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- The fields are given by the bundle map

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- Then the Poisson sigma model in  $(M, \{.,.\})$  upon integration of  $X$ -fields, leads to 2-d  $R^2$  gravity.

$$S_{R^2} = \int_{\Sigma} \left( \frac{1}{4} R^2 + \Lambda \right) \sqrt{g} \, d^2\sigma$$

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The action in this case is equivalent to

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with  $X(\sigma) \in \mathfrak{g}^*$  and  $F = d\eta + [\eta, \eta] \in \Omega^2(M) \otimes \mathfrak{g}$

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- With group  $(G^*, \{.,.\}^*)$  it is equivalent to  $G/G$  WZW model.

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preserves B.C. and is a symmetry.

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**Theorem:** Every pre-Poisson submanifold can be embedded coisotropically in a cosymplectic submanifold.

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- Batalin-Vilkoviski quantization

Poisson sigma model has a gauge symmetry of the open type (its algebra closes only on-shell).

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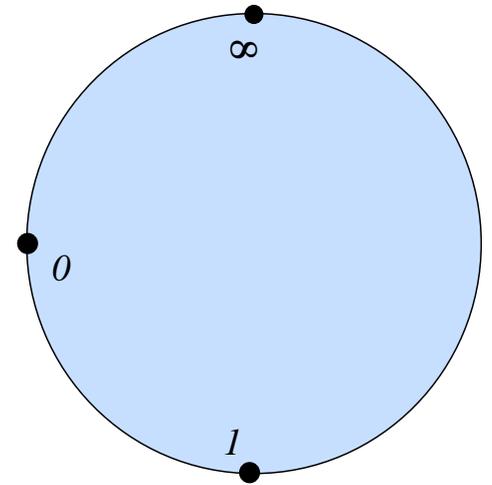
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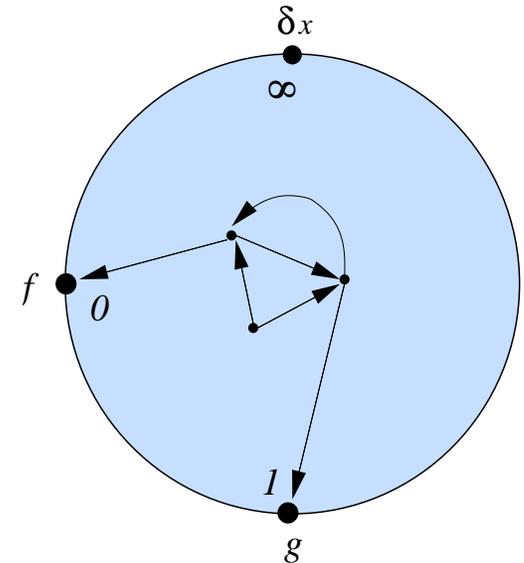
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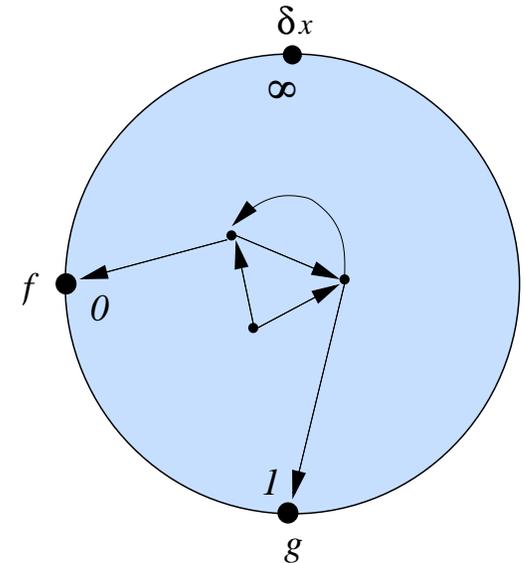
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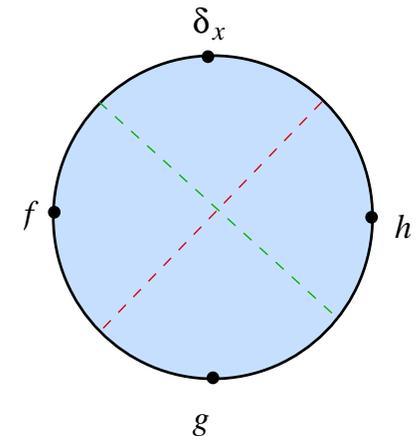
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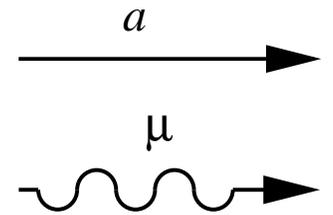


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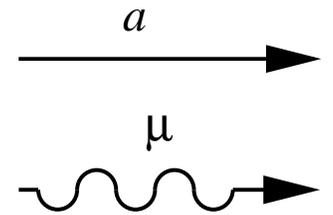


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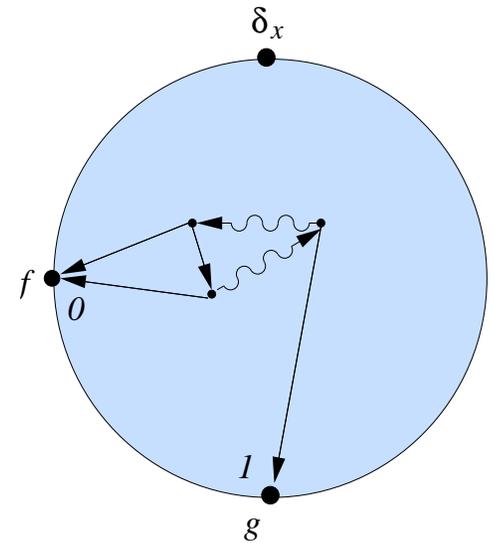
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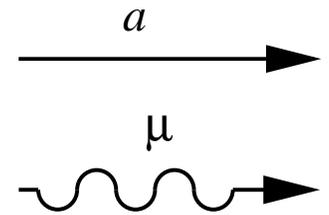


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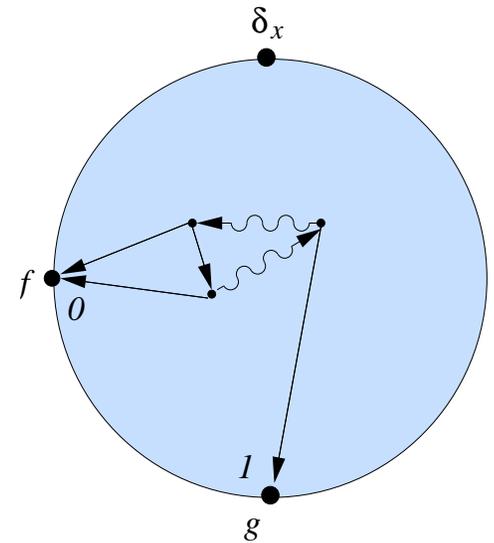
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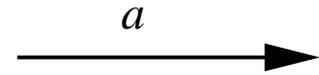
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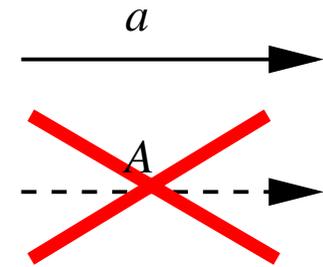


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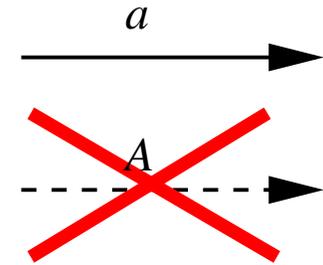
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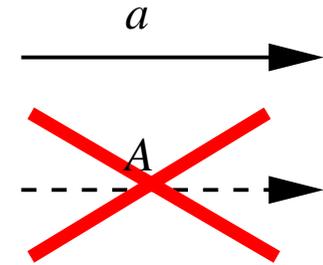
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