

Nonmeromorphic operator product expansion and C_2 -cofiniteness for a family of $\mathcal{W}$ -algebras[★]

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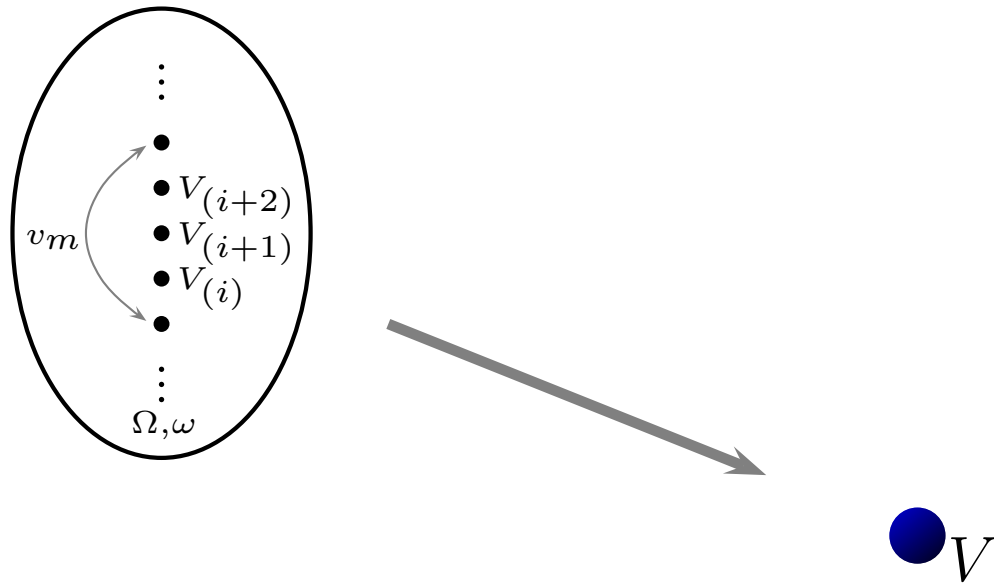
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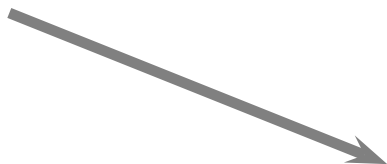
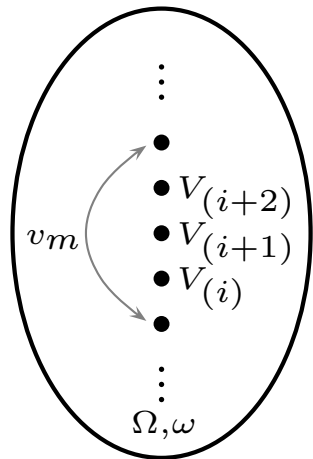
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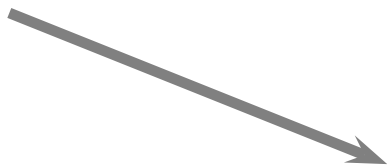
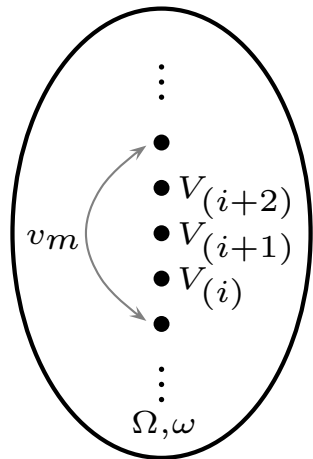


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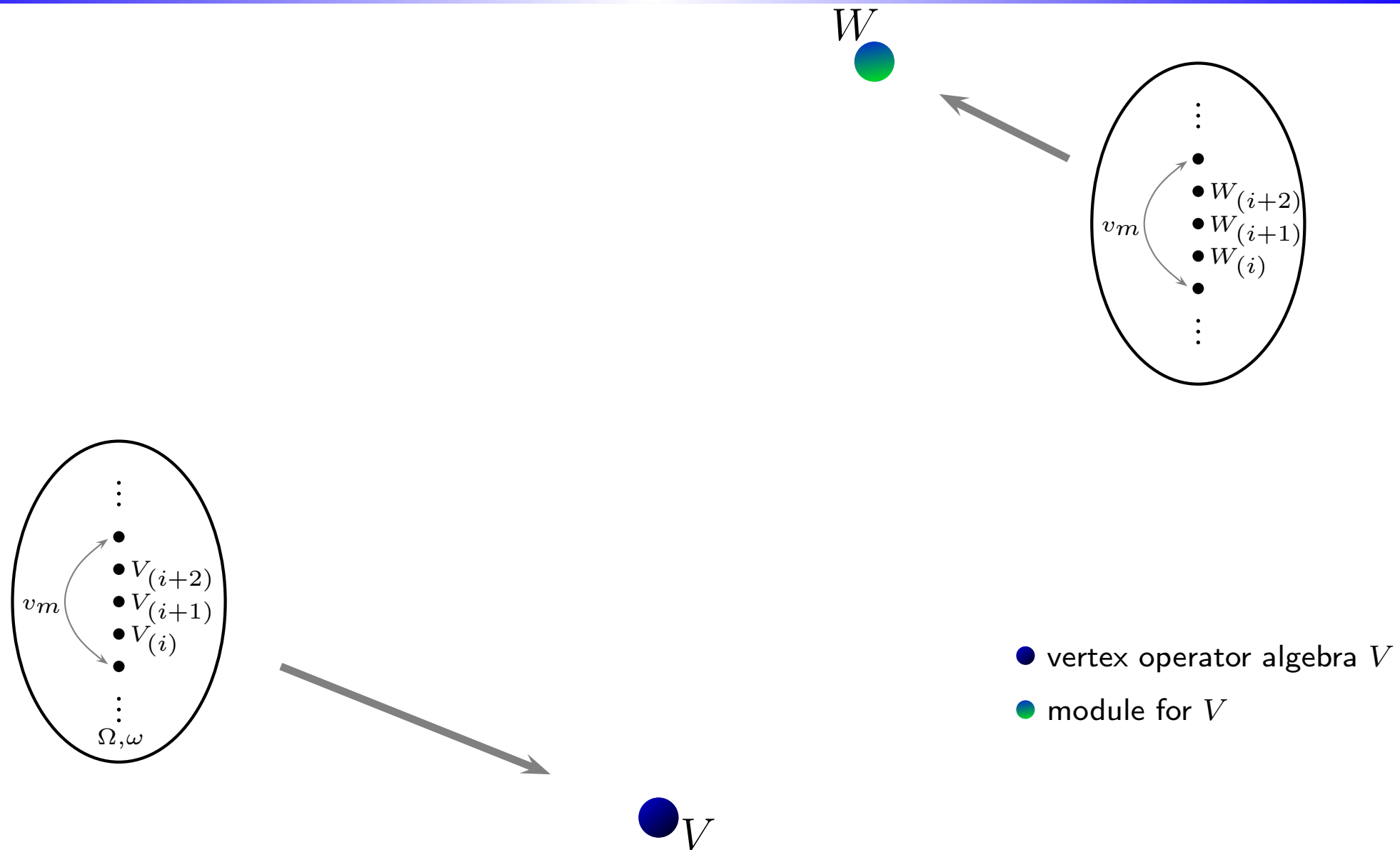
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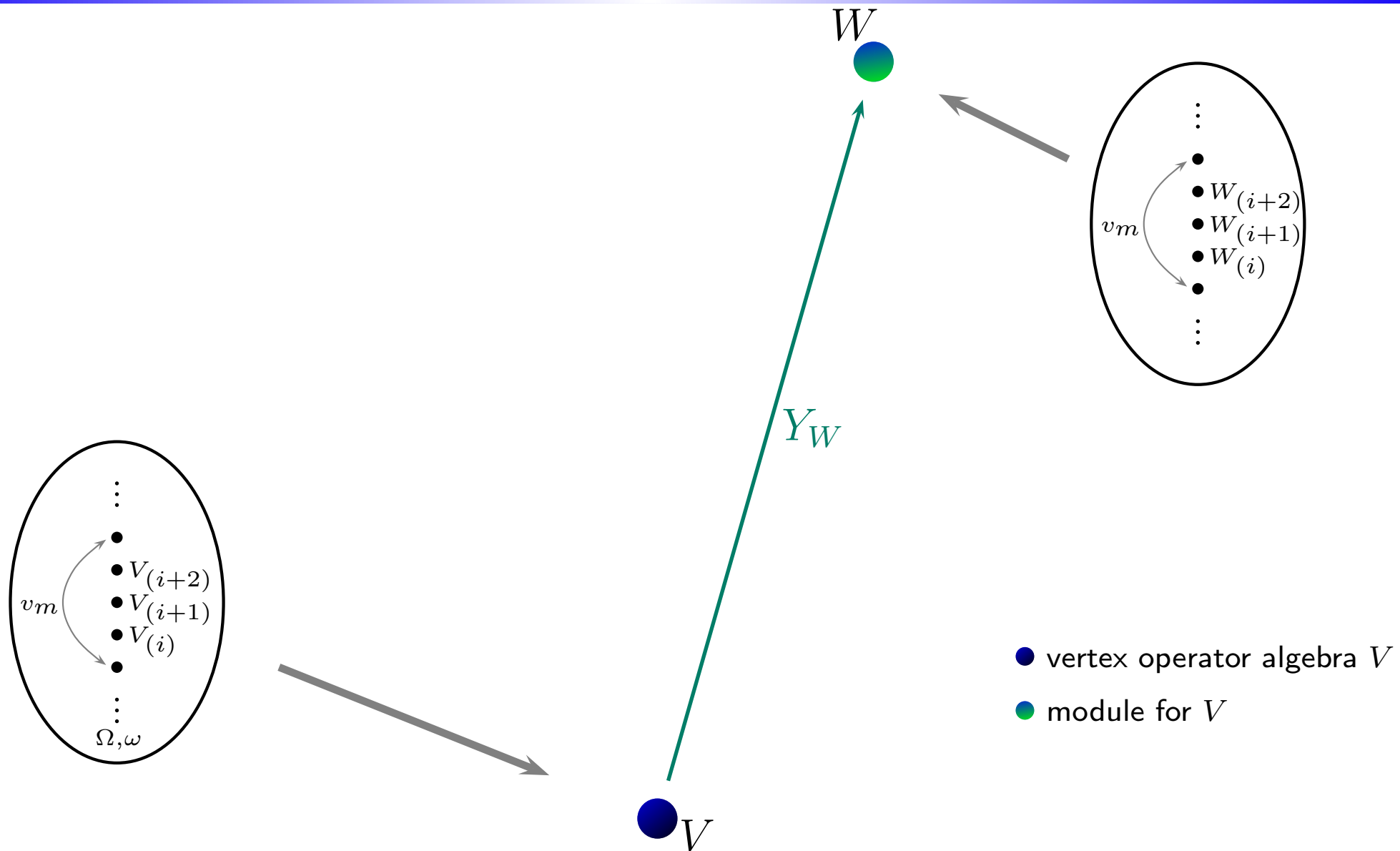
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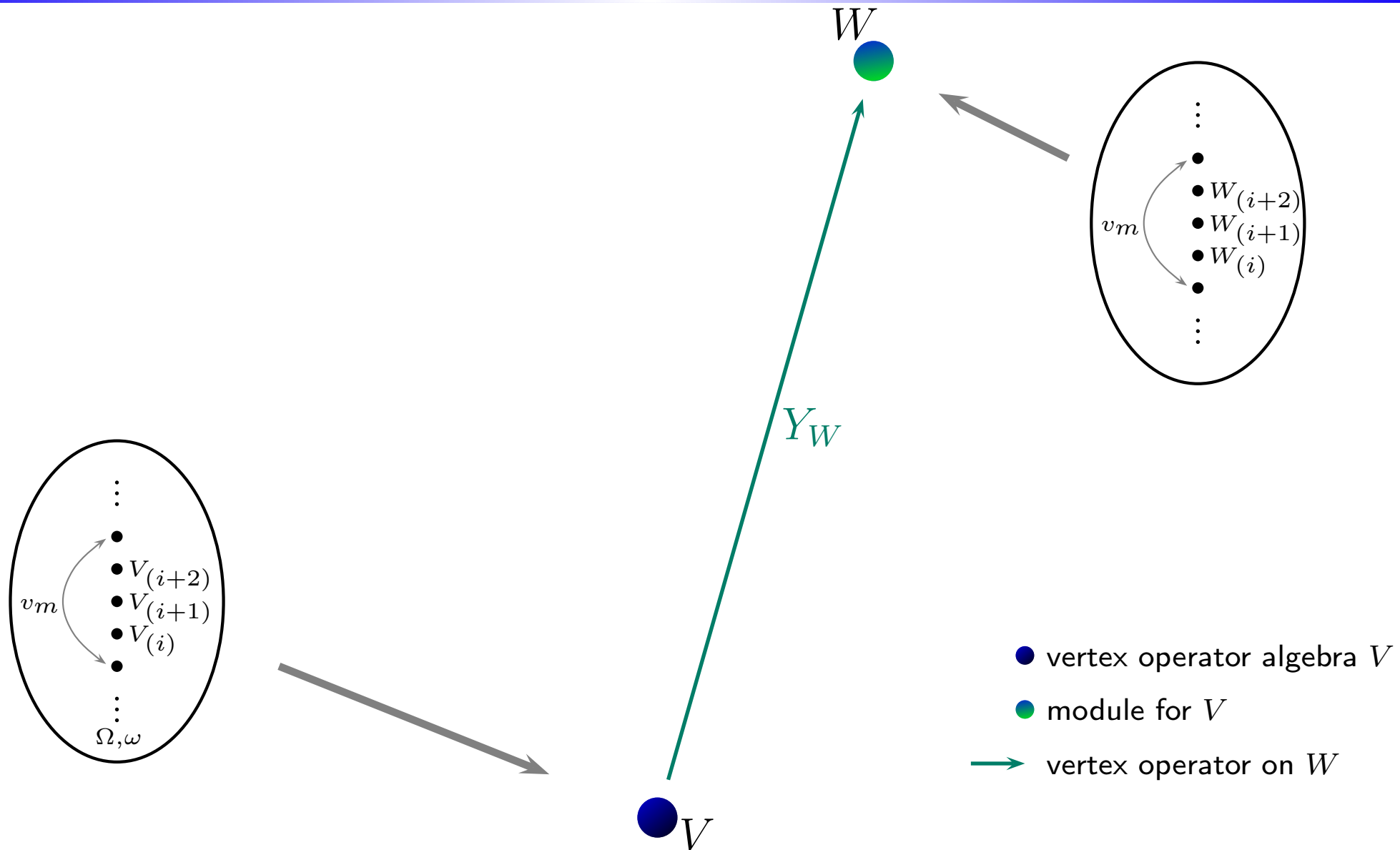
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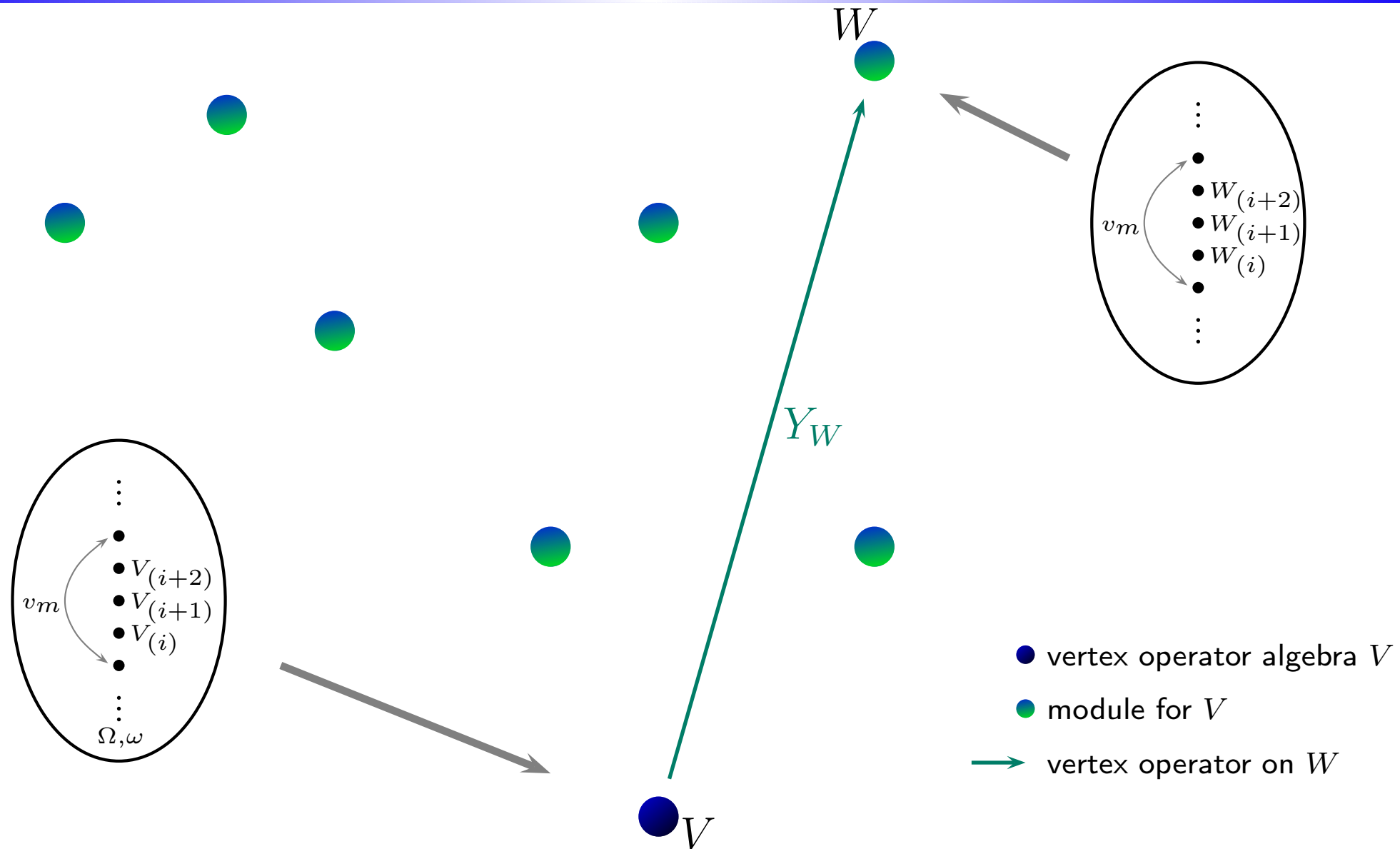
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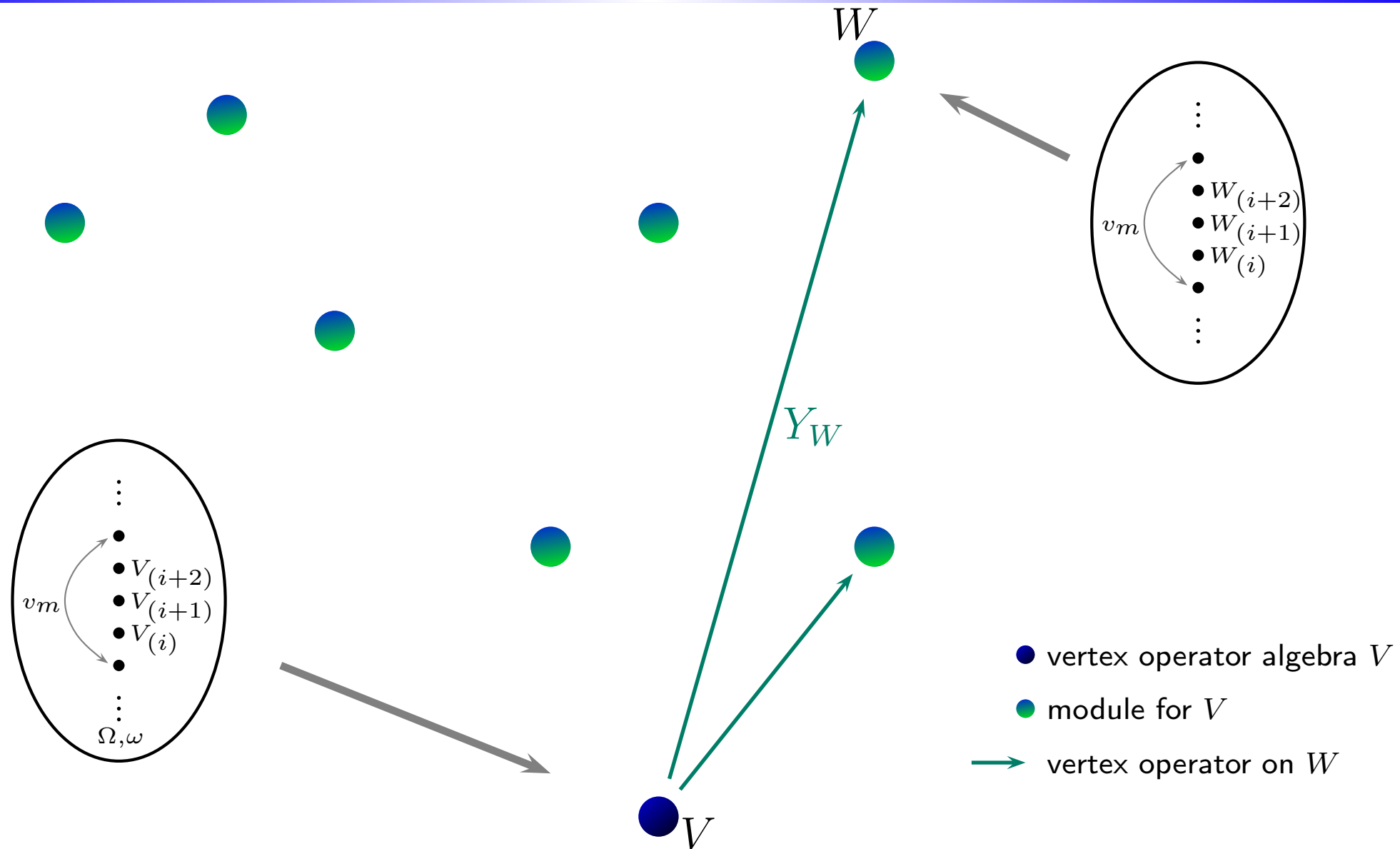
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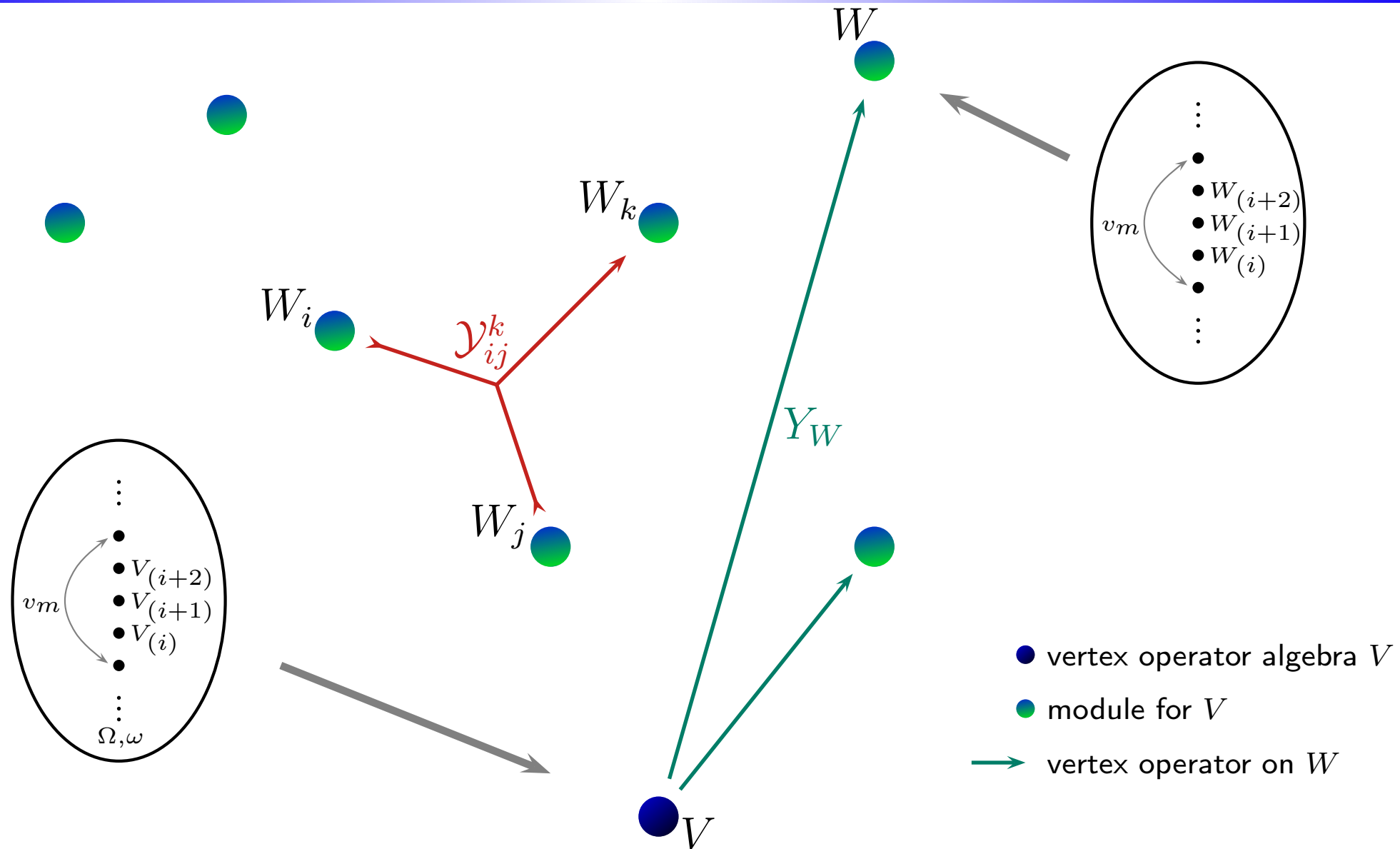
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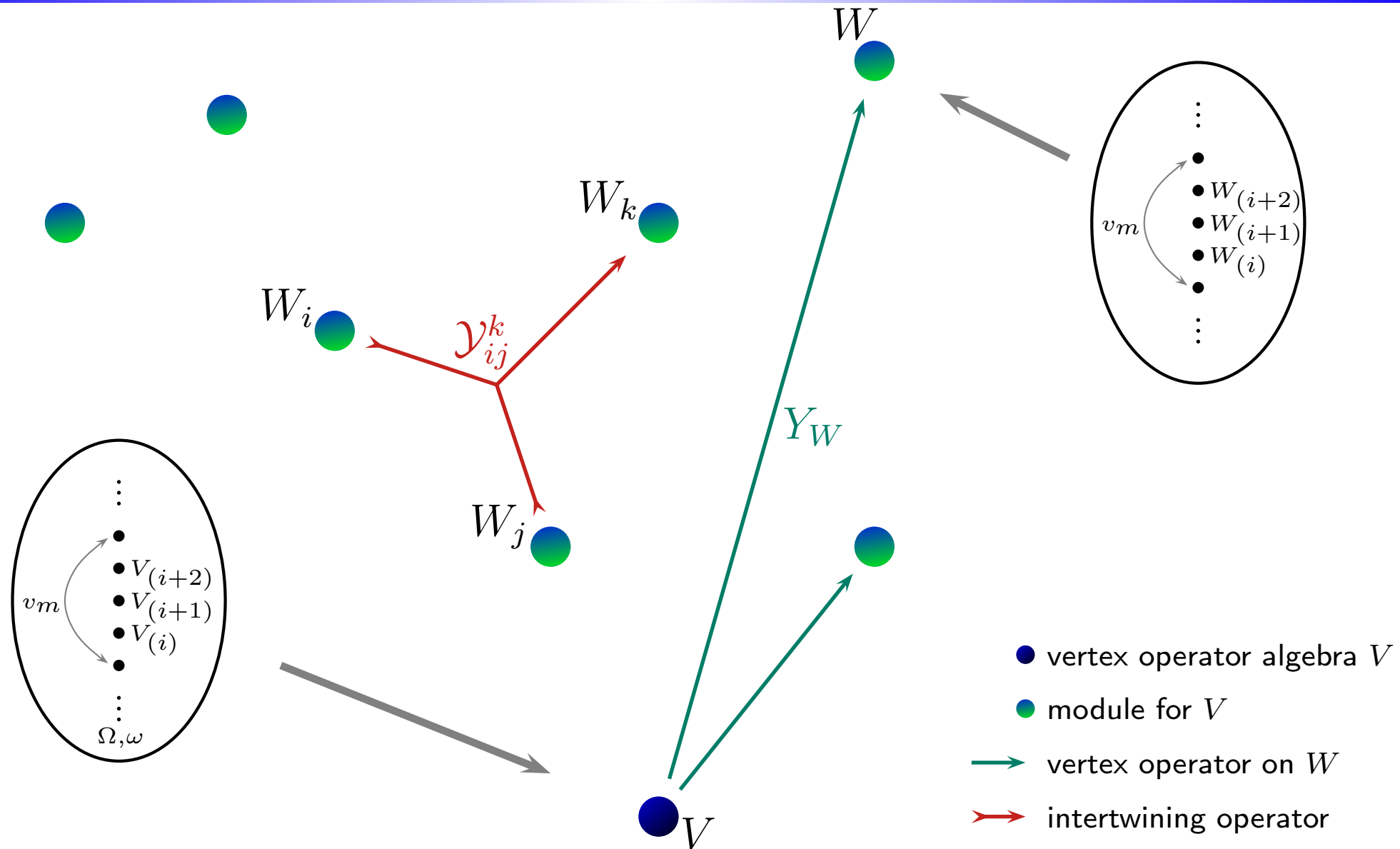
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