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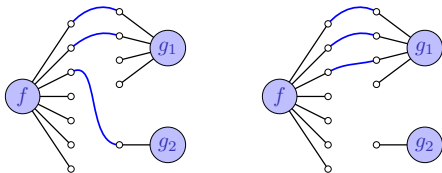
Topics in Gaussian Wiener chaos expansion

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Plan

1. One-dimensional case
2. Multi-dimensional case
3. Gaussian fields
4. The Φ^4 model

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1. The one-dimensional case

1. Gaussian random variables
2. Hermite polynomials
3. Wiener chaos expansion

Gaussian random variables

Definition: Gaussian random variable

$X \sim \mathcal{N}(m, \sigma^2)$ iff it has density

$$\mu(dx) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-(x-m)^2/(2\sigma^2)} dx$$

Properties:

1. $X \sim \mathcal{N}(m, \sigma^2) \Leftrightarrow X = m + \sigma Y$ with $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$.
2. Assume $X \sim \mathcal{N}(m_1, \sigma_1^2)$ and $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(m_2, \sigma_2^2)$ are defined on a common probability space, and let $Z = X + Y$. Then

$$Z \sim \mathcal{N}(m_1 + m_2, \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + 2 \operatorname{Cov}(X, Y))$$

3. Two Gaussian variables X and Y are independent $\Leftrightarrow \operatorname{Cov}(X, Y) := \mathbb{E}[XY] - \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y] = 0$.

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1. **Linear algebra/geometry:** Gram–Schmidt
2. **Probability:** cumulants
3. **Analysis:** differential operators, spectral theory
4. **Algebra:** convolution algebra
5. **Combinatorics:** pairwise matchings

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Moments, cumulants and Wick map

▷ X real-valued random variable

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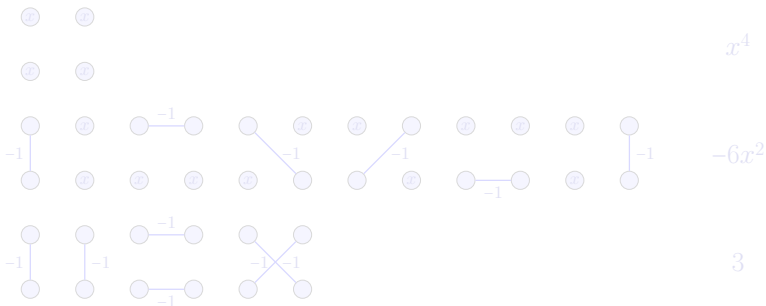
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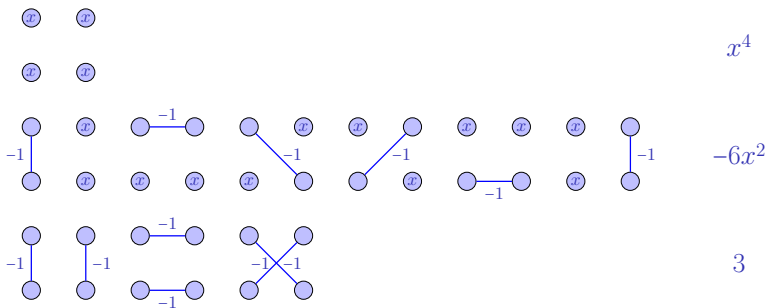


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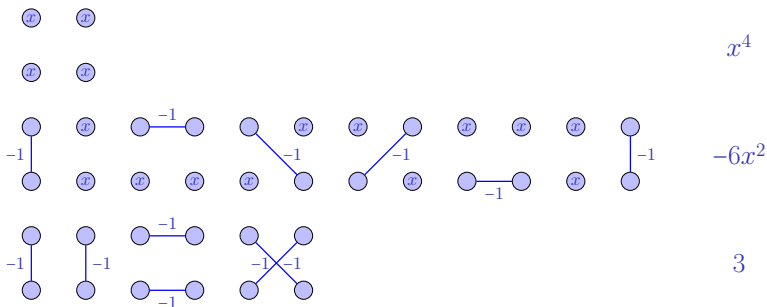


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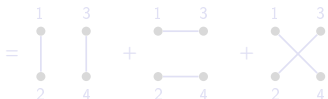
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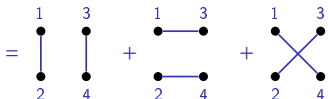
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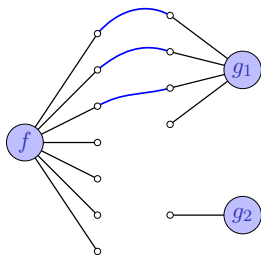
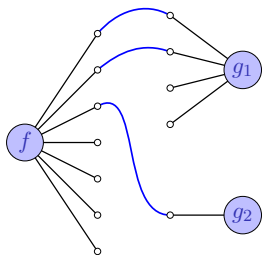
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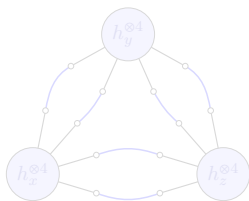
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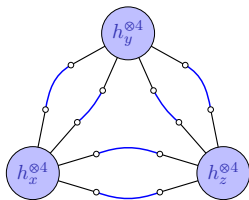


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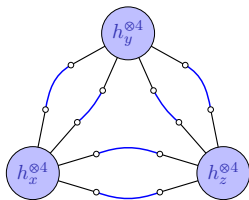


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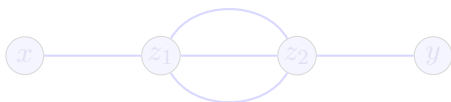
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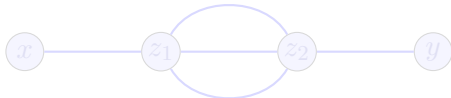
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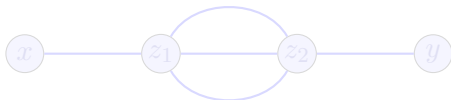
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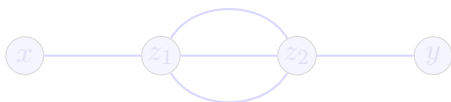
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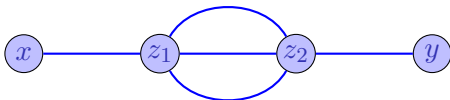
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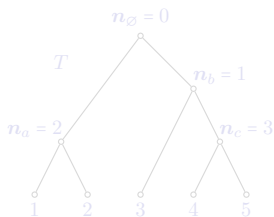
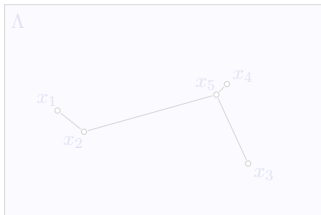
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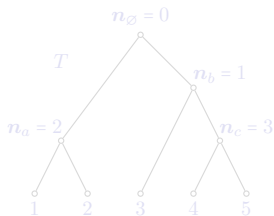
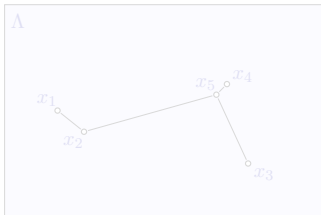
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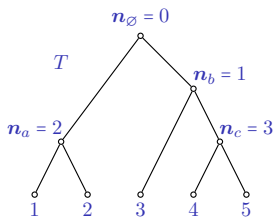
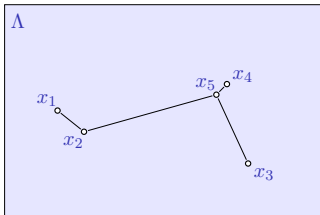
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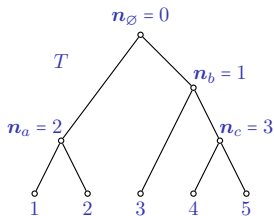
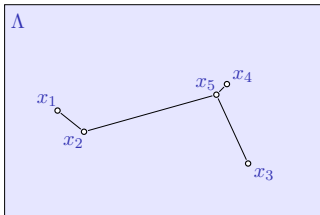
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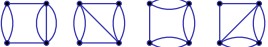
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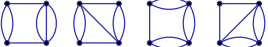
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