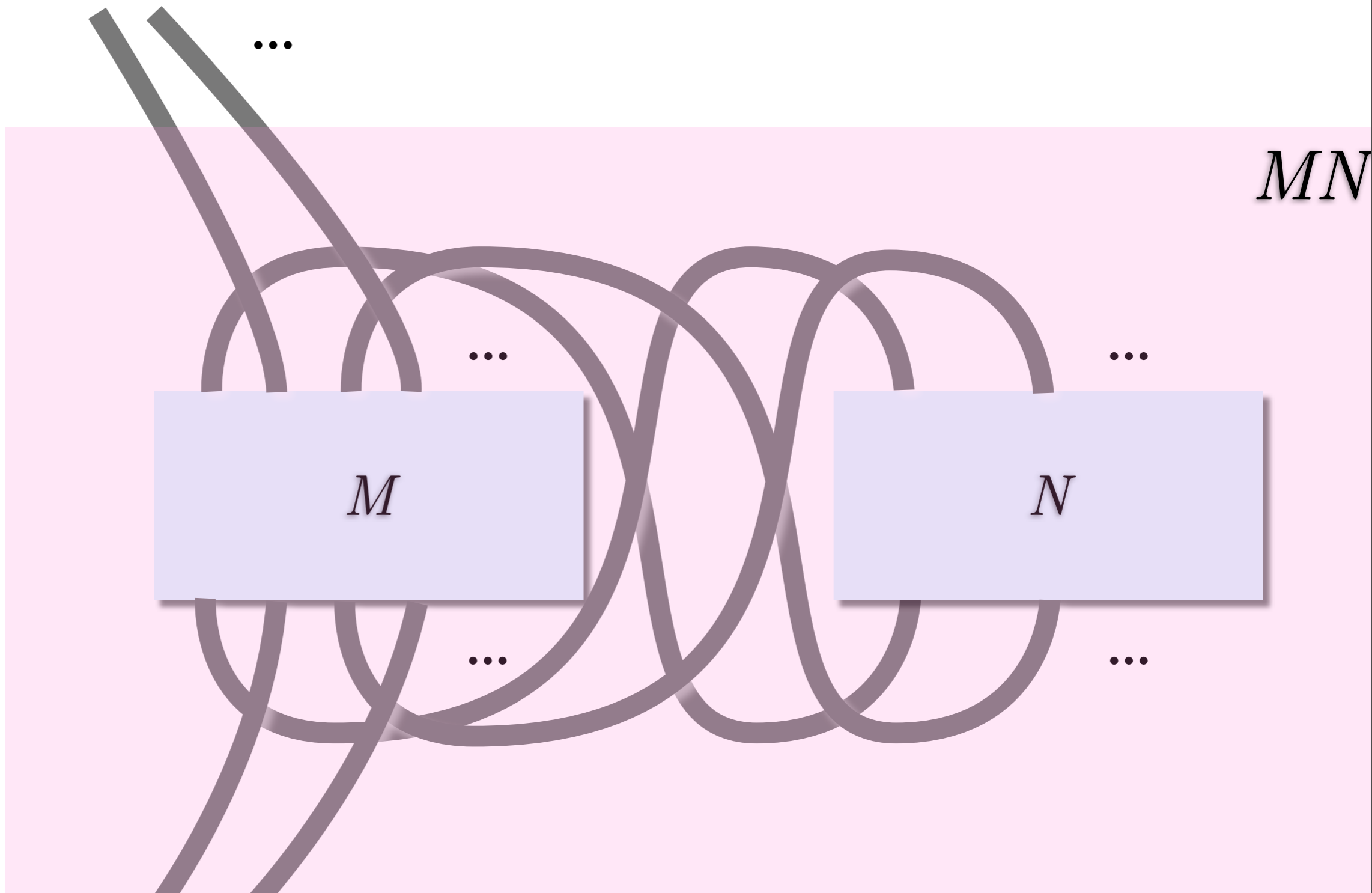


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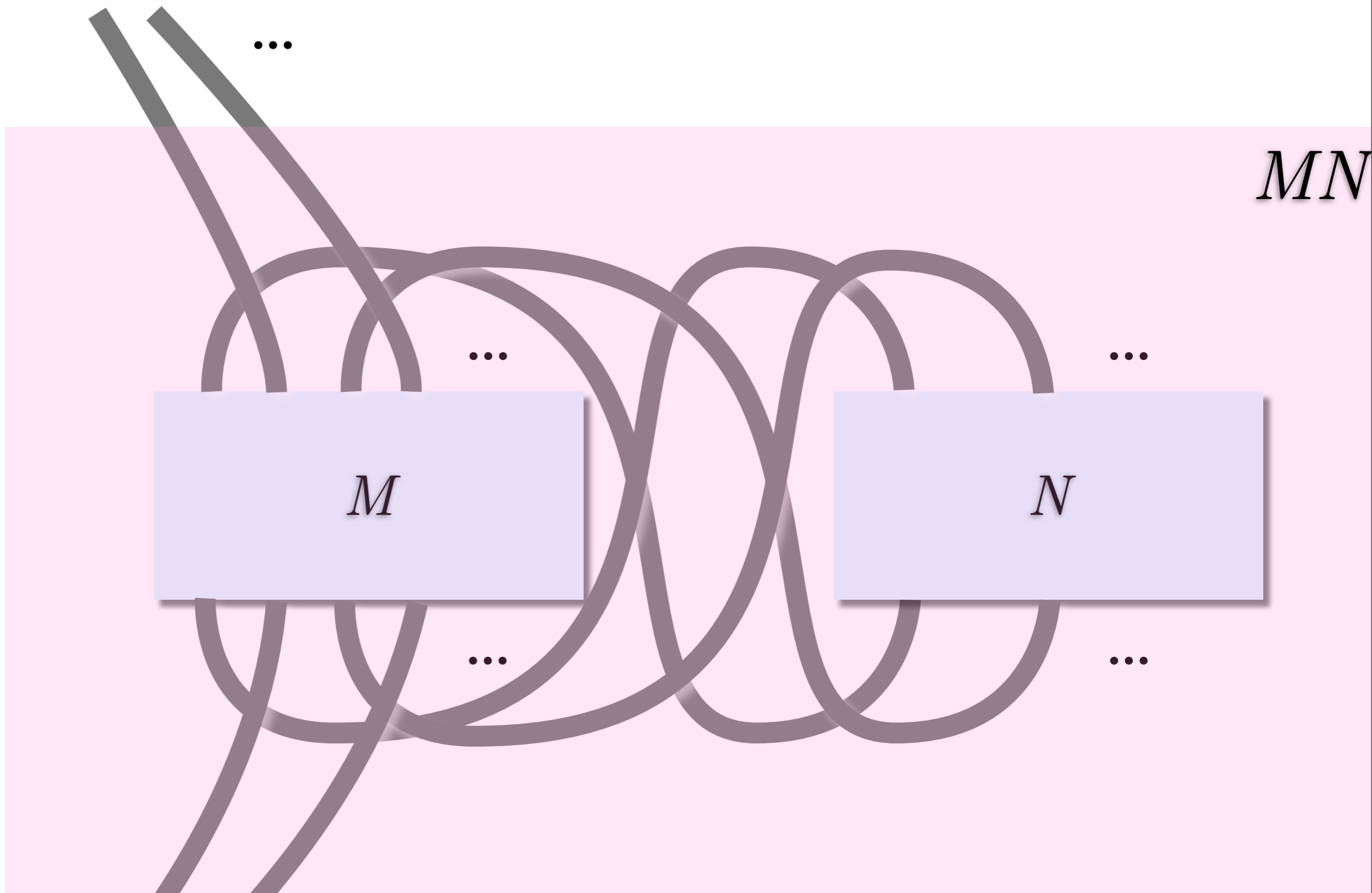
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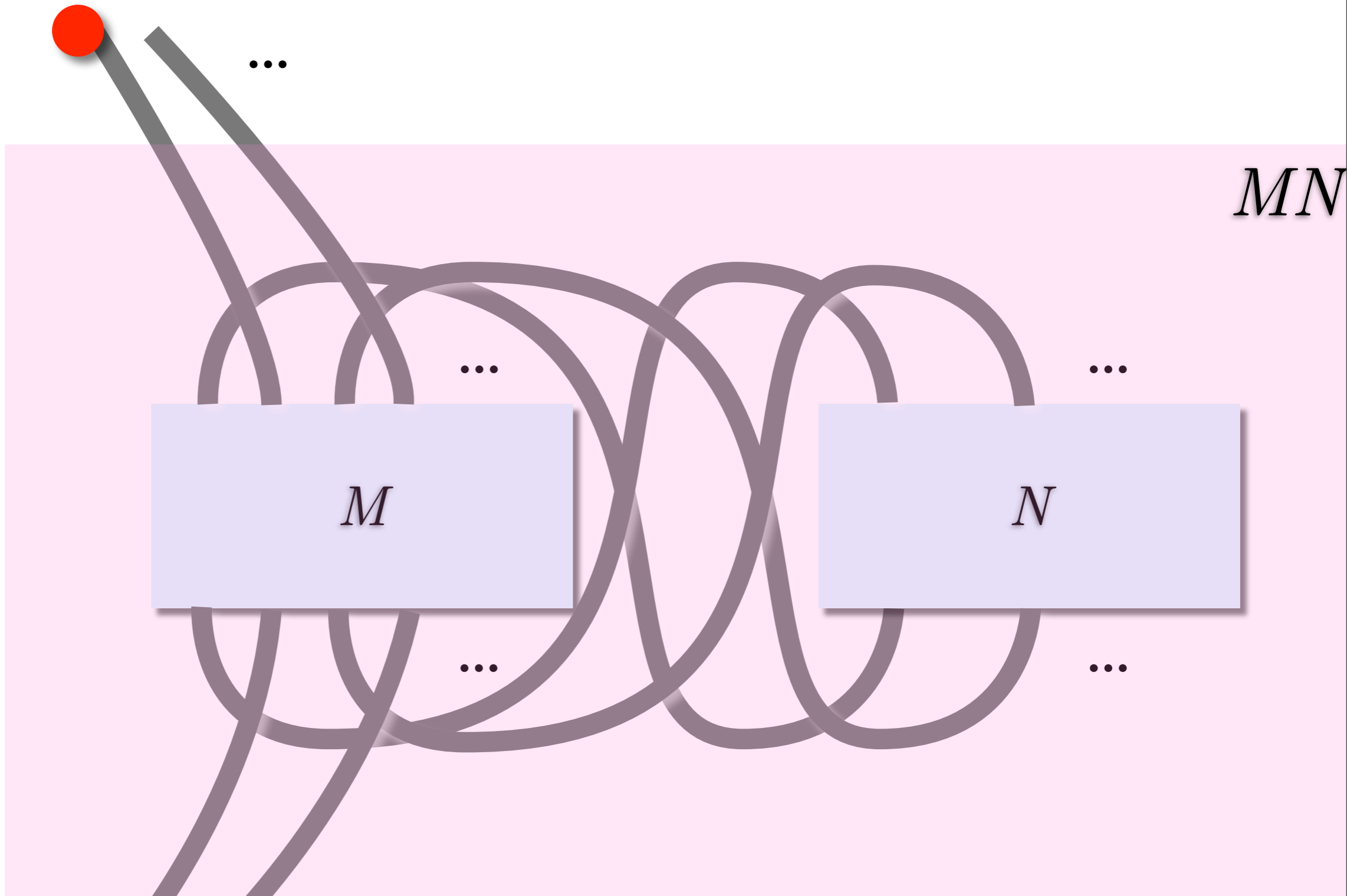
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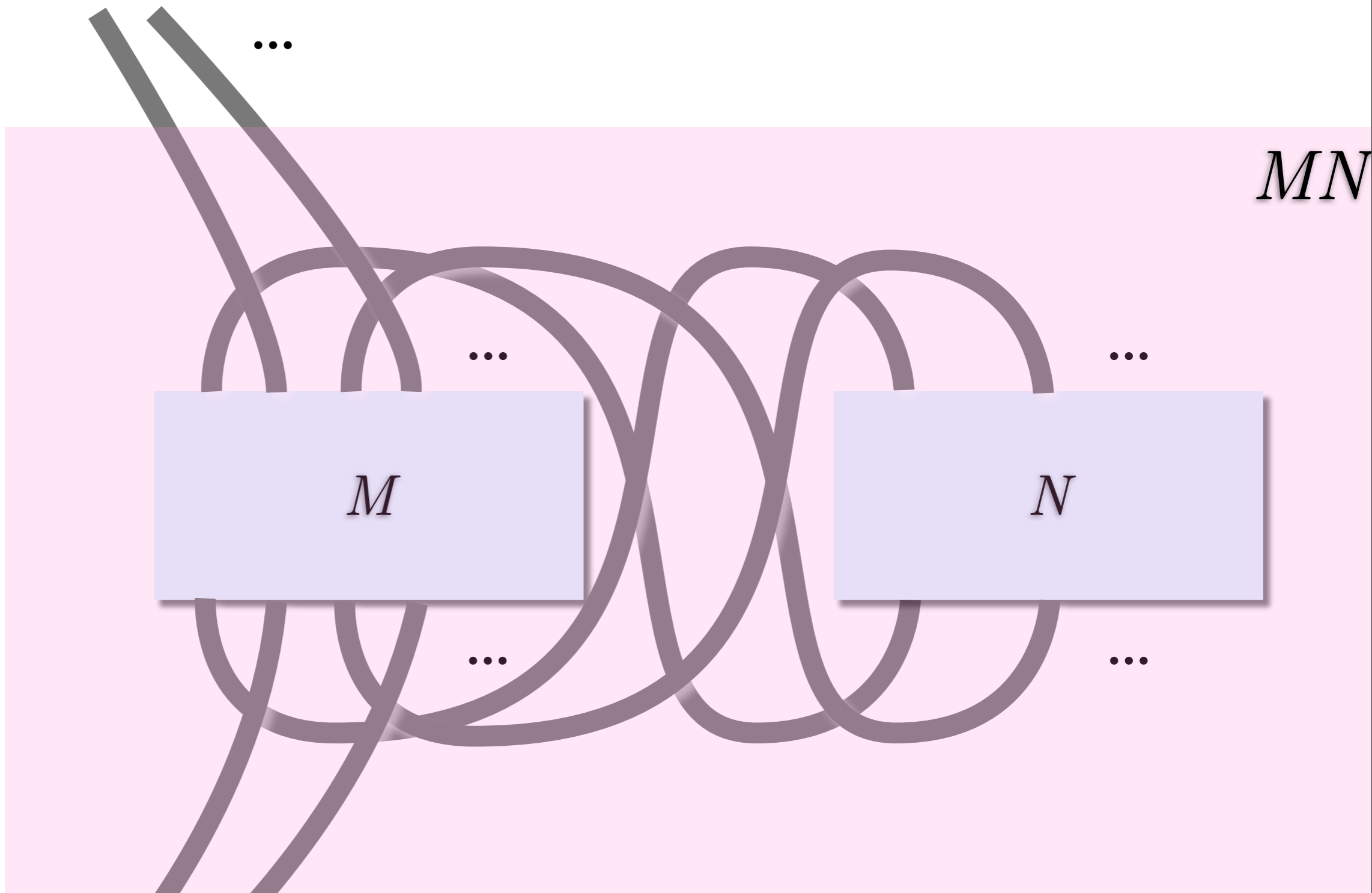
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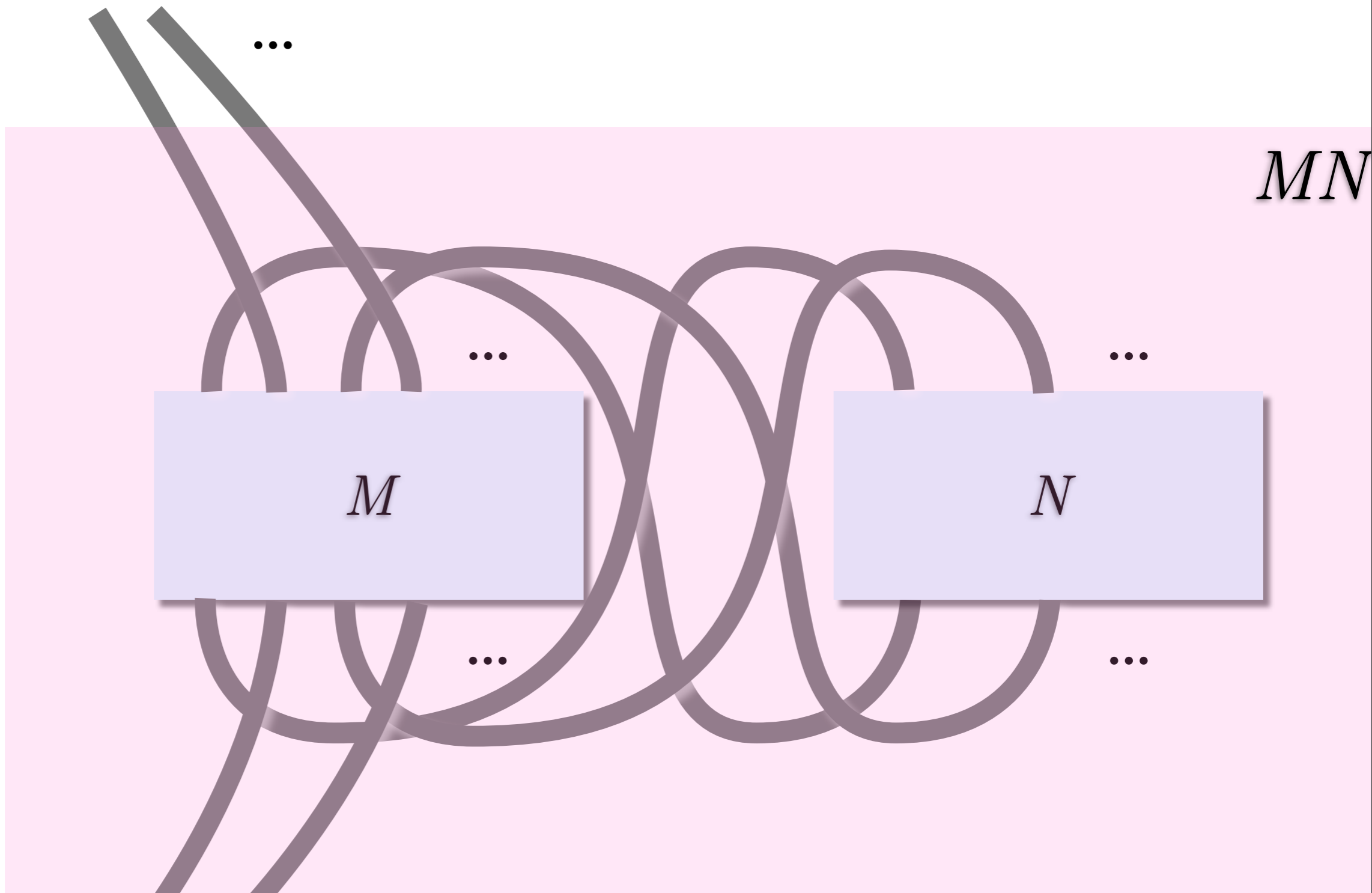
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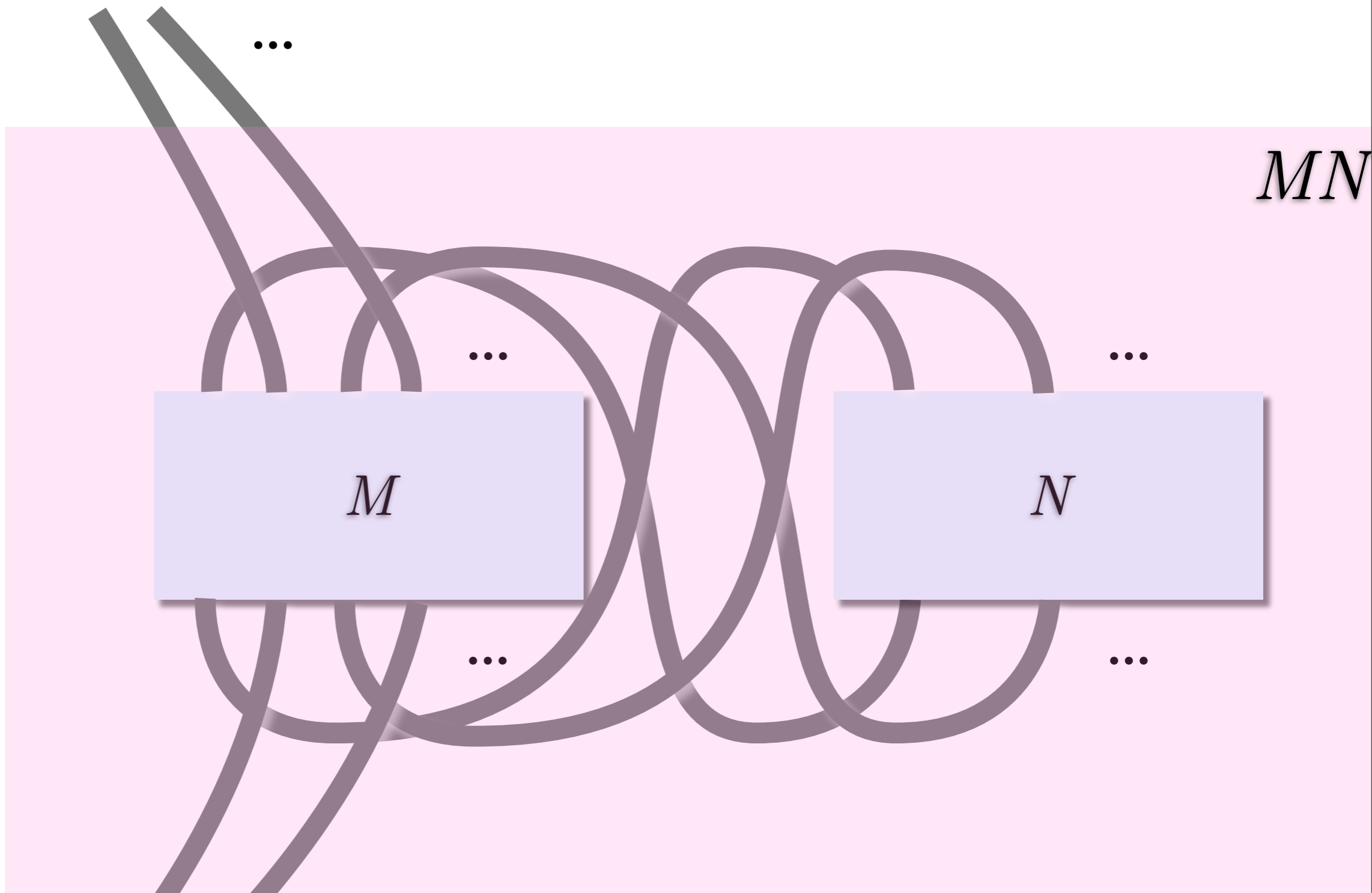
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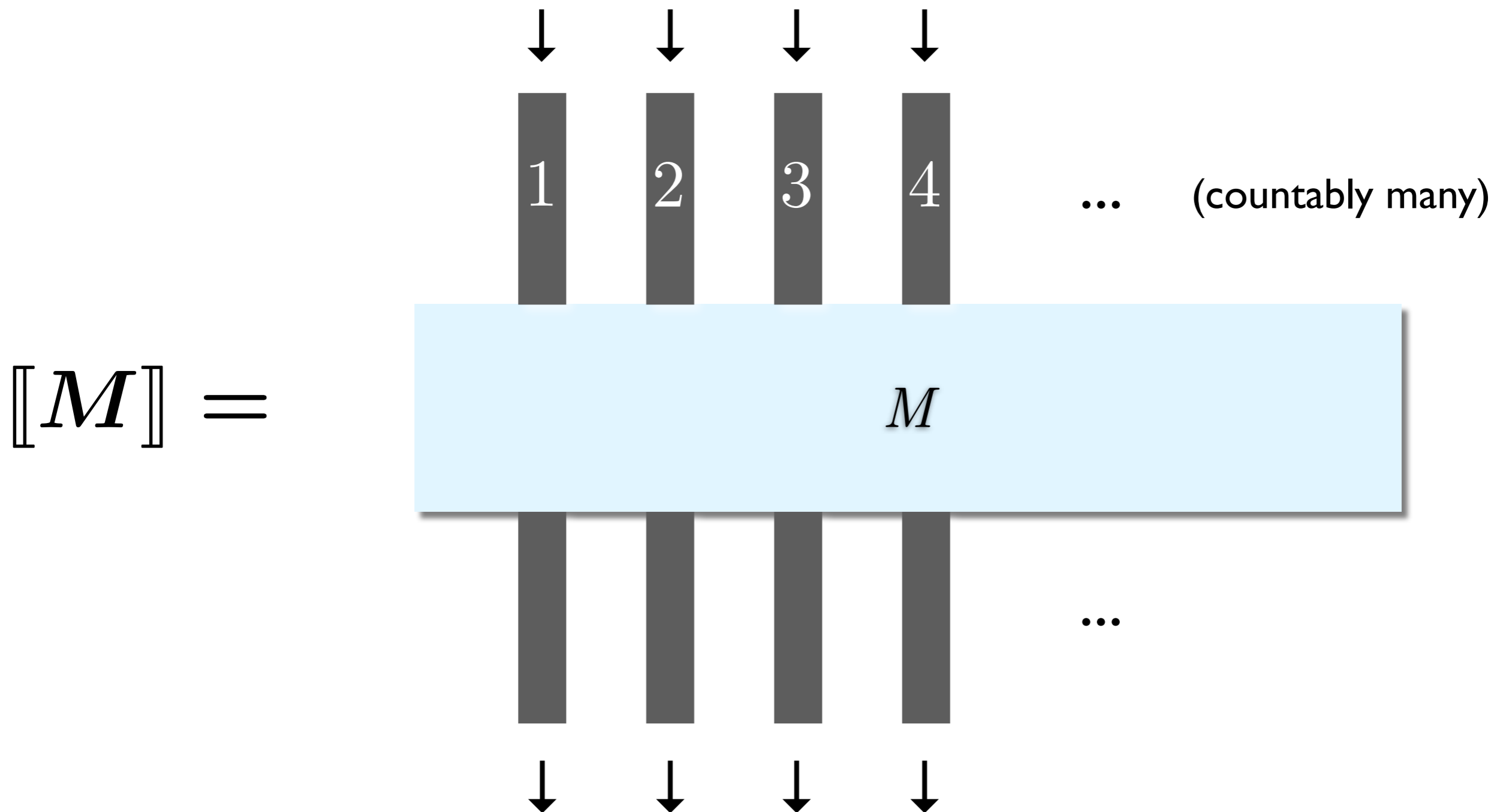
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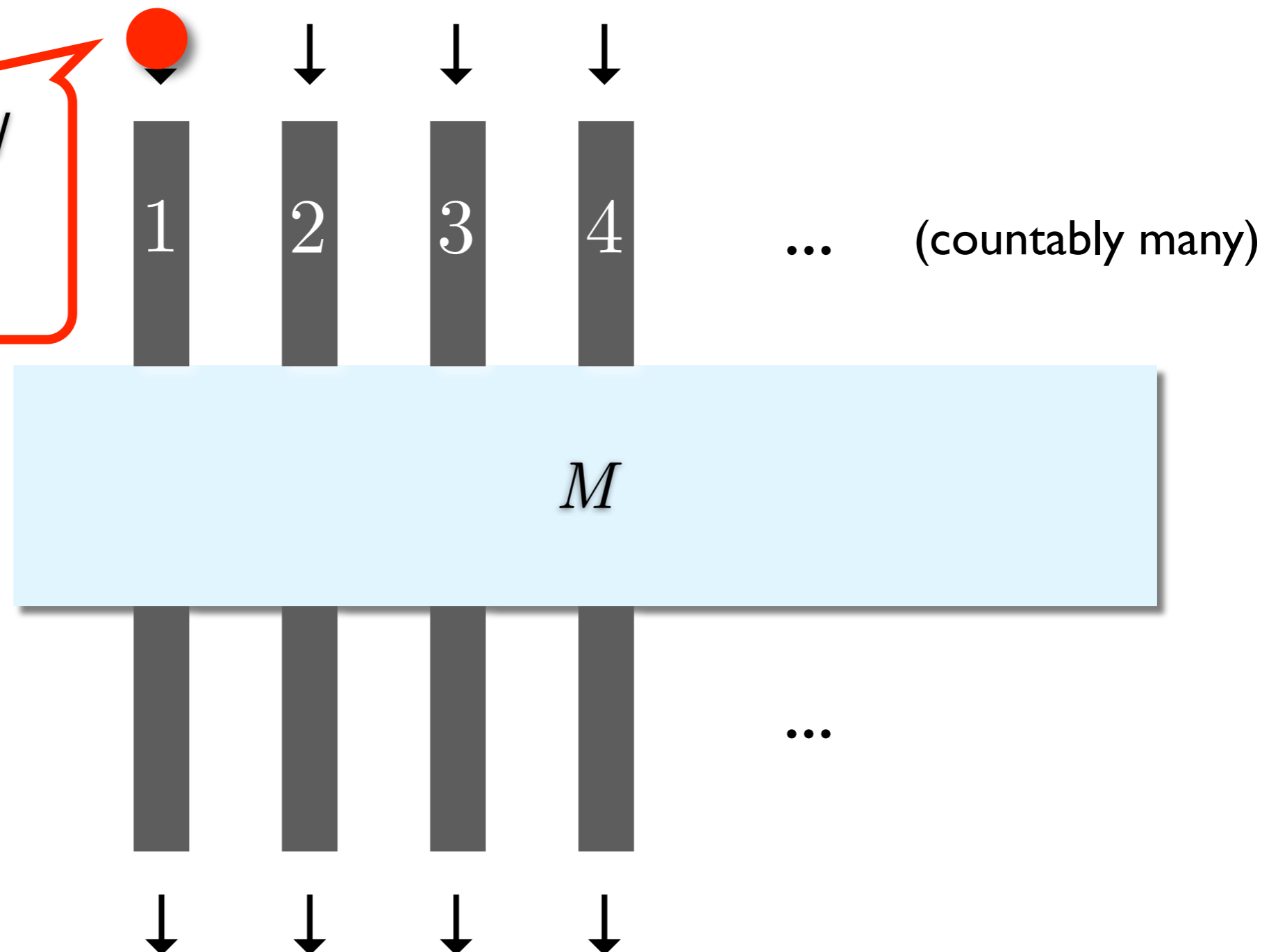
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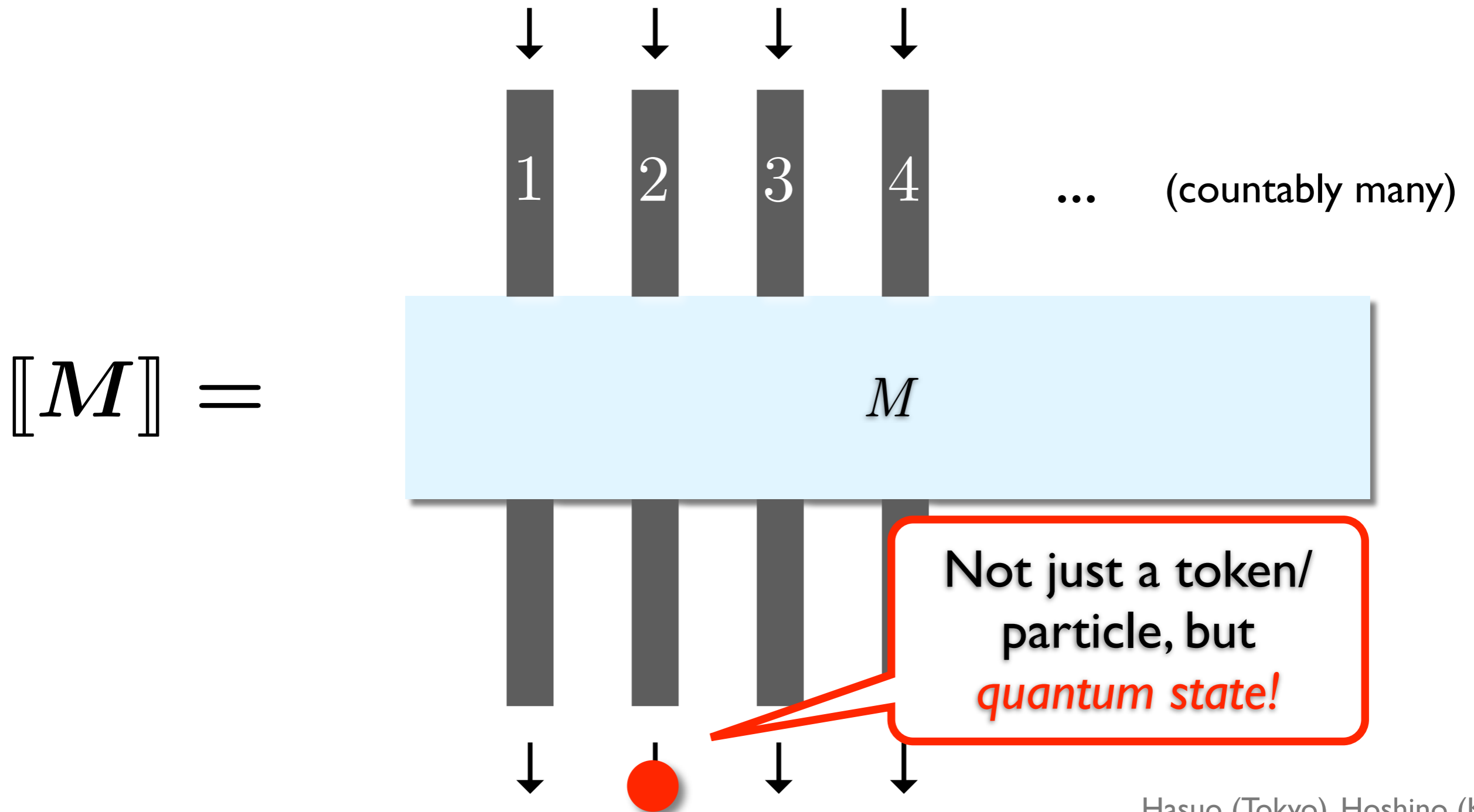
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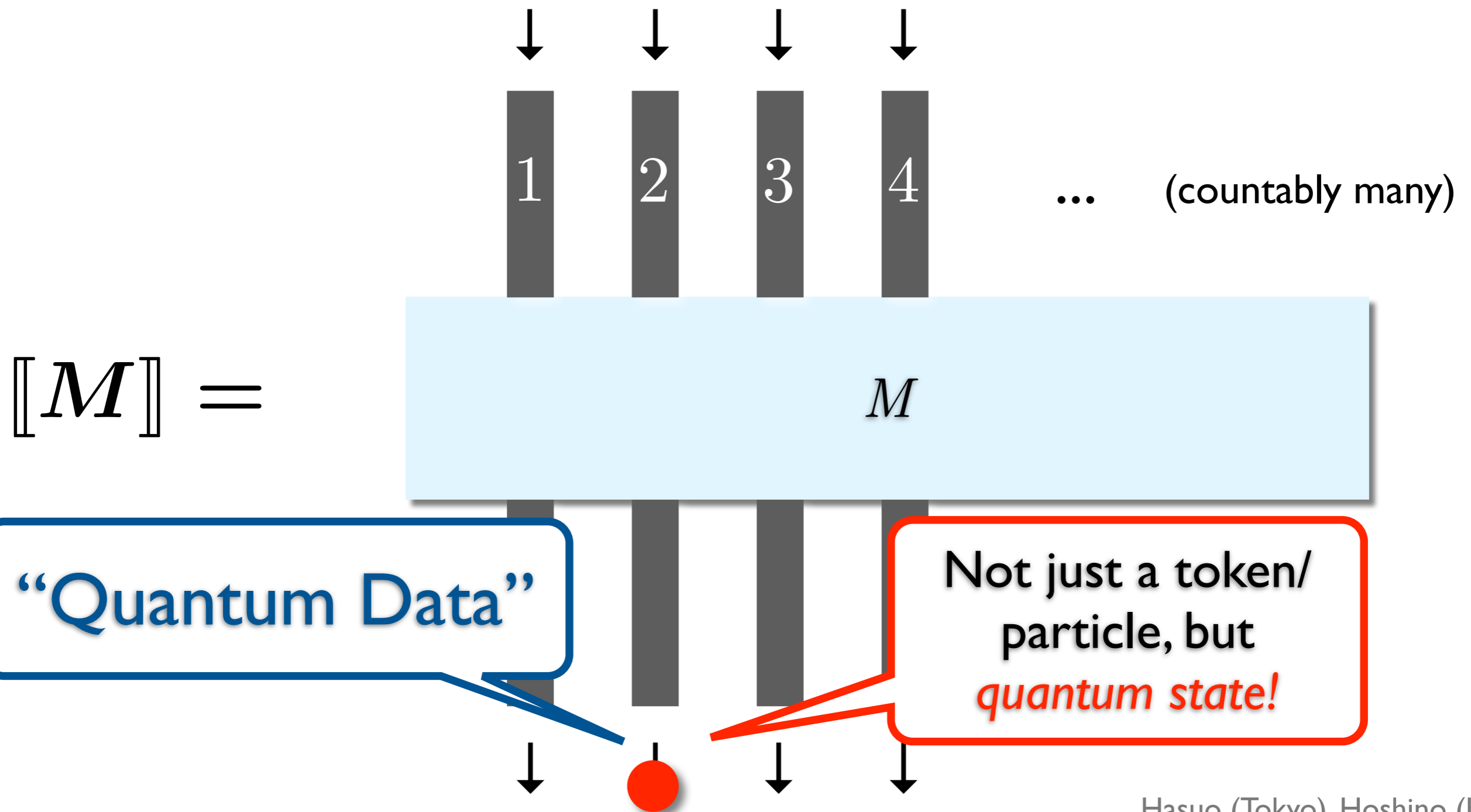
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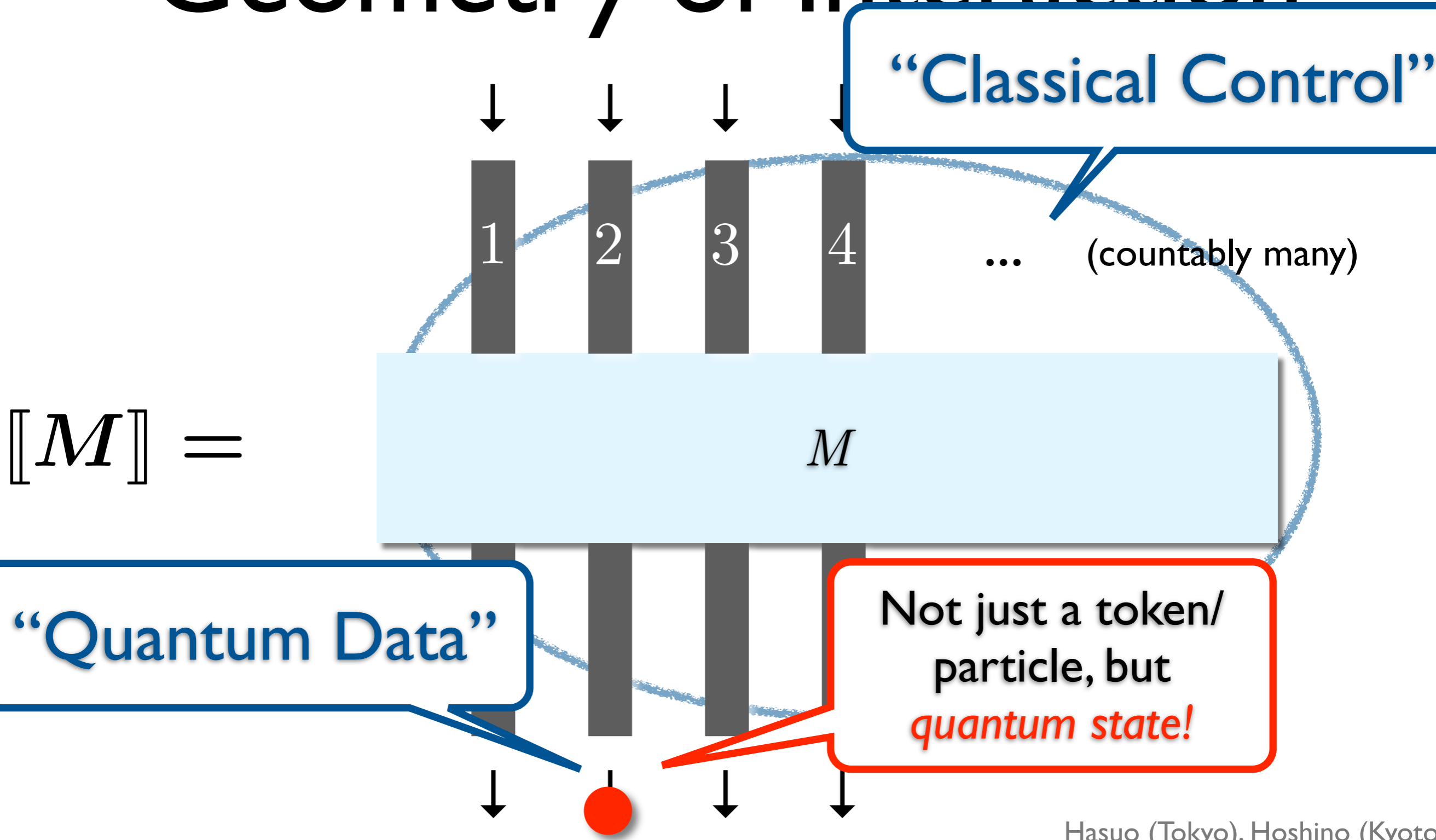
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   $\psi_{EPR} = \text{createEPR}()$ ;
  c = new channel[int]();
  fork bert( $c_0, \psi_B$ );

  angela( $c_1, \psi_A$ );
}

void angela(channelEnd[int]  $c_1$ , qbit  $ats$ ) {
  int r;
  qbit  $\phi$ ;

   $\phi = \text{doSomething}()$ ;
  r = measure (BellBasis,  $\phi, ats$ );
  send ( $c_1, r$ );
}
```

```
qbit bert(channelEnd[int]  $c_0$ , qbit  $stto$ ) {
  int i;

  i = recv ( $c_0$ );
  if (i == 0) {
    op $B_0$ ( $stto$ );
  } else if (i == 1) {
    op $B_1$ ( $stto$ );
  } else if (i == 2) {
    op $B_2$ ( $stto$ );
  } else {
    op $B_3$ ( $stto$ );
  }
  doSomethingElse( $stto$ );
}
```

Figure 1: Teleportation implemented in LanQ

Functional (Selinger, Valiron)

```
telep = let  $\langle x, y \rangle = \text{EPR} * in$ 
        let  $f = \text{BellMeasure } x \text{ in}$ 
        let  $g = U y$ 
        in  $\langle f, g \rangle$ .
```

- “High-level” → new algorithms?
- (Sometimes) good handling of quantum vs. classical data
 - *No-Cloning vs. Duplicable*
- Model quantum communication protocols

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Q4. Why **denotational** semantics?

