

IFPU focus week
Intepretable and higher-order statistics
for late-time cosmology

Introduction to Topological Machine Learning

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<https://github.com/GUDHI/TDA-tutorial>

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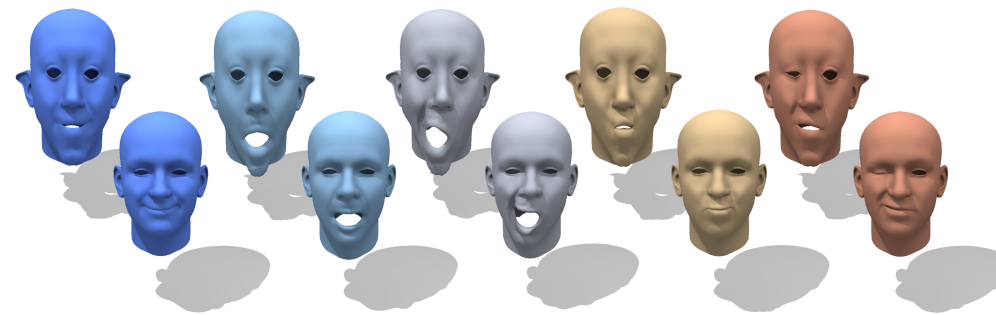
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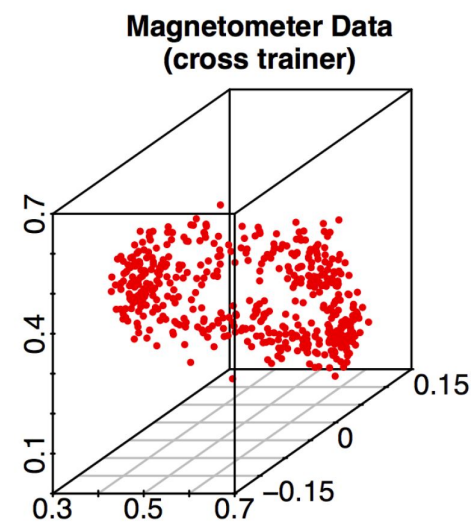
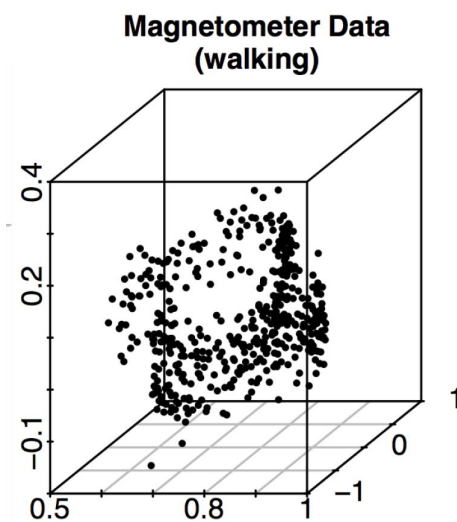
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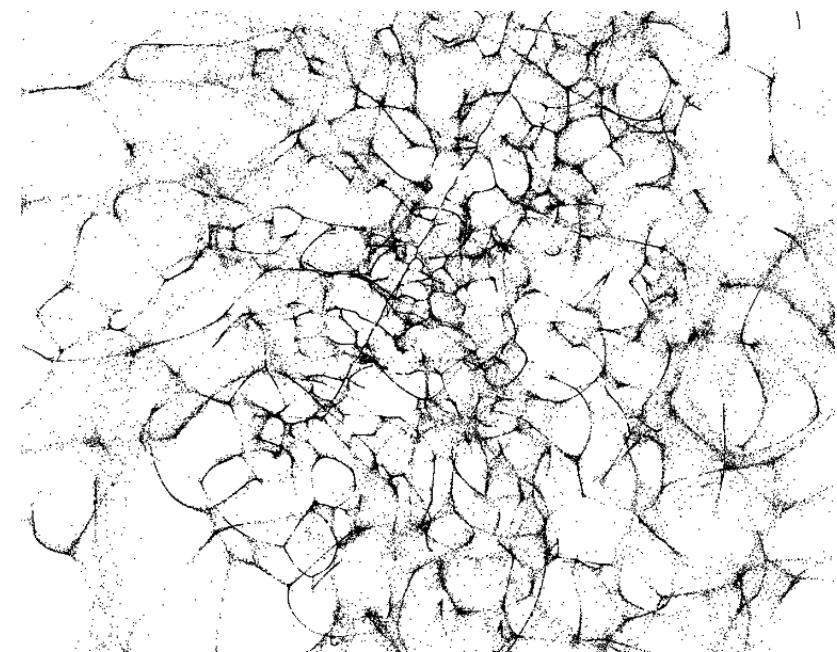
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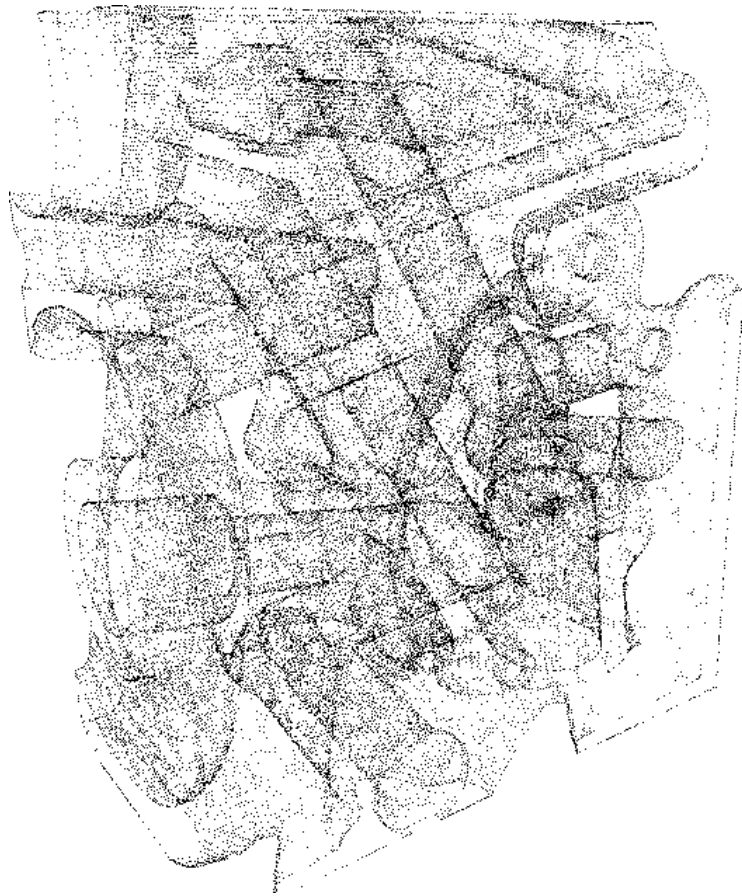


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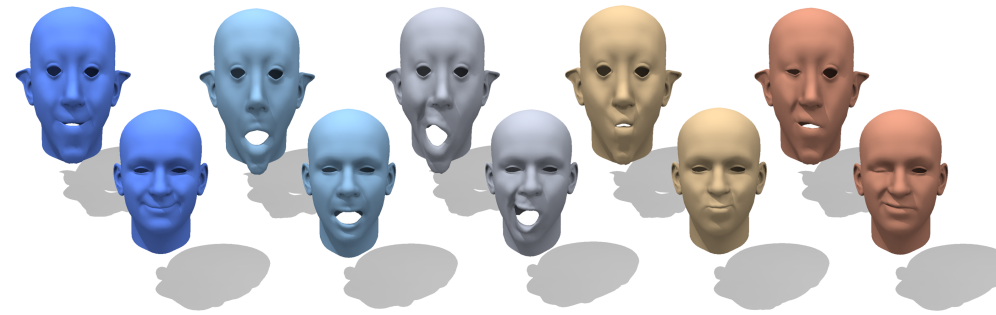


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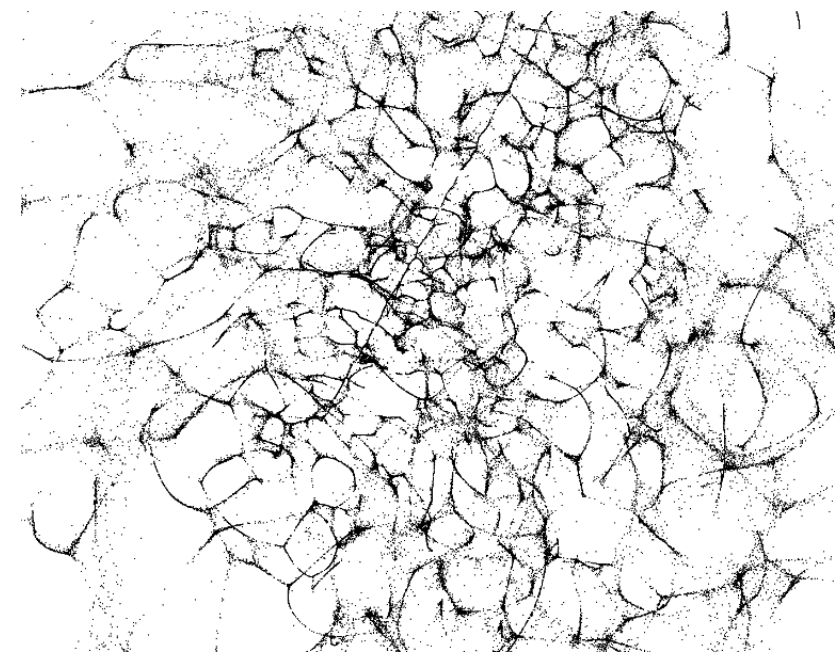
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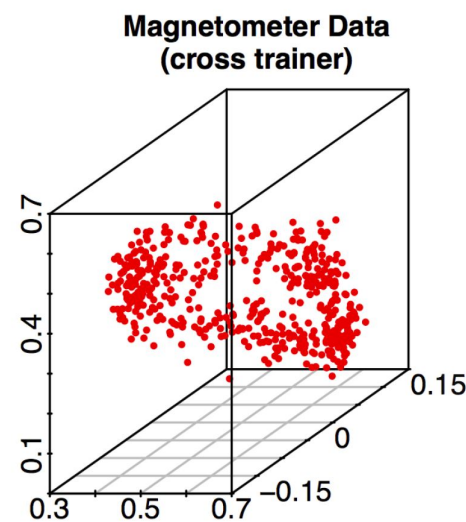
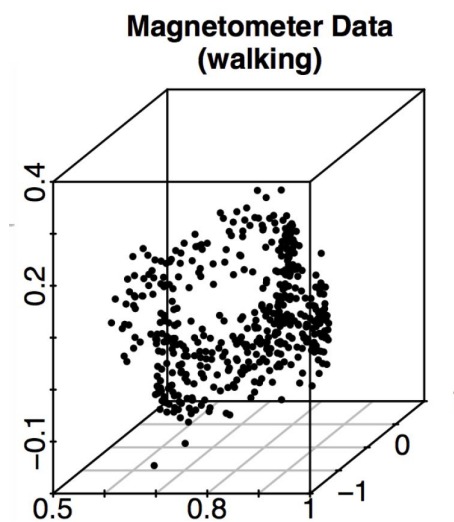
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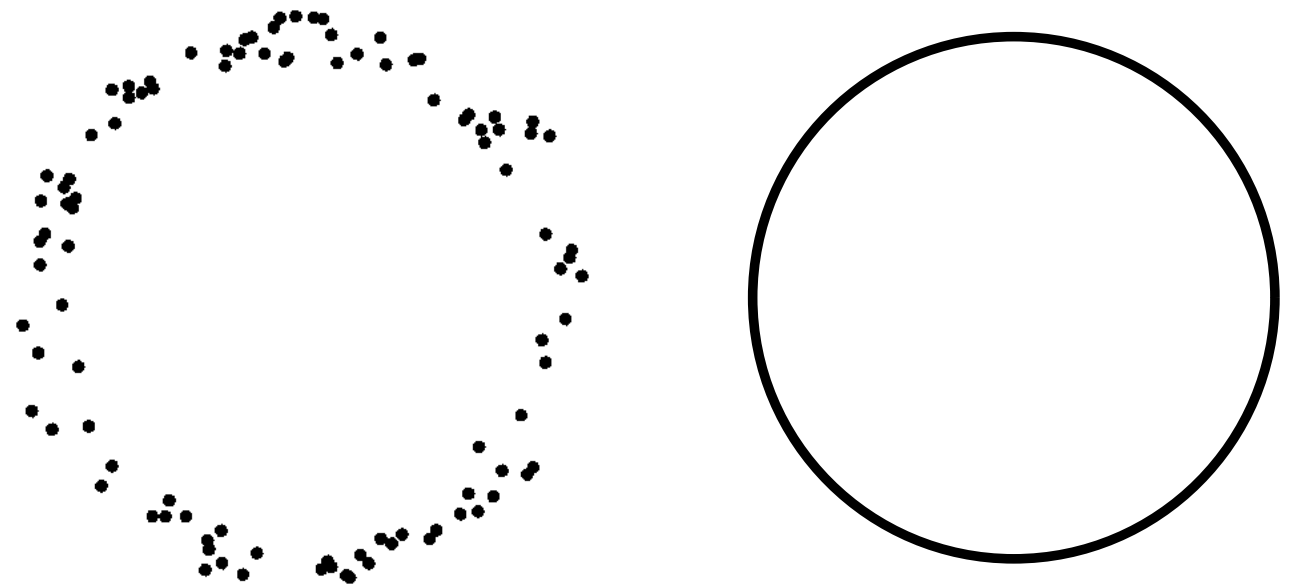
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Data often come as (sampling of) metric spaces or sets/spaces endowed with a similarity measure with, possibly complex, topological/geometric structure.

Data carrying geometric information is usually high dimensional.

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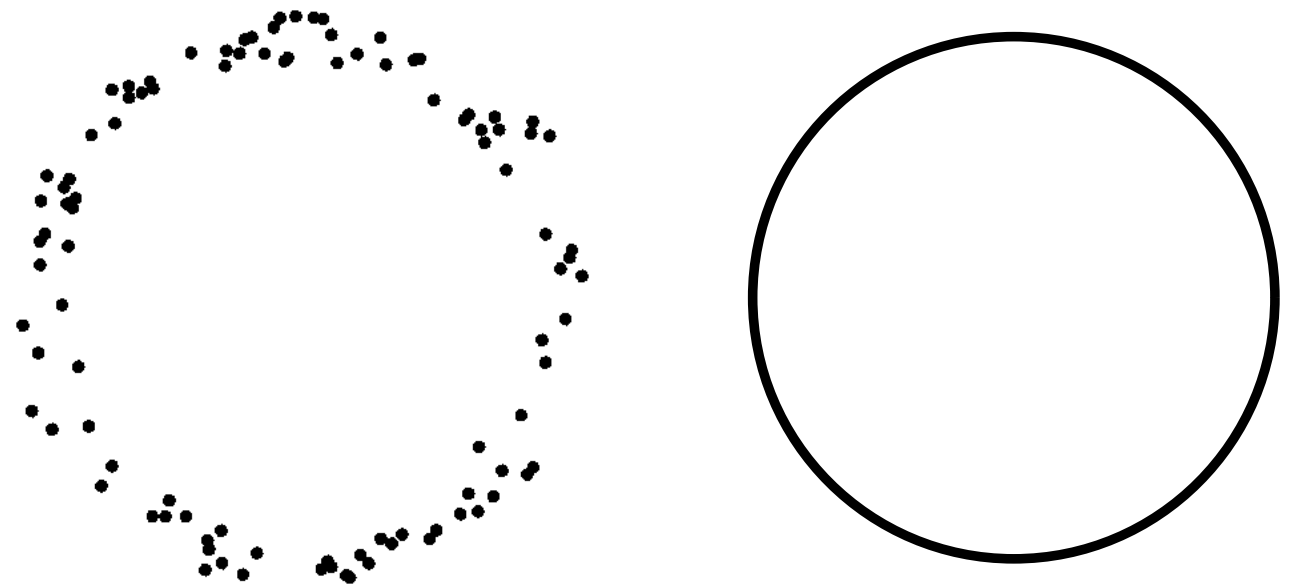
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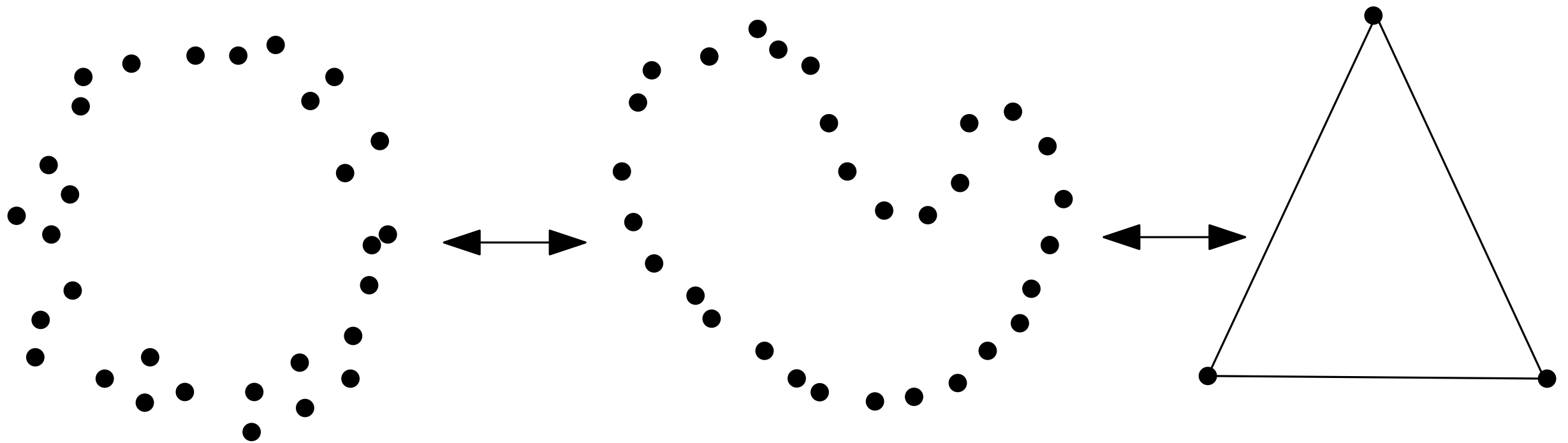
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A: See Magnus talk!



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Advantages:

- **coordinate invariance:** topological features/invariants do not rely on any coordinate system.
- **deformation invariance:** topological features are invariant under homeomorphism and reparameterization.
- **compressed representation:** topology offers a set of tools to summarize the data in compact ways while preserving its topological structure.

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Persistence Diagrams and Statistics

Persistence Diagrams and Optimization

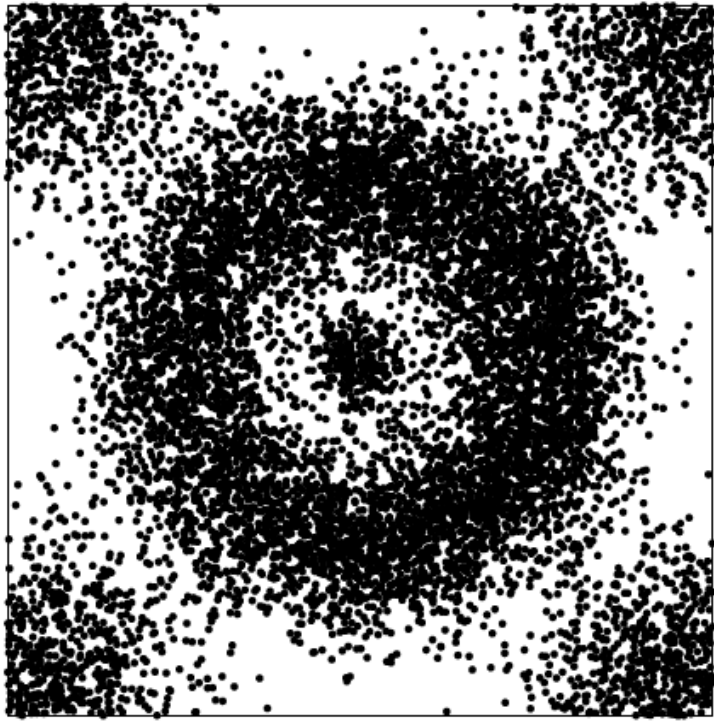
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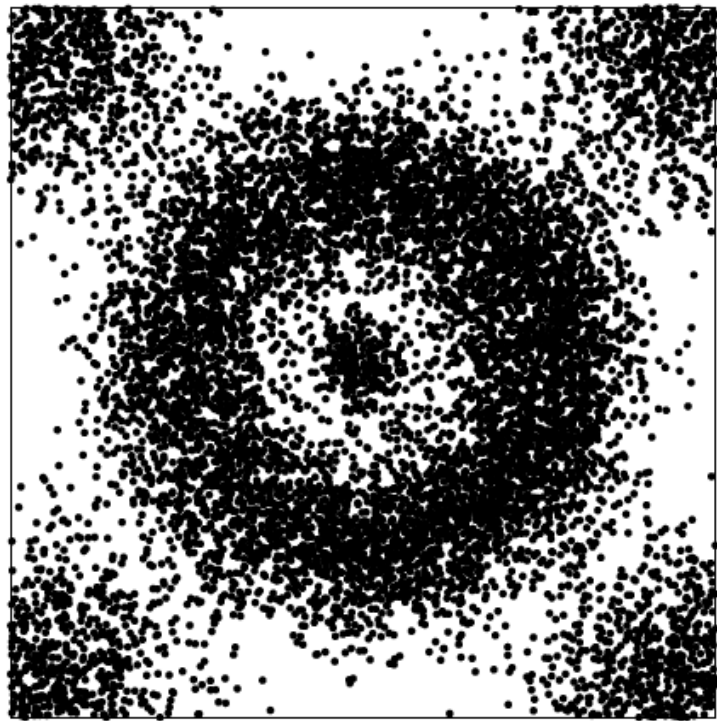
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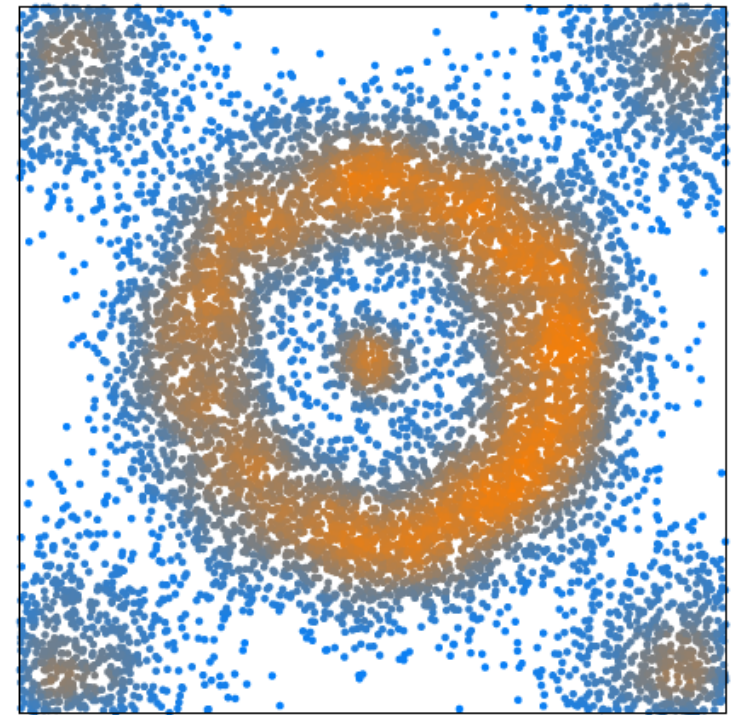
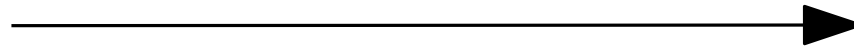
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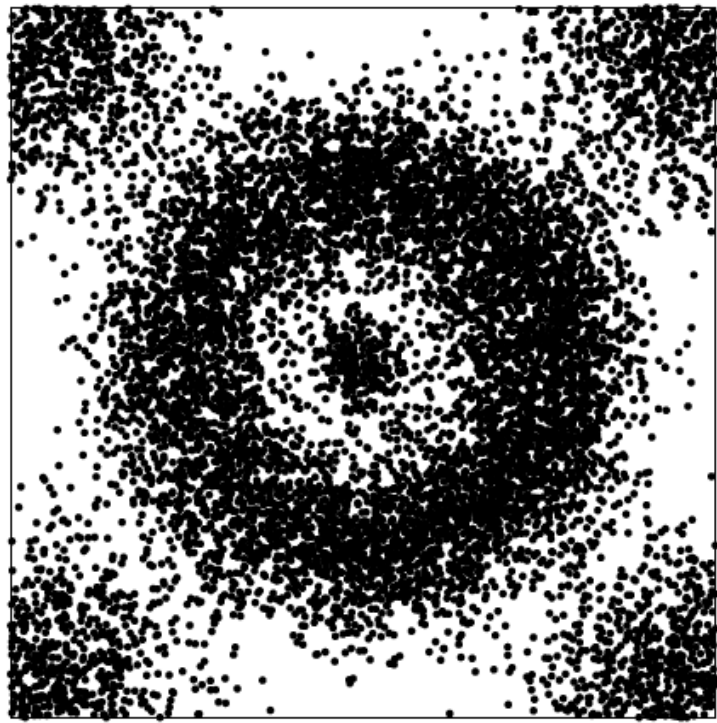
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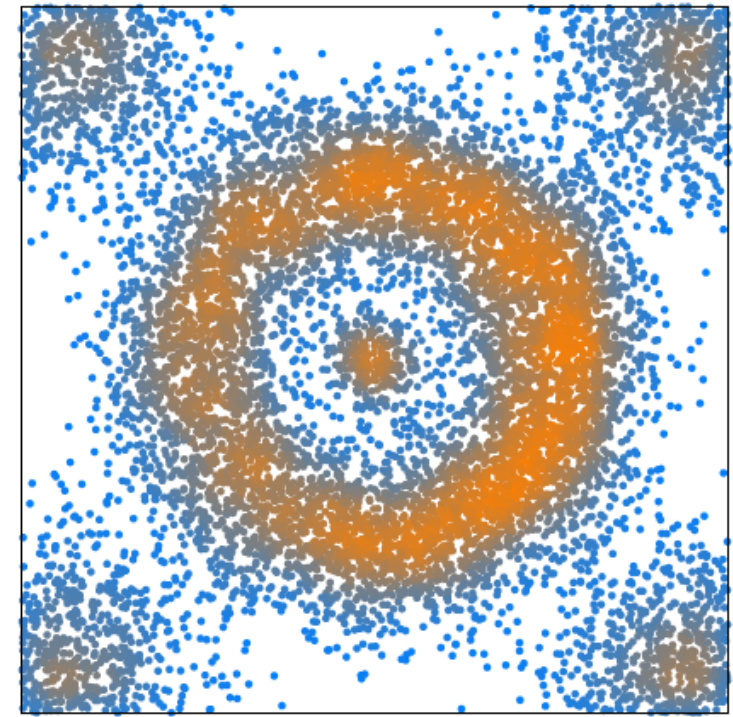
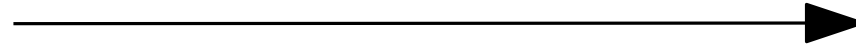
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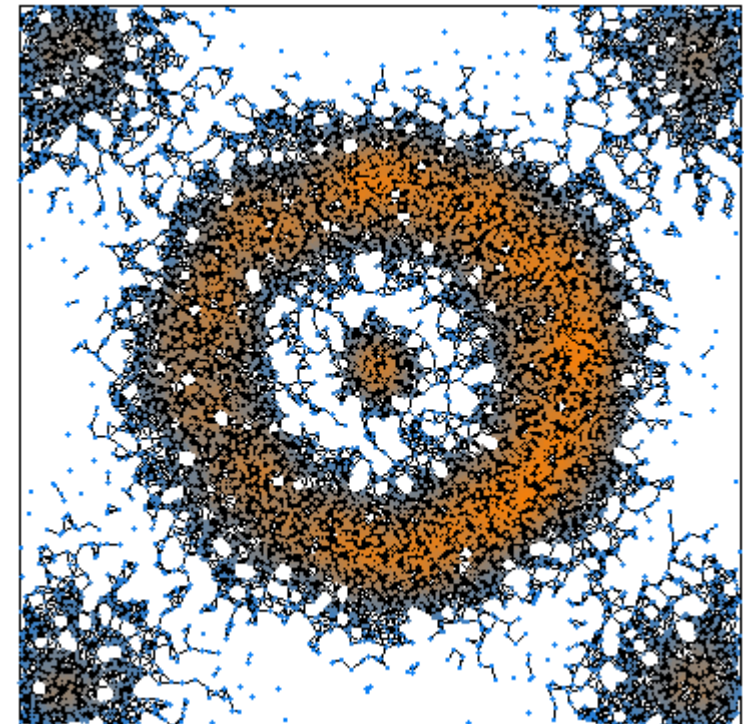
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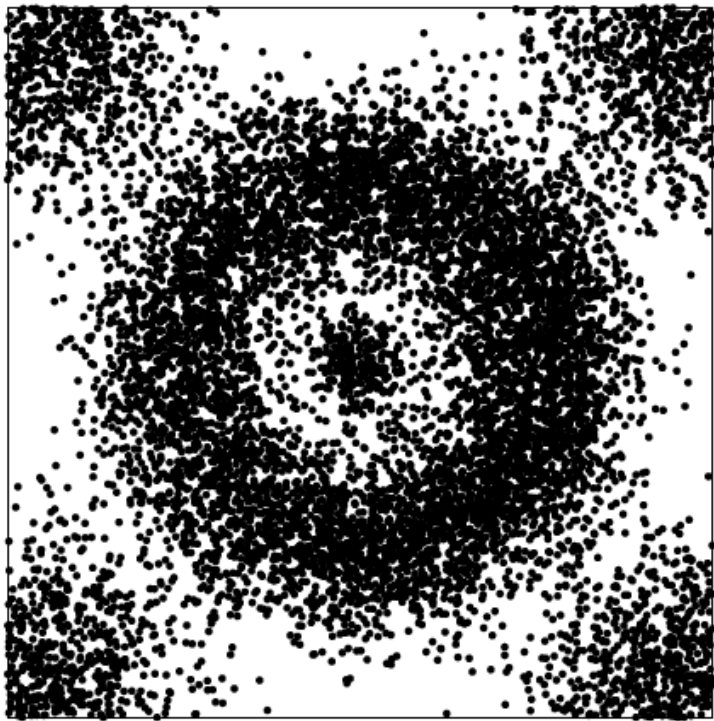
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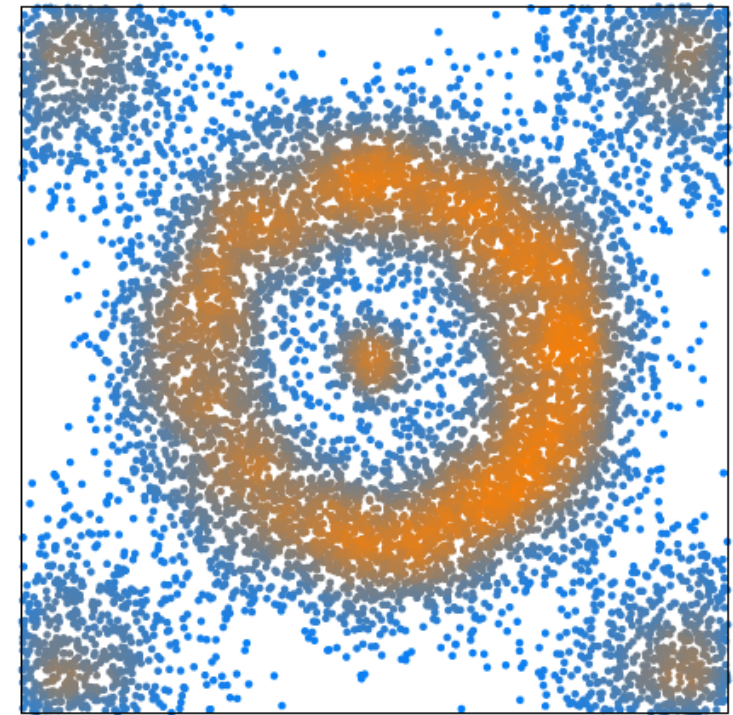
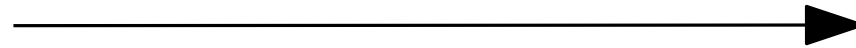
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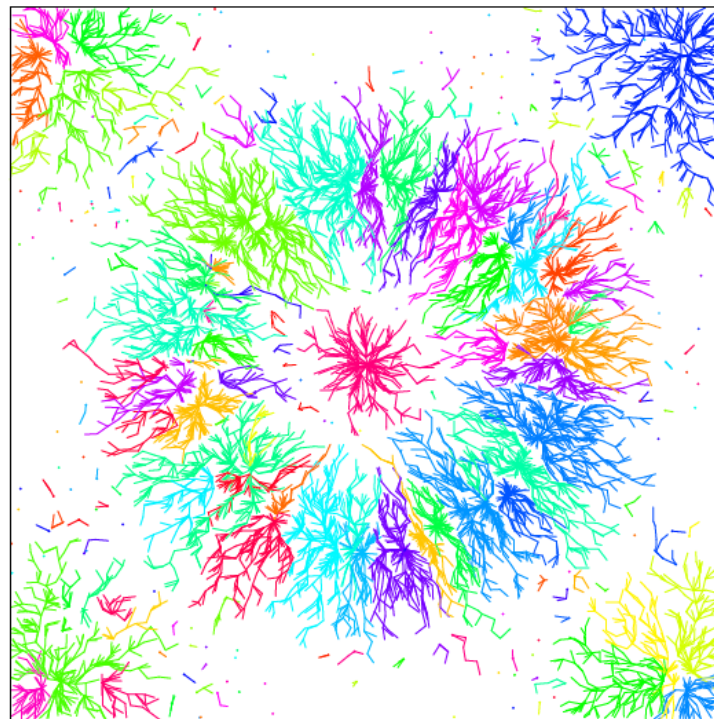
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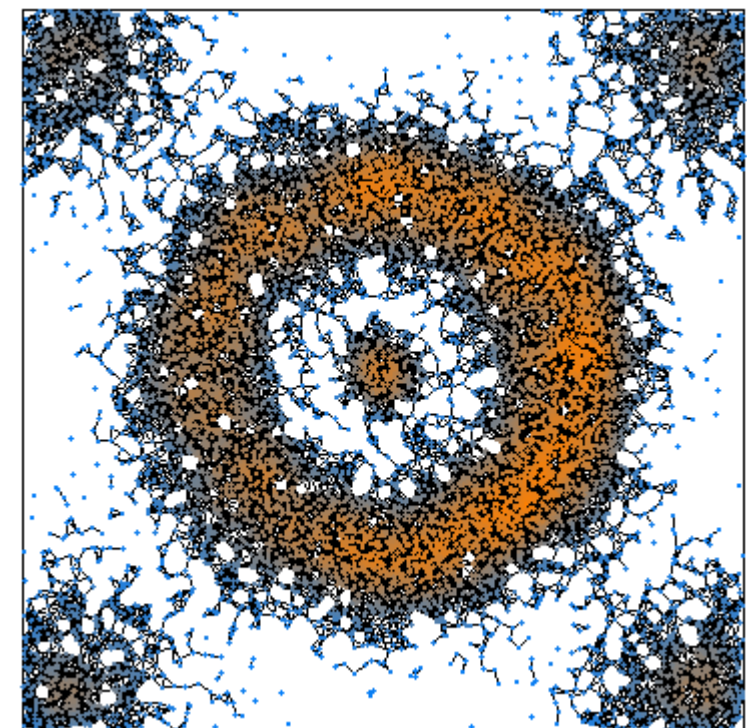
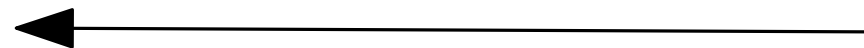
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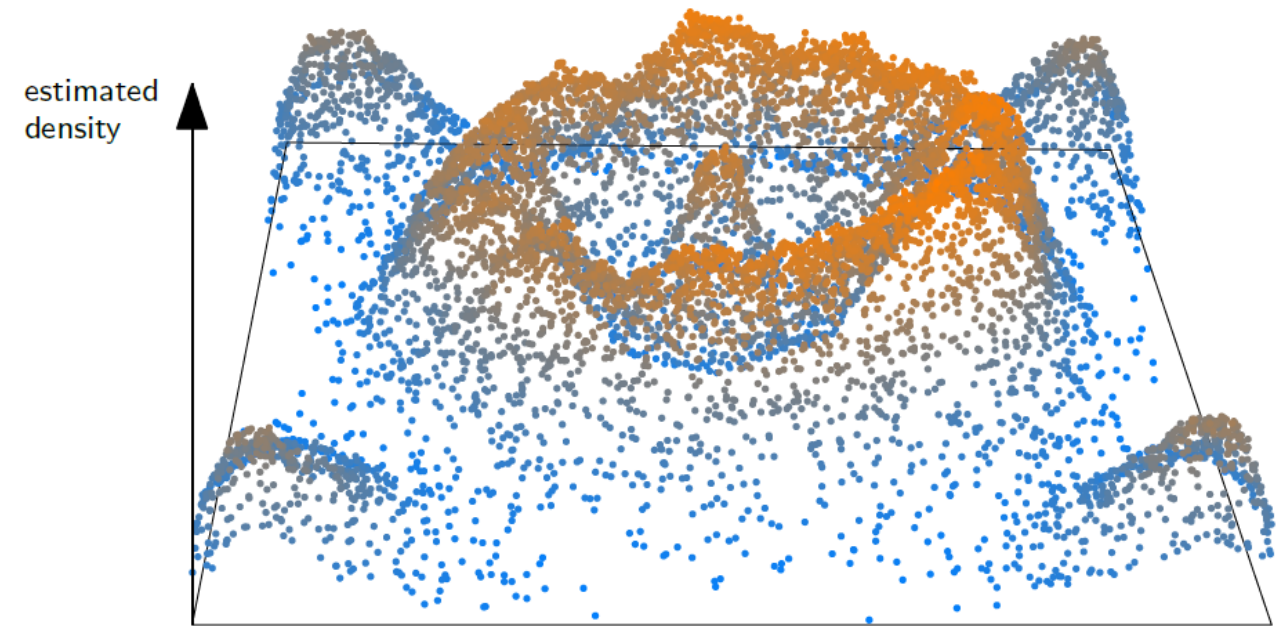
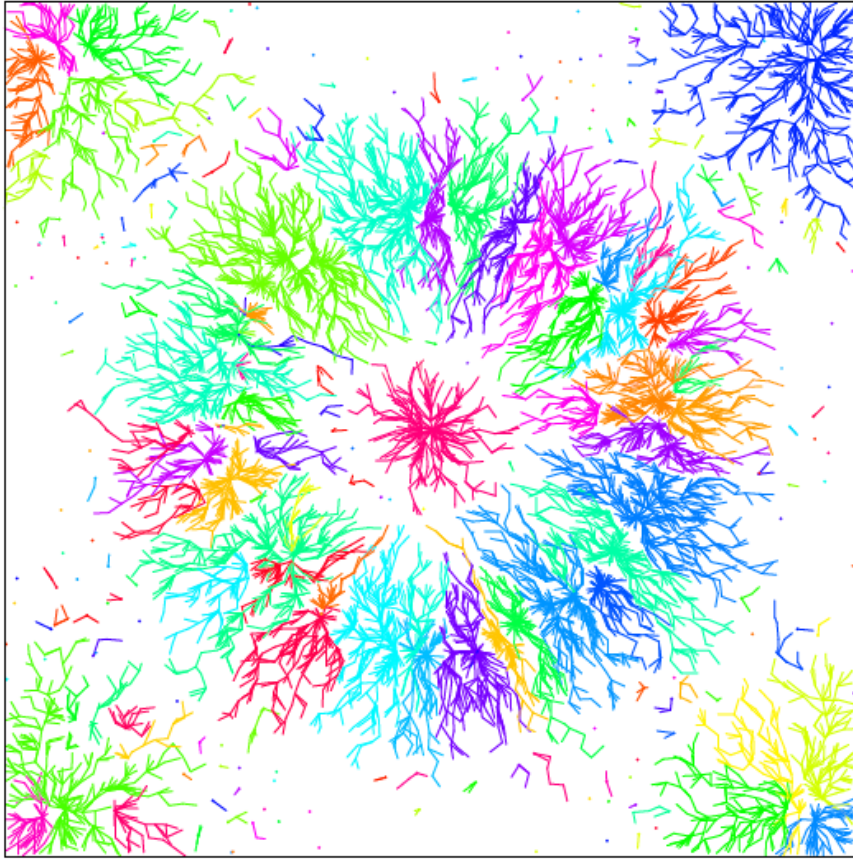


Discrete approximation of the gradient; for each vertex v , a gradient edge is selected among the edges adjacent to v .



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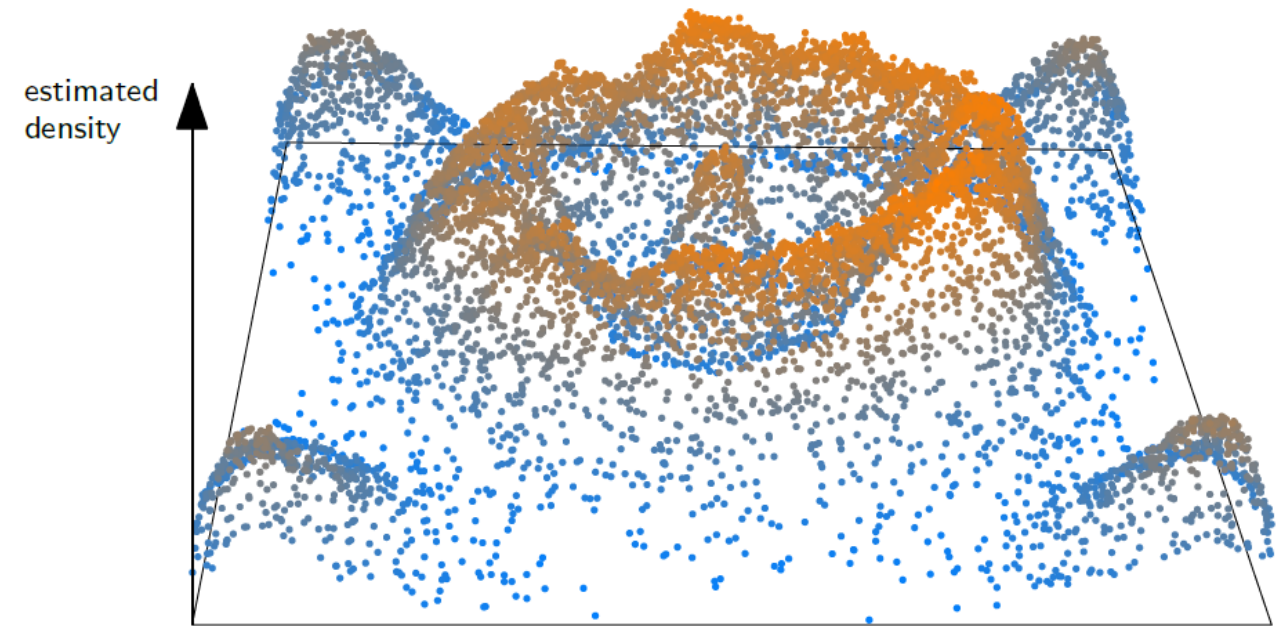
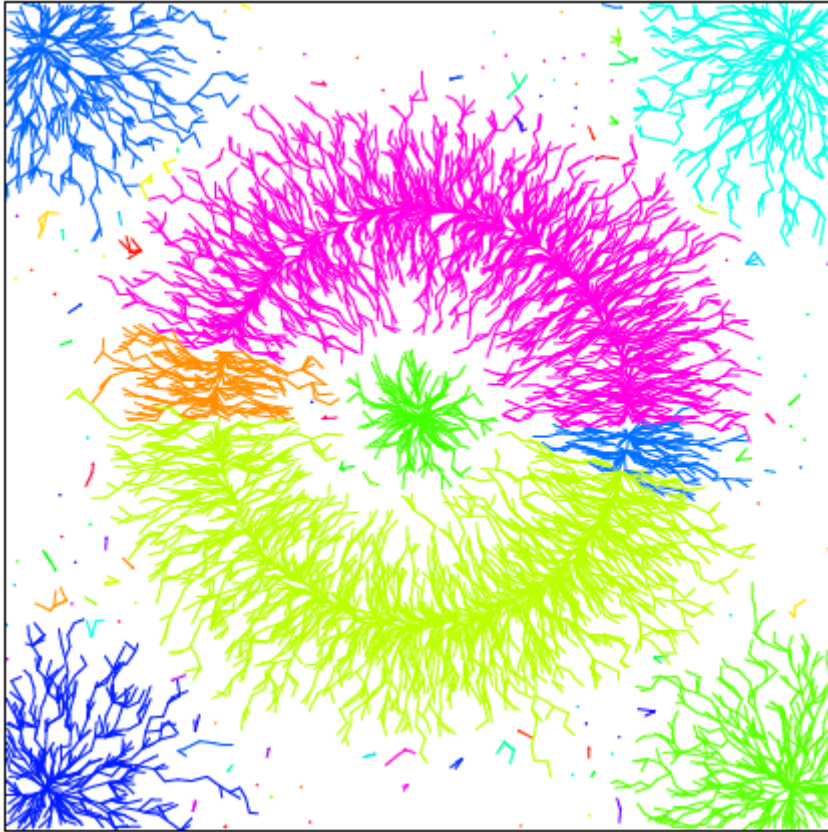
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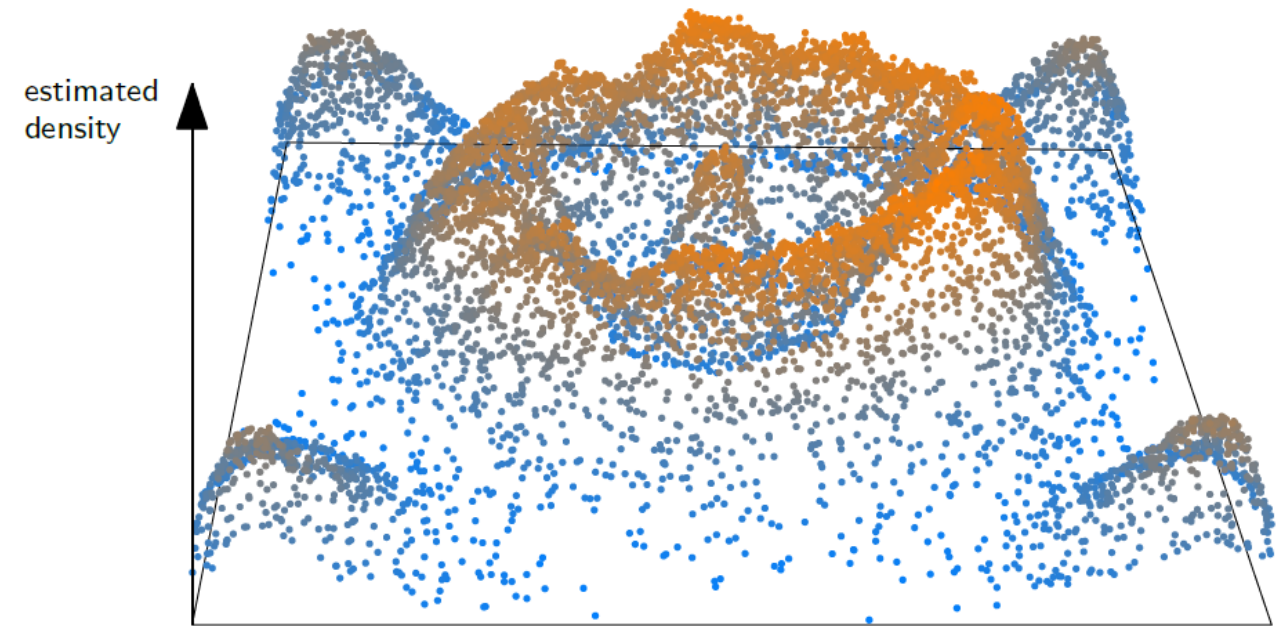
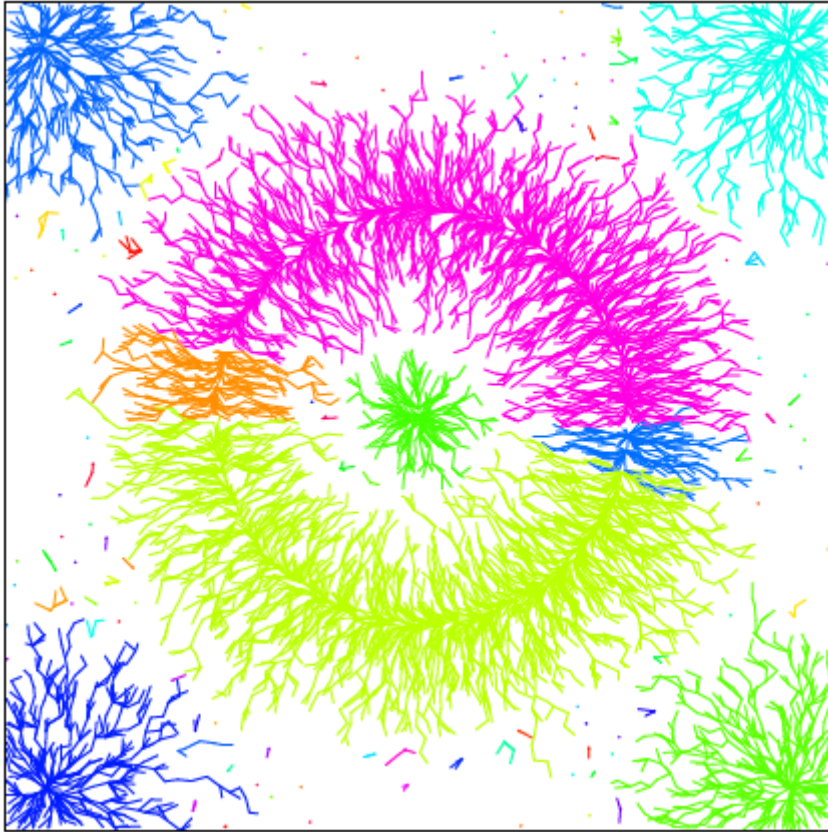


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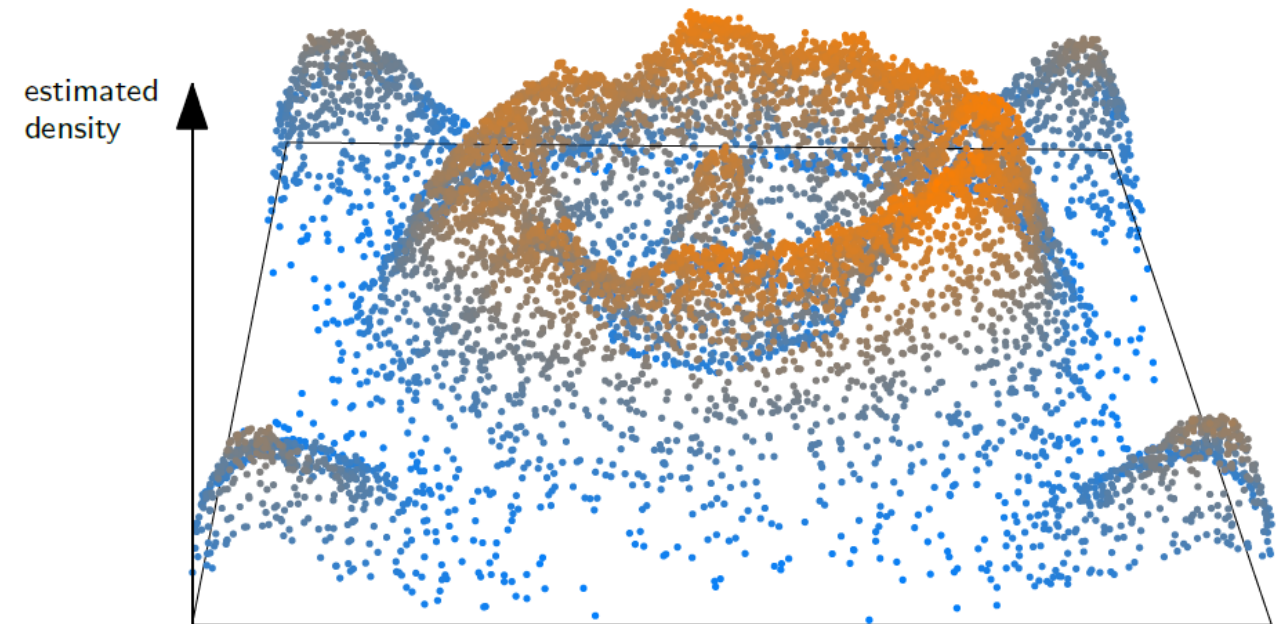
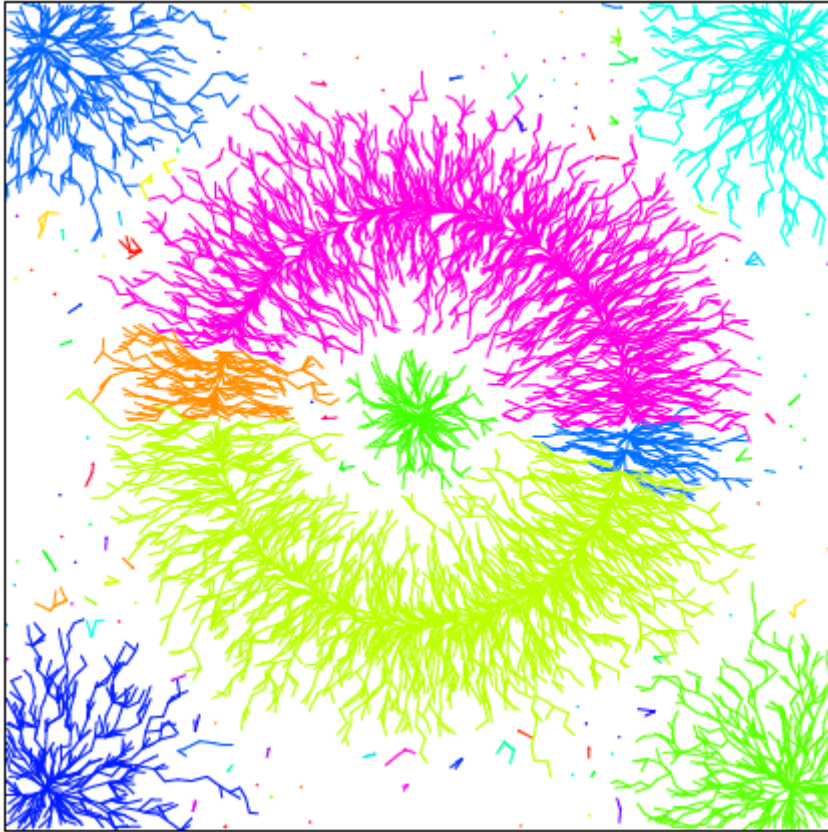
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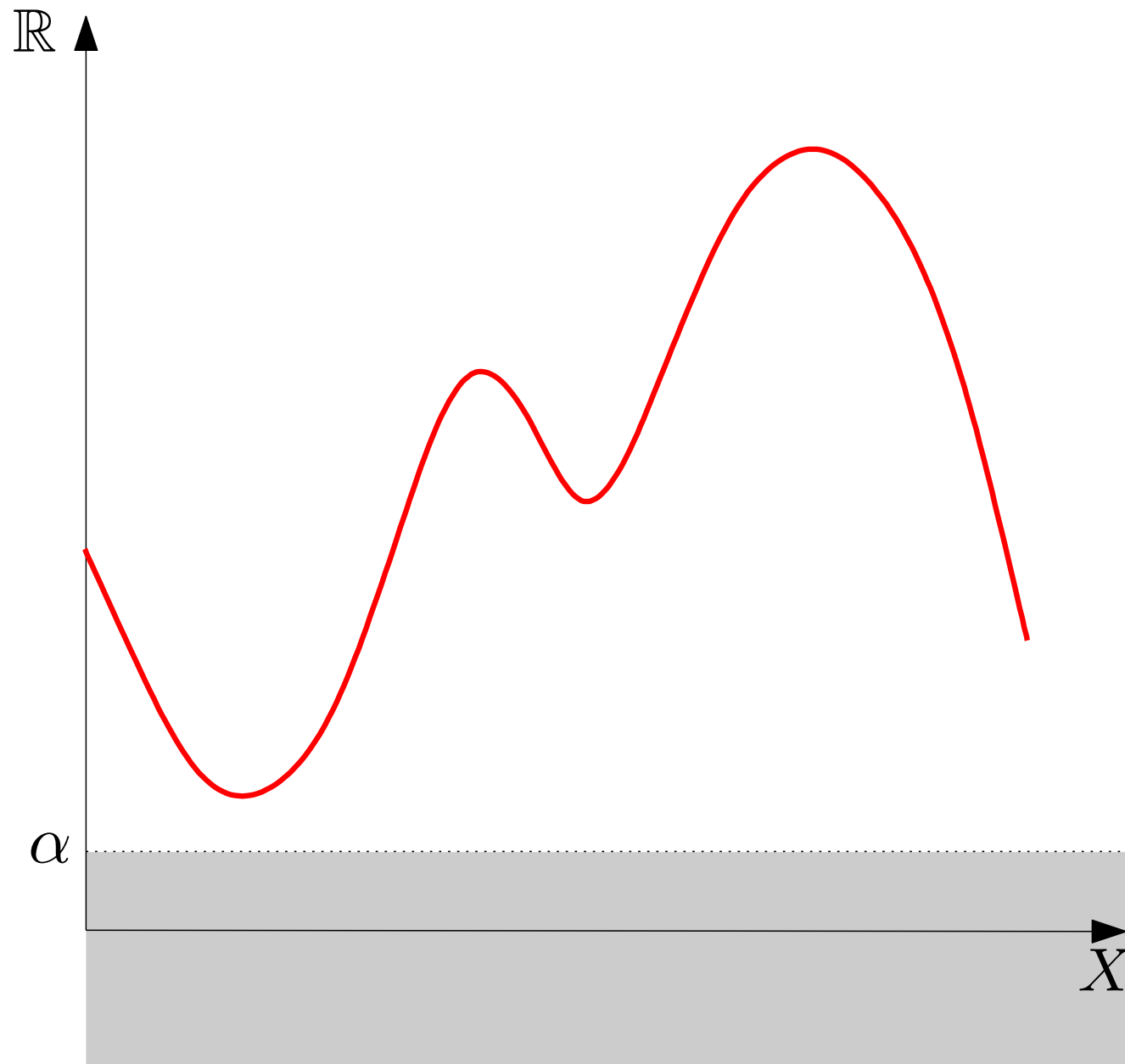
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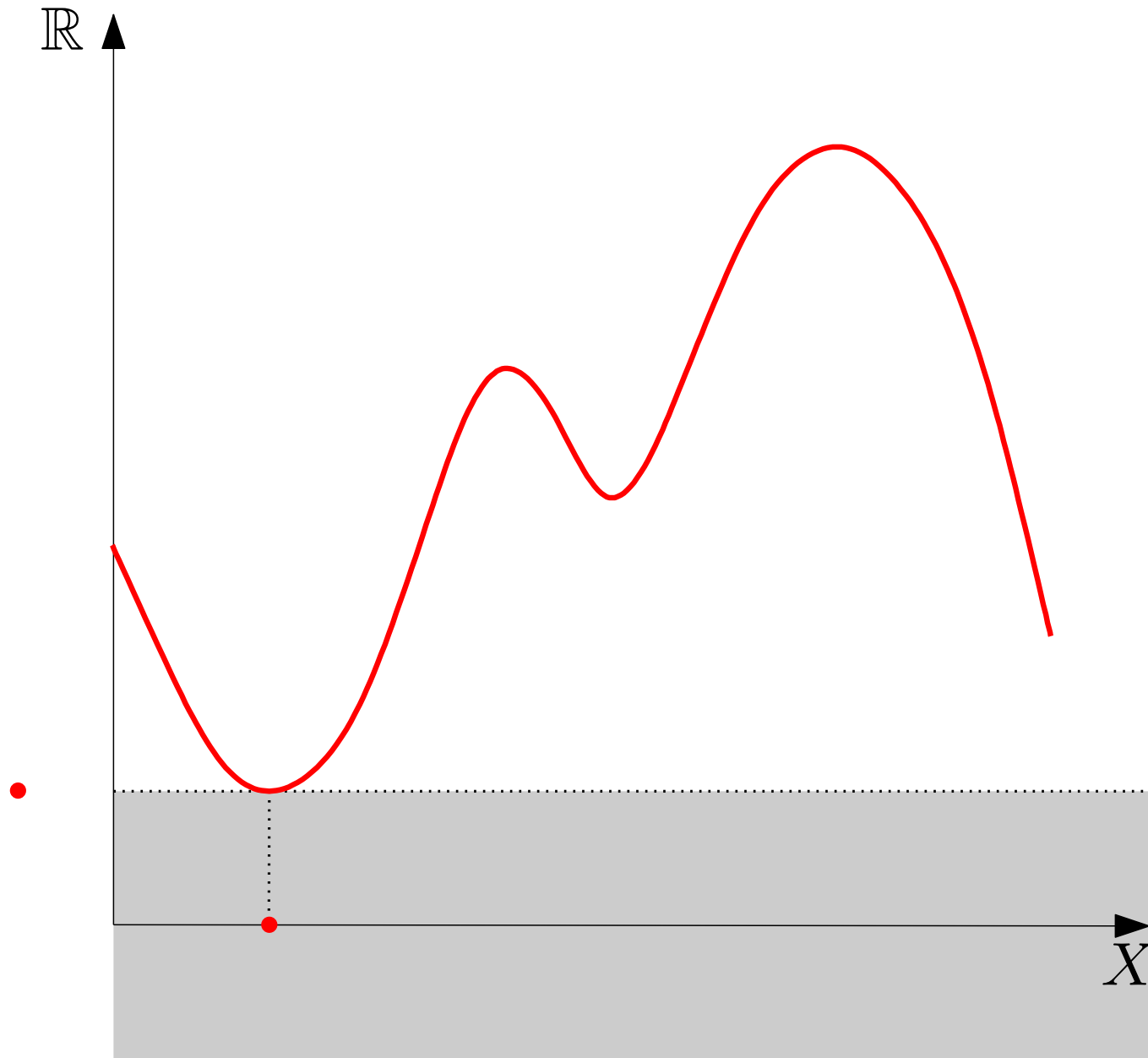
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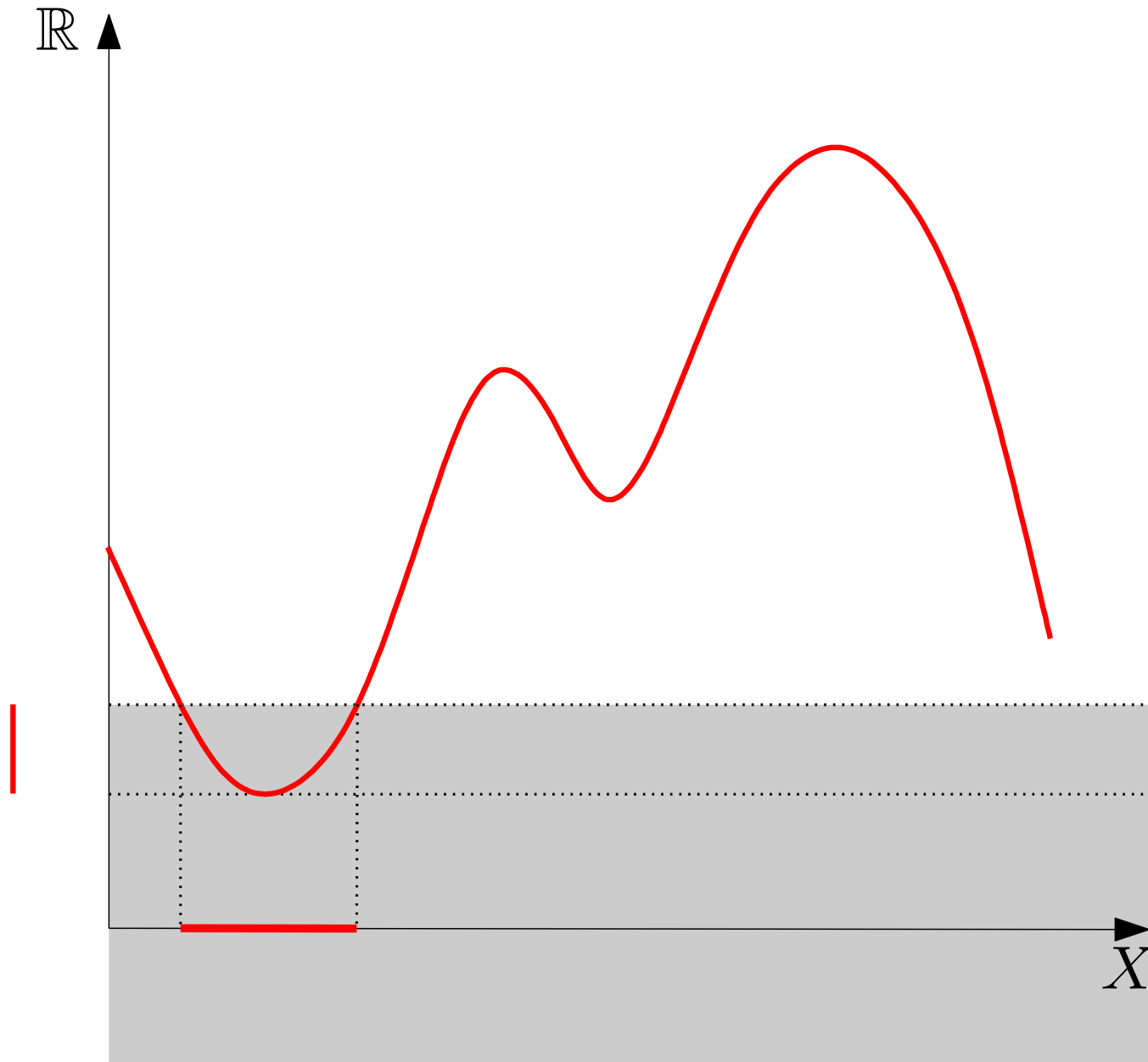
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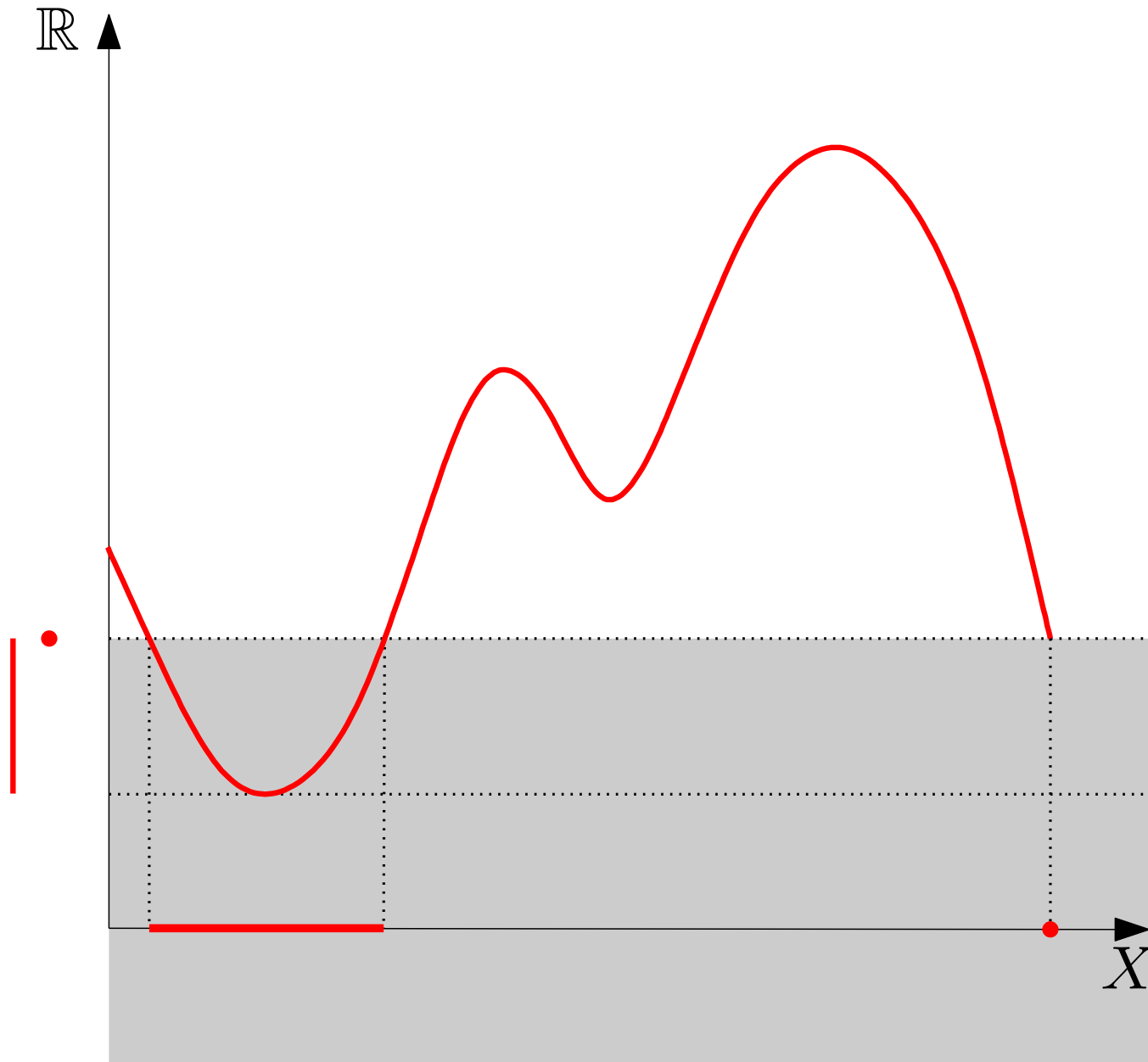
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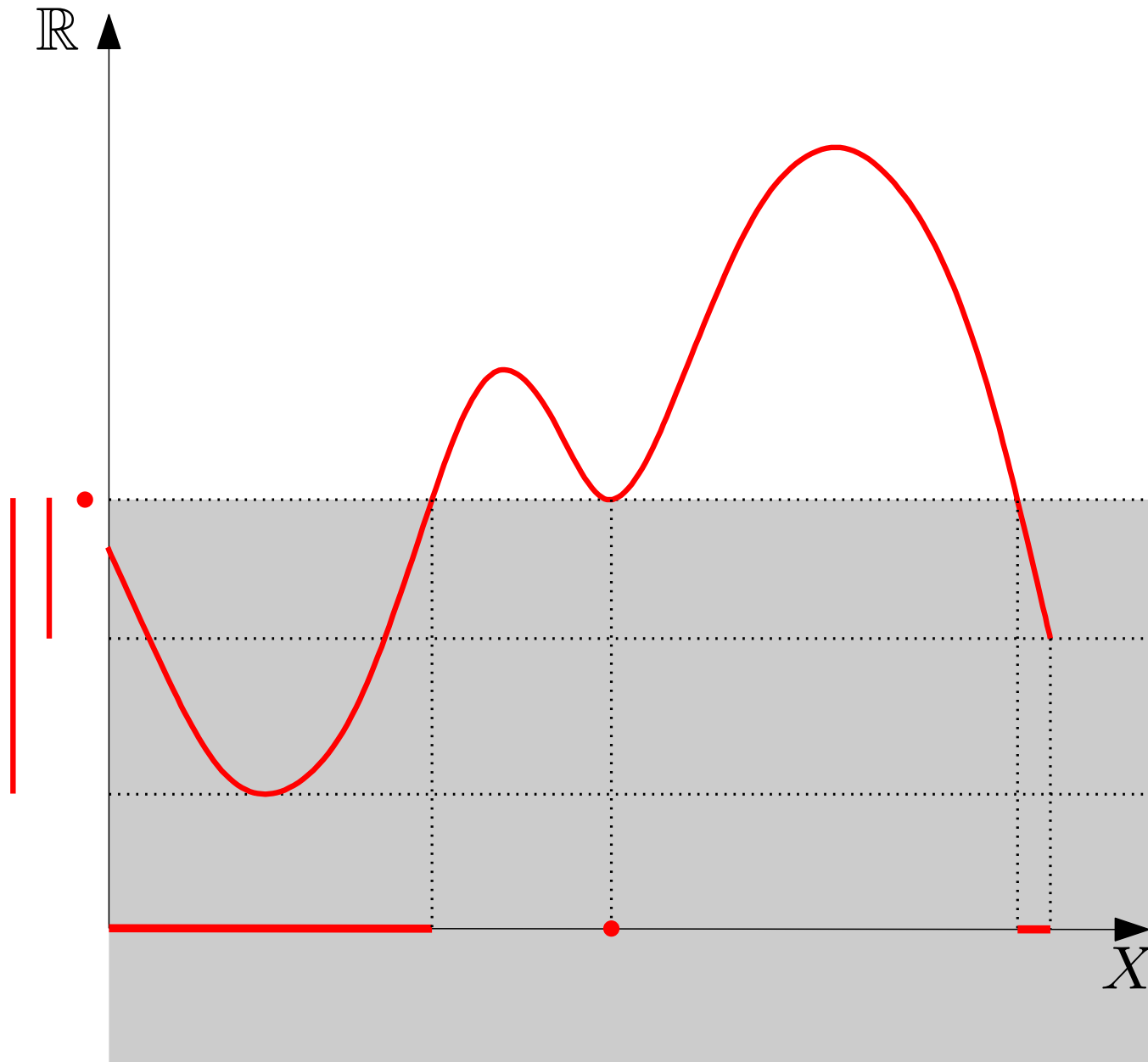
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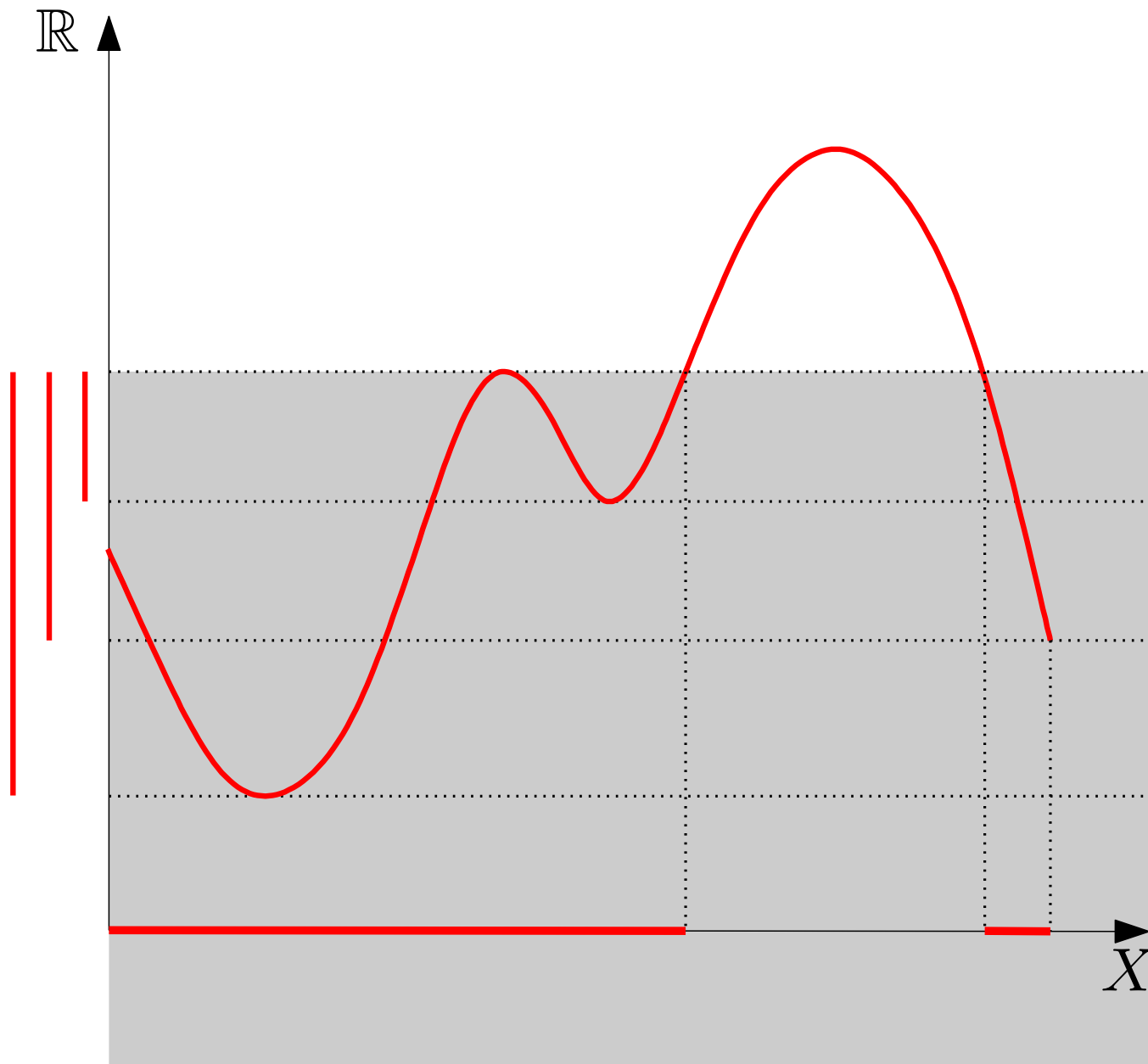
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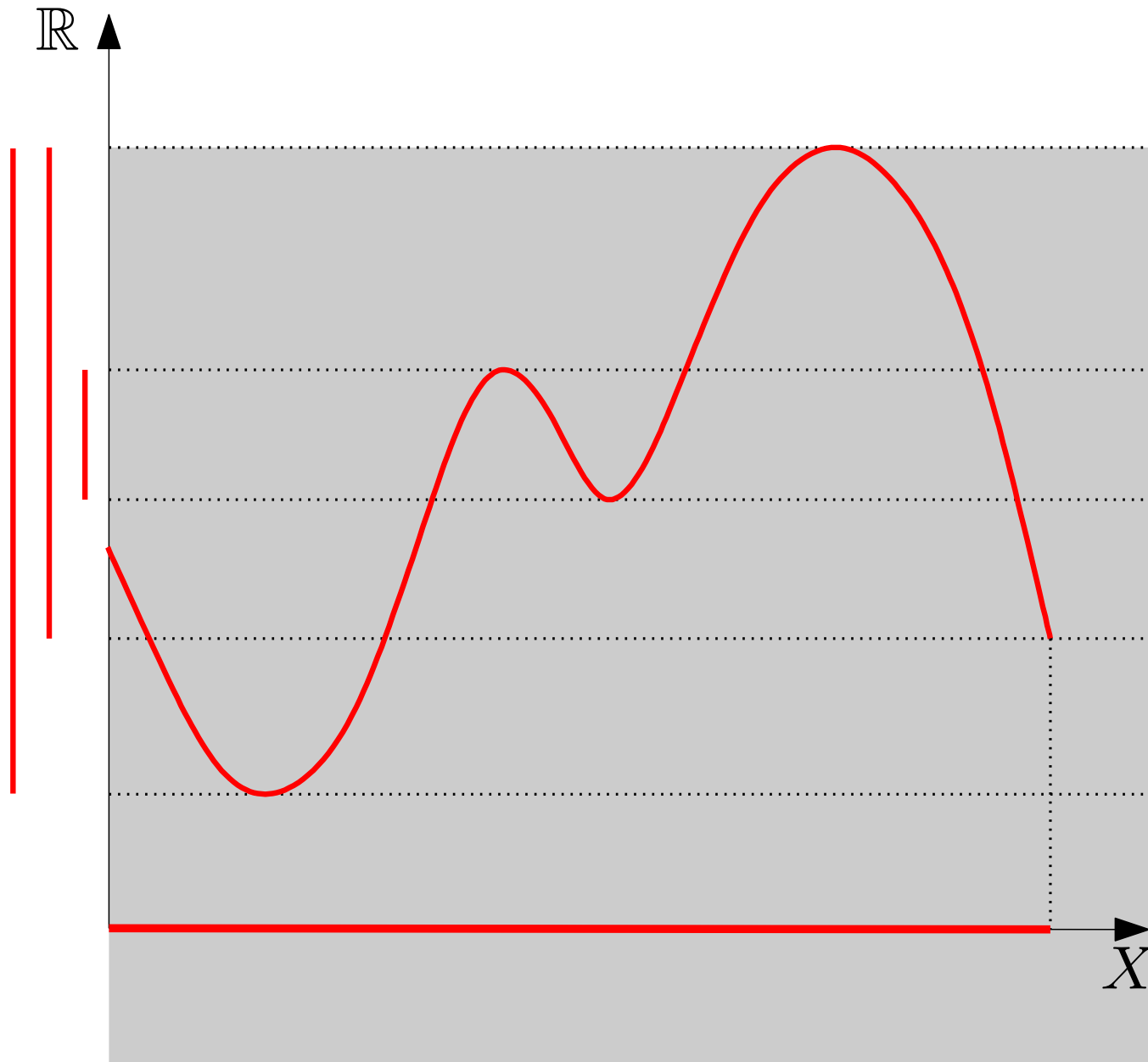
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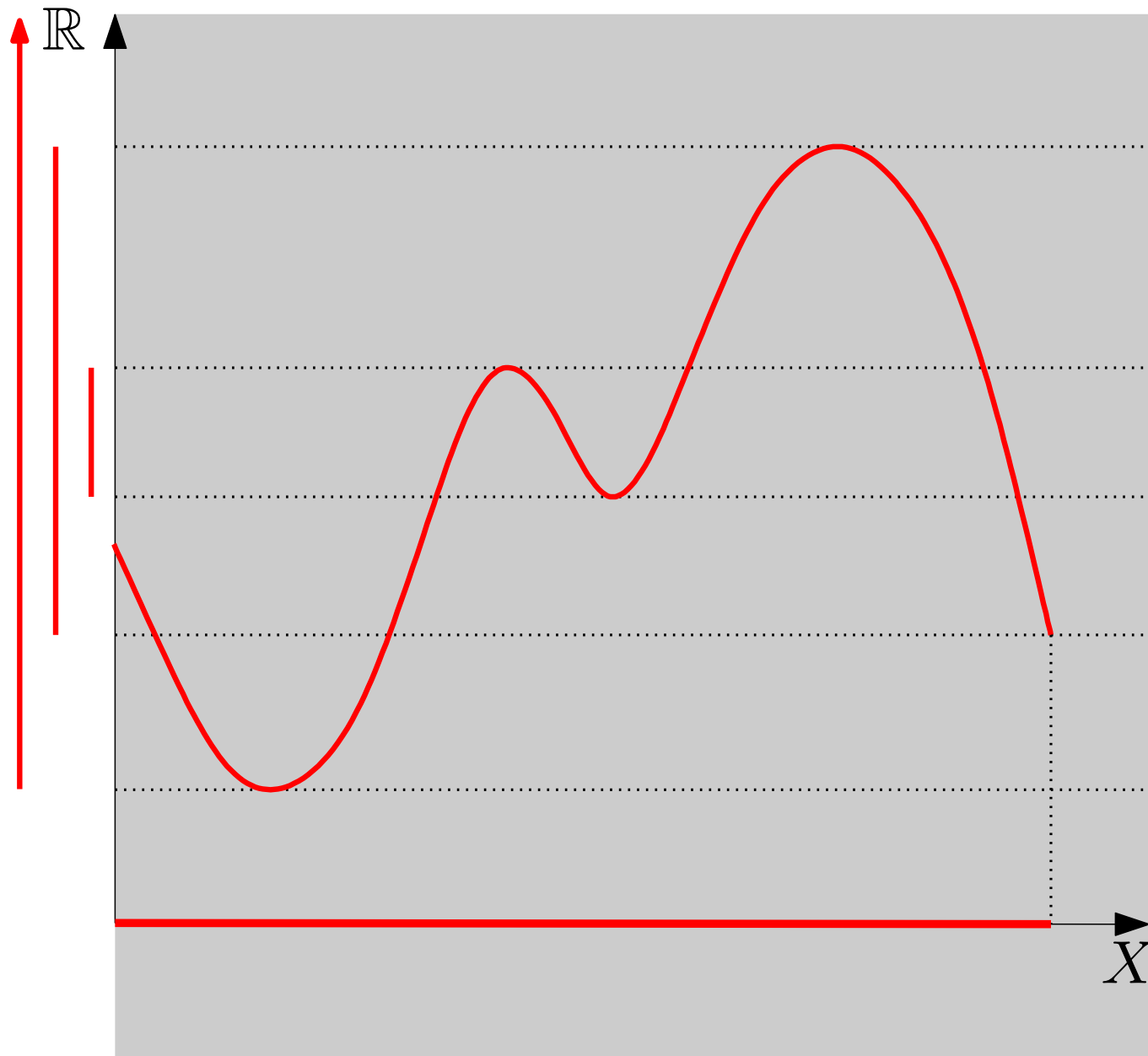
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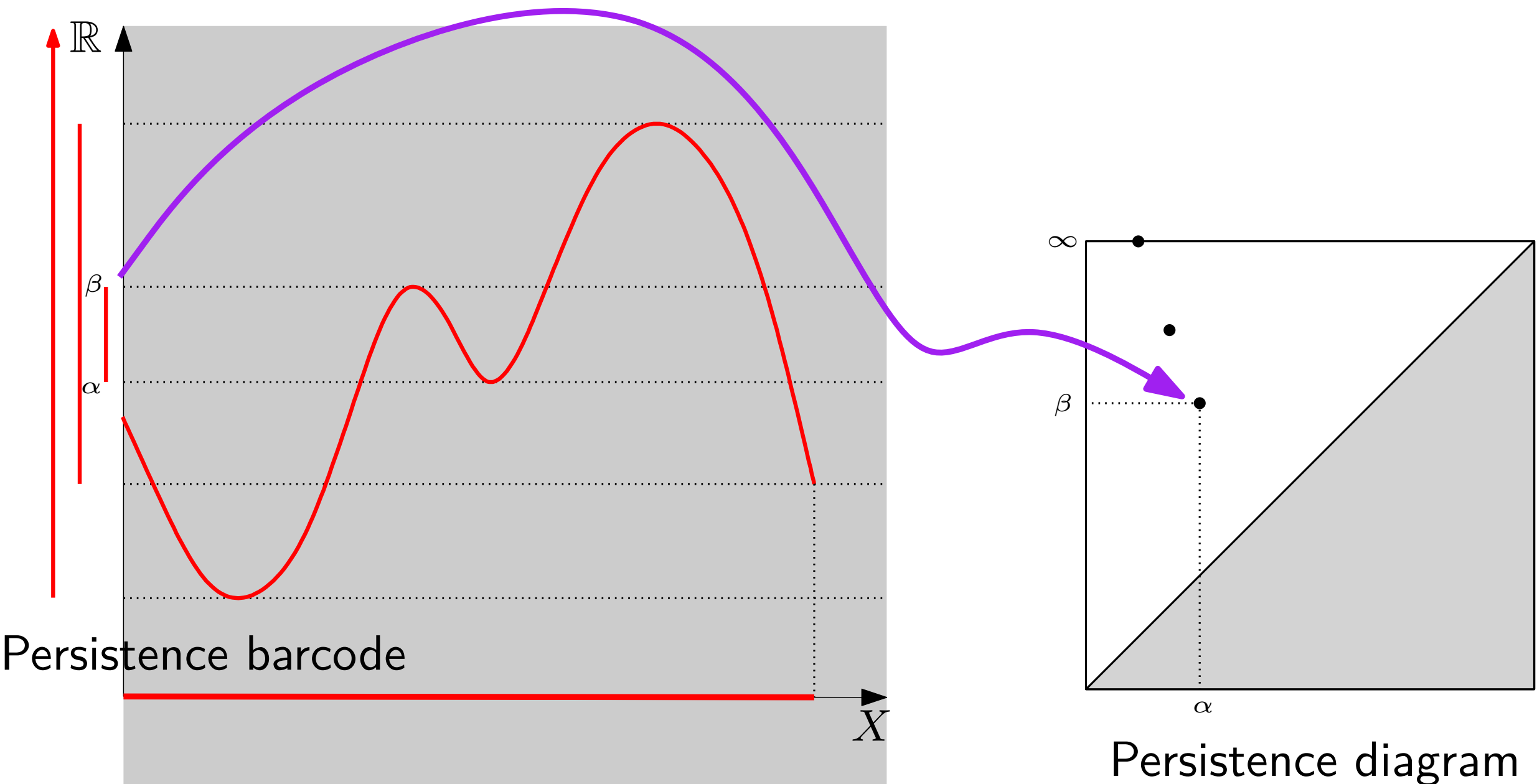
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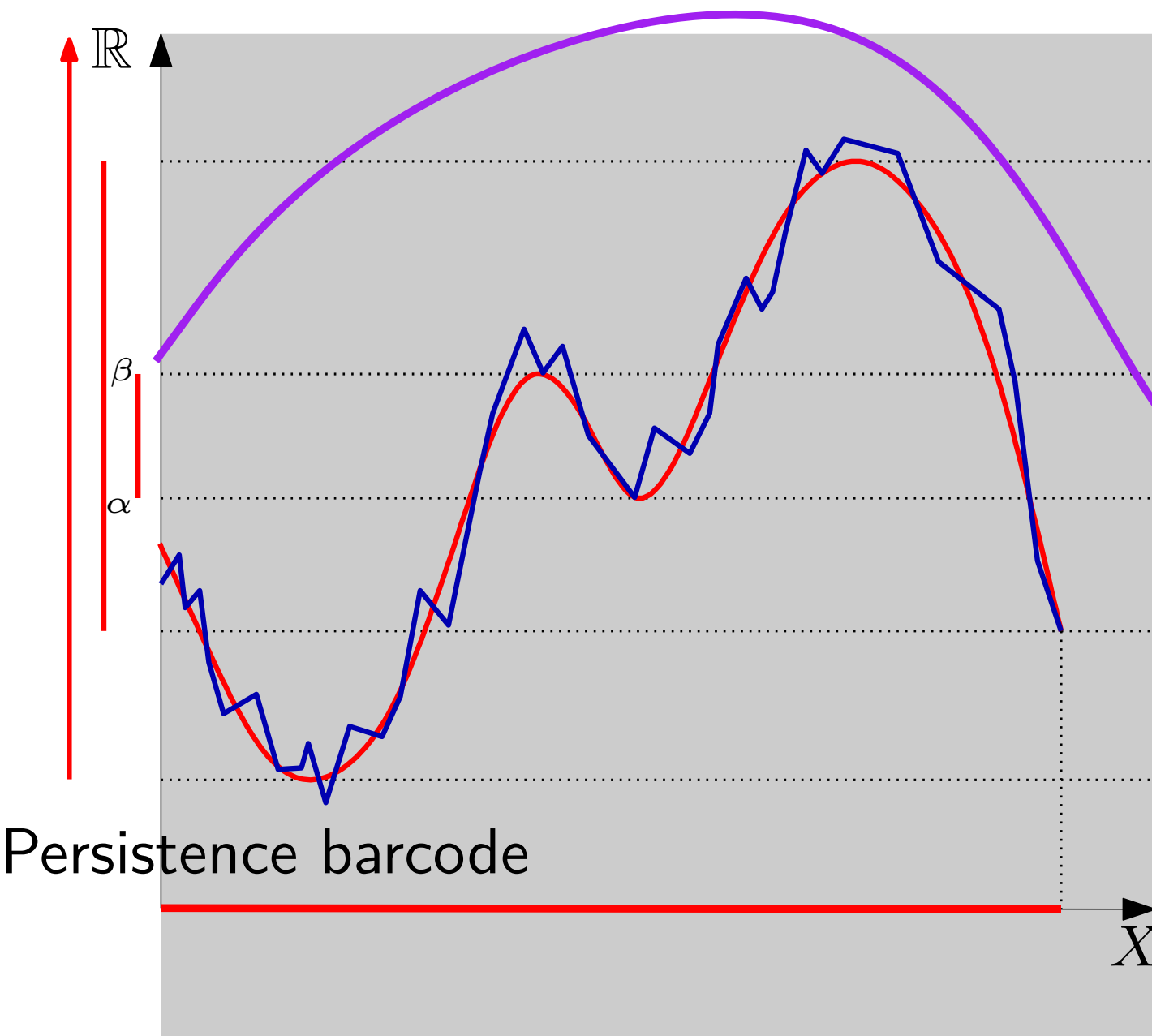
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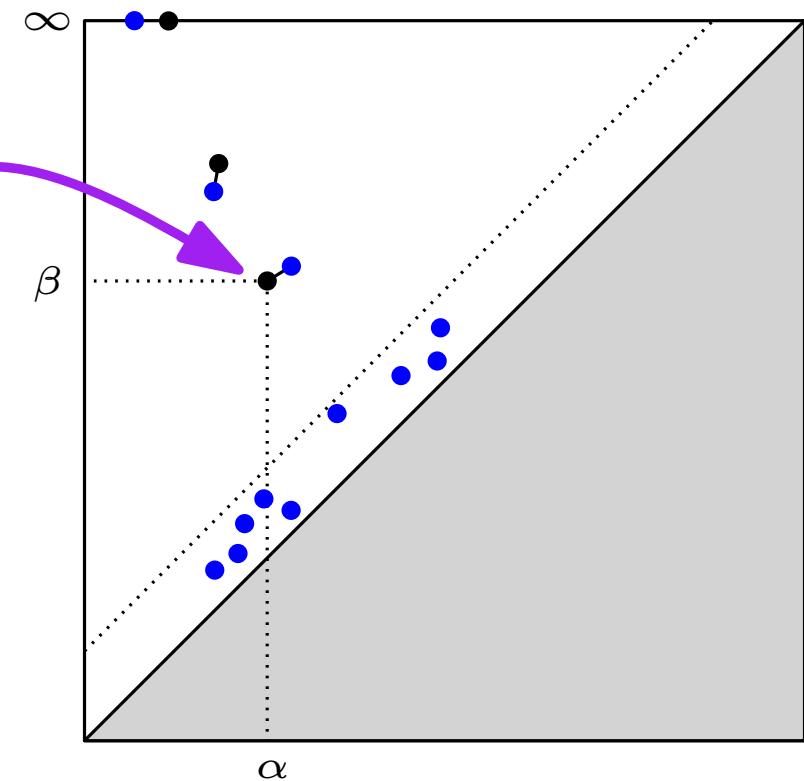
For any *tame* functions $f, g : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $d_B(D_f, D_g) \leq \|f - g\|_\infty$.

[*Stability of Persistence Diagrams*, Cohen-Steiner, Edelsbrunner, Harer, Symp. Comput. Geom., 2005]

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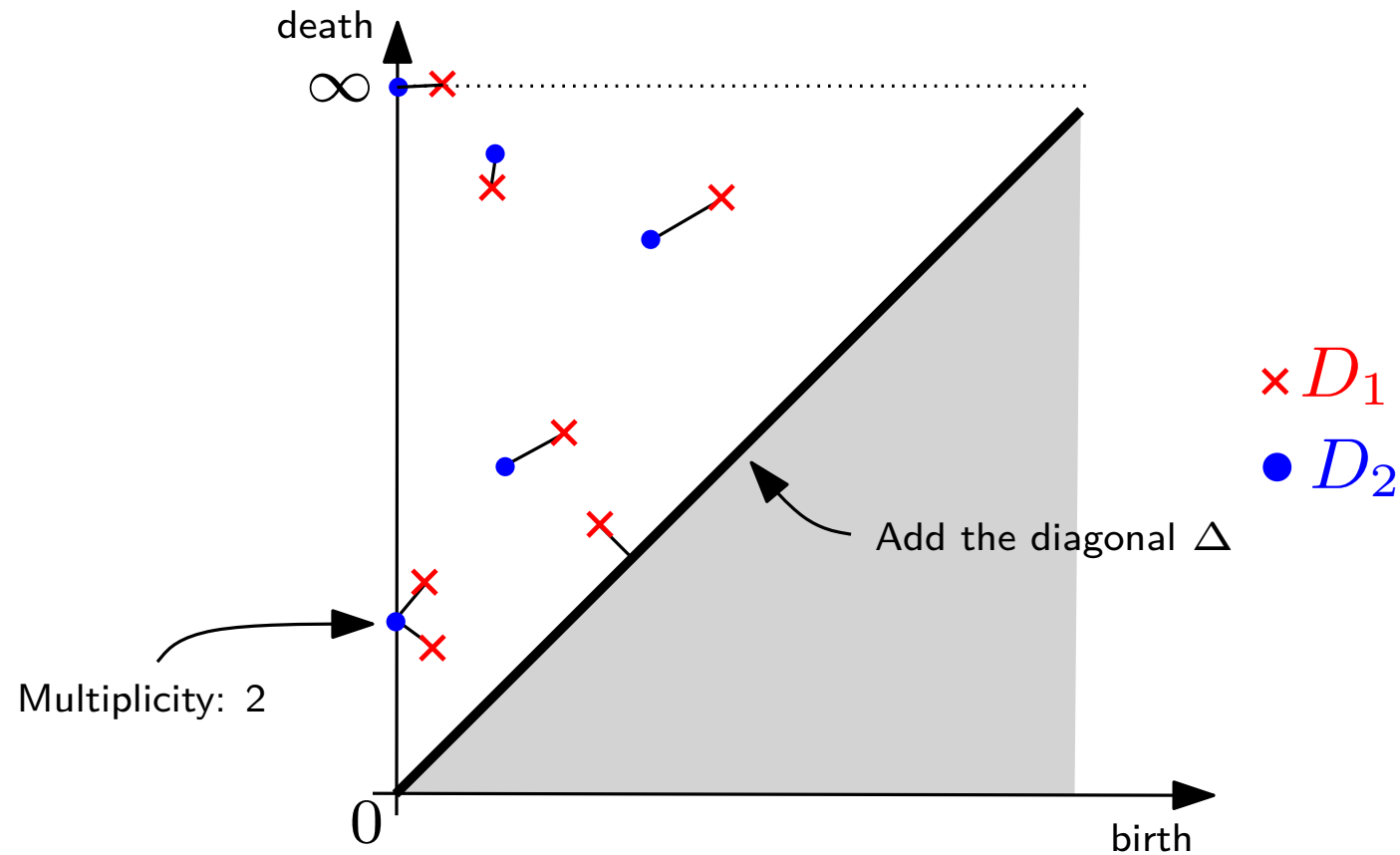


What if f is slightly perturbed?



Persistence diagram

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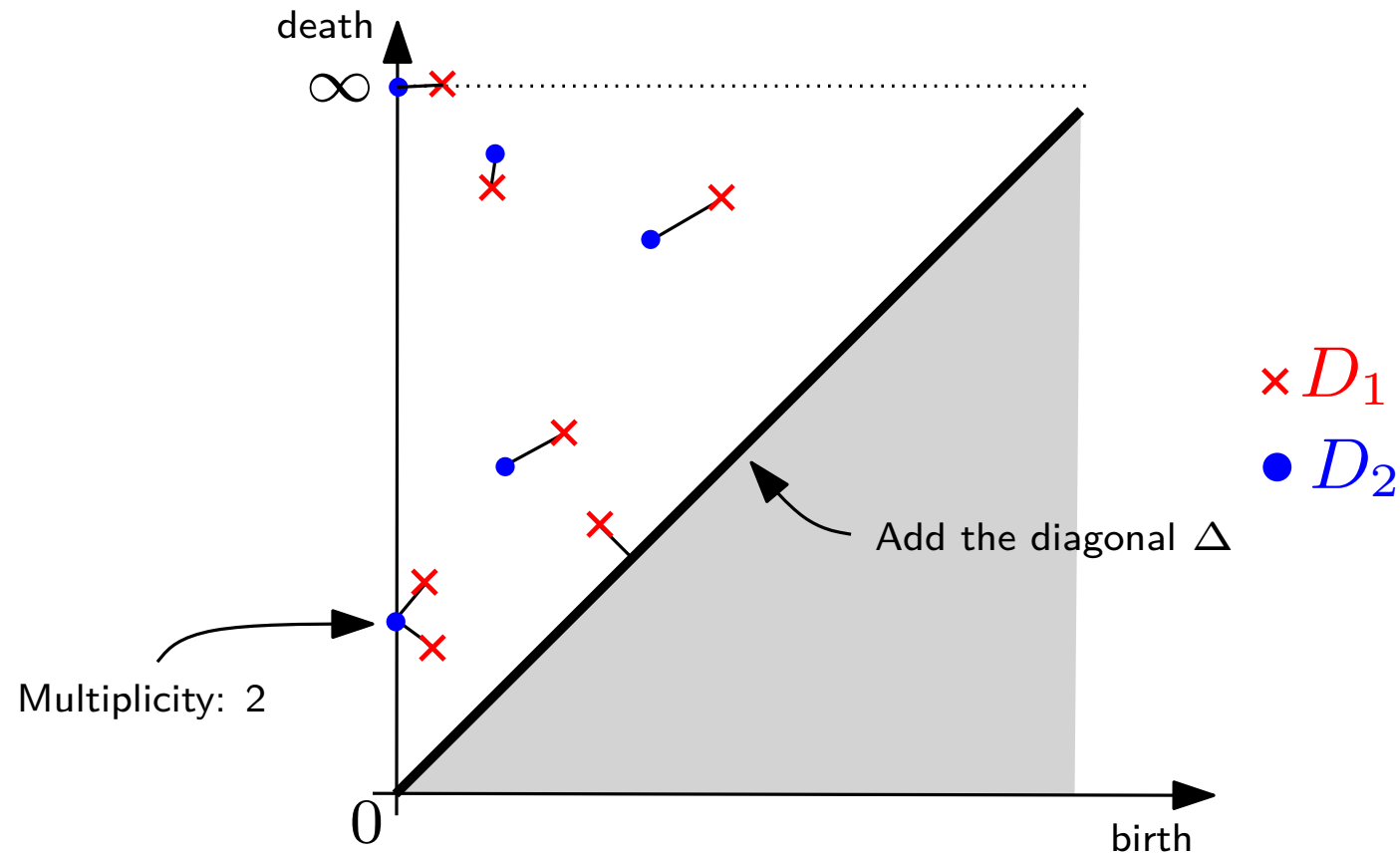


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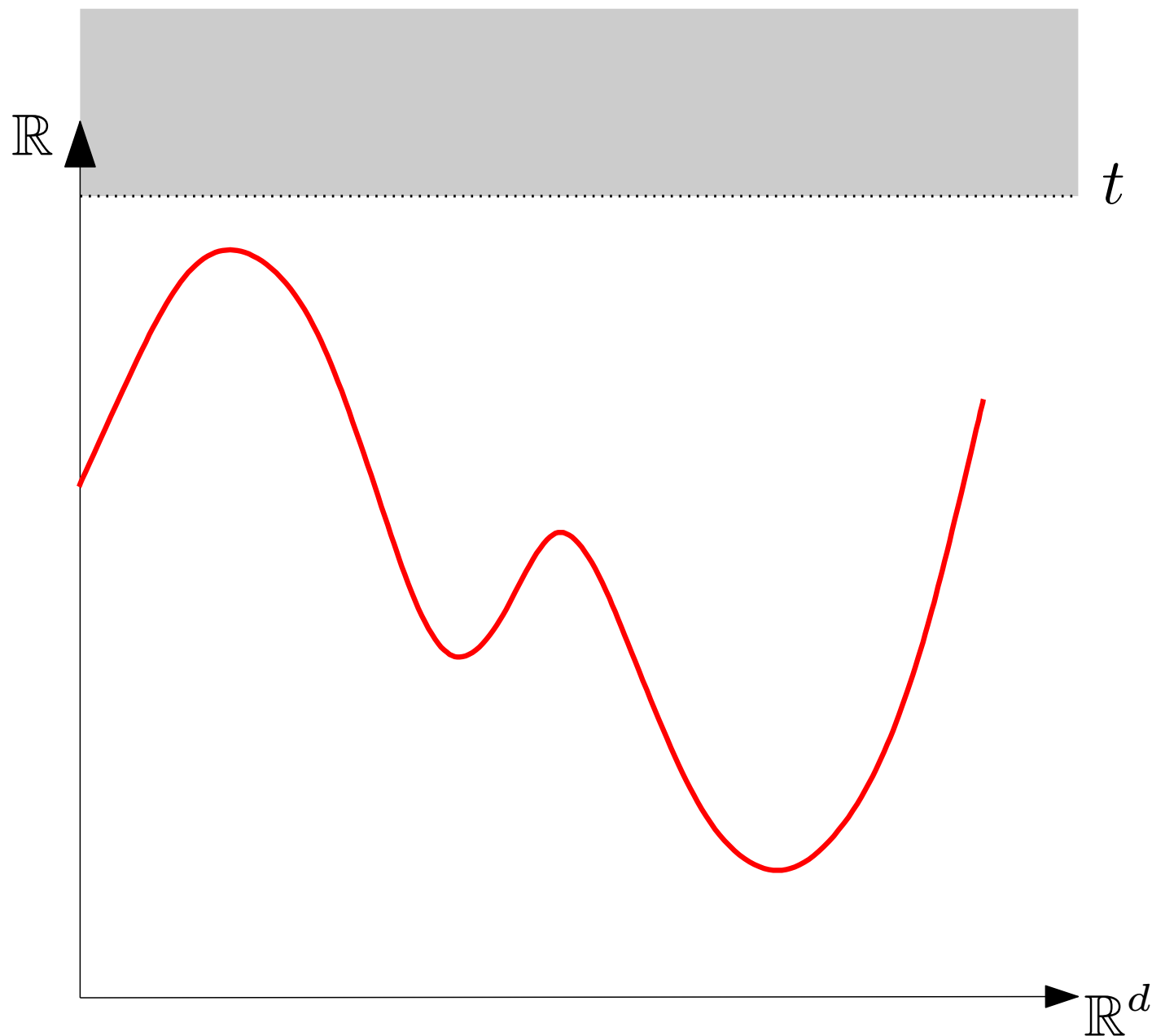
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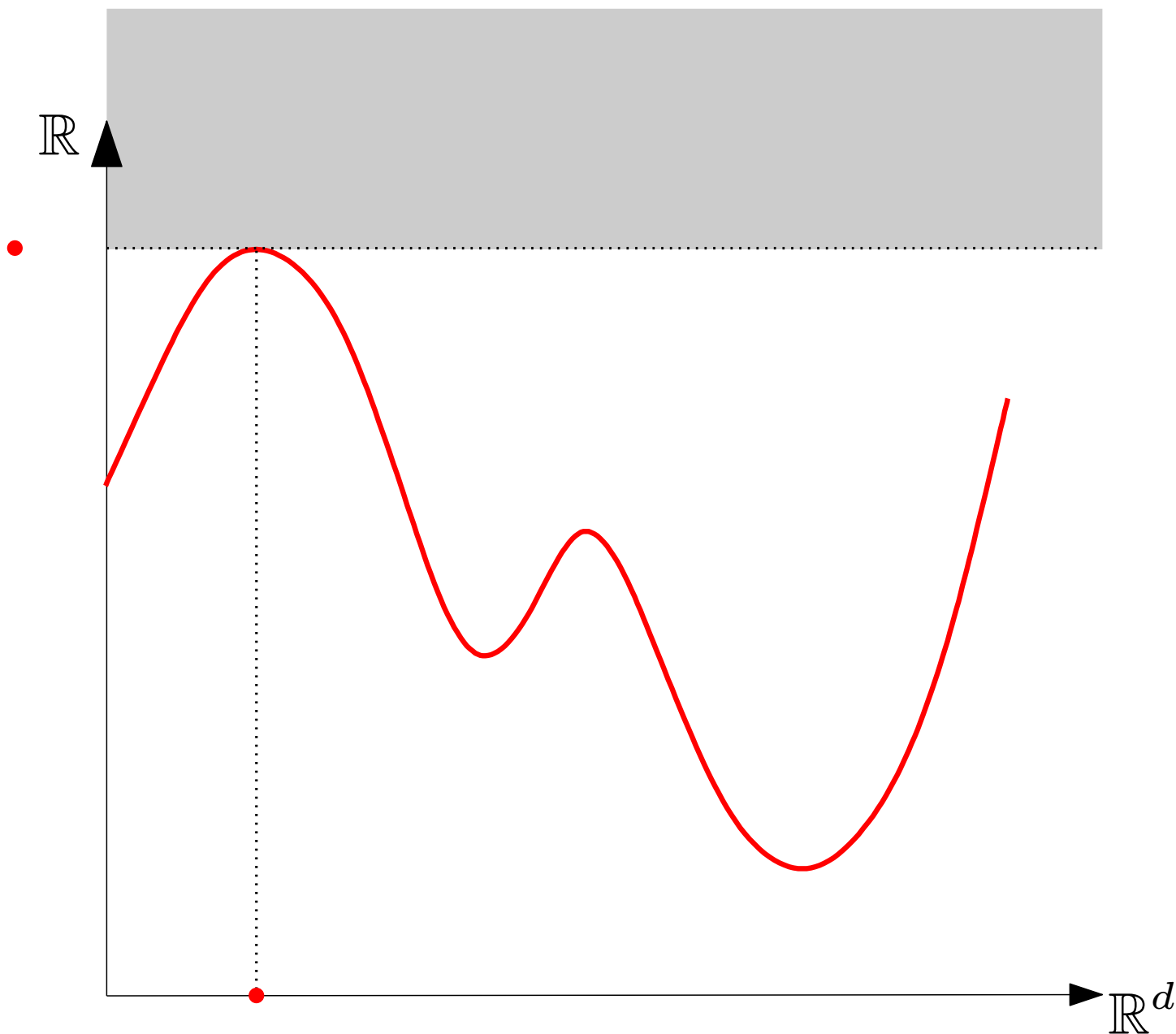
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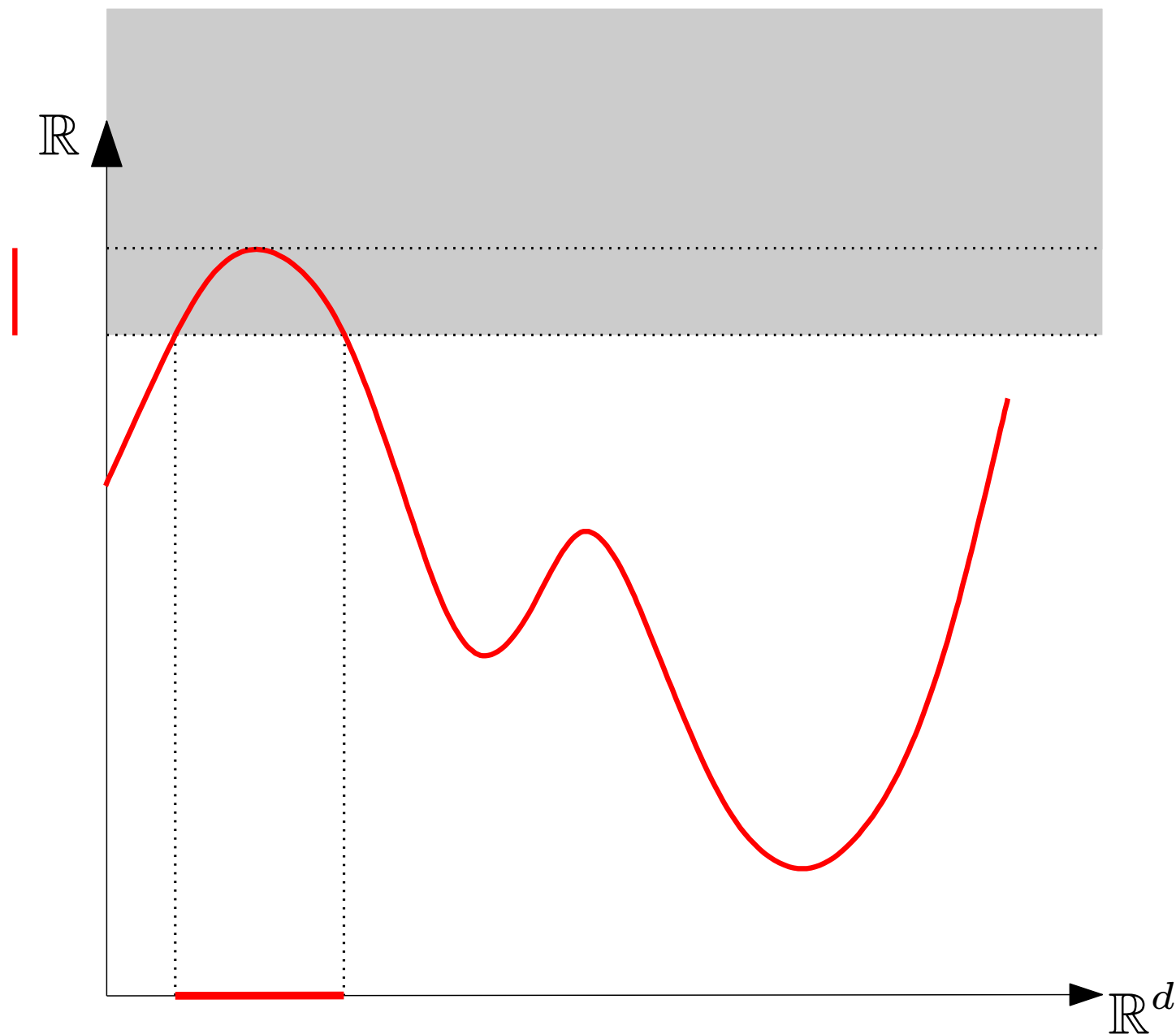
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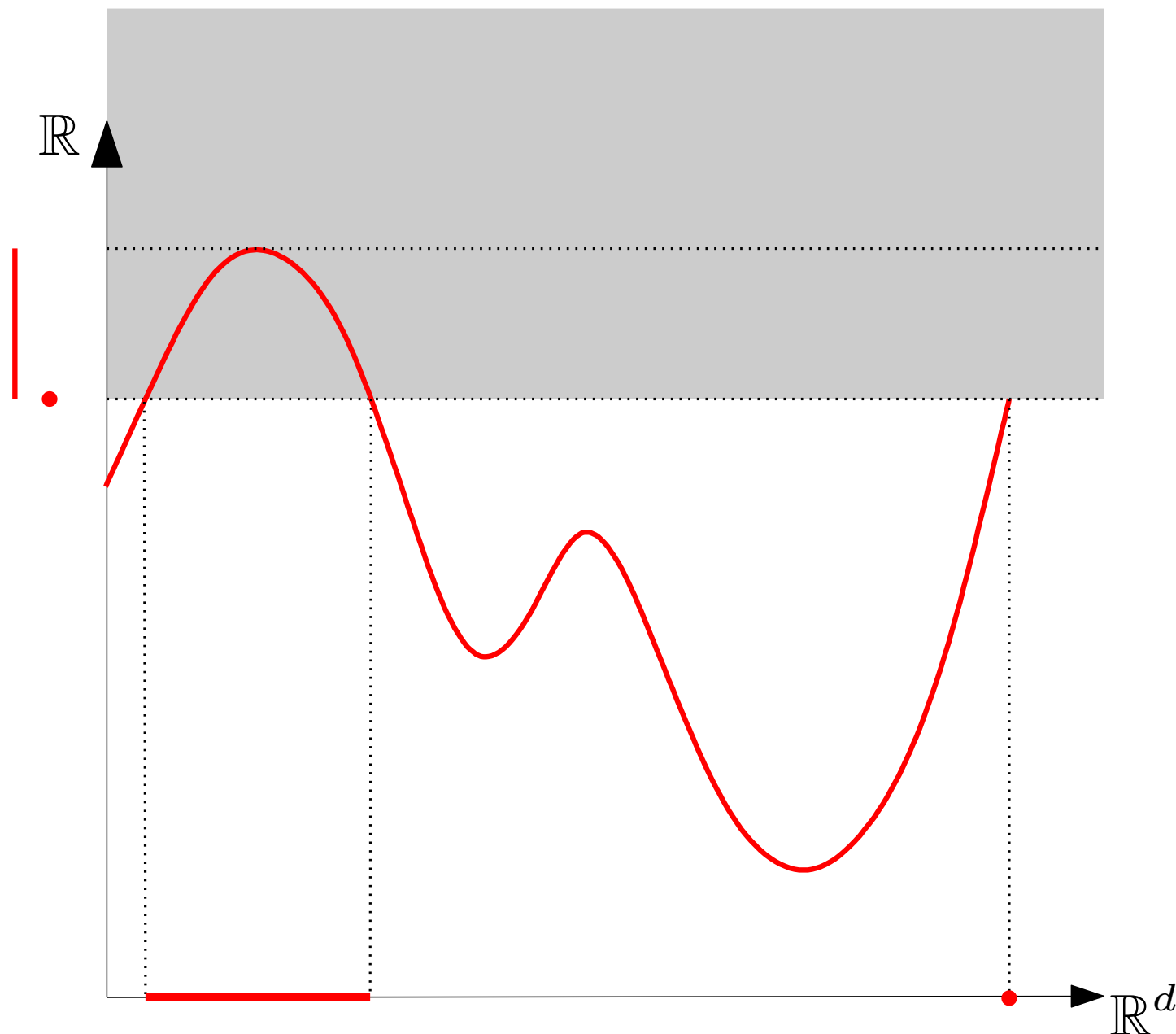
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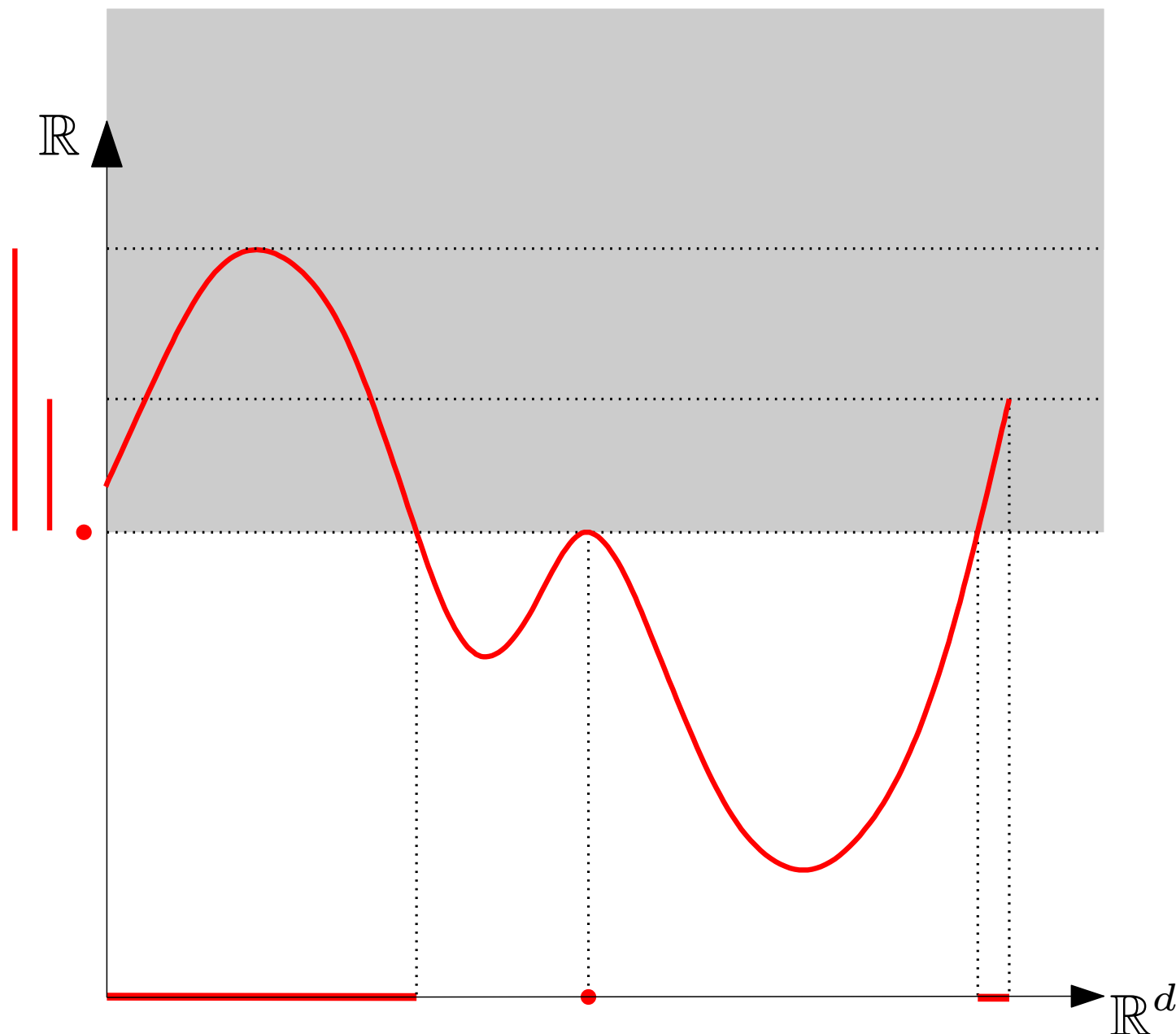
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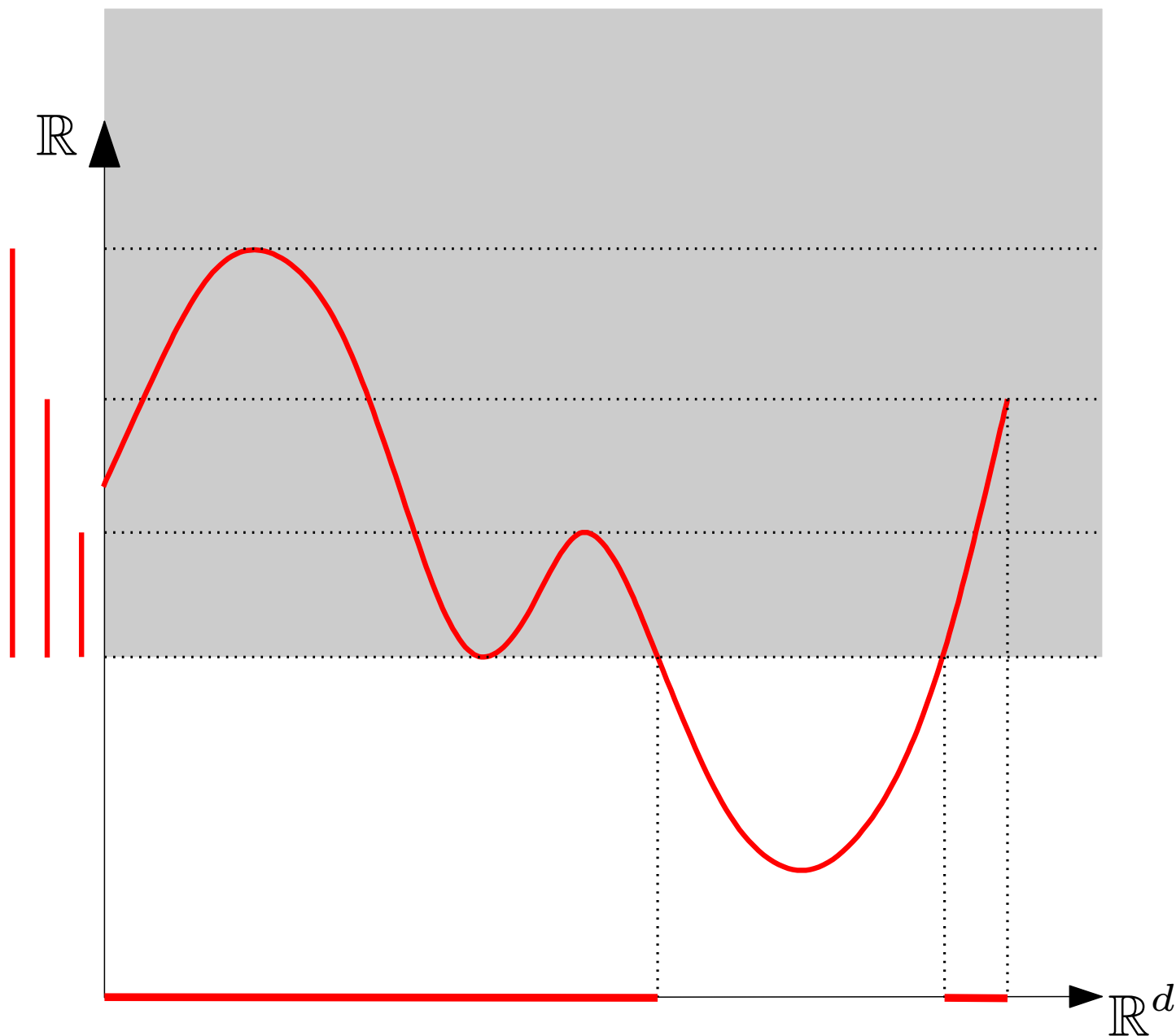
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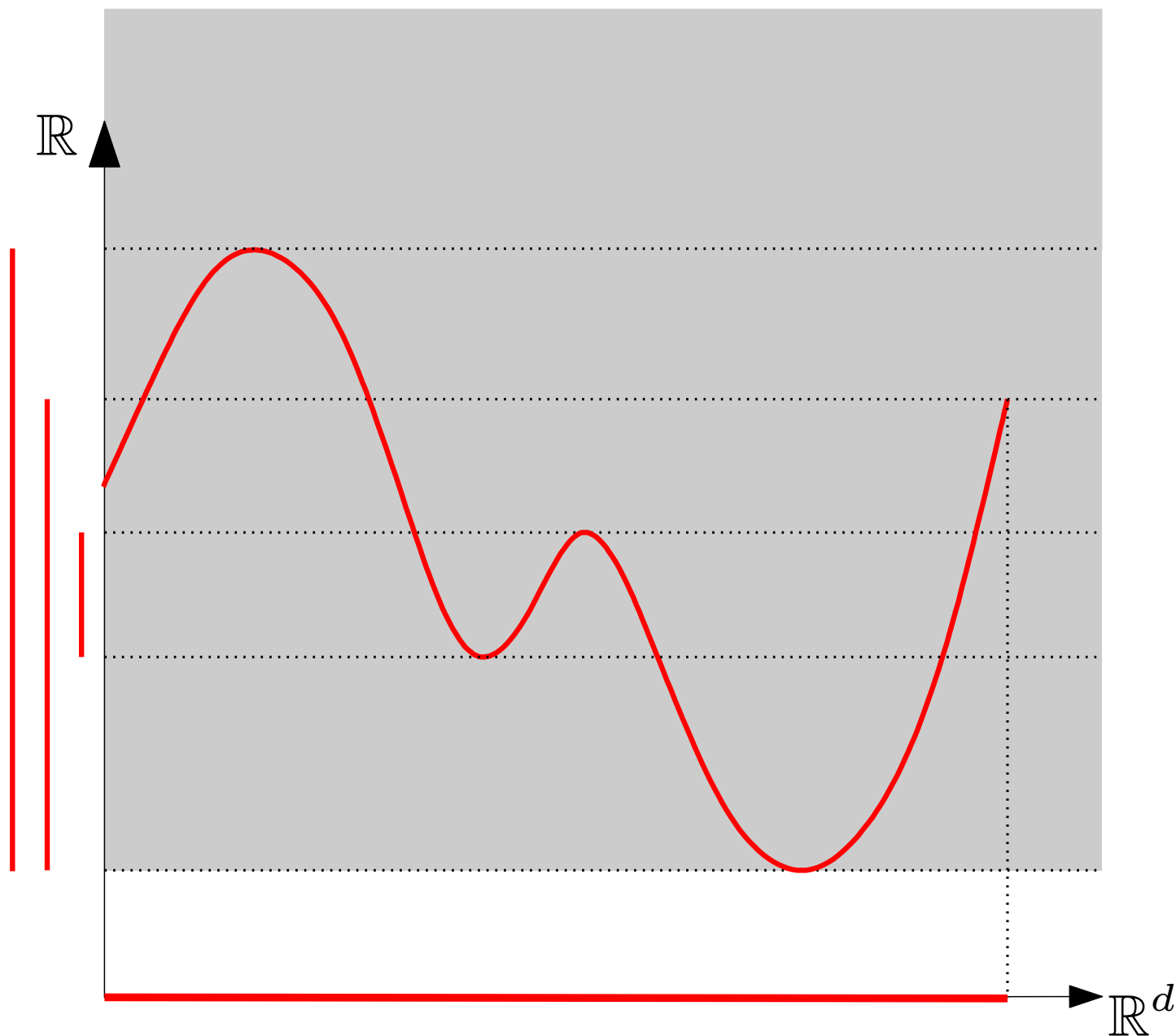
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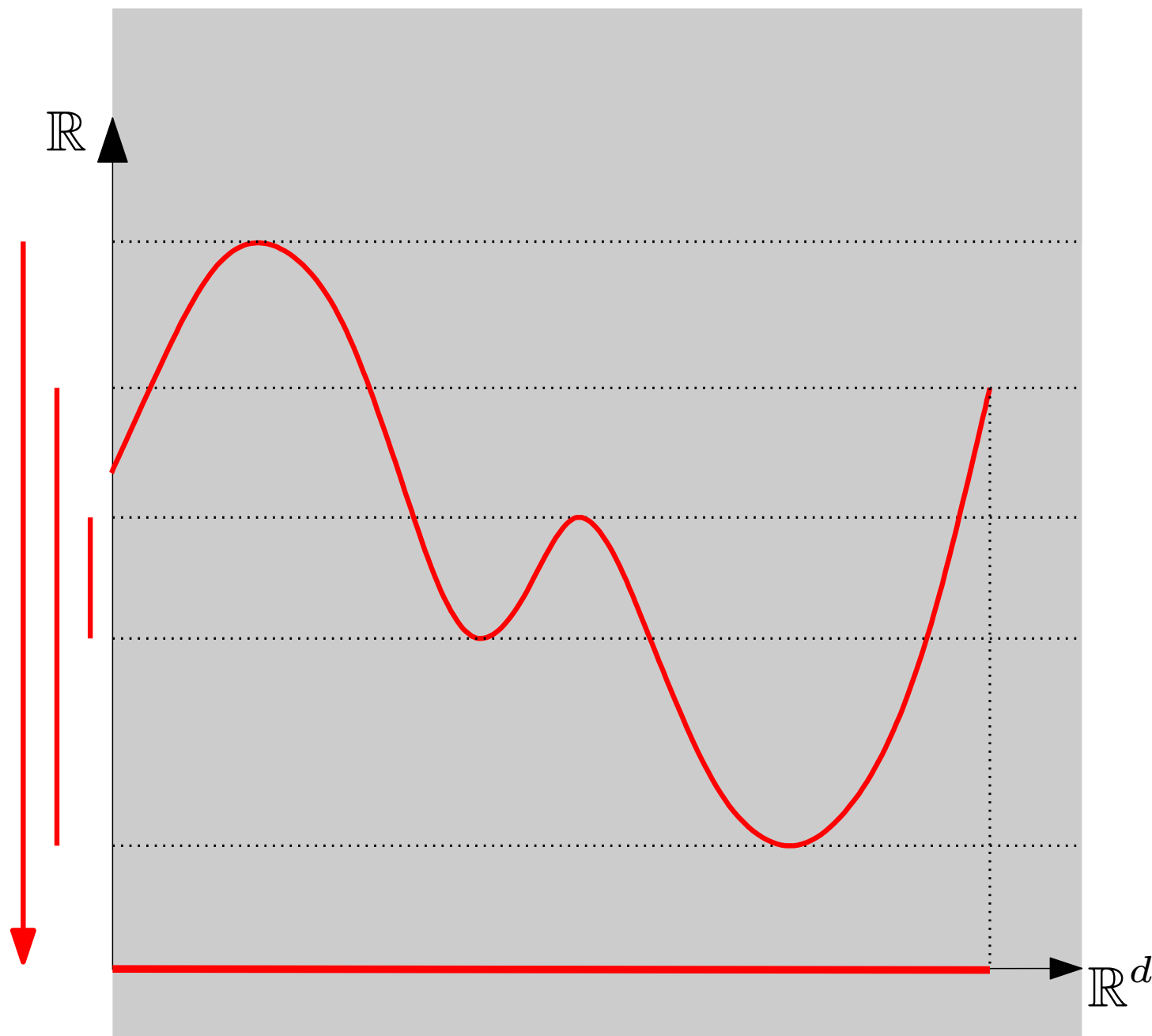
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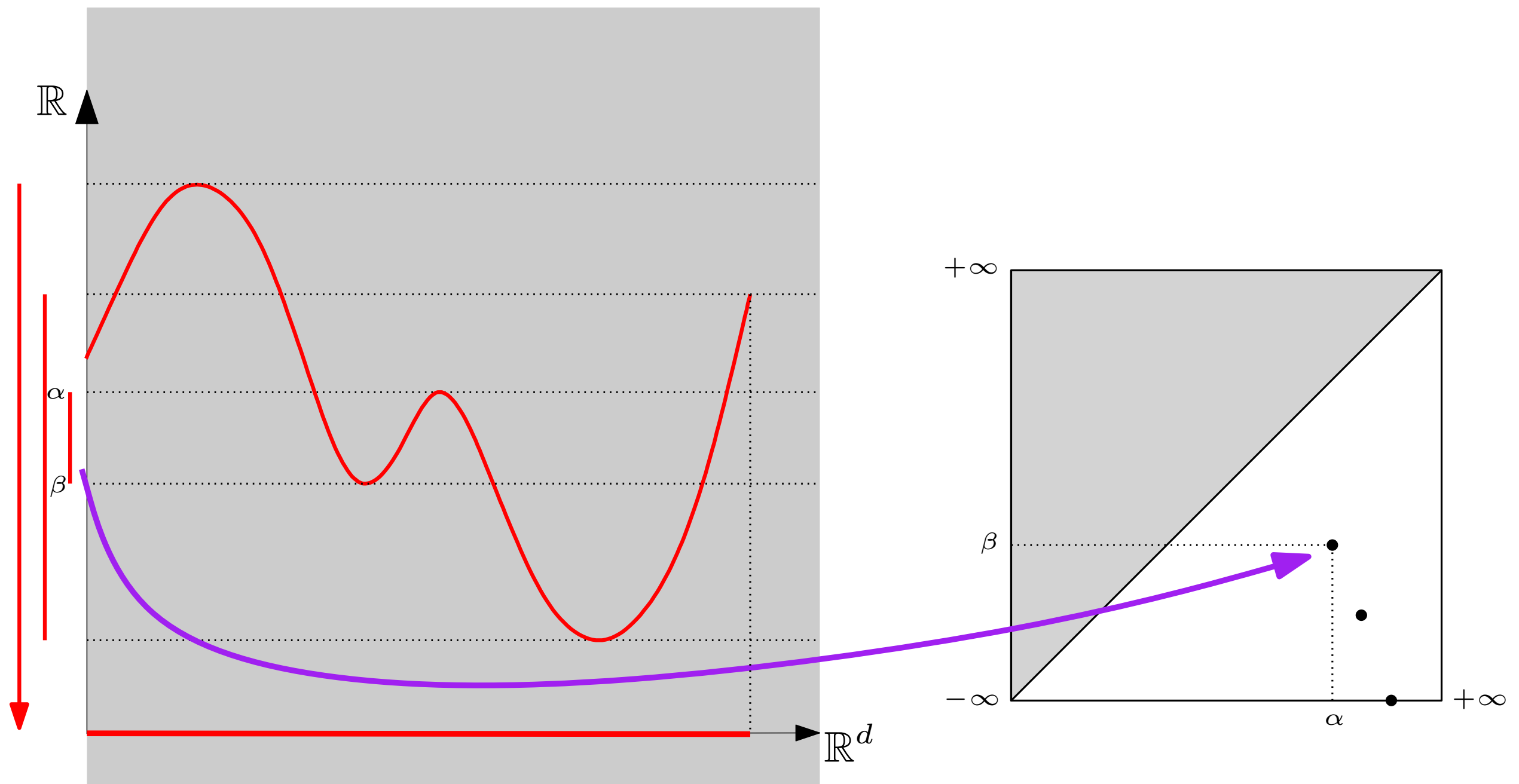
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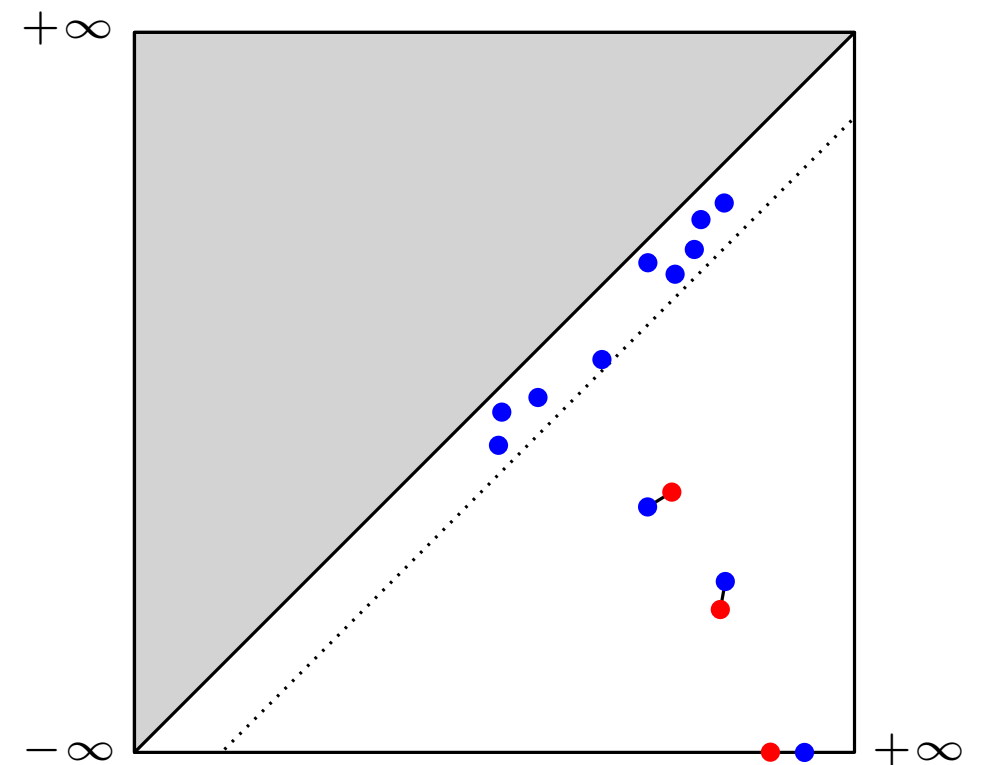
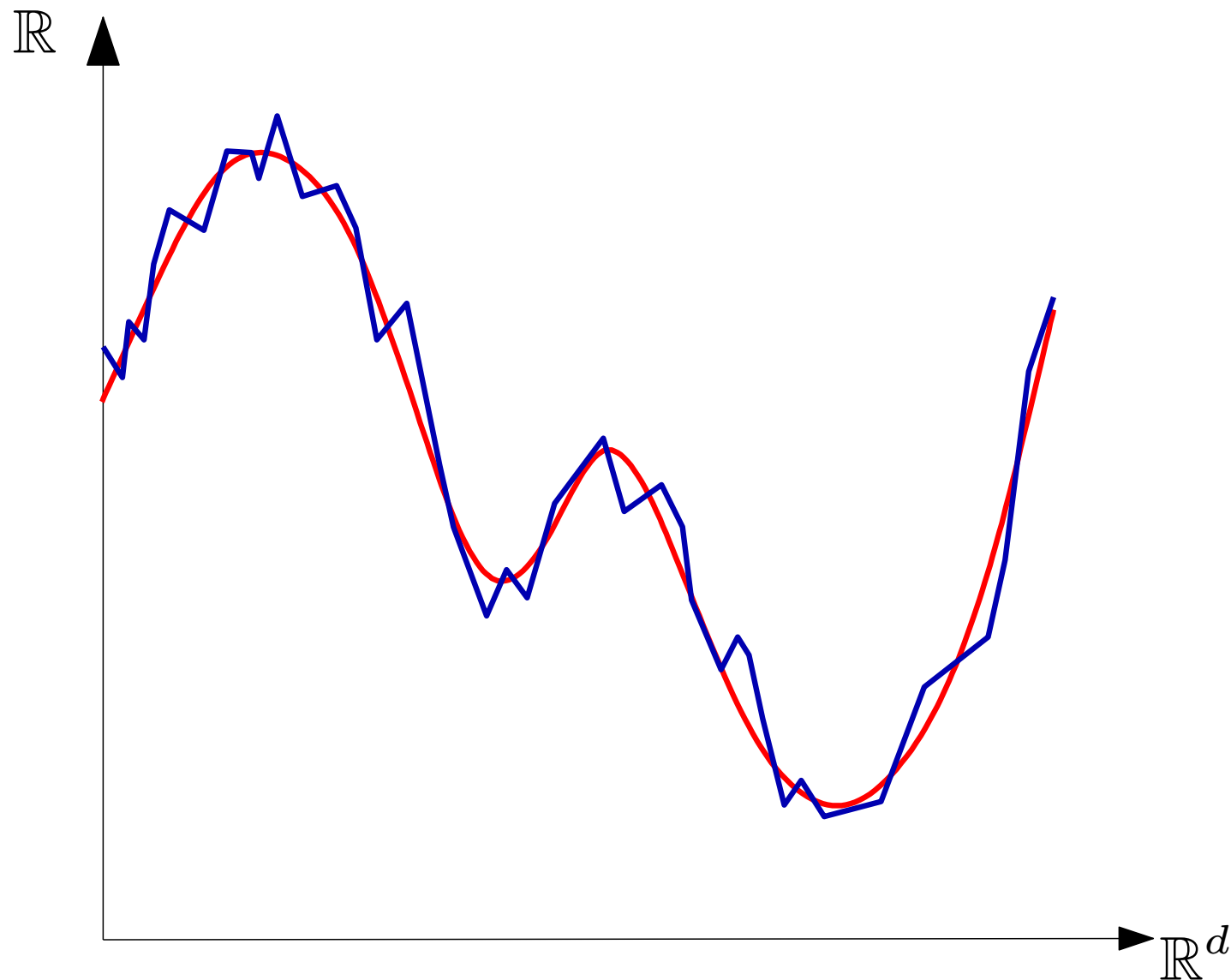
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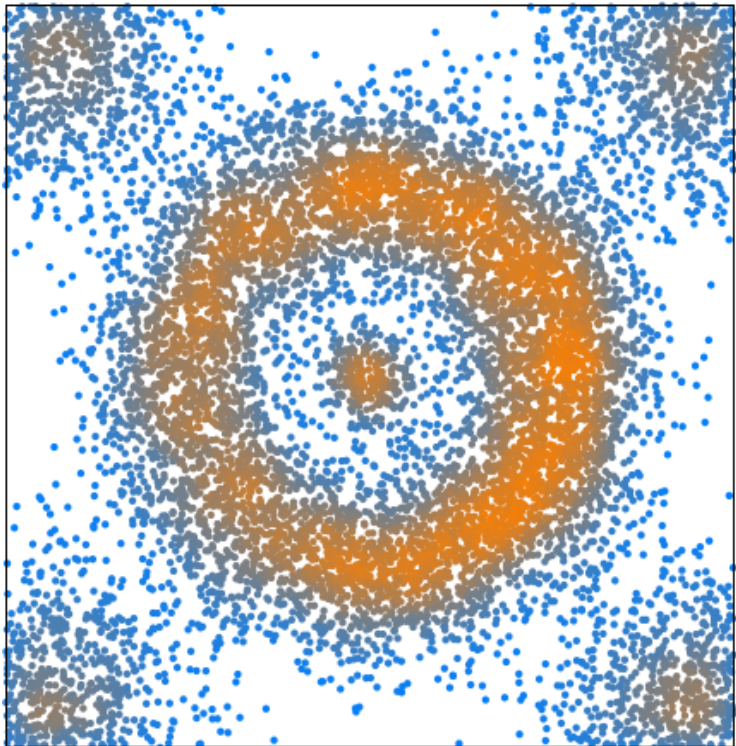
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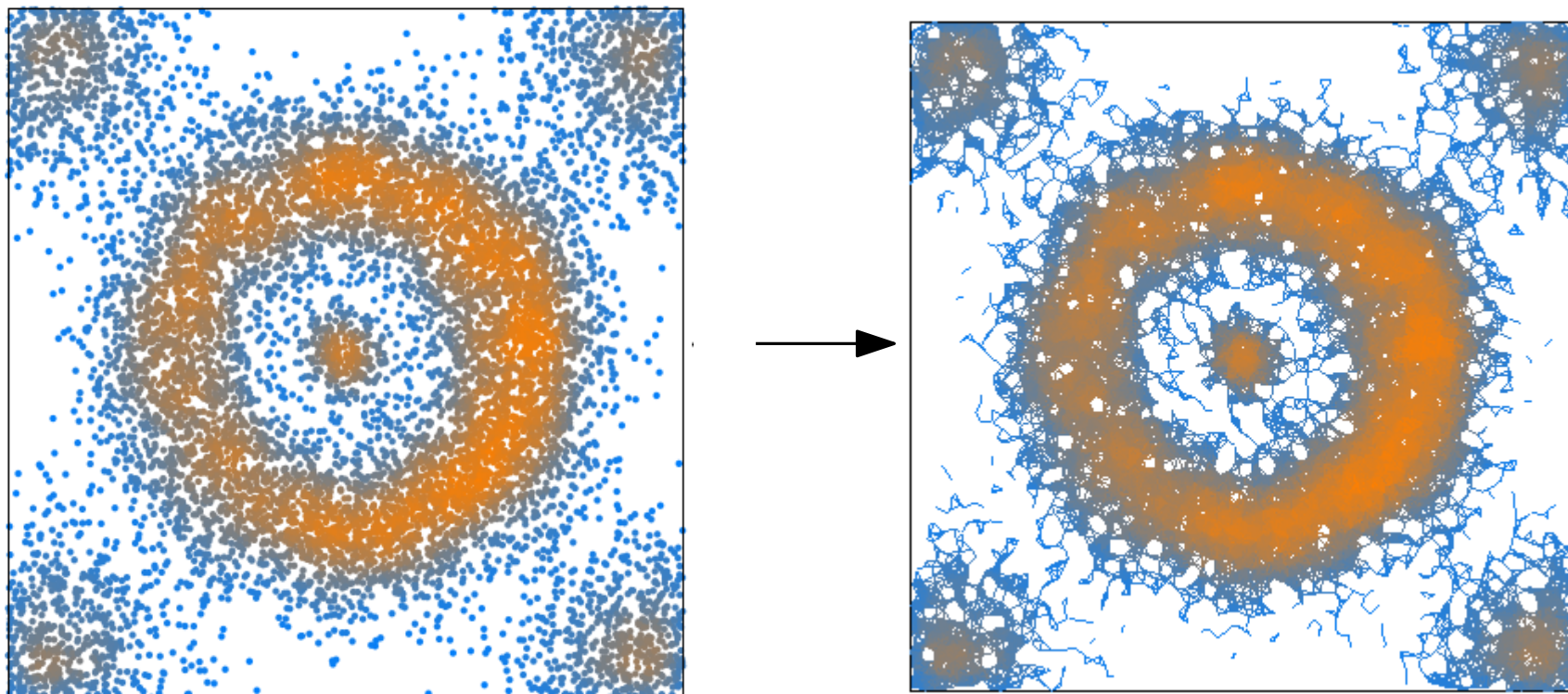
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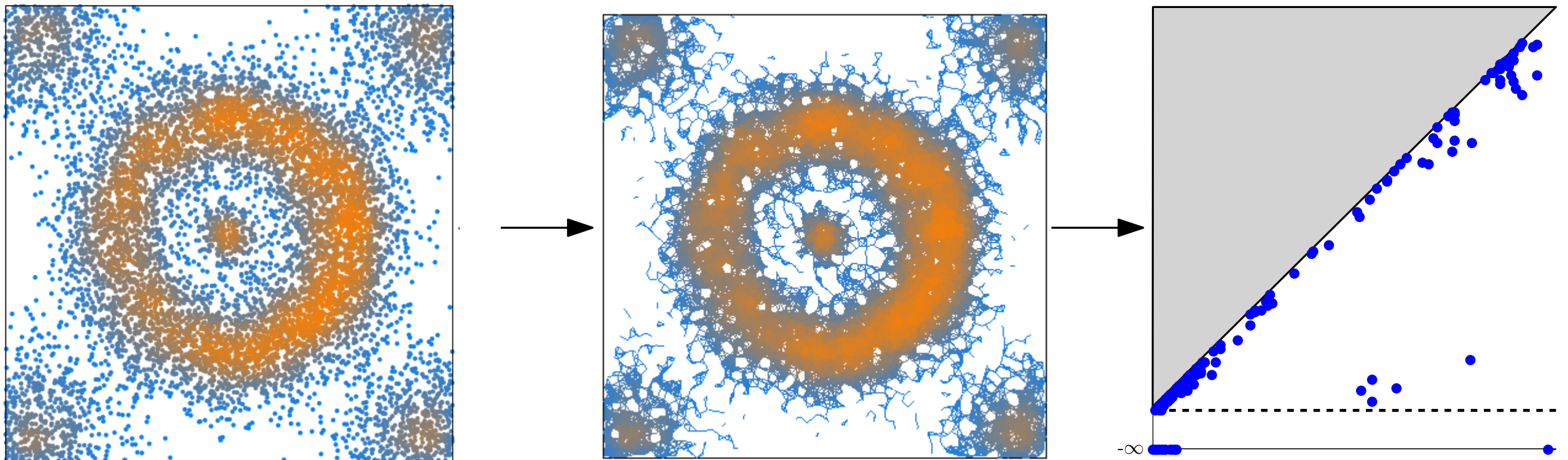
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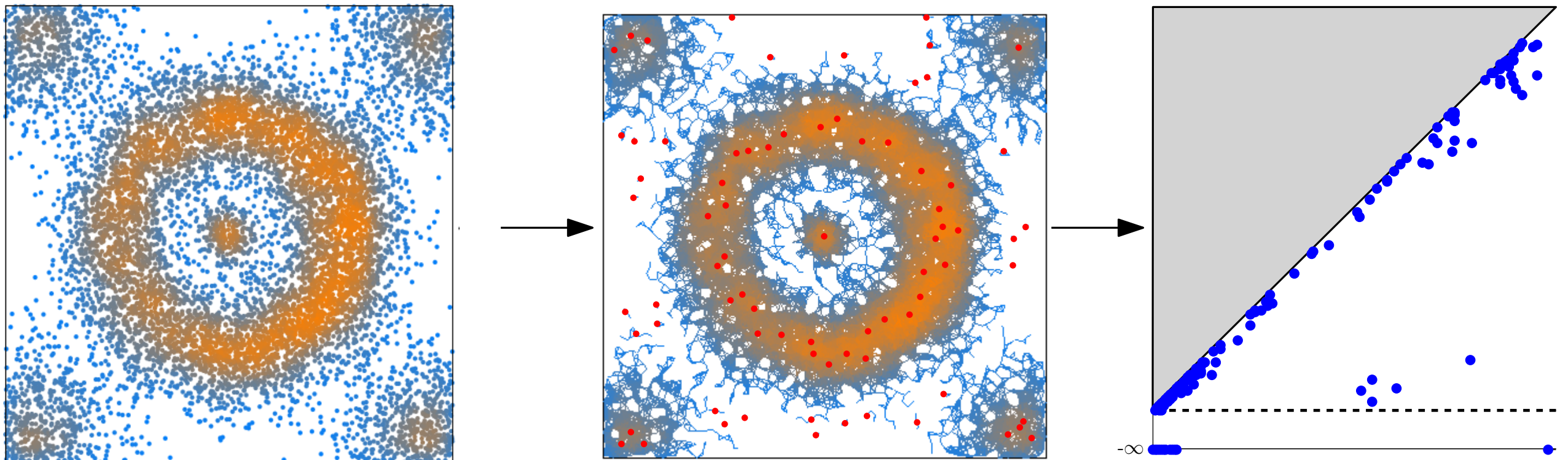
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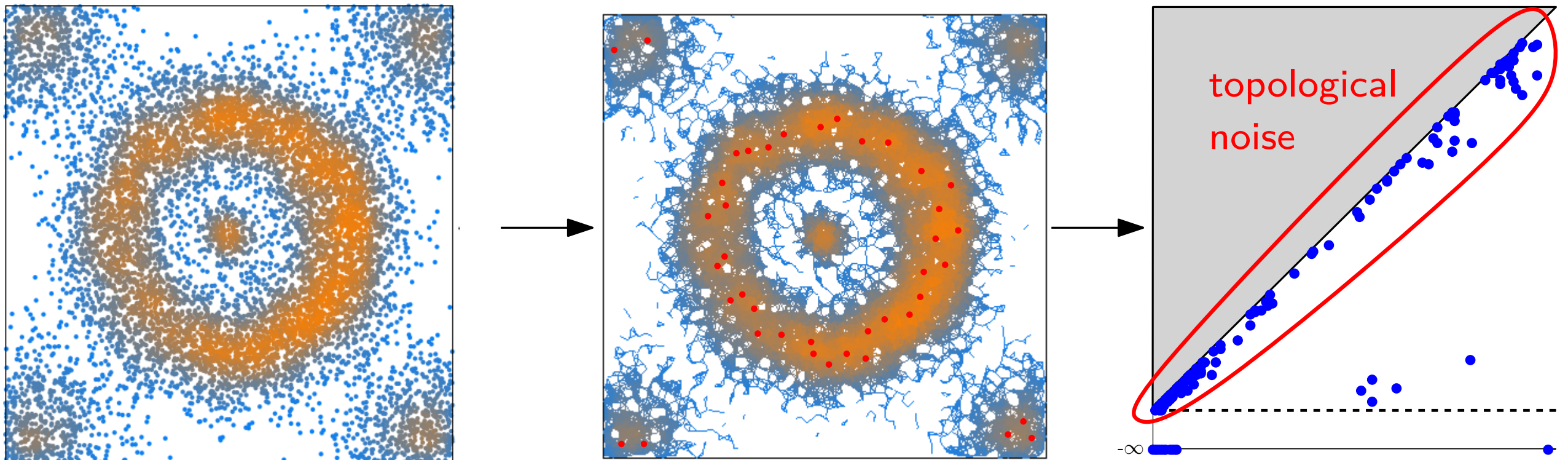
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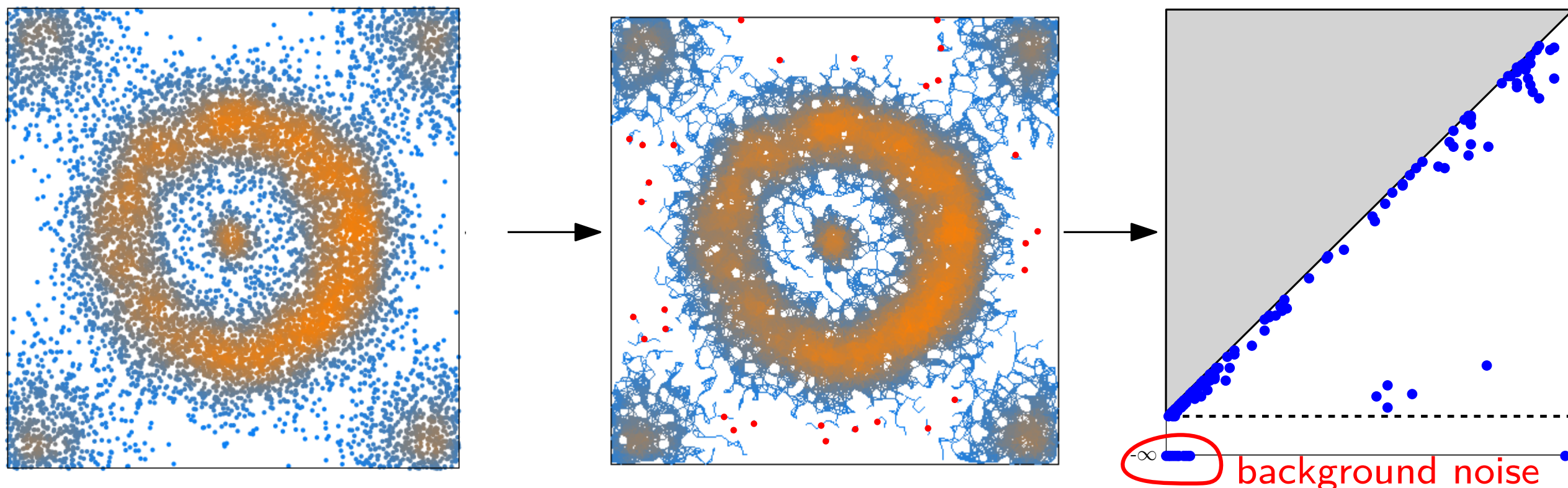
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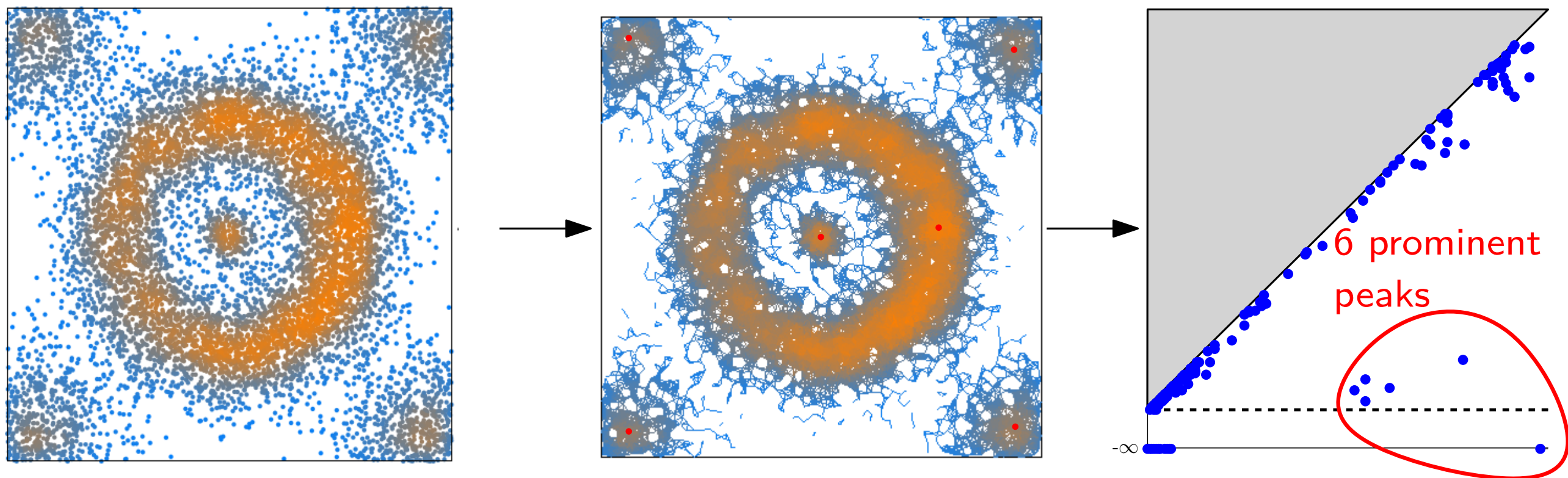
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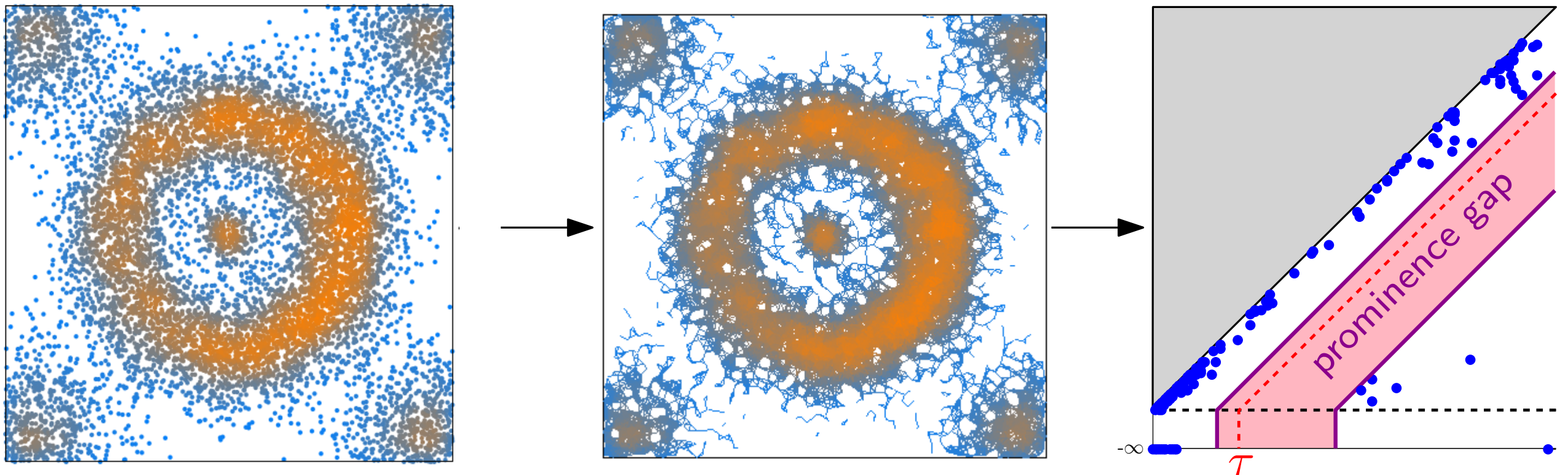
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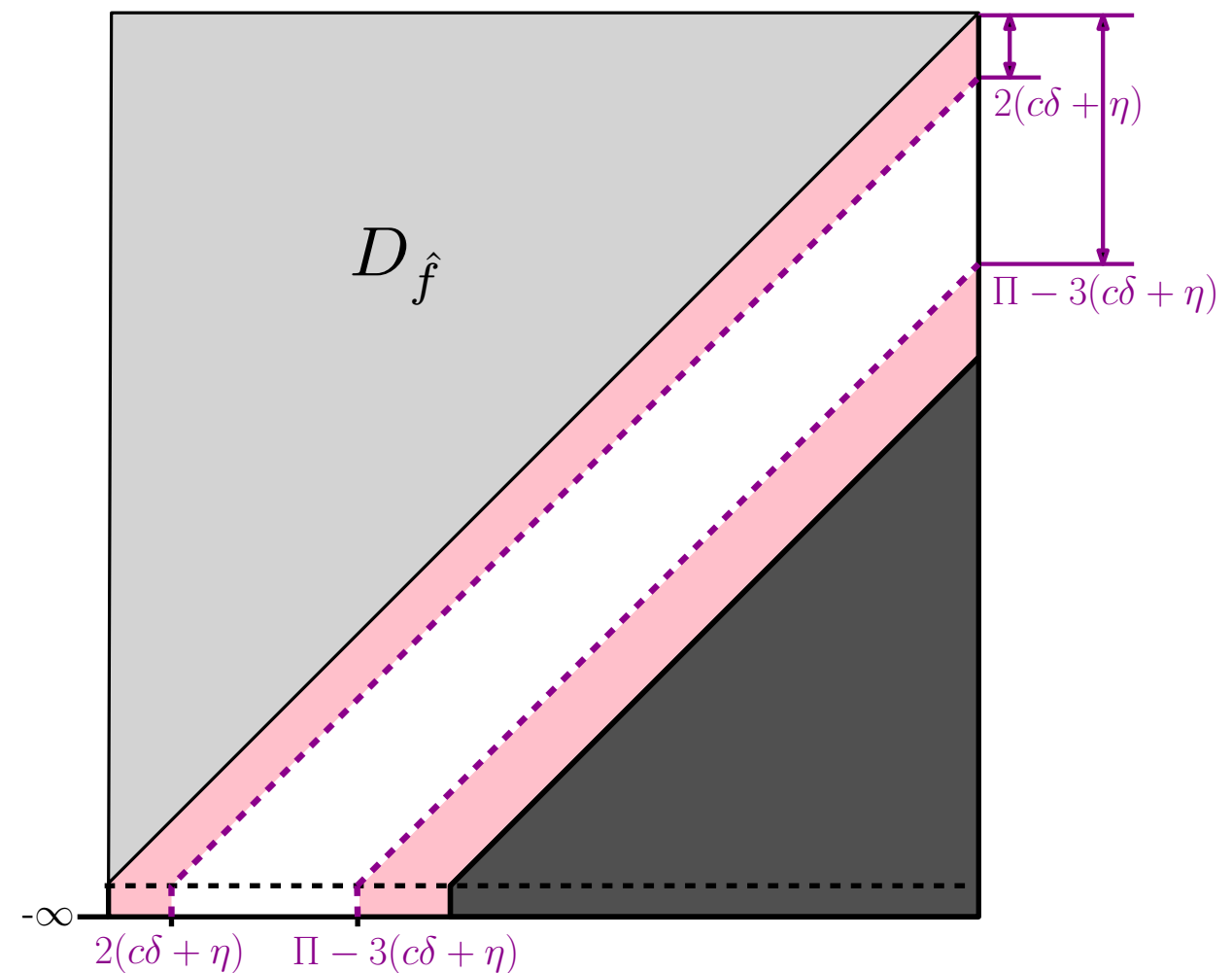
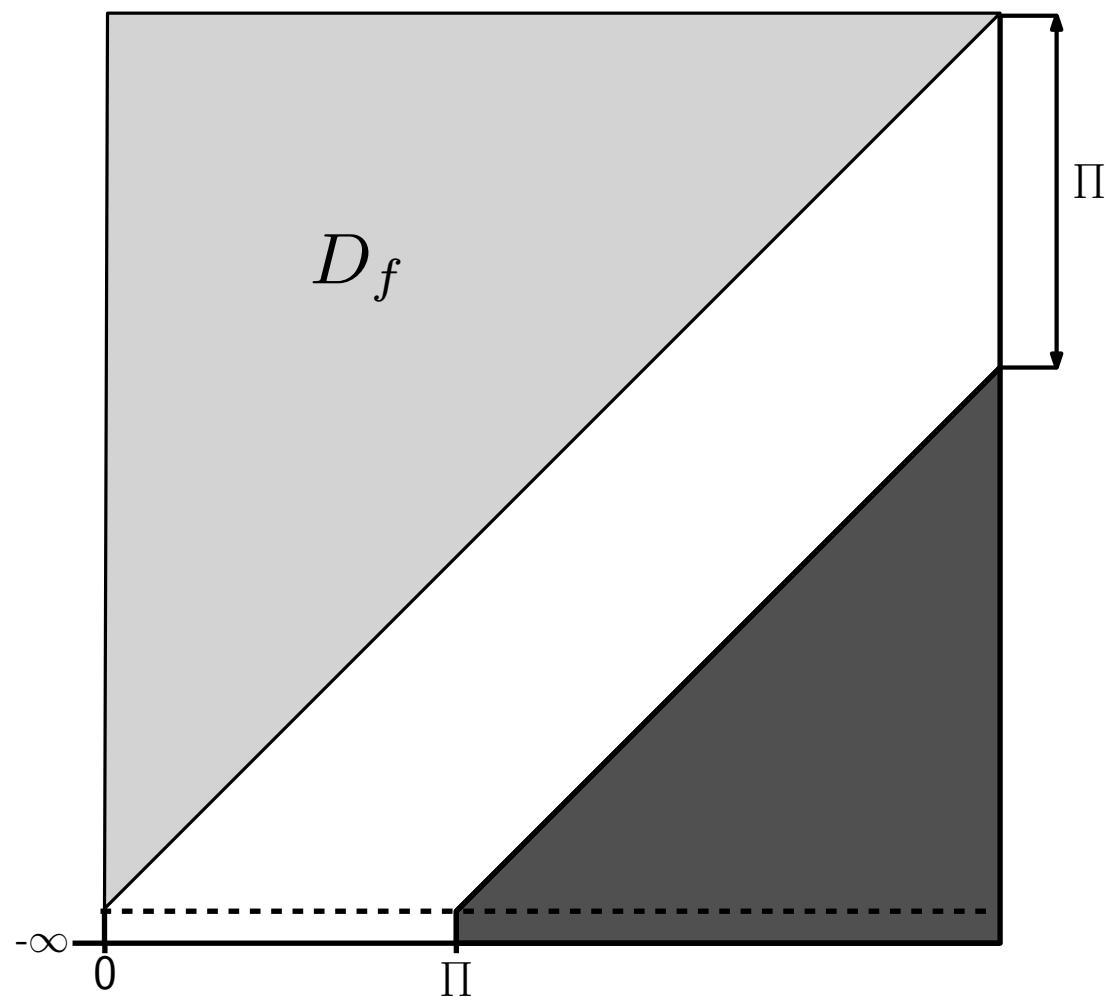
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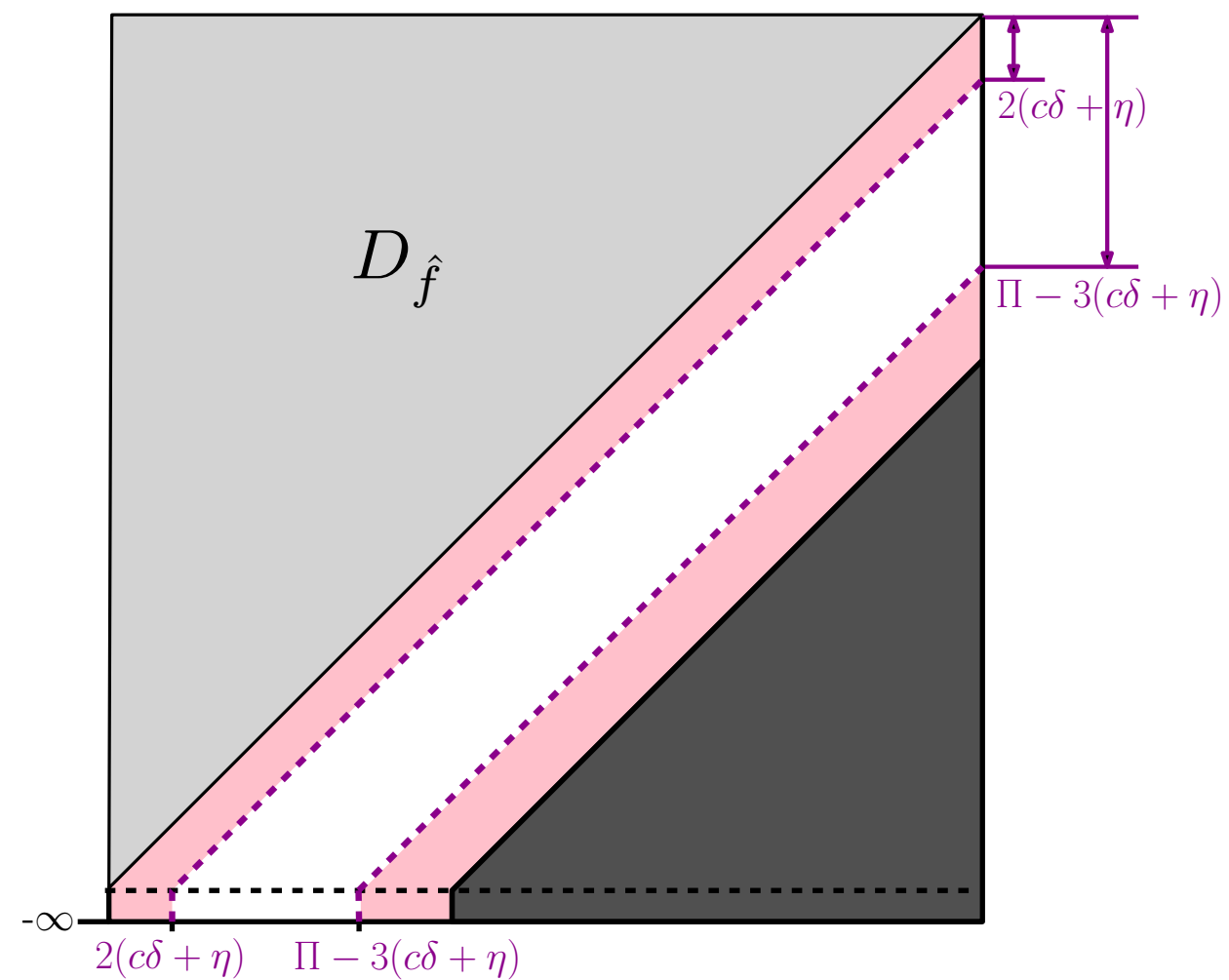
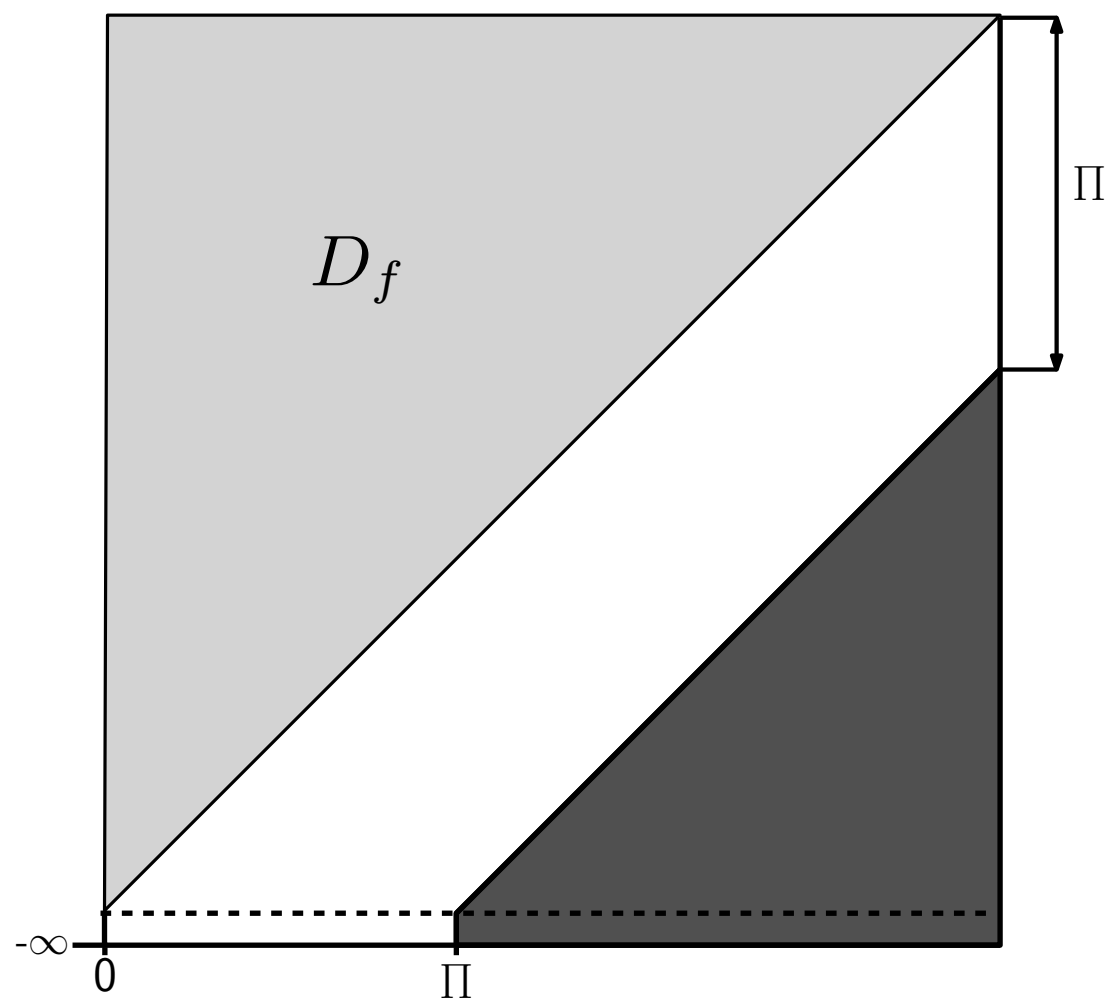


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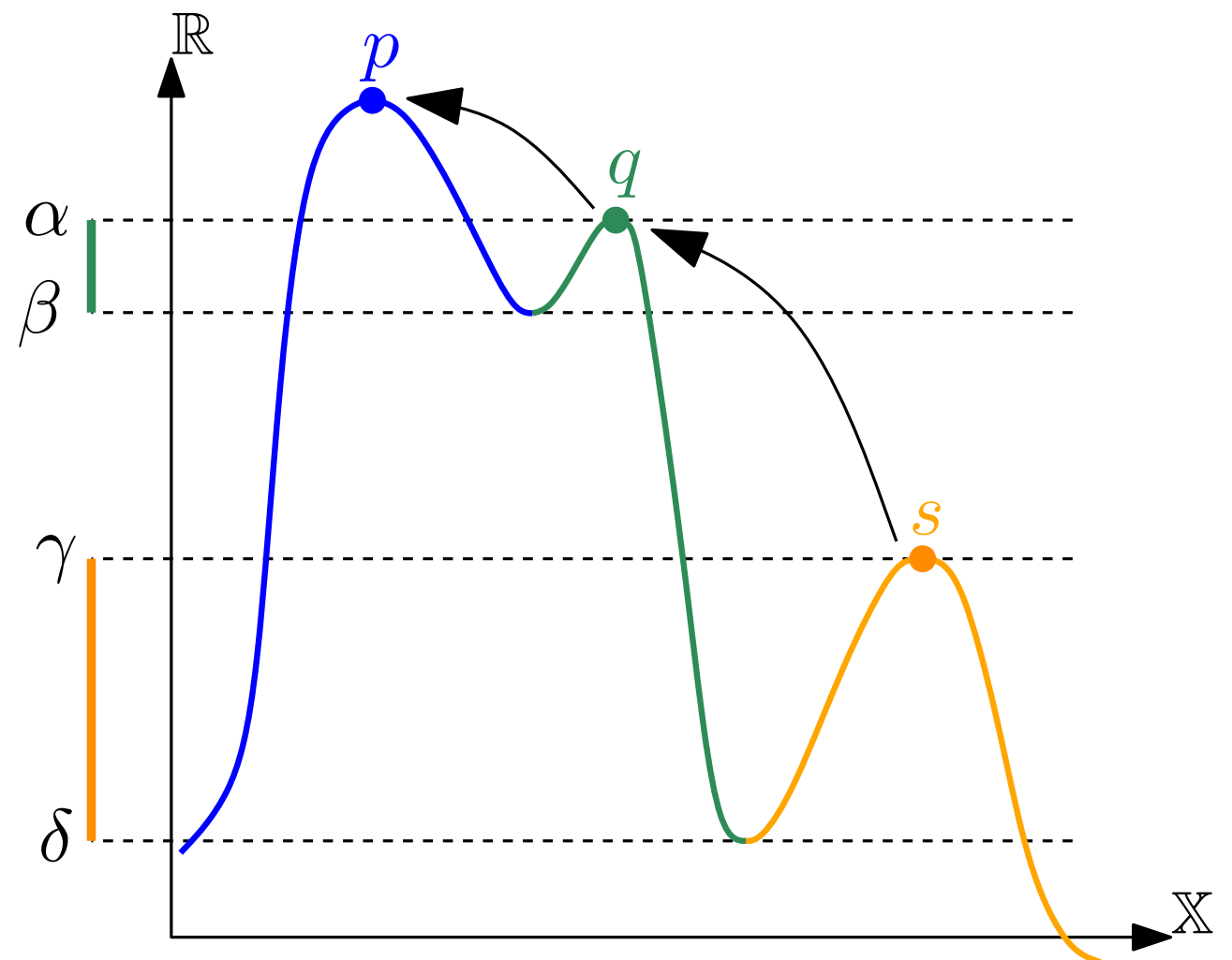
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Proof's main ingredient: stability theorem for persistence diagrams

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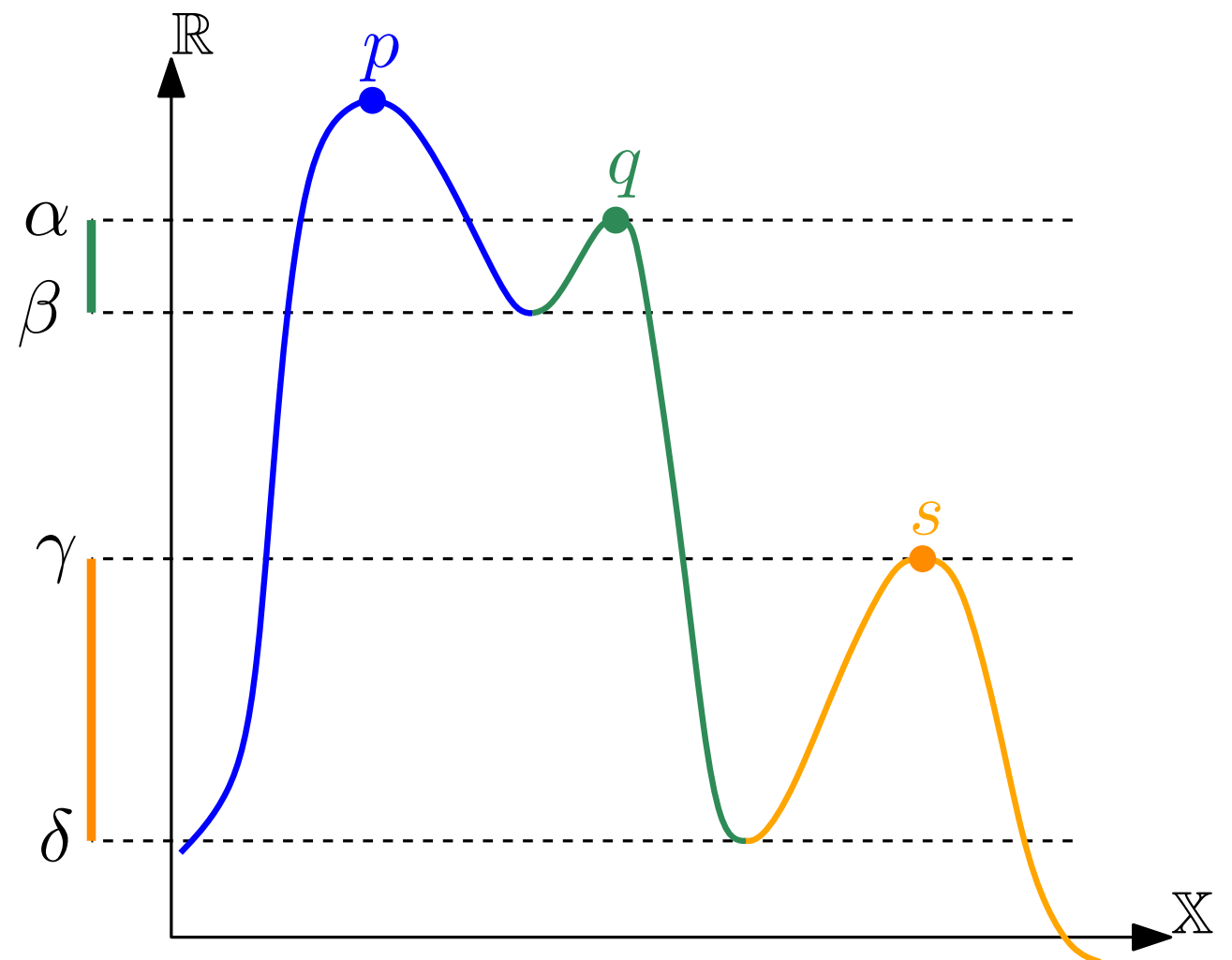
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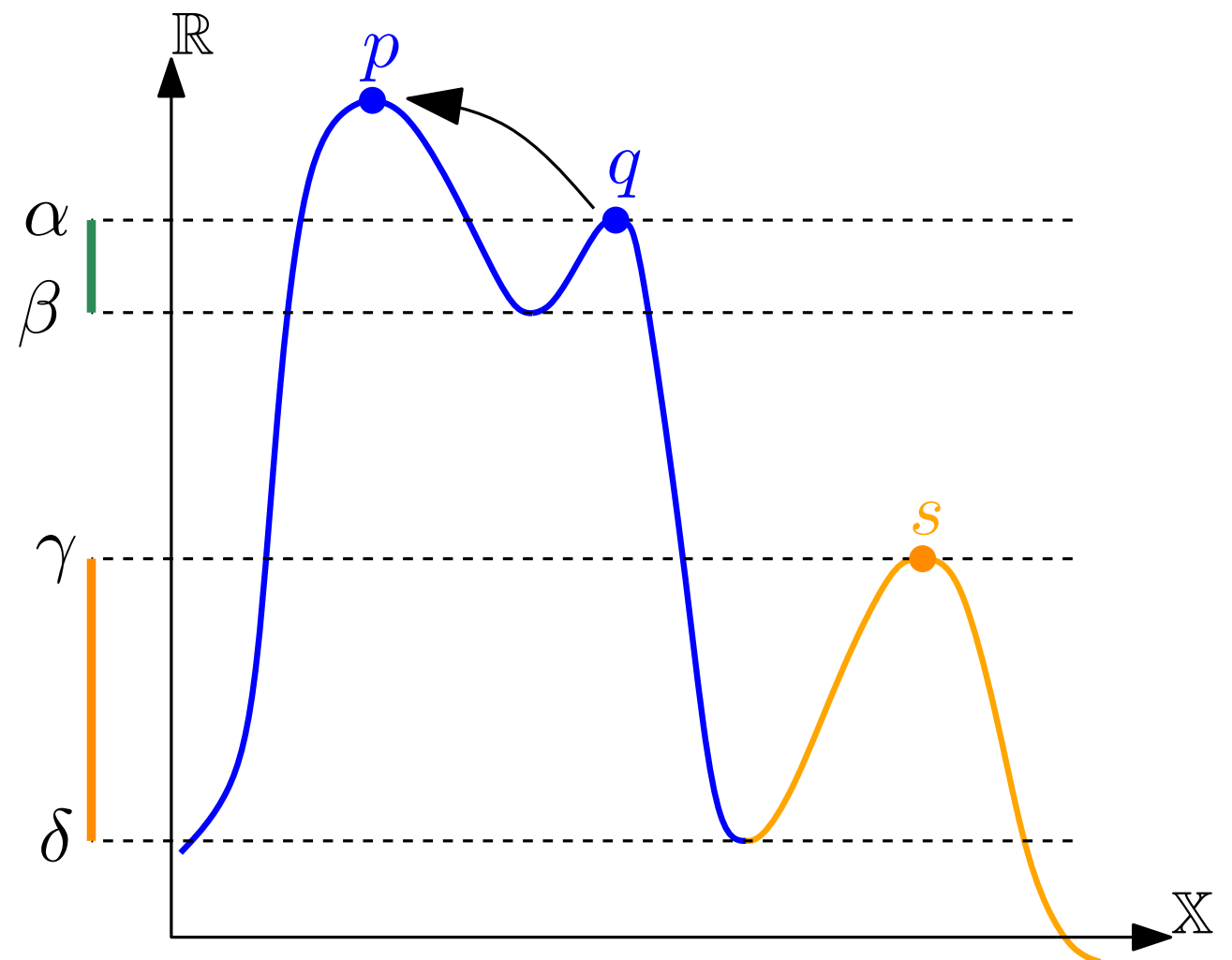
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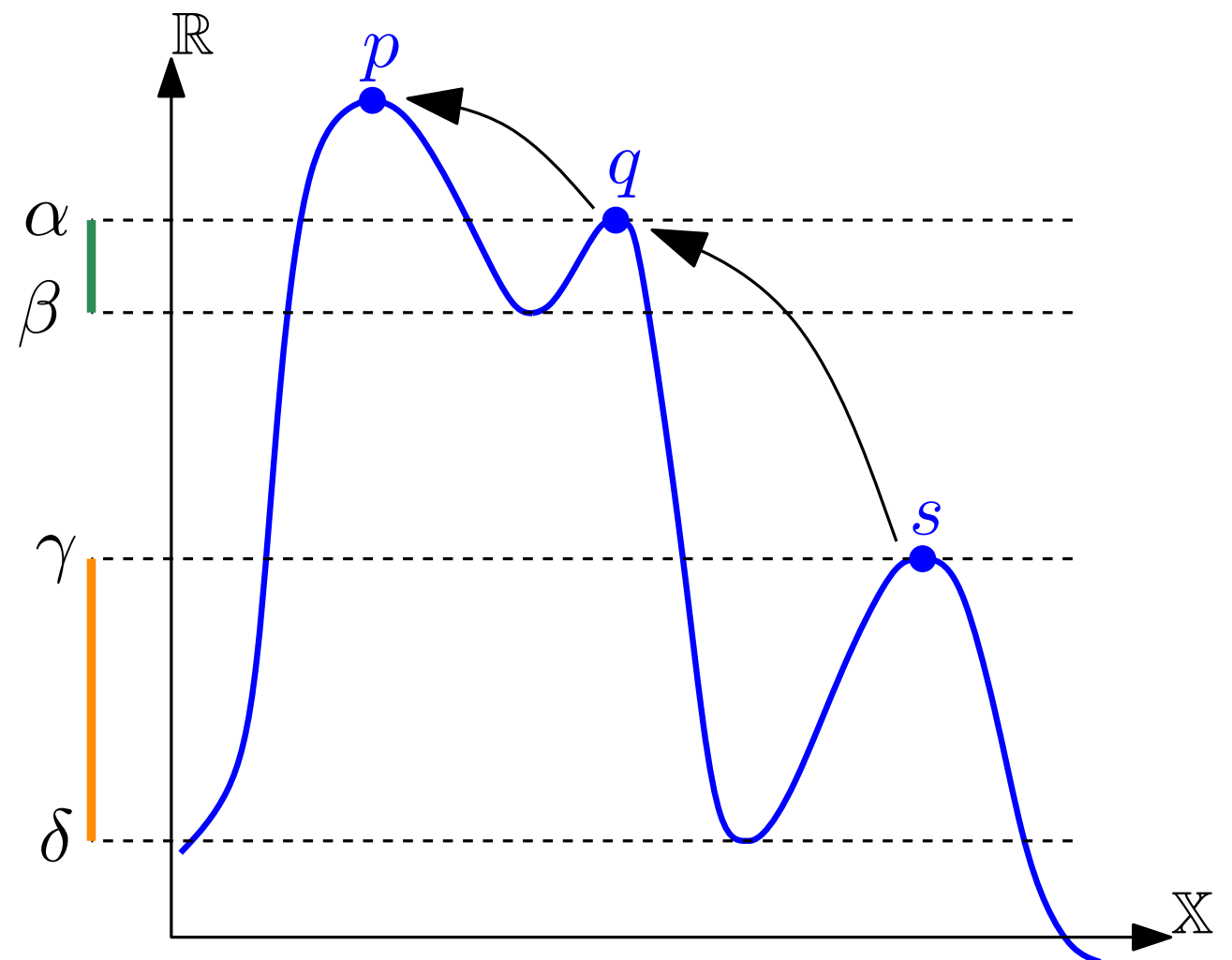
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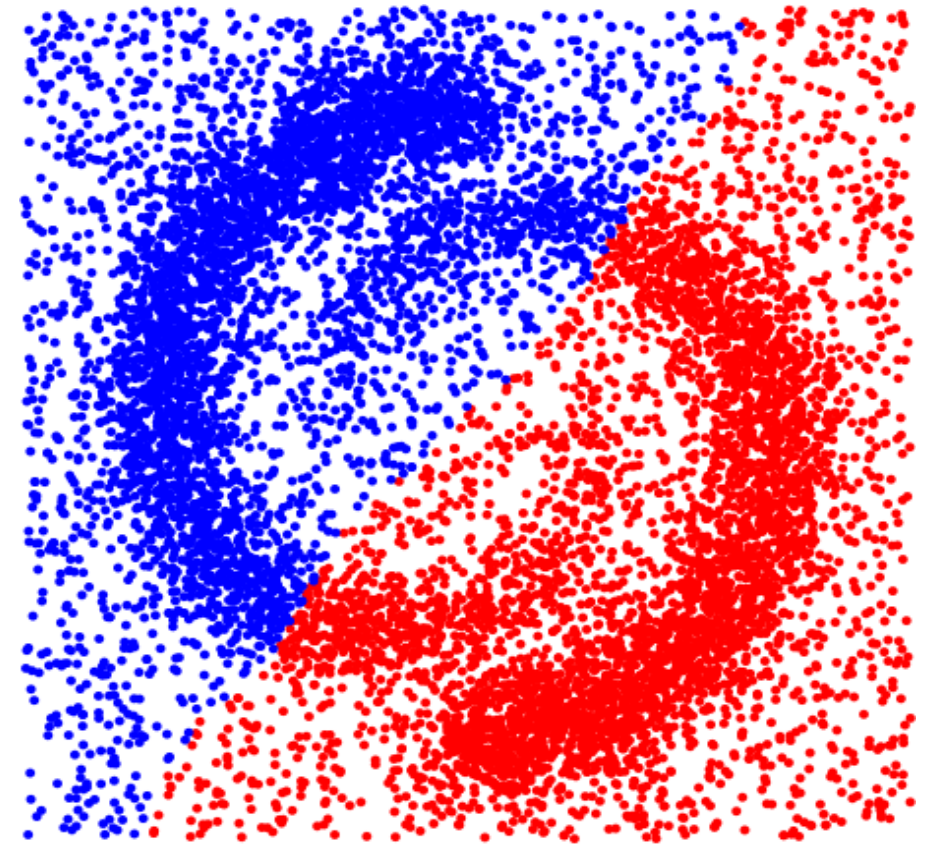
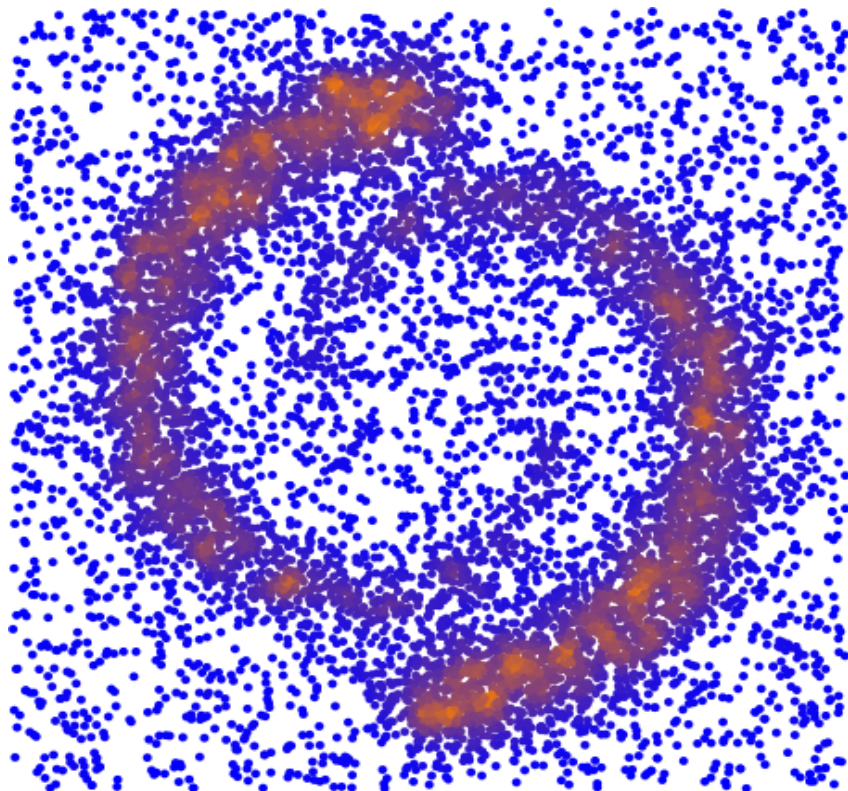
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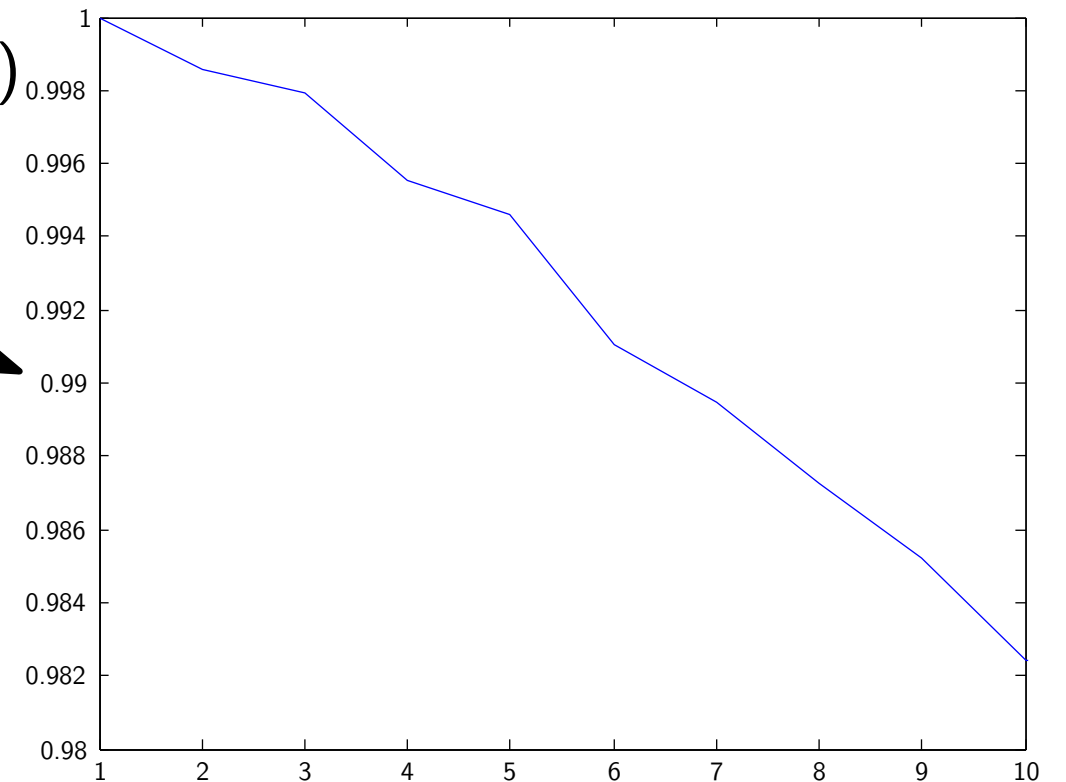


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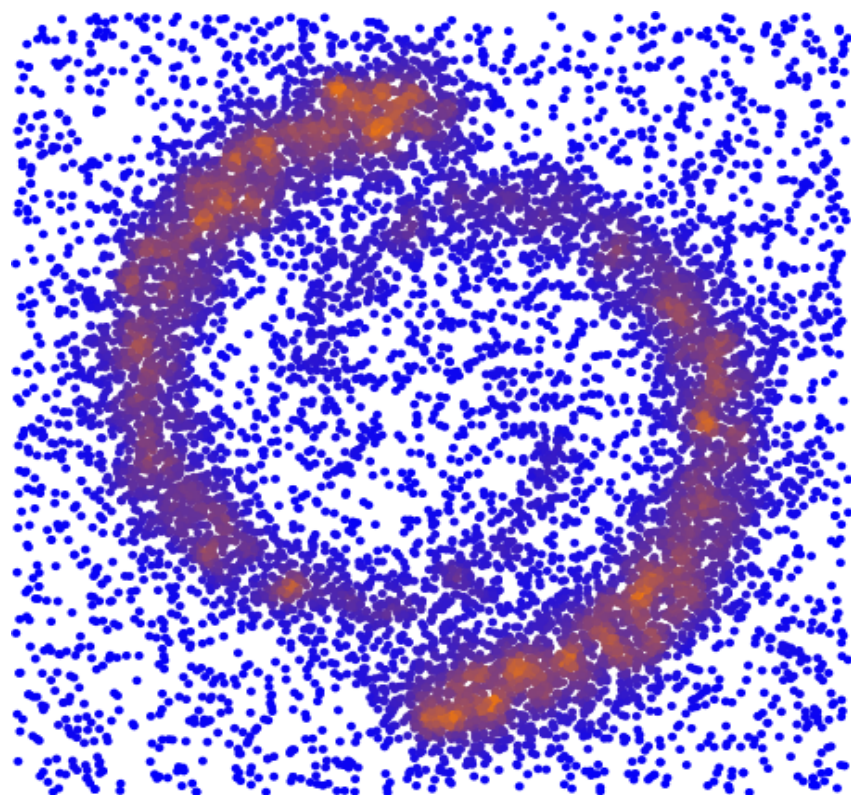


Spectral clustering
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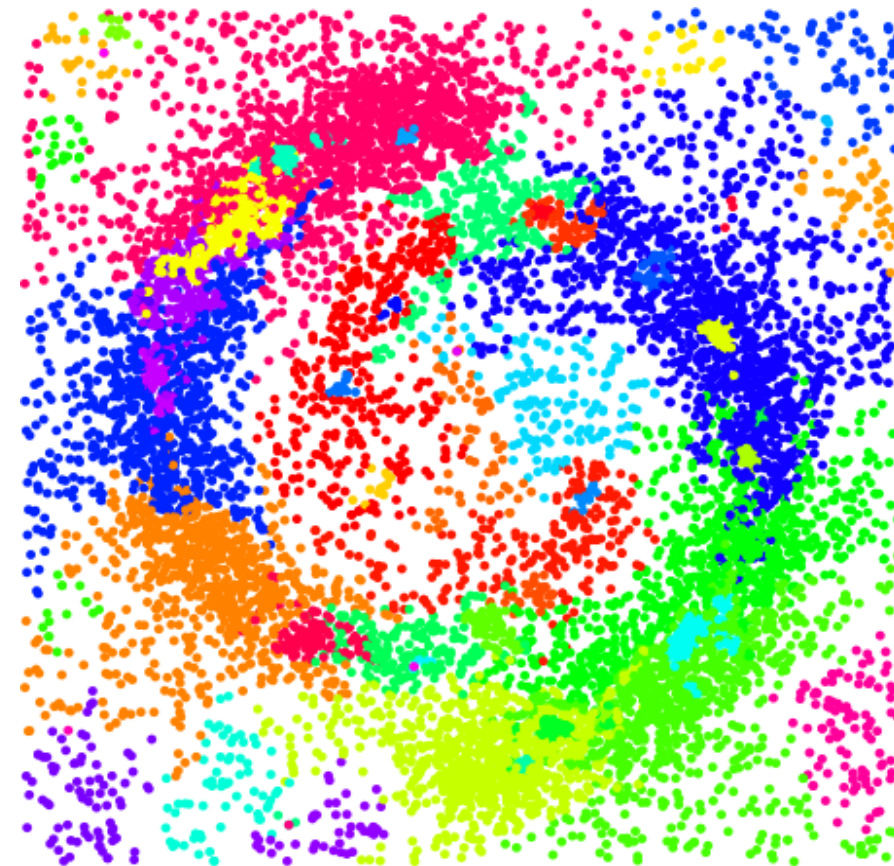


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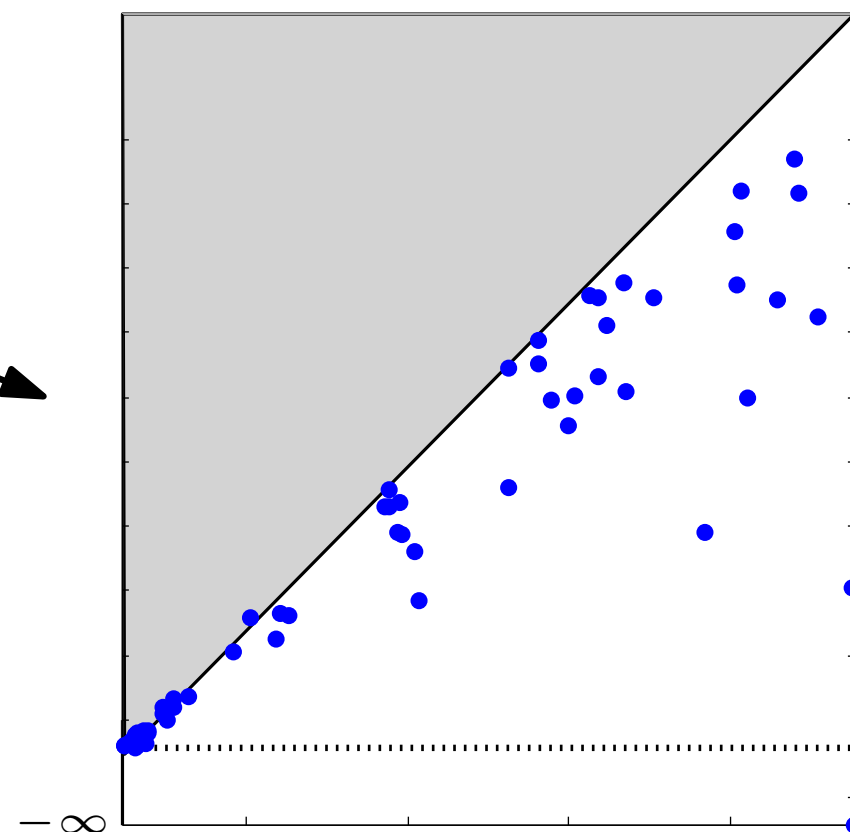
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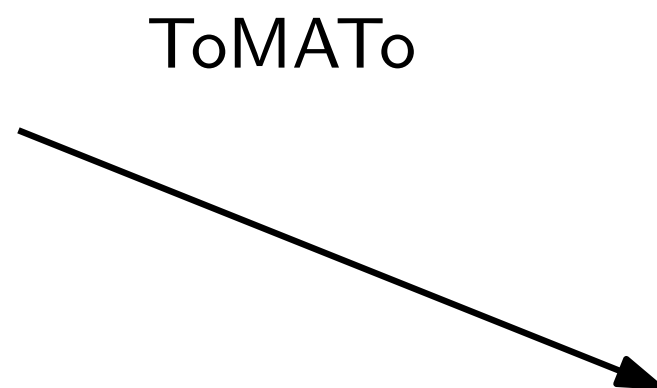
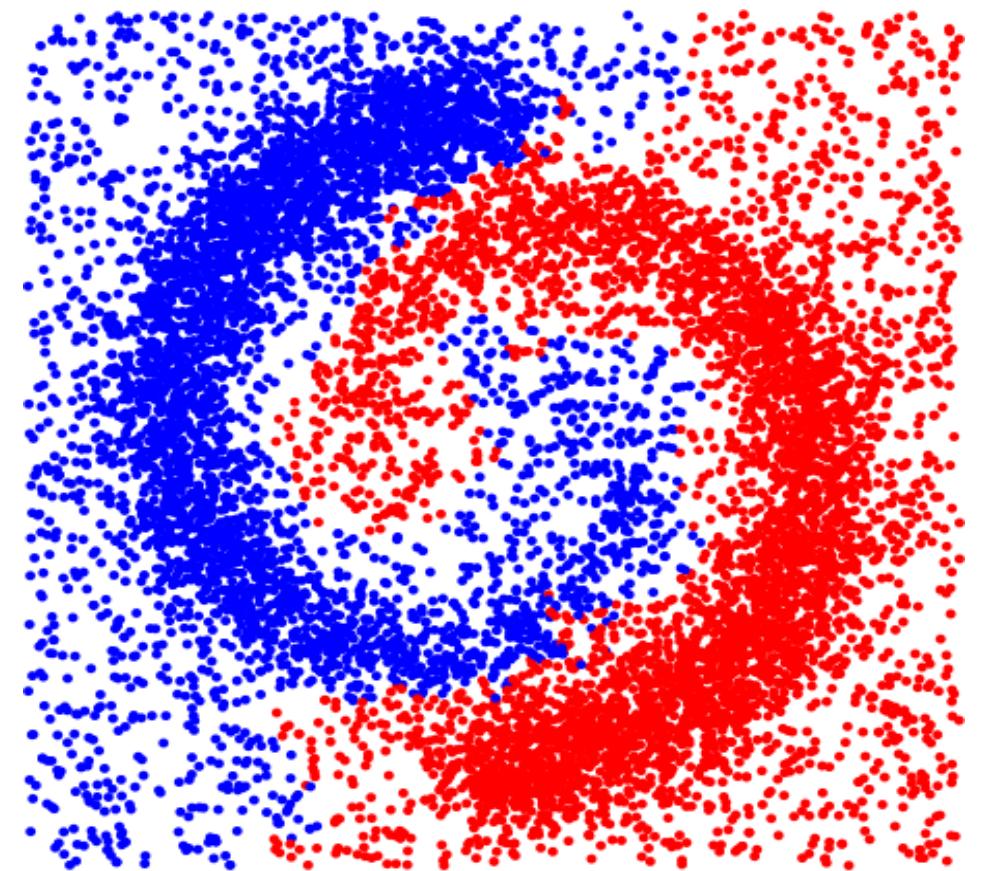
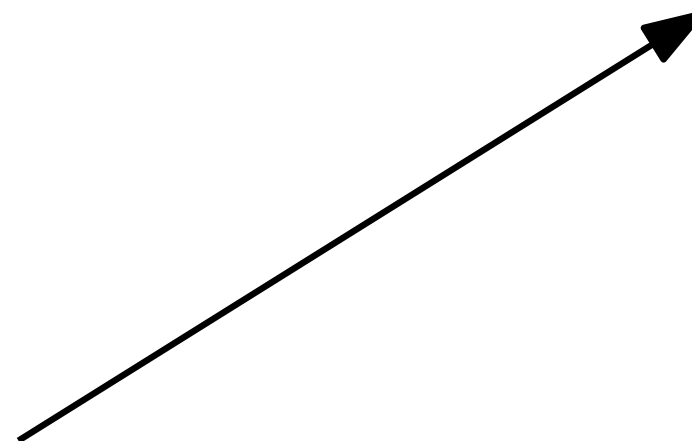
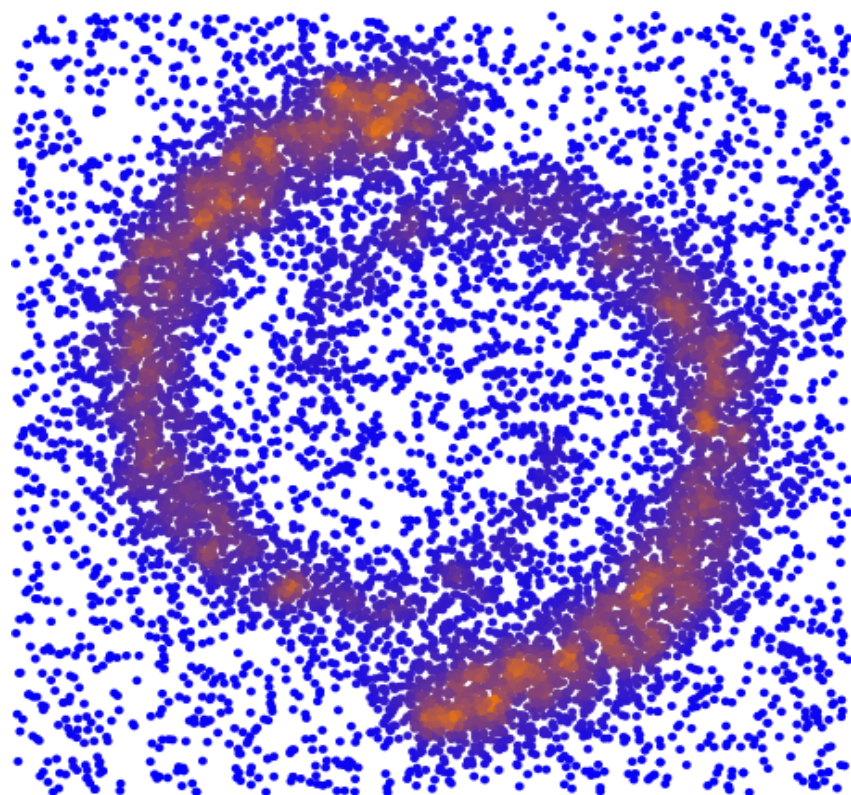


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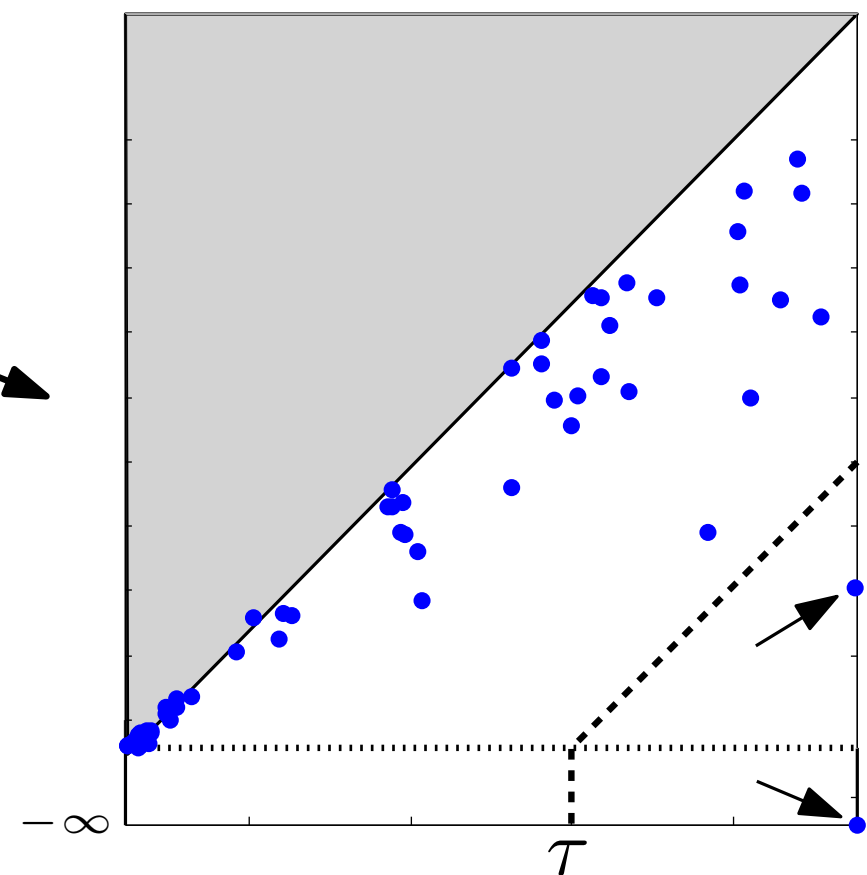


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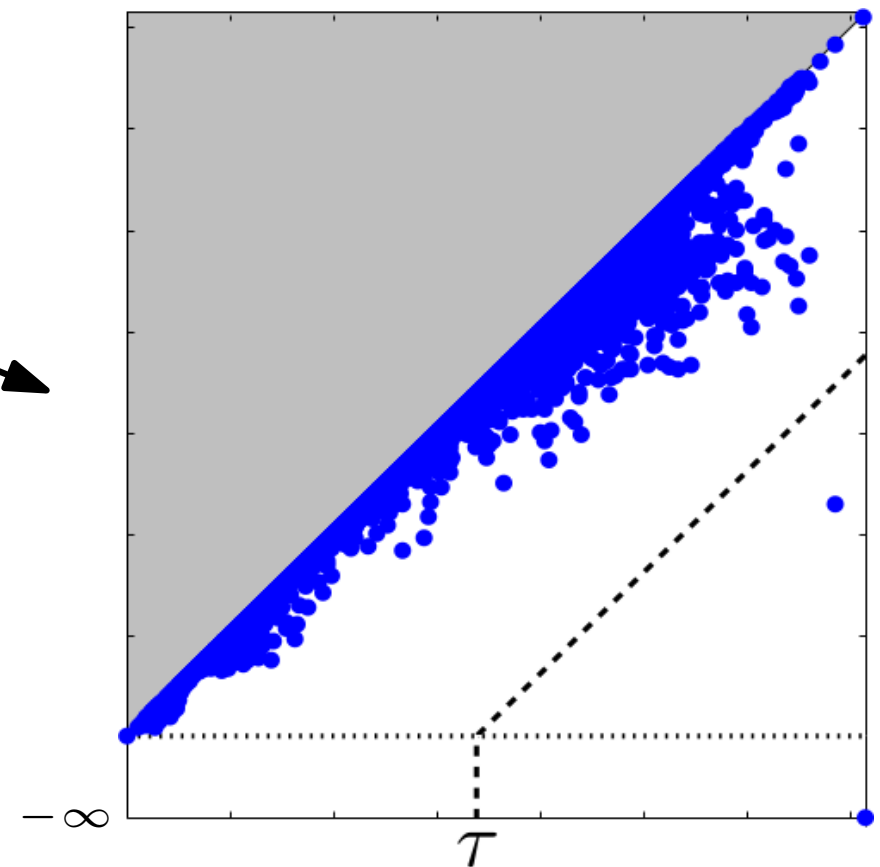
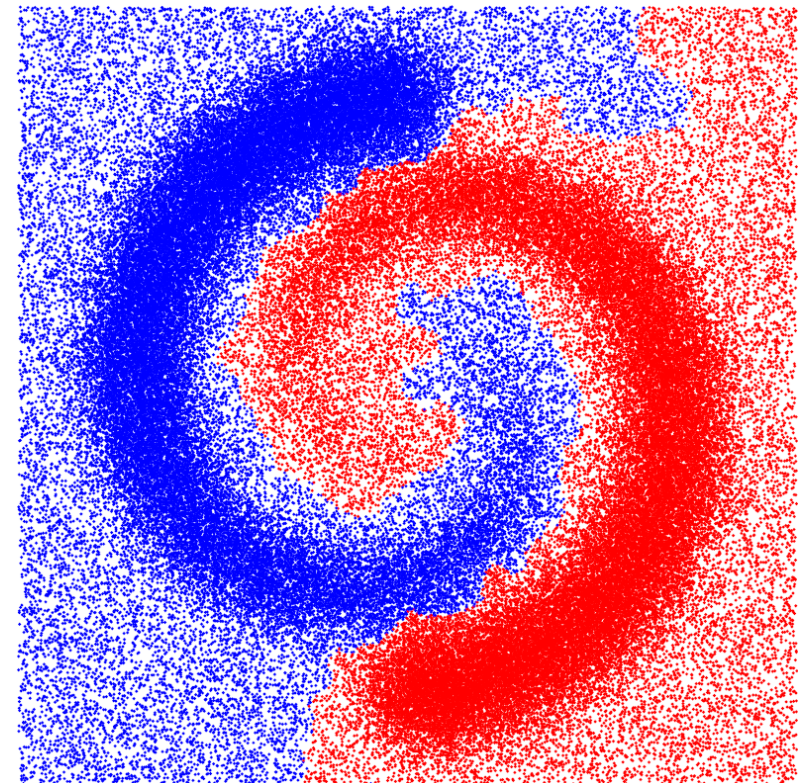
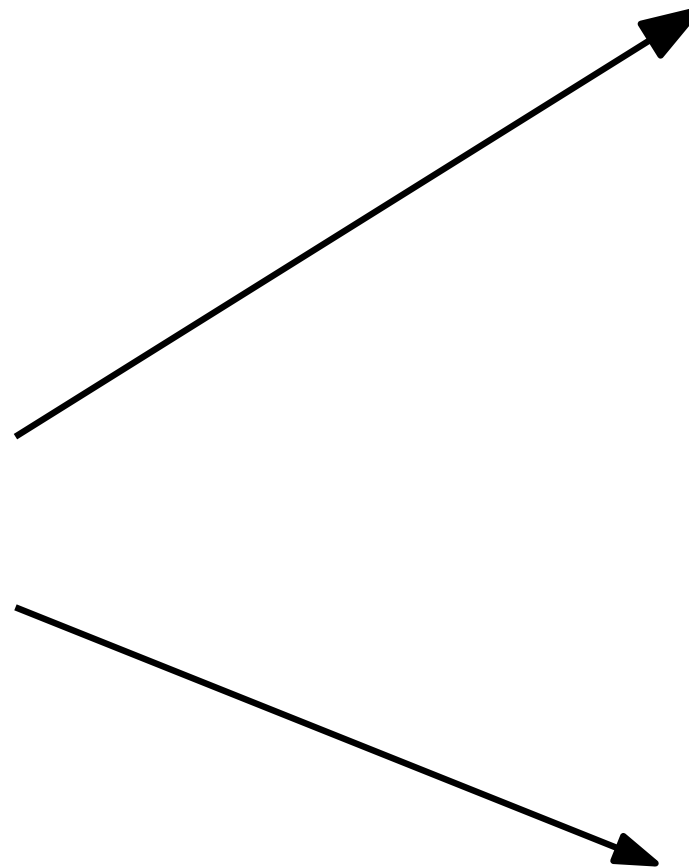
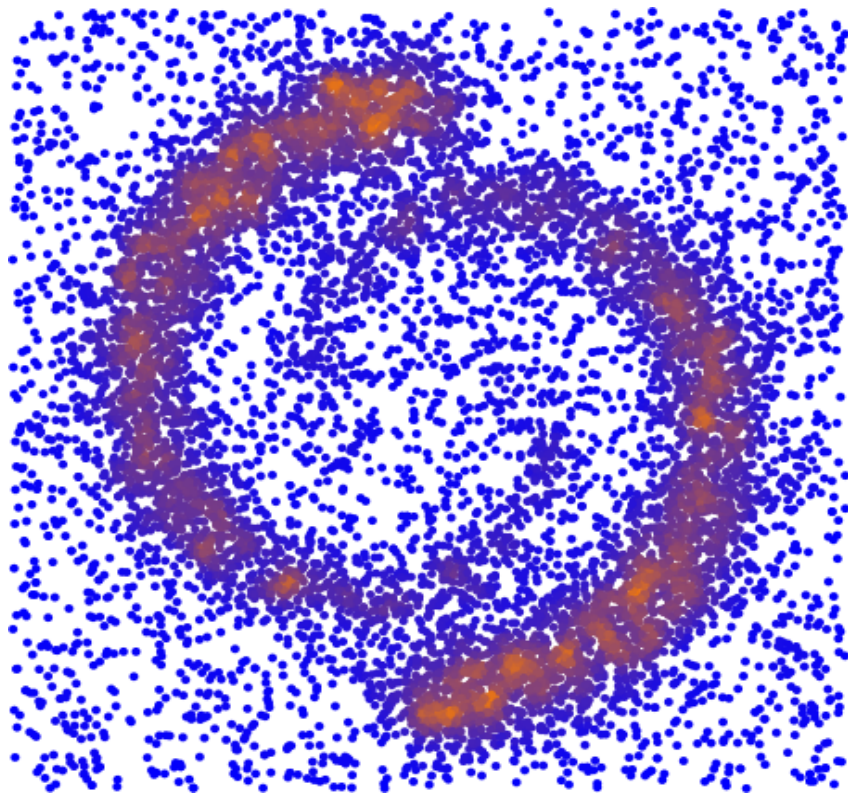


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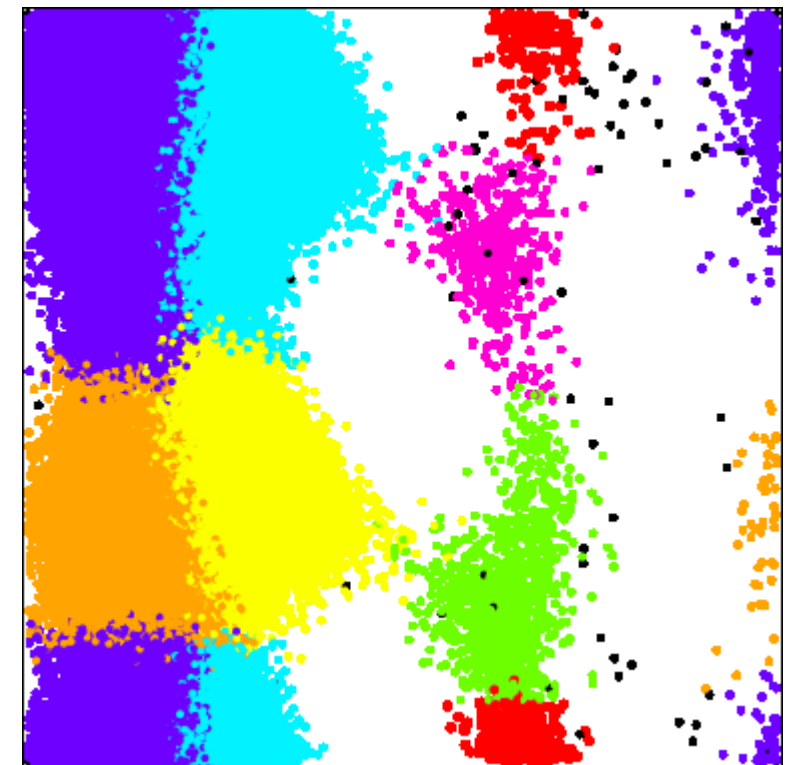
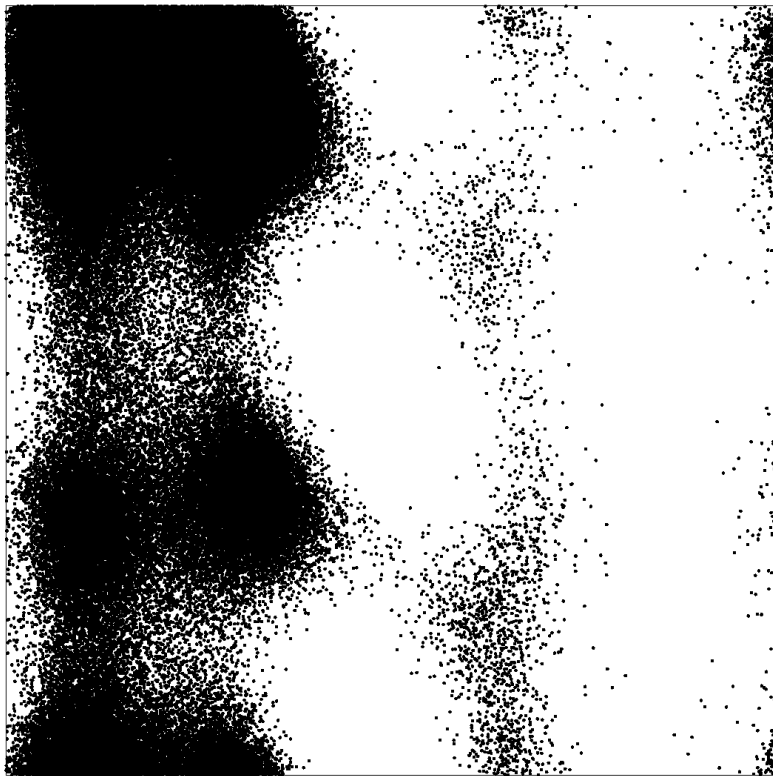


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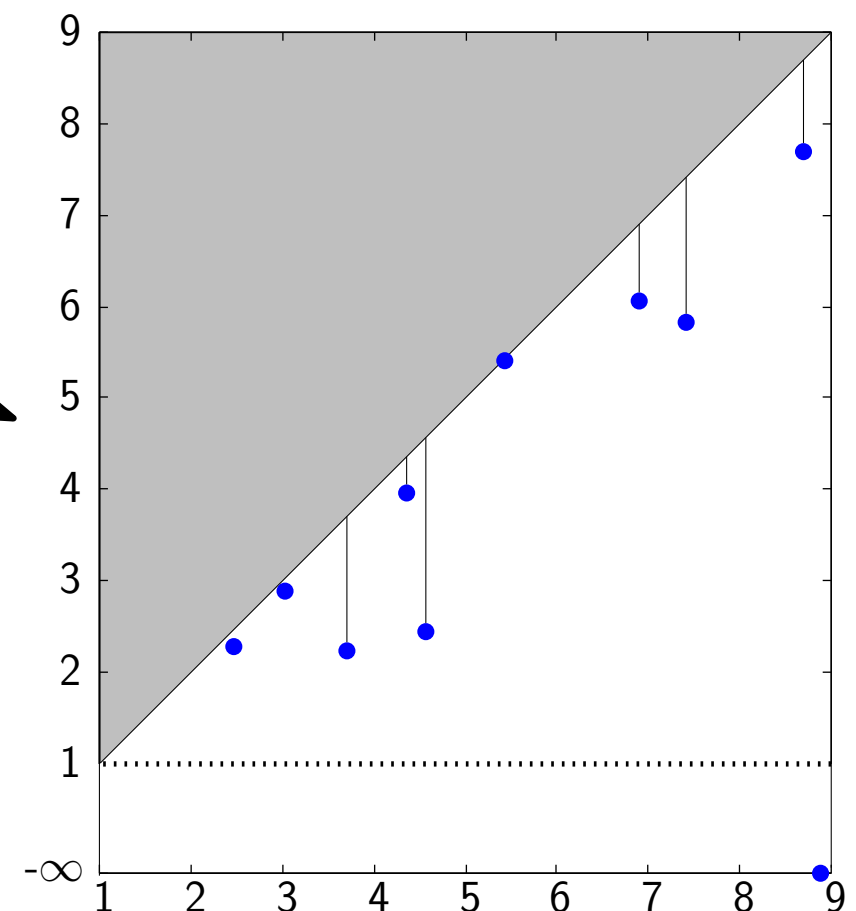
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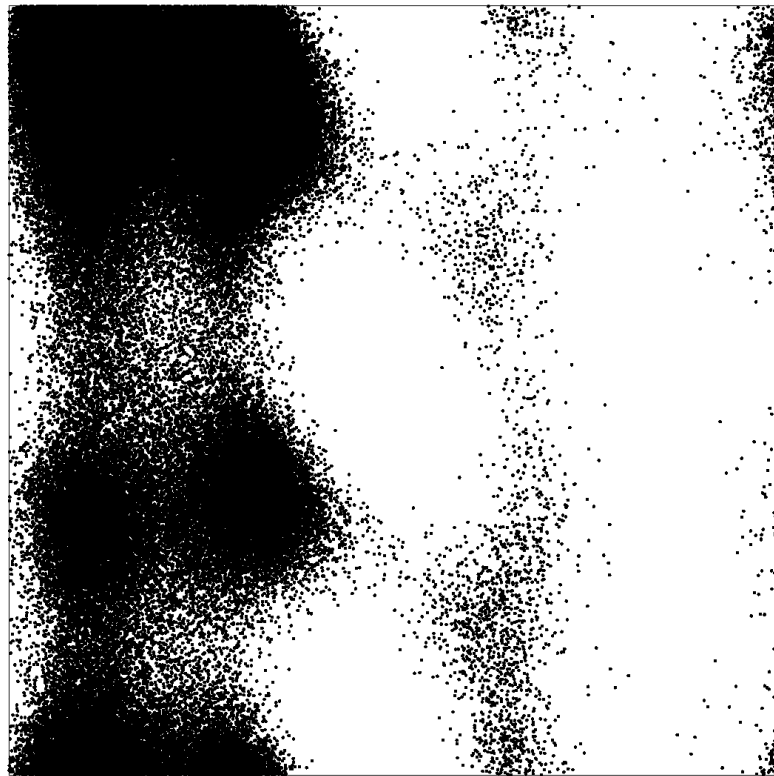
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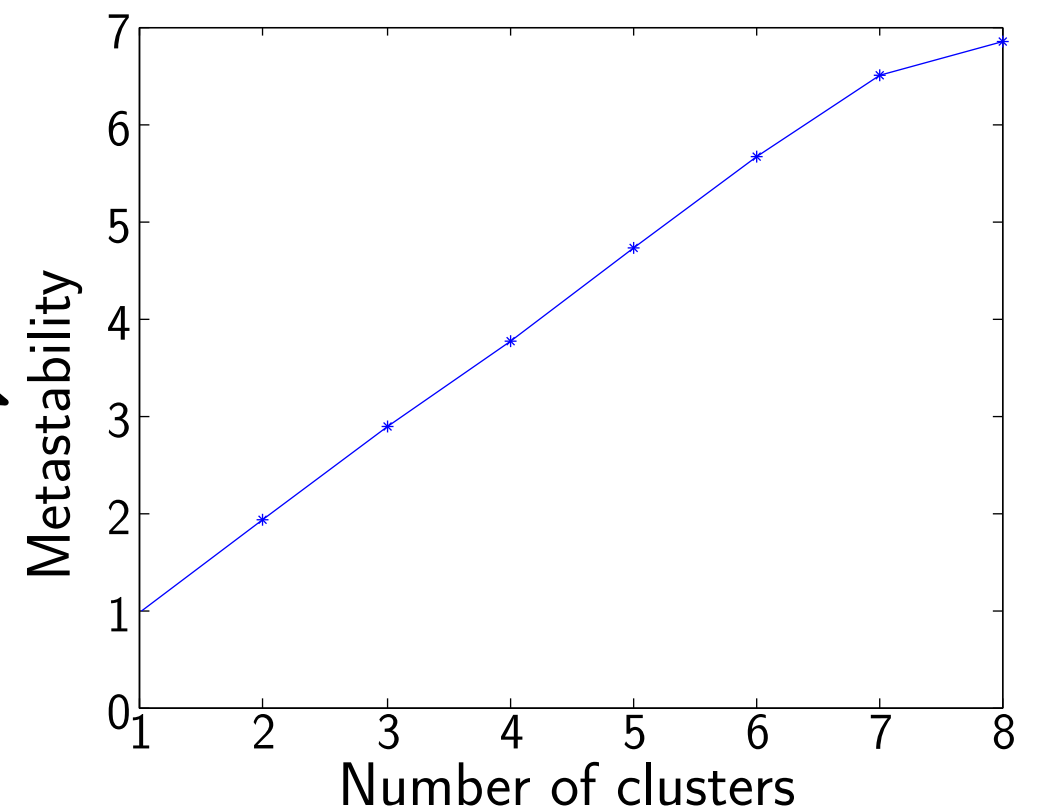


| Rank | Prominence | Metastability |
|------|------------|---------------|
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Measures of metastability confirm this insight

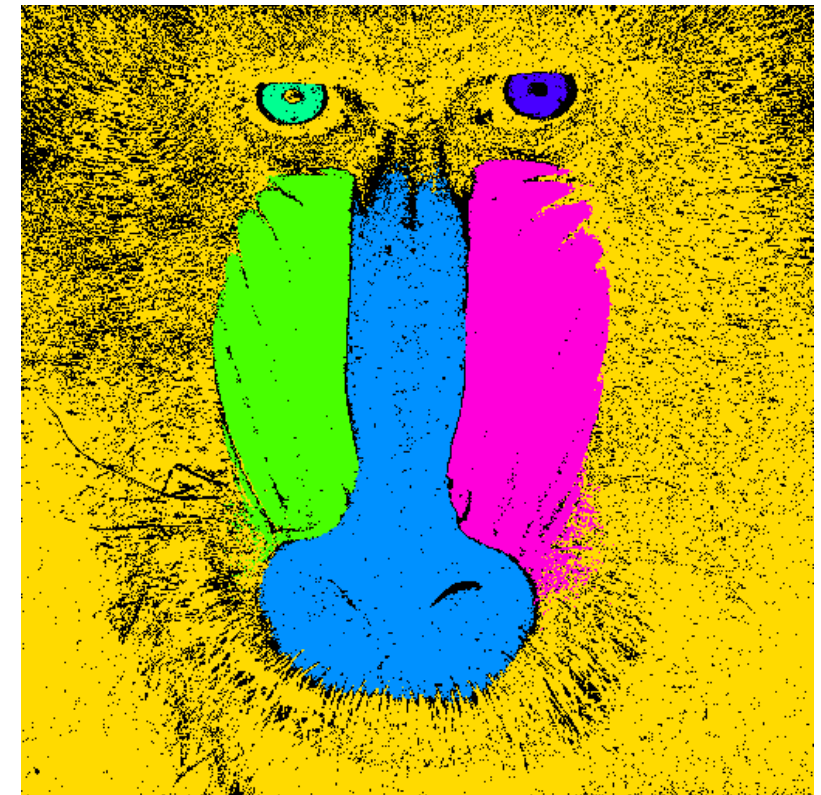
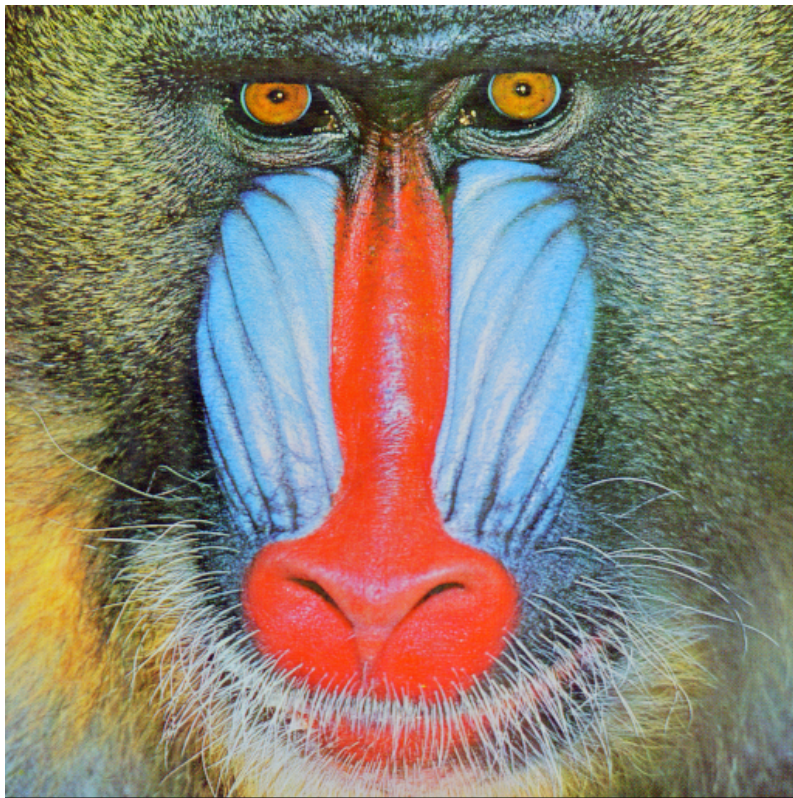


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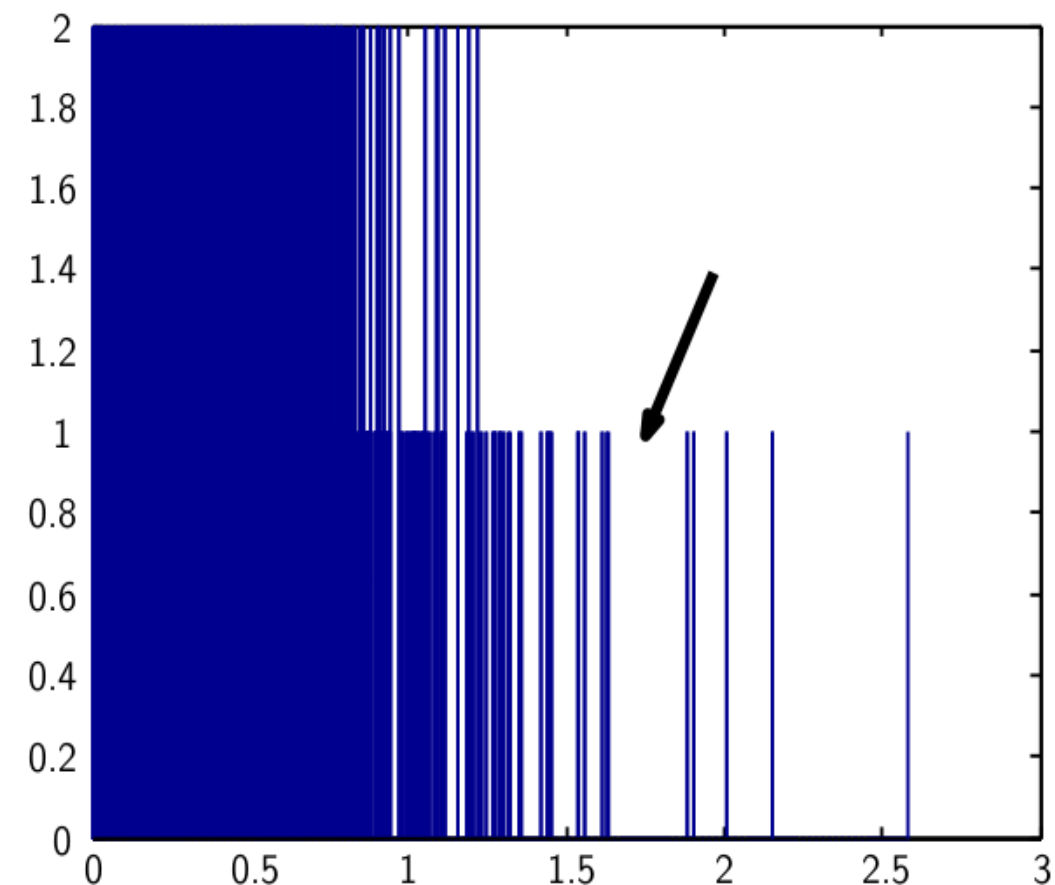
Density is estimated in 3D color space (Luv)

Neighborhood graph is built in image domain



Distribution of prominences does not usually show a clear unique gap

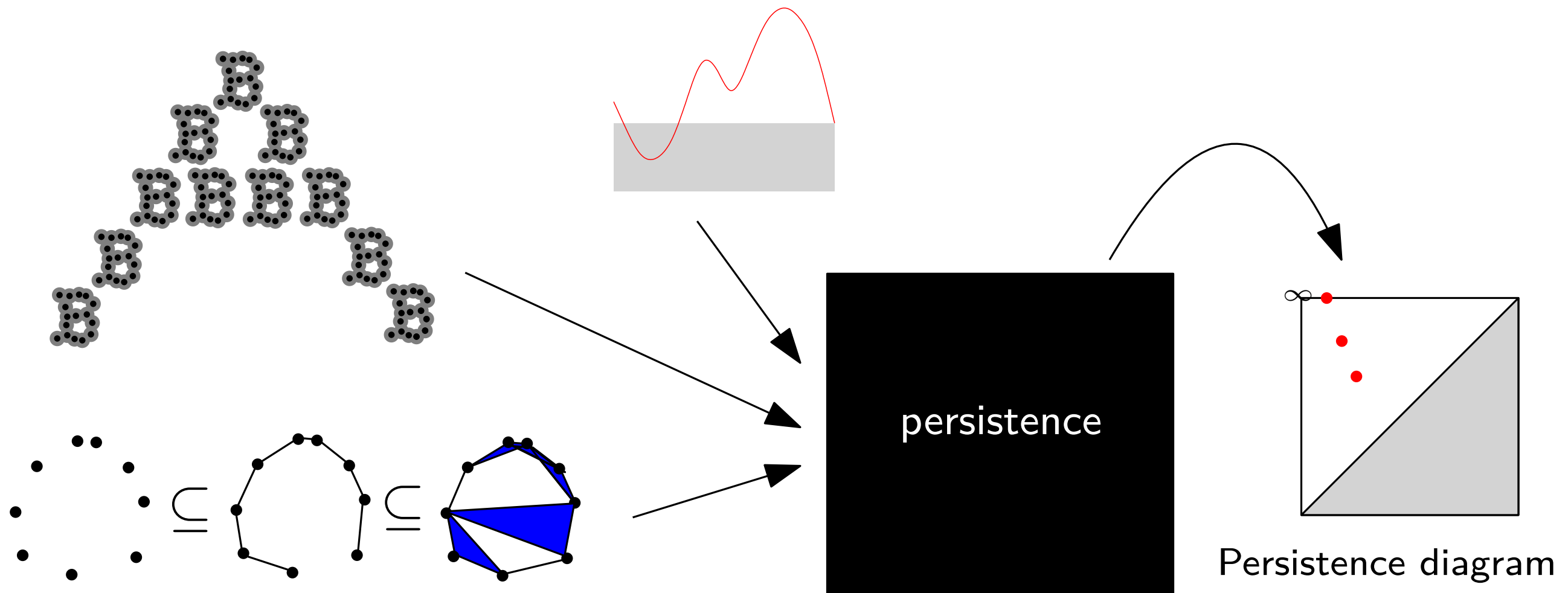
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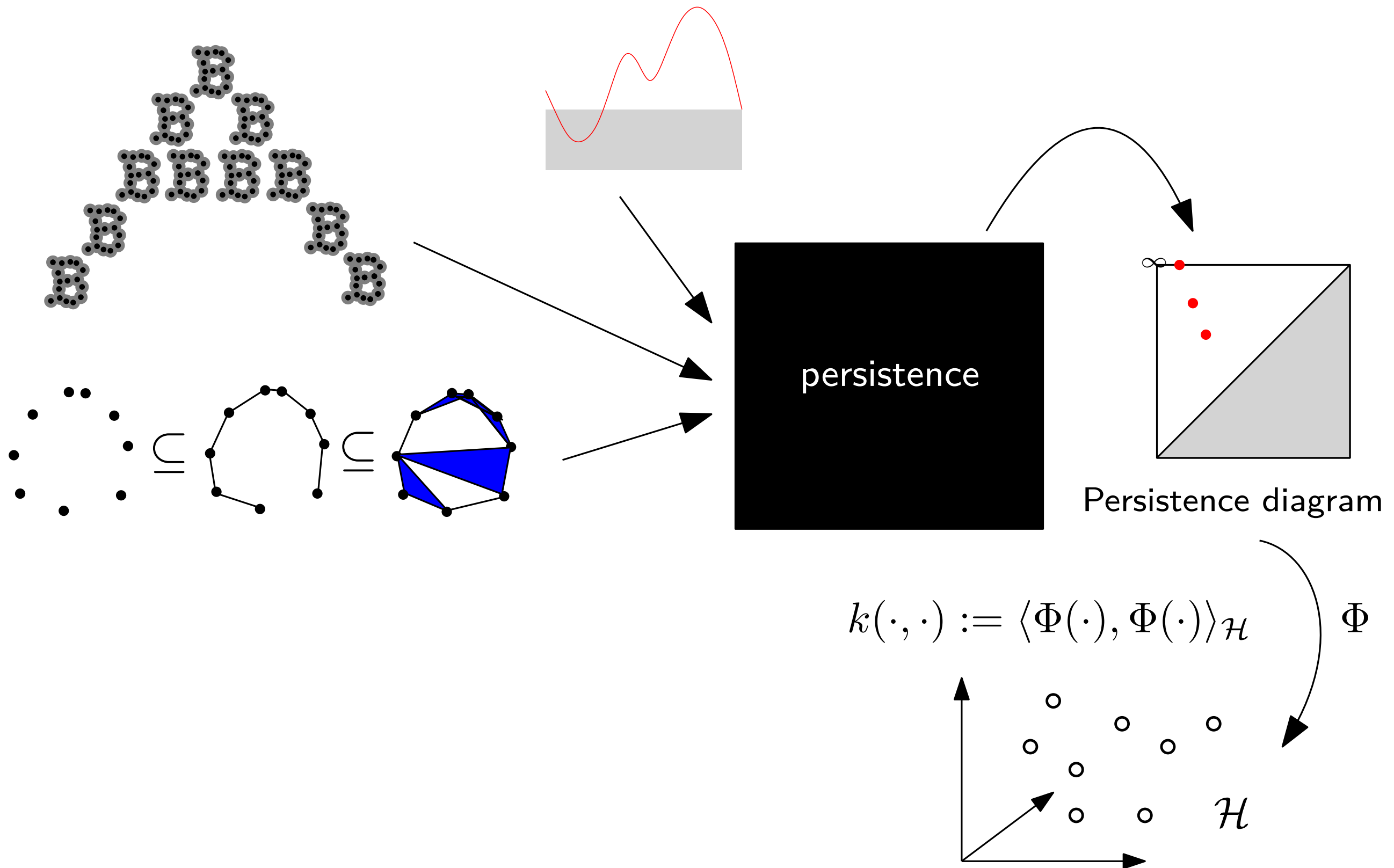
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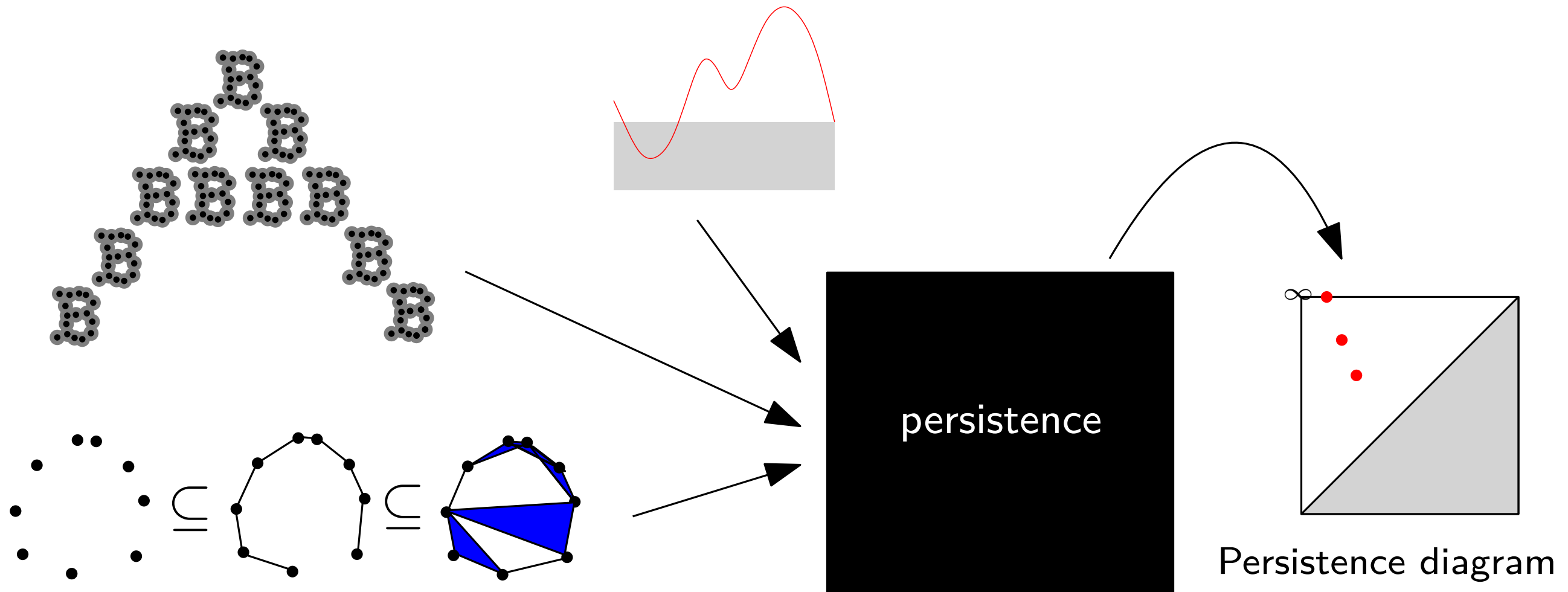
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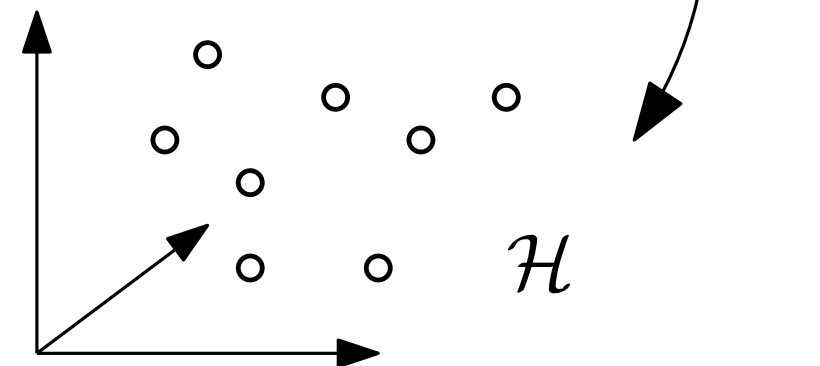
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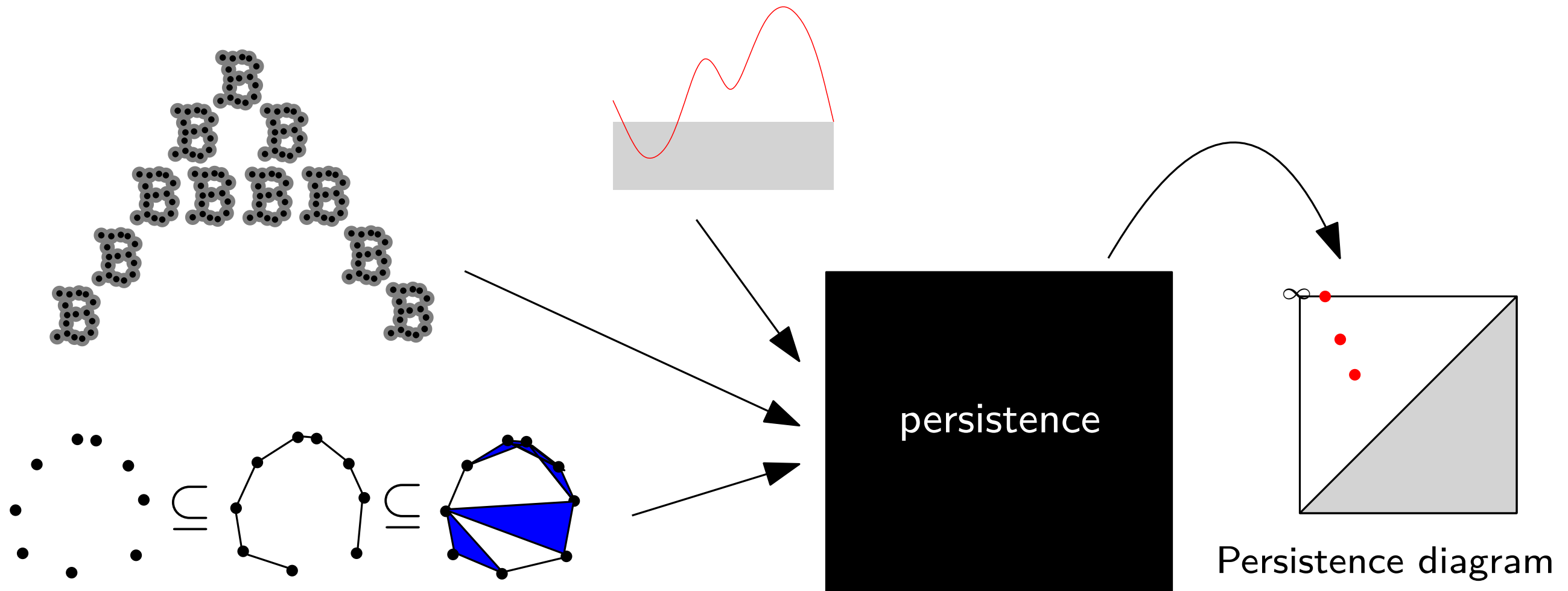
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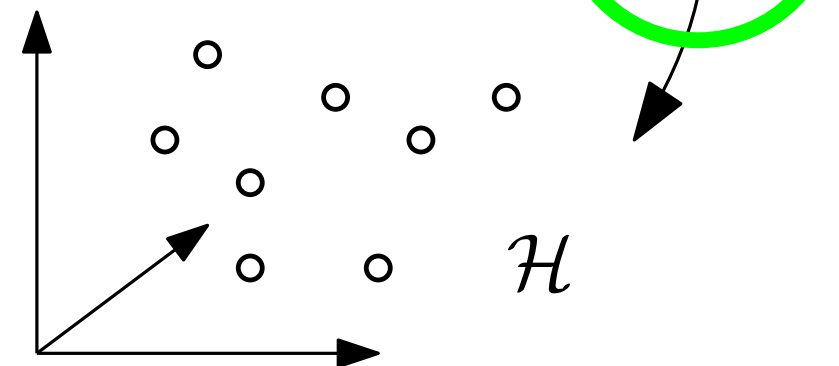
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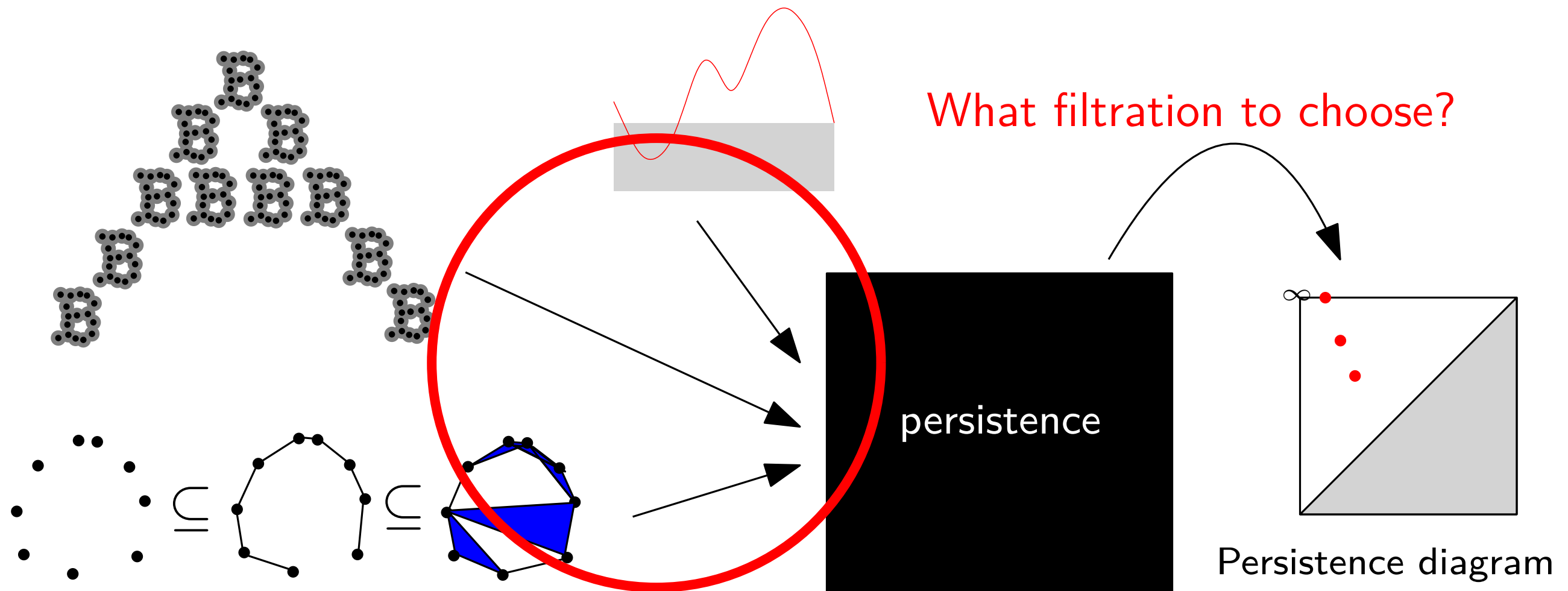
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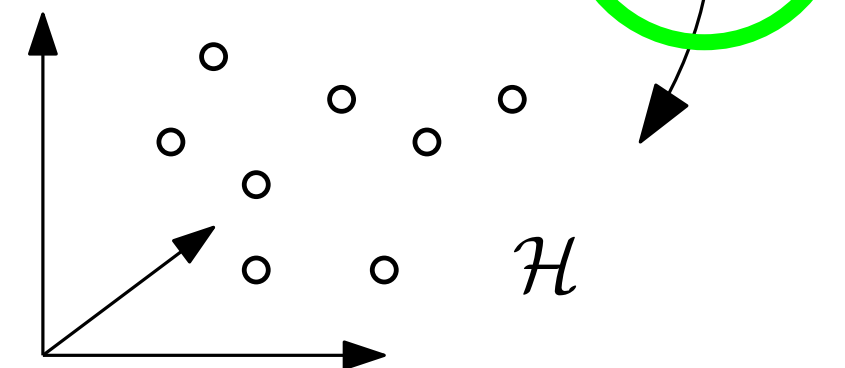


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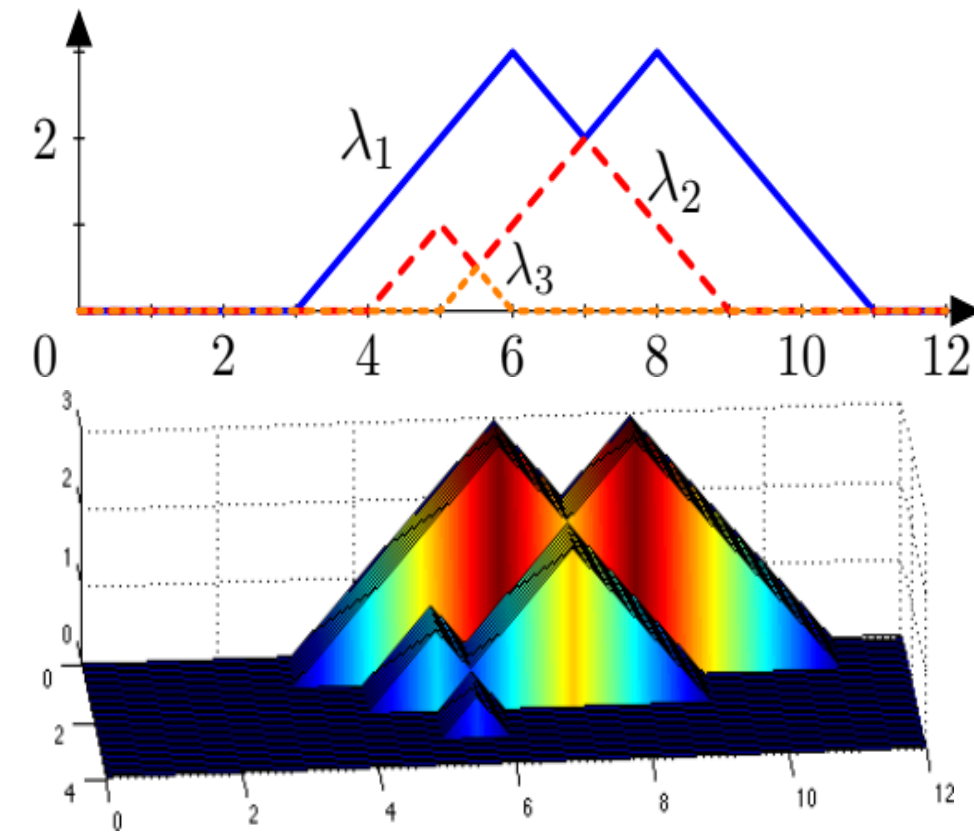
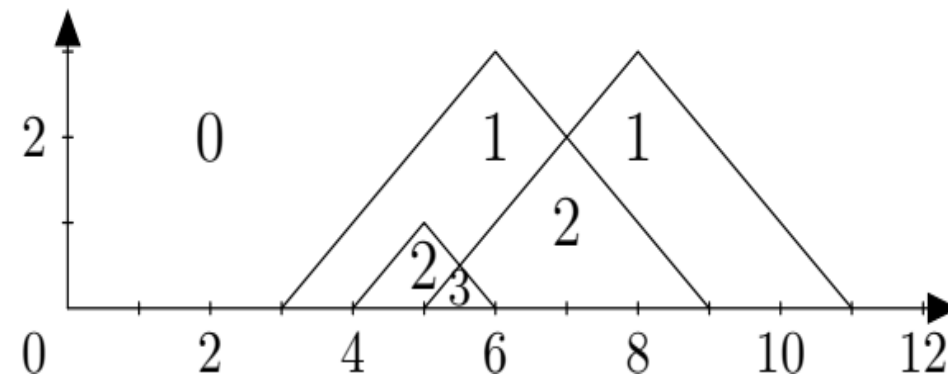
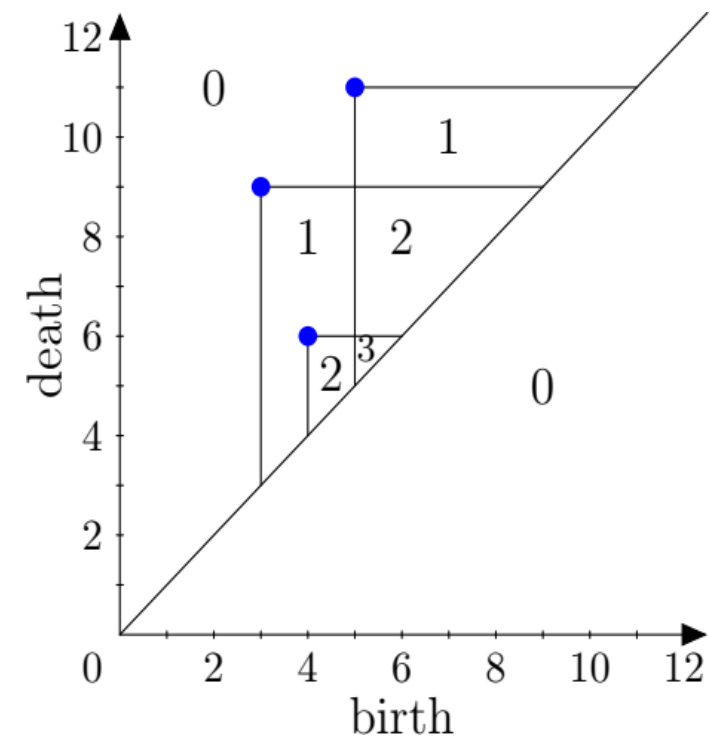
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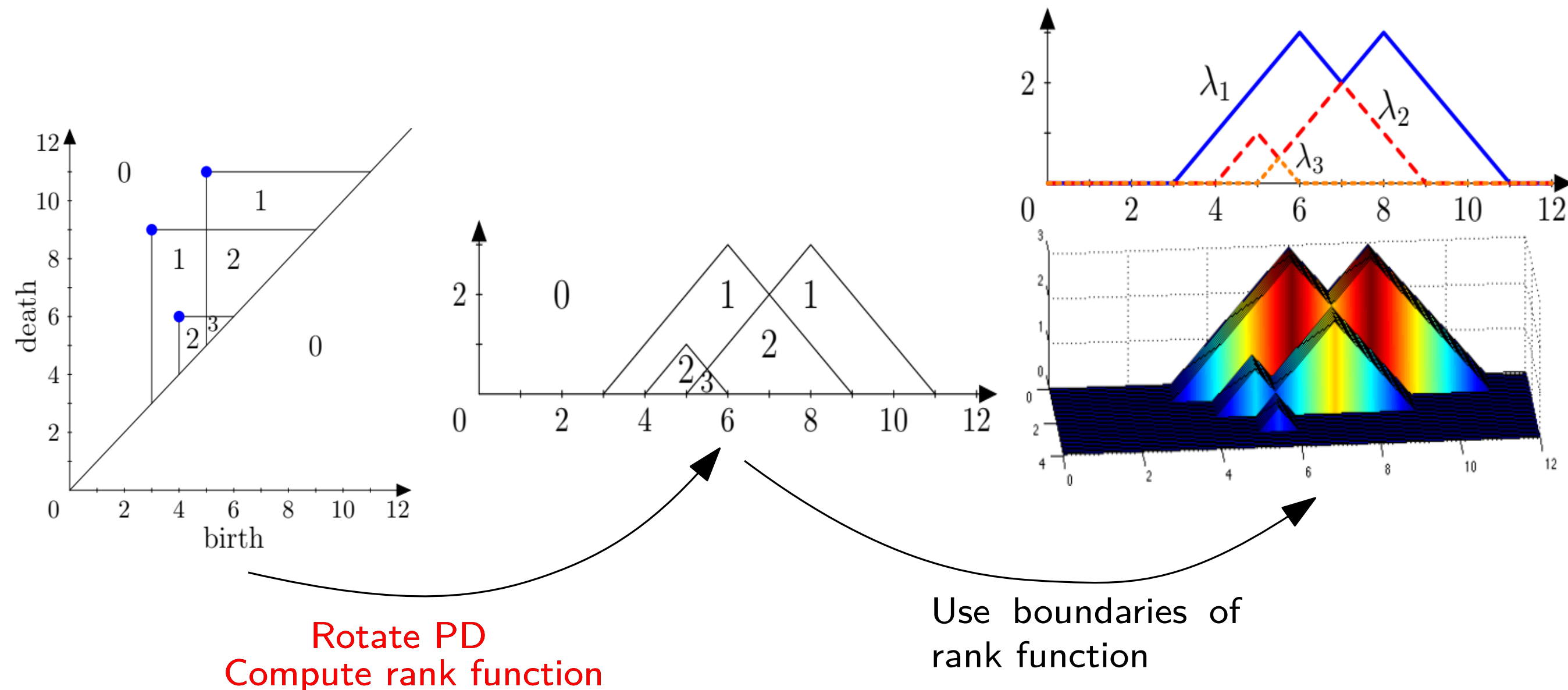


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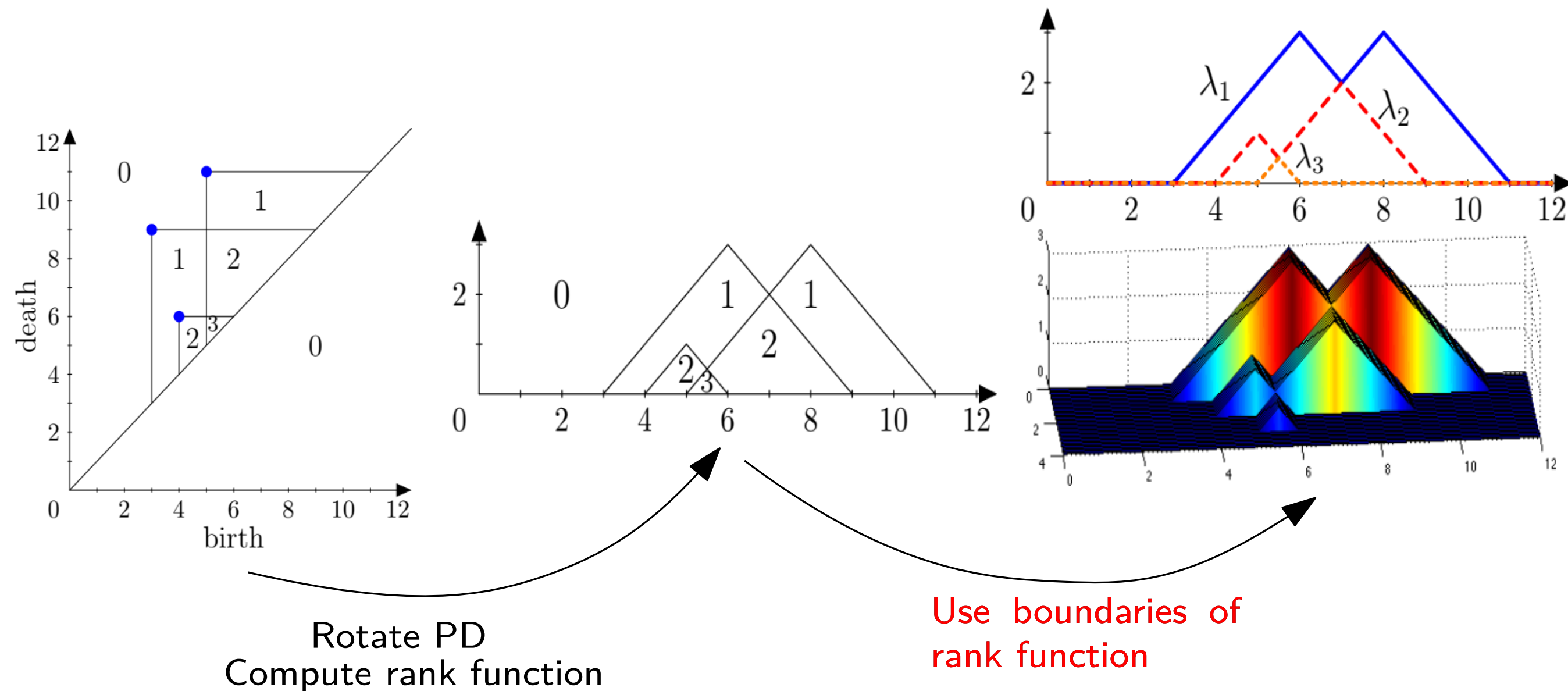
$$x \leq y \implies f^{-1}(-\infty, x) \subseteq f^{-1}(-\infty, y)$$

$\iota_x^y : H(f^{-1}(-\infty, x)) \rightarrow H(f^{-1}(-\infty, y))$ induced linear map

Rank function is defined as $\lambda(x, y) = \text{rank } \iota_x^y$

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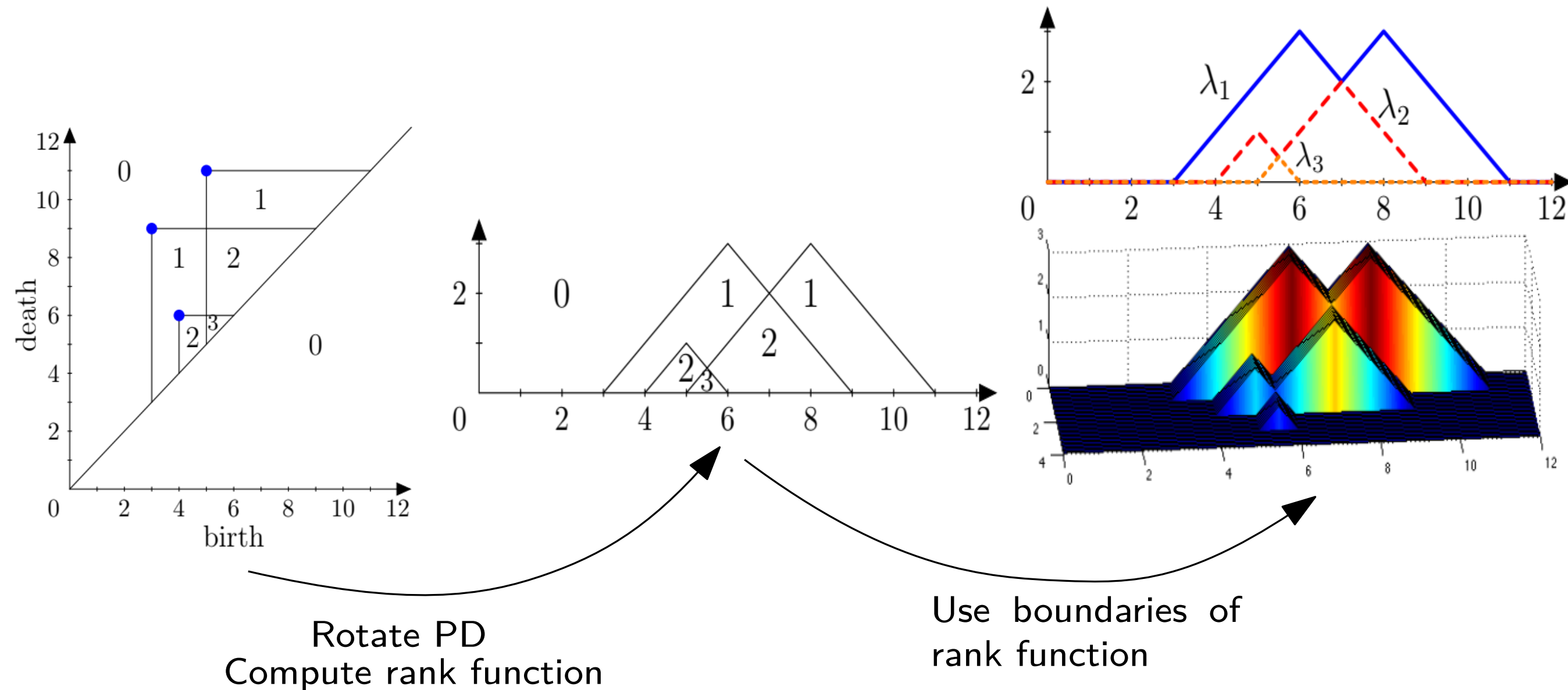


Boundaries of rank function: $\lambda_i(t) = \sup\{s \geq 0 : \lambda(t-s, t+s) \geq i\}$

Landscape $\Lambda : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined as: $\Lambda(i, t) = \lambda_{\lfloor i \rfloor}(t)$

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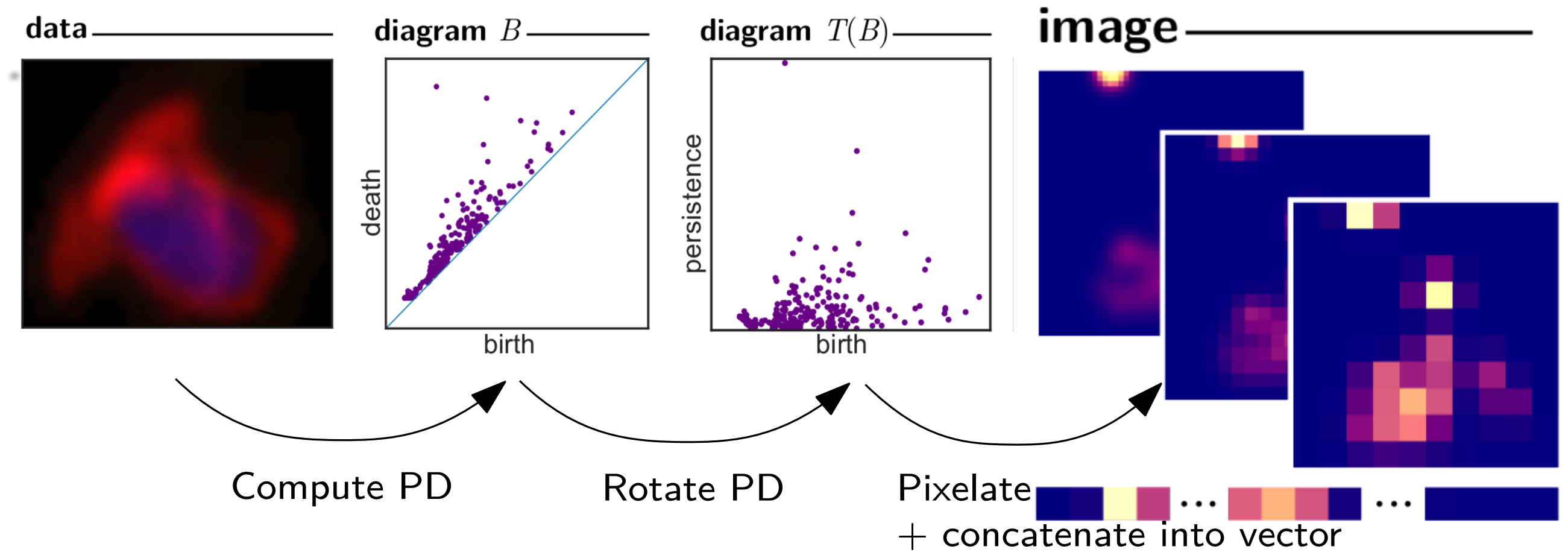
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Prop: $\|\Lambda(D) - \Lambda(D')\|_\infty \leq d_B(D, D')$

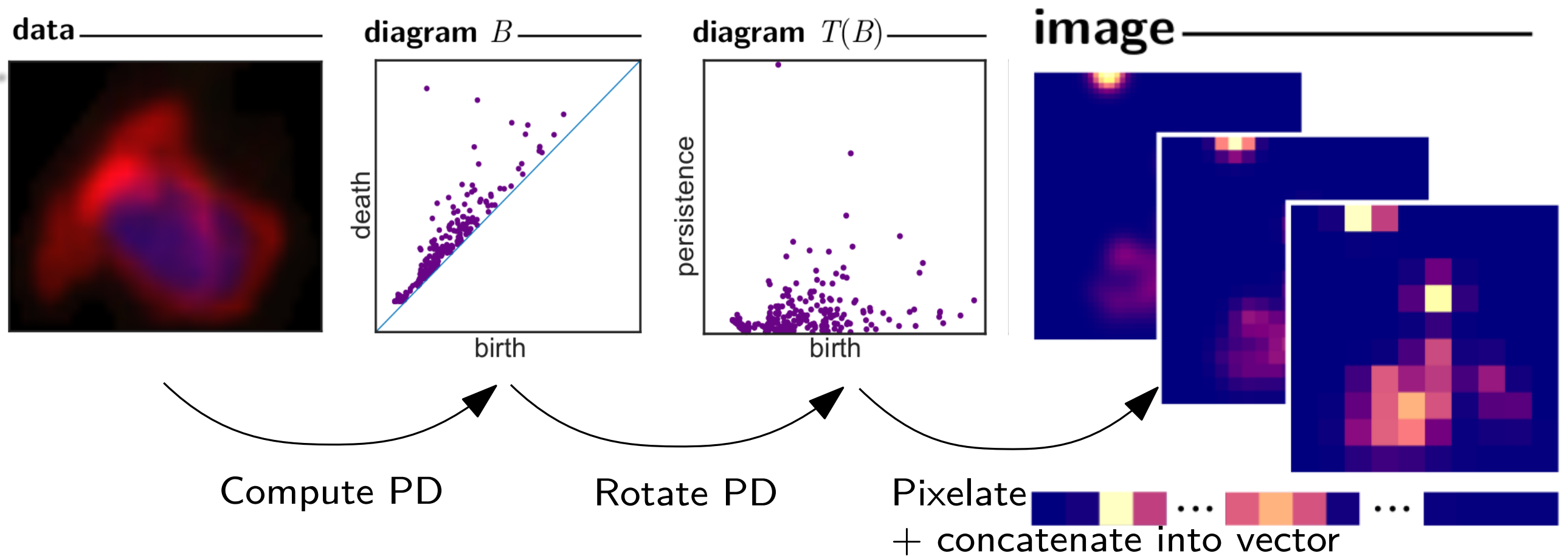
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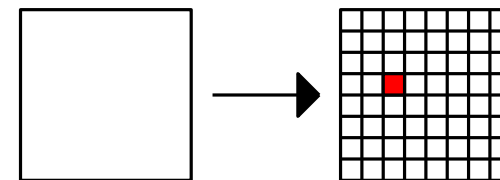


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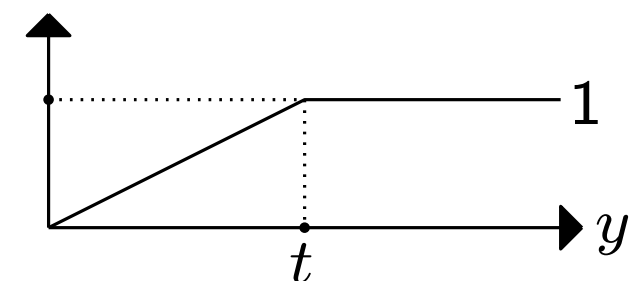
Discretize plane into one or several grid(s):



For each pixel P , compute $I(P) = \int \int_P \sum_{p \in D} w(p) \cdot \mathcal{N}(p, \sigma)$

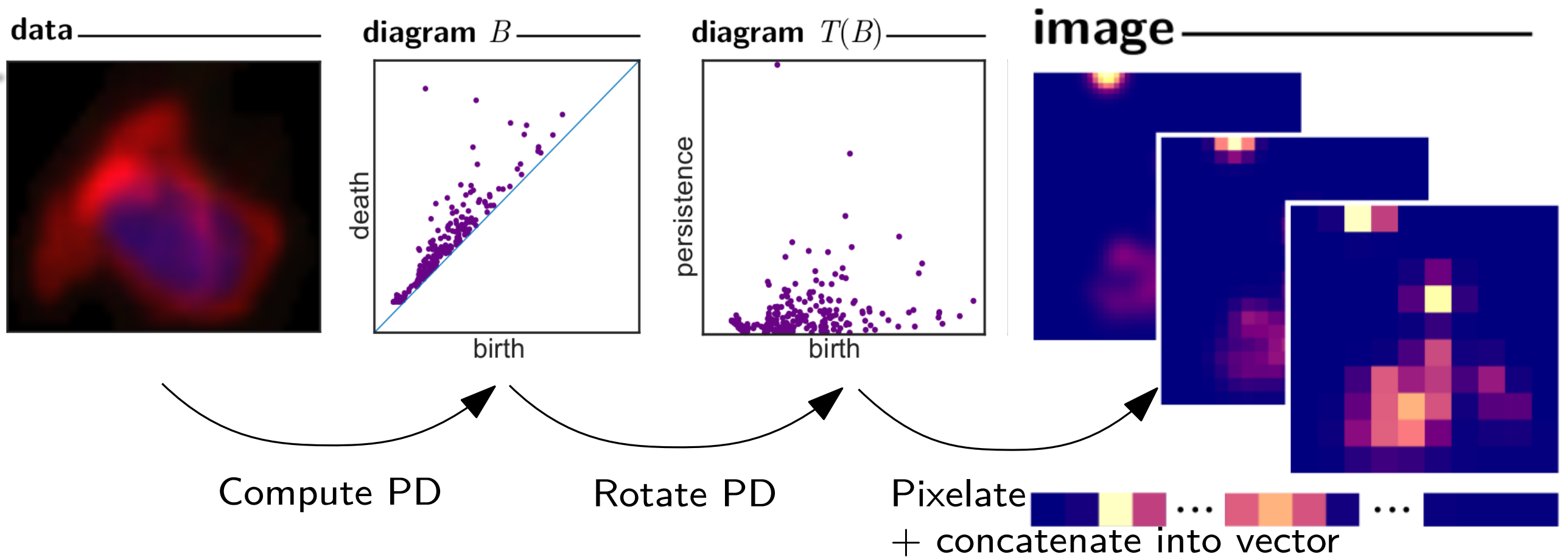
Concatenate all $I(P)$ into a single vector $\text{PI}(D)$

Example: $w_t(x, y) =$



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Prop:

- $\|\text{PI}(D) - \text{PI}(D')\|_{\infty} \leq C(w) d_1(D, D')$
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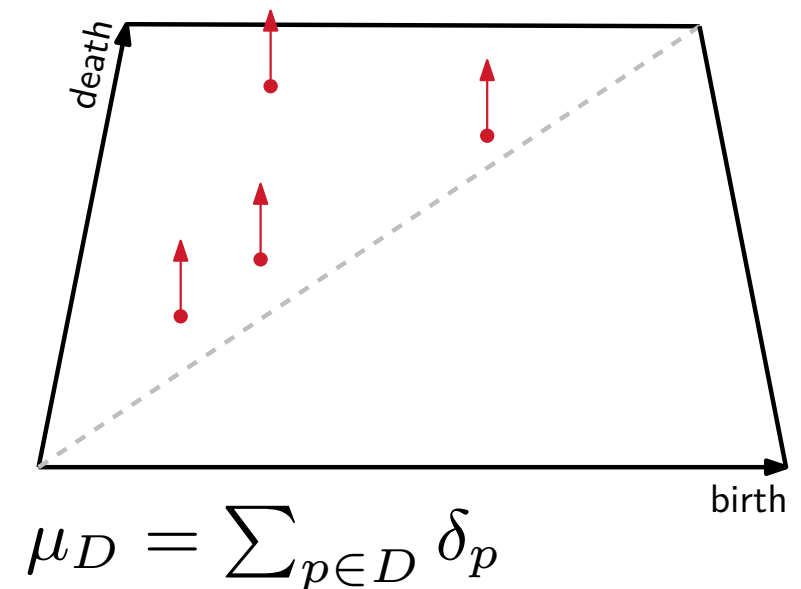
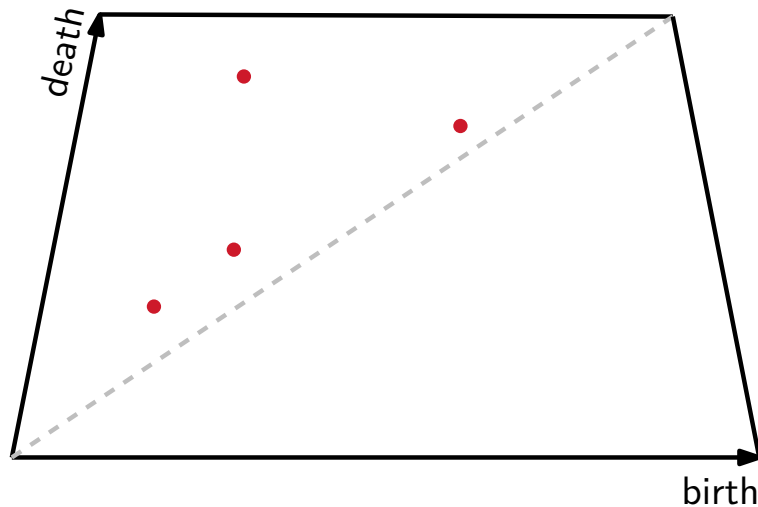
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In practice, we are also interested in finding *kernels*, i.e., functions $k(\cdot, \cdot)$ such that $\exists \Phi : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ s.t. $k(\cdot, \cdot) = \langle \Phi(\cdot), \Phi(\cdot) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$

It is well known that $\exp\left(-\frac{d(\cdot, \cdot)}{\sigma}\right)$ is a kernel iff d is conditionally negative semidefinite (cnsd).

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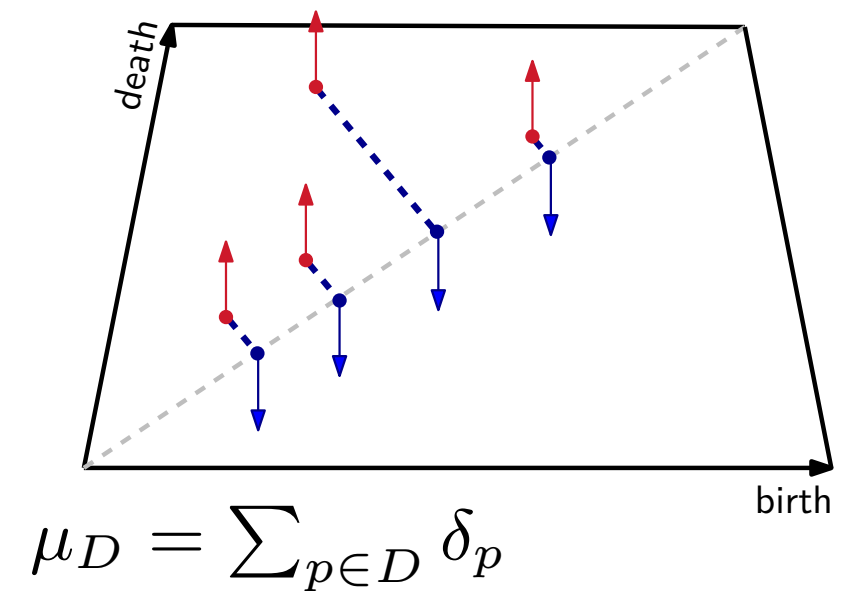
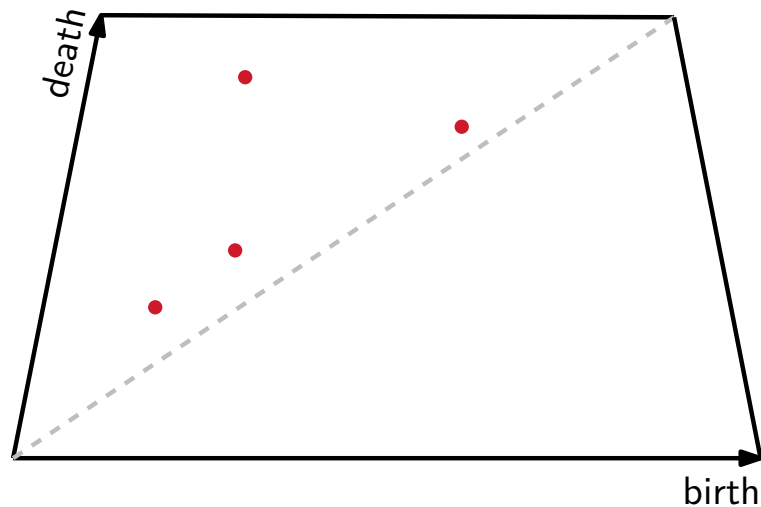
Discrete measures accurately represent persistence diagrams

Discrete measures can be compared with **1-Wasserstein distance** which is (almost) cnsd and looks like d_1

Def: Let $\mu = \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{x_i}$ and $\nu = \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{y_i}$
 $W_1(\mu, \nu) = \inf_{\pi} \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i - y_{\pi(i)}\|$

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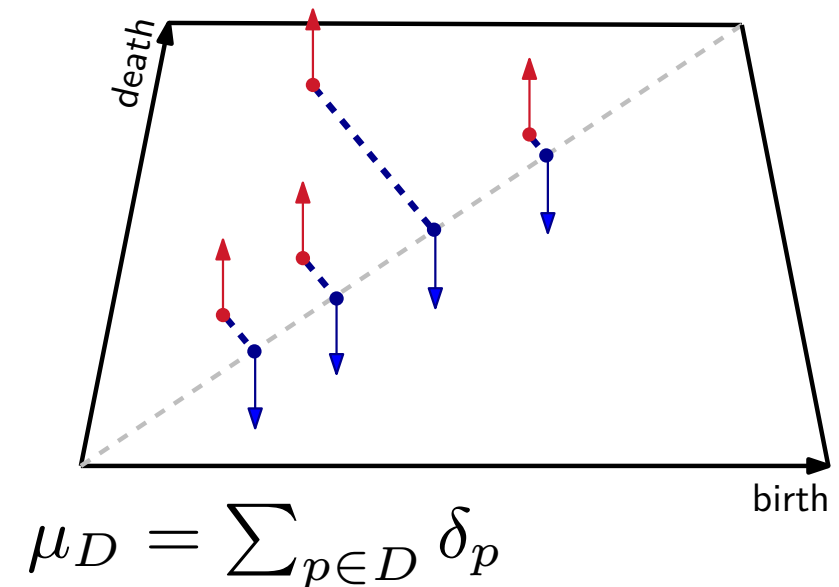
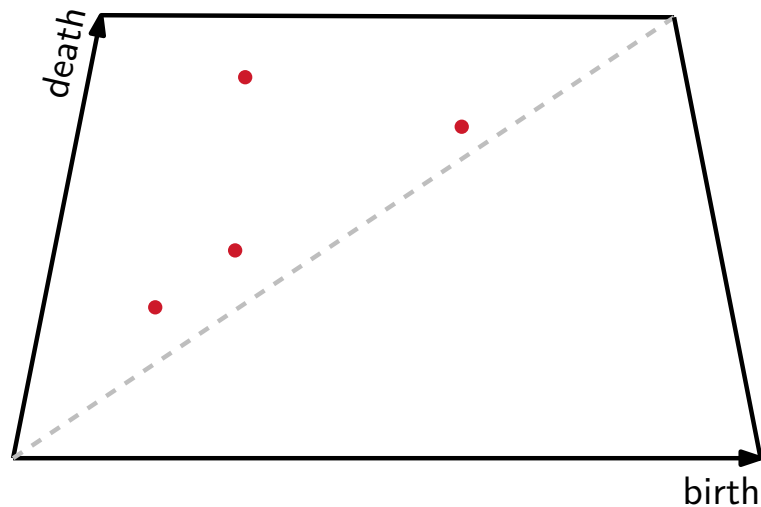
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Solution: use projections onto the diagonal

$$\mu_D^+ = \sum_{p \in D} \delta_p \quad \mu_D^- = \sum_{p \in D} \delta_{\pi_{\Delta}(p)}$$

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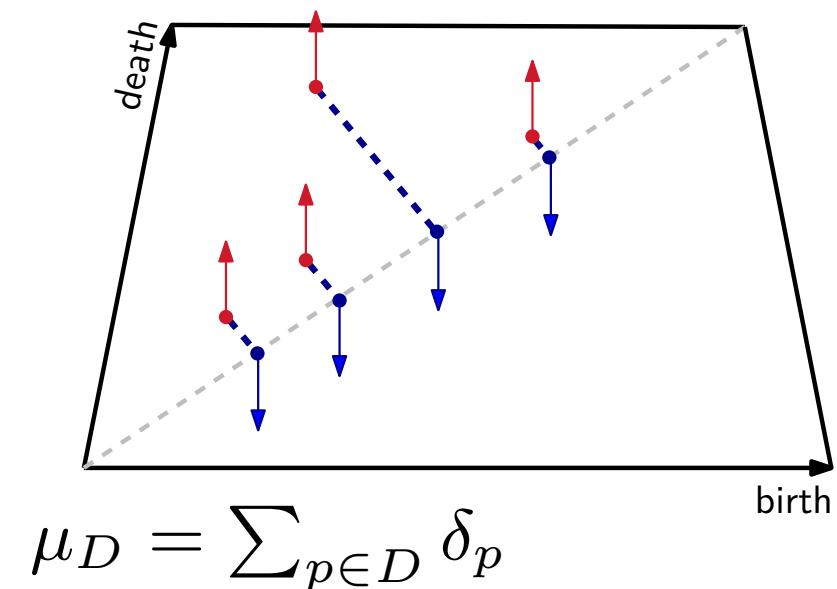
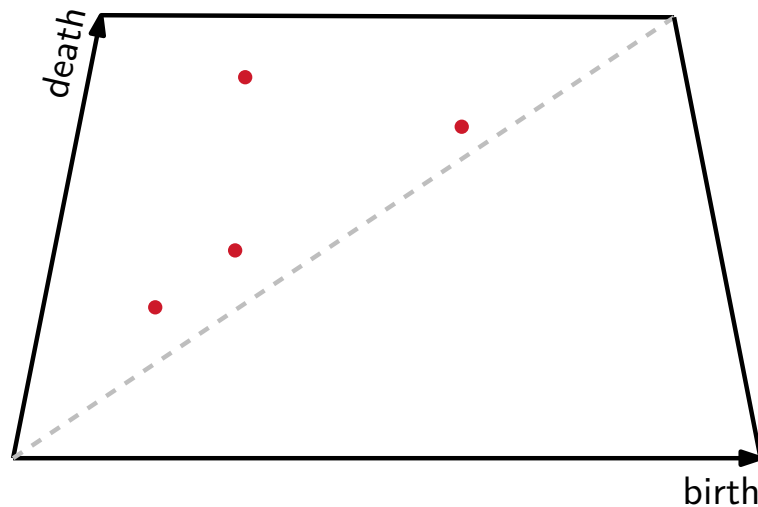
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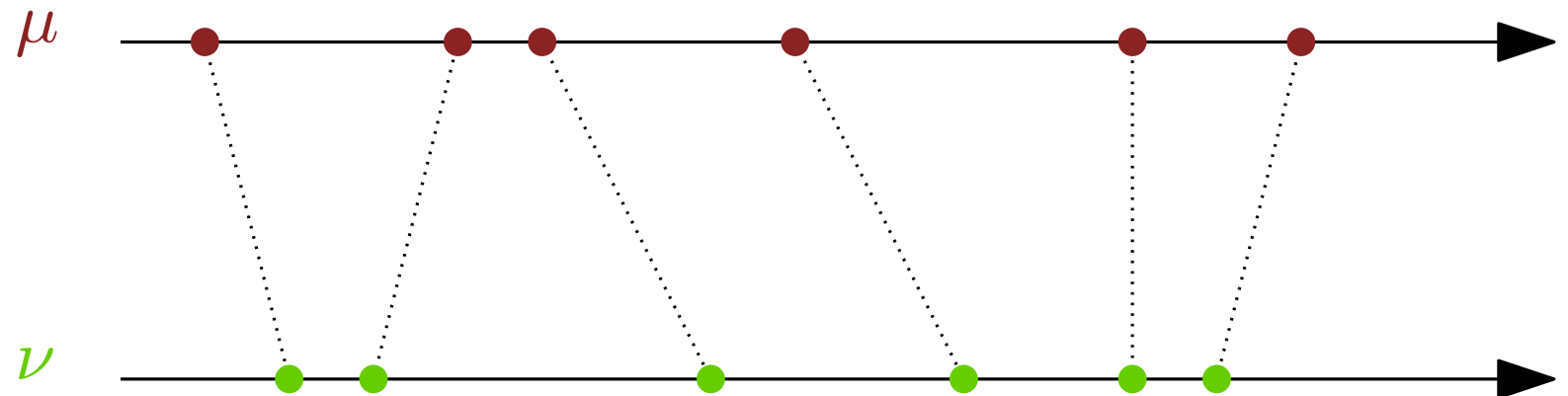
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Special case: $X = \mathbb{R}$, μ, ν discrete measures of mass n

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Sort the atoms of μ, ν along the real line: $x_i \leq x_{i+1}$ and $y_i \leq y_{i+1}$ for all i

Then: $W_1(\mu, \nu) = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i| = \|(x_1, \dots, x_n) - (y_1, \dots, y_n)\|_1$



→ W_1 is cnsd and easy to compute

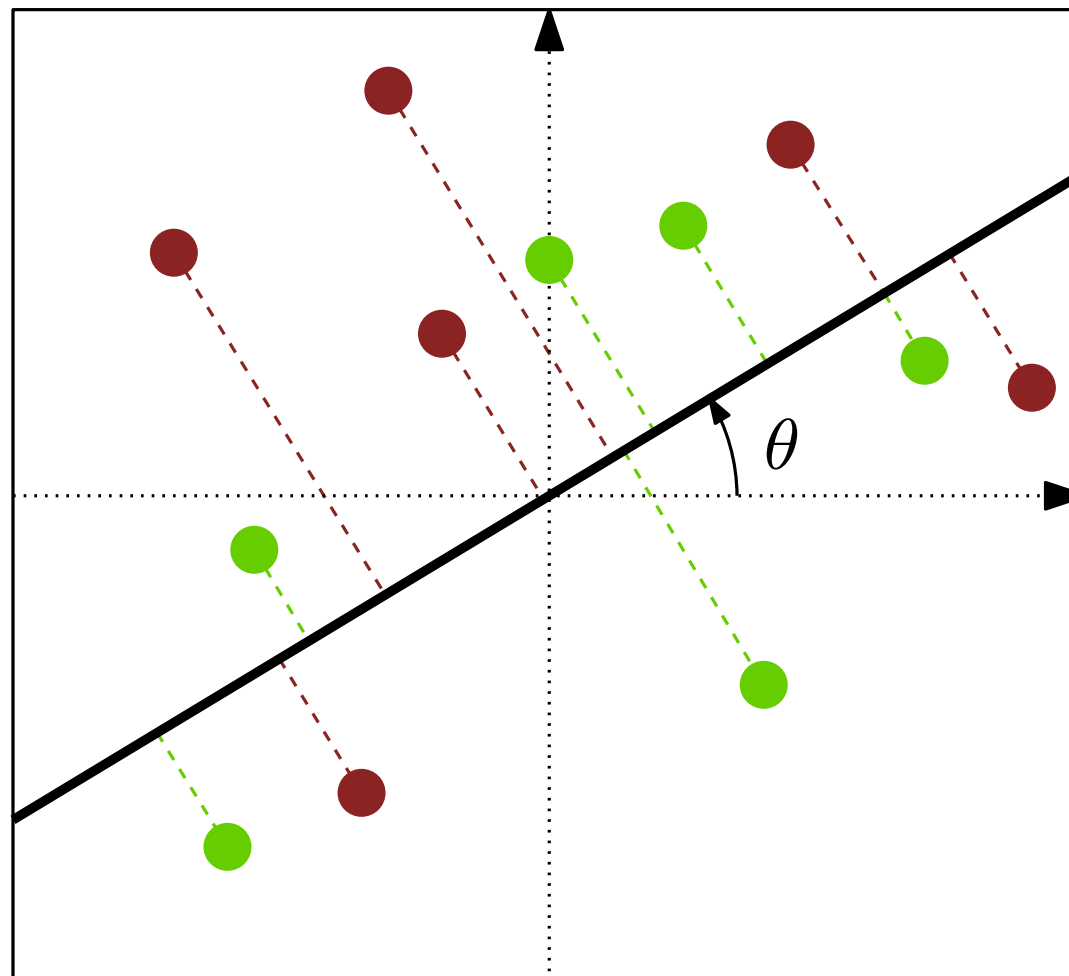
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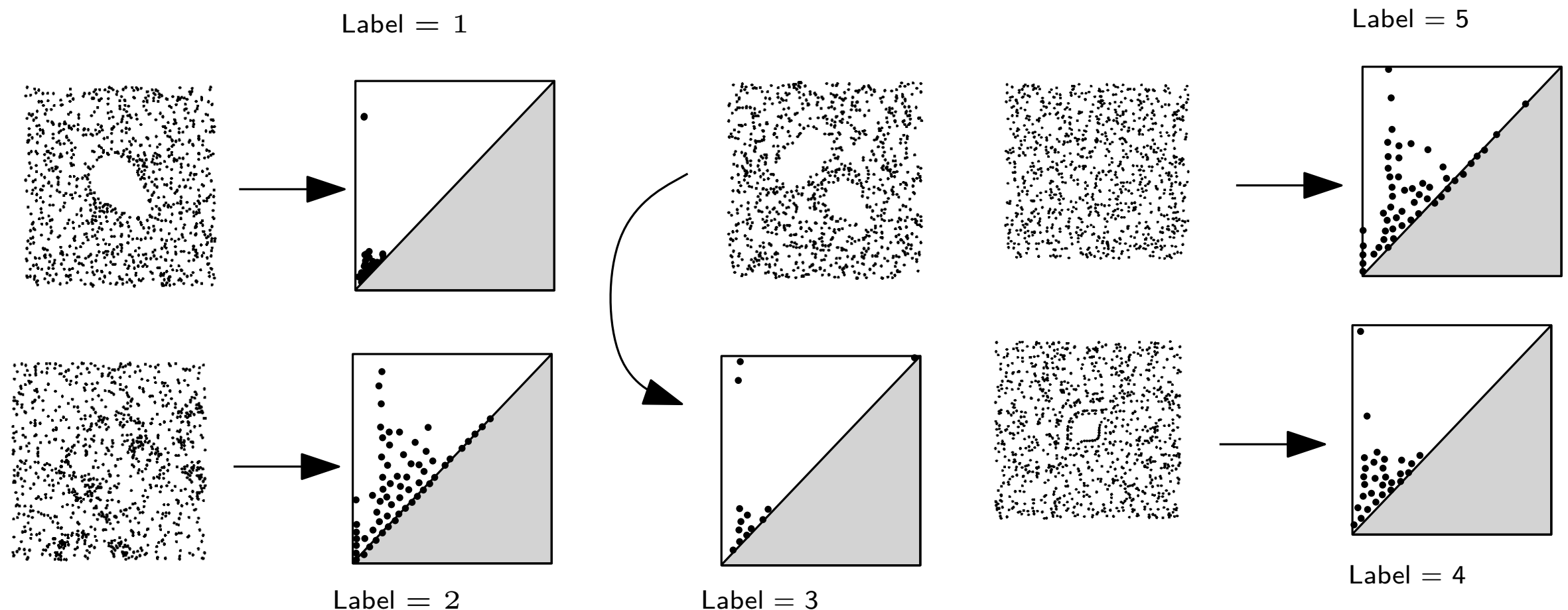
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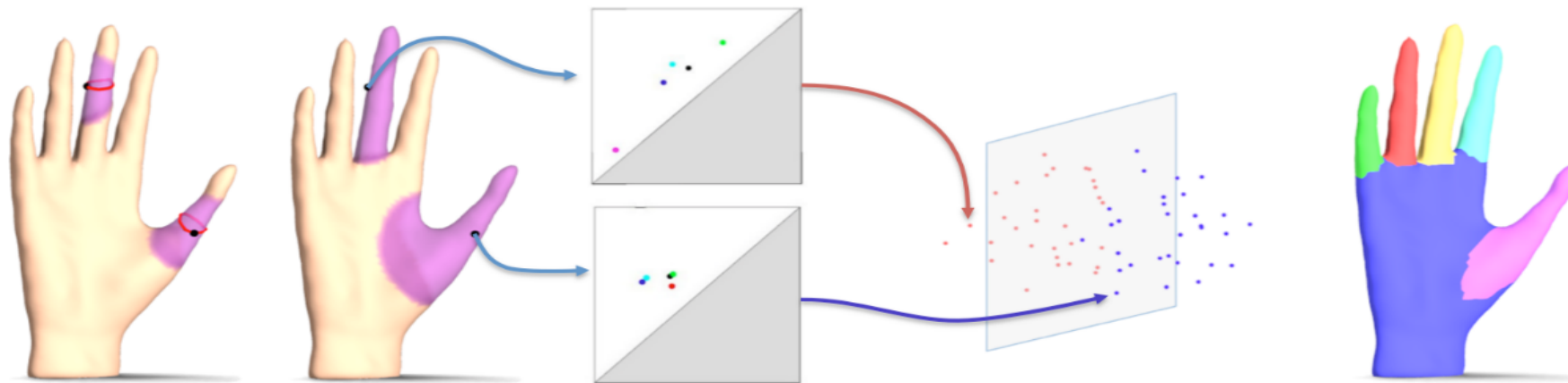
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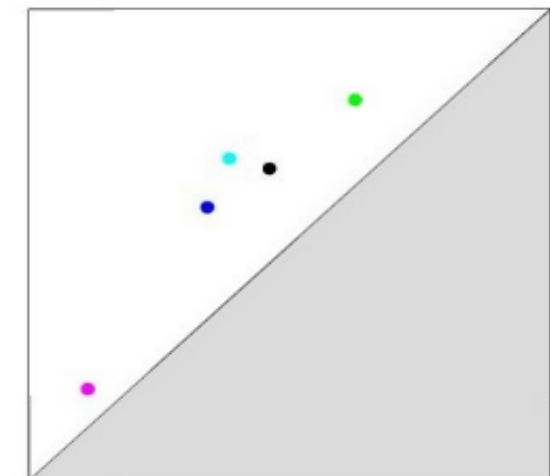
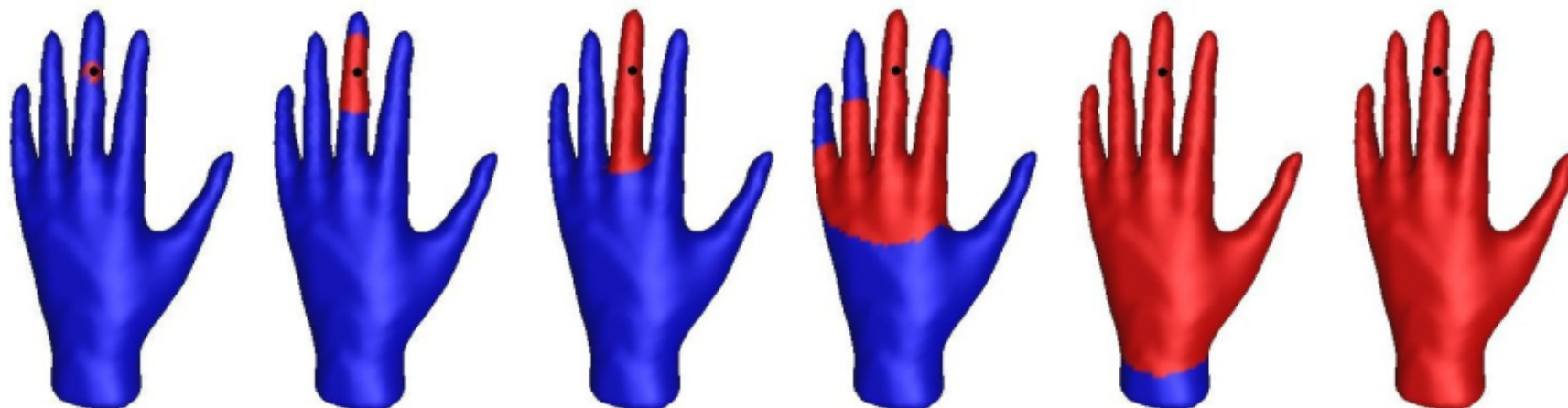
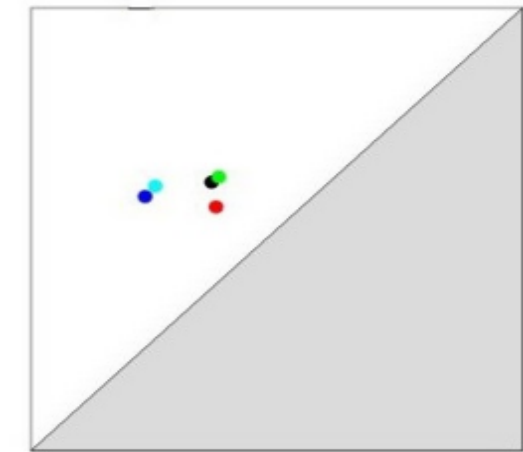
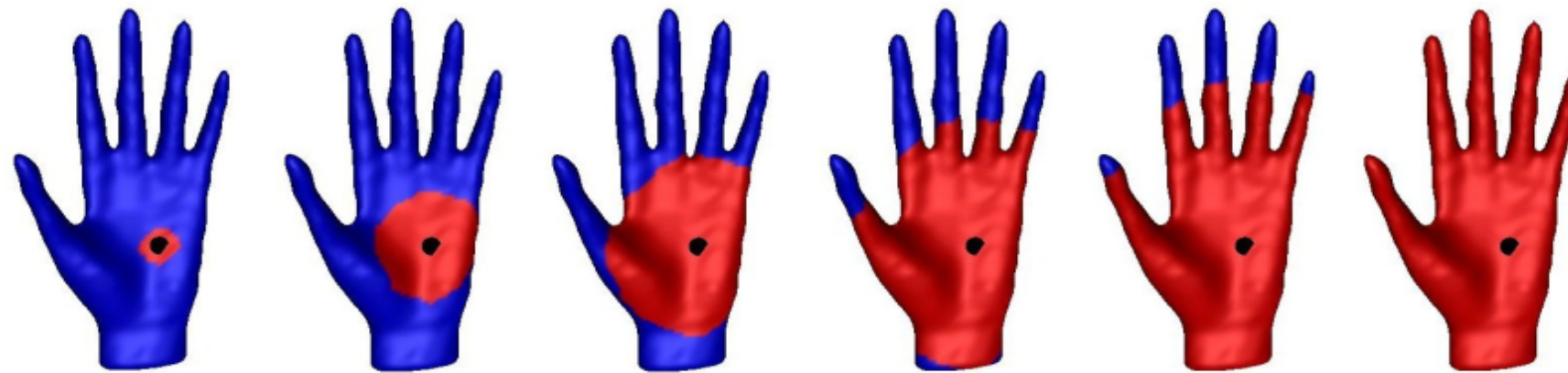
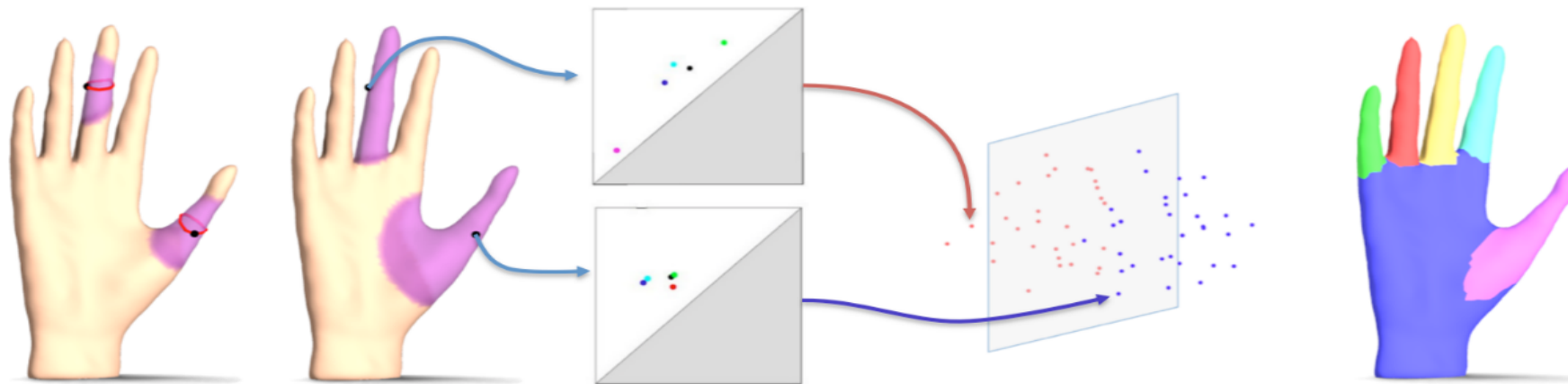
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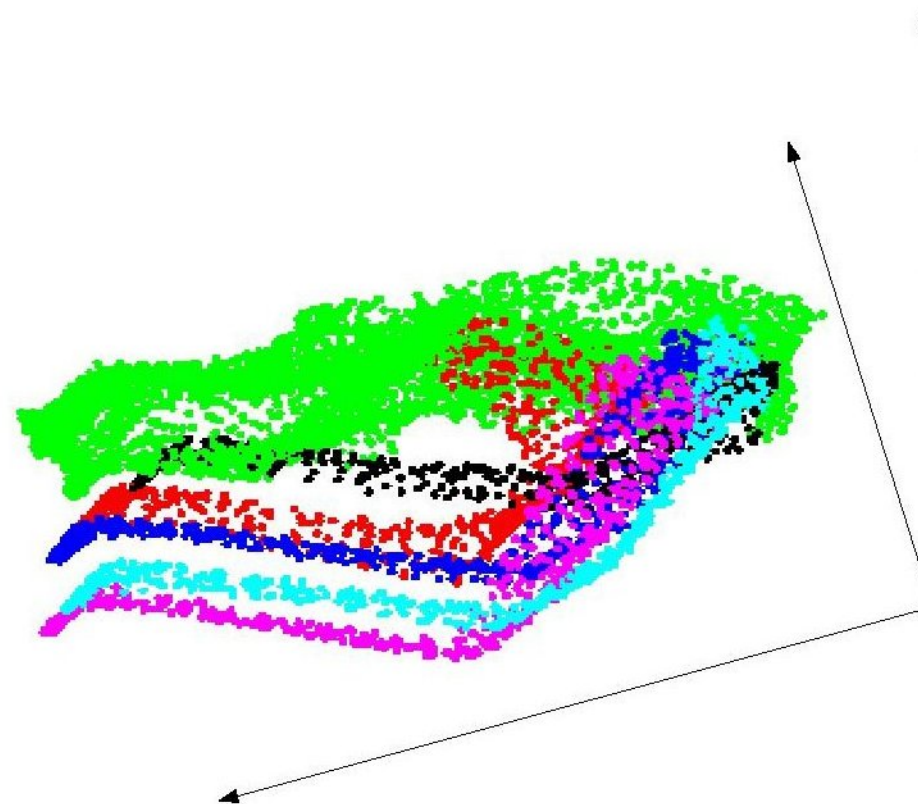
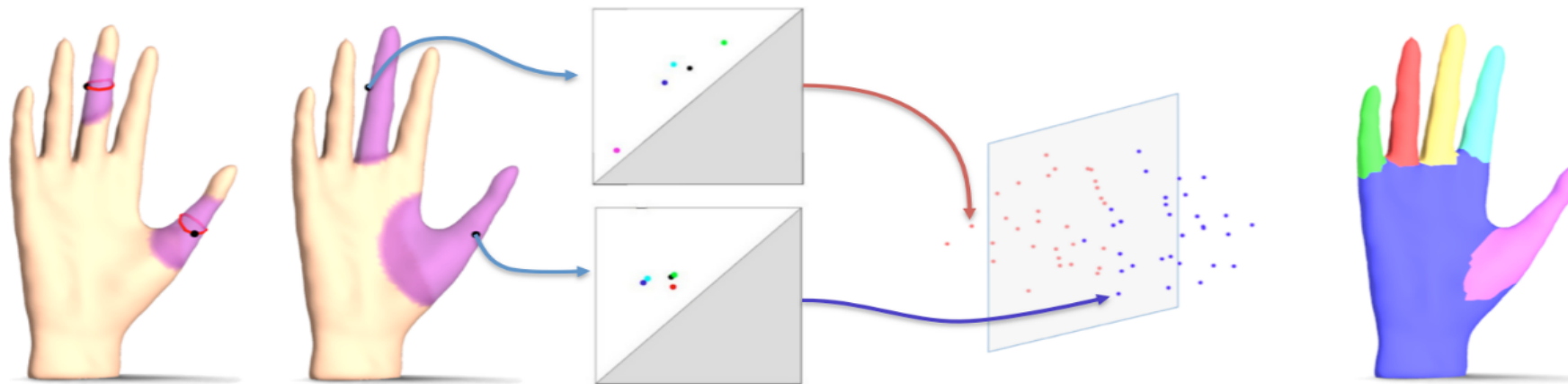
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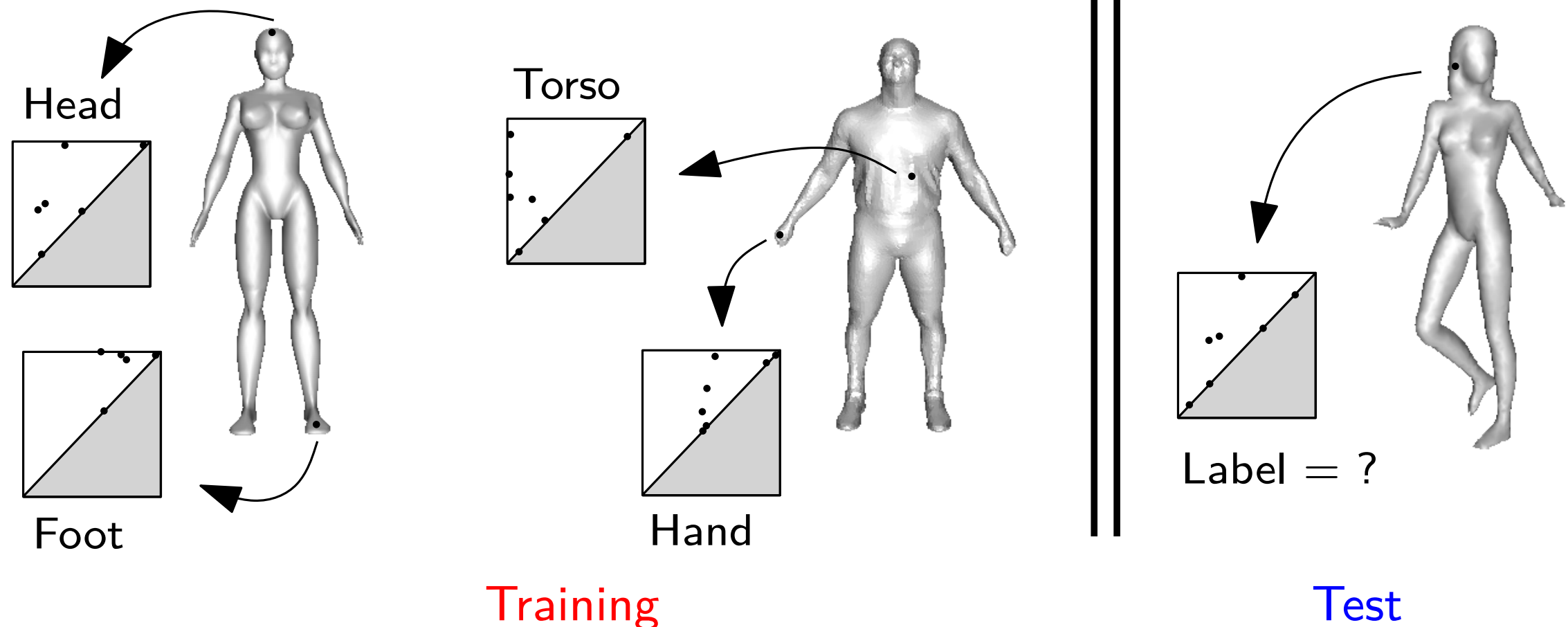
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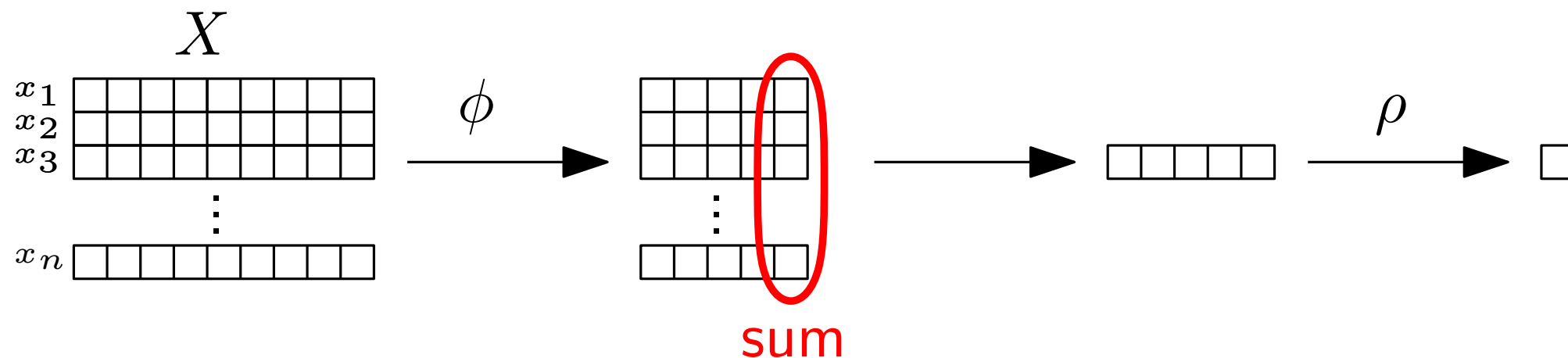
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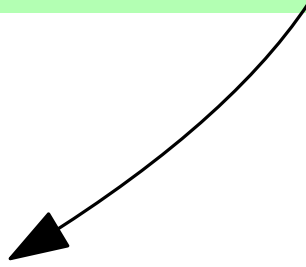
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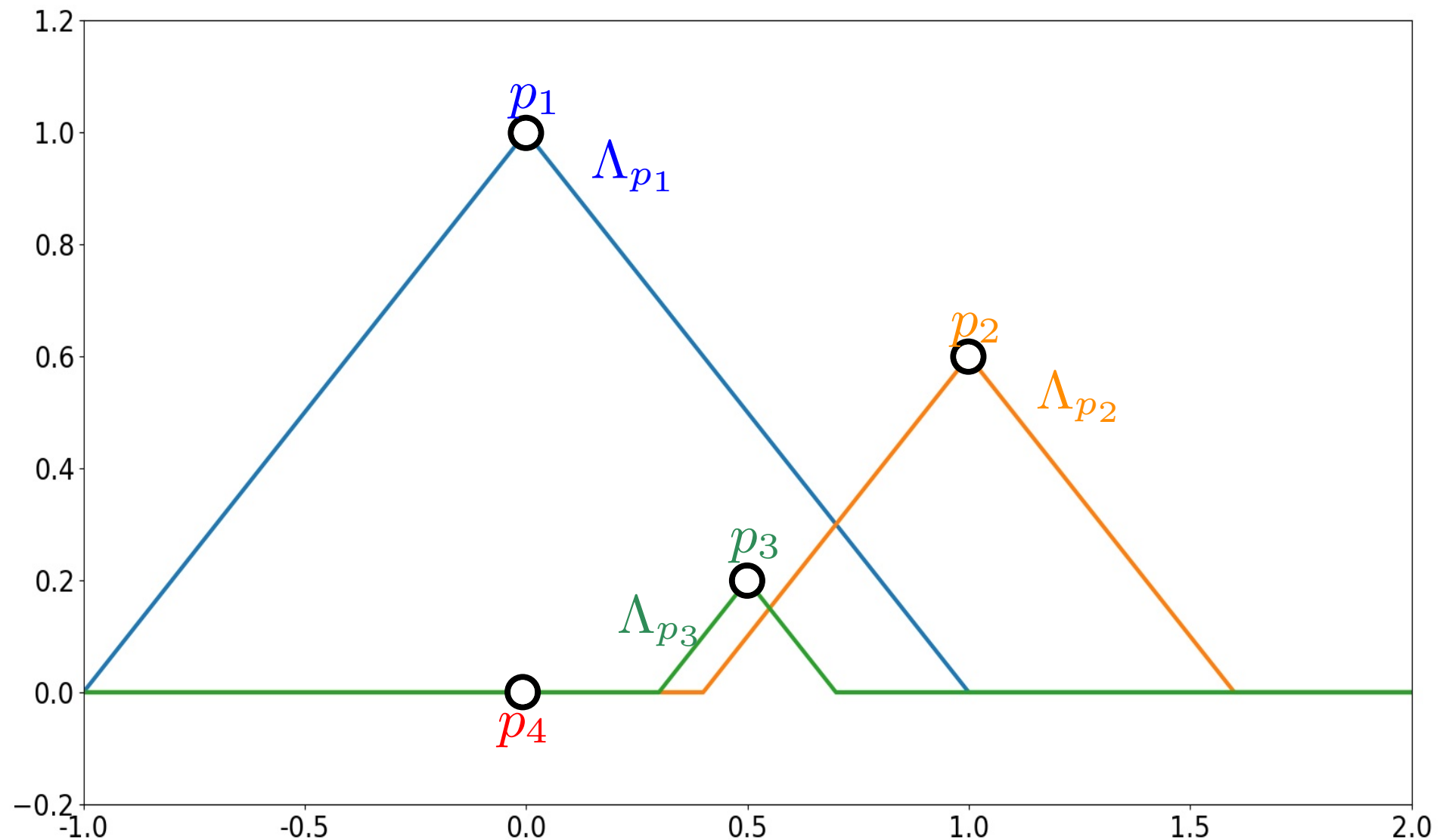
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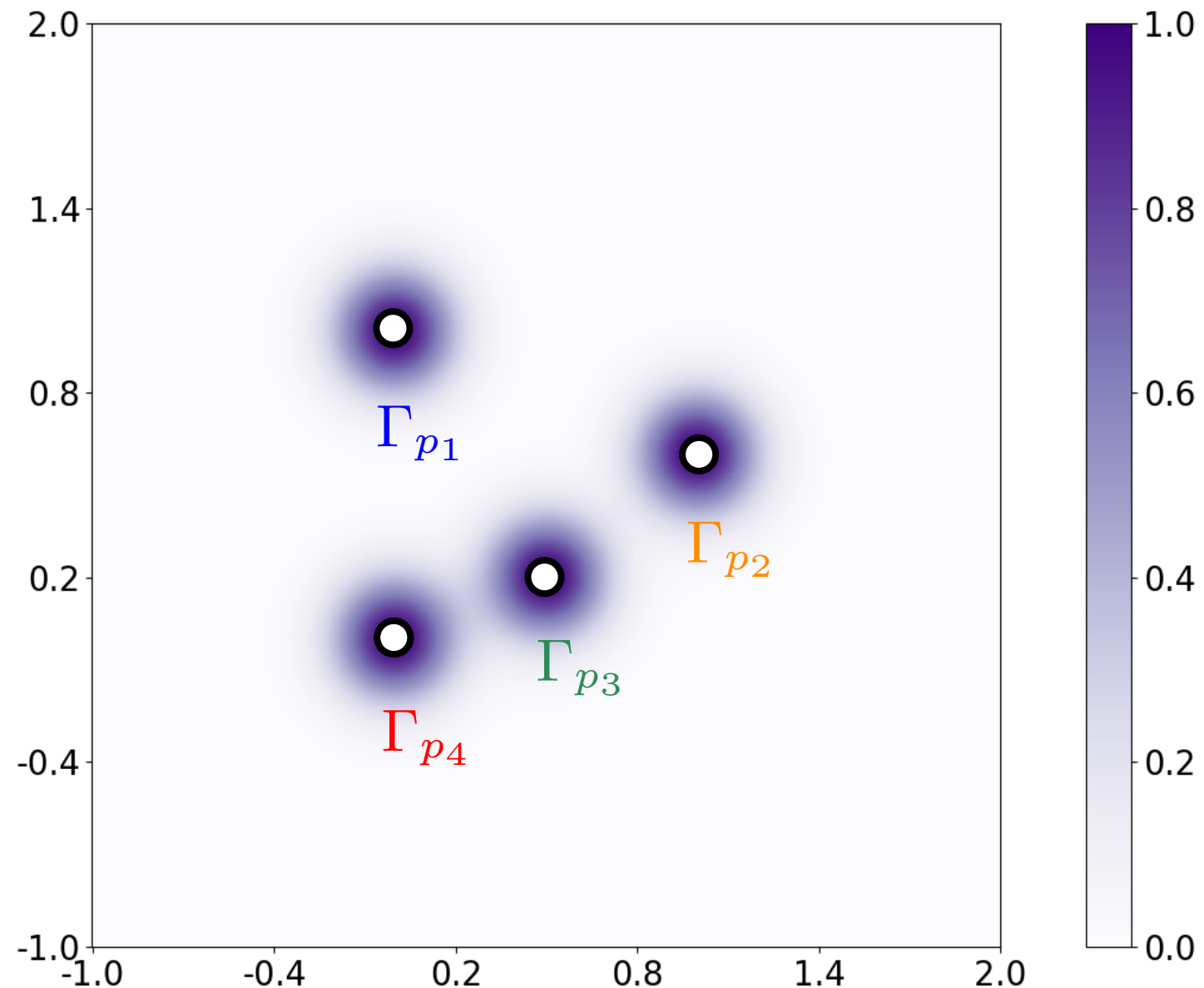
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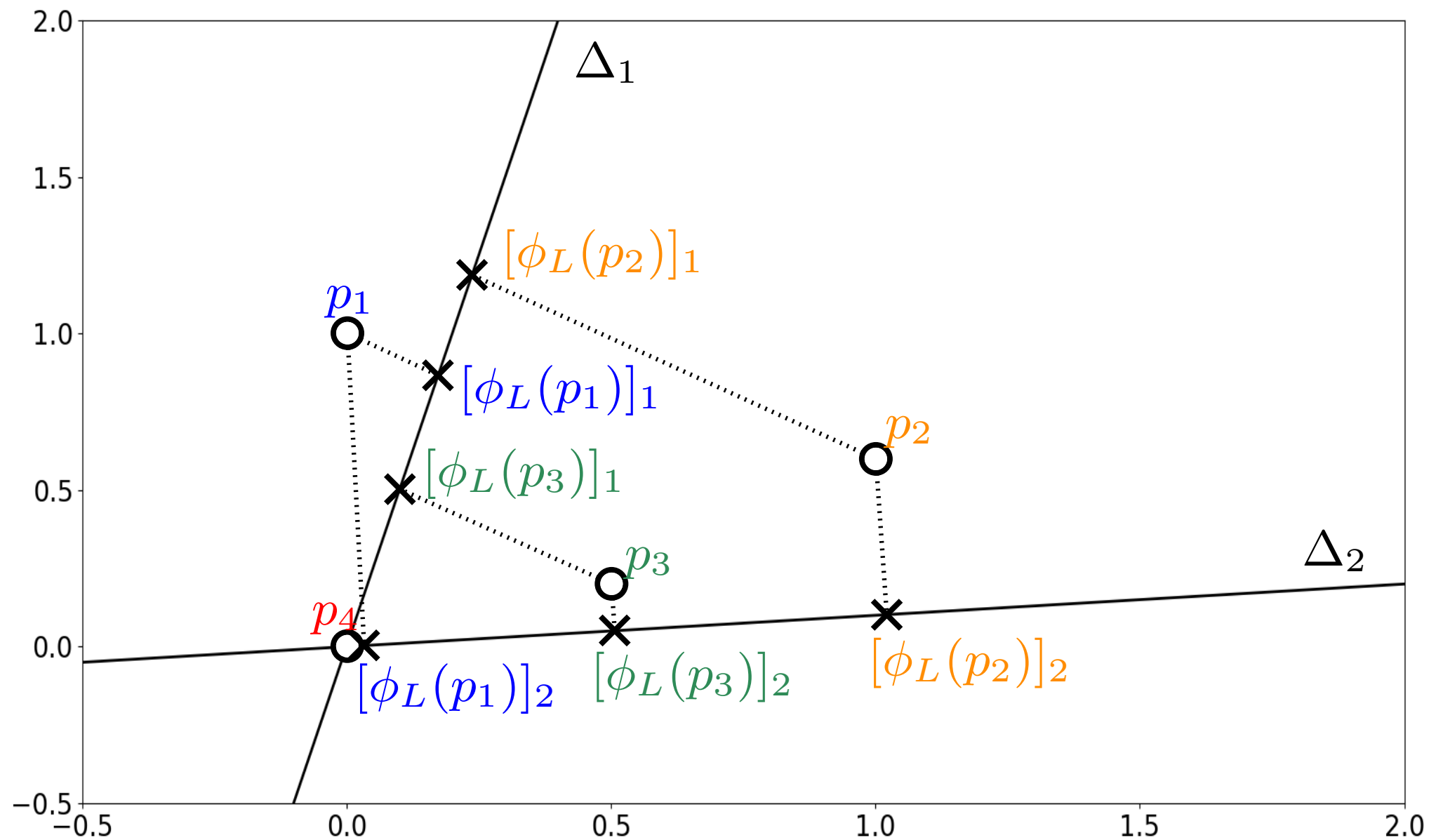


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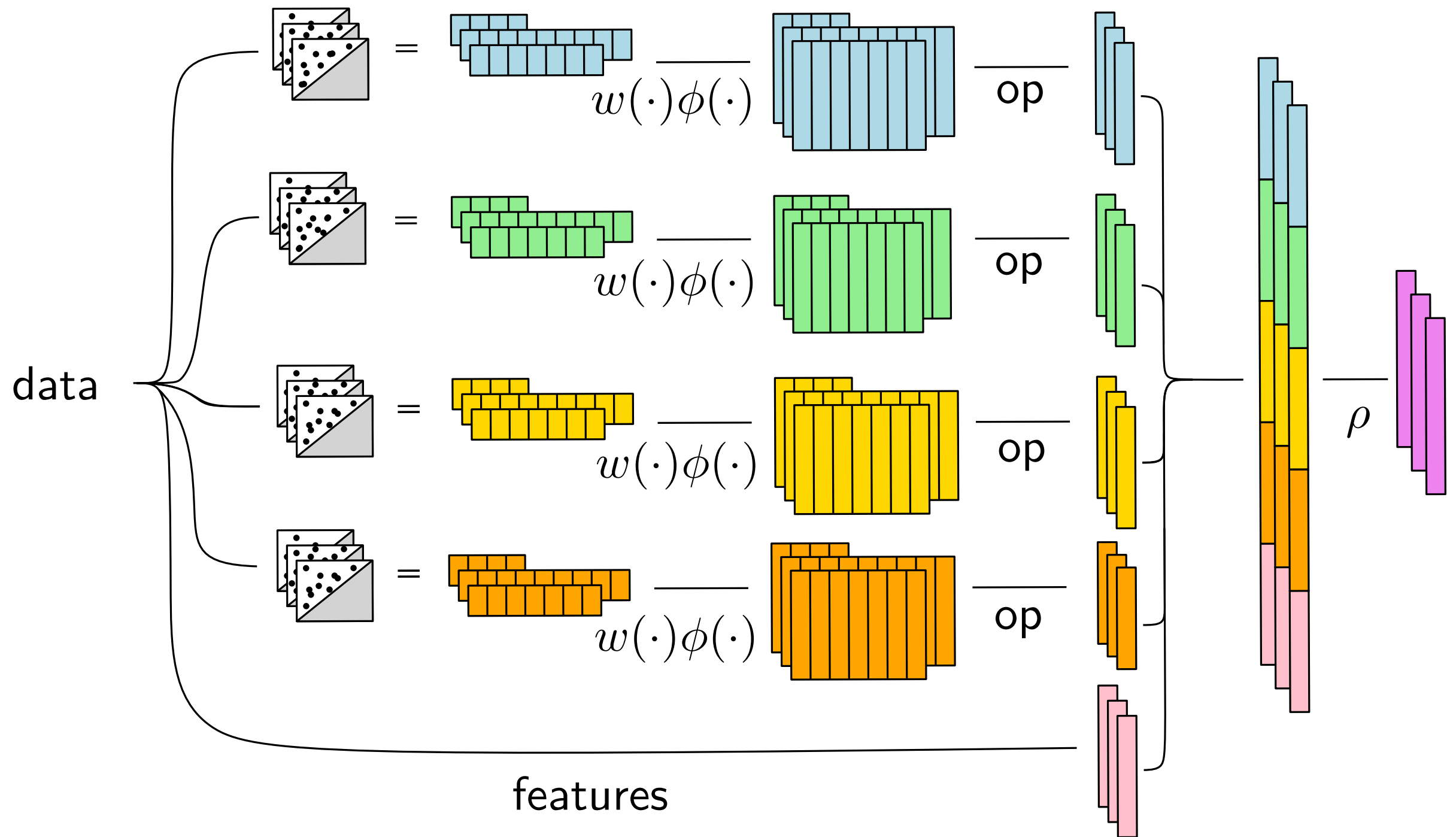
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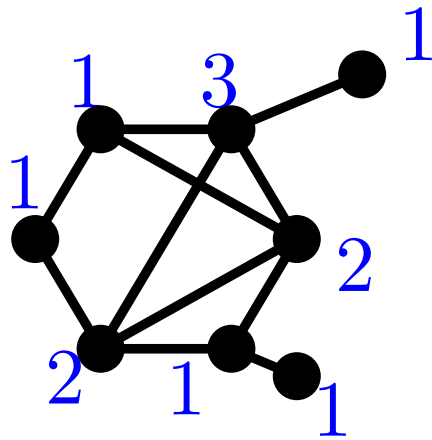
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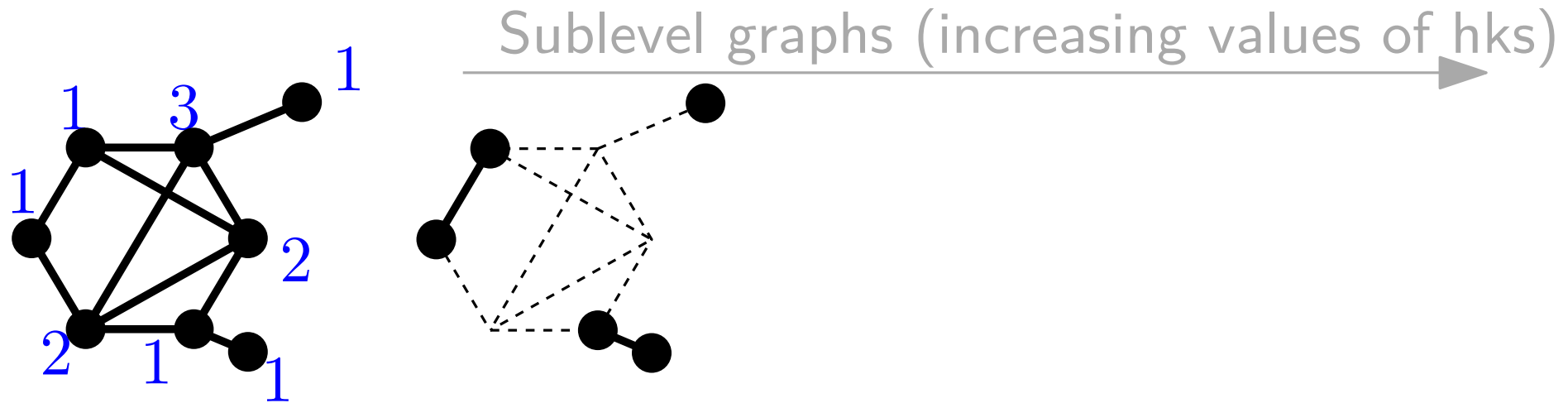


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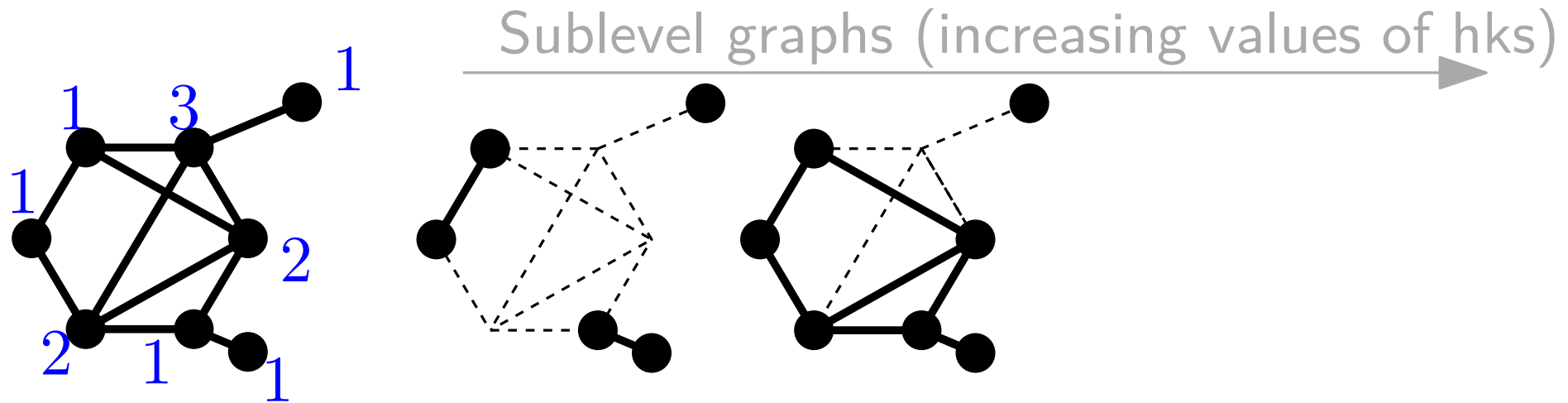


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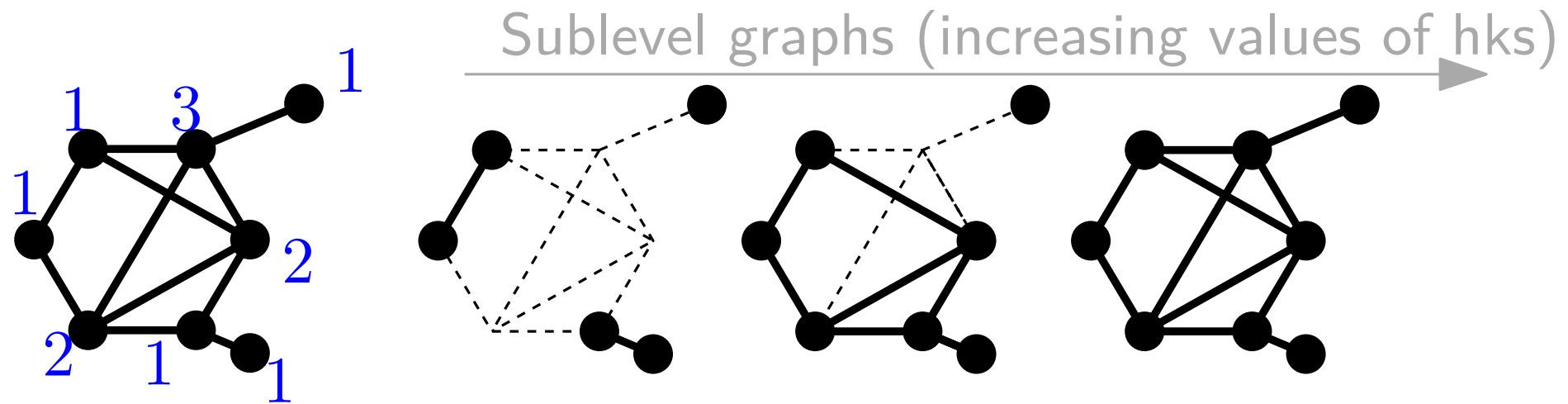


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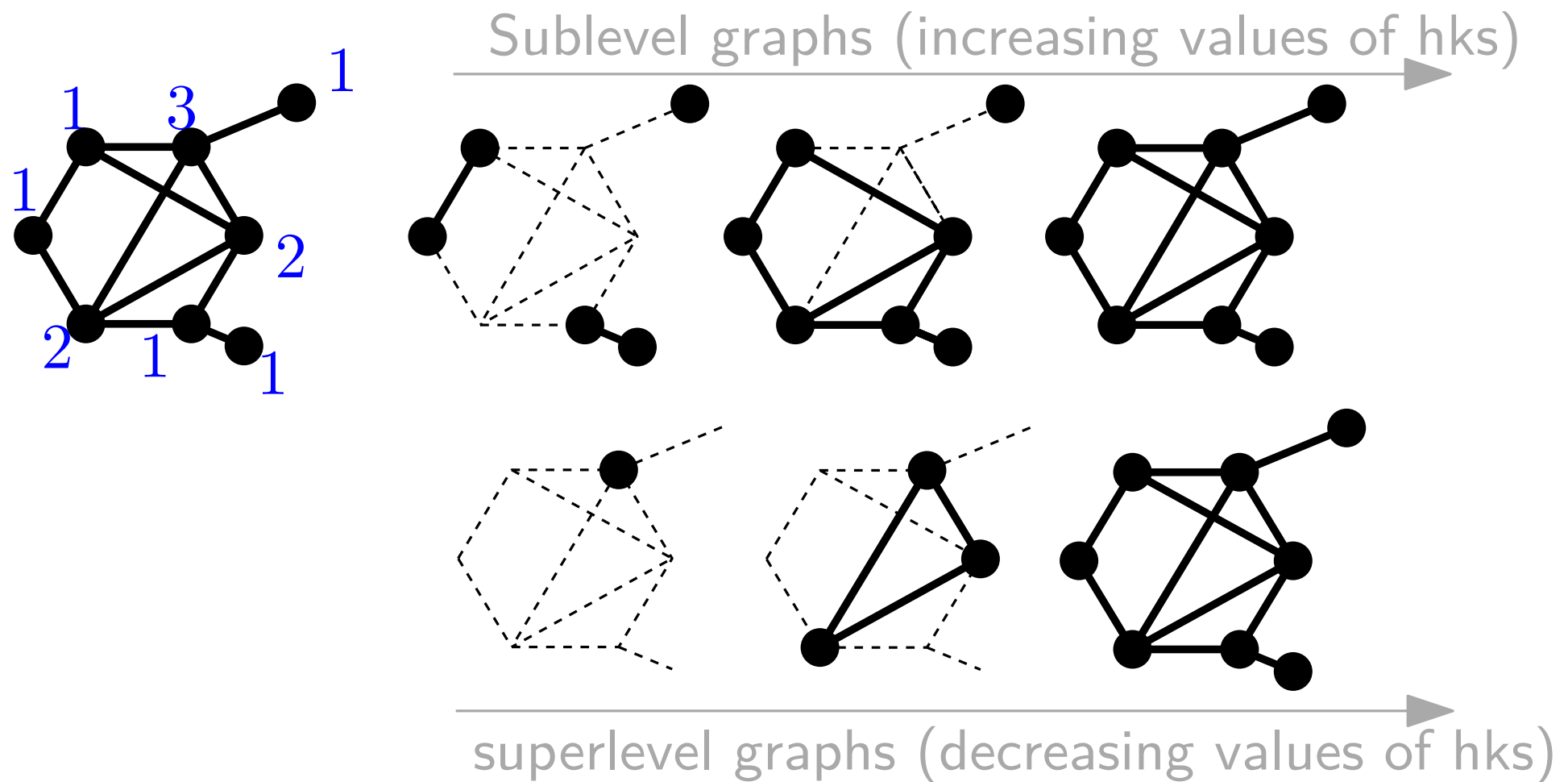


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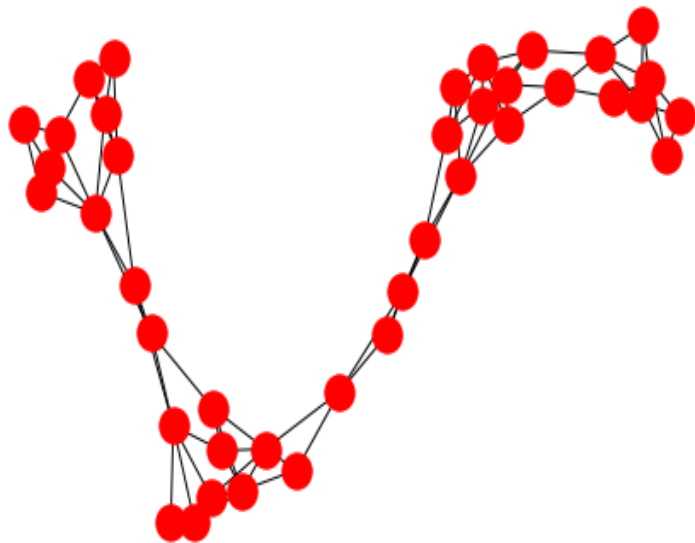
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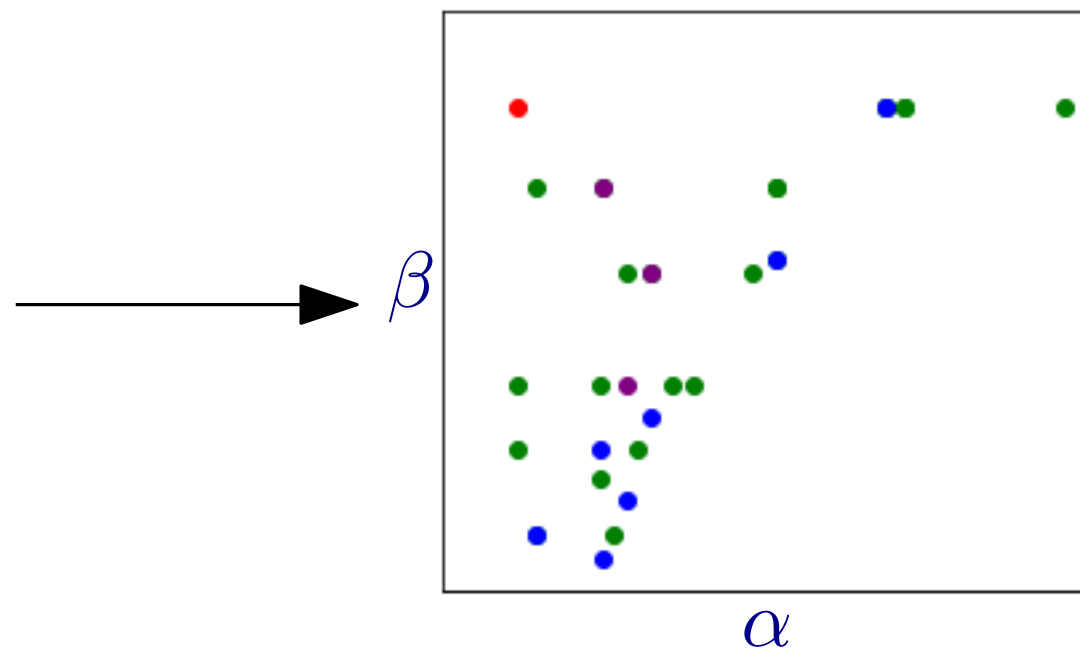
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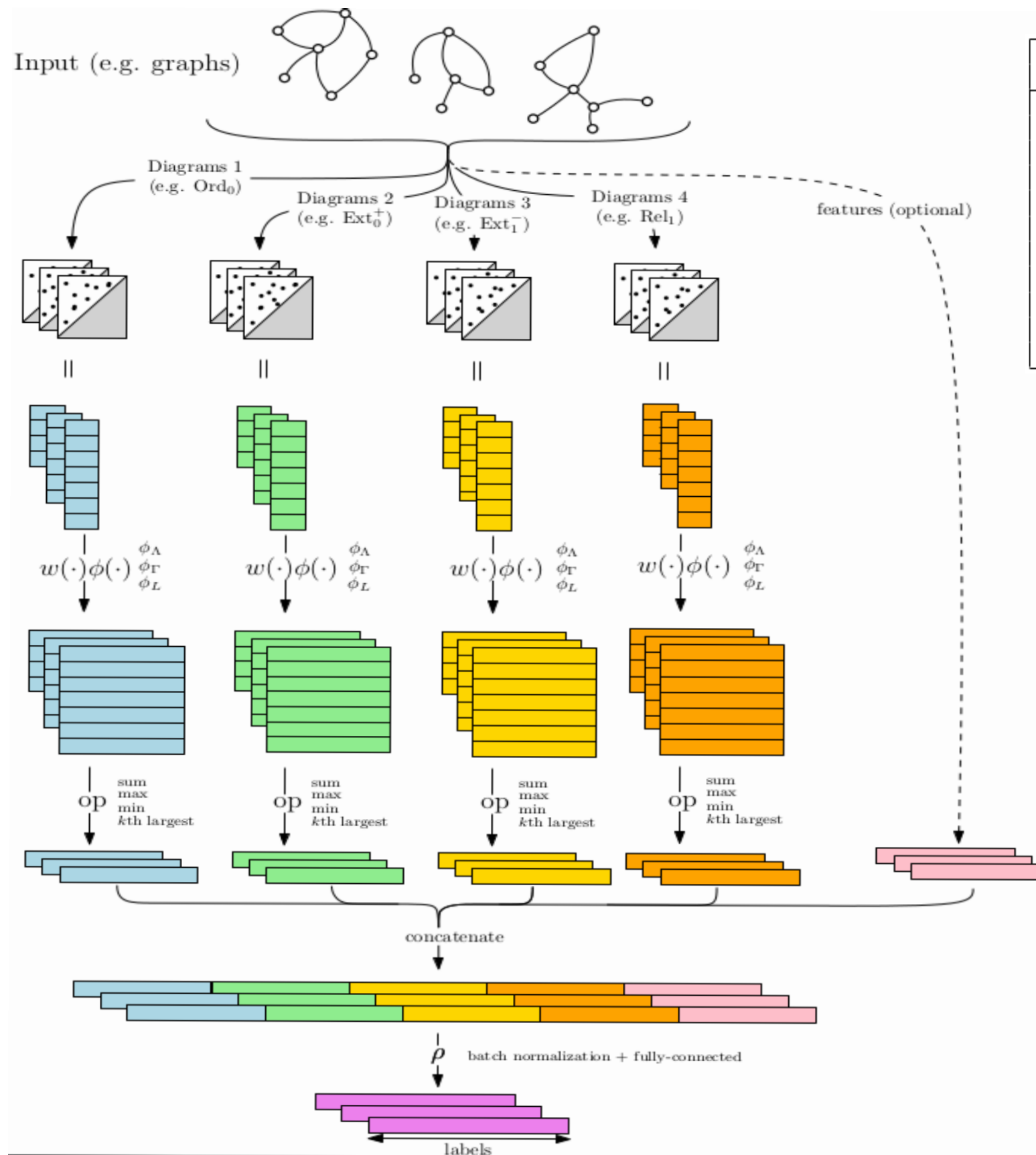


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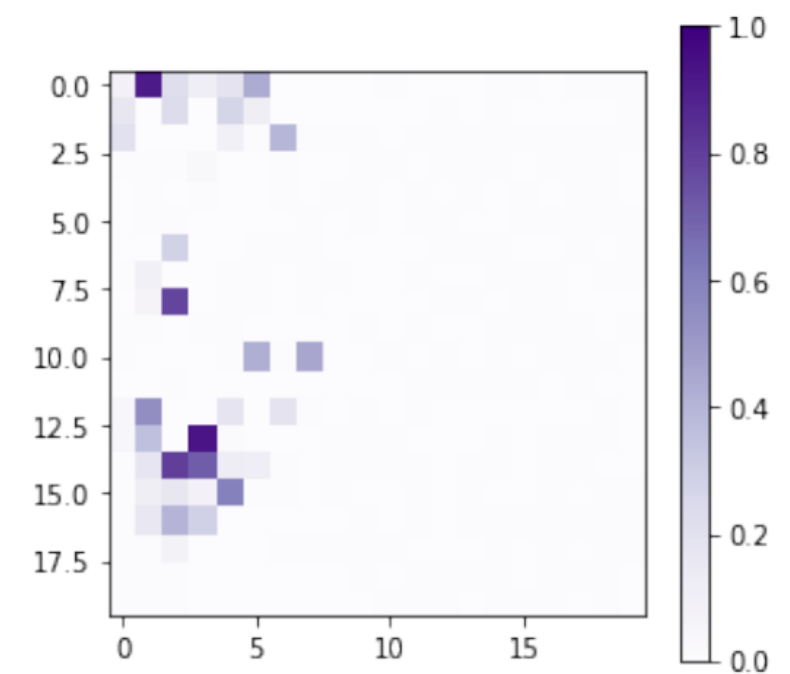
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|-----------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------|------|
| | | | | | | Mean | Max |
| REDDIT5K | — | 56.1 | 47.8 | 52.9 | 57.0 | 55.6 | 56.5 |
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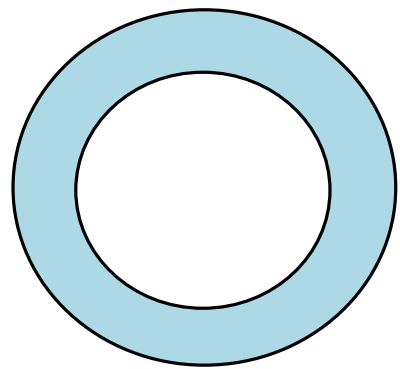
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Persistence Diagrams and Statistics

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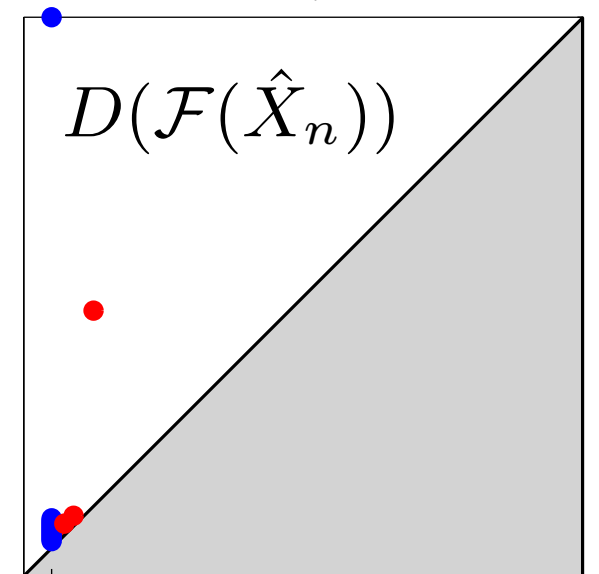
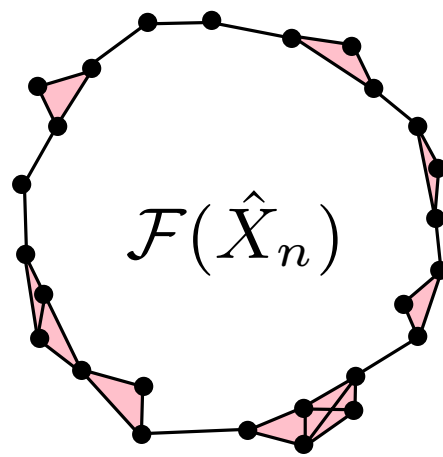
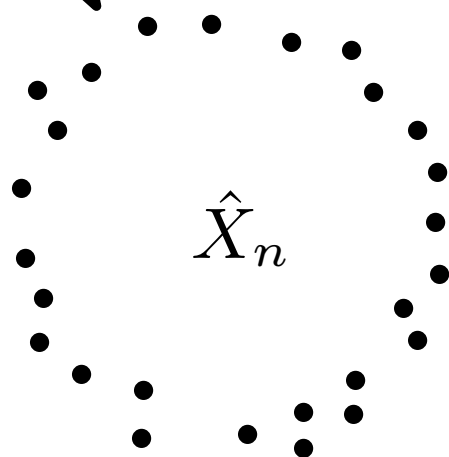
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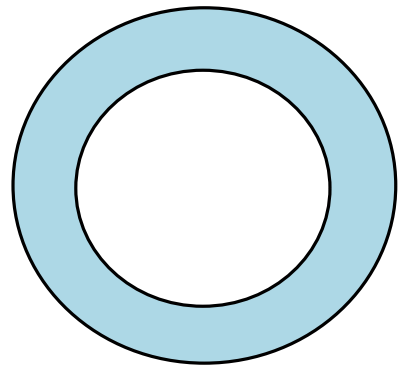
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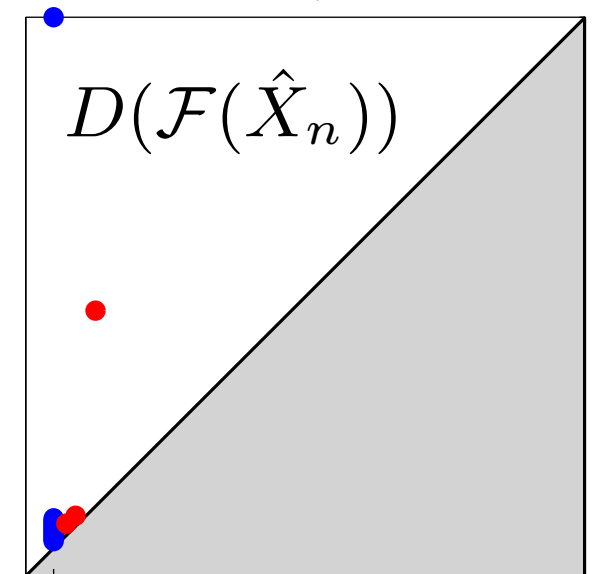
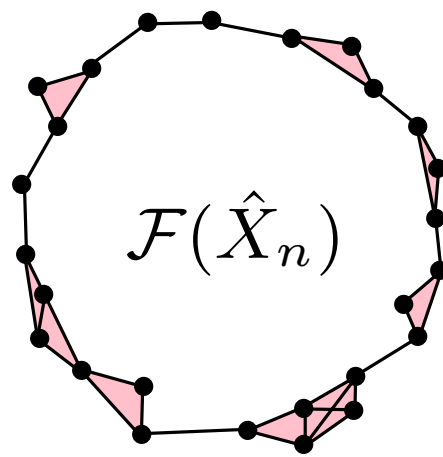
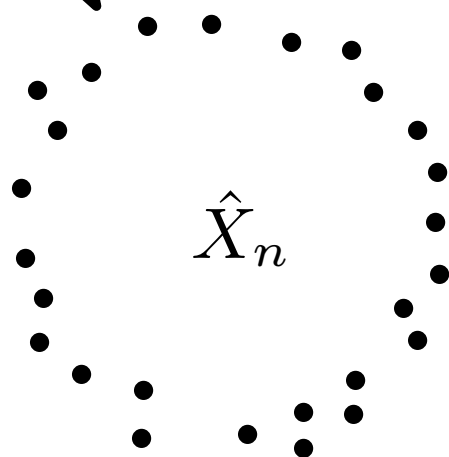
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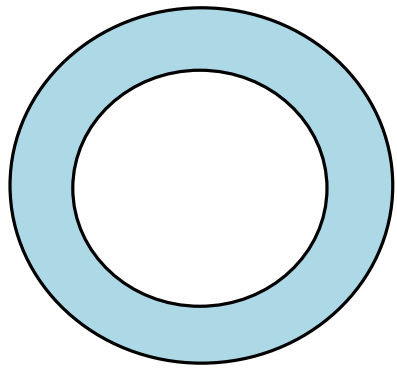
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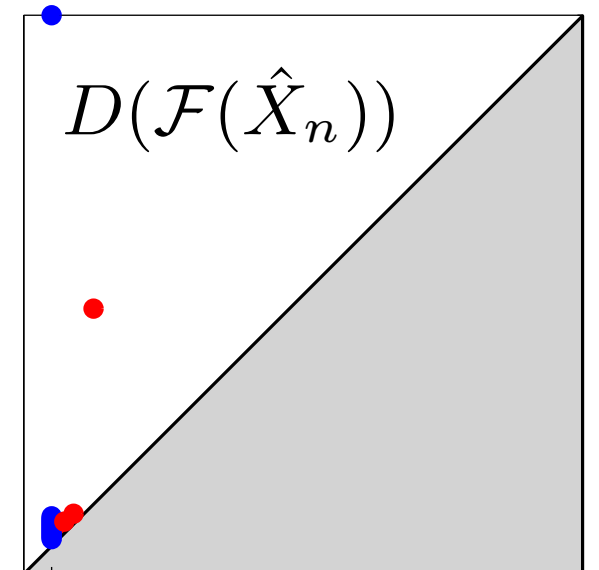
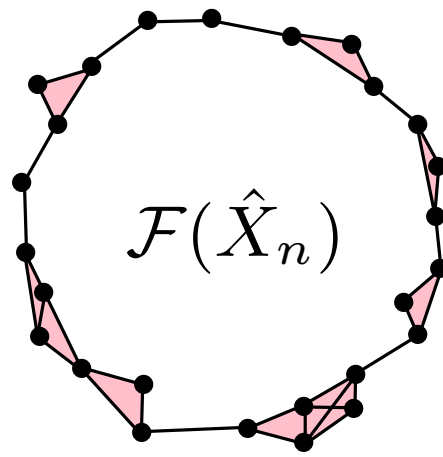
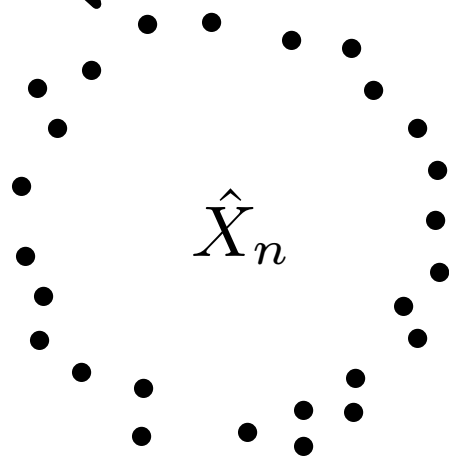
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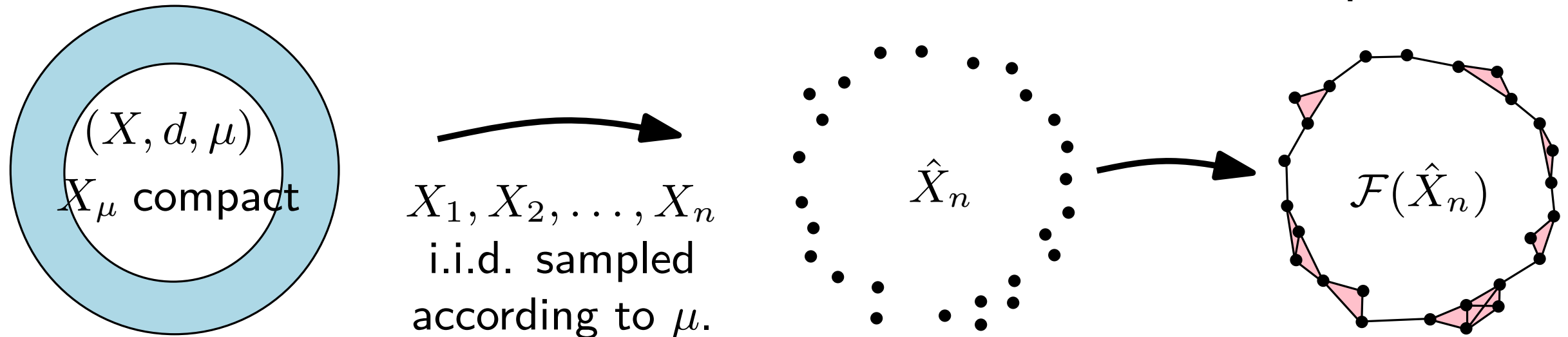
Stability thm: $d_B(D(\mathcal{F}(X_\mu)), D(\mathcal{F}(\hat{X}_n))) \leq 2d_{GH}(X_\mu, \hat{X}_n)$

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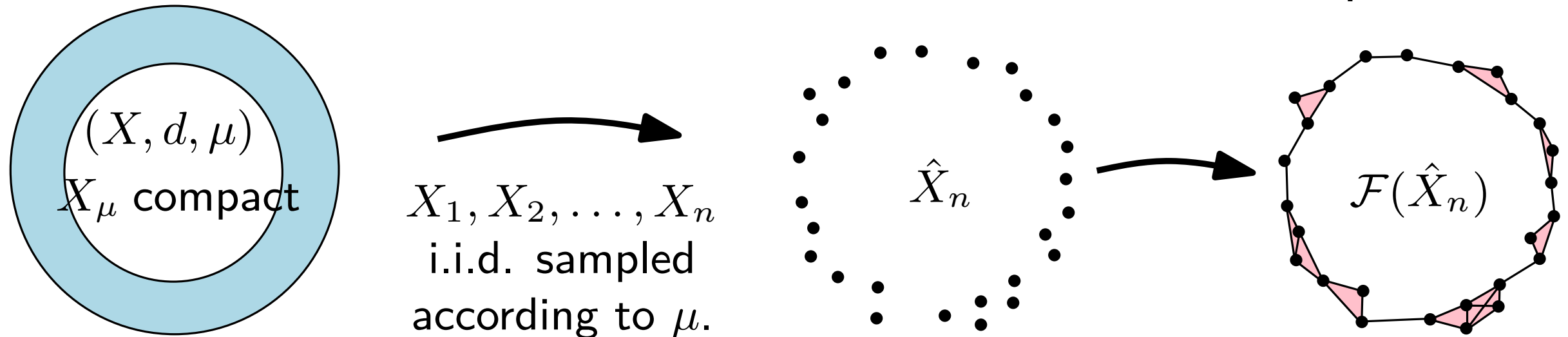
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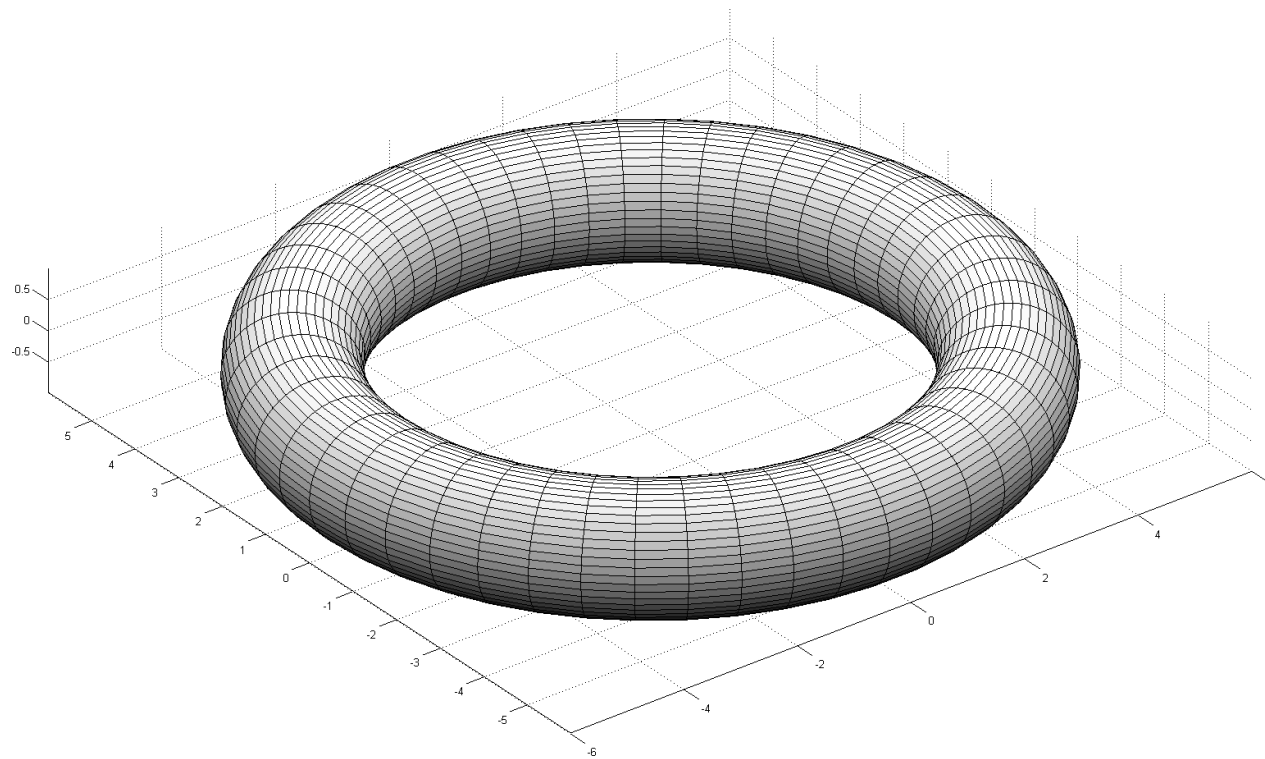
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where the constant C only depends on a and b (**not on X !**).

Rem: we can obtain slightly better bounds if X_μ is a submanifold of \mathbb{R}^D .

Numerical illustrations

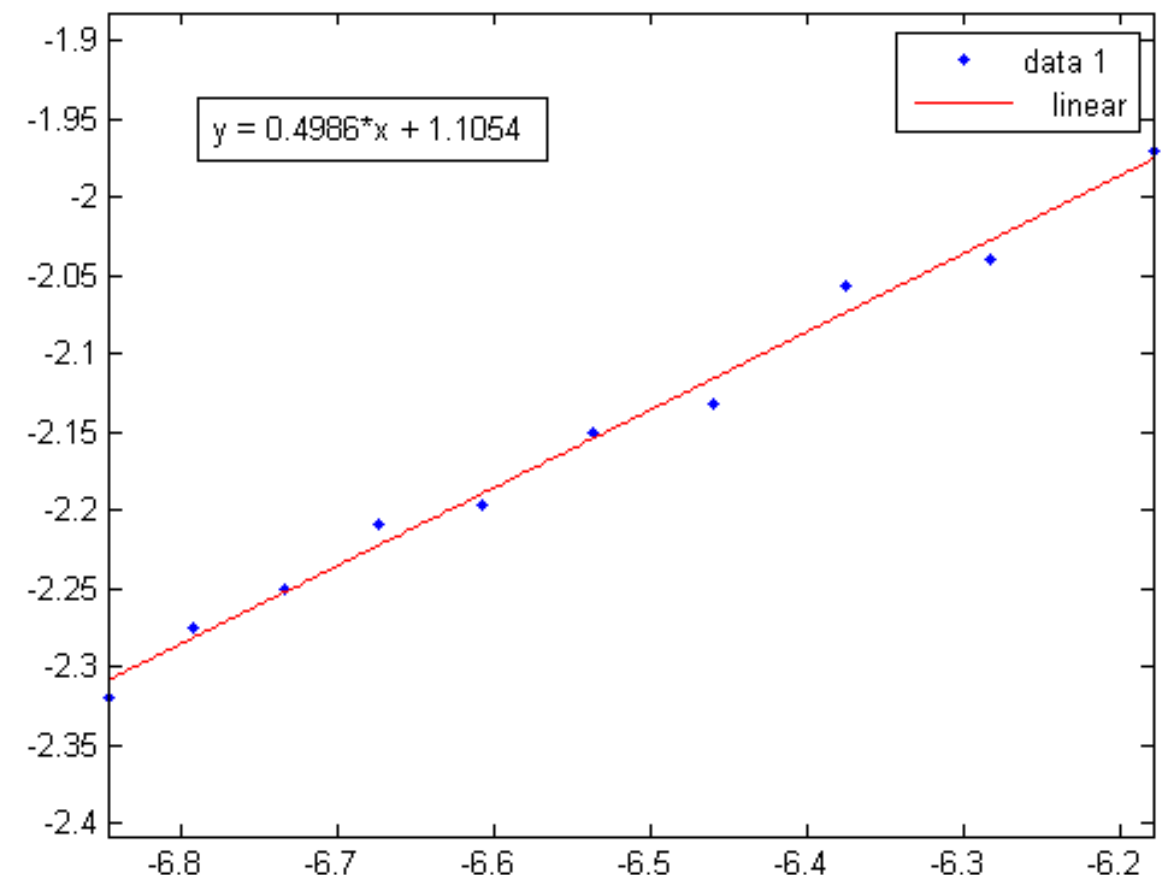
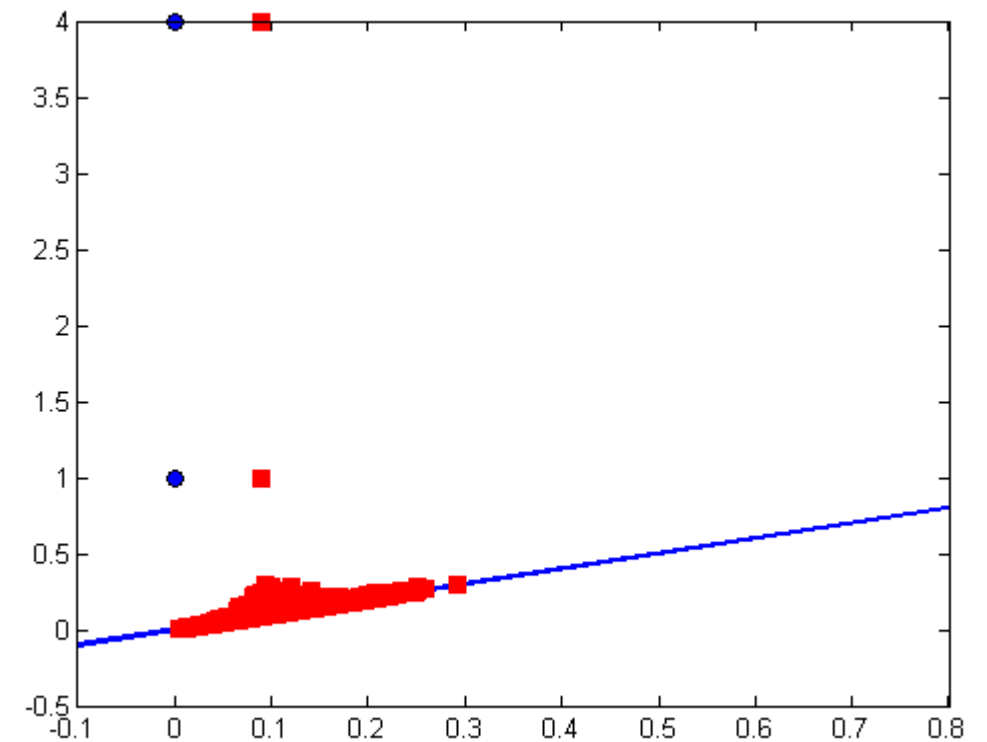


- μ : unif. measure on a torus X_μ .
- \mathcal{F} : distance to X_μ in \mathbb{R}^3 .
- sample $k = 300$ sets of n points for $n = [12000 : 1000 : 21000]$.
- compute

$$\hat{\mathbb{E}}_n = \hat{\mathbb{E}}[d_B(D(\mathcal{F}(X_\mu)), D(\mathcal{F}(\hat{X}_n)))].$$

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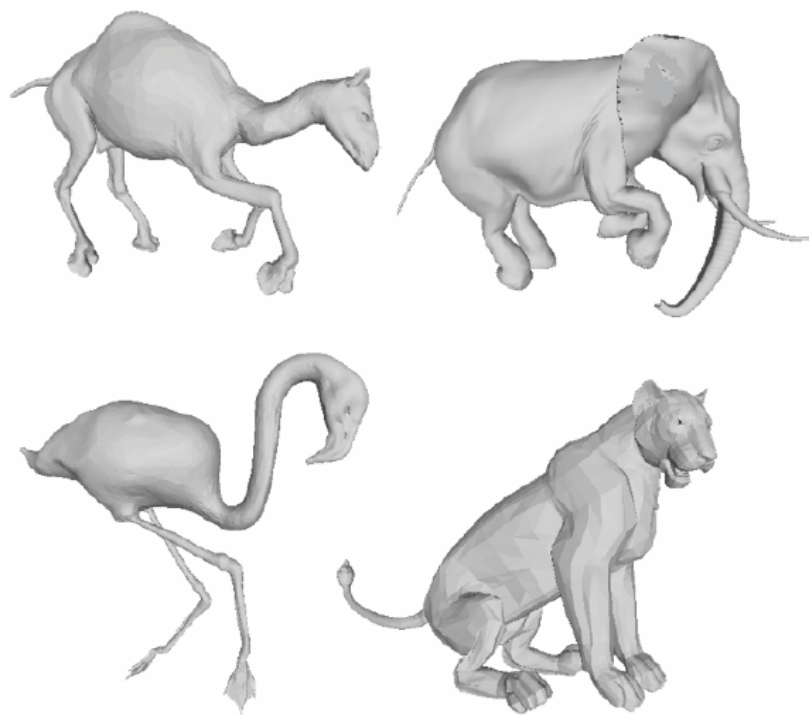
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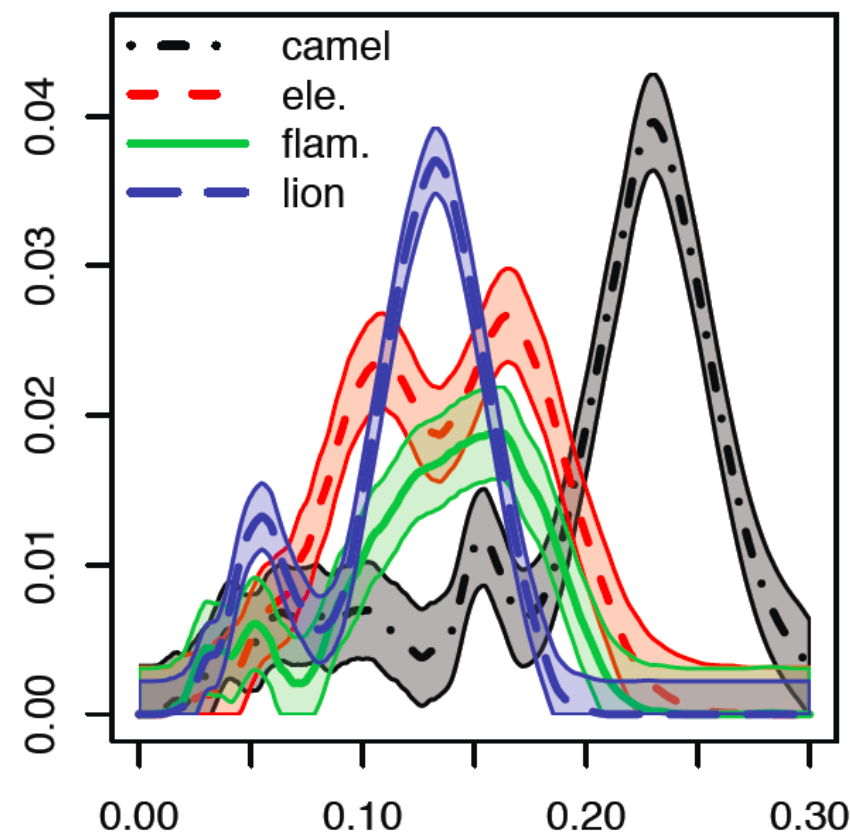
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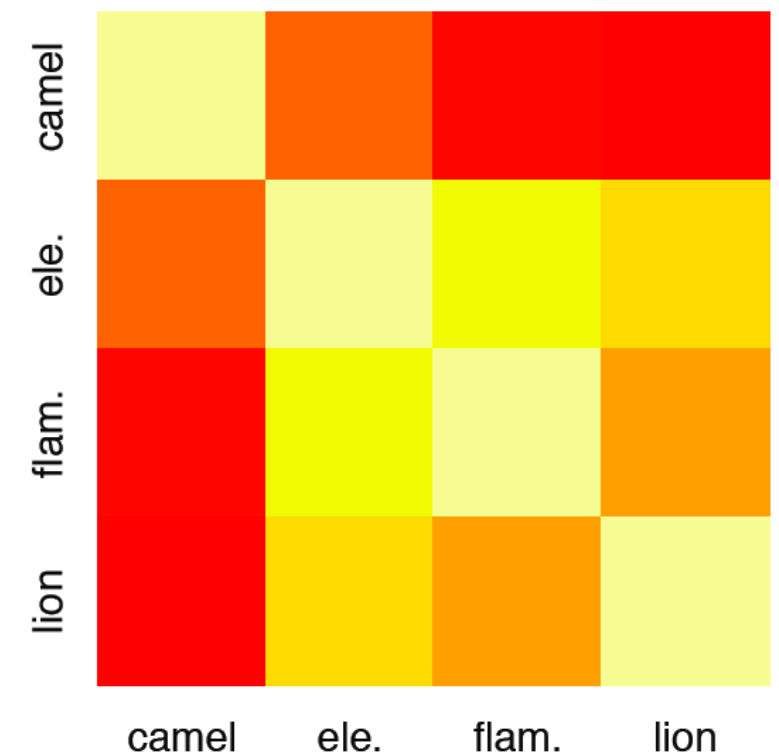
Example: 3D shapes



Average Landscapes



Dissimilarity Matrix

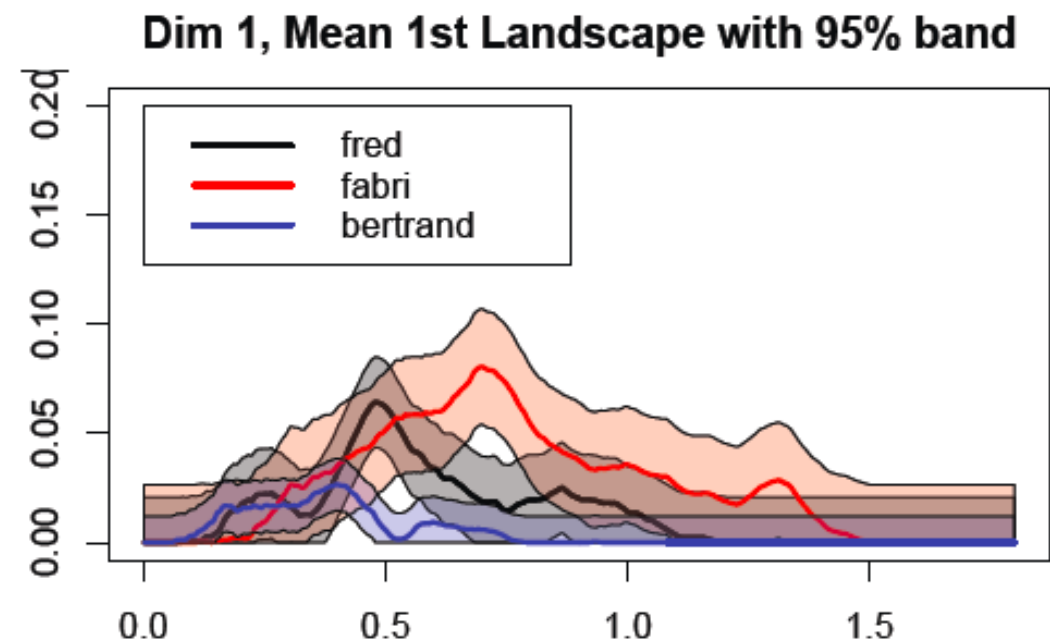
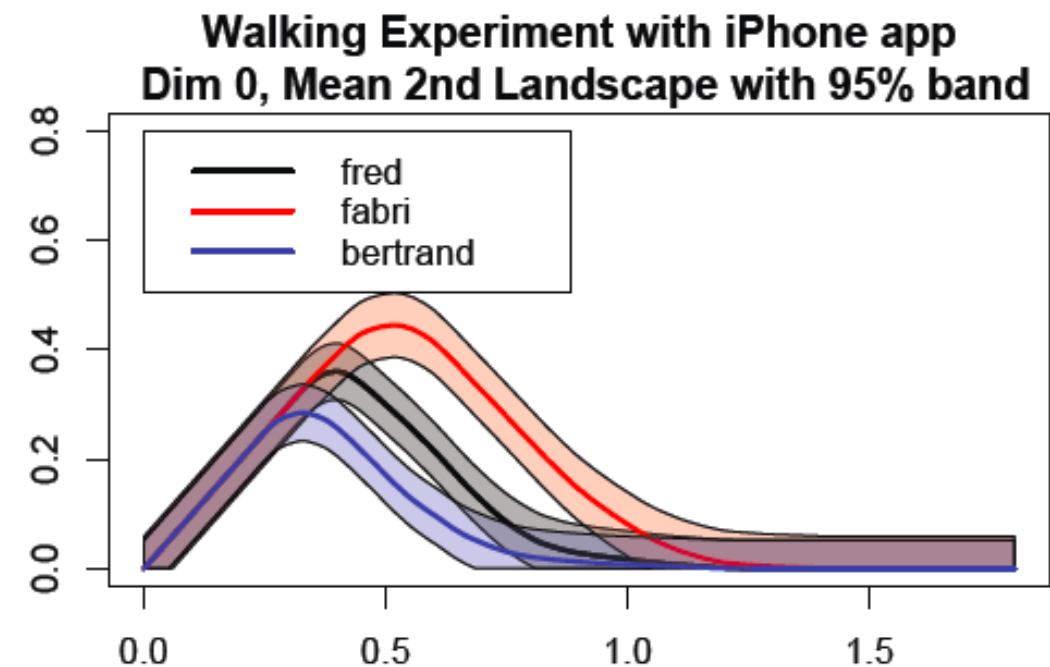
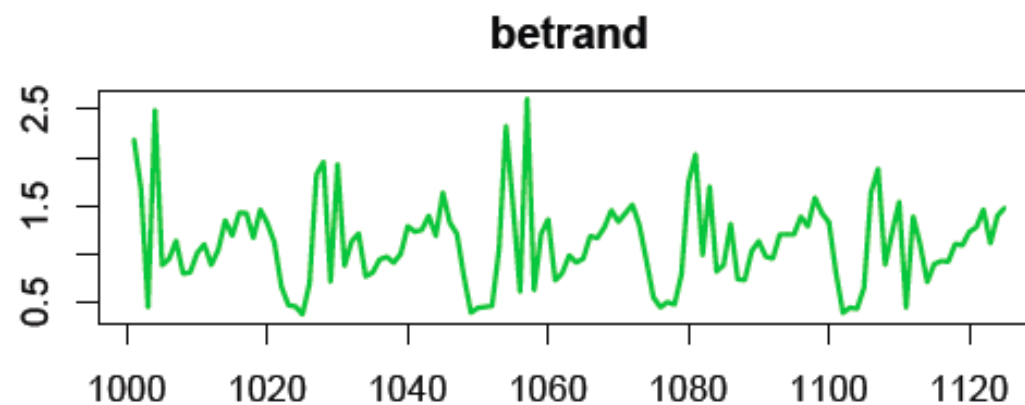
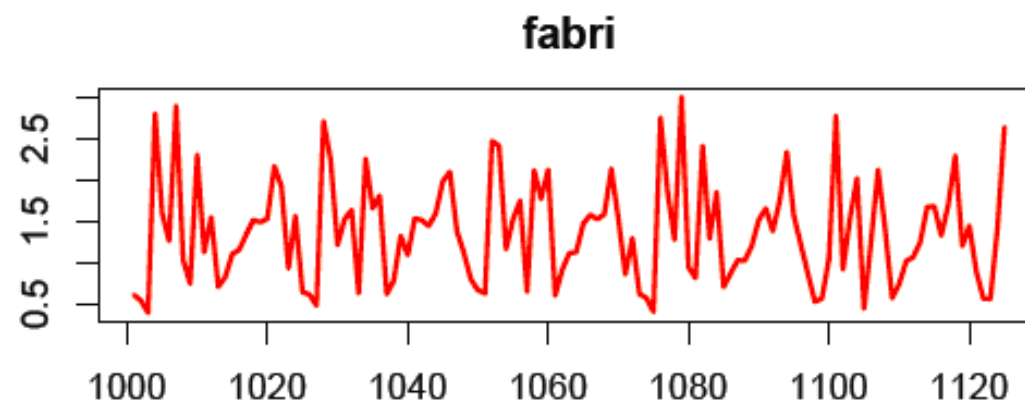
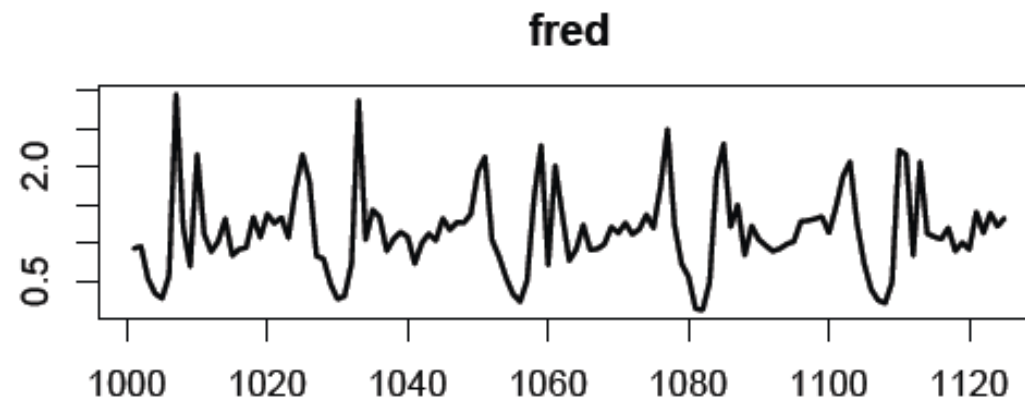


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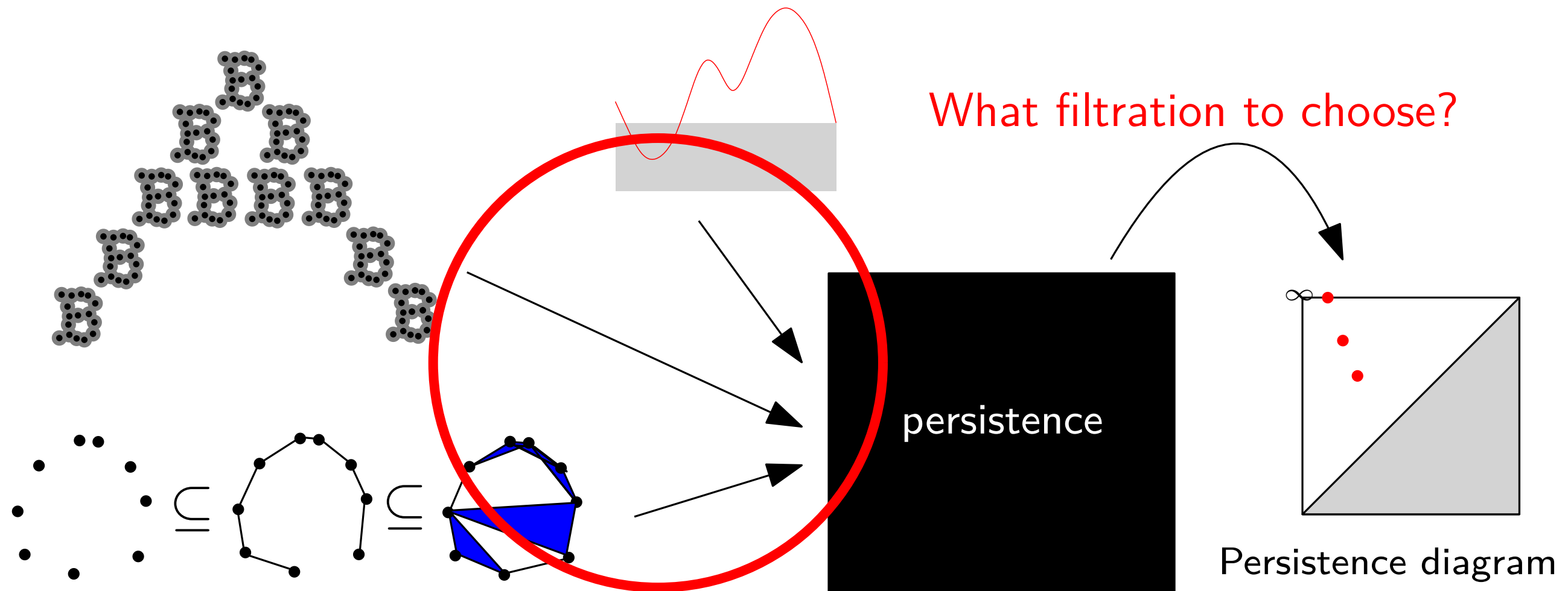
(Toy) Example: Accelerometer data from smartphone.

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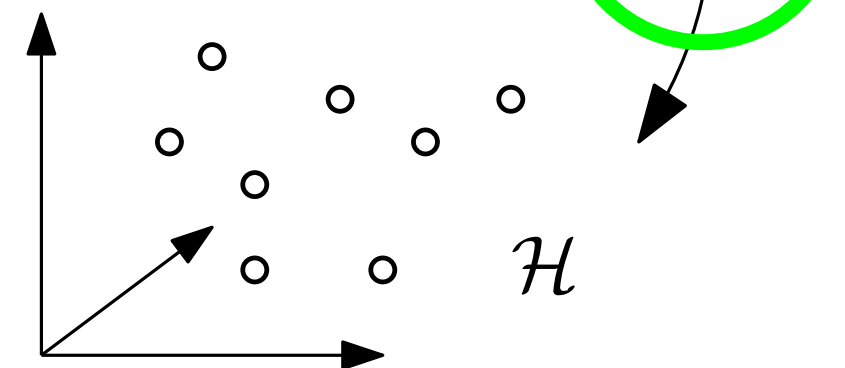
Persistence diagrams and machine learning



- Classifier (RF, SVM, NN etc.)
- Dim. red. (PCA, MDS, UMAP, t-SNE)
- Clustering (DBSCAN, K-means, etc.)

Etc.

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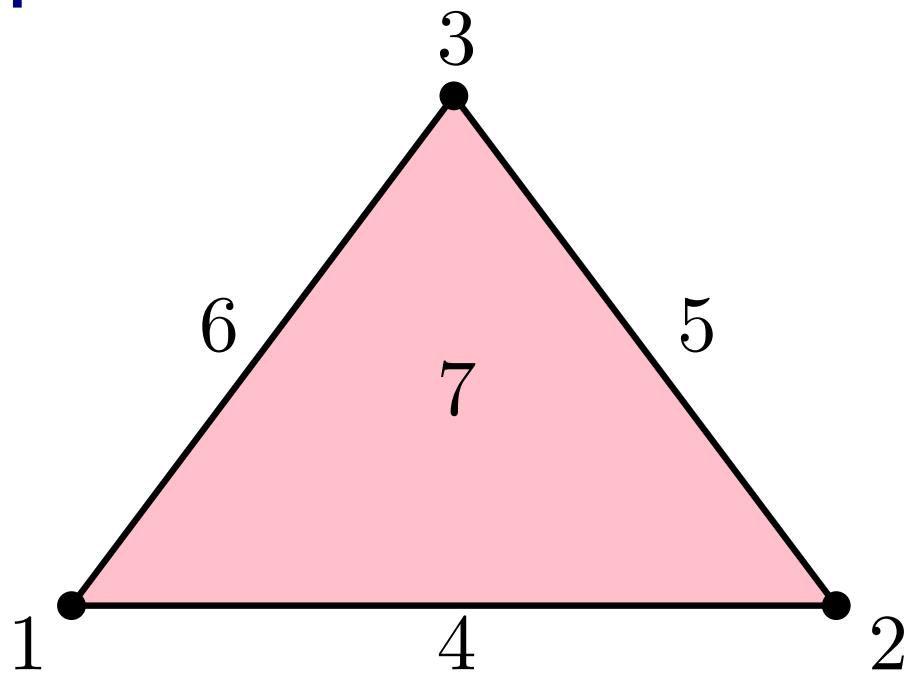
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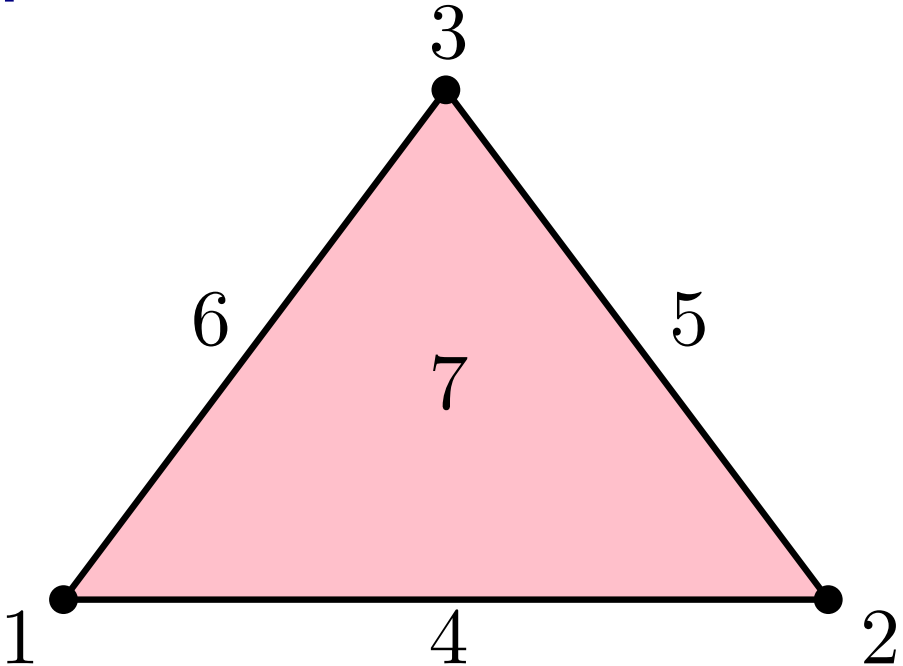


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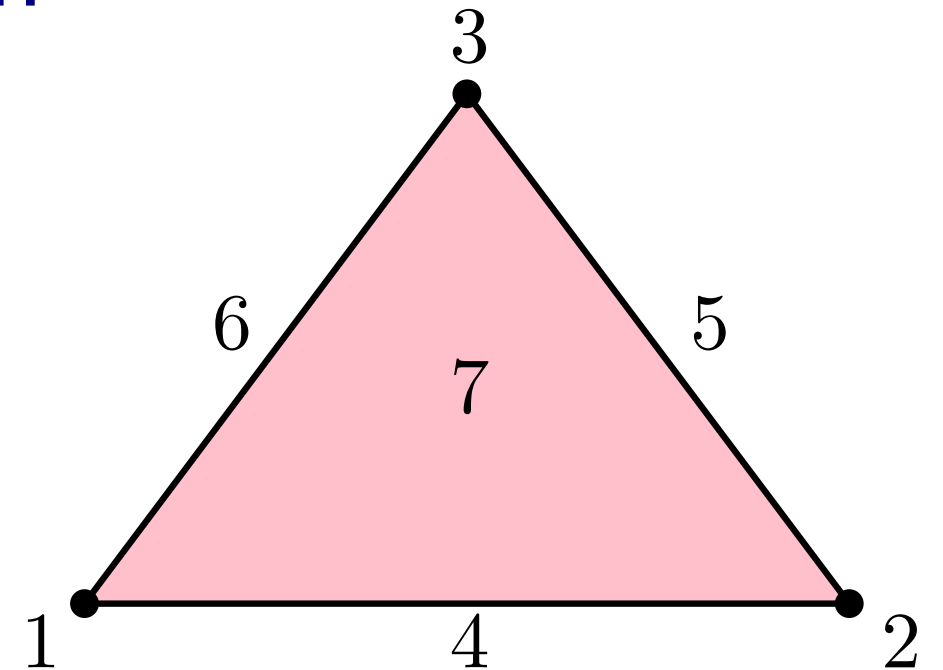
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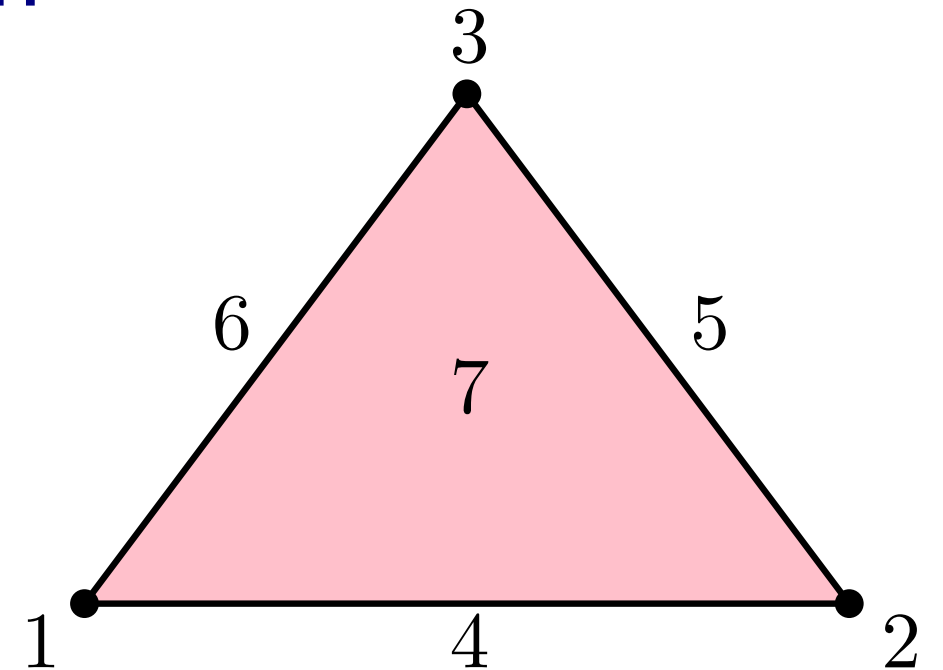
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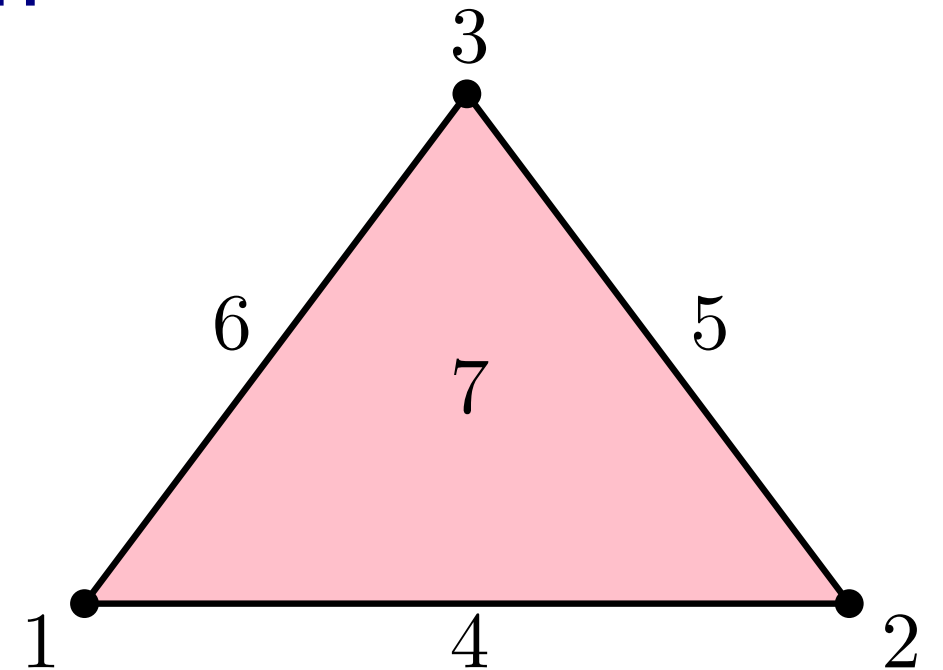
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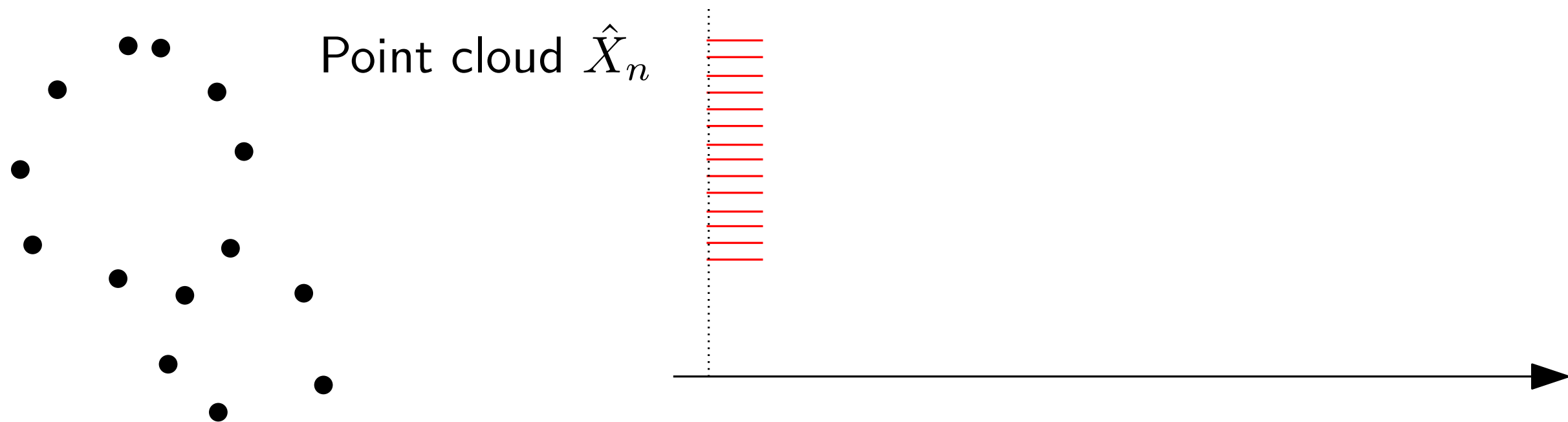
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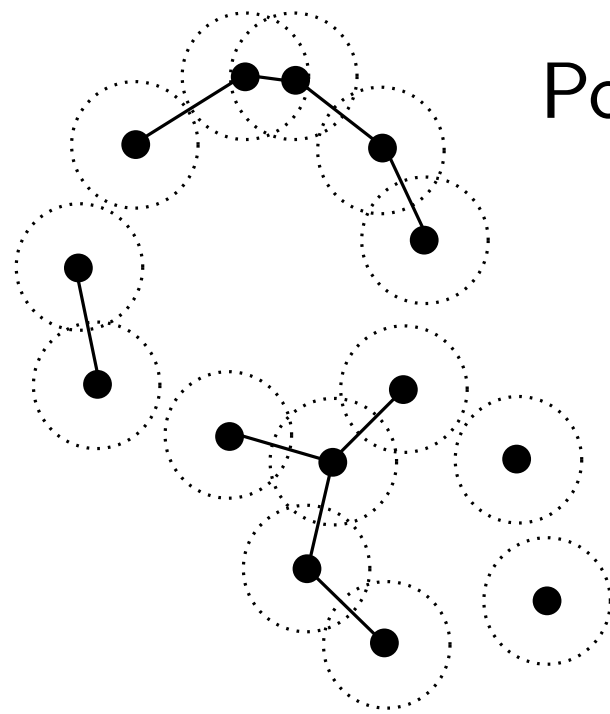
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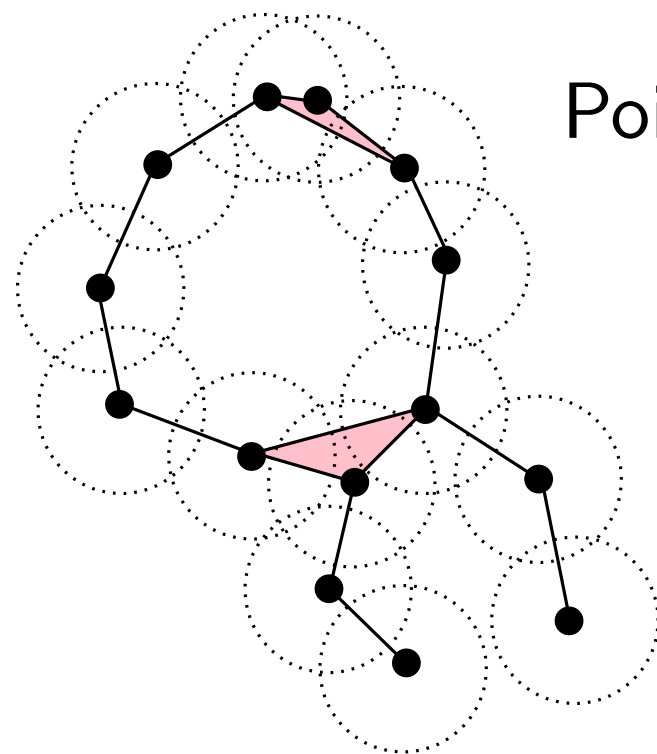
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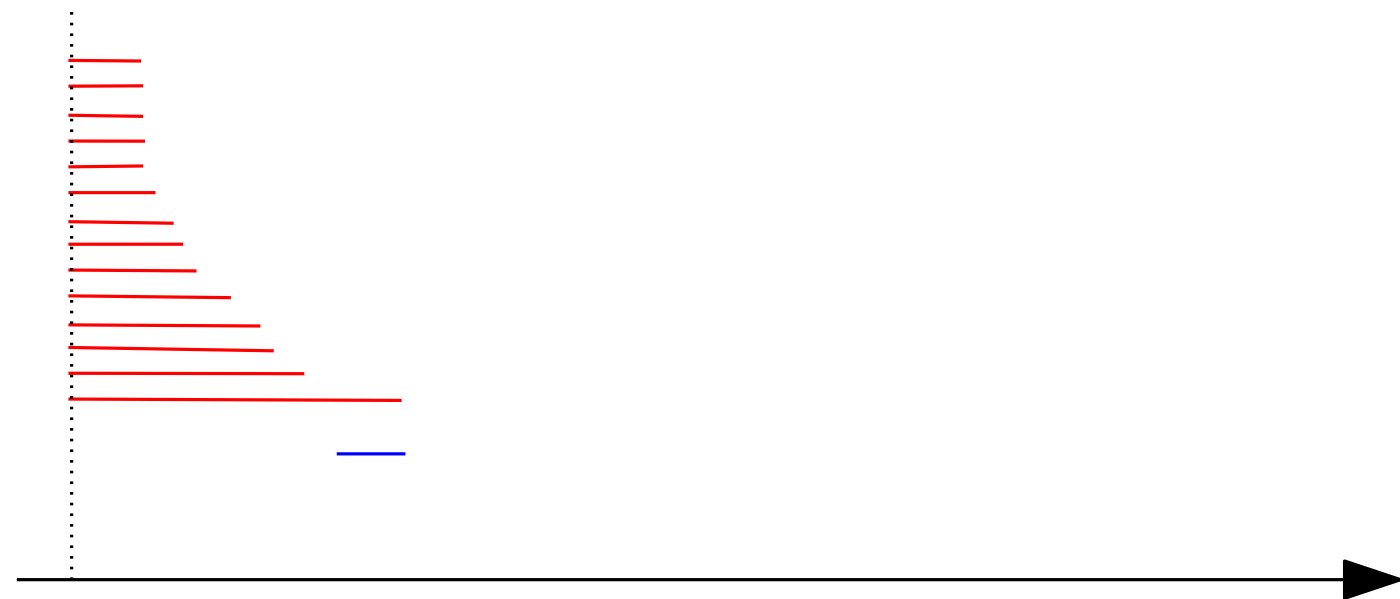
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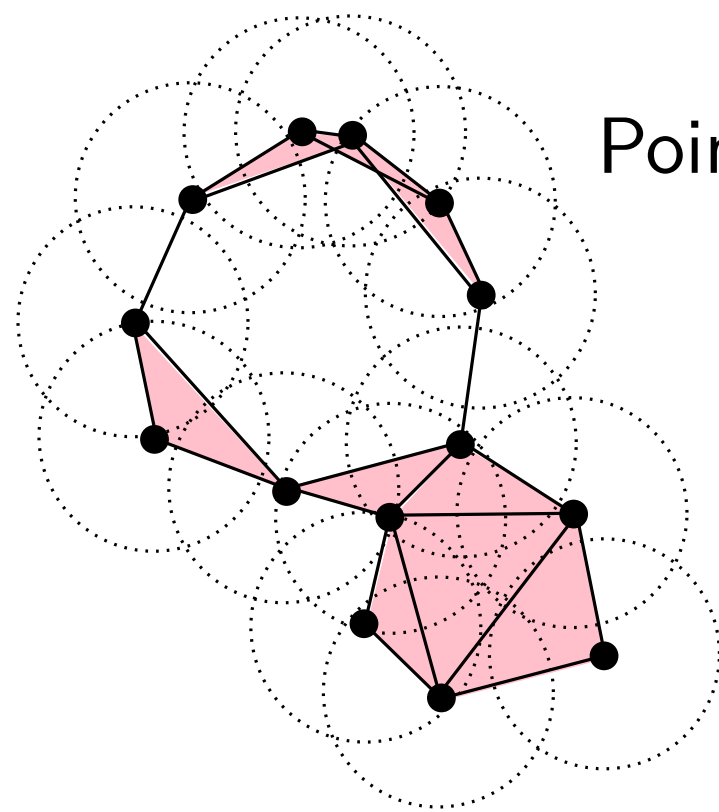
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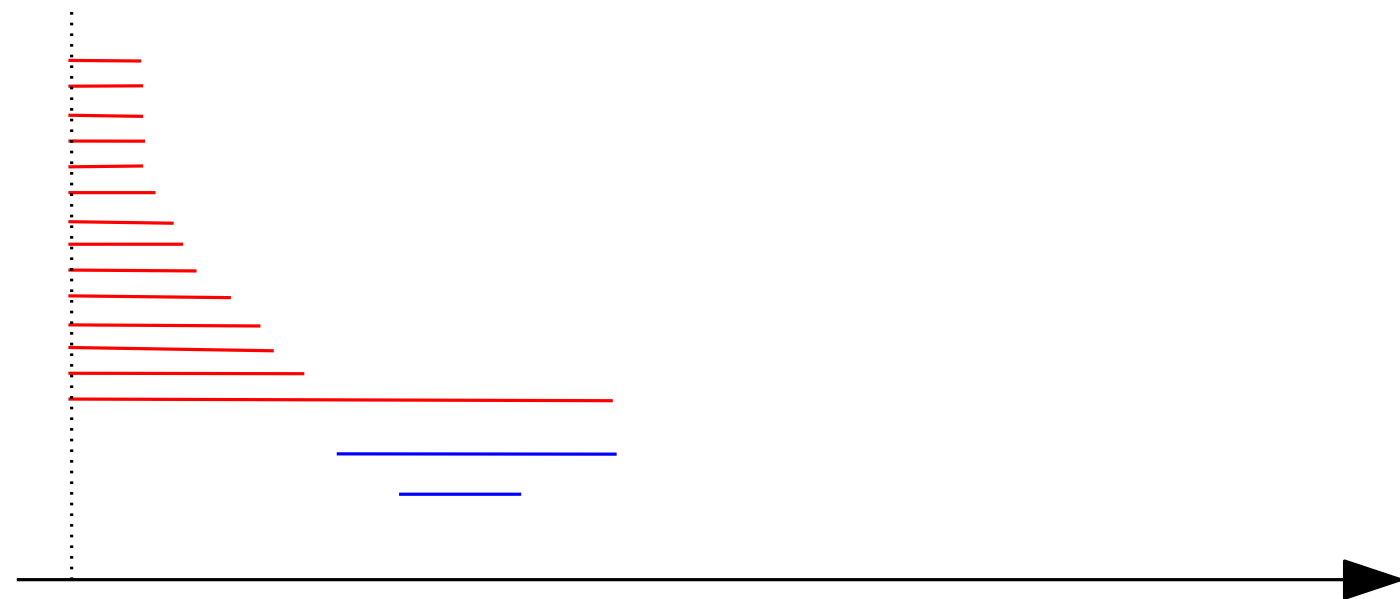
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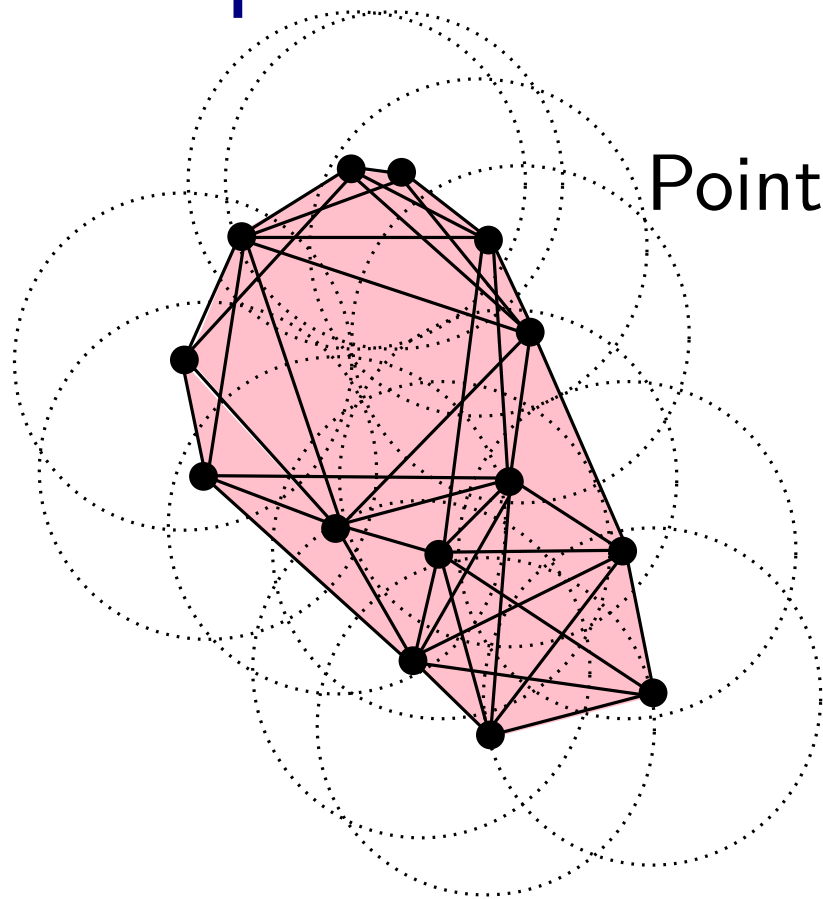
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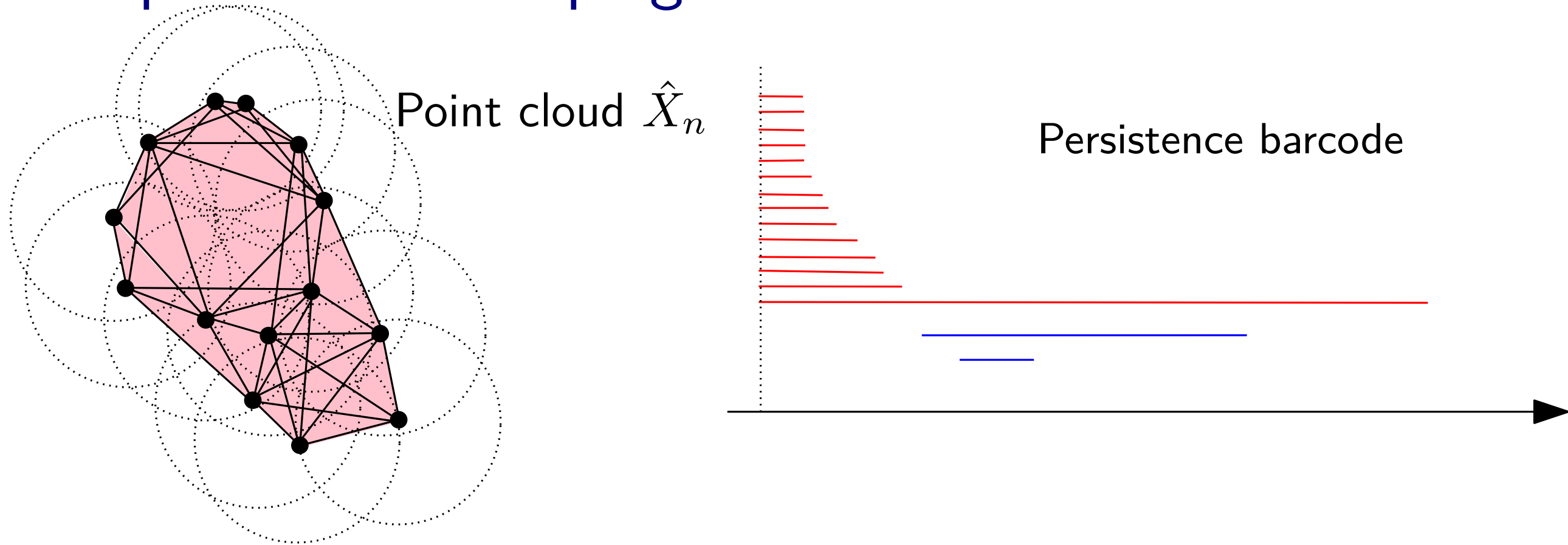
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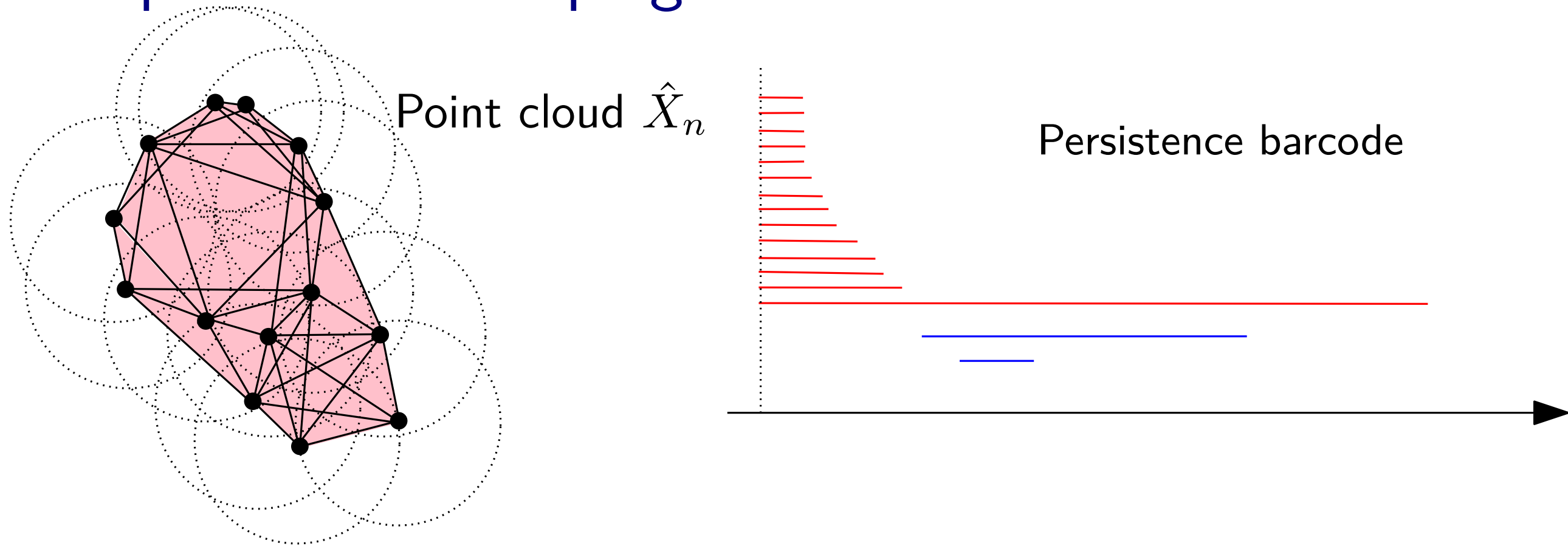
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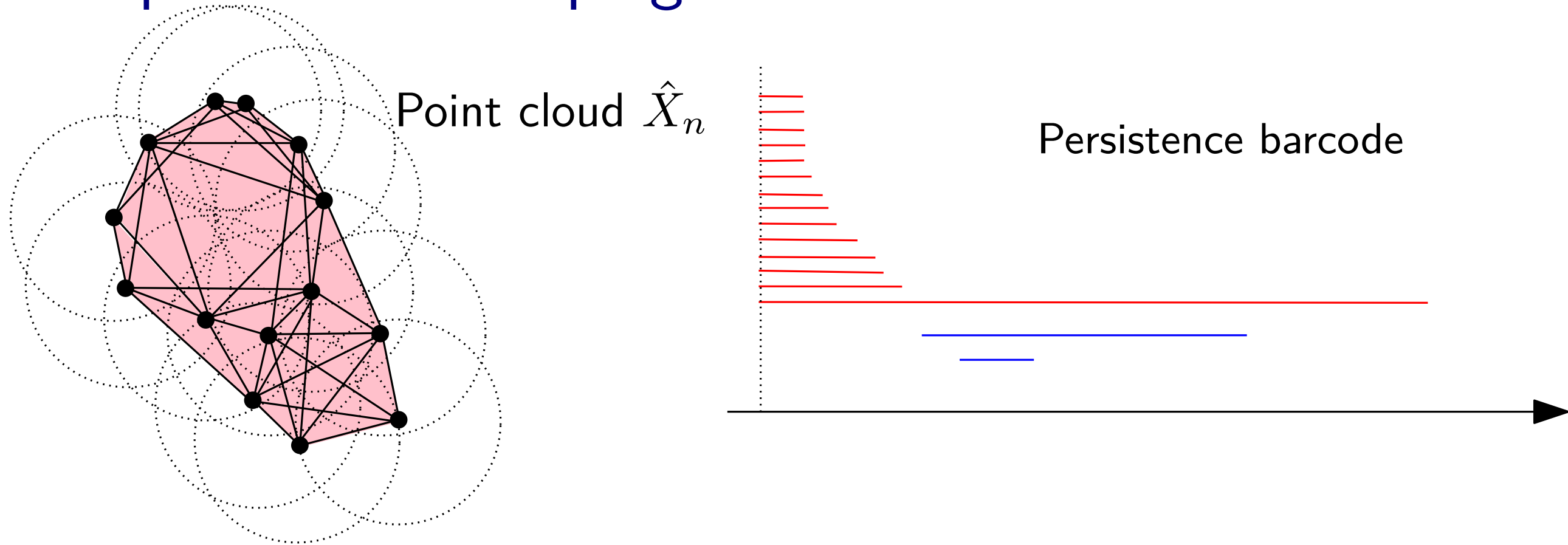


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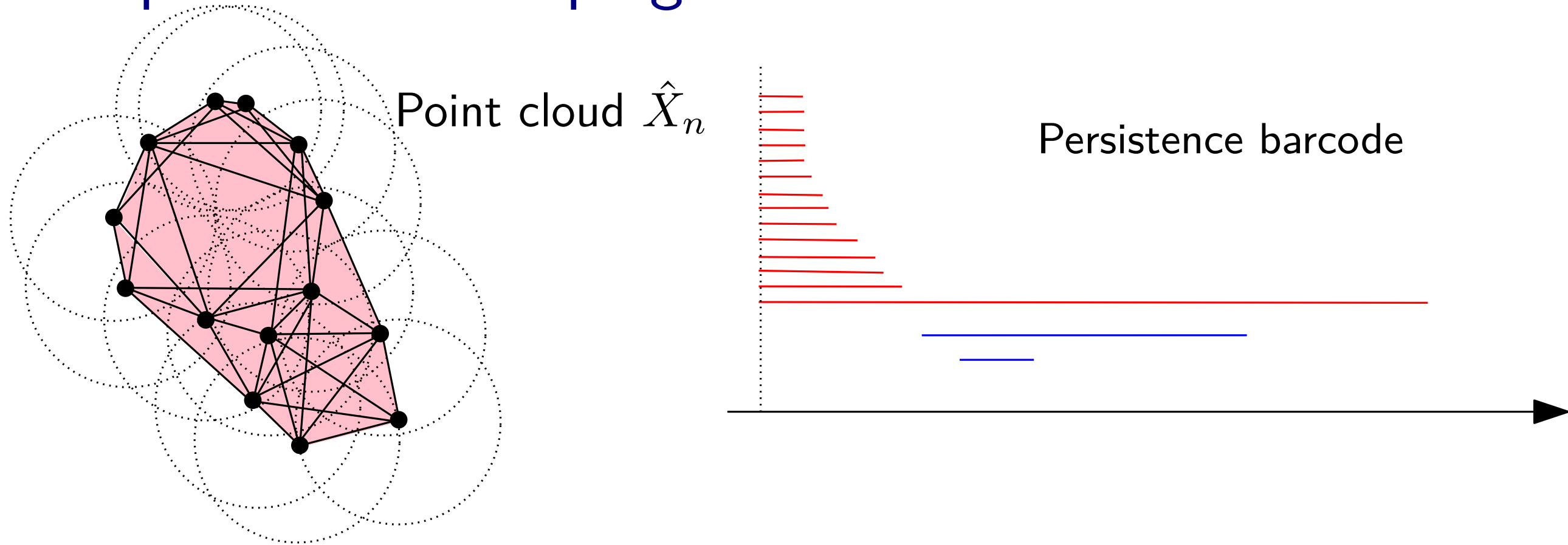
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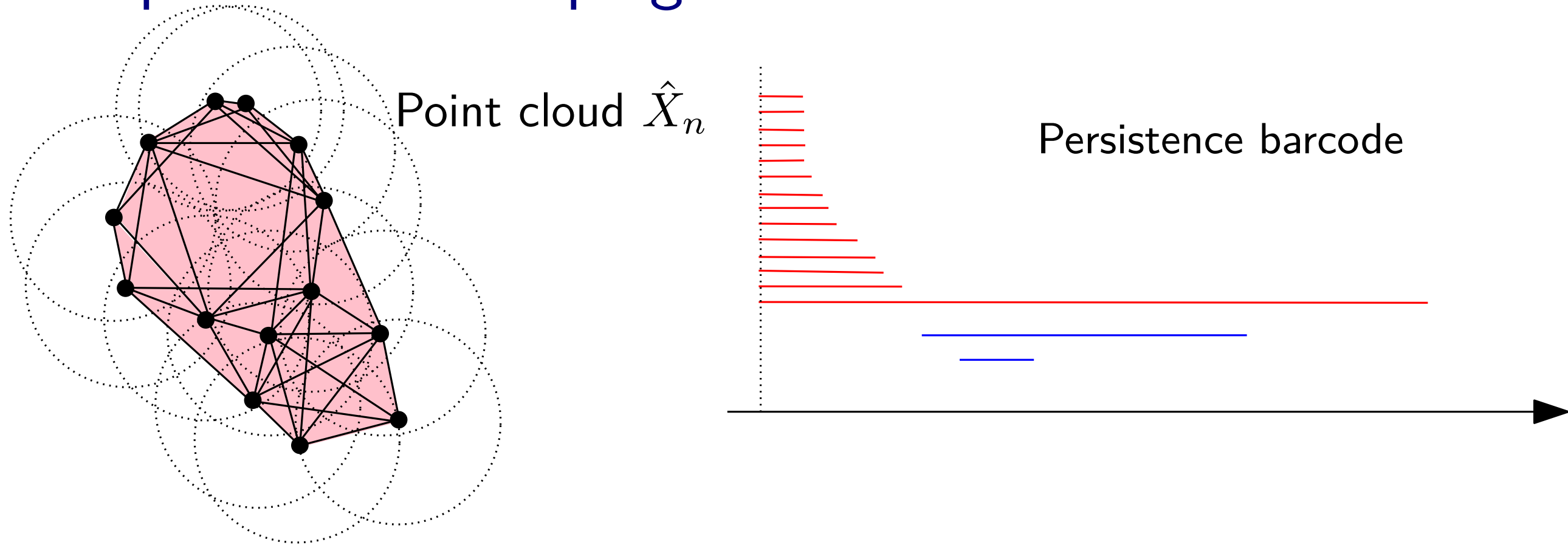


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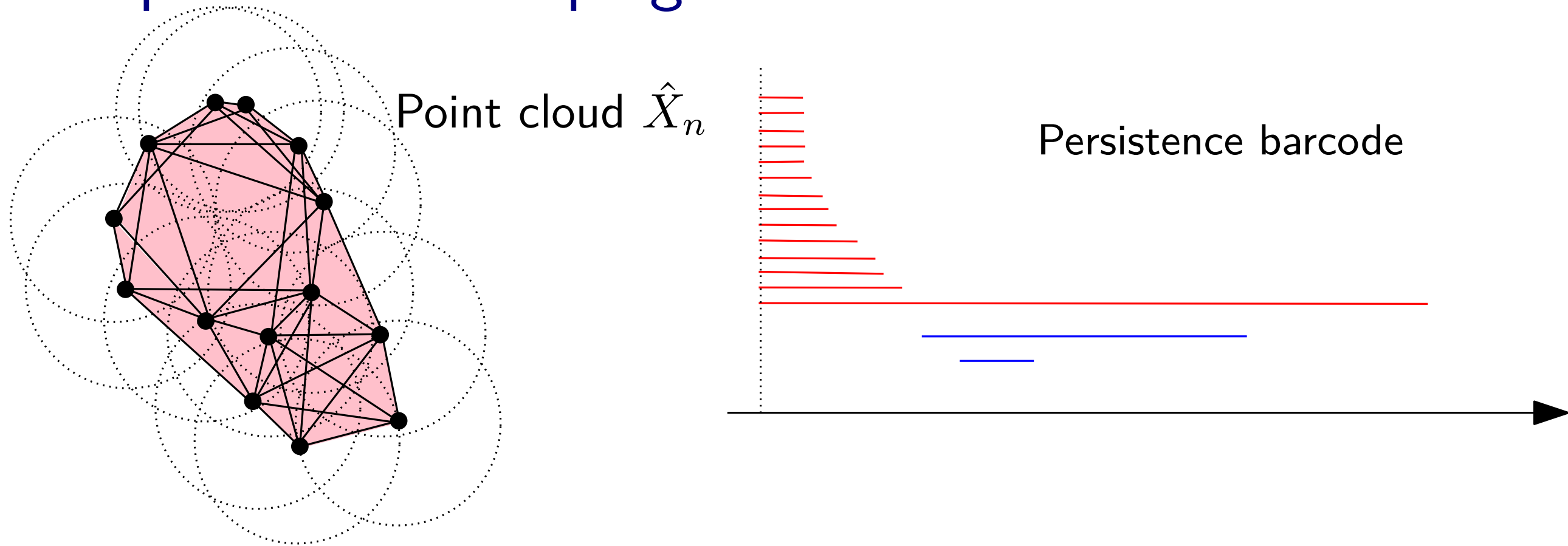
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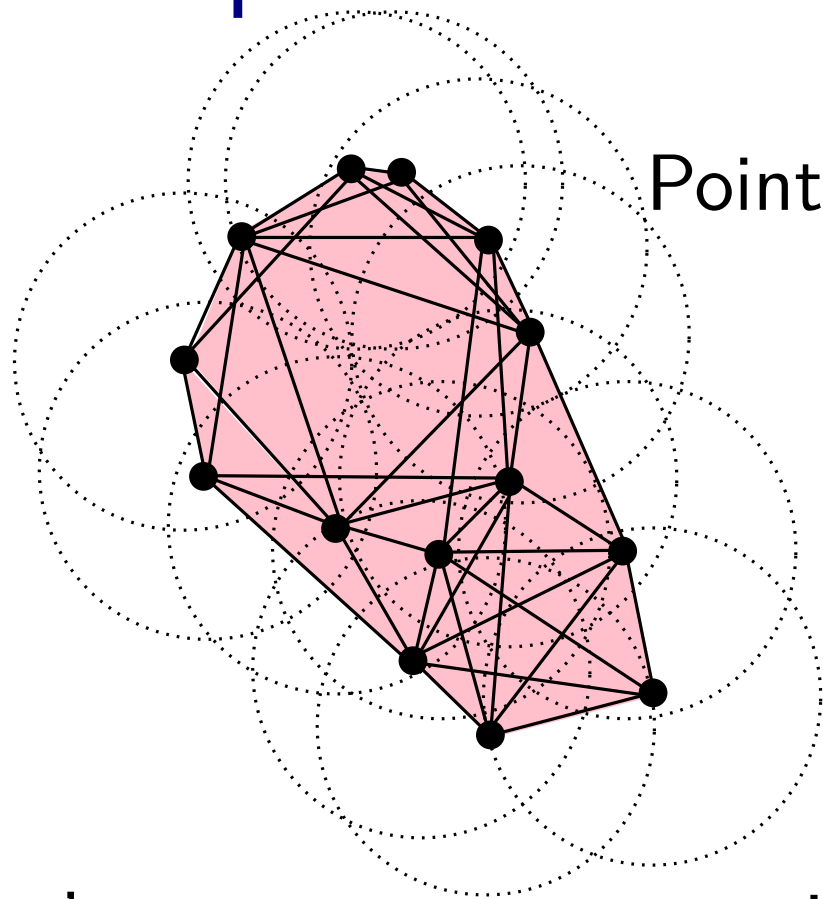


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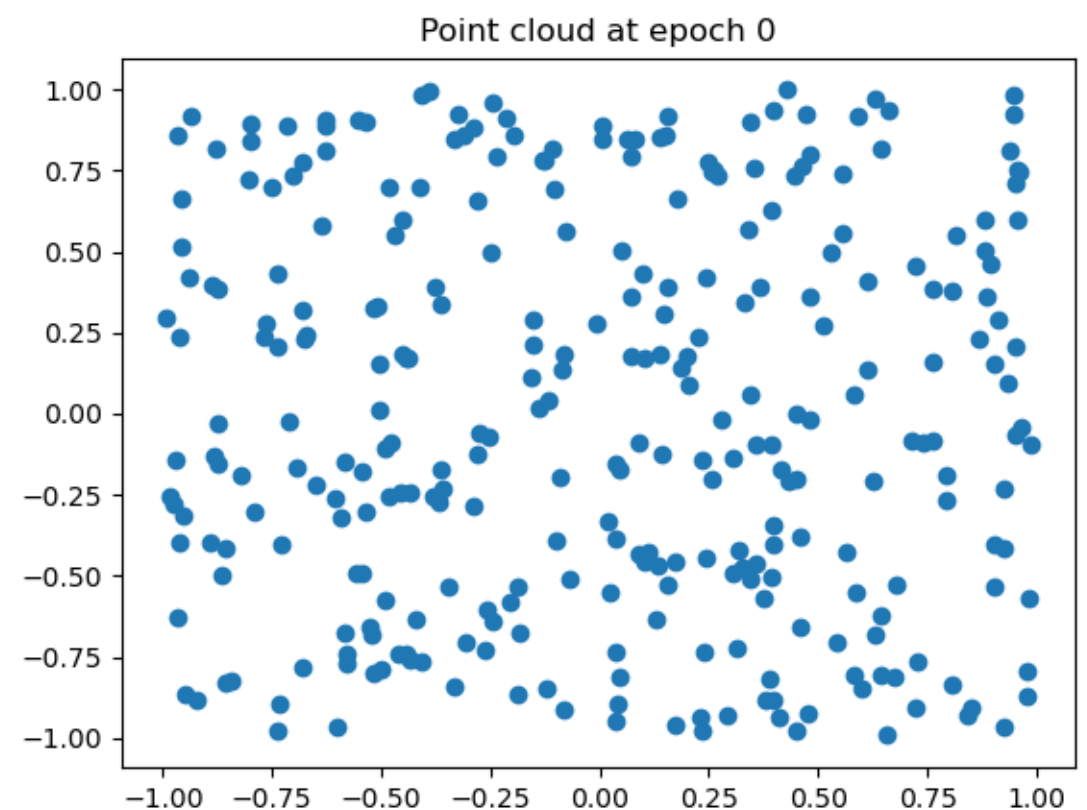
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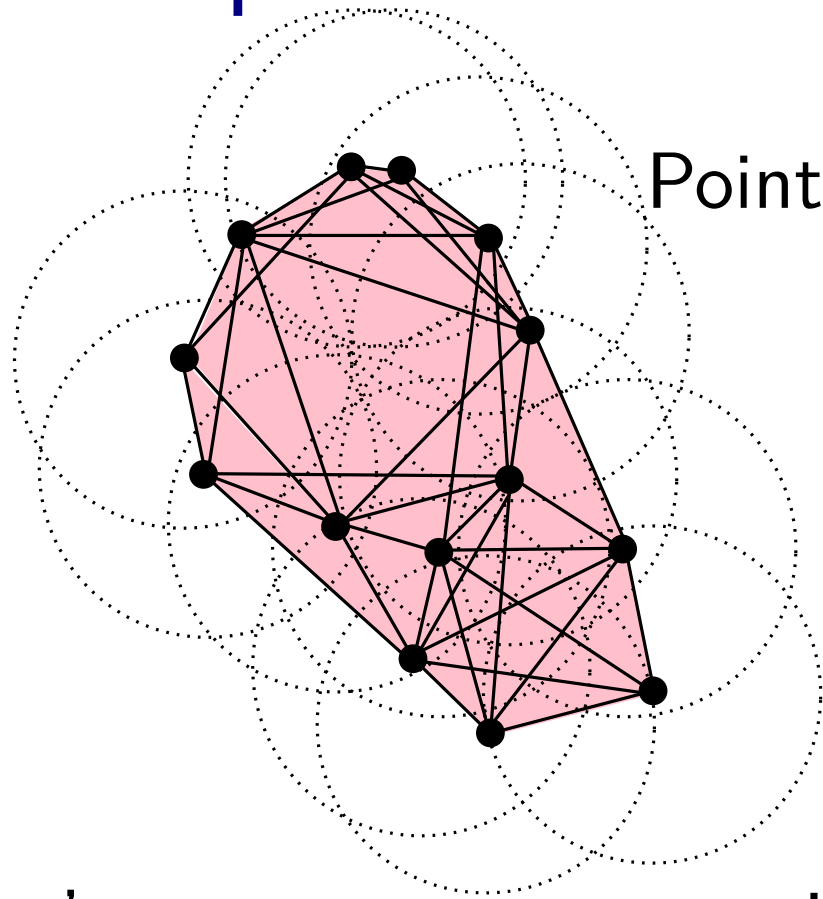
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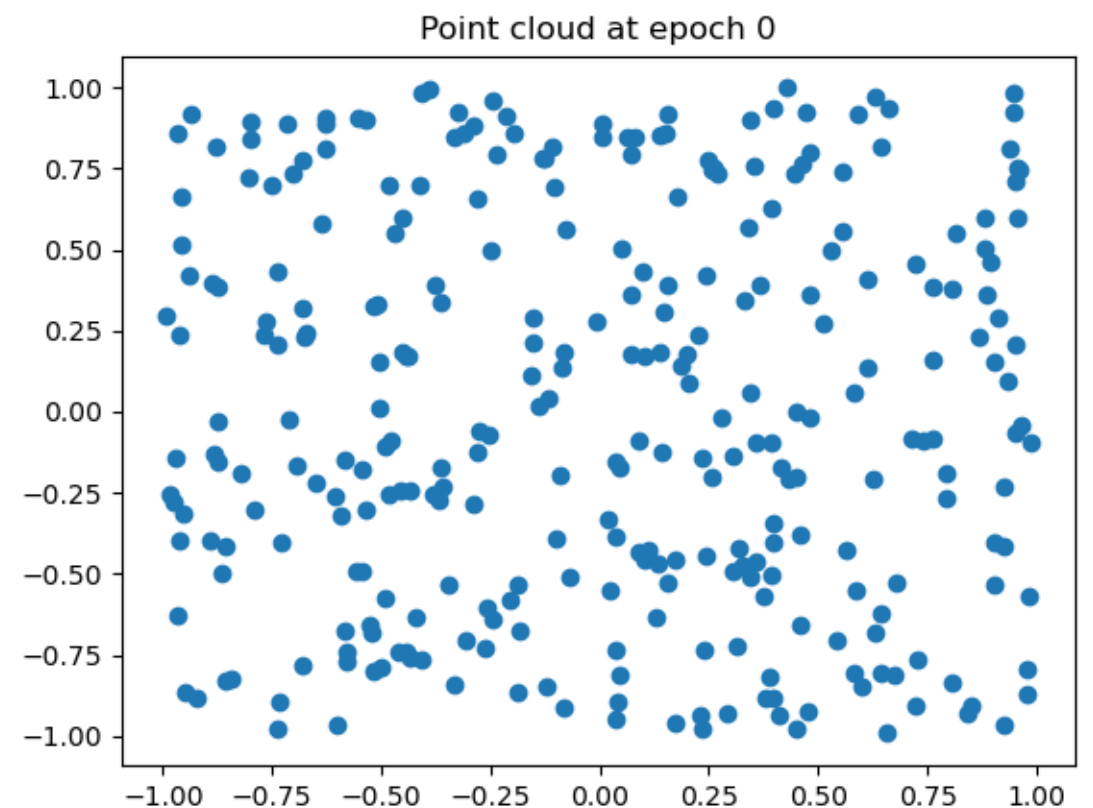
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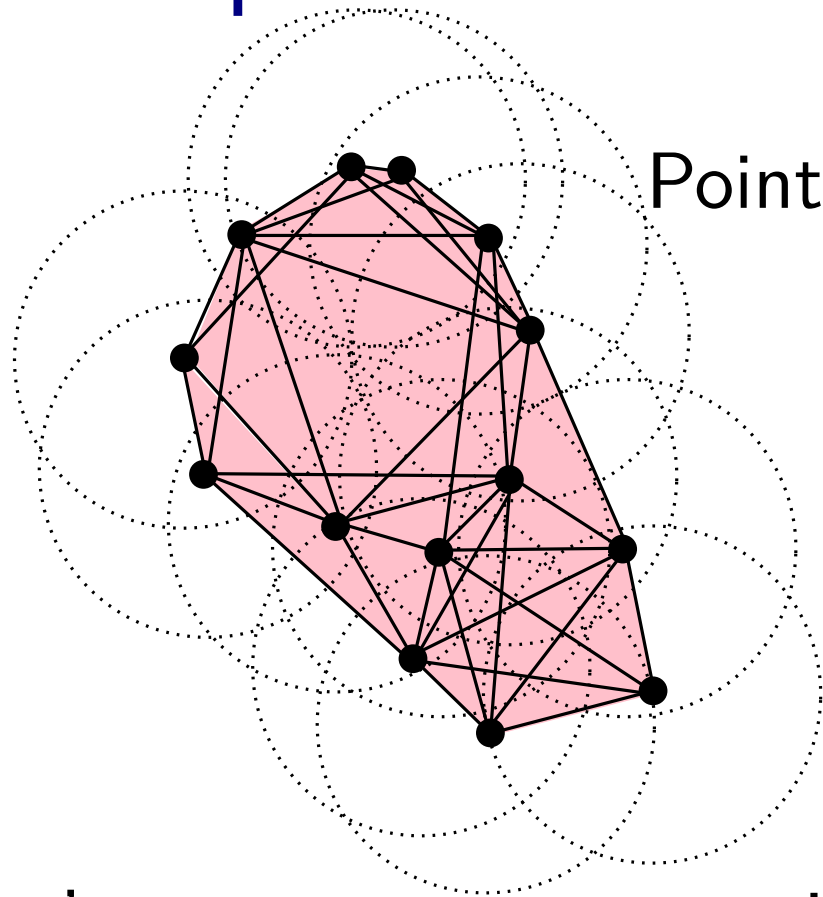
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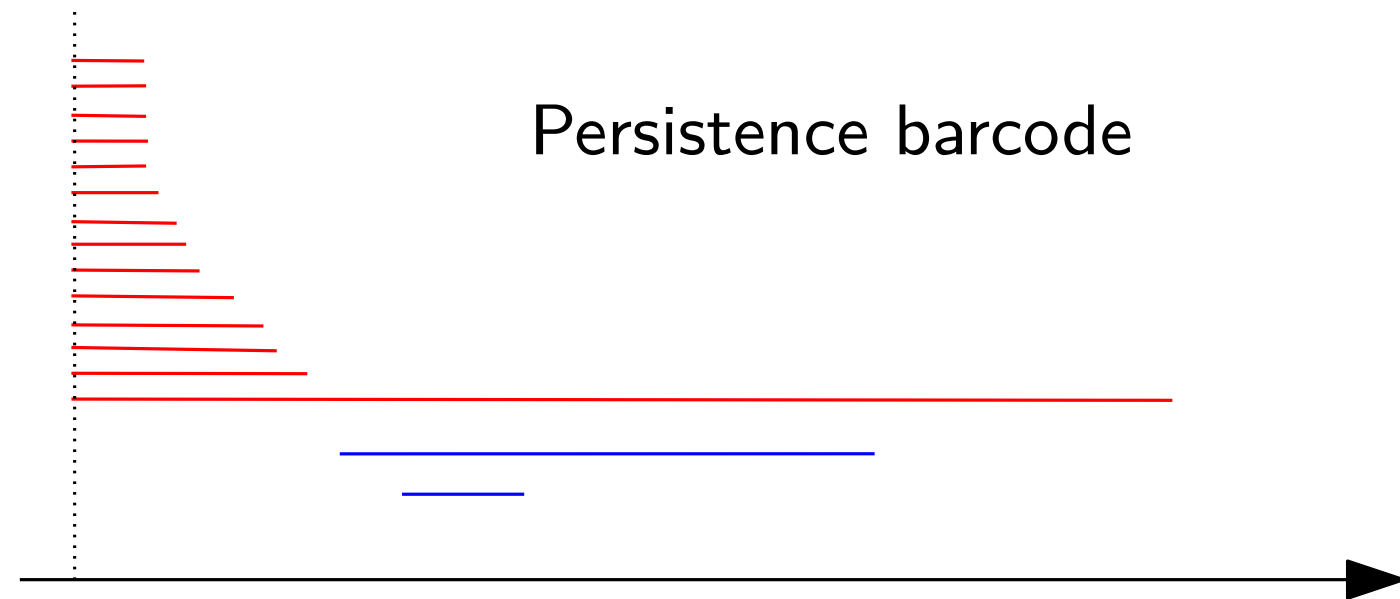
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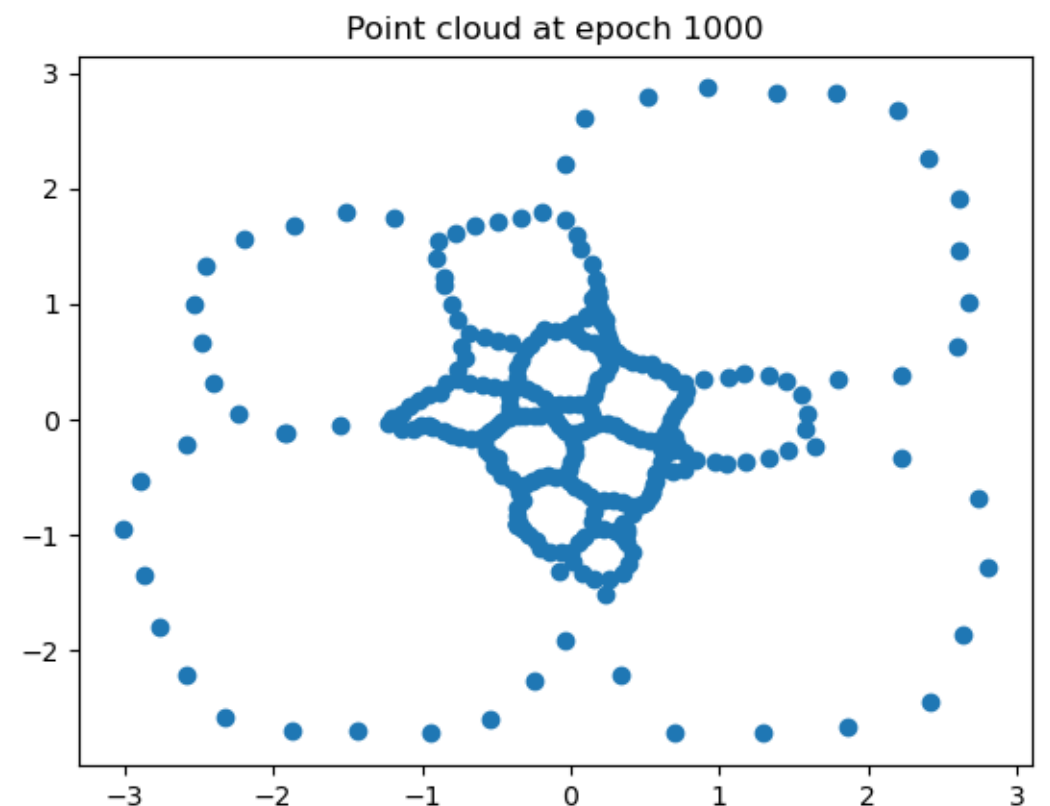
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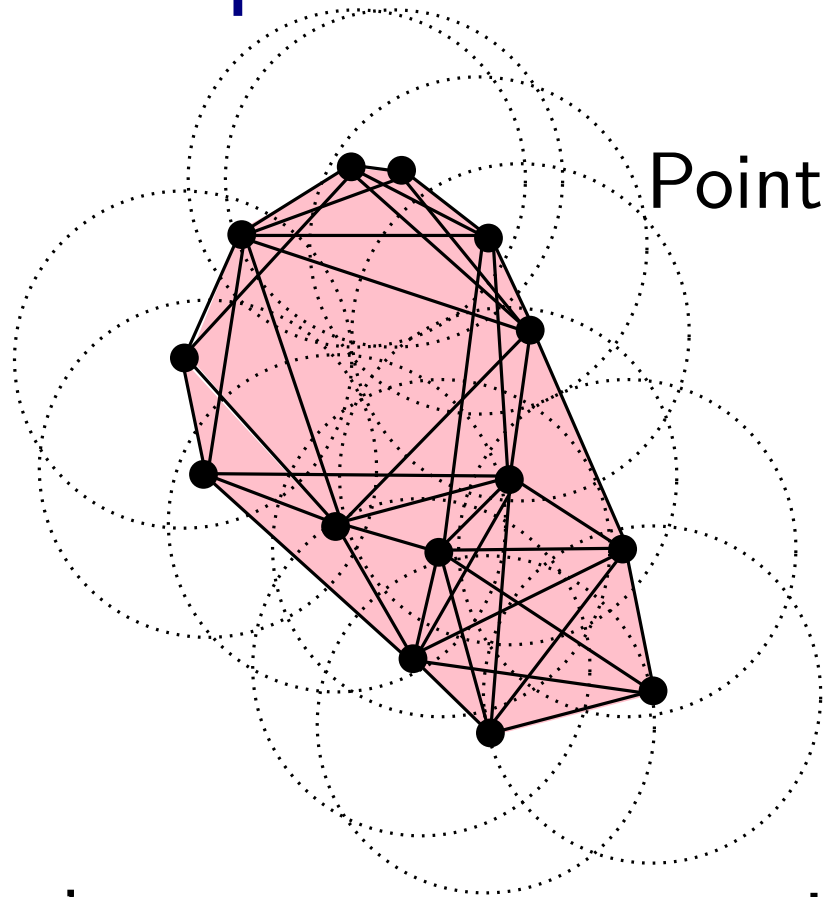
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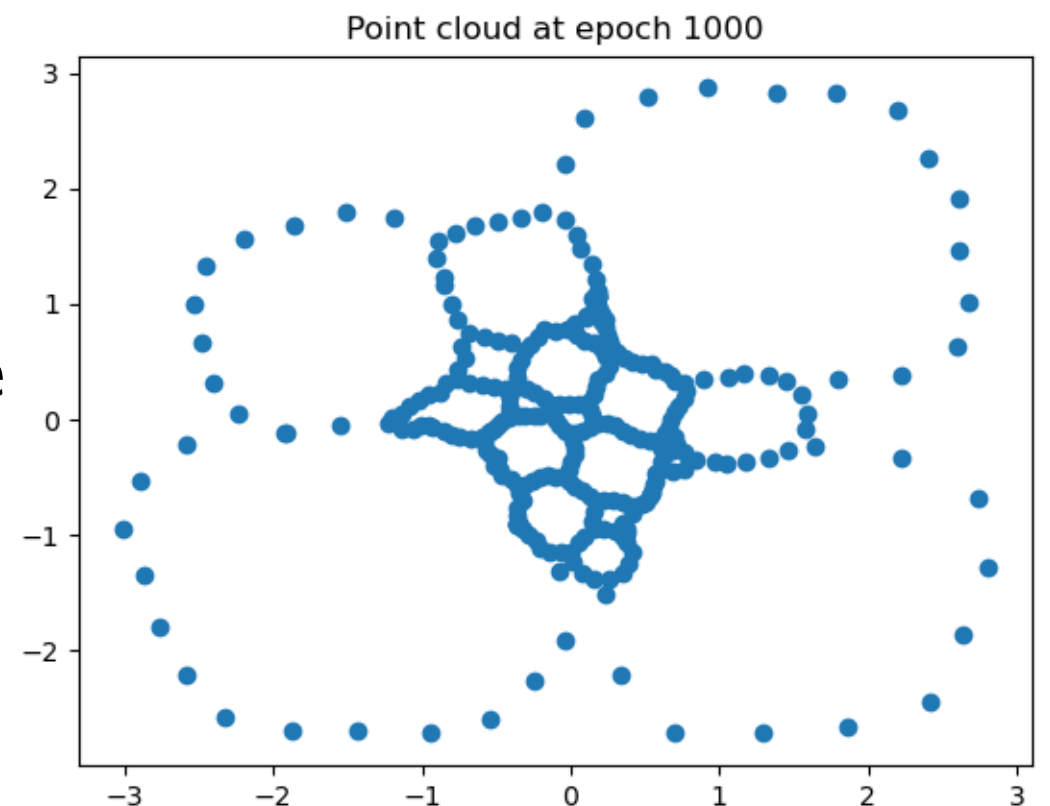
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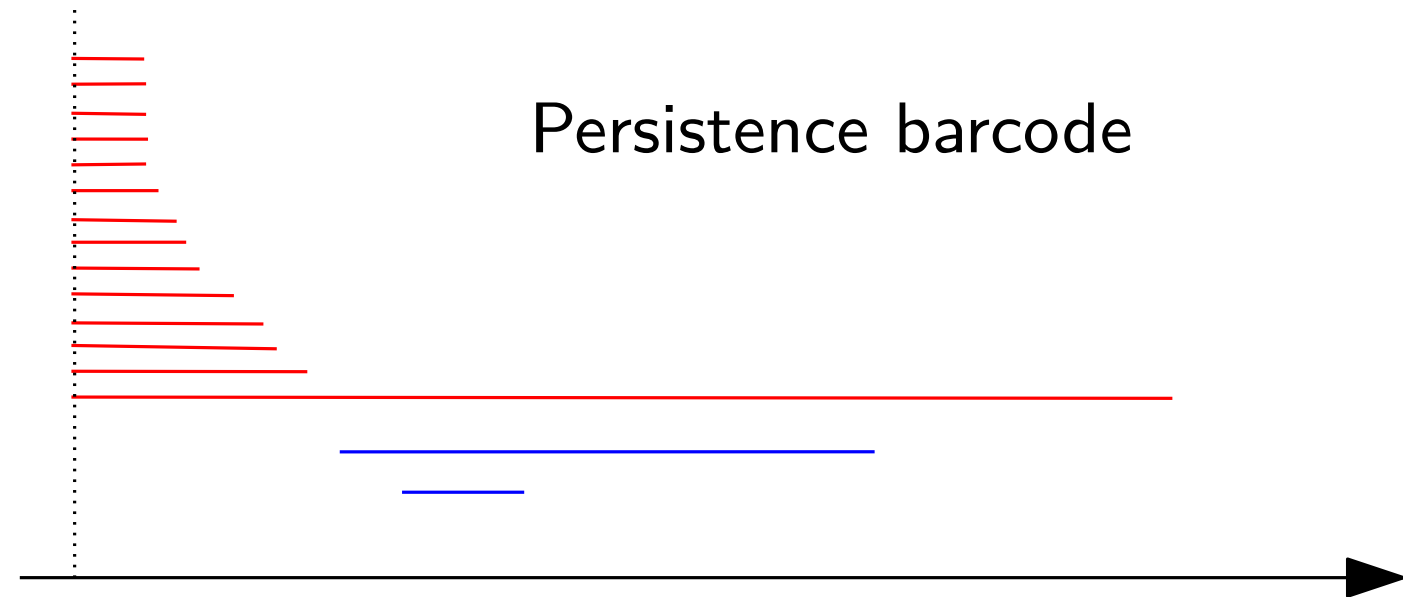
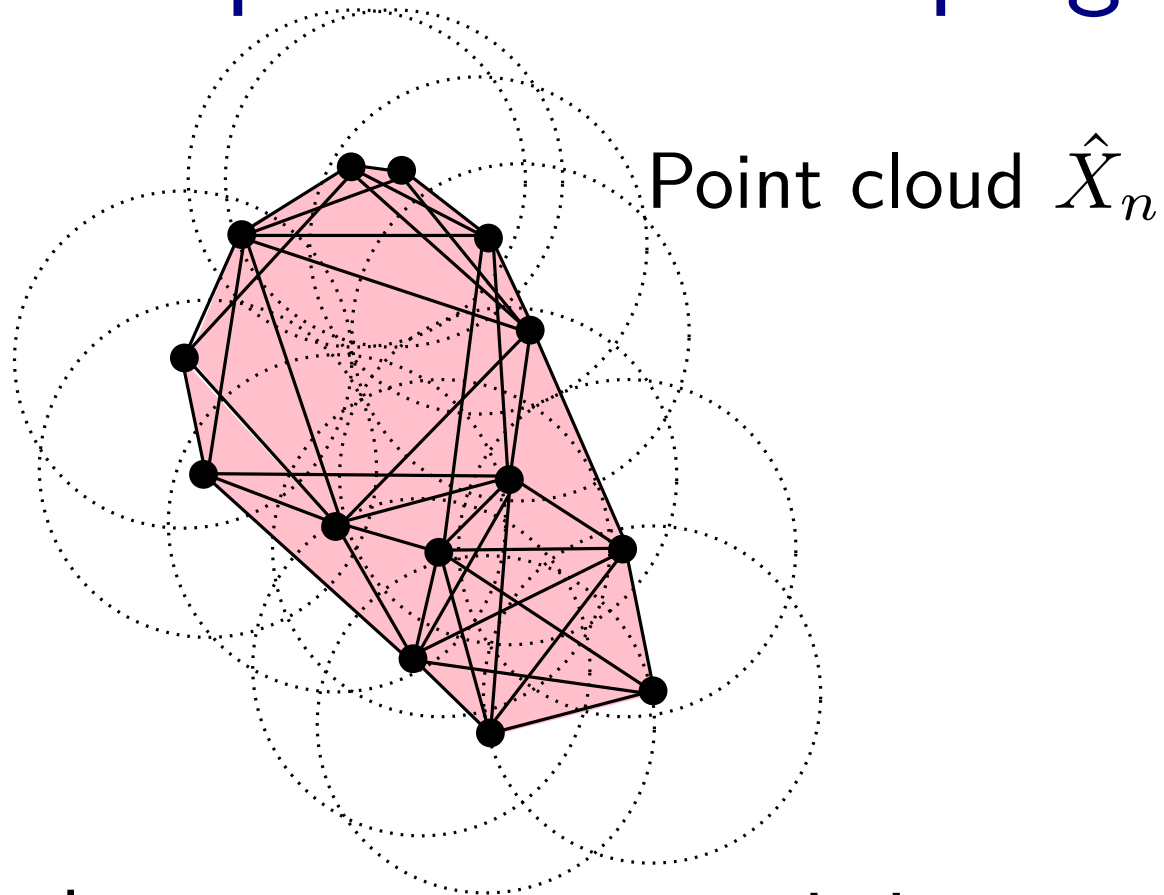
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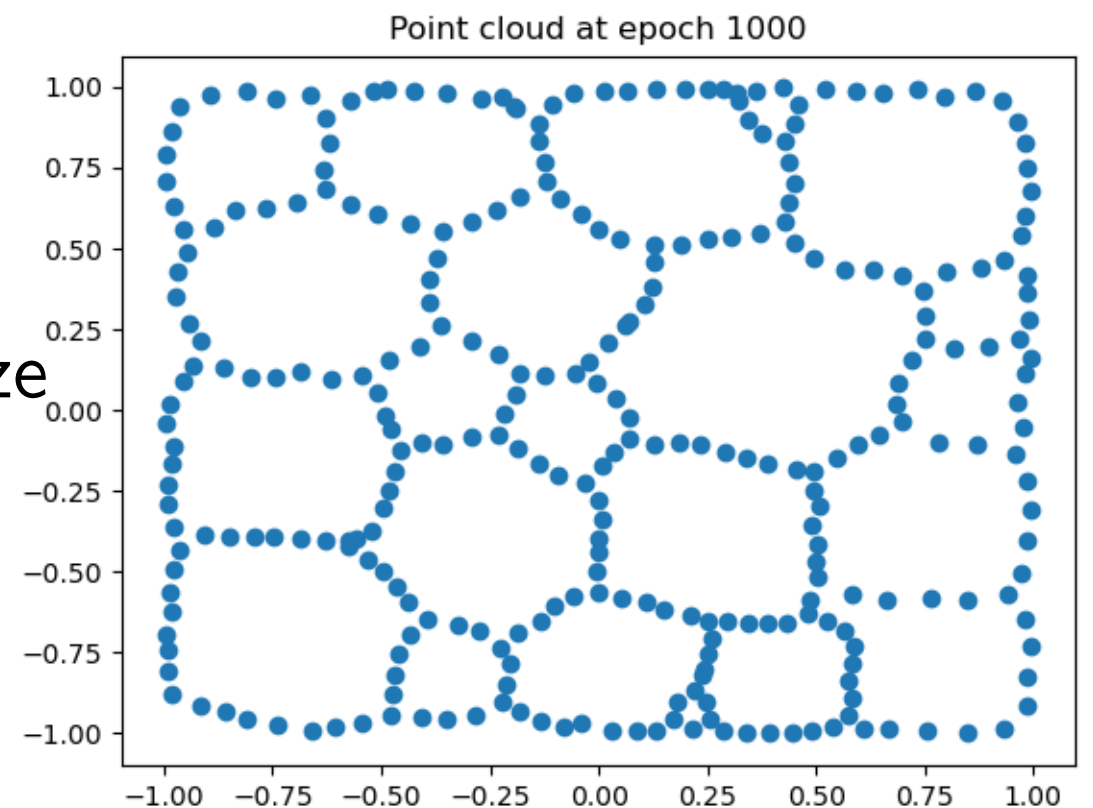


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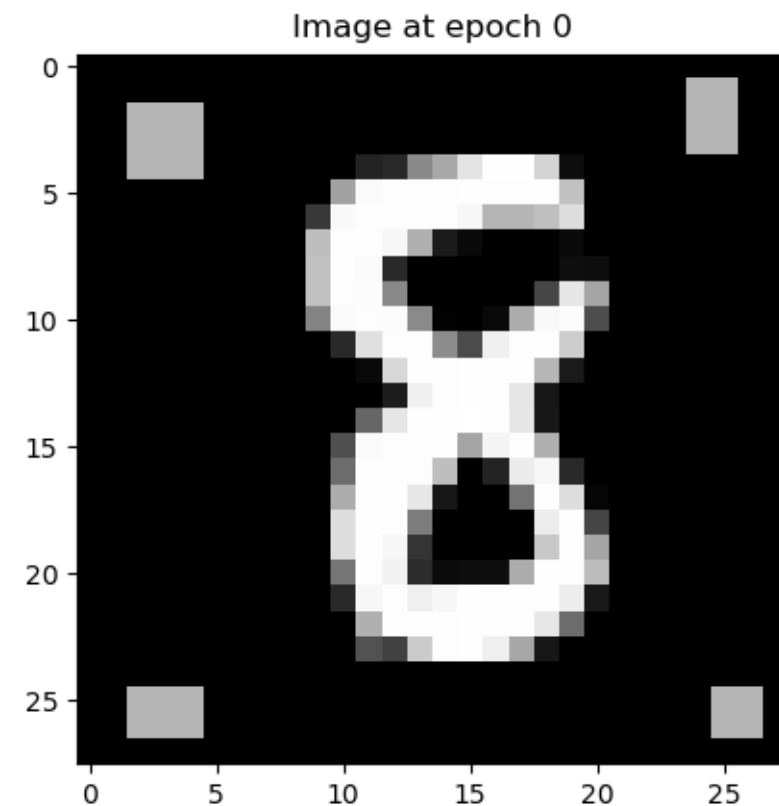
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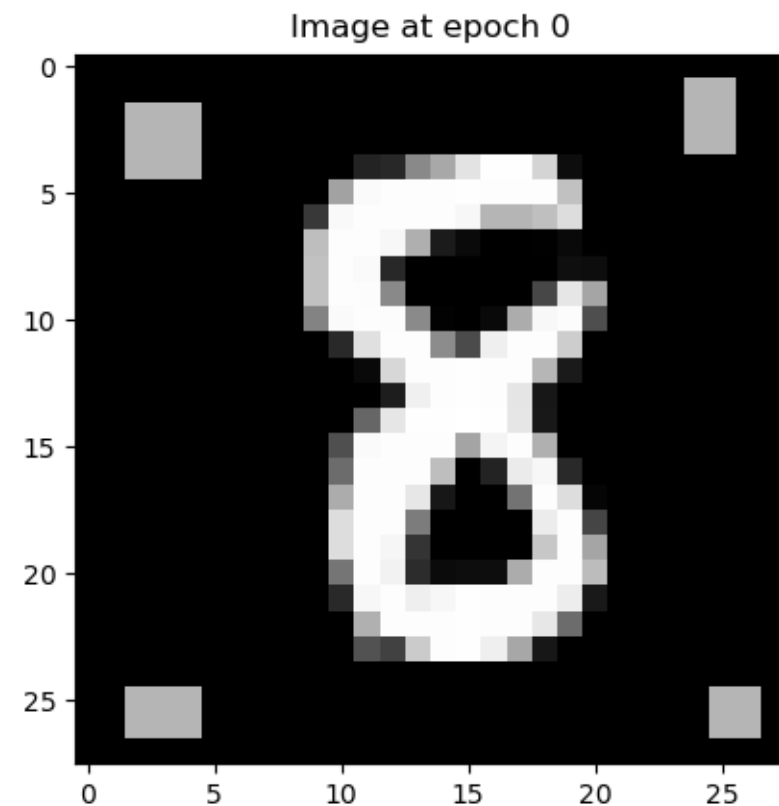
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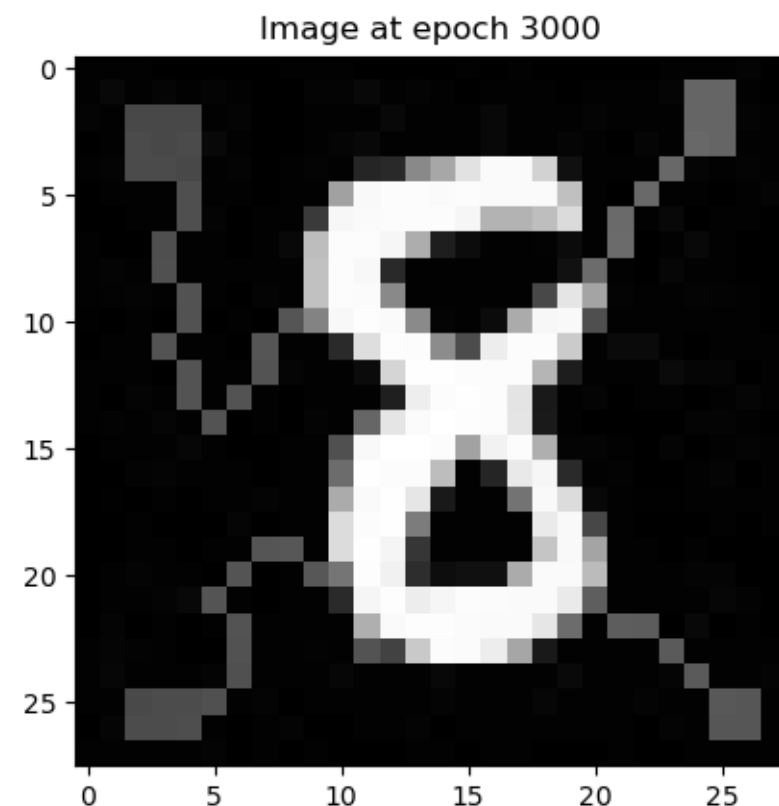
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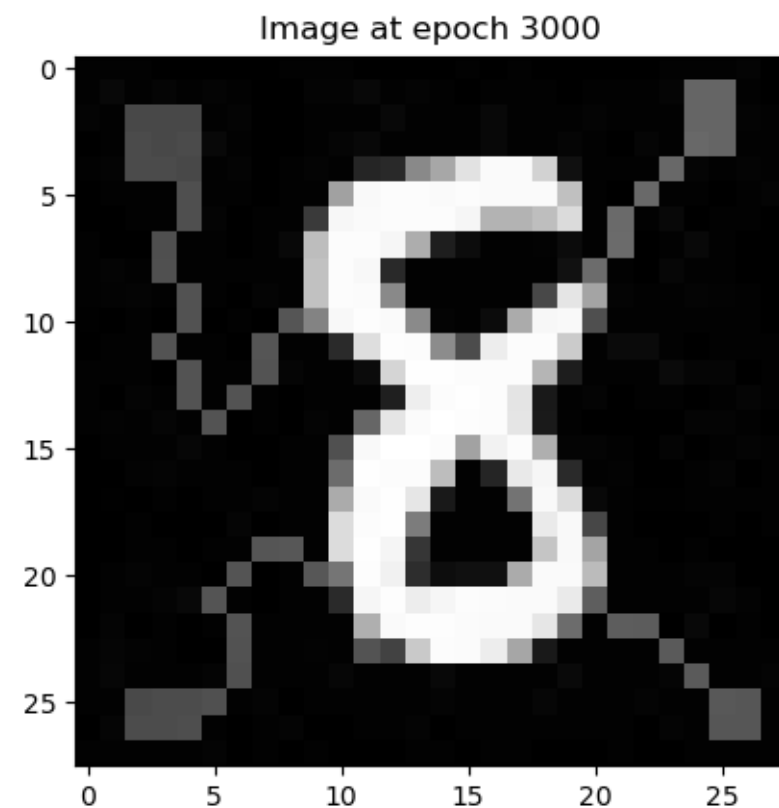
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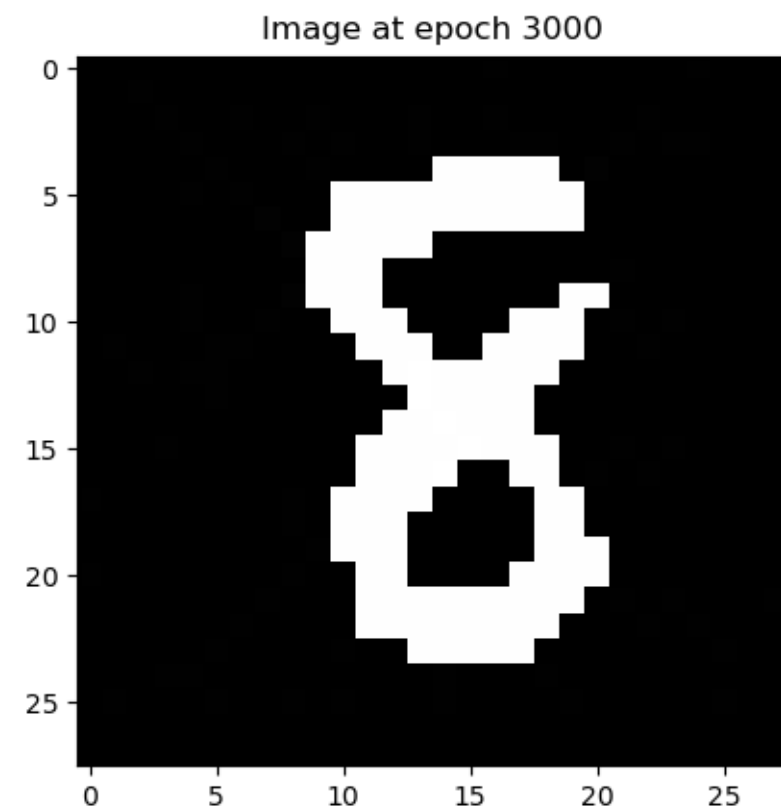
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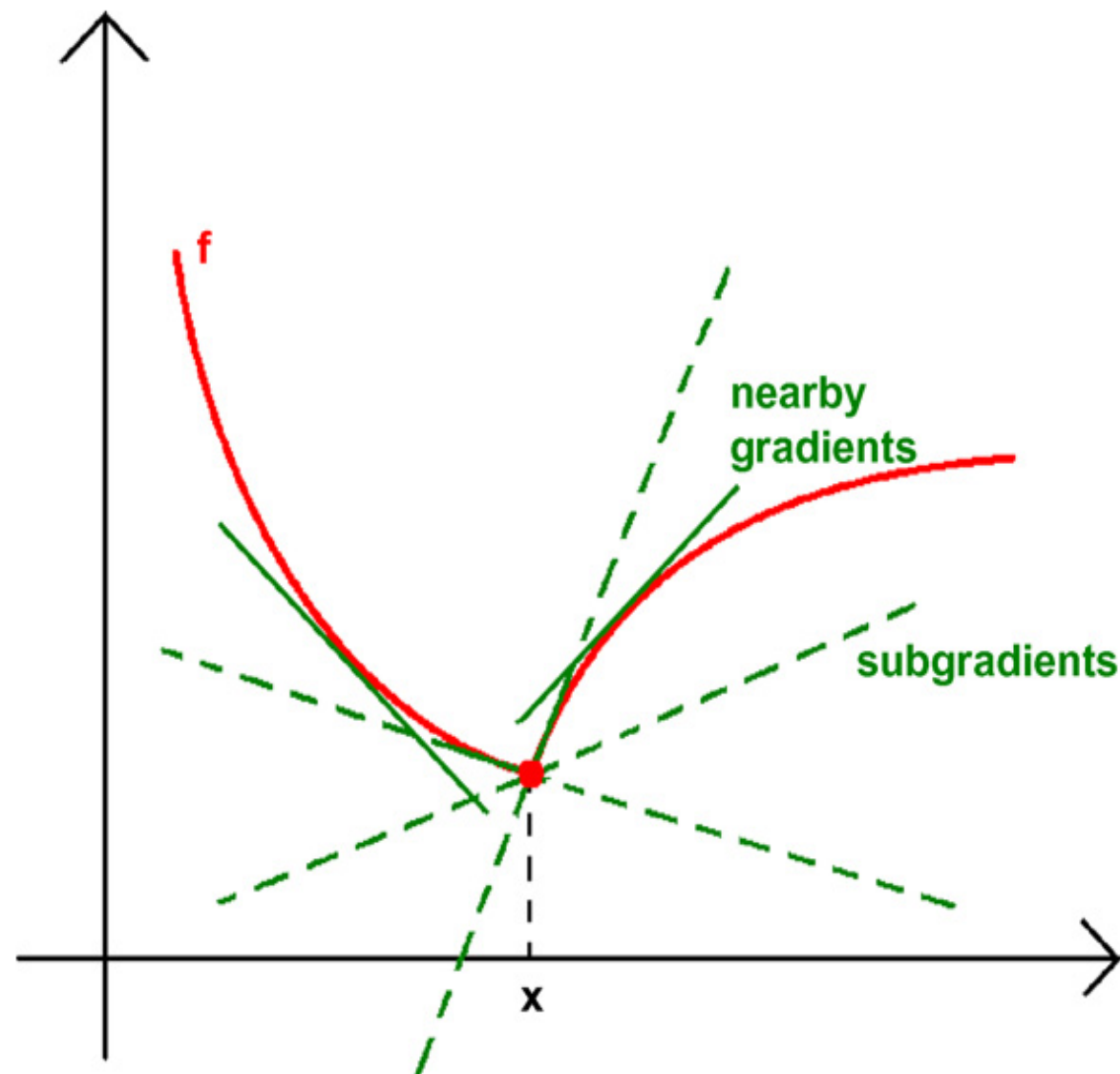
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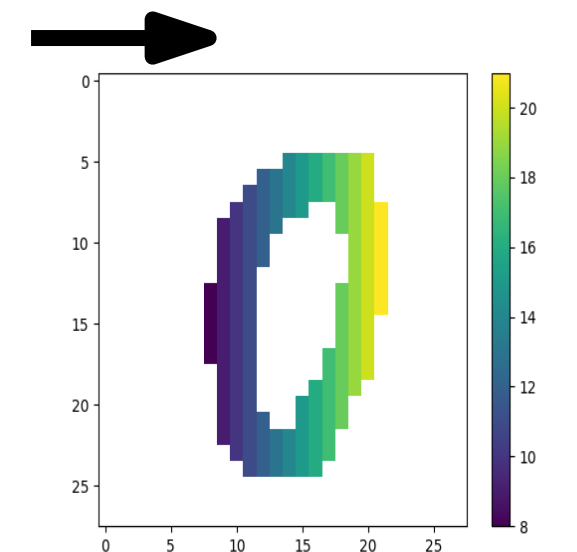
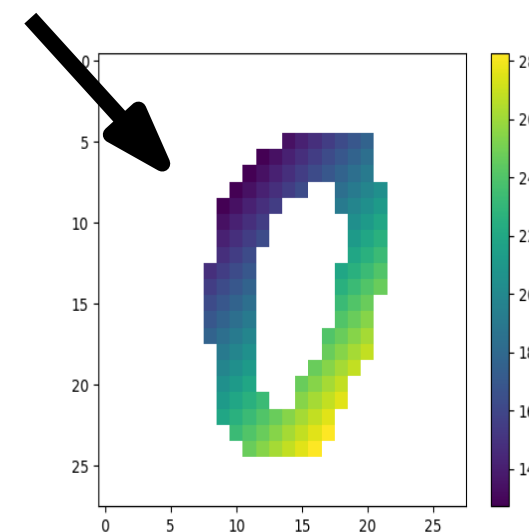
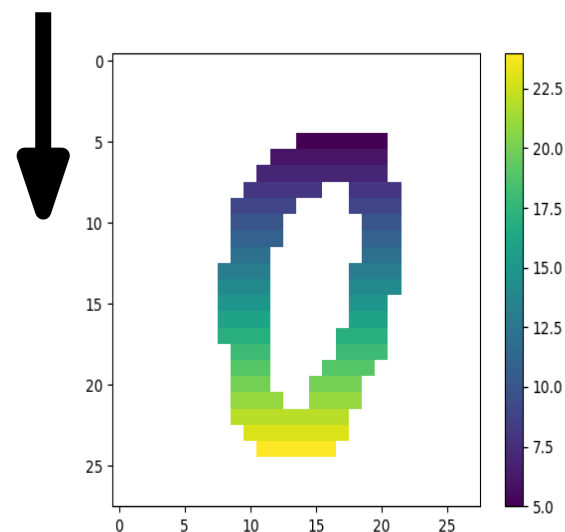
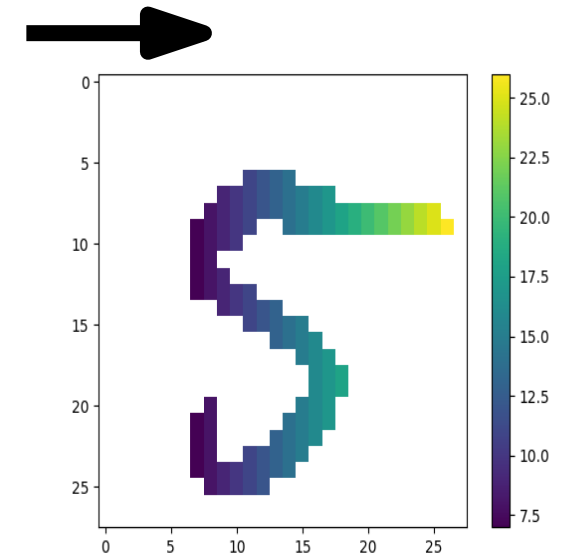
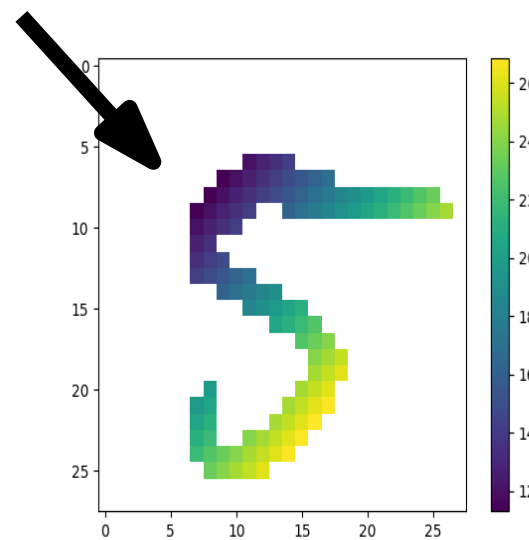
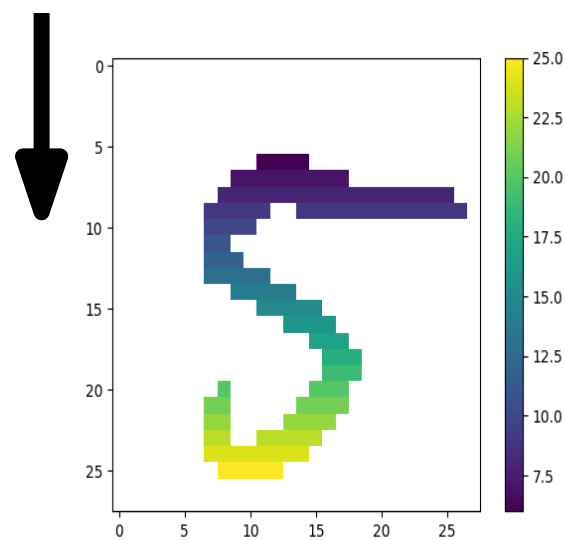
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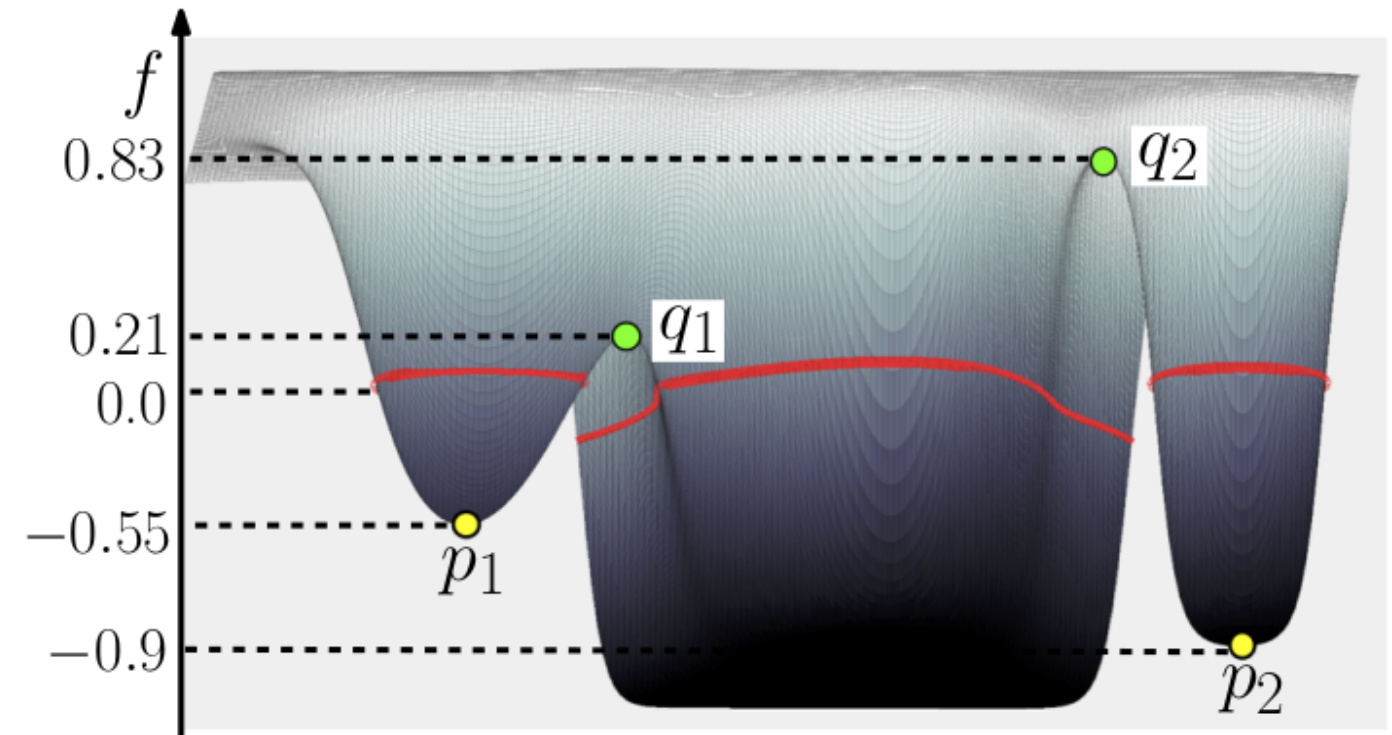
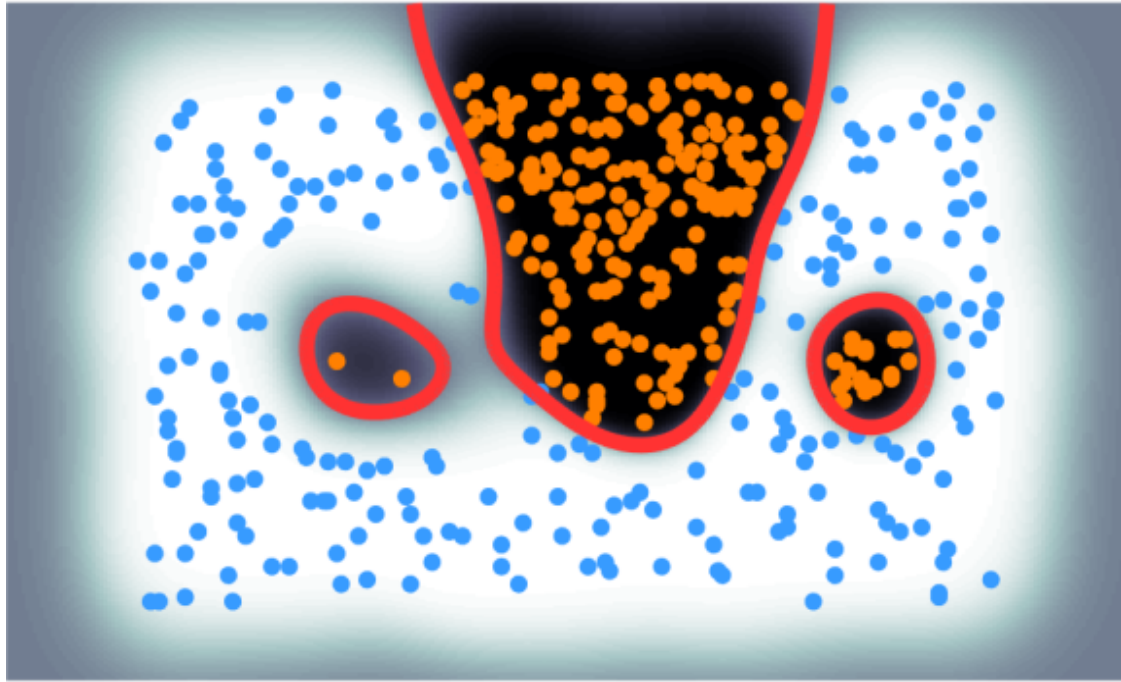
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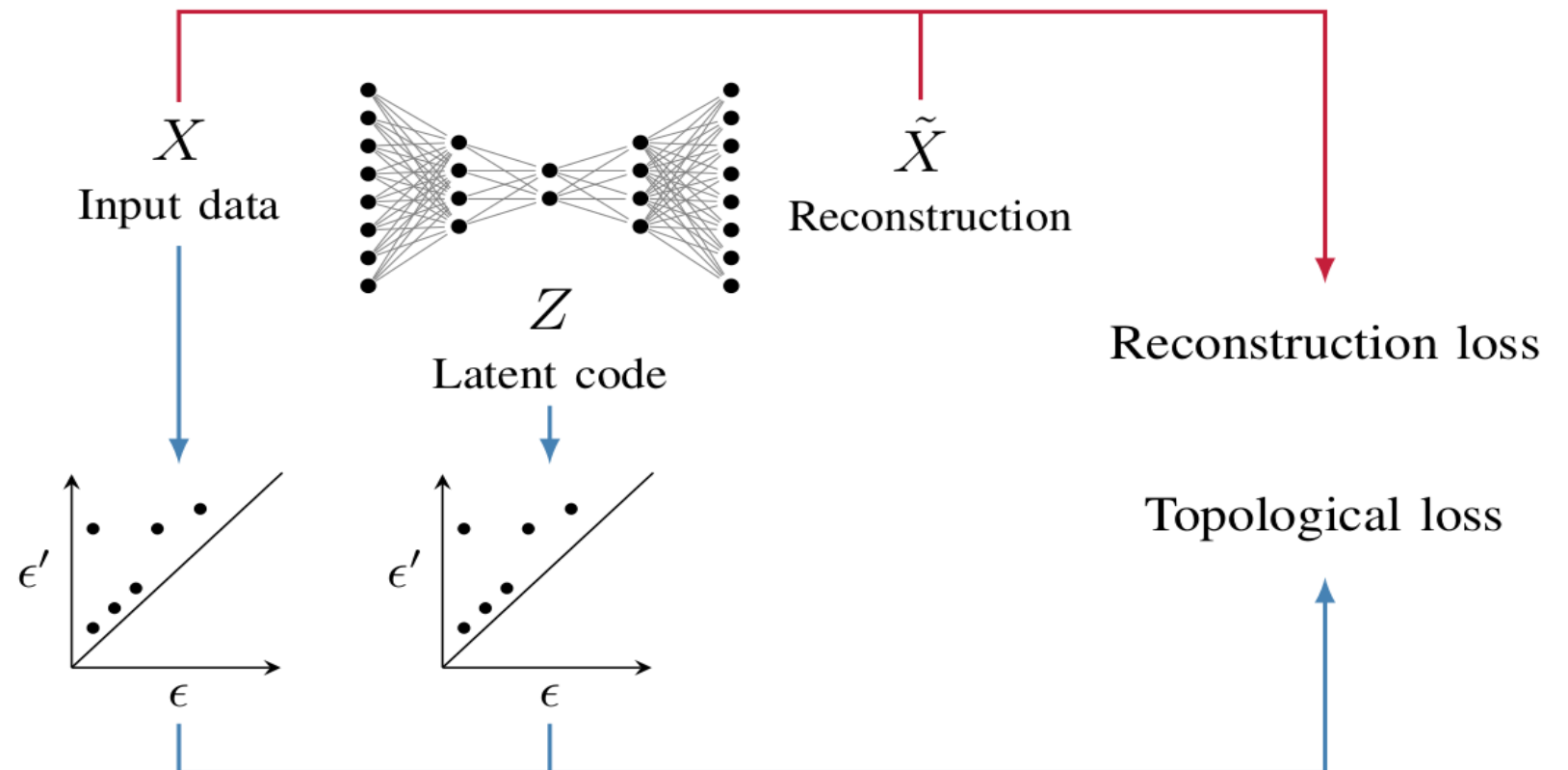
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More examples

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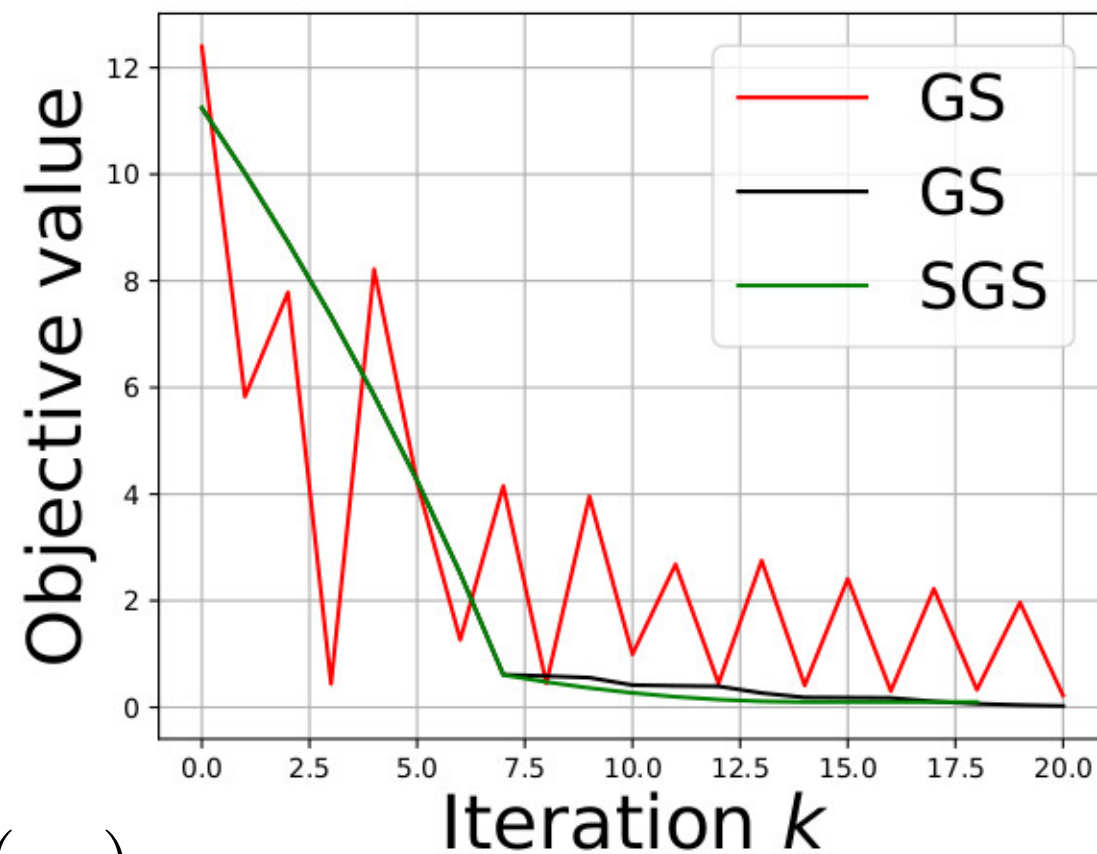
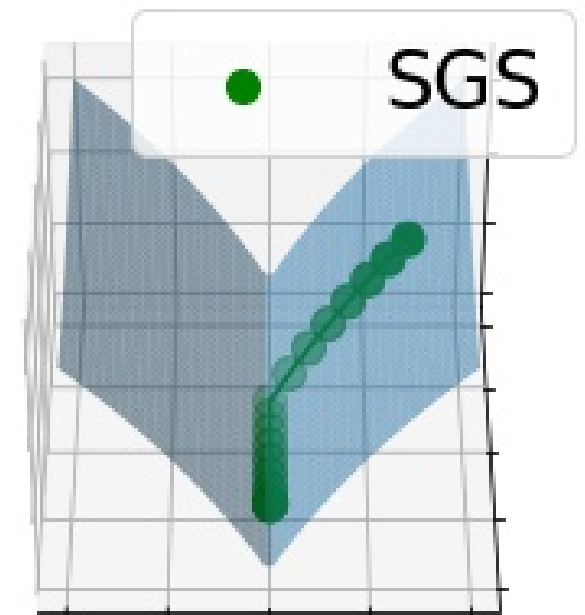
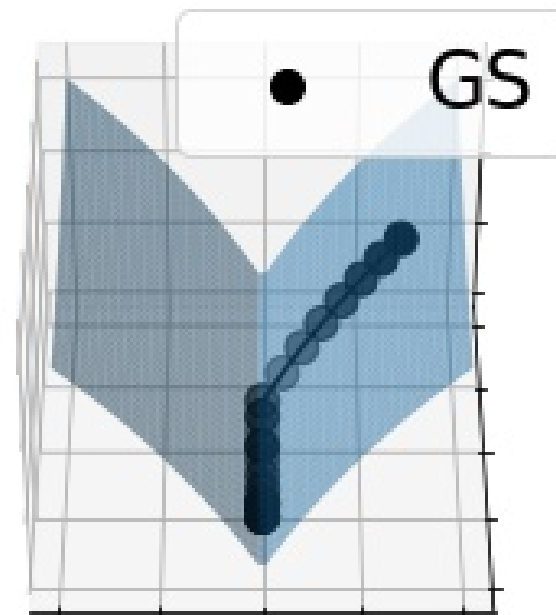
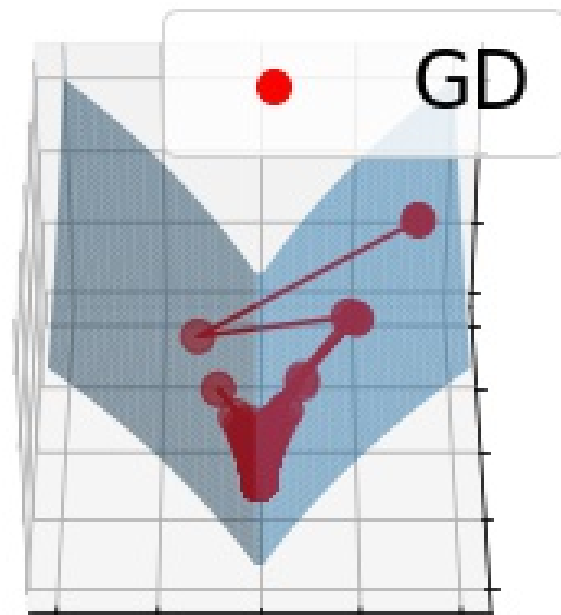
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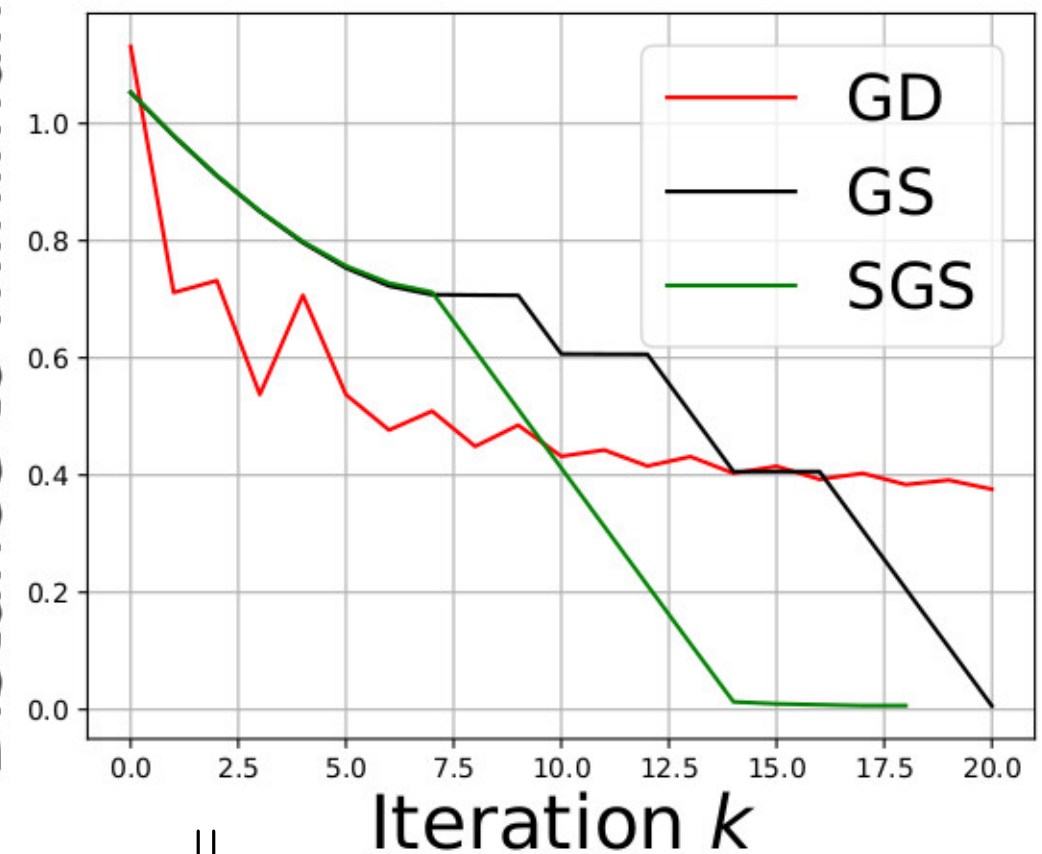
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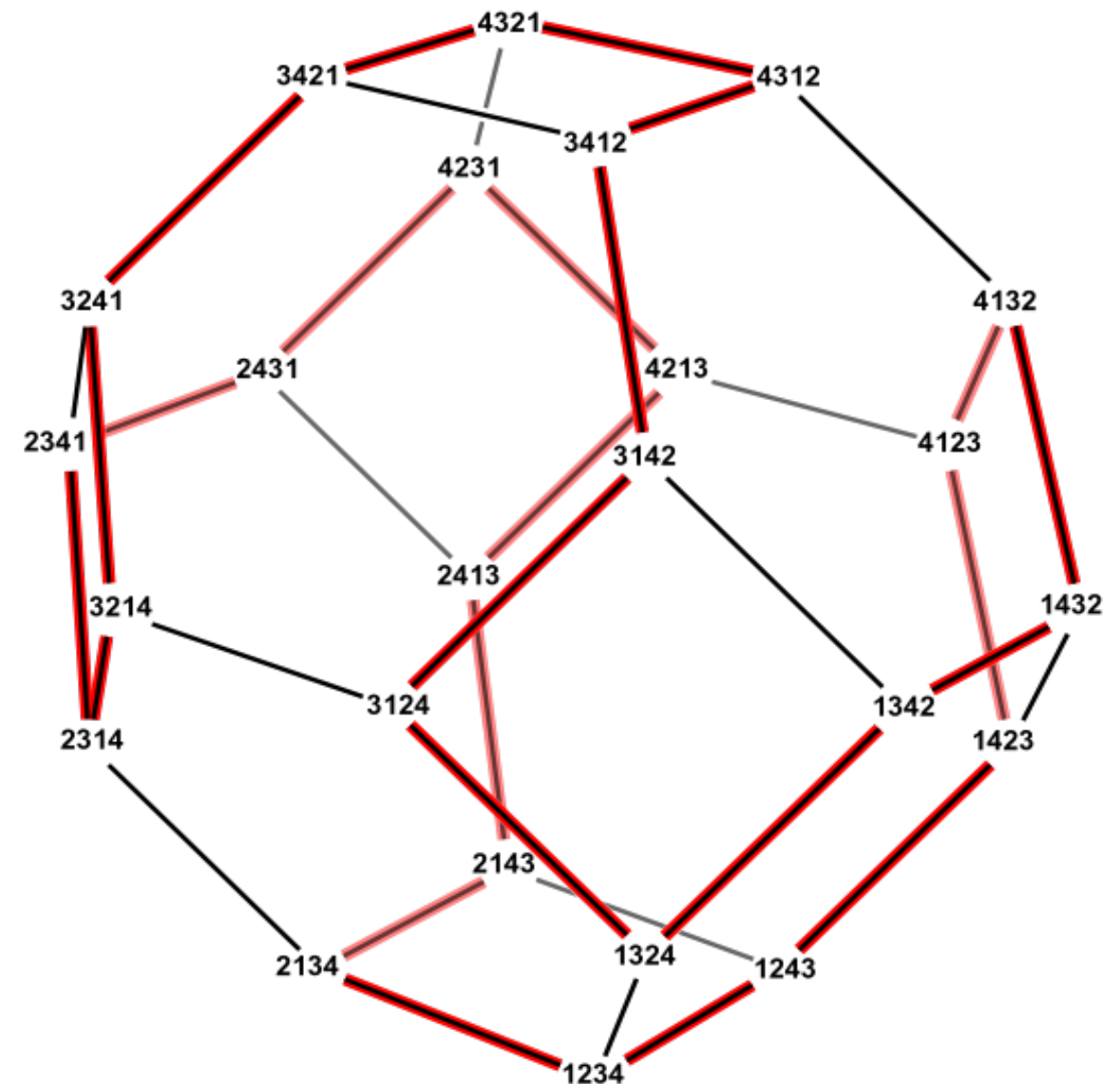
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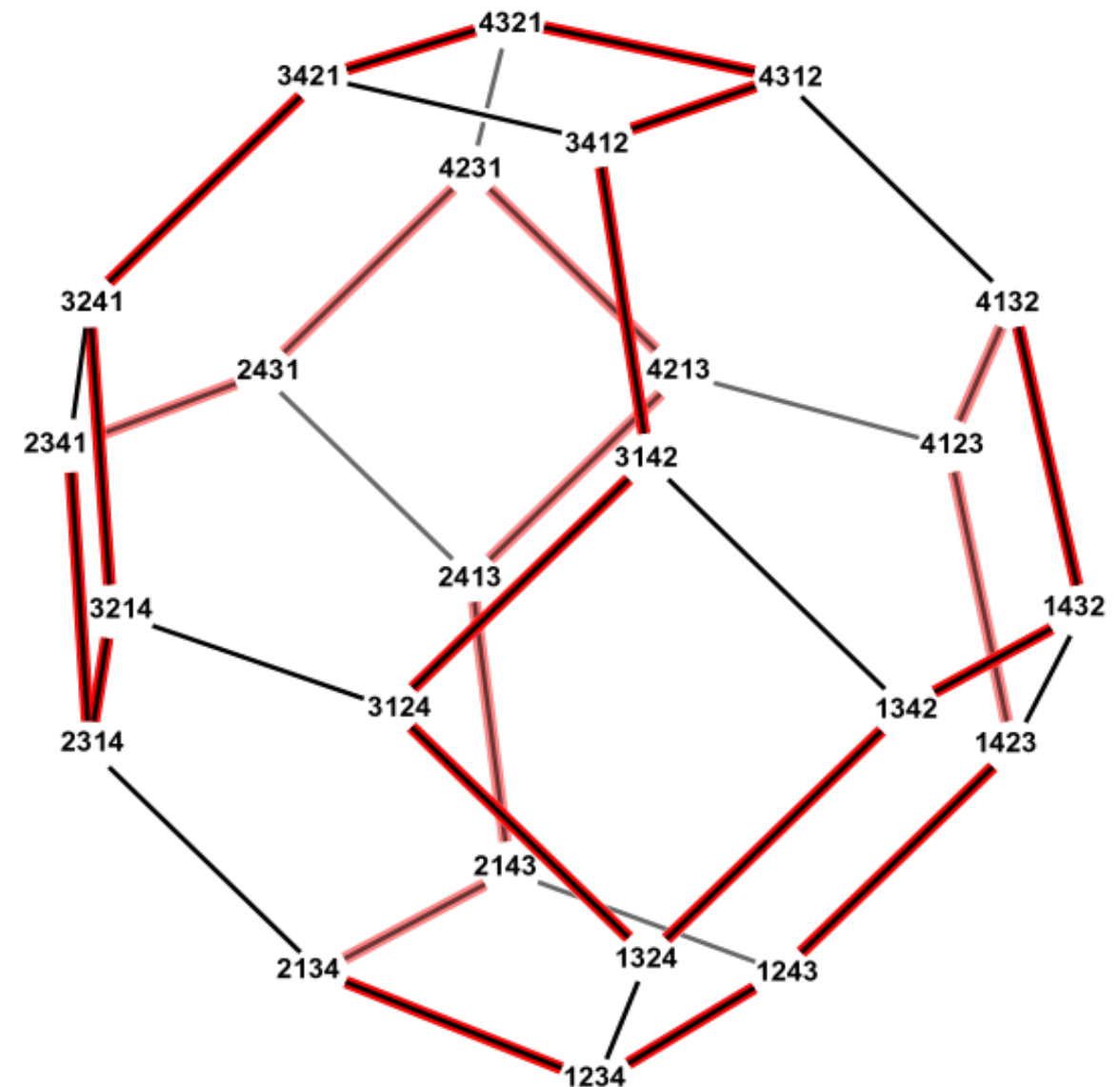
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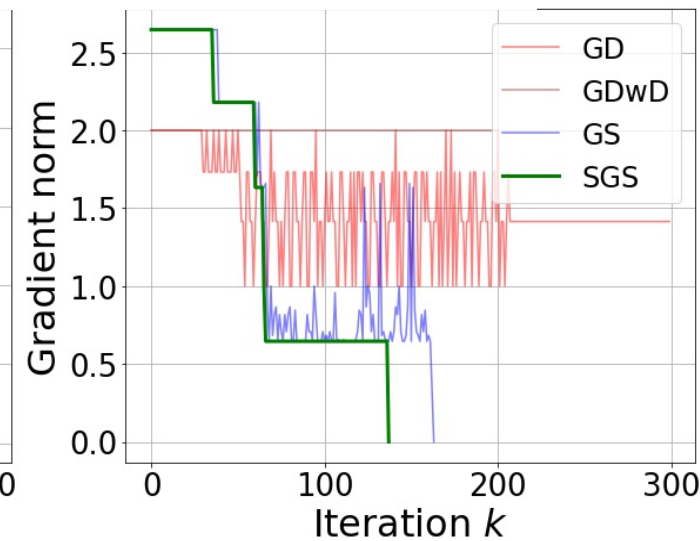
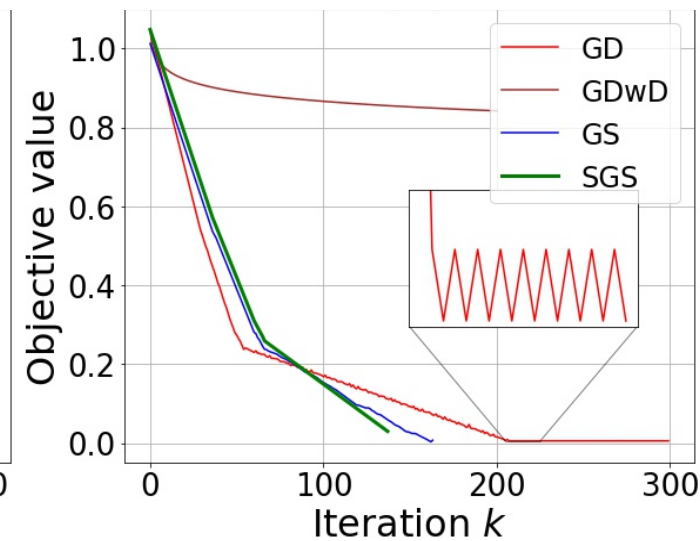
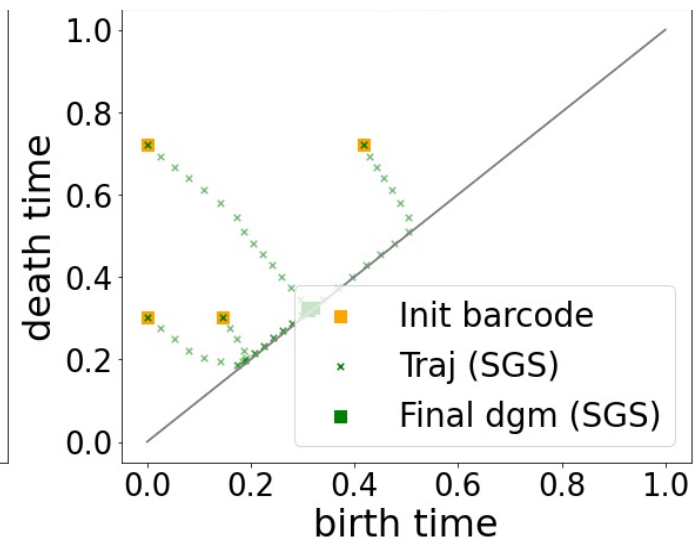
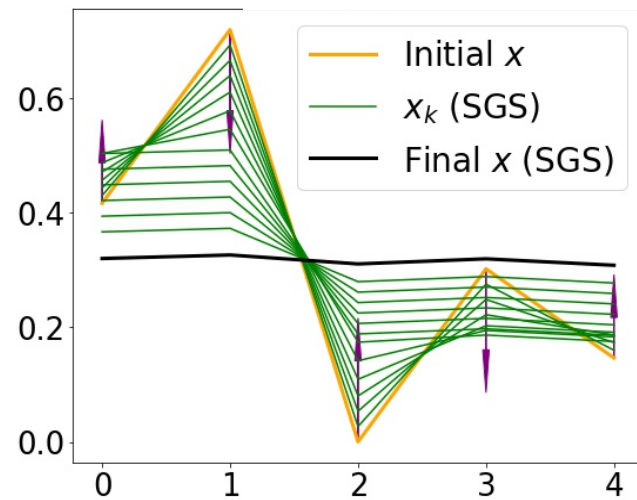
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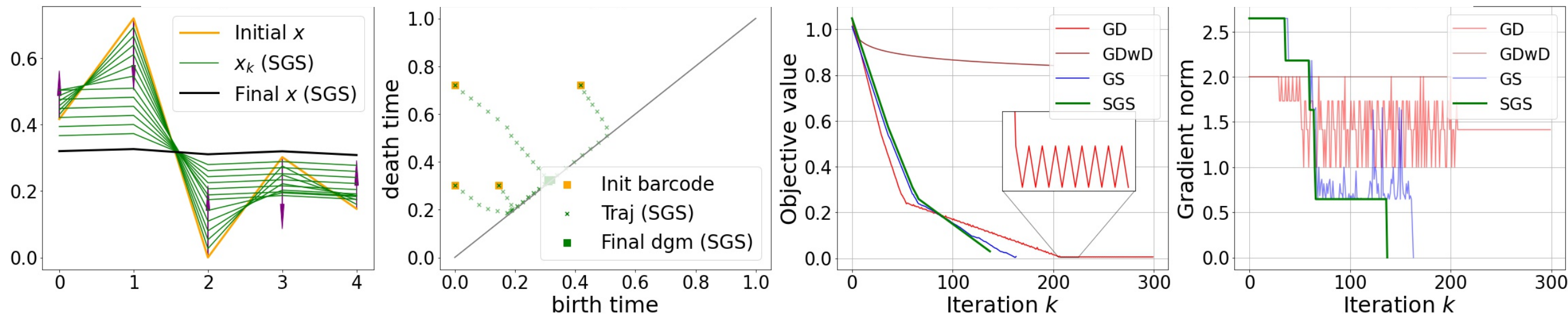
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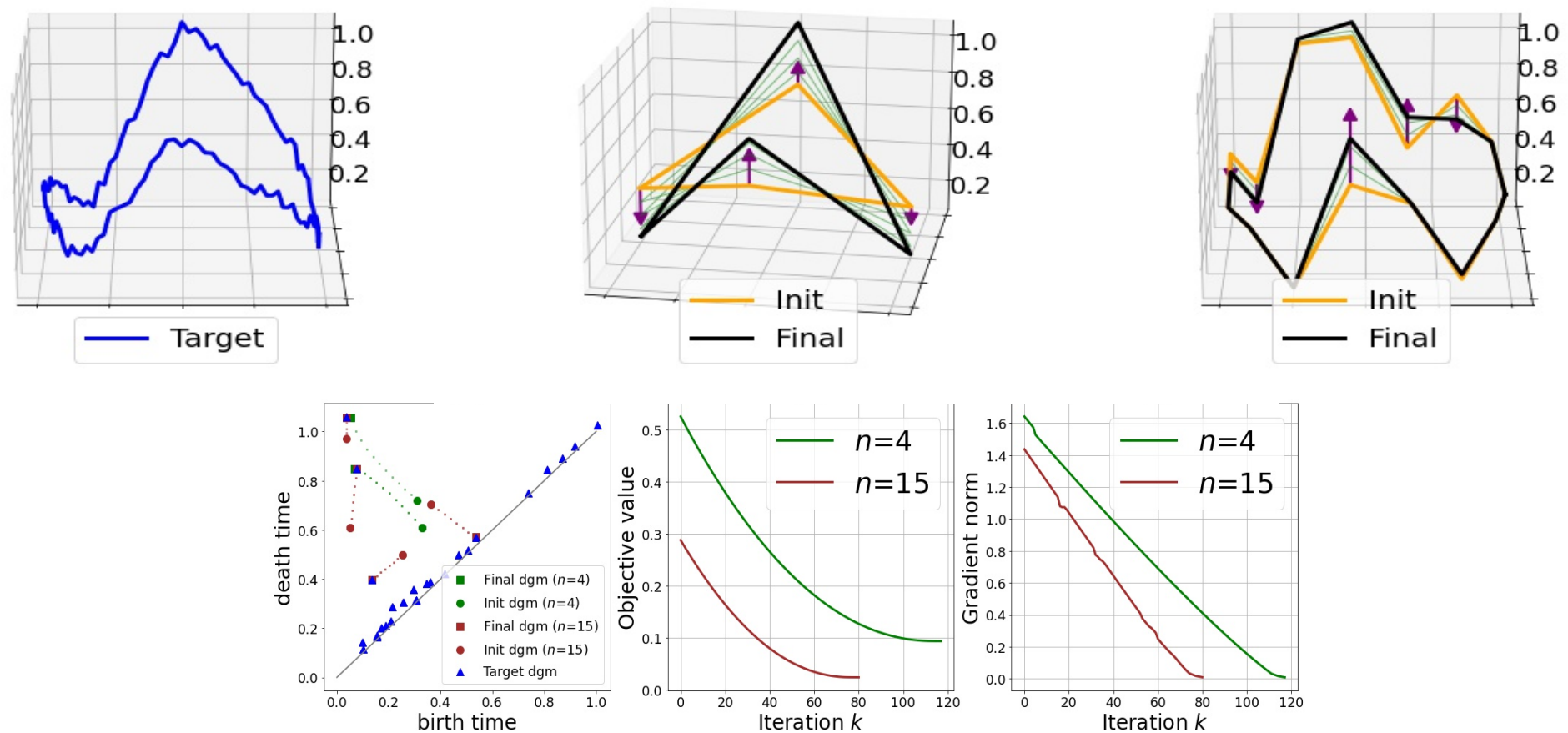
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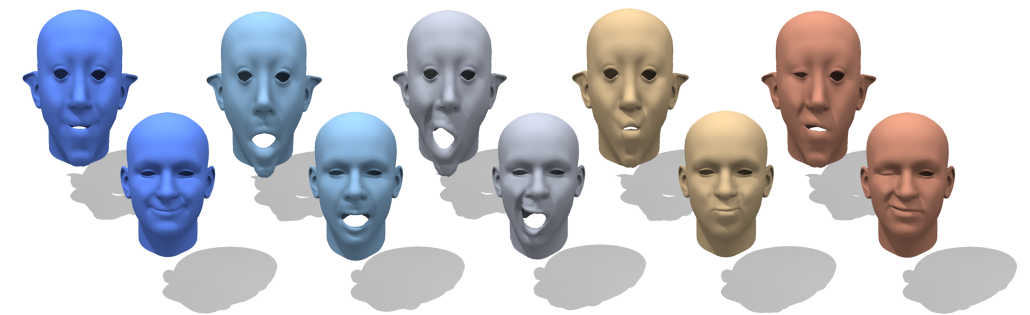
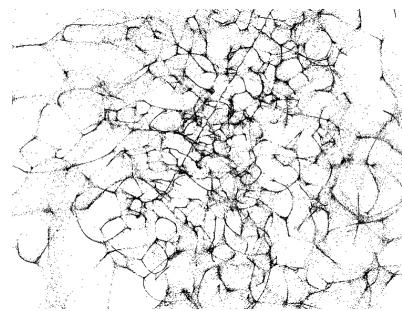
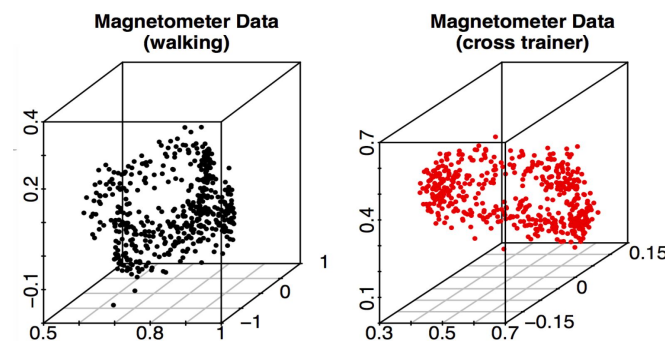
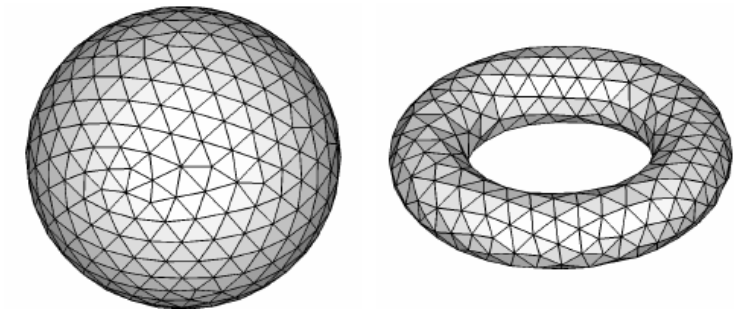
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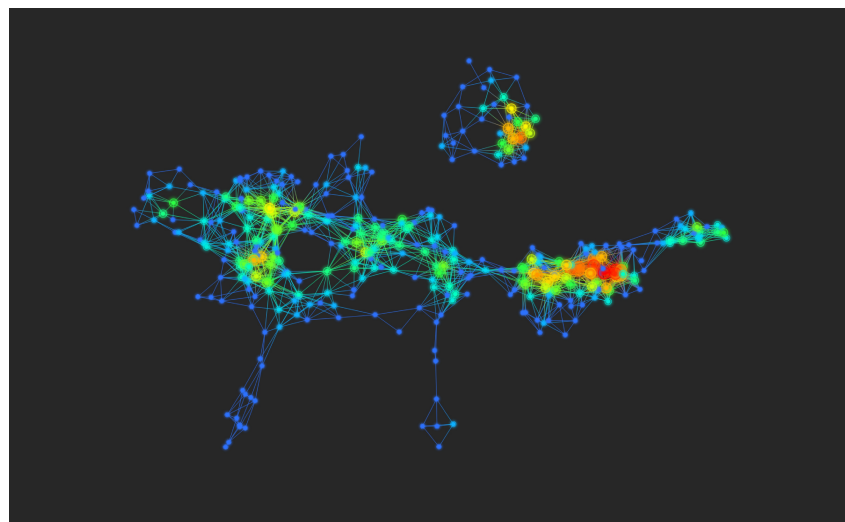
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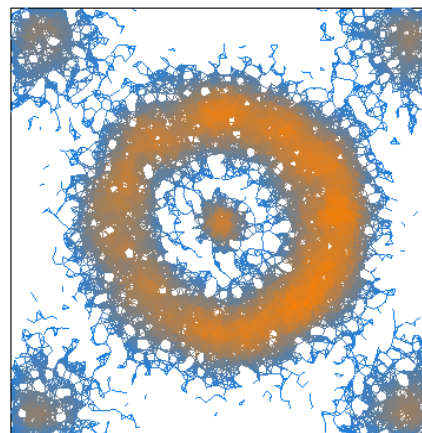
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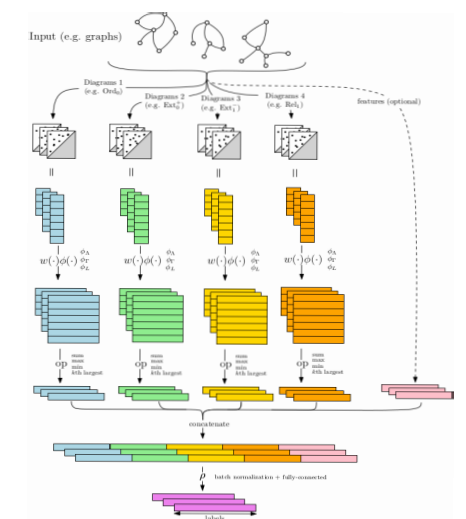
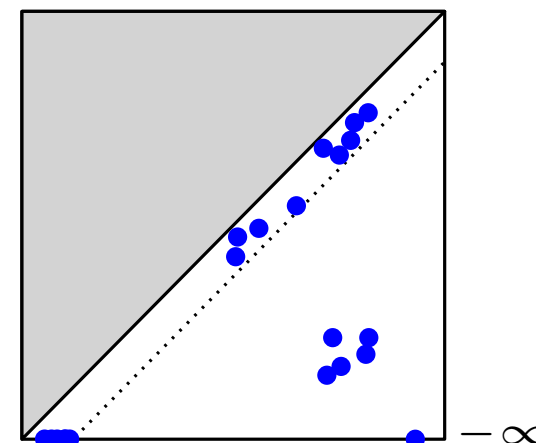
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Mapper: exploratory data analysis



ToMATo: clustering



Persistence diagrams: machine learning

The Koonz, Narendra and Fukunaga algorithm (1976)

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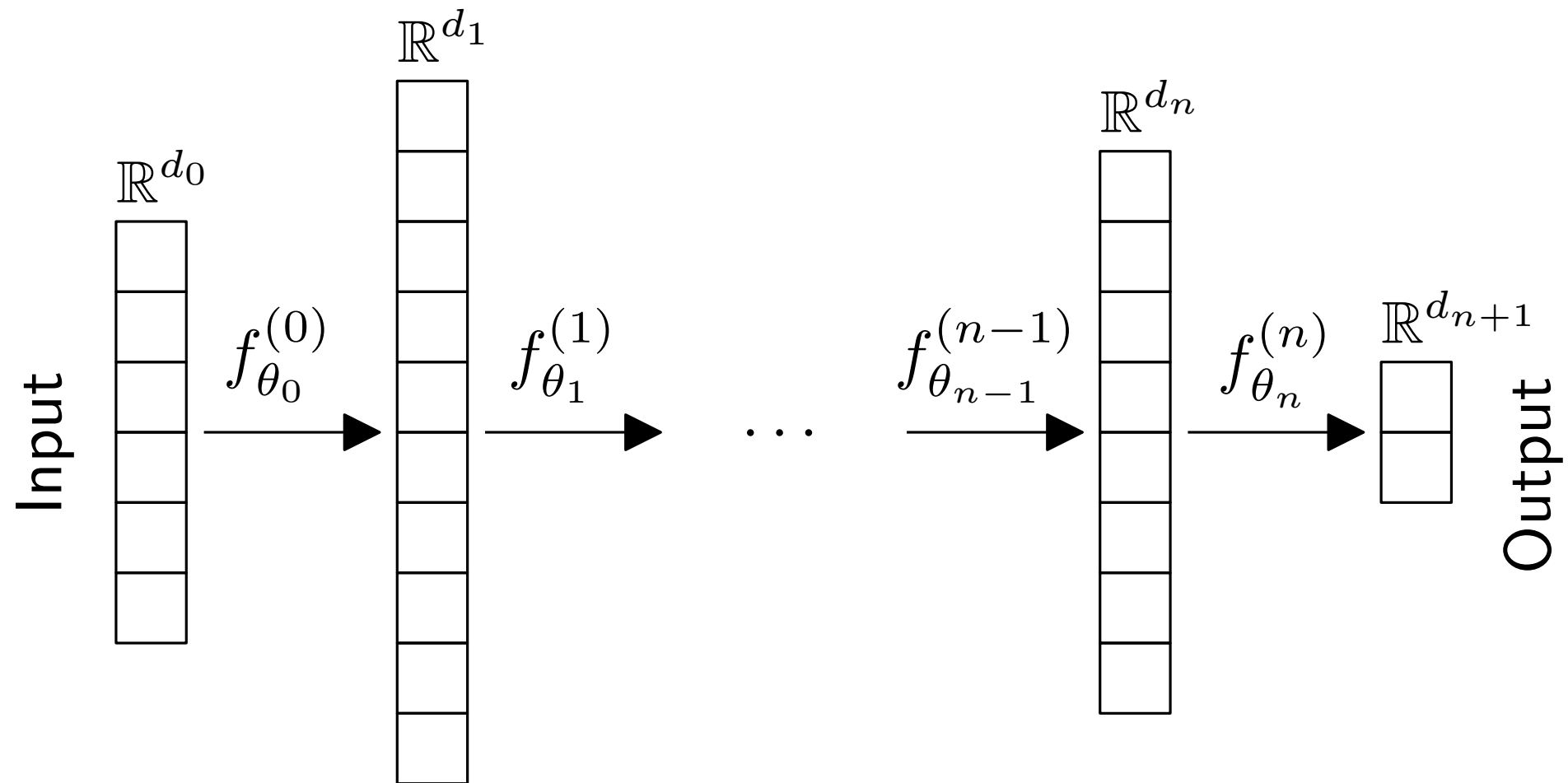
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→ Space complexity: $O(n + m)$

→ Main memory usage: $O(n)$

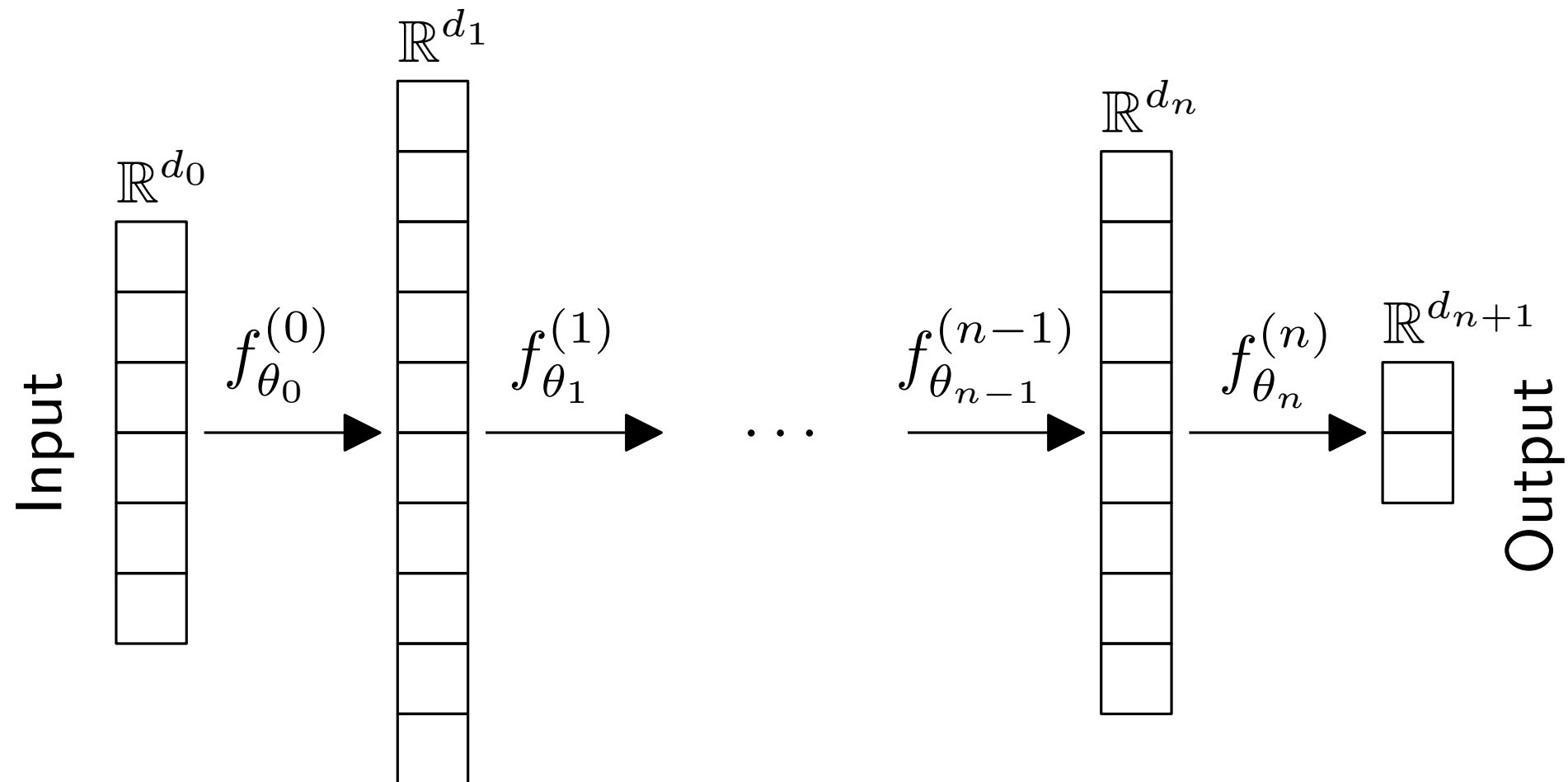
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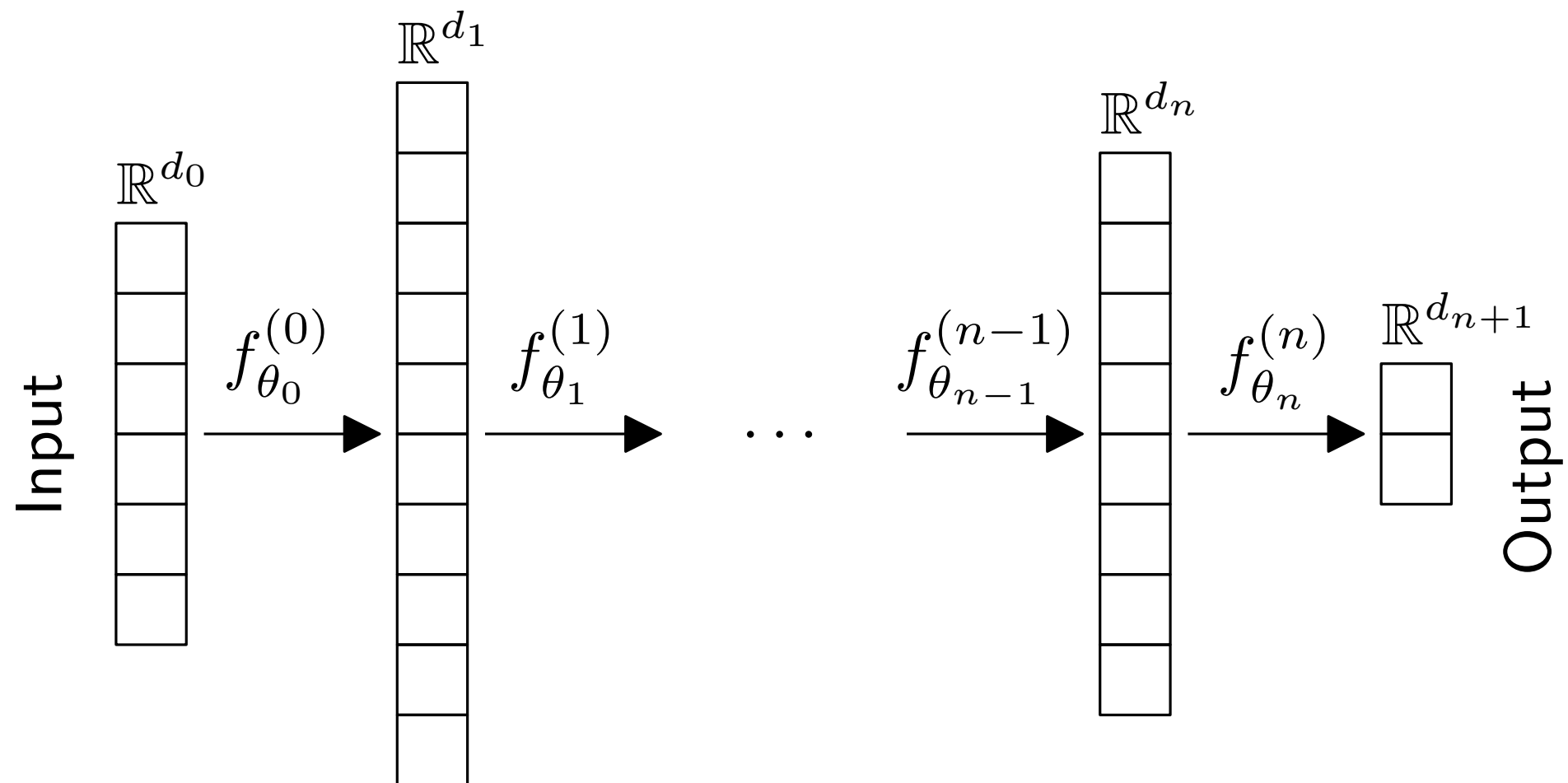
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$$f_{\theta_k}^{(k)} : x \in \mathbb{R}^{d_k} \mapsto \sigma(W_k \cdot x + b_k) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{k+1}}$$

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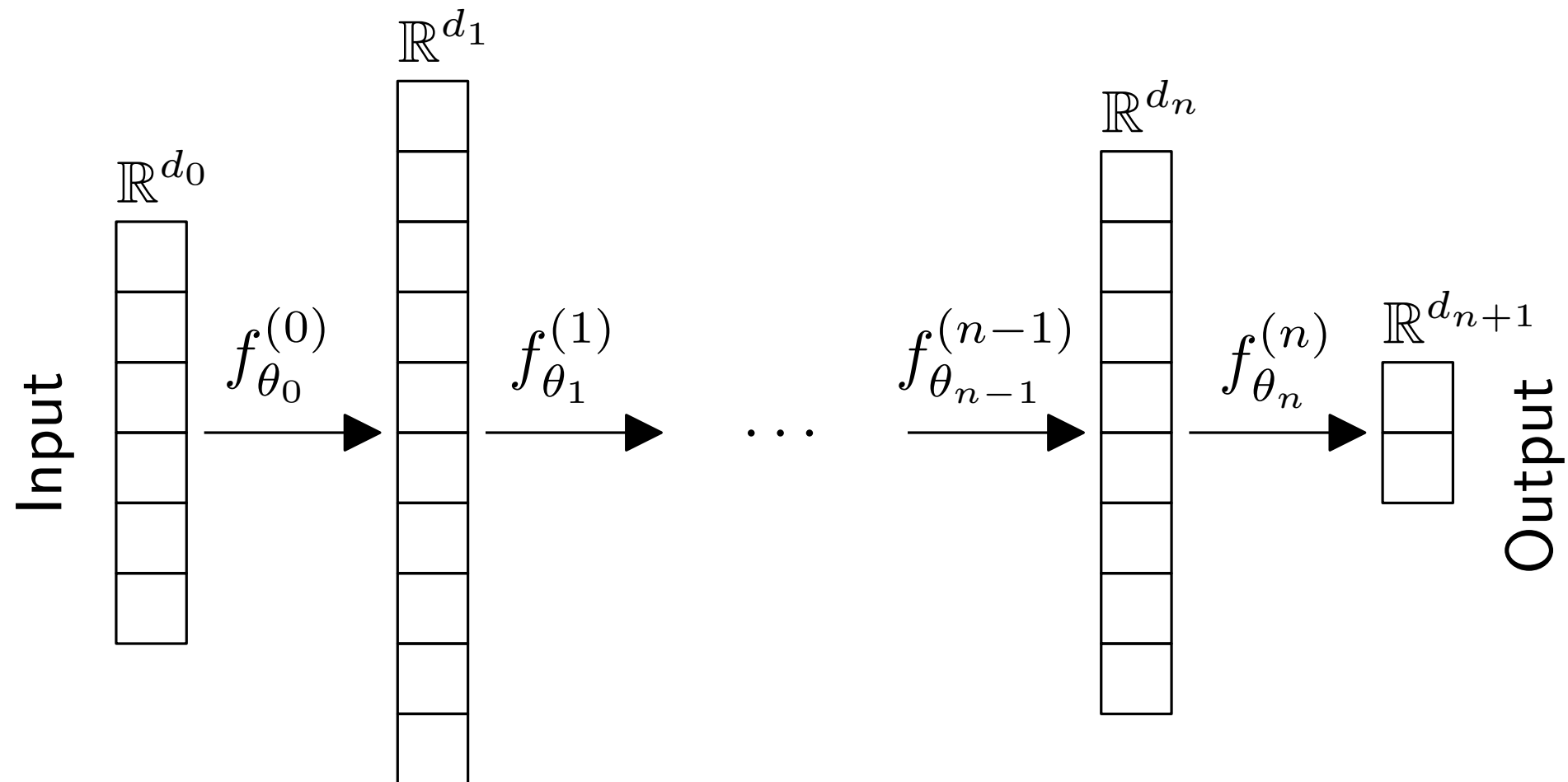
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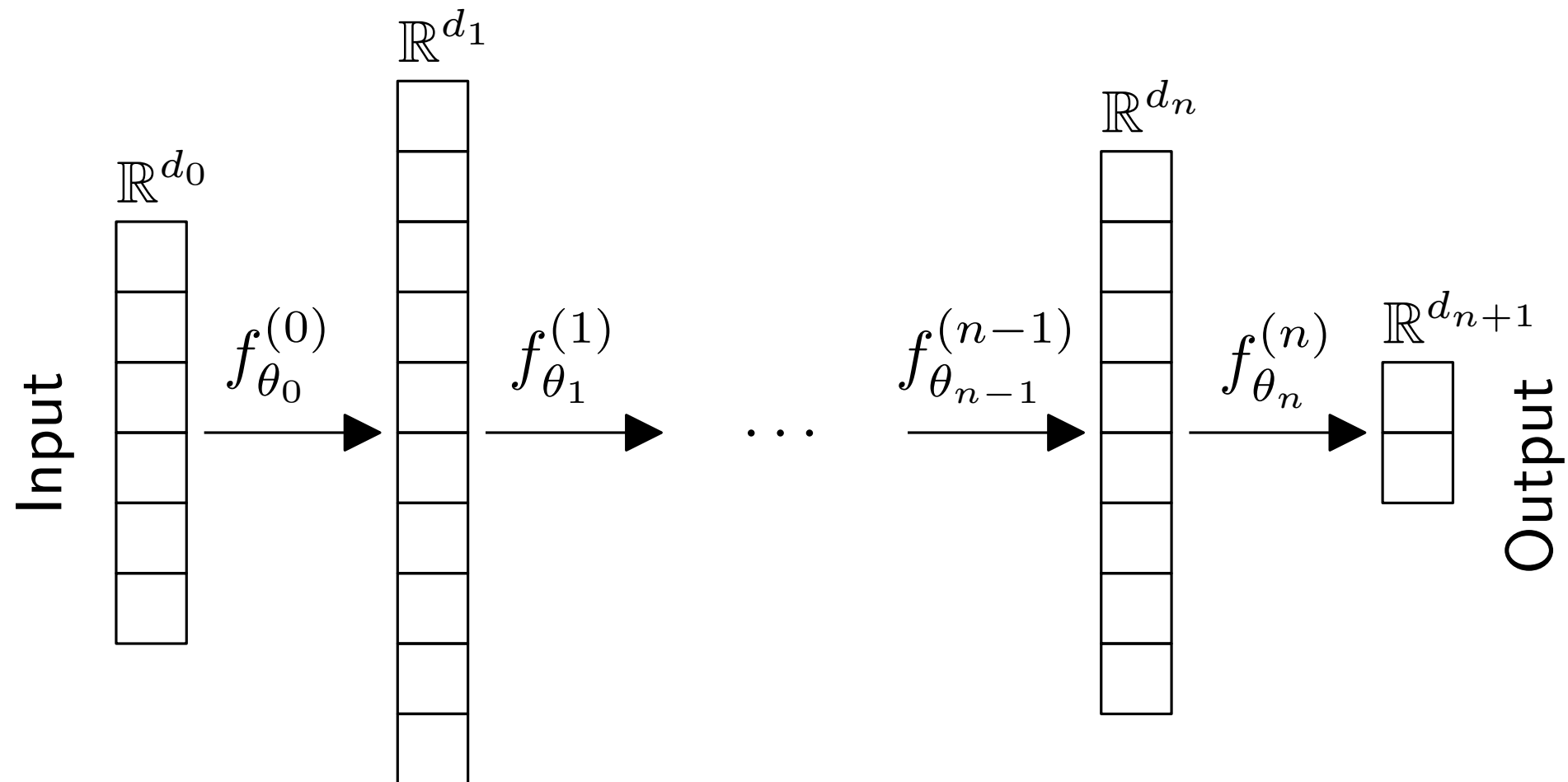
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Persistence Approximation and Robustness

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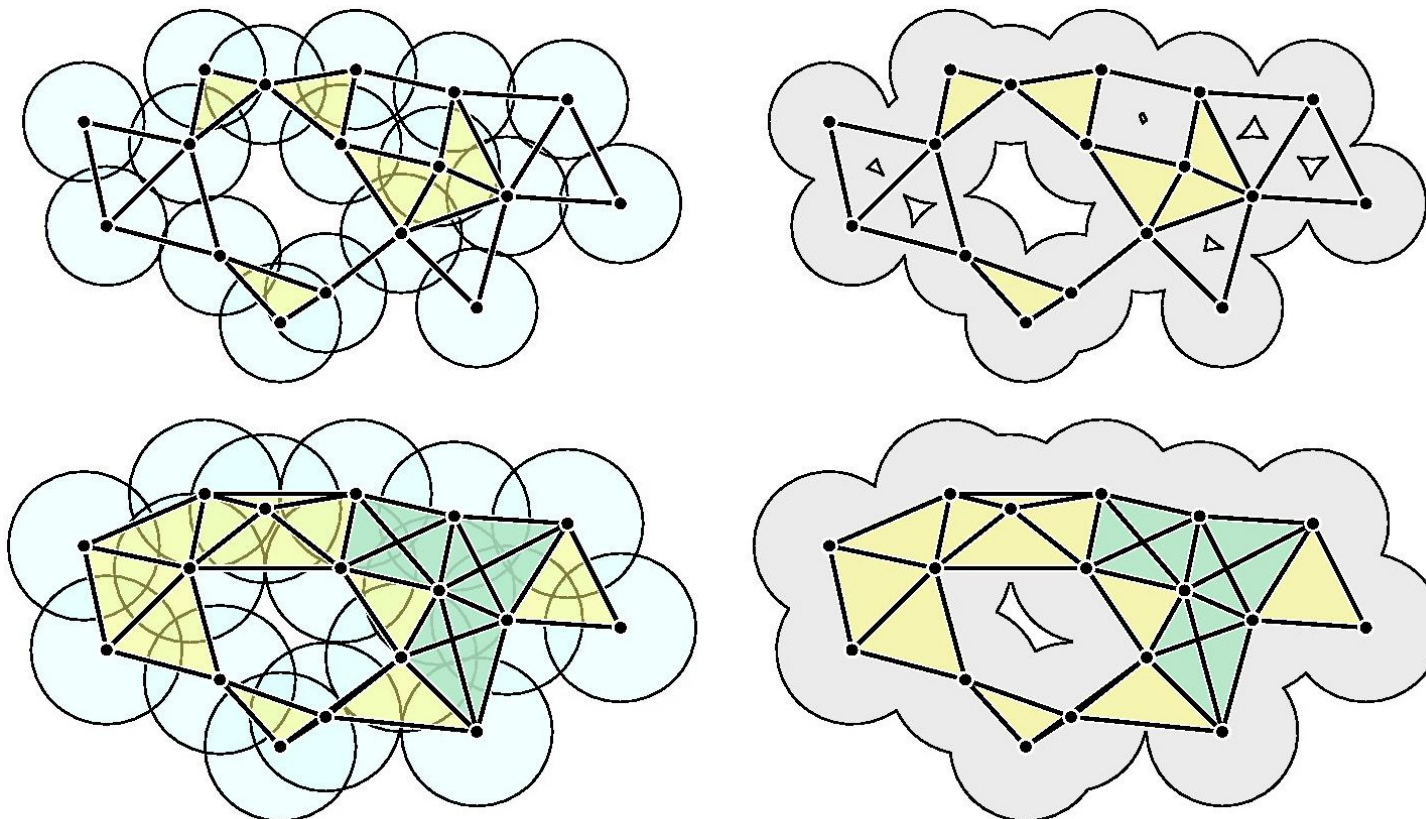
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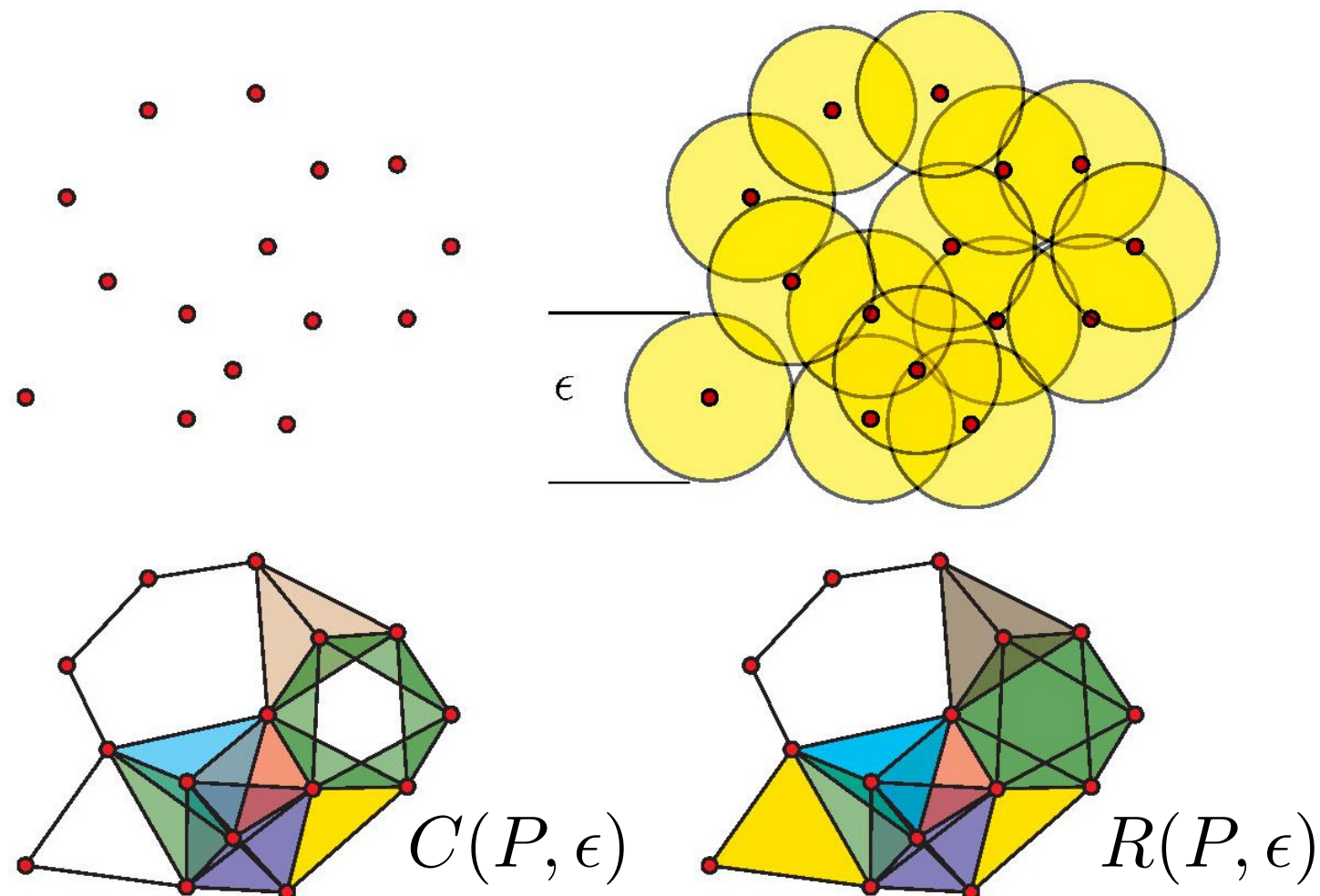
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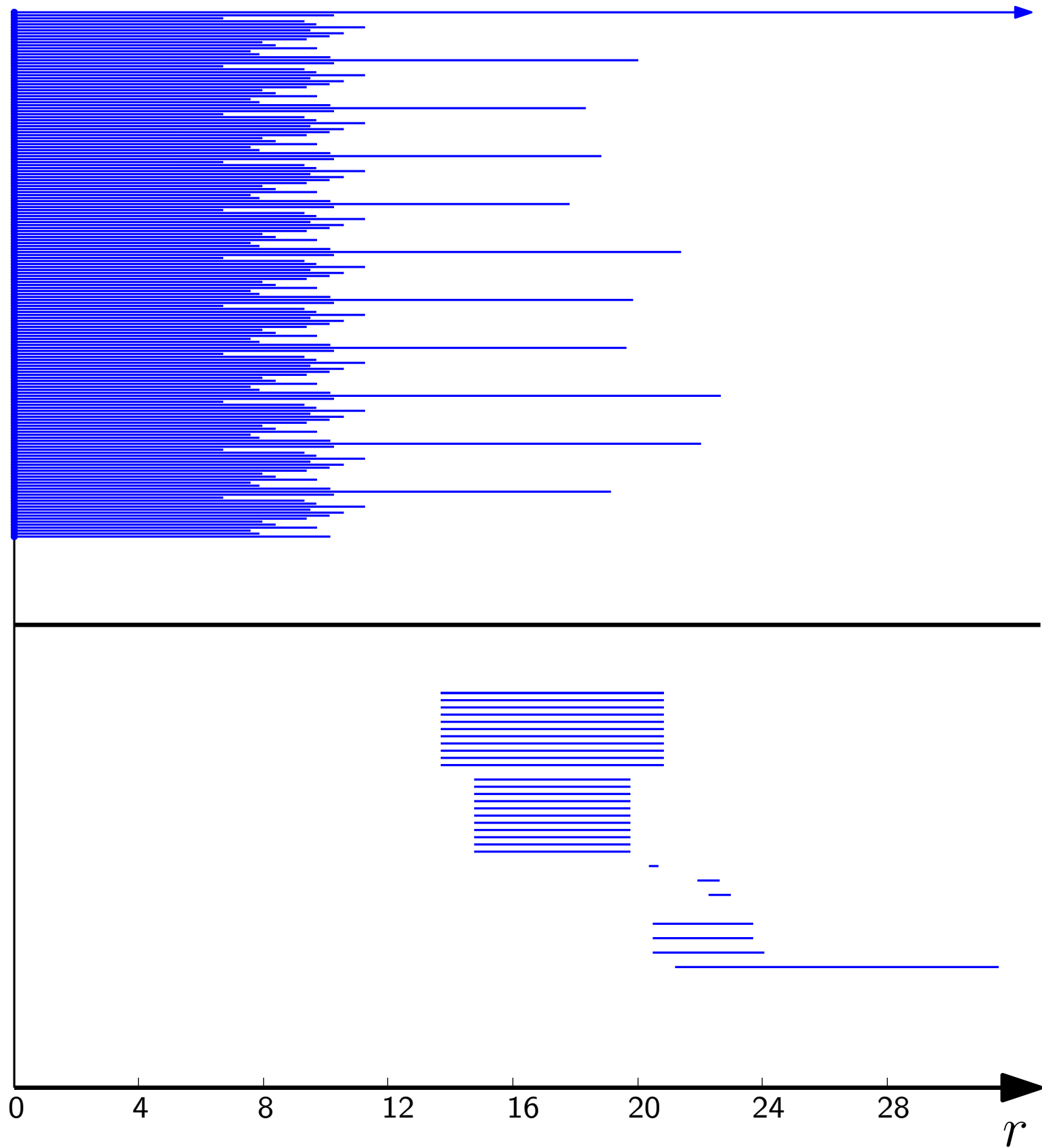
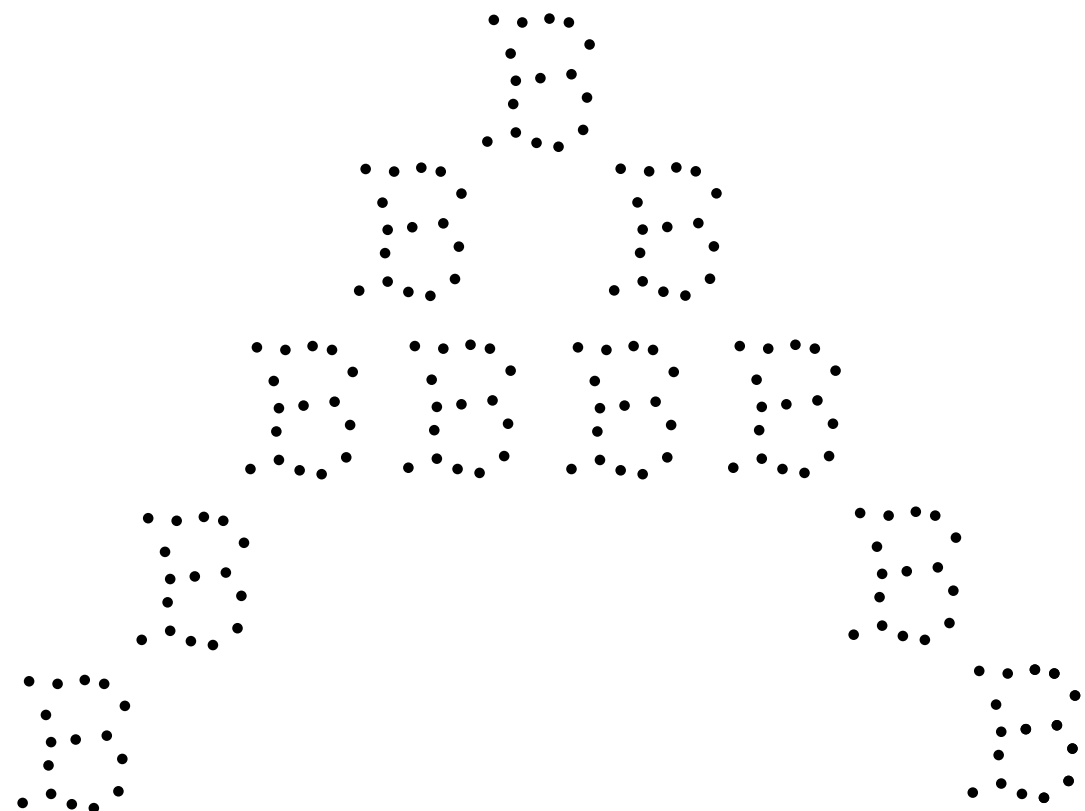
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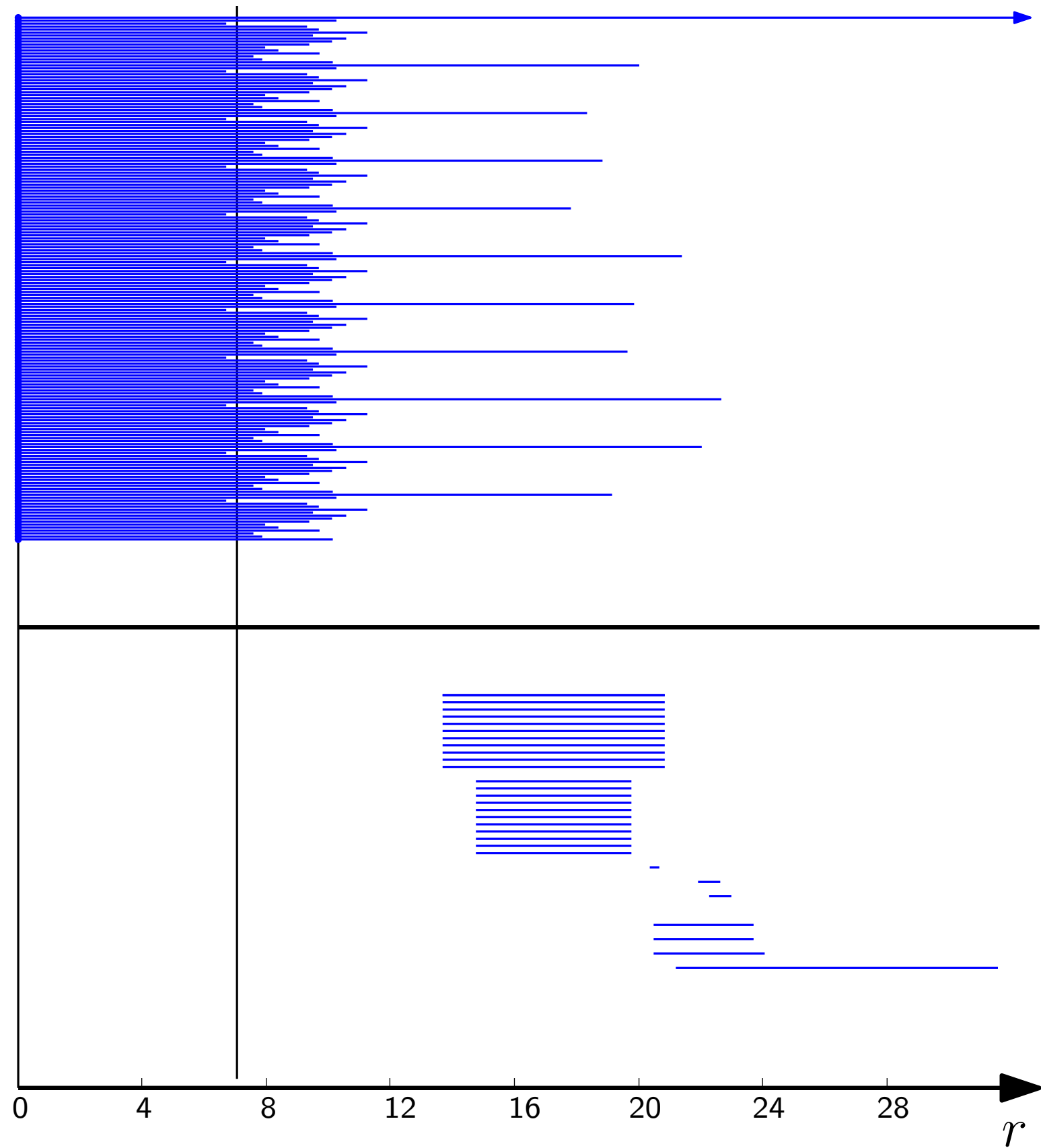
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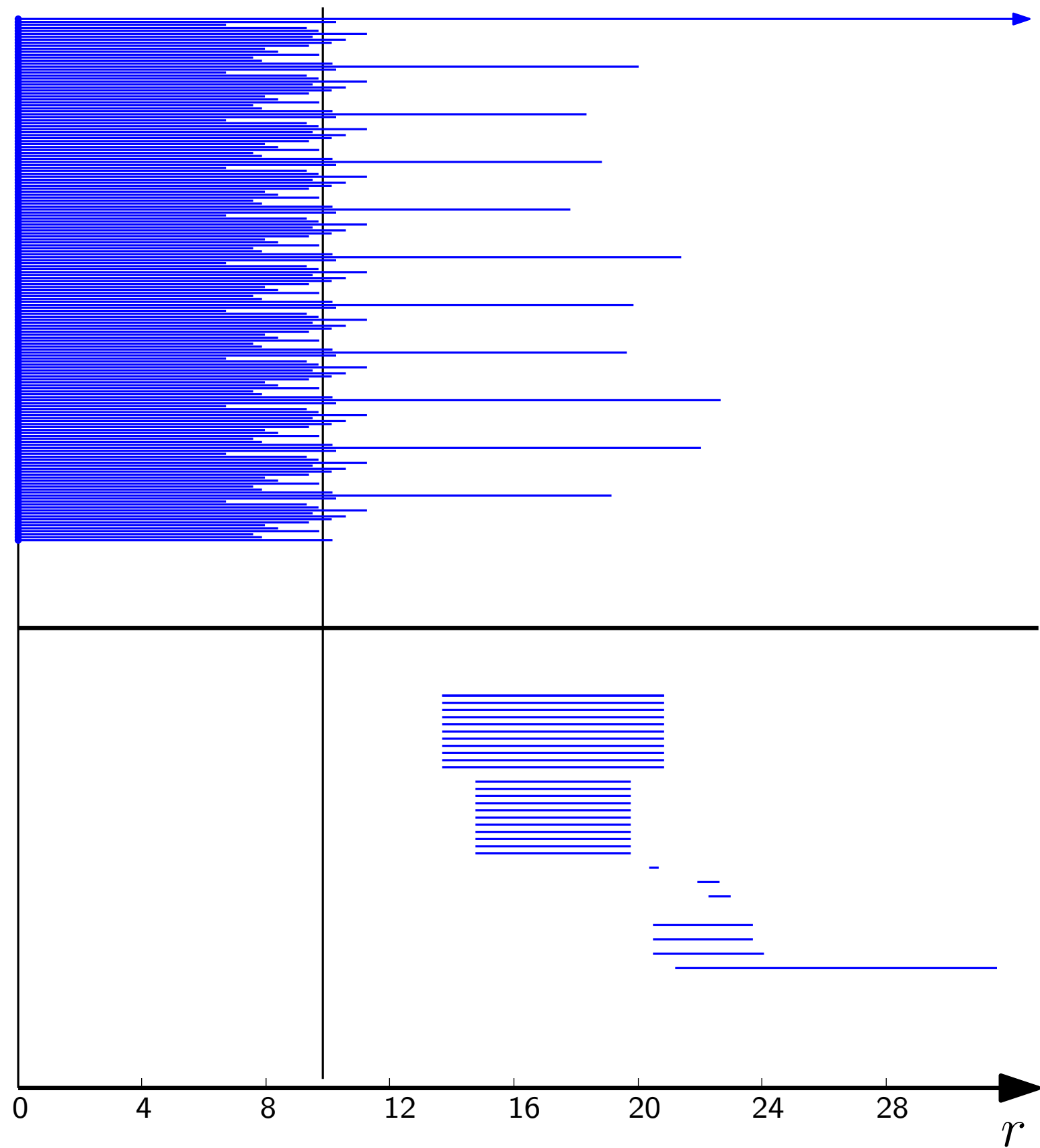
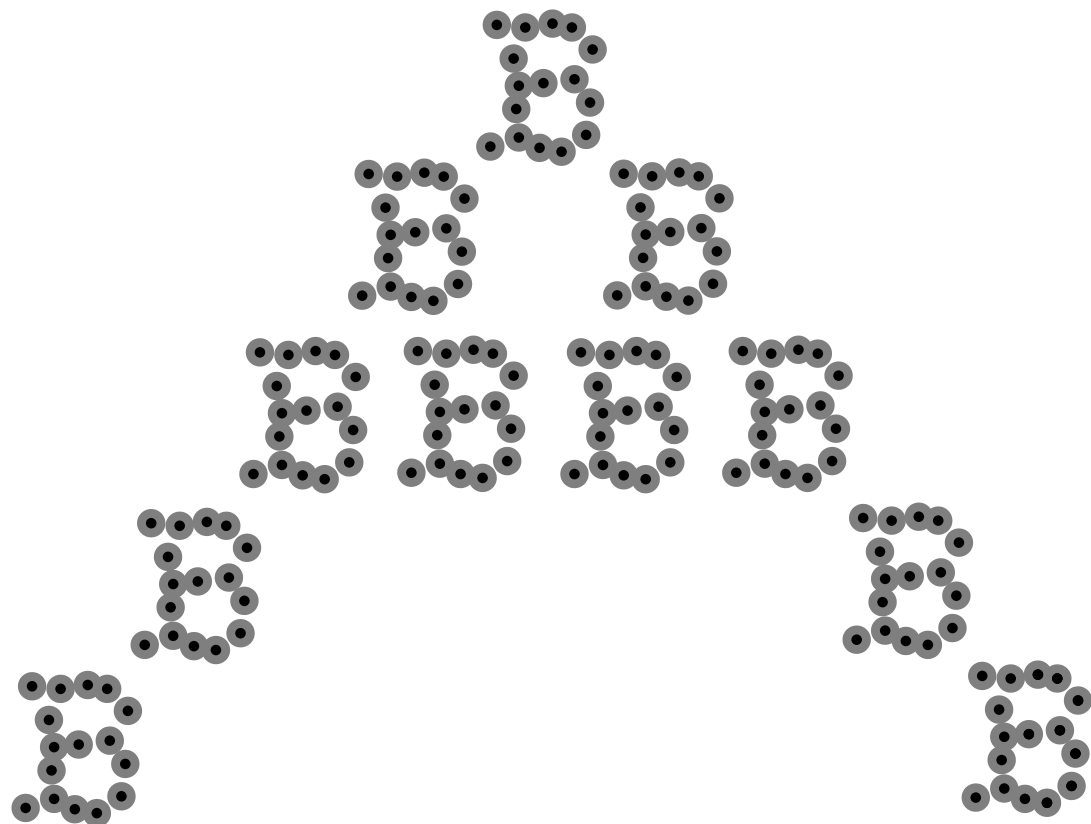
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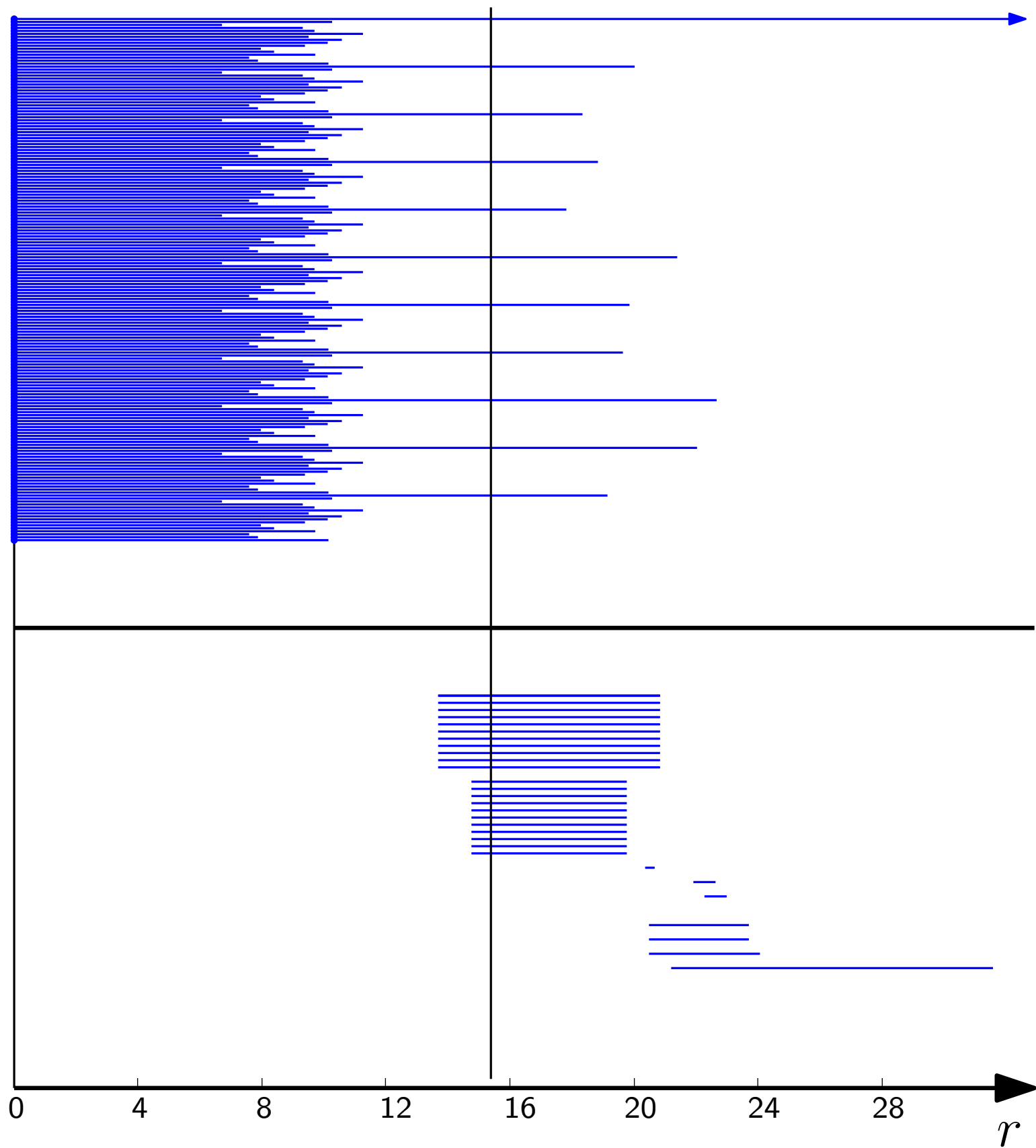
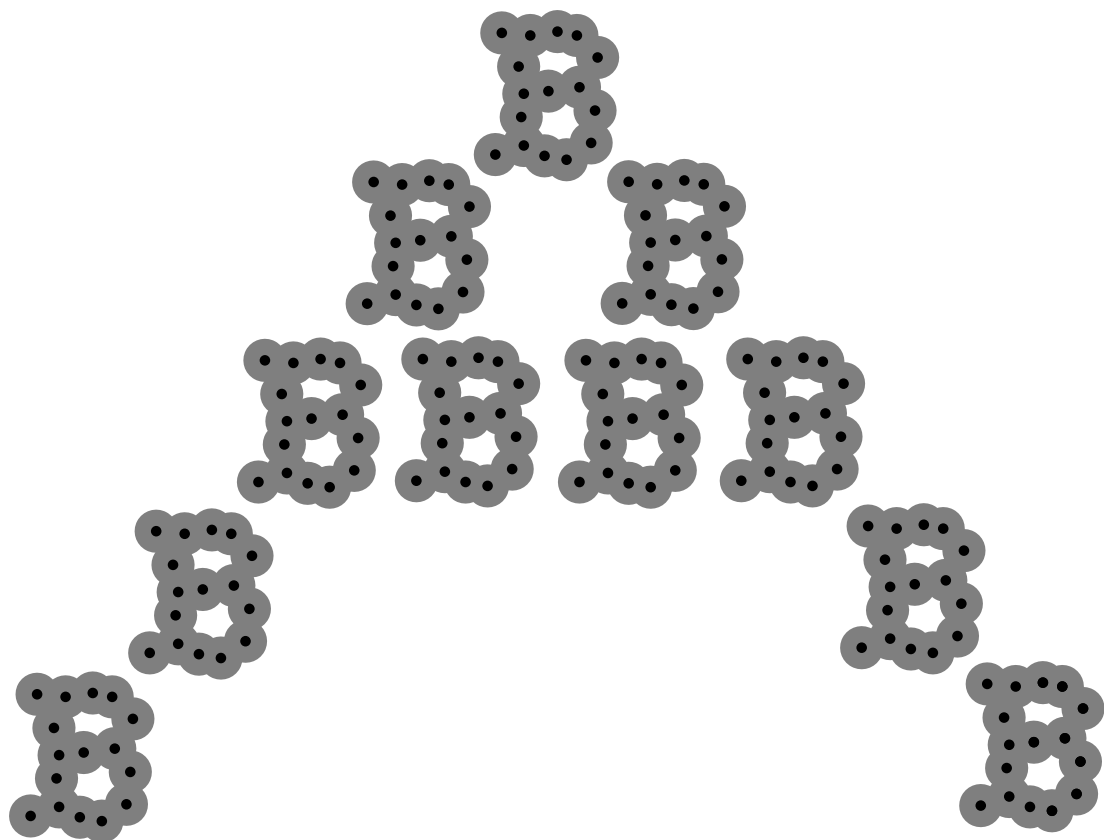
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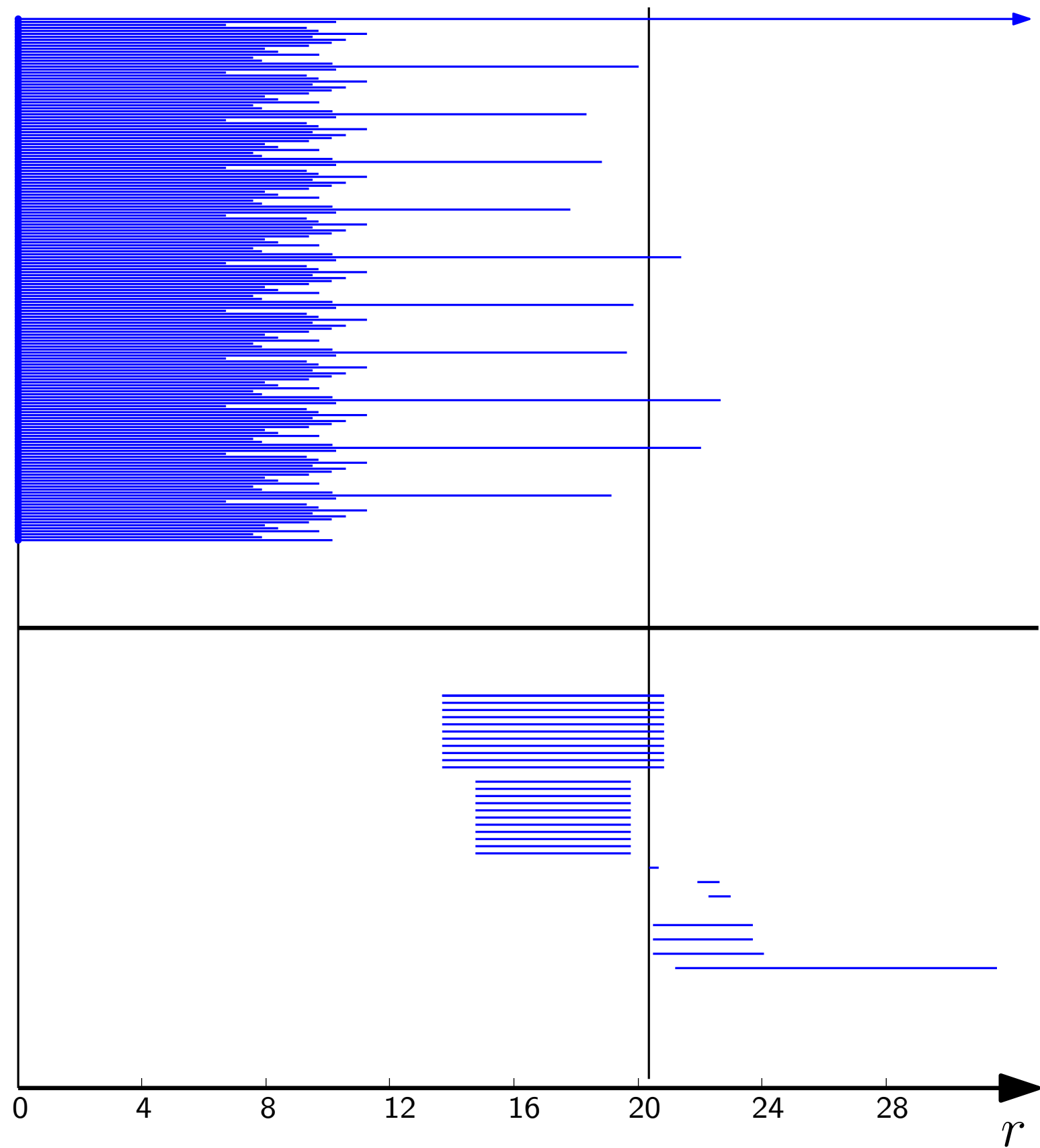
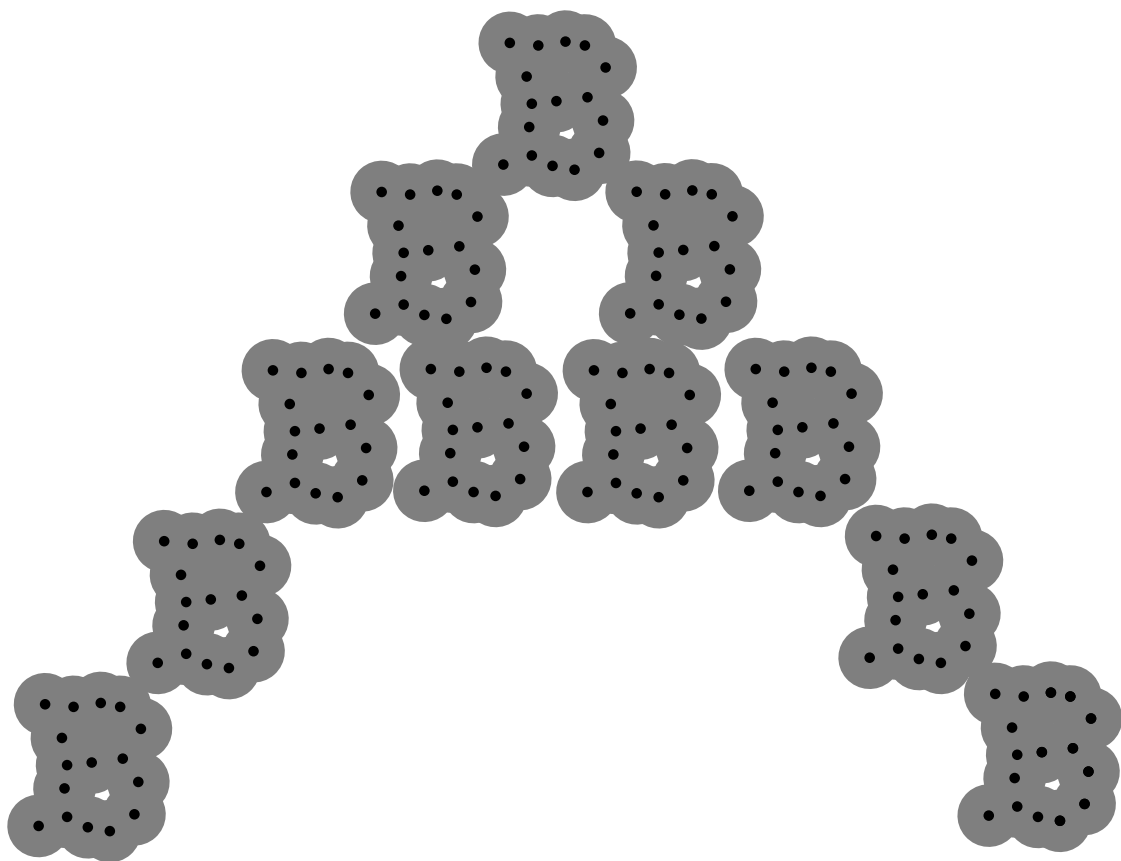
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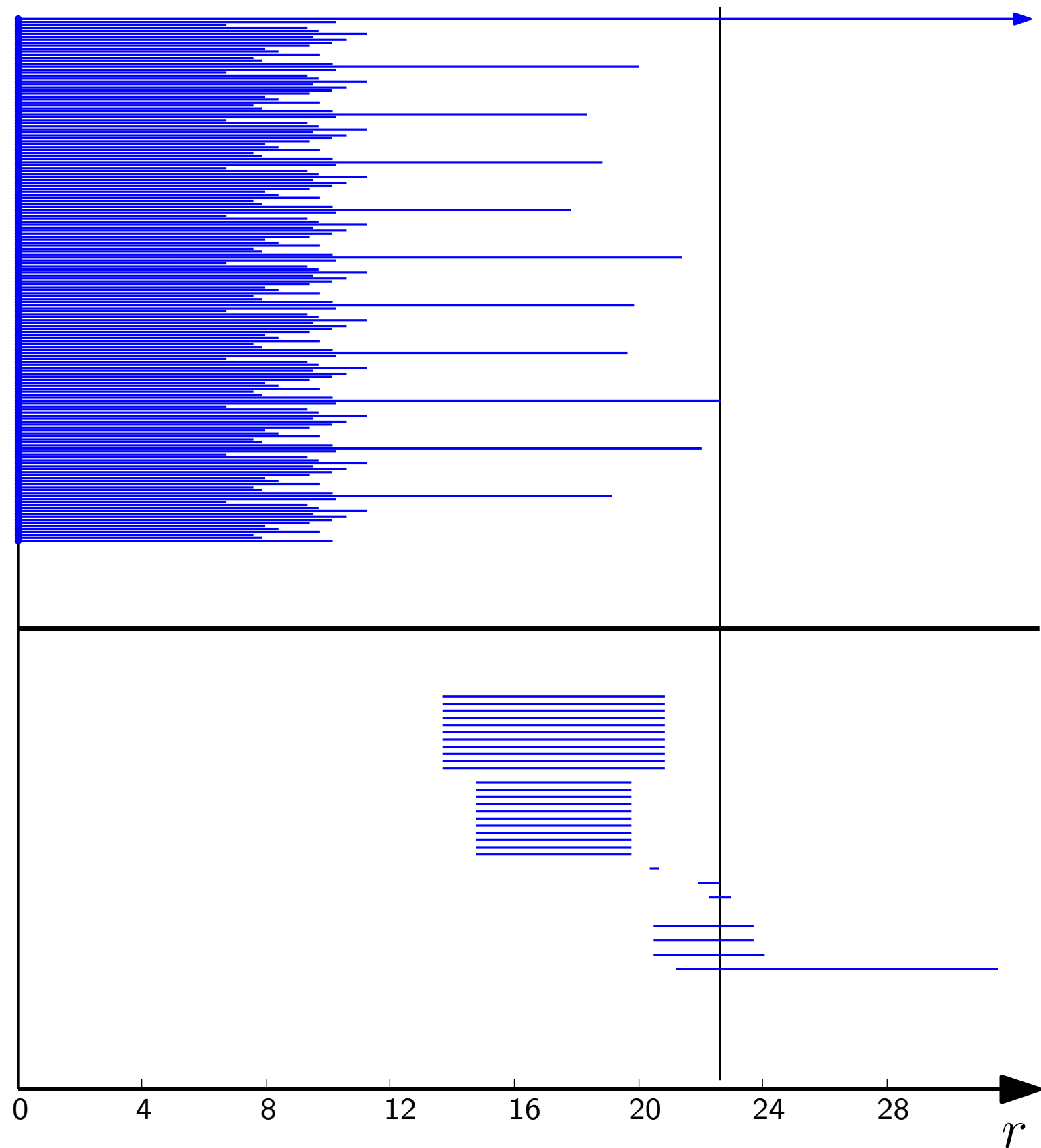
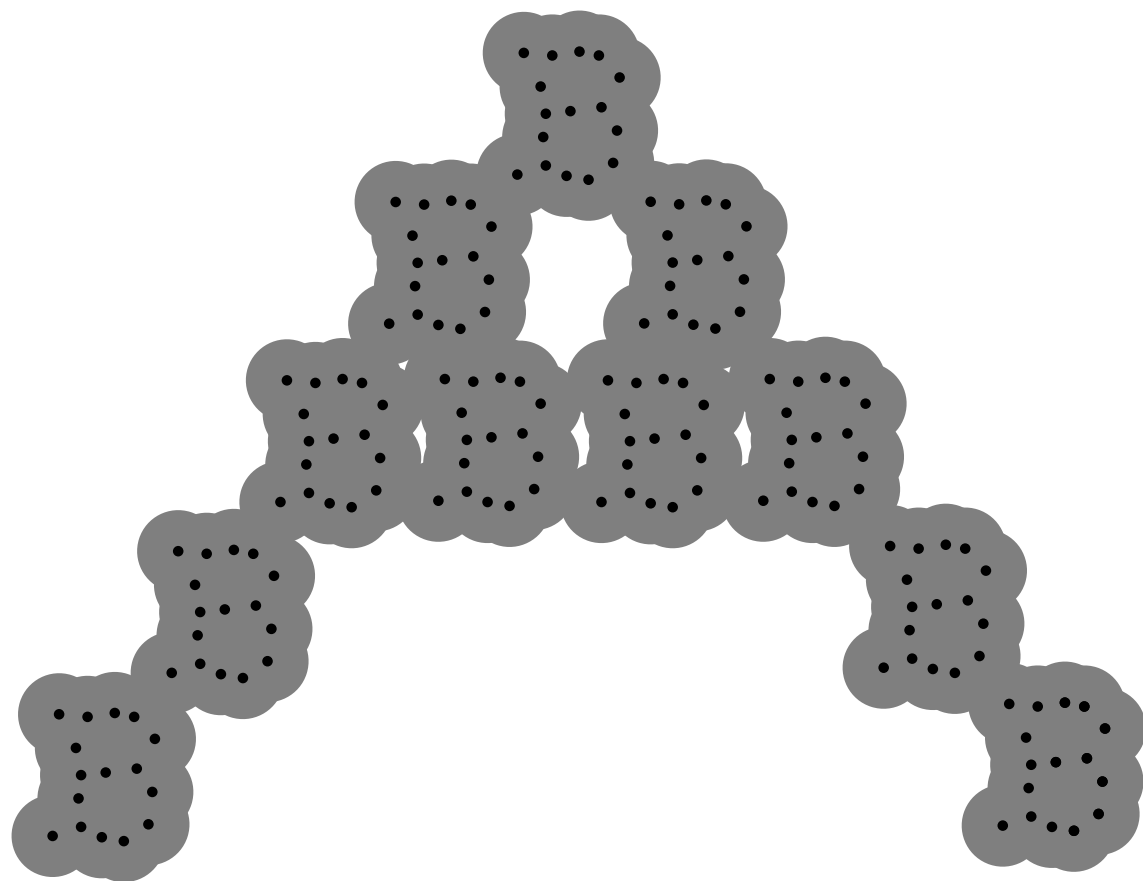
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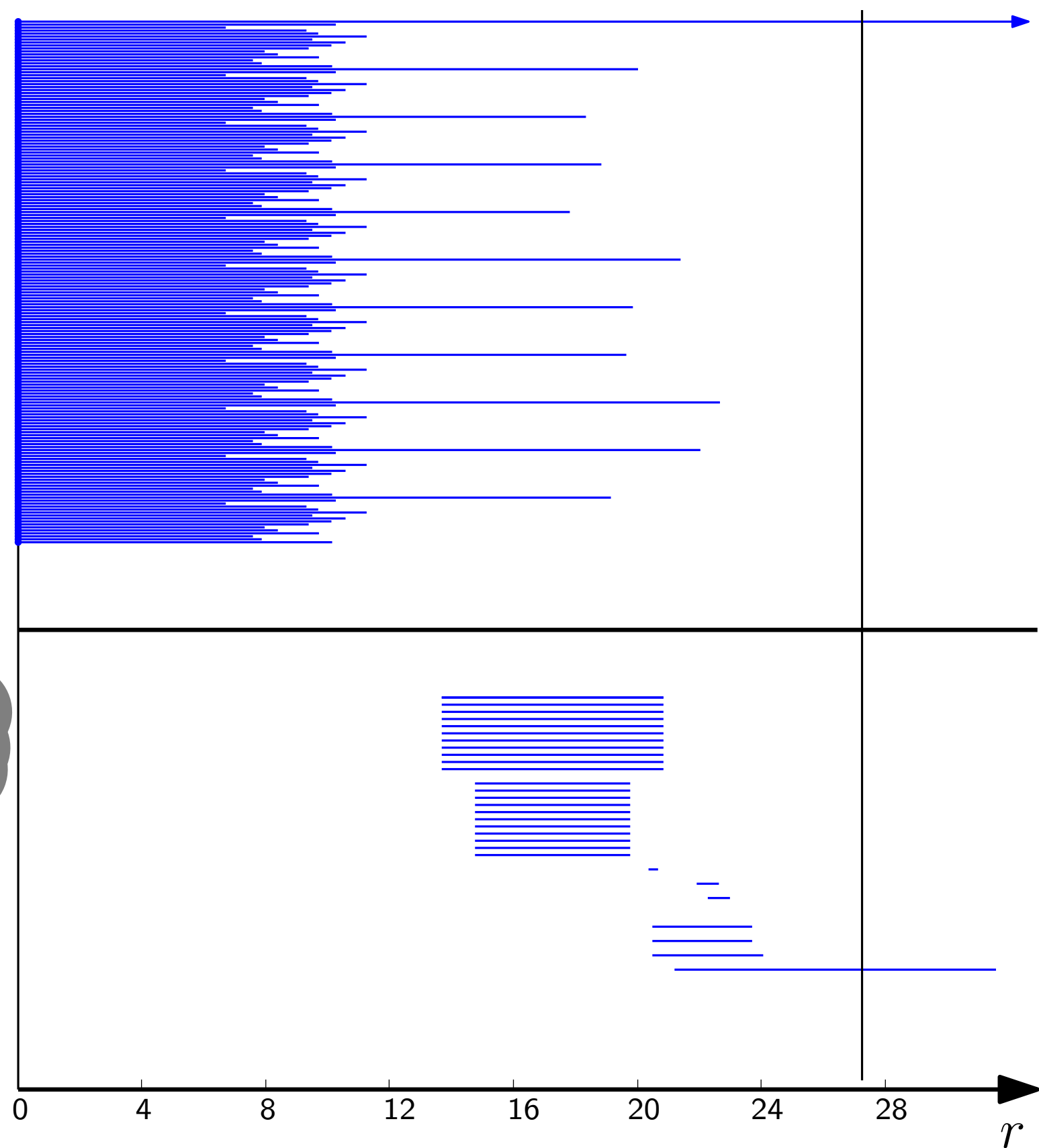
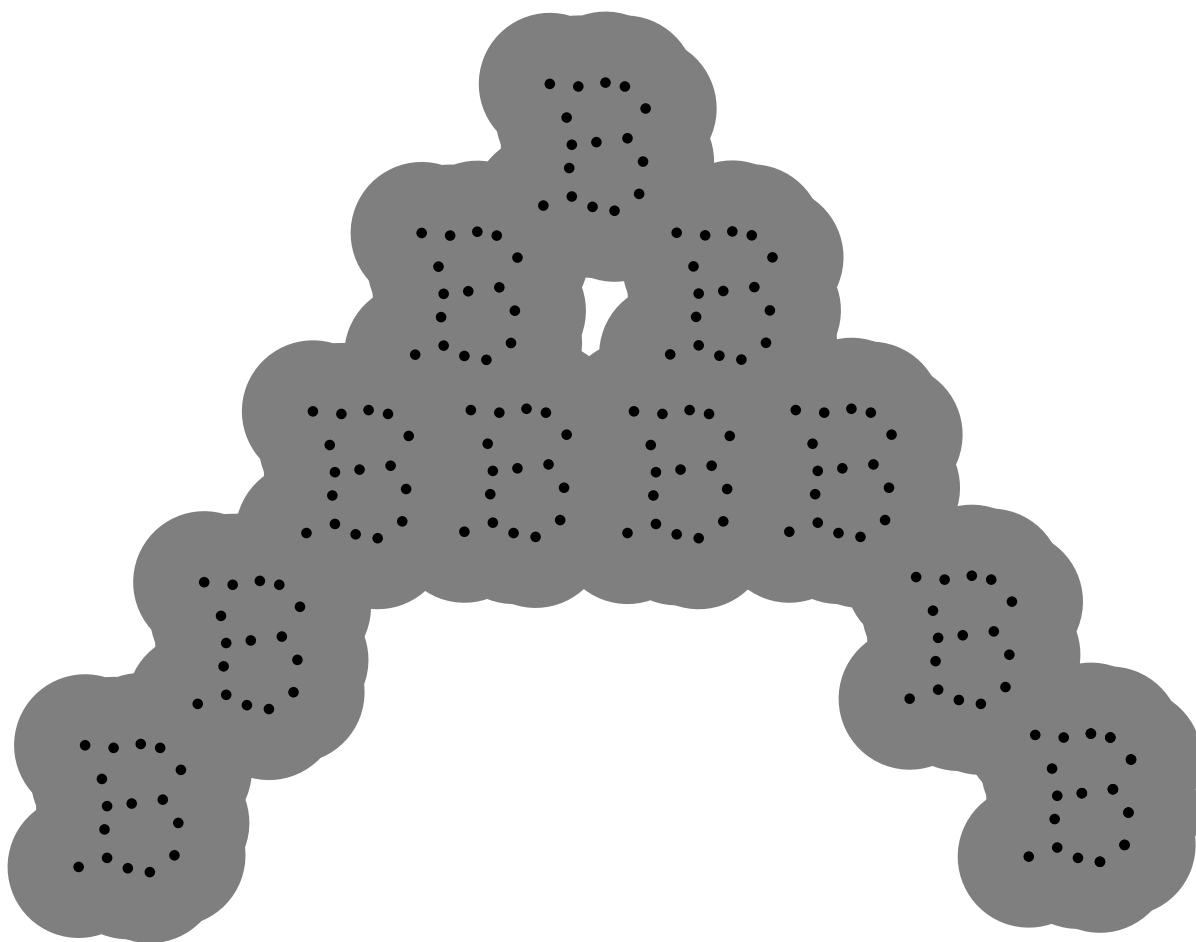
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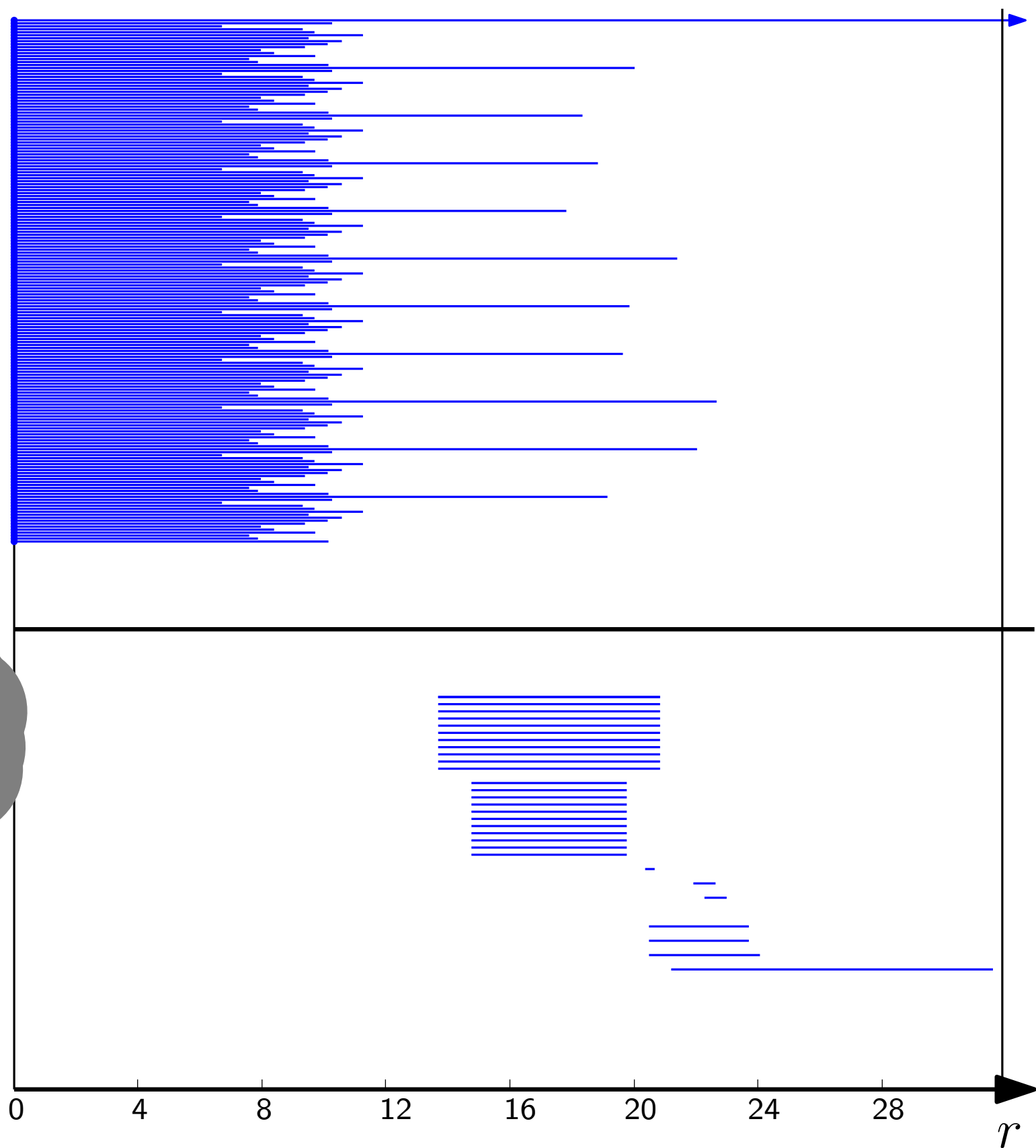
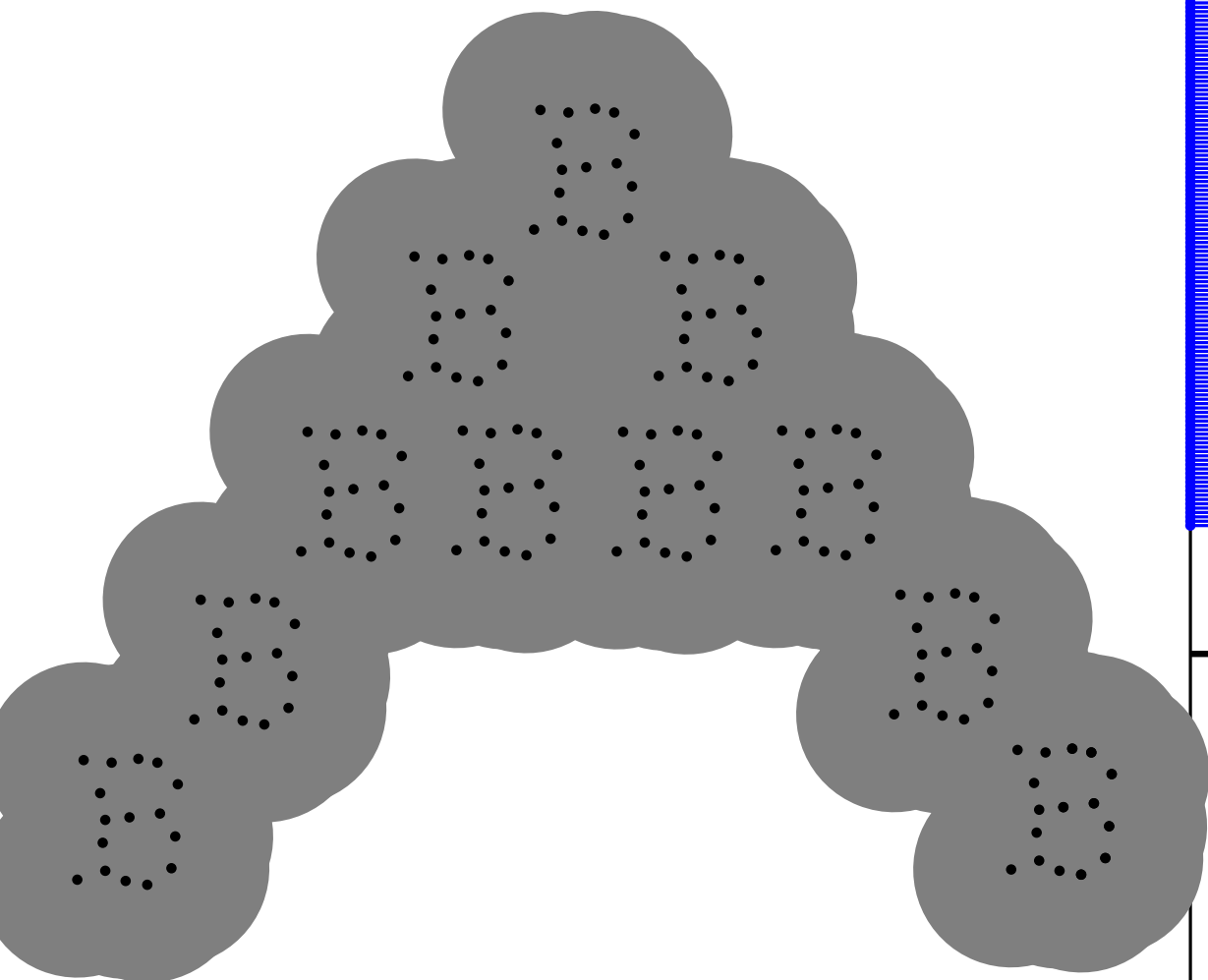
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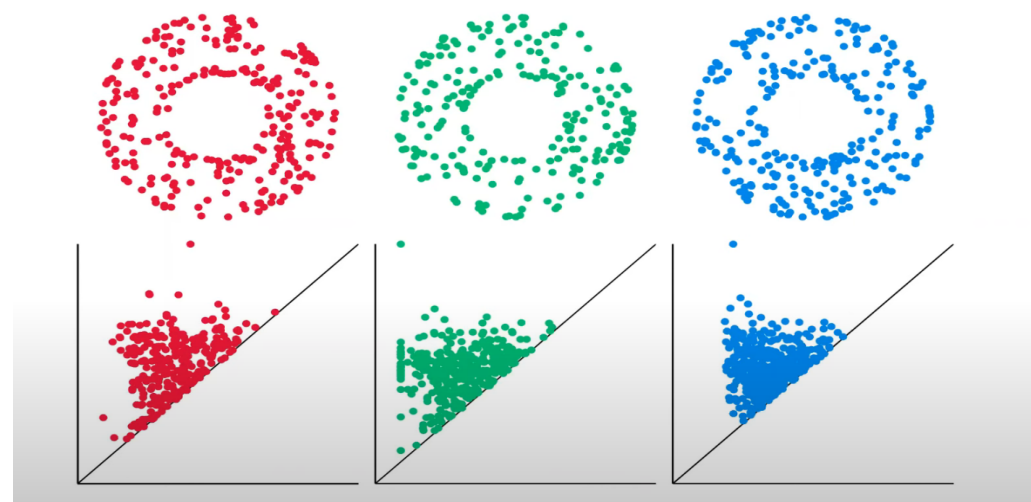
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Thm: If X and Y are pre-compact metric spaces, then

$$d_B(D_{\text{Rips}}(X), D_{\text{Rips}}(Y)) \leq d_{GH}(X, Y).$$

[Persistence stability for geometric complexes, Chazal, de Silva, Oudot, Geom. Dedicata, 2013].



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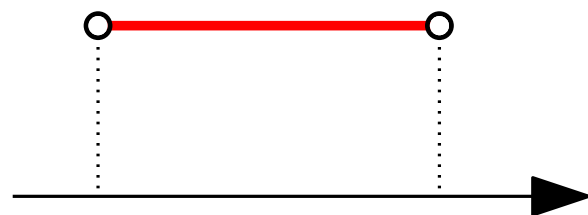
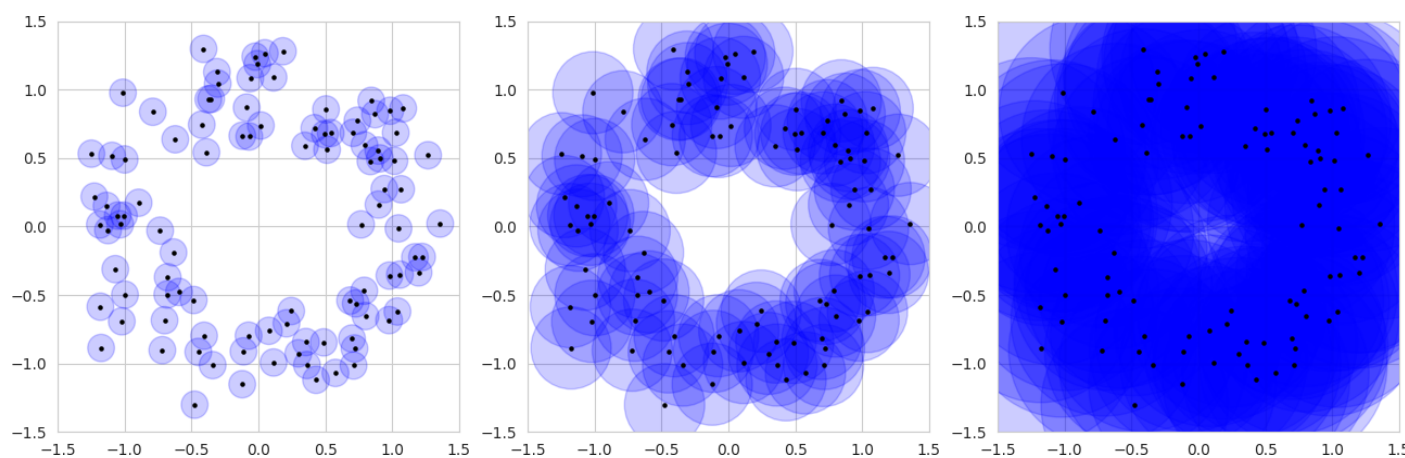
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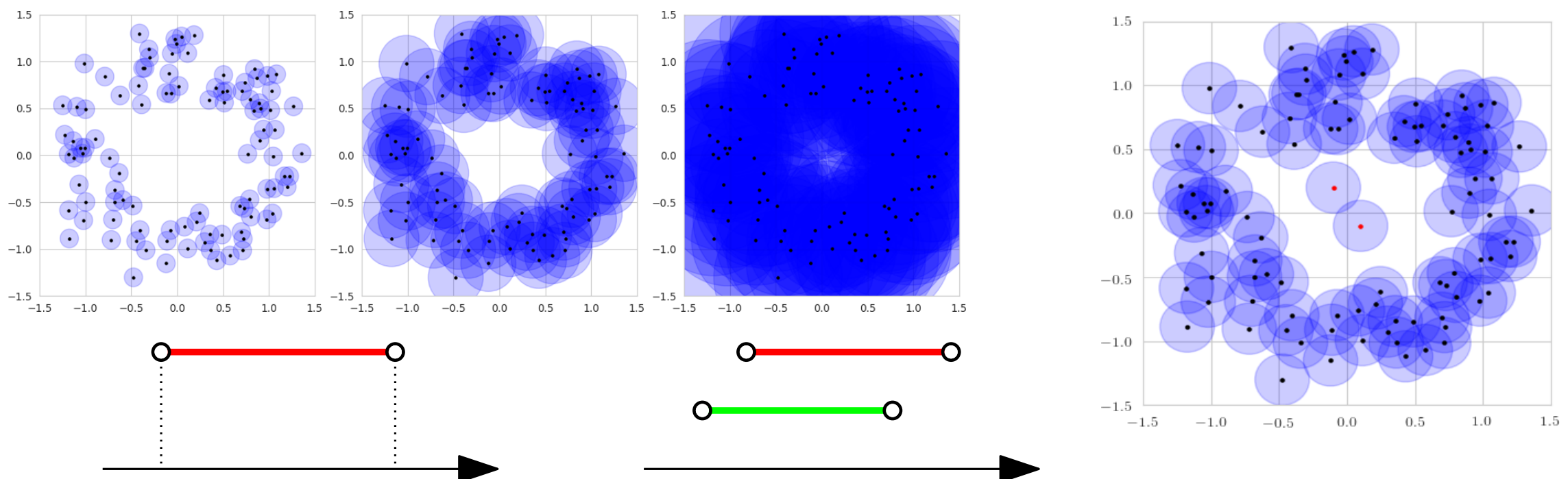
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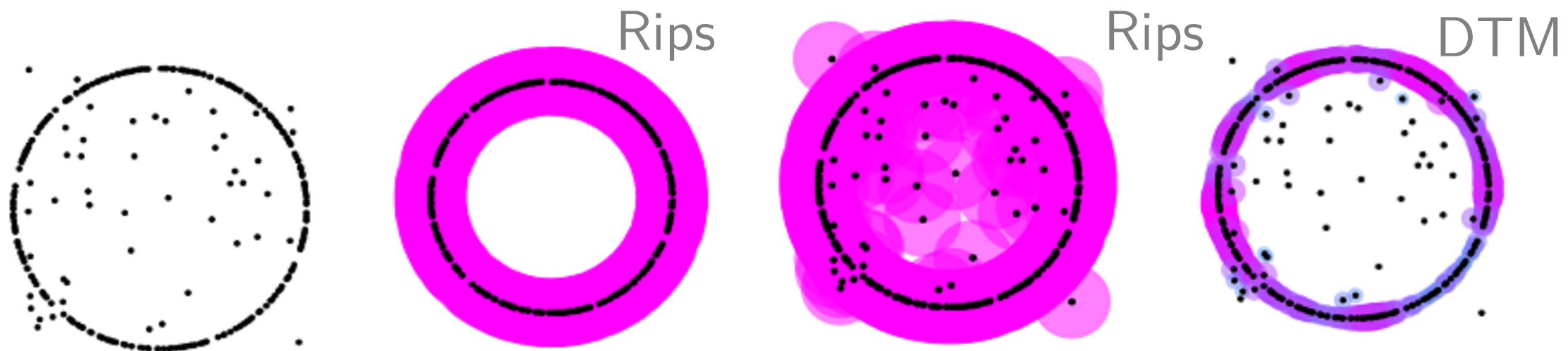
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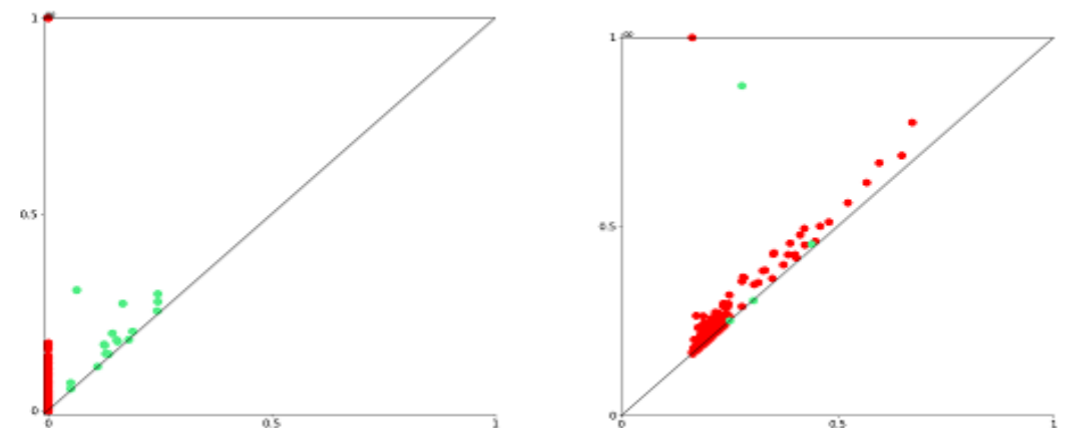
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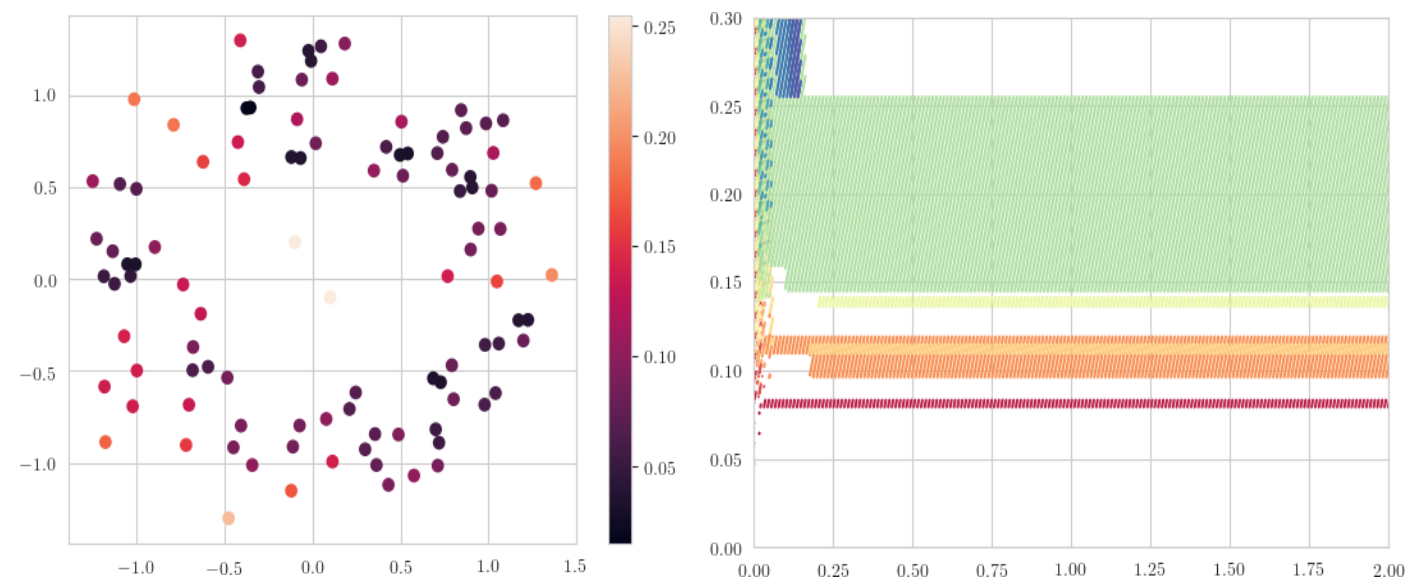
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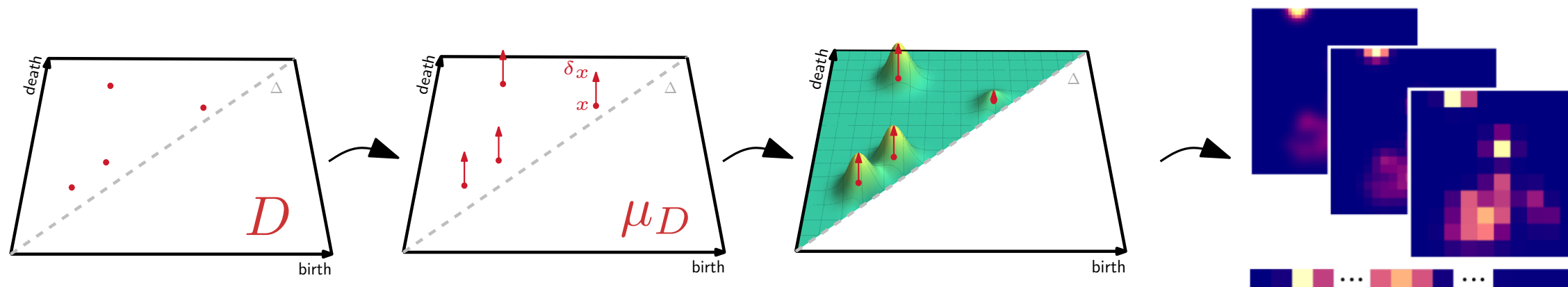
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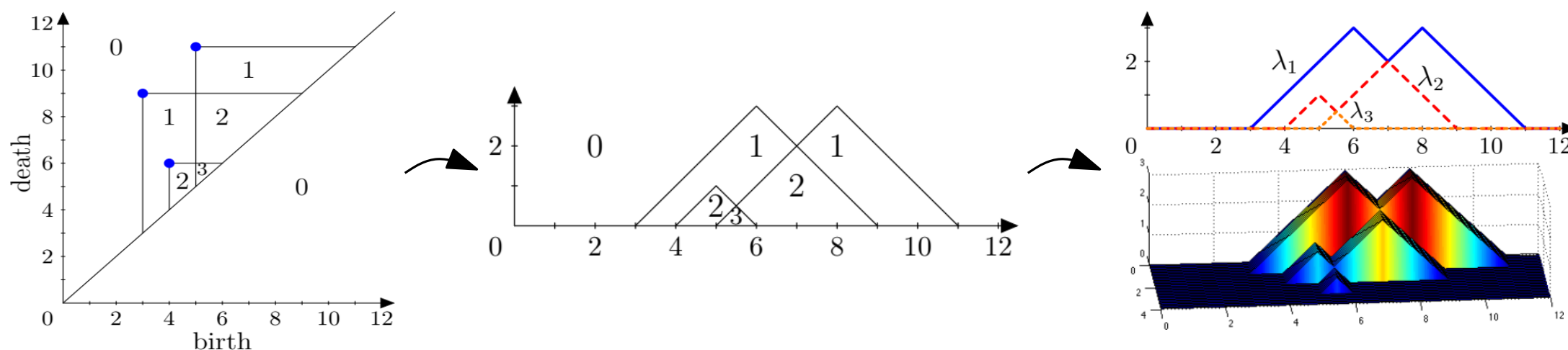
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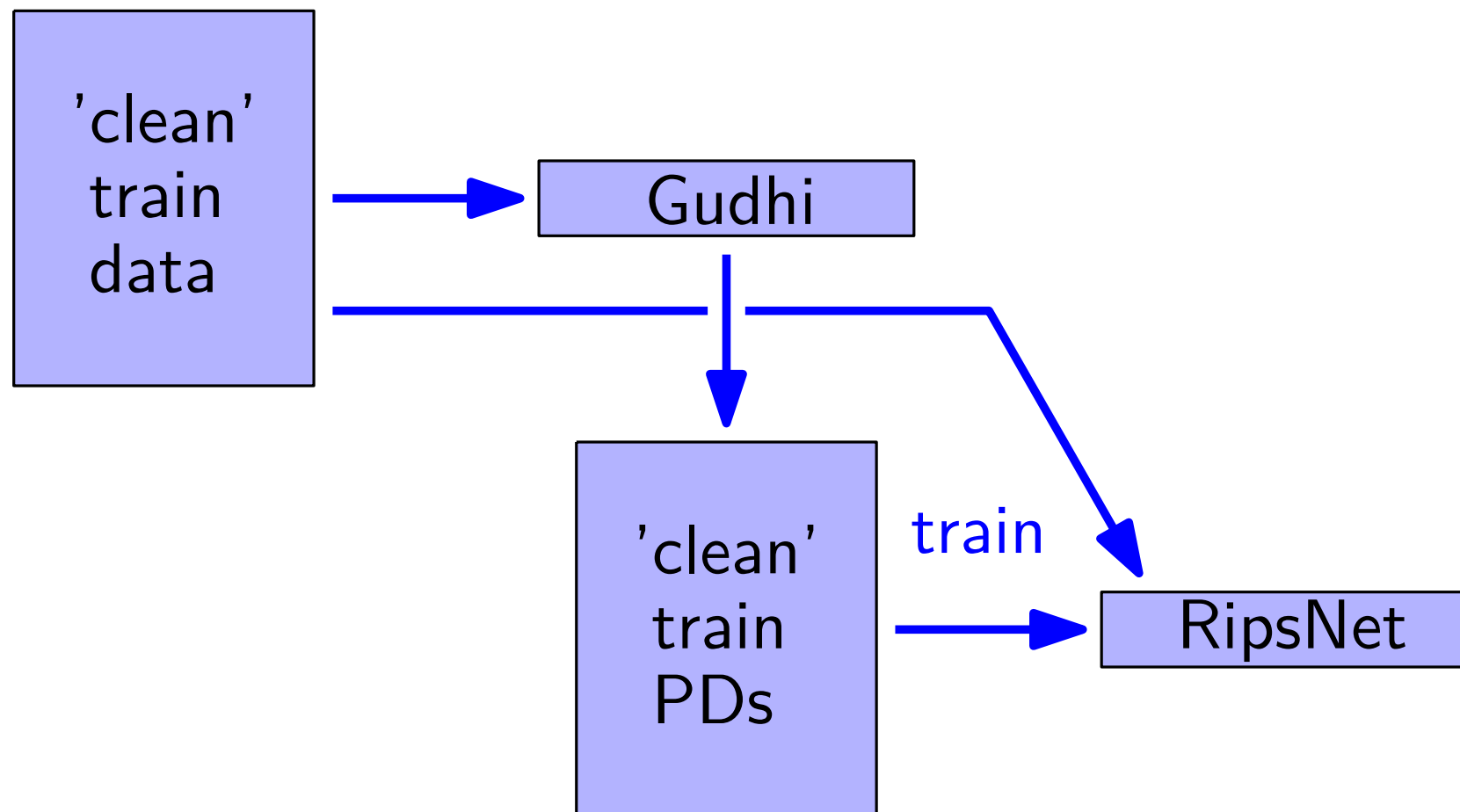
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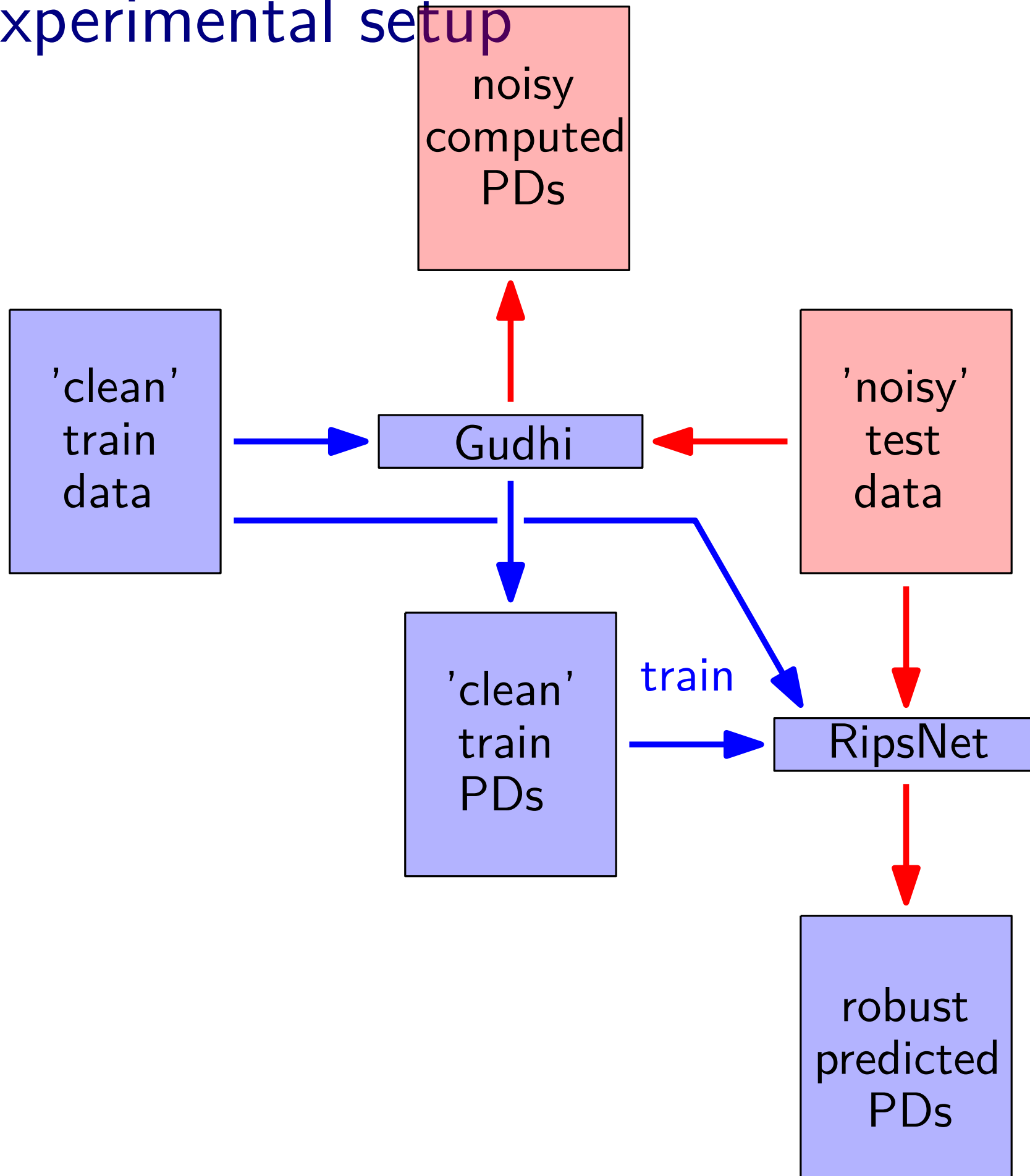
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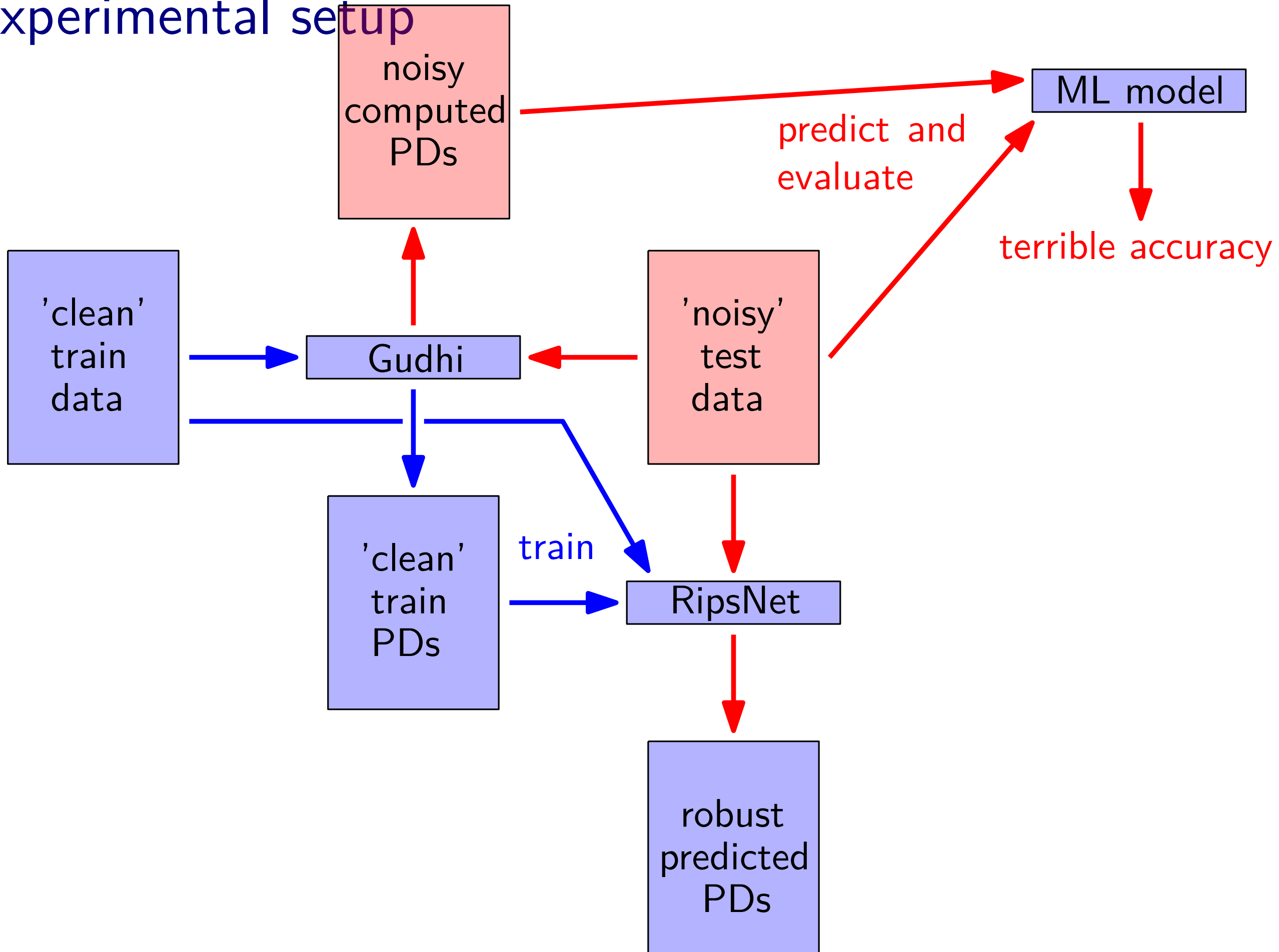
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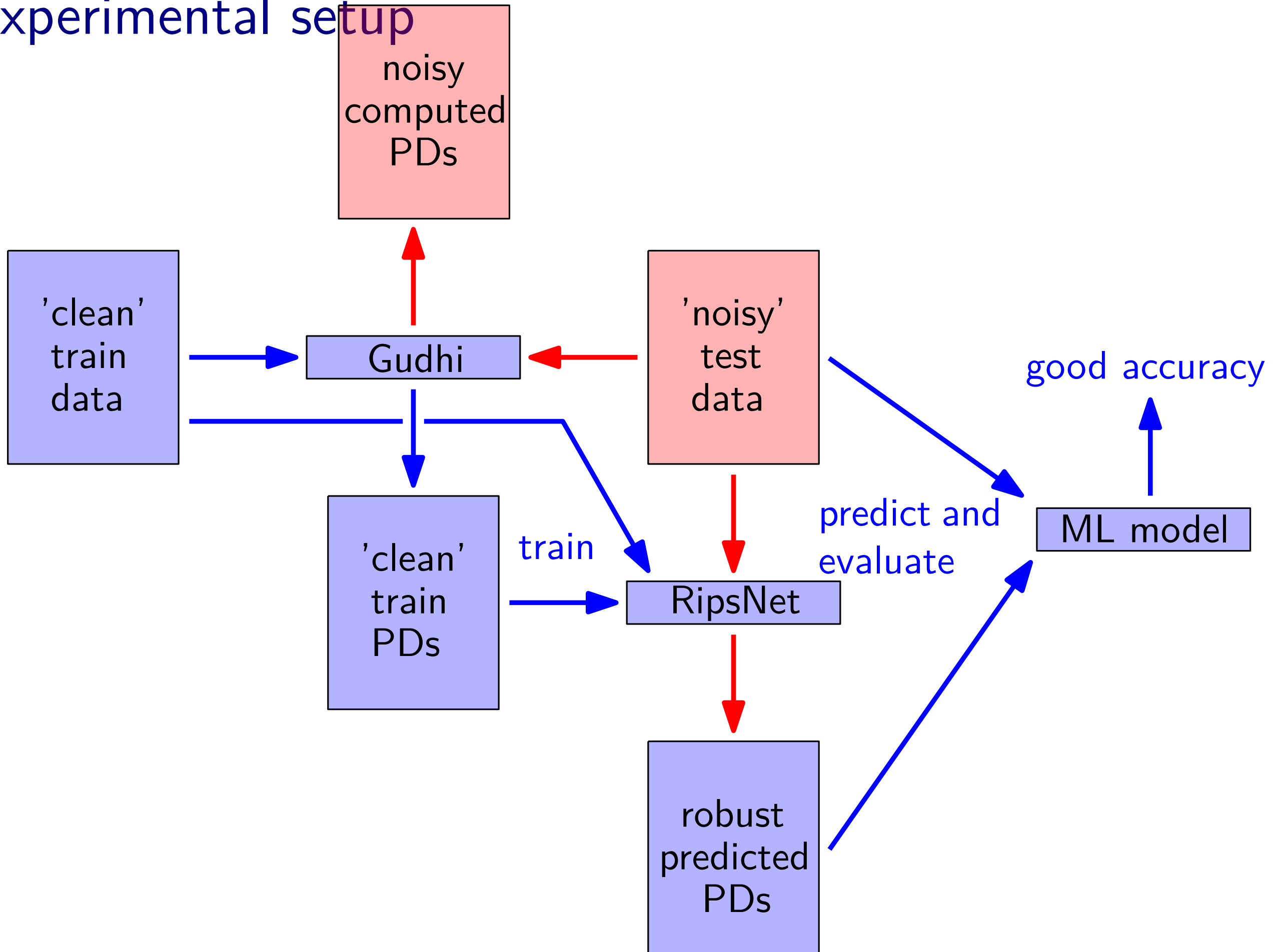
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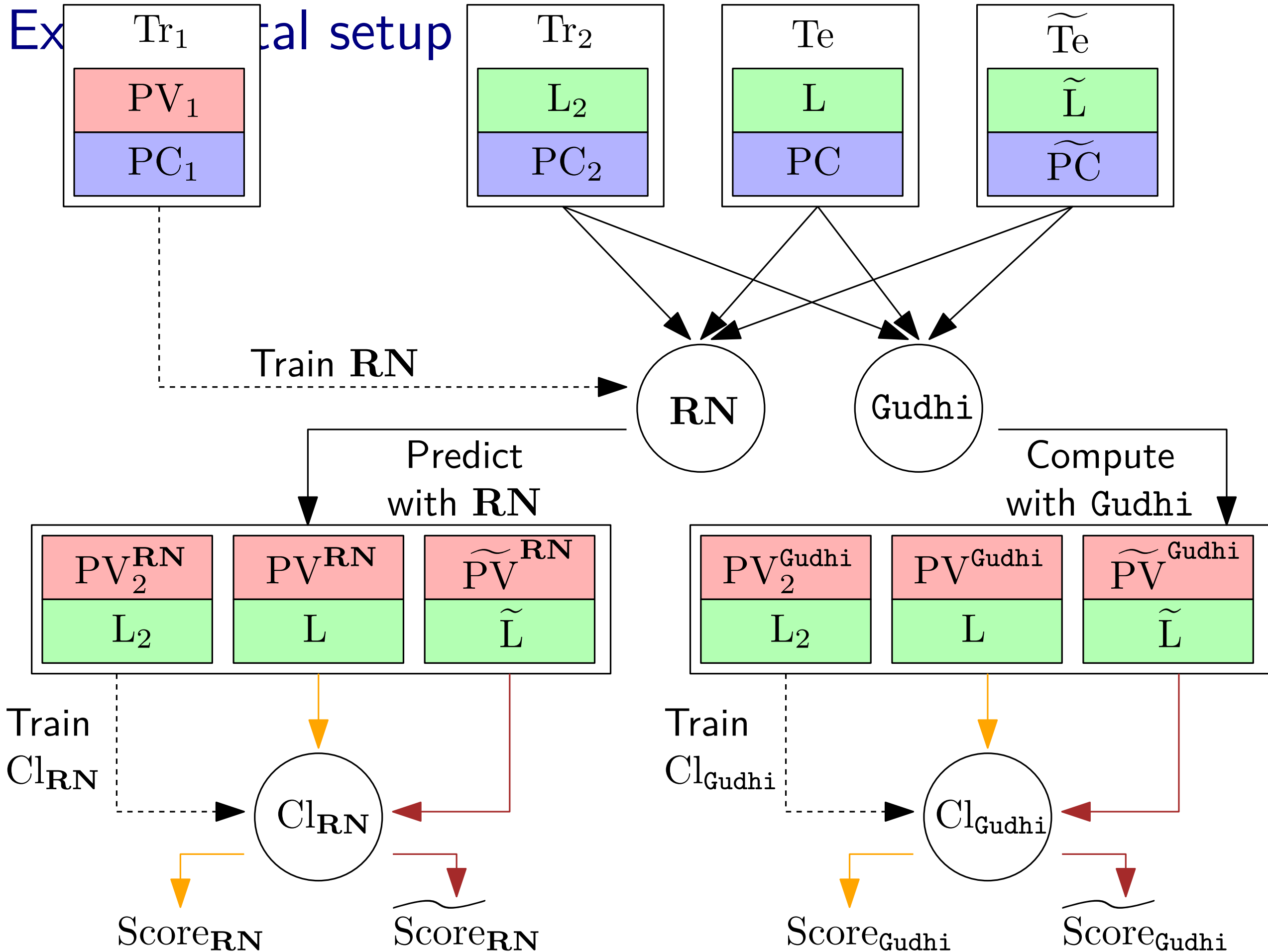


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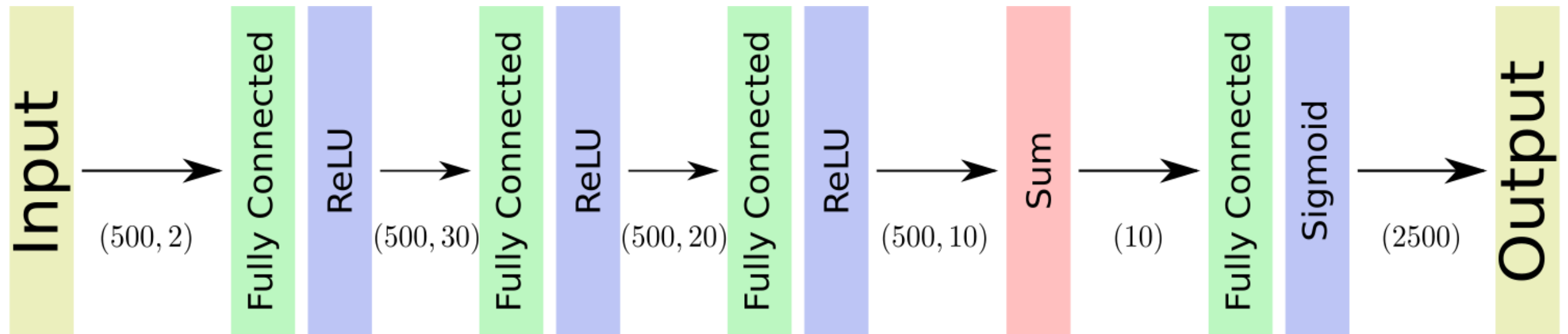


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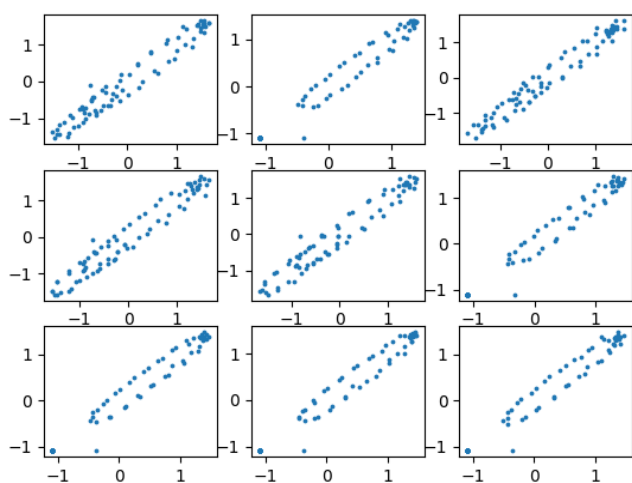
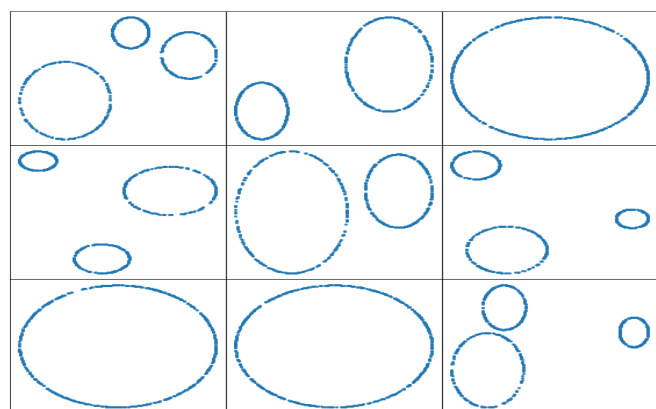


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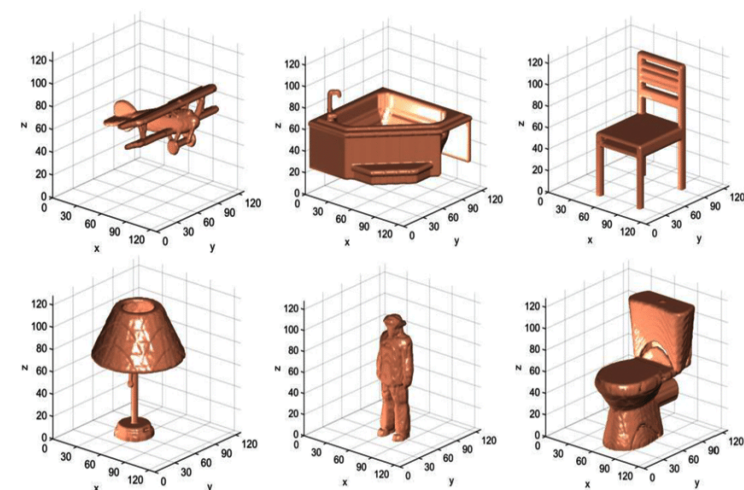


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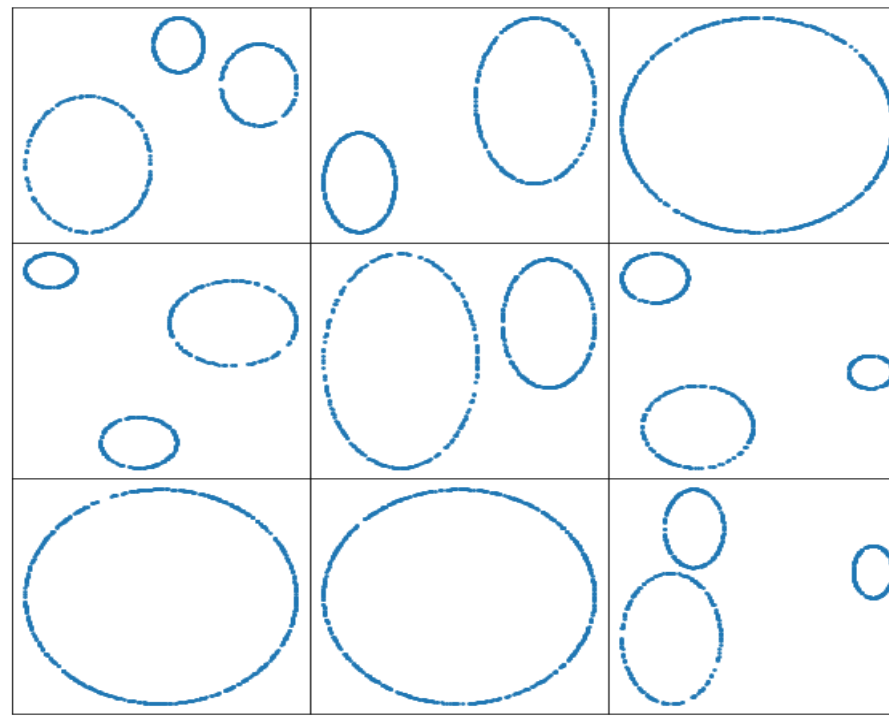
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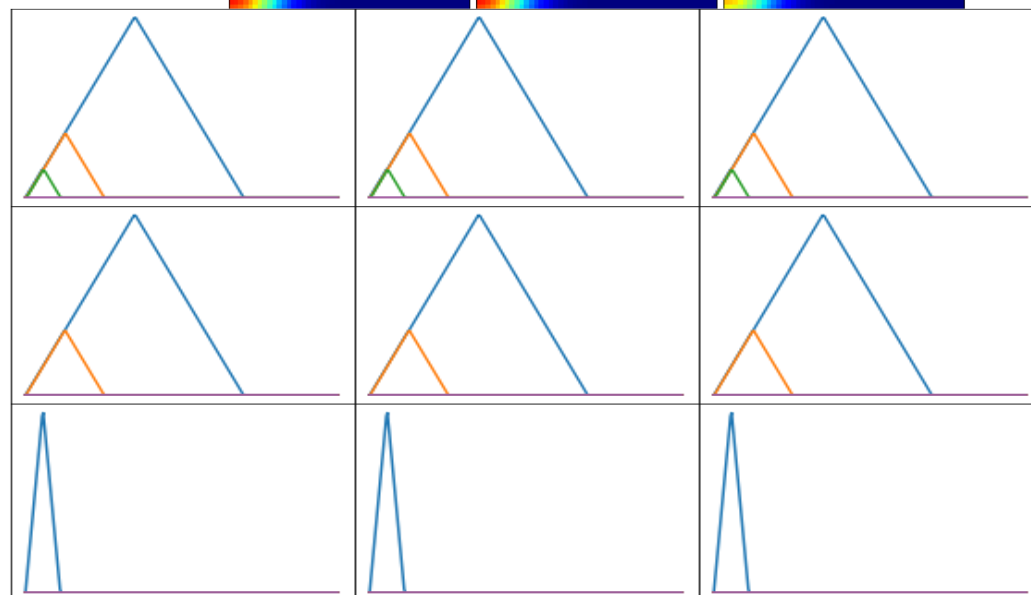
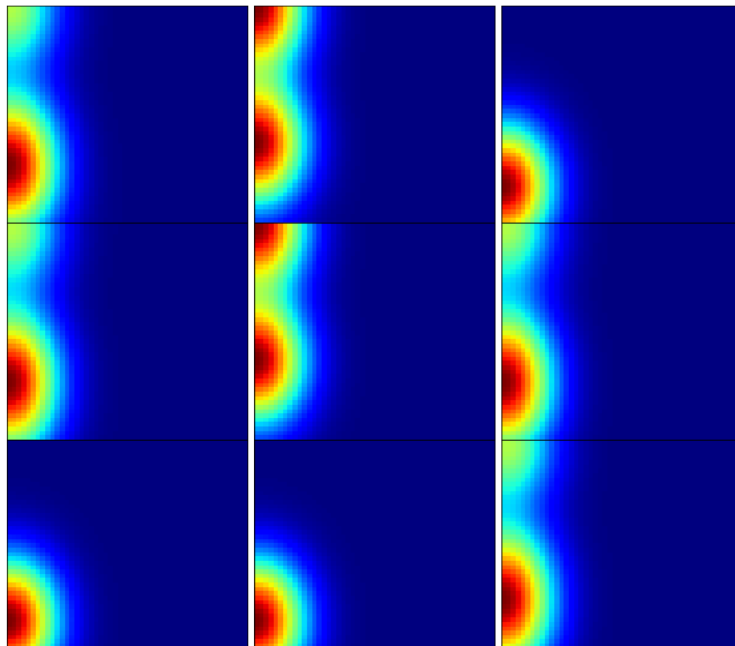
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| 5 | 29.9 ± 4.0 | 31.0 ± 2.7 | 55.1 ± 3.3 | 63.4 ± 1.6 | |
| 10 | 25.2 ± 3.2 | 29.5 ± 3.1 | 51.0 ± 2.1 | 50.6 ± 1.5 | |
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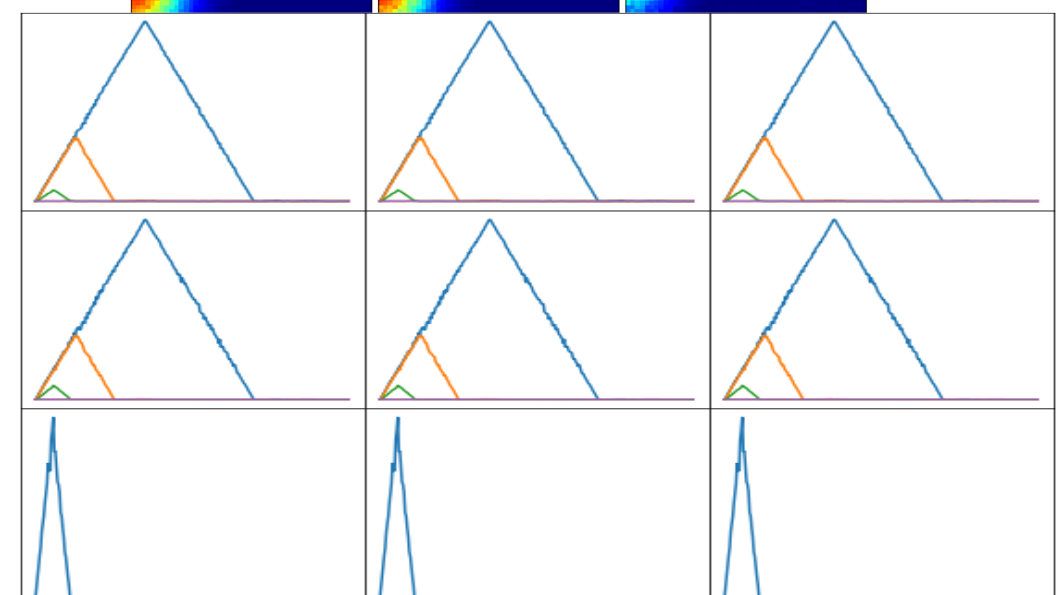
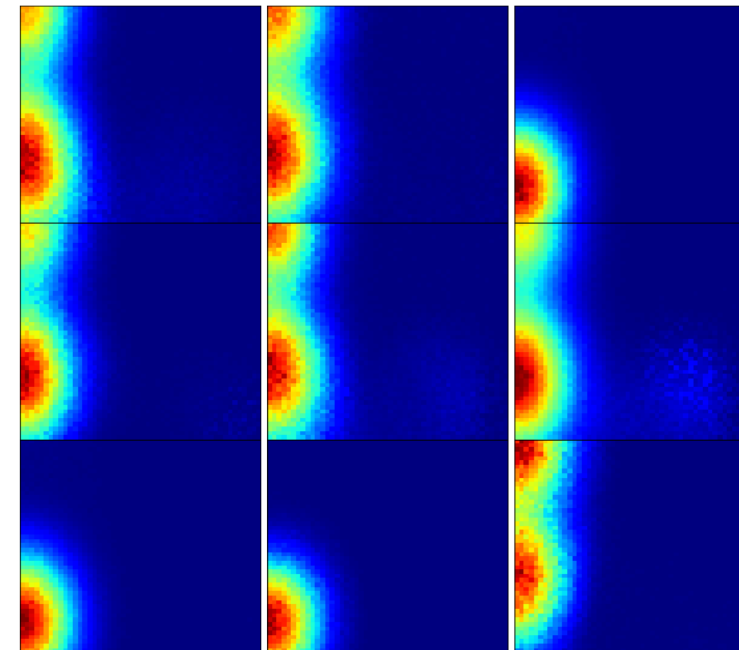
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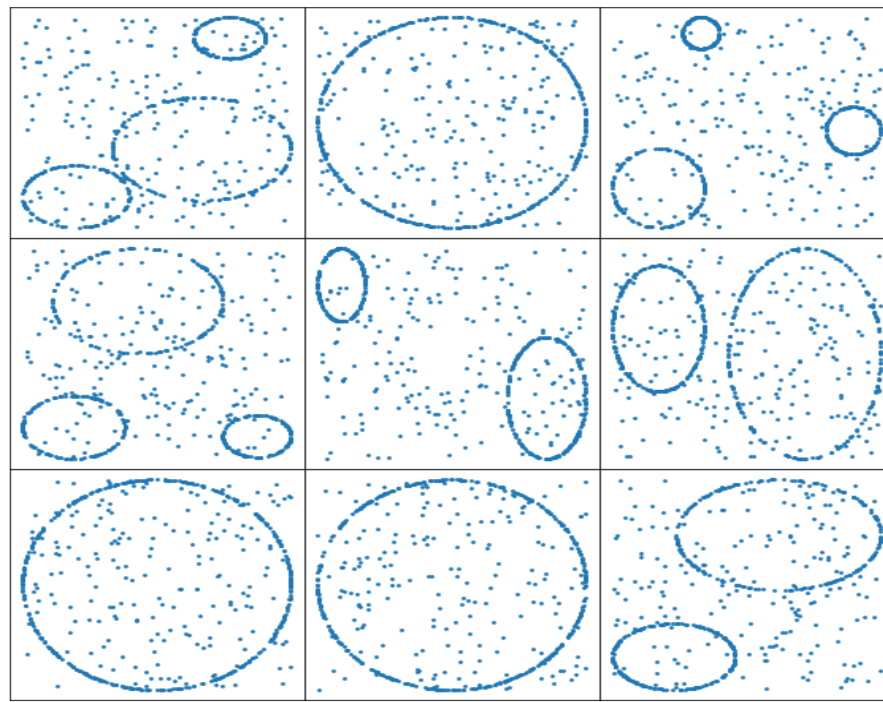
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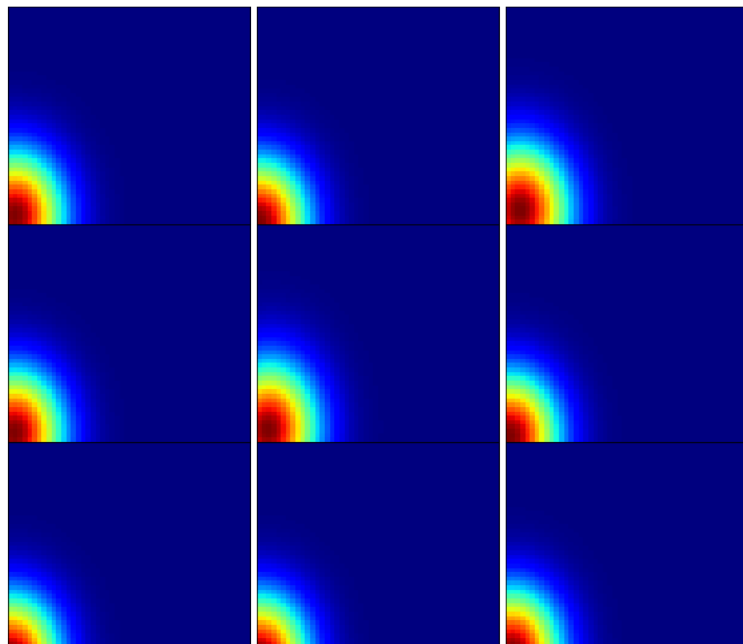
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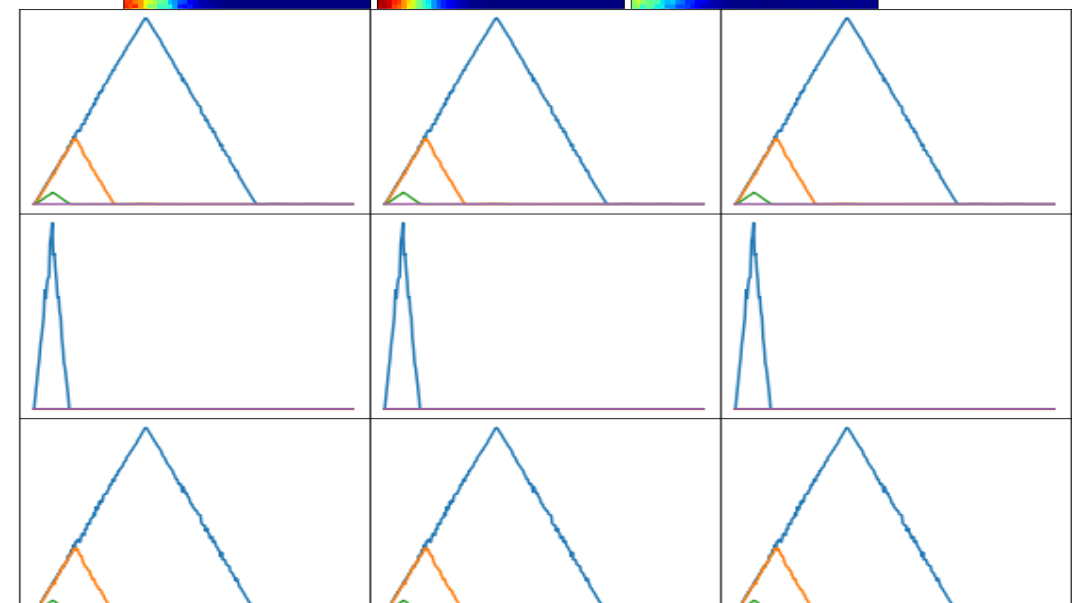
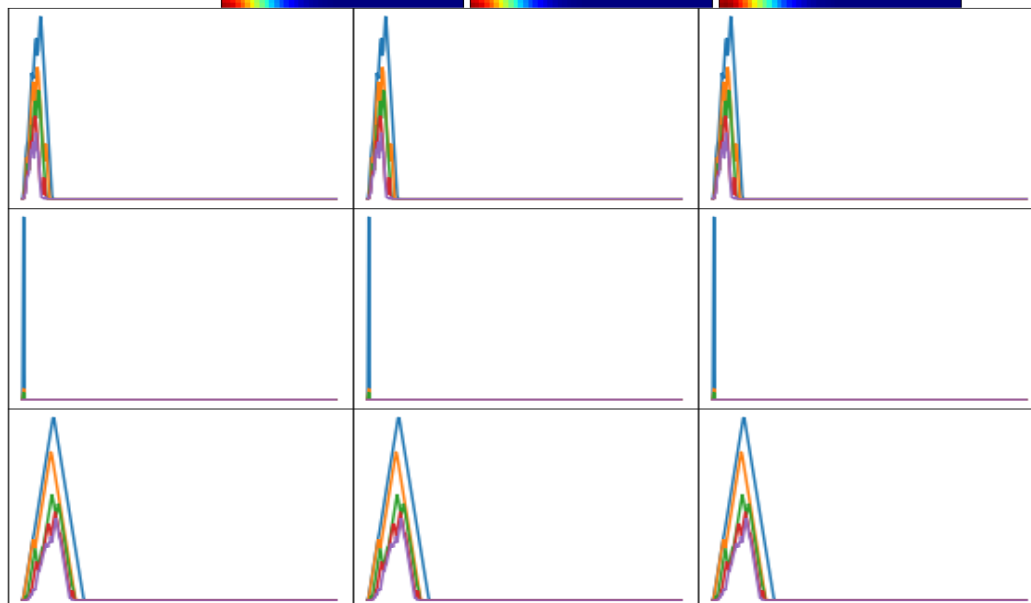
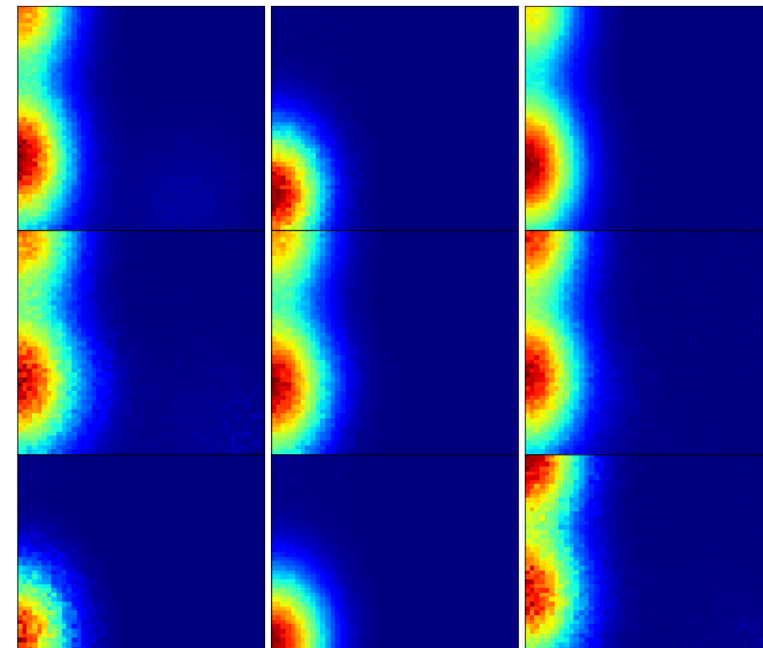
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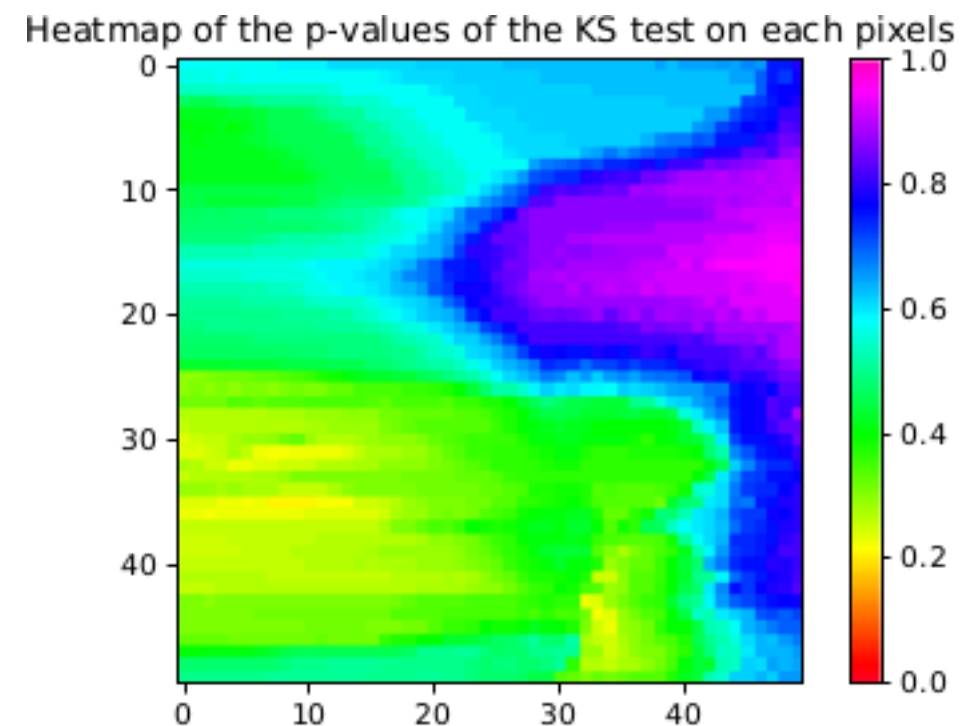
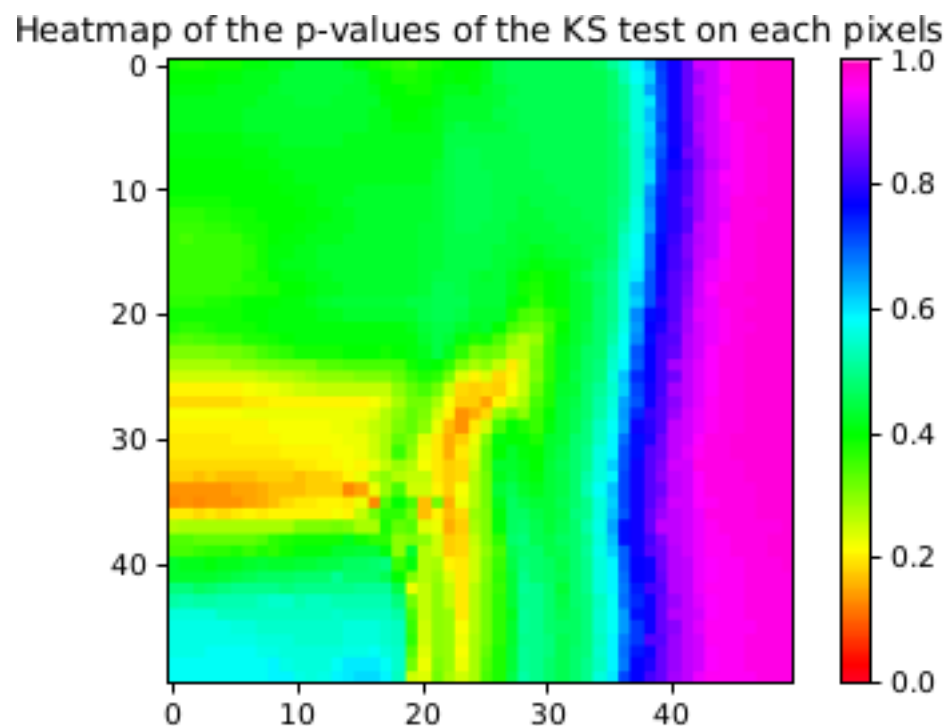
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Interpretation

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Persistence Computation with Boundary Matrix

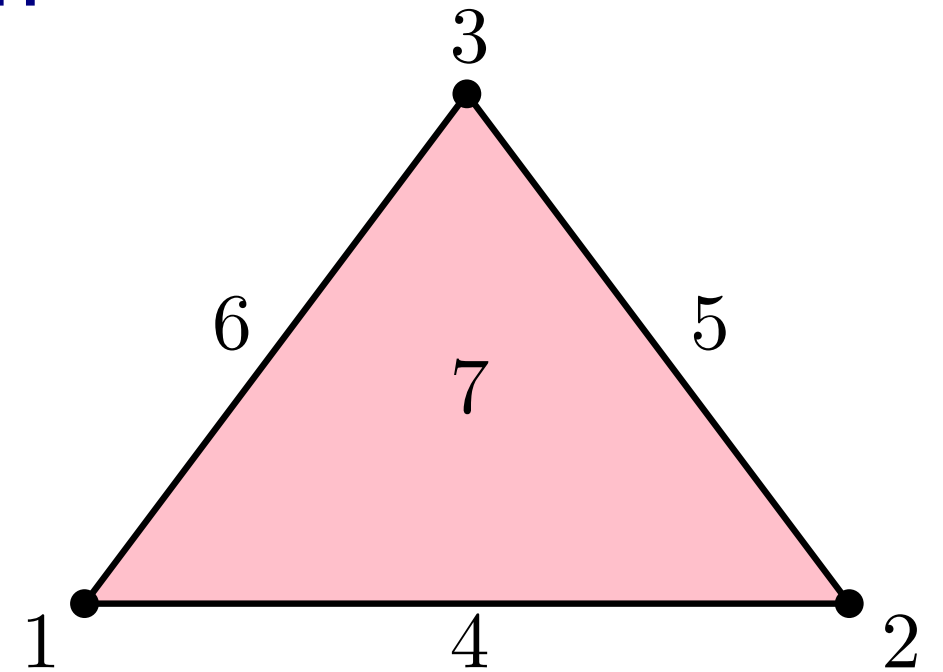
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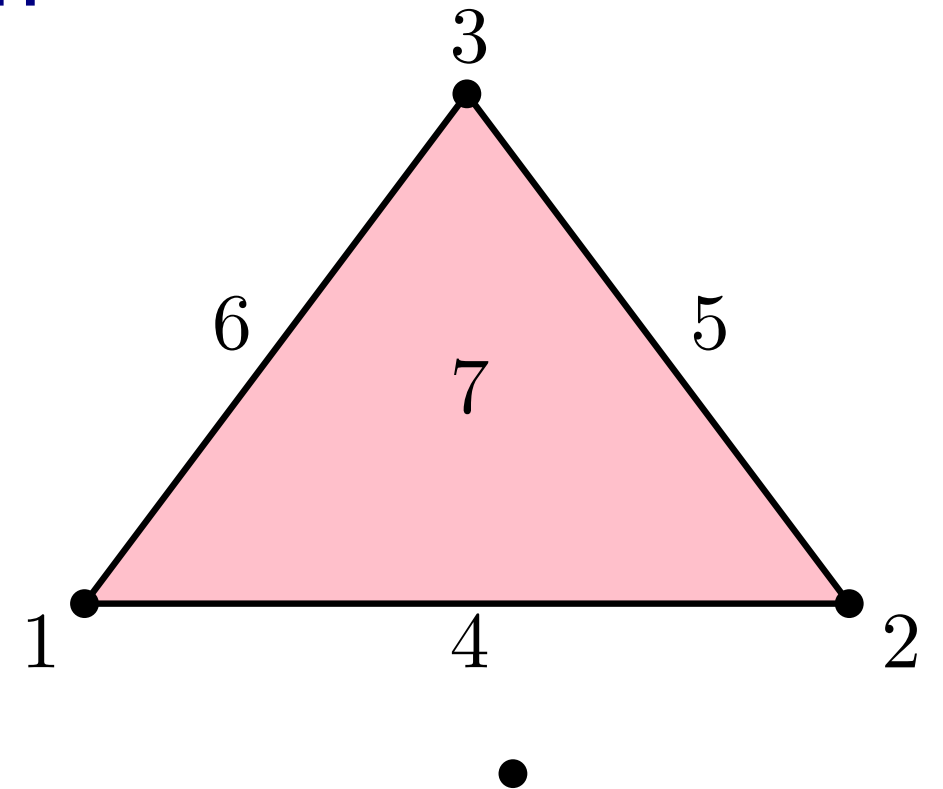
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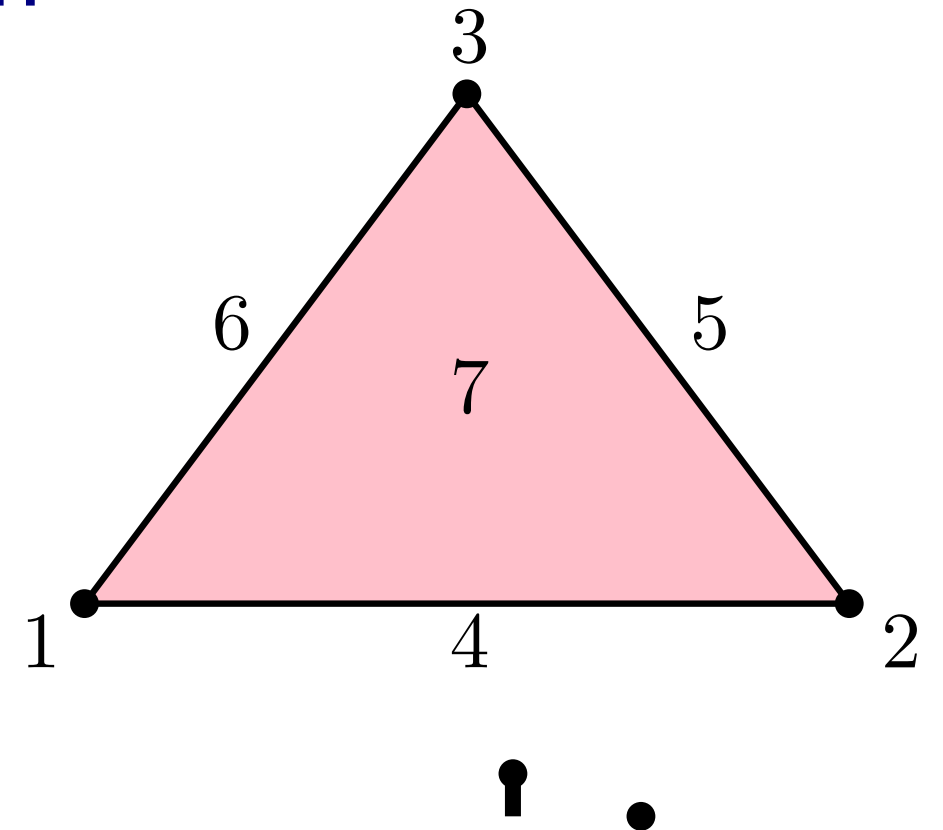
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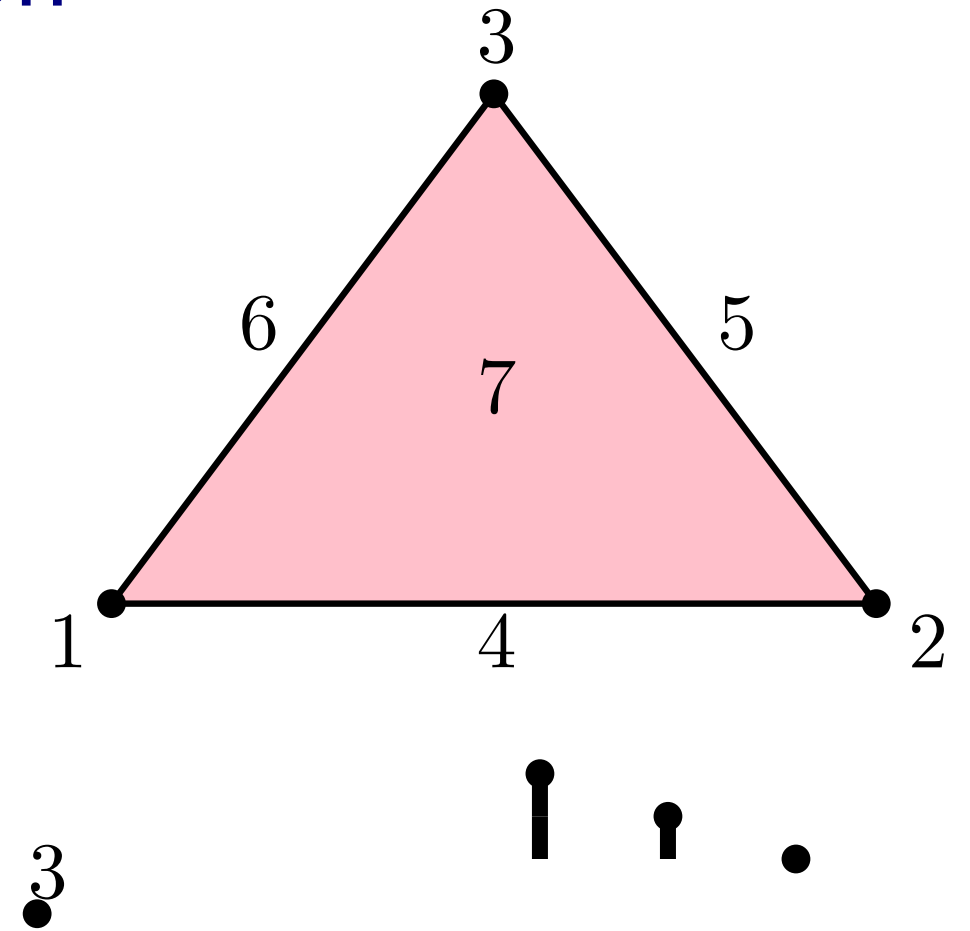
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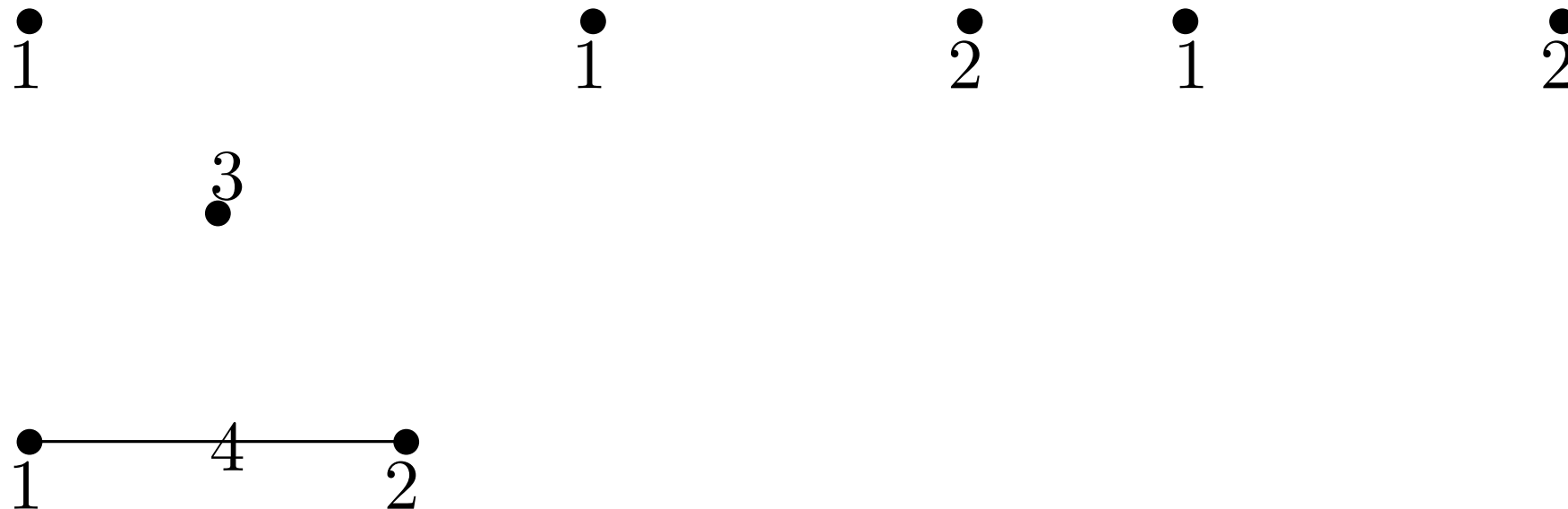
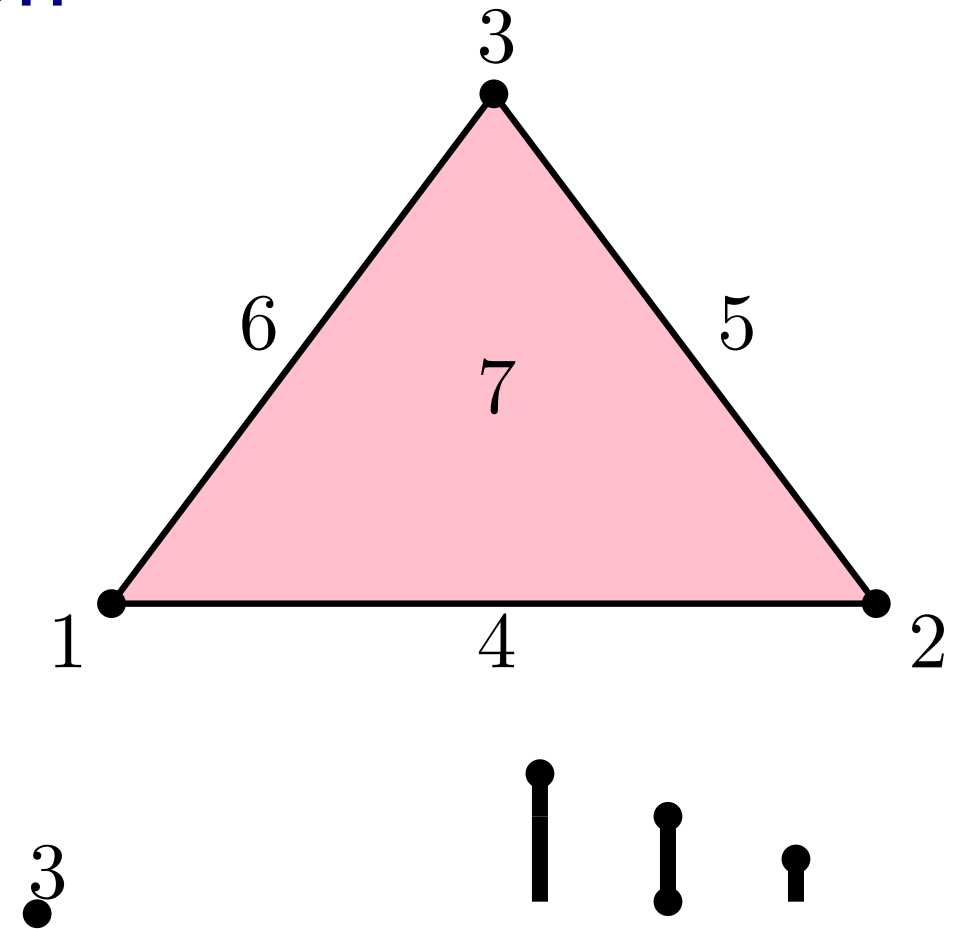
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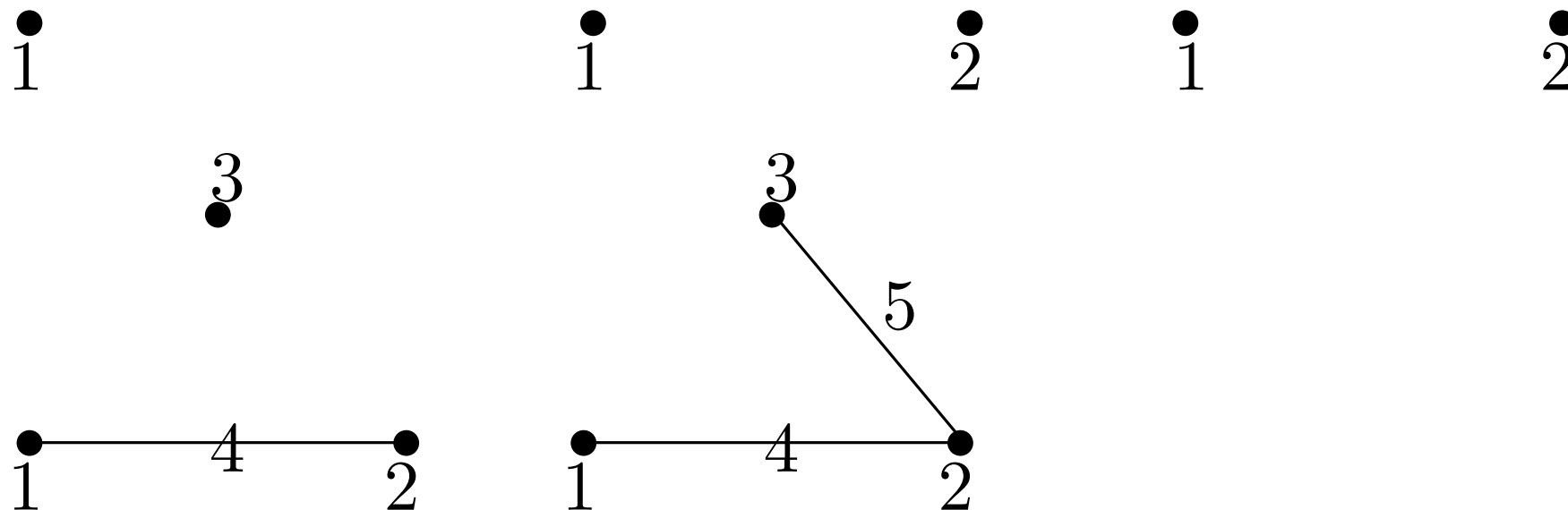
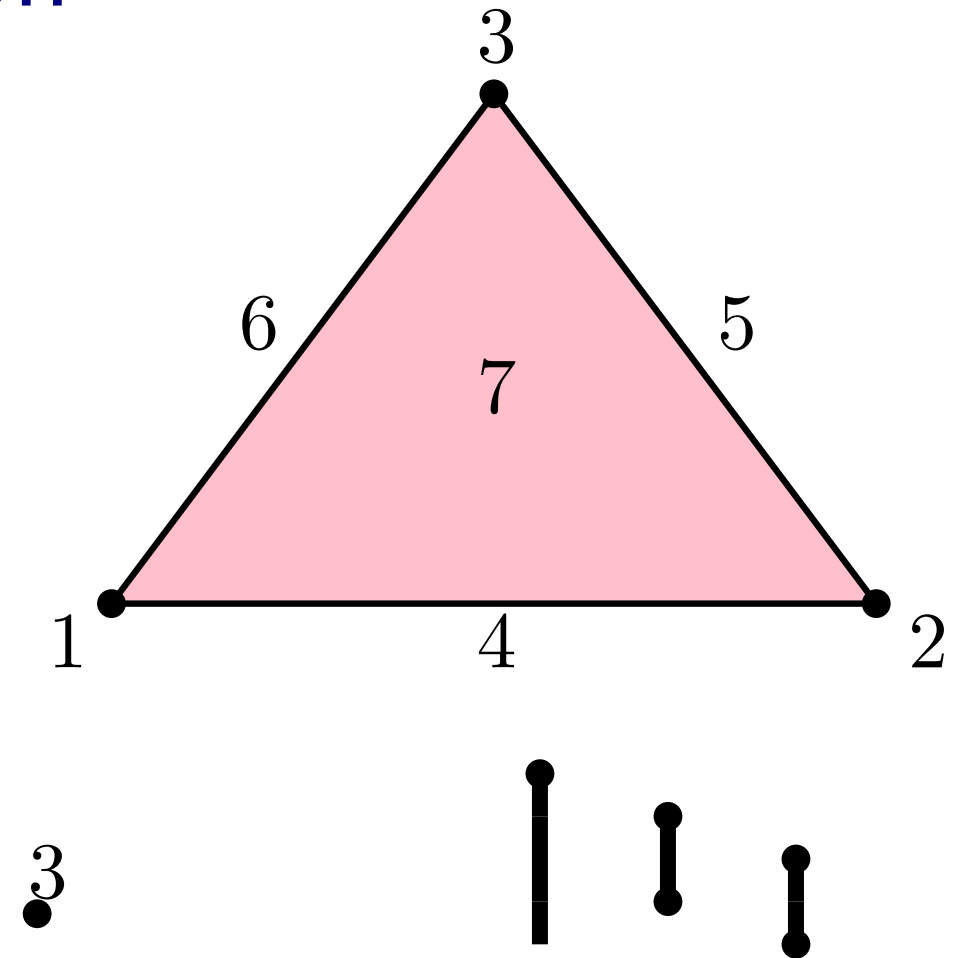
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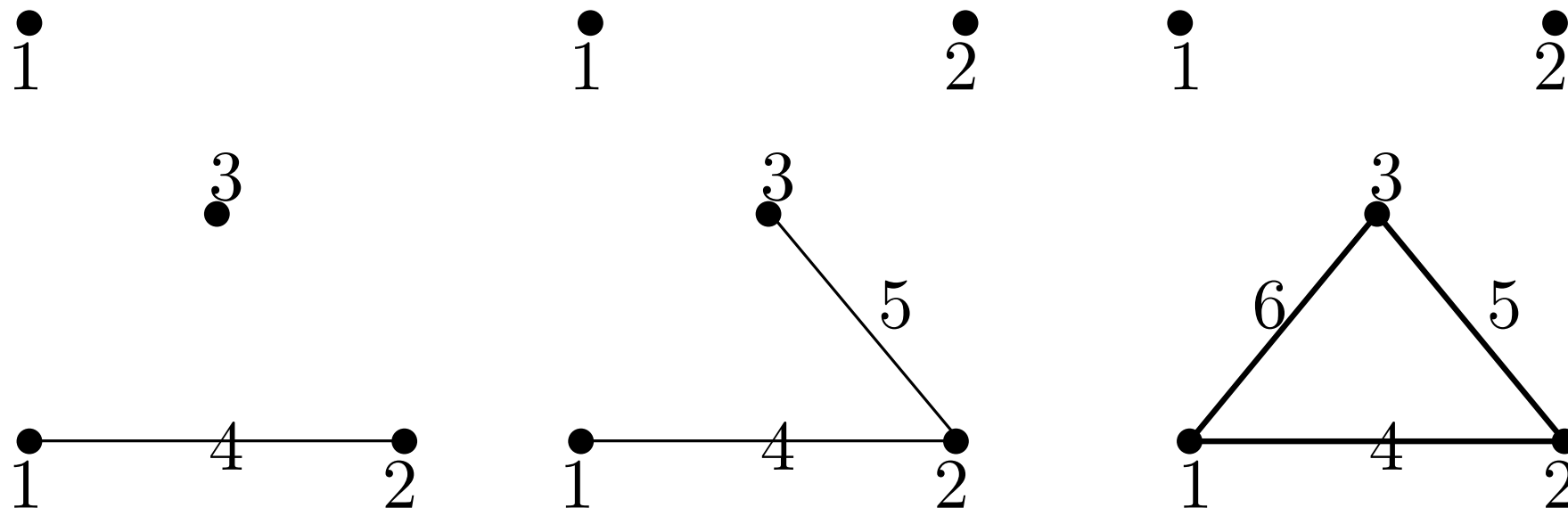
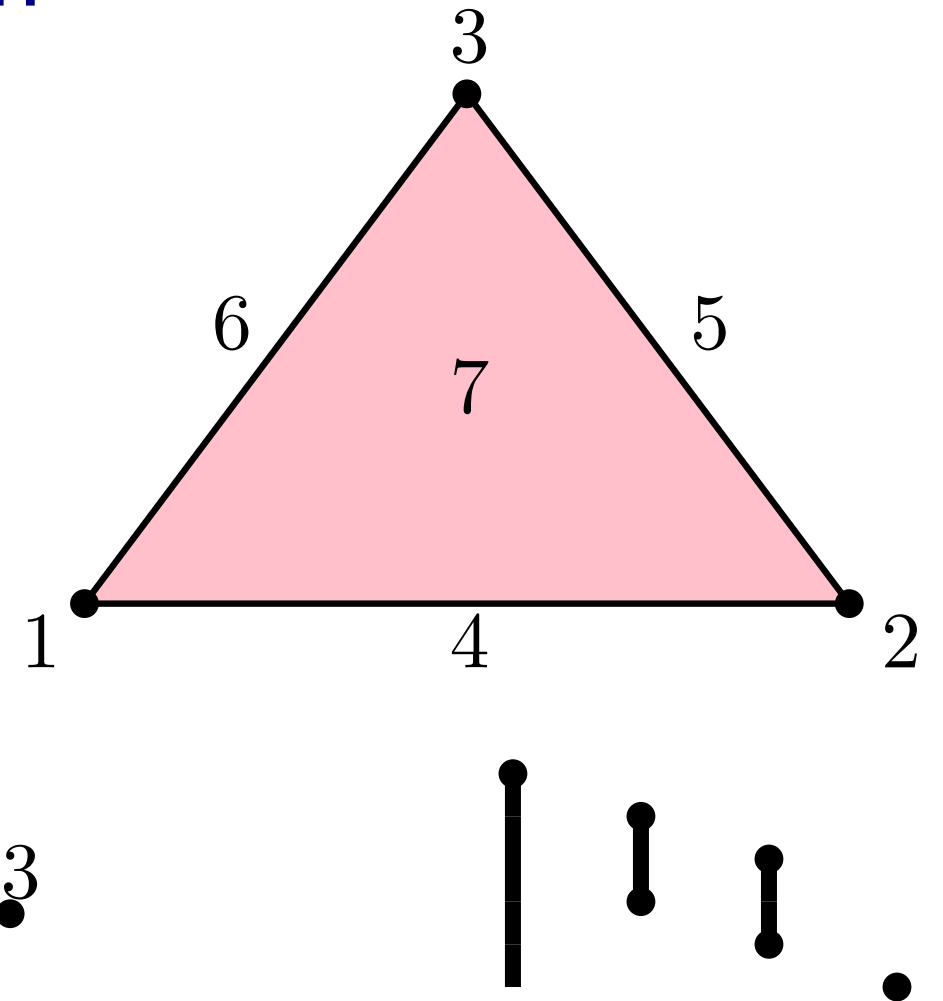
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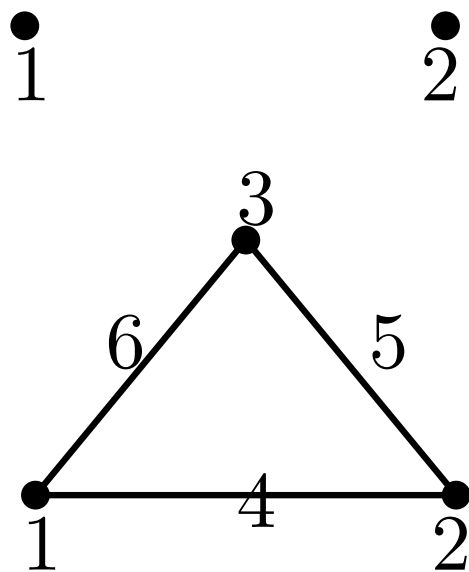
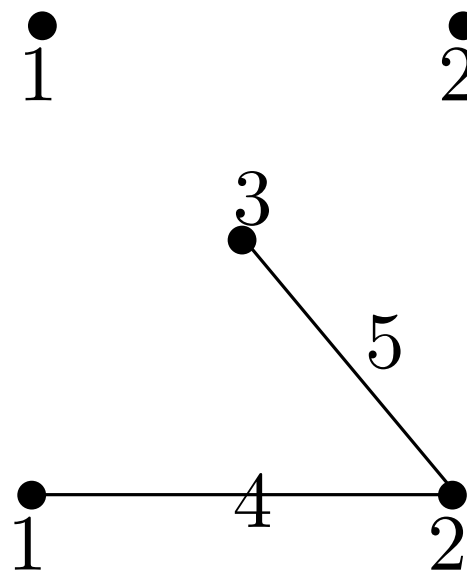
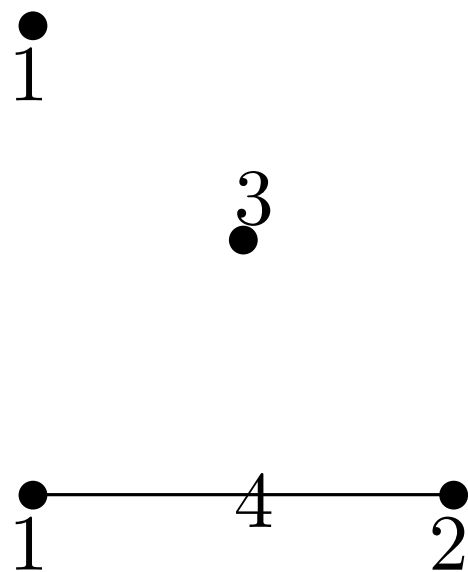
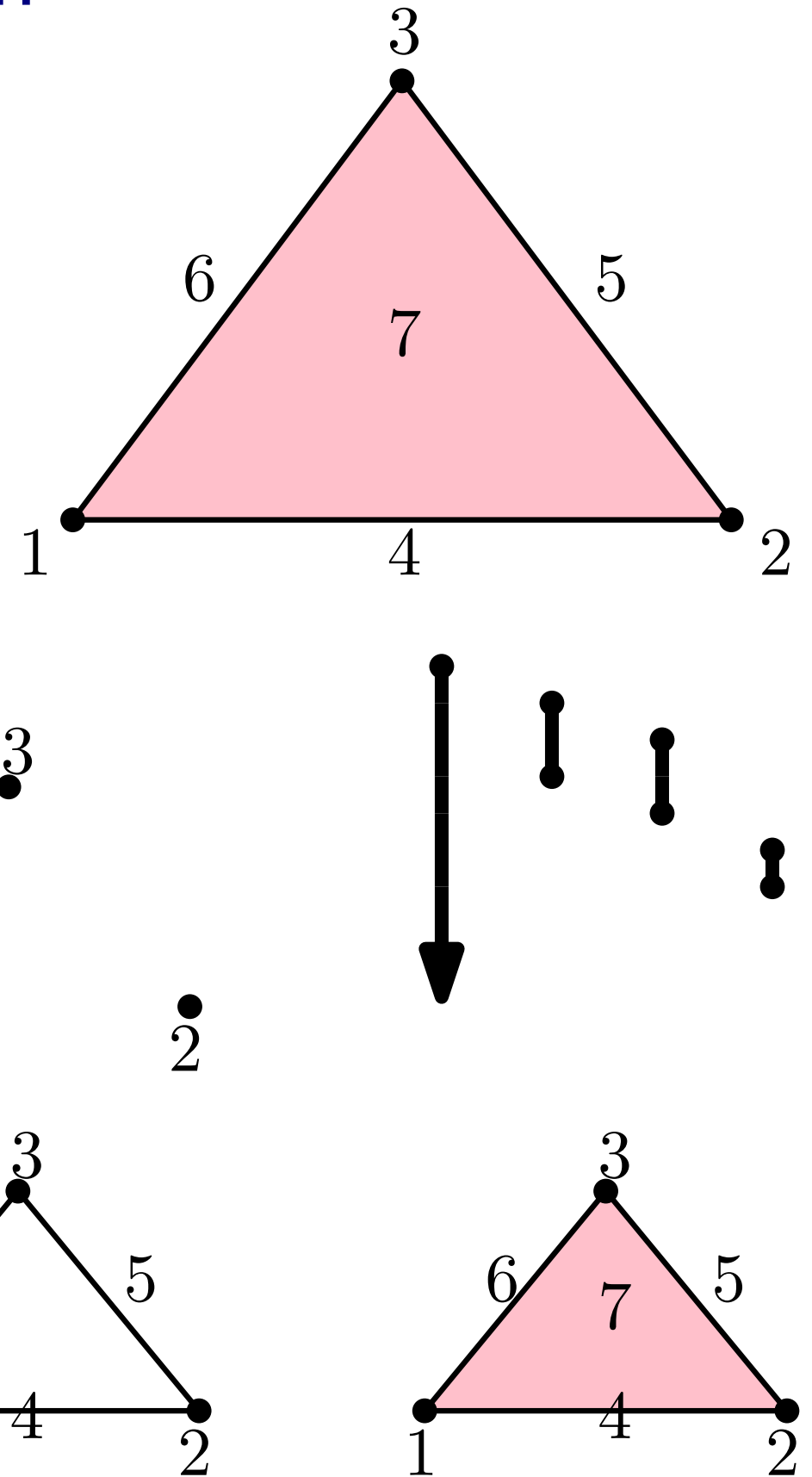
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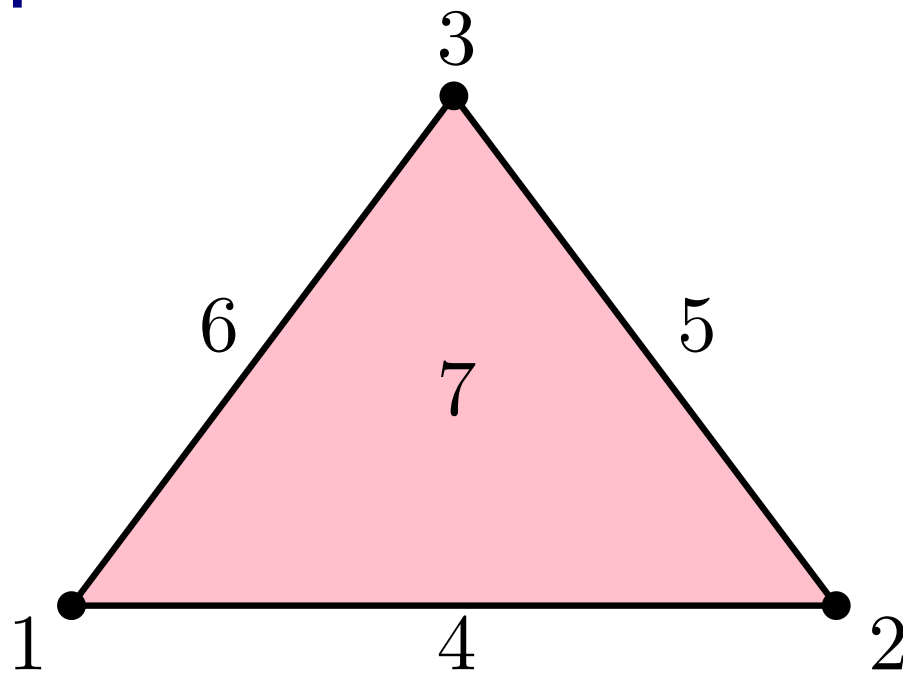
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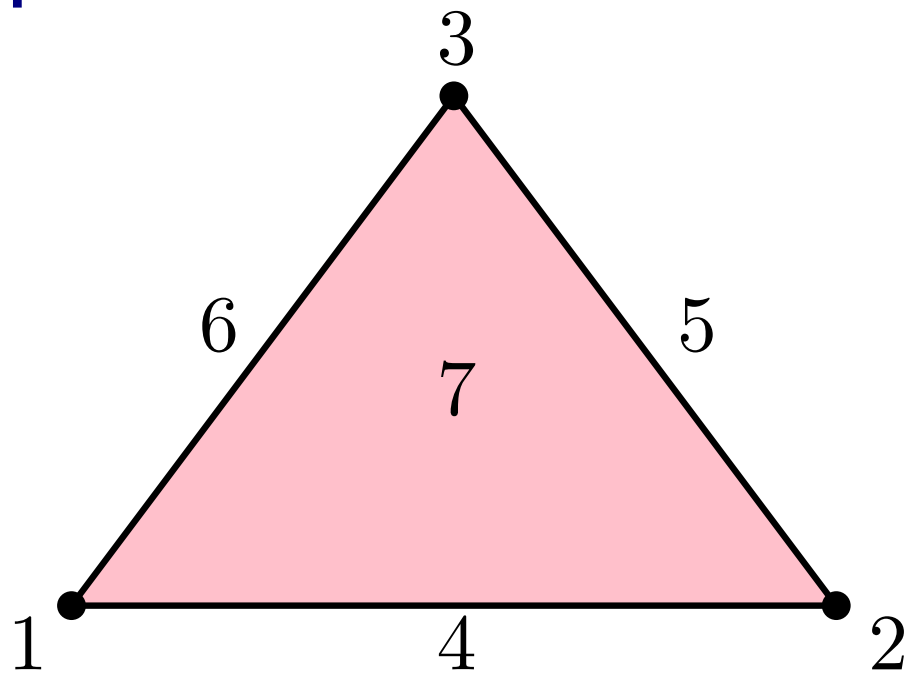
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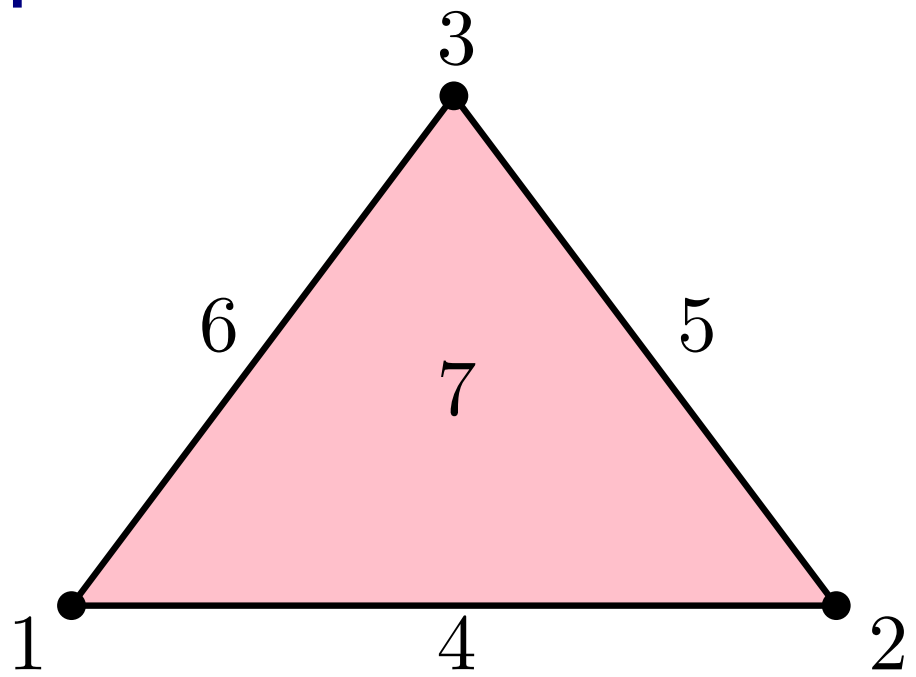
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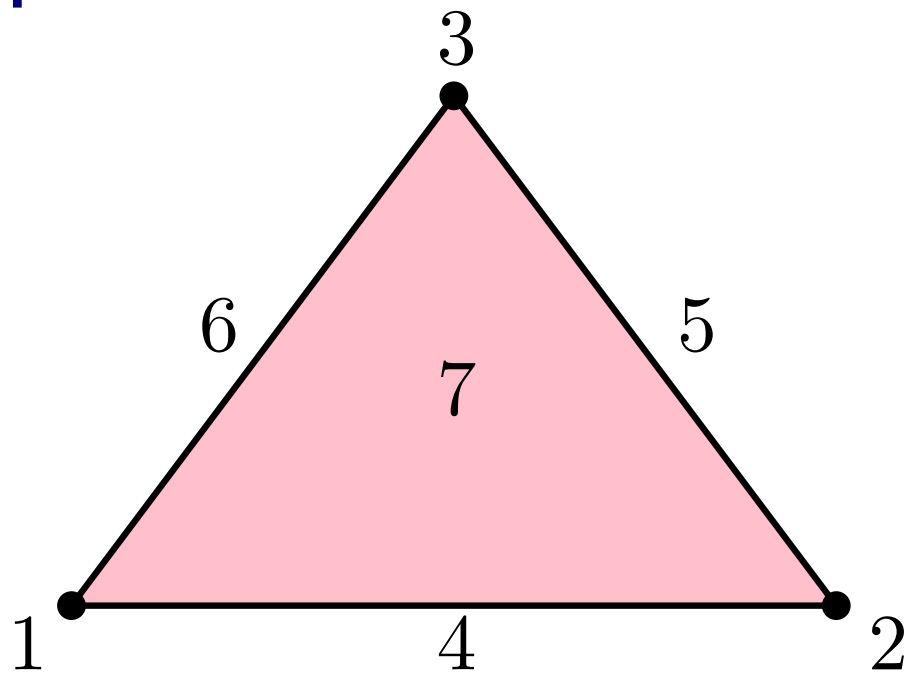
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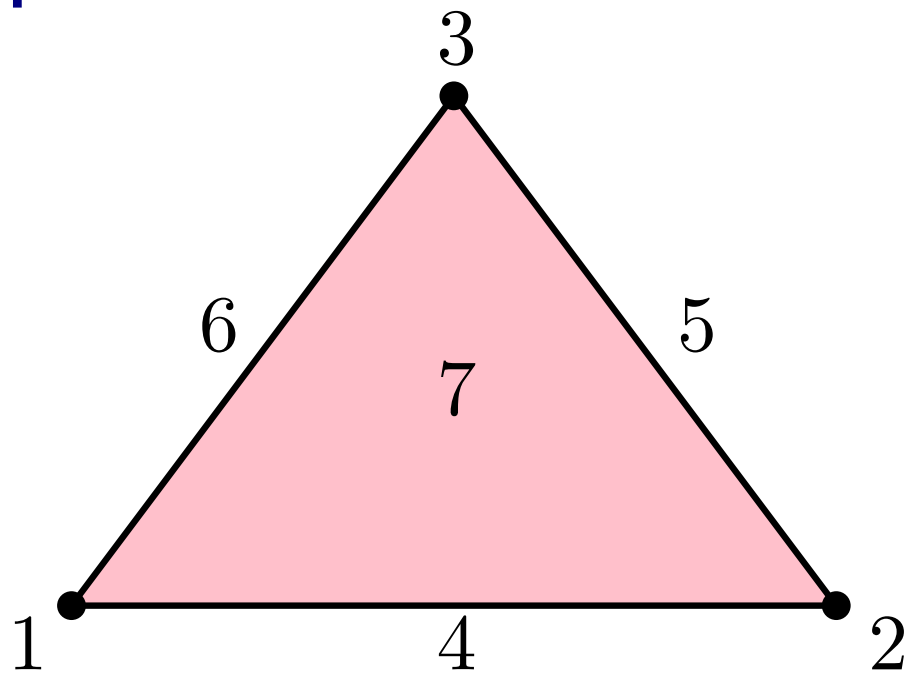
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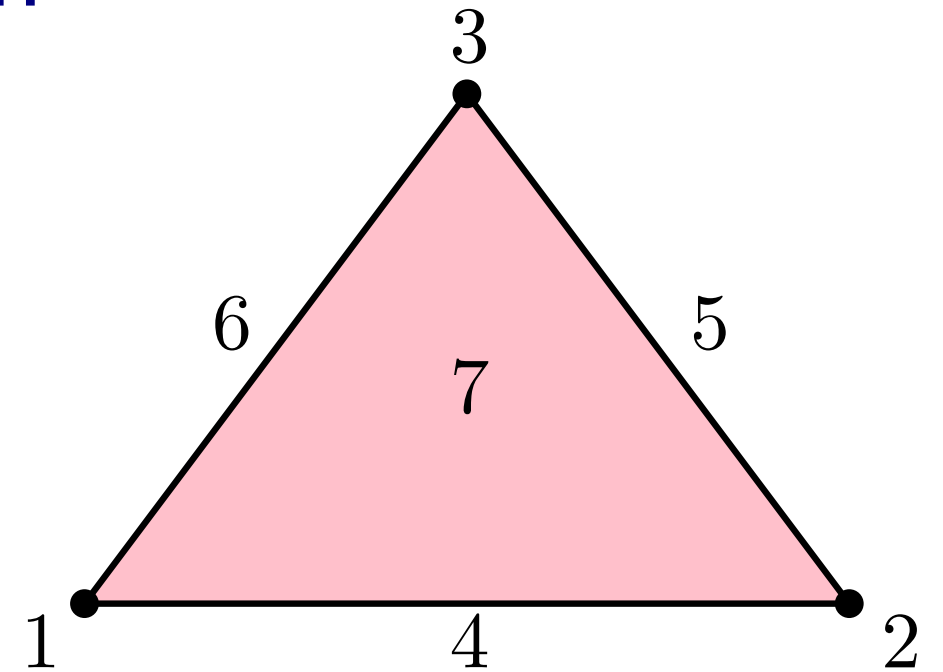
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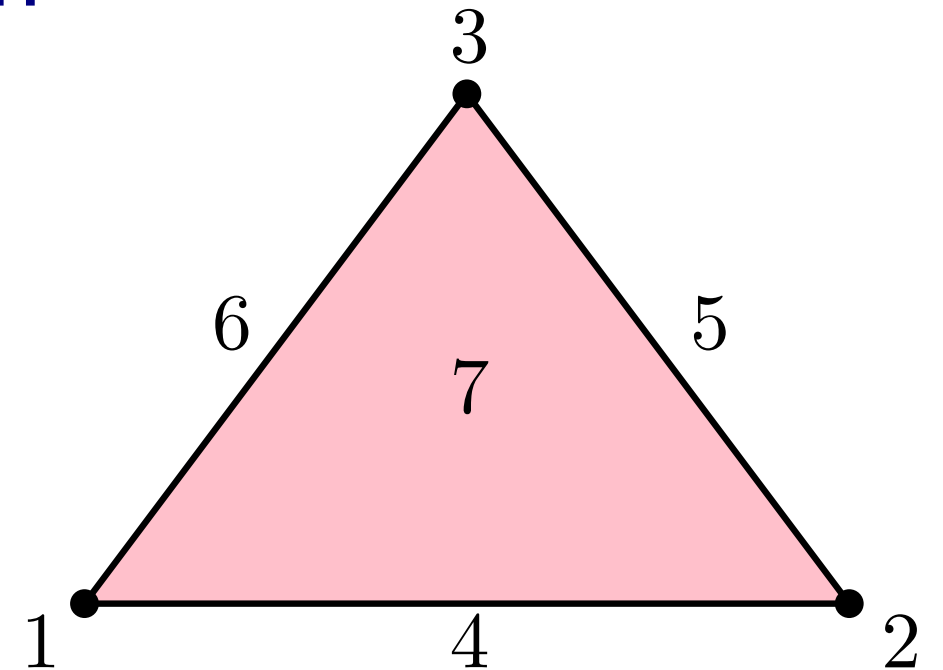
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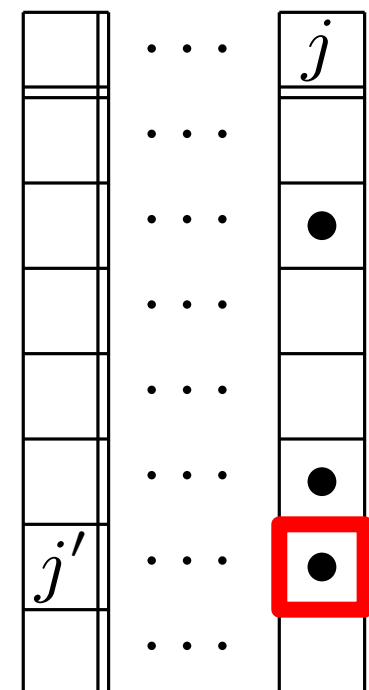


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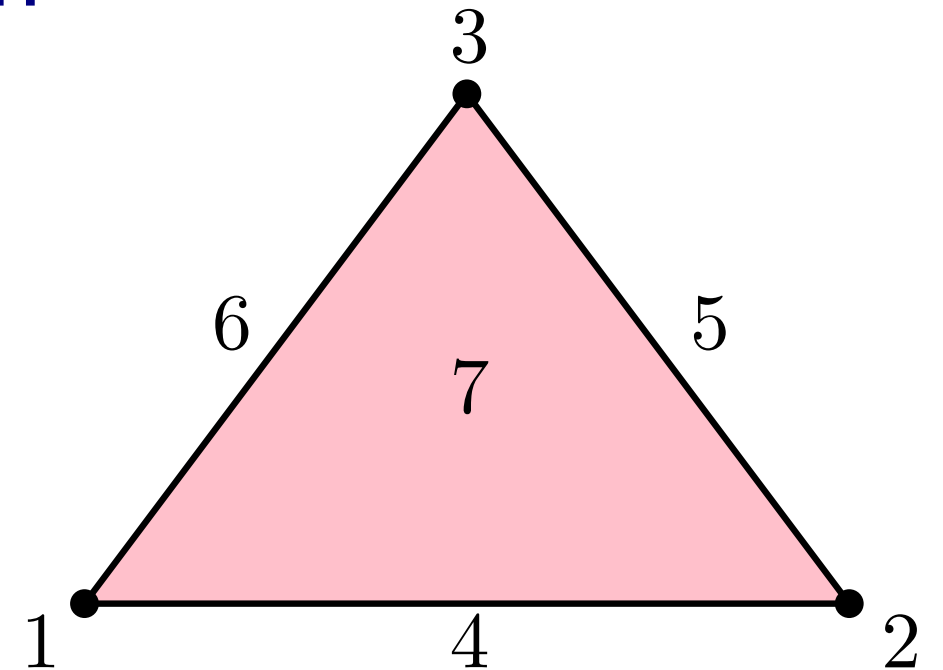
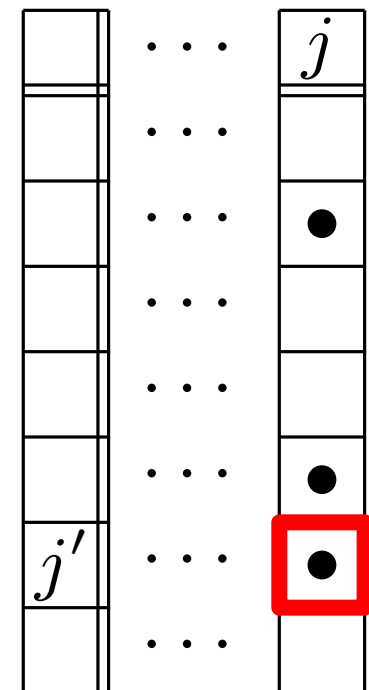
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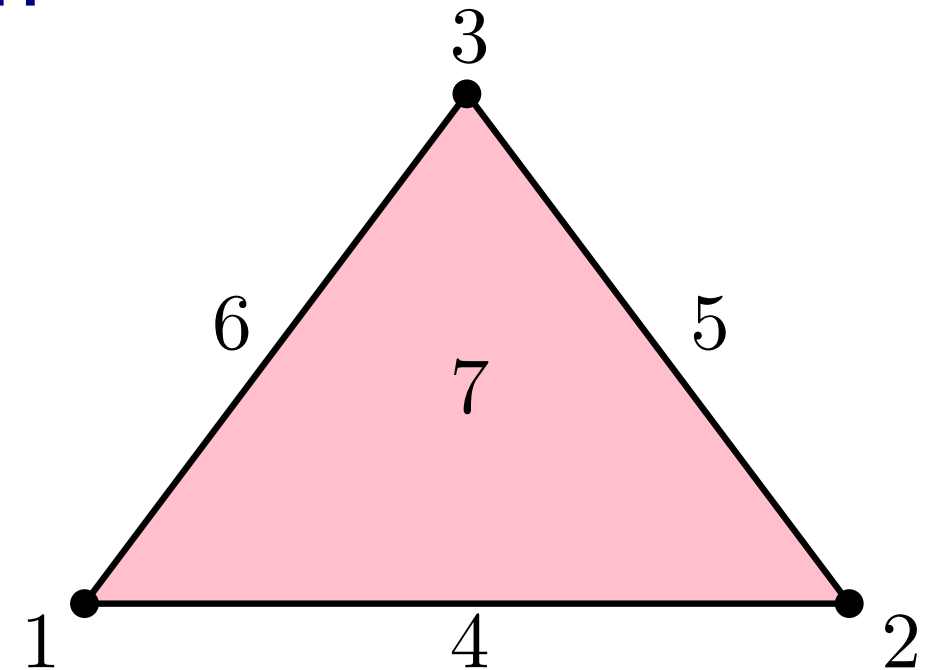
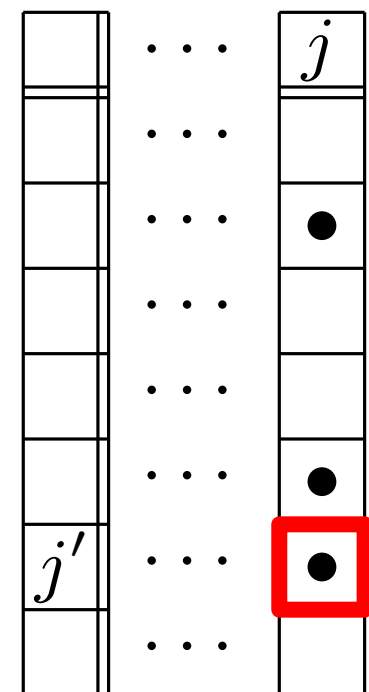
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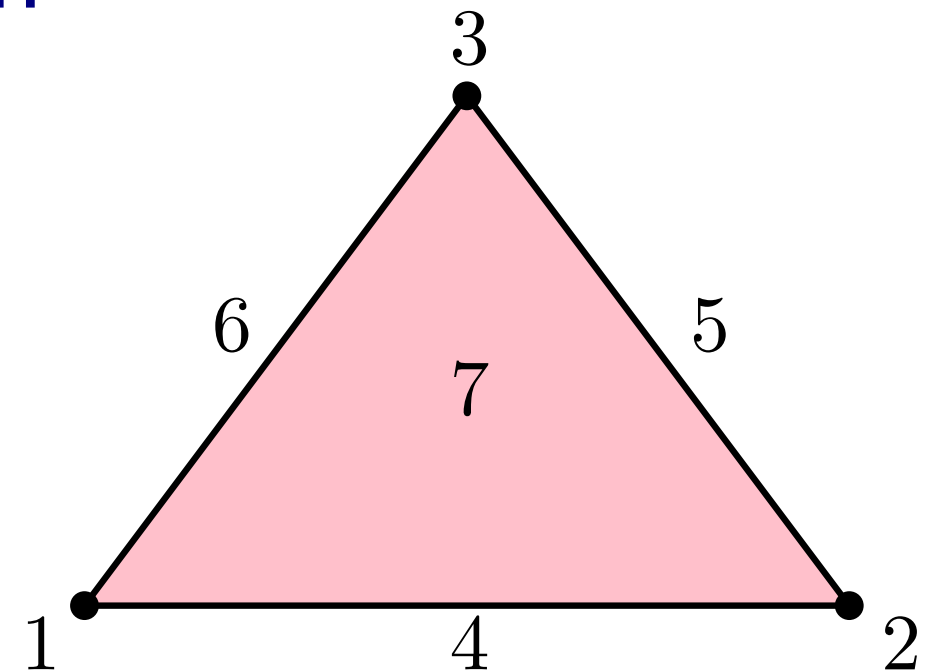
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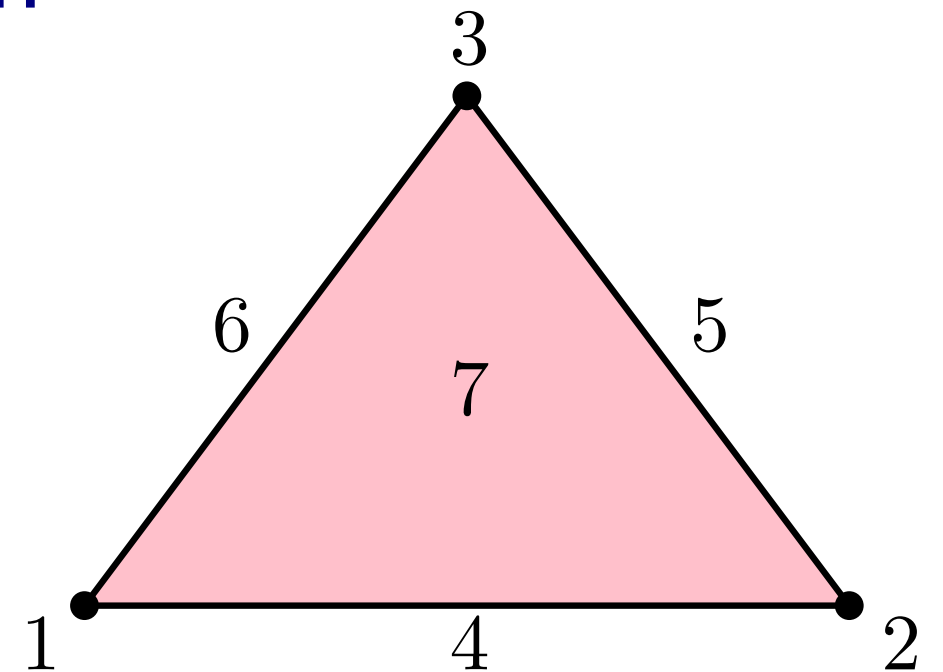
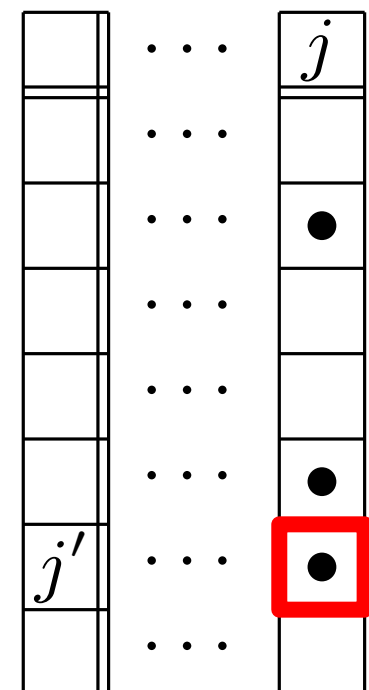
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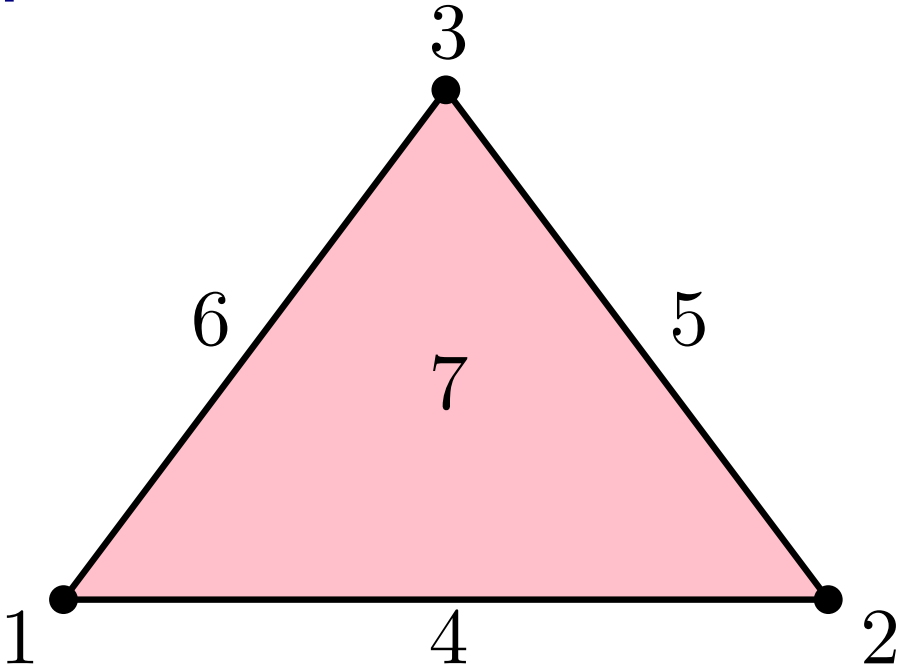
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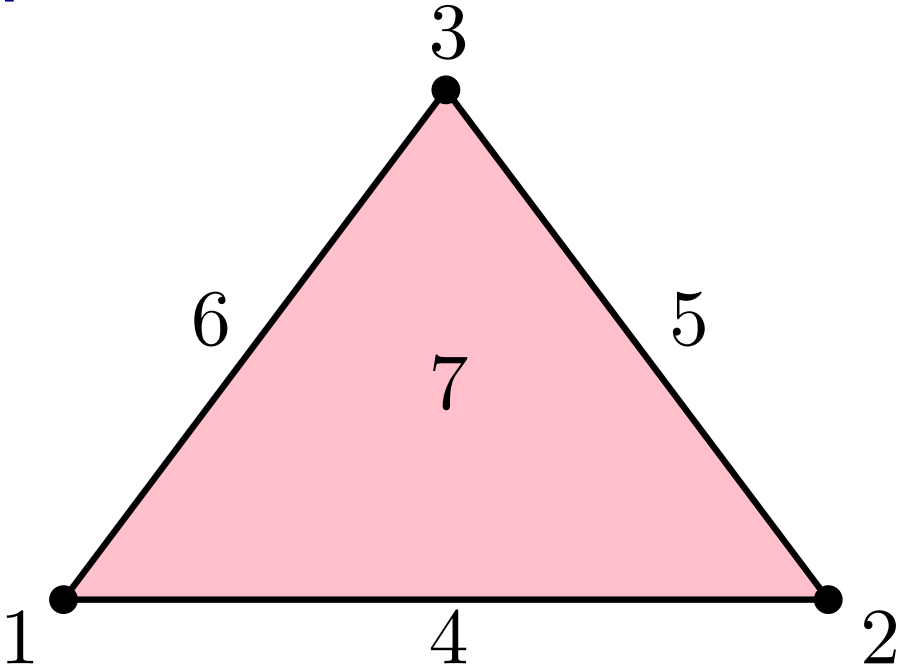


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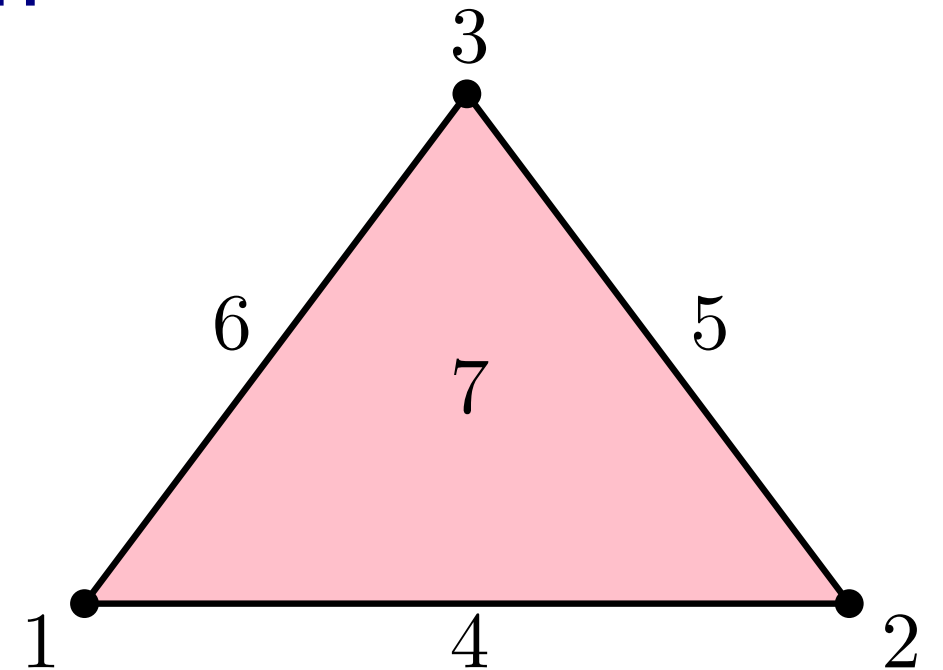
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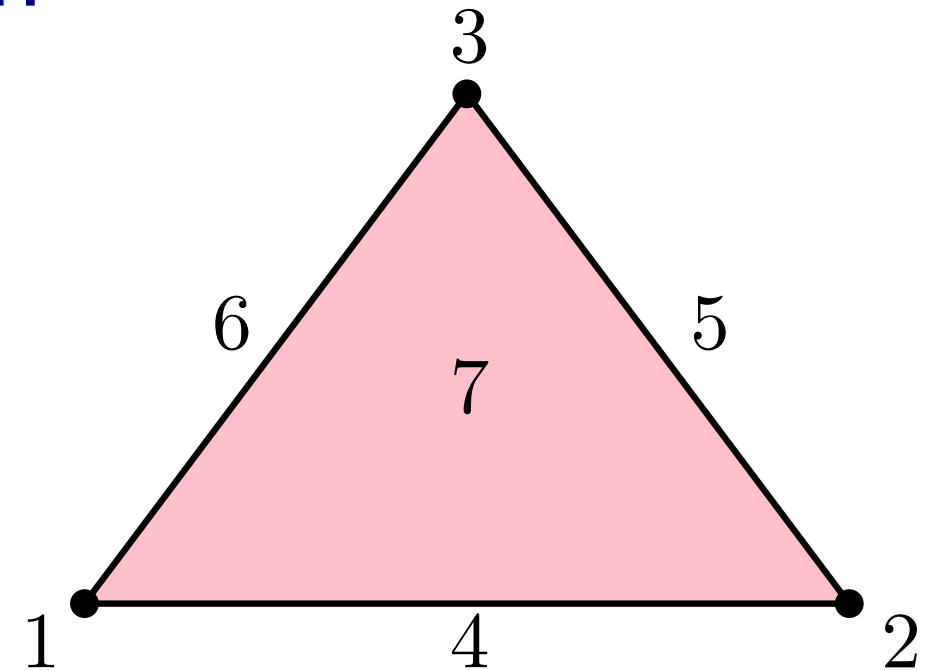
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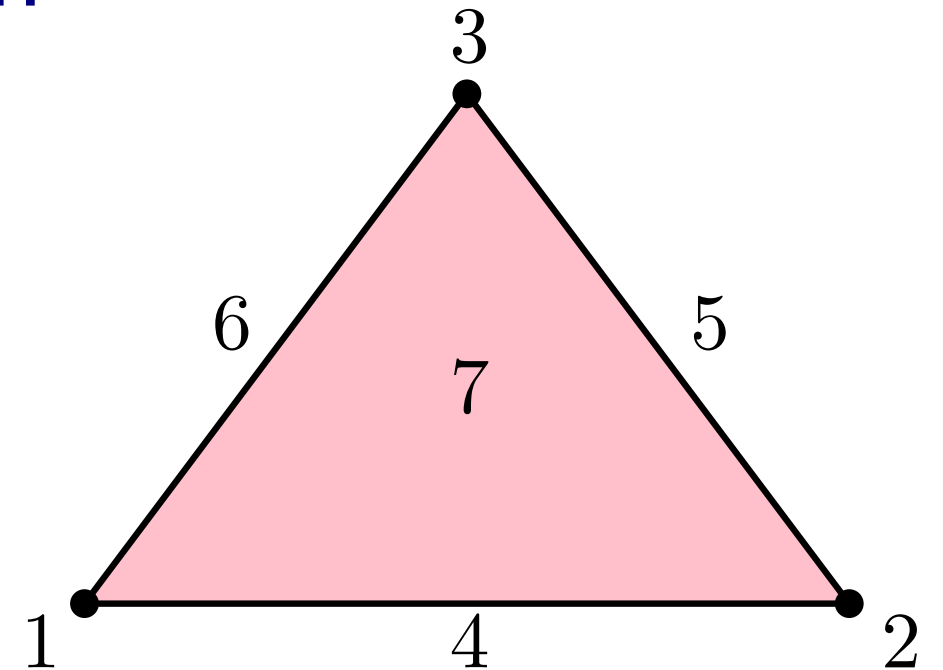
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Persistence Diagram Embeddings into Hilbert Spaces

*[On the Metric Distortion of Embedding Persistence Diagrams into separable Hilbert Spaces,
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Prop: \mathcal{H} Hilbert with dot product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$ and distance $\| \cdot \|_{\mathcal{H}}$. Assume $d_{\mathcal{H}}$ and d_B or d_q are equivalent.

(i) $\mathcal{H} = \mathbb{R}^d \Rightarrow$ **Impossible**

even if the PDs are included in $[-L, L]^2$ and have less than N points

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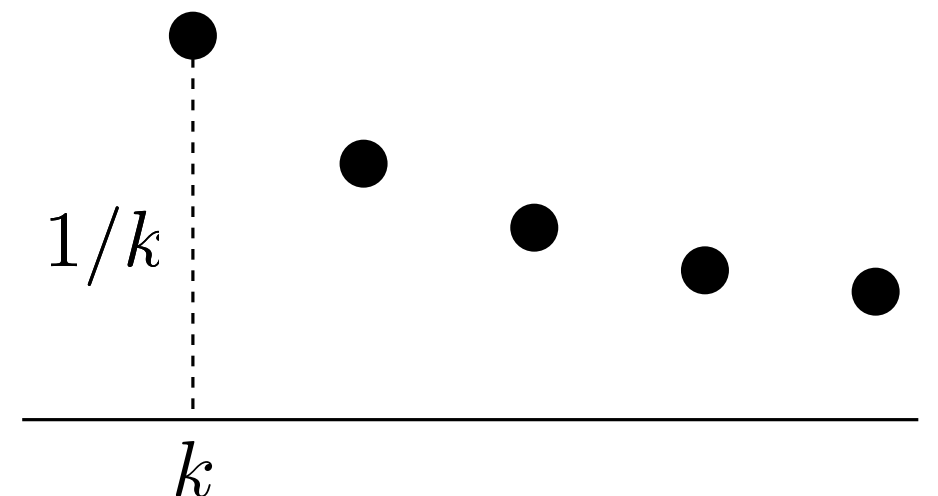
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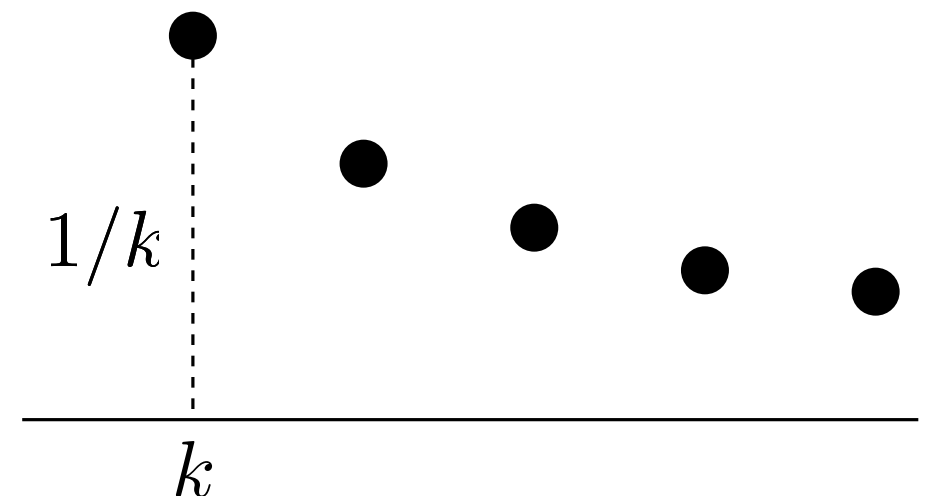
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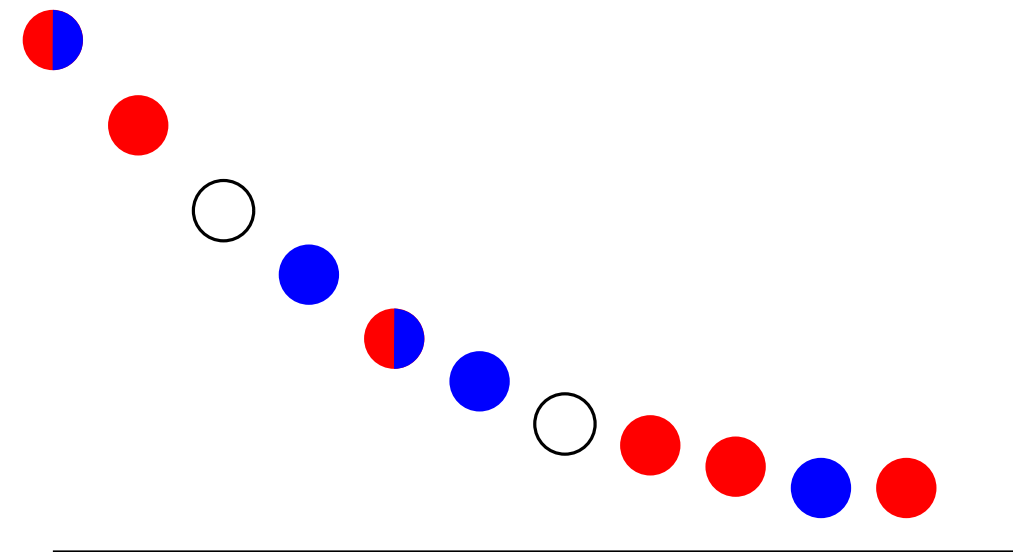
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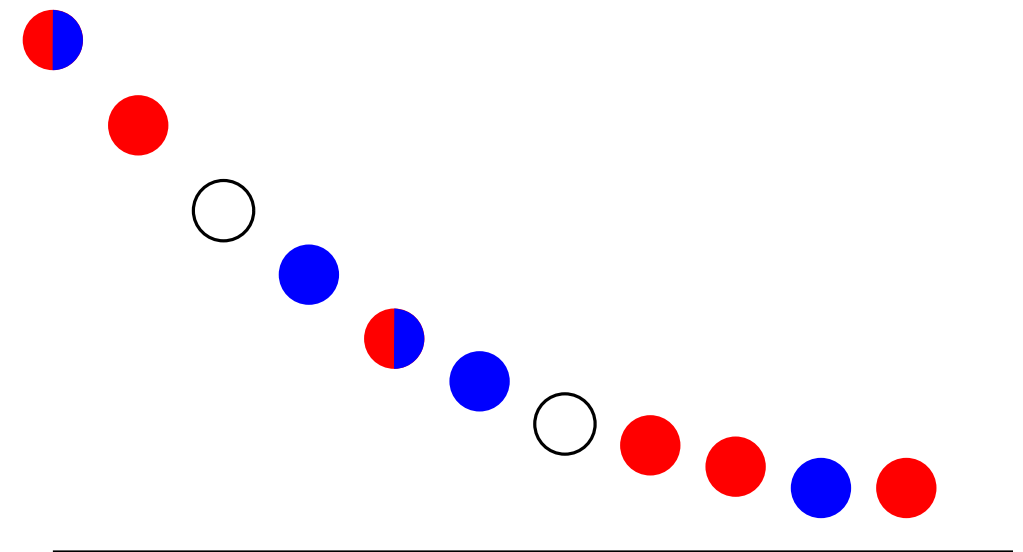
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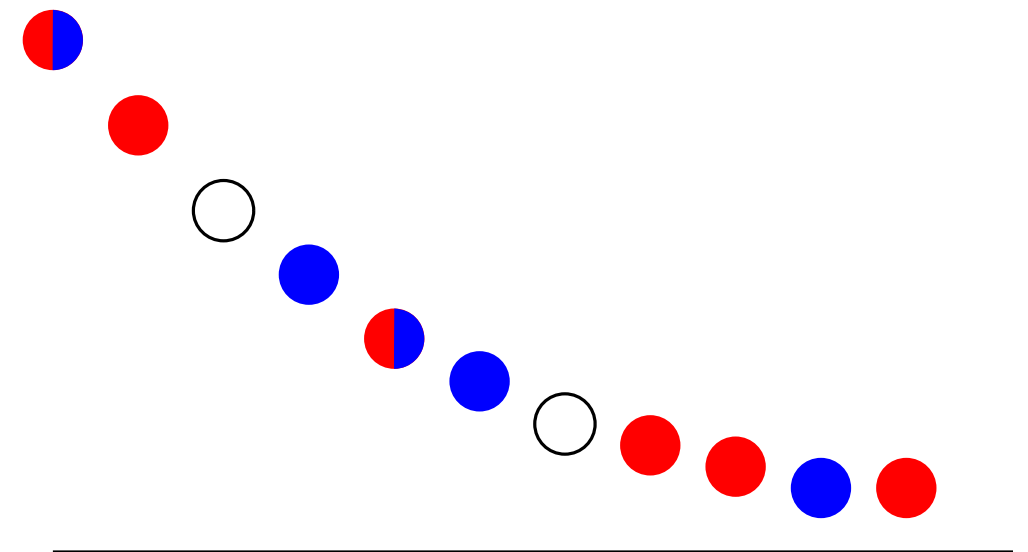
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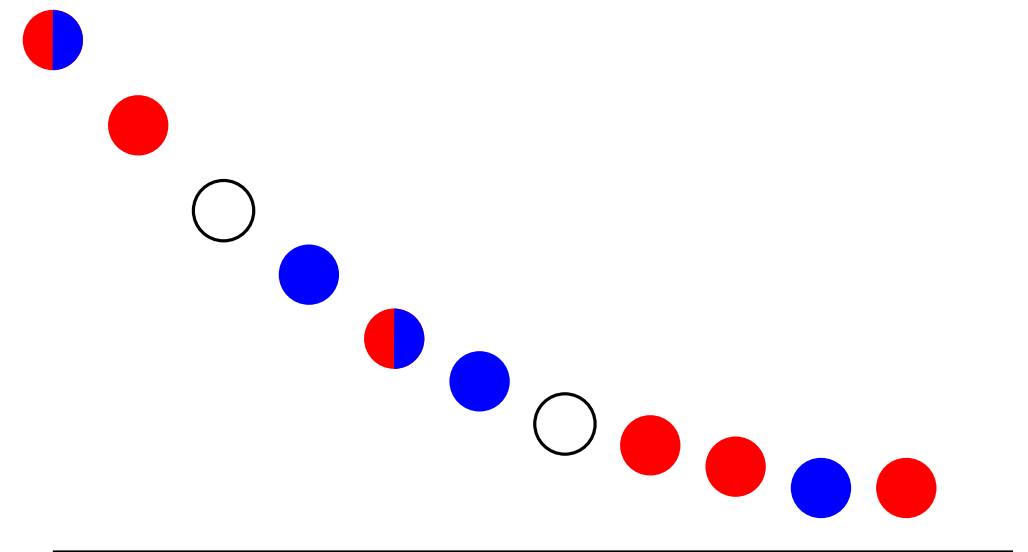
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where $w((x, y)) = \arctan(C|y - x|^\alpha)$ with $C, \alpha > 0$

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where $w((x, y)) = \arctan(C|y - x|^\alpha)$ with $C, \alpha > 0$

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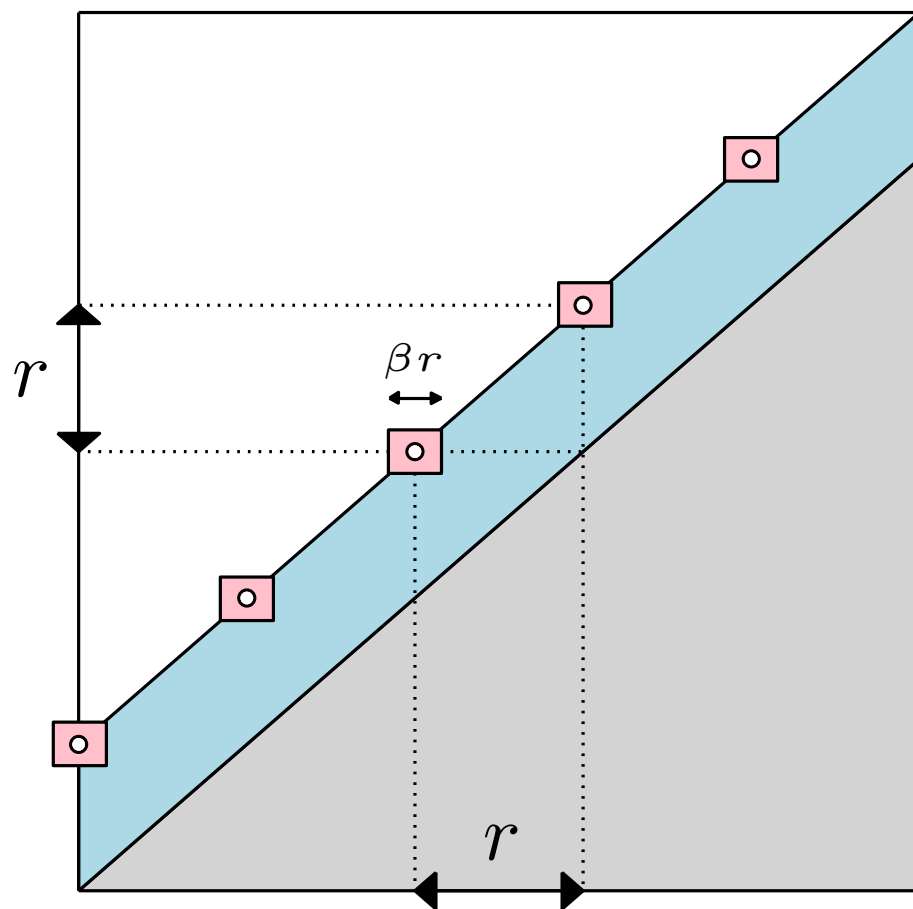
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Idea: Consider the ball of radius r around the empty diagram and diagrams with single points at distance r from Δ and from each other

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Illustrations:

We generate diagrams by uniformly sampling into the upper unit half-square

