

# On universal parts of OPE coefficients in $N=4$ SYM

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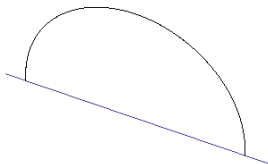
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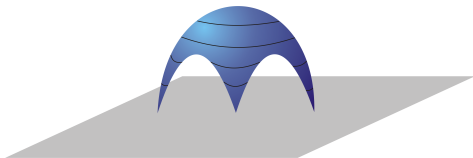
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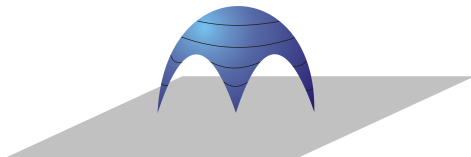
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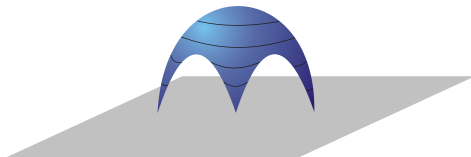
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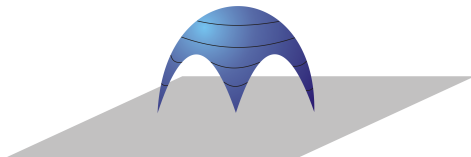
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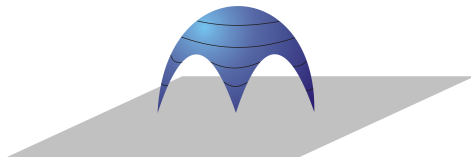
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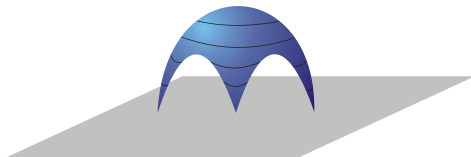
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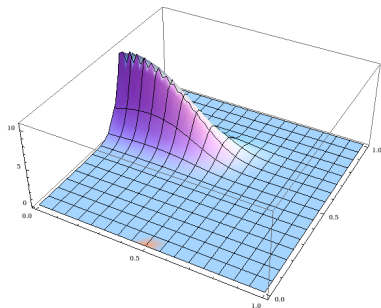
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Then the coordinates of the punctures are encoded in the products at  $\theta = 0$

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