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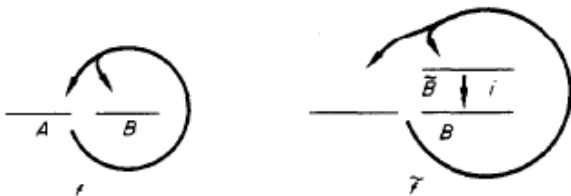


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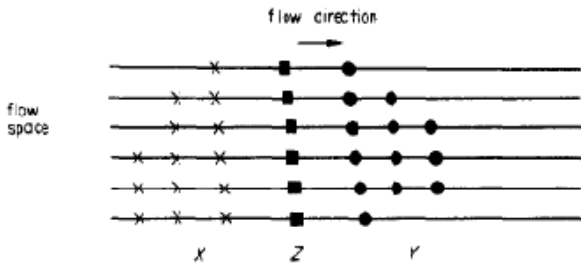


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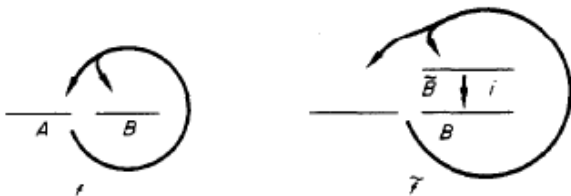


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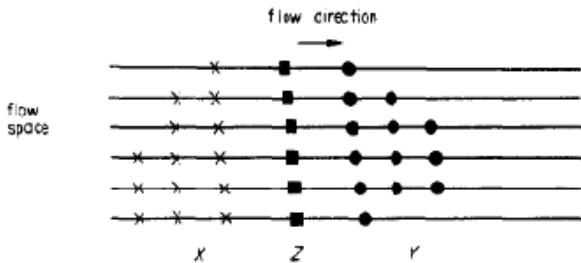


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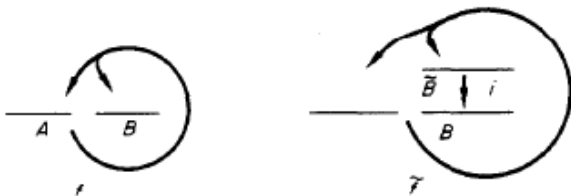


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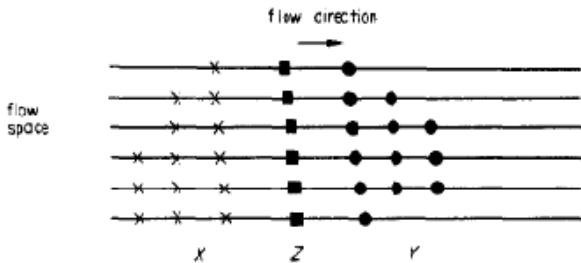
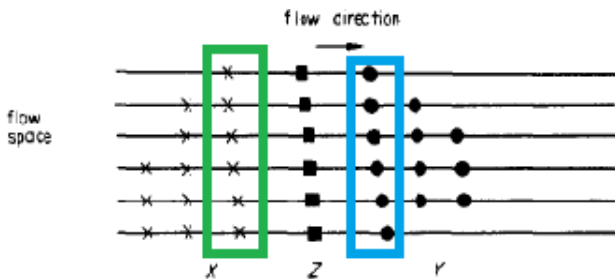


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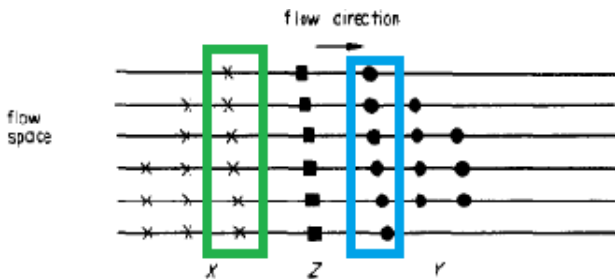
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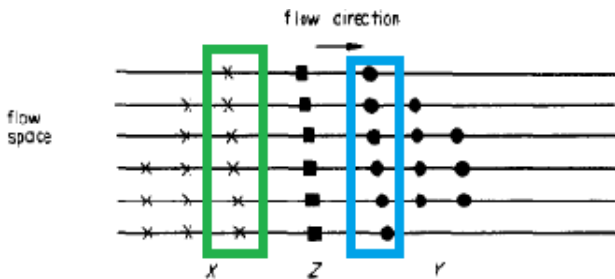
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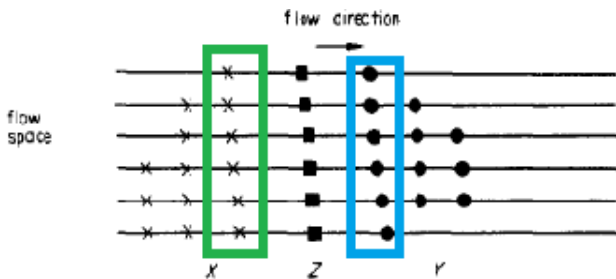
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which supports the minimal homeomorphism

$$a_M : \mathcal{A}_M \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}_M$$

given by

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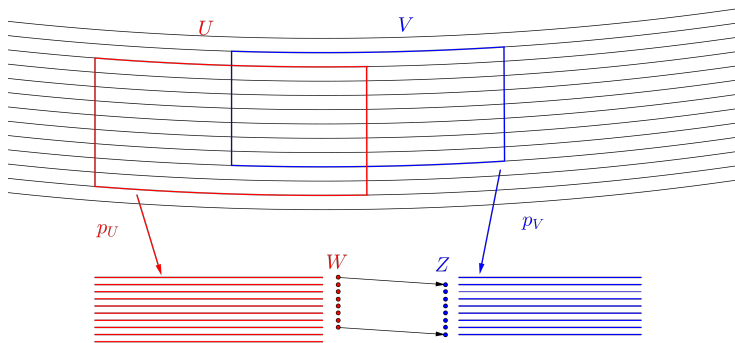
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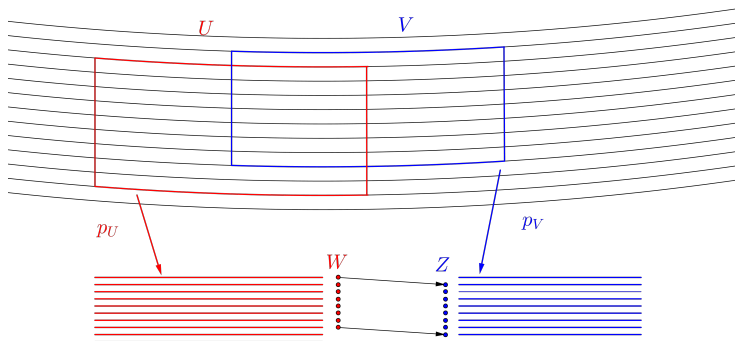
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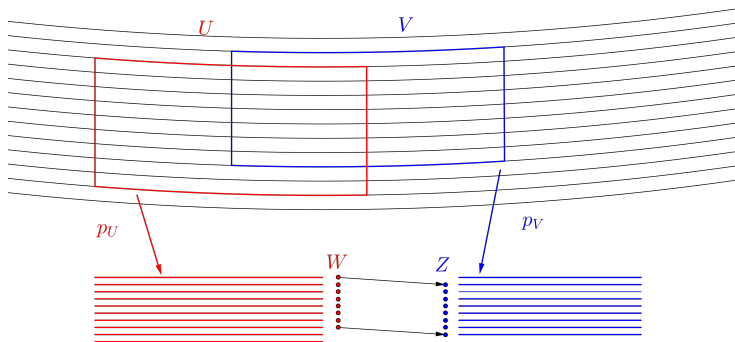
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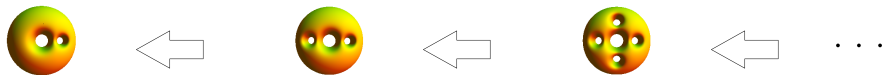
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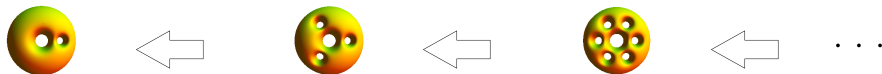
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