

# Lorentzian Hausdorff measures, doubling and more

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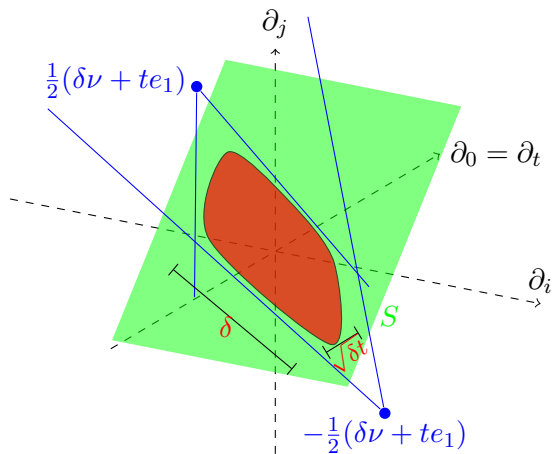
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The **intersection** (in red) of the causal cones  $J^\pm(\mp(\delta\nu + te_1))$  (in blue) with the null subspace  $S$  (in green)

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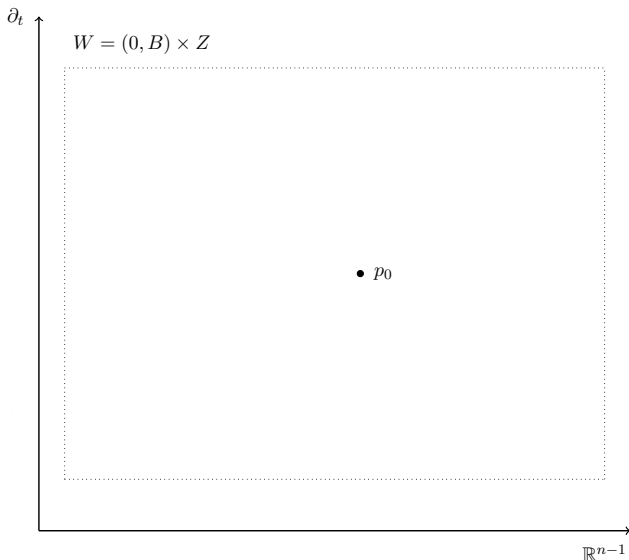
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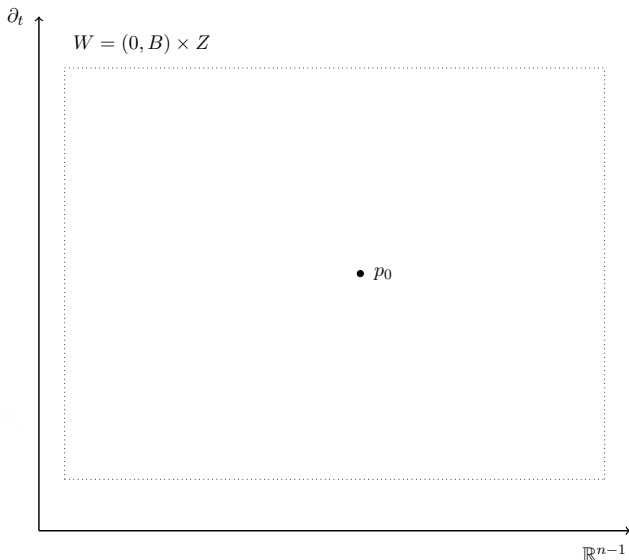
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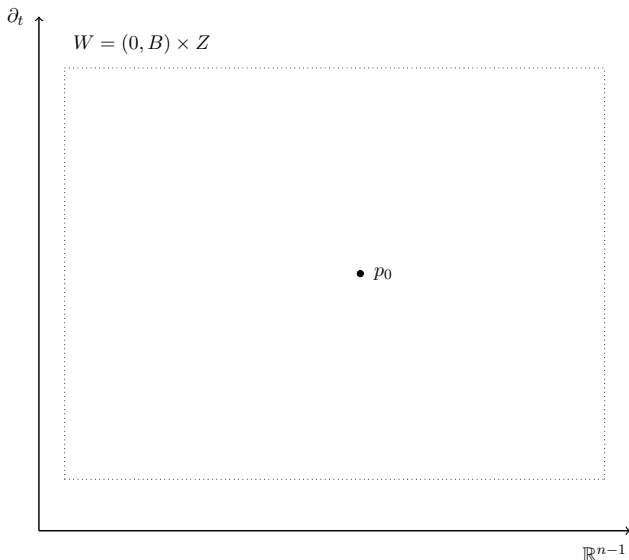
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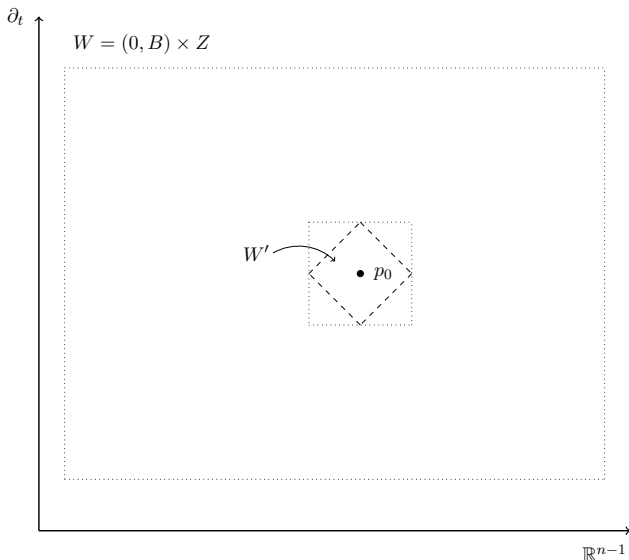
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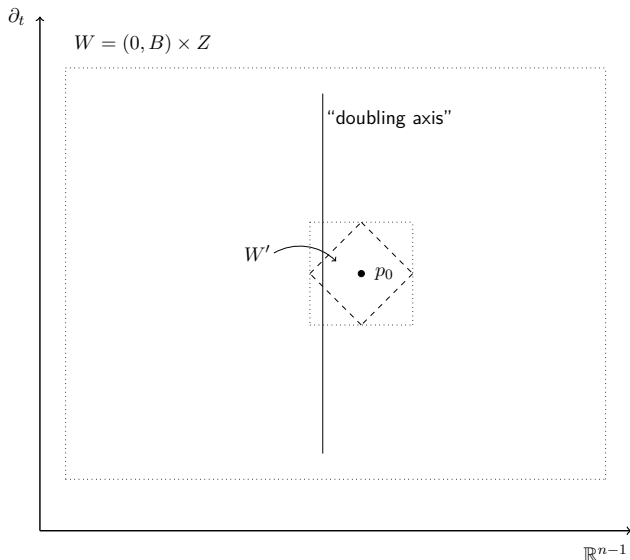
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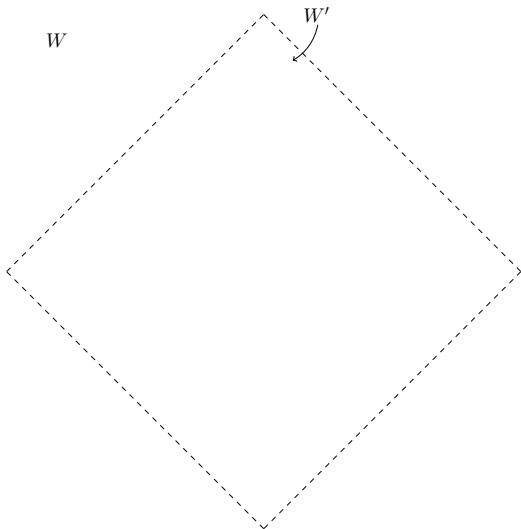
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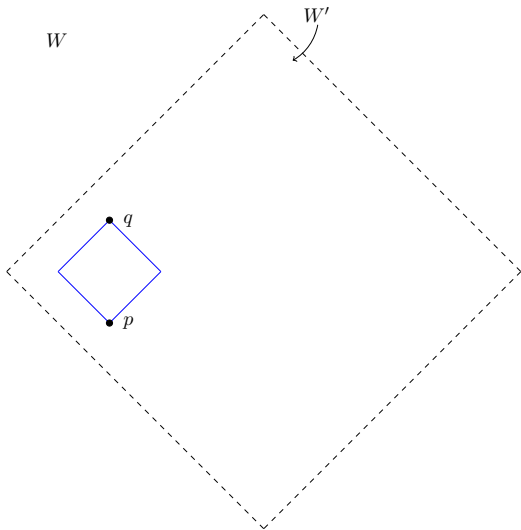
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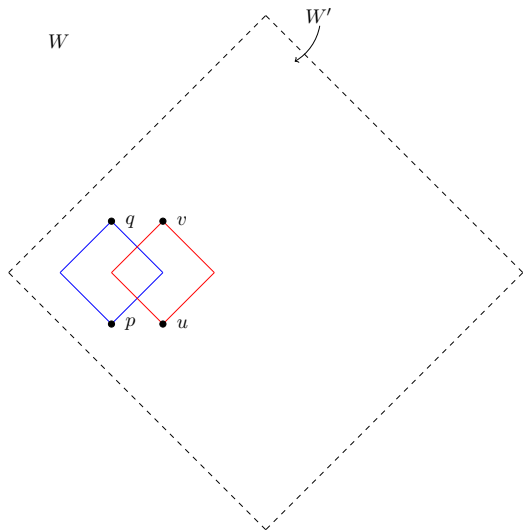
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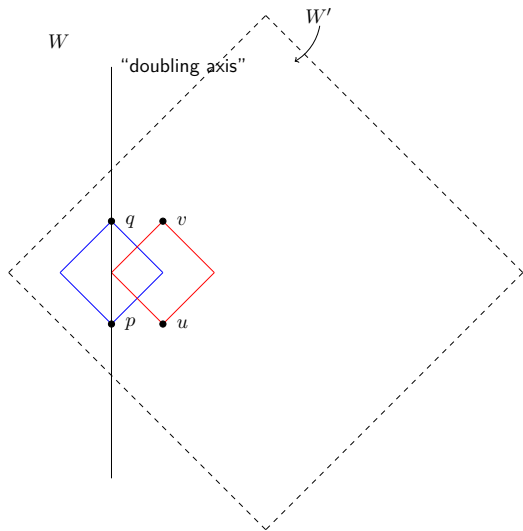
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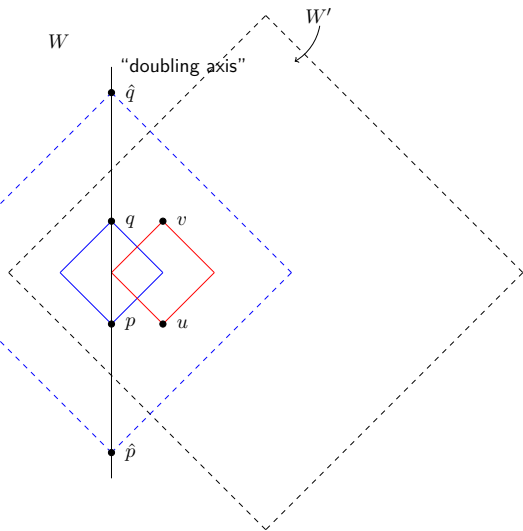
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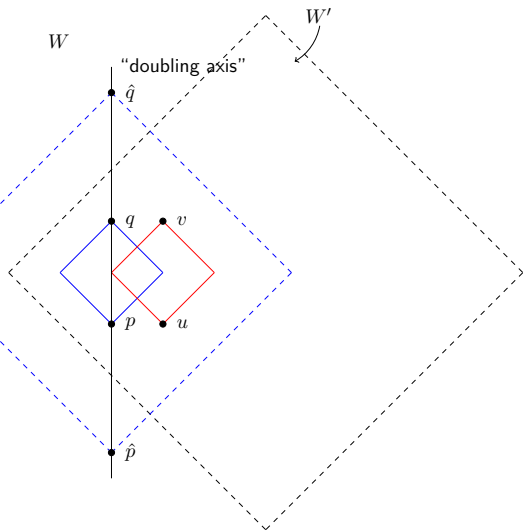
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