

Spin structures on flat manifolds

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Bieberbach theorems

Theorem (Bieberbach 1911, 1912)

Let $\Gamma \subset E(n)$ be a crystallographic group.

- 1 The subgroup $\Gamma \cap (1 \times \mathbb{R}^n)$ of pure translations of Γ is free abelian group of rank n . Moreover it is maximal abelian normal subgroup of Γ of finite index.
- 2 A crystallographic group is isomorphic to Γ if and only if it is conjugate to Γ in the group $A(n) = \mathrm{GL}(n, \mathbb{R}) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^n$.
- 3 There are a finite number of isomorphic classes of crystallographic groups in each dimension.

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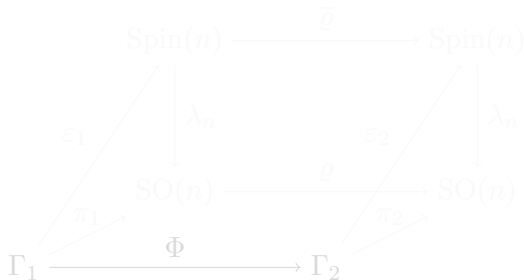
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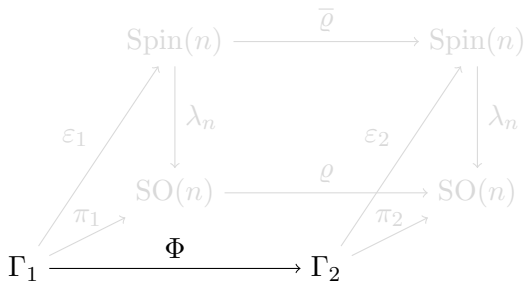
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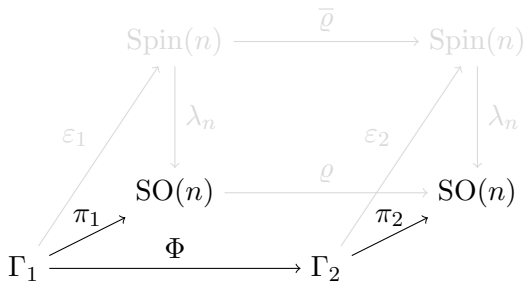


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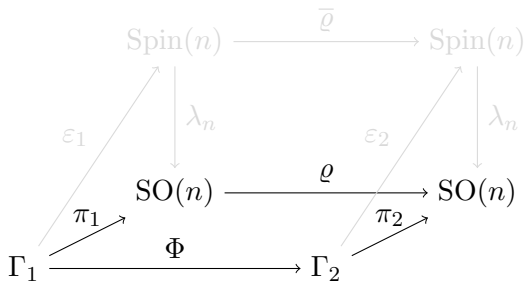


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Corollary

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Number of spin manifolds

dim	flat mflds	orientable f.m.	spin f.m.
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