

Some Arithmetic Features of String Theory

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Given the diverse backgrounds of the audience, this talk will be a sketchy attempt to illustrate a particular aspect of this connection with mathematics in a narrow area of string theory.

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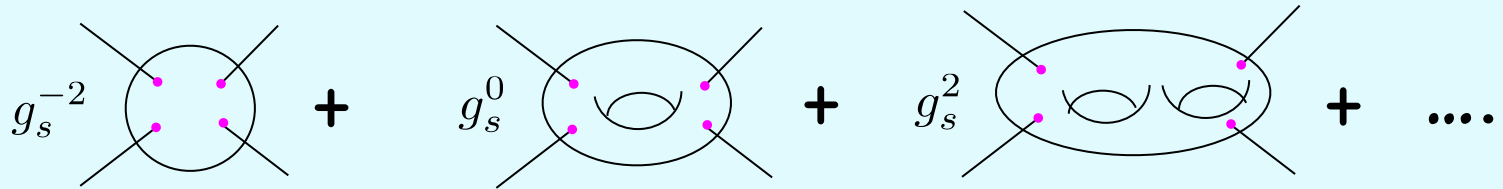
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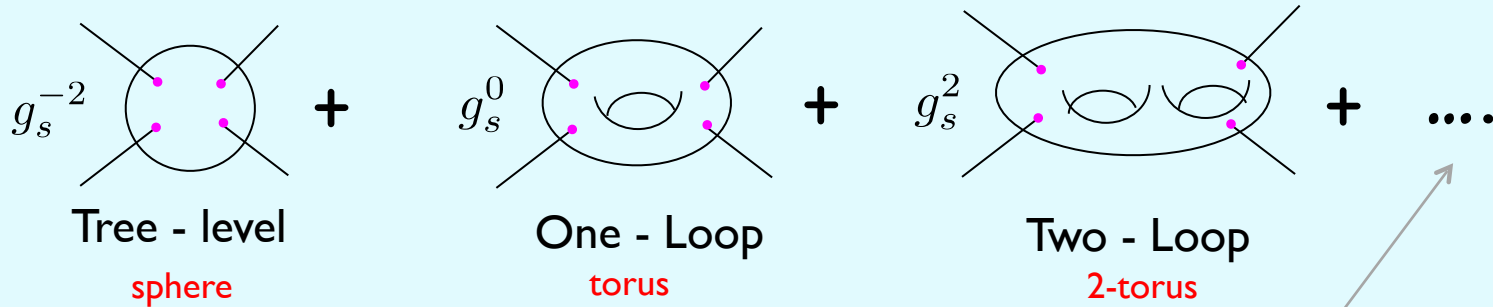
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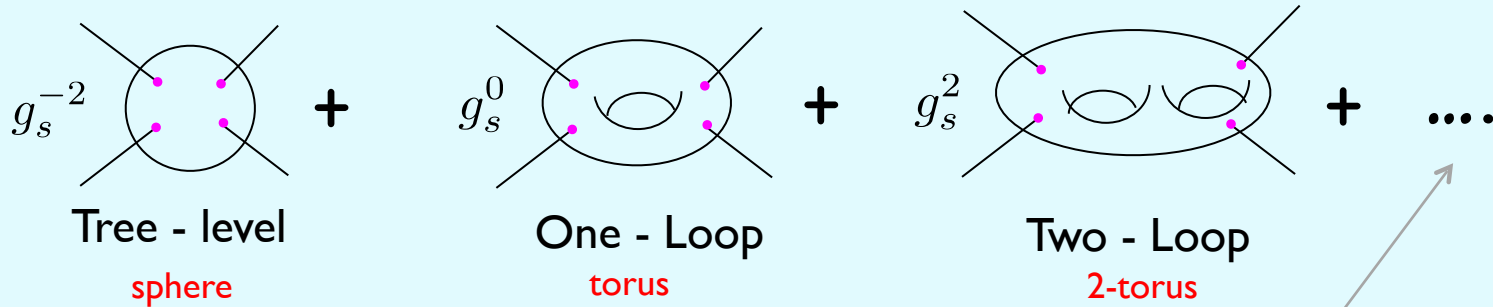
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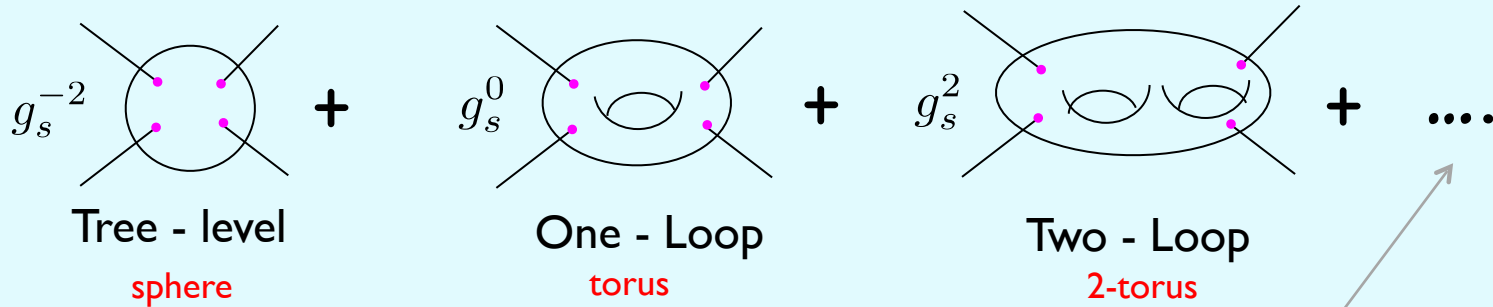
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(field theory) QUANTUM theory probably inconsistent – Ultraviolet divergences.

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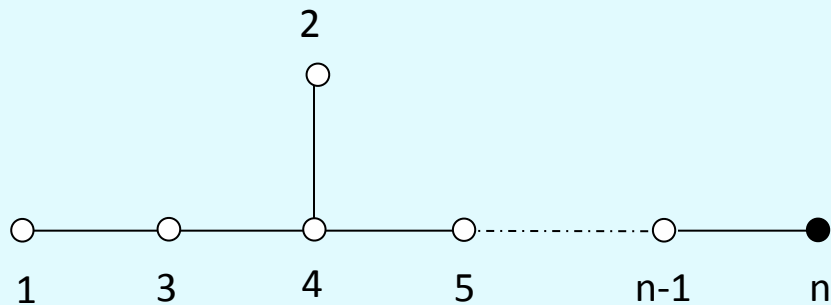
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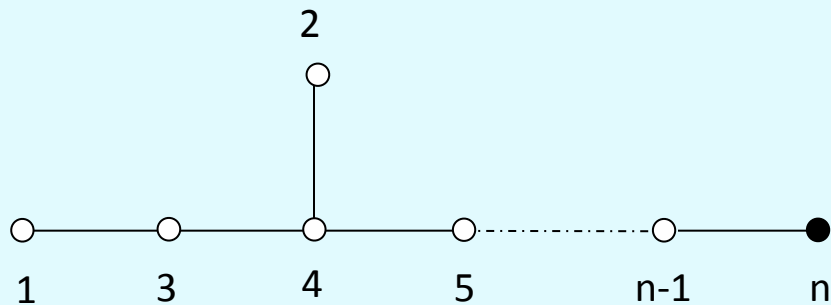
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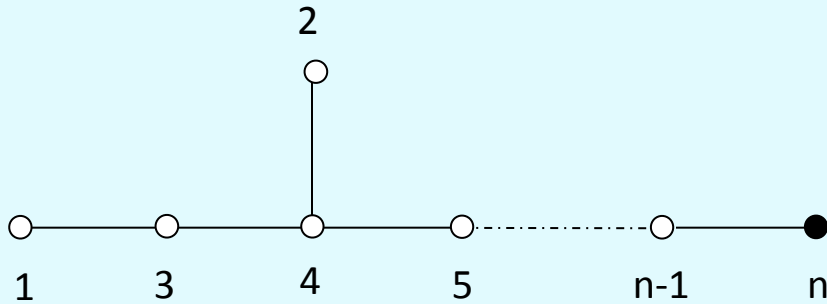
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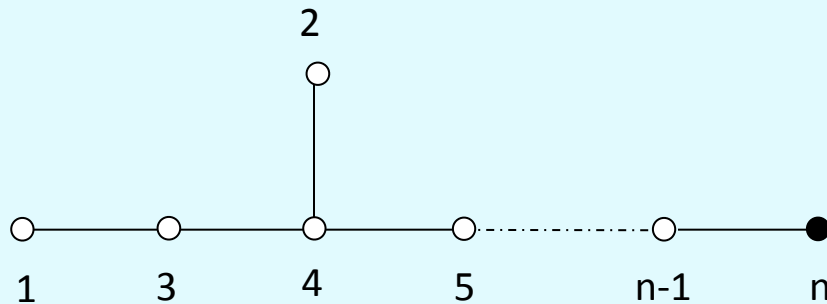
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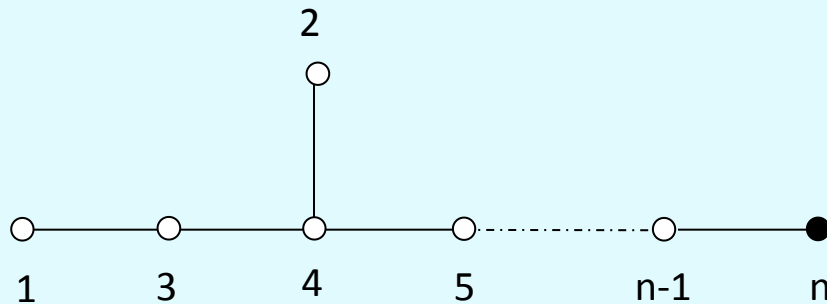
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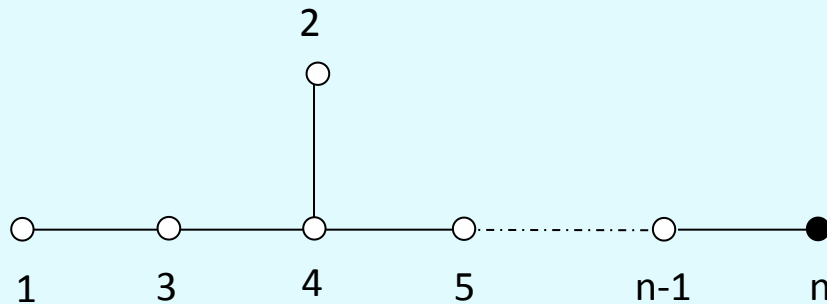
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