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A brief introduction to Persistent Homology

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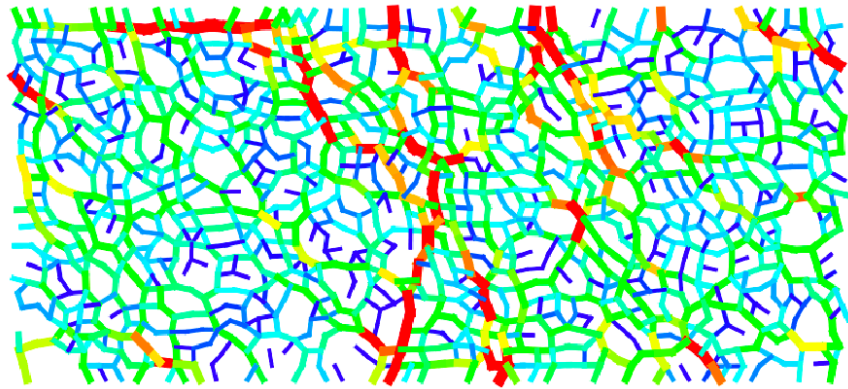
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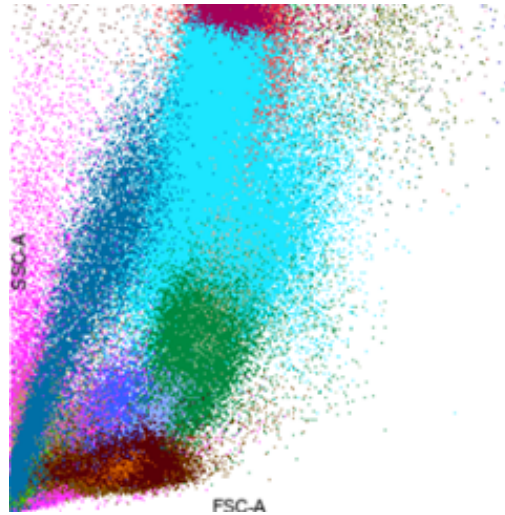
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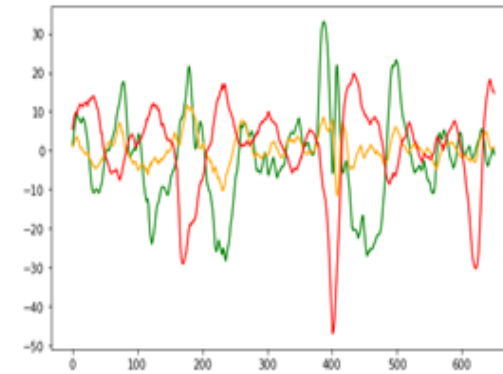
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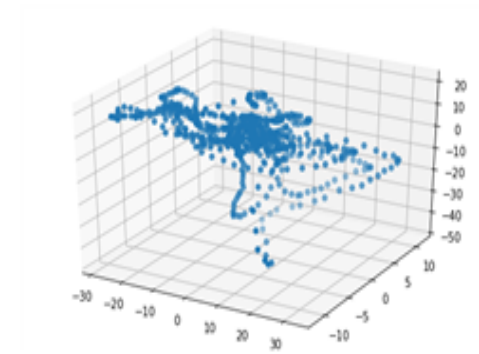
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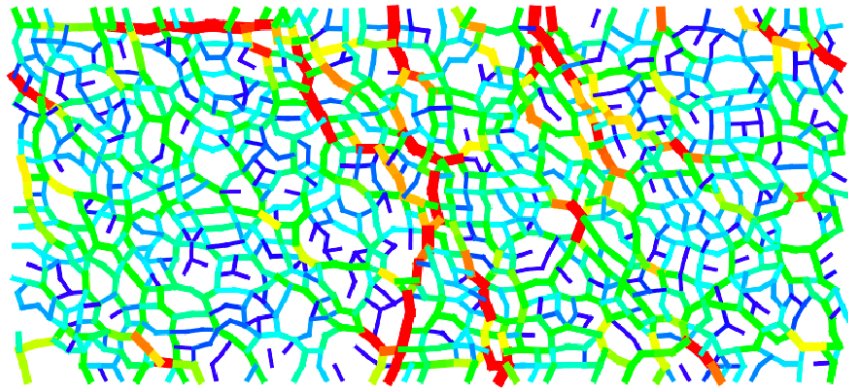


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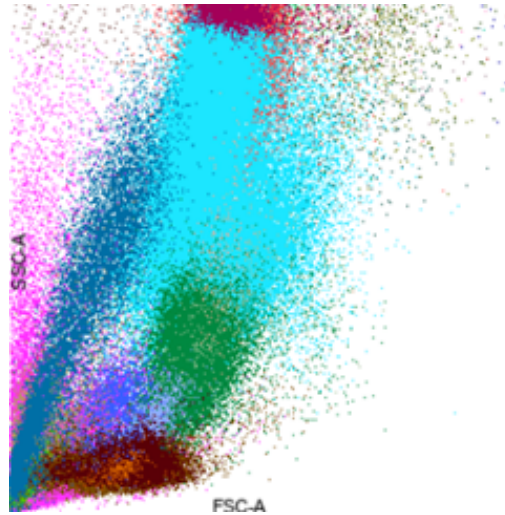


Modern data carry complex, but important, geometric/topological structure!

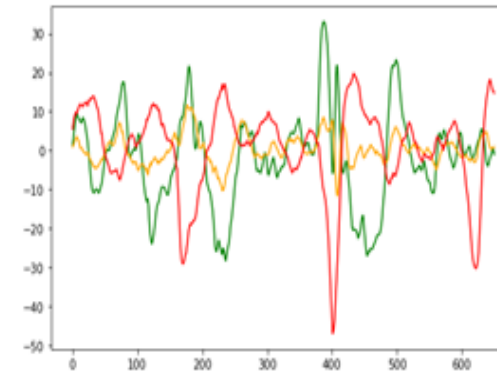
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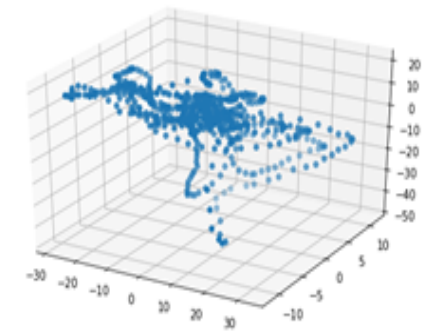
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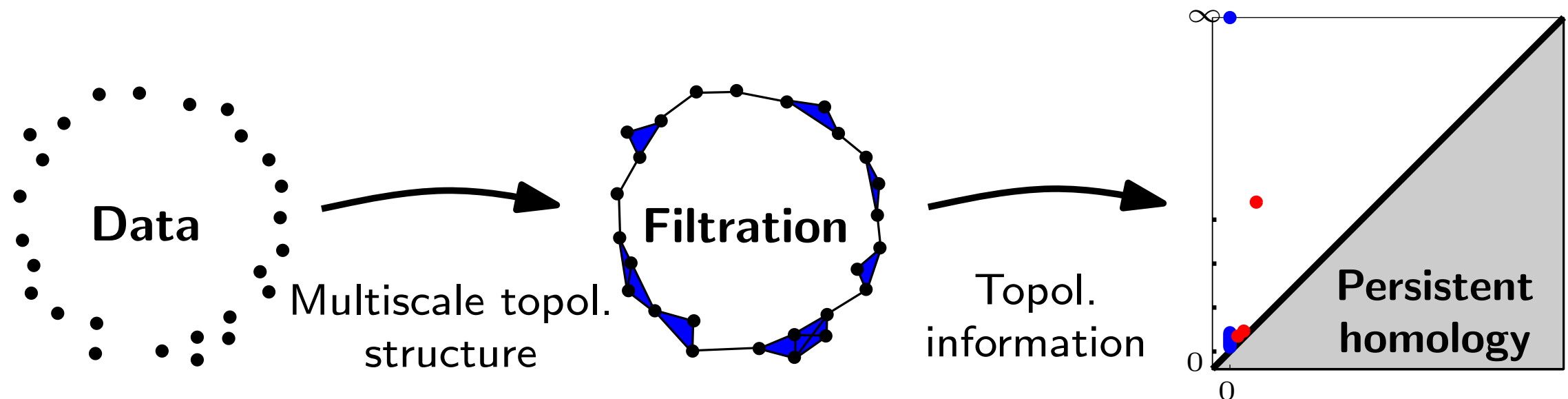
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Topological Data Analysis (TDA) is a recent field whose aim is to:

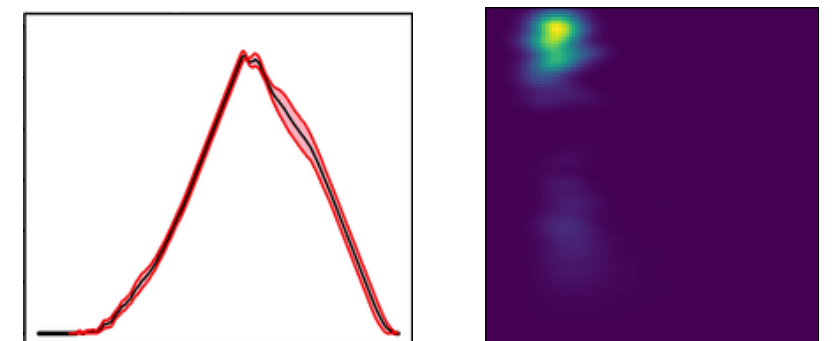
- infer relevant topological and geometric features from complex data,
- take advantage of topological/geometric information for further Data Analysis, Machine Learning and AI tasks:
 - using topological features in ML pipelines,
 - taking advantage of topological information to improve ML pipelines.

The classical TDA pipeline



1. Build a multiscale topol. structure on top of data: **filtrations**.
2. Compute multiscale topol. signatures: **persistent homology**
3. Take advantage of the signature for further Machine Learning and AI tasks: **Statistical aspects and representations of persistence**

Machine Learning / AI



Representations of persistence

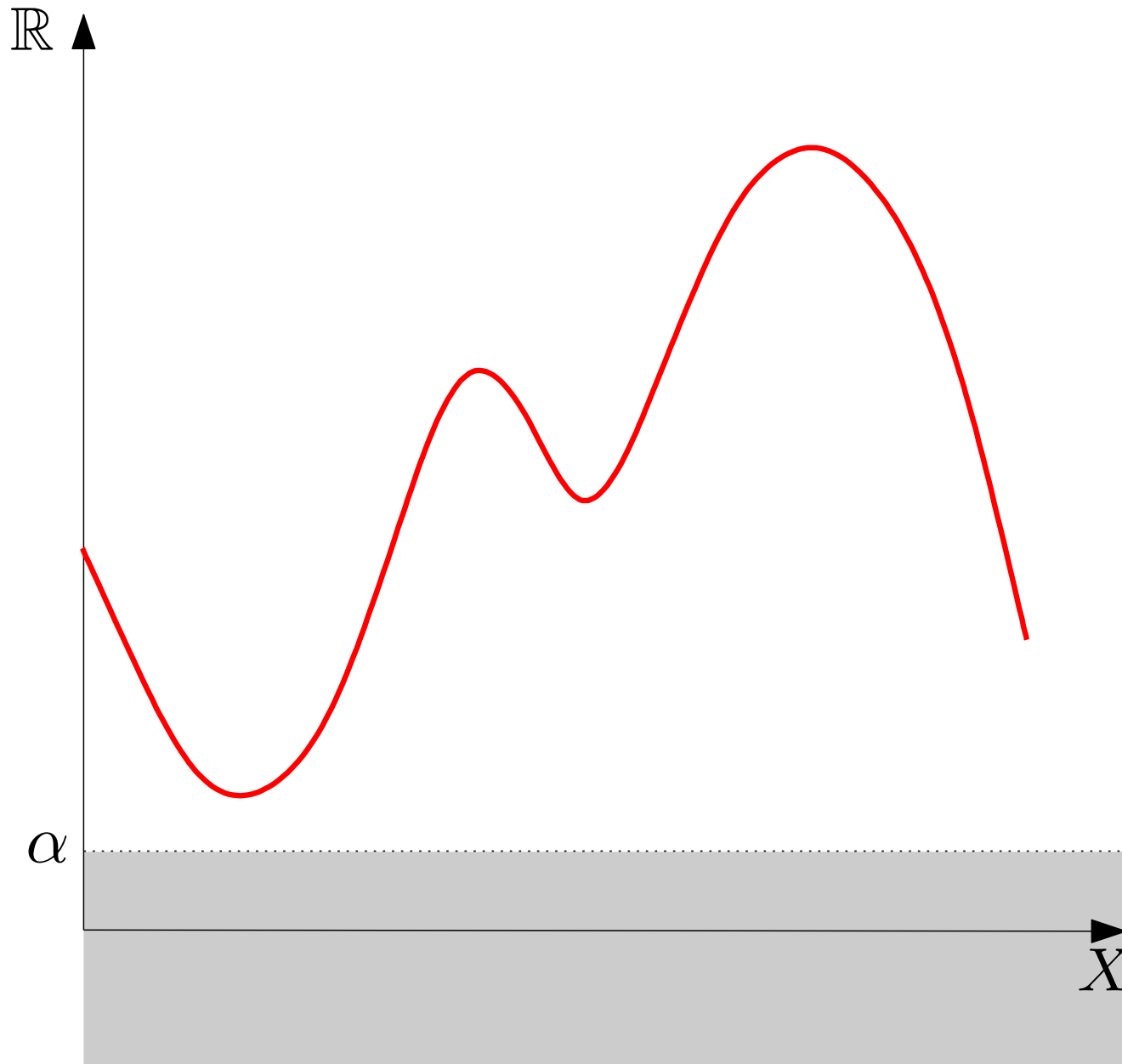
Persistent homology

Starting with a few examples

- 90's: size theory (P. Frosini et al), framed Morse complex and stability (S.A. Barannikov).
- 2002 – 2005: persistent homology (H. Edelsbrunner et al, Carlsson et al).
- important mathematical and practical developments since the 2000's.

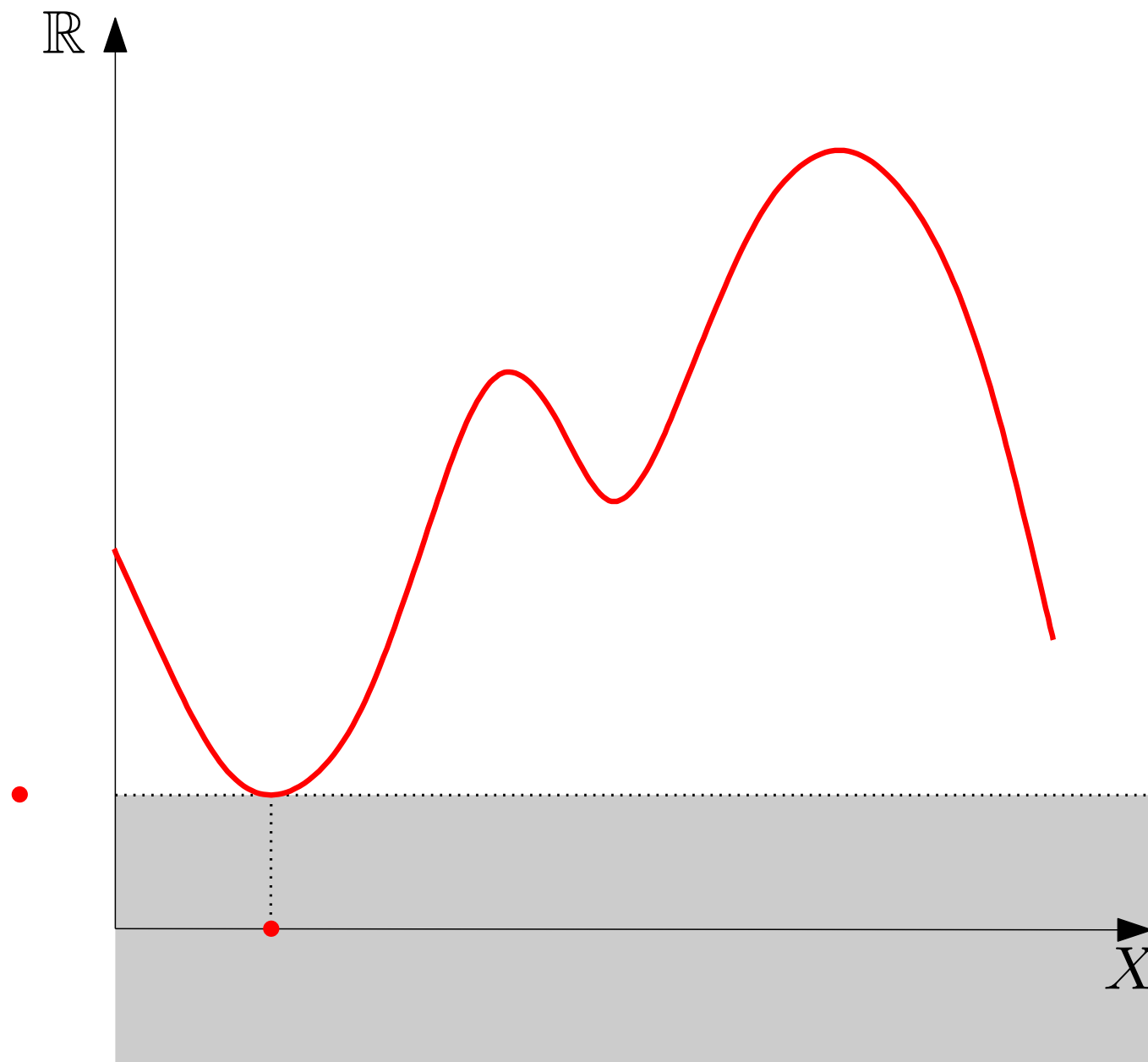
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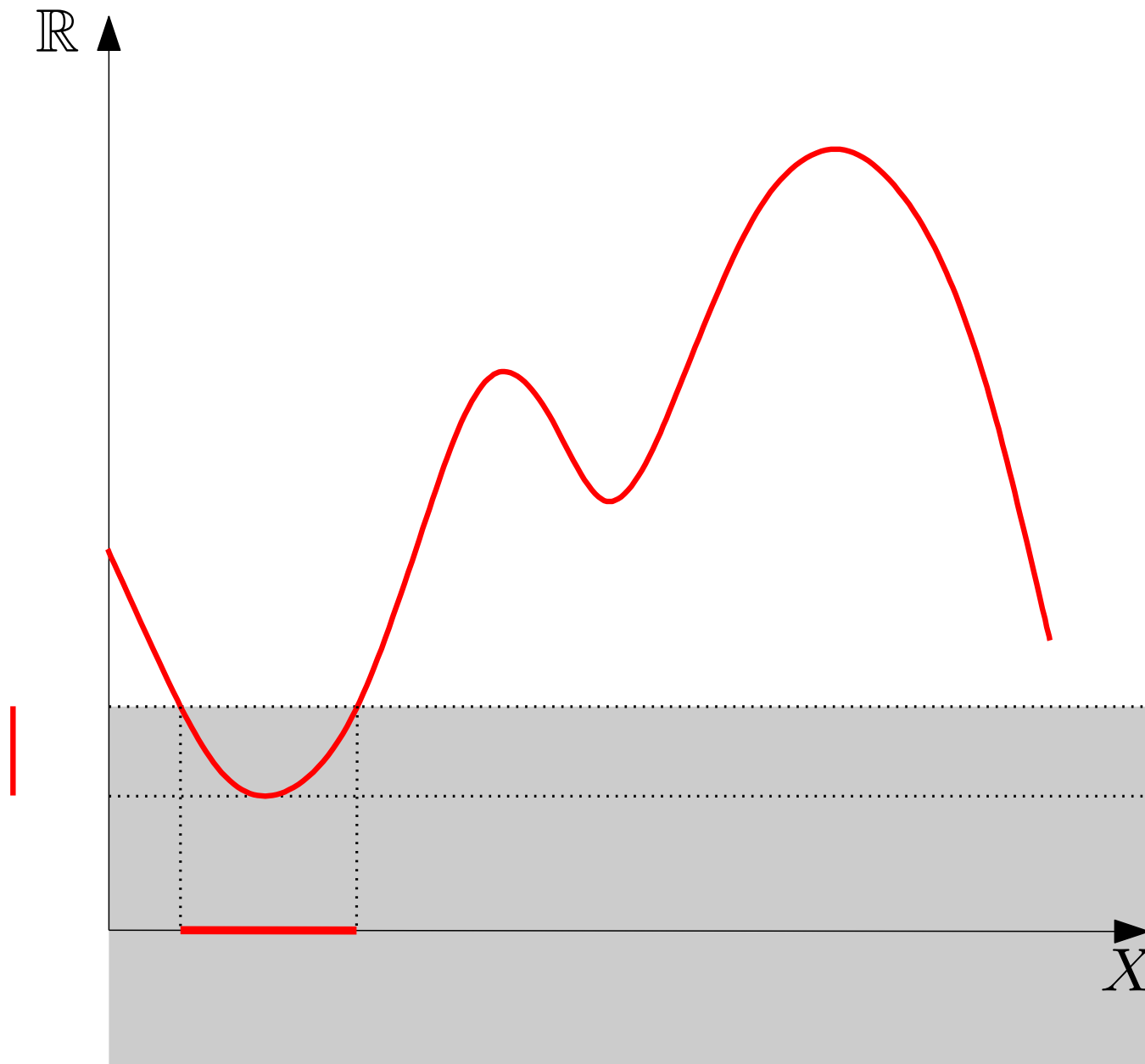
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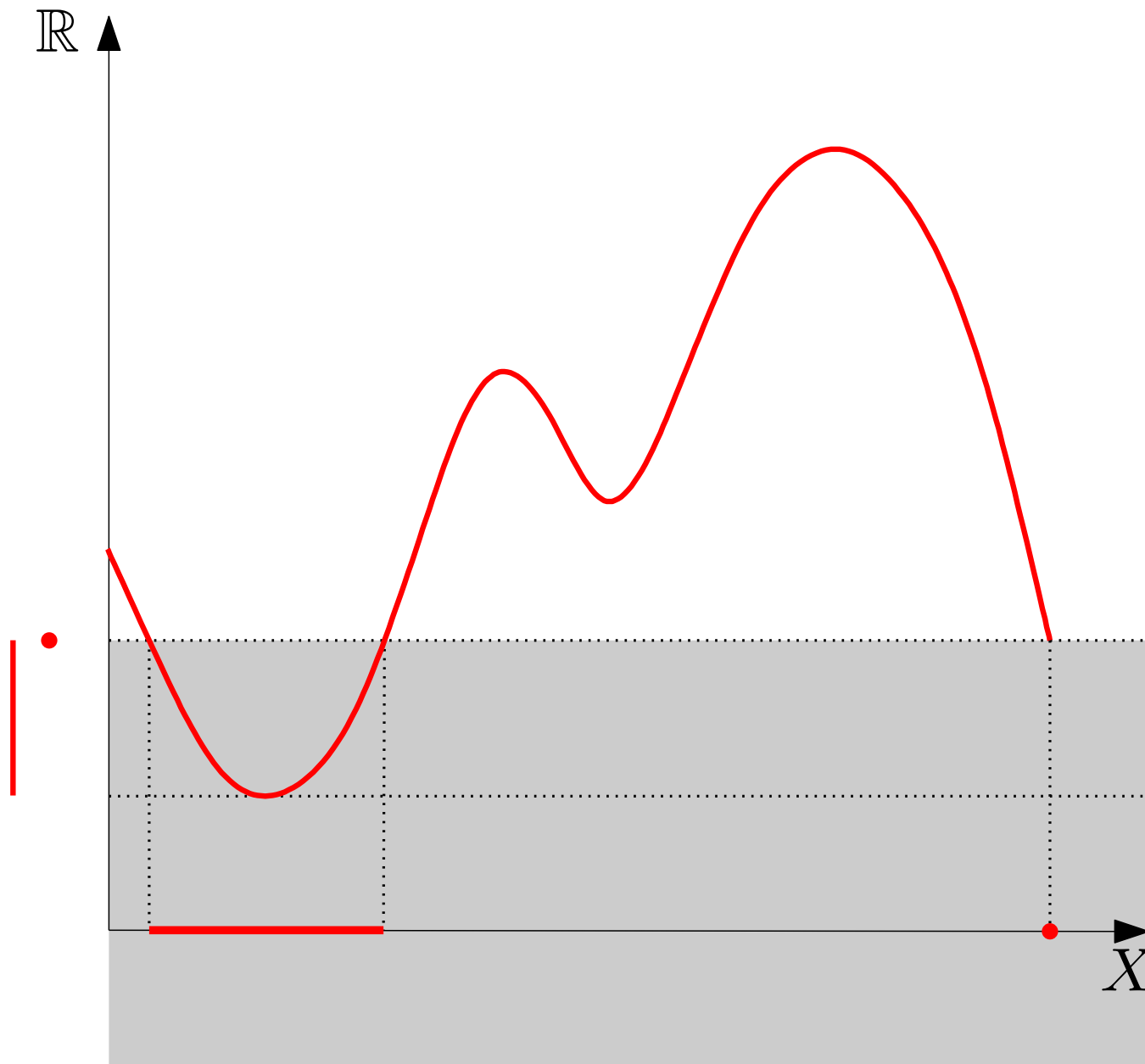
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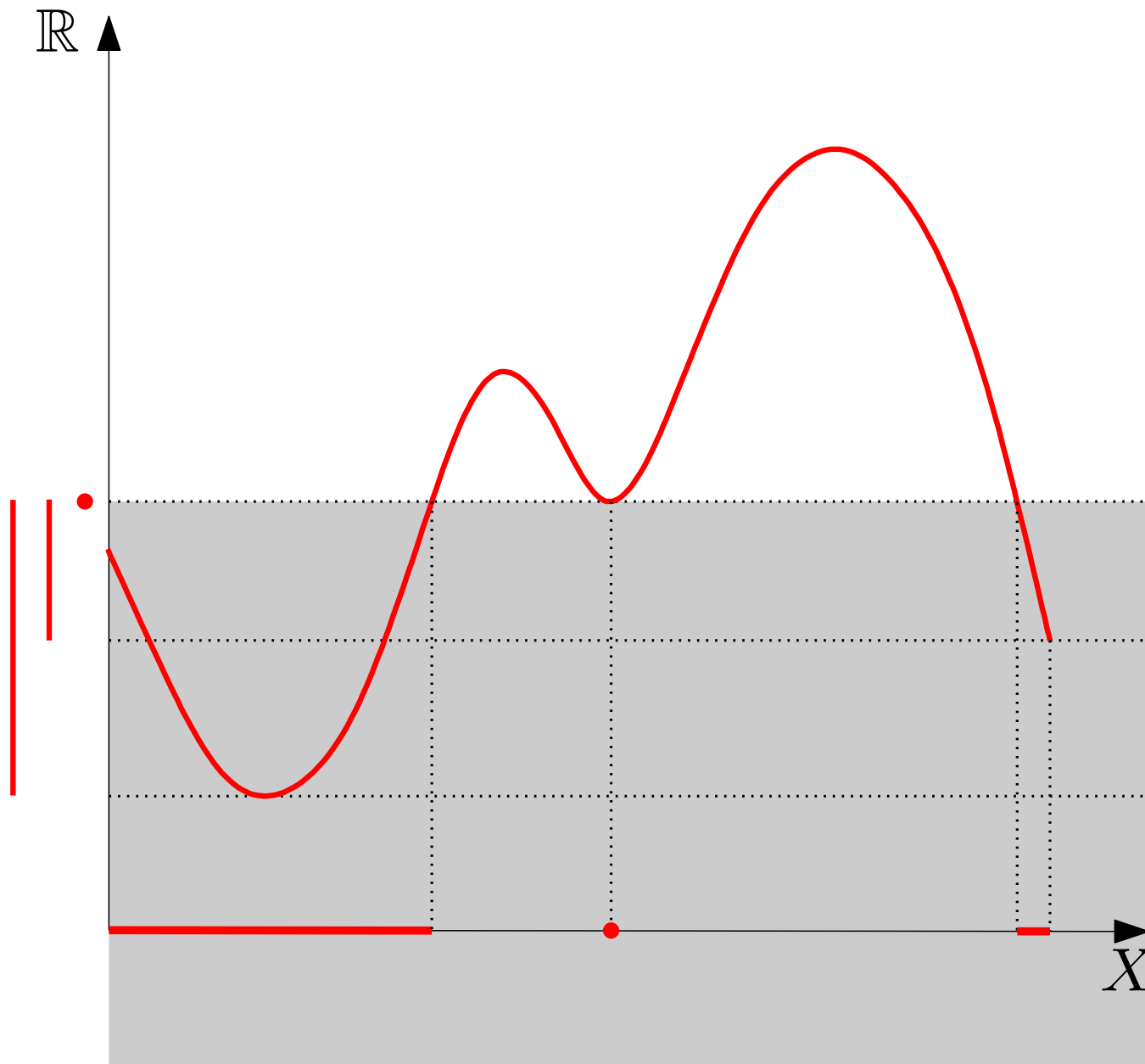
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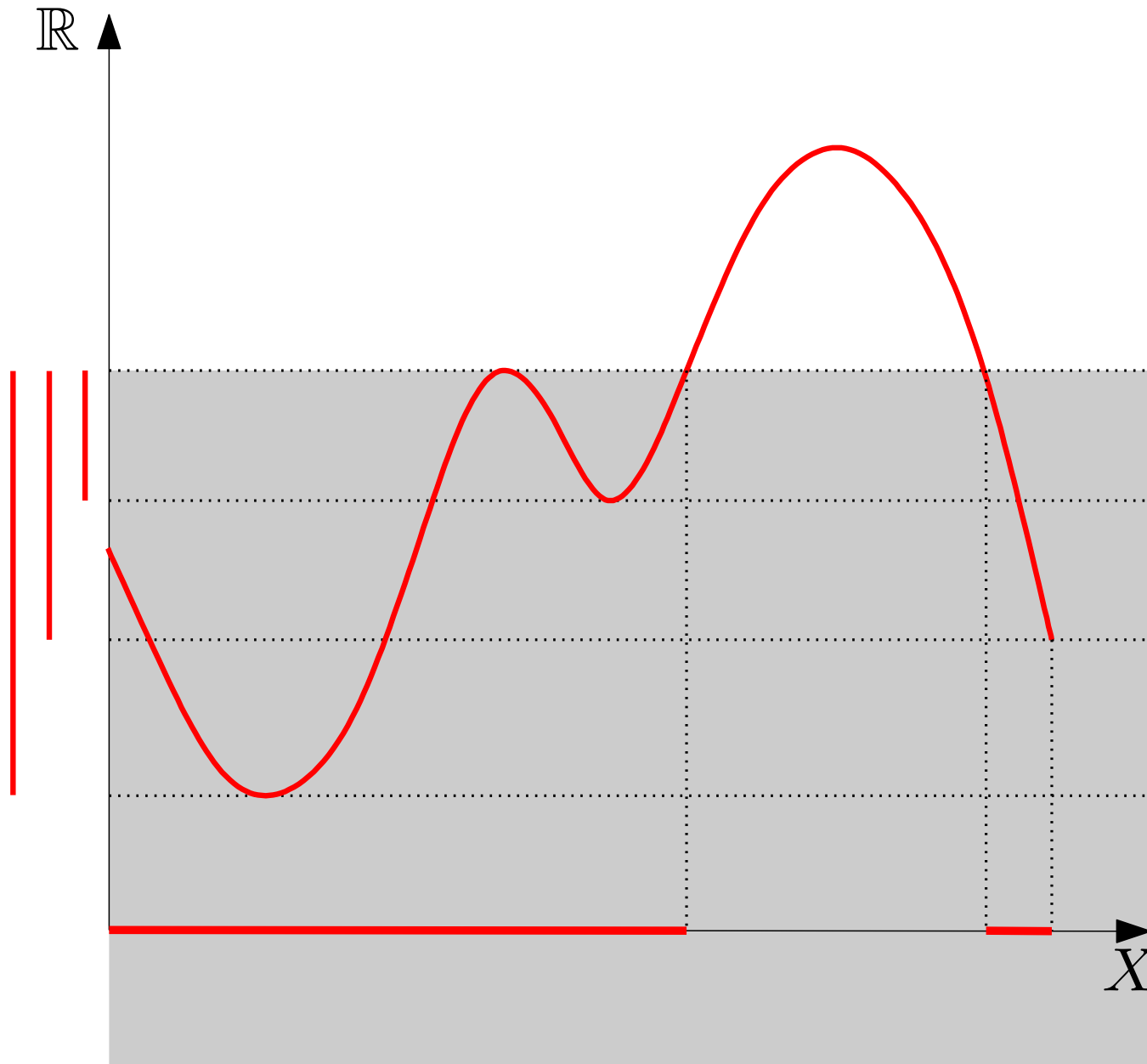
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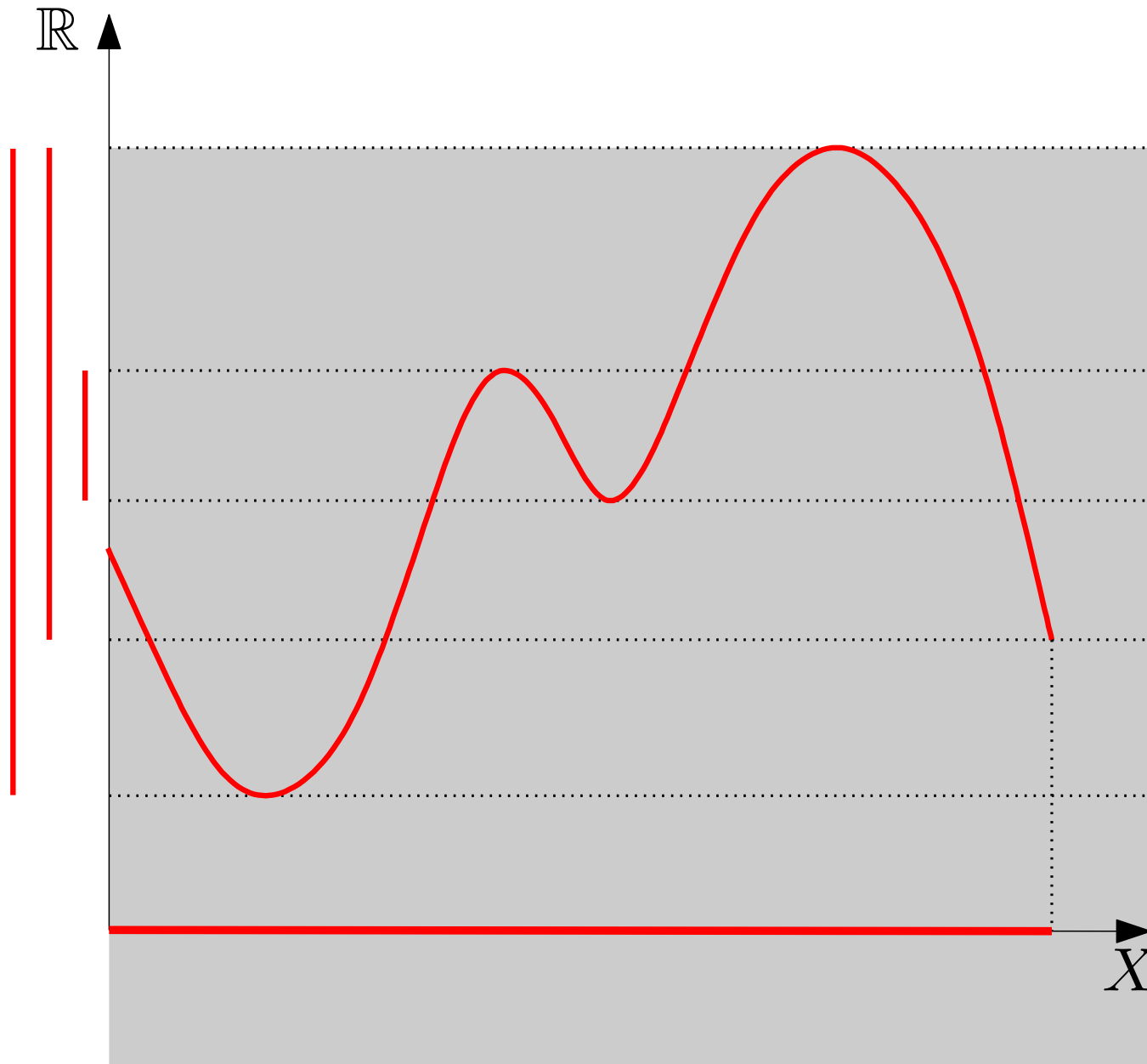
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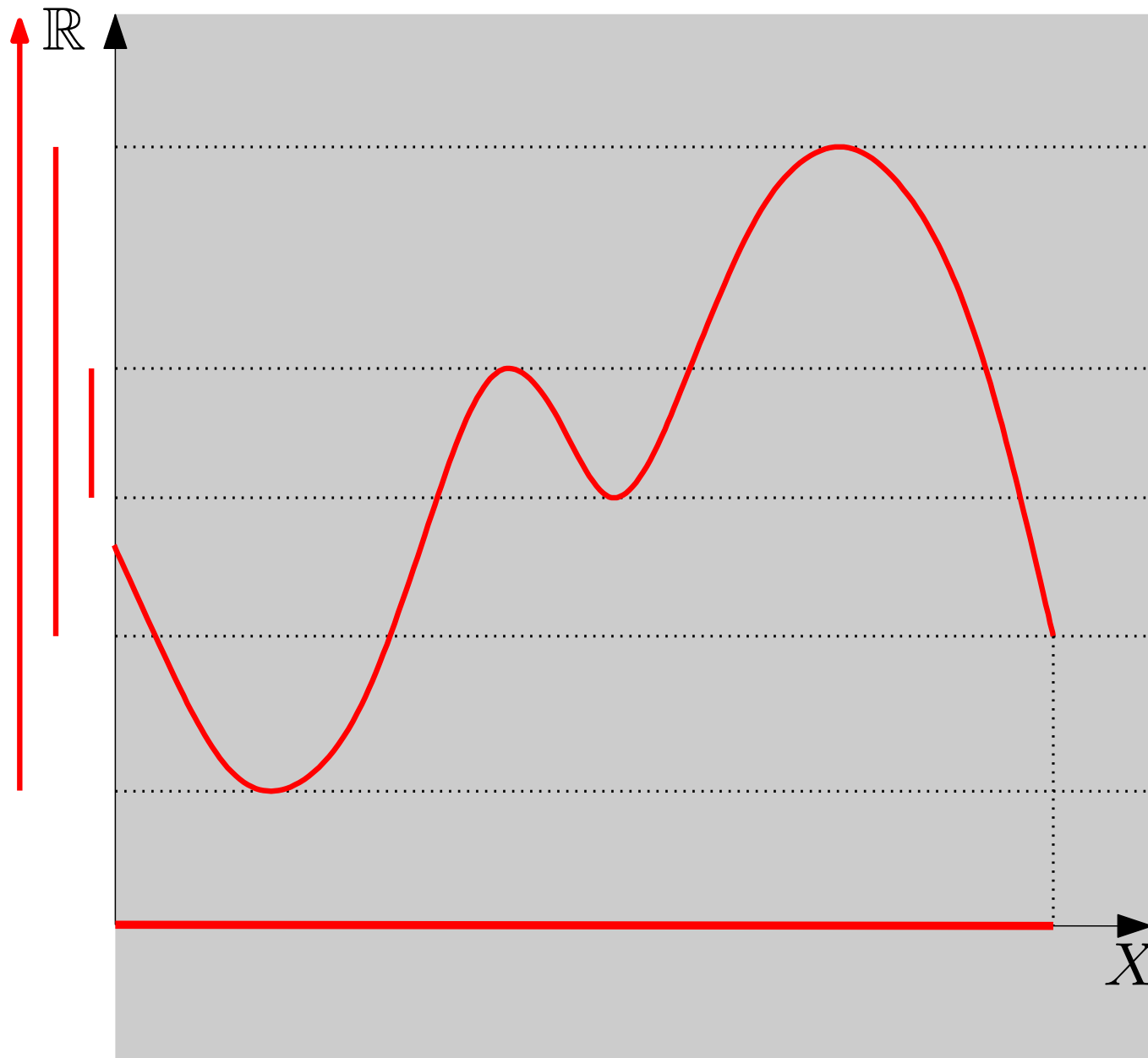
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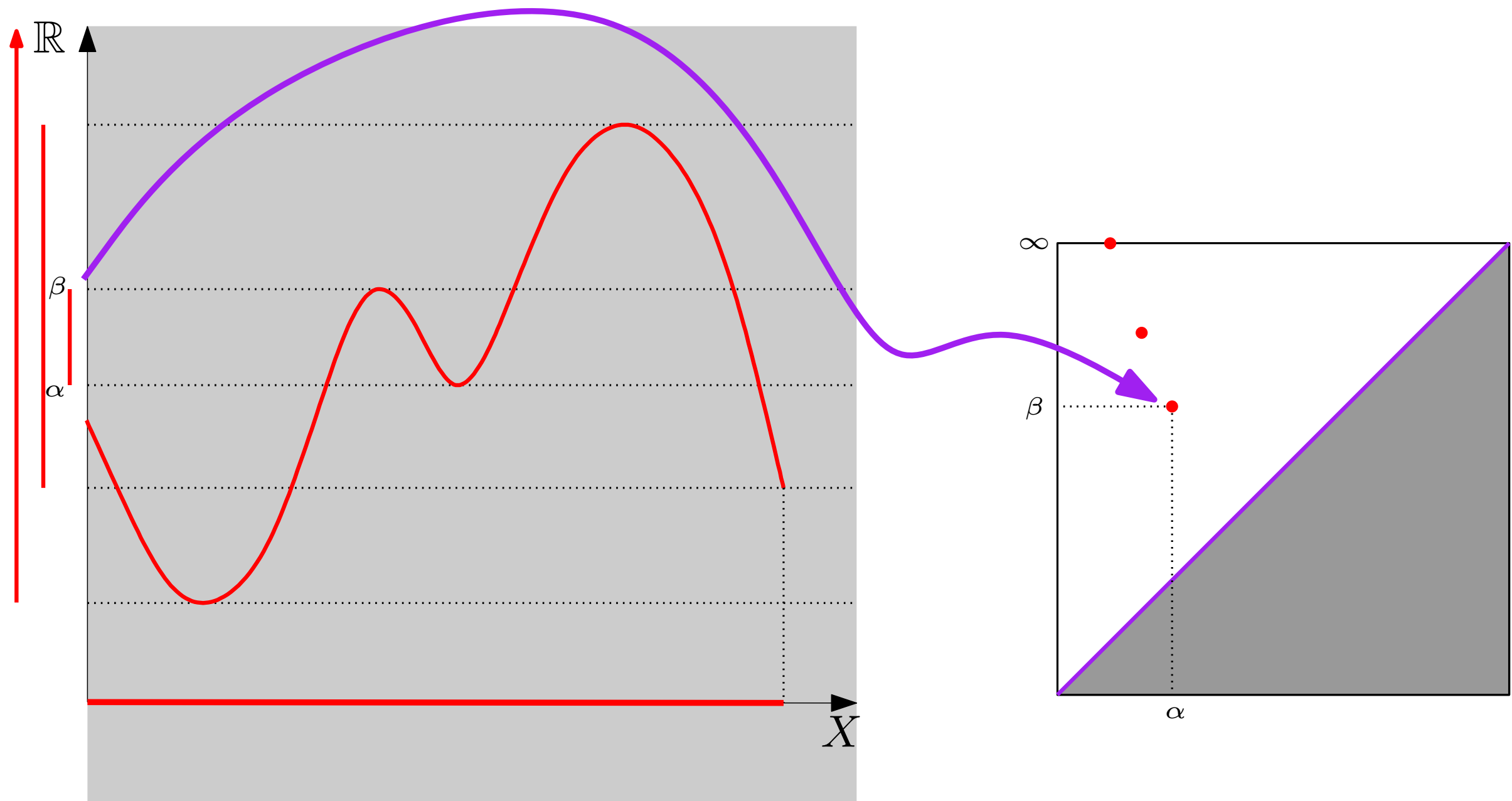
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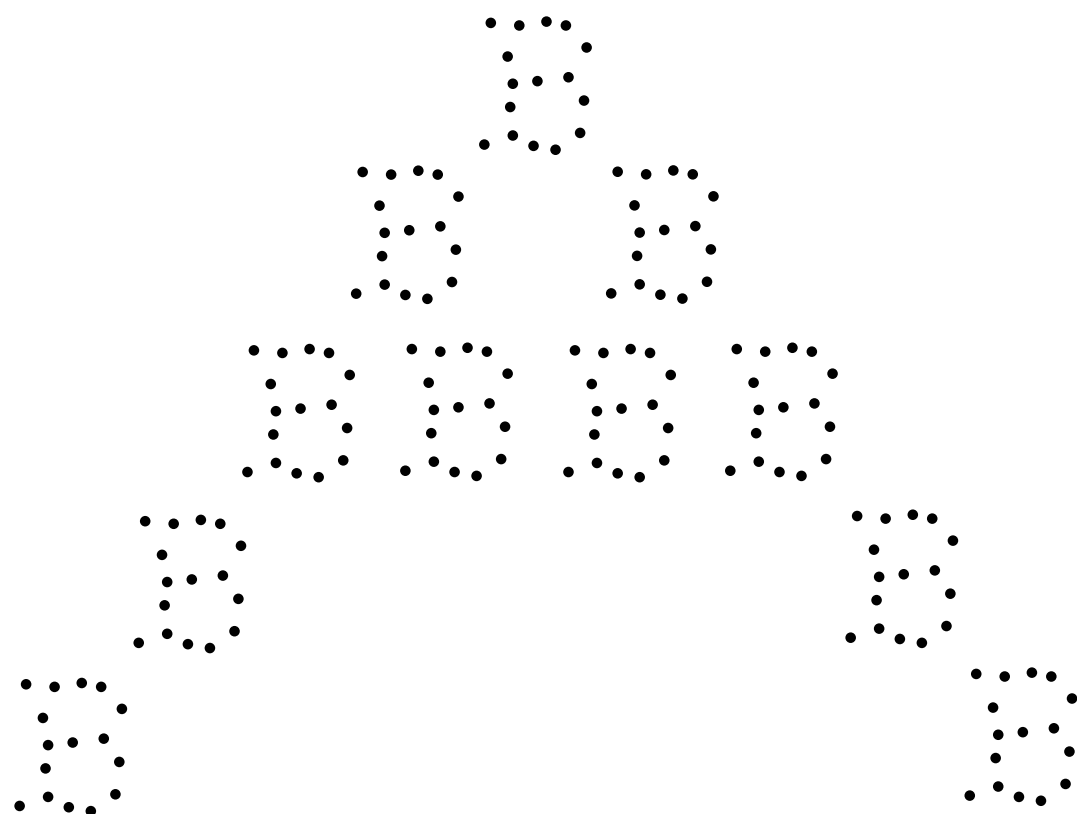
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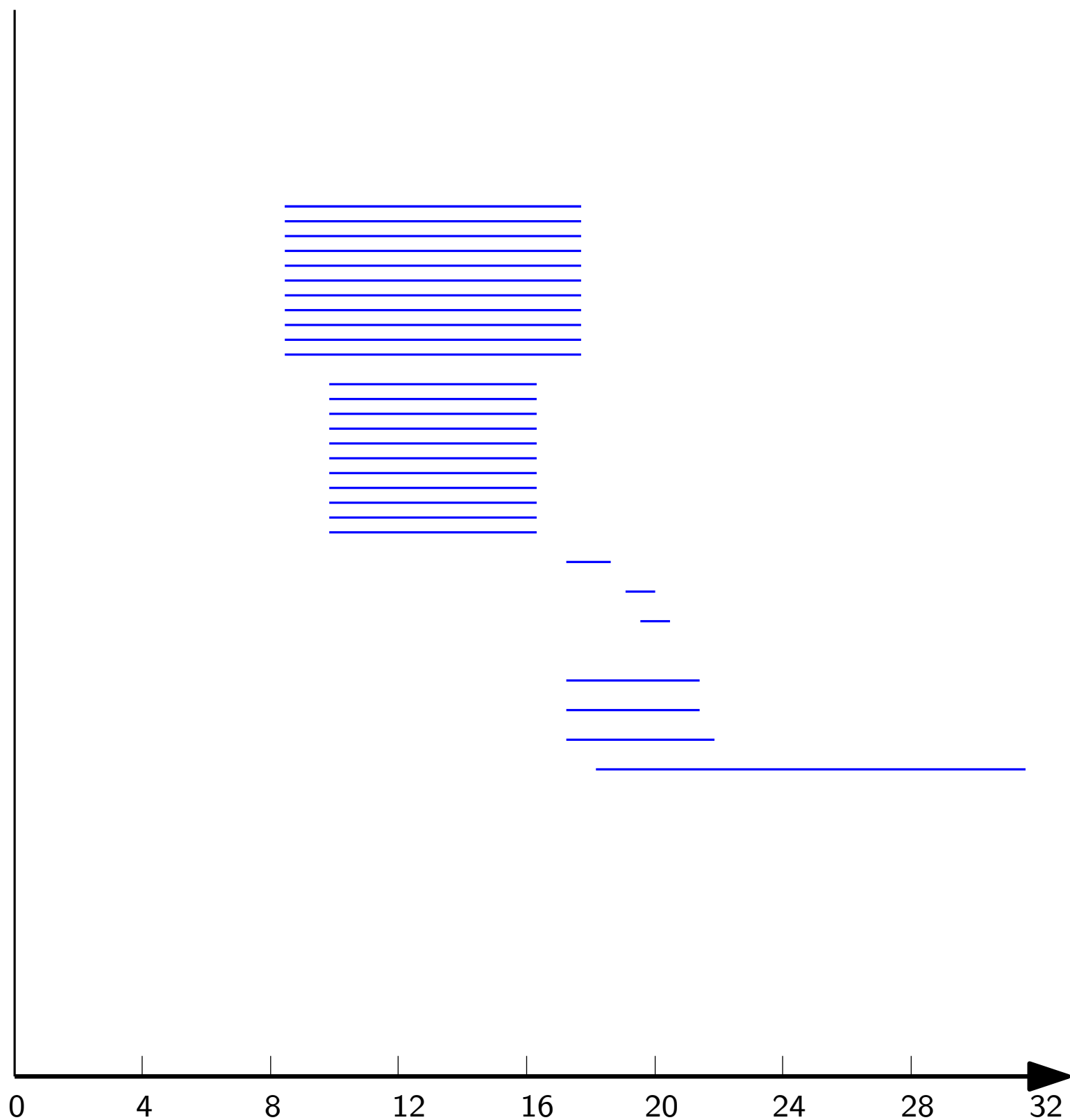
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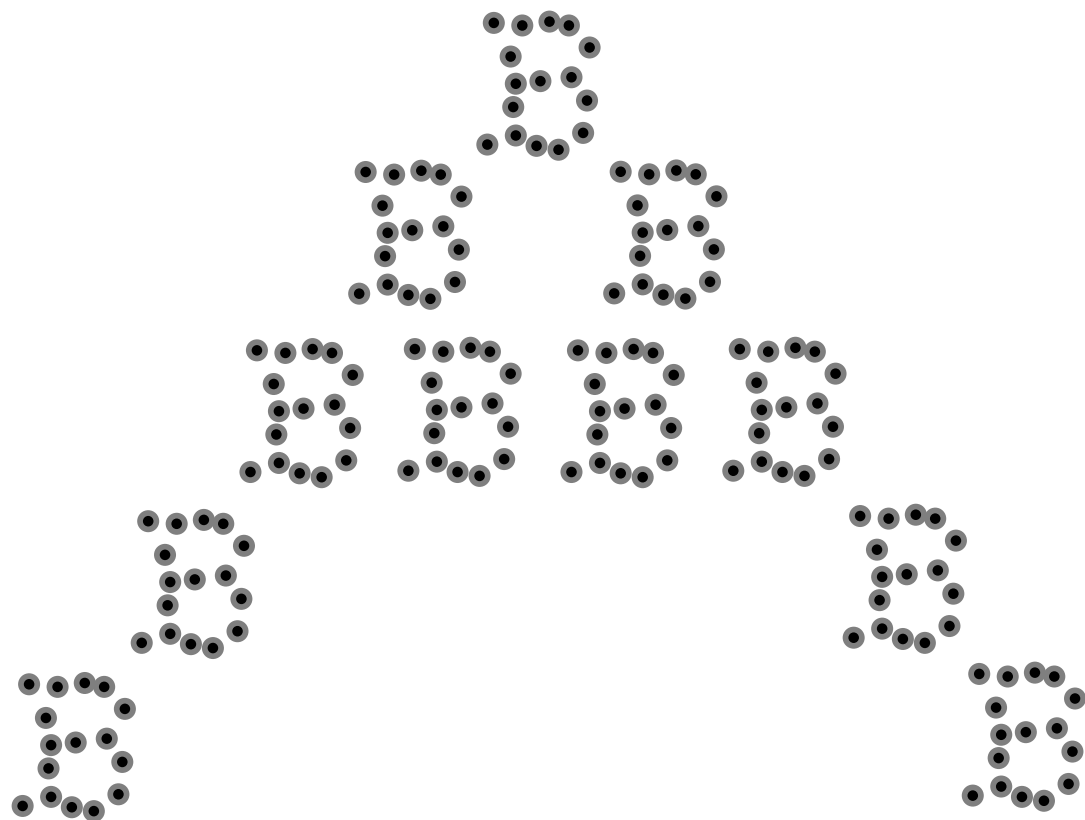
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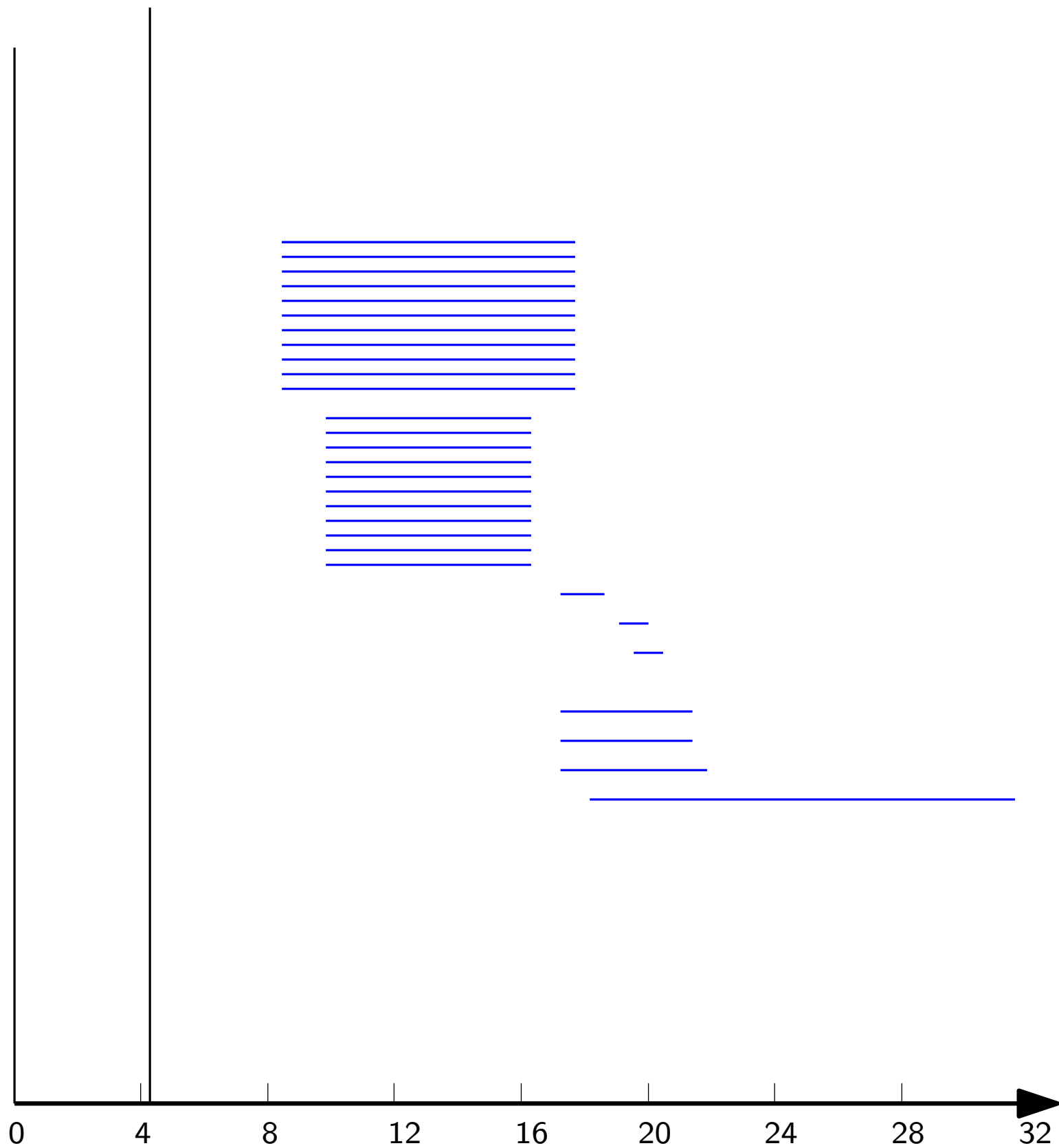
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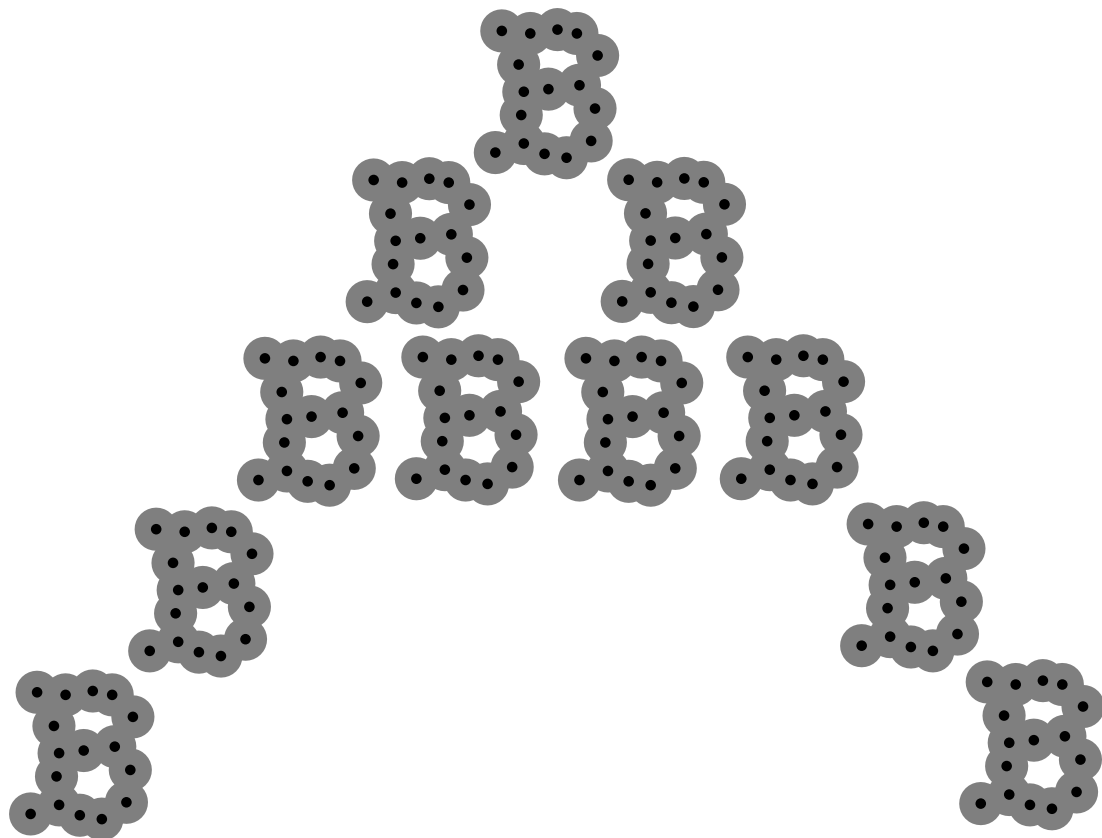
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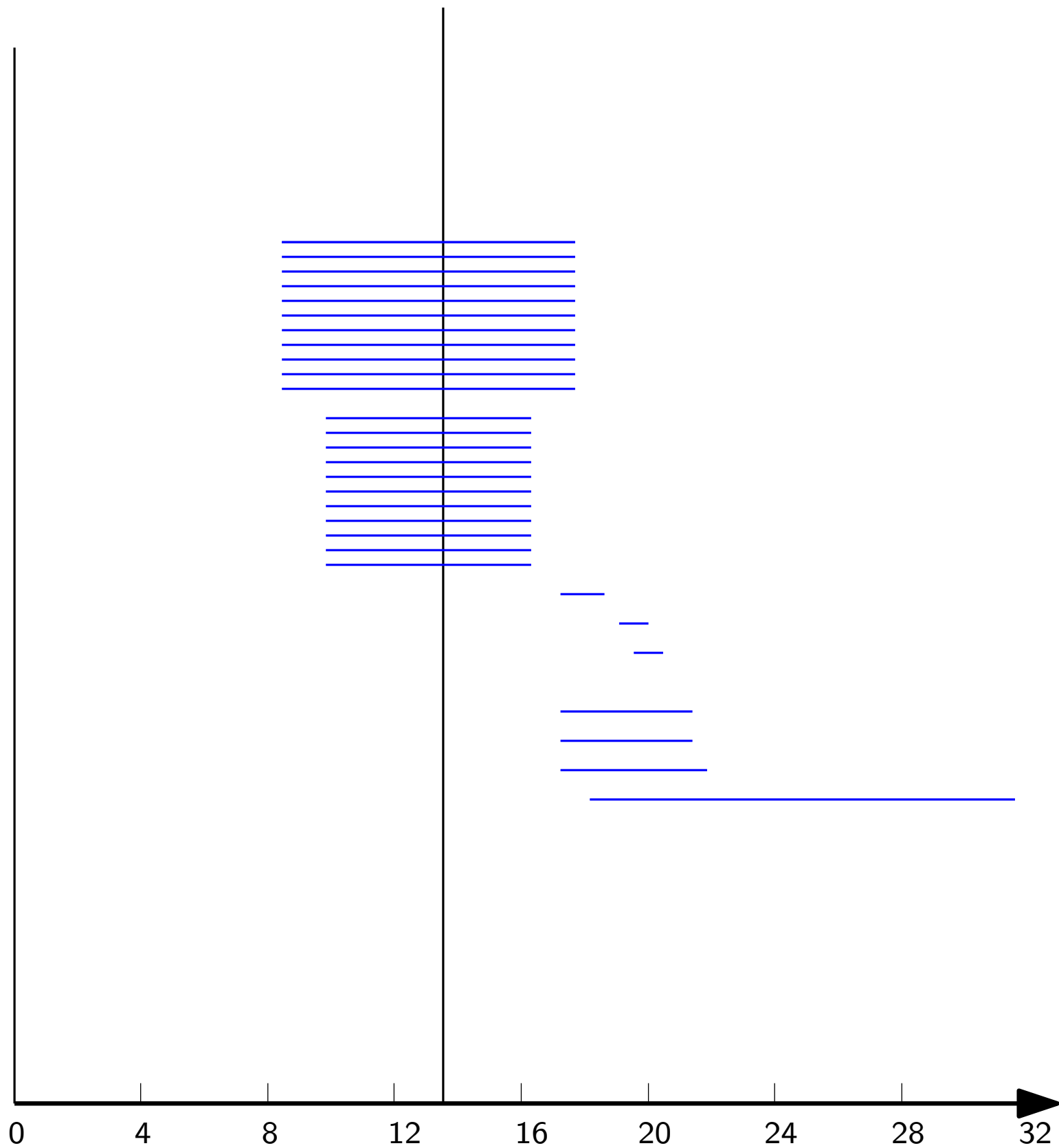
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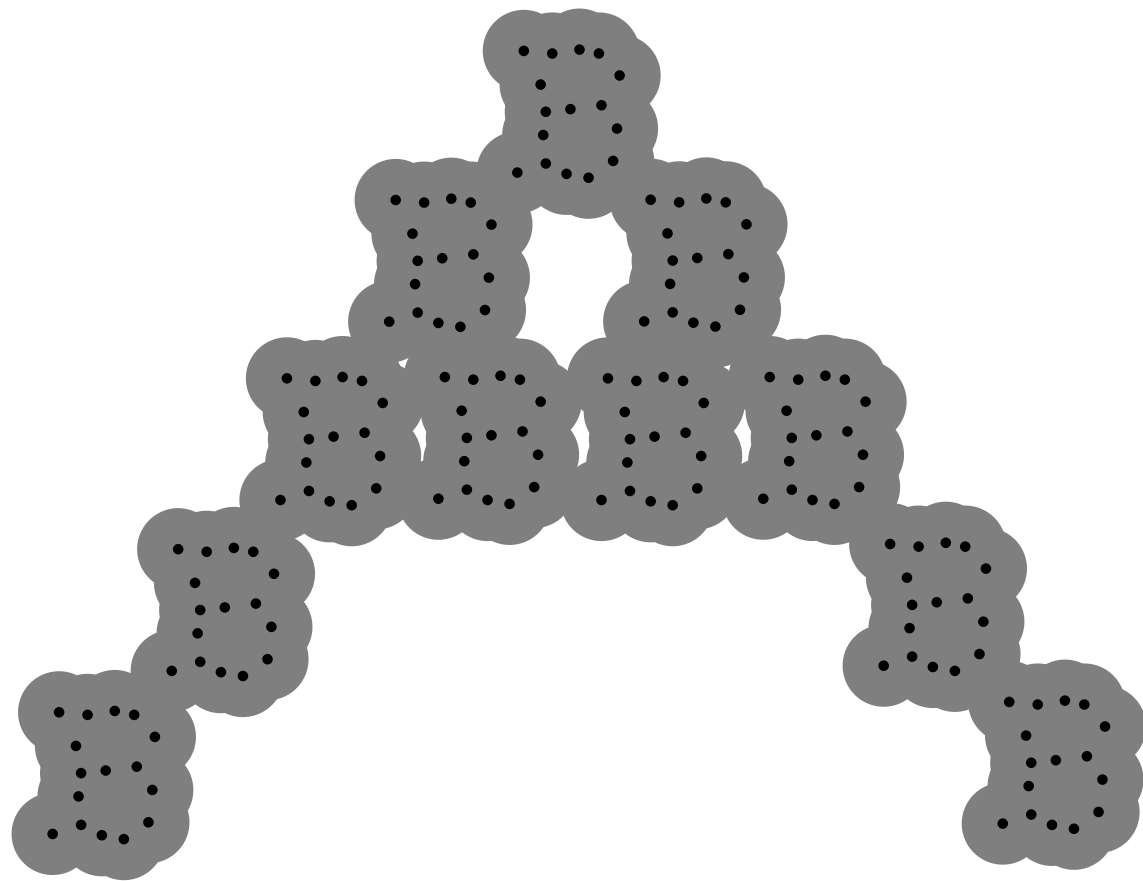
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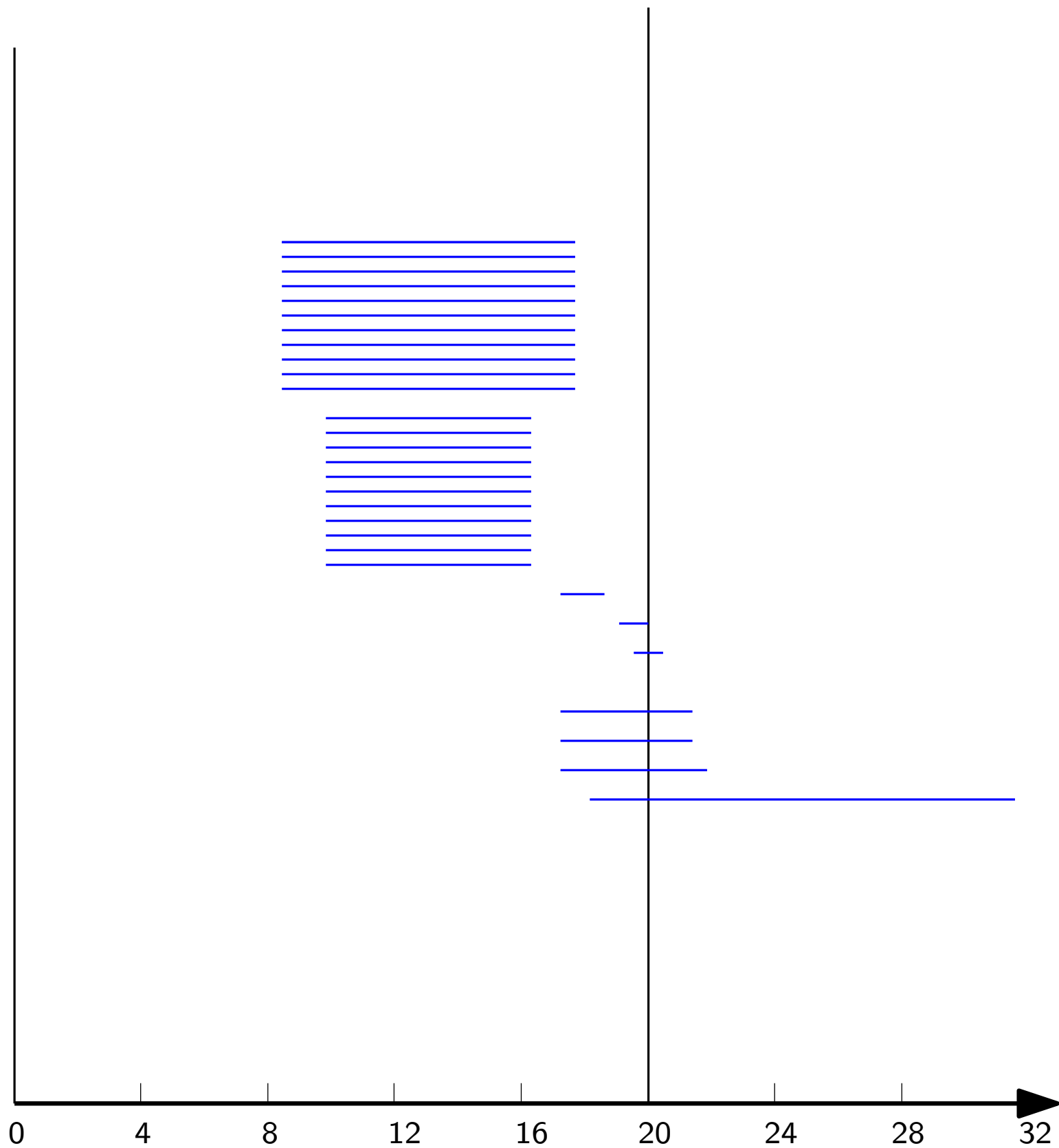
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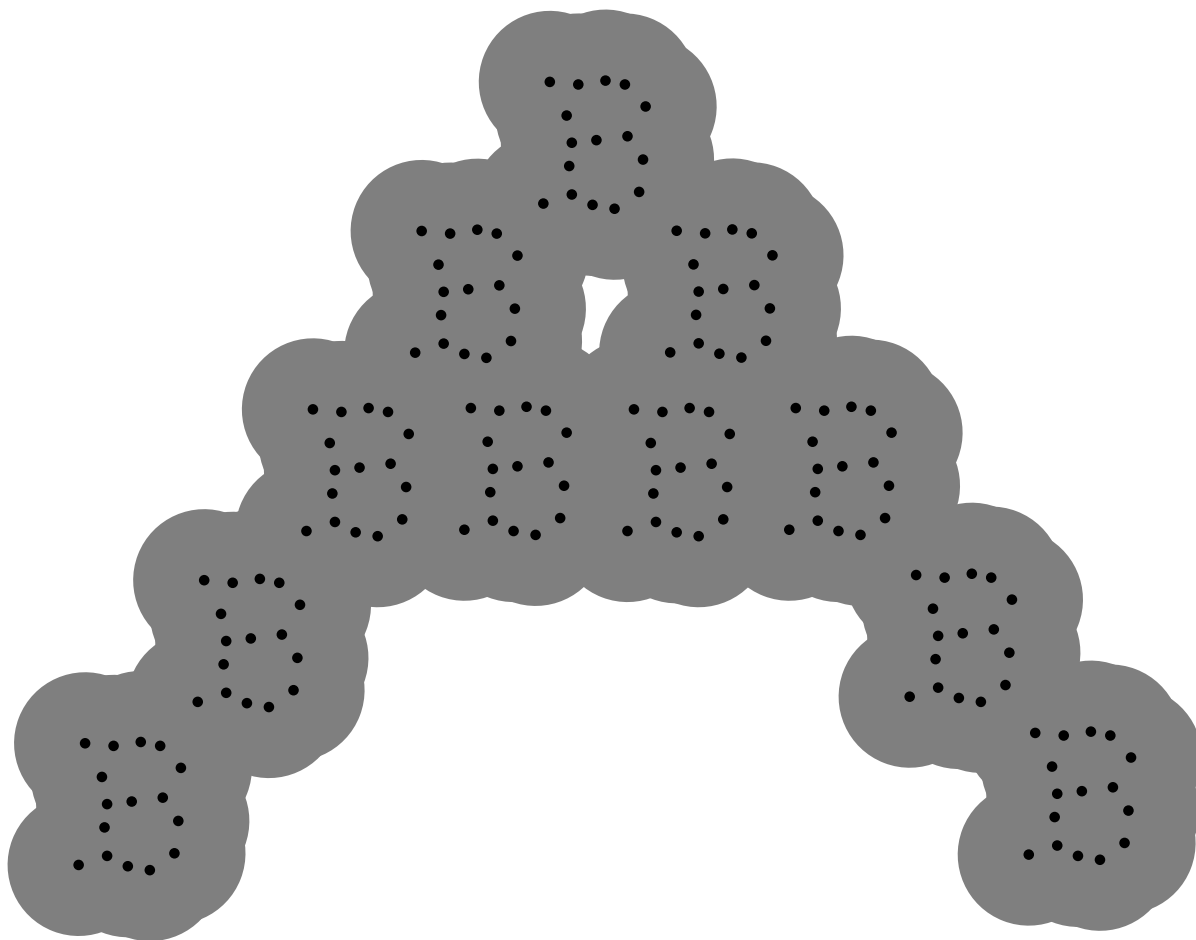
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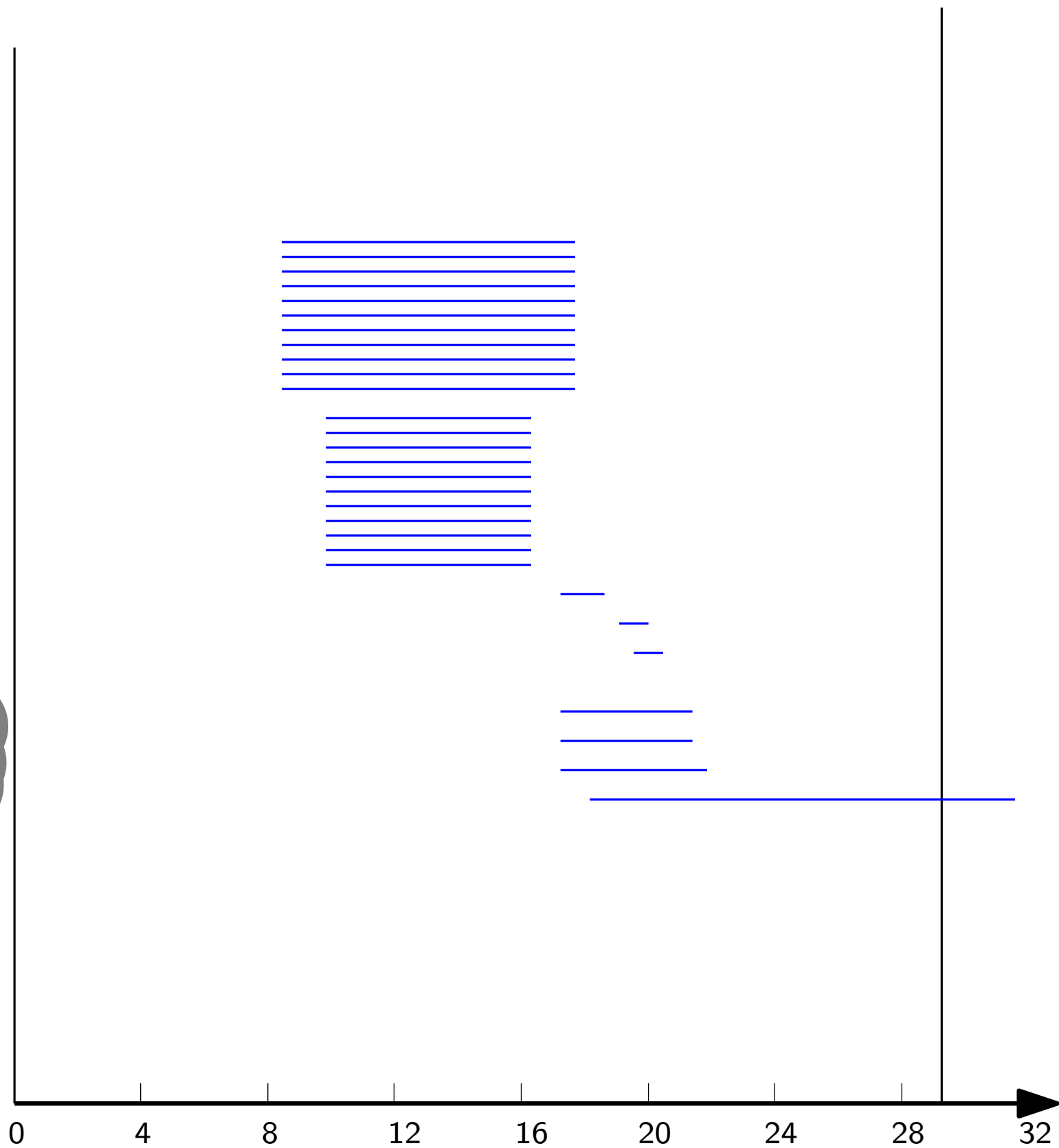
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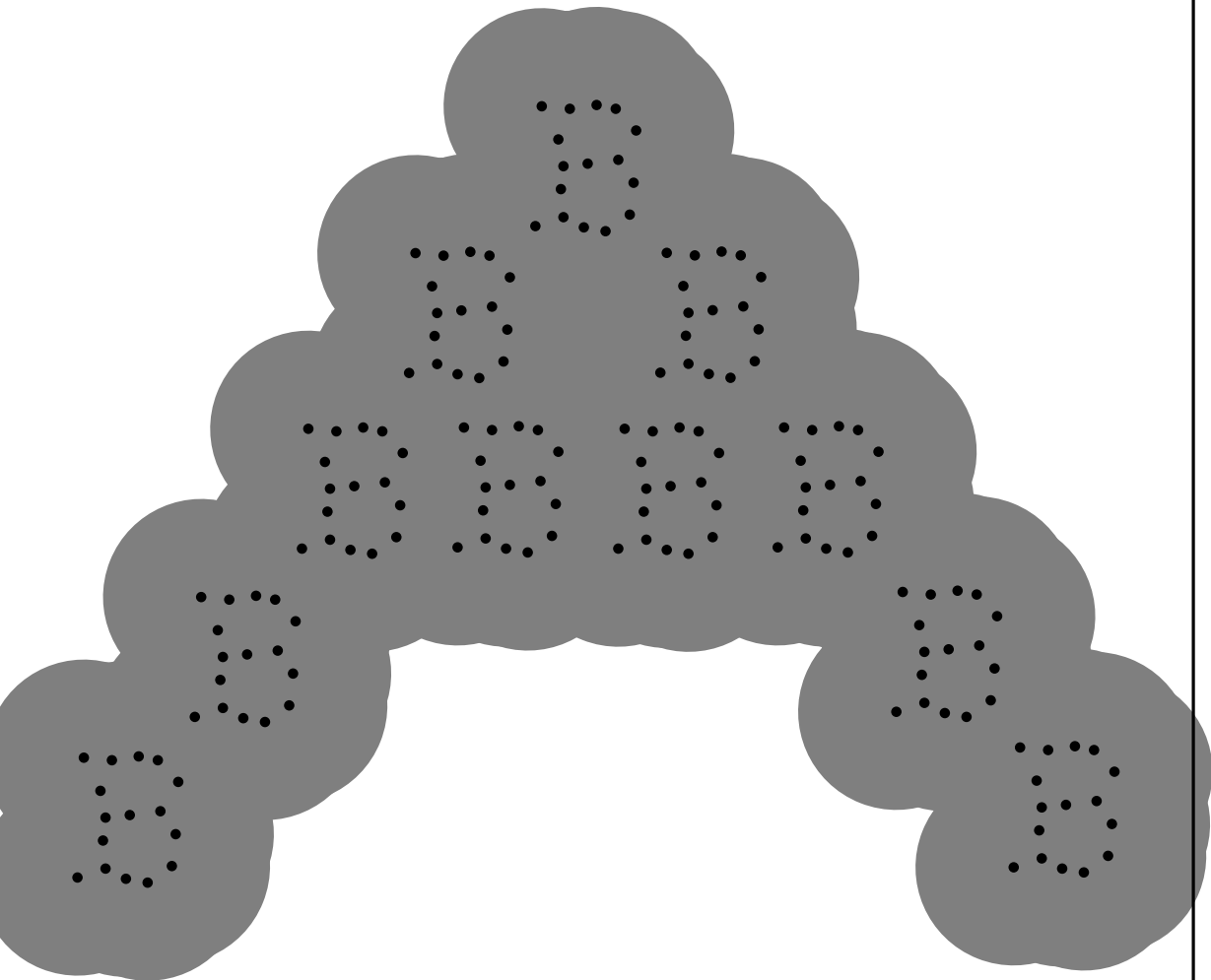
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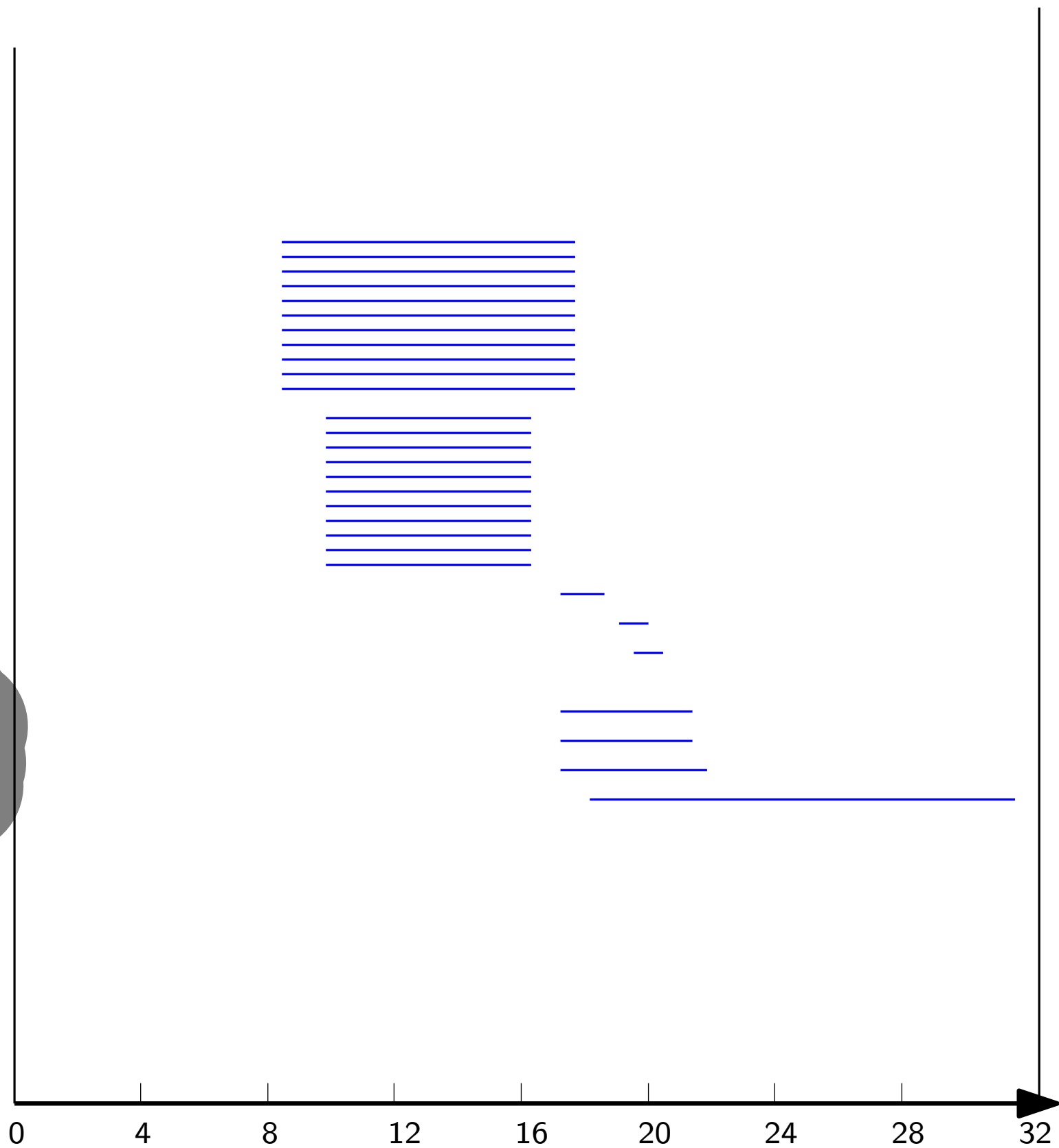
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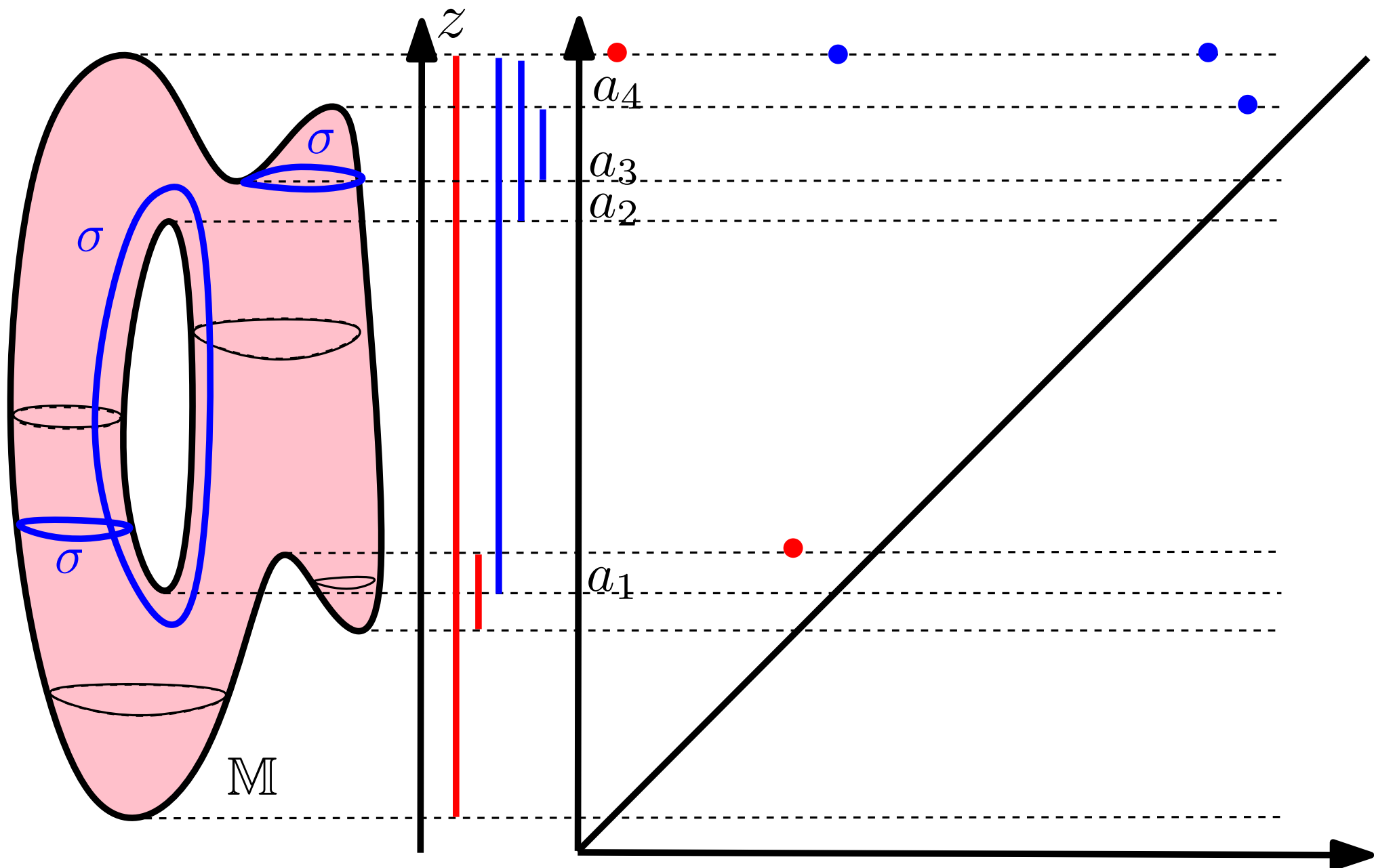
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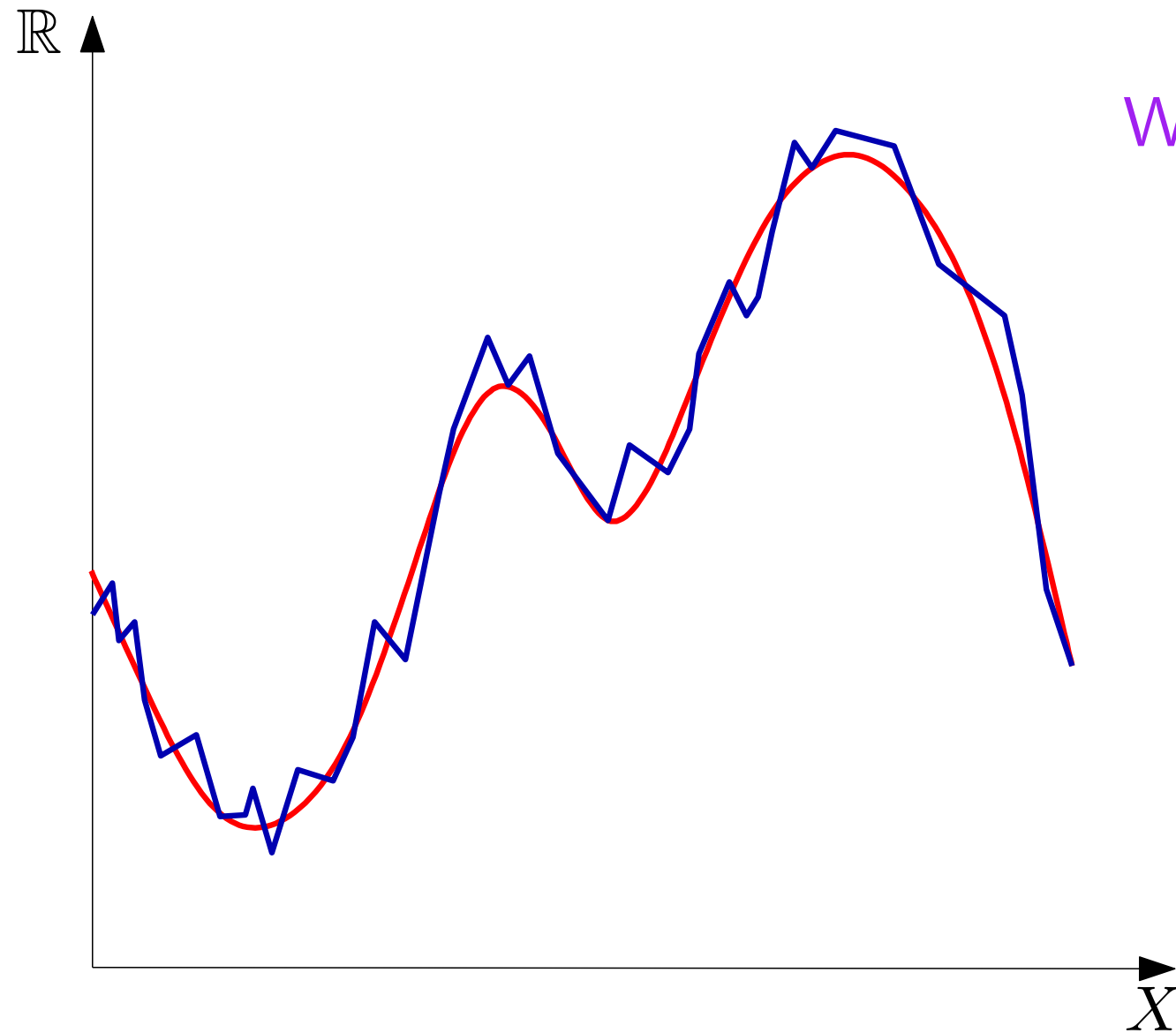
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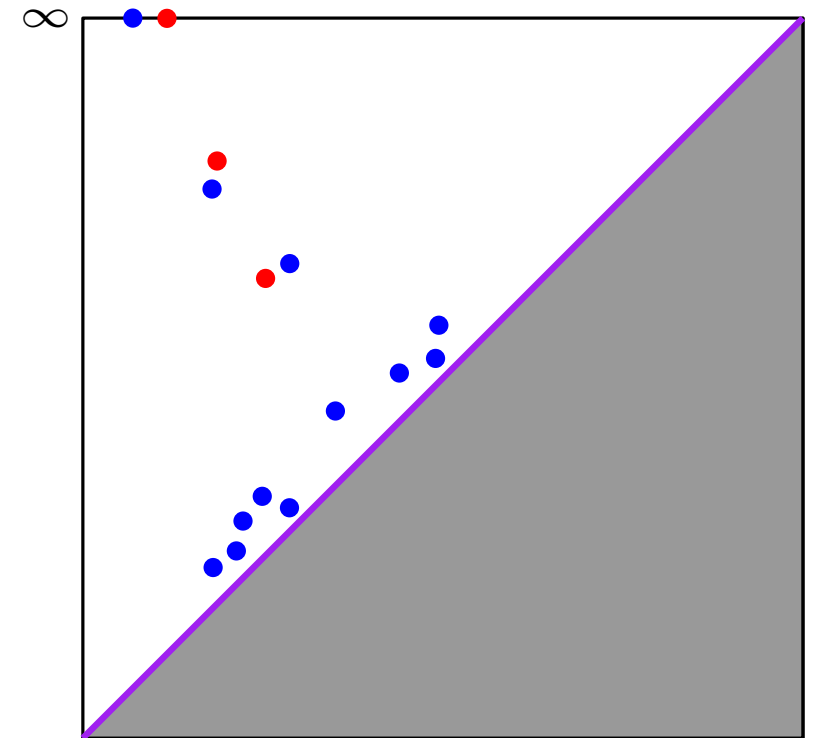
Tracking and encoding the evolution of the **connected components (0-dimensional homology)** and **cycles (1-dimensional homology)** of the sublevel sets.

Homology: an algebraic way to rigorously formalize the notion of k -dimensional cycles through a vector space (or a group), the homology group whose dimension is the number of "independent" cycles (the Betti number).

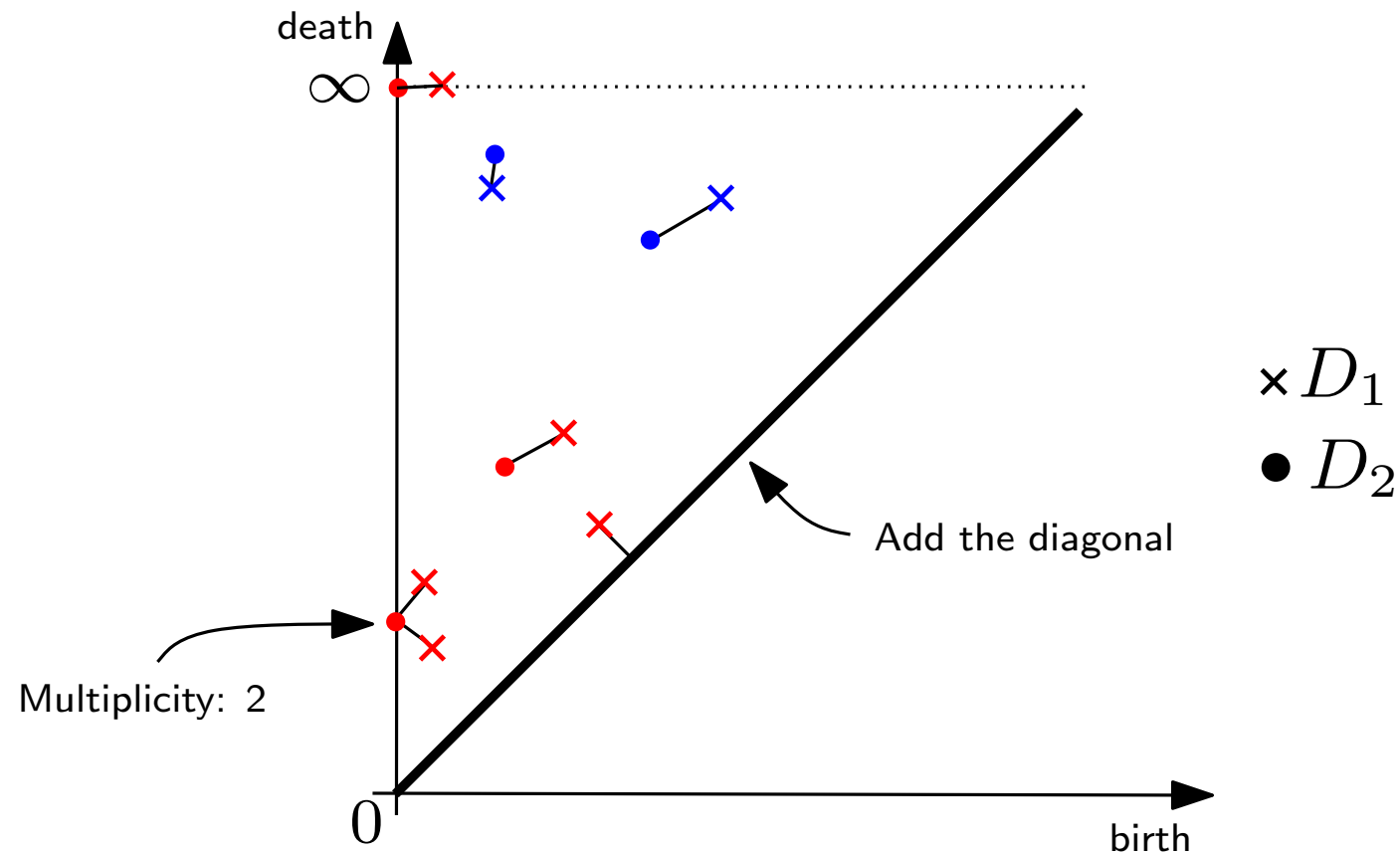
Stability properties



What if f is slightly perturbed?



Comparing persistence diagrams



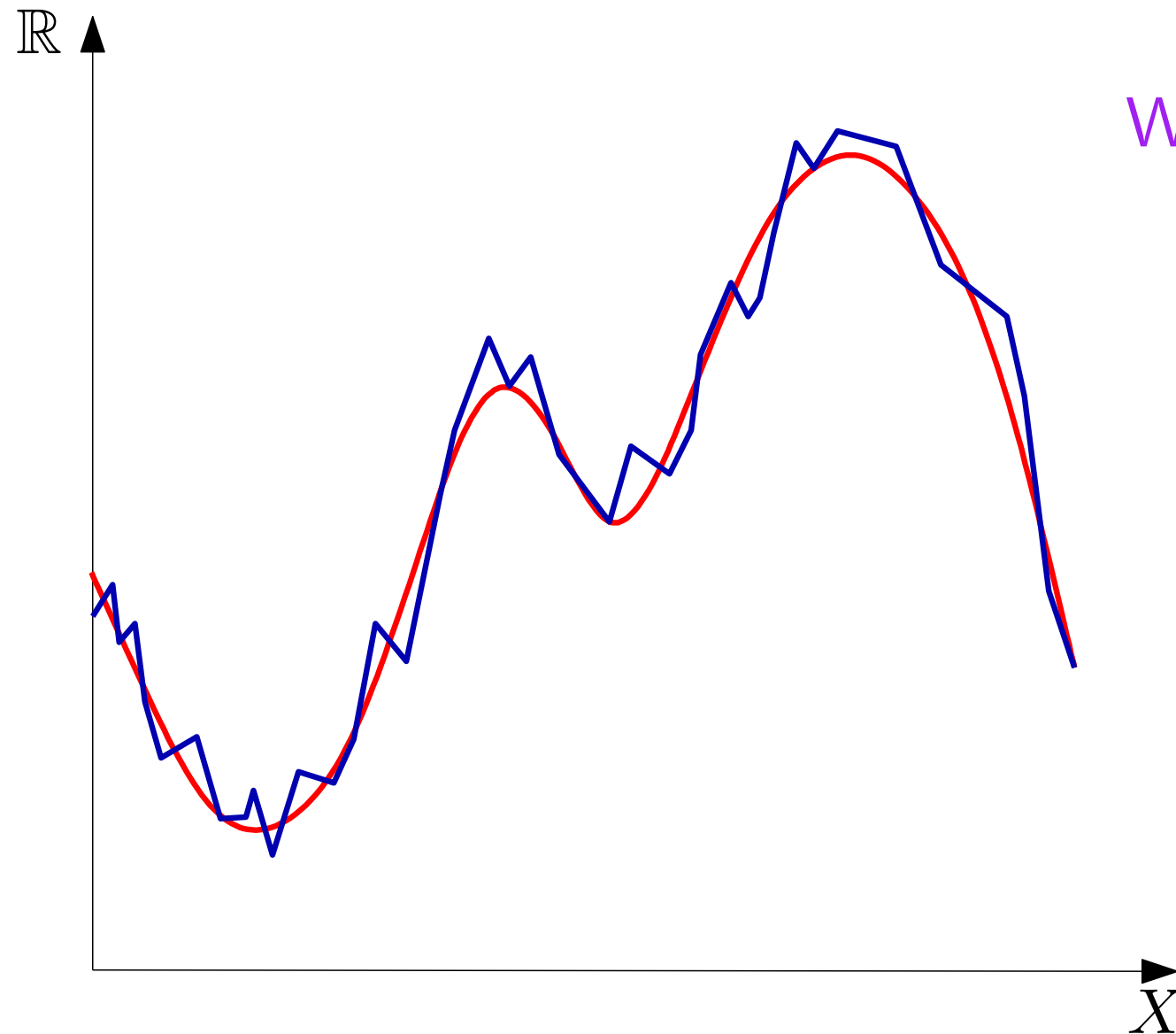
The **bottleneck distance** between two diagrams D_1 and D_2 is

$$d_B(D_1, D_2) = \inf_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \sup_{m \in D_1} \|m - \gamma(m)\|_{\infty}$$

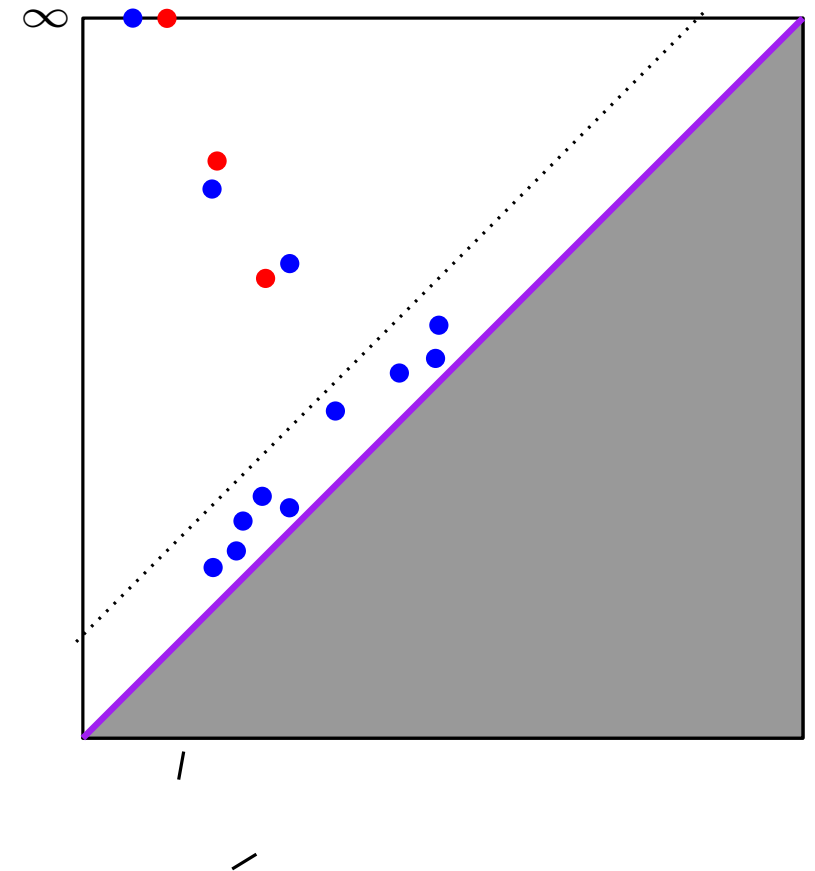
where Γ is the set of all the bijections between D_1 and D_2 and $\|p - q\|_{\infty} = \max(|x_p - x_q|, |y_p - y_q|)$.

Rmk: in many applications, the so-called Wasserstein distance between diagrams is used:
 $W_p(D_1, D_2) = \inf_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \sum_{m \in D_1} \|m - \gamma(m)\|, p \geq 1$.

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Theorem (Stability):

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

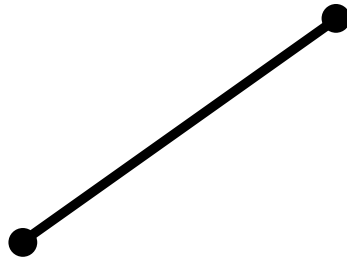
[Cohen-Steiner, Edelsbrunner, Harer 05], [C., Cohen-Steiner, Glisse, Guibas, Oudot - SoCG 09], [C., de Silva, Glisse, Oudot 12]

Simplicial complexes, filtrations,
homology and persistent homology

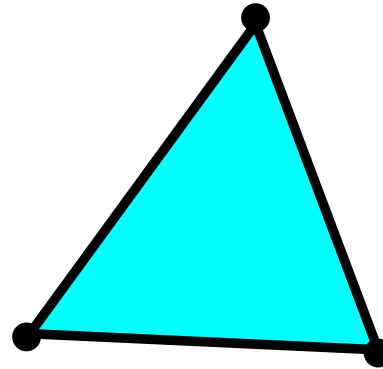
Simplicial complexes



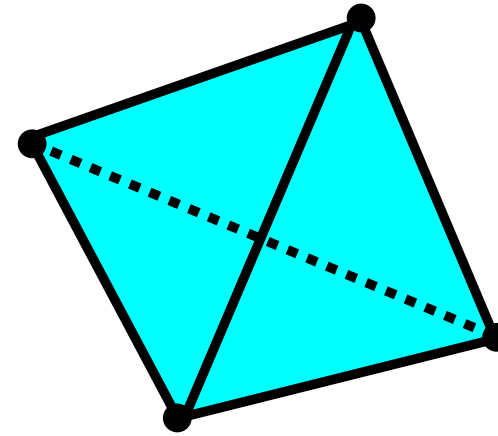
0-simplex:
vertex



1-simplex:
edge



2-simplex:
triangle



3-simplex:
tetrahedron

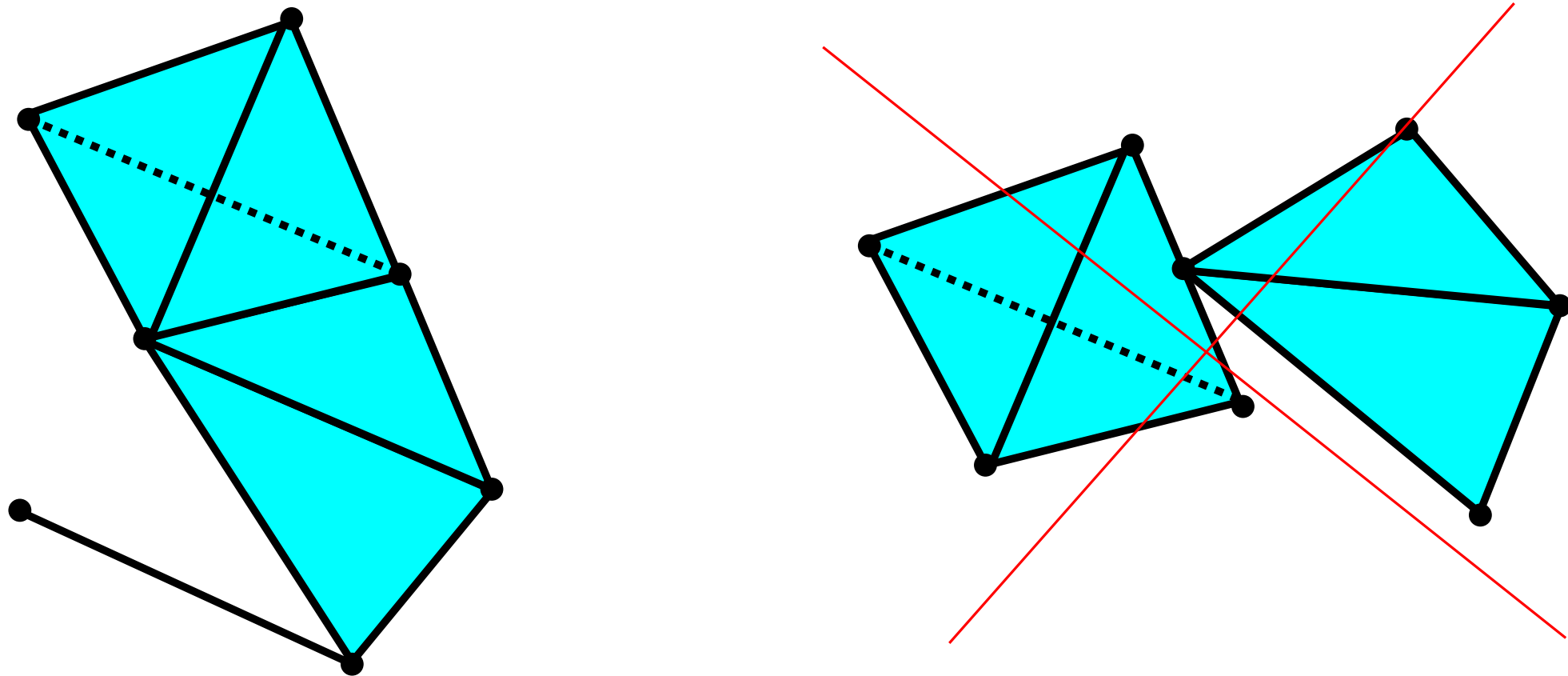
etc...

Given a set $P = \{p_0, \dots, p_k\} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ of $k + 1$ affinely independent points, the k -dimensional simplex σ , or k -simplex for short, spanned by P is the set of convex combinations

$$\sum_{i=0}^k \lambda_i p_i, \quad \text{with} \quad \sum_{i=0}^k \lambda_i = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_i \geq 0.$$

The points p_0, \dots, p_k are called the vertices of σ .

Simplicial complexes



A (finite) **simplicial complex** K in \mathbb{R}^d is a (finite) collection of simplices such that:

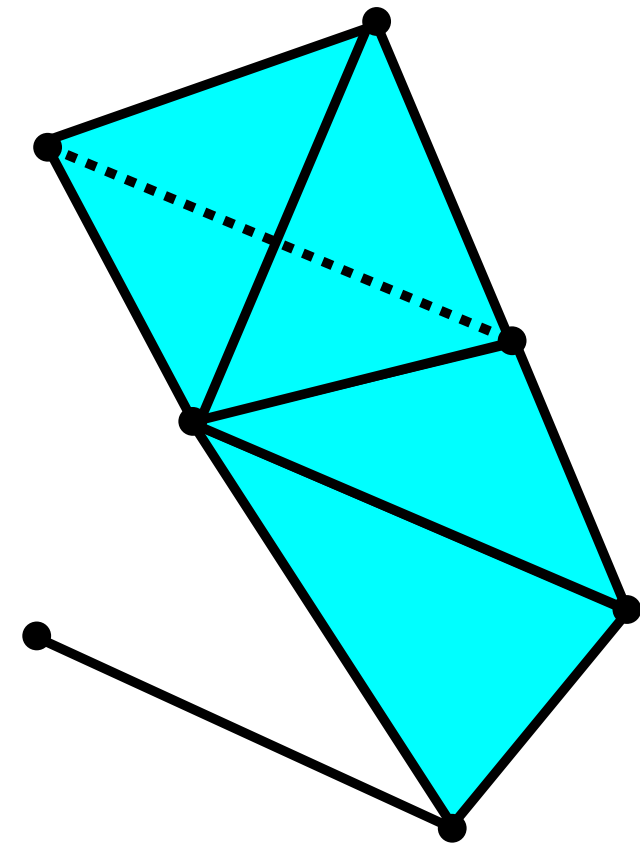
1. any face of a simplex of K is a simplex of K ,
2. the intersection of any two simplices of K is either empty or a common face of both.

The underlying space of K , denoted by $|K| \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ is the union of the simplices of K .

Abstract simplicial complexes

Let P be a set. An **abstract simplicial complex** K with vertex set P is a set of finite subsets of P satisfying the two conditions :

1. The elements of P belong to K .
2. If $\tau \in K$ and $\sigma \subseteq \tau$, then $\sigma \in K$.



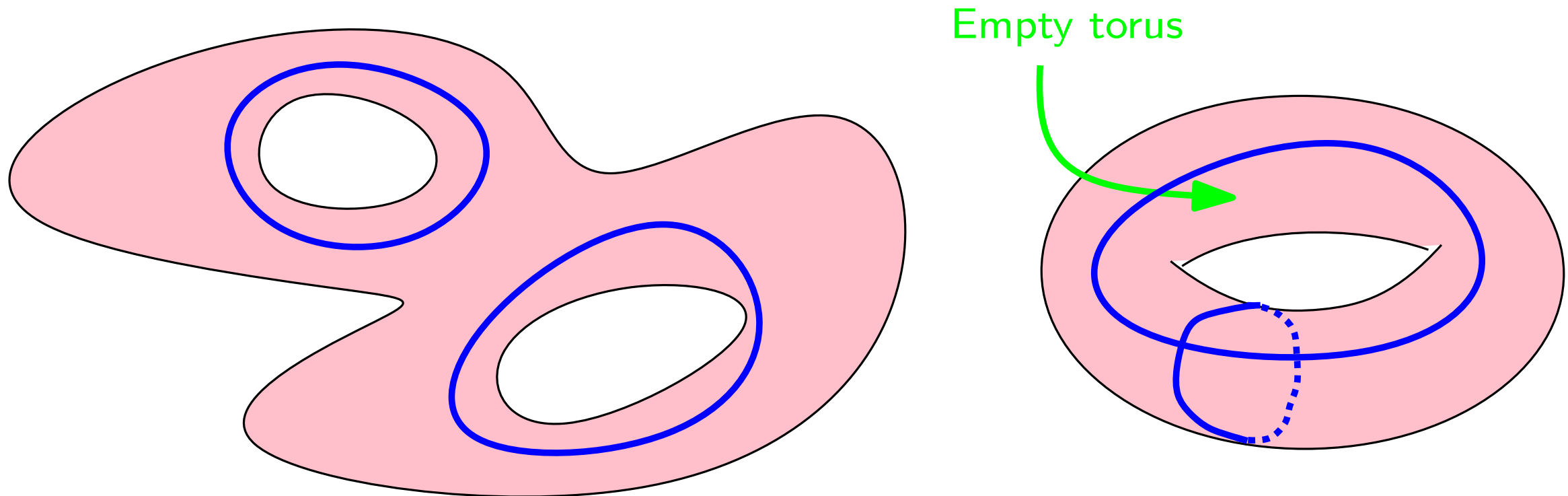
The elements of K are the **simplices**.

IMPORTANT

Simplicial complexes can be seen at the same time as geometric/topological spaces (good for top./geom. inference) and as combinatorial objects (abstract simplicial complexes, good for computations).

Homology in a nutshell (with coeff. in $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$)

Formalize the notion of connected components, cycles/holes, voids... in a topological space.



- 2 connected components (0-dim homology)
- 4 cycles (1-dim homology)
- 1 void (2-dim homology)

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The space of k -chains:

Let K be a d -dimensional simplicial complex. Let $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, d\}$ and $\{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_p\}$ be the set of k -simplices of K .

k -chain:

$$c = \sum_{i=1}^p \varepsilon_i \sigma_i \quad \text{with} \quad \varepsilon_i \in \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} = \{0, 1\}$$

Sum of k -chains:

$$c + c' = \sum_{i=1}^p (\varepsilon_i + \varepsilon'_i) \sigma_i \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda.c = \sum_{i=1}^p (\lambda \varepsilon_i) \sigma_i$$

where the sums $\varepsilon_i + \varepsilon'_i$ and the products $\lambda \varepsilon_i$ are modulo 2.

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The boundary operator:

The **boundary** $\partial\sigma$ of a k -simplex σ is the sum of its $(k-1)$ -faces. This is a $(k-1)$ -chain.

$$\text{If } \sigma = [v_0, \dots, v_k] \text{ then } \partial_k \sigma = \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^i [v_0 \cdots \hat{v}_i \cdots v_k]$$

The boundary operator is the linear map defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_k : \mathcal{C}_k(K) &\rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{k-1}(K) \\ c &\rightarrow \partial_k c = \sum_{\sigma \in c} \partial_k \sigma \end{aligned}$$

$$\partial_k \partial_{k+1} := \partial_k \circ \partial_{k+1} = 0$$

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Cycles and boundaries:

The **chain complex** associated to a complex K of dimension d

$$\emptyset \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_d(K) \xrightarrow{\partial} \mathcal{C}_{d-1}(K) \xrightarrow{\partial} \cdots \mathcal{C}_{k+1}(K) \xrightarrow{\partial} \mathcal{C}_k(K) \xrightarrow{\partial} \cdots \mathcal{C}_1(K) \xrightarrow{\partial} \mathcal{C}_0(K) \xrightarrow{\partial}$$

k -cycles:

$$Z_k(K) := \ker(\partial : \mathcal{C}_k \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{k-1}) = \{c \in \mathcal{C}_k : \partial c = \emptyset\}$$

k -boundaries:

$$B_k(K) := \operatorname{im}(\partial : \mathcal{C}_{k+1} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_k) = \{c \in \mathcal{C}_k : \exists c' \in \mathcal{C}_{k+1}, c = \partial c'\}$$

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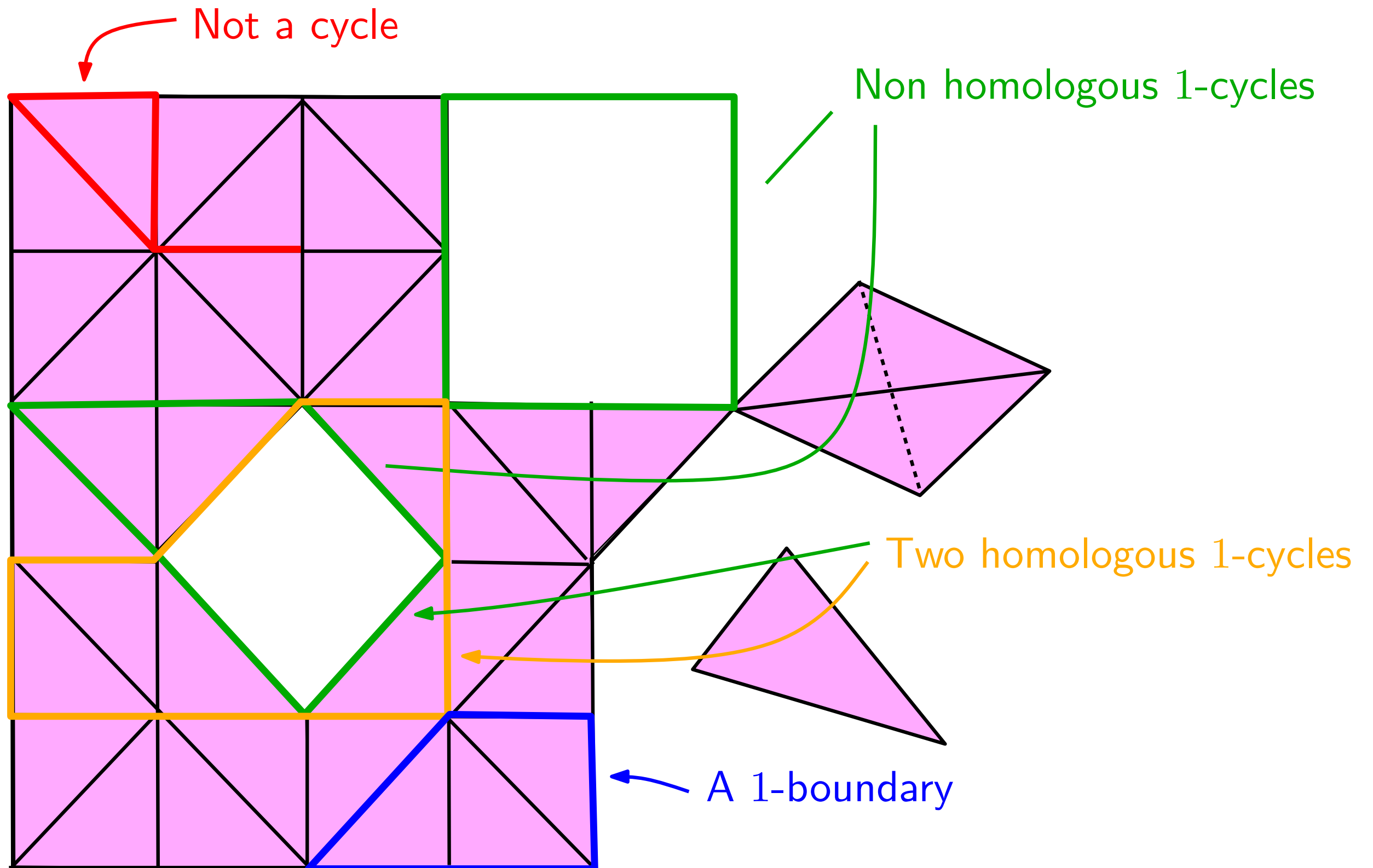
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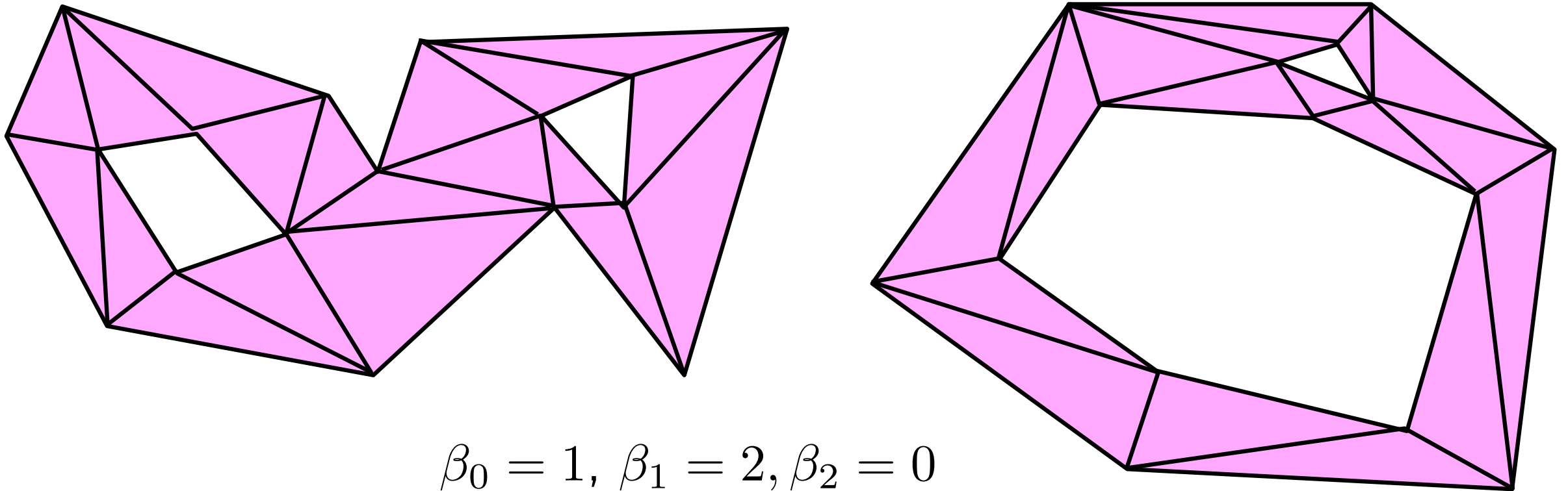
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- The k^{th} **homology group** of K : $H_k(K) = Z_k / B_k$
- Tout each cycle $c \in Z_k(K)$ corresponds its **homology class** $c + B_k(K) = \{c + b : b \in B_k(K)\}$.
- Two cycles c, c' are **homologous** if they are in the same homology class: $\exists b \in B_k(K)$ s. t. $b = c' - c (= c' + c)$.
- The k^{th} **Betti number** of K : $\beta_k(K) = \dim(H_k(K))$.

Cycles and boundaries



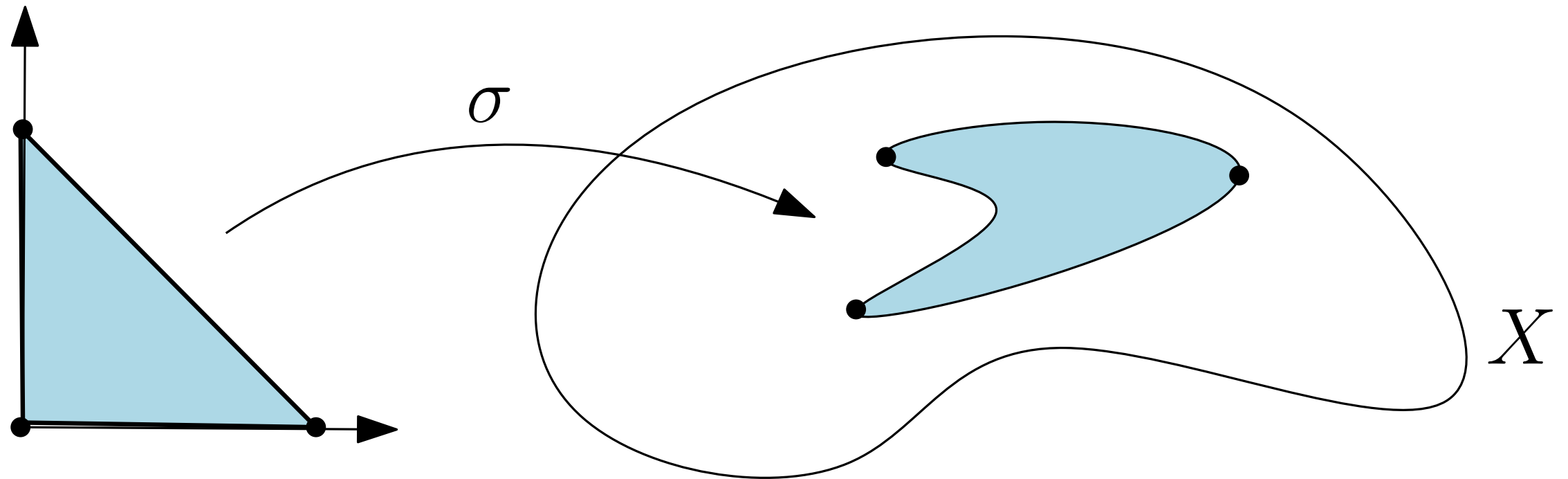
Topological invariance and singular homology



Theorem: If K and K' are two simplicial complexes with homeomorphic supports then their homology groups are isomorphic and their Betti numbers are equal.

- This is a classical result in algebraic topology but the proof is not obvious.
- Rely on the notion of singular homology \rightarrow defined for any topological space.

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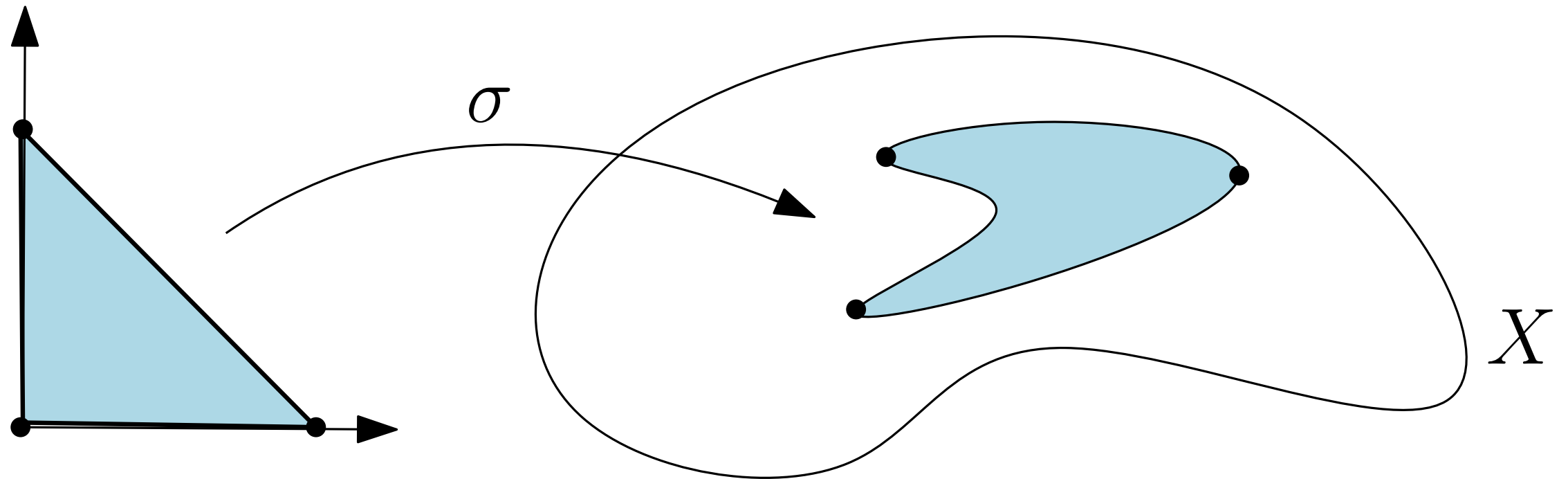
Let Δ_k be the standard simplex in \mathbb{R}^k . A singular k -simplex in a topological space X is a continuous map $\sigma : \Delta_k \rightarrow X$.

The same construction as for simplicial homology can be done with singular complexes \rightarrow **Singular homology**

Important properties:

- Singular homology is defined for any topological space X .
- If X is homotopy equivalent to the support of a simplicial complex, then the singular and simplicial homology coincide!

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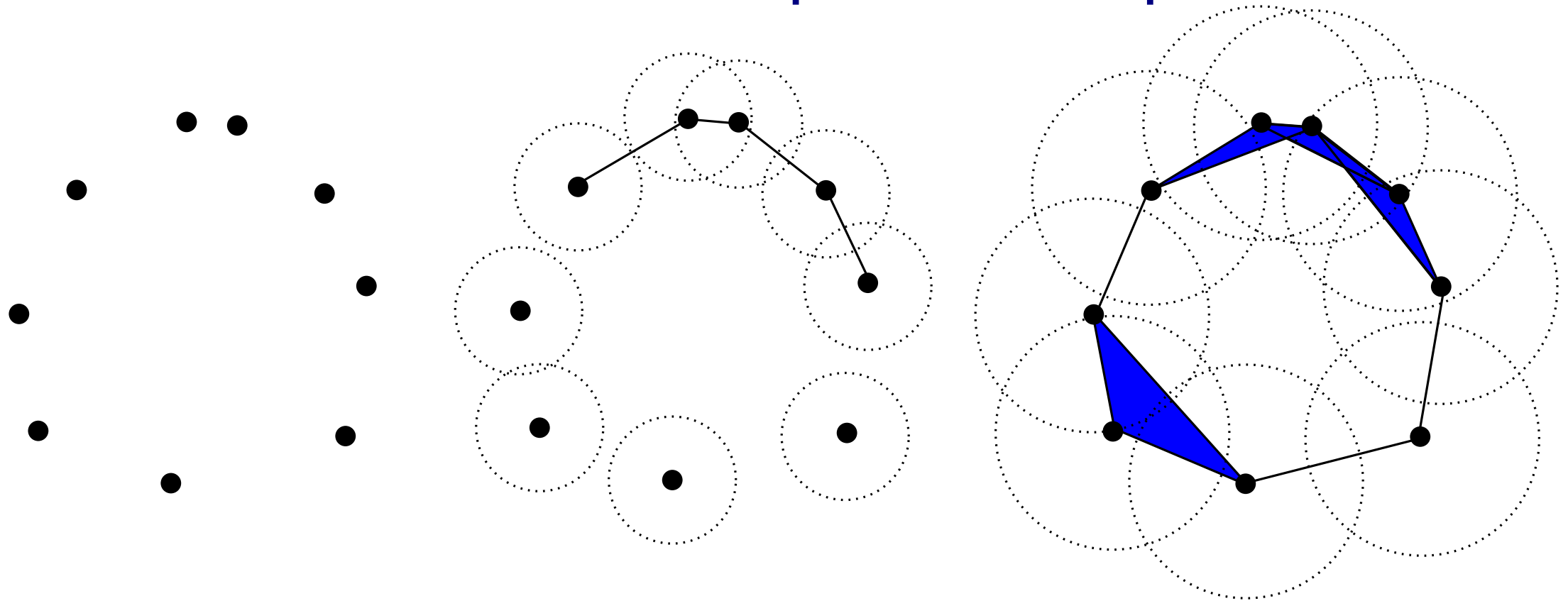
Homology and continuous maps:

- if $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a continuous map and $\sigma : \Delta_k \rightarrow X$ a simplex in X , then $f \circ \sigma : \Delta_k \rightarrow Y$ is a simplex in $Y \Rightarrow f$ induces a linear maps between homology groups:

$$f_{\#} : H_k(X) \rightarrow H_k(Y)$$

- if $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is an homeomorphism or an homotopy equivalence then $f_{\#}$ is an isomorphism.

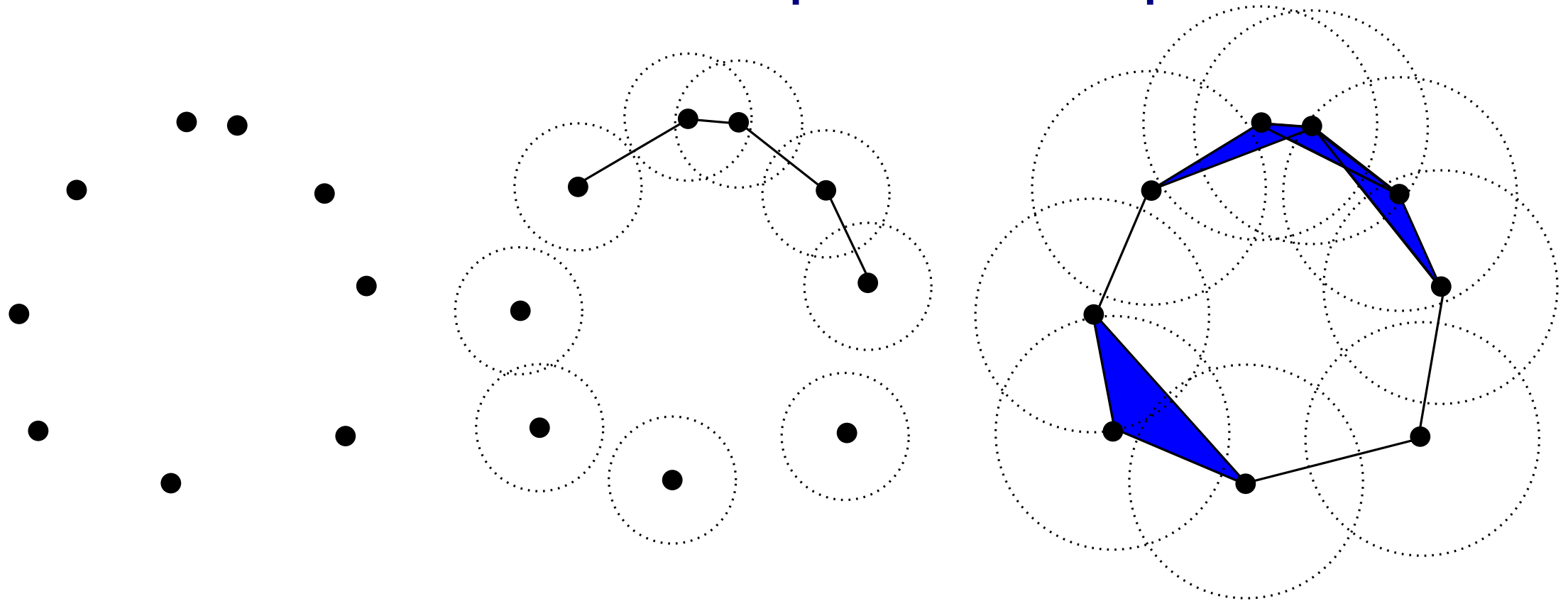
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Persistent homology of a filtered simplicial complex encodes the evolution of the homology of the subcomplexes.

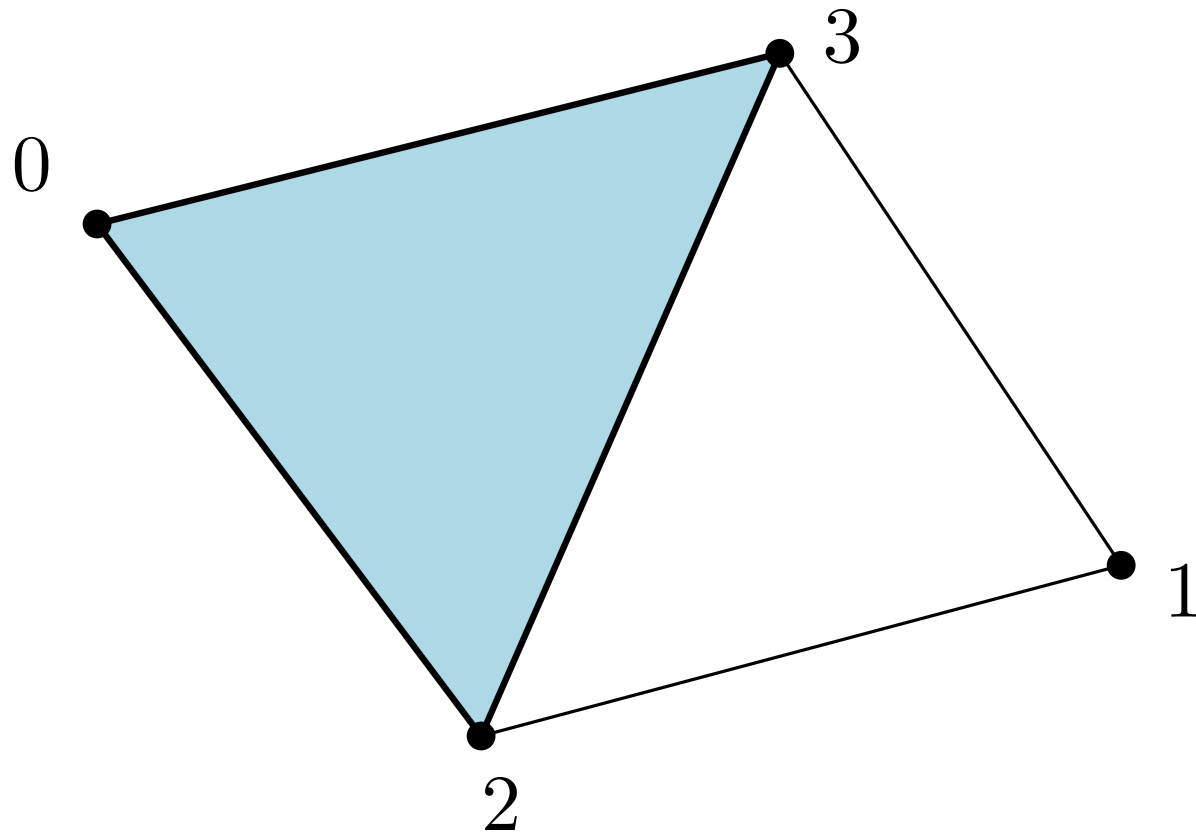
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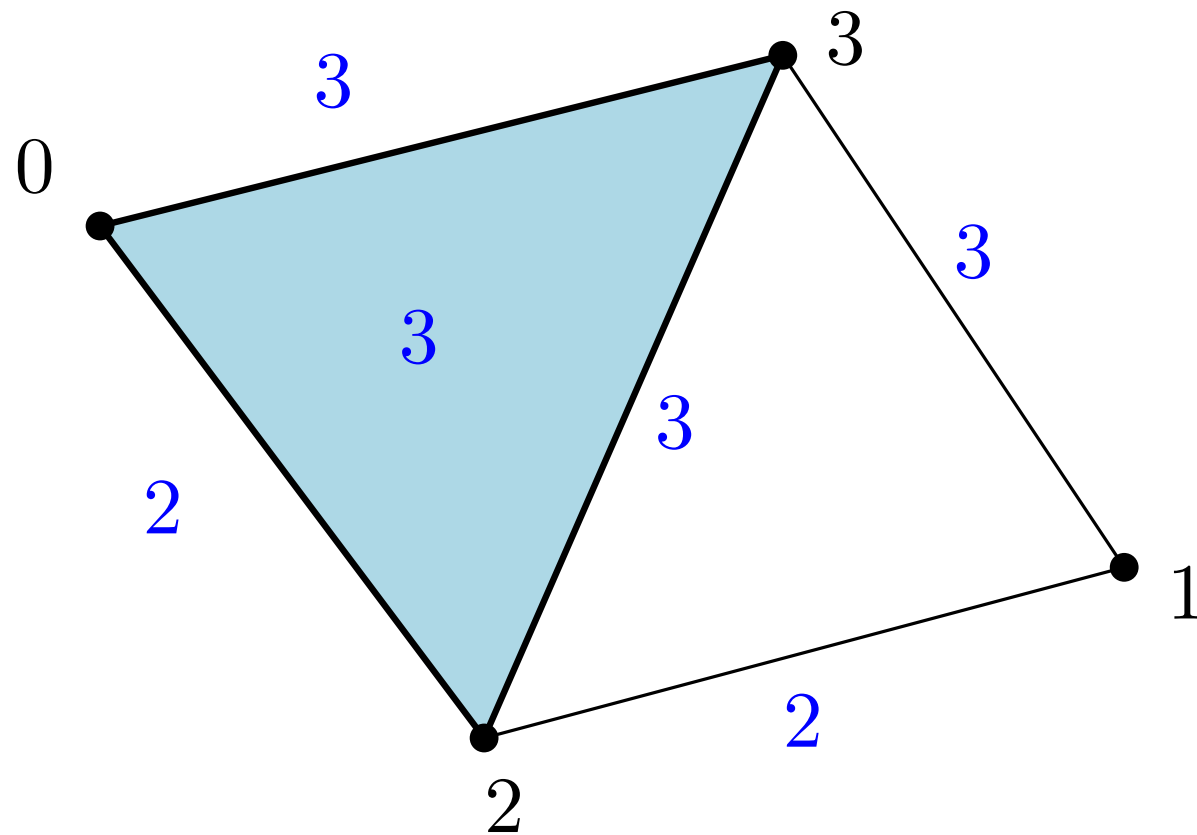
Many examples and ways to design filtrations depending on the application and targeted objectives : sublevel and upperlevel sets, Čech complex,...

Sublevel set filtration associated to a function



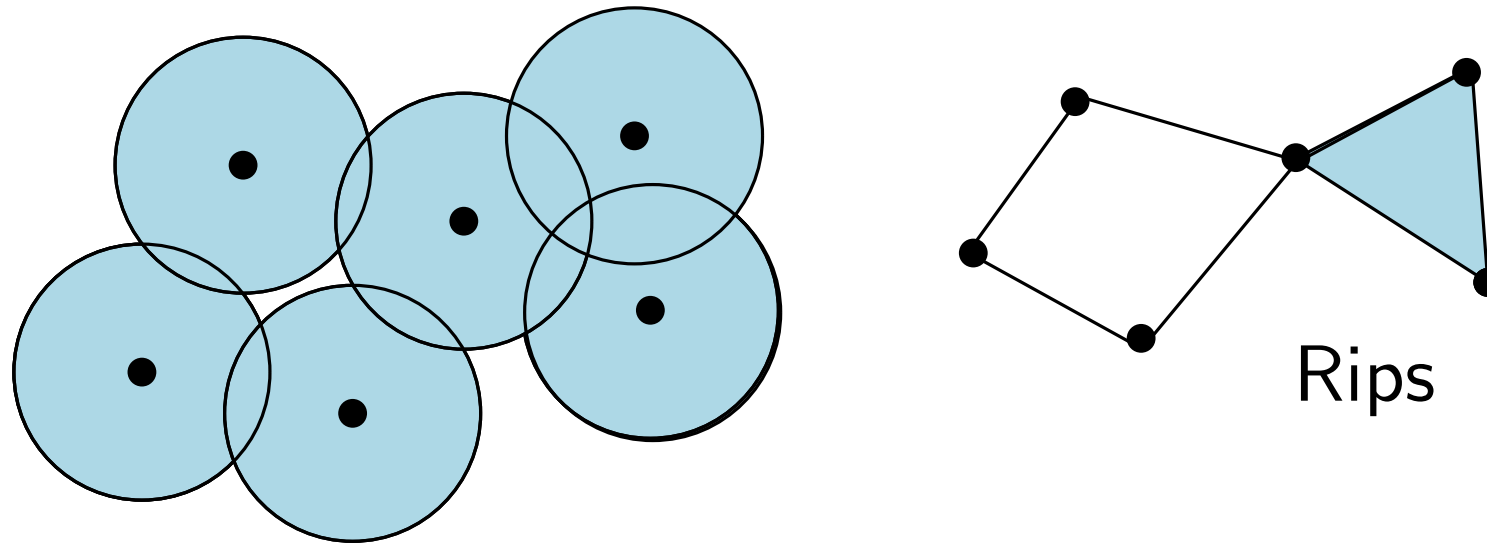
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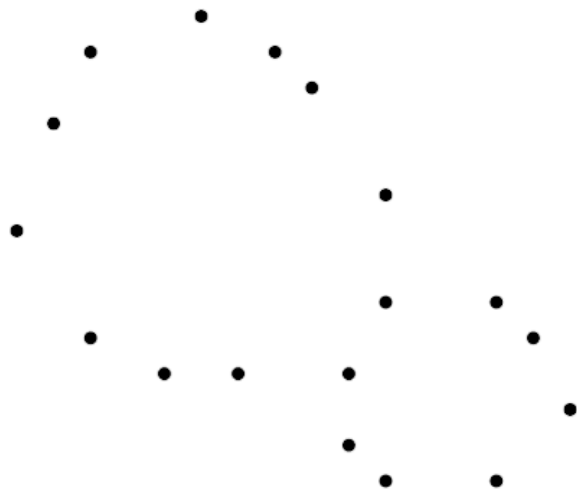
Let V be a point cloud (in a metric space (X, d)).

The **Vietoris-Rips complex** $\text{Rips}(V)$ is the filtered simplicial complex indexed by \mathbb{R} whose vertex set is V and defined by:

$$\sigma = [p_0 p_1 \cdots p_k] \in \text{Rips}(V, \alpha) \quad \text{iff} \quad \forall i, j \in \{0, \dots, k\}, \quad d(p_i, p_j) \leq \alpha$$

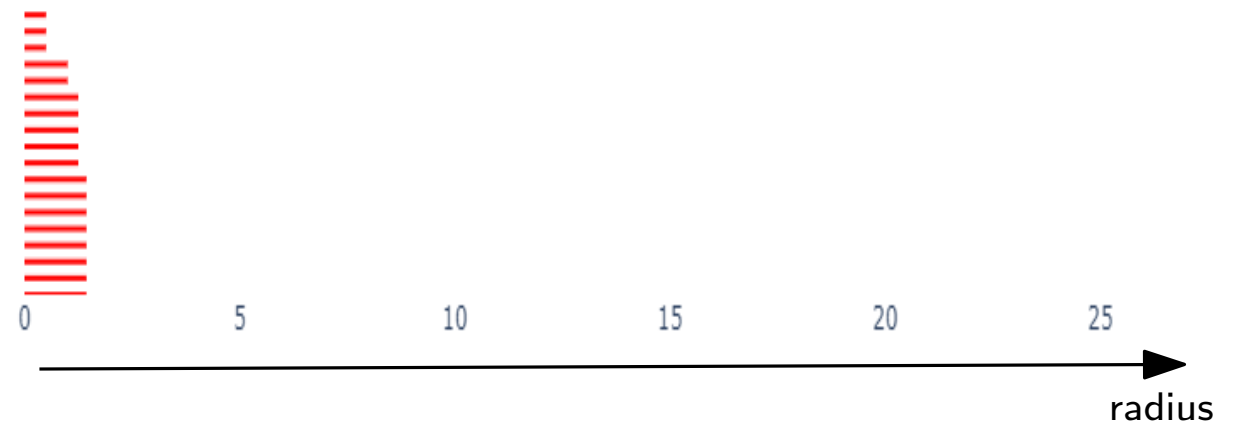
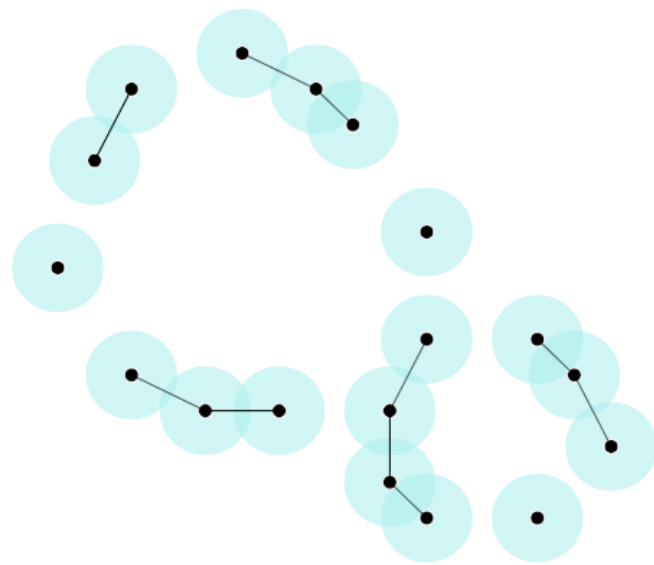
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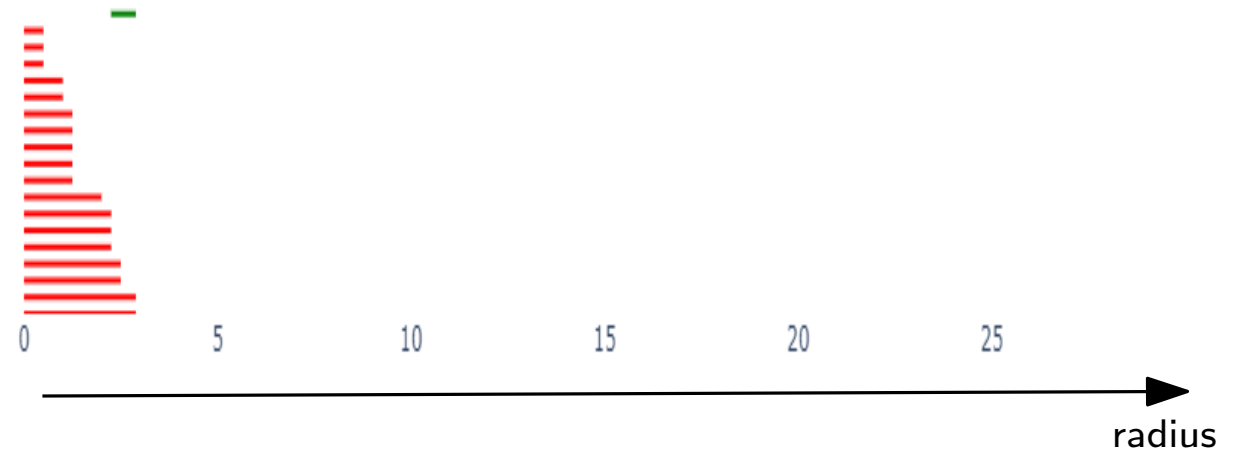
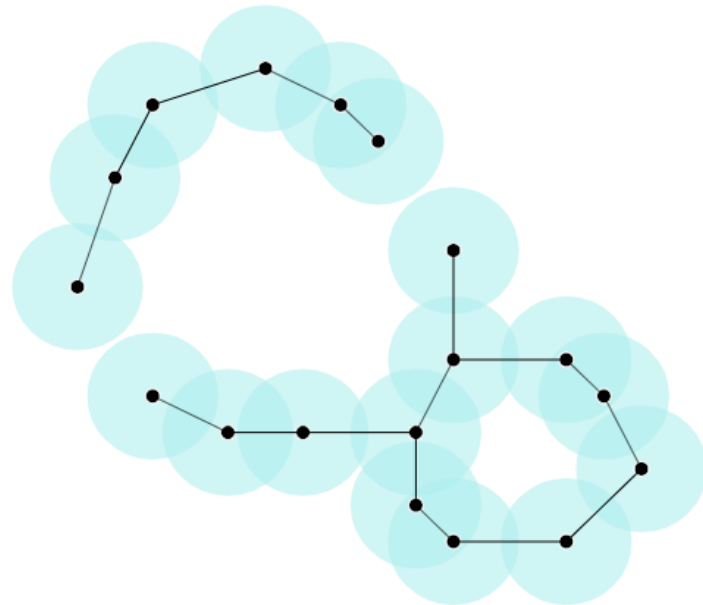
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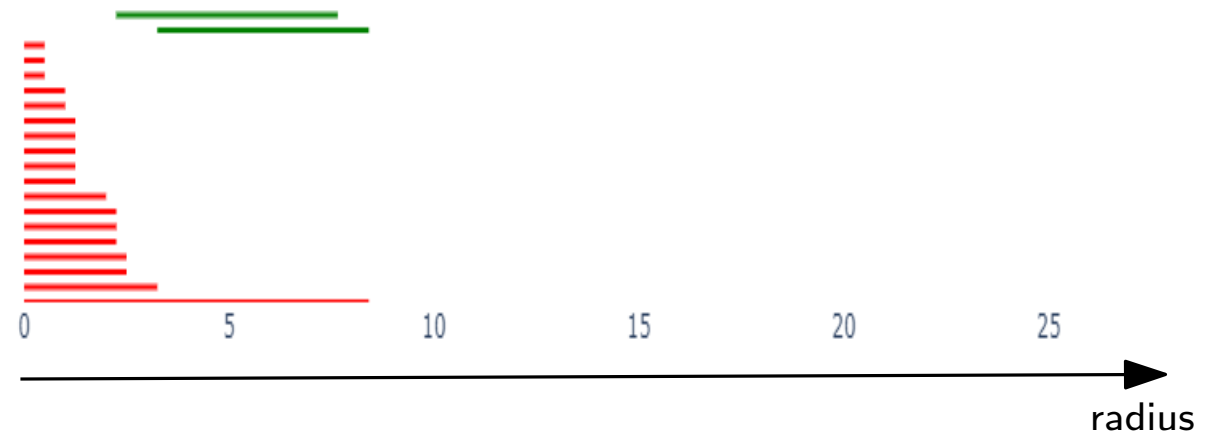
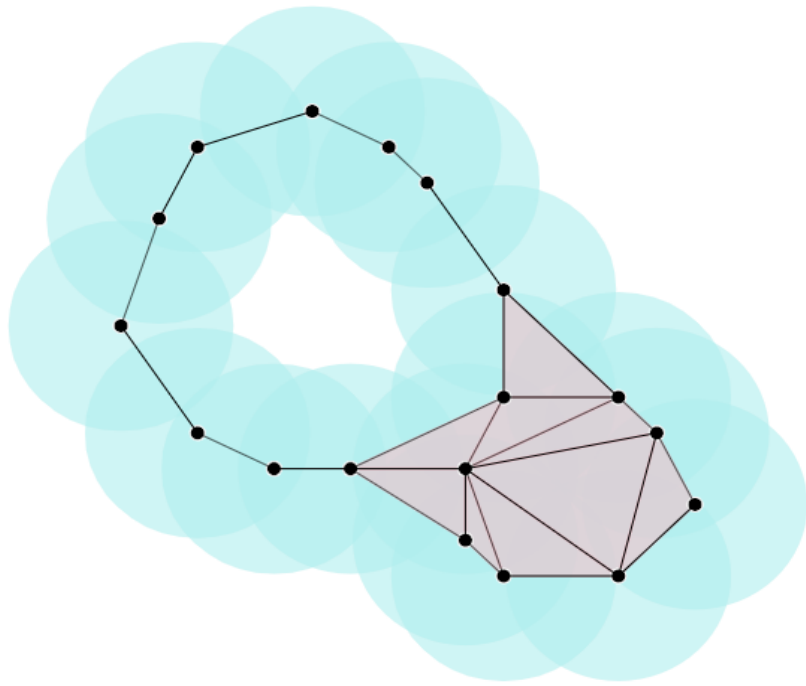
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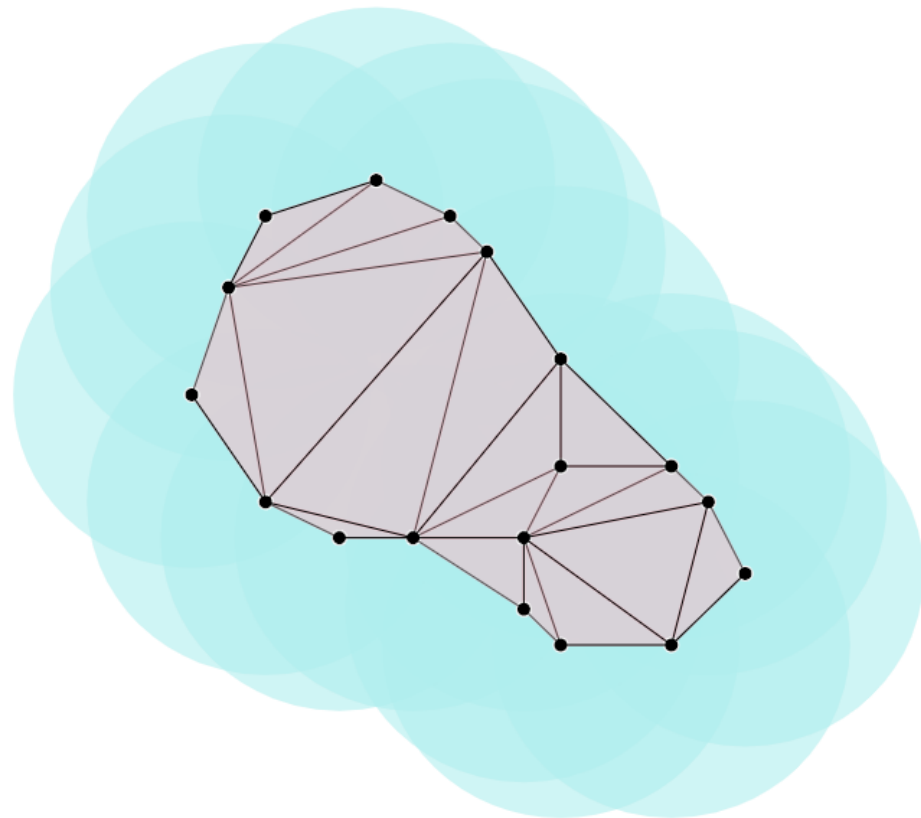
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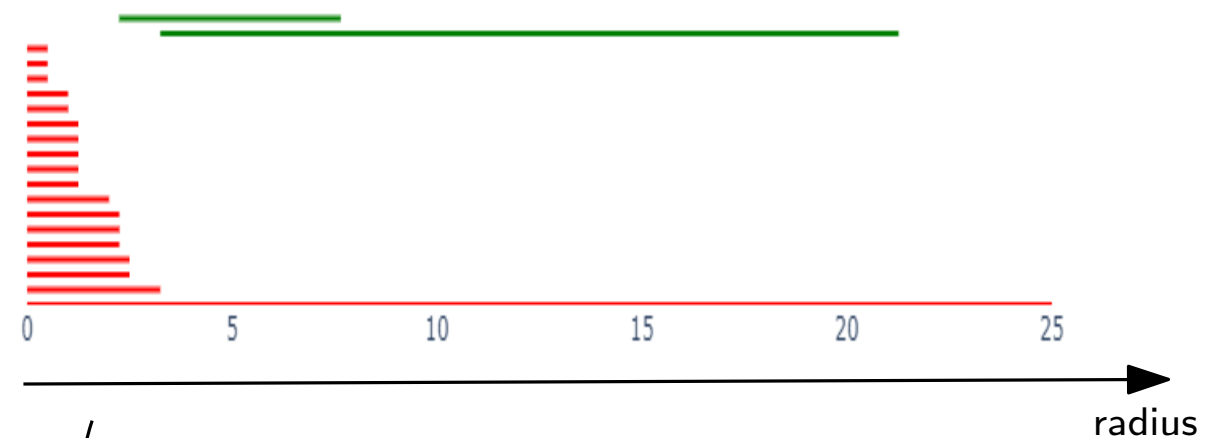


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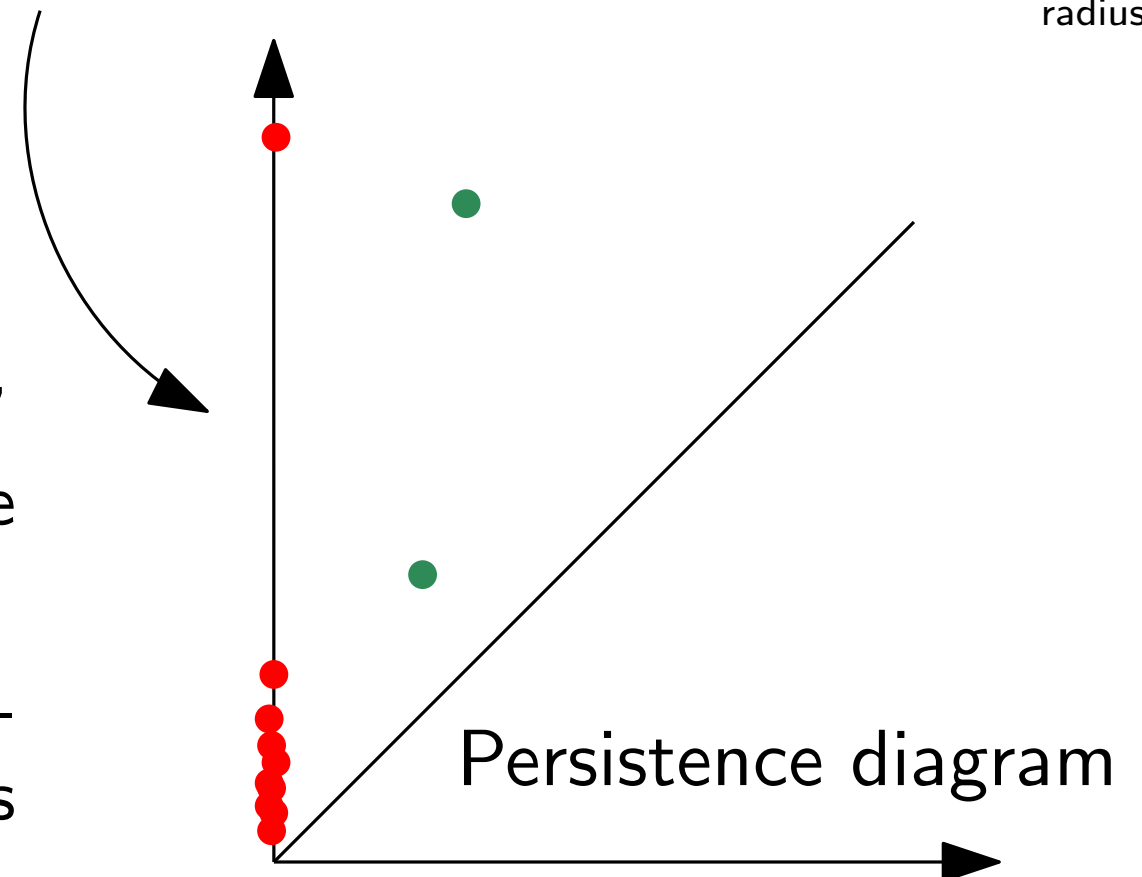
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Stability properties

“Stability theorem”: Close spaces/data sets have close persistence diagrams!
[C., de Silva, Oudot - Geom. Dedicata 2013].

If \mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Y} are compact metric spaces, then

$$d_b(\text{dgm}(\text{Rips}(\mathbb{X})), \text{dgm}(\text{Rips}(\mathbb{Y}))) \leq 2d_{GH}(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Y}).$$

Bottleneck distance

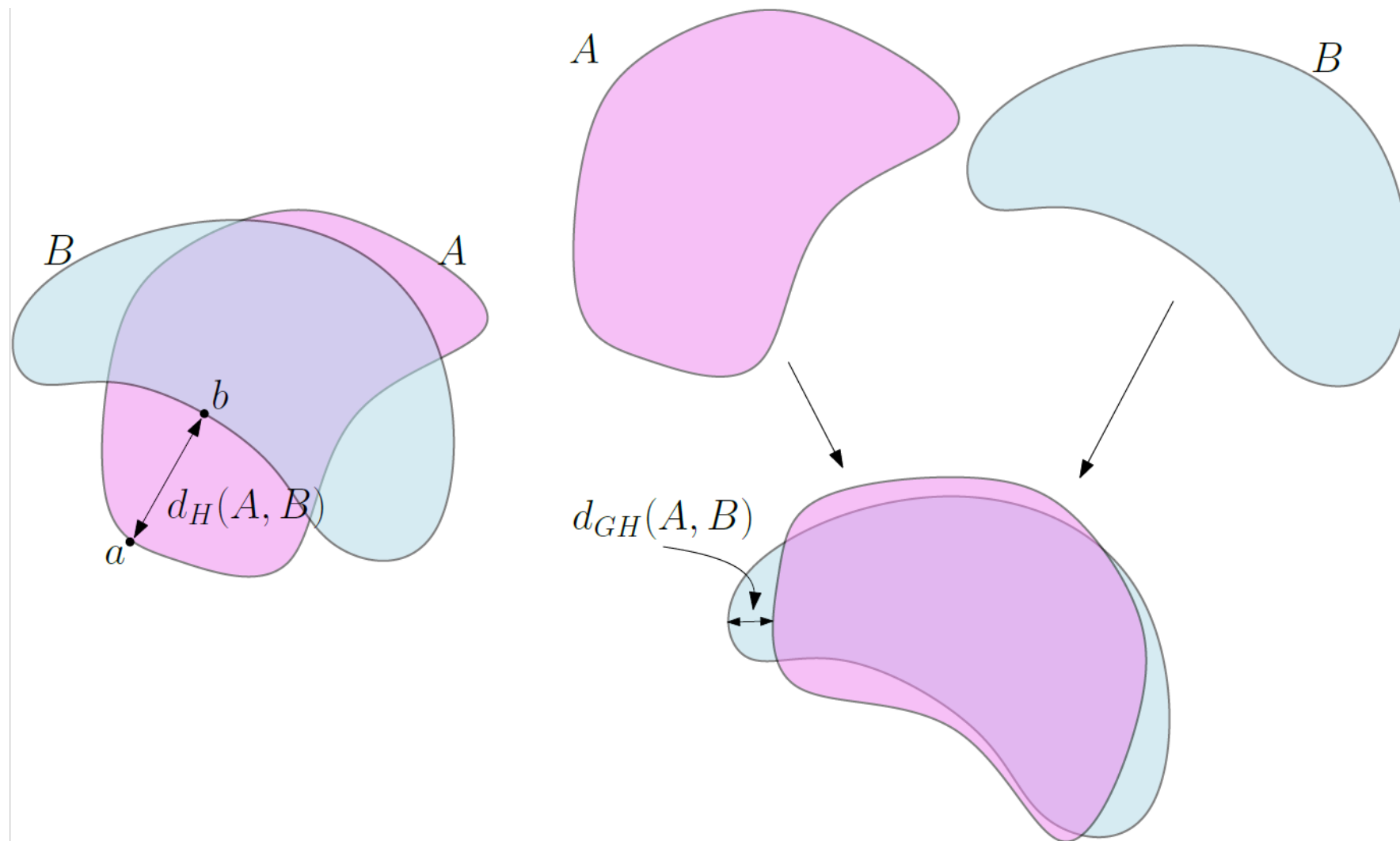
Gromov-Hausdorff distance

$$d_{GH}(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Y}) := \inf_{\mathbb{Z}, \gamma_1, \gamma_2} d_H(\gamma_1(\mathbb{X}), \gamma_2(\mathbb{Y}))$$

\mathbb{Z} metric space, $\gamma_1 : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ and $\gamma_2 : \mathbb{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$
isometric embeddings.

Rem: This result also holds for other families of filtrations (particular case of a more general thm).

Hausdorff distance



Let $A, B \subset M$ be two compact subsets of a metric space (M, d)

$$d_H(A, B) = \max\left\{\sup_{b \in B} d(b, A), \sup_{a \in A} d(a, B)\right\}$$

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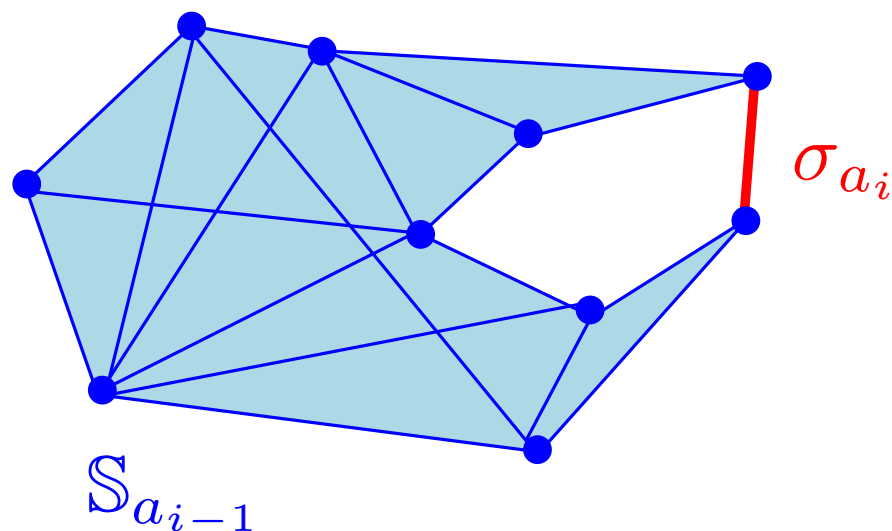
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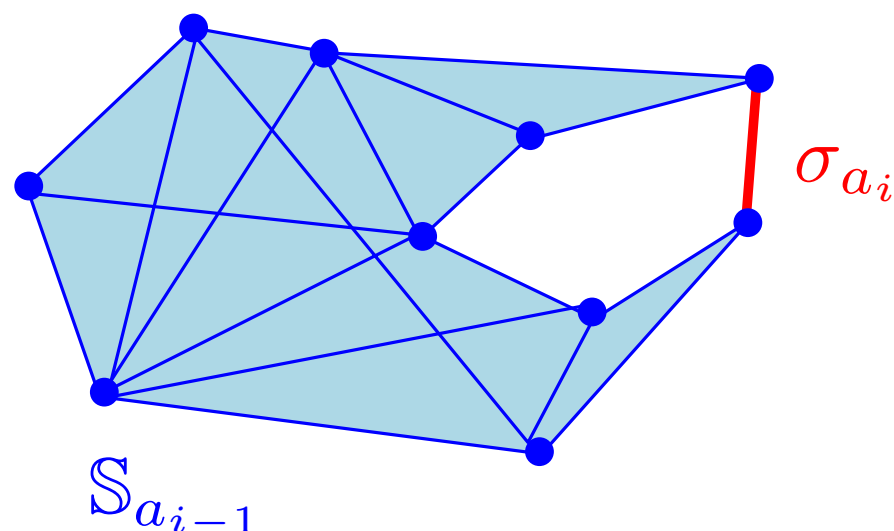
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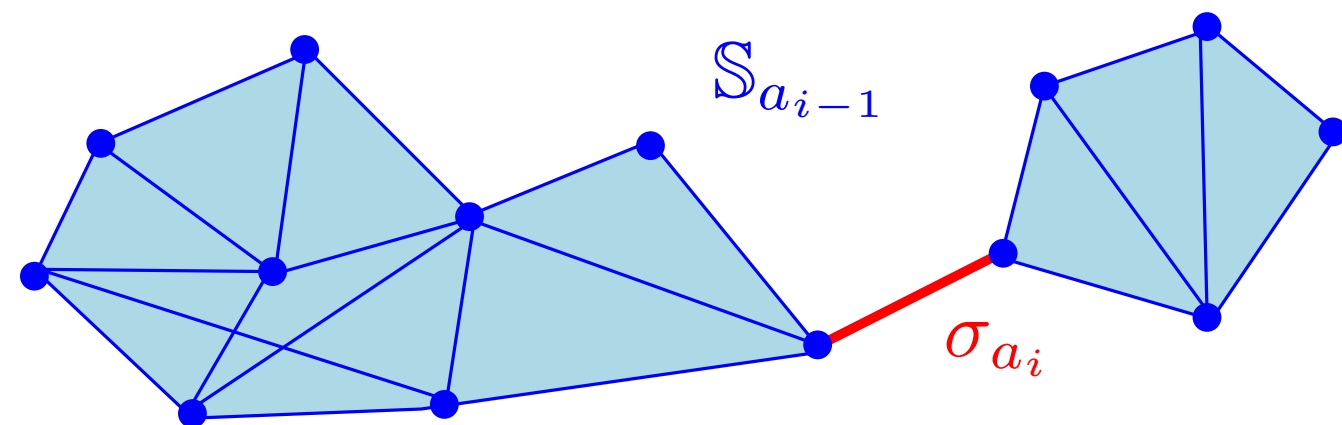


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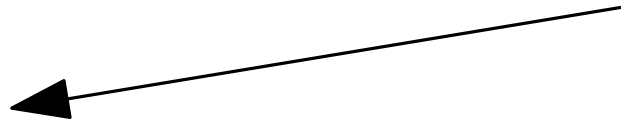


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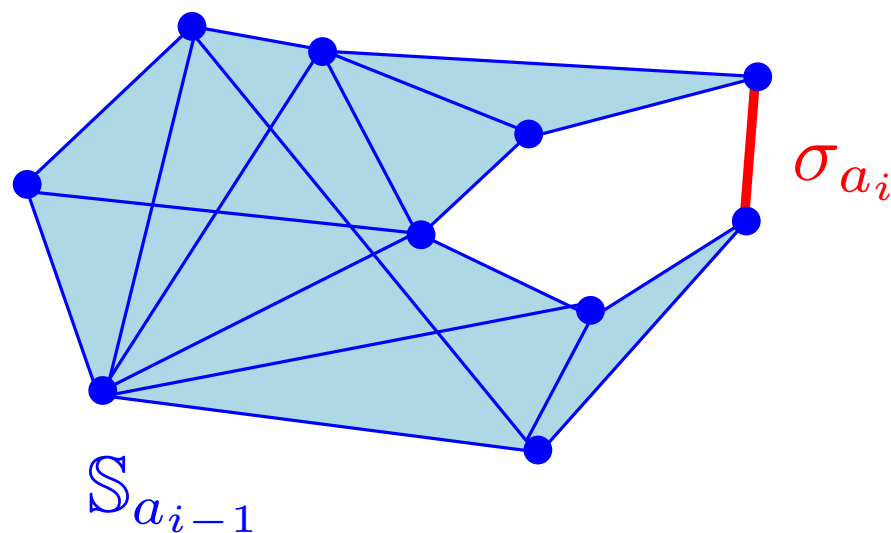
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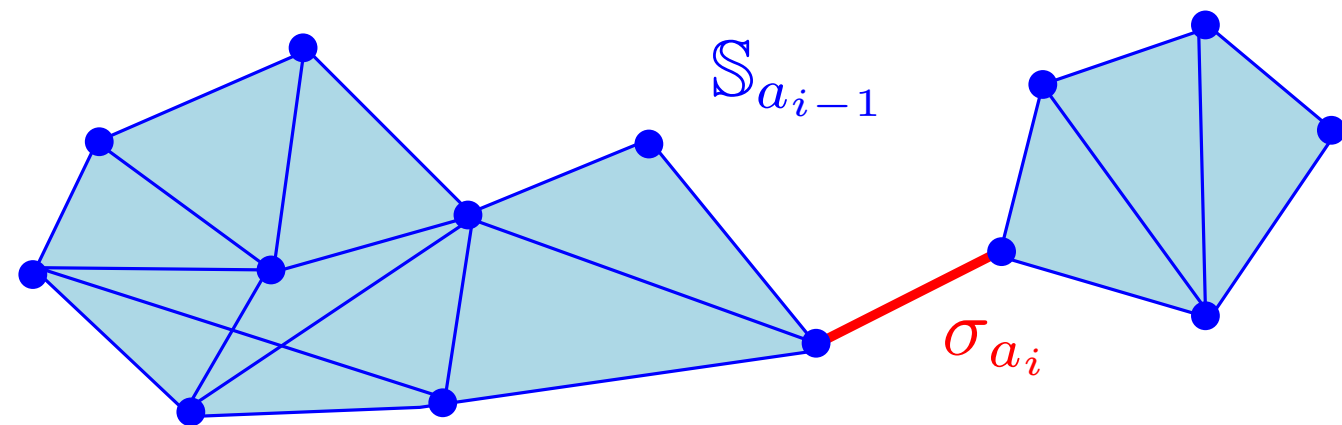
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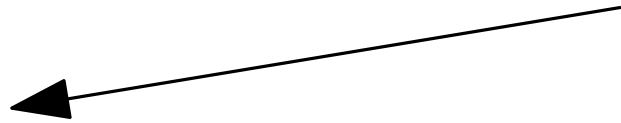
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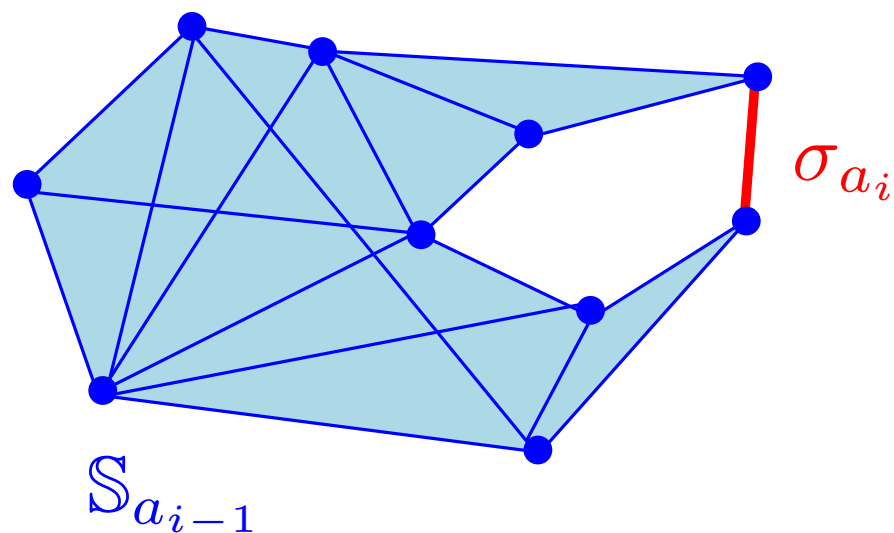
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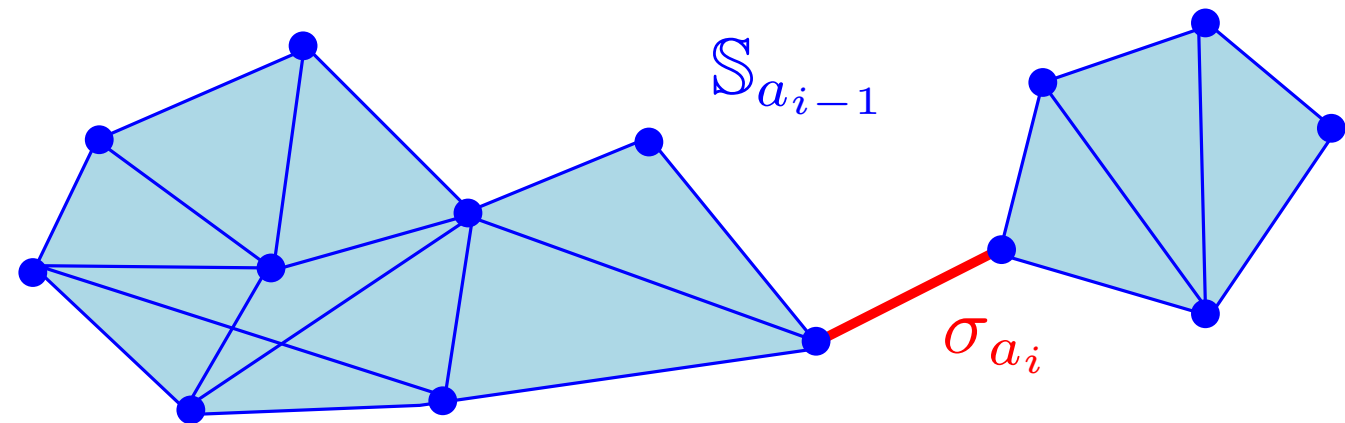
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Important to remember: the persistence pairs are determined by the order on the simplices; the corresponding points in the diagrams are determined by the indices.

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Persistent homology with the GUDHI library



गुढी **GUDHI** Geometry Understanding
in Higher Dimensions

<http://gudhi.gforge.inria.fr/>

GUDHI :

- a C++/Python open source software library for TDA,
- a developers team, an editorial board, open to external contributions,
- provides state-of-the-art TDA data structures and algorithms : design of filtrations, computation of pre-defined filtrations, persistence diagrams,...
- part of GUDHI is interfaced to R through the TDA package.

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Examples: homology of filtrations gives rise to persistence modules.

- Let \mathbb{S} be a filtered simplicial complex. If $V_a = H(\mathbb{S}_a)$ and $v_a^b : H(\mathbb{S}_a) \rightarrow H(\mathbb{S}_b)$ is the linear map induced by the inclusion $\mathbb{S}_a \hookrightarrow \mathbb{S}_b$ then $(H(\mathbb{S}_a) \mid a \in \mathbf{R})$ is a persistence module.
- Given a metric space $(\mathbb{X}, d_{\mathbb{X}})$, $H(\text{Rips}(\mathbb{X}))$ is a persistence module.
- If $f : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is a function, then the filtration defined by the sublevel sets of f , $\mathbb{F}_a = f^{-1}((-\infty, a])$, induces a persistence module at homology level.

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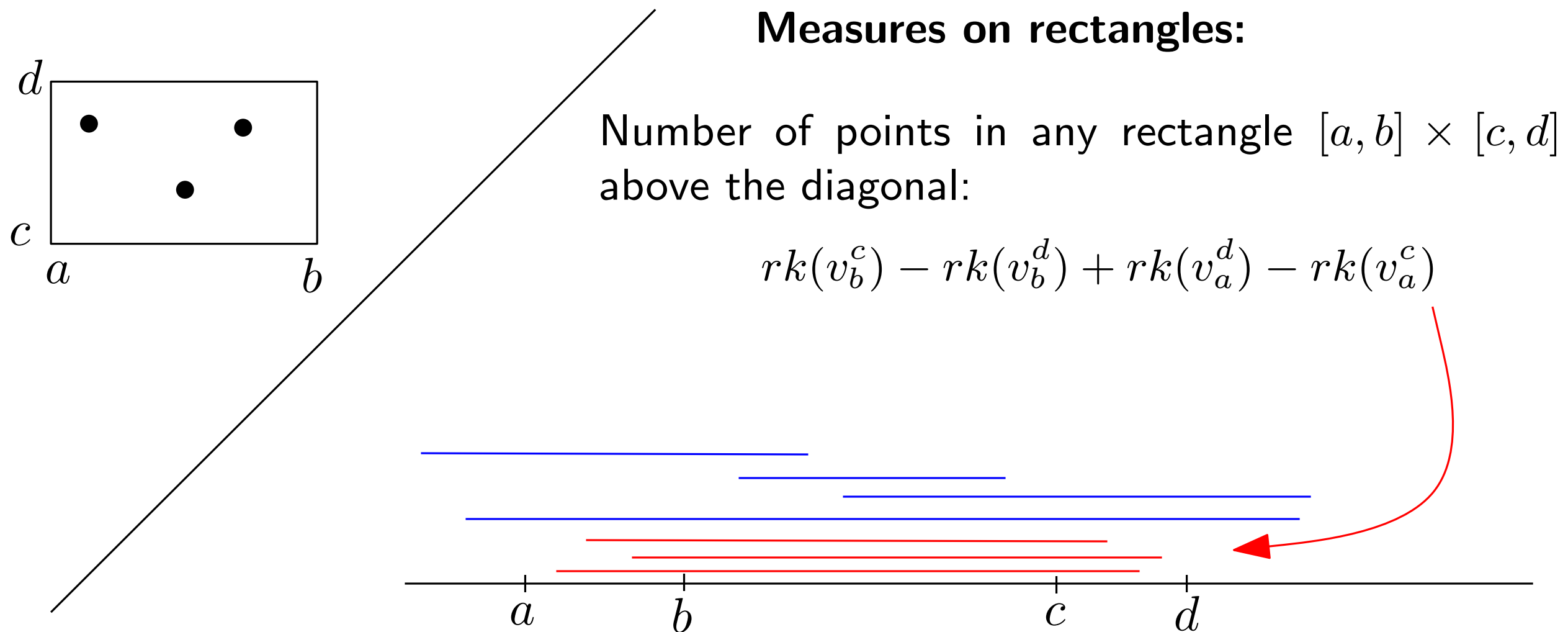
q-tame persistence modules have well-defined persistence diagrams.

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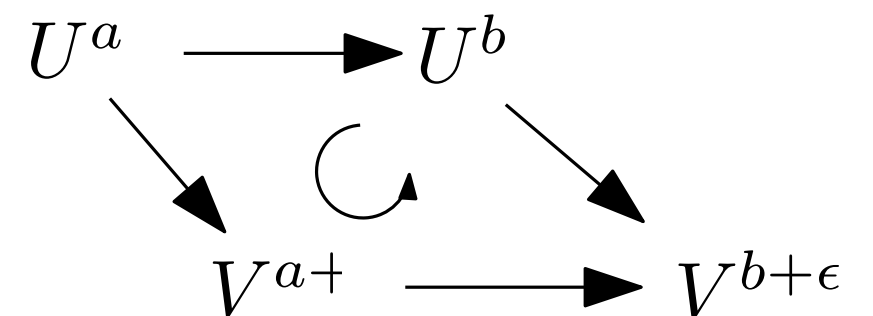
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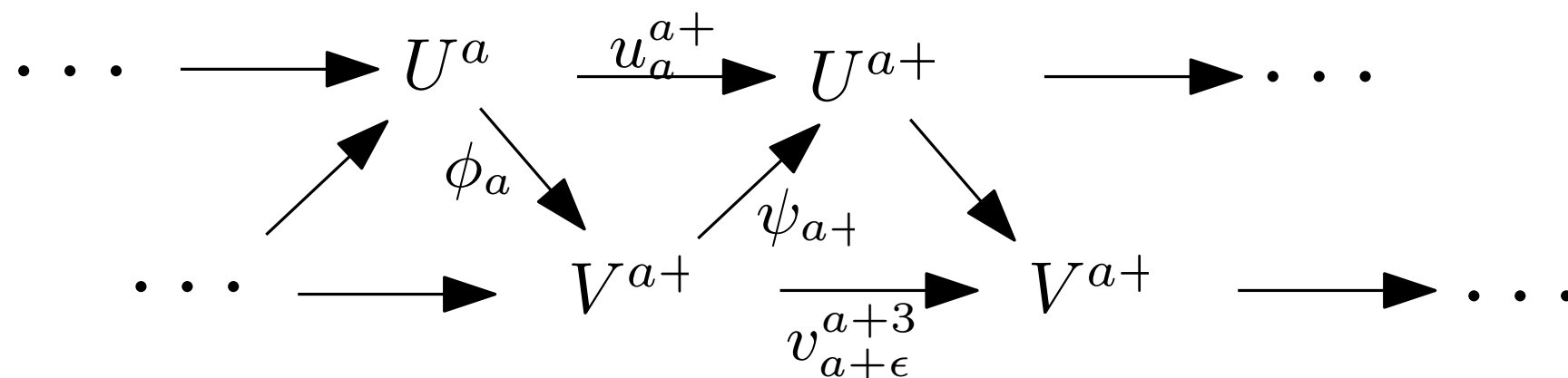
A **homomorphism of degree ϵ** between two persistence modules \mathbb{U} and \mathbb{V} is a collection Φ of linear maps

$$(\phi_a : U_a \rightarrow V_{a+\epsilon} \mid a \in \mathbf{R})$$

such that $v_{a+\epsilon}^{b+\epsilon} \circ \phi_a = \phi_b \circ u_a^b$ for all $a \leq b$.



An **ϵ -interleaving** between \mathbb{U} and \mathbb{V} is specified by two homomorphisms of degree ϵ $\Phi : \mathbb{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{V}$ and $\Psi : \mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{U}$ s.t. $\Phi \circ \Psi$ and $\Psi \circ \Phi$ are the “shifts” of degree 2ϵ between \mathbb{U} and \mathbb{V} .



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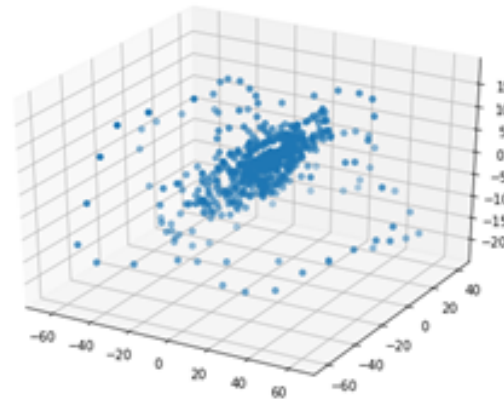
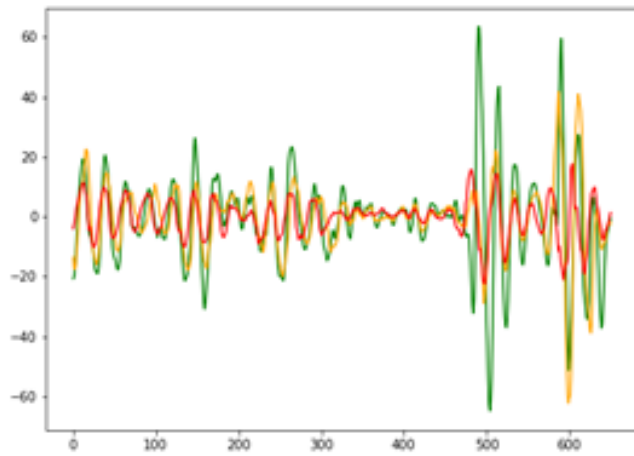
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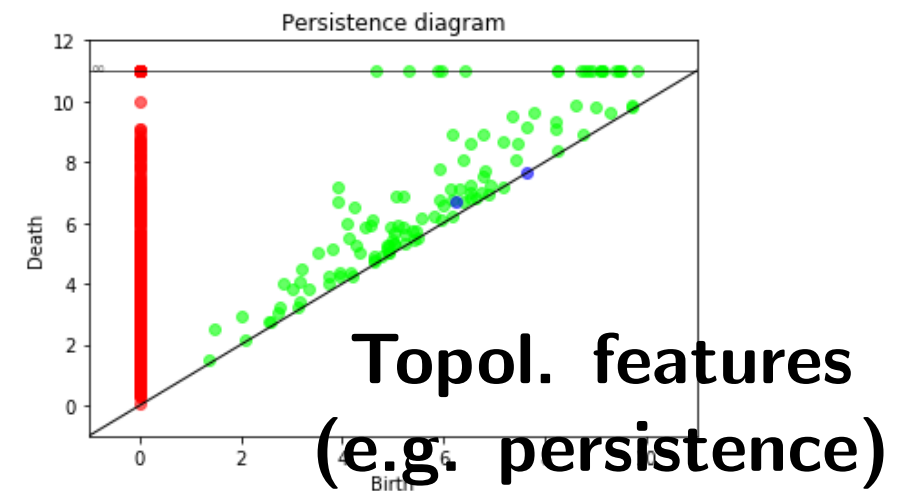
Strategy: build filtrations that induce **q-tame** homology persistence modules and that turn out to be **ϵ -interleaved** when the considered spaces/functions are $O(\epsilon)$ -close.

Exploiting persistent homology information

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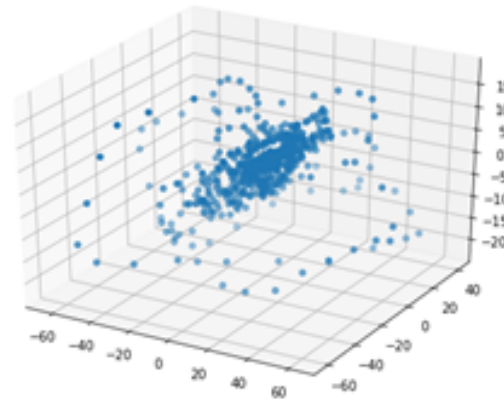
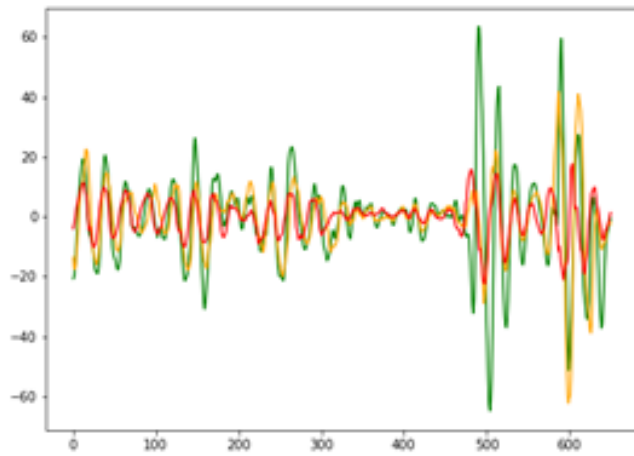


Strengths of topological information:

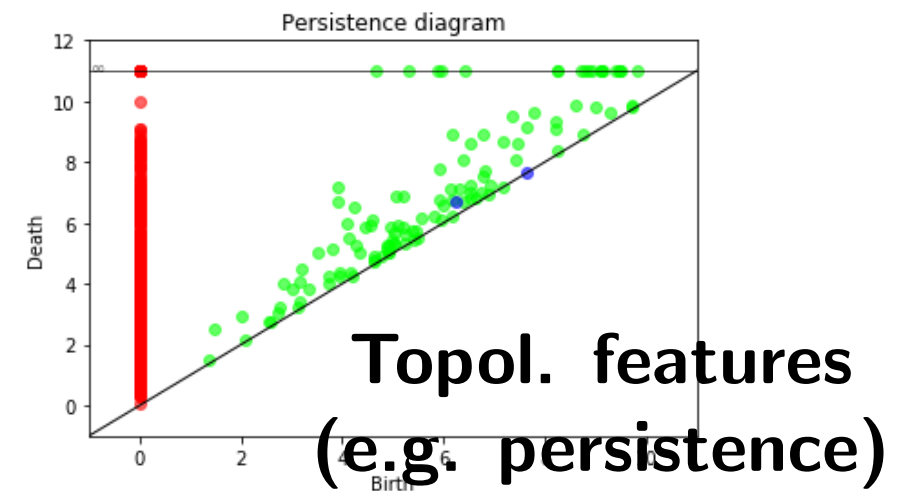
- robust, multiscale information,
- interpretable information (in some cases),
- benefit from a solid mathematical framework (e.g. persistent homology theory).

But...

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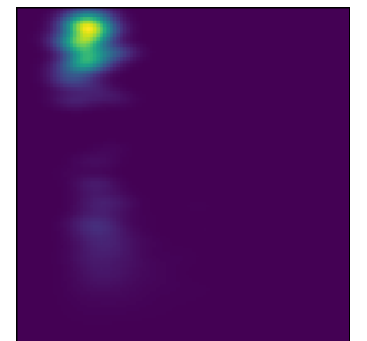
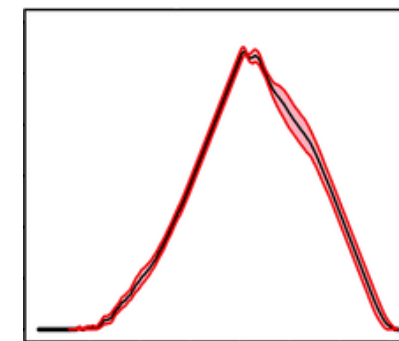


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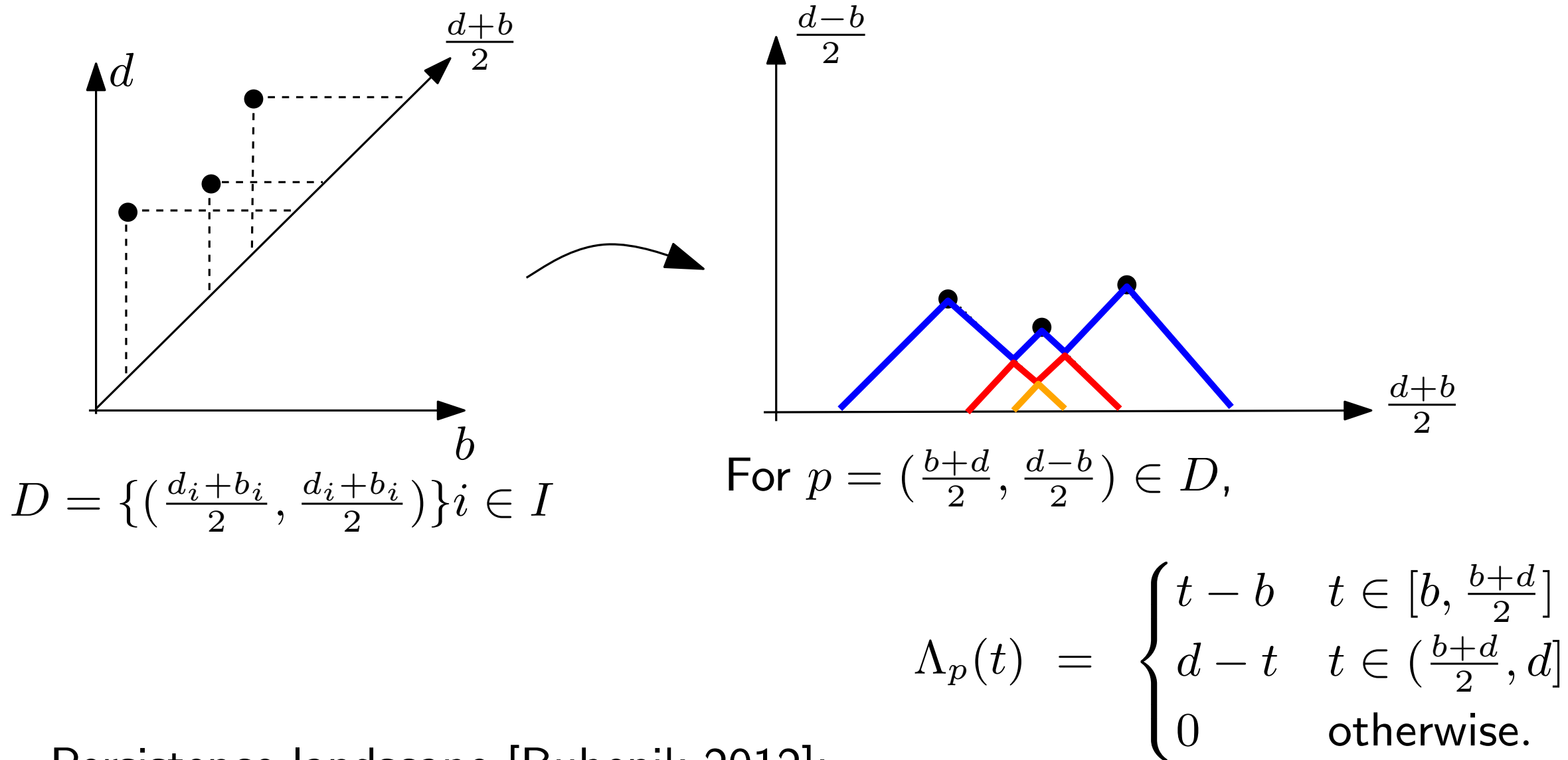
- Topological information is usually not well-suited for direct statistical analysis and ML algorithms (e.g. the space of PD is highly non linear)
- Not always clear which part of the topological features carries the relevant information.
- An active research area, but still at a very early stage (in particular regarding math. aspects).

Machine
Learning / AI



**Representations of
persistence**

Persistence landscapes

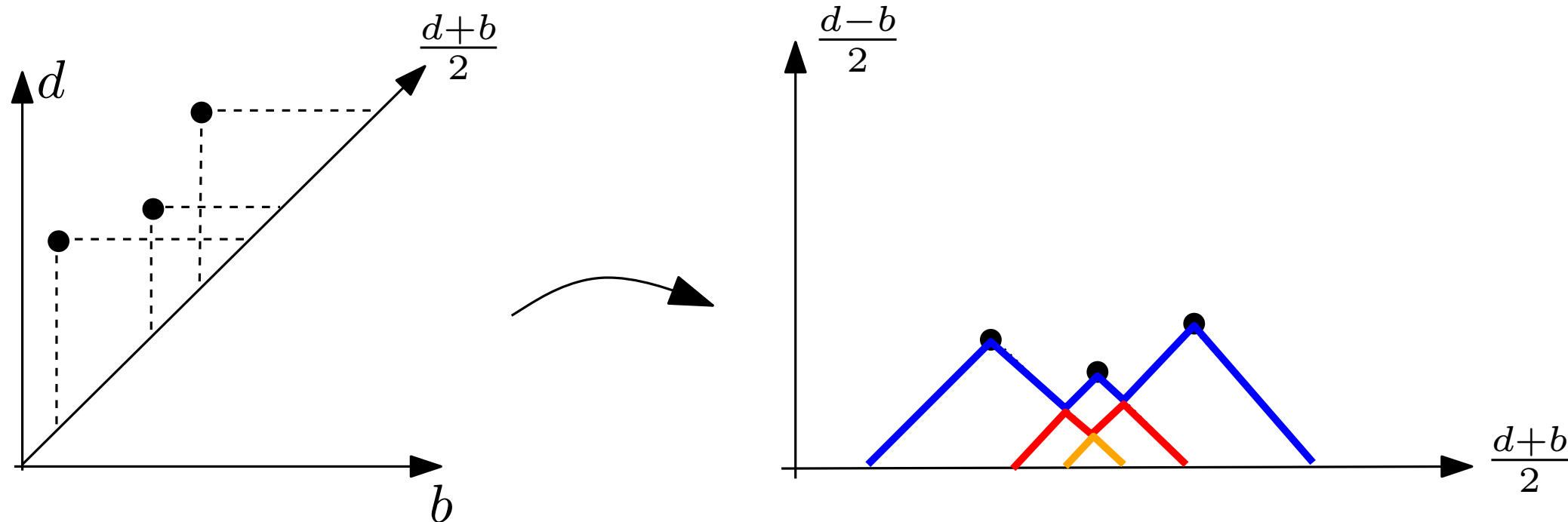


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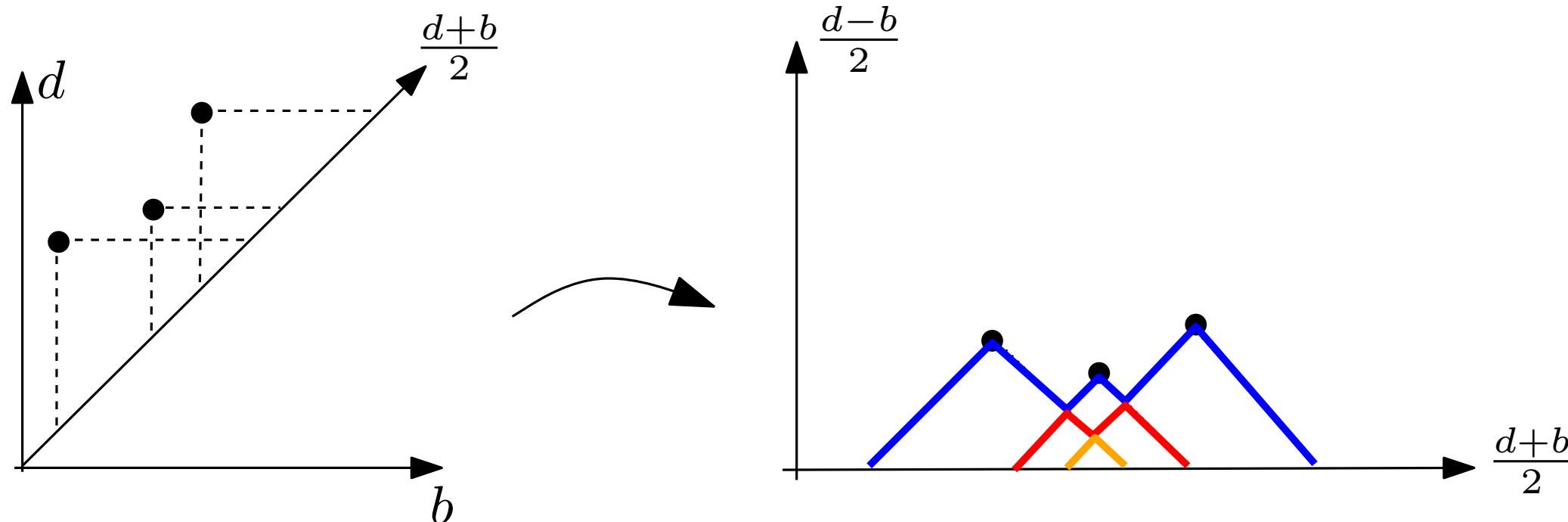
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Properties

- For any $t \in \mathbb{R}$ and any $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $0 \leq \lambda_D(k, t) \leq \lambda_D(k+1, t)$.
- For any $t \in \mathbb{R}$ and any $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $|\lambda_D(k, t) - \lambda_{D'}(k, t)| \leq d_B(D, D')$ where $d_B(D, D')$ denotes the bottleneck distance between D and D' .

stability properties of persistence landscapes

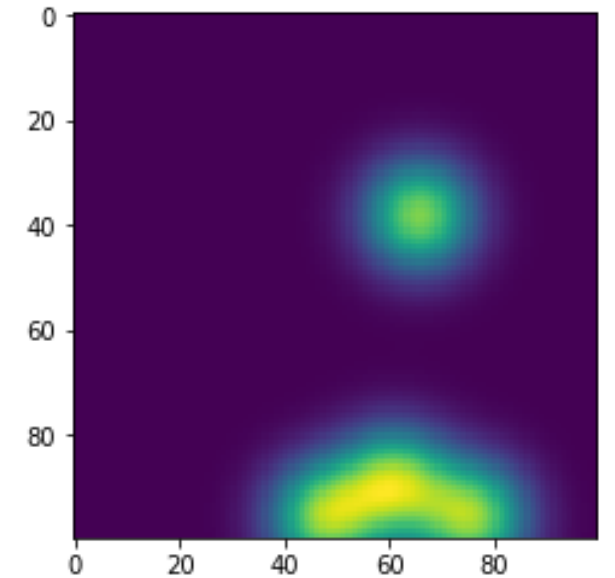
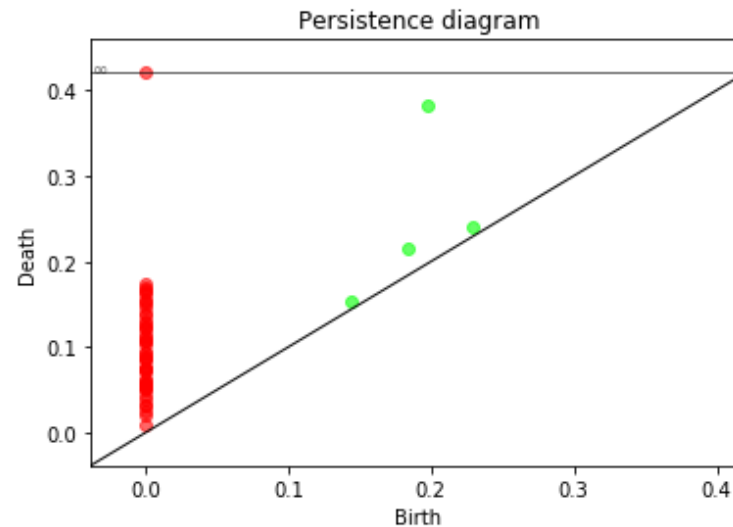
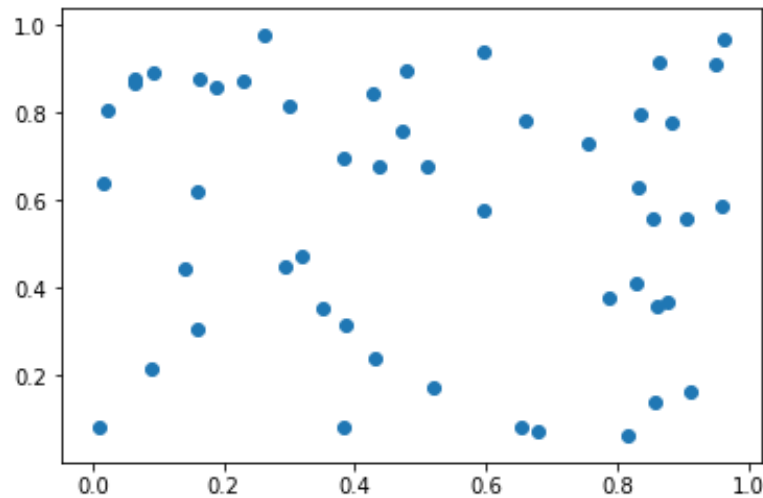
Persistence landscapes



- Persistence encoded as an element of a functional space (vector space!).
- Expectation of distribution of landscapes is well-defined and can be approximated from average of sampled landscapes.
- Process point of view: convergence results and convergence rates \rightarrow confidence intervals can be computed using bootstrap.
[C., Fasy, Lecci, Rinaldo, Wasserman SoCG 2014]
- Provide a convenient way to process persistence information in deep neural networks.
[Kim, Kim, Zaheer, Kim, C., Wasserman NeurIPS 2020, Carrière, C., Ike, Lacombe, Royer, Umeda AISTAT 2020]

Persistence images

[Adams et al, JMLR 2017]



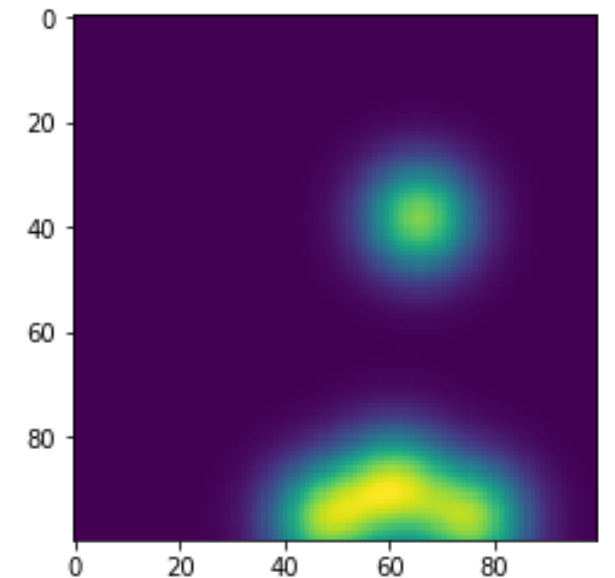
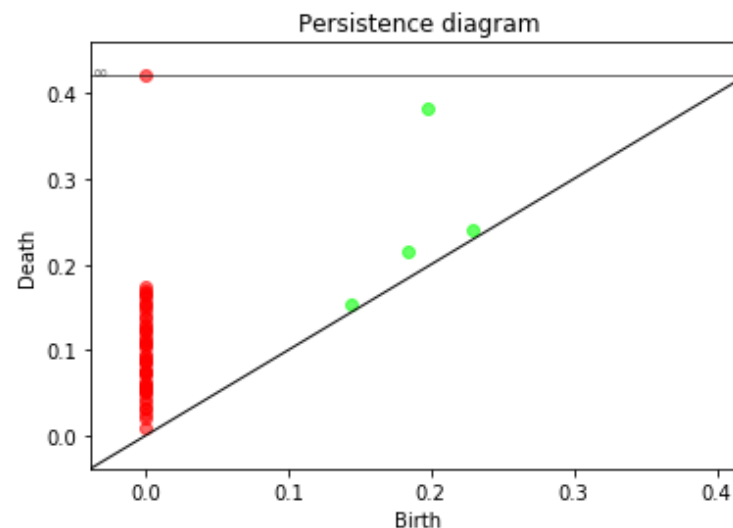
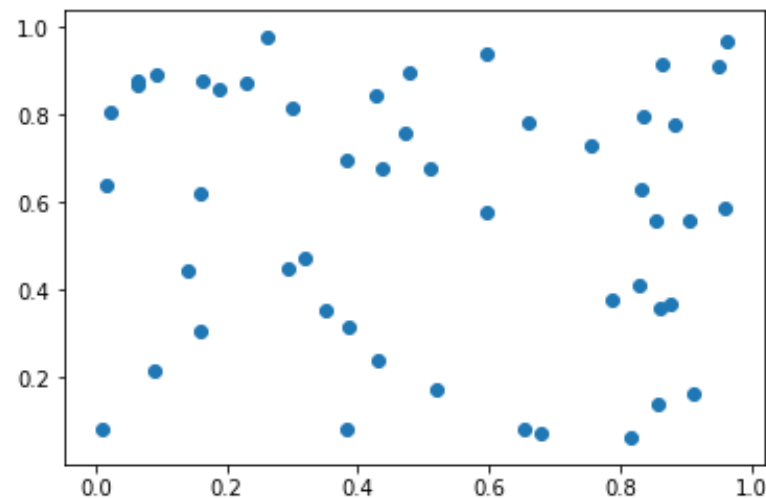
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Persistence images

[Adams et al, JMLR 2017]



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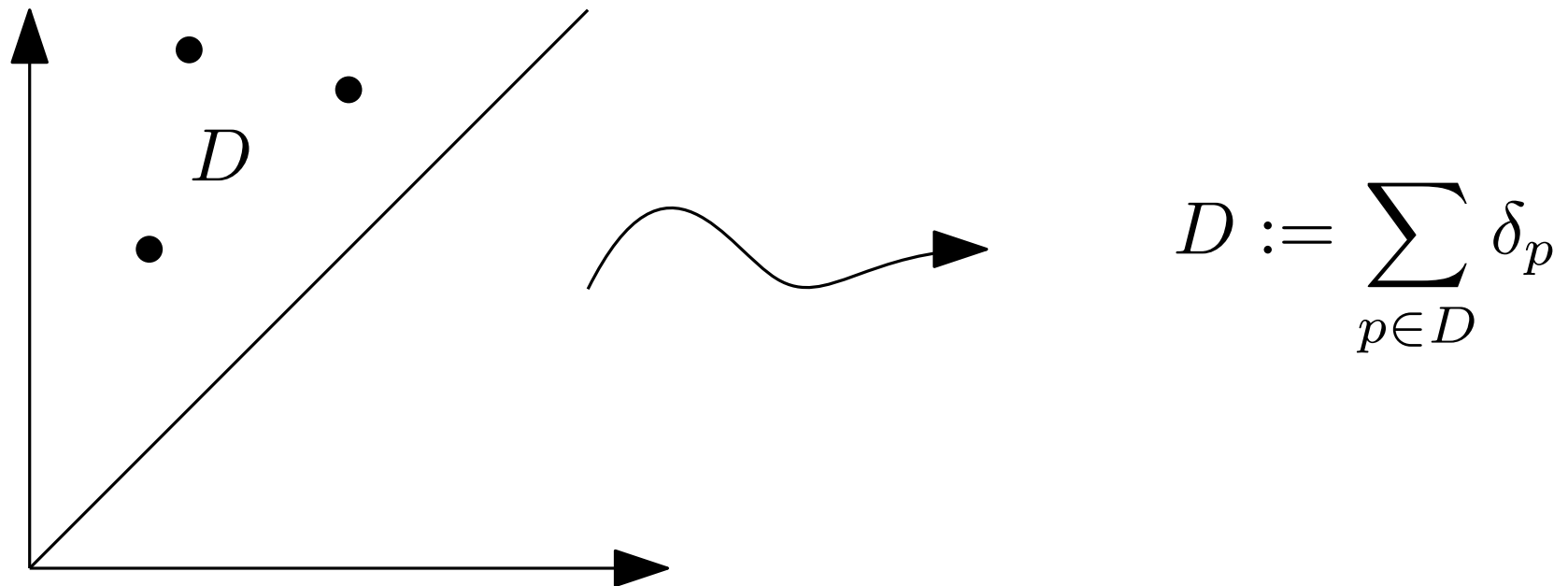
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Problem: How to choose the right representation?

Persistence diagrams as discrete measures



Motivations:

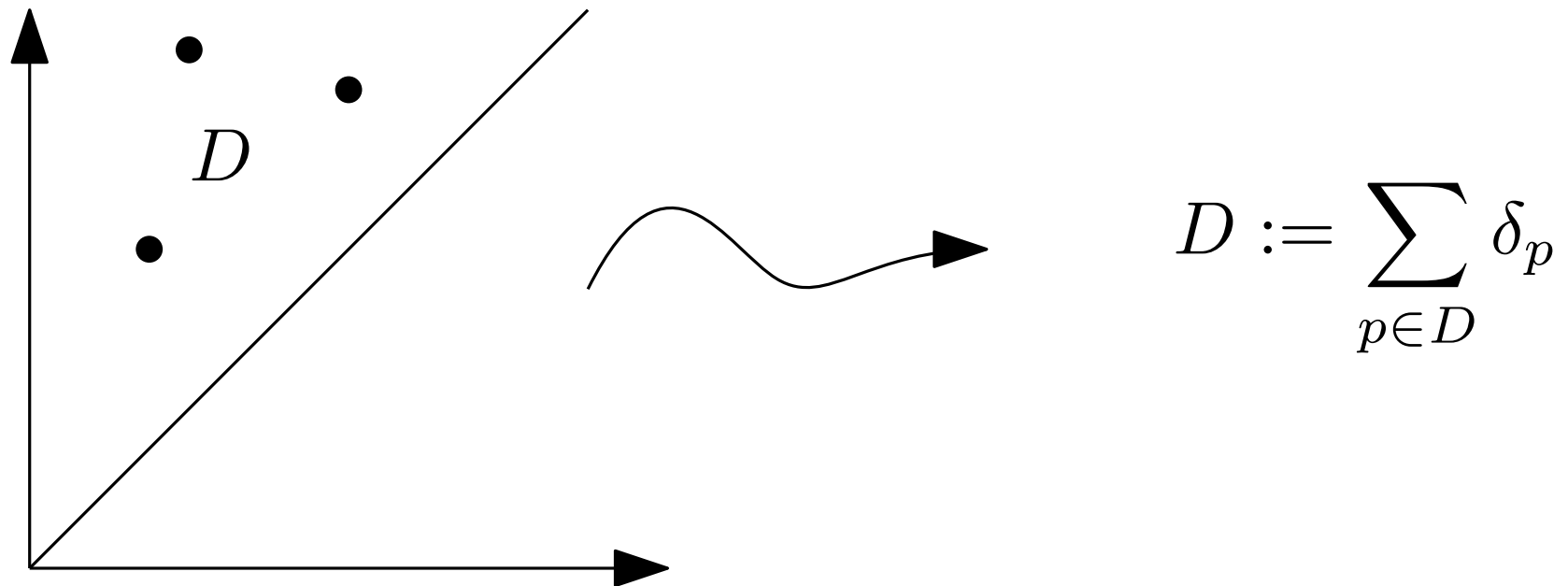
- The space of measures is much nicer than the space of P. D. !
- In the general algebraic persistence theory, persistence diagrams naturally appear as discrete measures in the plane.

[C., de Silva, Glisse, Oudot 16]

- Many persistence representations can be expressed as

$$D(f) = \sum_{p \in D} f(p) = \int f dD$$

Persistence diagrams as discrete measures



Benefits:

- Interesting statistical properties
- Data-driven selection of well-adapted representations (supervised and unsupervised, coming with guarantees)
- Optimisation of persistence-based functions

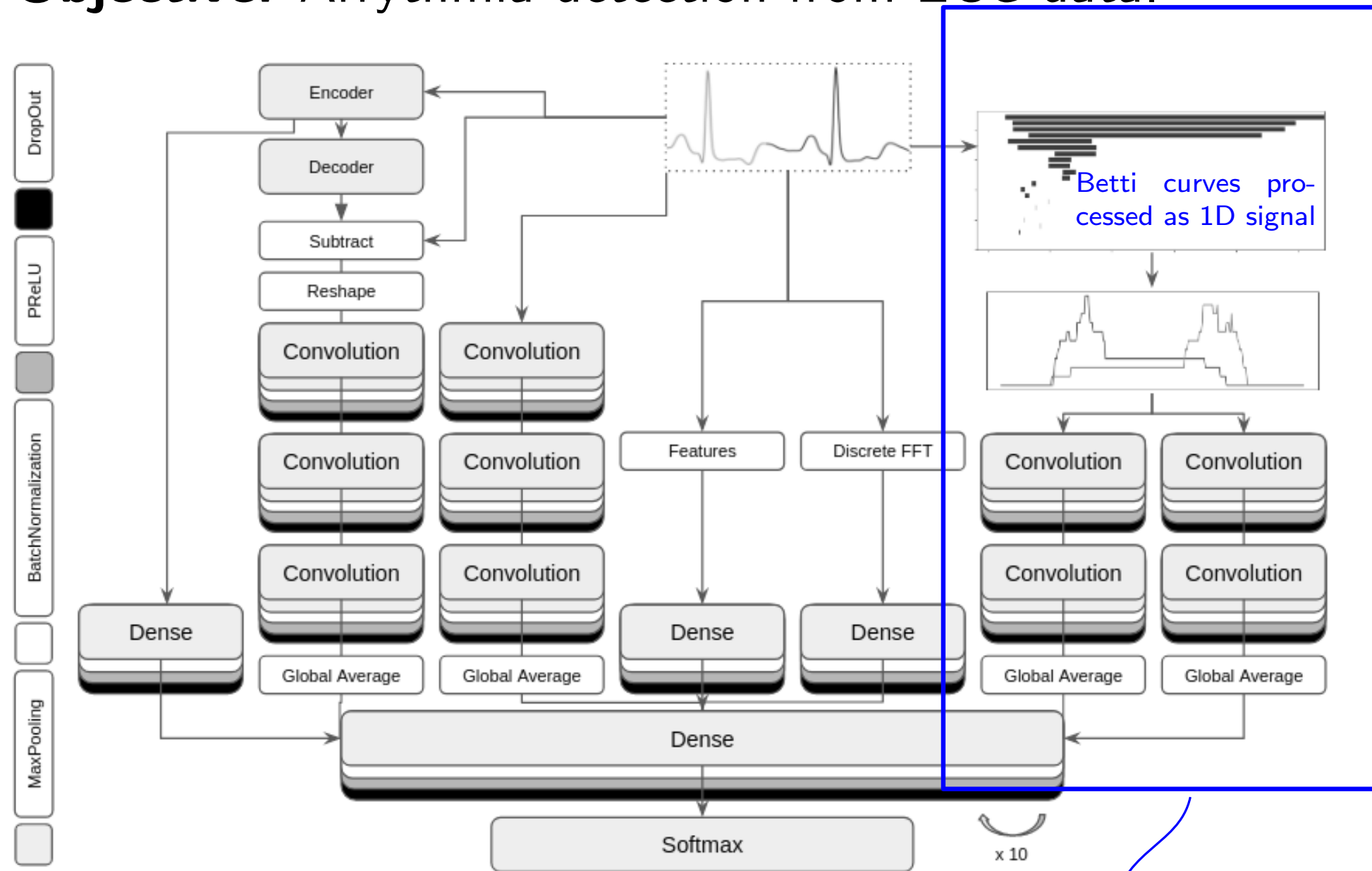
Many tools available and implemented in the GUDHI library

A few illustrative applications

Example of application: arrhythmia detection

[Dindin, Umeda, C. Can. Conf. AI 2020]

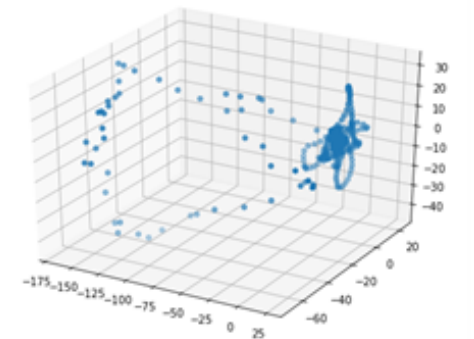
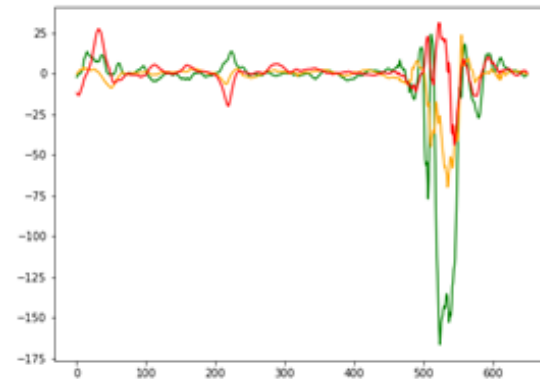
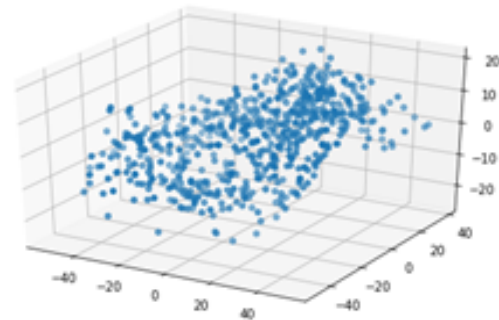
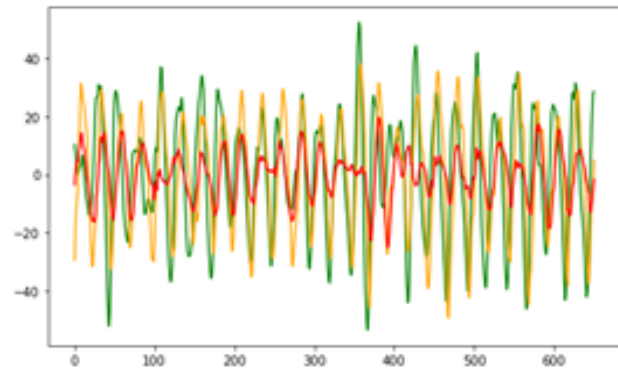
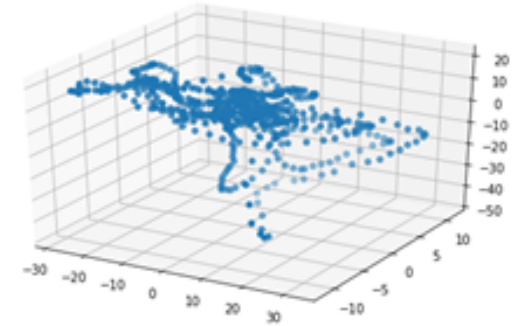
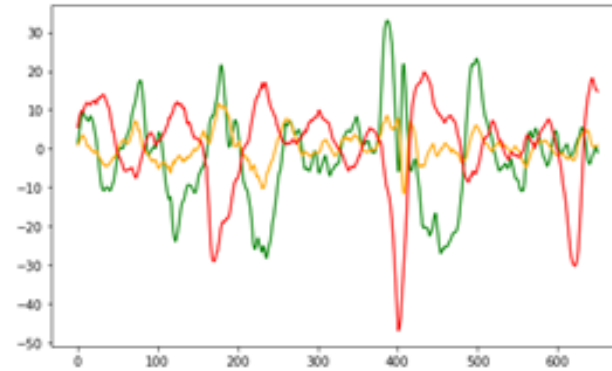
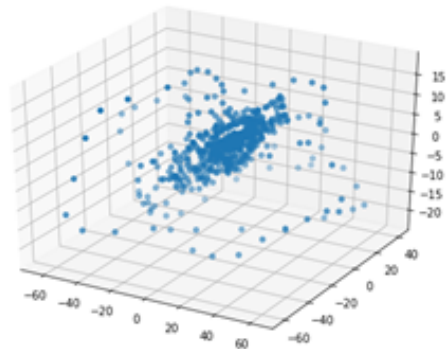
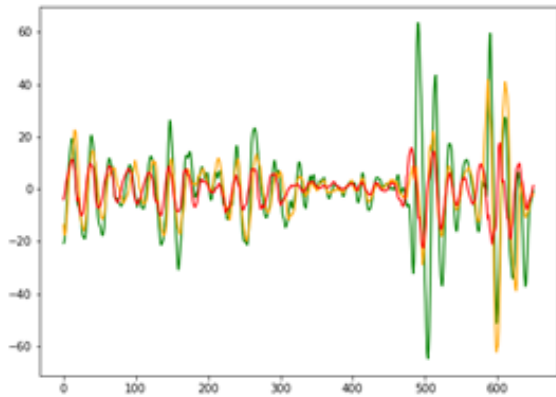
Objective: Arrhythmia detection from ECG data.



- Improvement over state-of-the-art.
- Better generalization.

	Accuracy[%]
UCLA (2018)	93.4
Li et al. (2016)	94.6
Inria-Fujitsu (2018)*	98.6

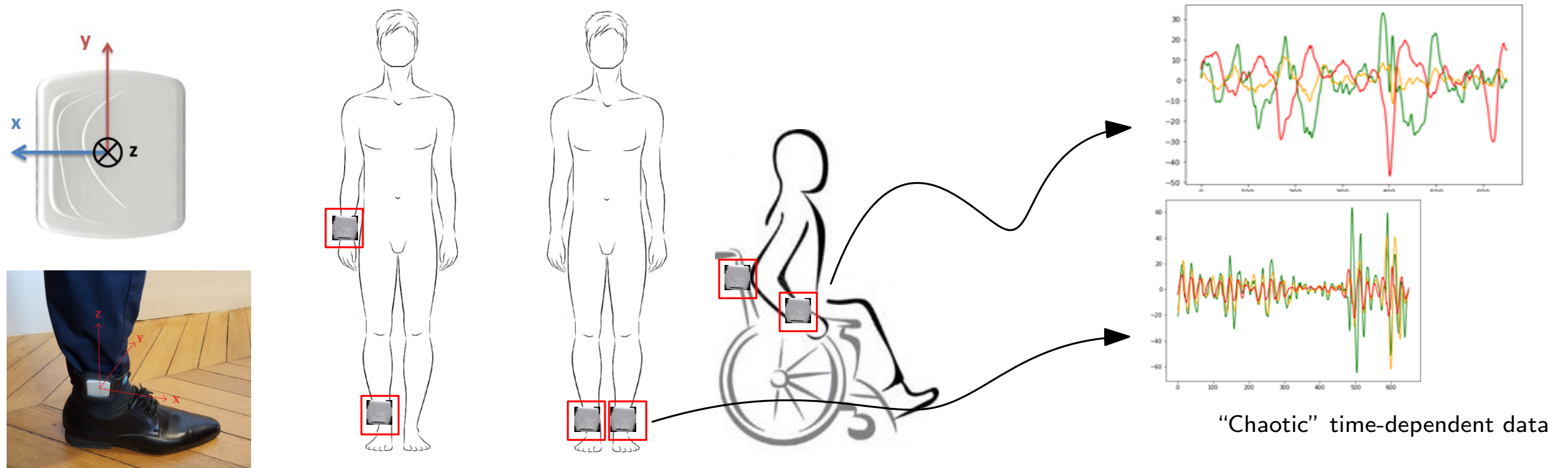
TDA and Machine Learning for sensor data



(Multivariate) time-dependent data can be converted into point clouds:
sliding window, time-delay embedding,...

With landscapes: patient monitoring

[Beaufils, C., Dindin, Grelet, Michel 2018]



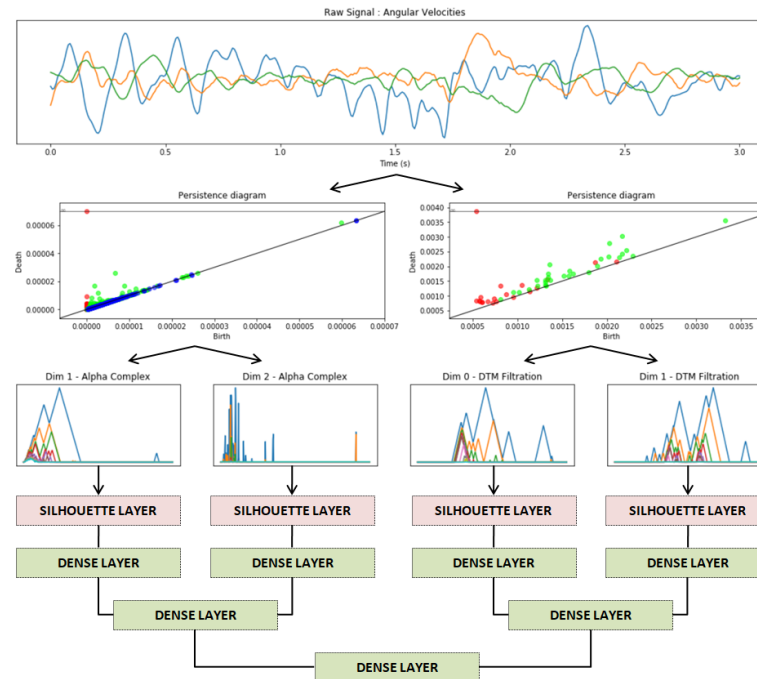
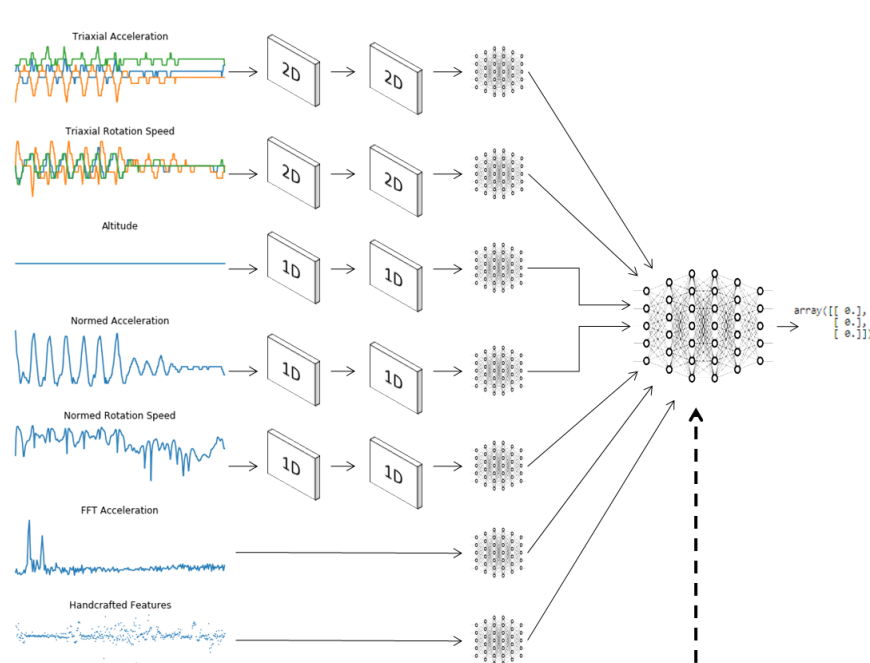
Objective: precise analysis of movements and activities of pedestrians.

Applications: personal healthcare; medical studies; defense.

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Example: Dyskinesia crisis detection and activity recognition:



Class	Naive	Multi	FEA	QUA	TDA
Walking	97.6	98.4	99.3	99.0	99.5
Upstairs	97.2	99.8	97.8	98.0	97.7
Downstairs	99.6	99.7	99.0	98.4	98.3
Sitting	87.1	93.1	89.7	91.8	96.5
Standing	87.0	97.7	97.2	97.2	98.1
Laying	92.4	100.	99.8	99.9	100.
Stand-Sit	90.8	95.6	89.1	91.3	93.4
Sit-Stand	100.	99.9	100.	100.	100.
Sit-Lie	87.1	81.1	84.2	90.0	95.1
Lie-Sit	81.4	81.8	85.9	91.8	87.9
Stand-Lie	74.2	87.6	86.5	87.4	81.5
Lie-Stand	80.4	72.1	83.2	77.7	83.2

Multi-channels CNN + TDA neural network

Results on publicly available data set (HAPT) - improve the state-of-the-art.

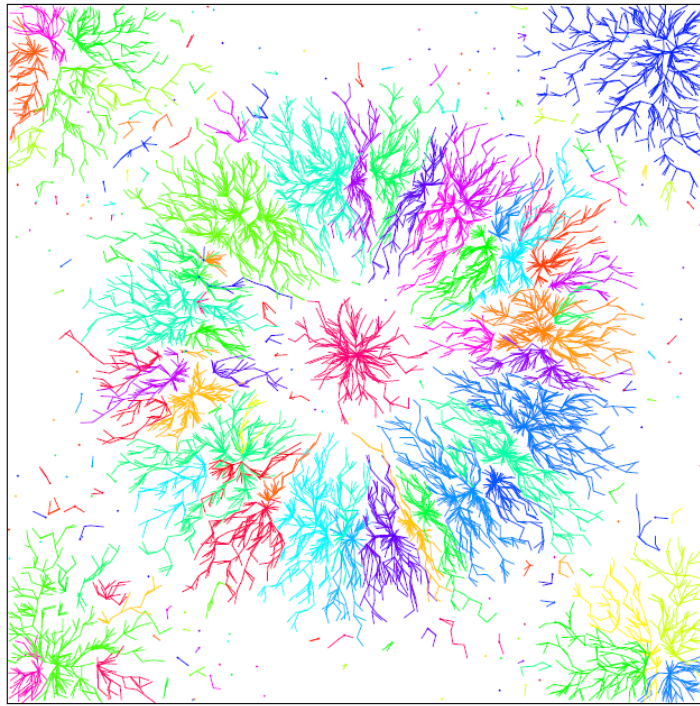
- Data collected in non controlled environments (home) are very chaotic.
- Data registration (uncertainty in sensors orientation/position).
- Reliable and robust information is mandatory.
- Events of interest are often rare and difficult to characterize.

Thank you for your attention!

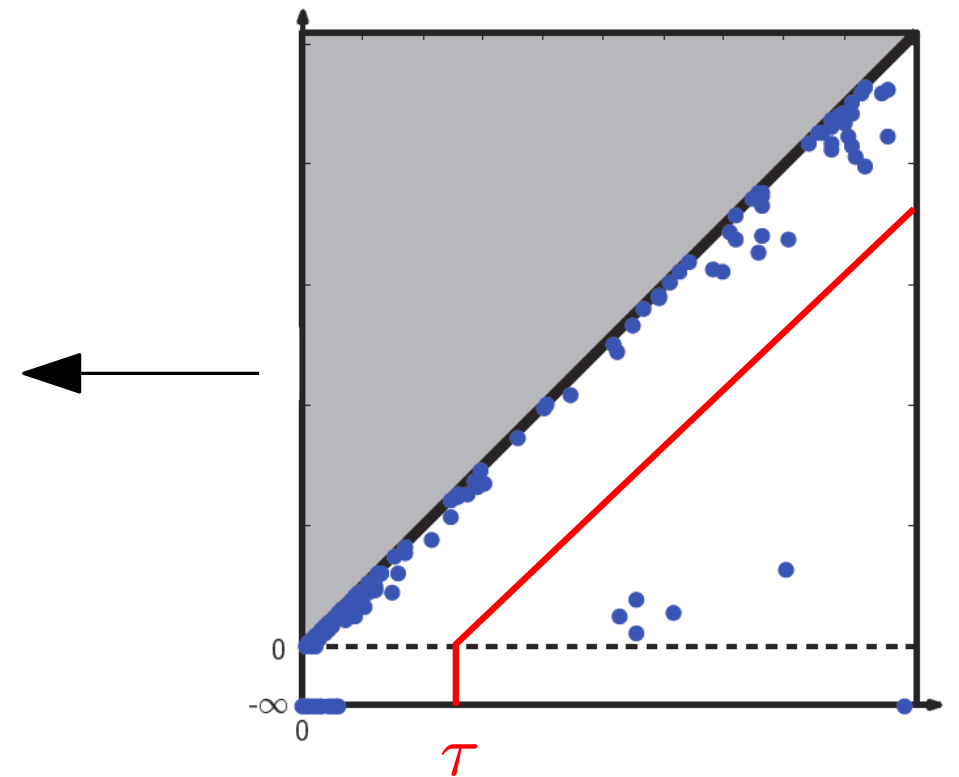
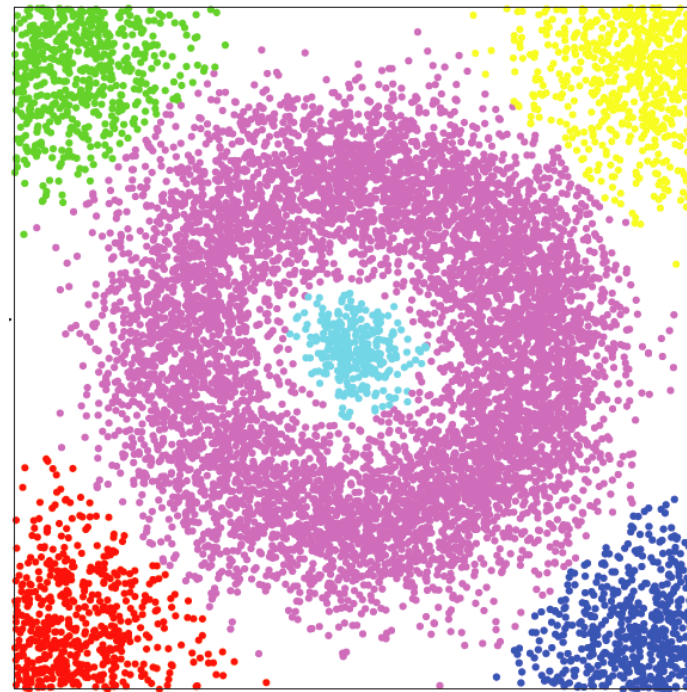


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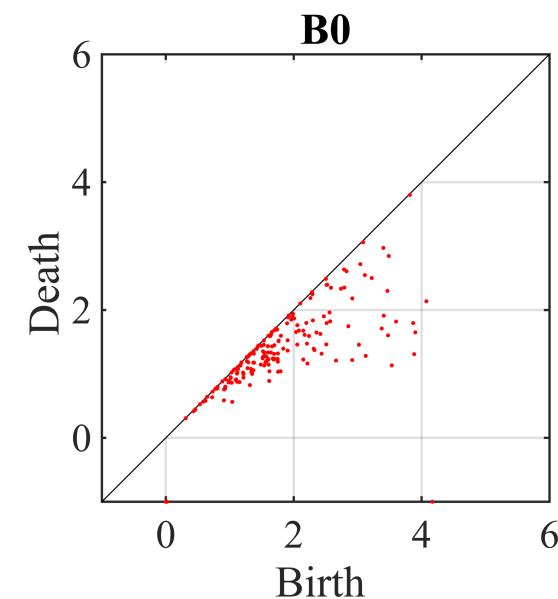
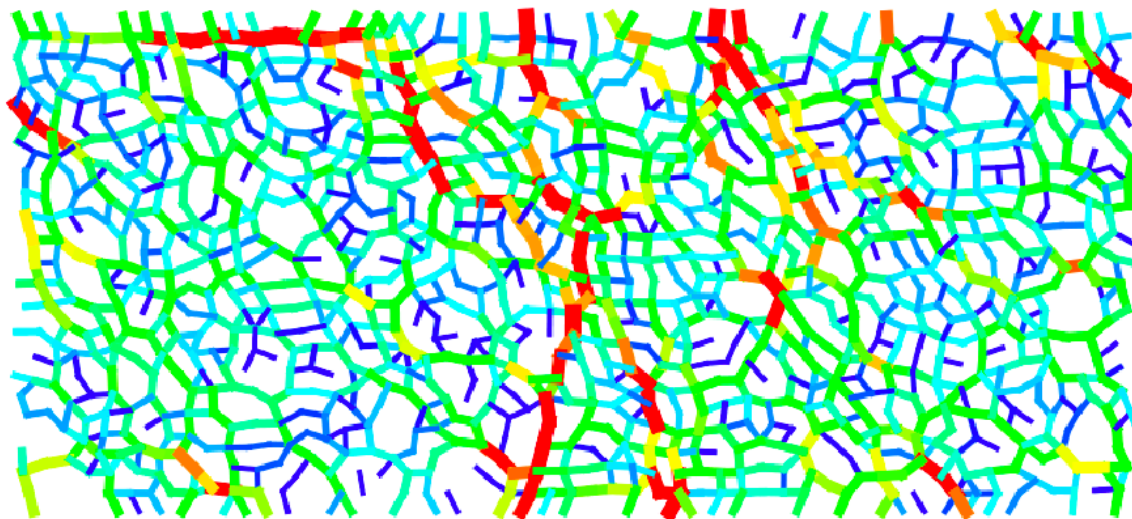
- Persistence-based clustering [C., Guibas, Oudot, Skraba - J. ACM 2013]



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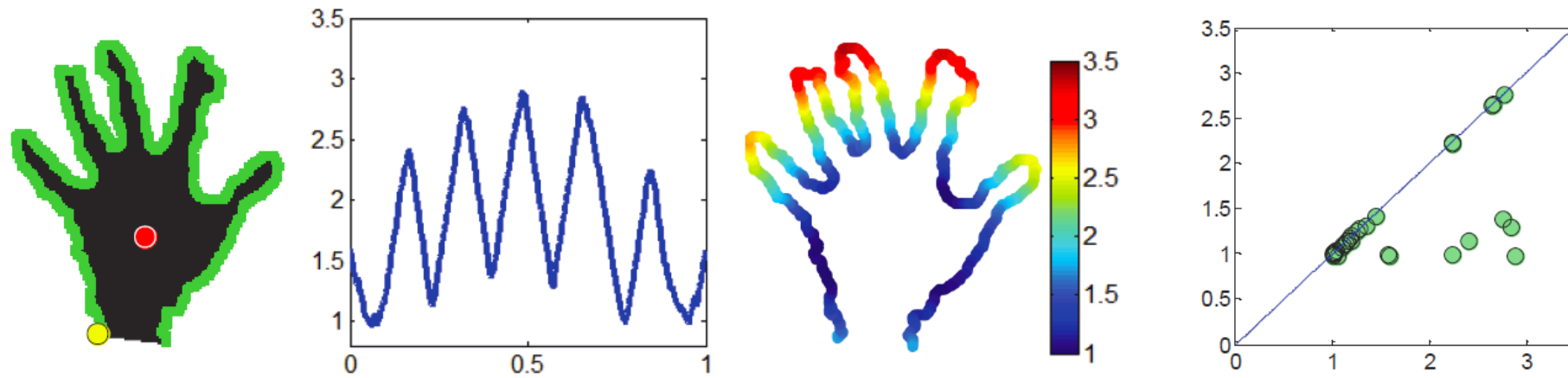


- Analysis of force fields in granular media [Kramar, Mischaikow et al]

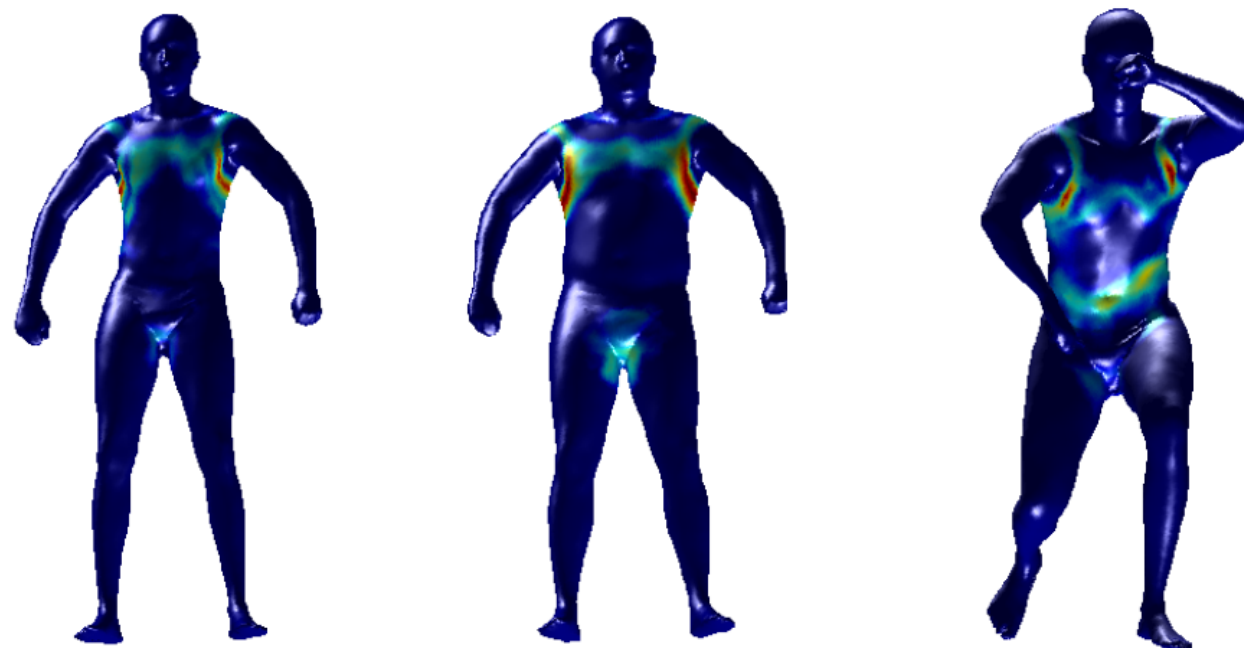


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- Hand gesture recognition [Li, Ovsjanikov, C. - CVPR'14]



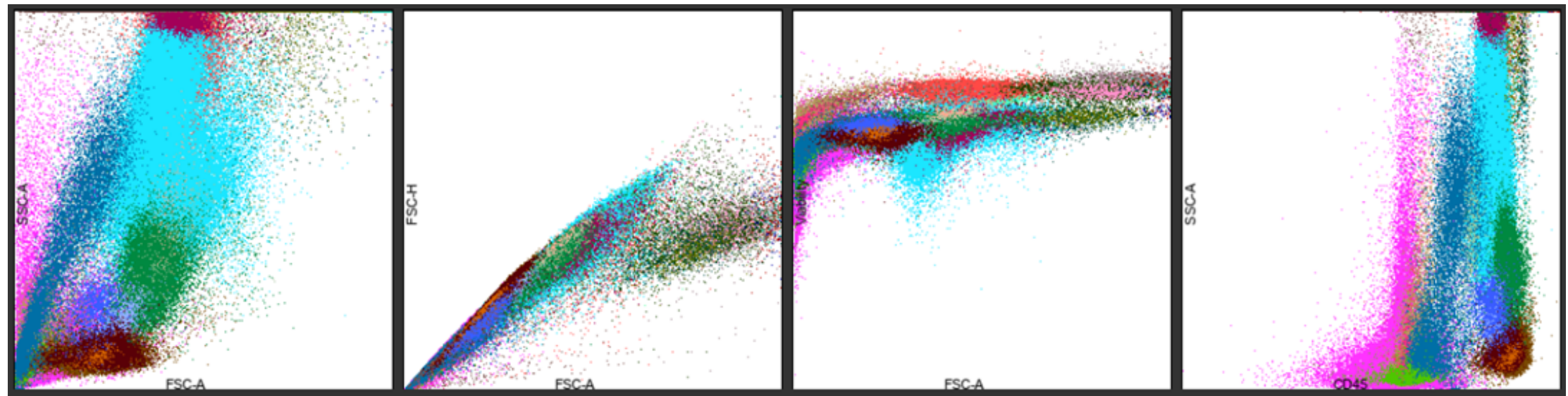
- Persistence-based pooling for shape recognition [Bonis, Ovsjanikov, Oudot, C. 2016]



Topology-based unsupervised classification and anomaly detection on cytometry data for medical diagnosis



An innovative start-up specialized in biological diagnosis from cytometry data.



Objective: unsupervised learning in large point clouds (several millions) in medium/high dimensions ($\approx 4 \rightarrow 80$)

Applications: medical diagnosis from blood samples (1 point = 1 blood cell)

Methodology: TDA based approaches, combined with dim. reduction methods to identify relevant patterns and subsamples.