

Optimal Transport in Learning, Control, and Dynamical Systems

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Disclaimers: We cannot cover everything OT is about!

- Optimal transport theory has made popular news' headlines for over a decade.

Four Are Awarded Medal in Mathematics

Dr. Villani, a Frenchman, looked at how order falls apart into disorder in systems like colliding gas molecules.



Villani

Fields Medals Awarded to 4 Mathematicians

The prize, bestowed every four years to mathematicians 40 years or younger, is often described as the subject's Nobel Prize.

In [a 2013 interview](#) with the website Live Science, Dr. Figalli described his work with “optimal transport.”



Figalli

Abel Prize Goes to Mathematician Who Studied Equations That Describe Nature

The honor, like a Nobel Prize for mathematics, was given this year to Luis Caffarelli for his work on partial differential equations.



Caffarelli

- Our focus today: foundations & computations relevant for ML (high- d , GPU, NN).
- We won't be able to cover everything, this is an invitation to read on & experiment with OT.
- This is WIP, we cite many refs but forgot many: please do reach out if we missed yours!

Outline of the Tutorial

Prelude

Warm-Up: Starting with Optimal Matchings

- OT problems as extensions / generalizations of CS.101 optimal matchings

Part 1

Kantorovich Formulation of OT and Computations

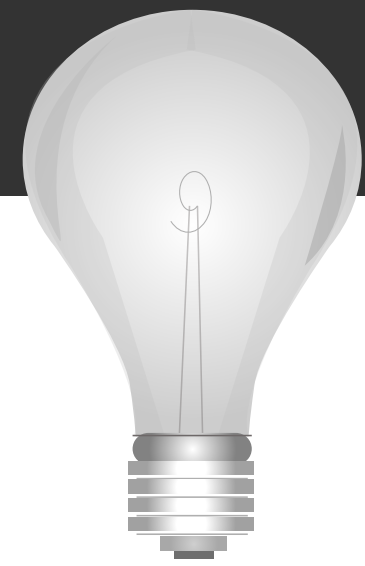
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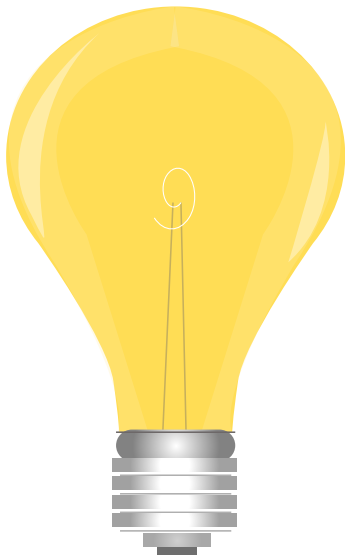
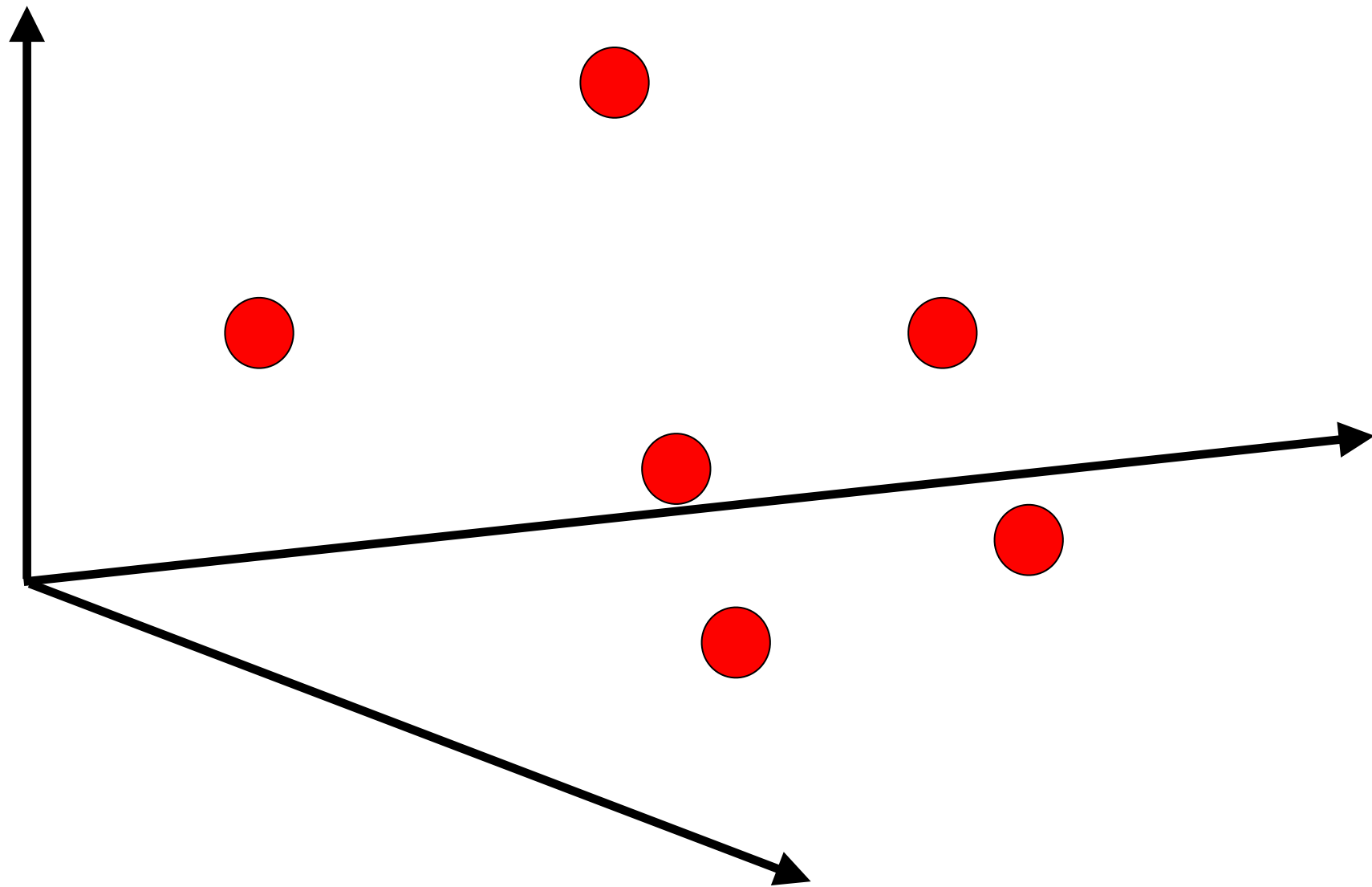
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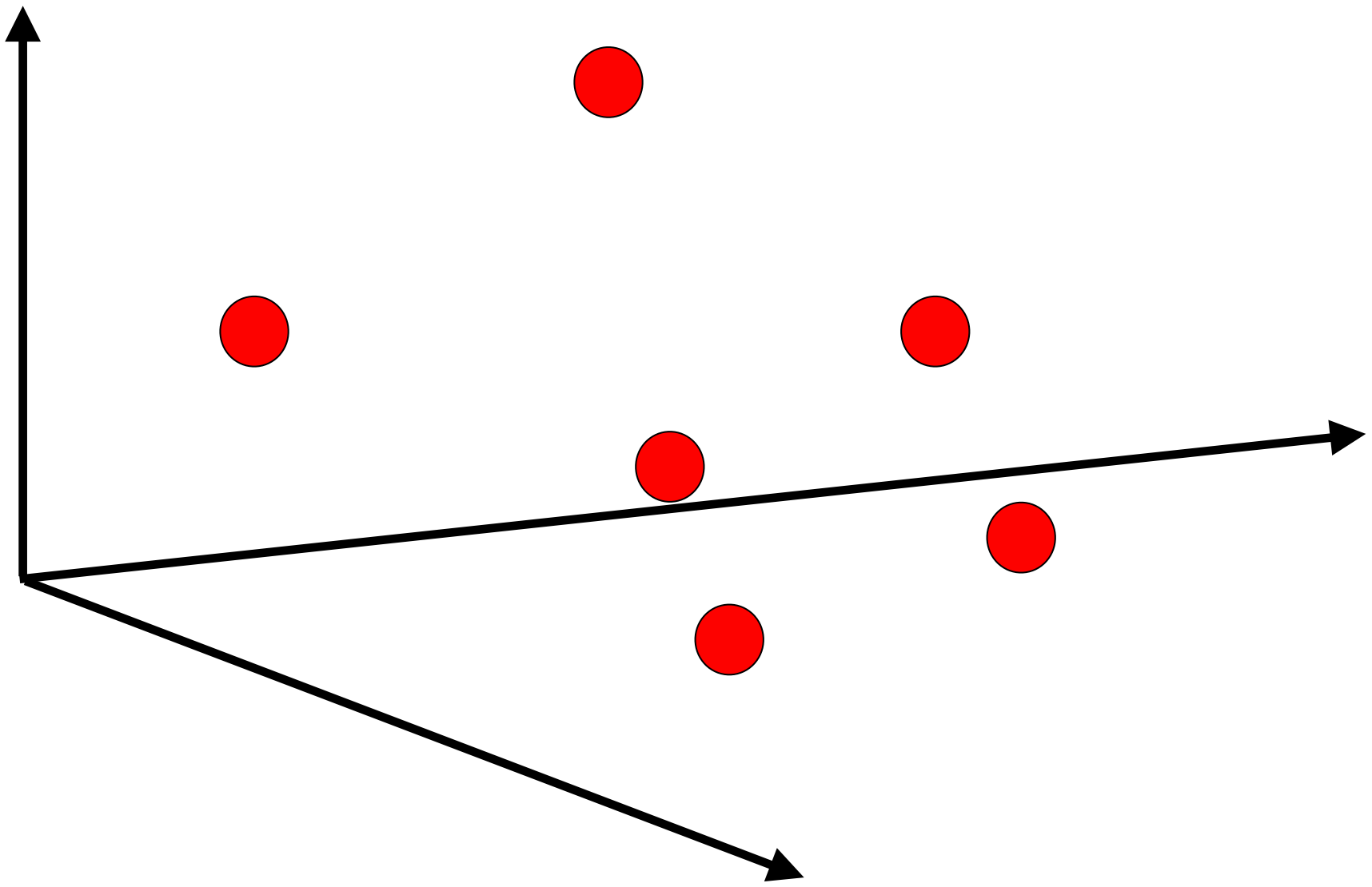
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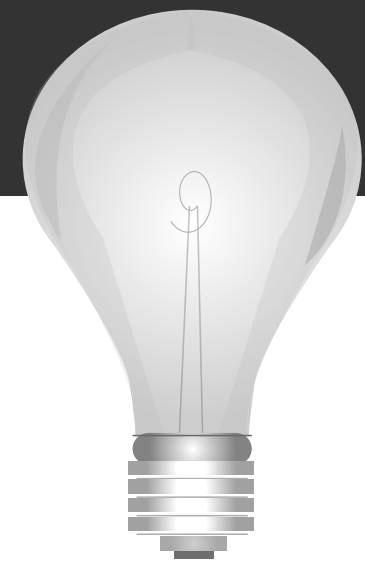
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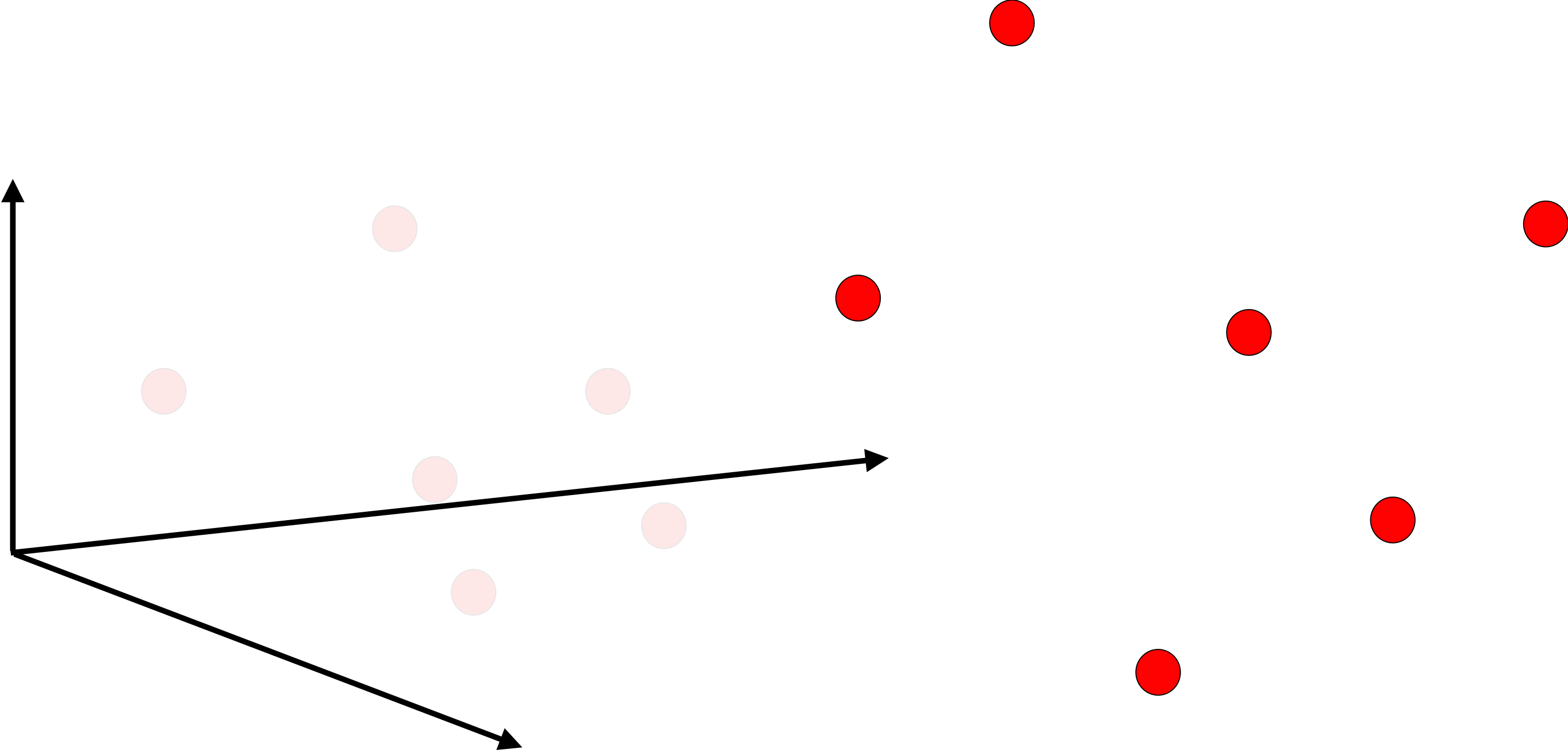
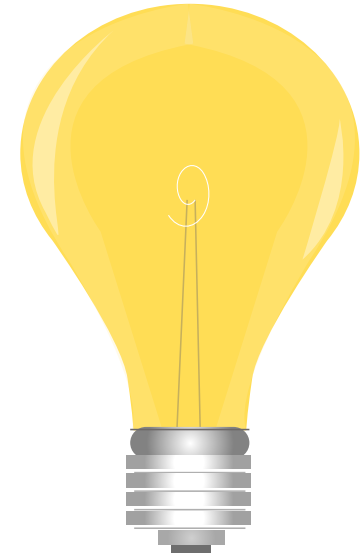
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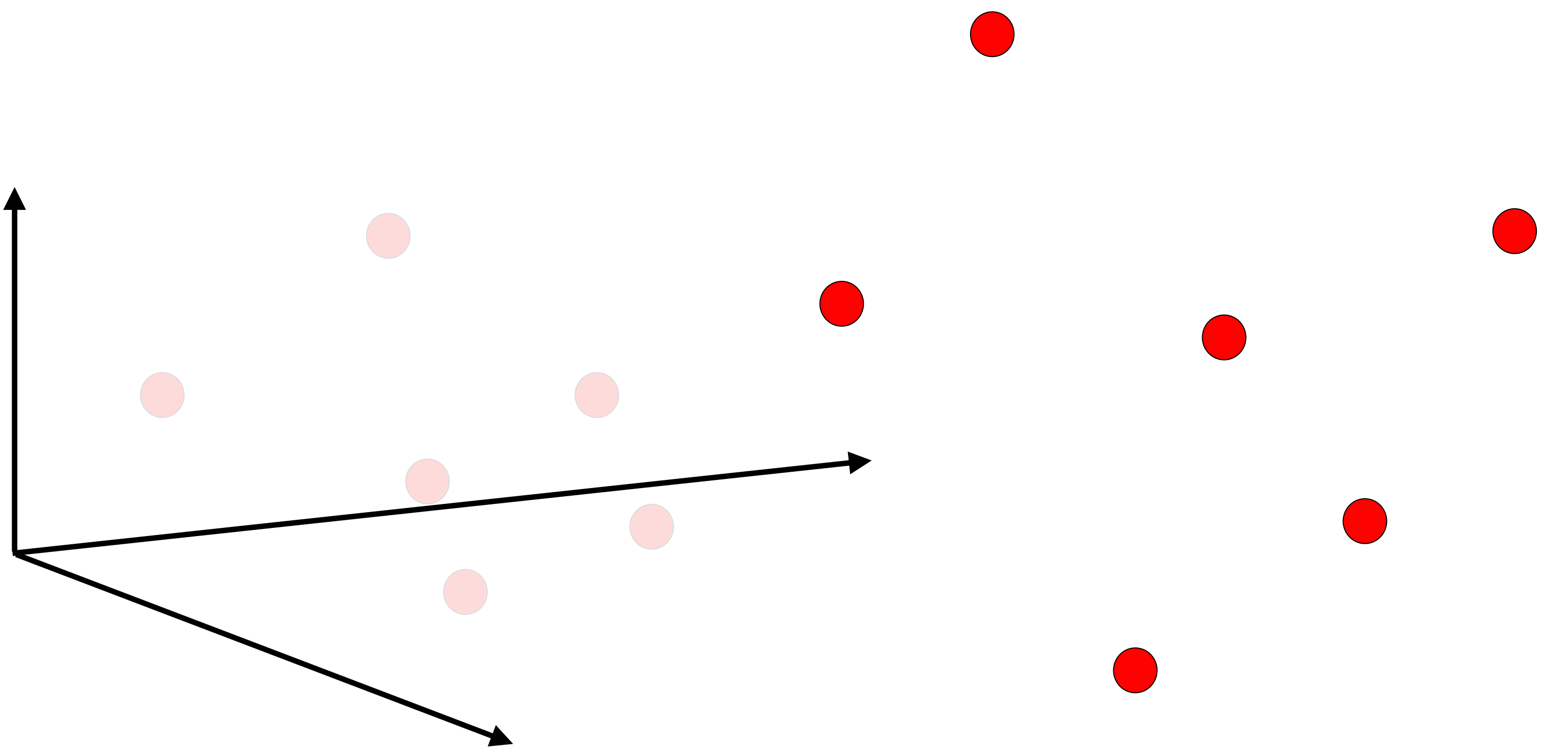
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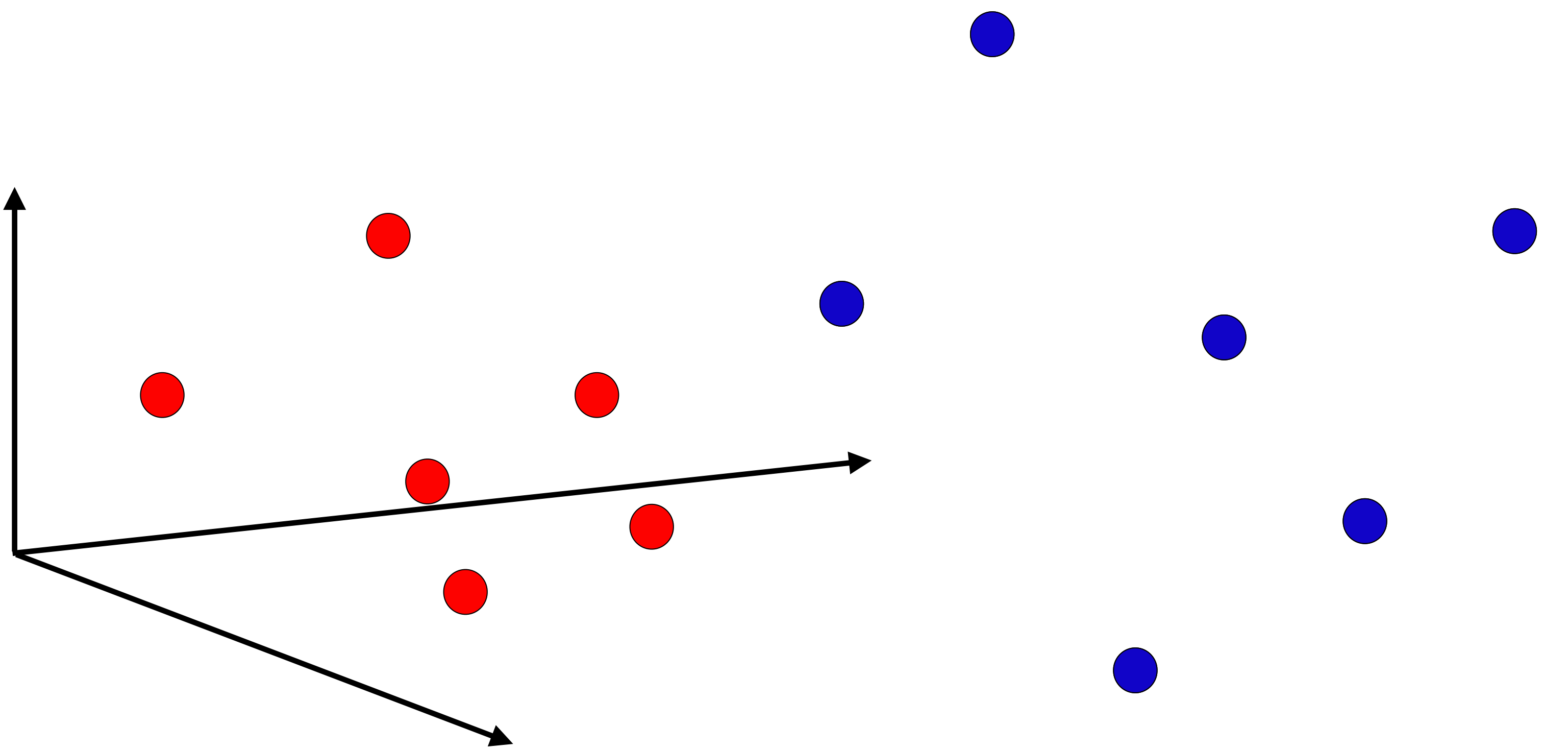
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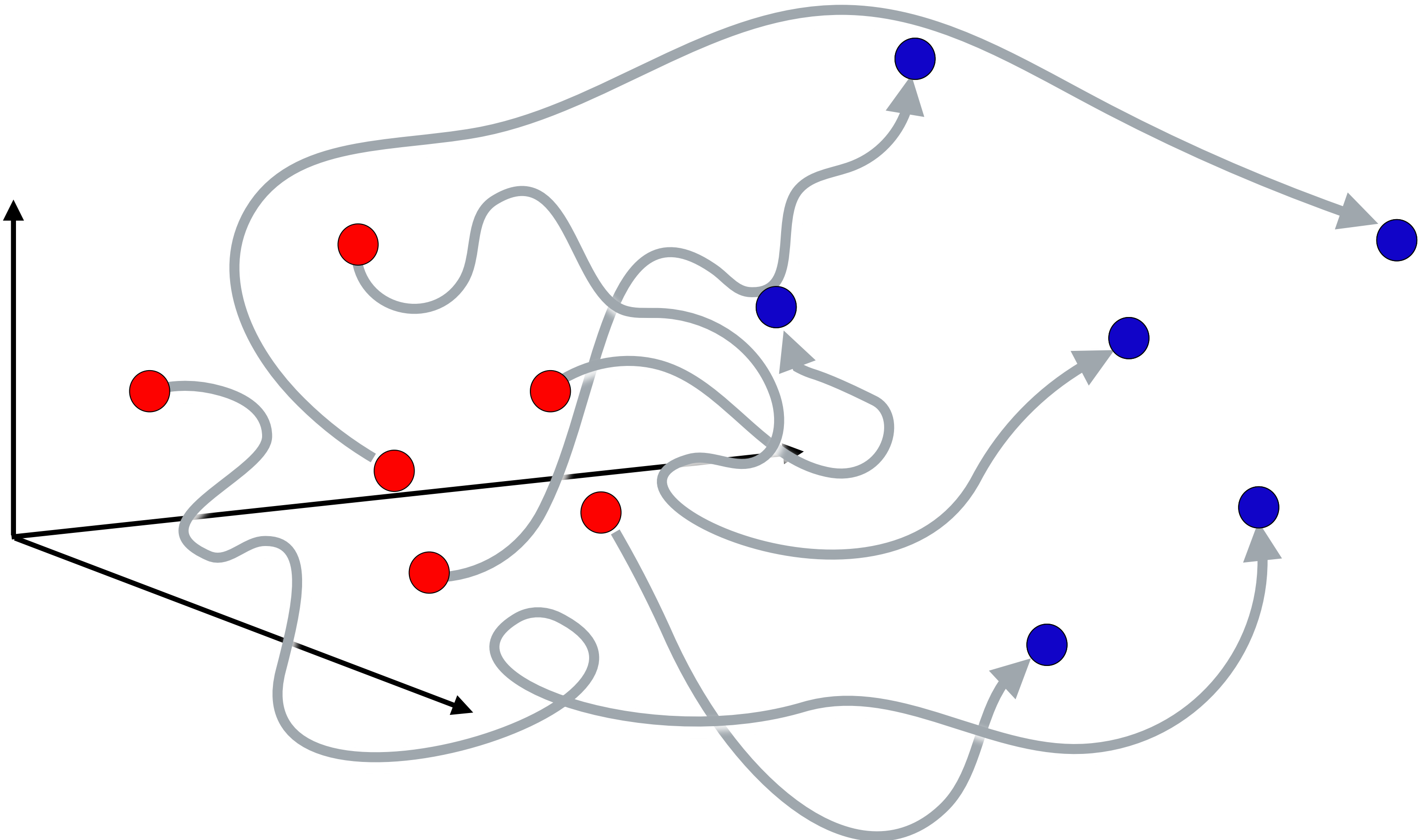
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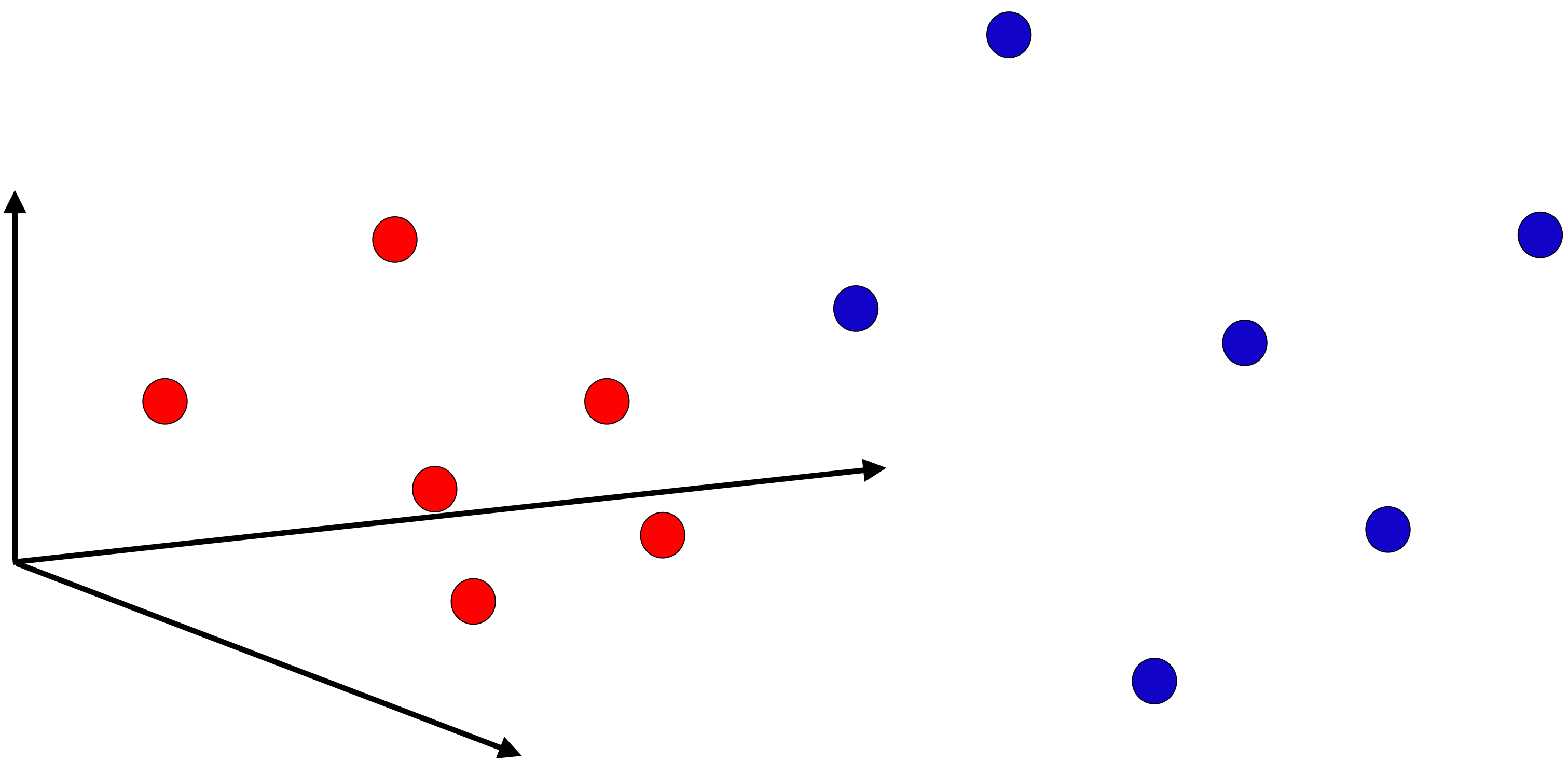
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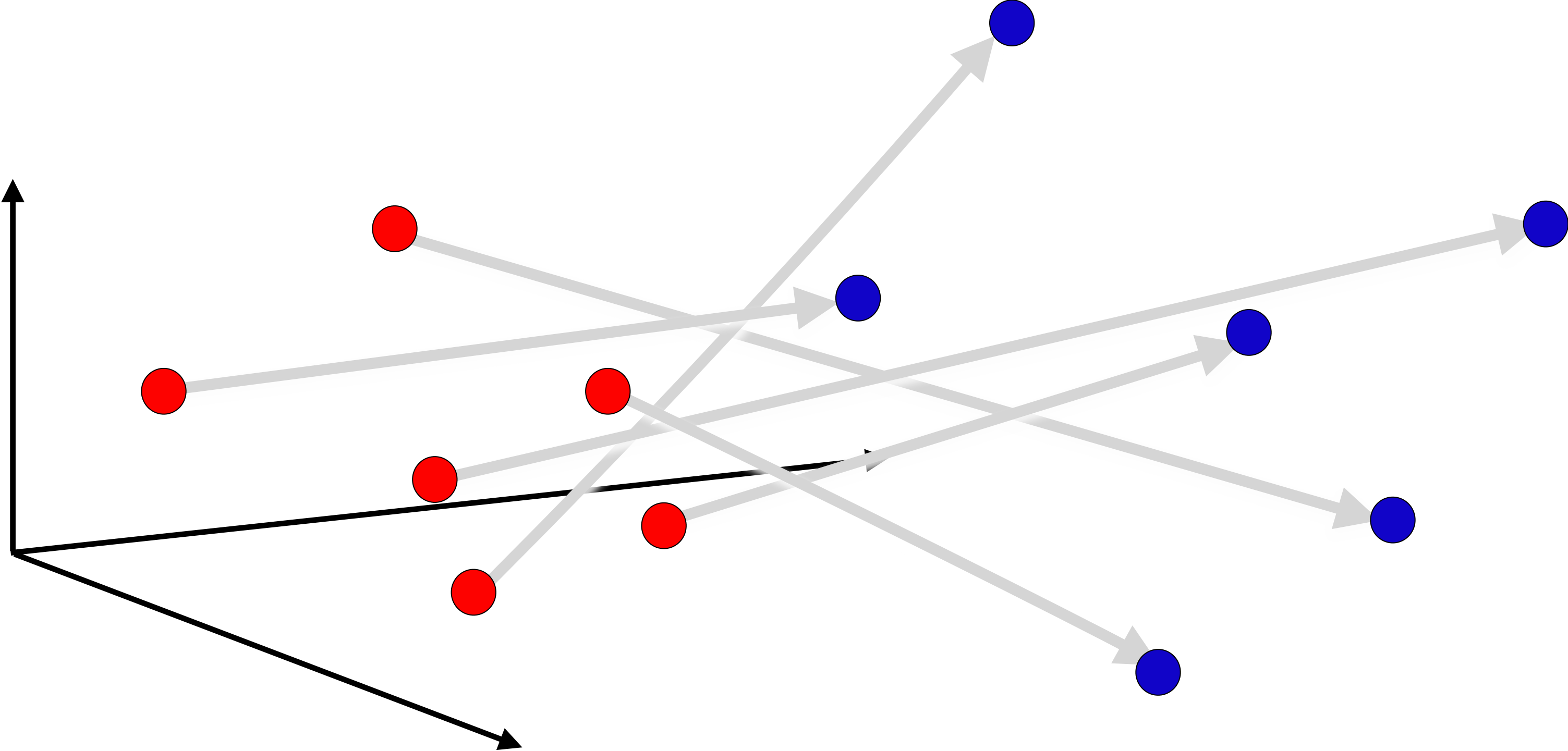
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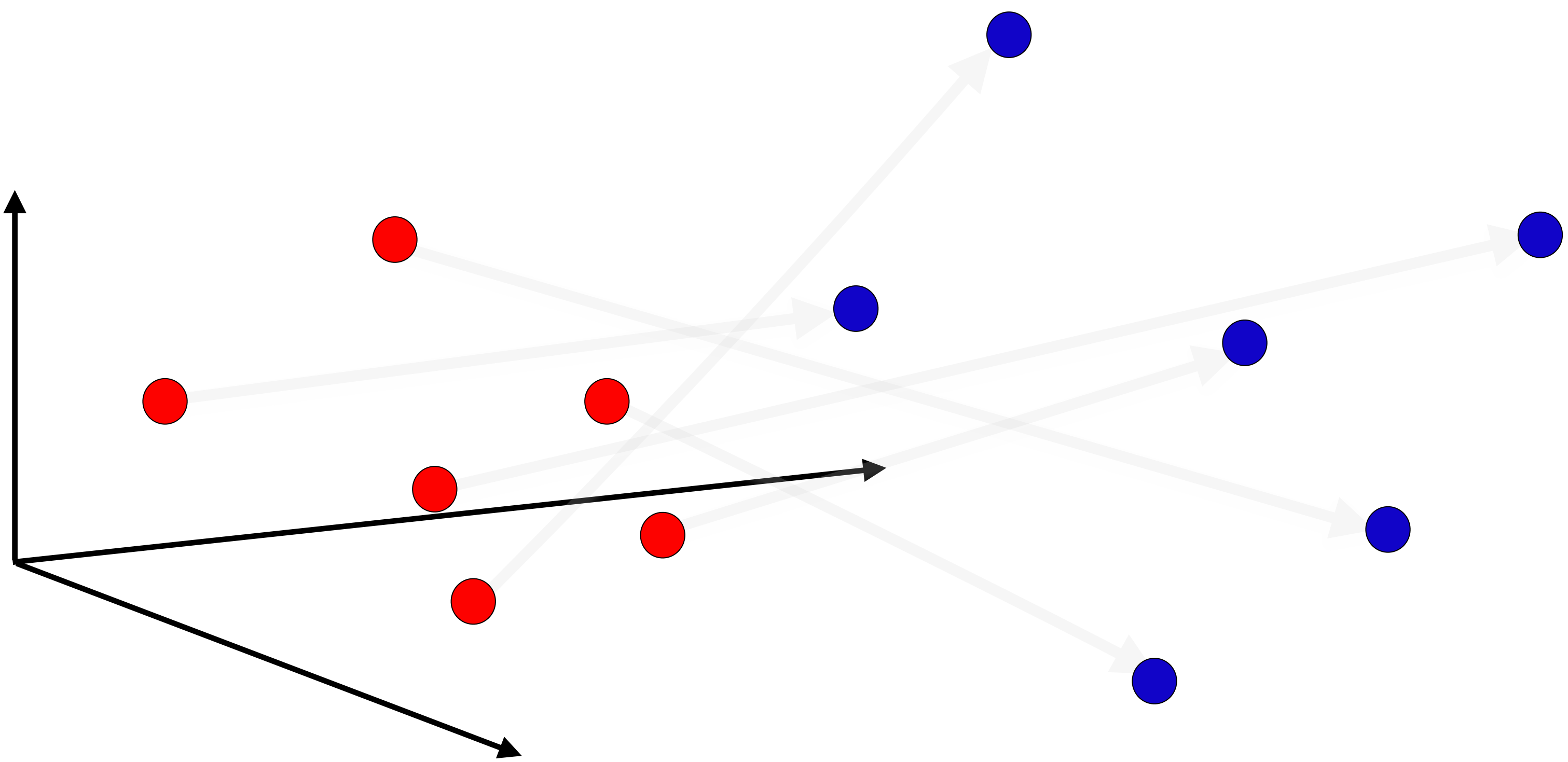
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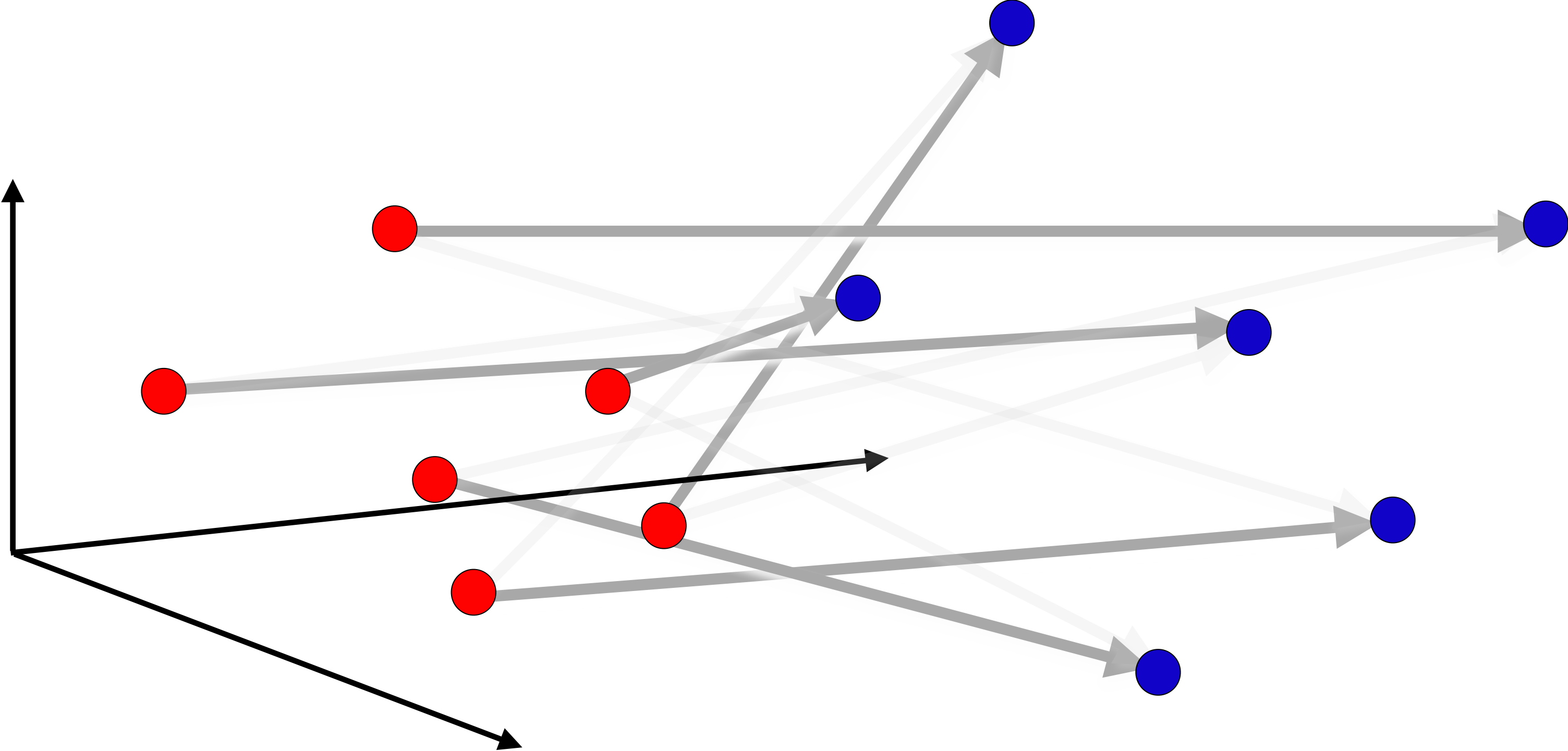
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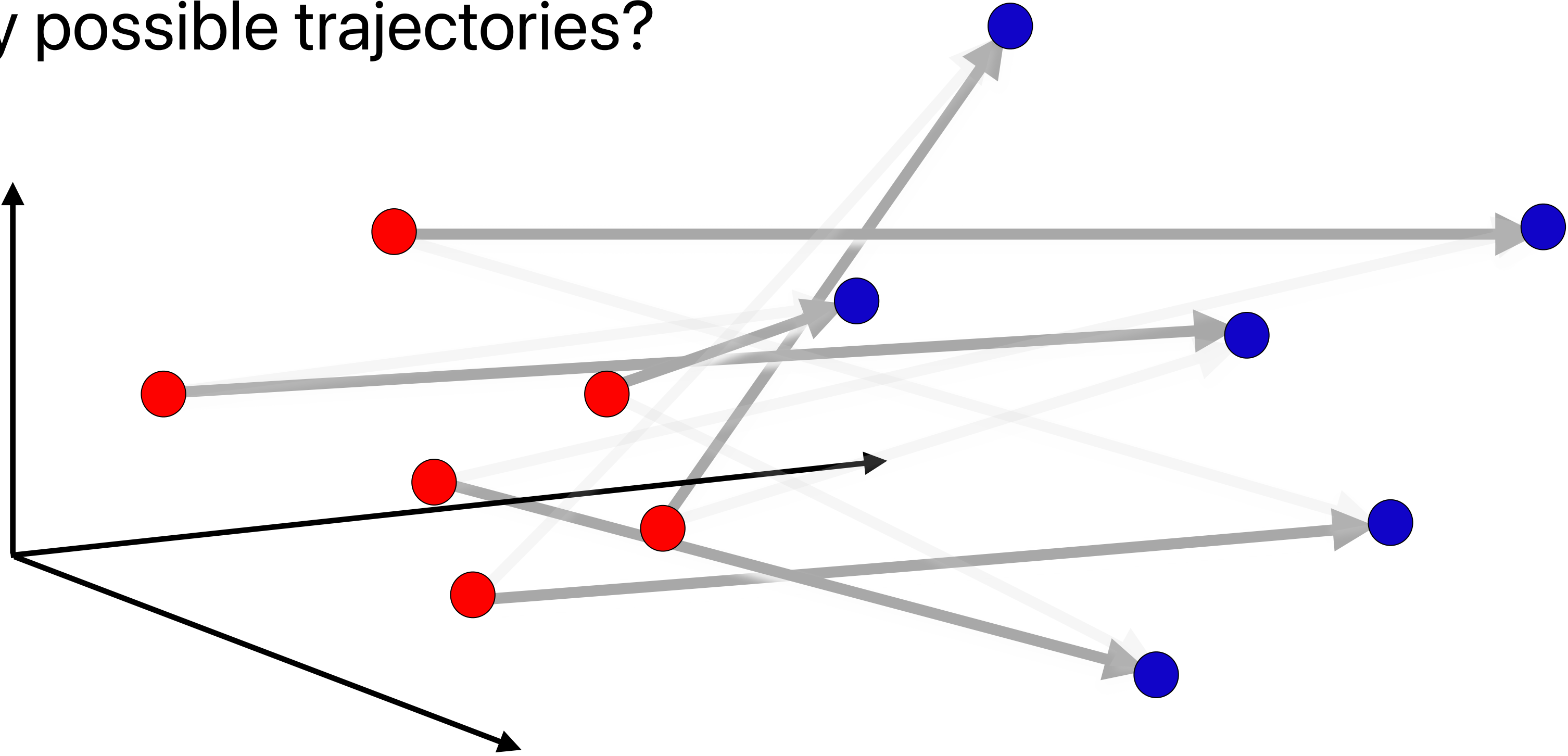


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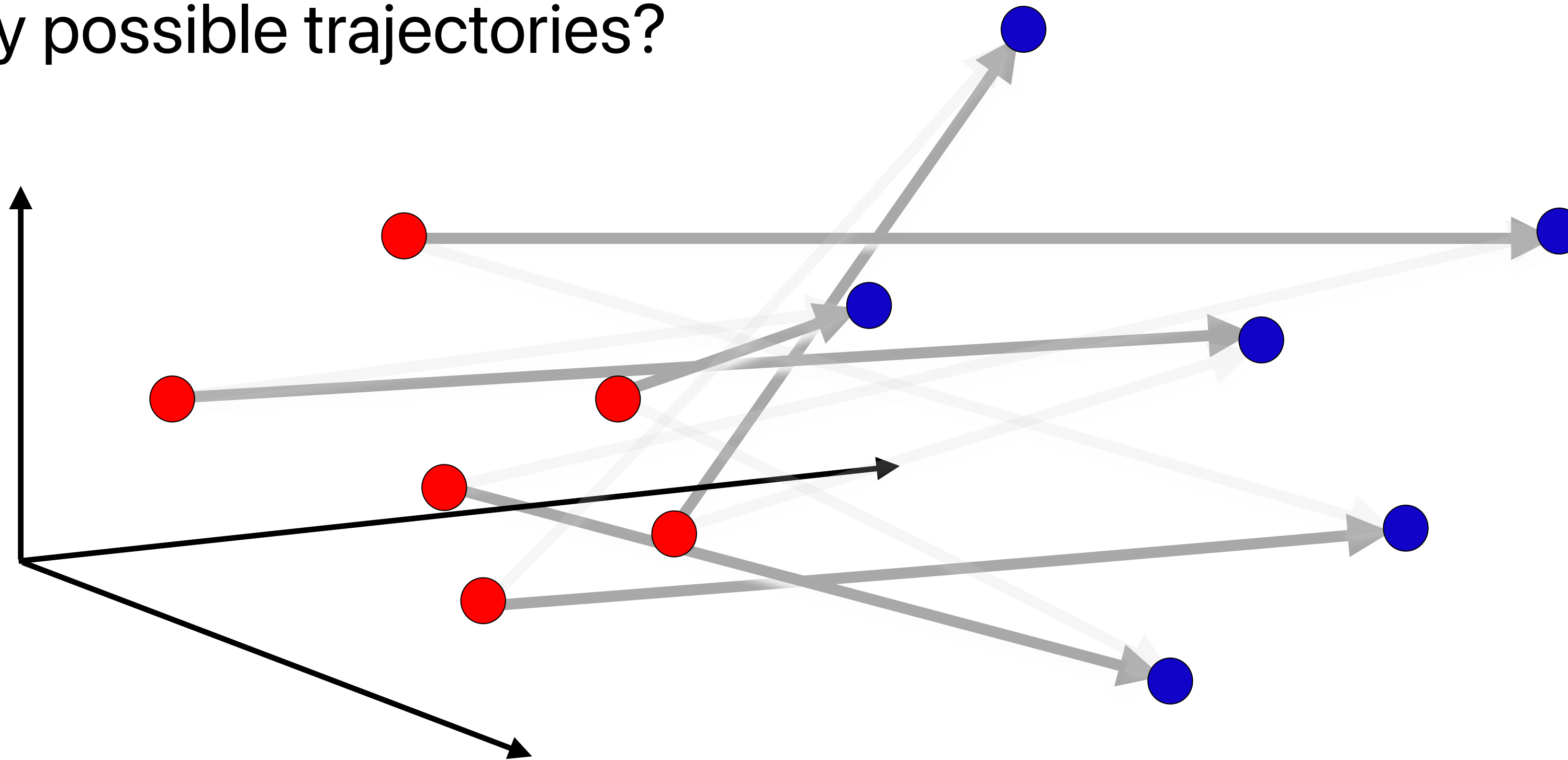
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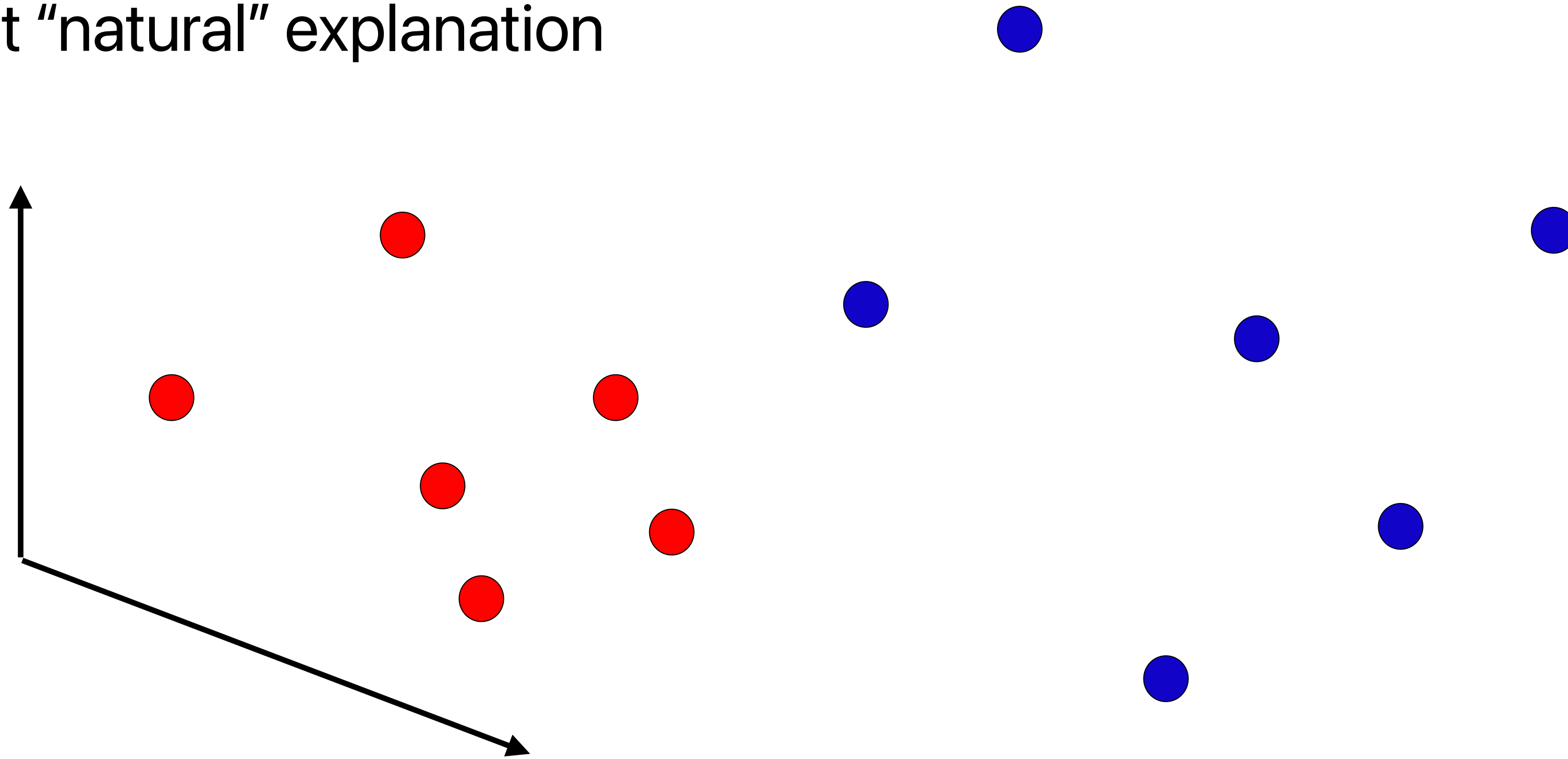
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There are $6! = 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 = 720$ permutations

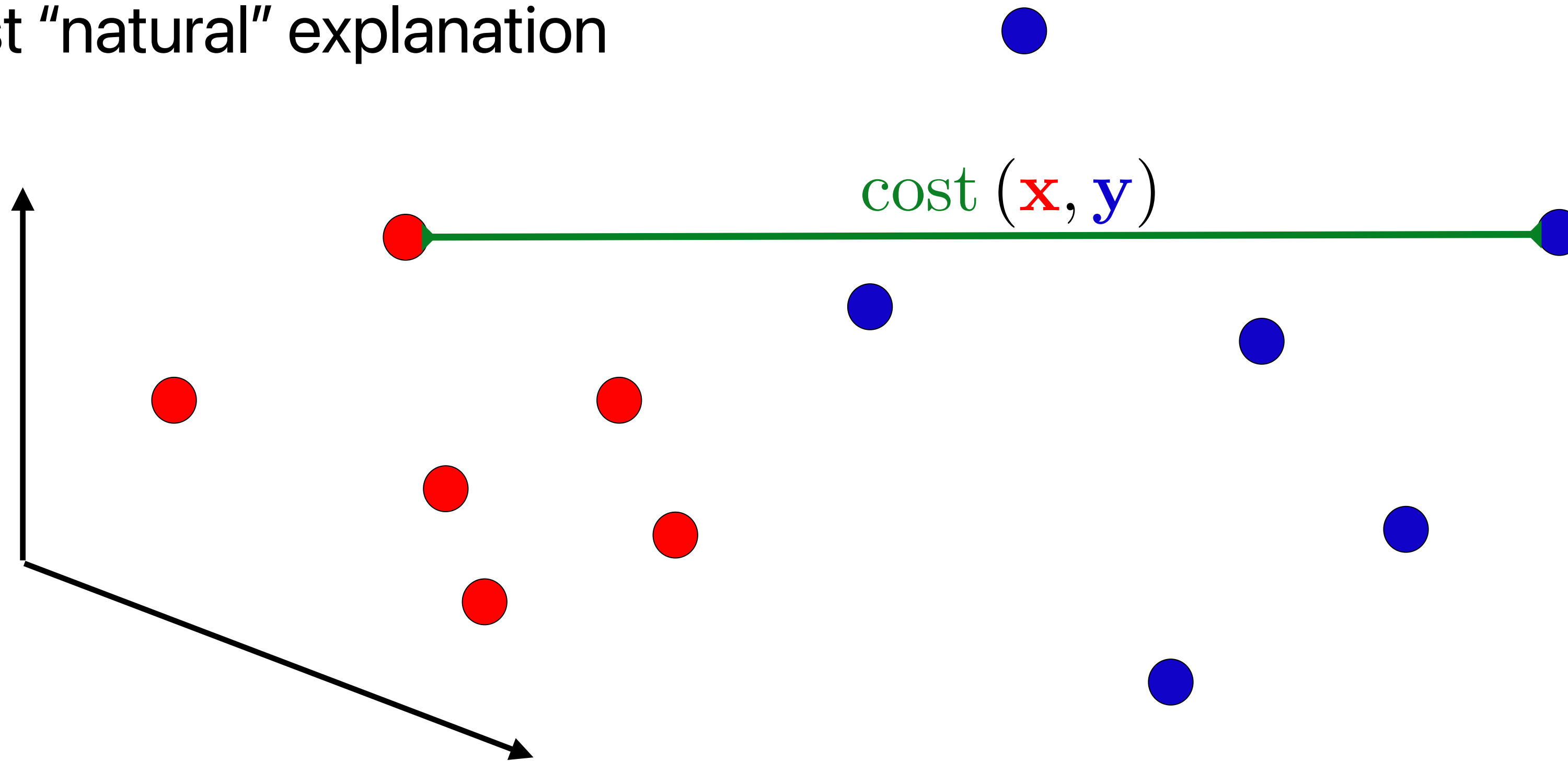
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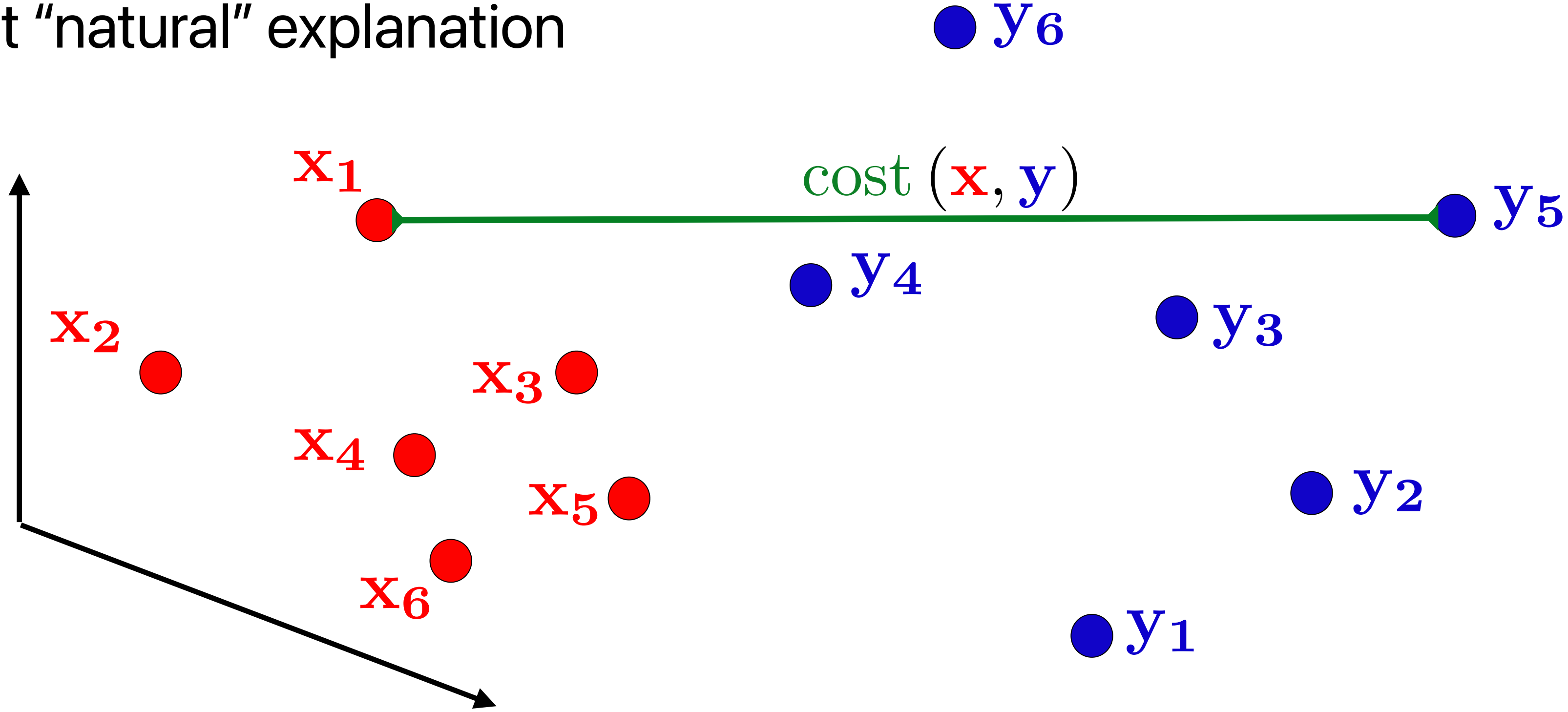
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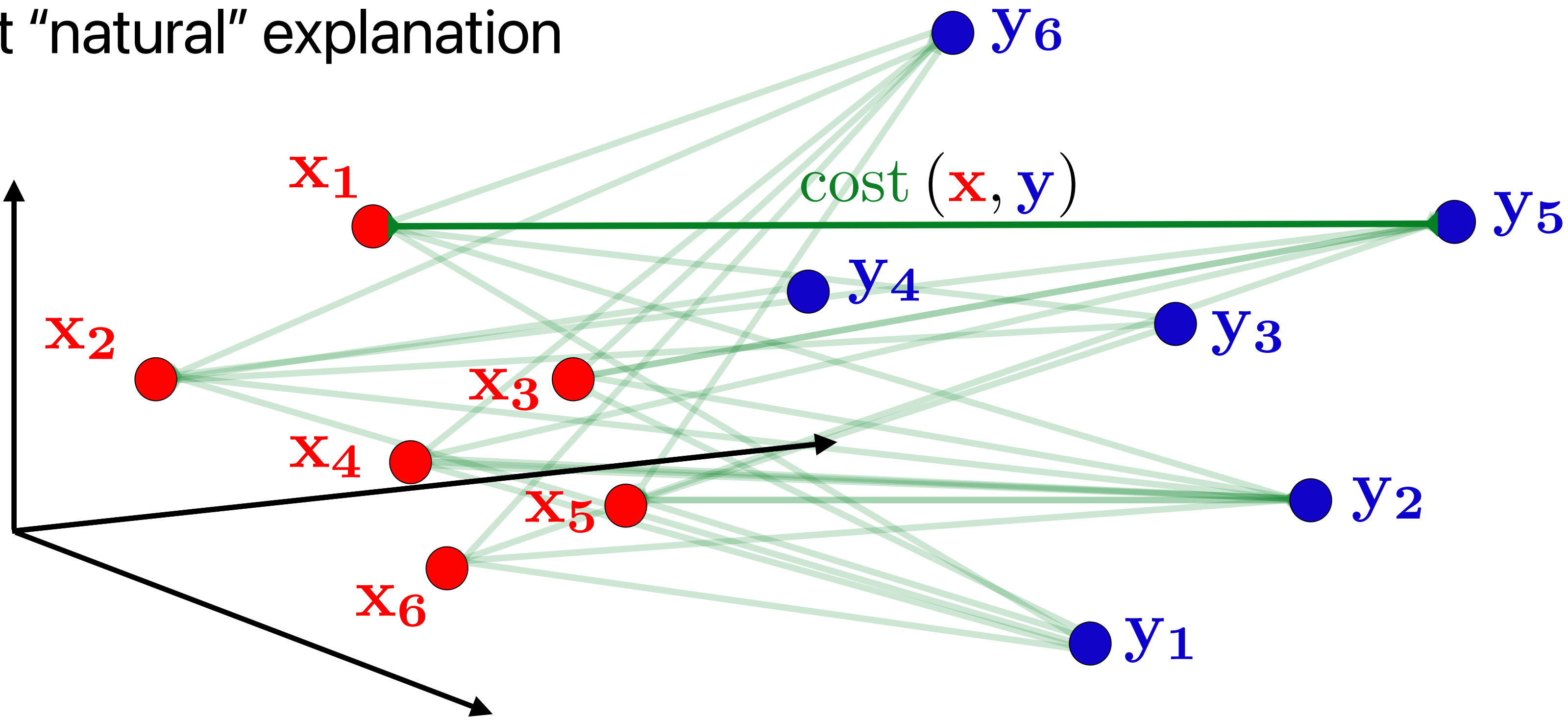
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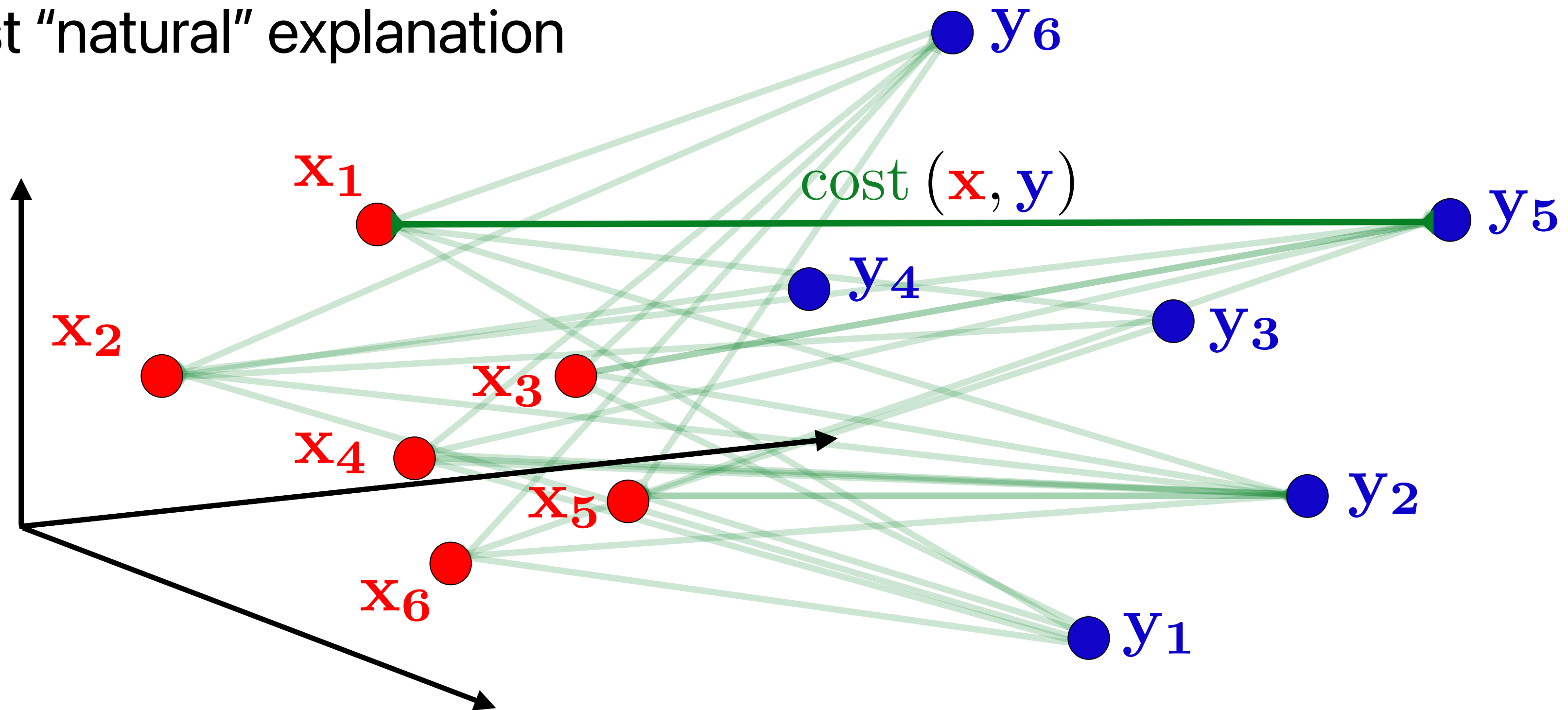
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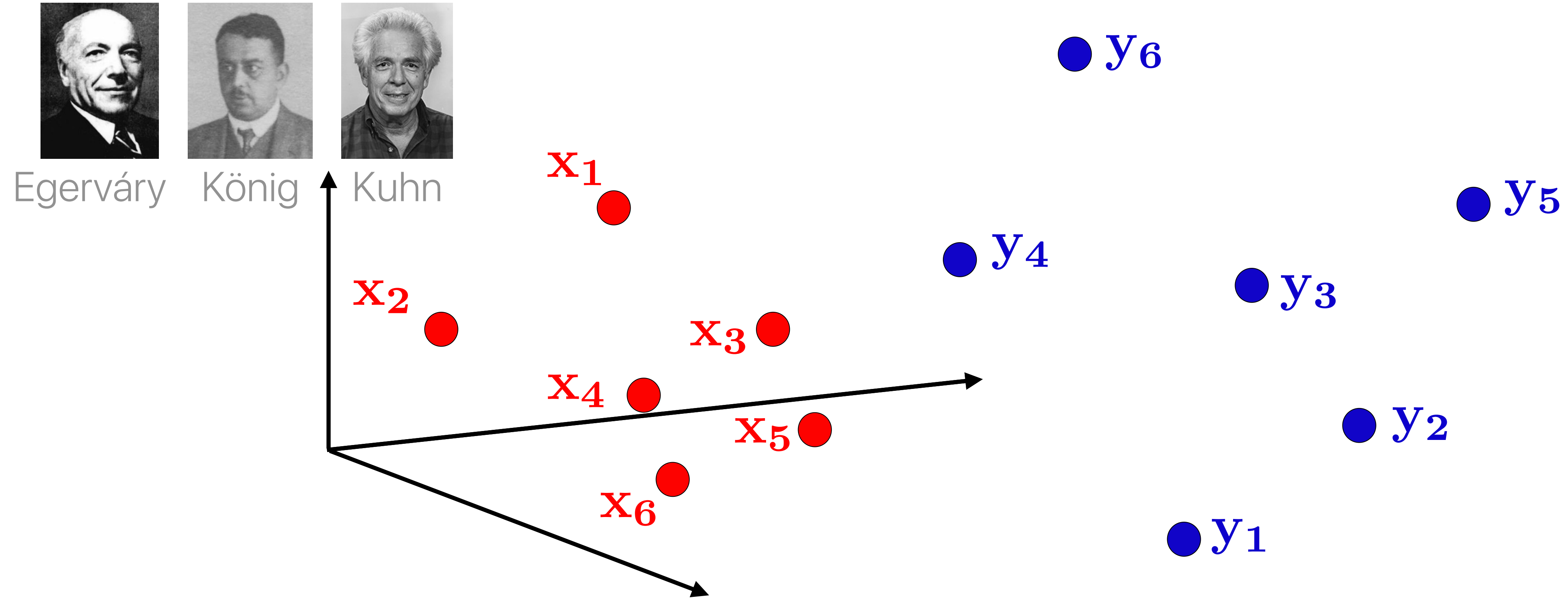
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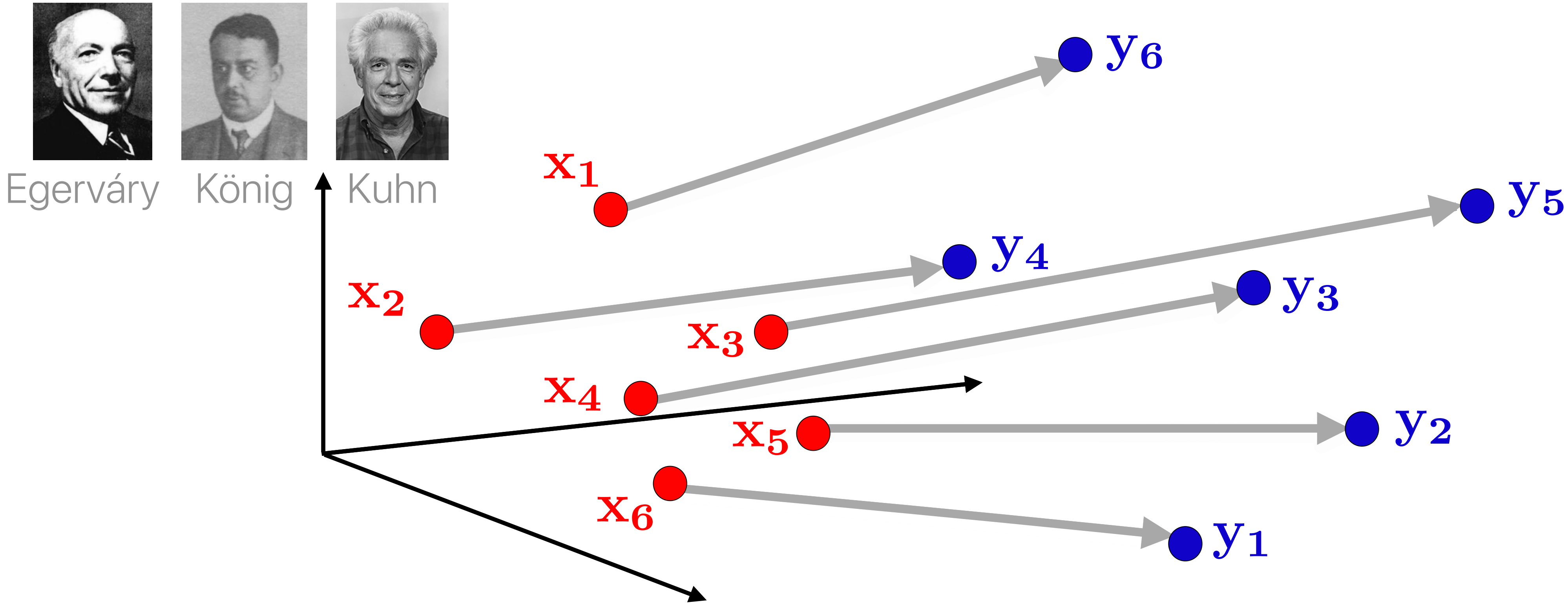
$$\min_{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_n} \sum_{i=1}^n c(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_{\sigma_i})$$

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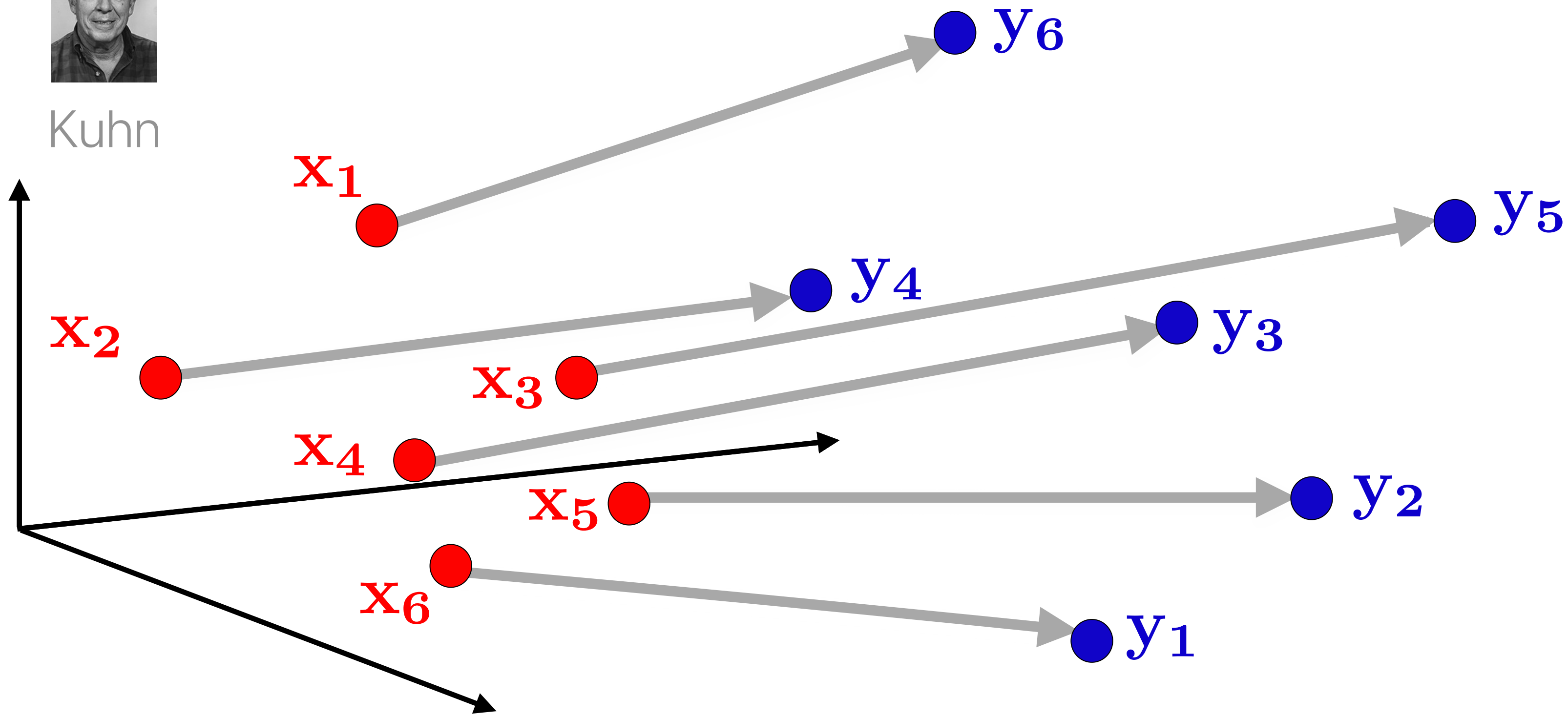
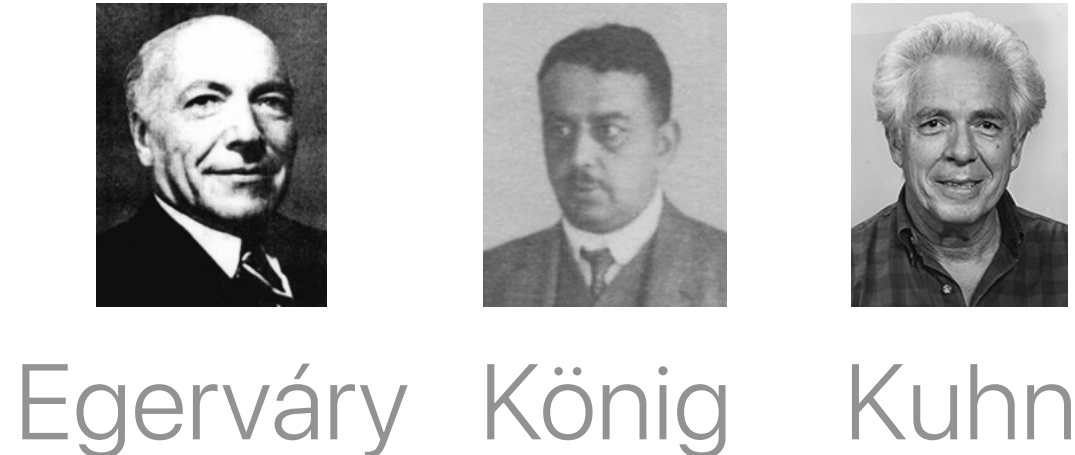
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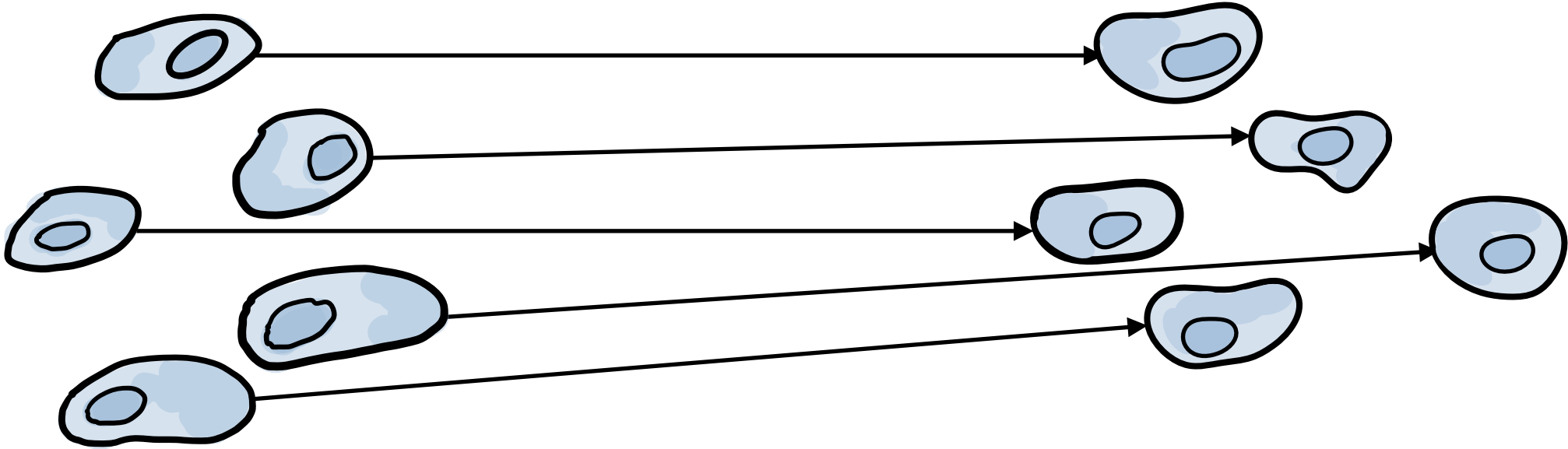


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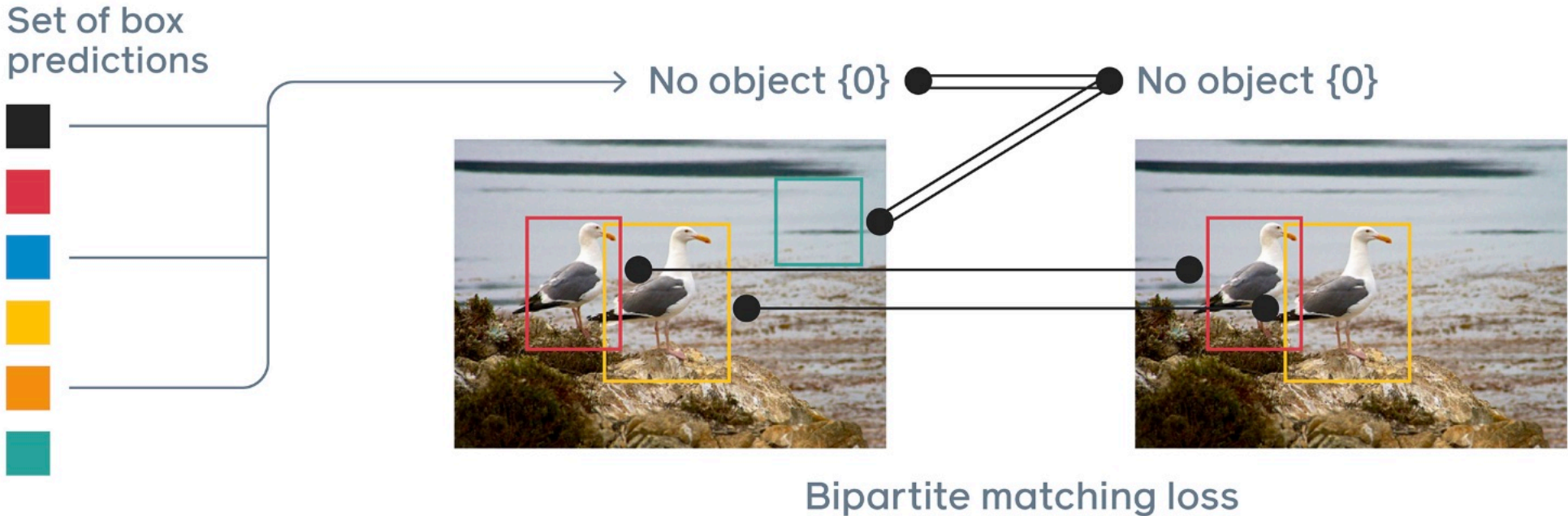
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Optimal-Transport Analysis of Single-Cell Gene Expression Identifies Developmental Trajectories in Reprogramming

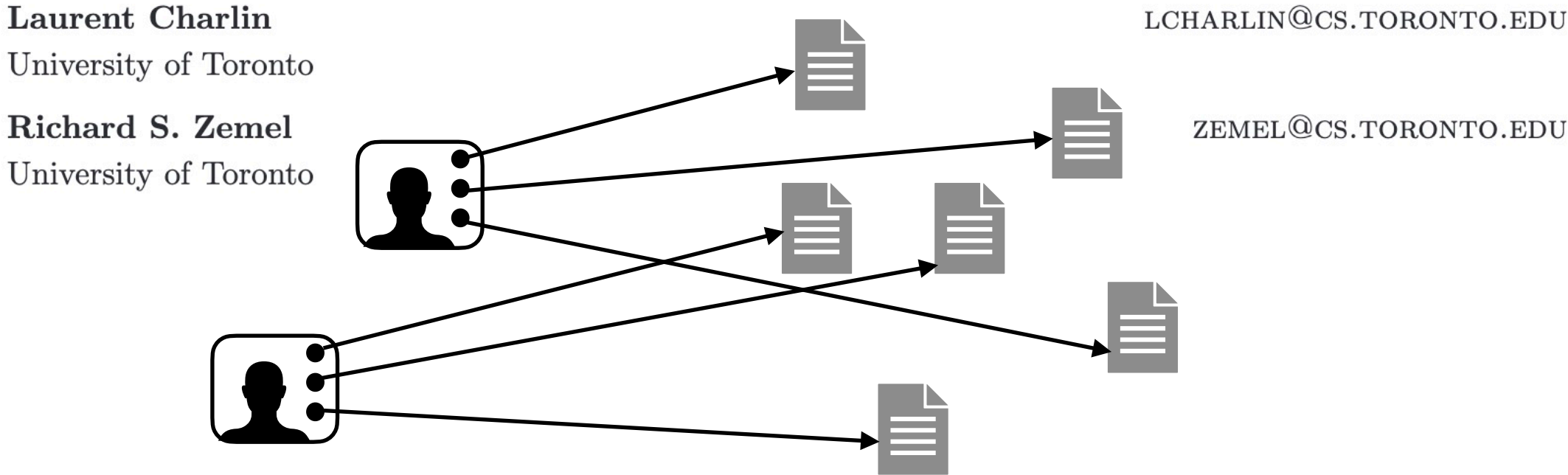
[Schiebinger+19]



End-to-end object detection with Transformers [Carion+20]



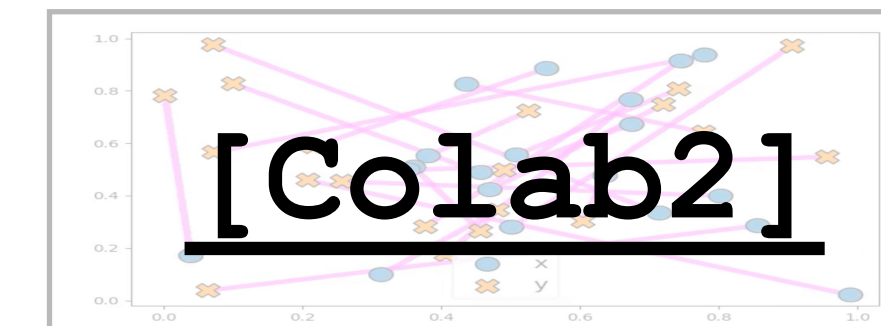
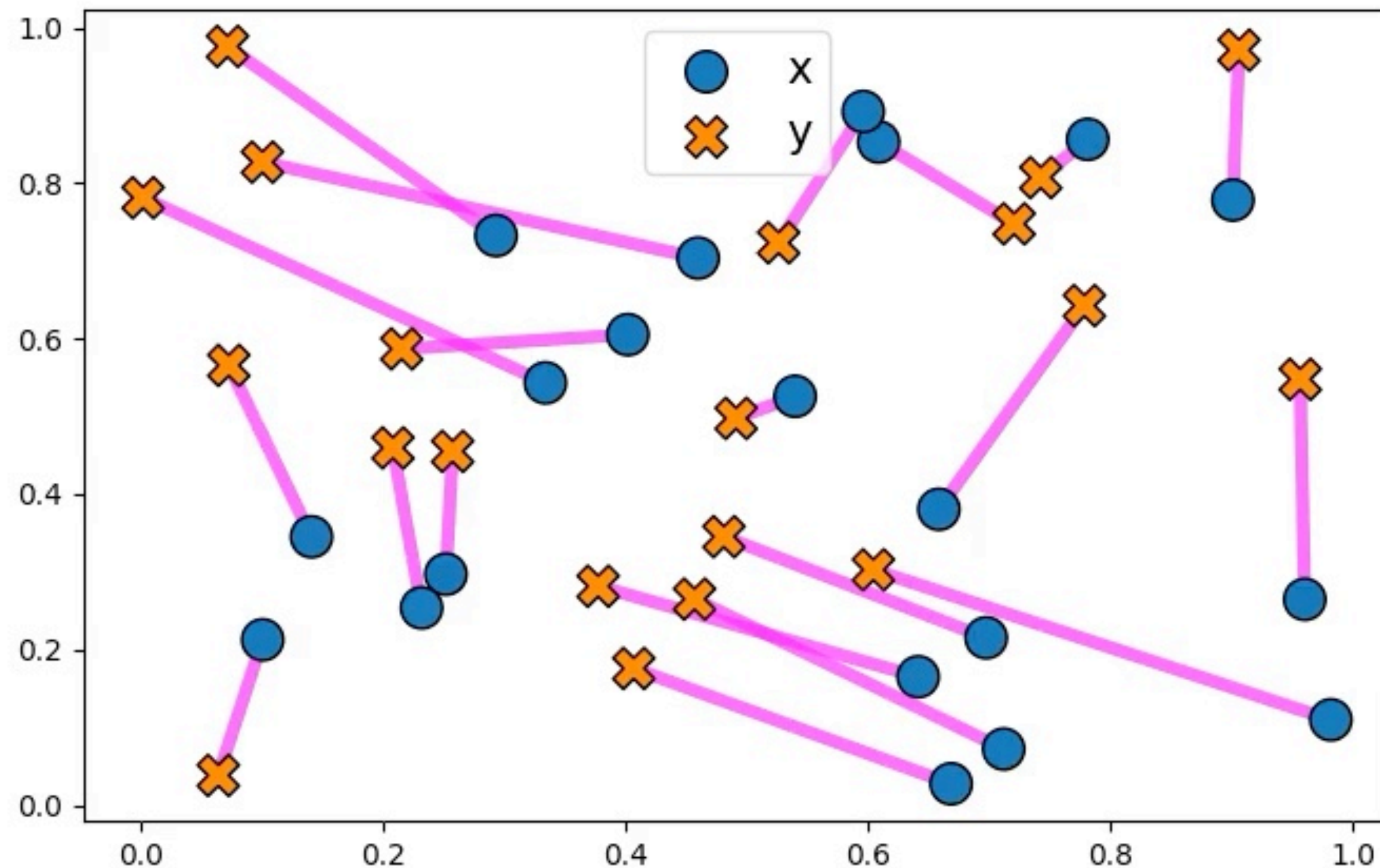
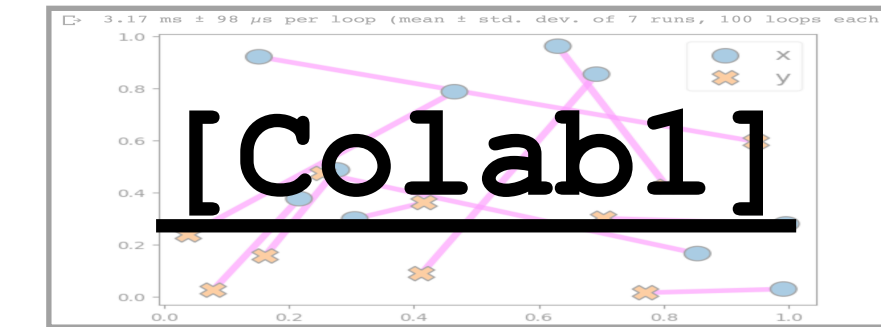
The Toronto Paper Matching System: An automated paper-reviewer assignment system



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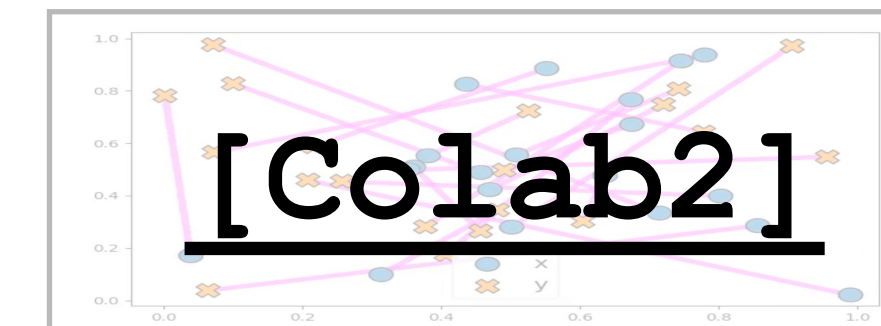
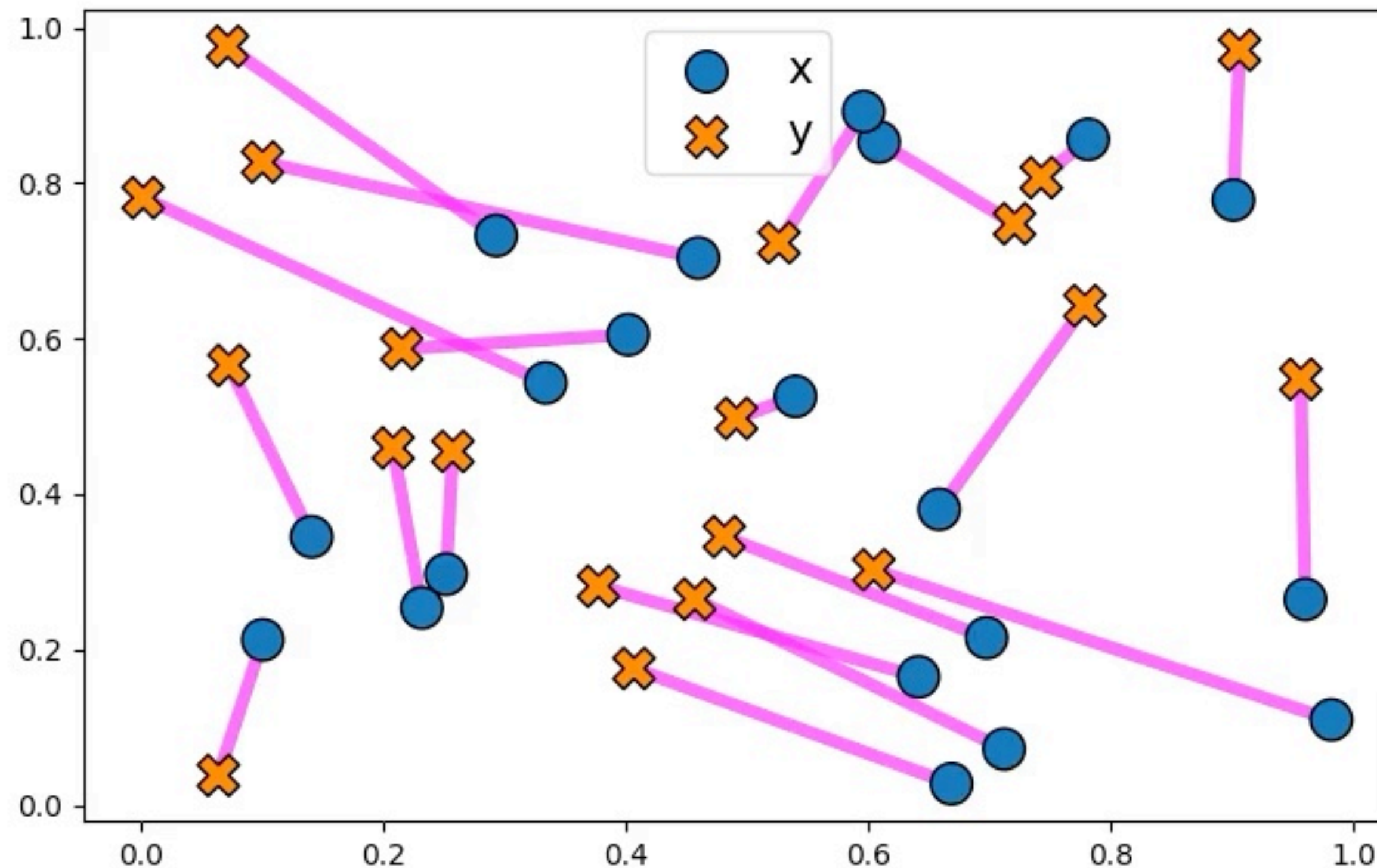
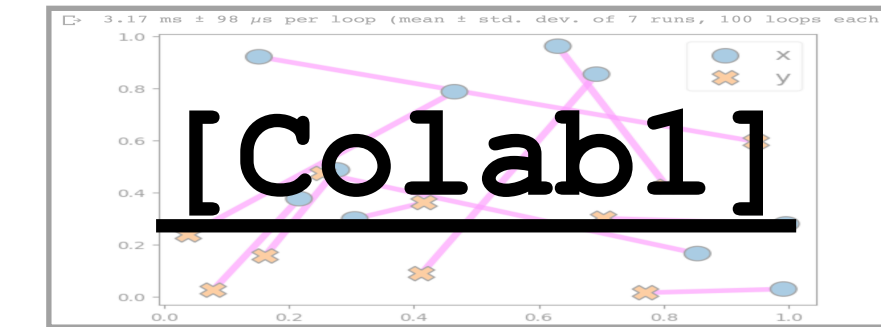
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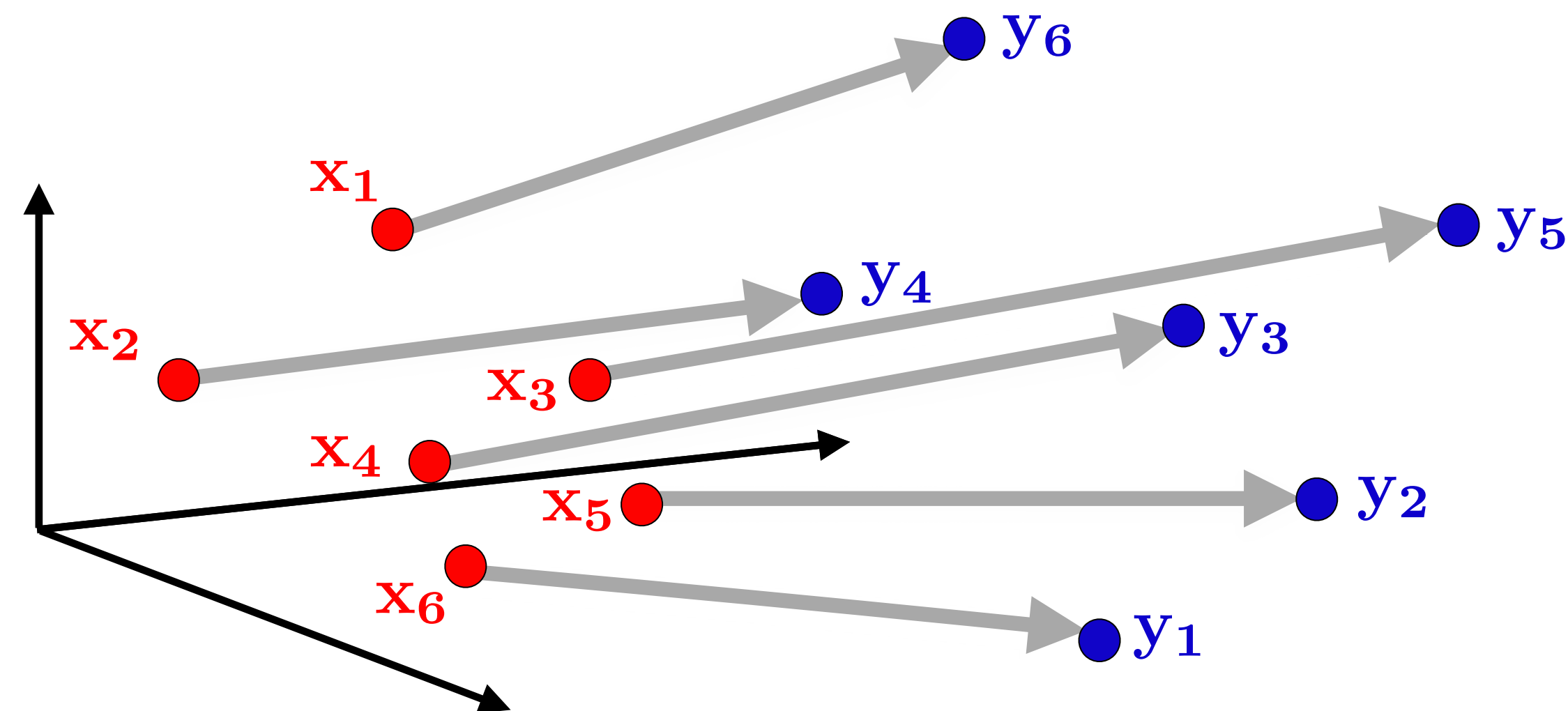
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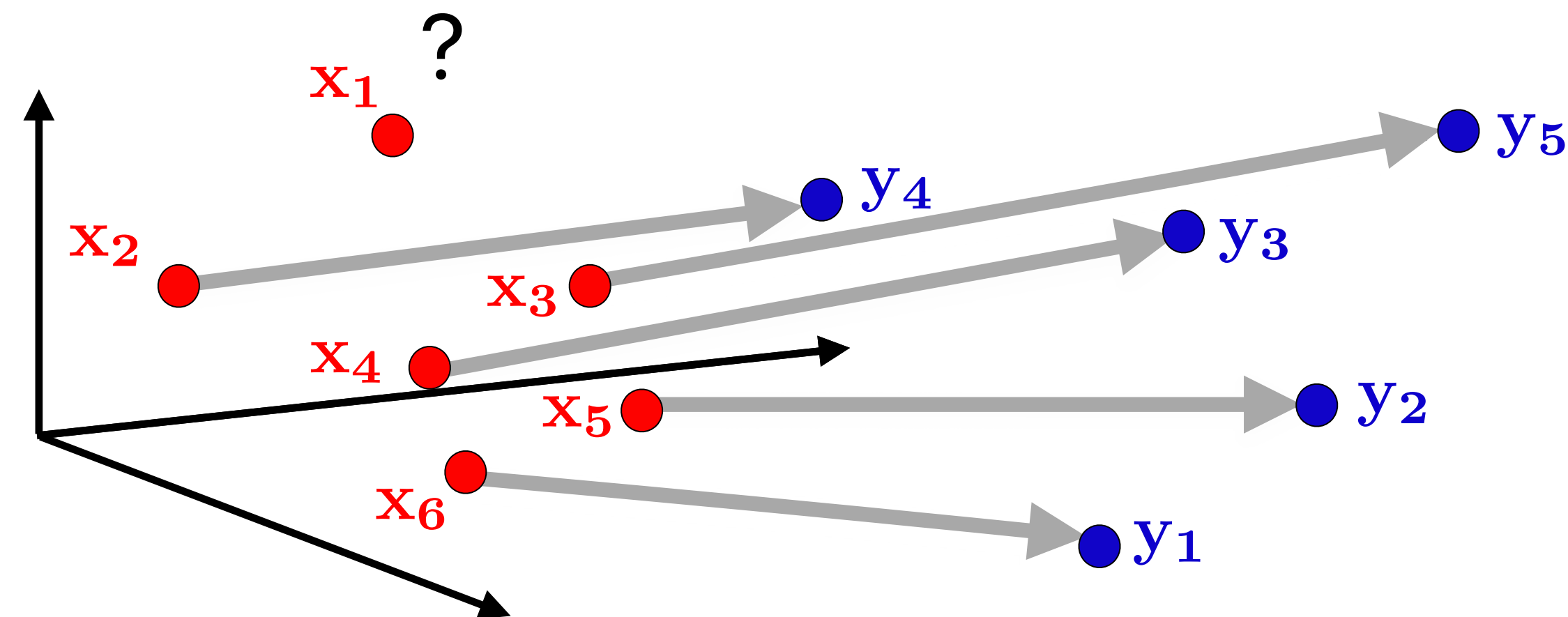
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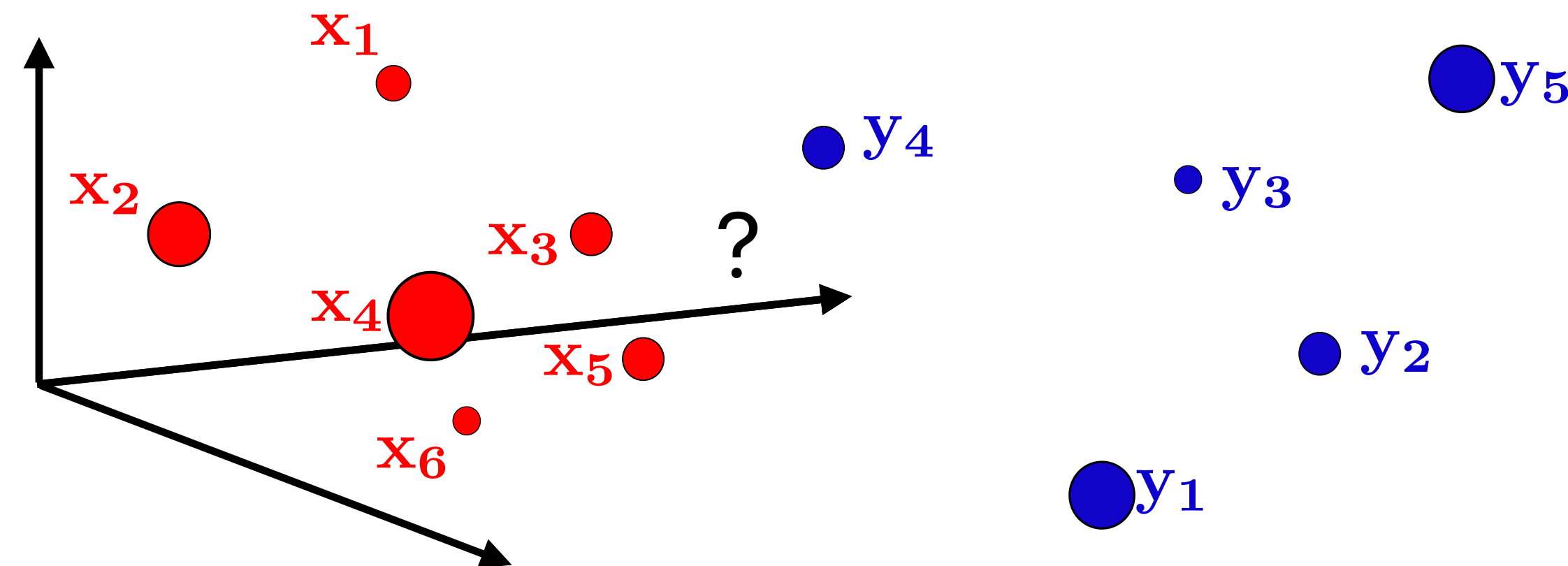
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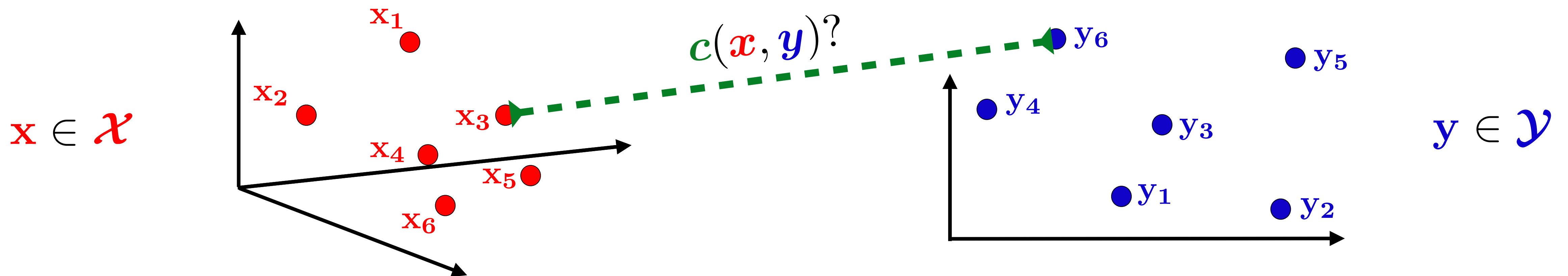
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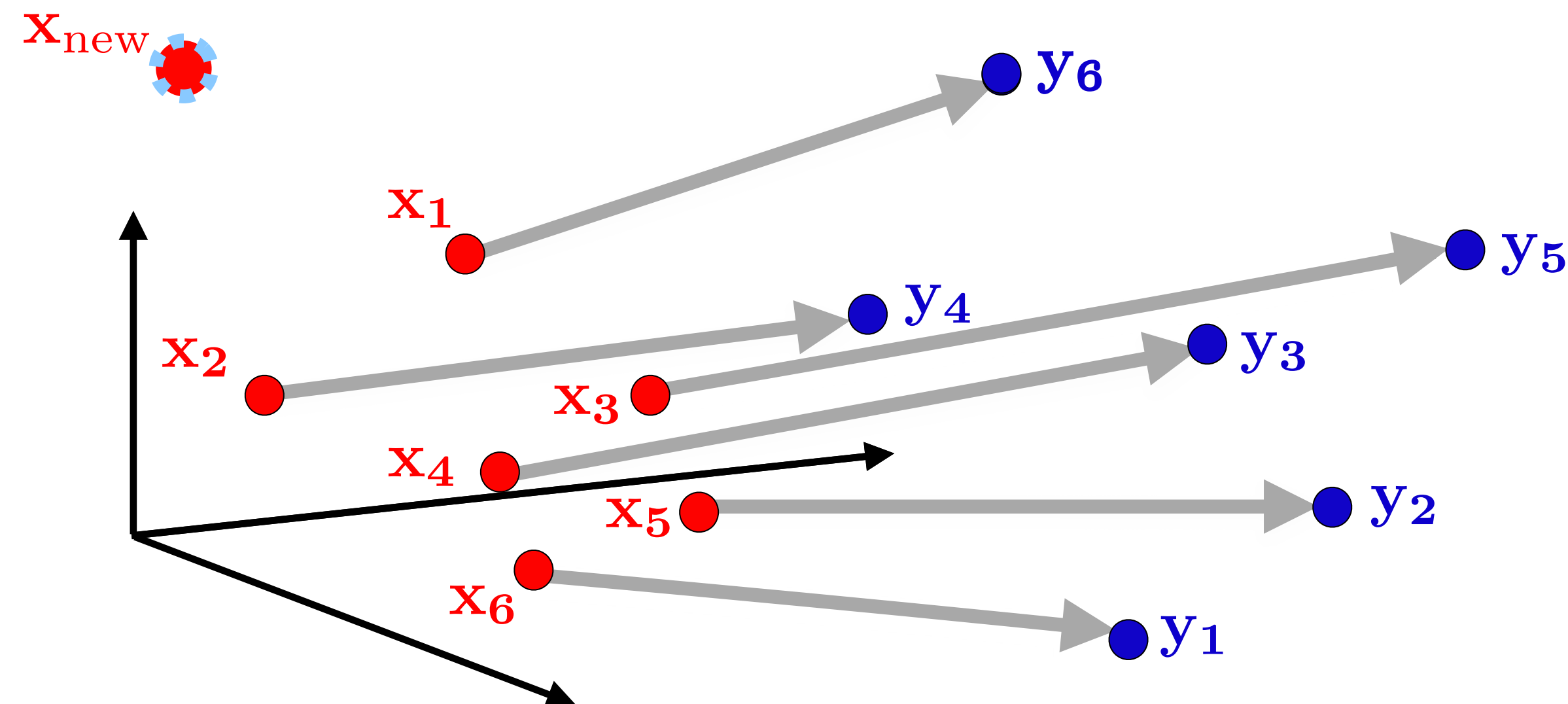
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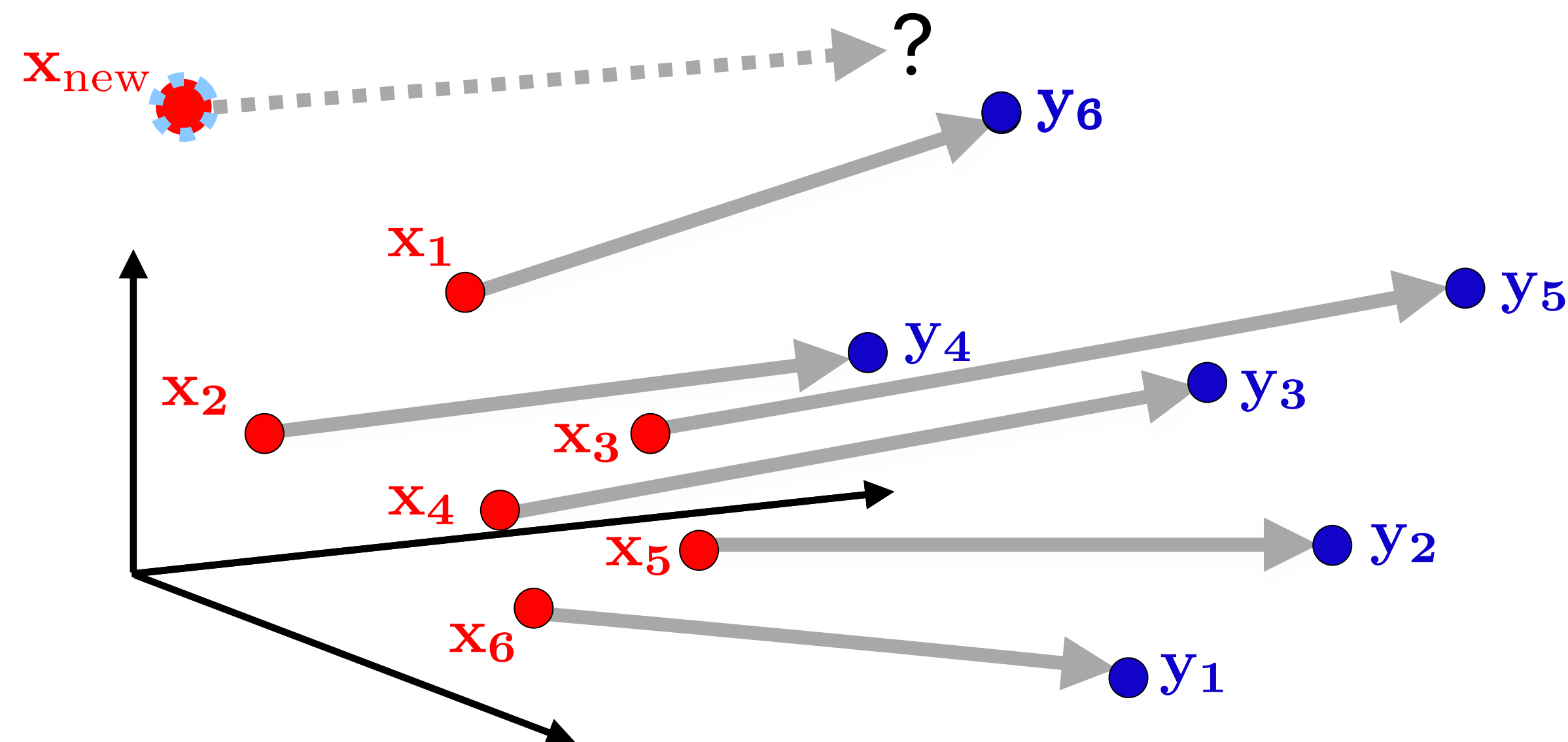
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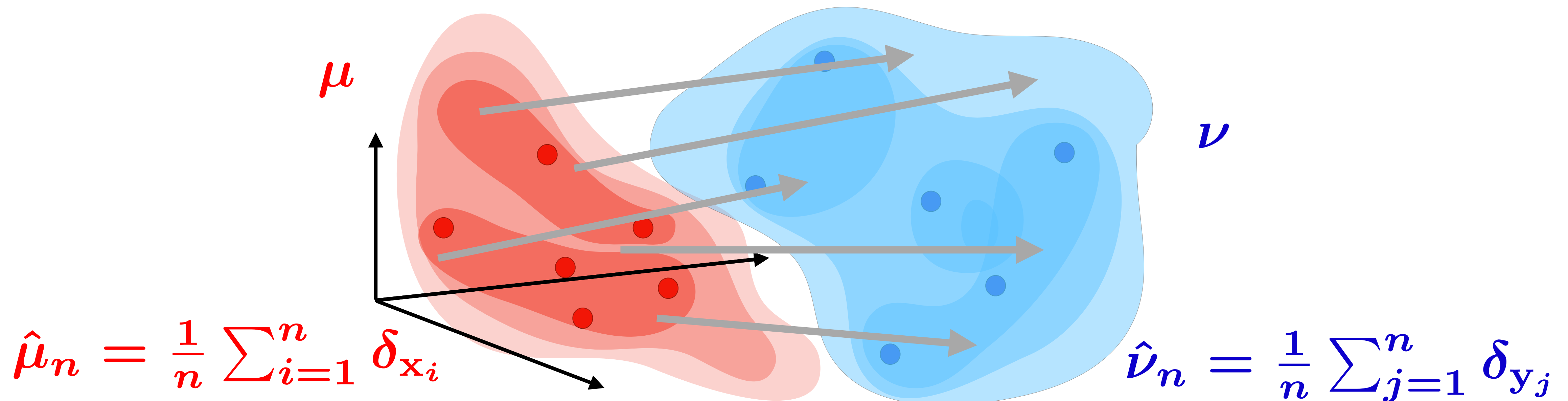
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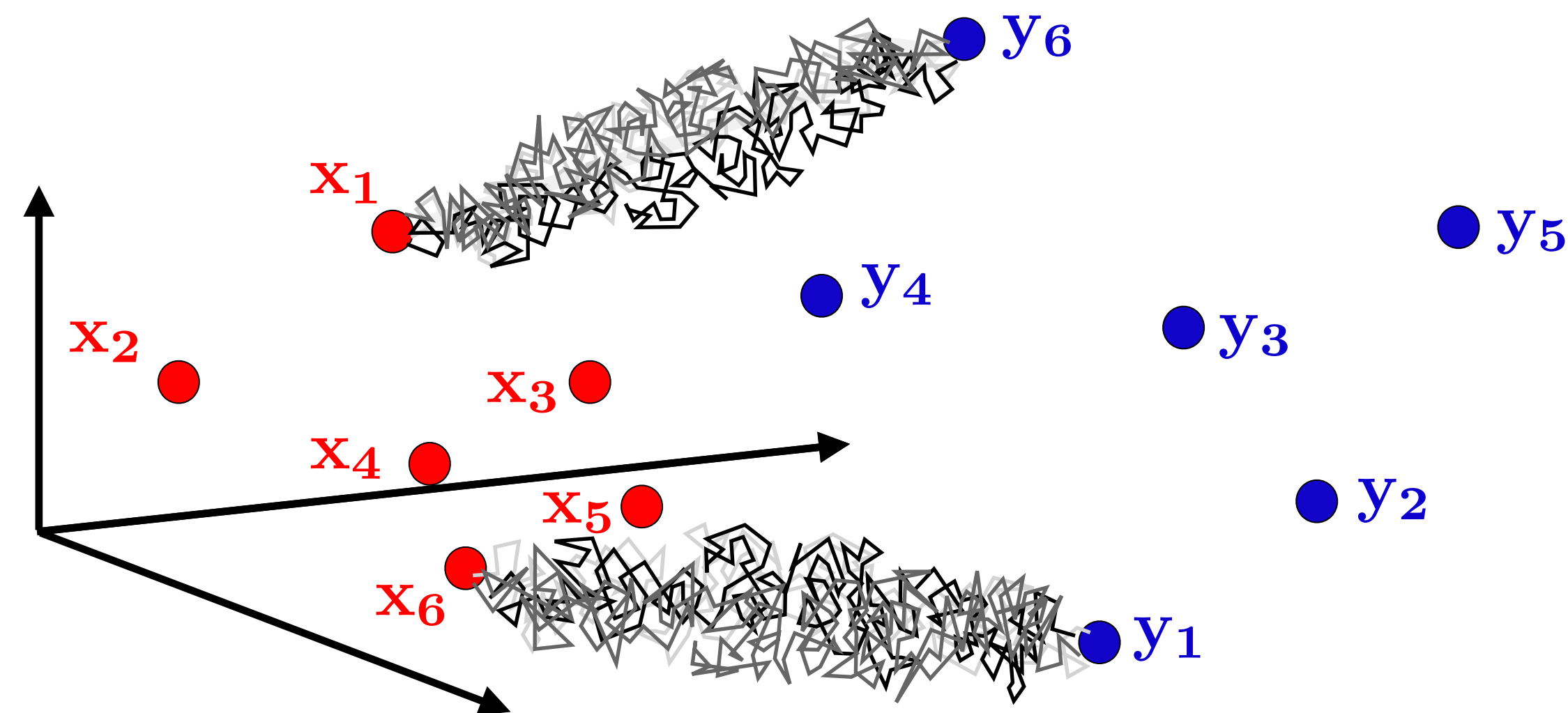
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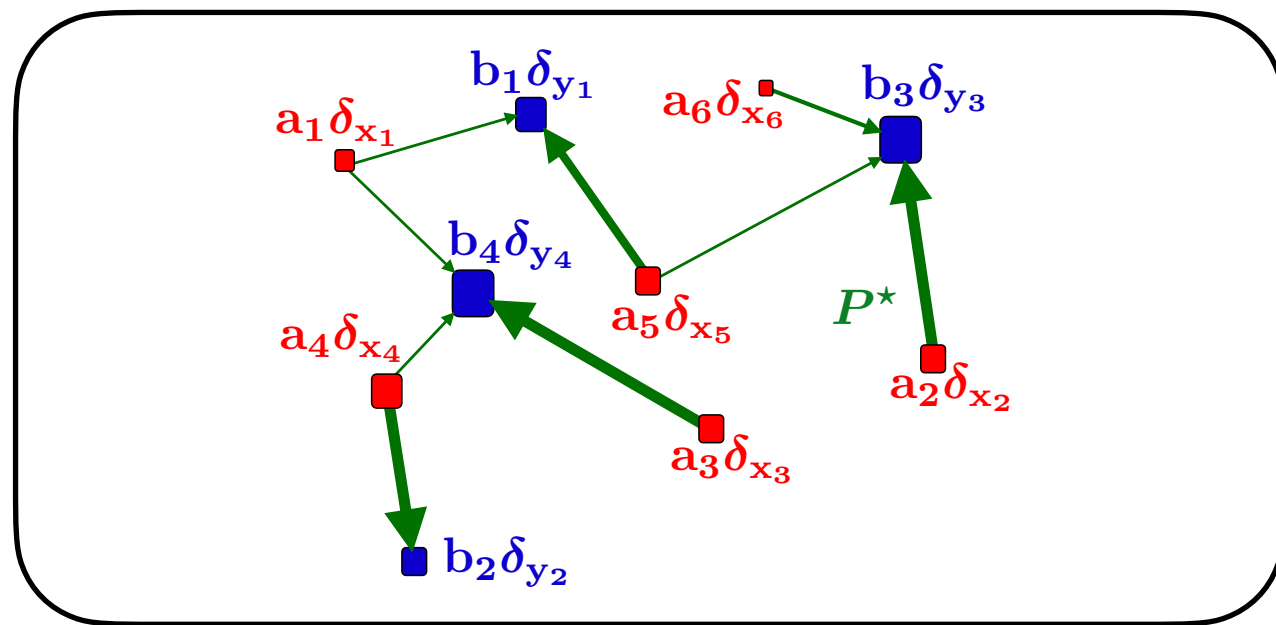
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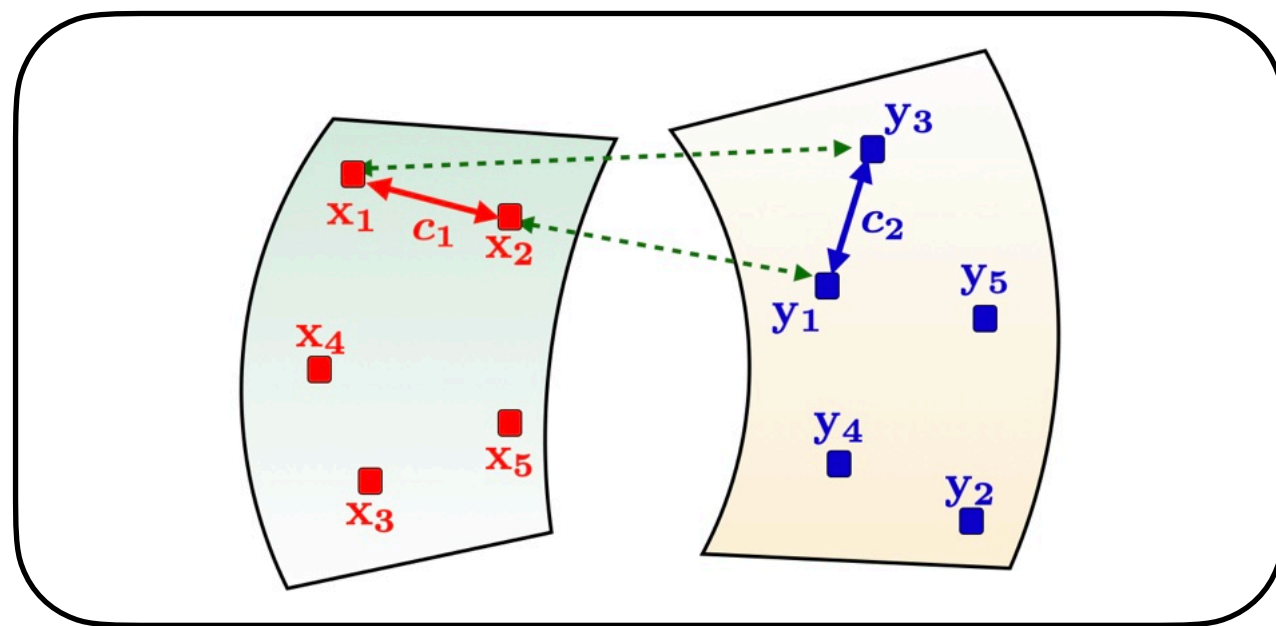
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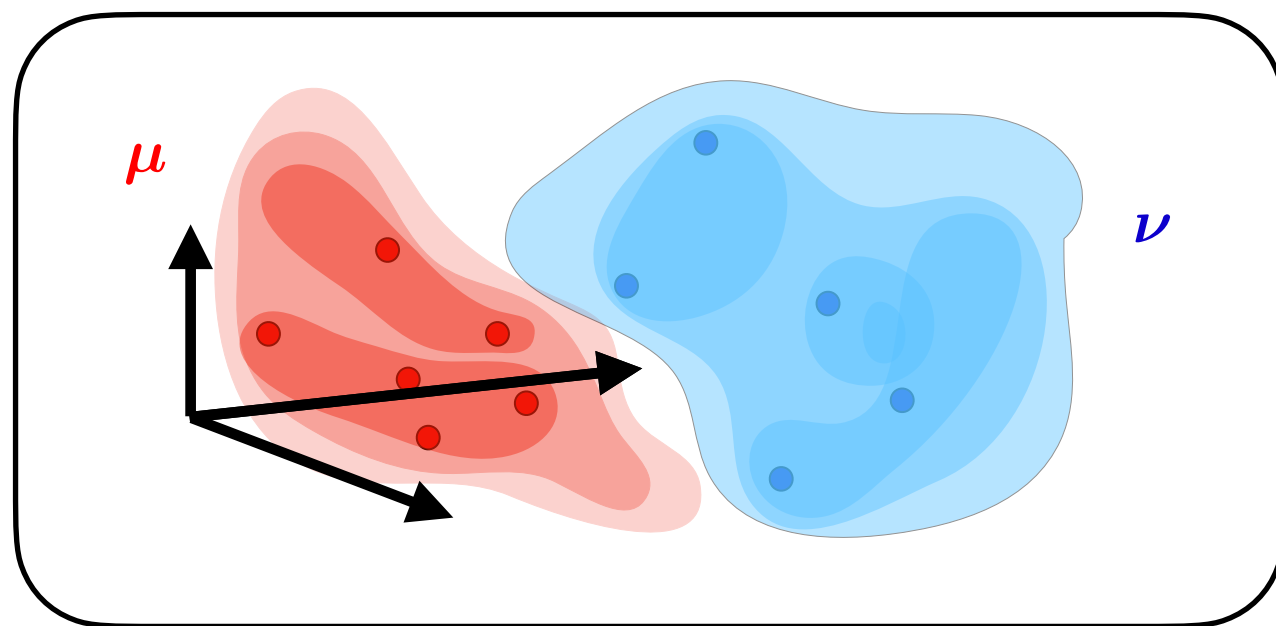
Landscape / Jargon of Optimal Transport Problems



- LAP, Kantorovich (Rubinstein), duality and potential.
- Optimal coupling, transport plans, EMD, Wasserstein



- QAP, Gromov-Wasserstein (GW) distance
- Fused GW, graph isomorphism problems



- Monge Problem, Brenier & Gangbo-McCann theorems
- Monge-Ampère PDE, Benamou-Brenier, JKO
- Schrödinger bridge, stochastic control

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- Optimizing over space of coupling matrices, linear programs
- Regularized OT, entropic and rank constrained, unbalanced, quadratic
- Differentiability of OT plans

Part 2

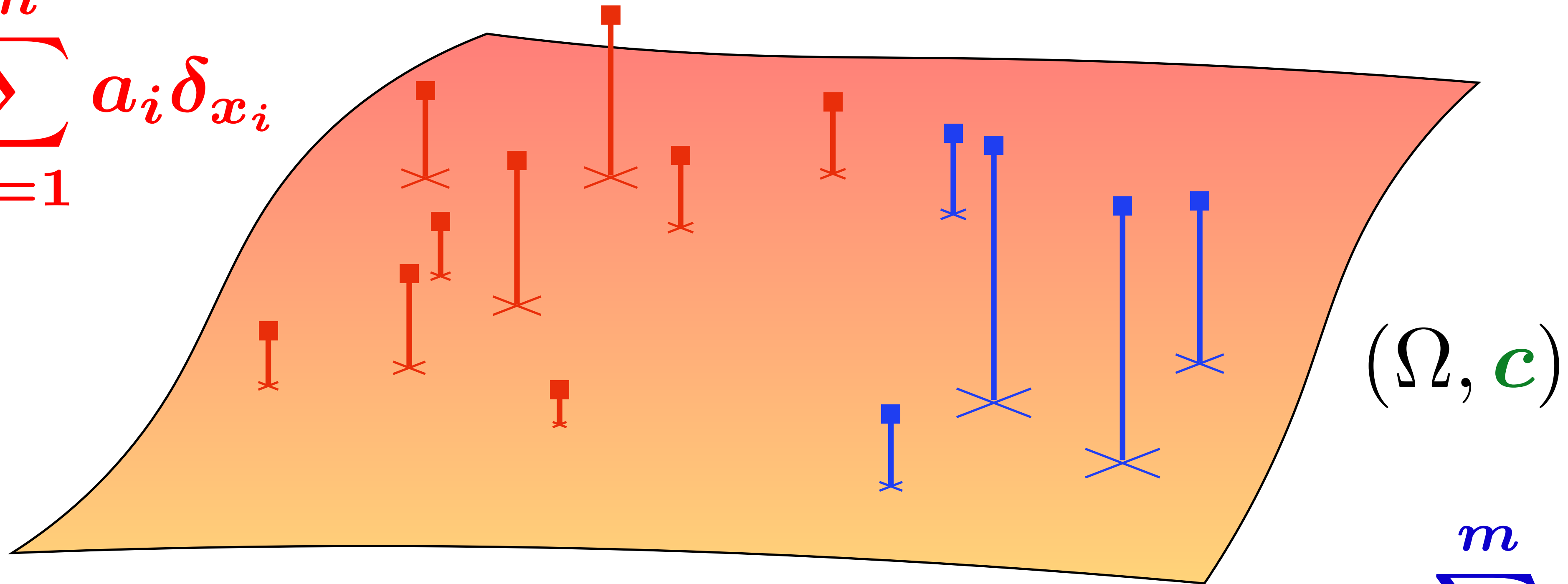
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Optimal Transport between Two Empirical Measures

$$\mu = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \delta_{x_i}$$



$$\nu = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j \delta_{y_j}$$

Kantorovich Formulation of Optimal Transport



Hitchcock



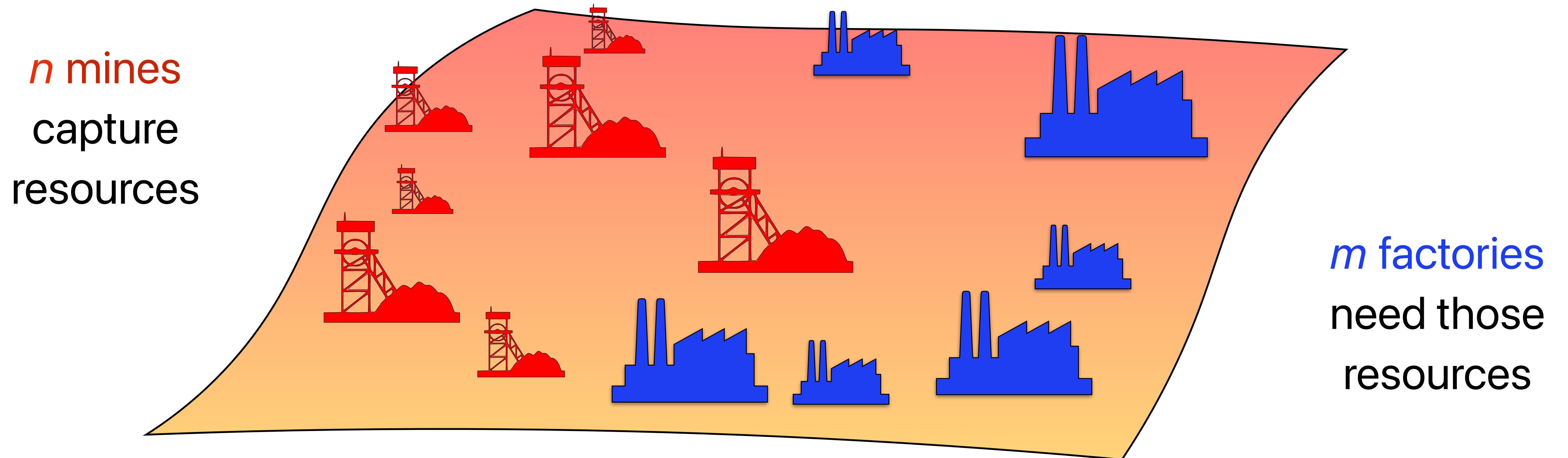
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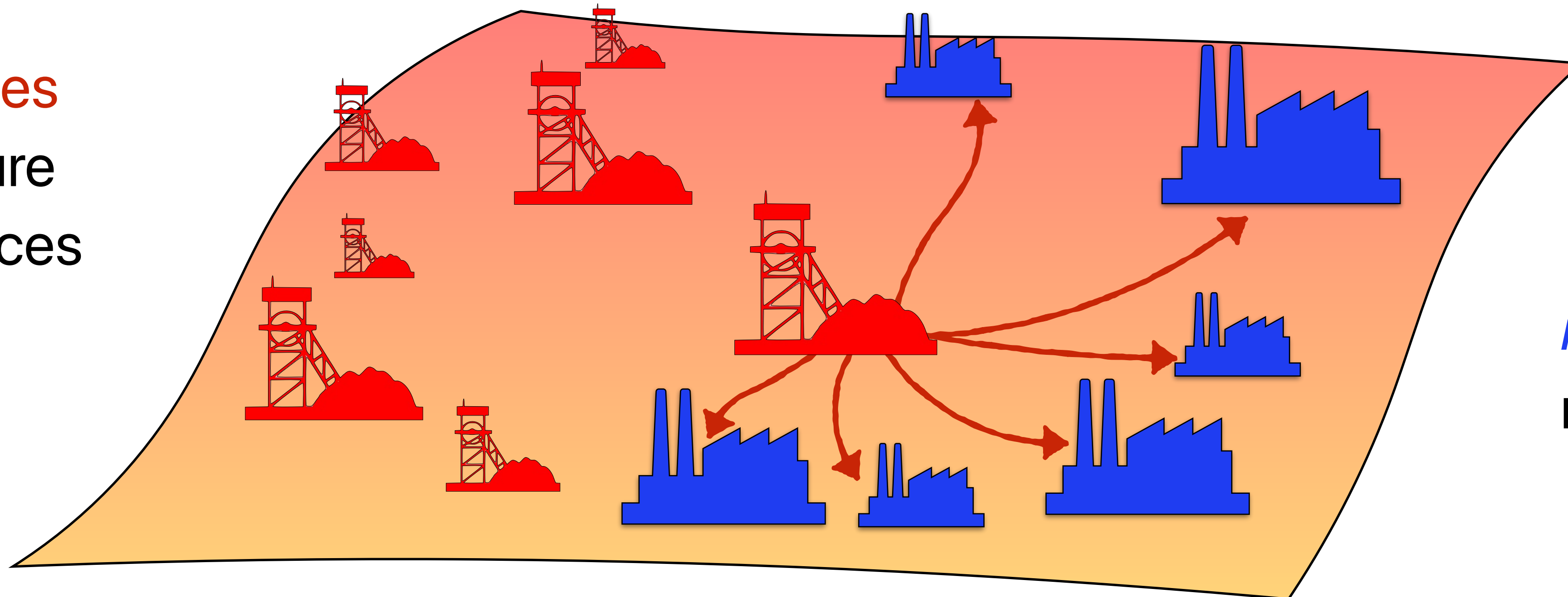


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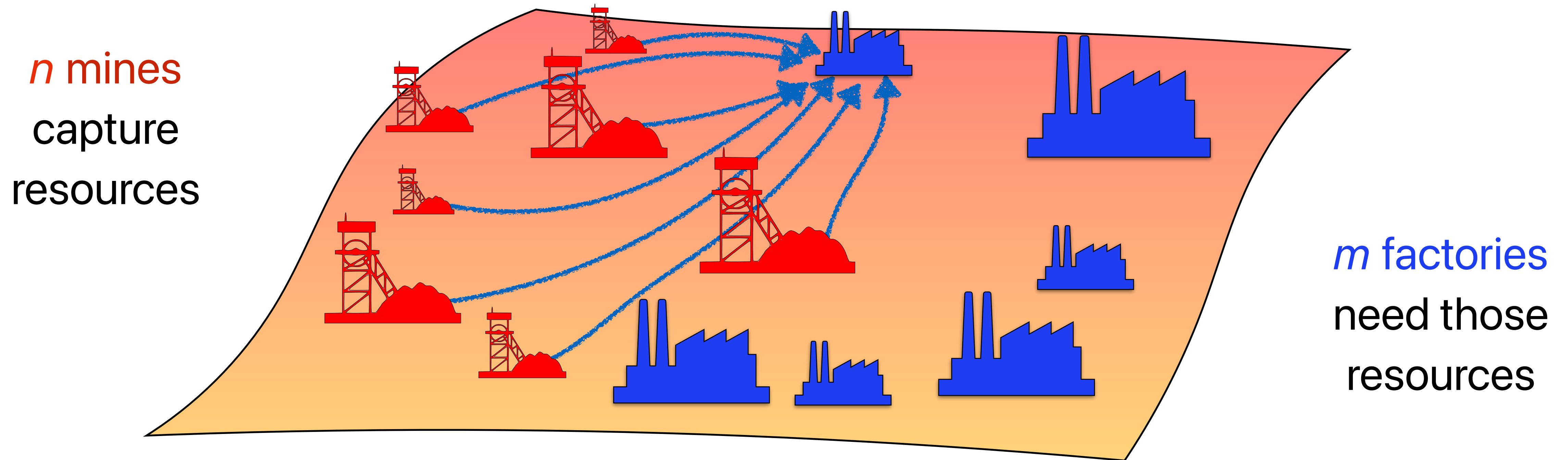
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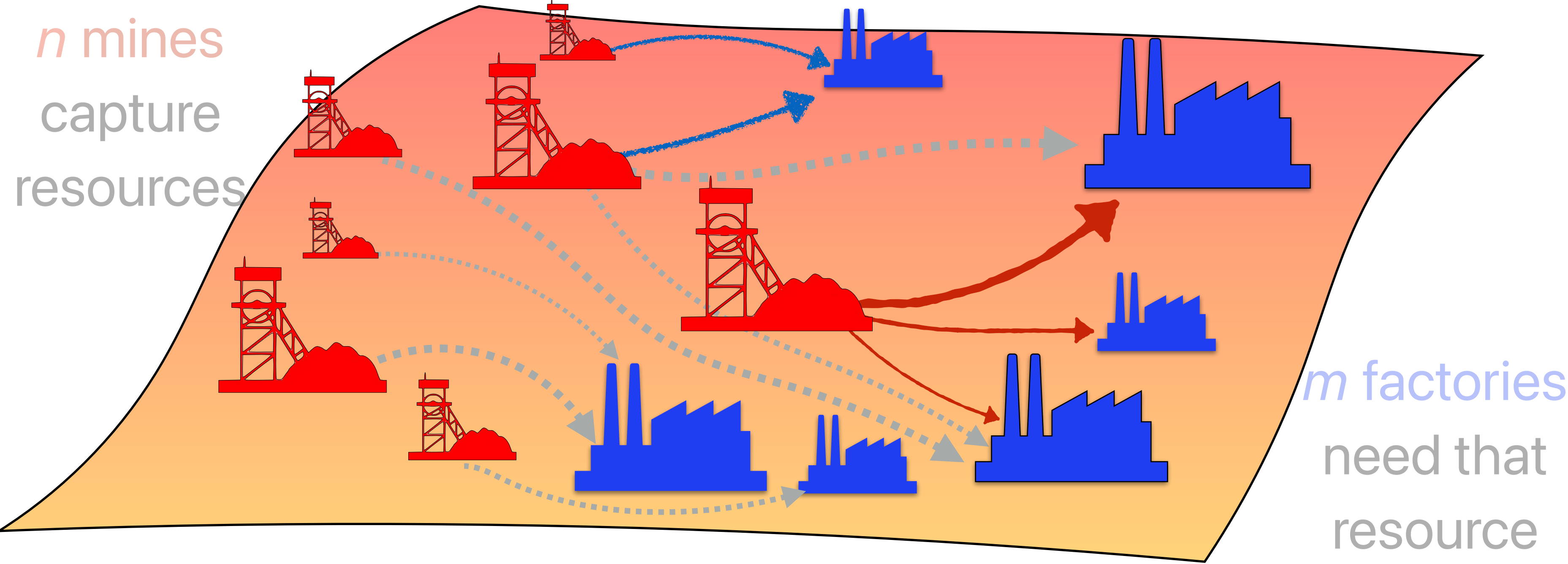
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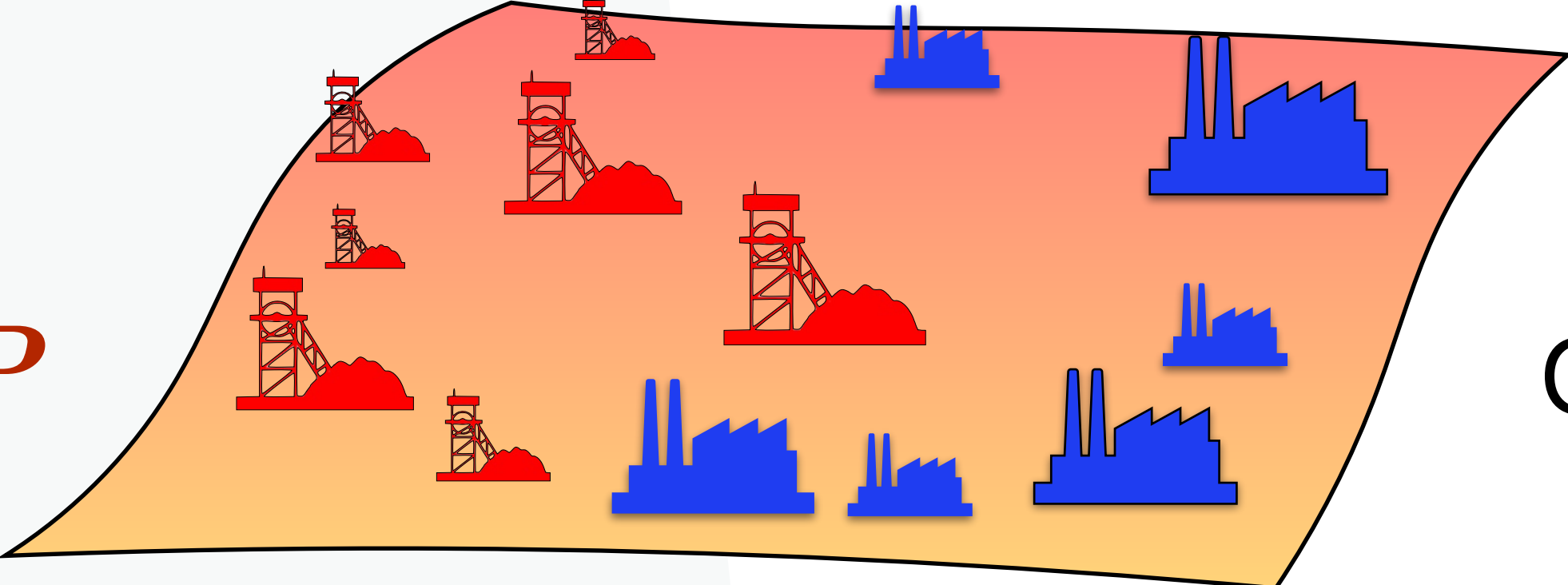
OT on Two Empirical Measures

Optimal Transport computes the **least-costly** transport matrix



OT on Two Empirical Measures: Matrices

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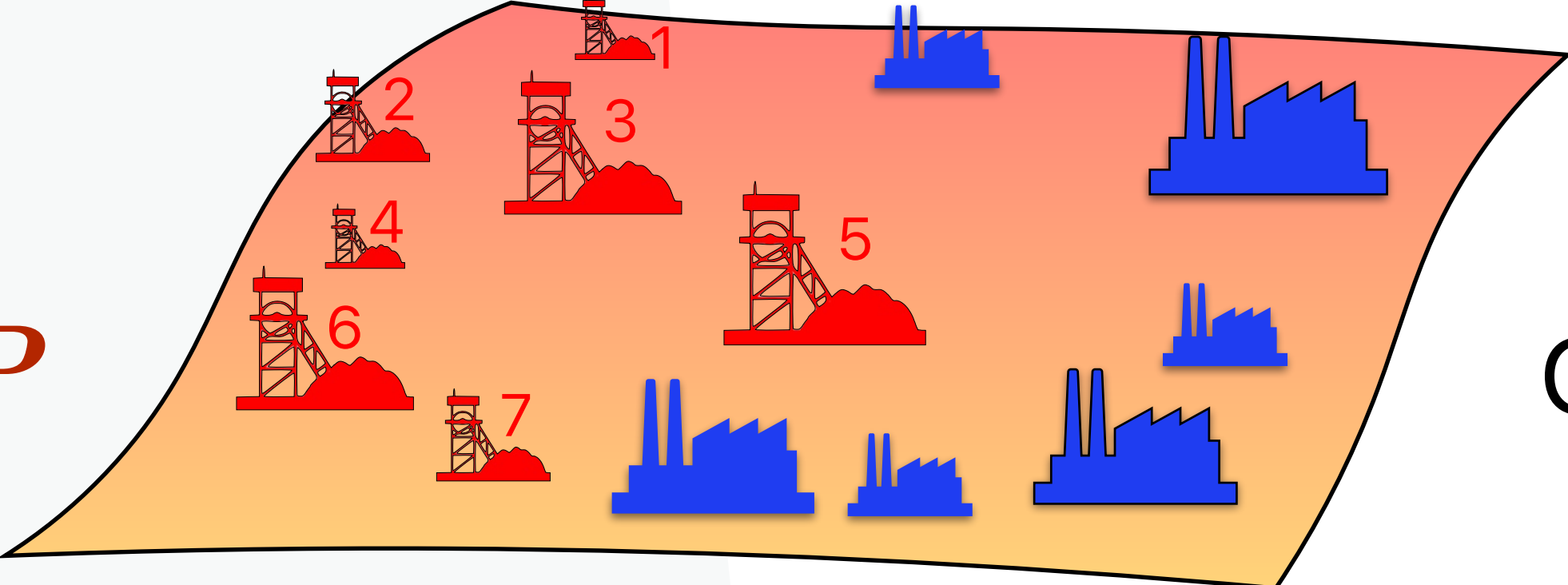
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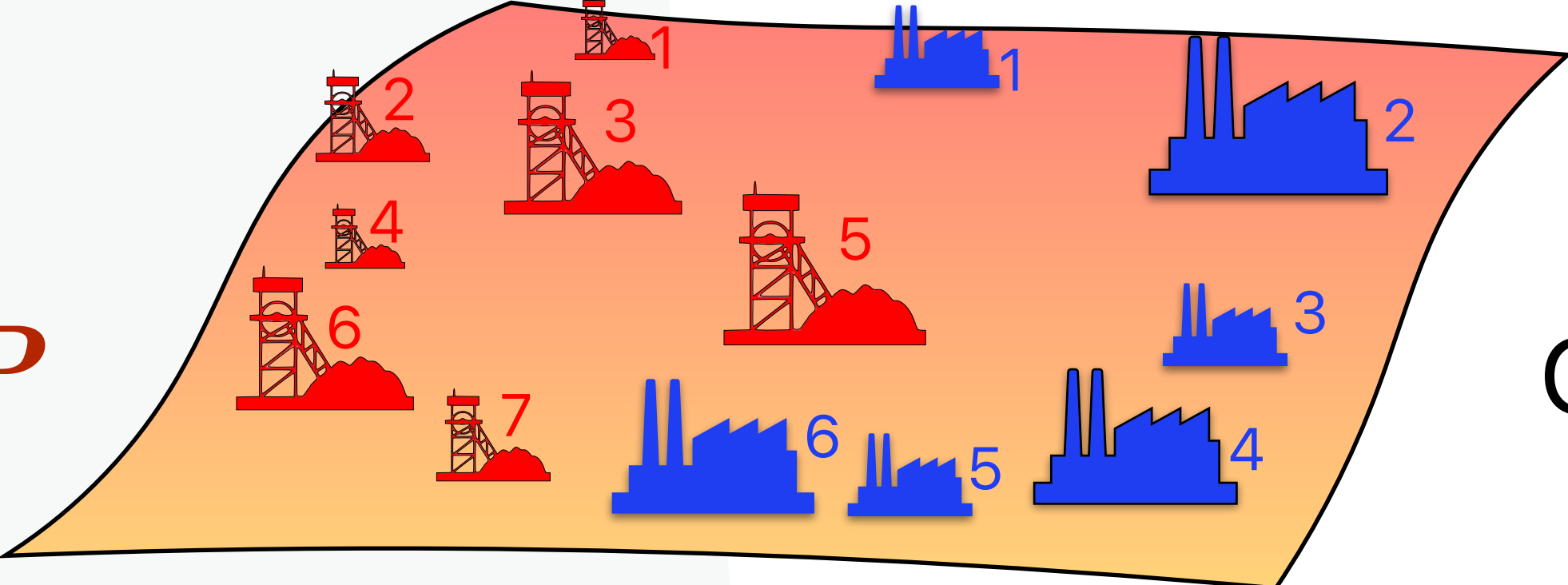
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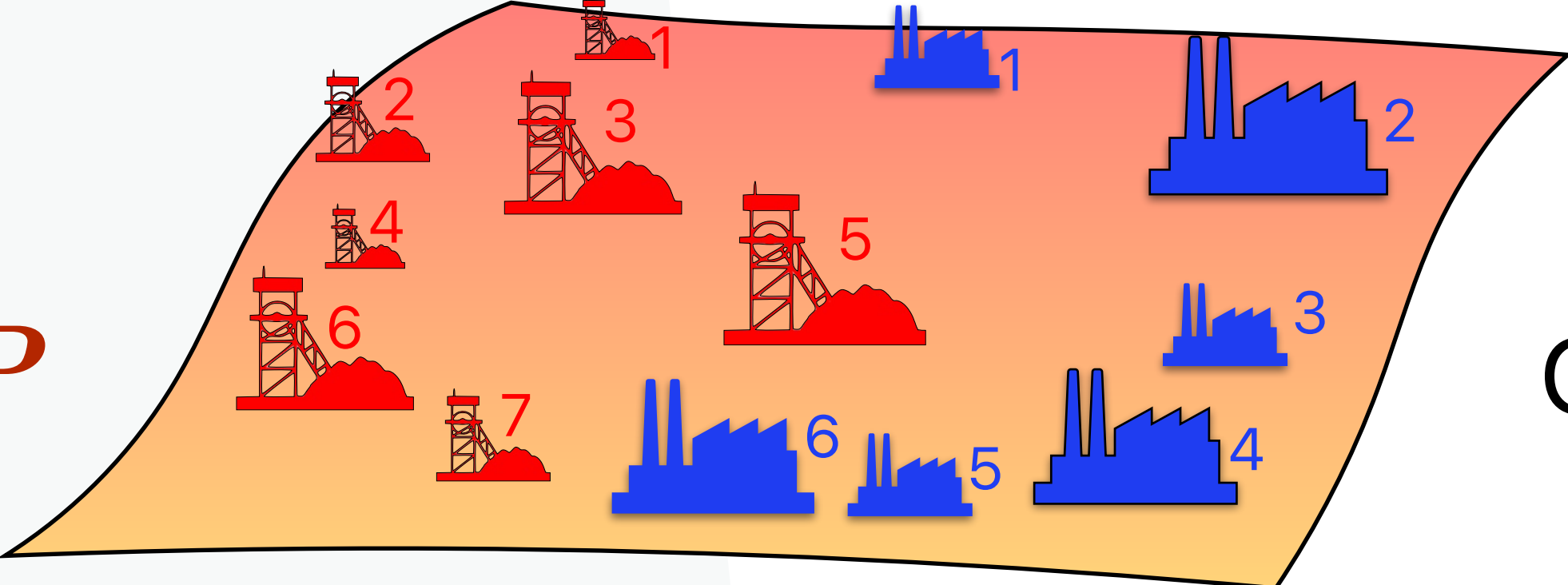
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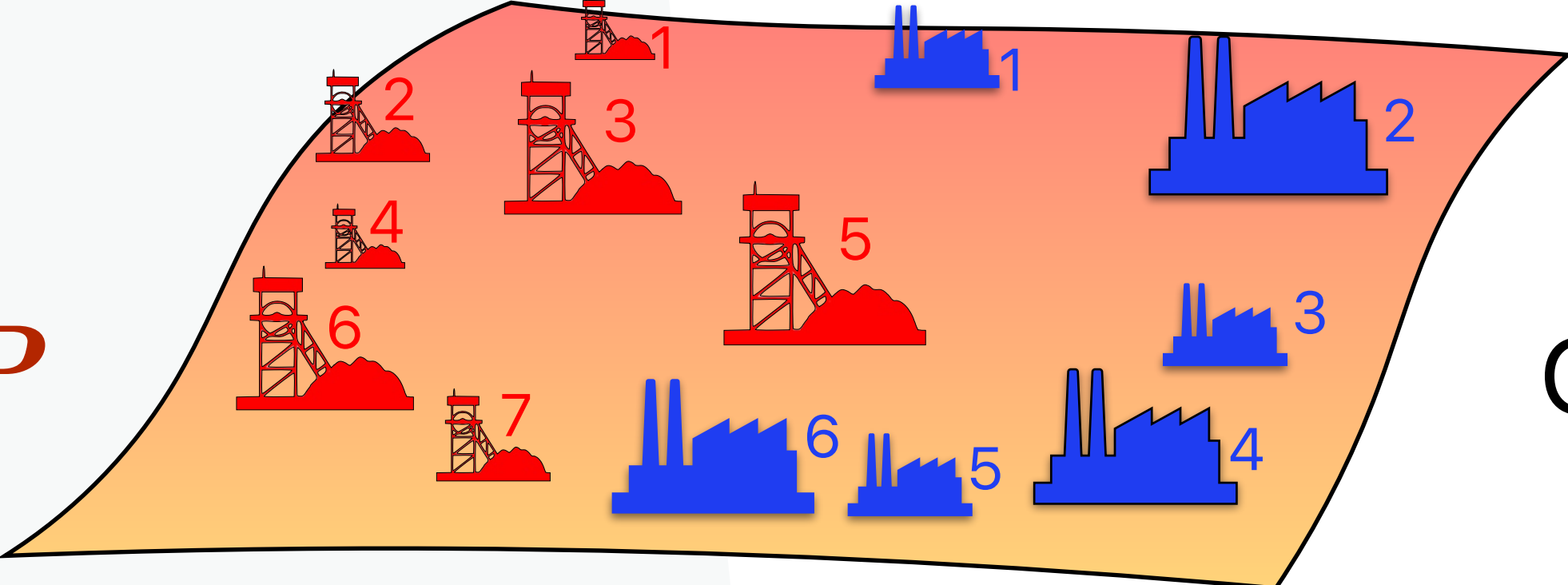
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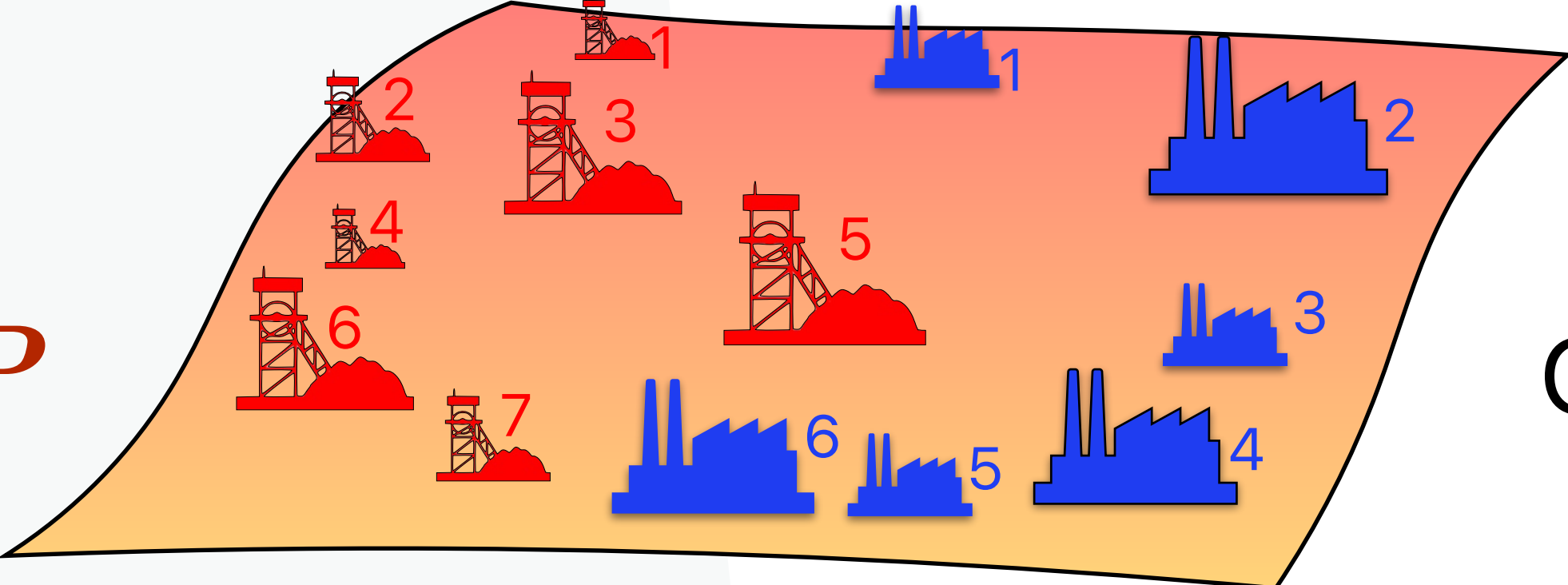
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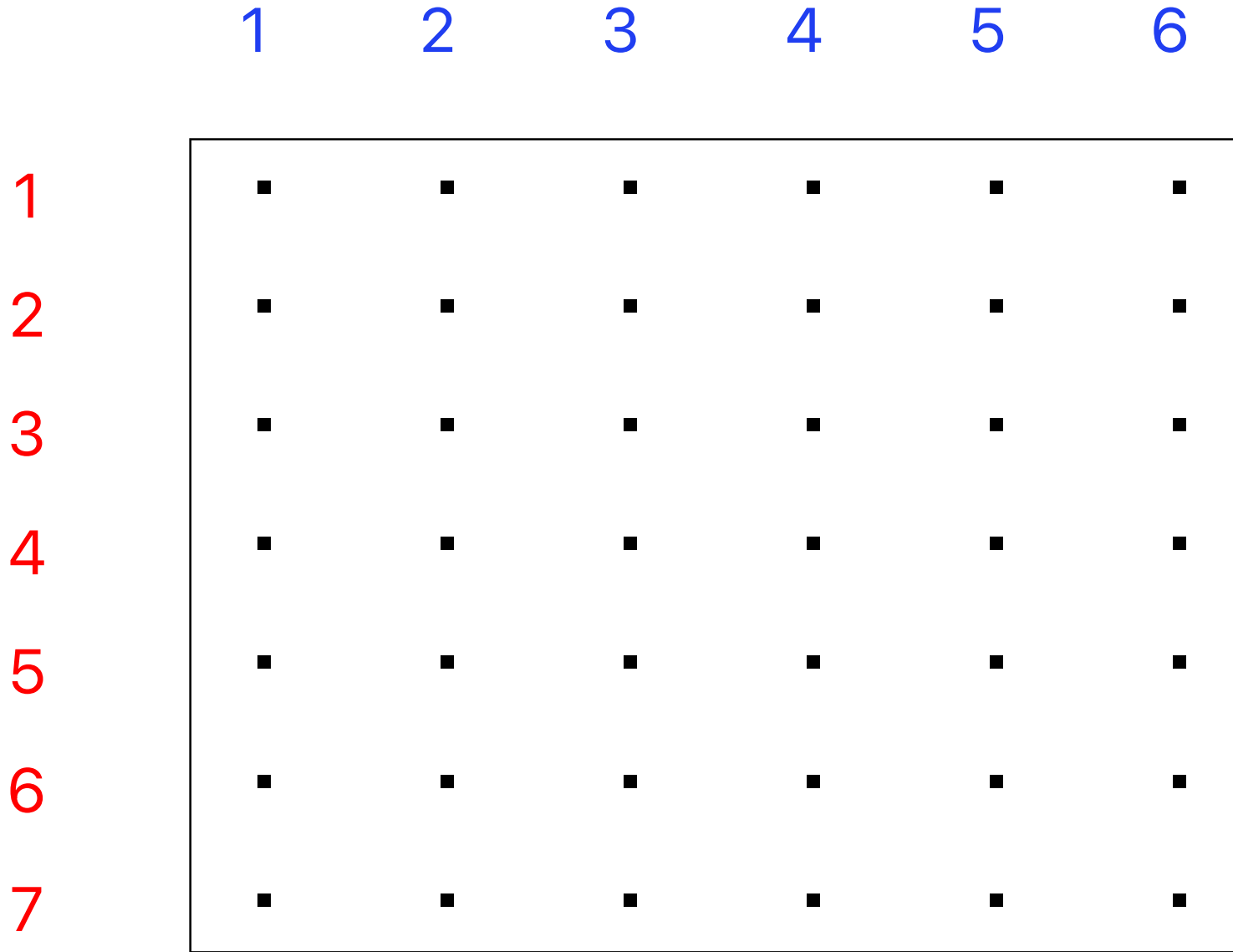
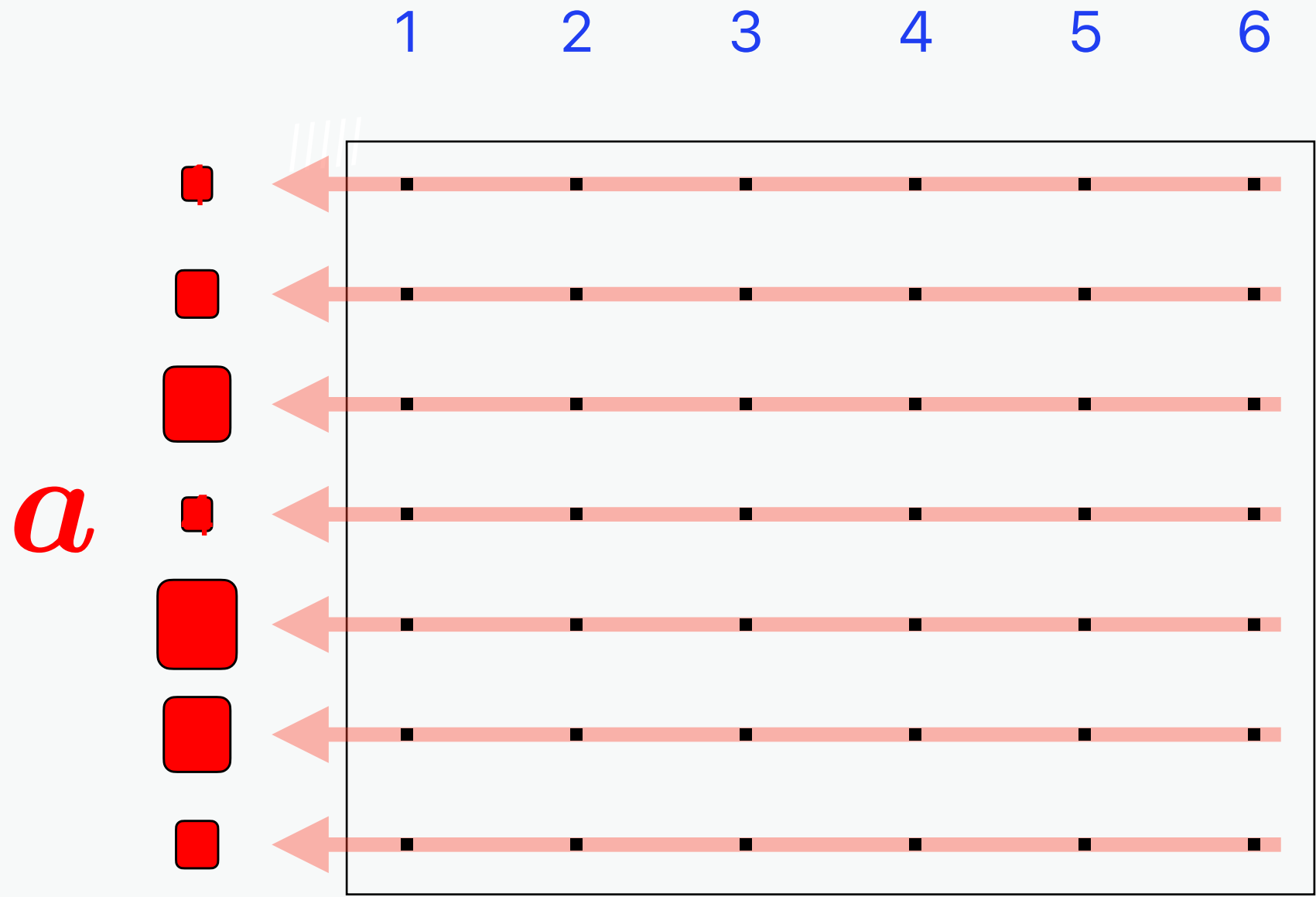
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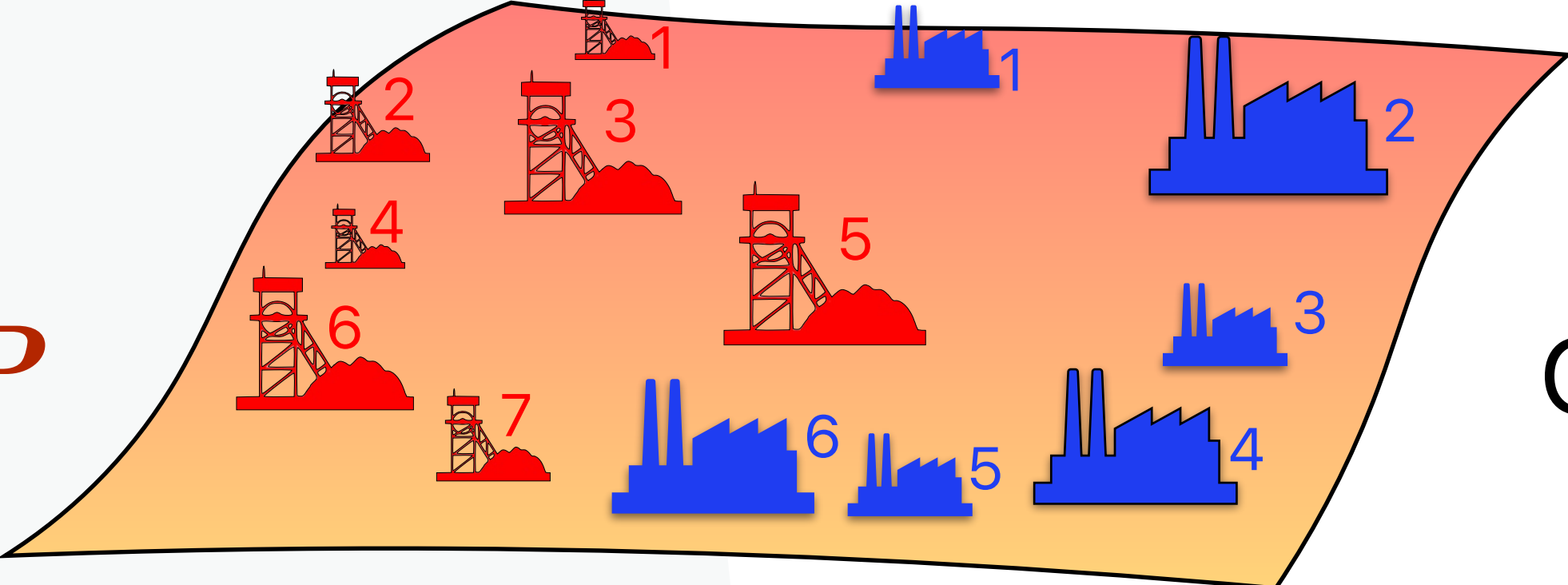


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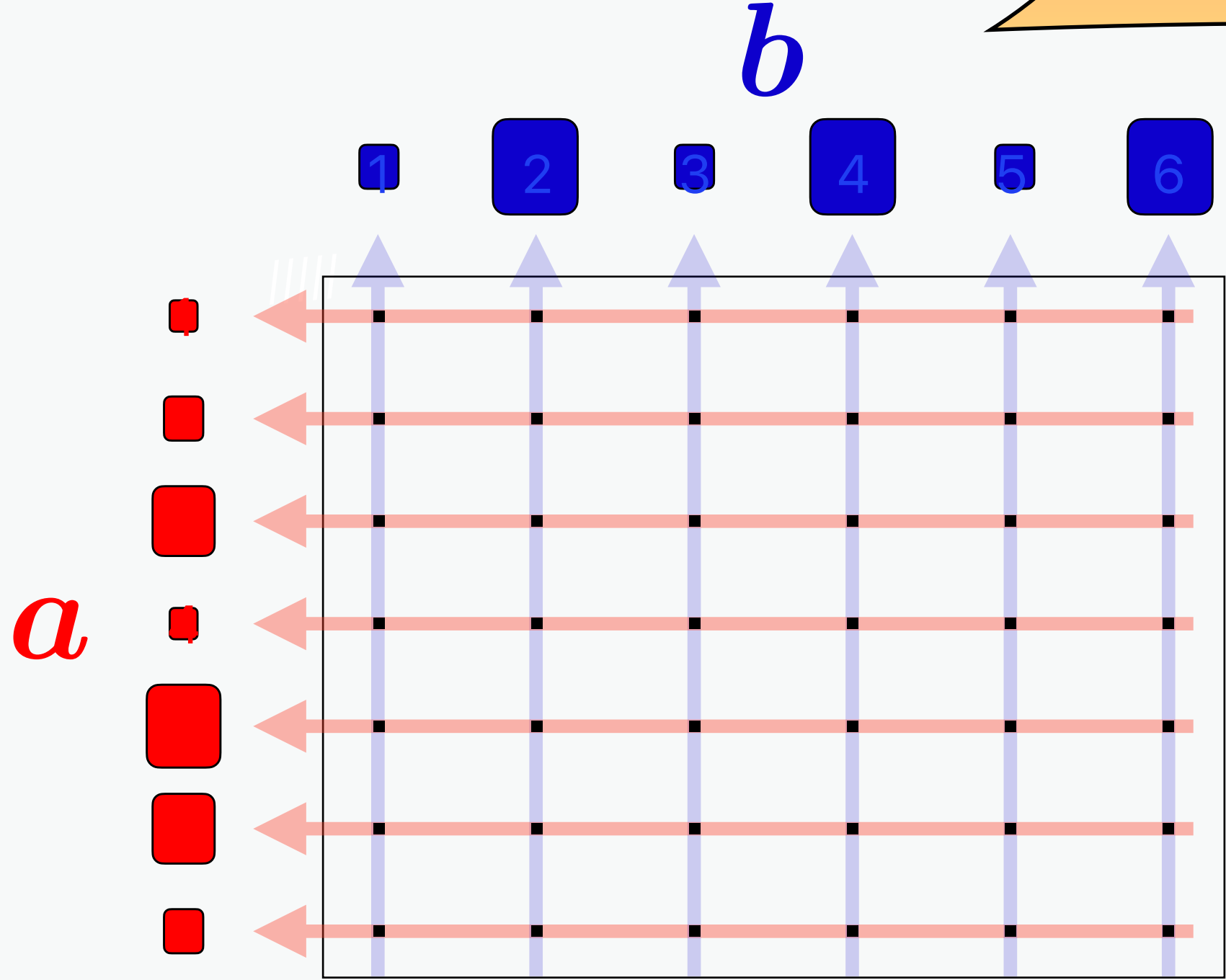


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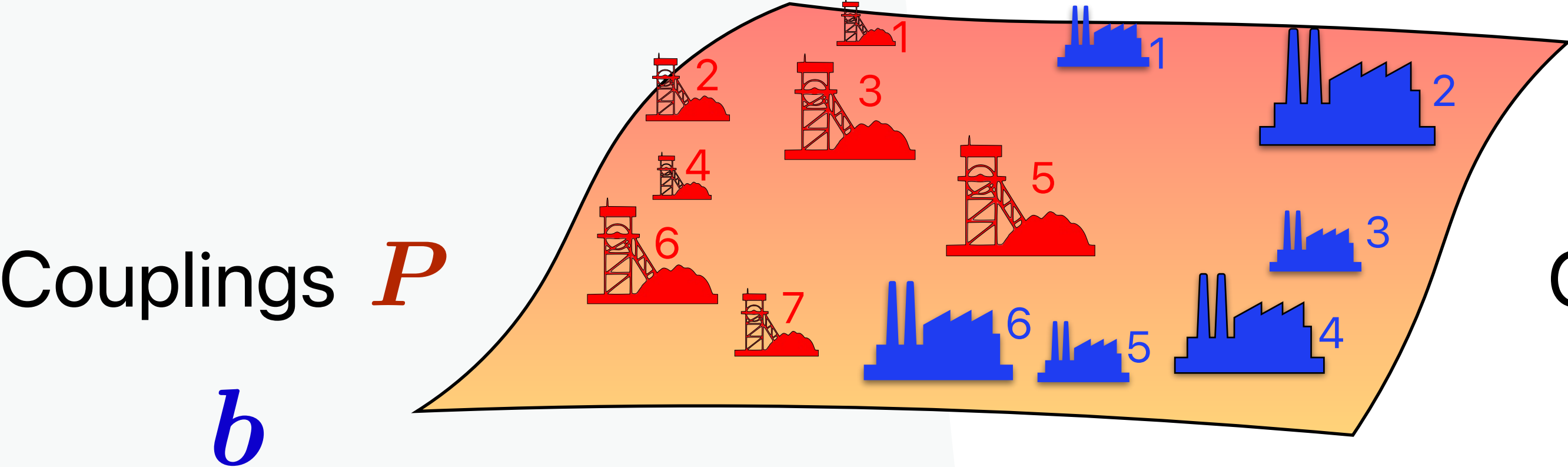


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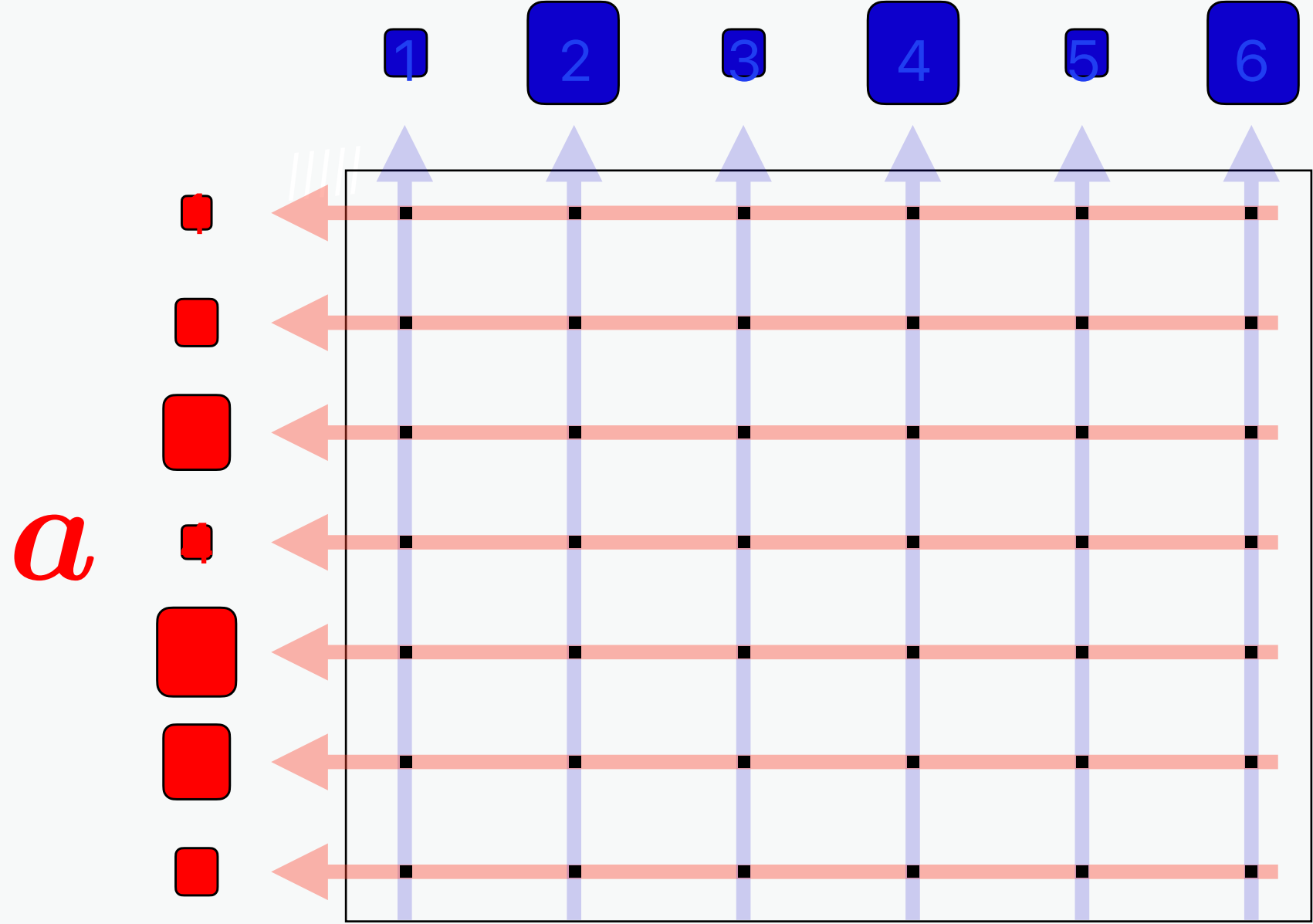


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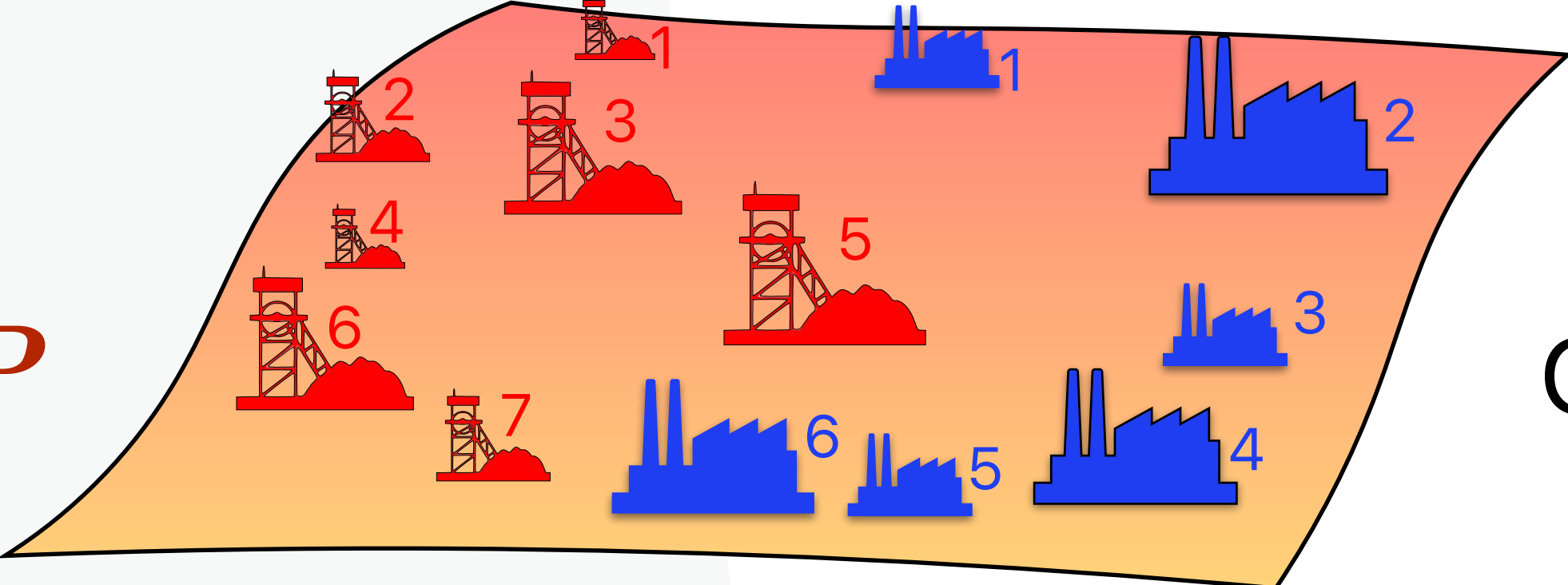


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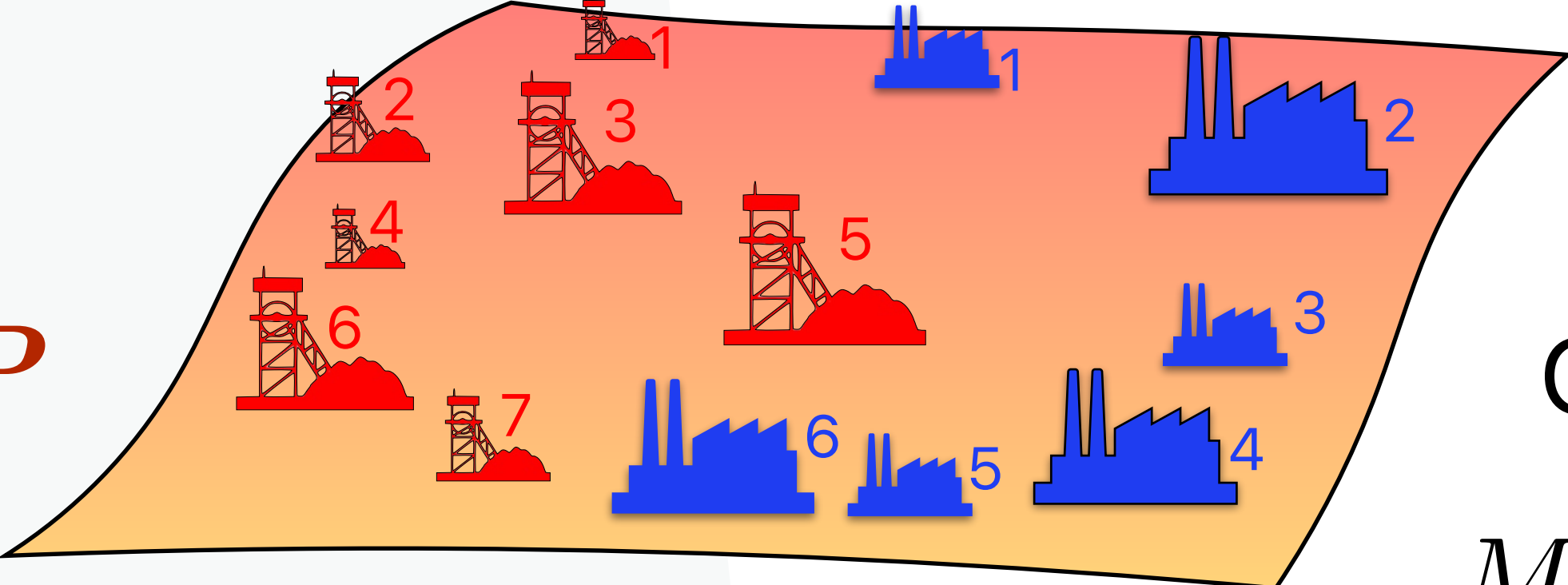
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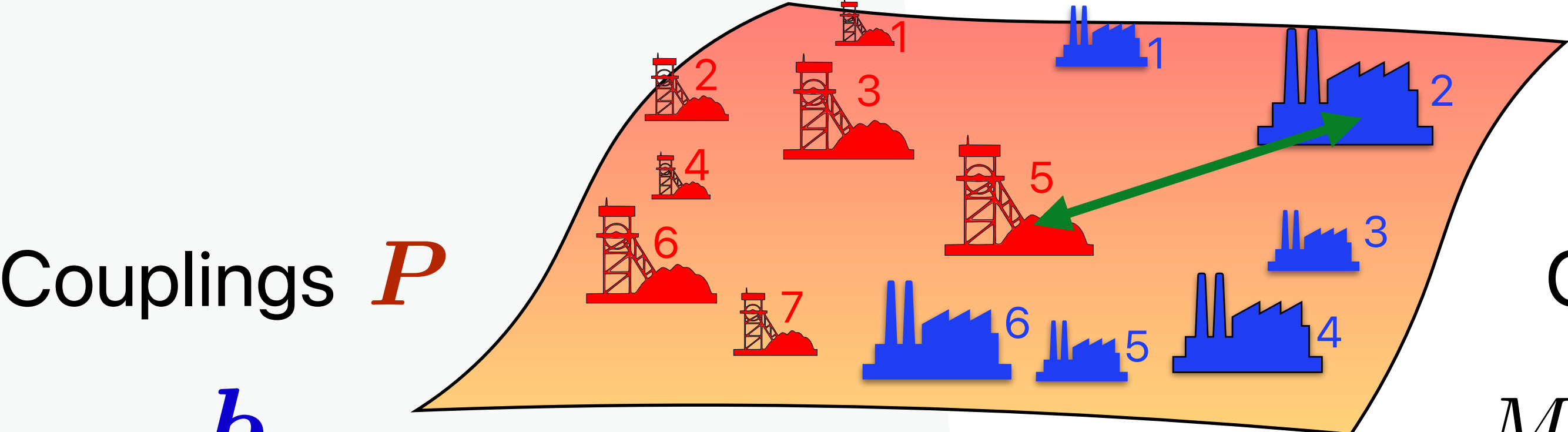
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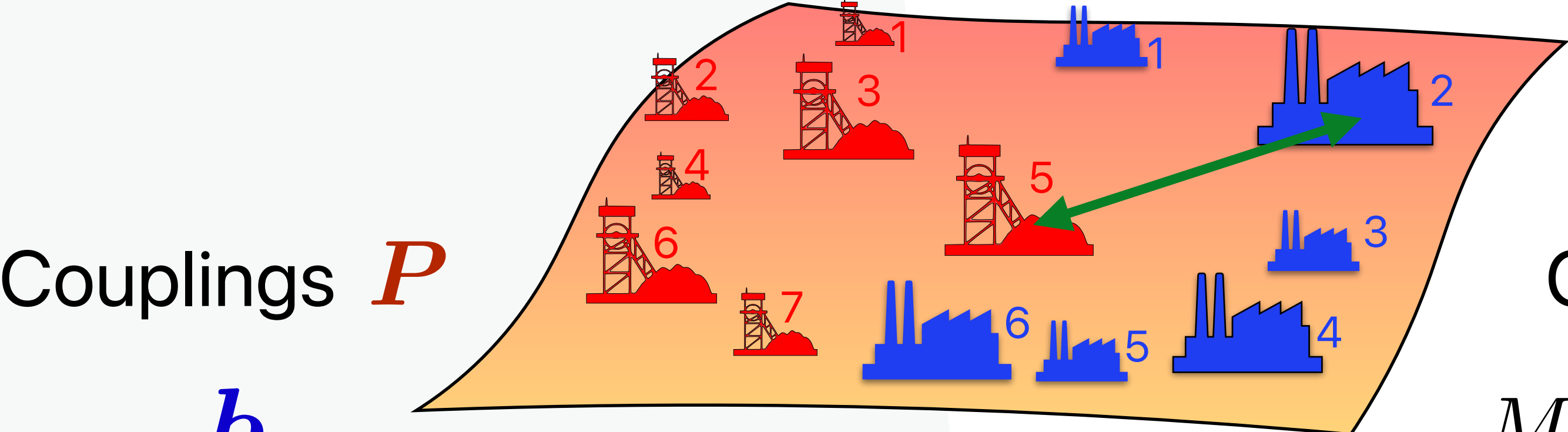
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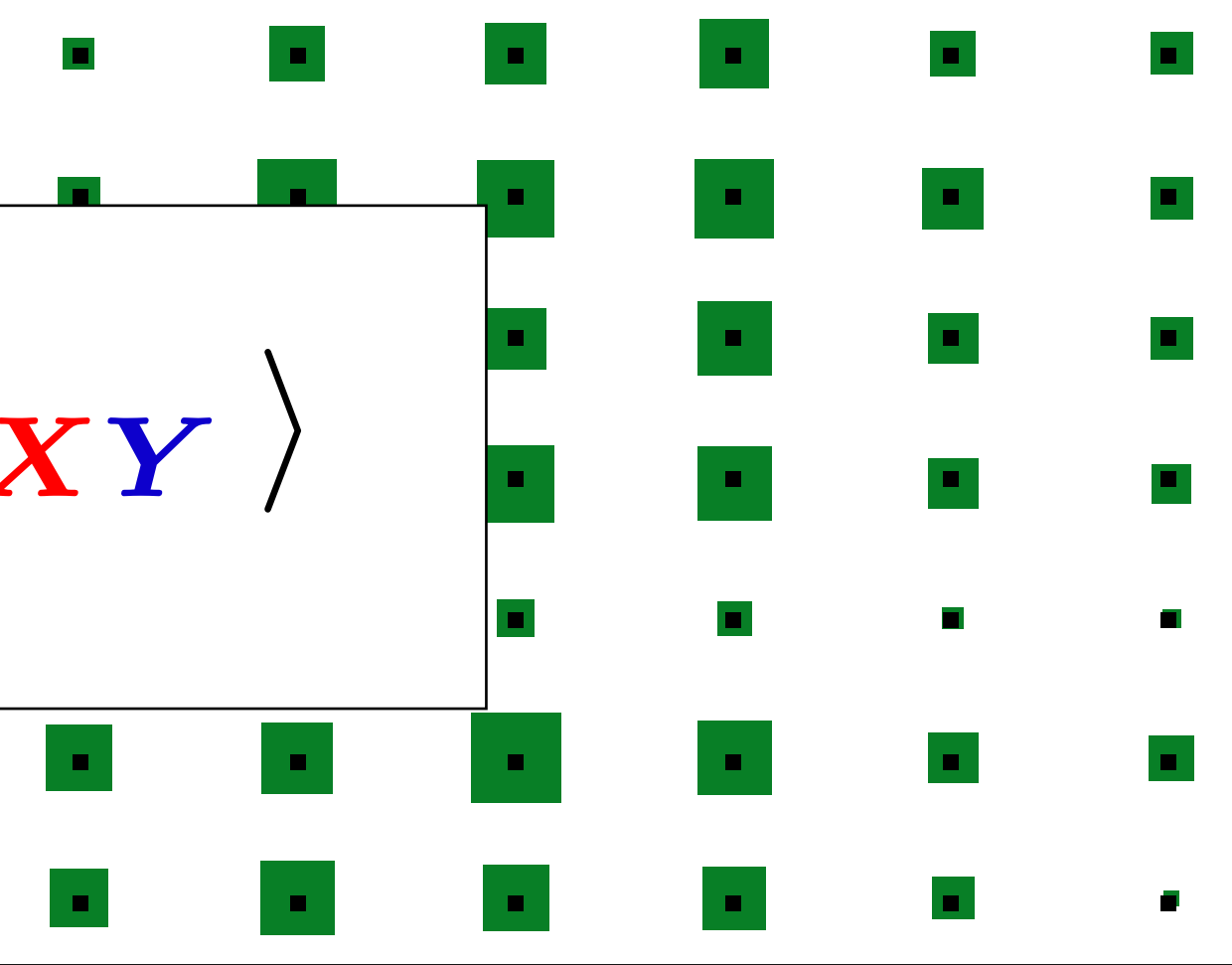
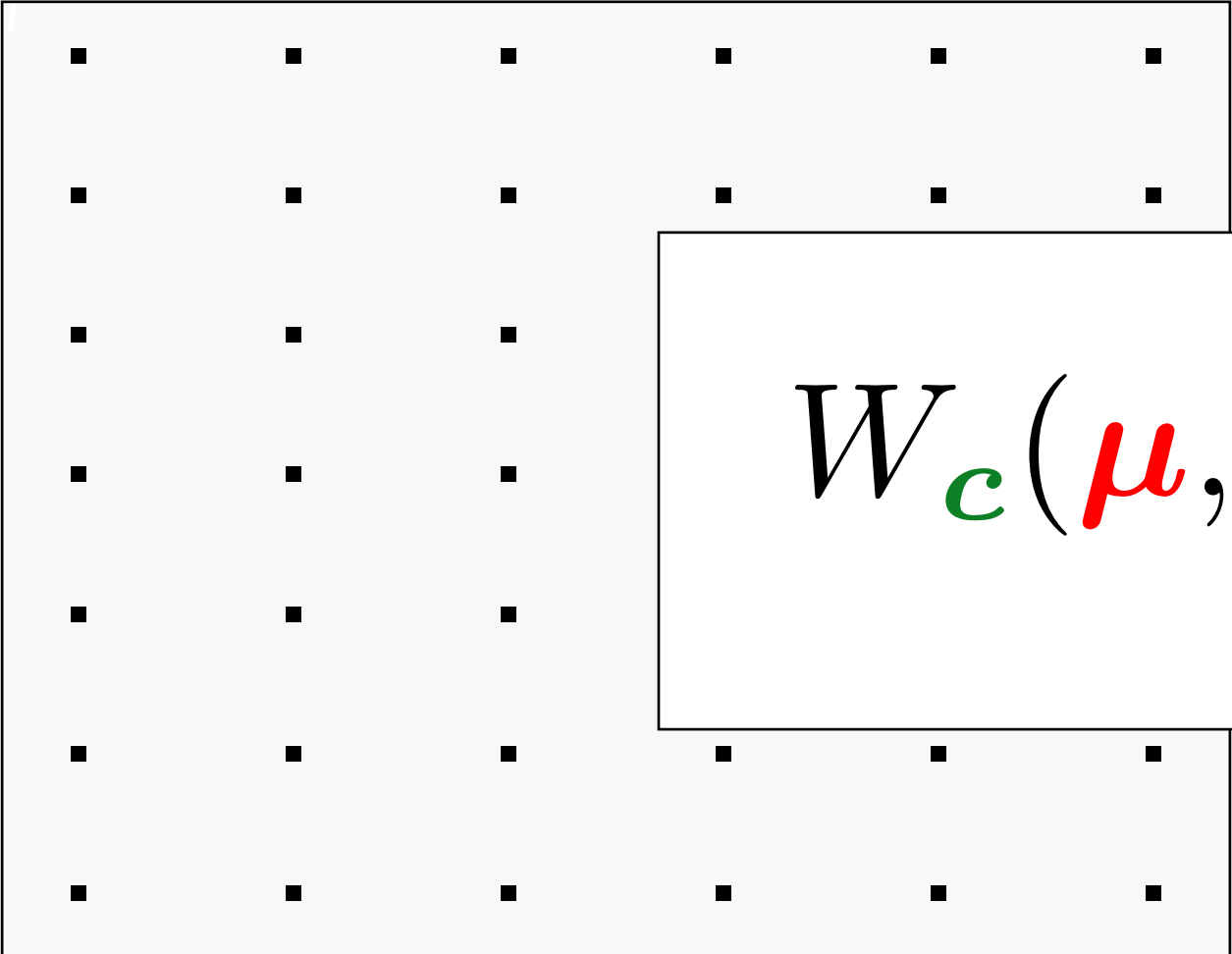
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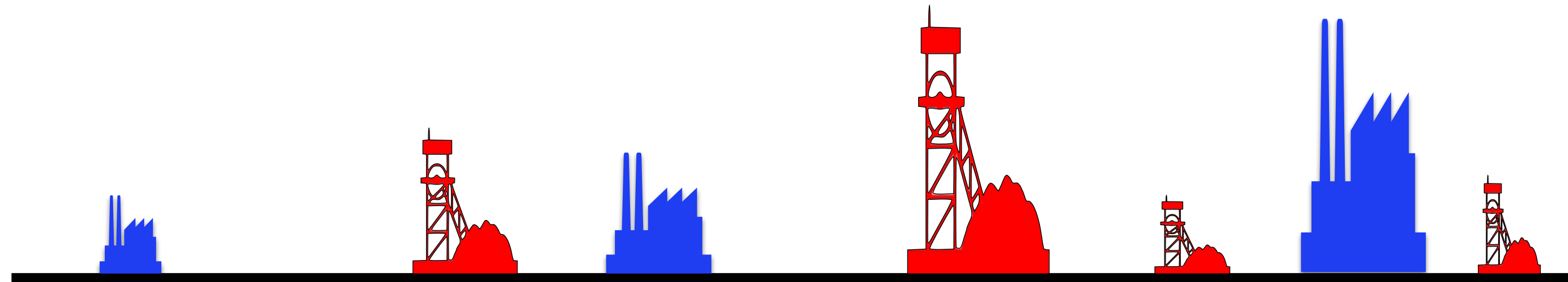
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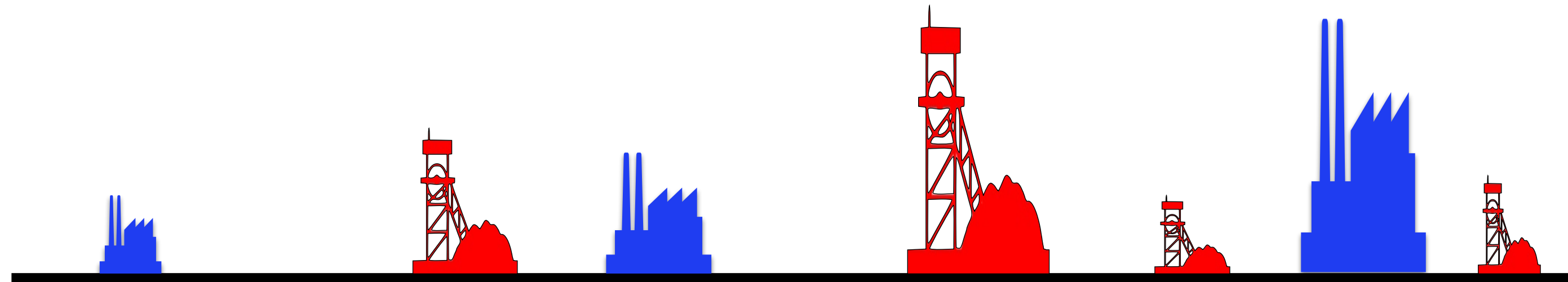
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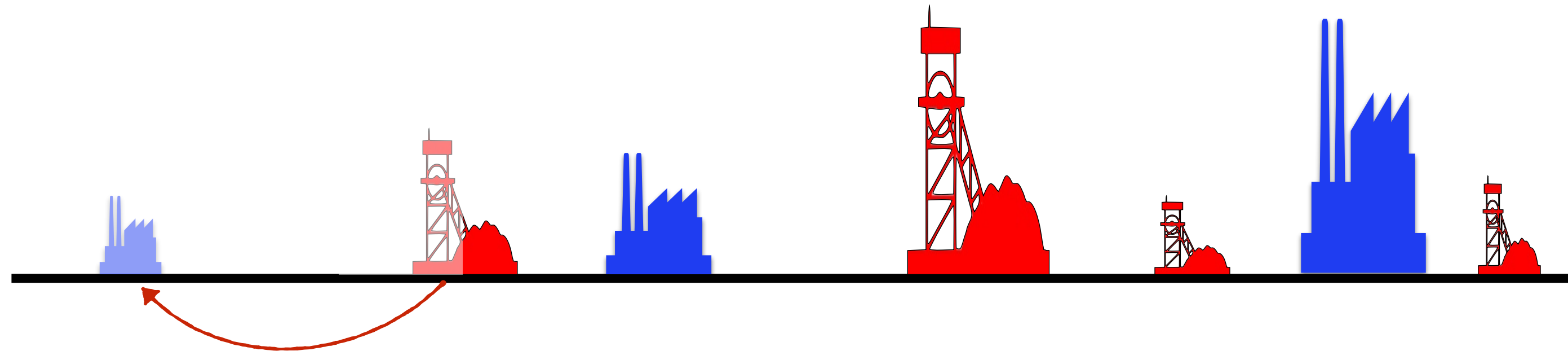
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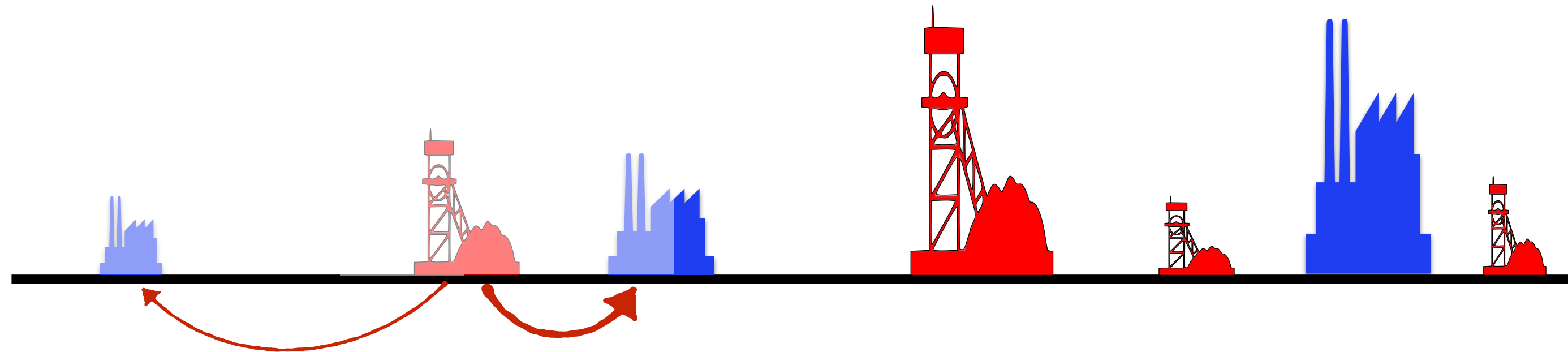
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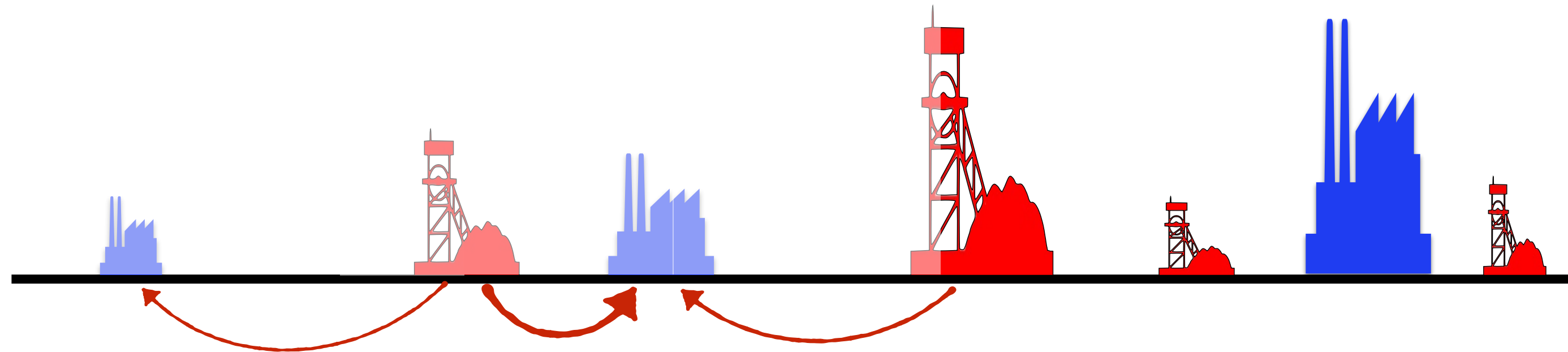
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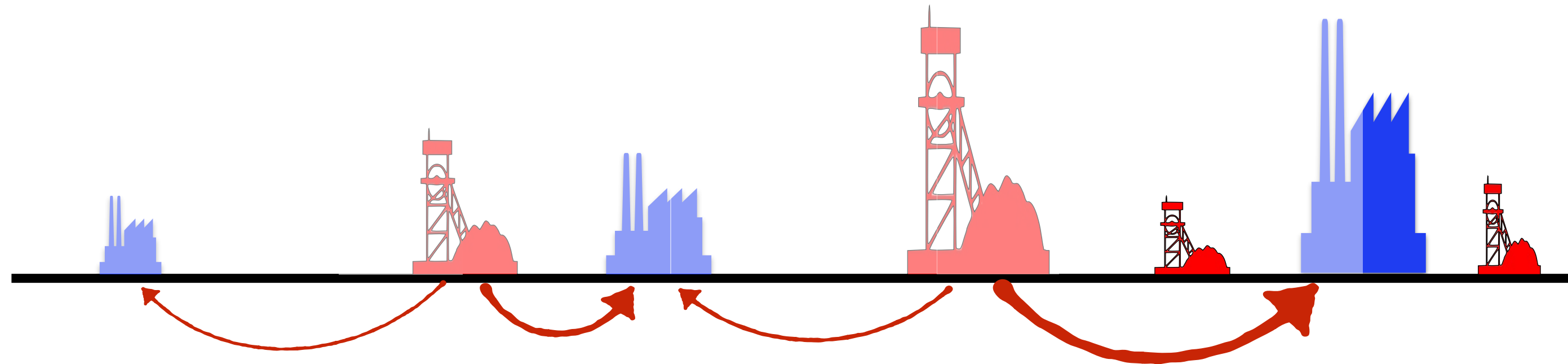
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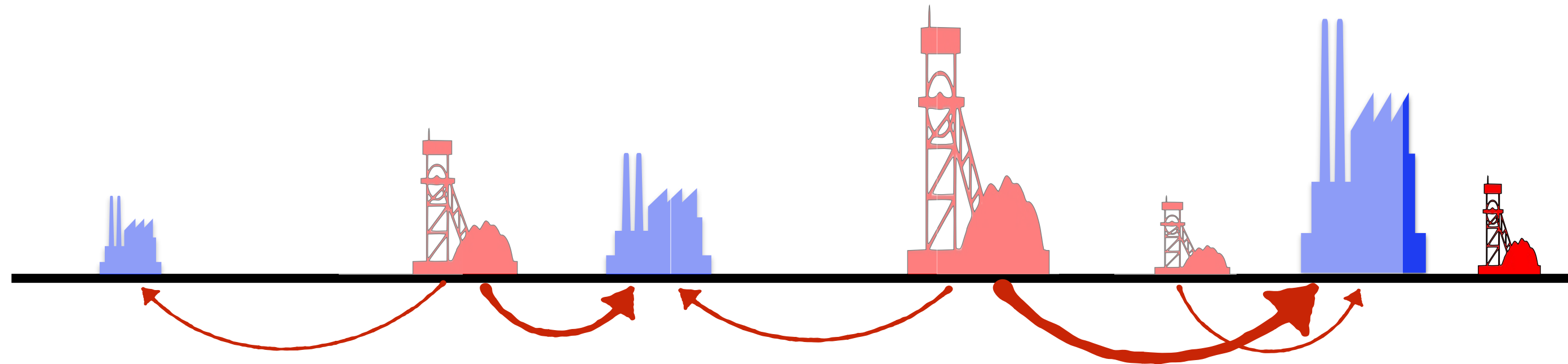
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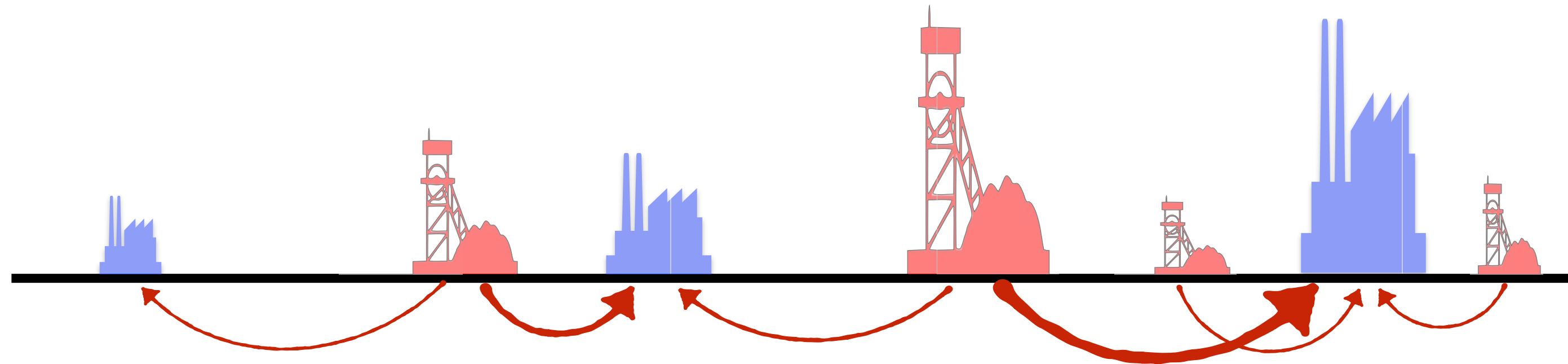
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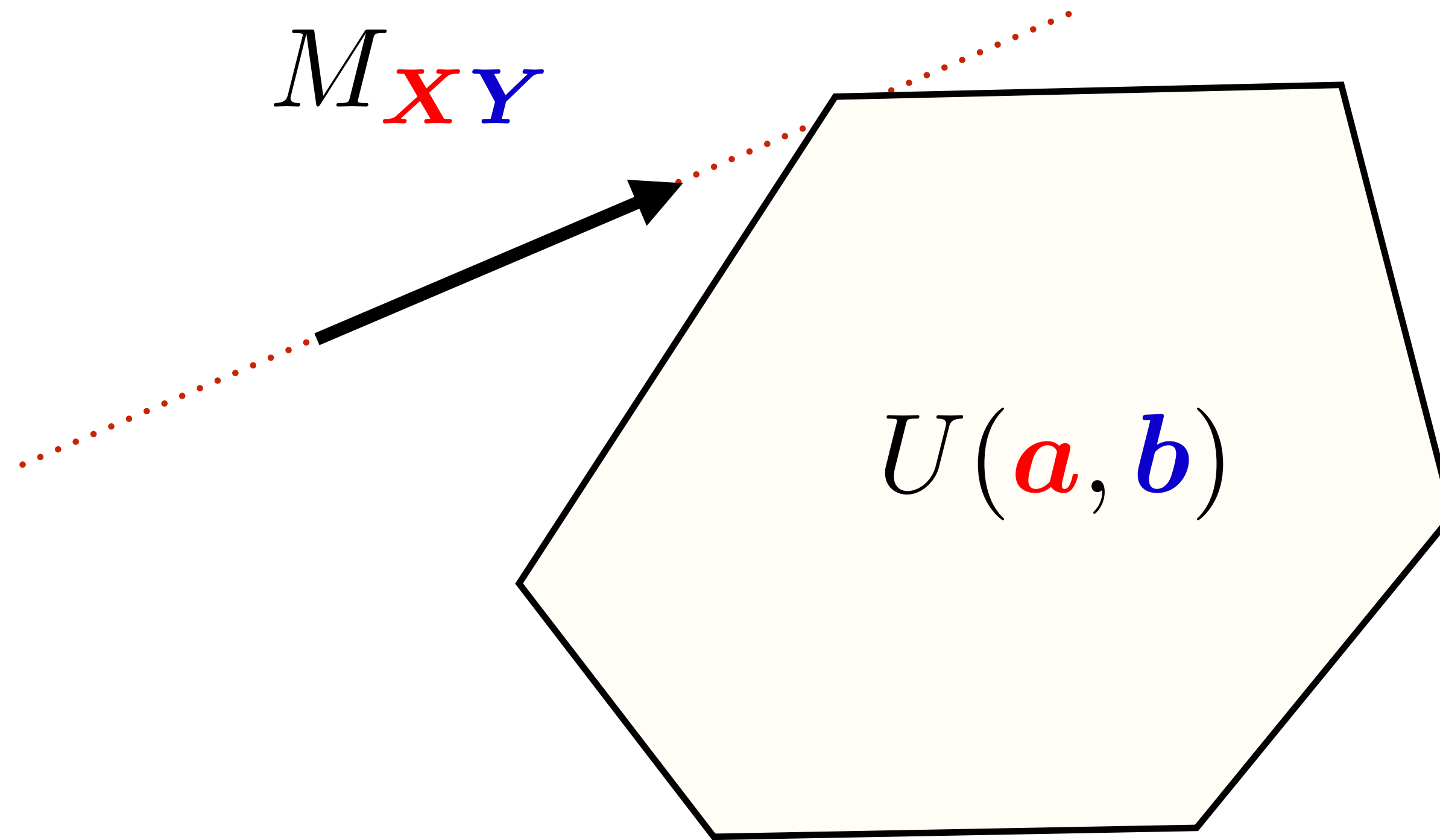
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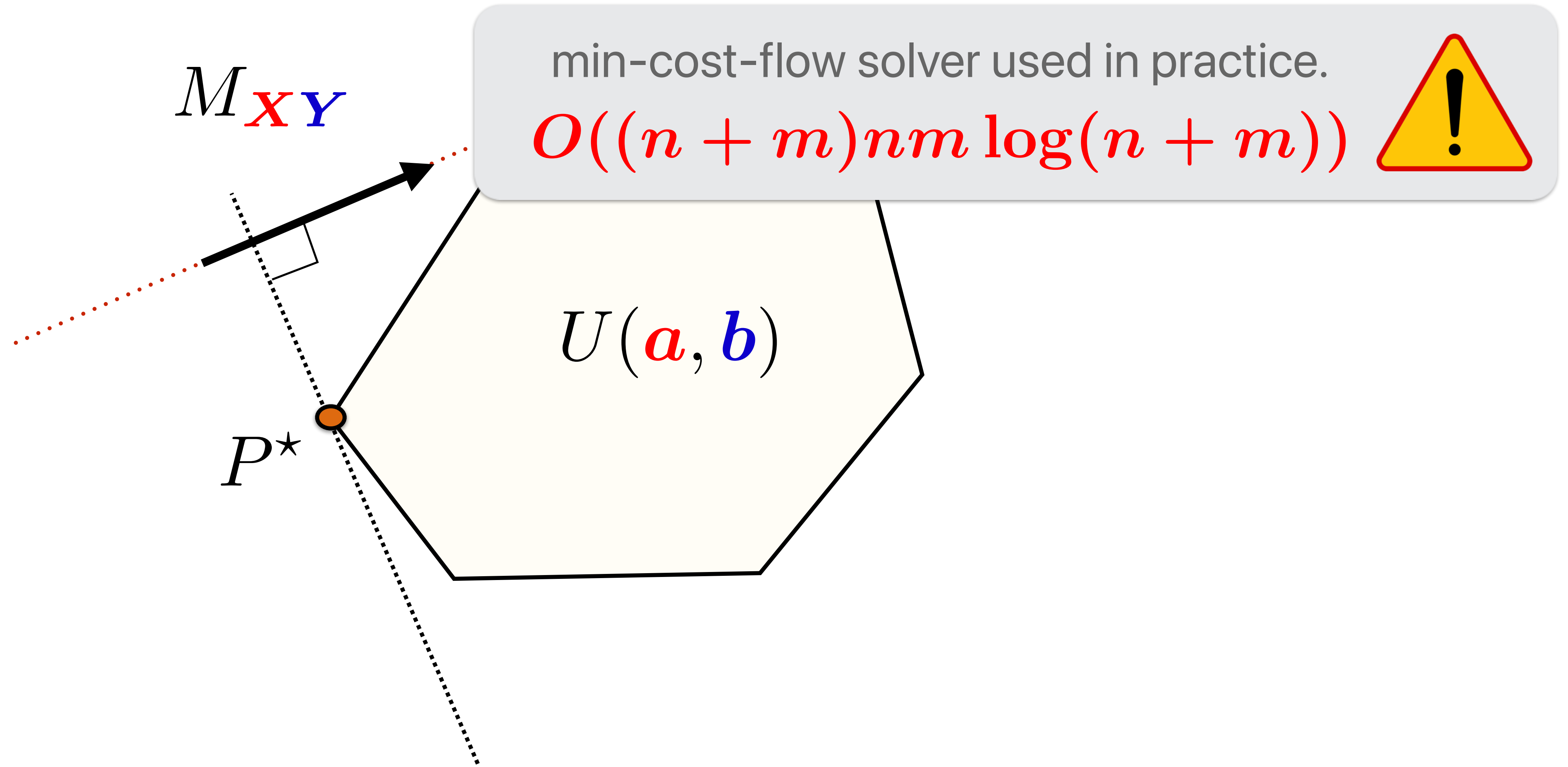
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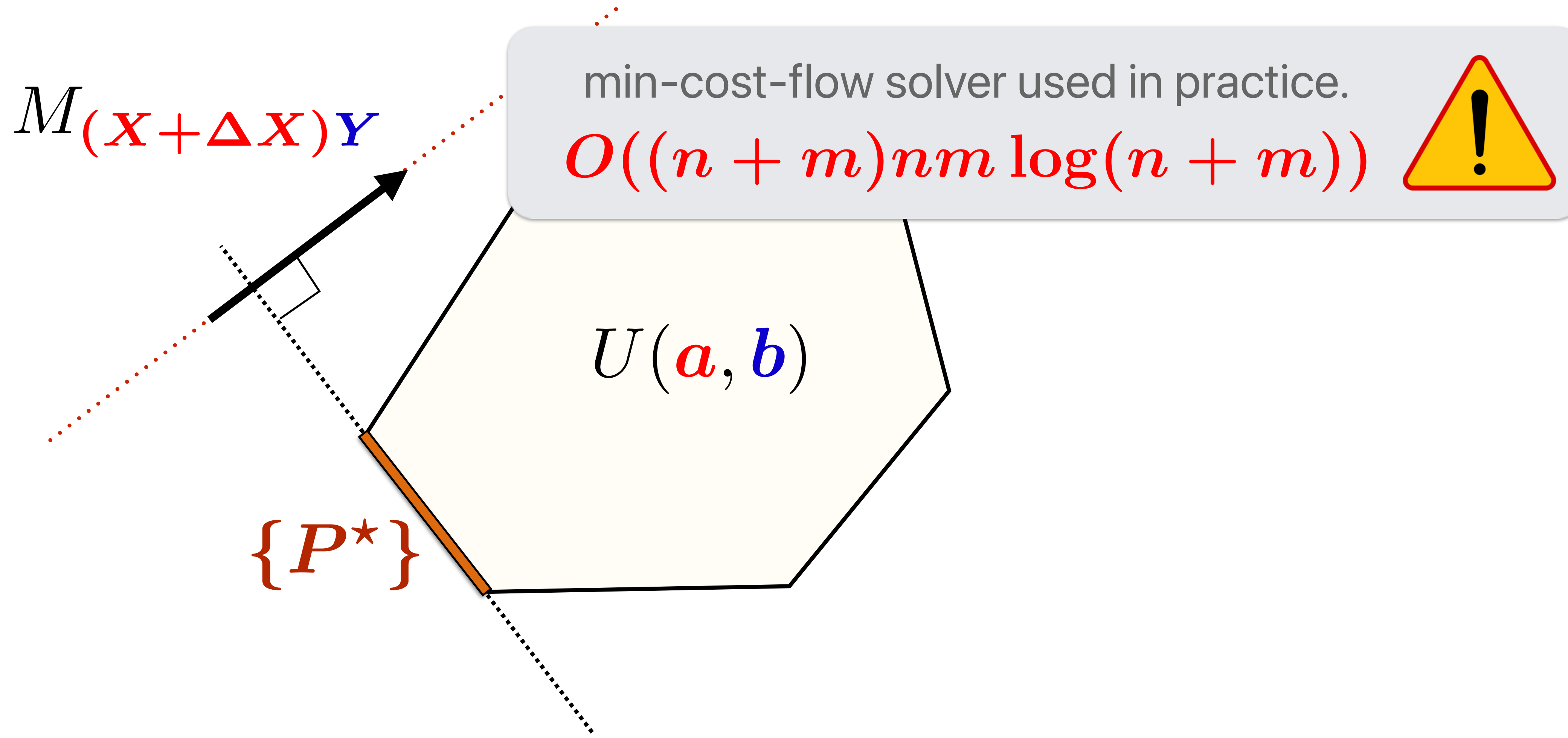
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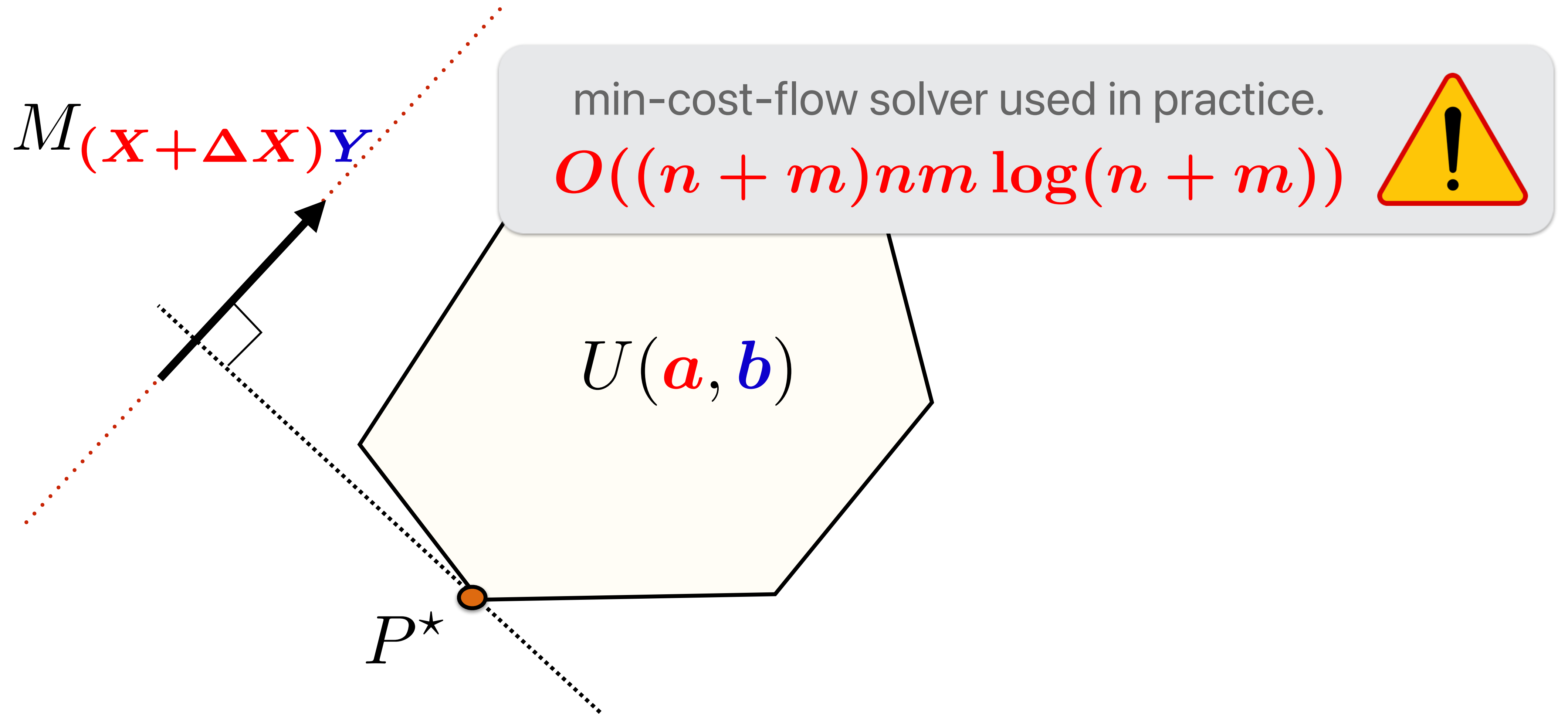
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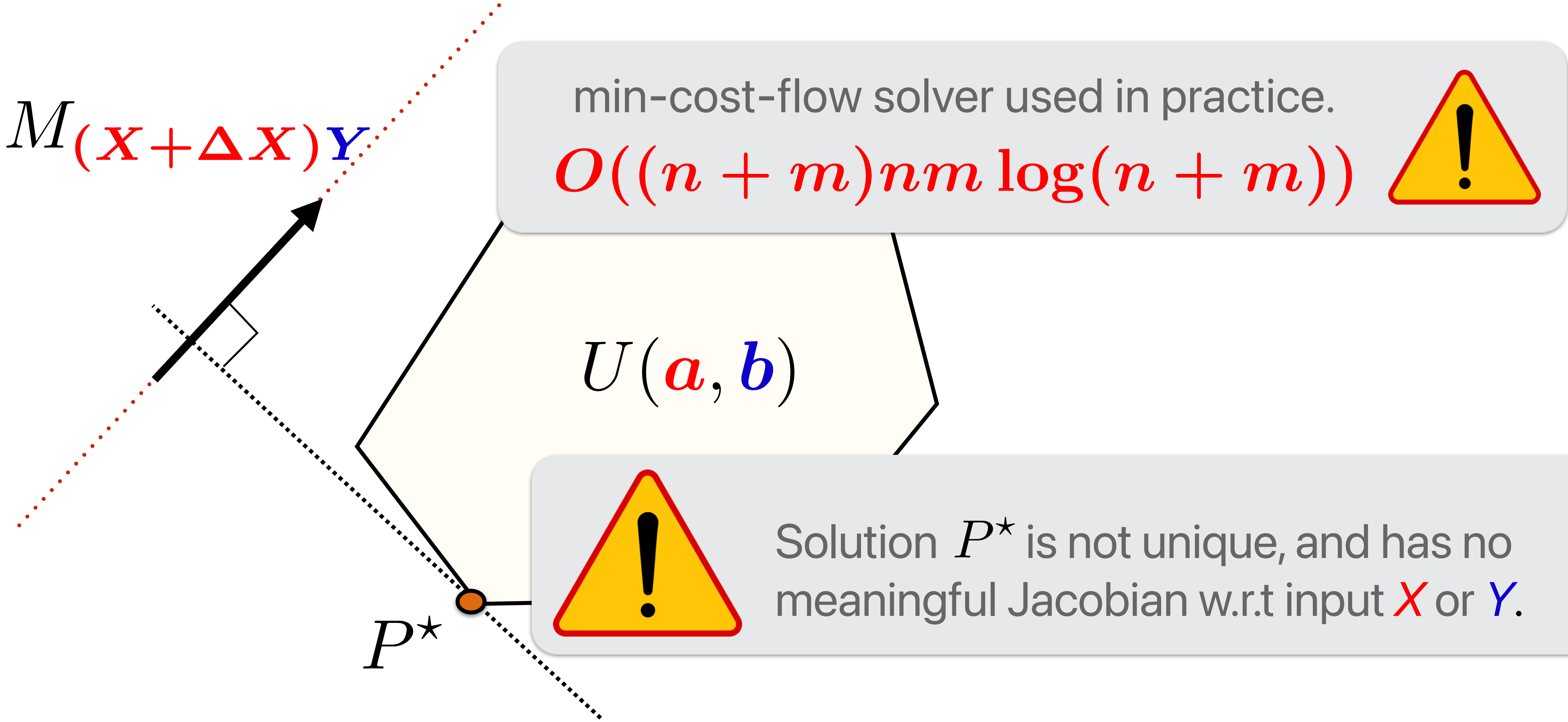
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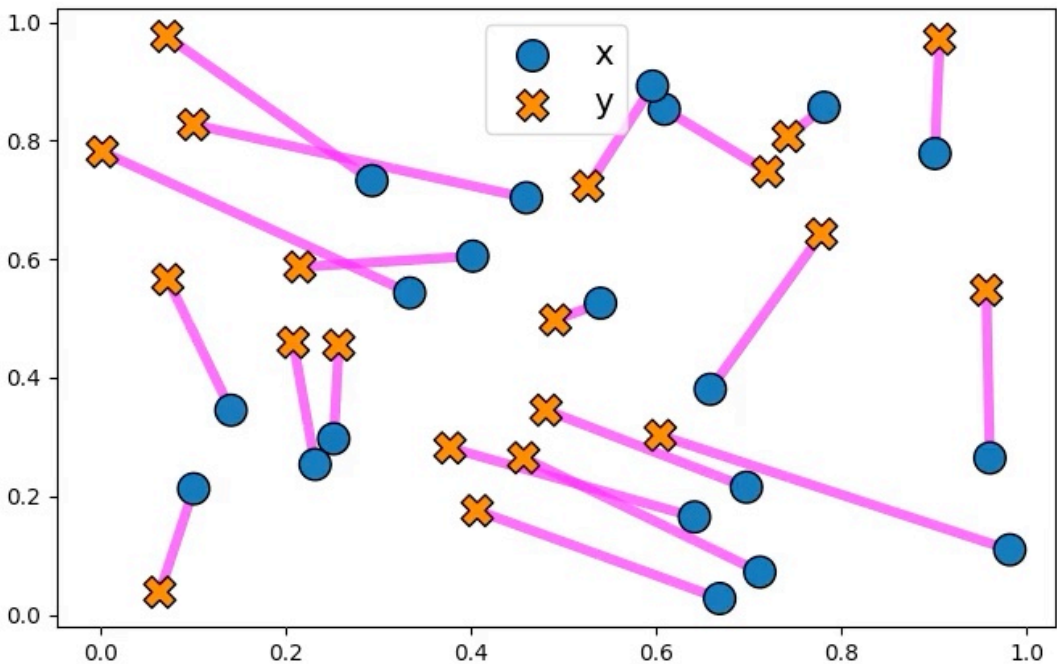
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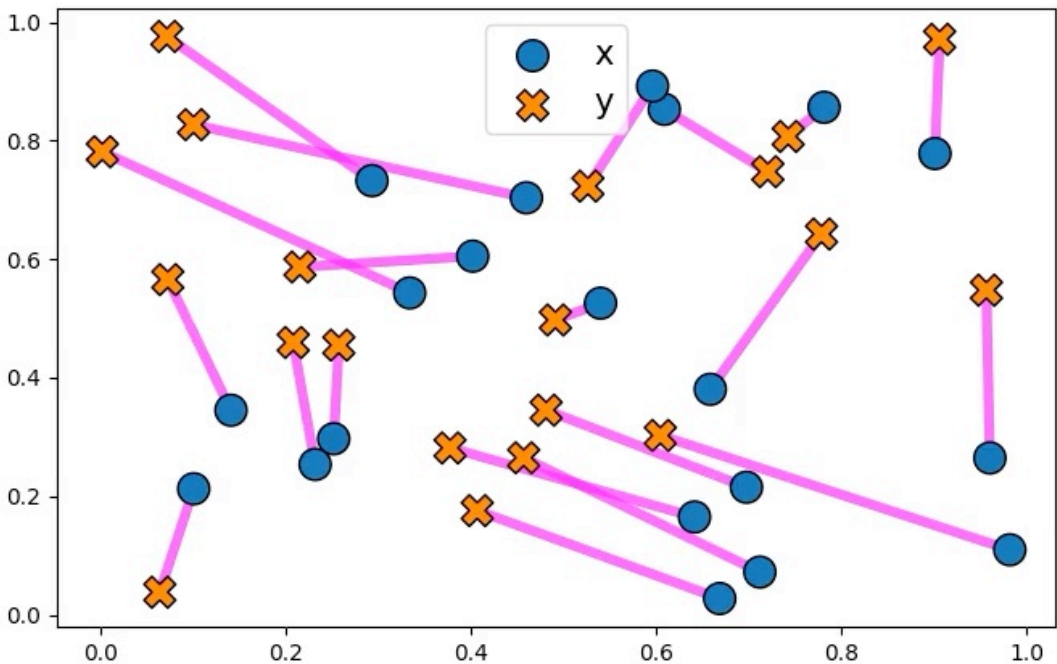
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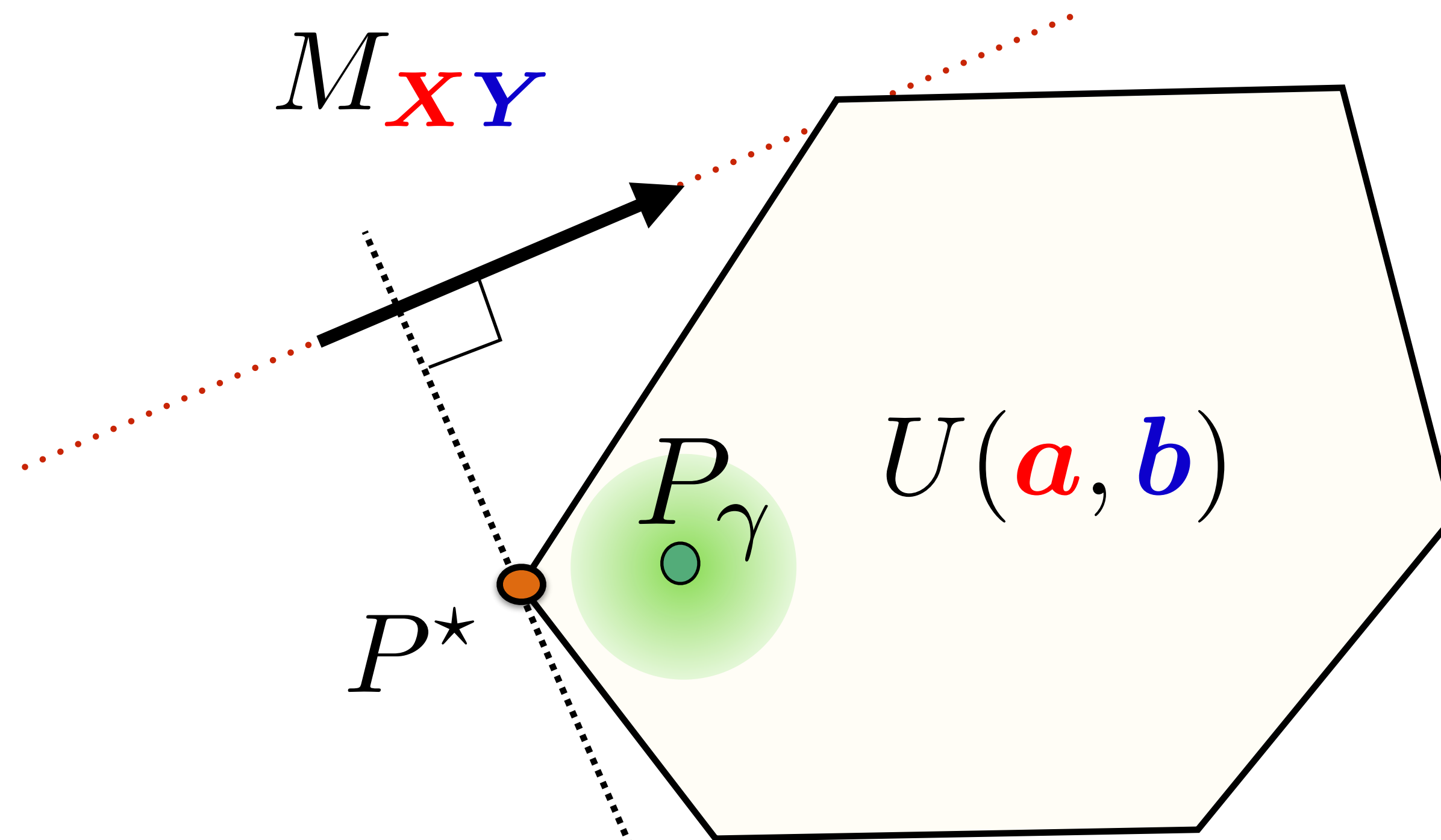
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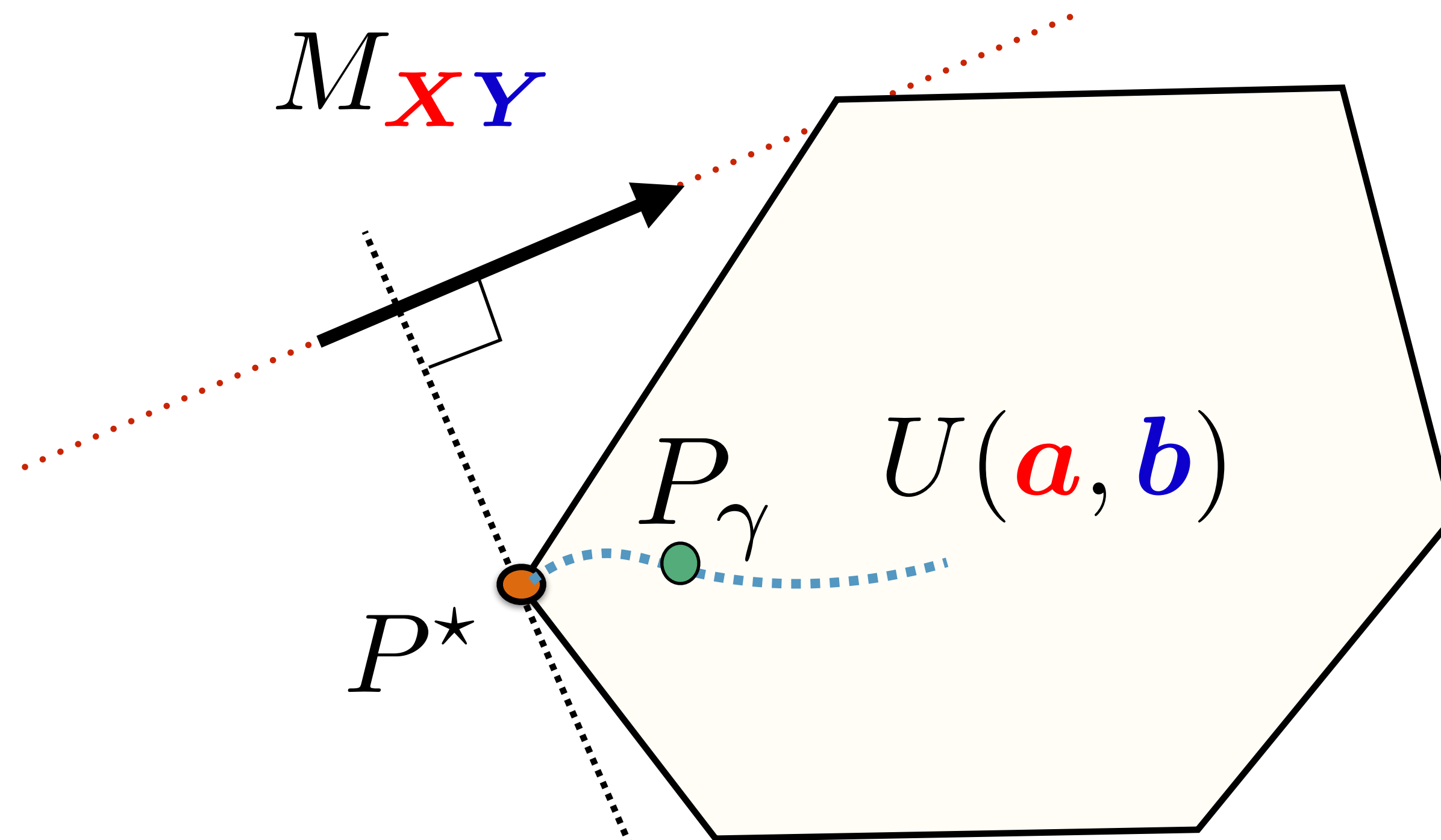


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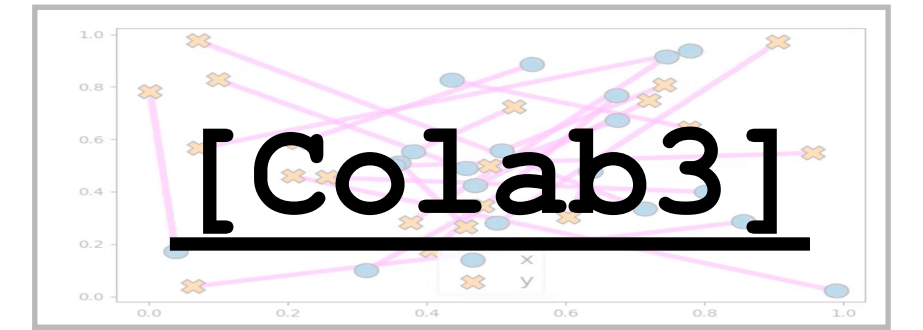
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[Dessein+16] [Blondel+18]

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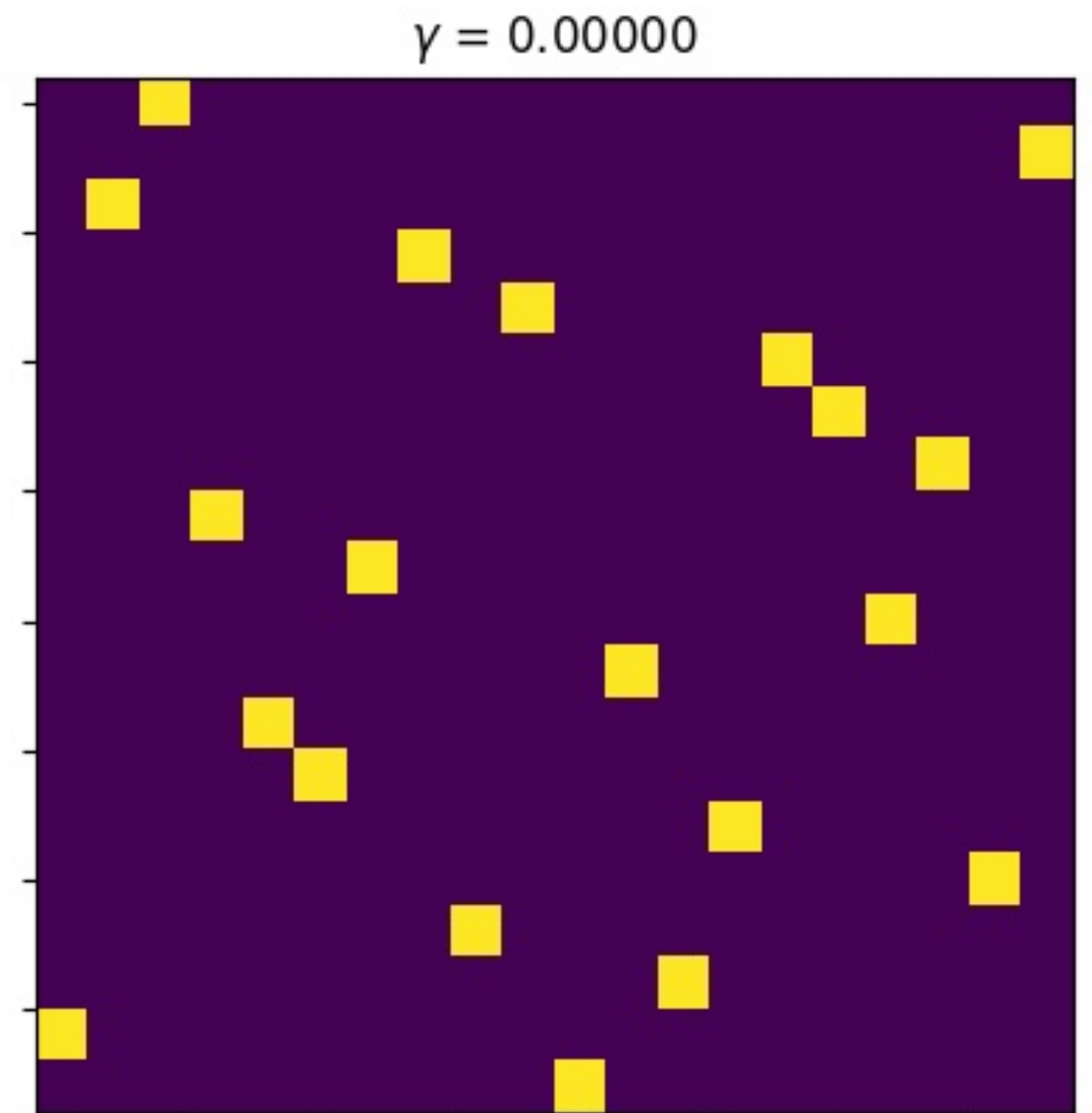
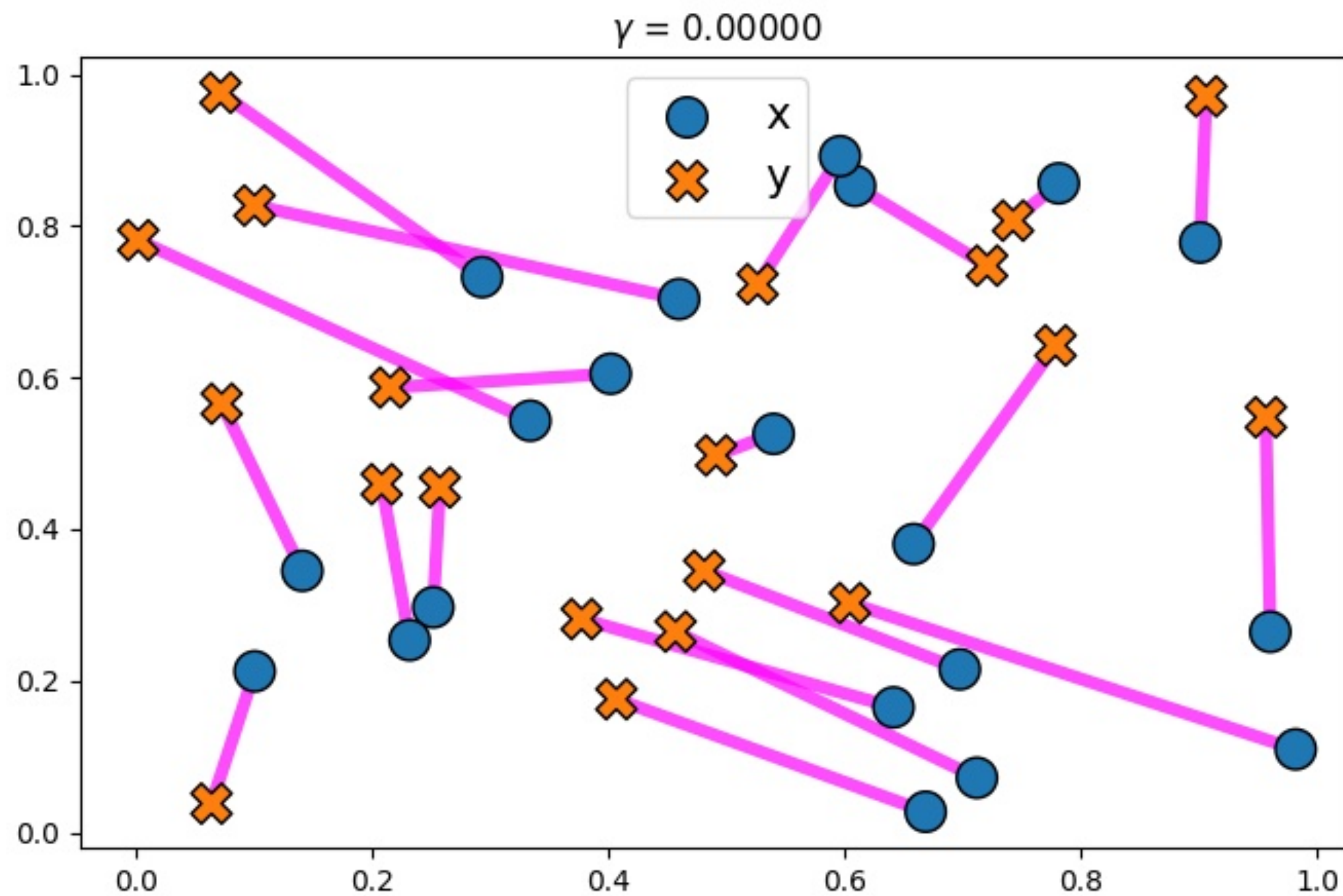
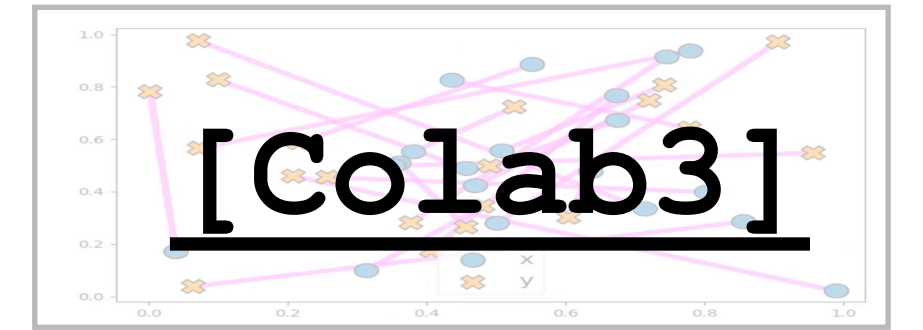
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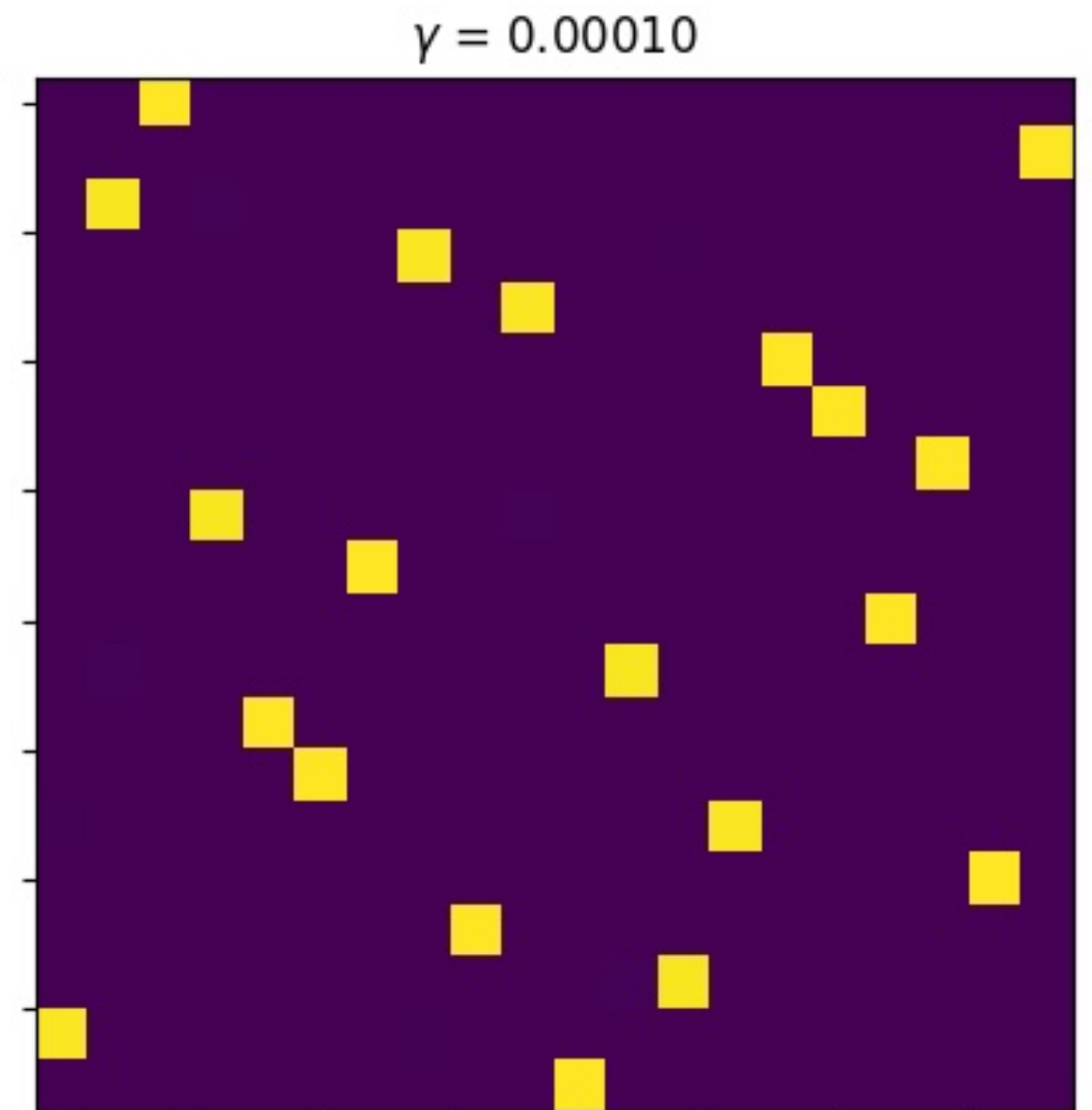
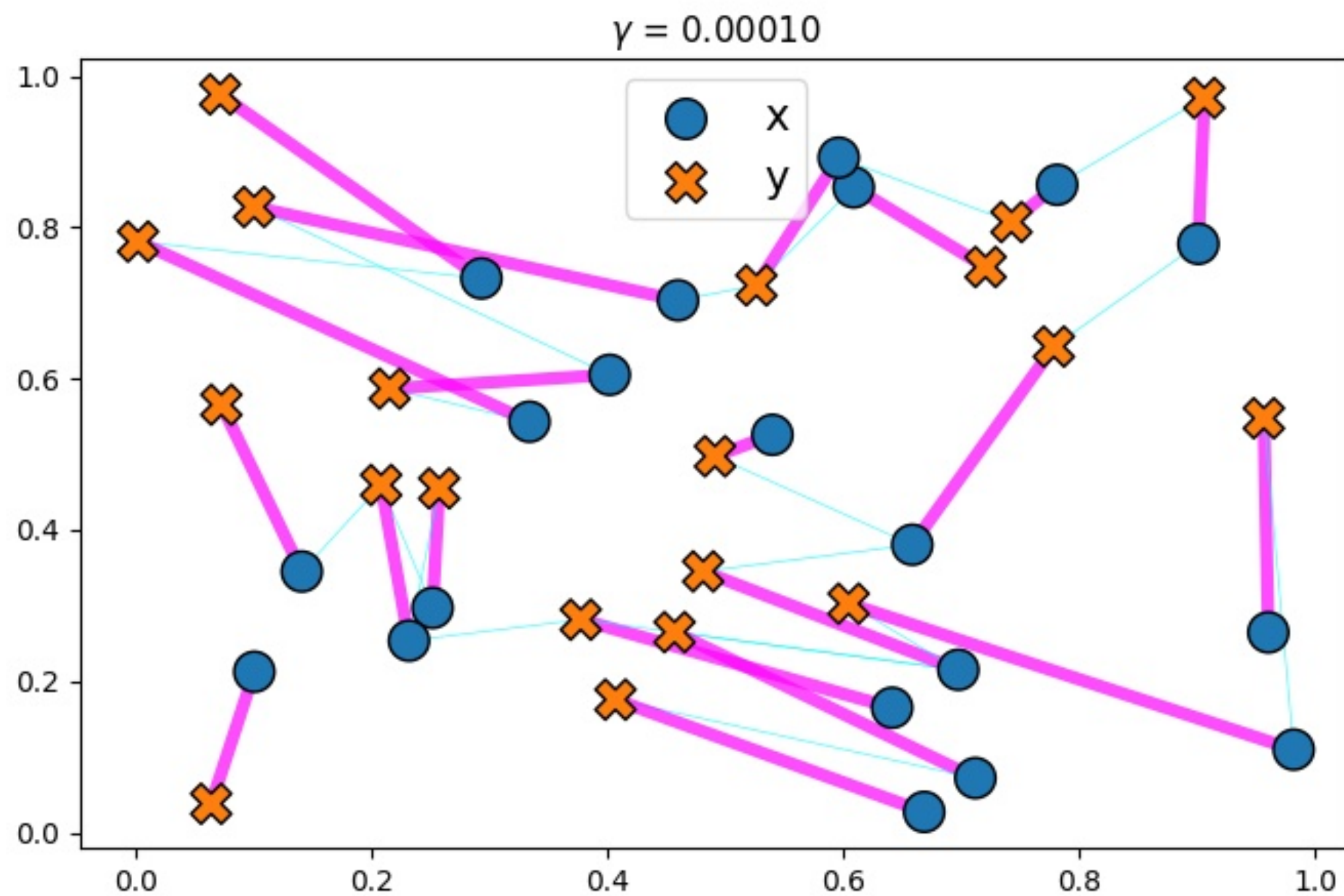
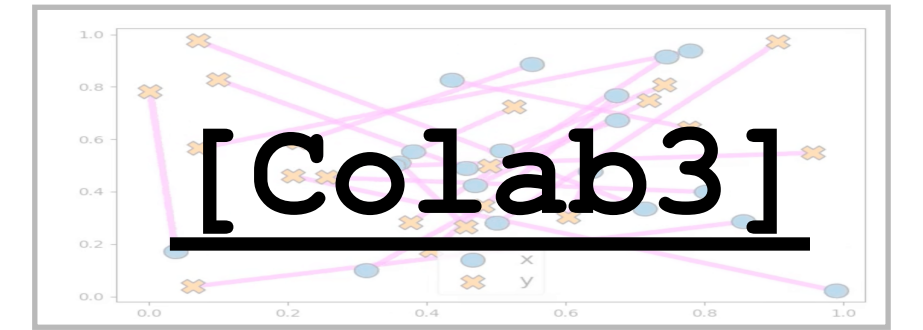
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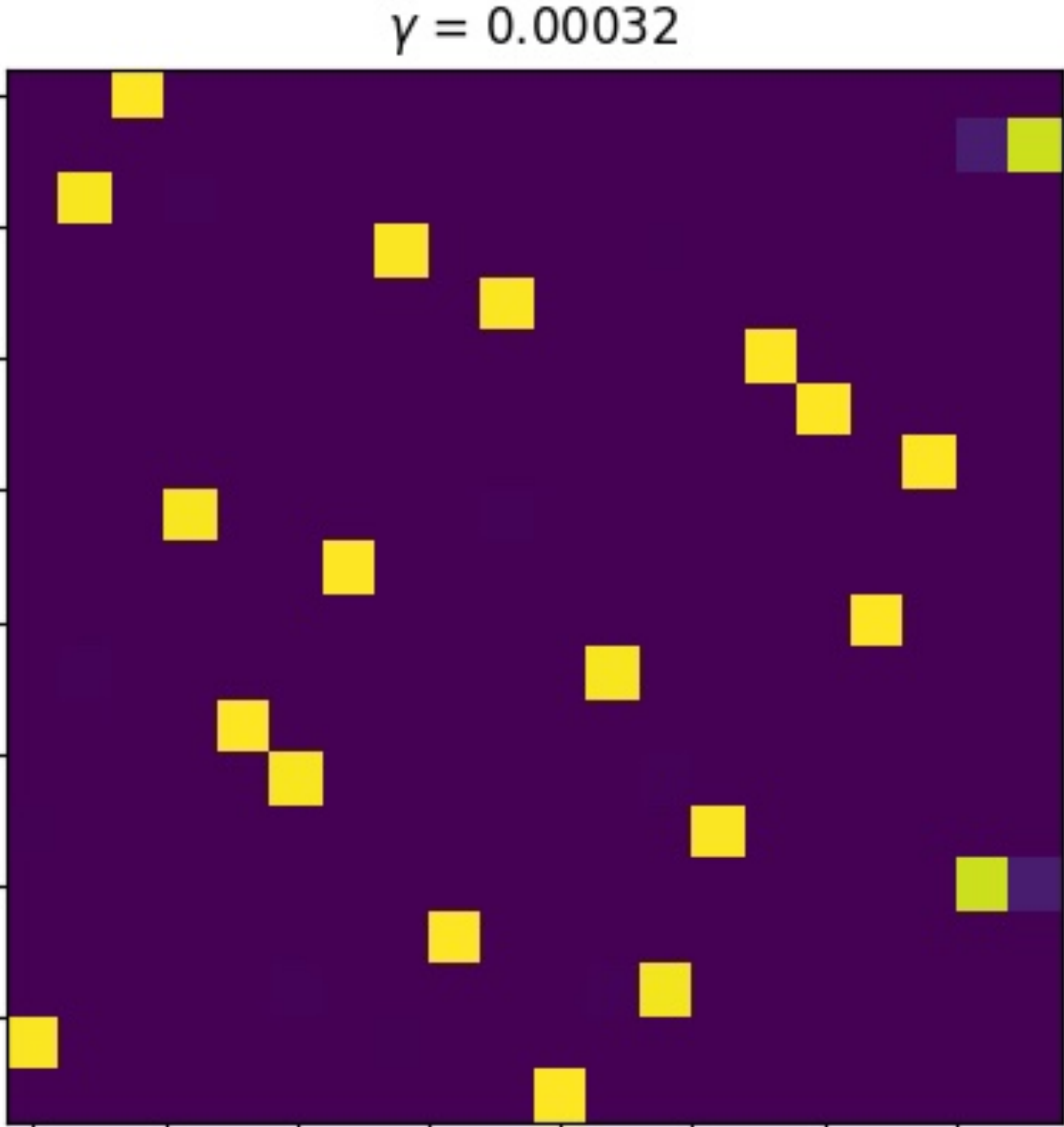
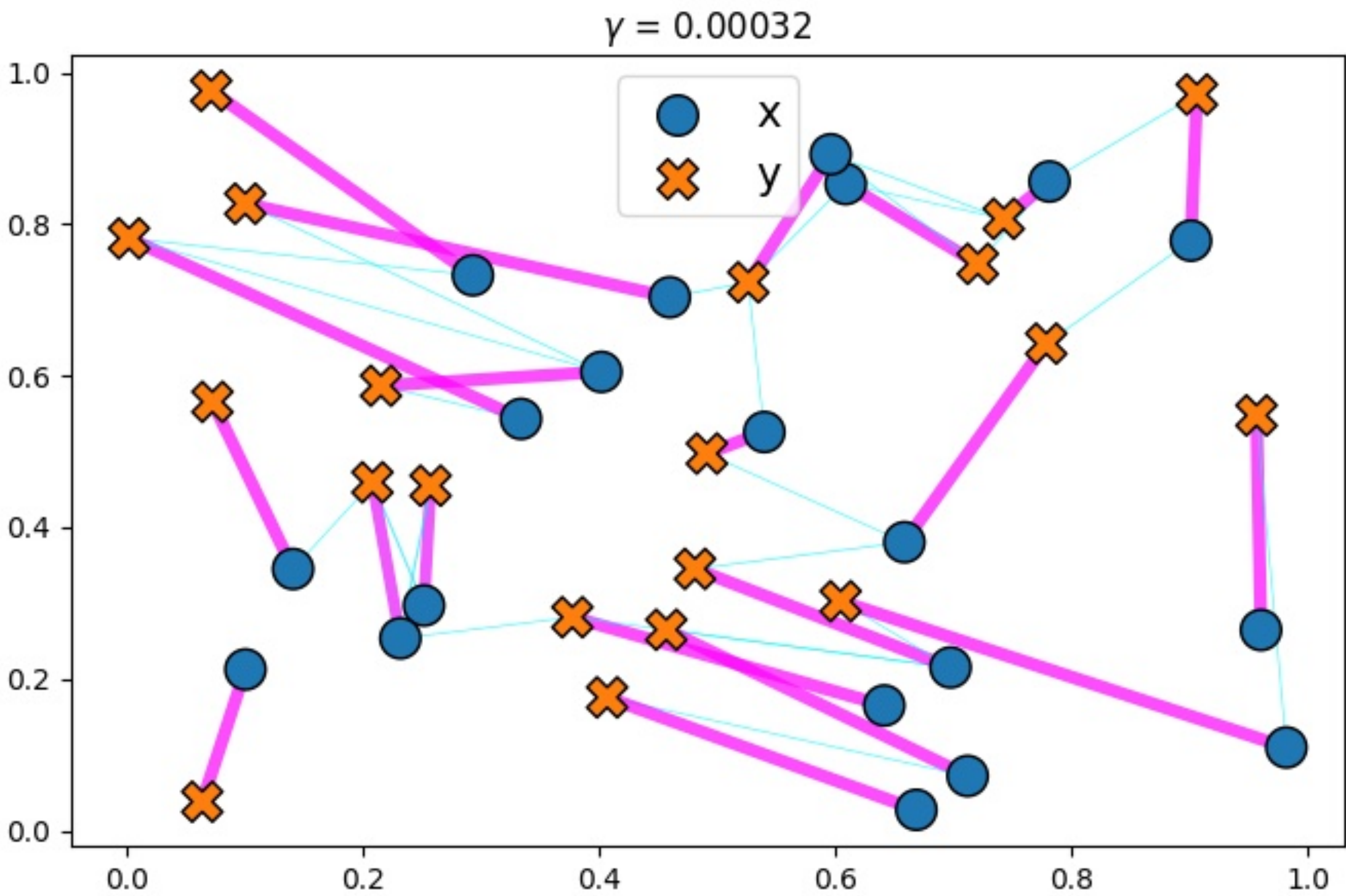
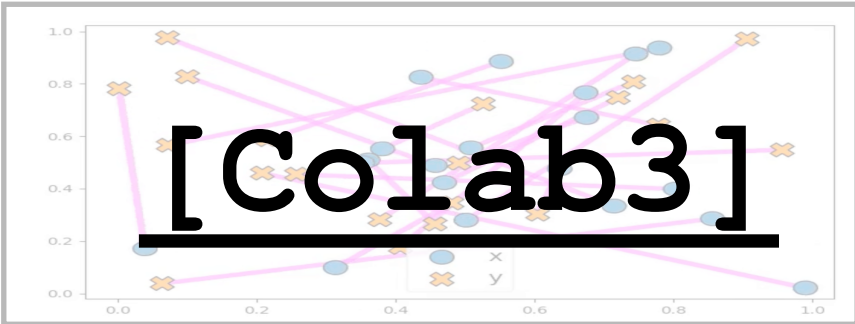
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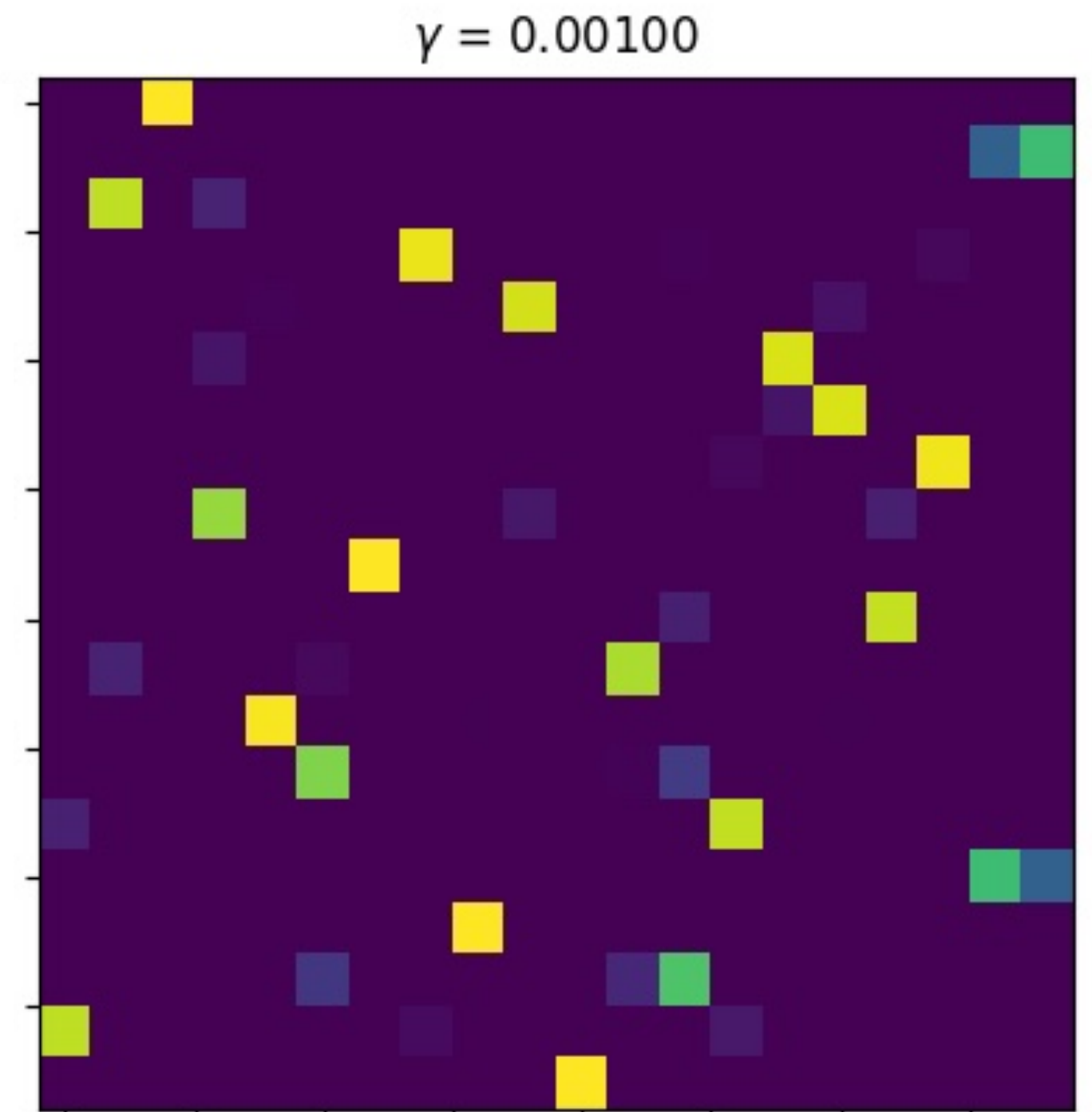
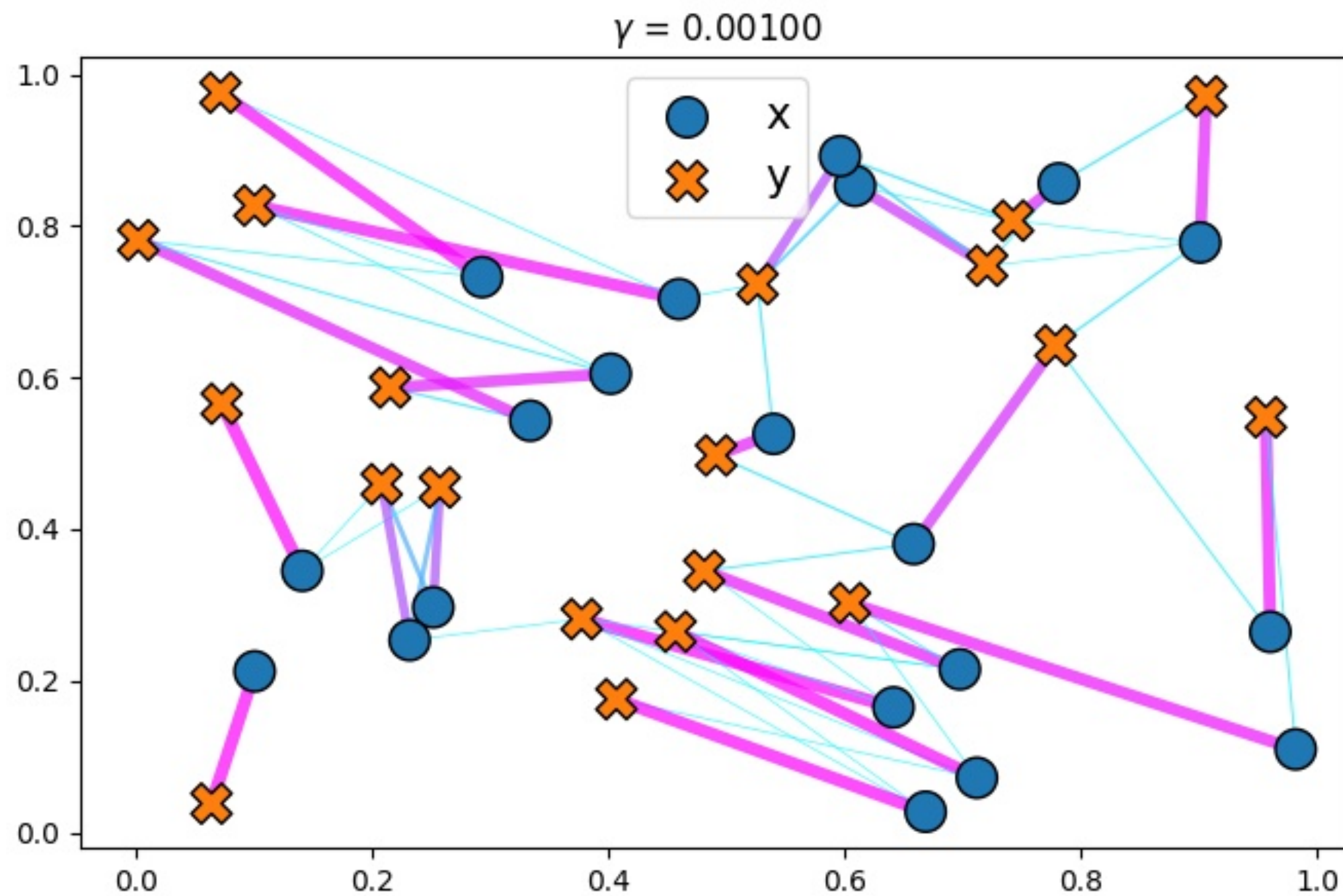
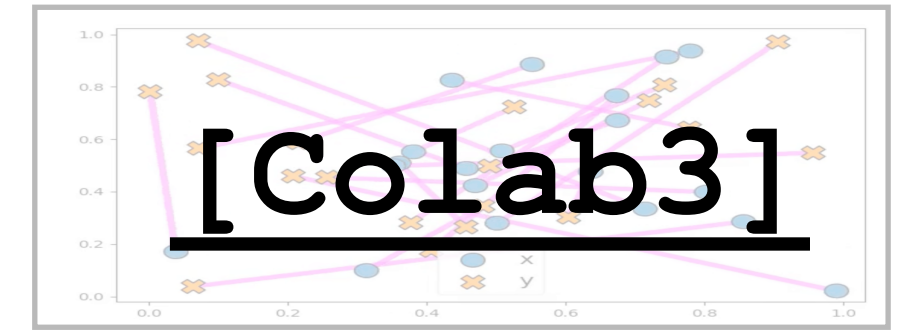
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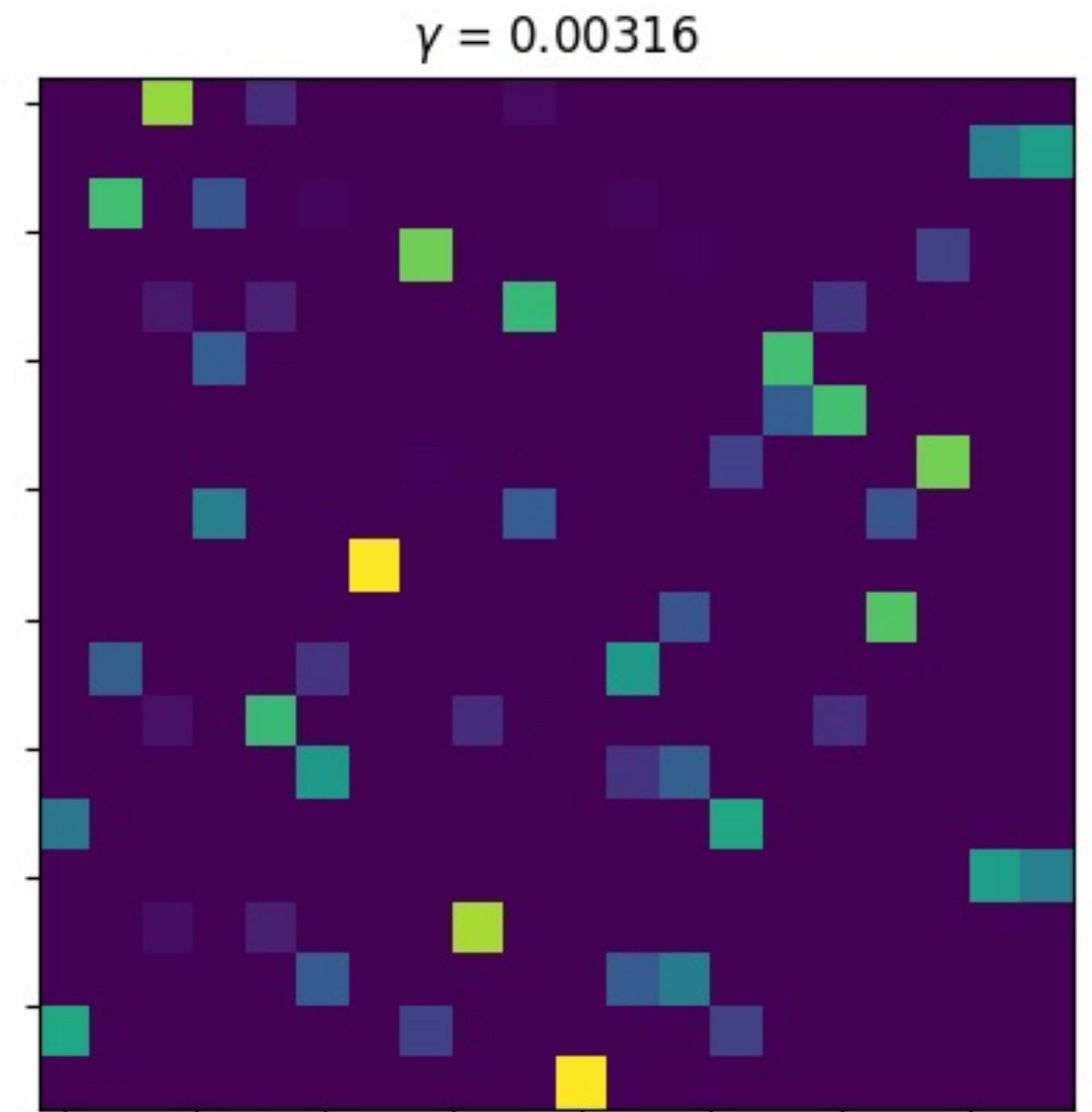
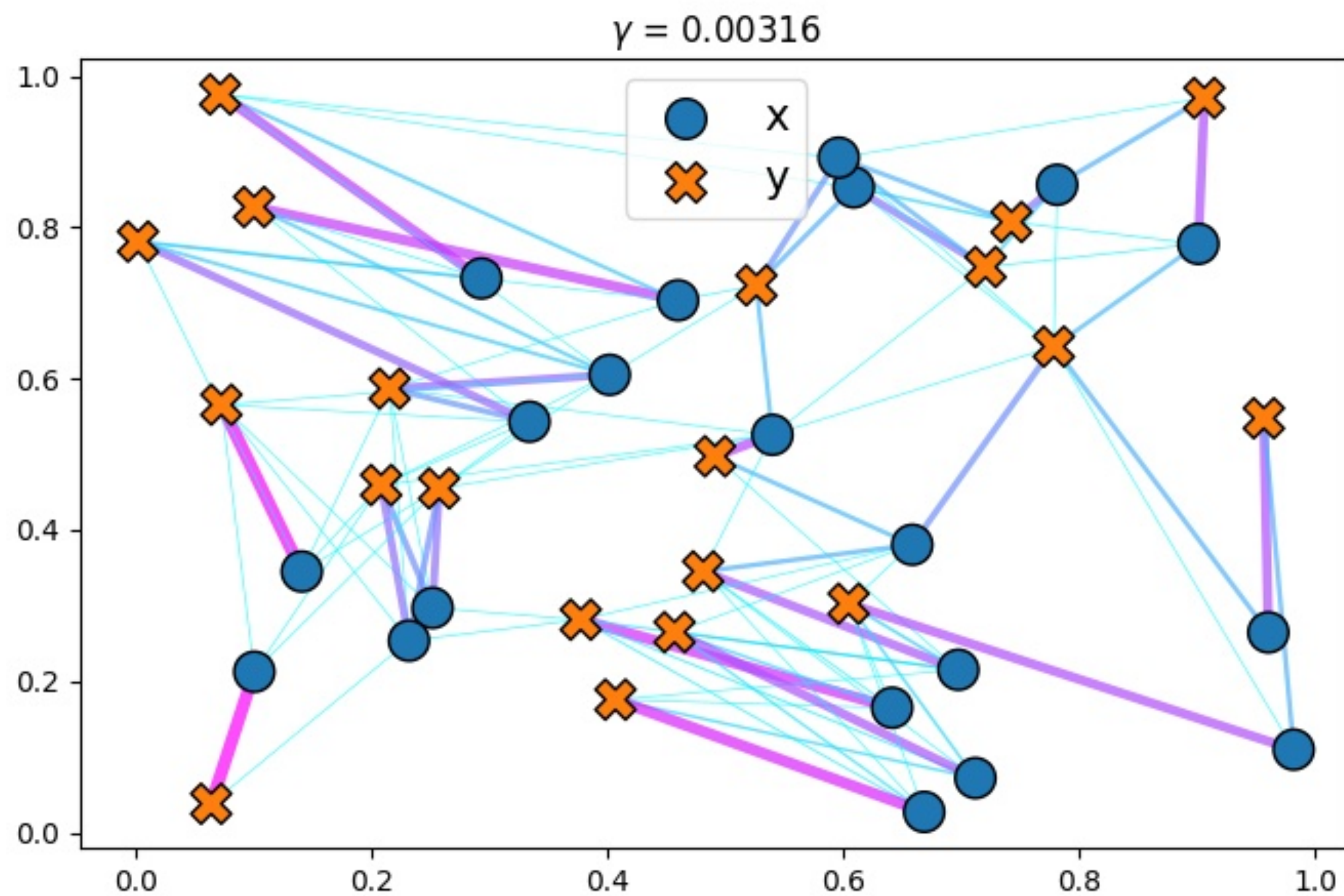
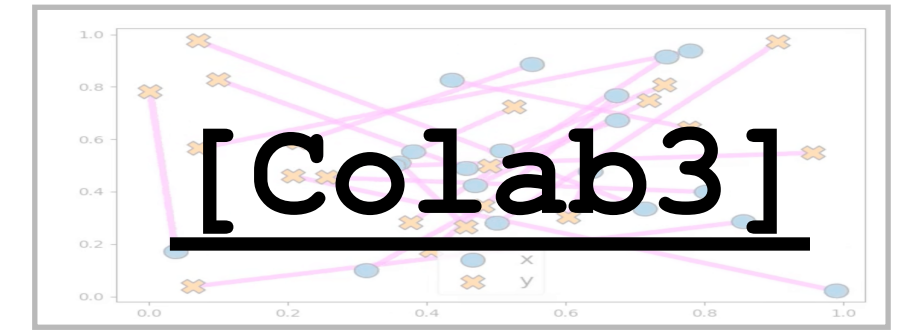
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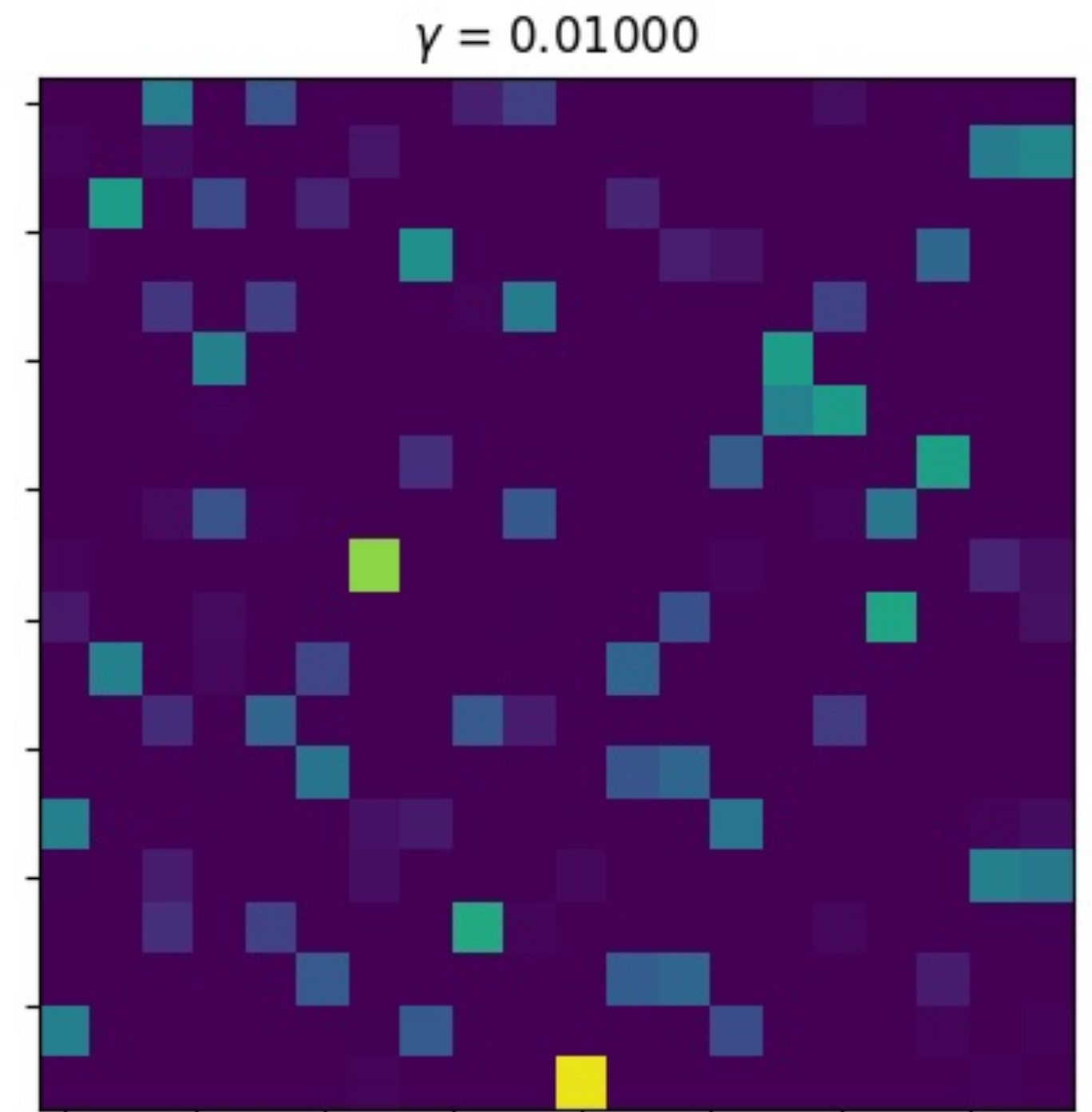
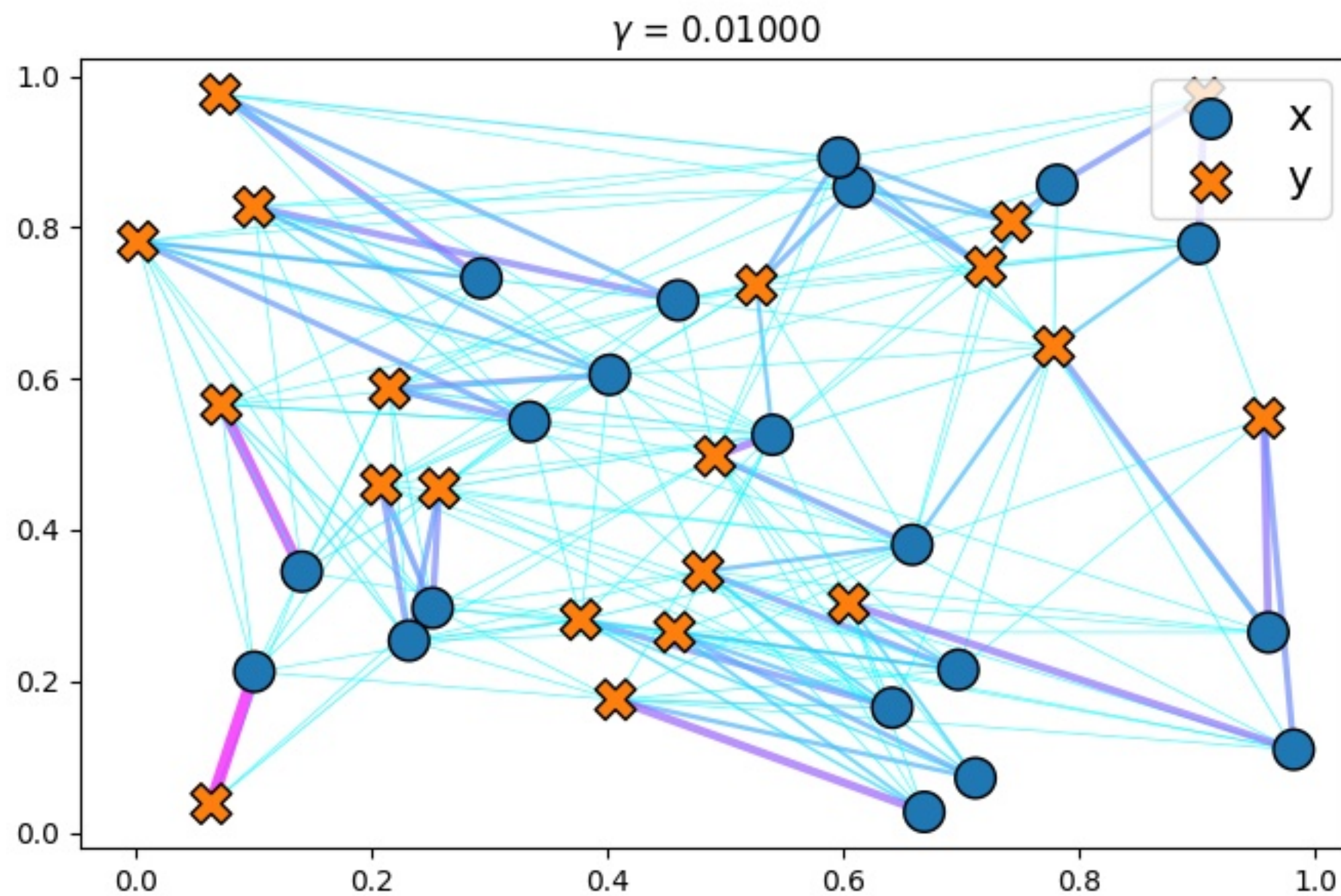
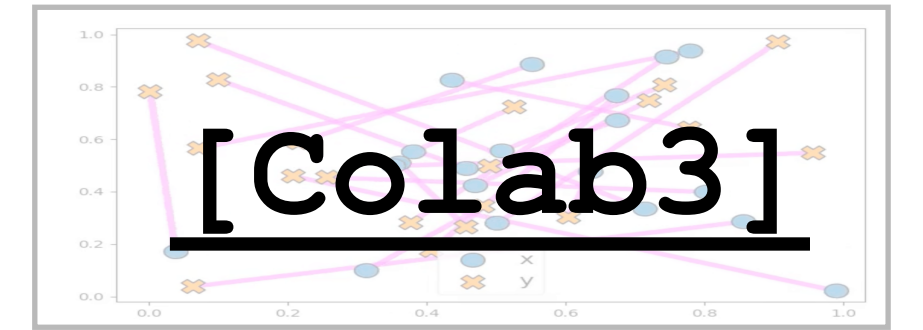
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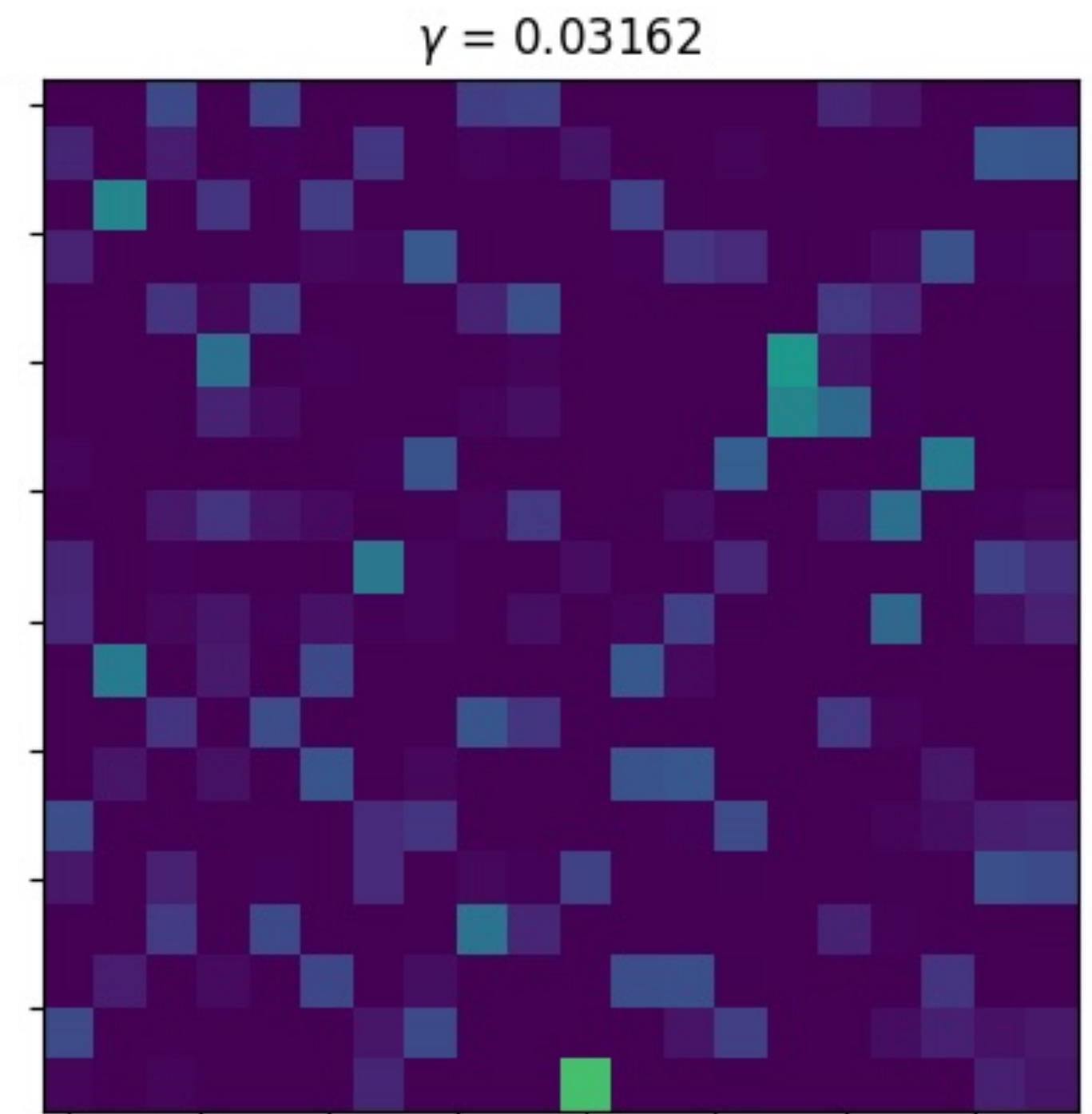
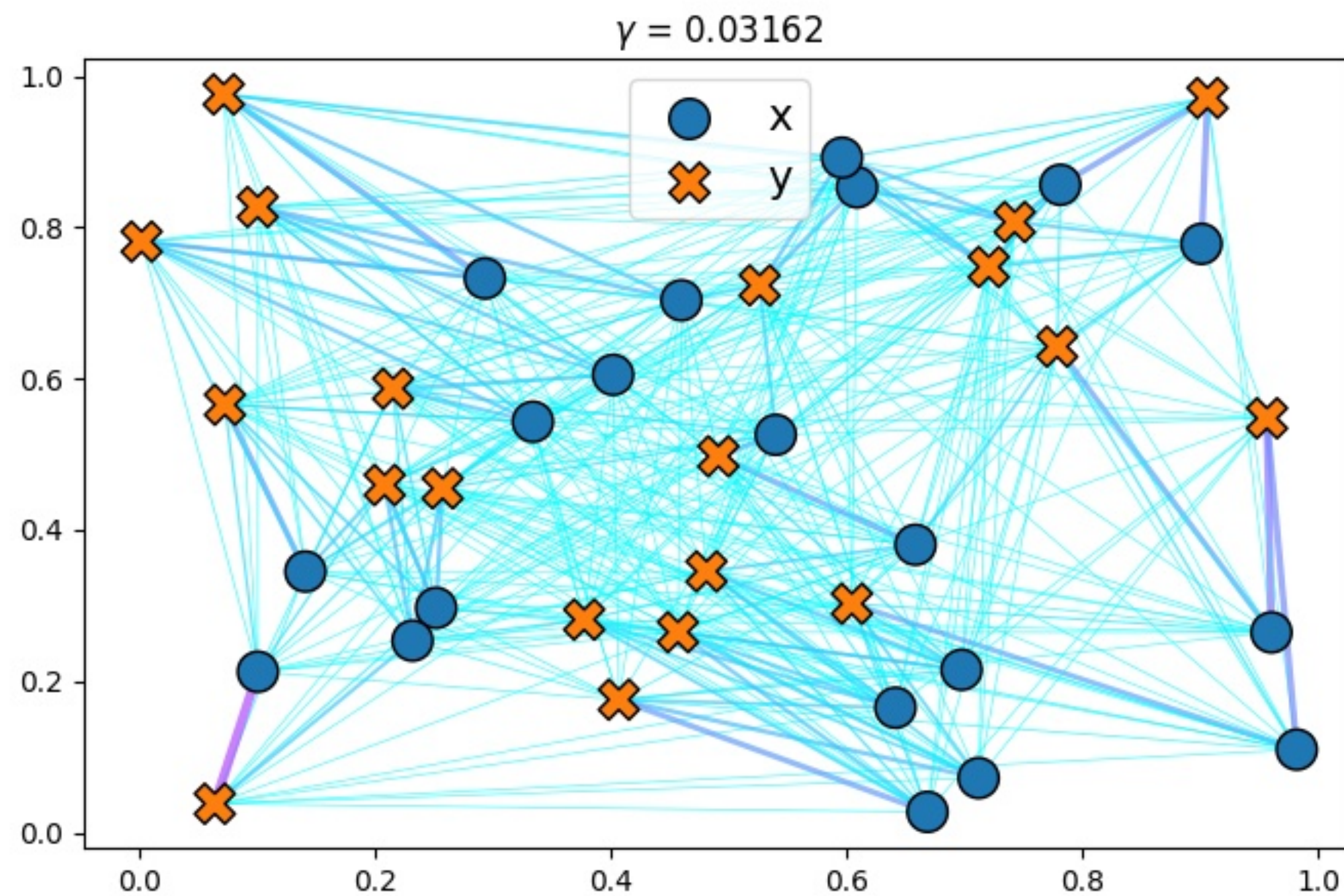
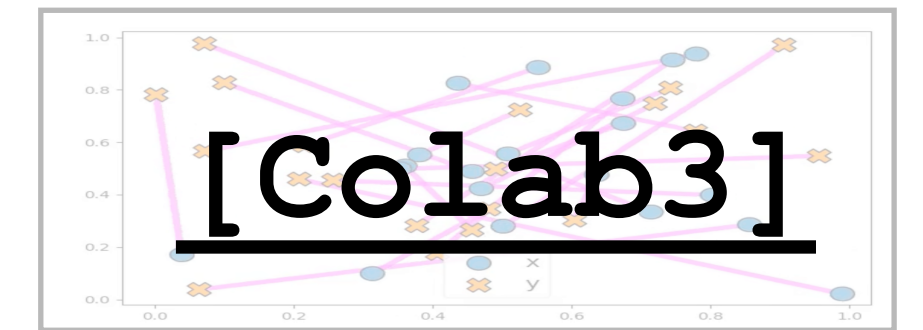
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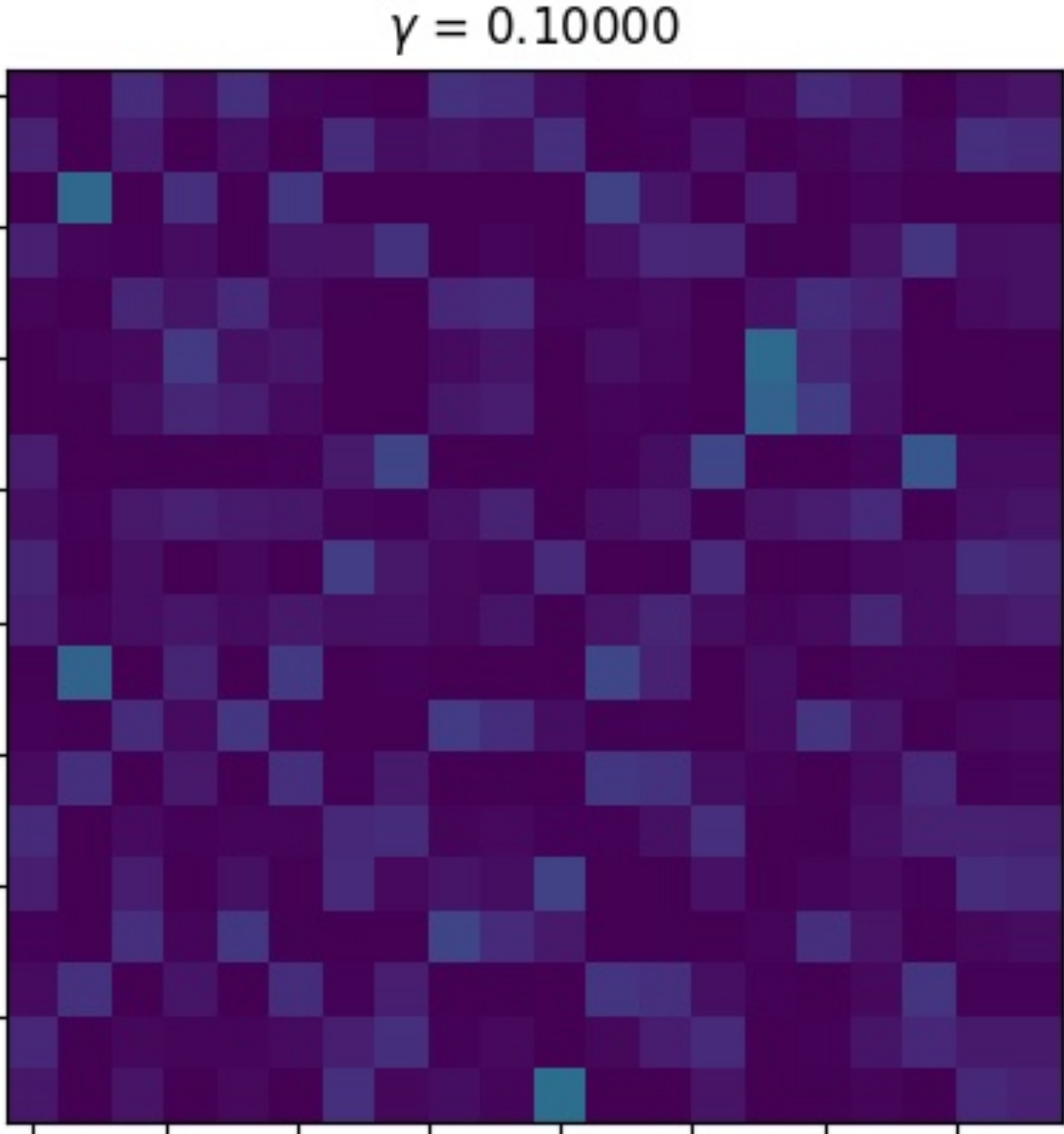
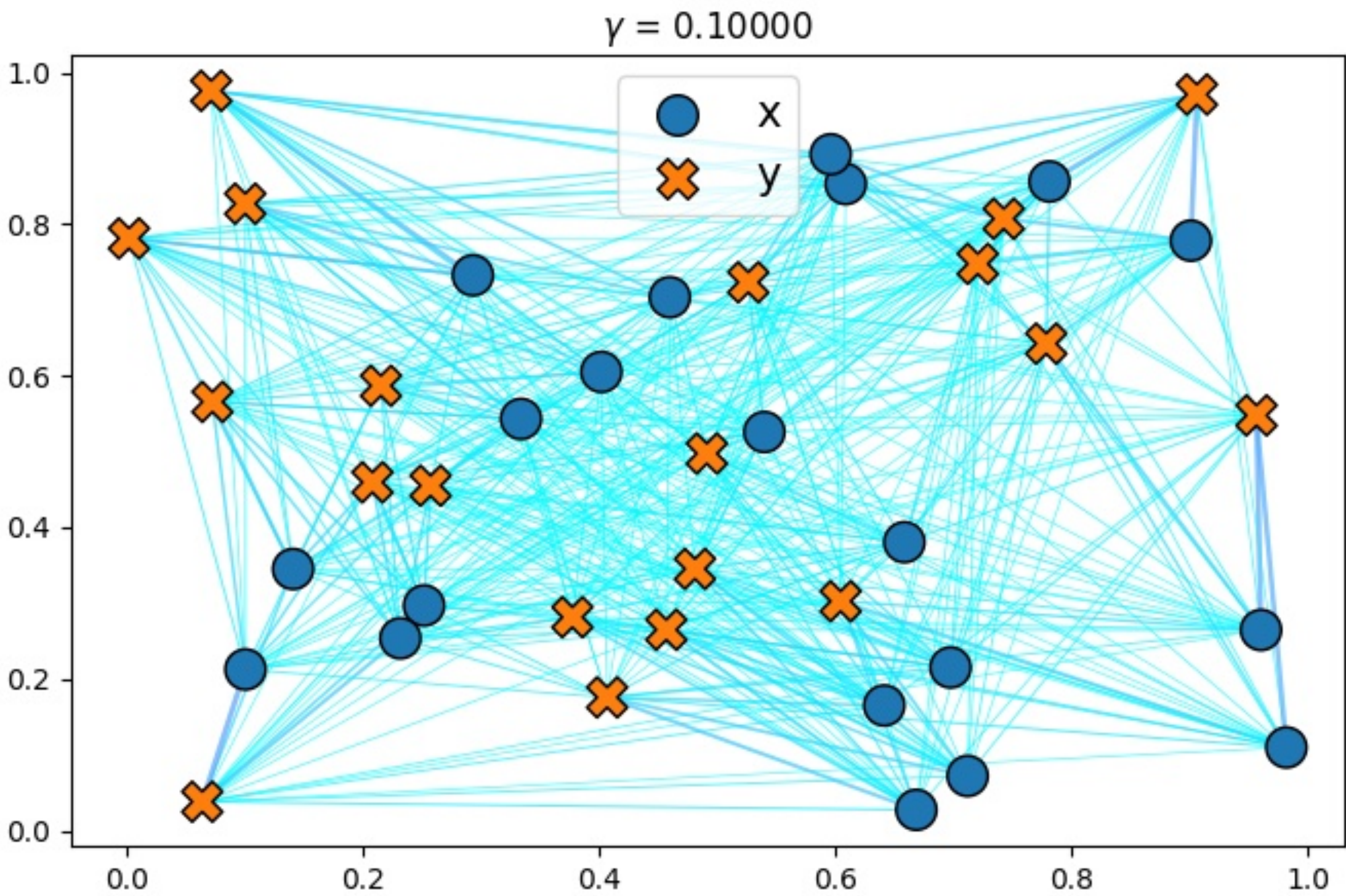
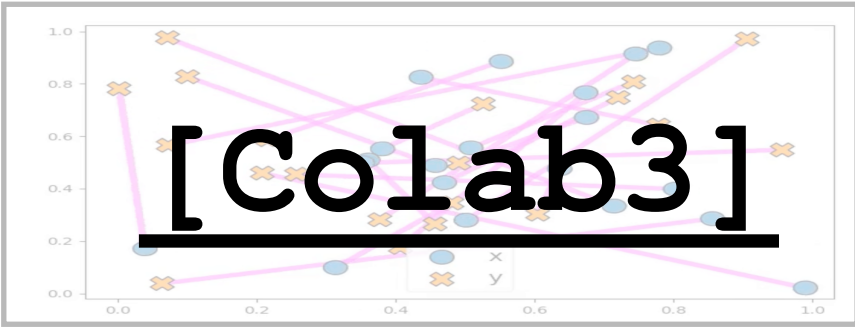
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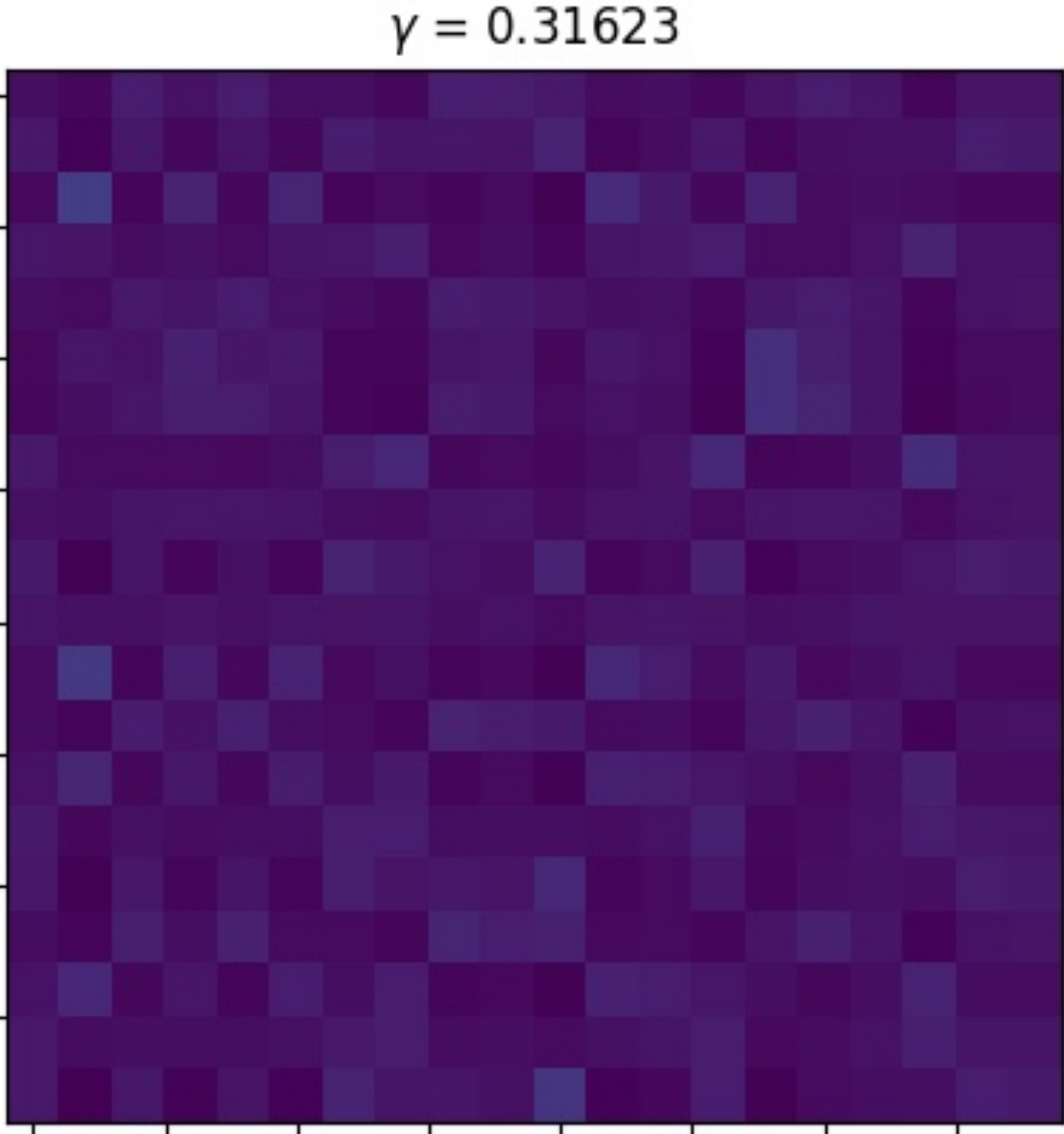
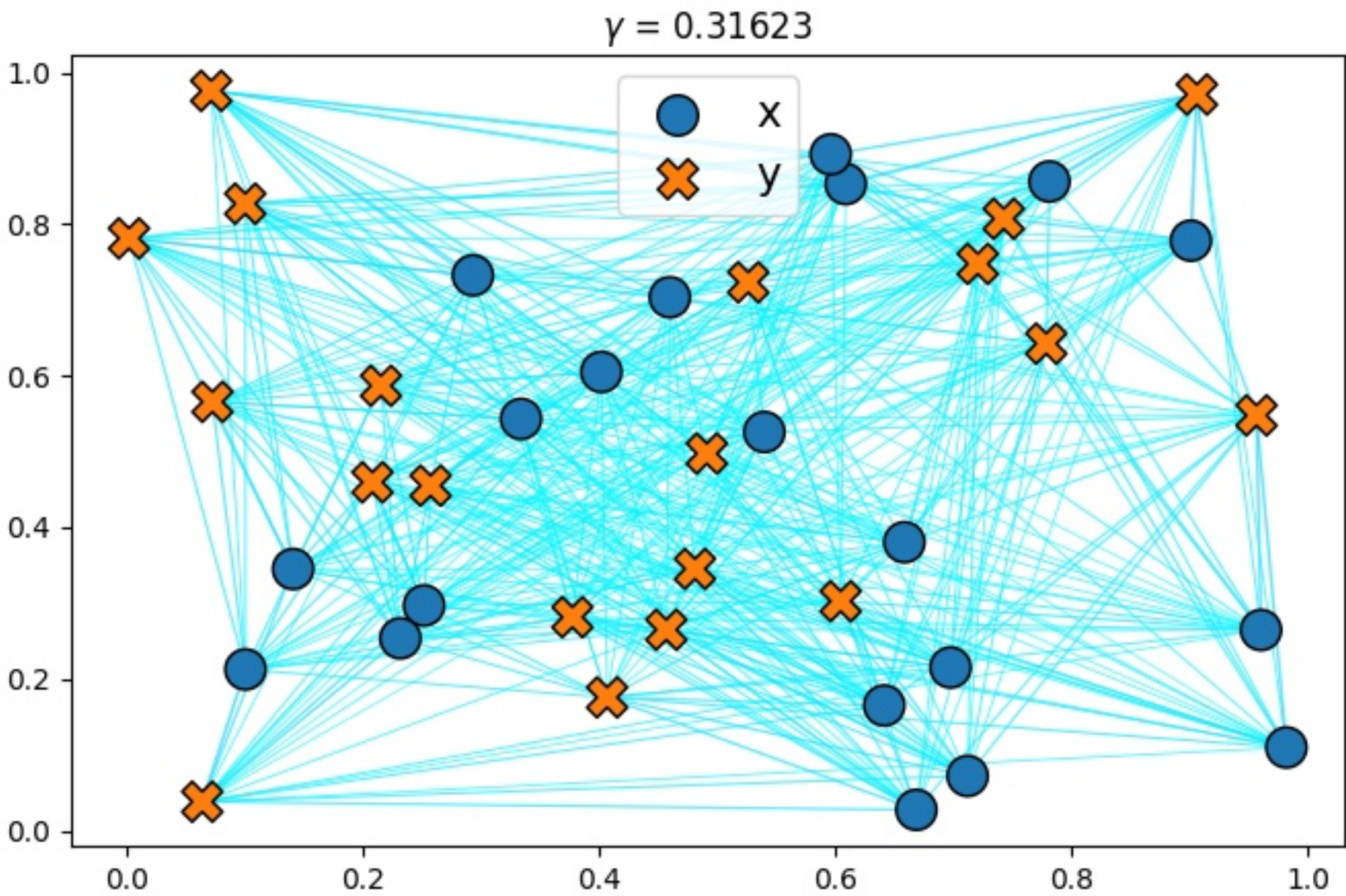
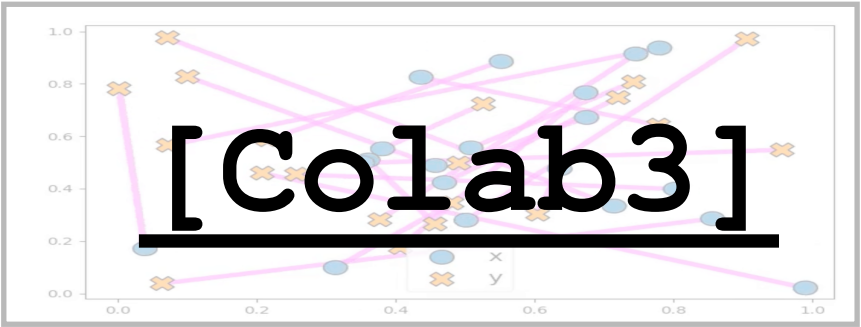
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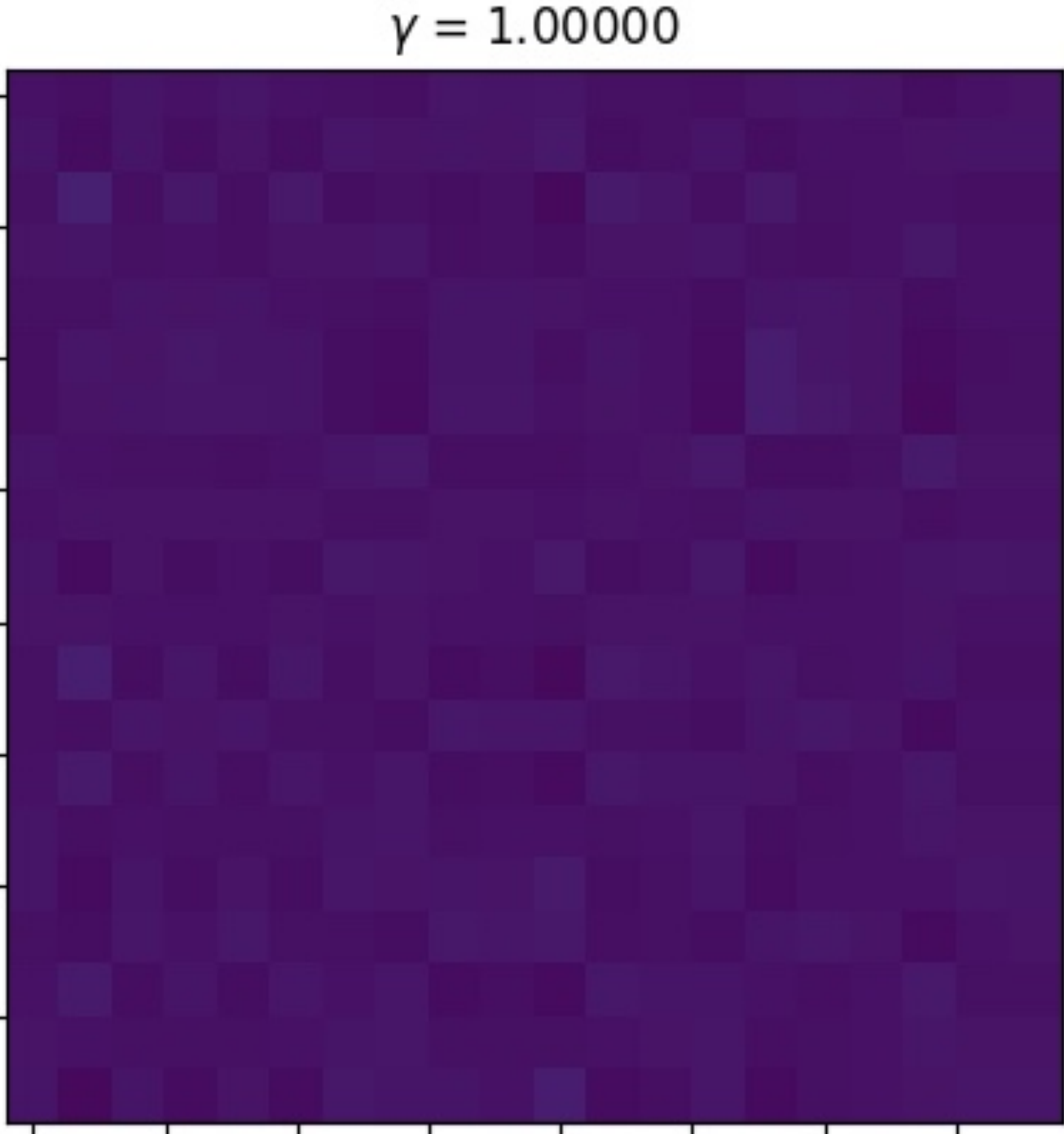
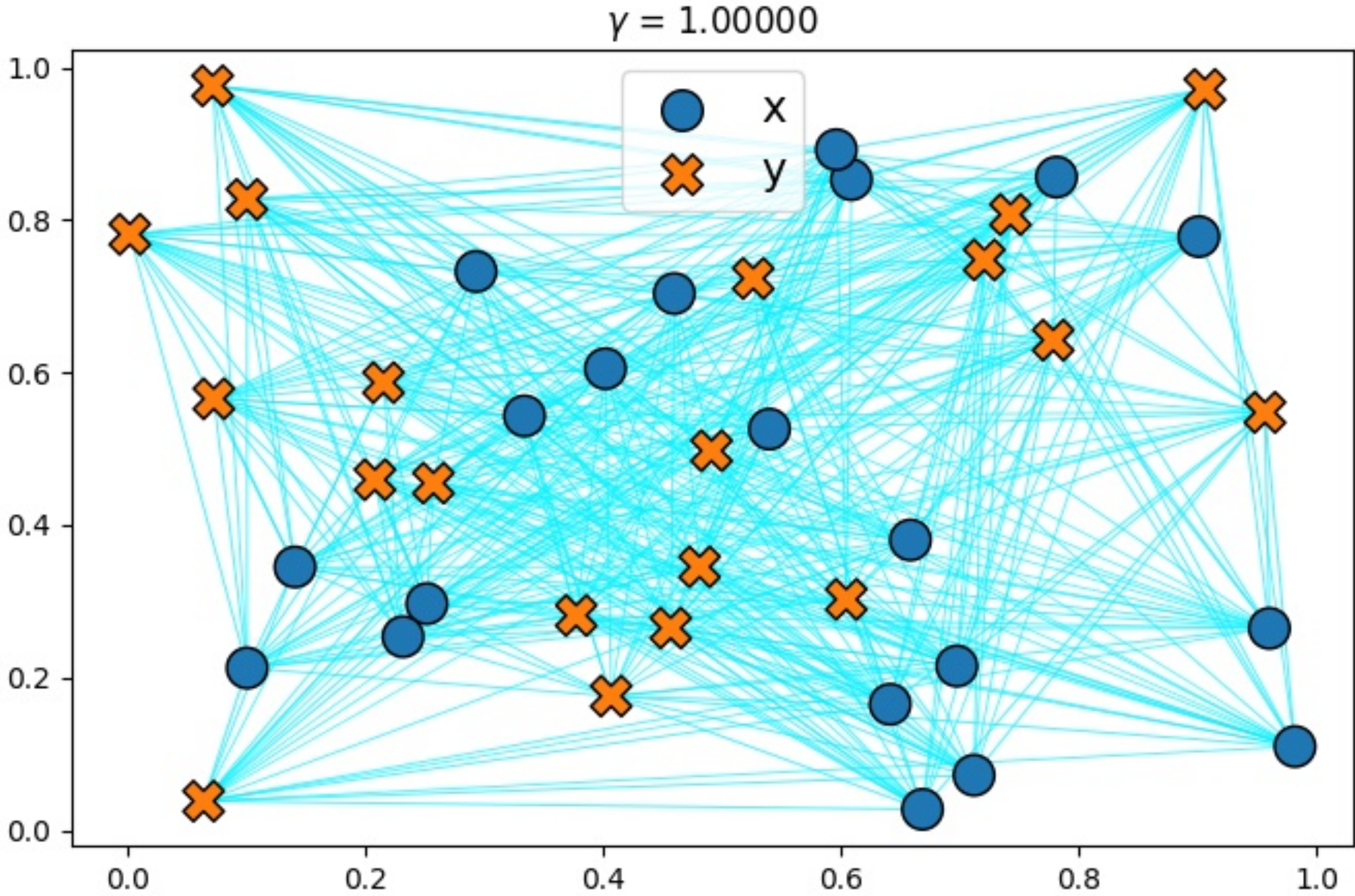
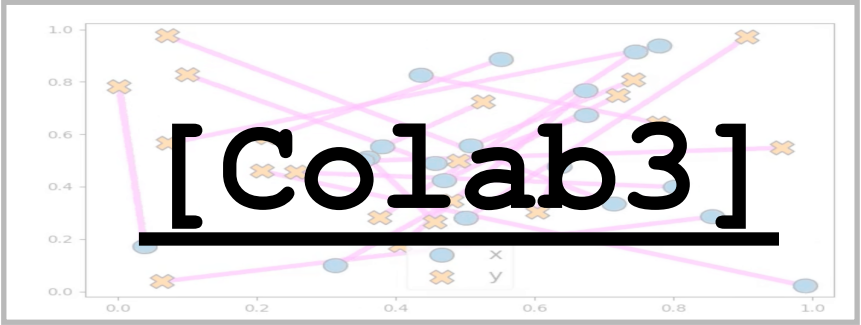
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[Deming+40, Wilson62, Sinkhorn64, Erlander92, Galichon+10, Cuturi13]

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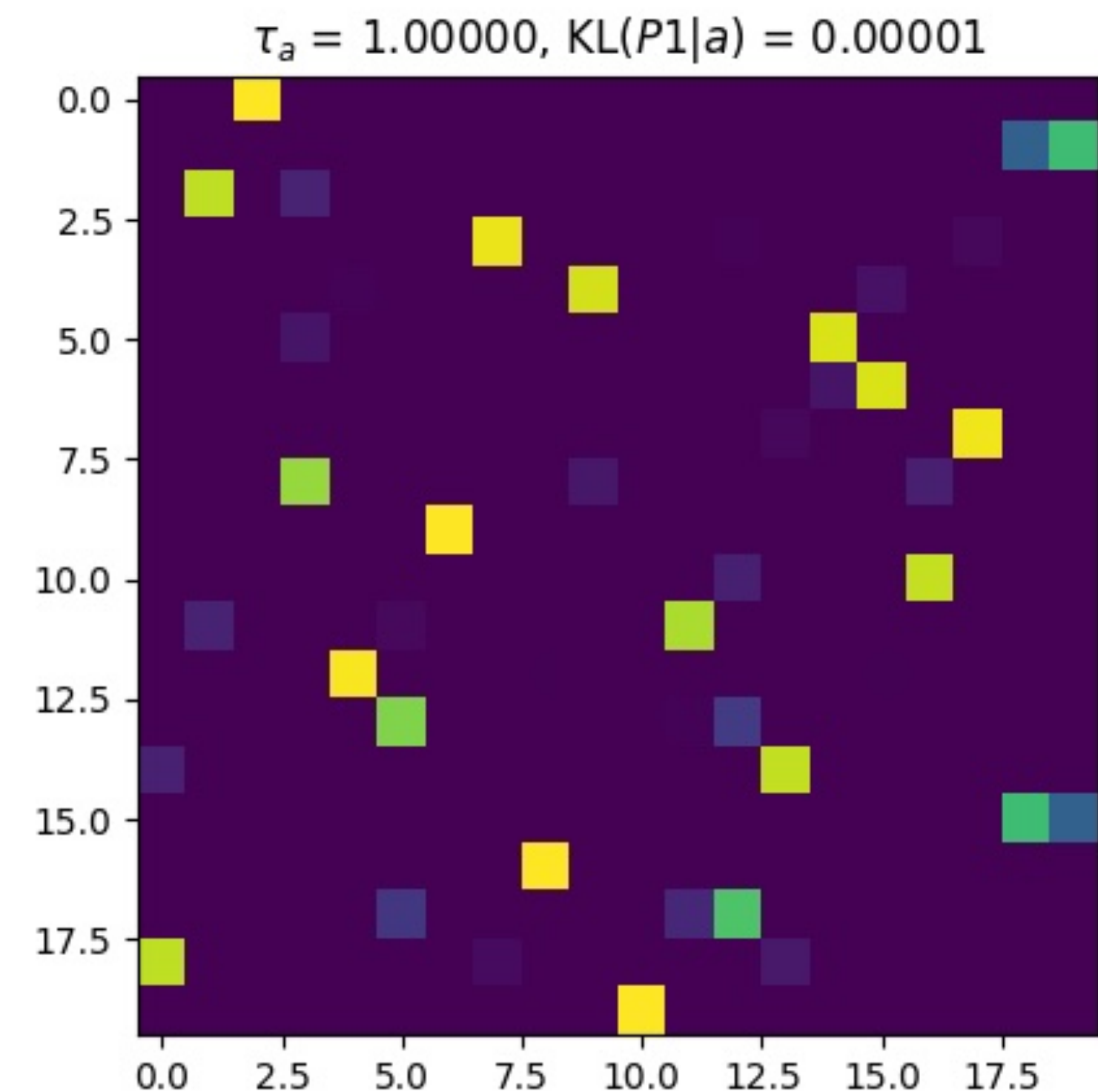
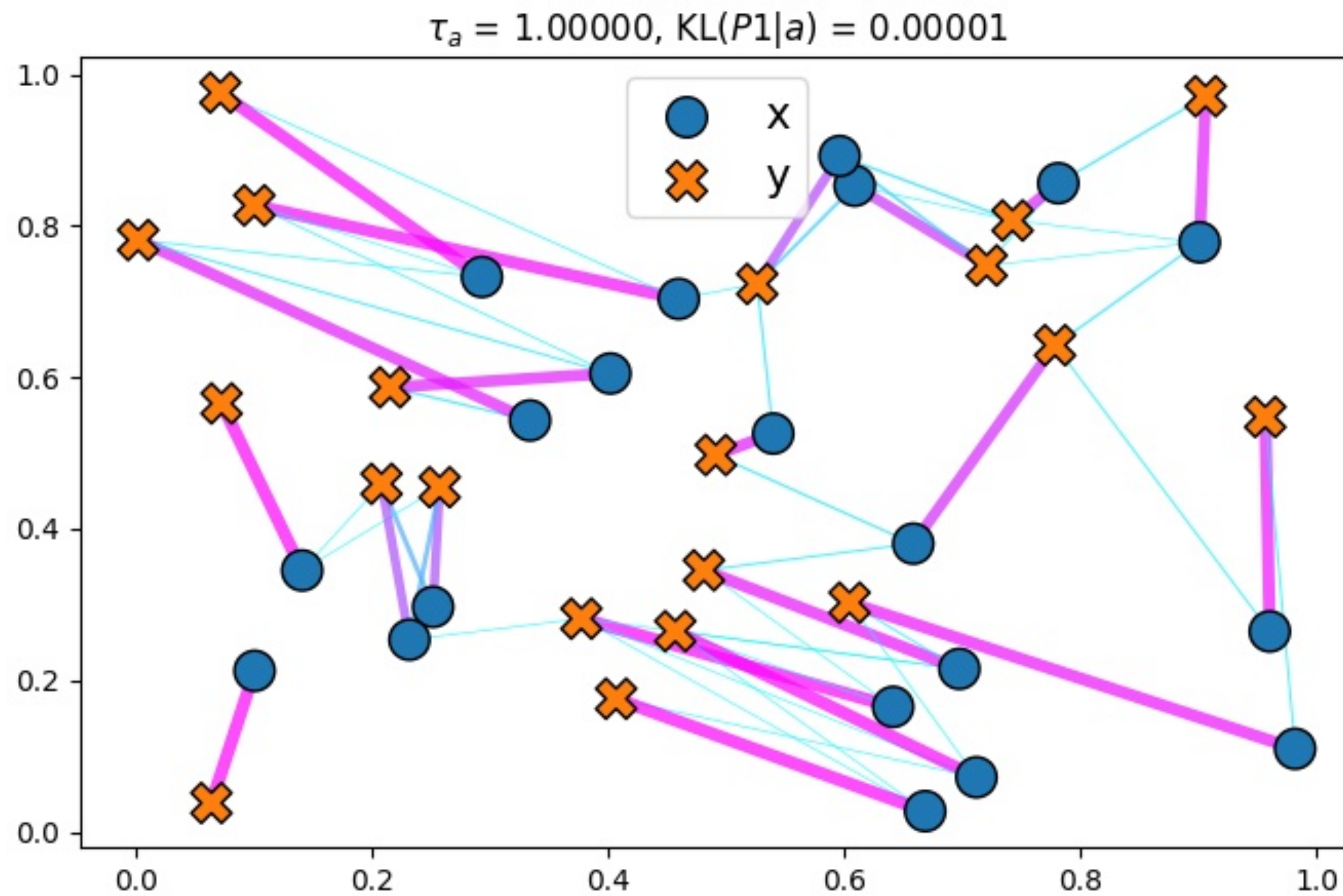
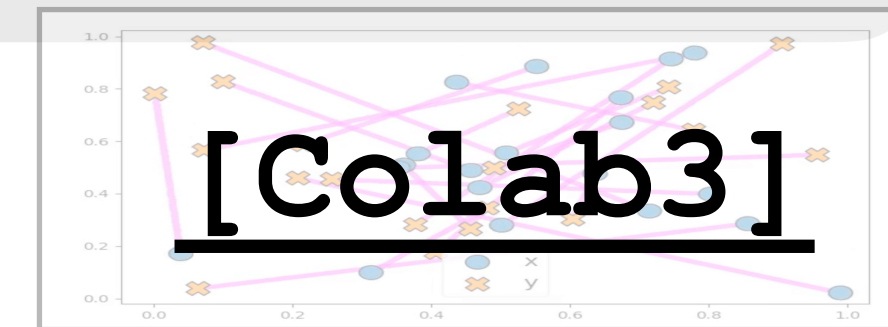
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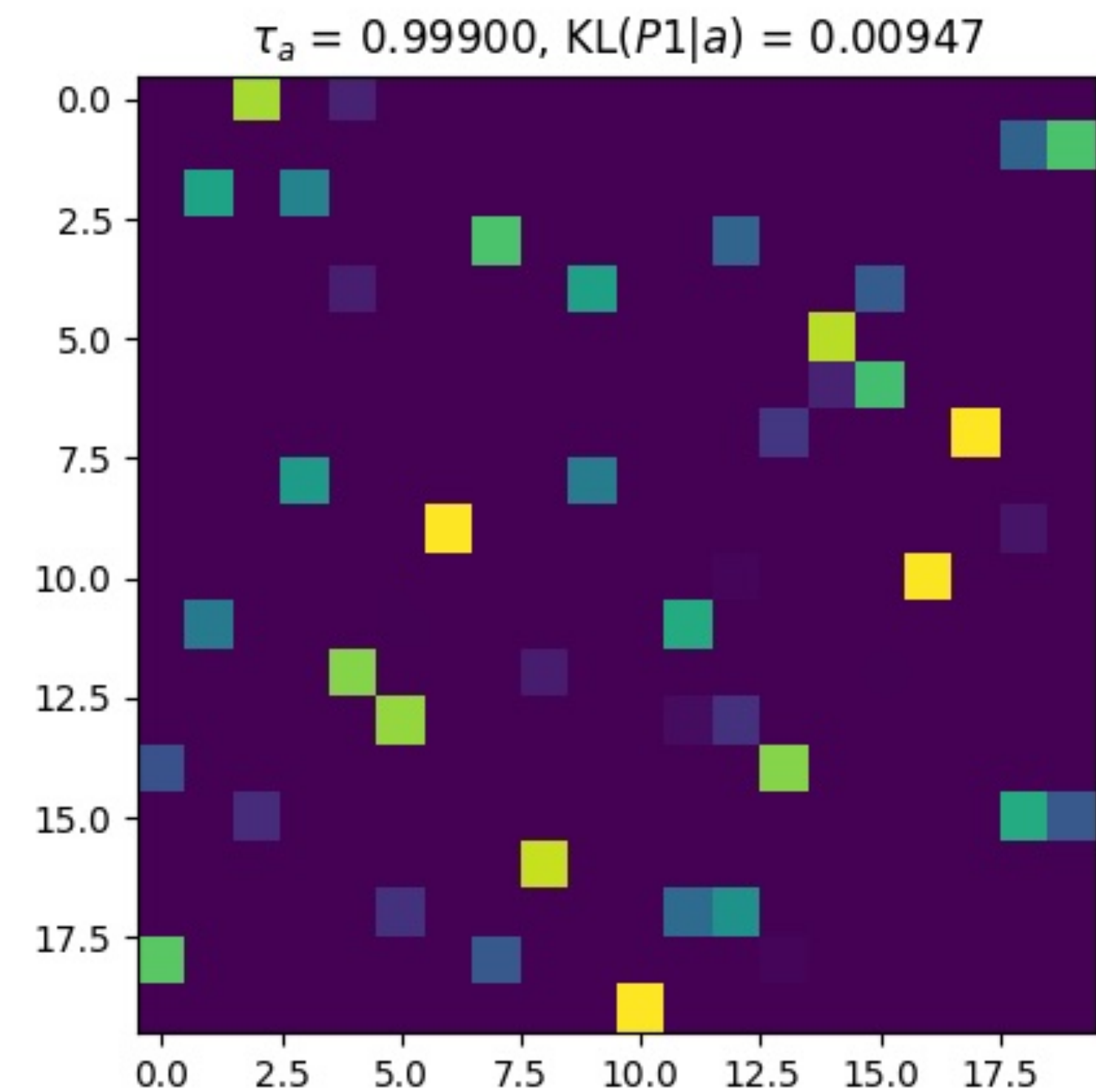
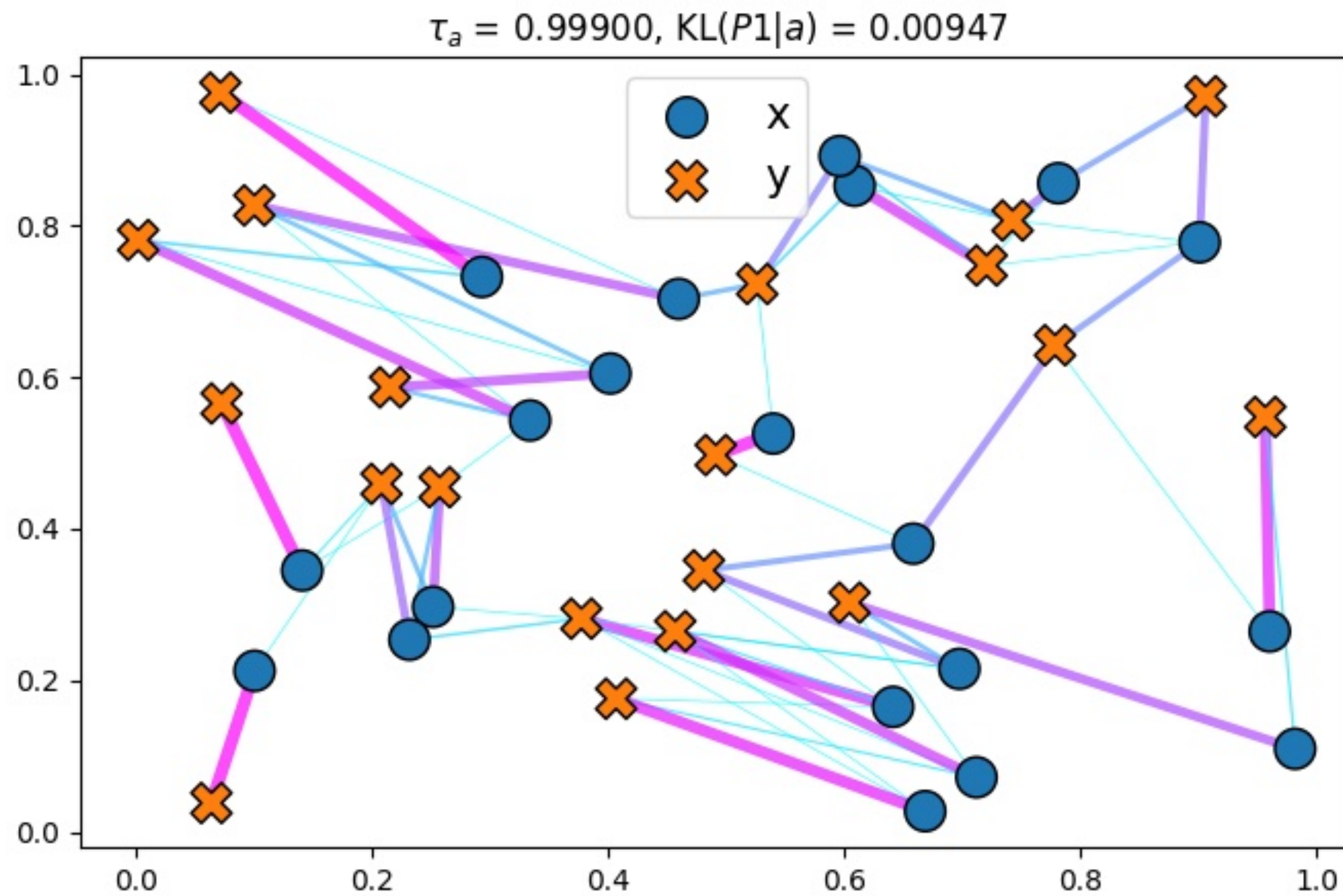
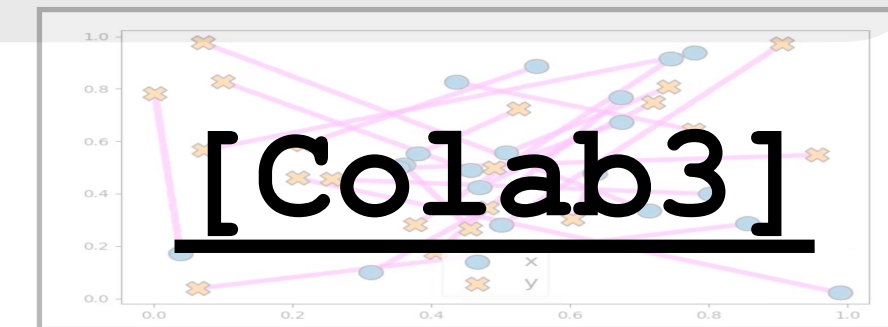
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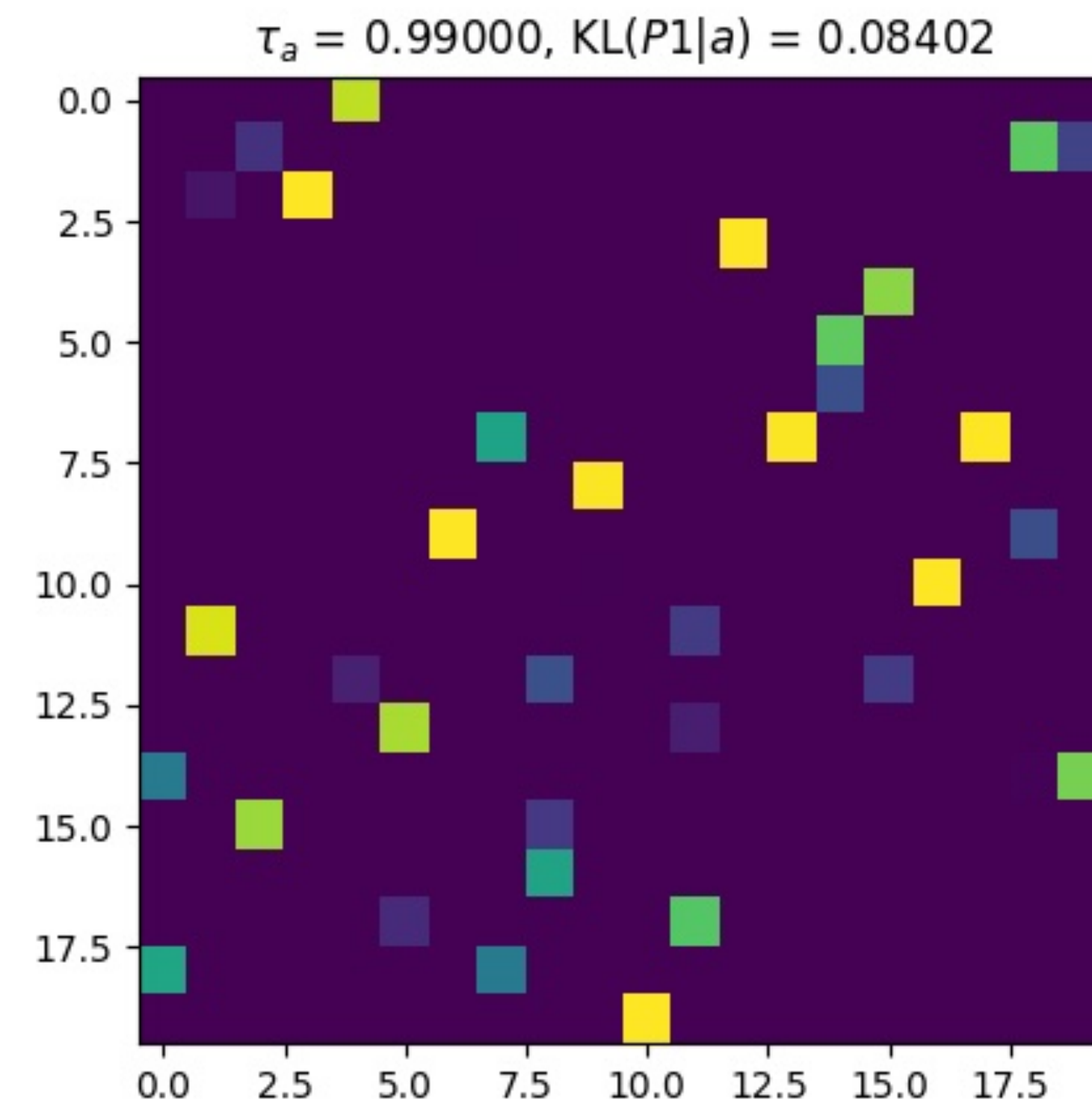
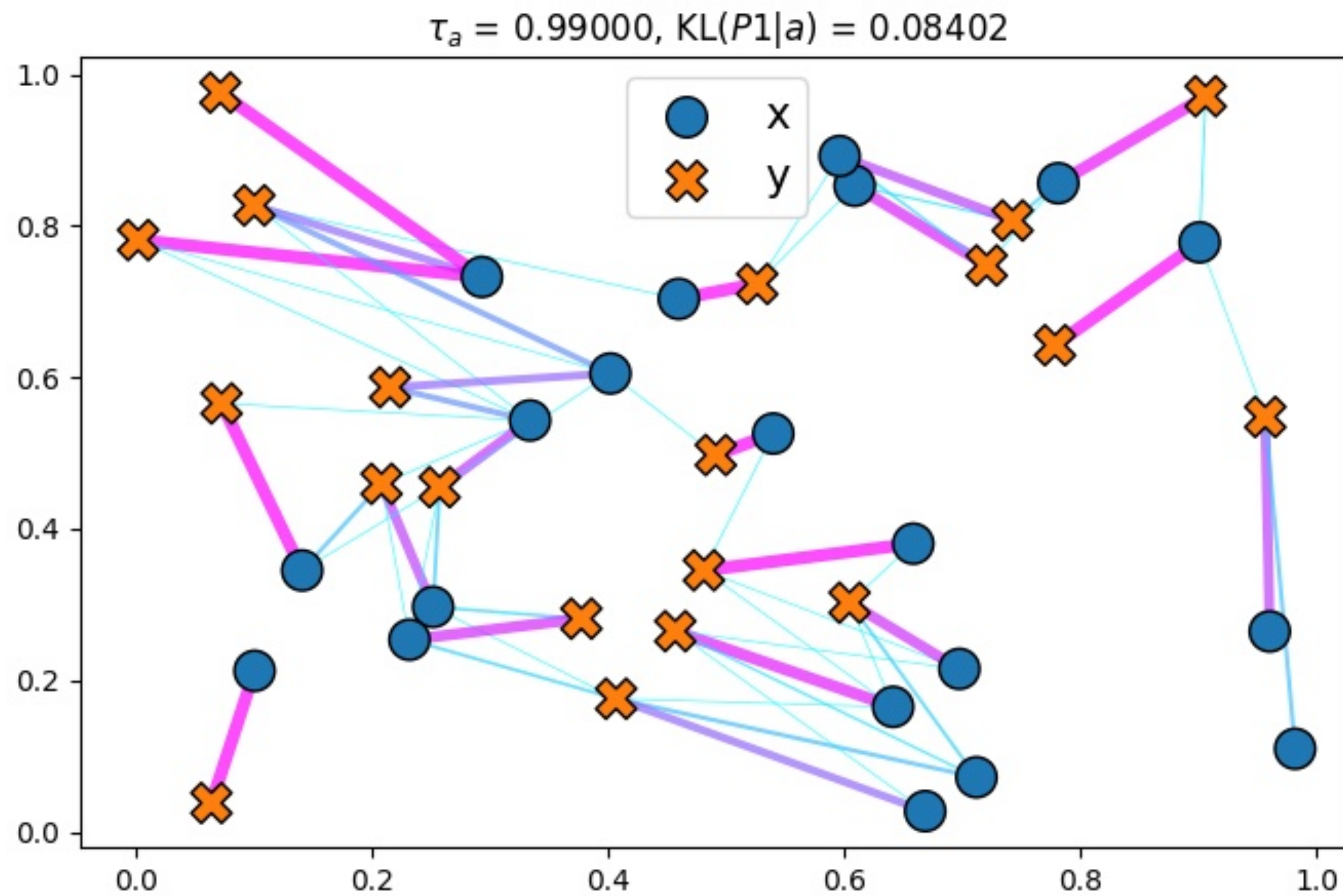
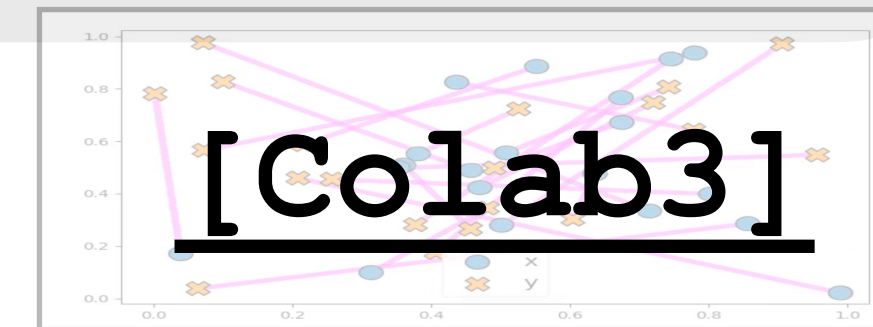
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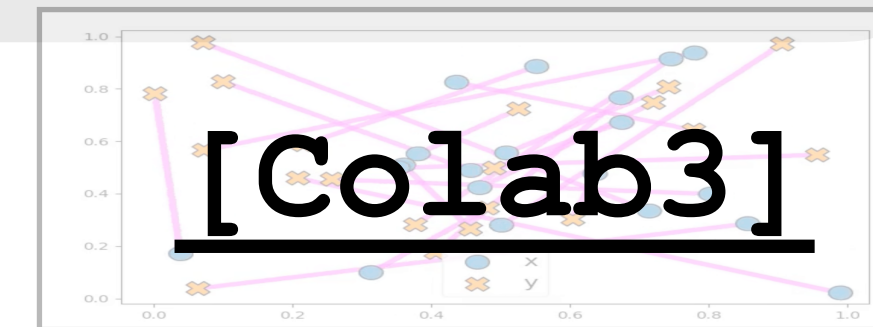
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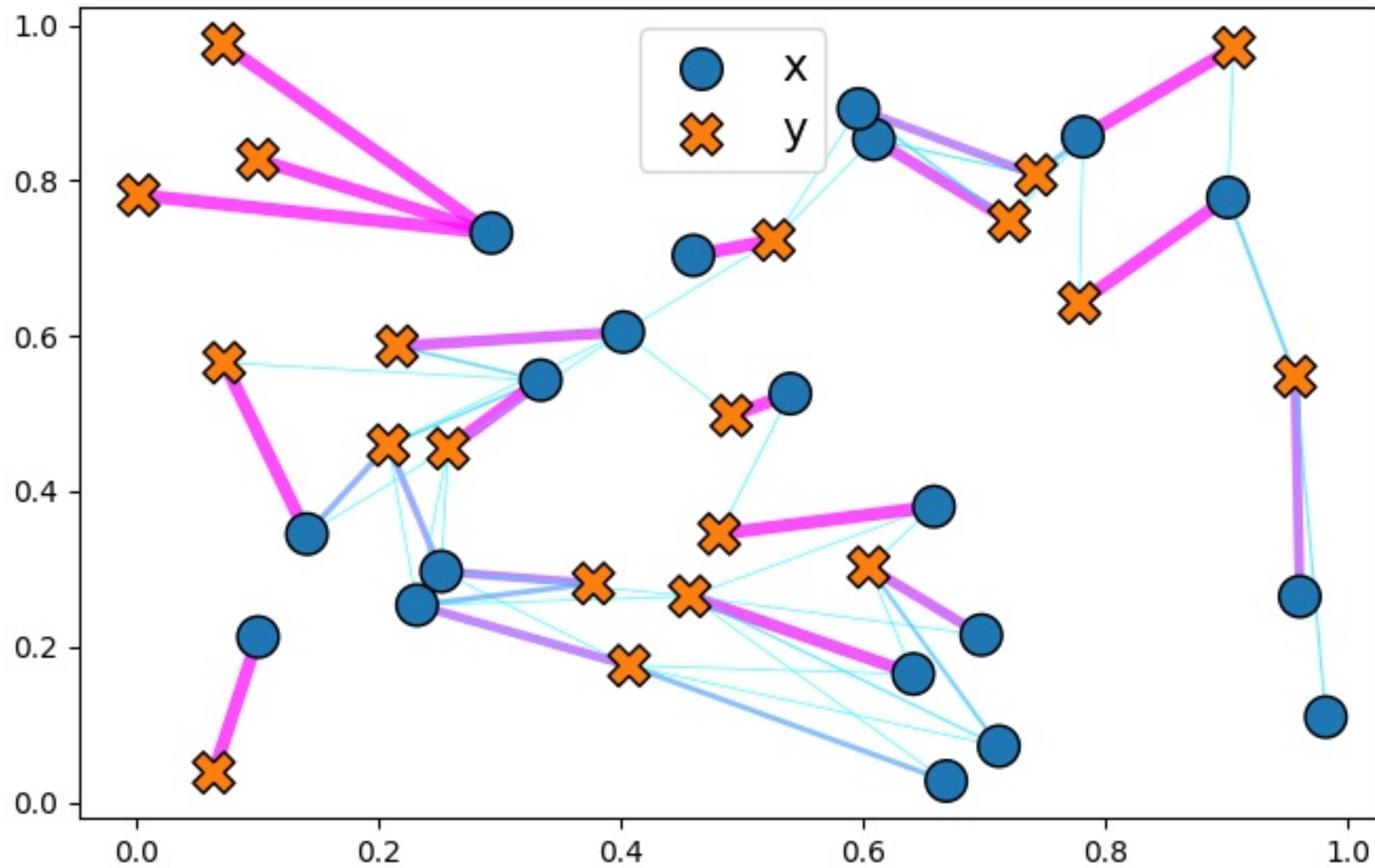
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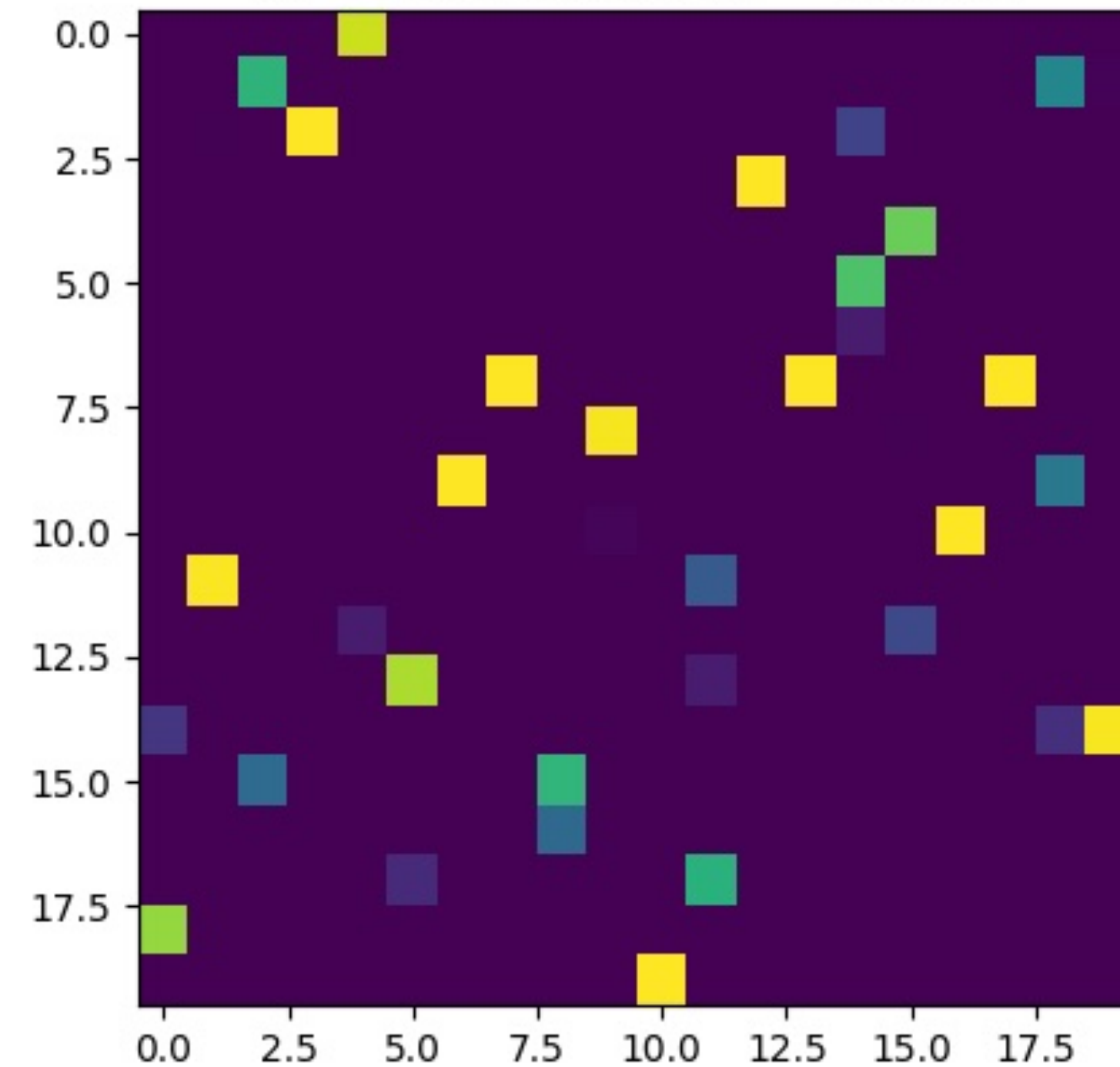
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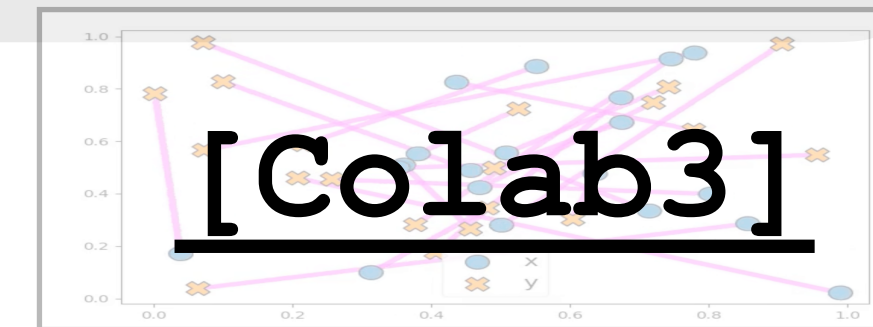
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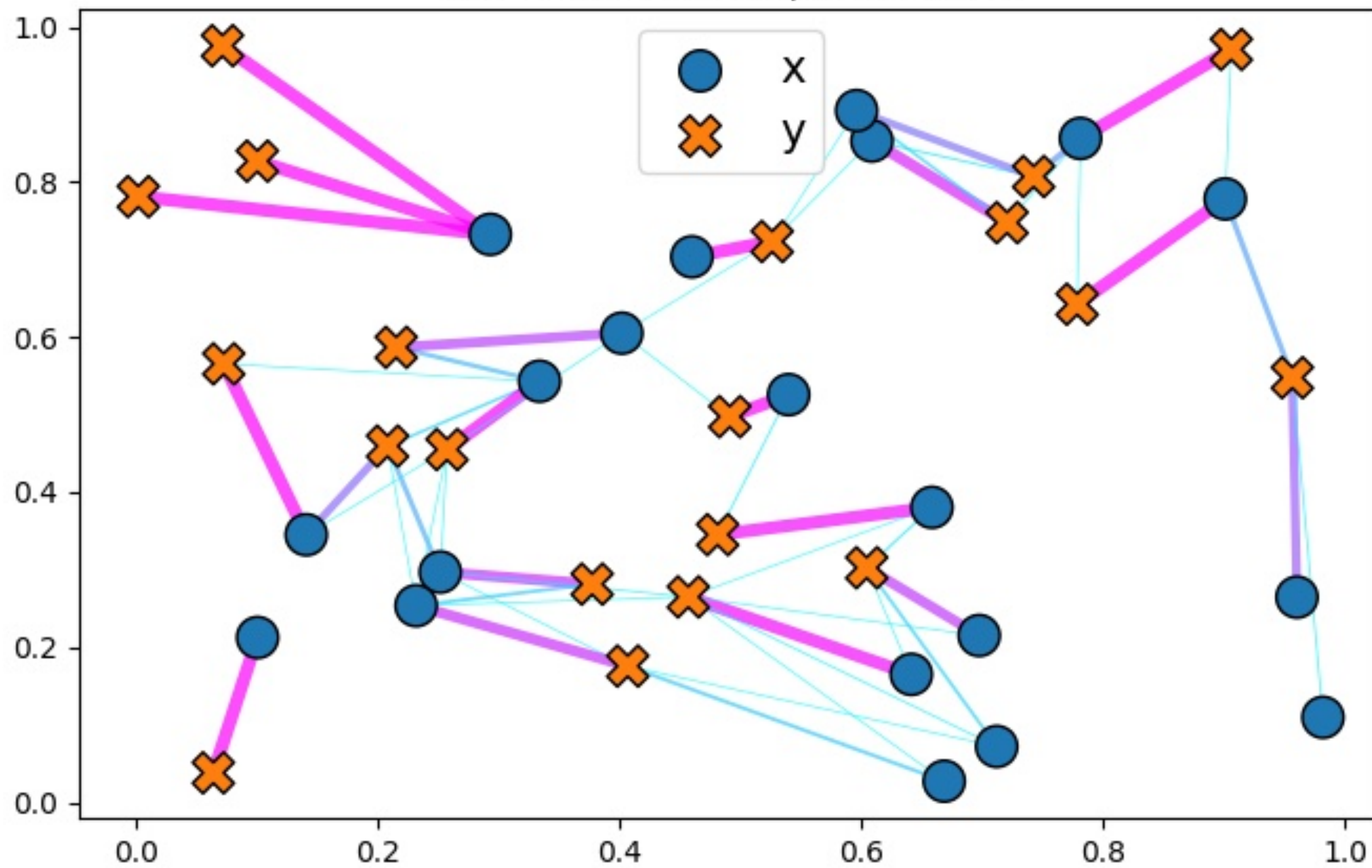
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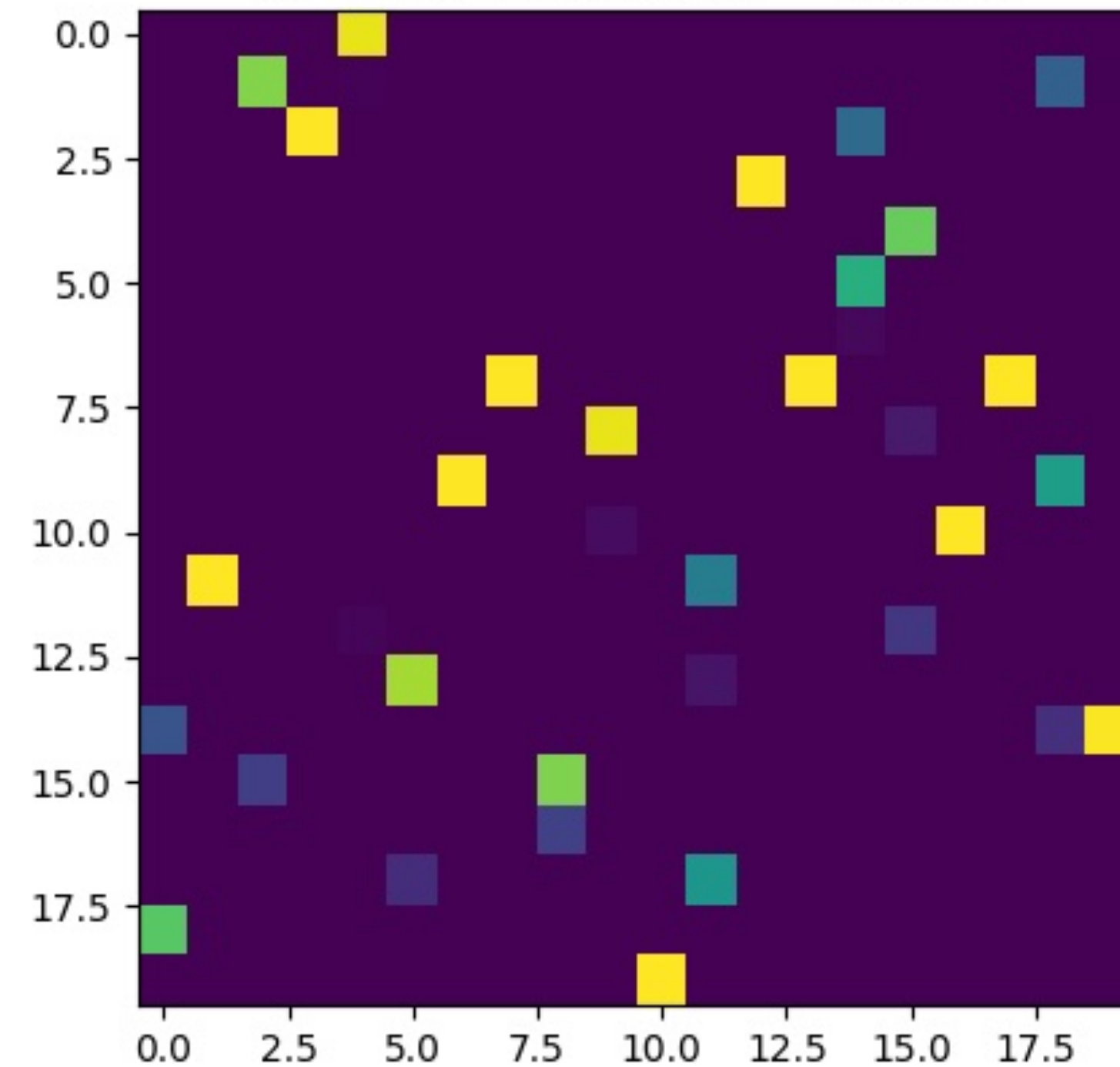
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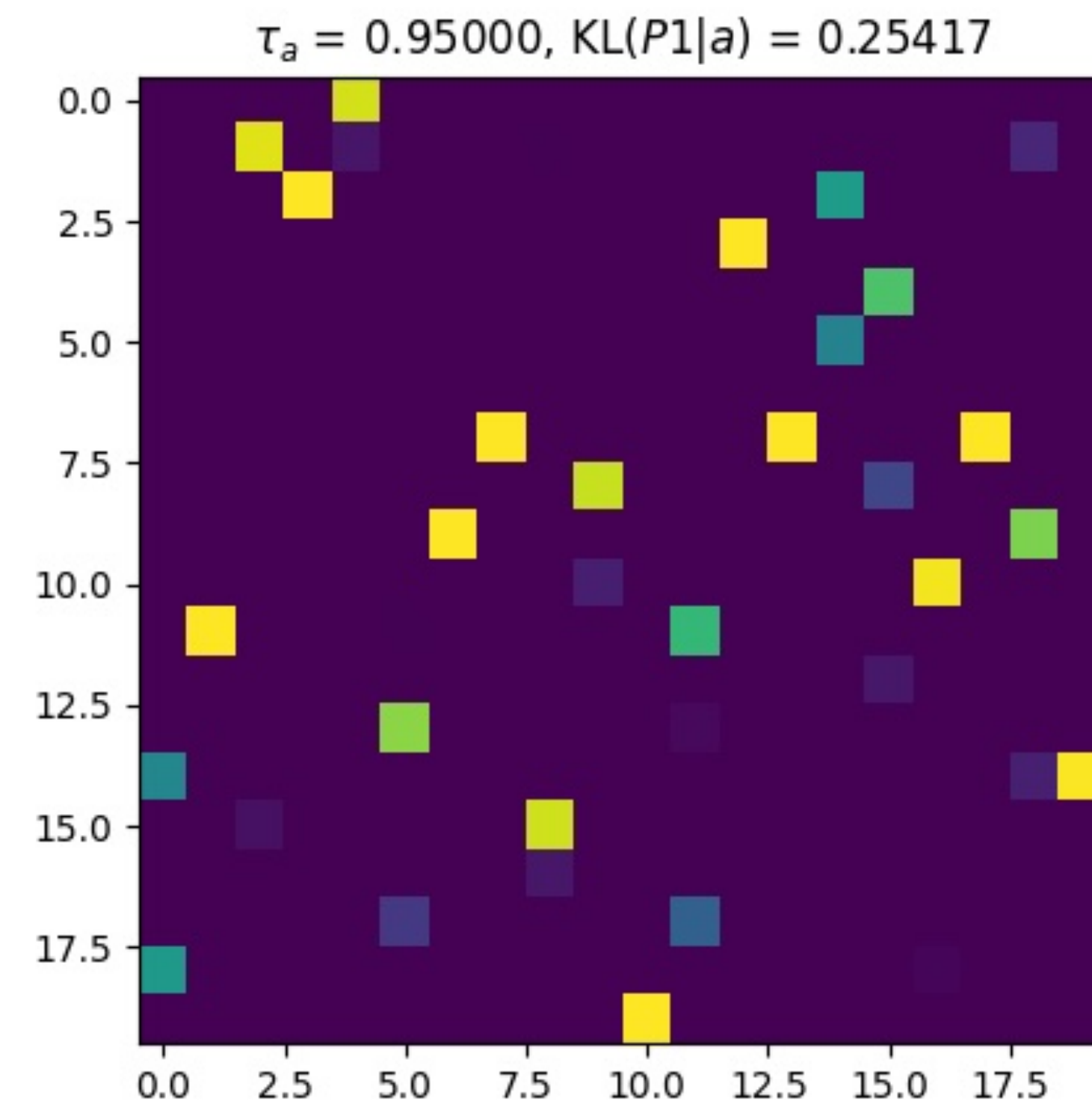
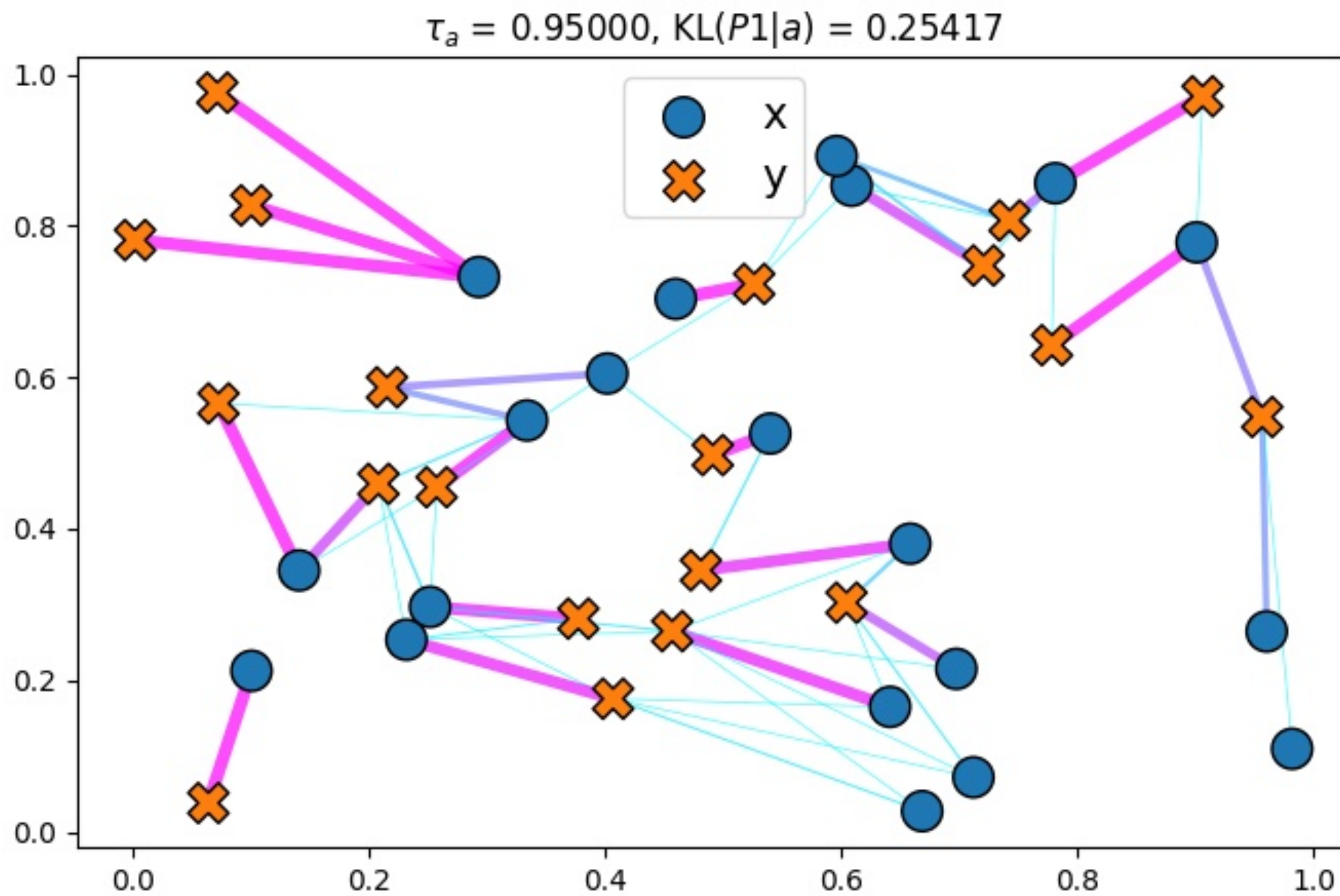
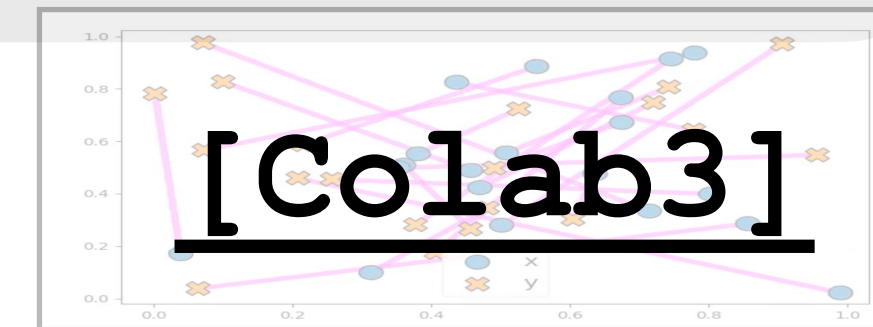
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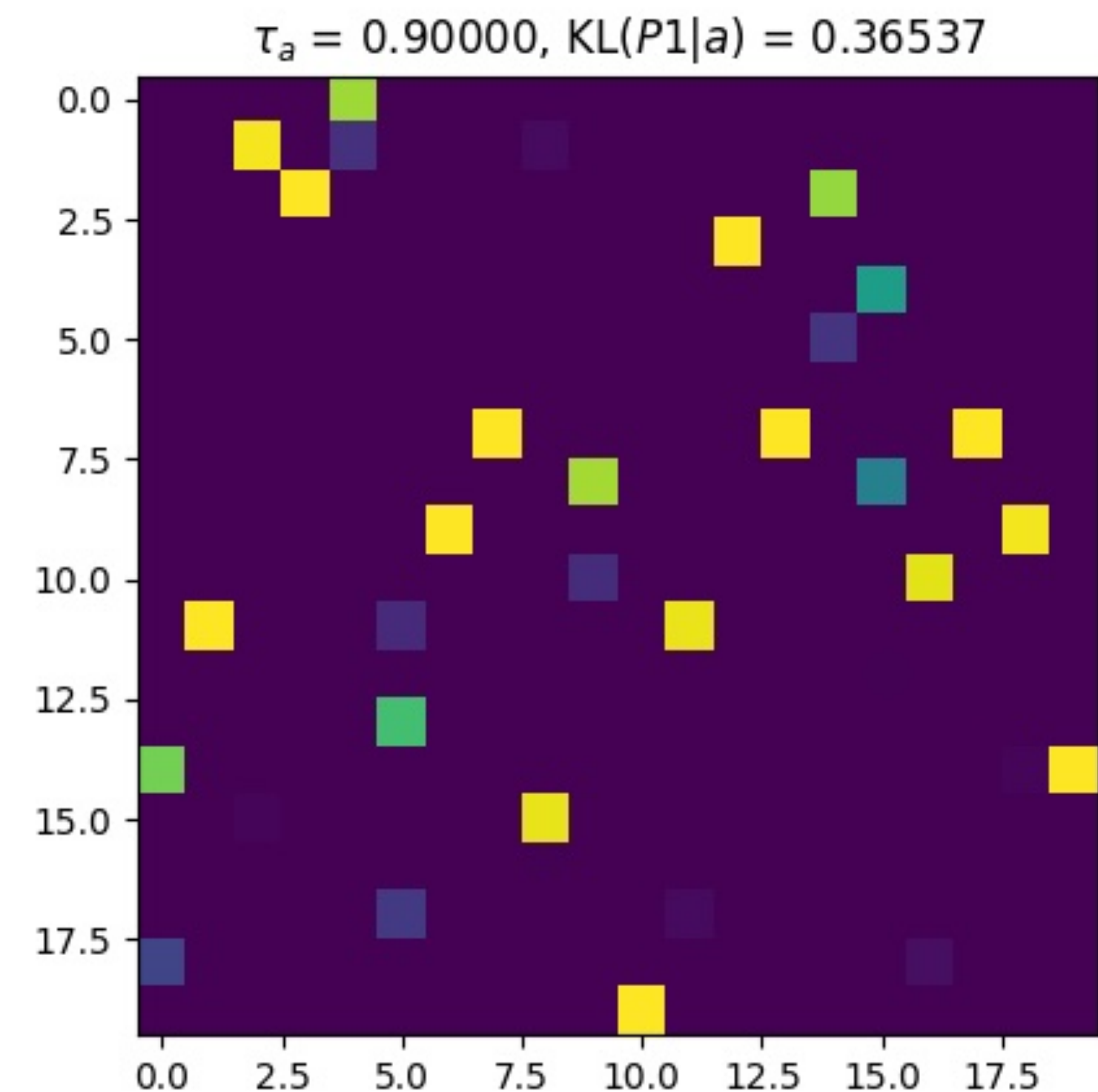
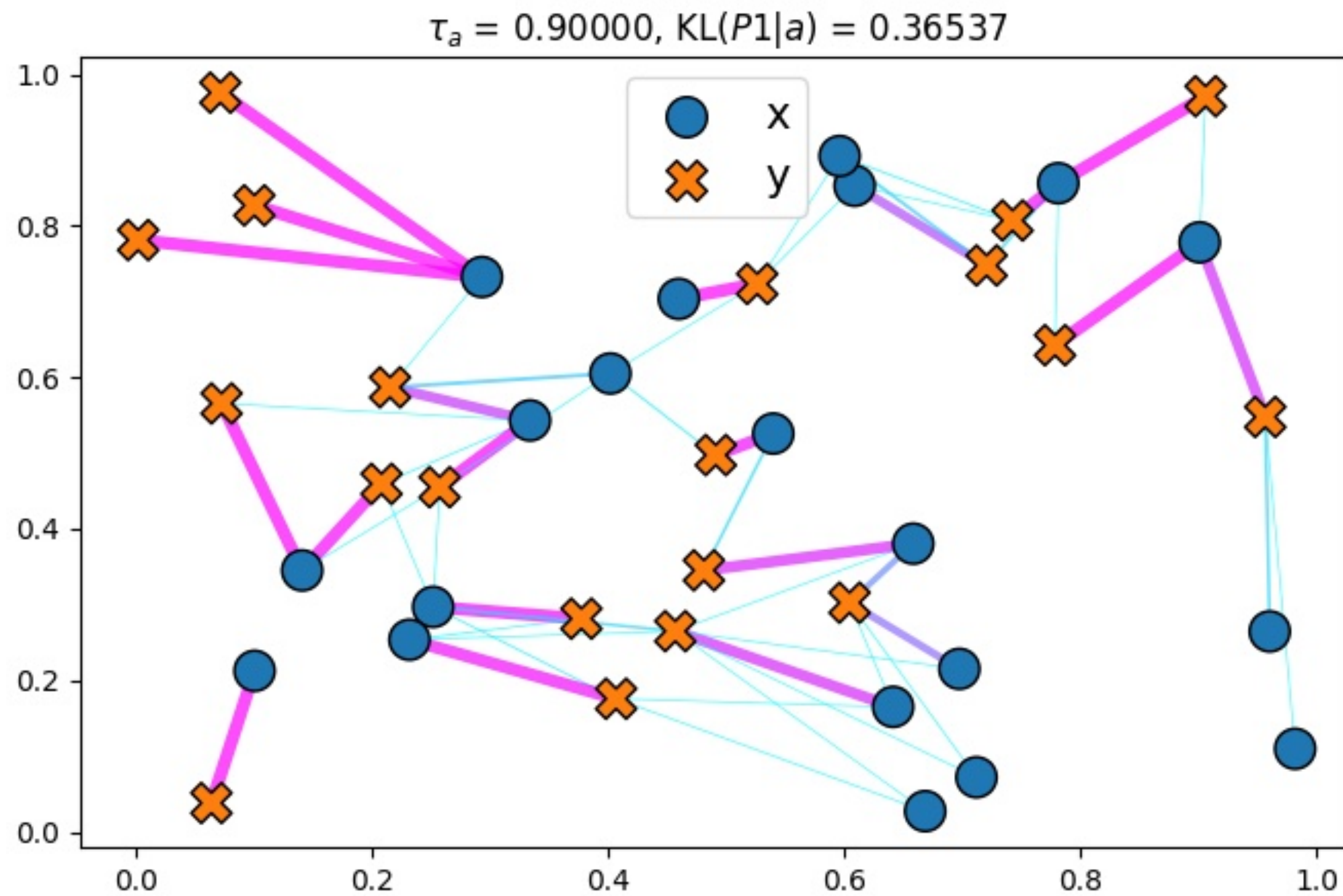
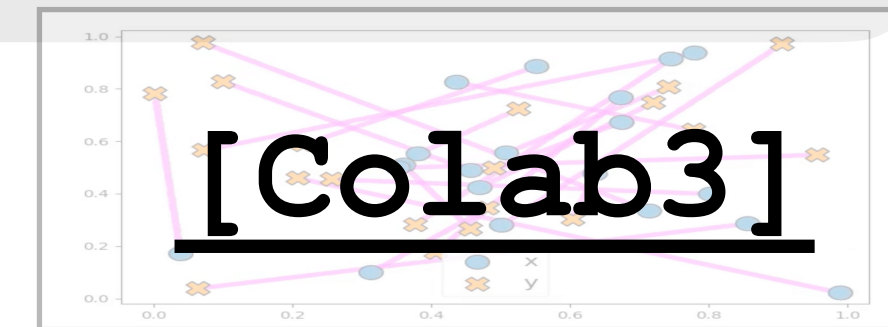
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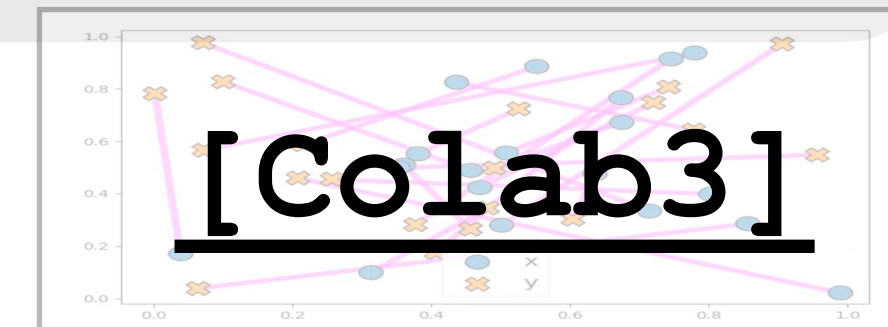
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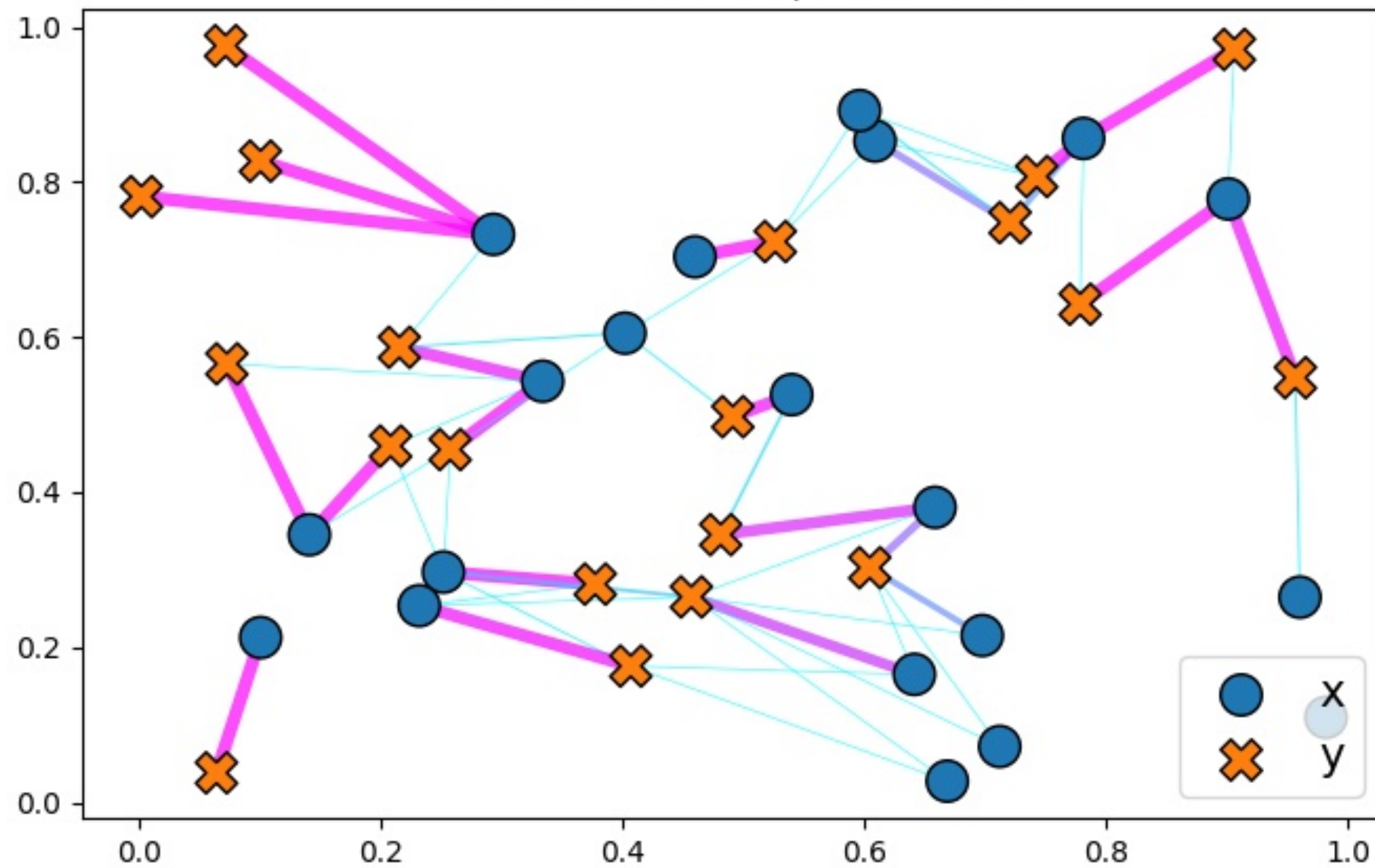
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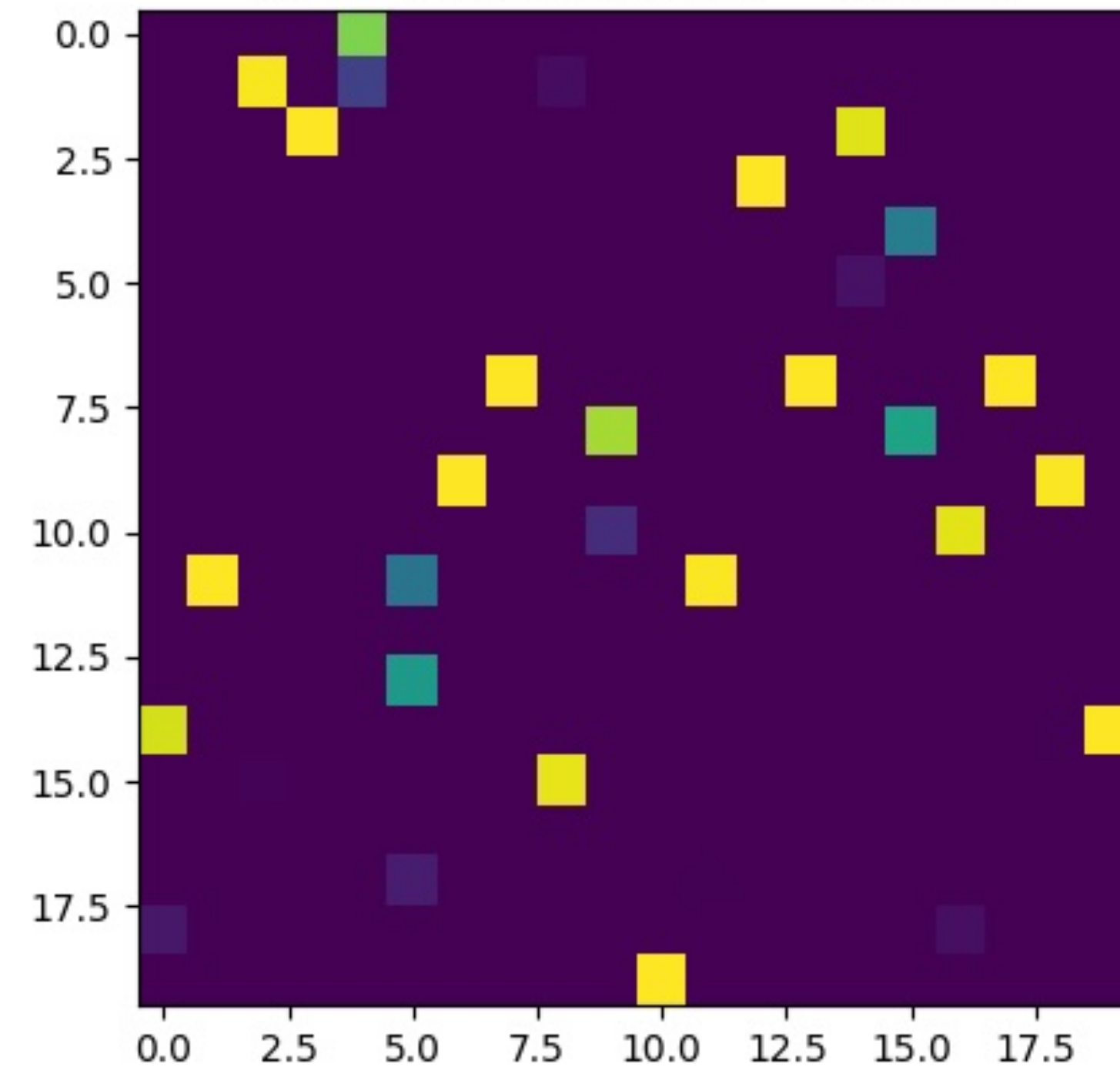
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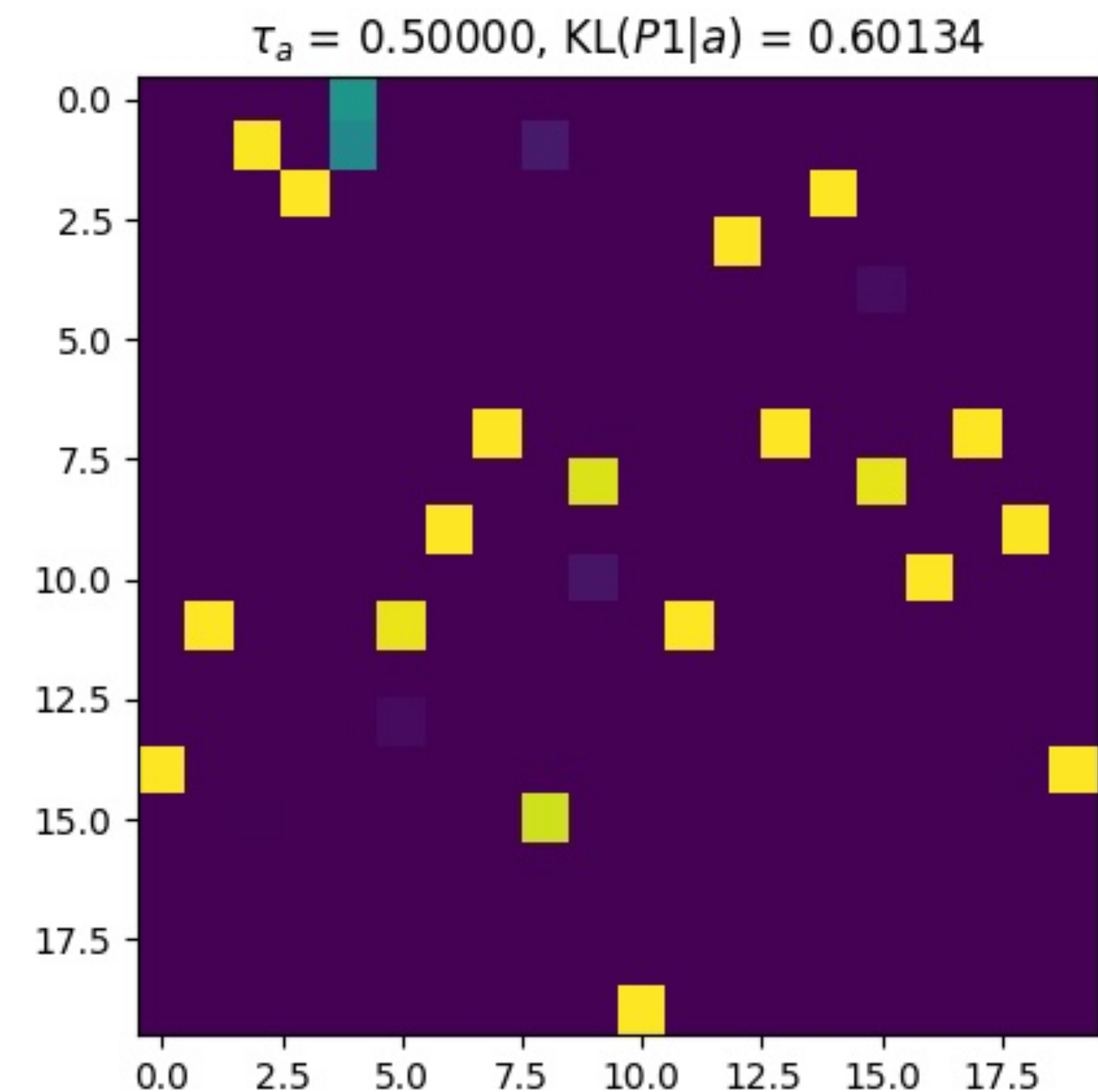
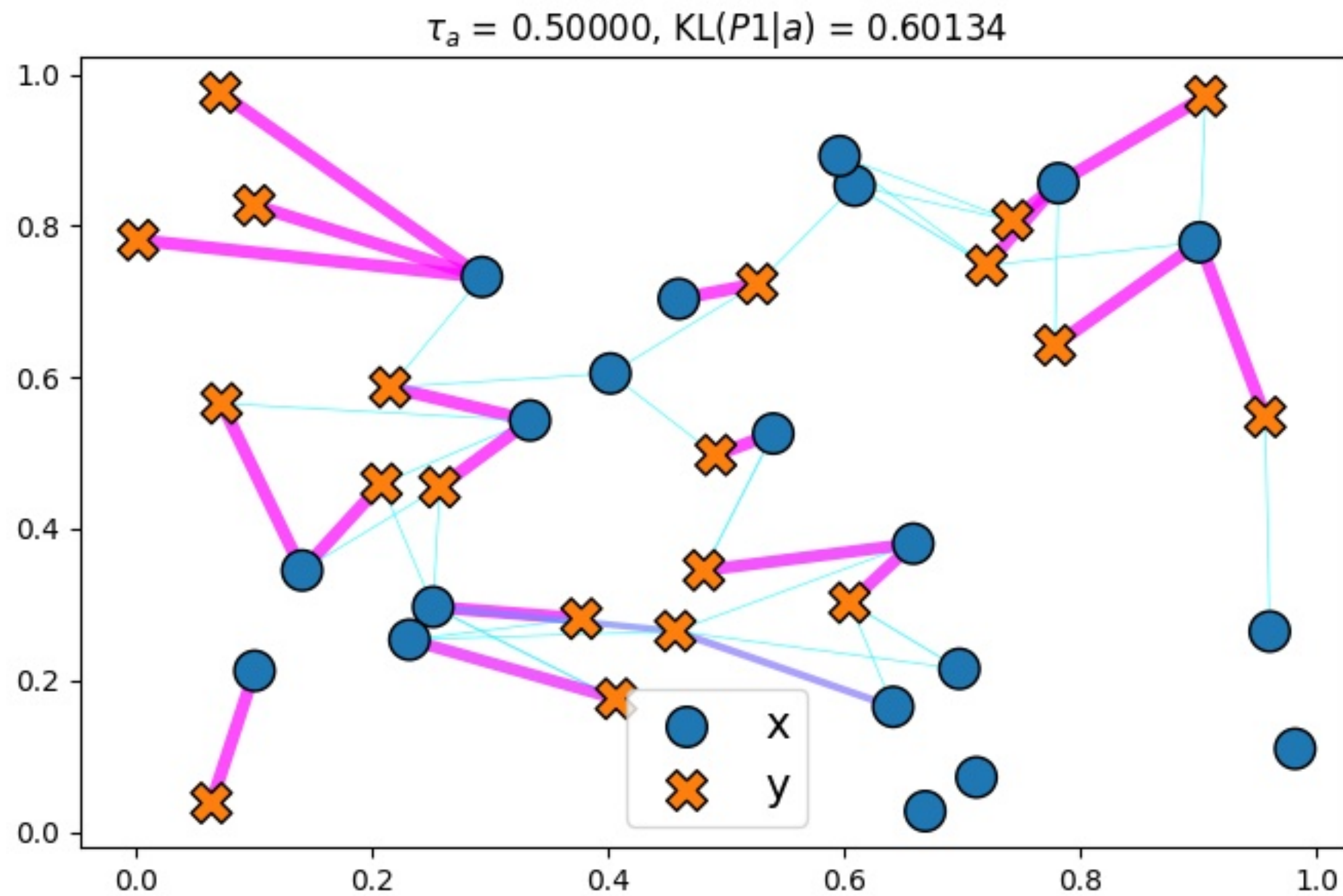
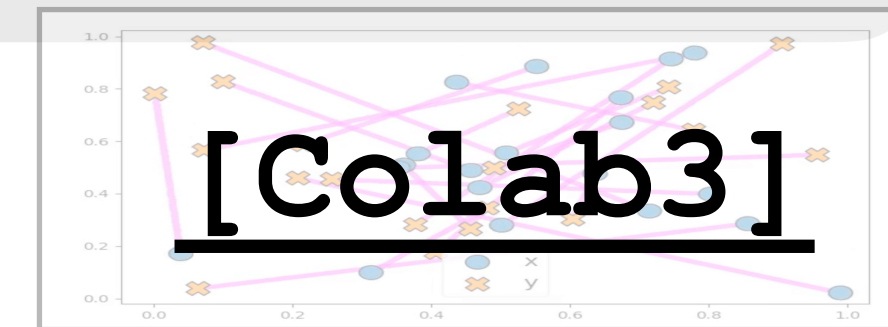
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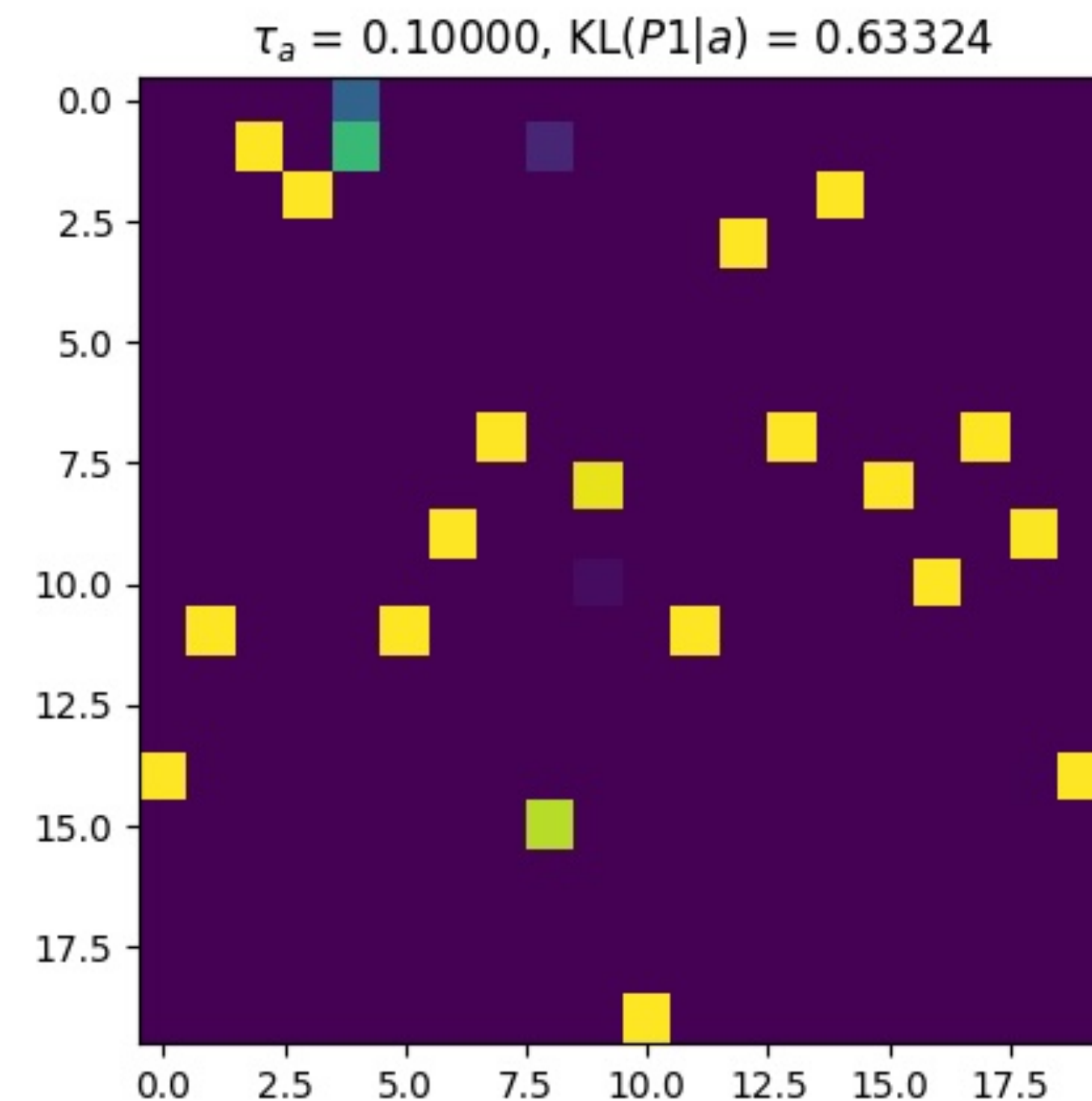
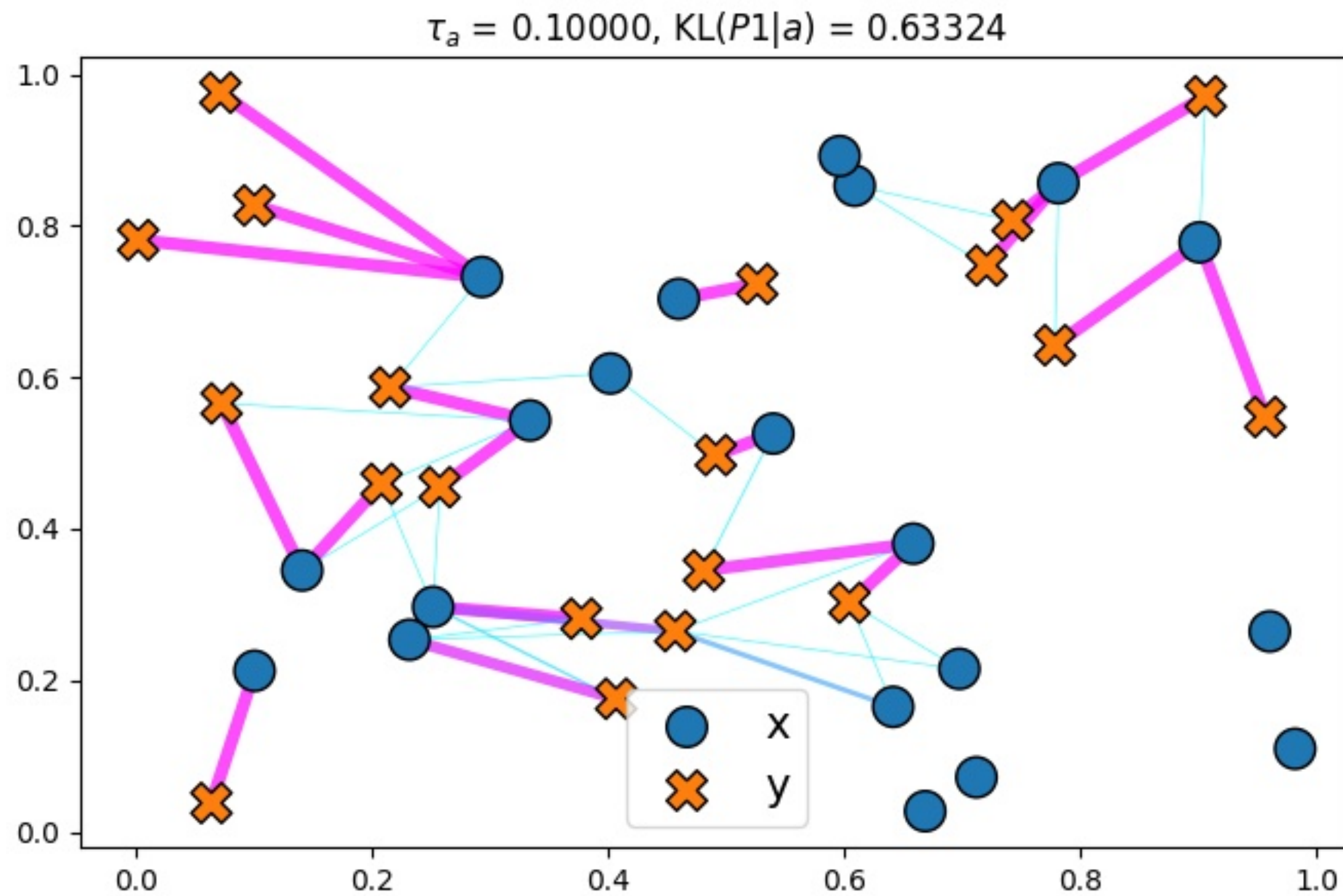
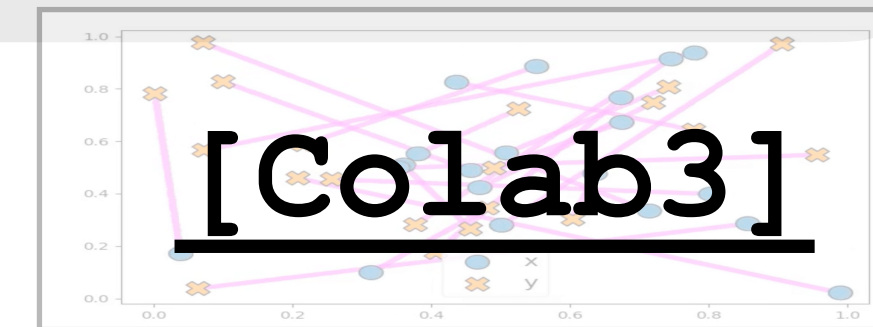
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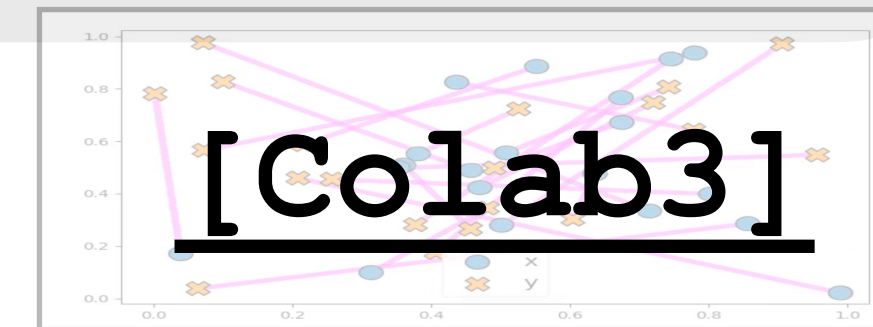
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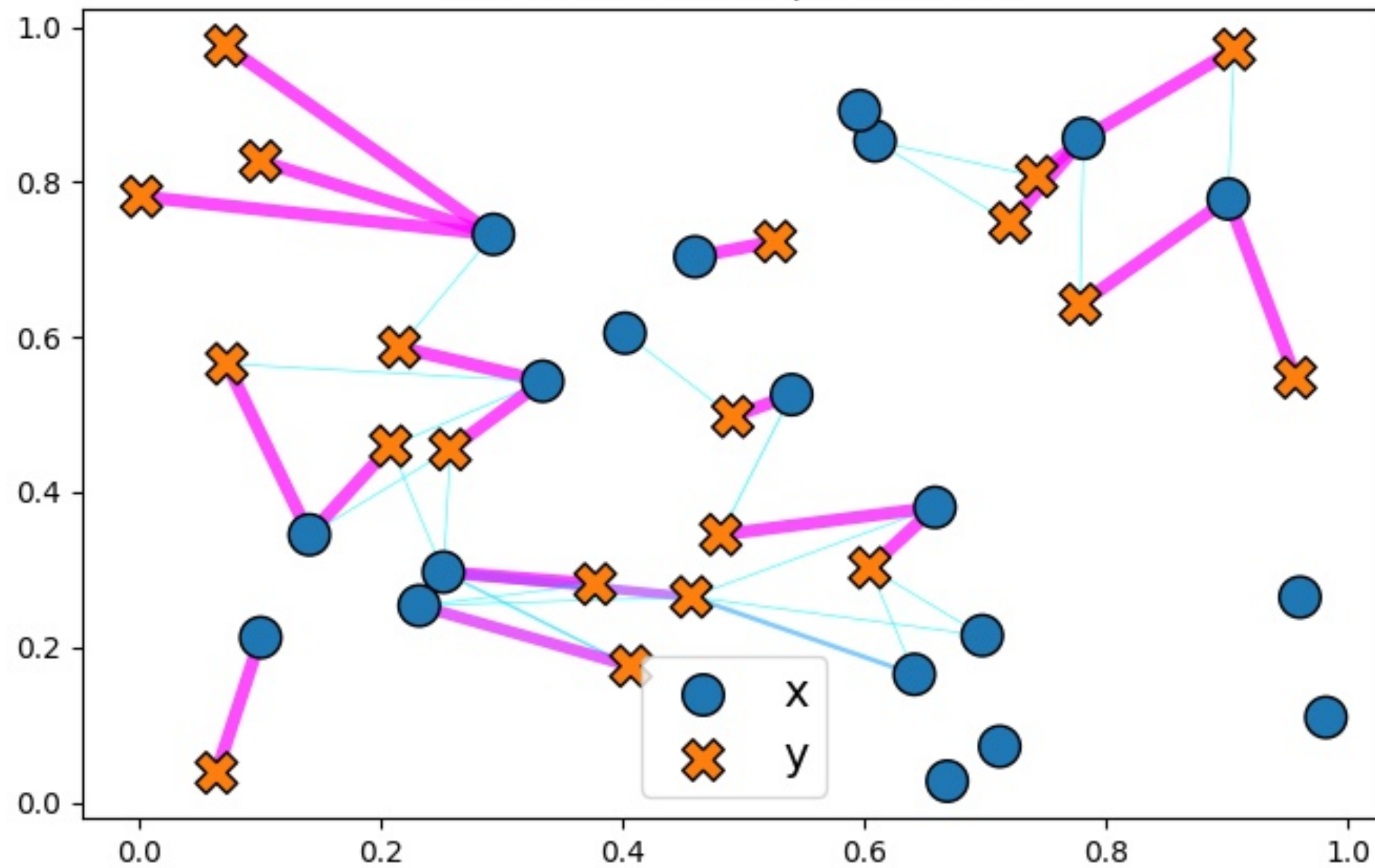
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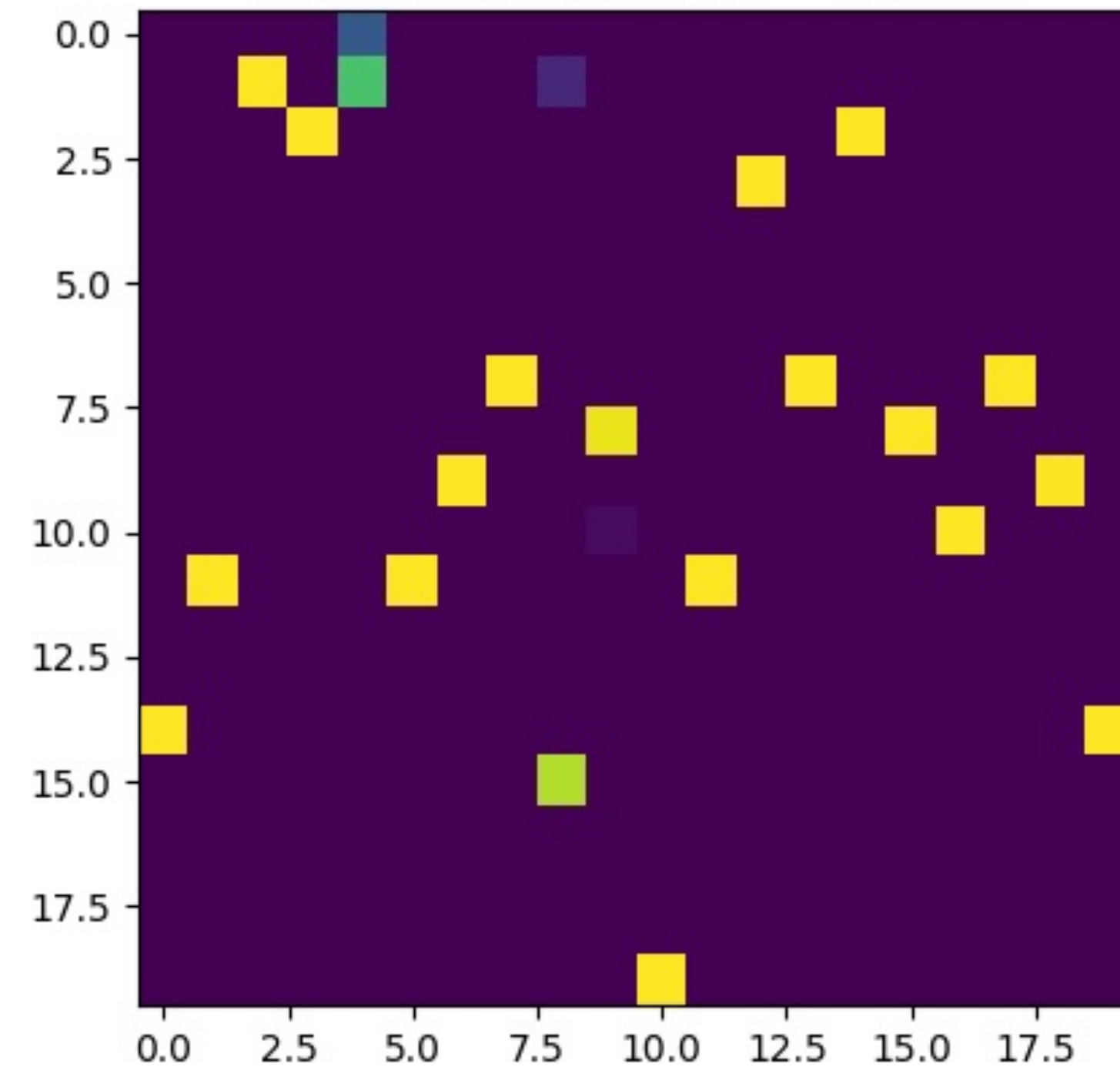
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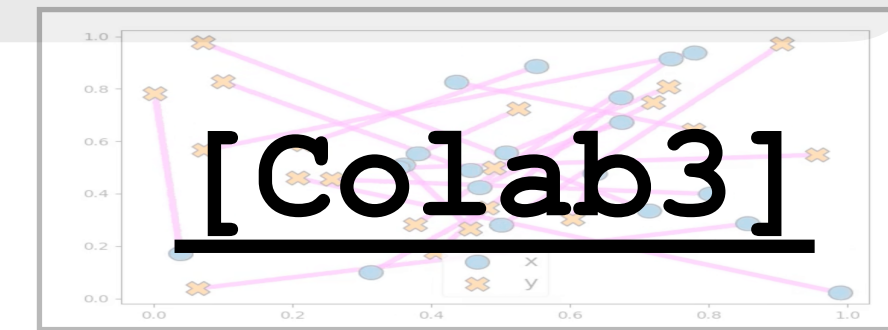


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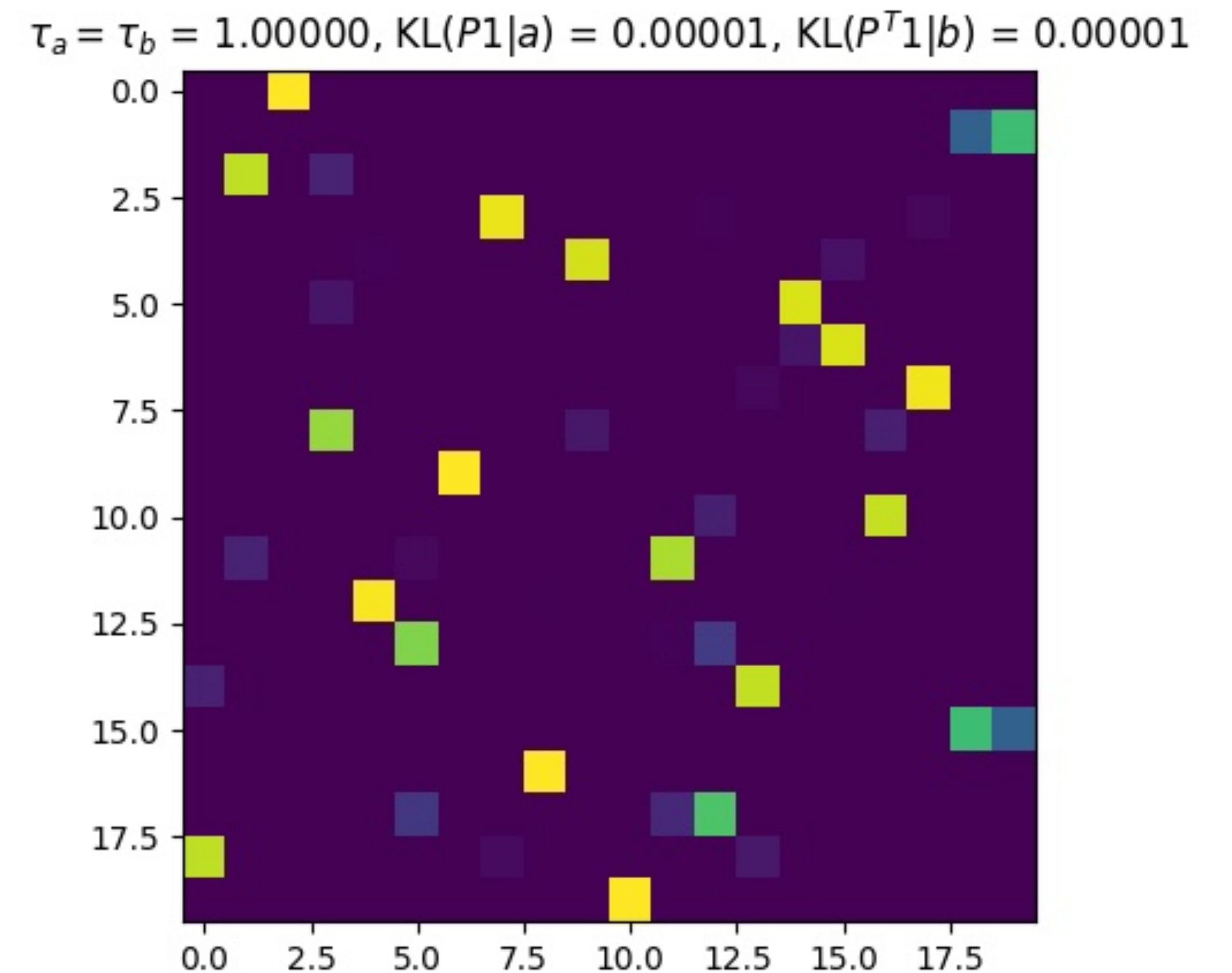
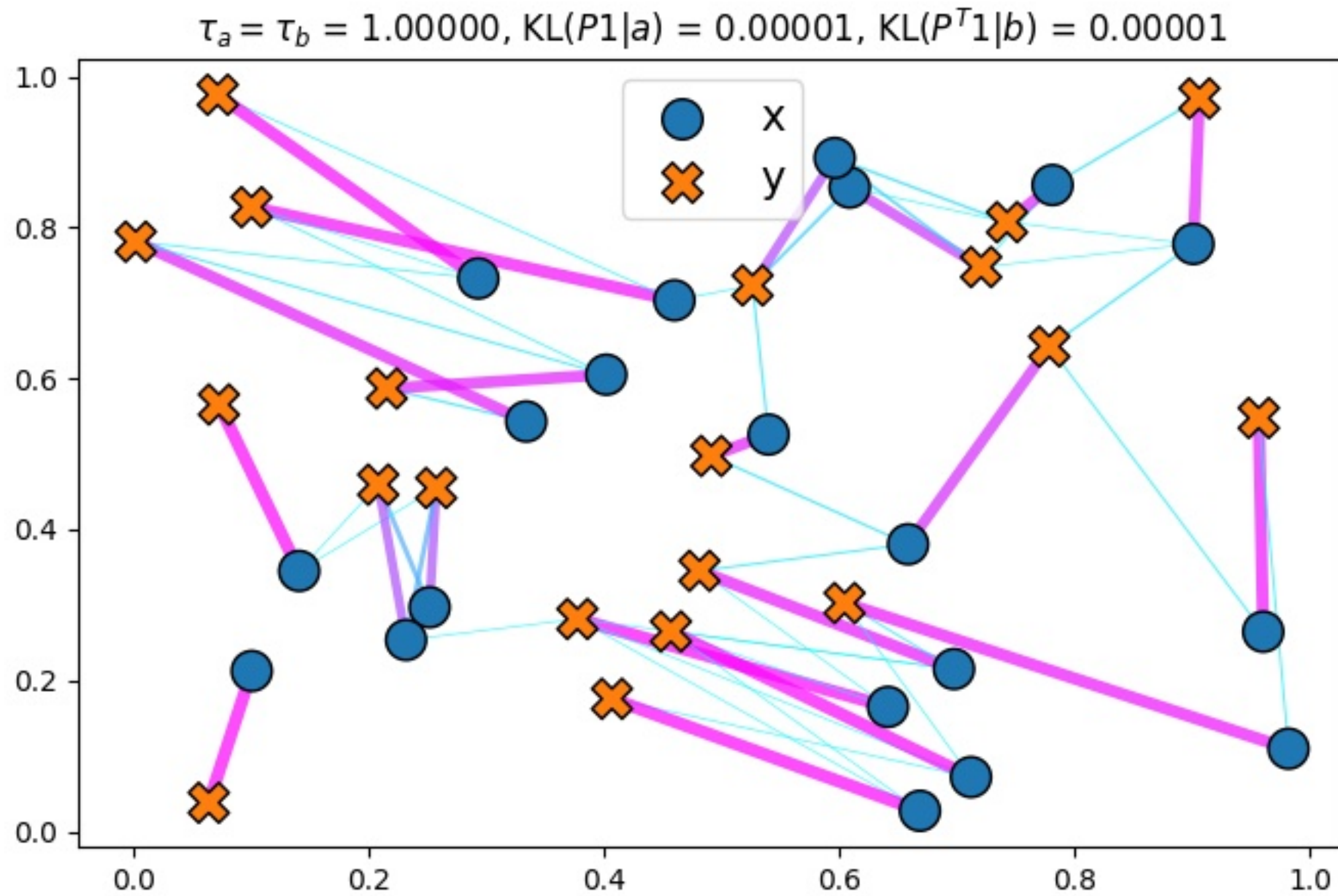
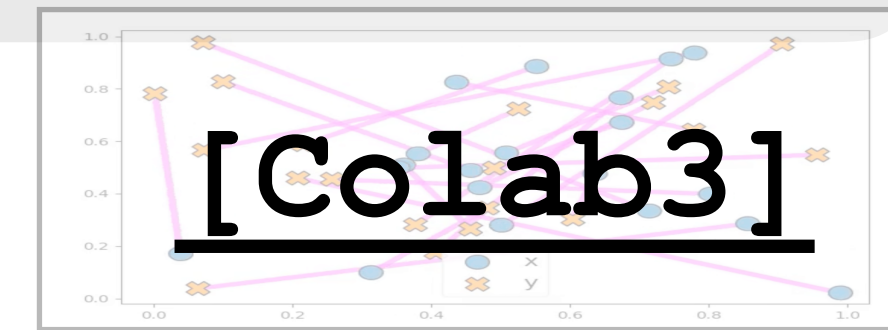
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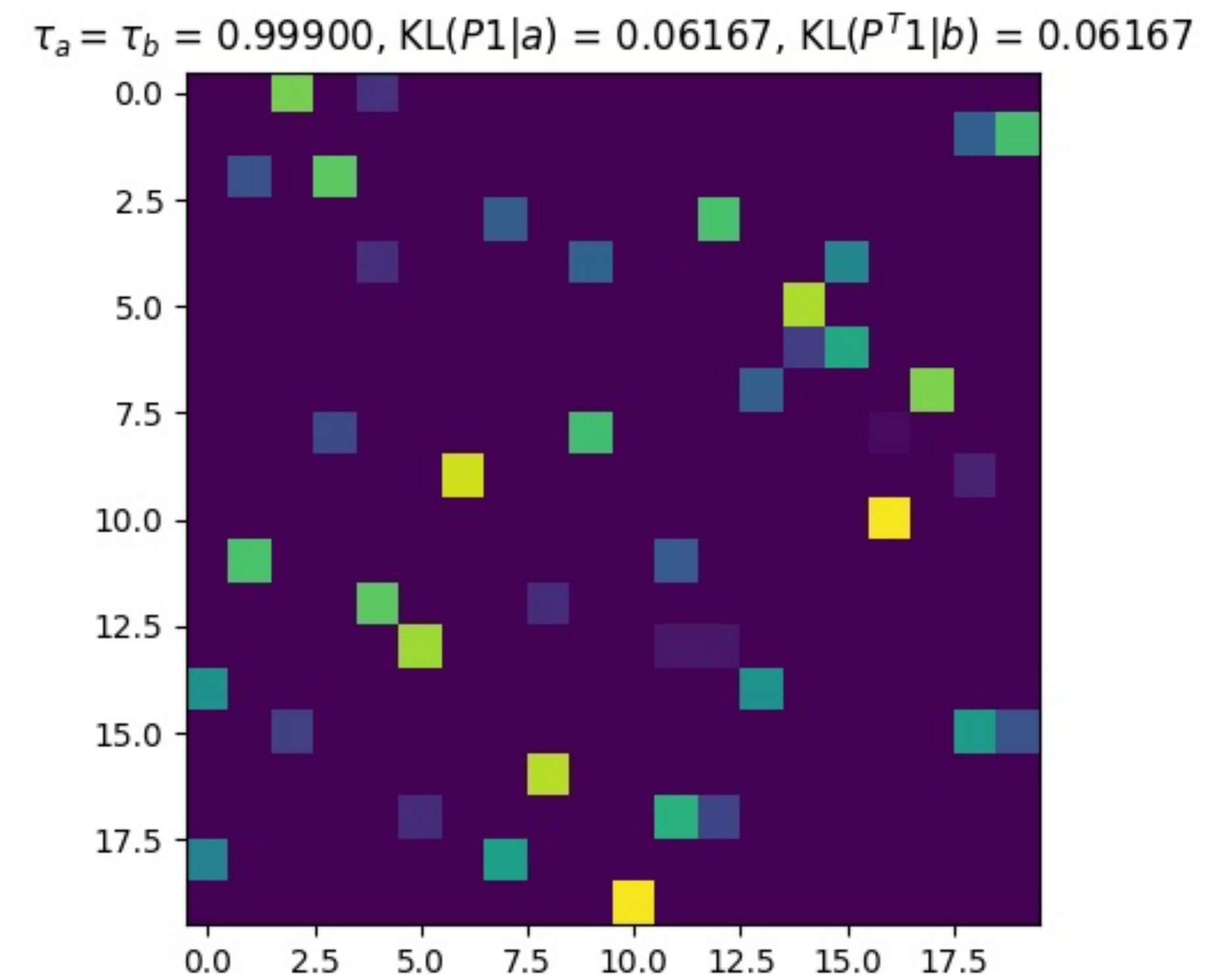
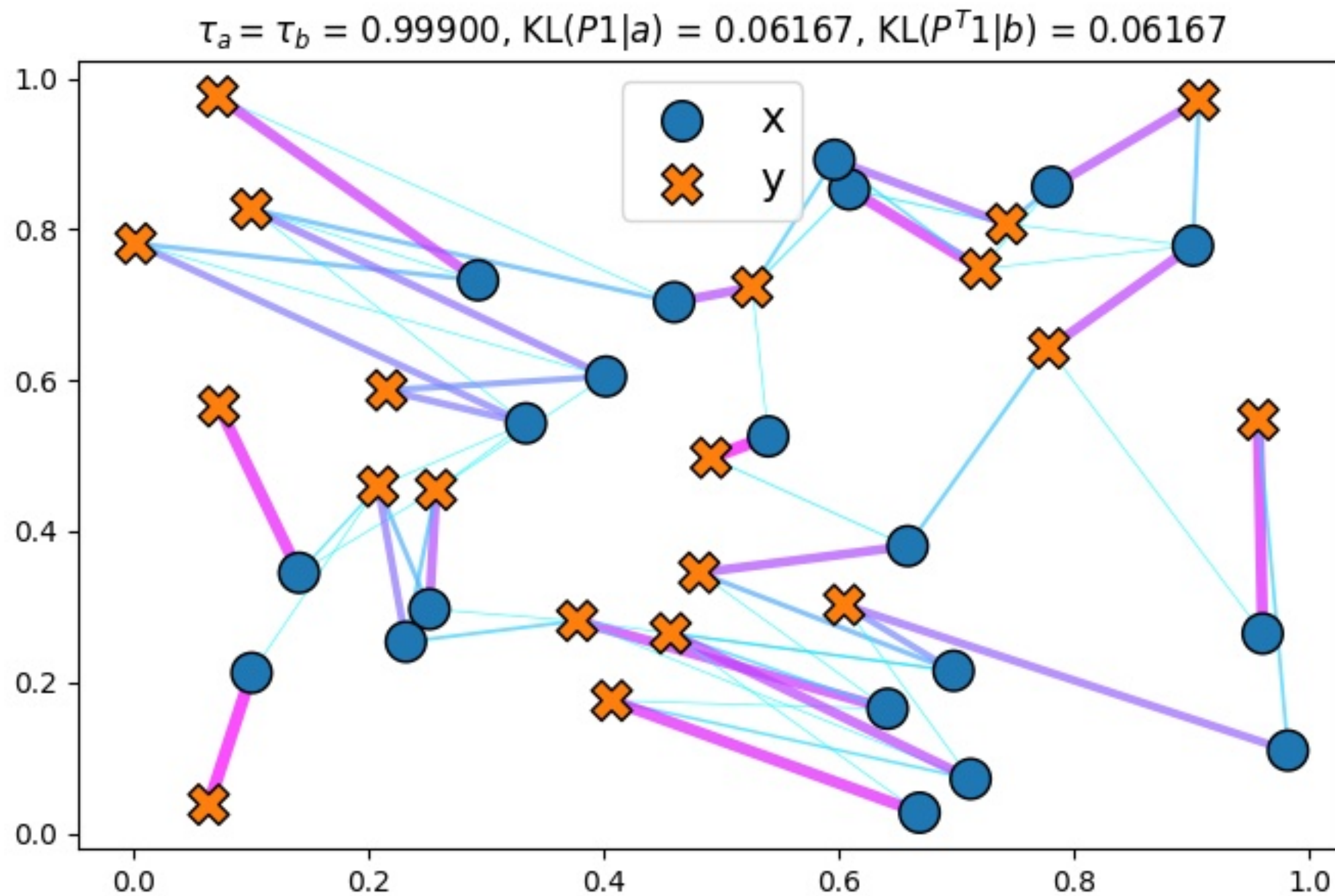
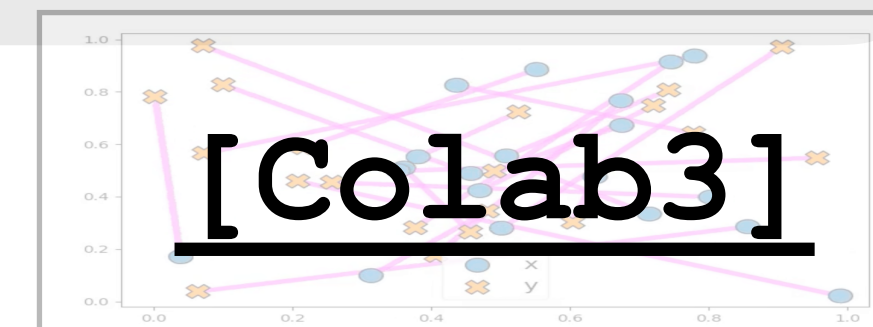
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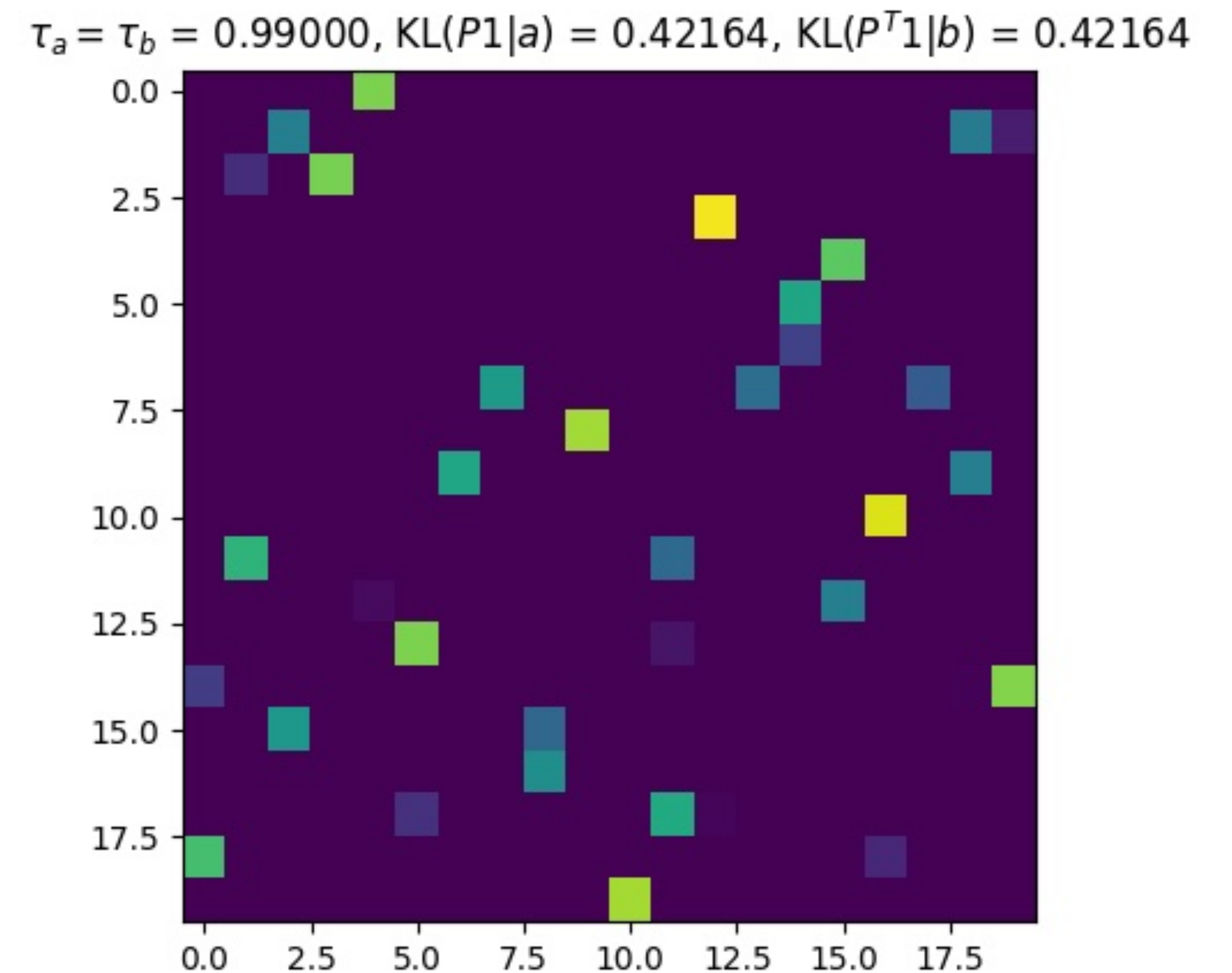
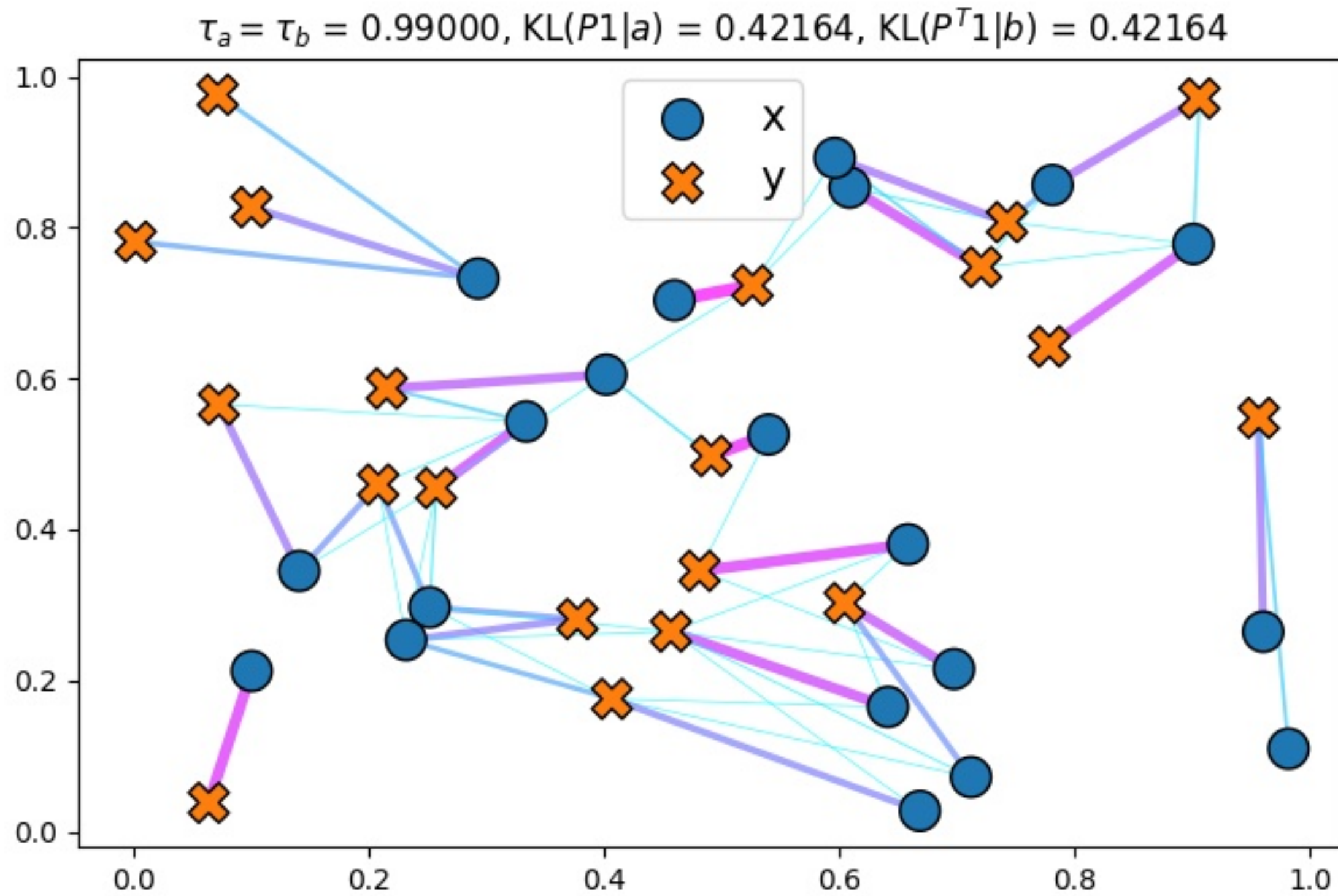
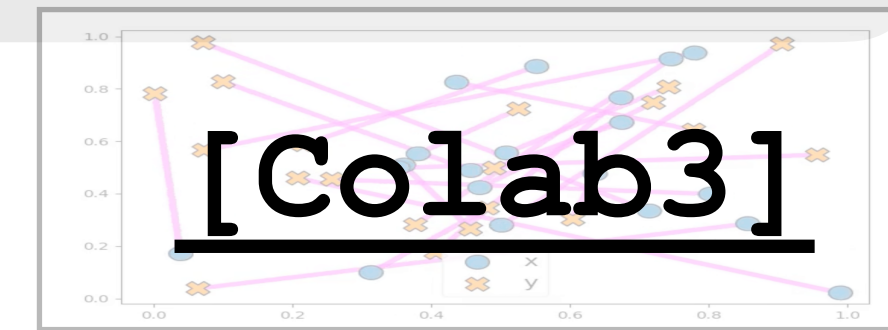
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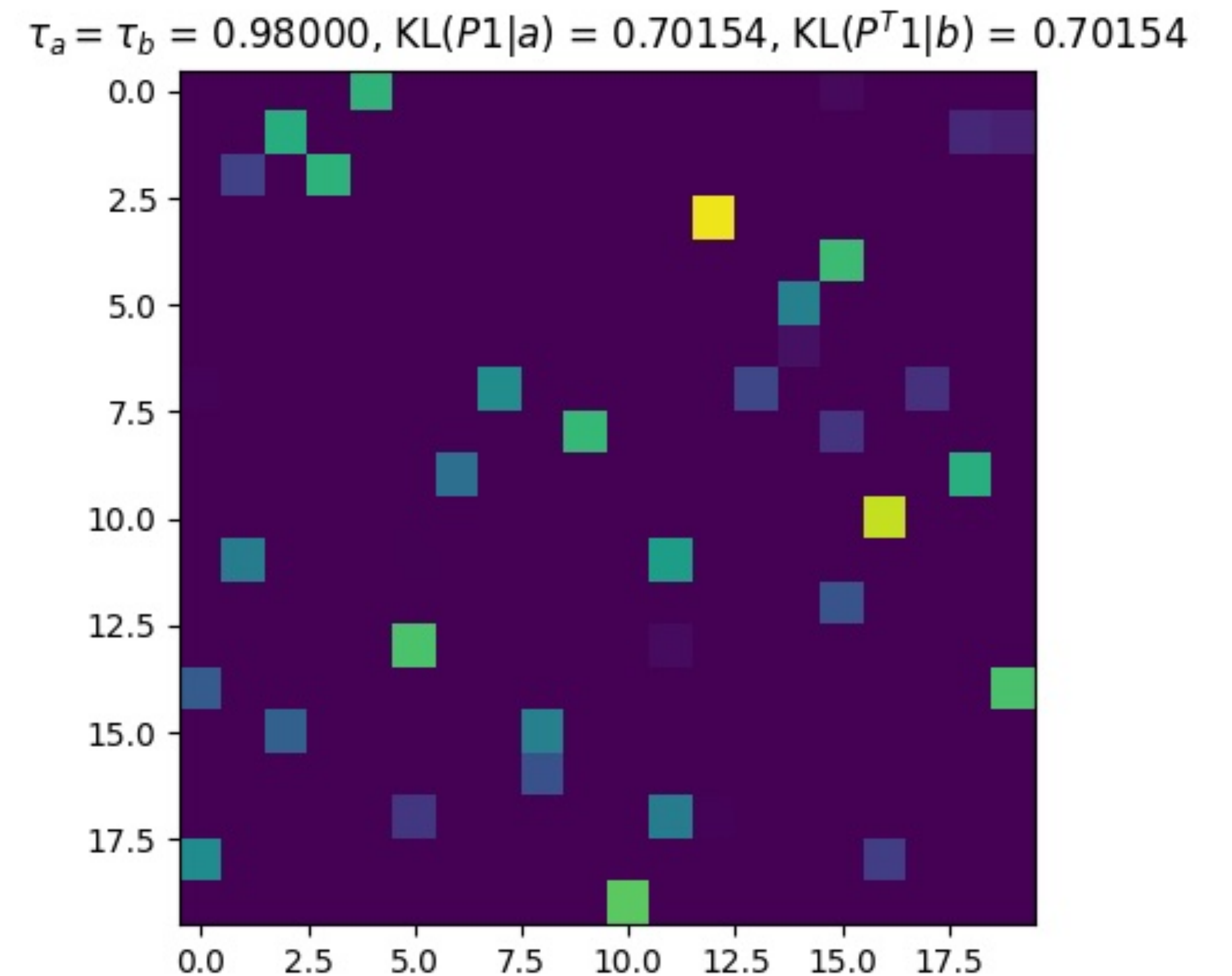
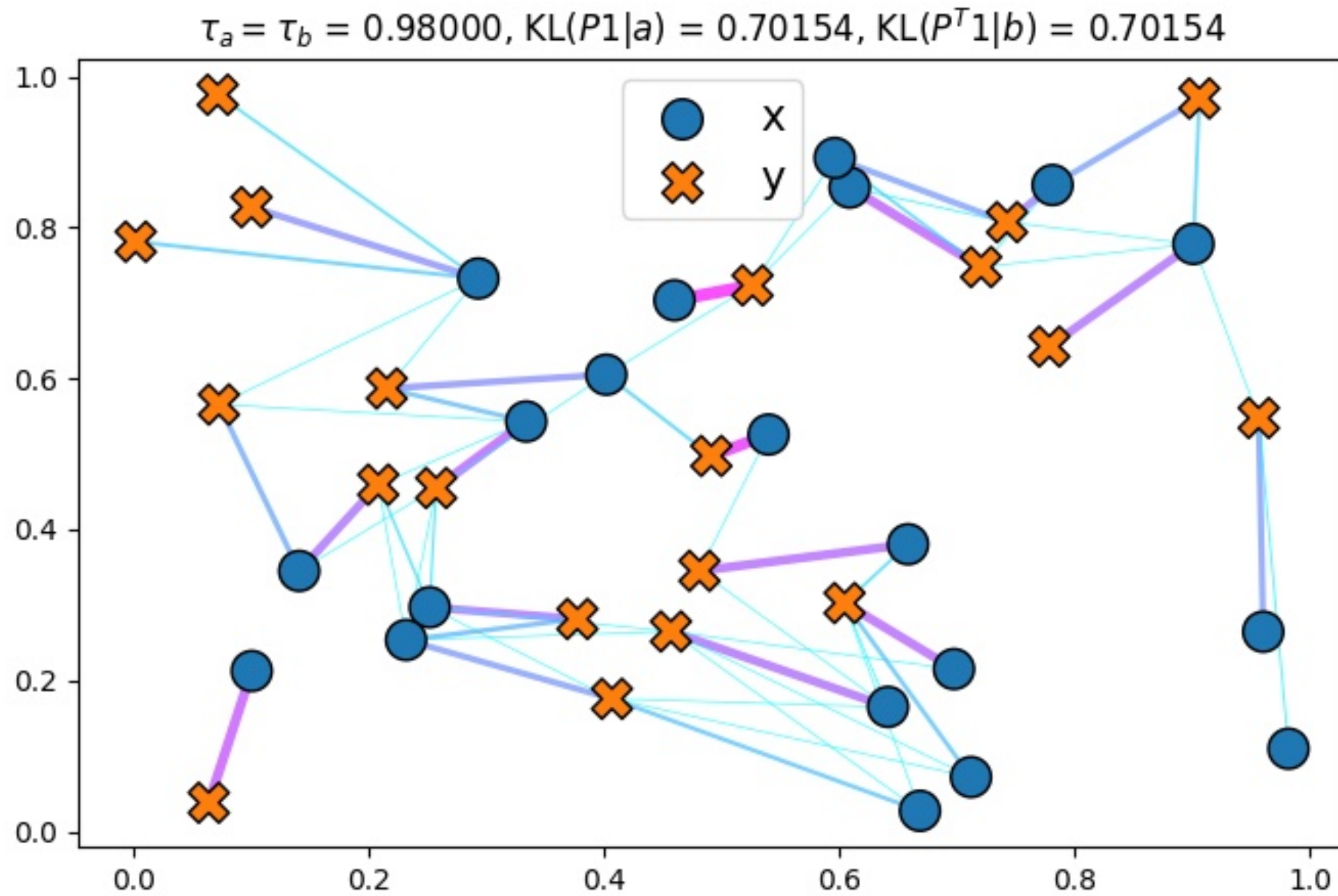
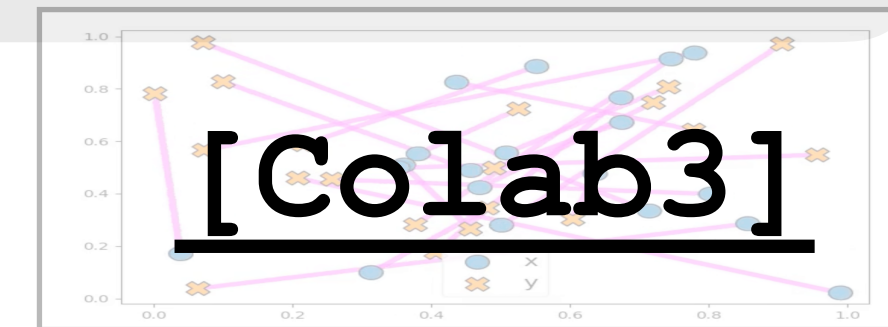
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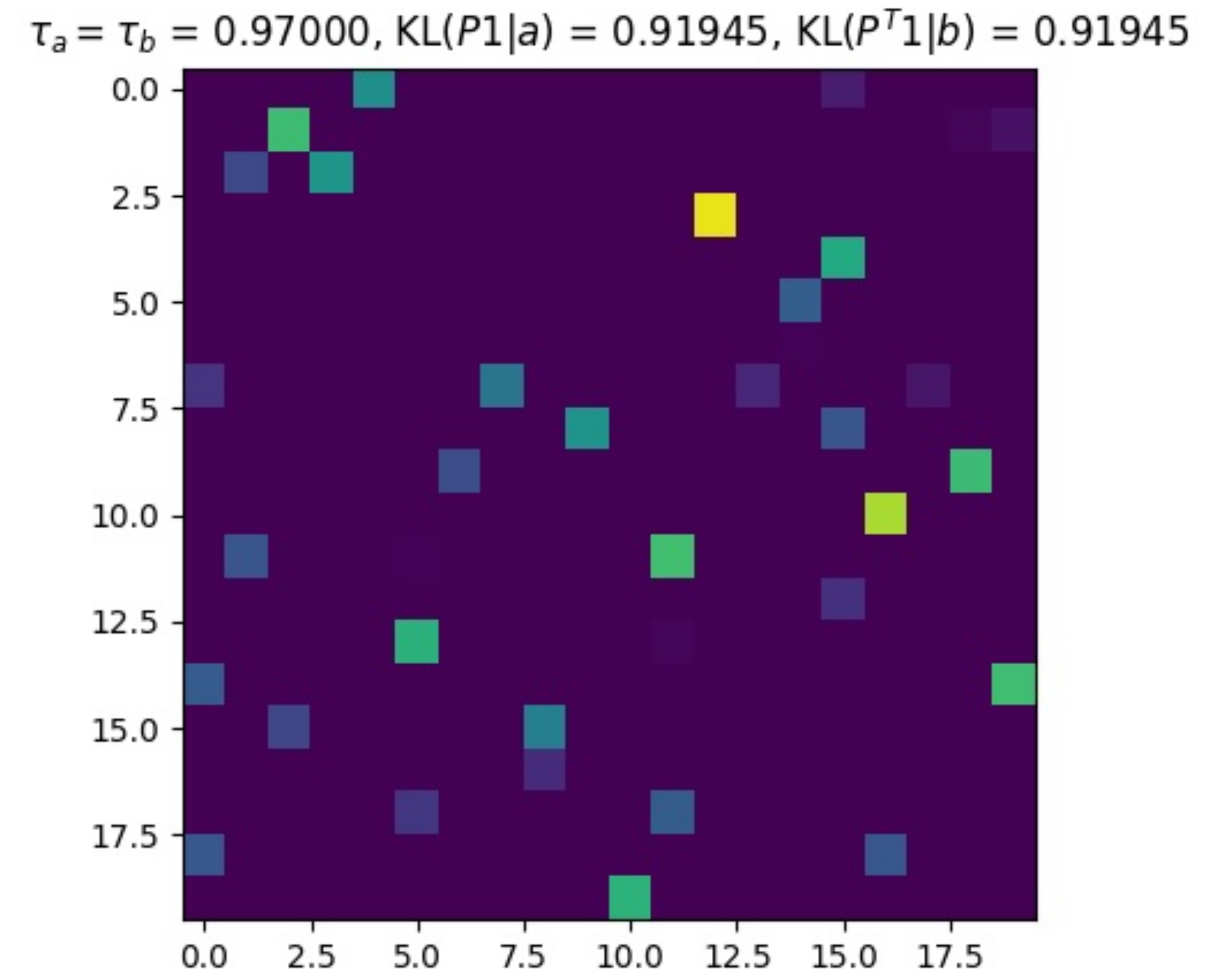
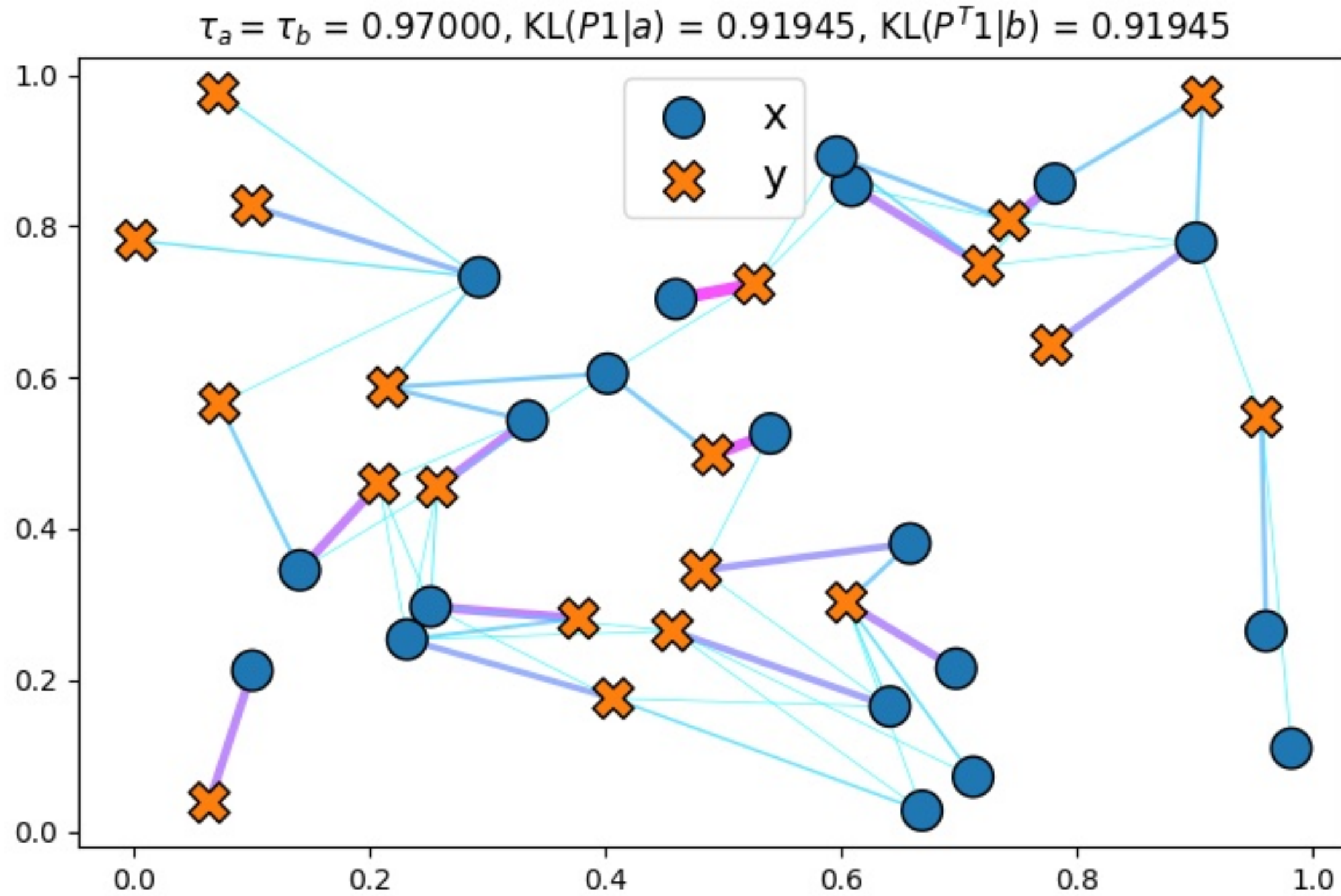
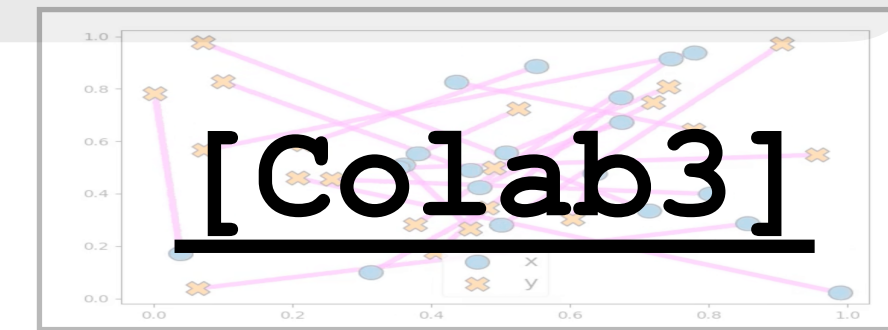
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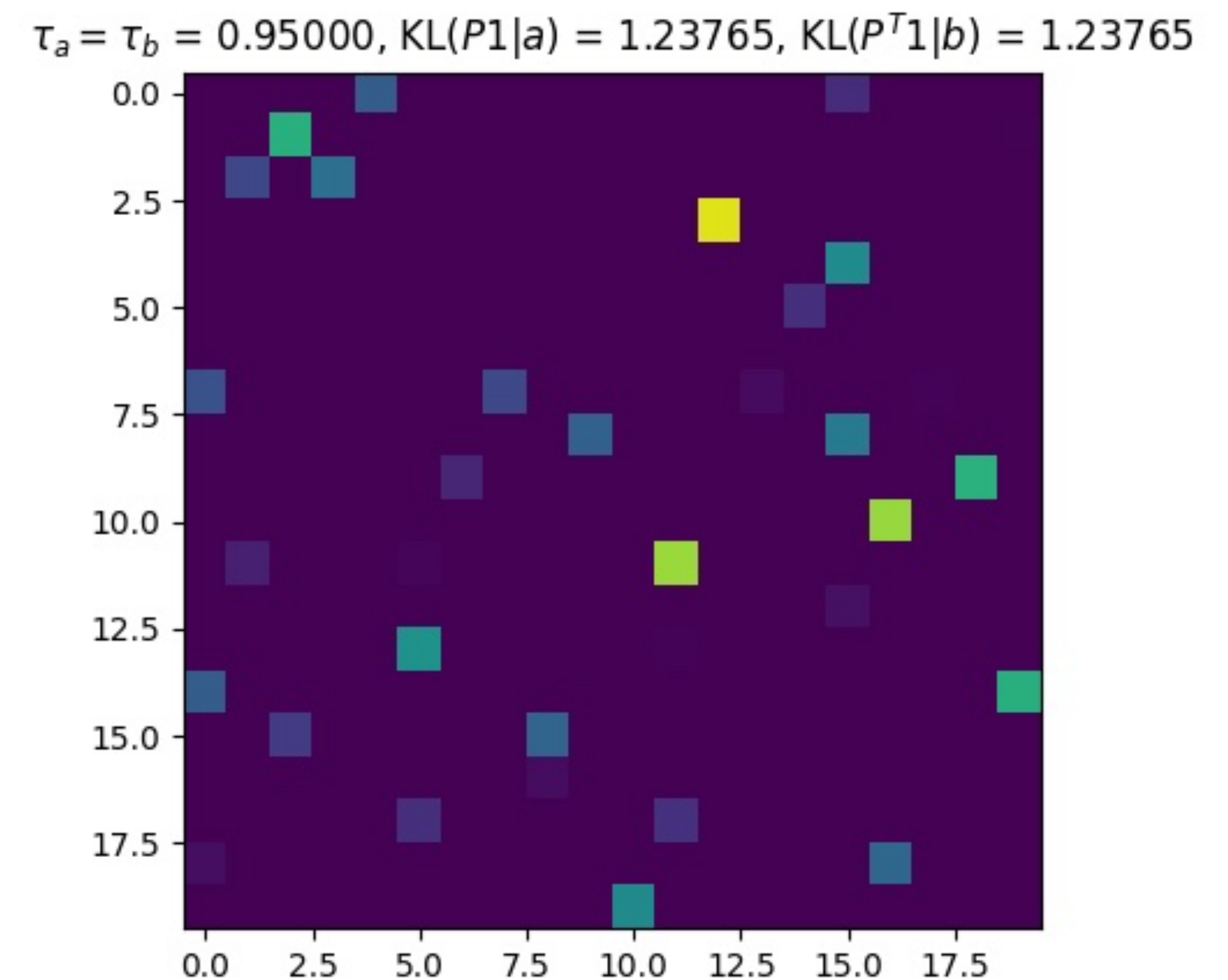
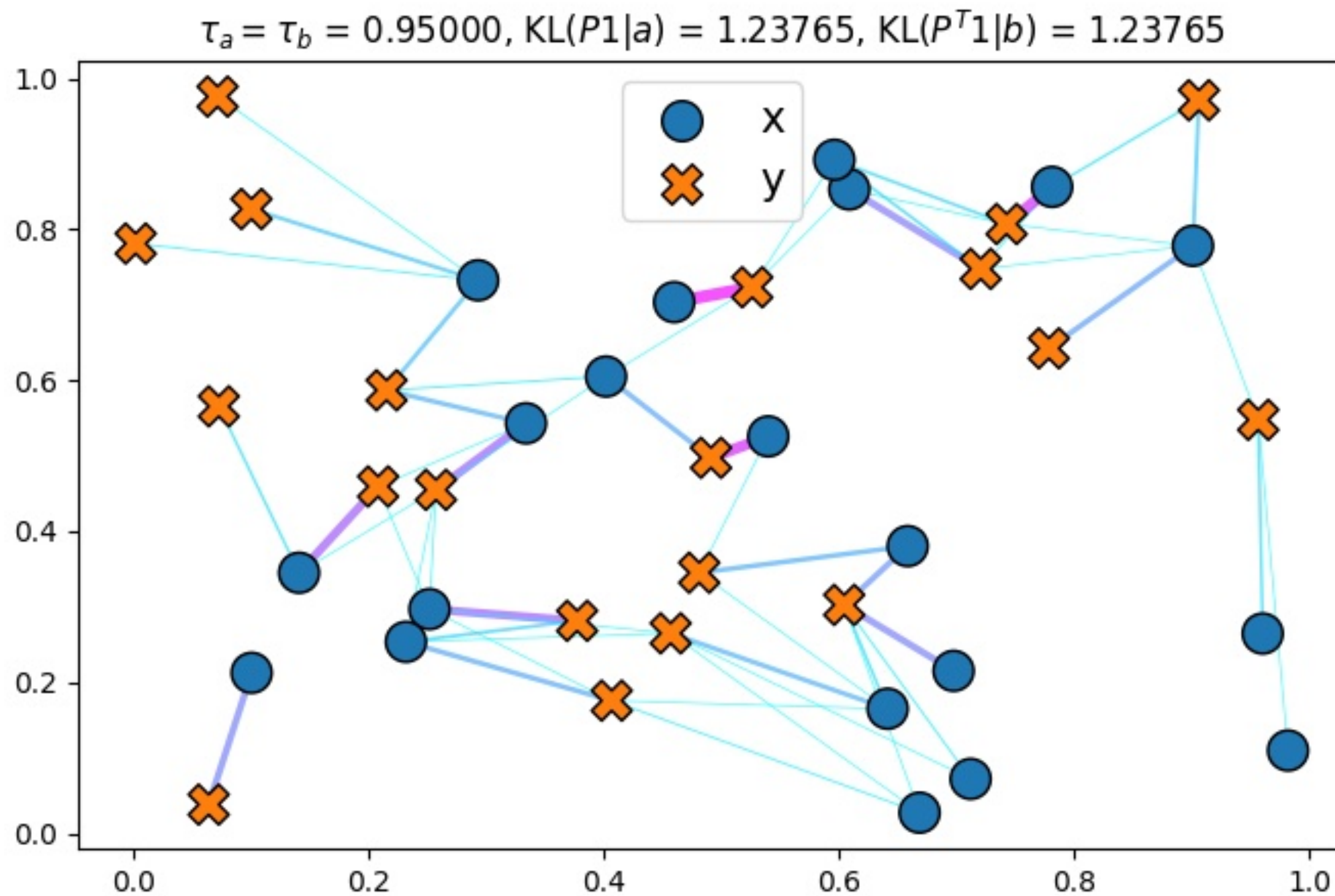
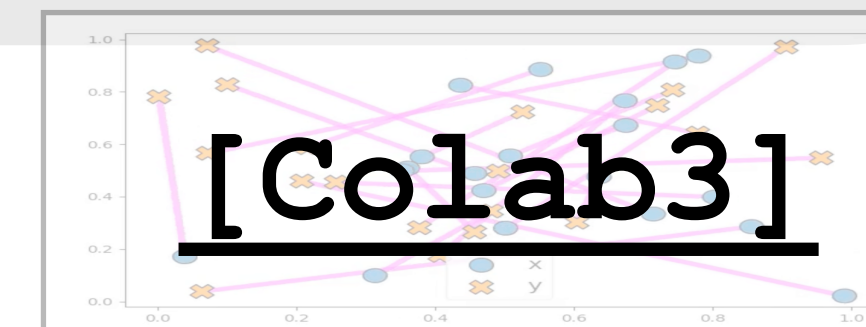
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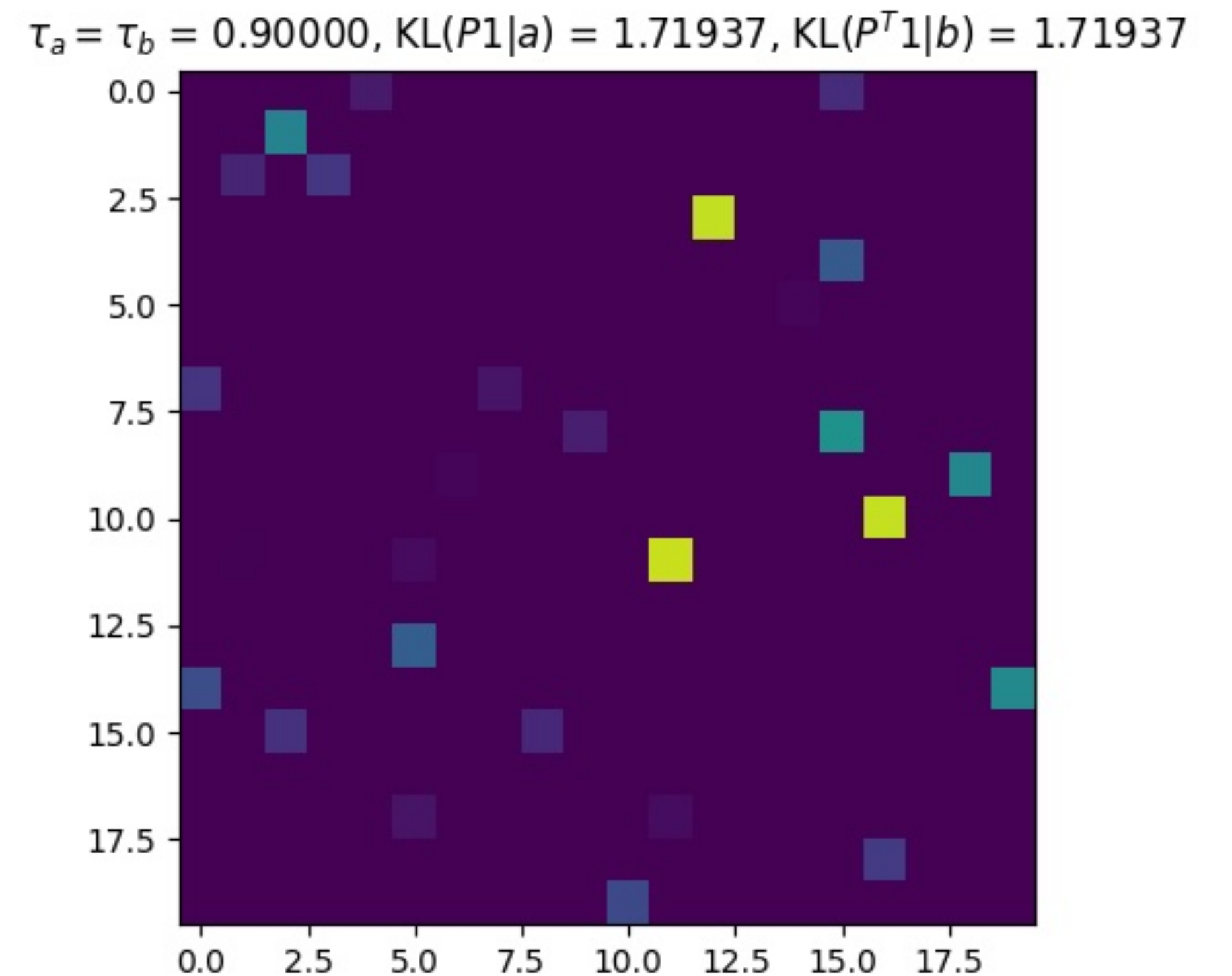
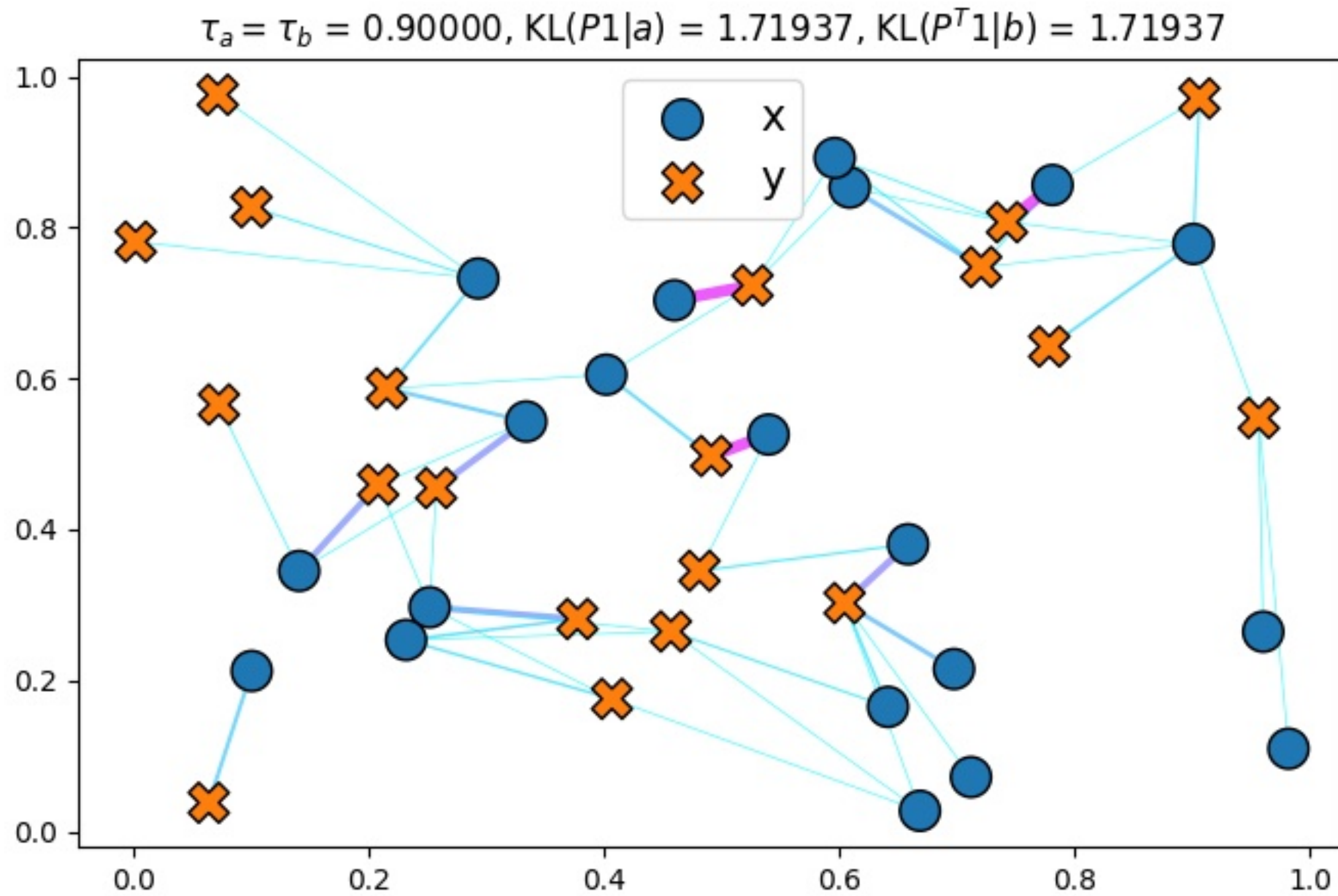
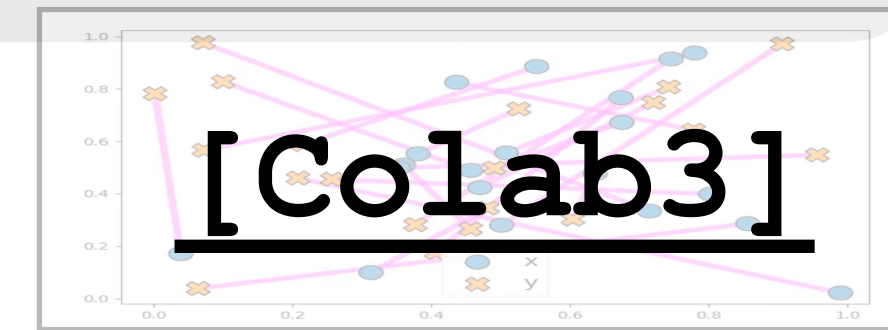
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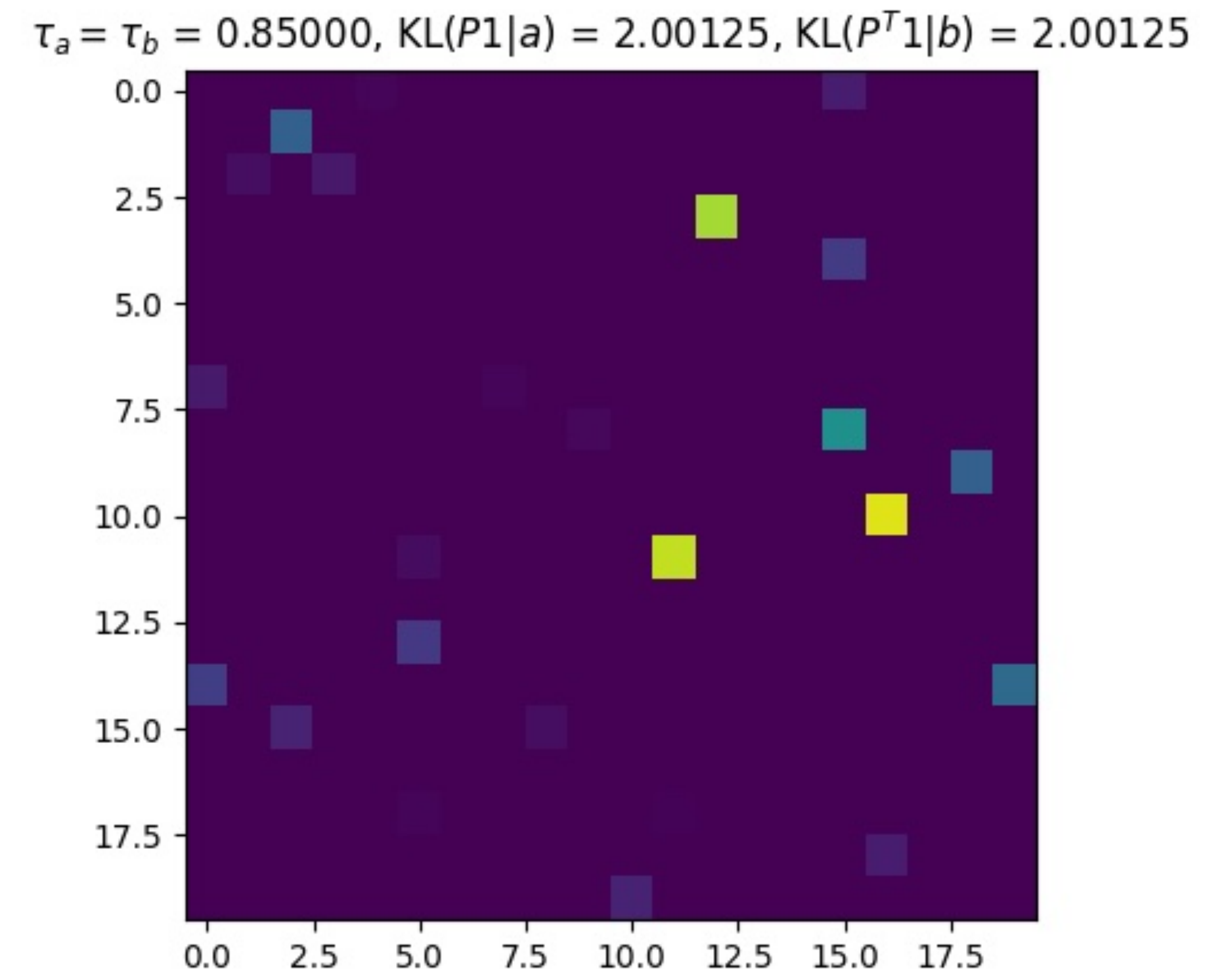
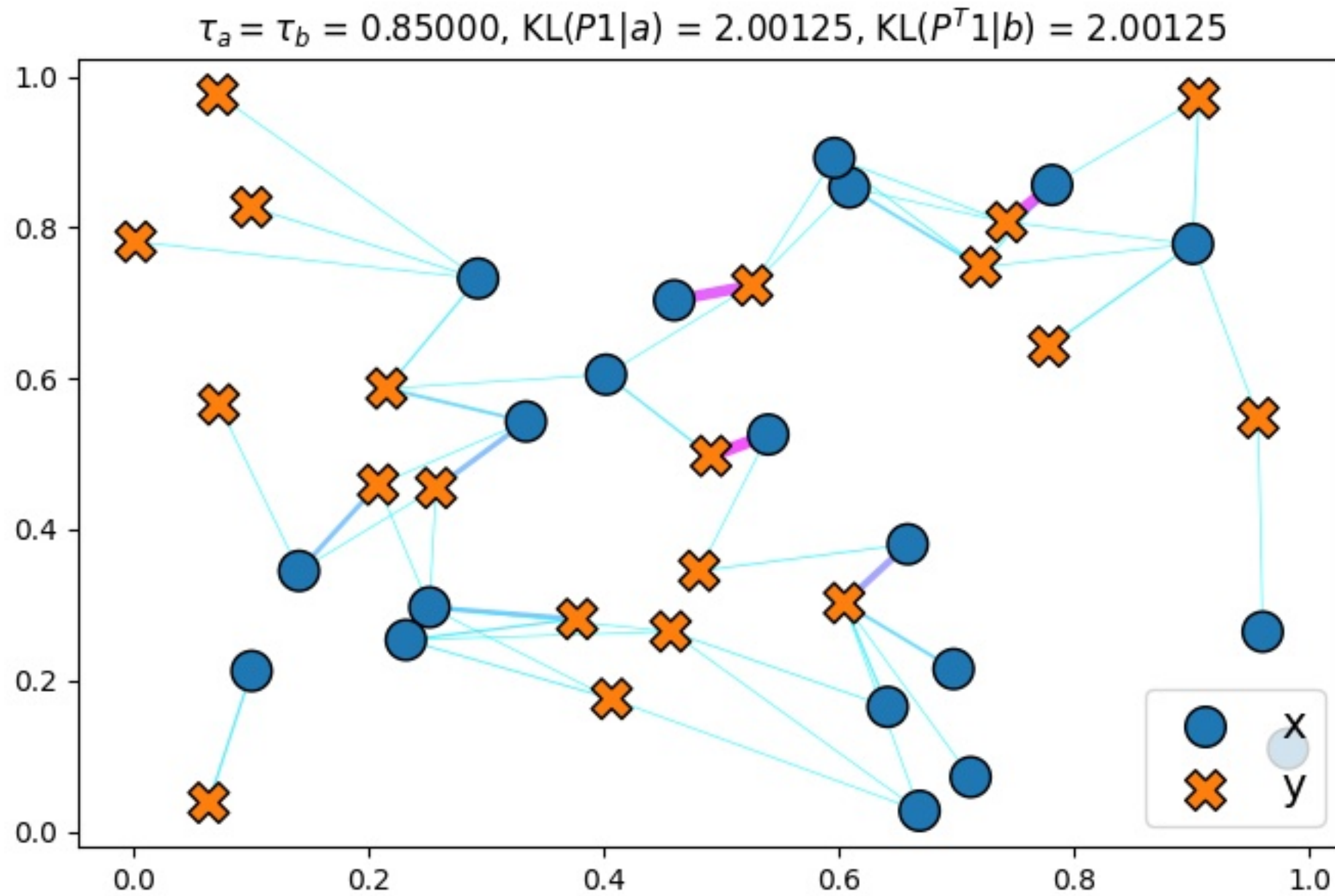
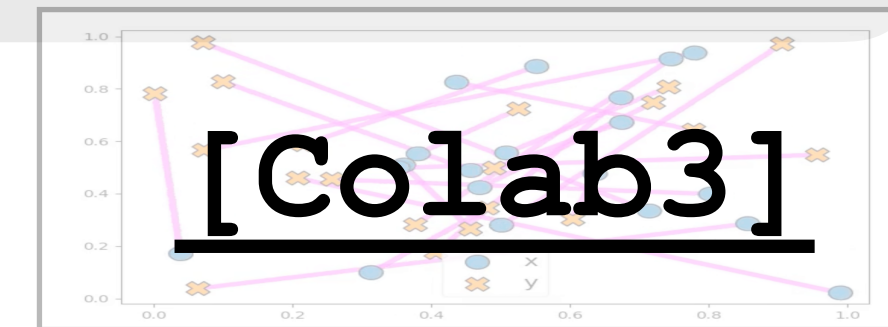
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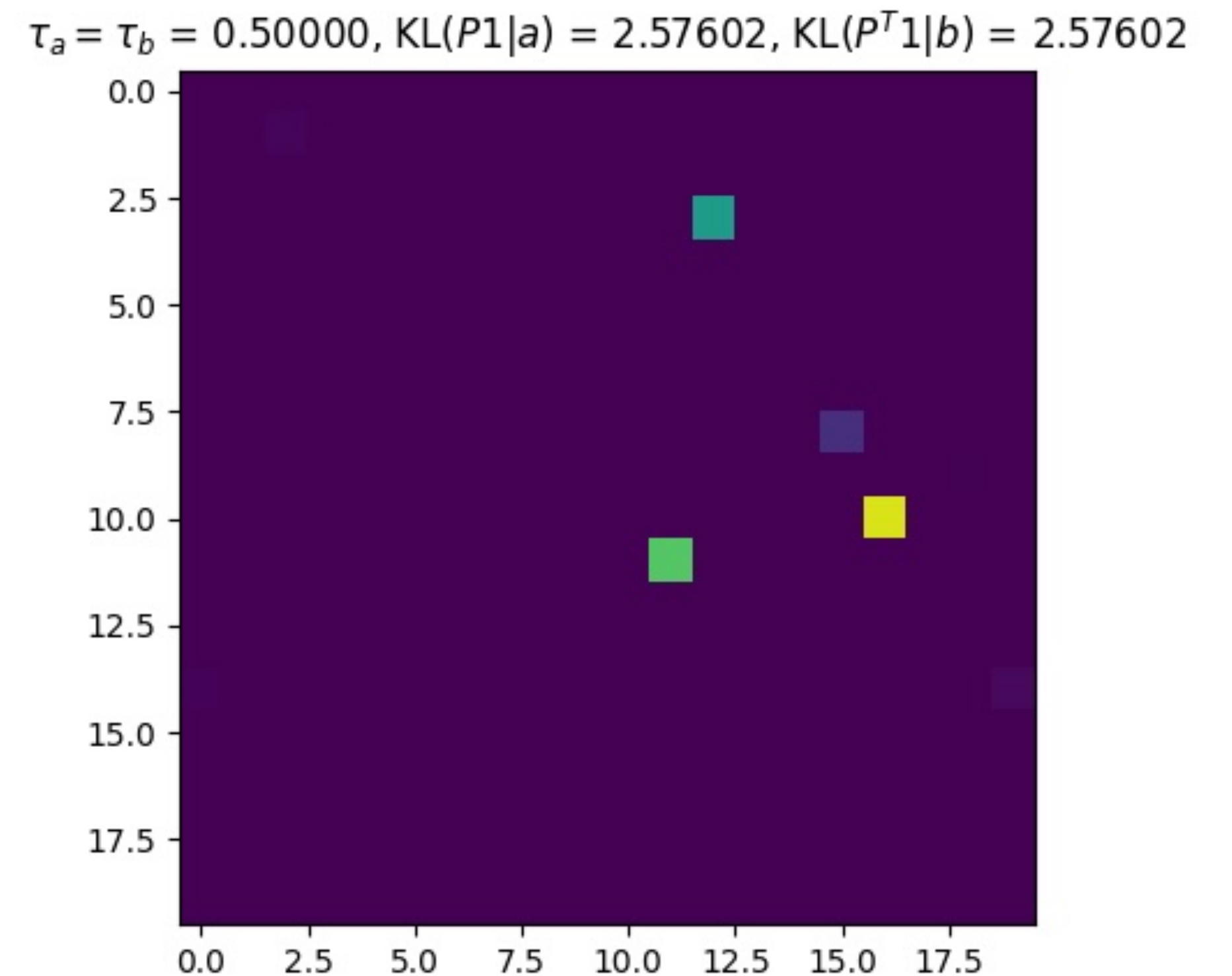
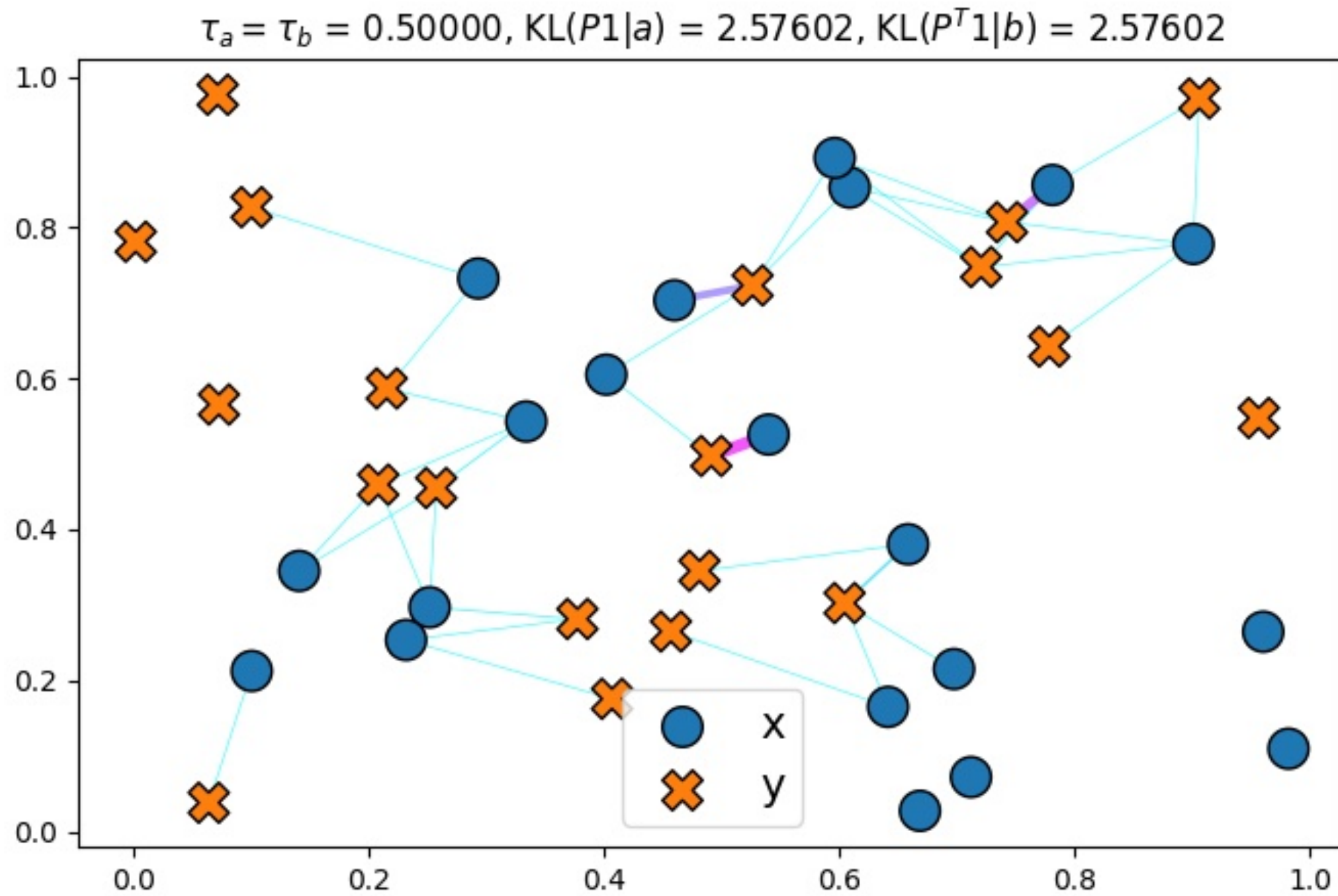
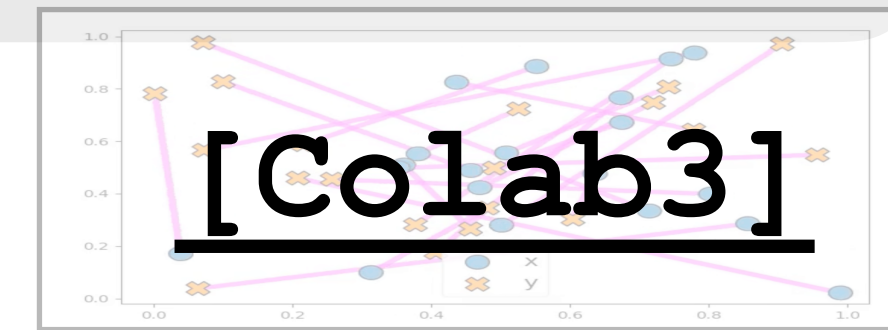
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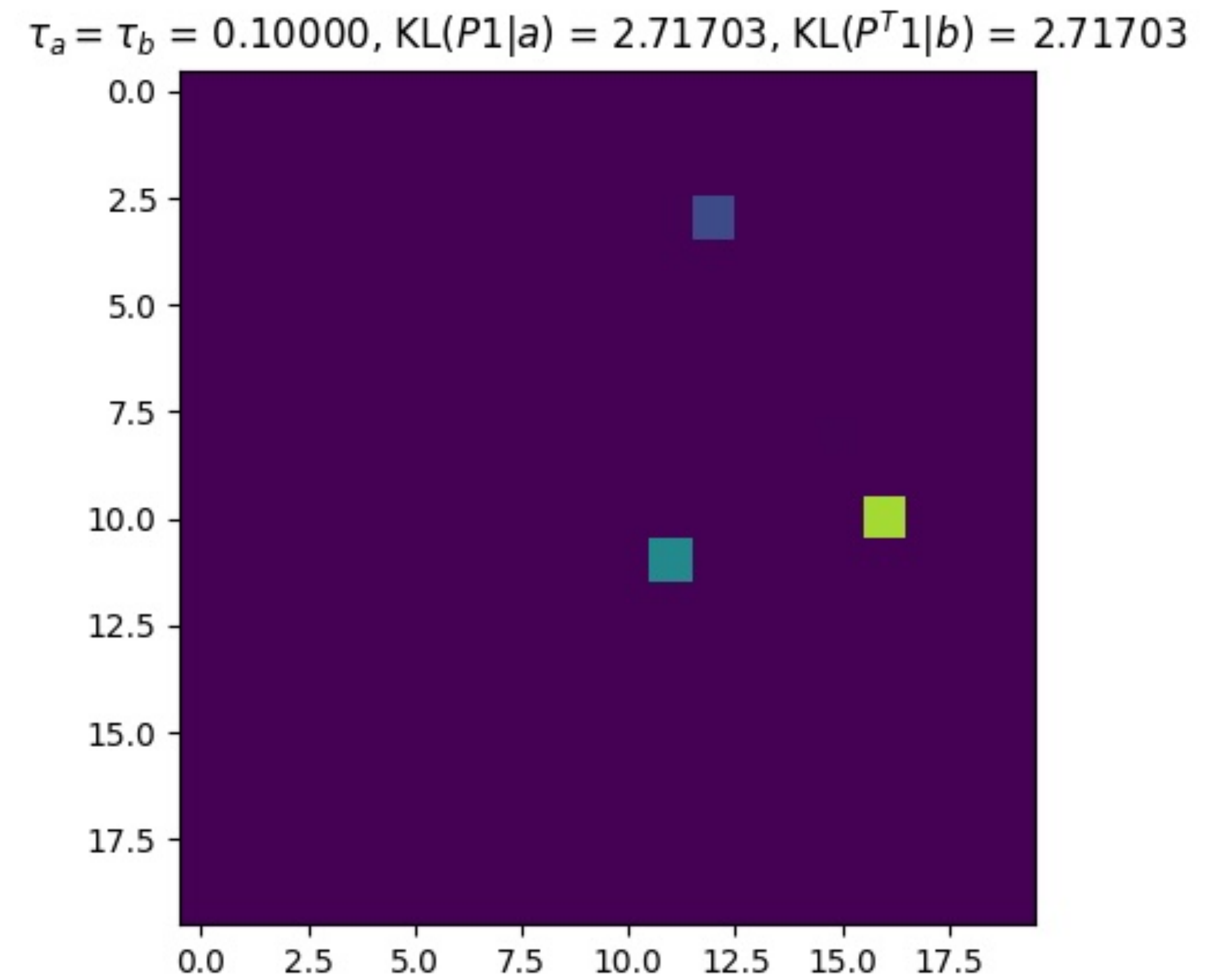
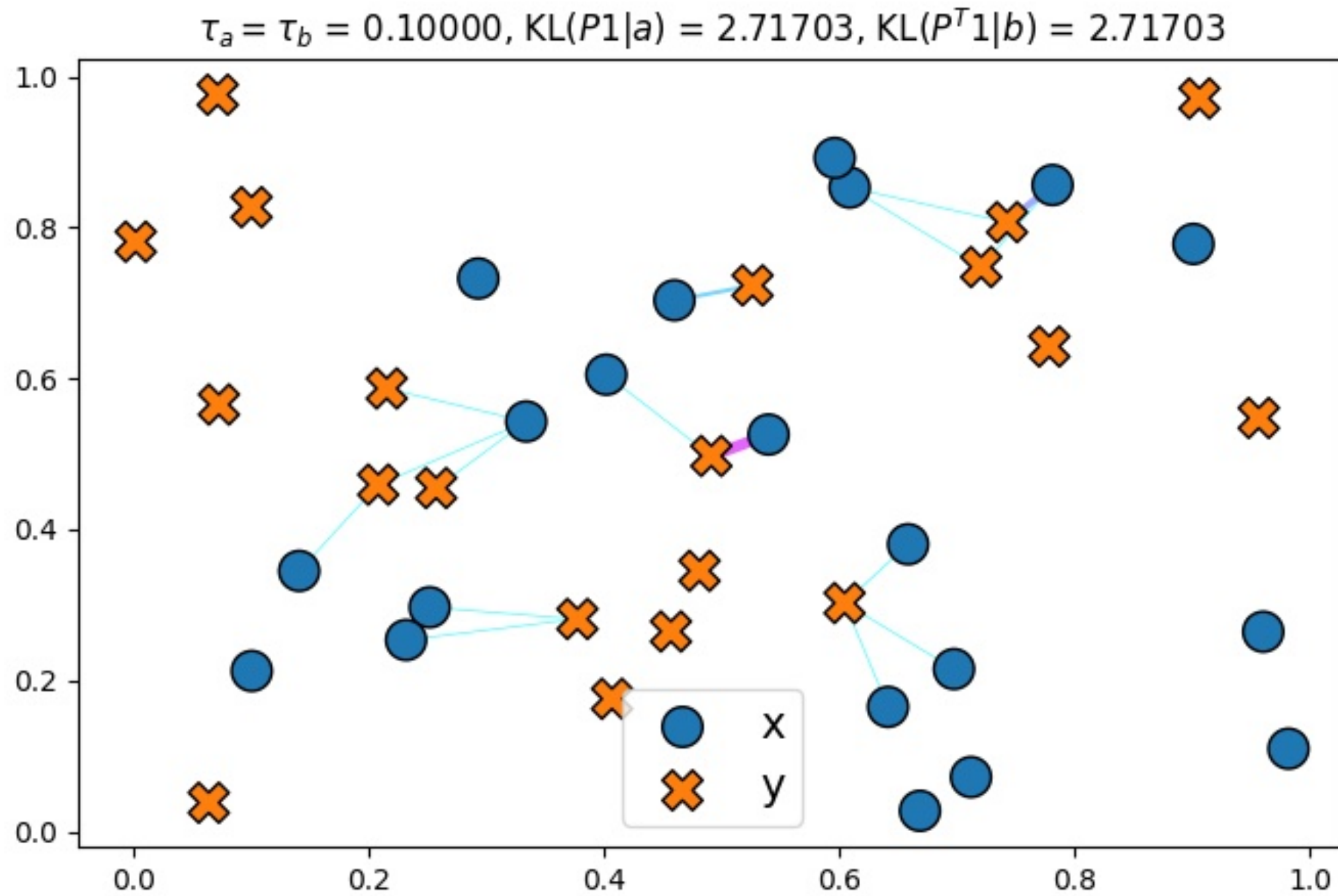
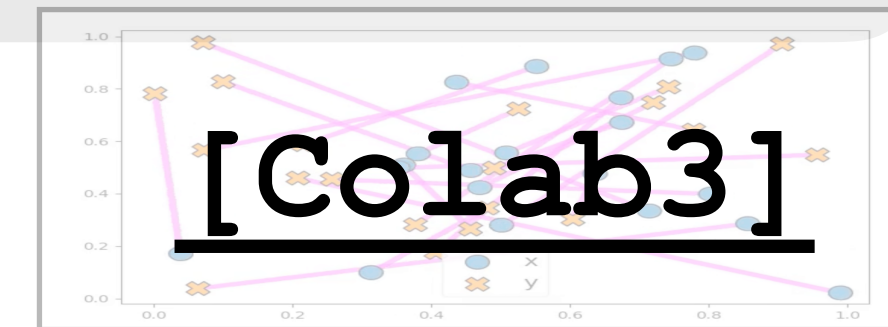
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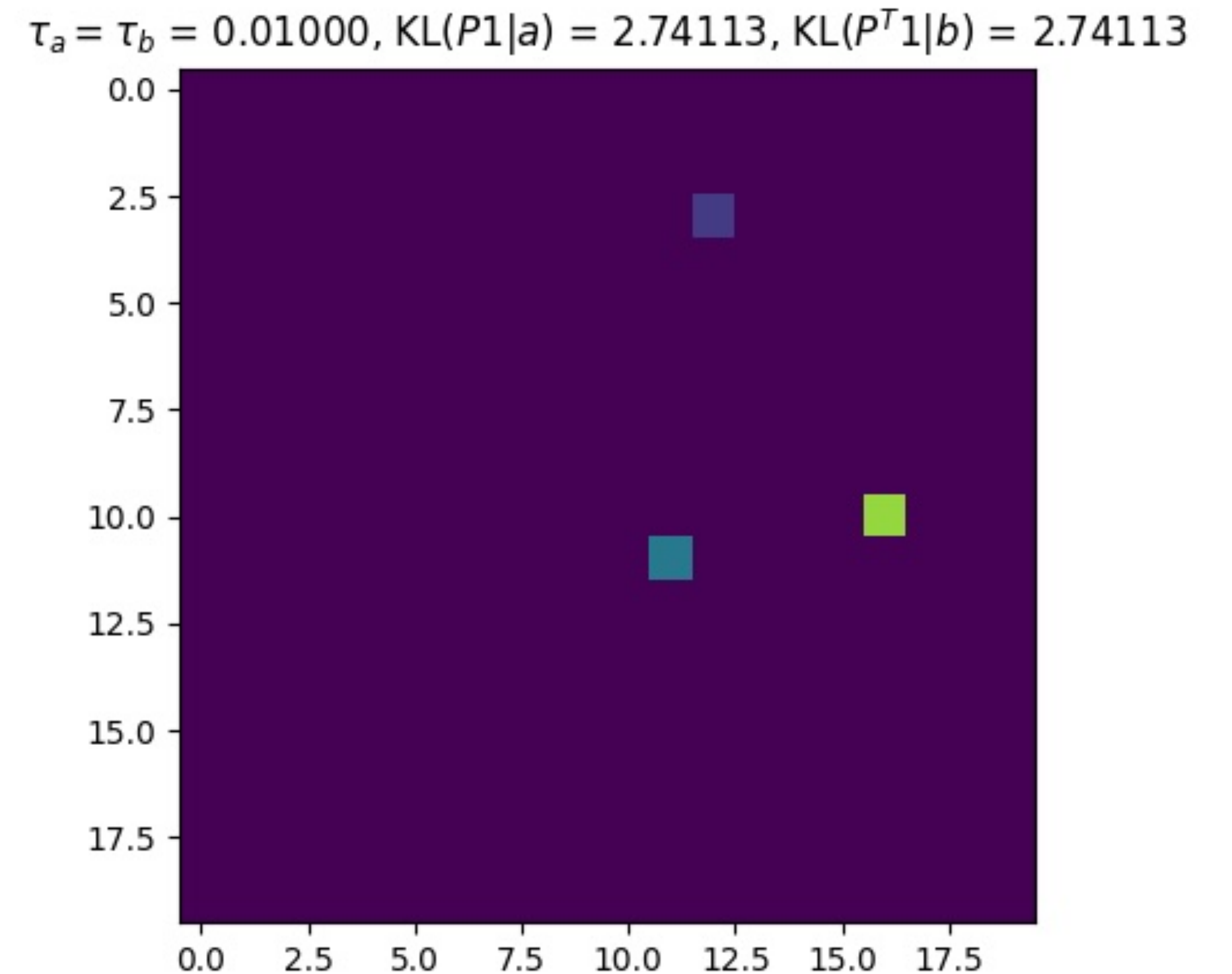
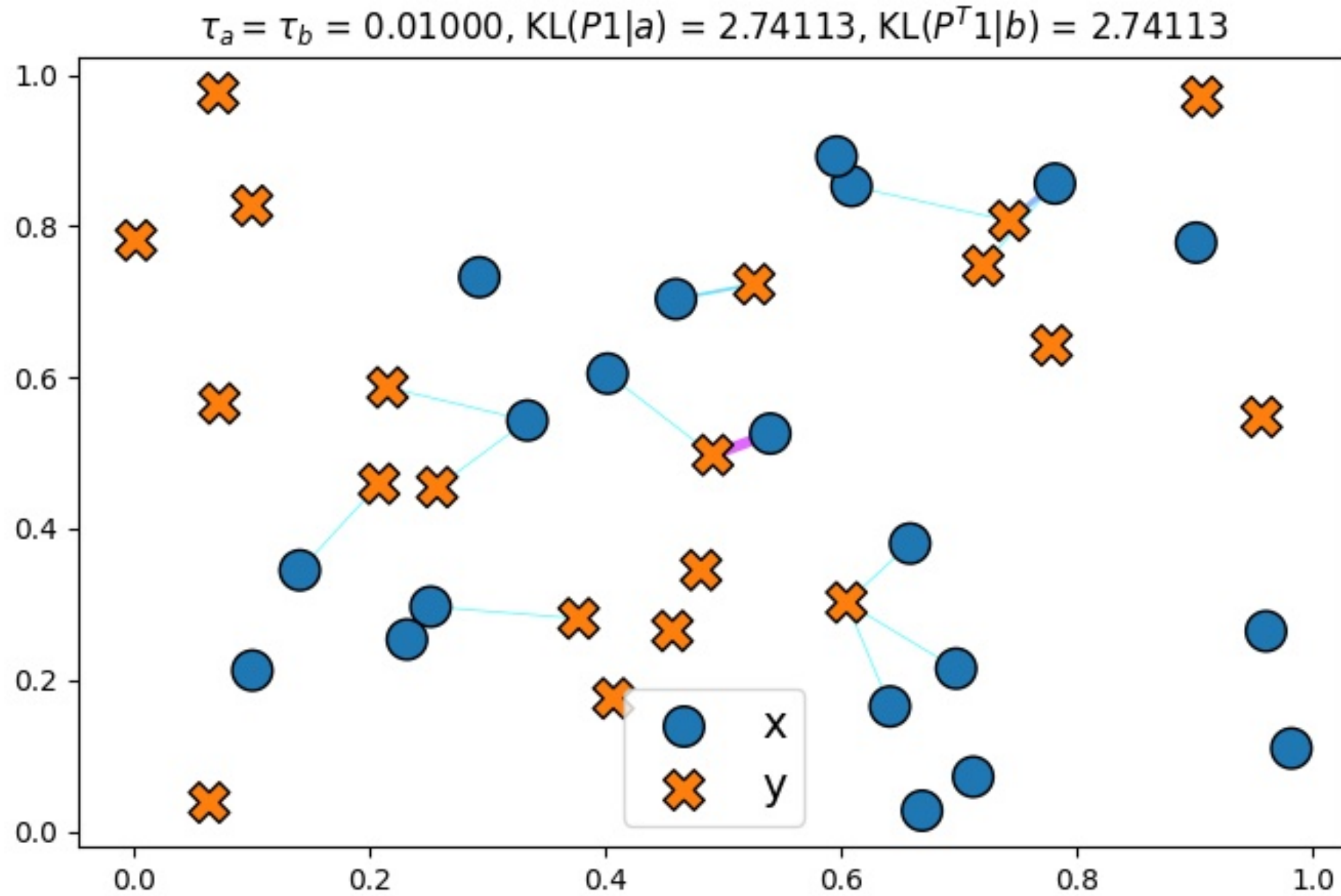
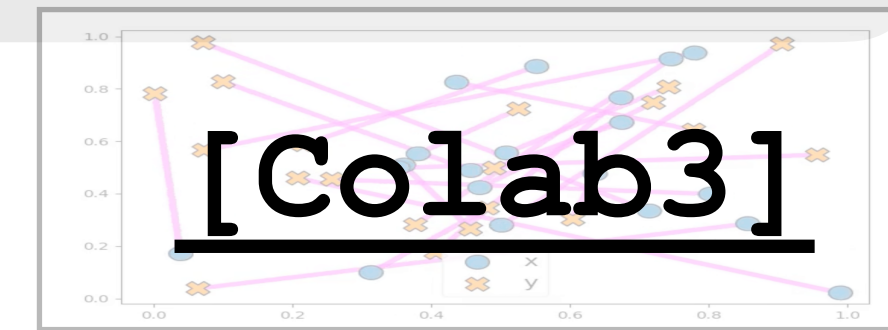
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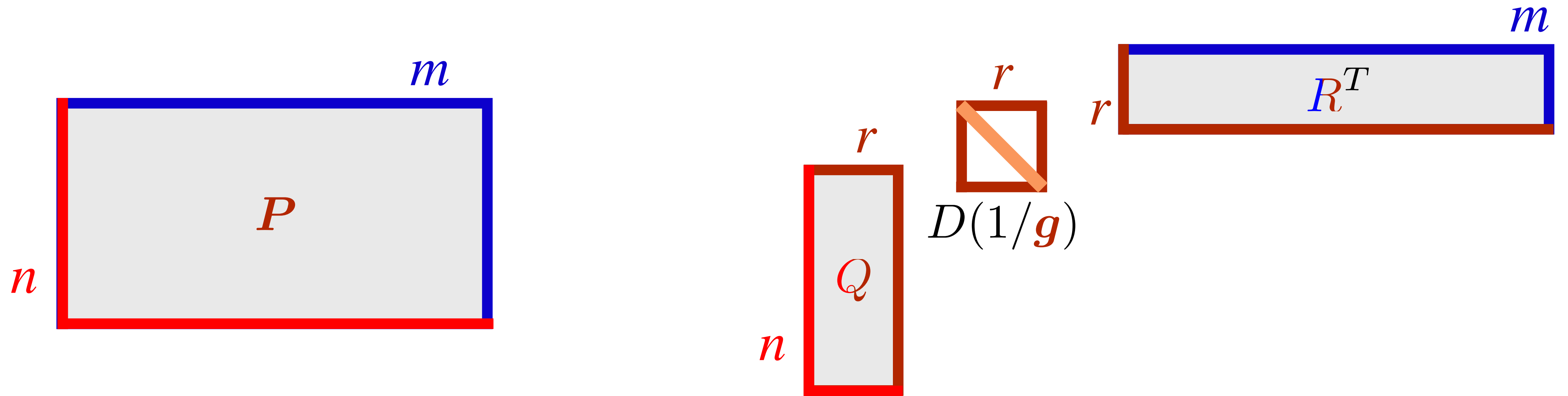
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$$\min_{P \in U(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})} \langle P, M_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}} \rangle$$



$$Q \in U(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{g}), \quad R \in U(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{g}), \quad \mathbf{g} \in \Sigma_r \implies Q D(1/\mathbf{g}) R^T \in U(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})$$

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$$\min_{\mathbf{g} \in \Sigma_r} \langle Q D(1/\mathbf{g}) R^T, M_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}} \rangle$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \min_{Q \in U(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{g})} \langle Q D(1/\mathbf{g}) R^T, M_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}} \rangle & \quad \min_{Q \in U(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{g})} \langle Q, \underbrace{M_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}} R D(1/\mathbf{g})}_{C_Q} \rangle - \gamma E(Q, \mathbf{g}, R) \\ \min_{R \in U(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{g})} \langle Q D(1/\mathbf{g}) R^T, M_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}} \rangle & \quad \longrightarrow \quad \min_{R \in U(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{g})} \langle R, \underbrace{M_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}}^T Q D(1/\mathbf{g})}_{C_R} \rangle - \gamma E(Q, \mathbf{g}, R) \\ \min_{\mathbf{g} \in \Sigma_r} \langle Q D(1/\mathbf{g}) R^T, M_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}} \rangle & \quad \min_{\mathbf{g} \in \Sigma_r} \langle D(1/\mathbf{g}), \underbrace{Q^T M_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}} R}_{C_g} \rangle - \gamma E(Q, \mathbf{g}, R) \end{aligned}$$

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$$O(n + m) \text{ if } M_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}^T$$

$$(n, d) \cdot (d, m) \cdot (m, r) \cdot r = O((n + m)(d + r))$$

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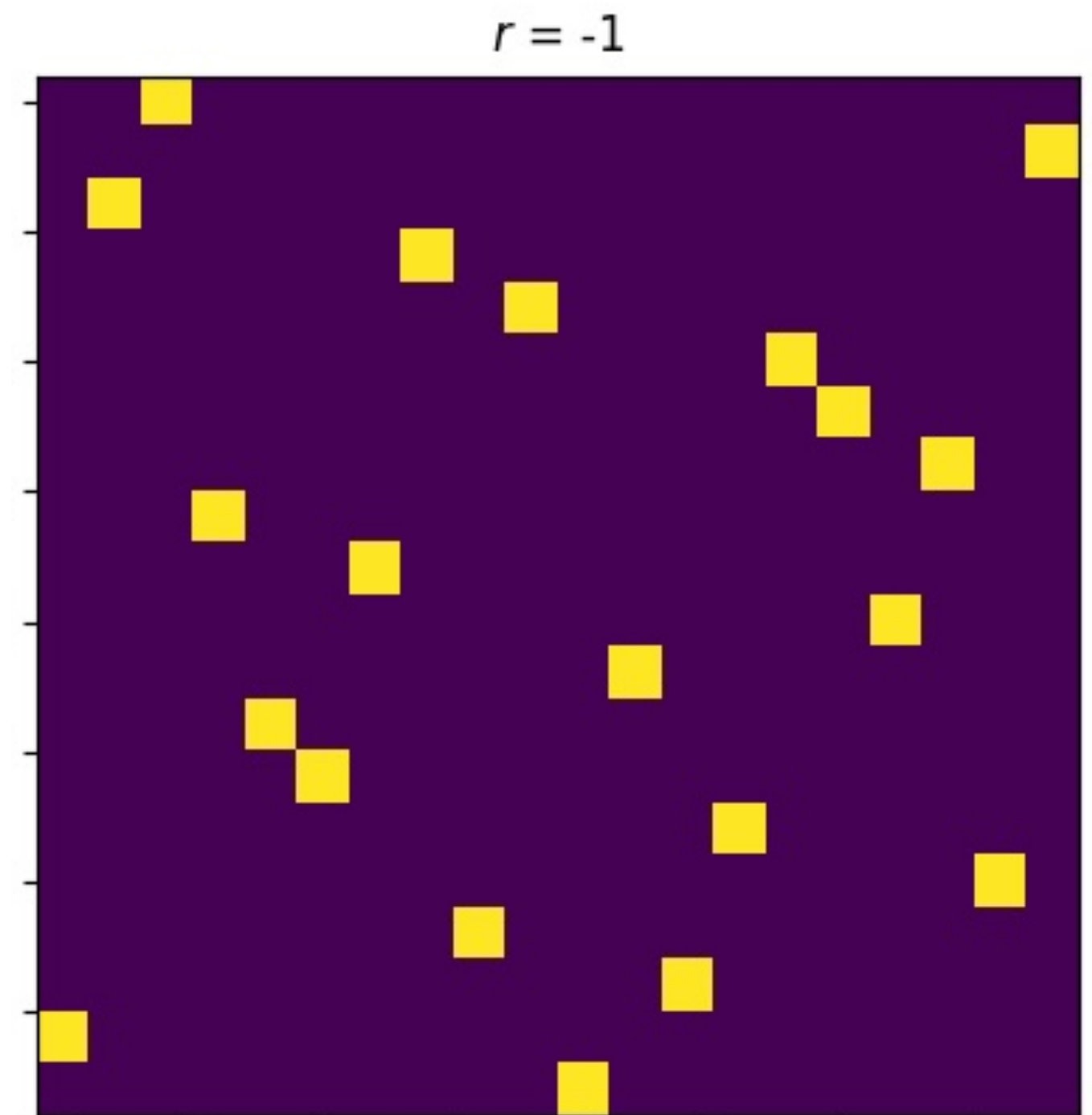
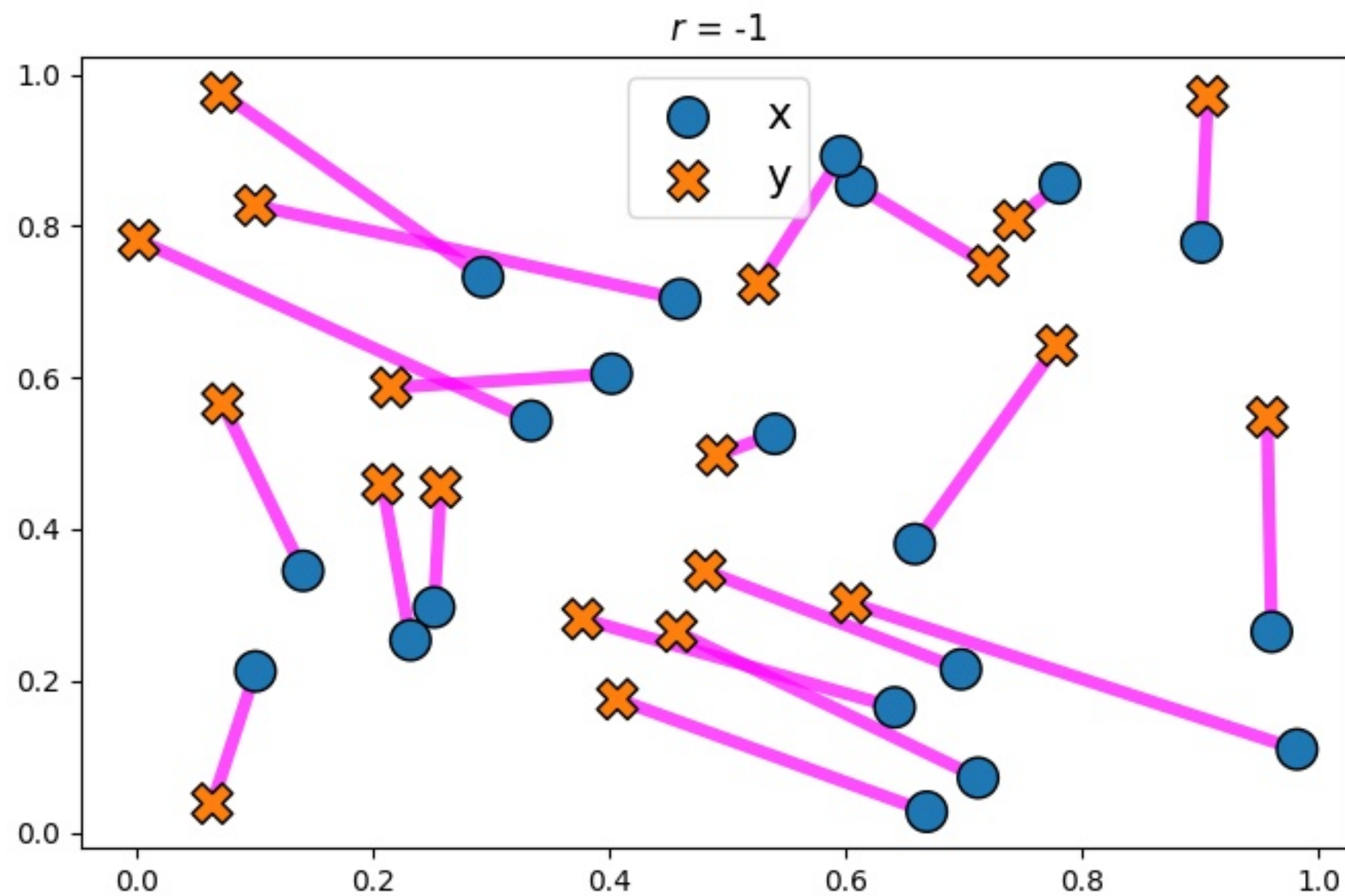
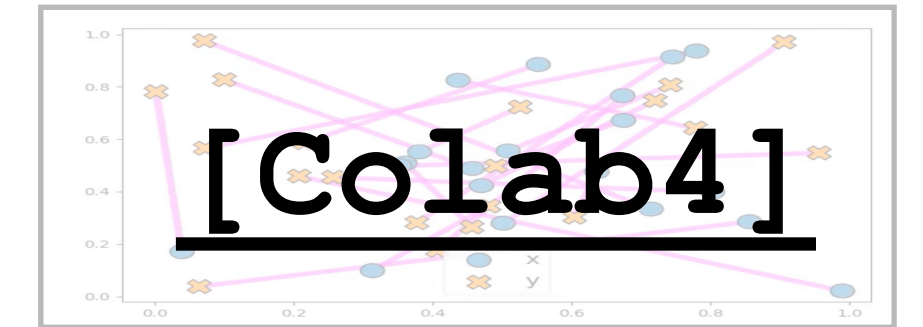
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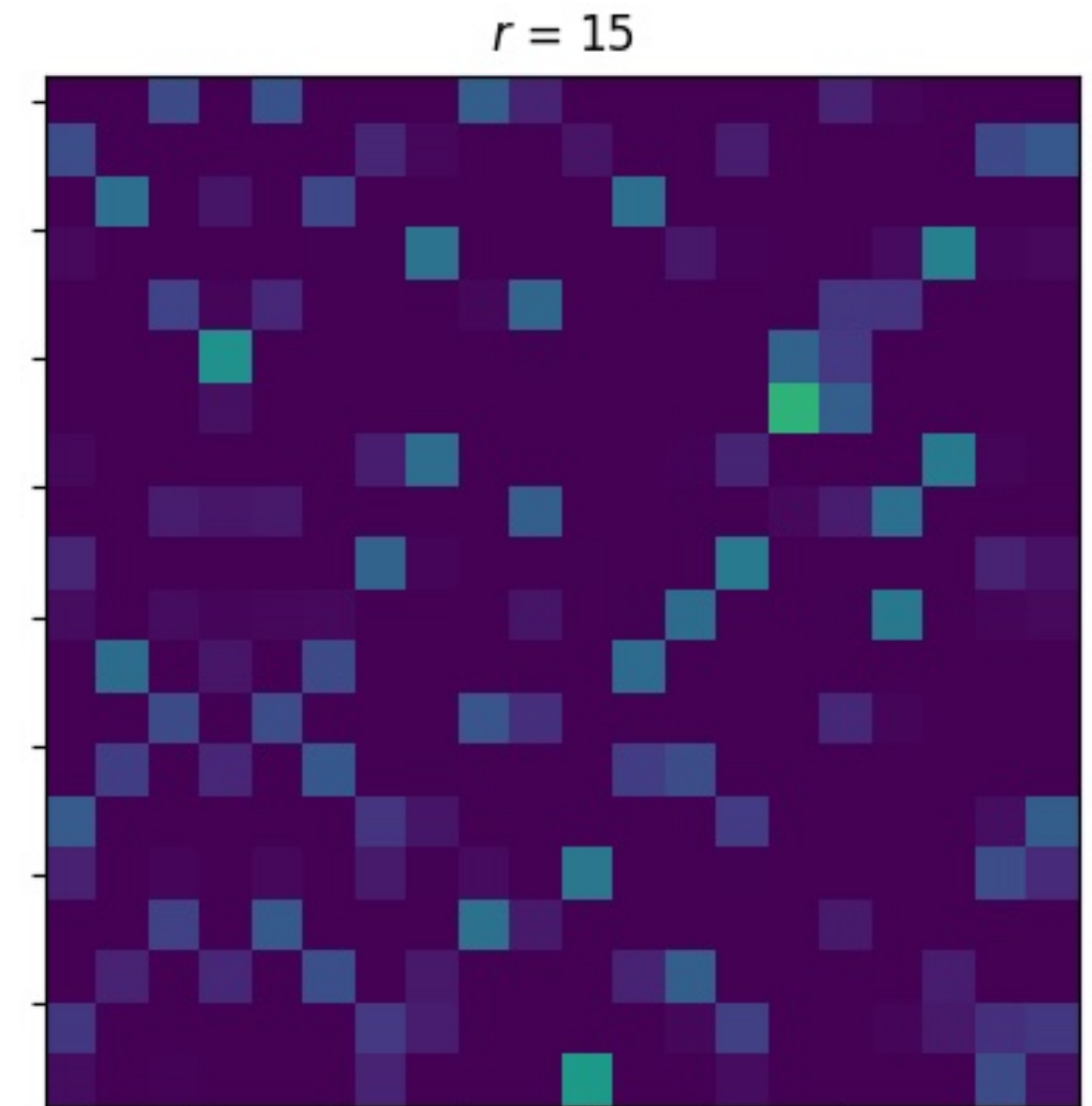
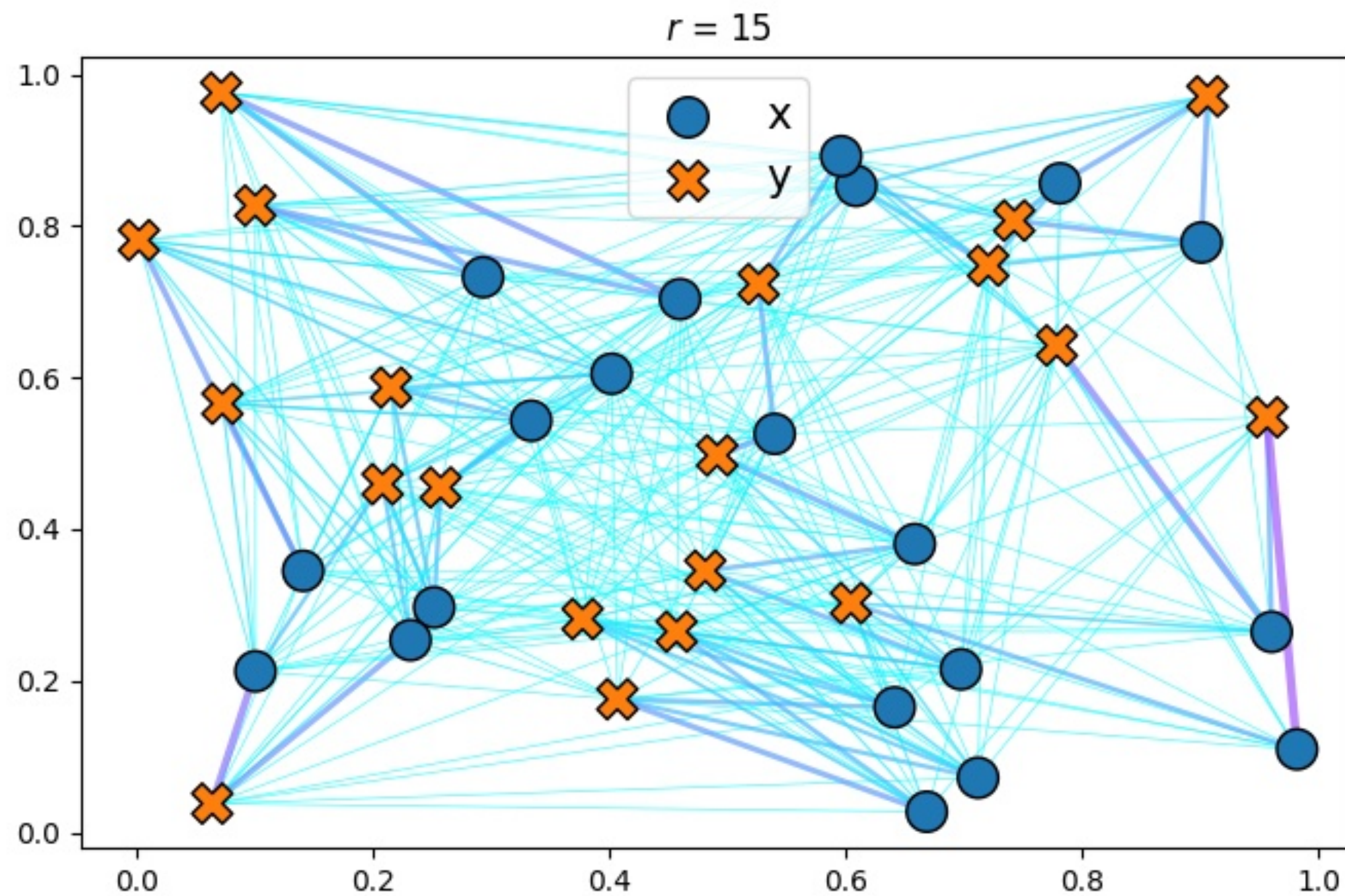
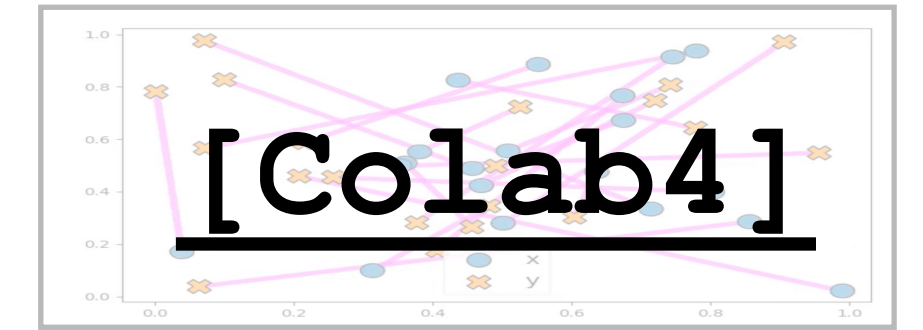
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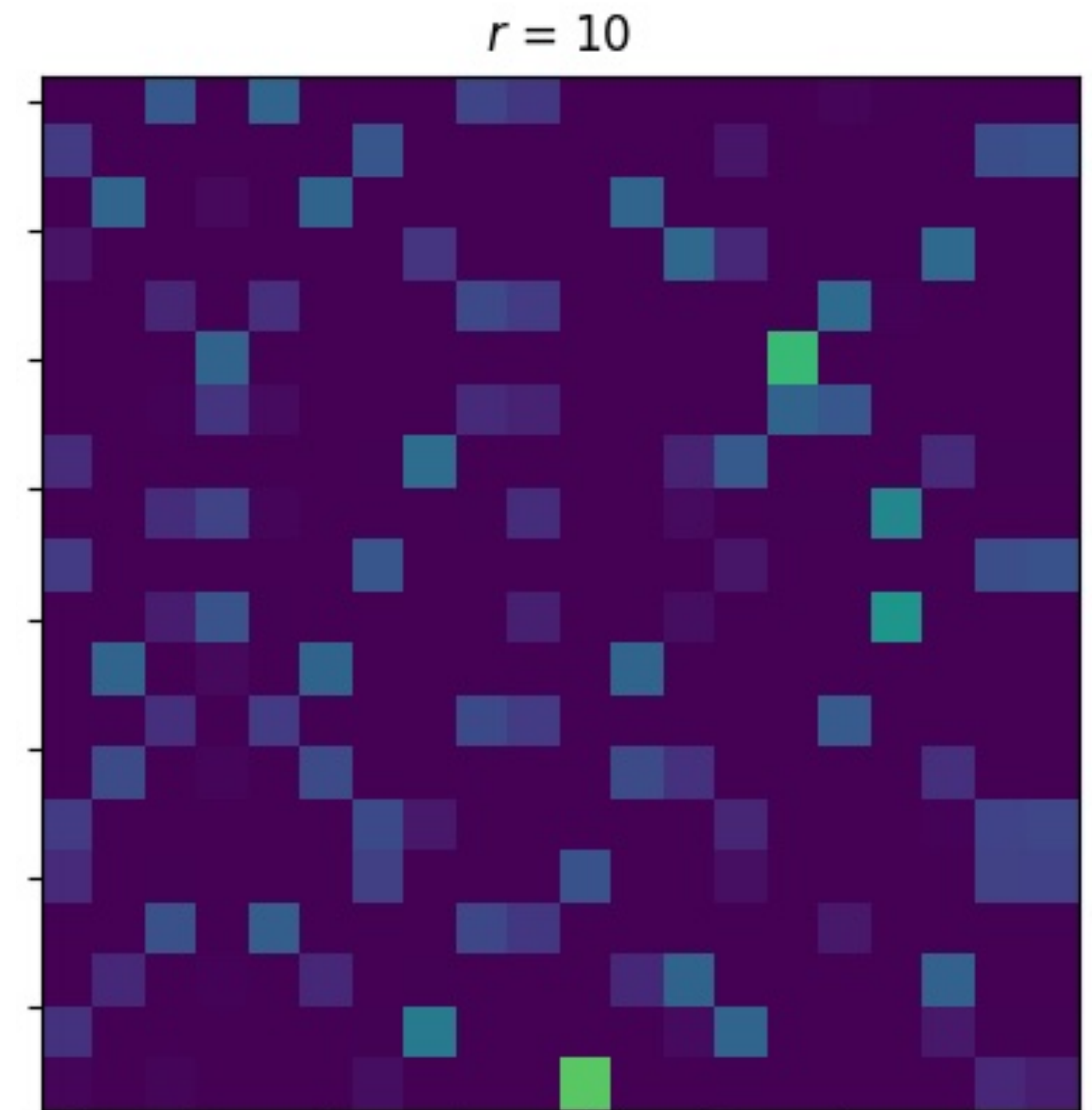
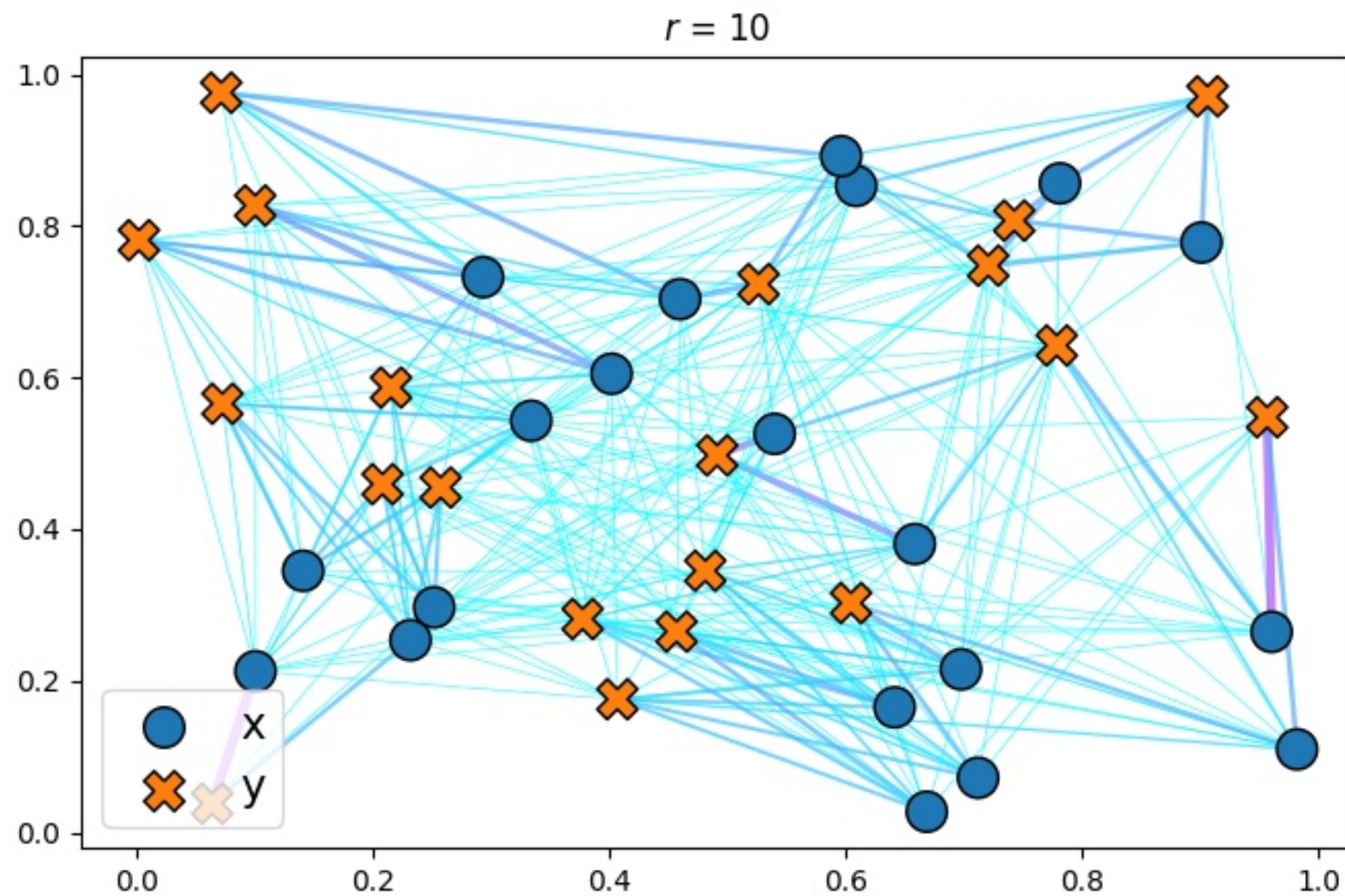
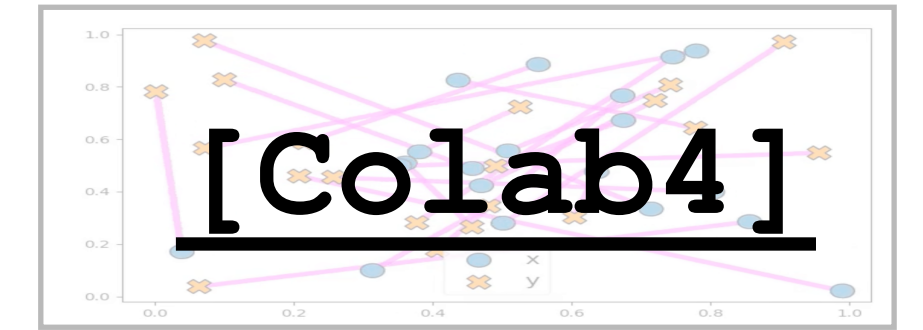
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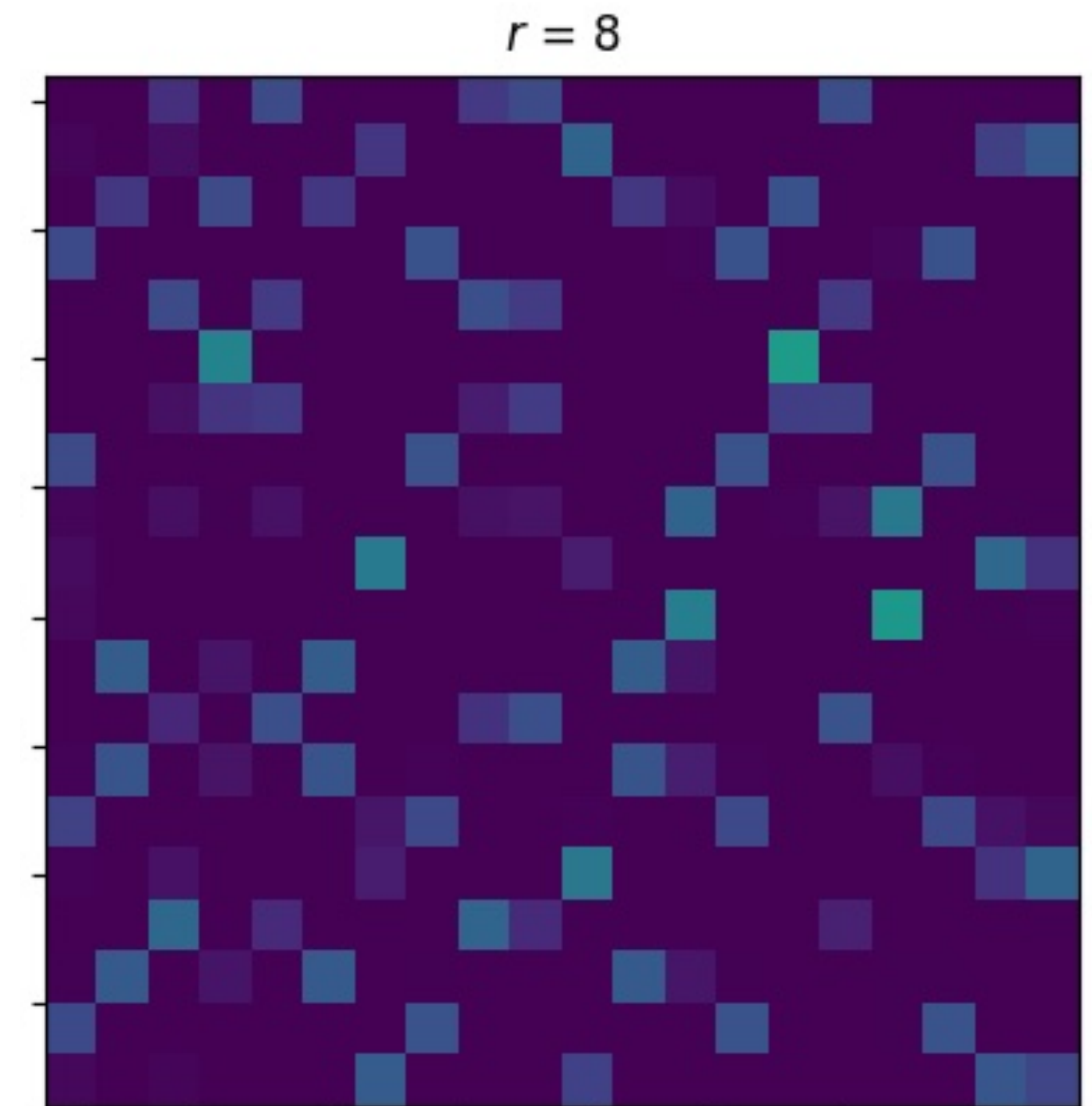
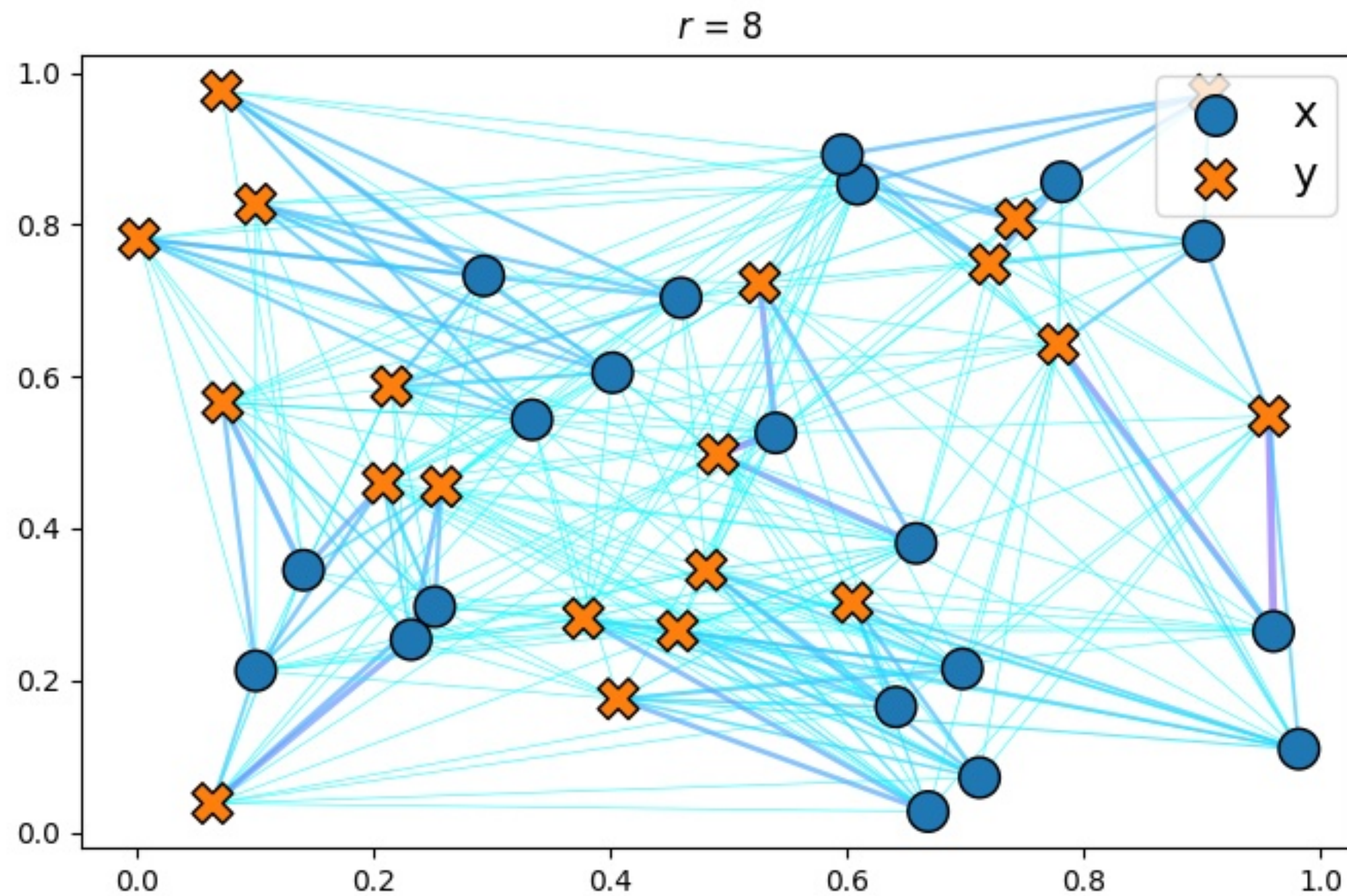
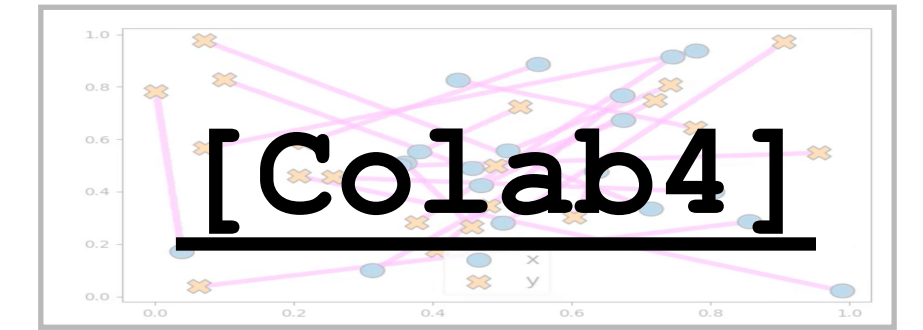
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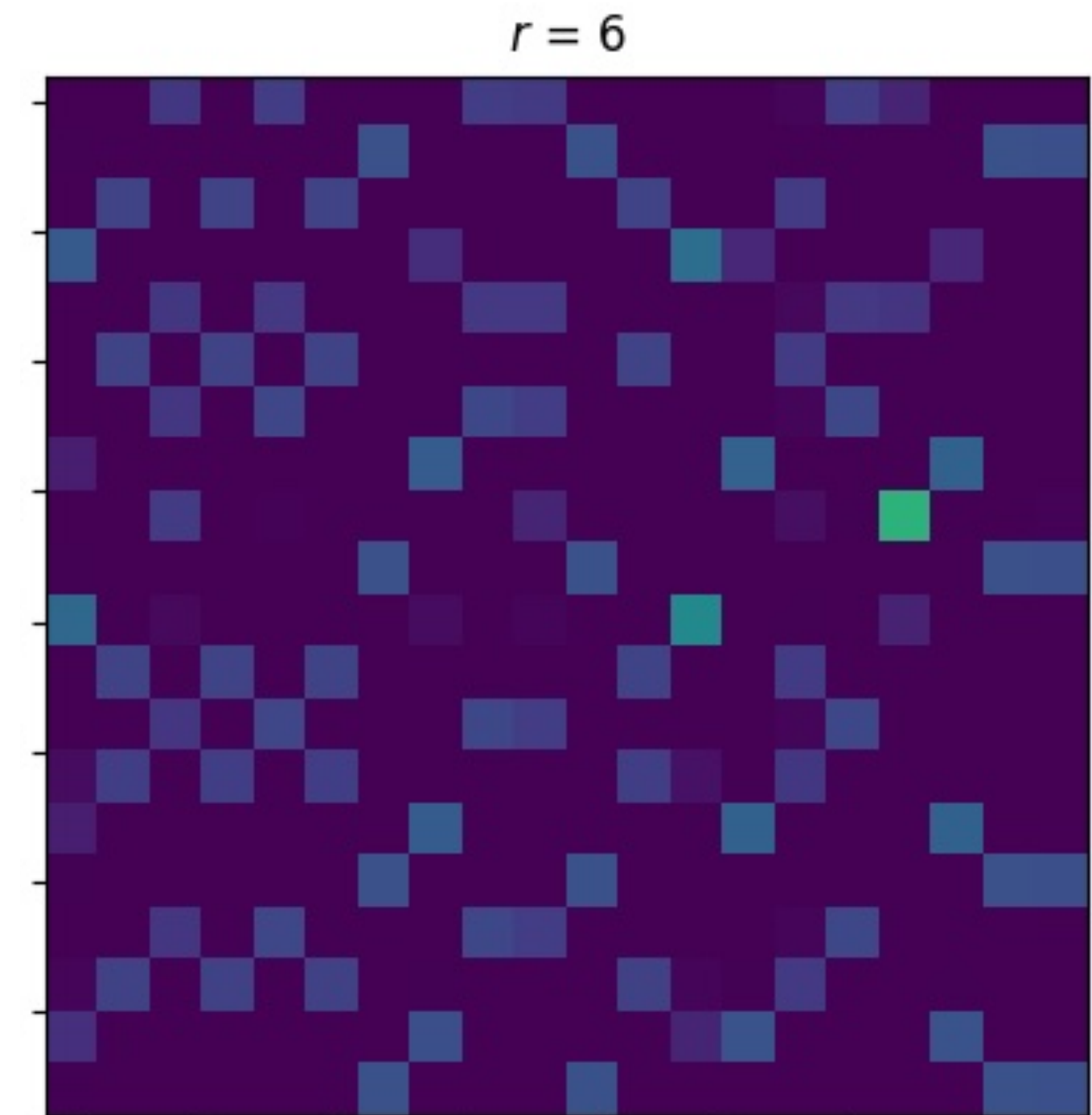
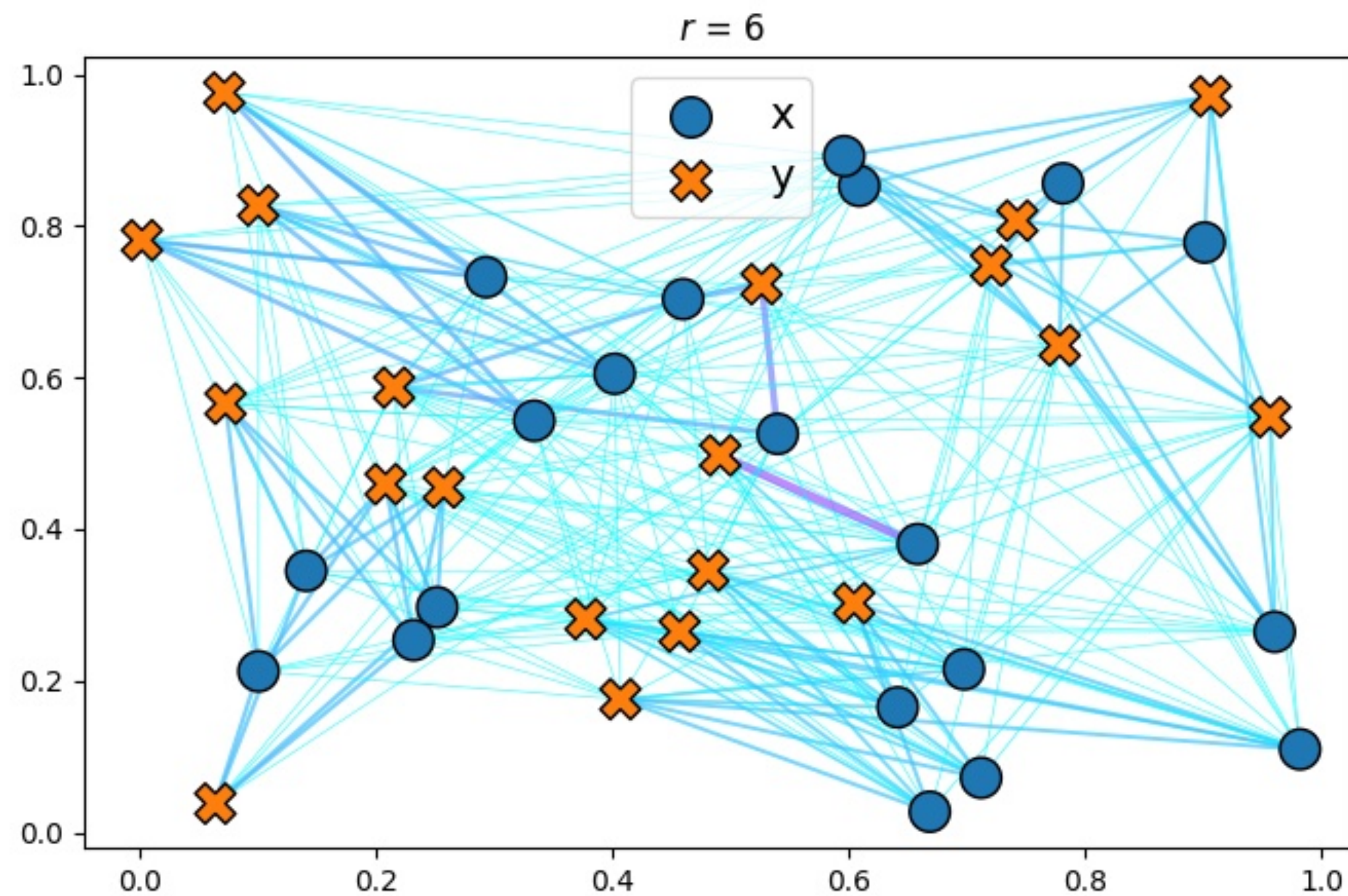
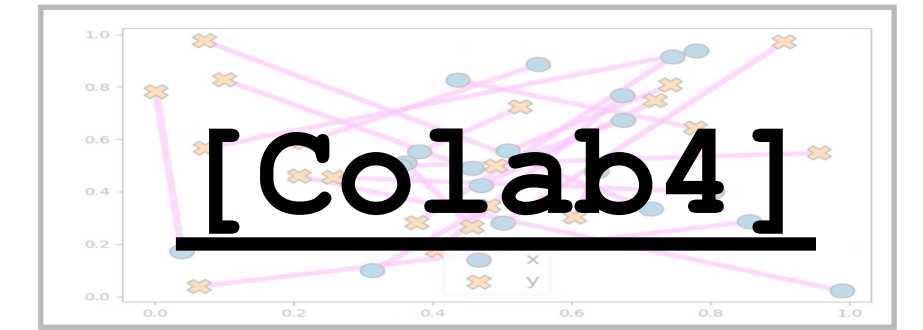
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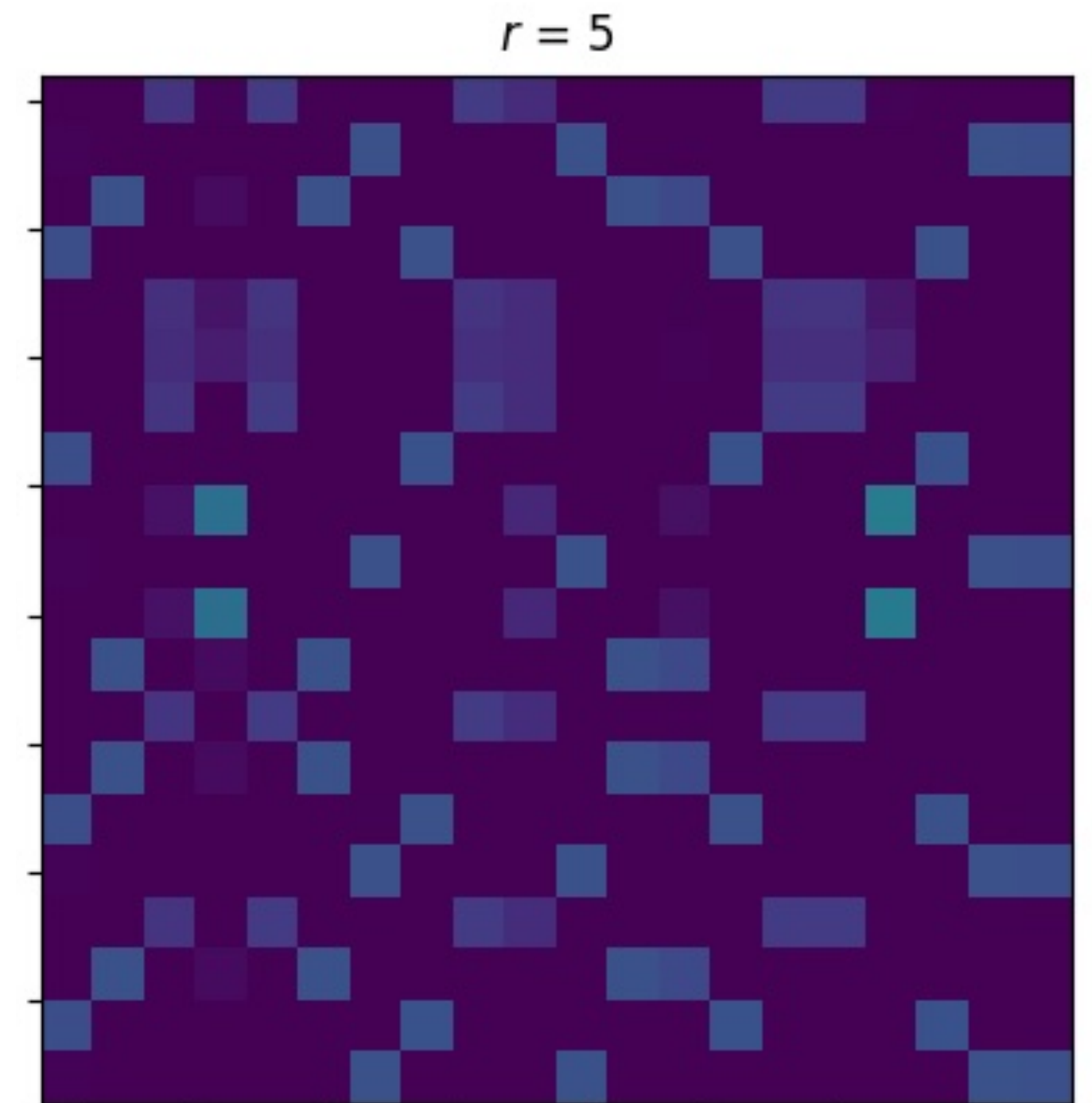
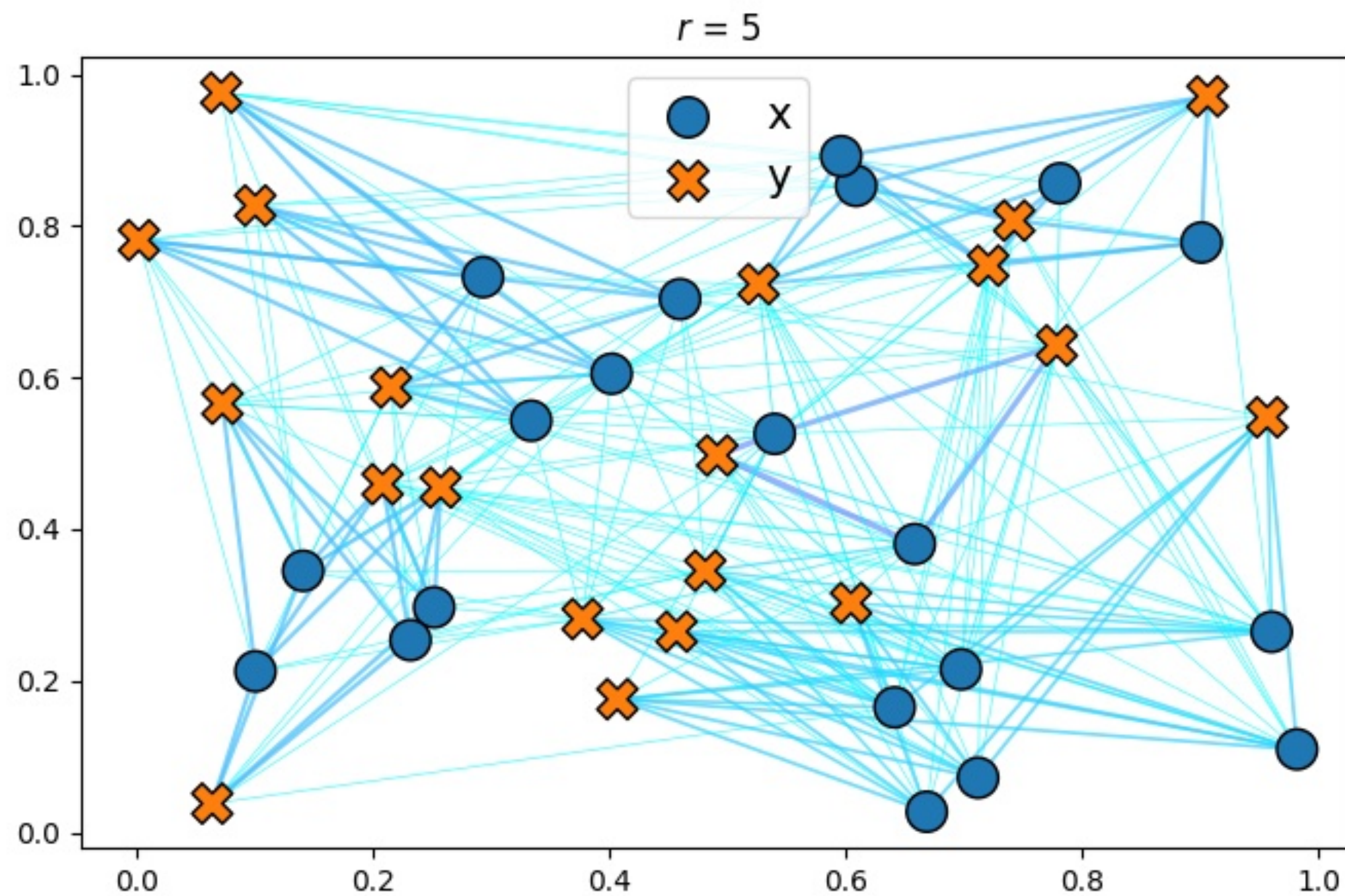
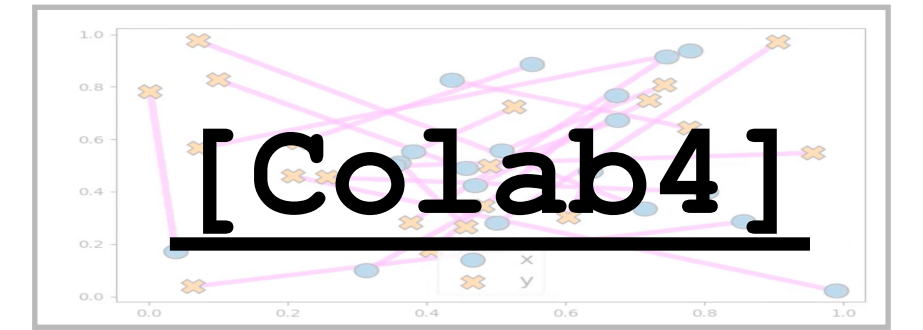
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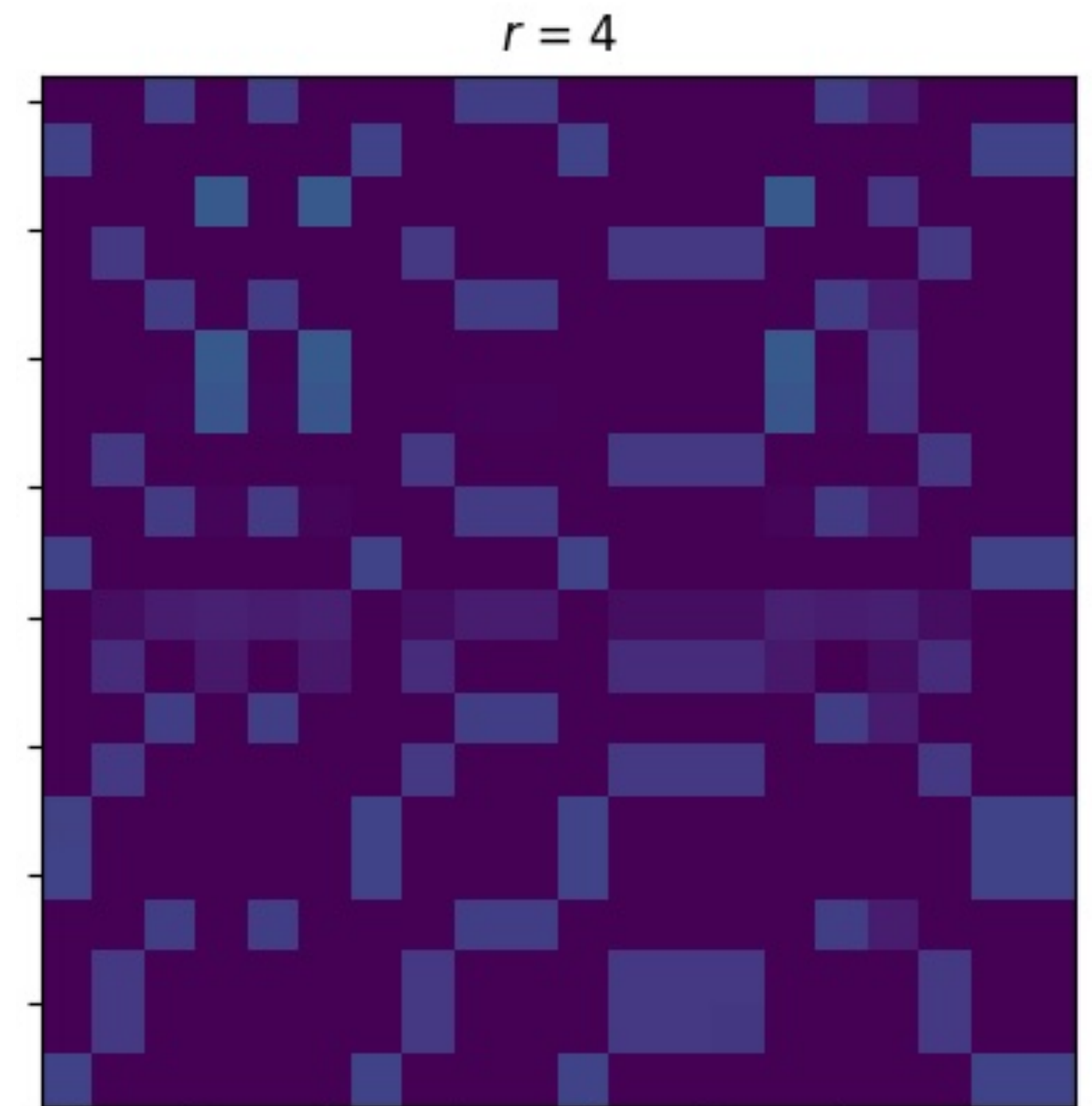
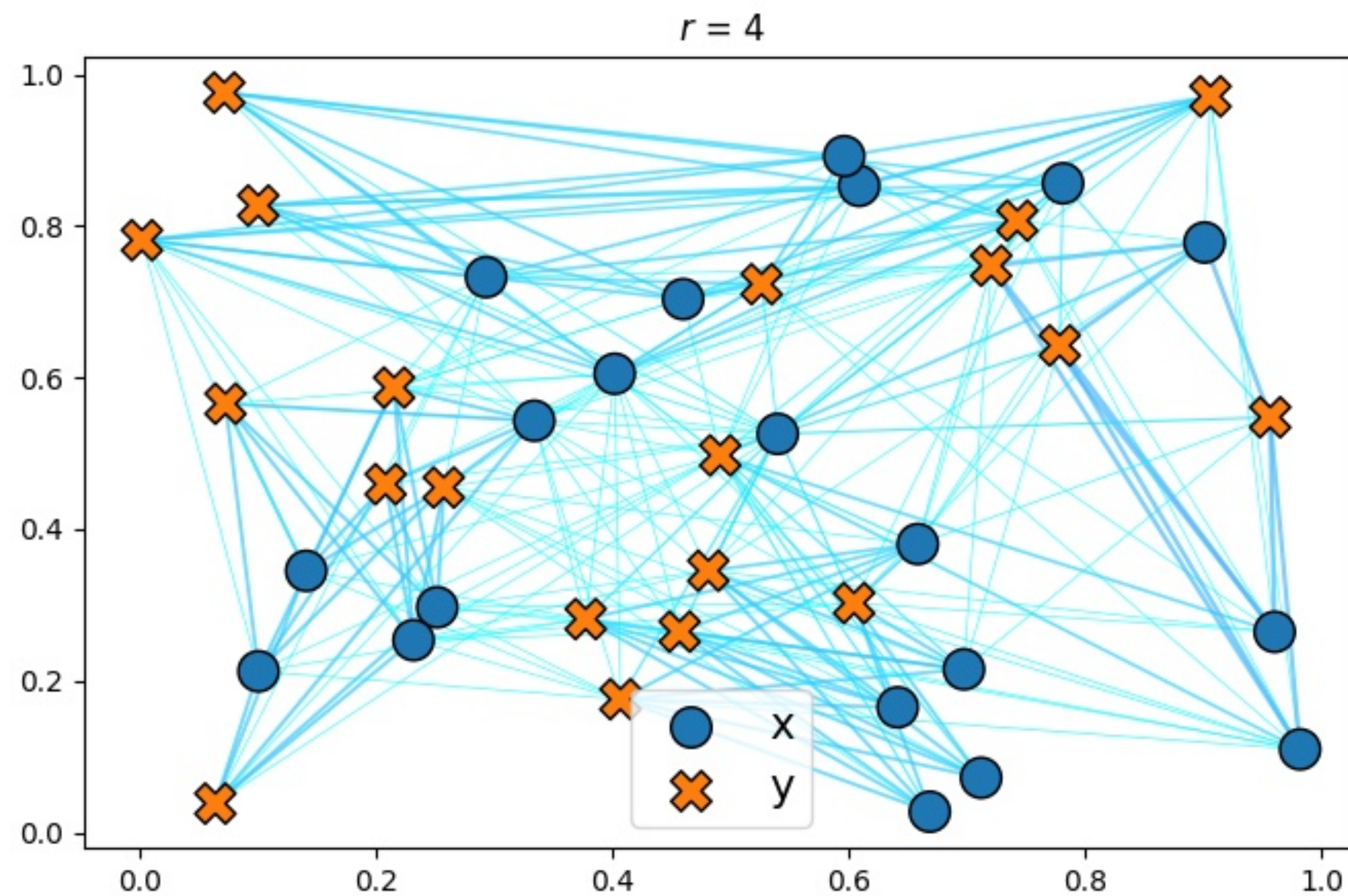
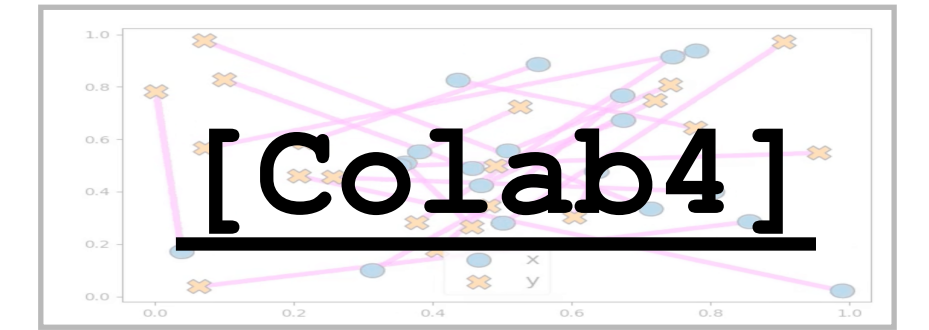
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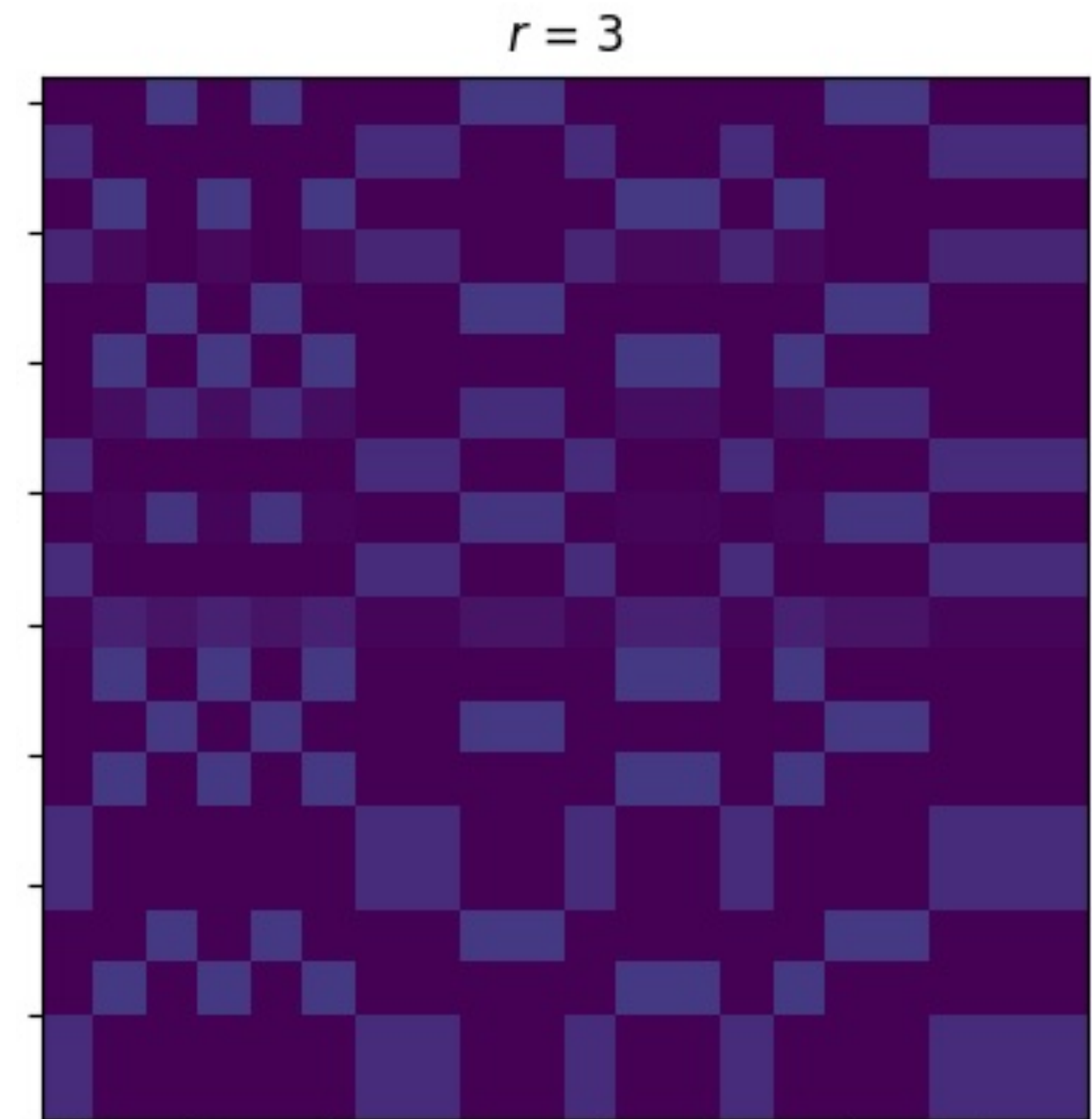
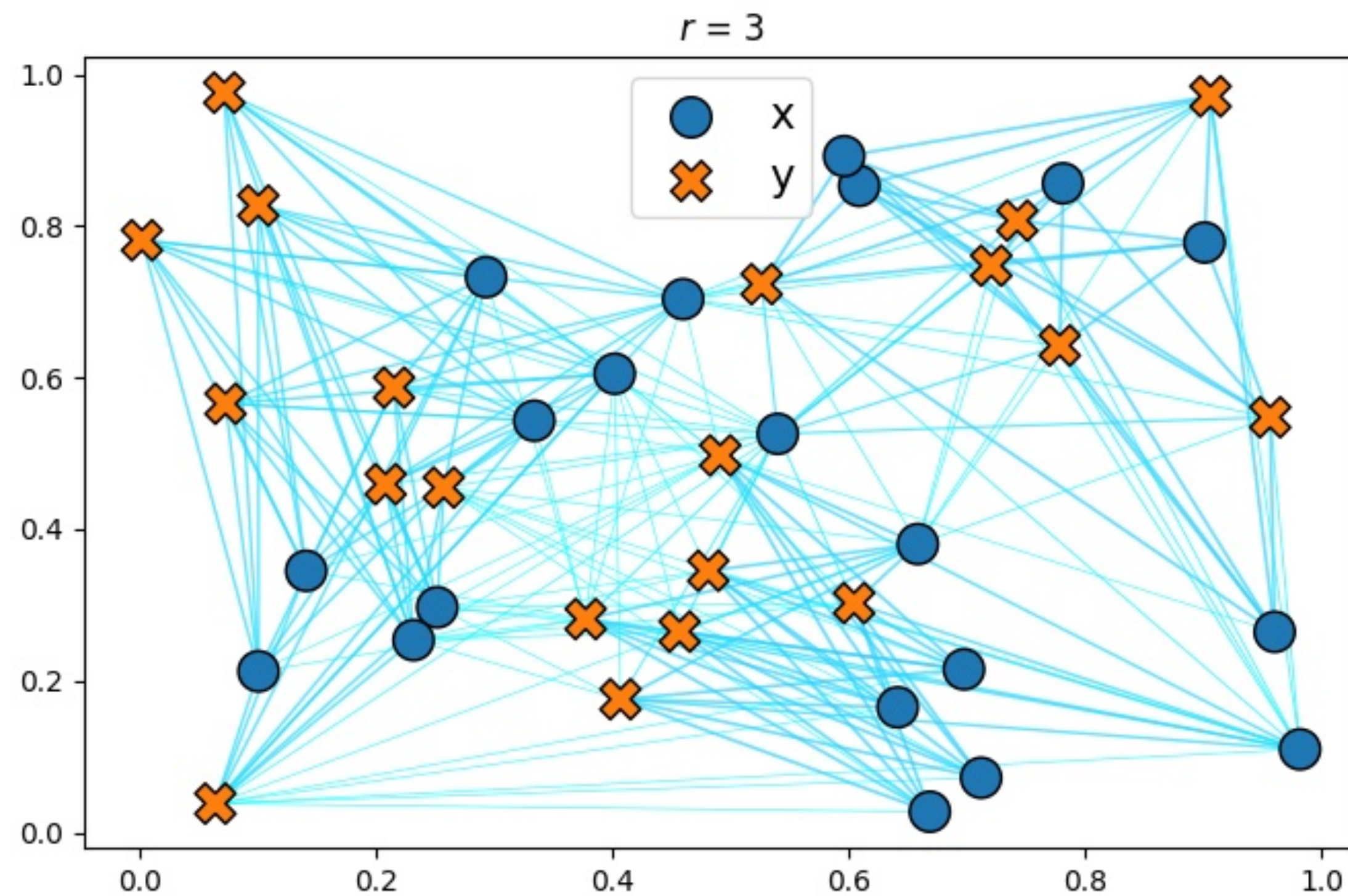
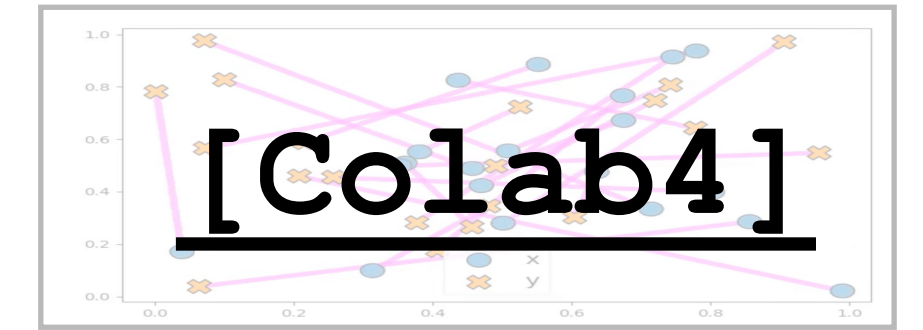
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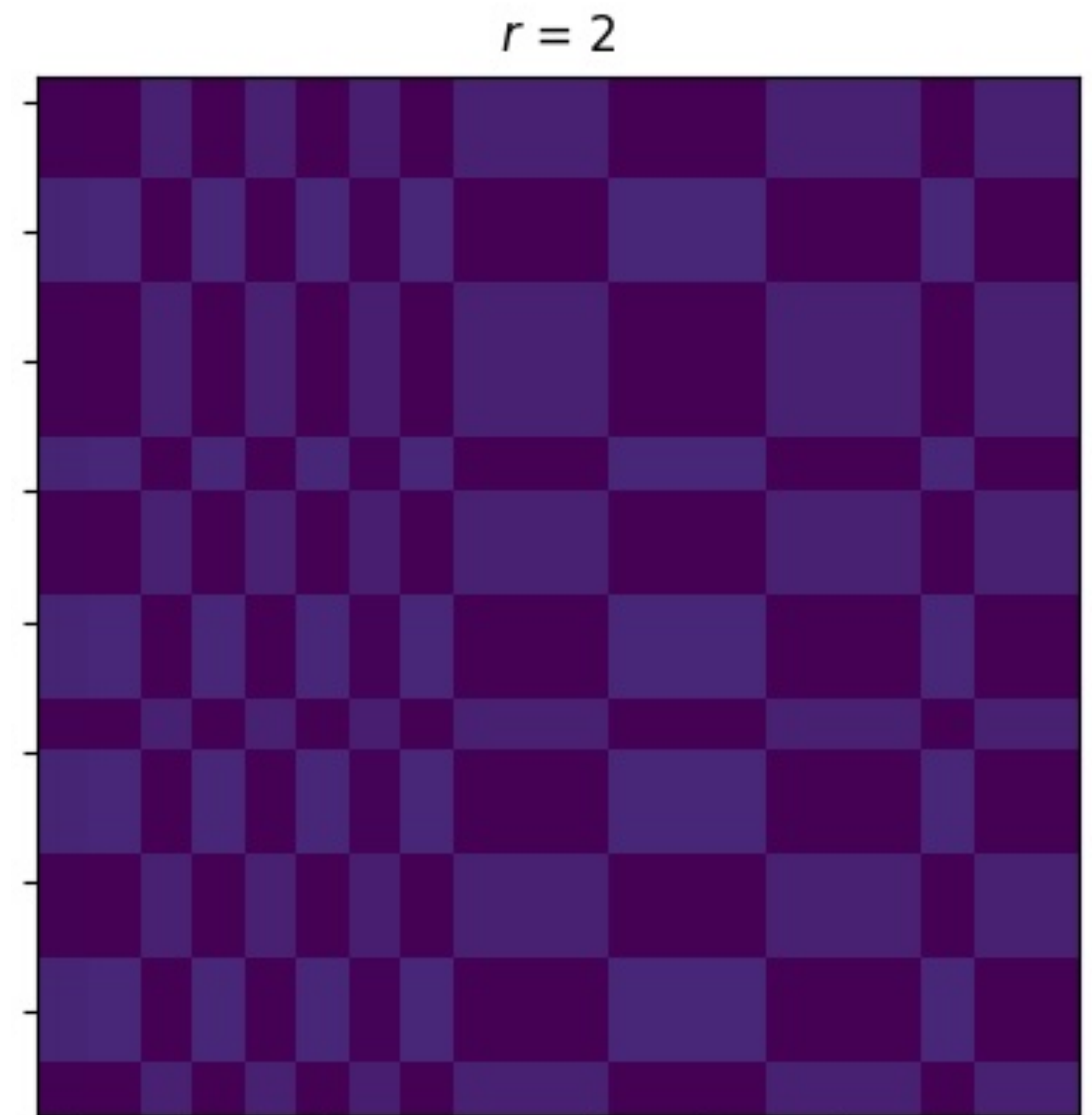
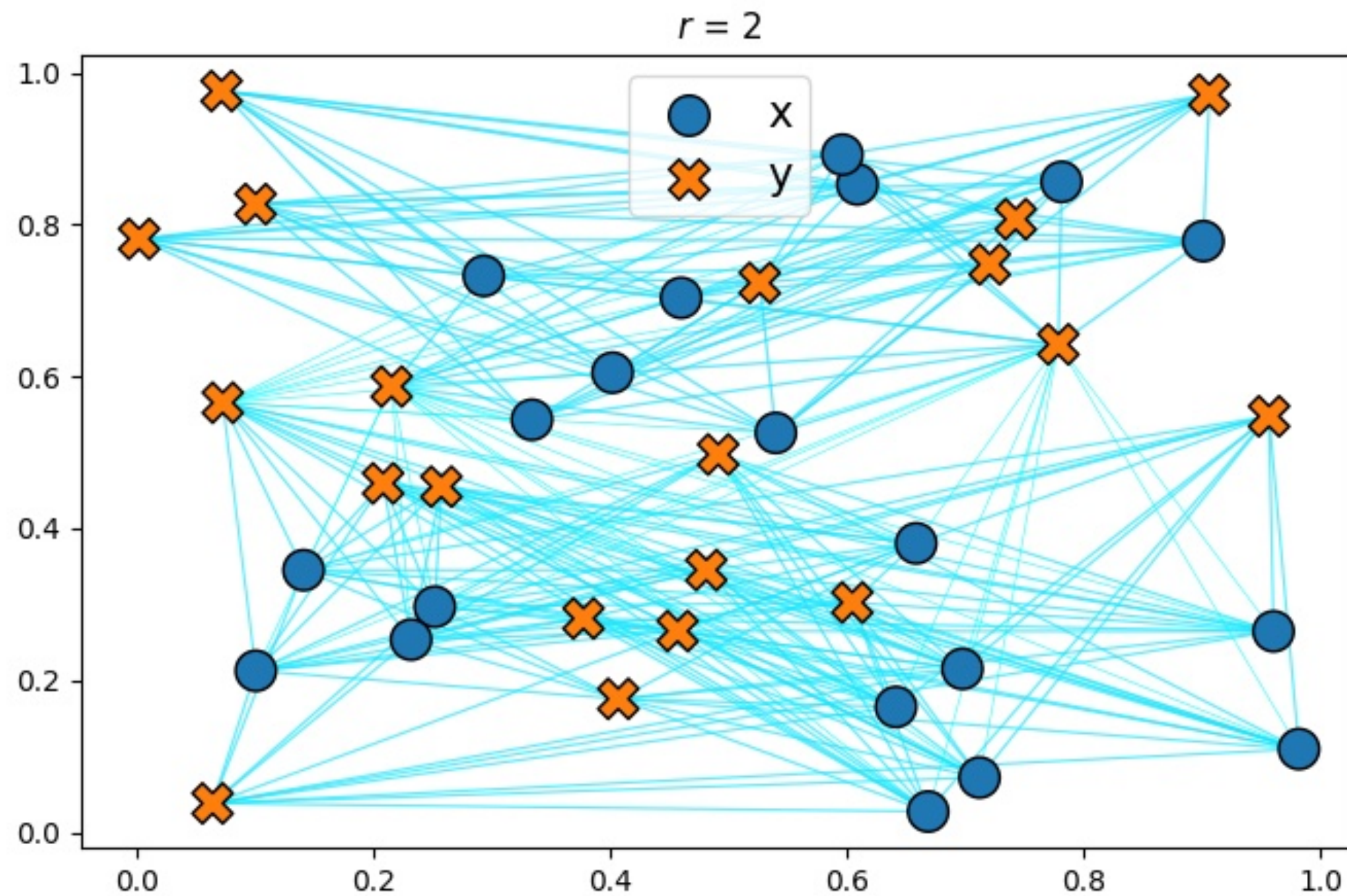
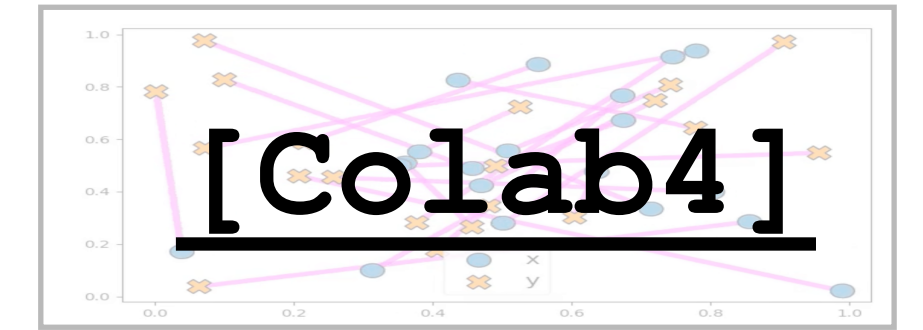
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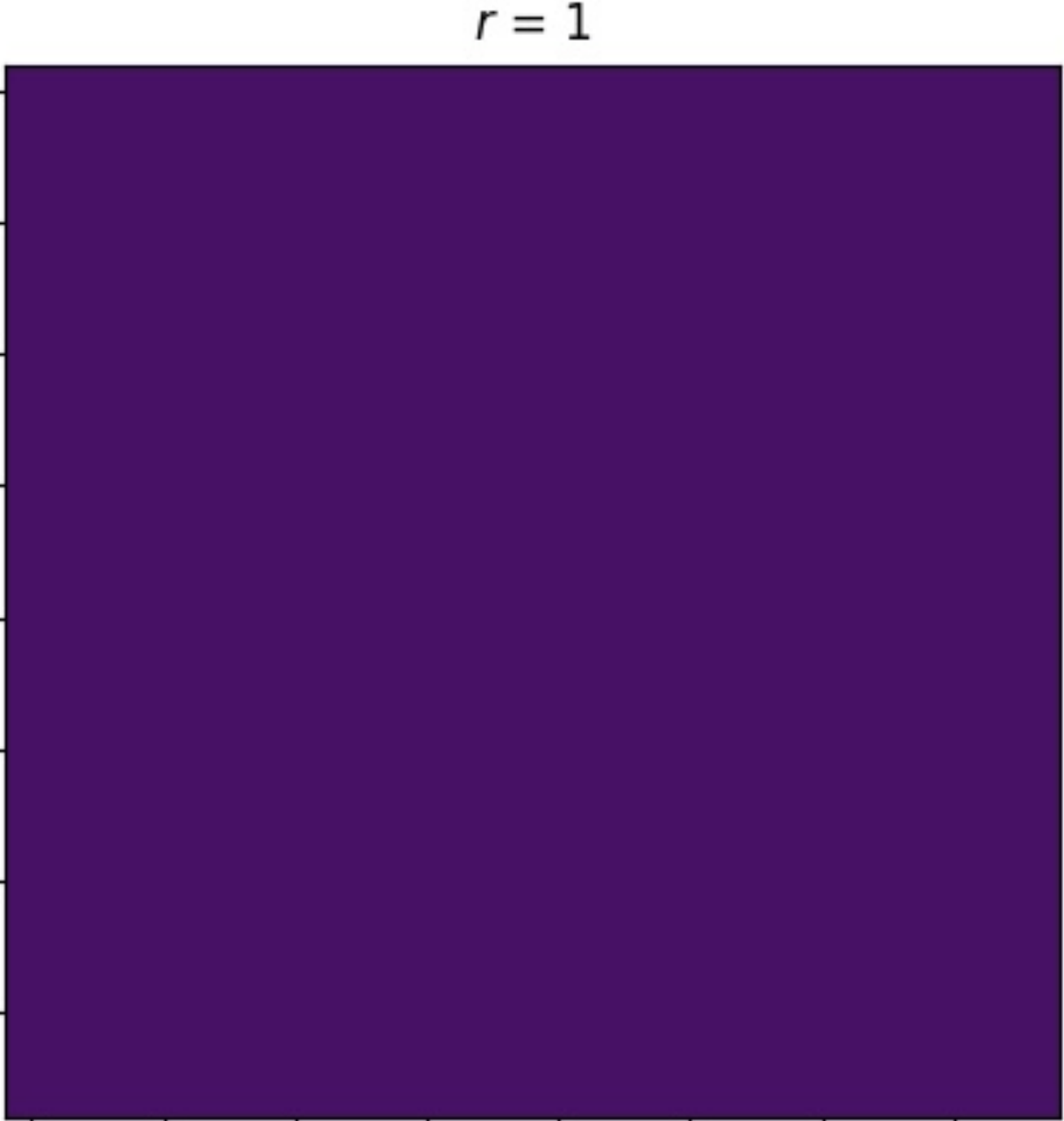
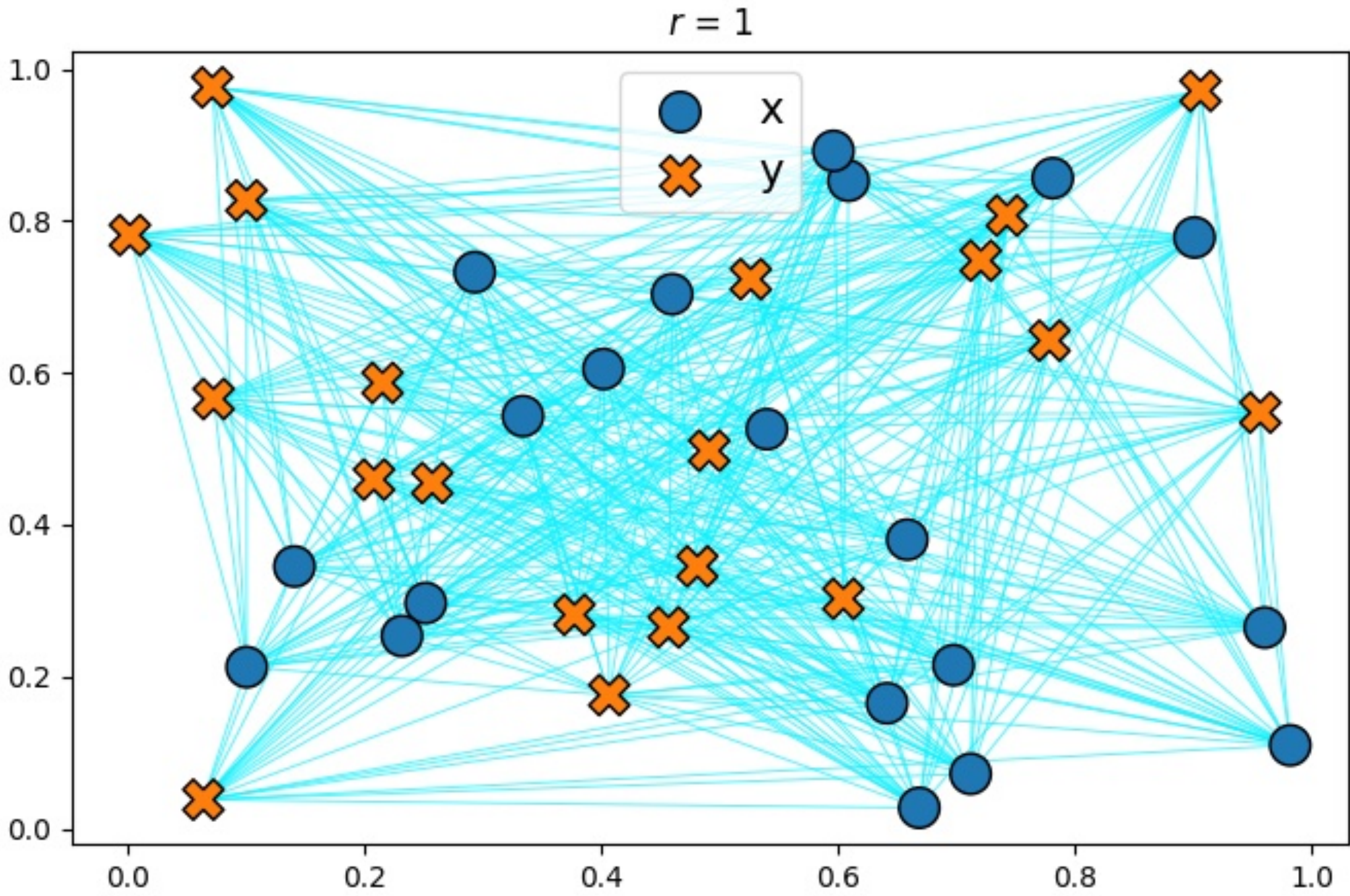
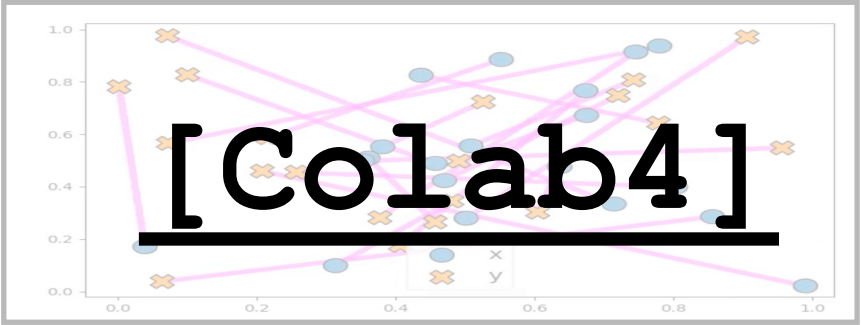
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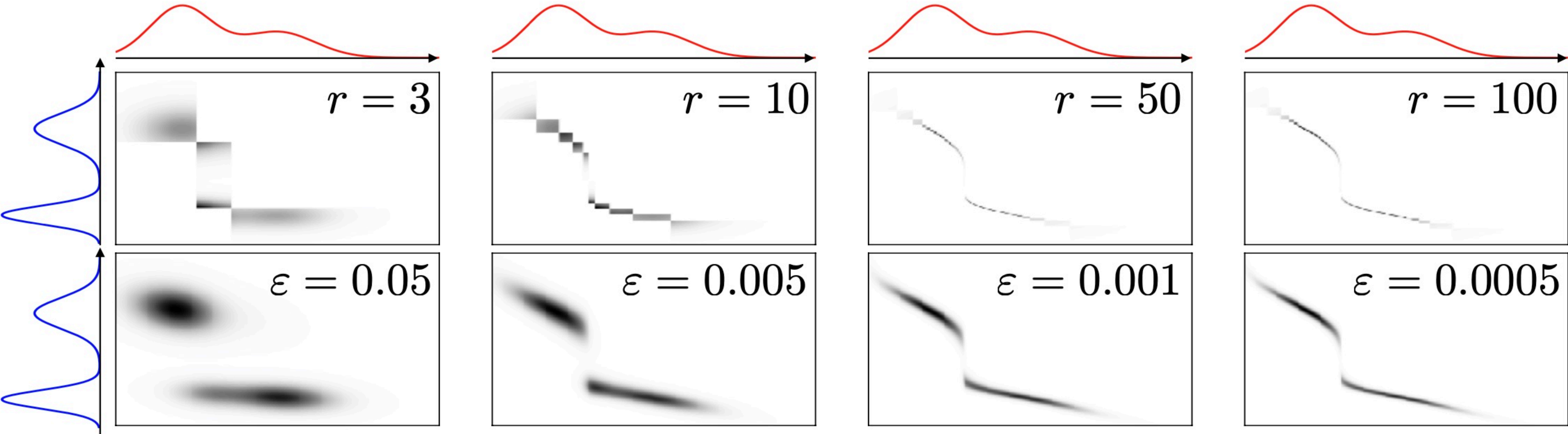
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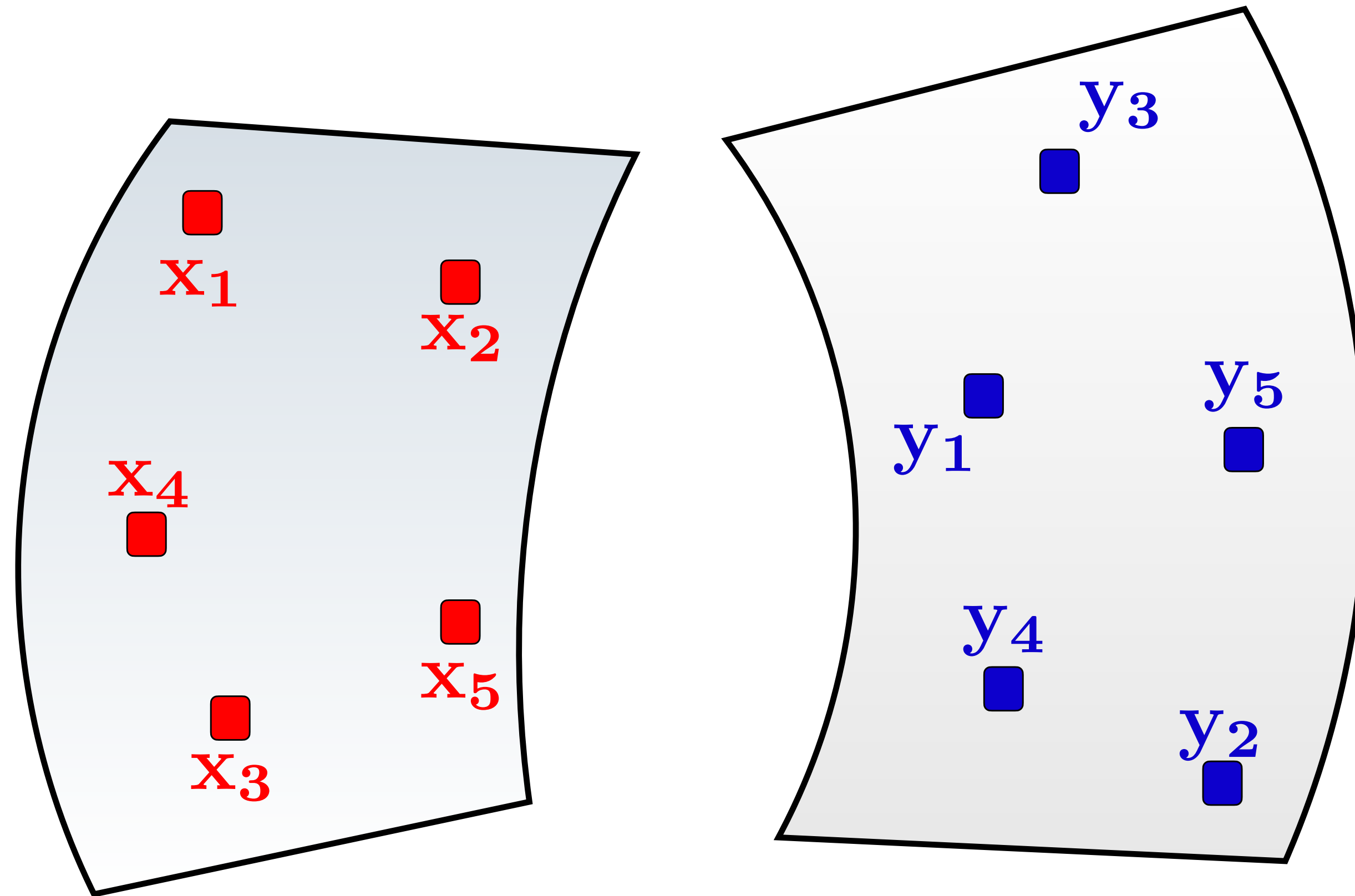


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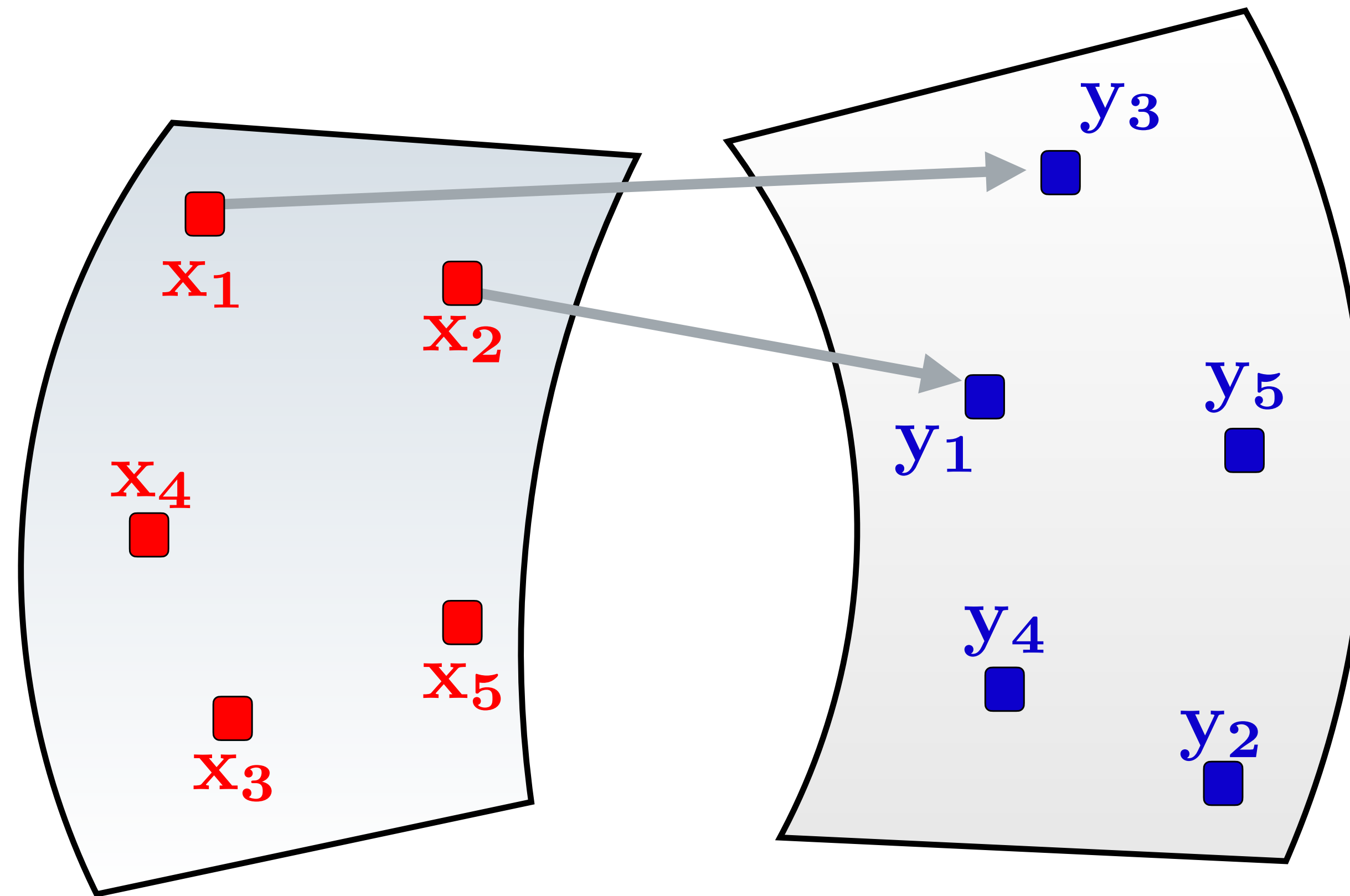


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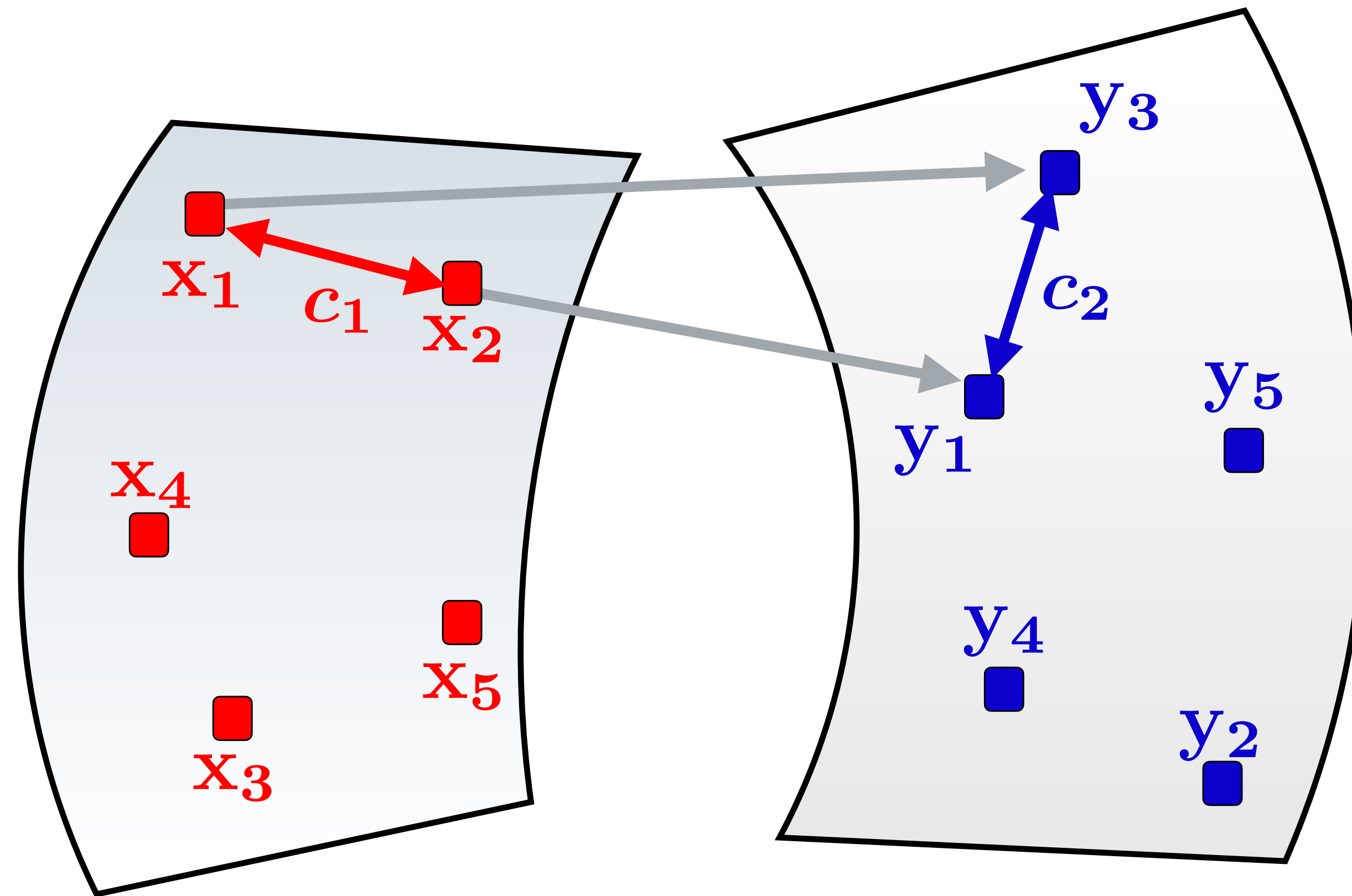


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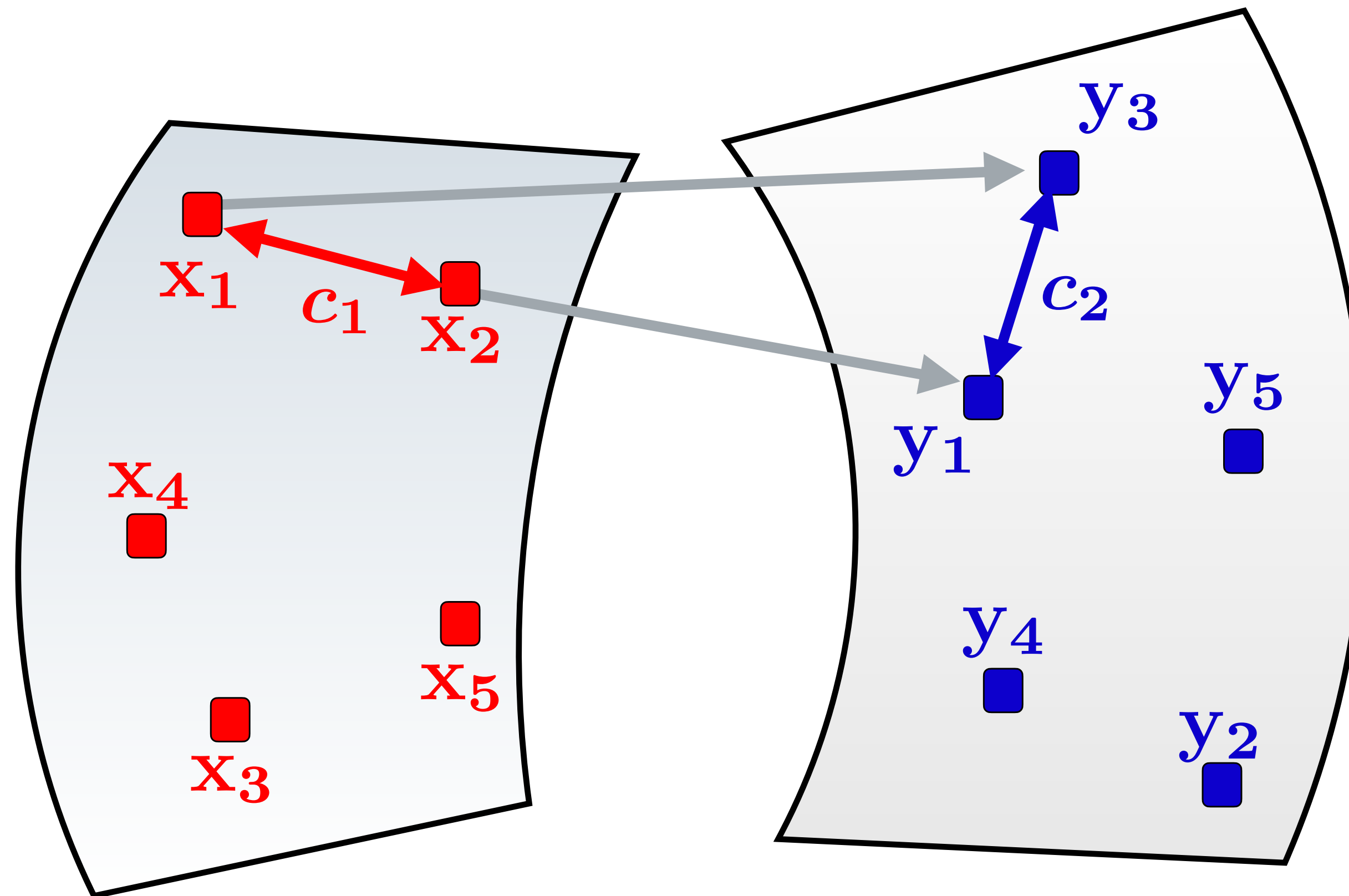
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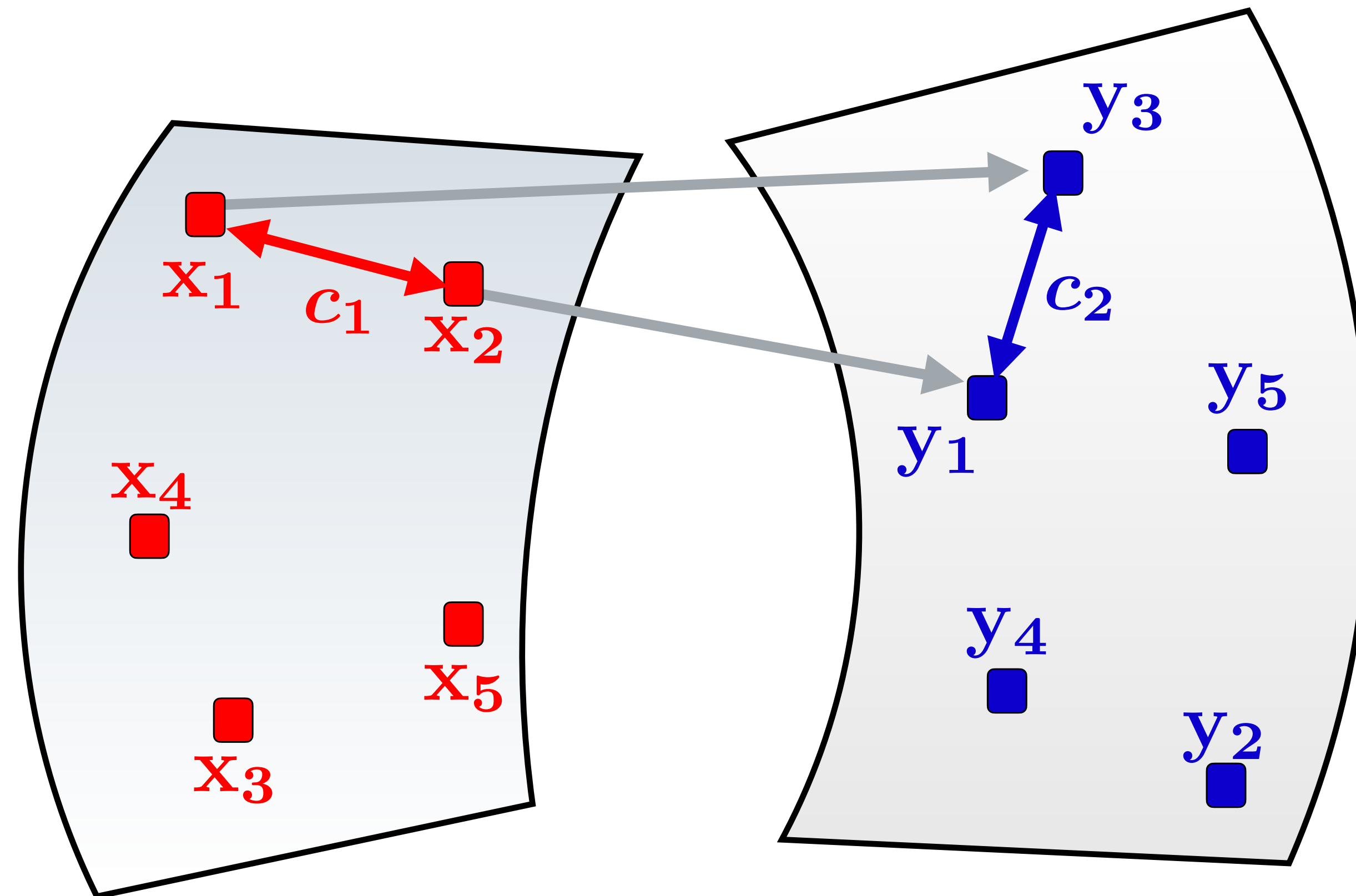
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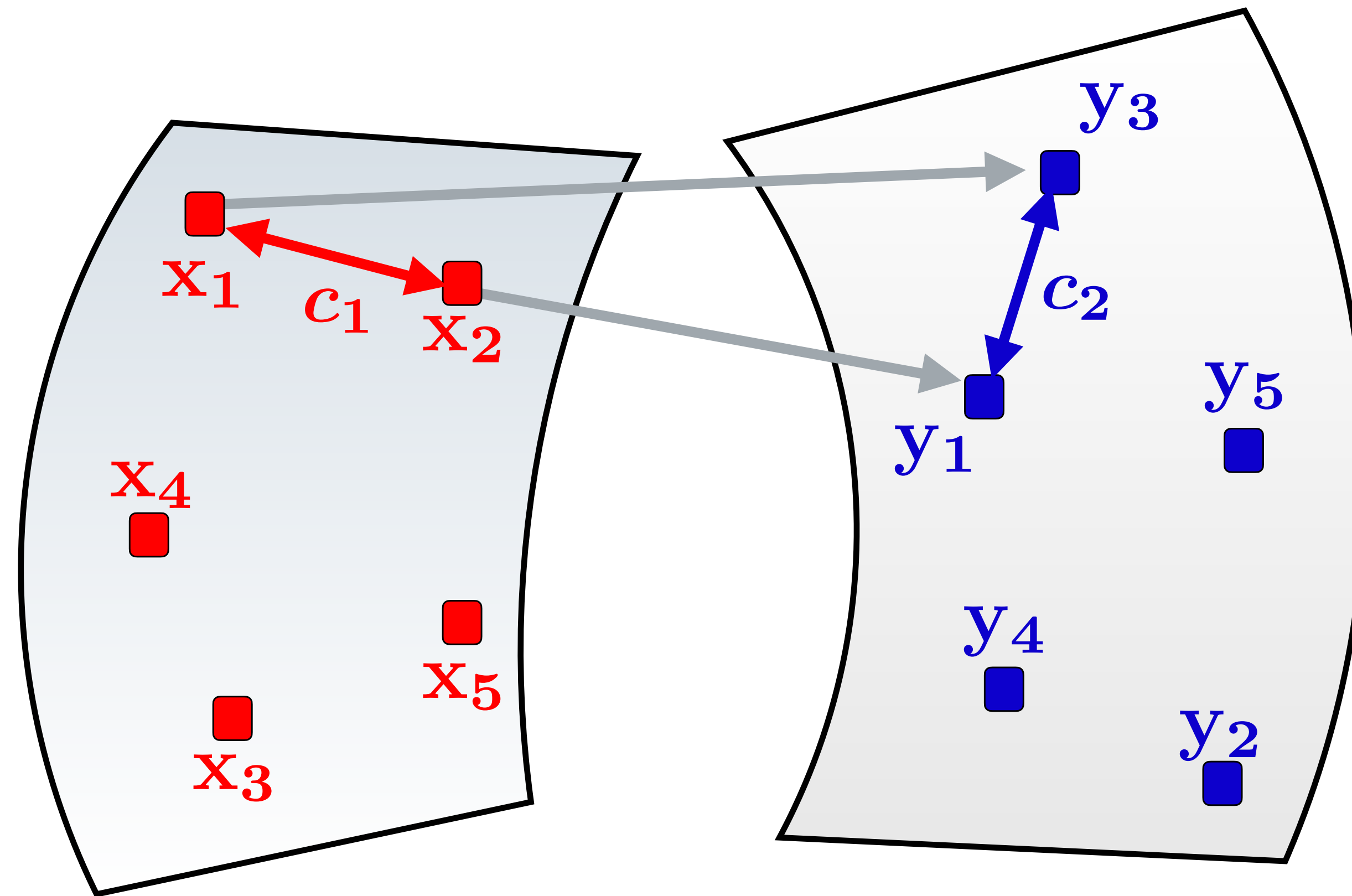
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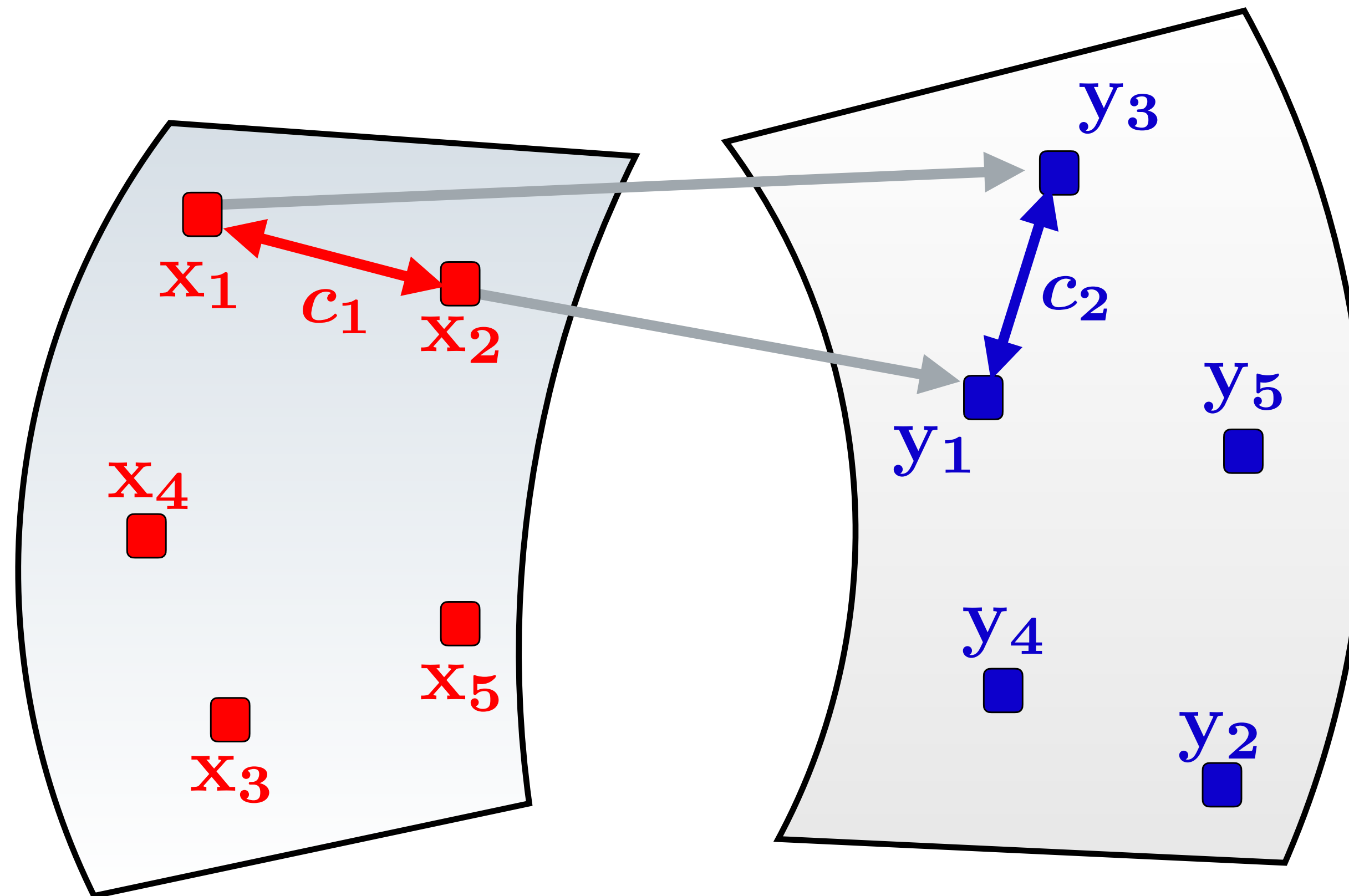
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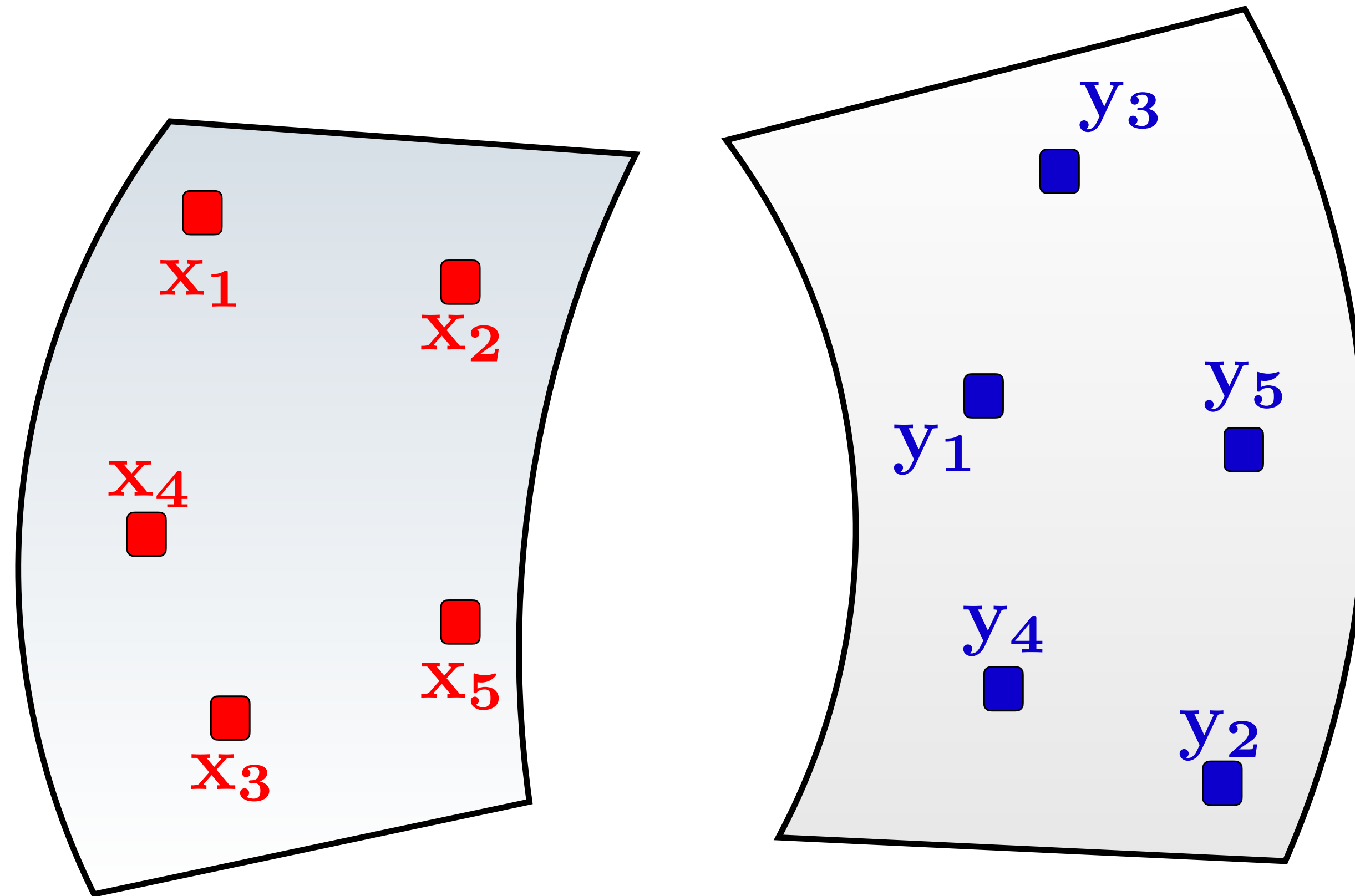
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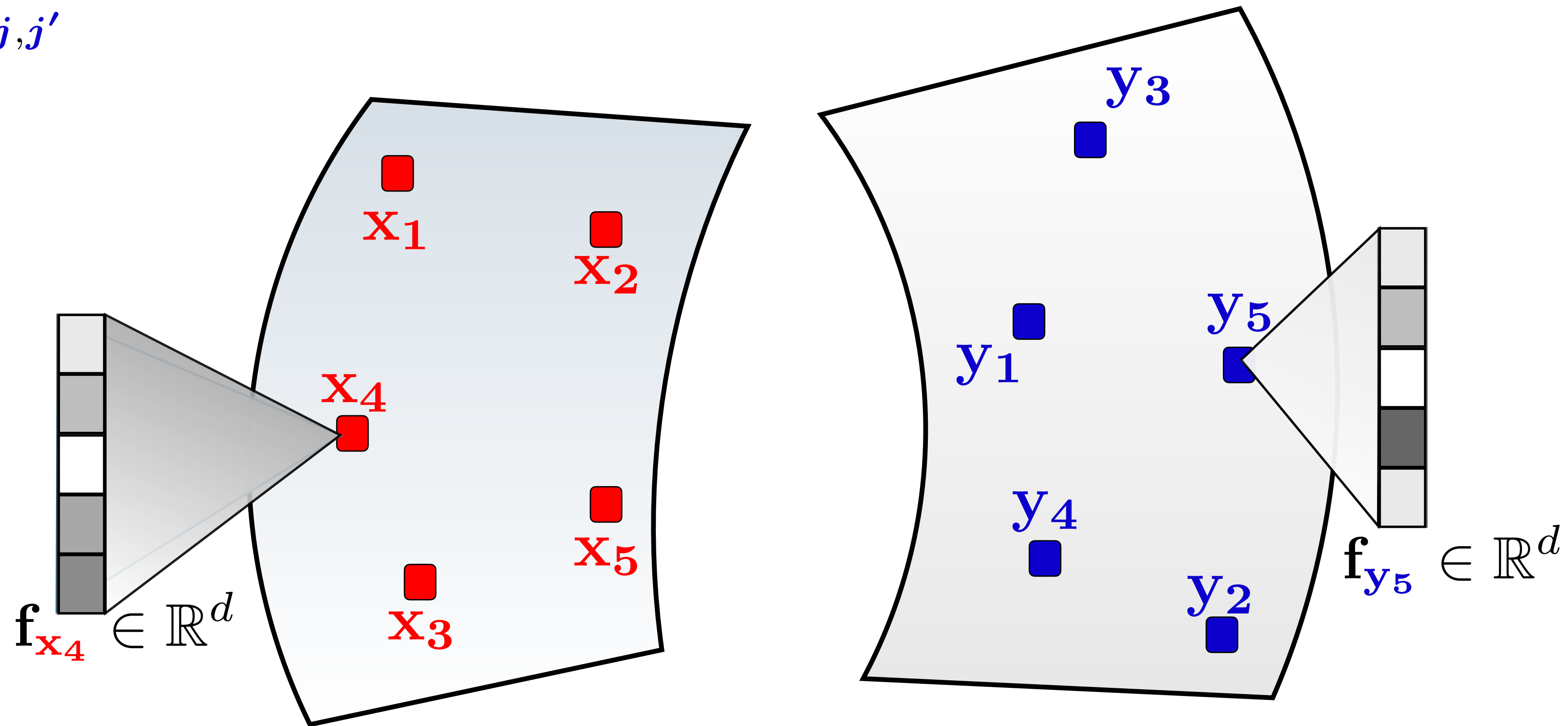


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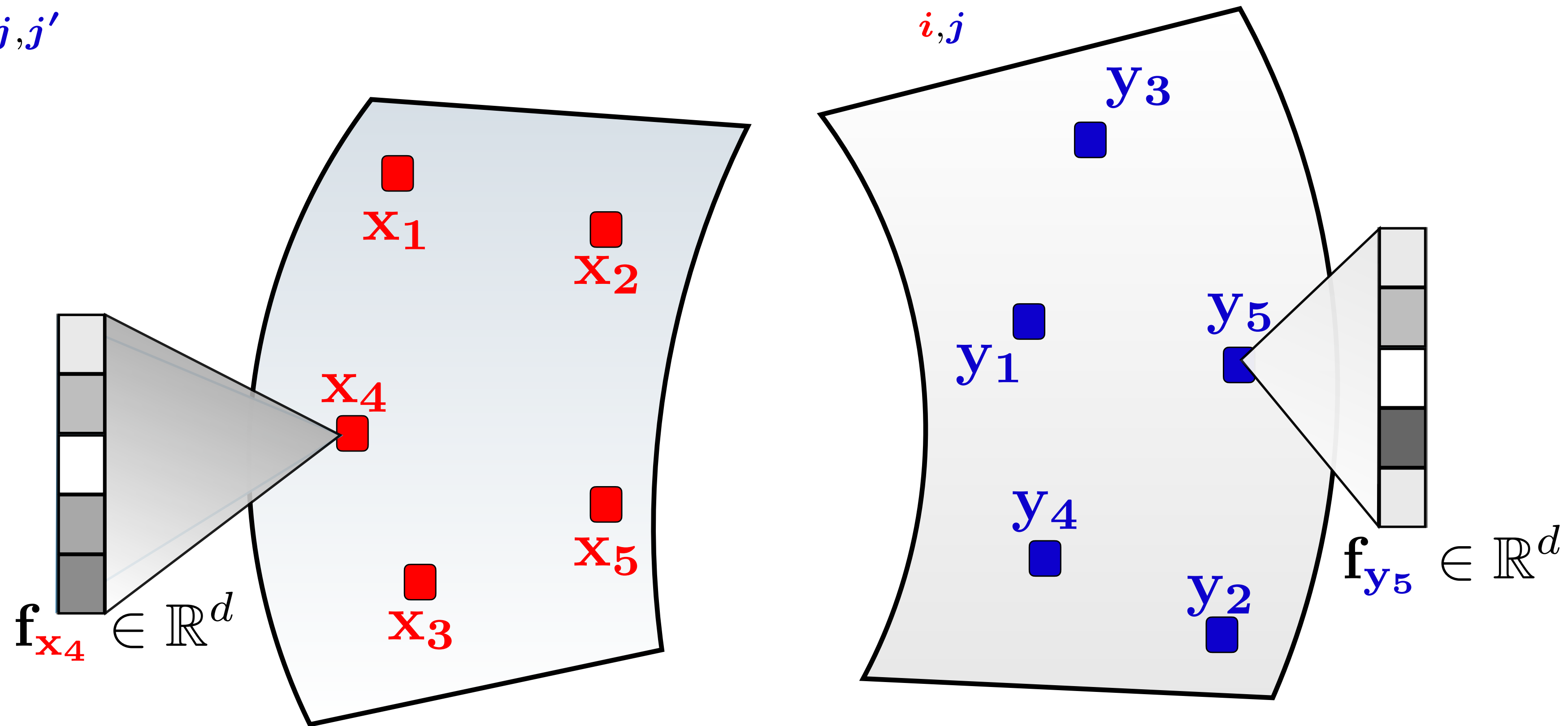


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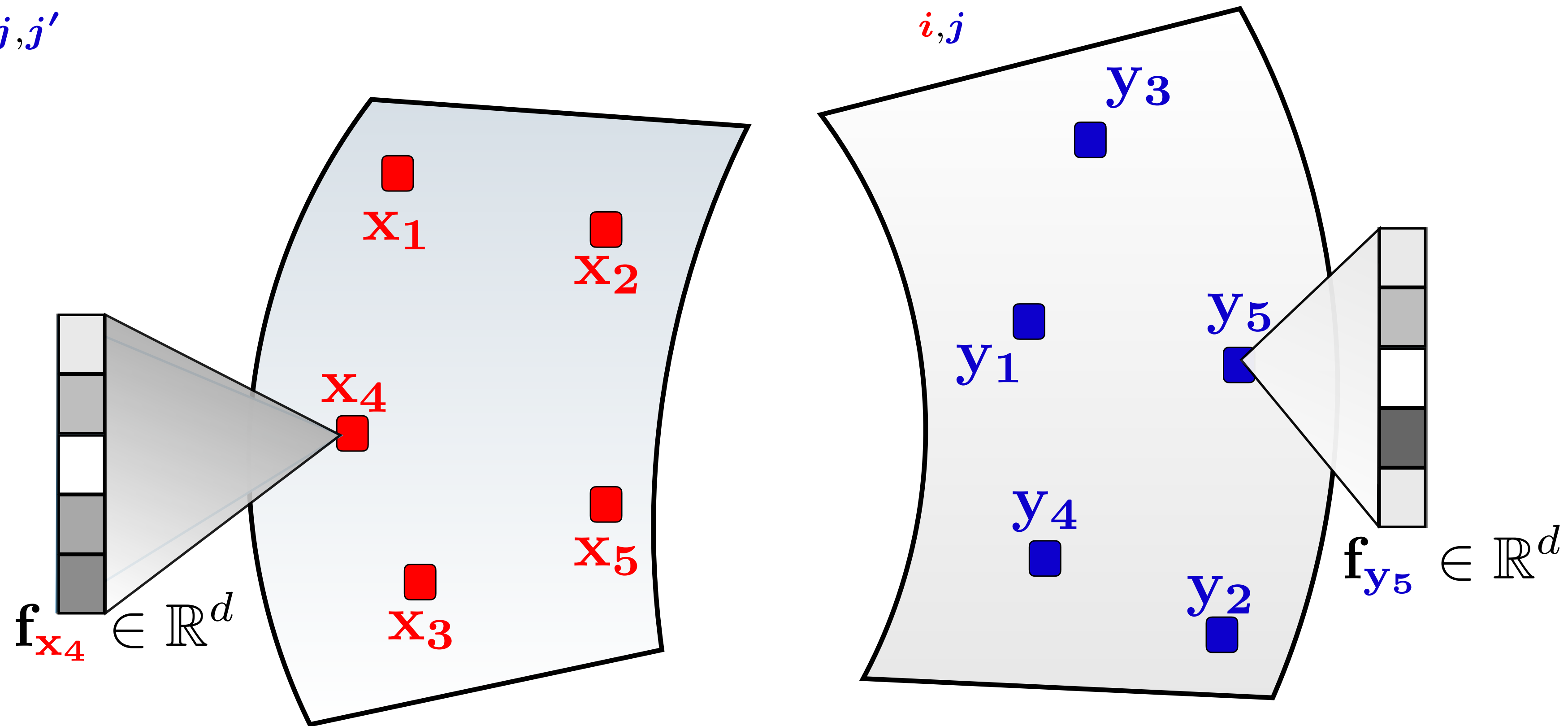


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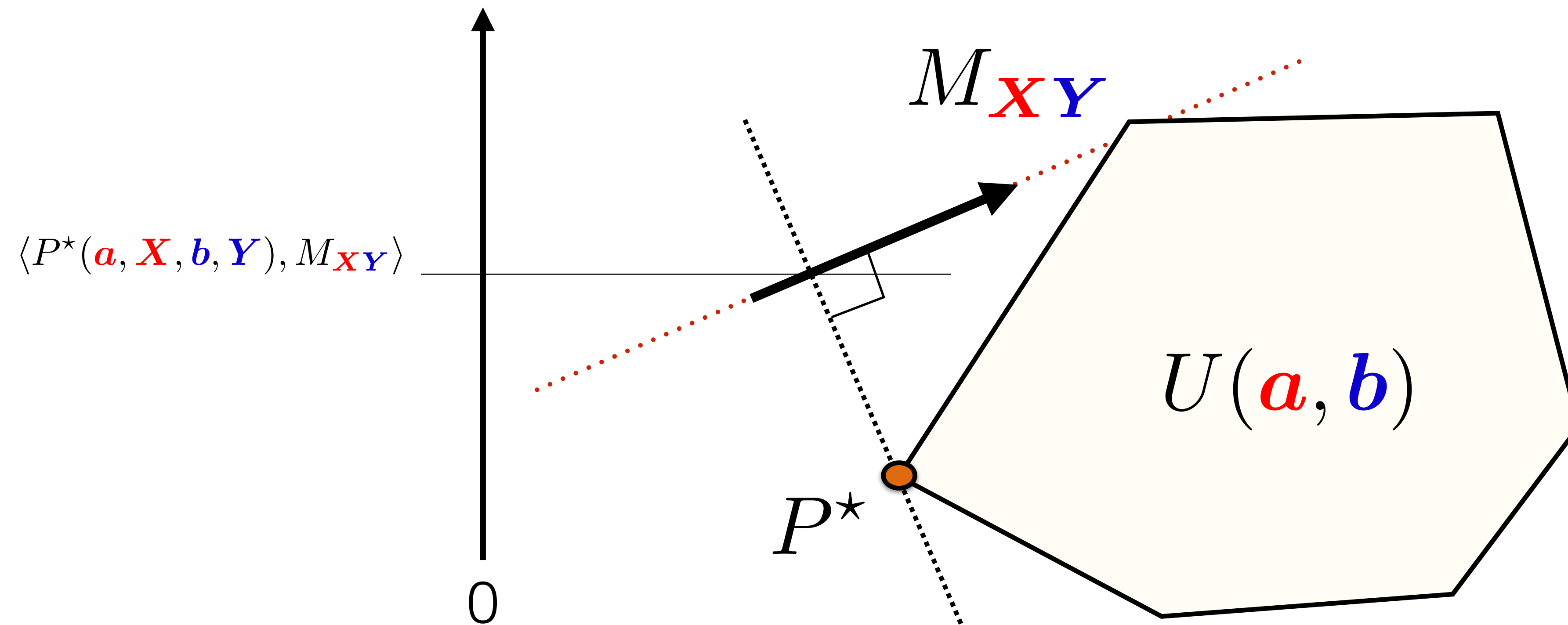
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MOSCOT FGW

Rough Picture of What is Doable and What is Not [REDO with REFS]

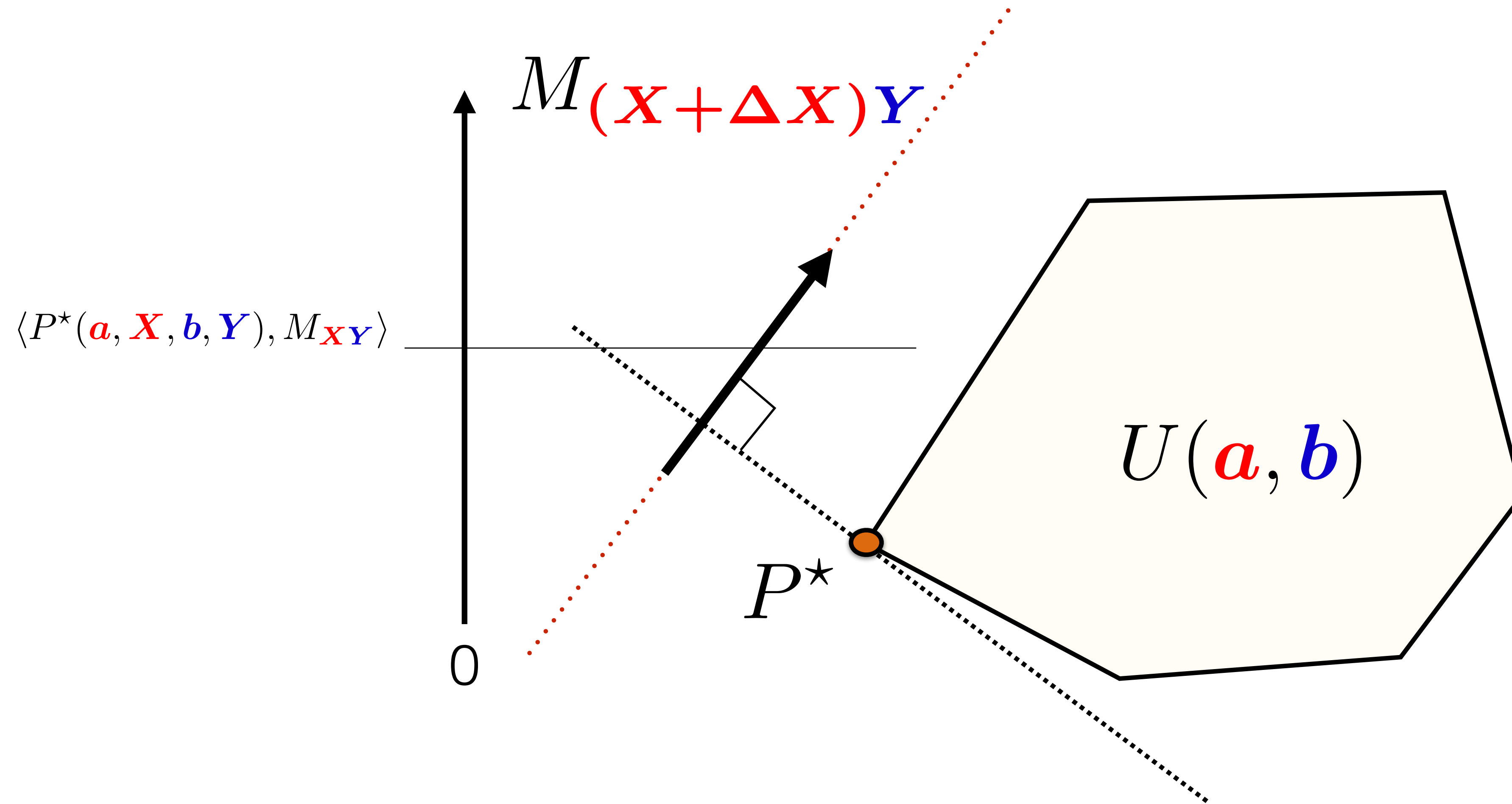
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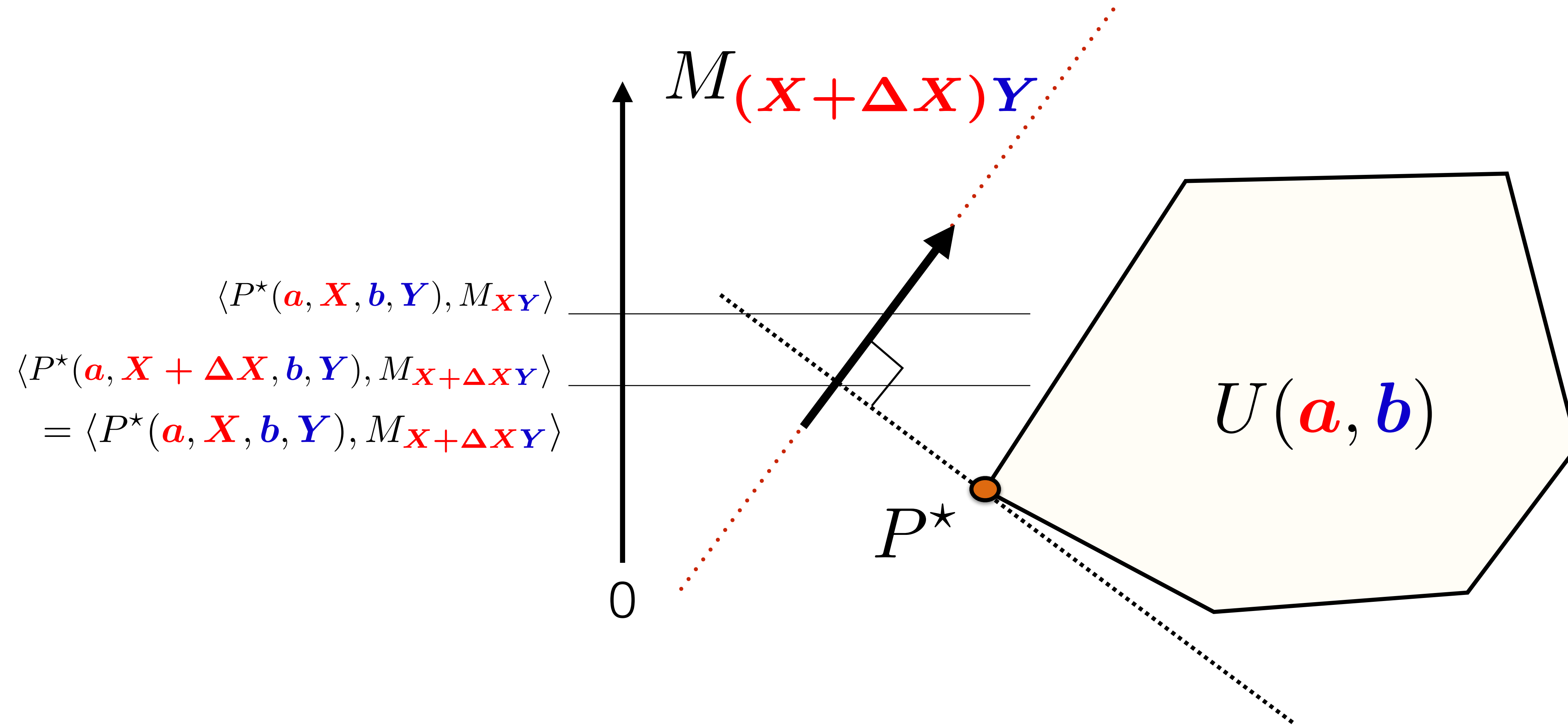
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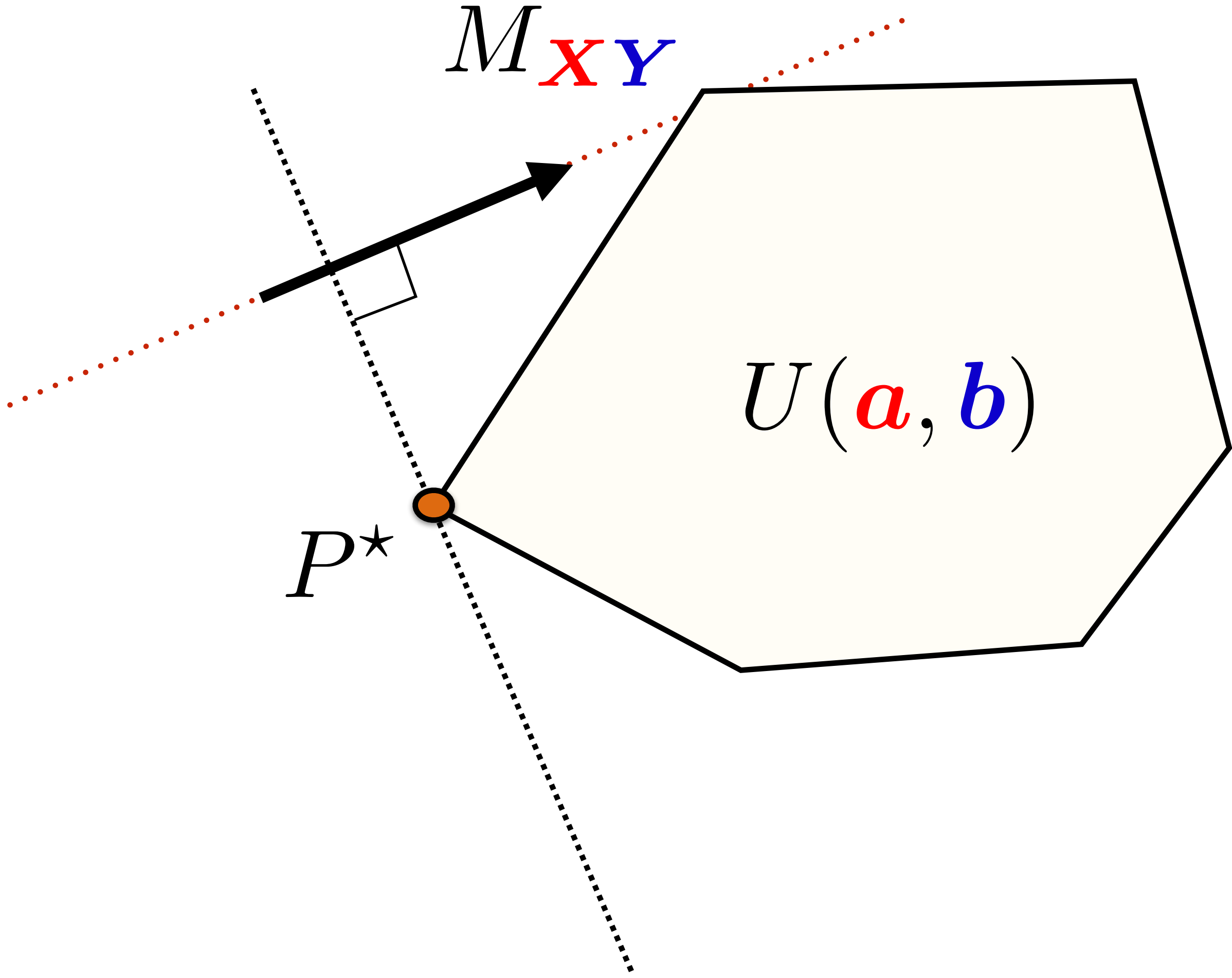
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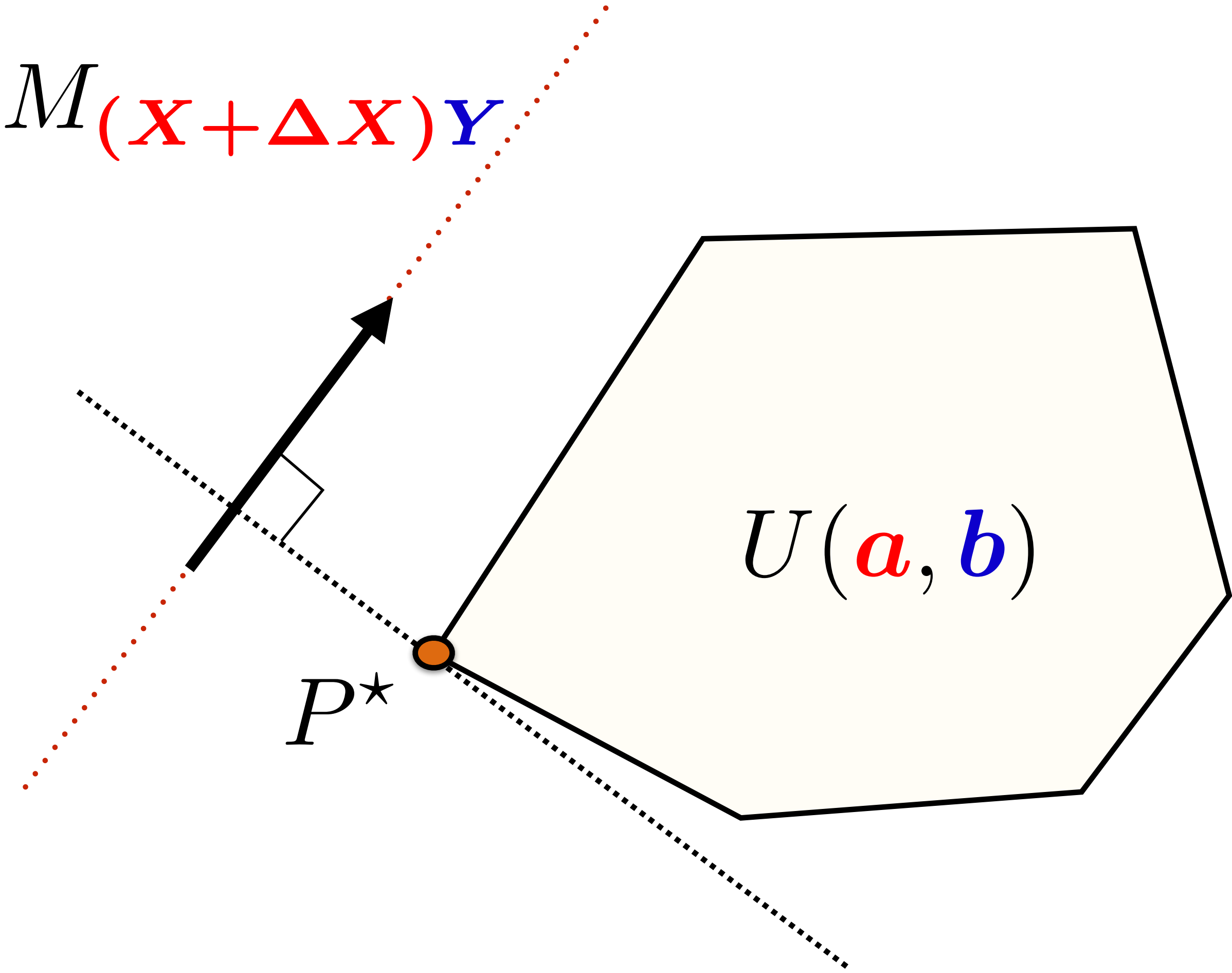


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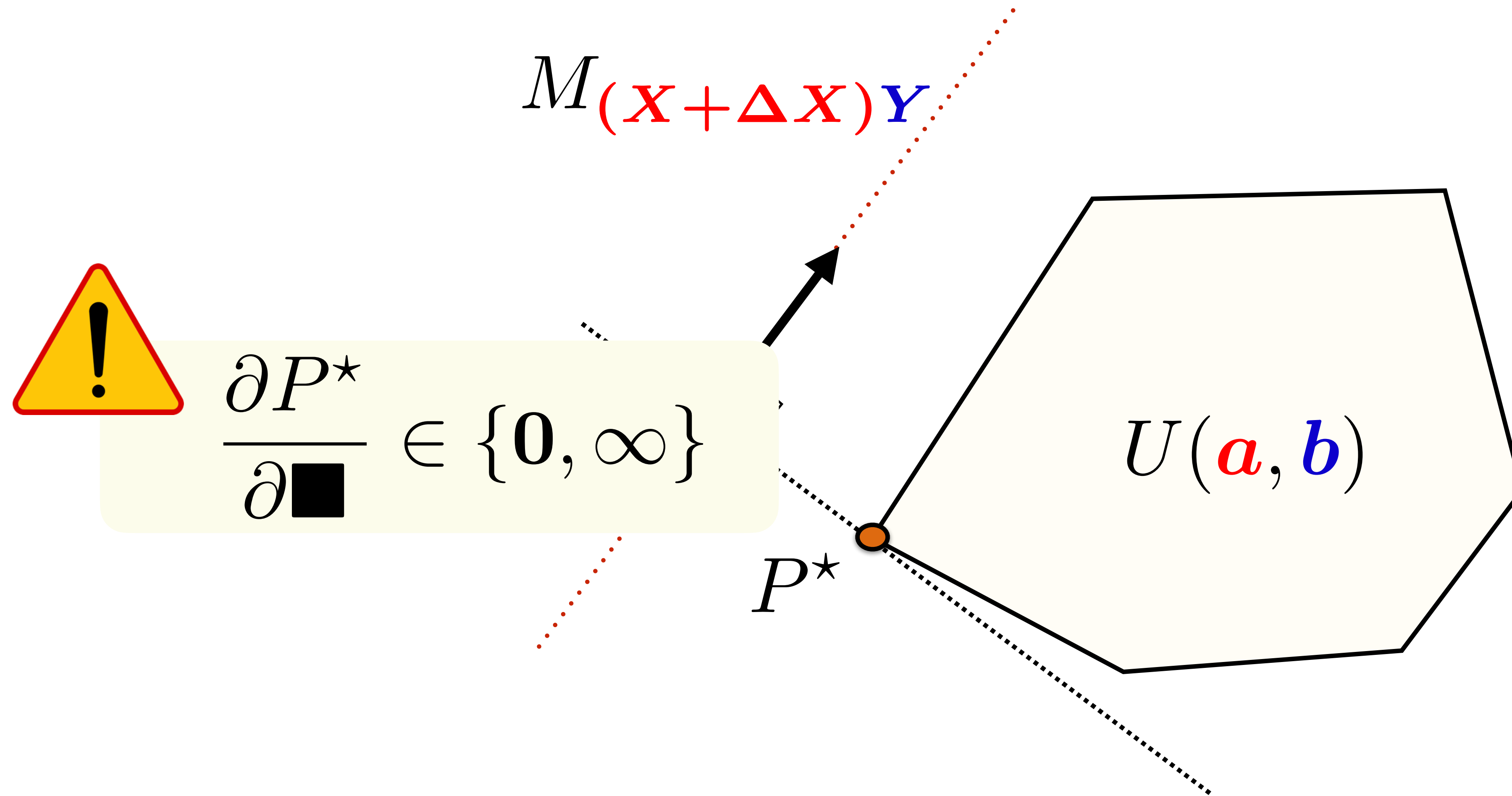
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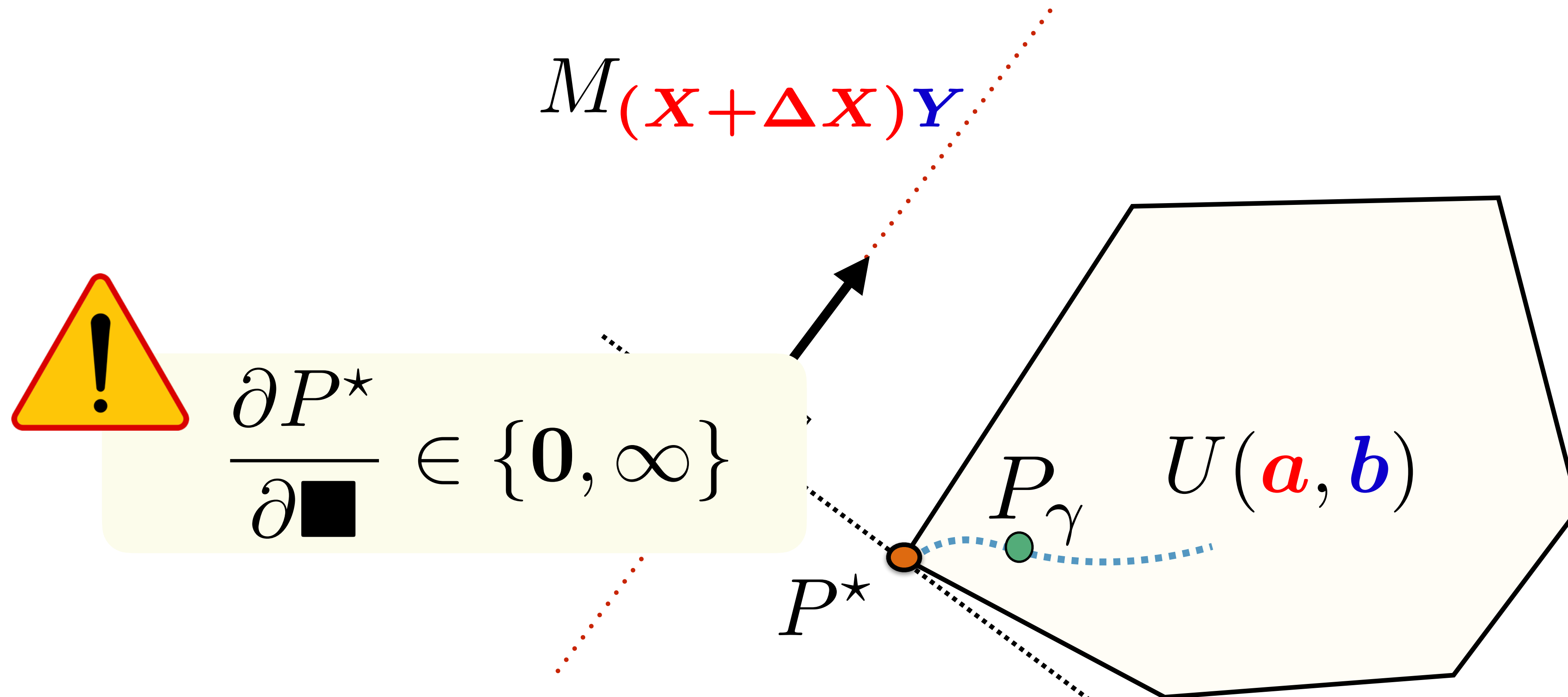
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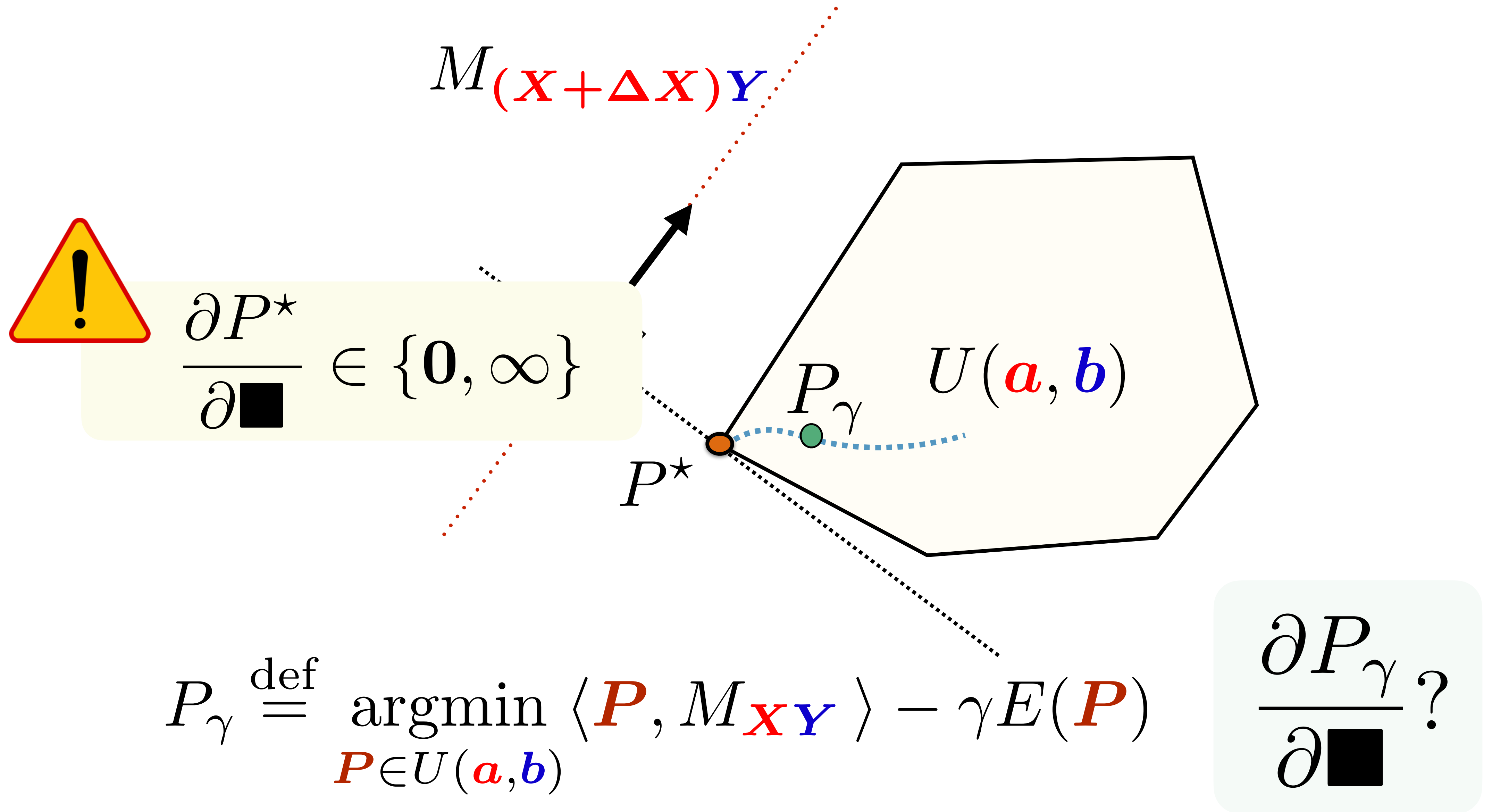


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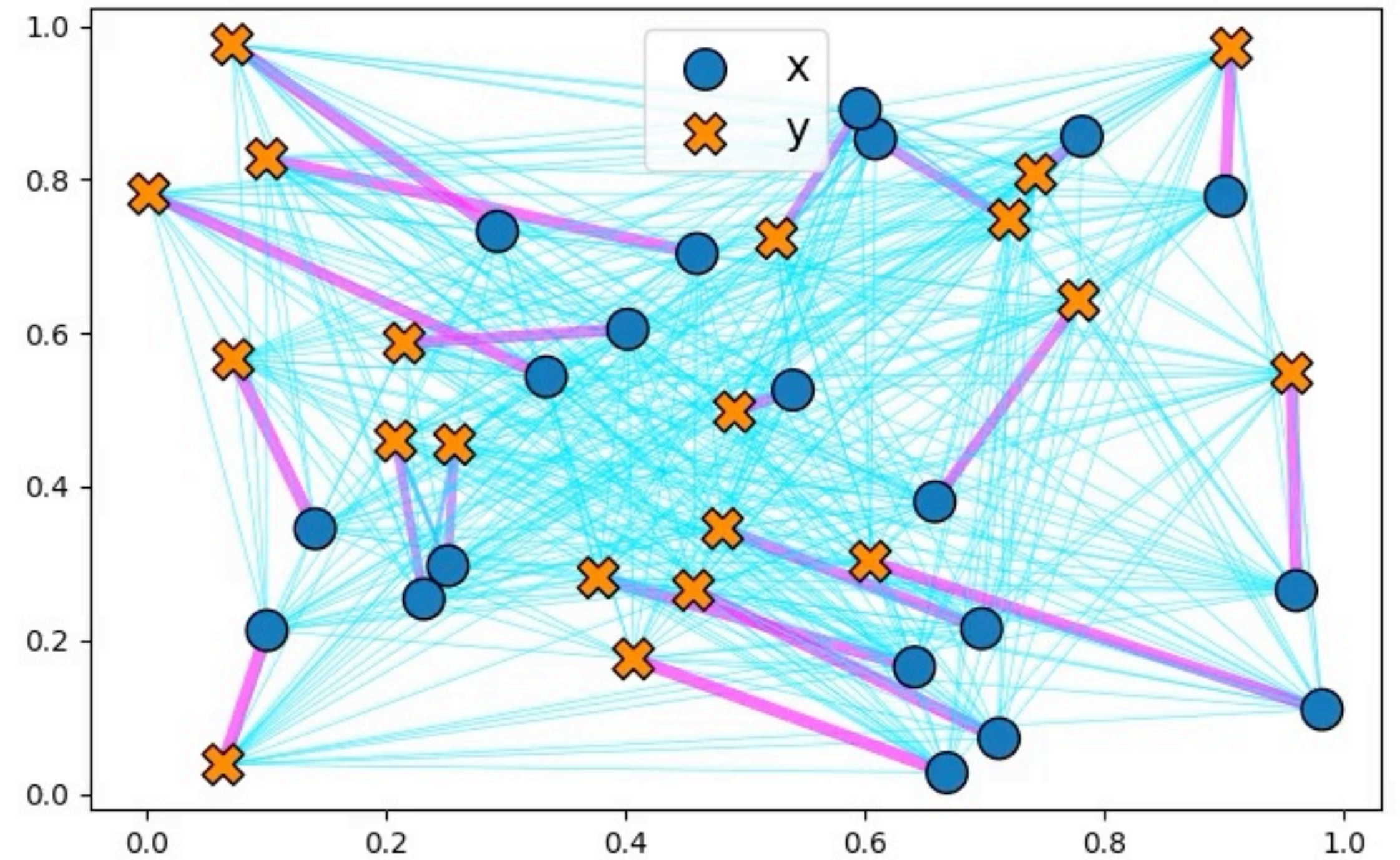
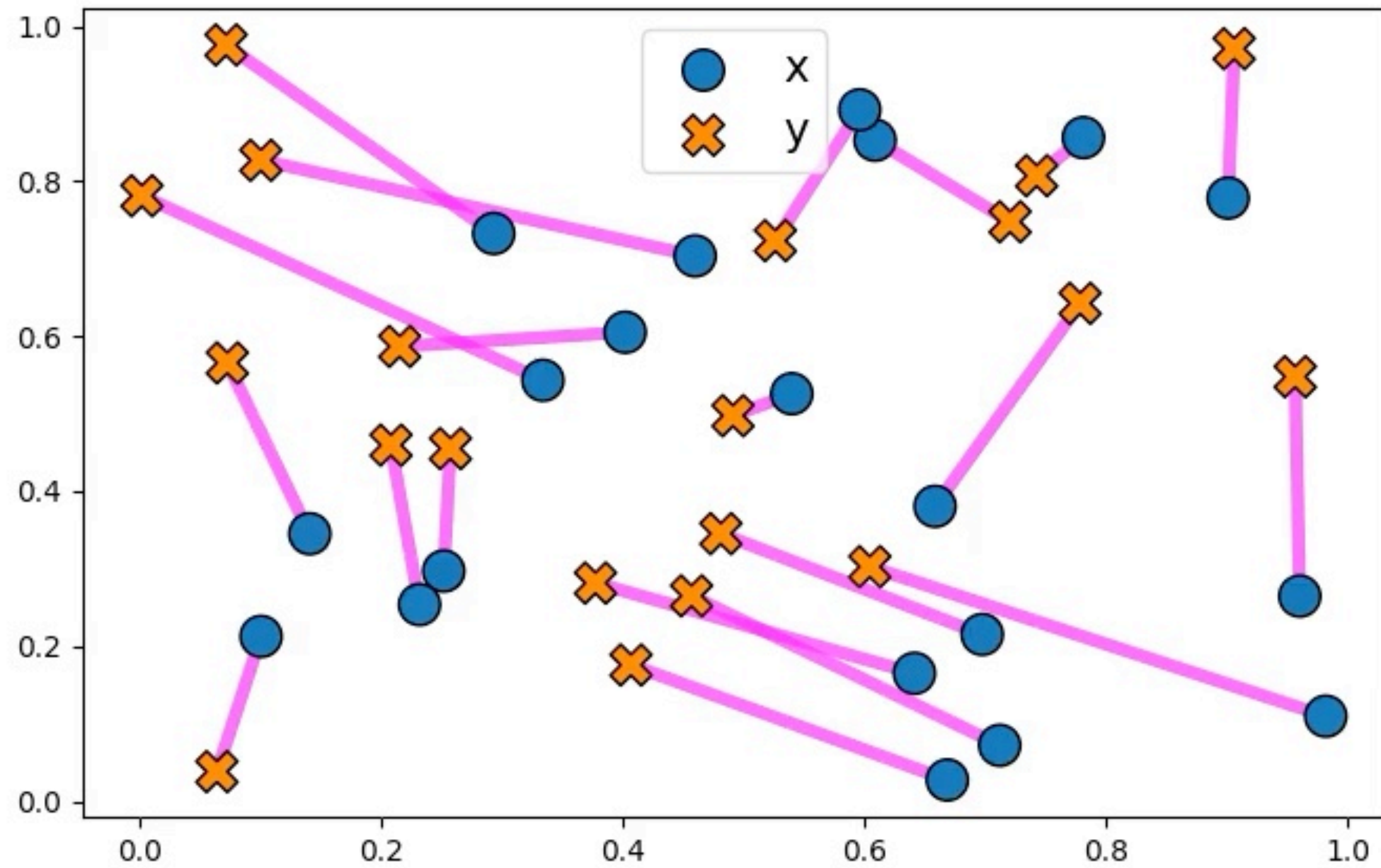


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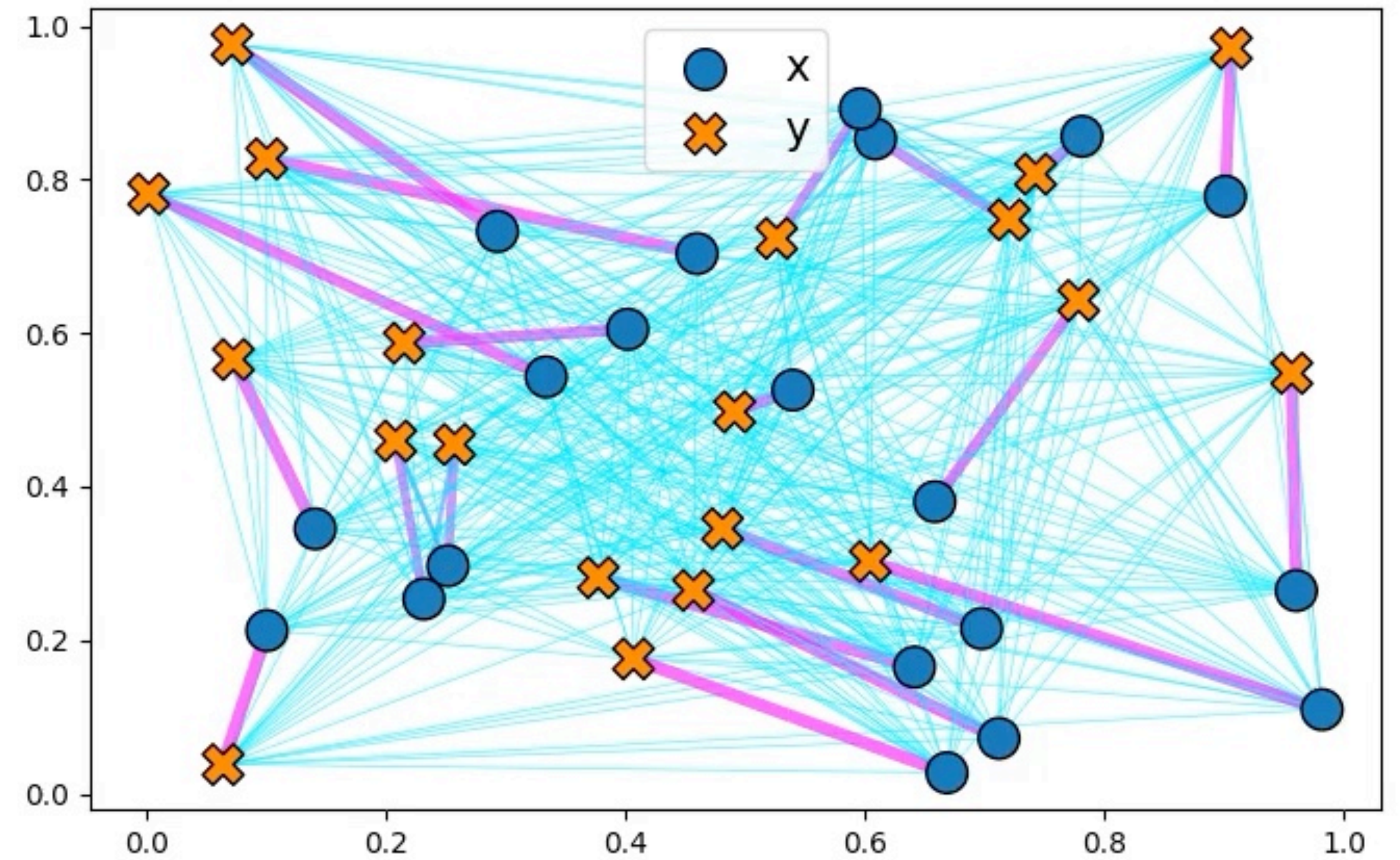
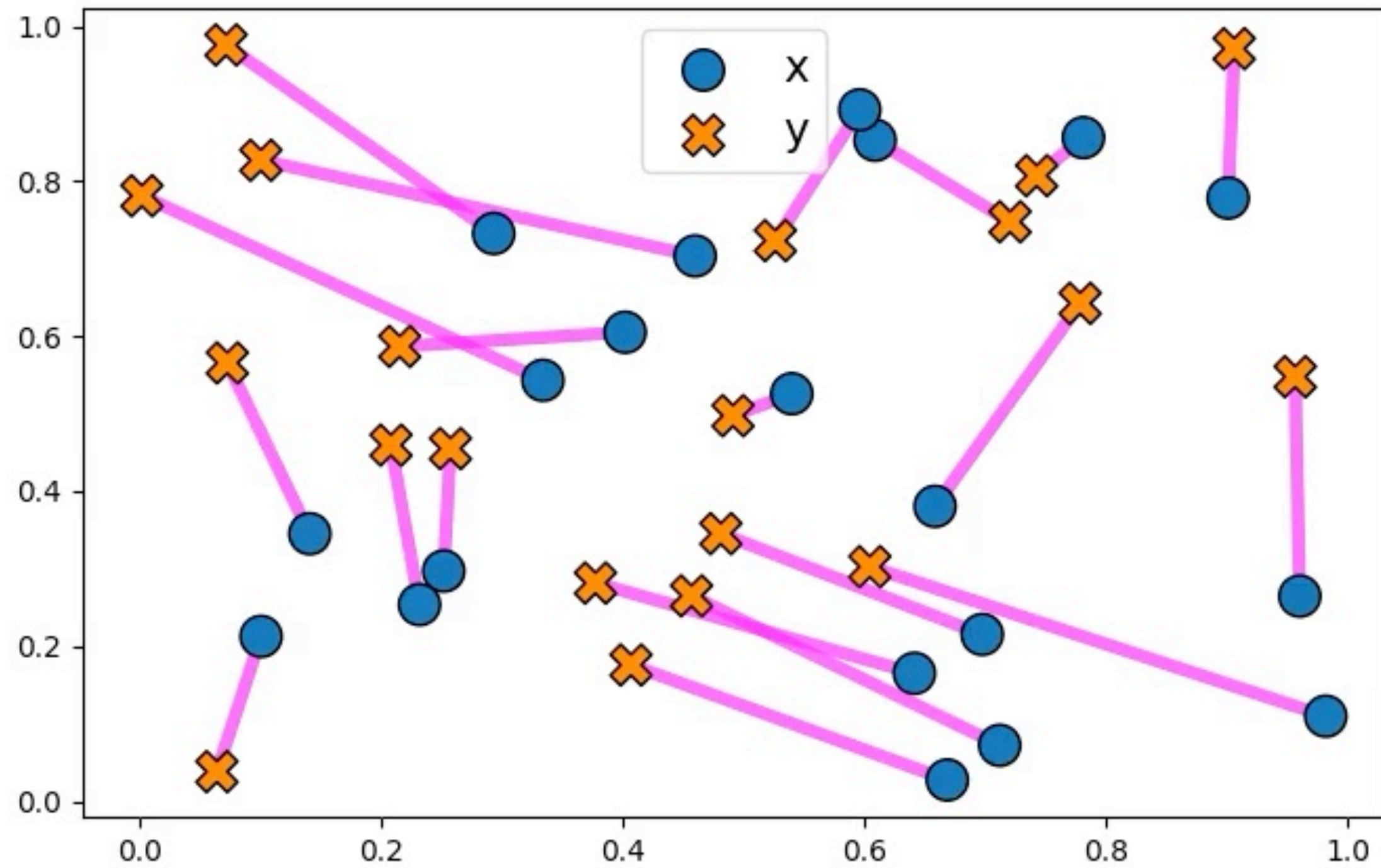


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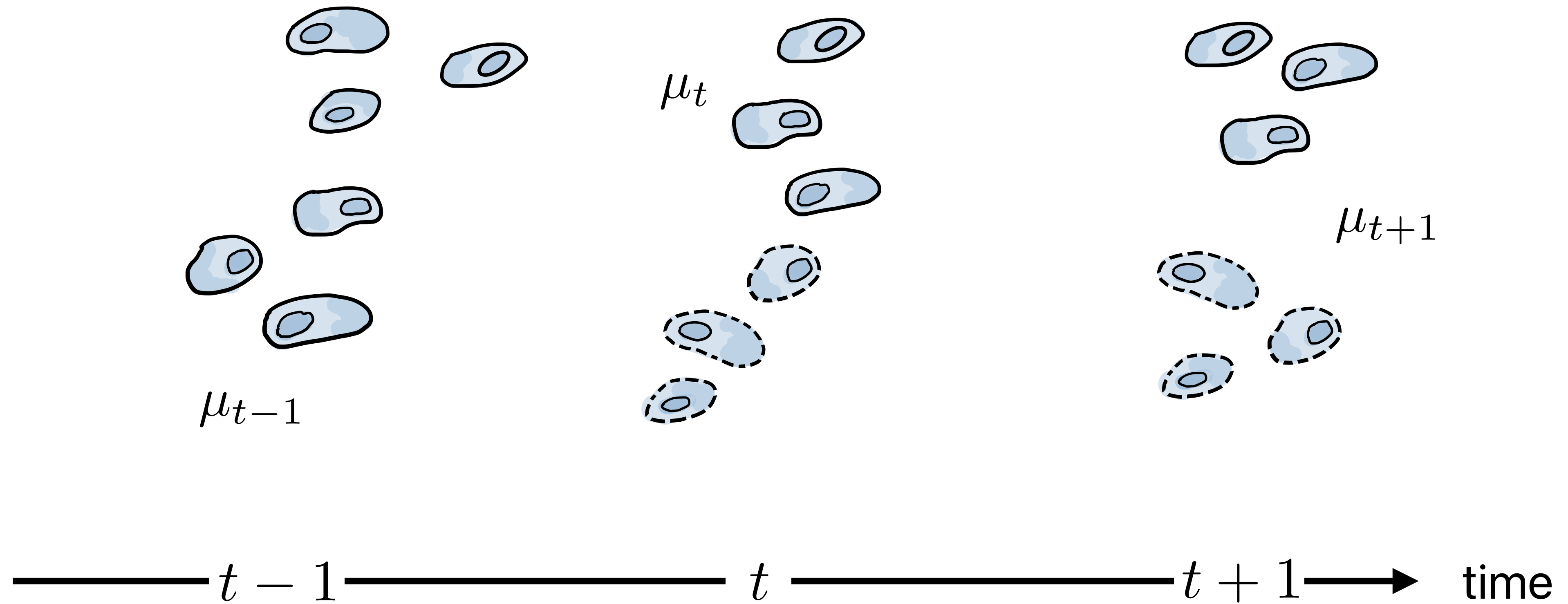
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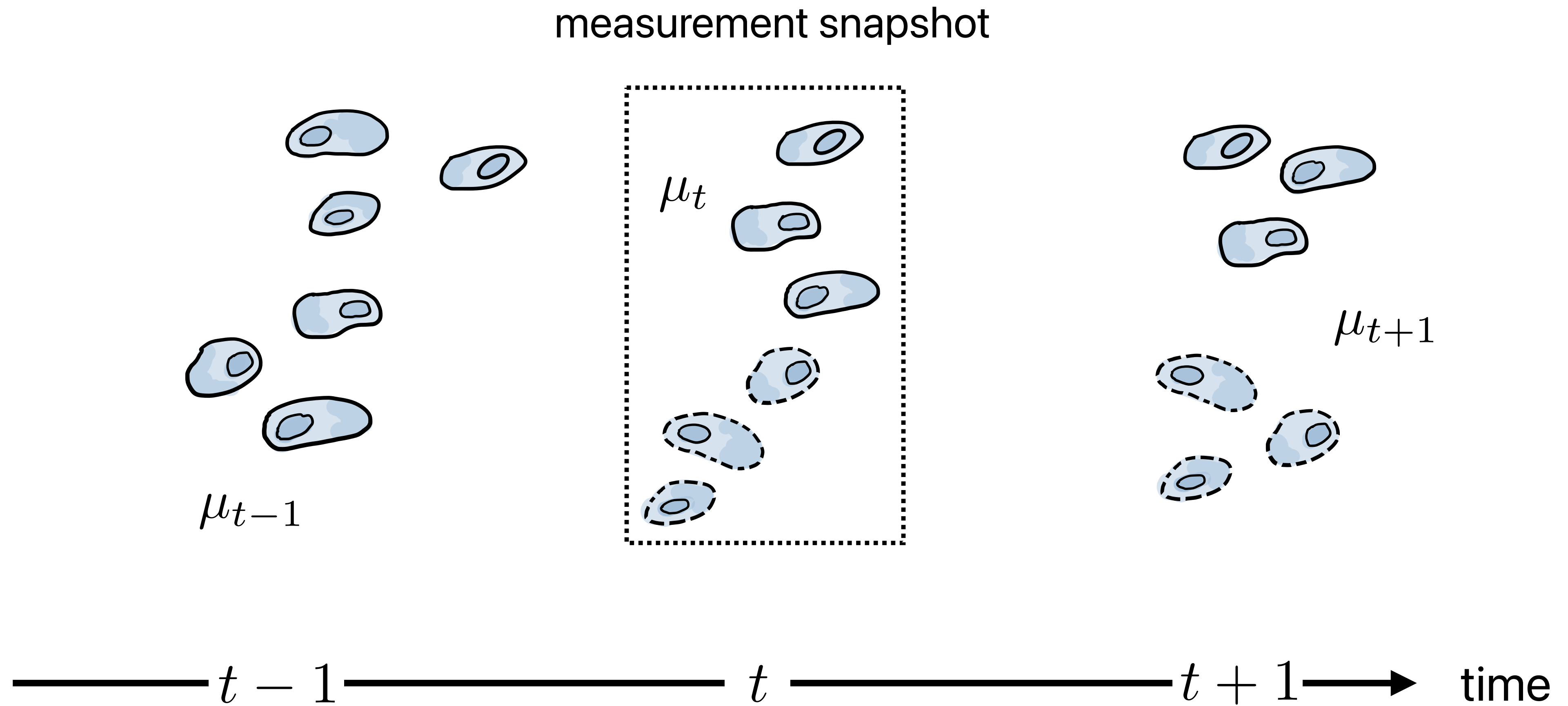
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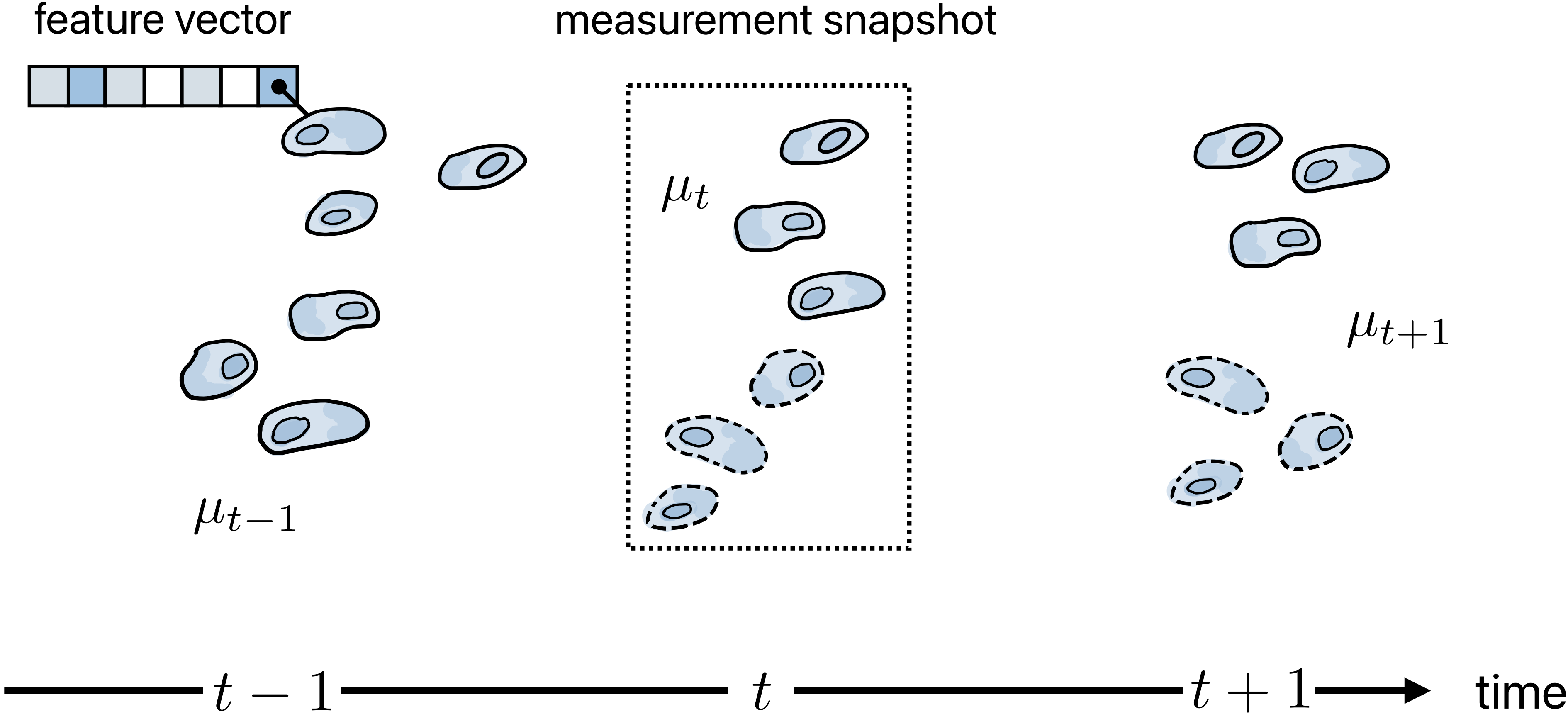
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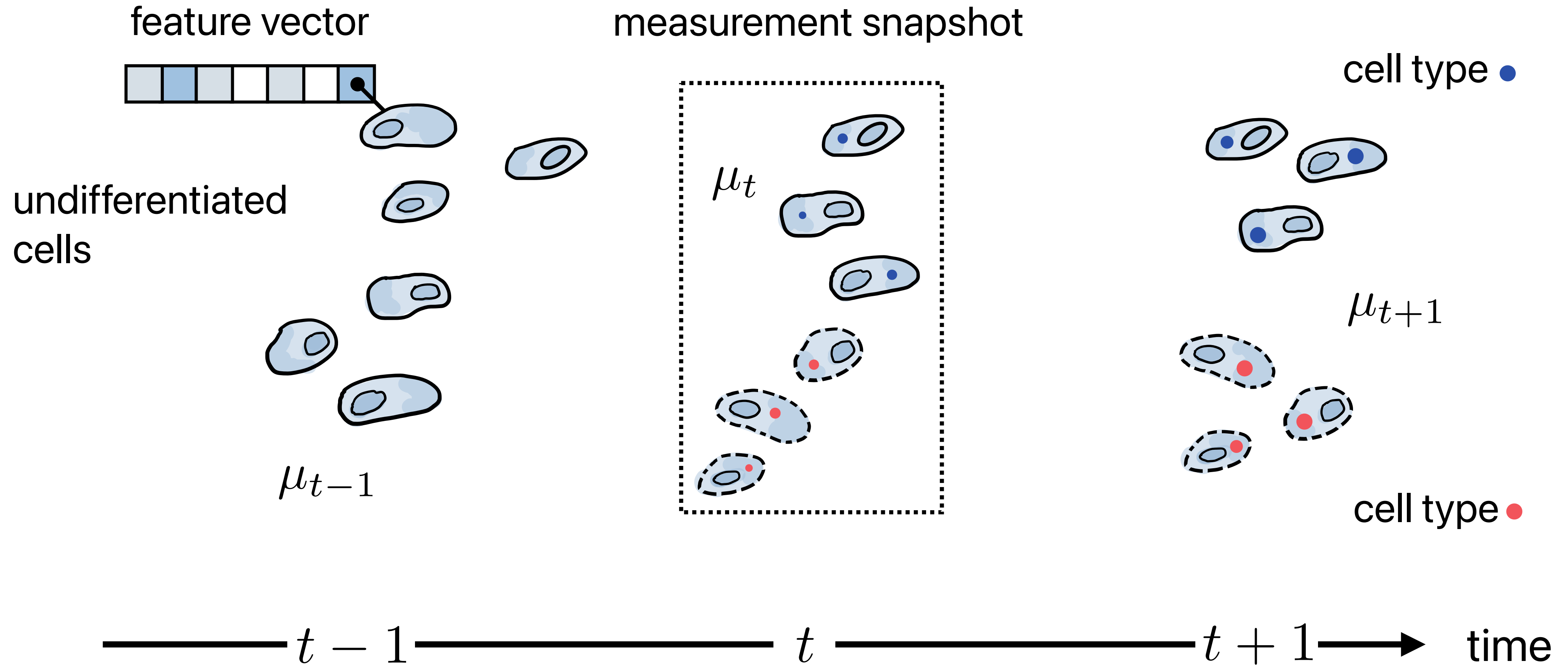
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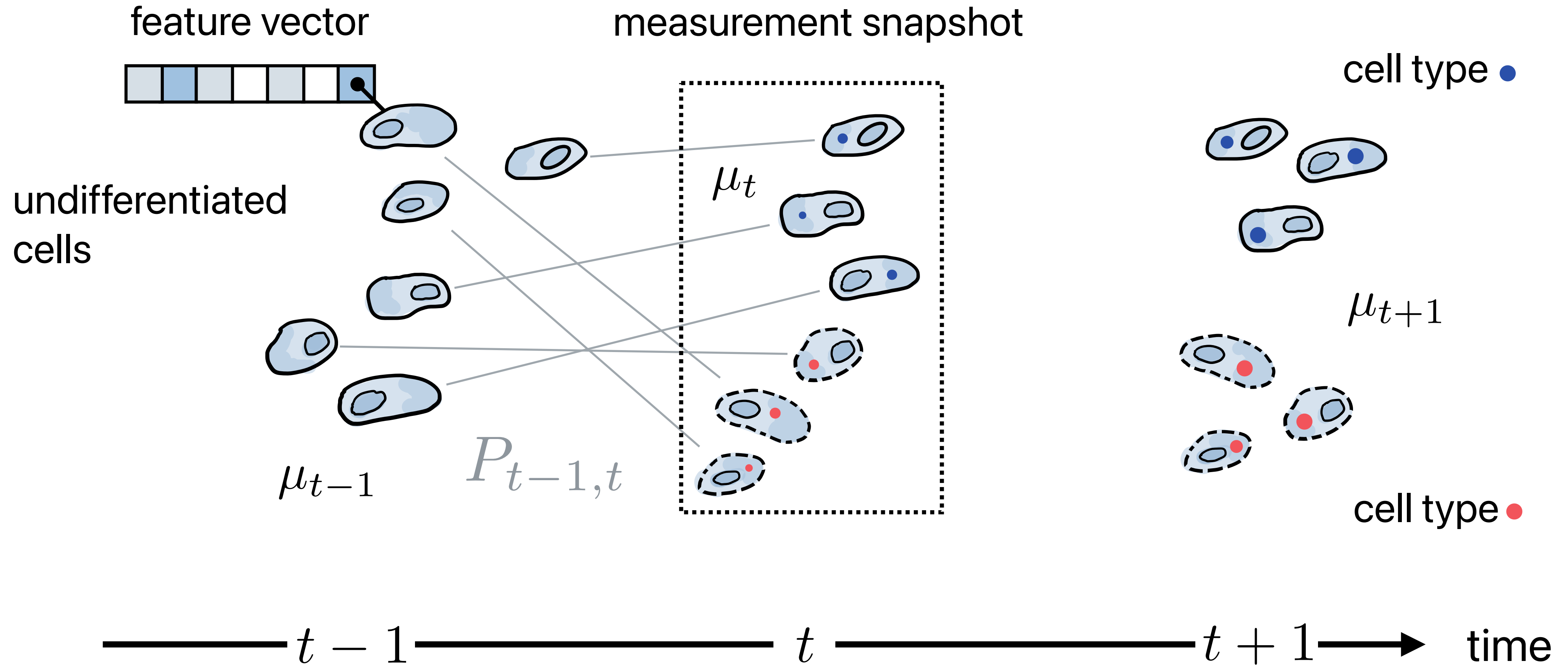
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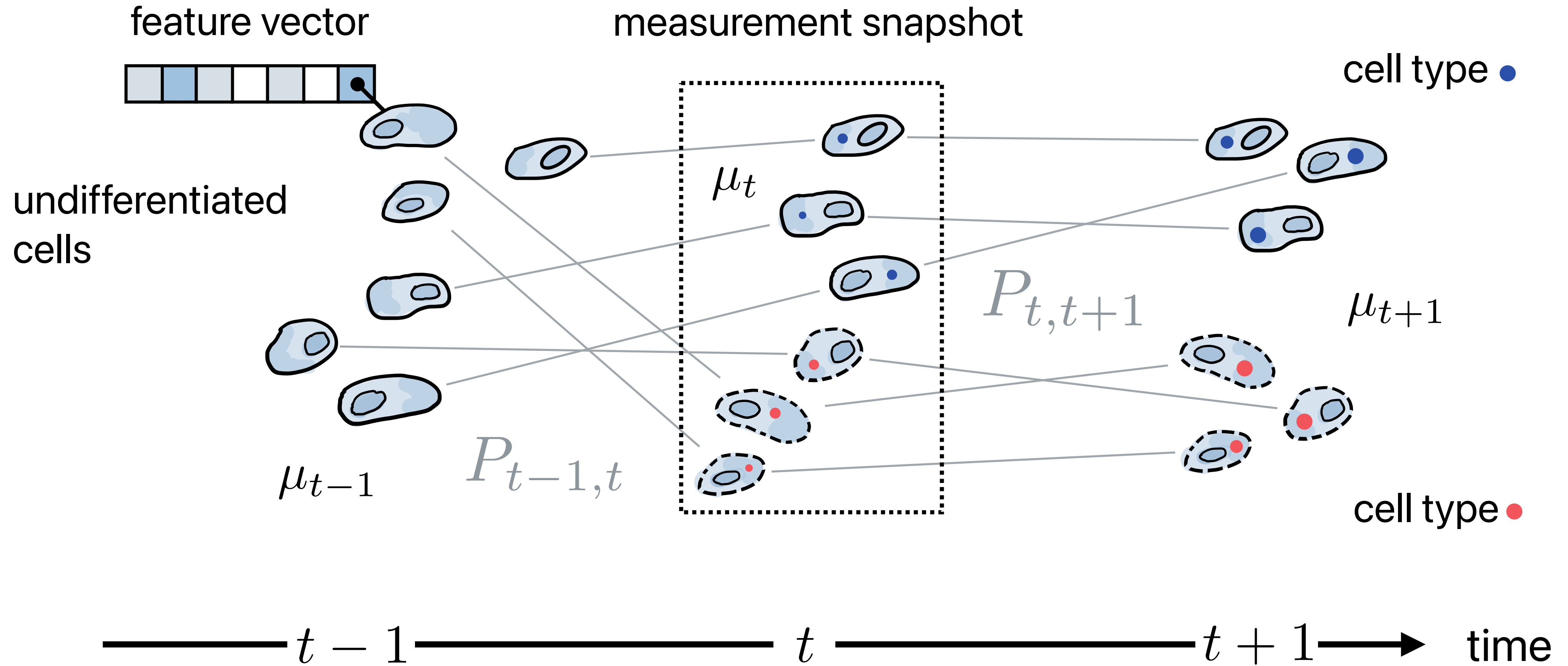
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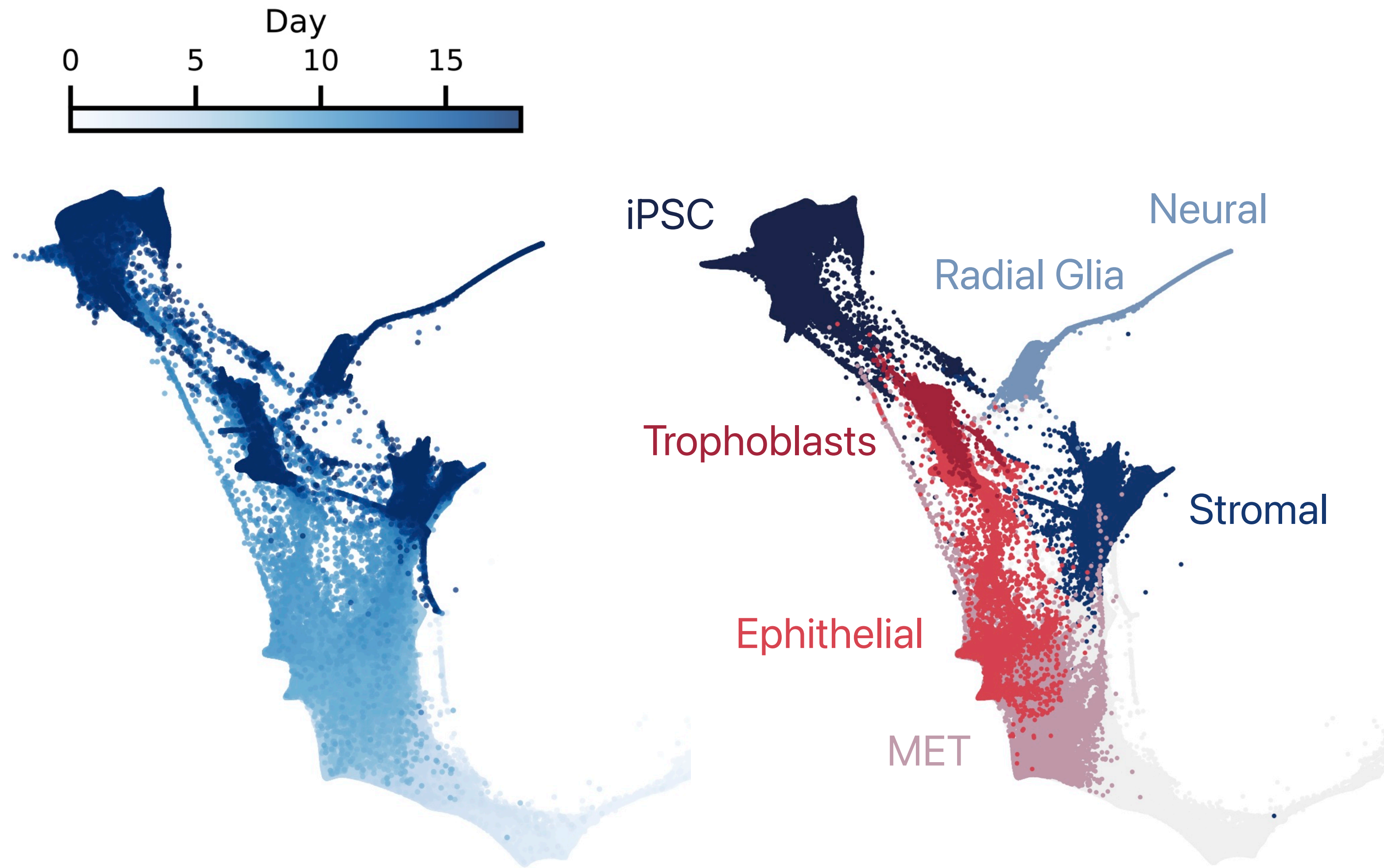
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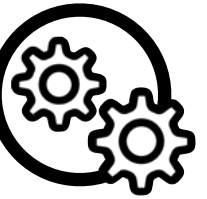


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fate transition table

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Neural			0.04			
Trophoblast				0.06	0.01	0.01
Epithelial			0.05	0.01	0.07	0.07
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MOSCOOT

Q Search

- Installation
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Moscot - Multiomics Single-cell Optimal Transport

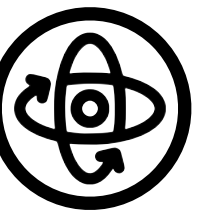
`moscot` is a framework for optimal transport applications in single cell genomics.



If you find a model useful for your research, please consider citing the `moscot` manuscript (in preparation) as well as the publication introducing the model, which can be found in the corresponding documentation.

Installation Learn how to install <code>moscot</code> .	User API Find a detailed documentation of <code>moscot</code> .	Contributing Add a functionality or report a bug.
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with  backend



These solvers are used as subroutines, tricks to speed/stabilize them matter

- (Nonlinear) acceleration of fixed point iterations, and their differentiation
- Faster kernel multiplications (with caveat that they must remain >0)
- Amortized and/or clever initializations, notably for LR approaches.

 Accel

 Grid

 MetaOT

Theory and statistics help setting right levels of regularization

- Stats: Sinkhorn vs. LP plugin [Altschuler+17, Genevay+18, Mena+19, Stromme+22]

- Debiasing approaches $\hat{W}_{\text{reg}}(\mu, \nu) = W_{\text{reg}}(\mu, \nu) - \frac{1}{2} (W_{\text{reg}}(\mu, \mu) + W_{\text{reg}}(\nu, \nu))$

[Genevay+17, Feydy+18, Chizat+22]

 SinkDiv

More structured losses, beyond linear/quadratic [Alvarez-Melis+19, Redko+20]

Choosing cost-functions adaptively [Cuturi+11, Paty+19, Lin+20, Chuang+23]

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Duality, Monge Formulations and Brenier Theorems

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- c -concavity, Gangbo-McCann and Brenier theorems
- Entropic map estimators, learning neural Monge maps

Part 3

Modeling Measure Dynamics with Optimal Transport

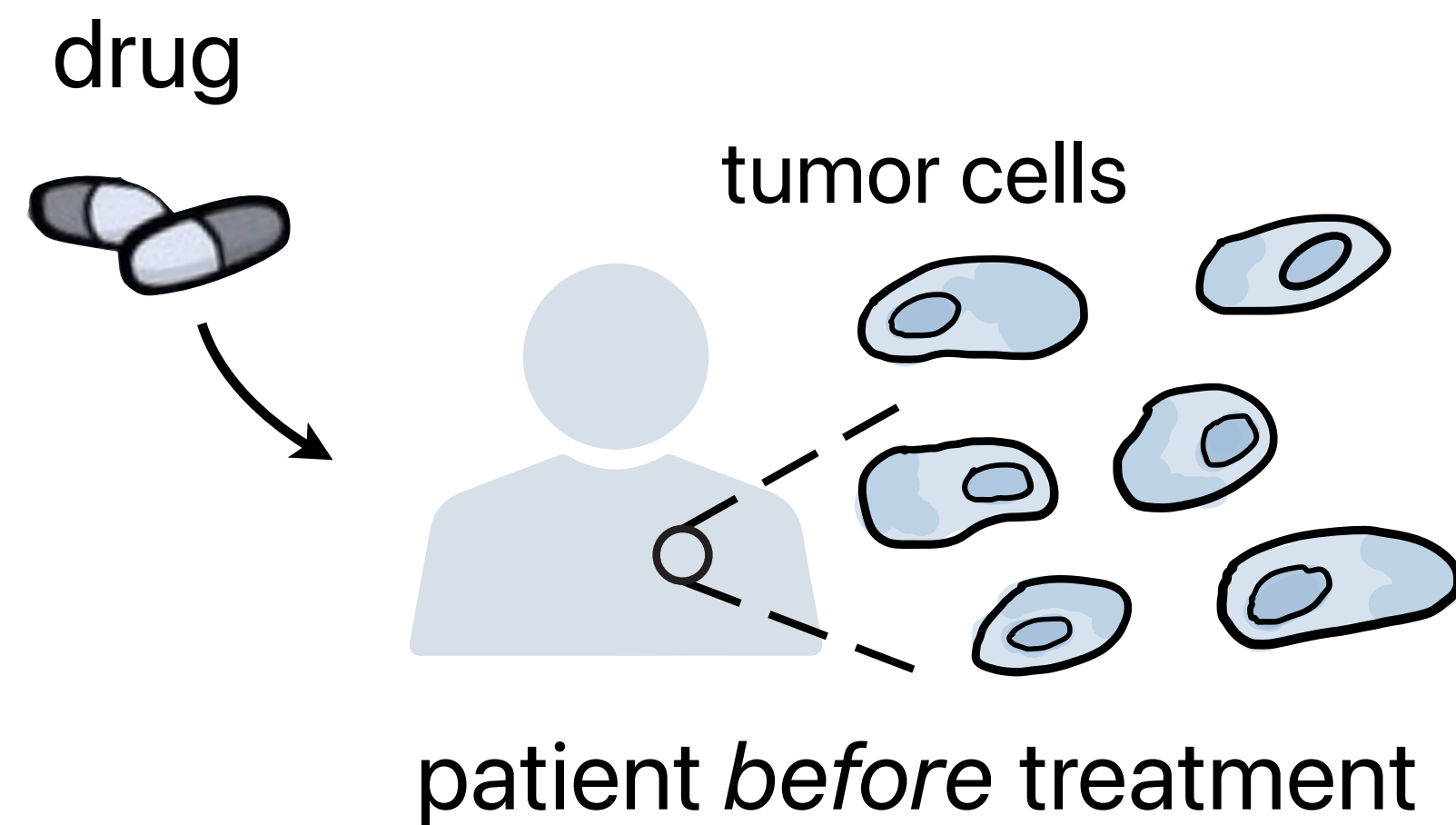
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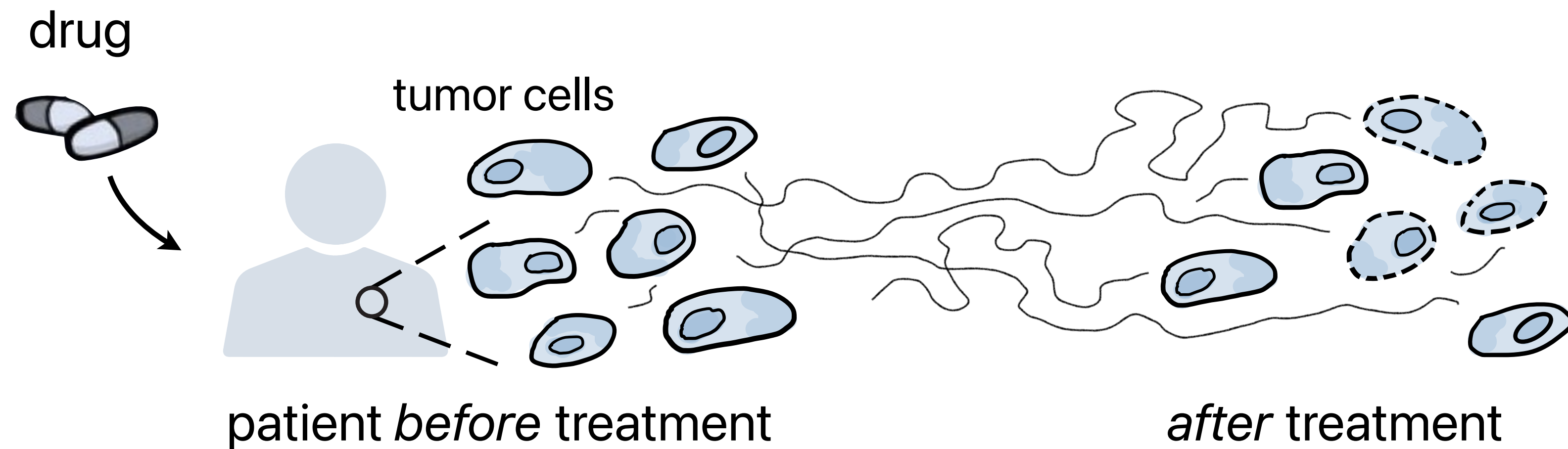
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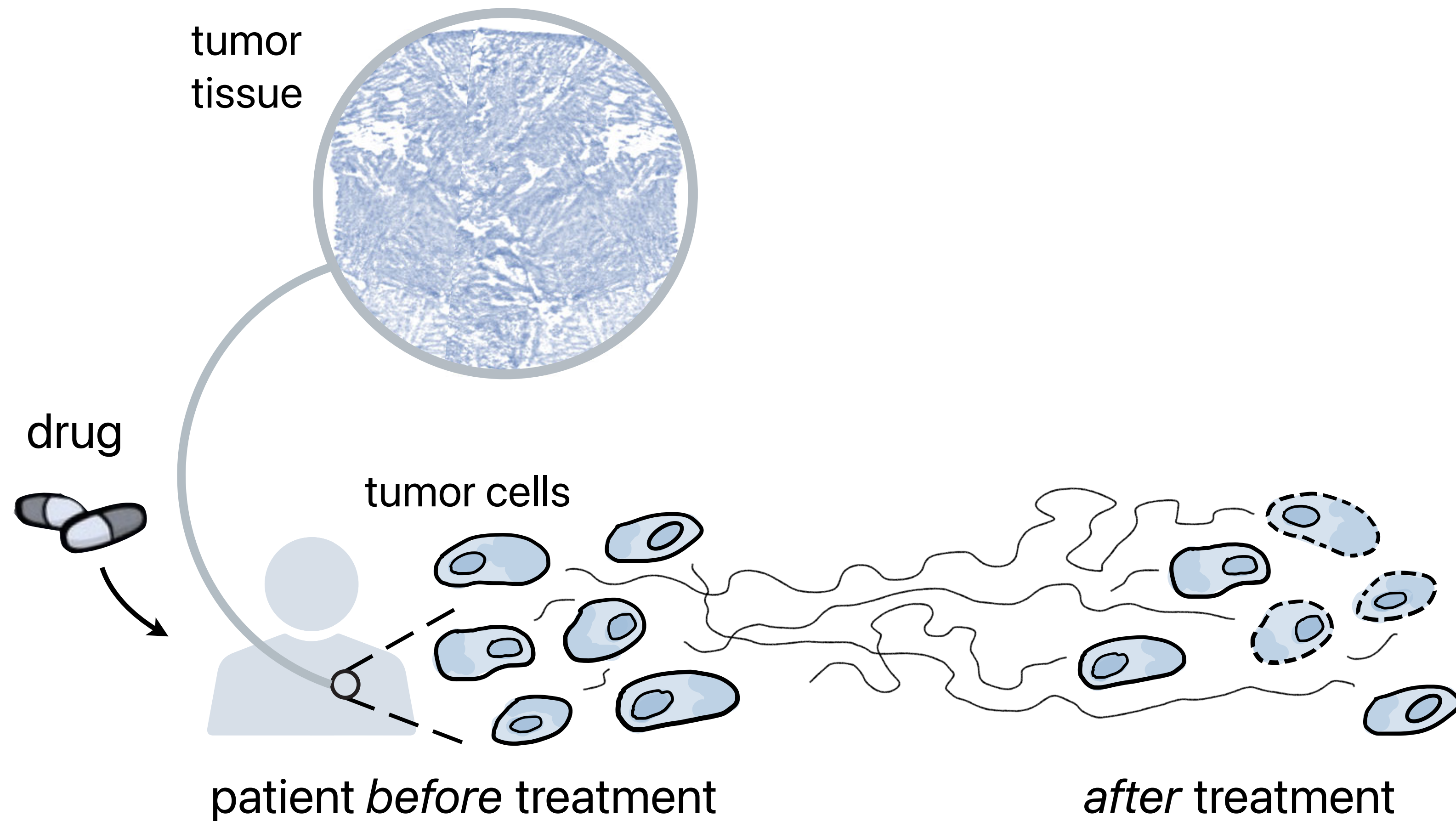
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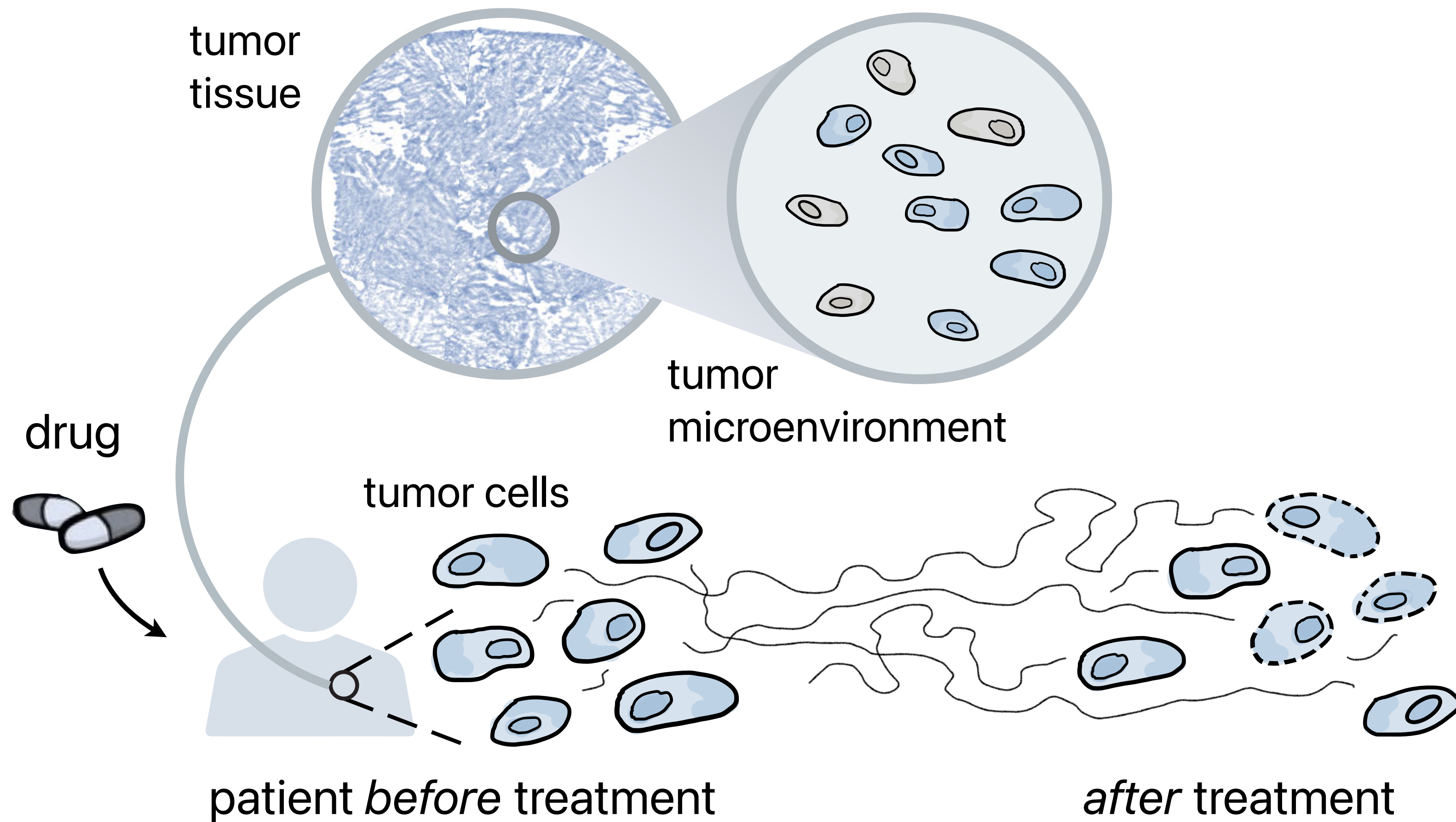
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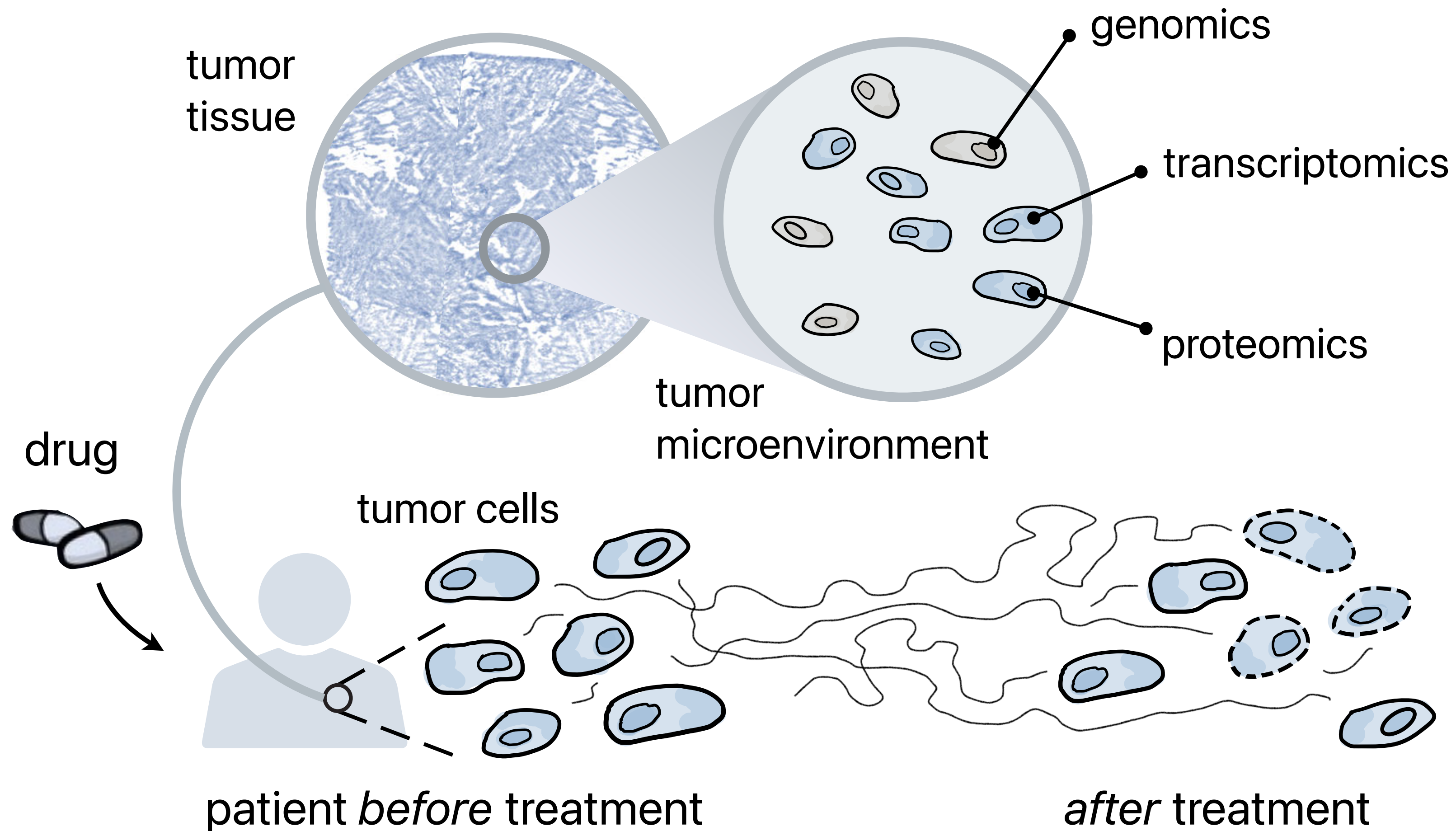
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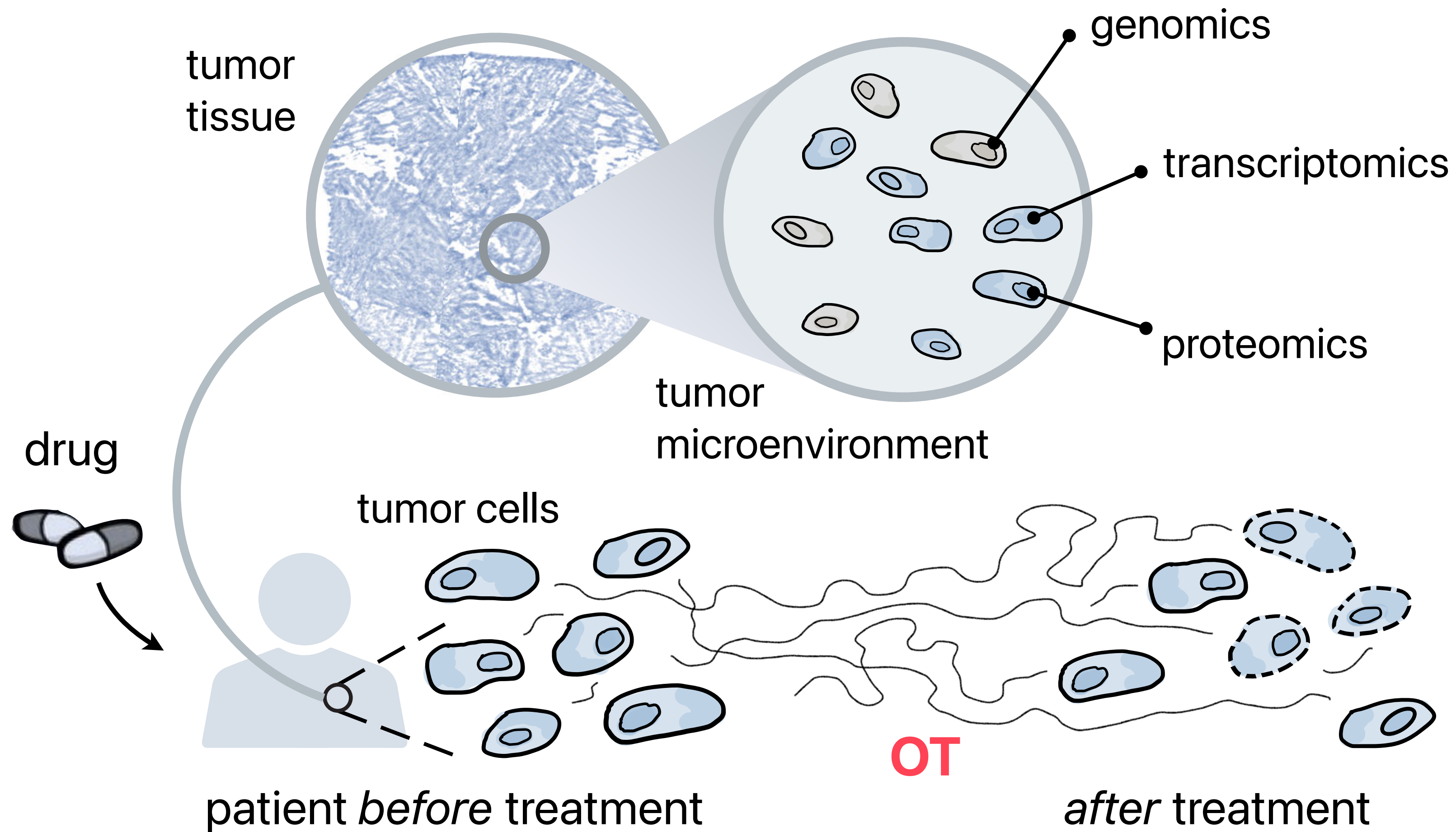
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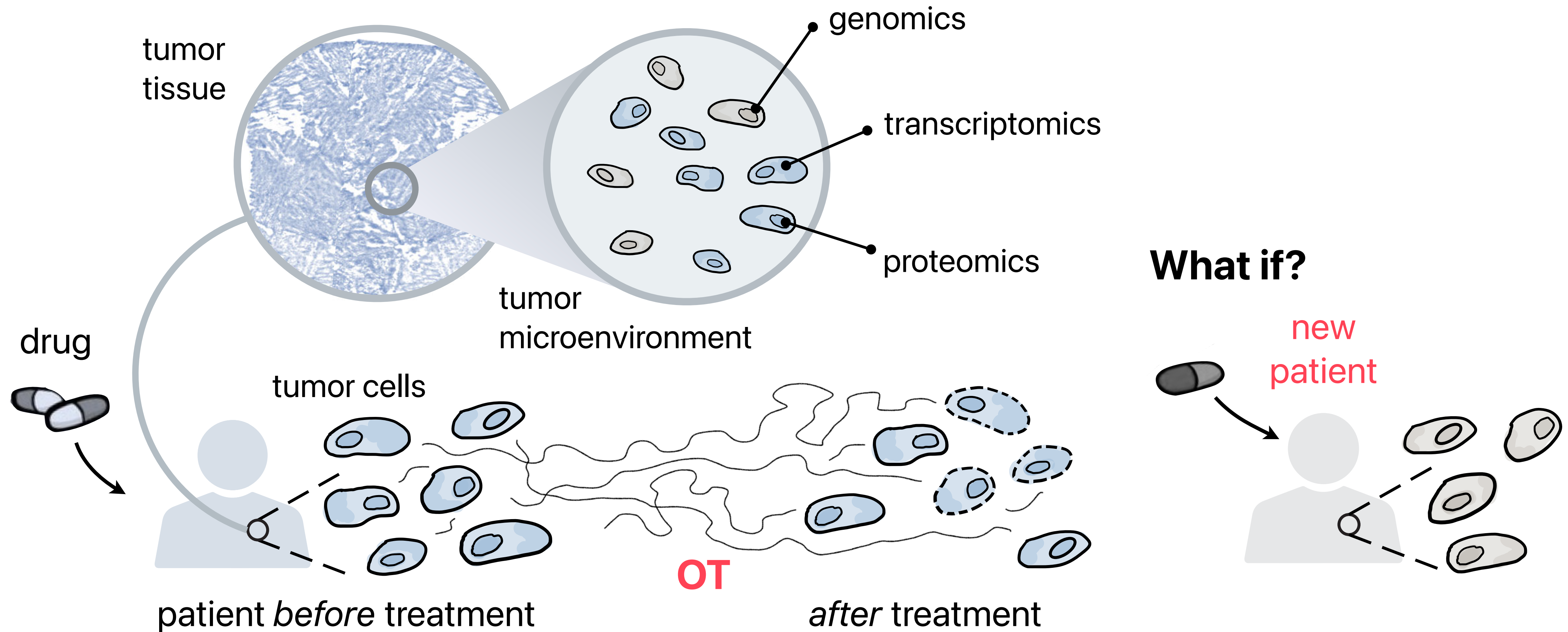
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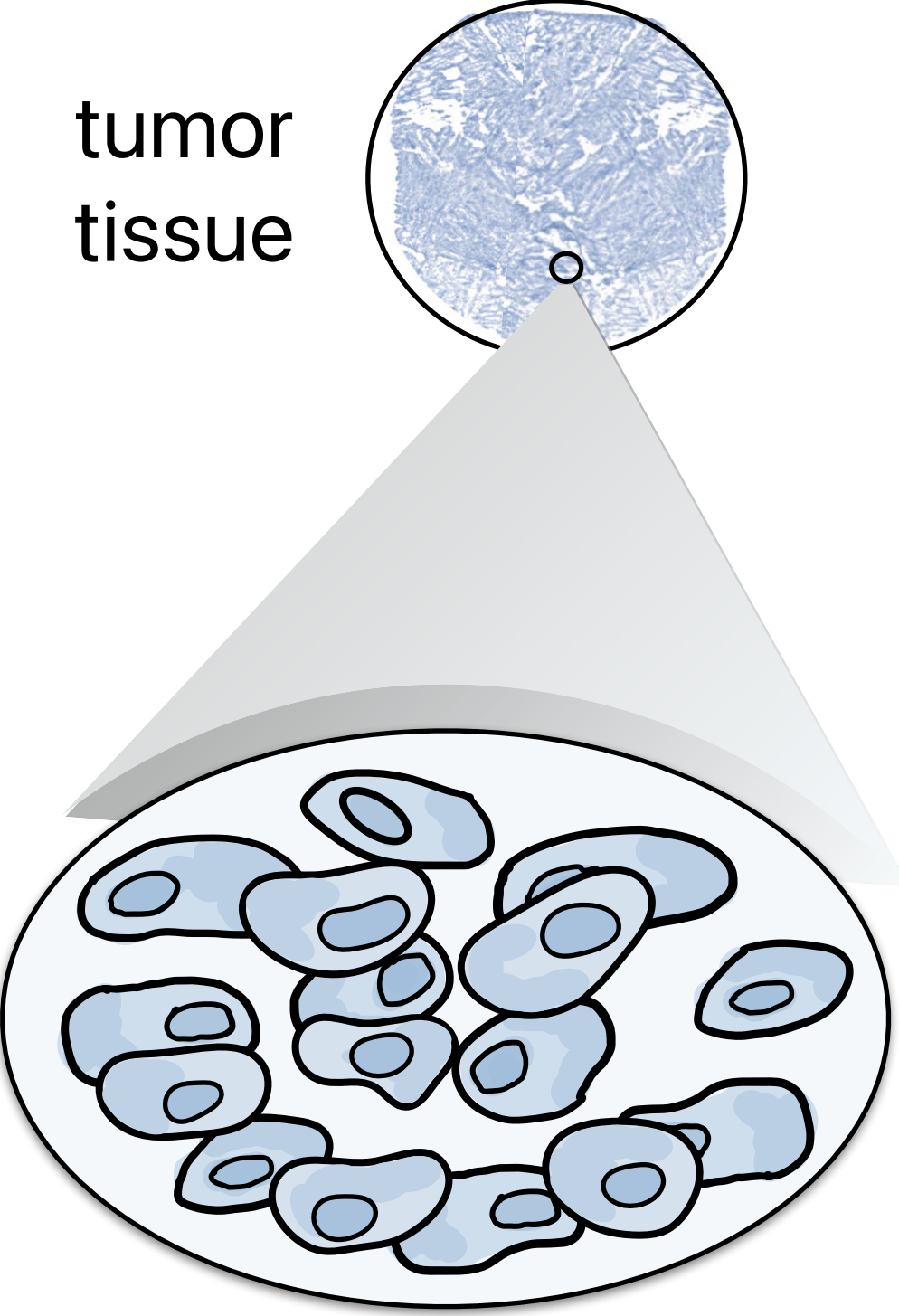


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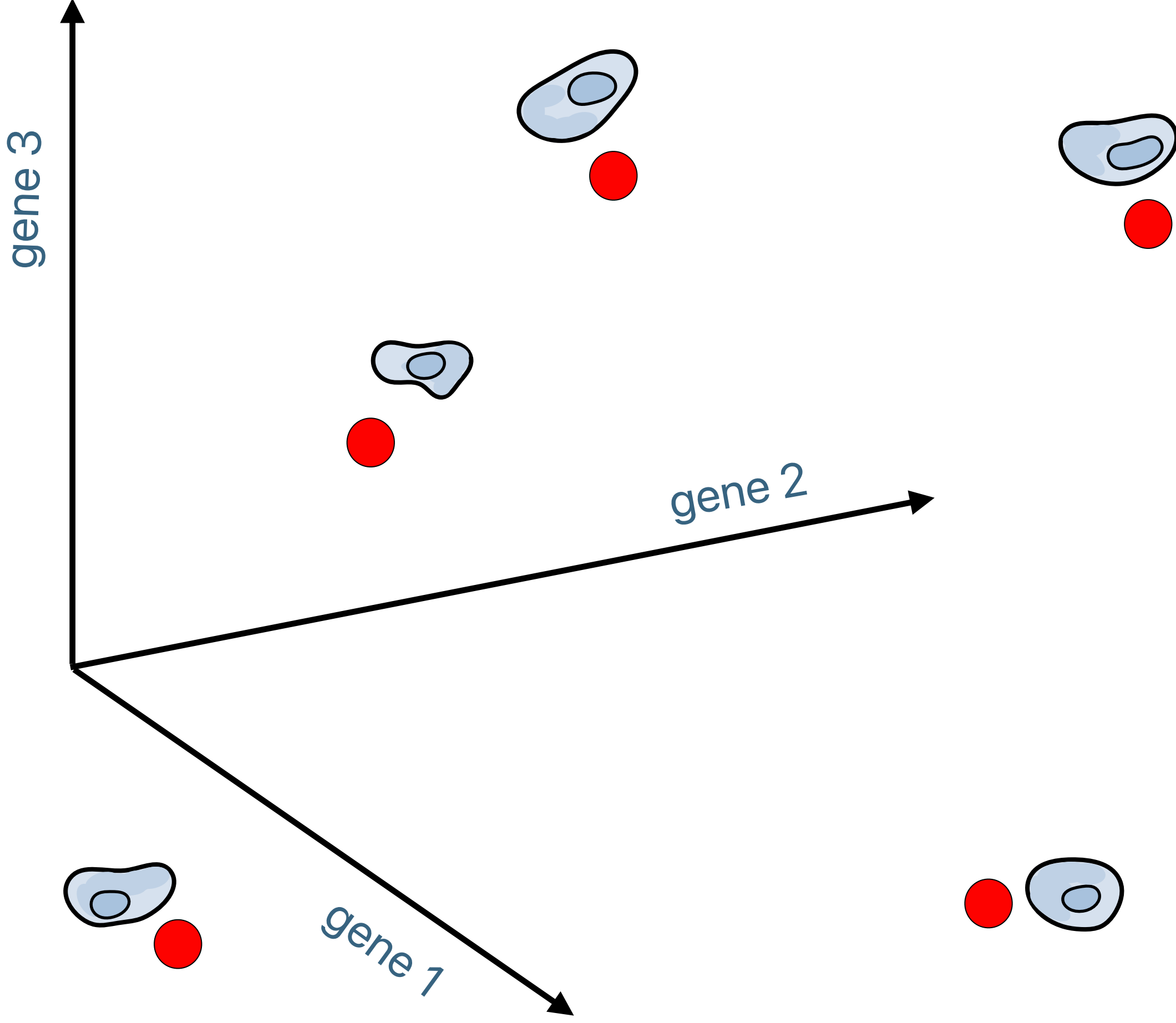
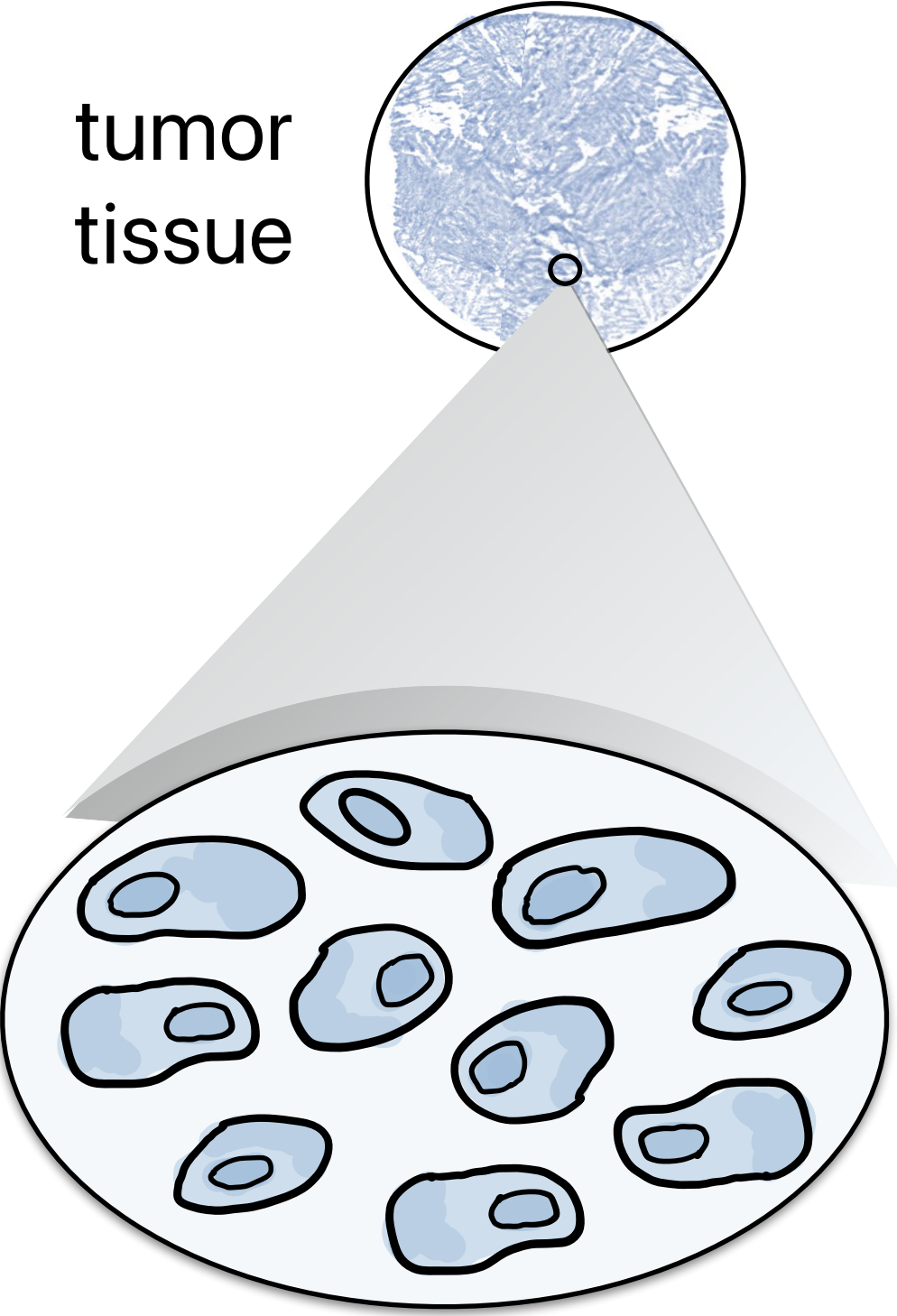
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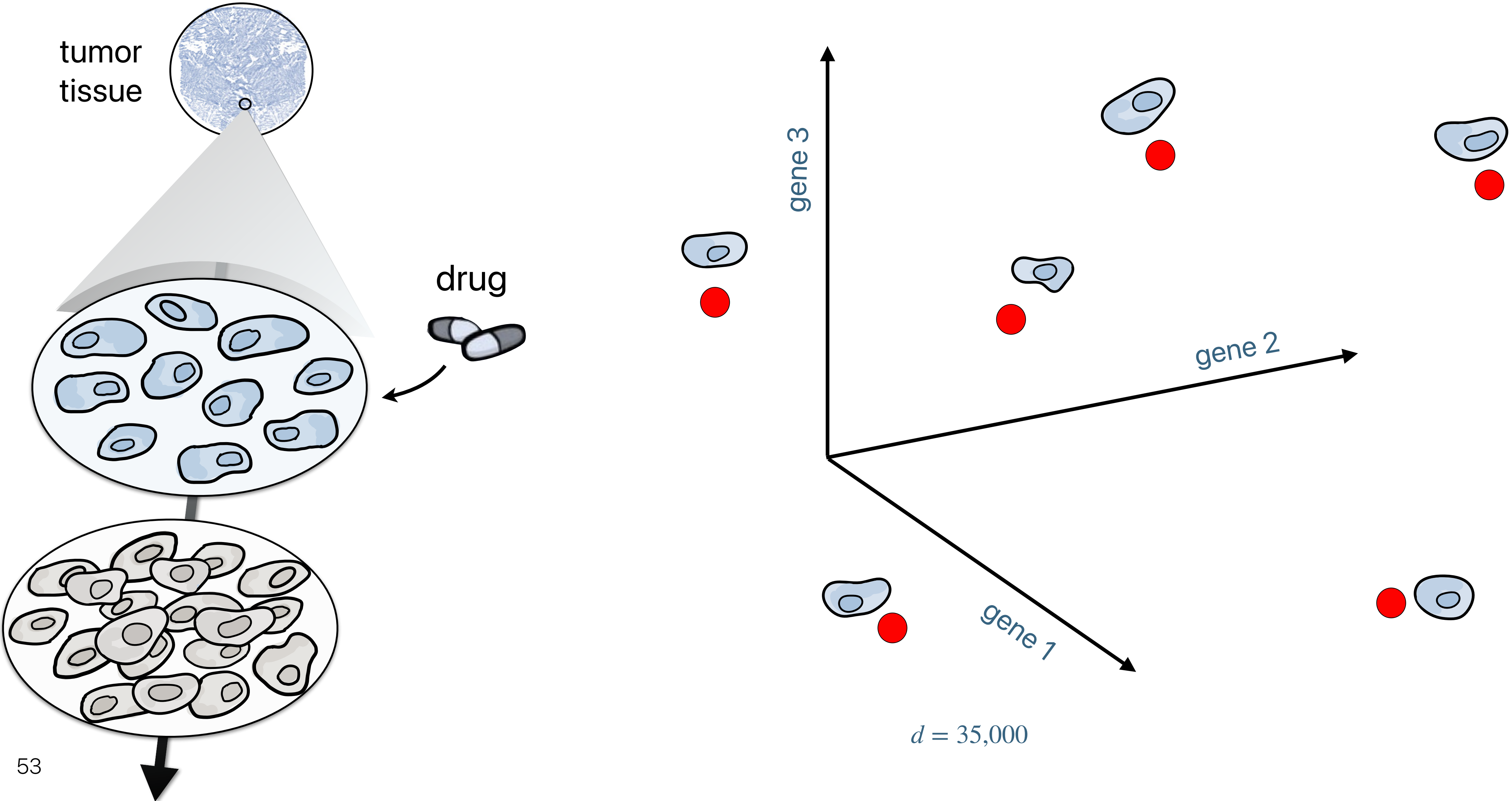


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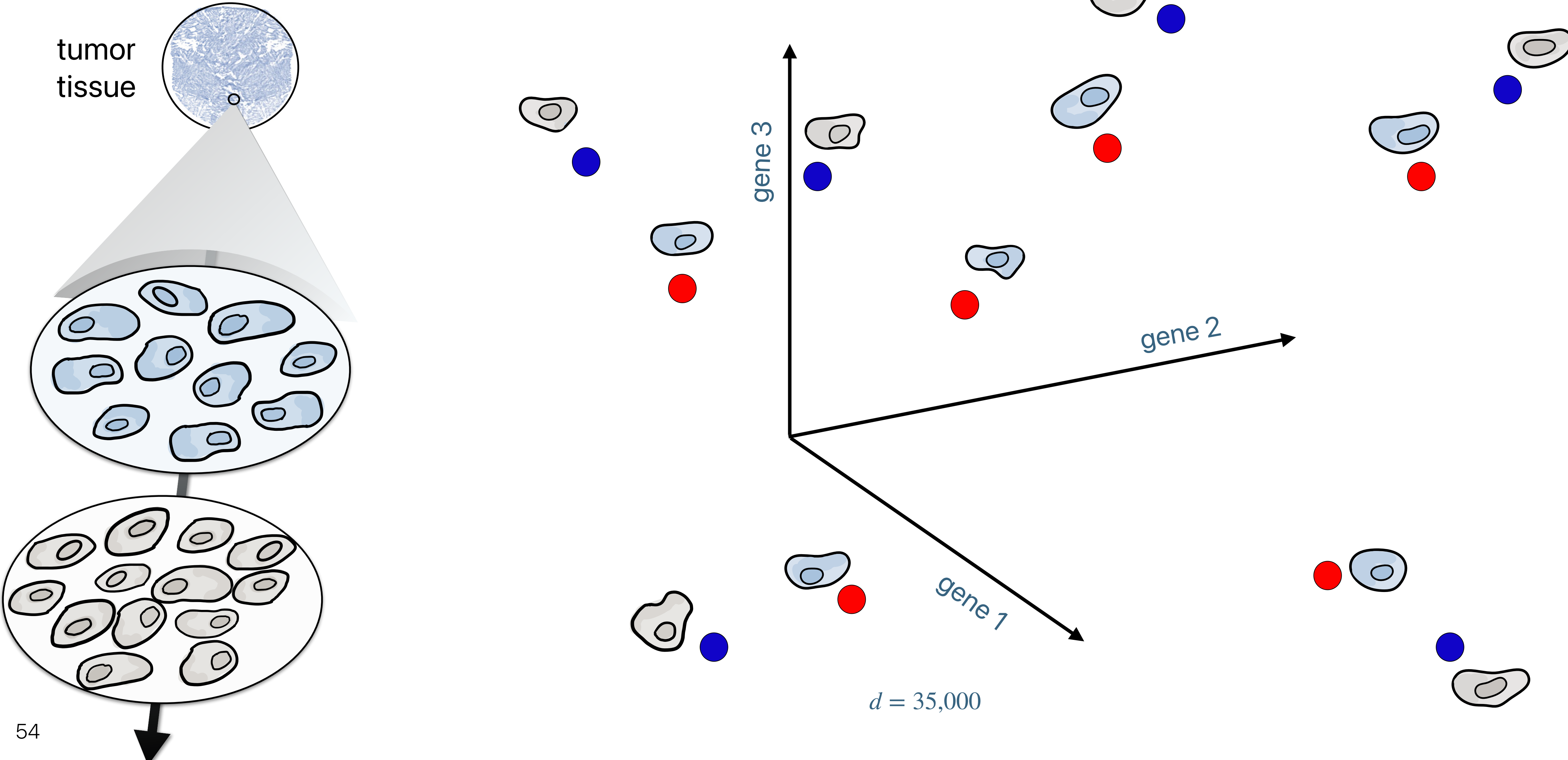


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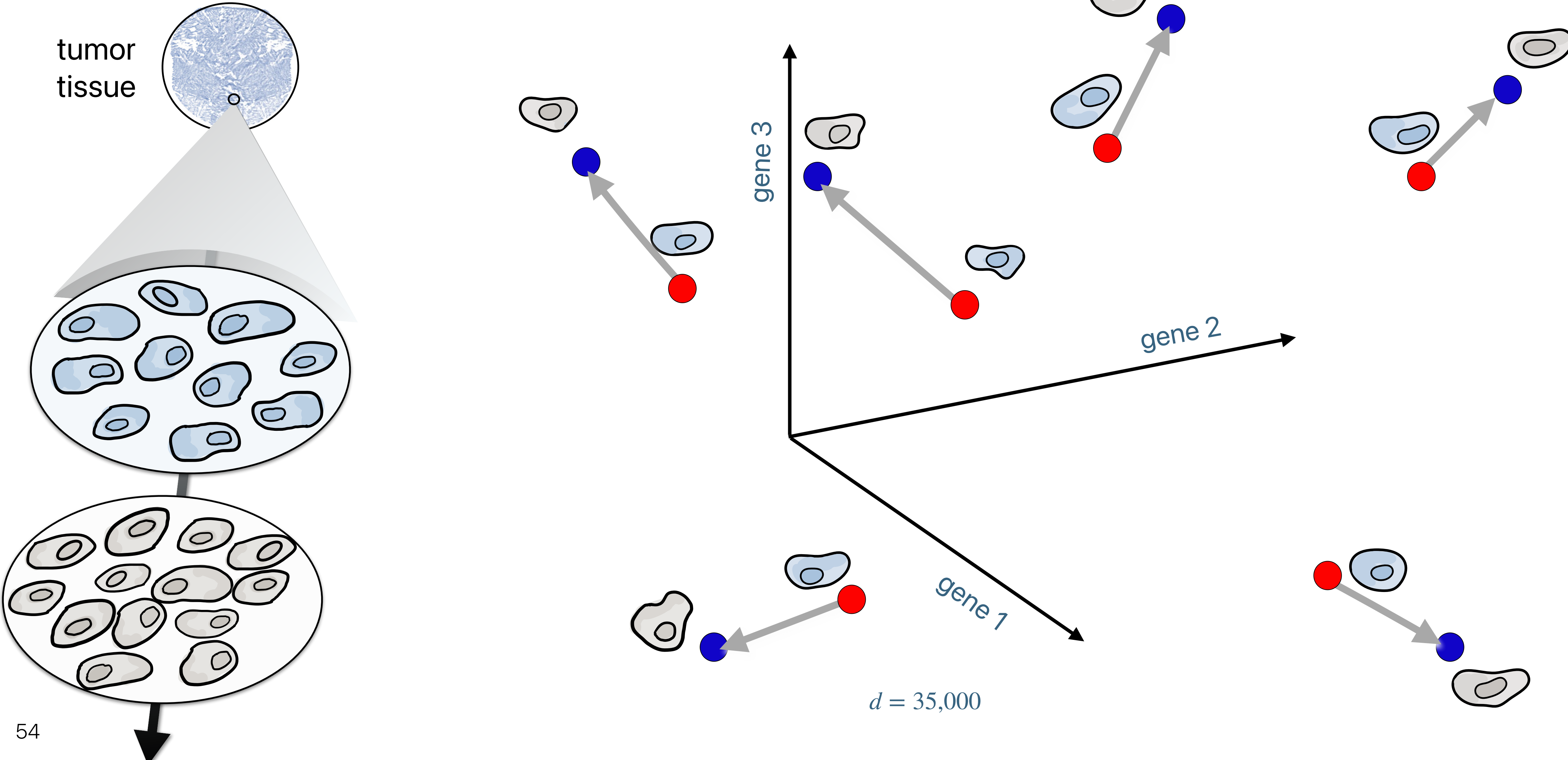
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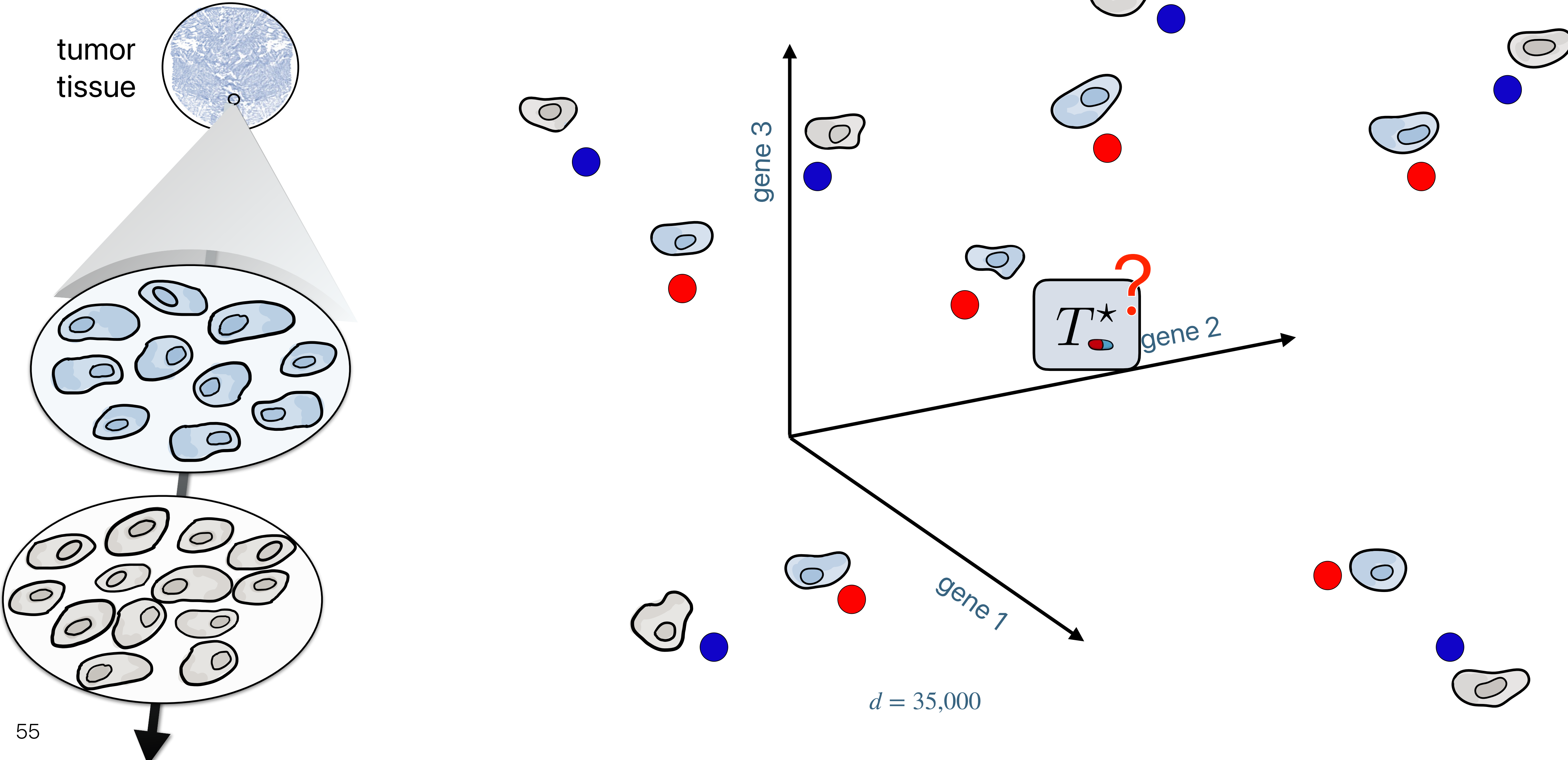
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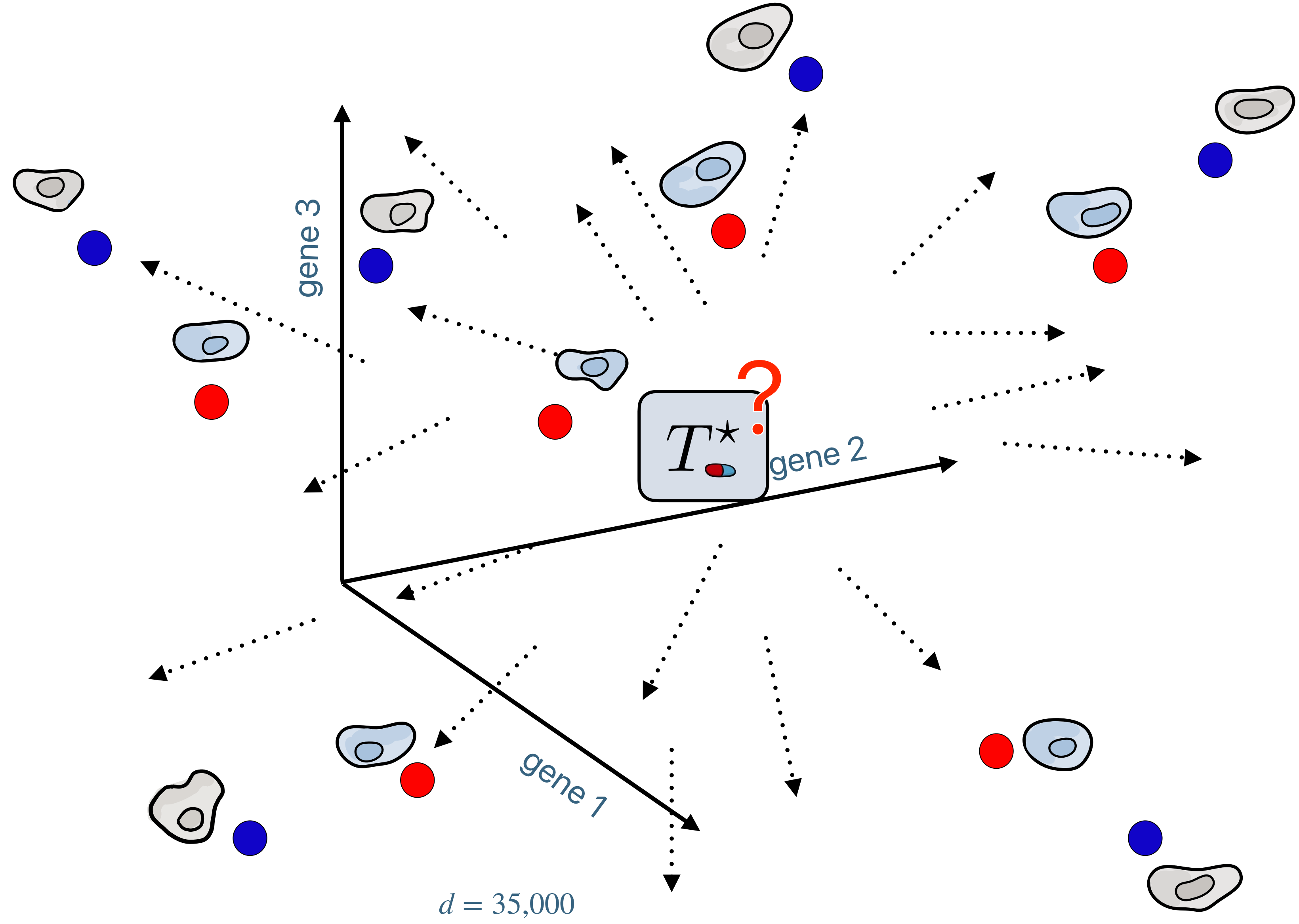
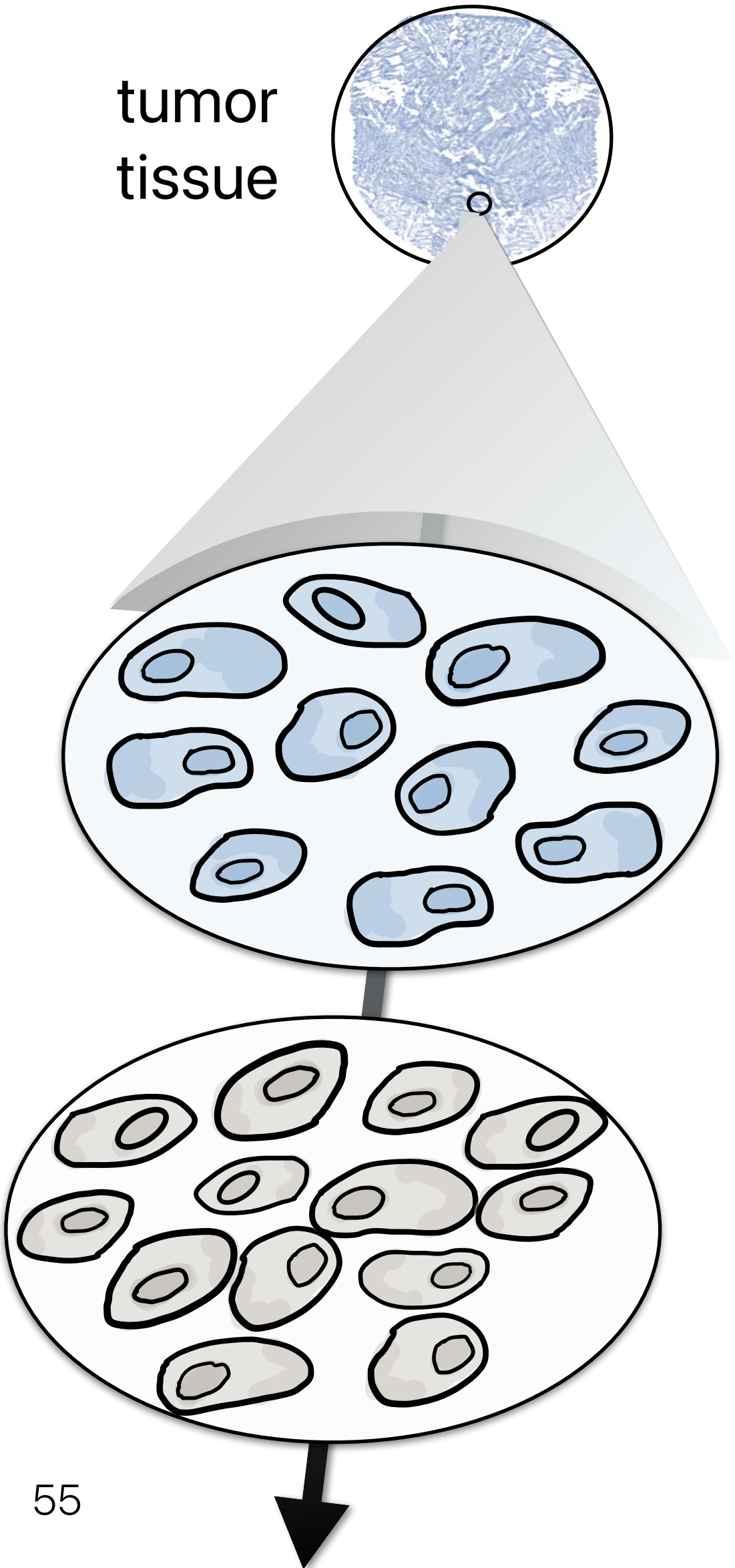
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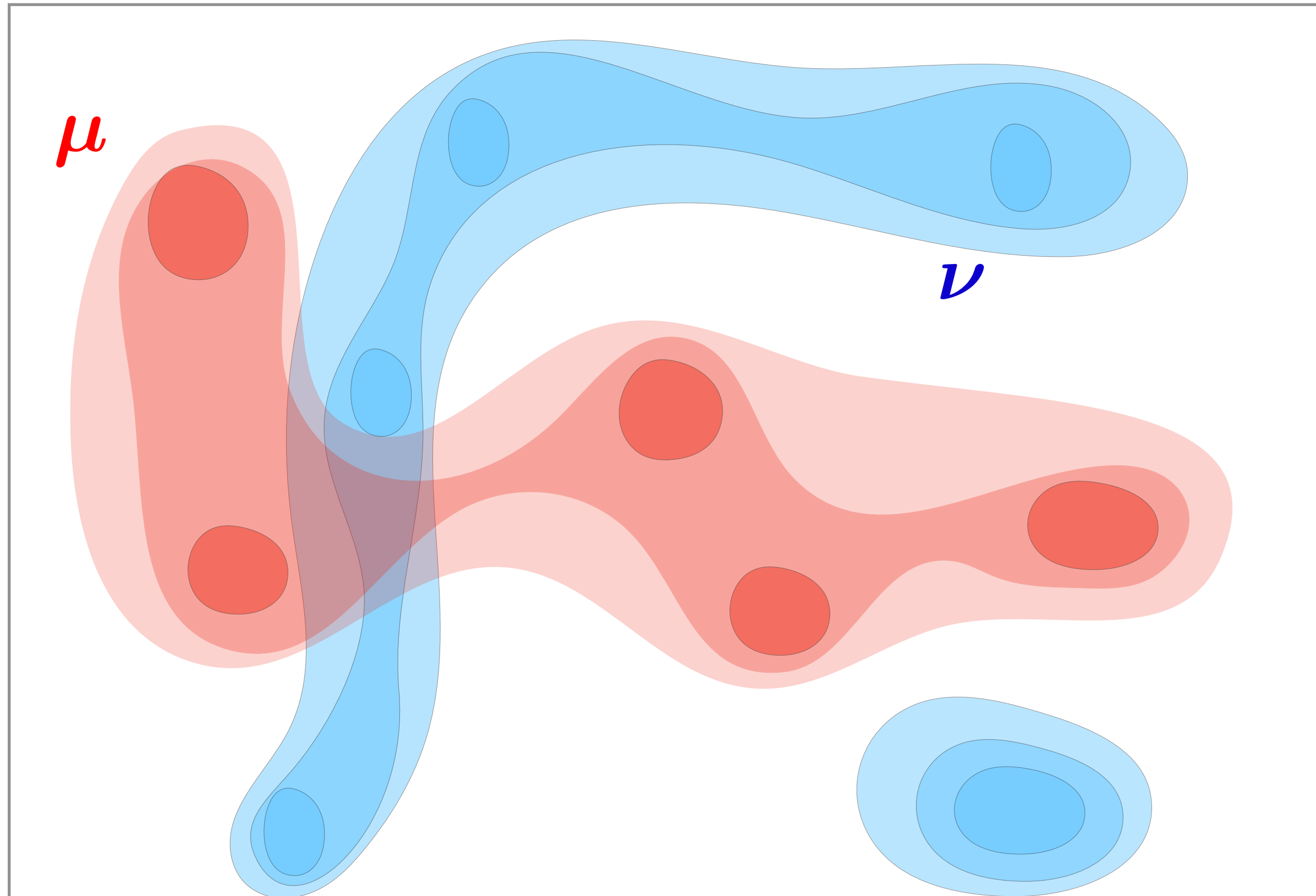
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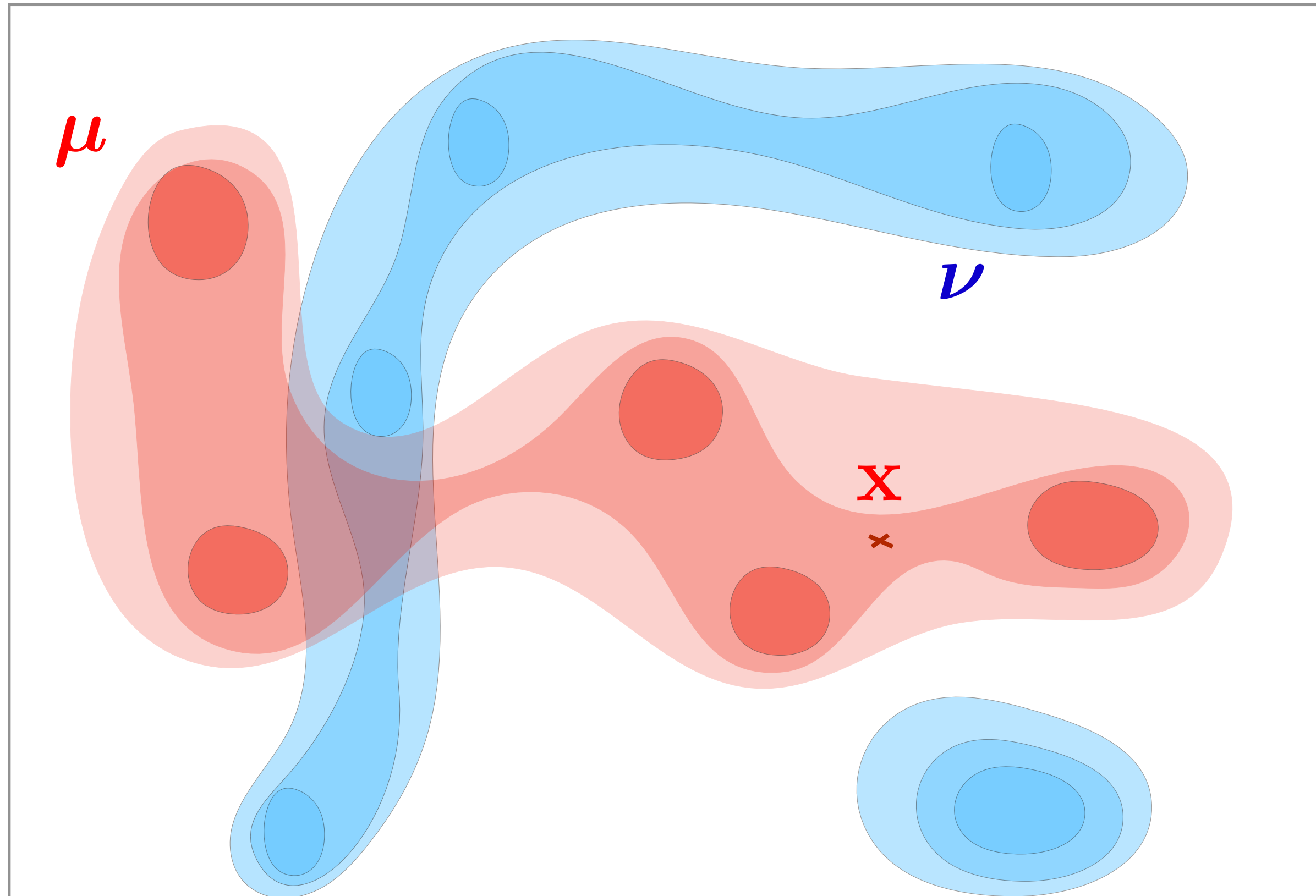


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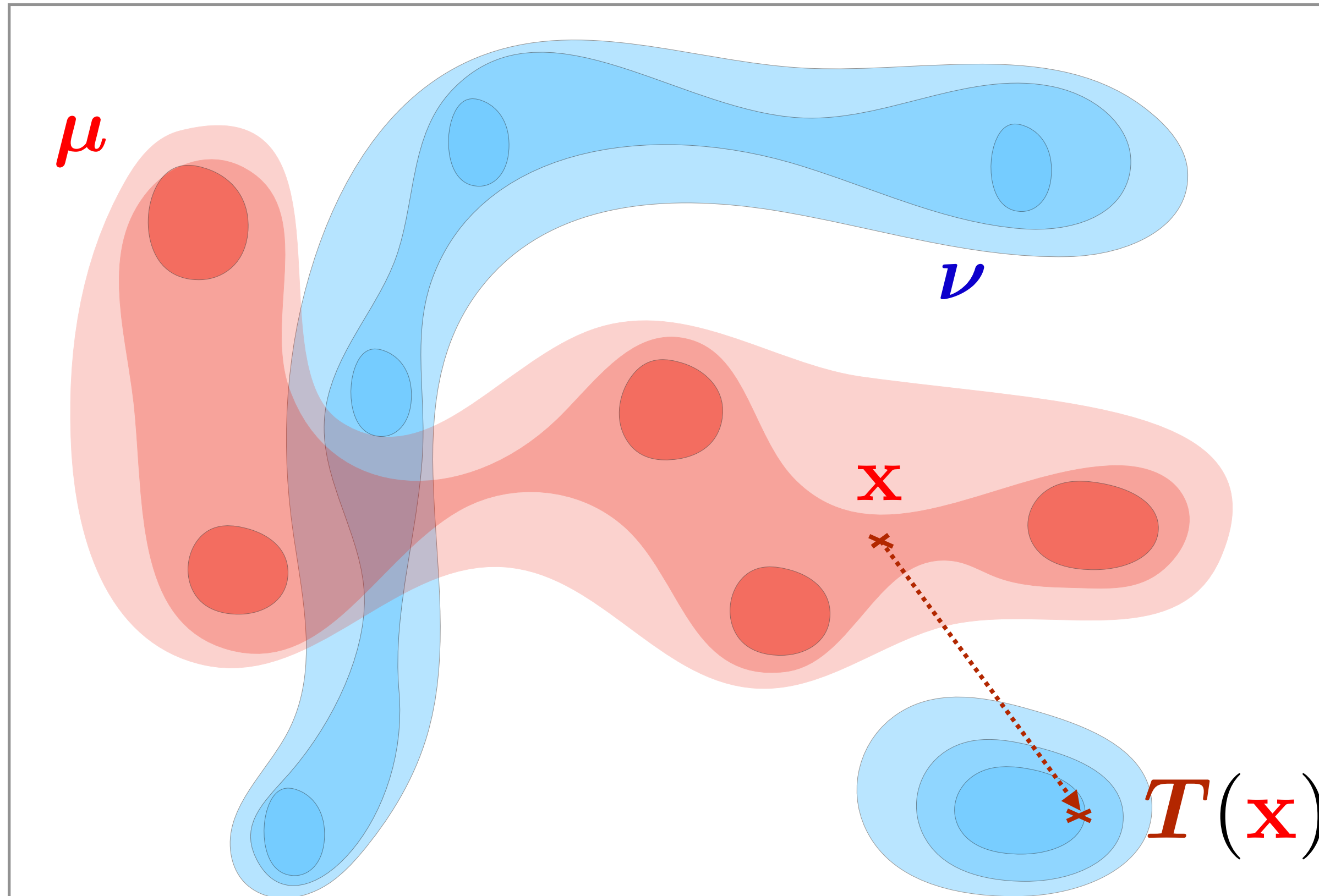


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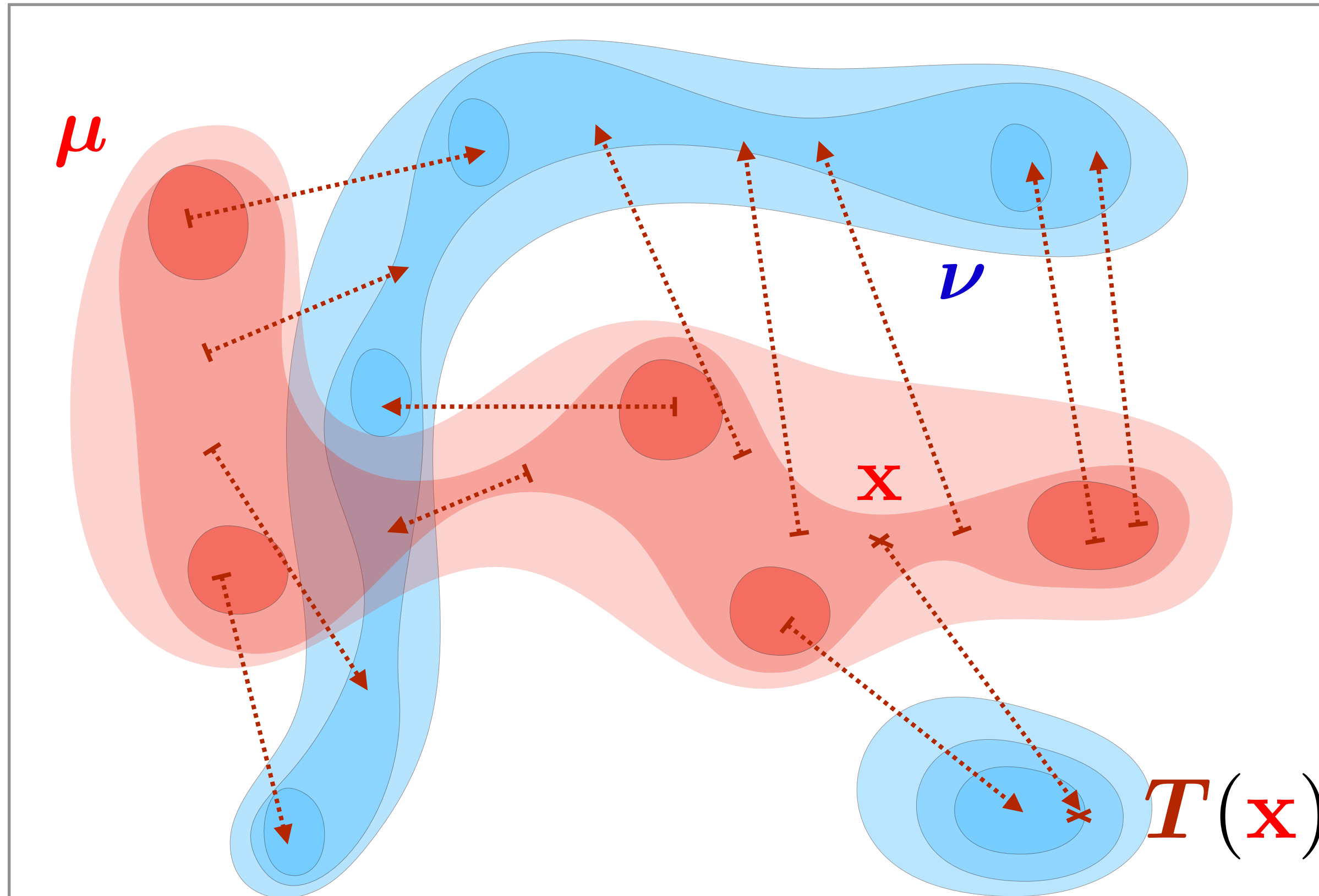


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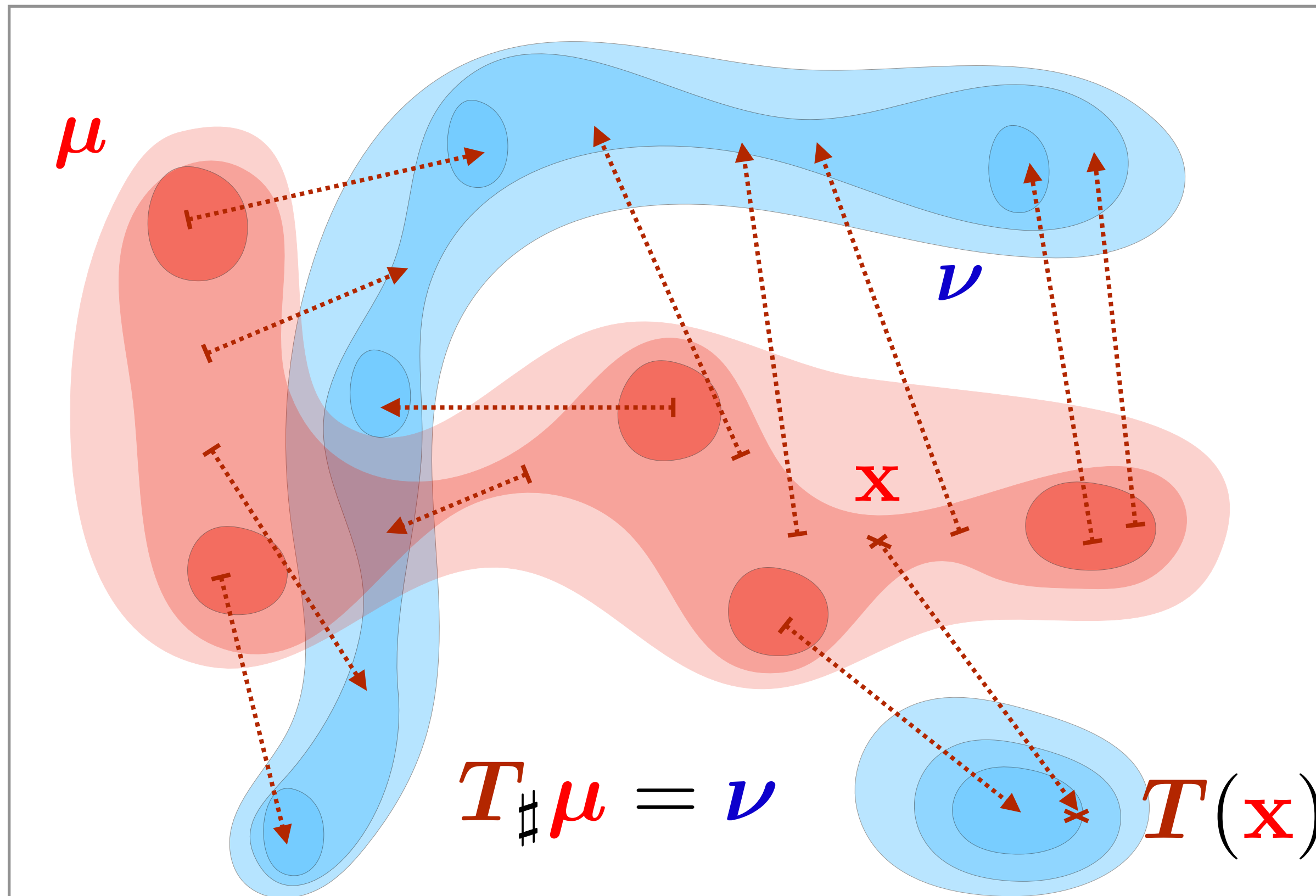


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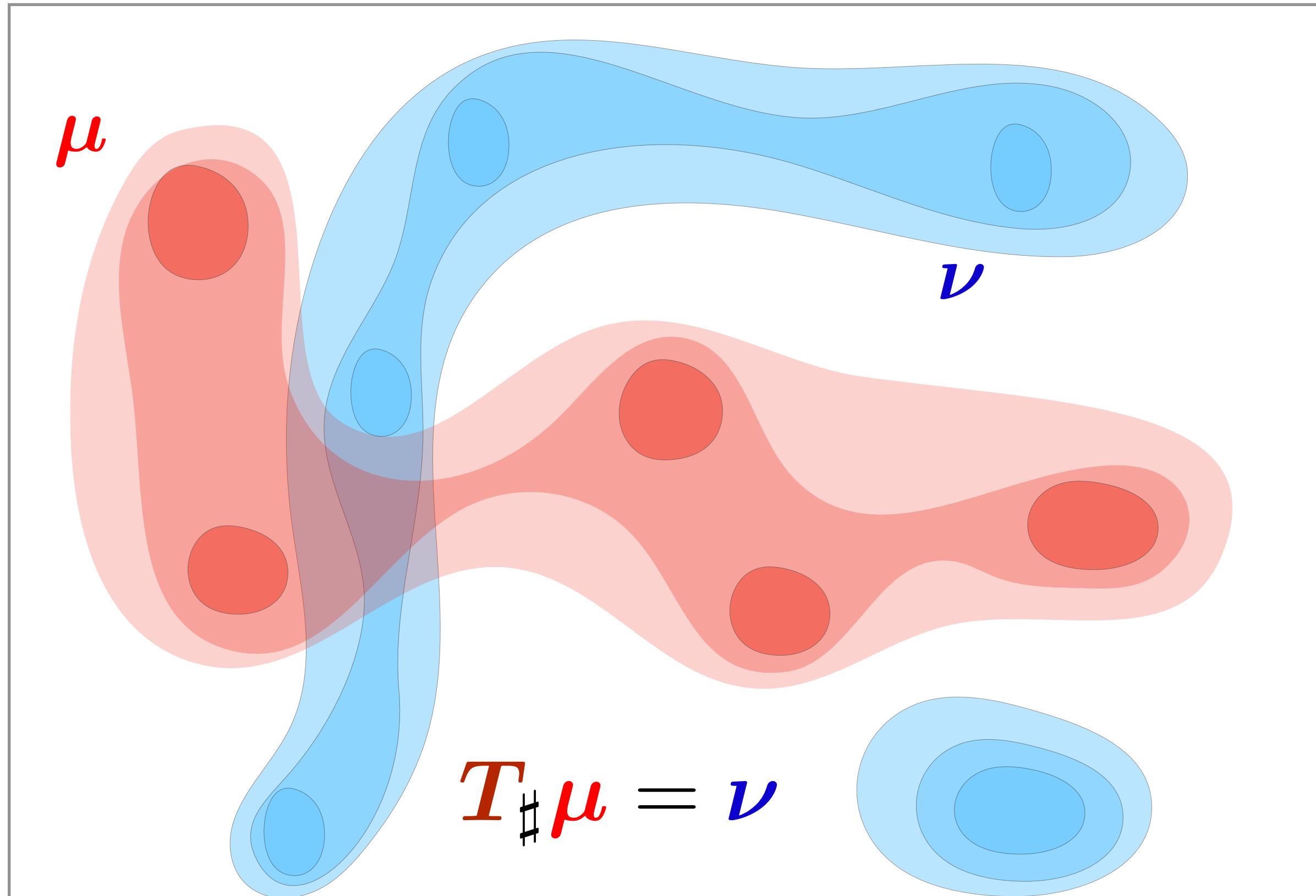


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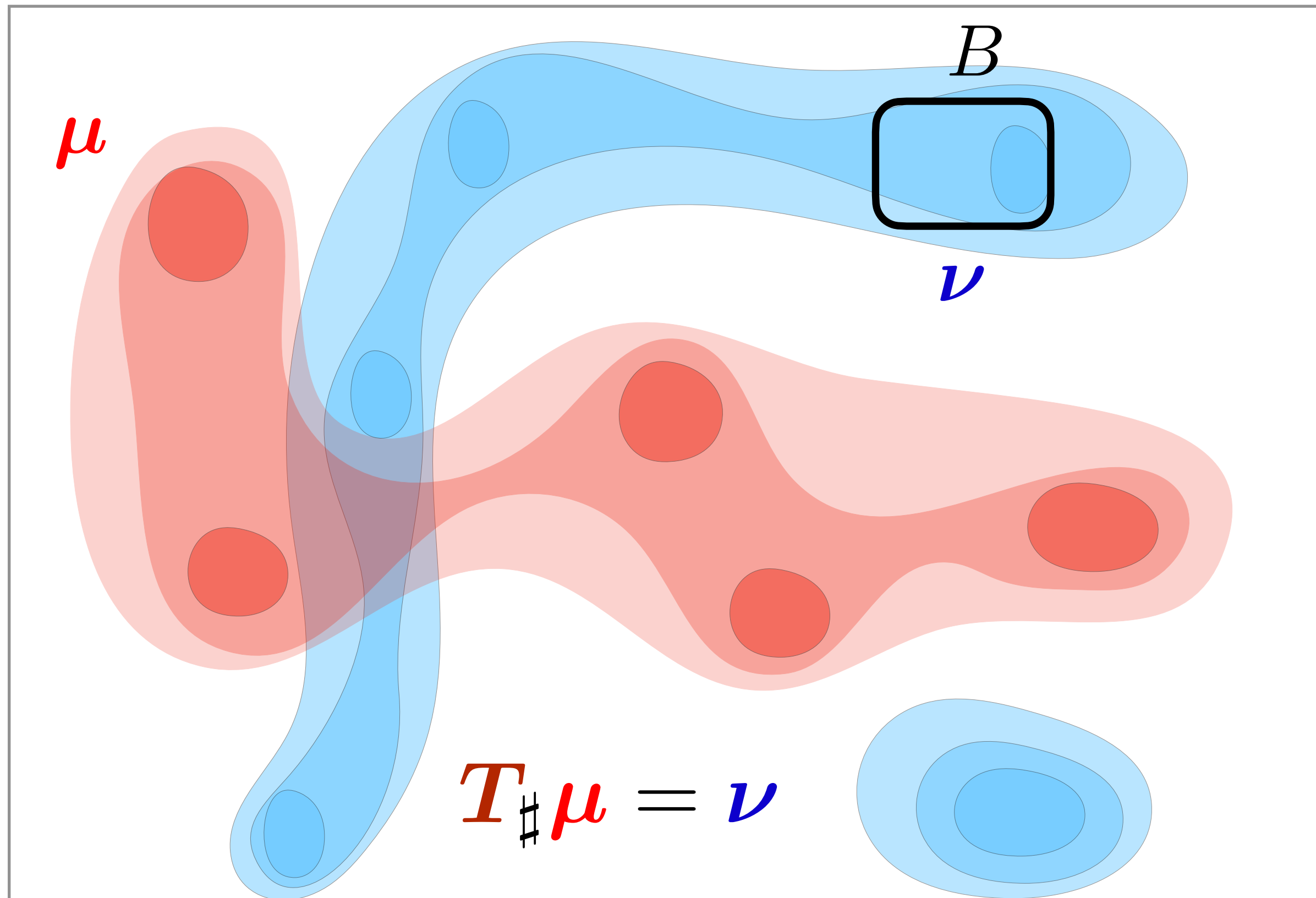
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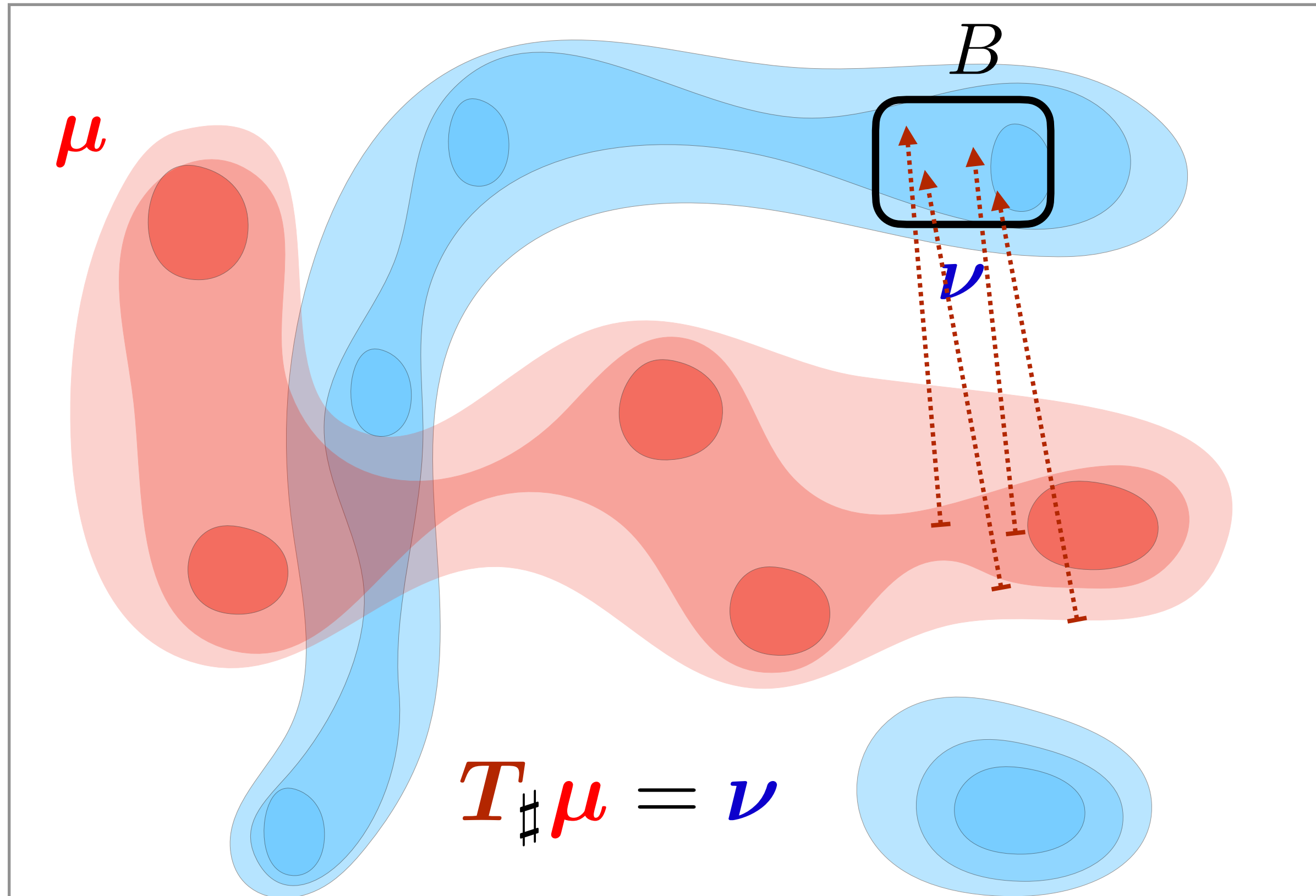
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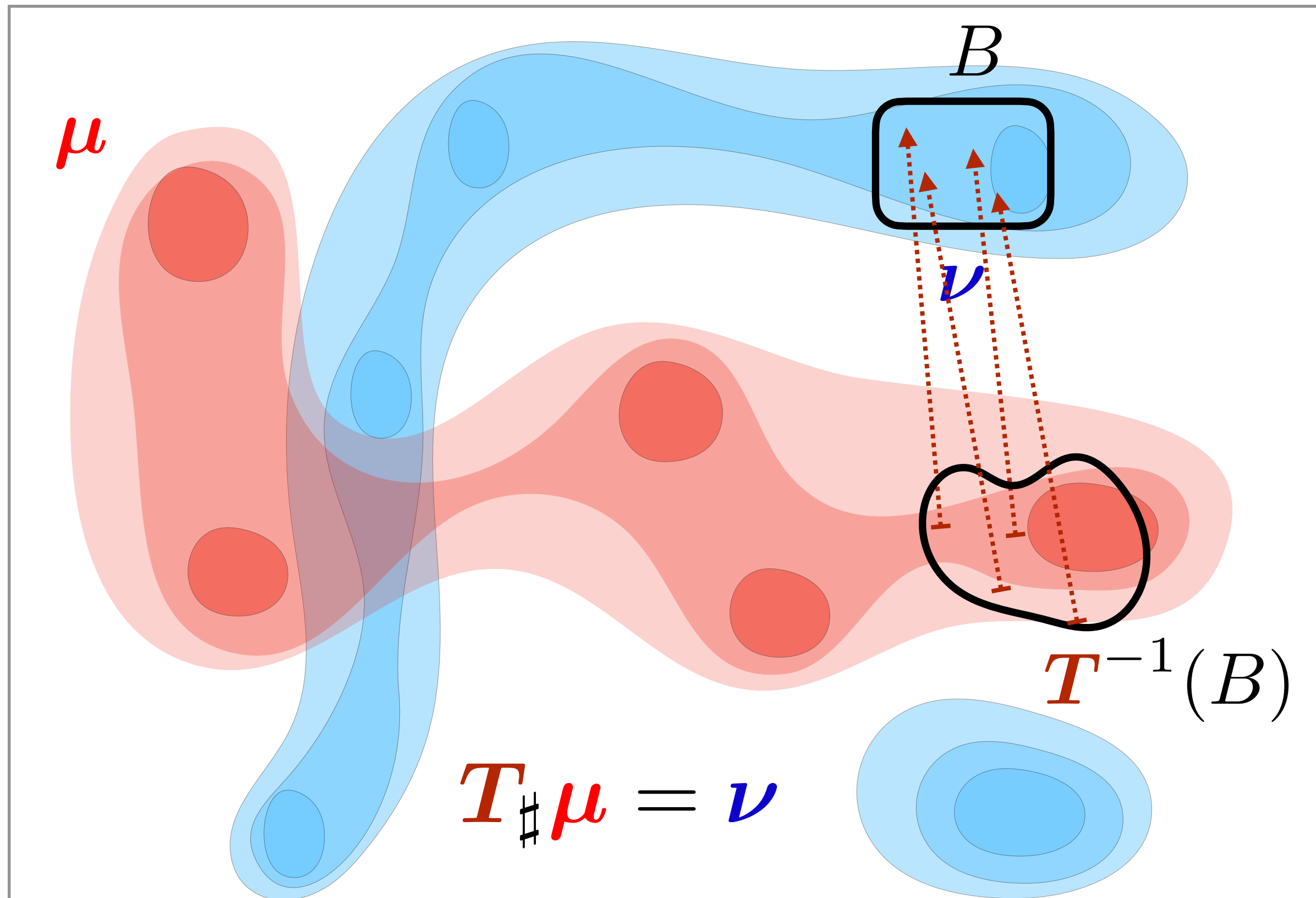
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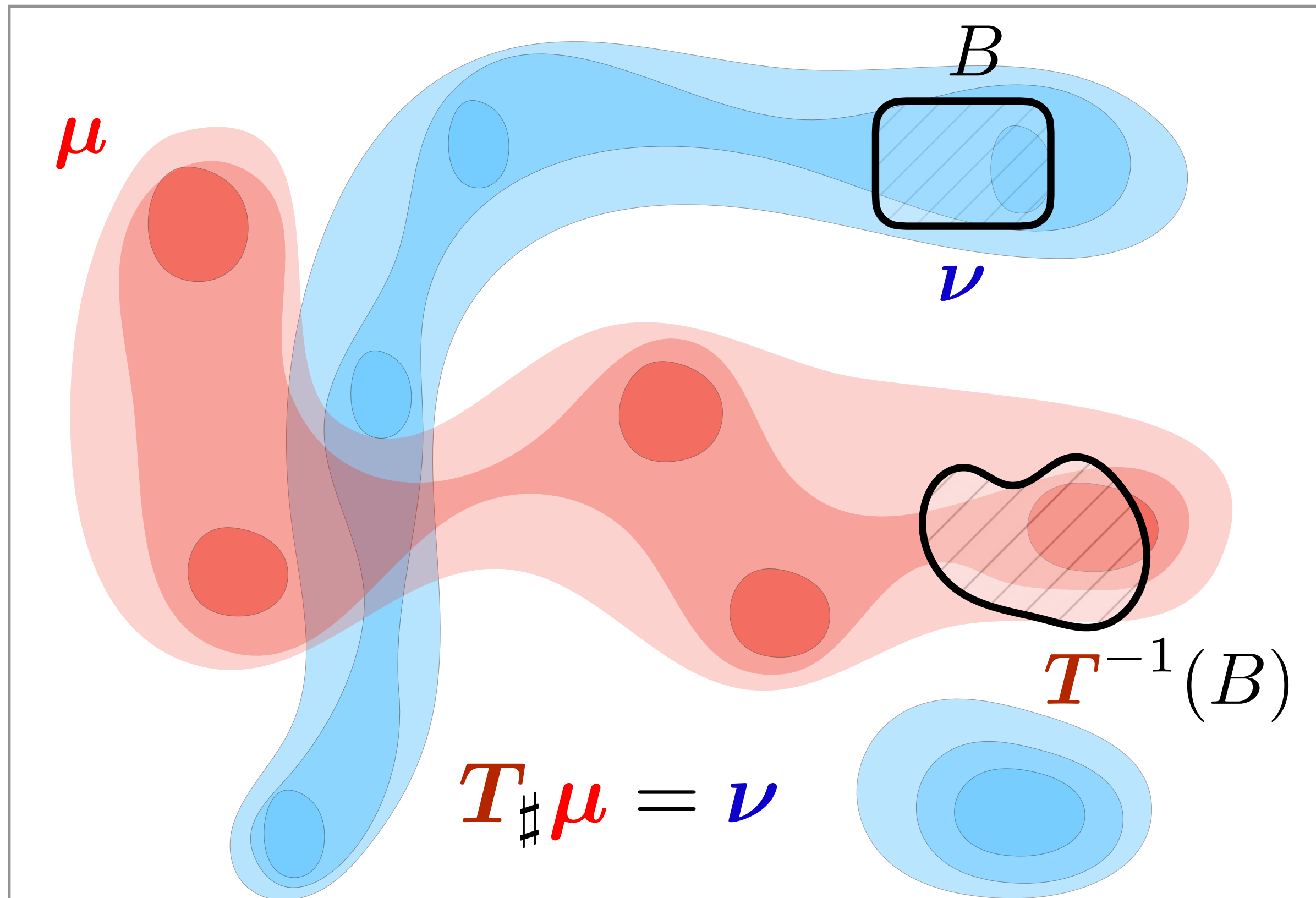
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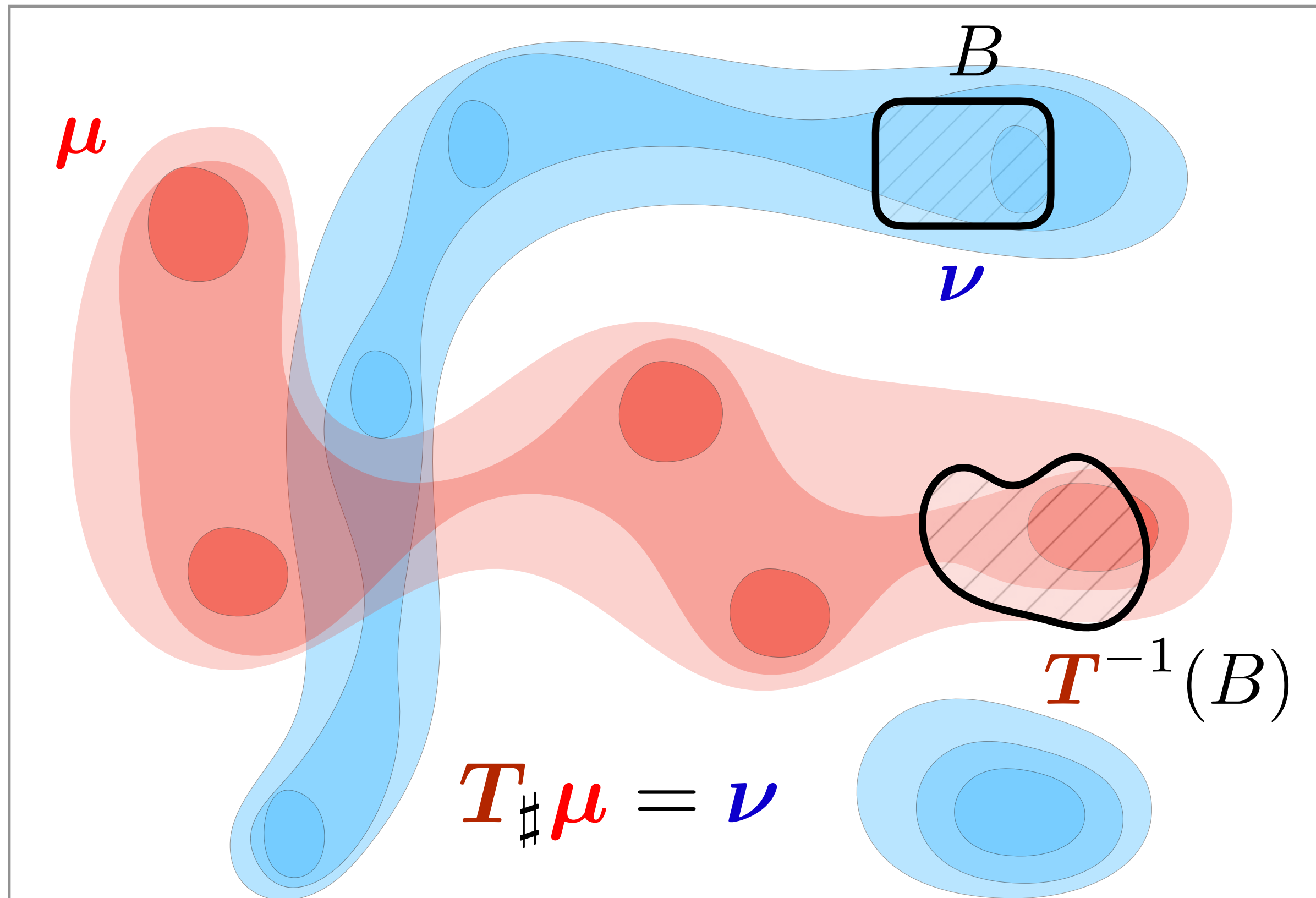
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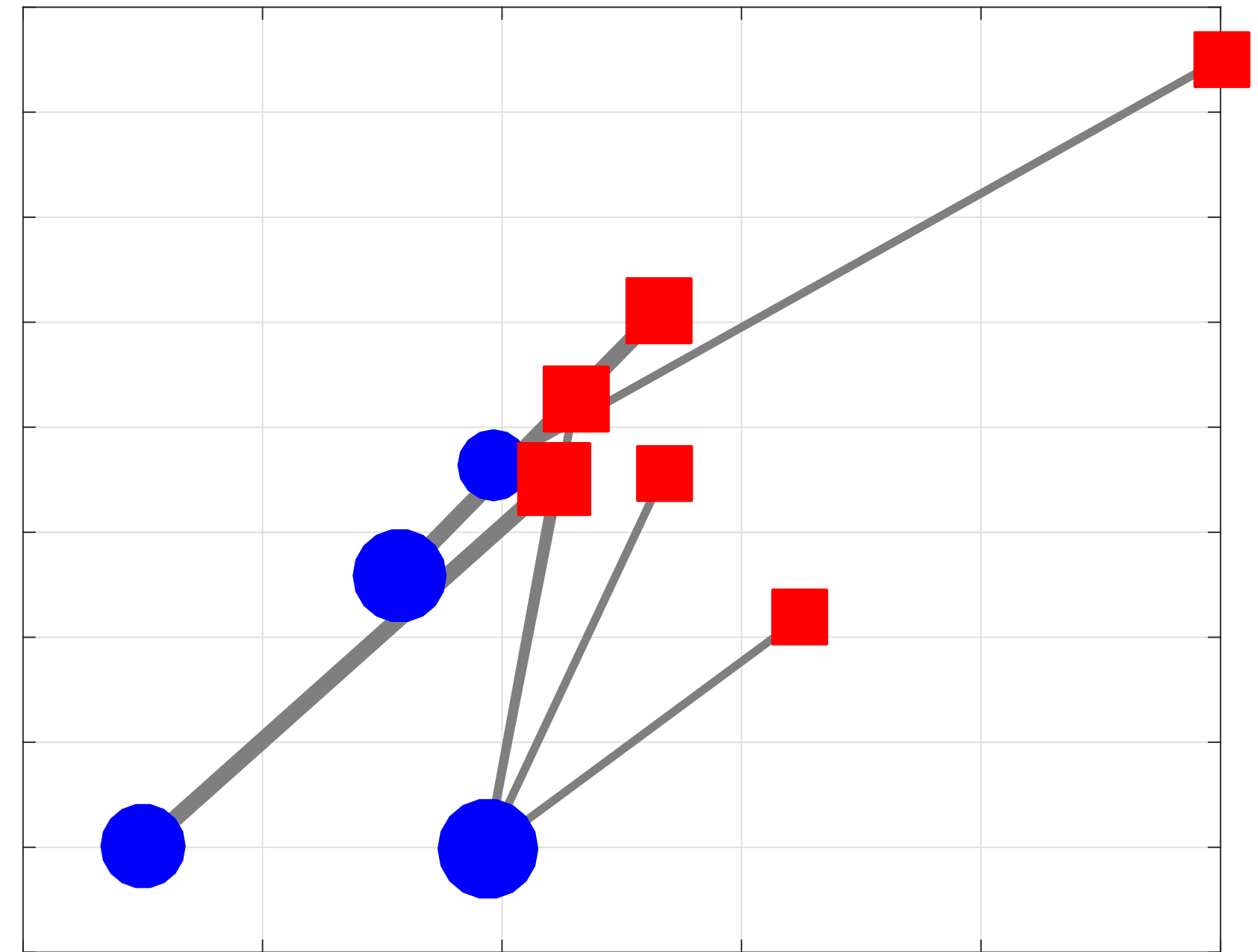
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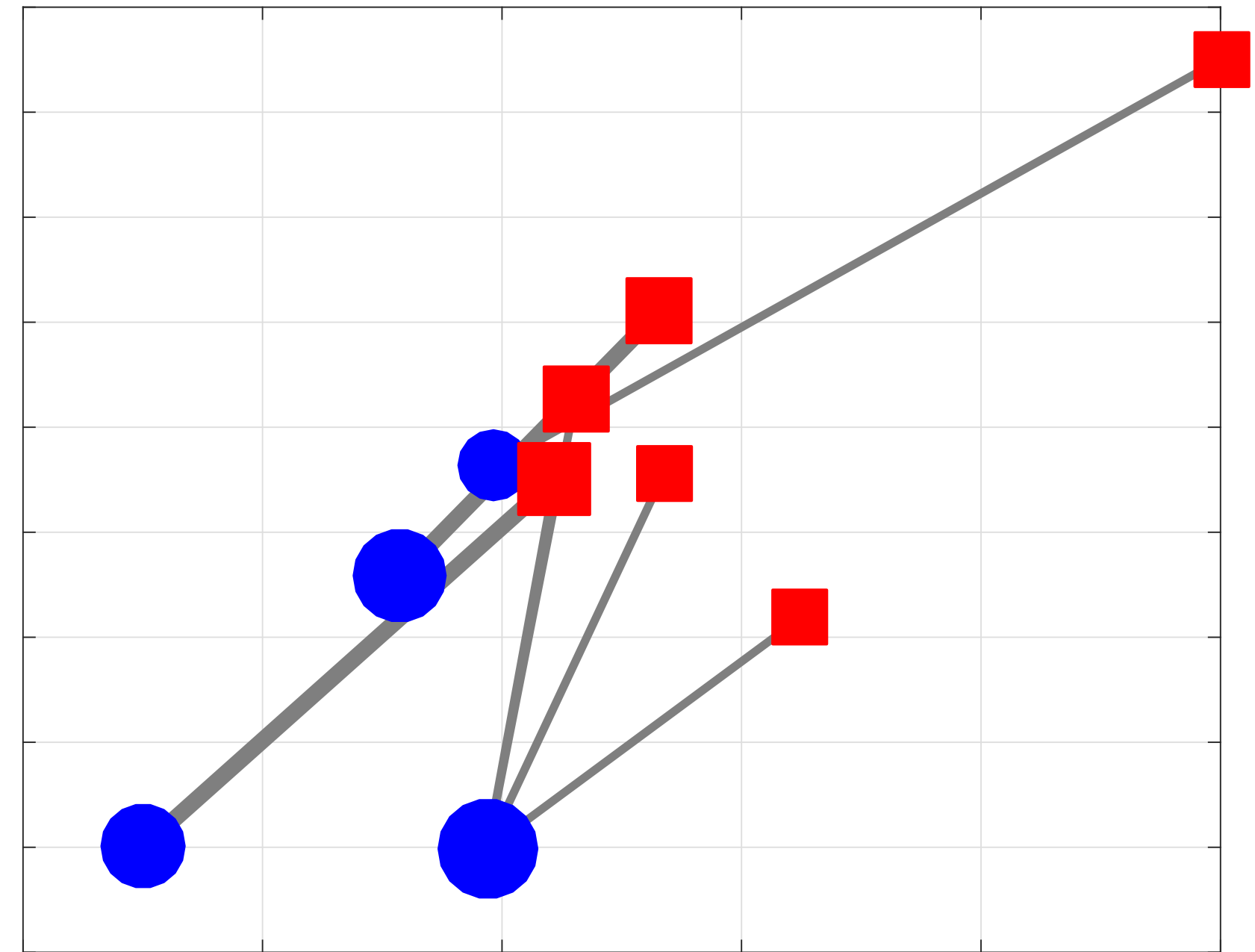


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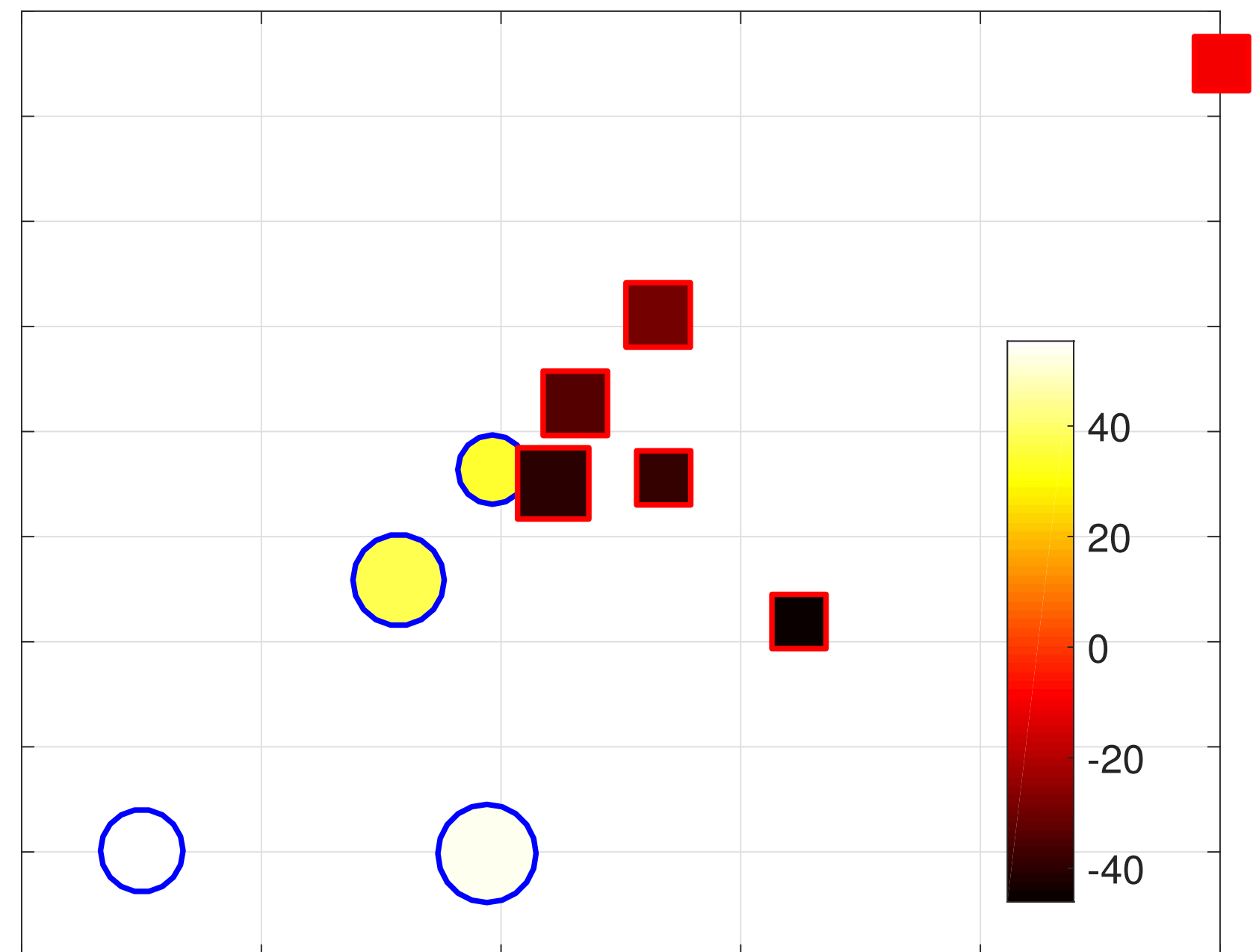
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- Use two samples of points from each measure + regularization parameter,

$$\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_m, \gamma$$

- Run Sinkhorn algorithm to get f_i^*, g_j^* point-wise dual values (these correspond to the α_i^*, β_j^* values in log-space returned by Sinkhorn).
- Extend these values *out-of-sample*, with a "soft" h -transform, to create the estimator:

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[Pooladian+21]

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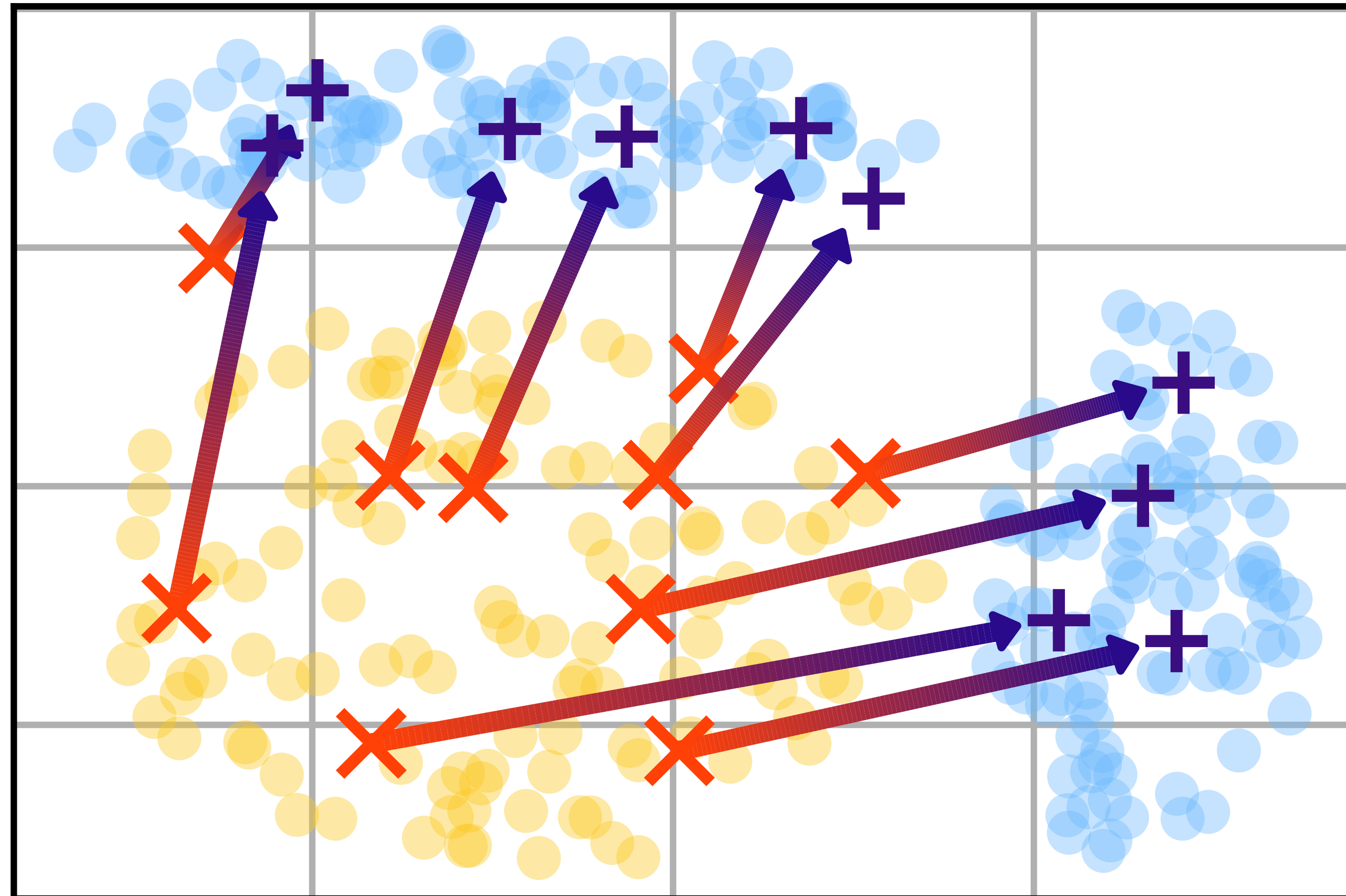
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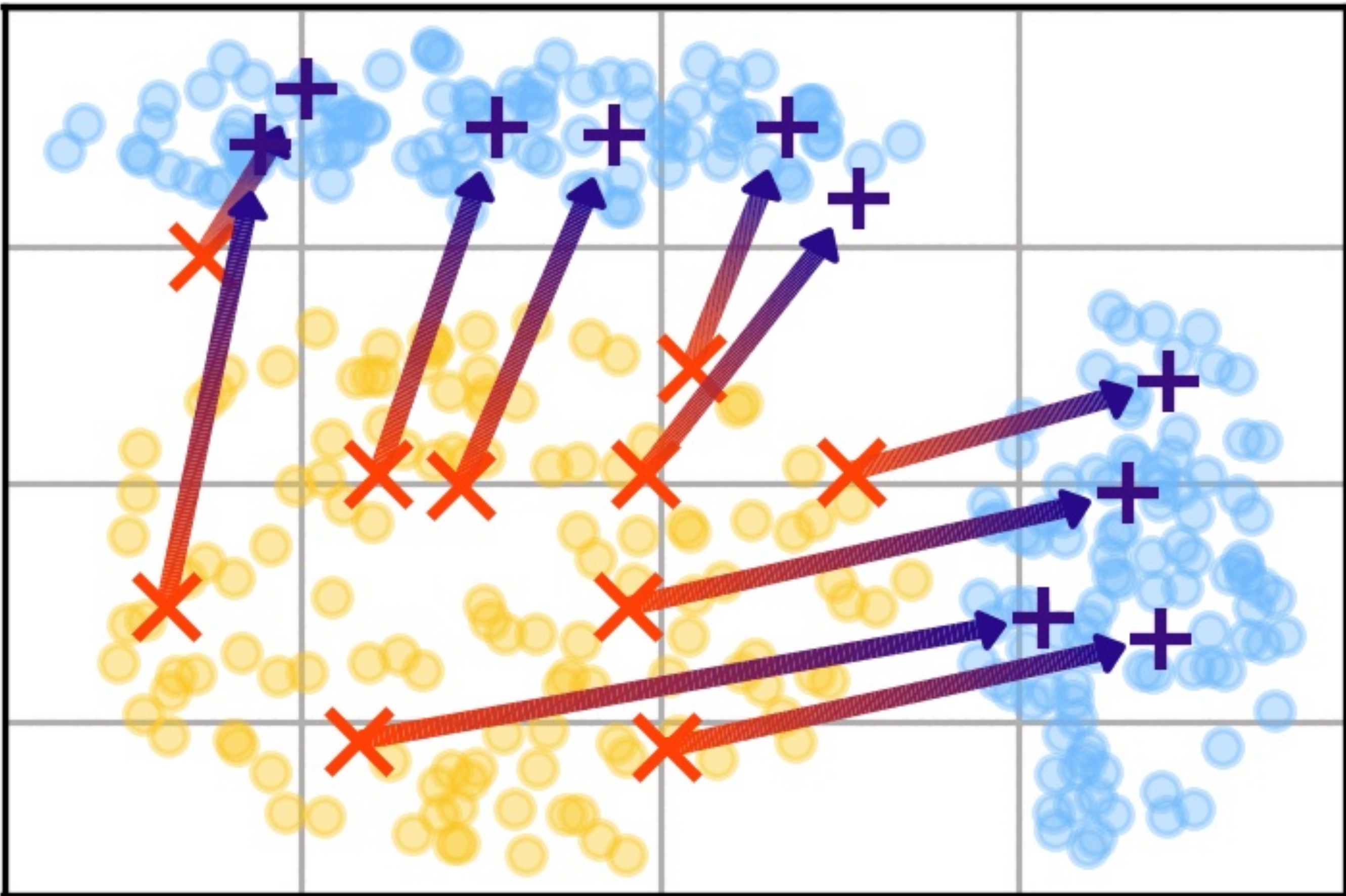
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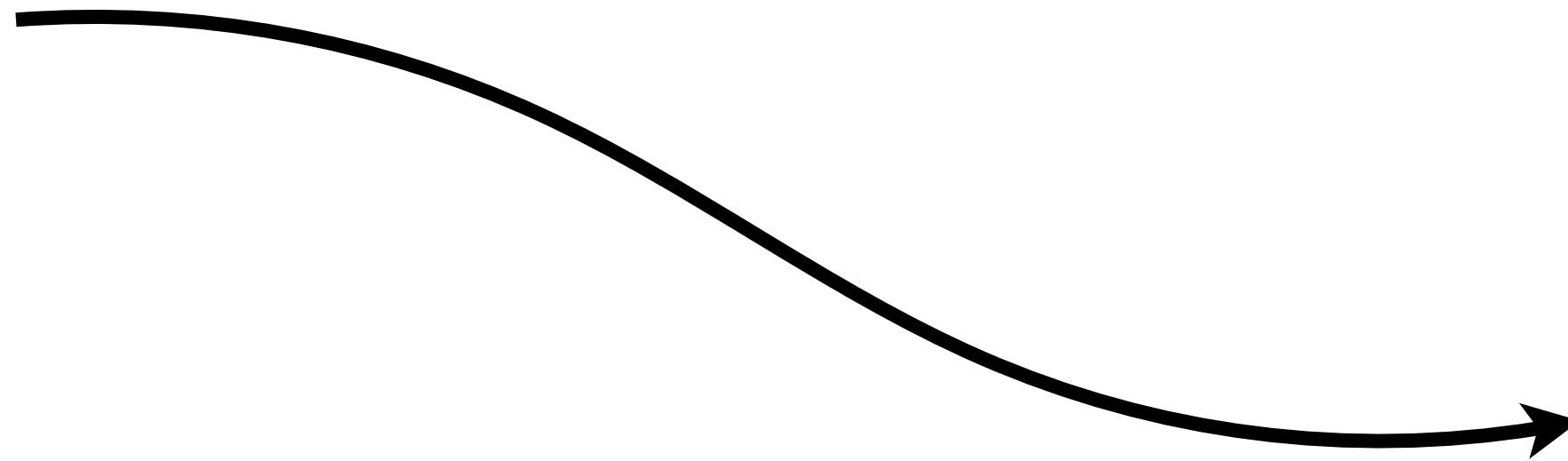


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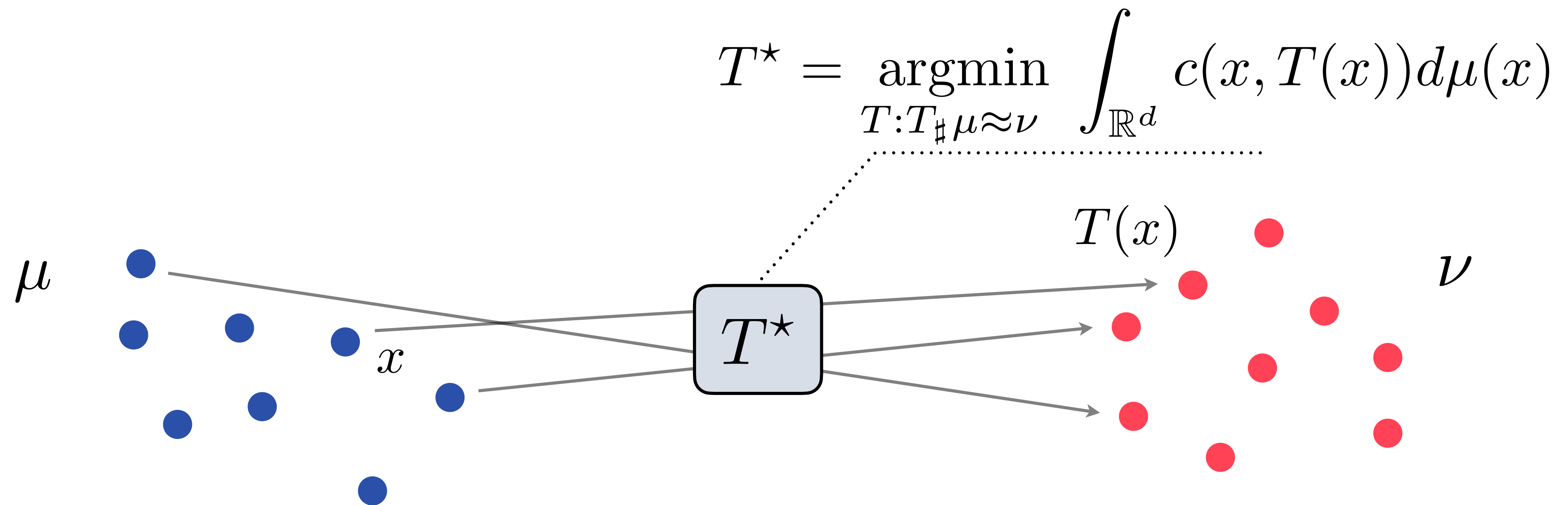
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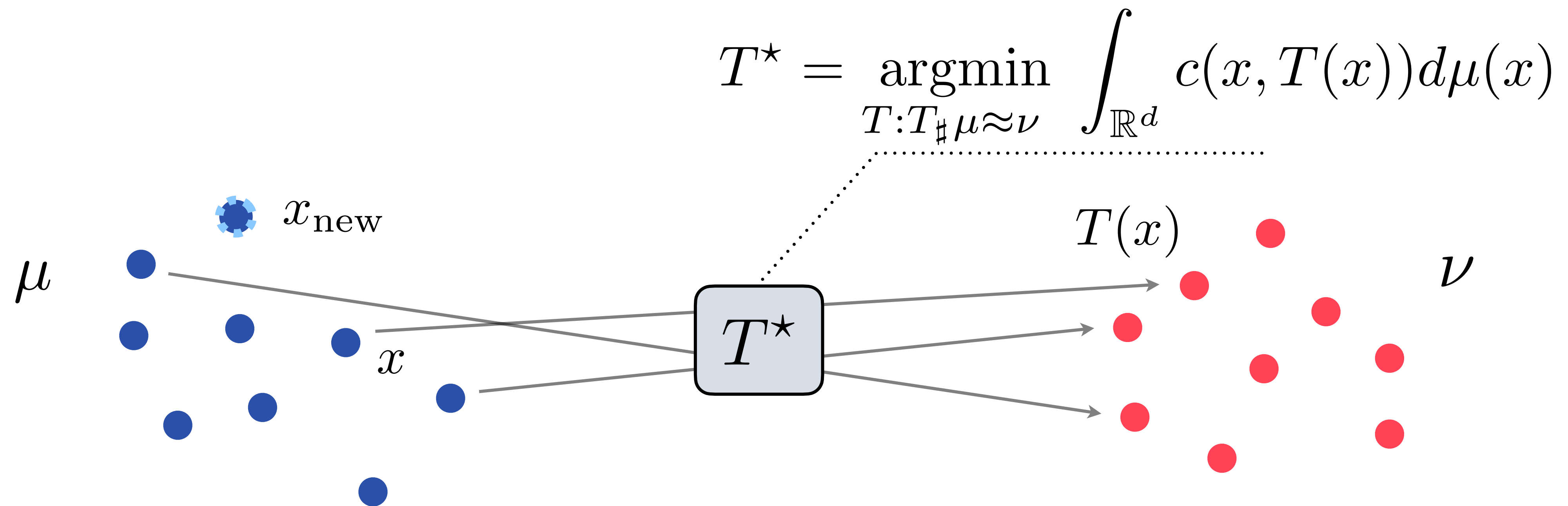
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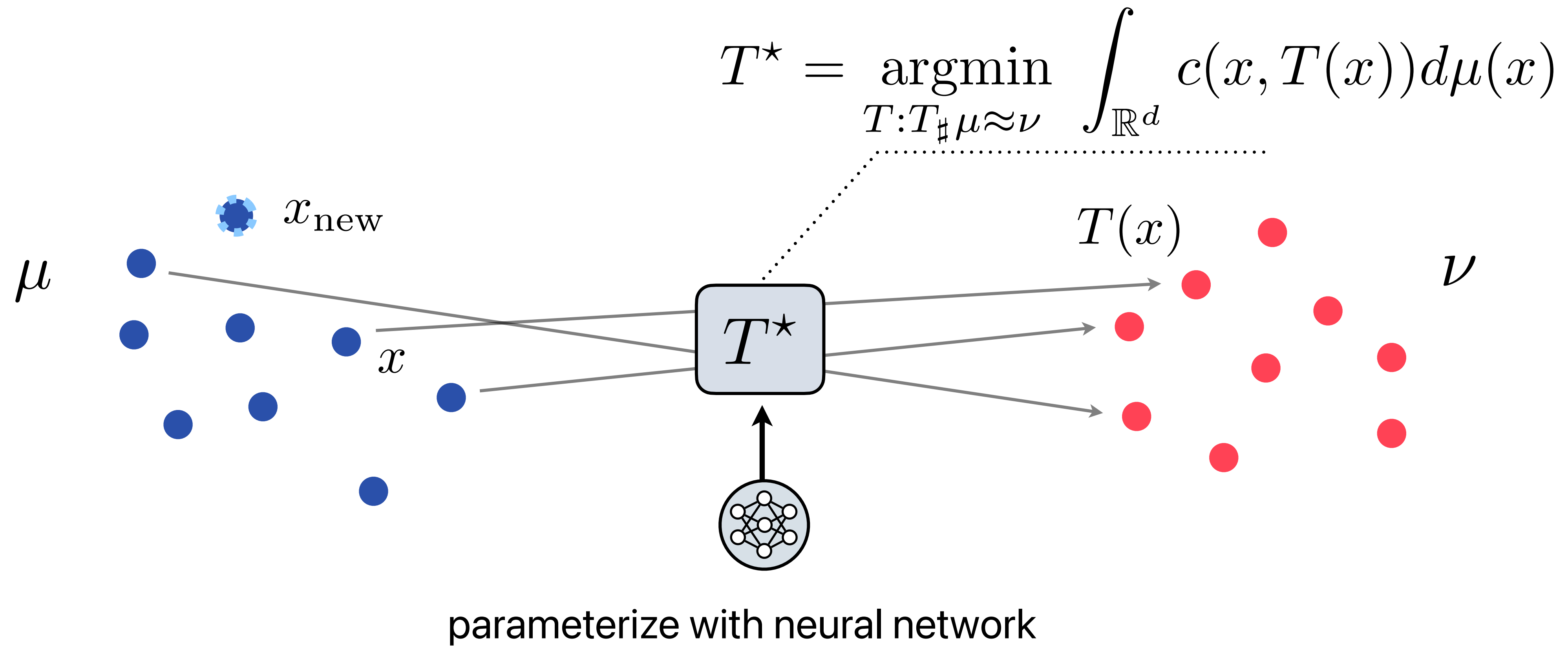
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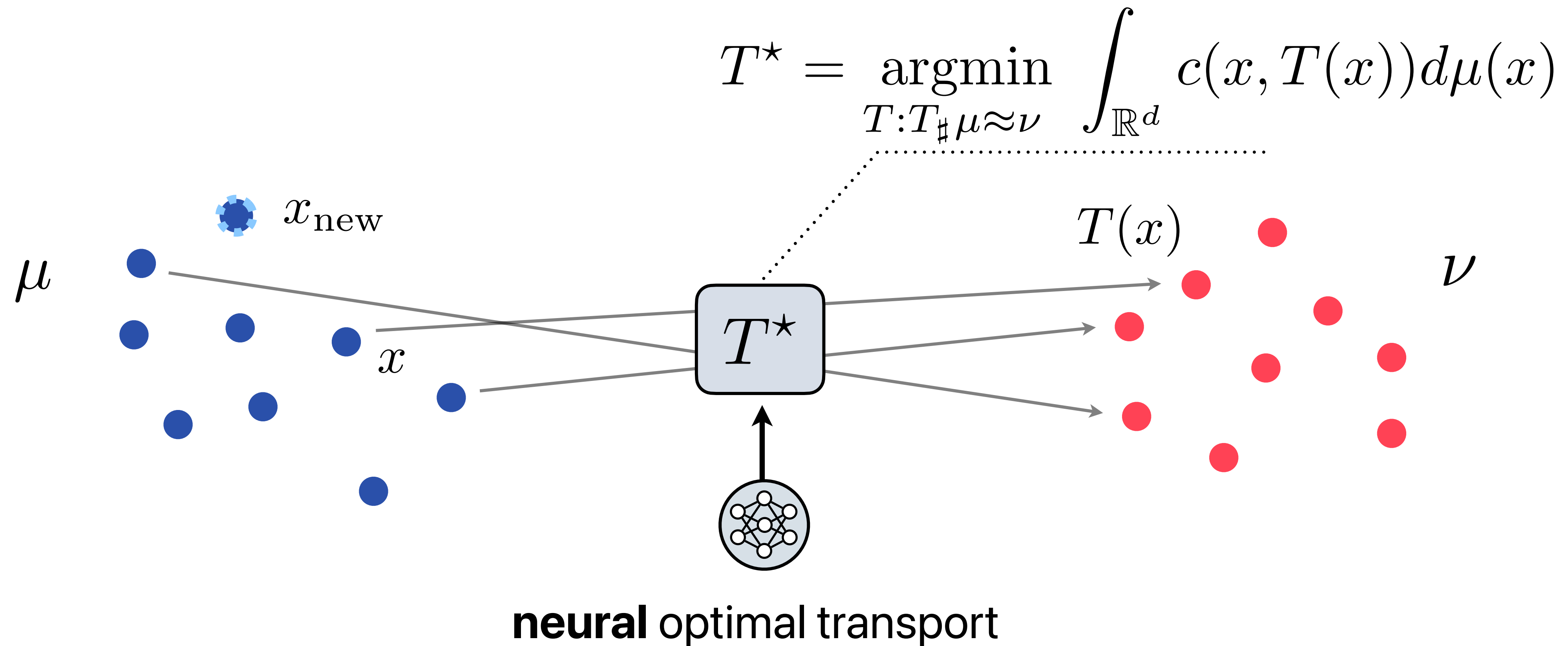
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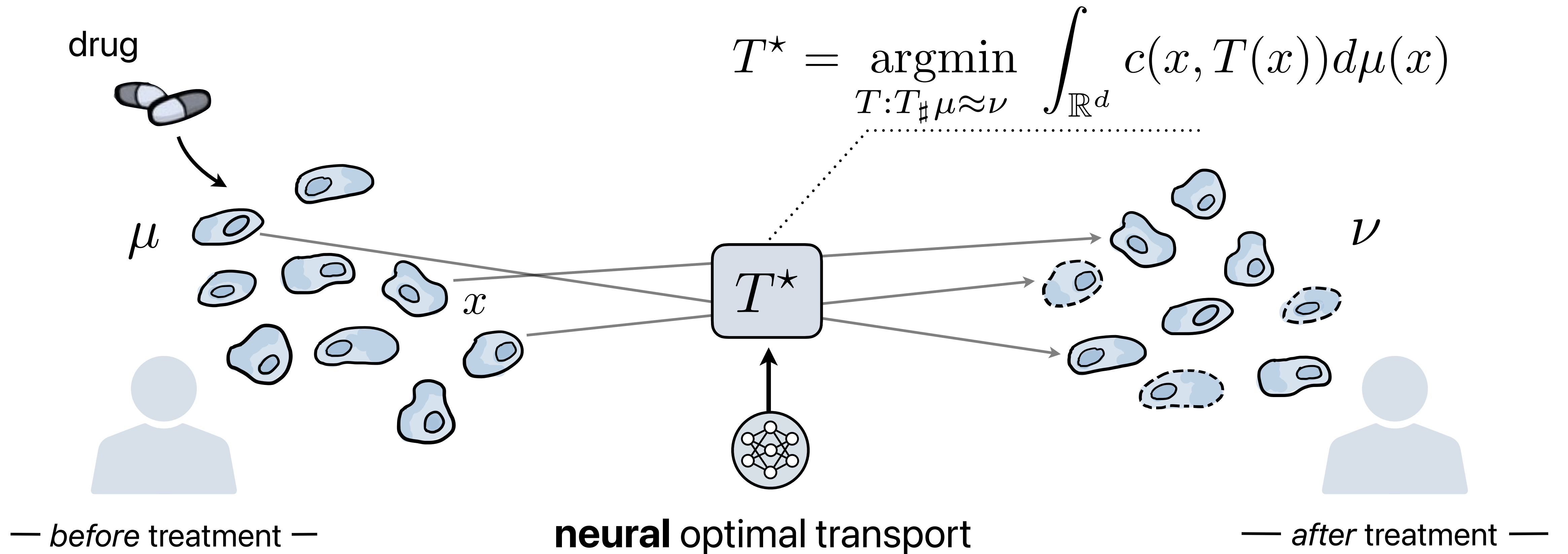
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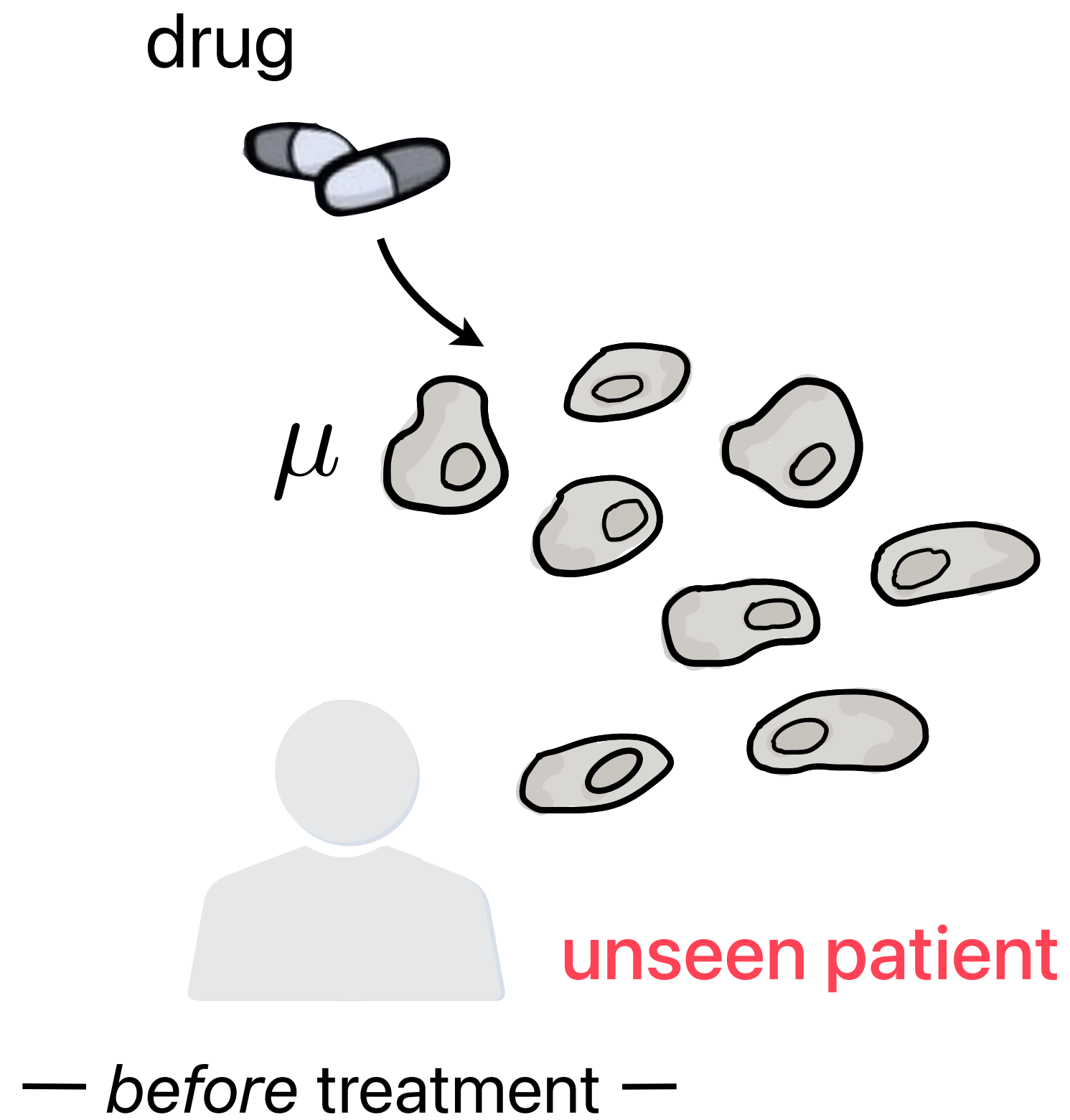
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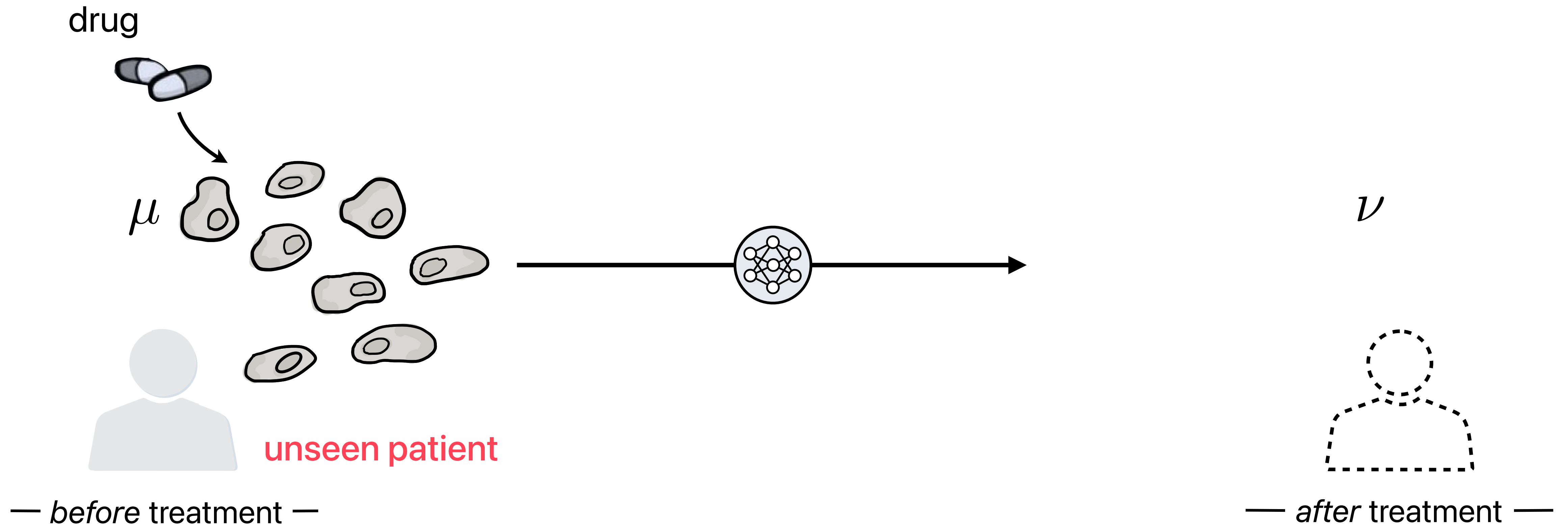
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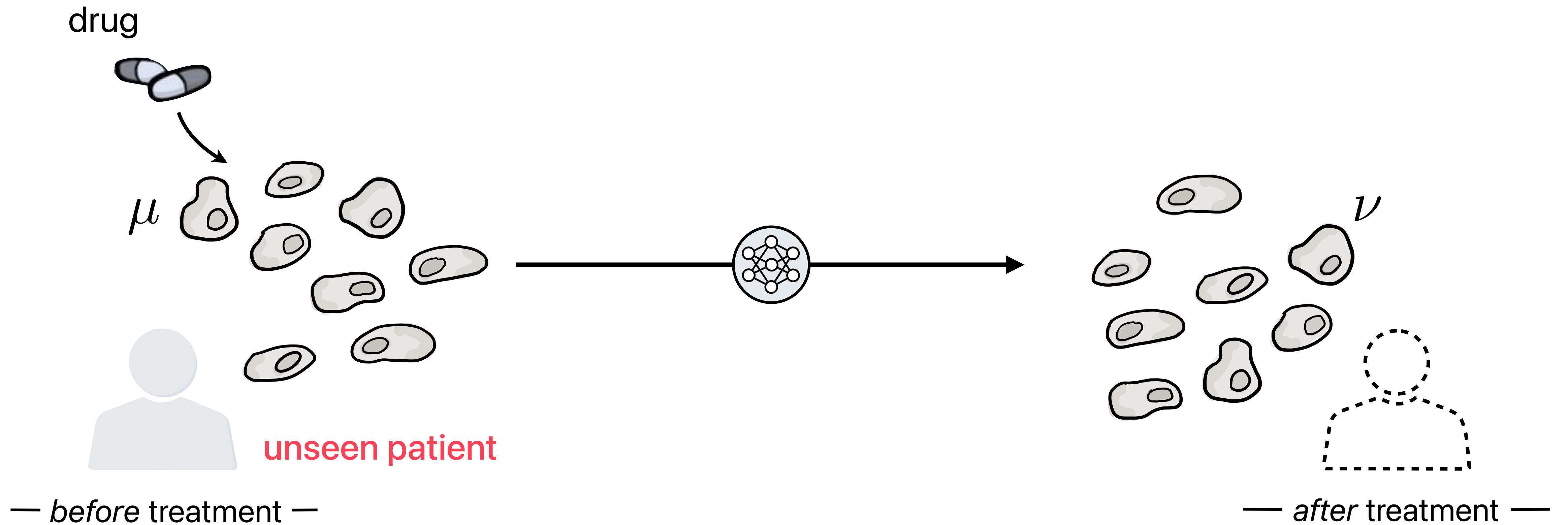
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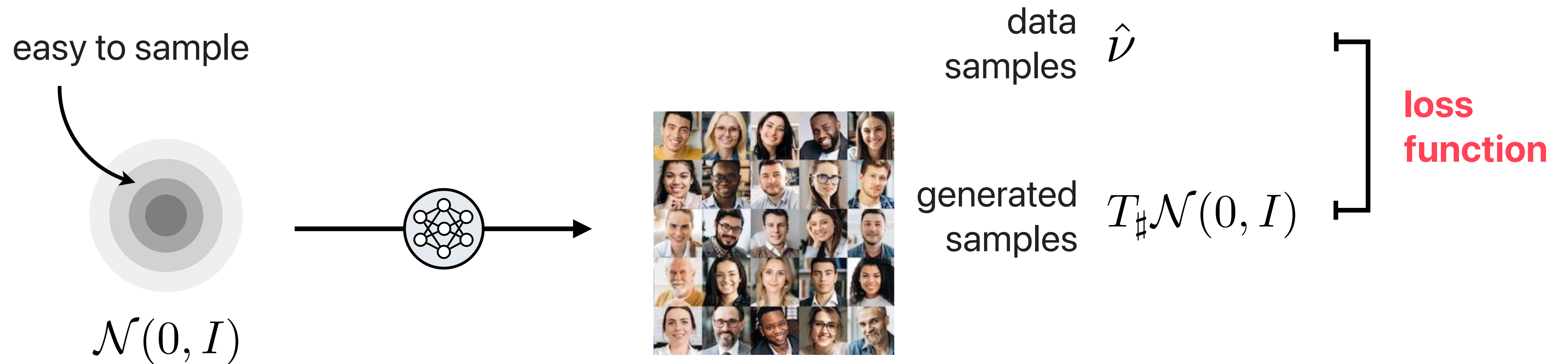
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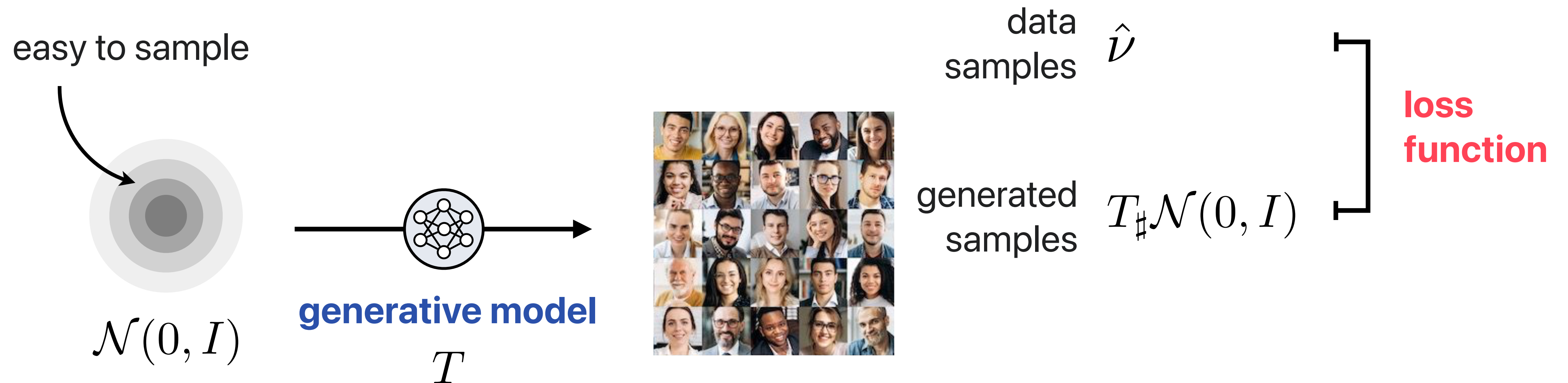
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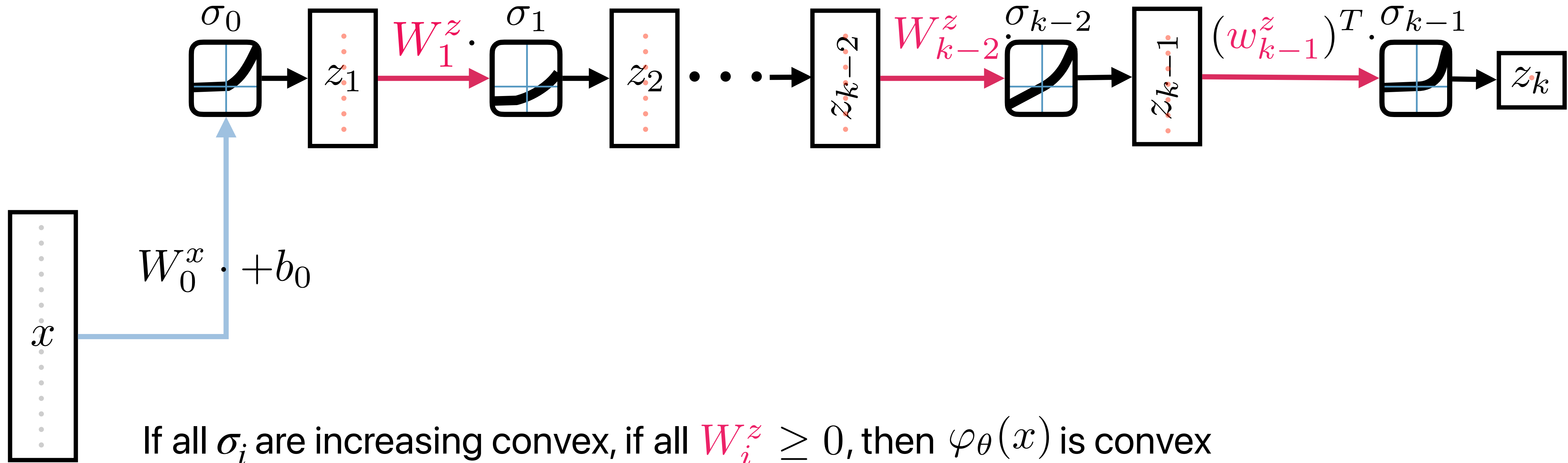
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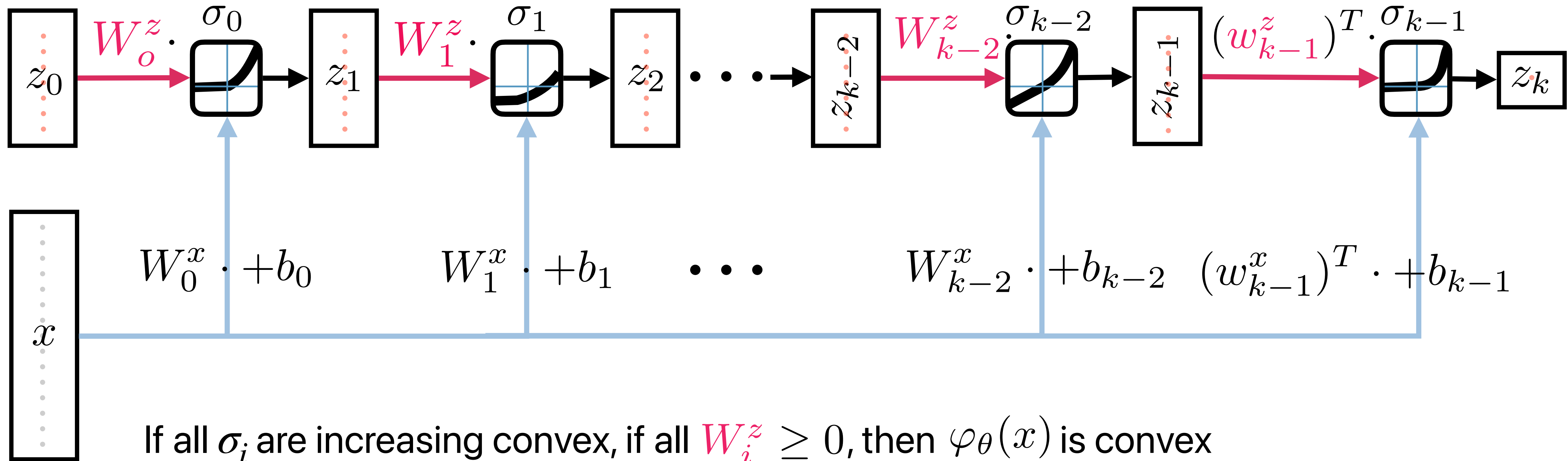
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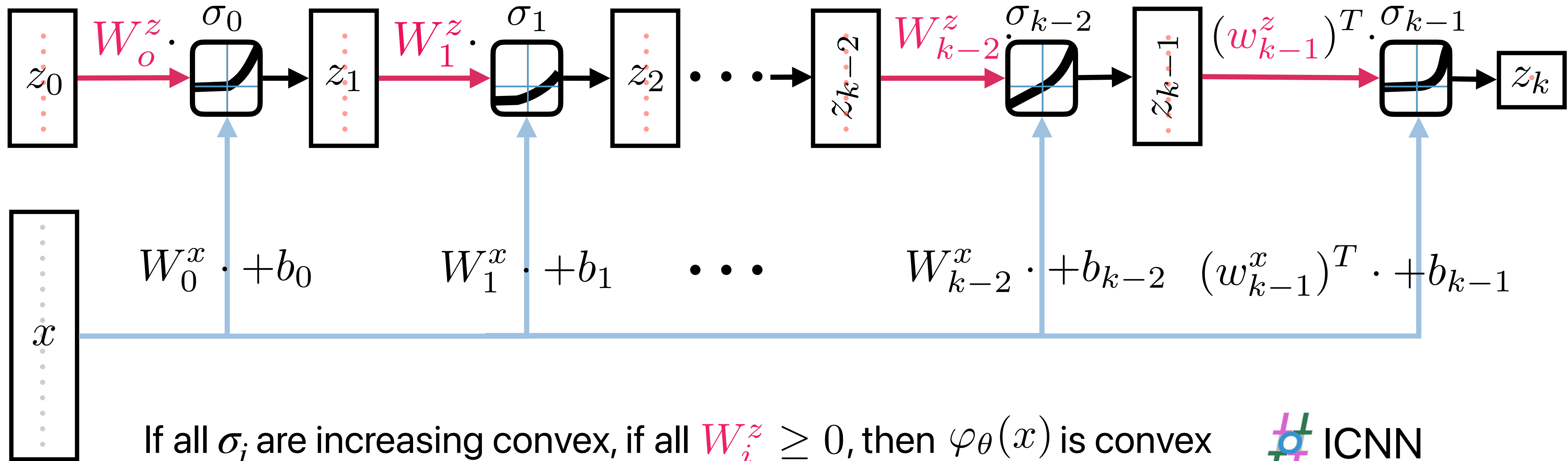
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[Makkuva+21, Korotin+20]

However, can we find approaches without

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[Amos23]

[Bunne+22]

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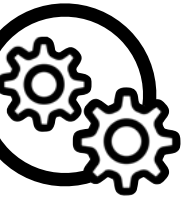
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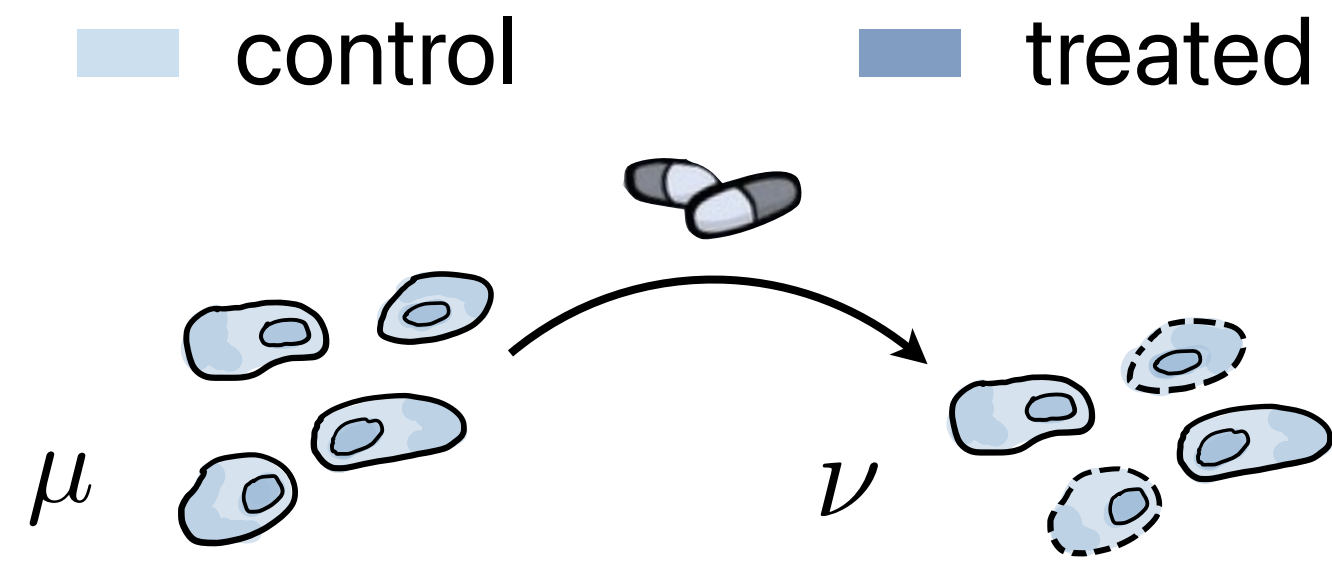
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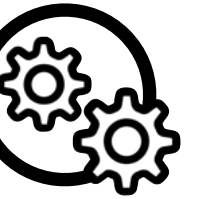
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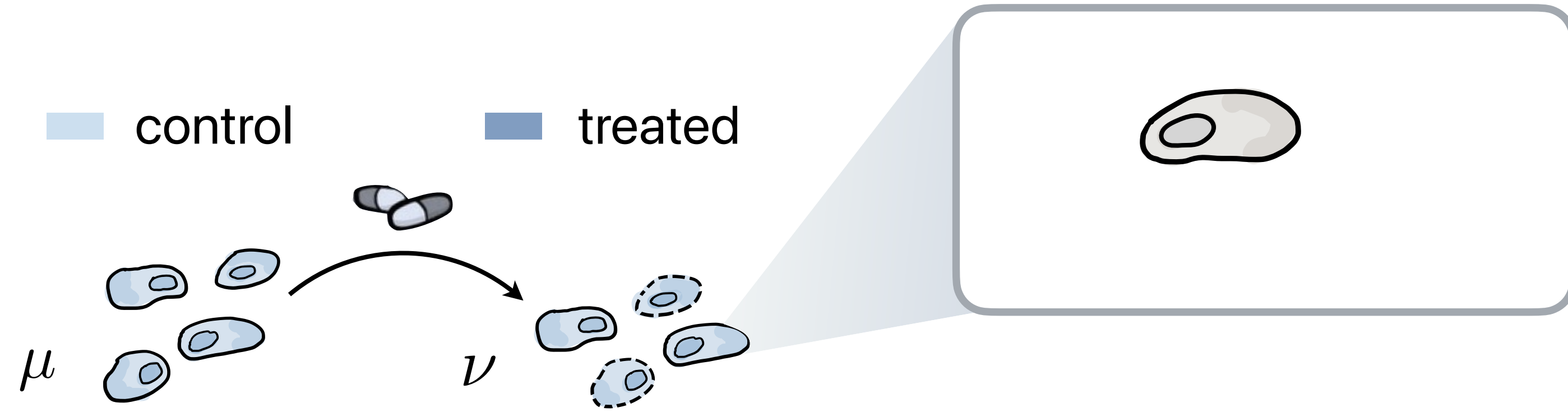
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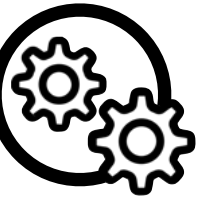
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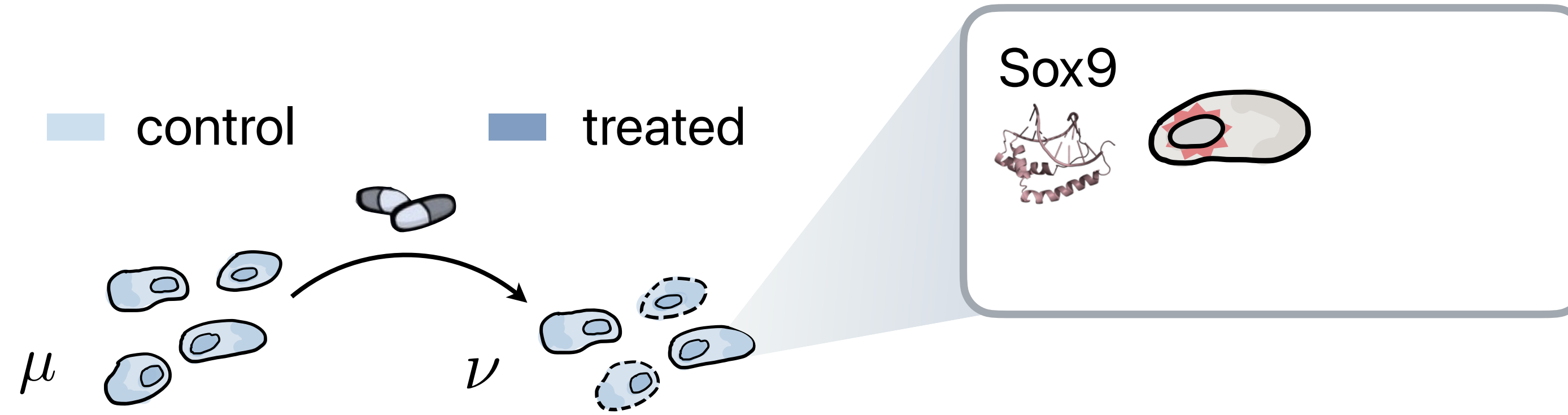
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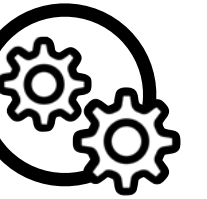
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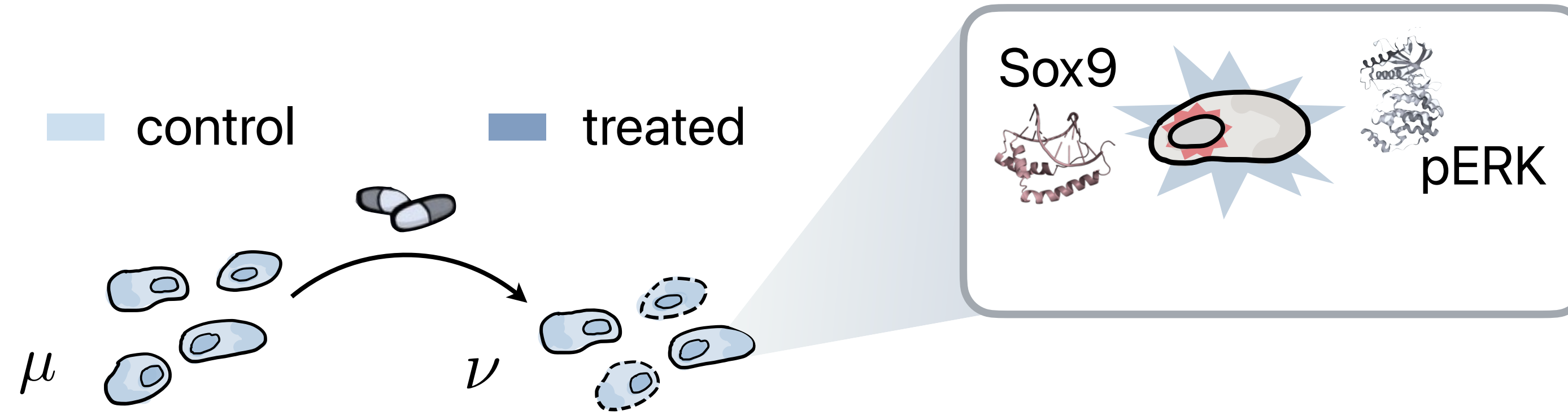
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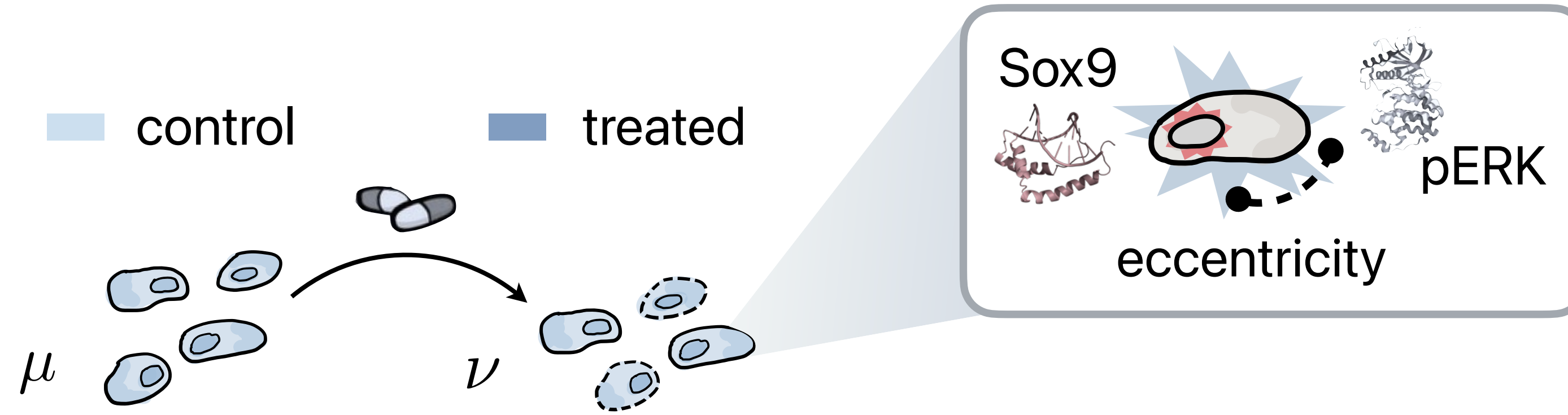
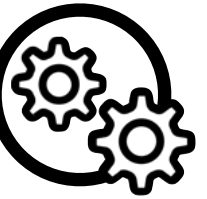


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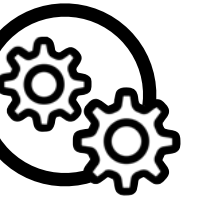
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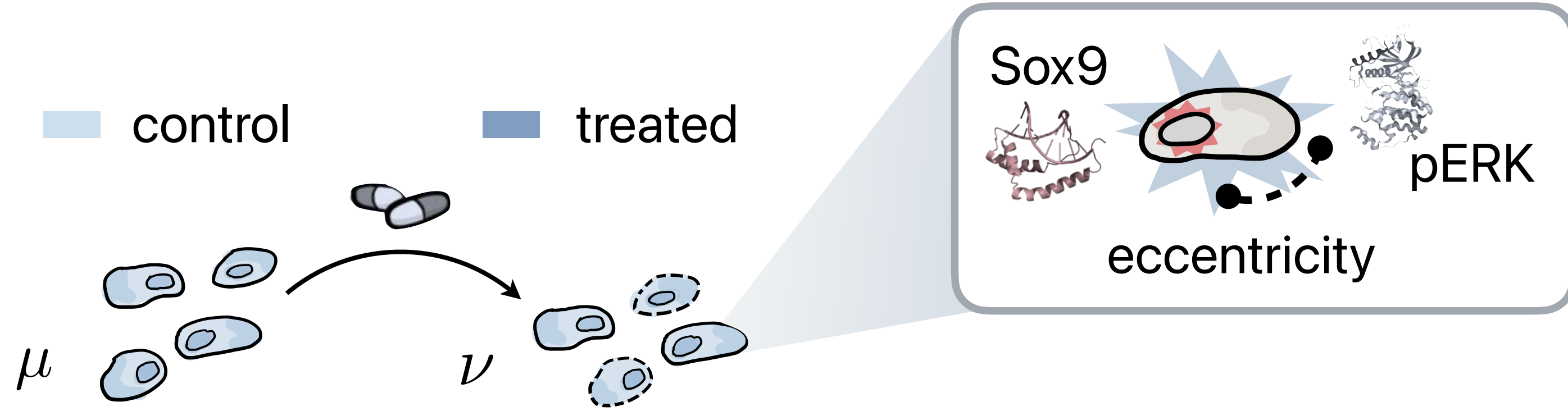
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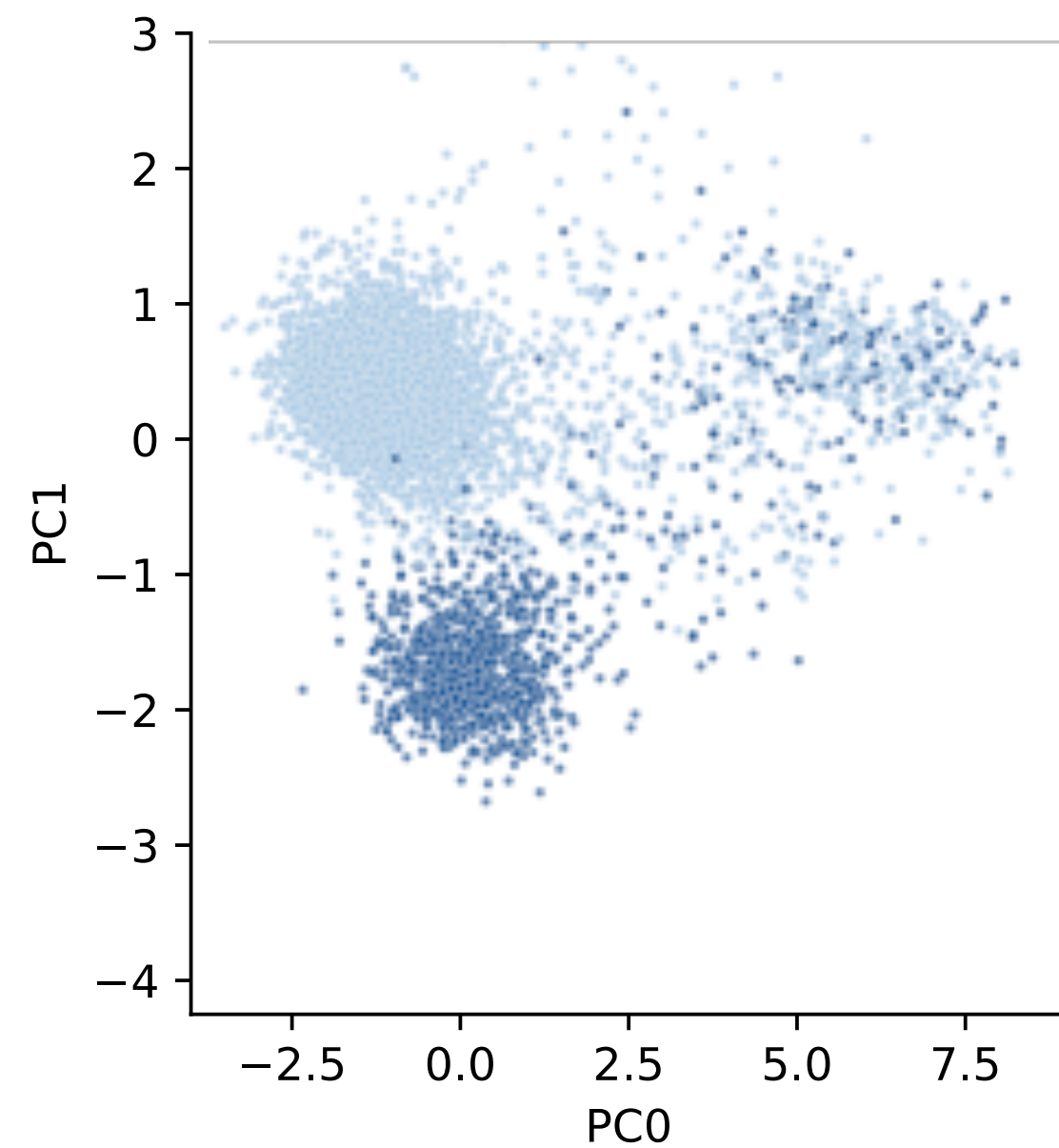


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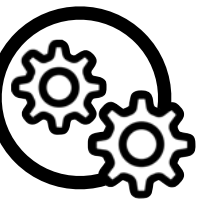
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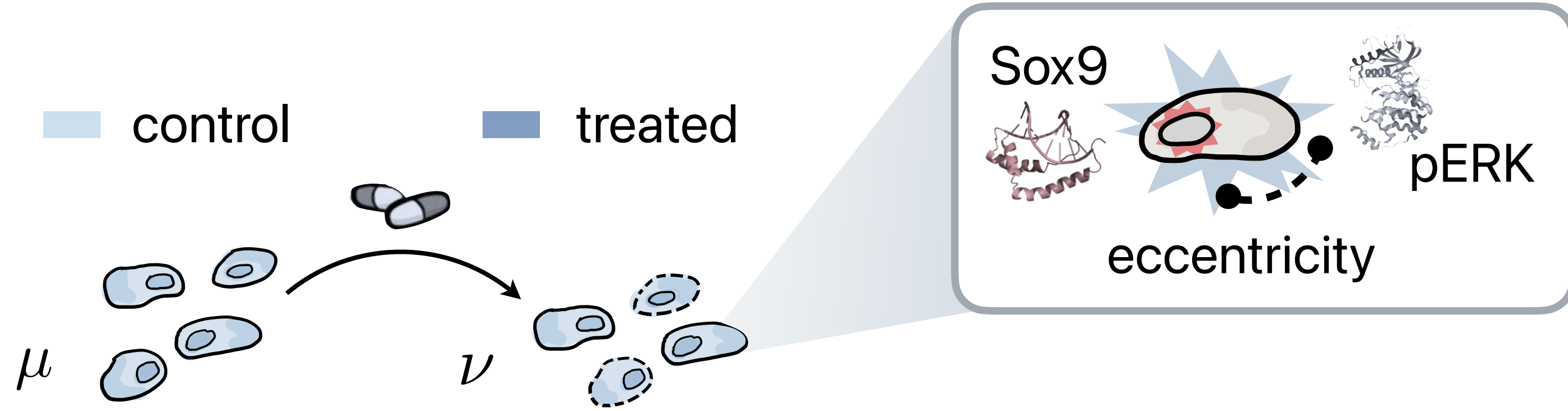


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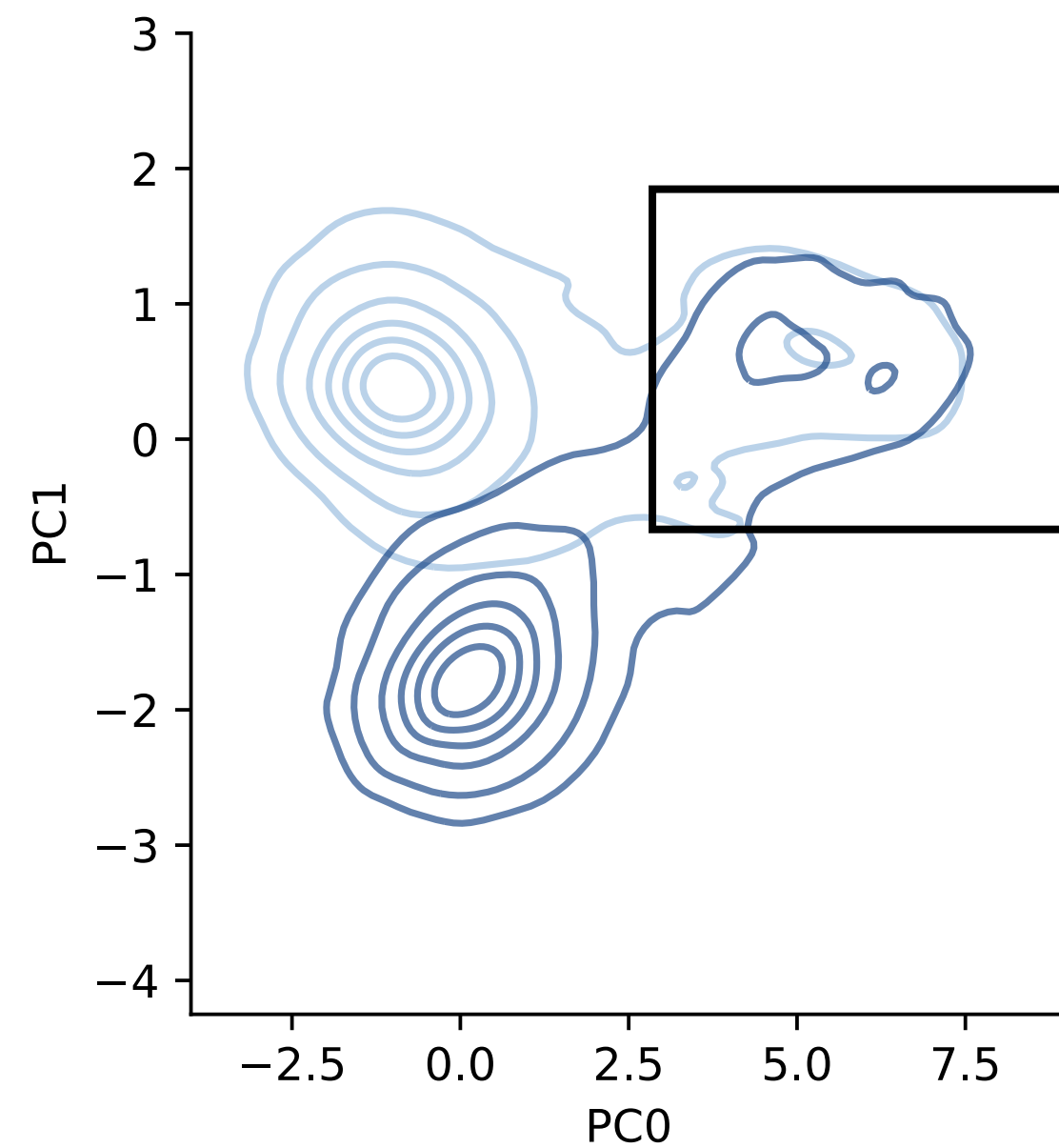


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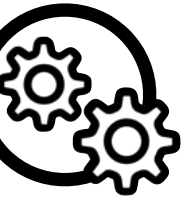
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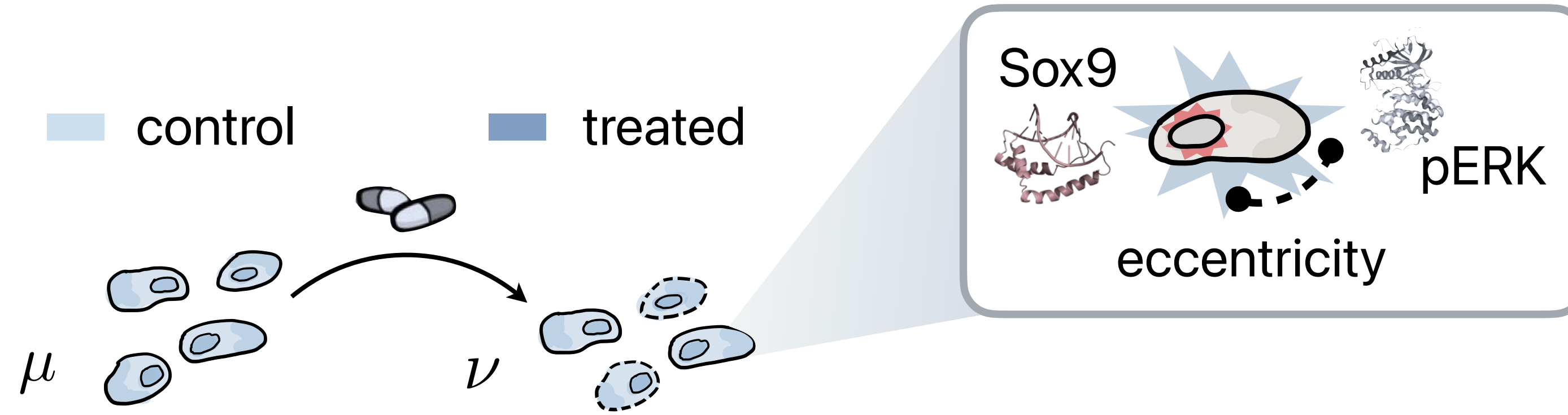


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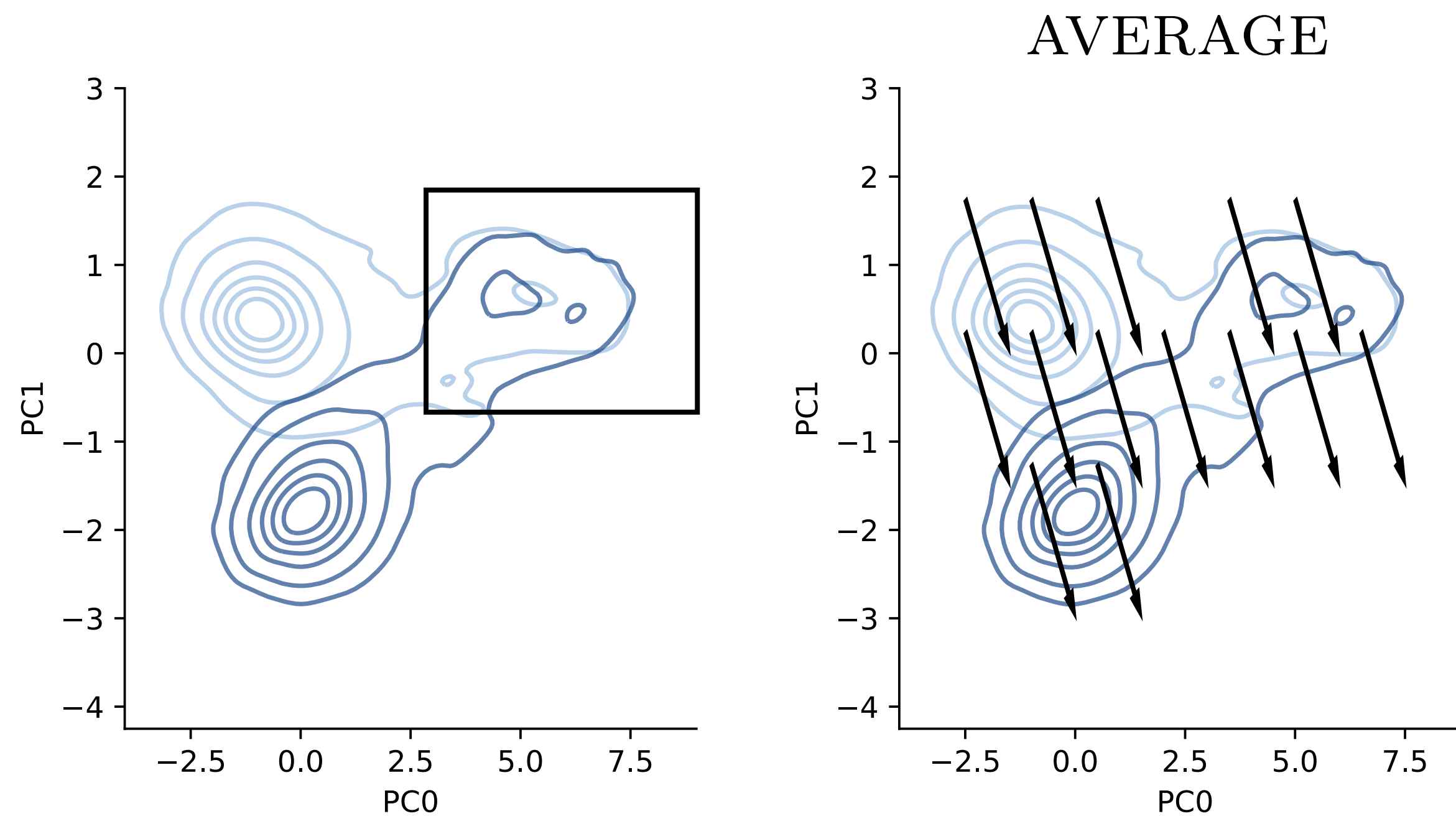


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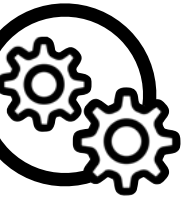
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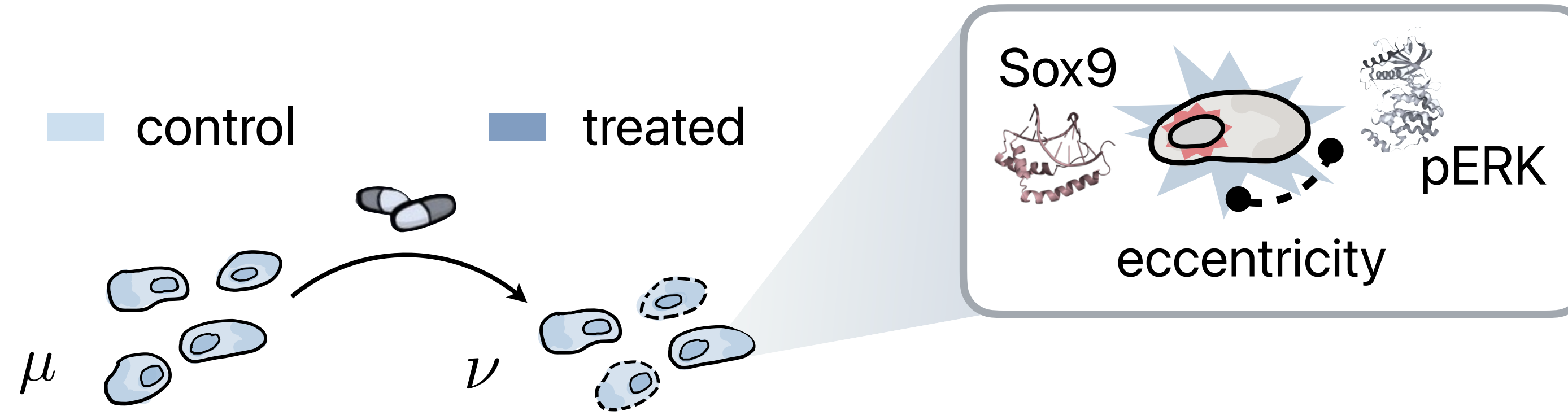


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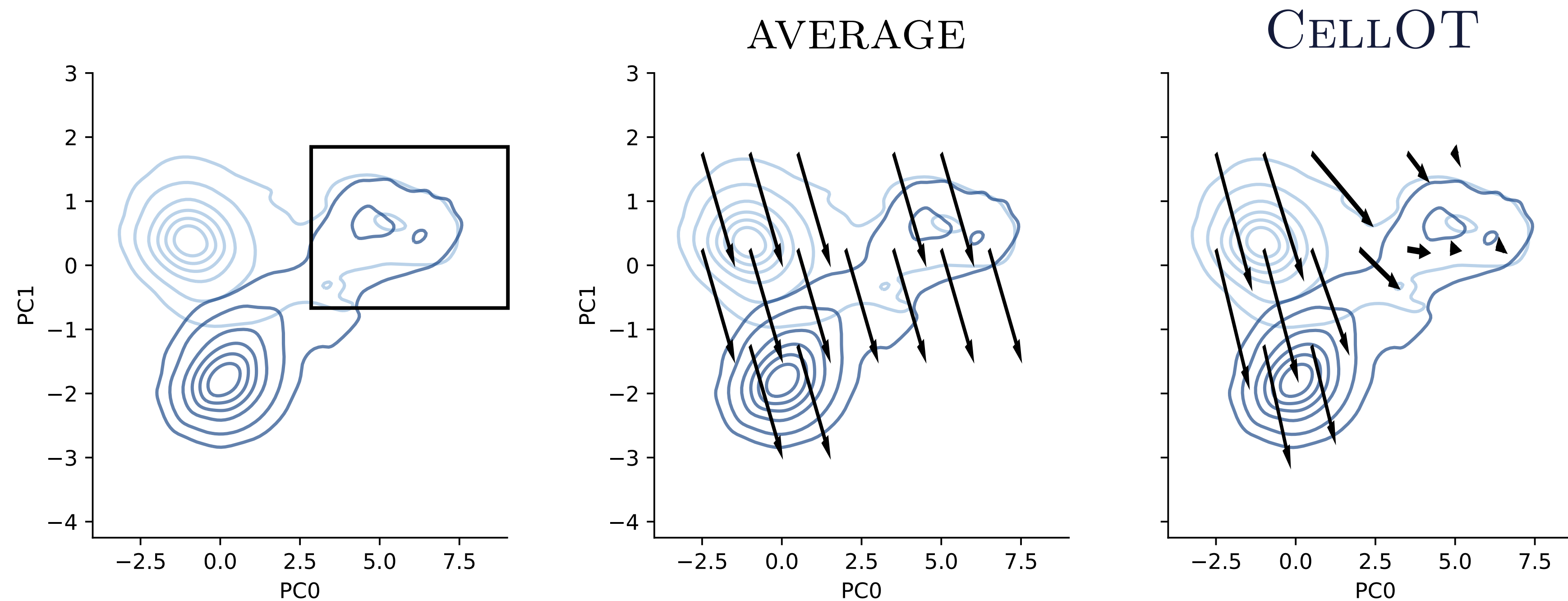


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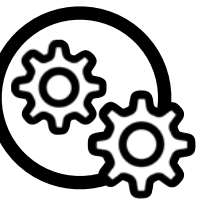
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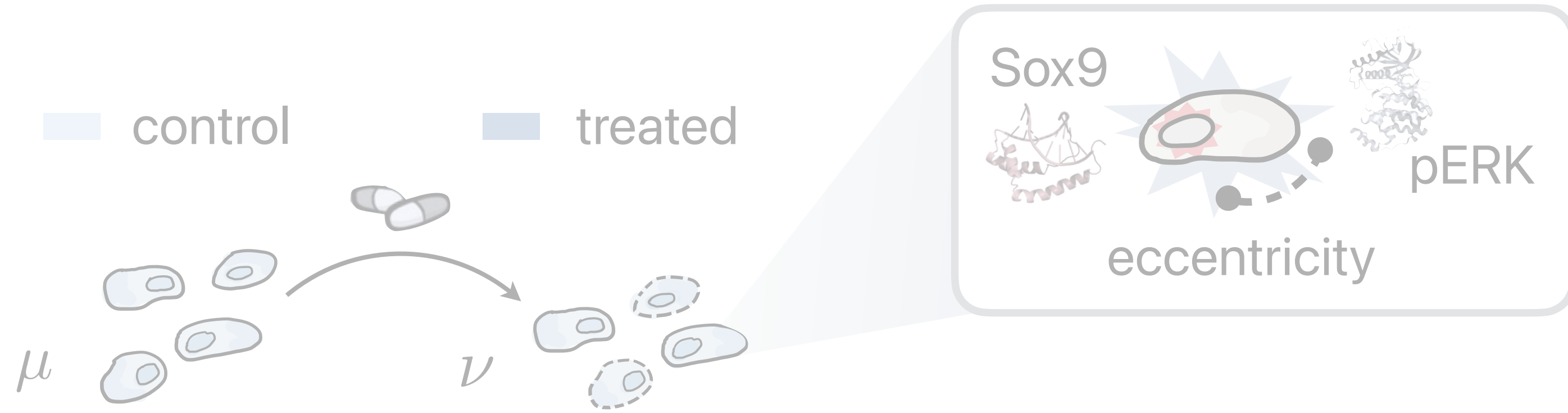


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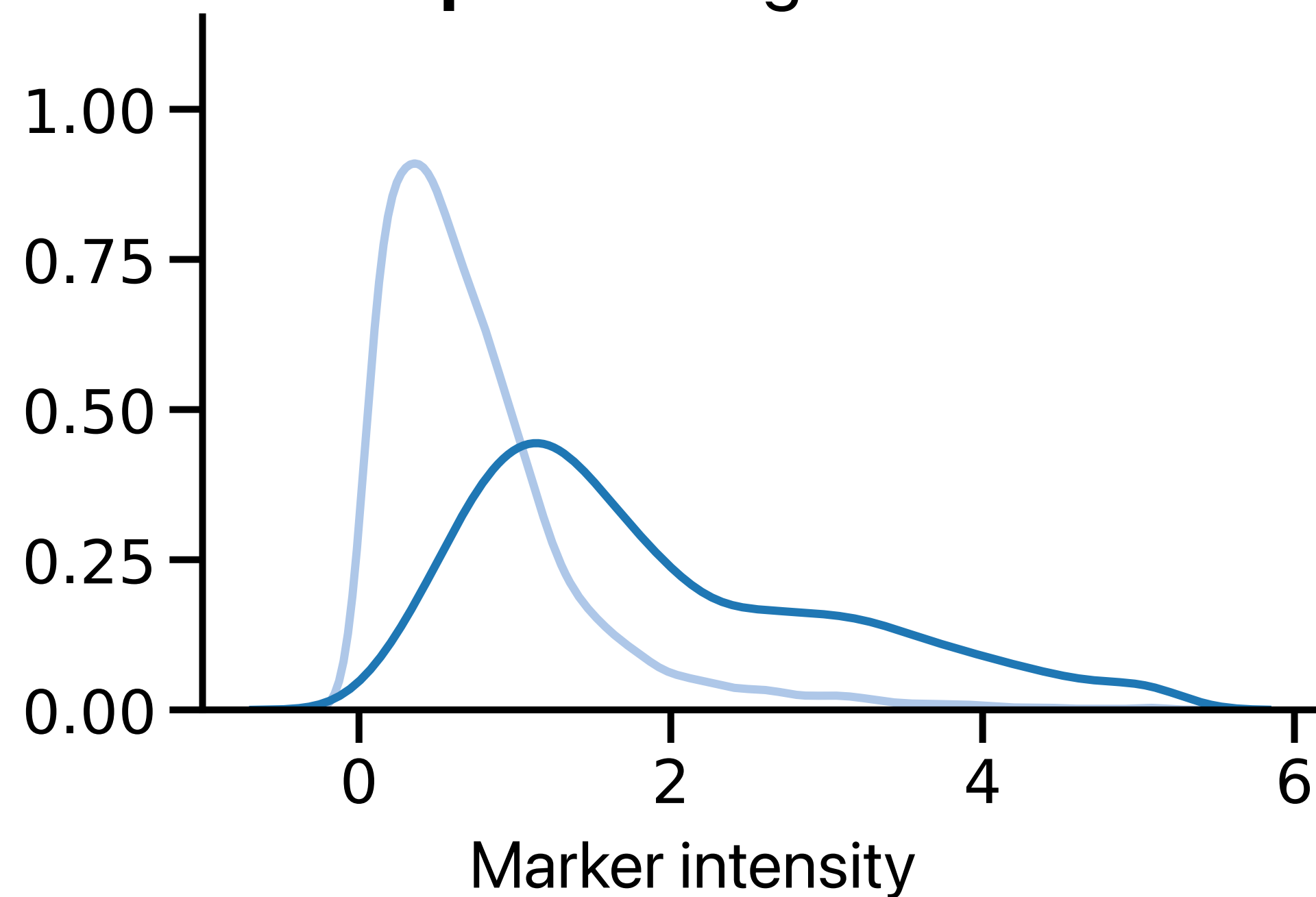
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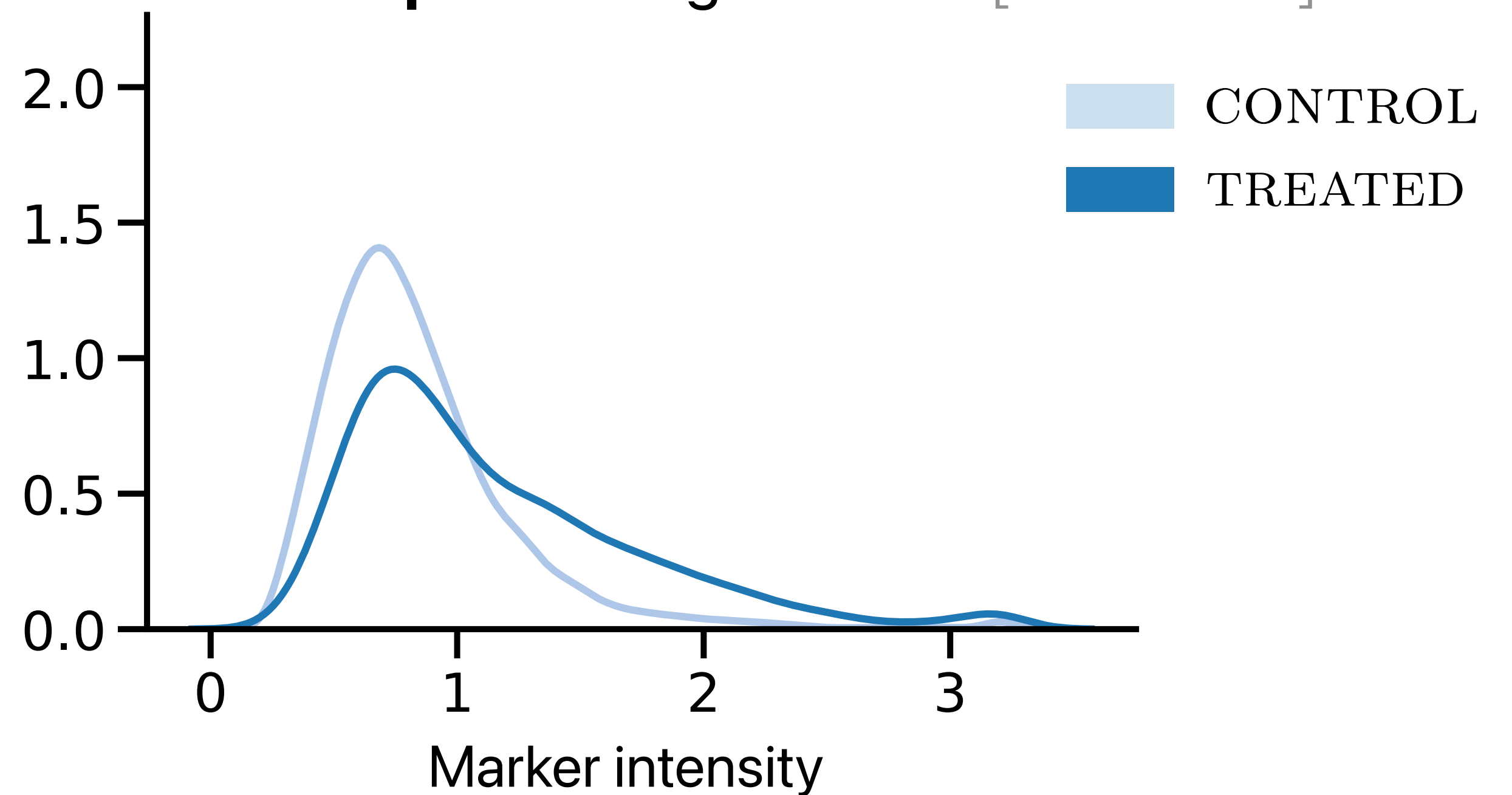
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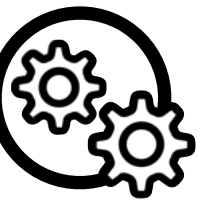


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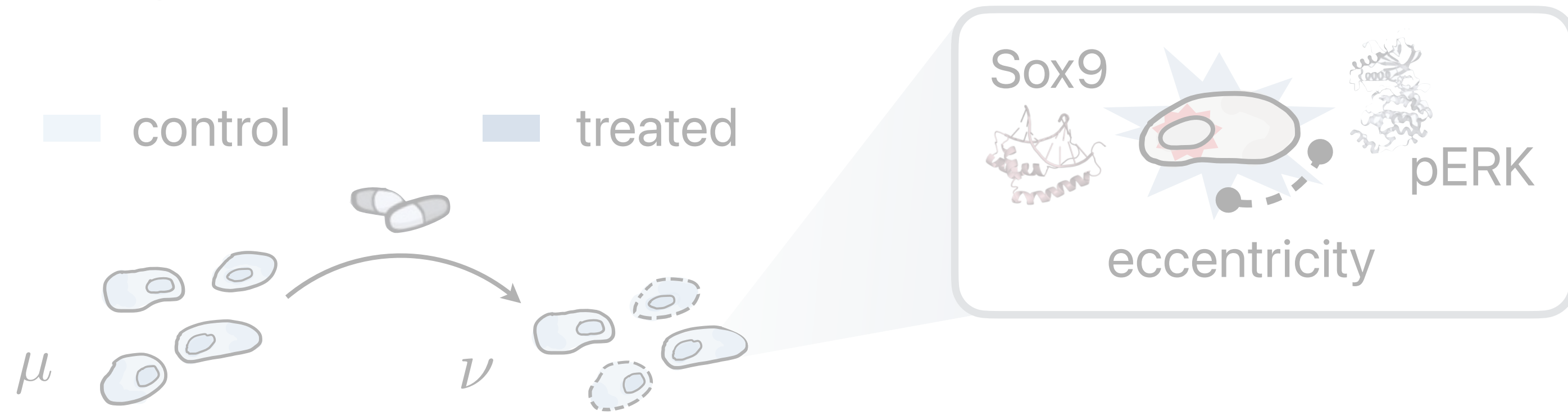


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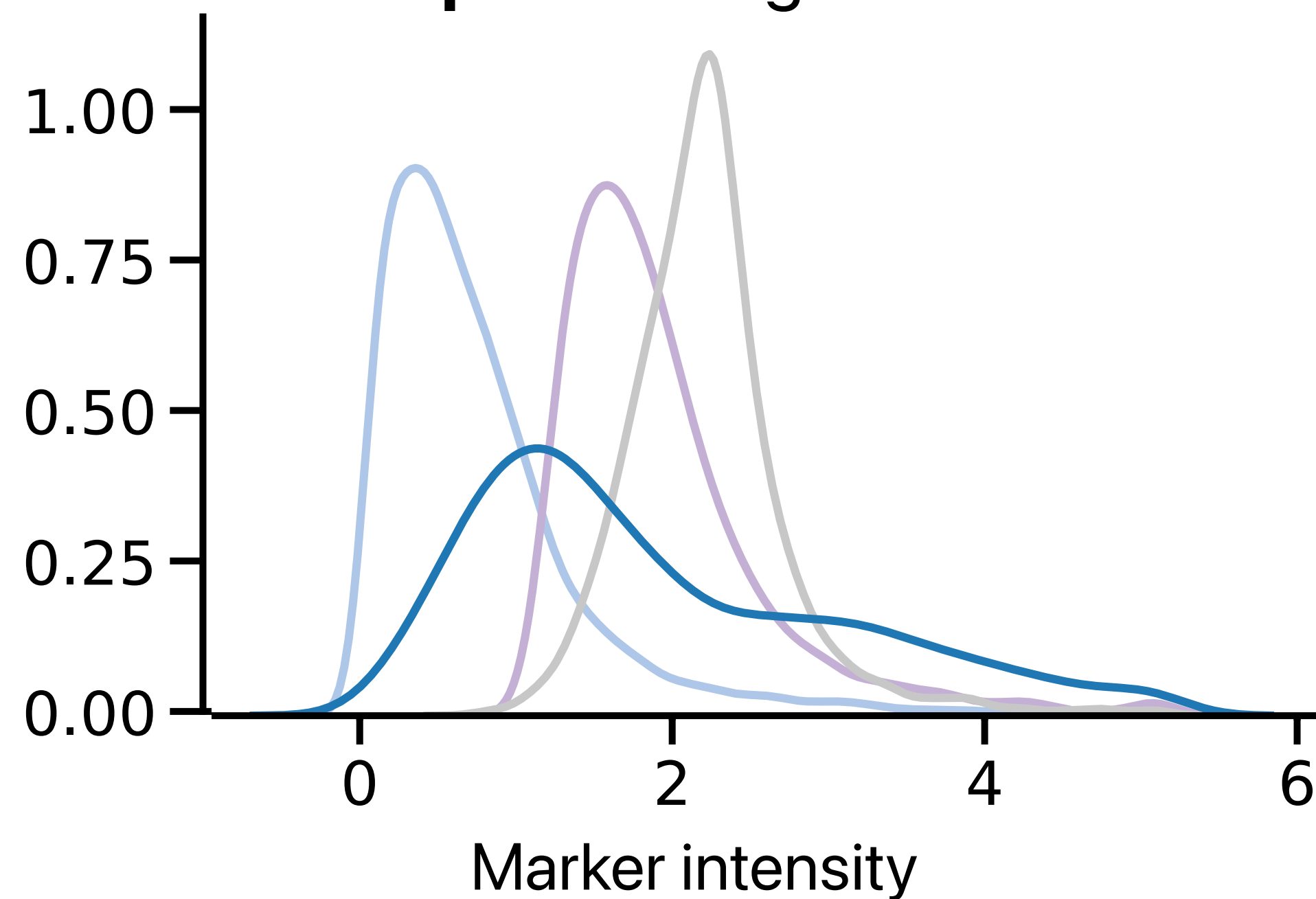
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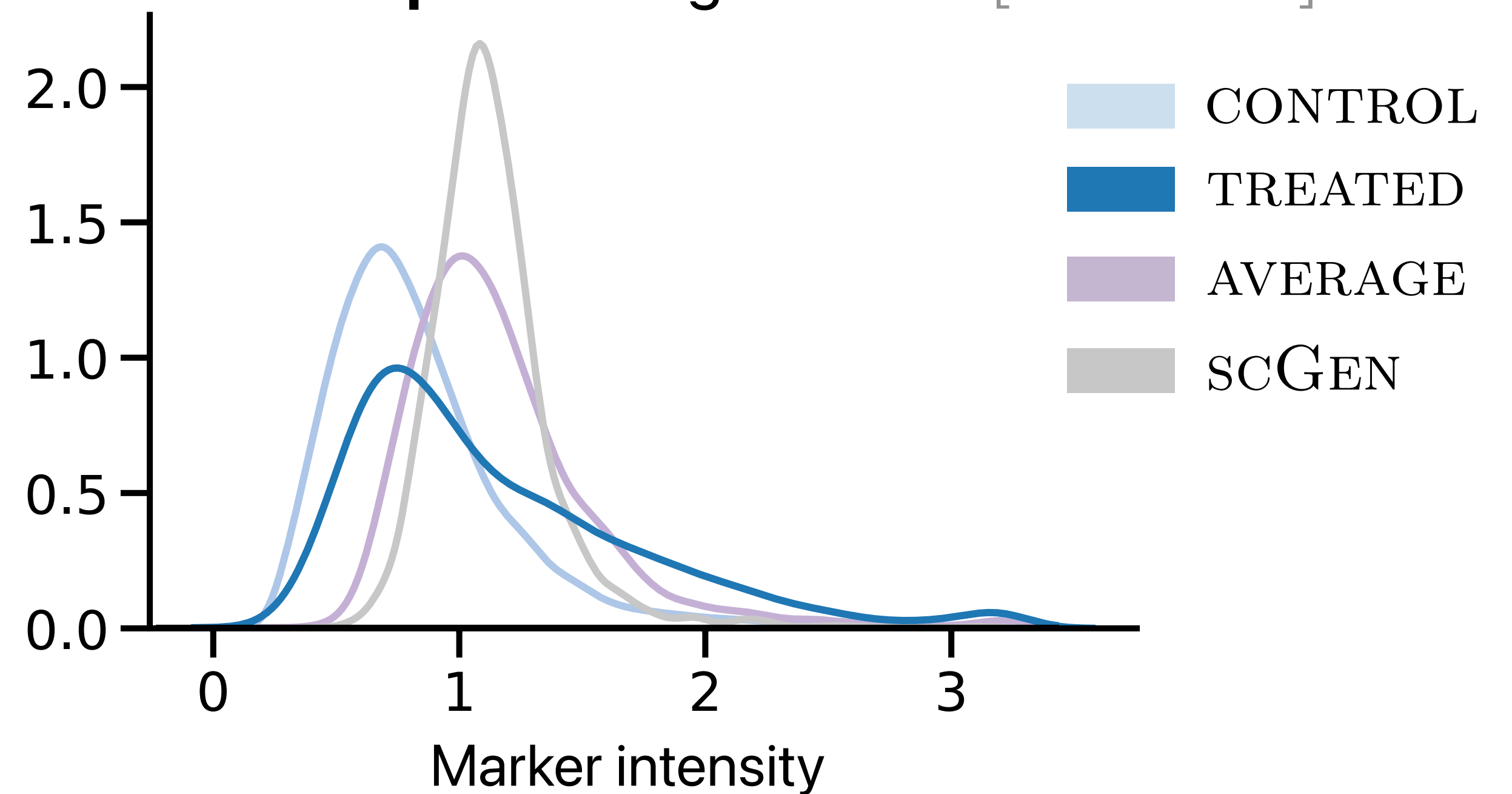
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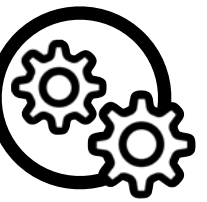


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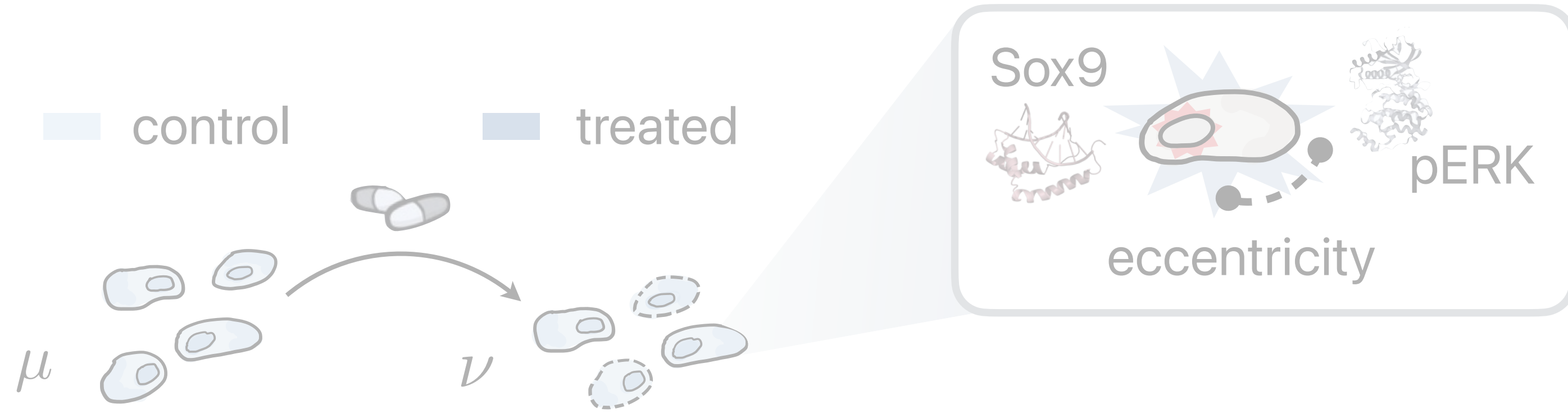


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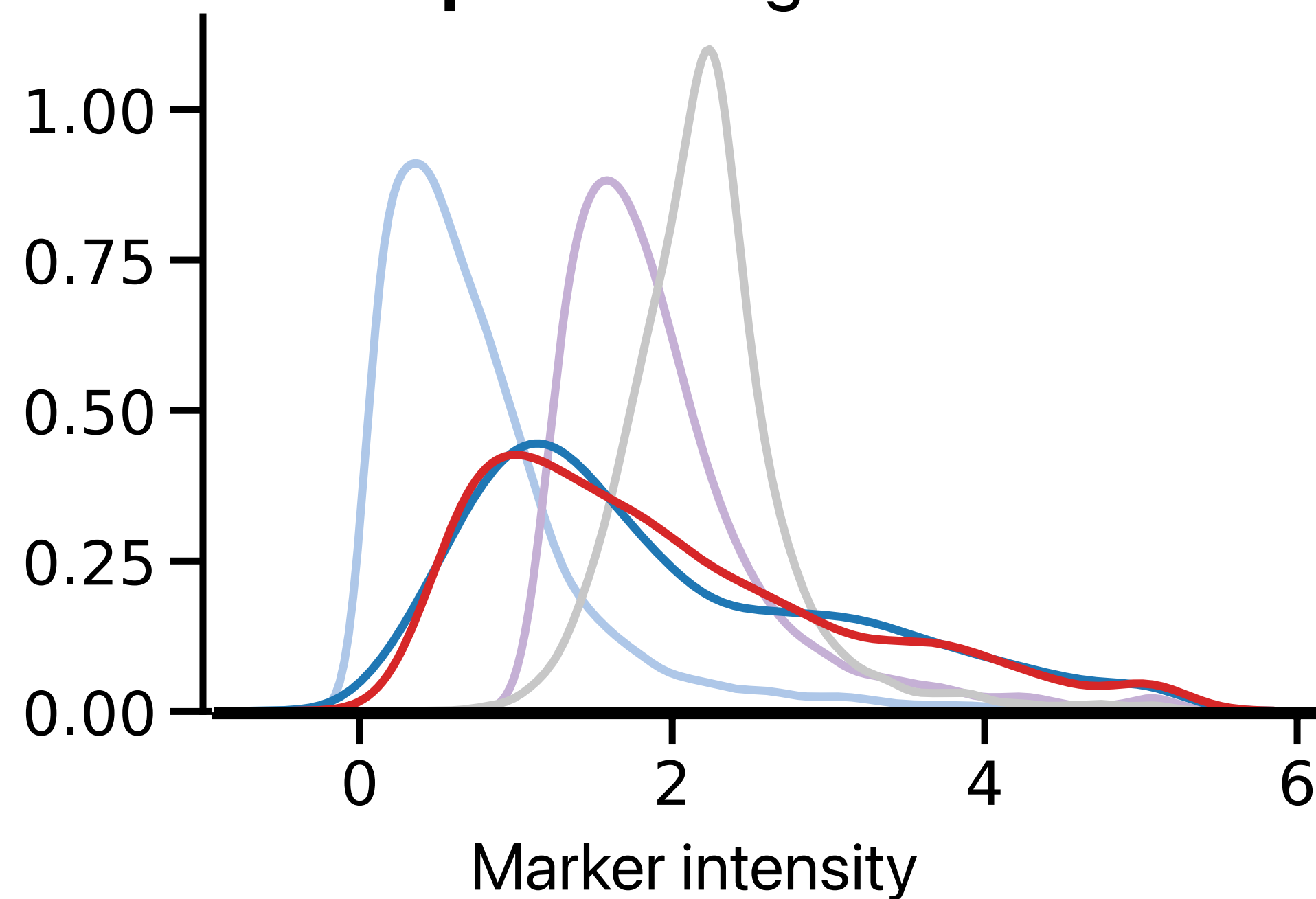
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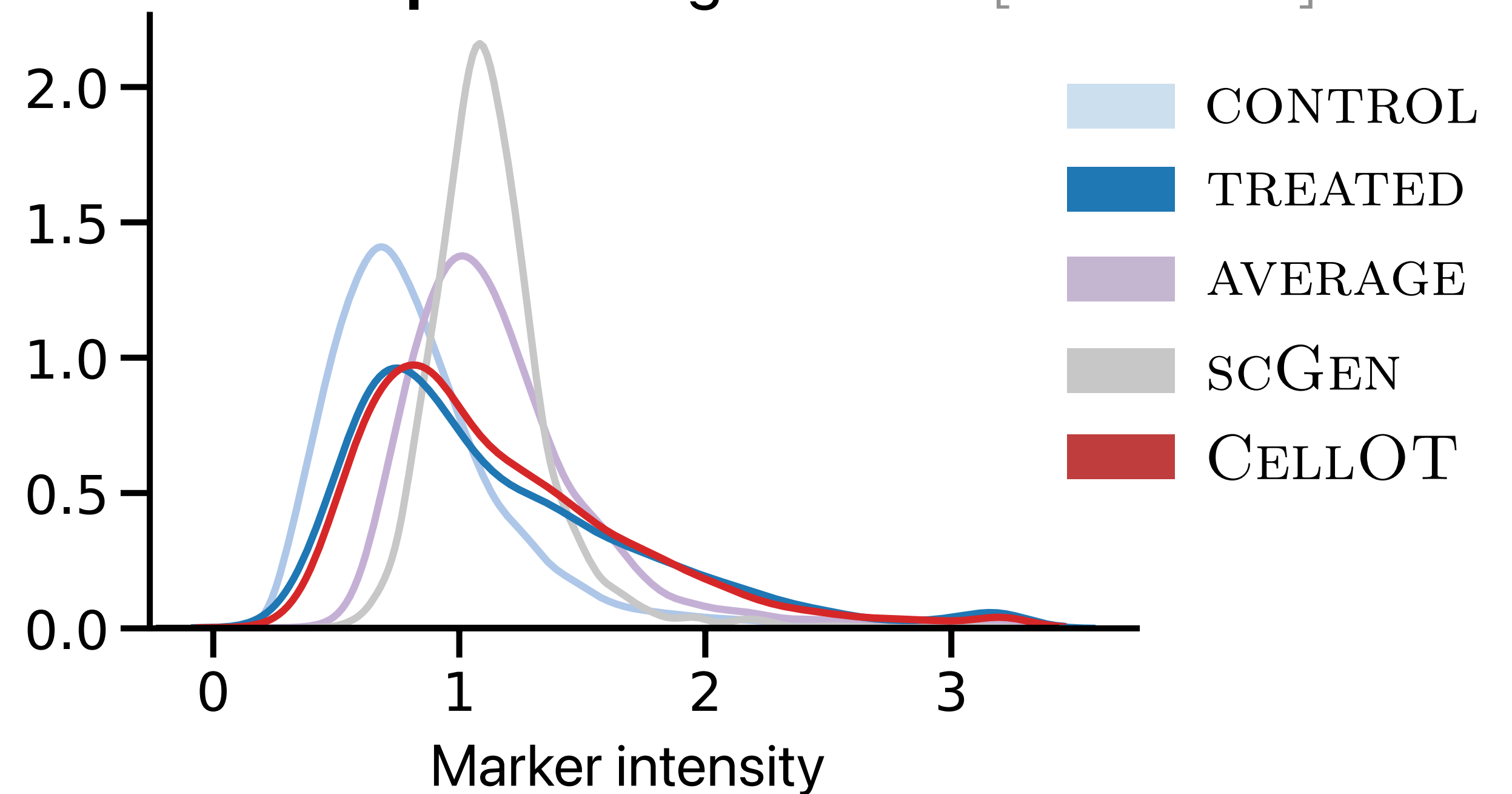
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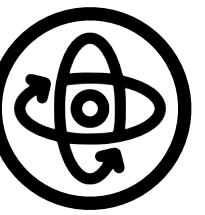
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Benchmark

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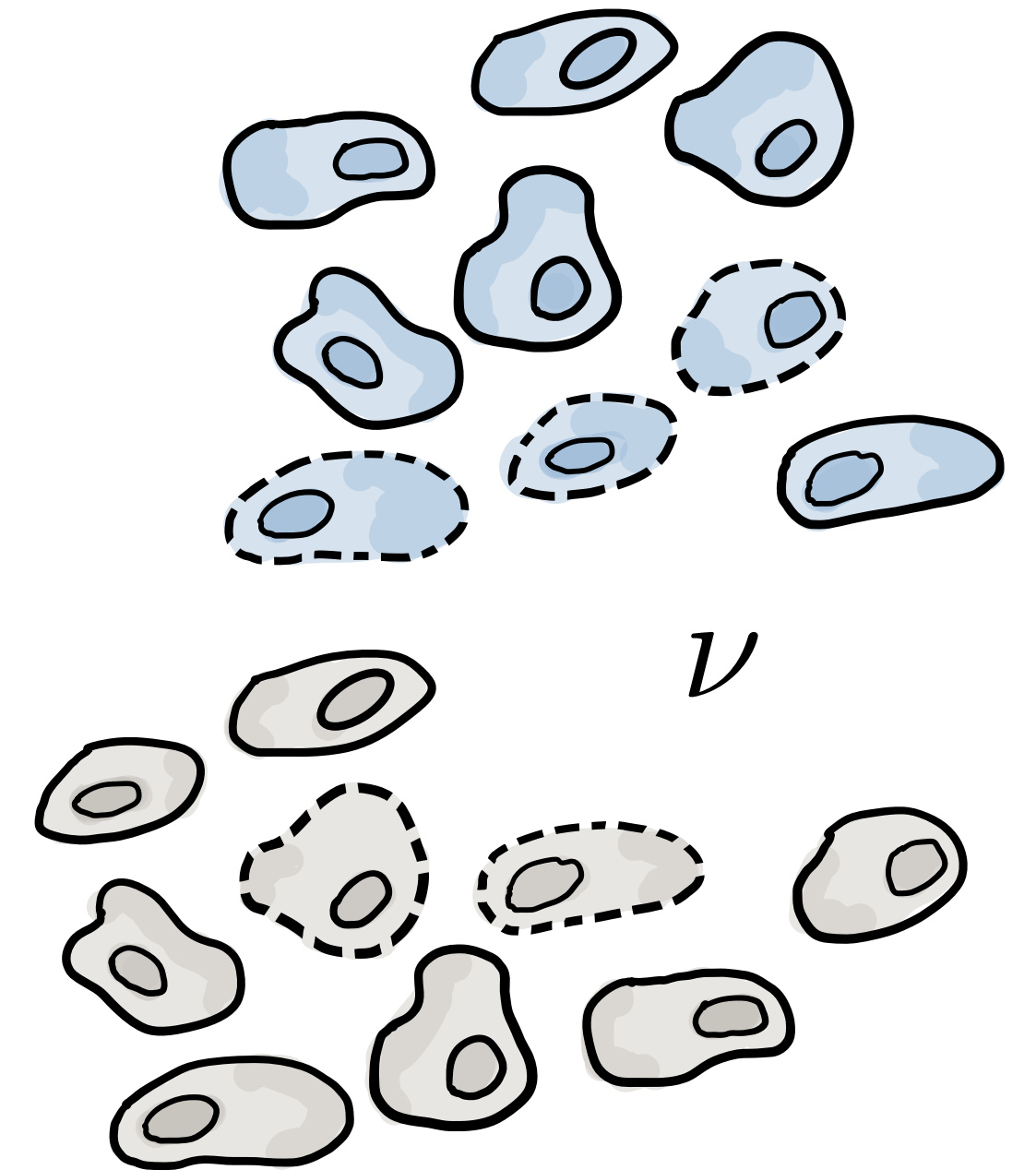
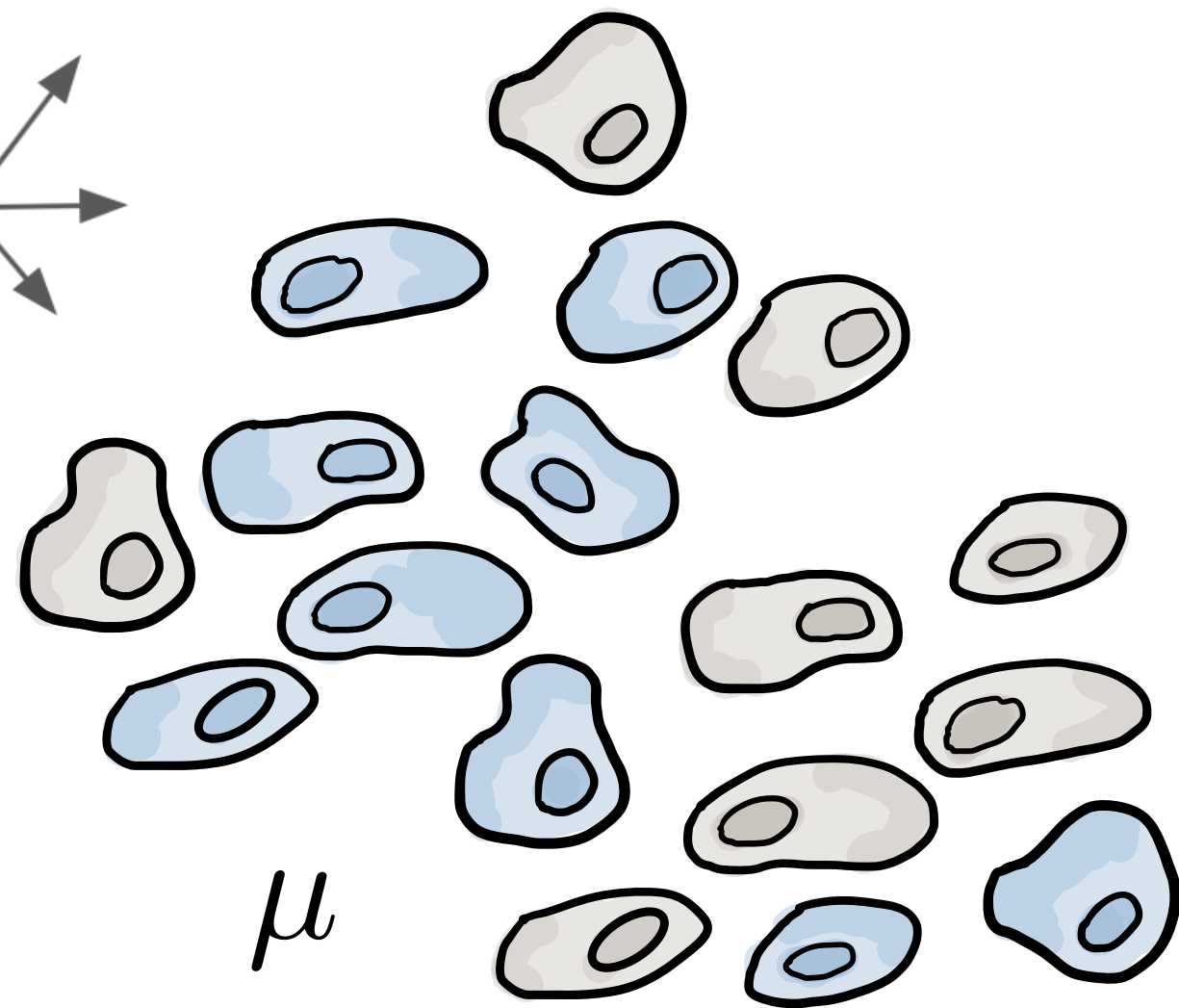
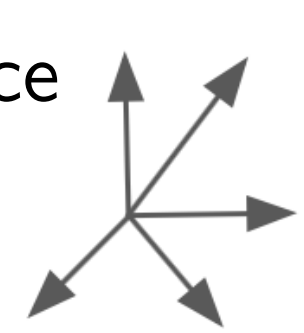
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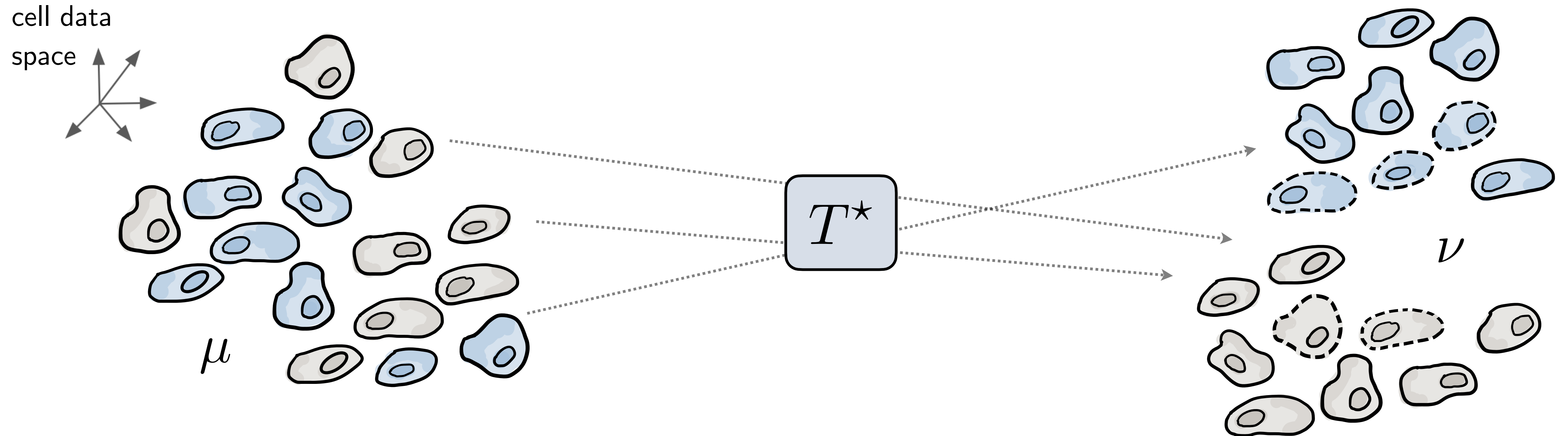
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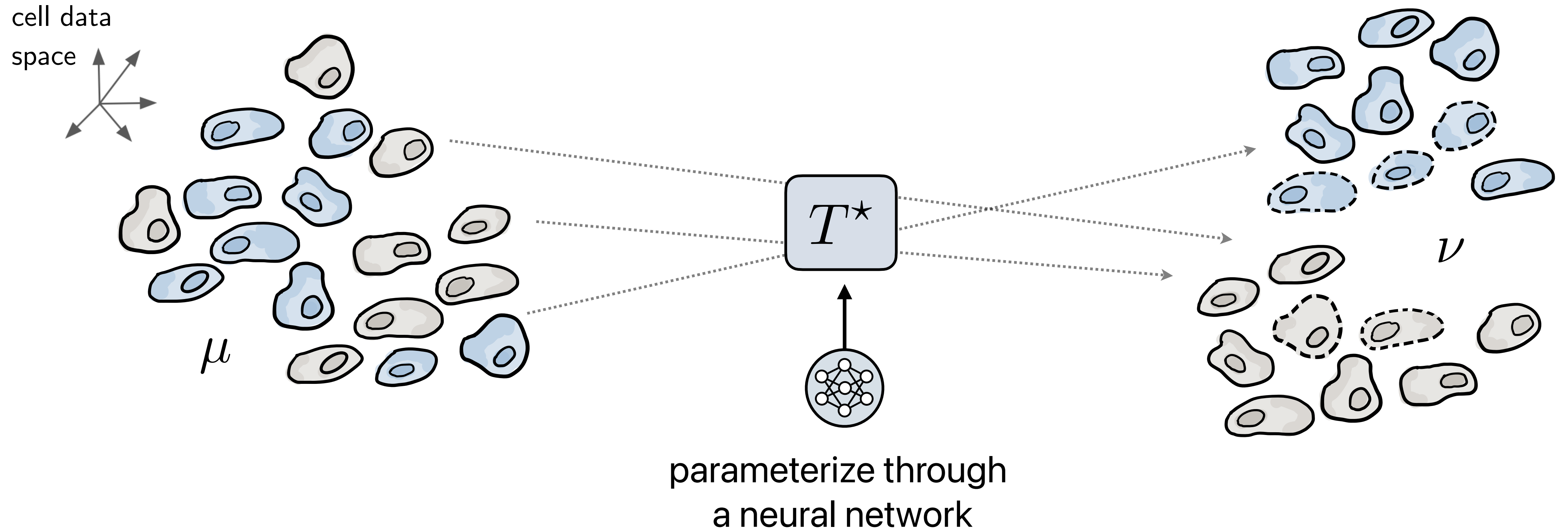
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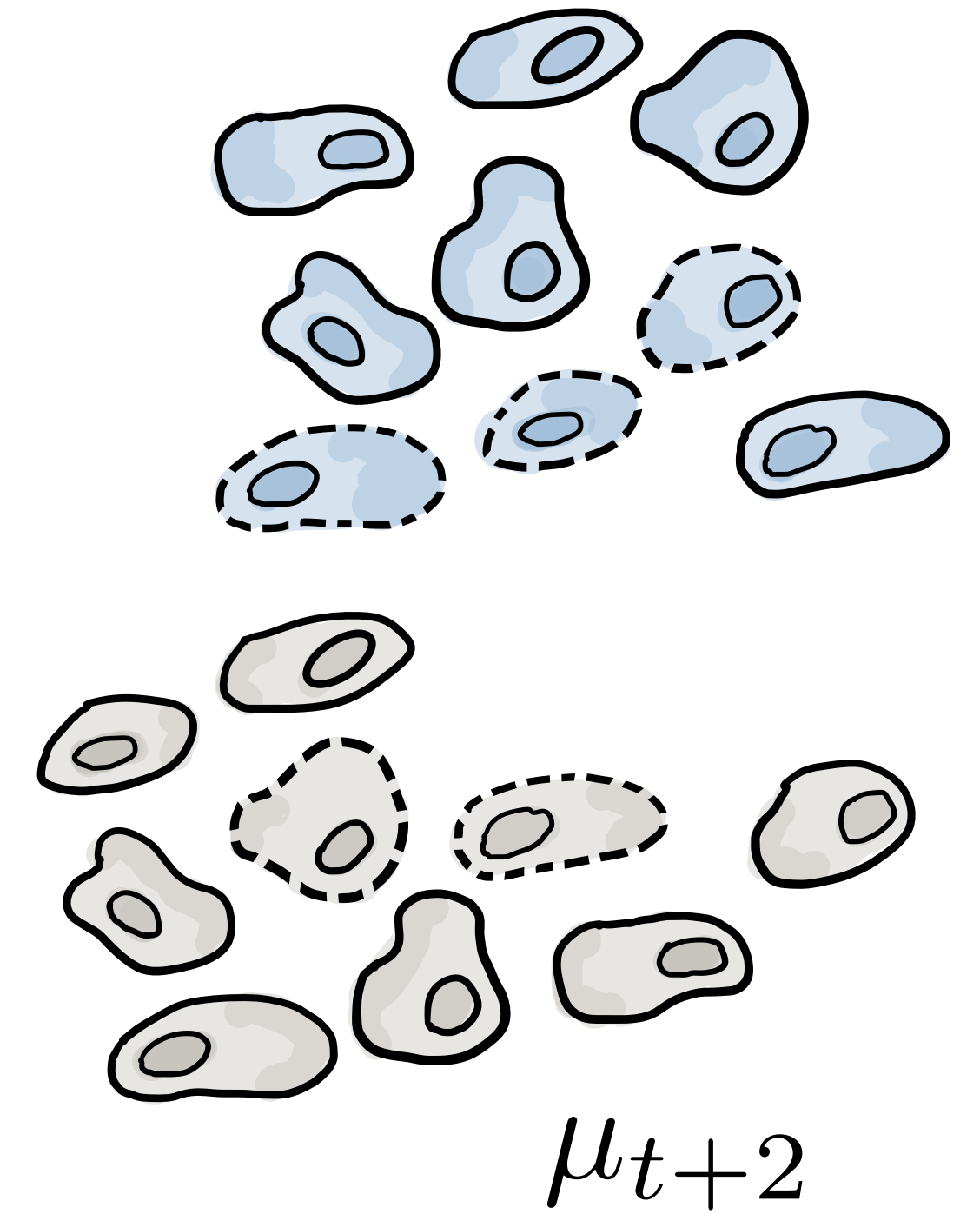
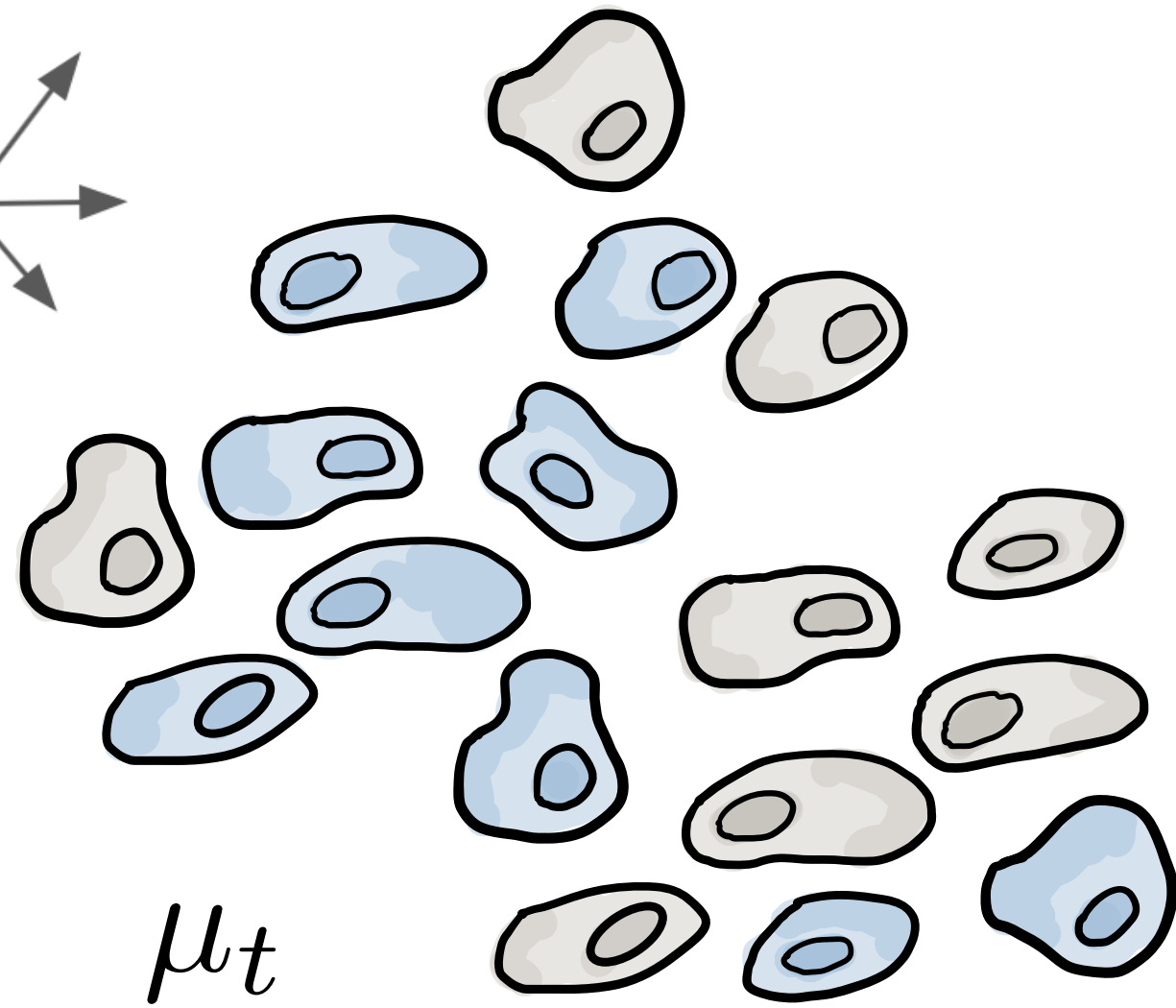
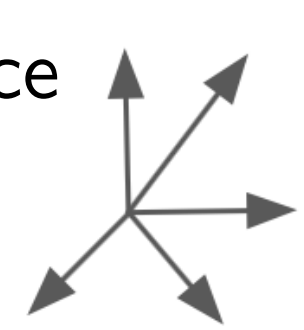
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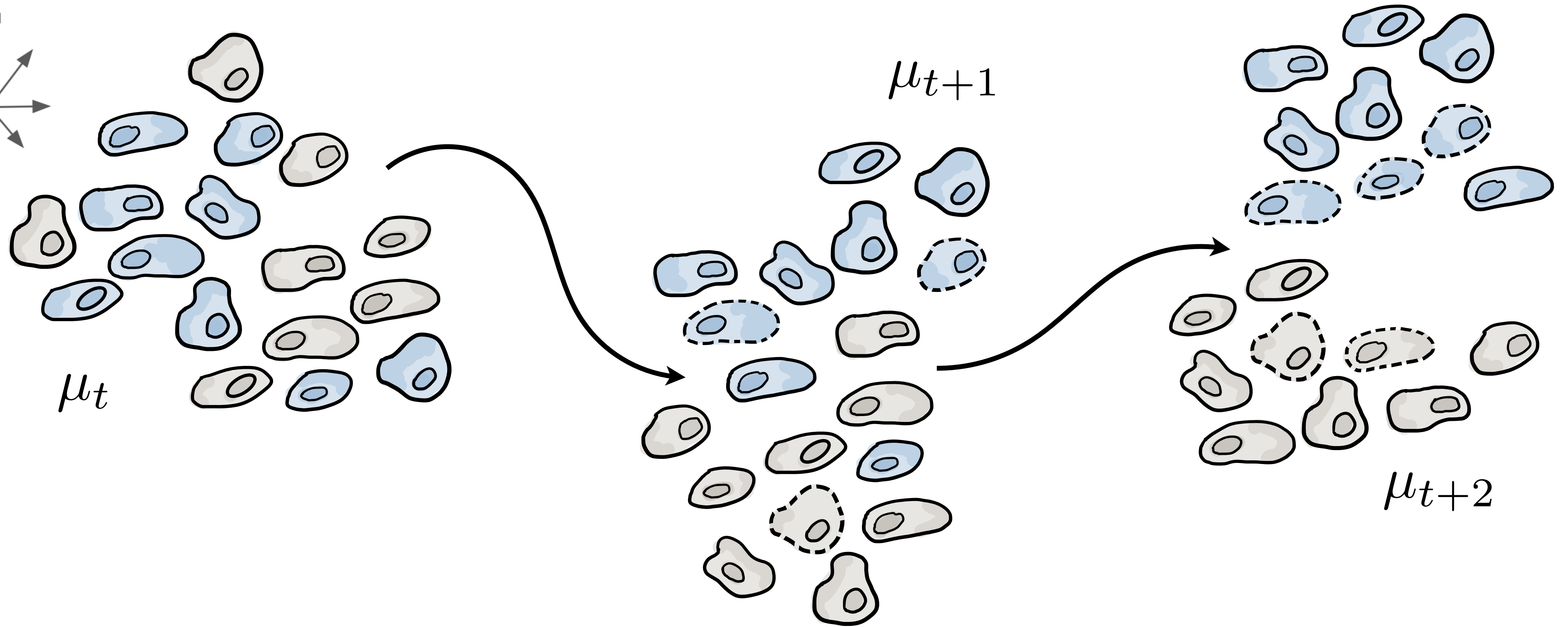
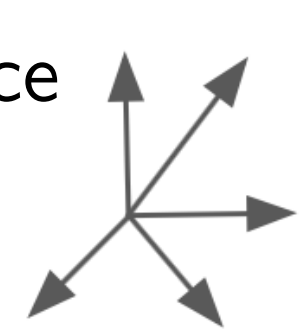
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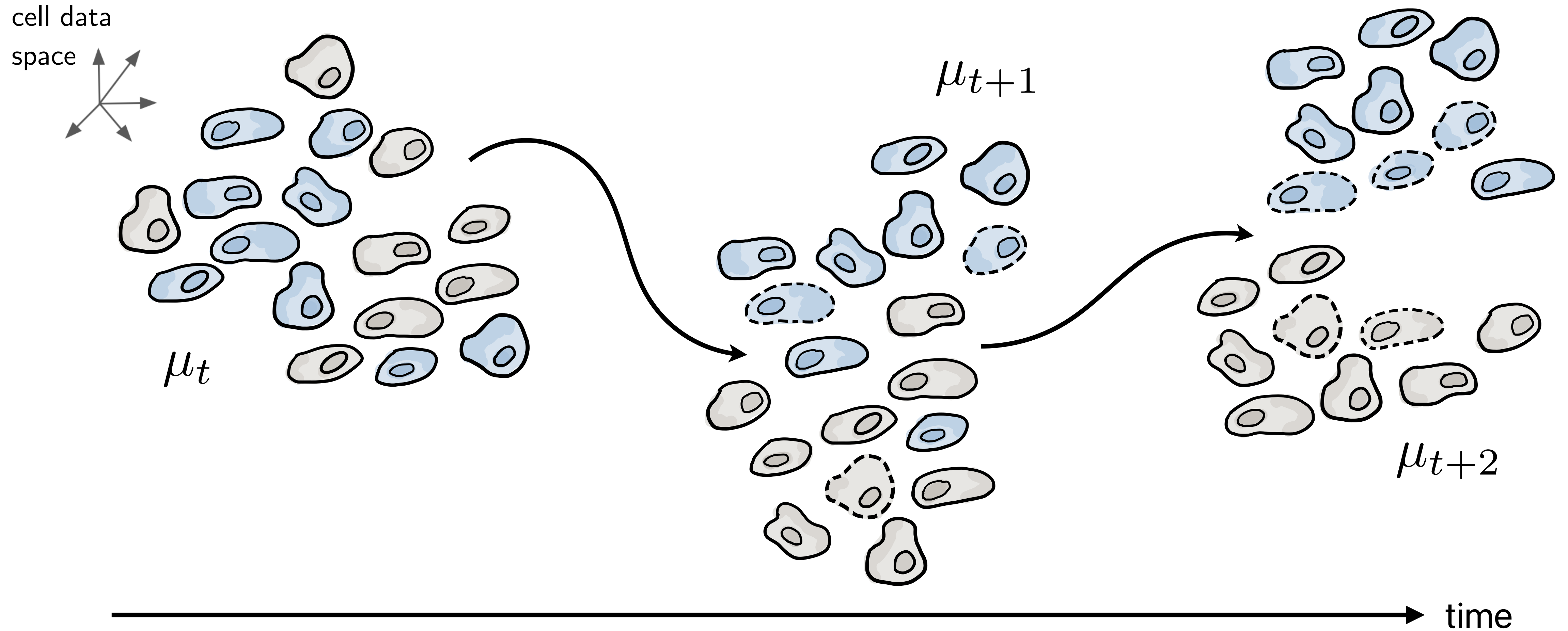
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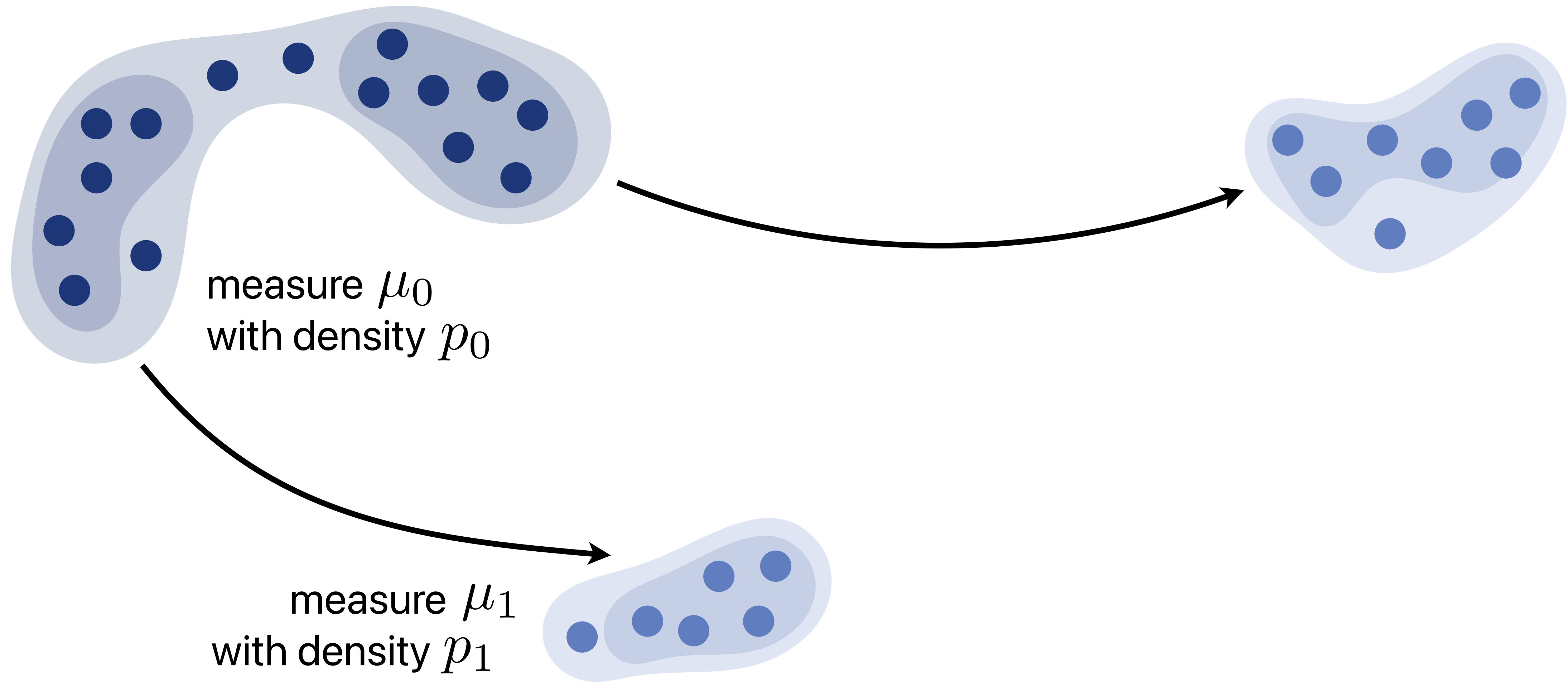
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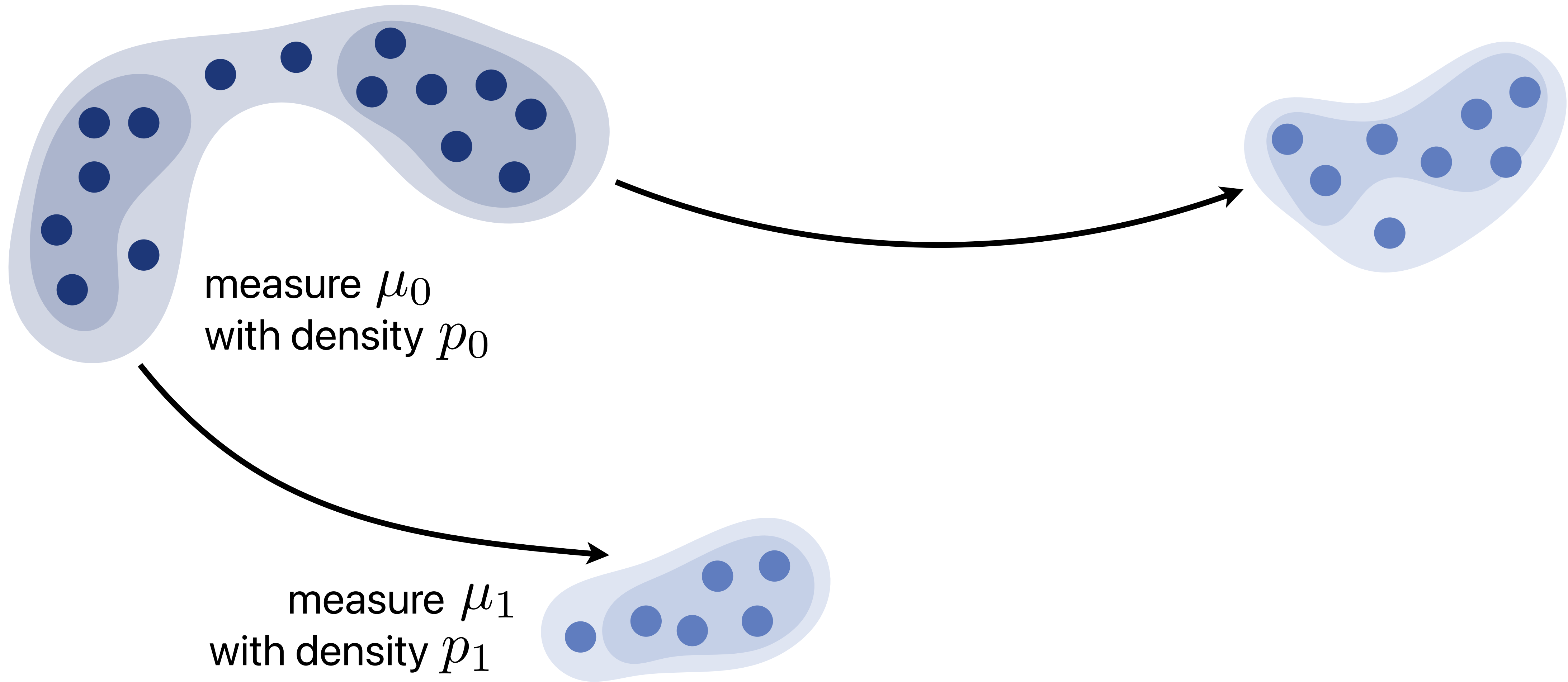
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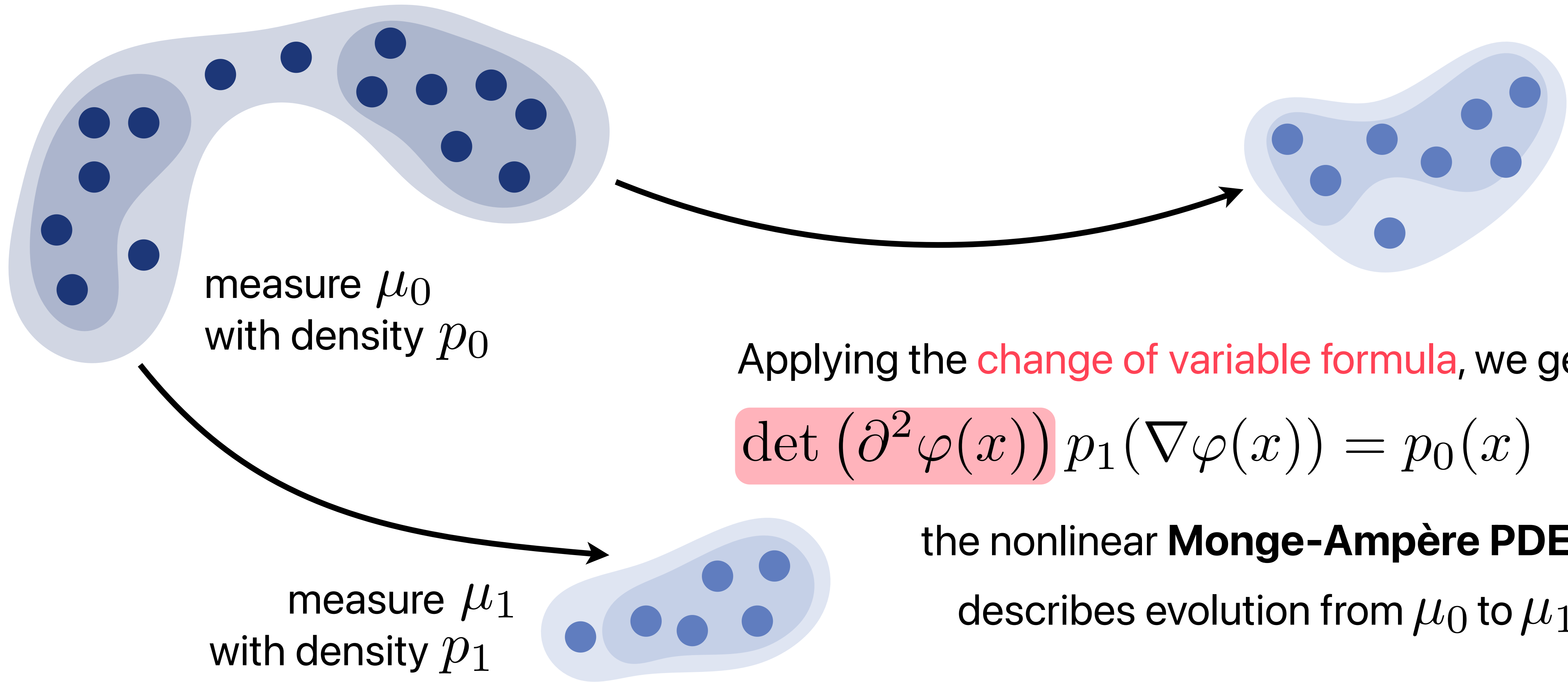
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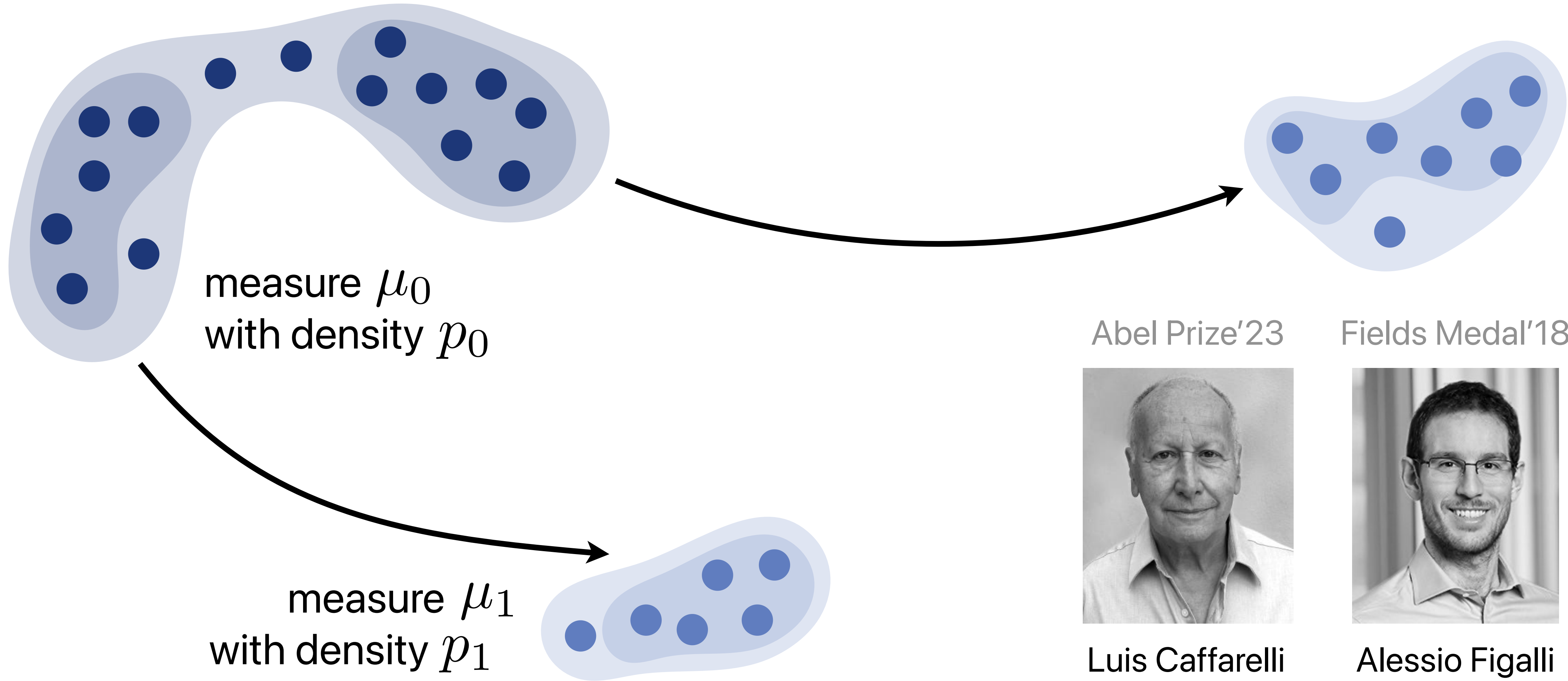
Applying the **change of variable formula**, we get

$$\det(\partial^2 \varphi(x)) p_1(\nabla \varphi(x)) = p_0(x)$$

the nonlinear **Monge-Ampère PDE**
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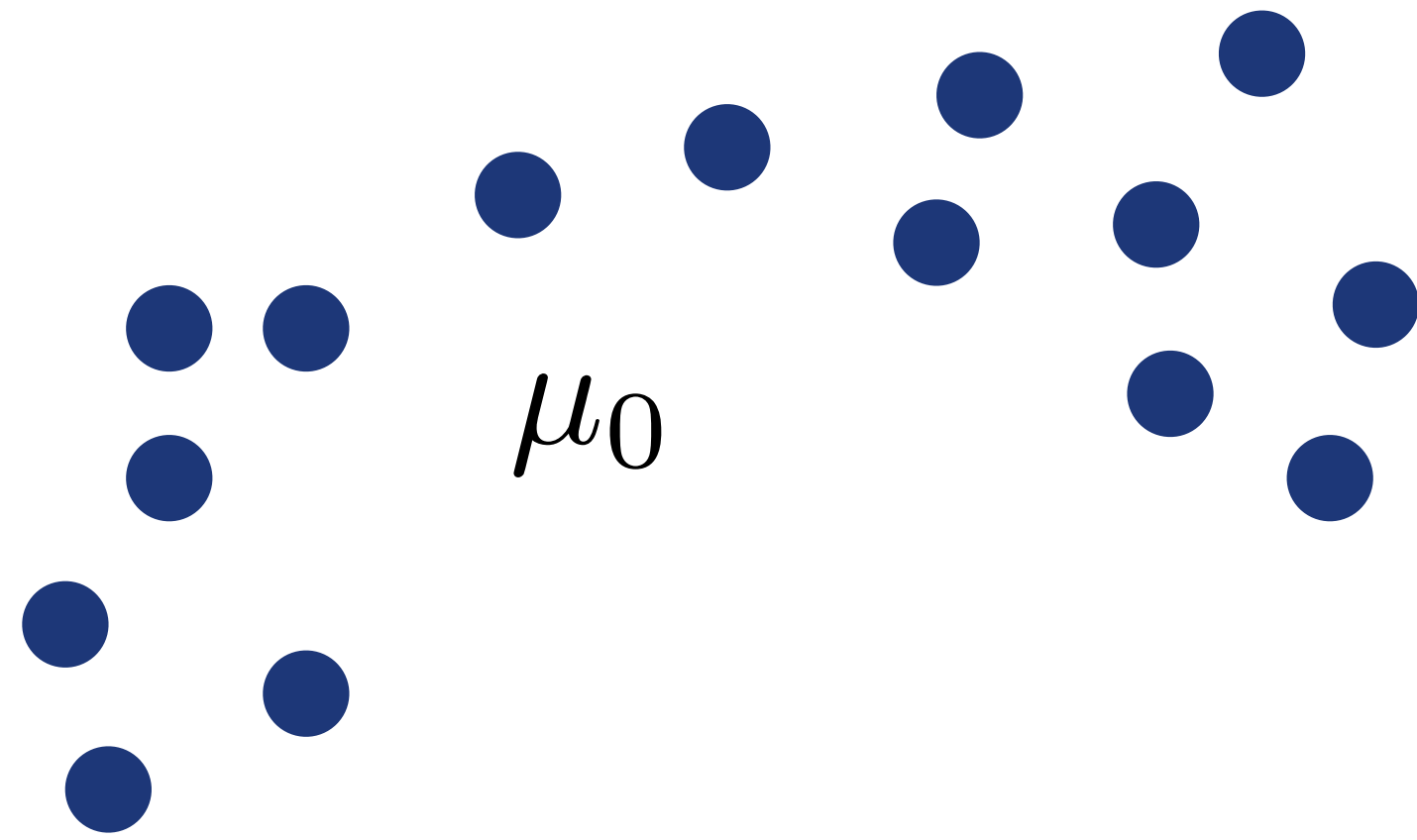
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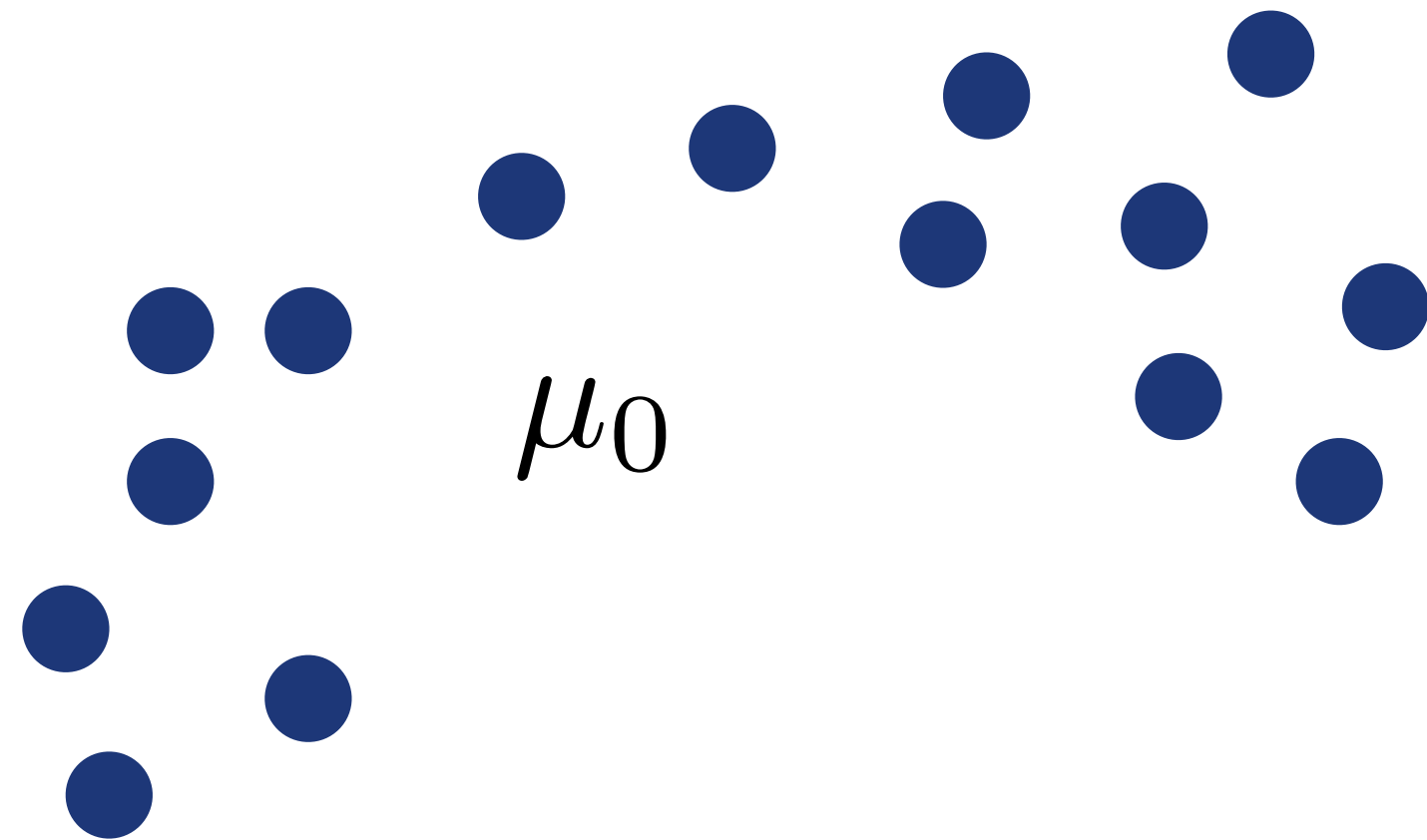
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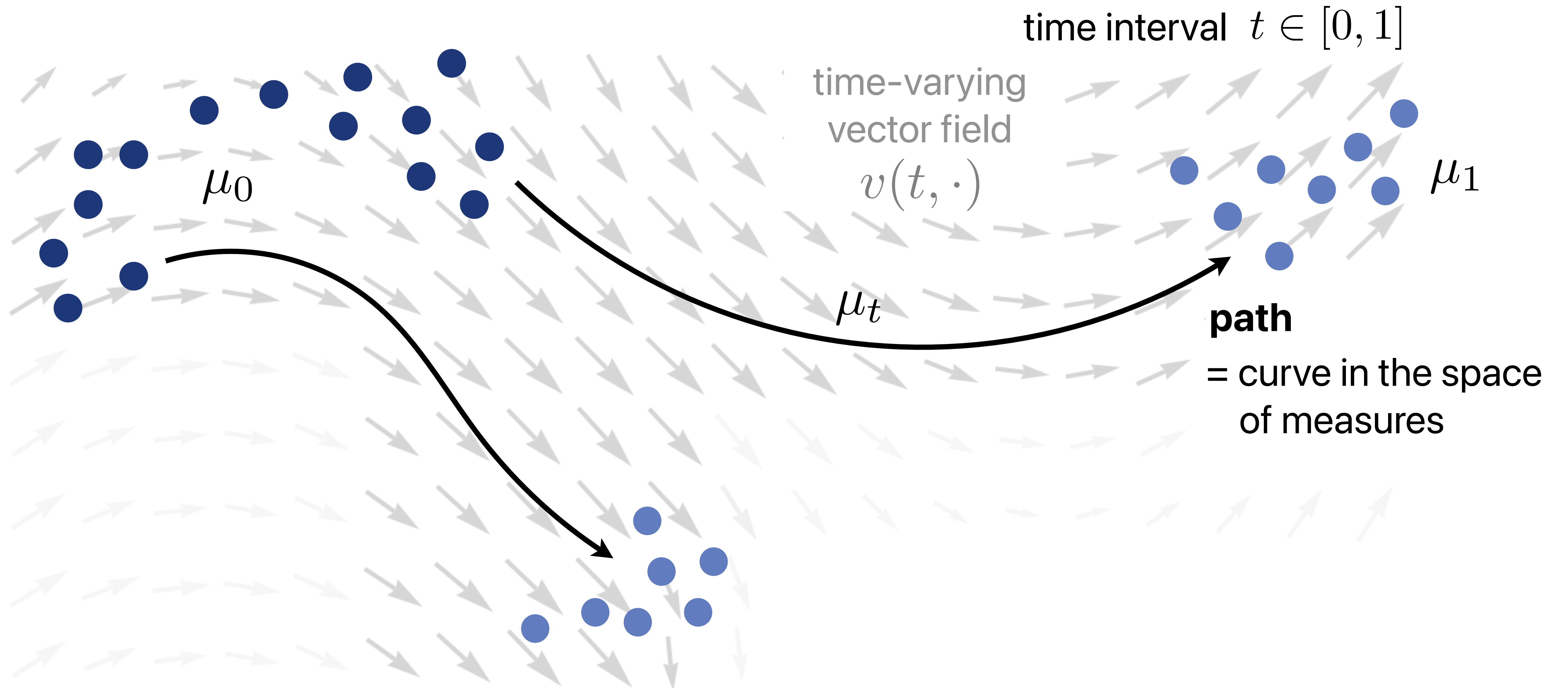
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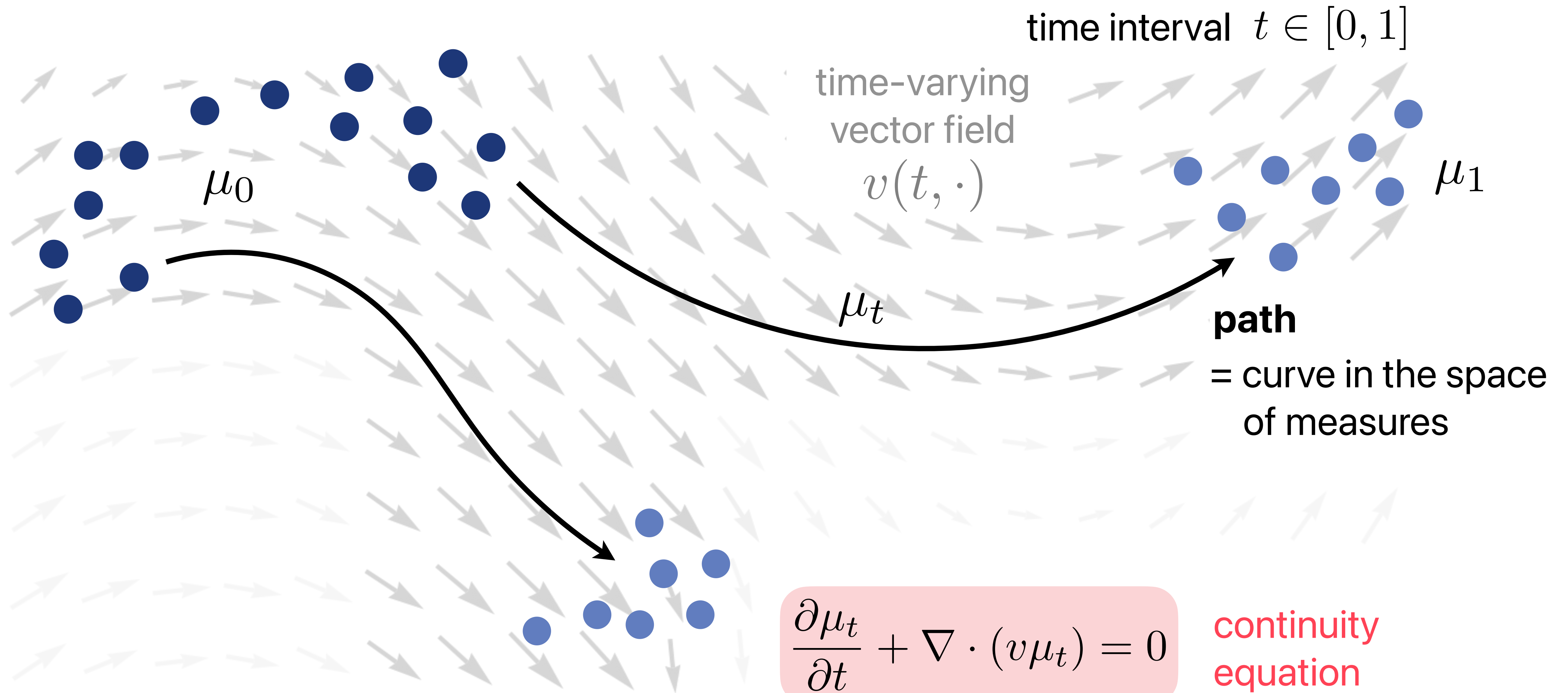
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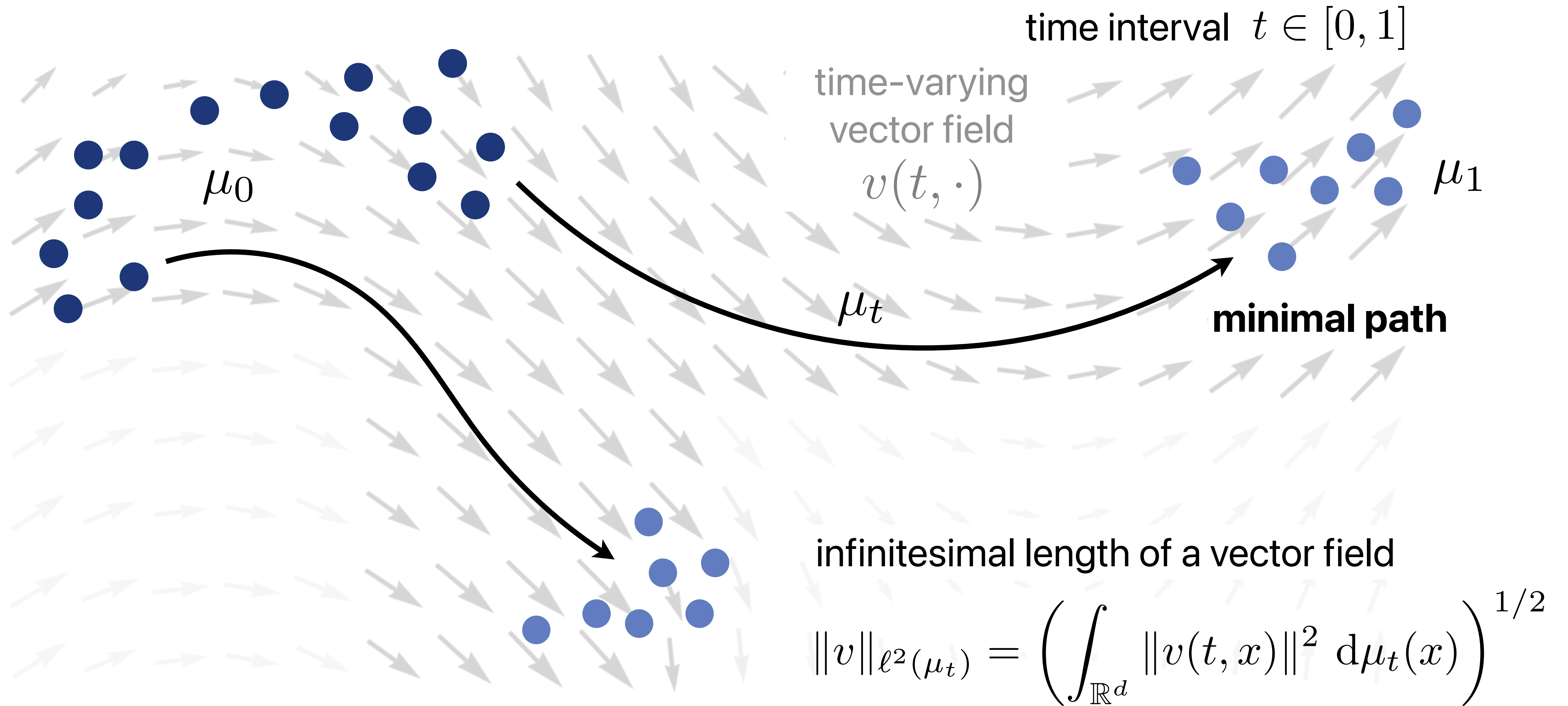


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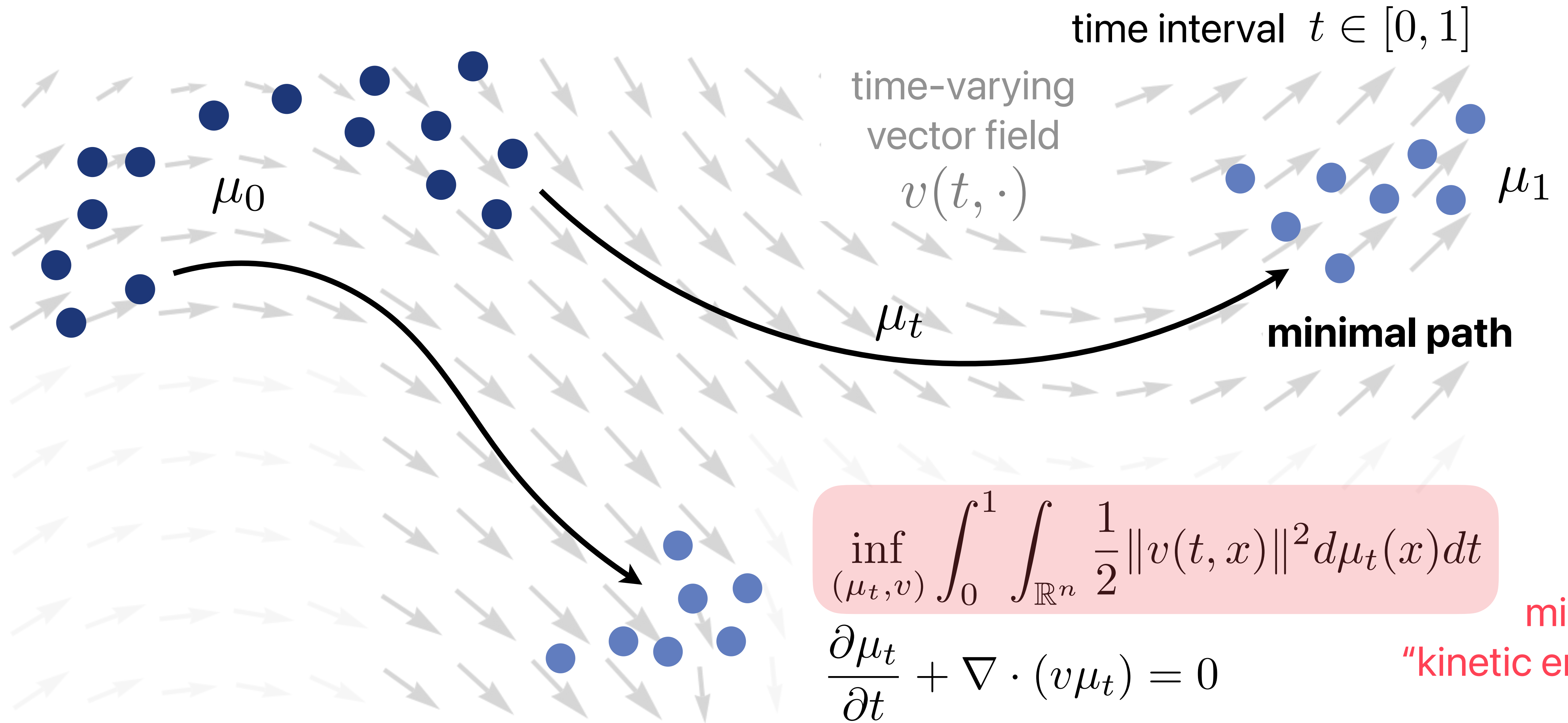
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$$\inf_{(\mu_t, v)} \int_0^1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{1}{2} \|v(t, x)\|^2 d\mu_t(x) dt$$

minimal
"kinetic energy"

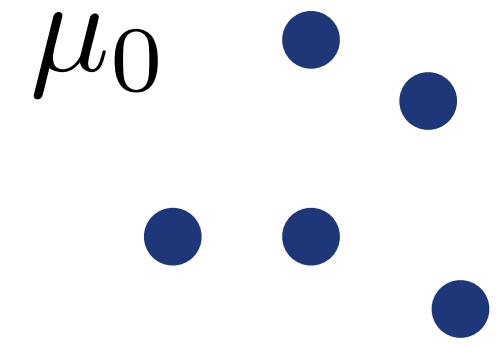
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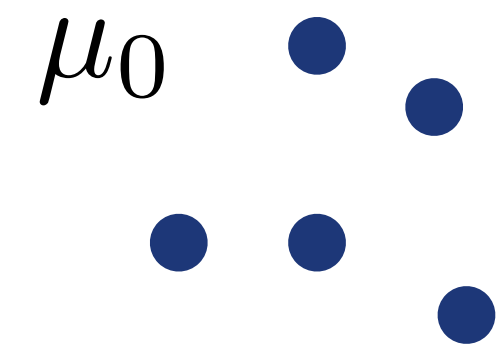
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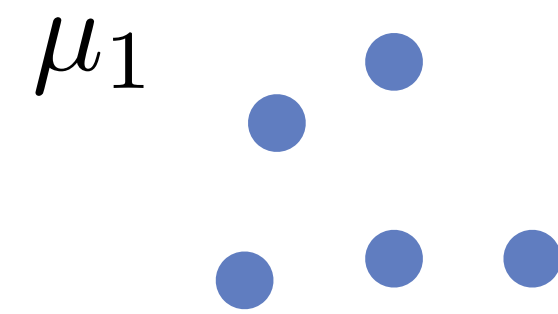


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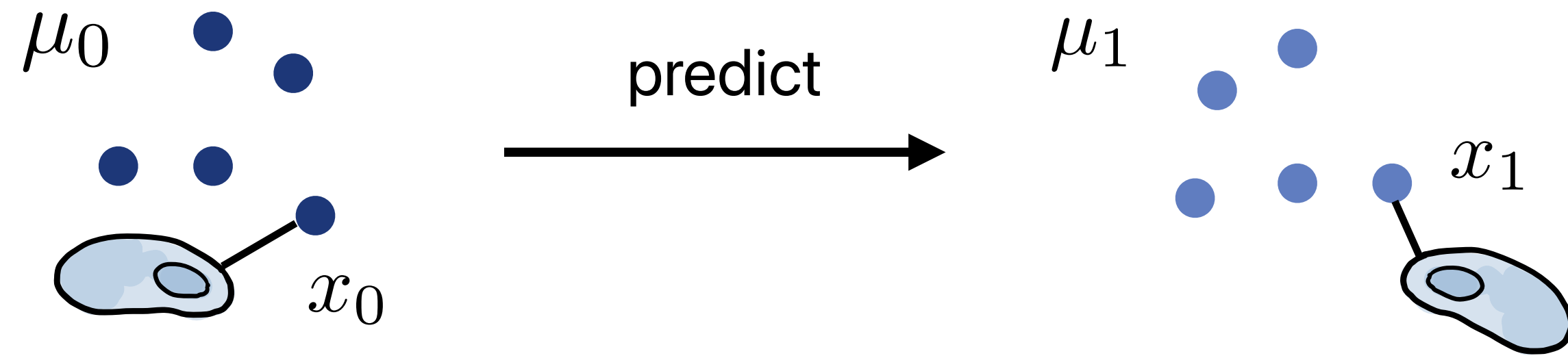


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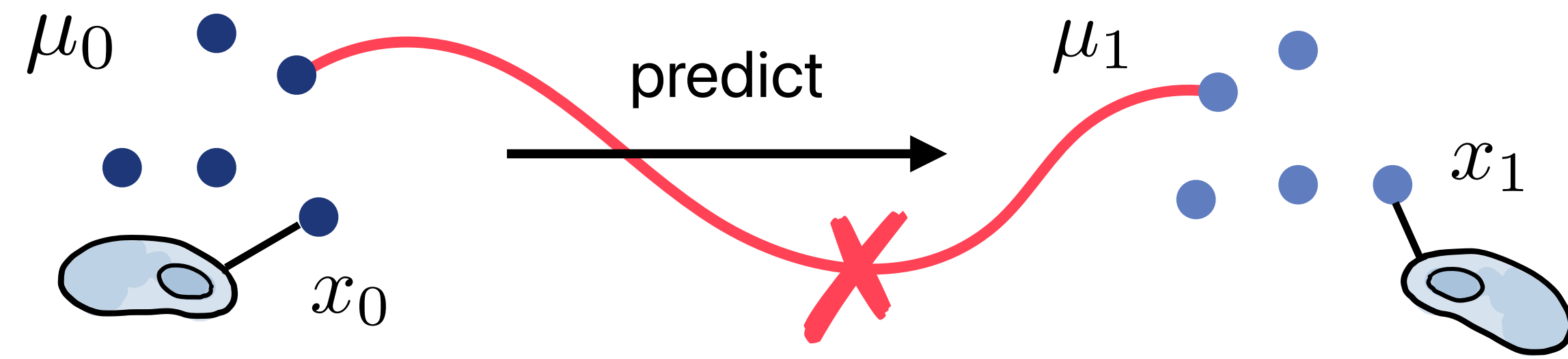
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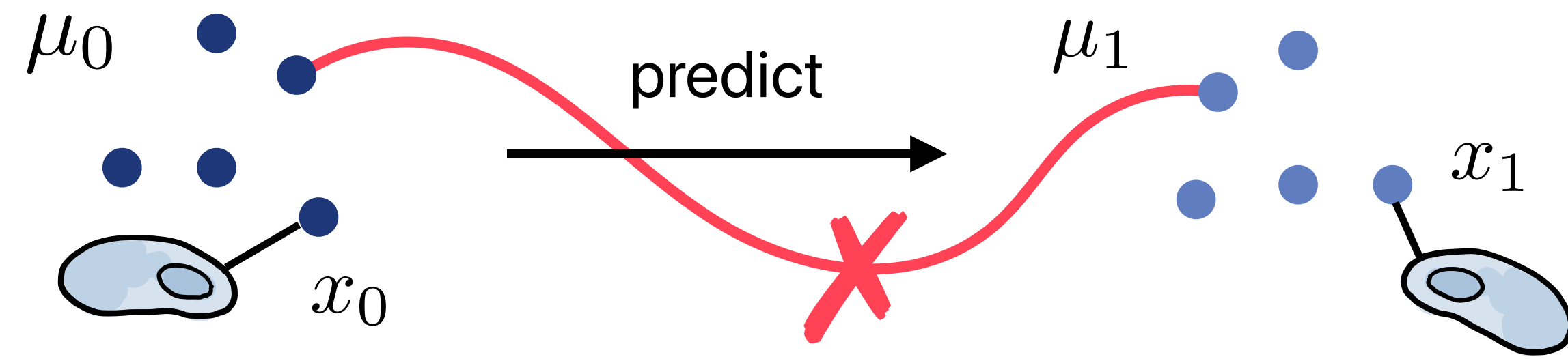
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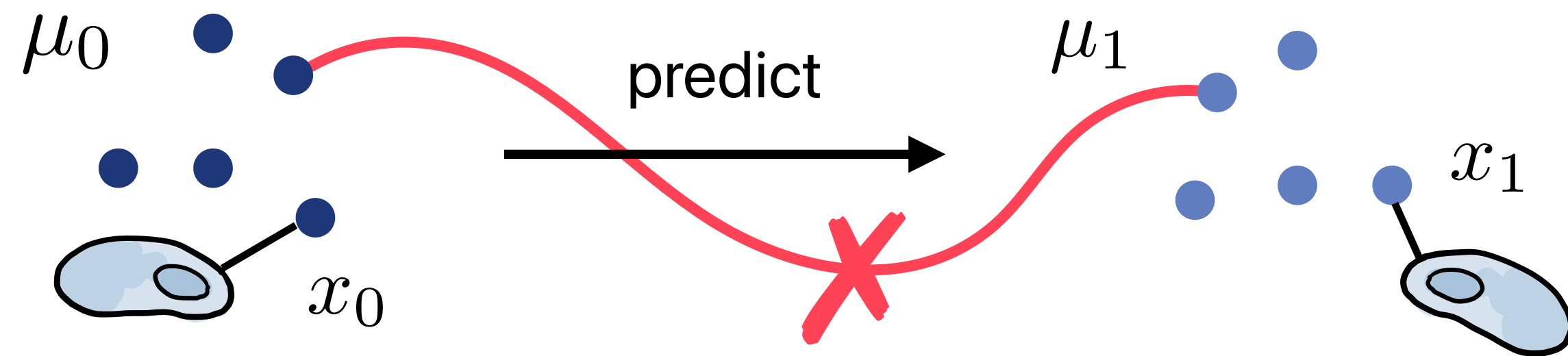


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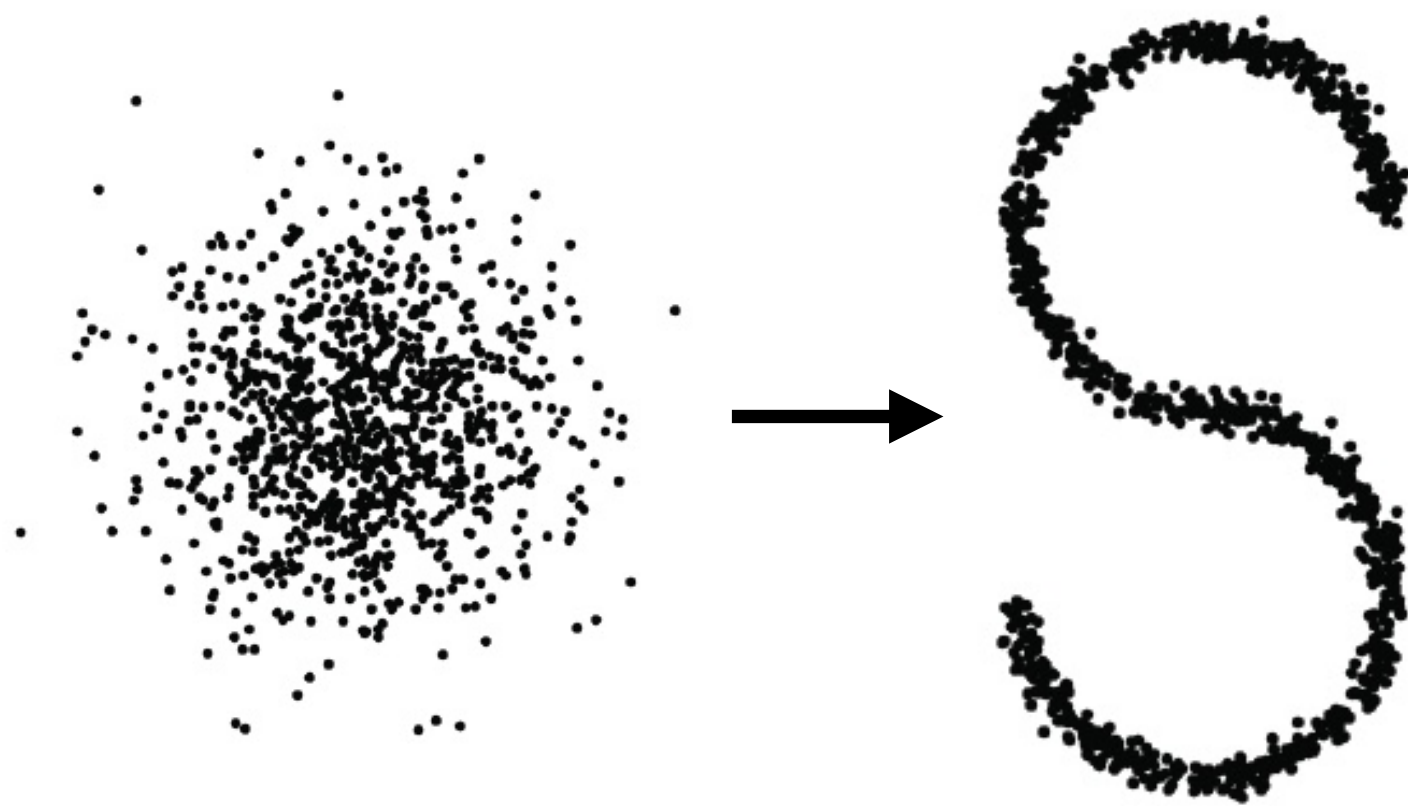
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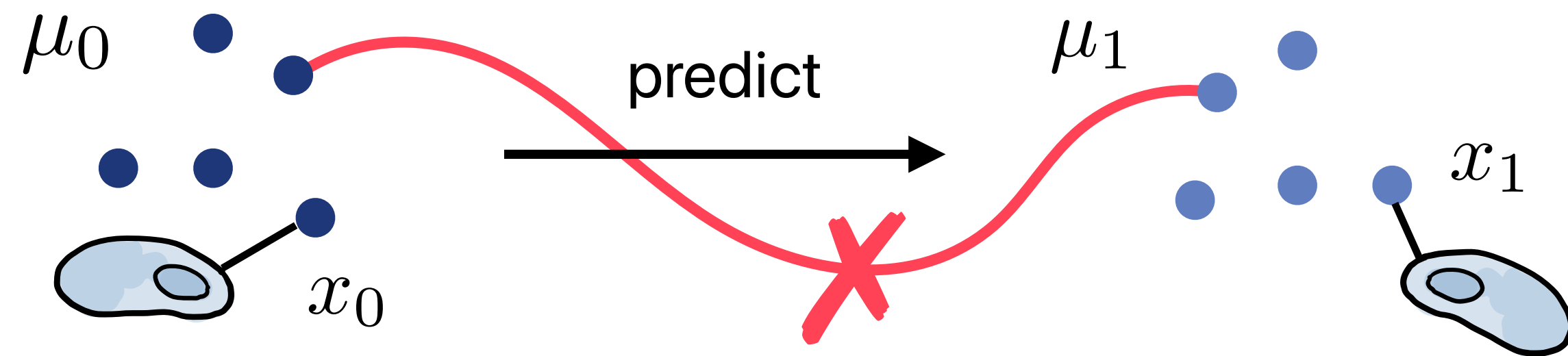
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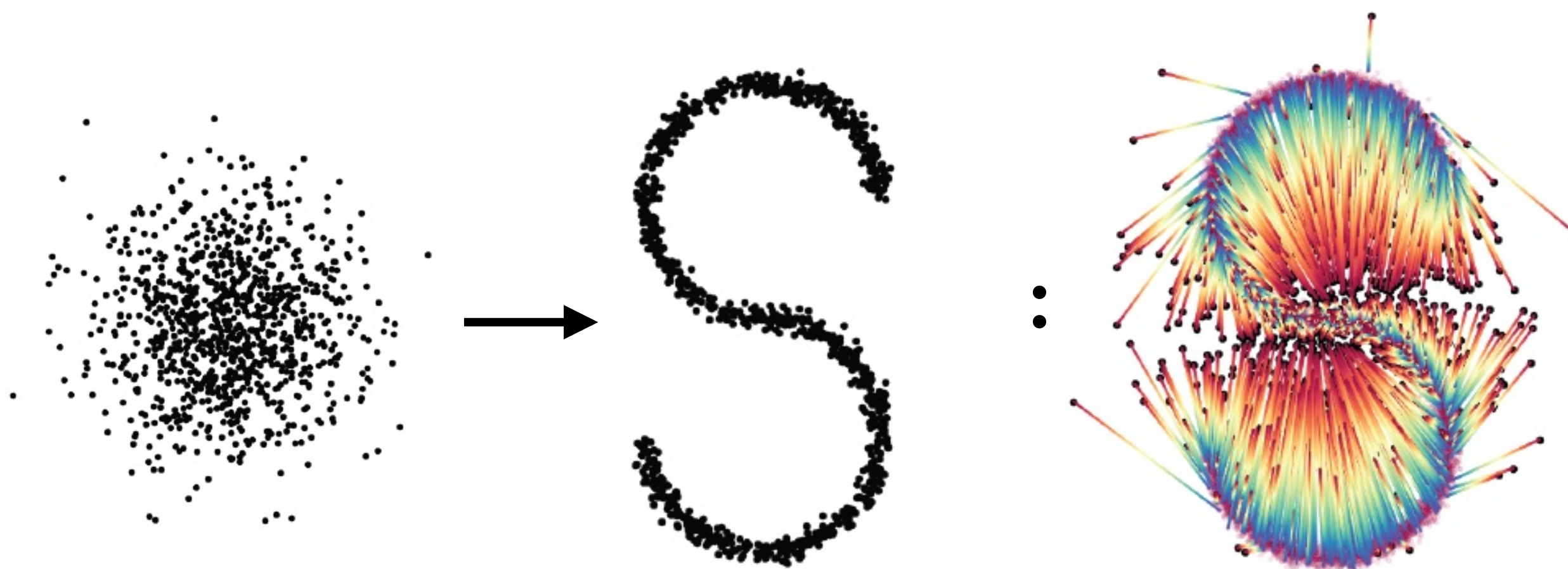
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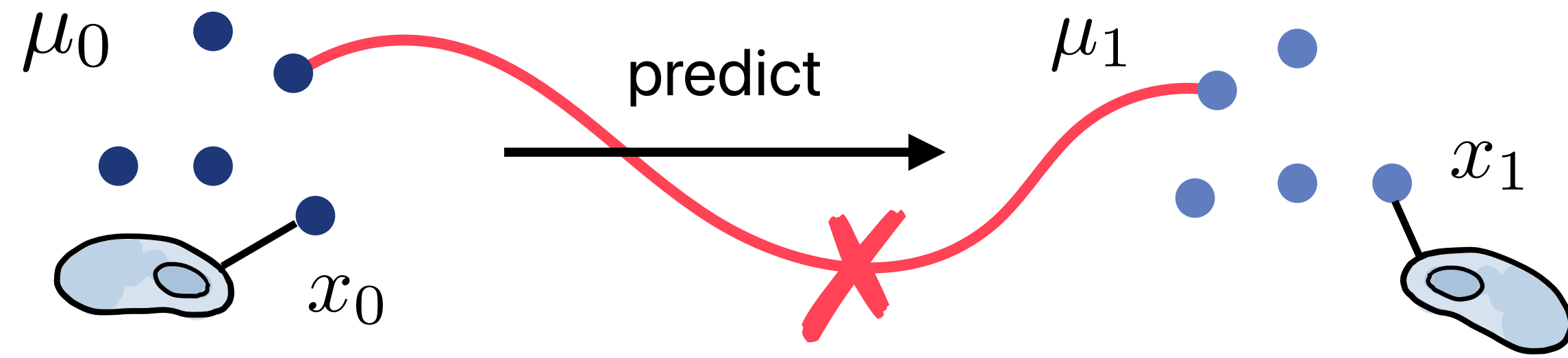
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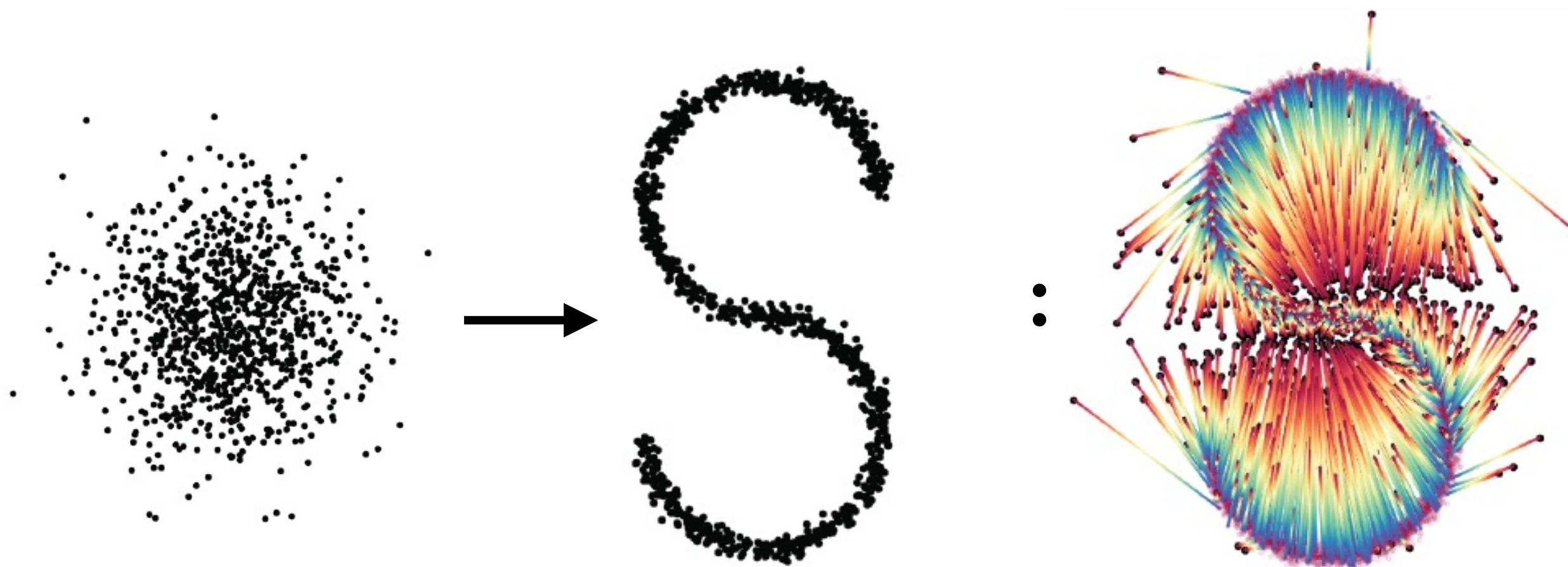
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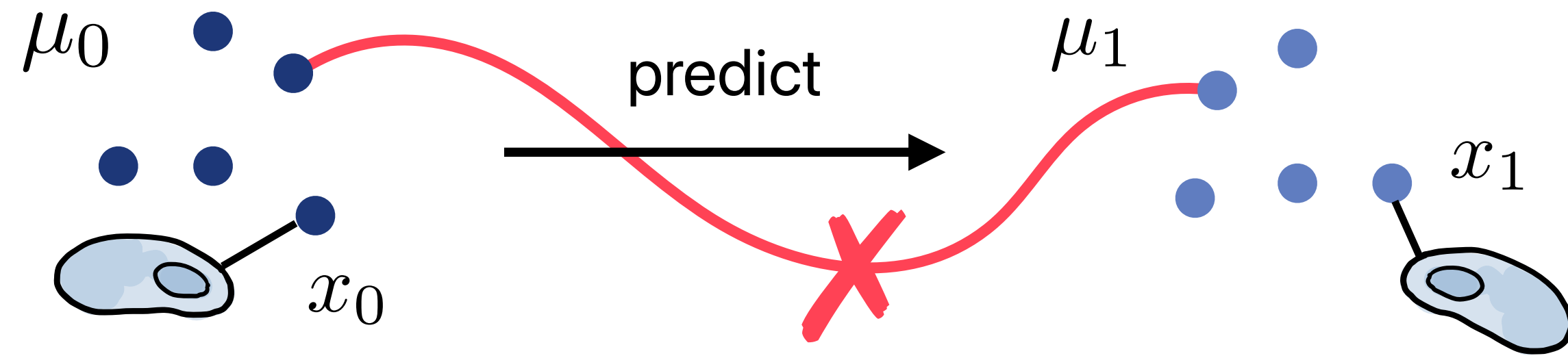
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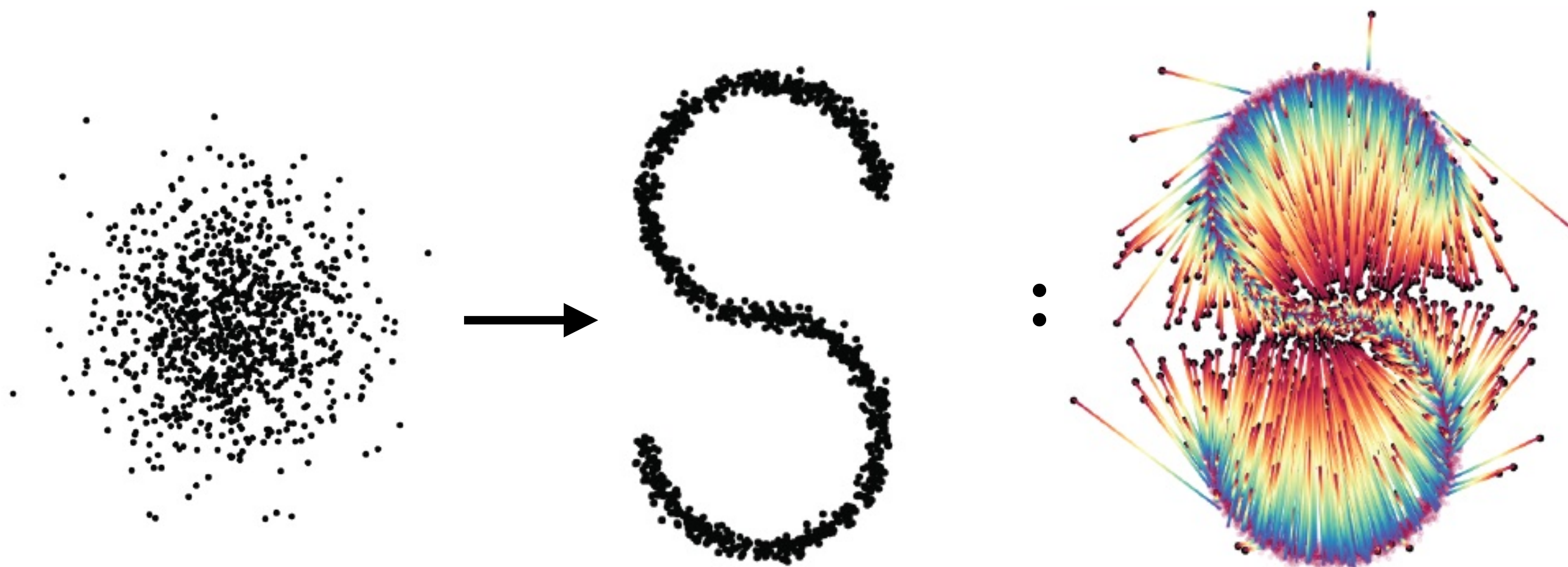
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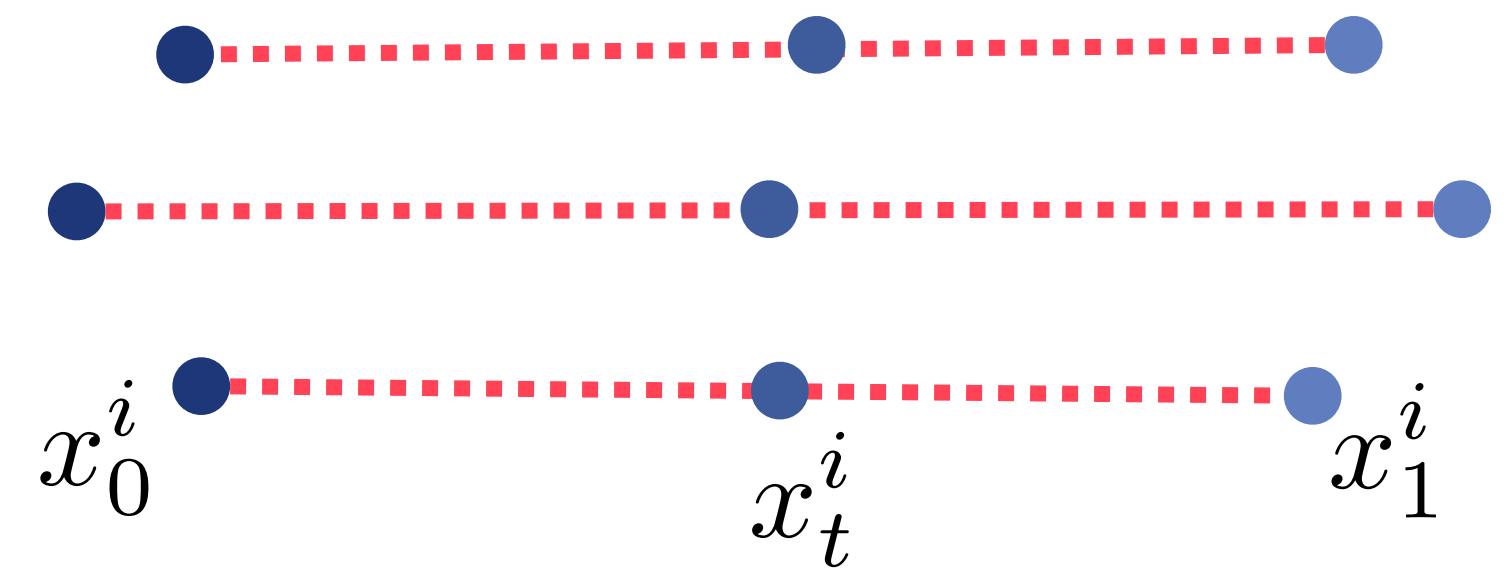
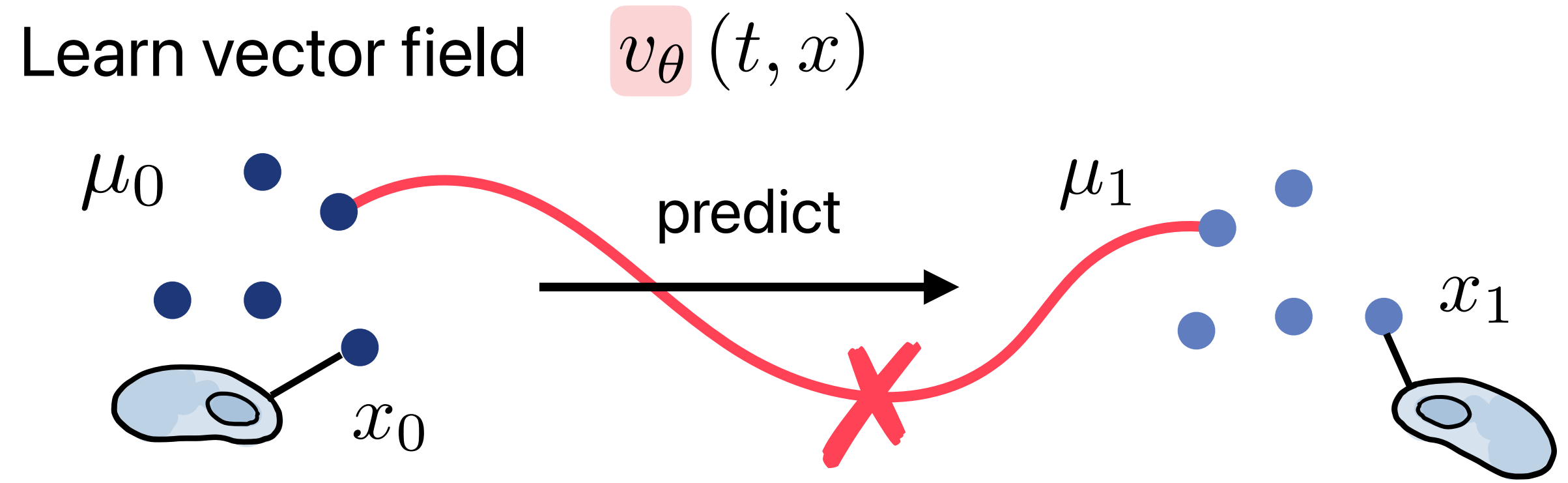
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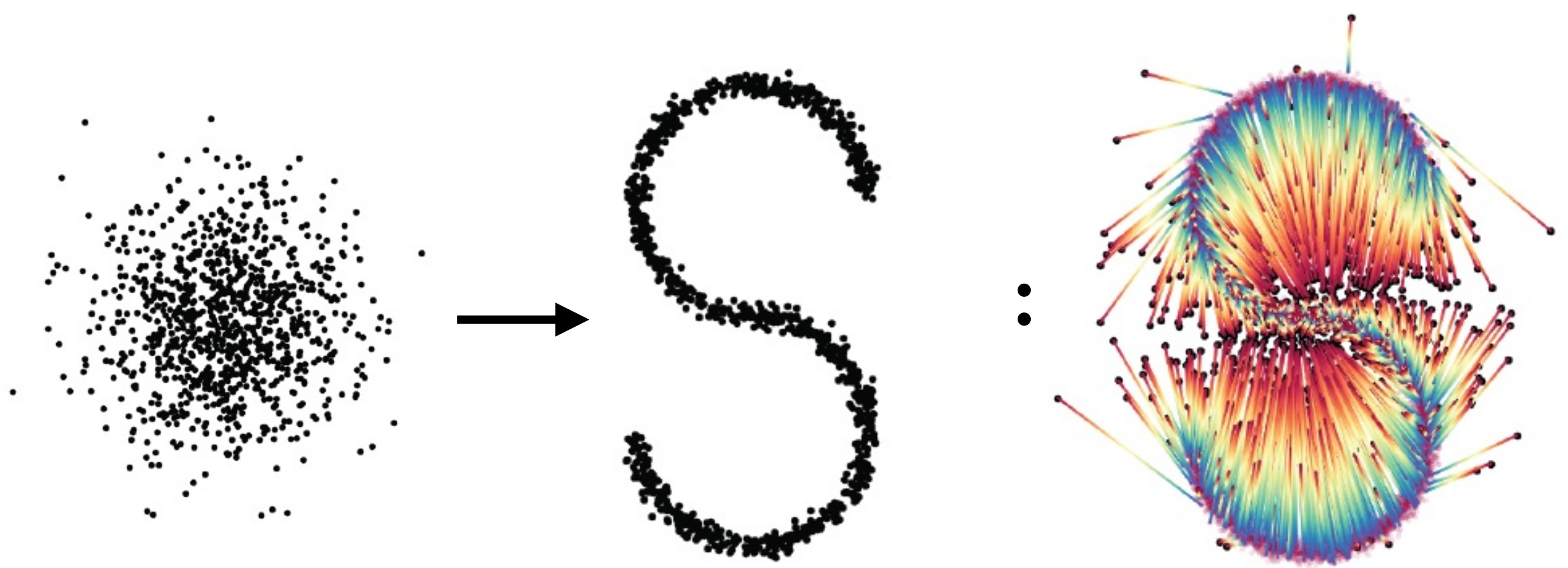
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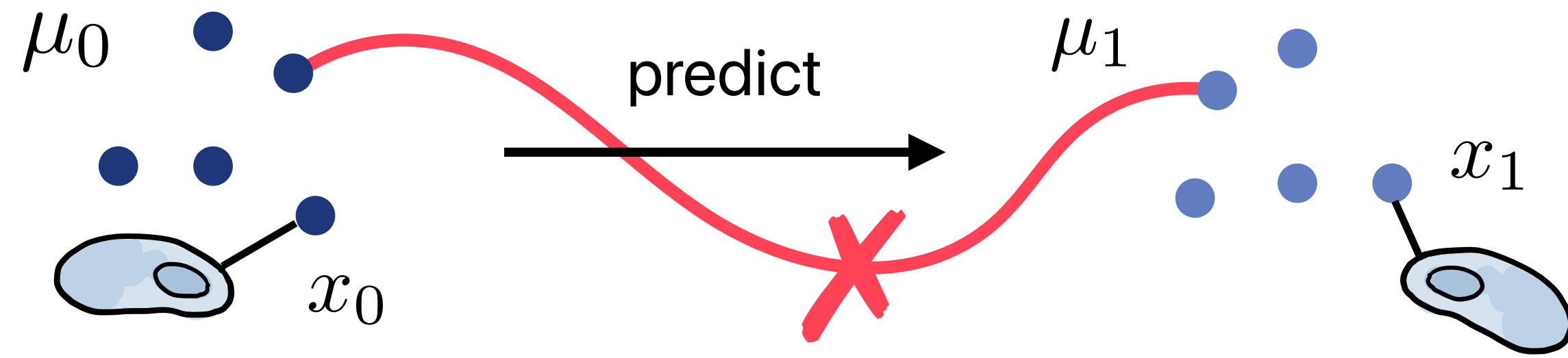
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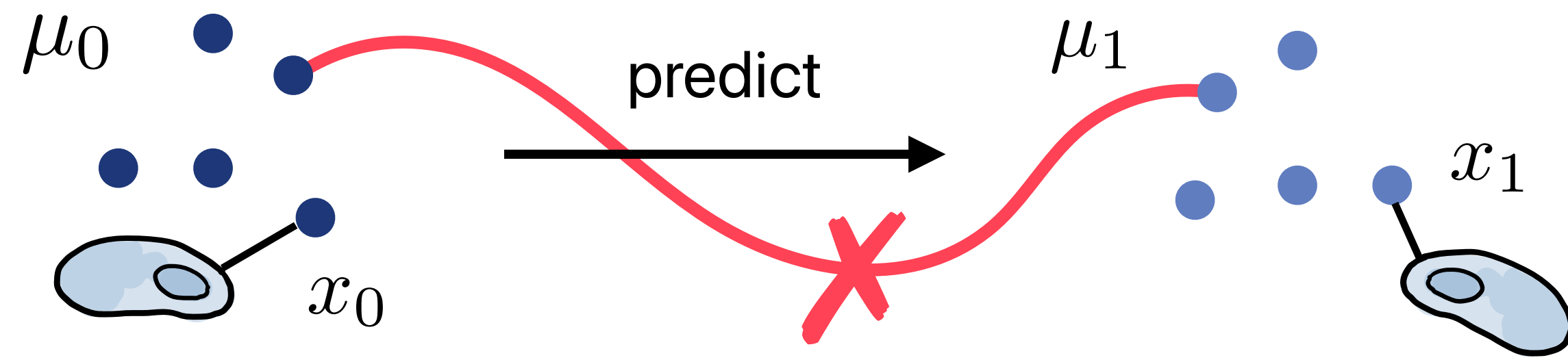
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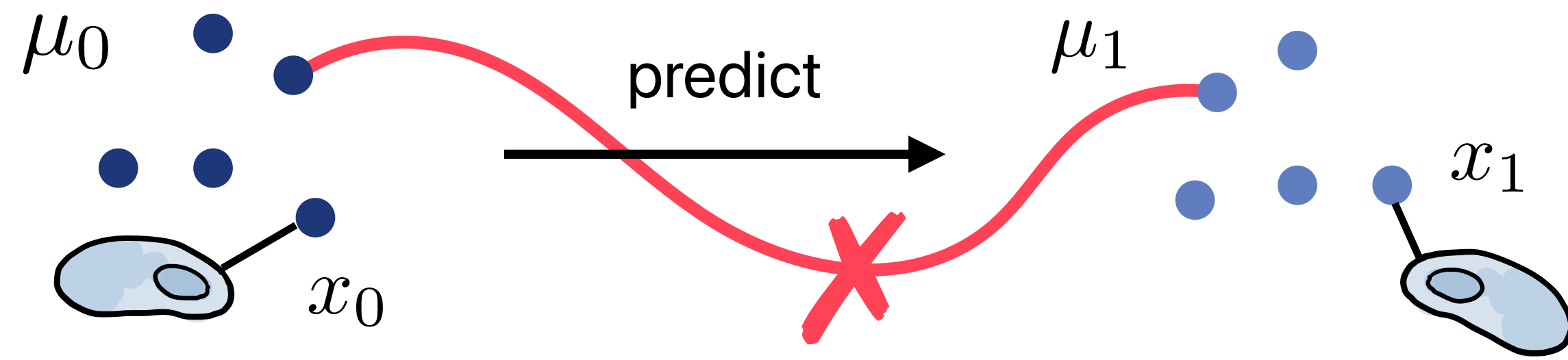
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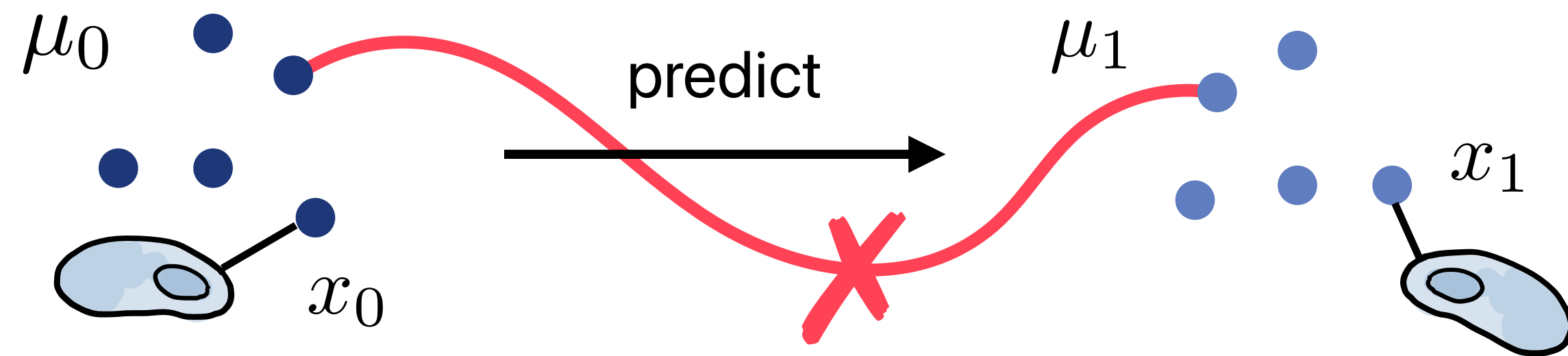
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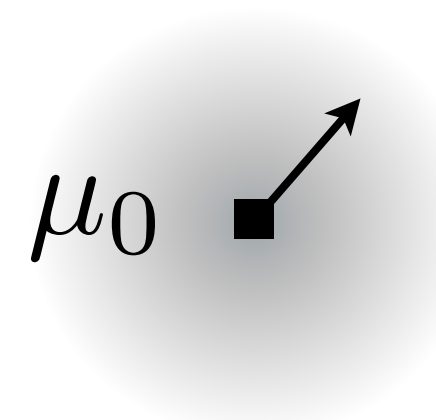
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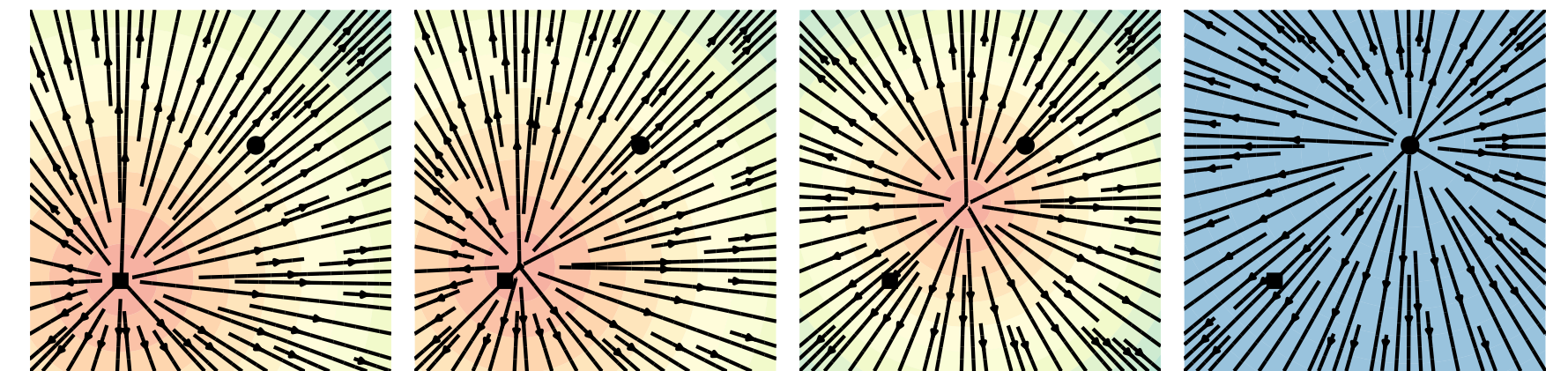
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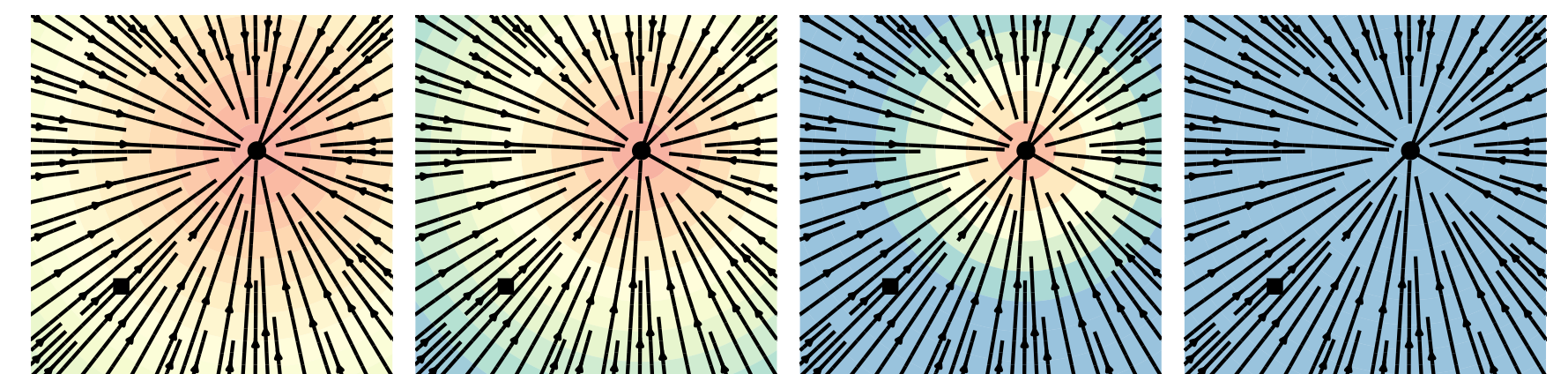
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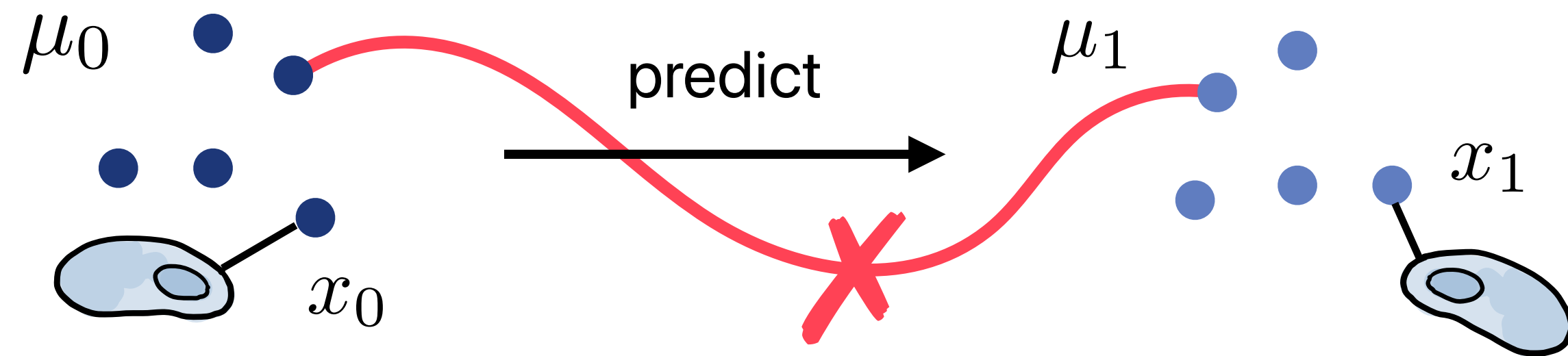
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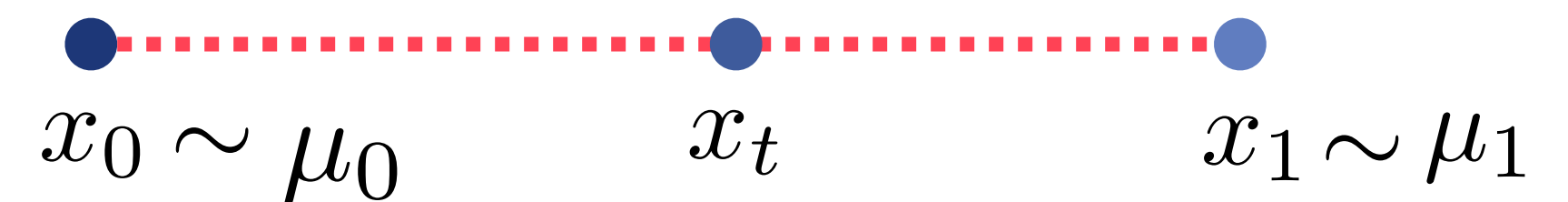
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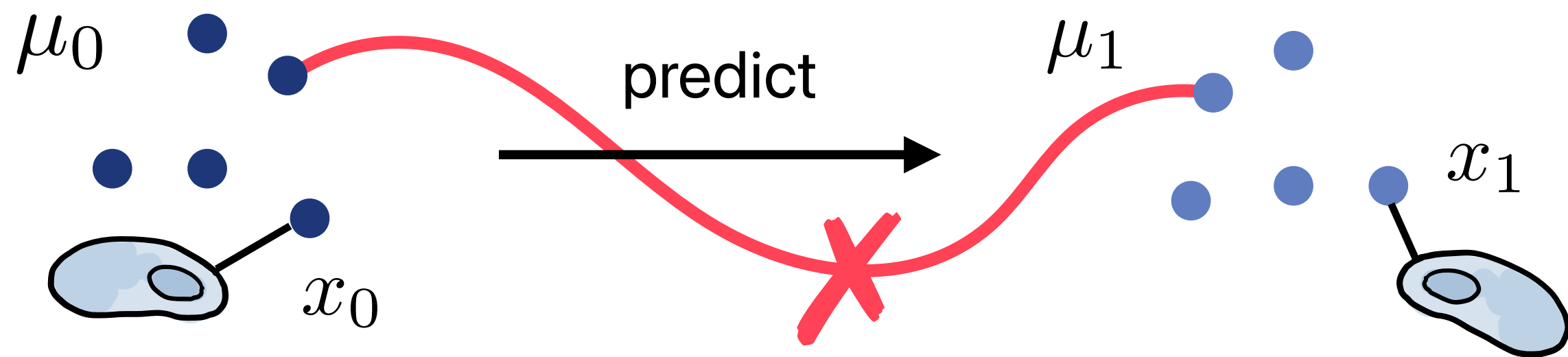


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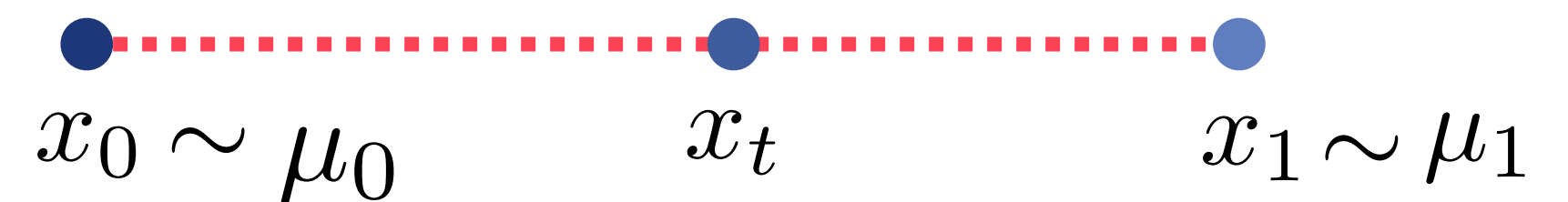
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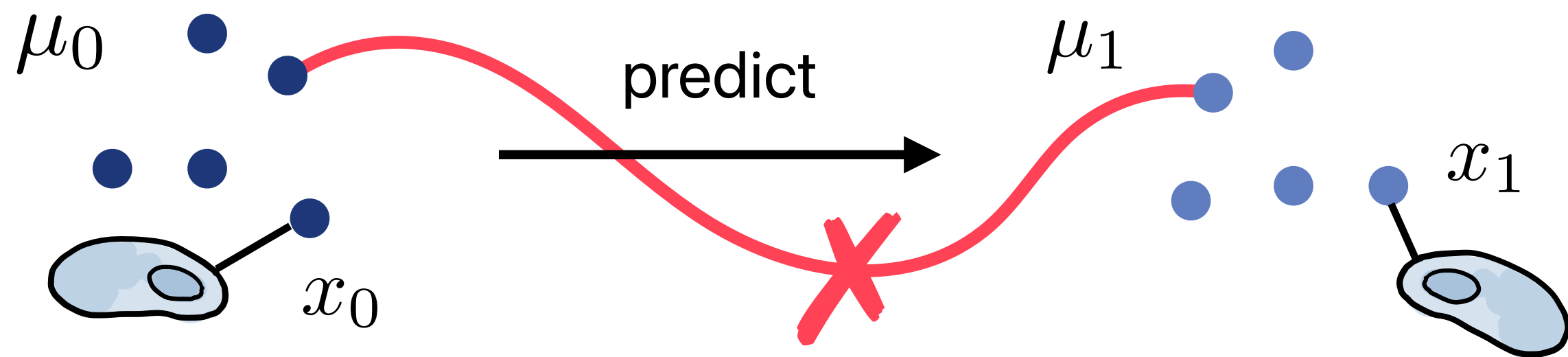


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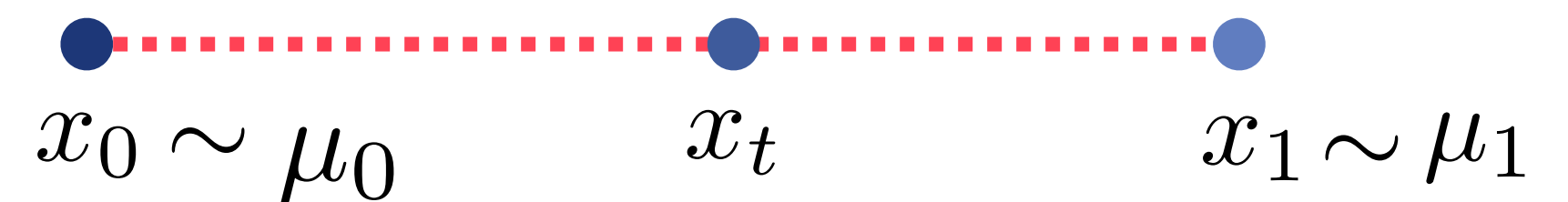
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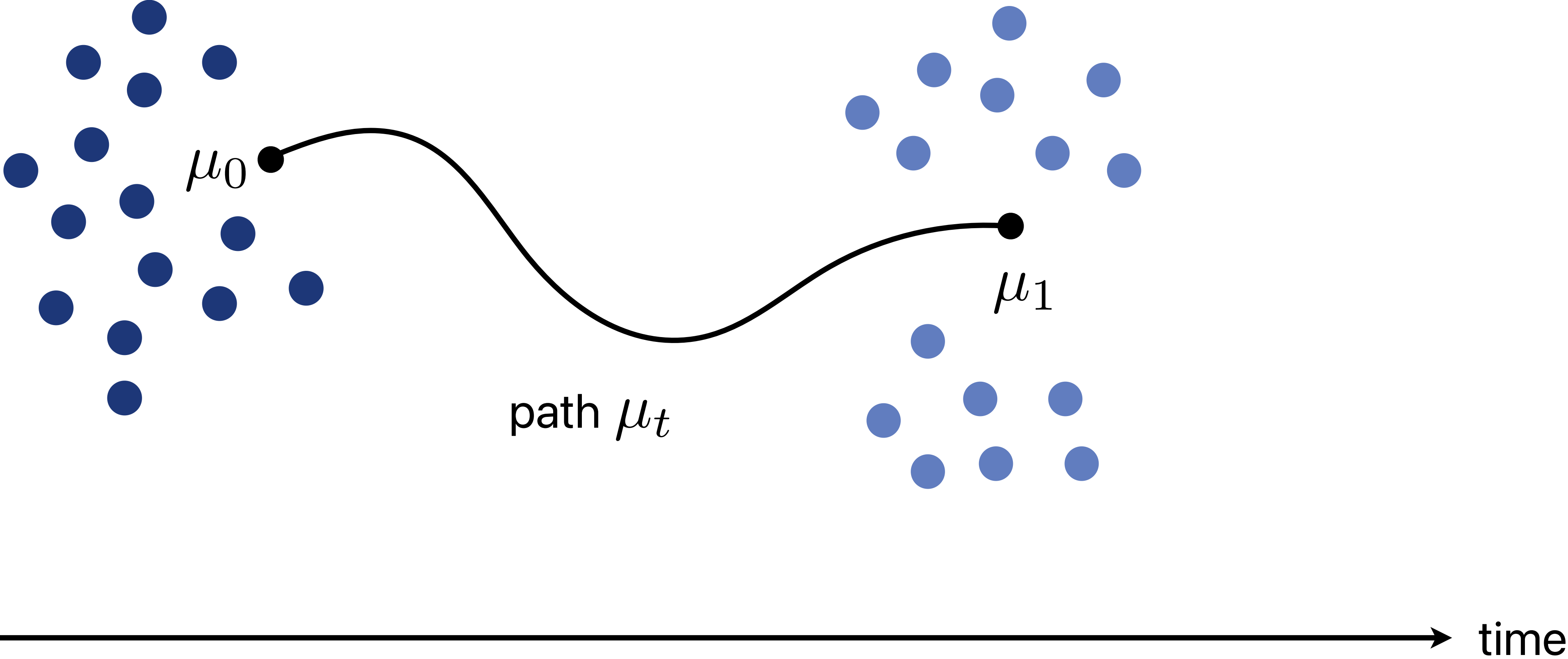
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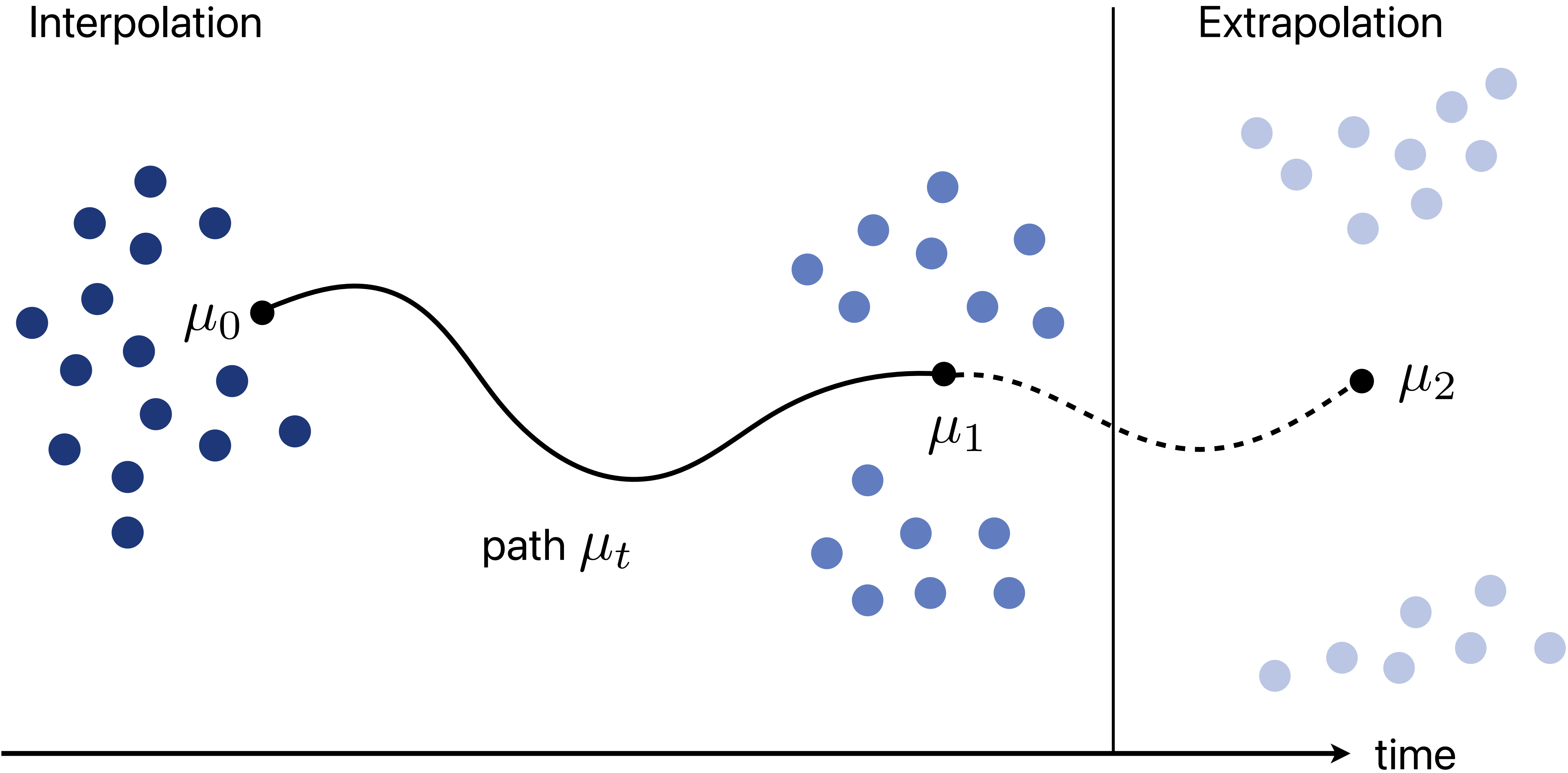
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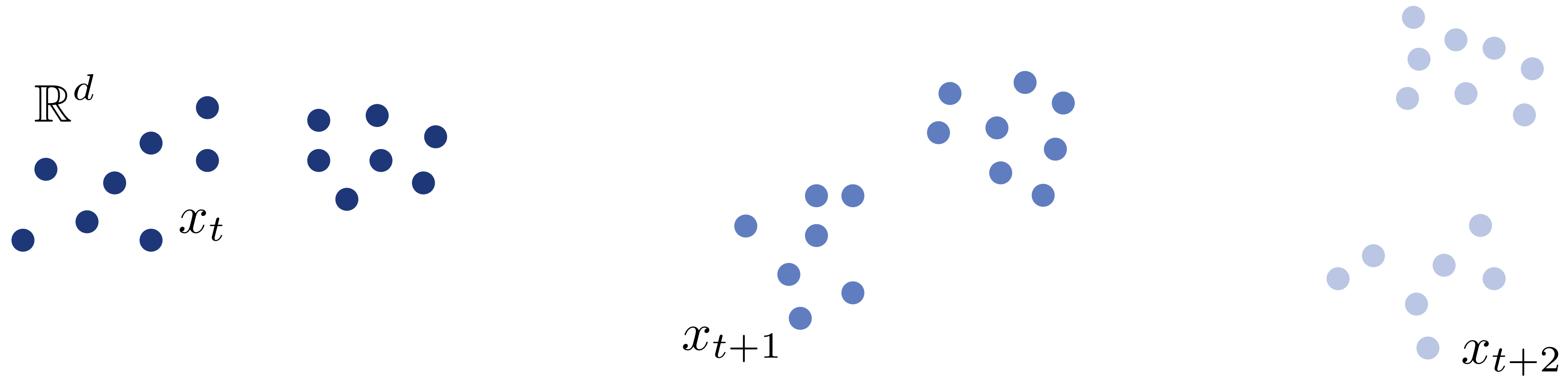


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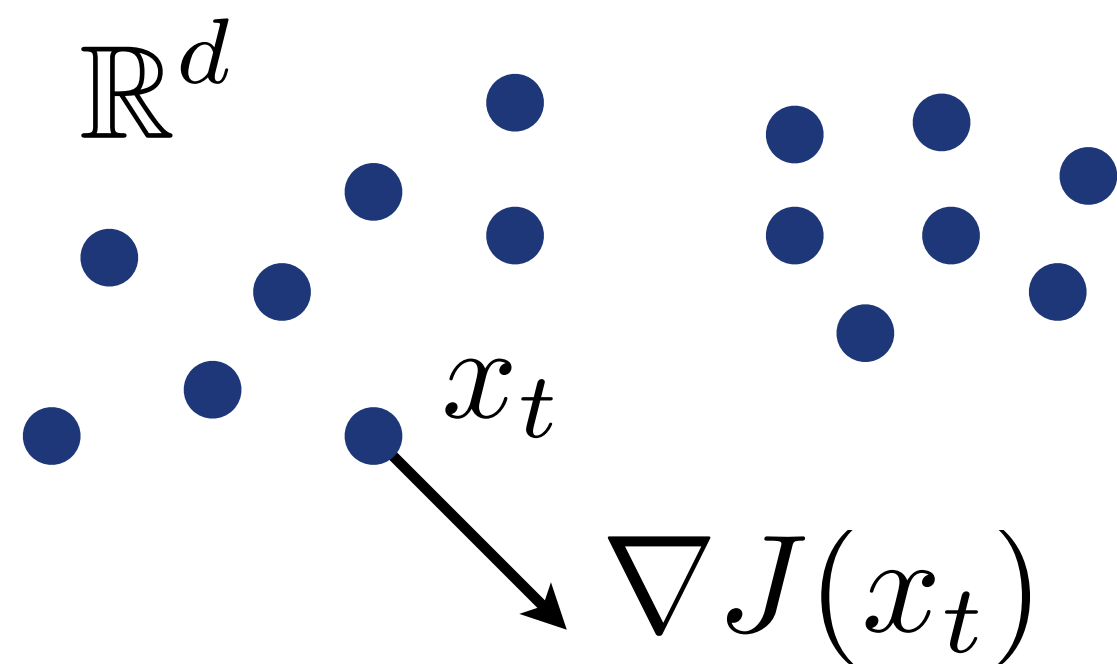
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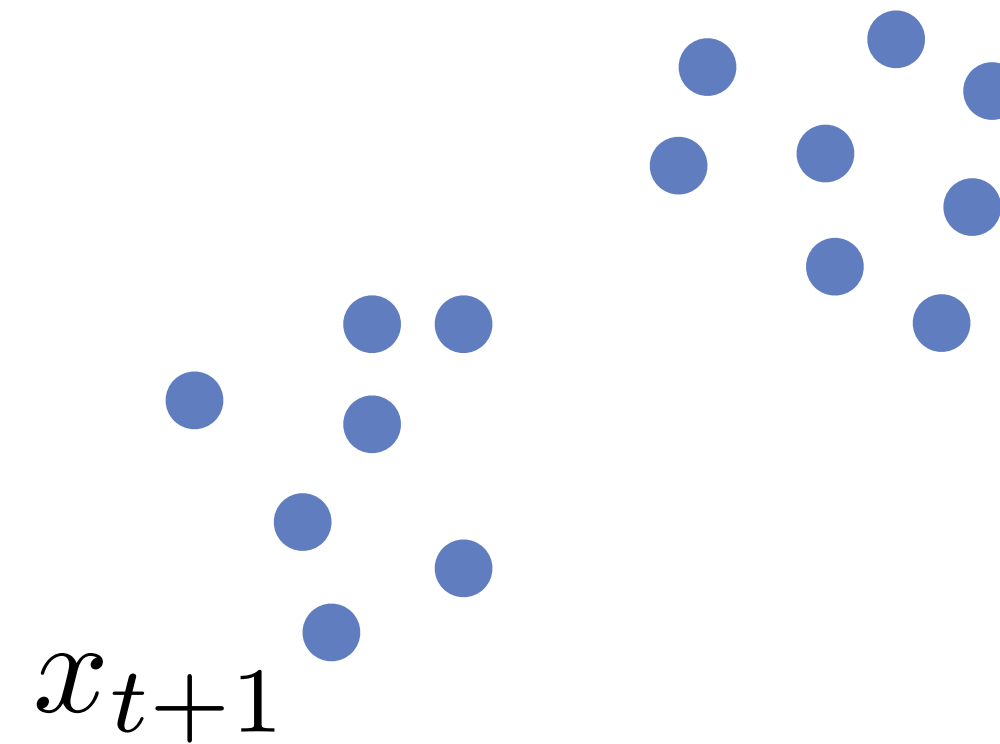


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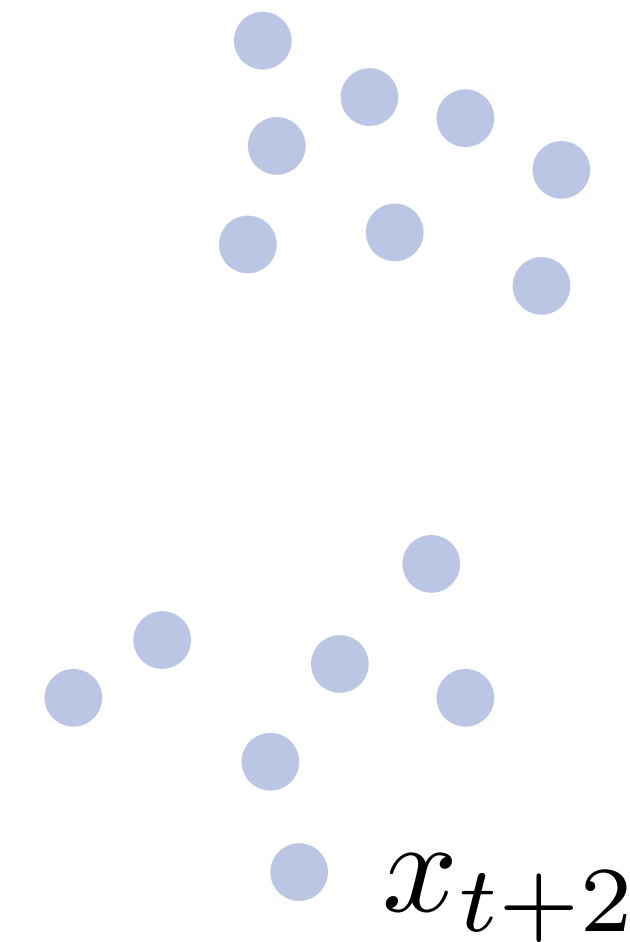
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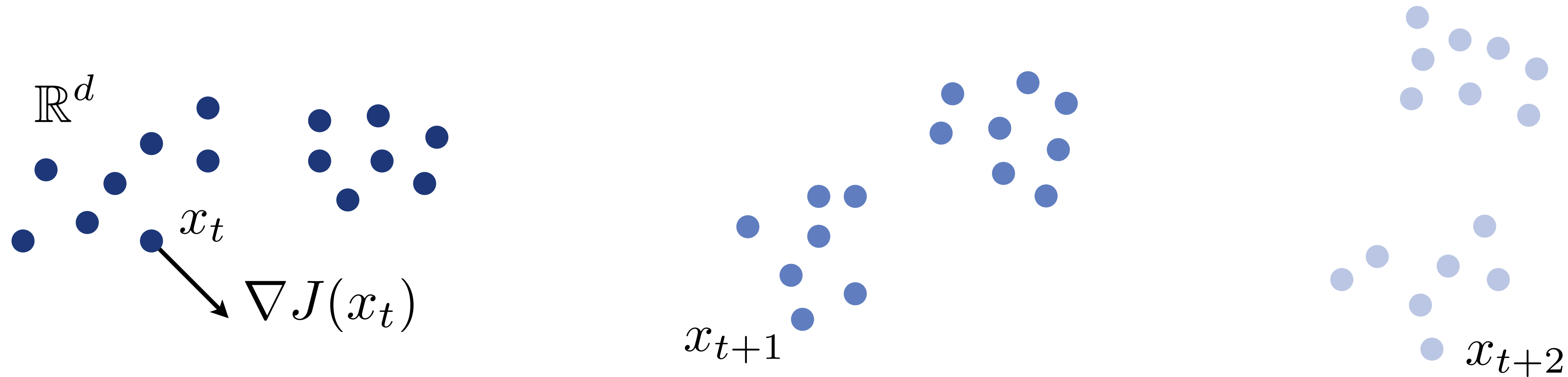
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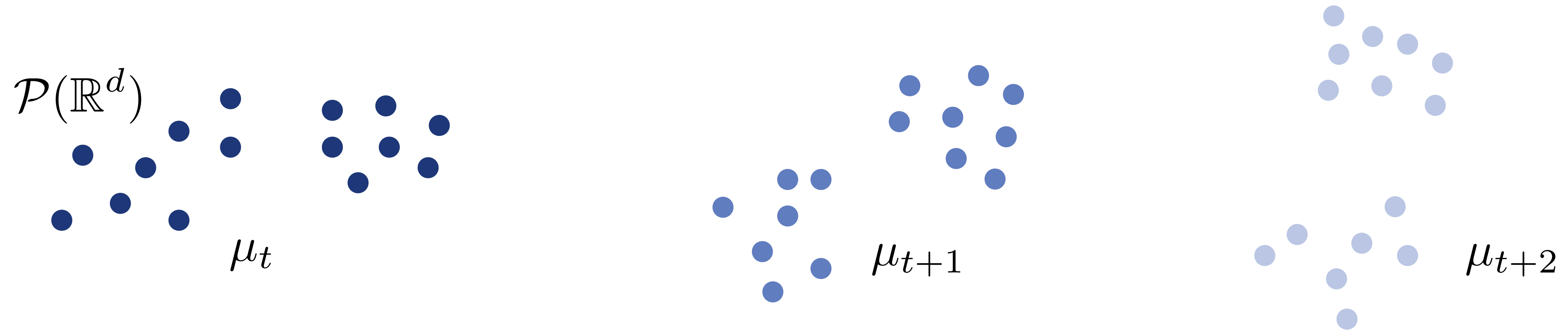
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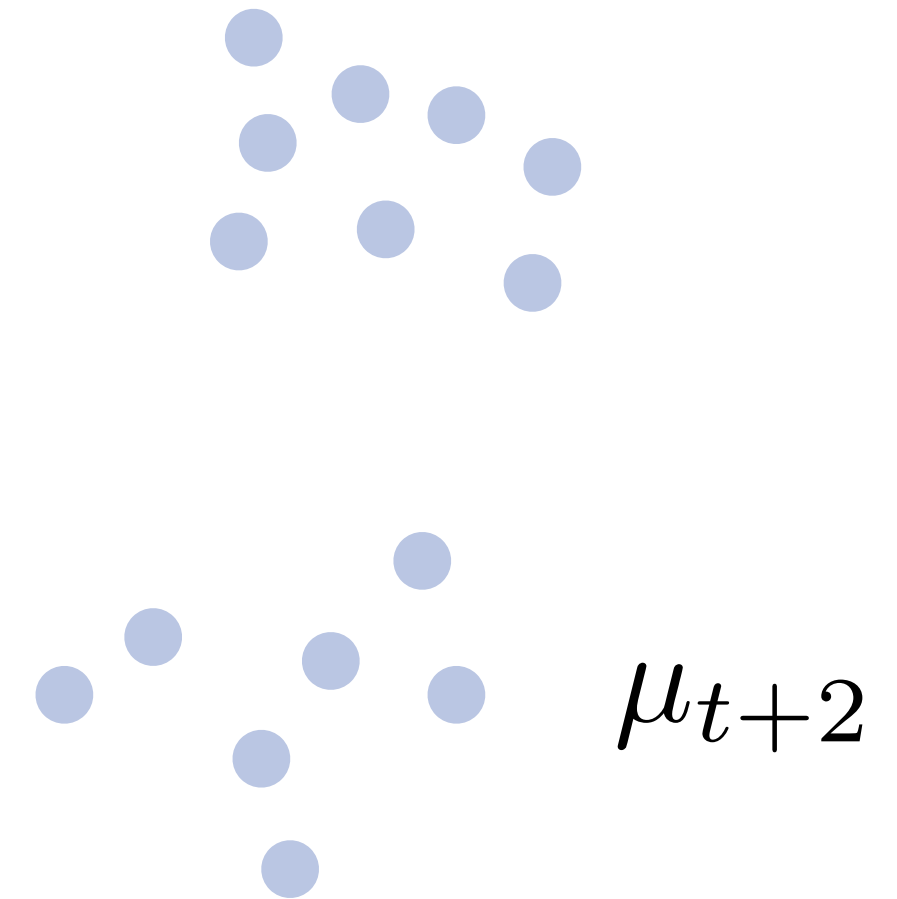
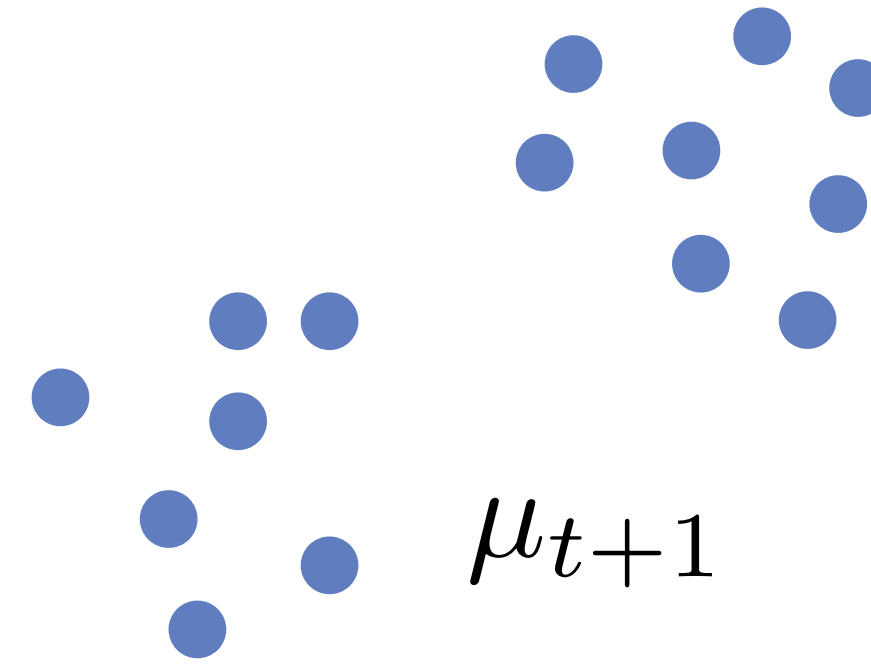
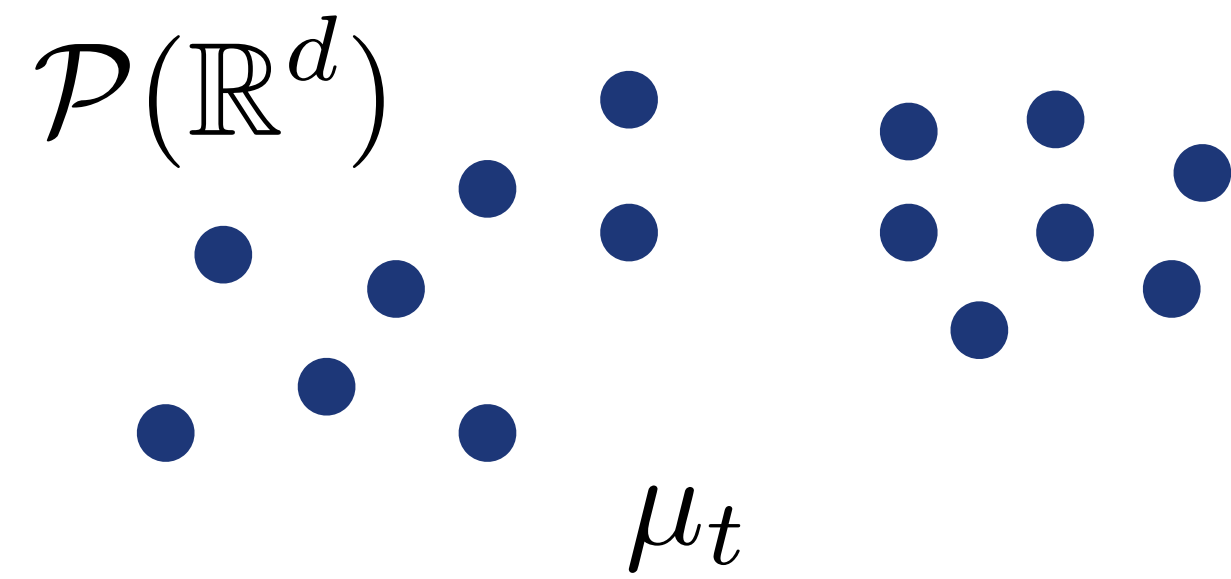
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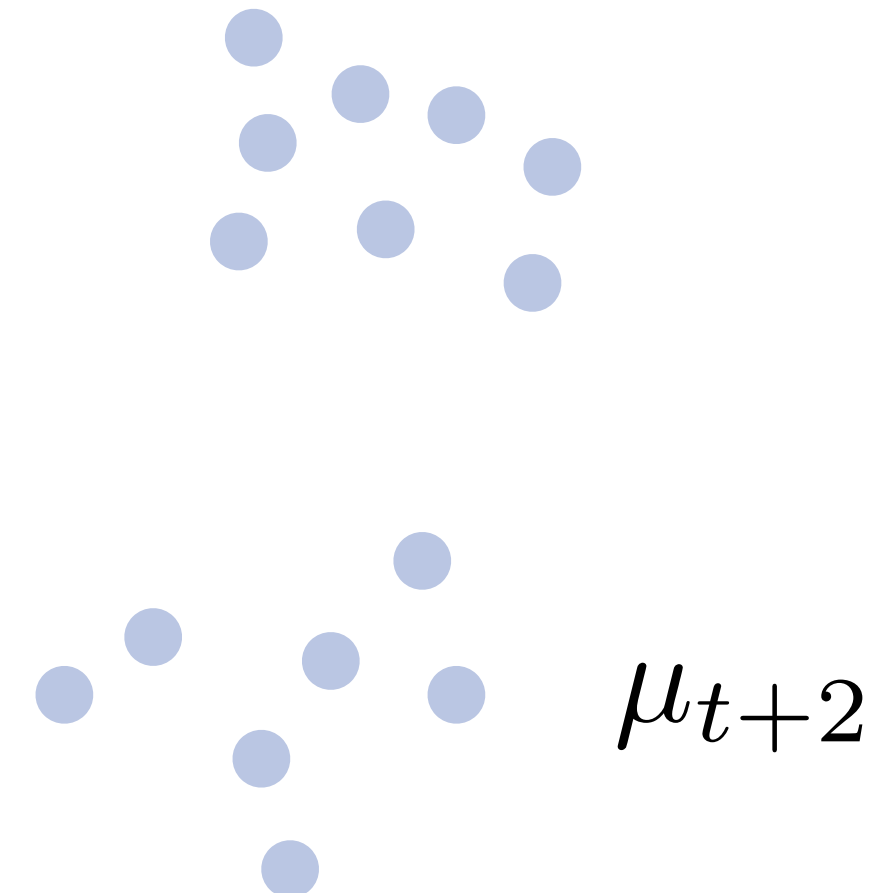
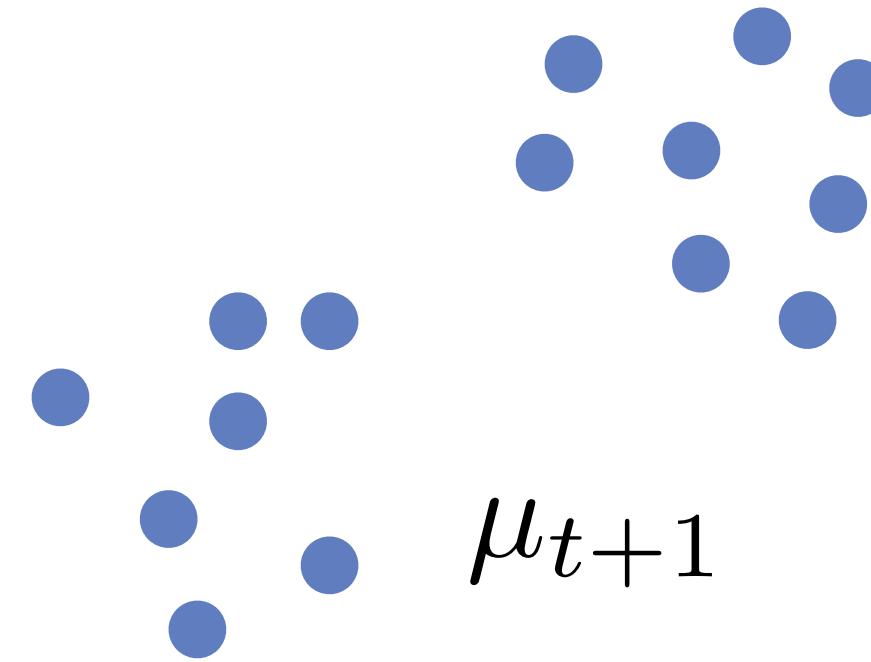
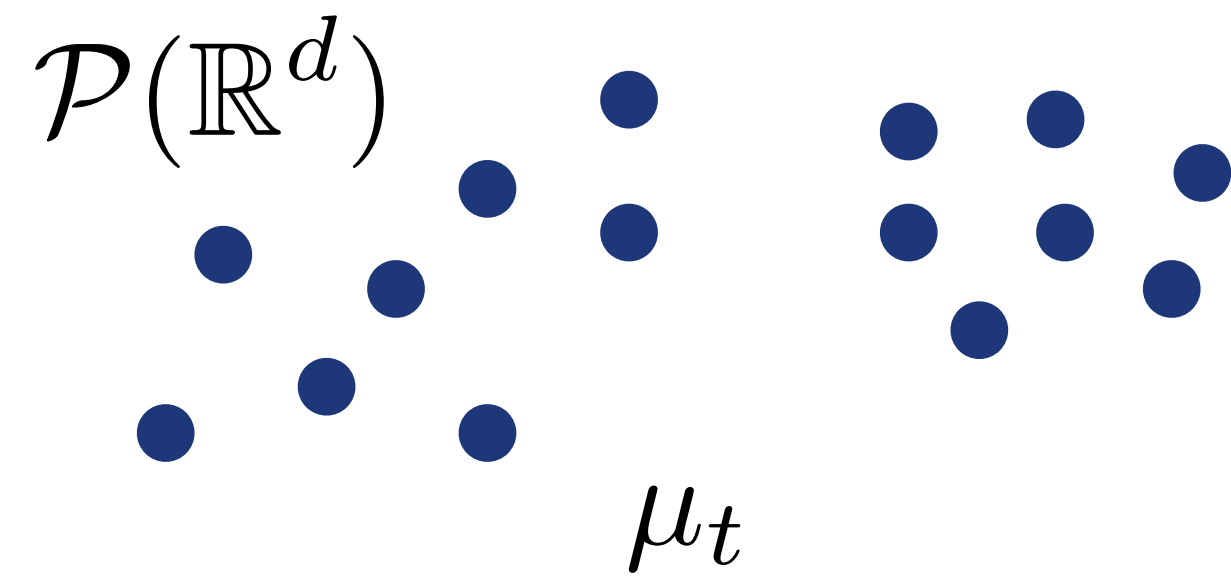
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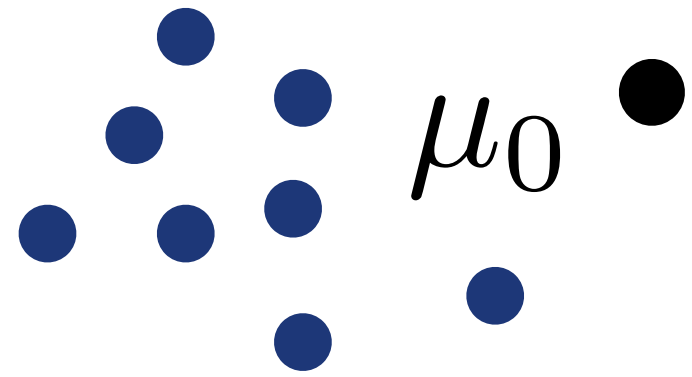
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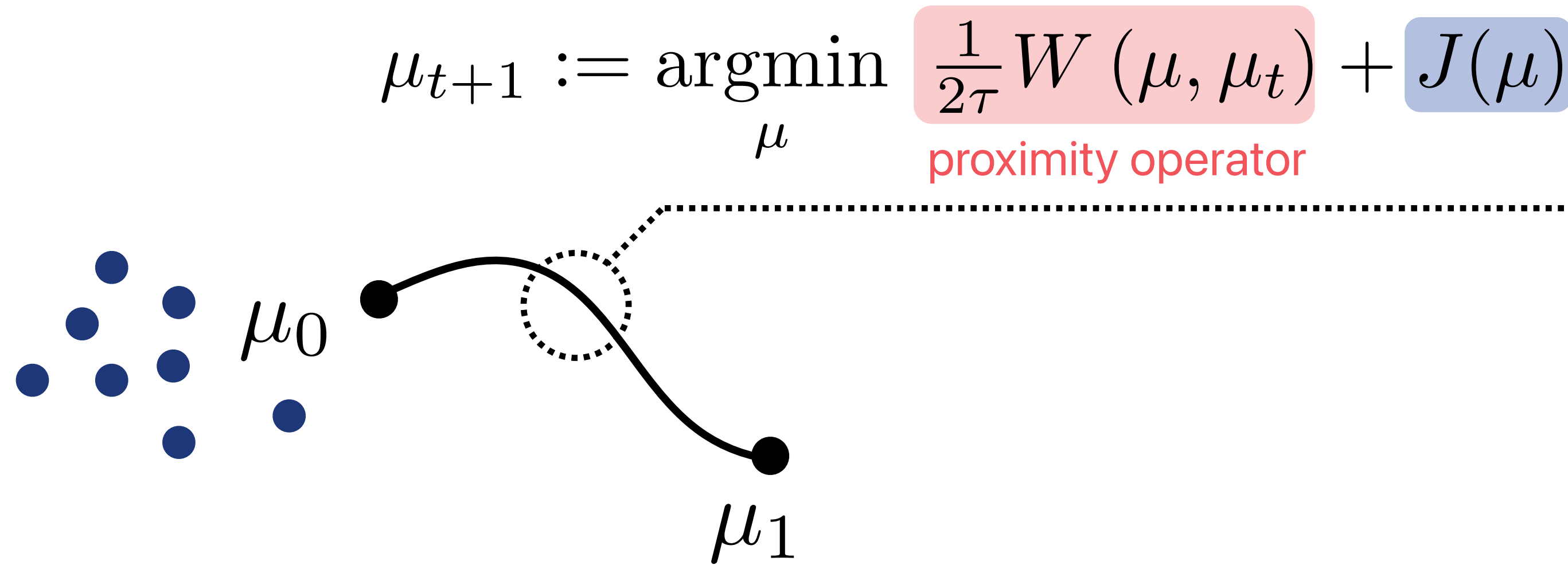


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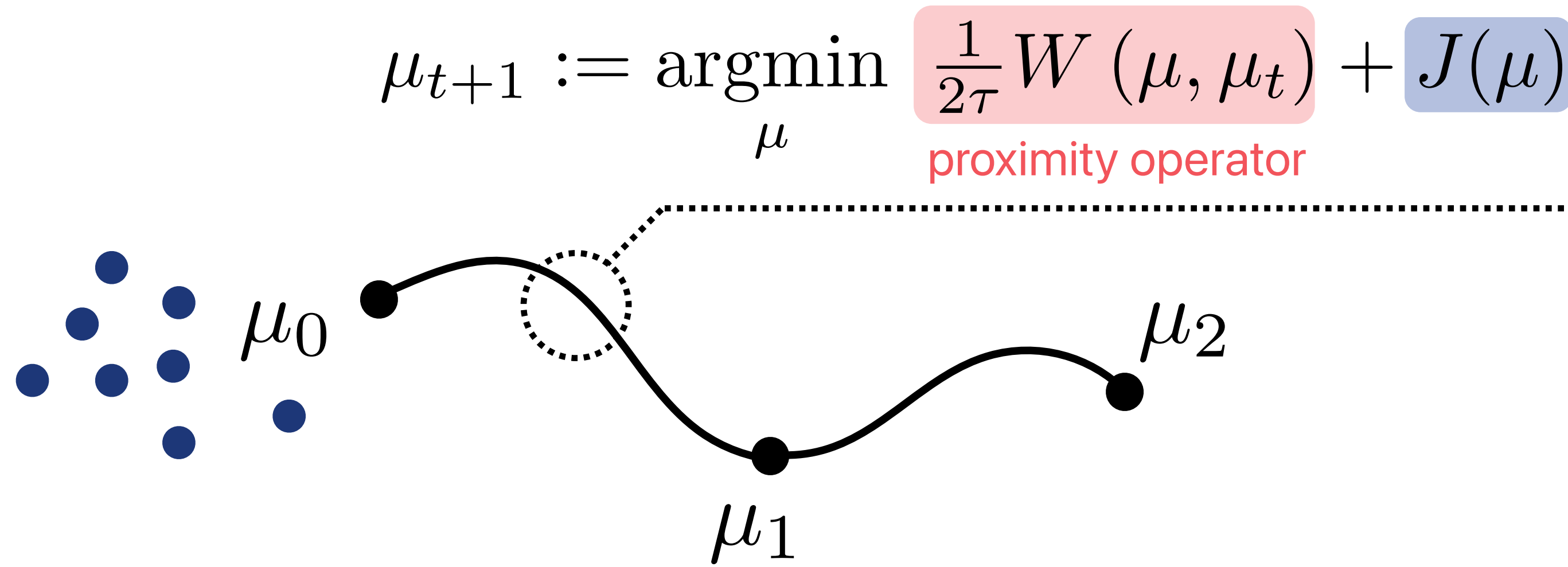


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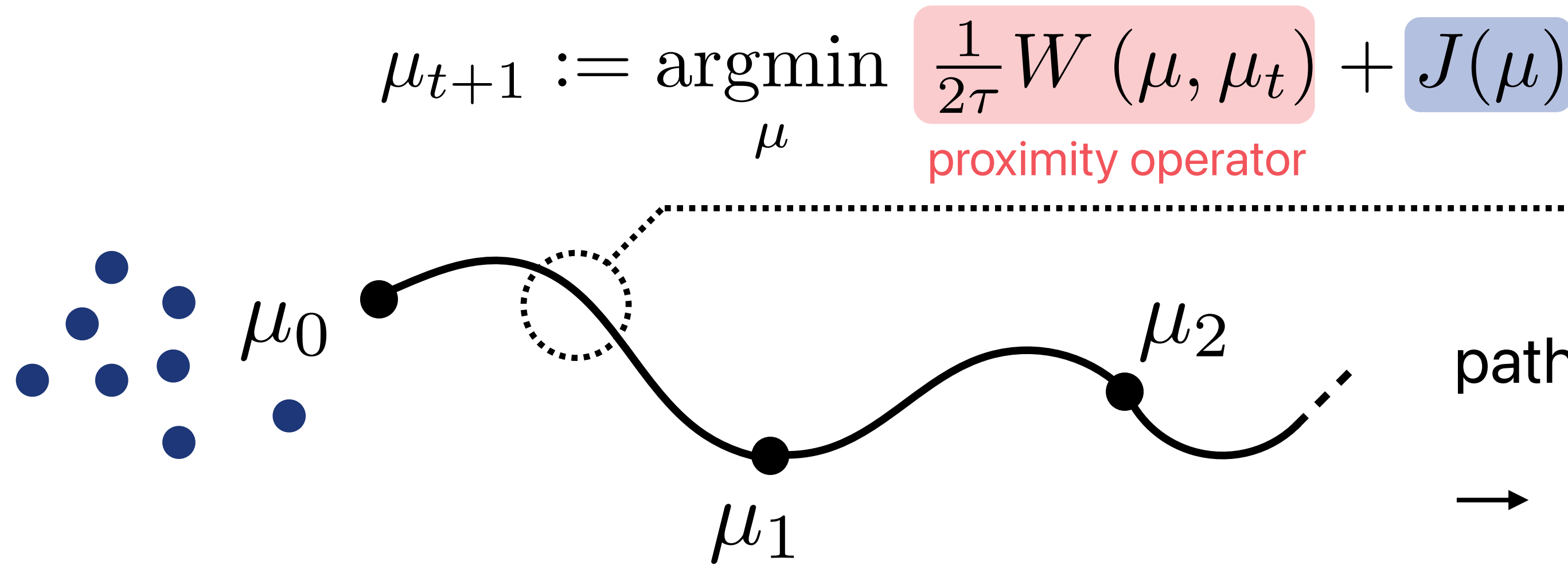


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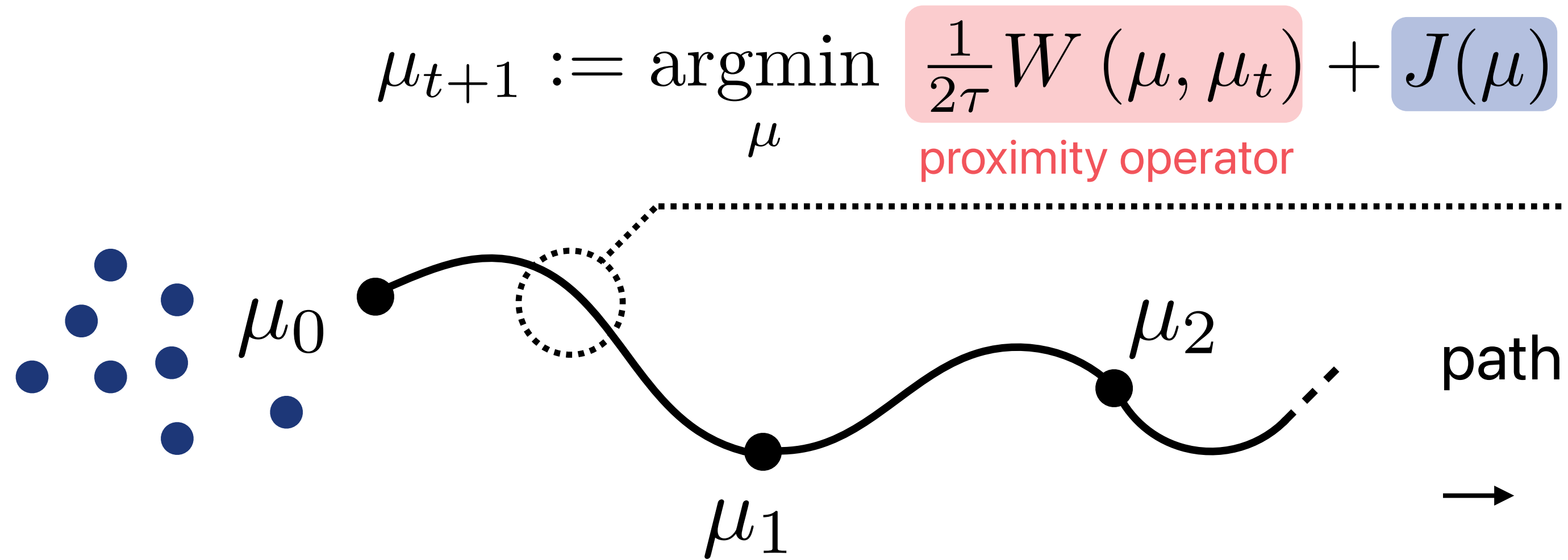
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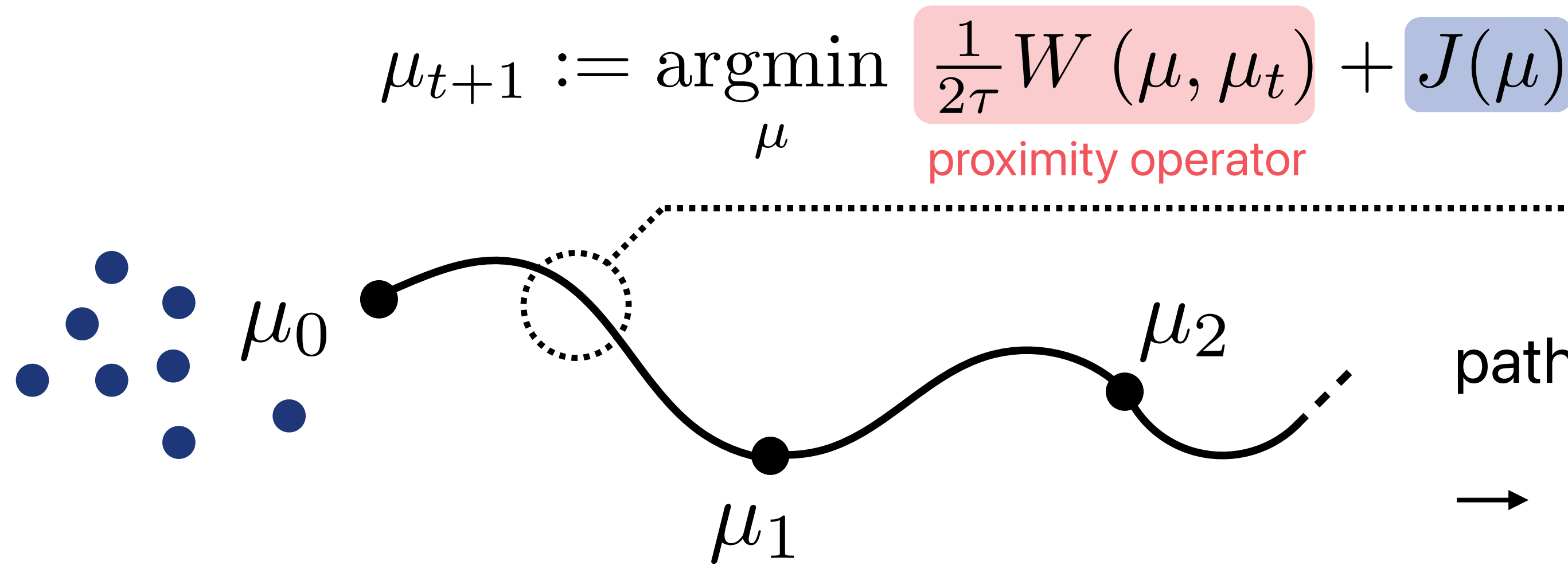
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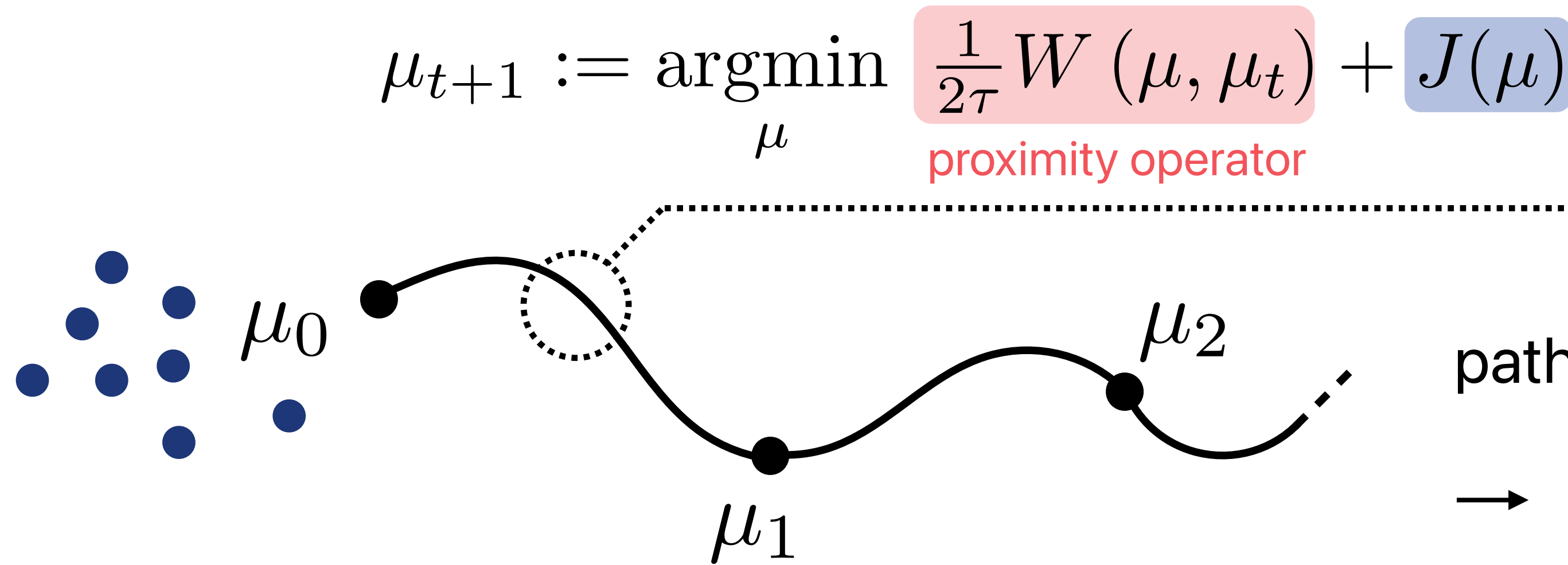
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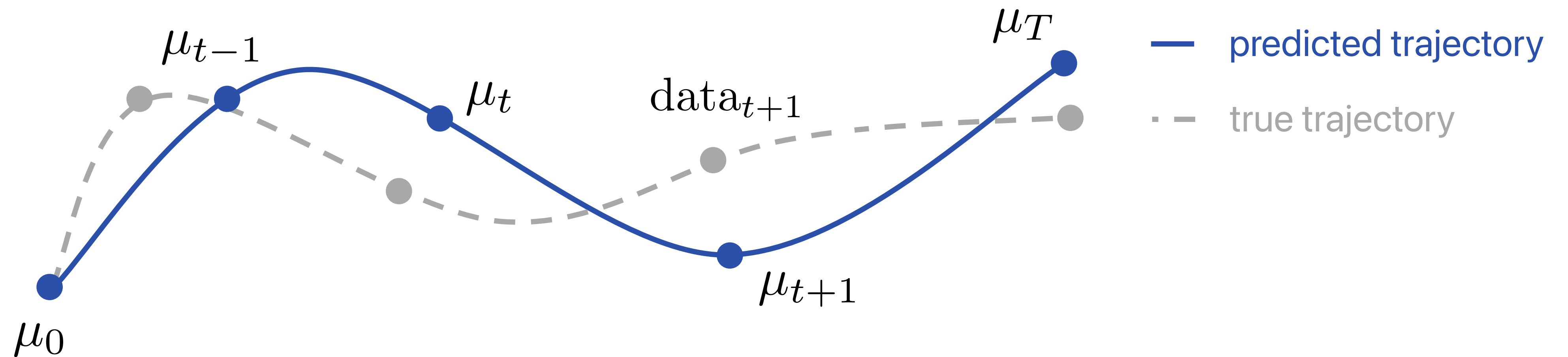
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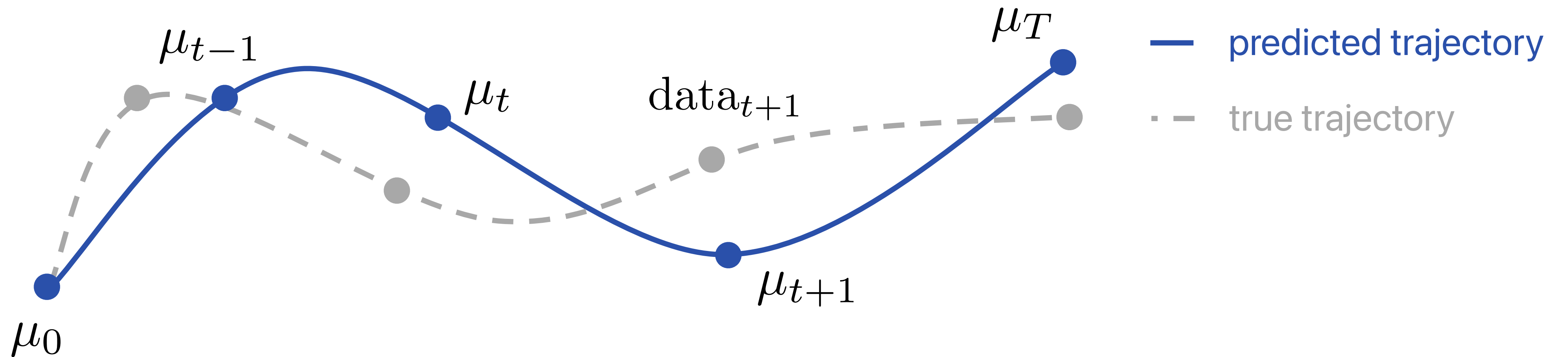
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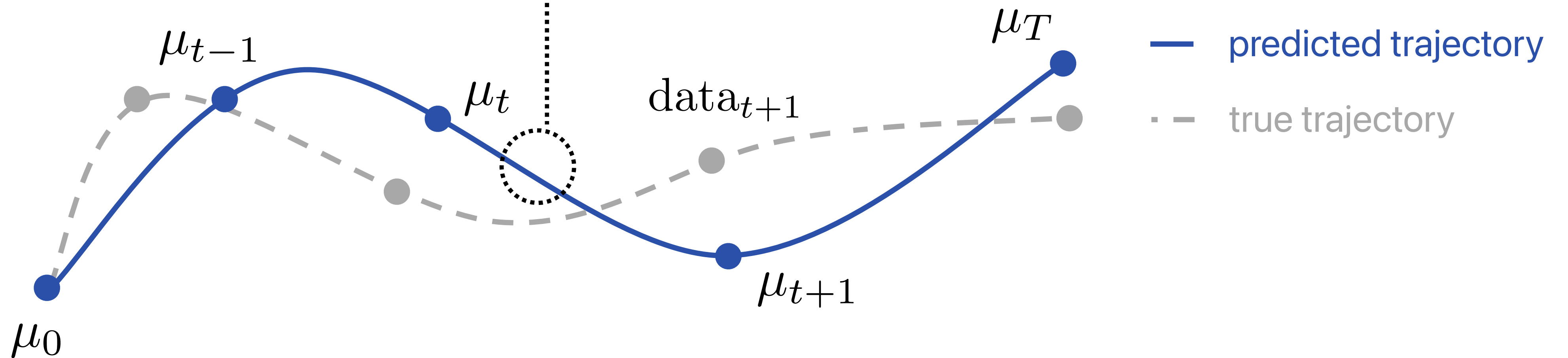
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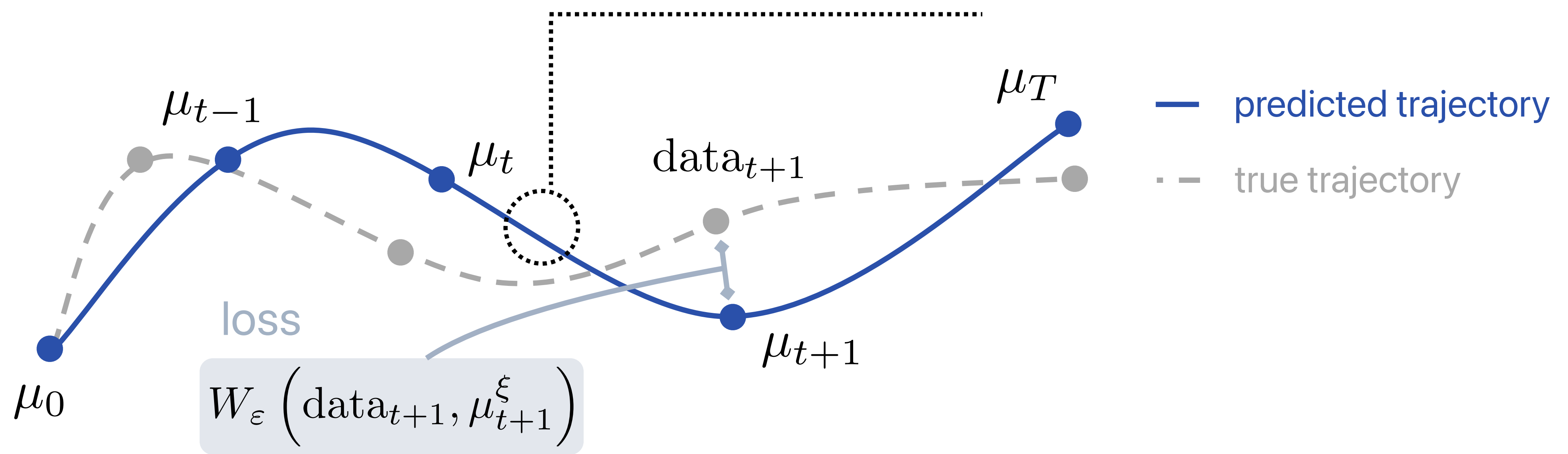
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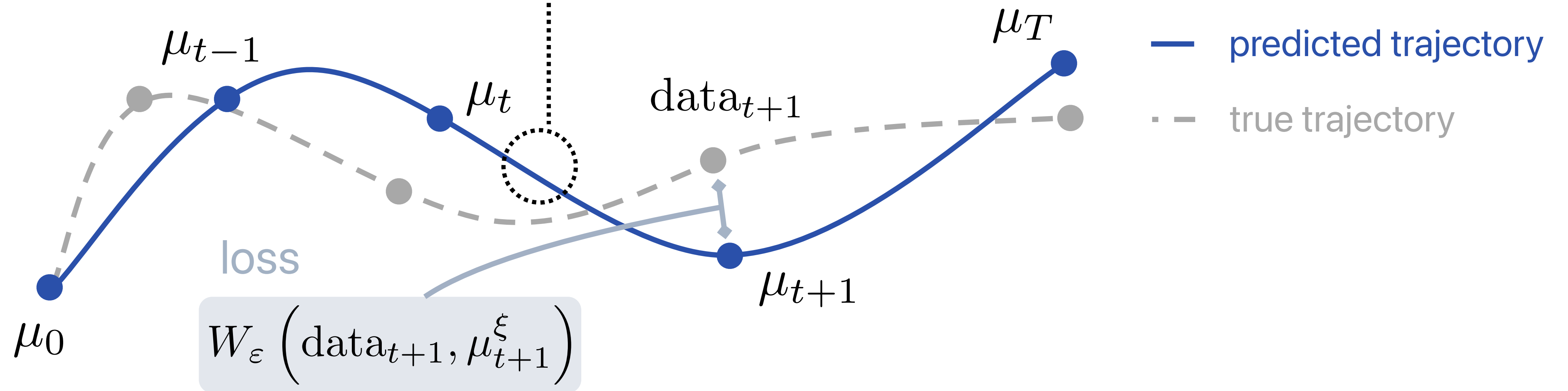
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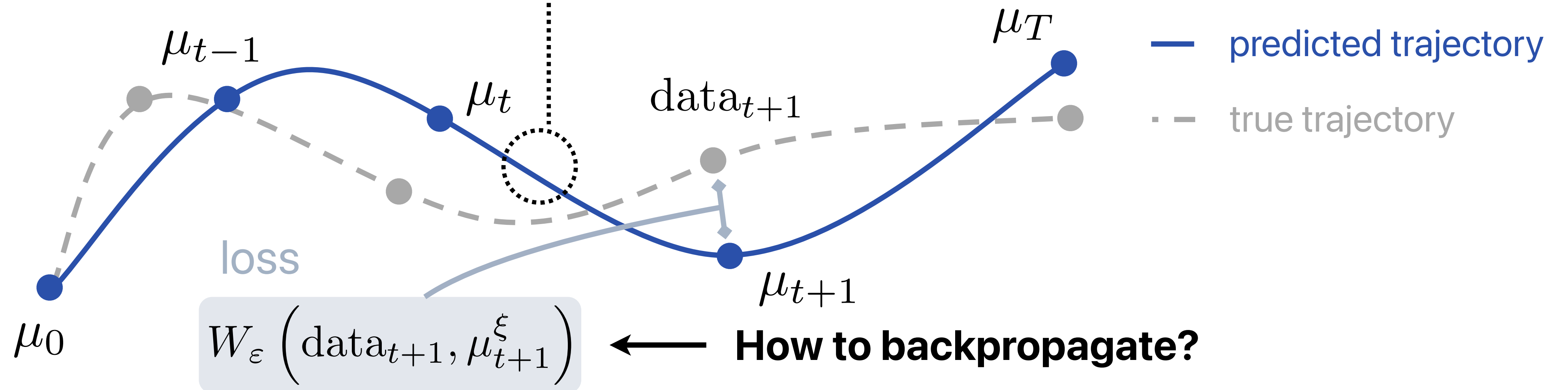
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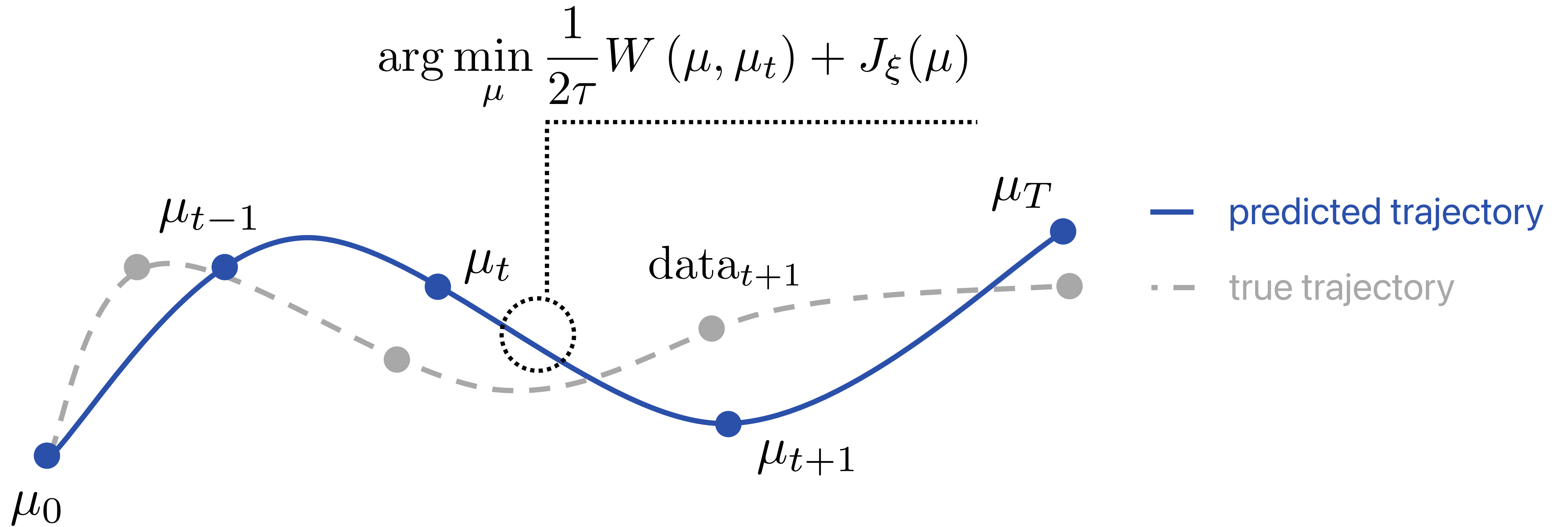


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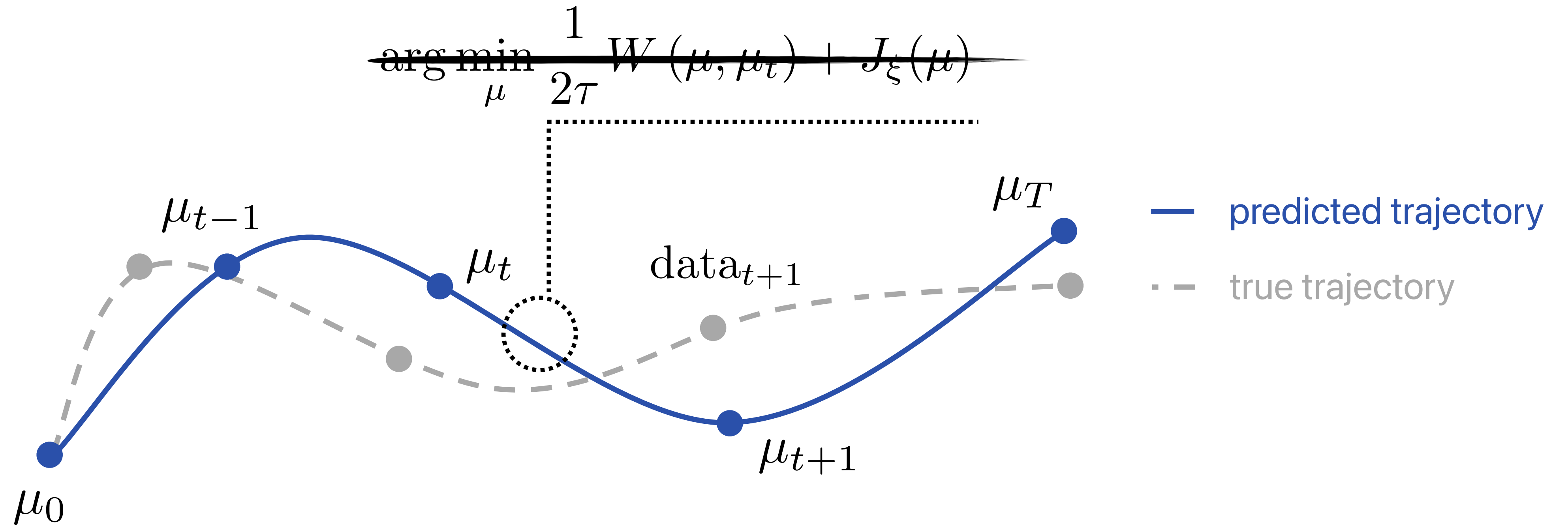


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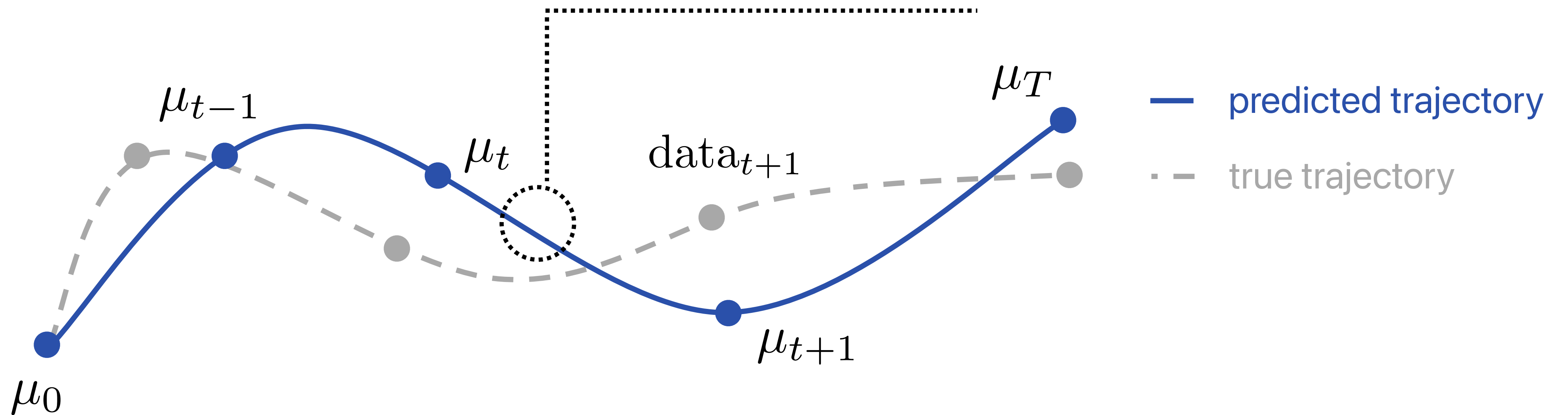
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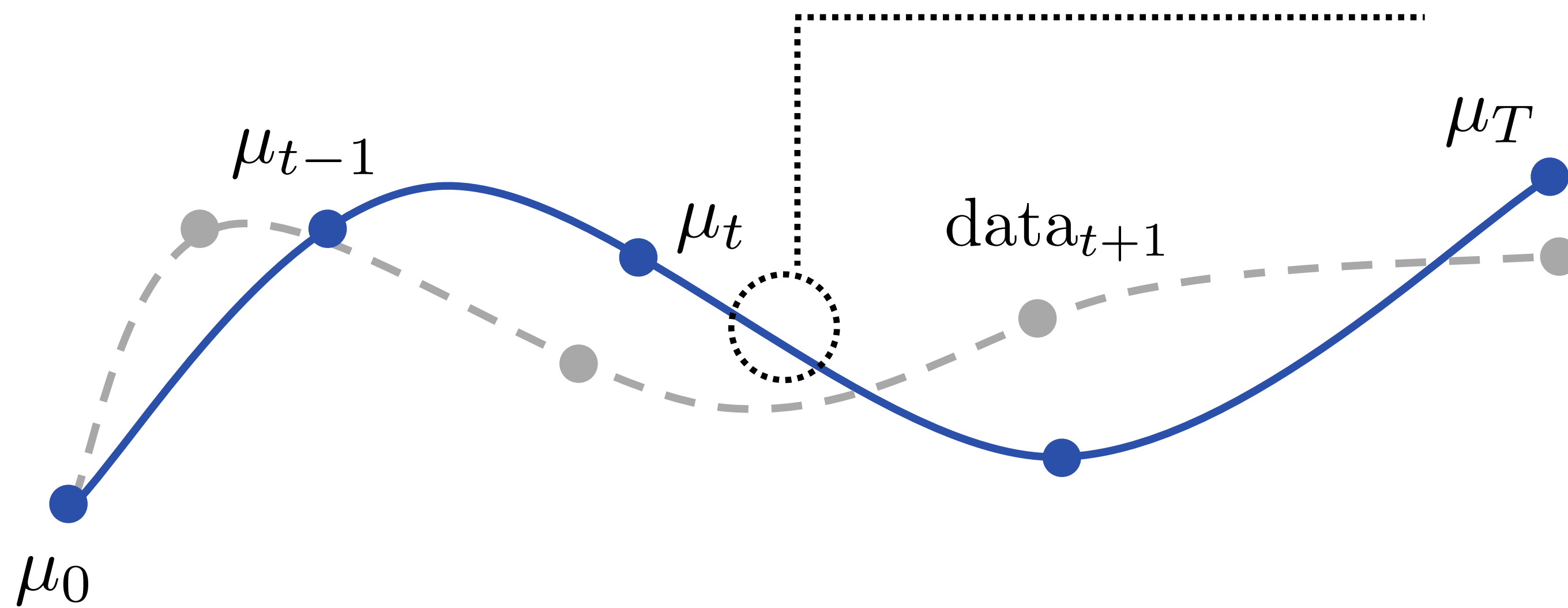
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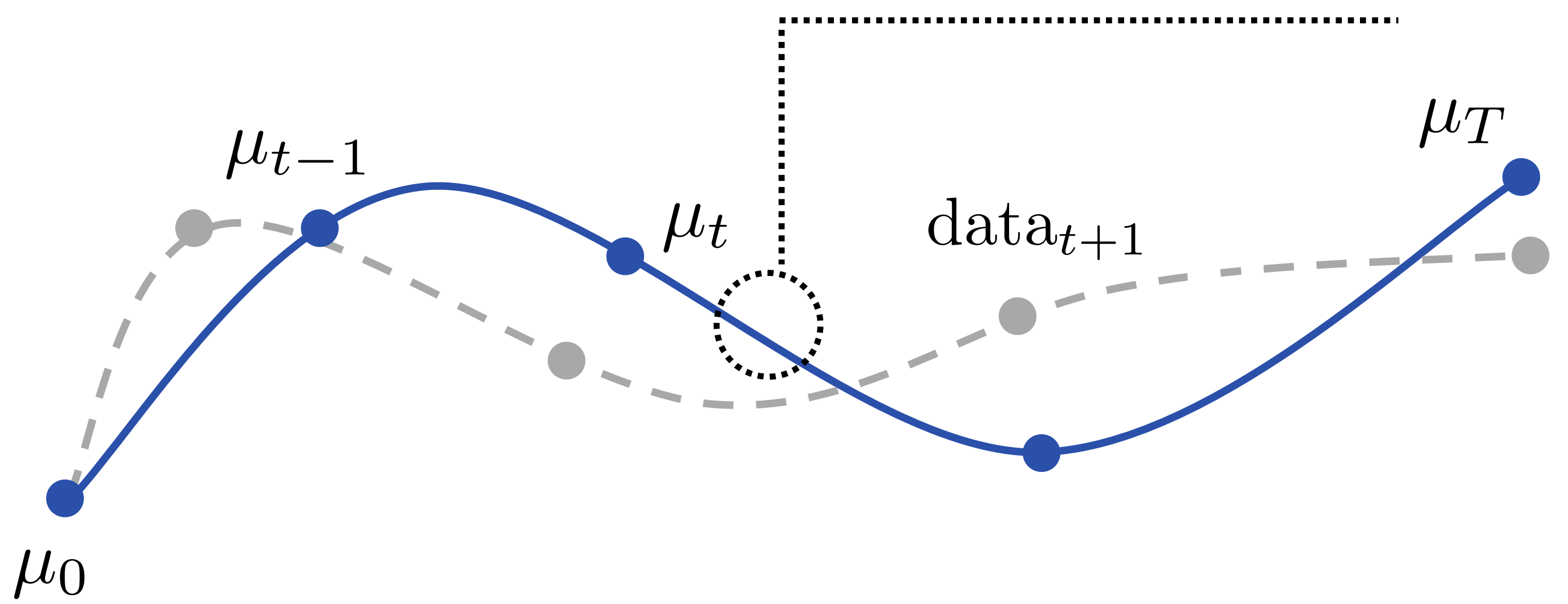
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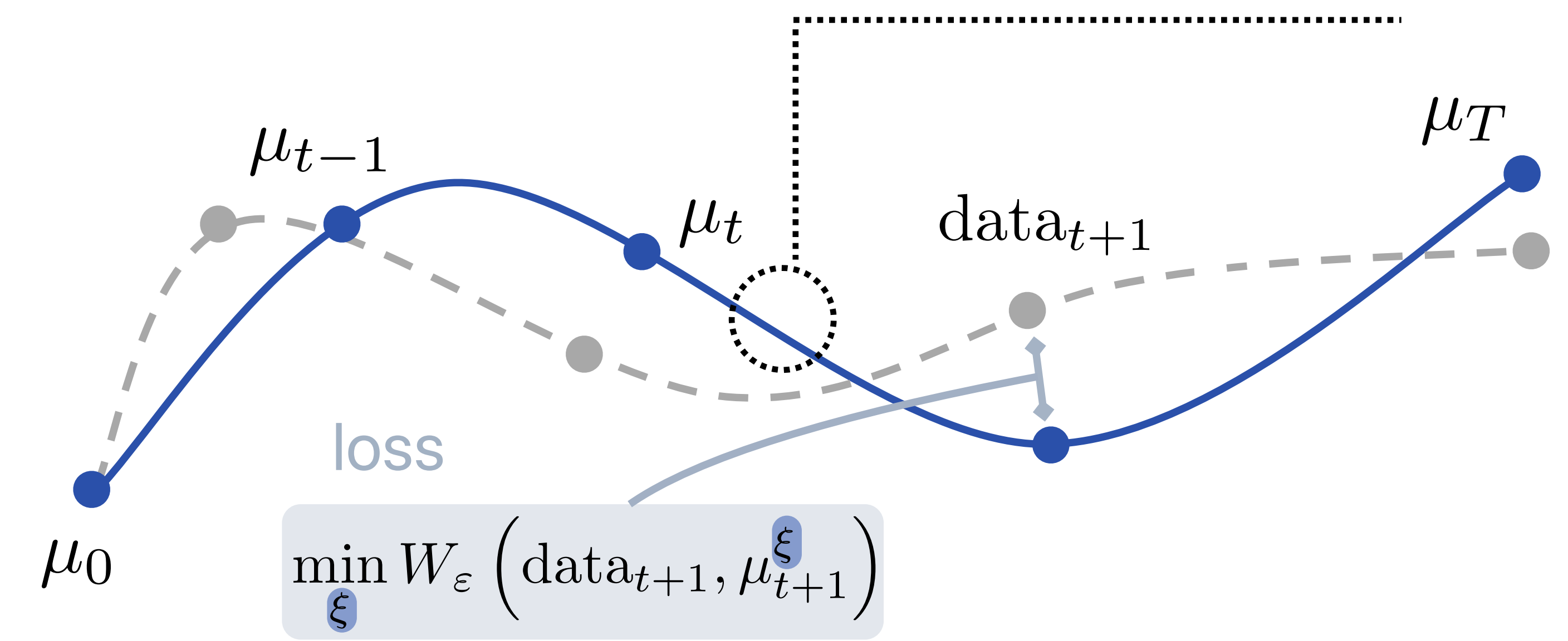
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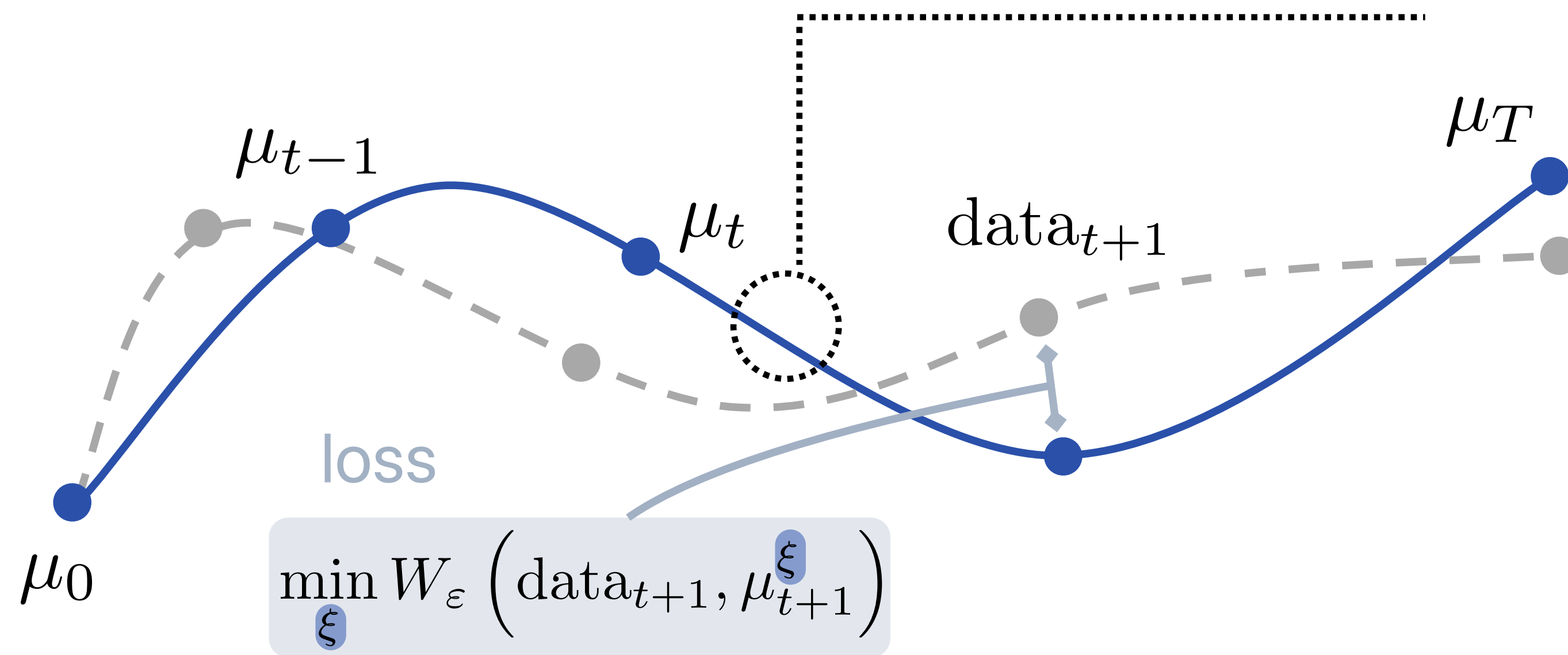
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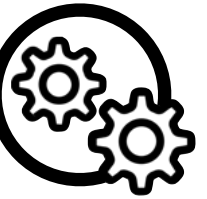


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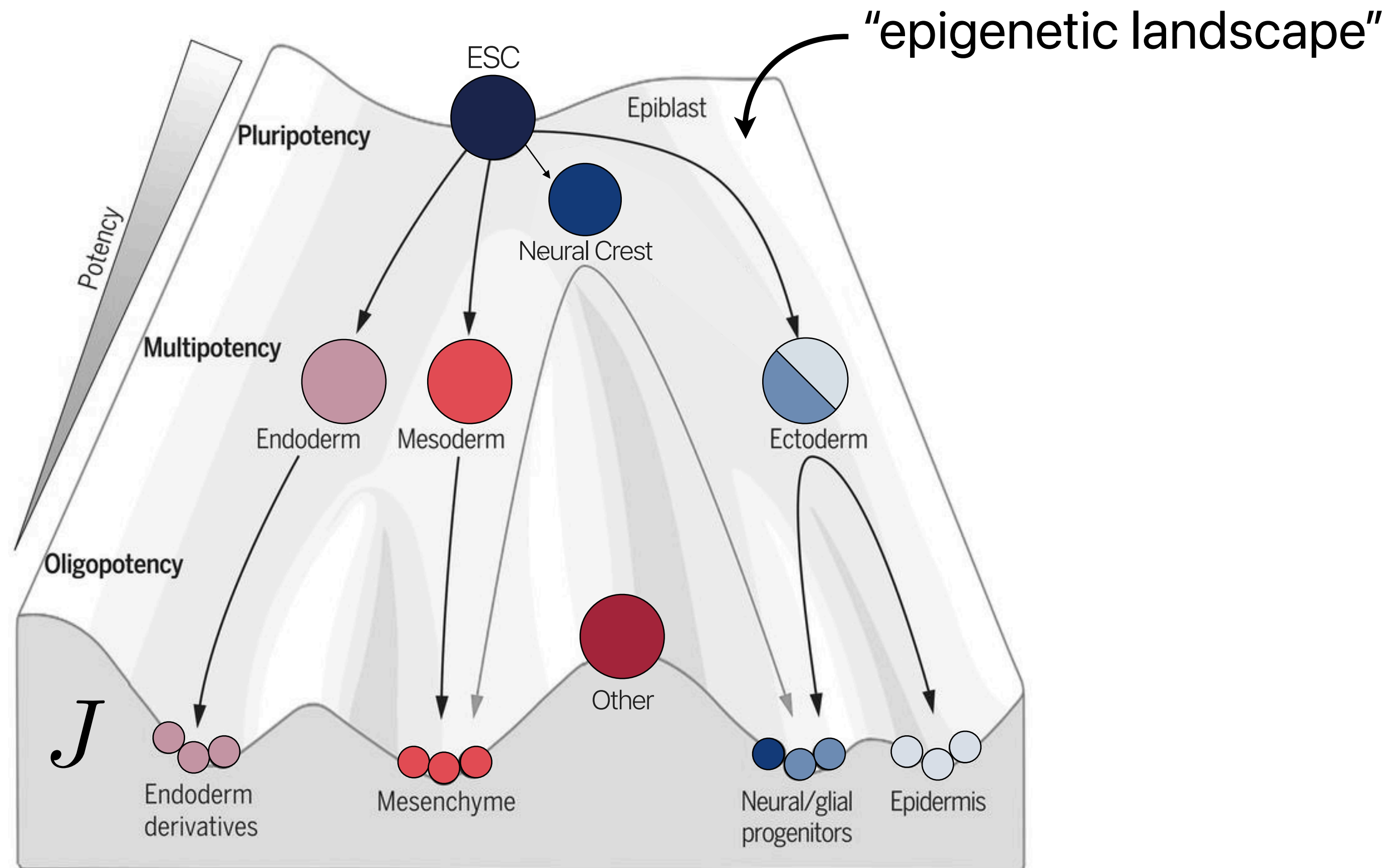
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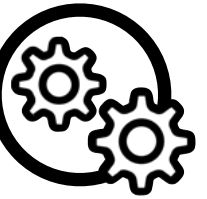


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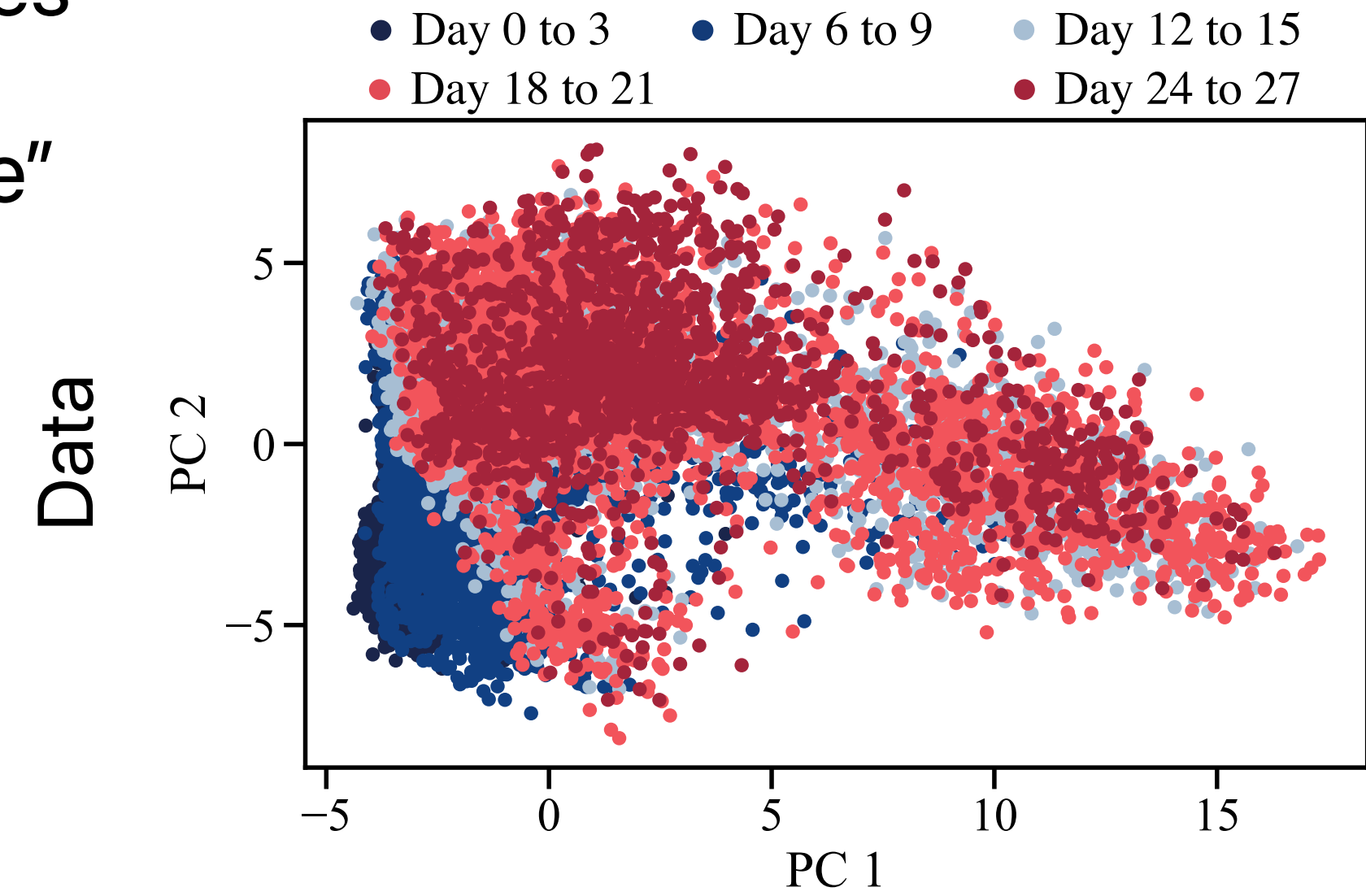
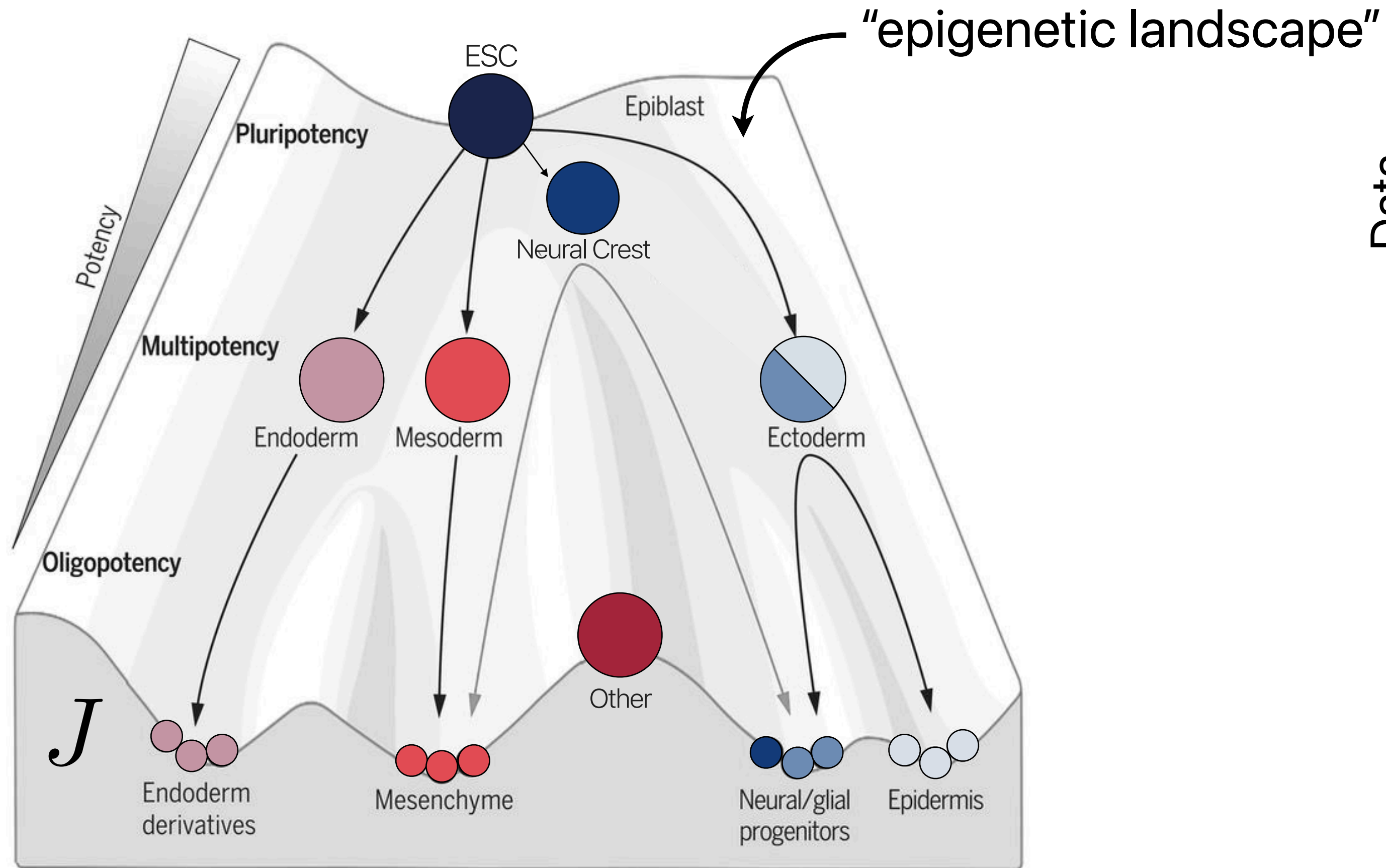


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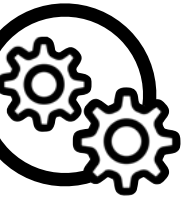


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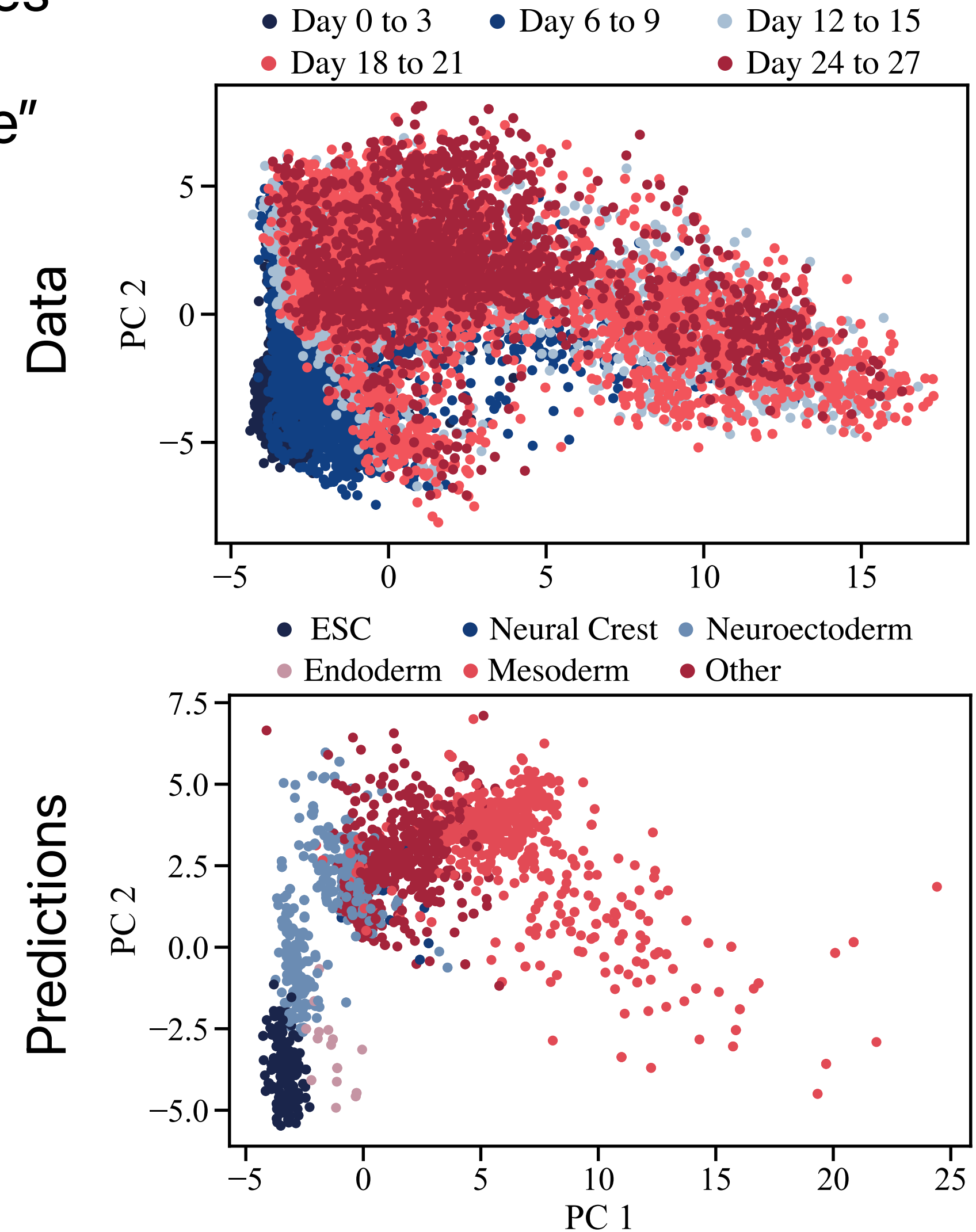
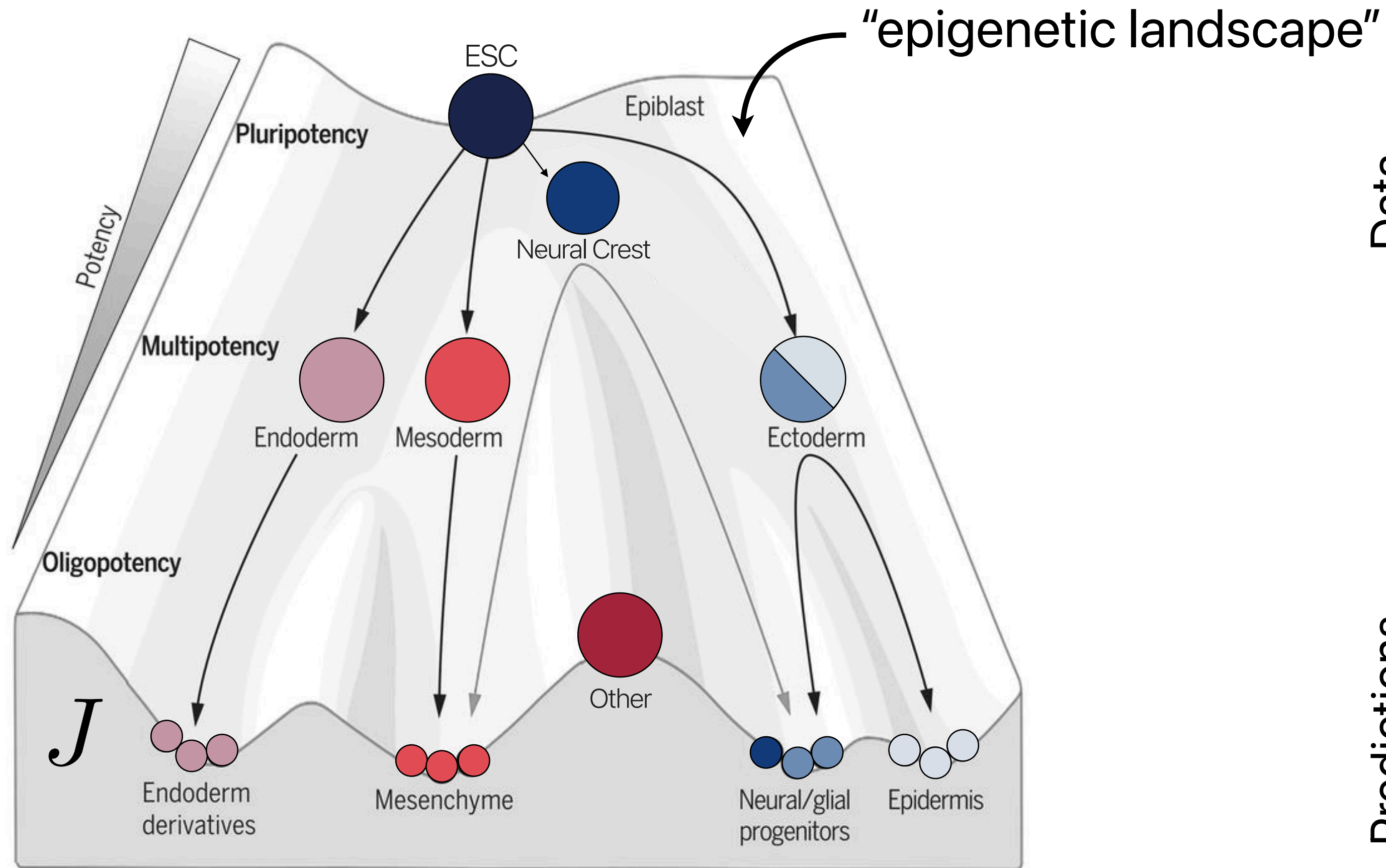


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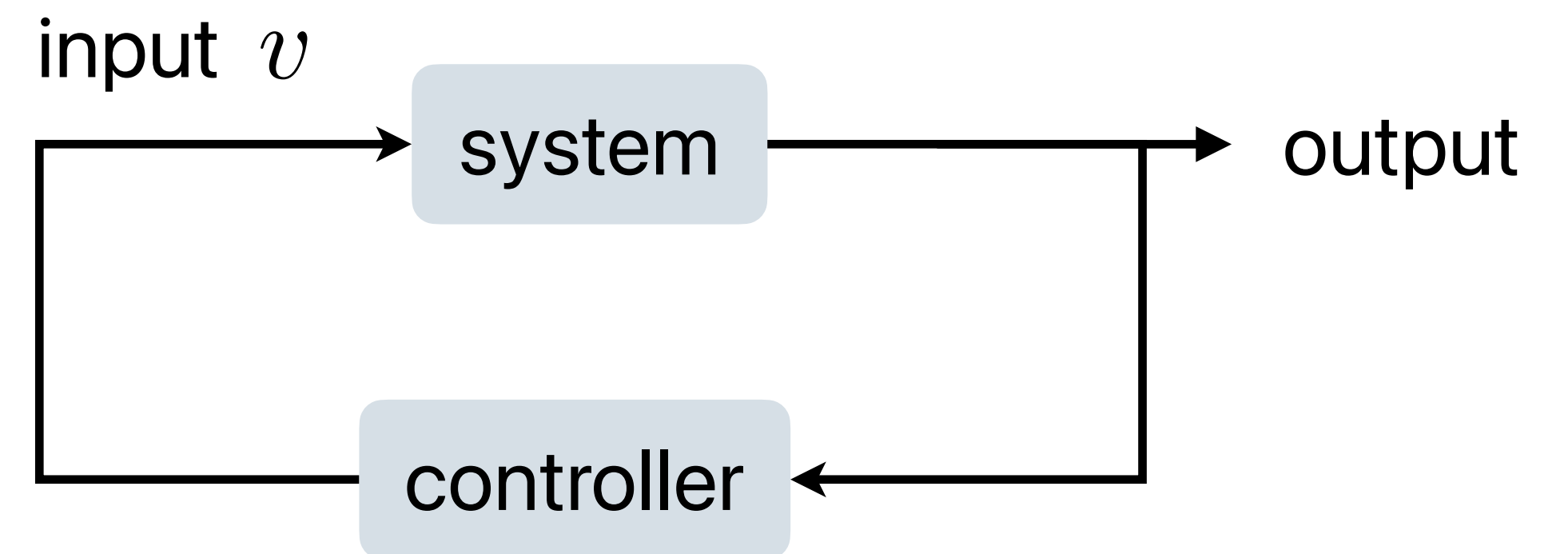
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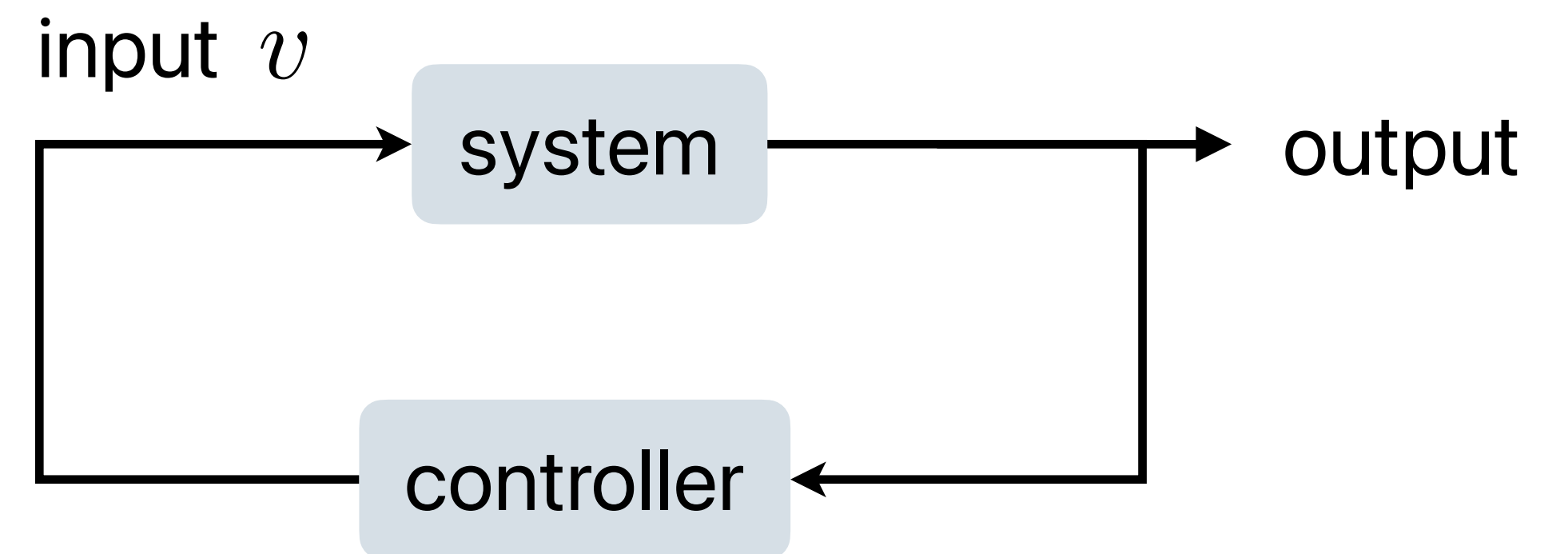
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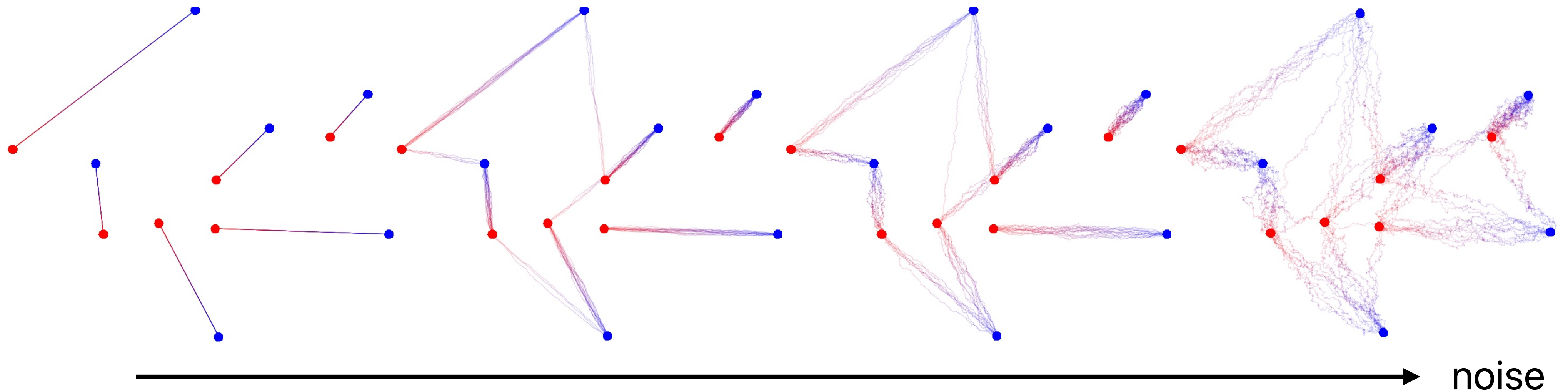
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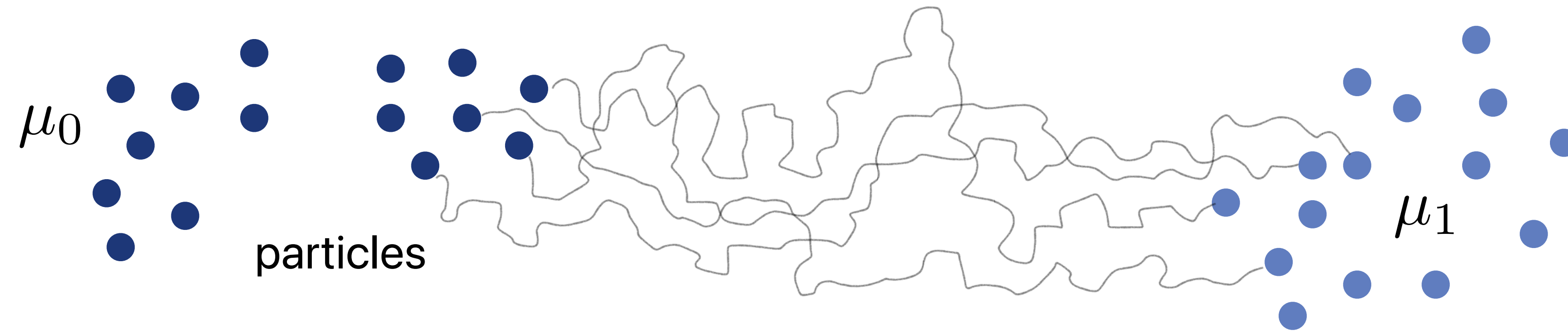
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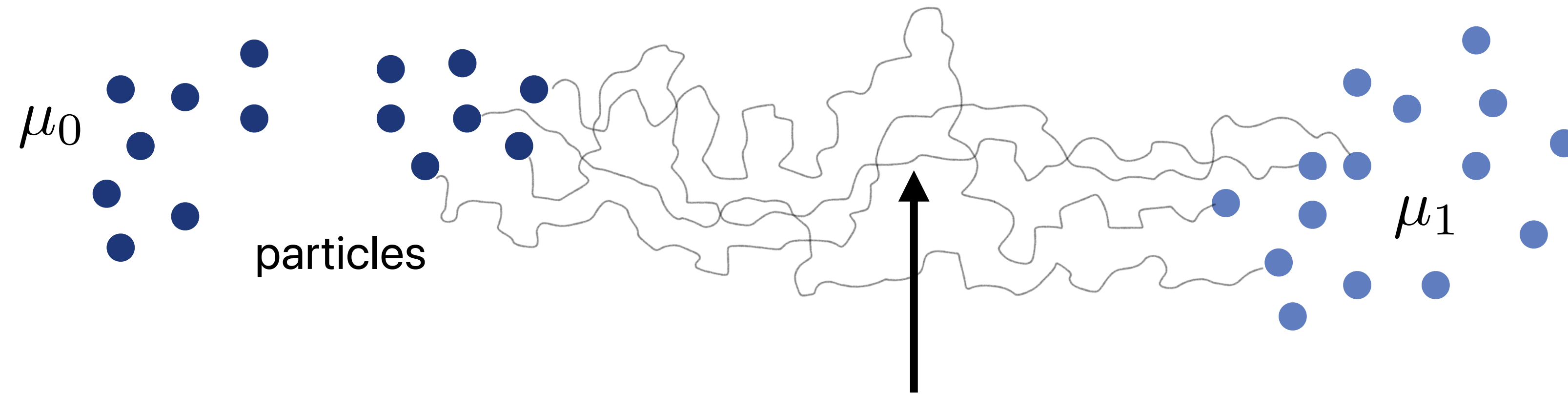


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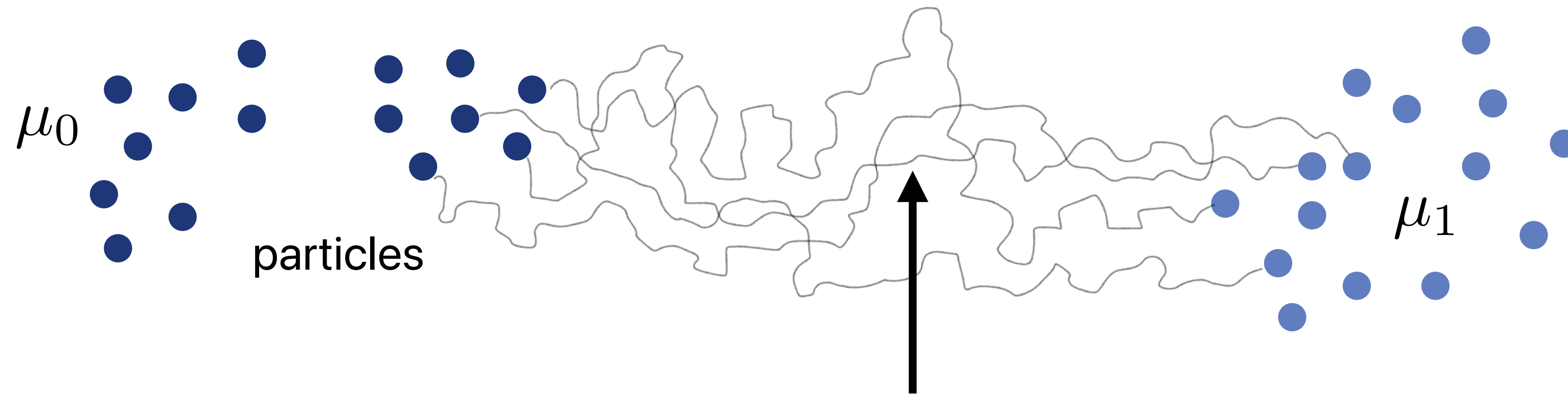
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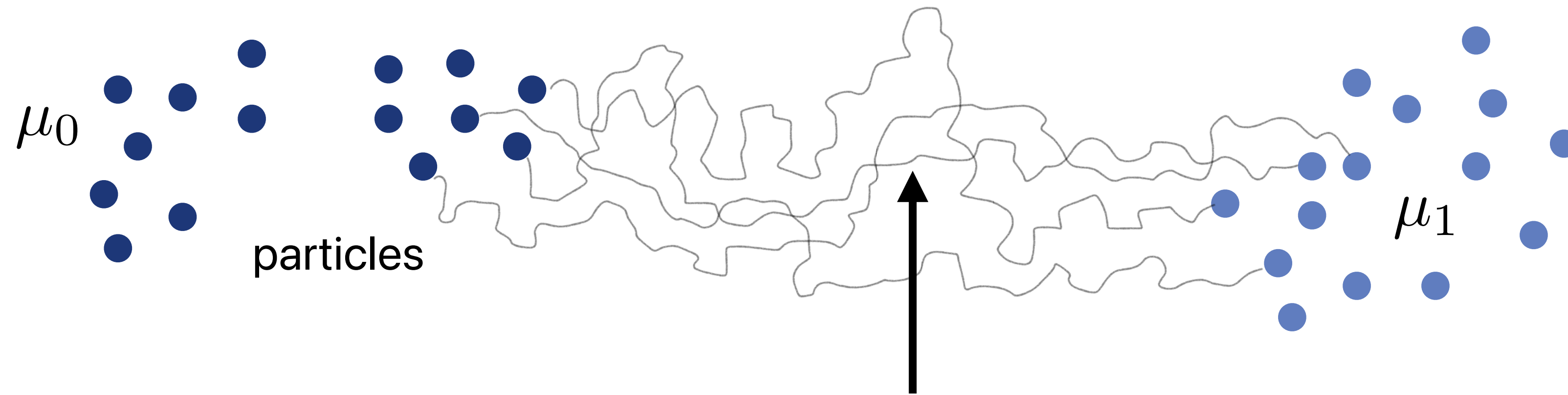
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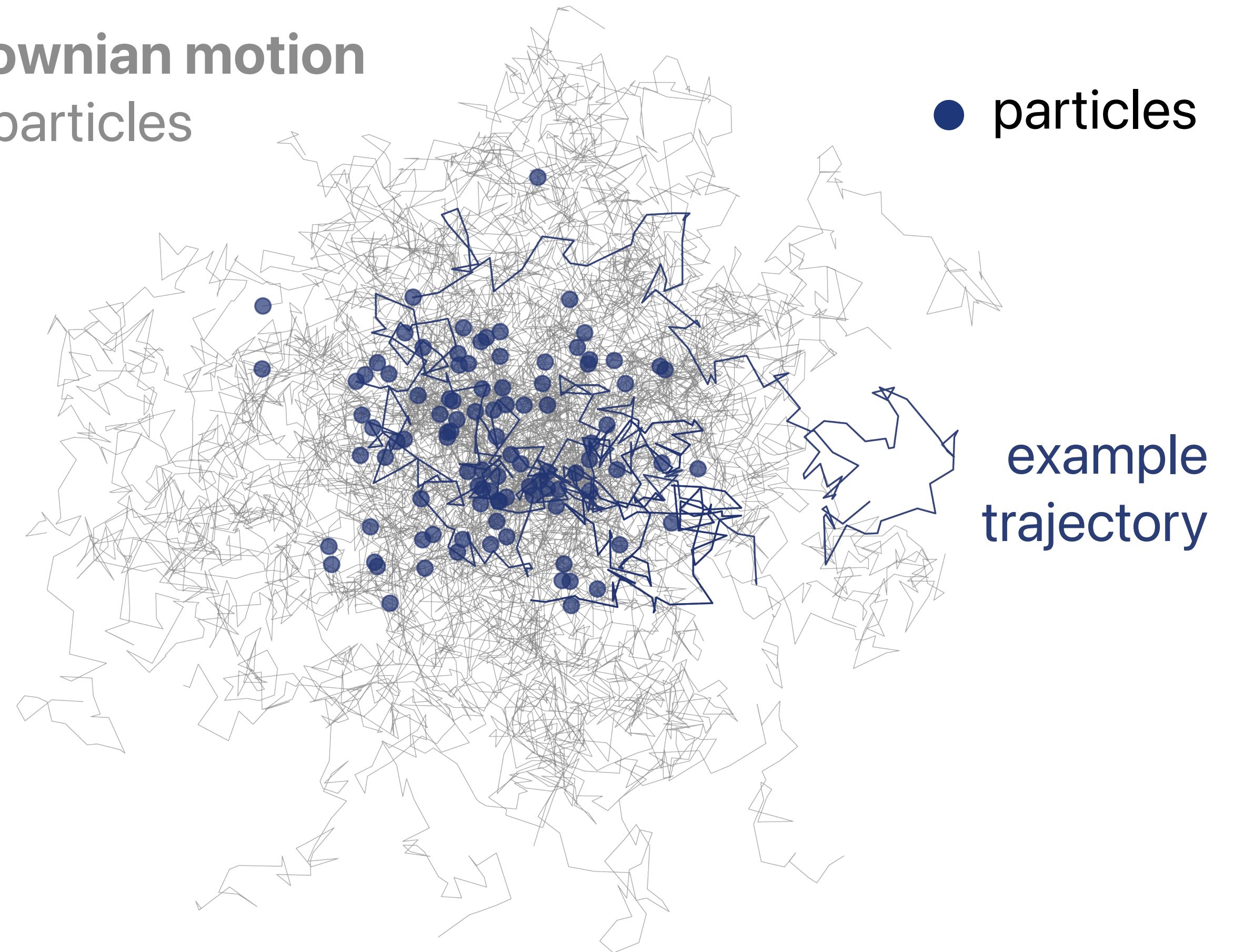
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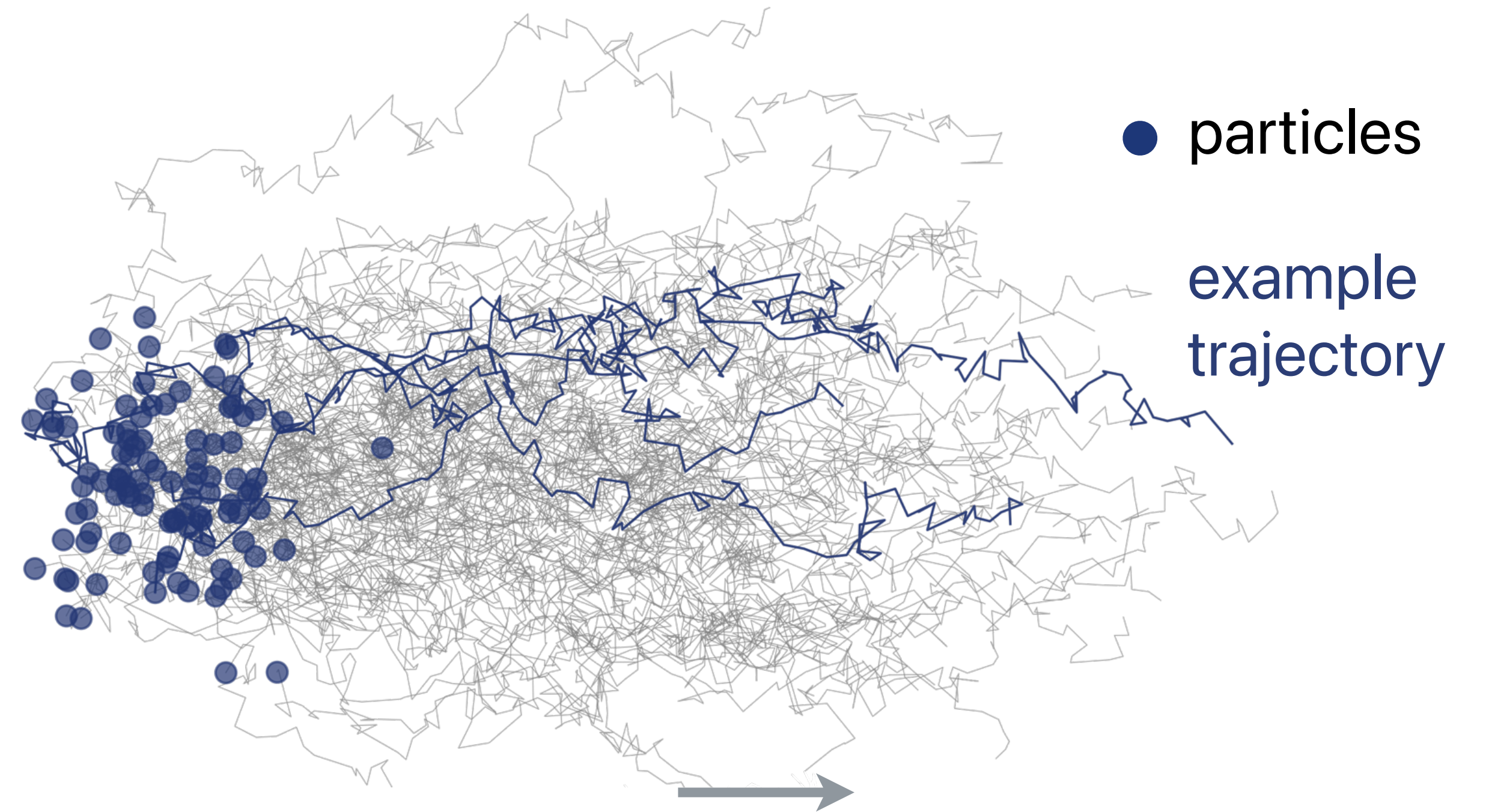
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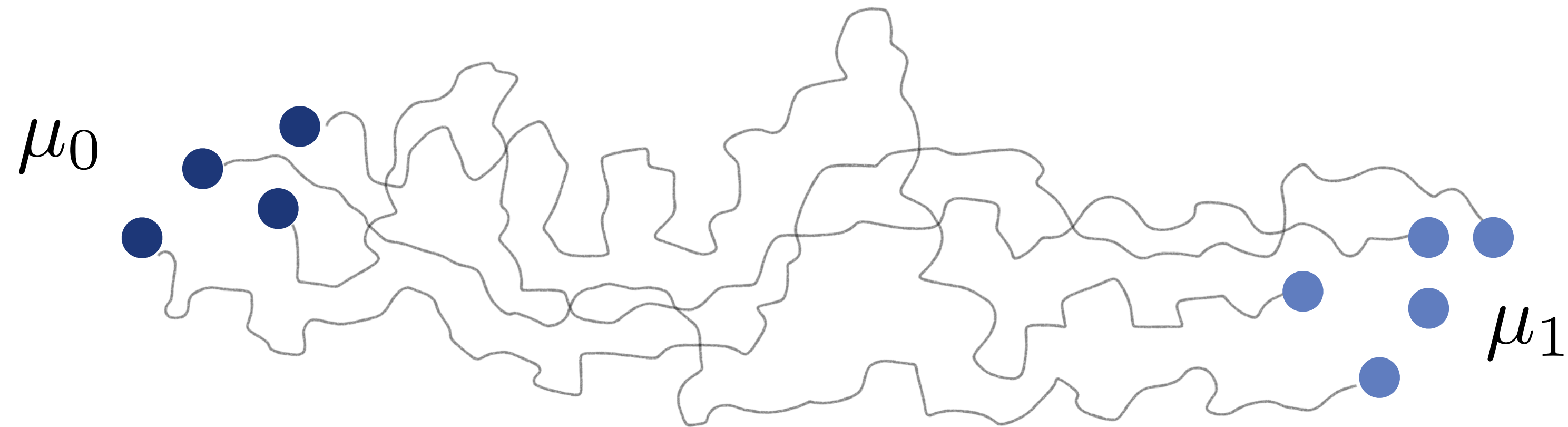
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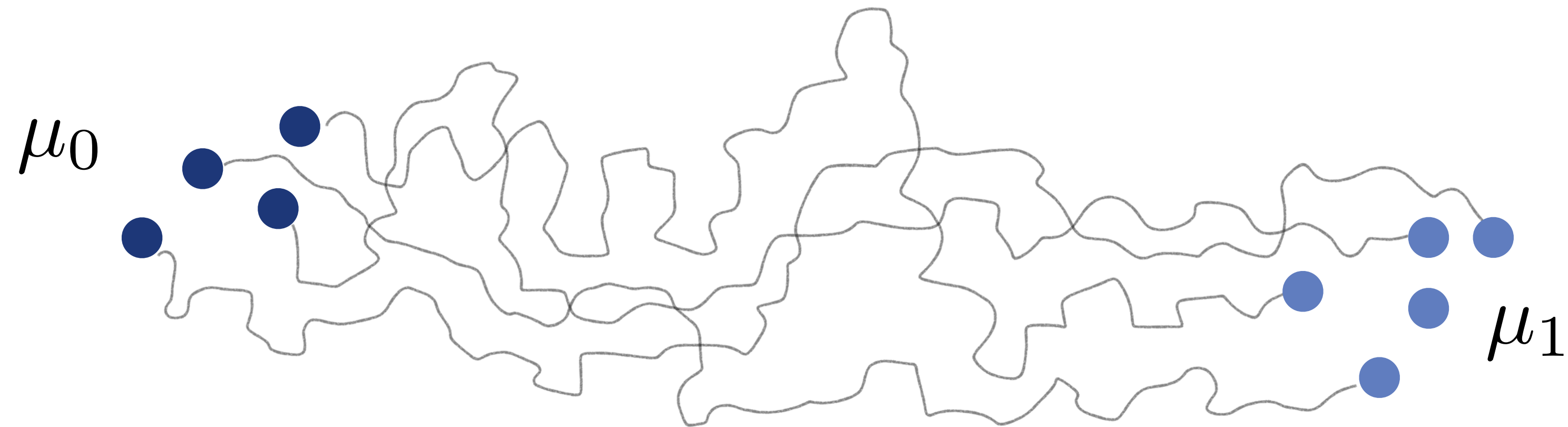
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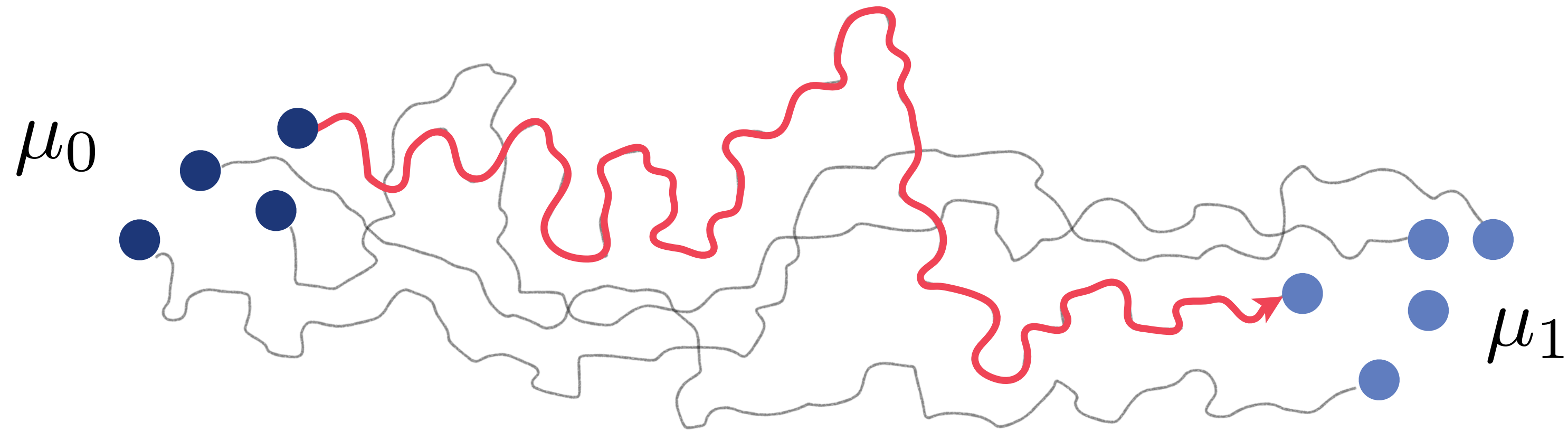
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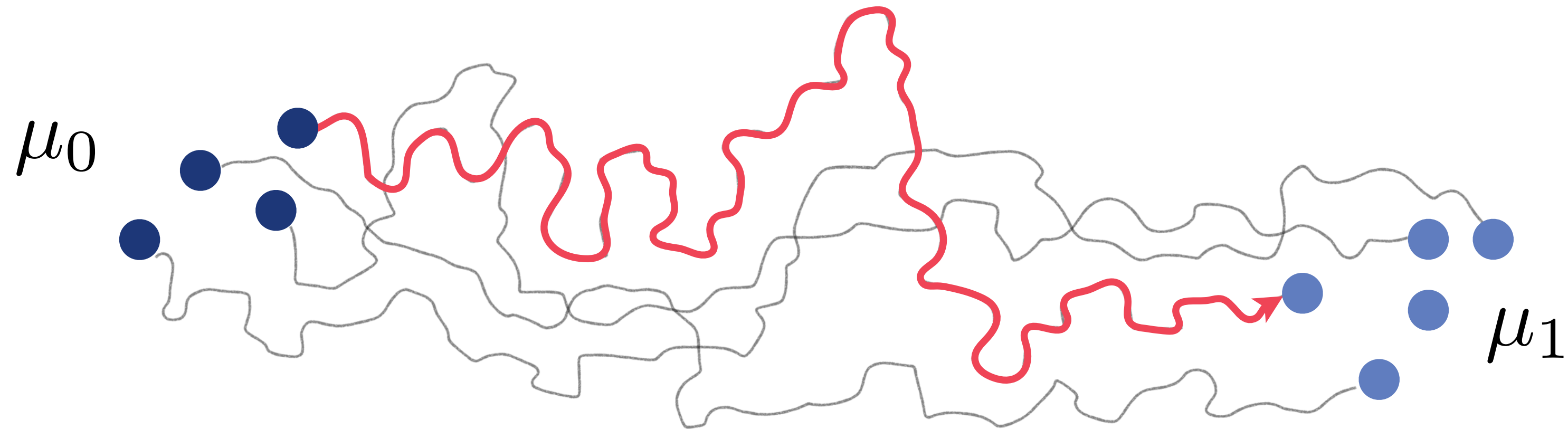
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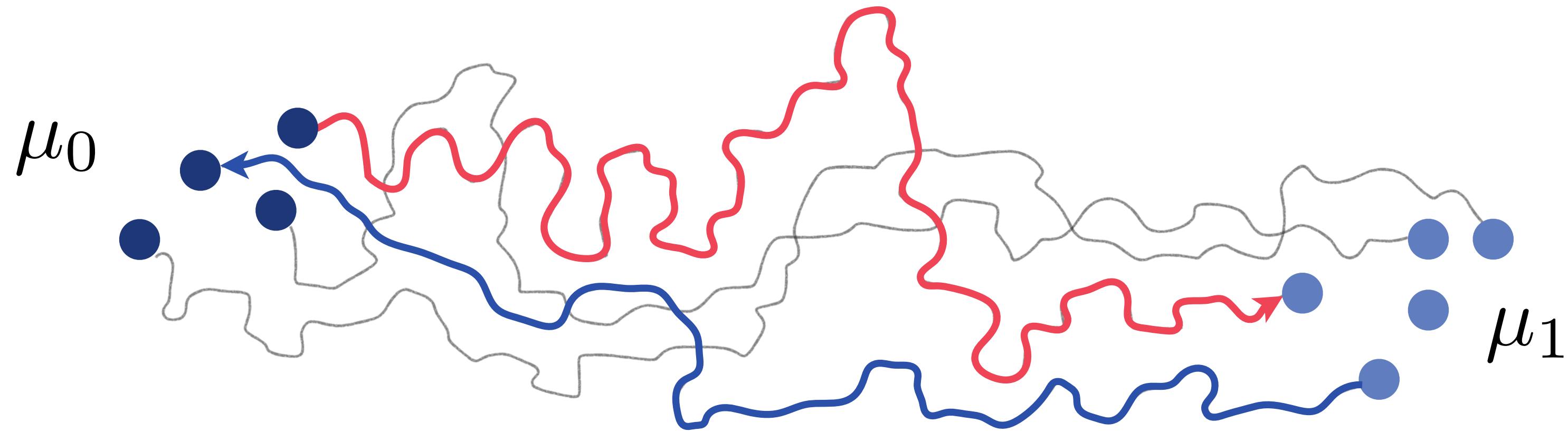
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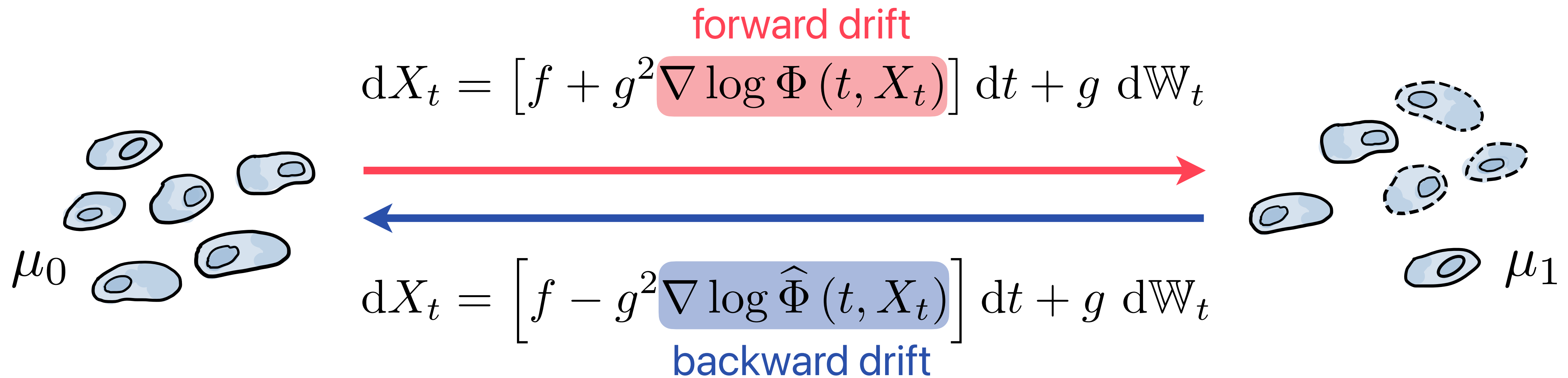
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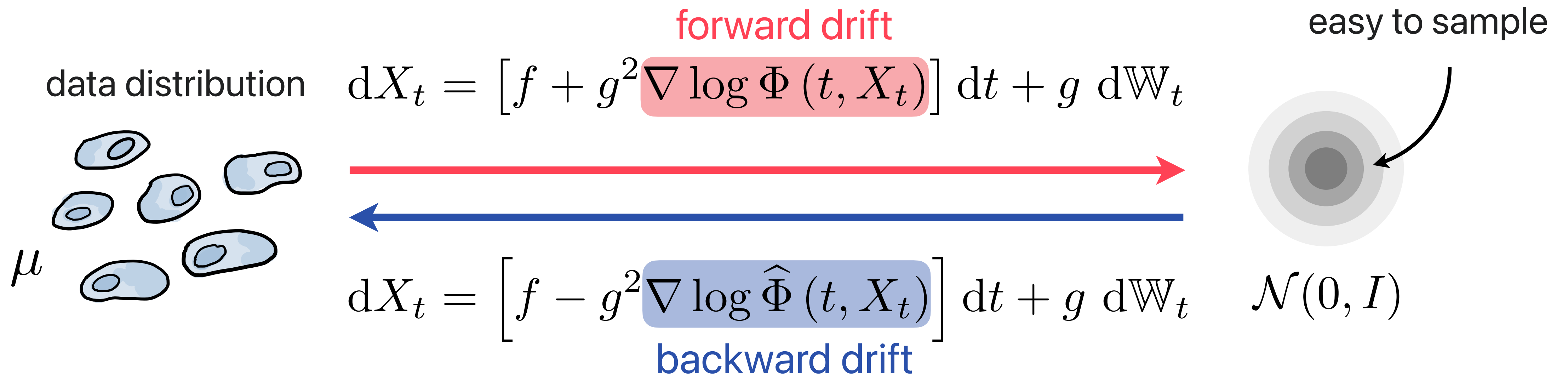
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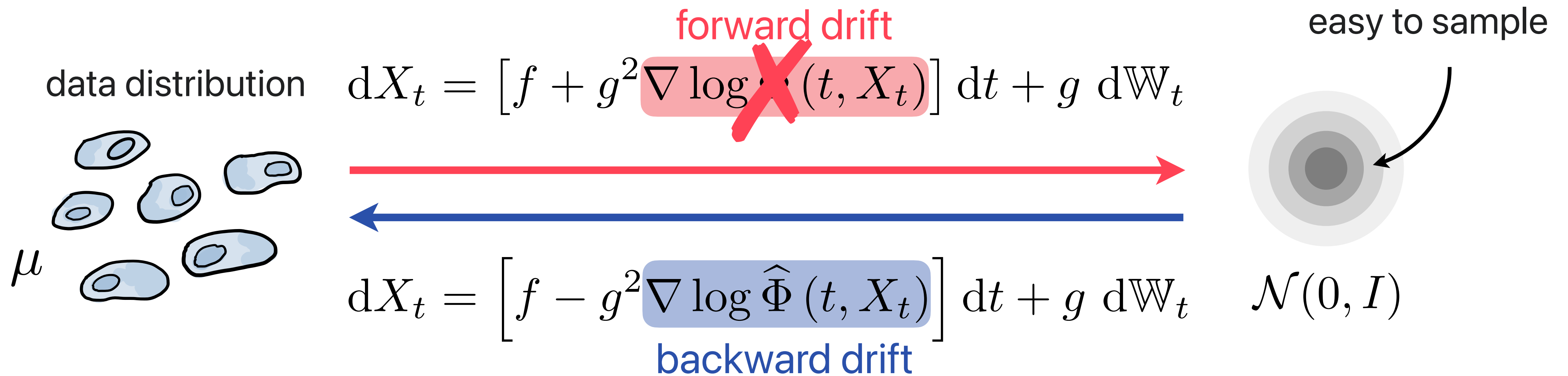
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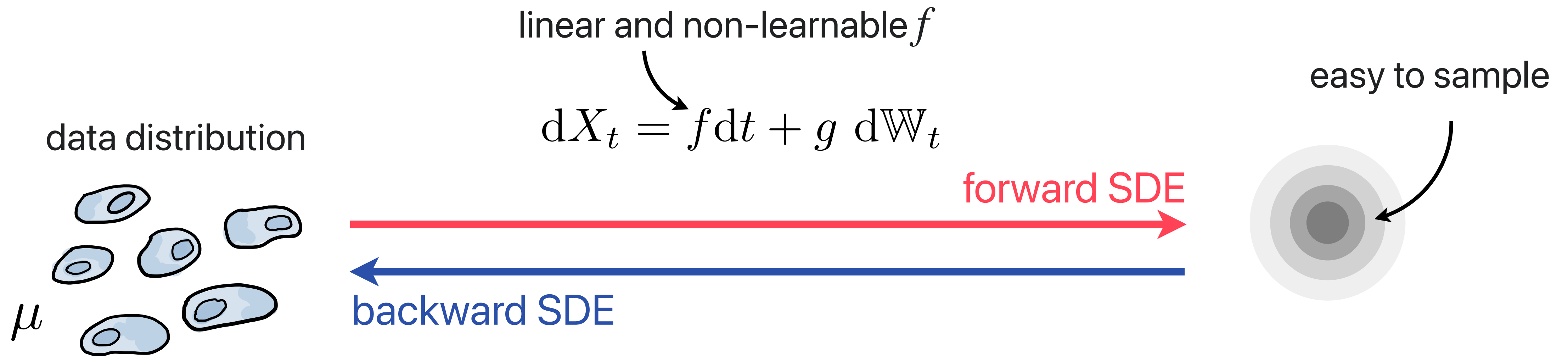
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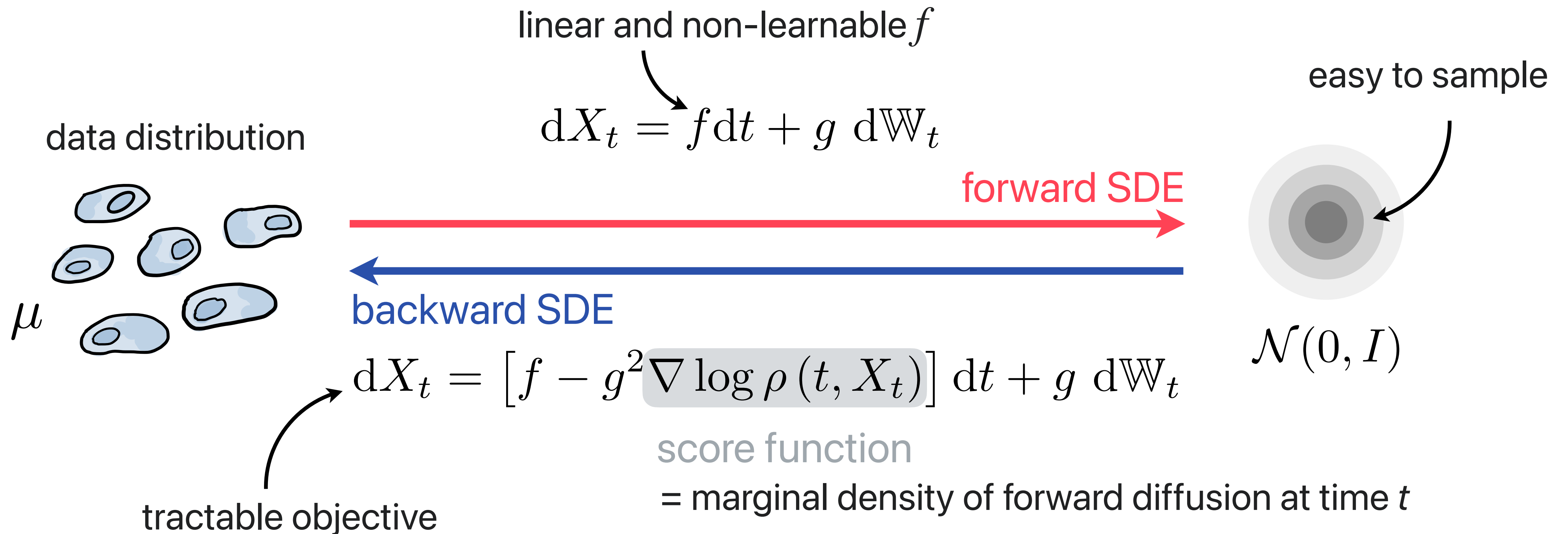
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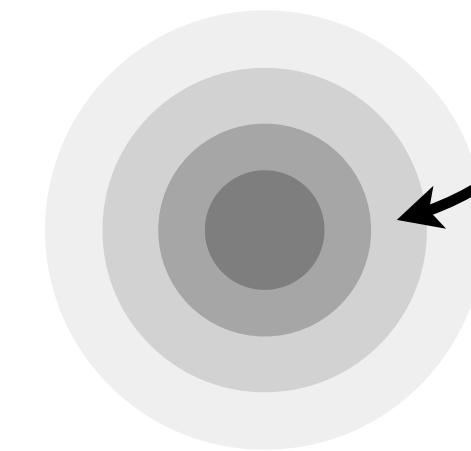
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score function

= marginal density of forward diffusion at time t

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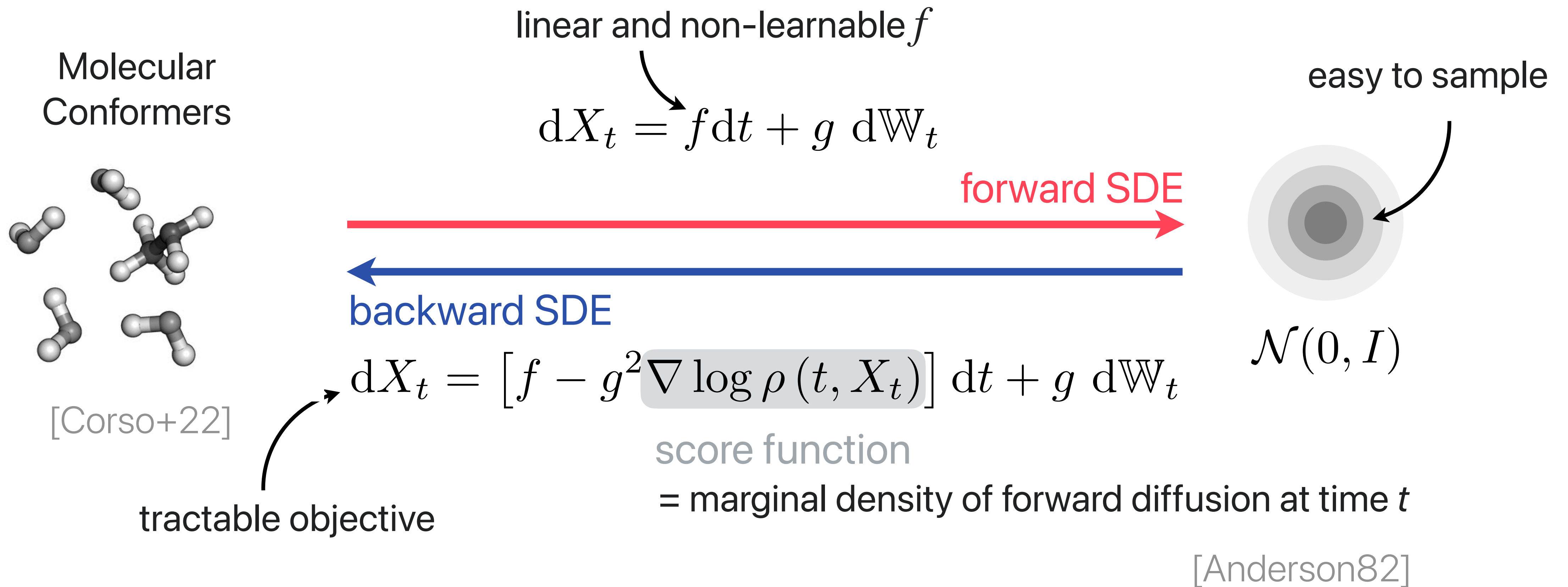
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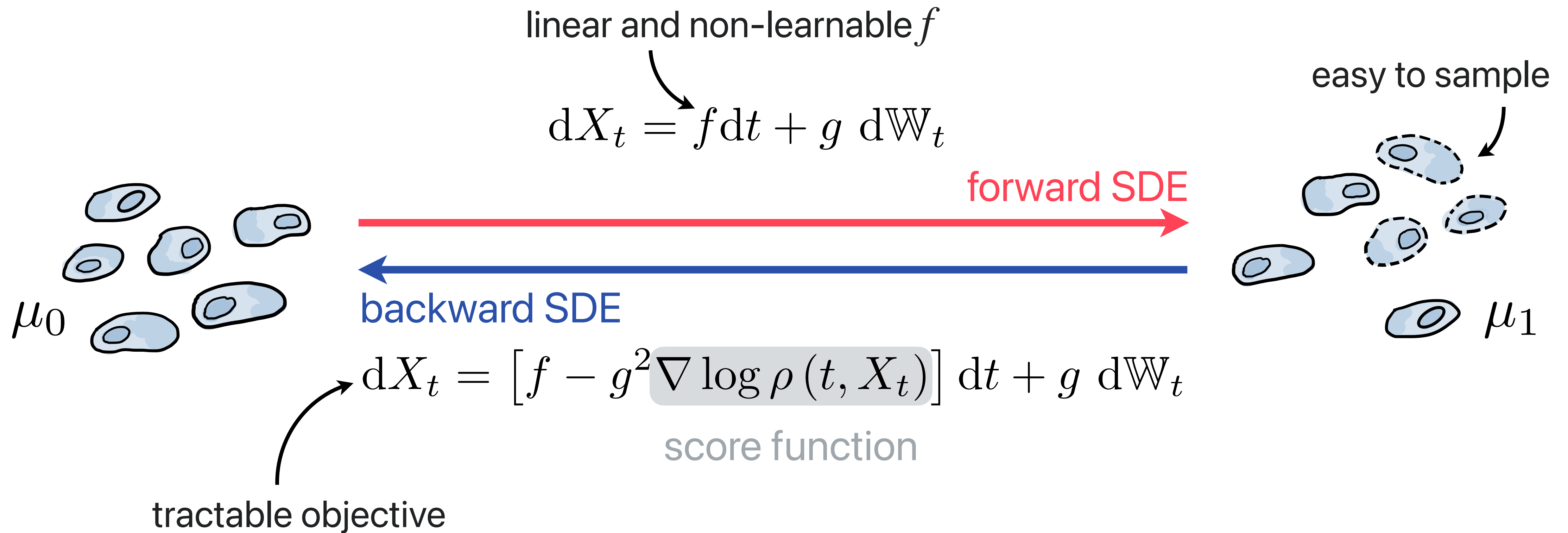
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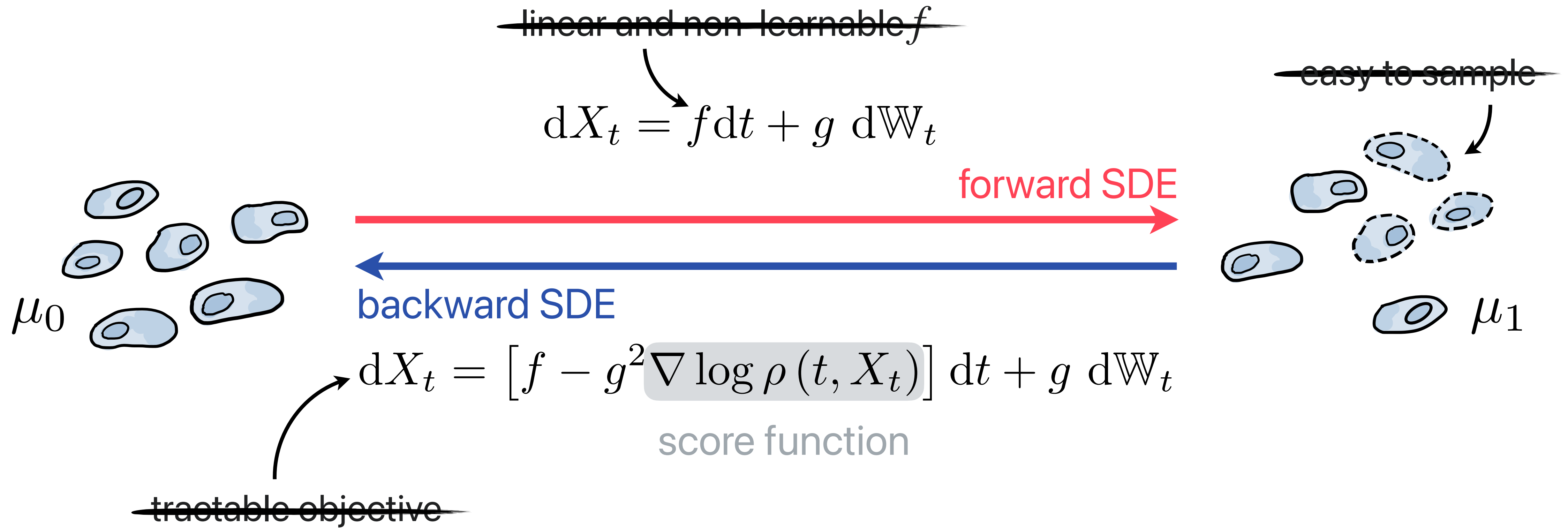
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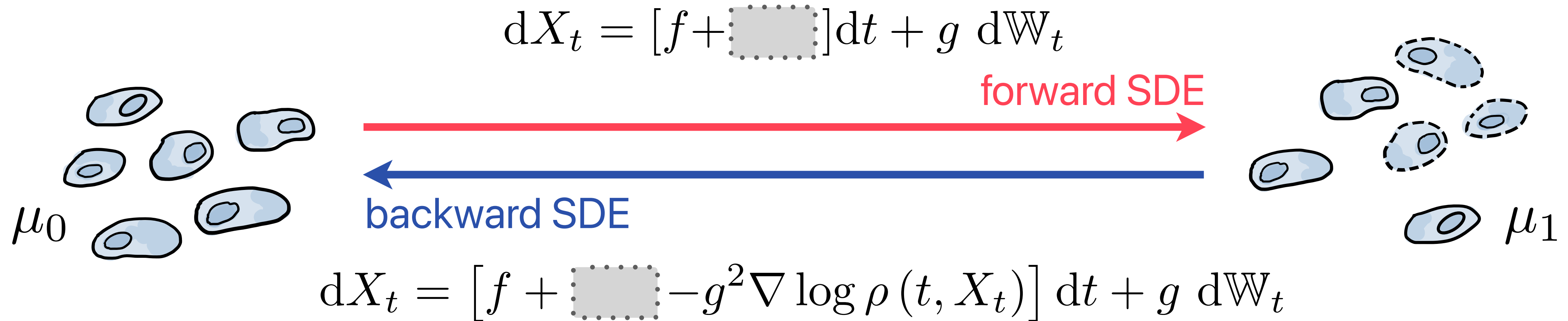
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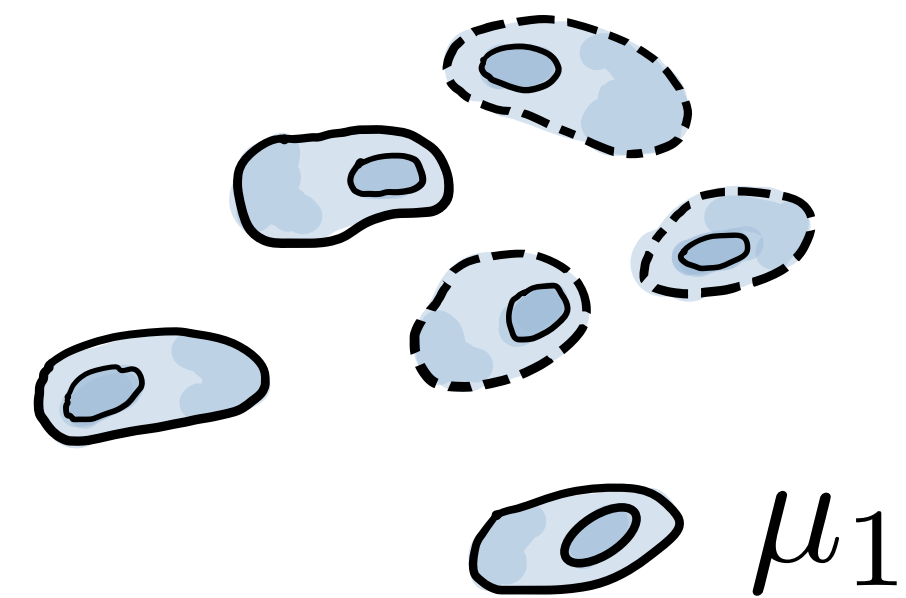
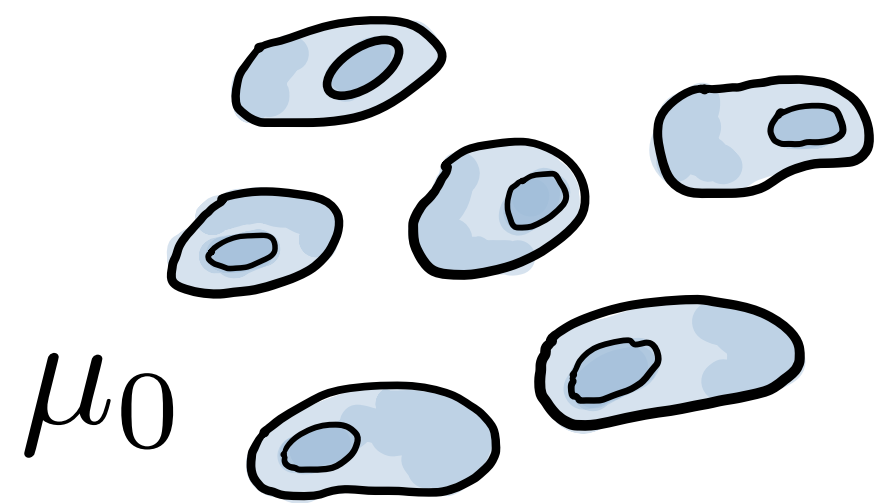
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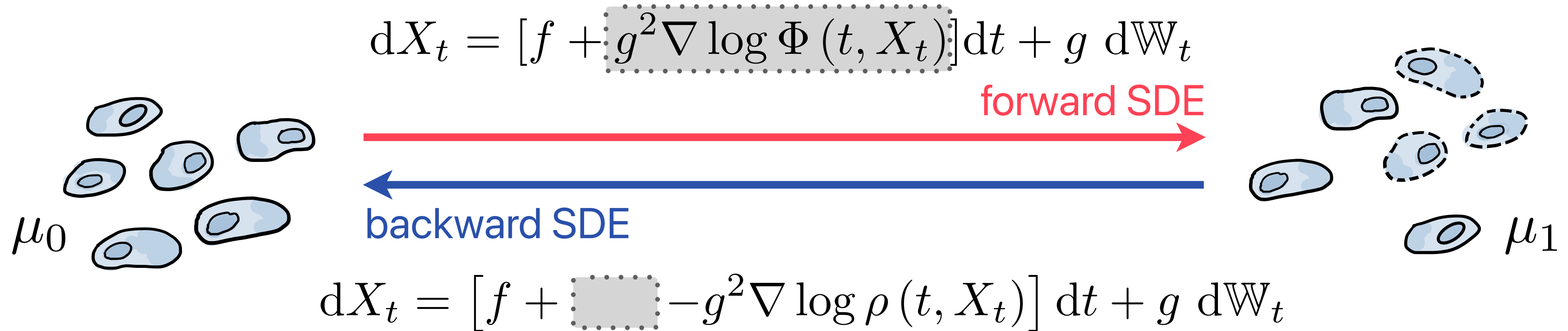
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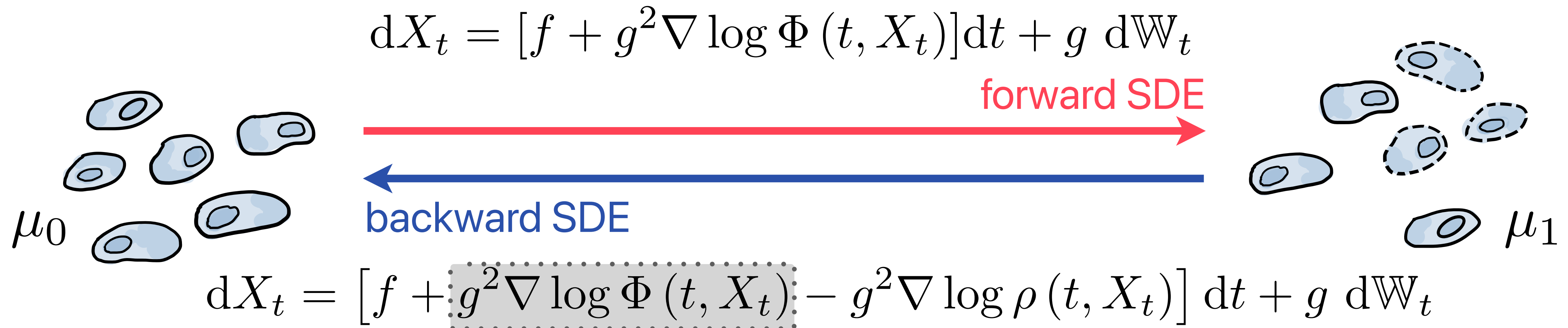
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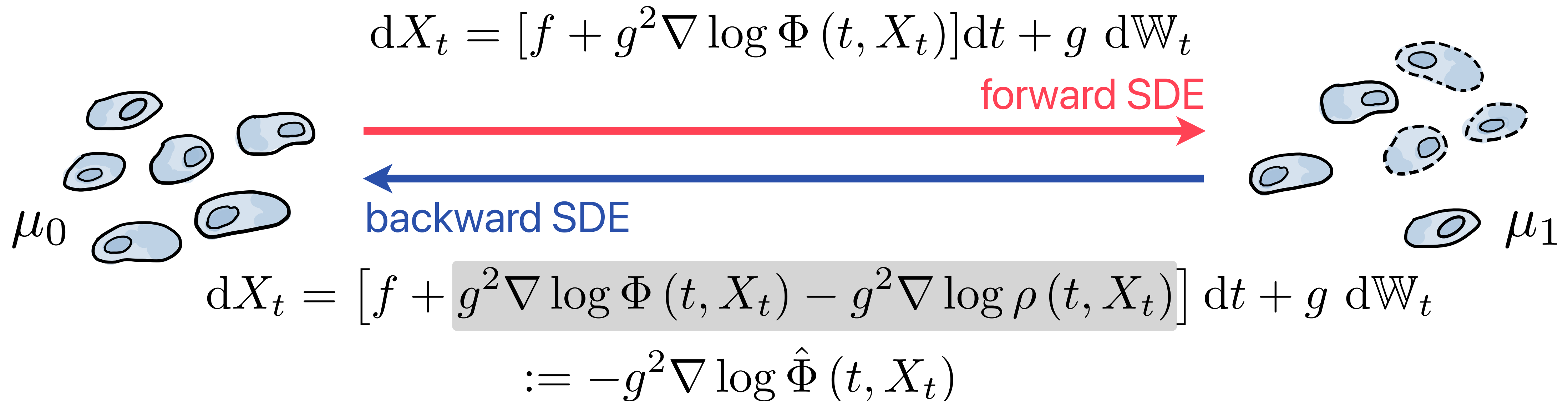
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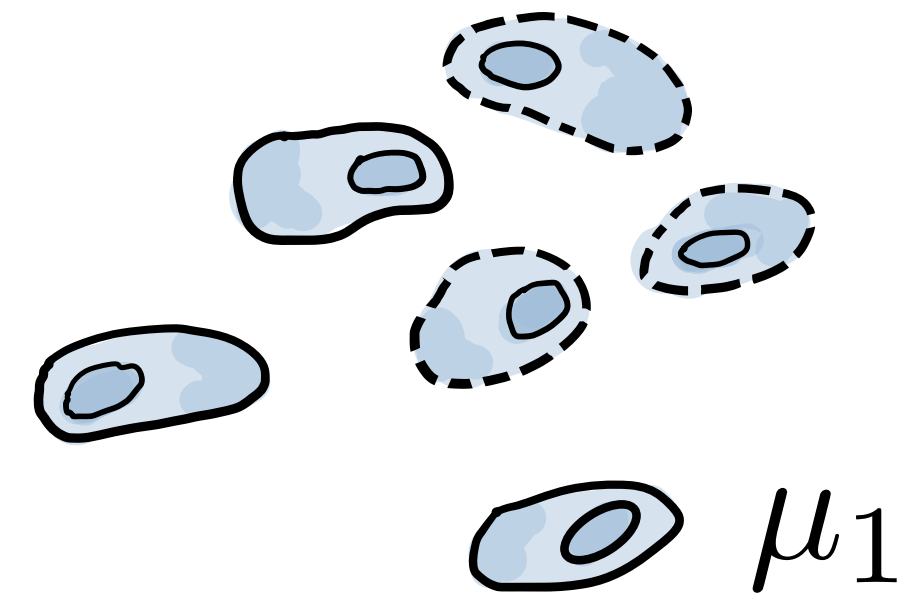
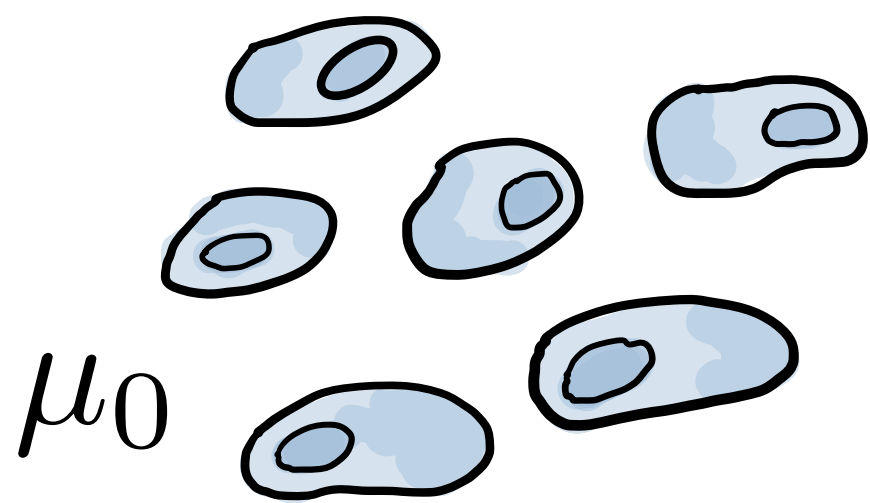
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Sinkhorn-Style Solvers for Diffusion Models

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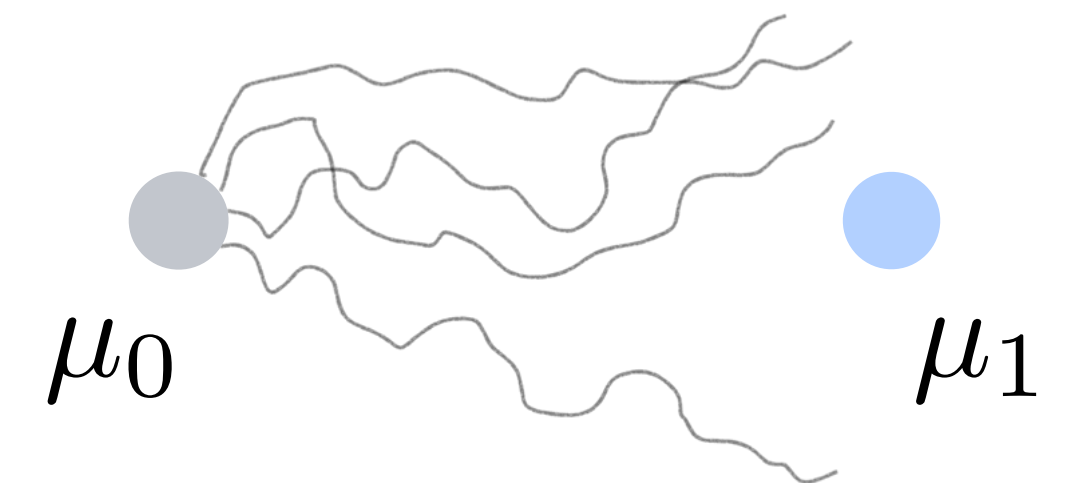
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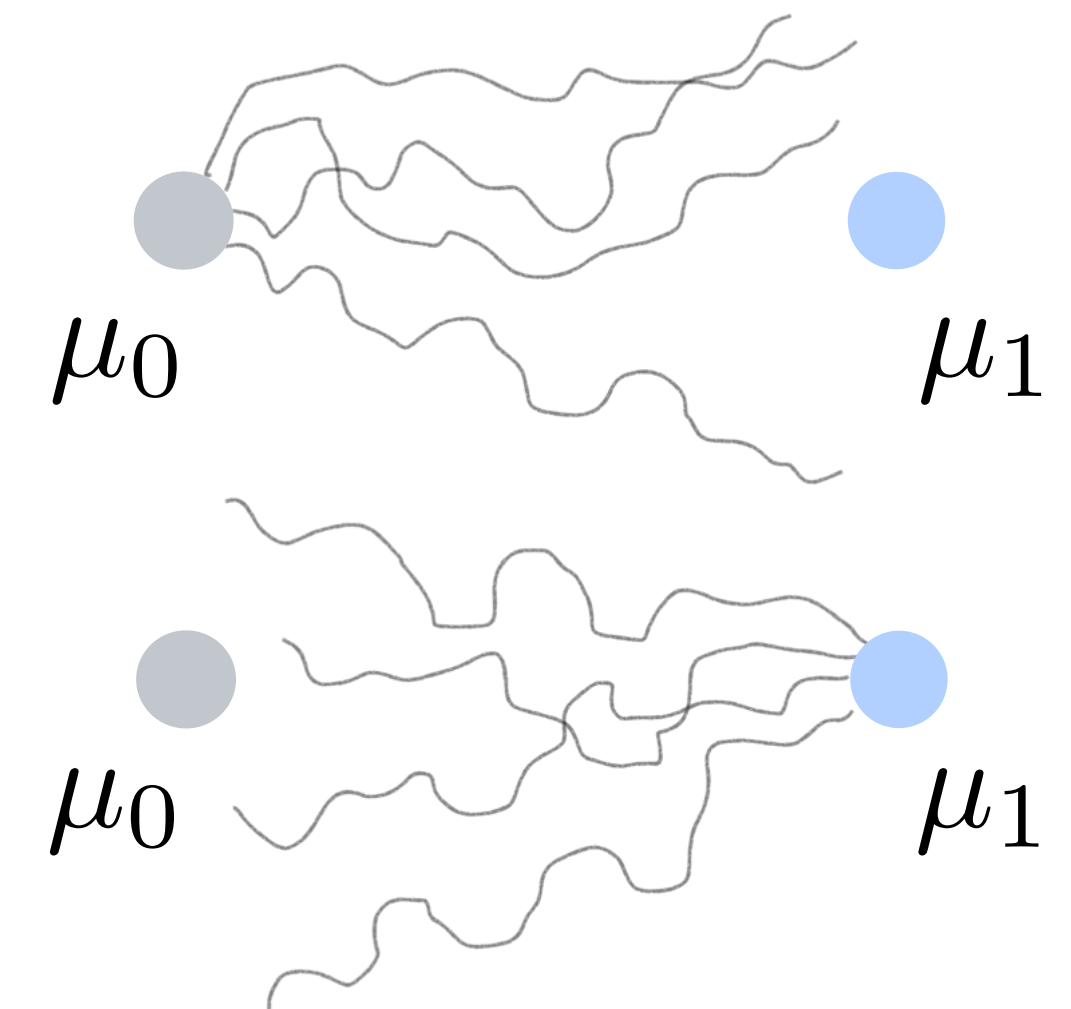
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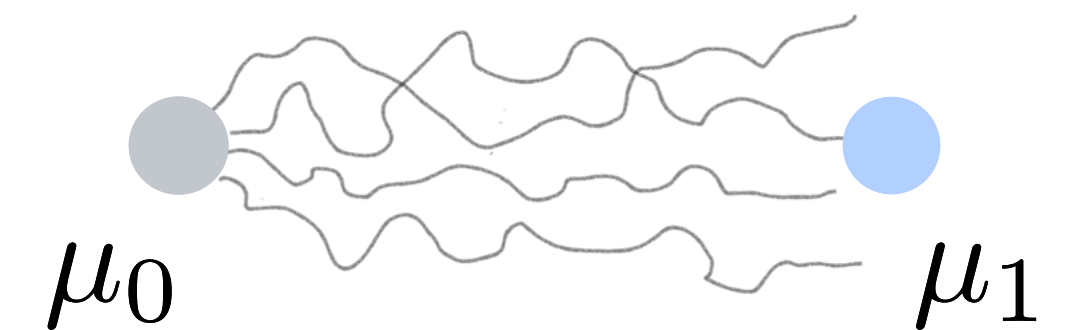
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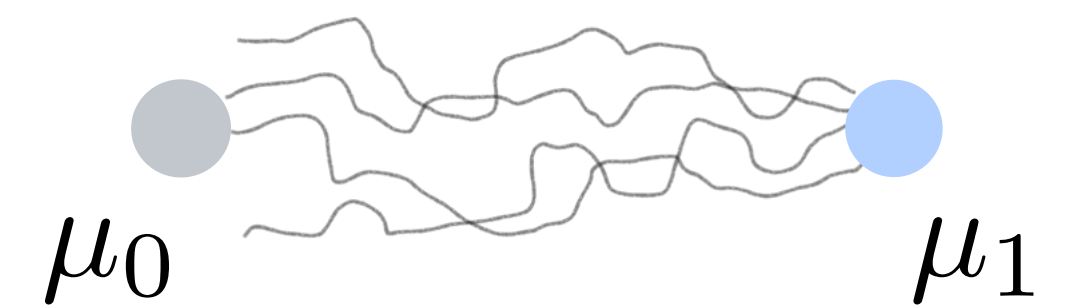
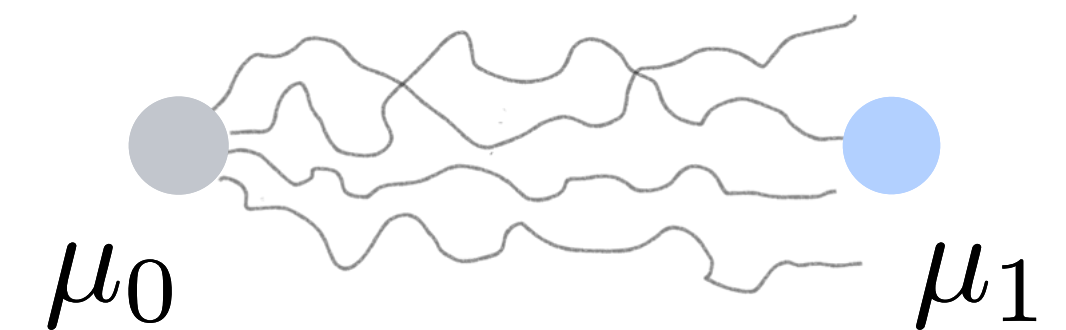
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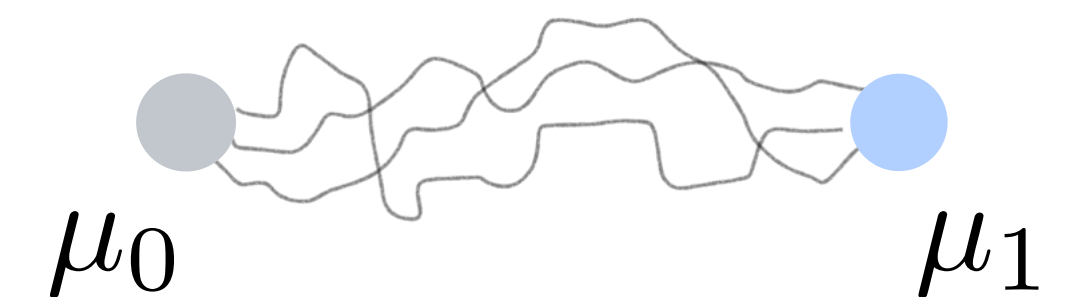
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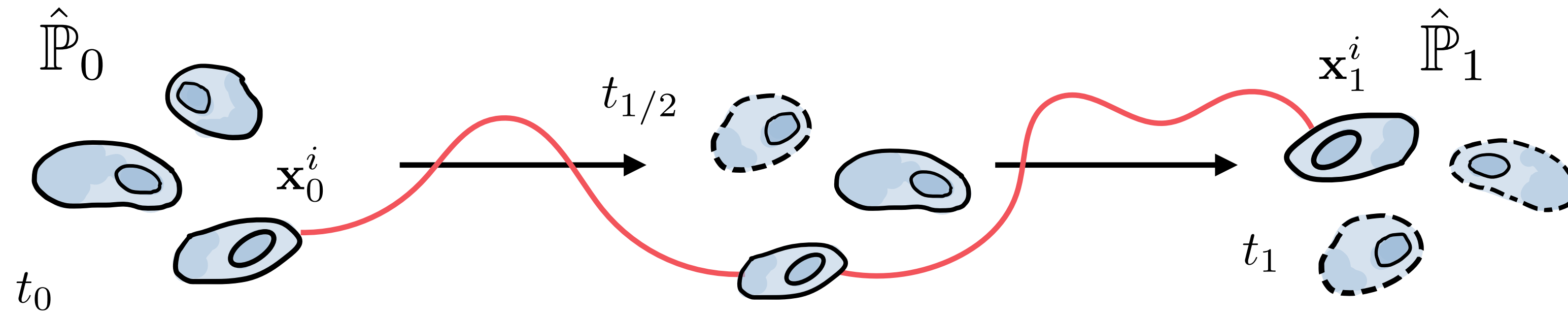
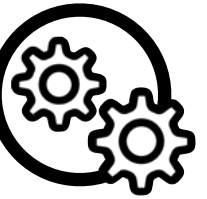
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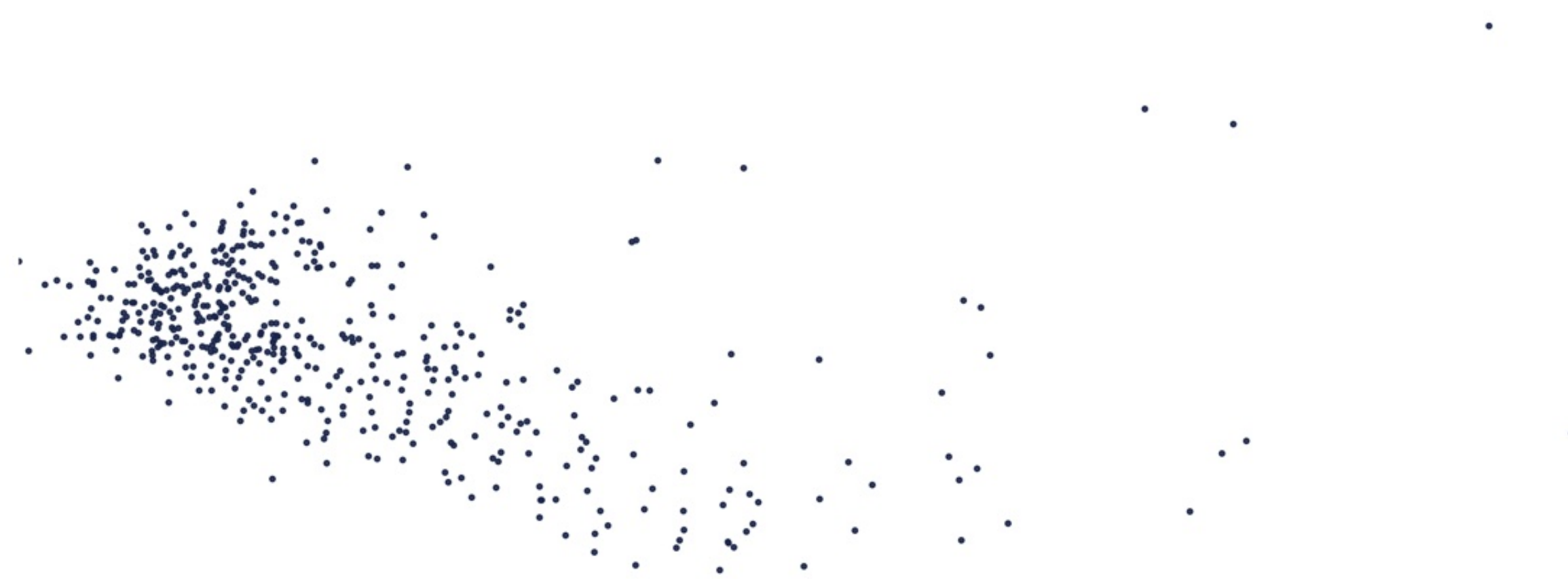


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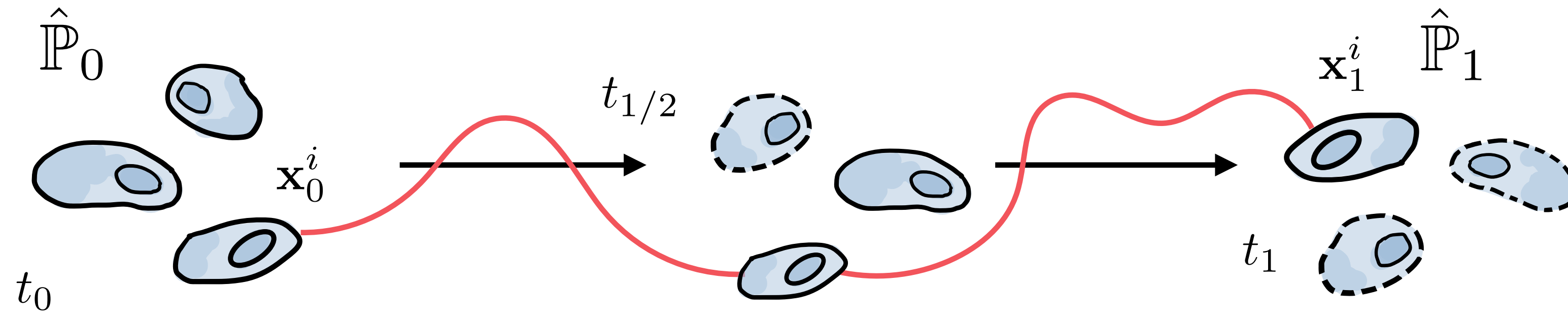
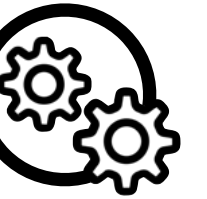
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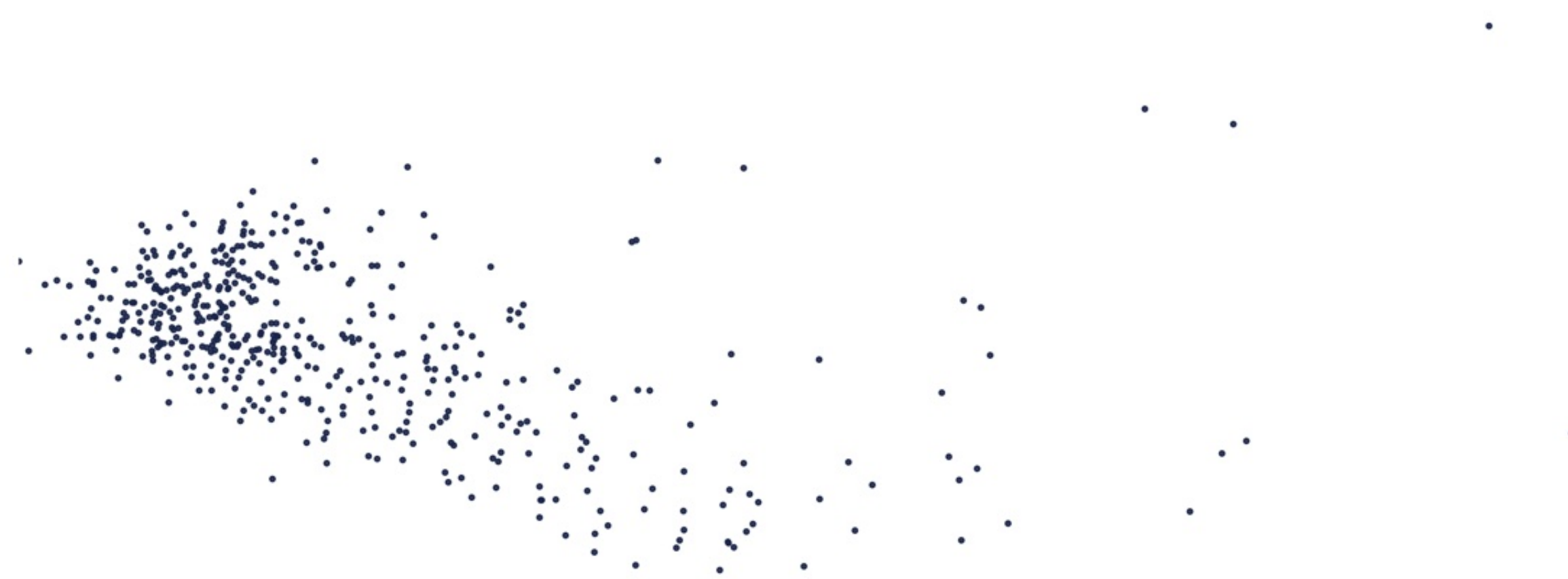
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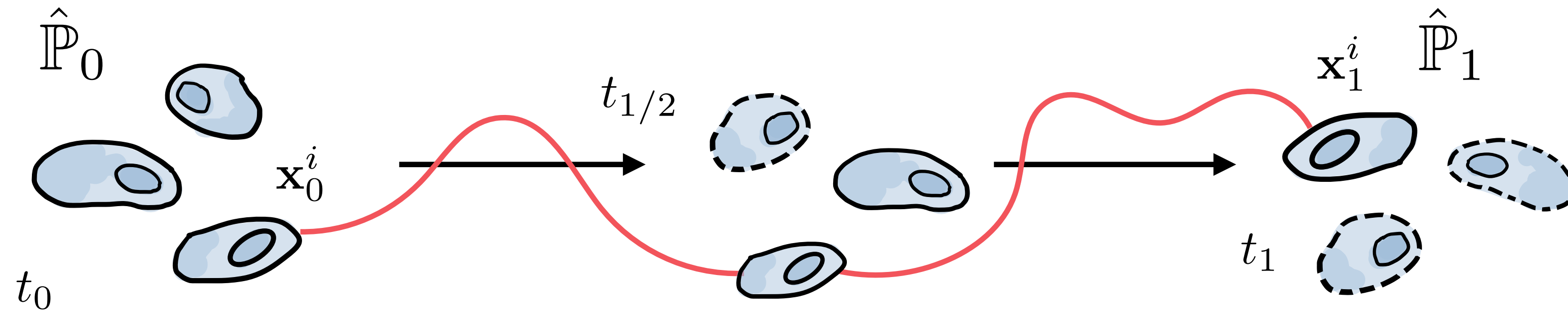
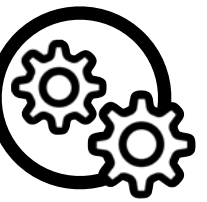
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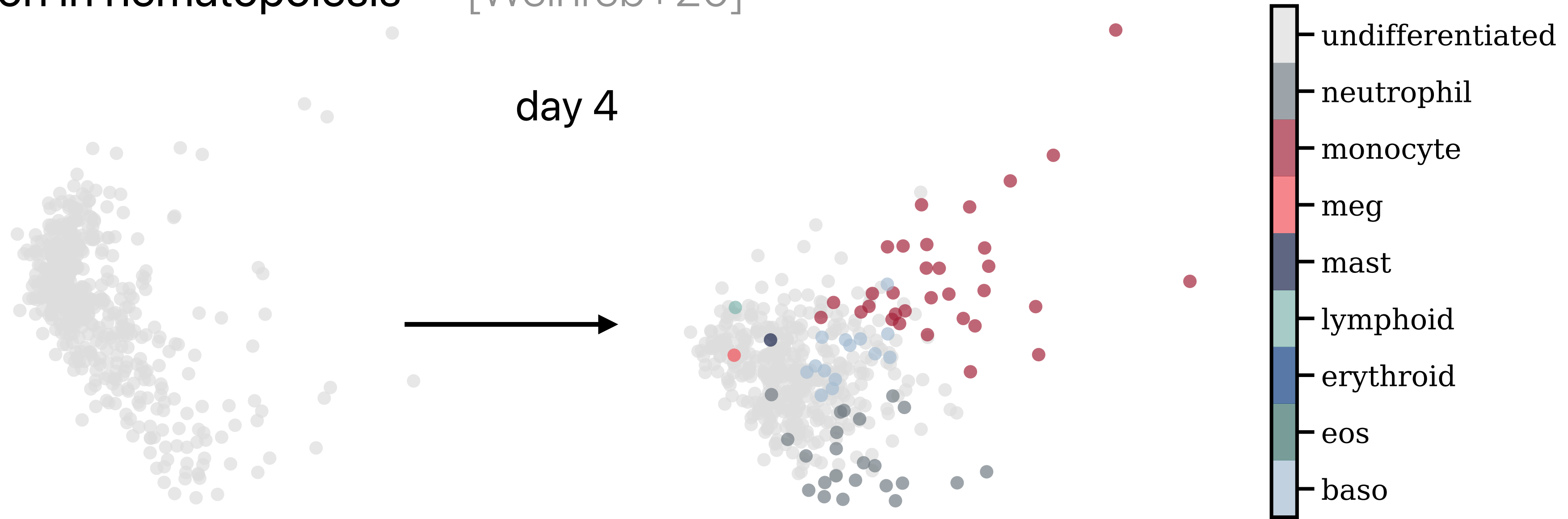
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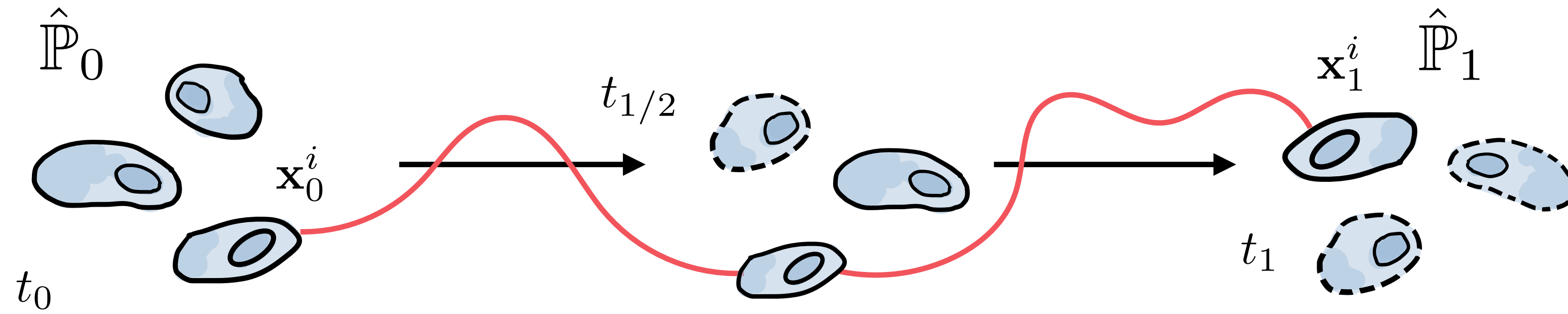
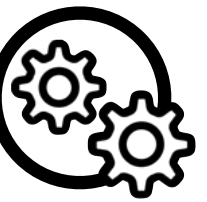
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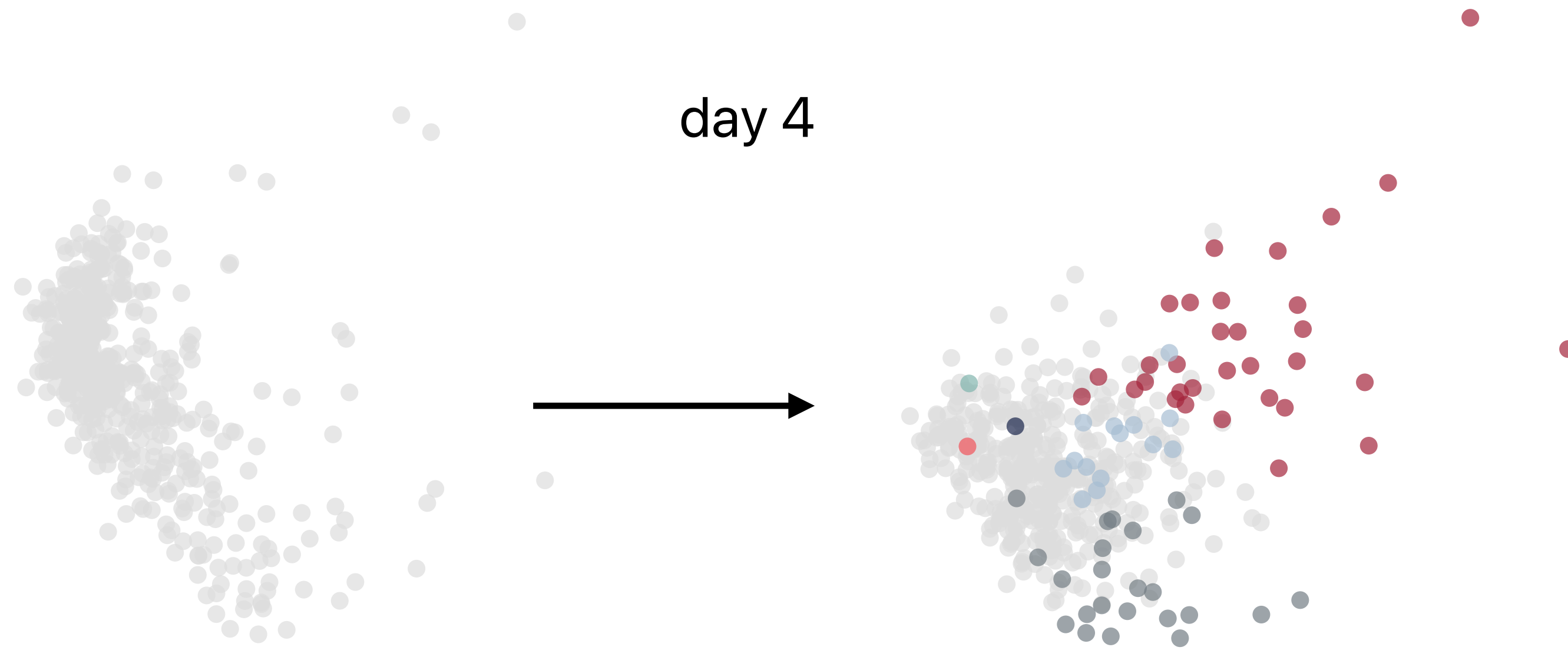


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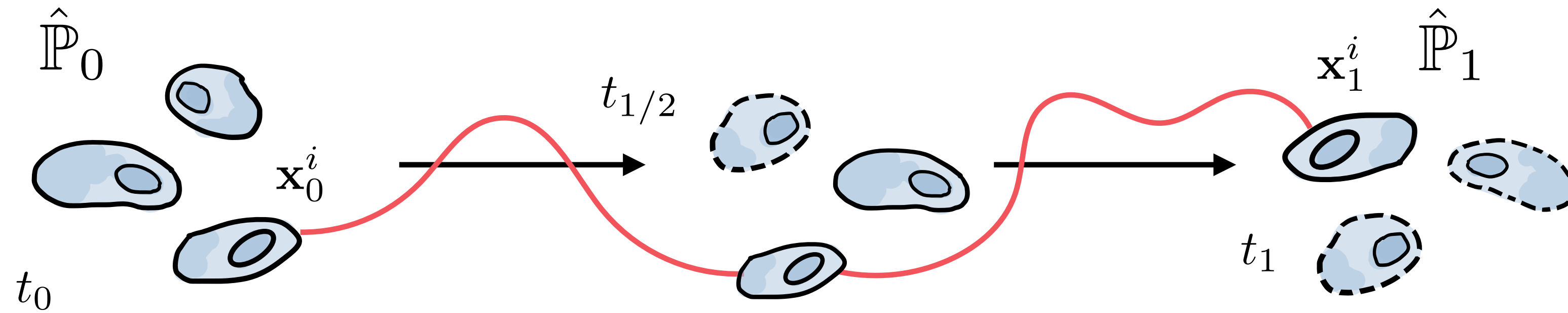
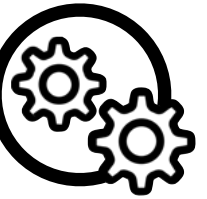
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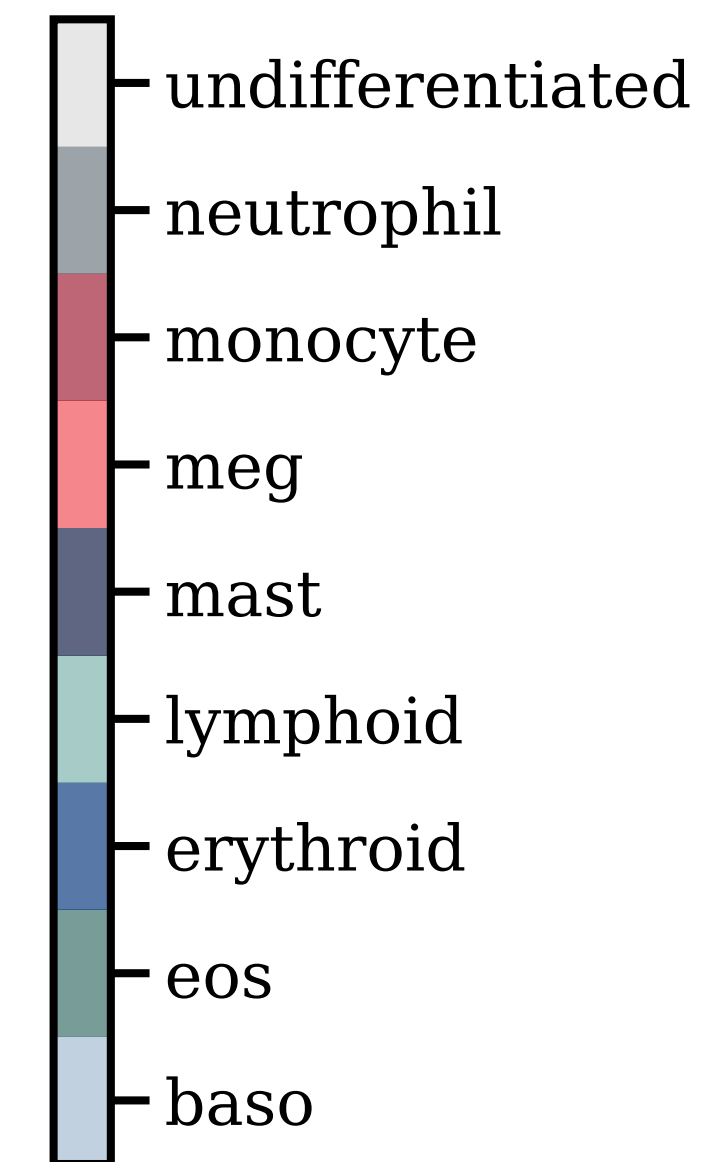
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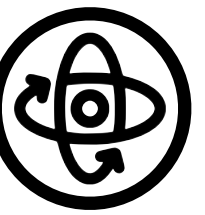
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- interpolating spline curves of measures [Chen+18, Benamou+18, Chewi+21]
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Extensions

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- to multi-marginal problems [Chen+19, Haasler+21, Chen+23, Noble+23]
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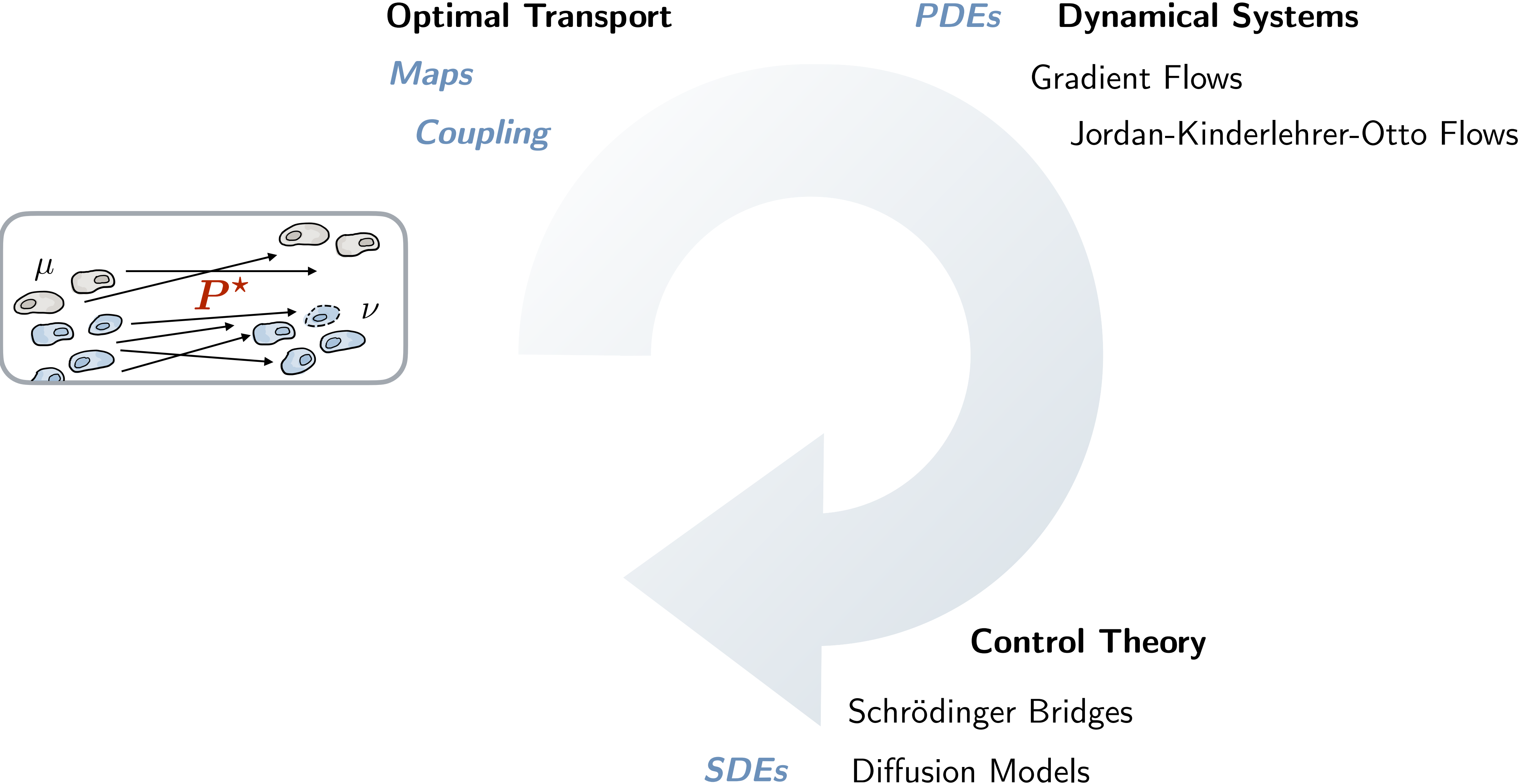
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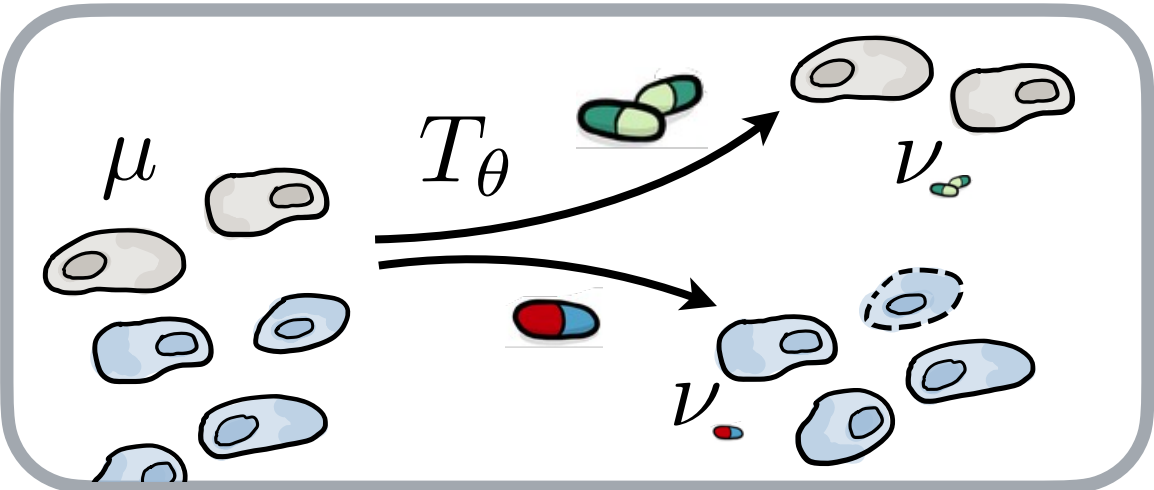
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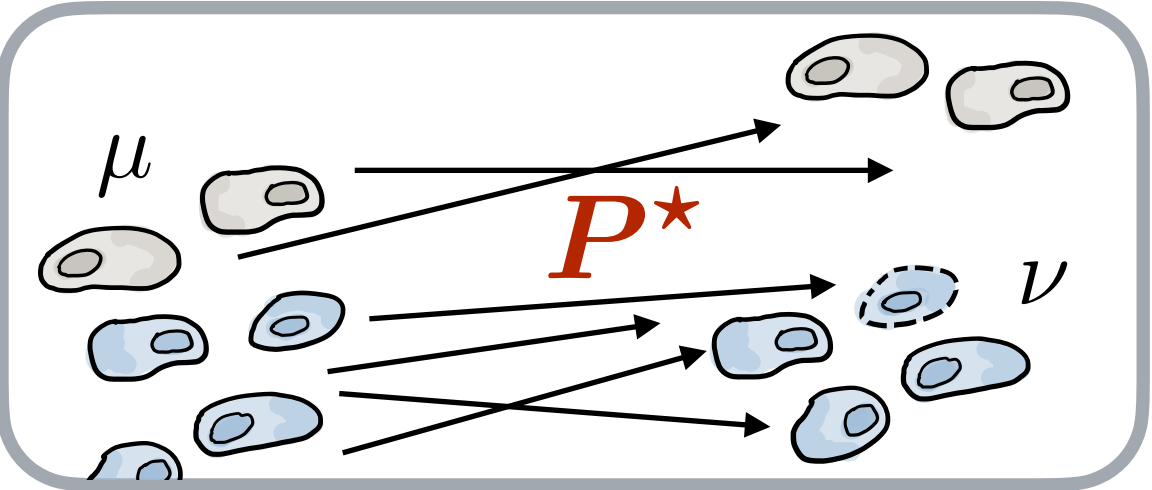
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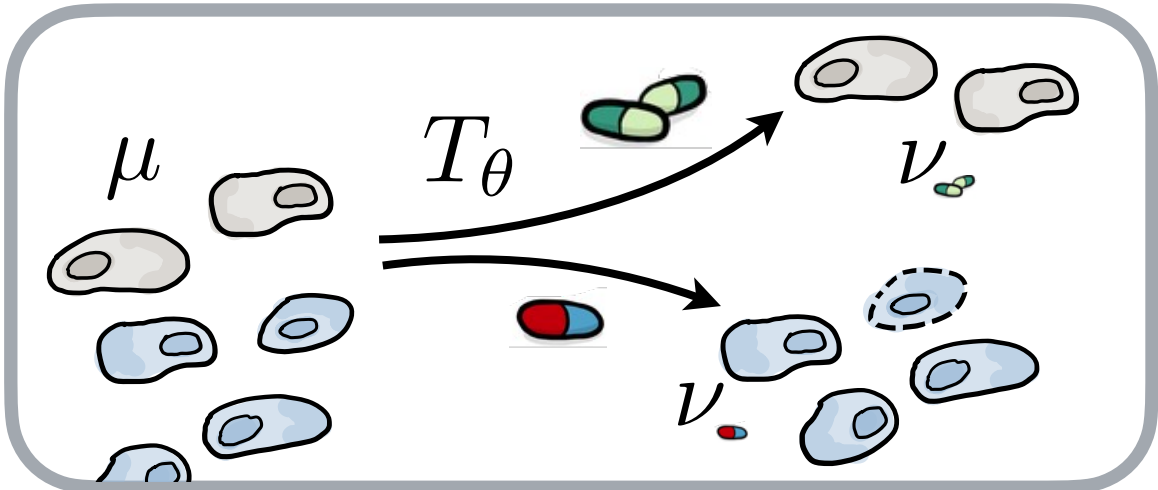
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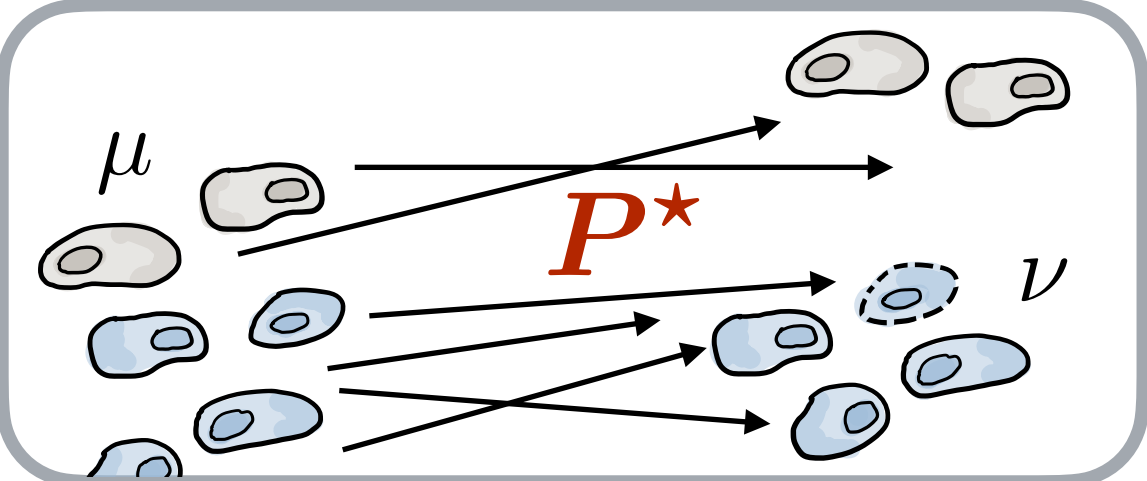
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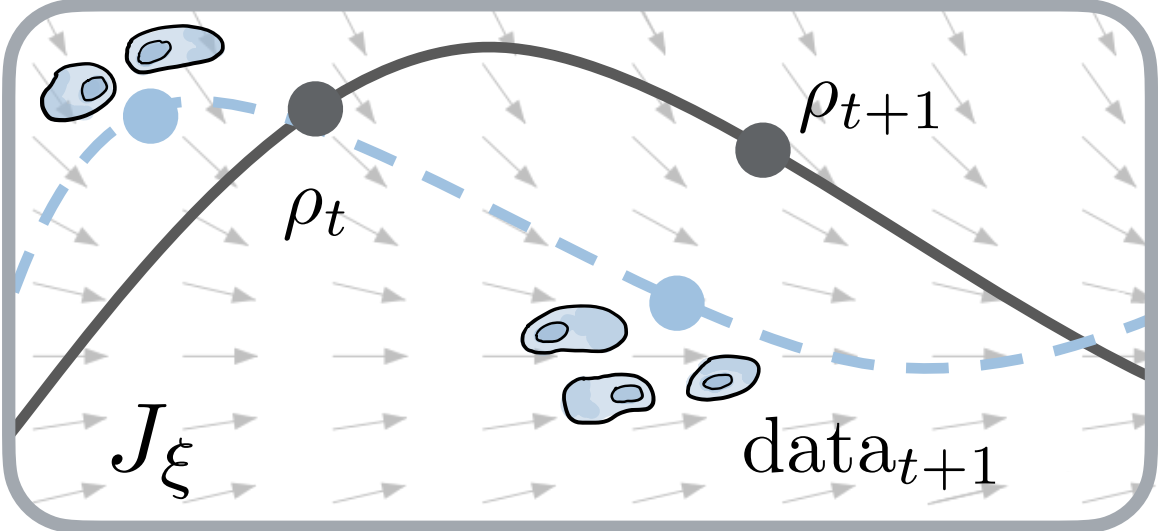


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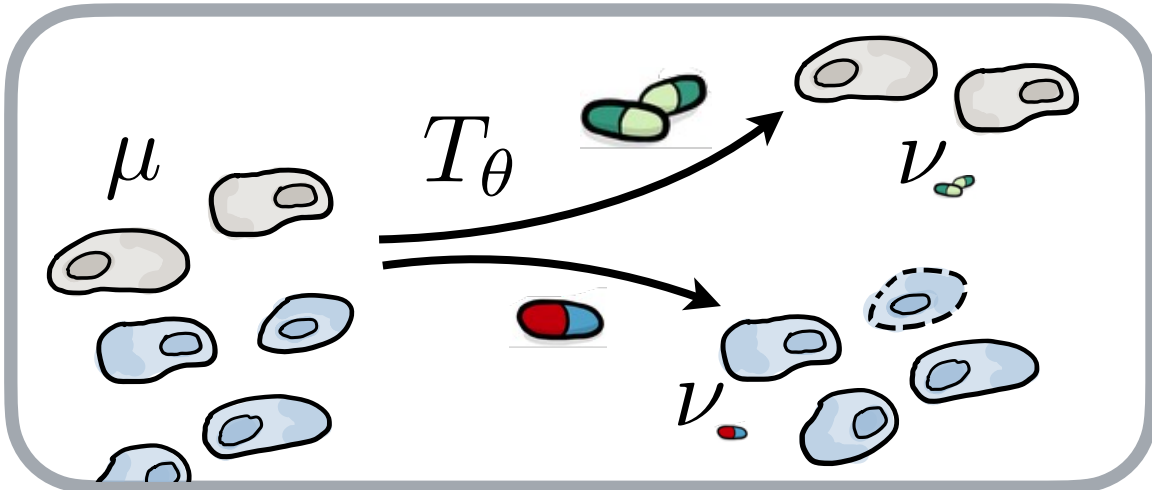
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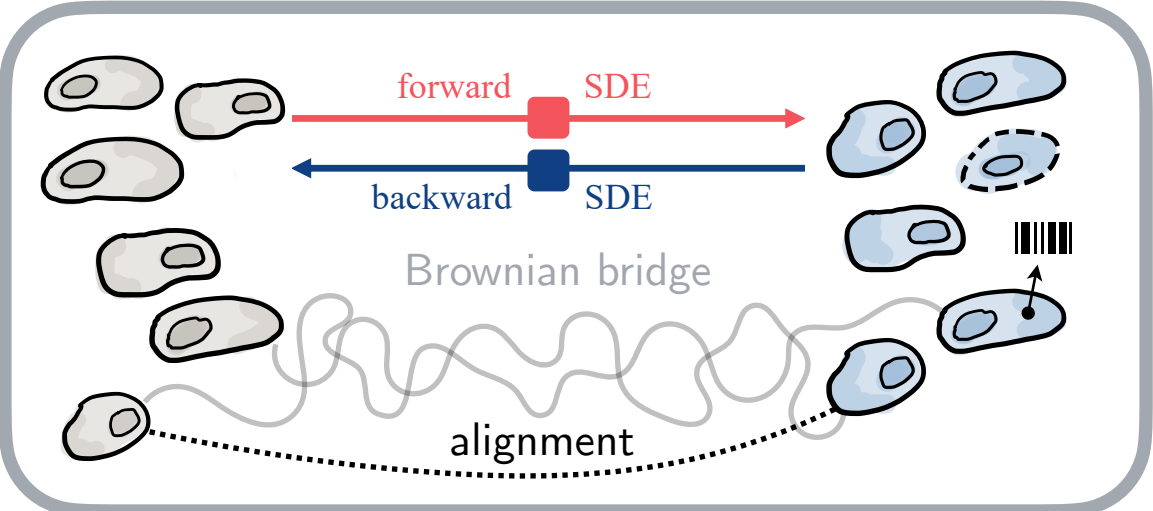
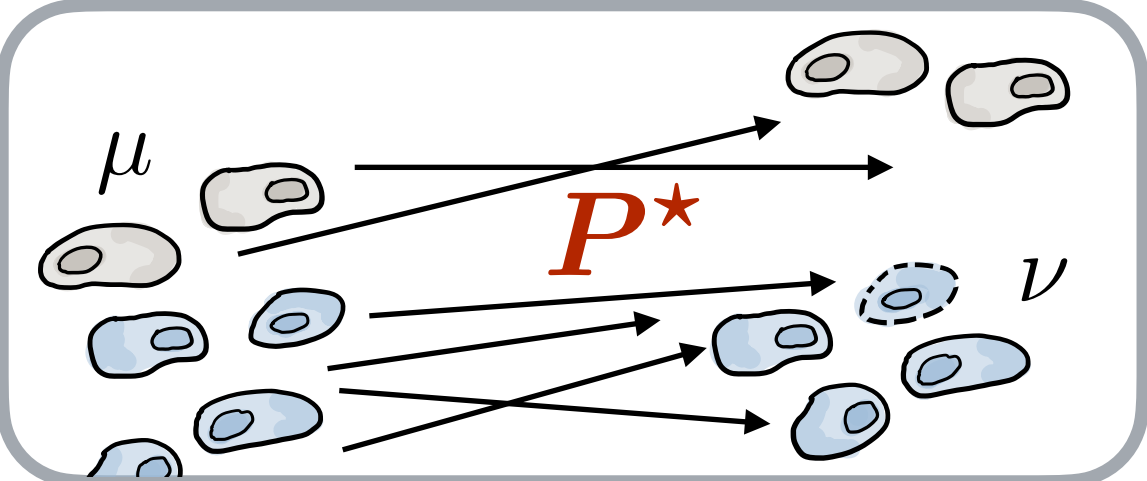
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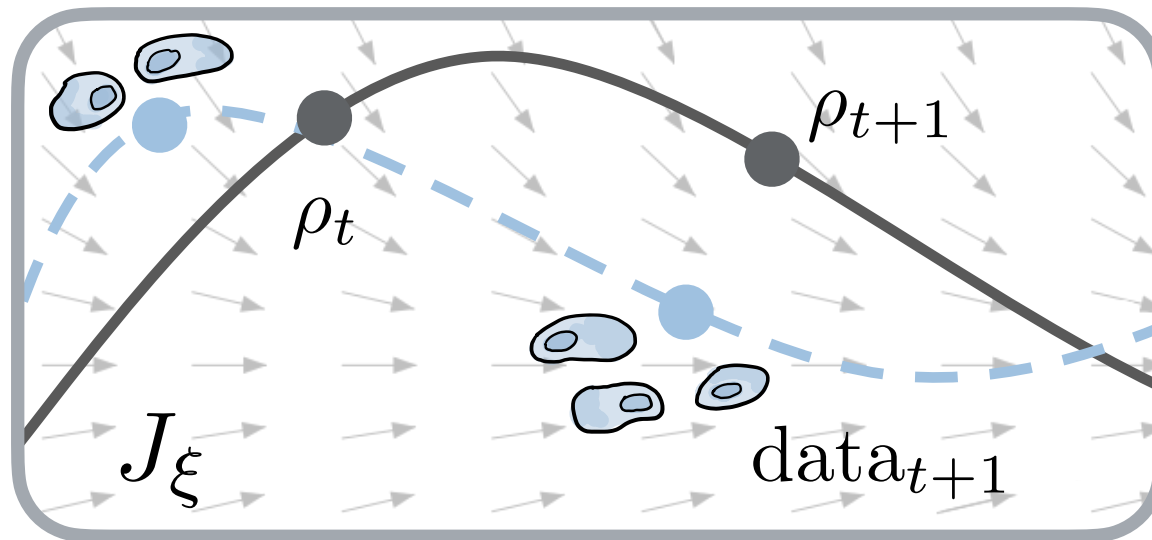
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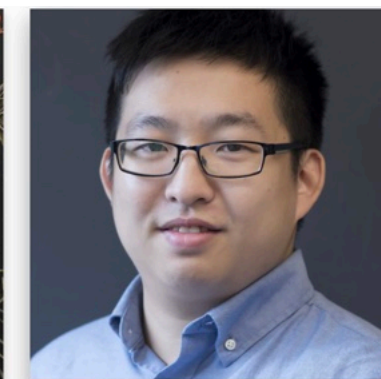
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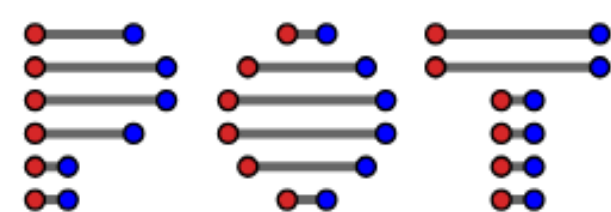
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