

# Transferring $A_\infty$ -Structures from Chains to Homology

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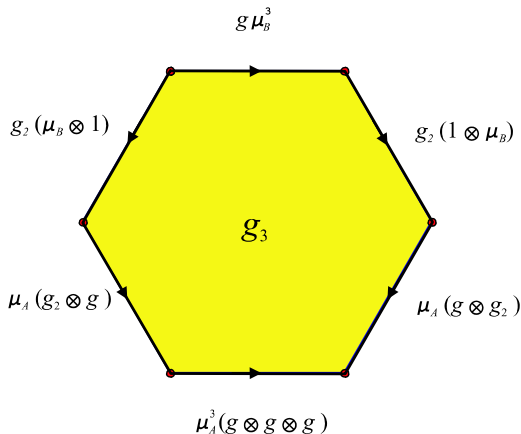
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# Transfer of A-infinity Algebra Structure

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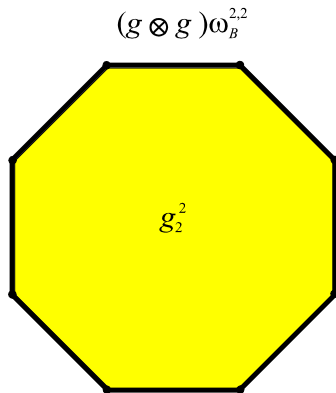
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Thank you!