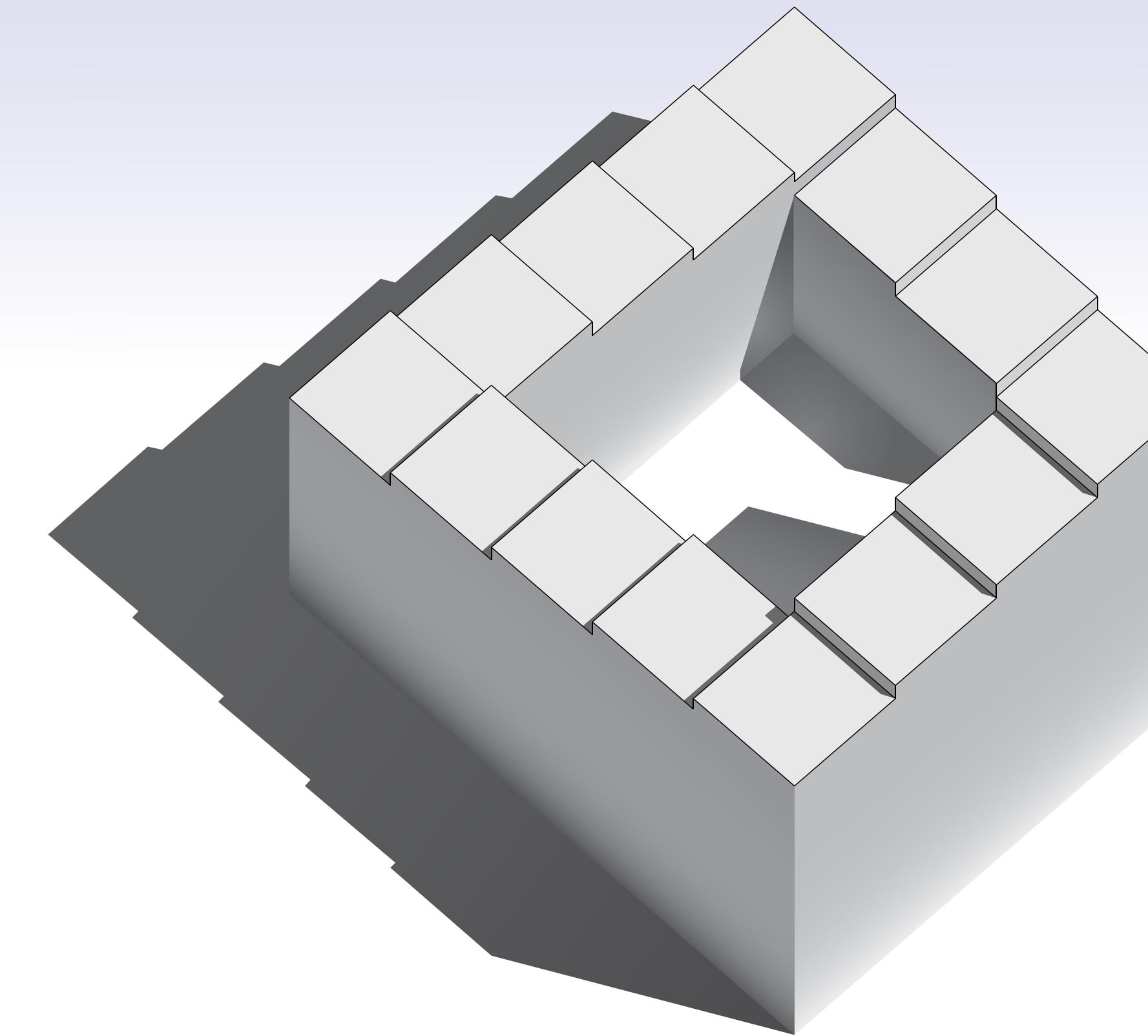
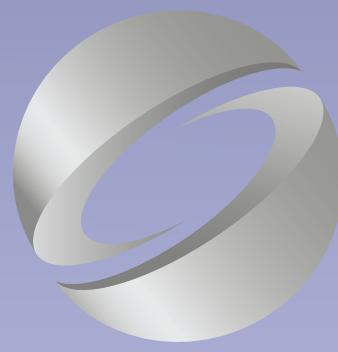


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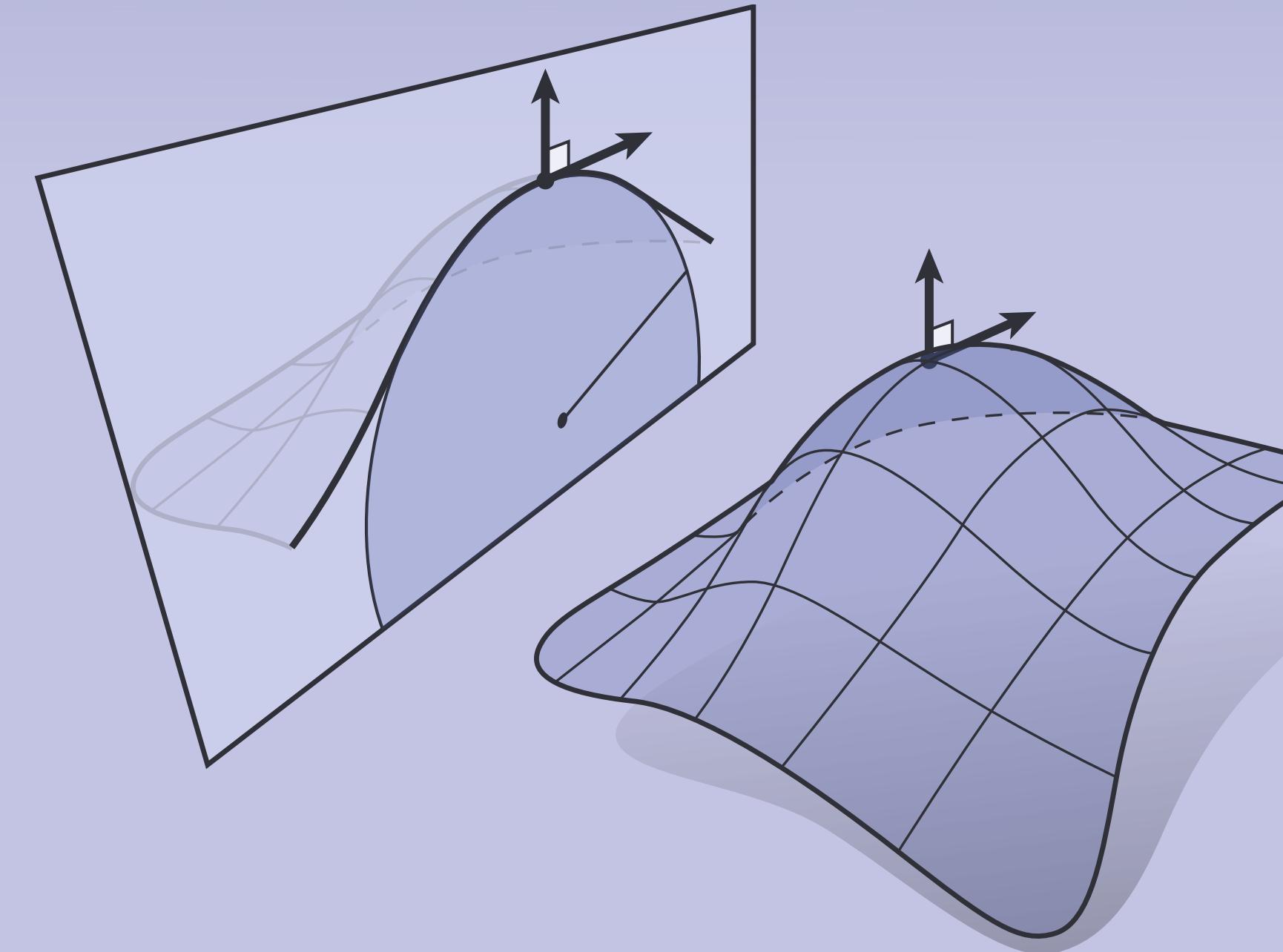
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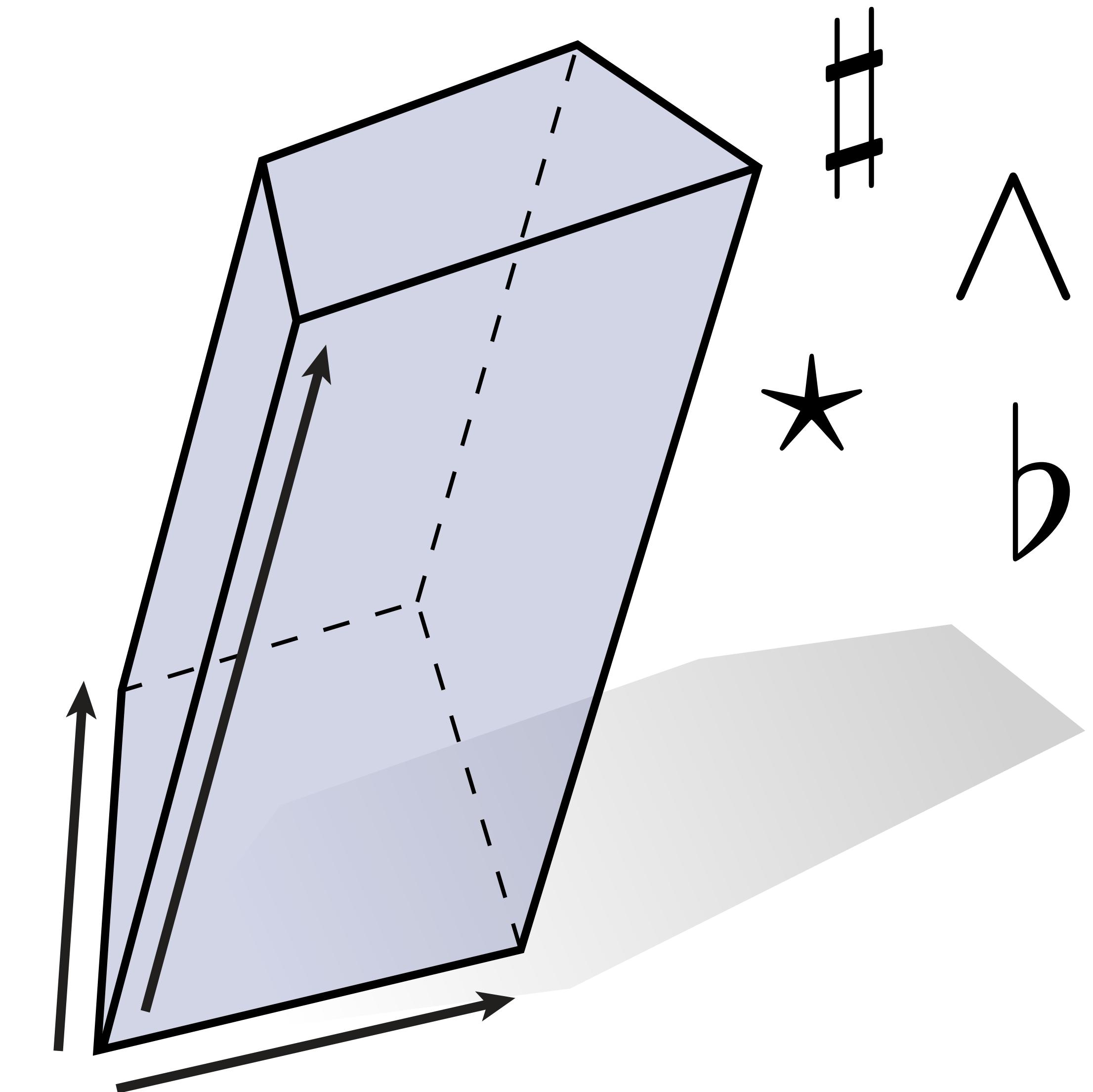


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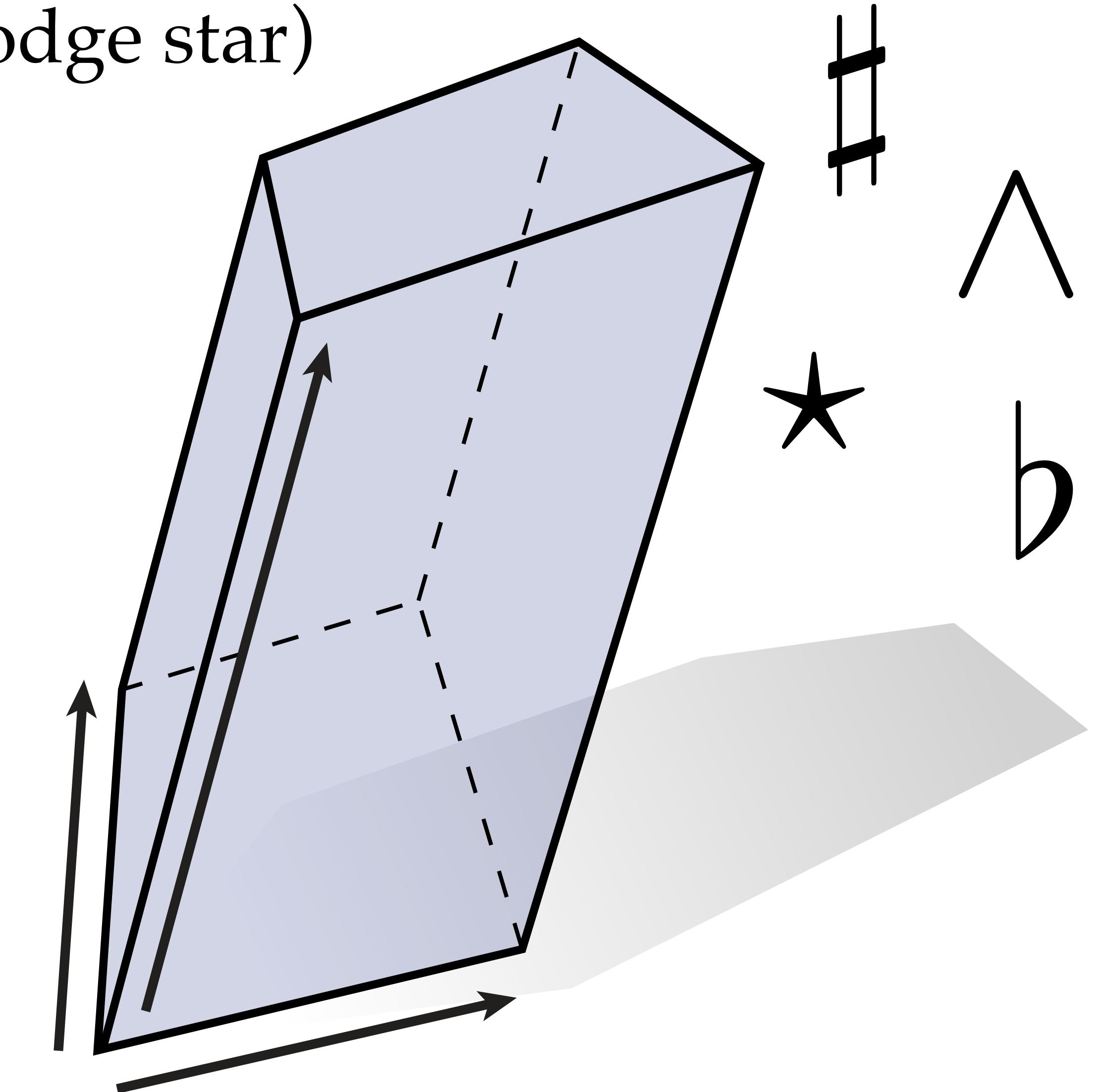
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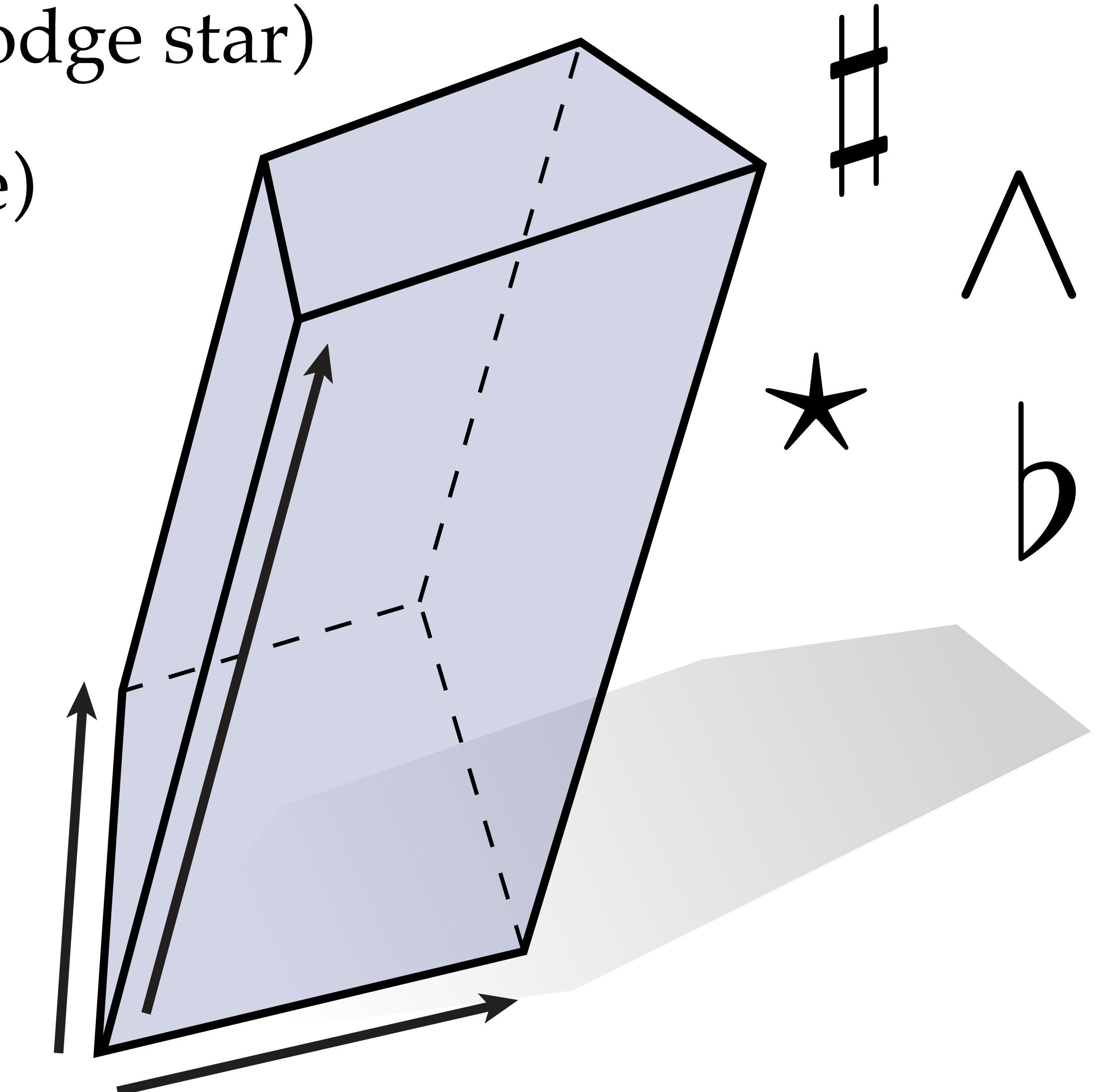
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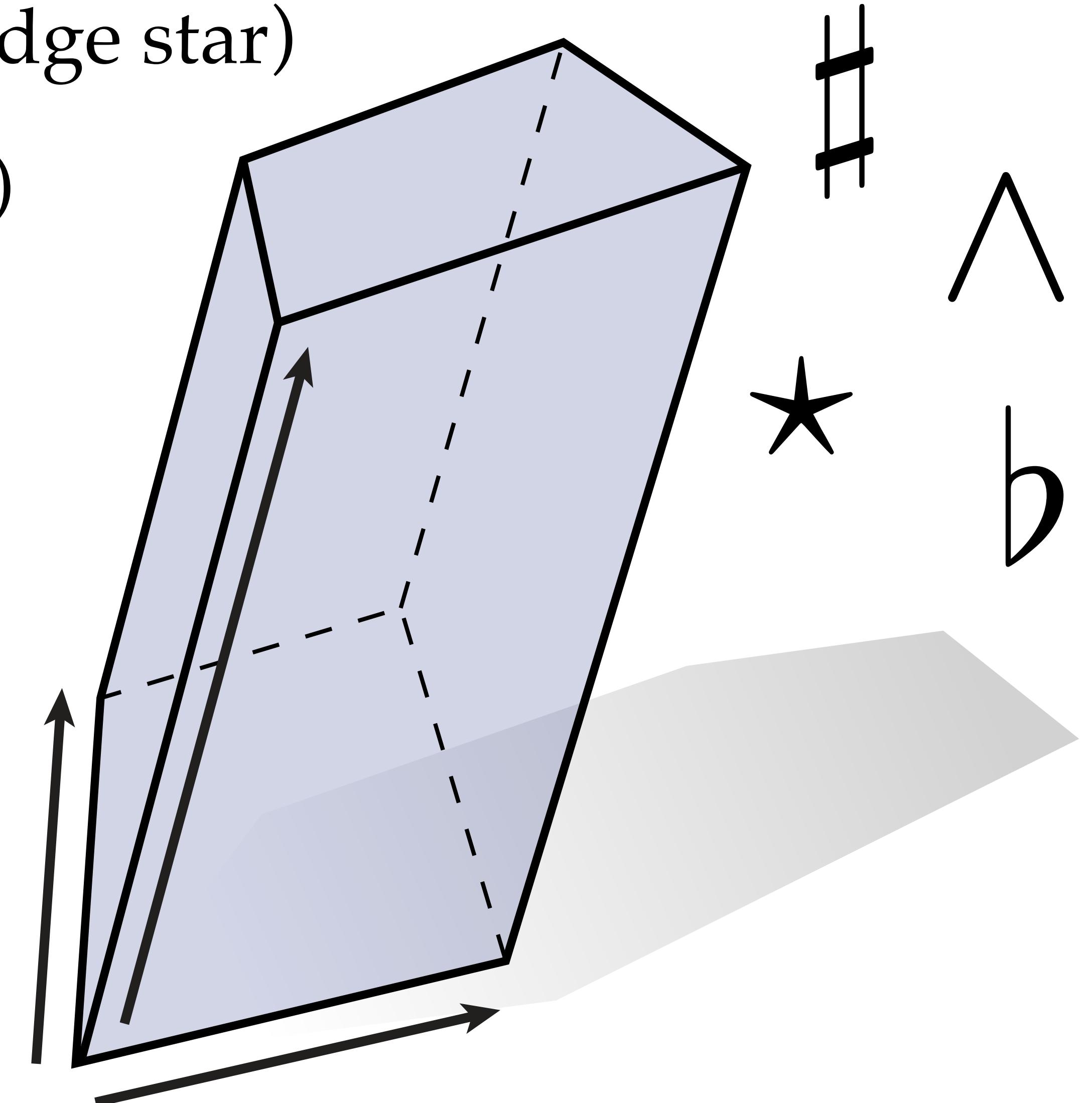
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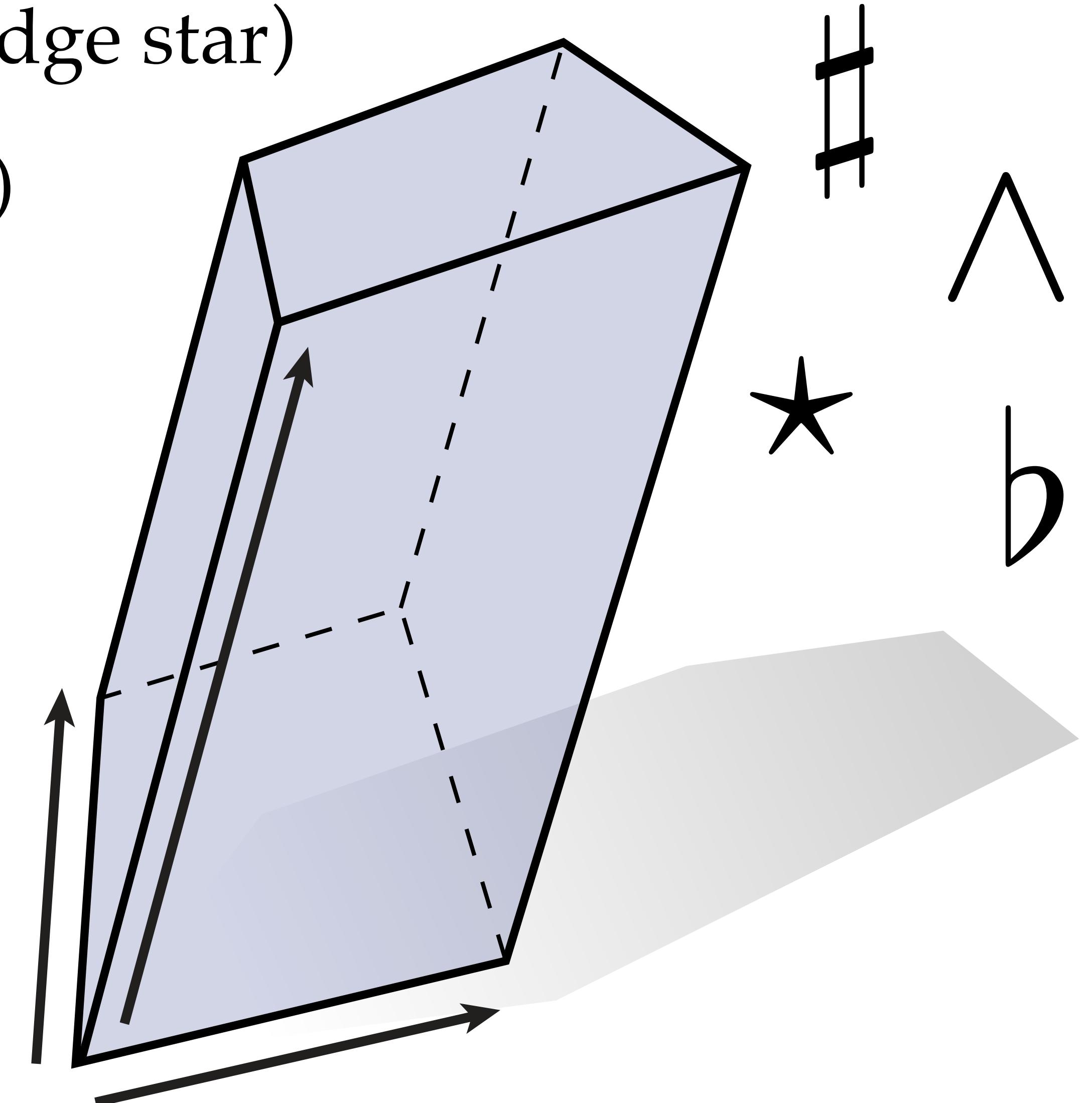
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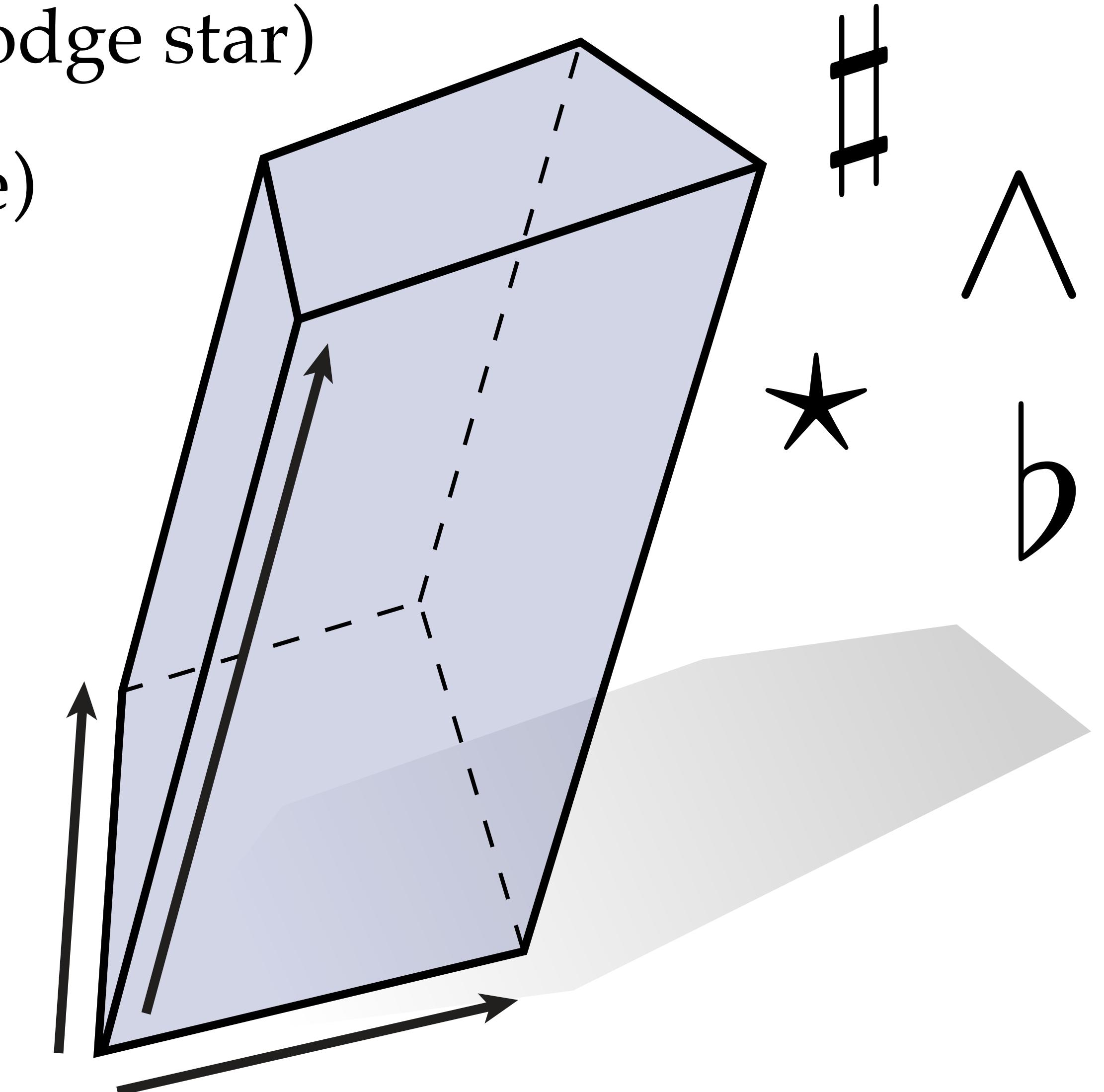
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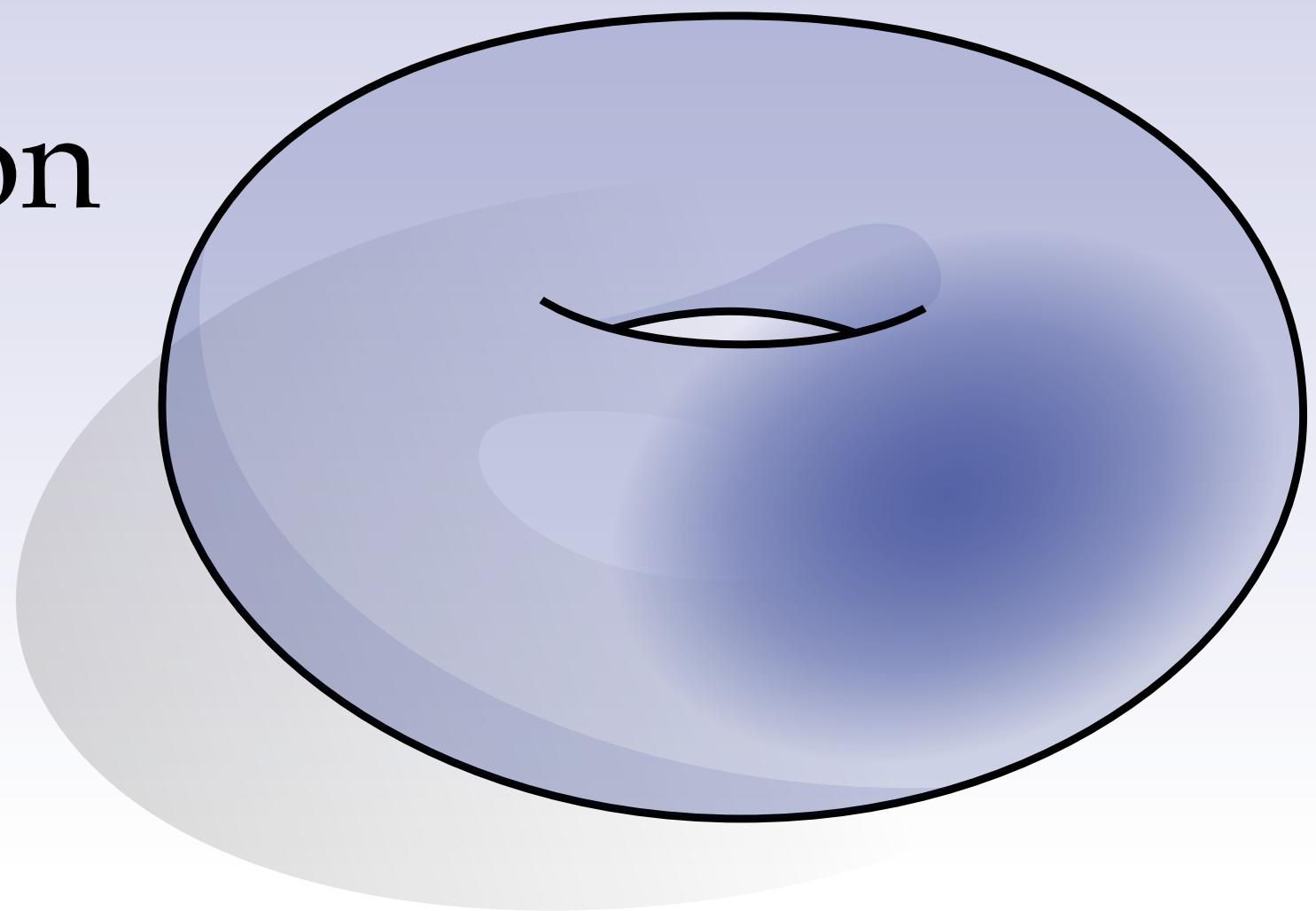
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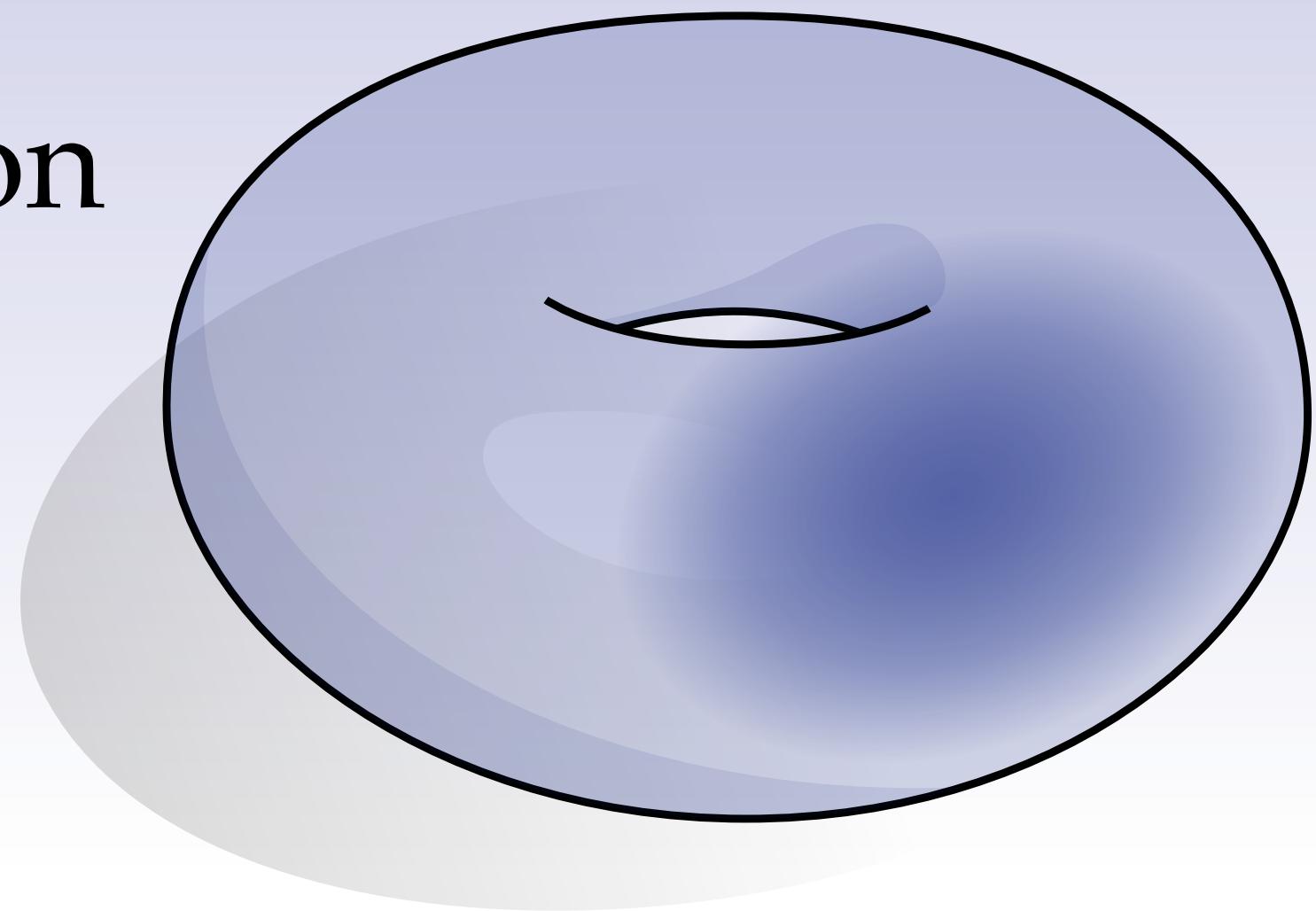
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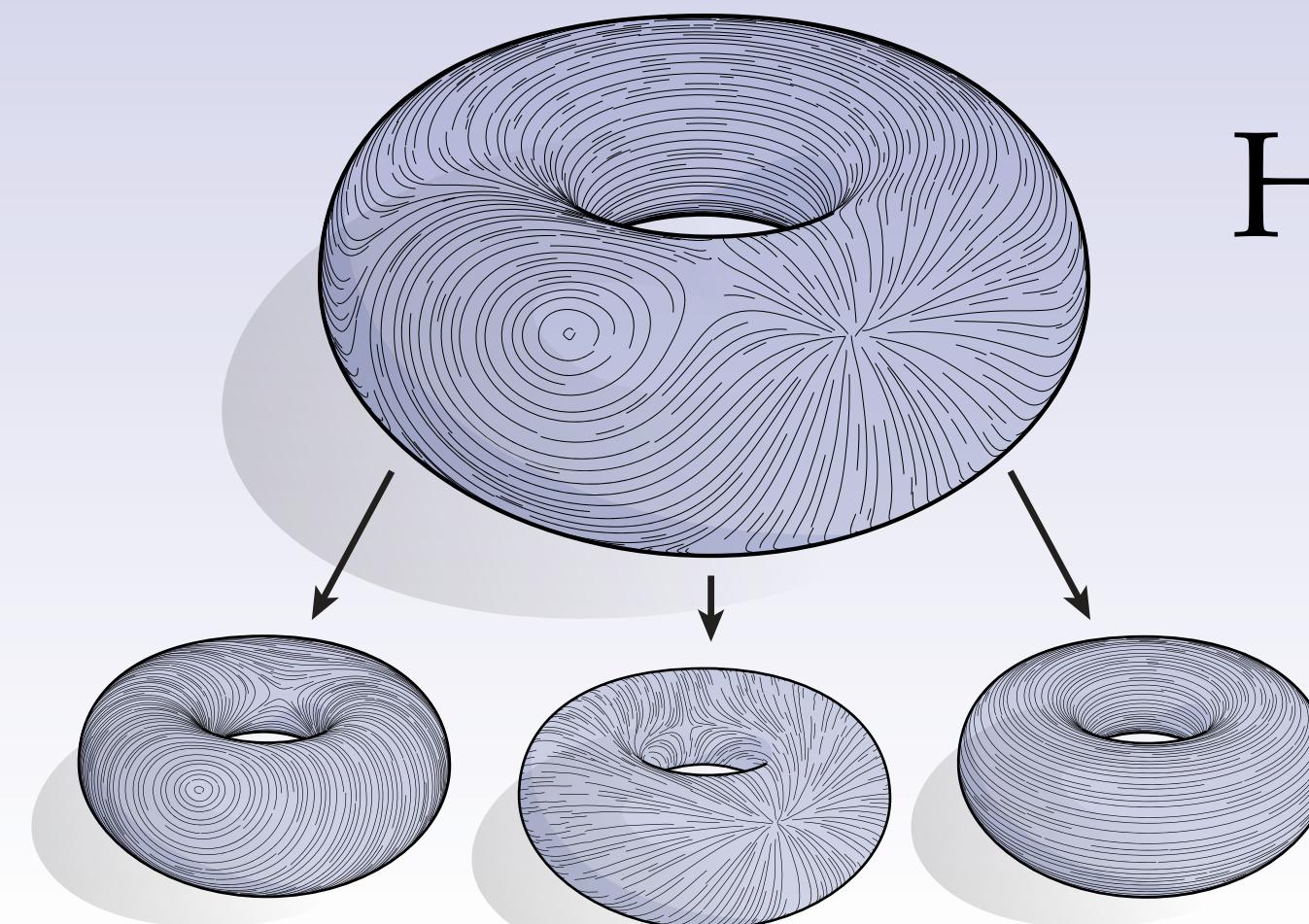


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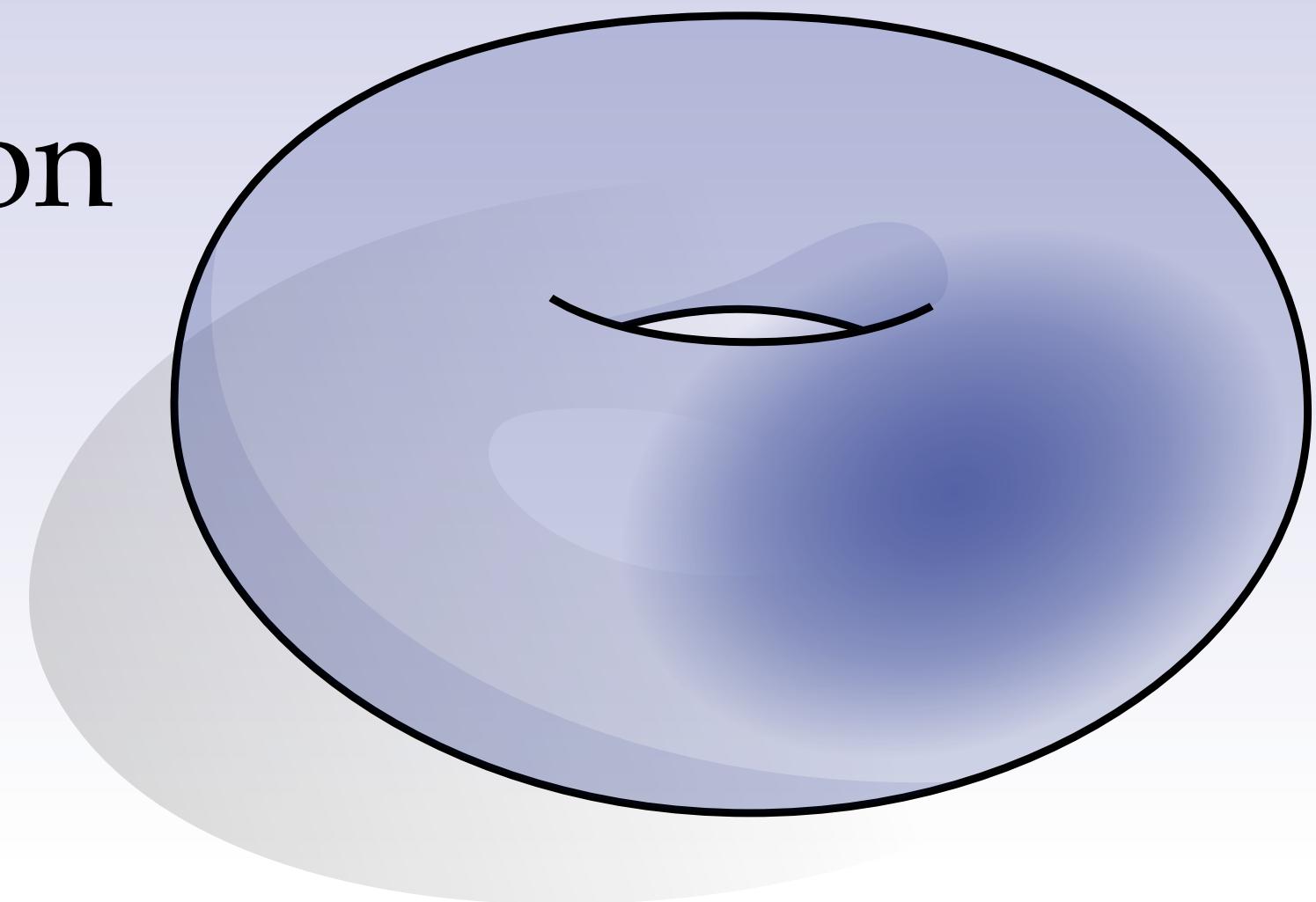


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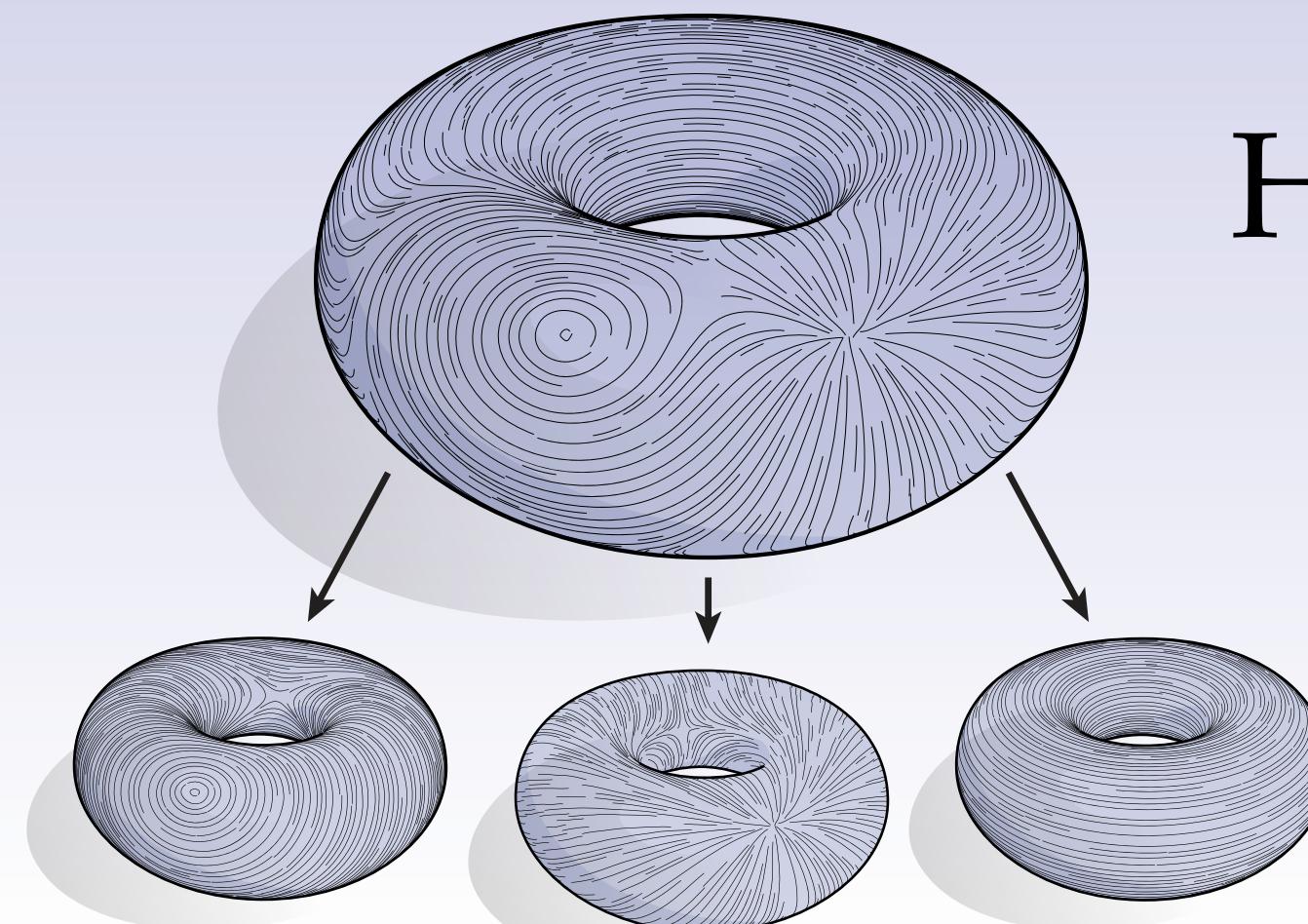


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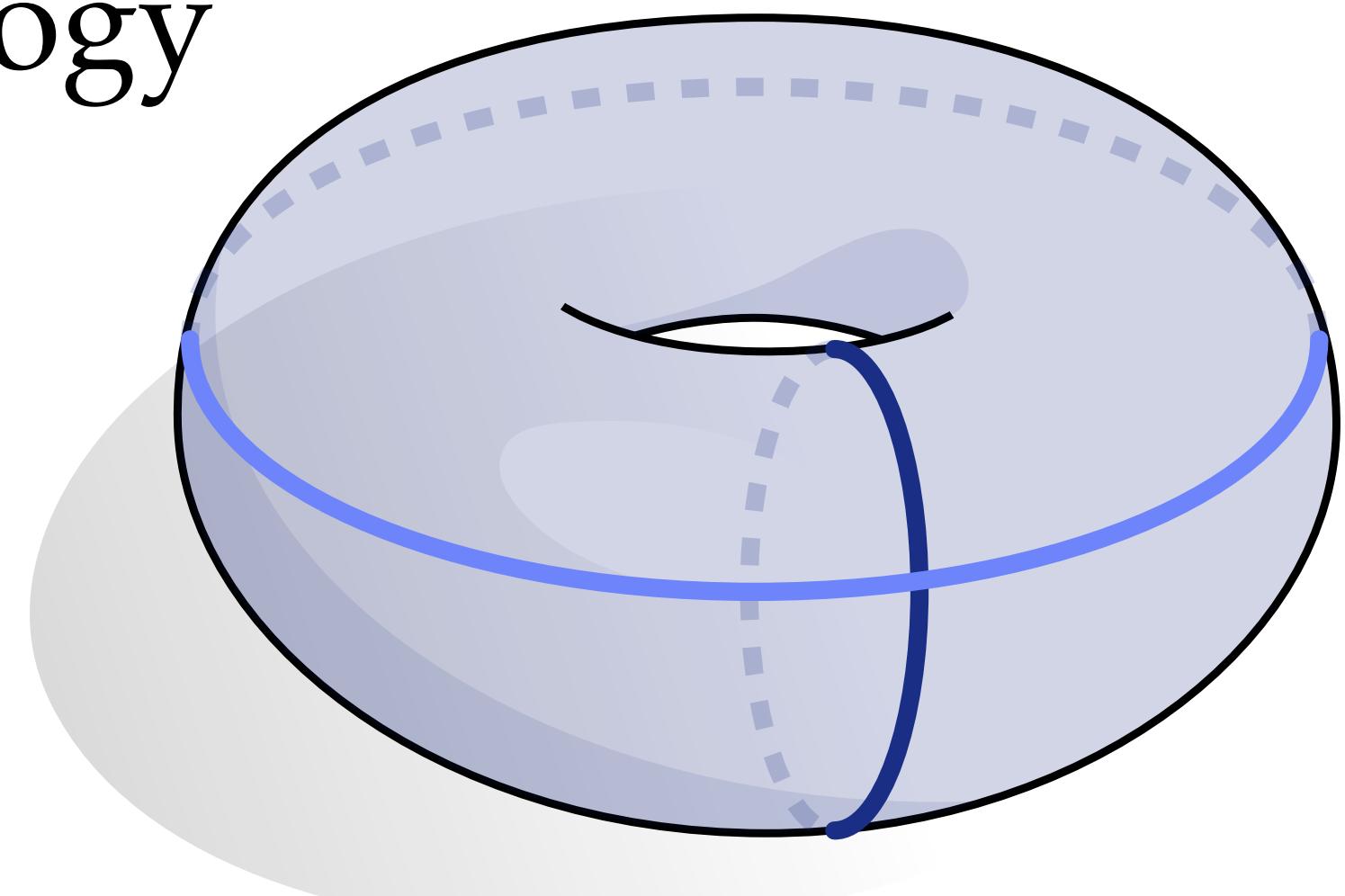
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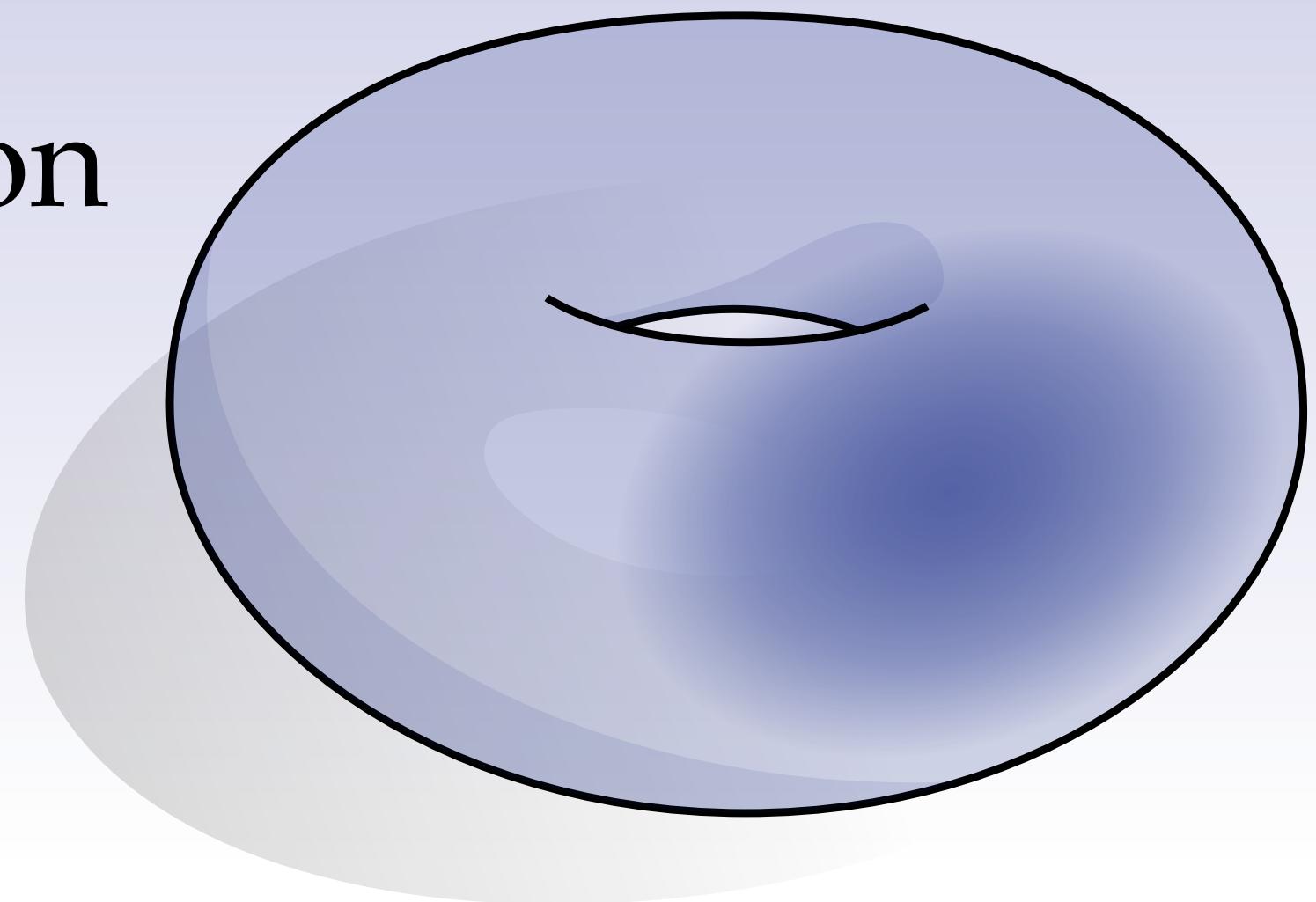


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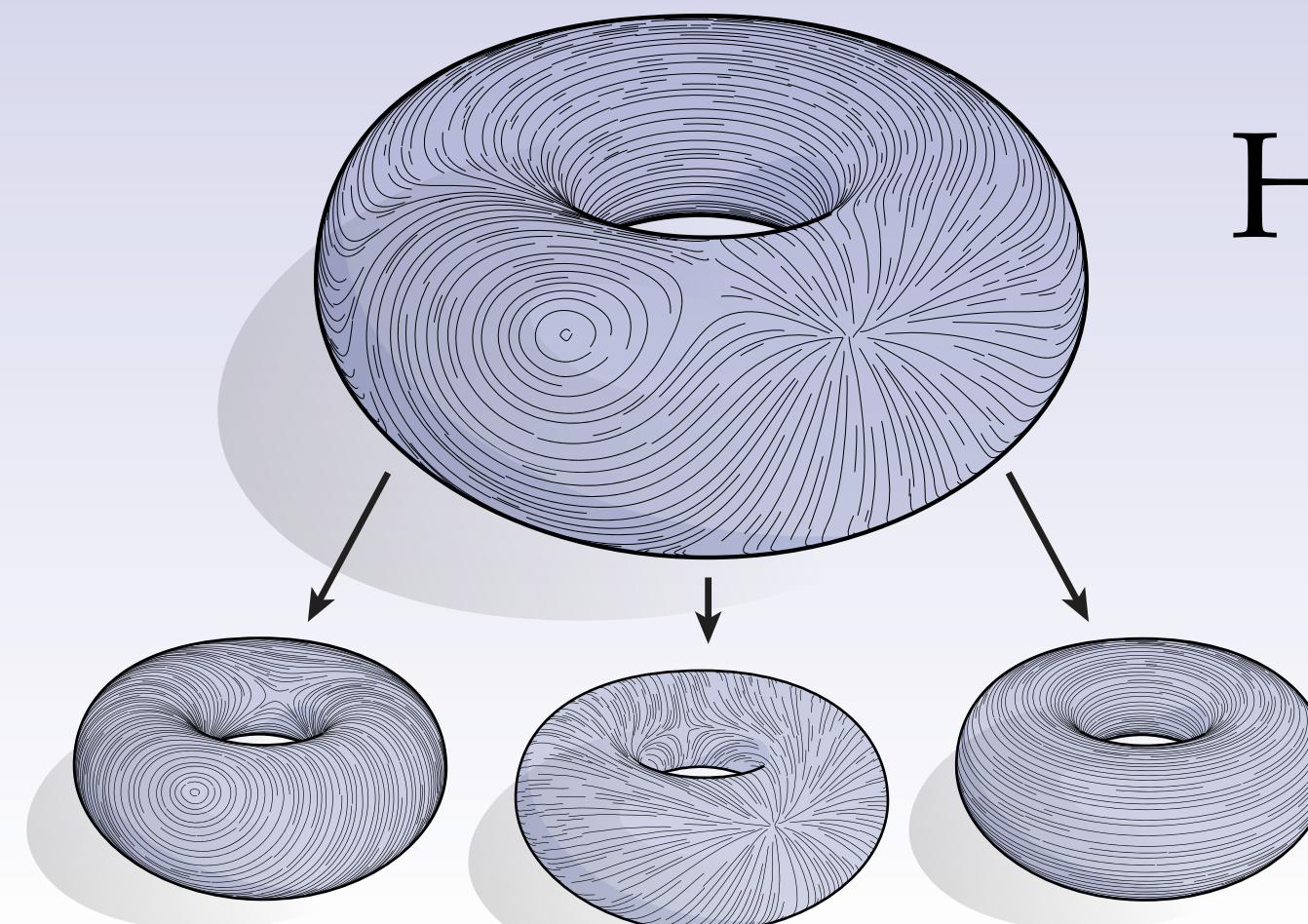


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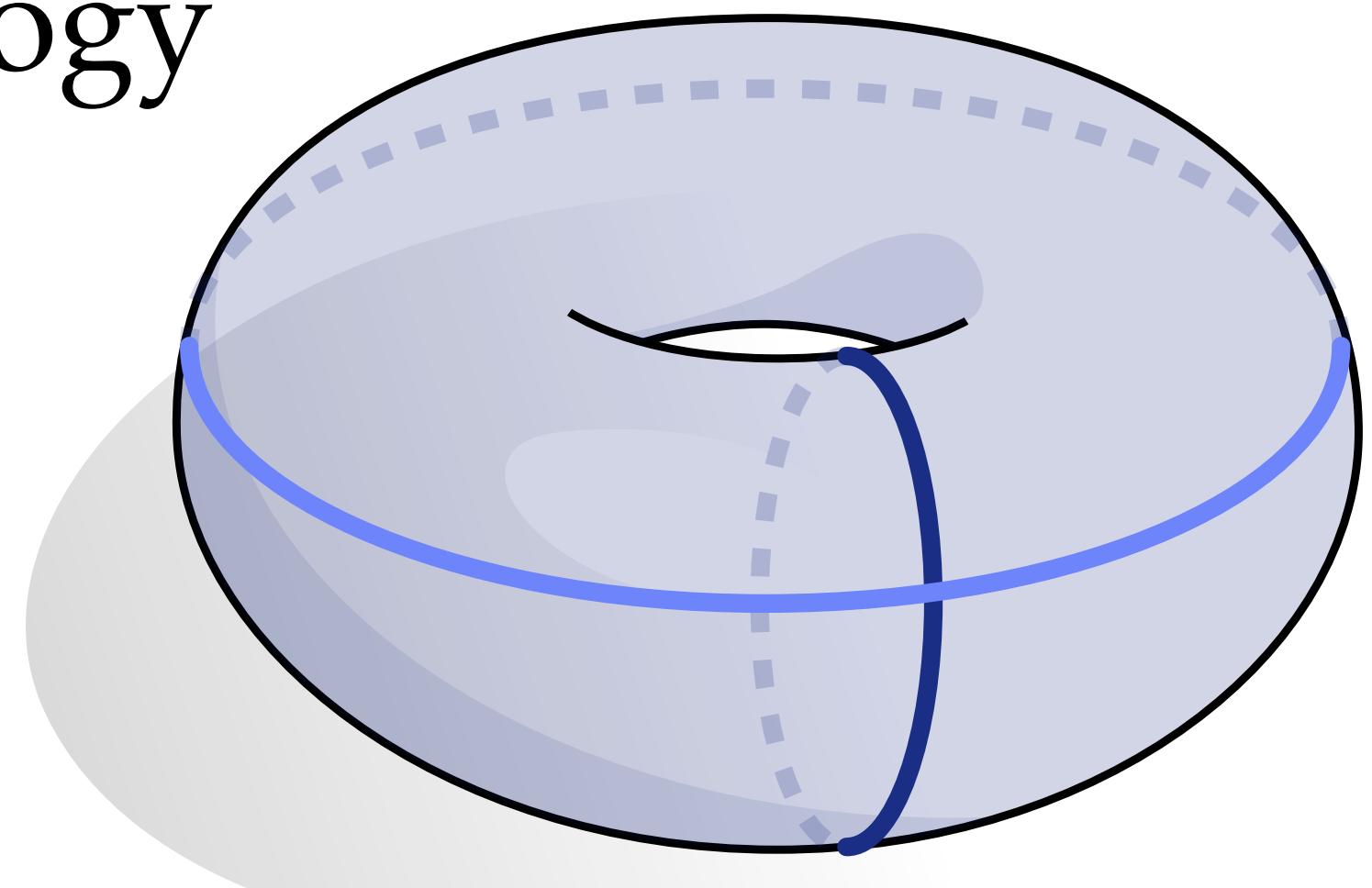
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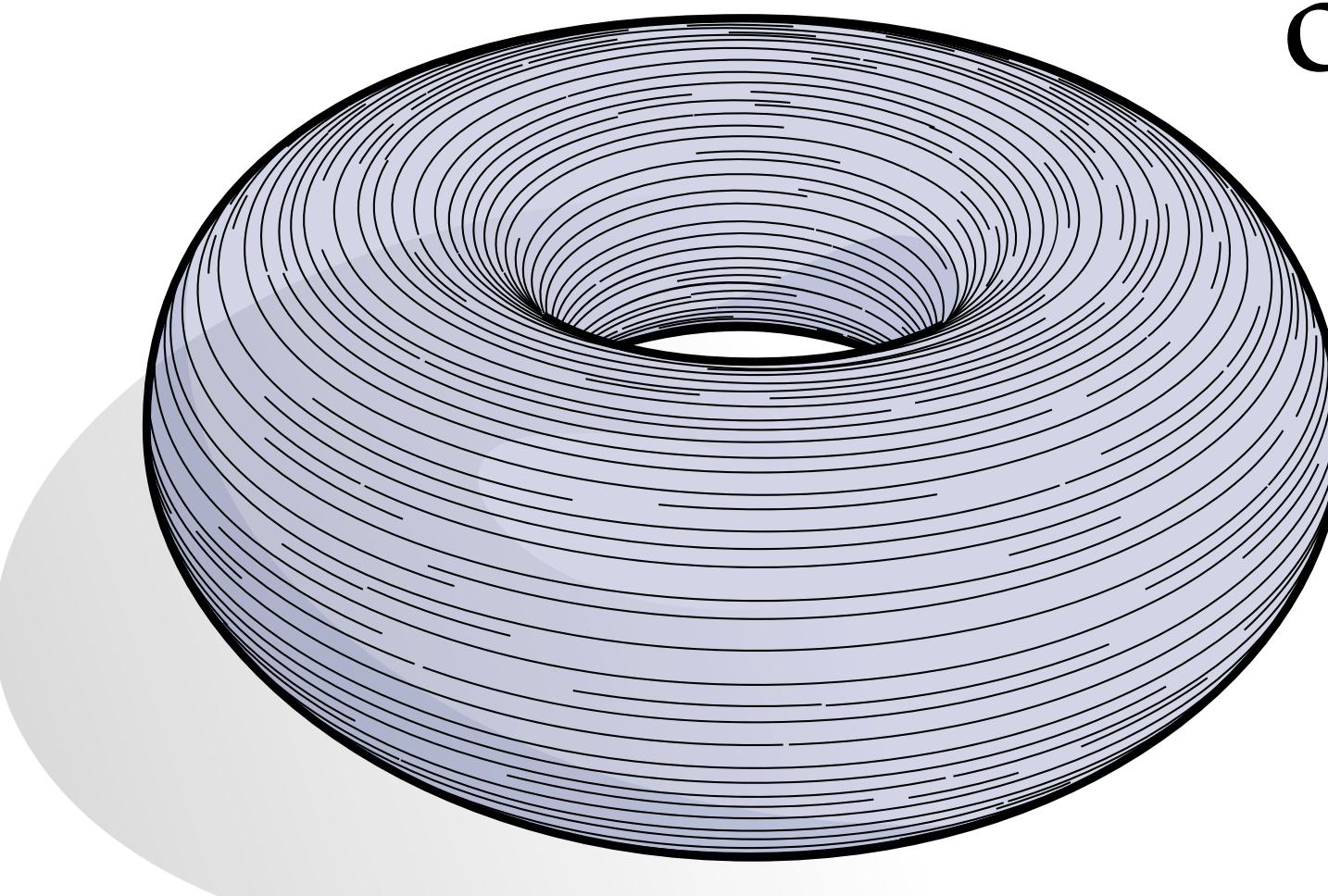
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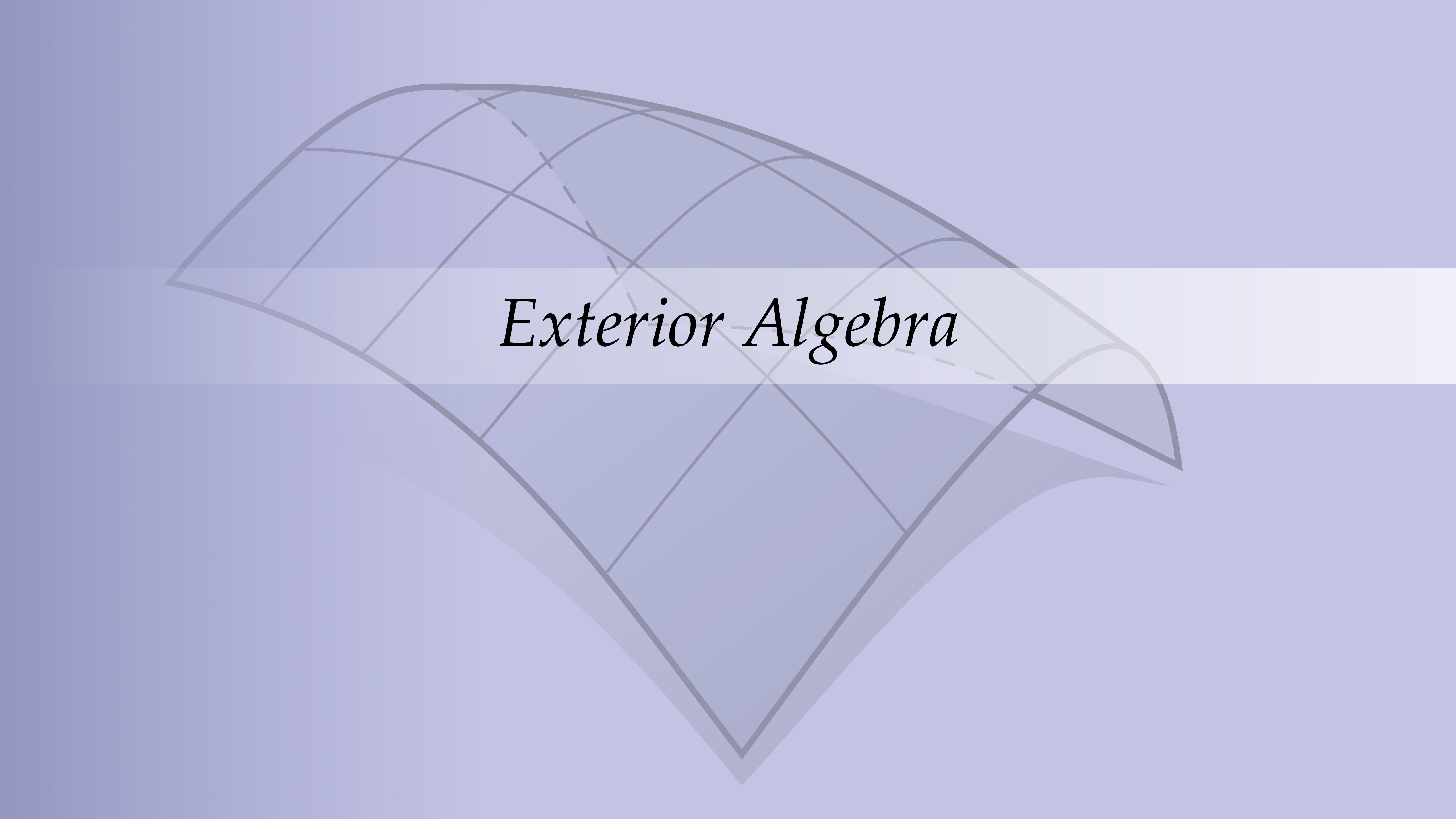


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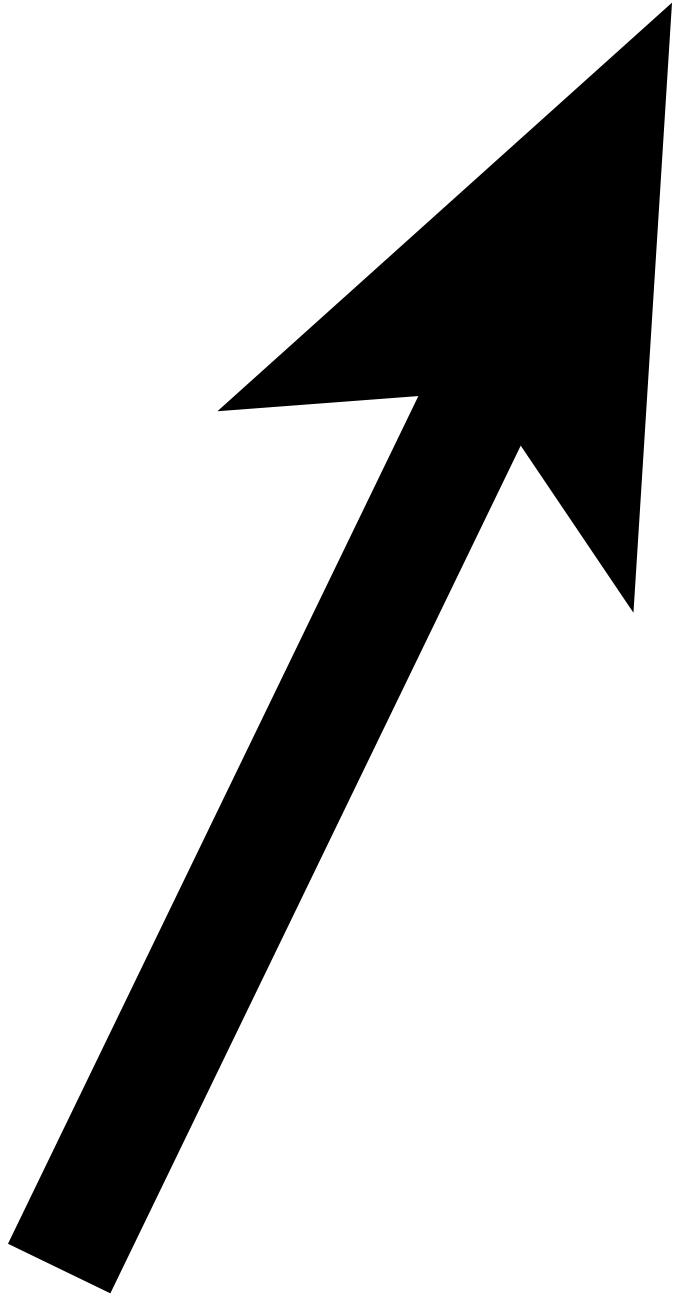
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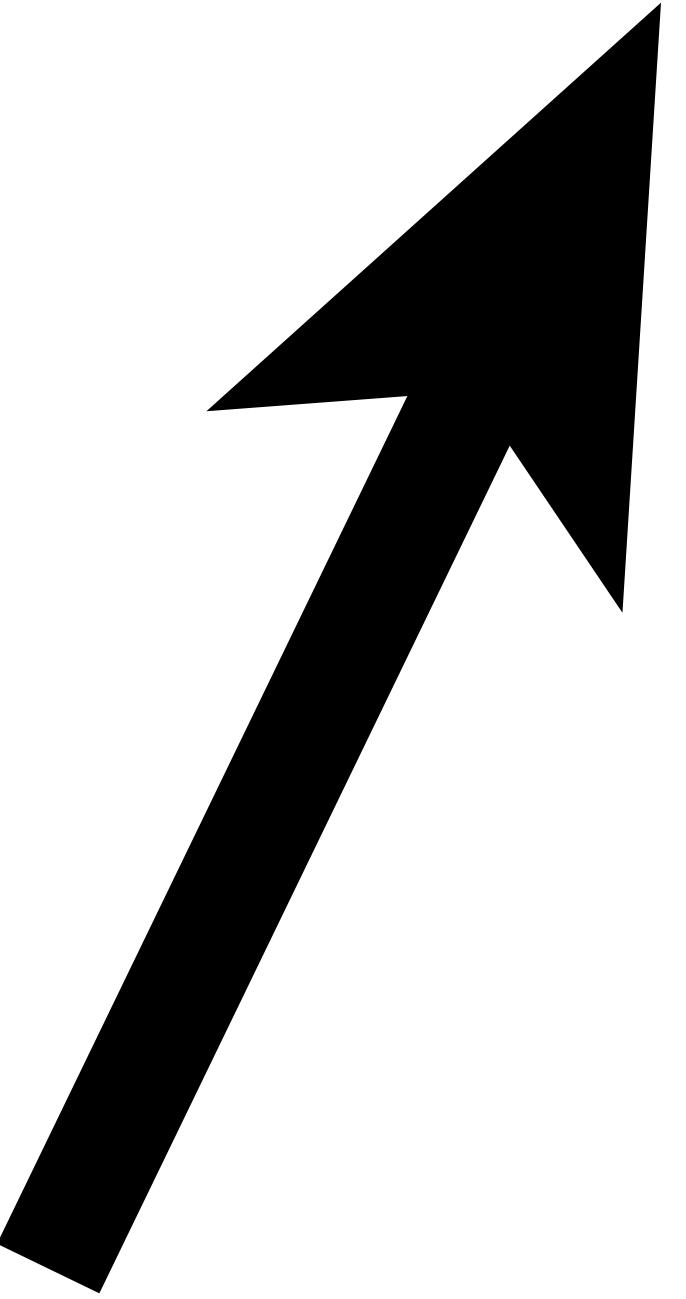
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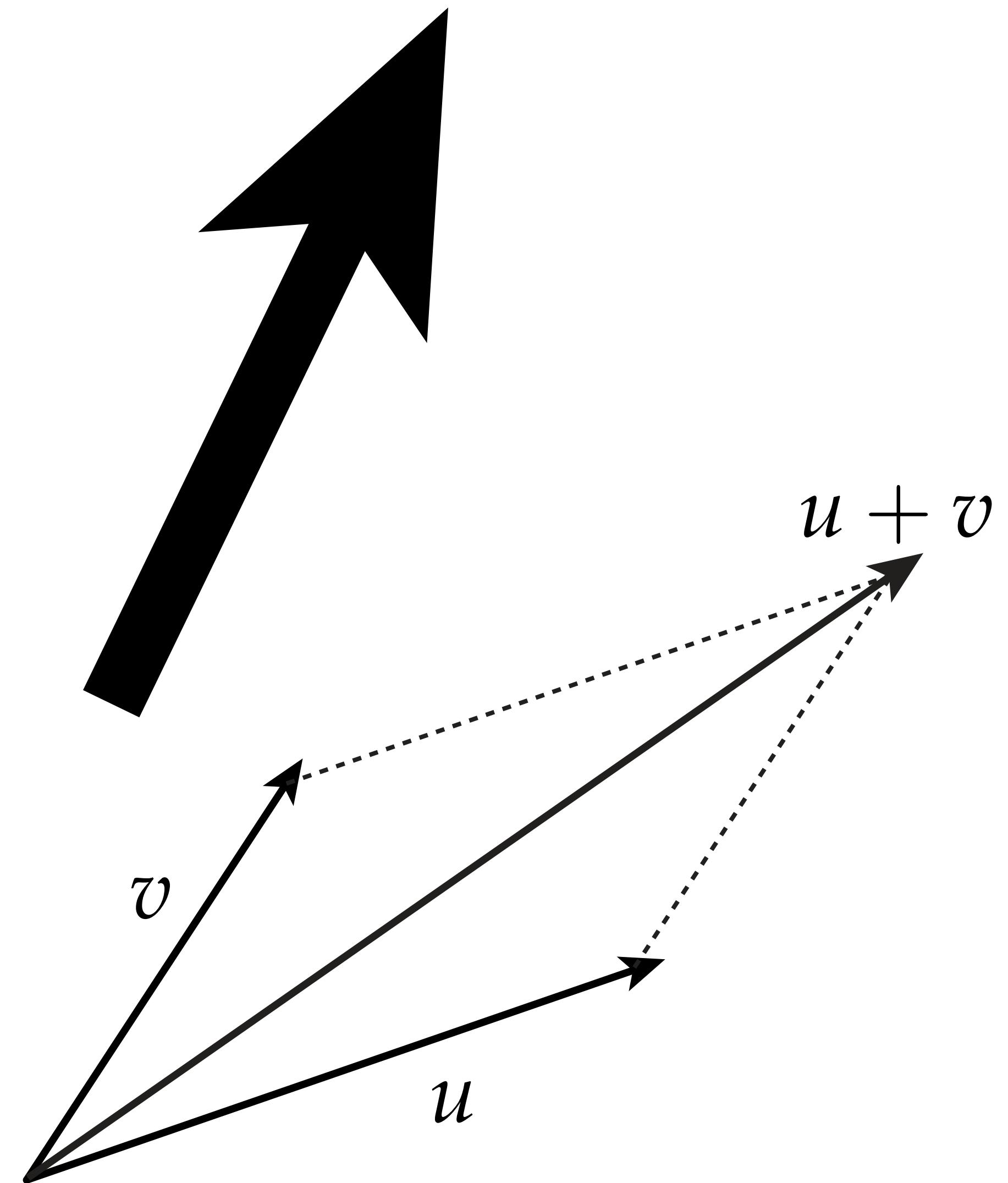
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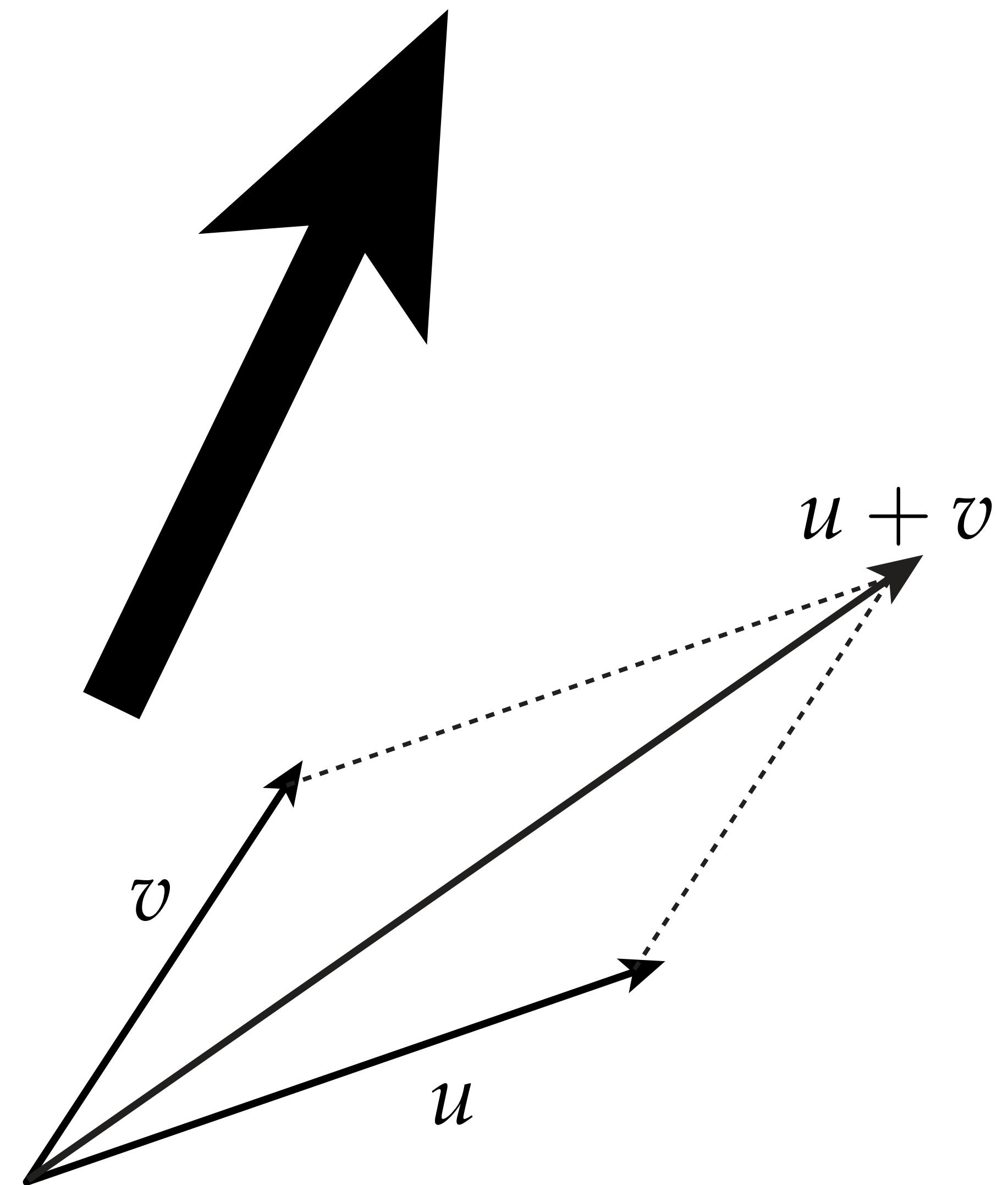
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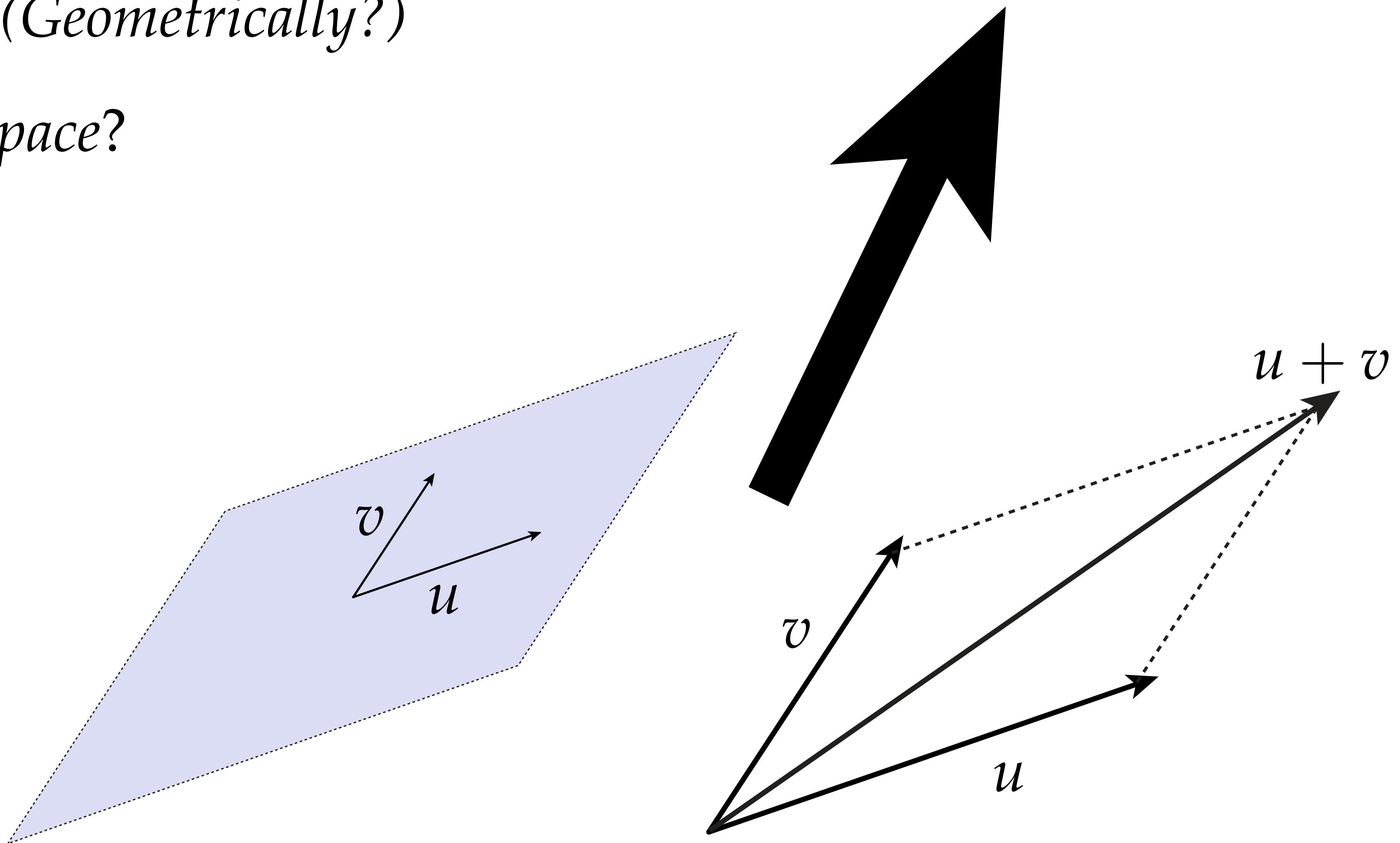
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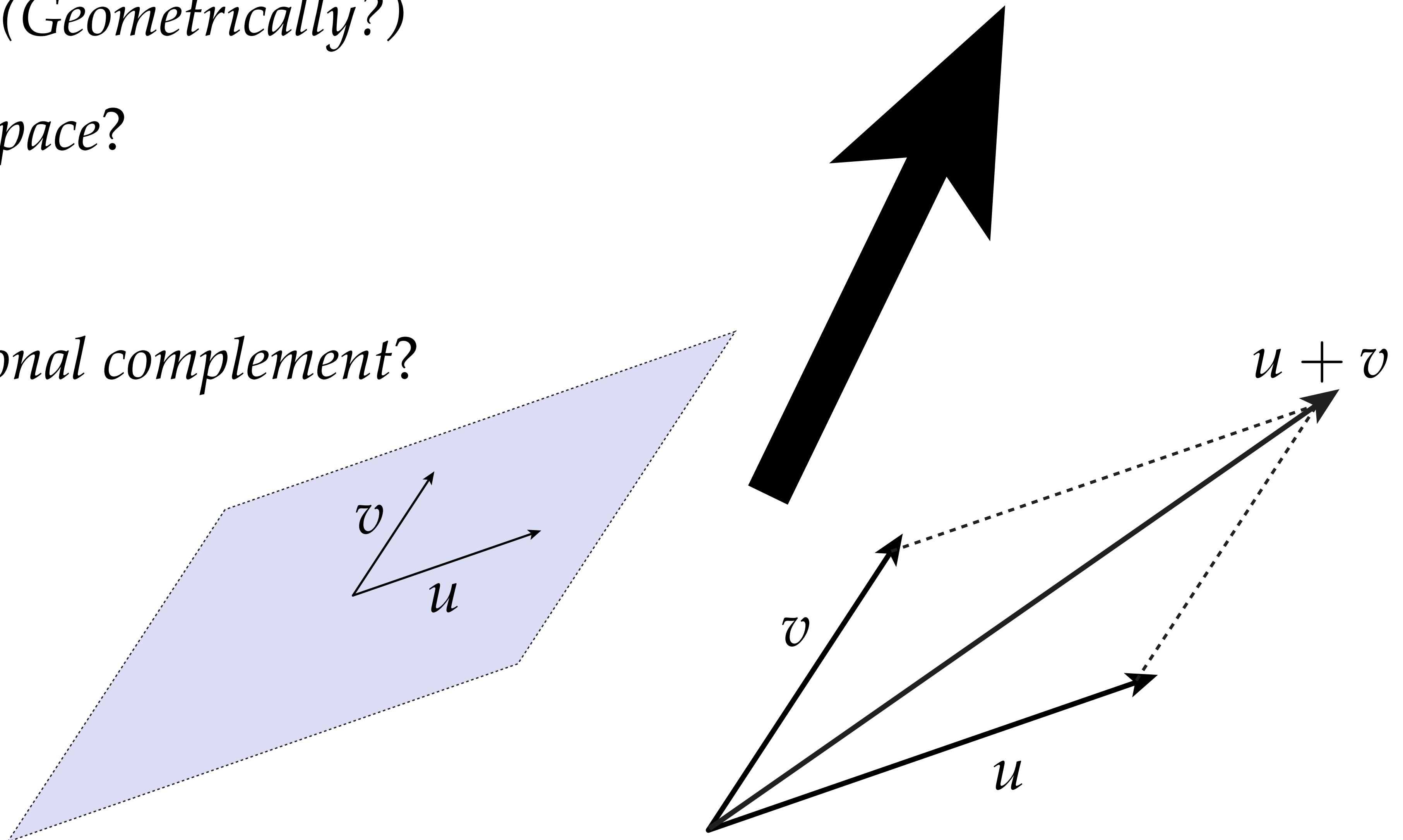
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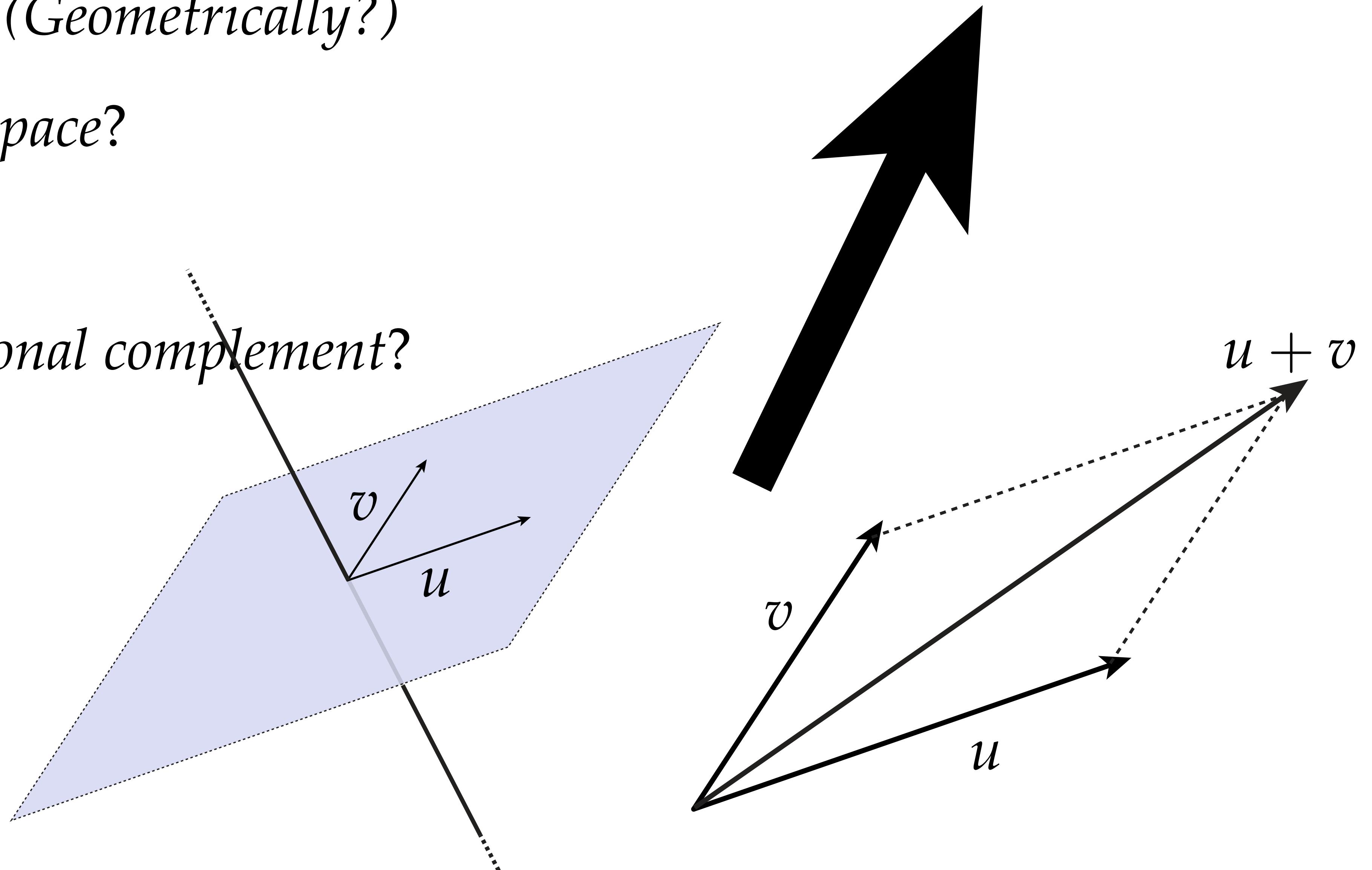
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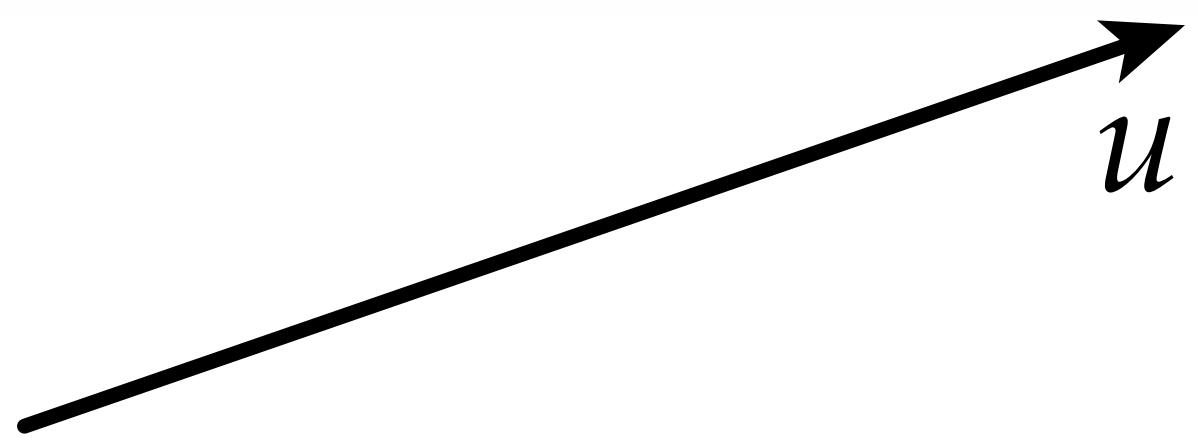


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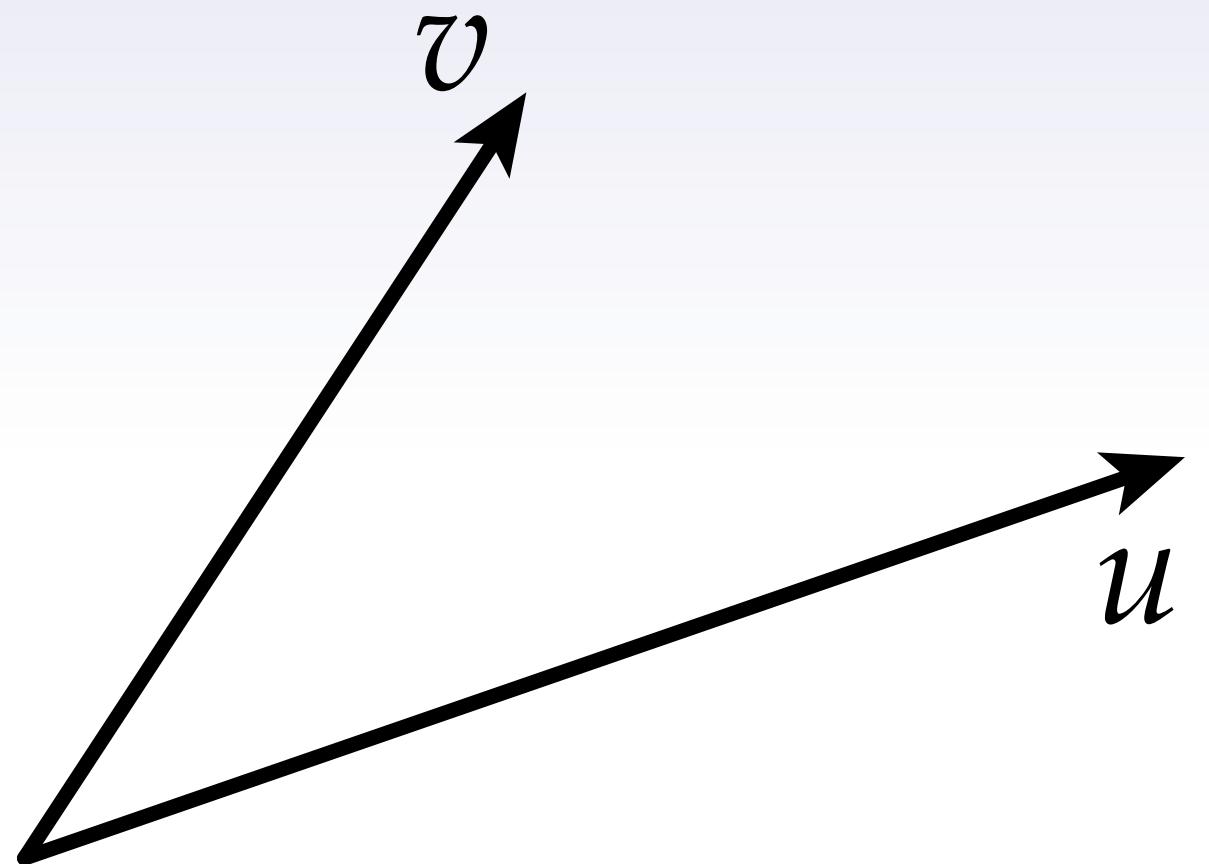
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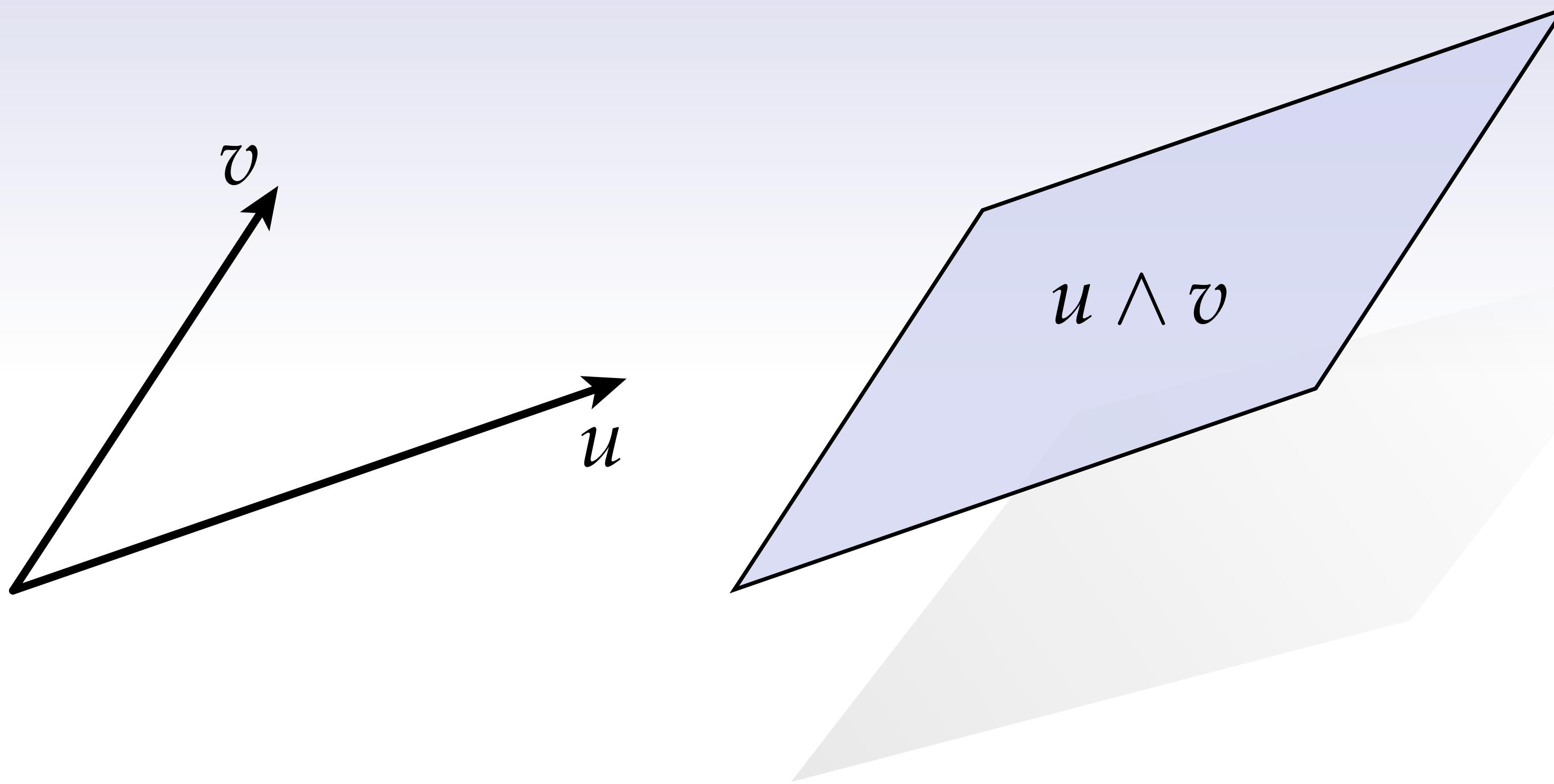
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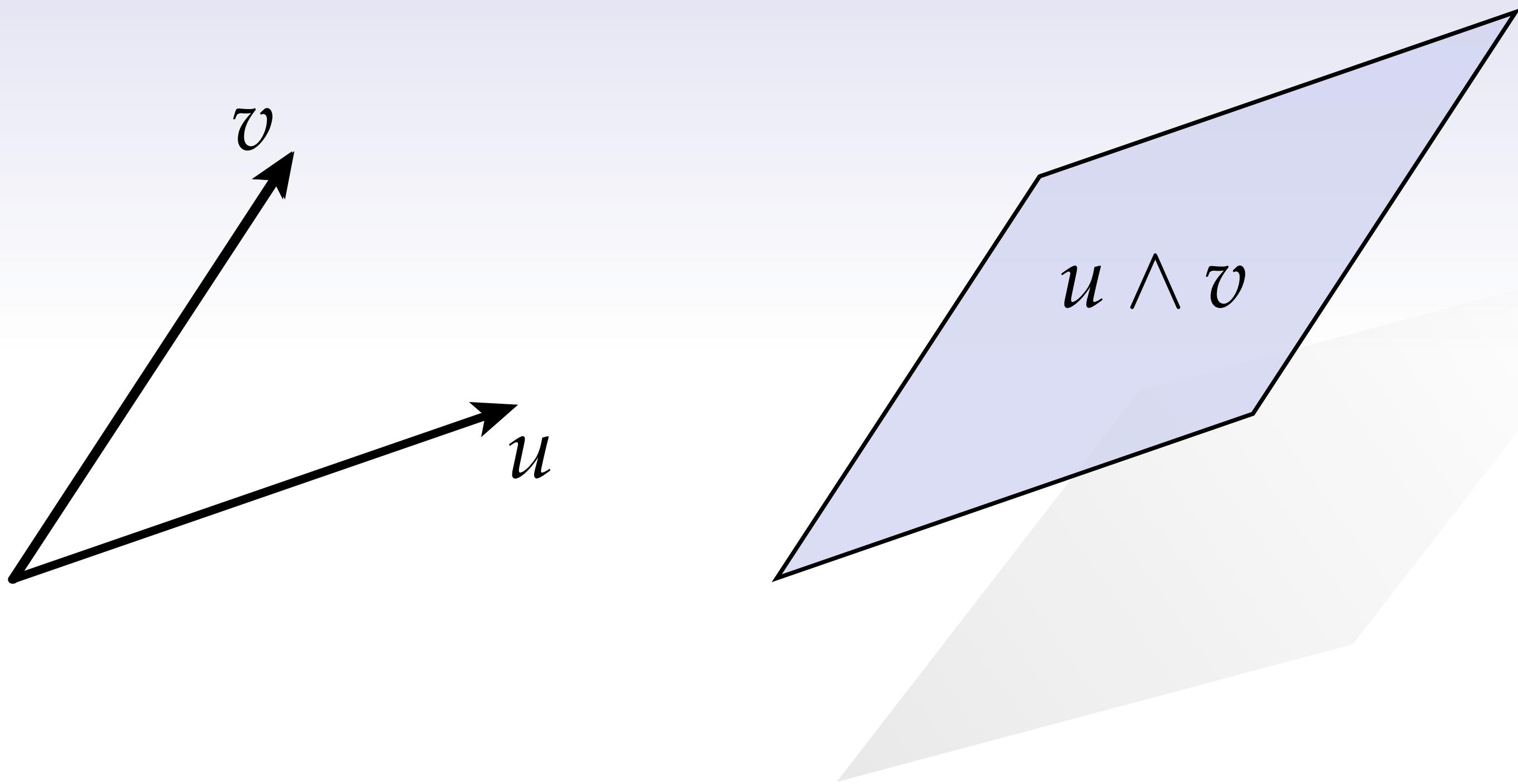
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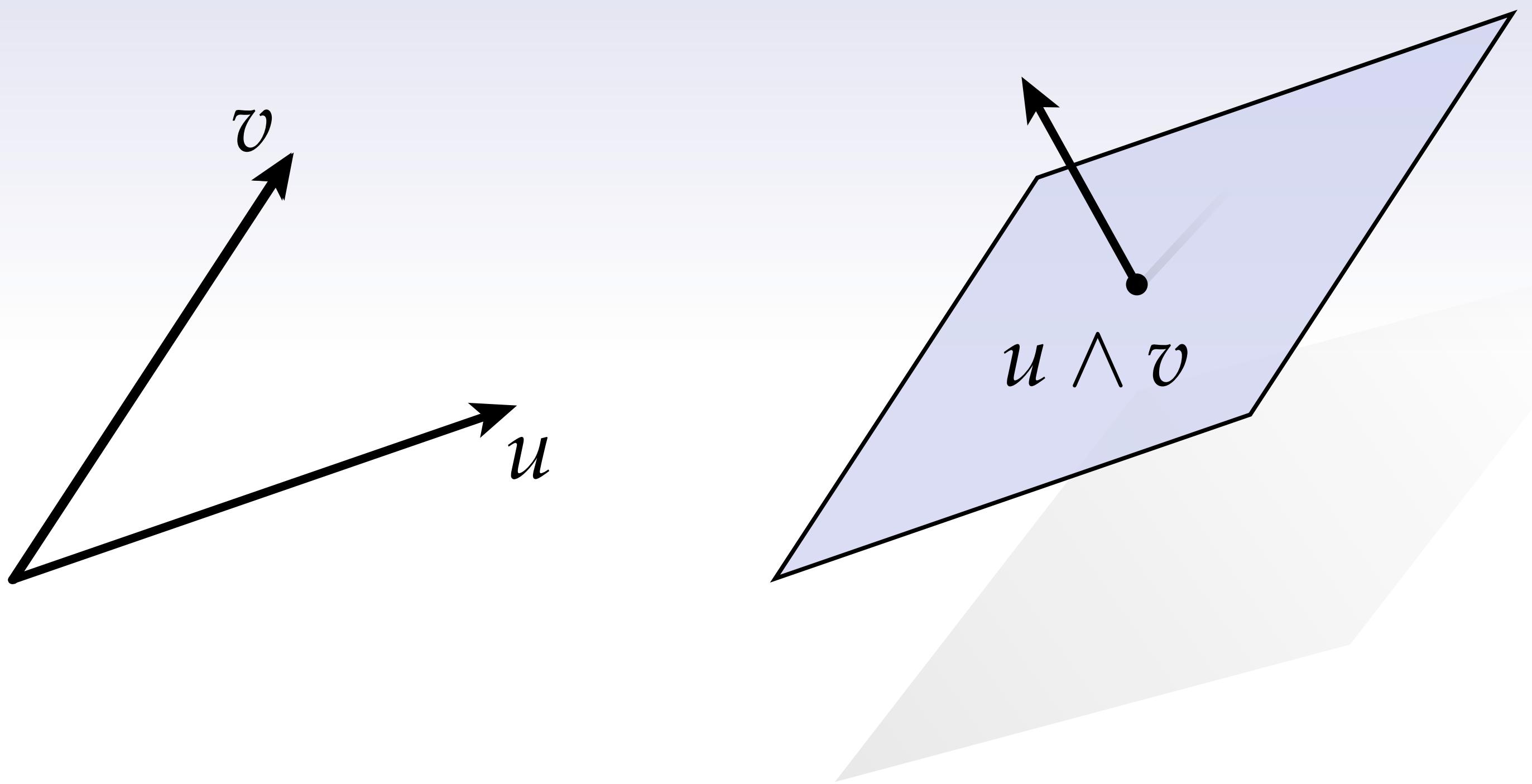
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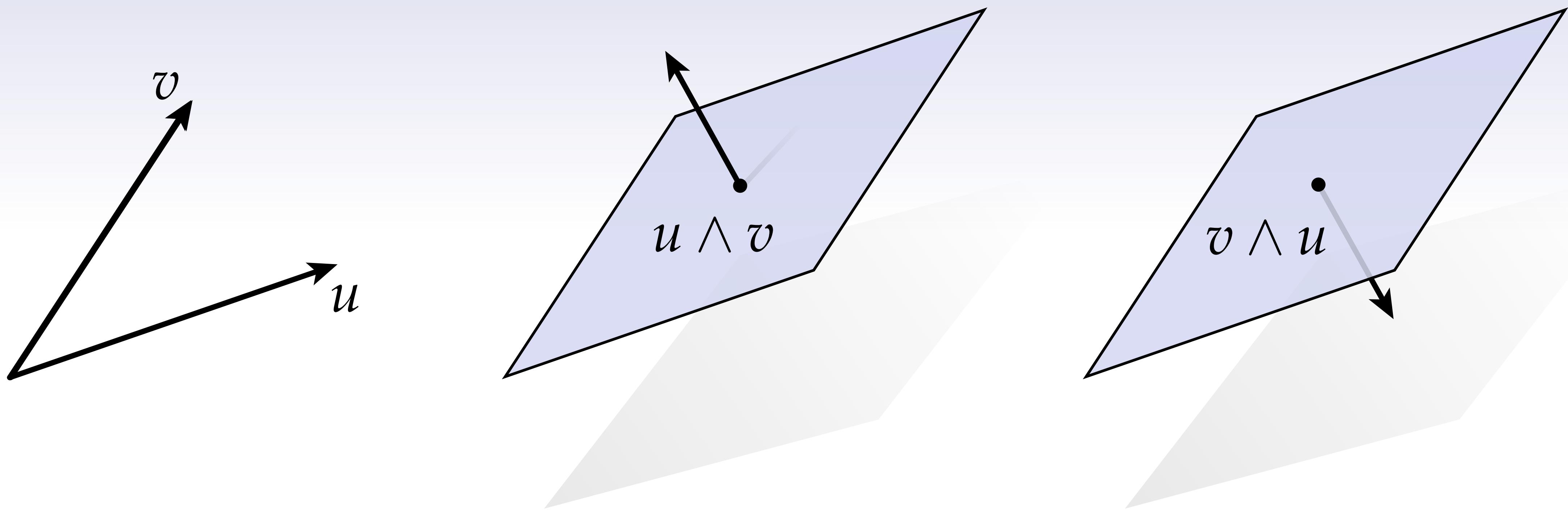
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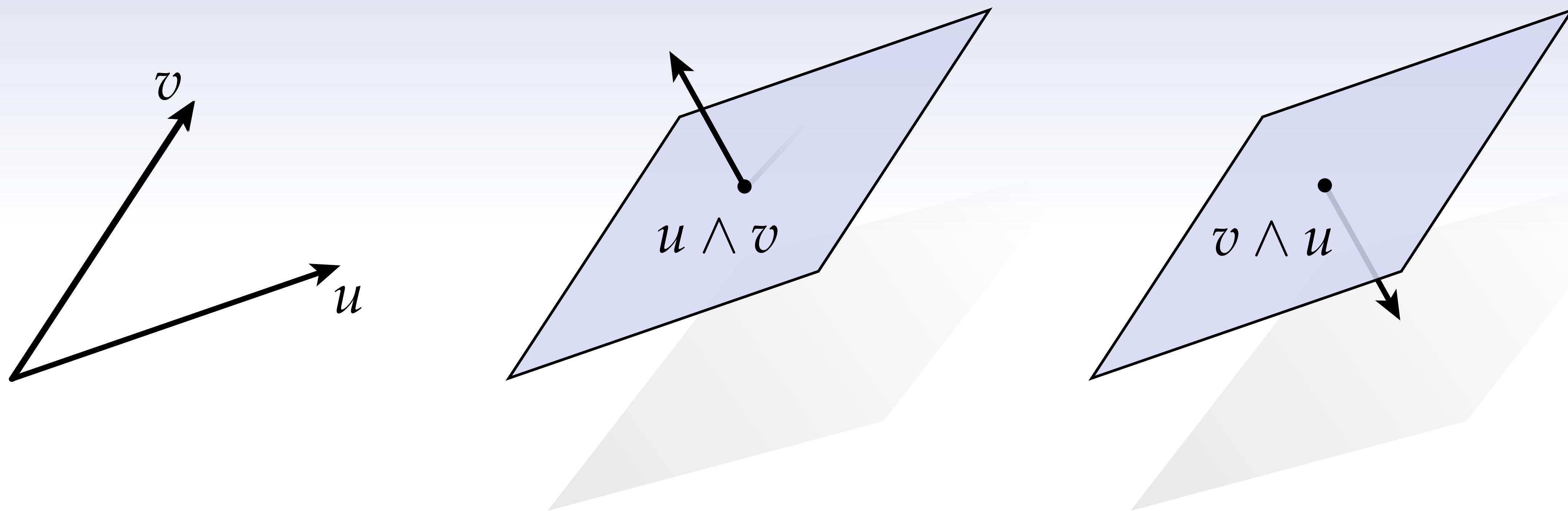
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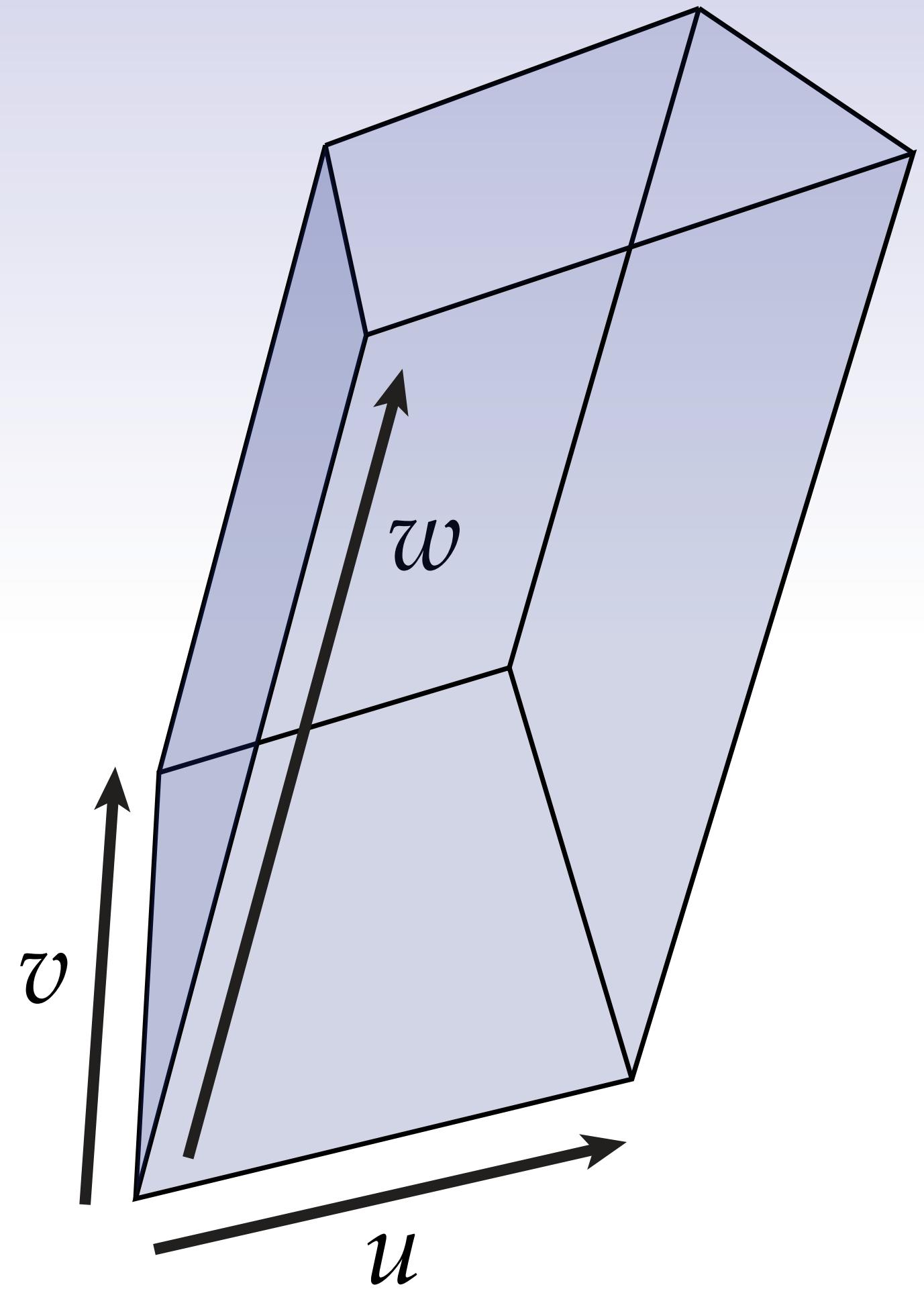
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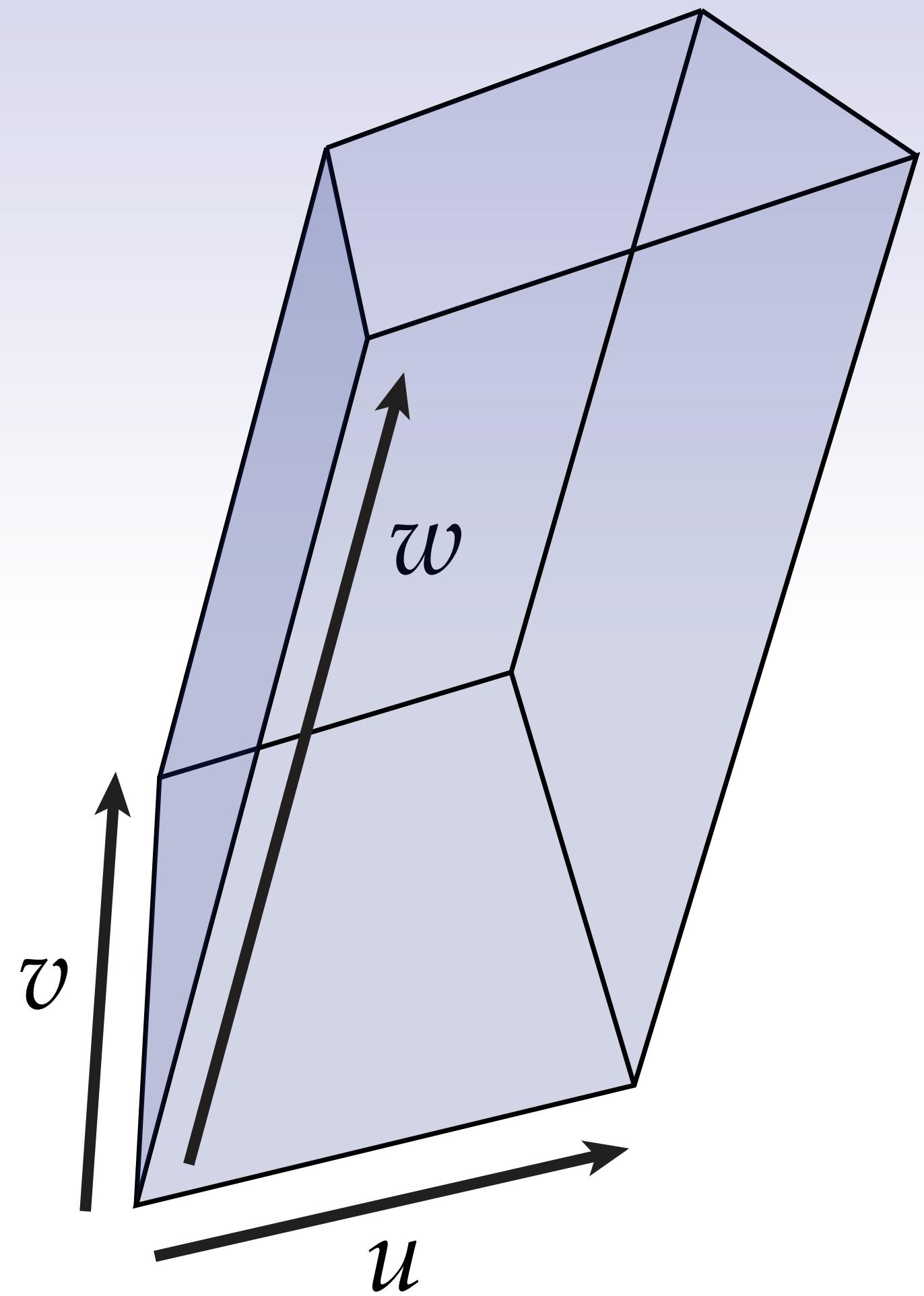
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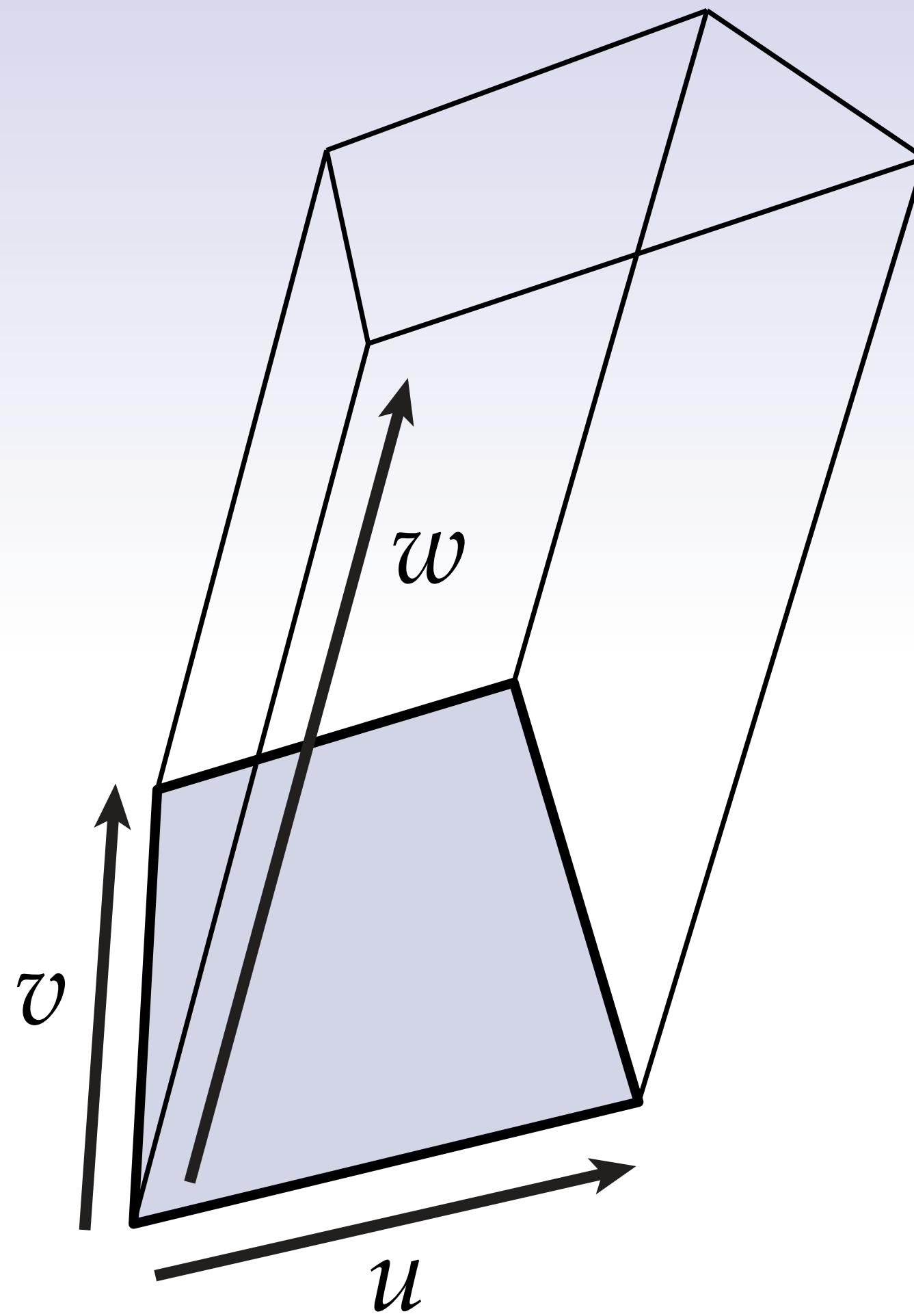


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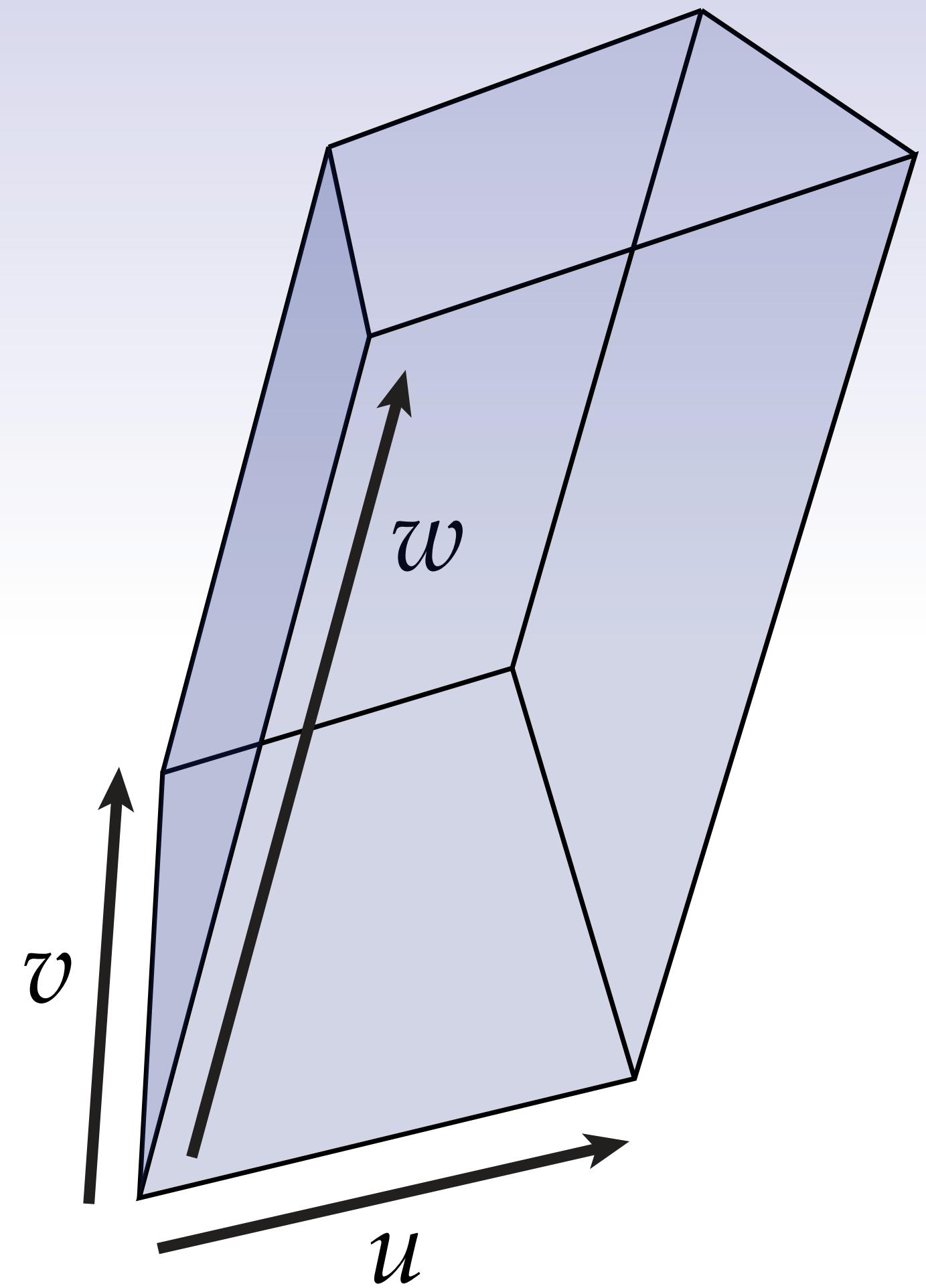


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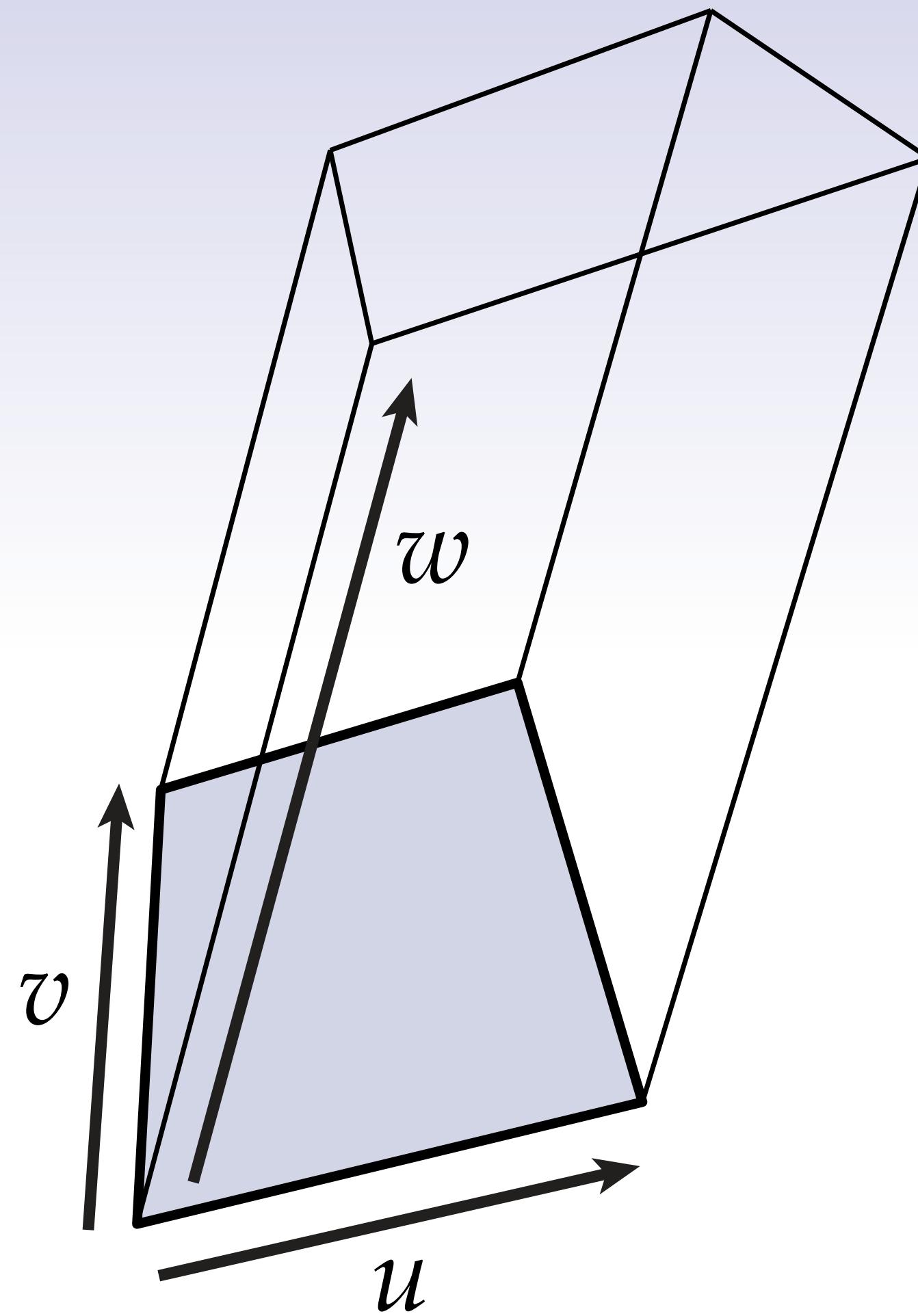


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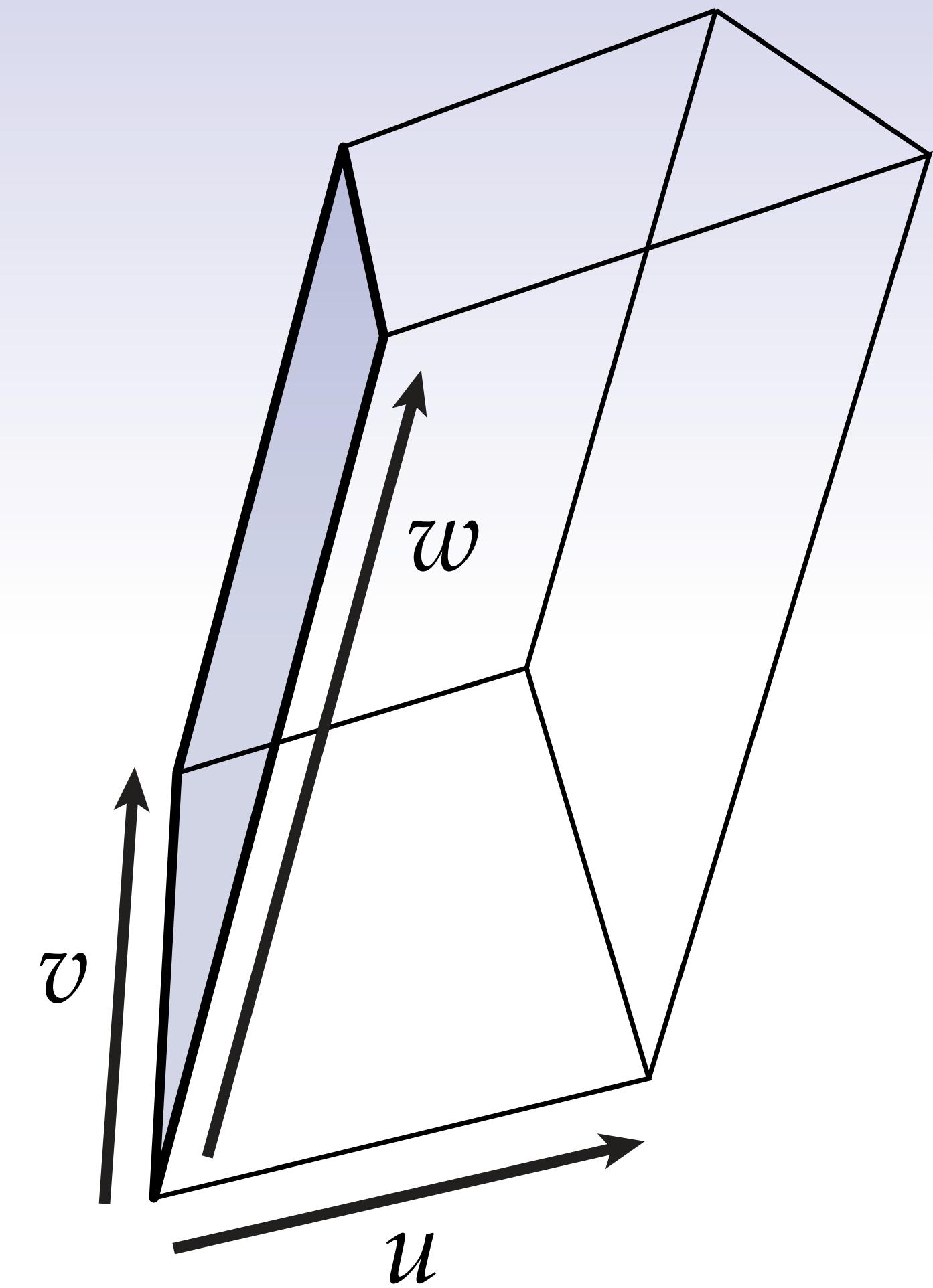
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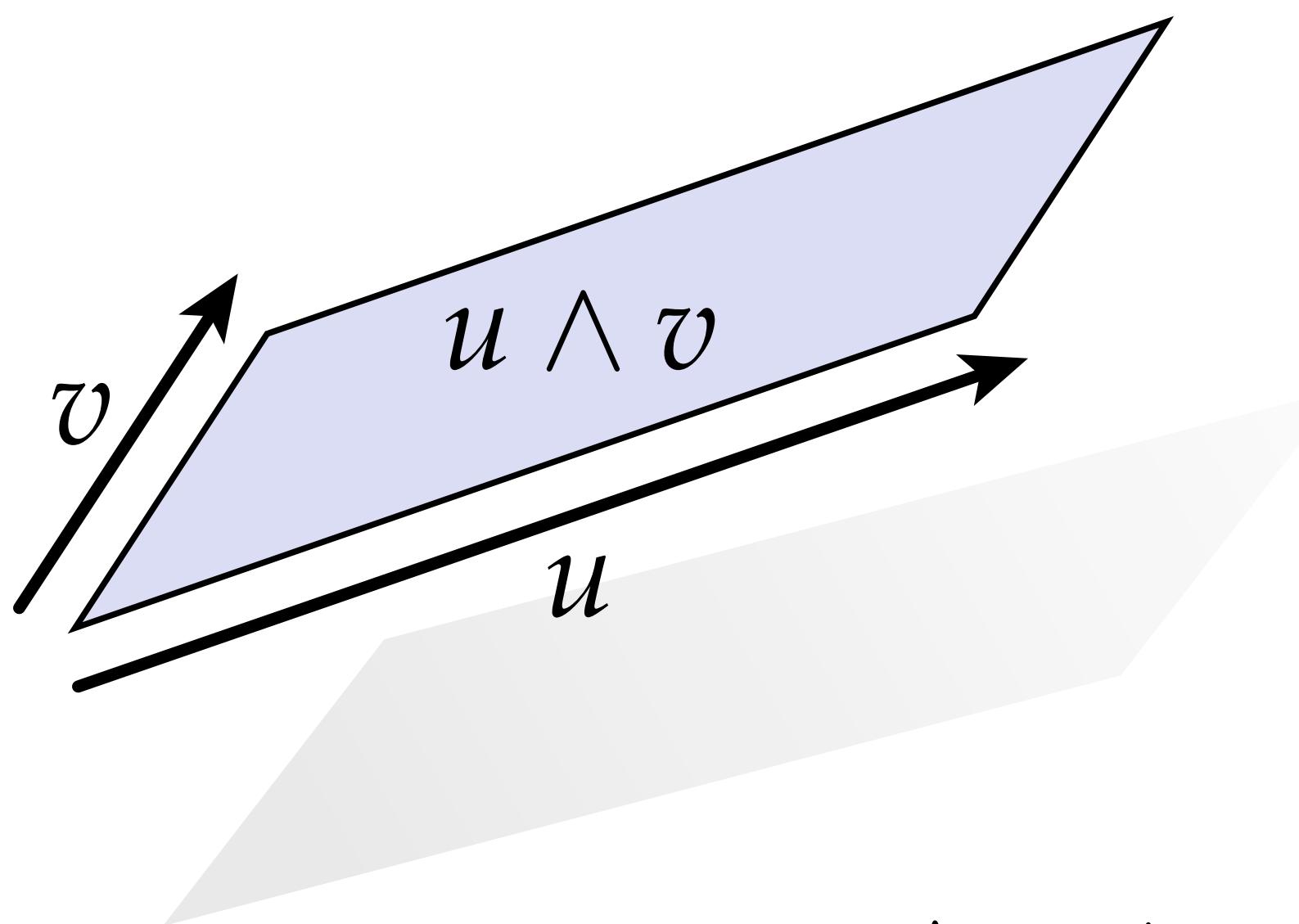


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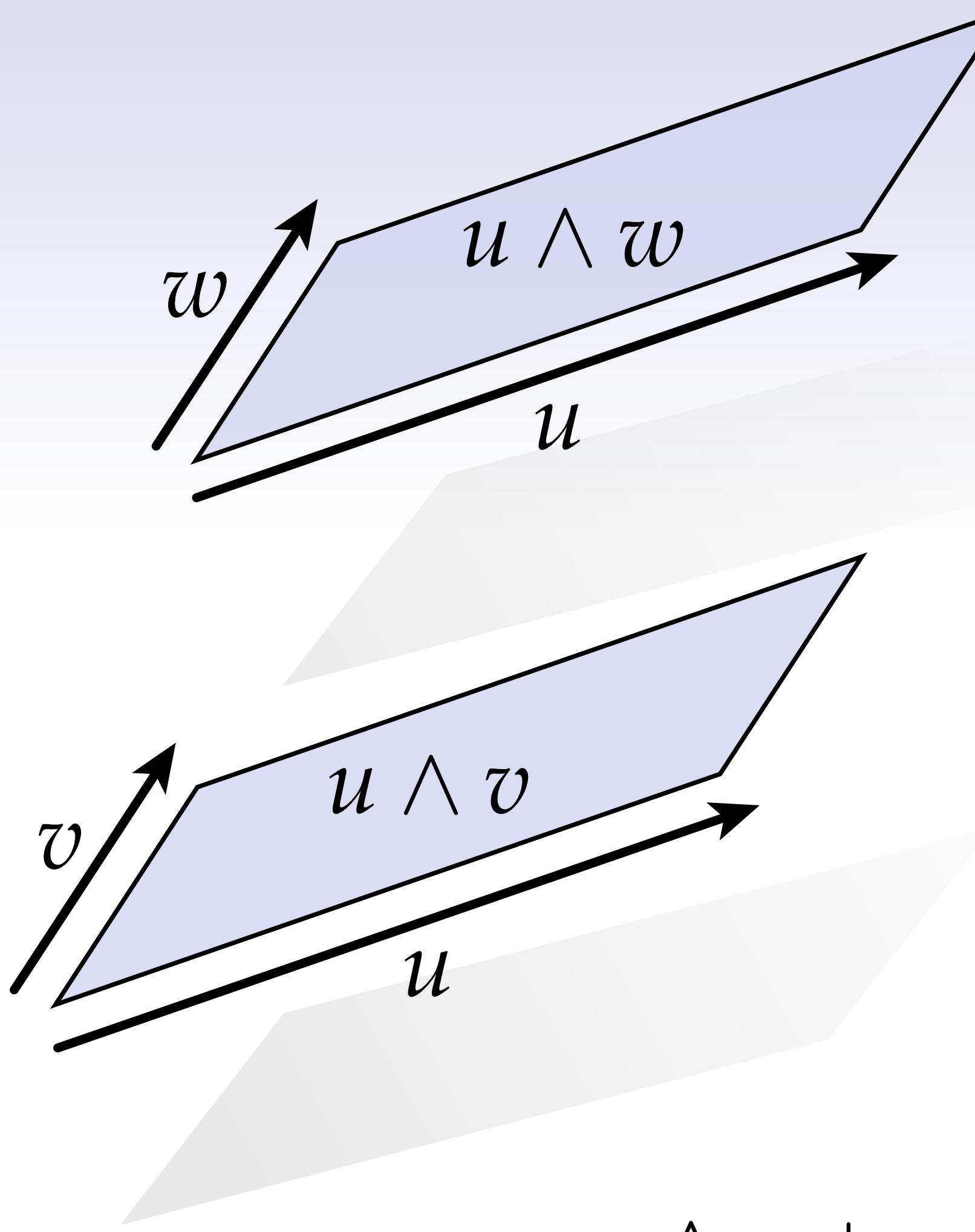
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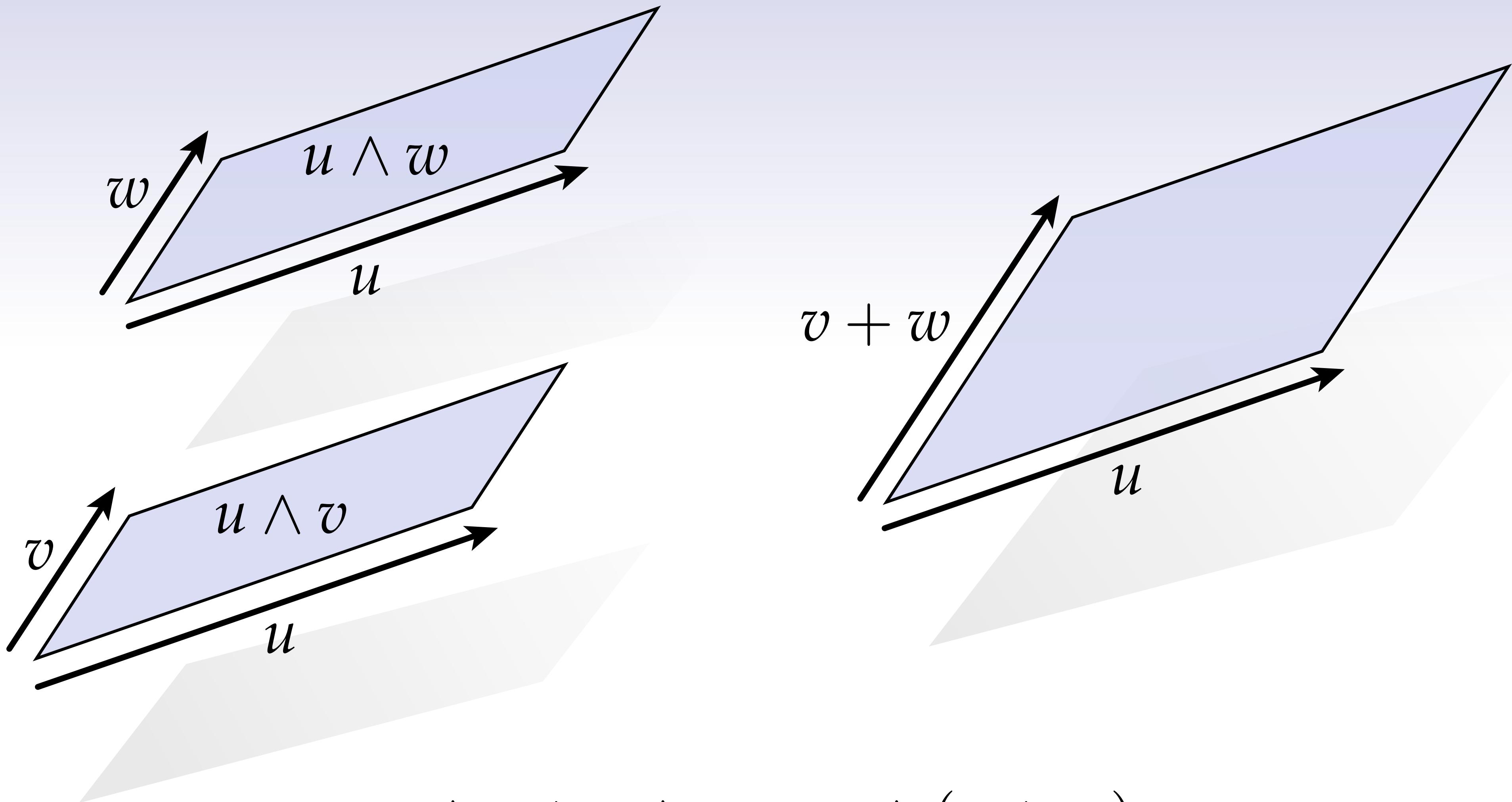
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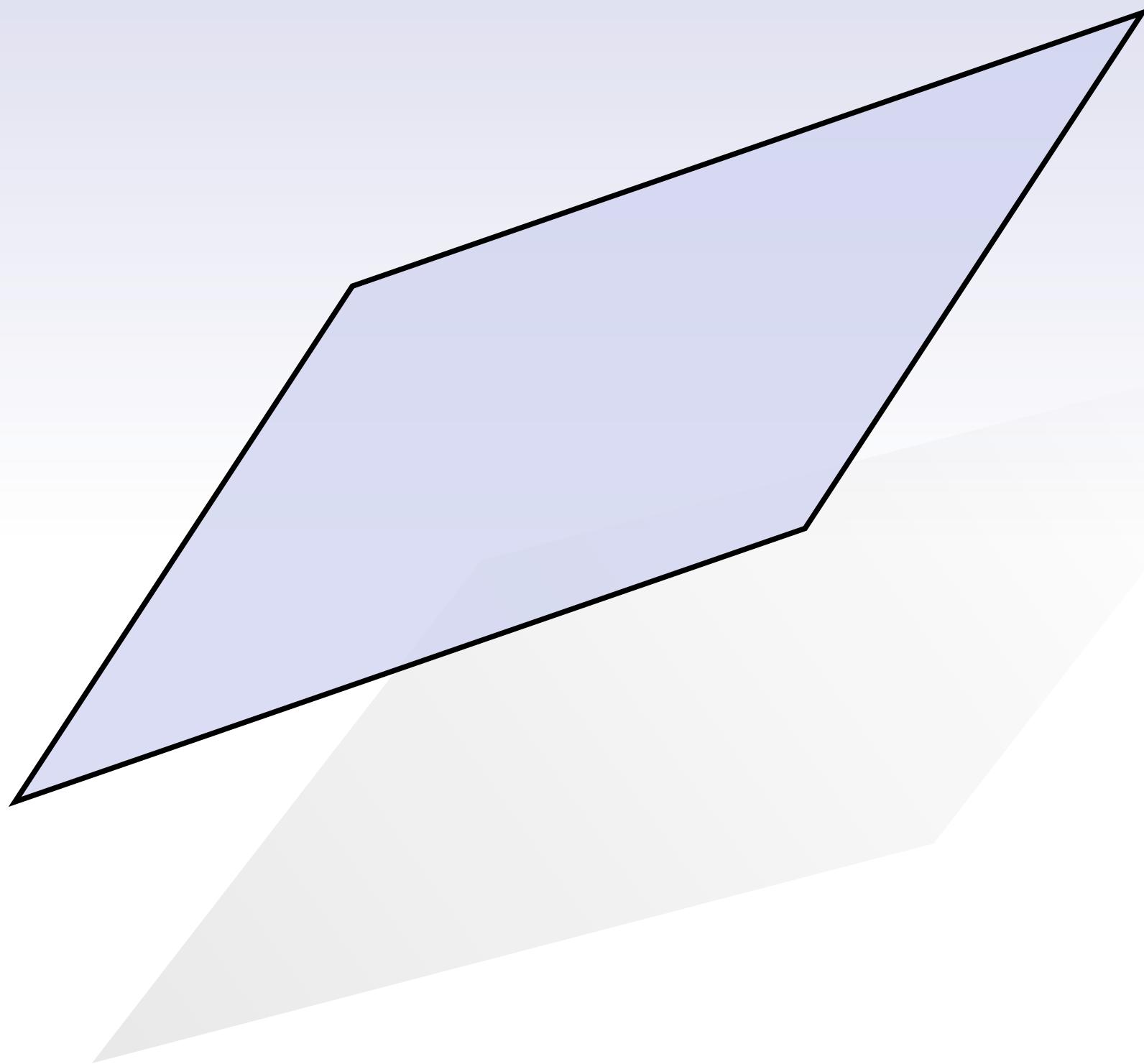
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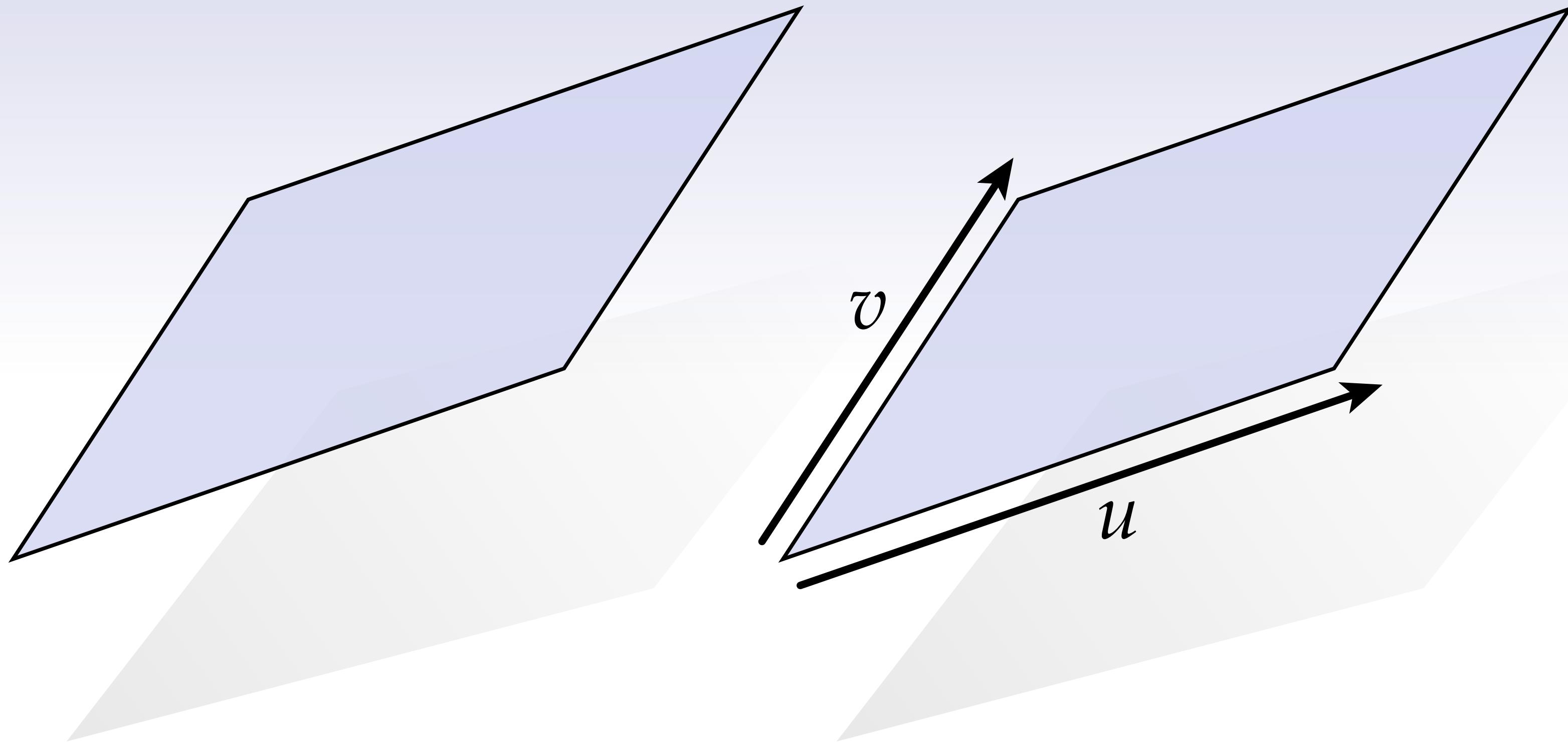
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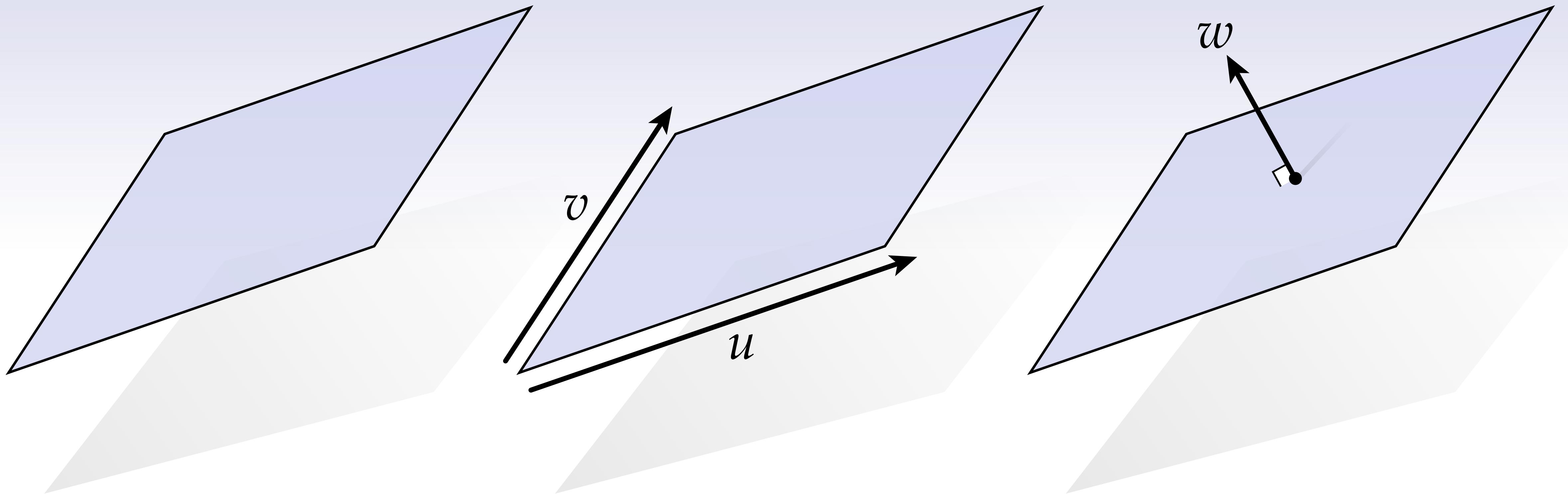
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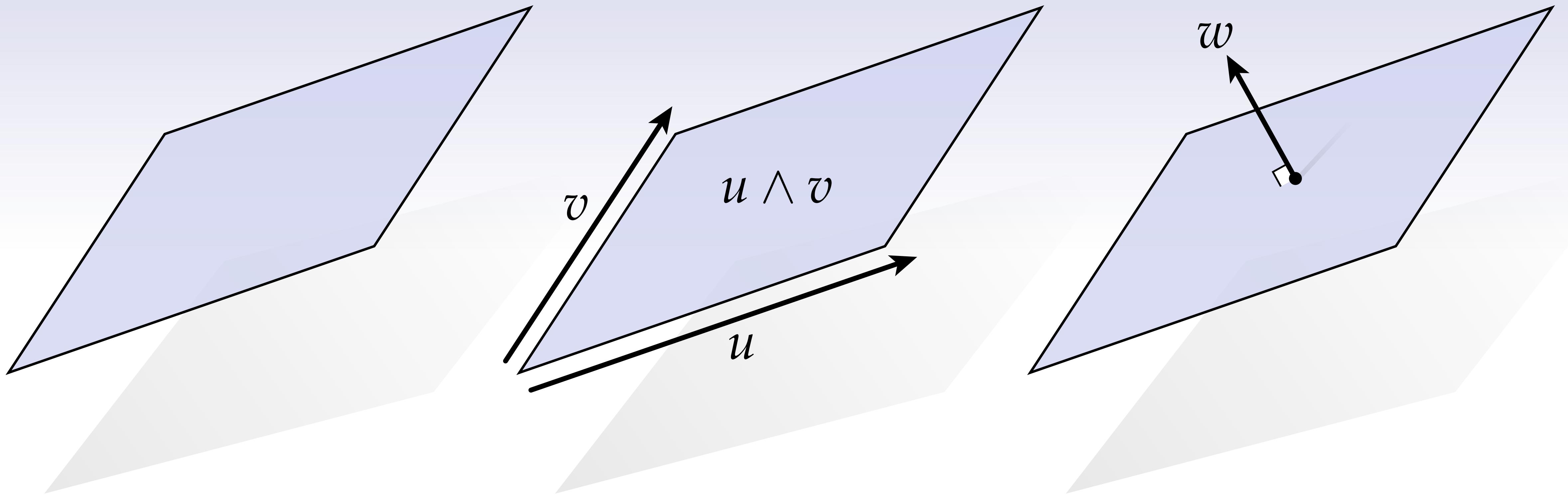
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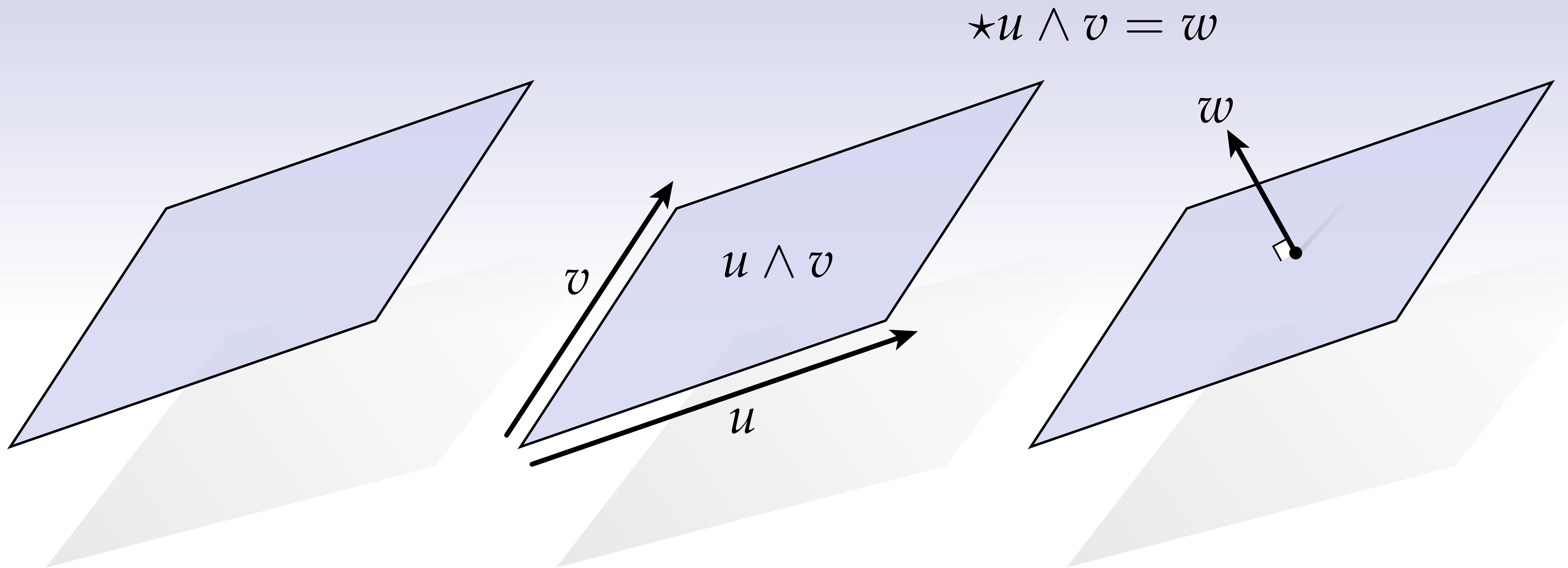
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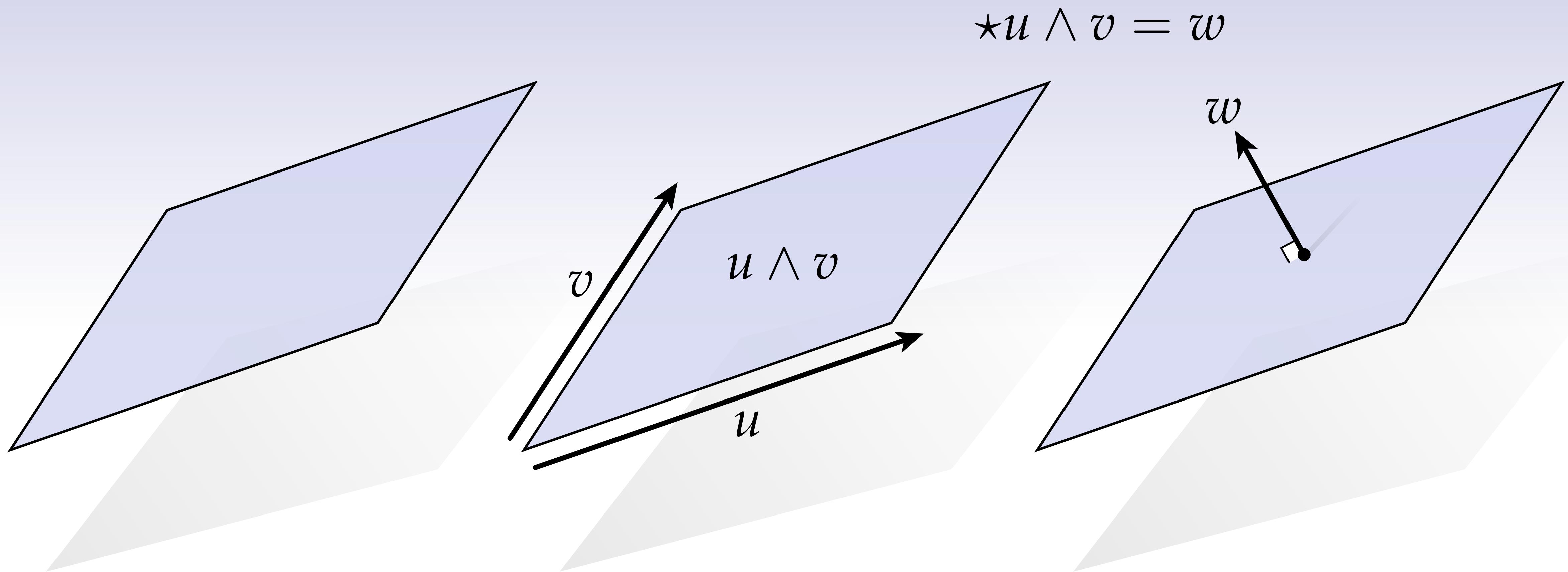
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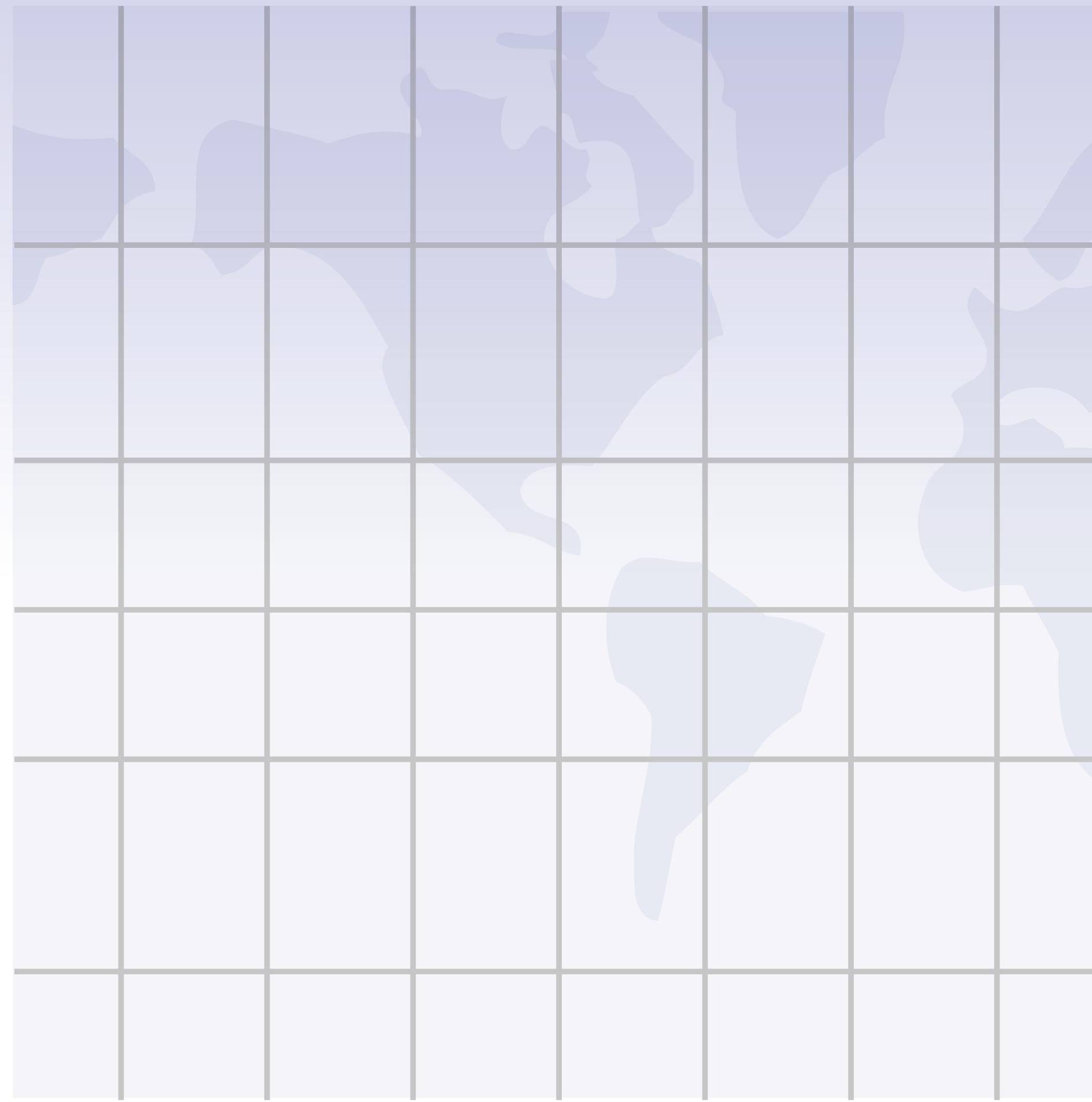
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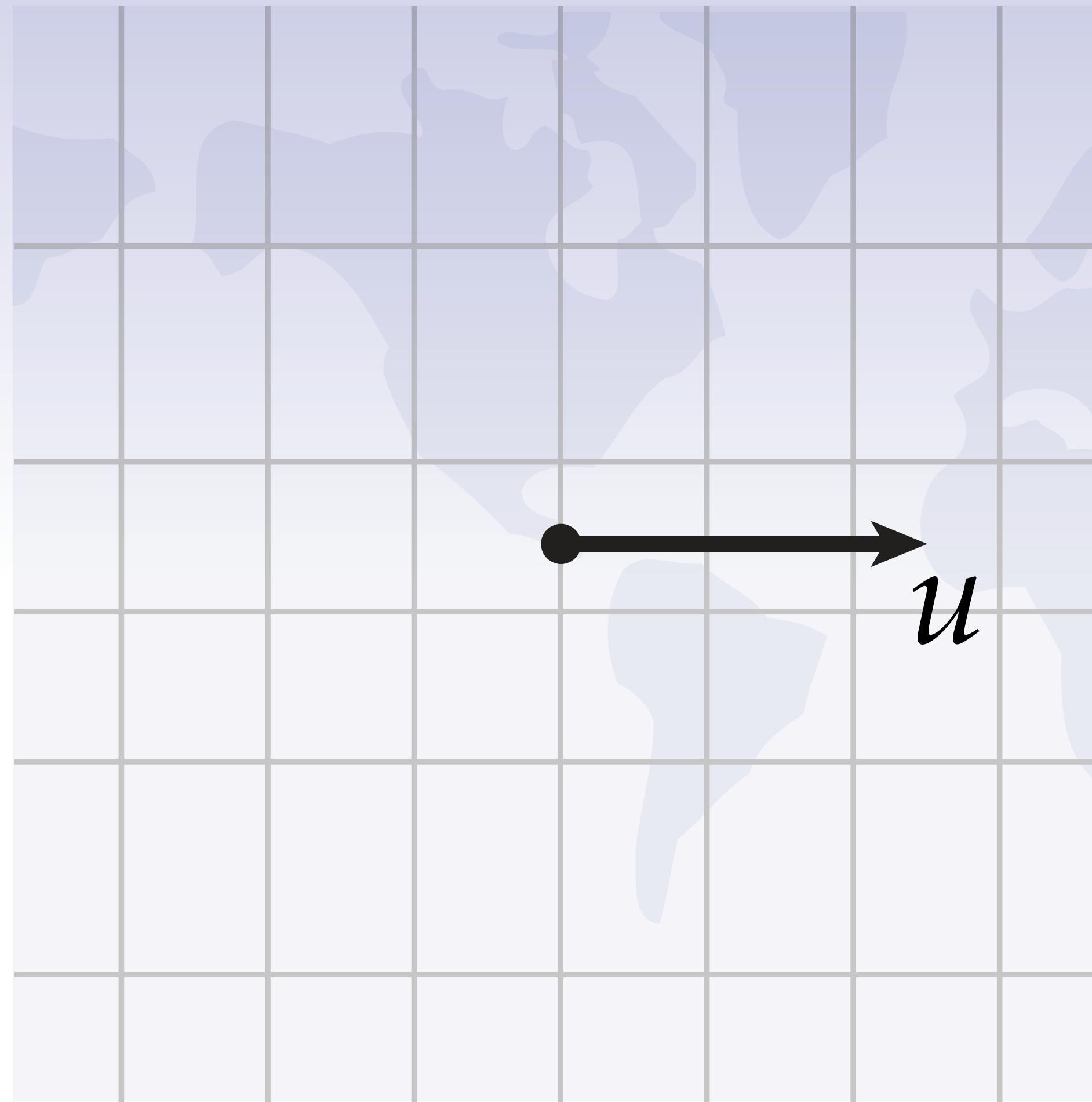
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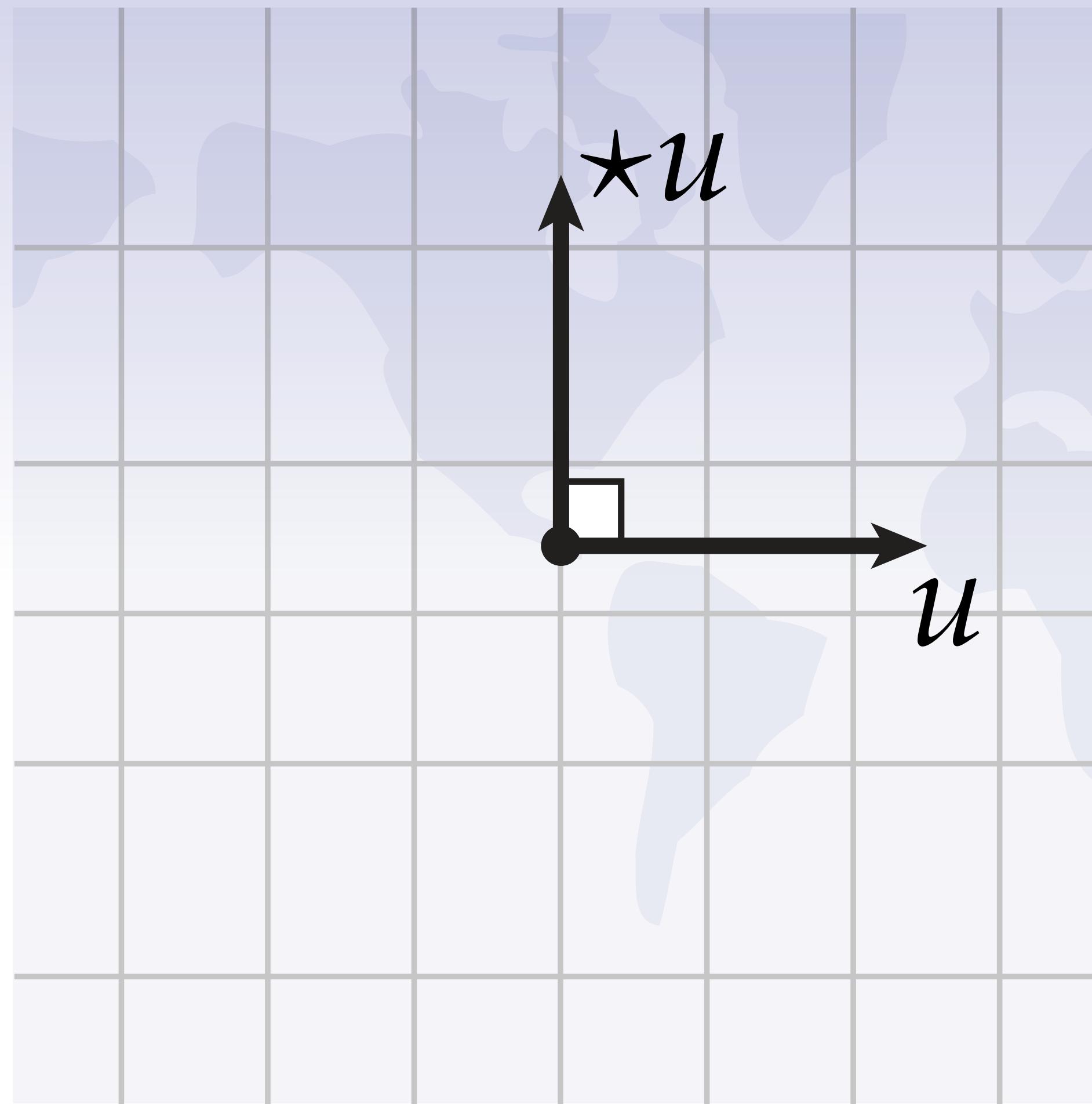
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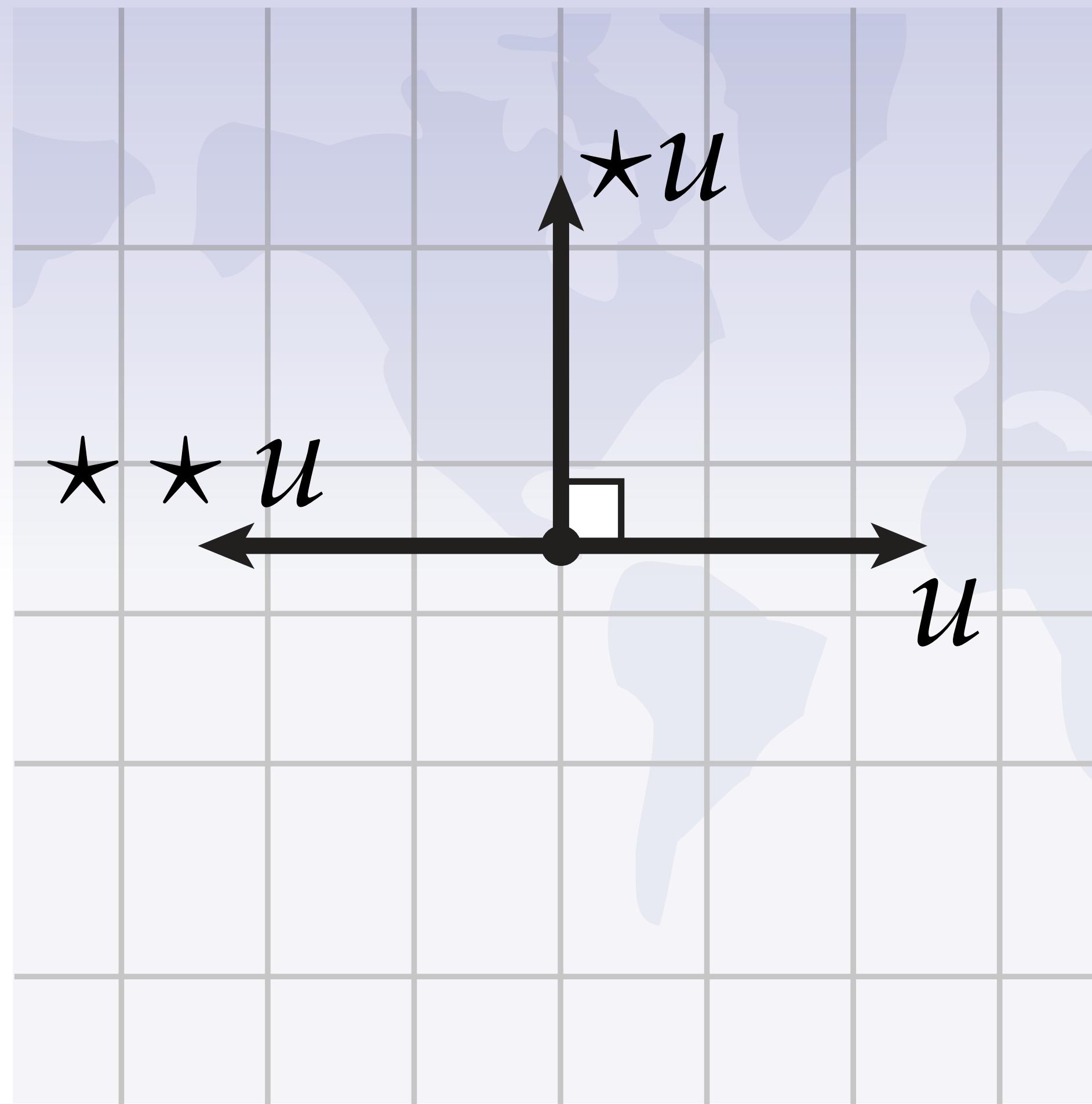
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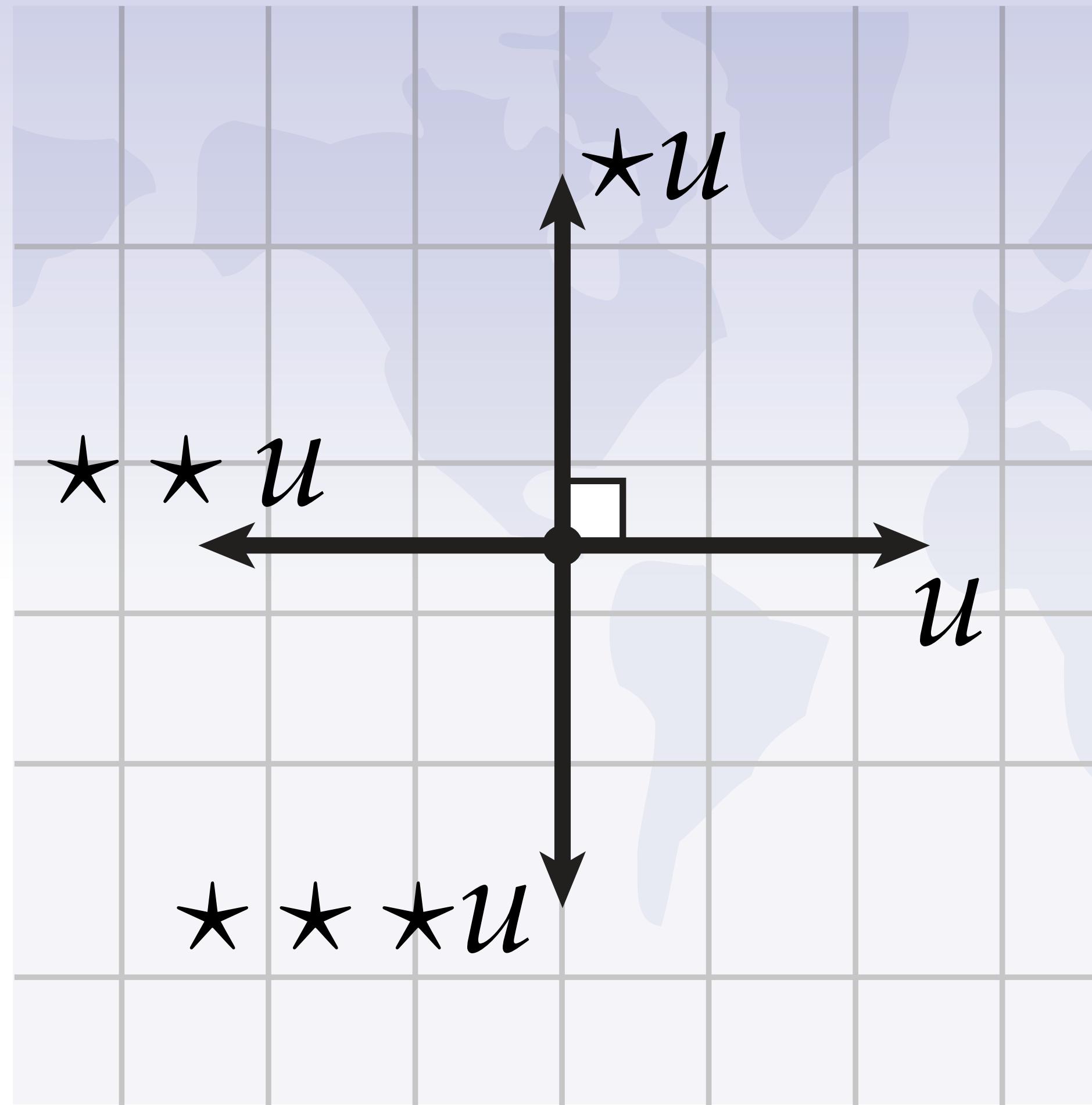
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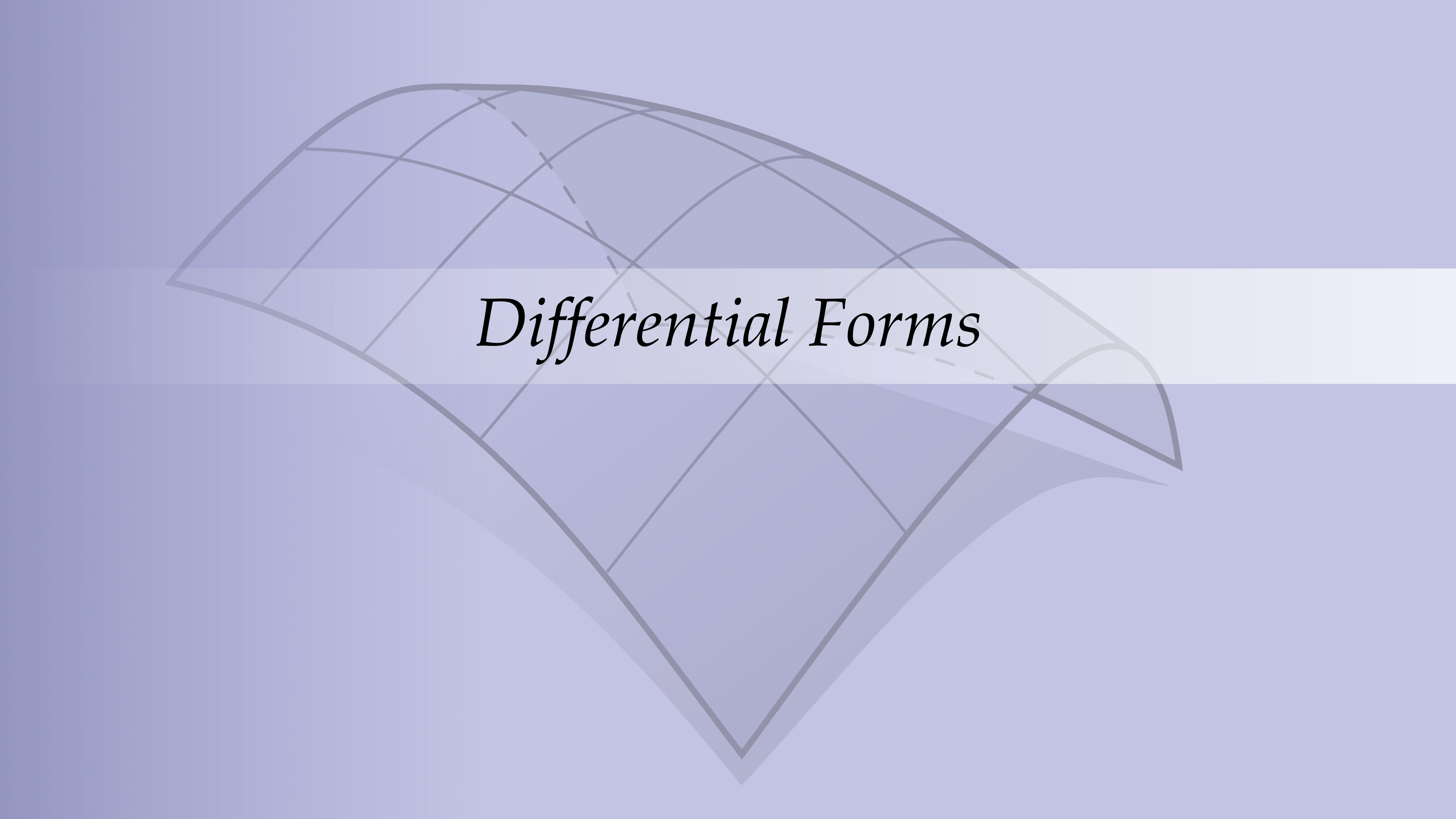
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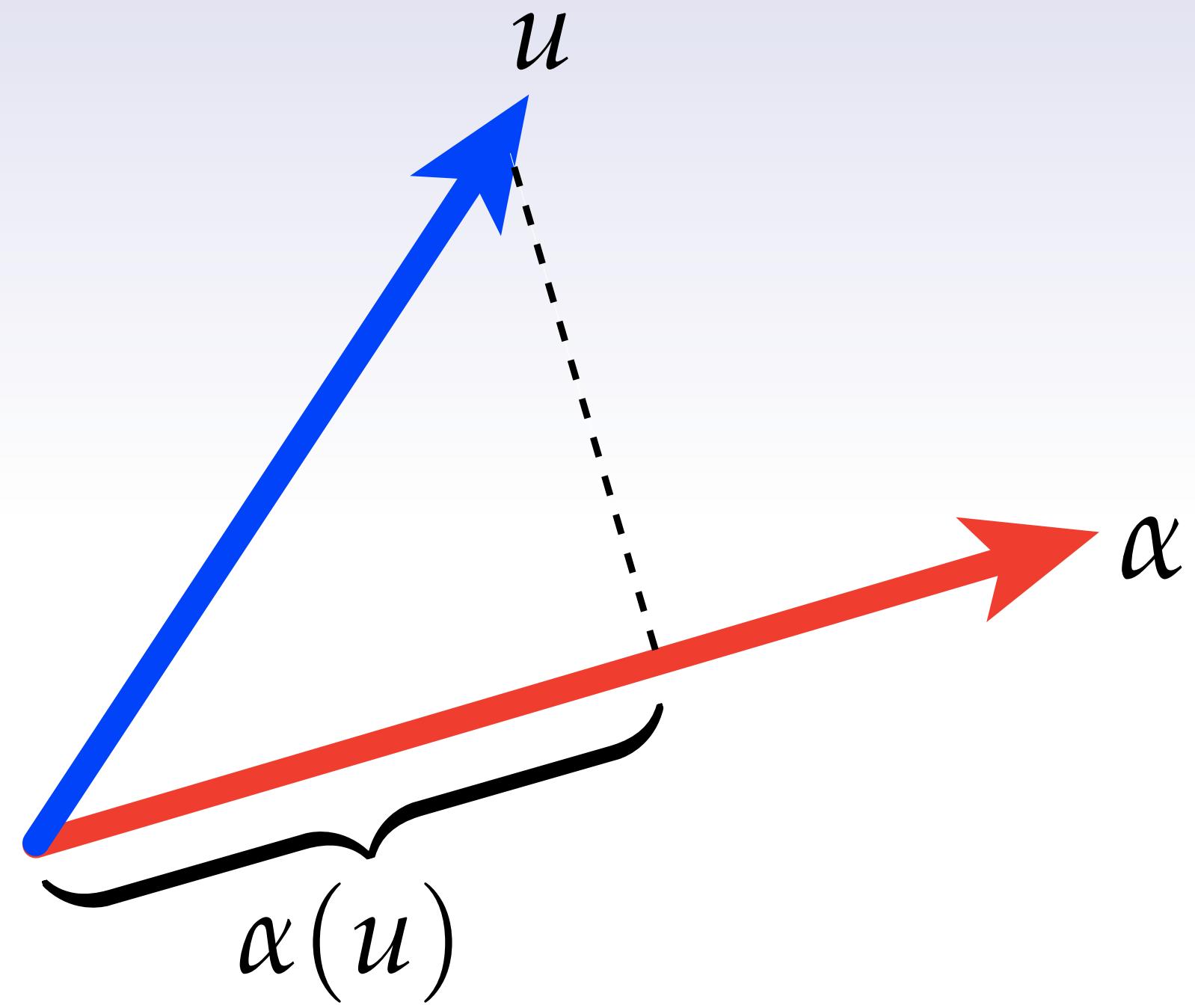
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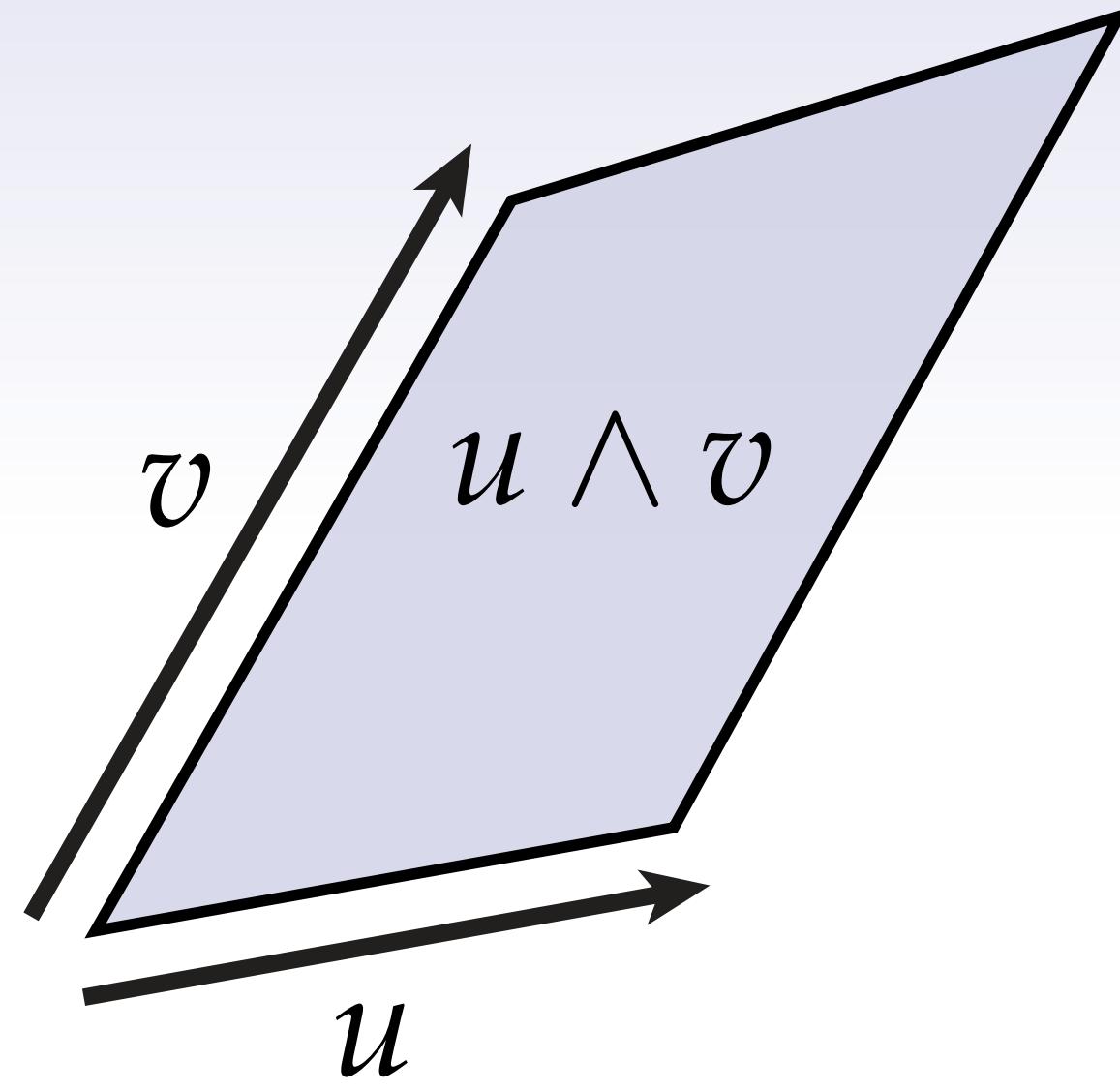
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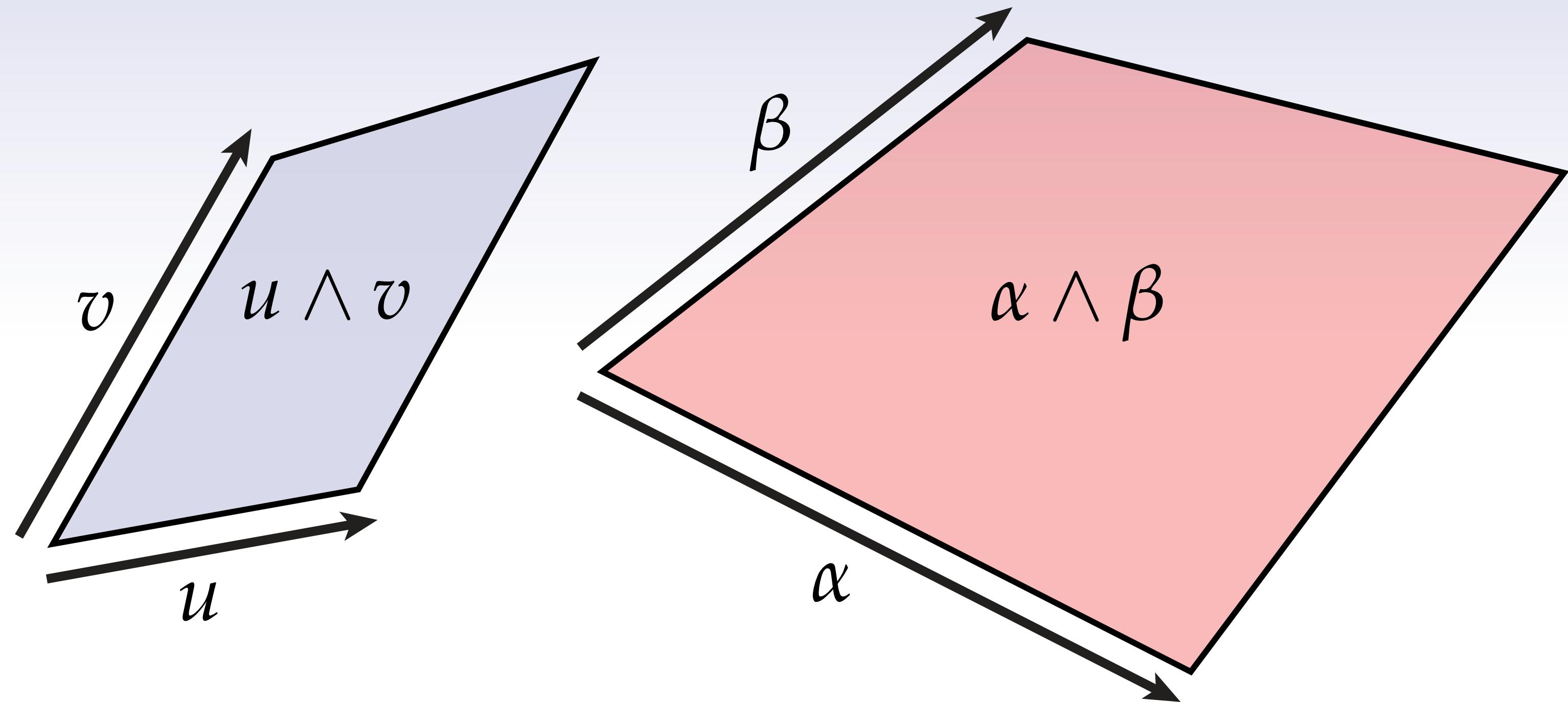
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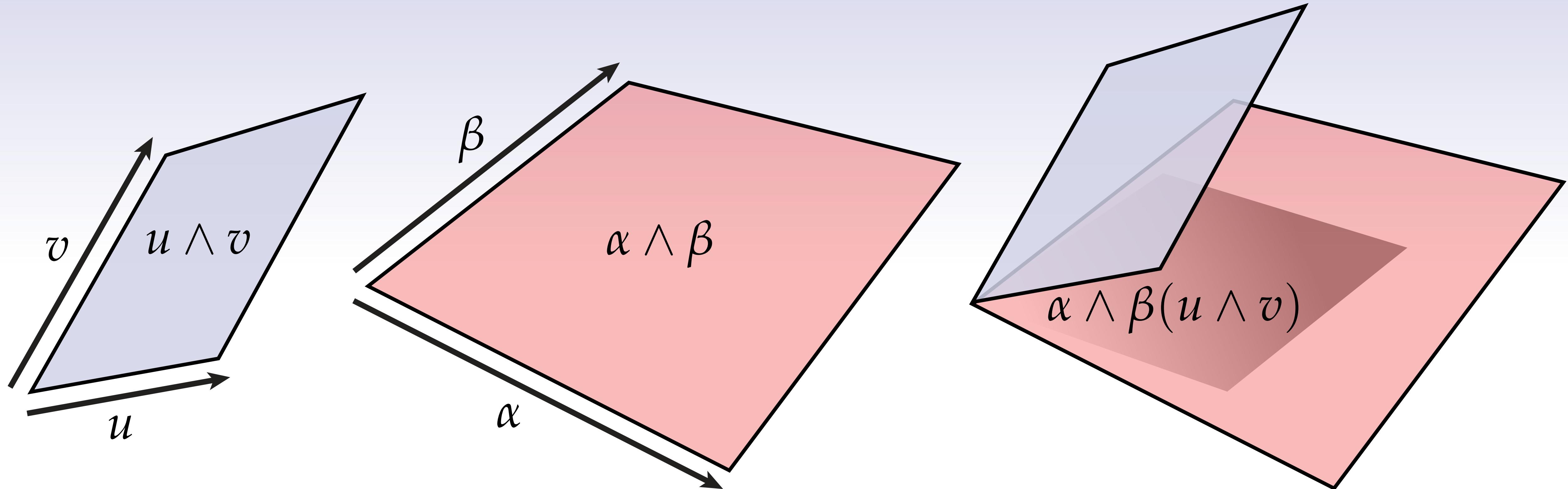
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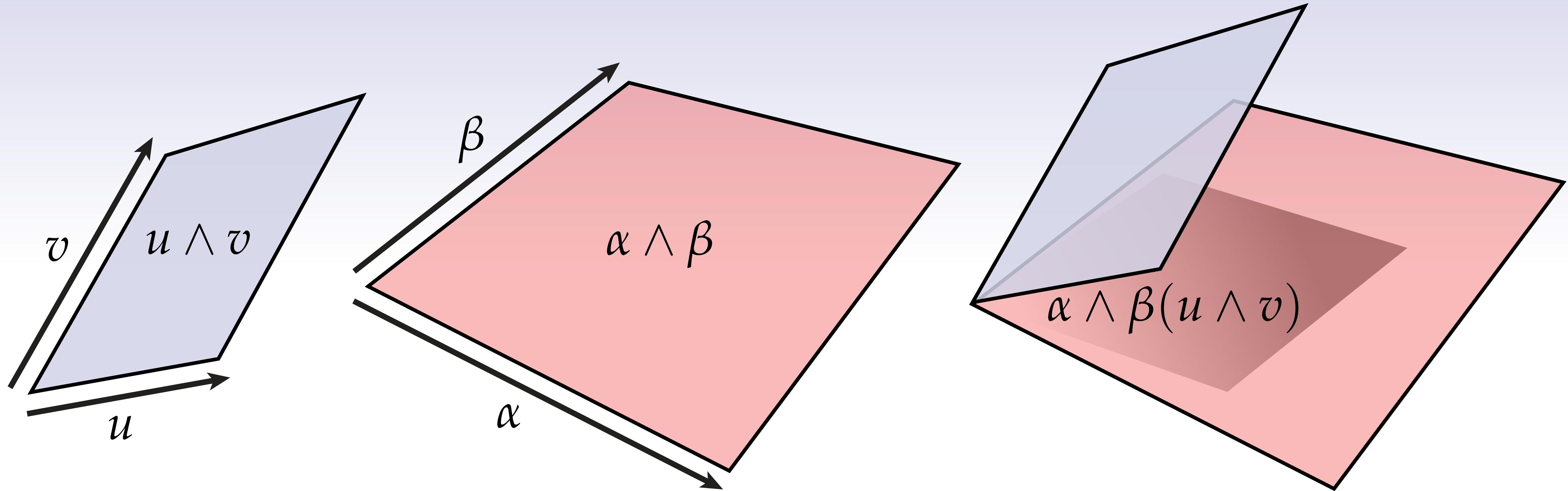
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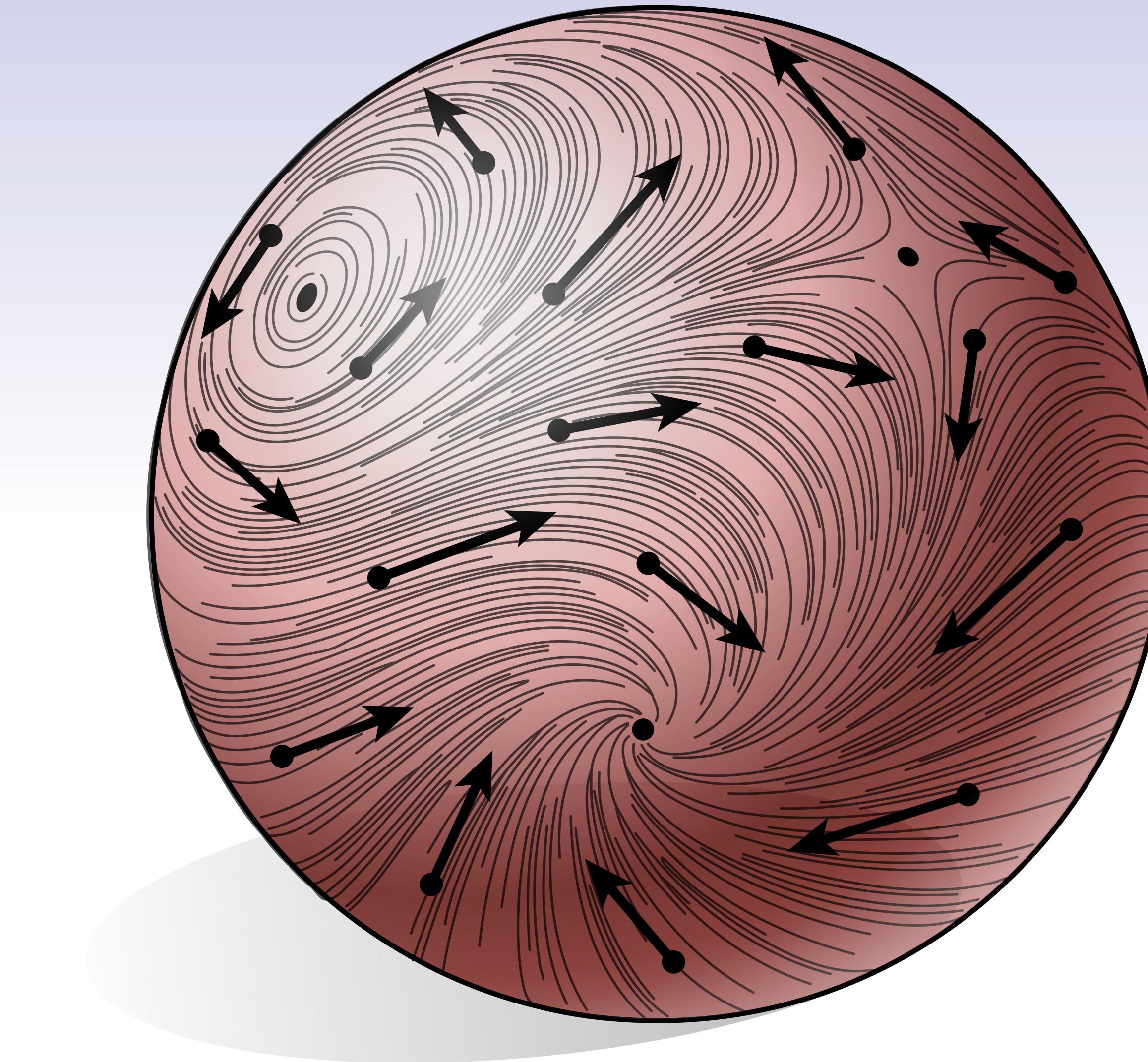


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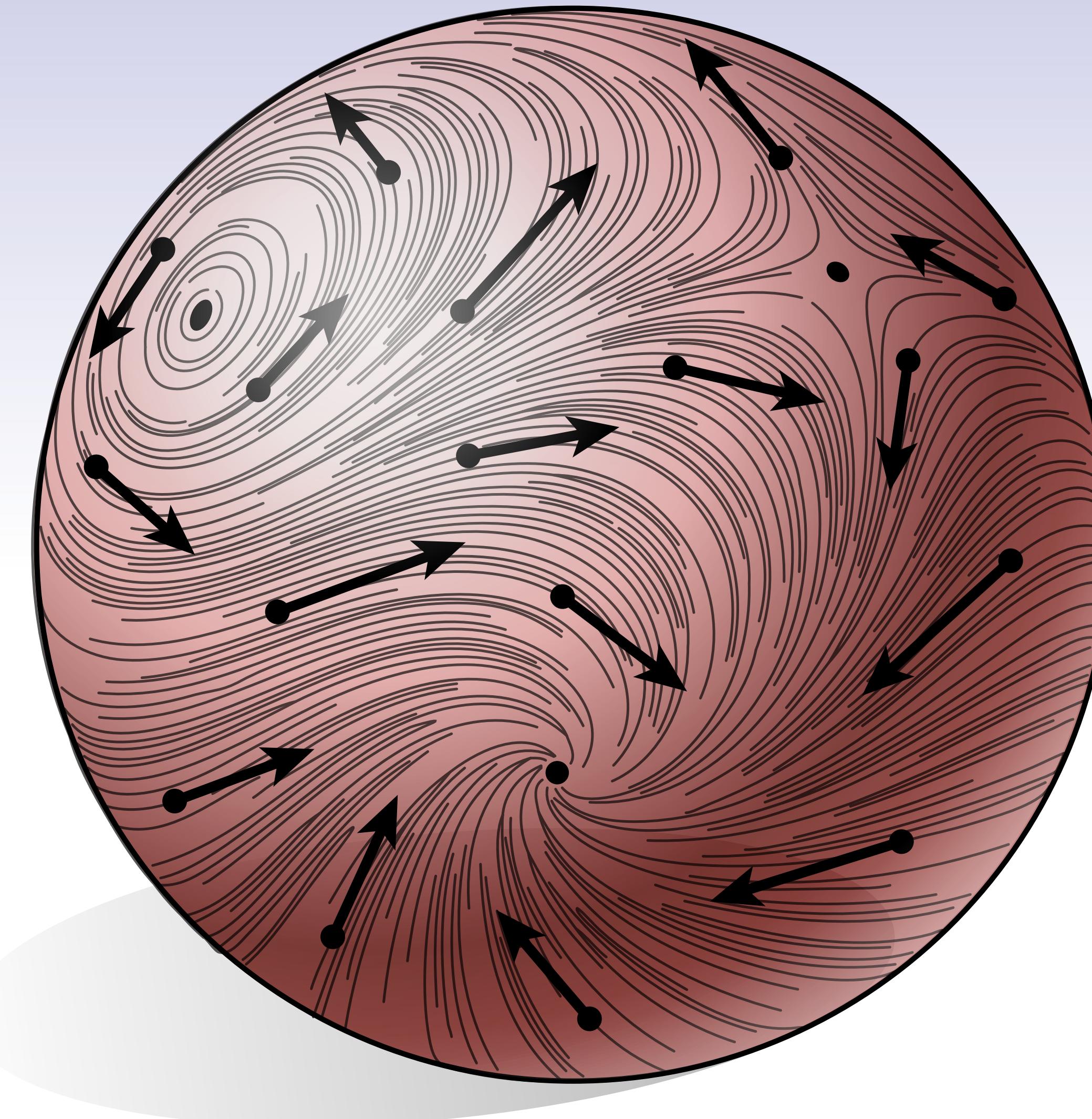


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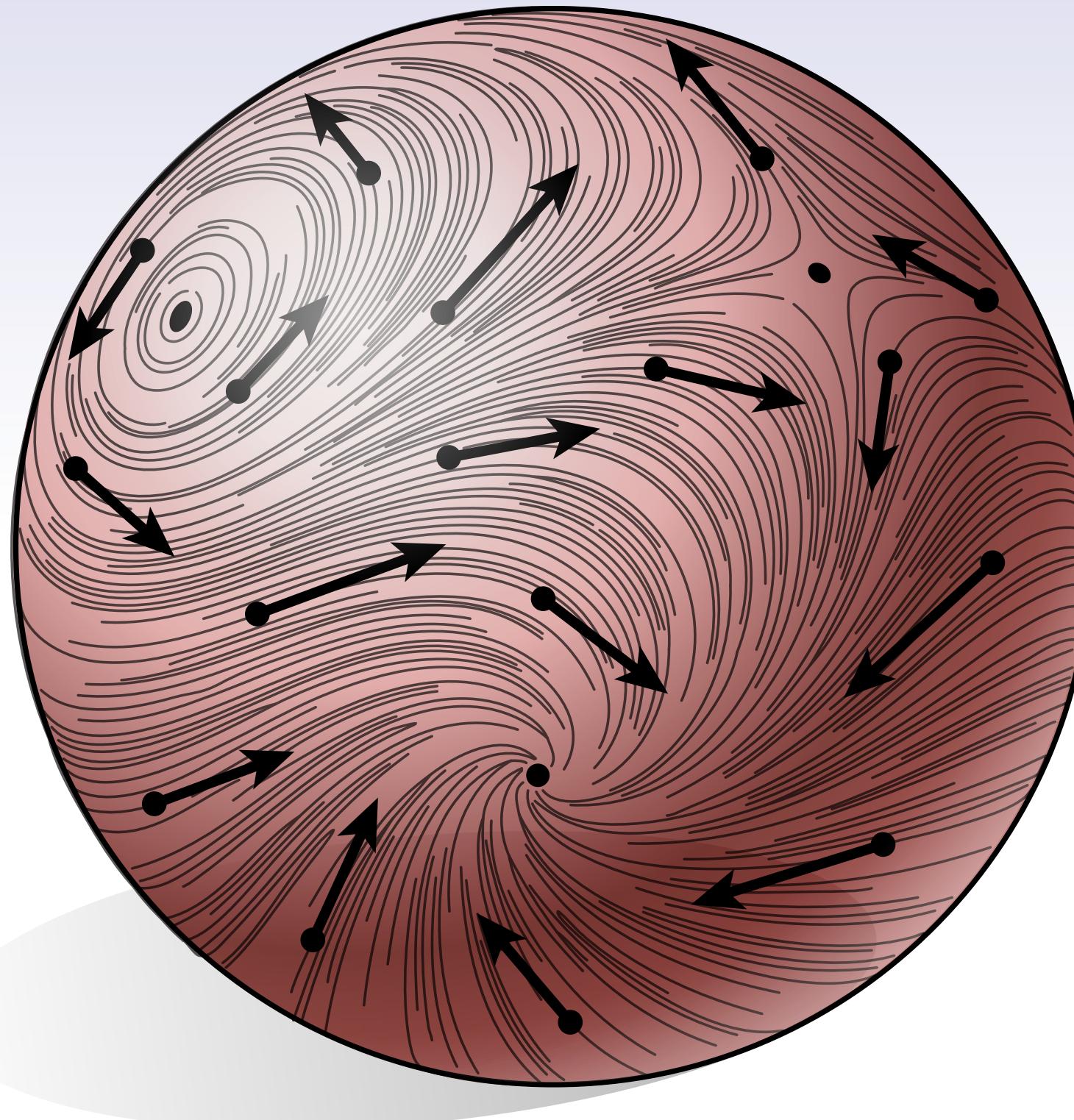
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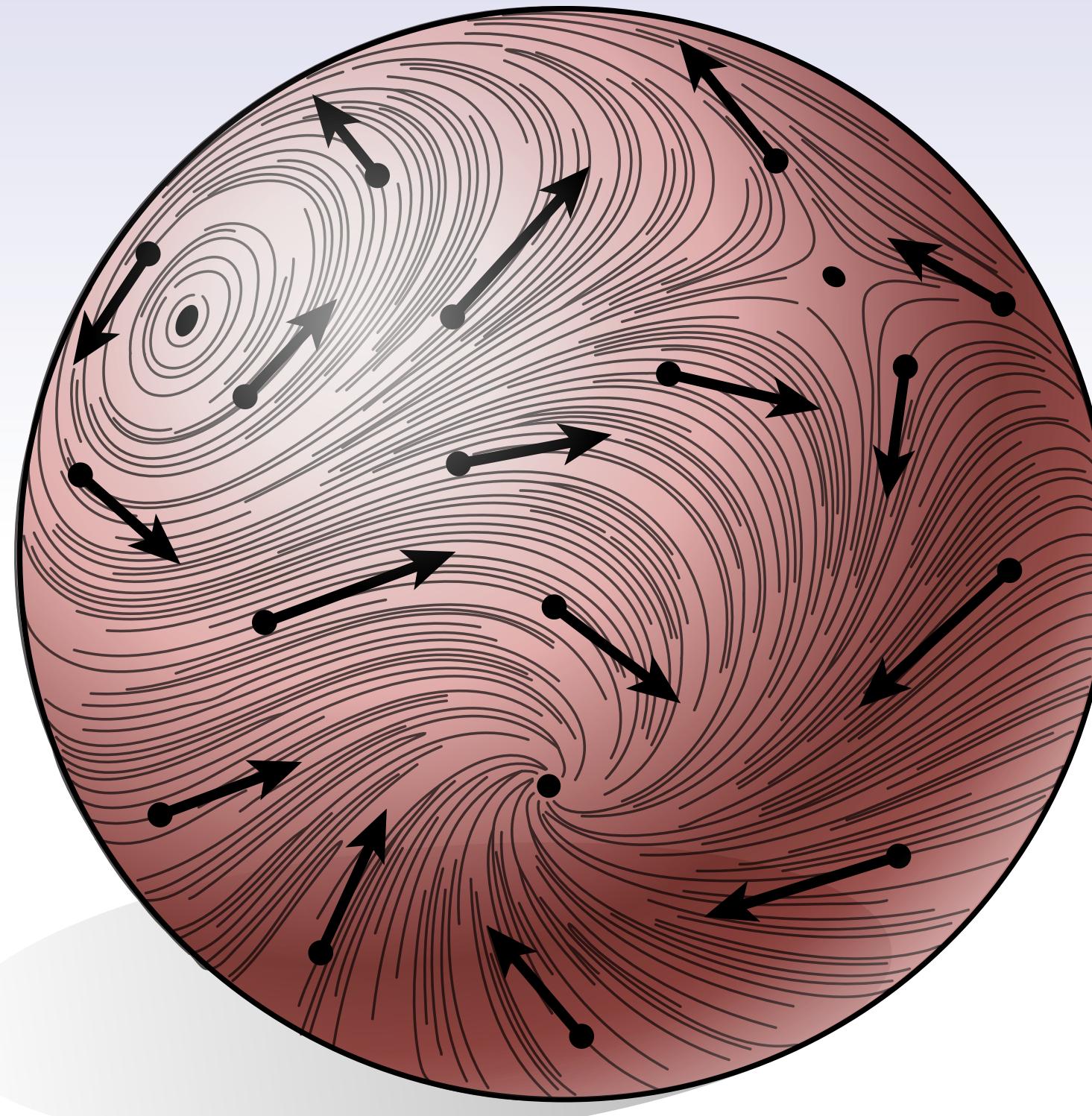
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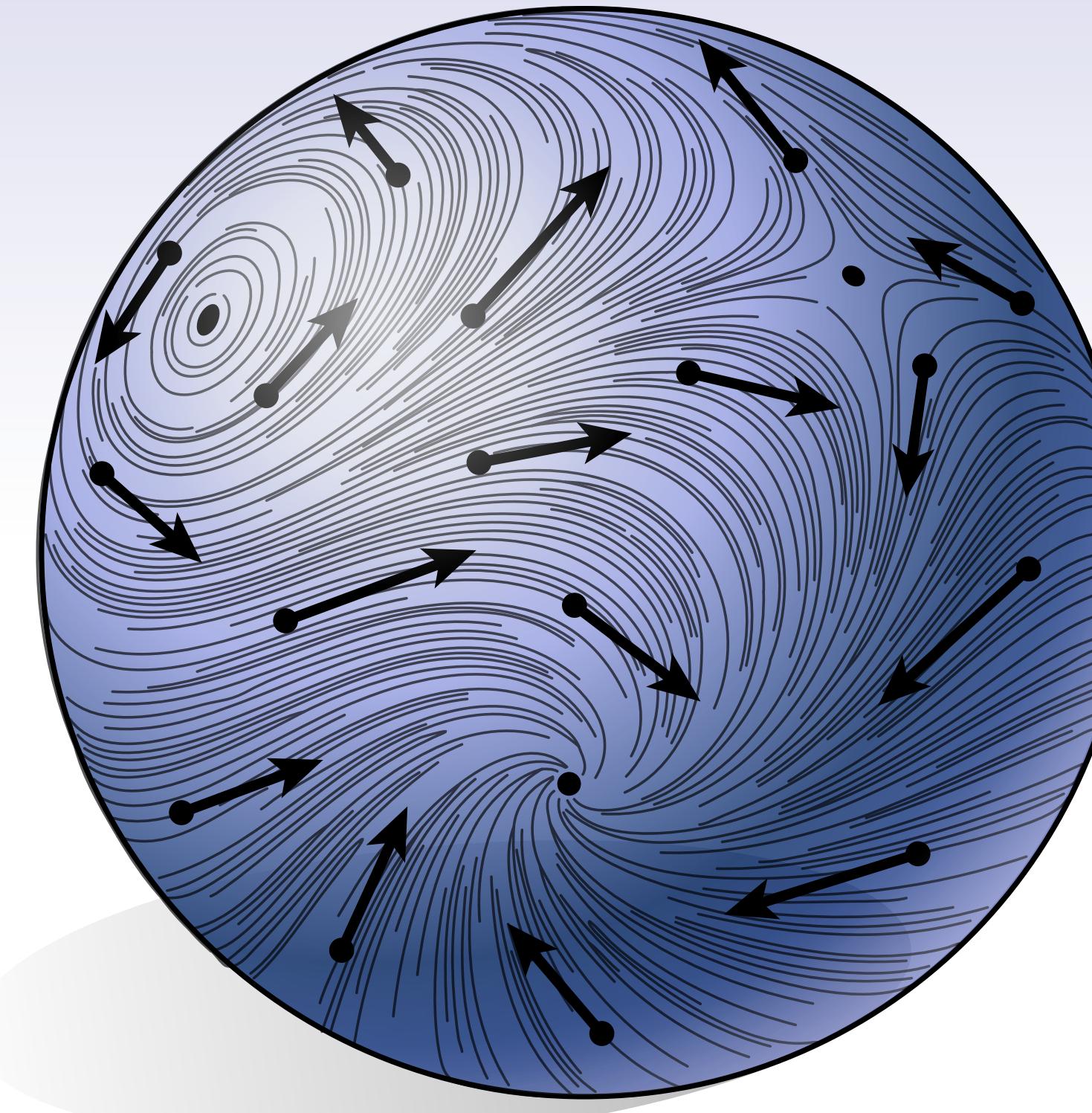


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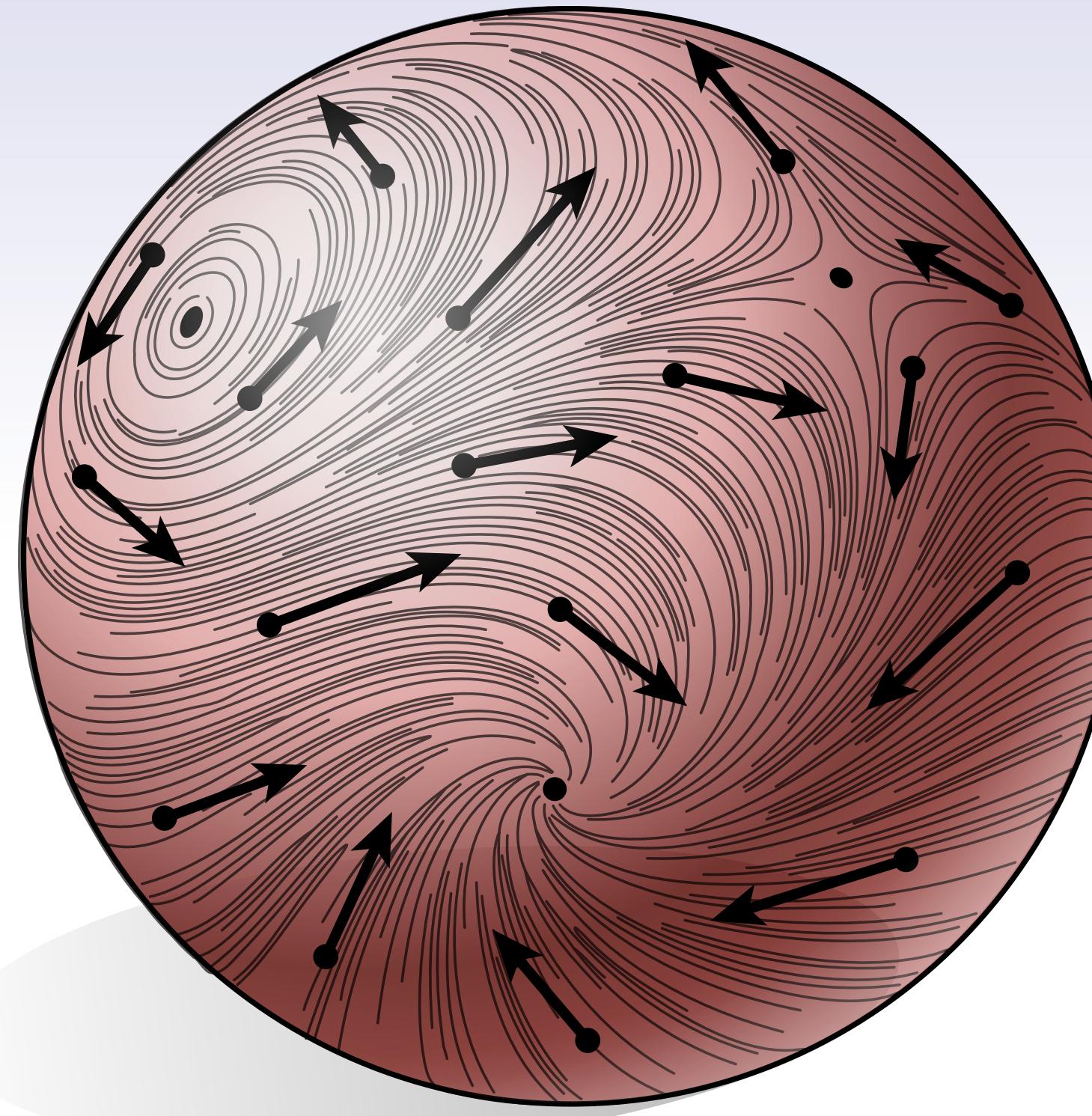


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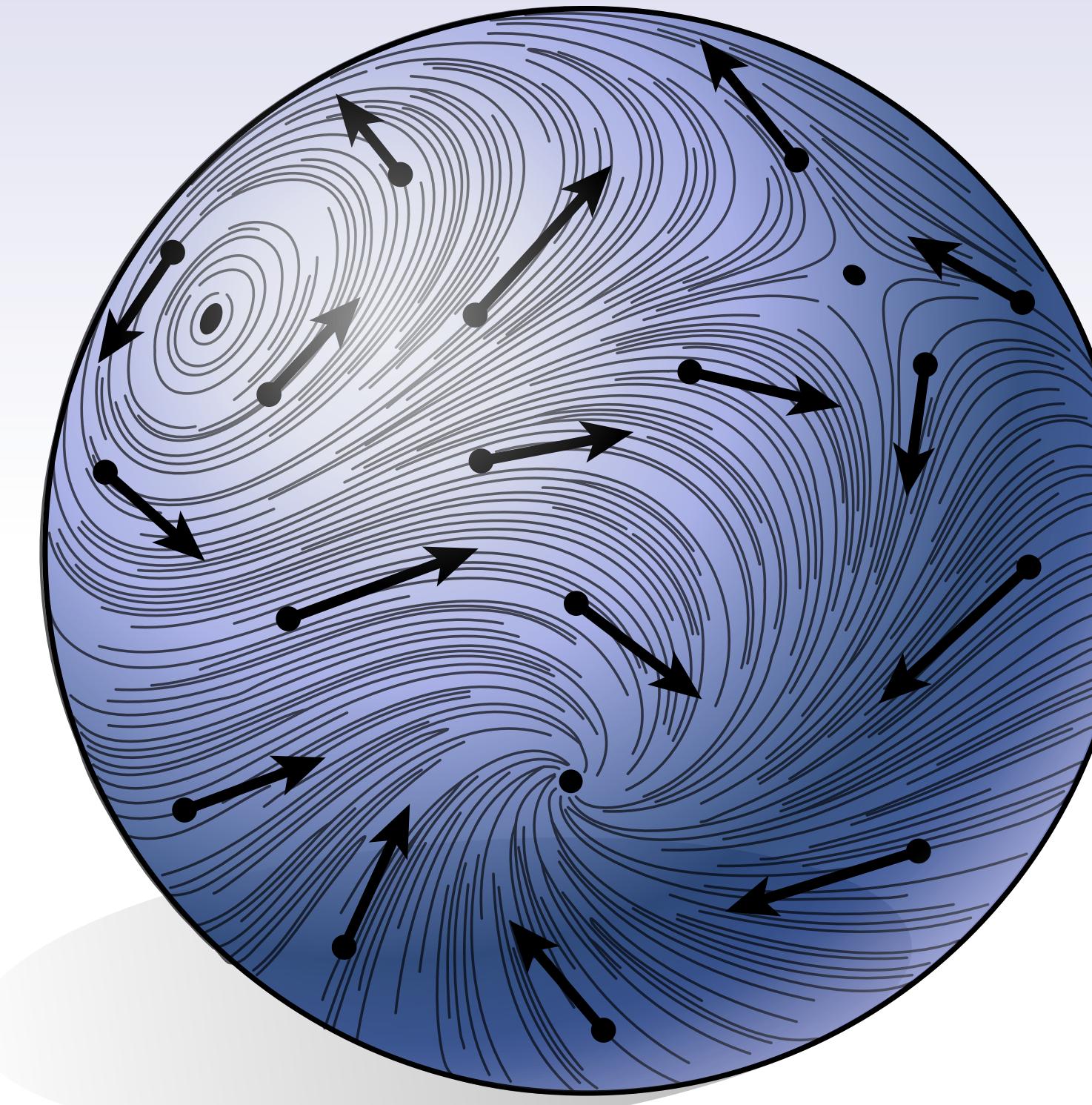


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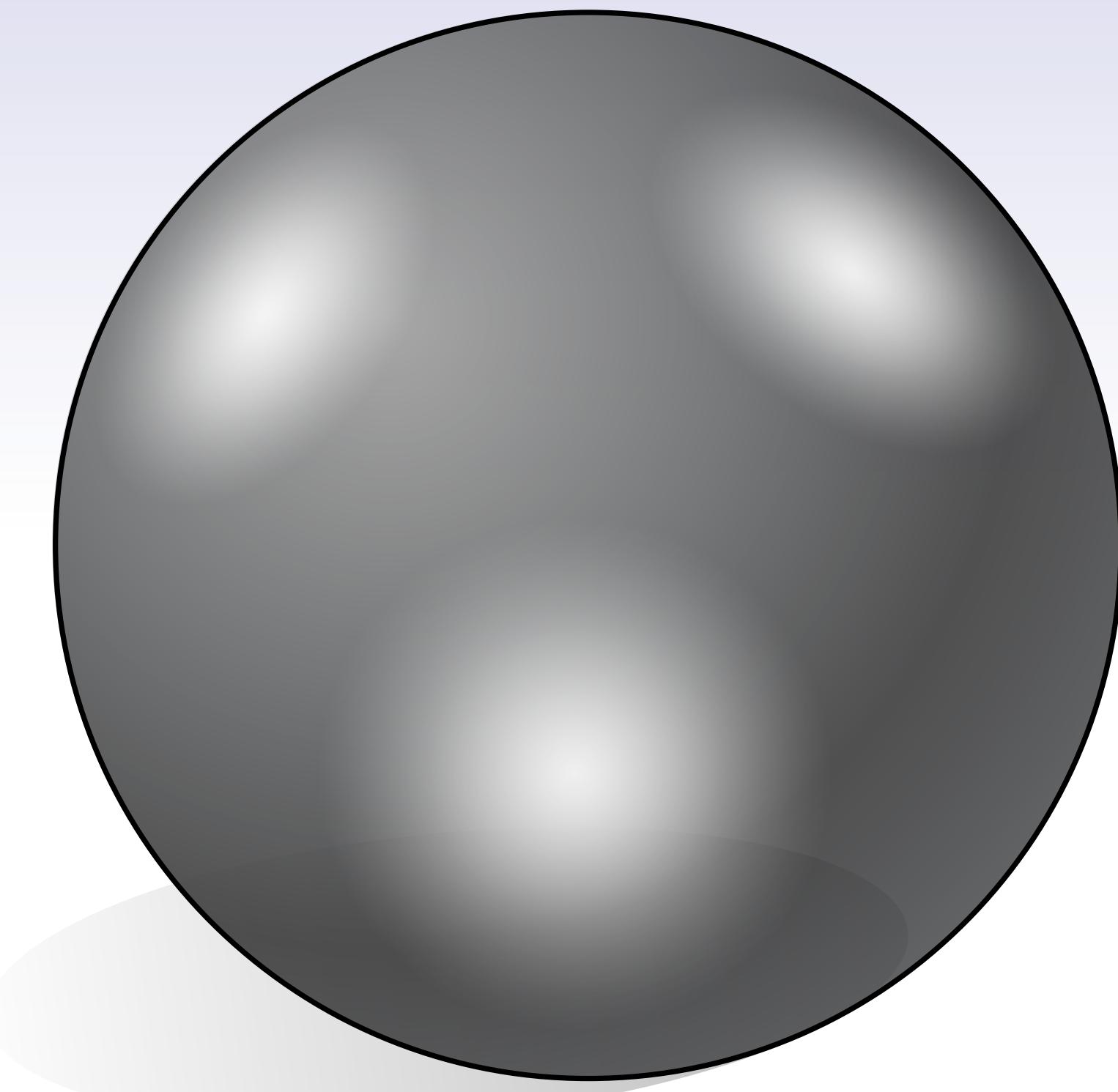
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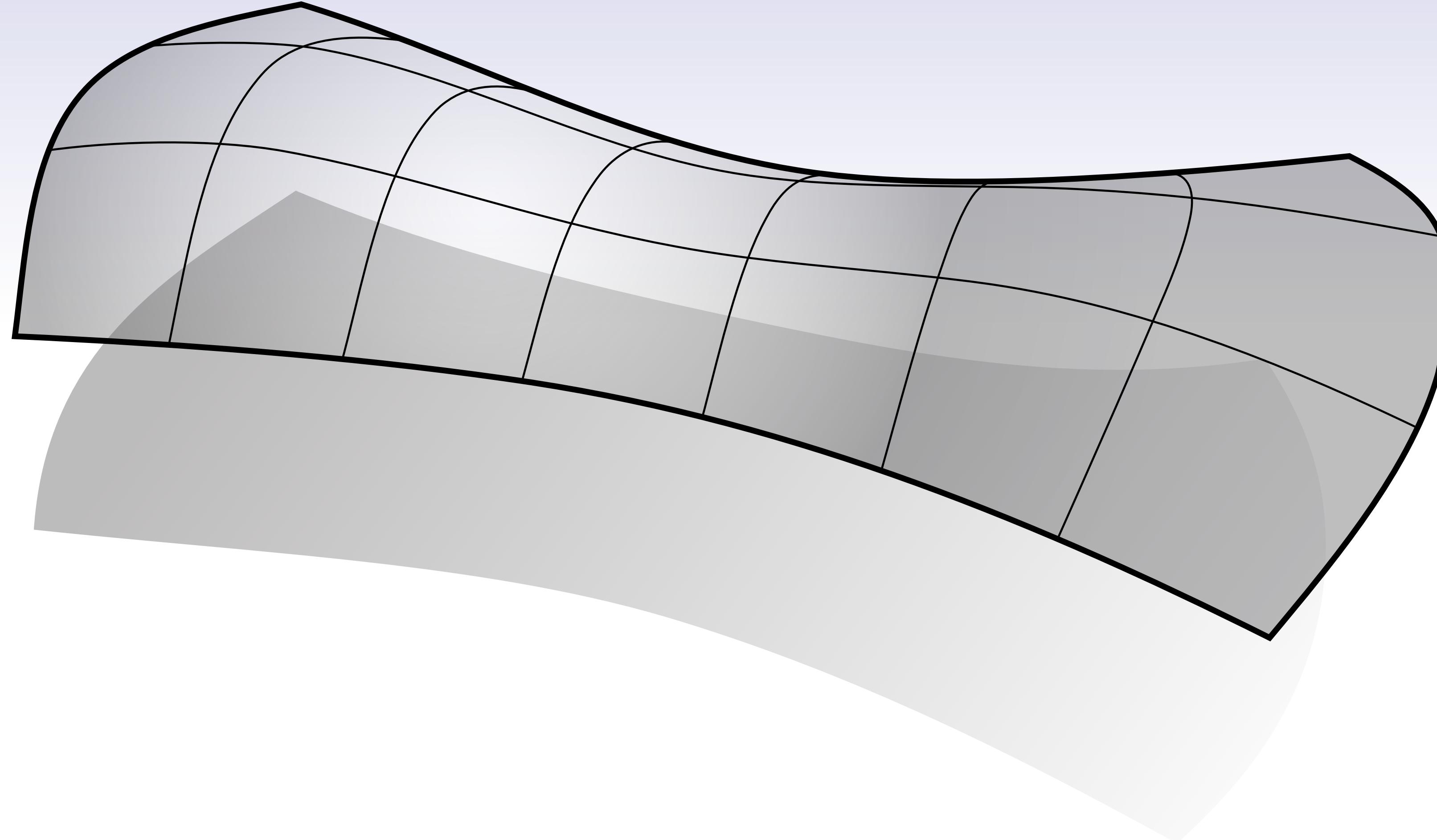


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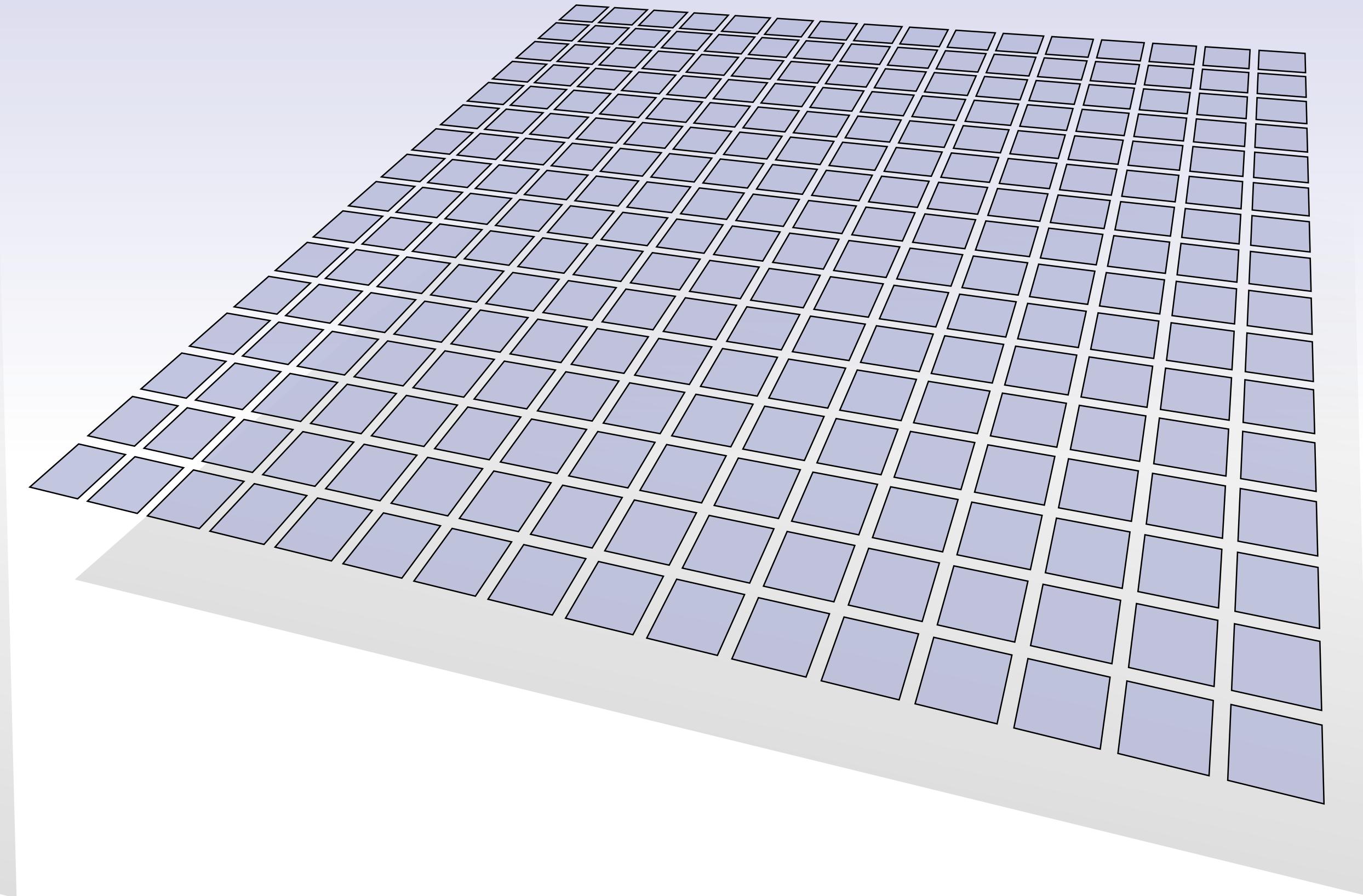
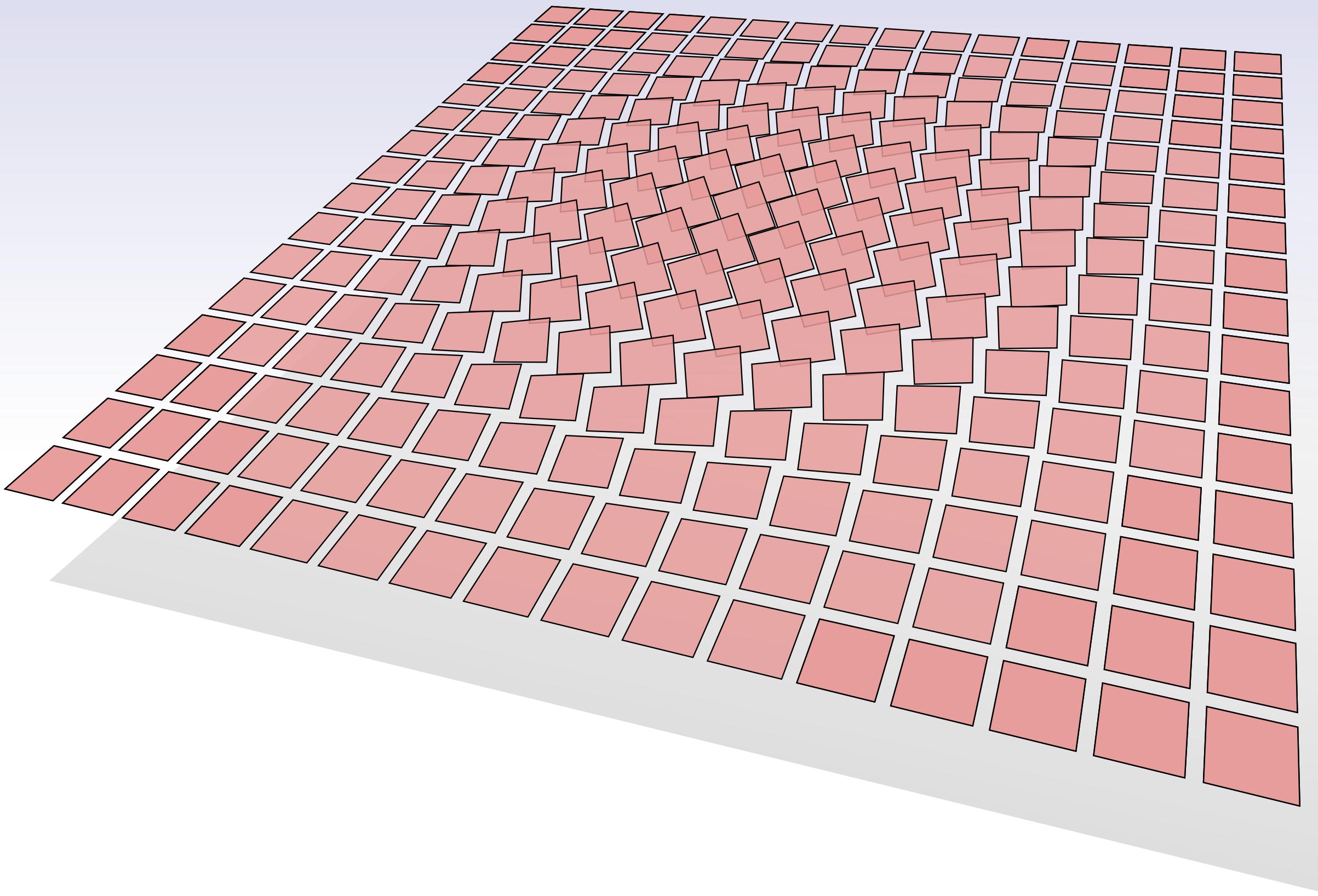


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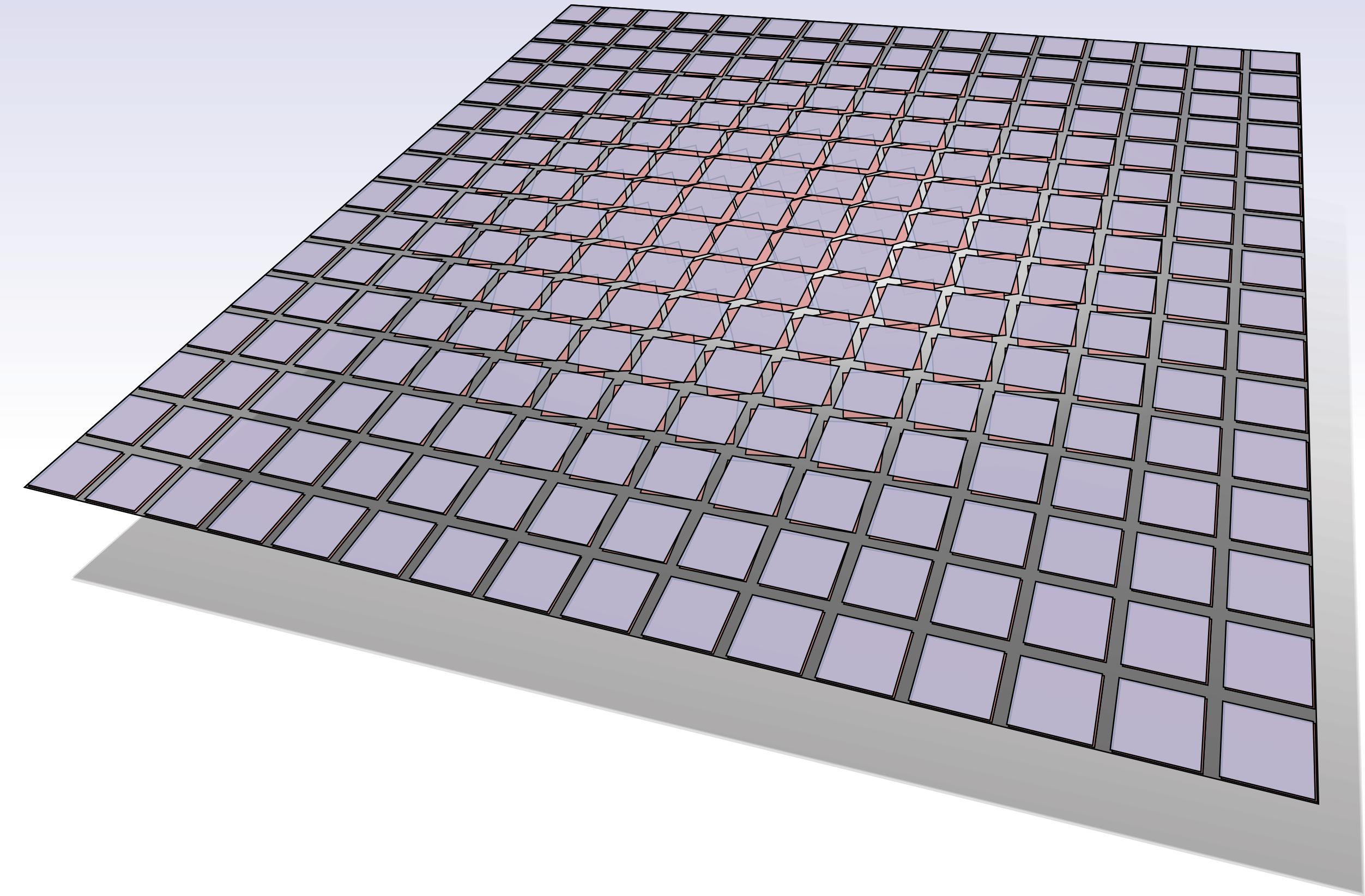
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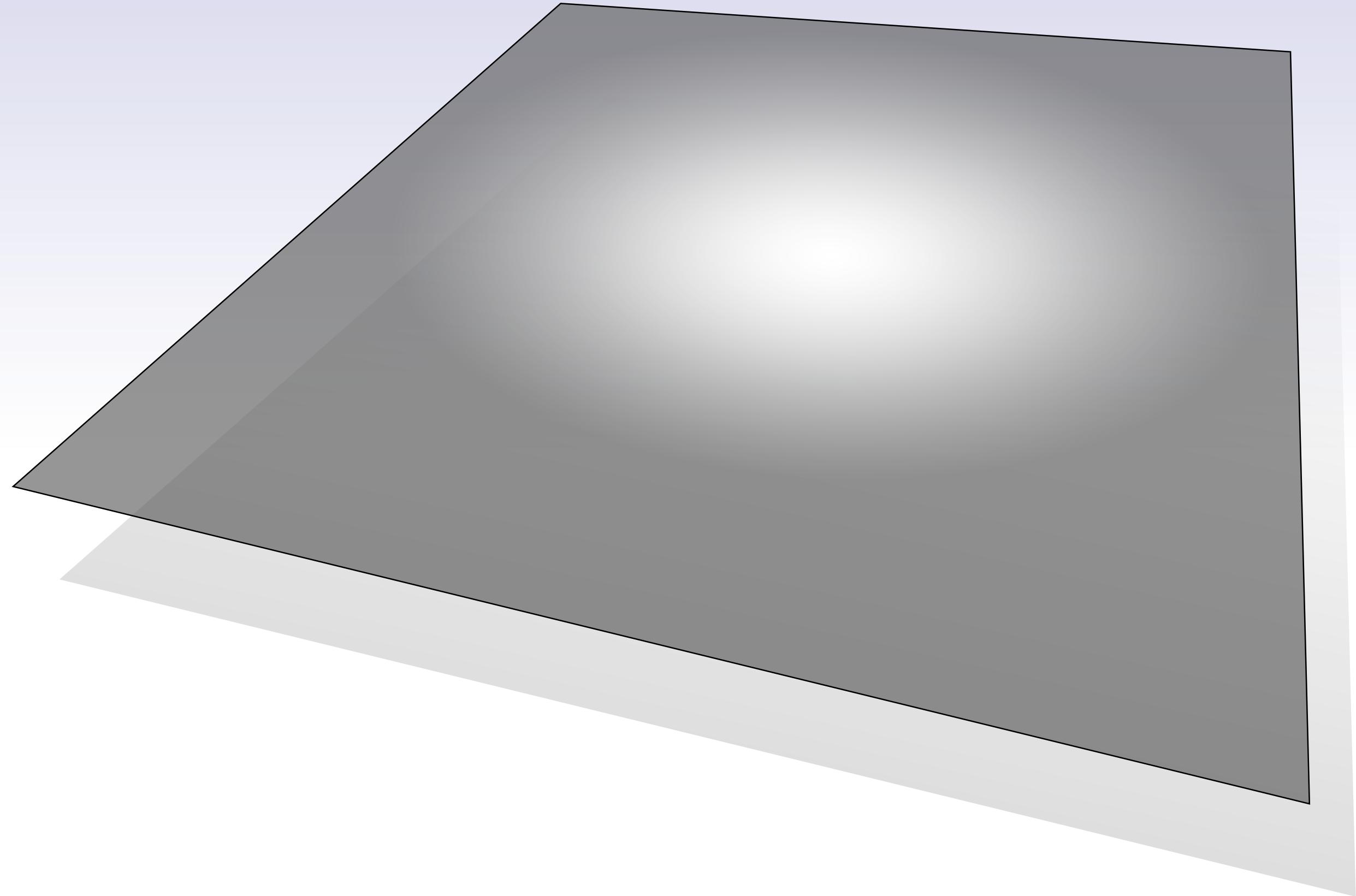
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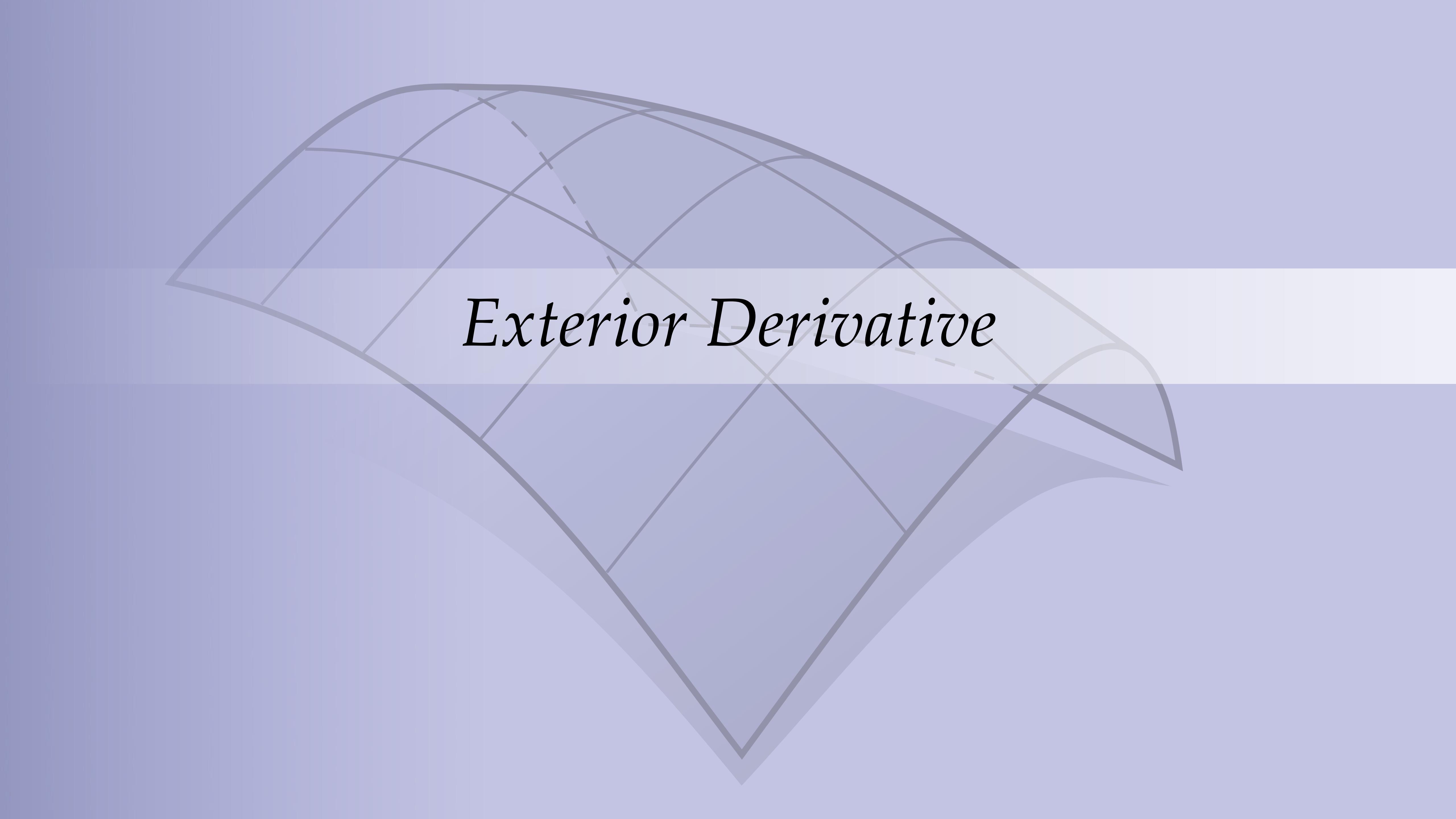
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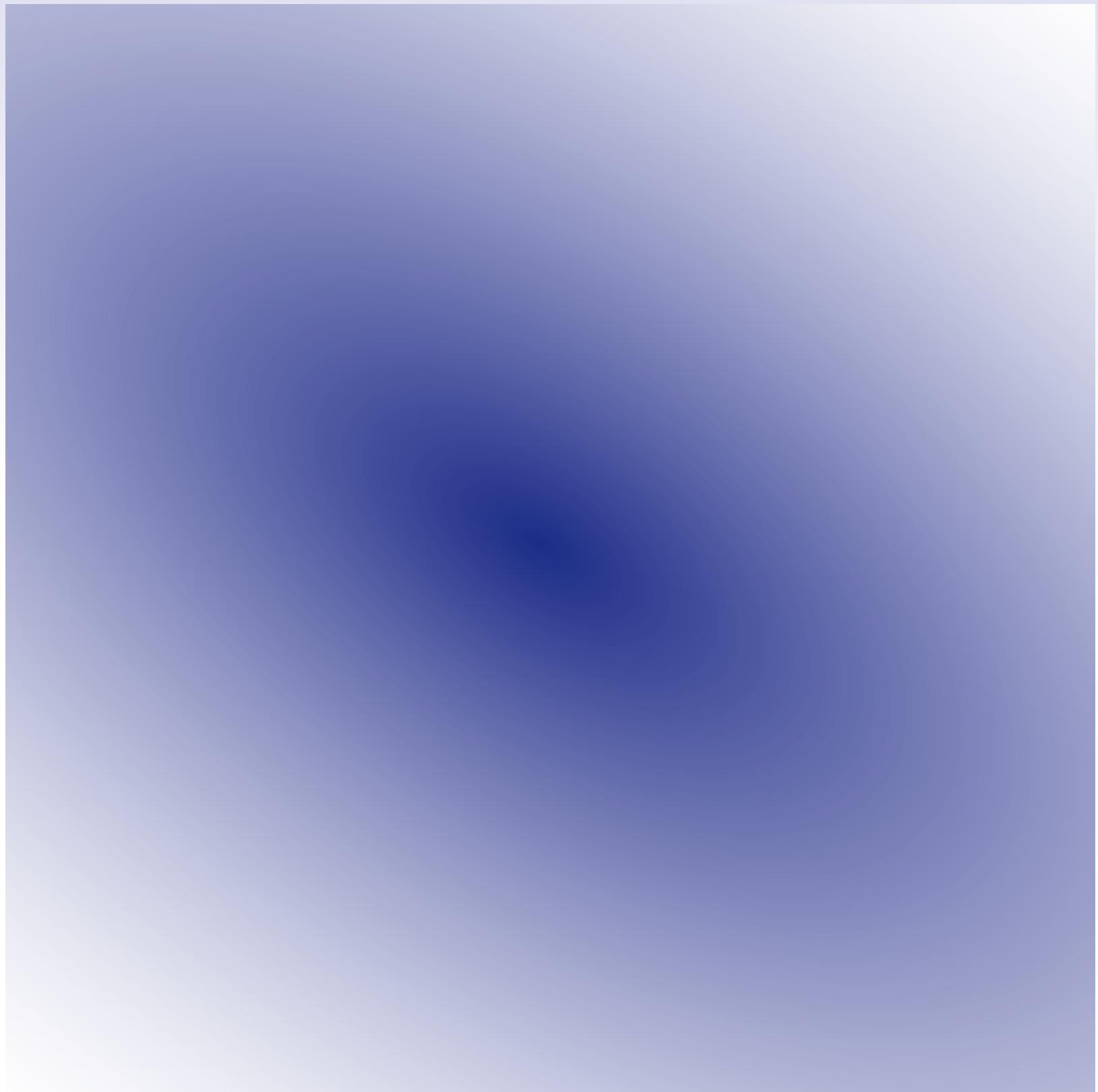
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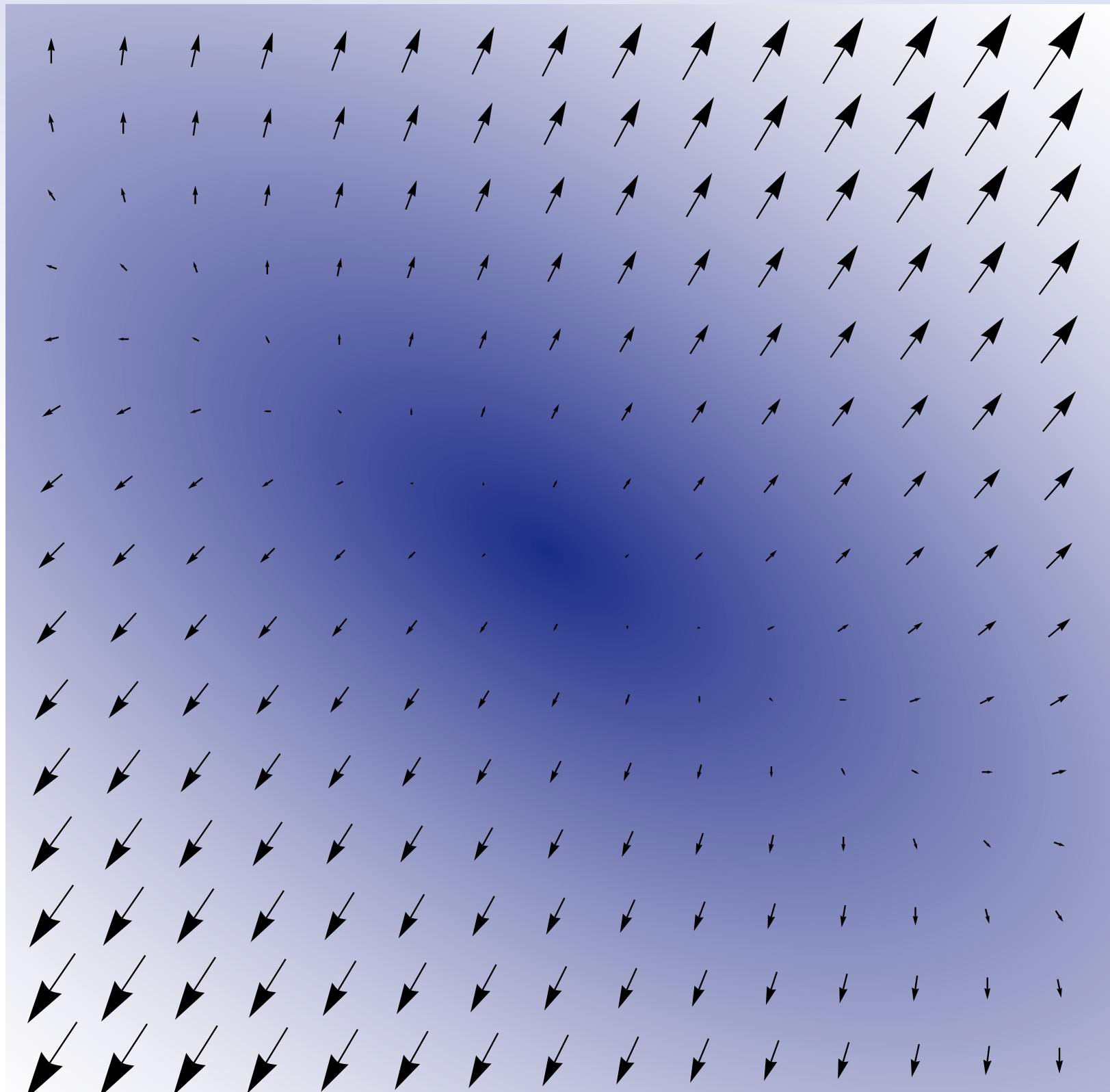
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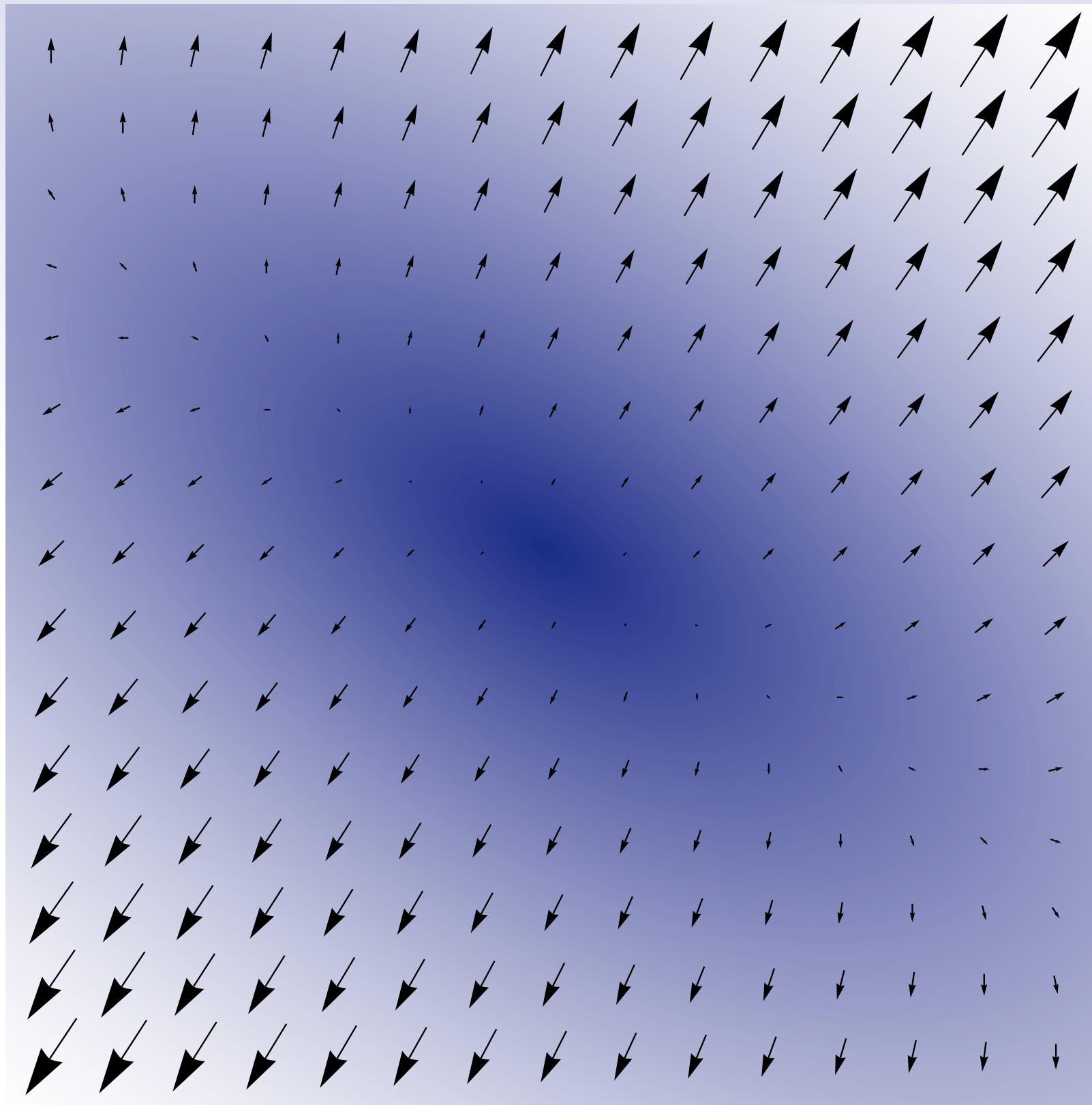


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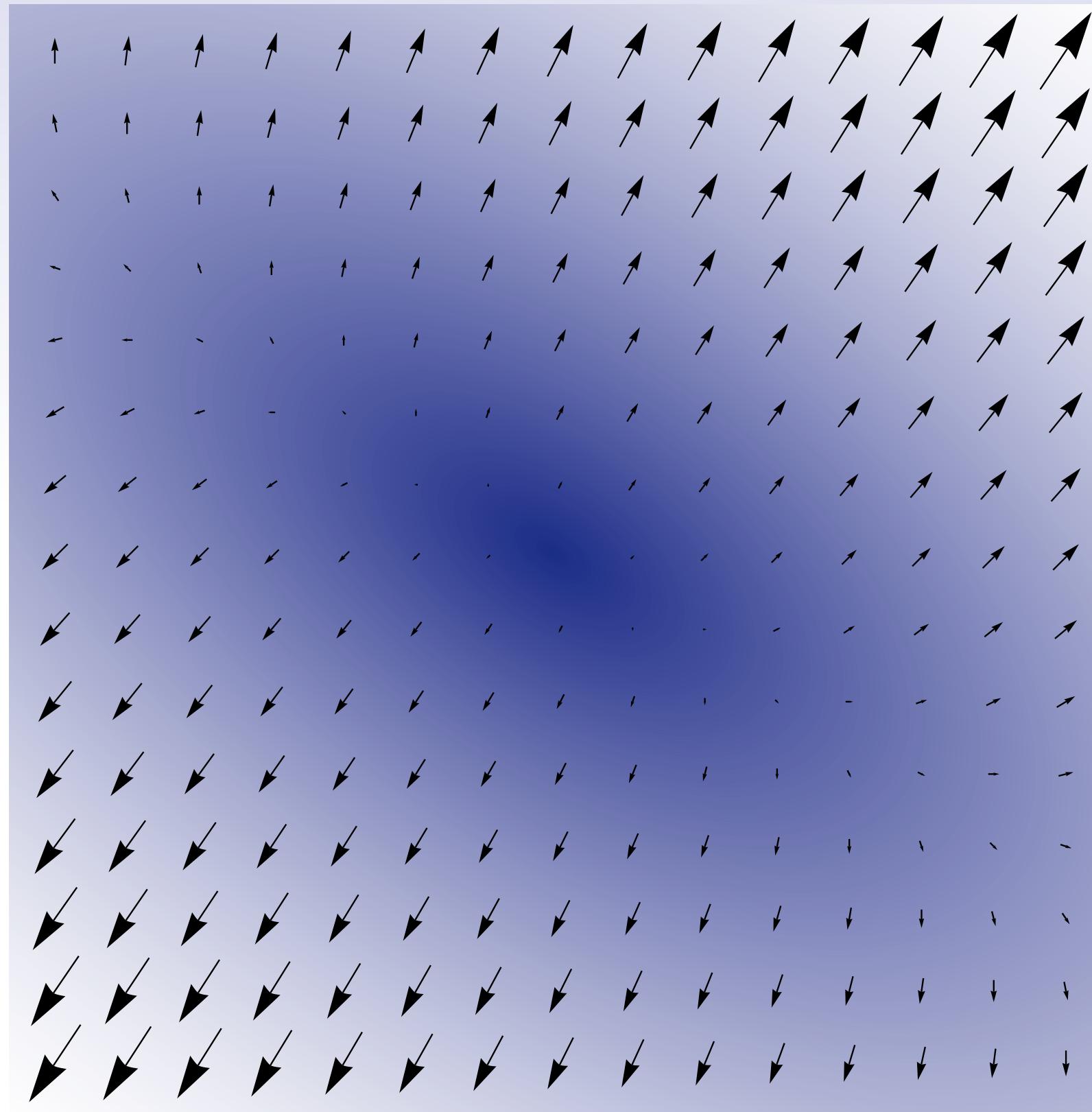
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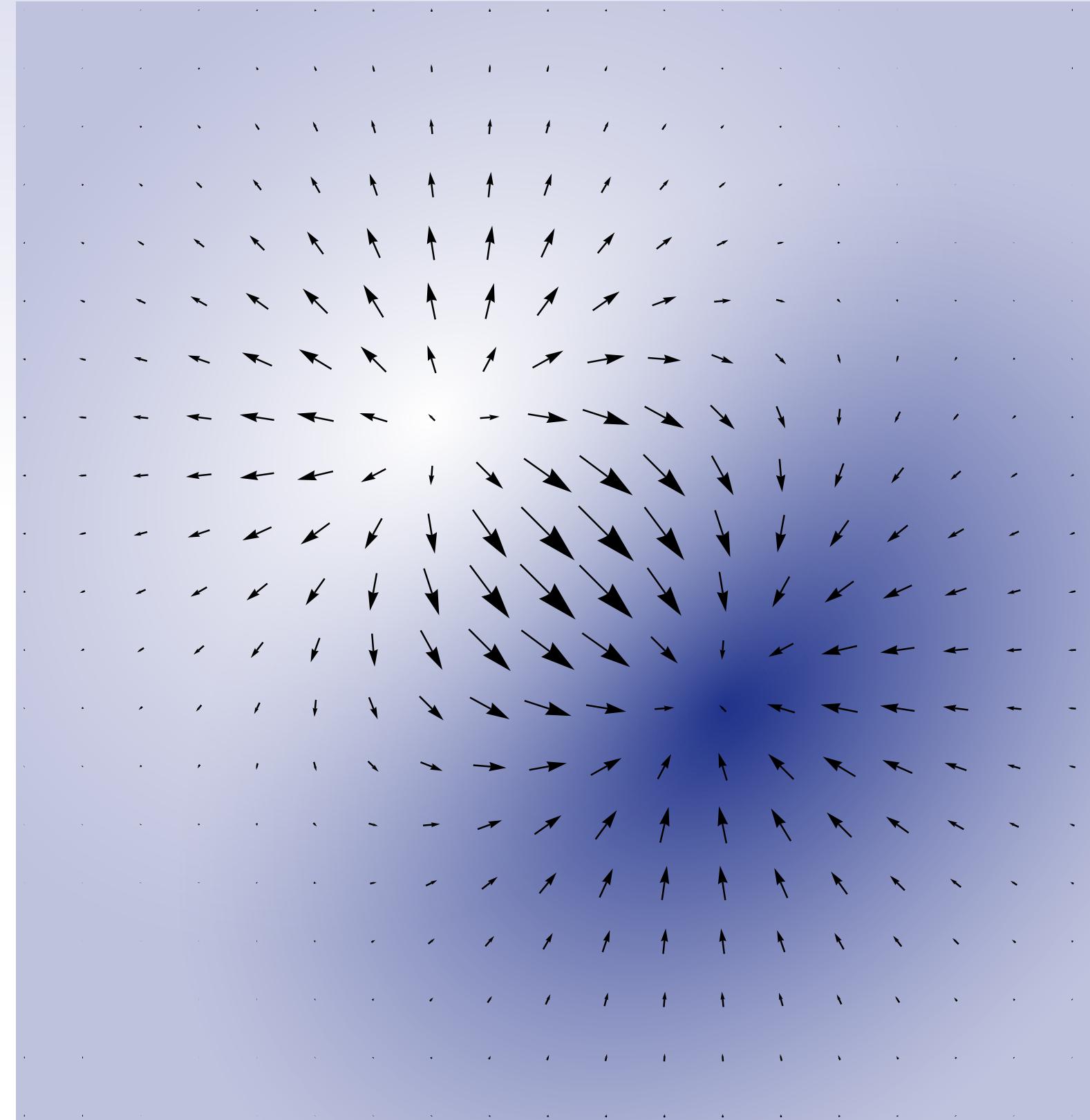
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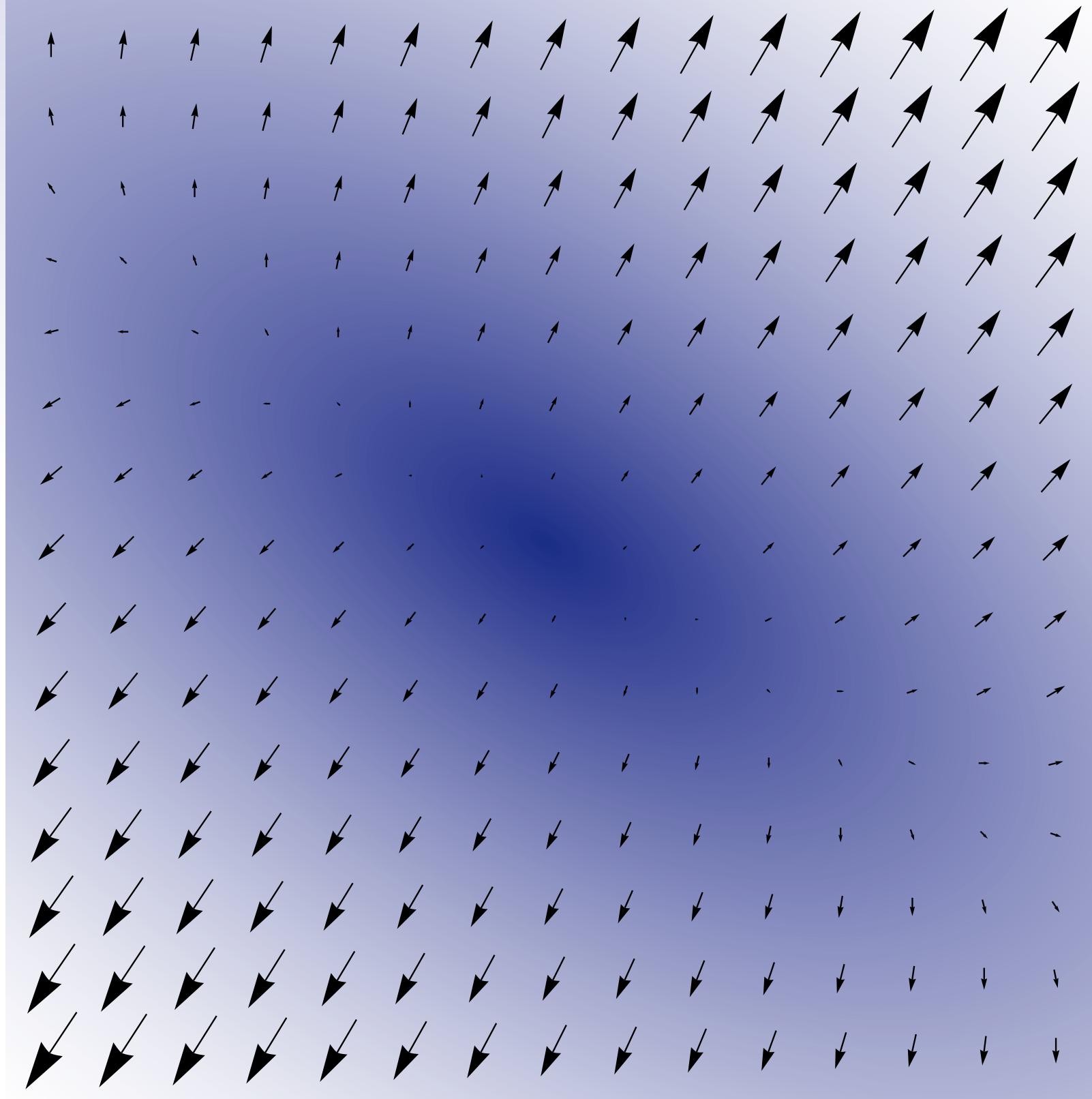


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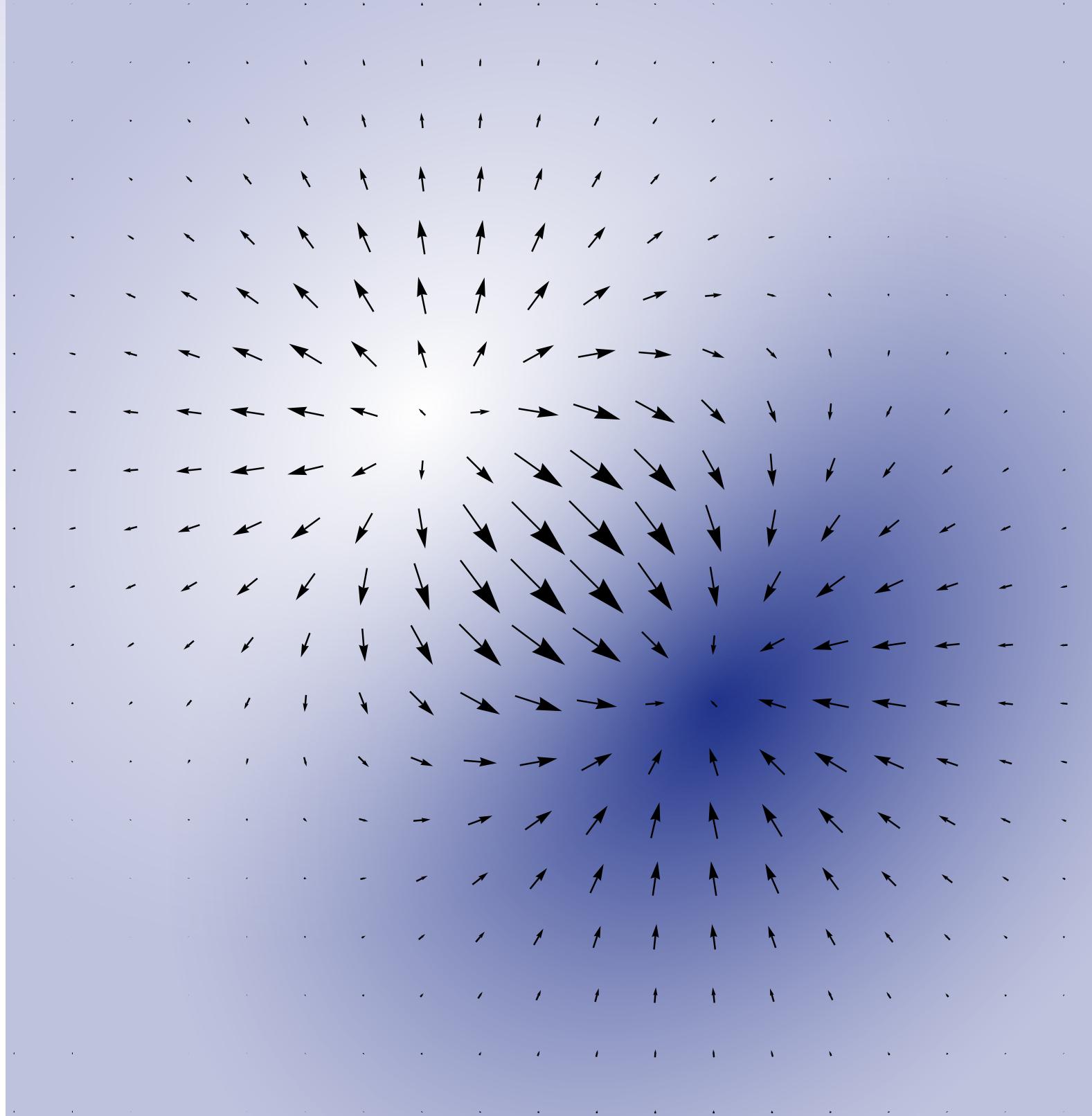


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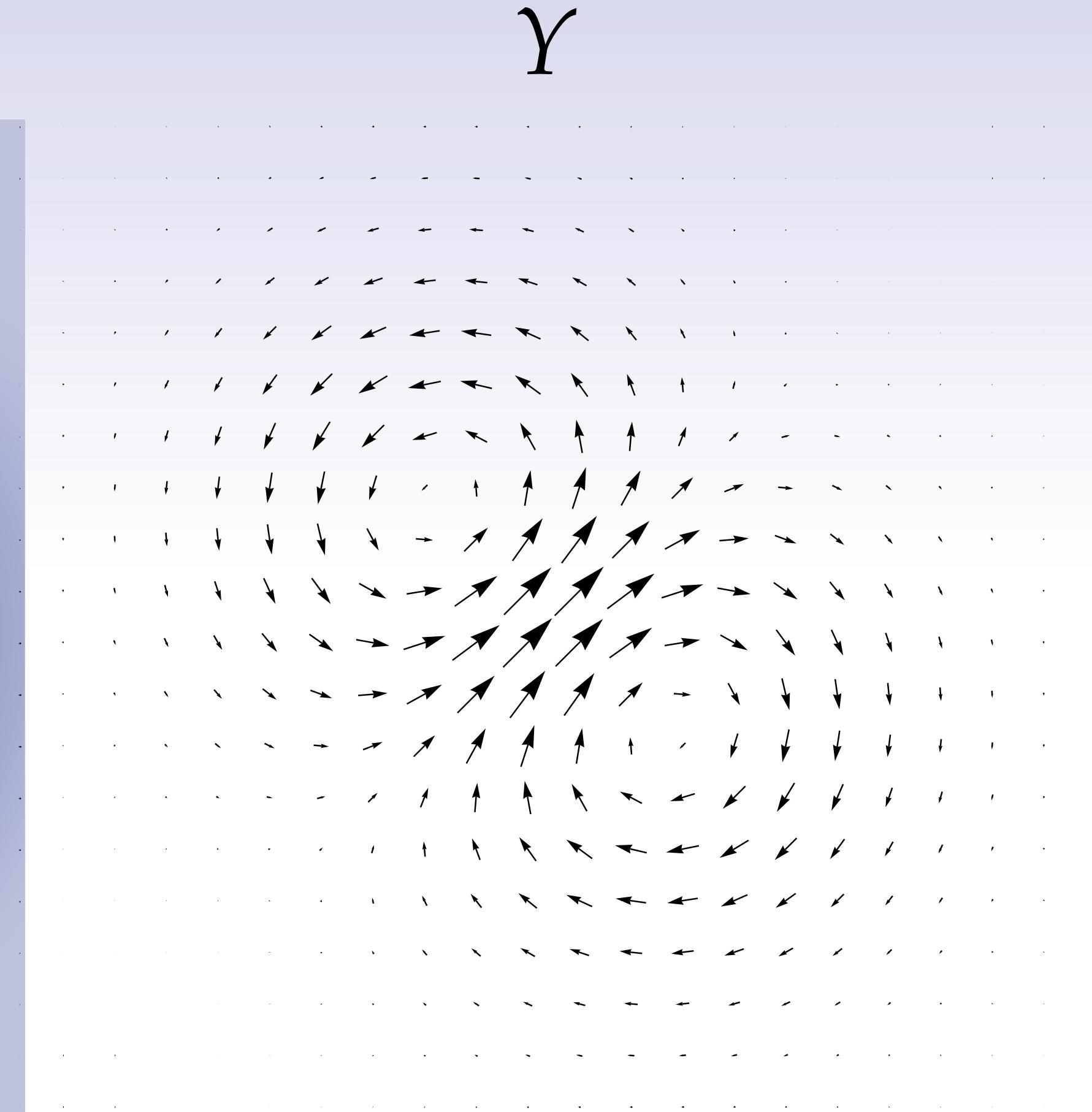
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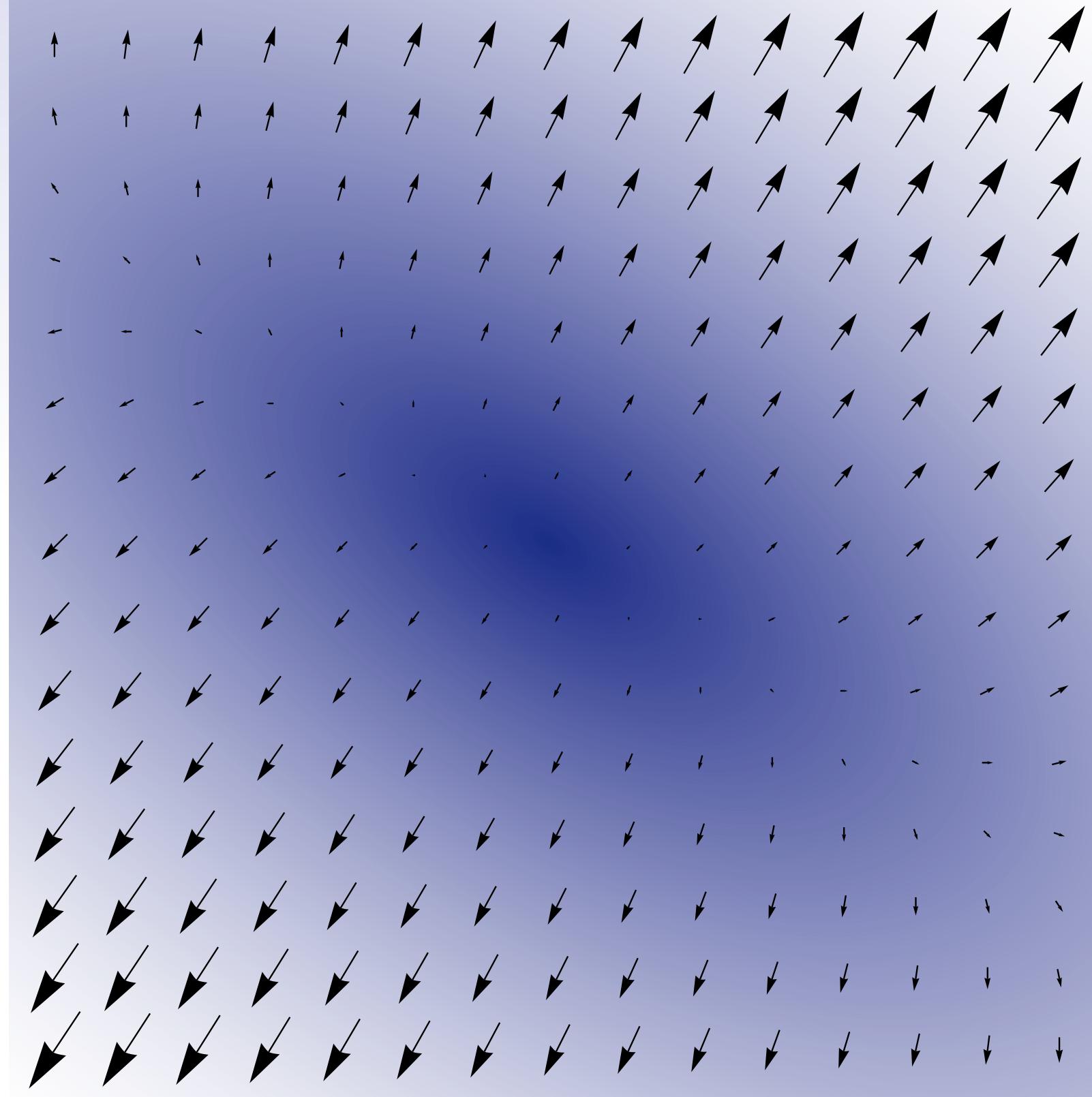


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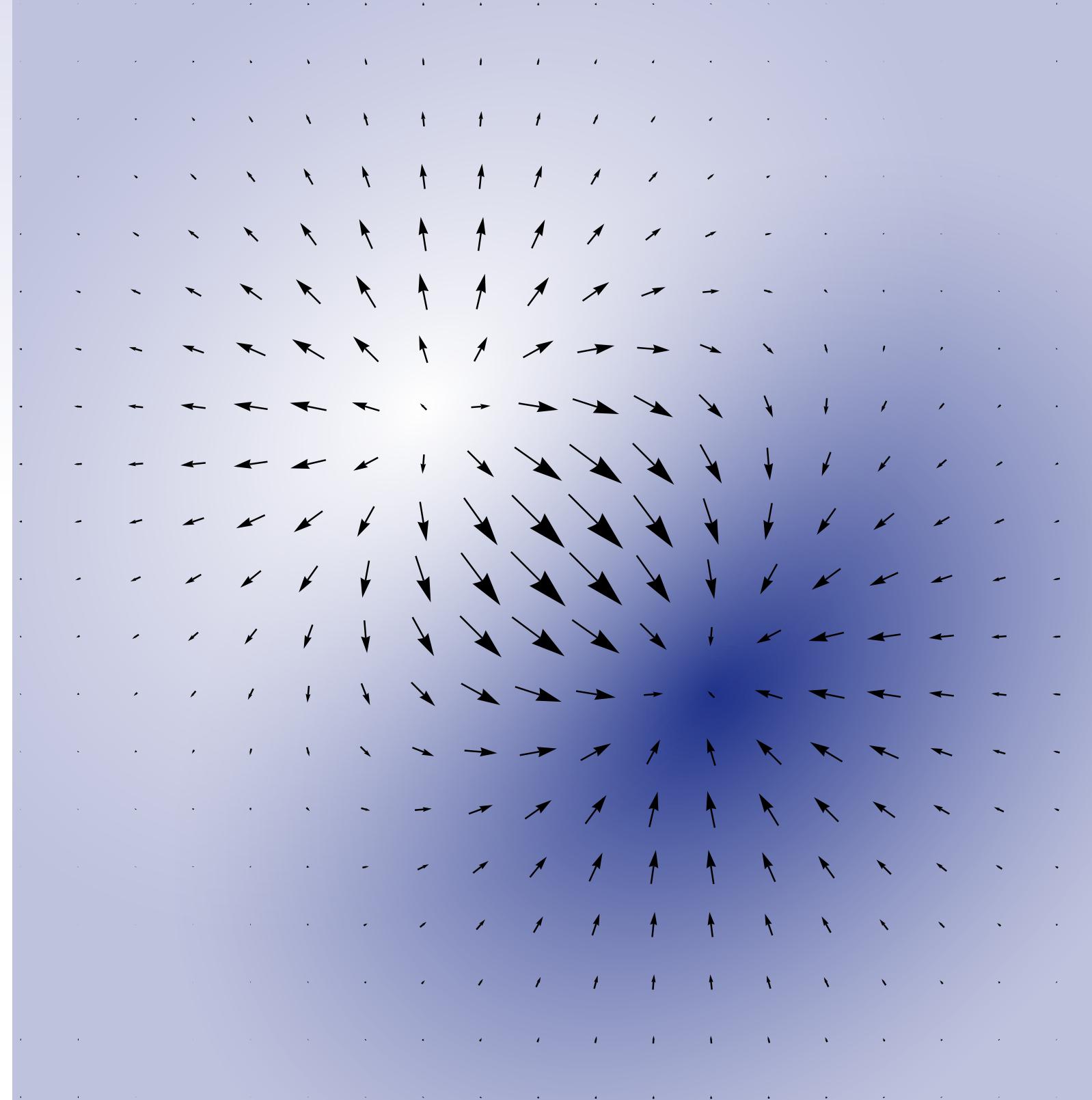


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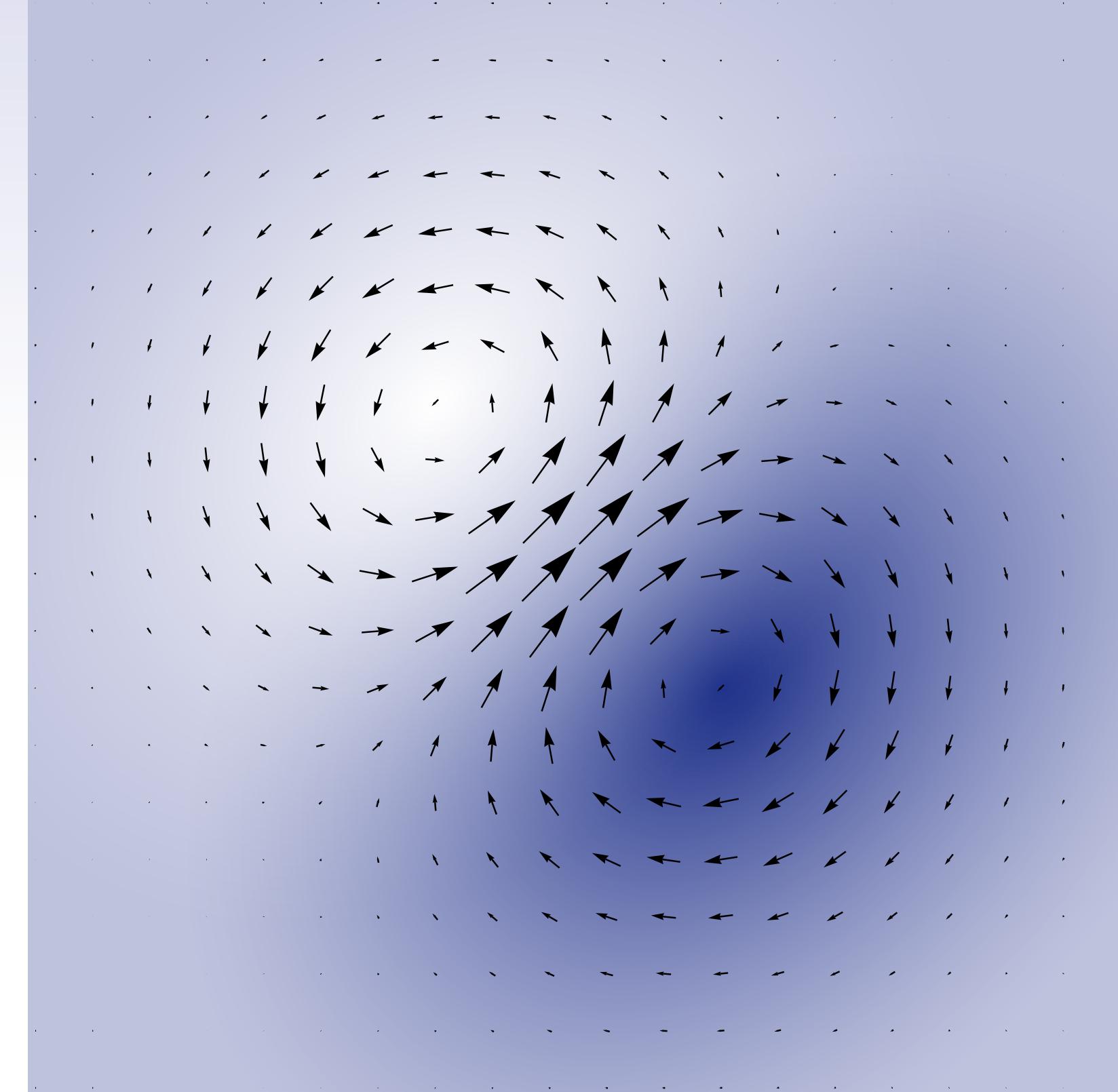
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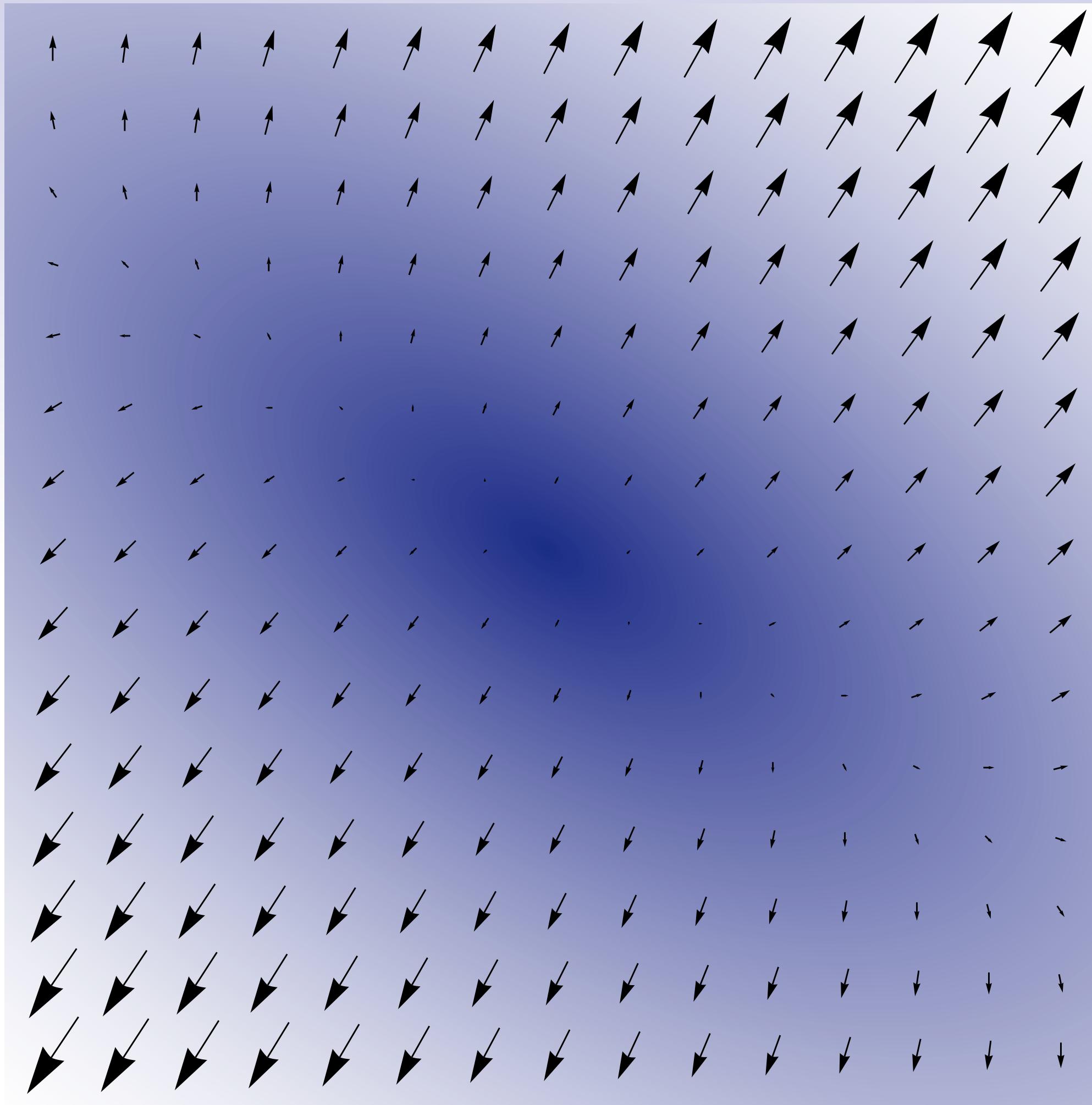


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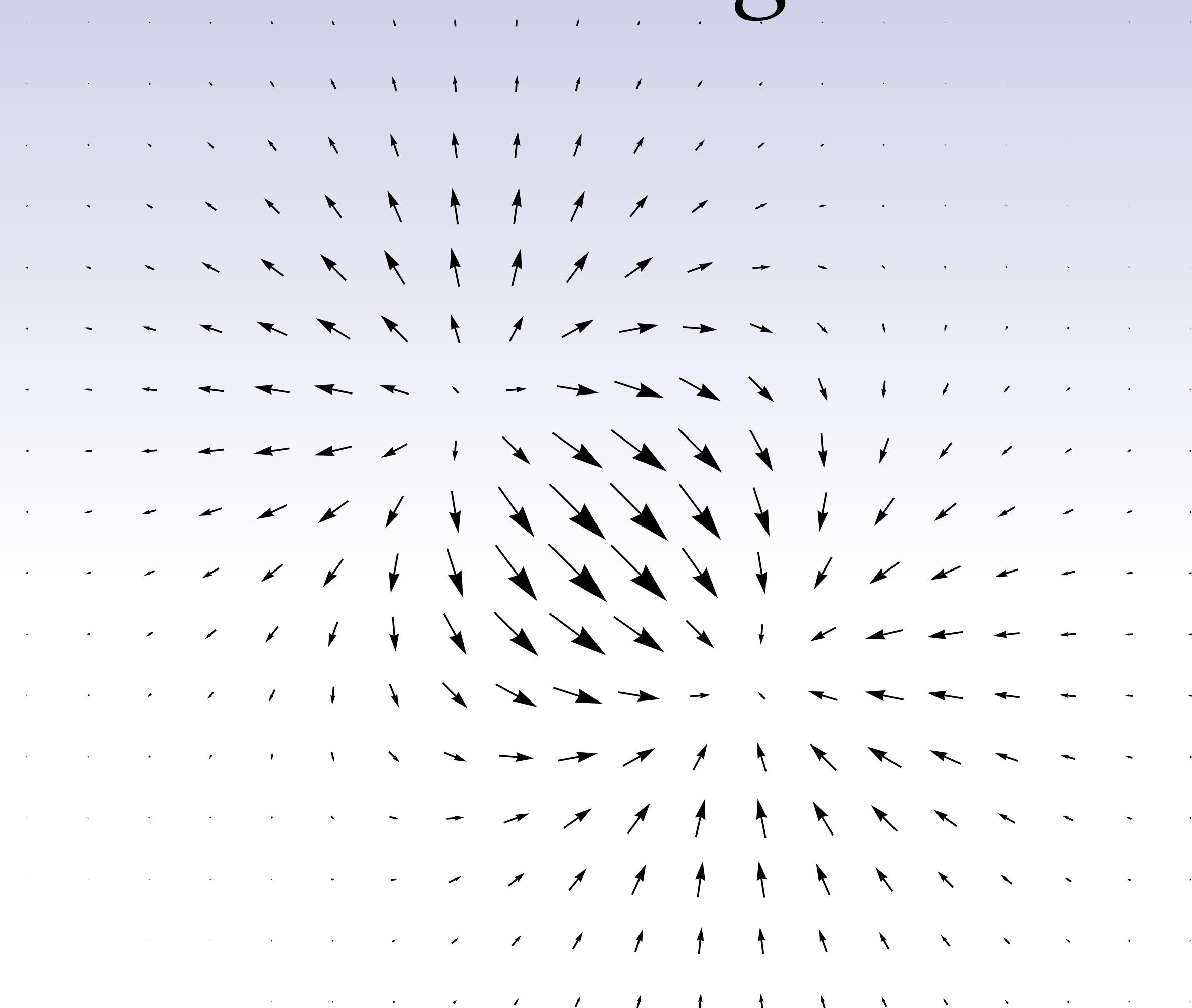
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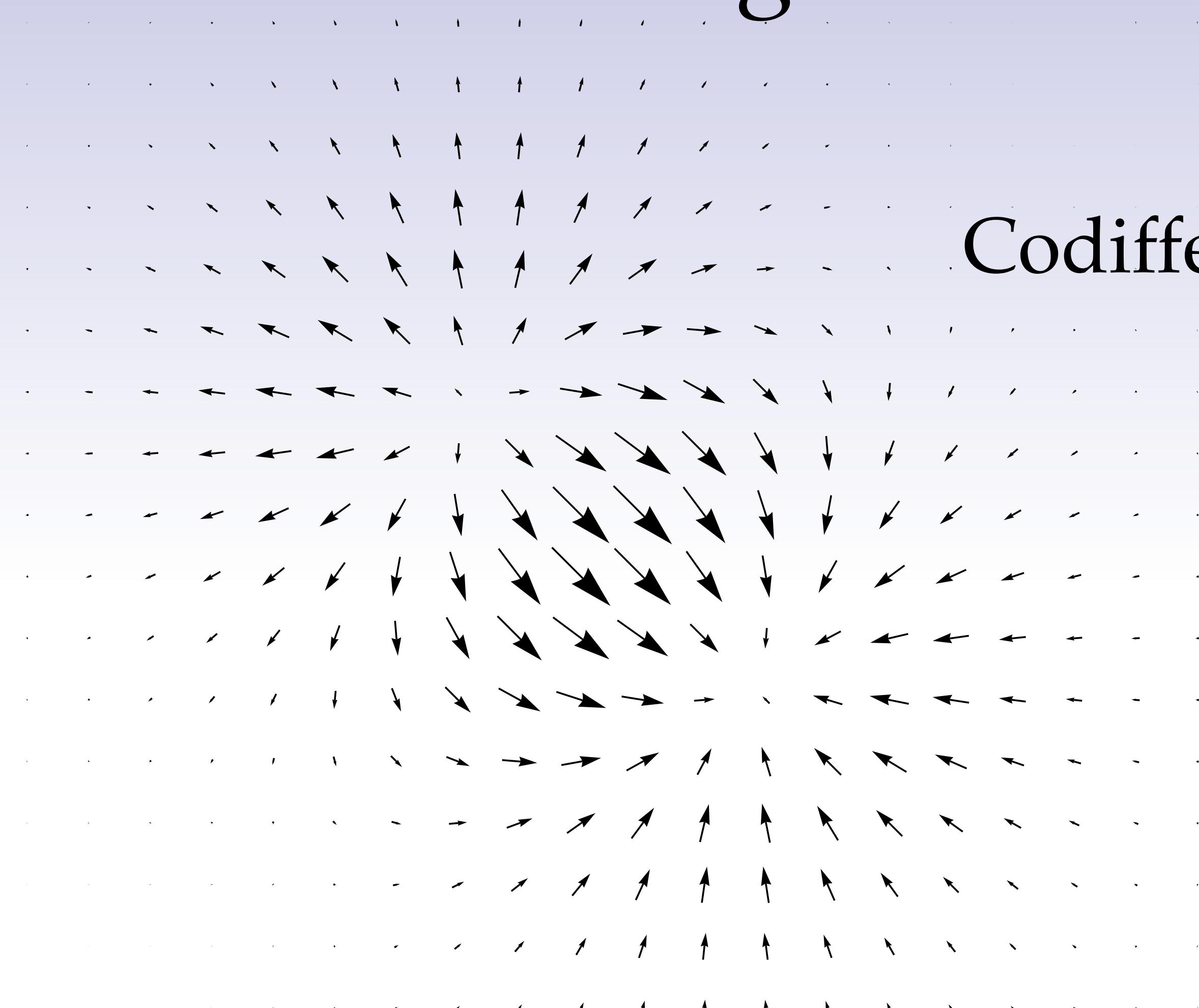
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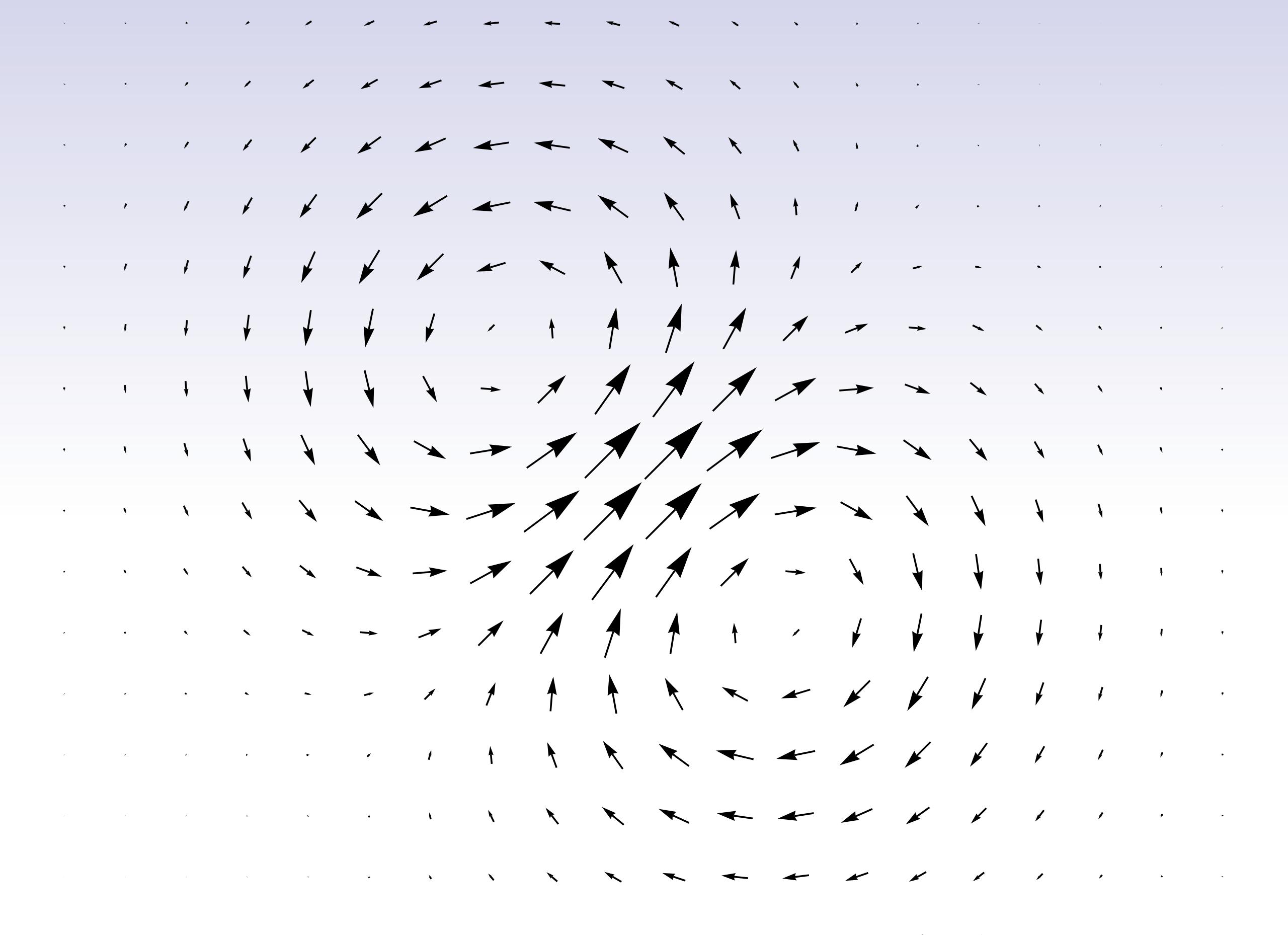
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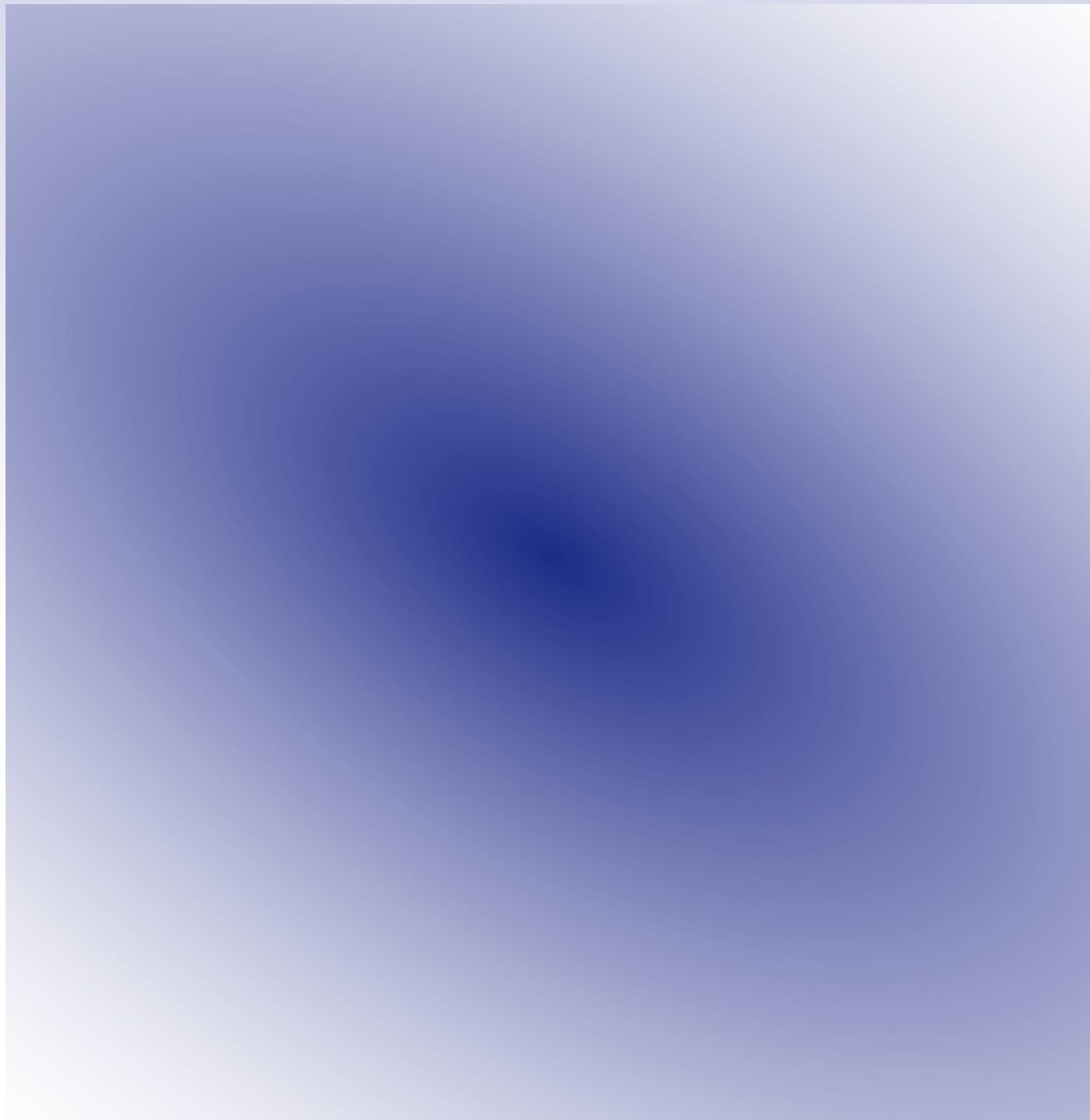
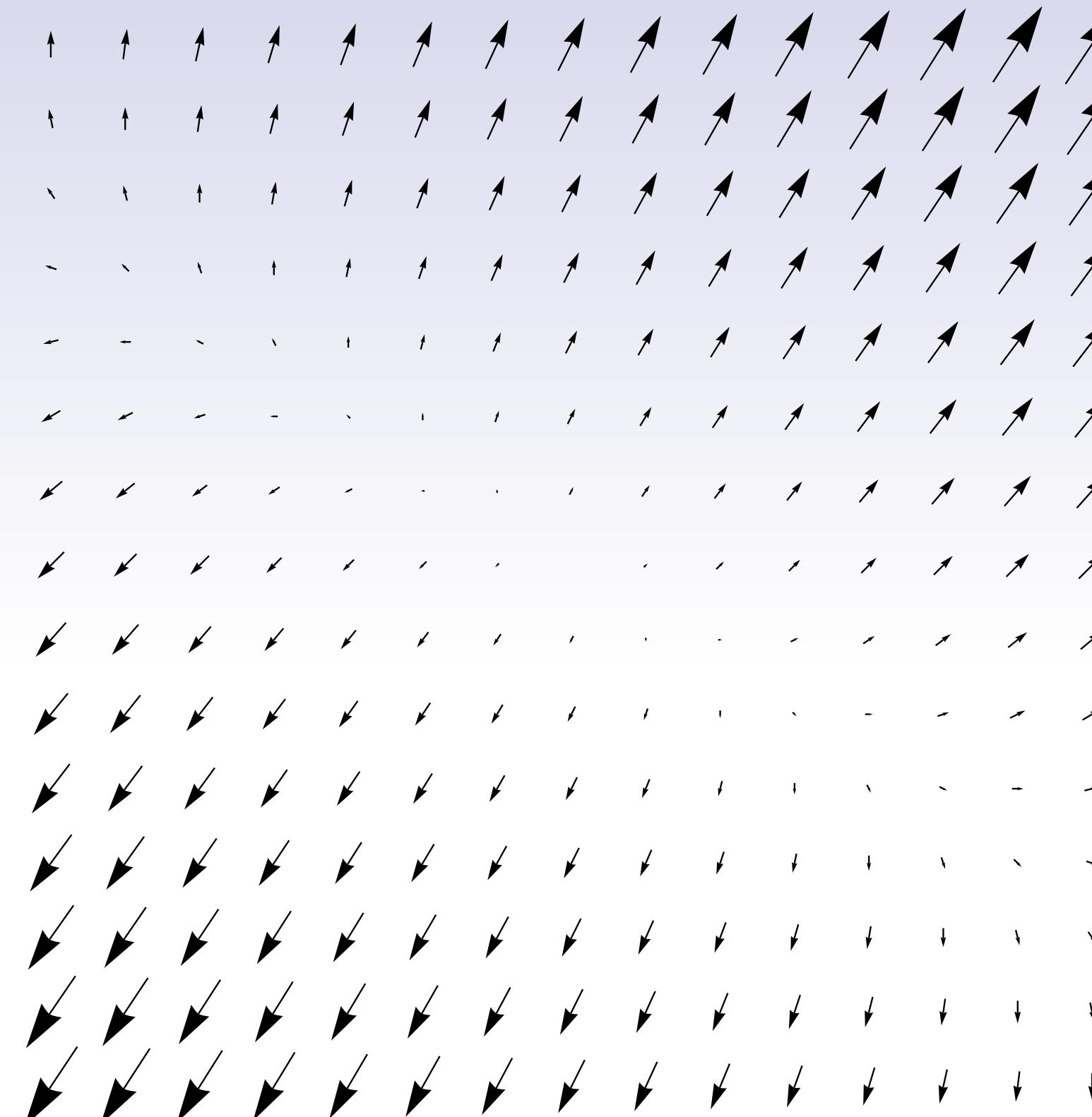
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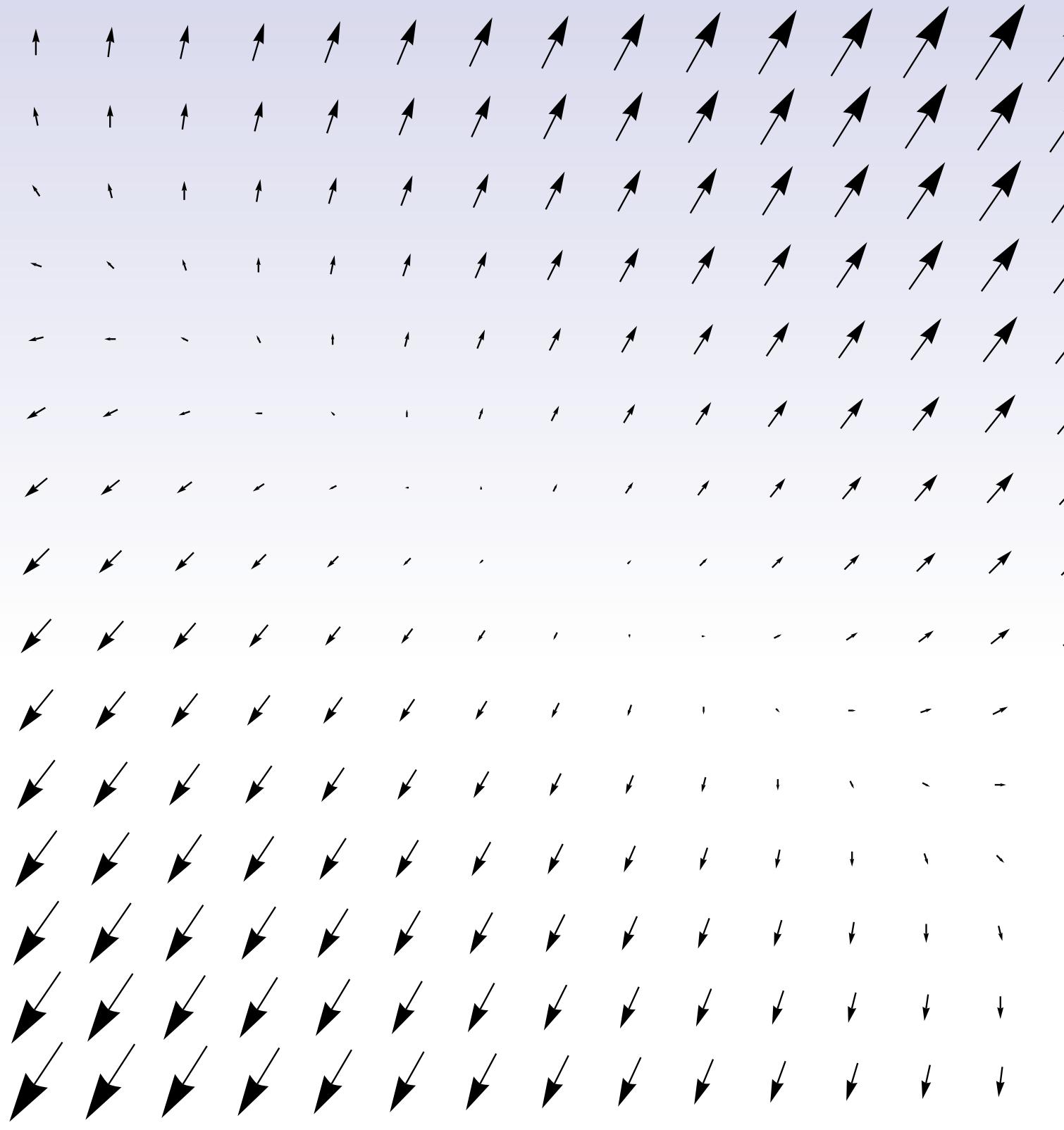
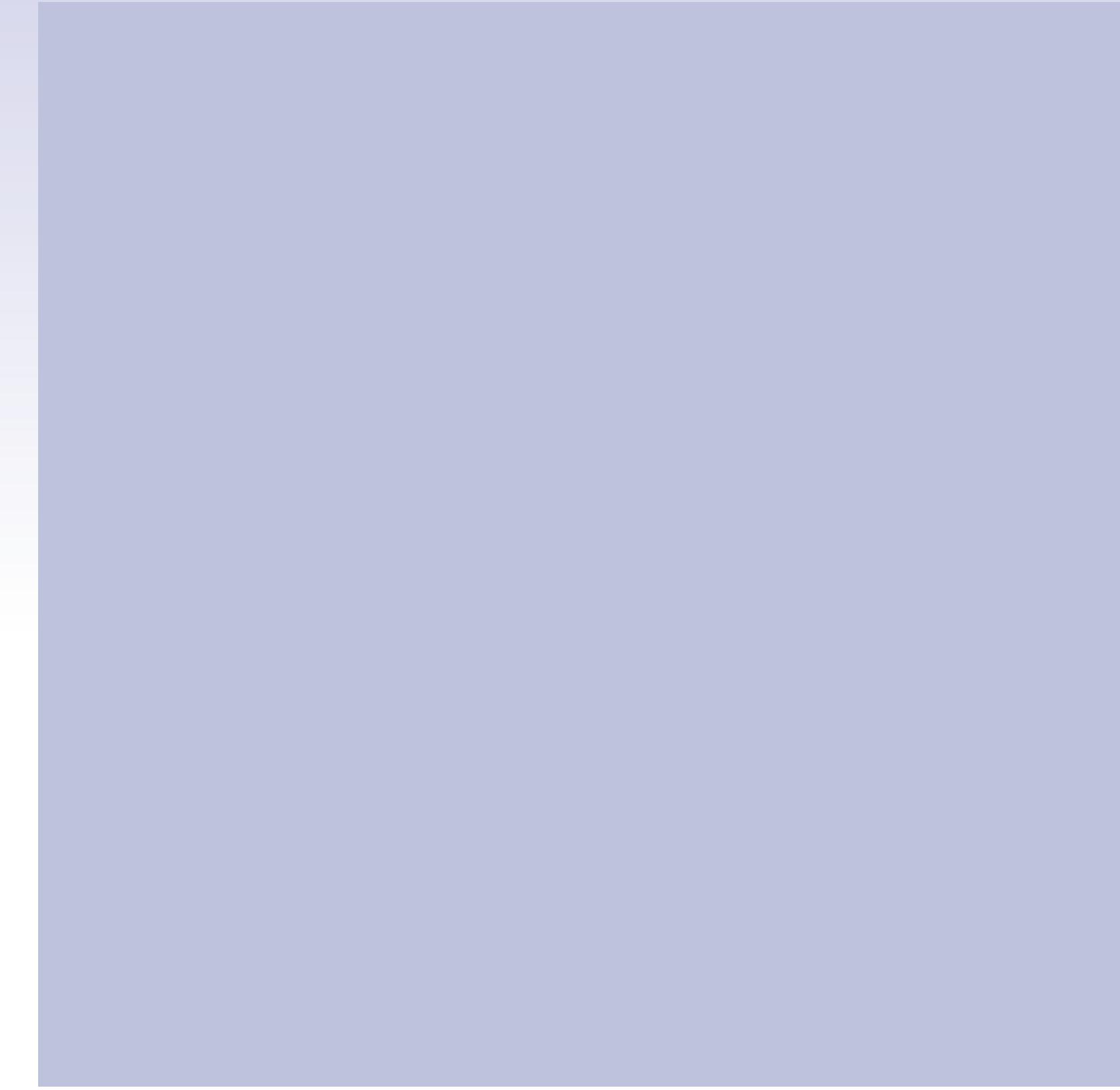
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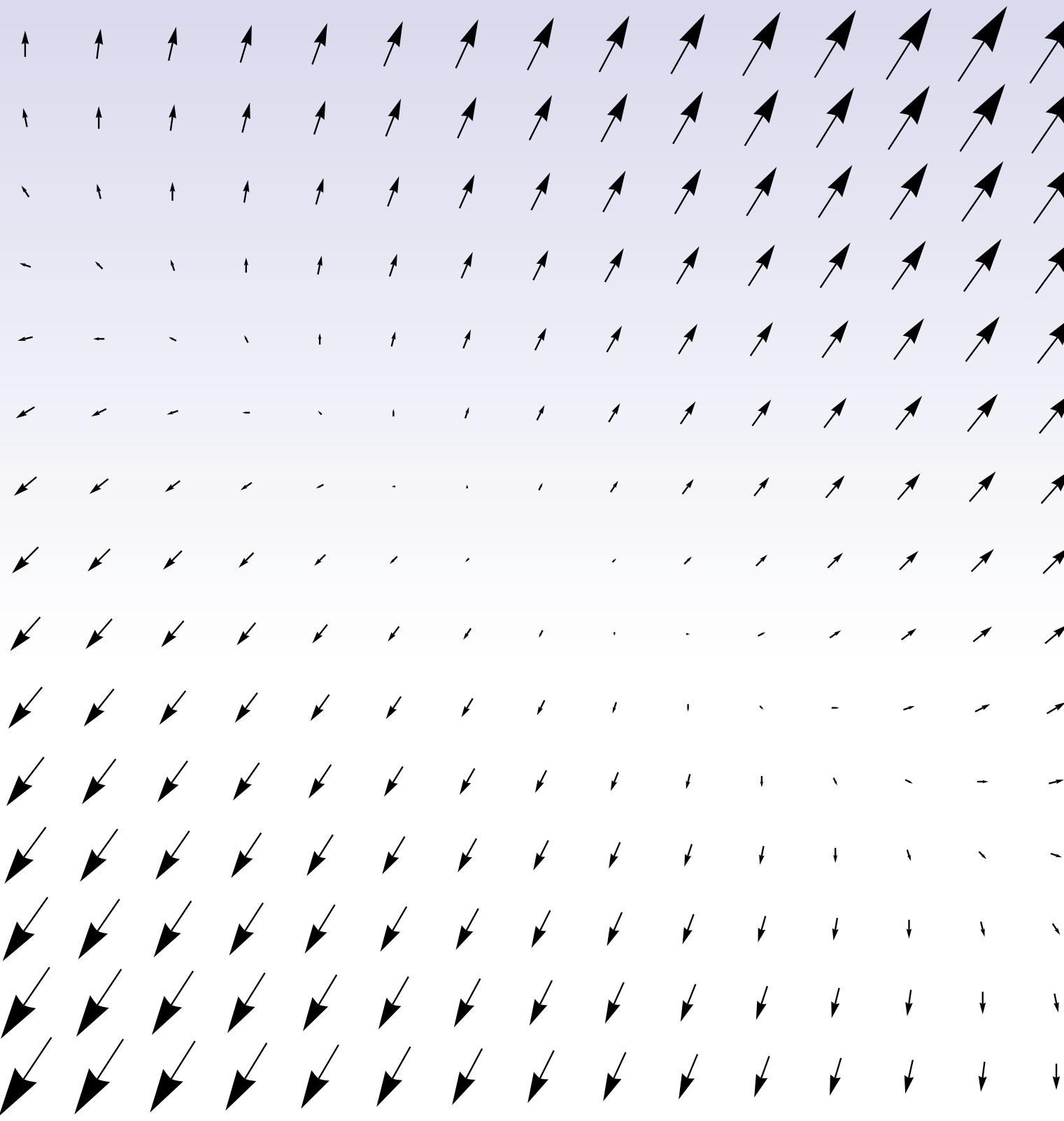
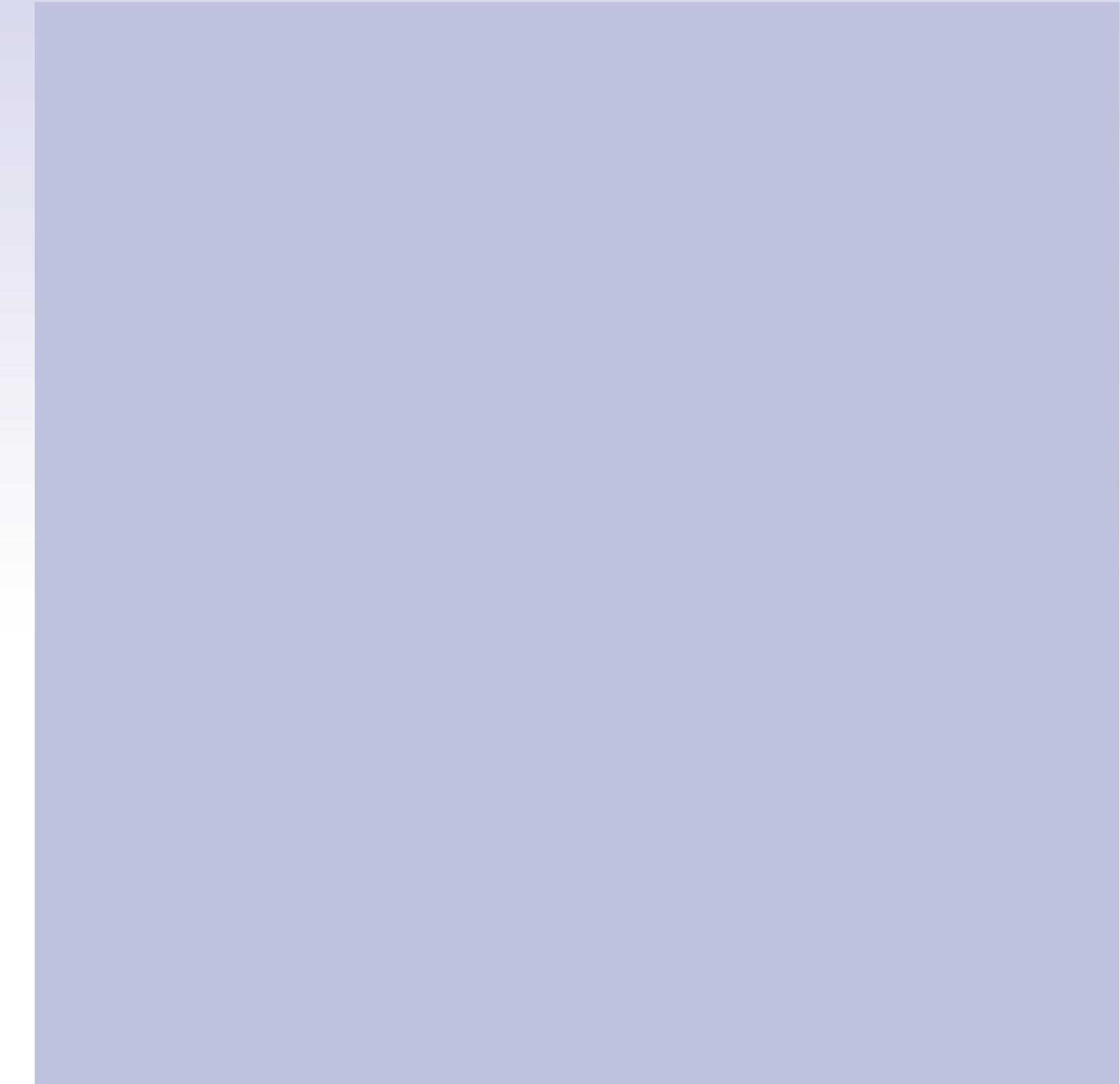
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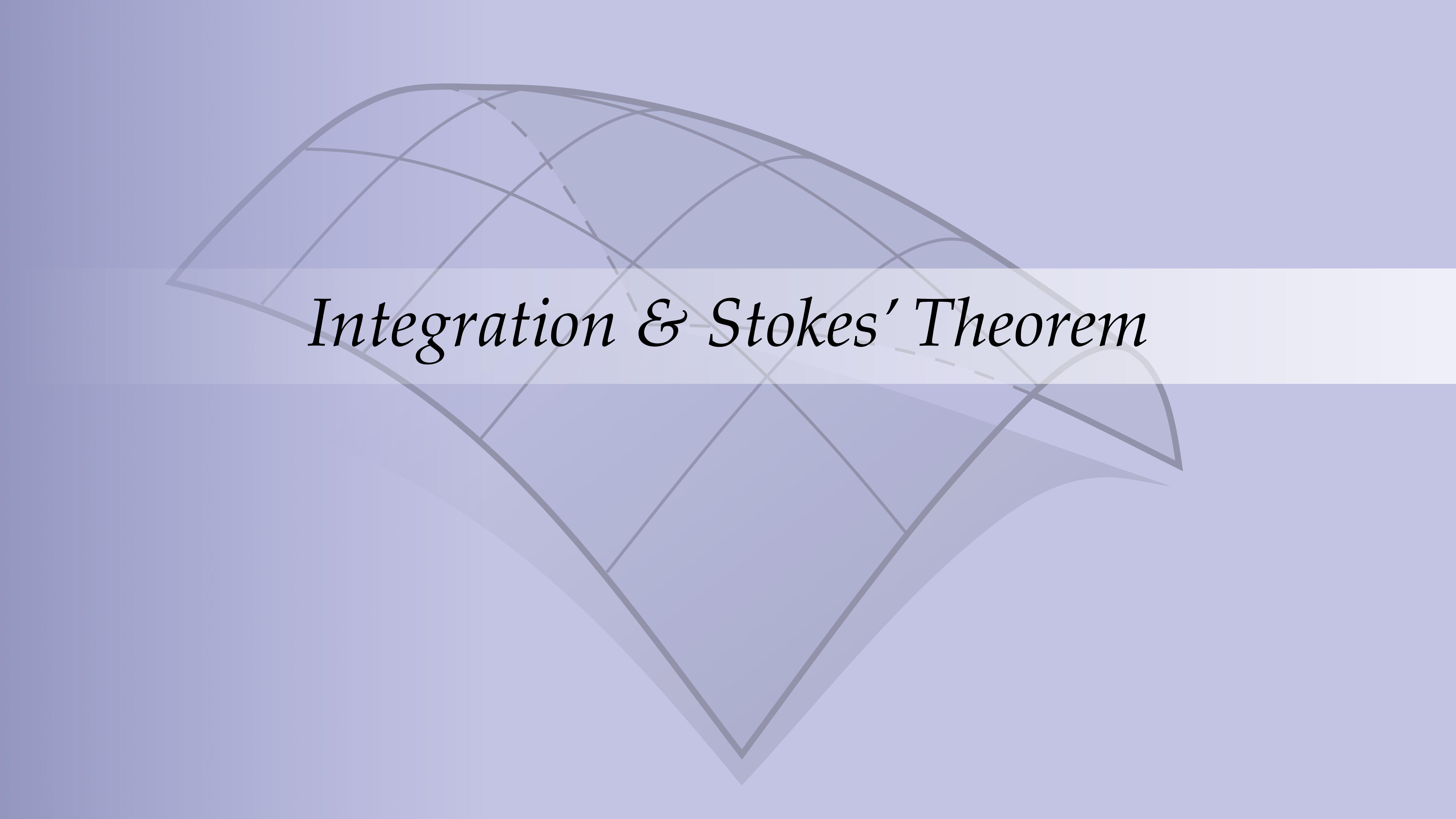
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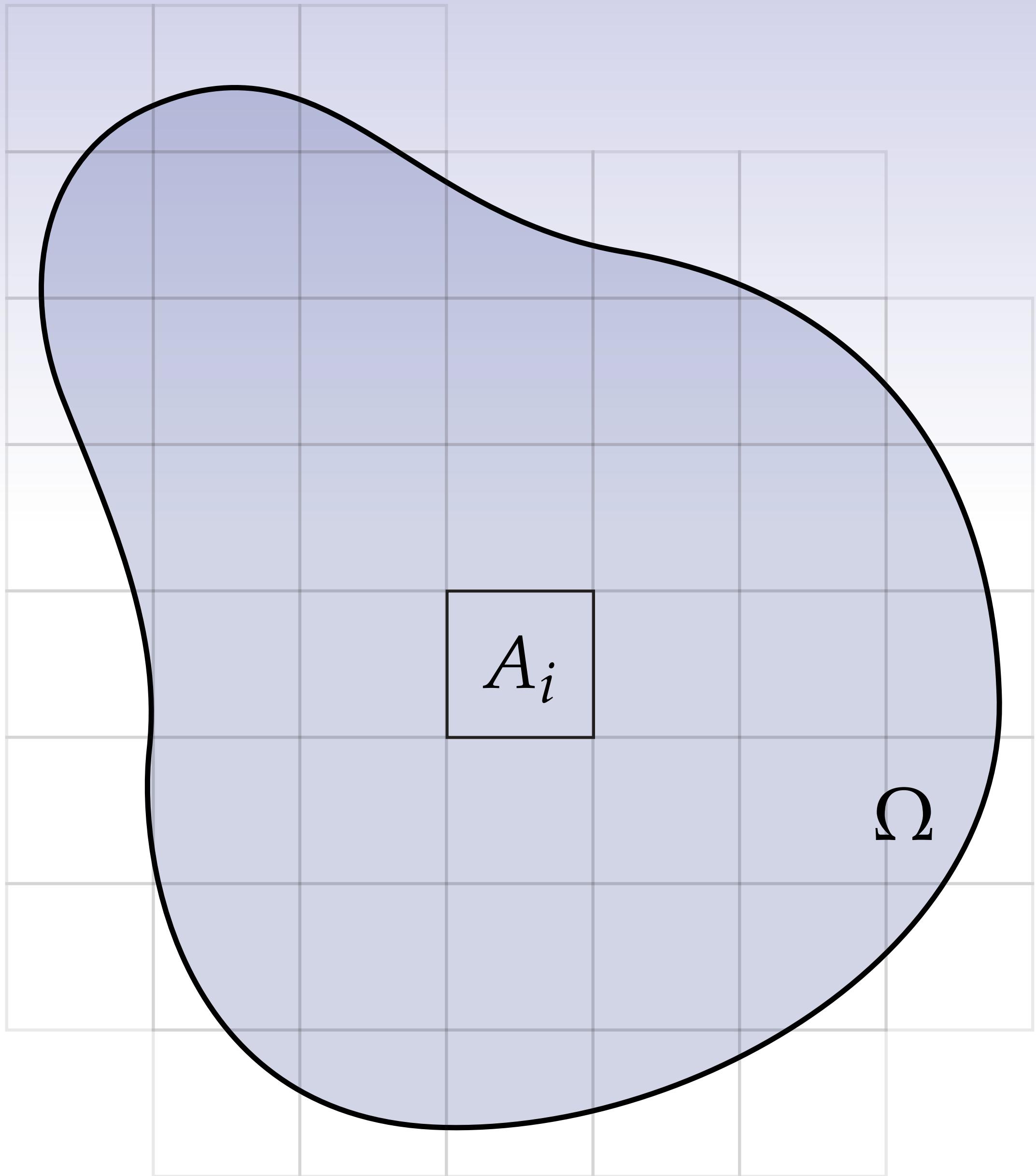
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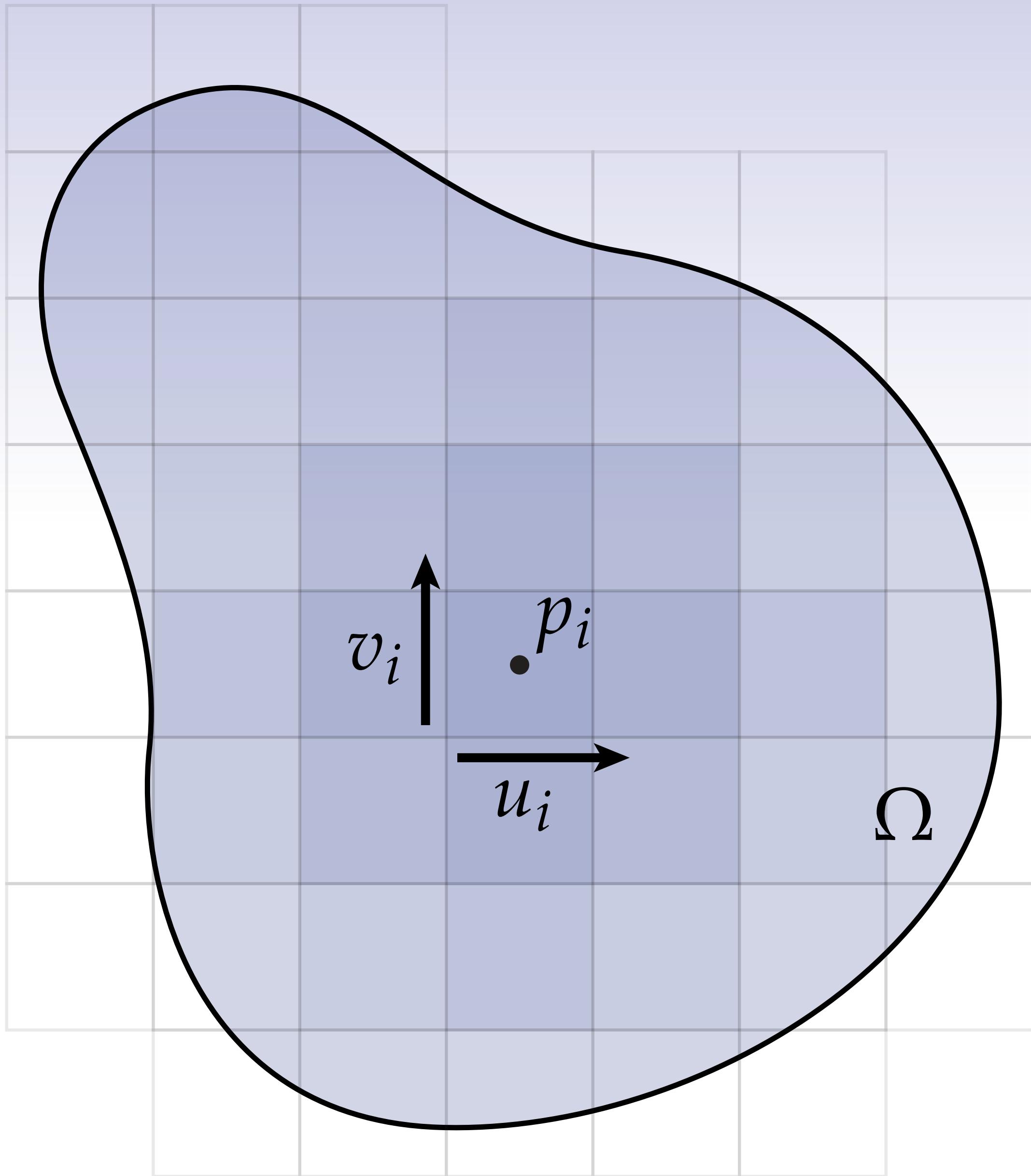
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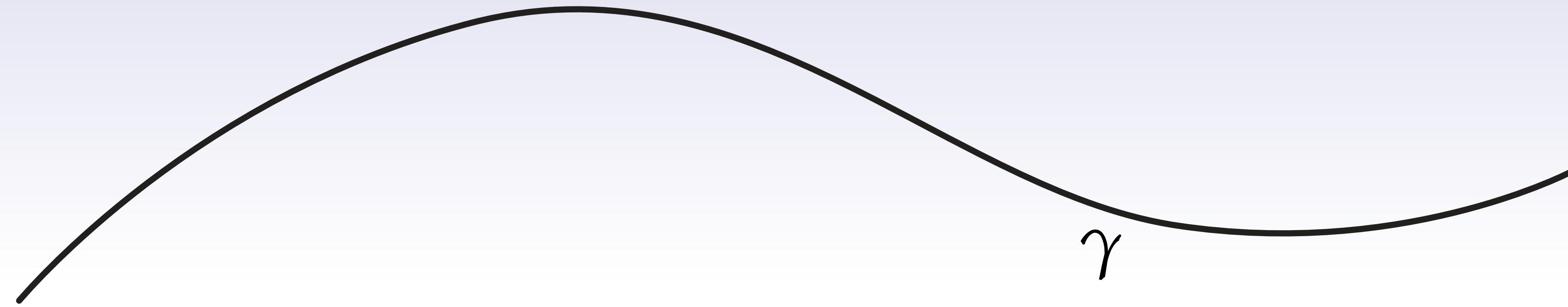
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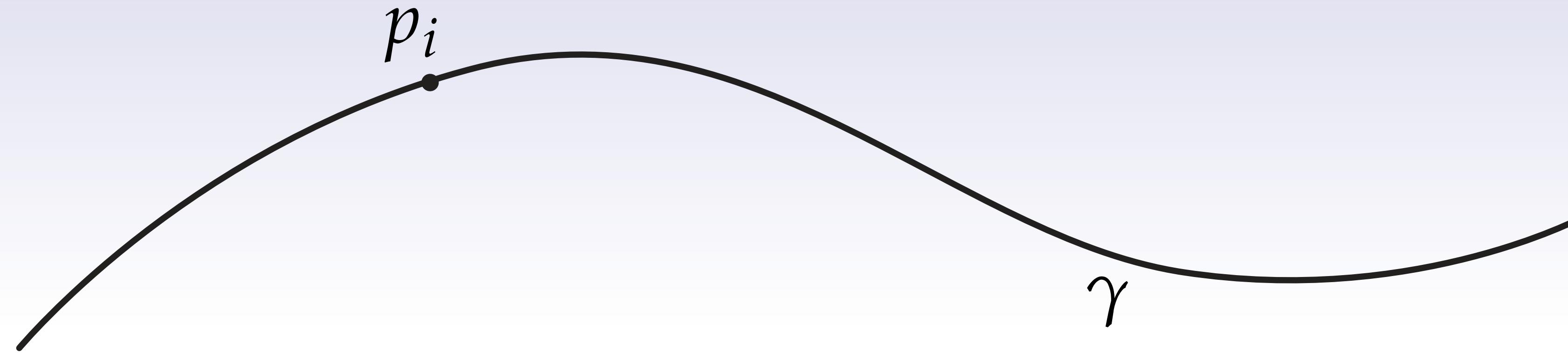
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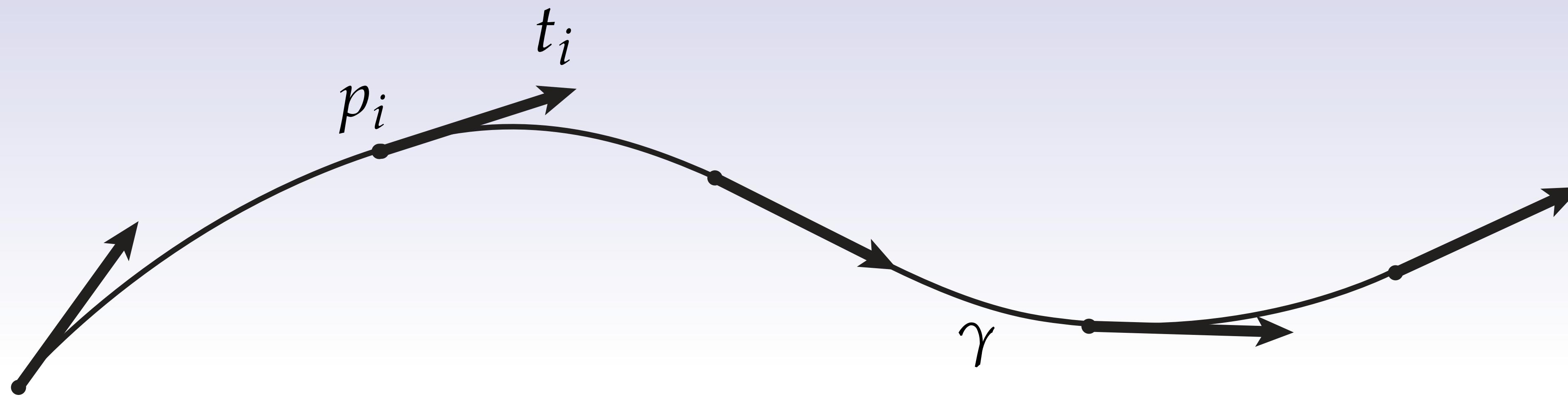
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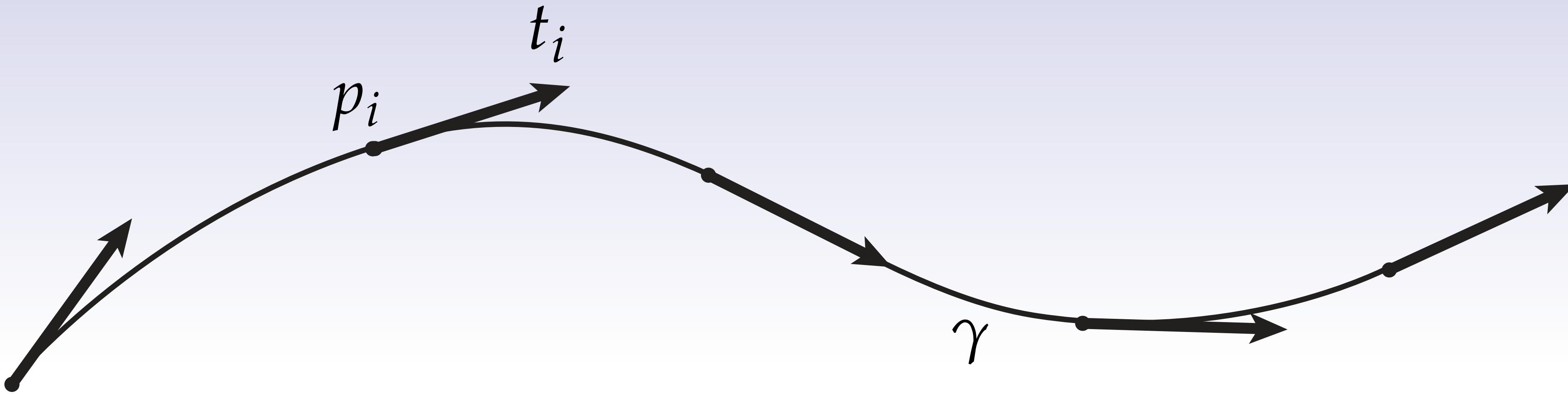
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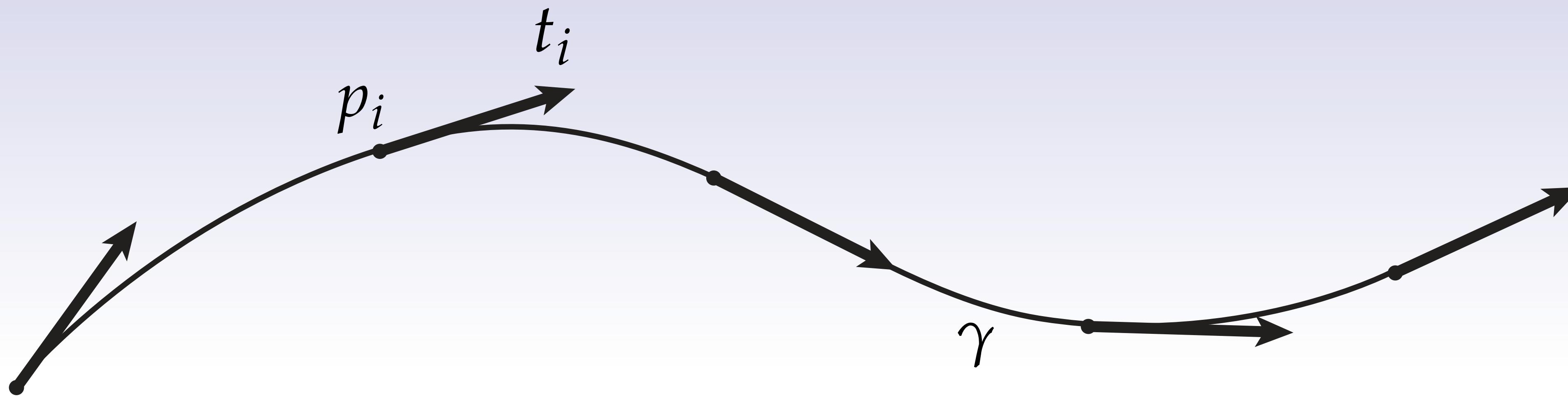


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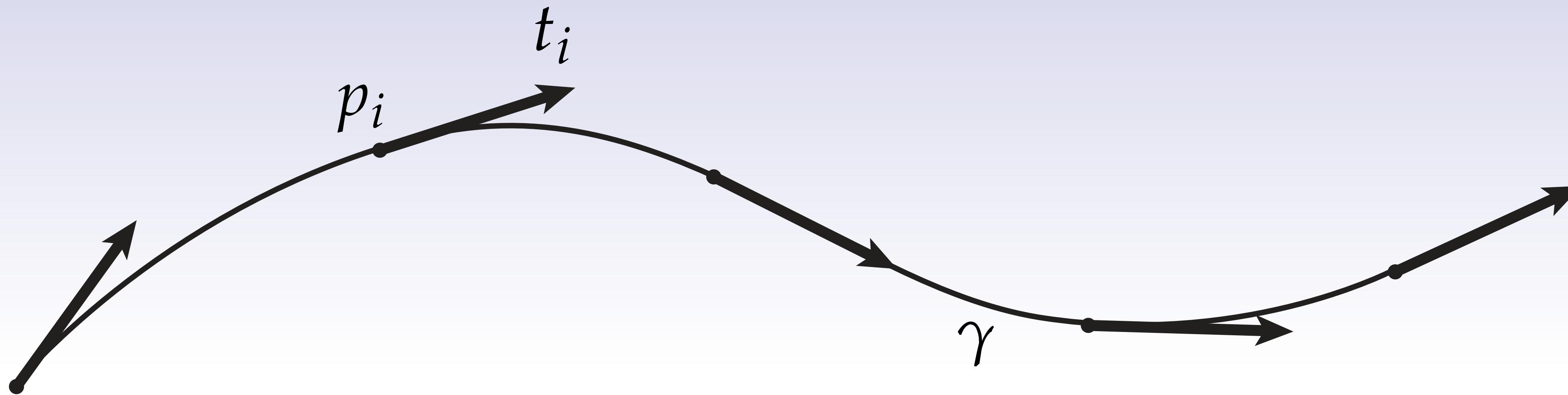


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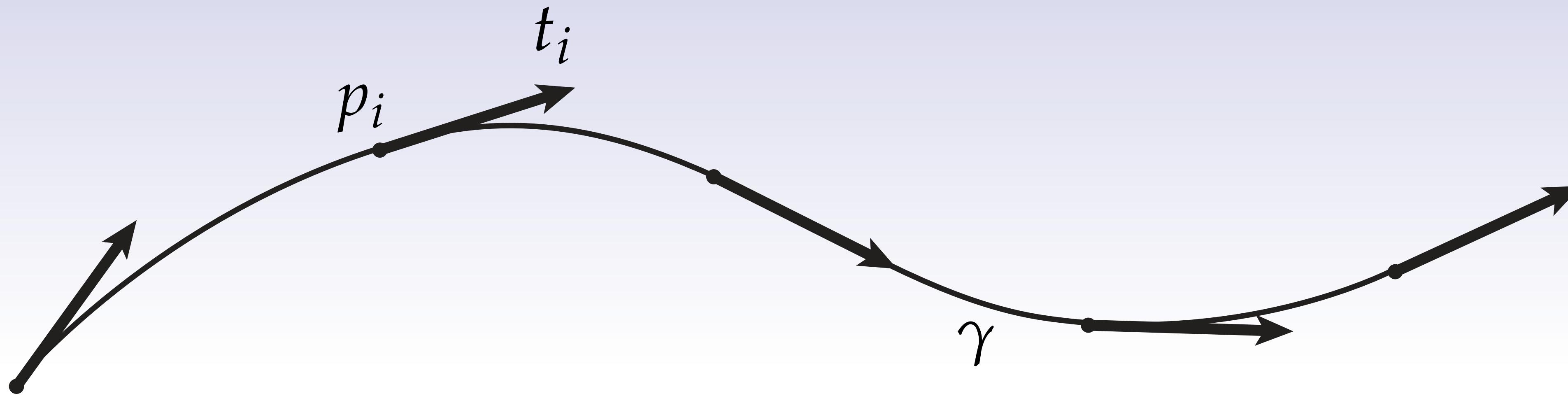


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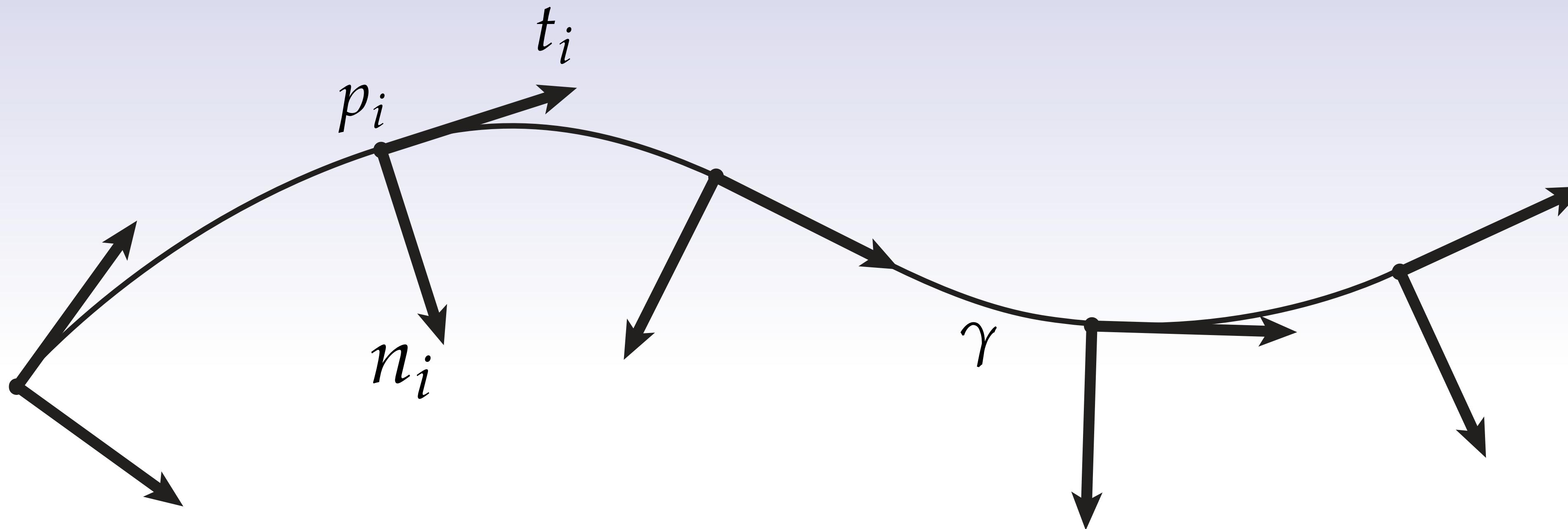
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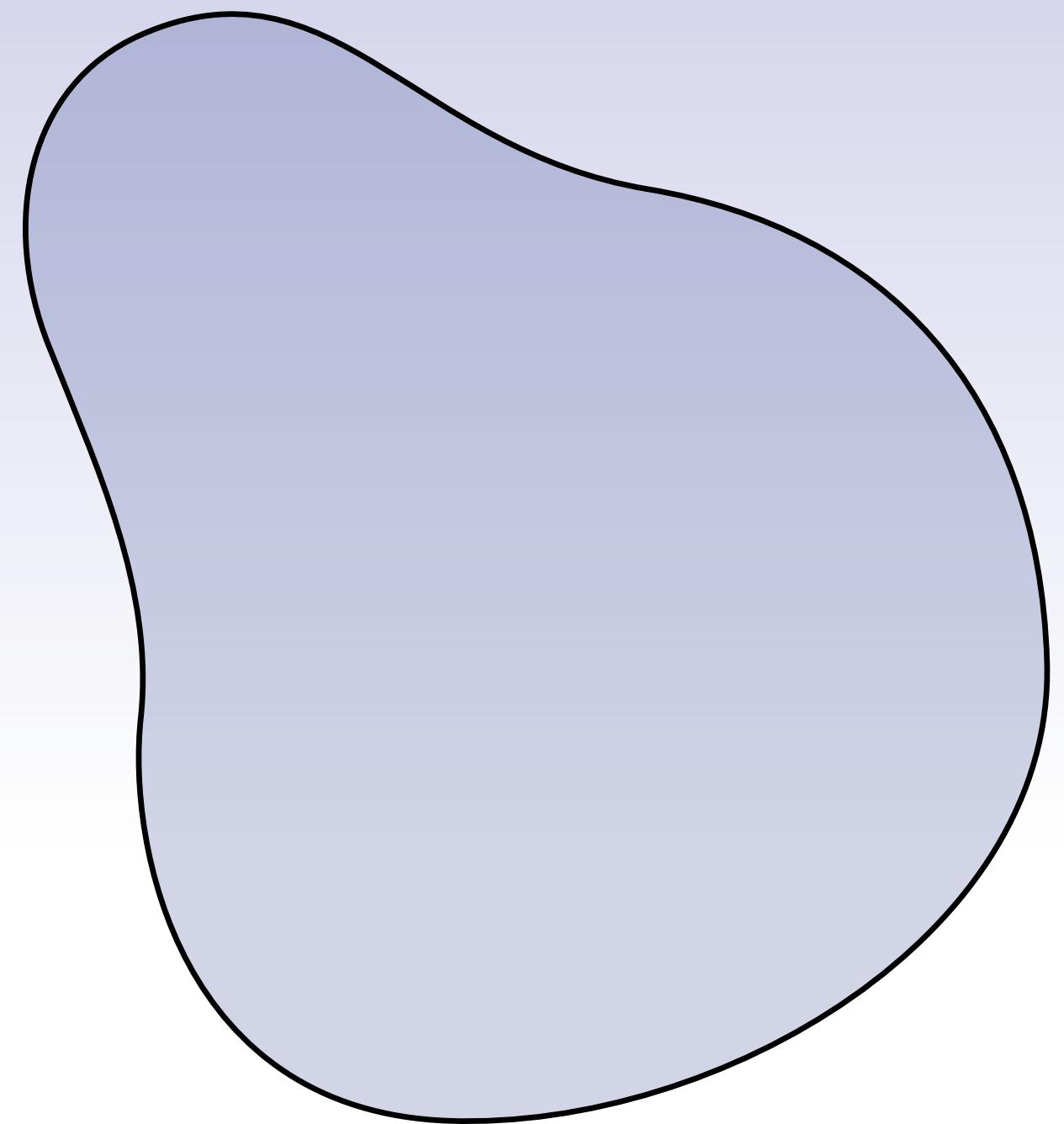
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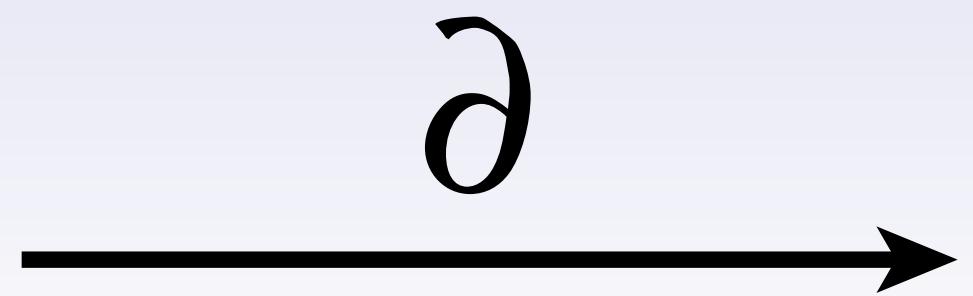
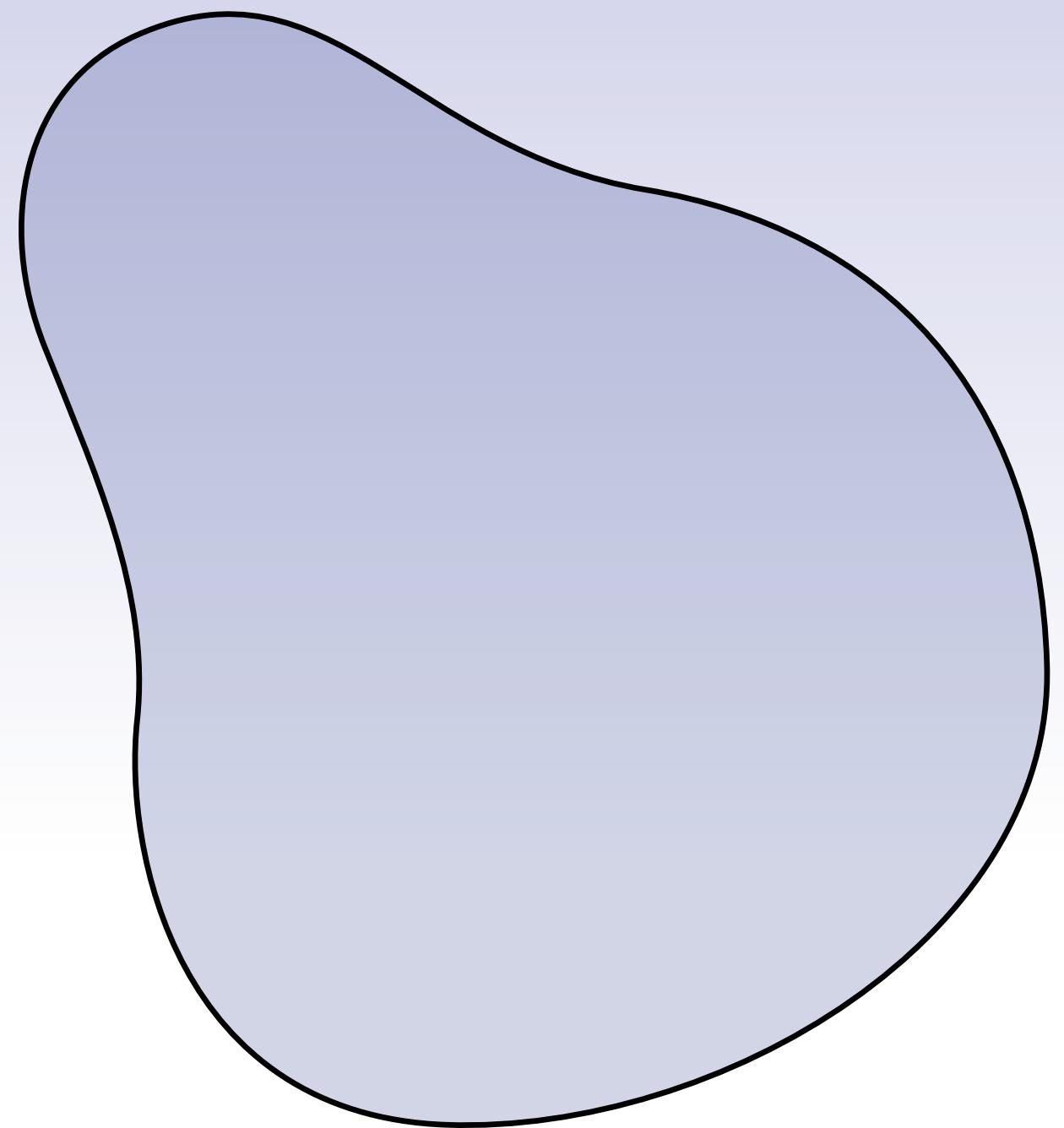
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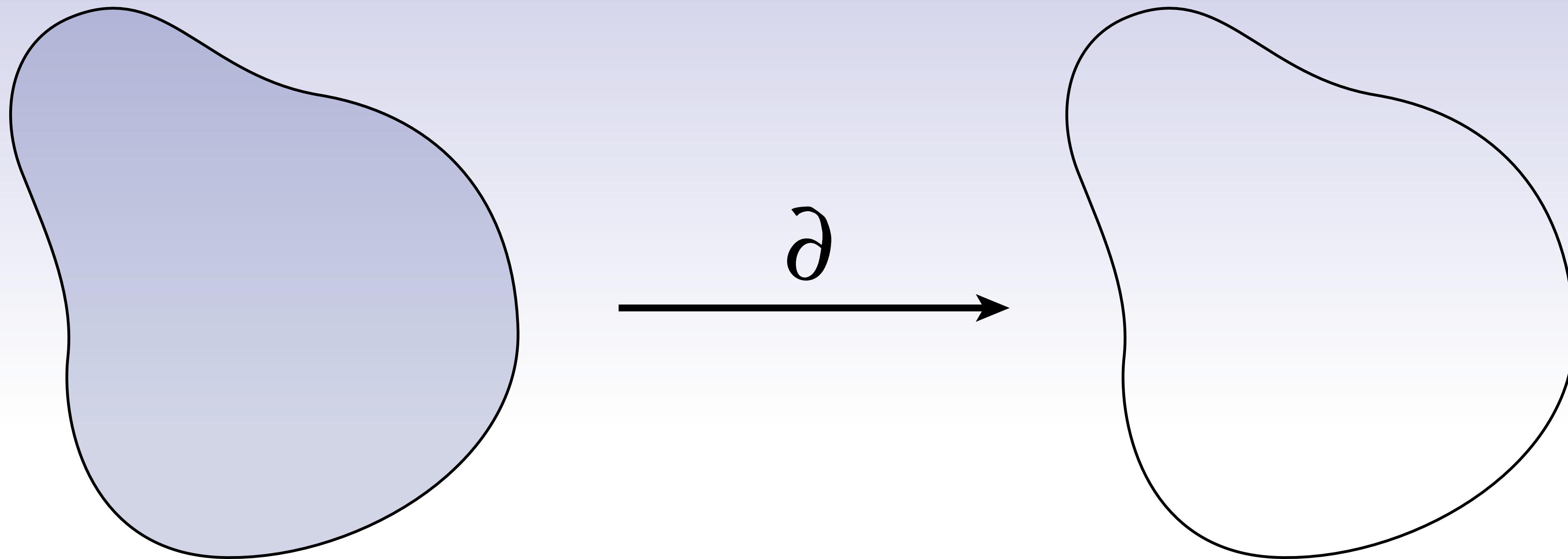
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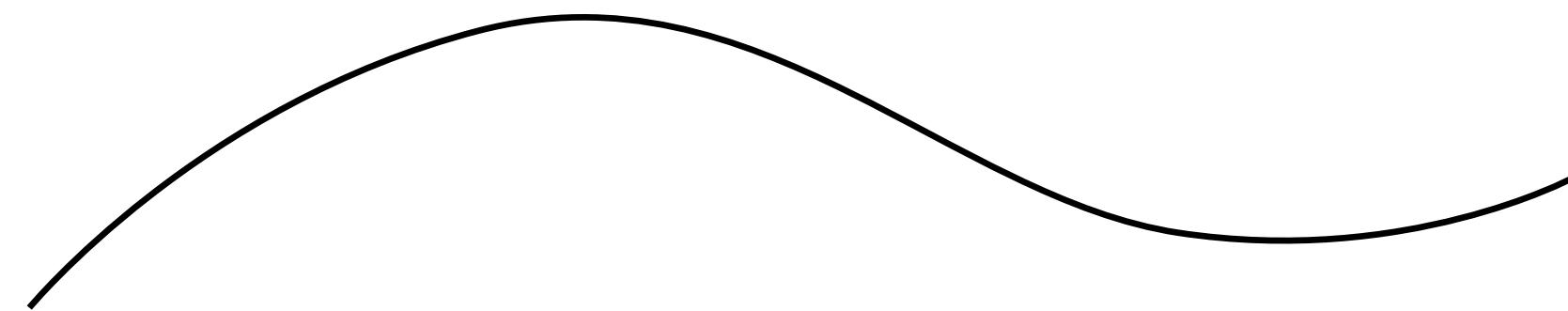
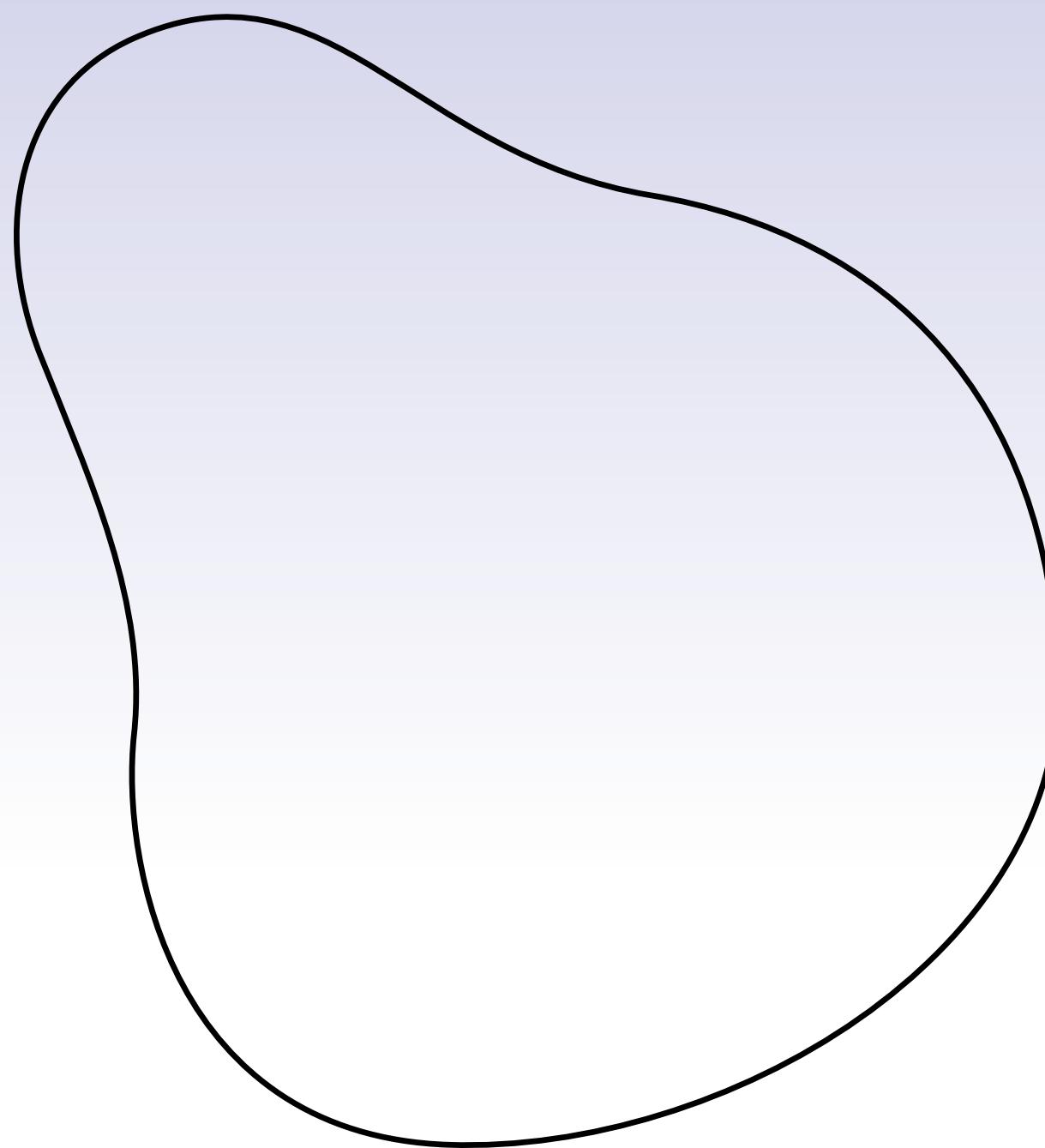
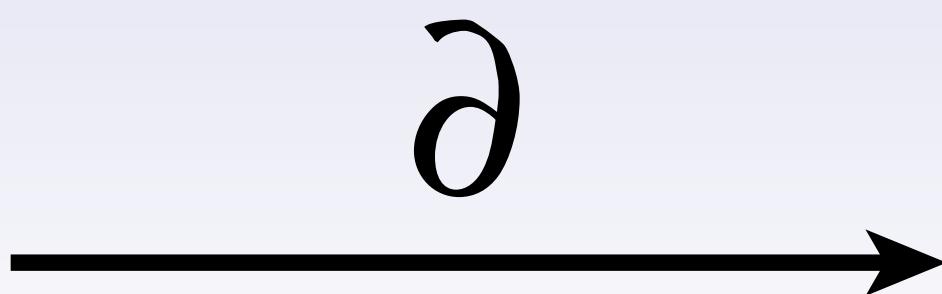
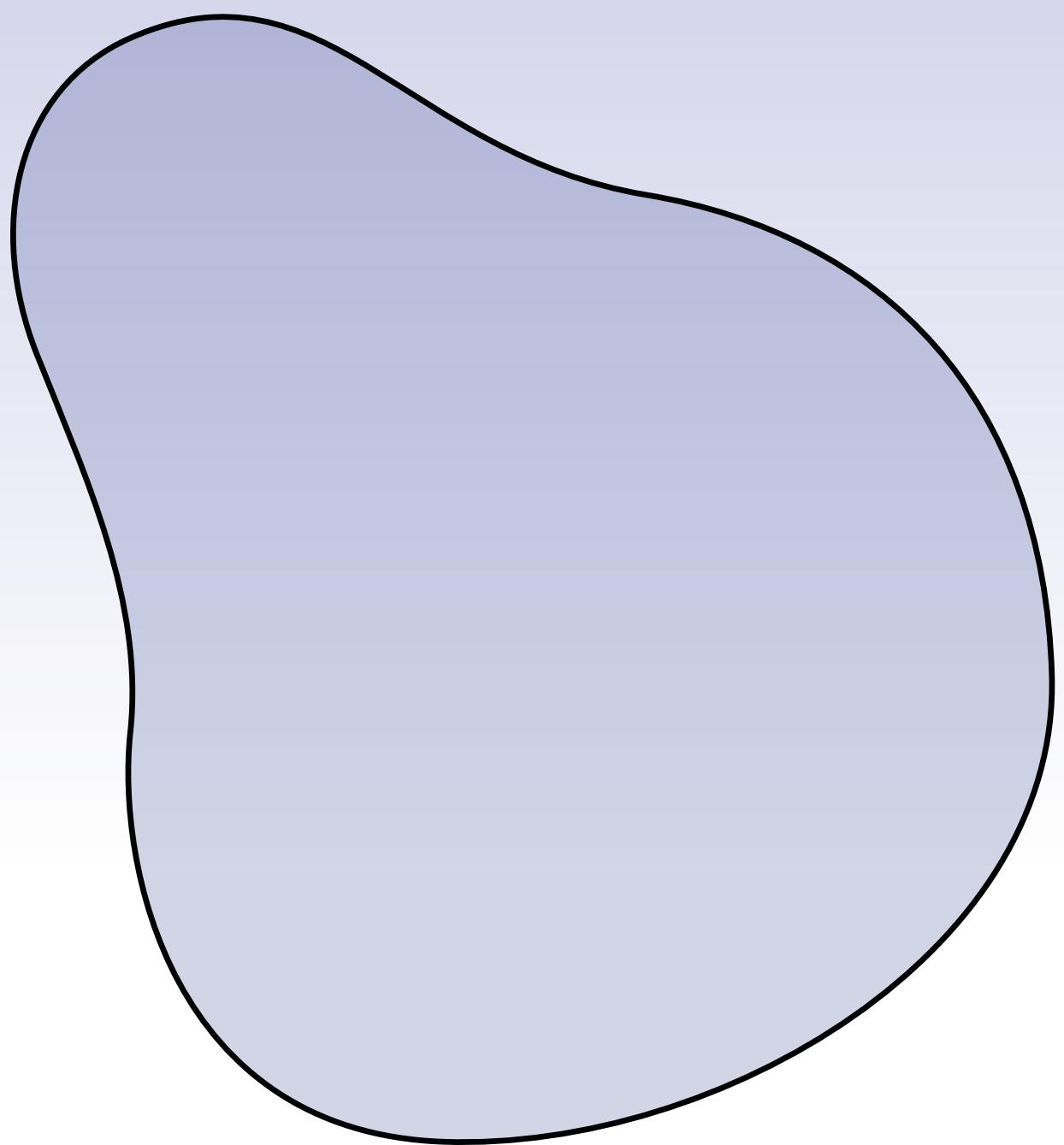
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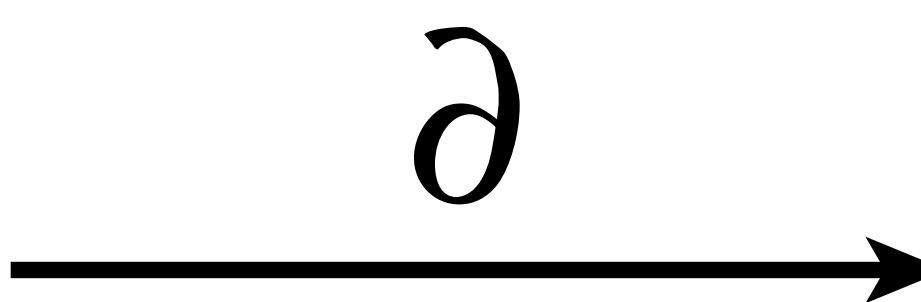
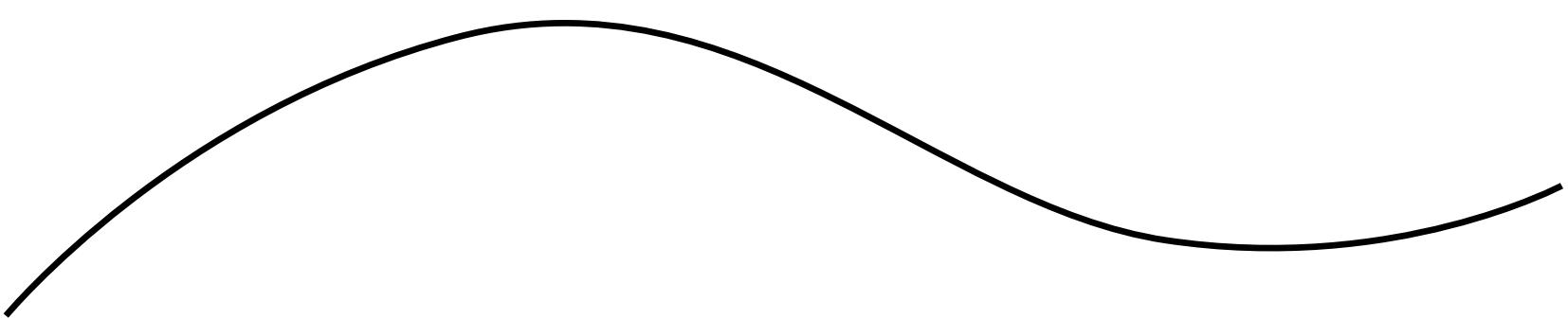
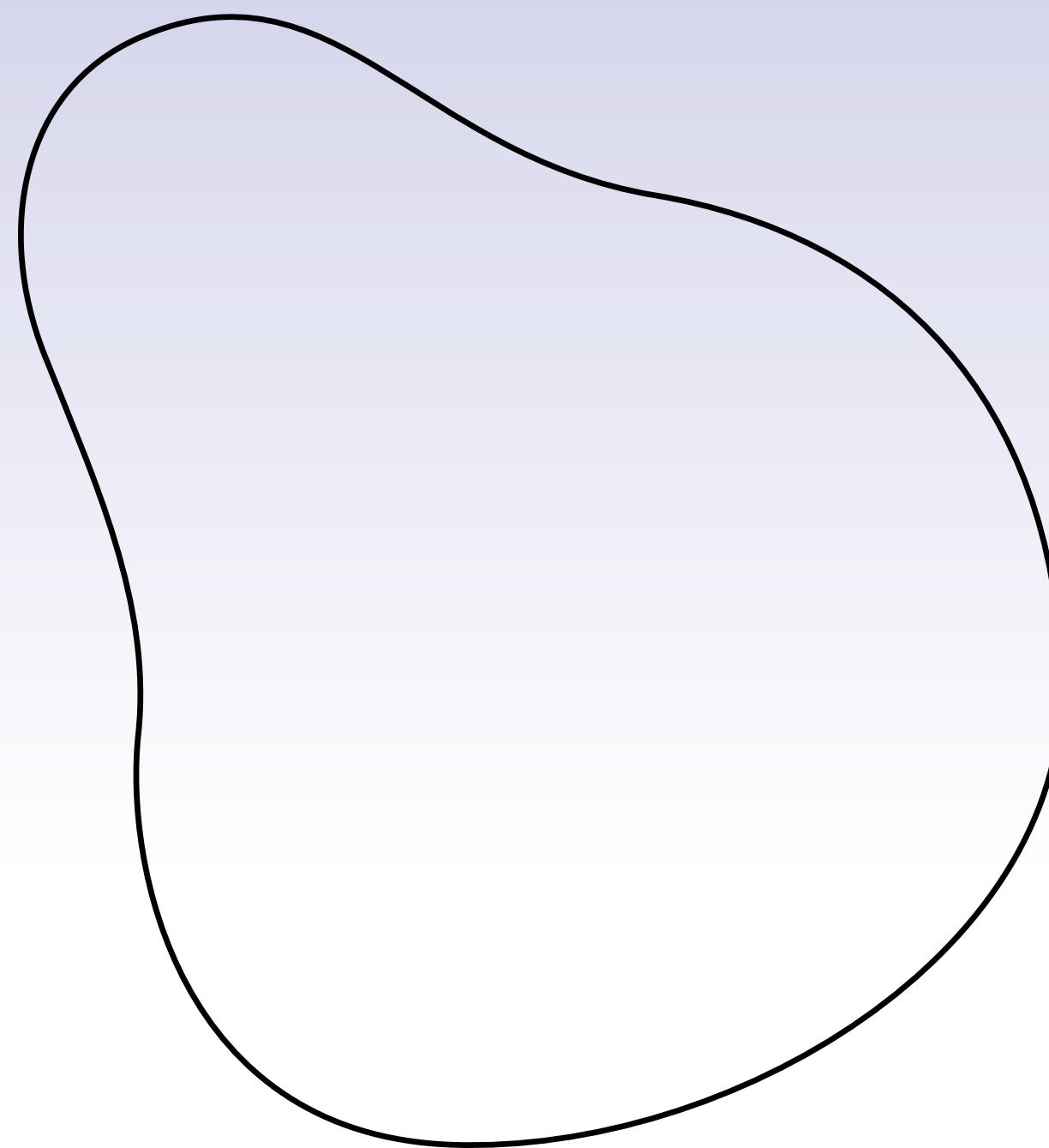
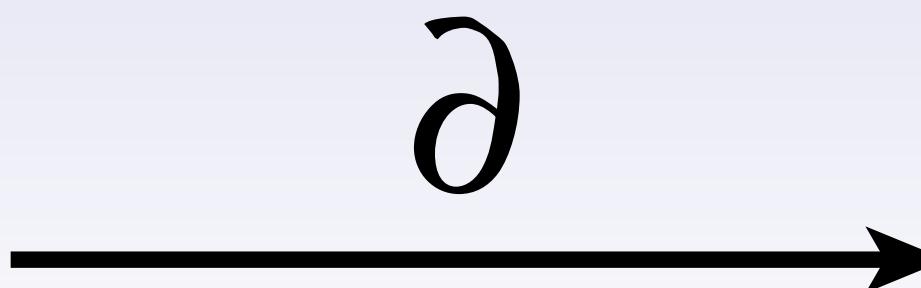
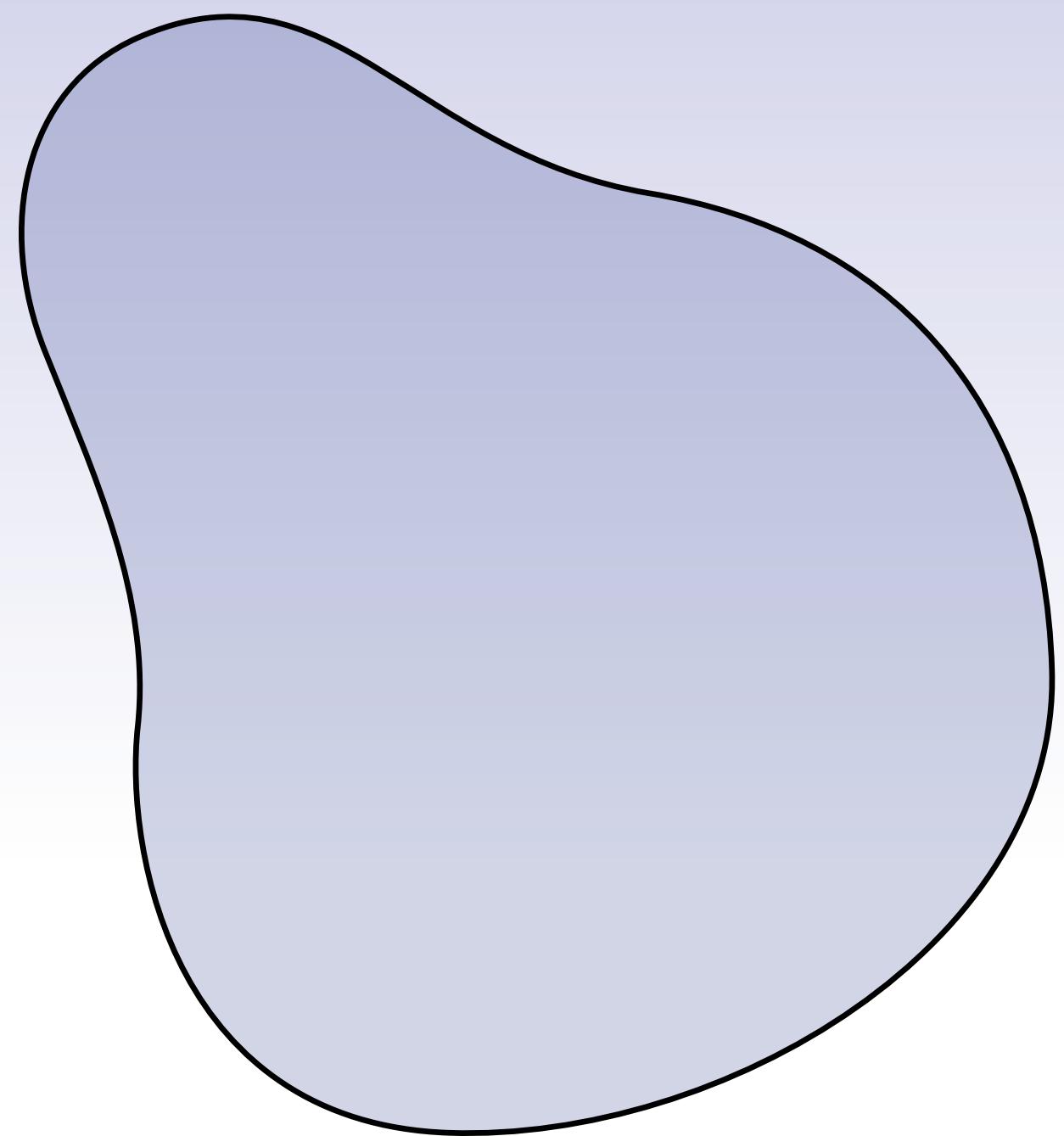
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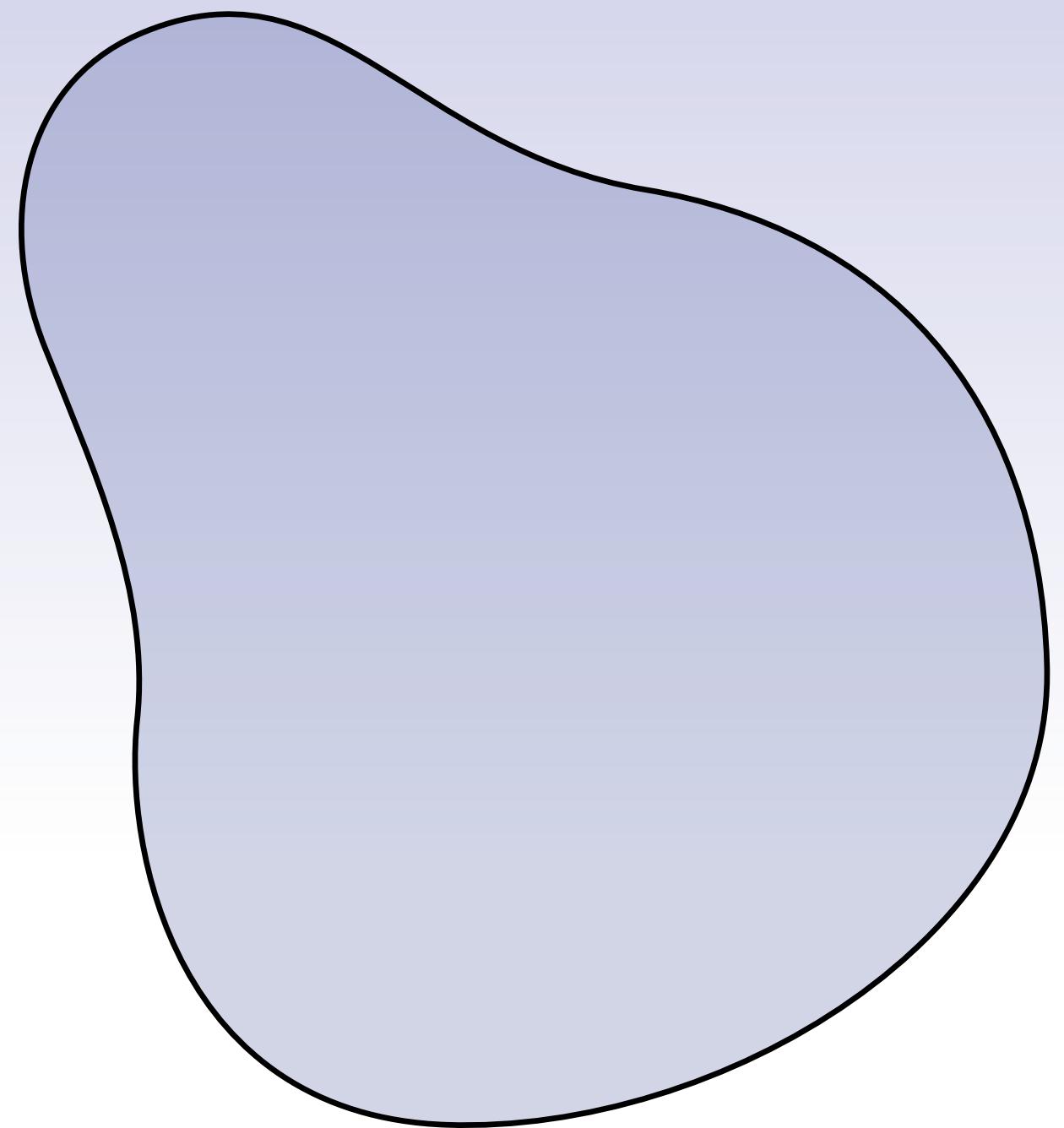
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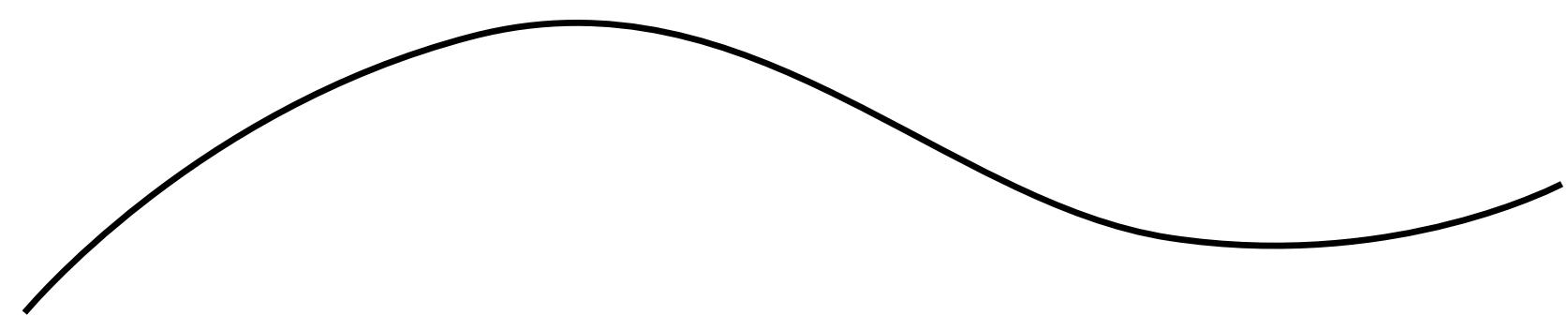
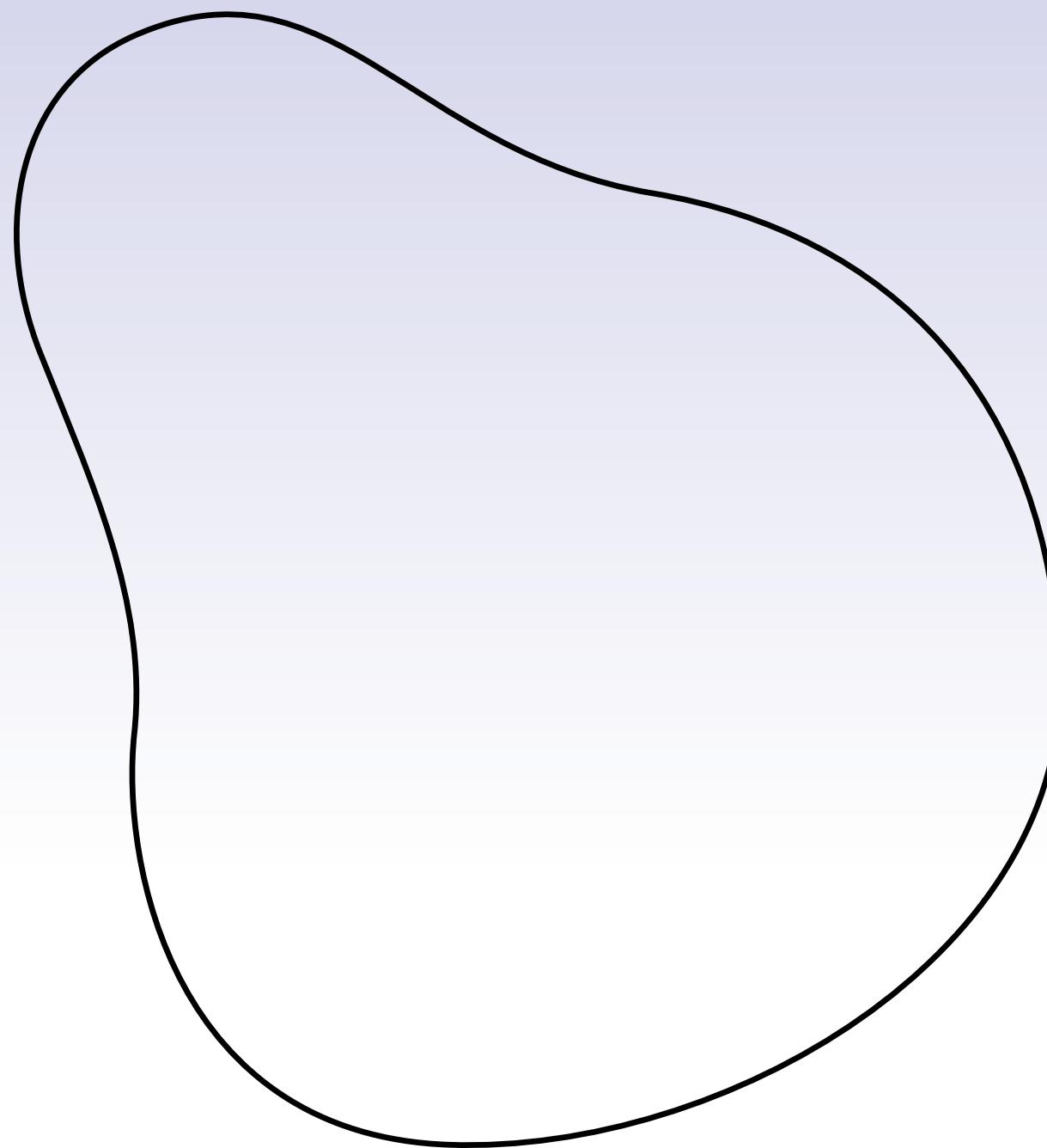
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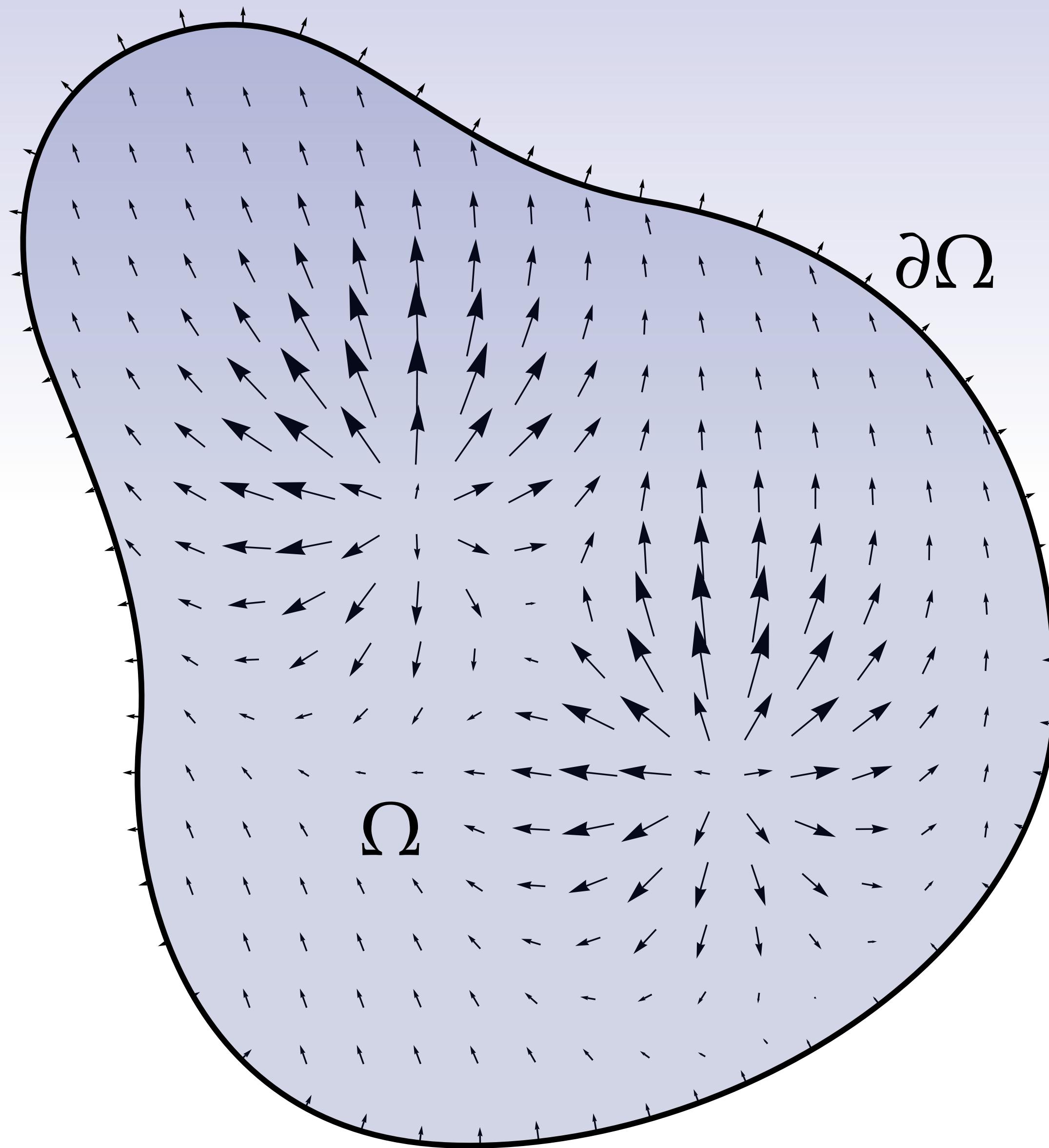


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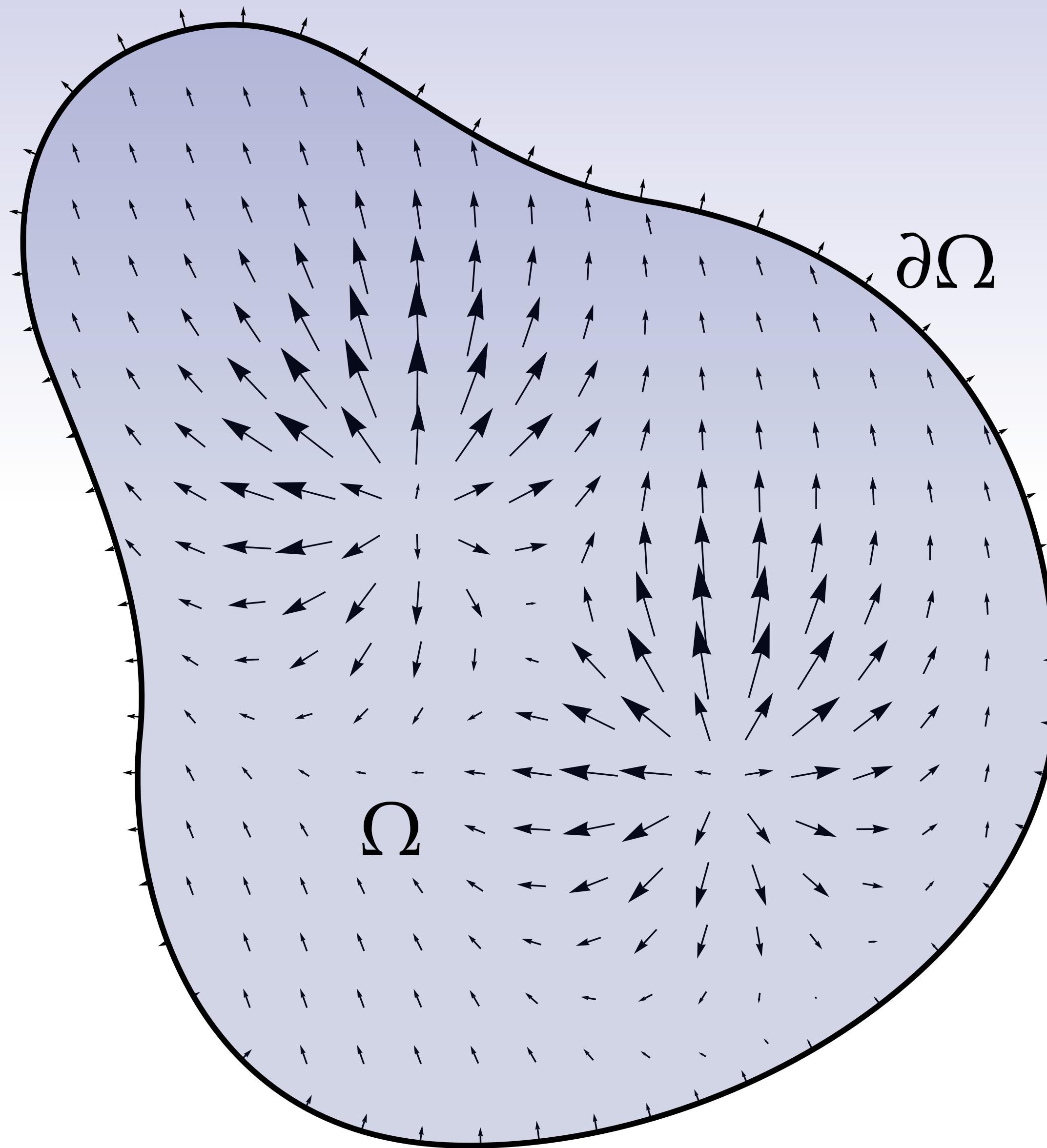
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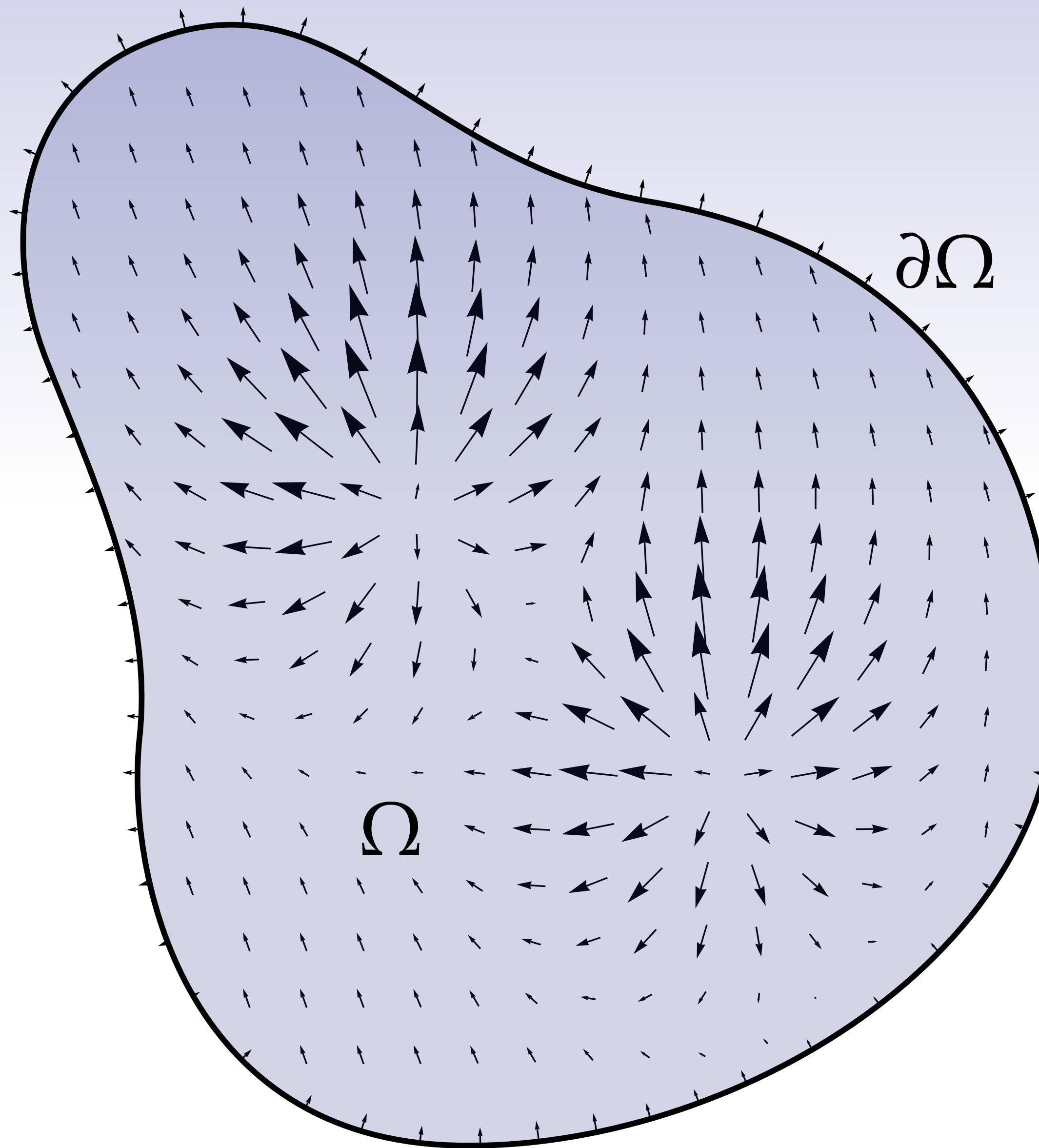


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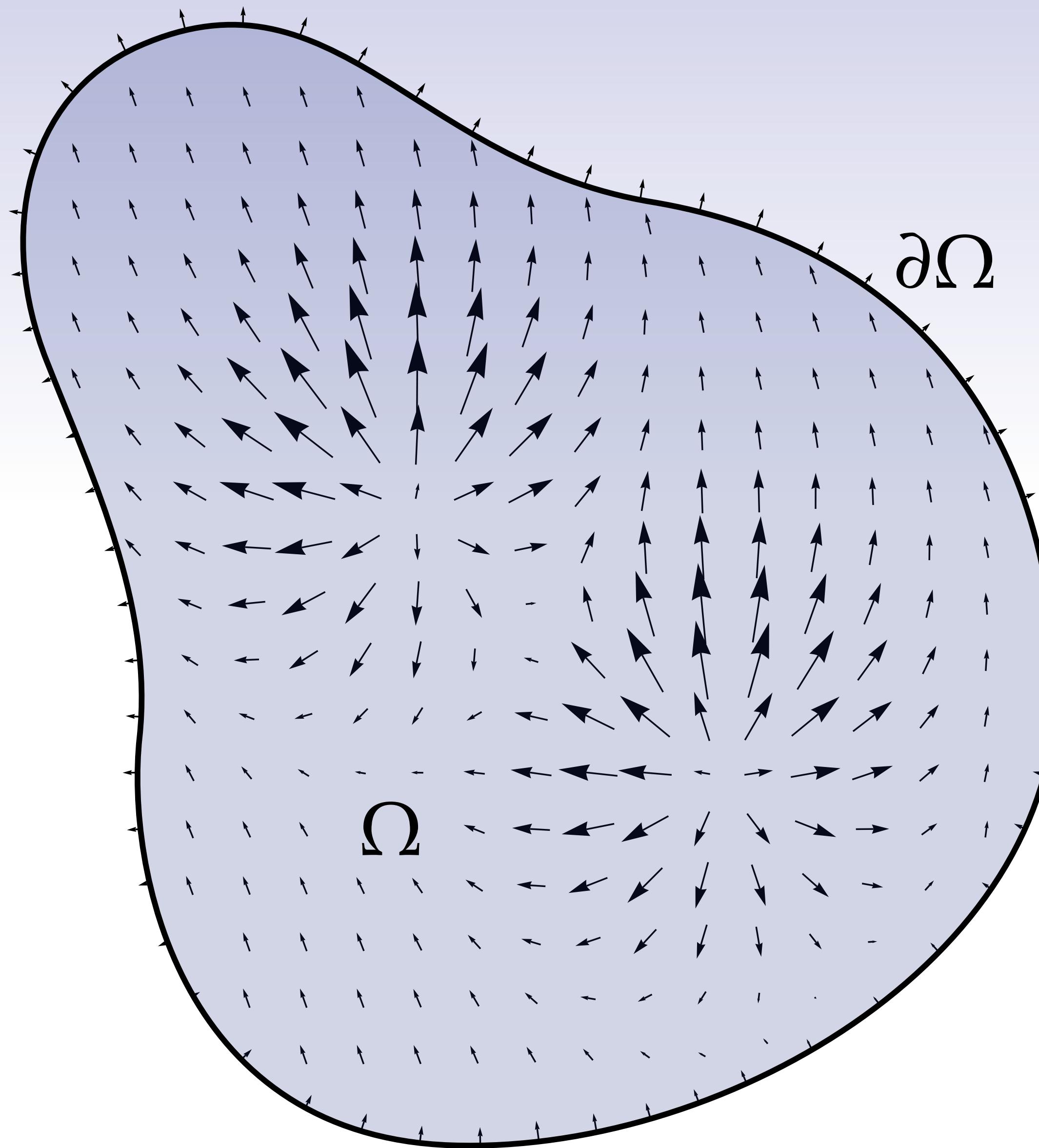
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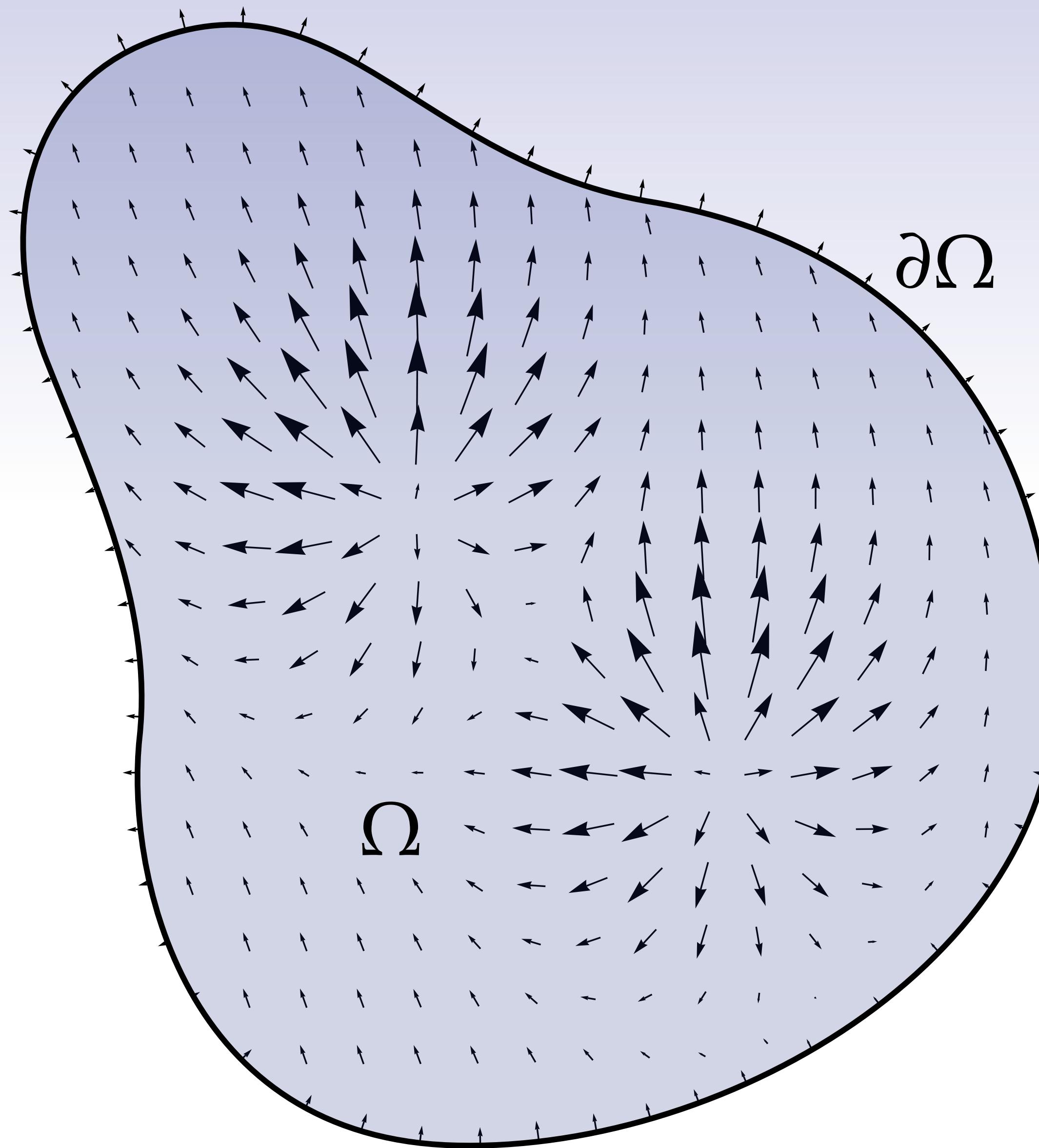


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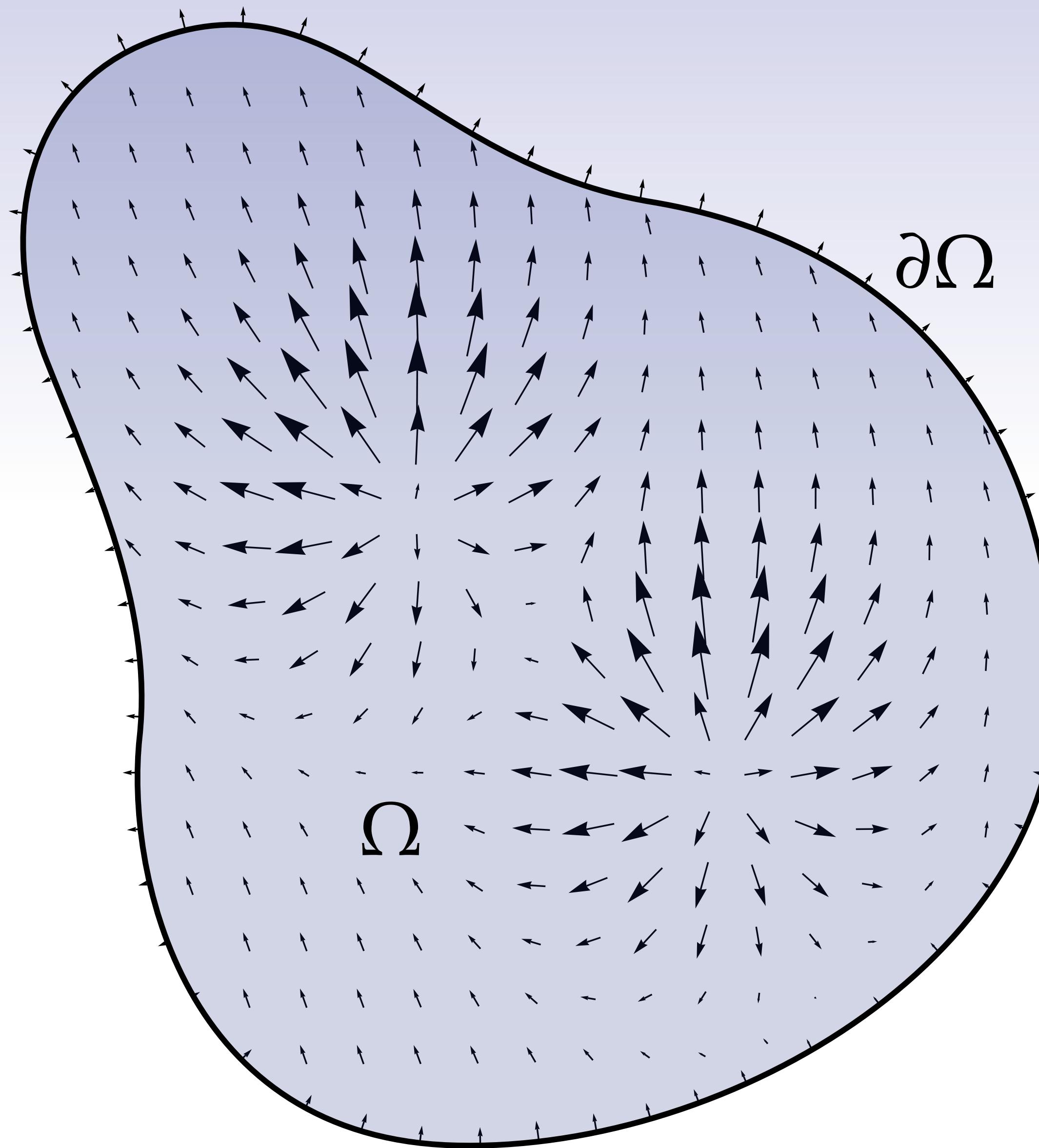
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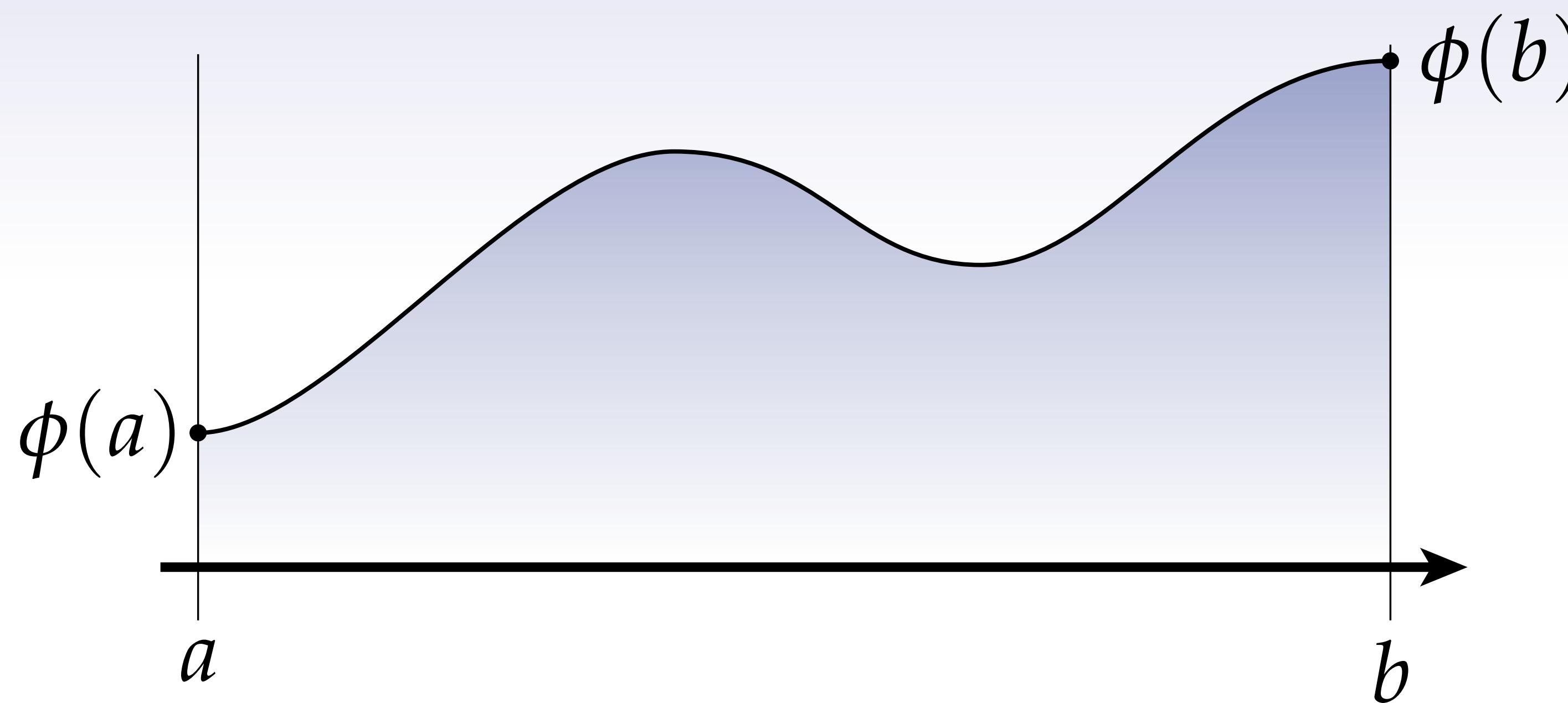


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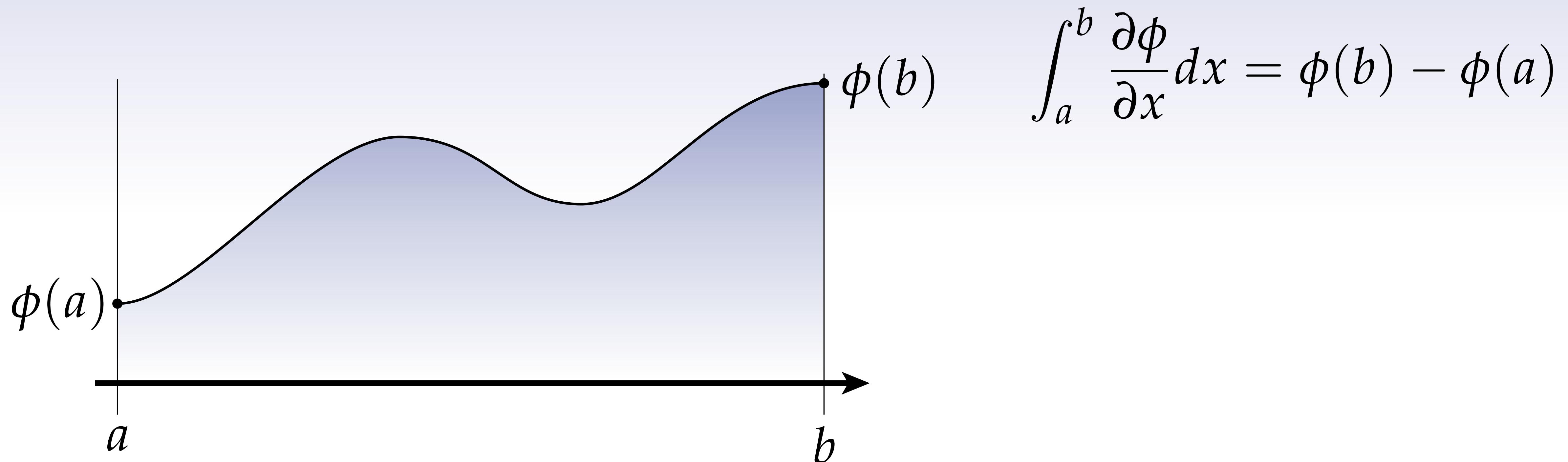
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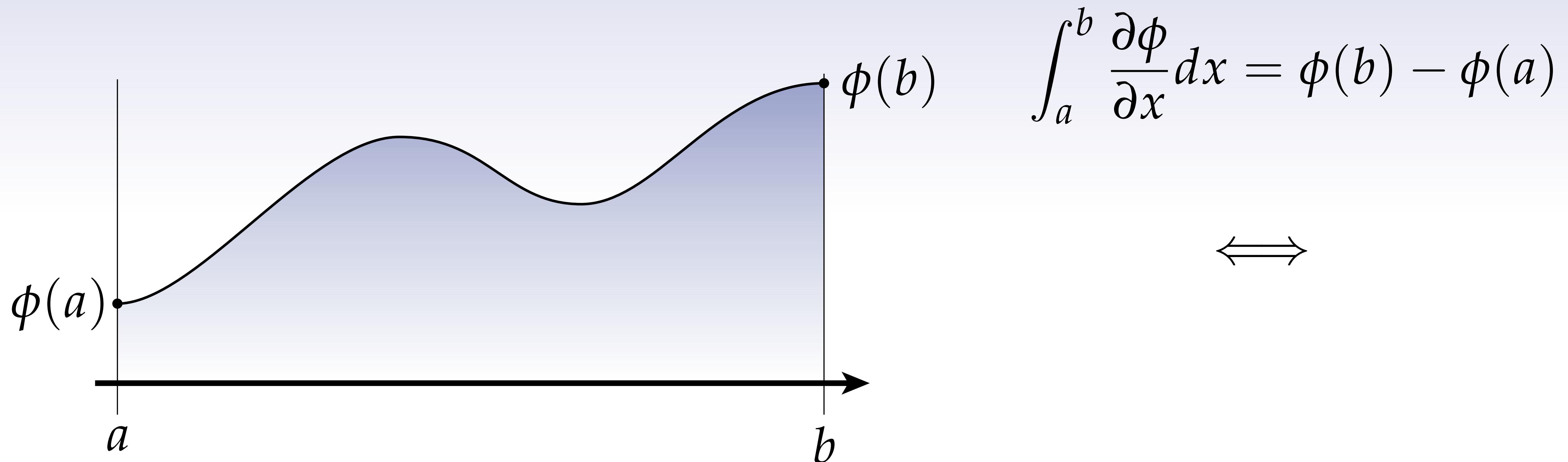
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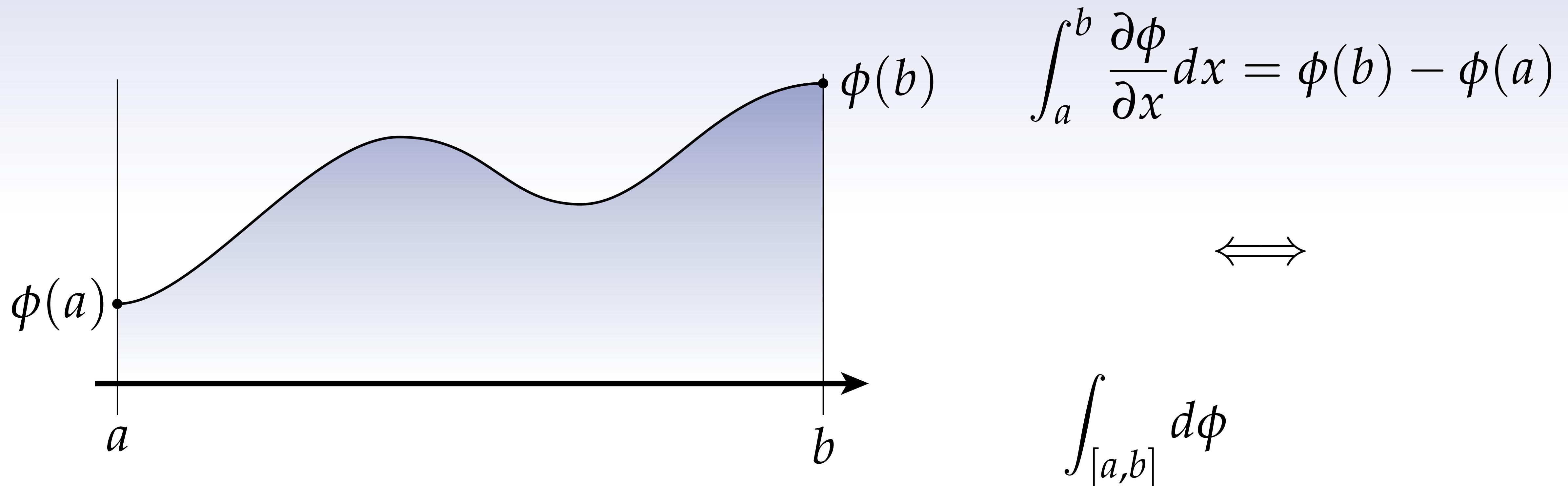
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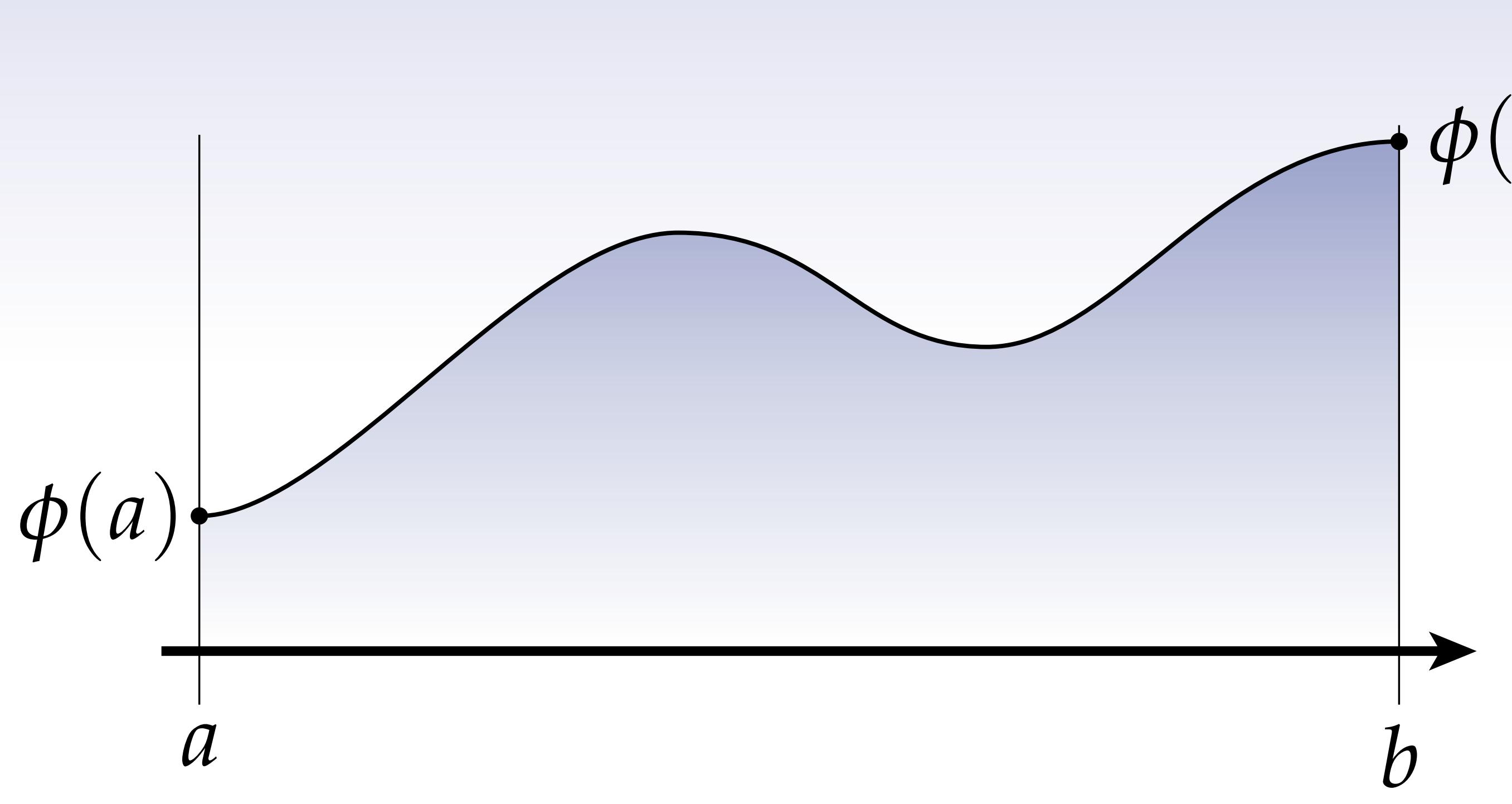
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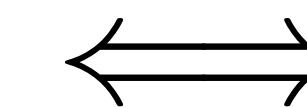
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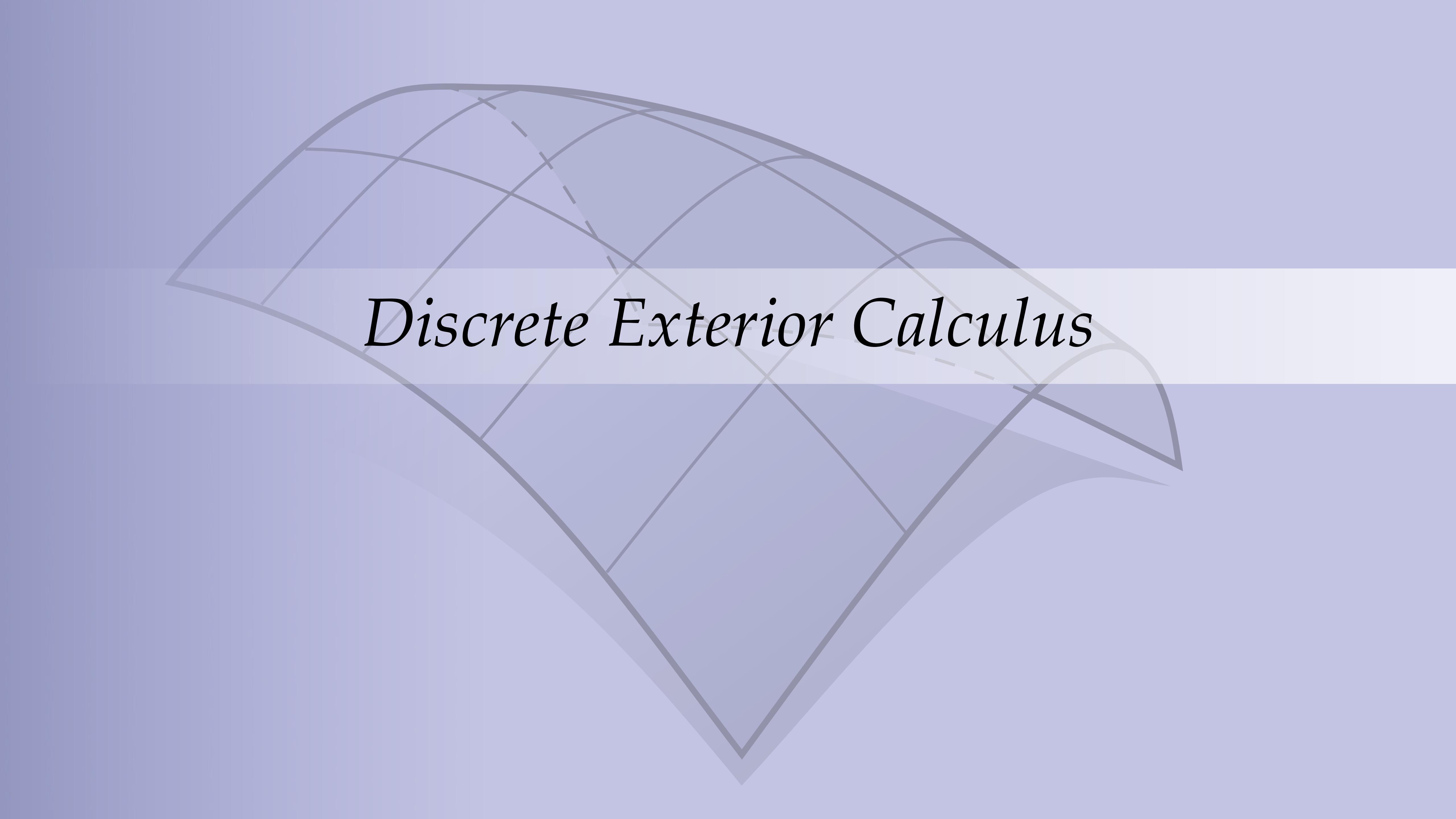
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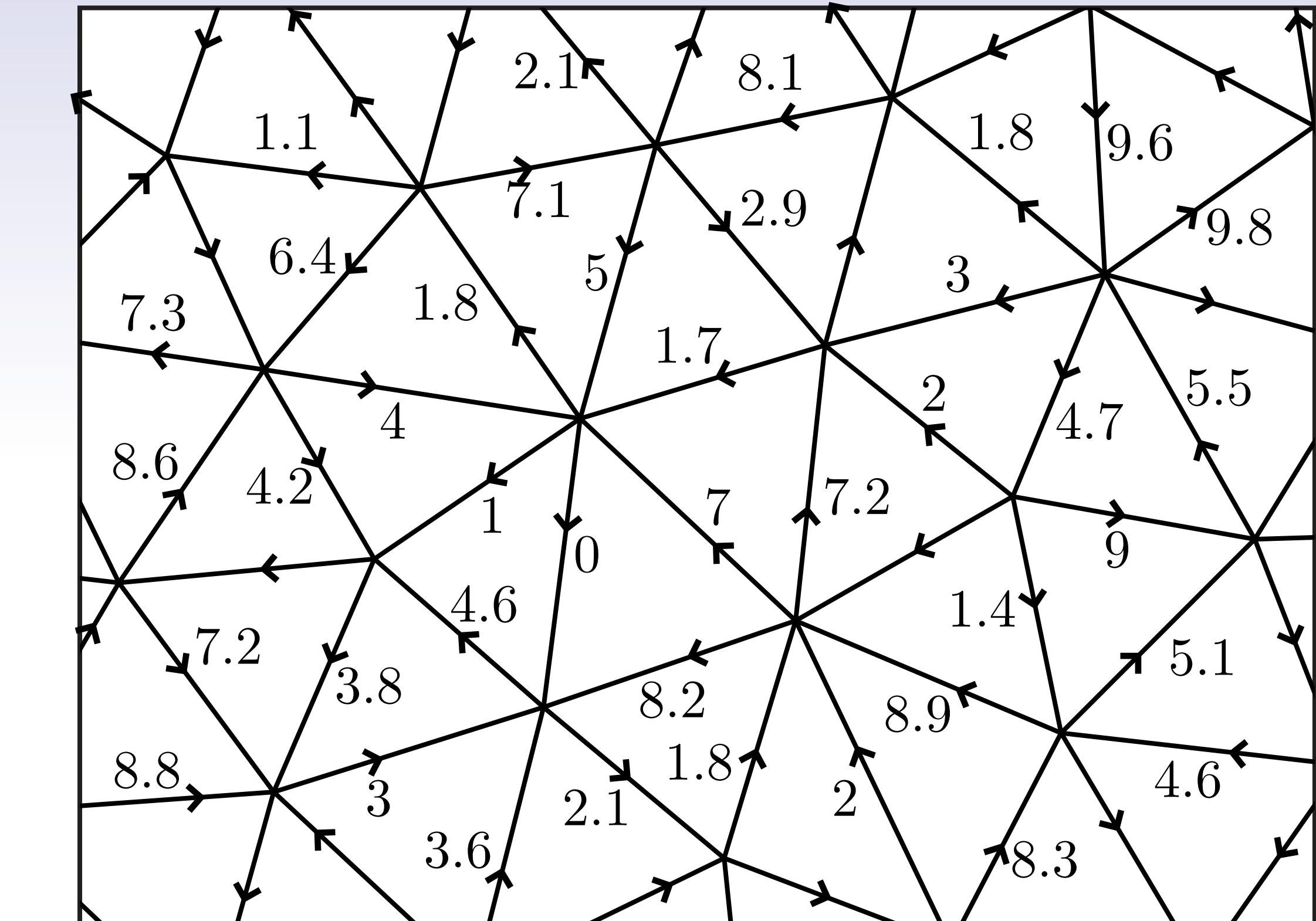
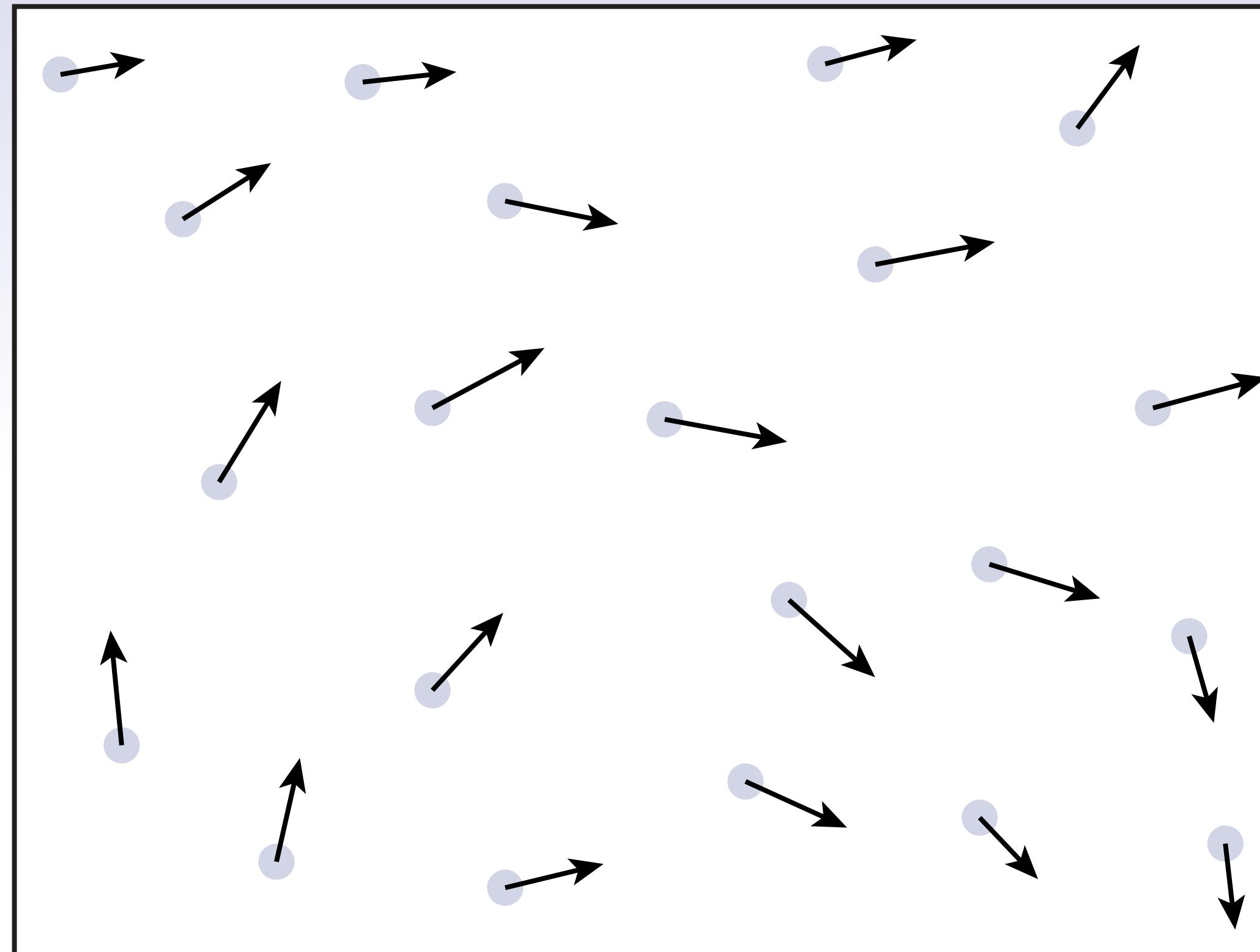
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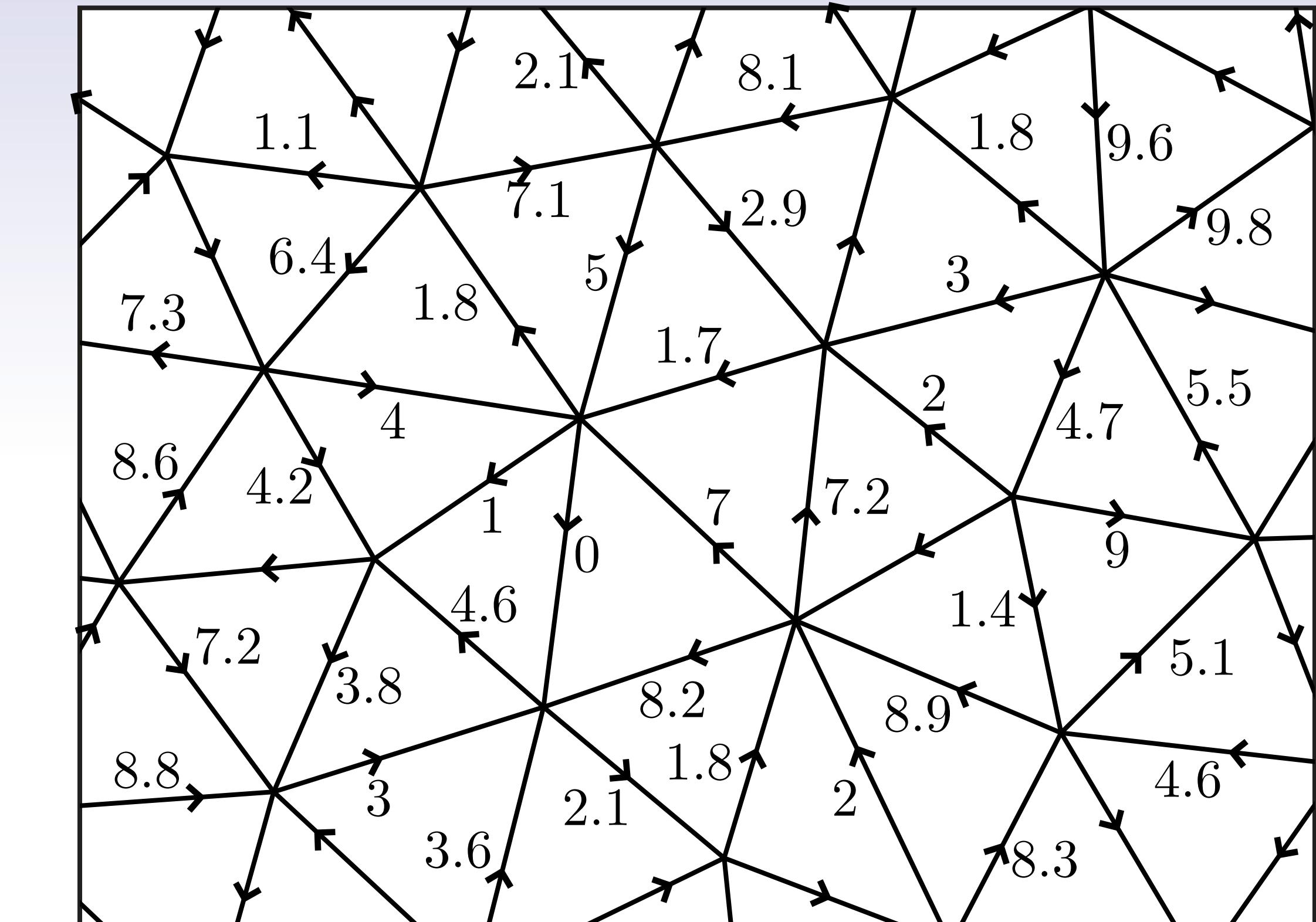
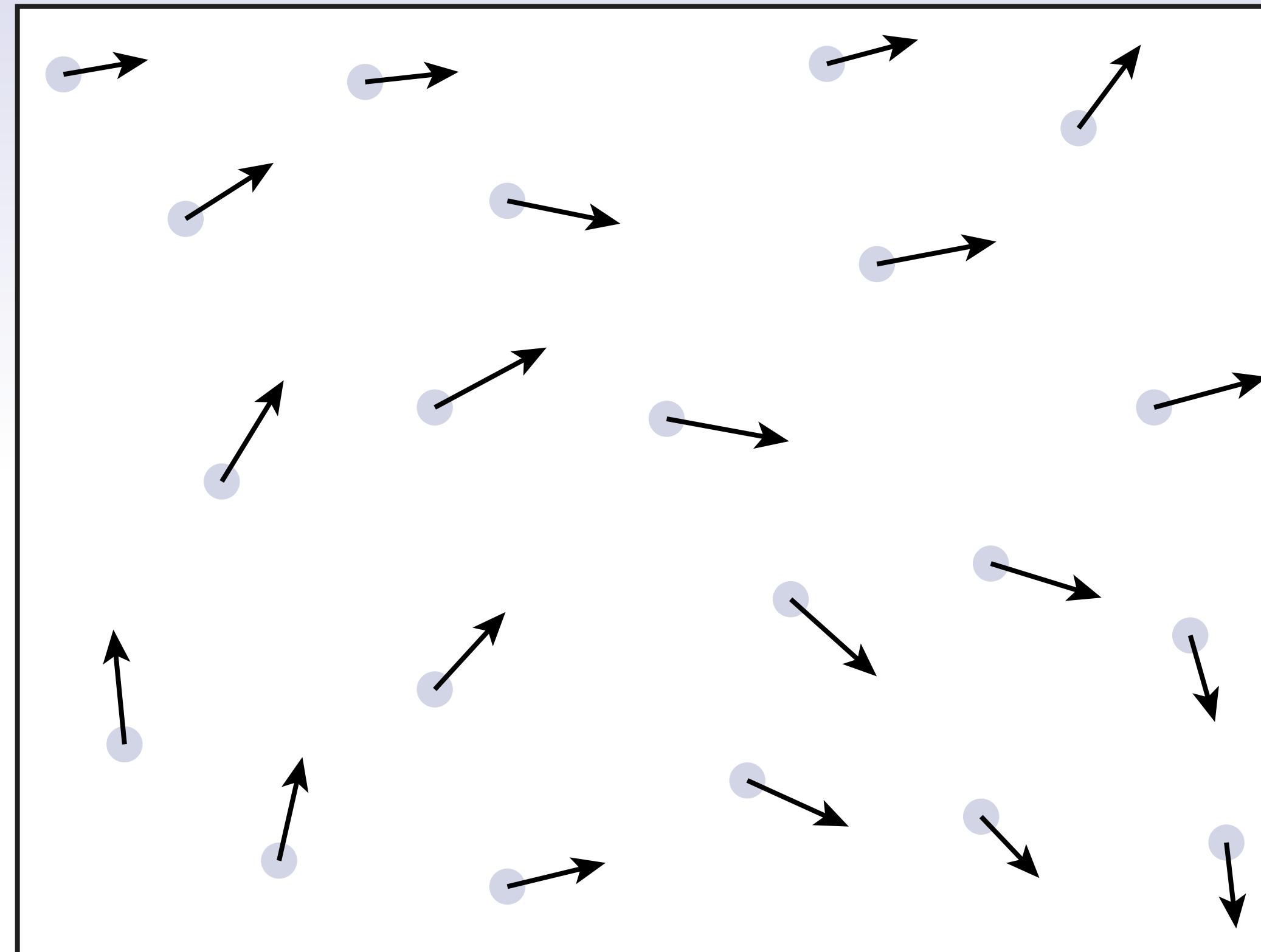
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Discrete Exterior Calculus

Discrete Differential Forms



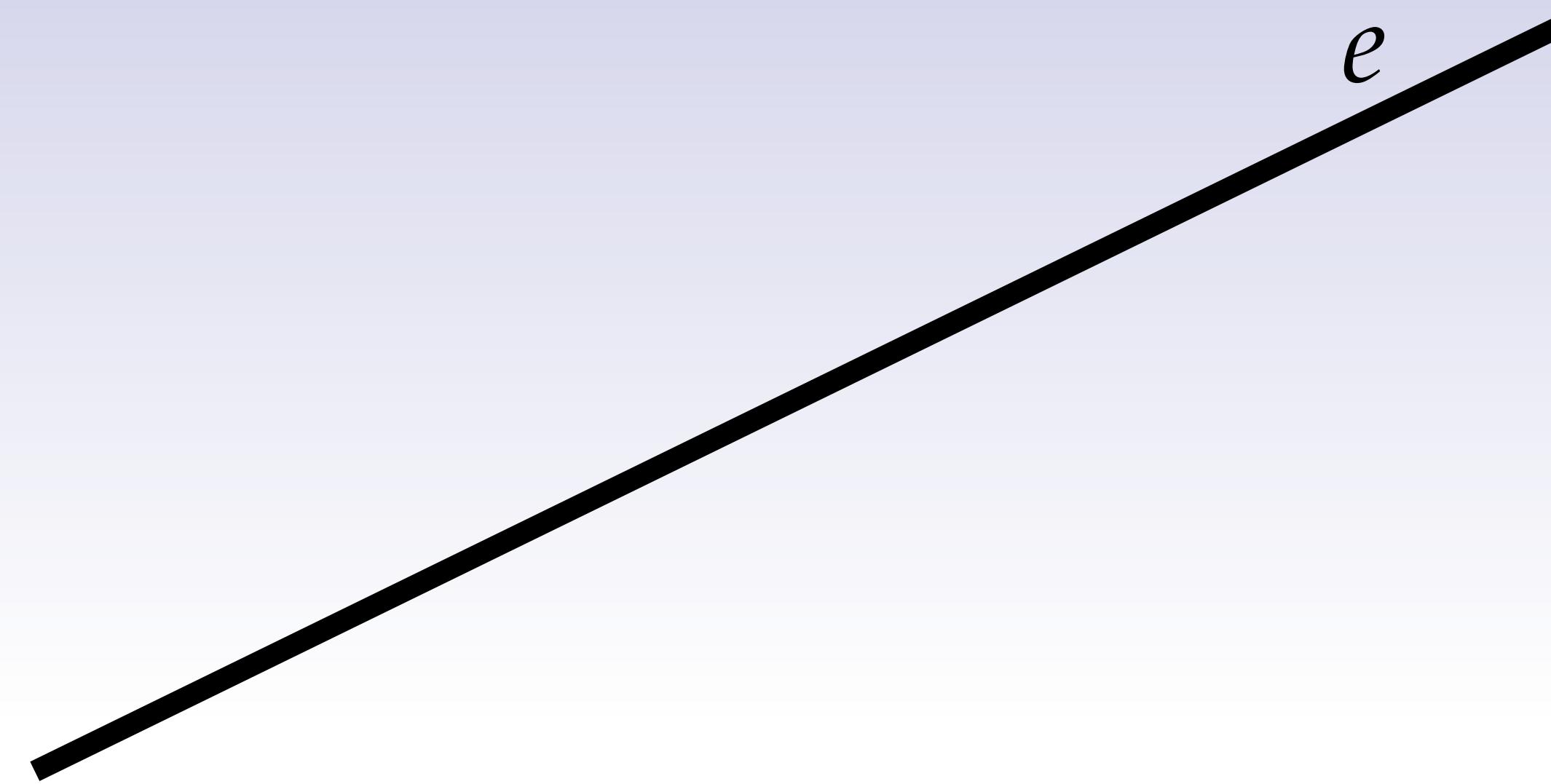
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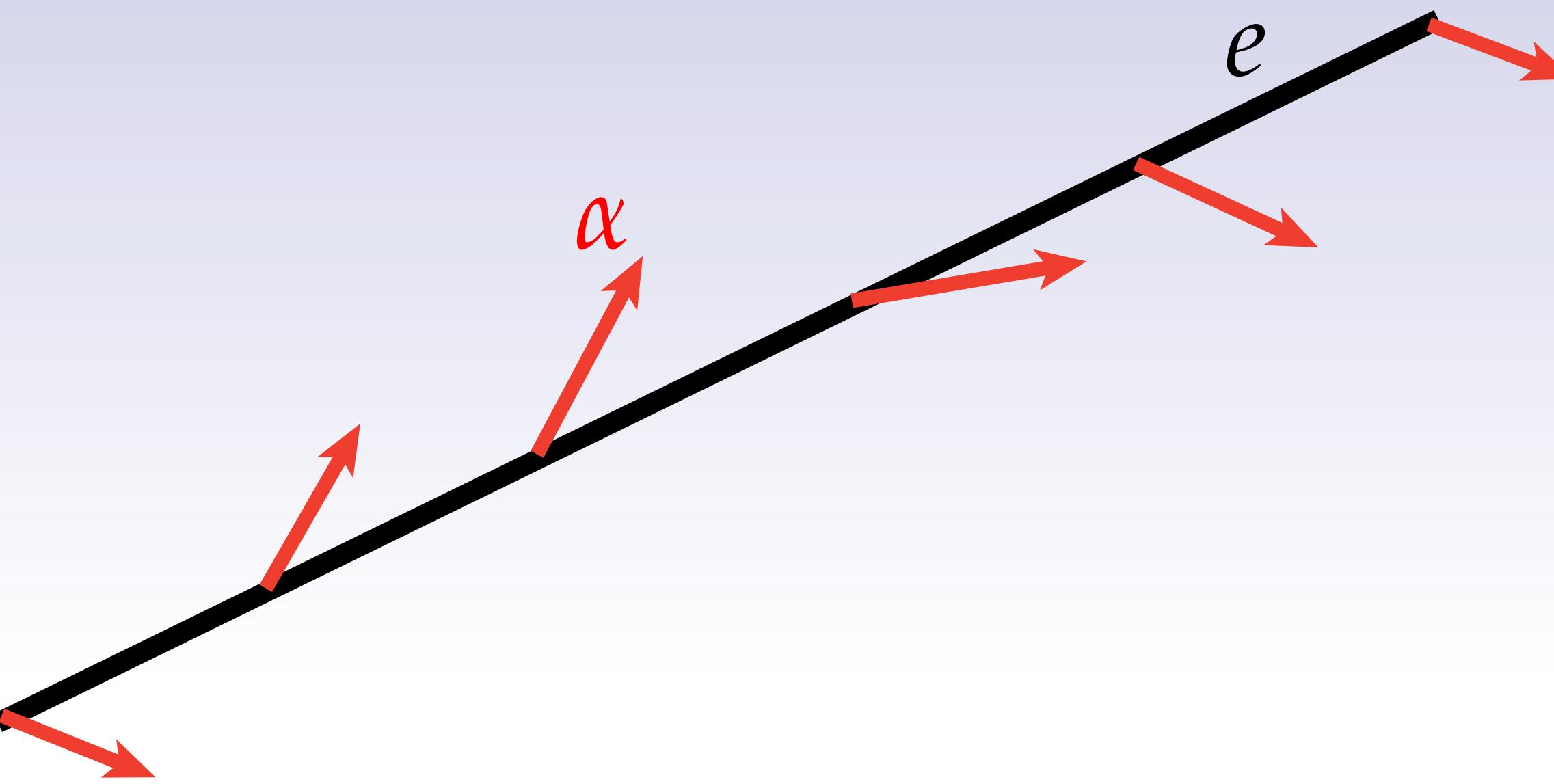
Basic idea: *integrate!*

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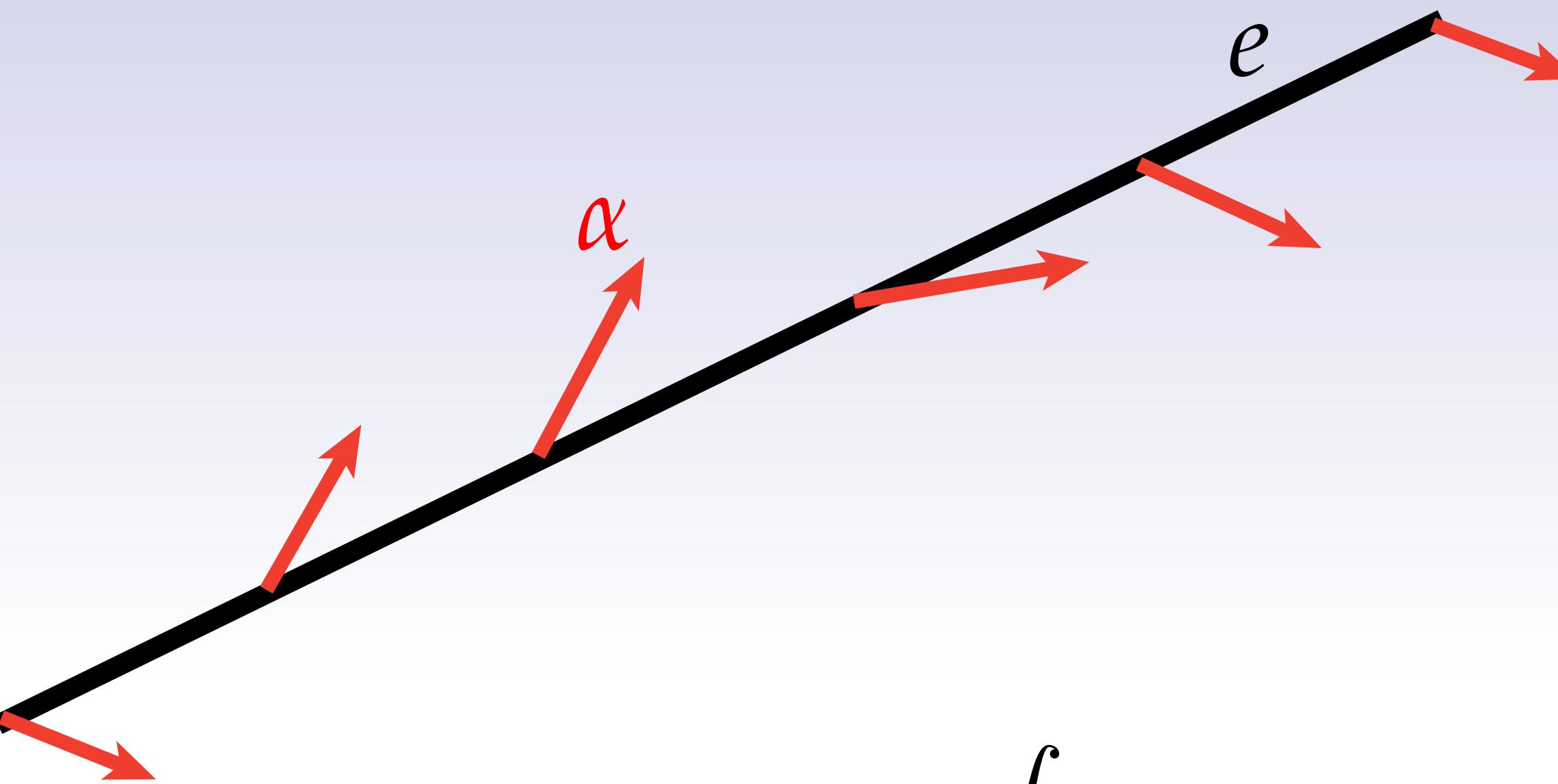
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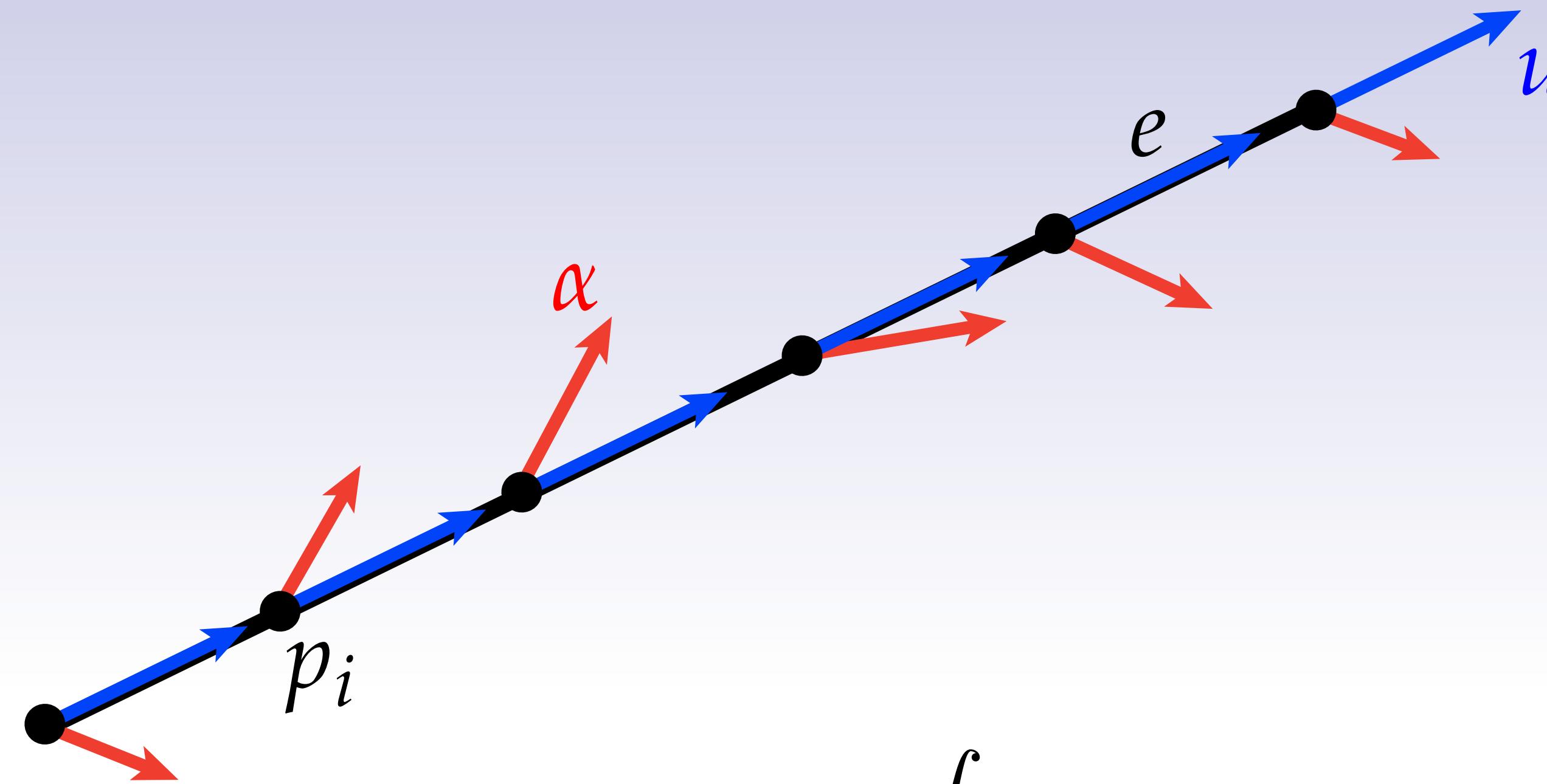


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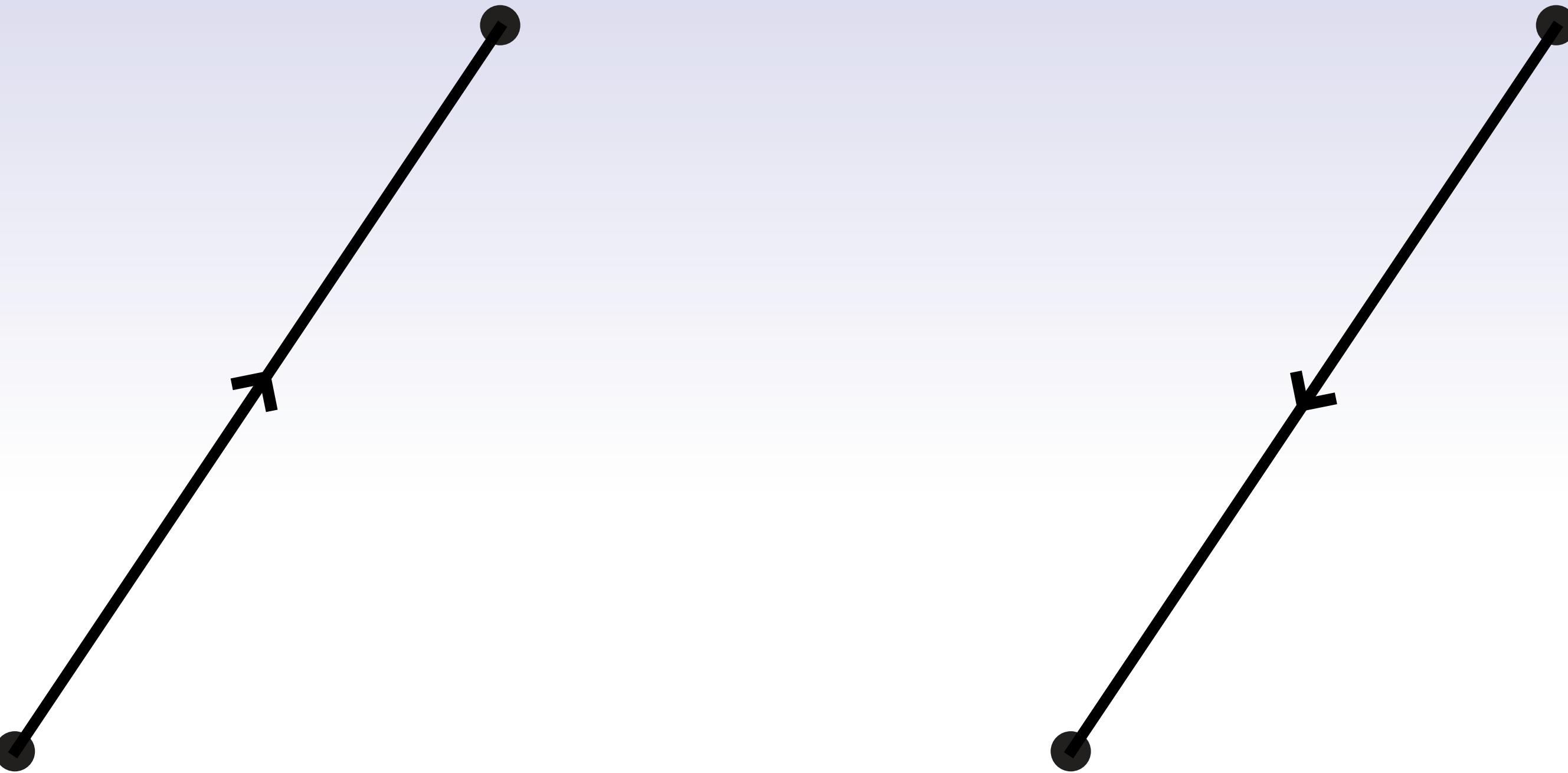


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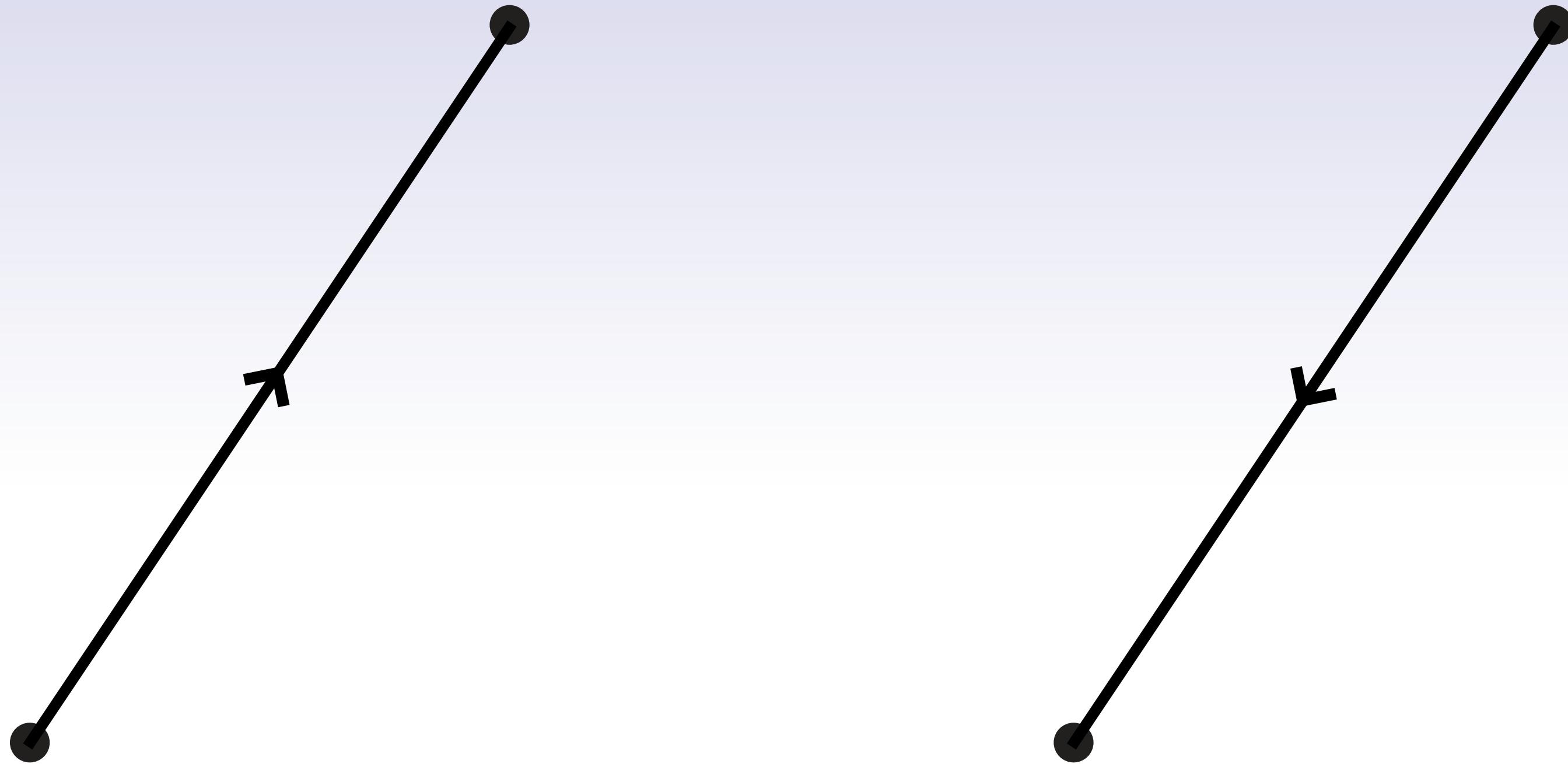
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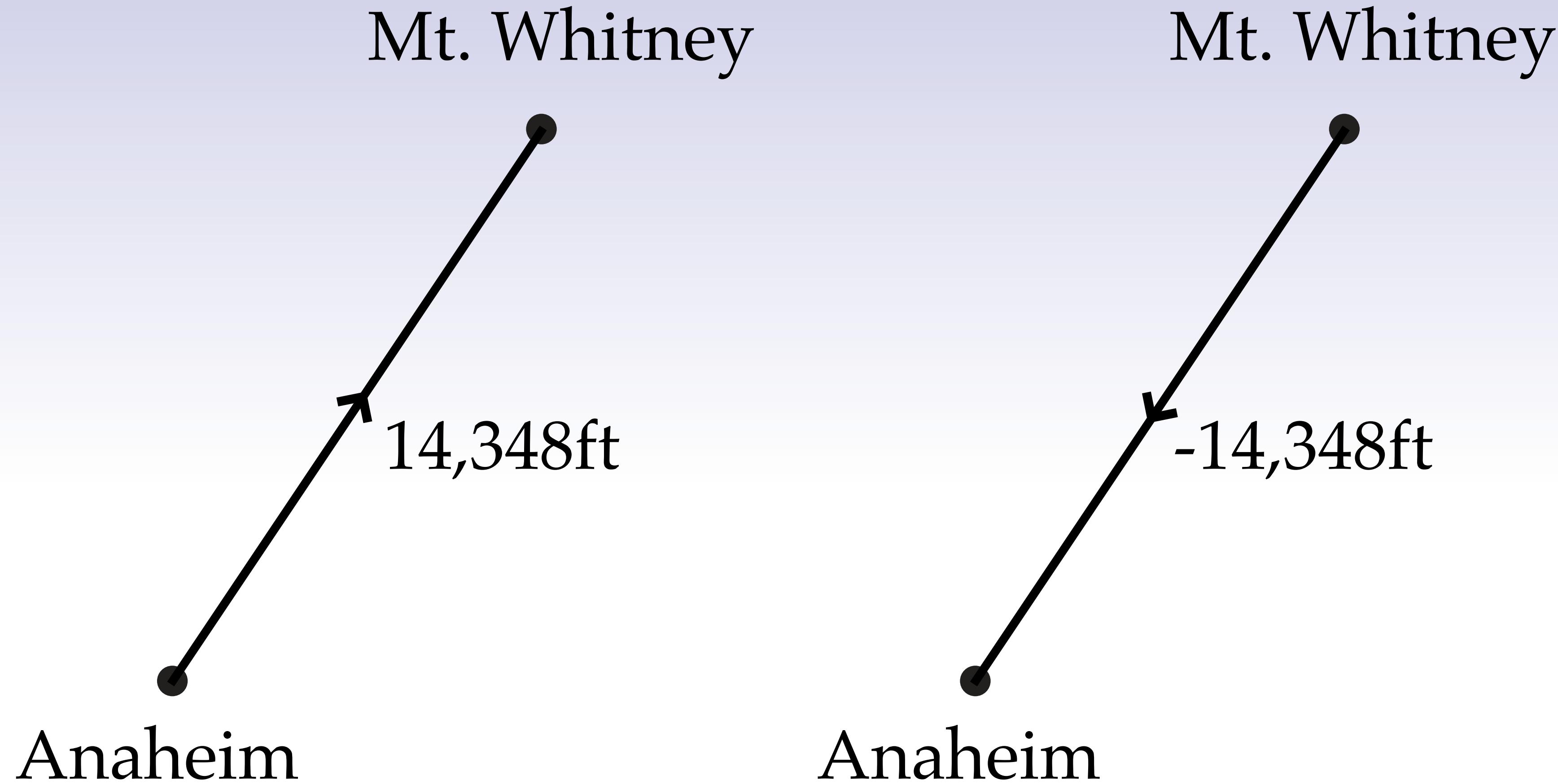


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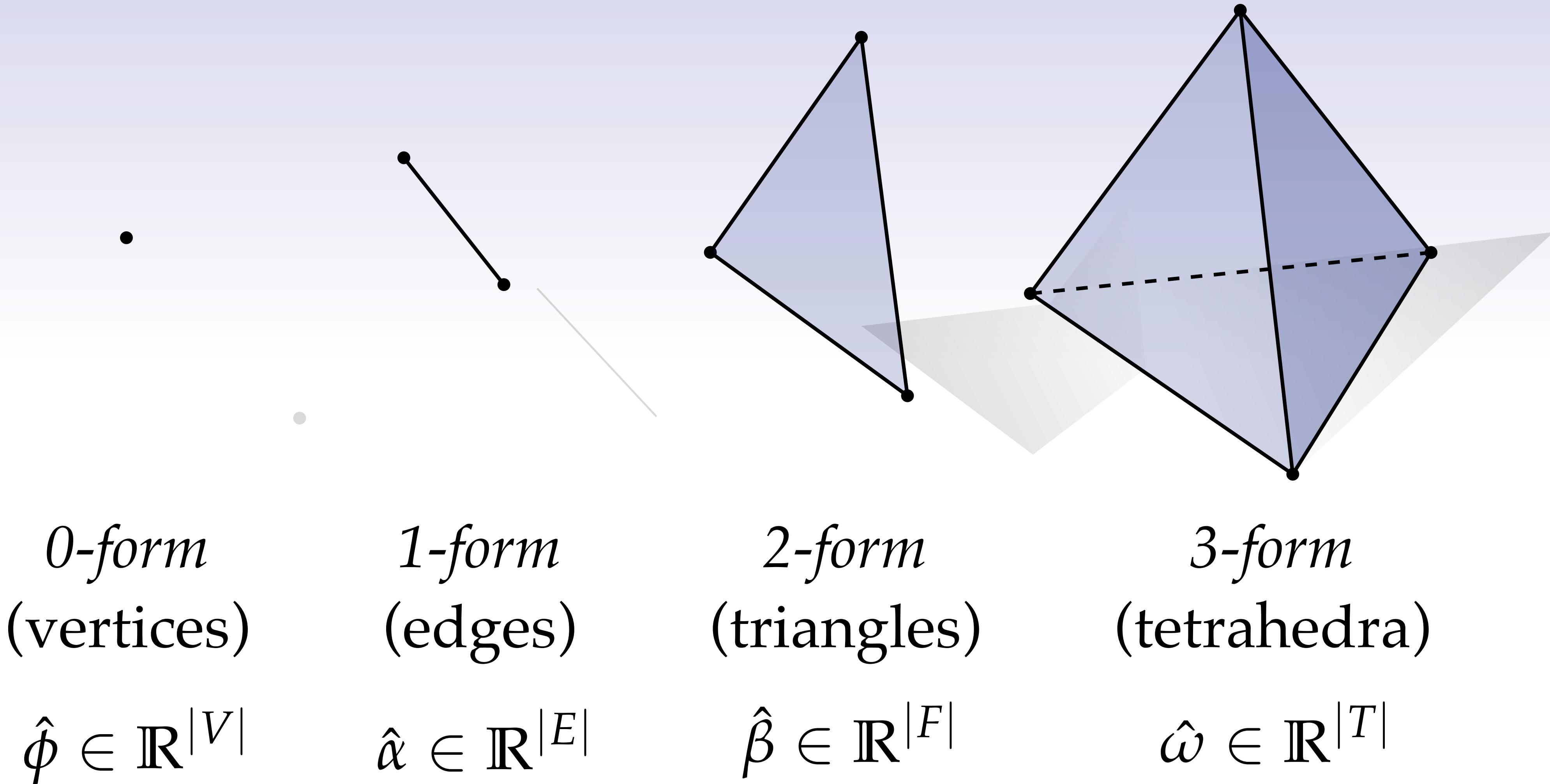
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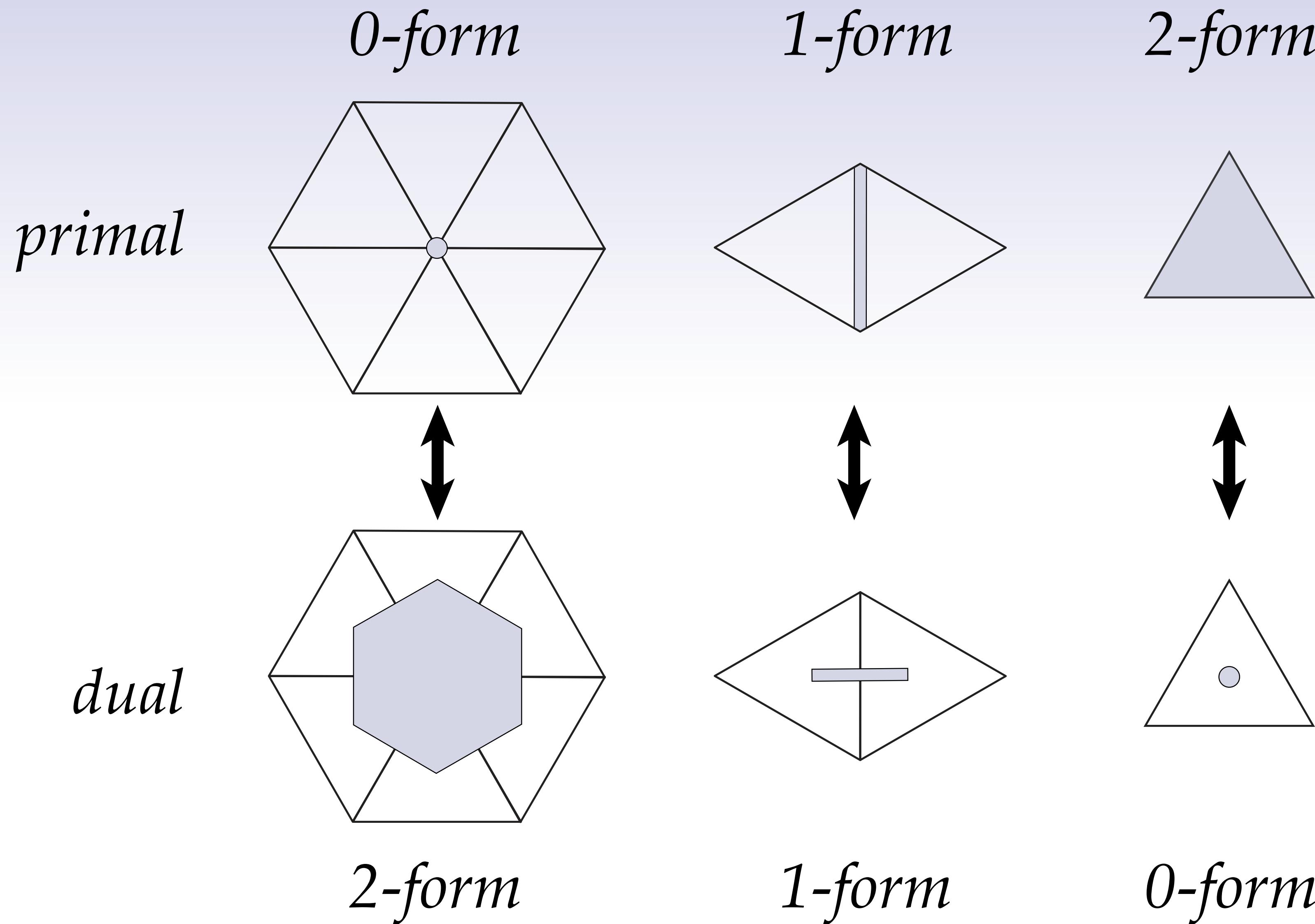


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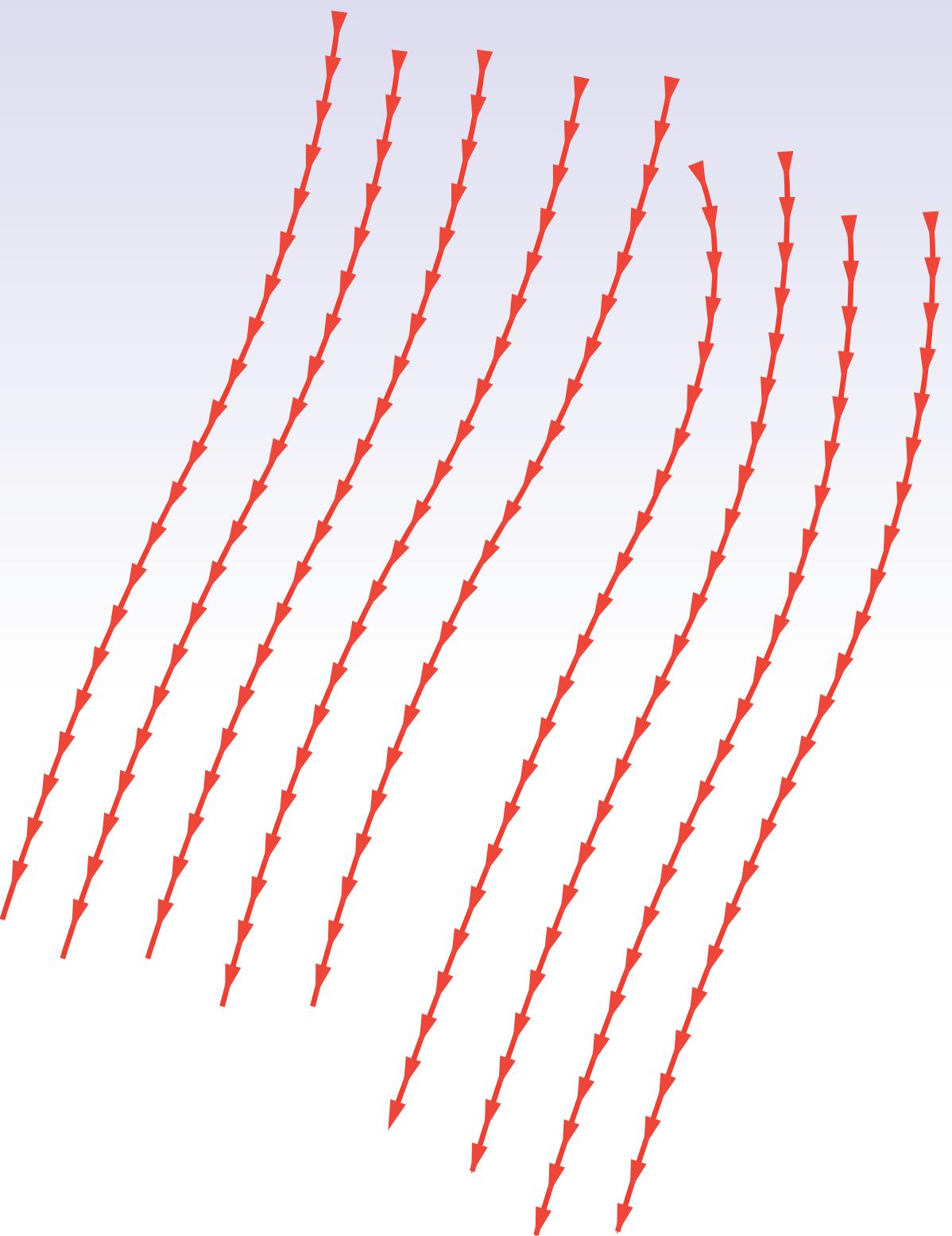


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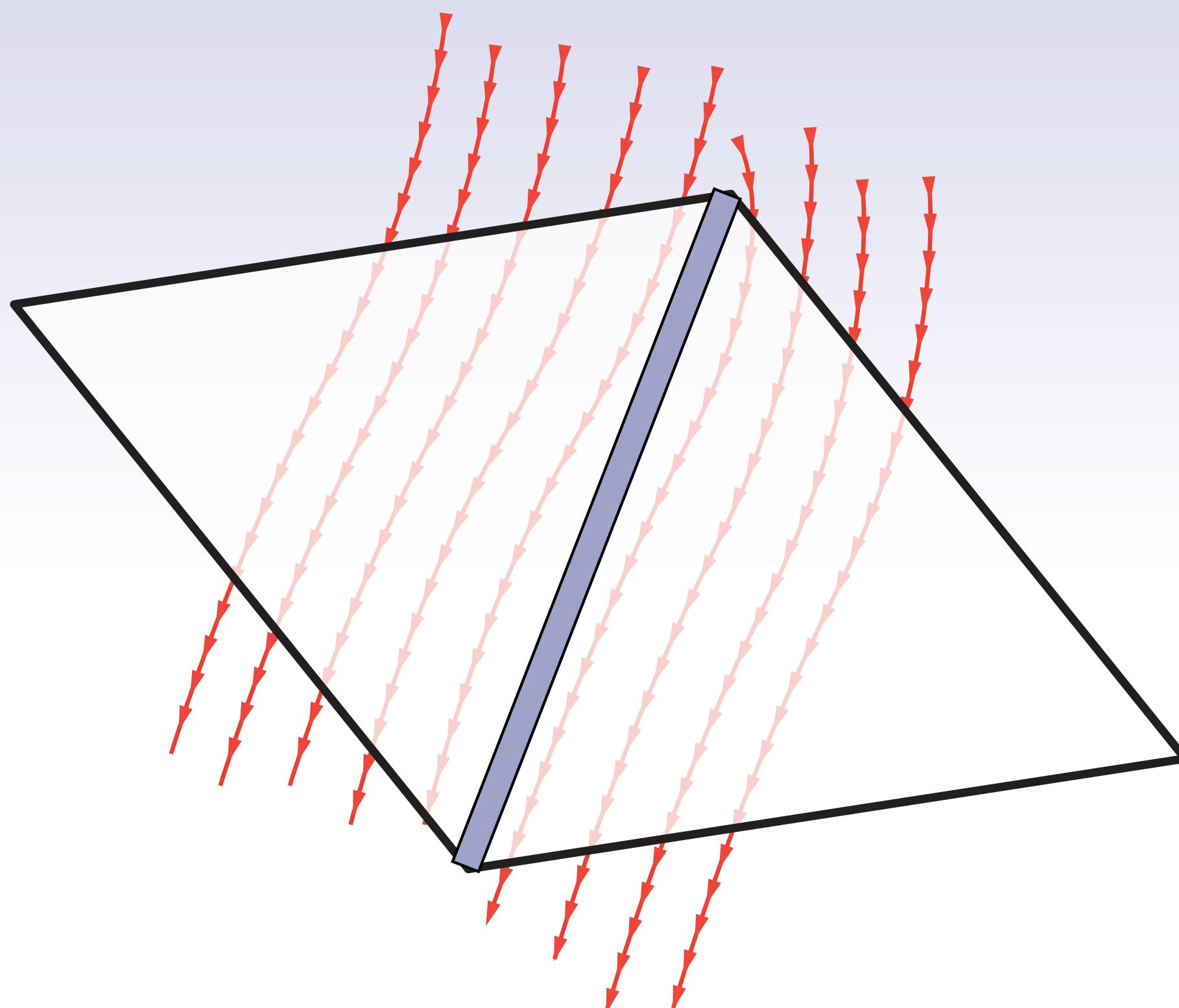


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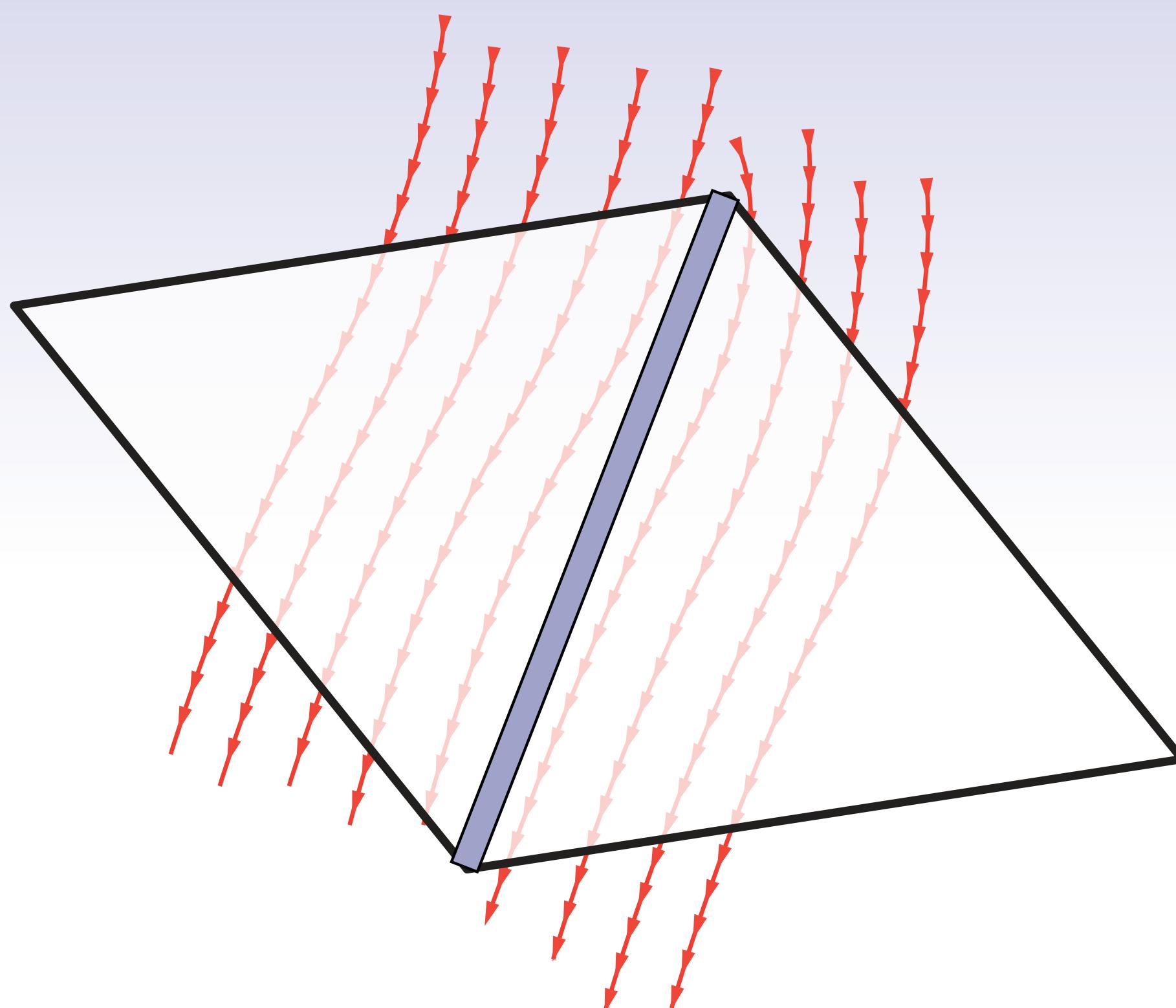


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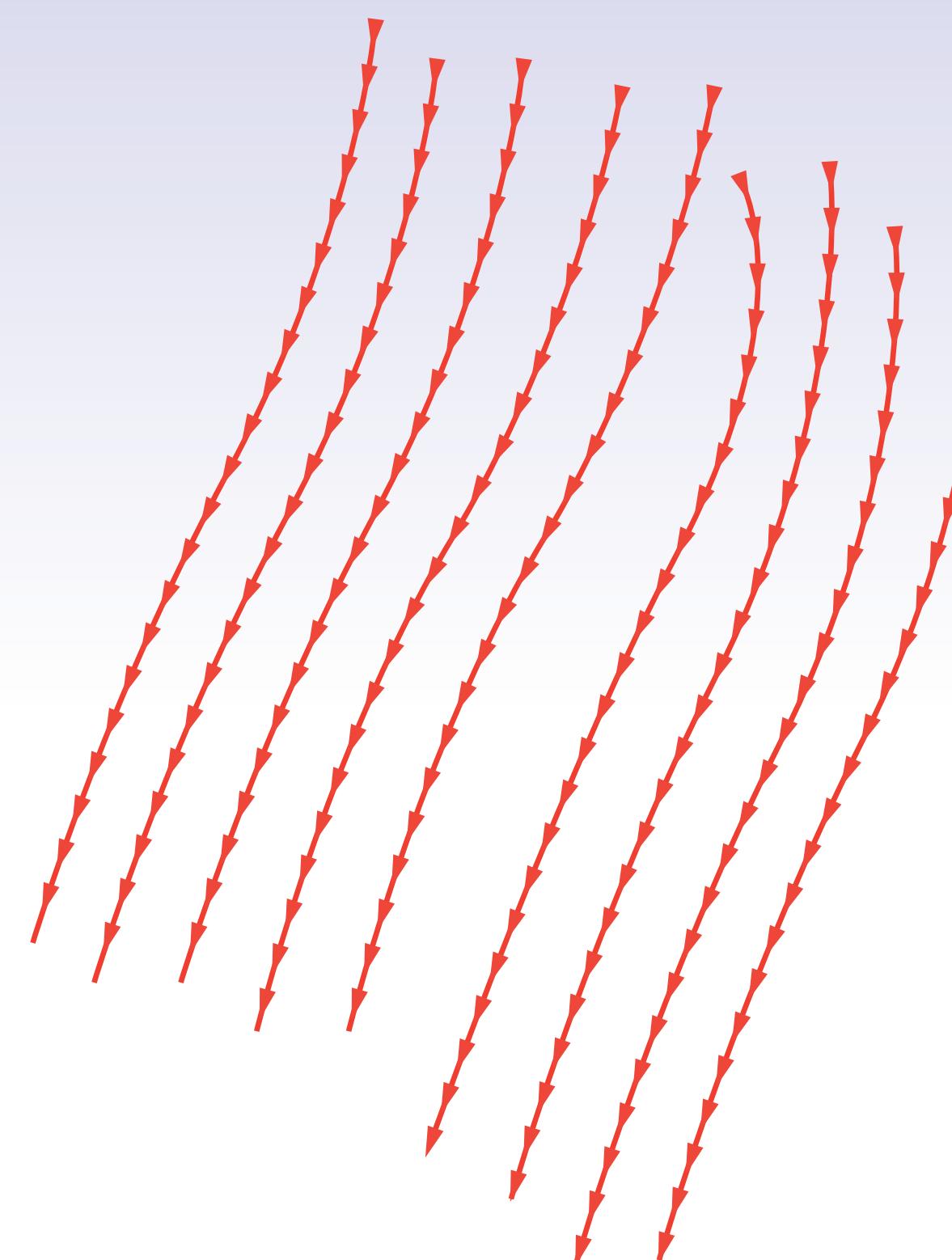


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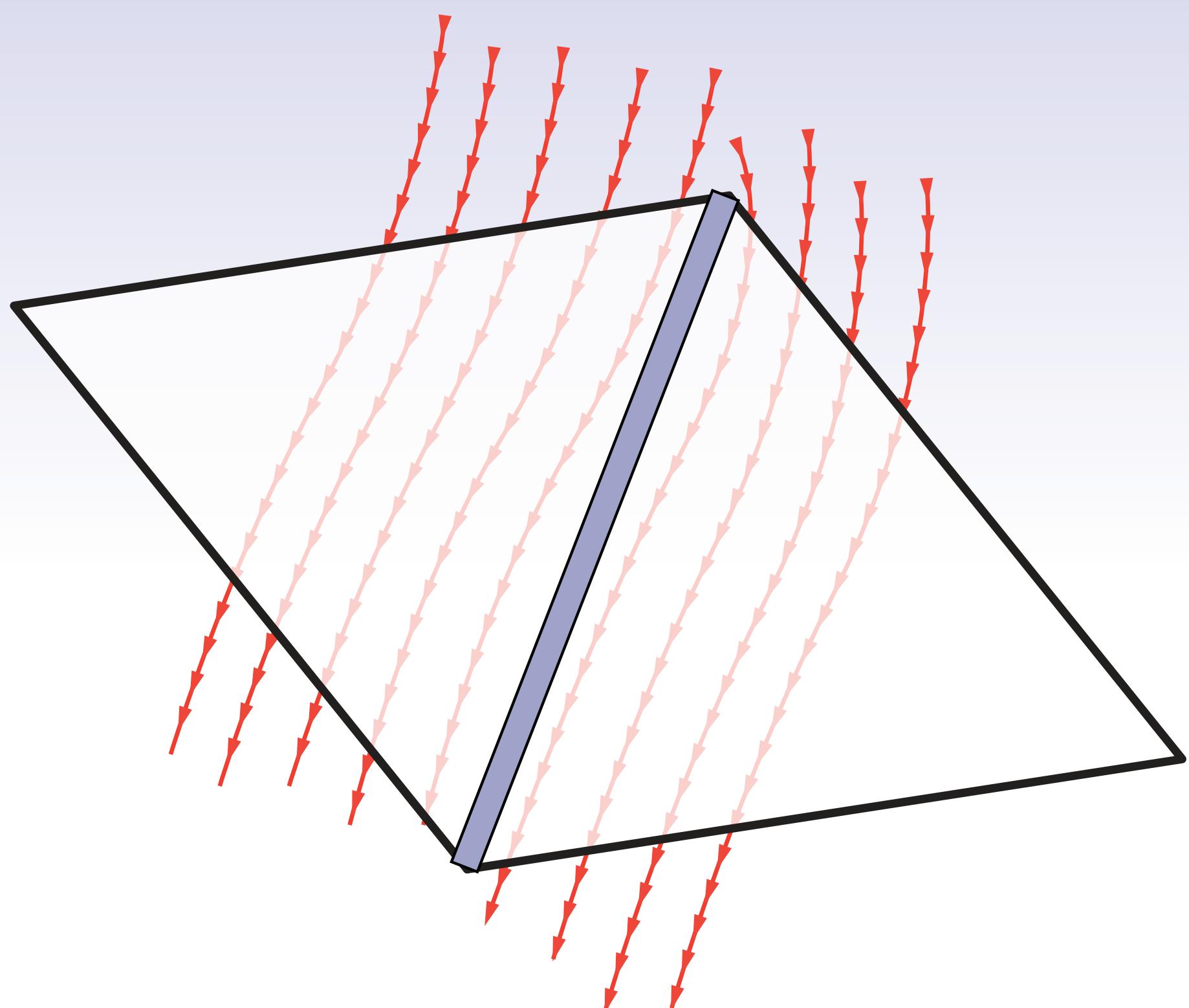
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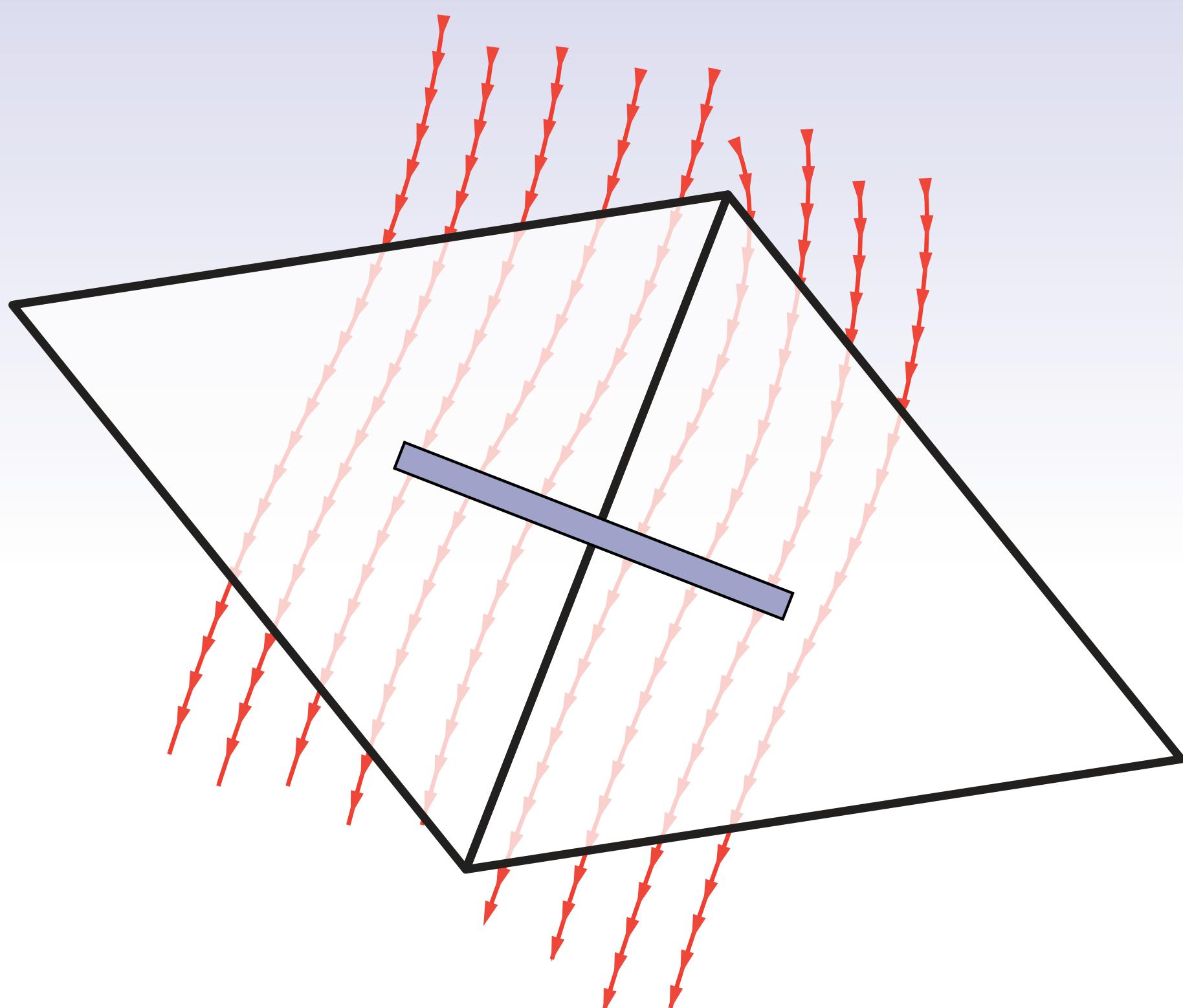
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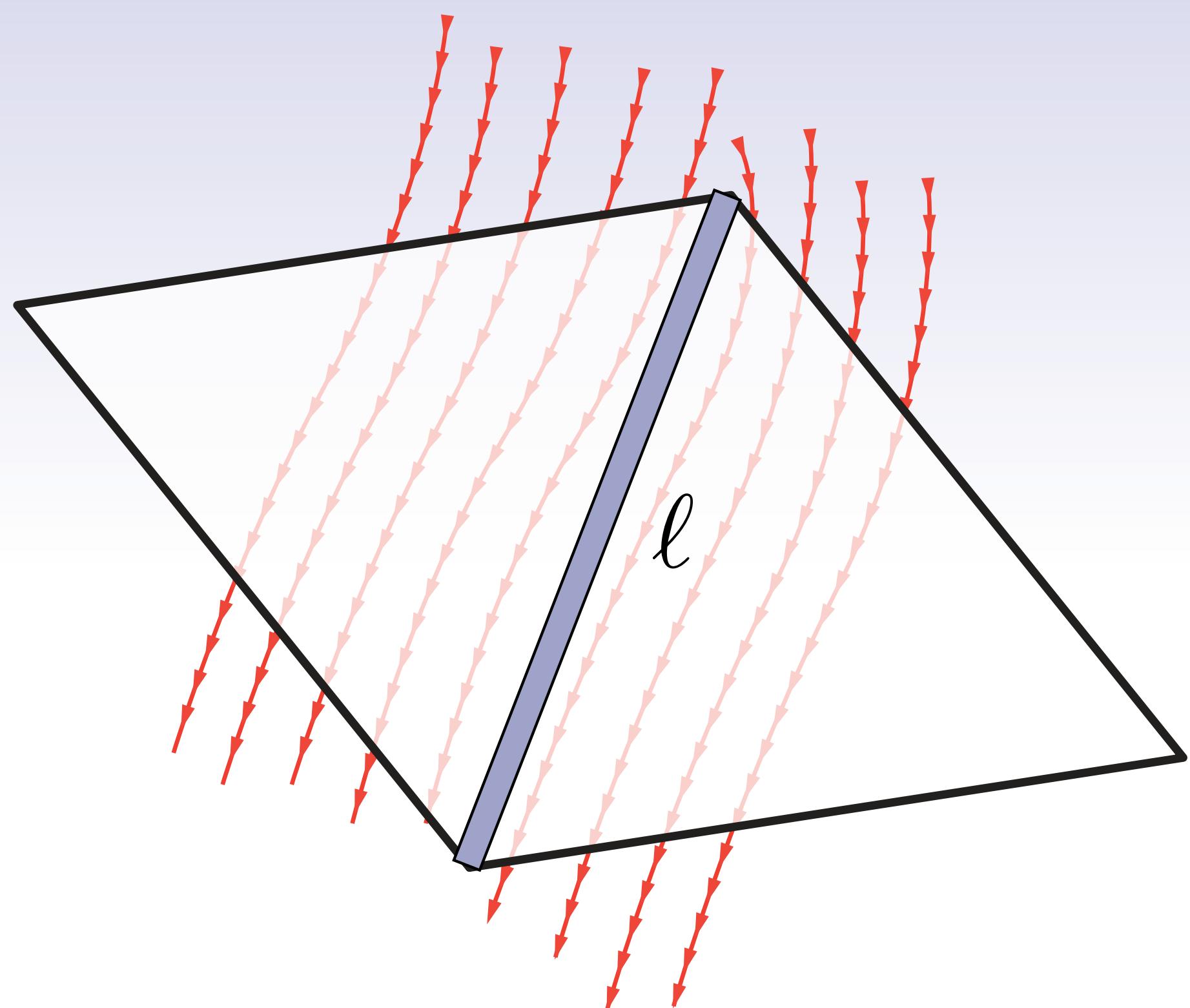


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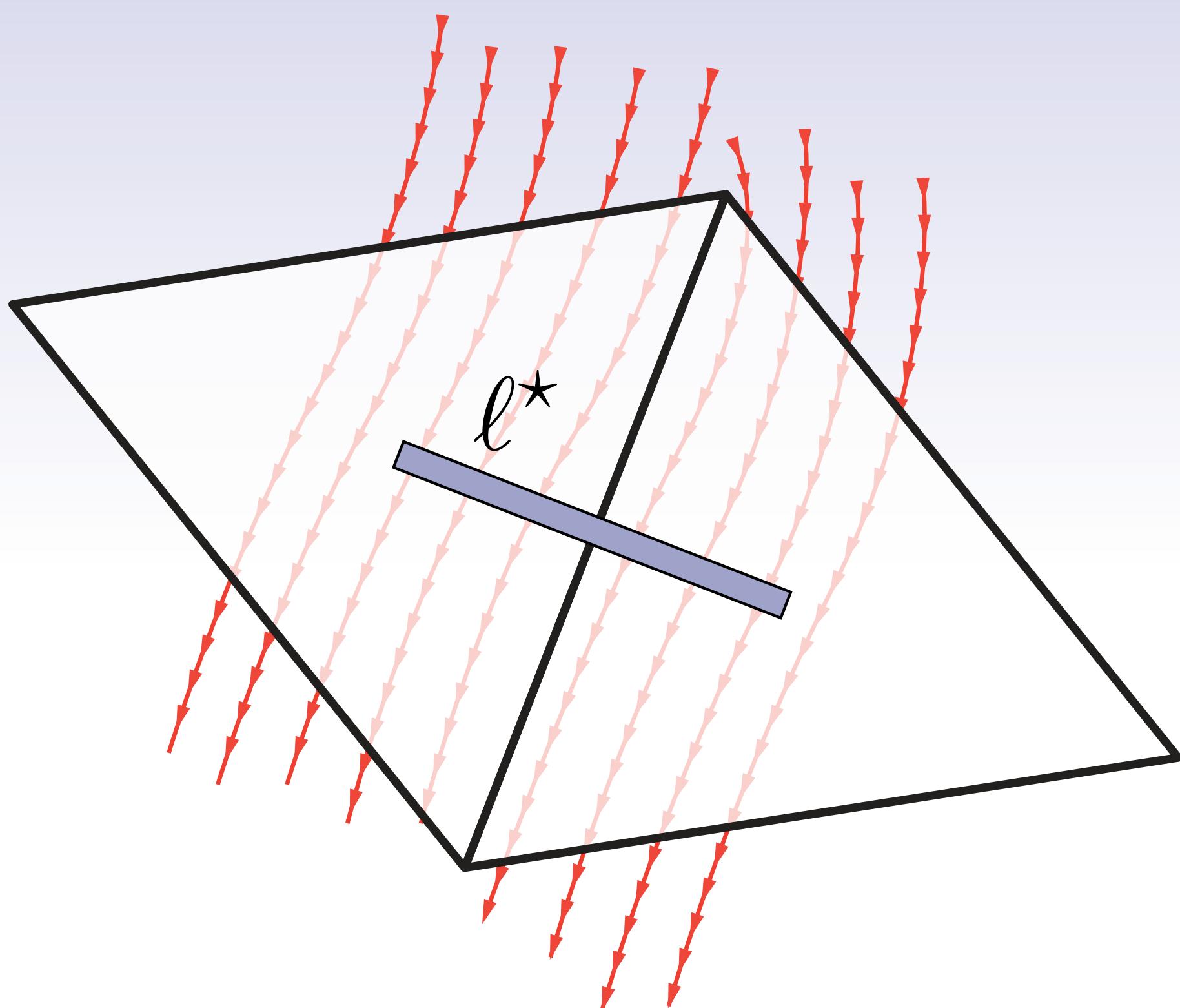


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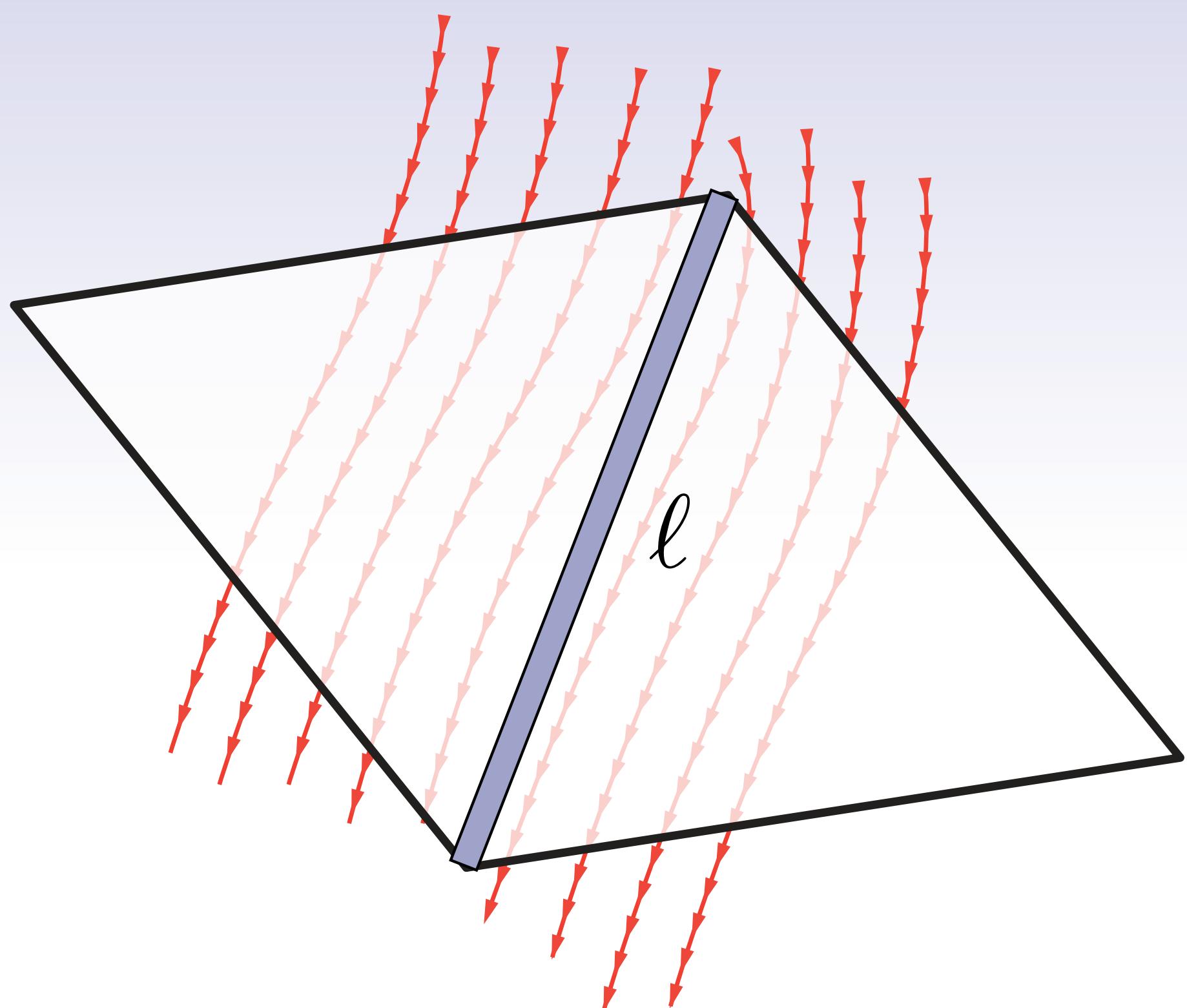


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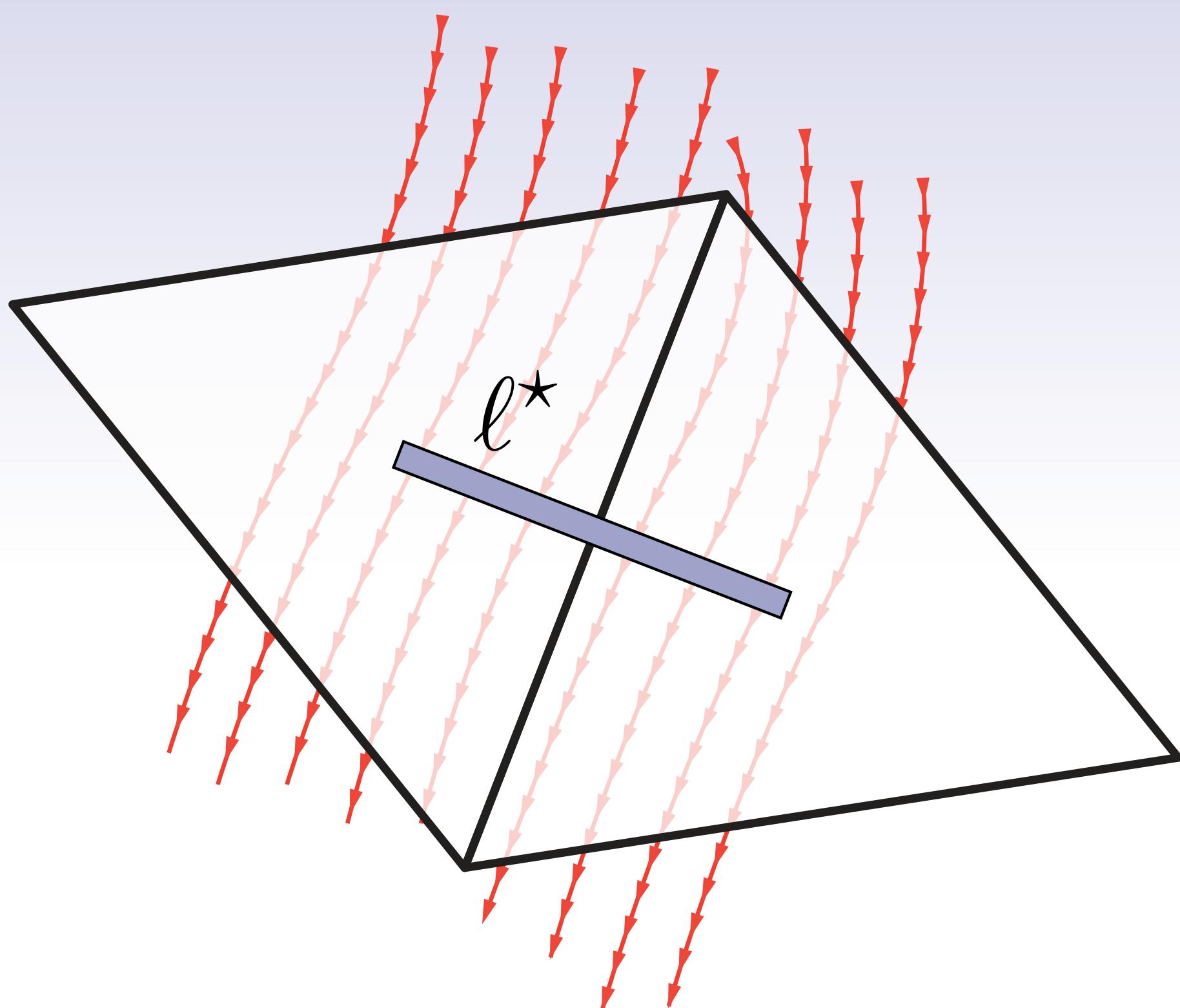
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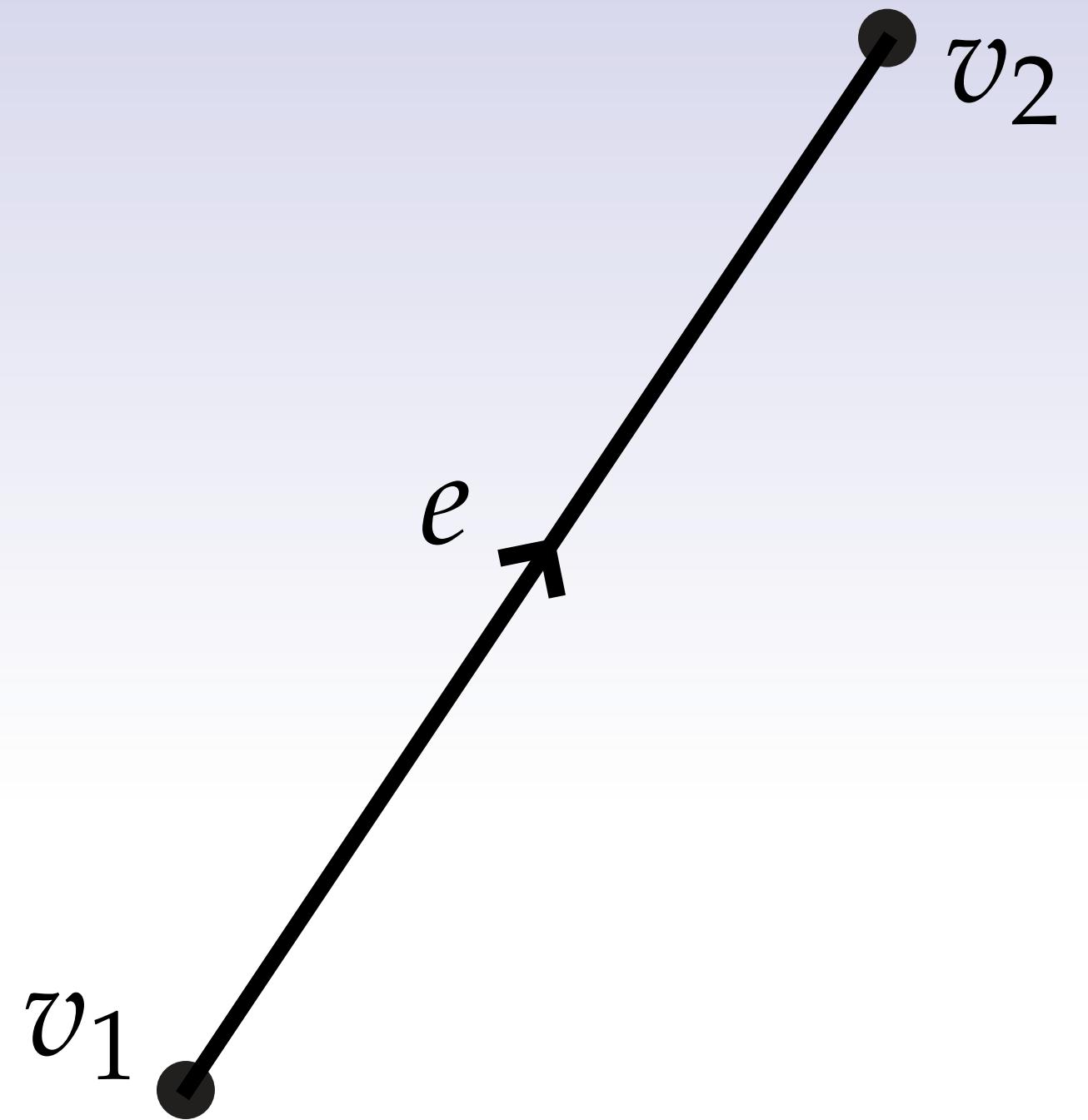


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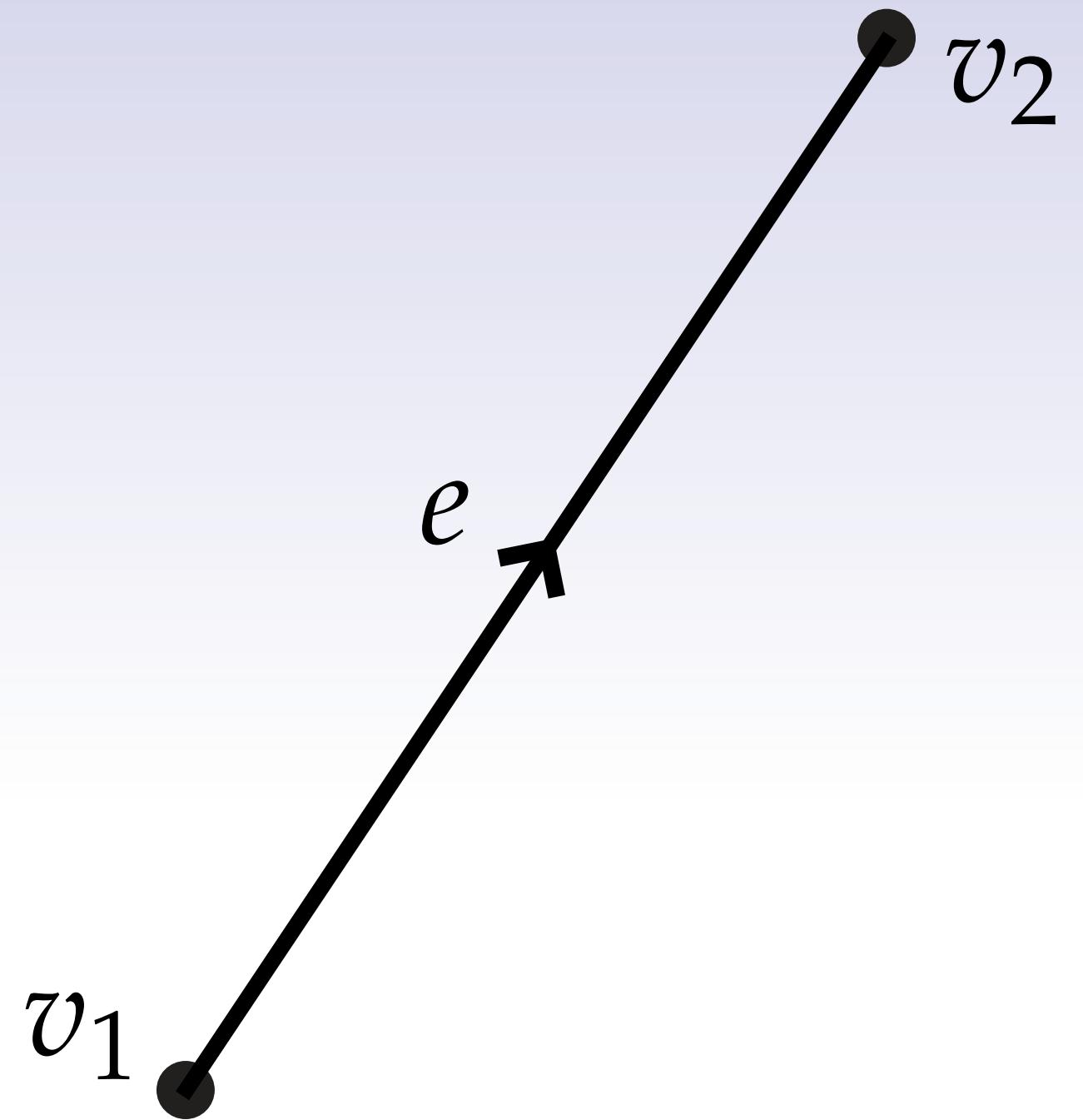
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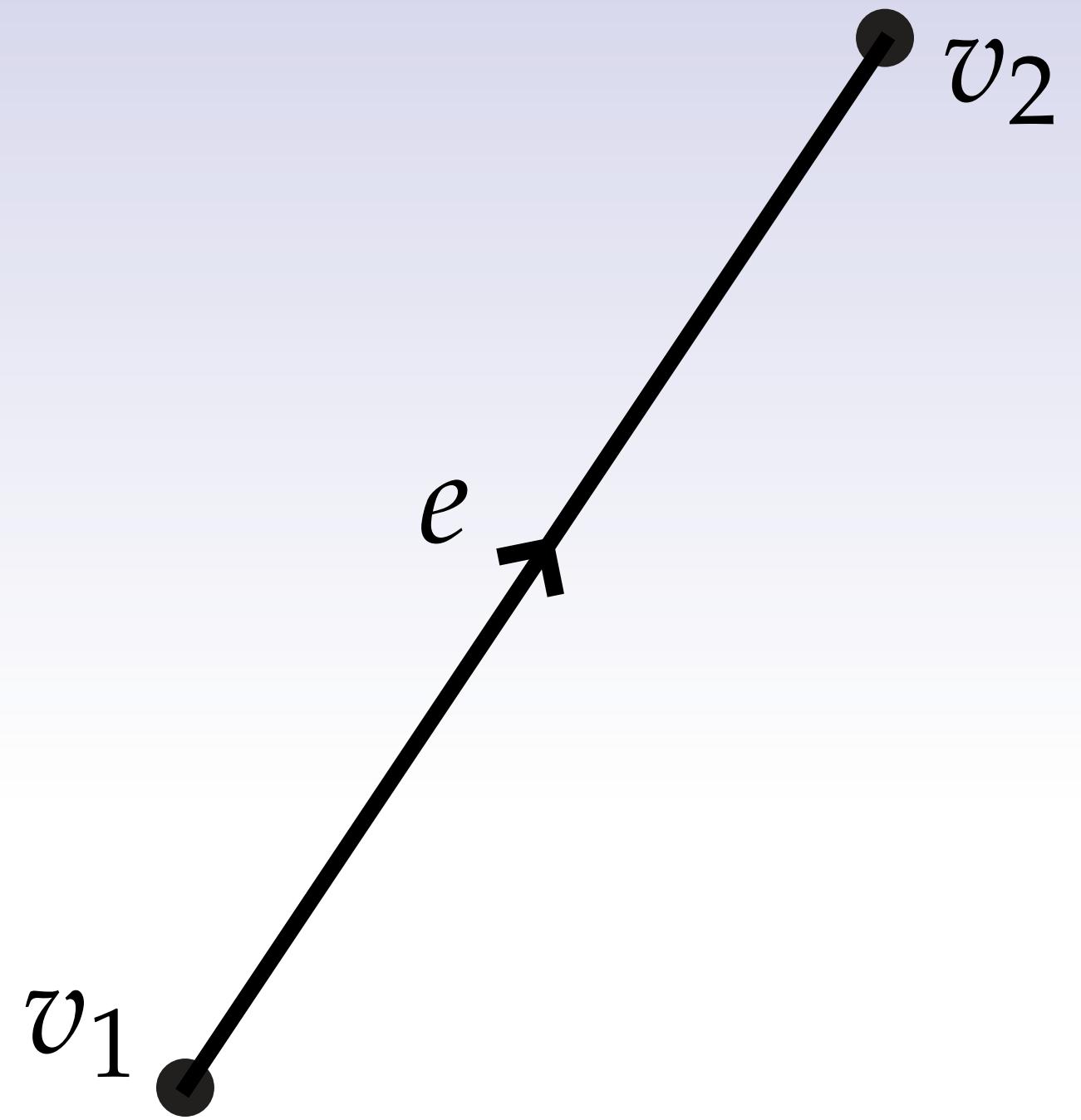


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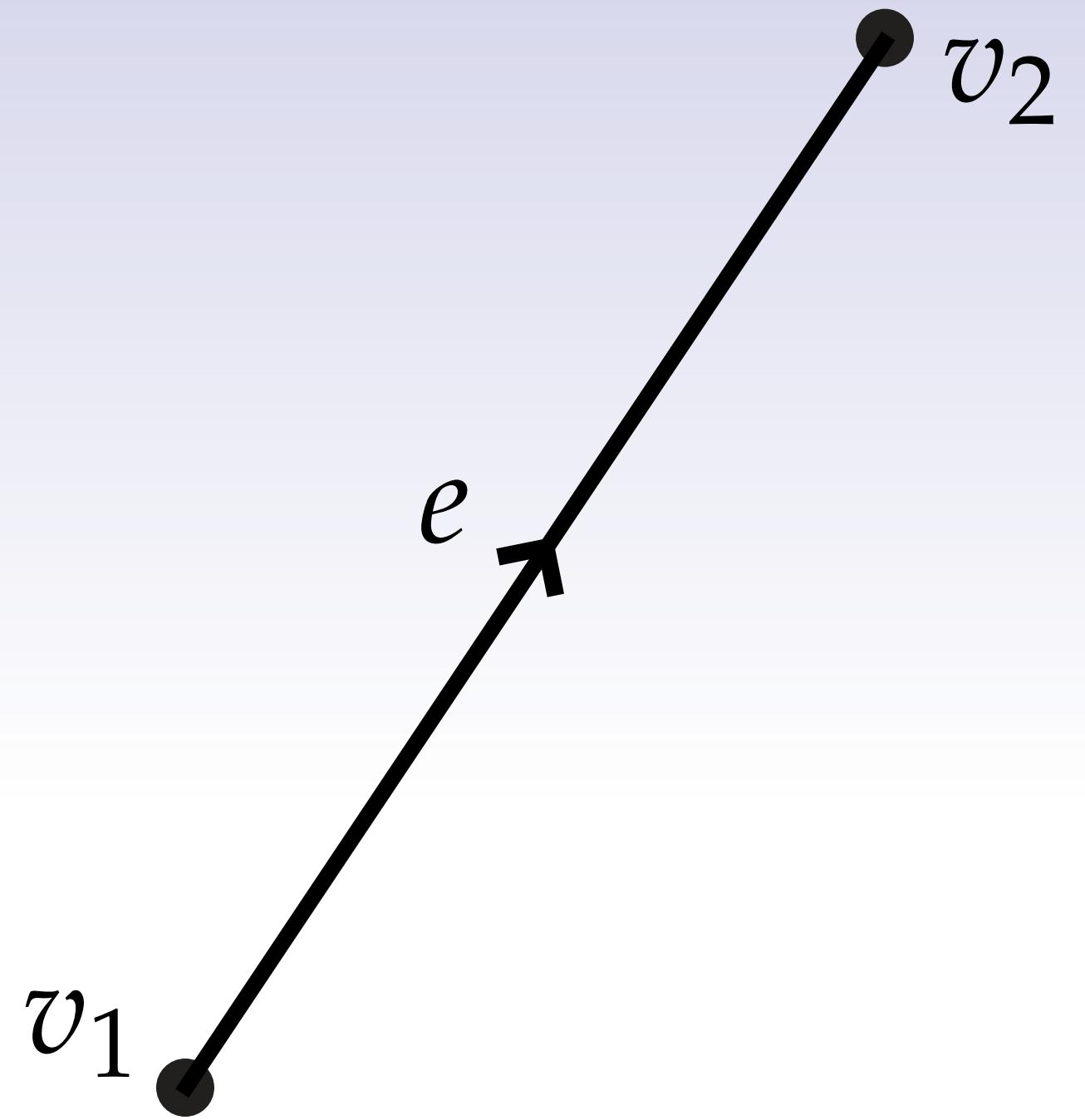


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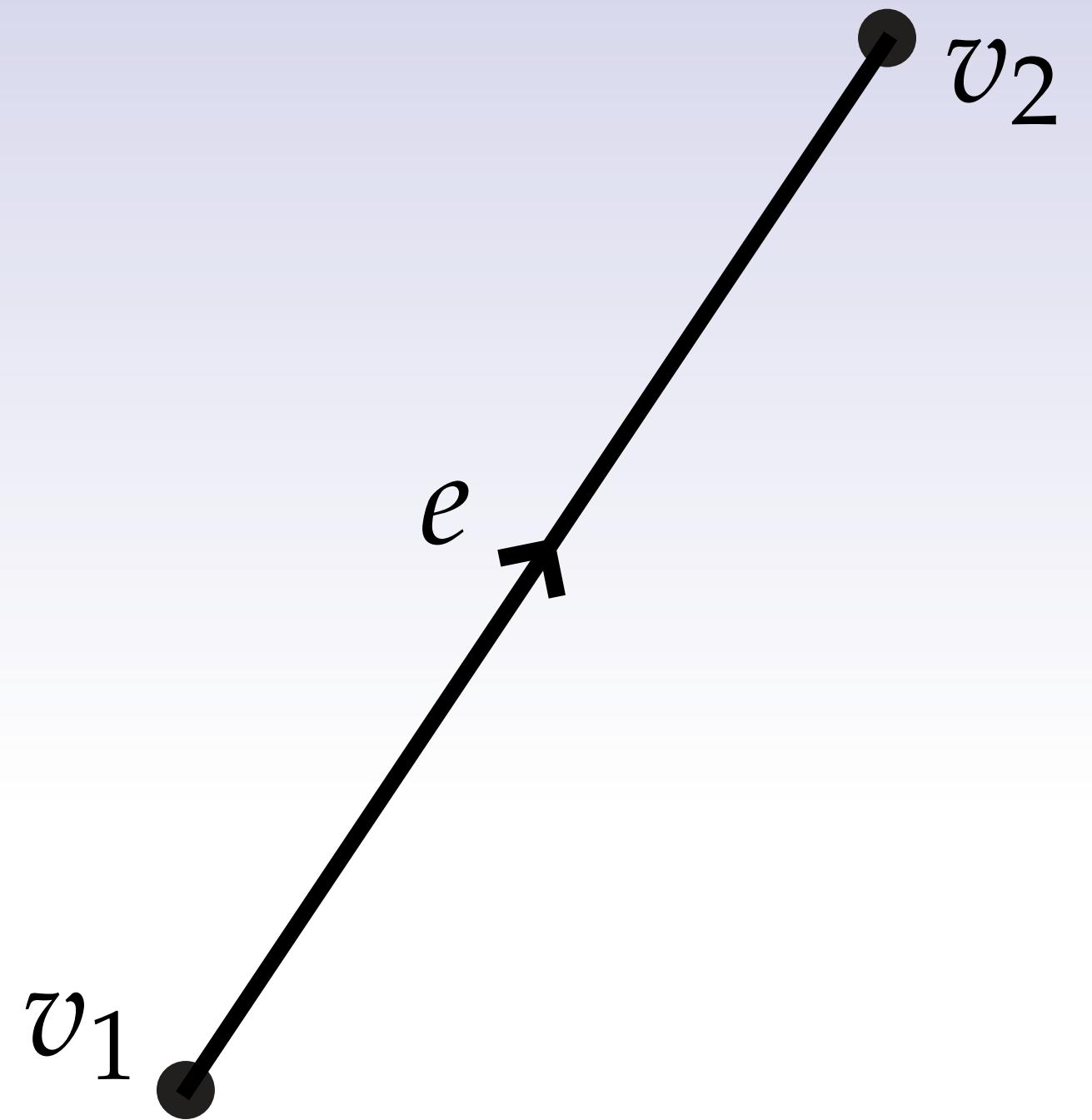


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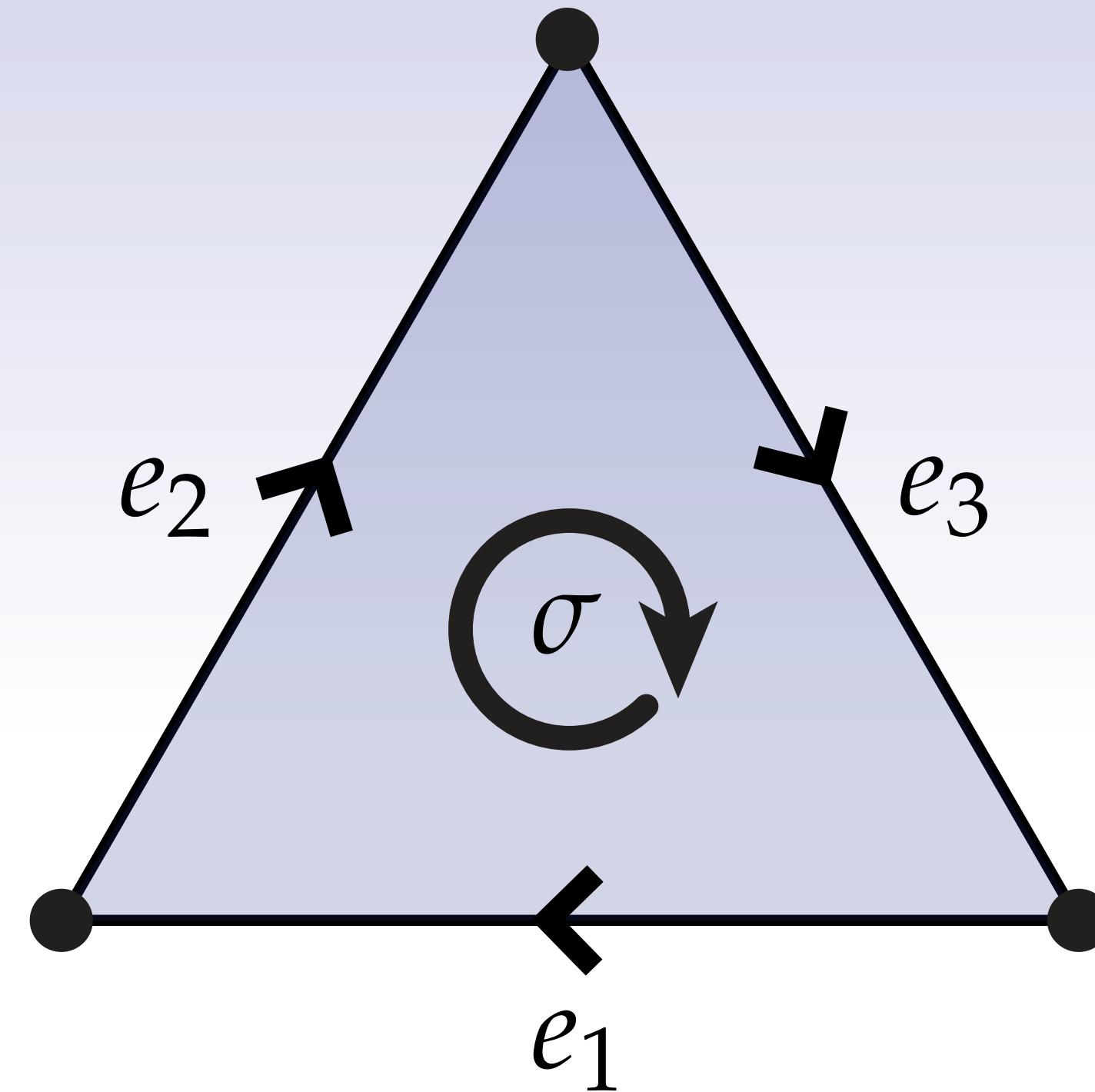


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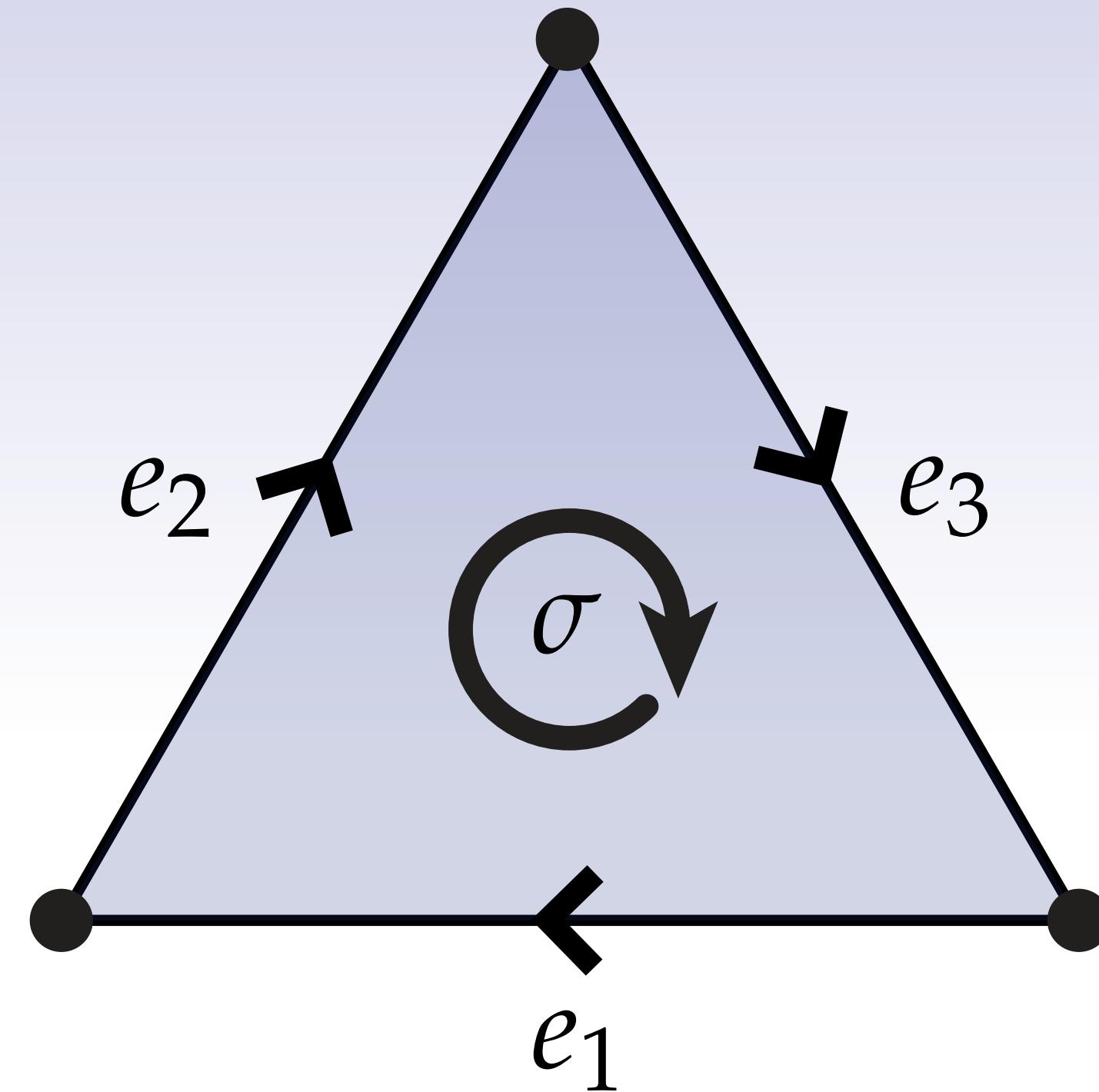
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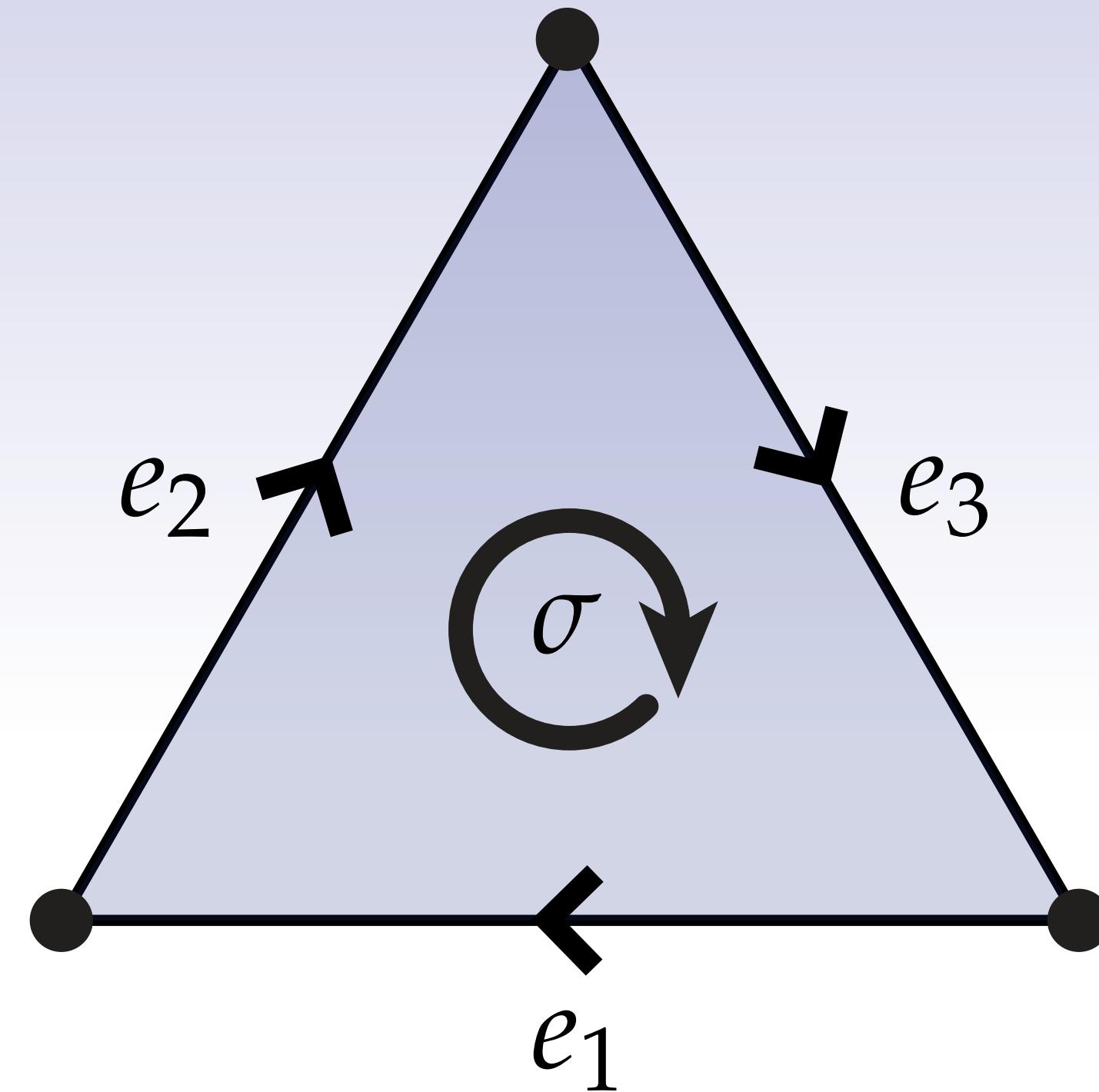


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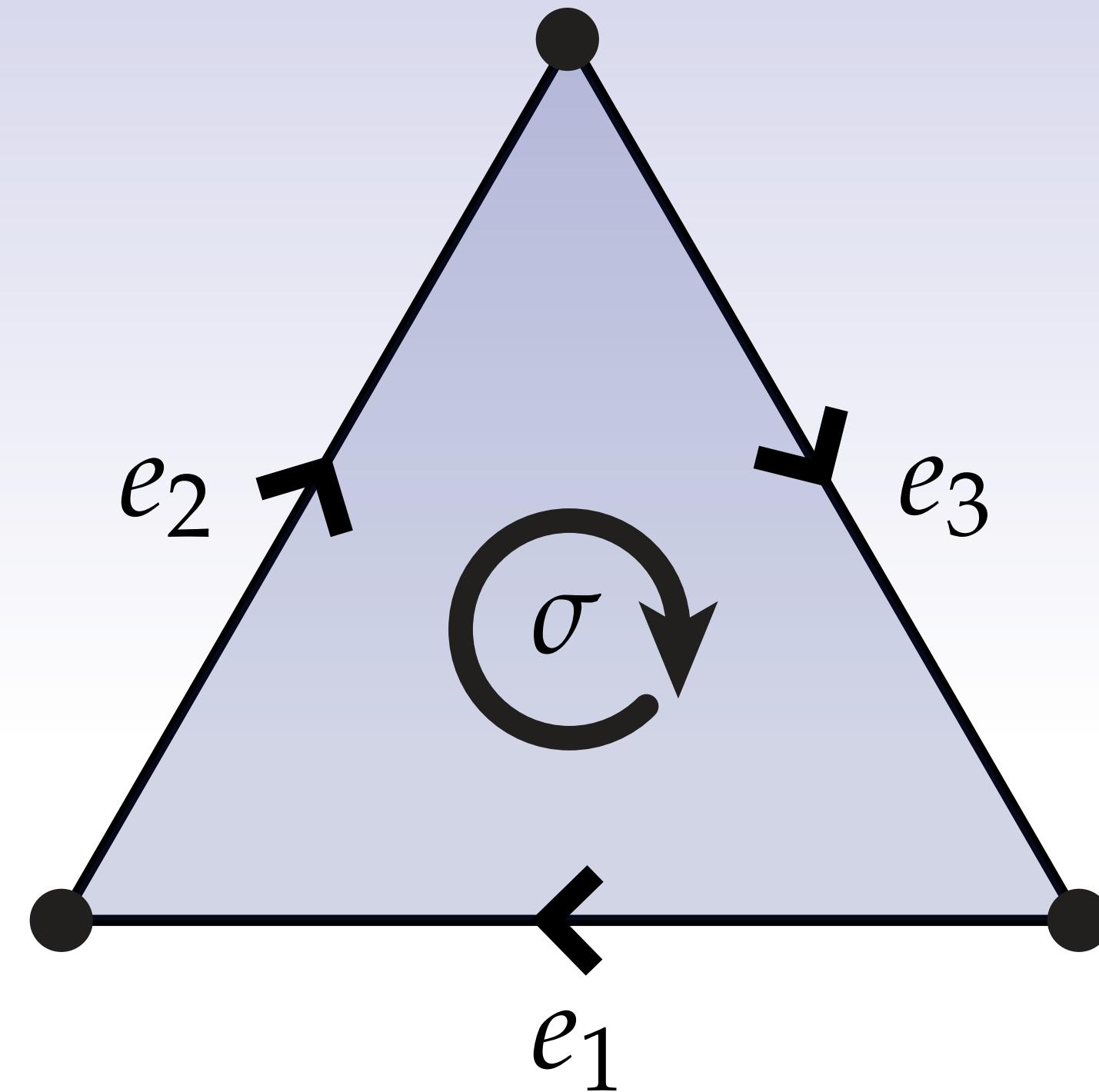


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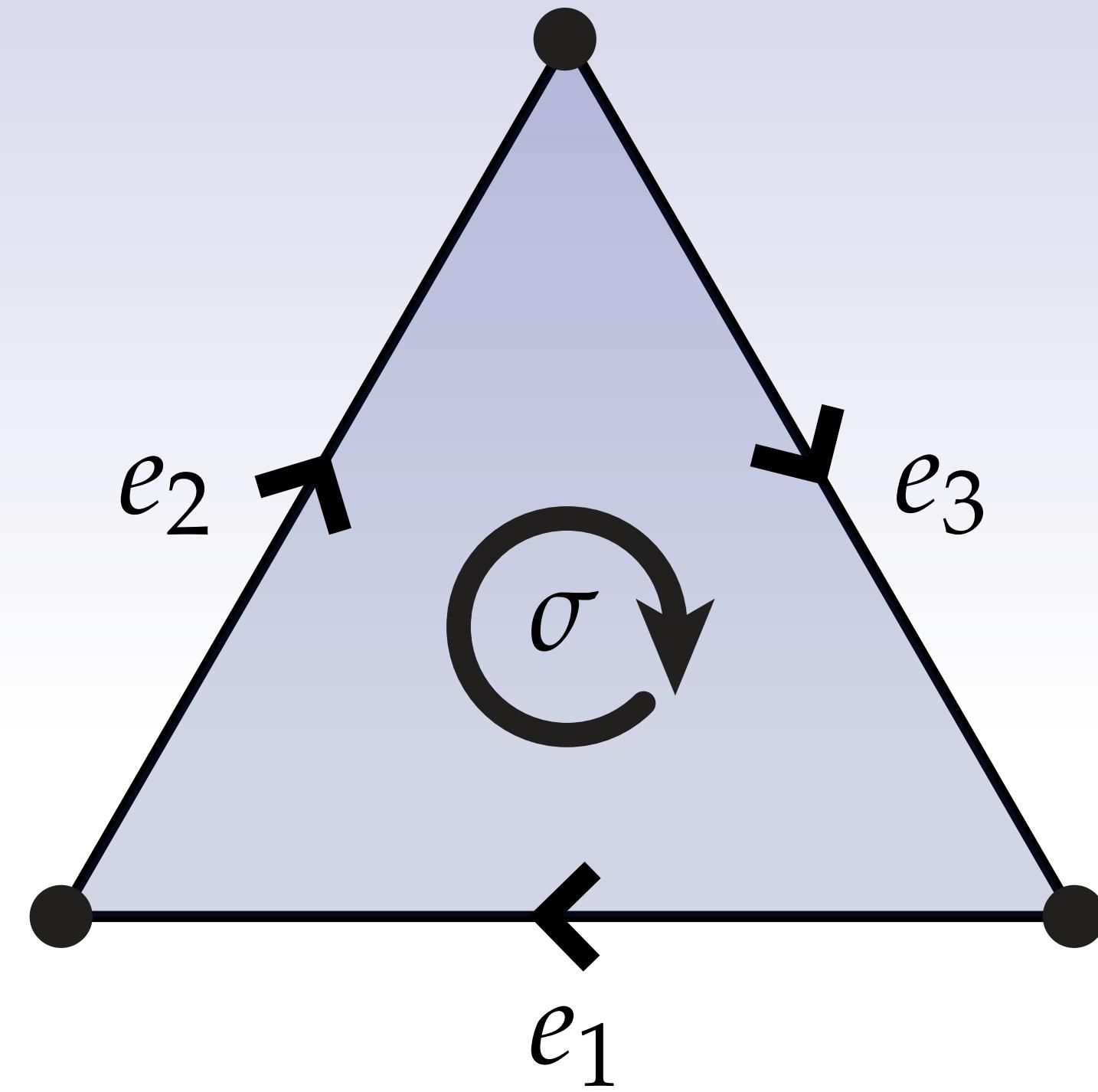


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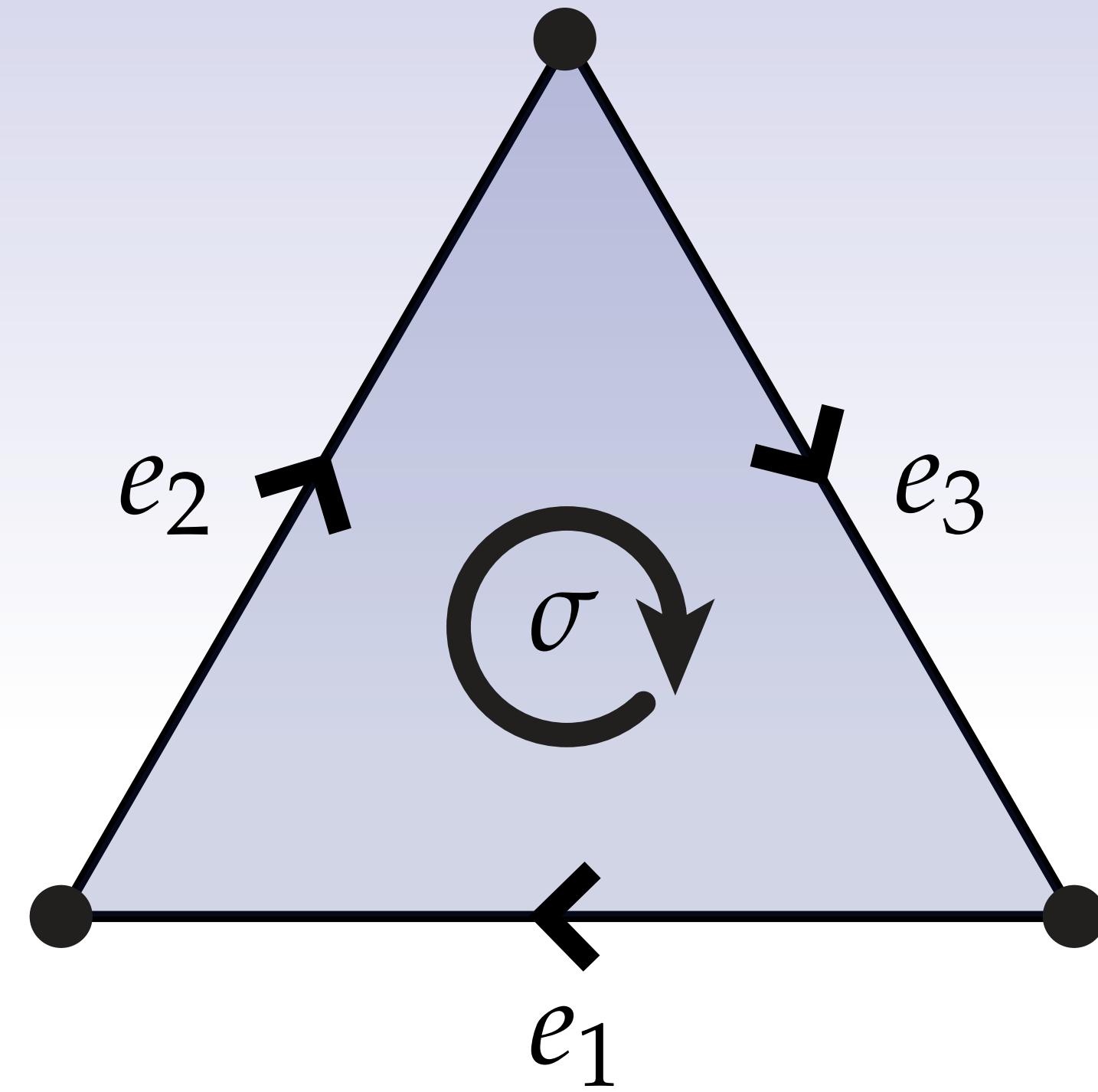


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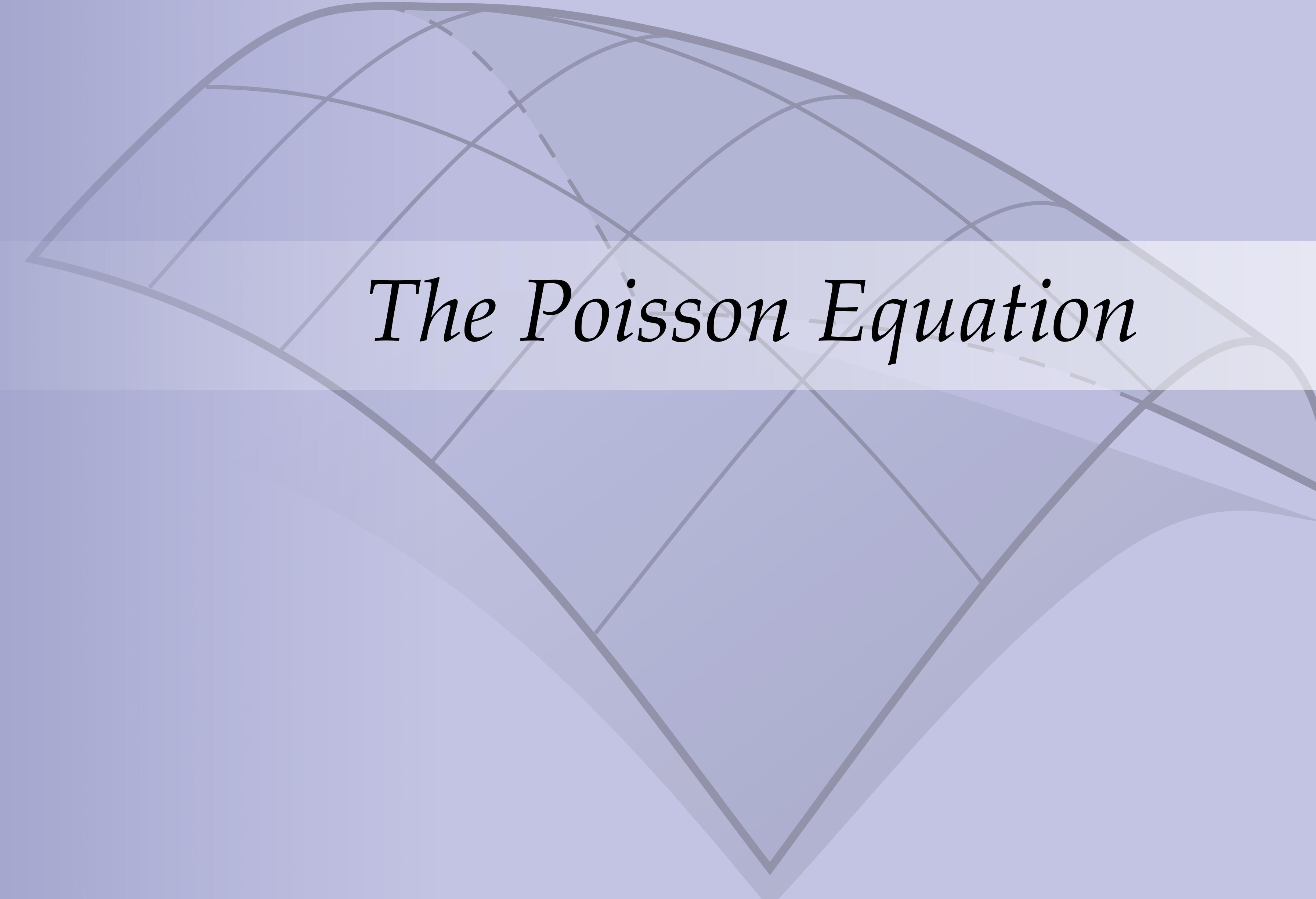
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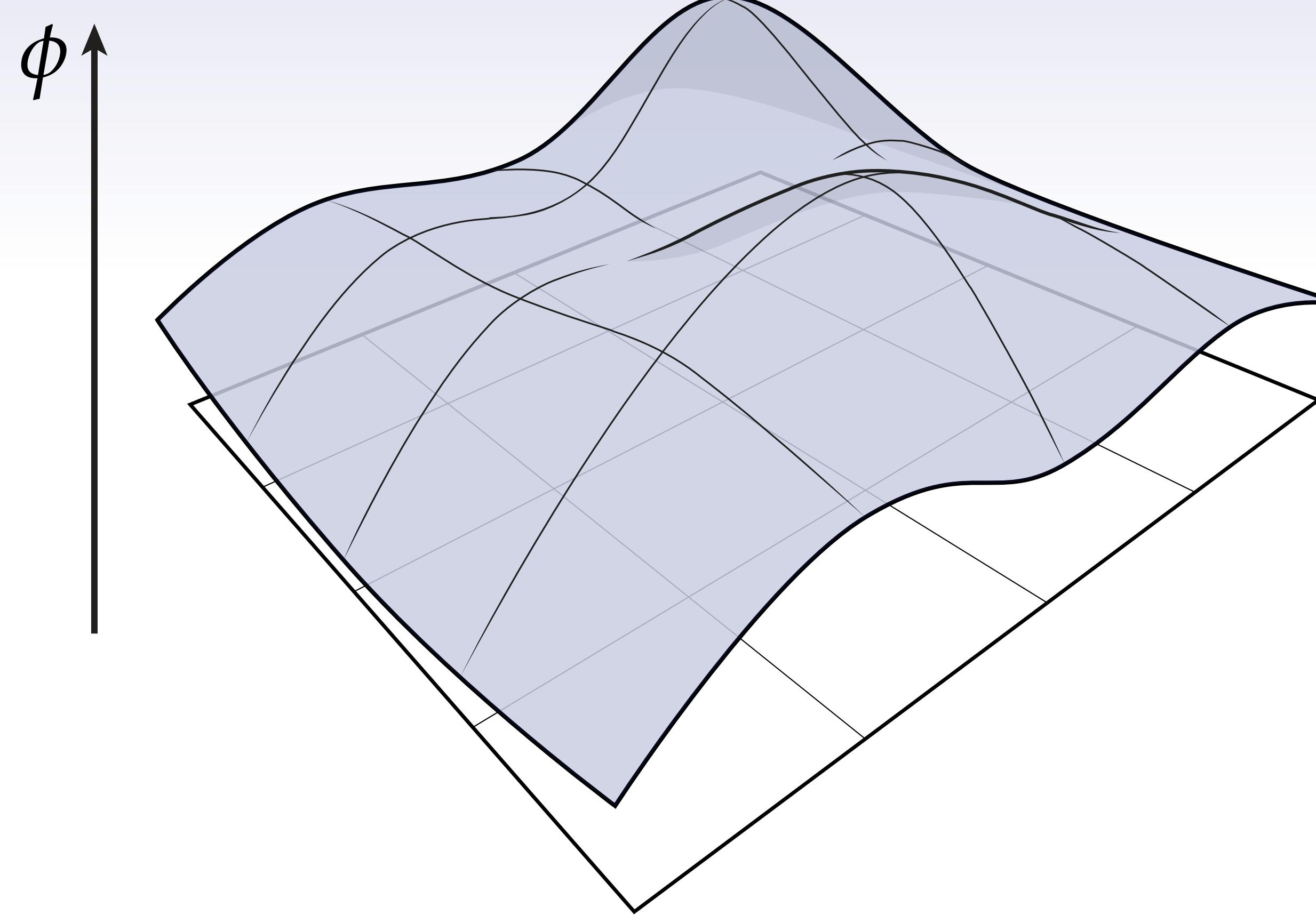
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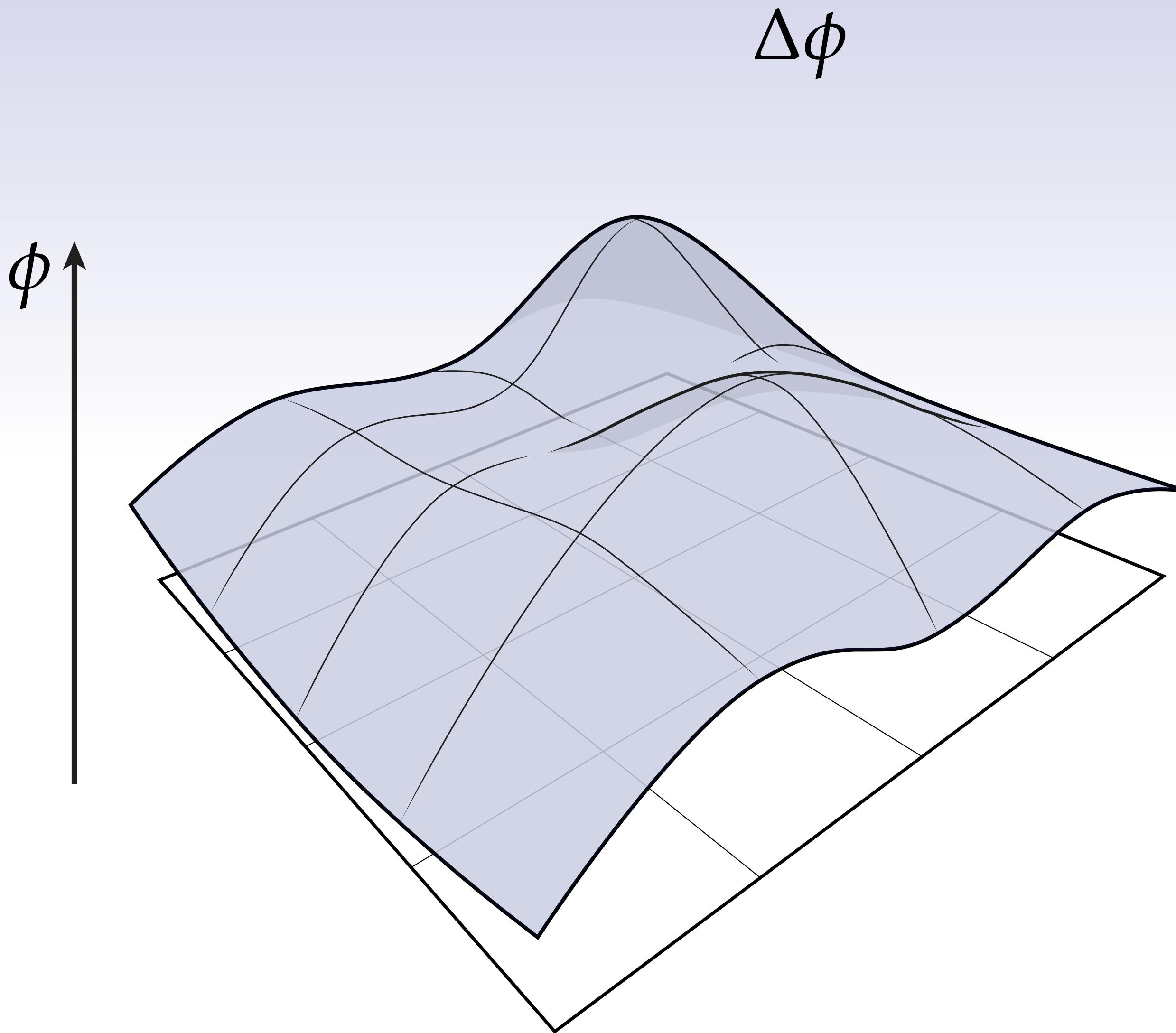
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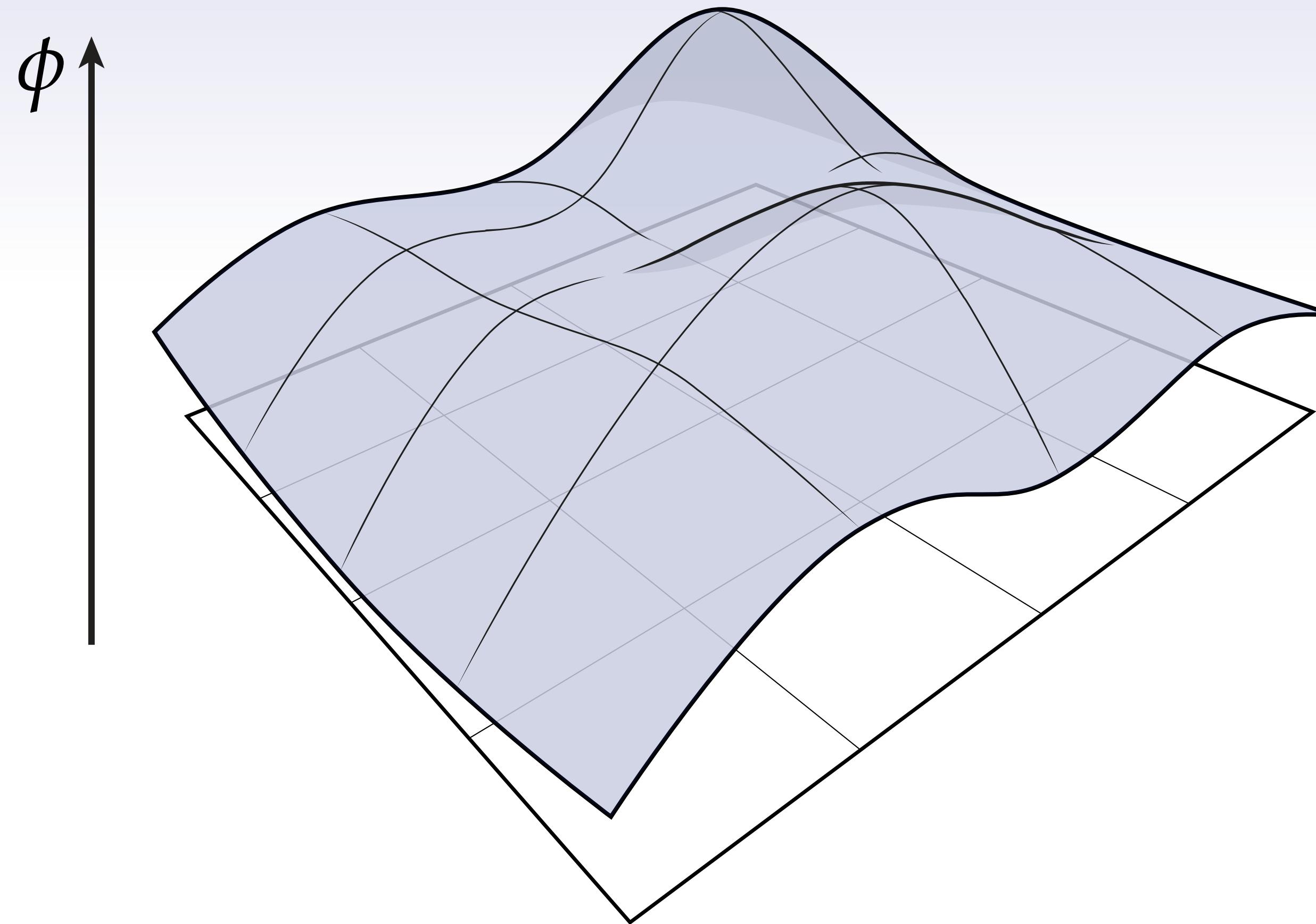


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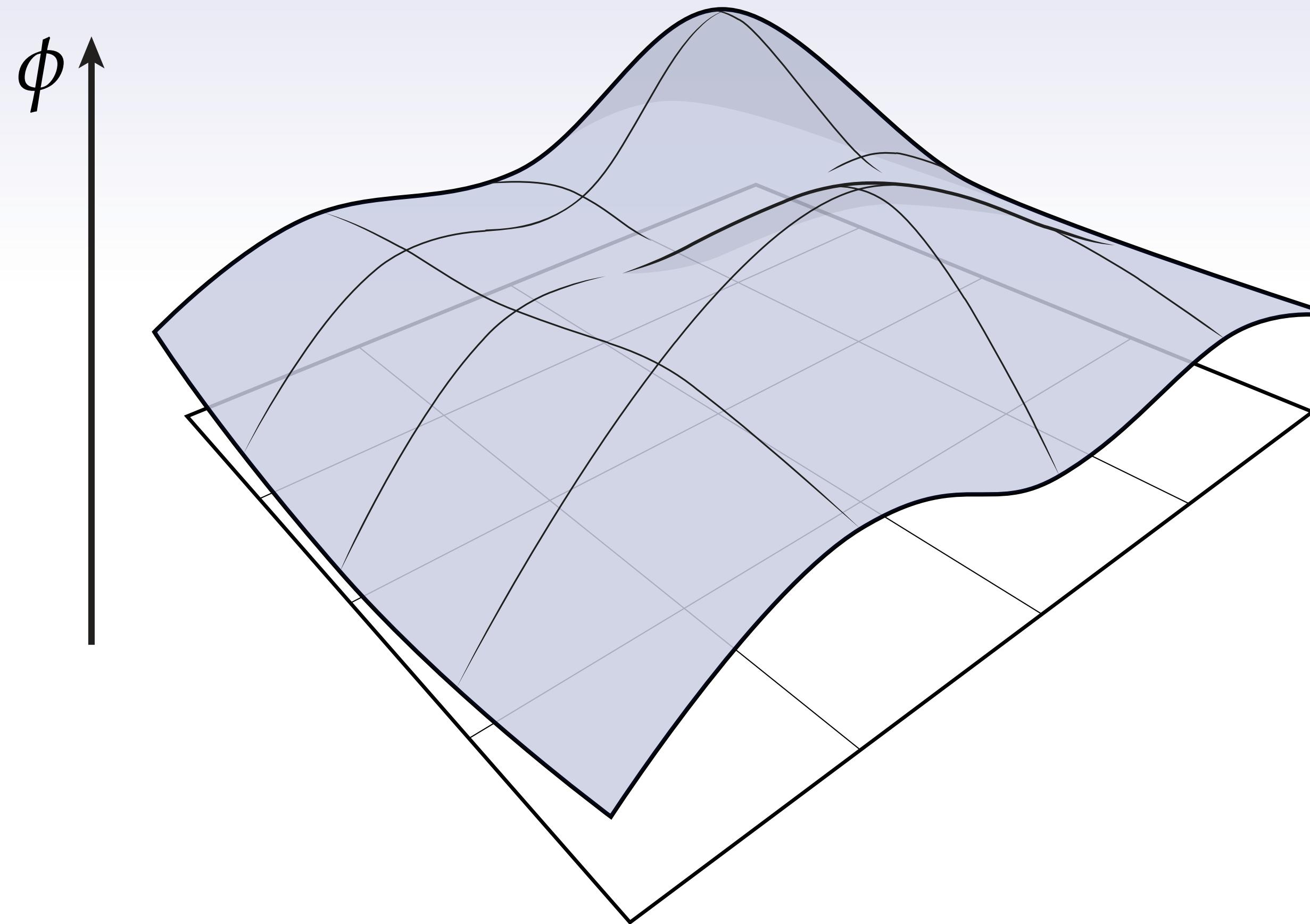
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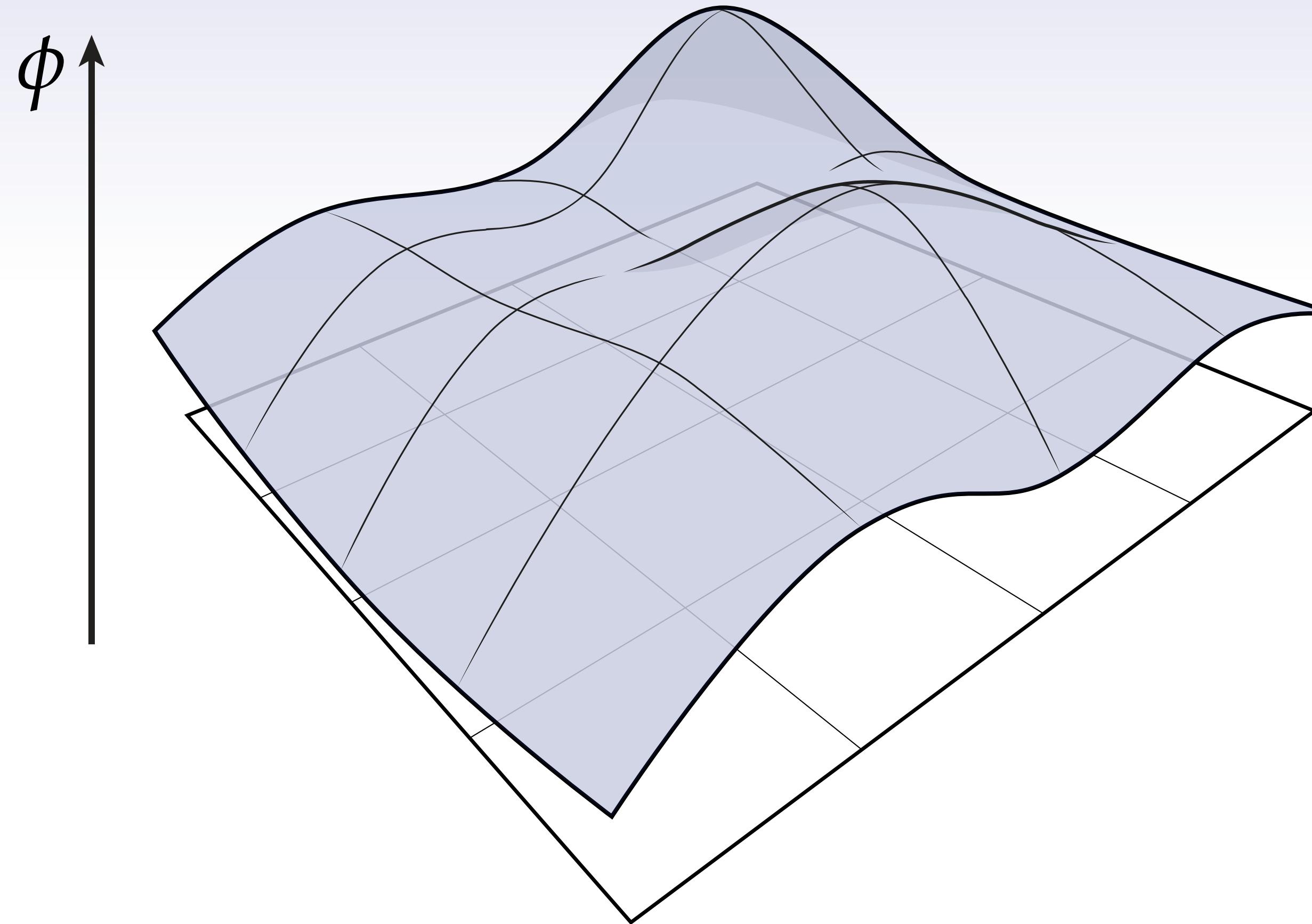
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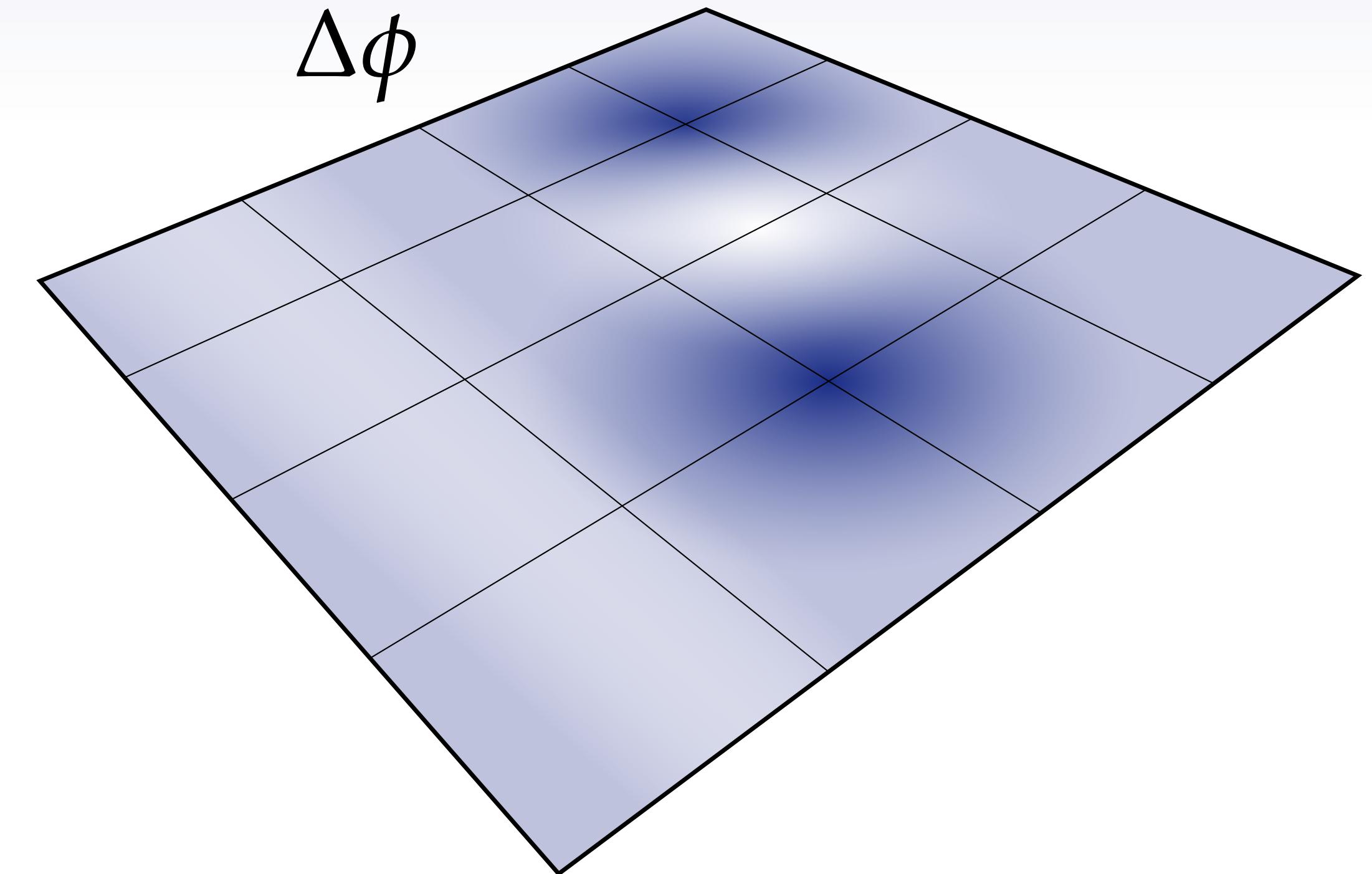
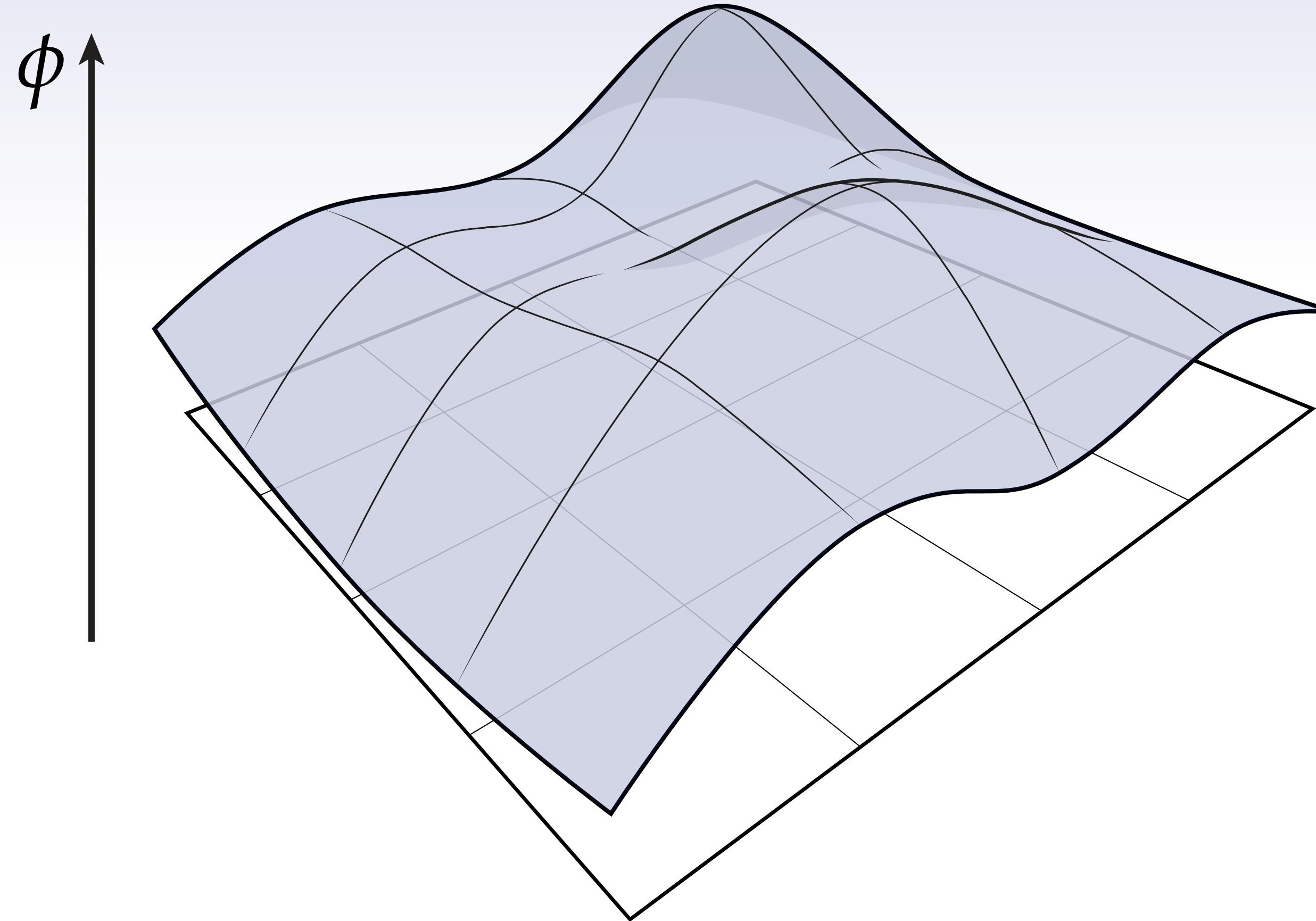
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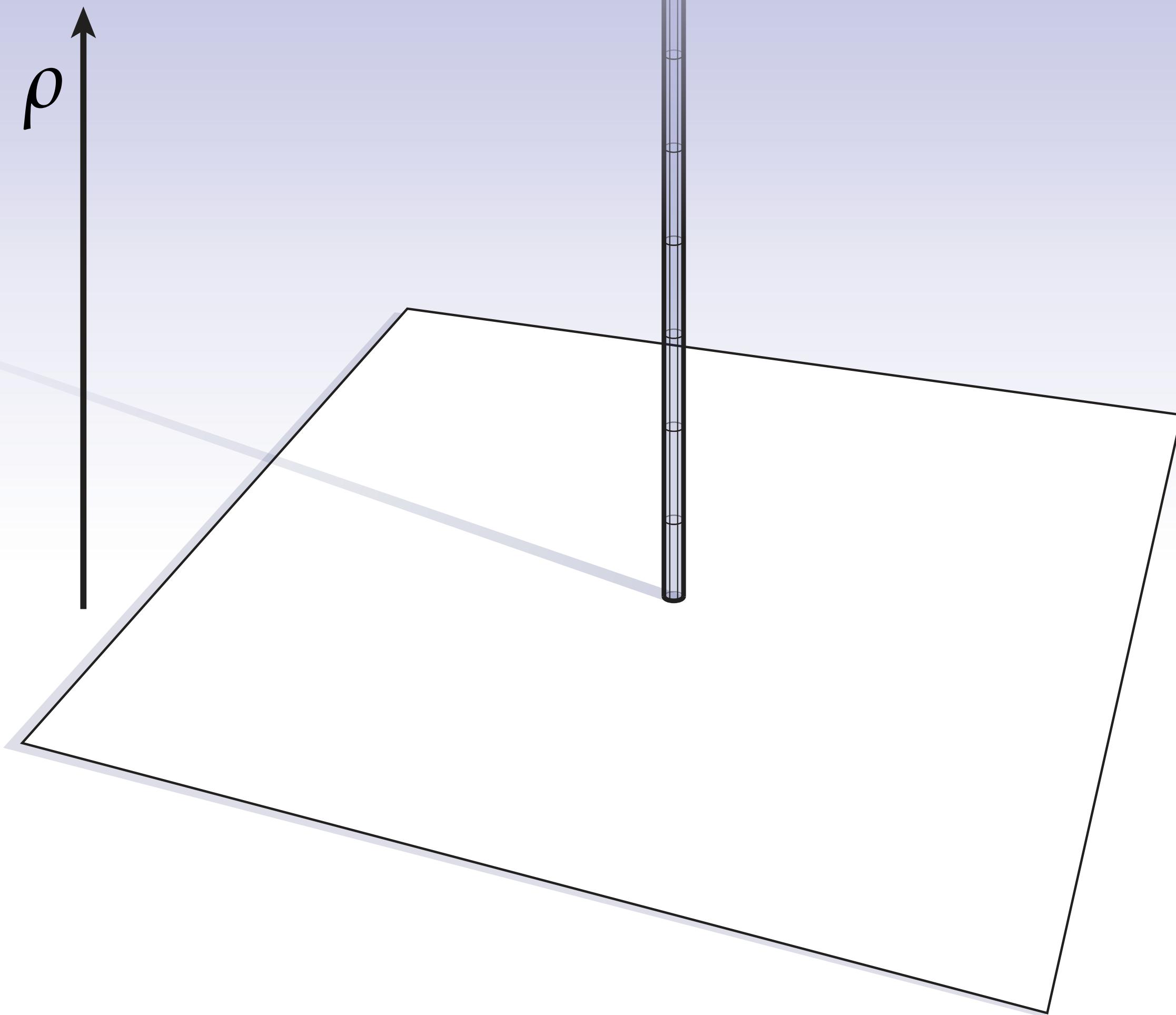


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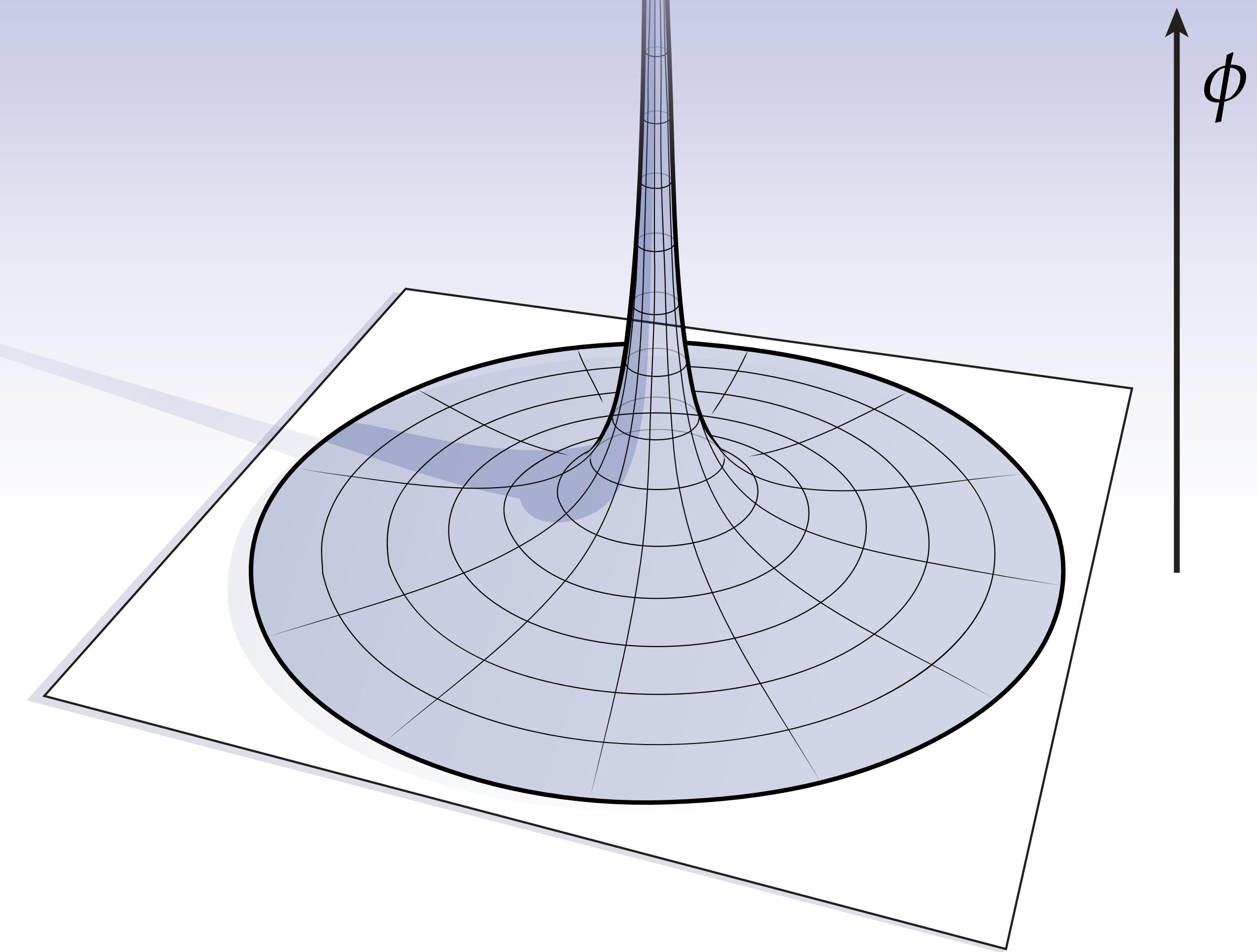
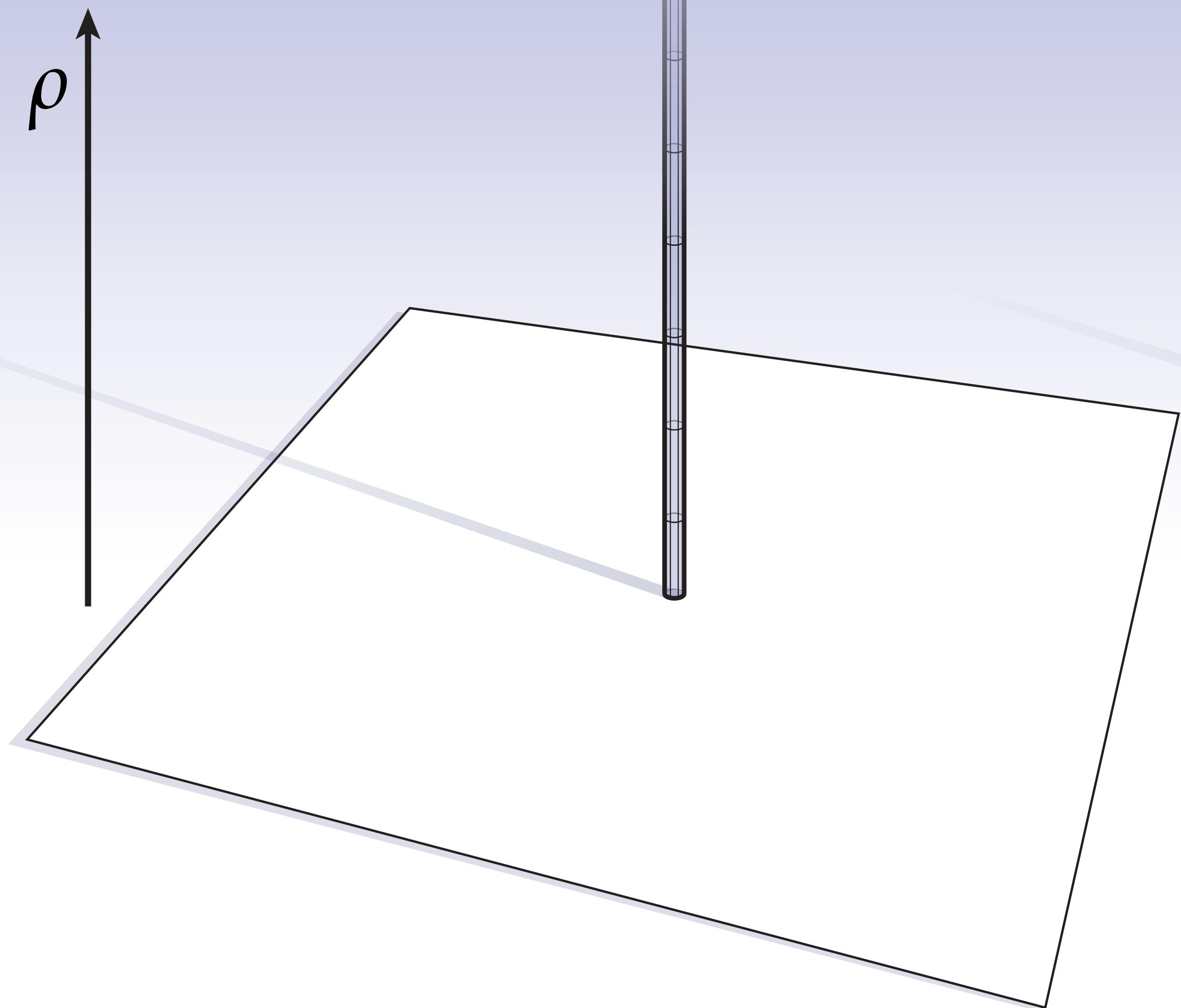
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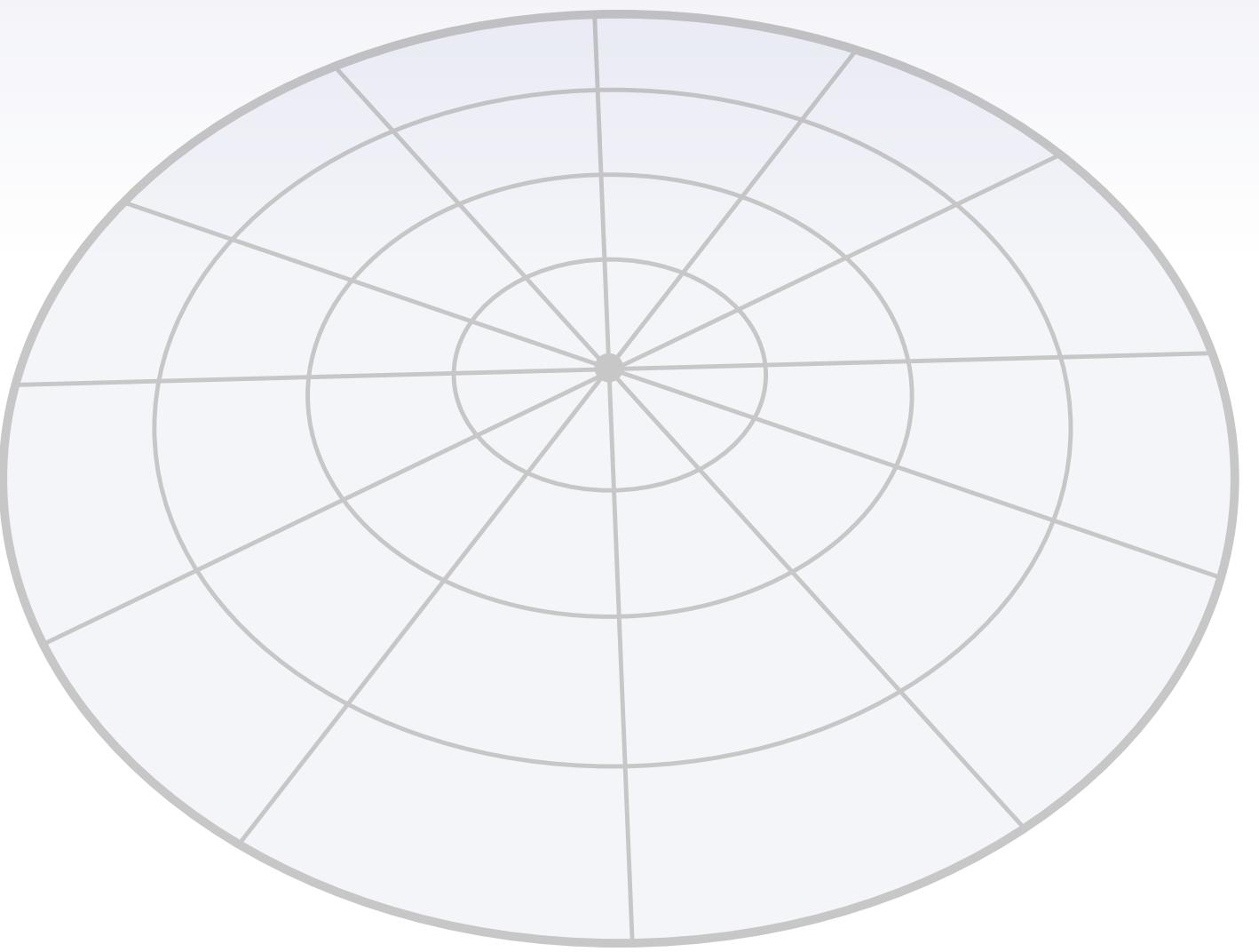
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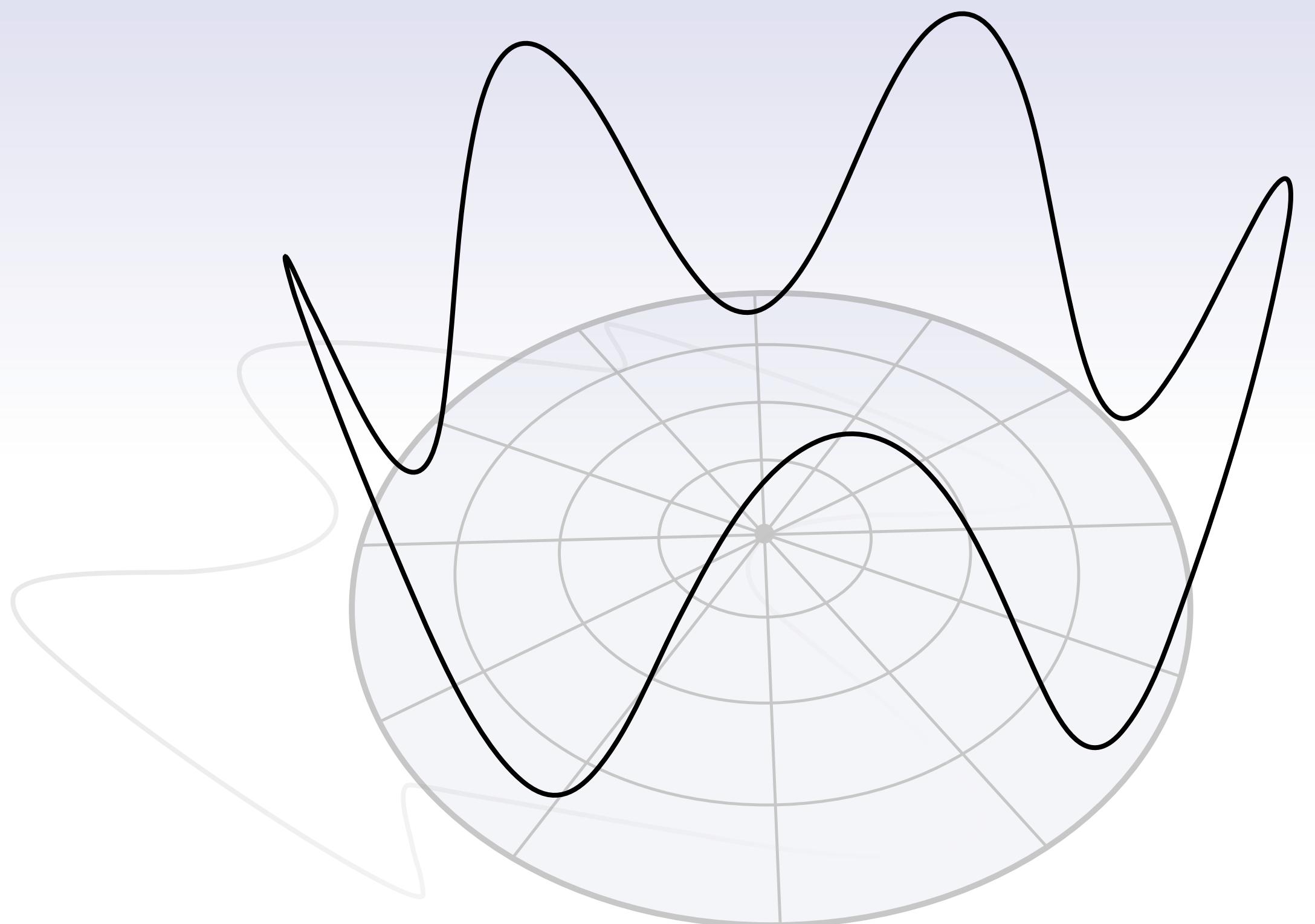
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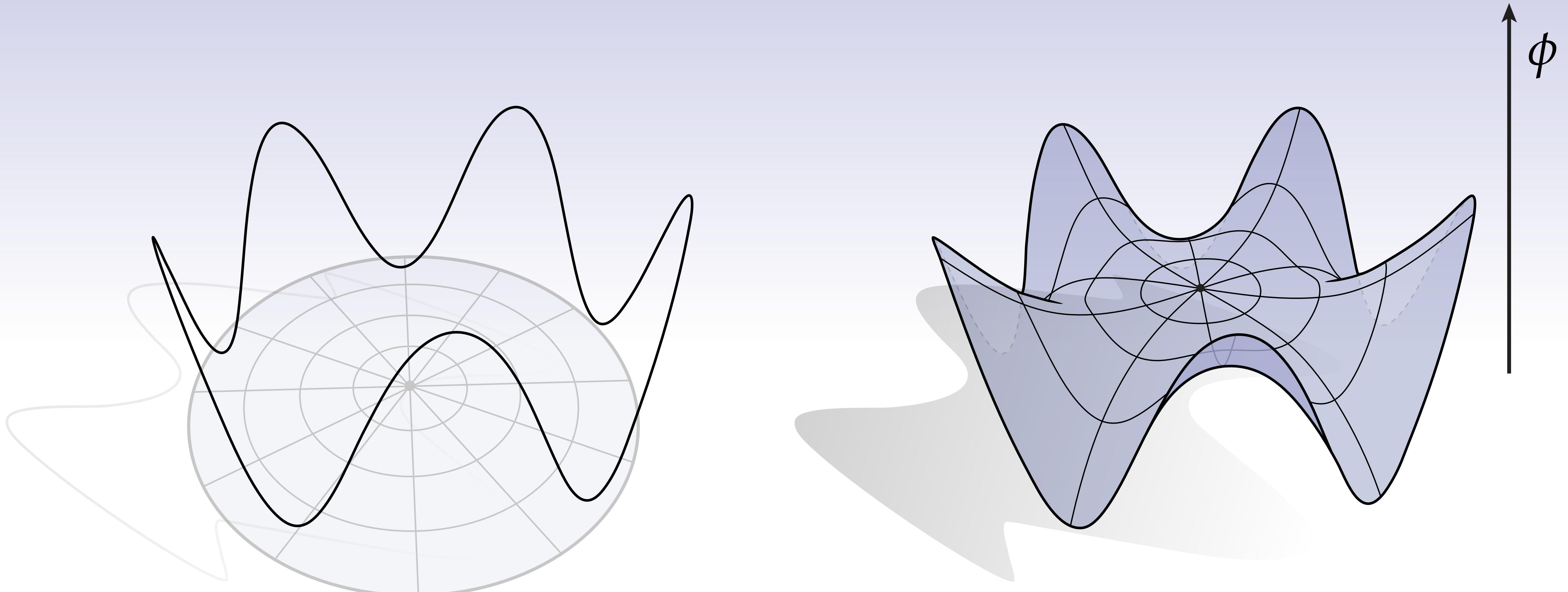
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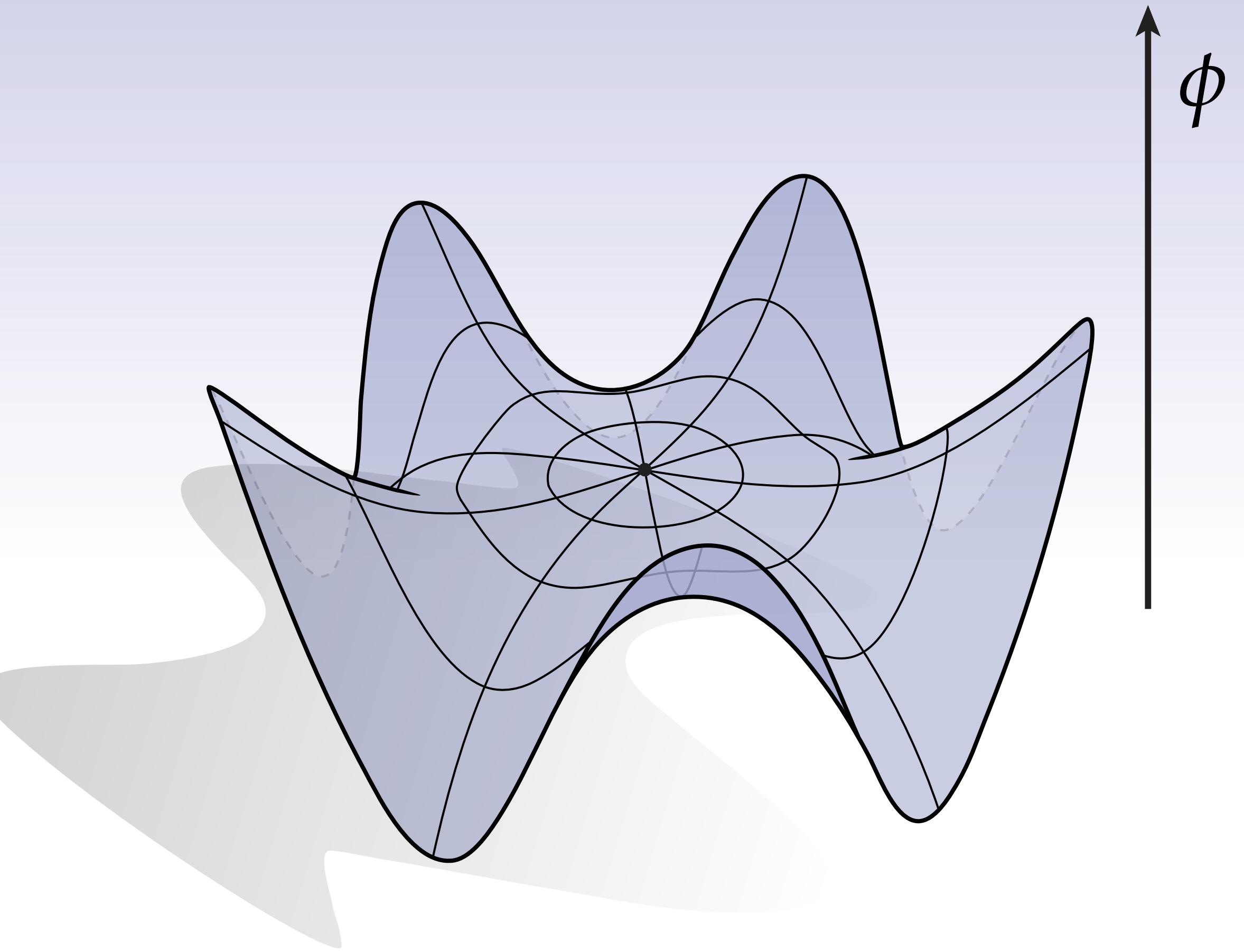
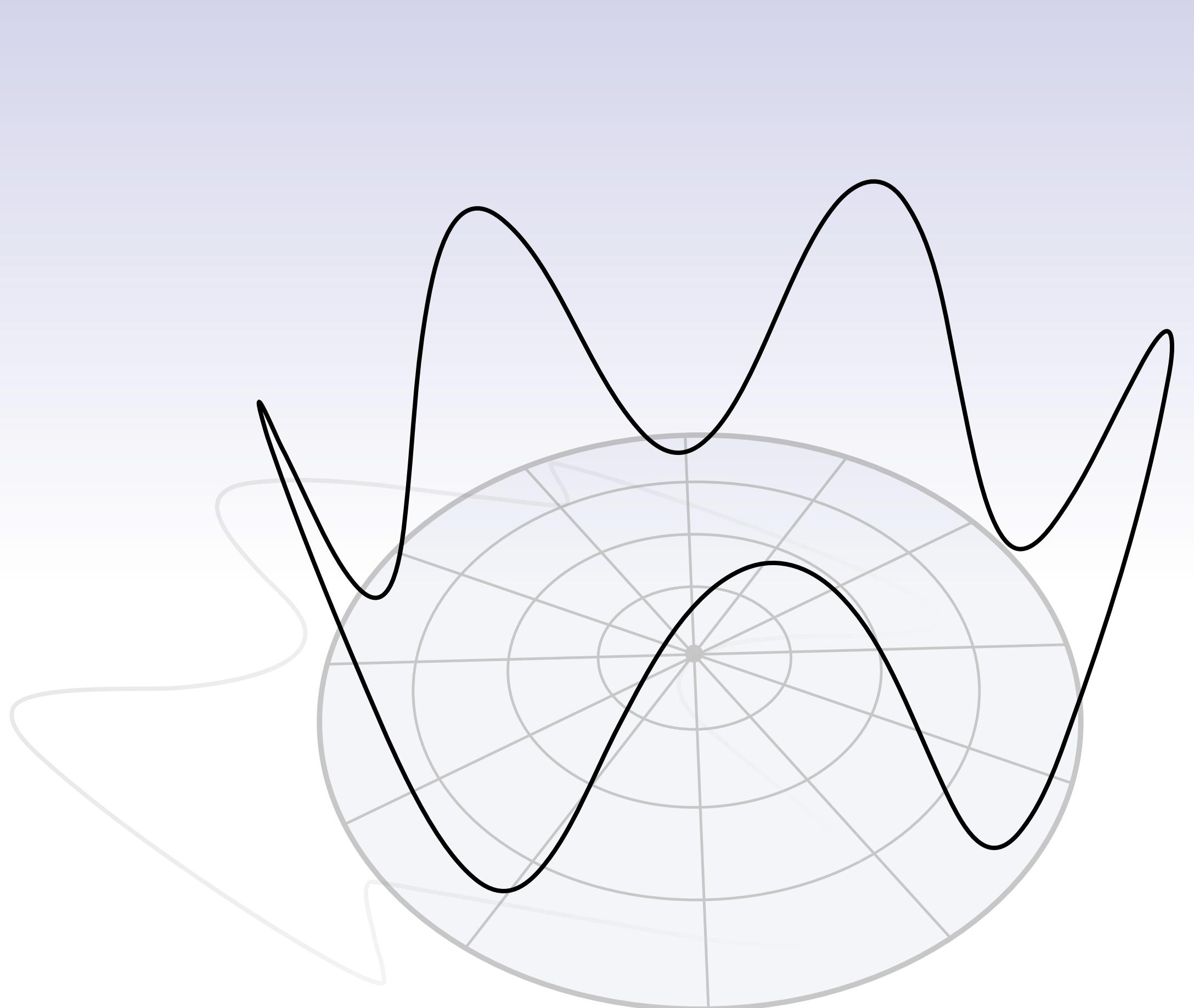
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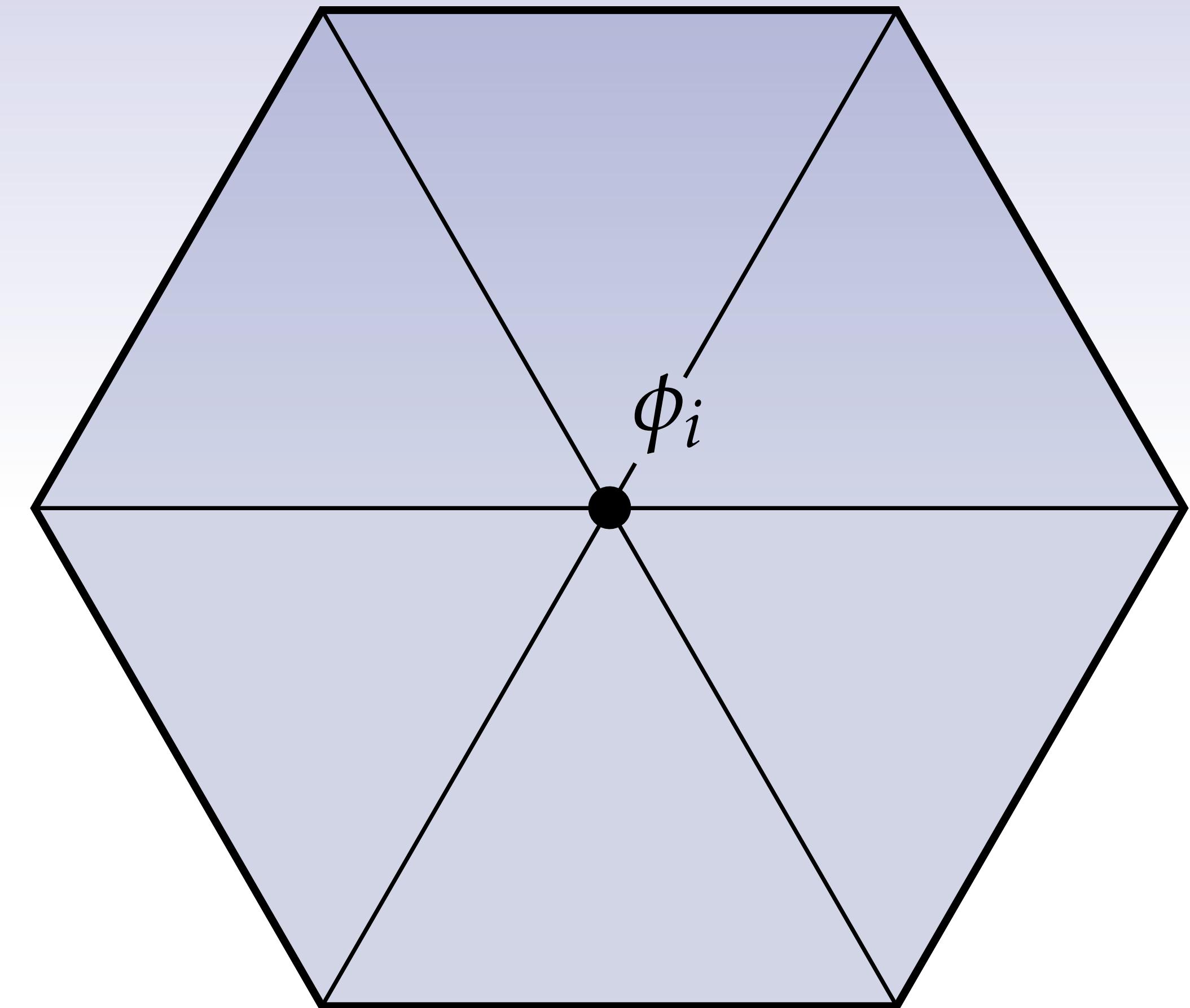
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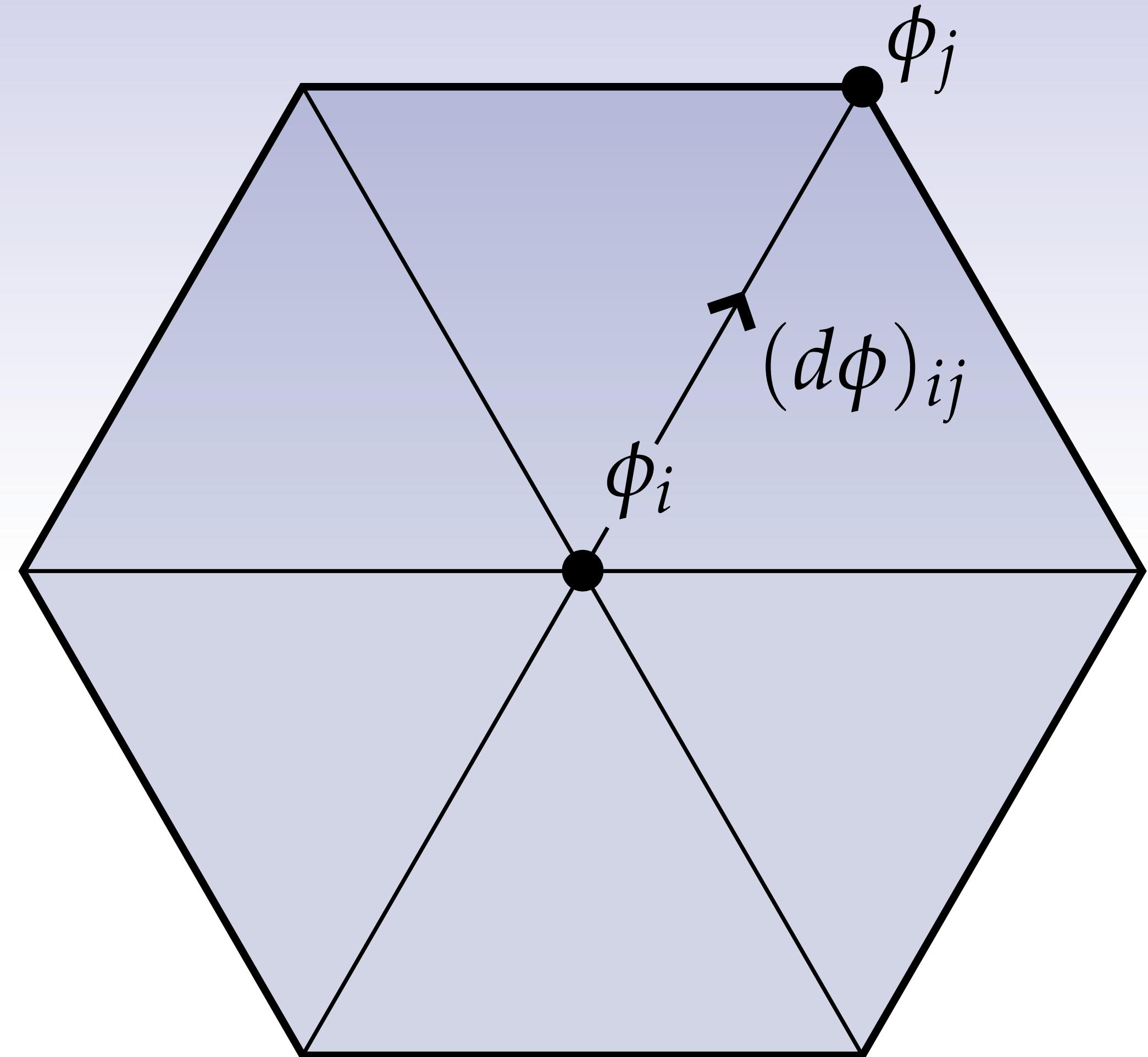
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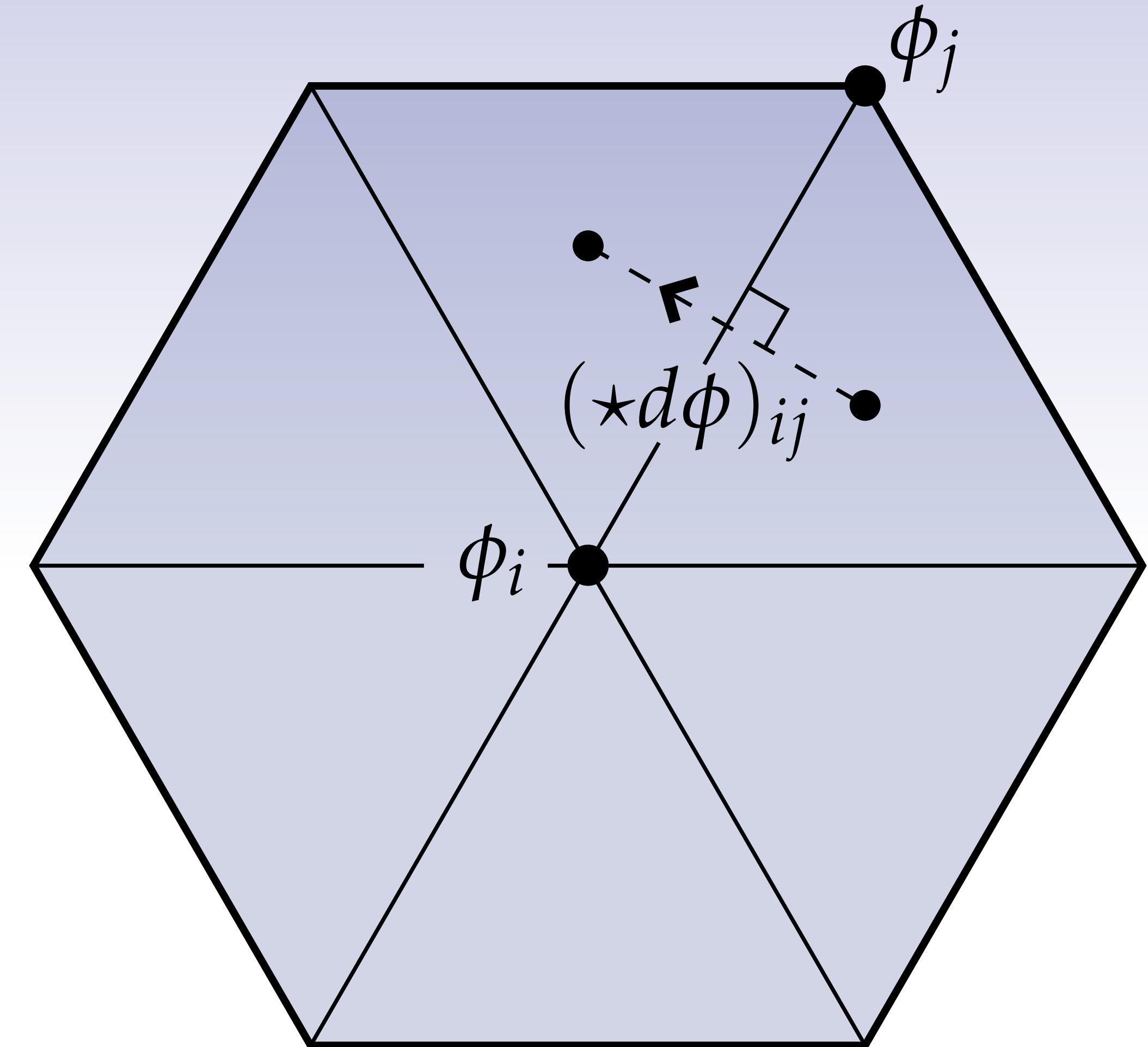


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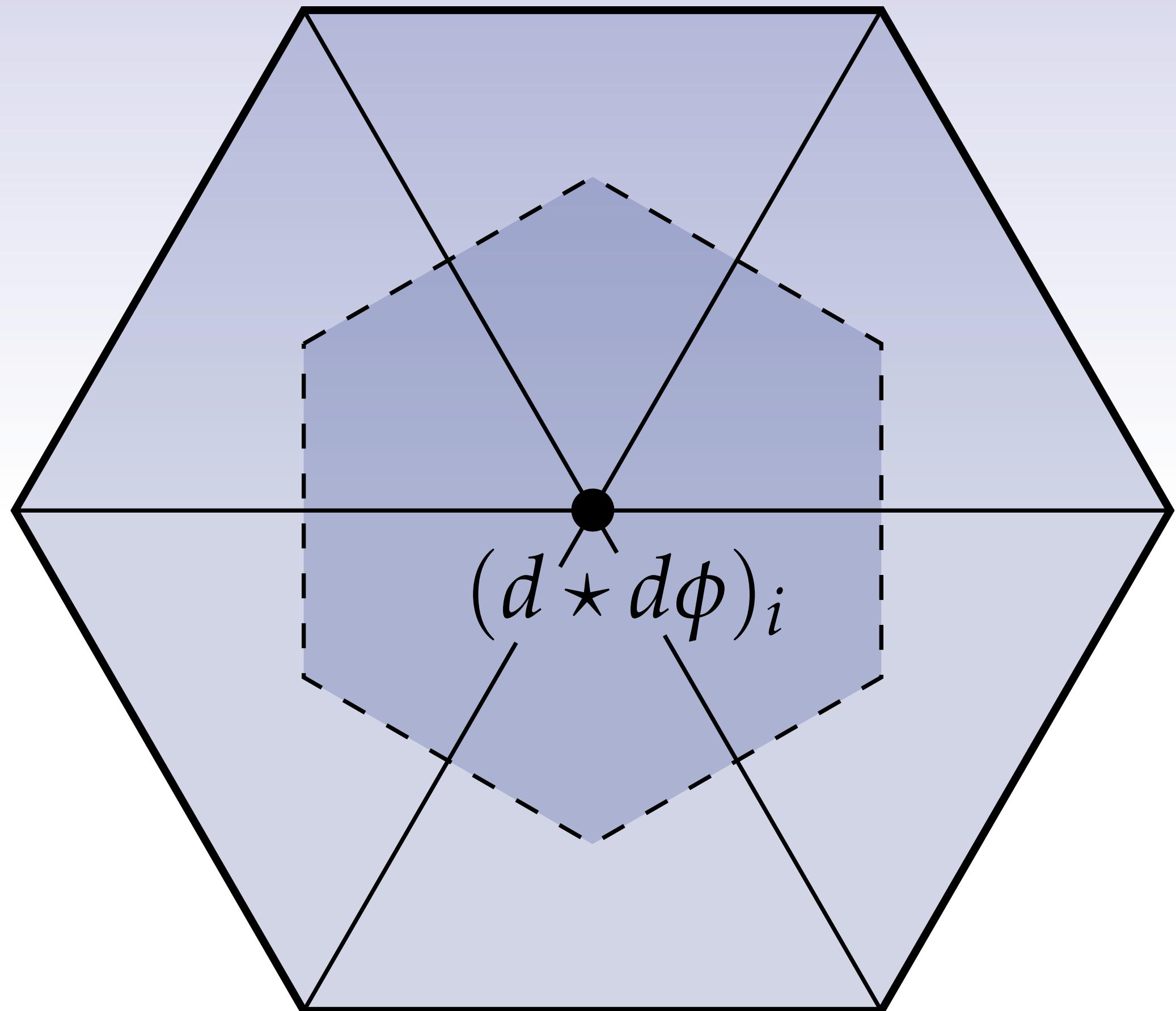
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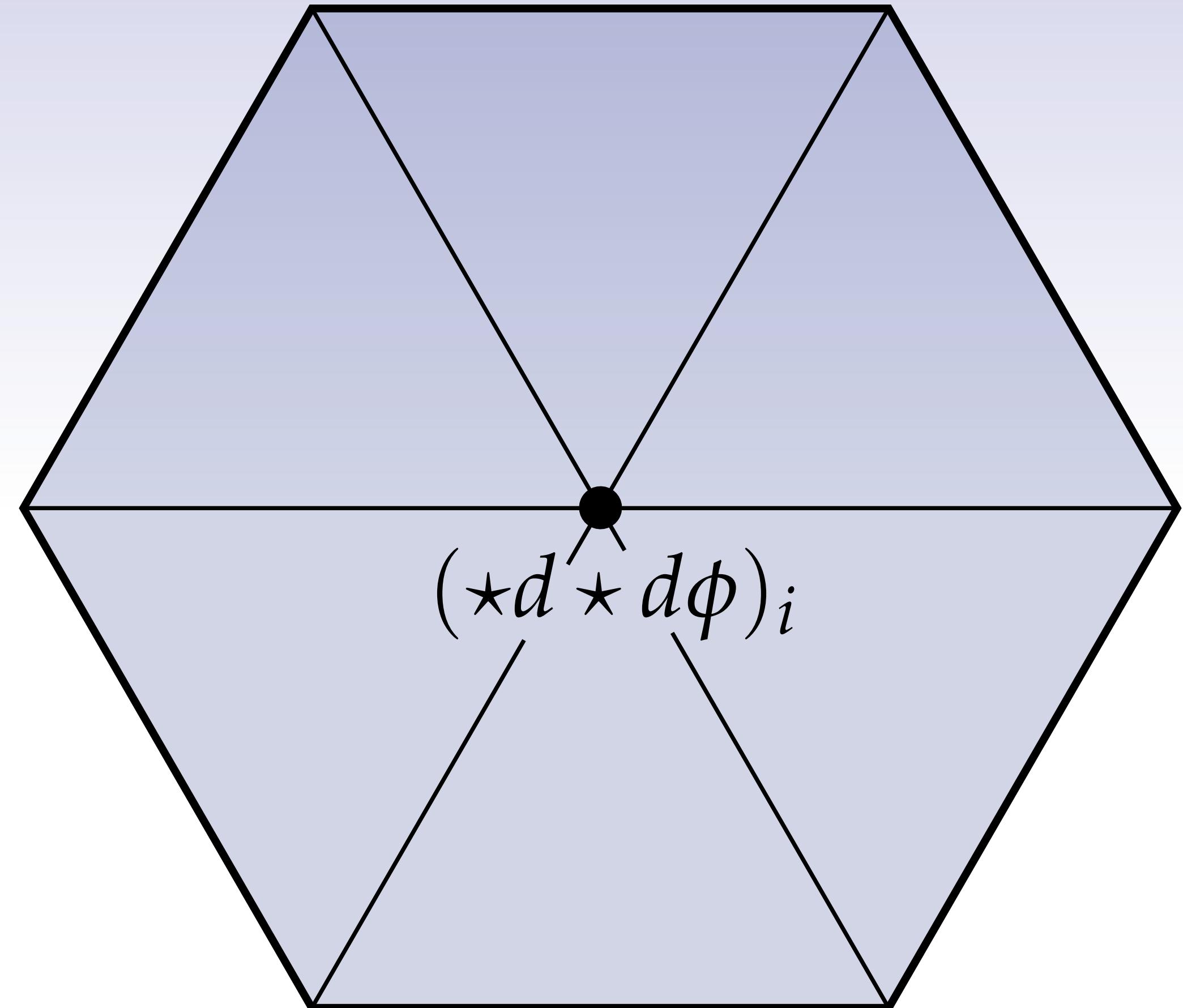
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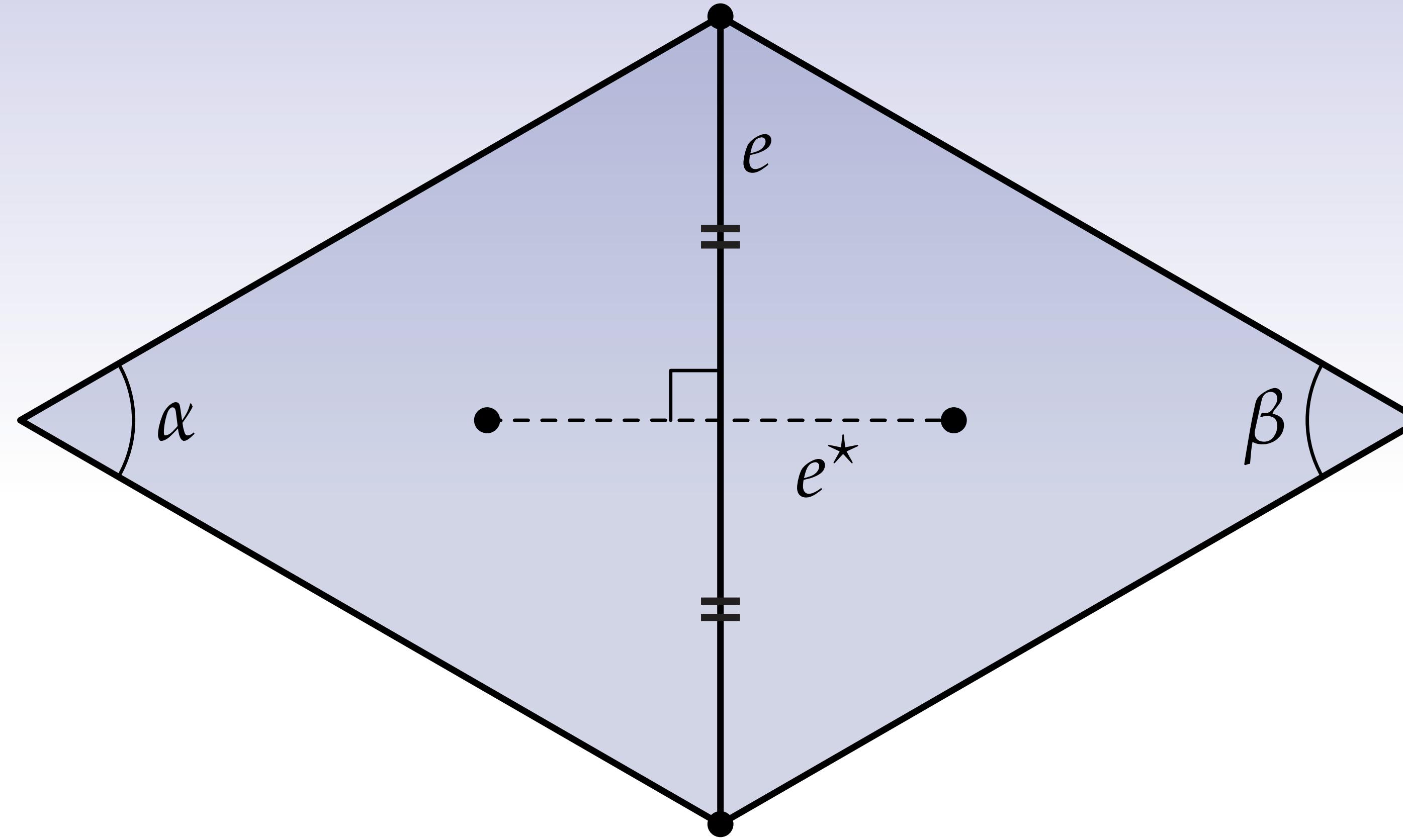
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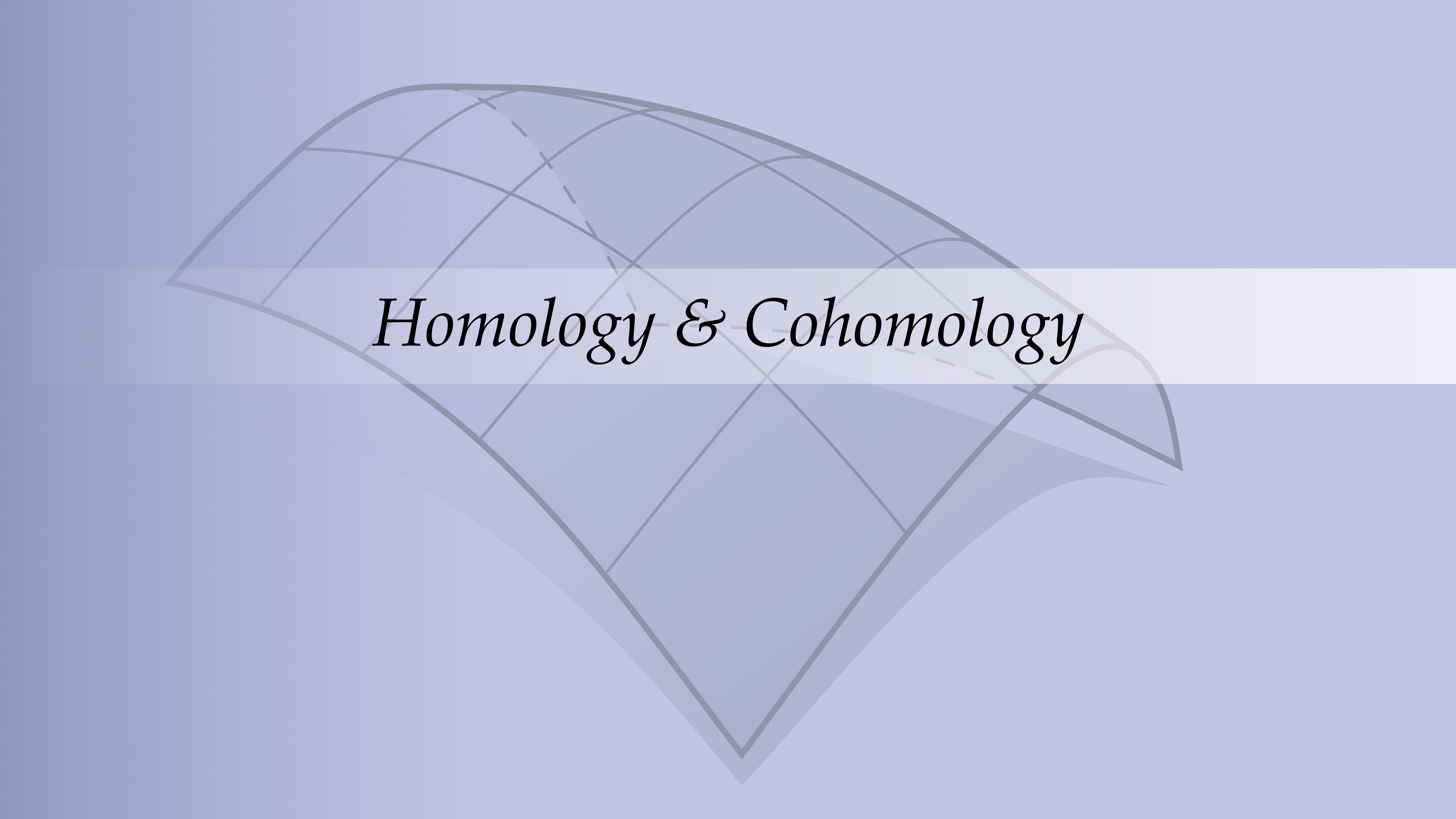
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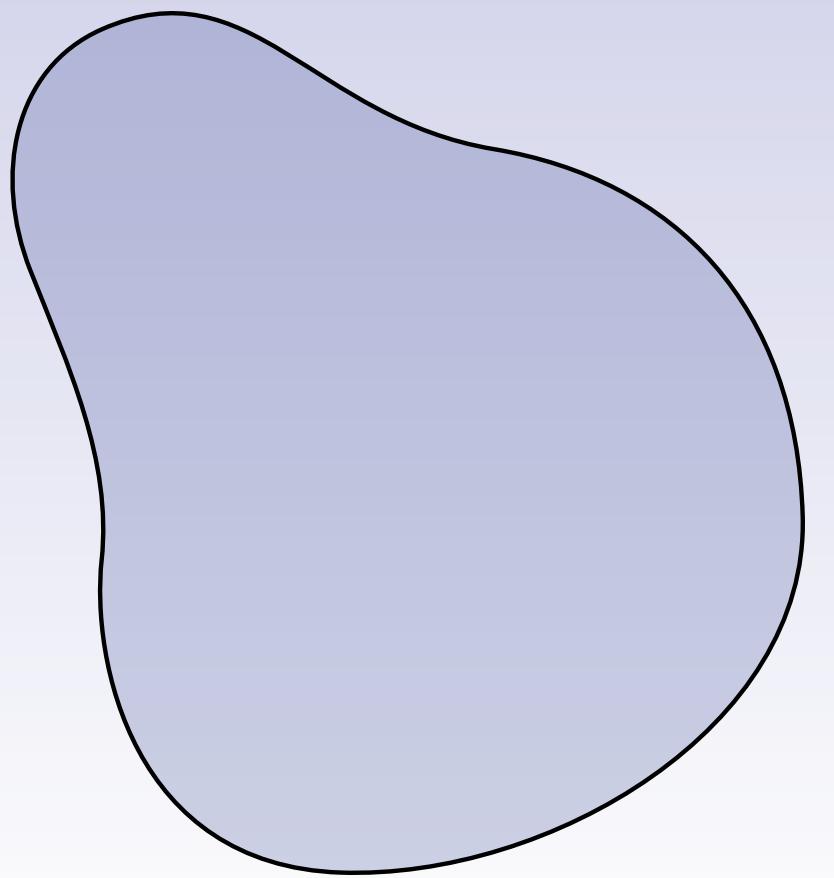
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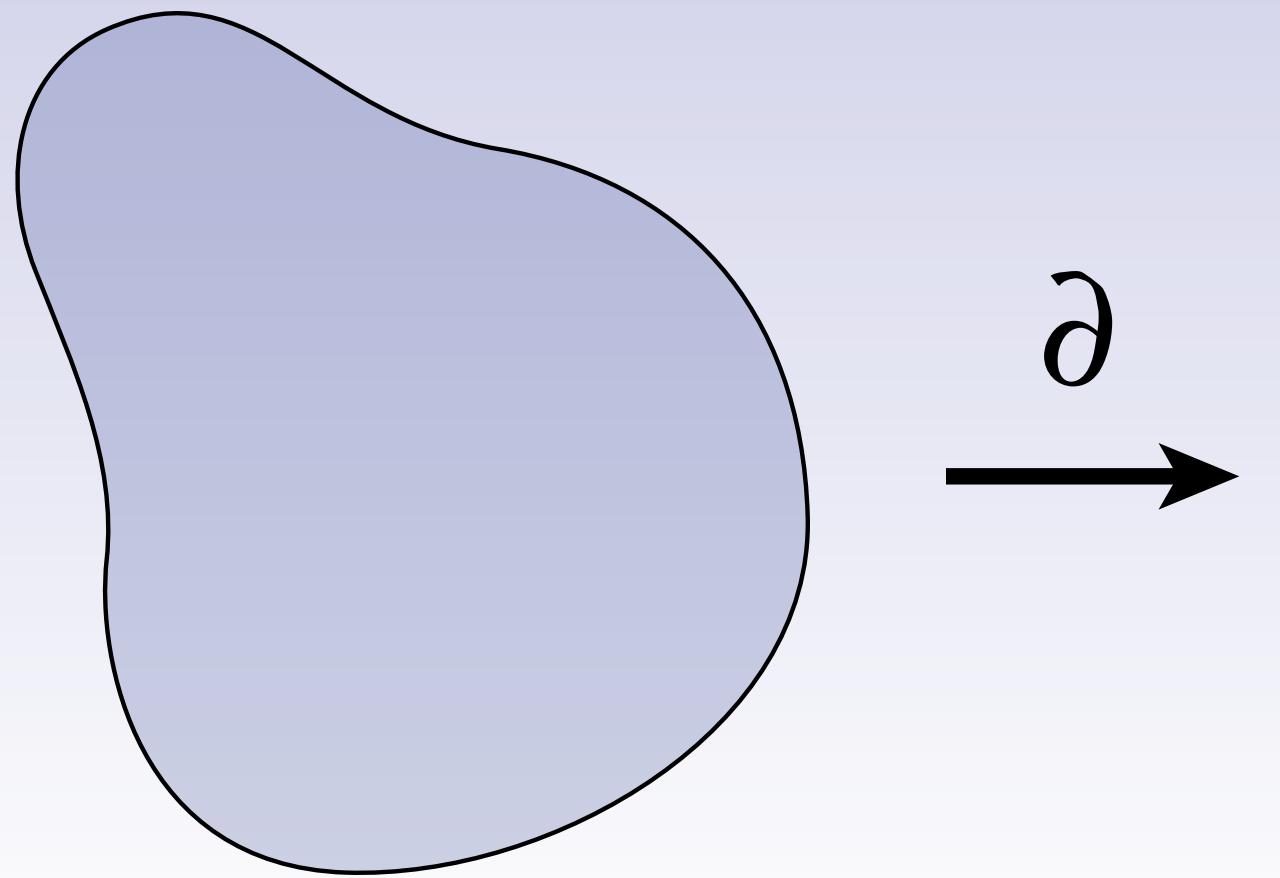
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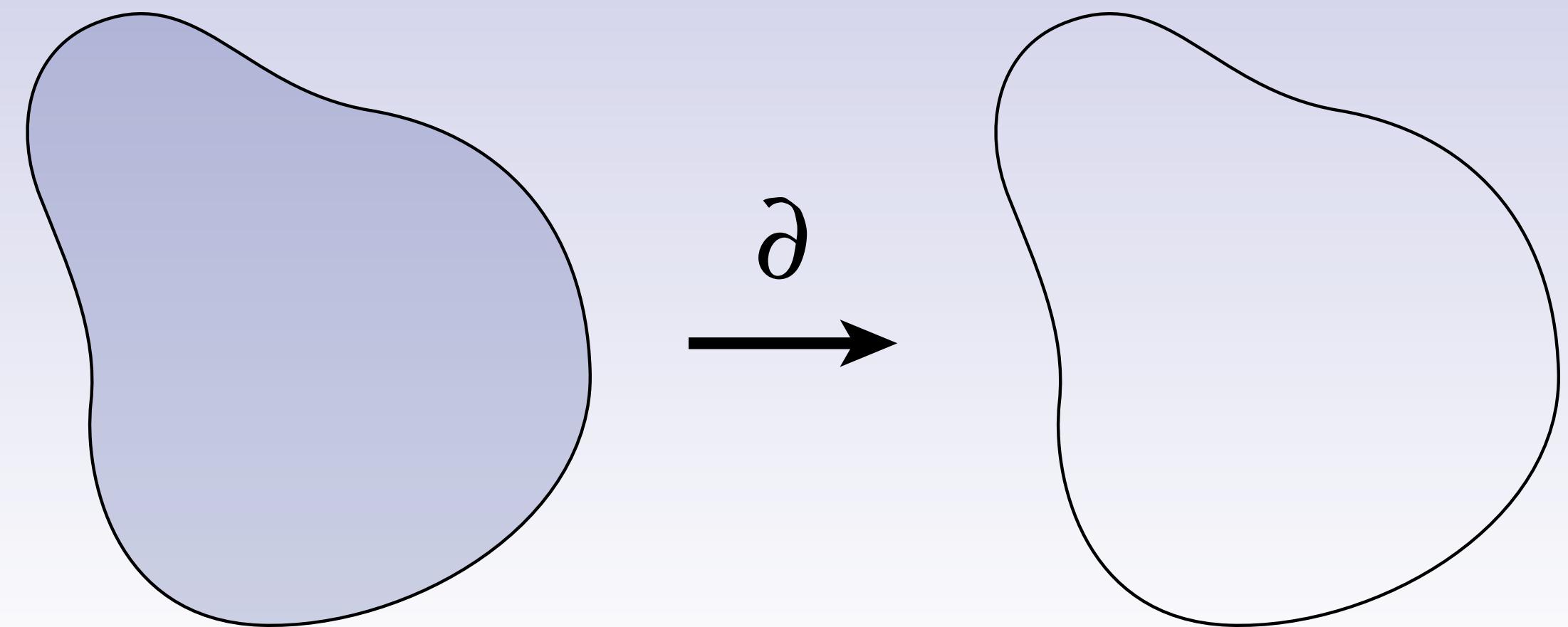
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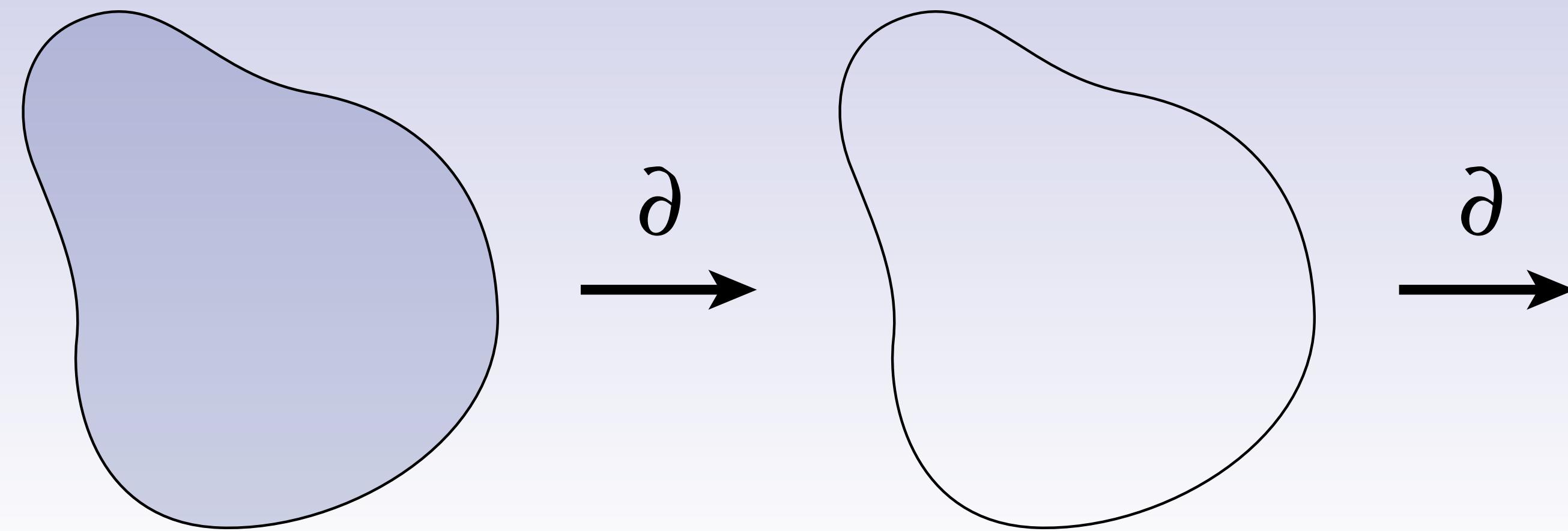
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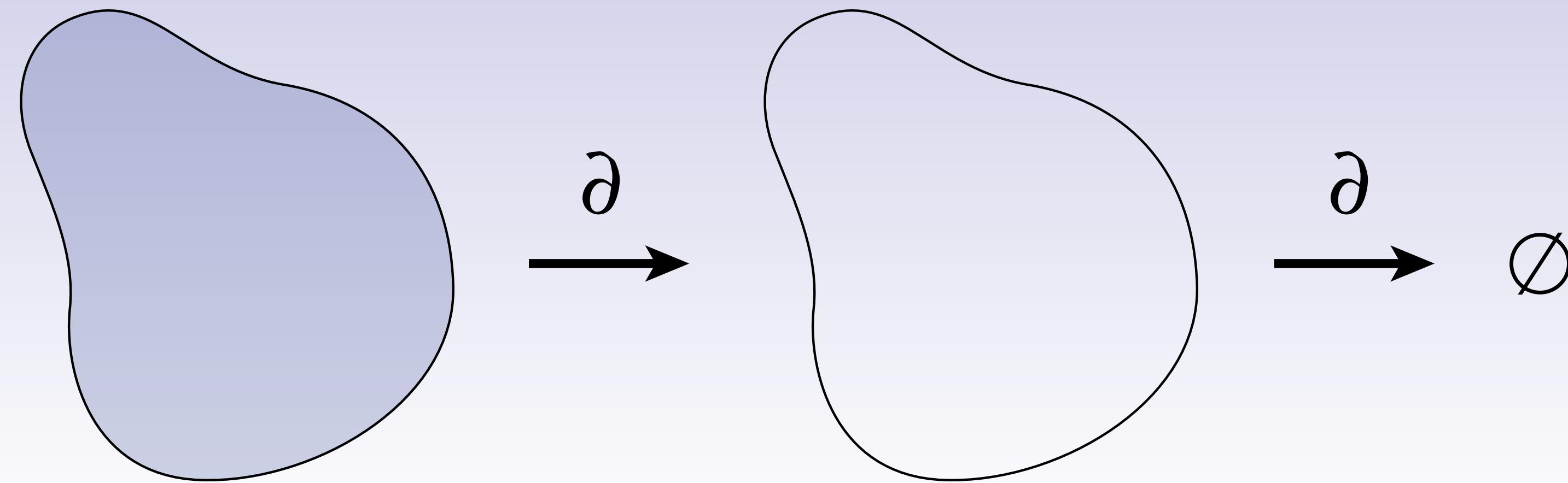
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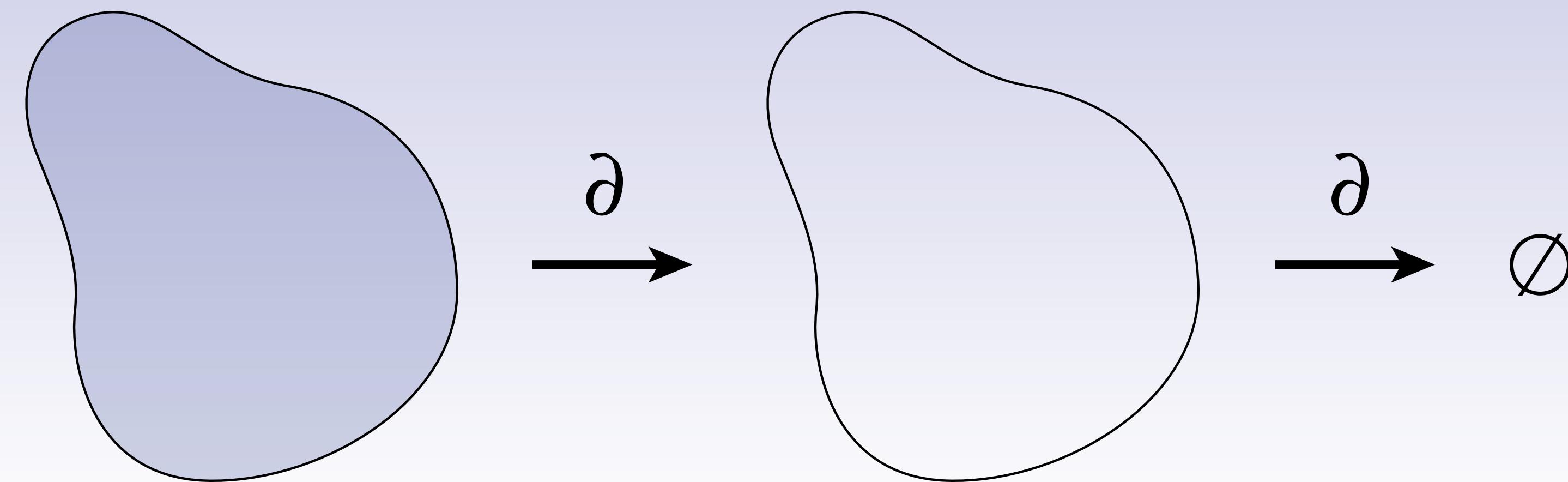
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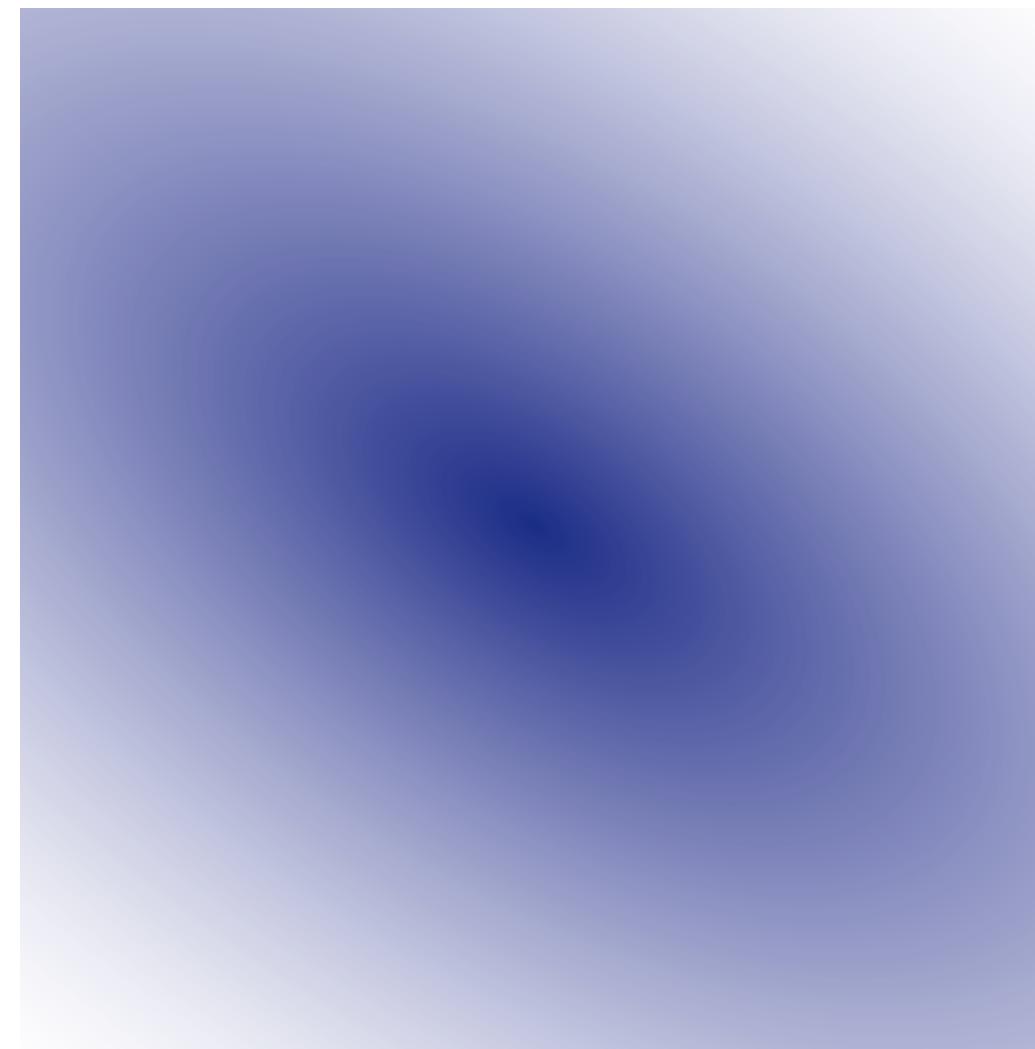
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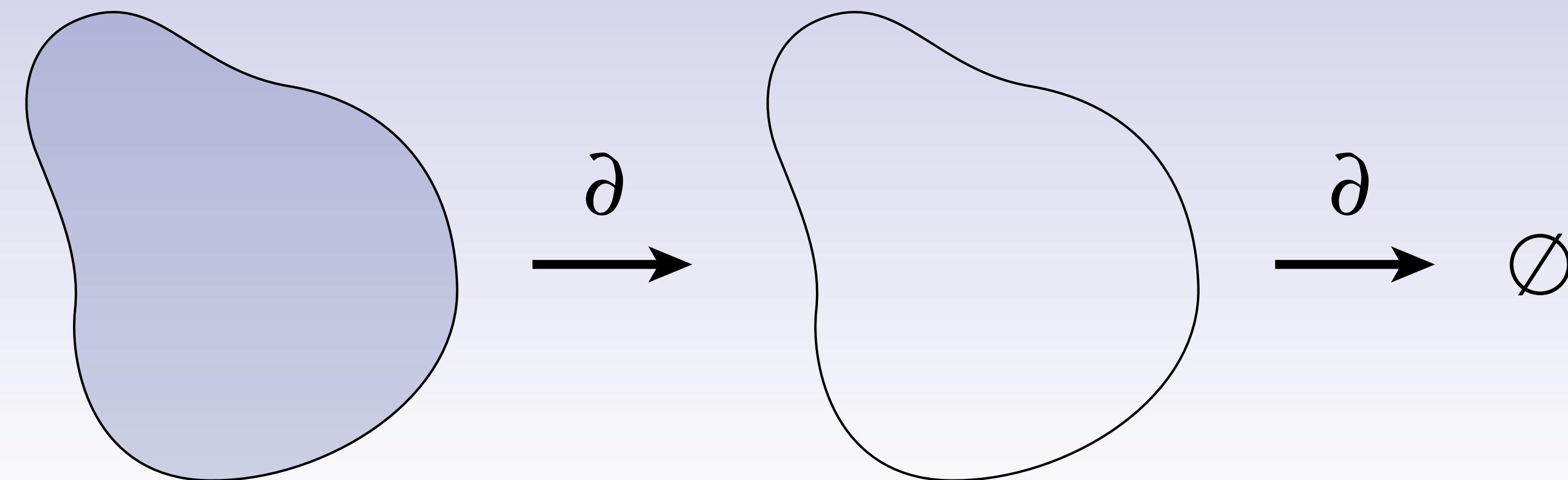
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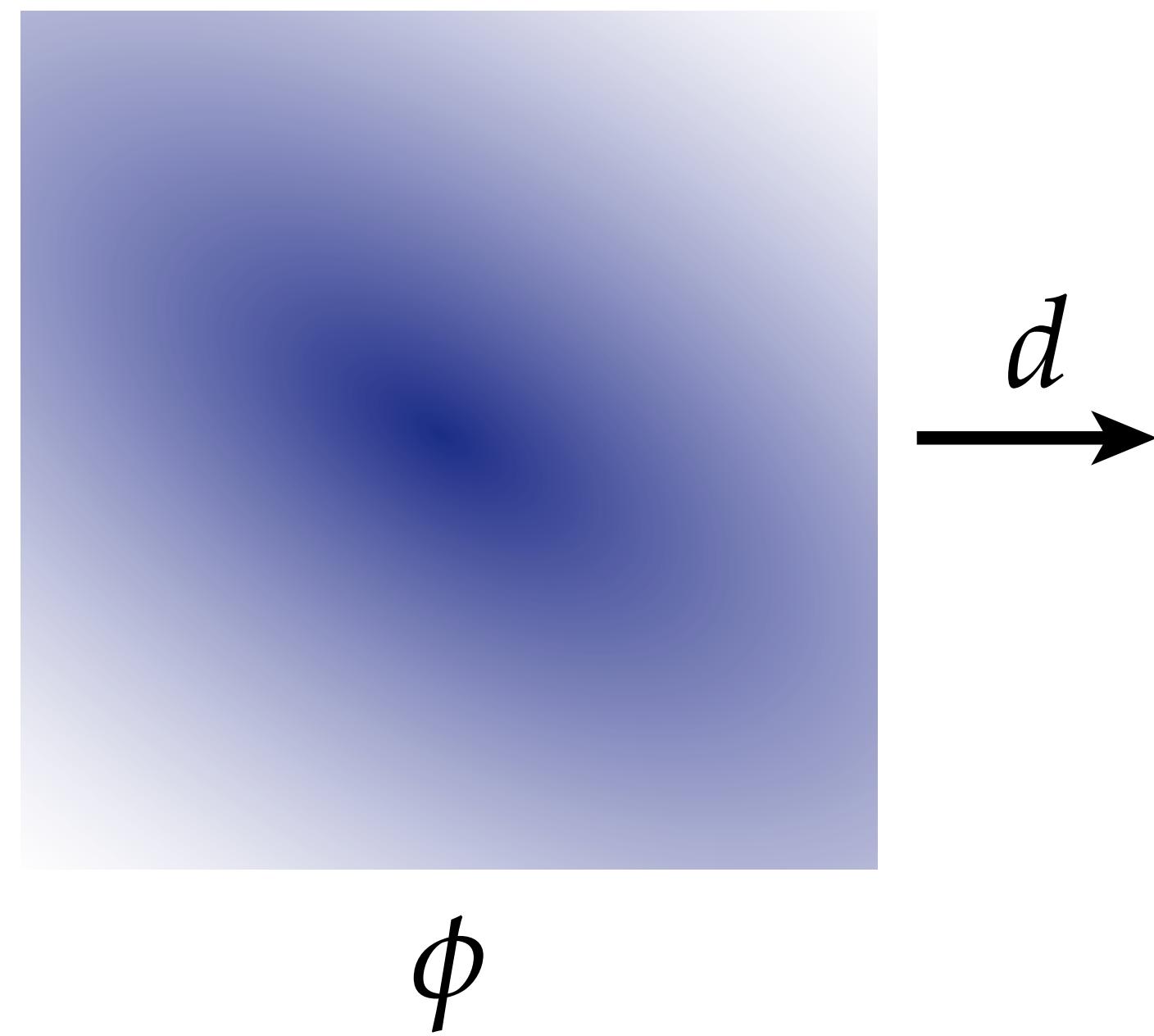
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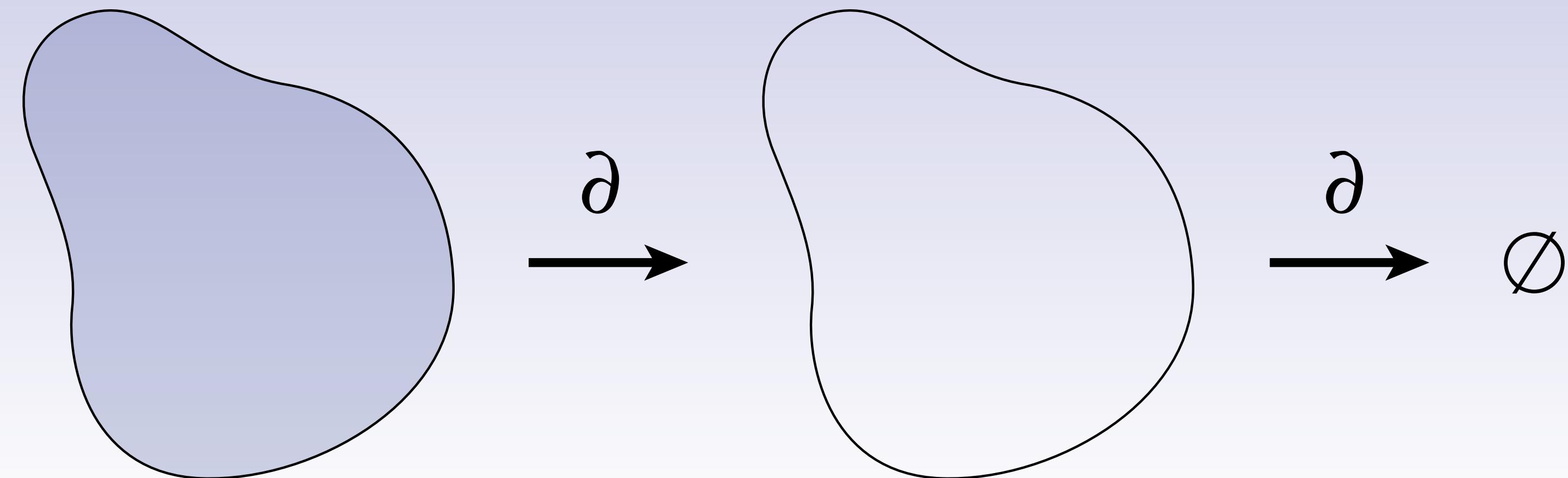


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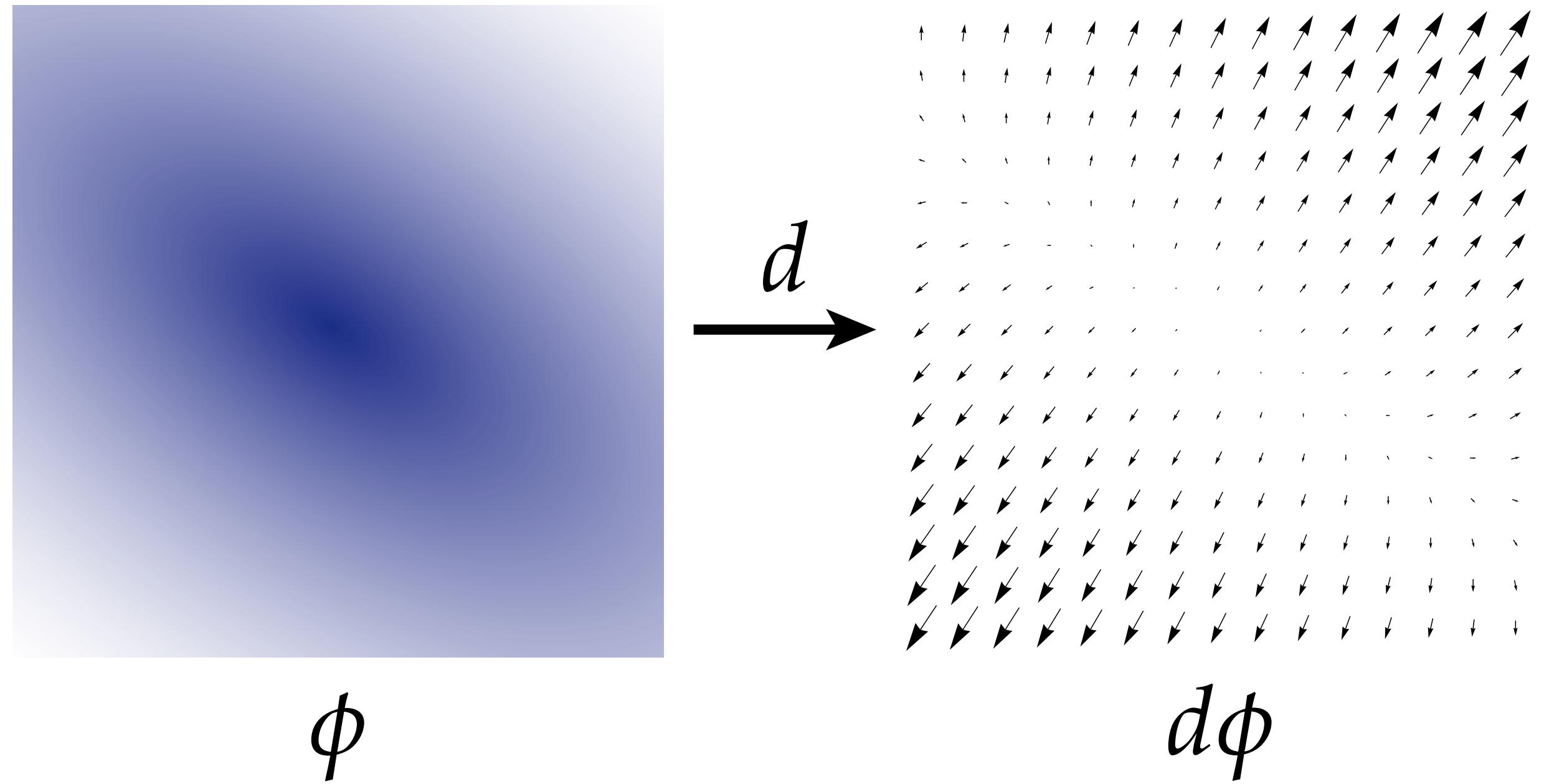


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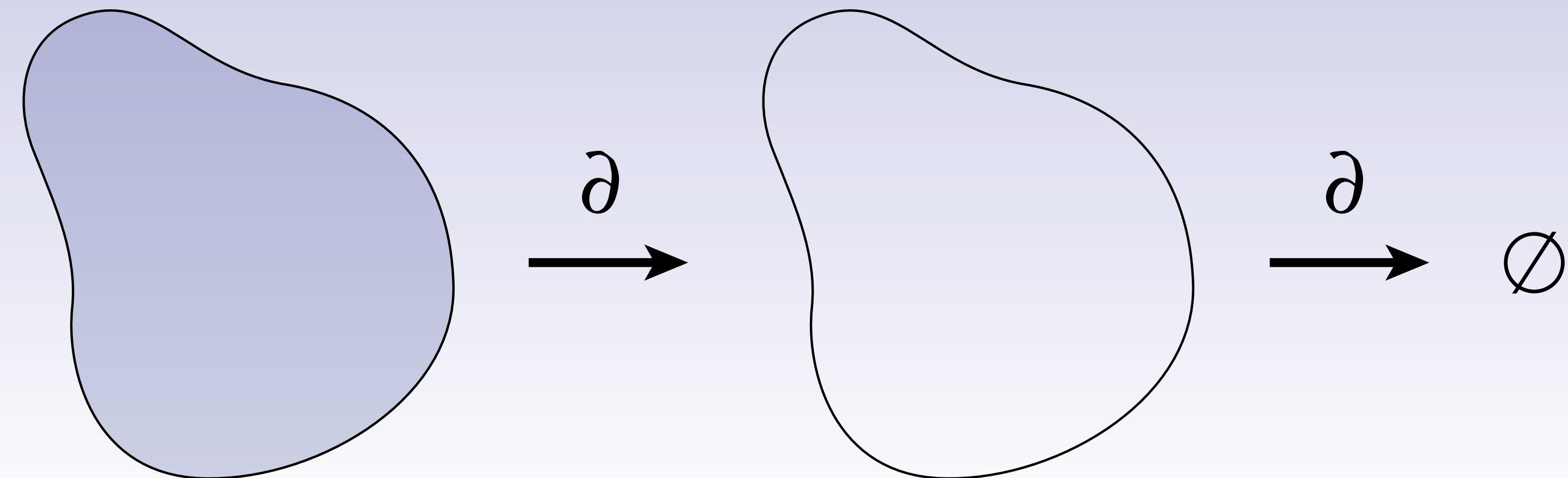


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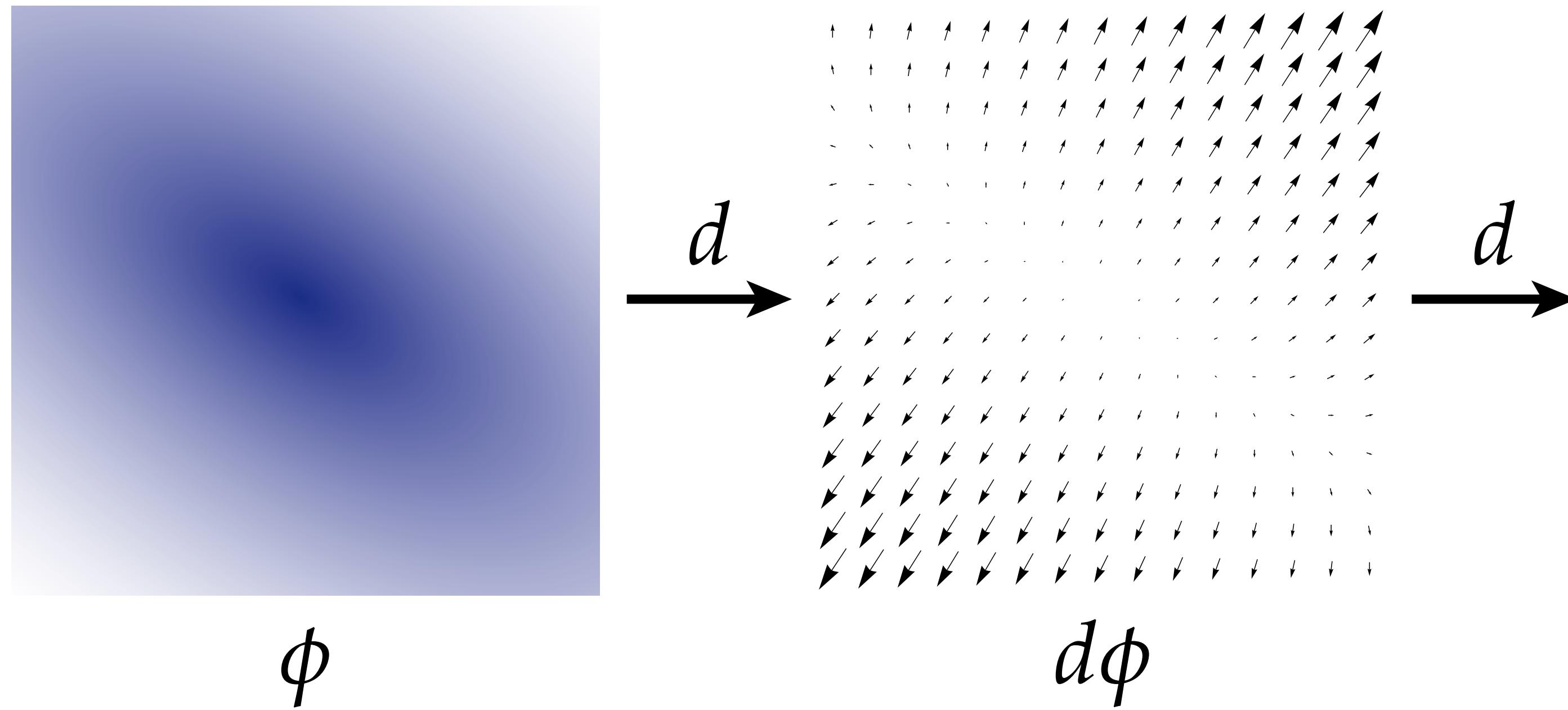


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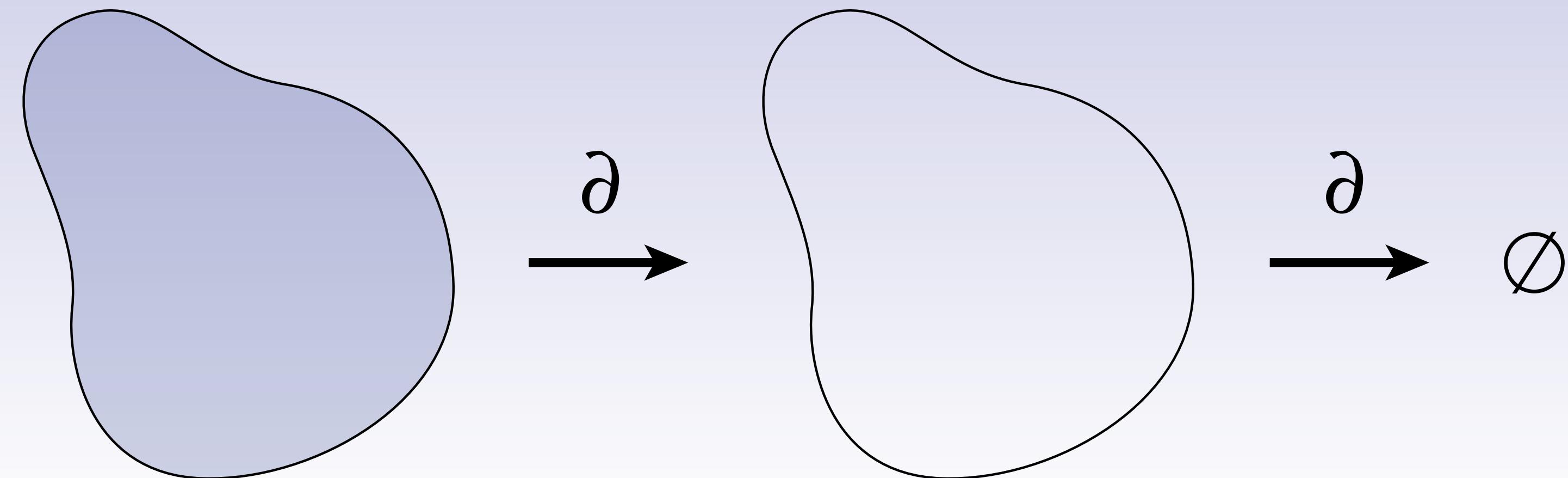


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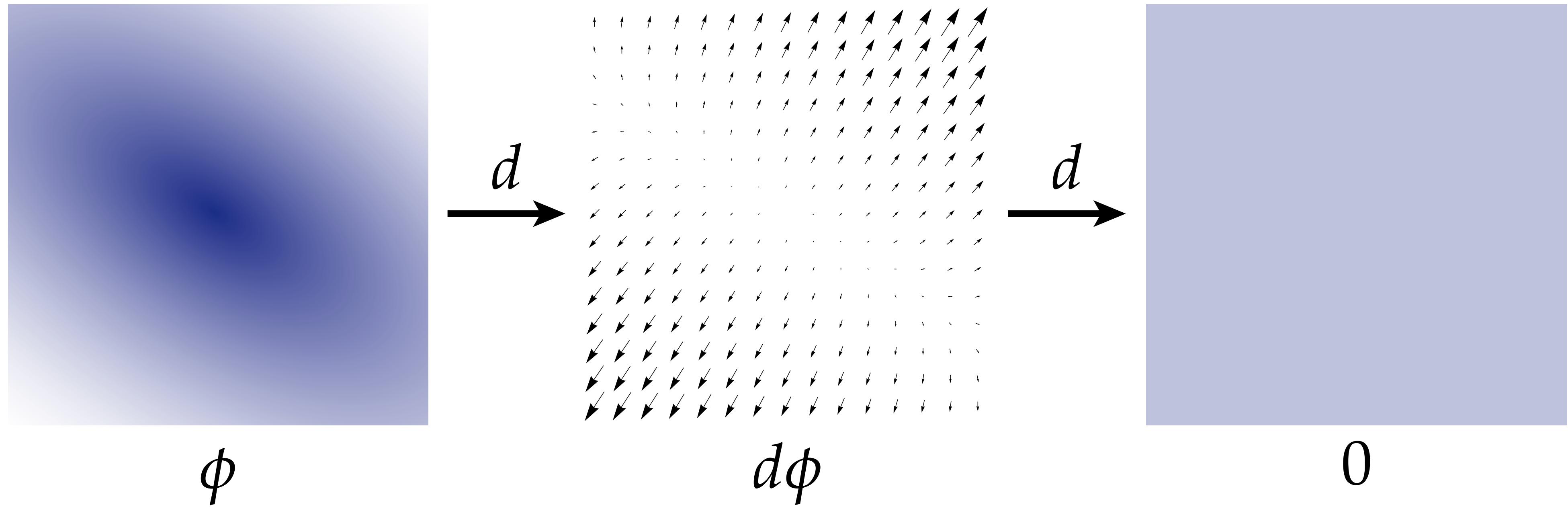


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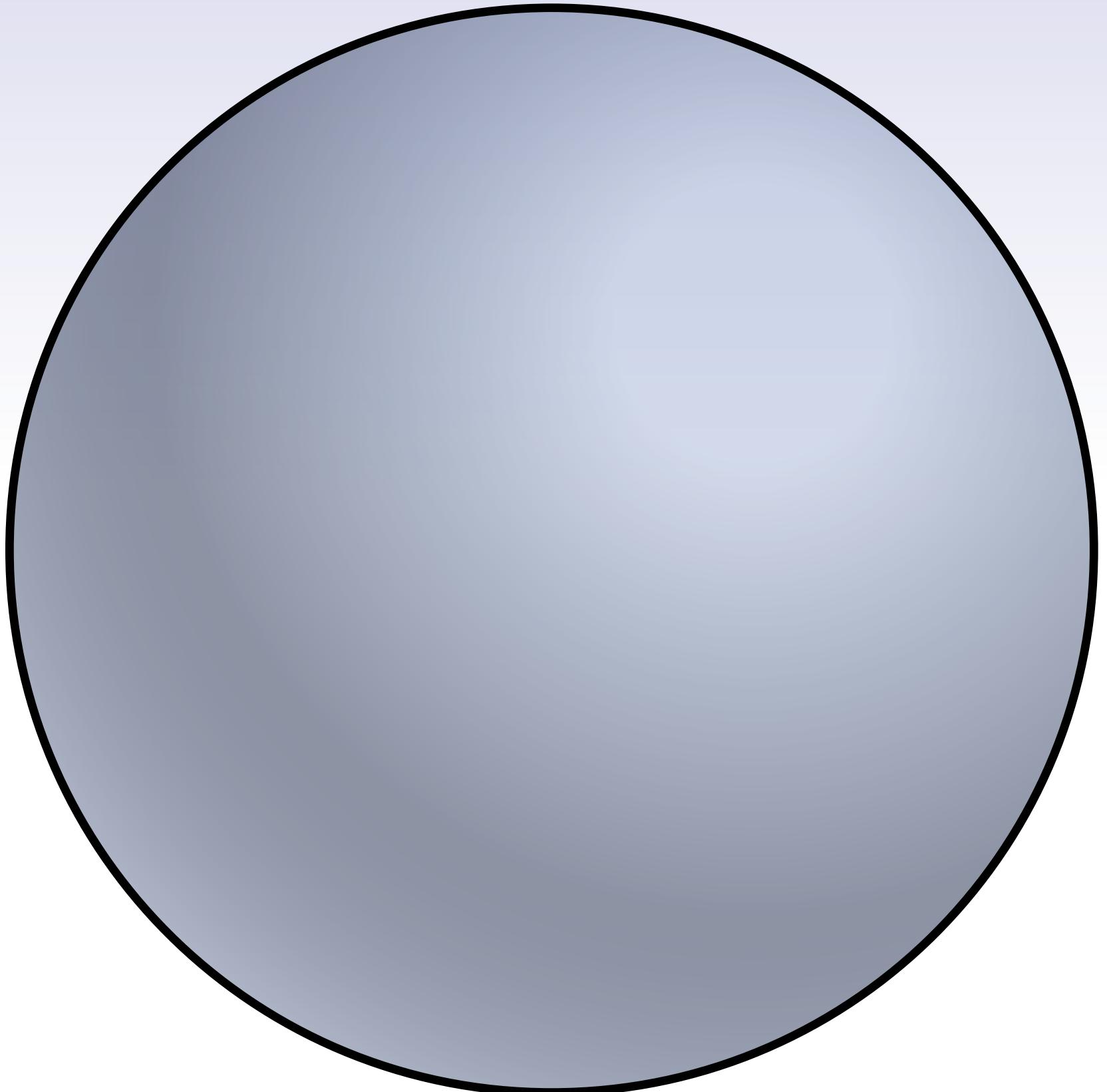


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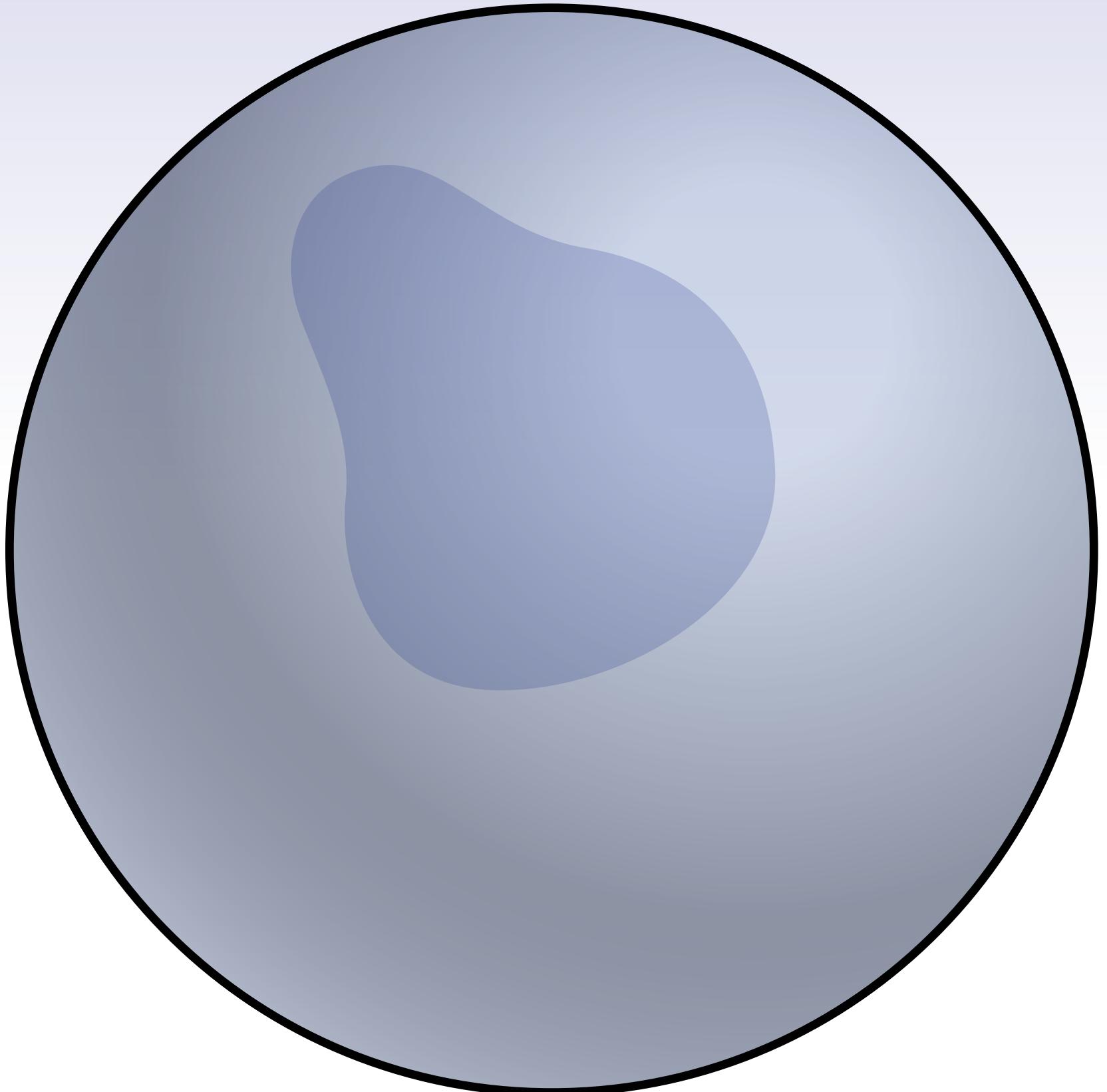


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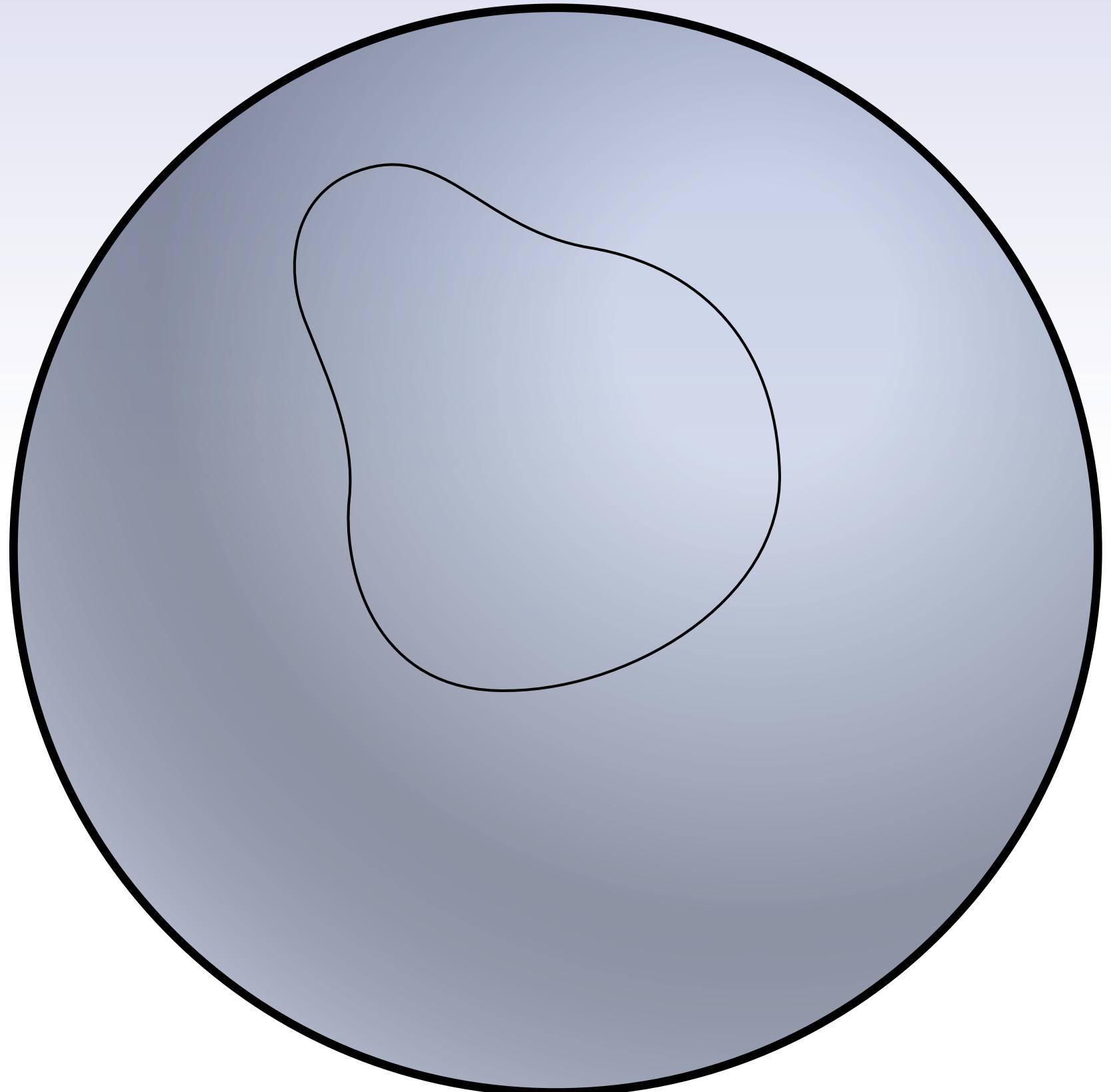
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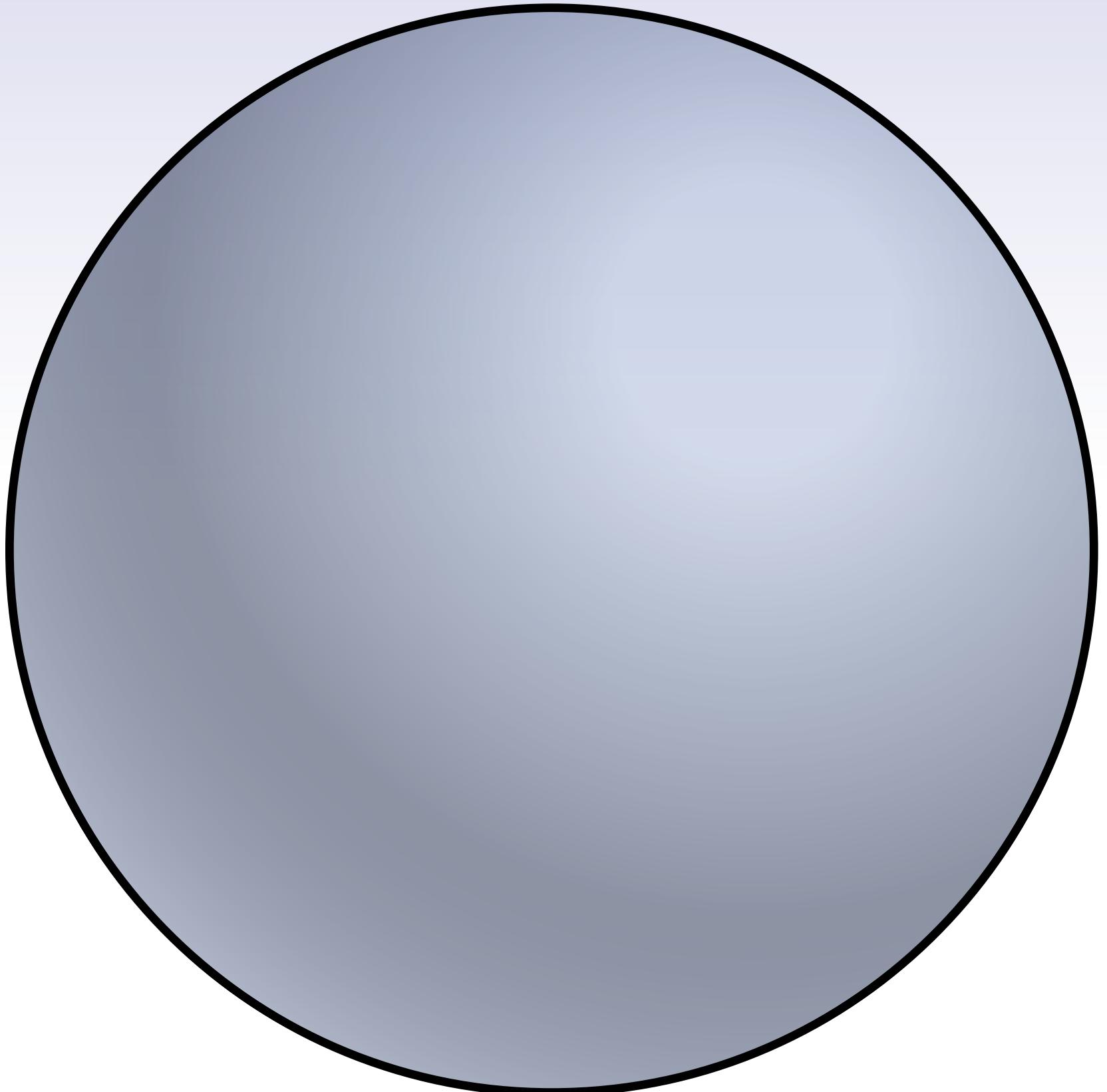
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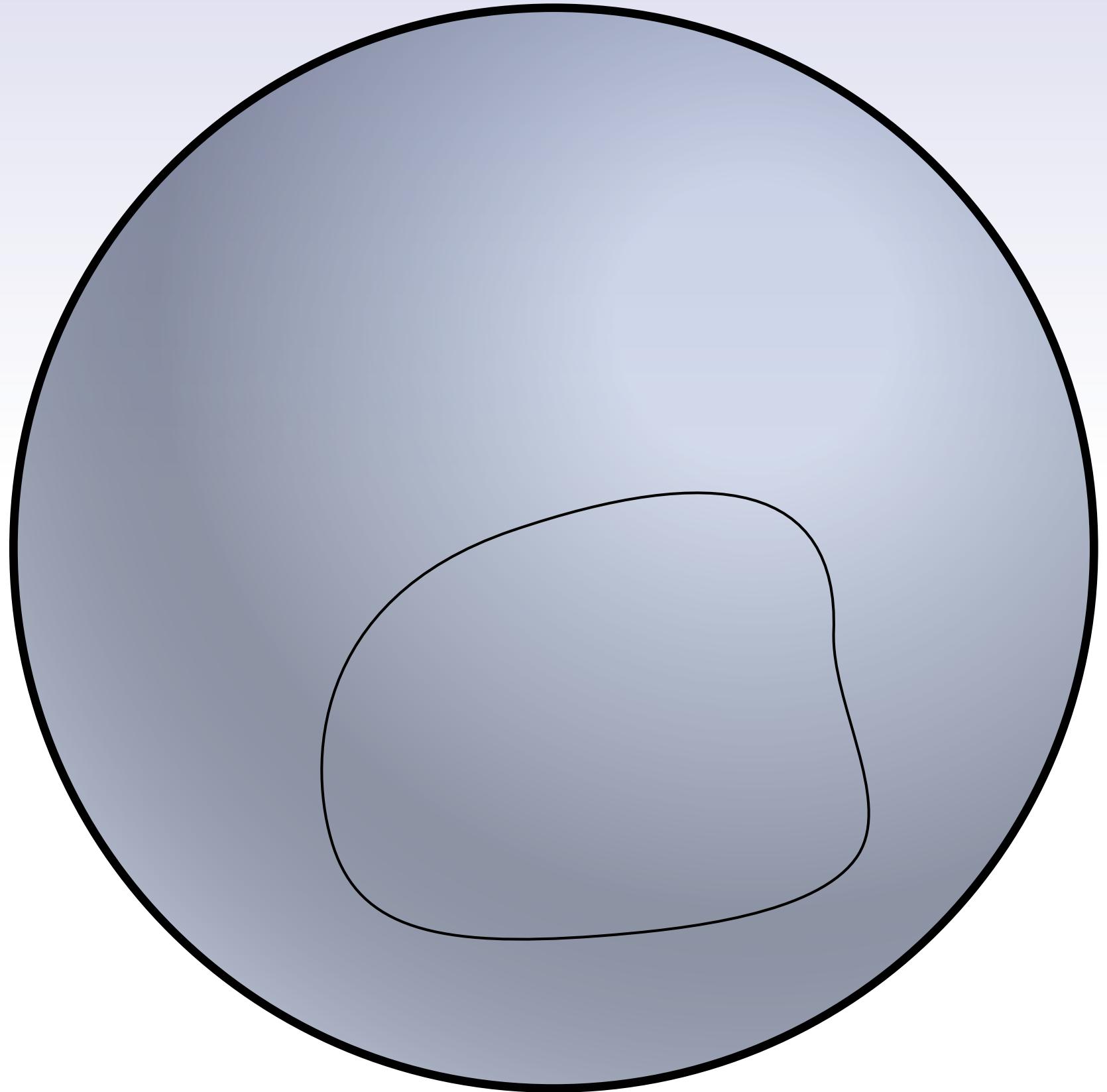
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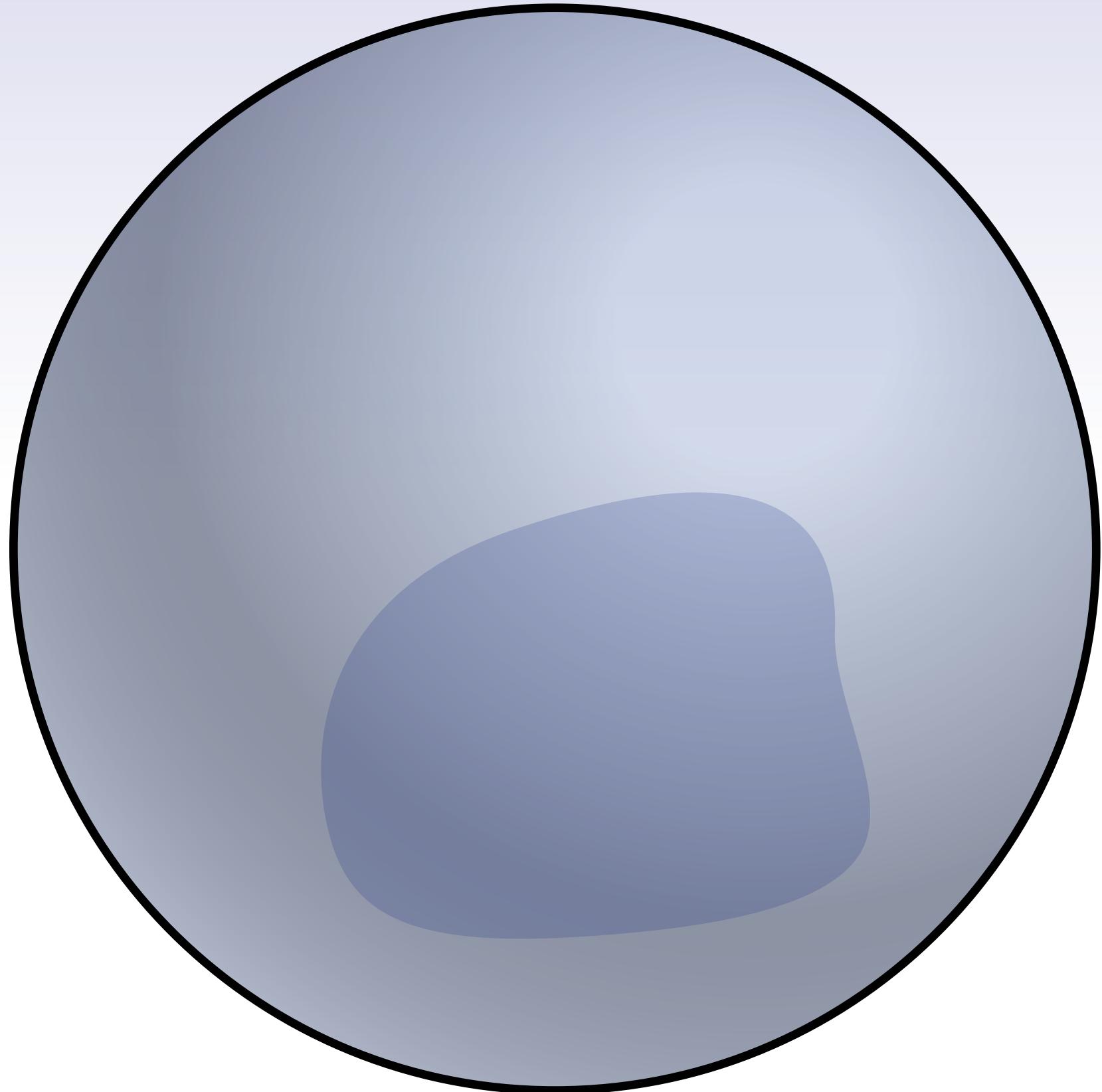
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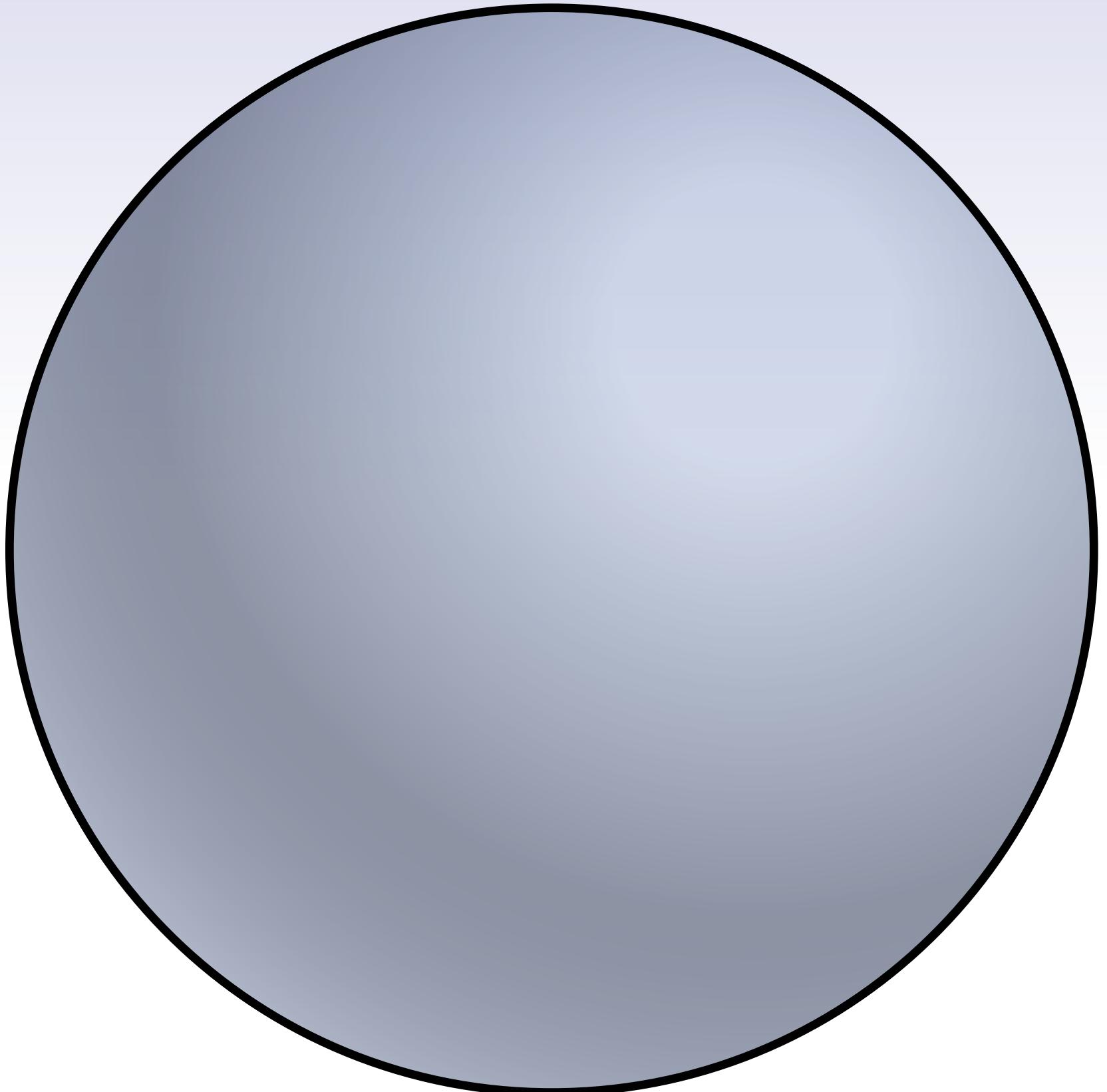
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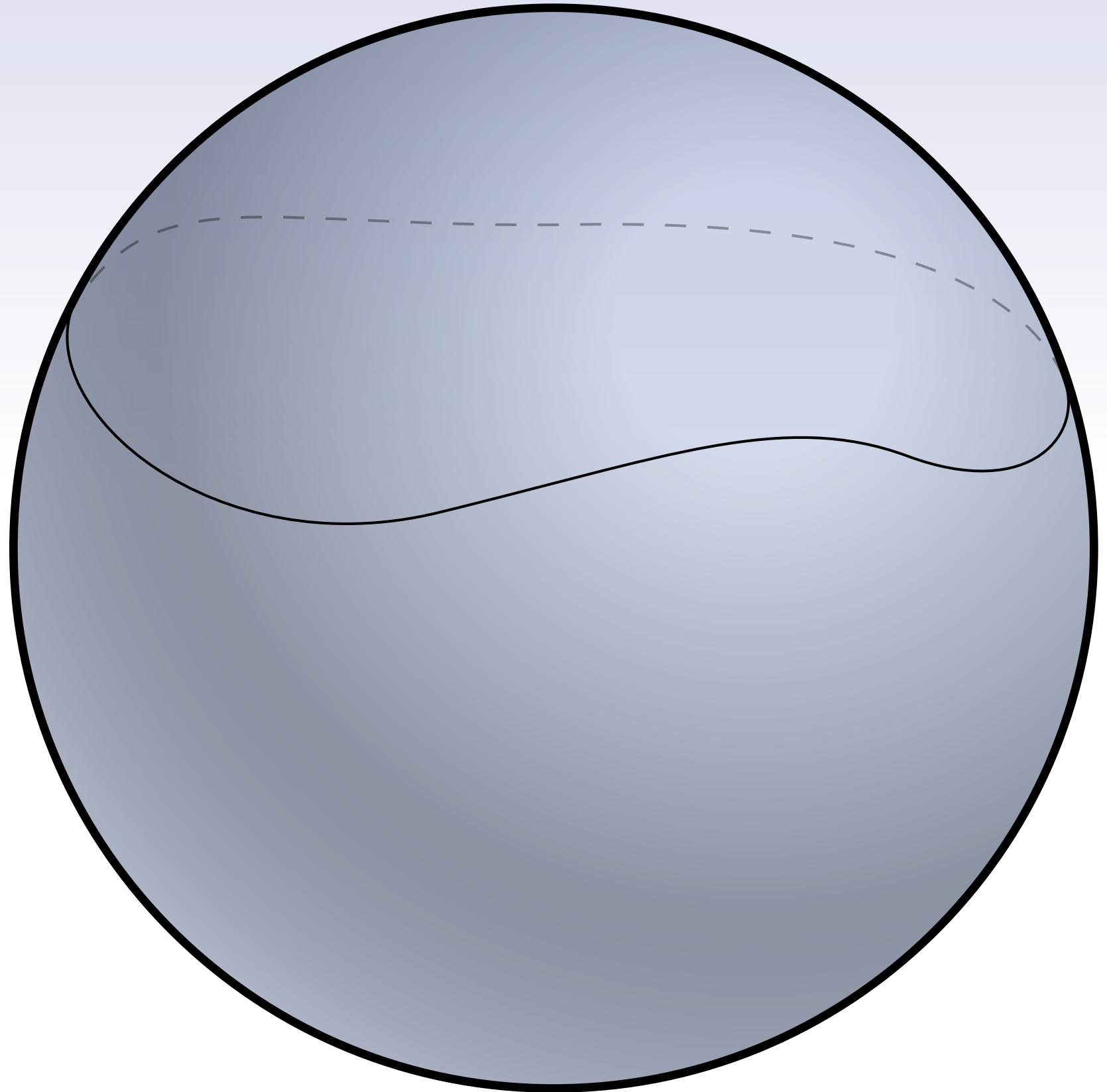
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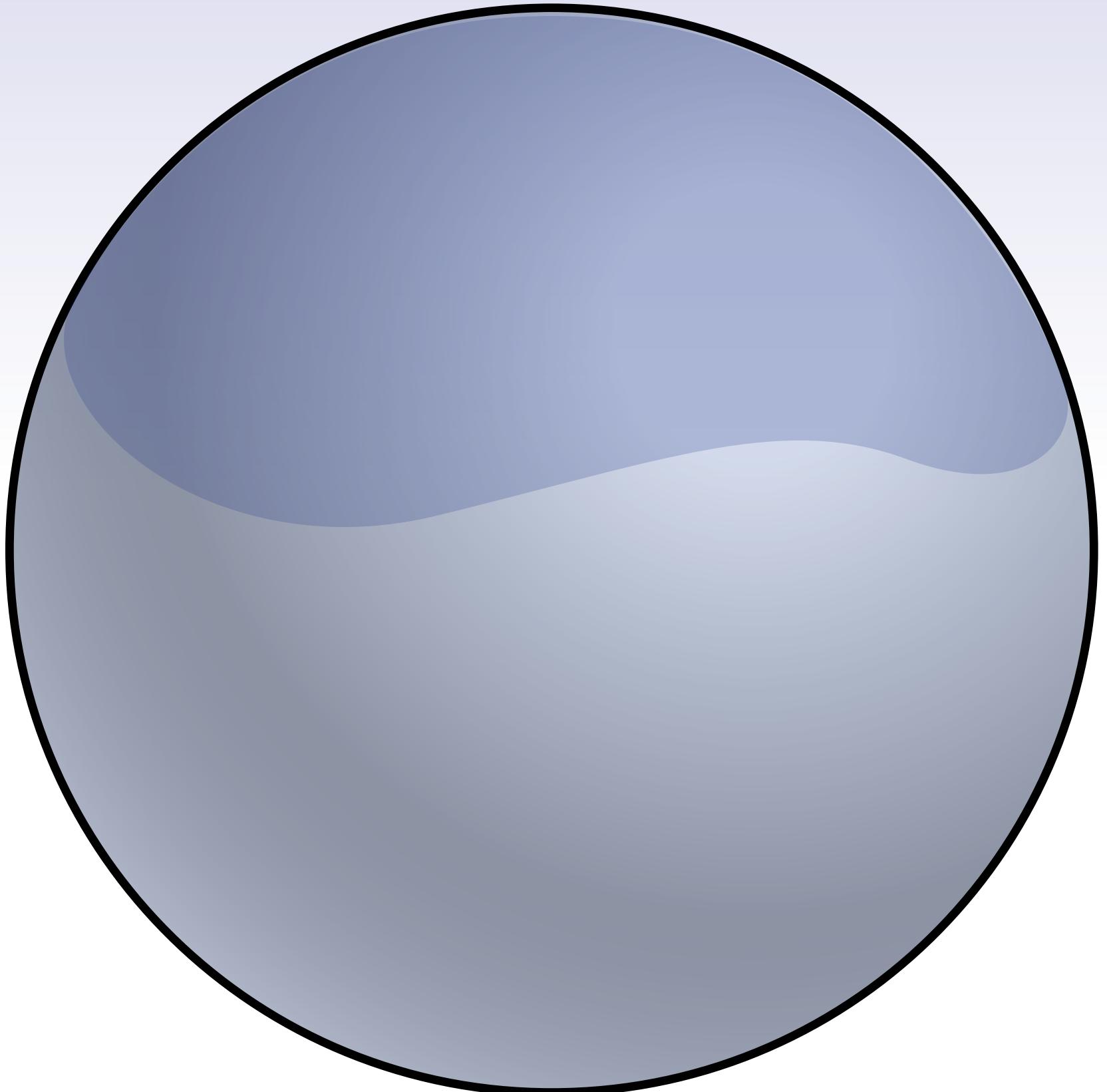
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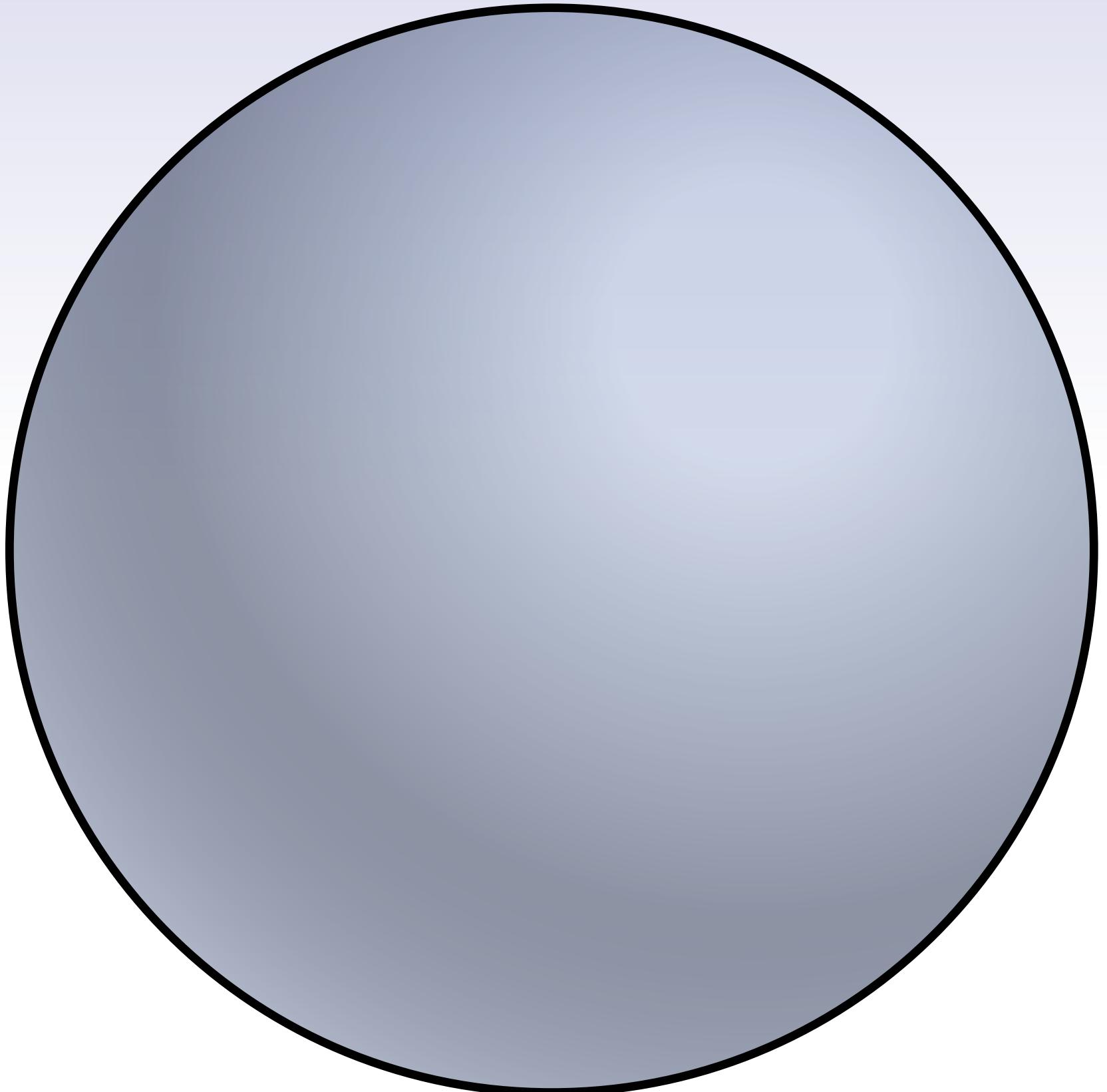
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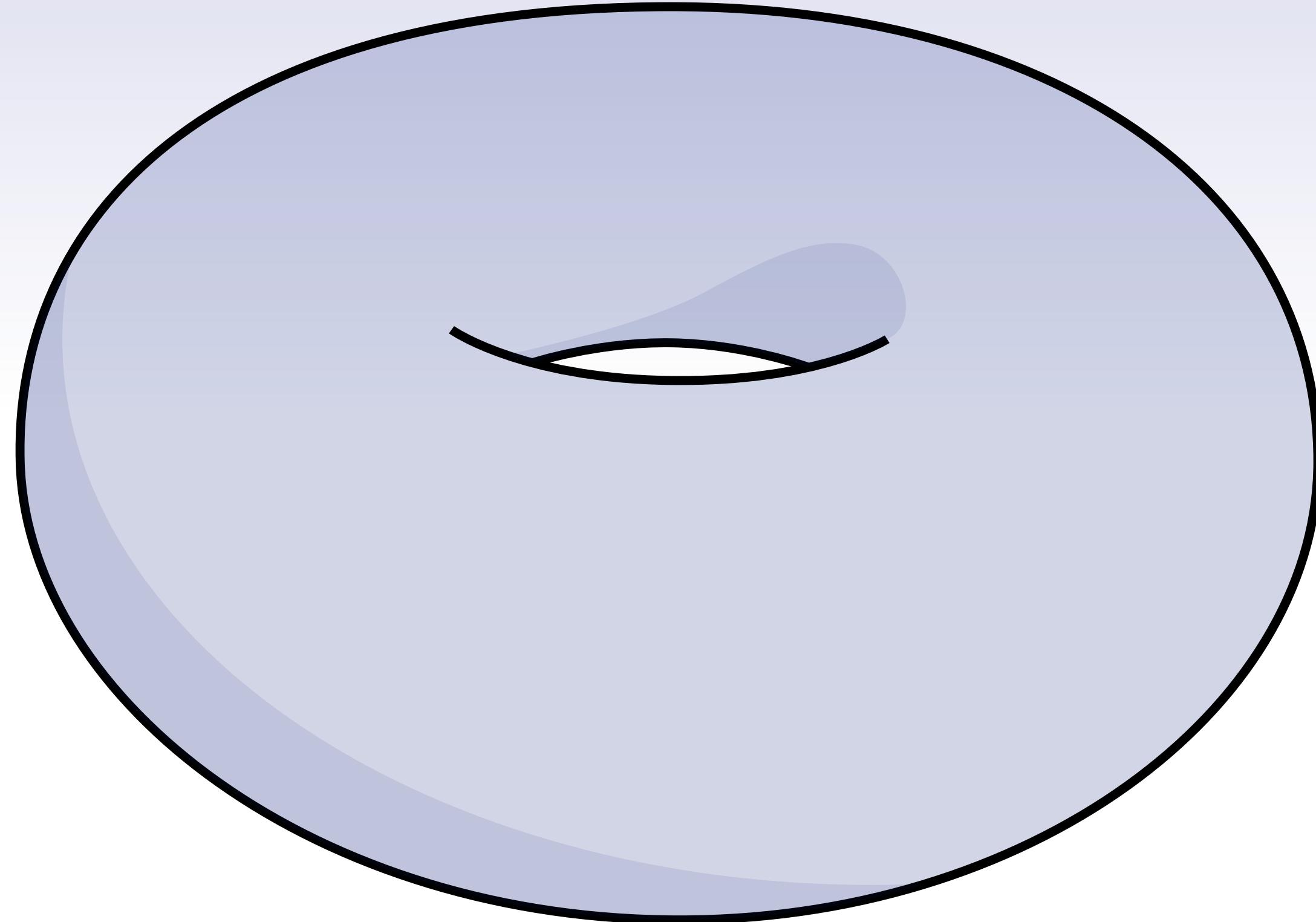
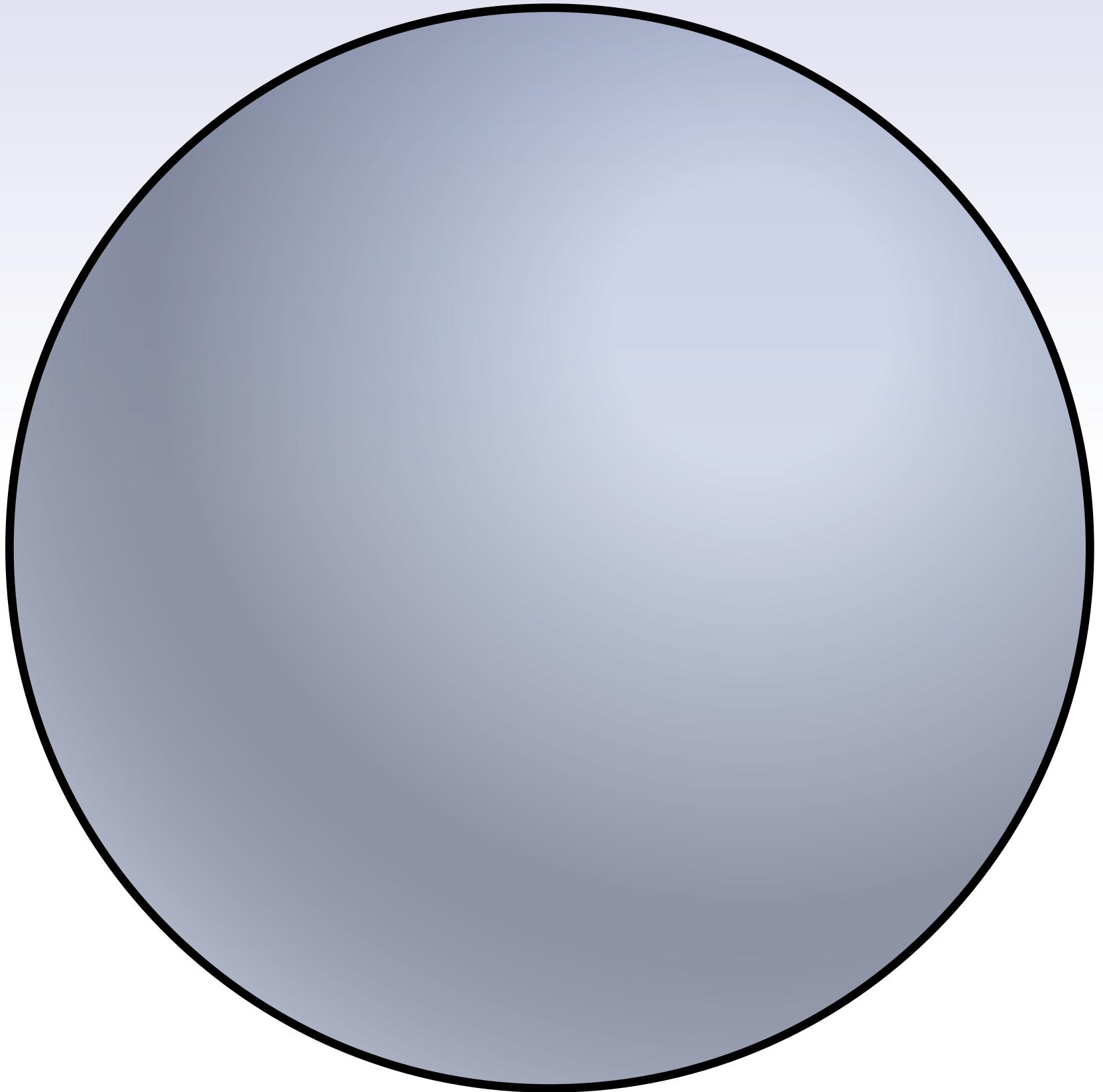
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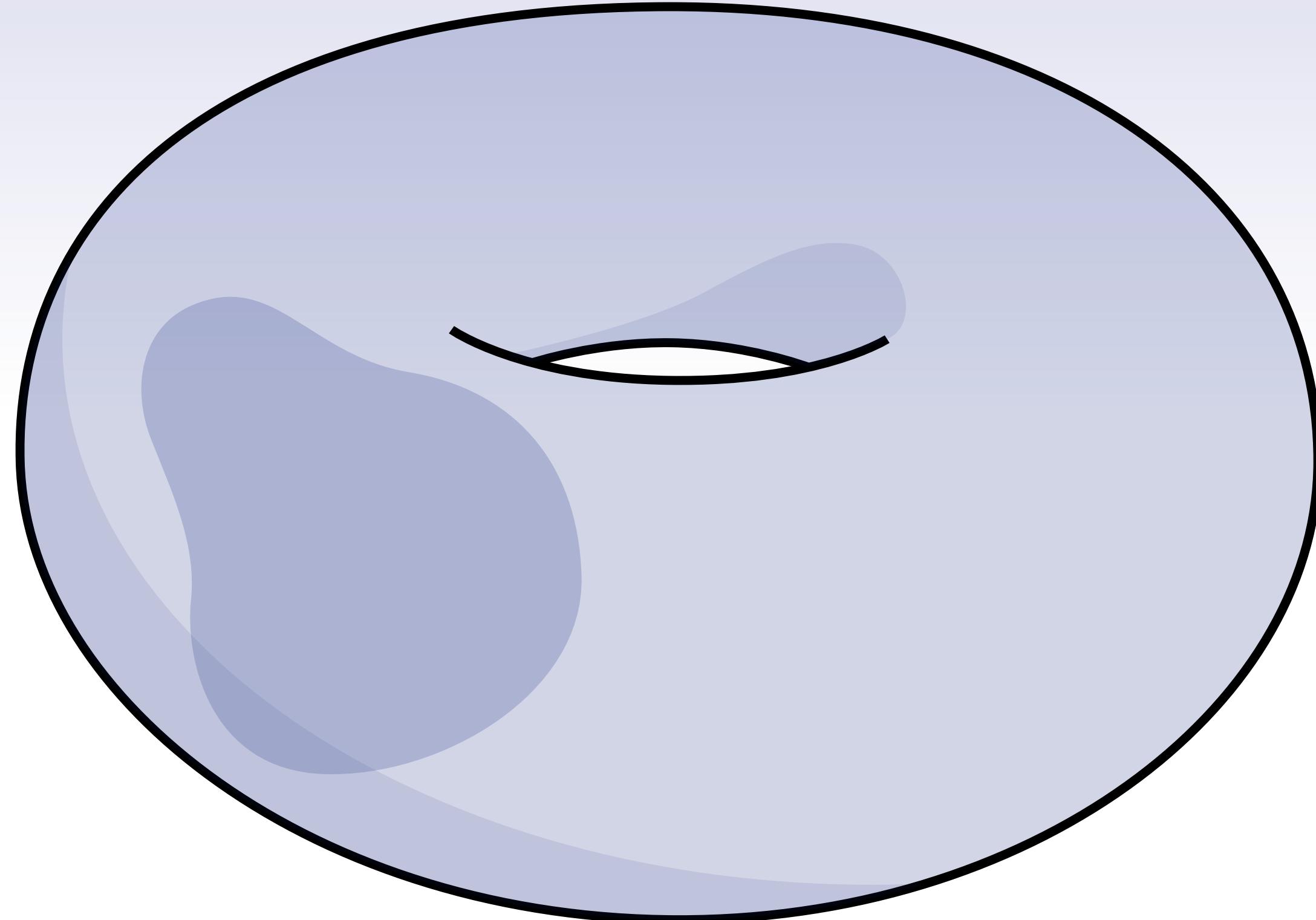
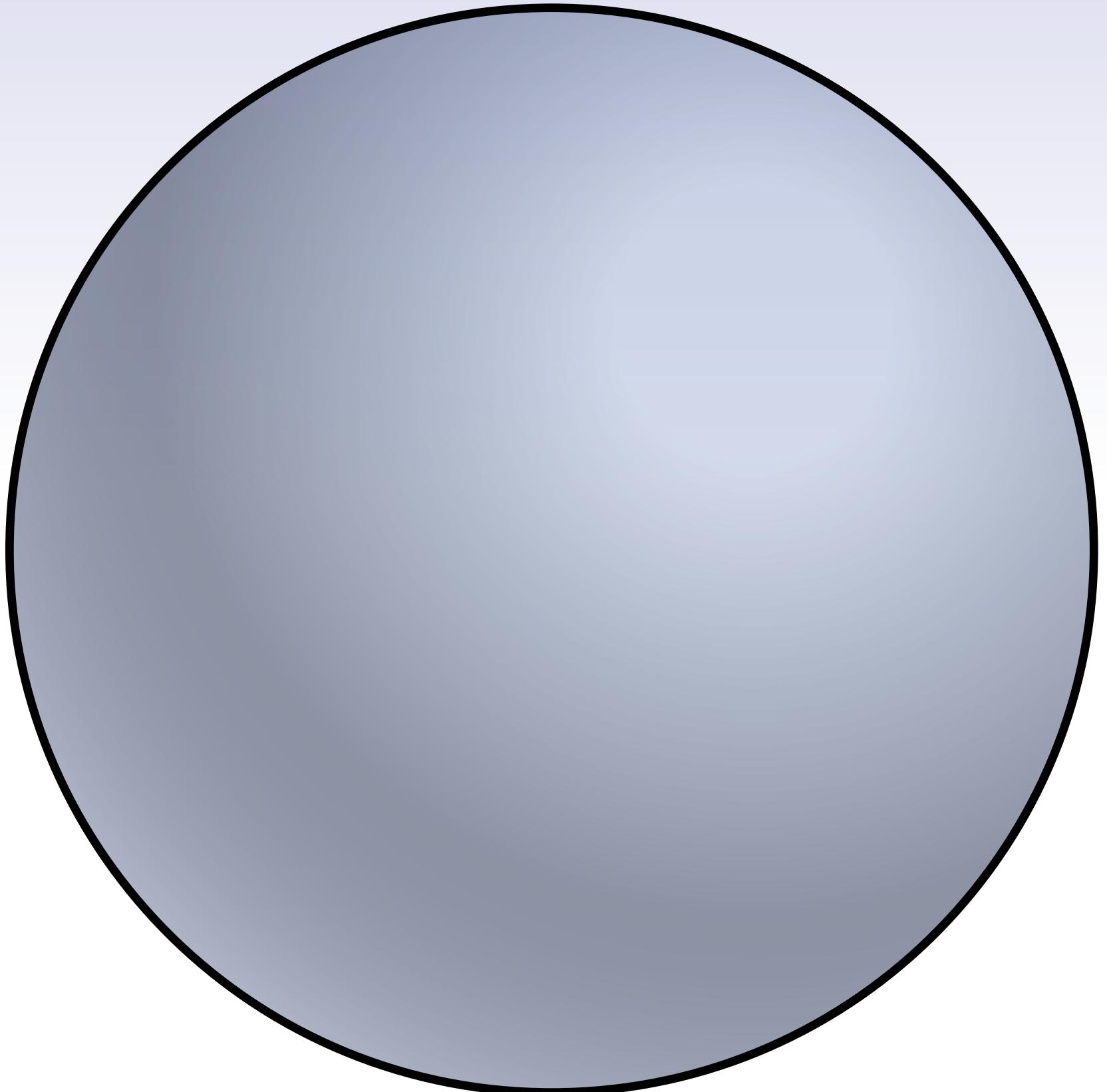
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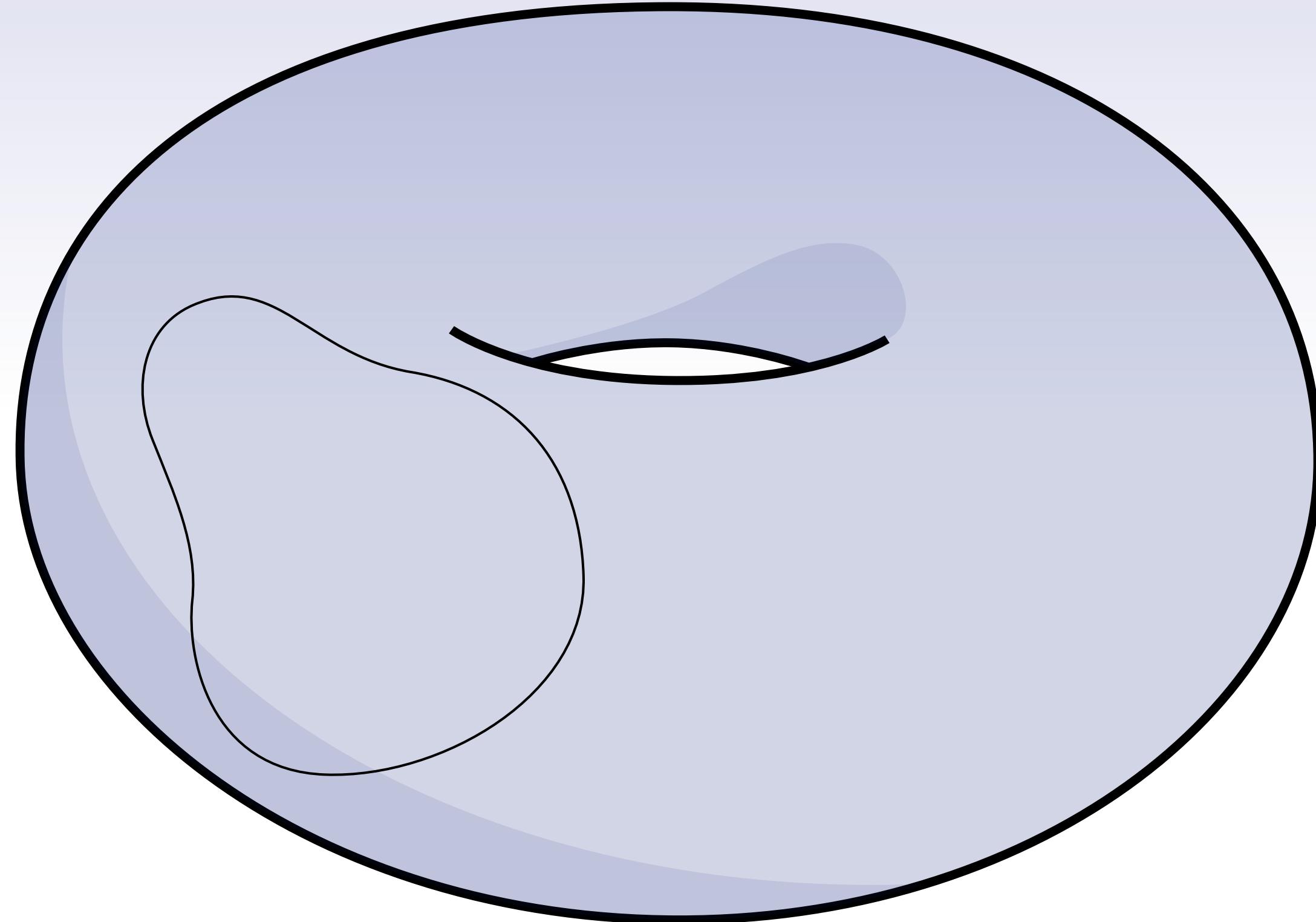
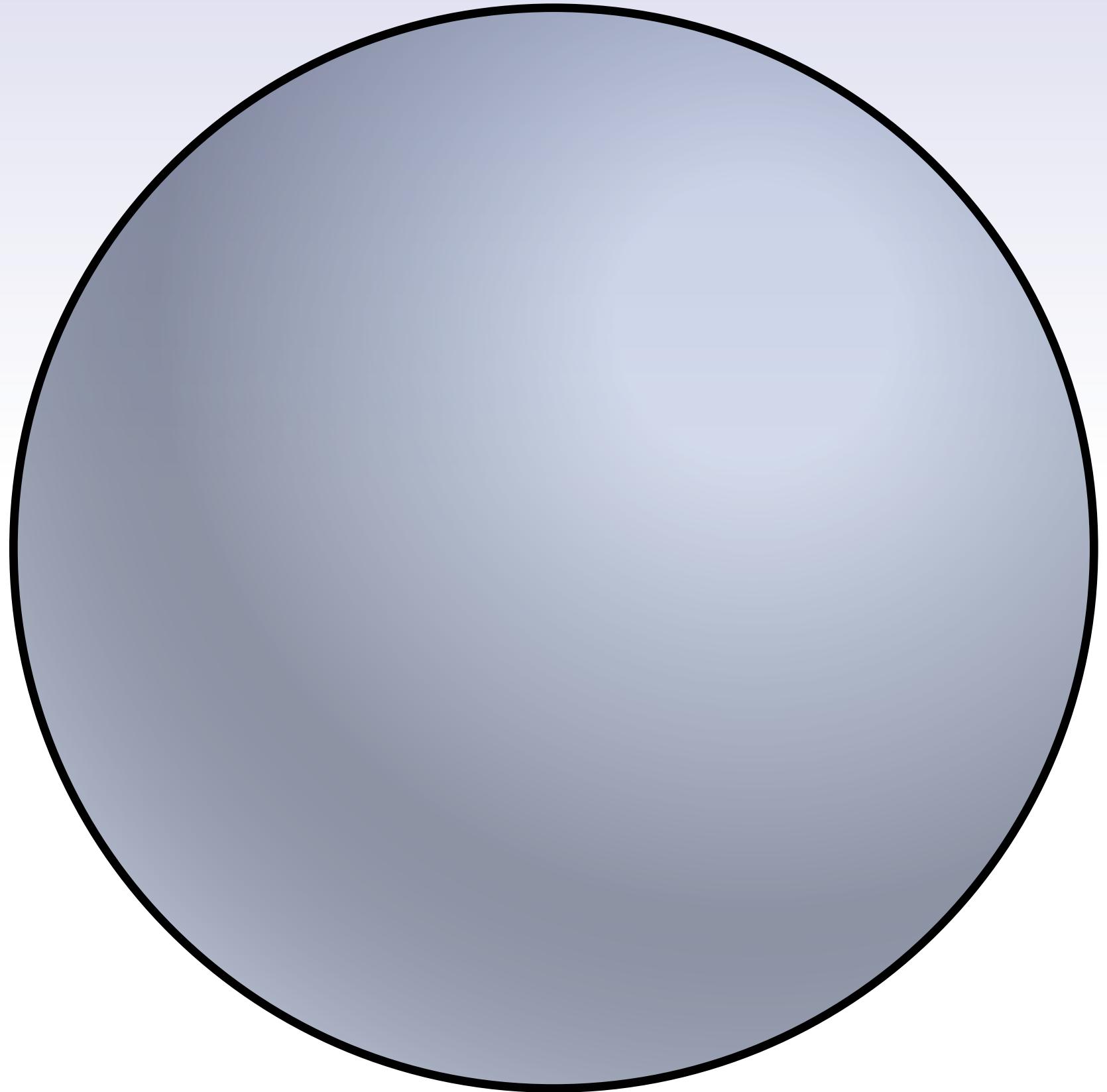
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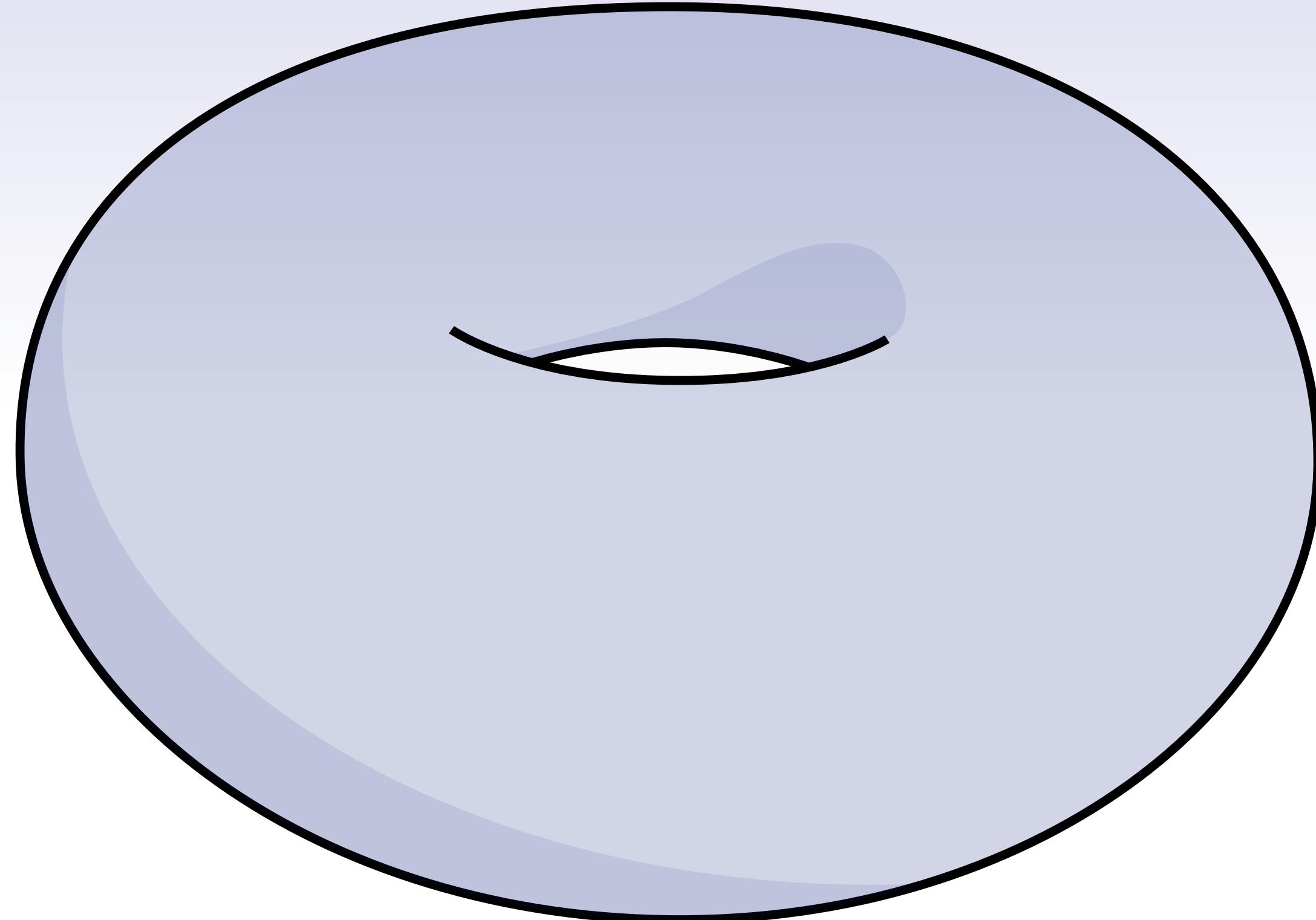
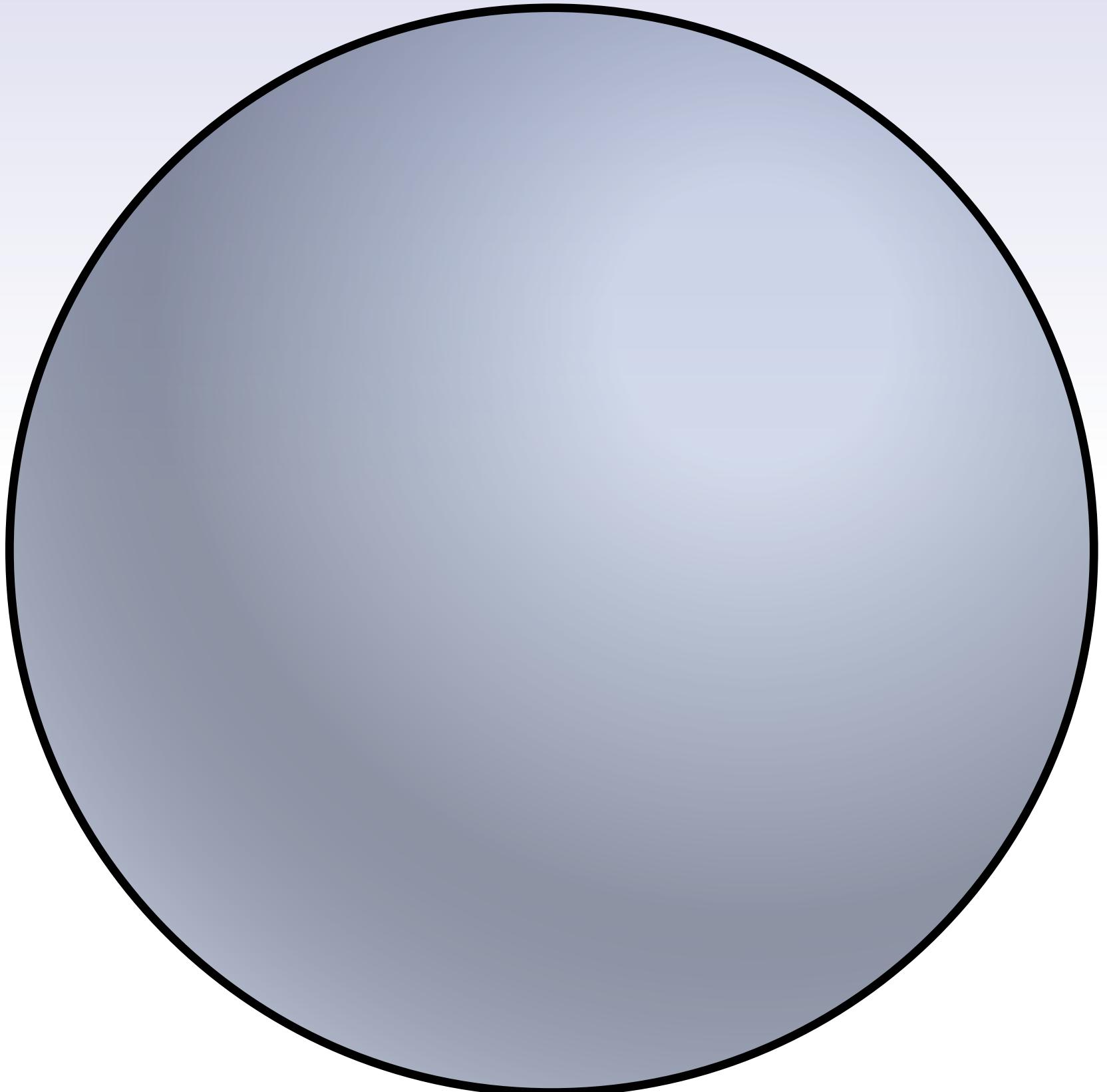
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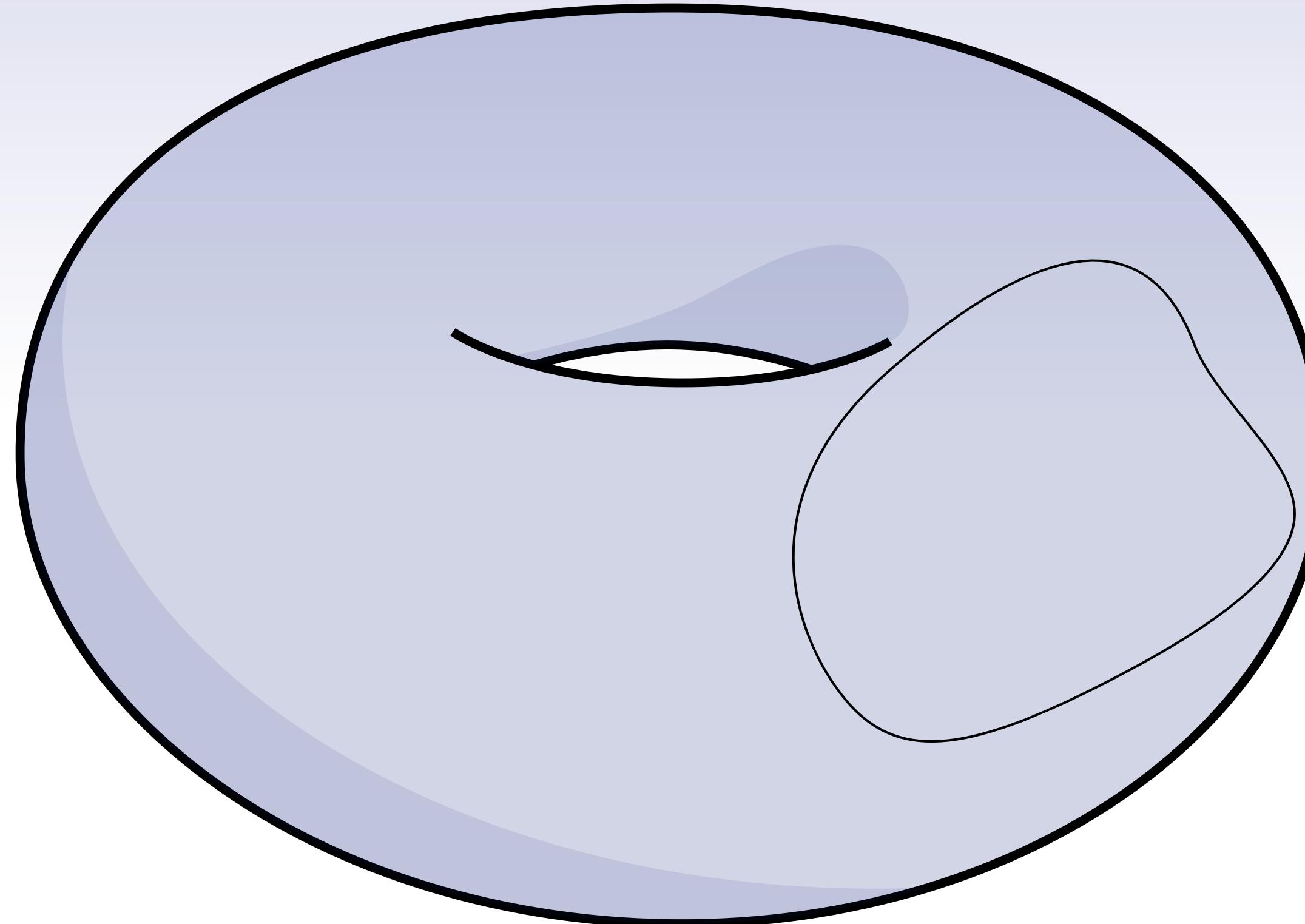
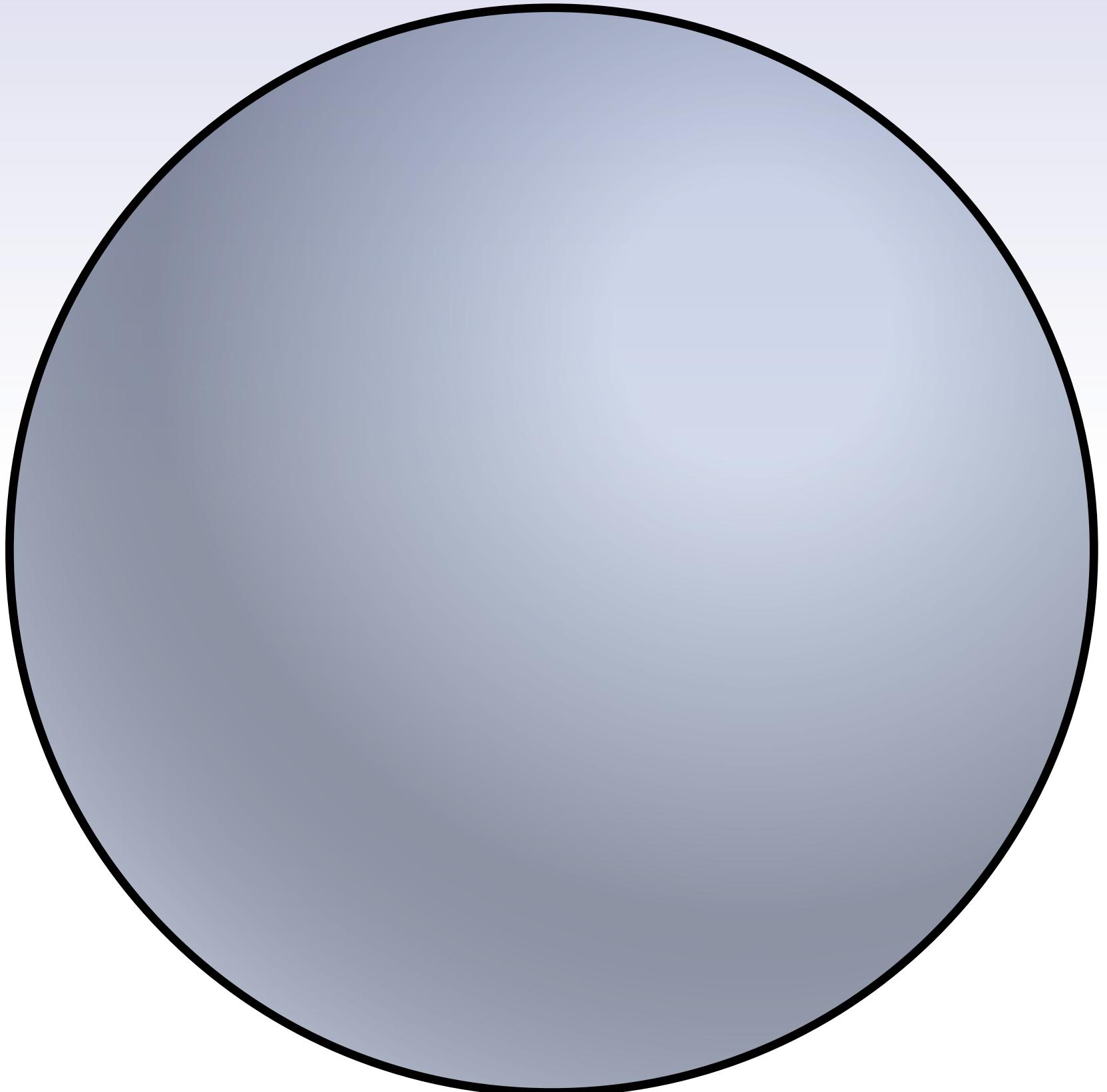
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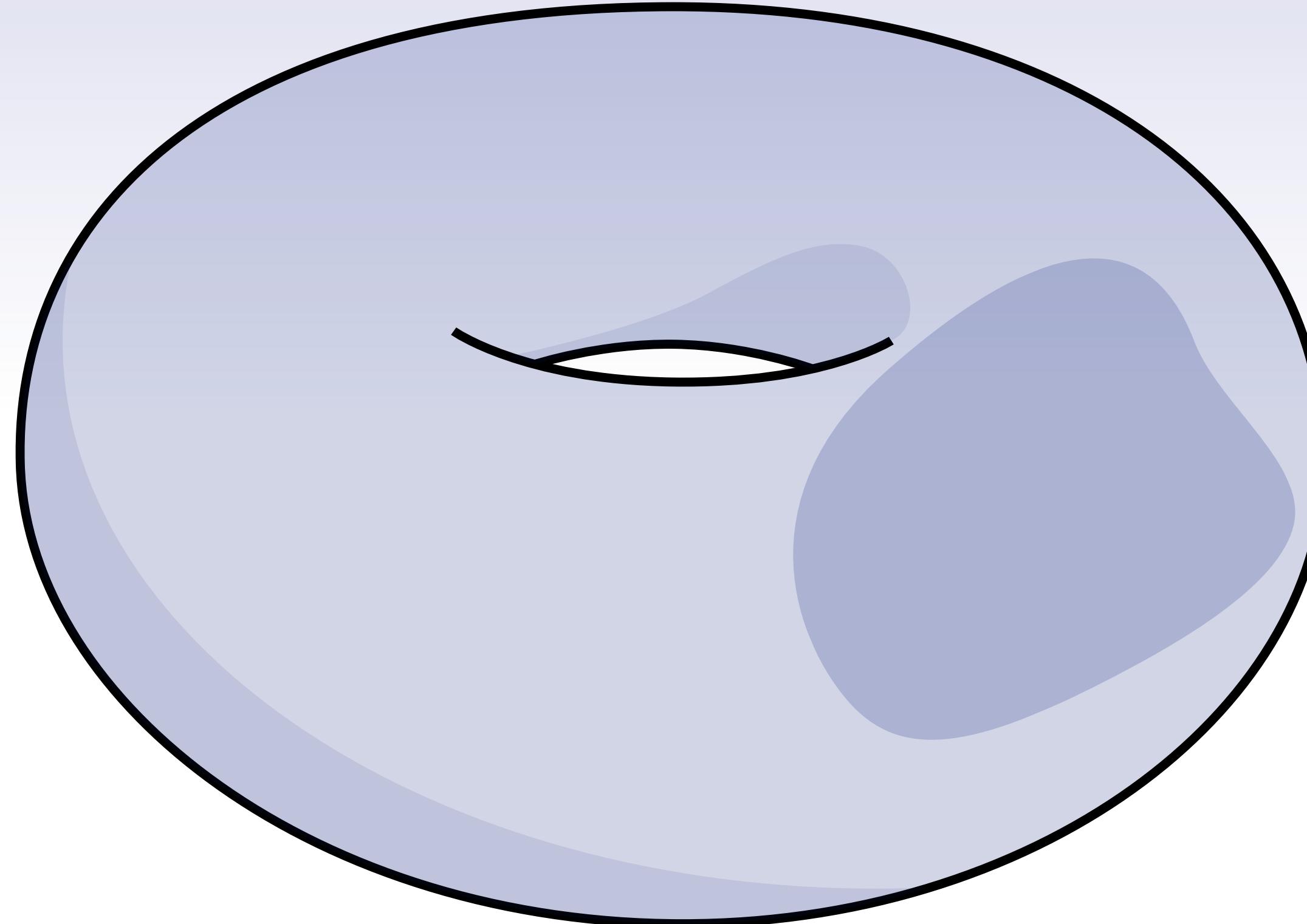
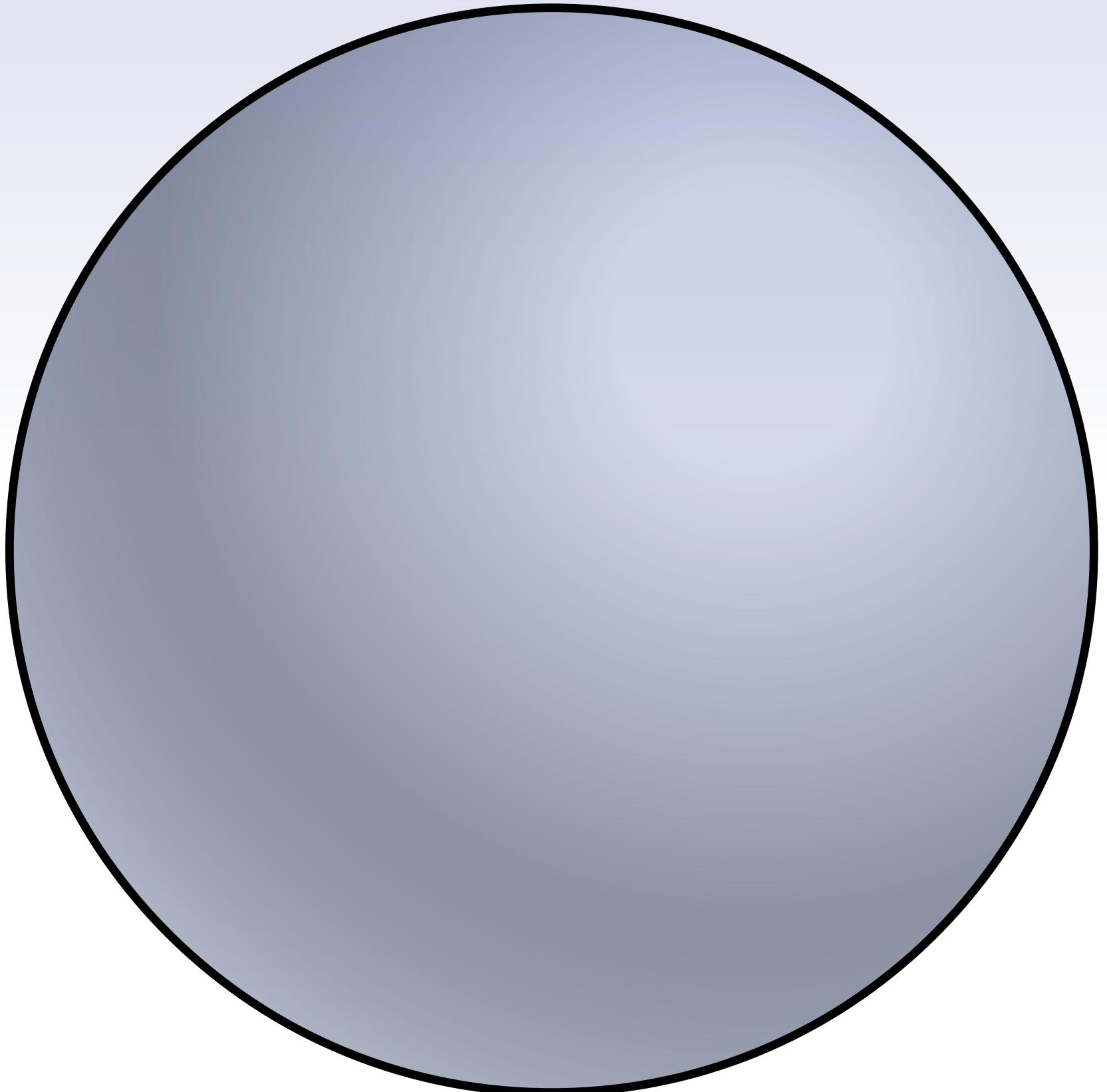
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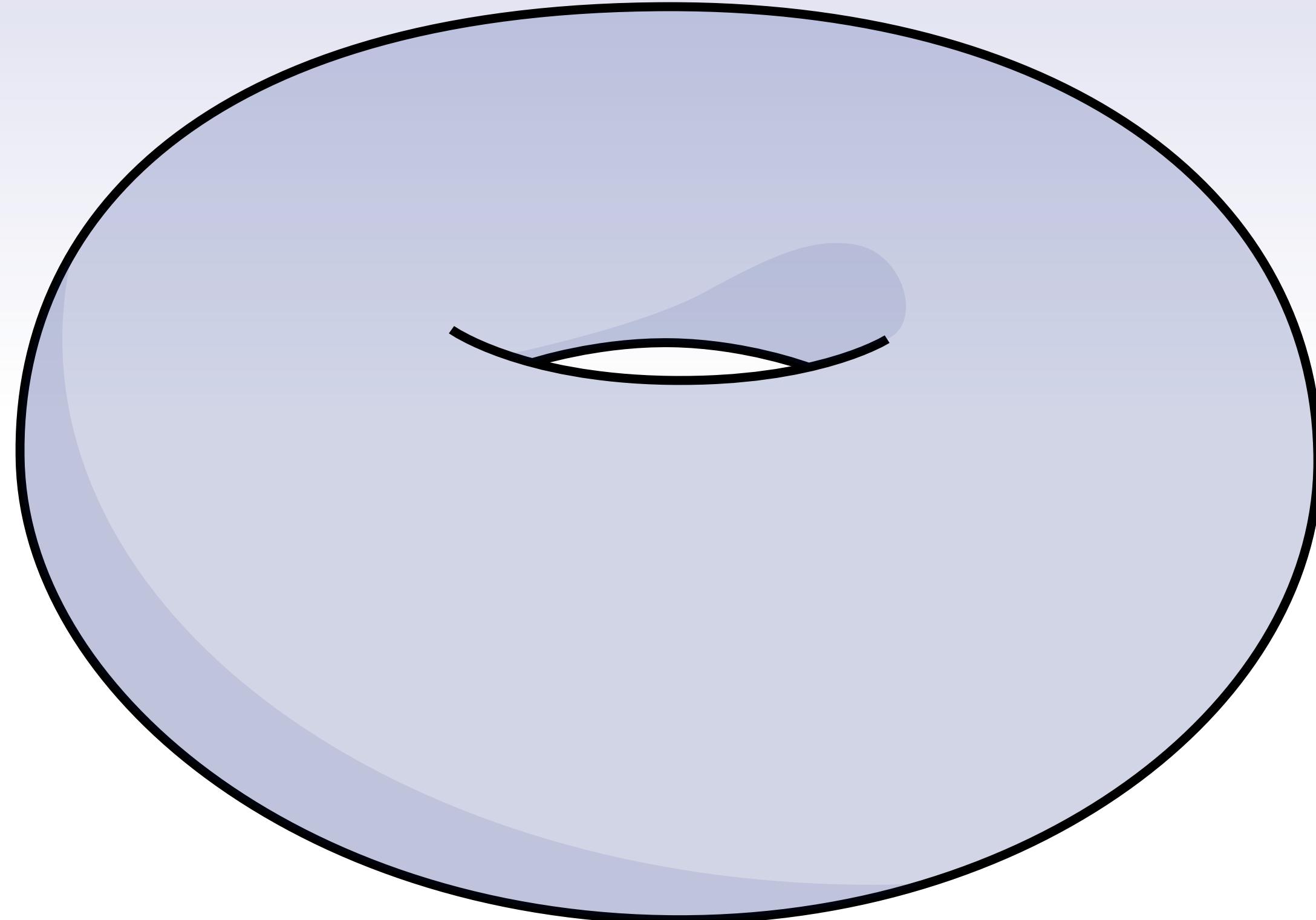
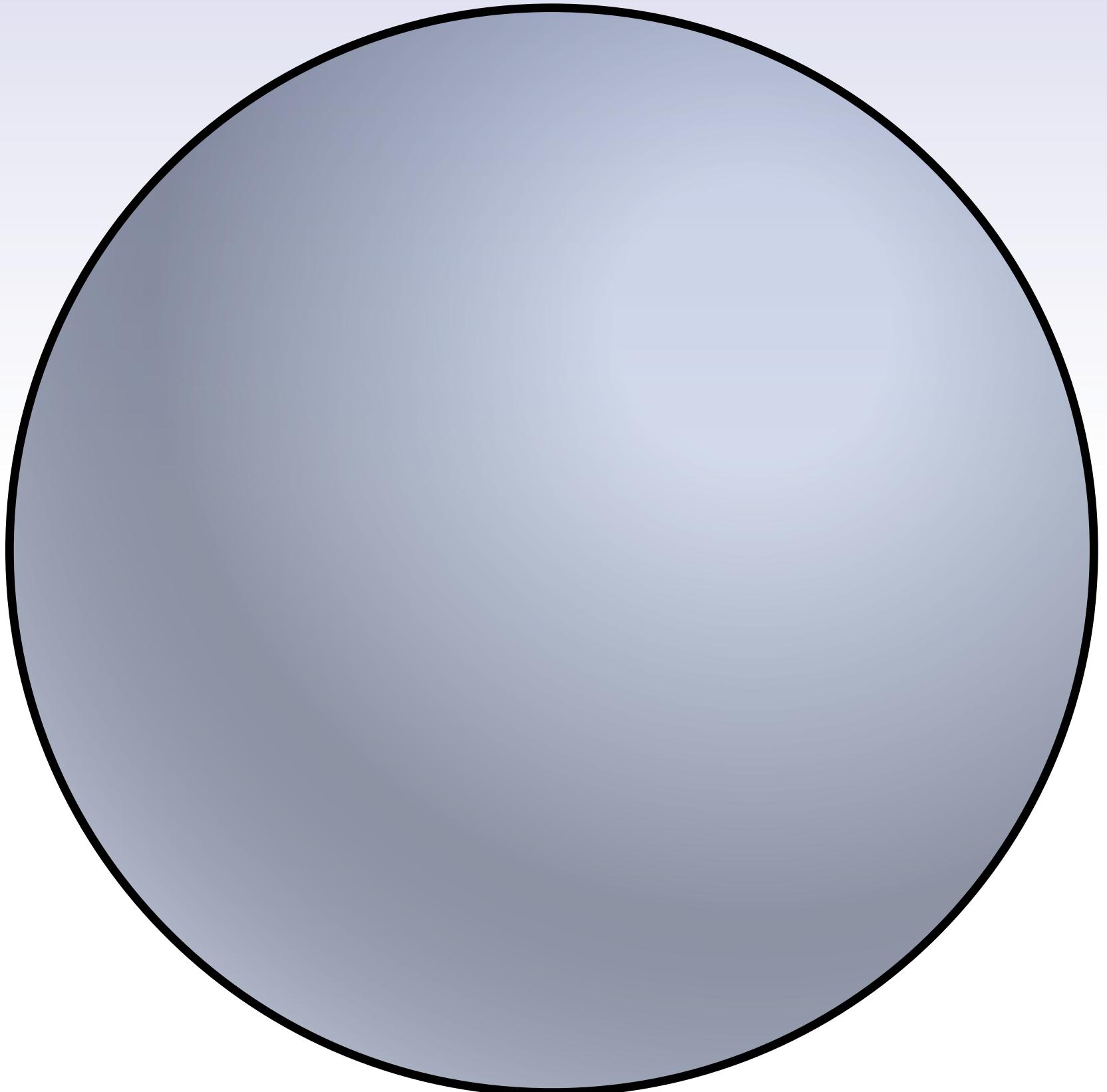
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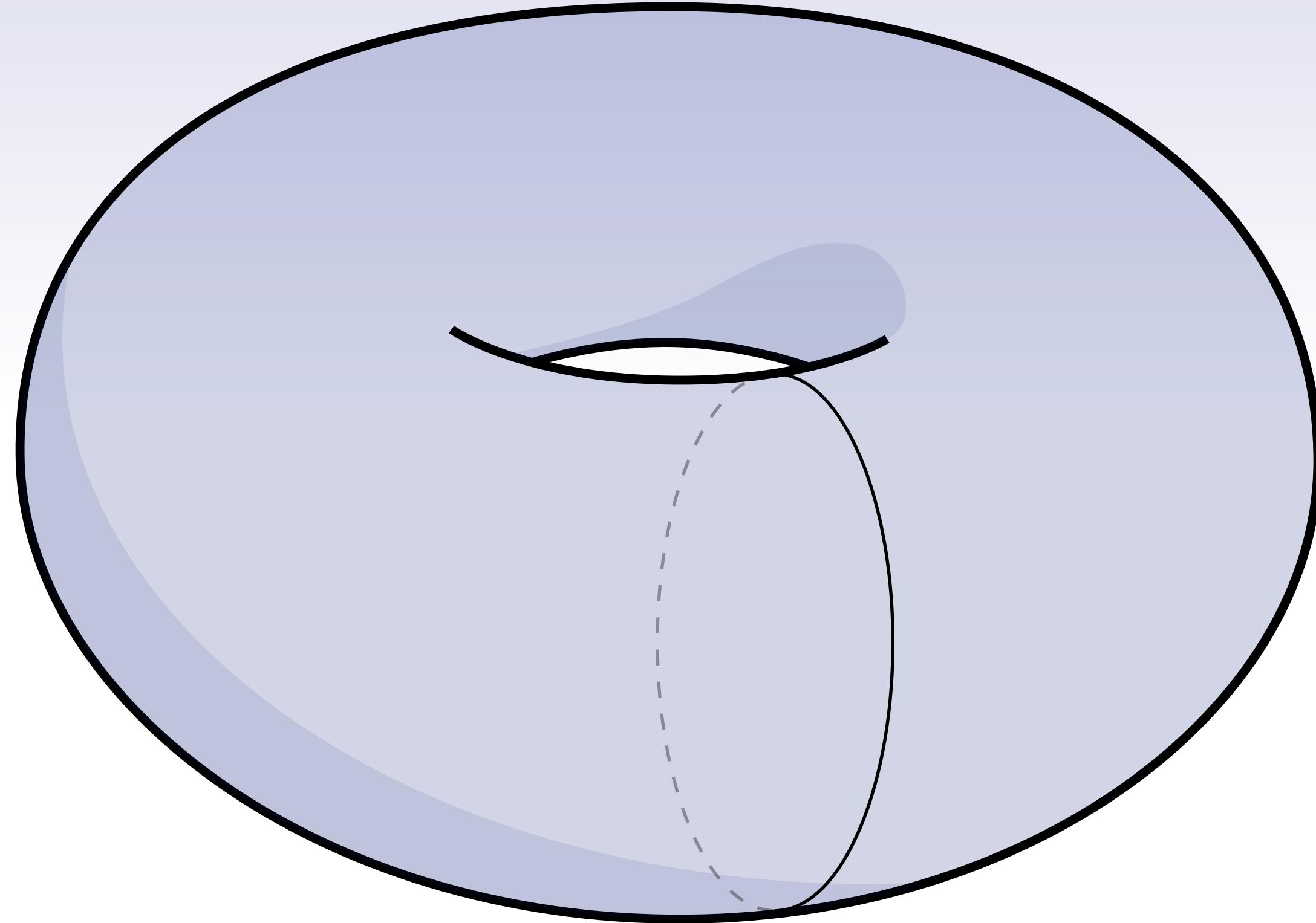
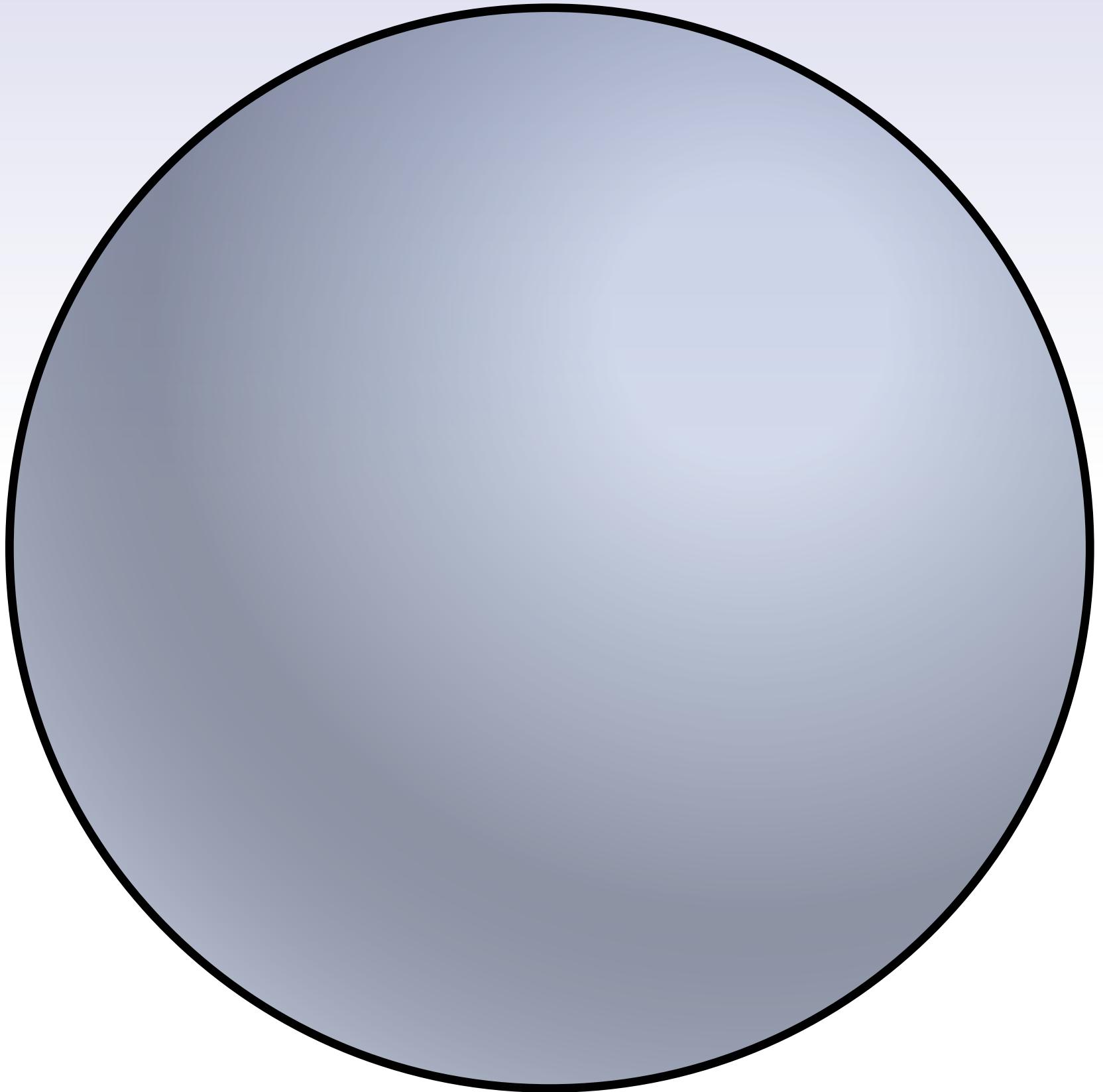
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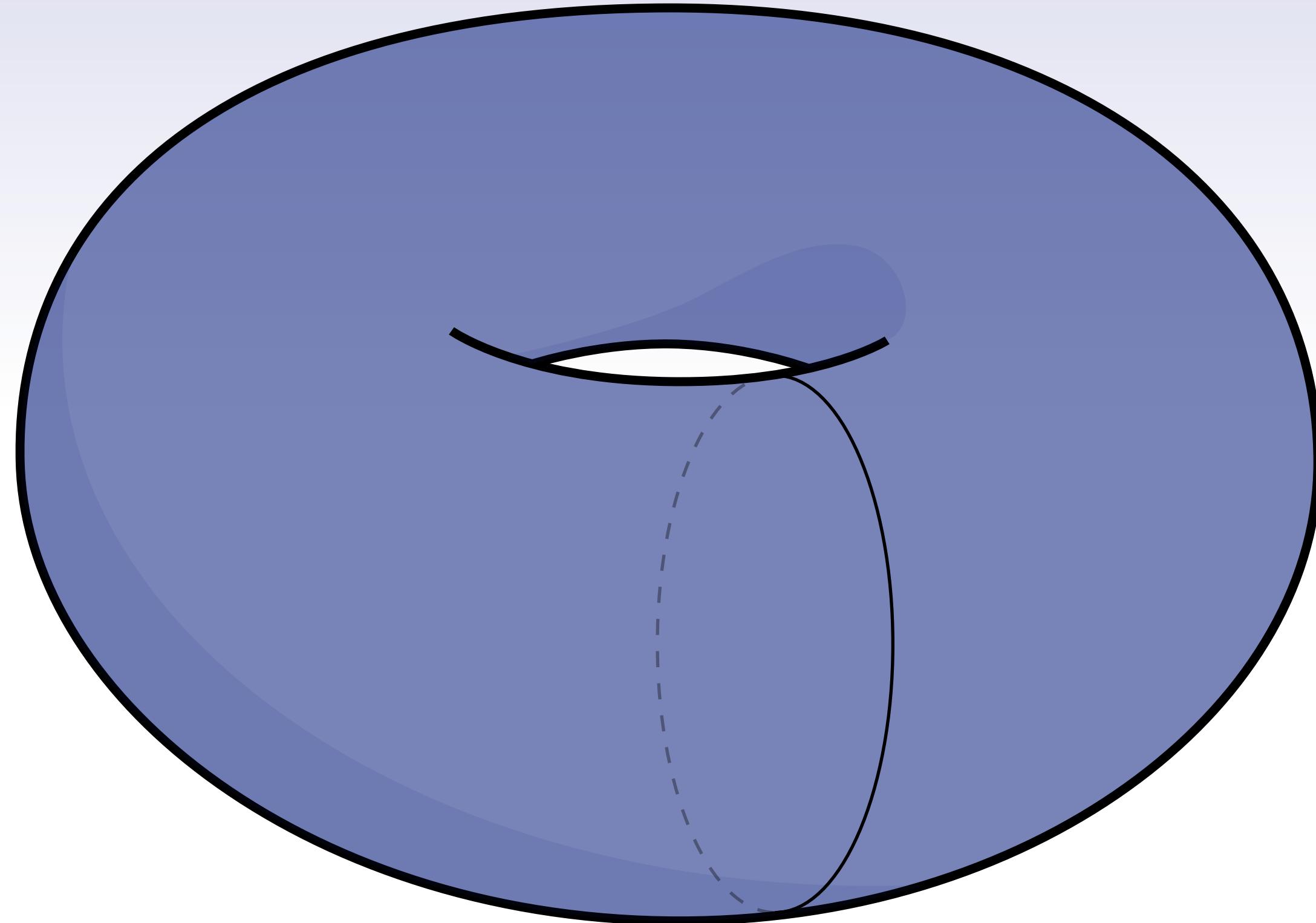
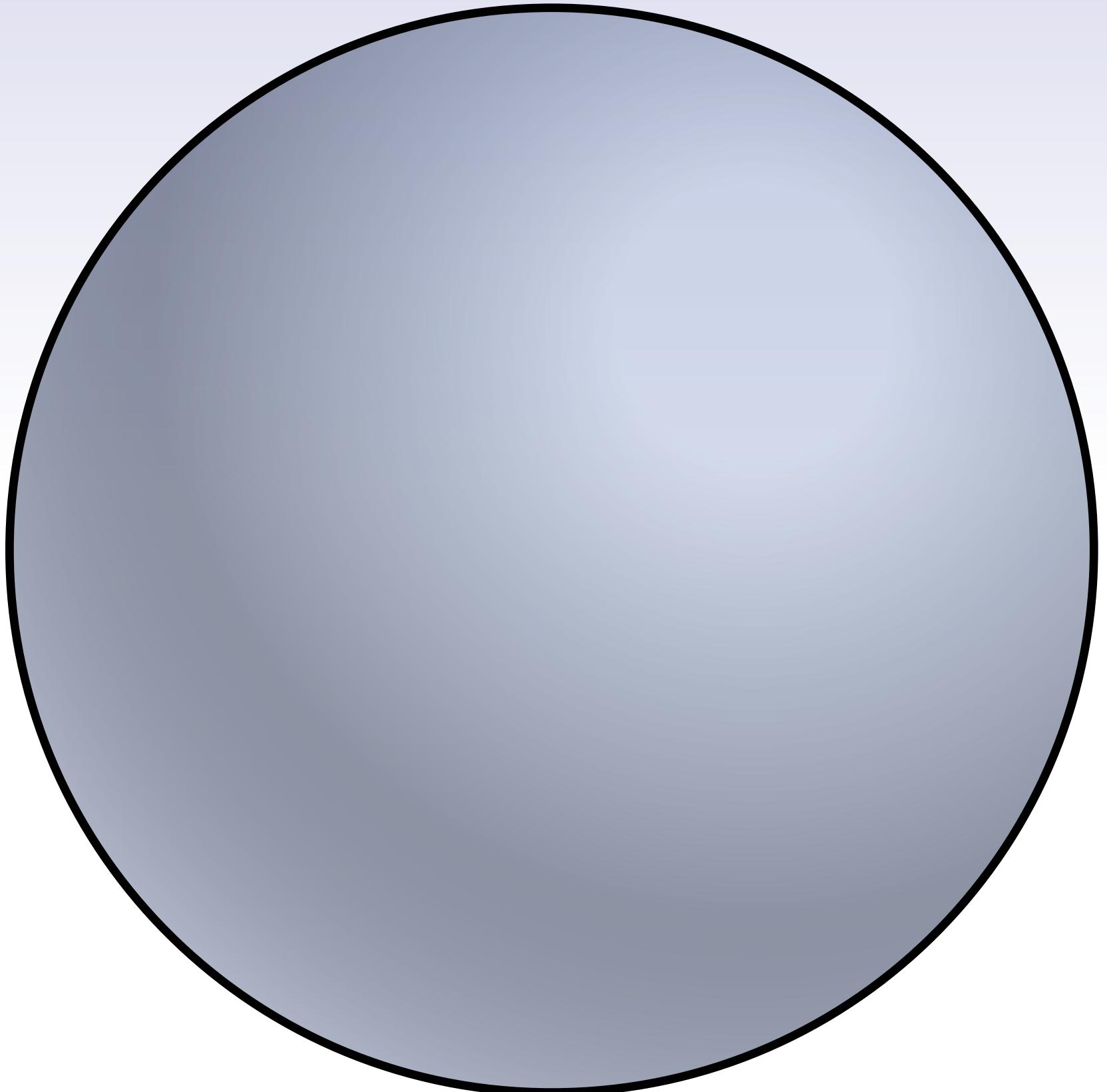
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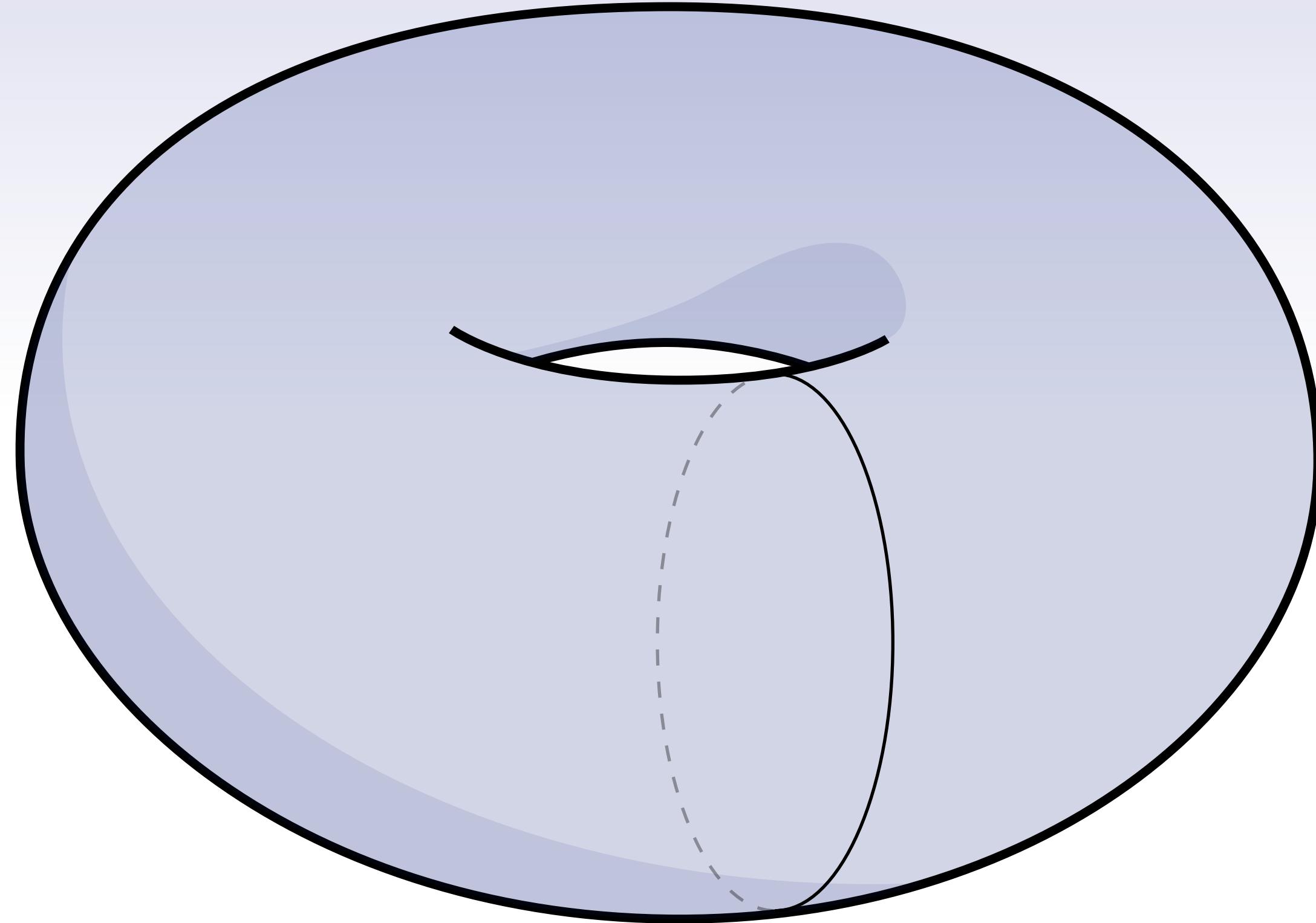
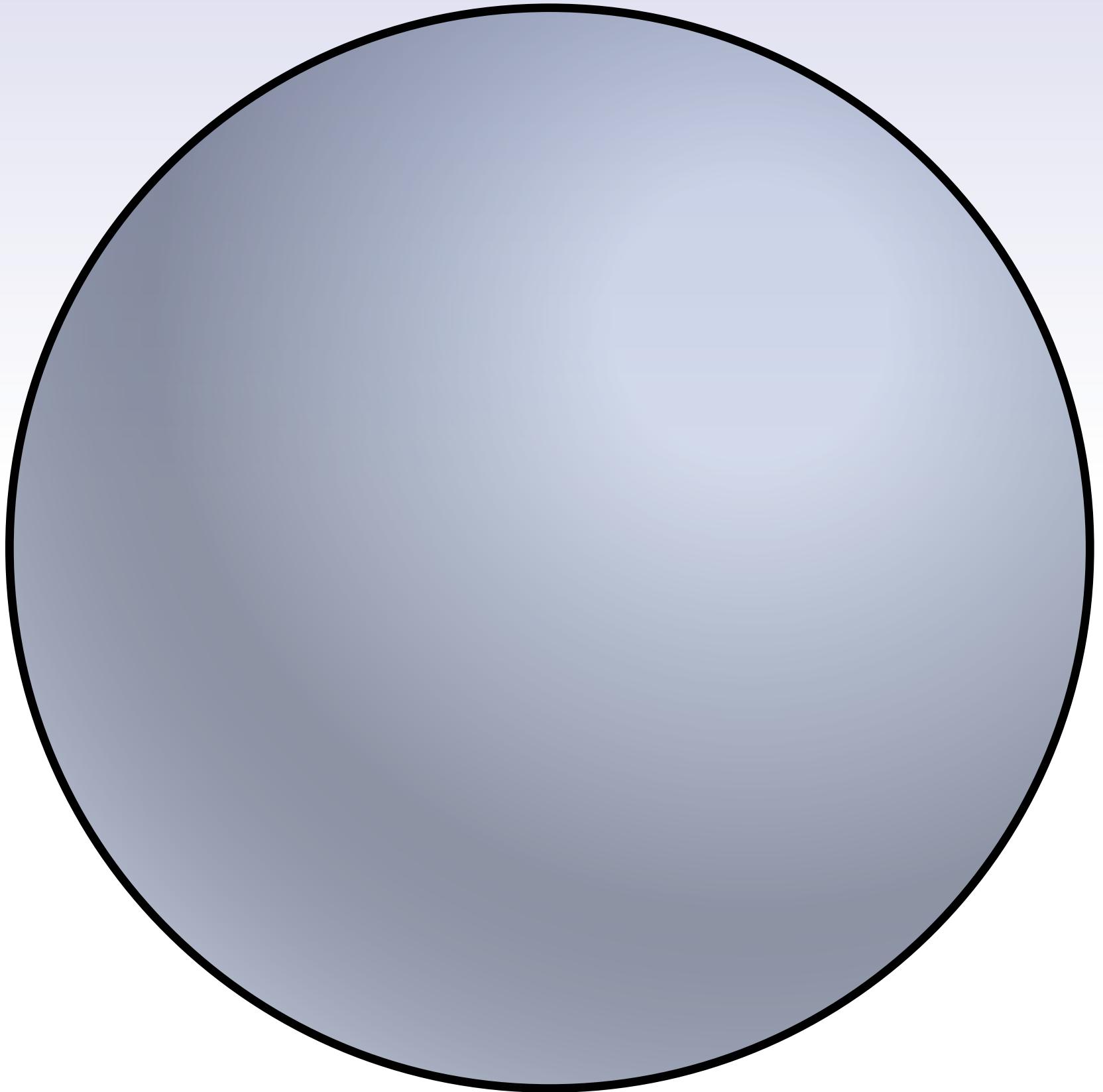
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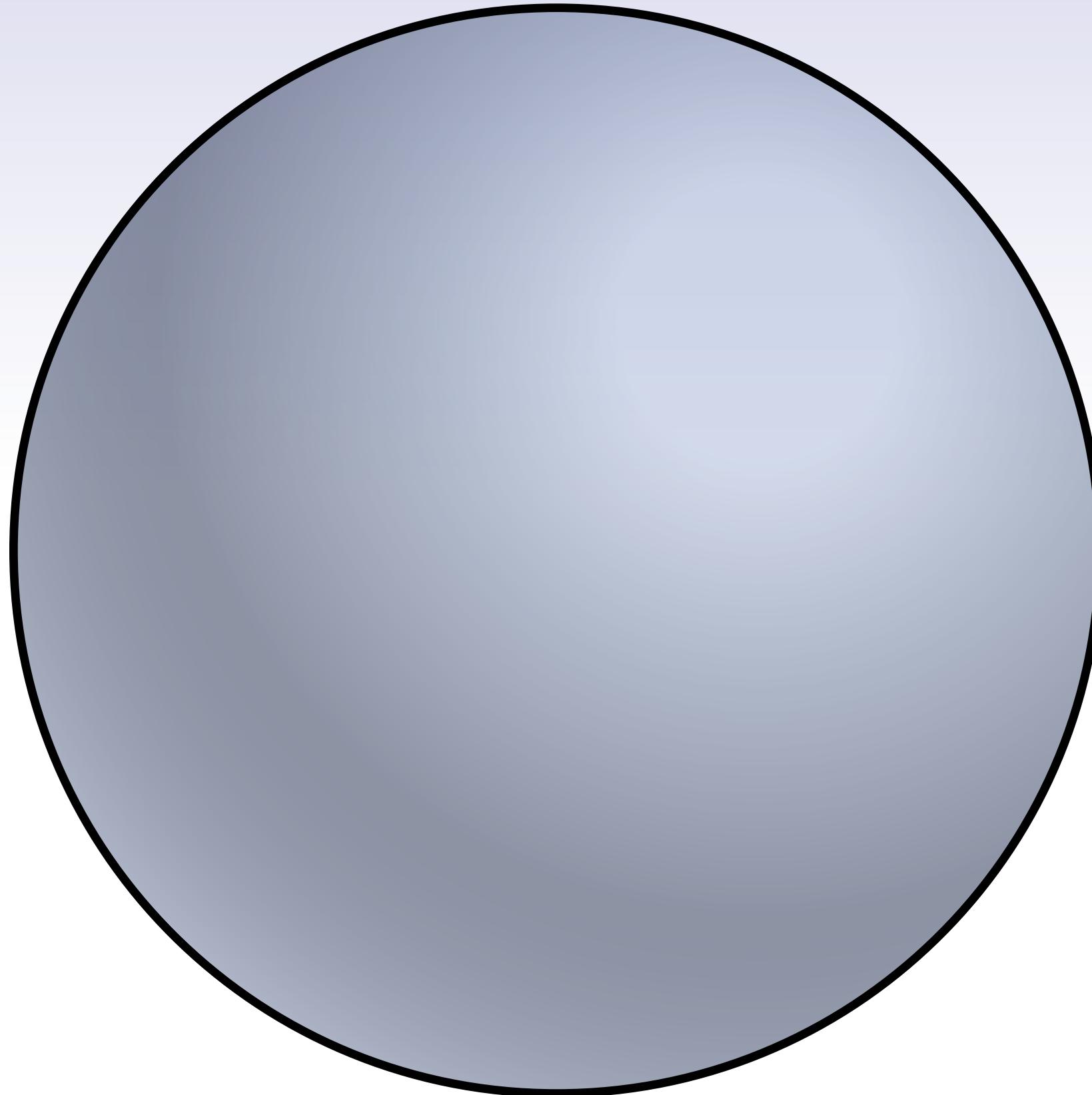
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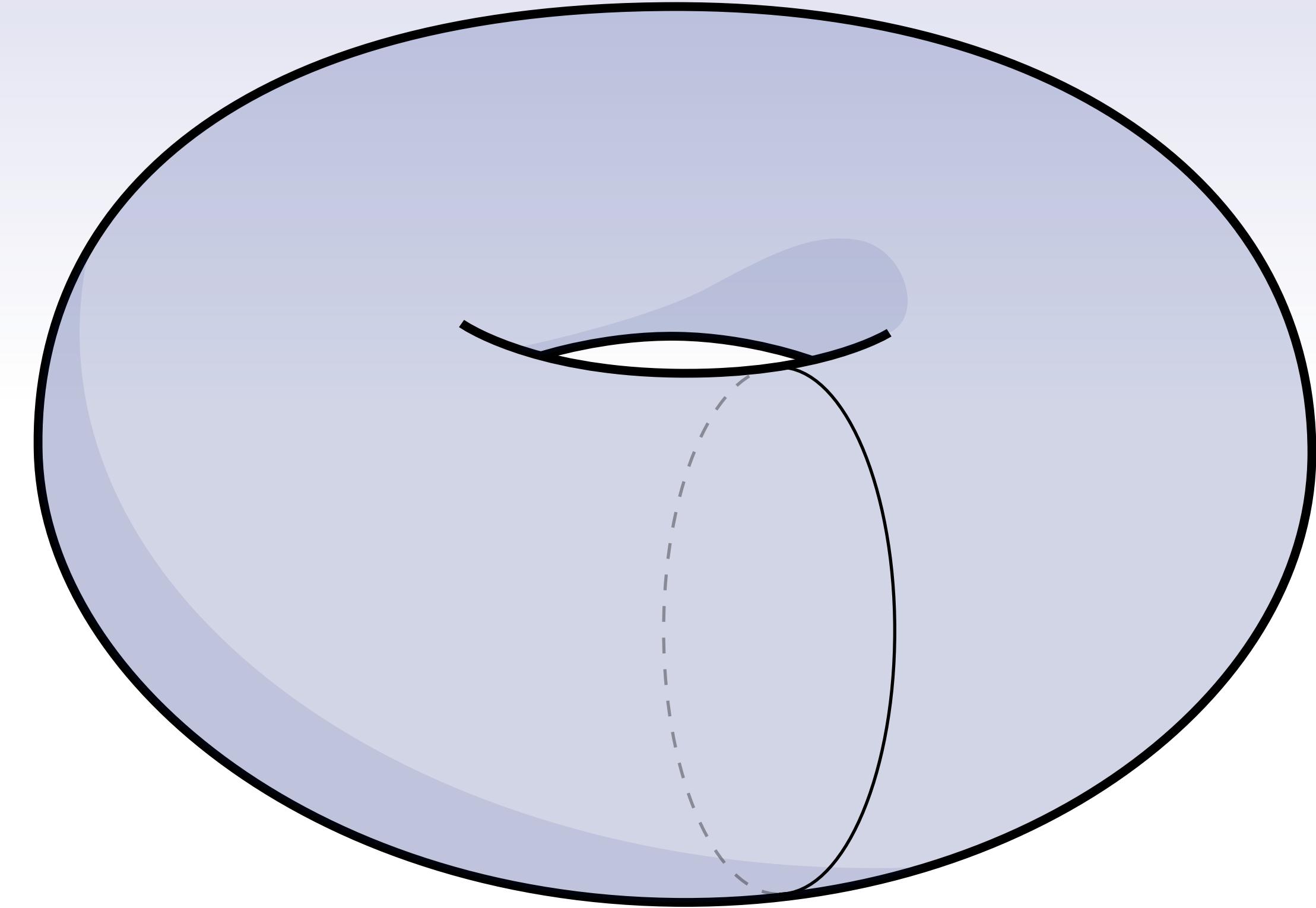
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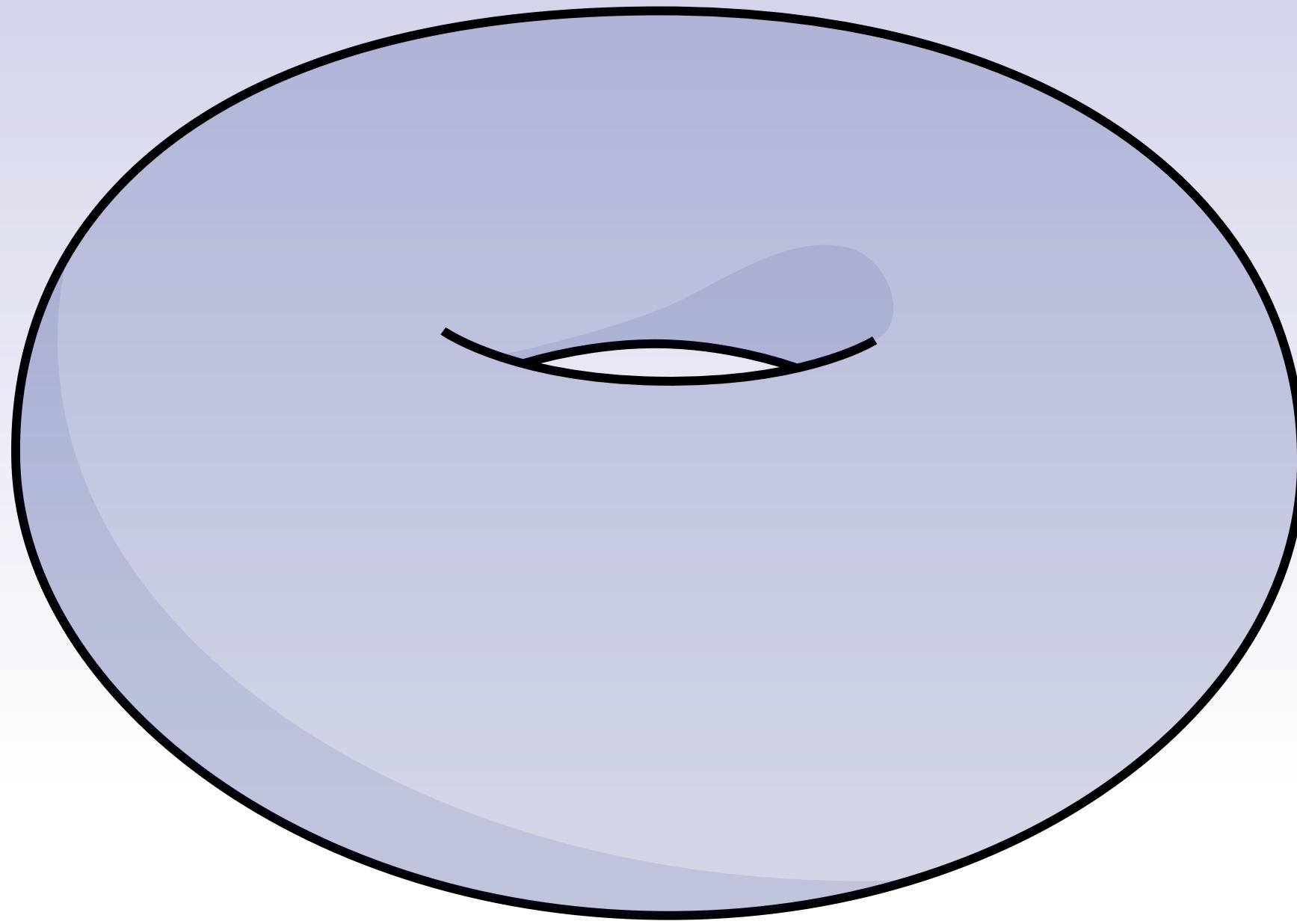


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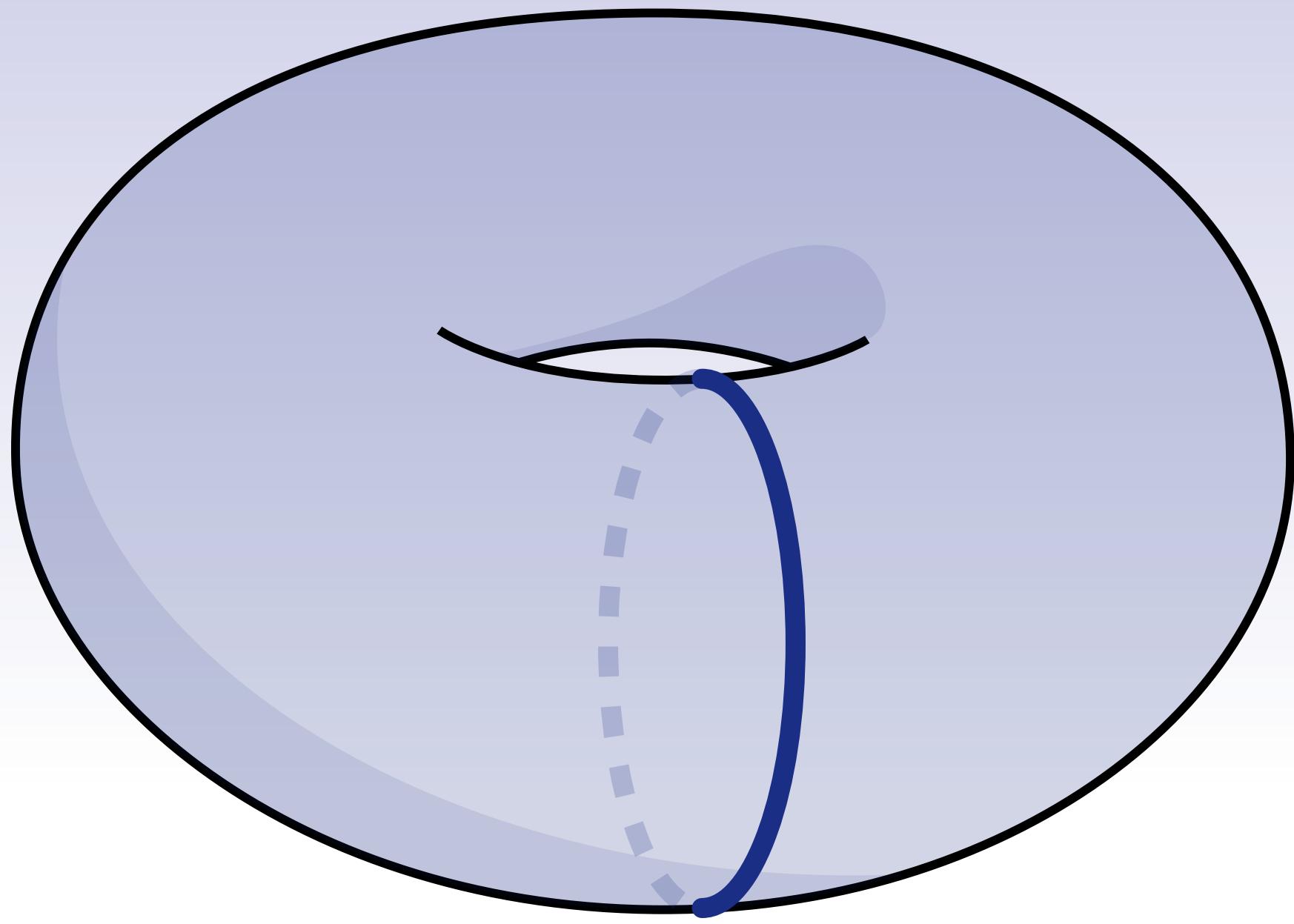


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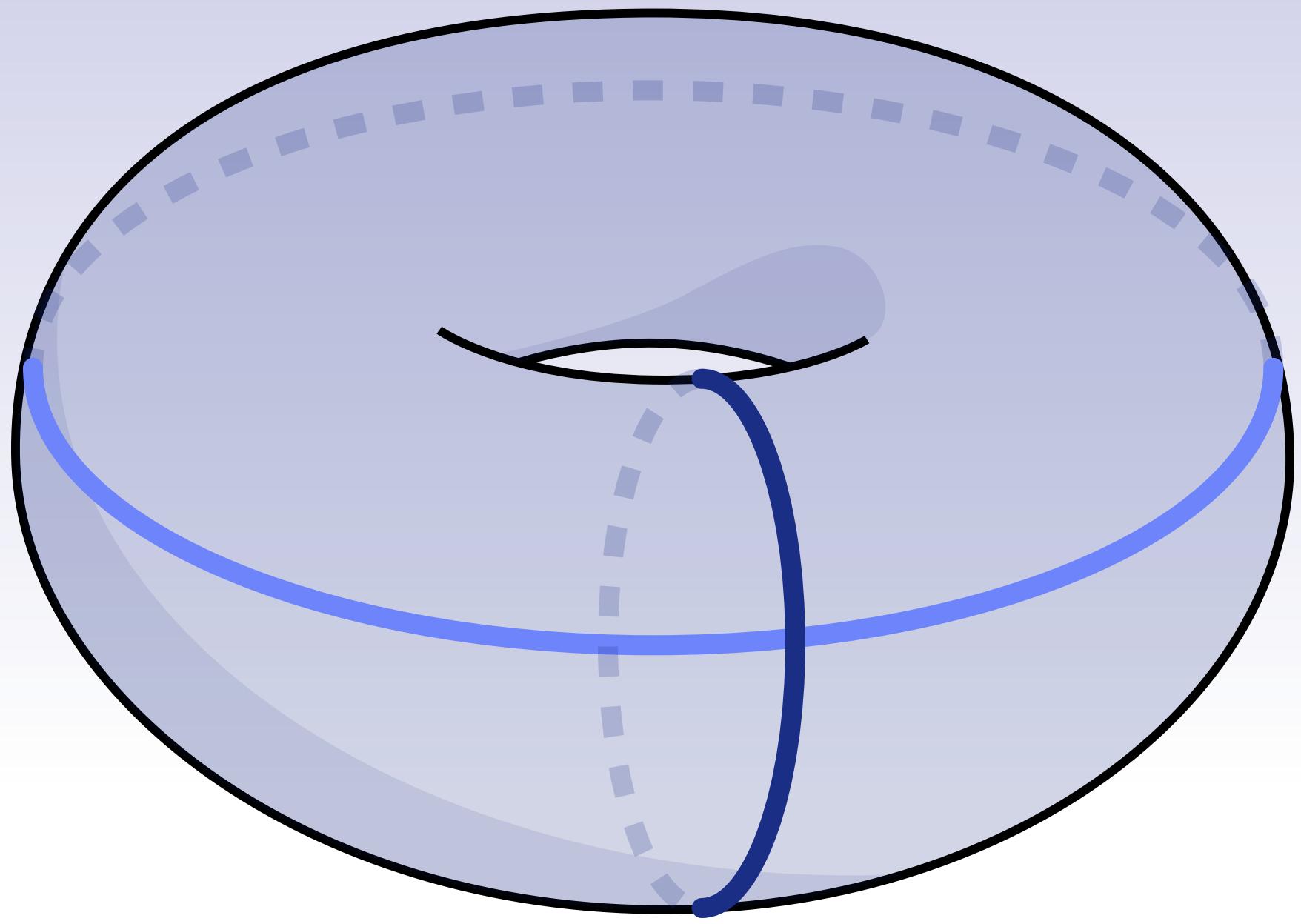
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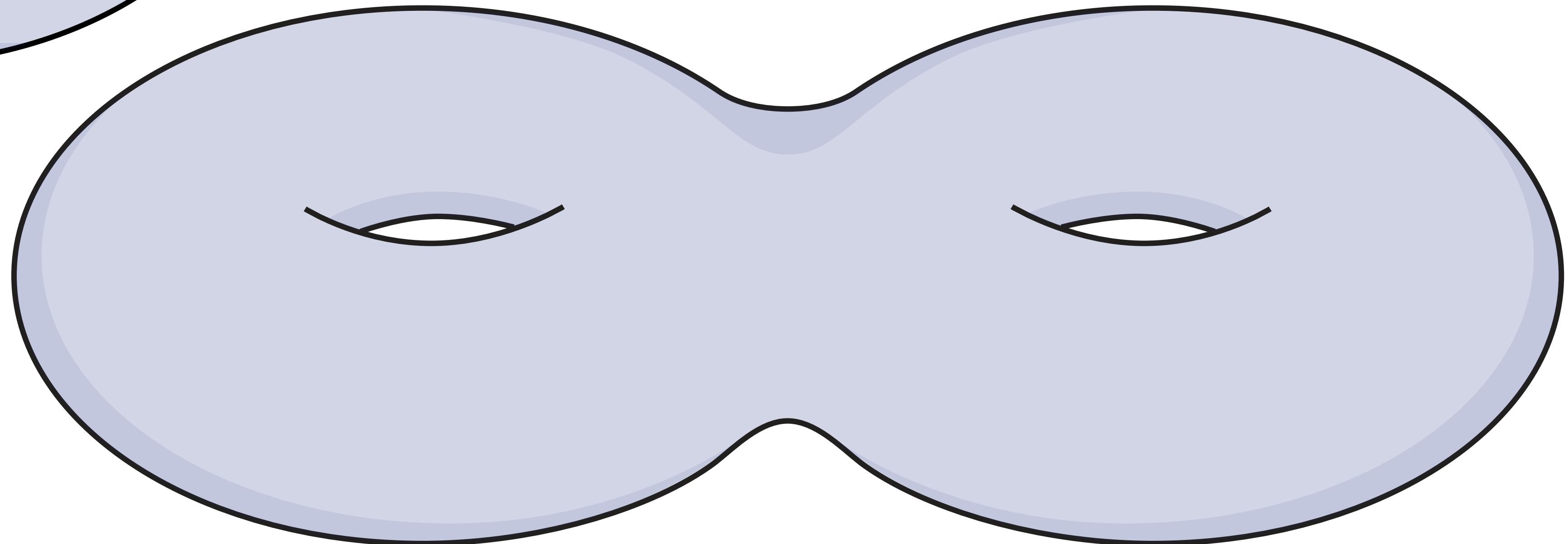
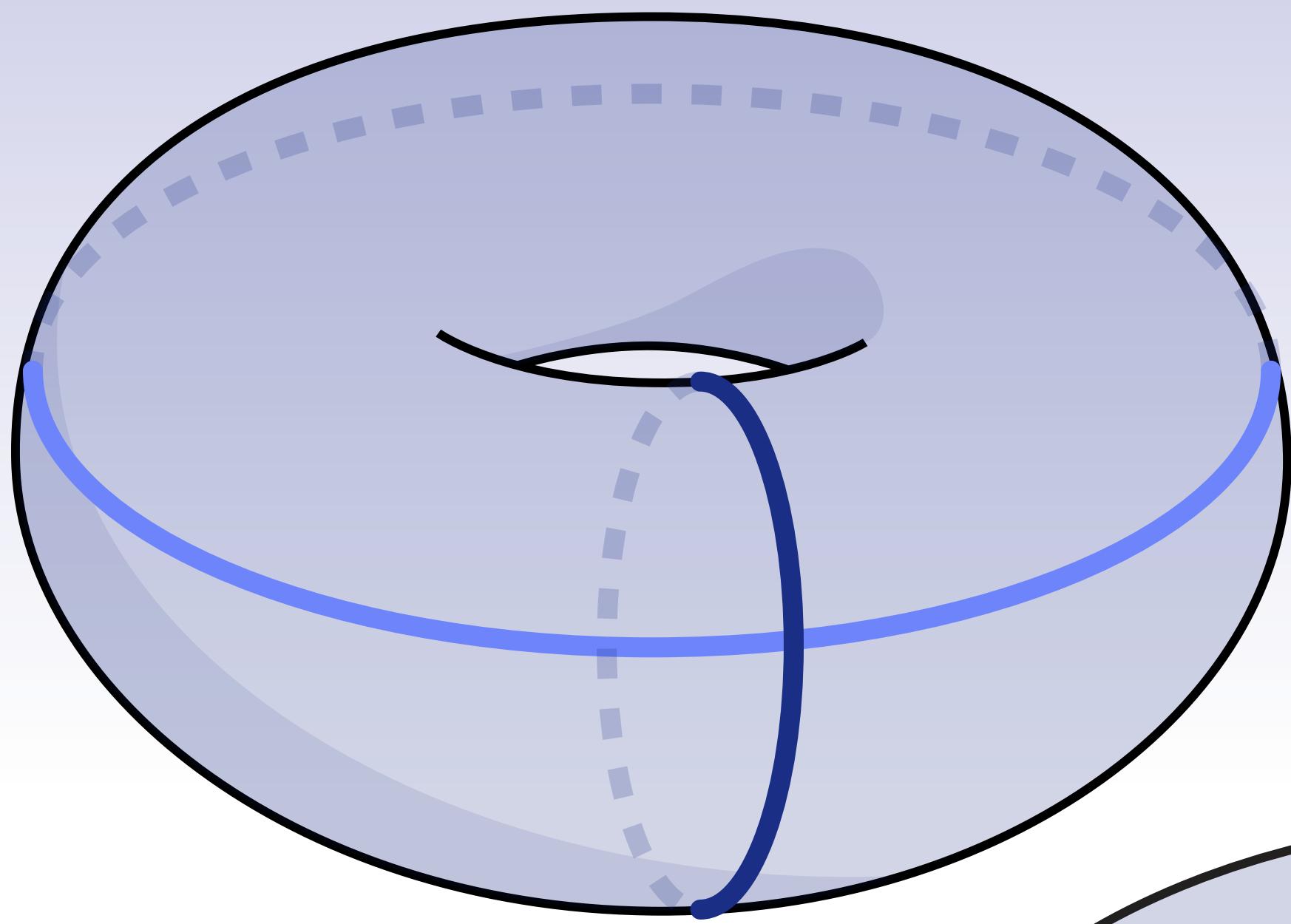
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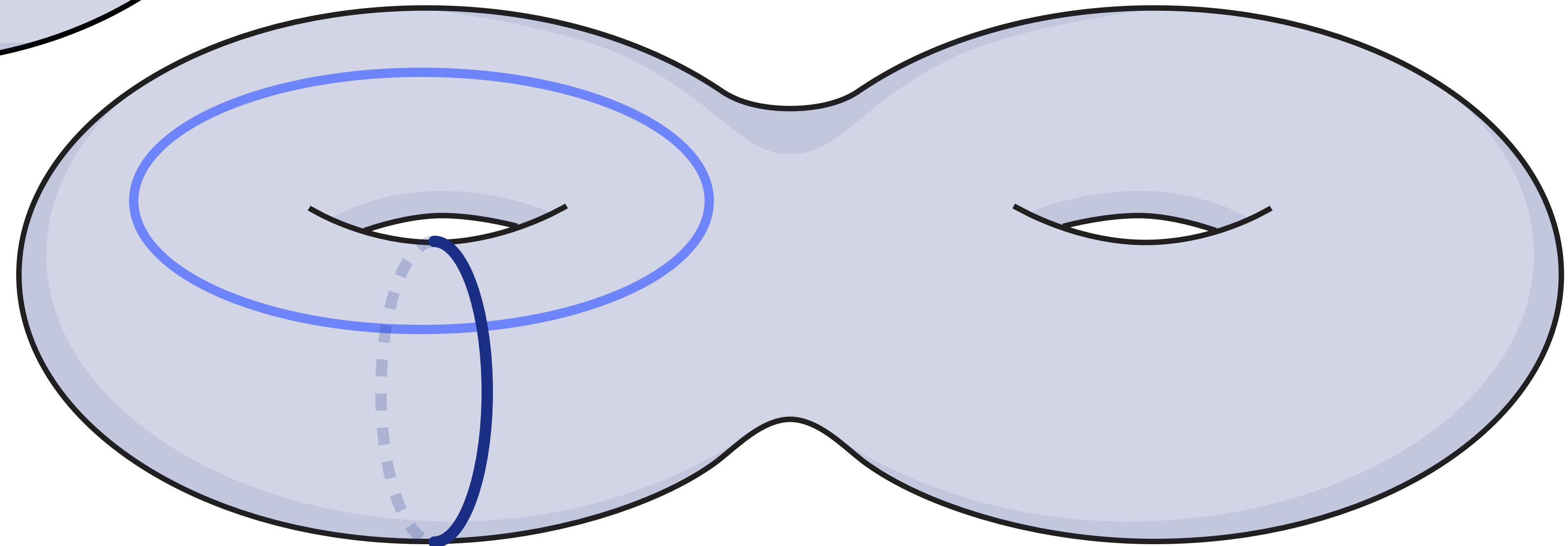
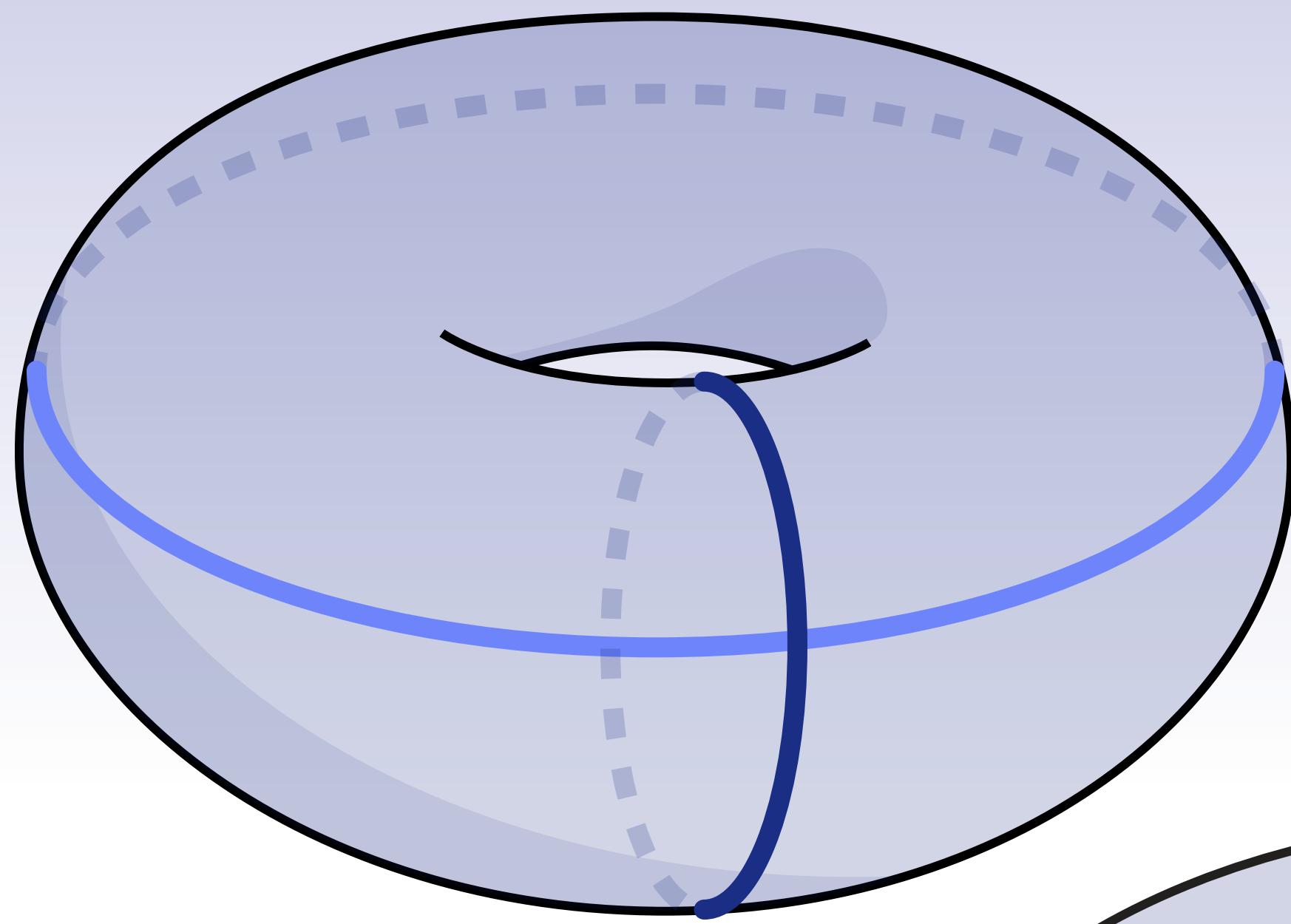
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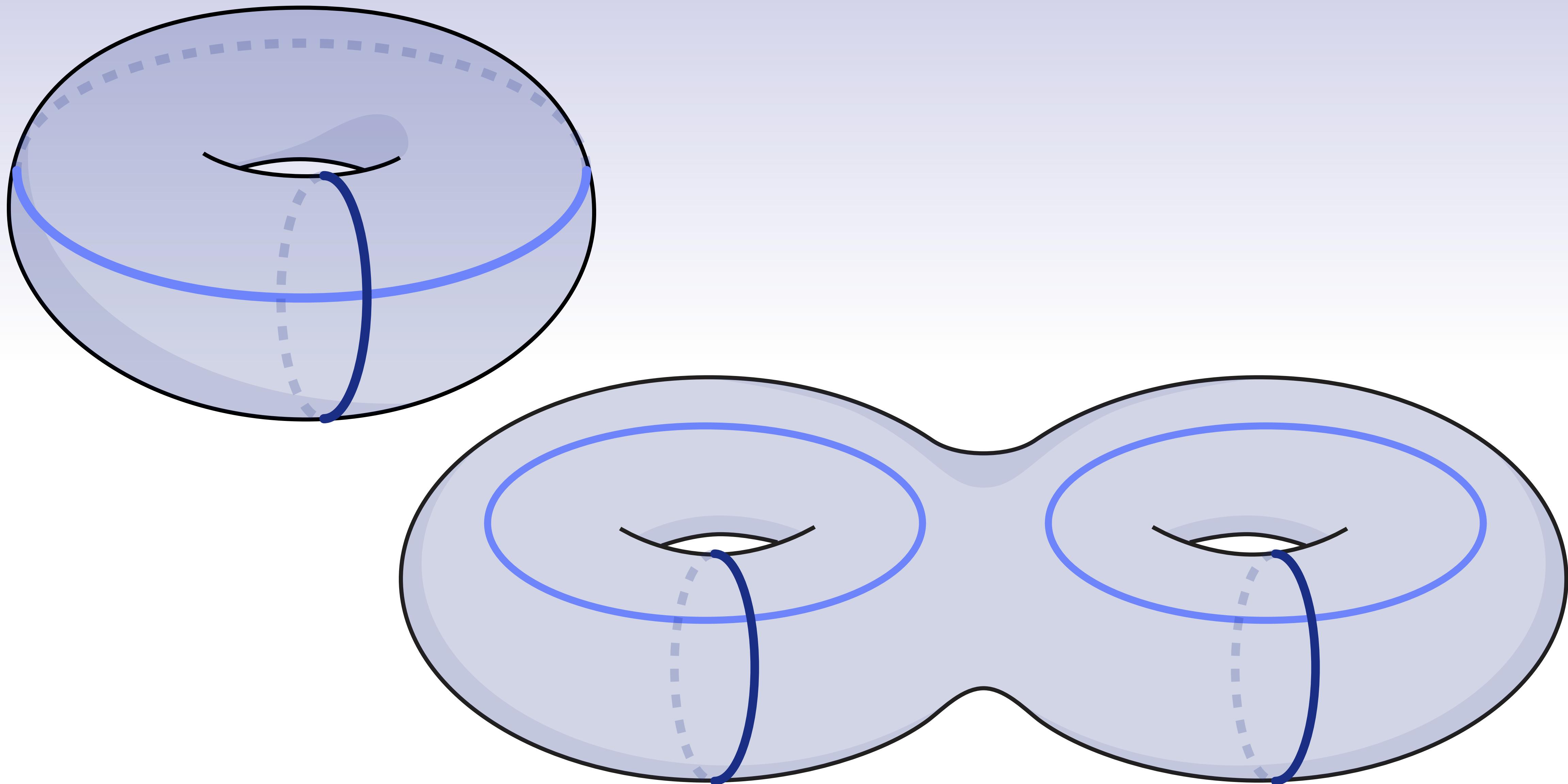
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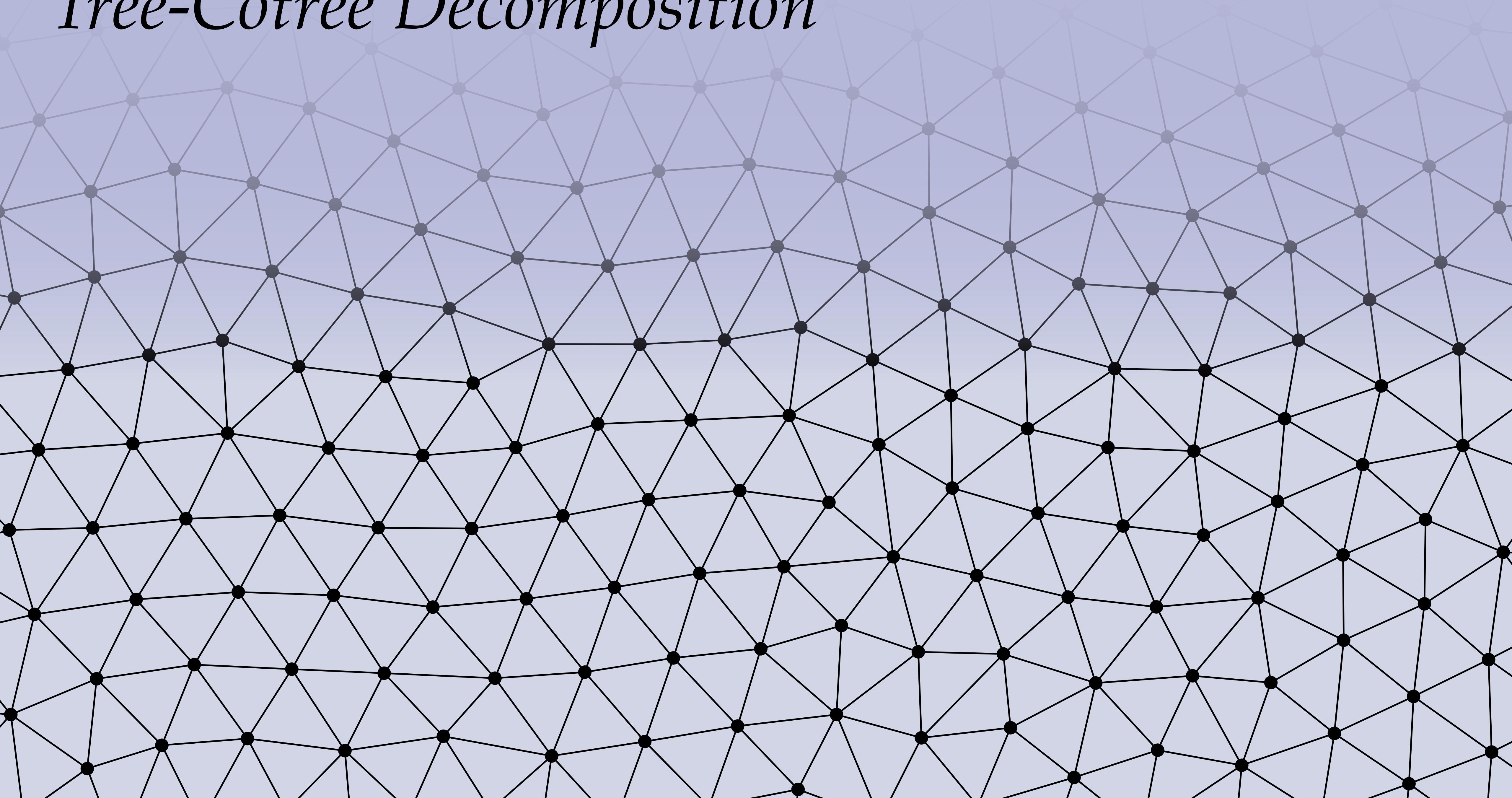


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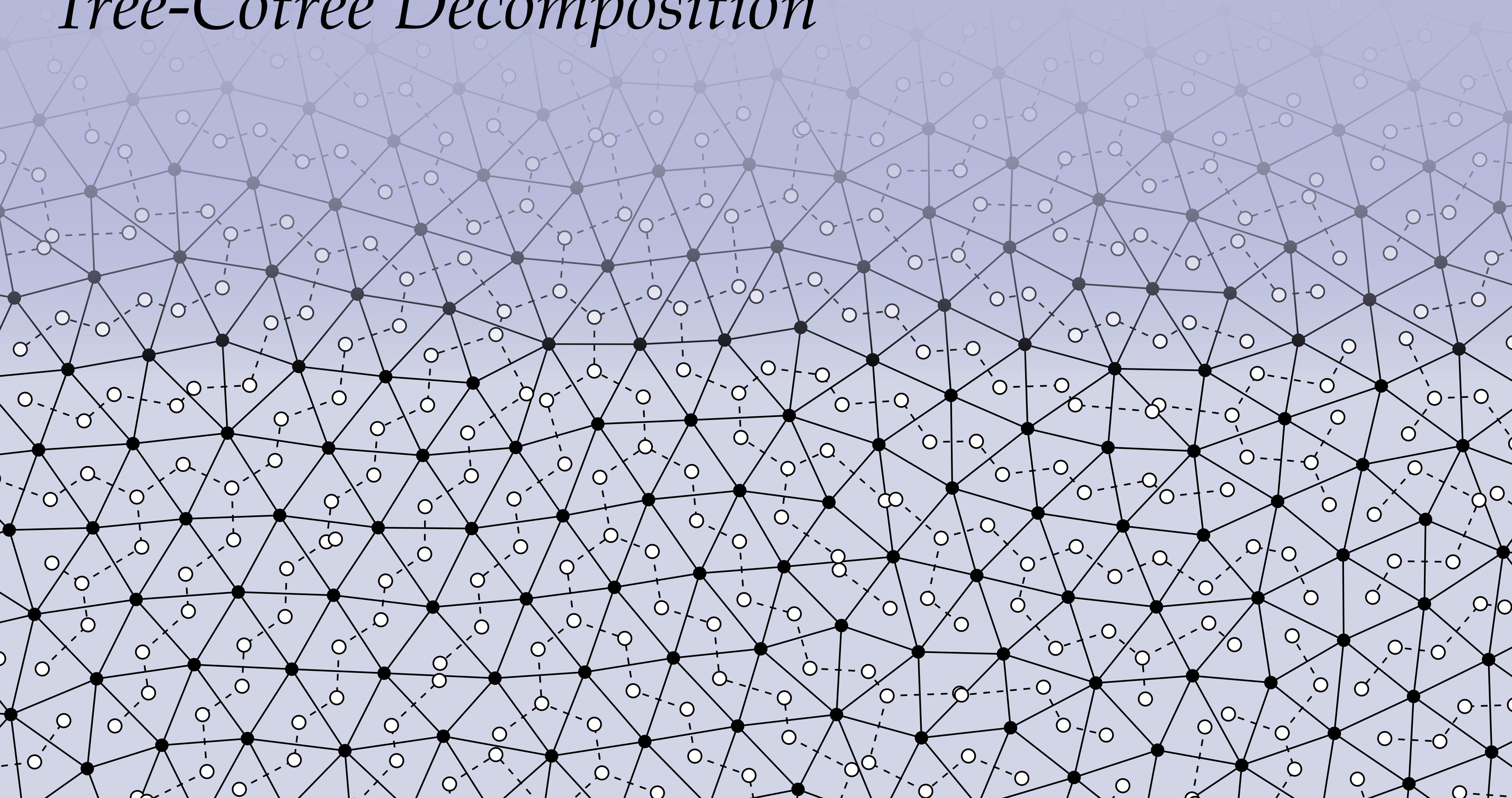


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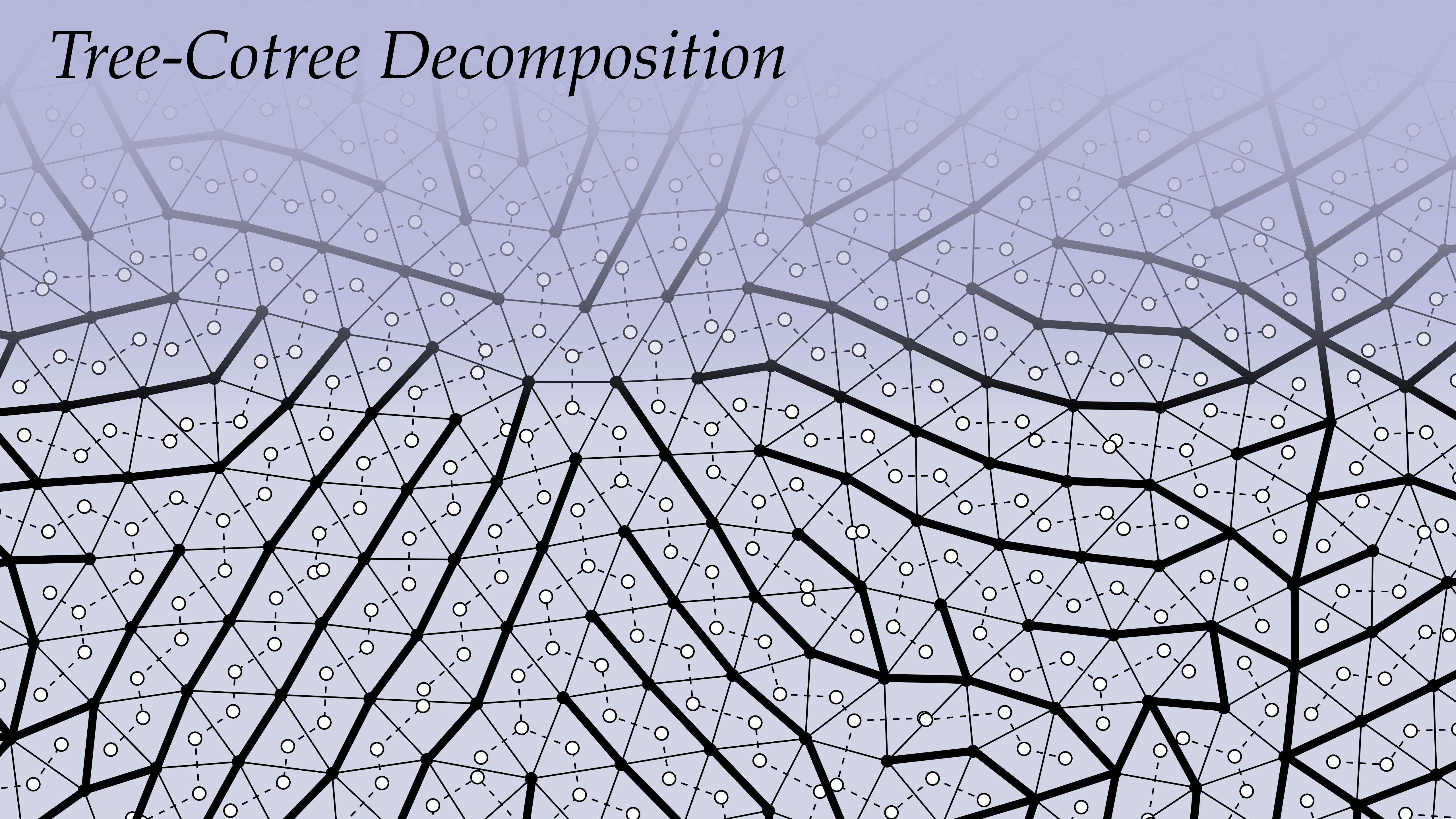
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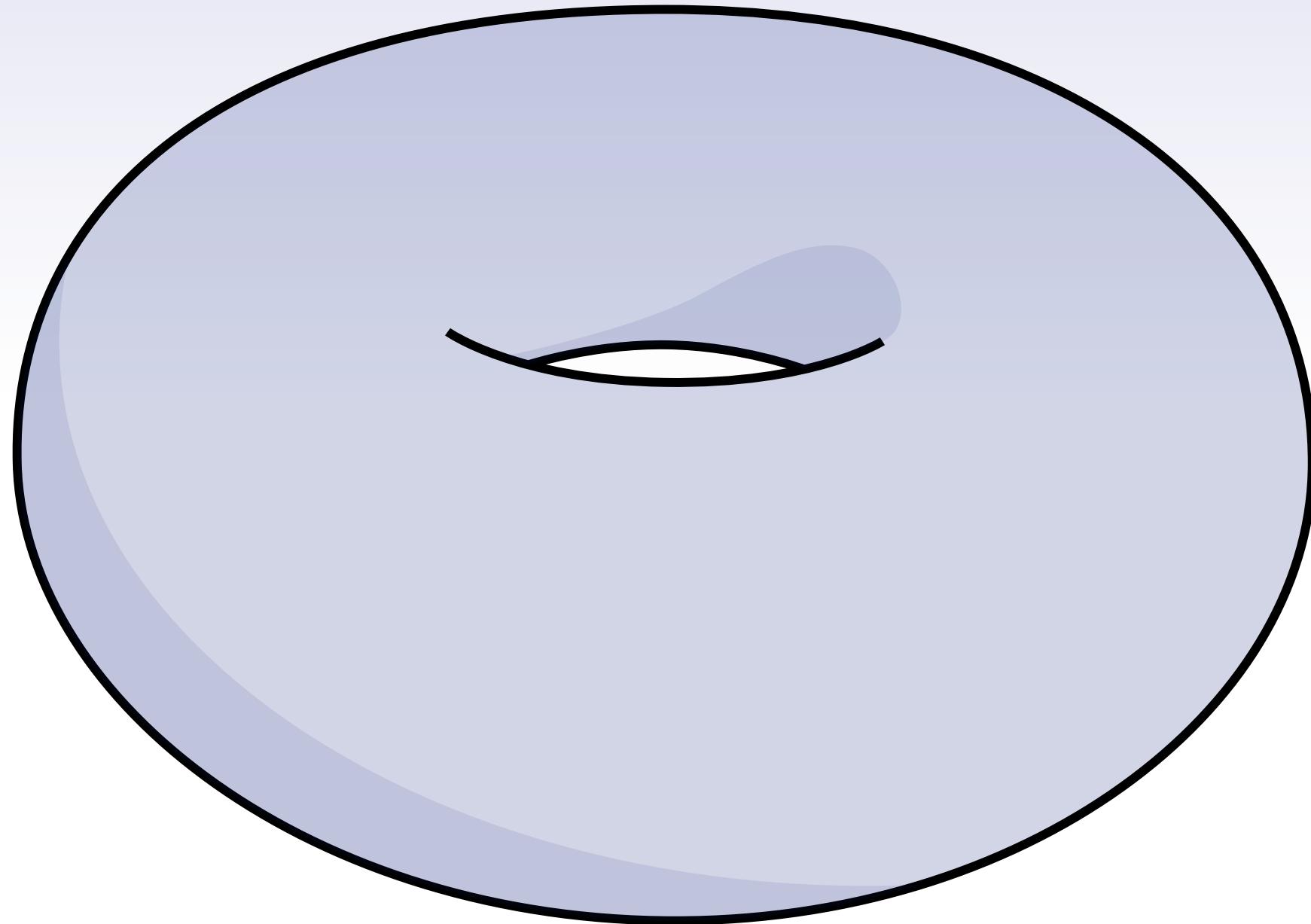


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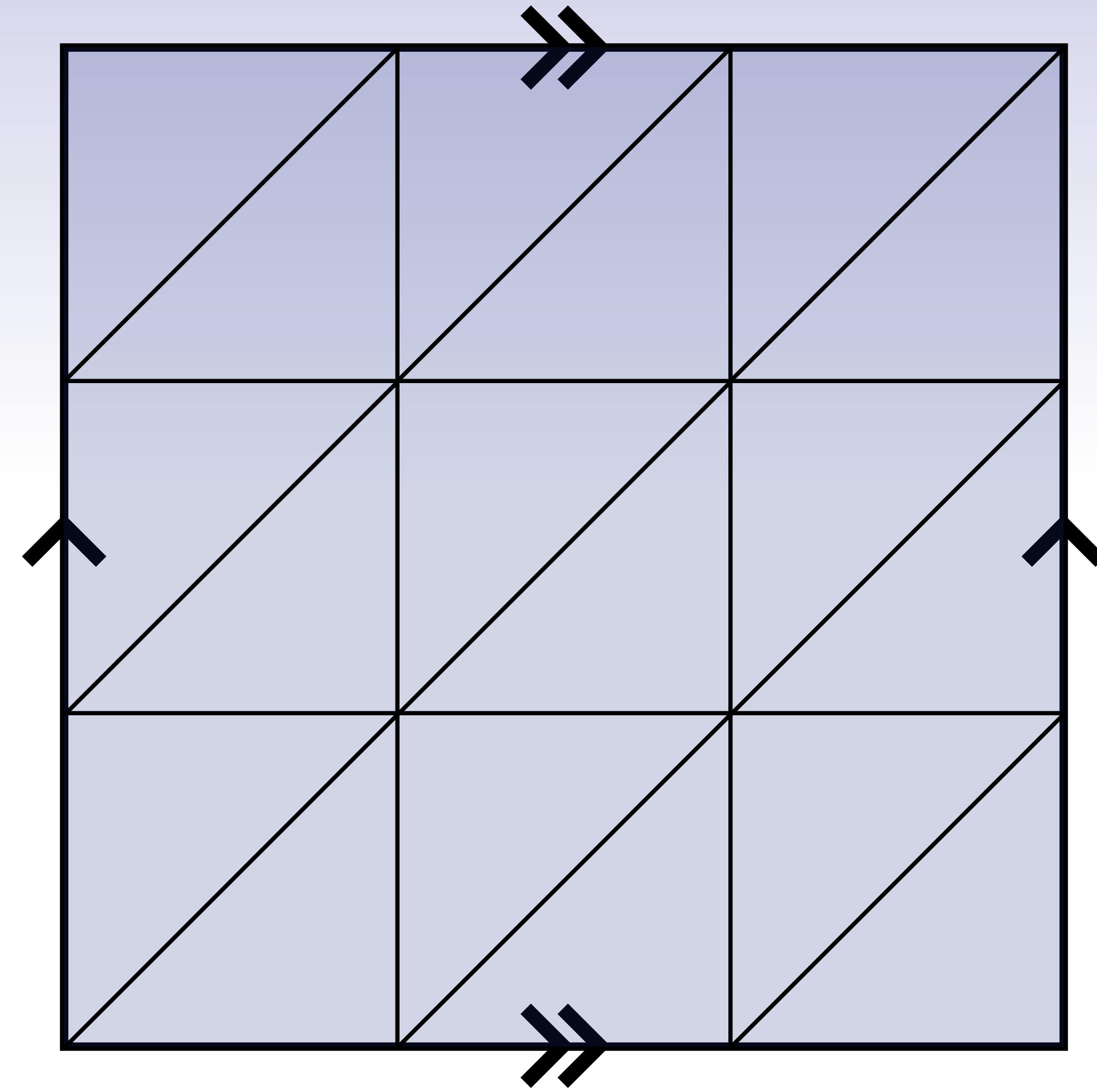
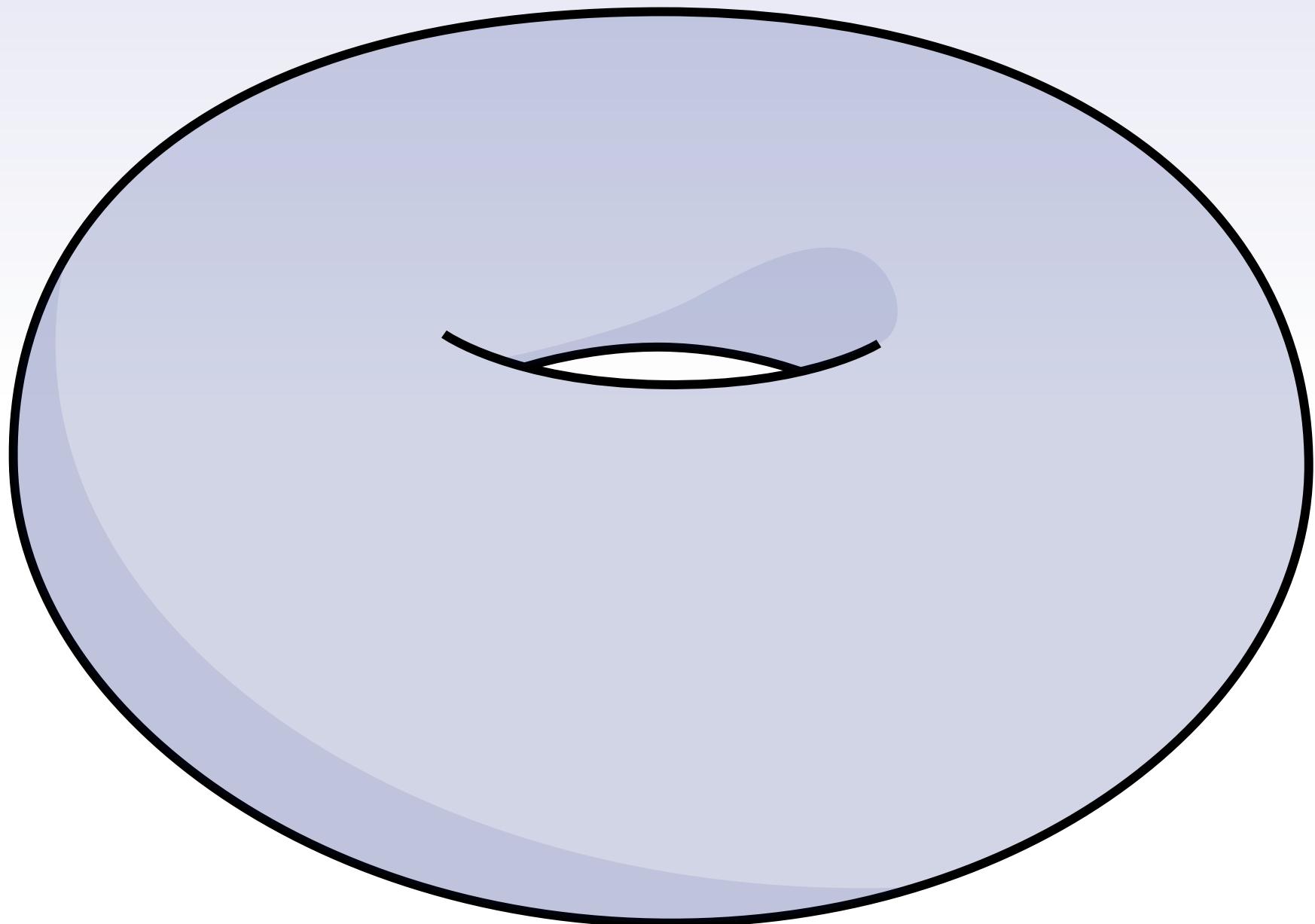


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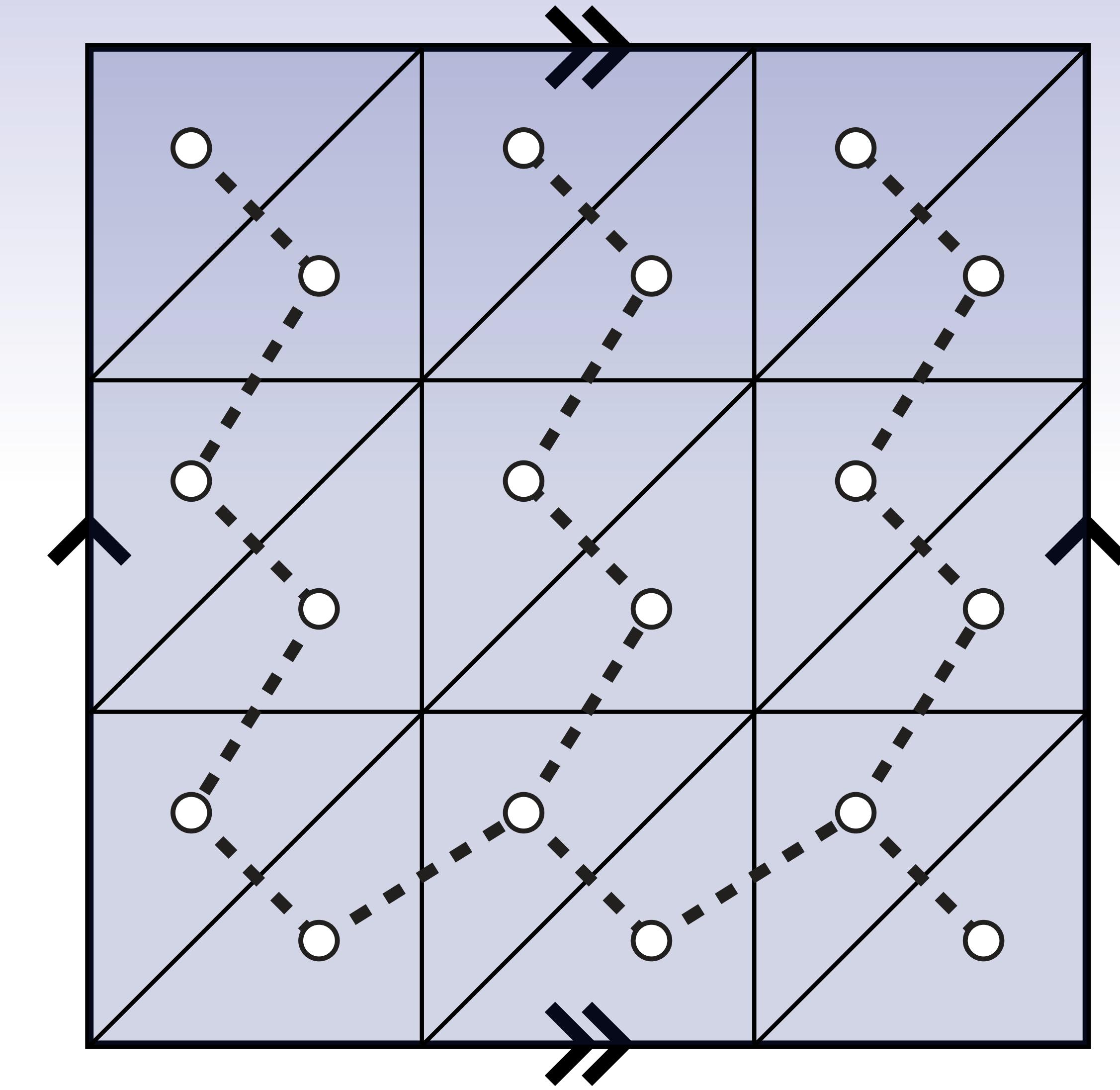
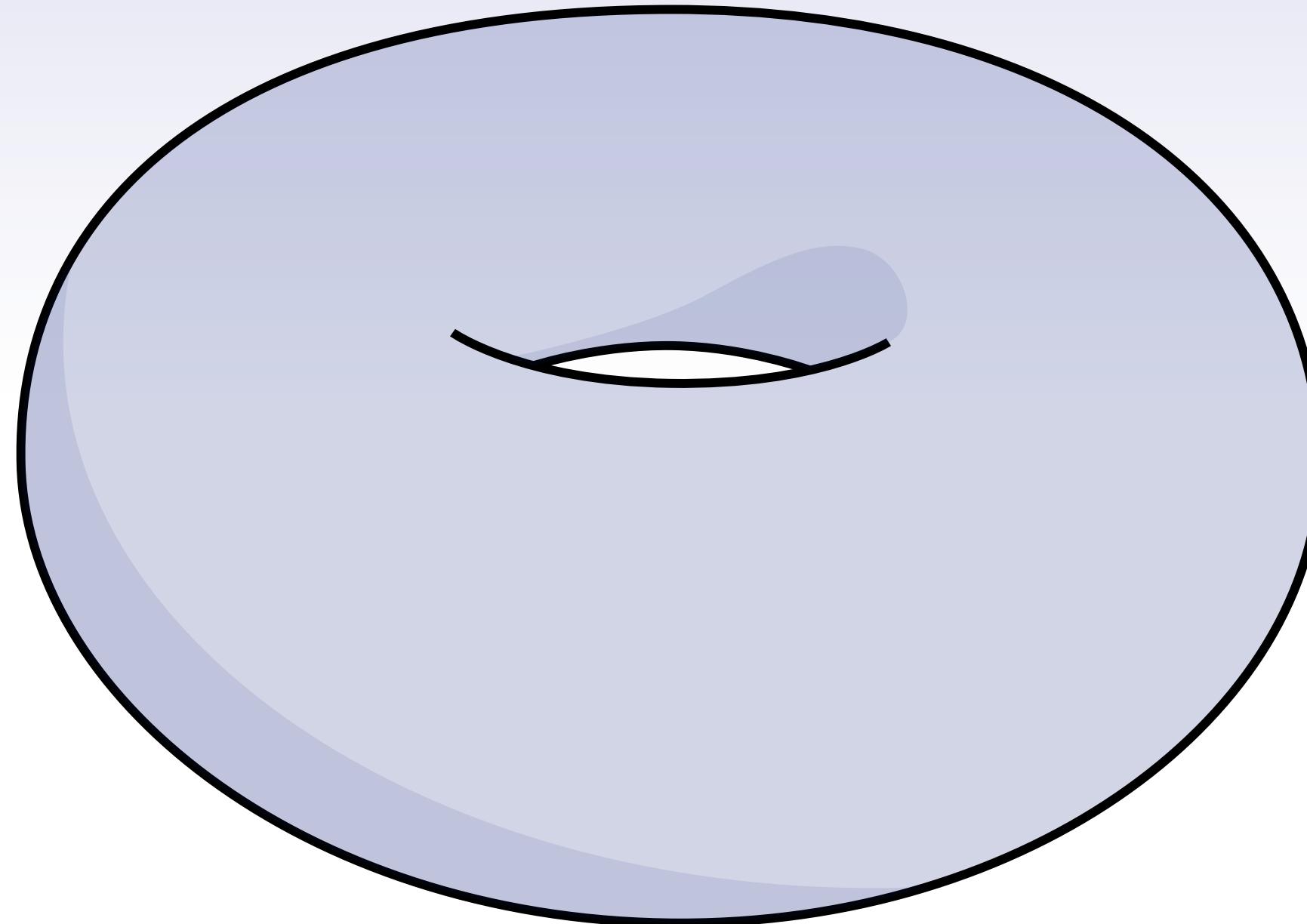
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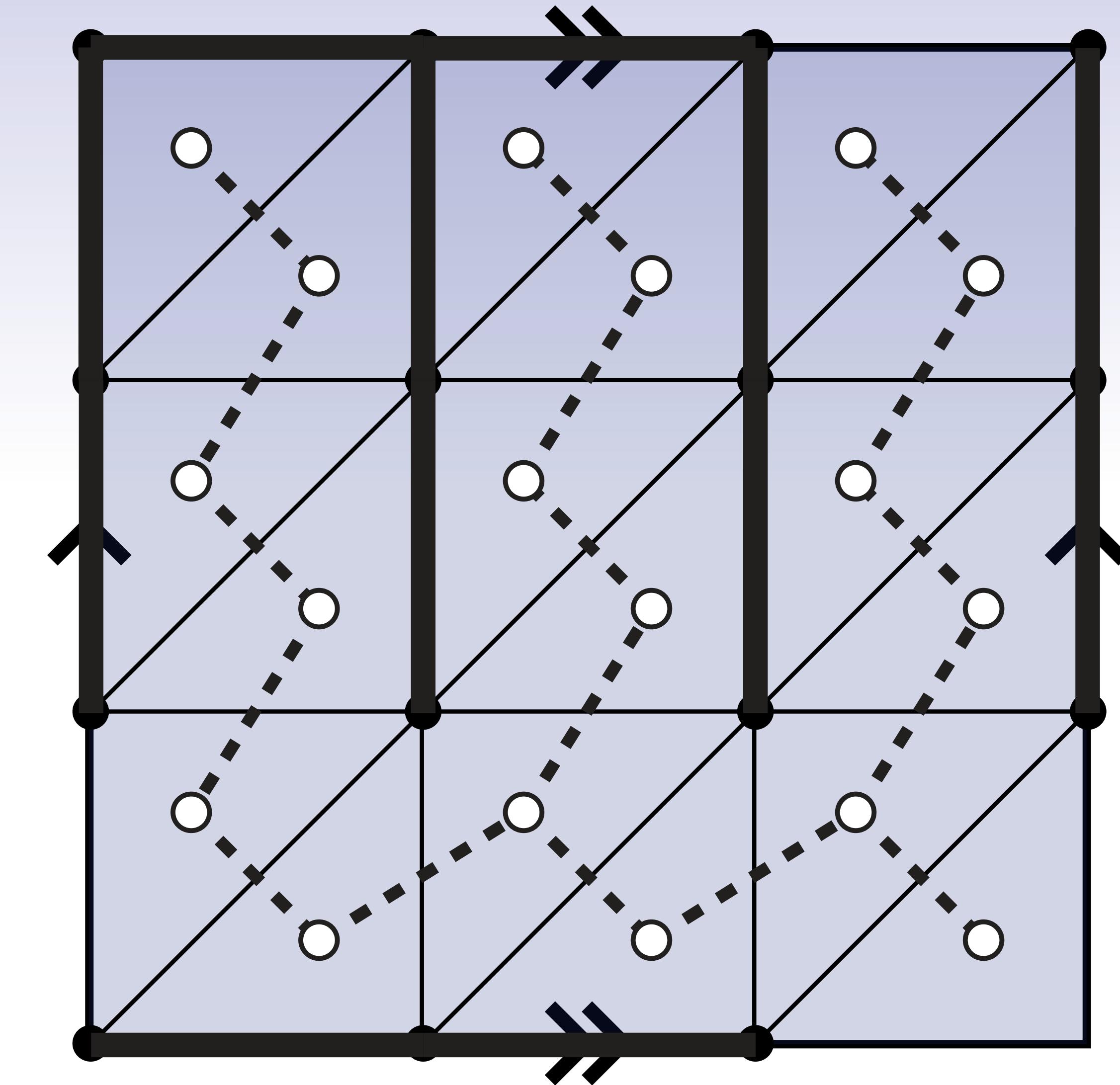
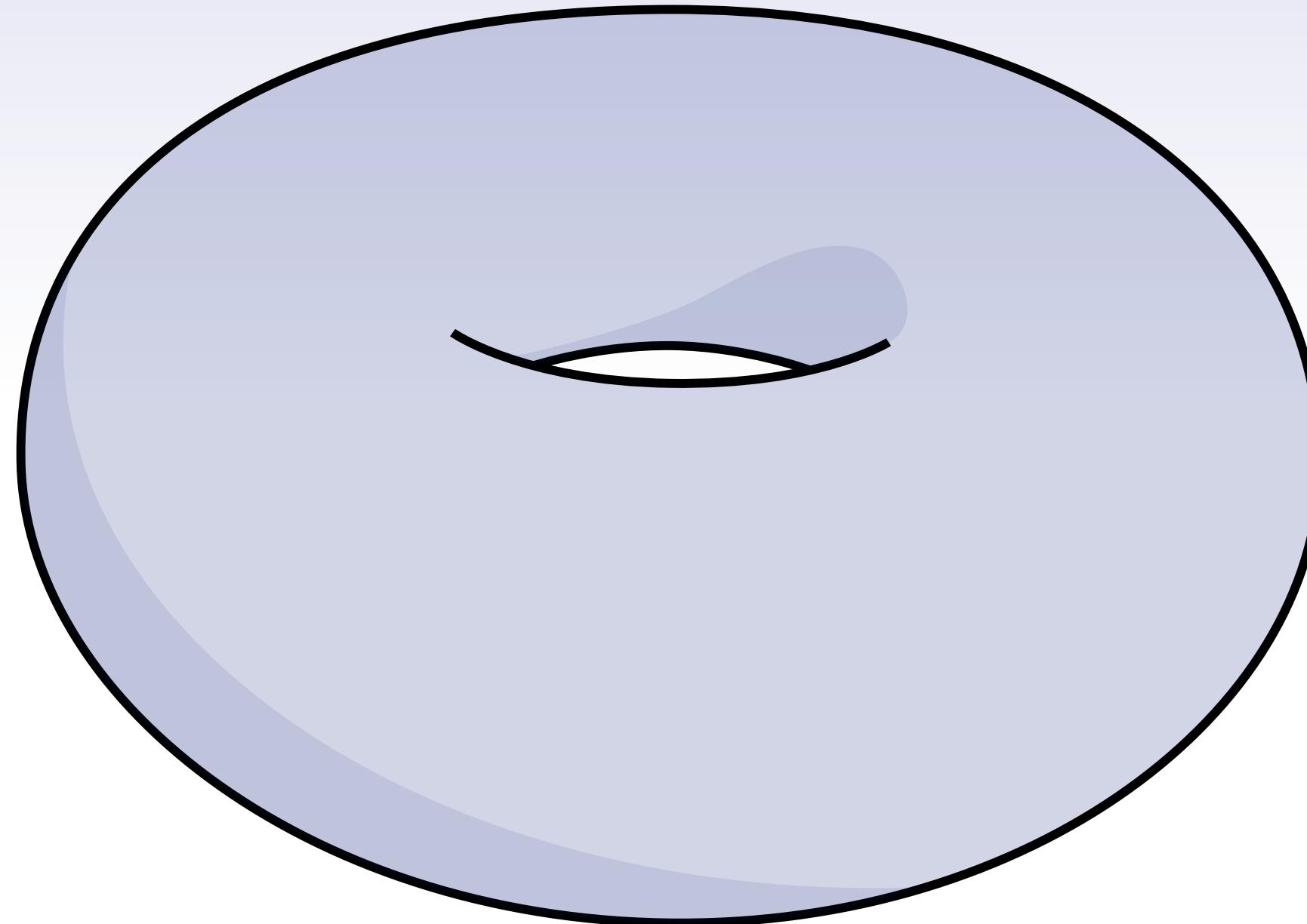
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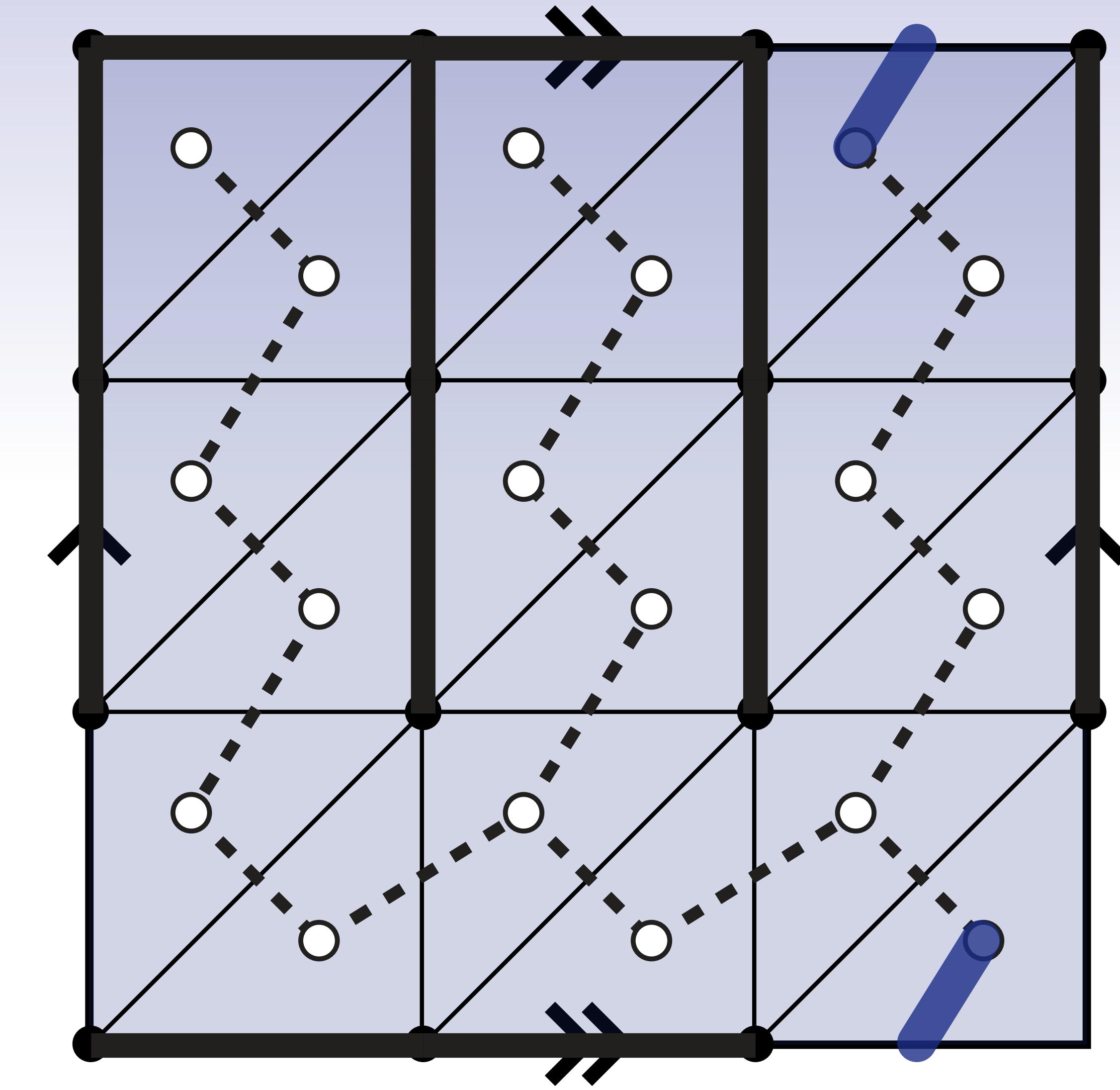
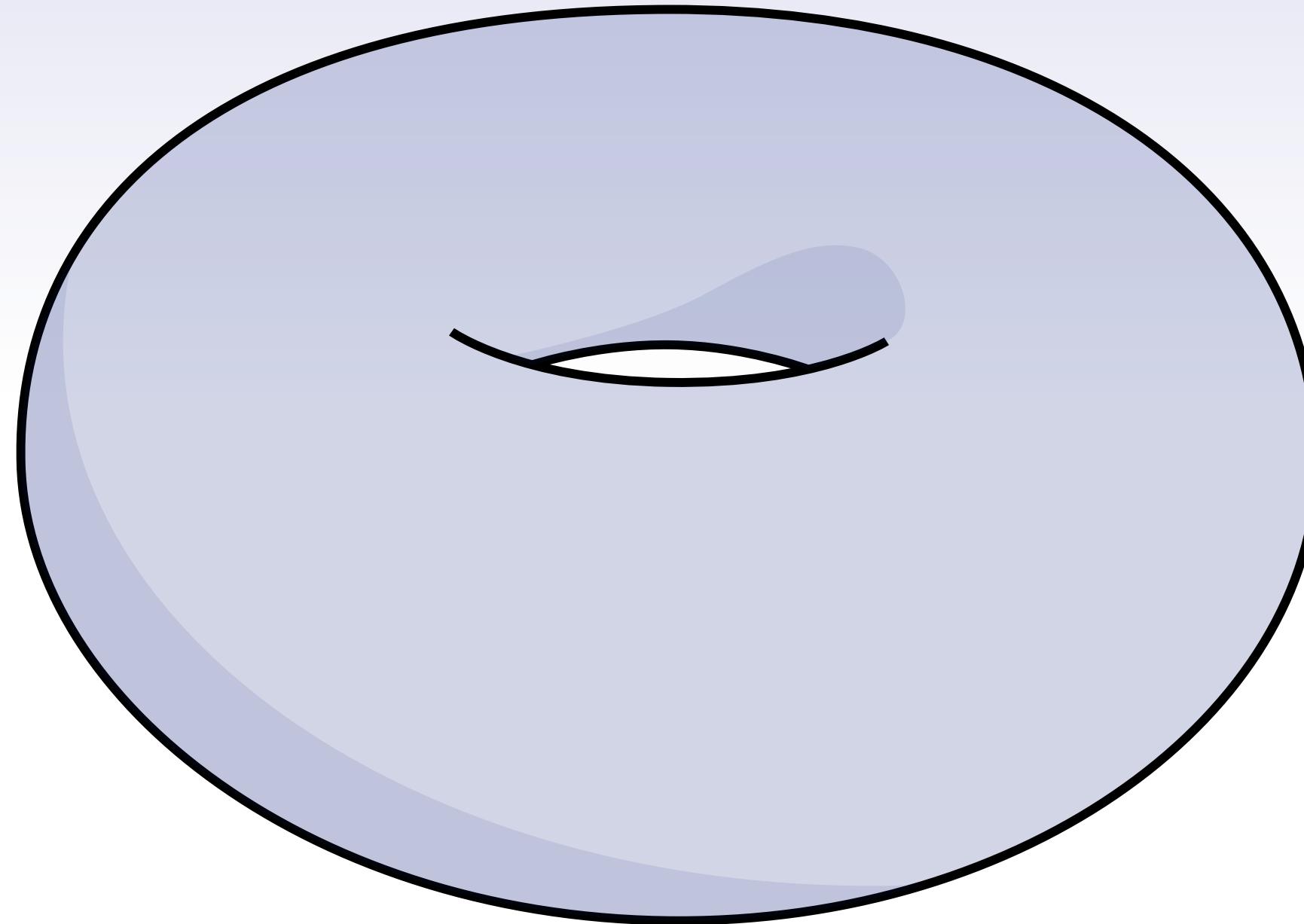
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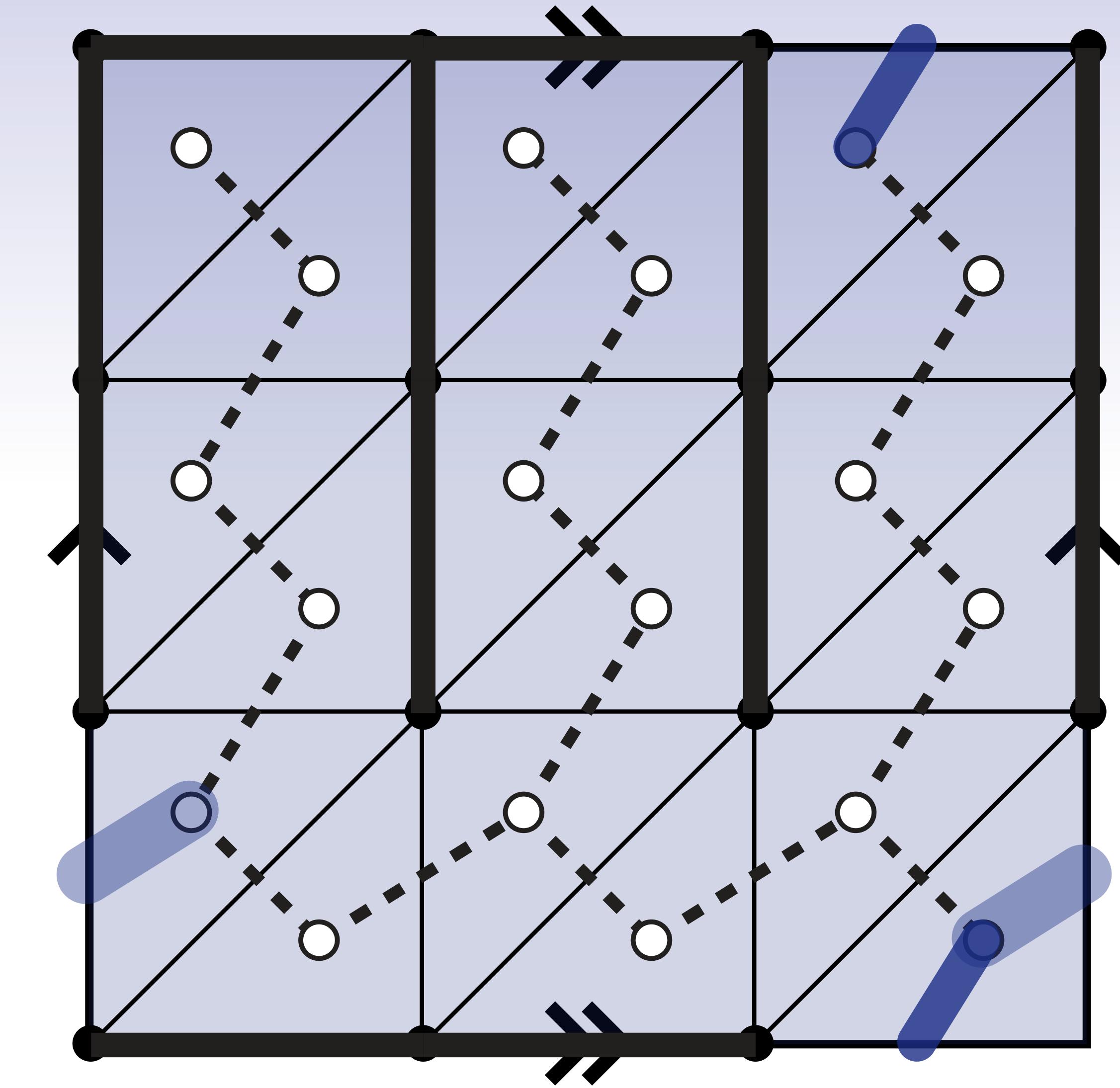
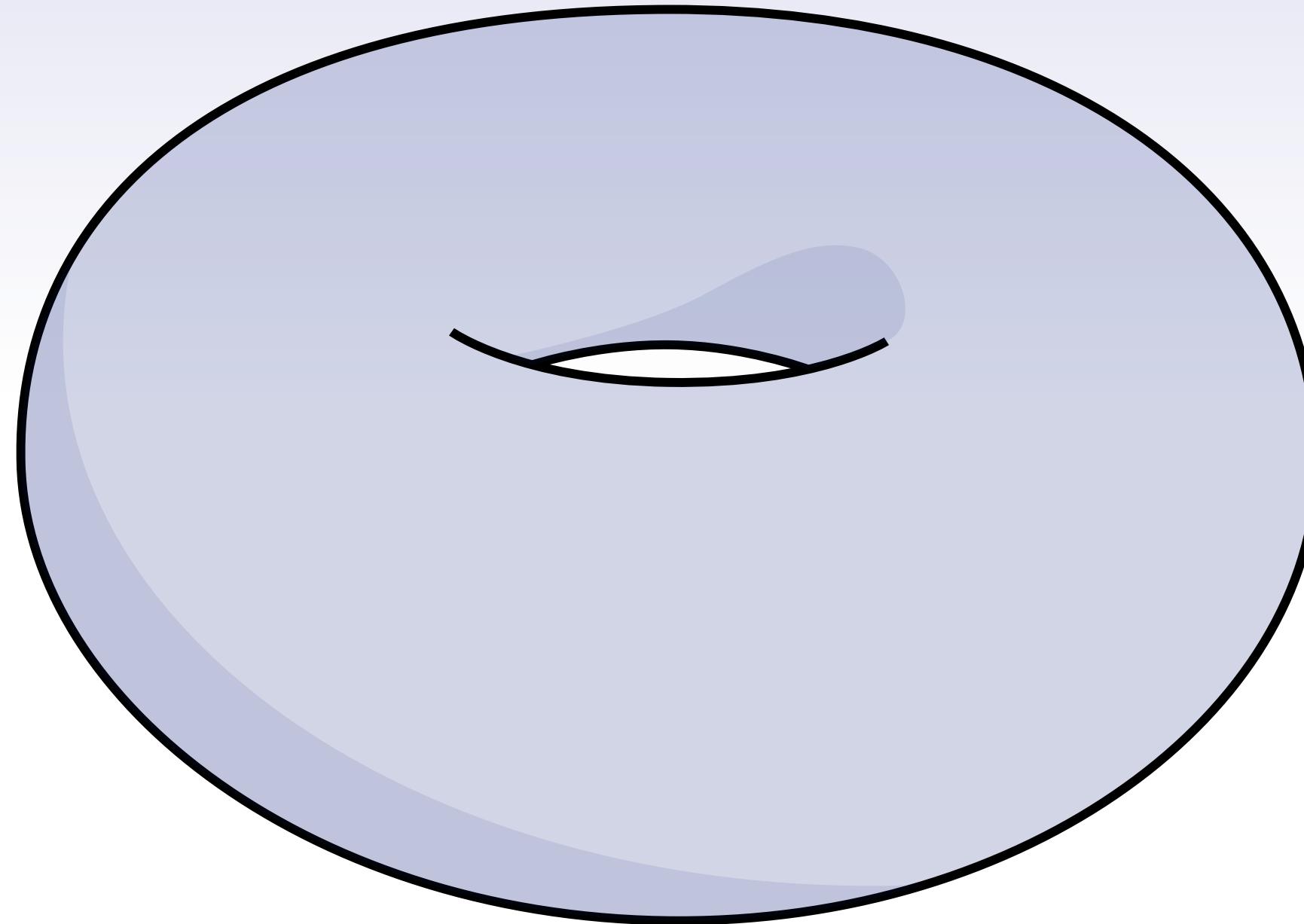
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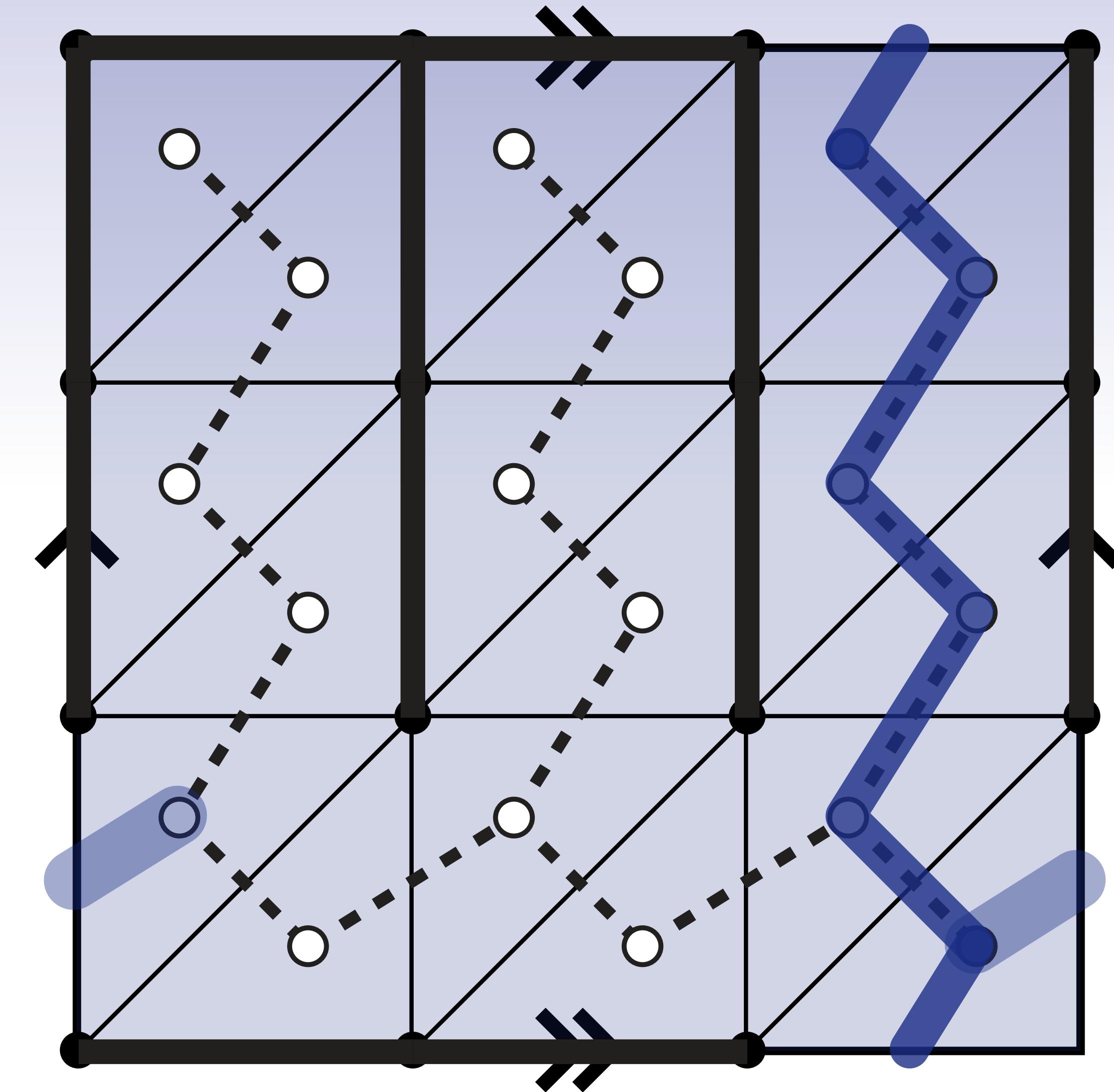
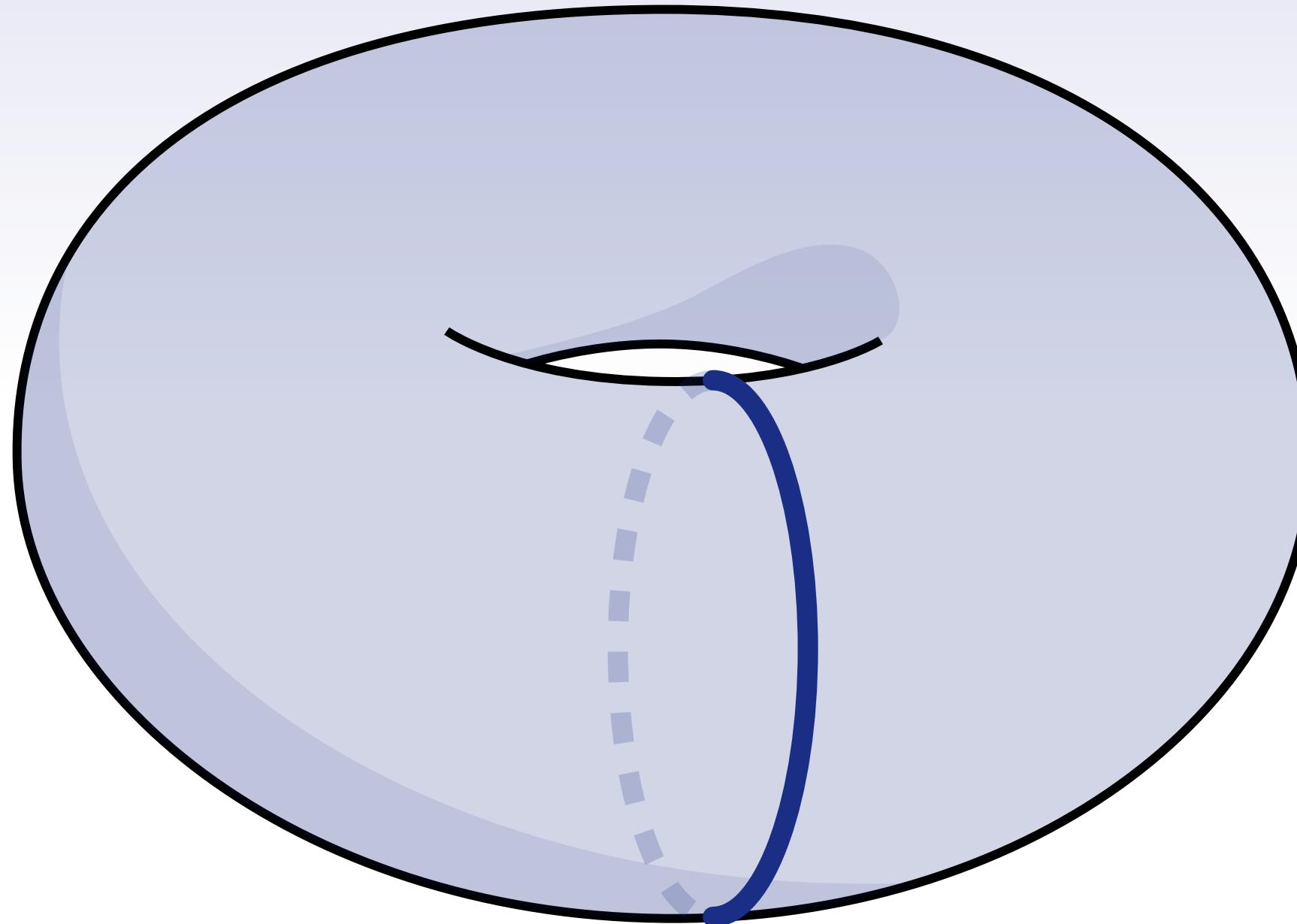
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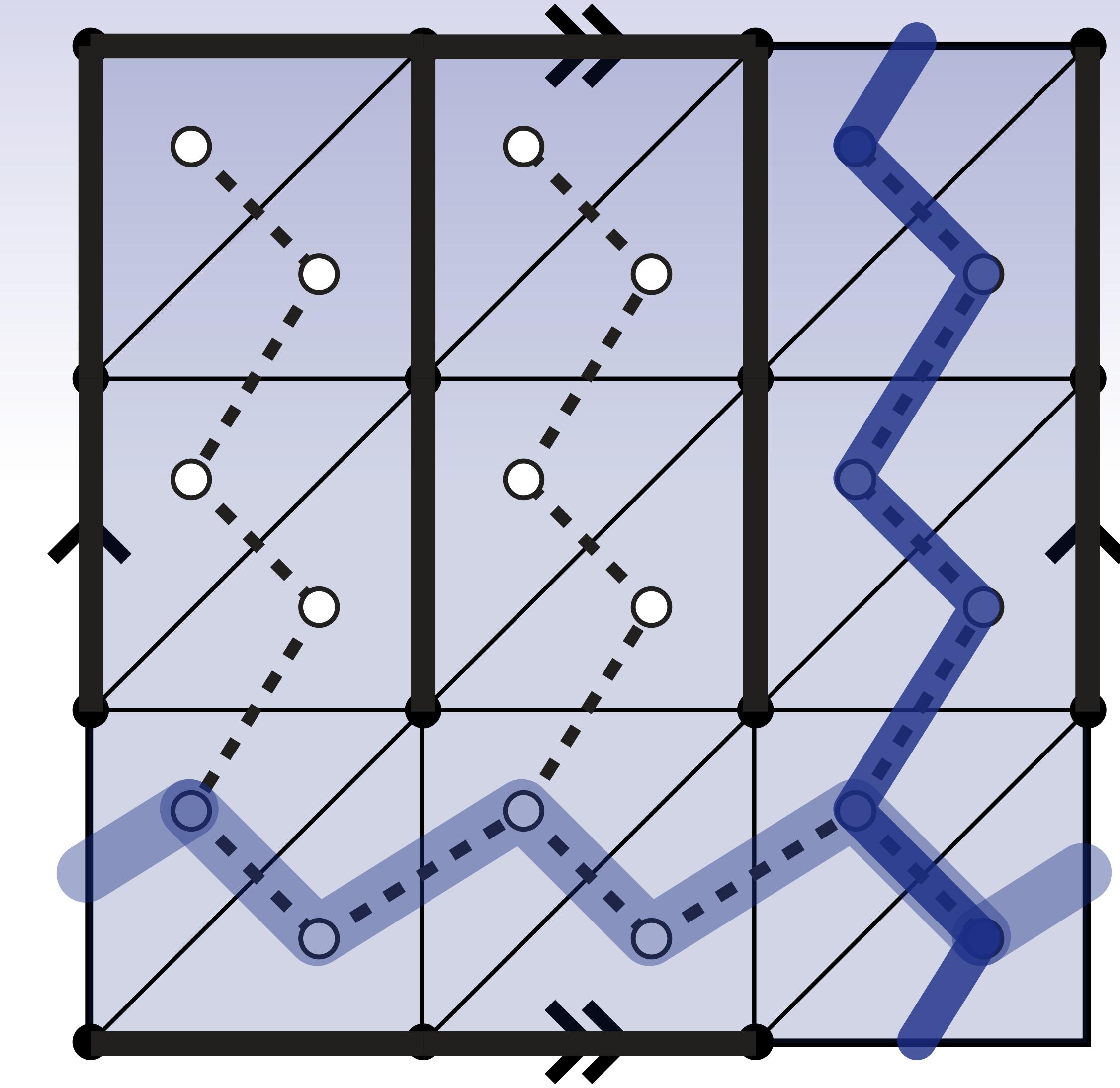
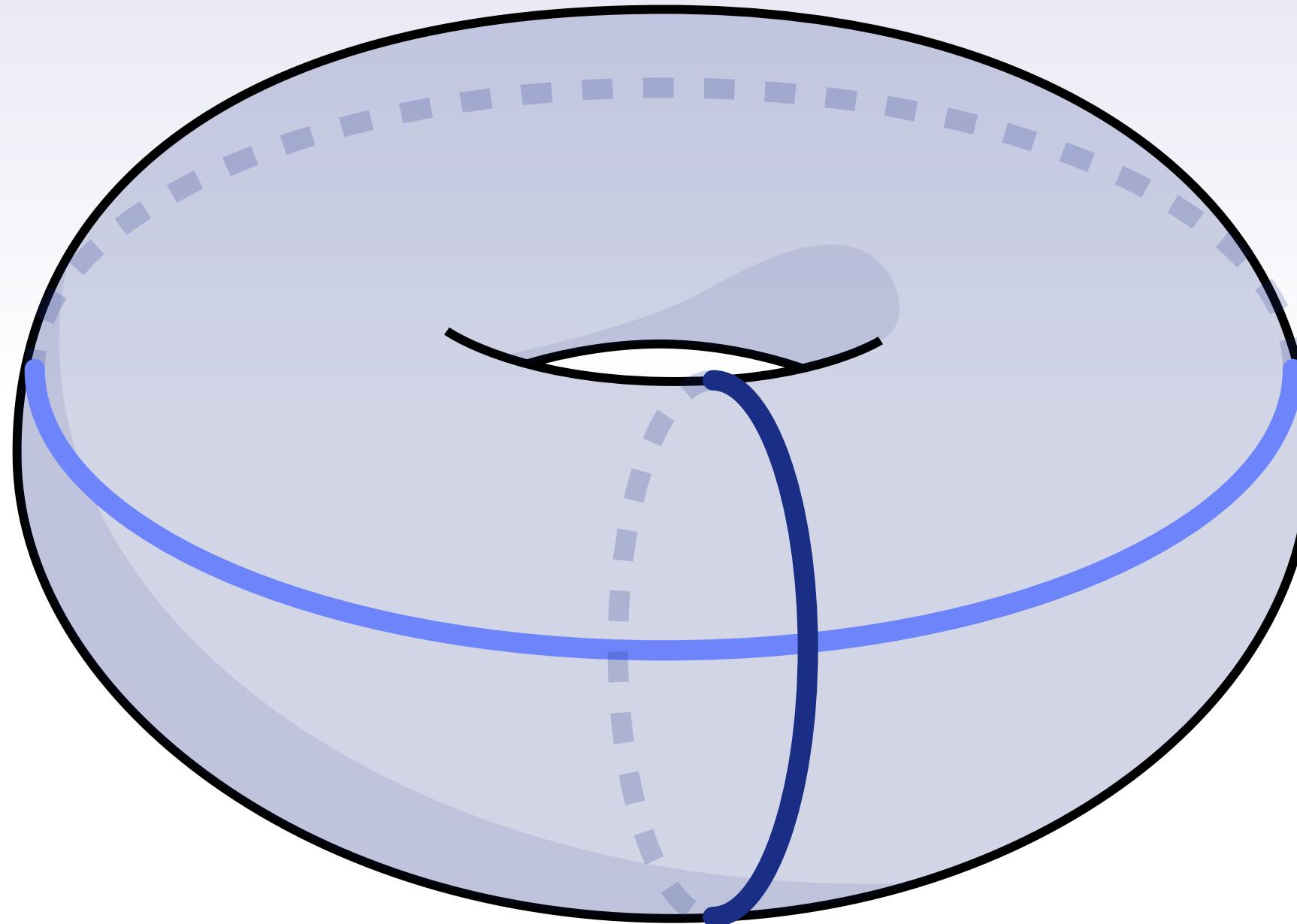
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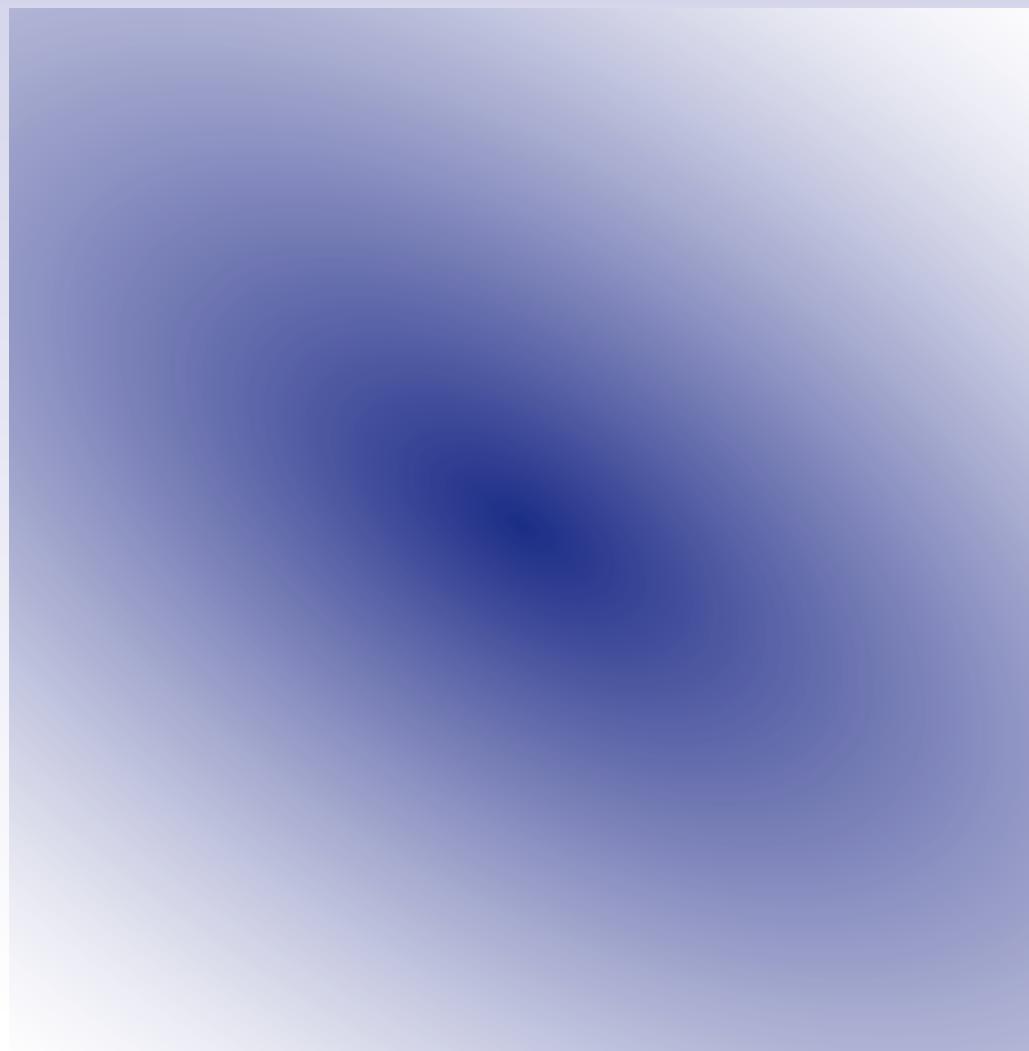


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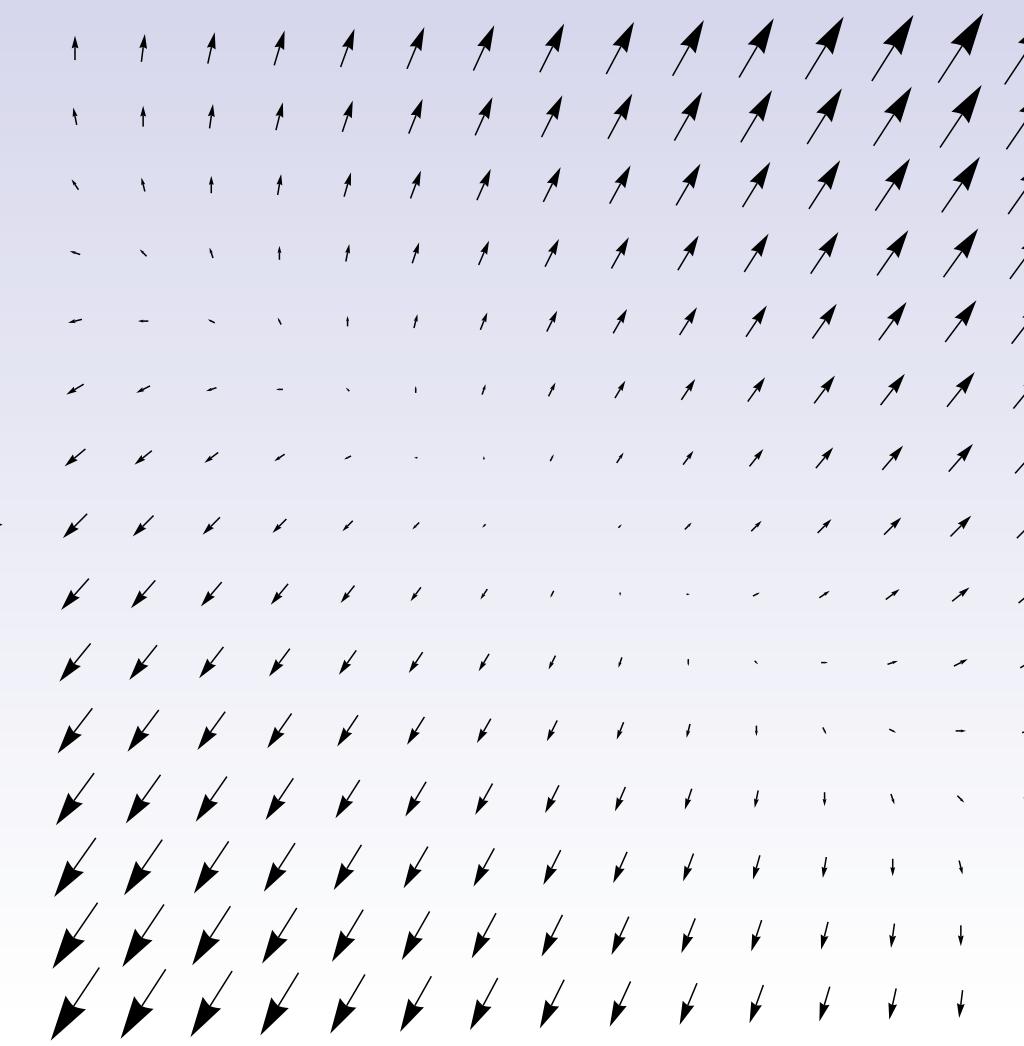
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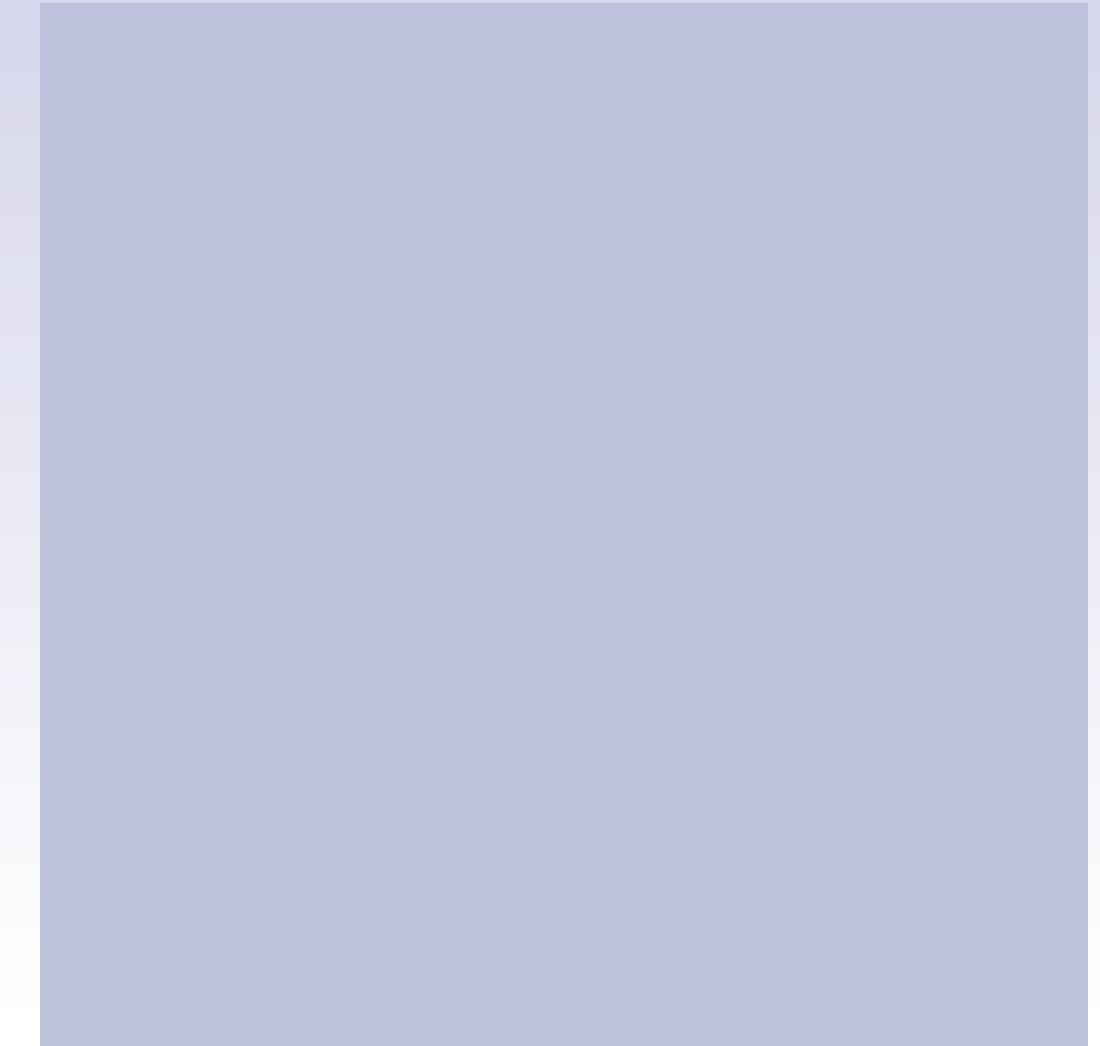
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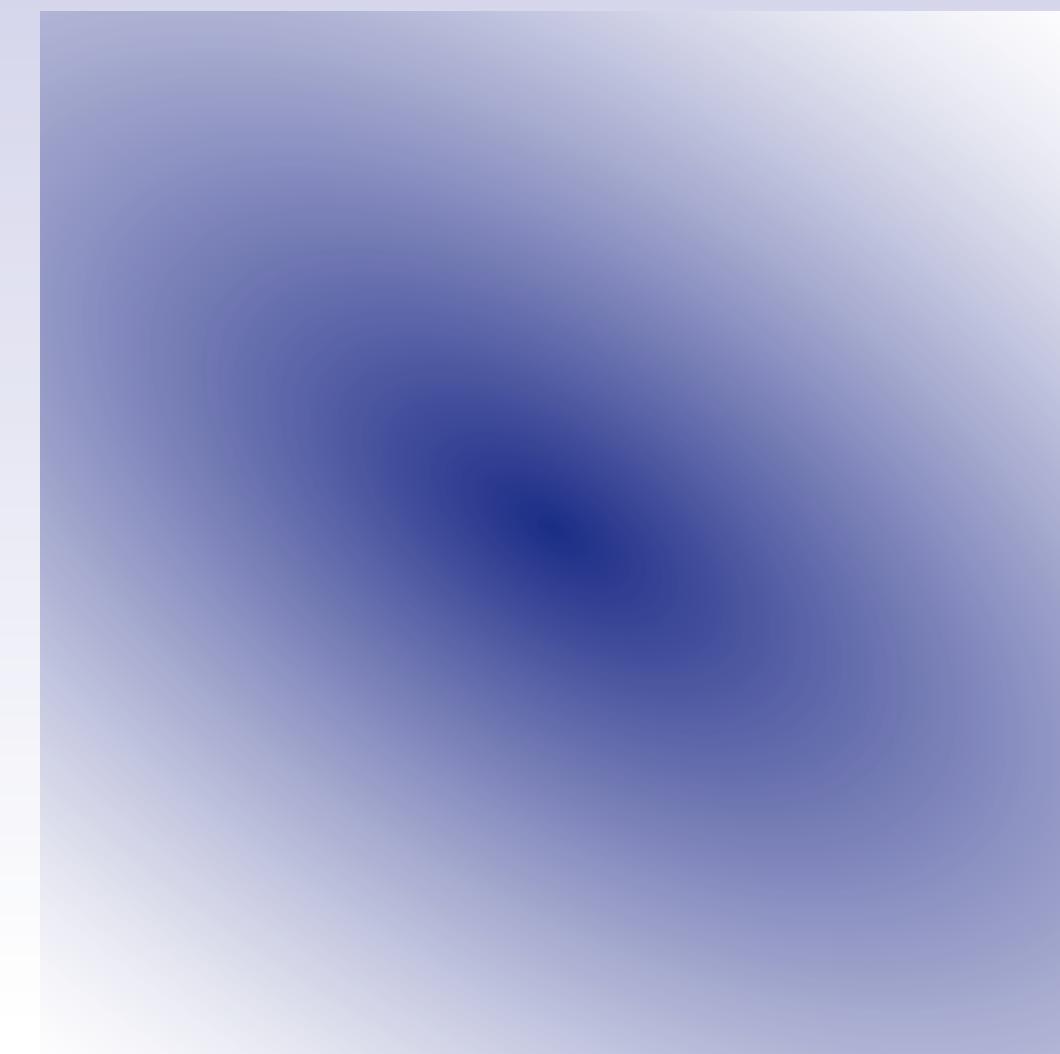
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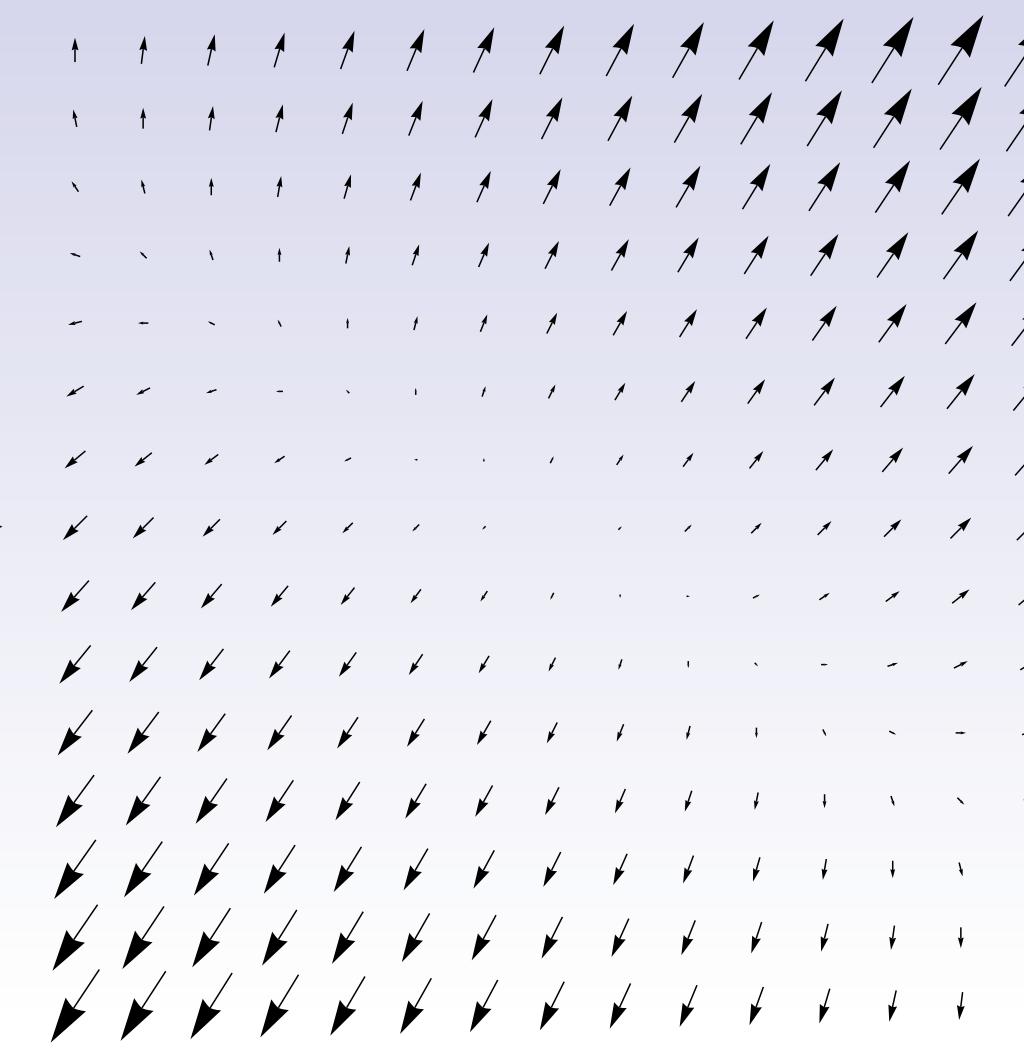
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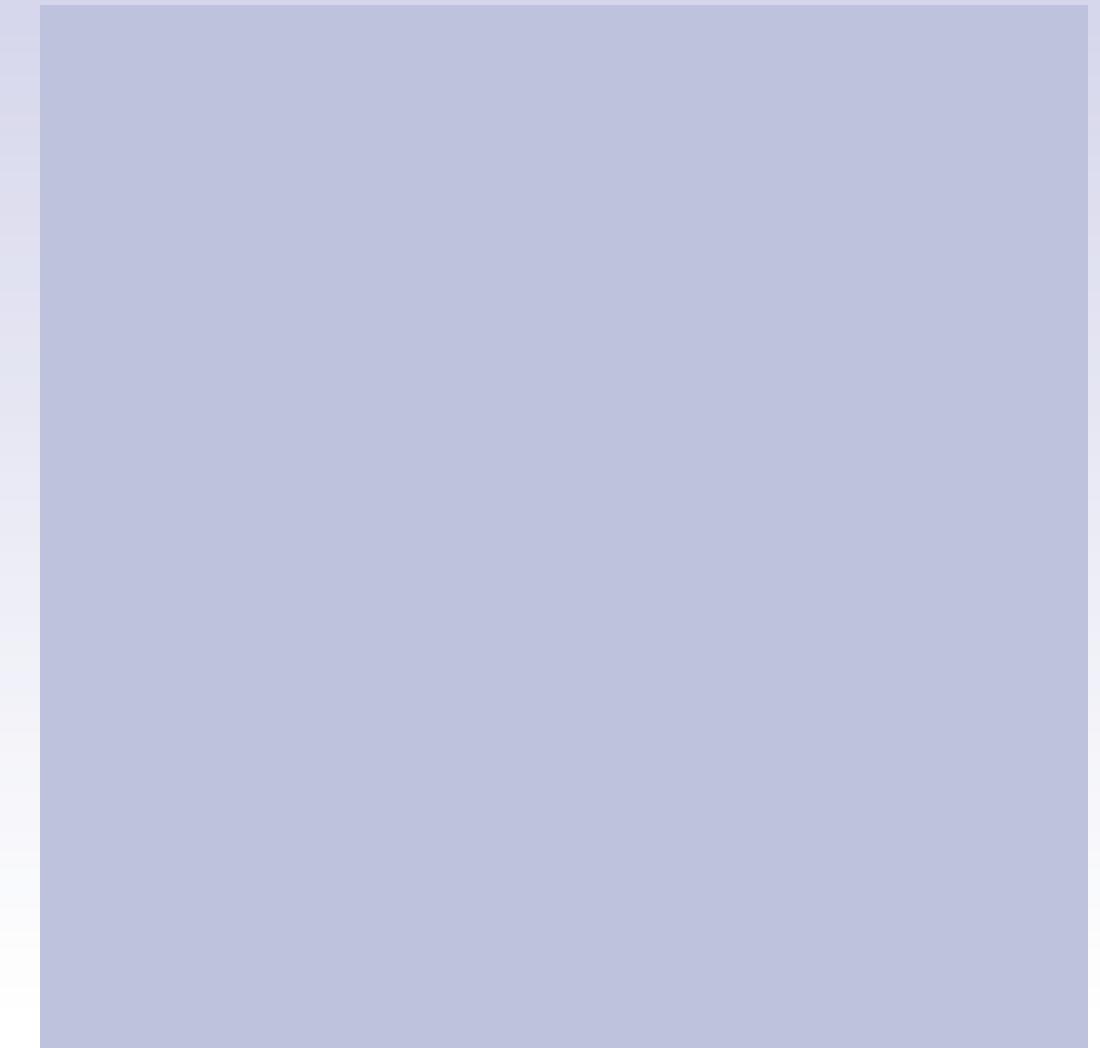
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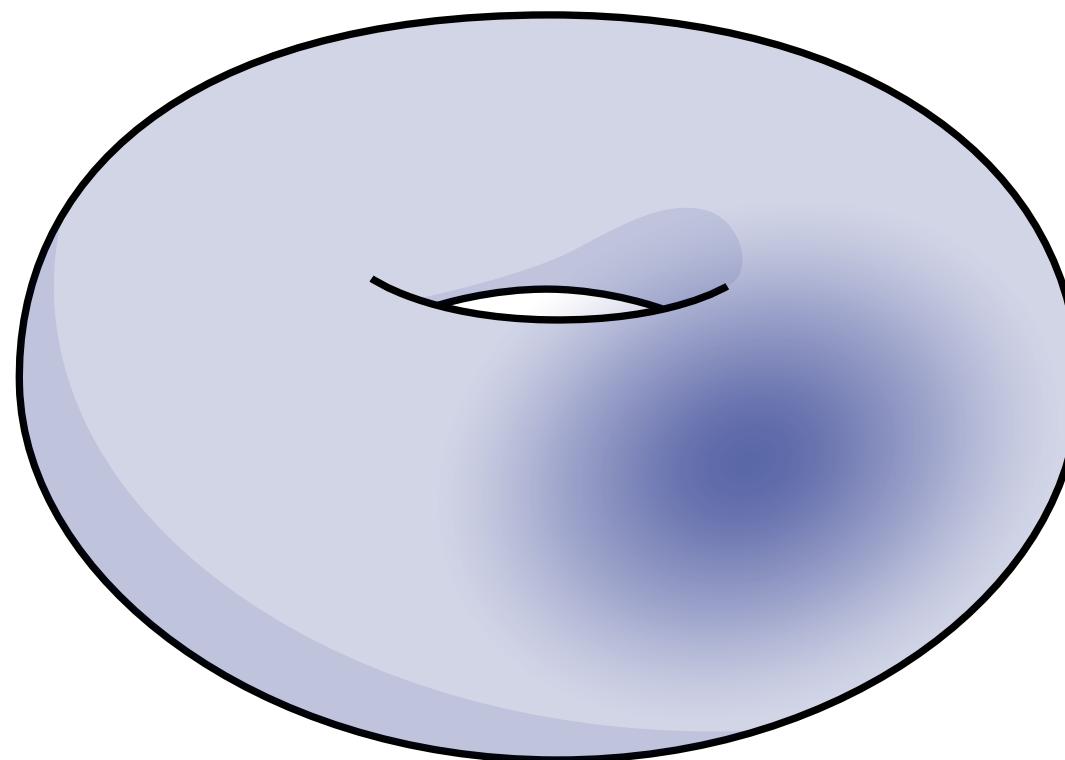


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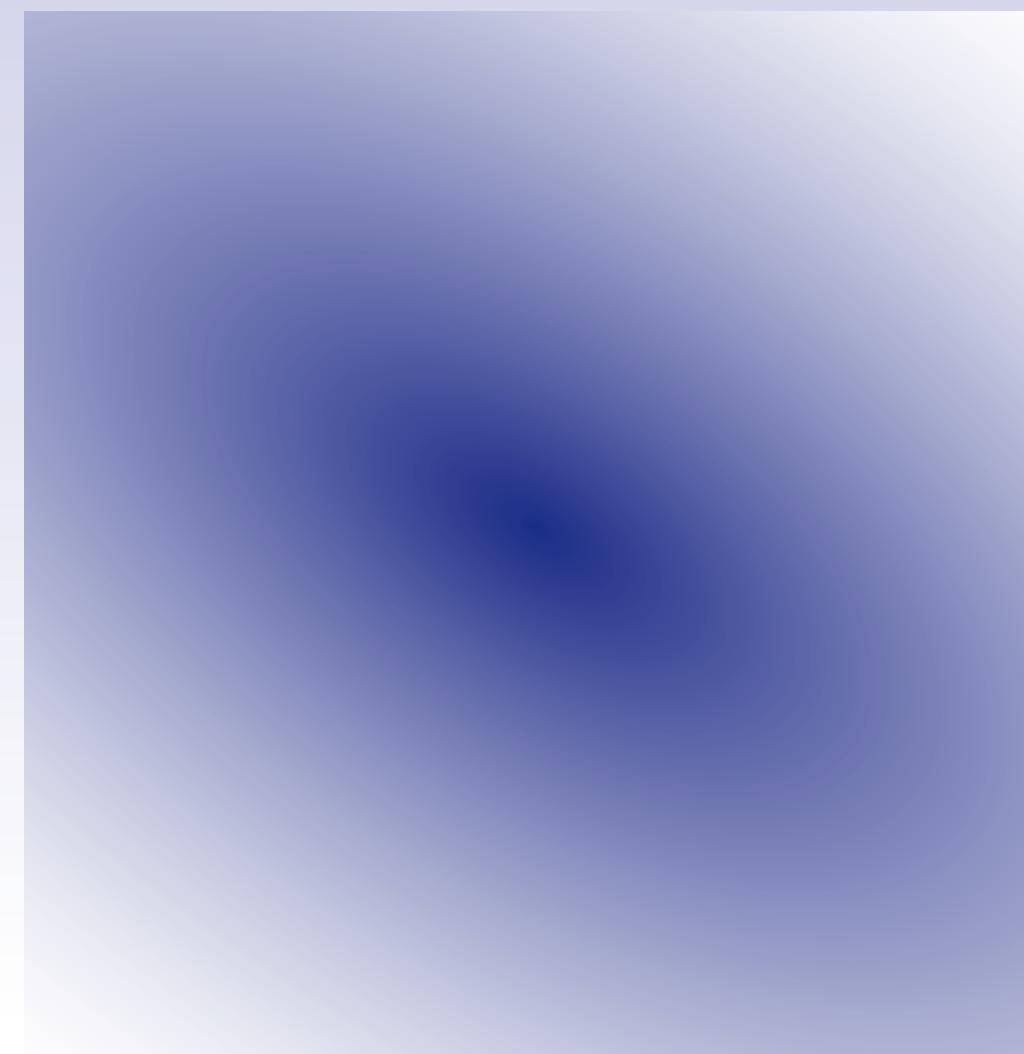


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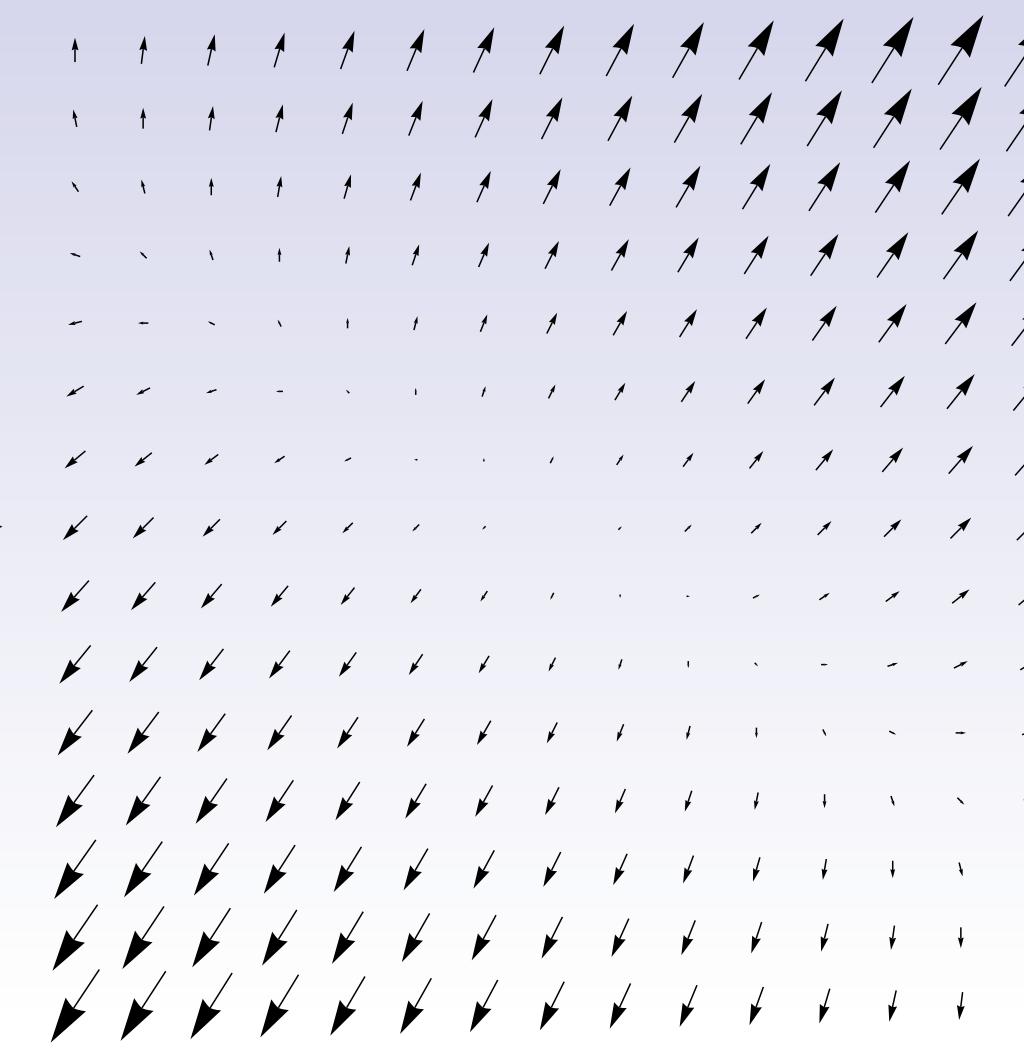


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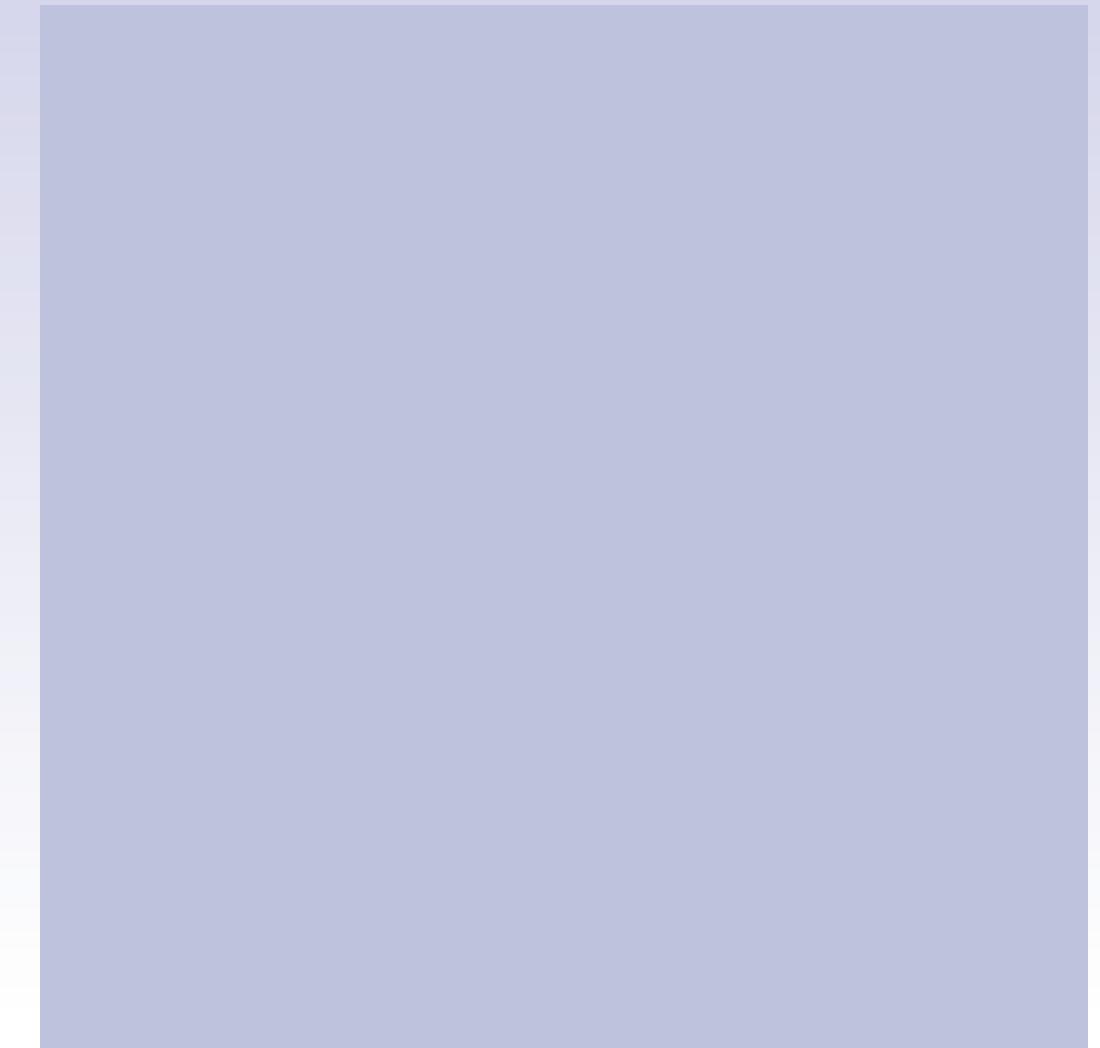
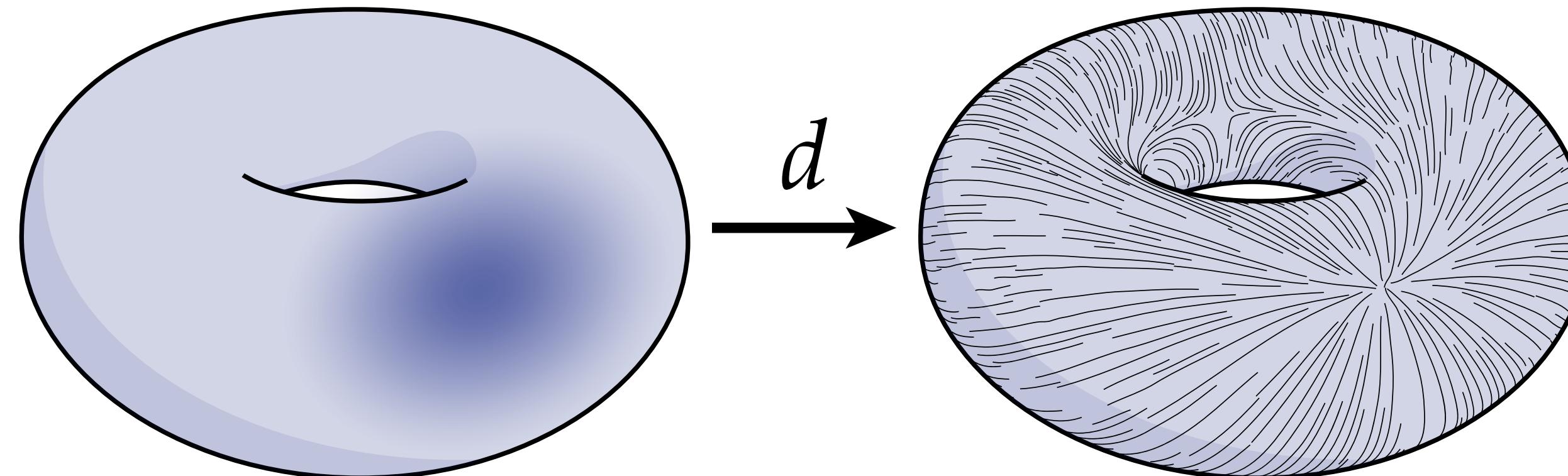
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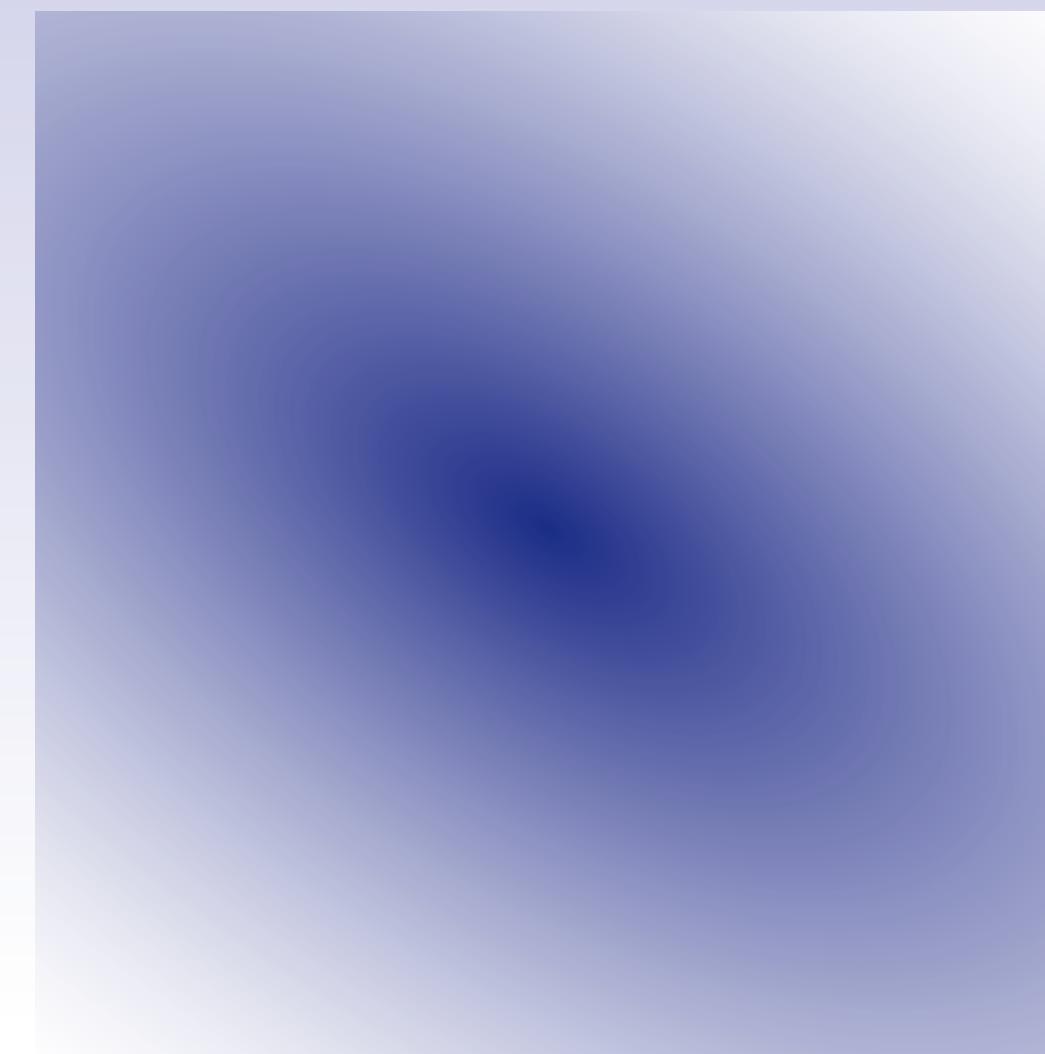
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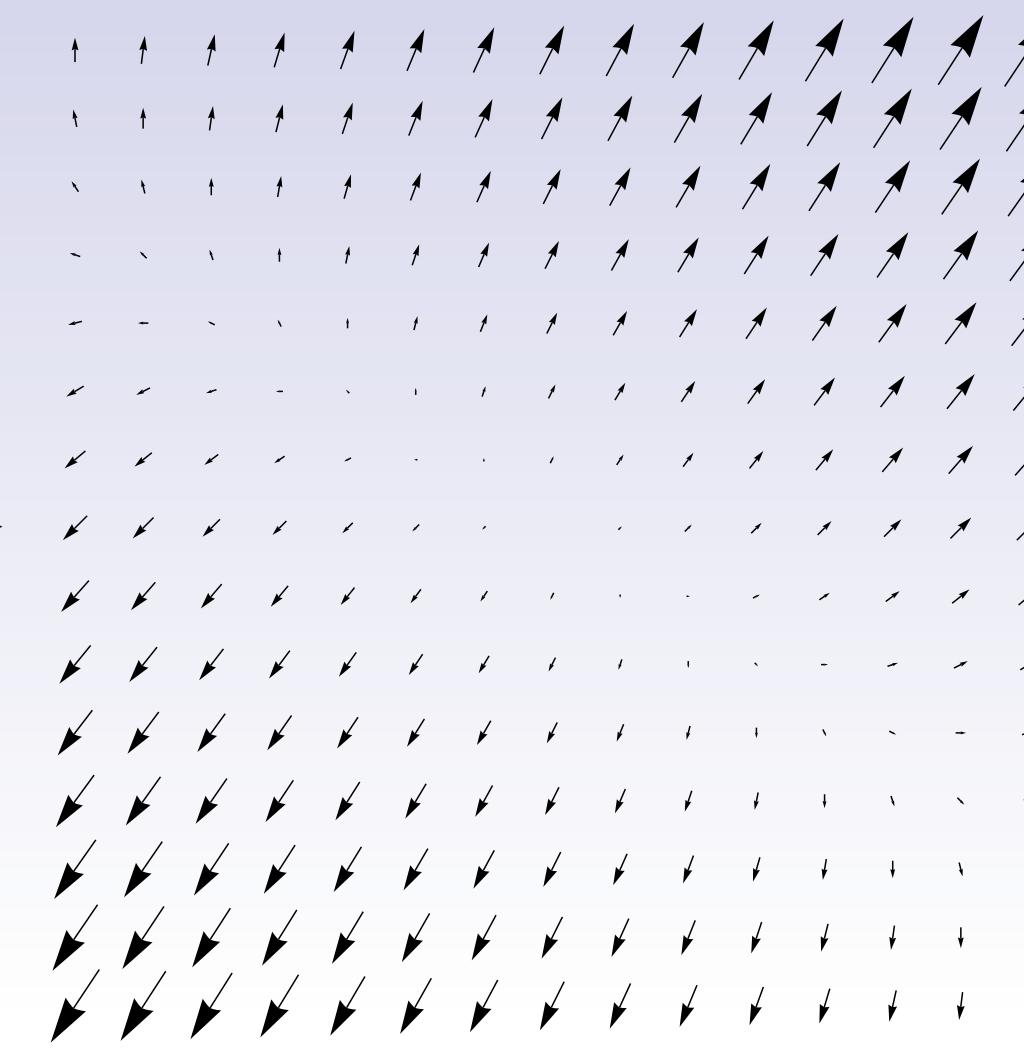
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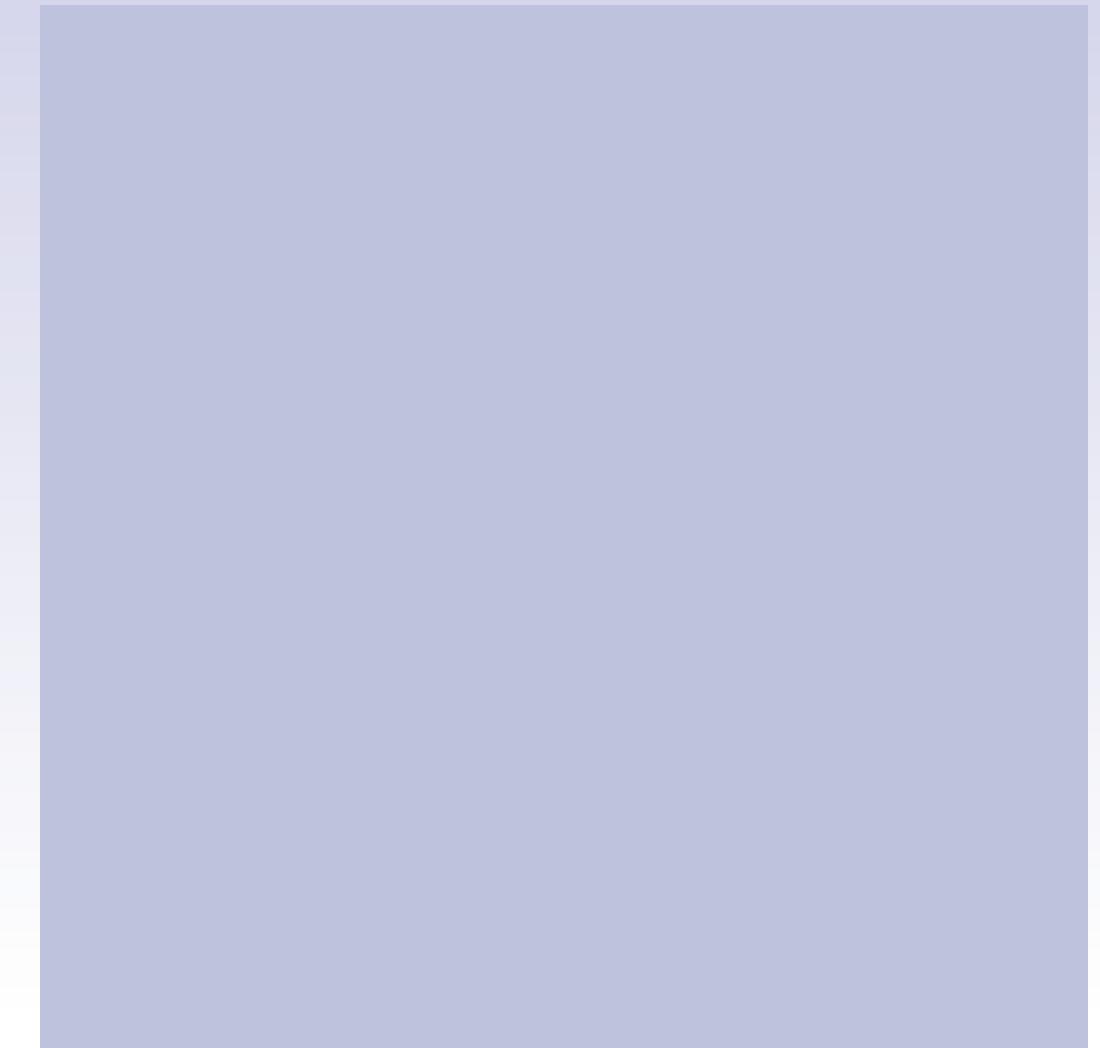
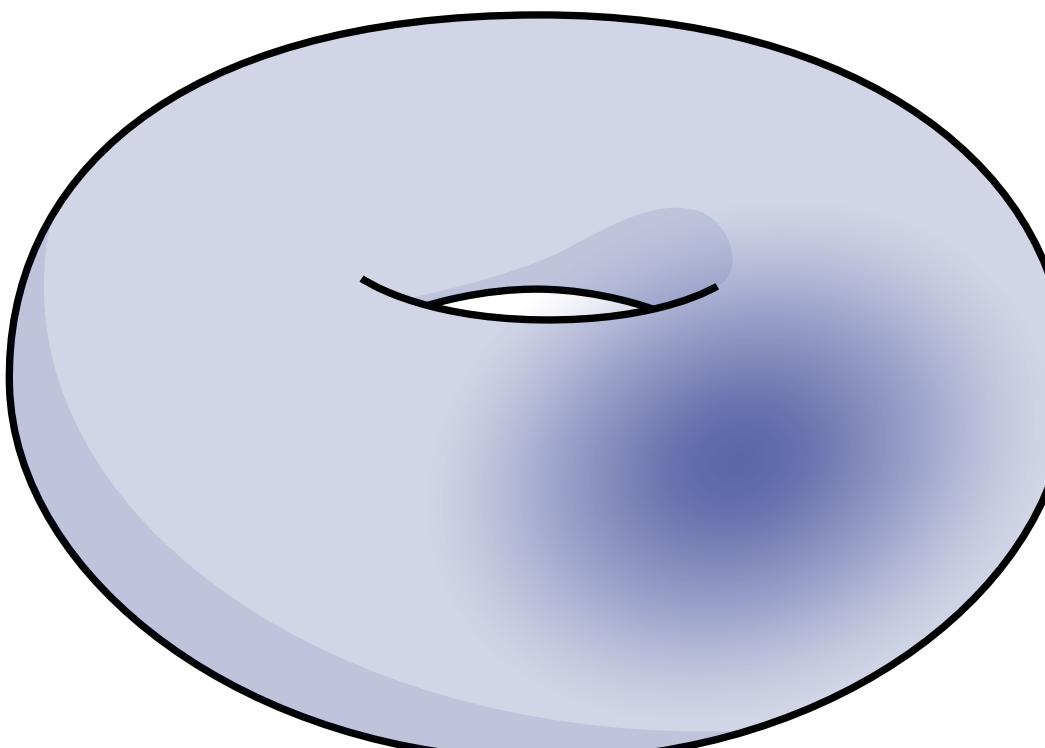
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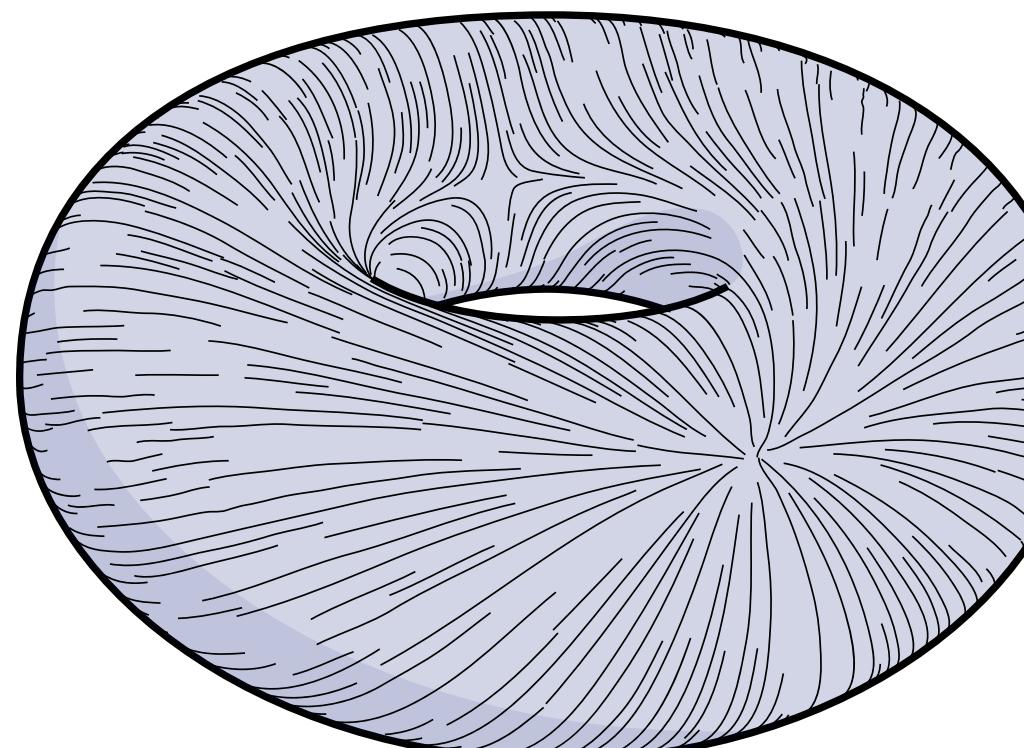
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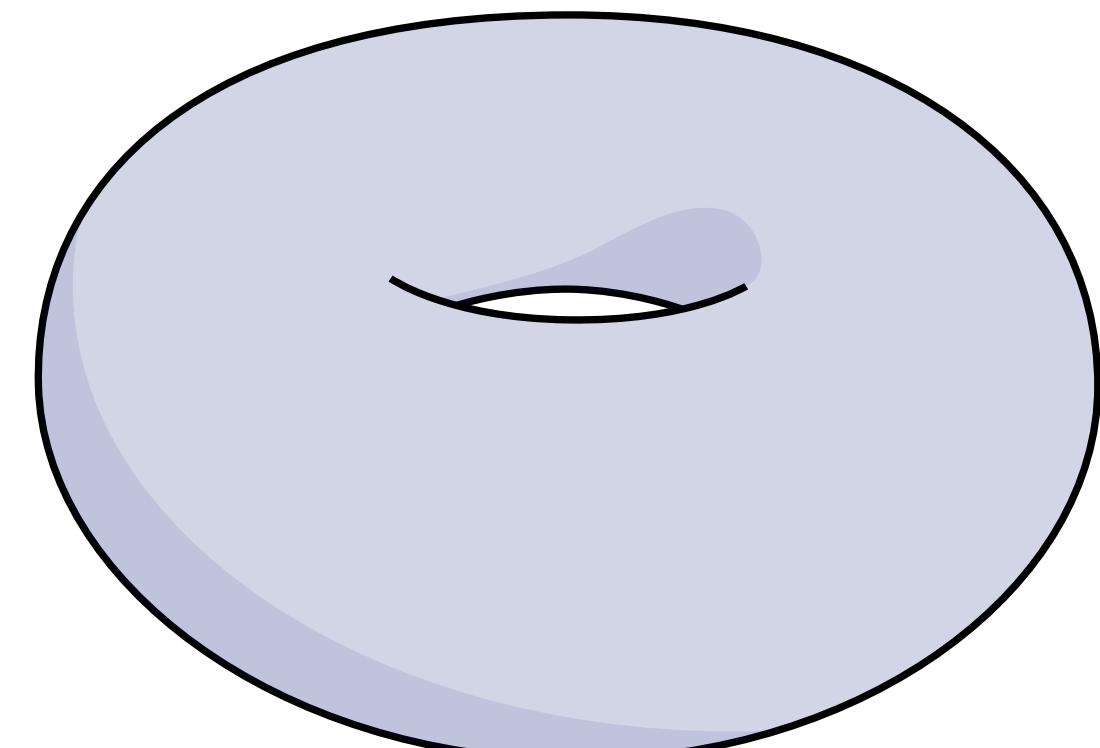
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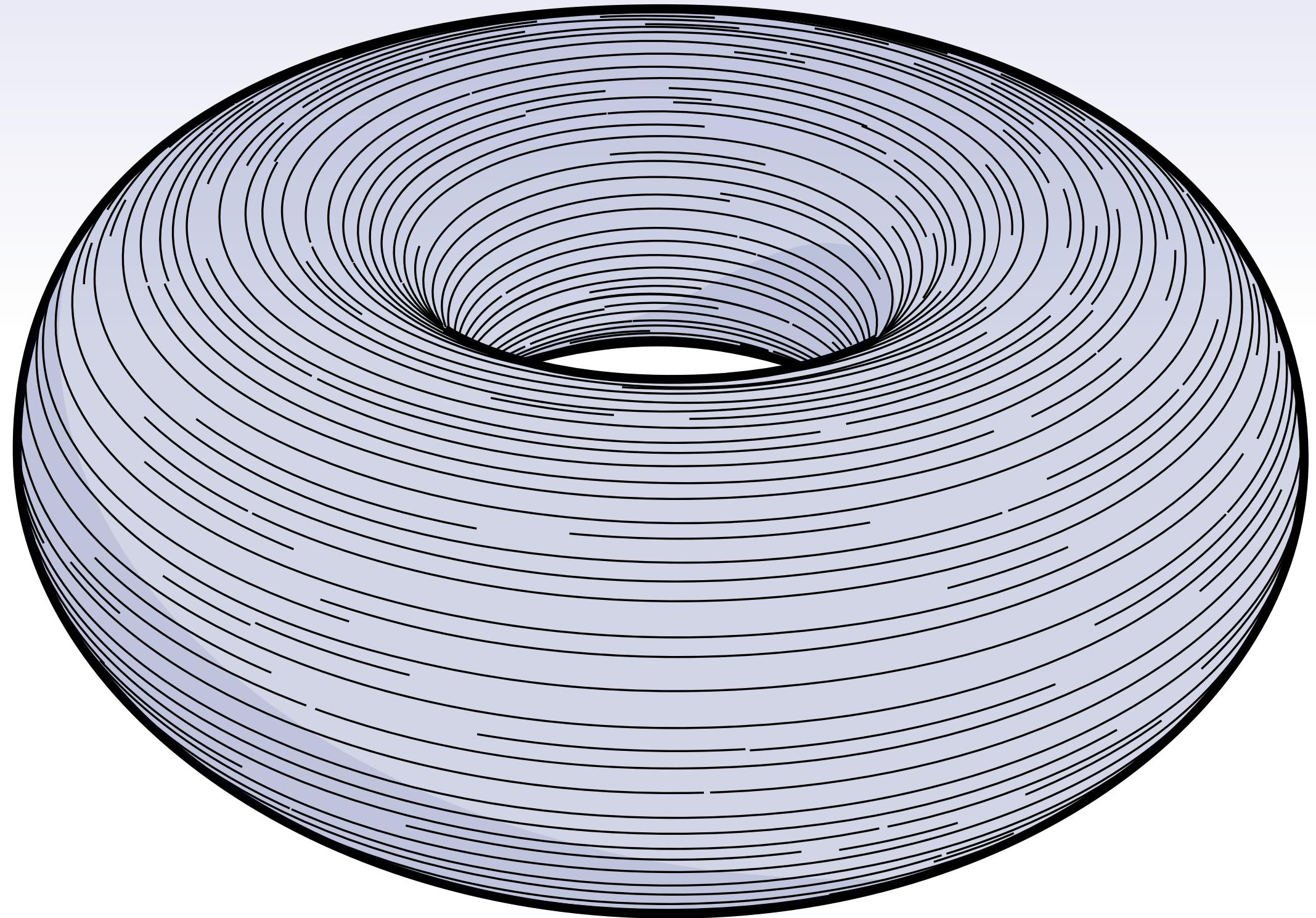


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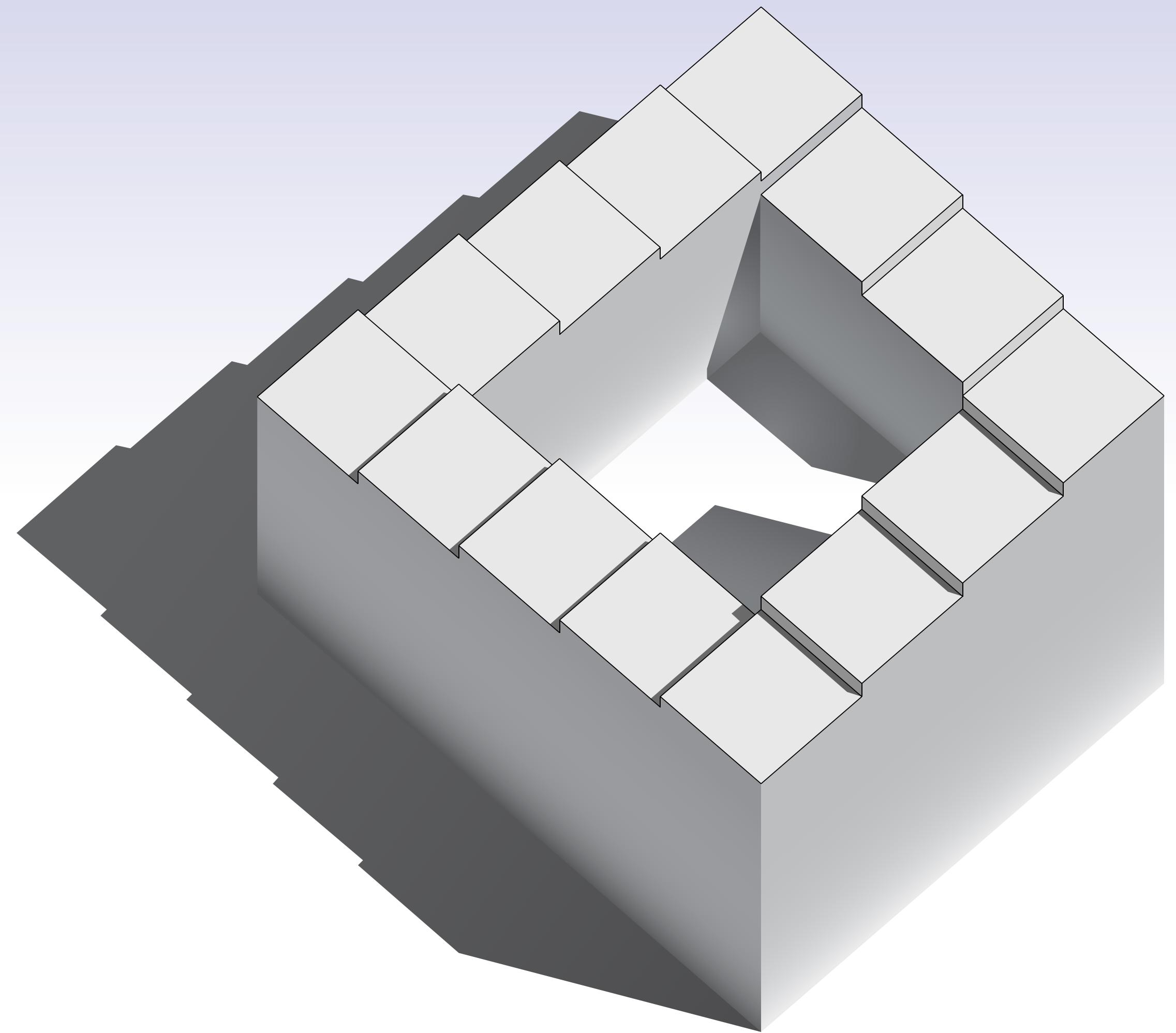
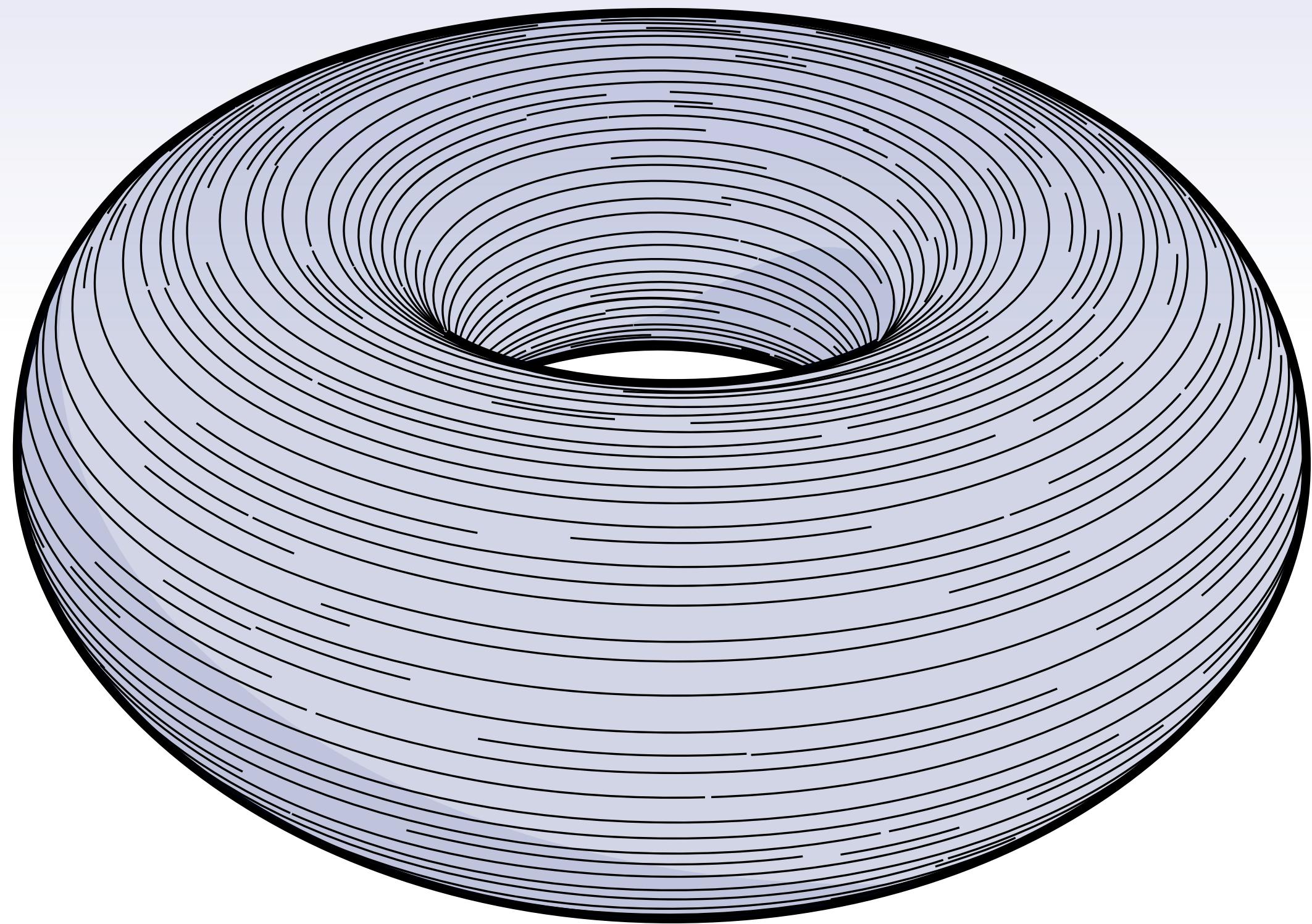


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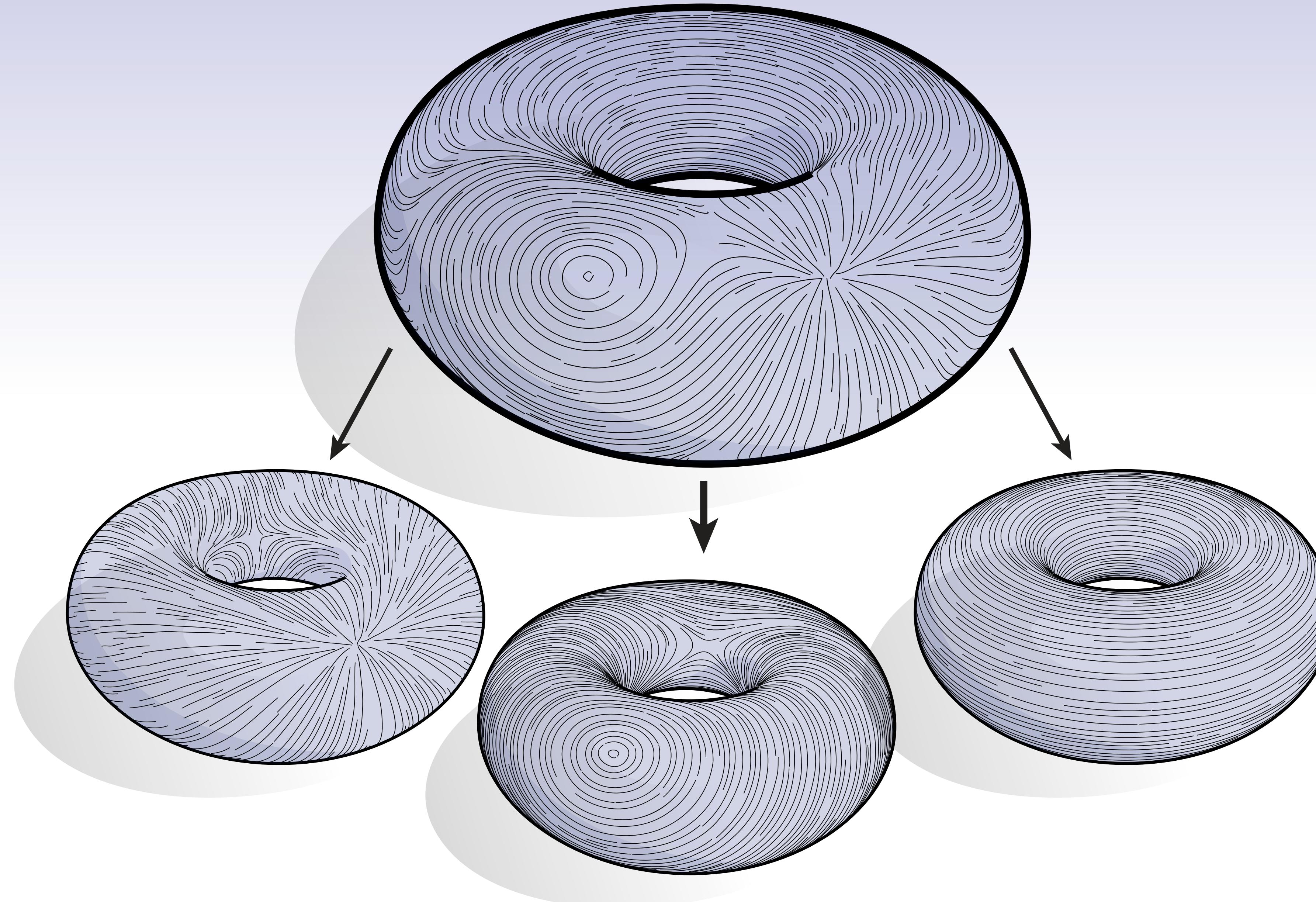
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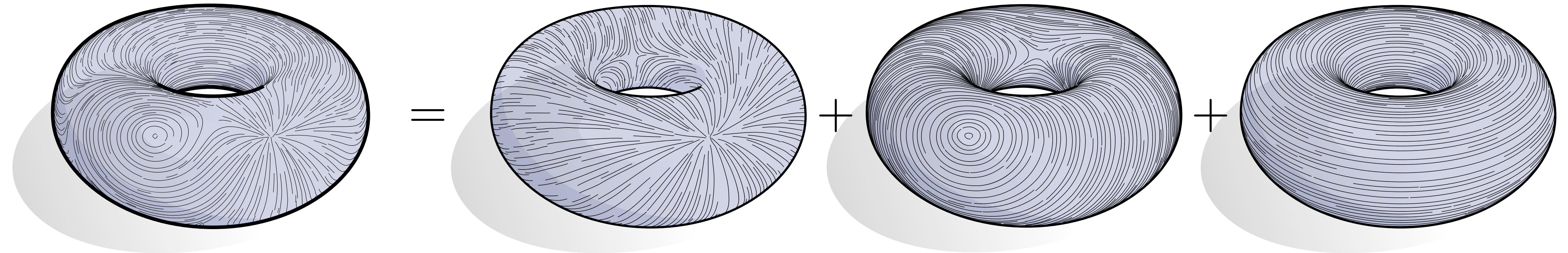
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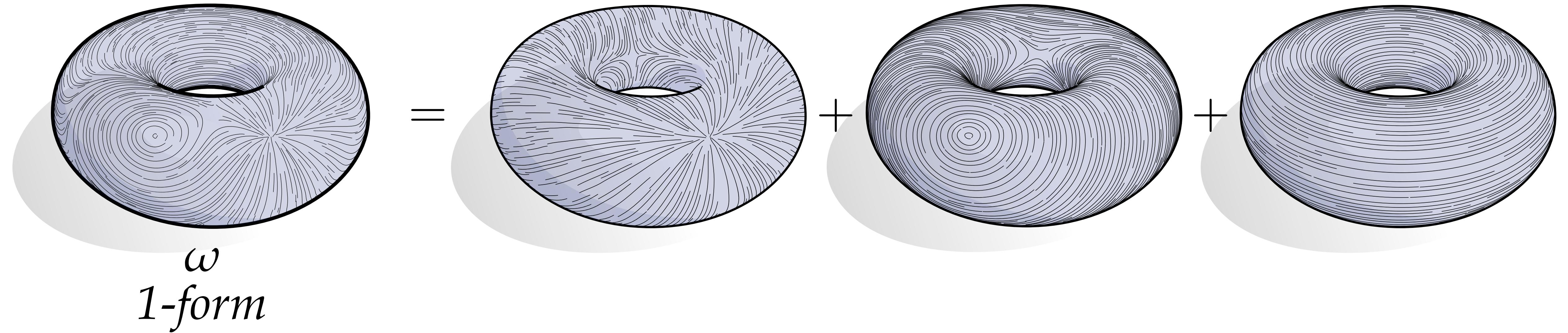
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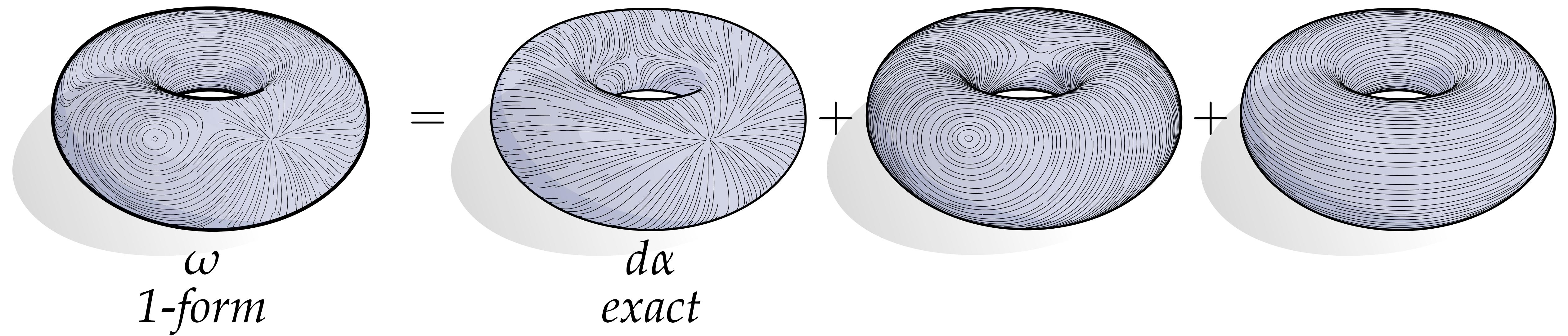
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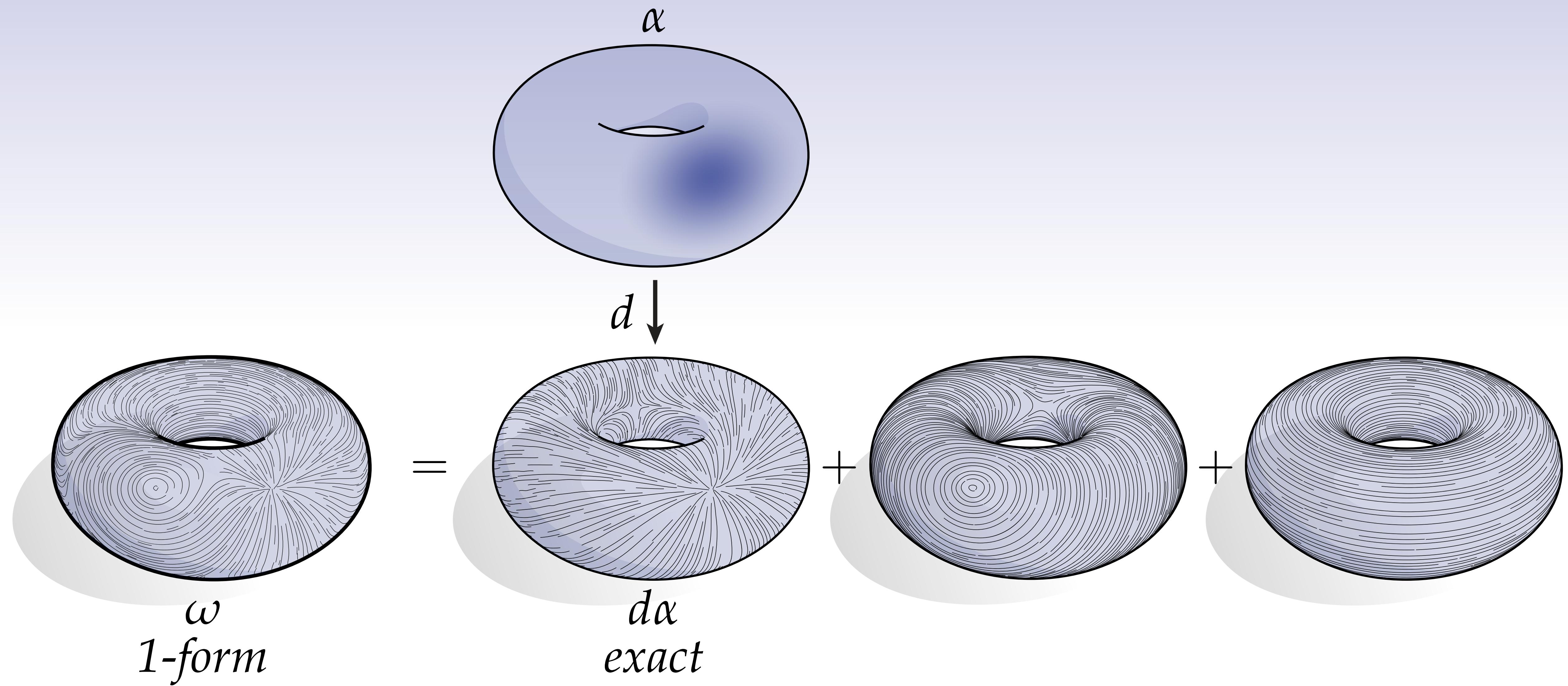
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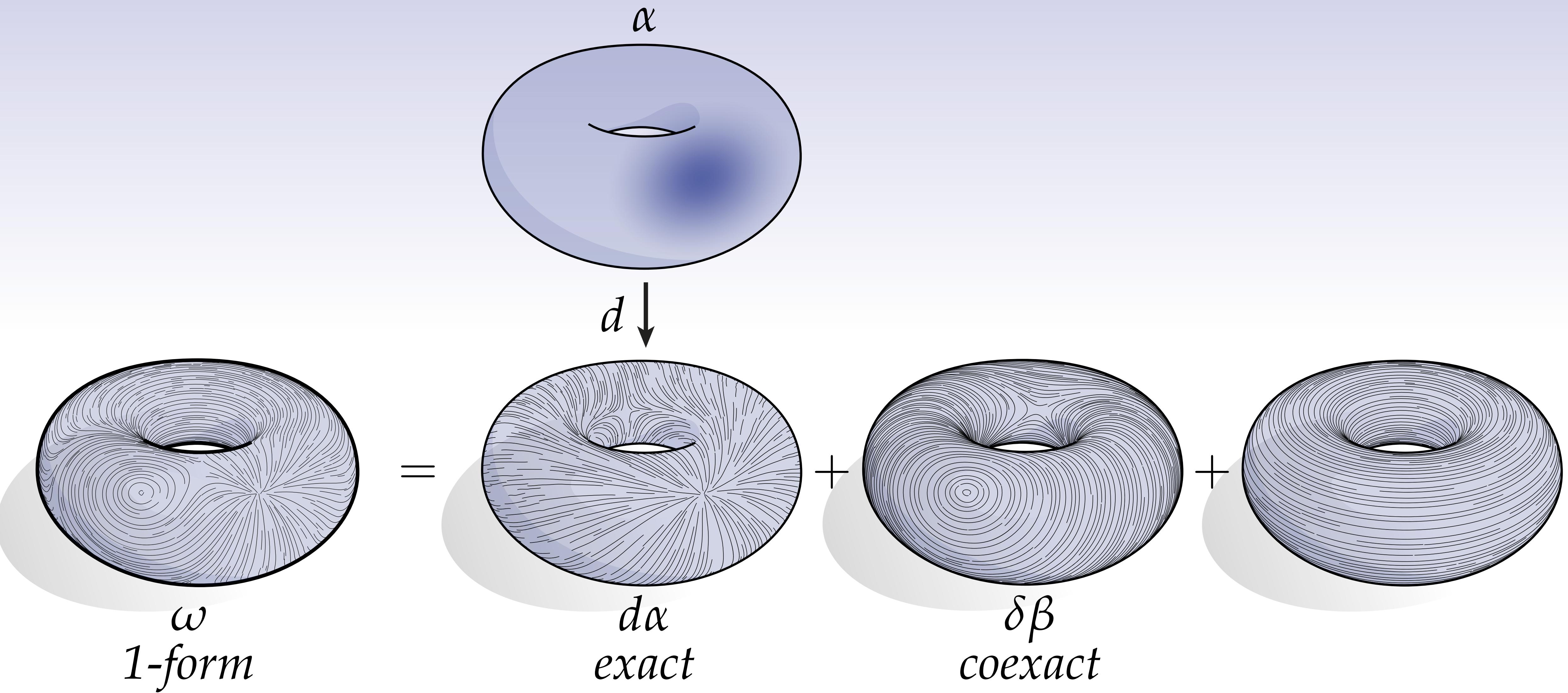
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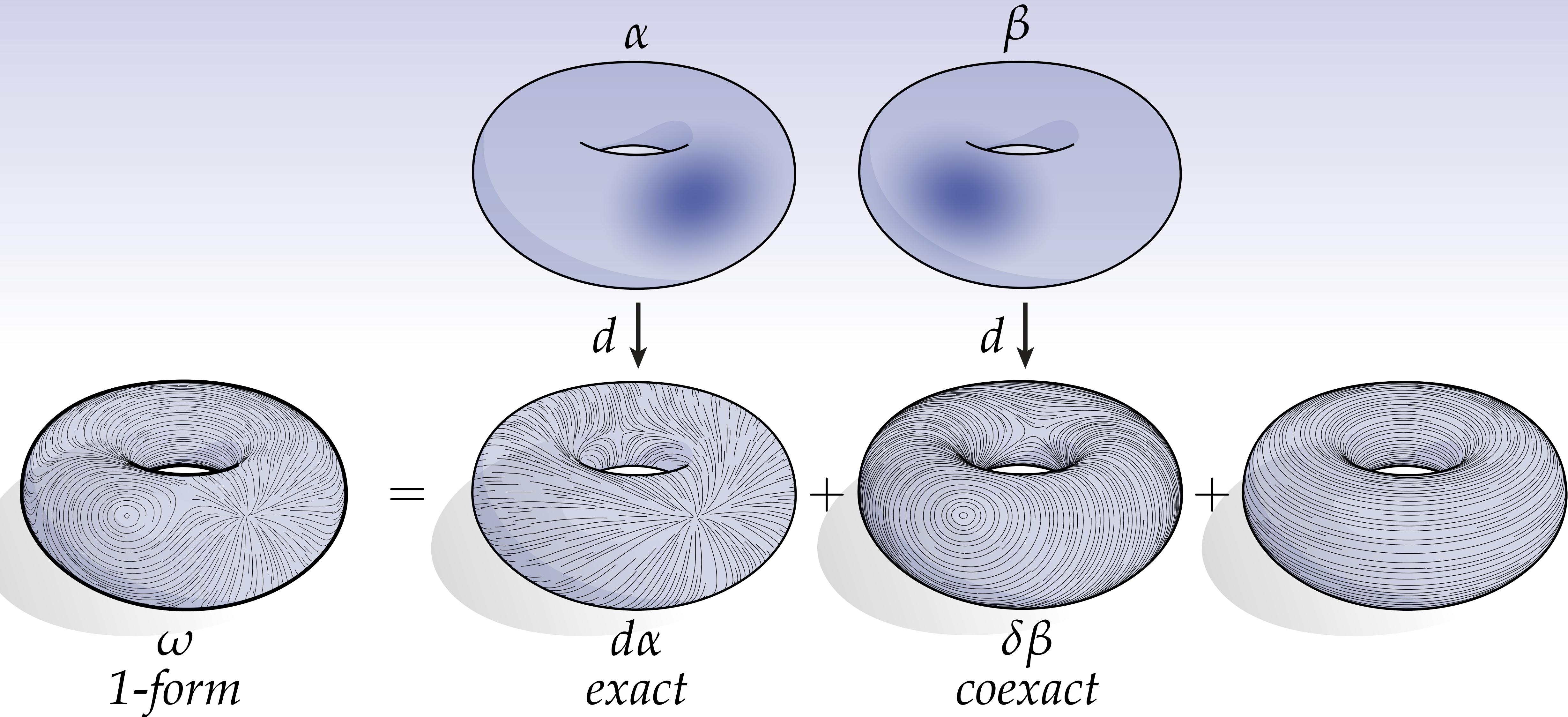
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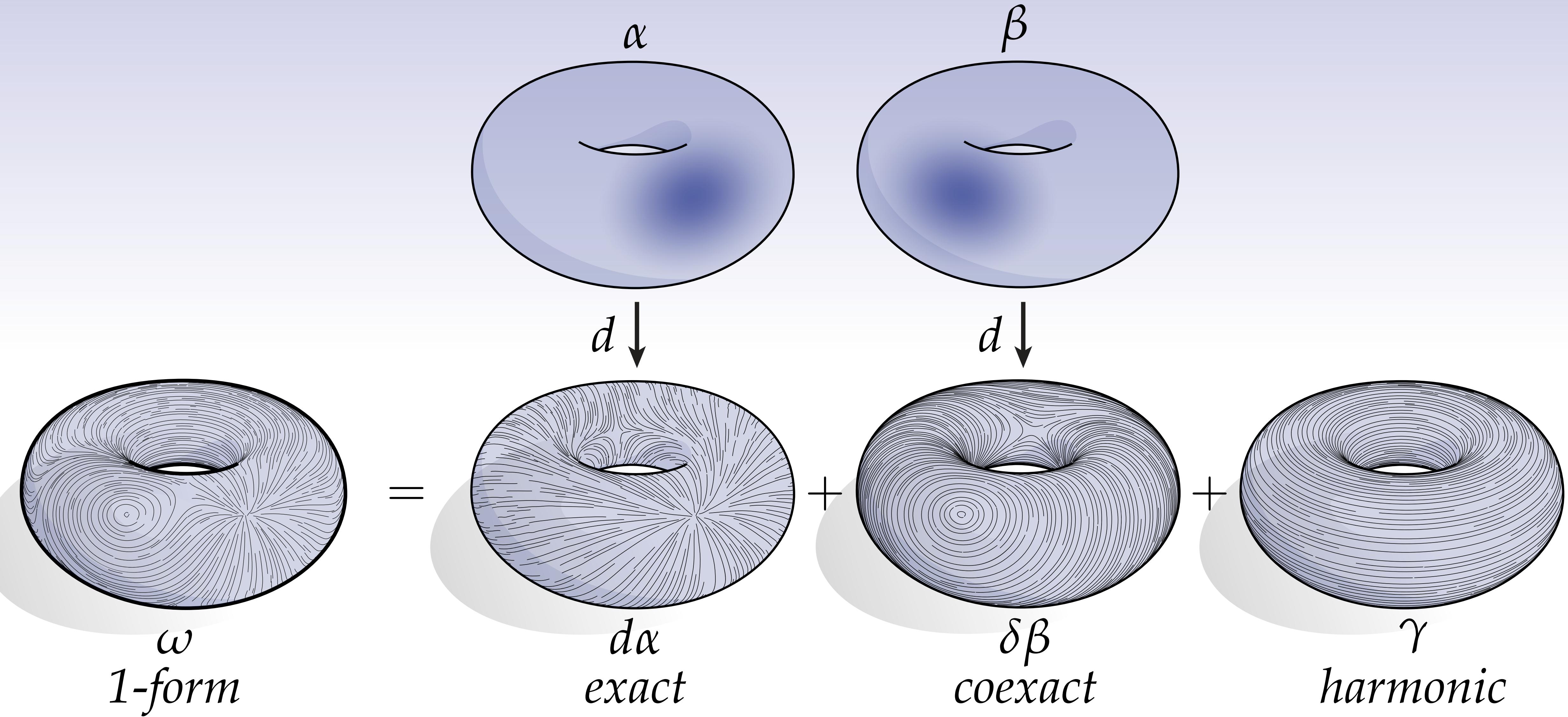
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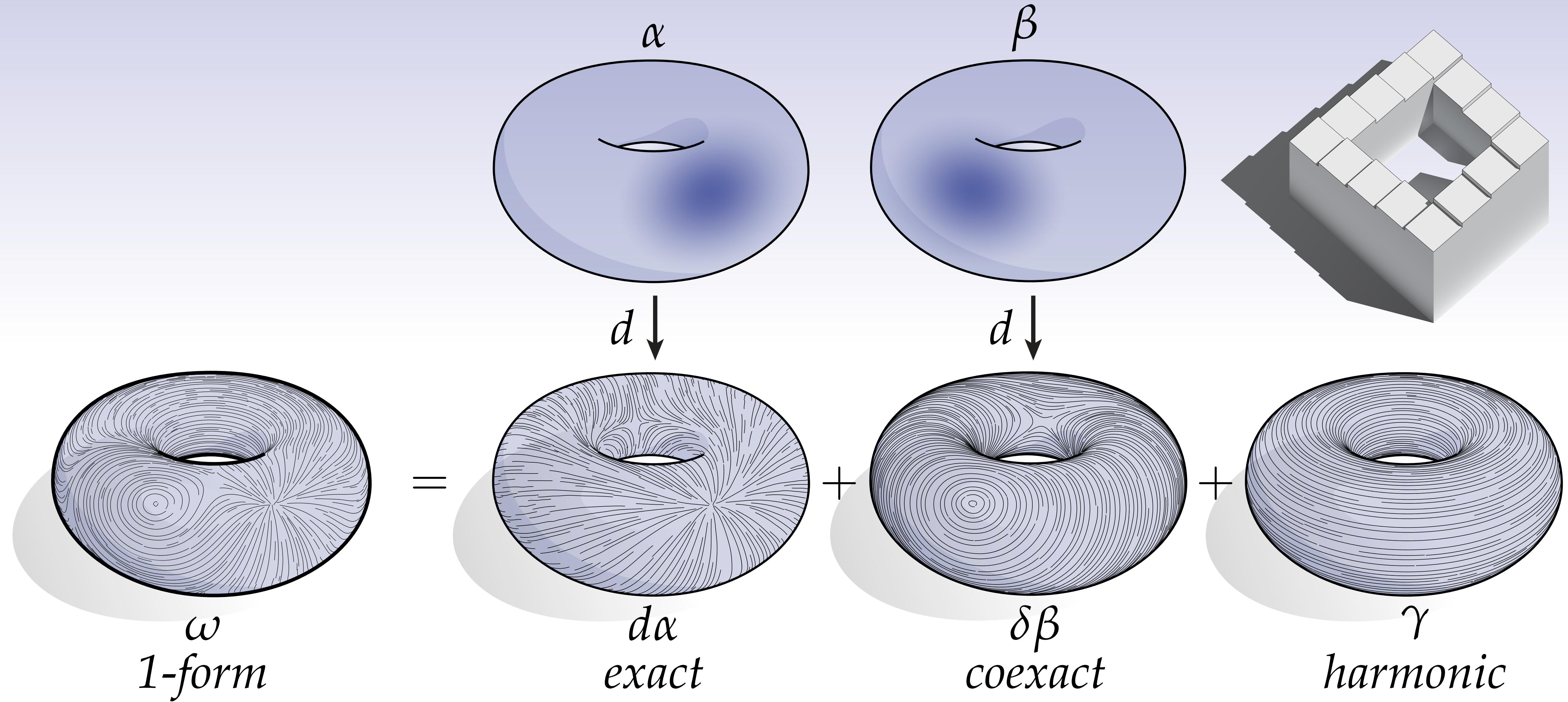
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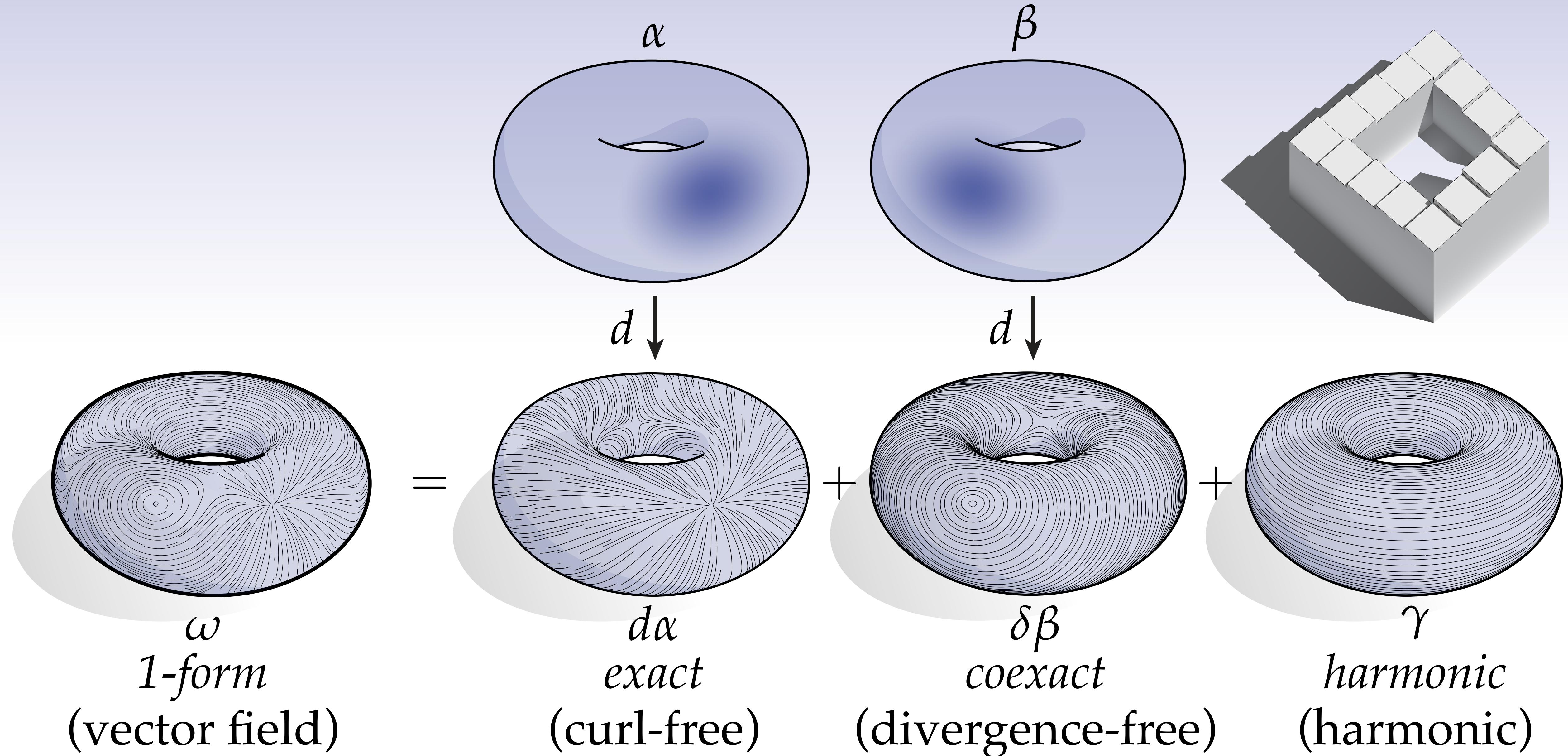
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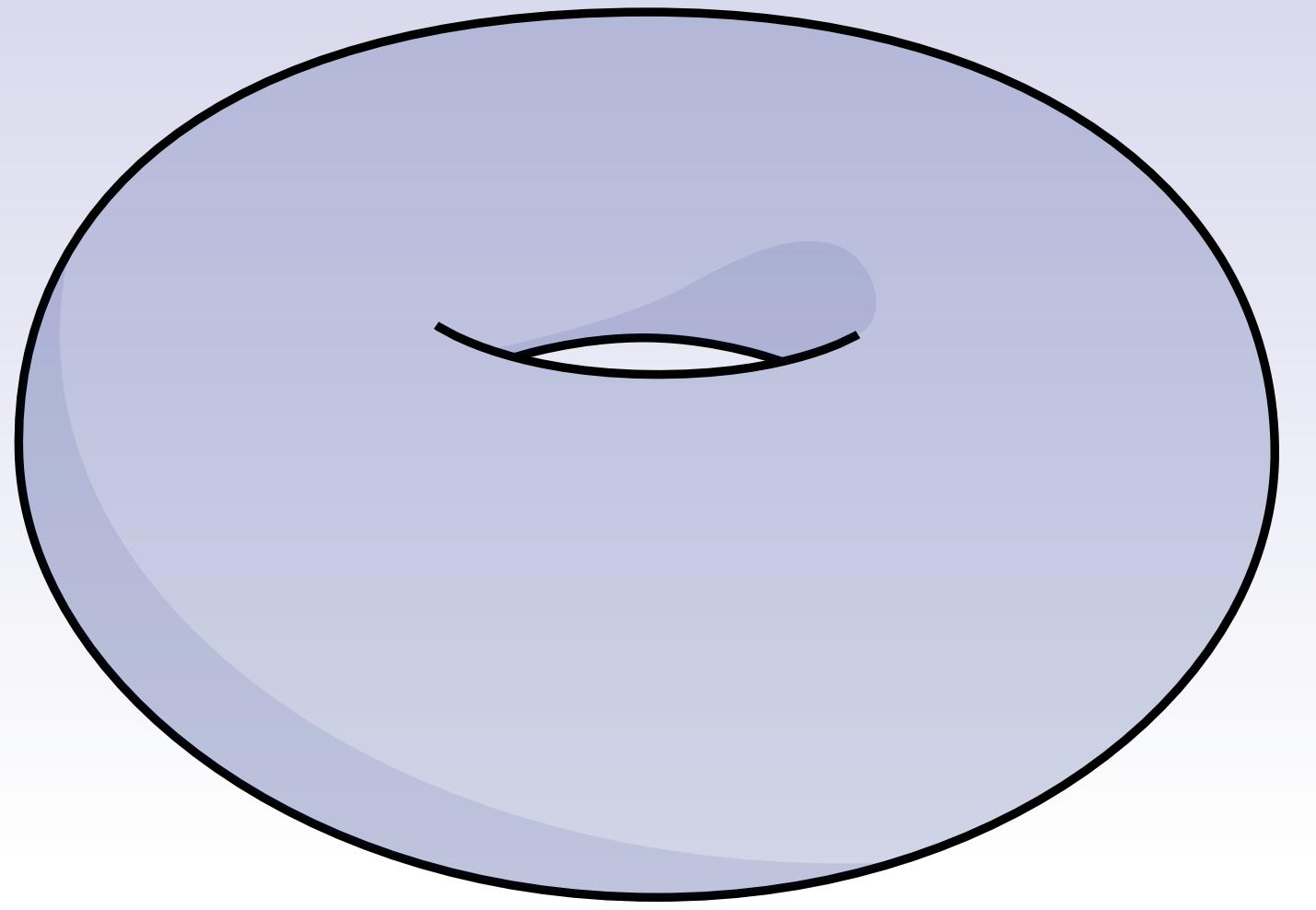
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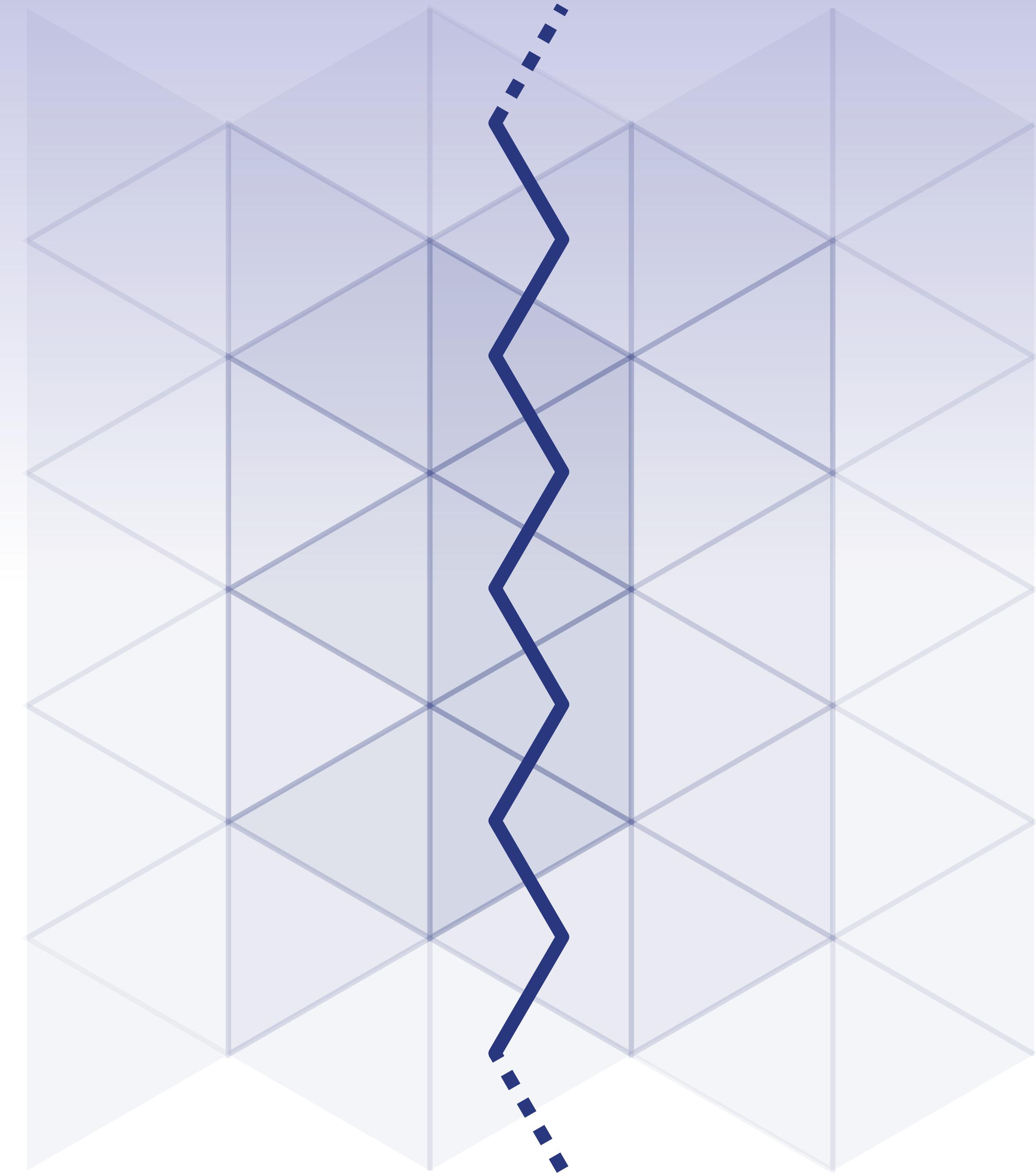
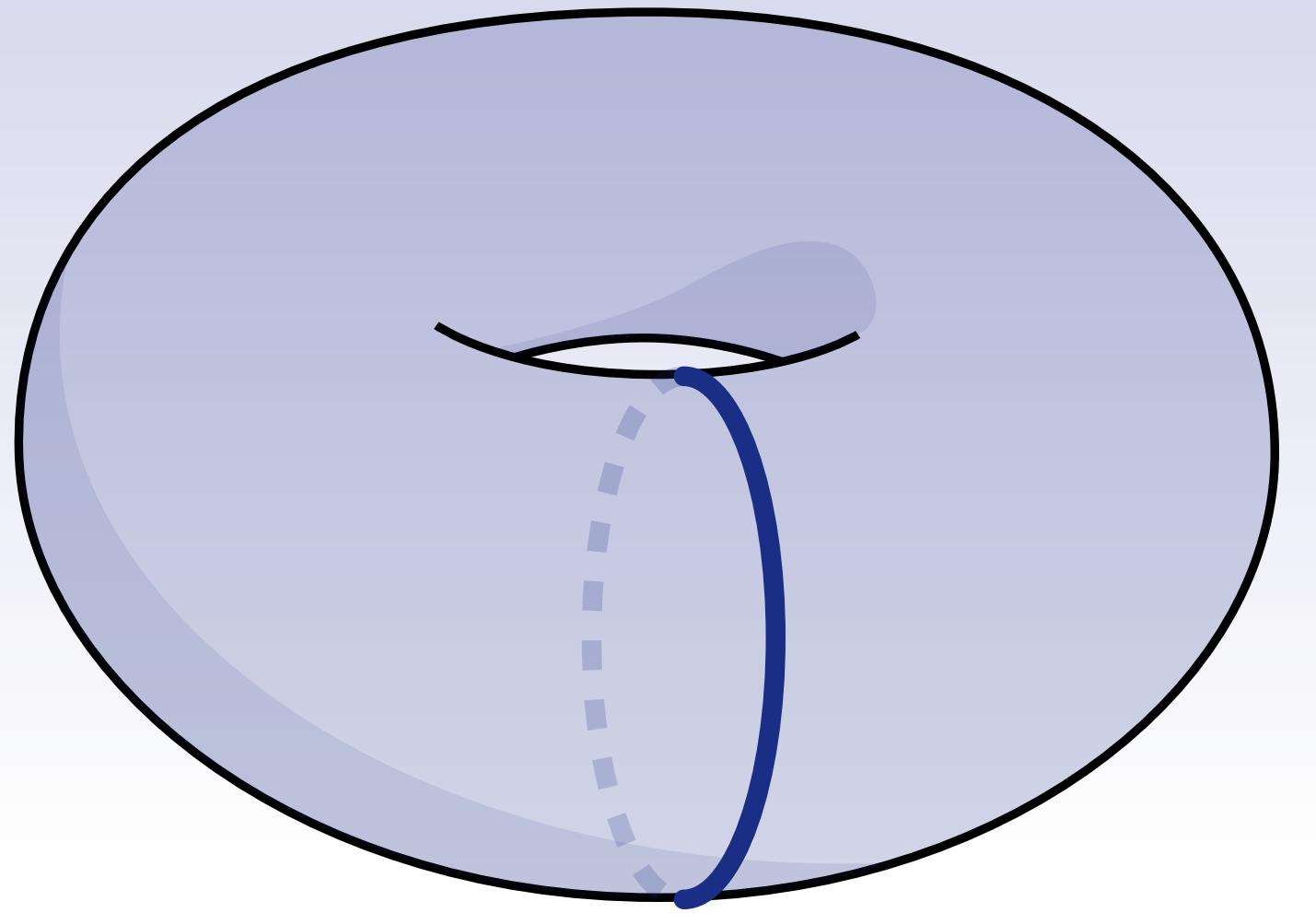
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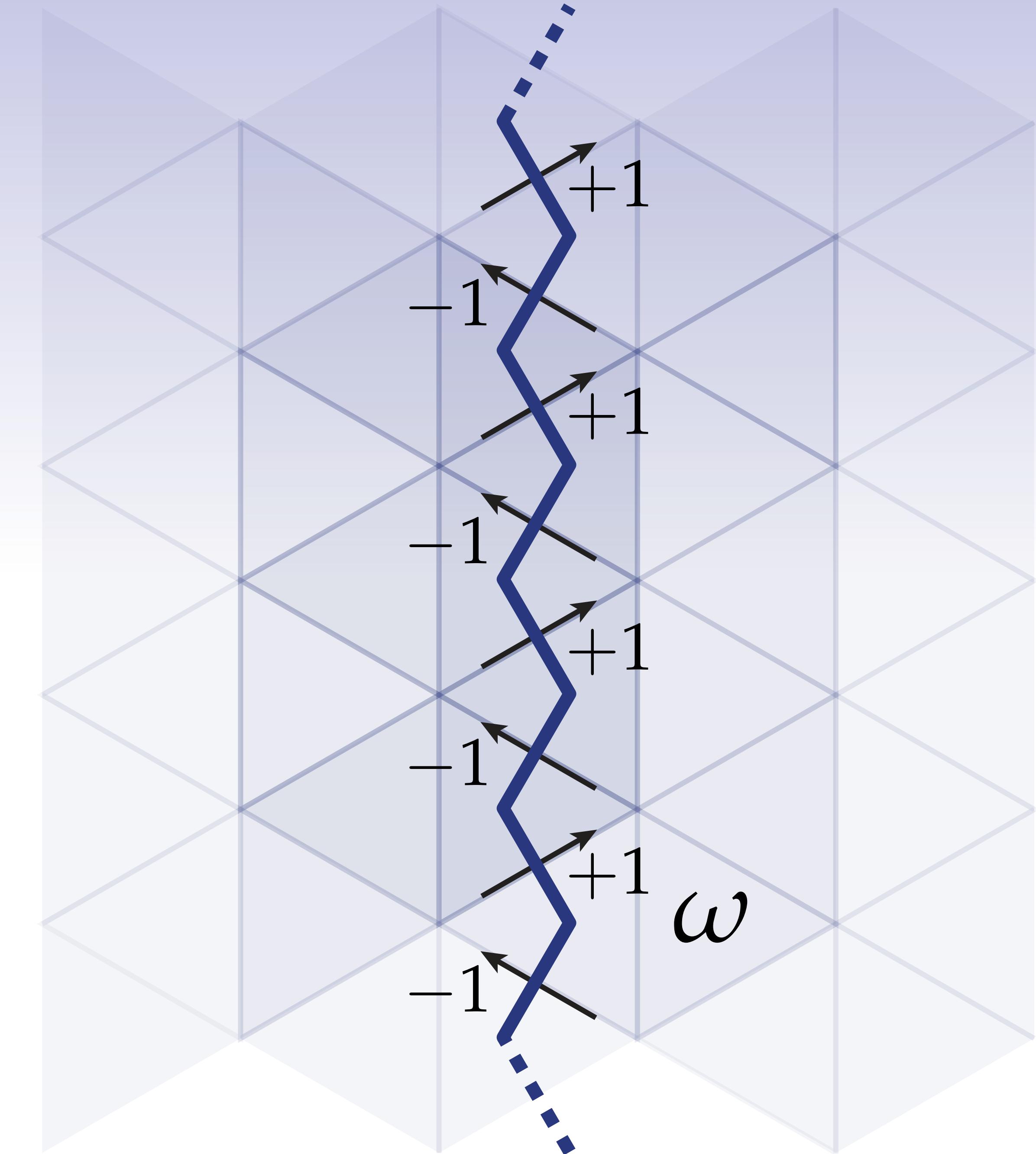
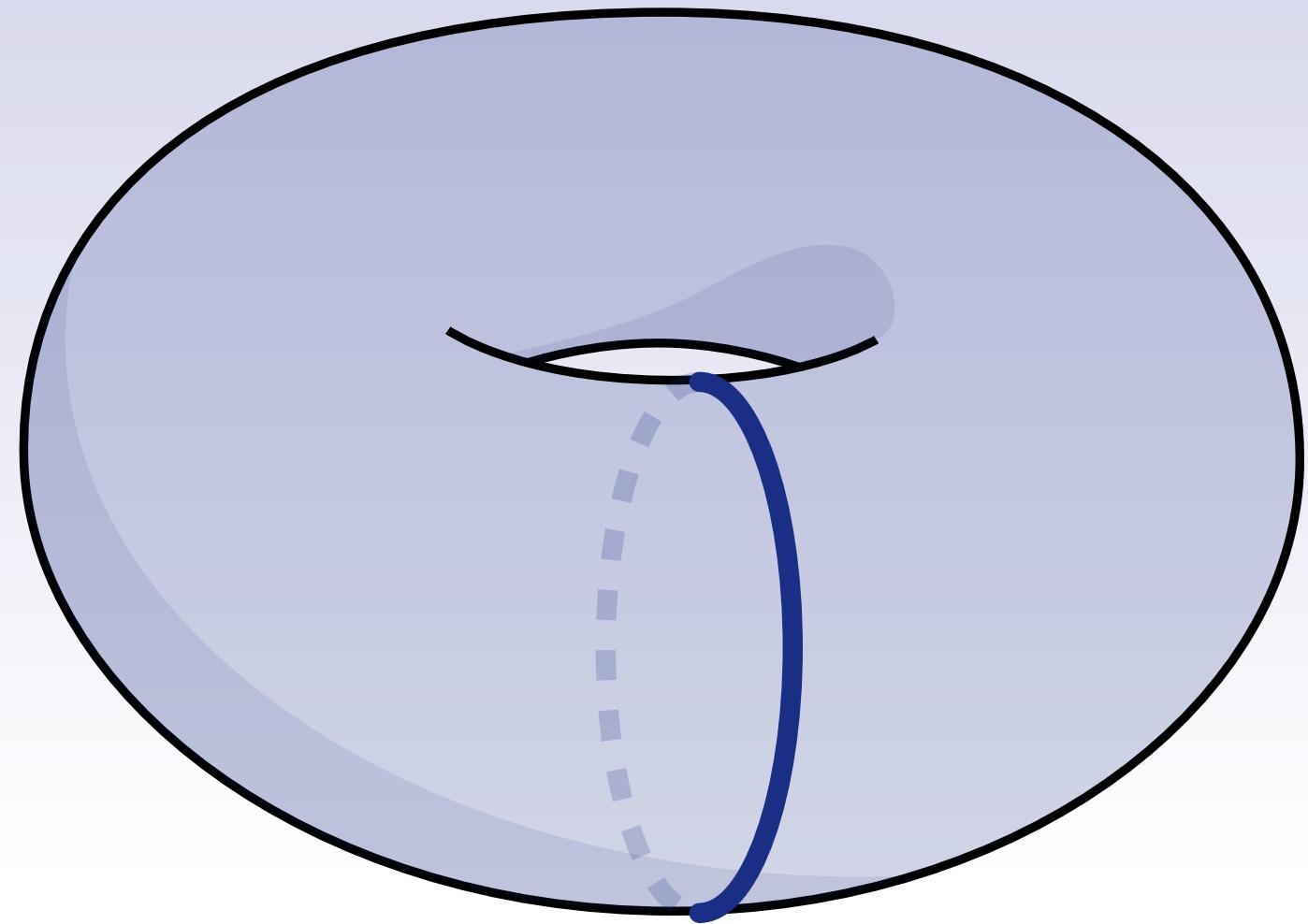
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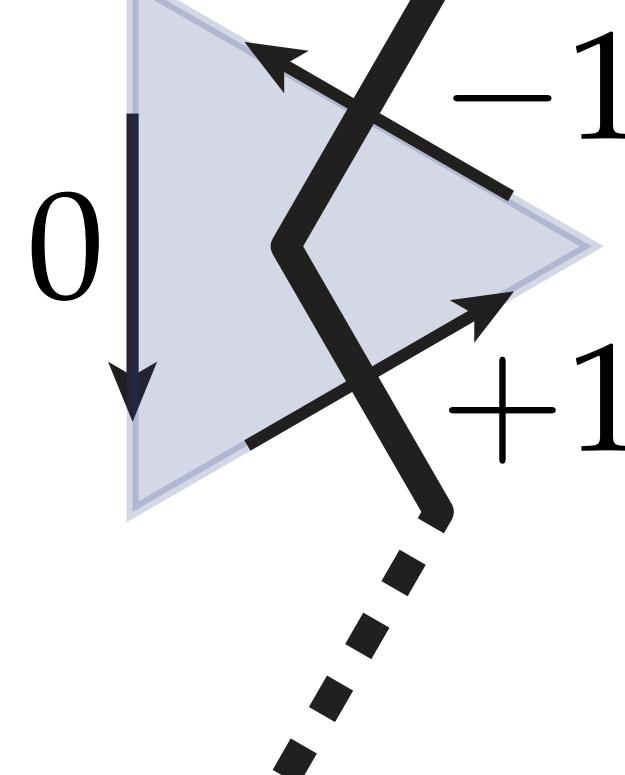
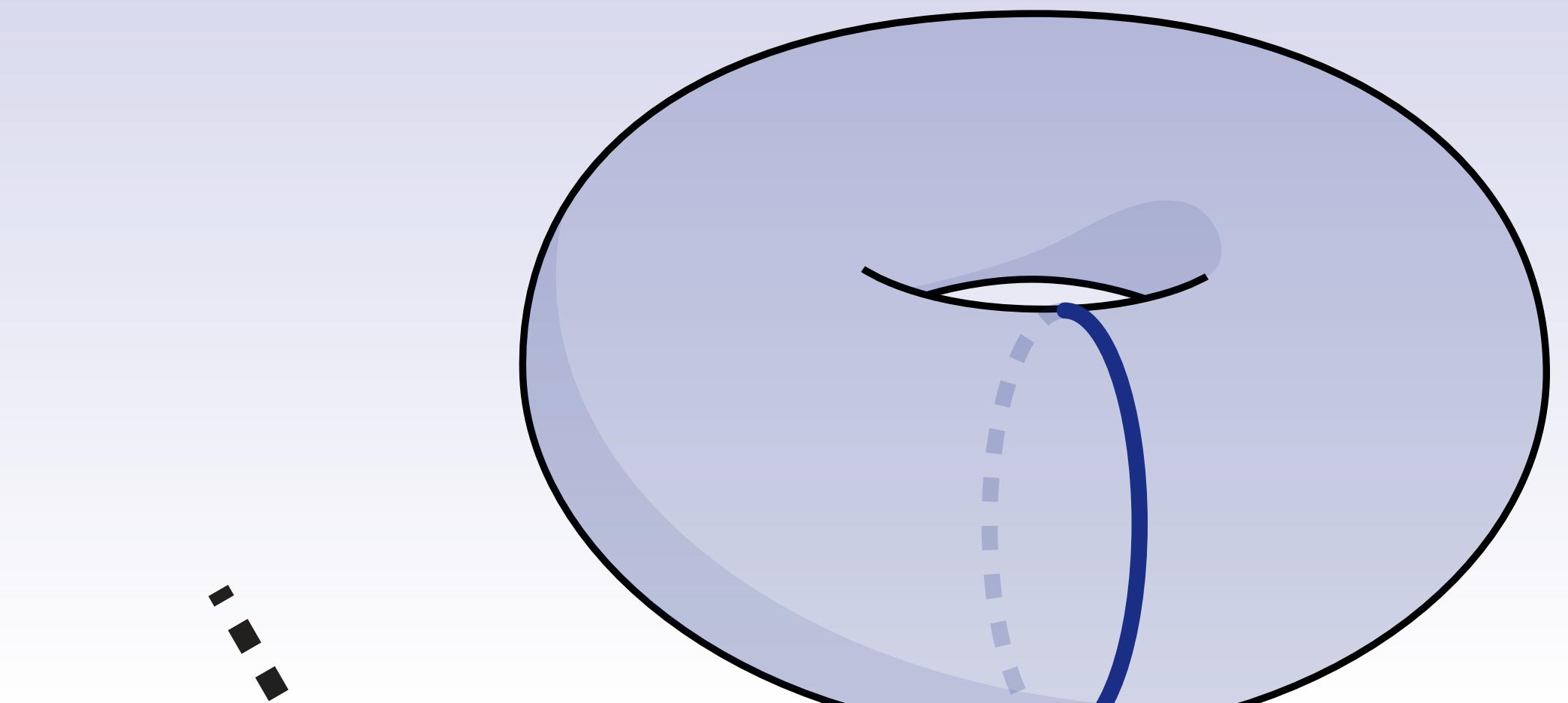
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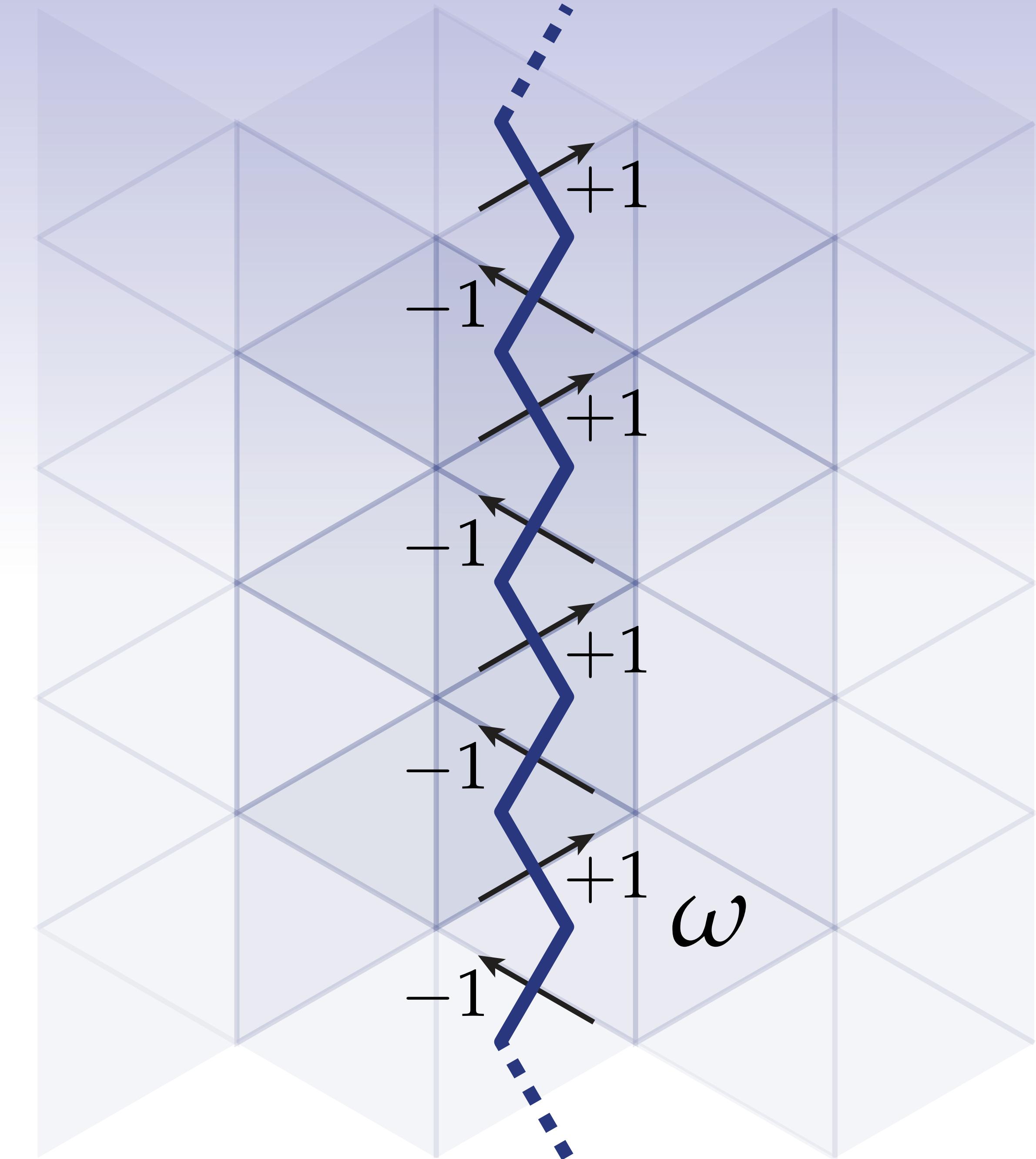
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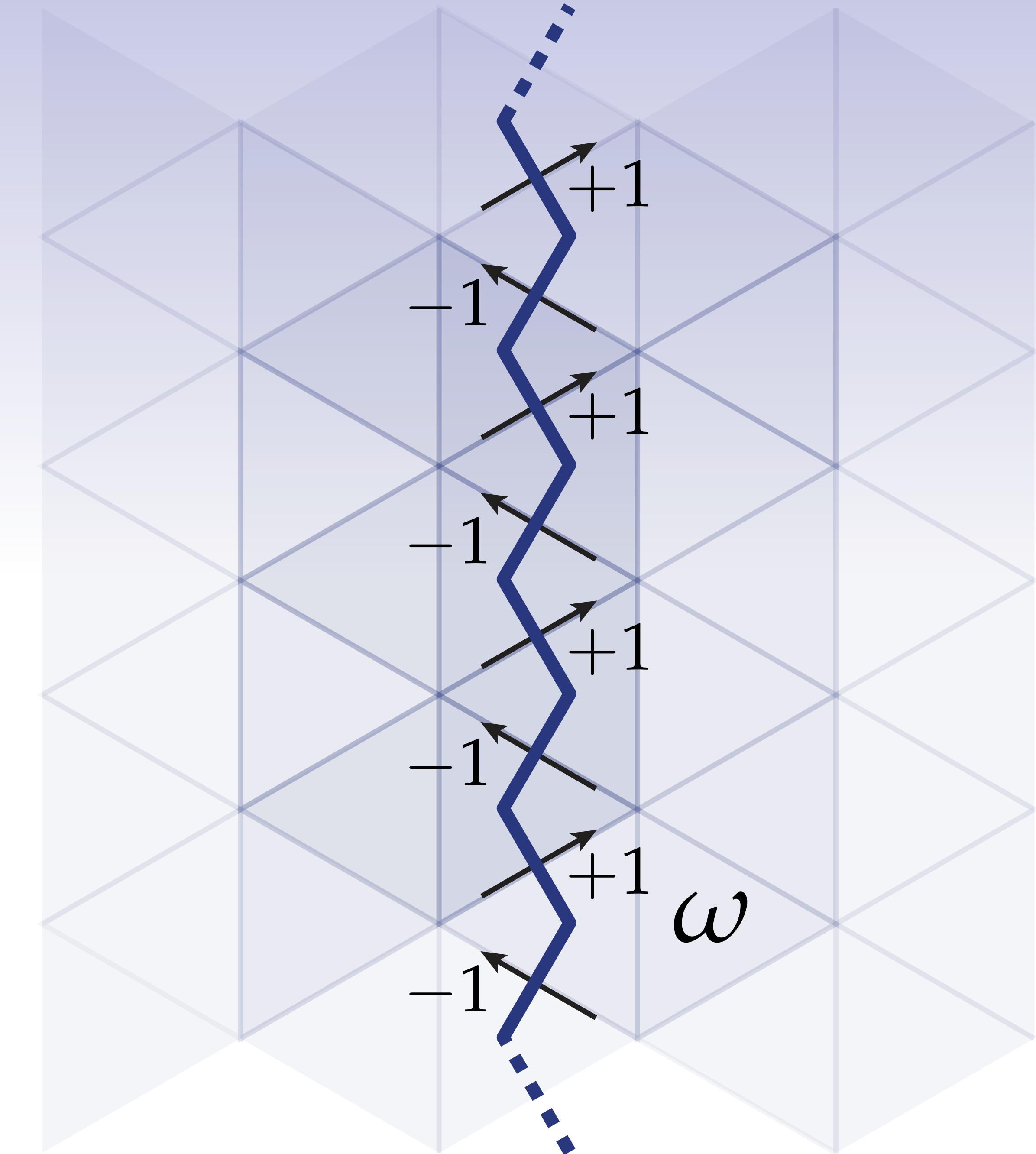
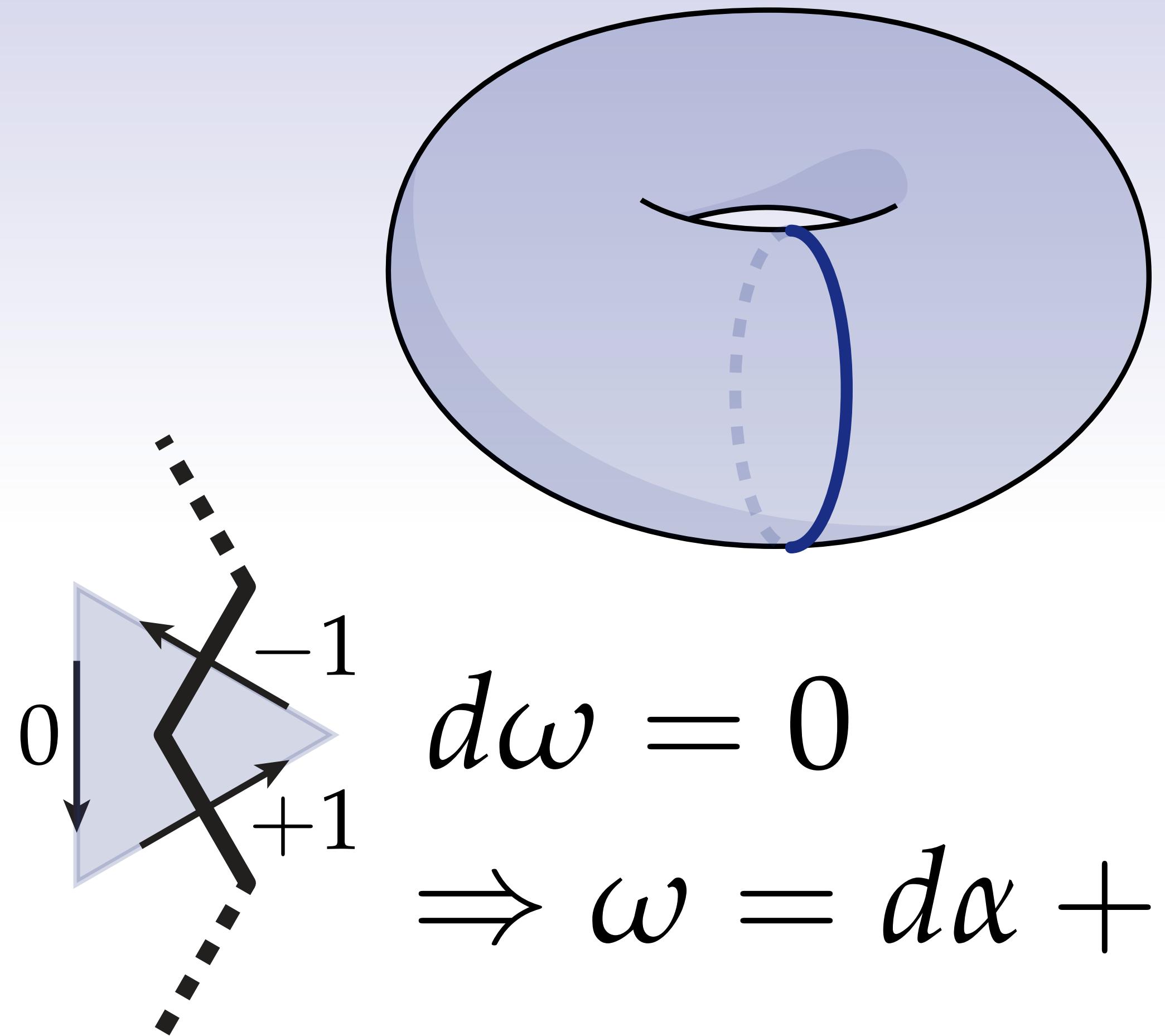
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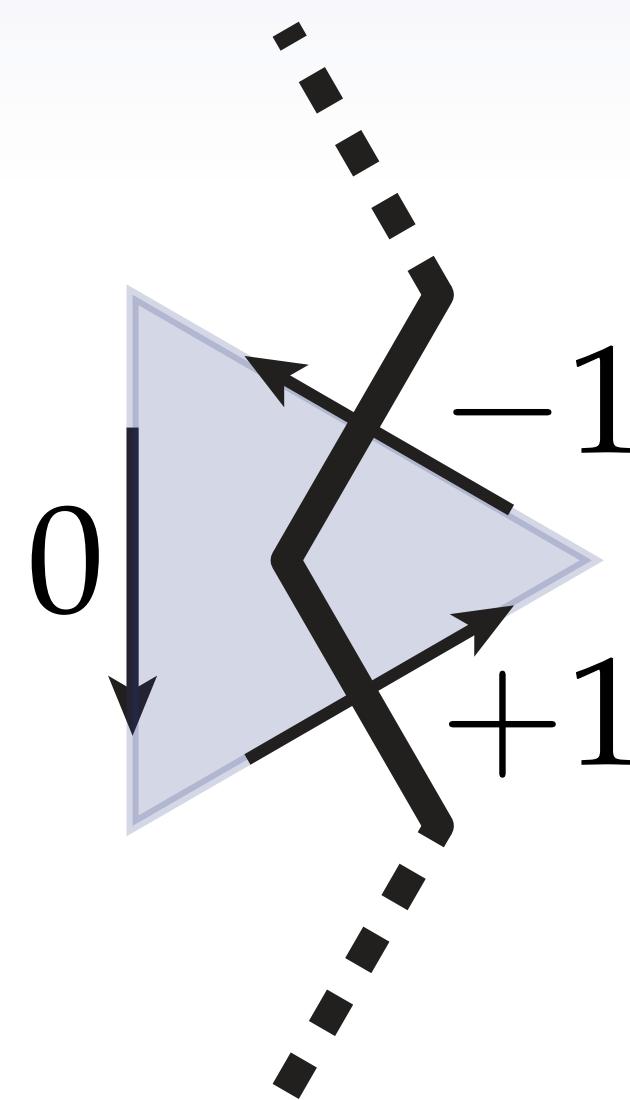
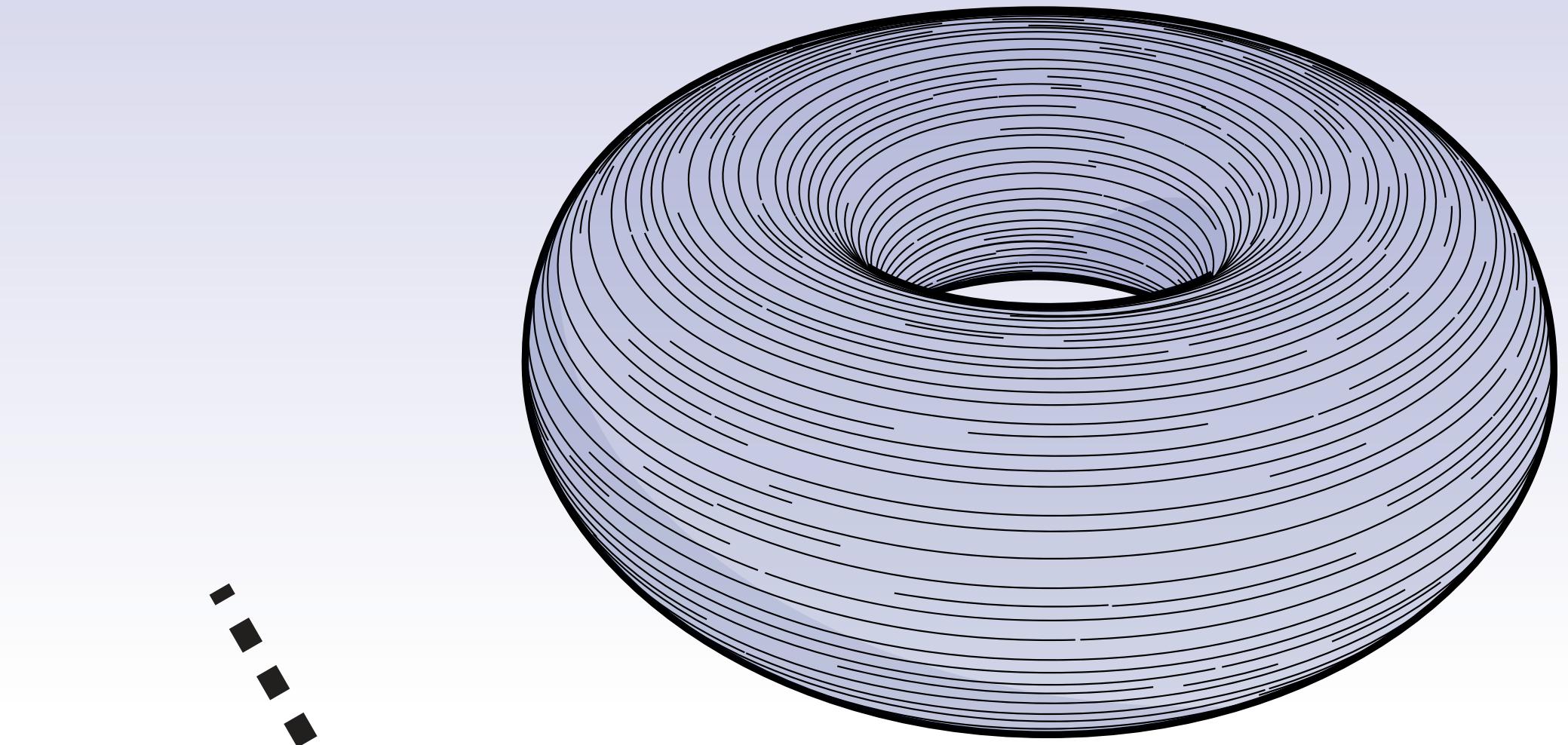
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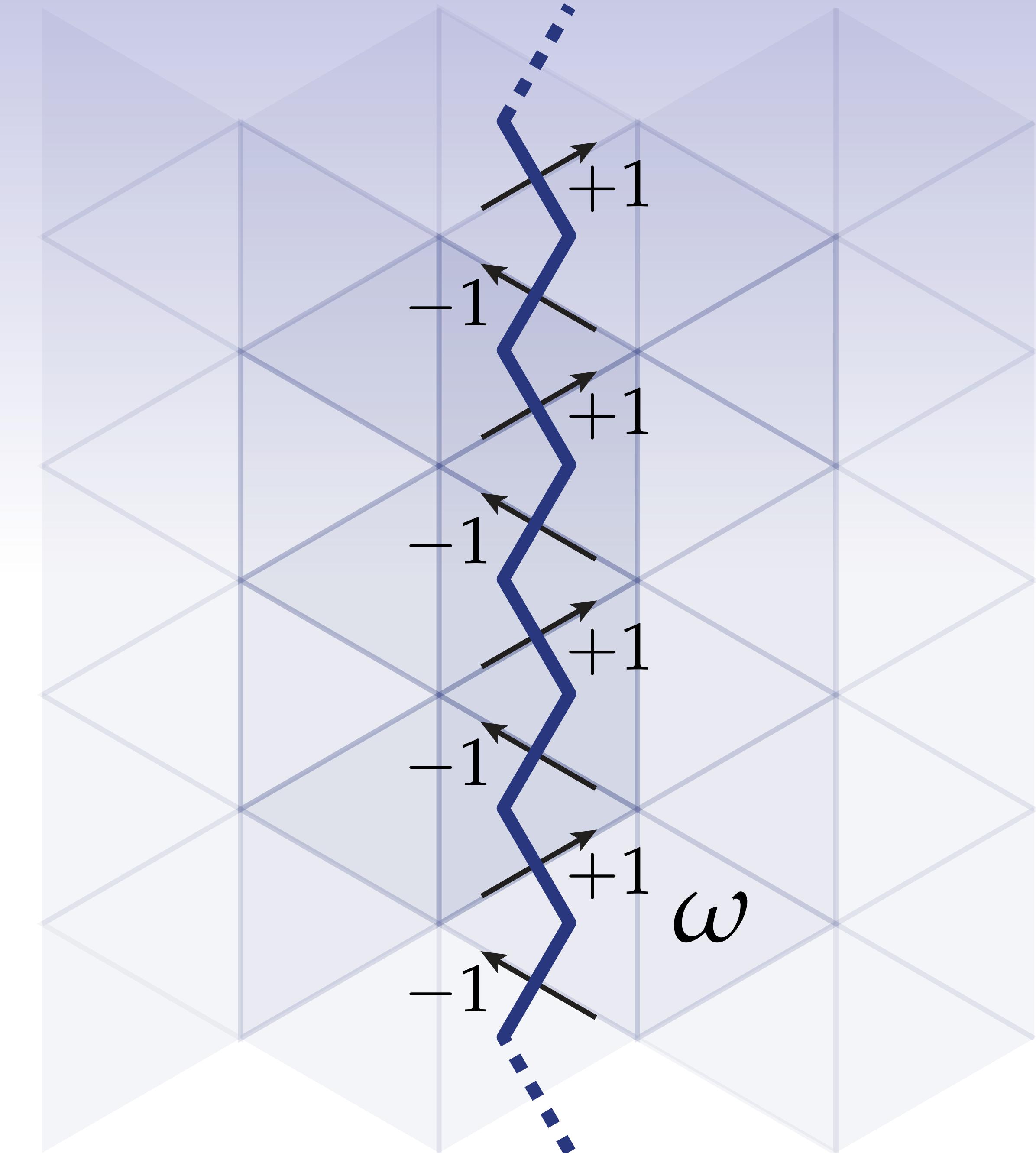


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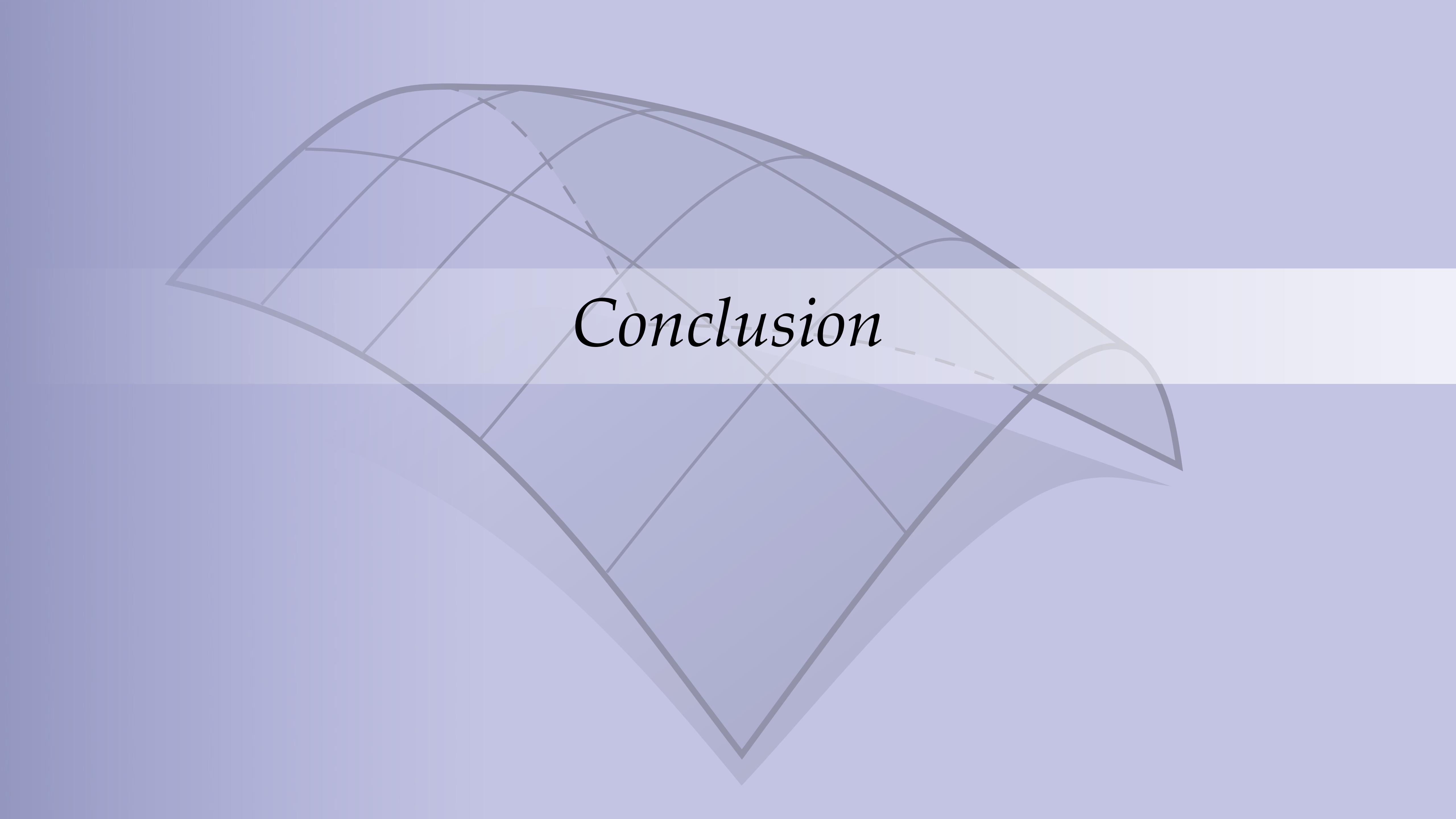
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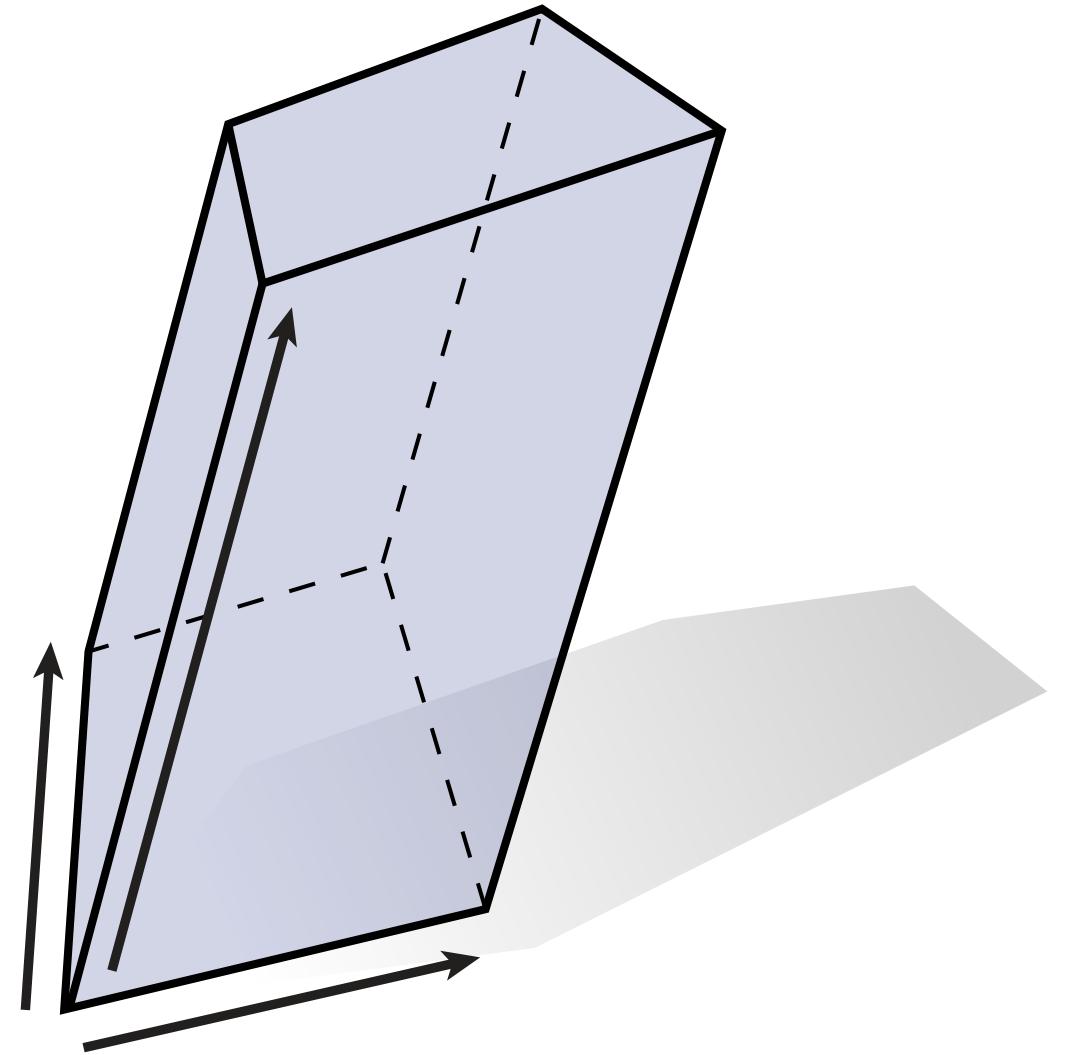


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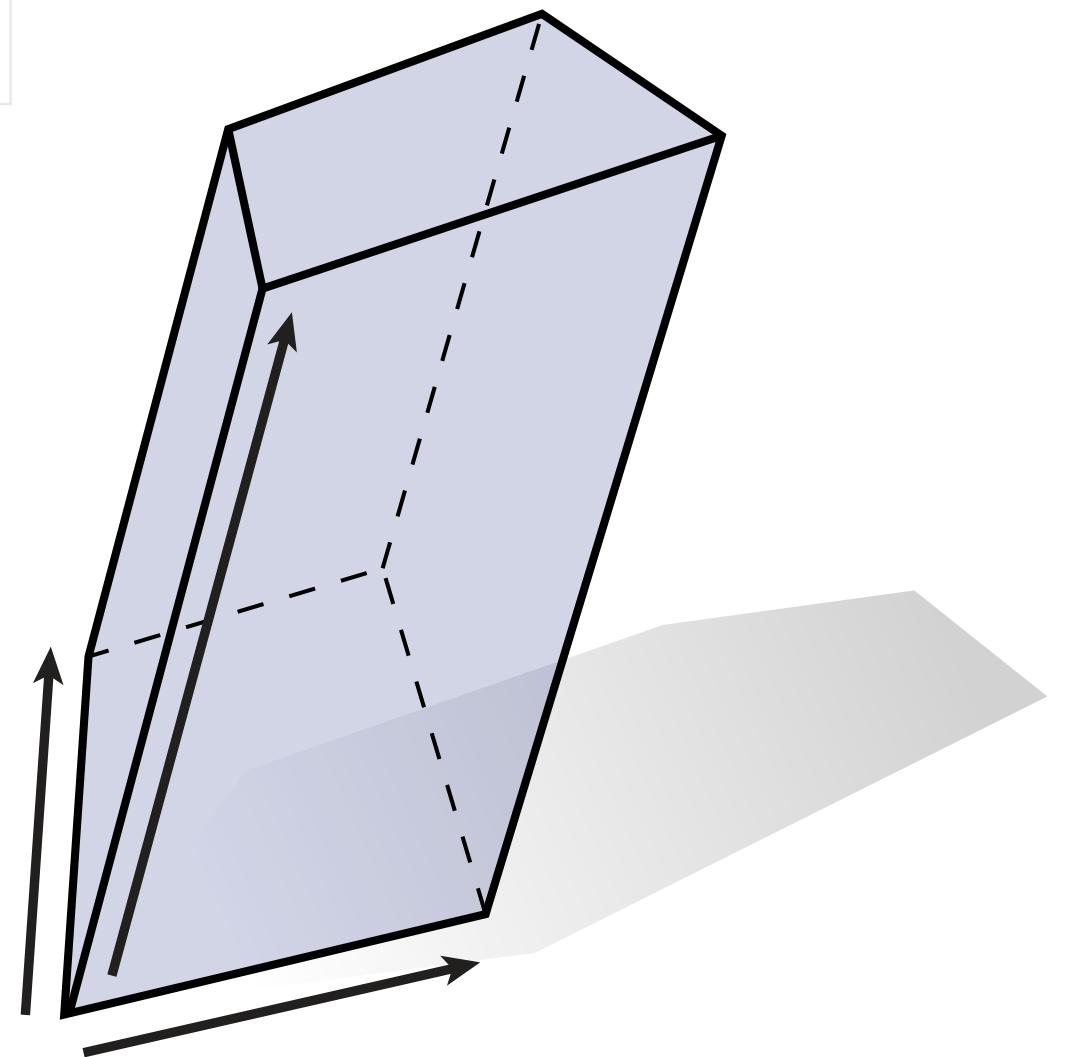
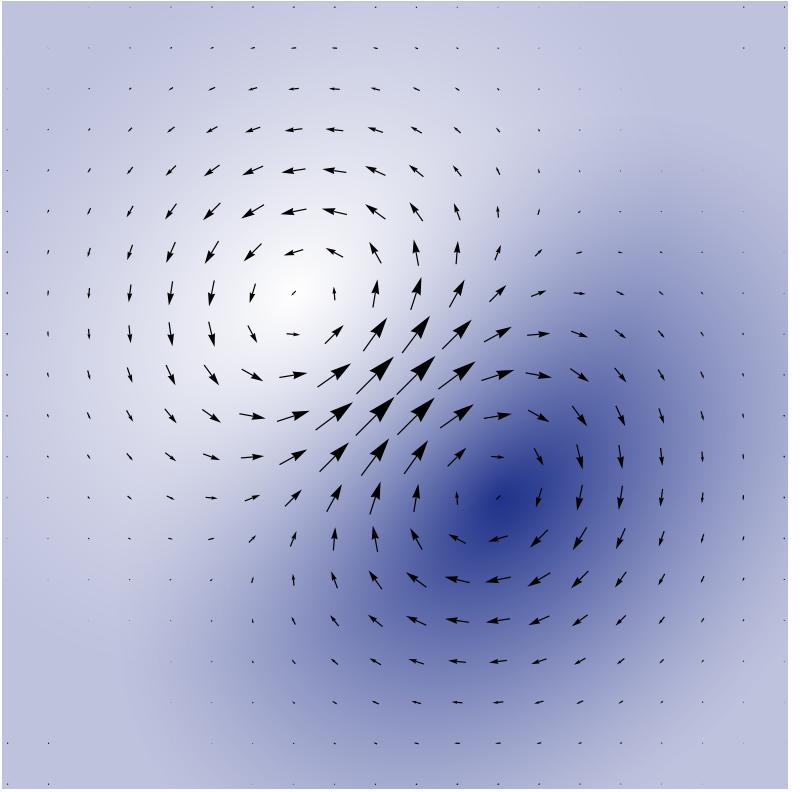
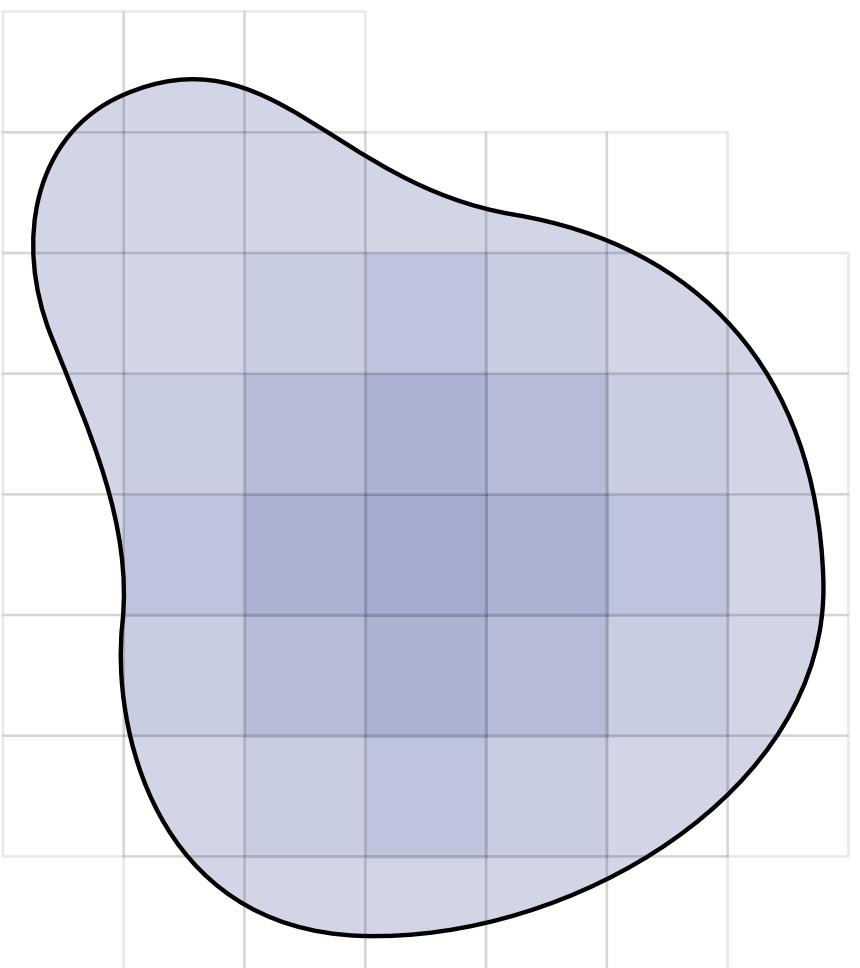
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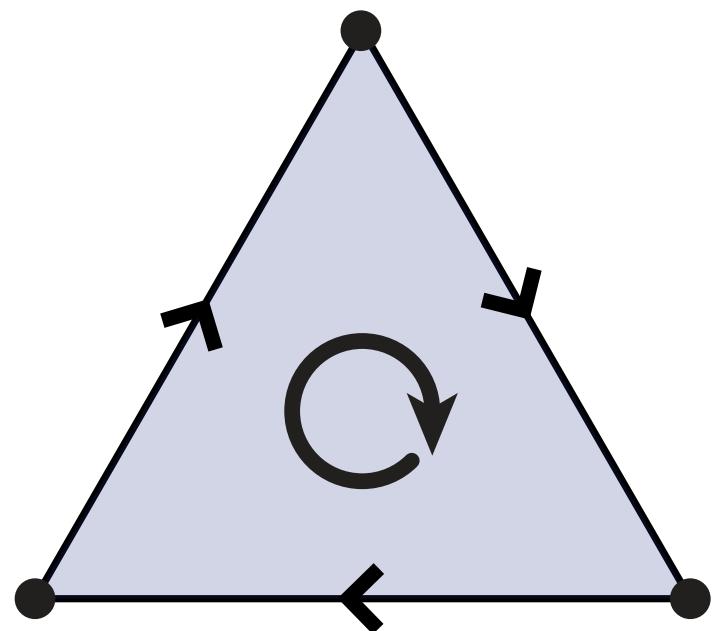
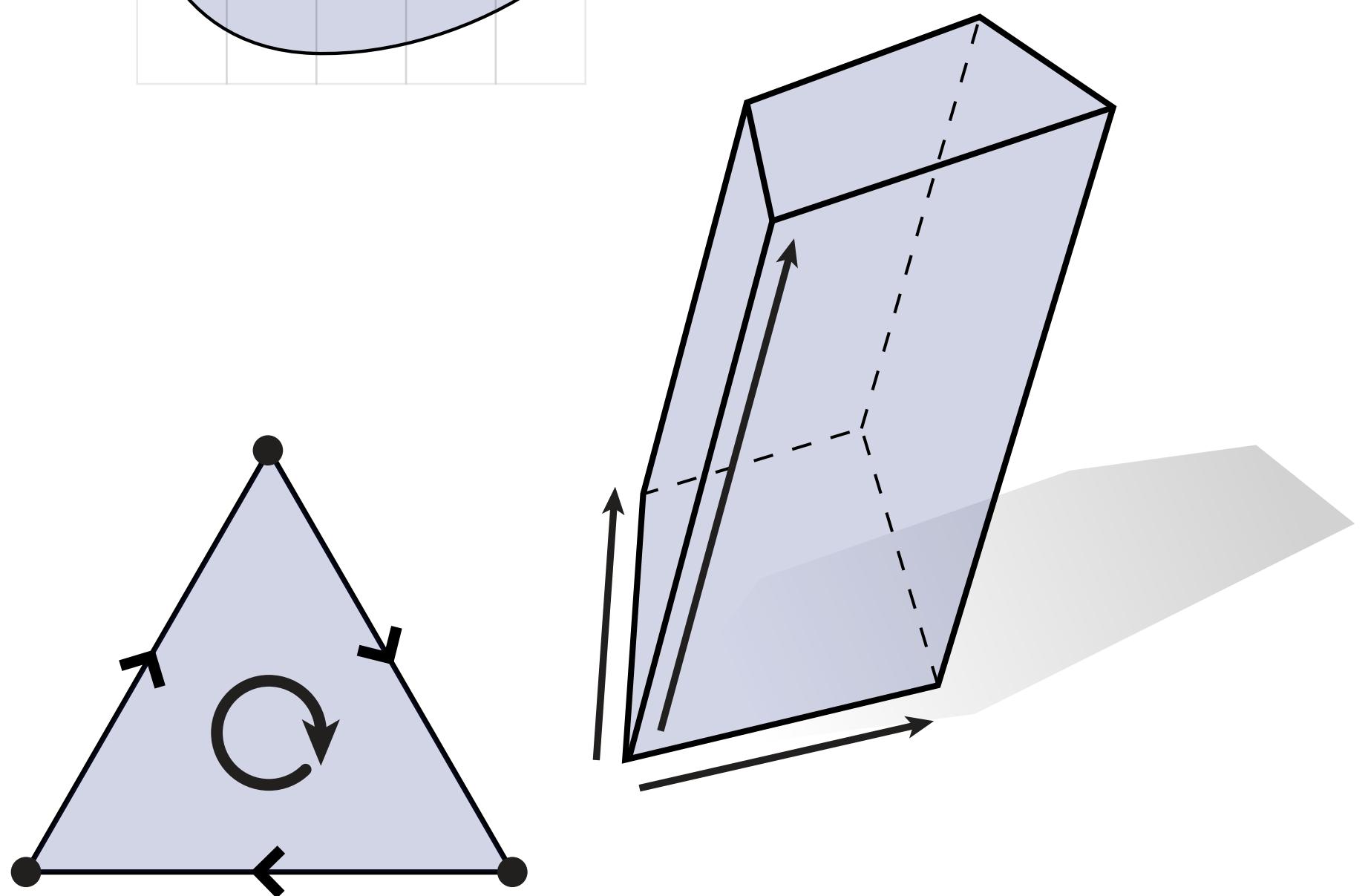
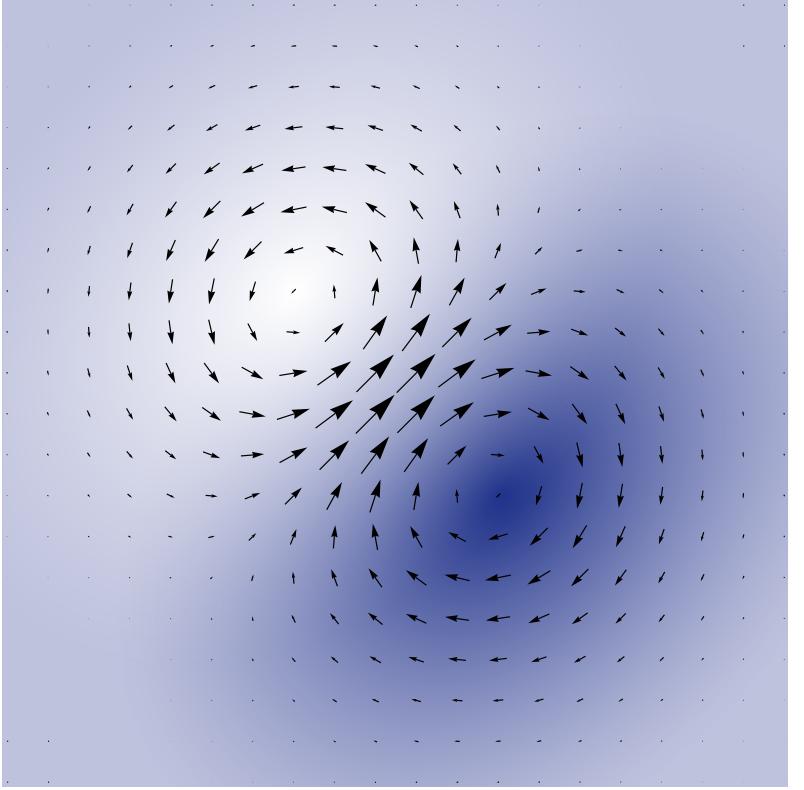
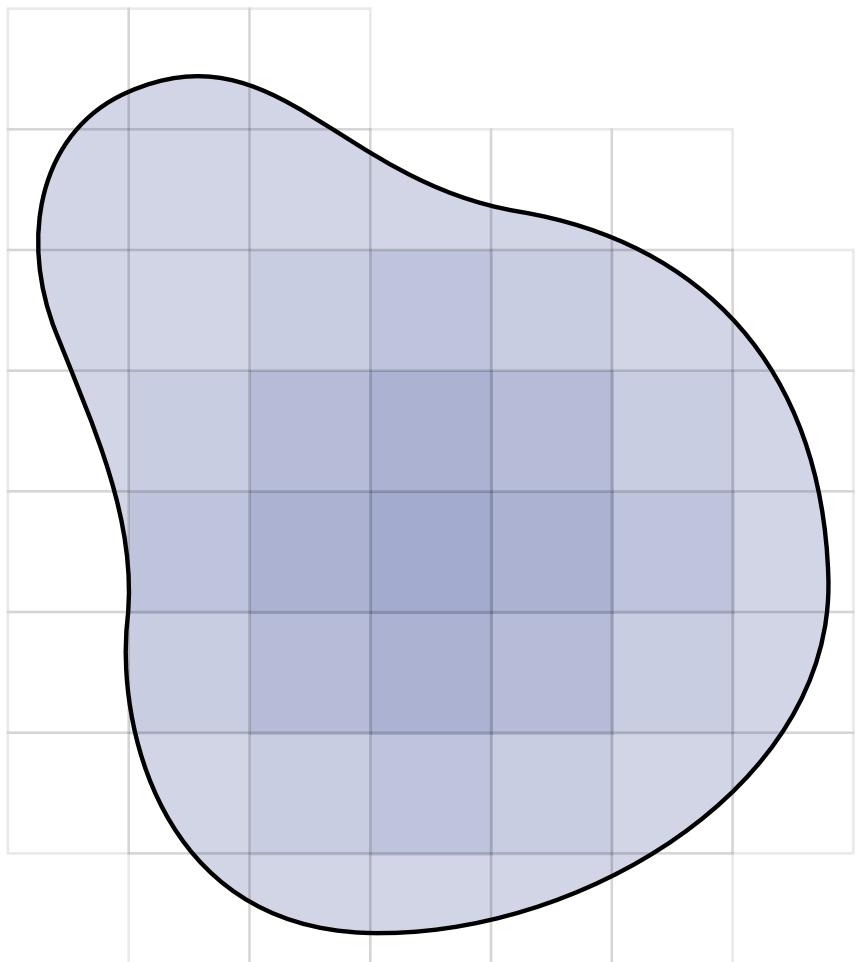
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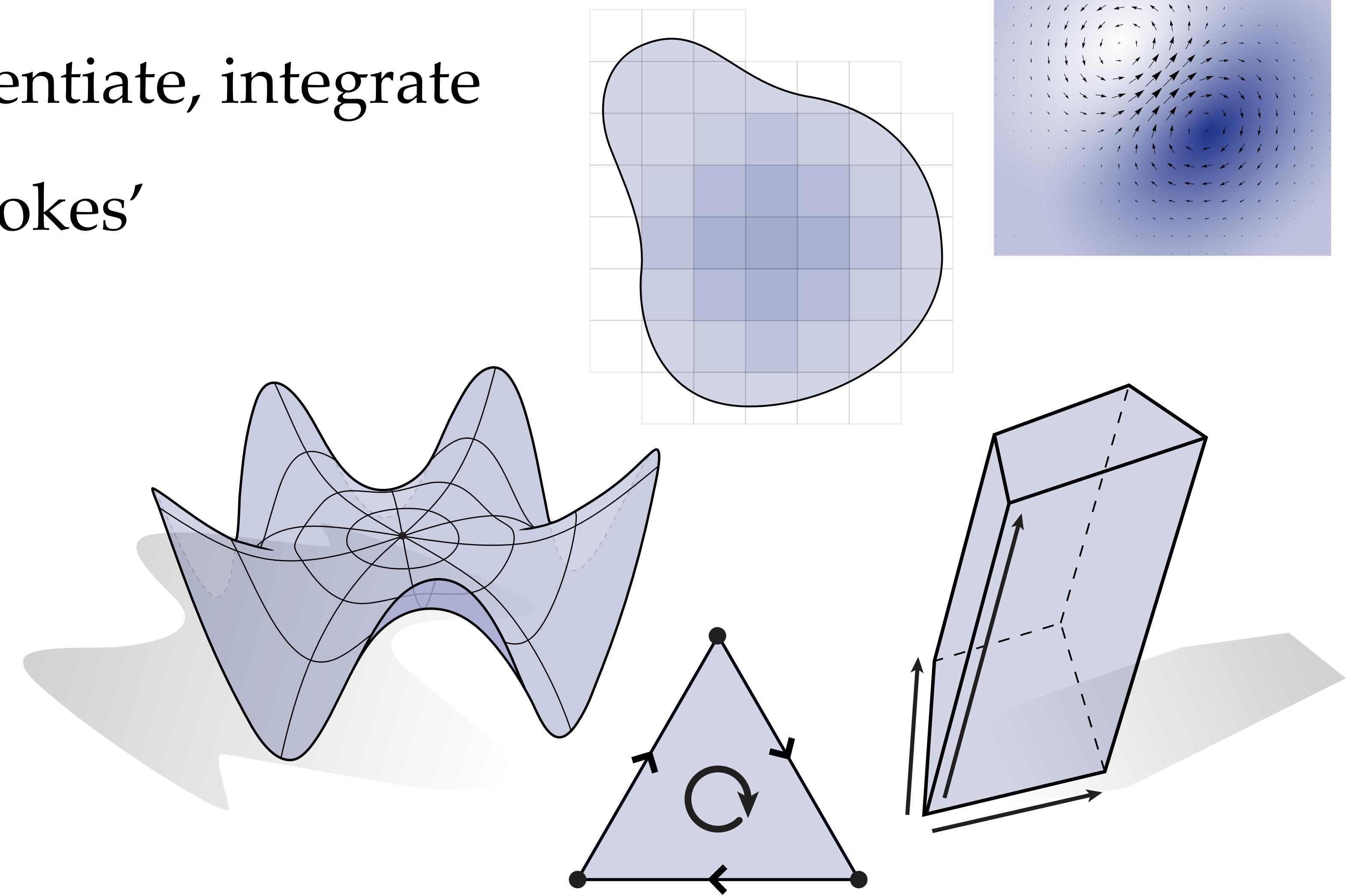
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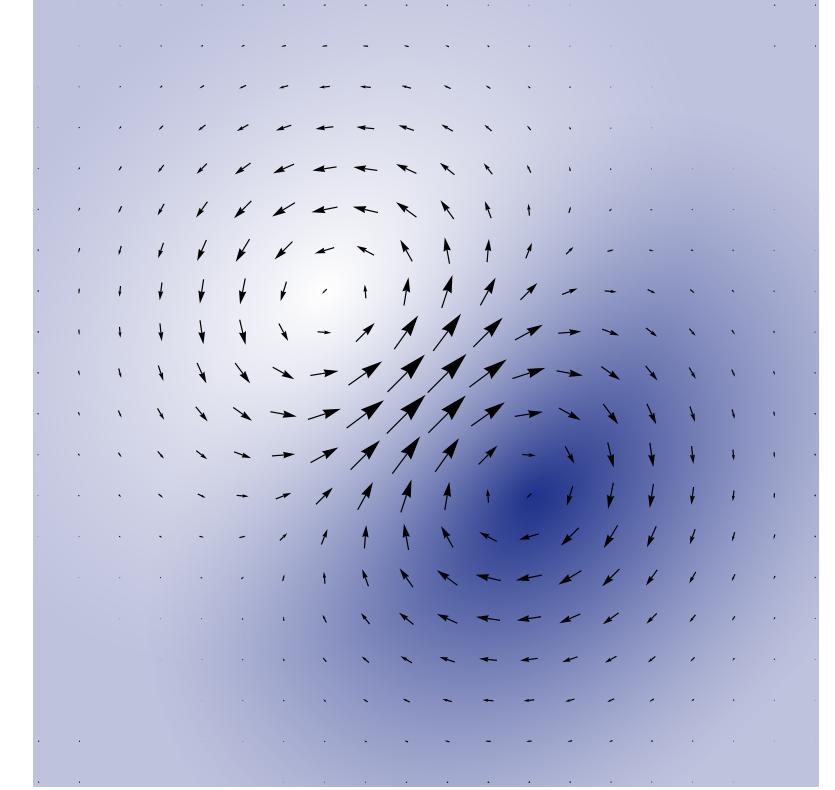
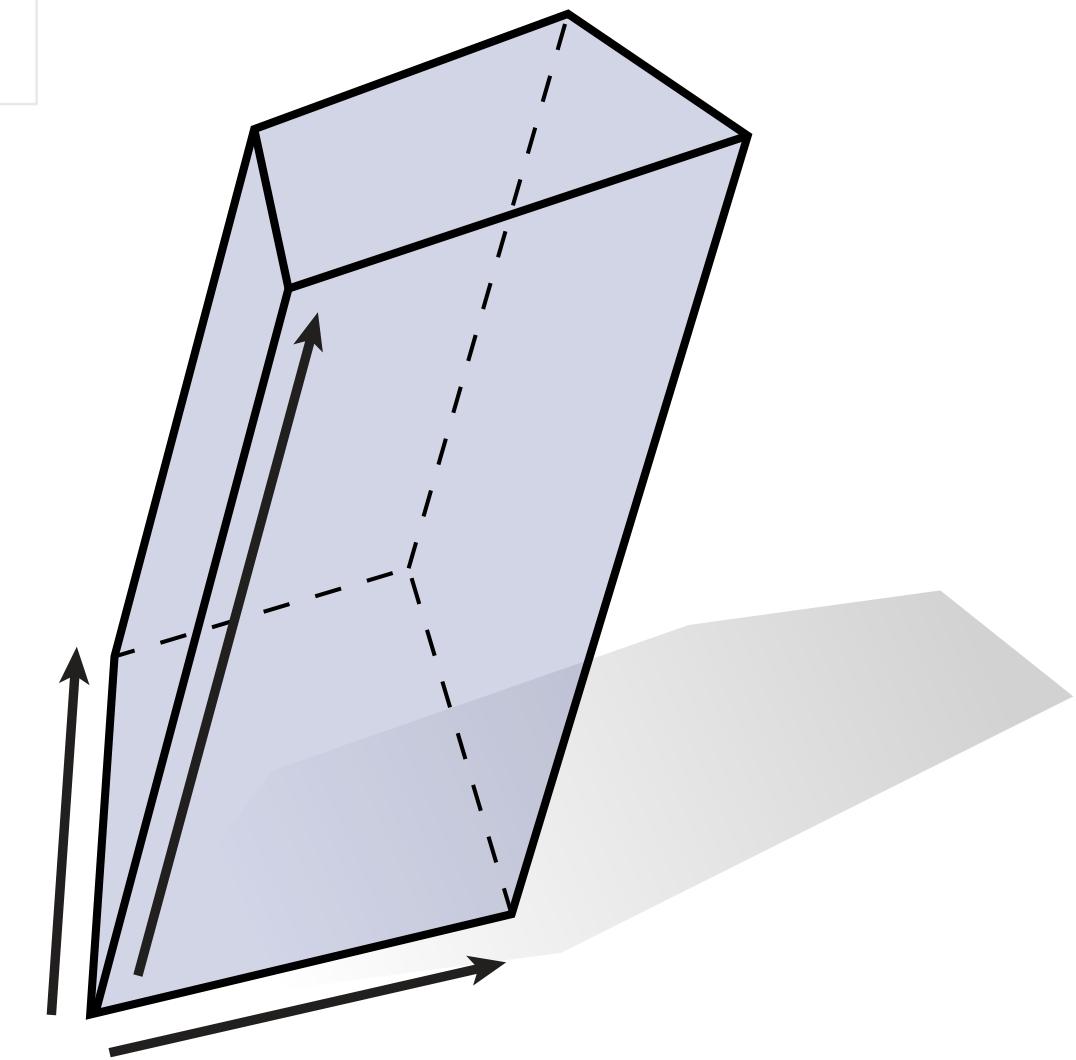
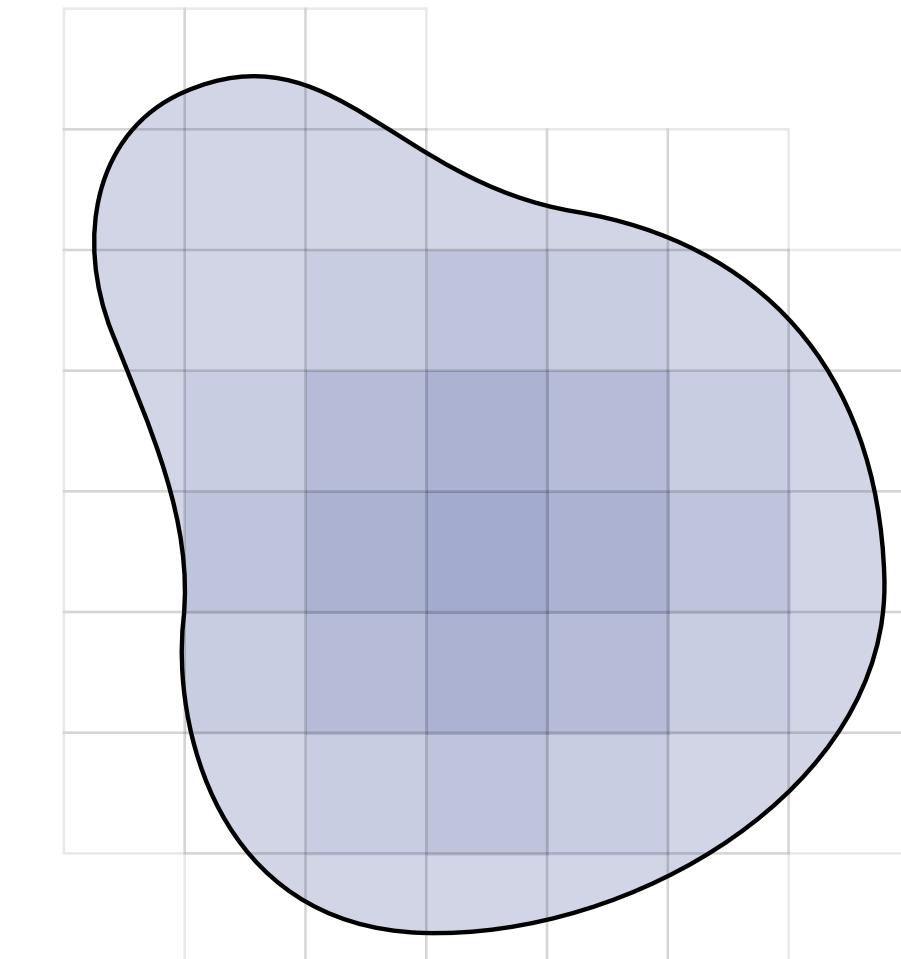
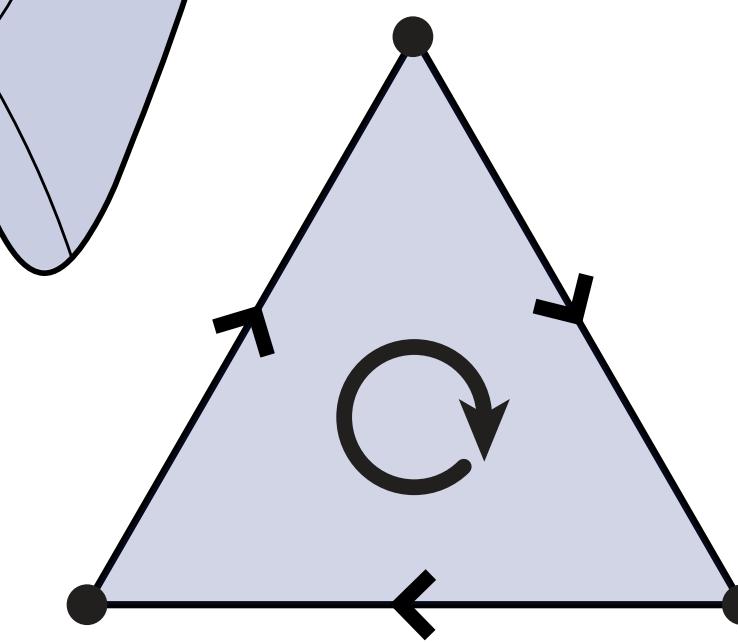
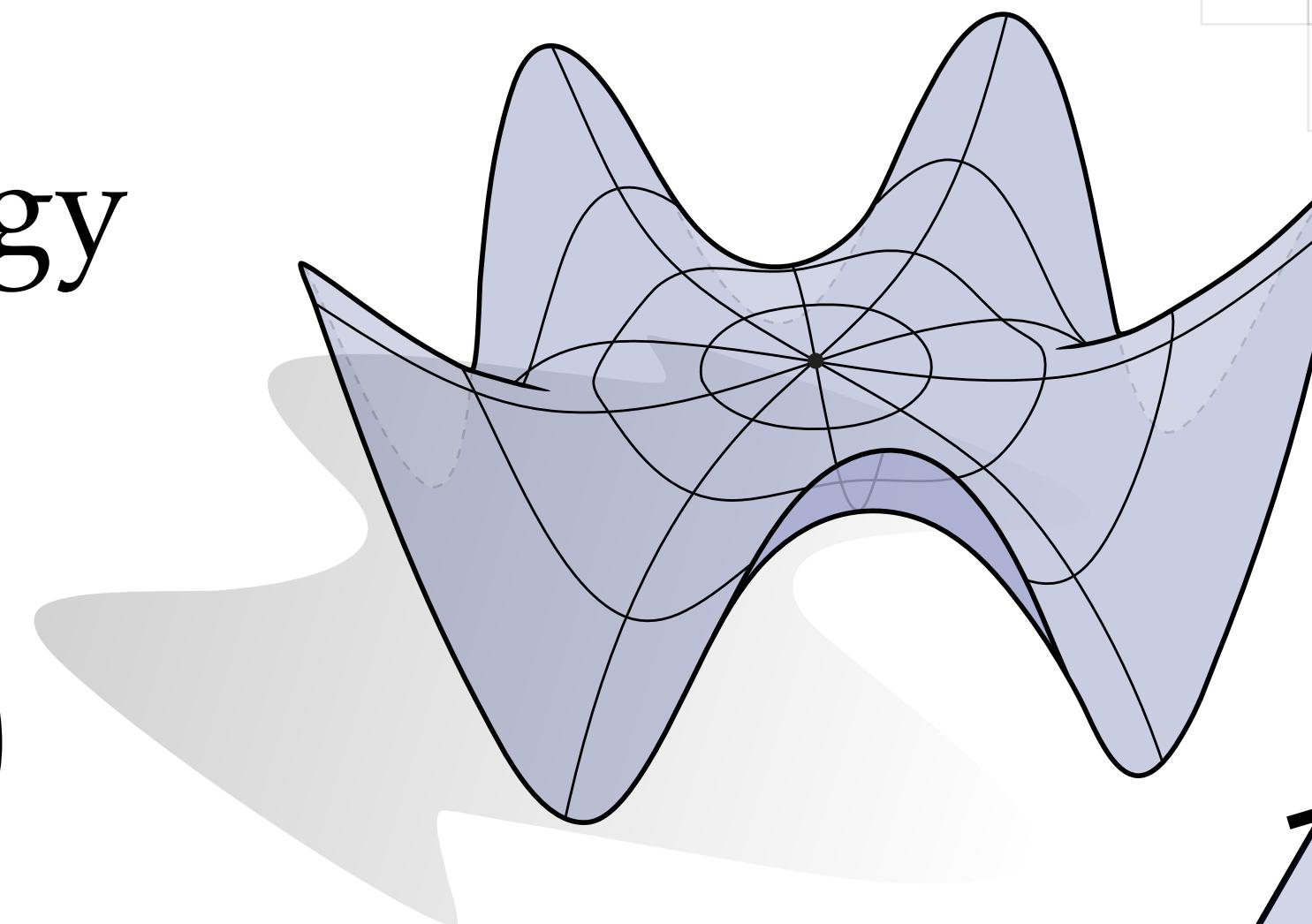
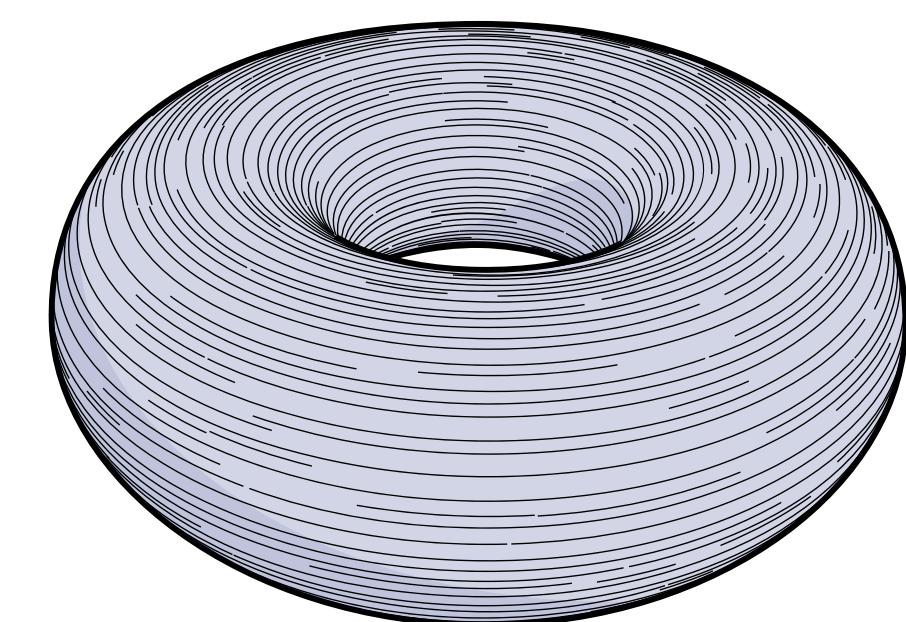
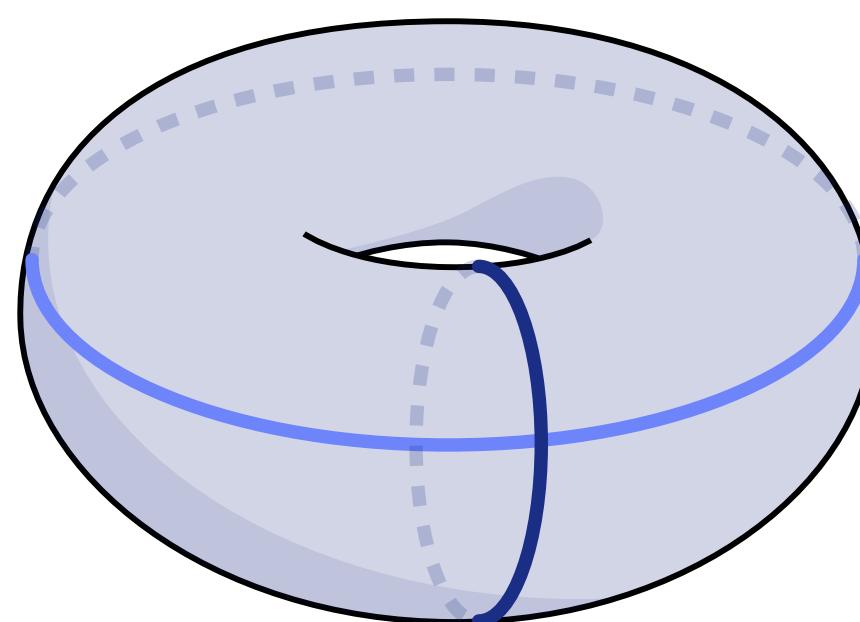
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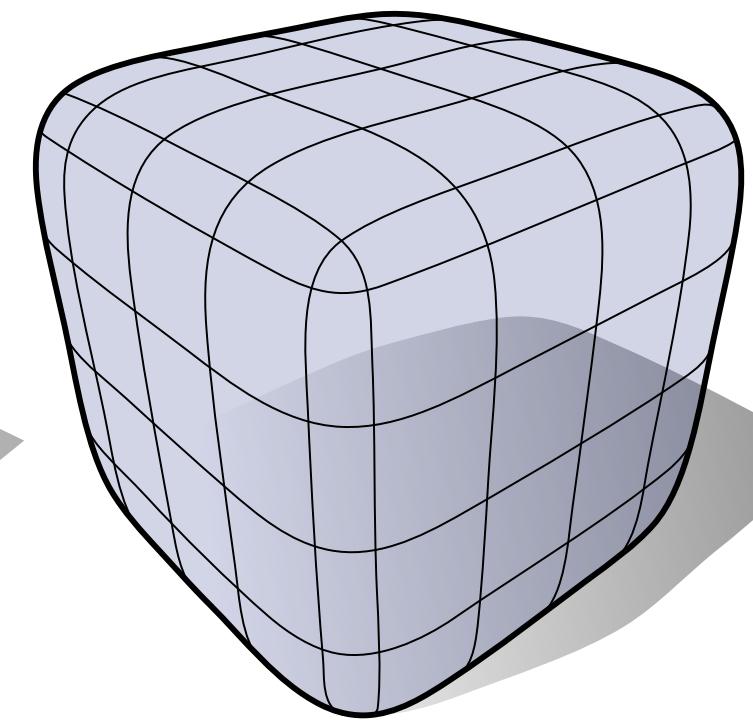
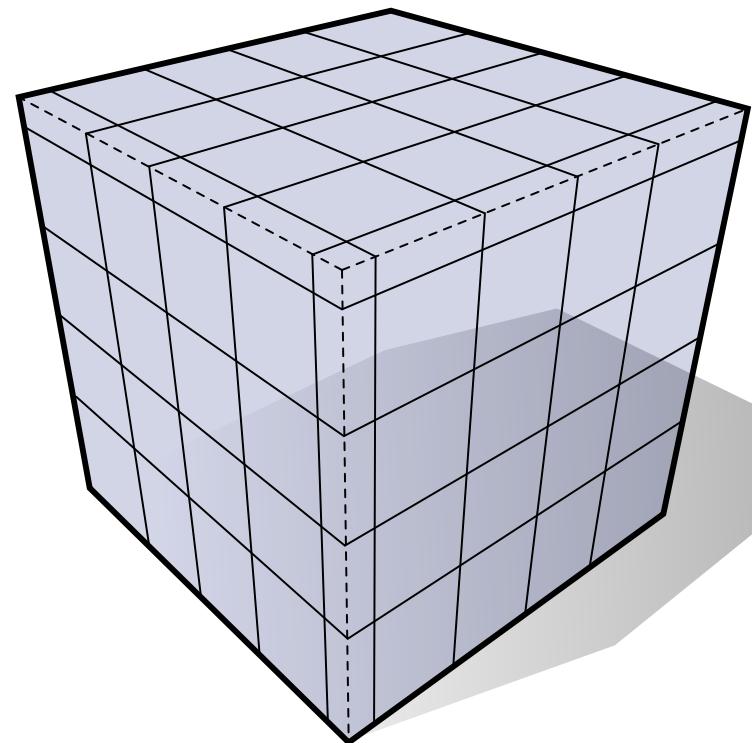


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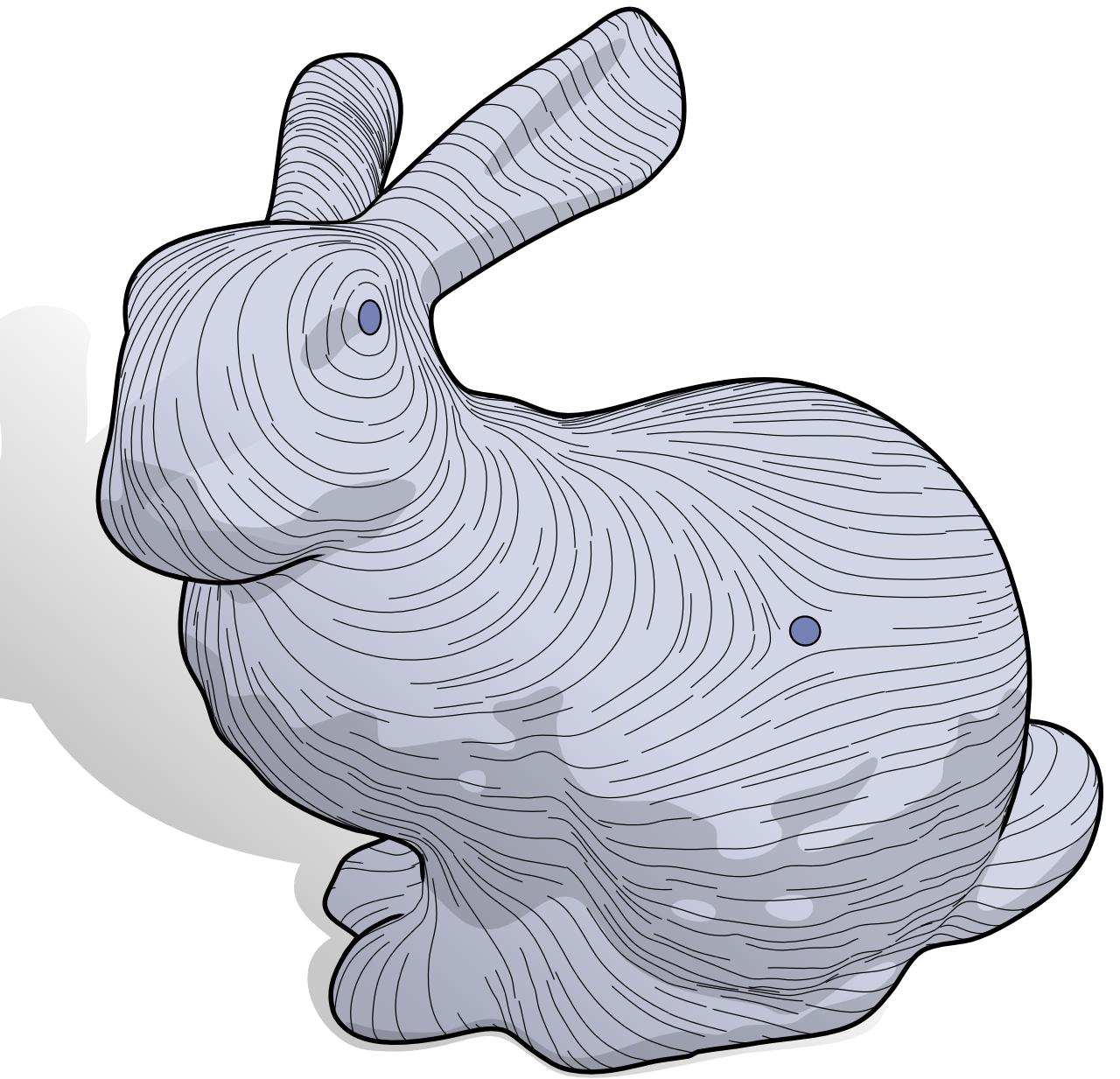
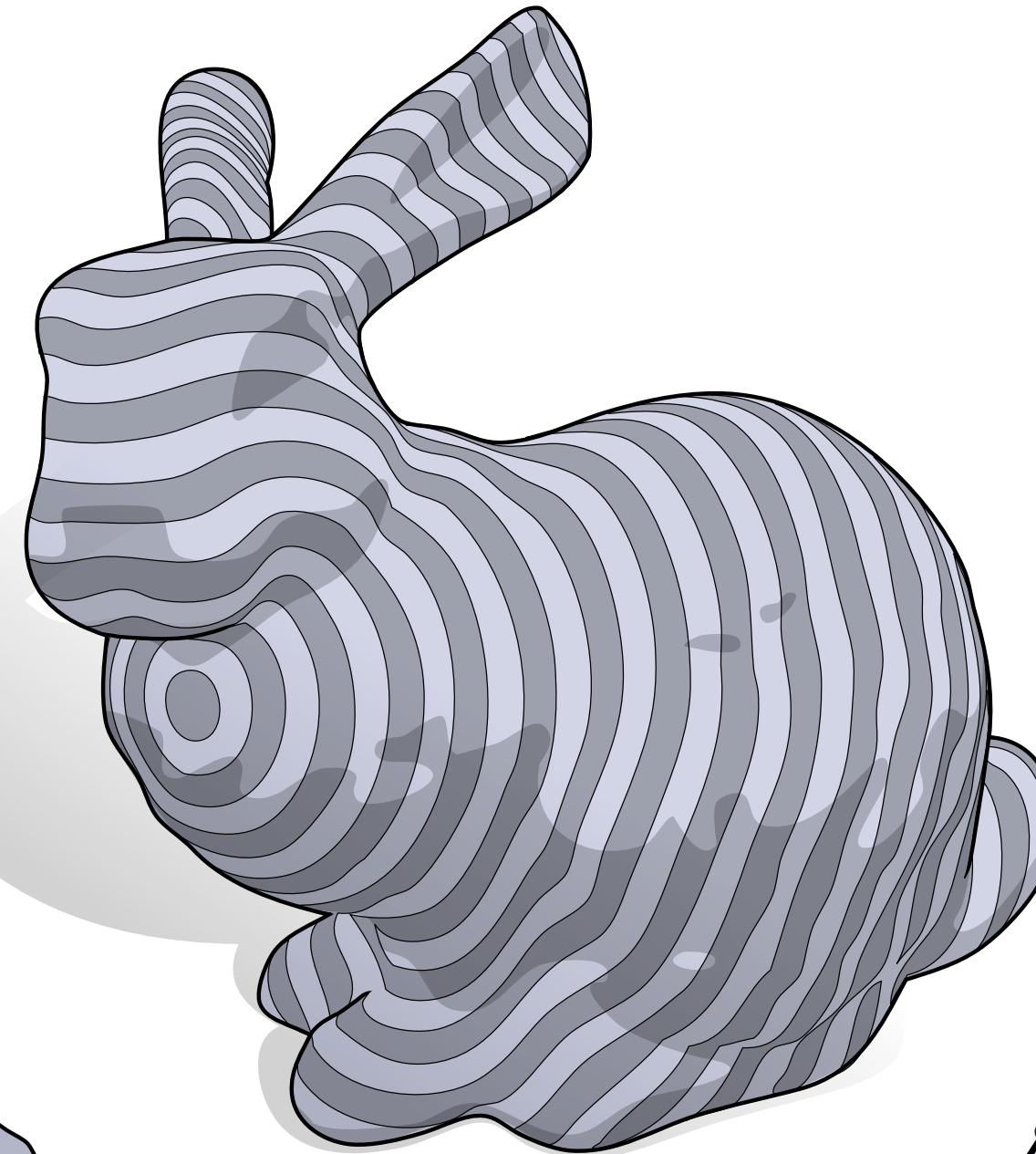
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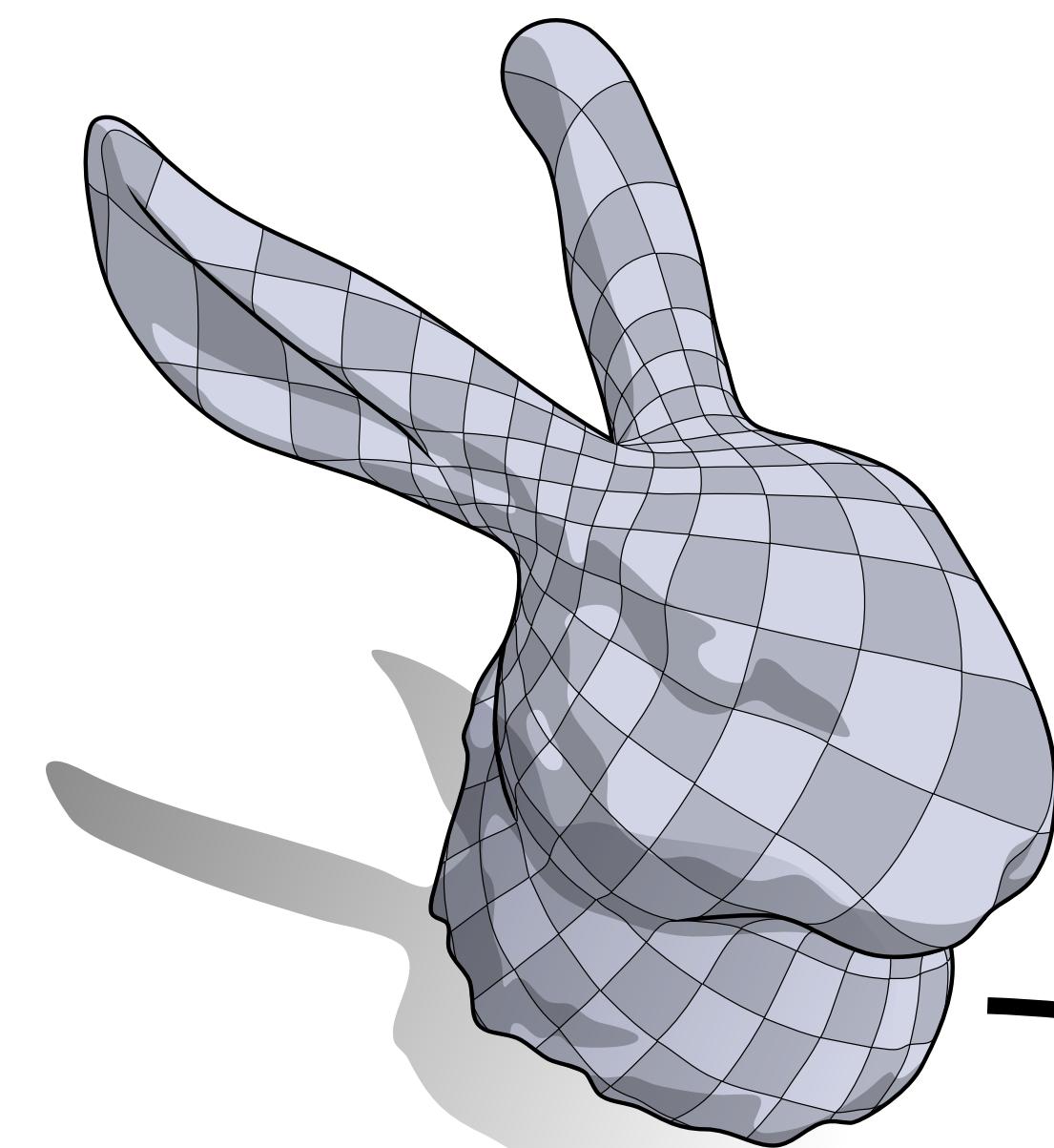
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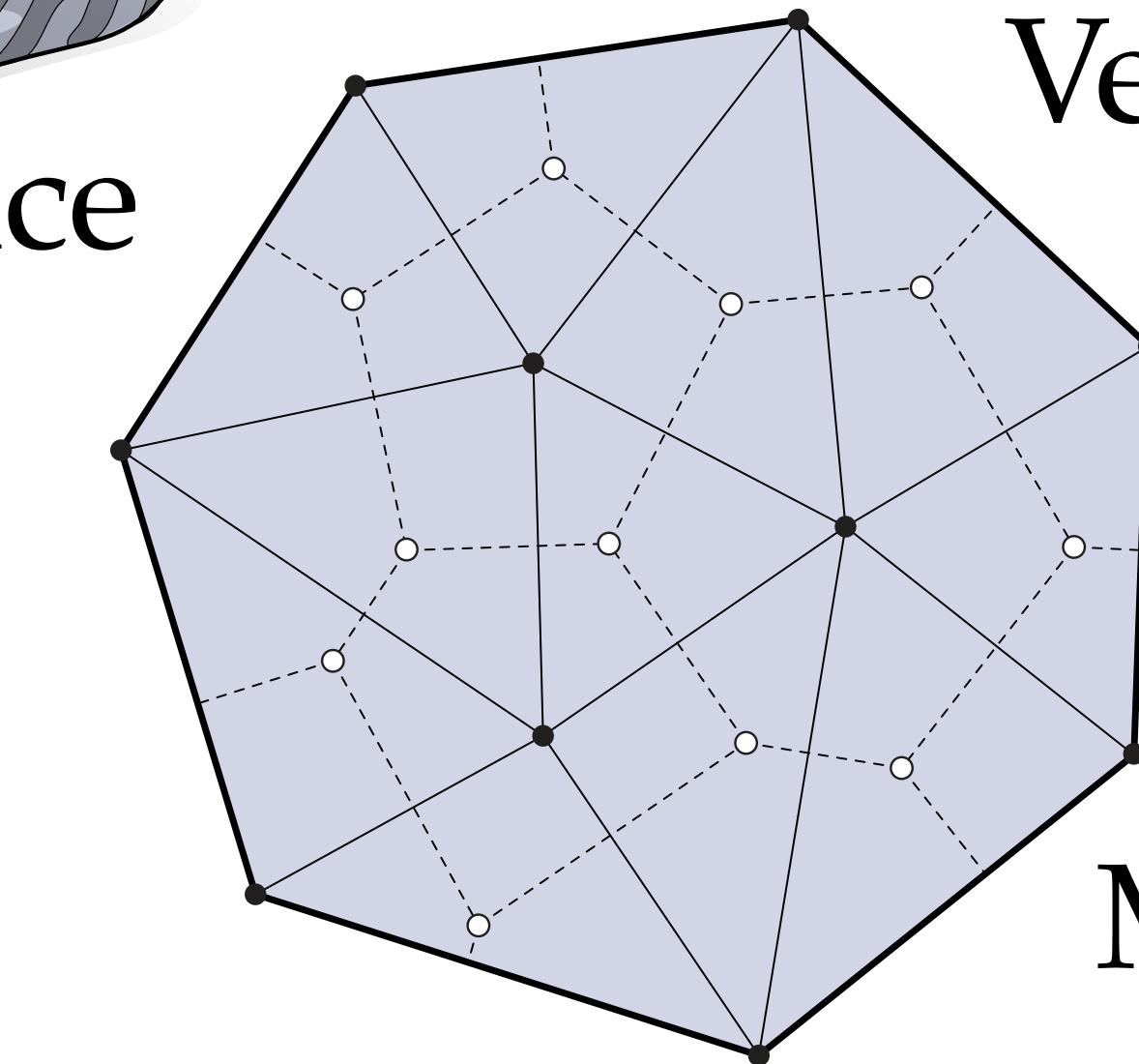
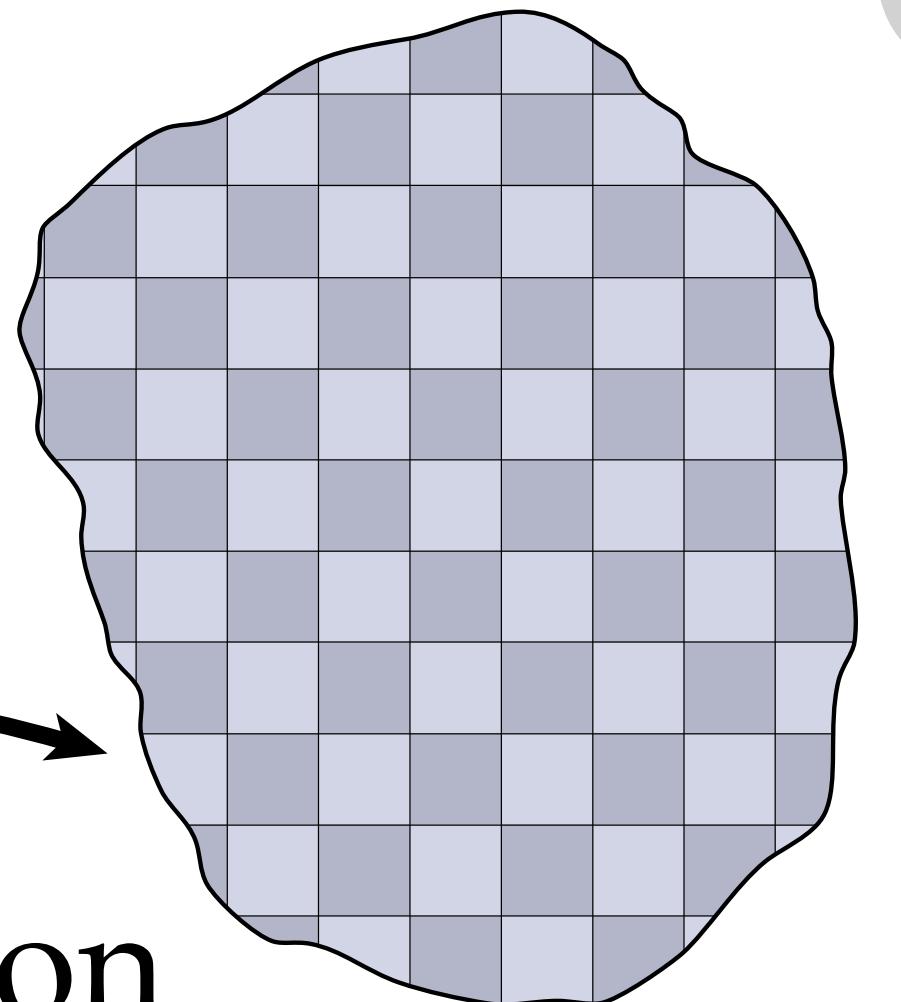
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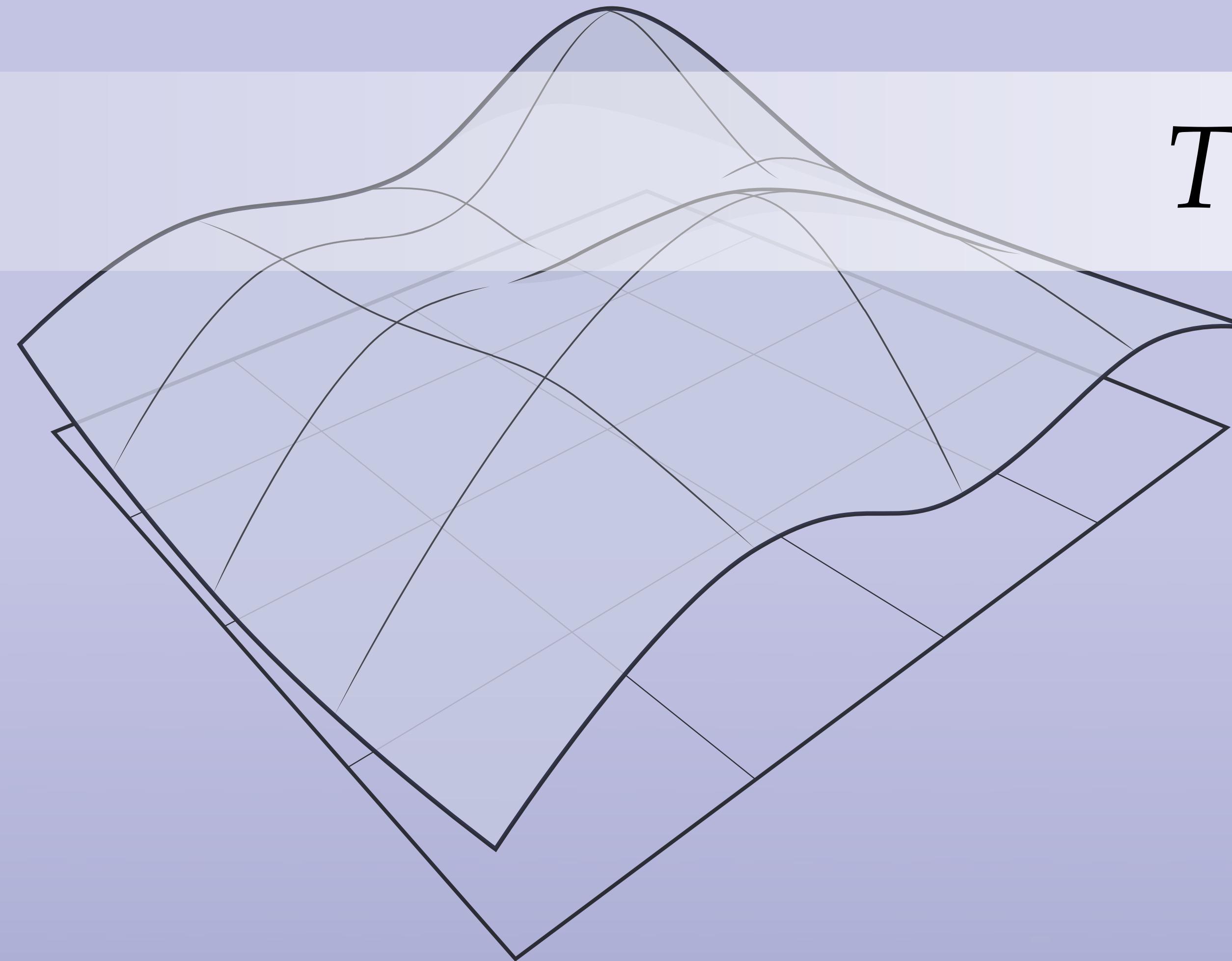
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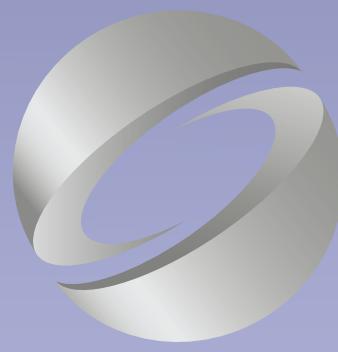
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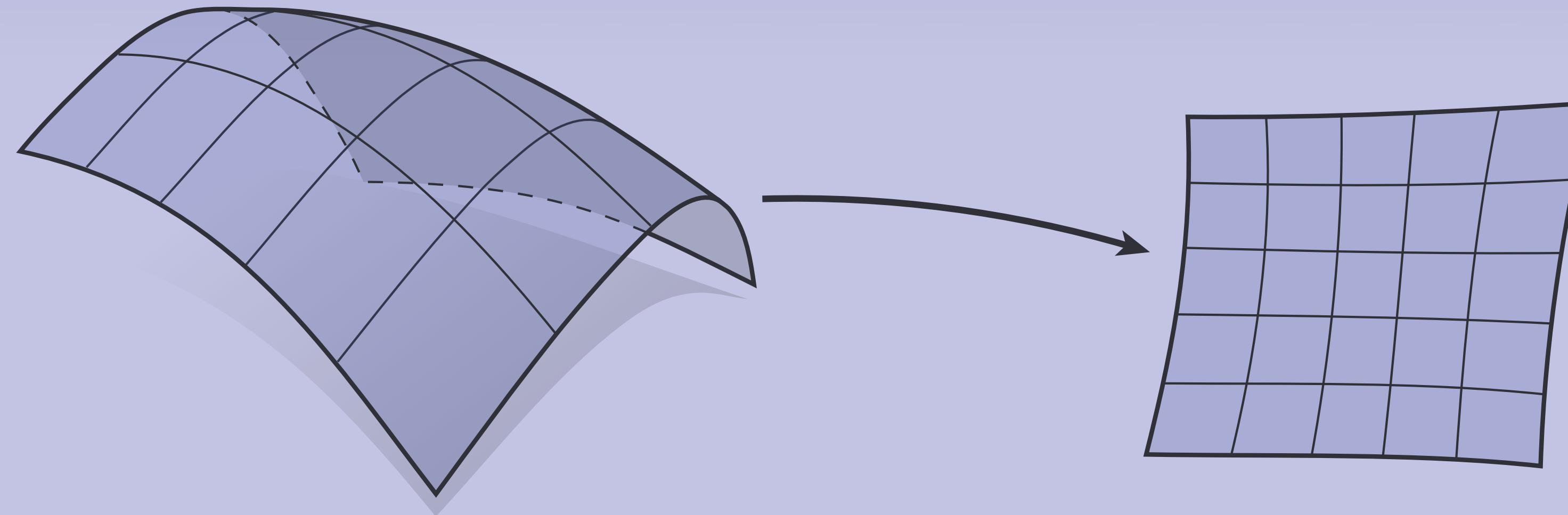
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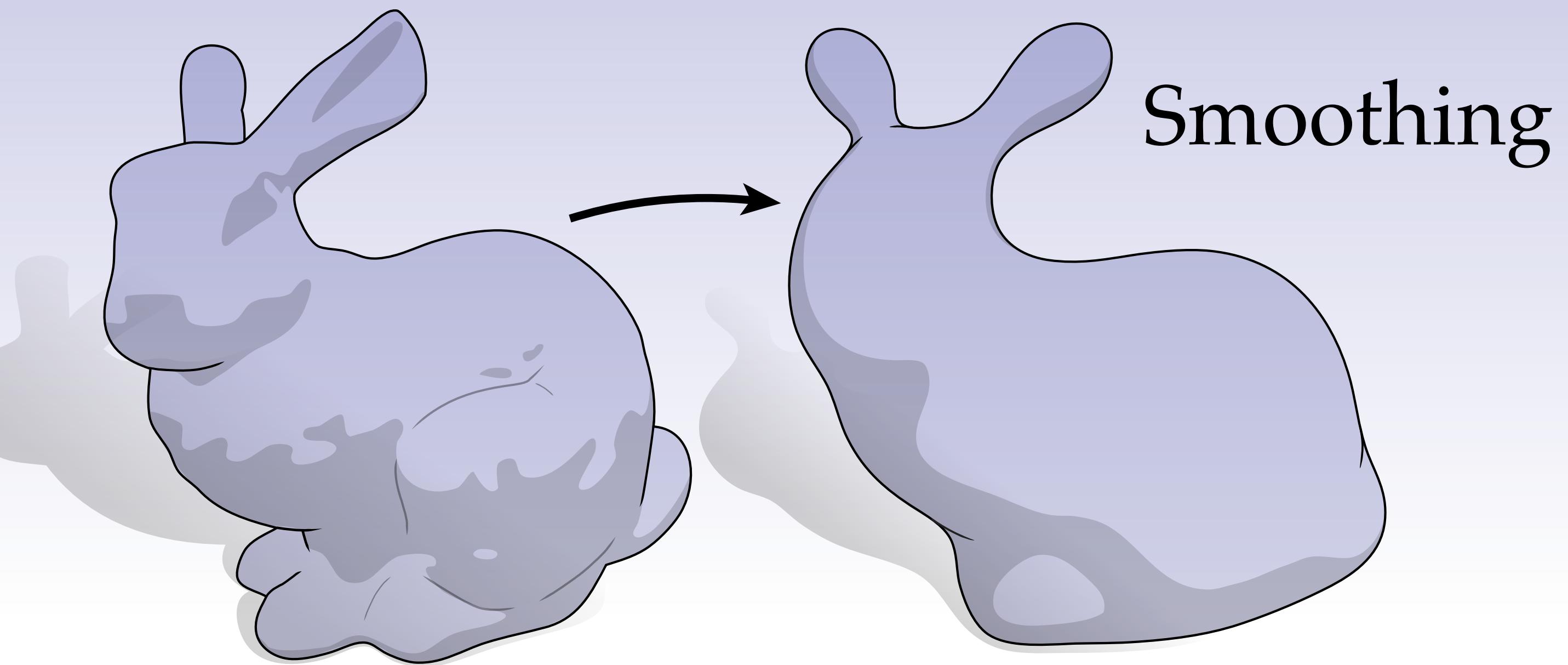
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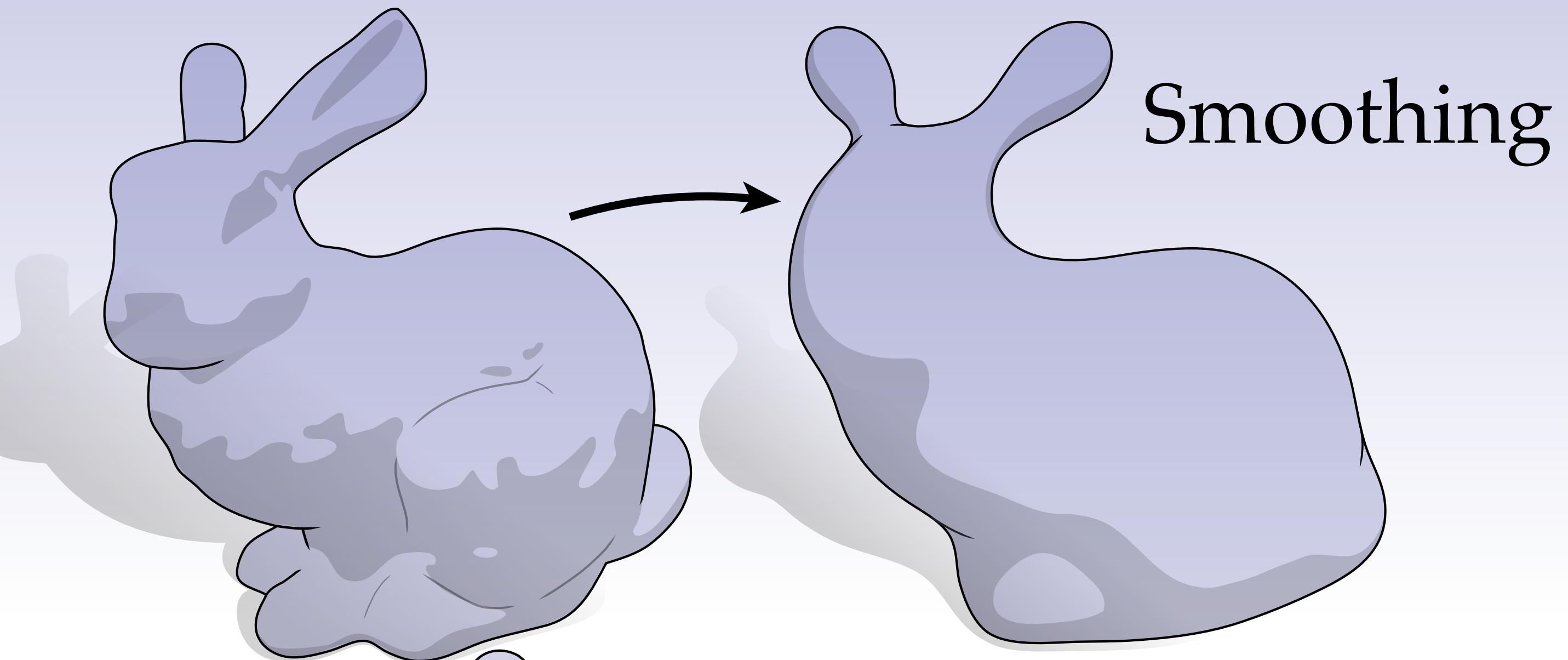
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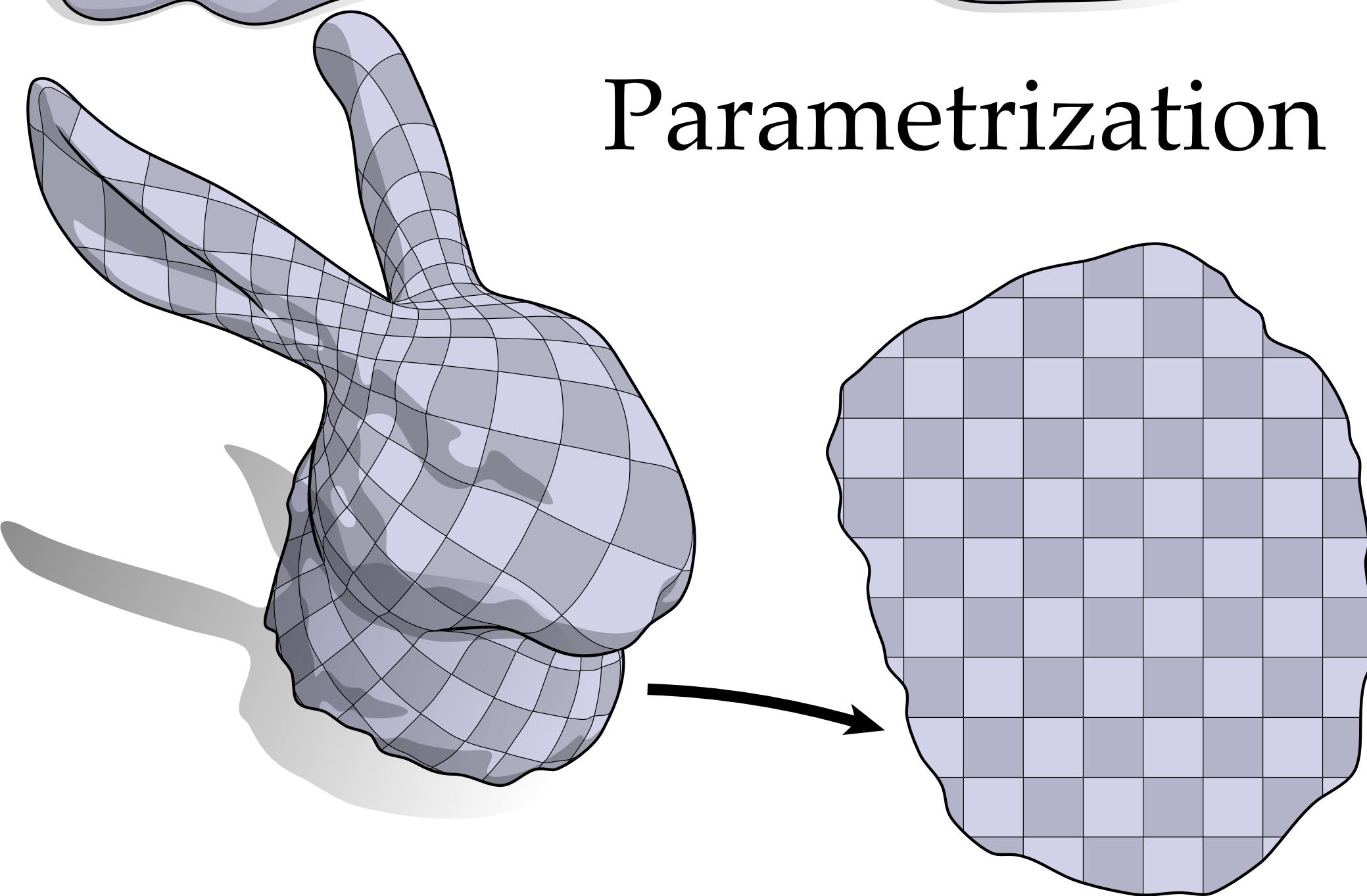


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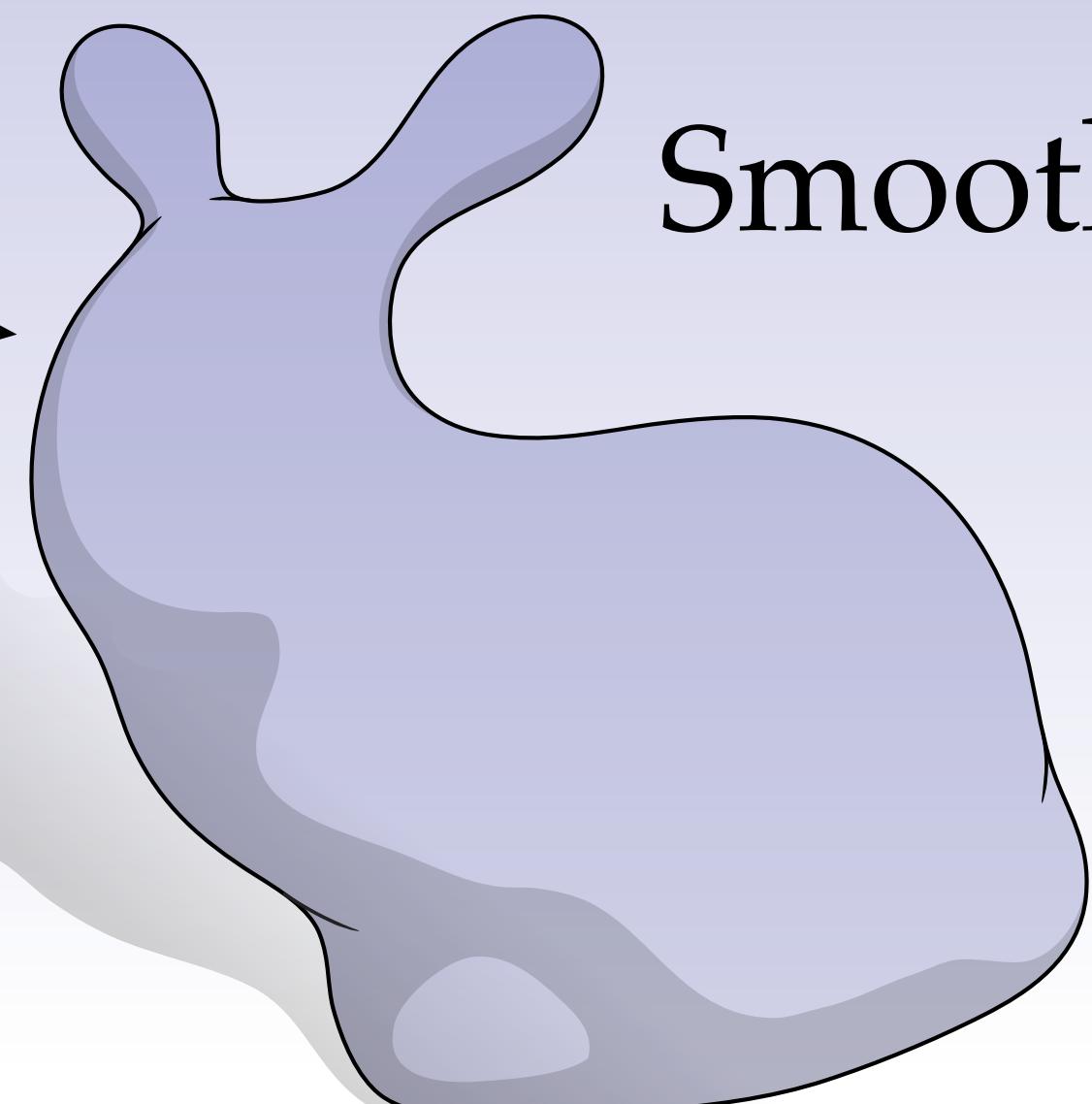
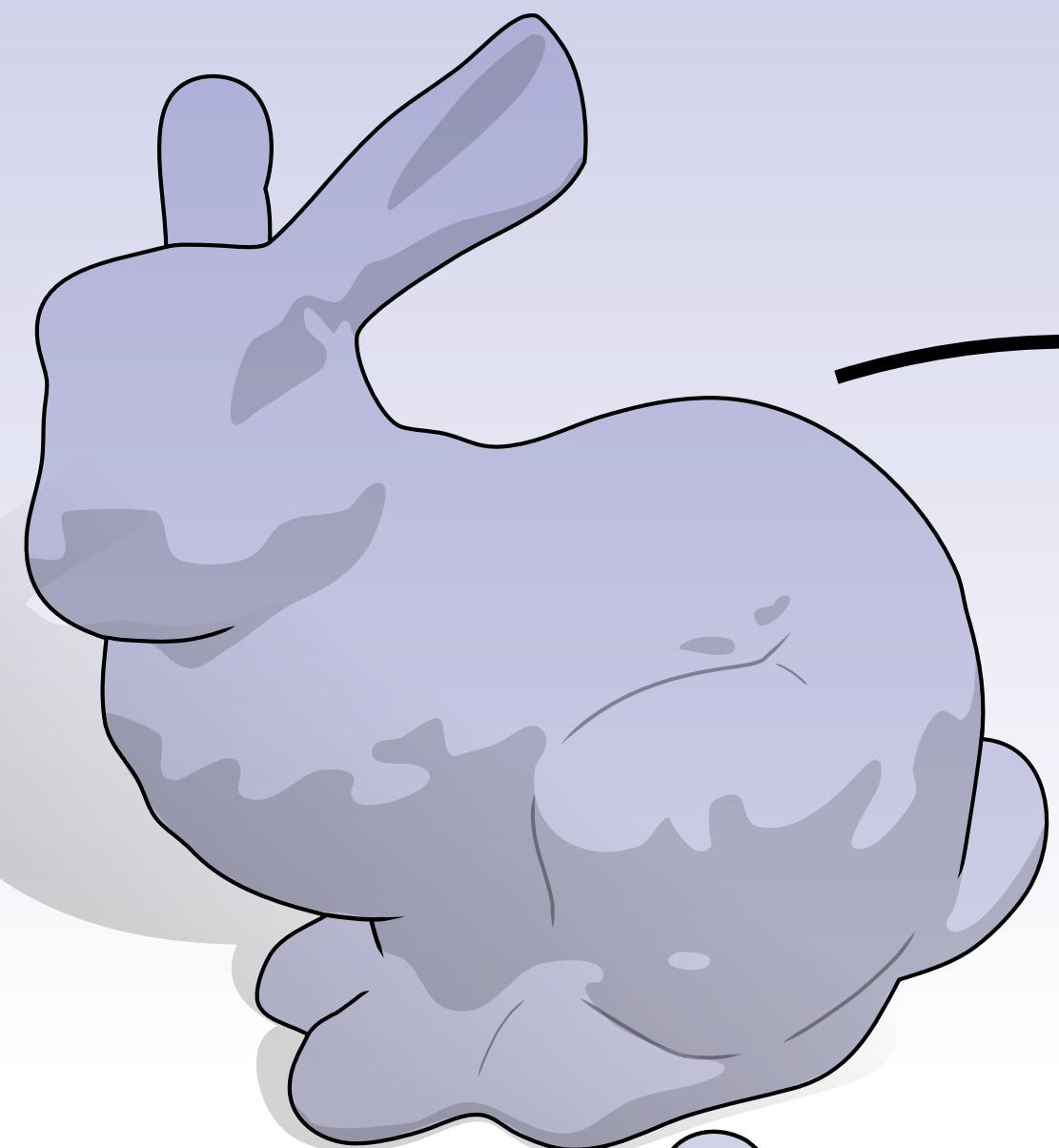


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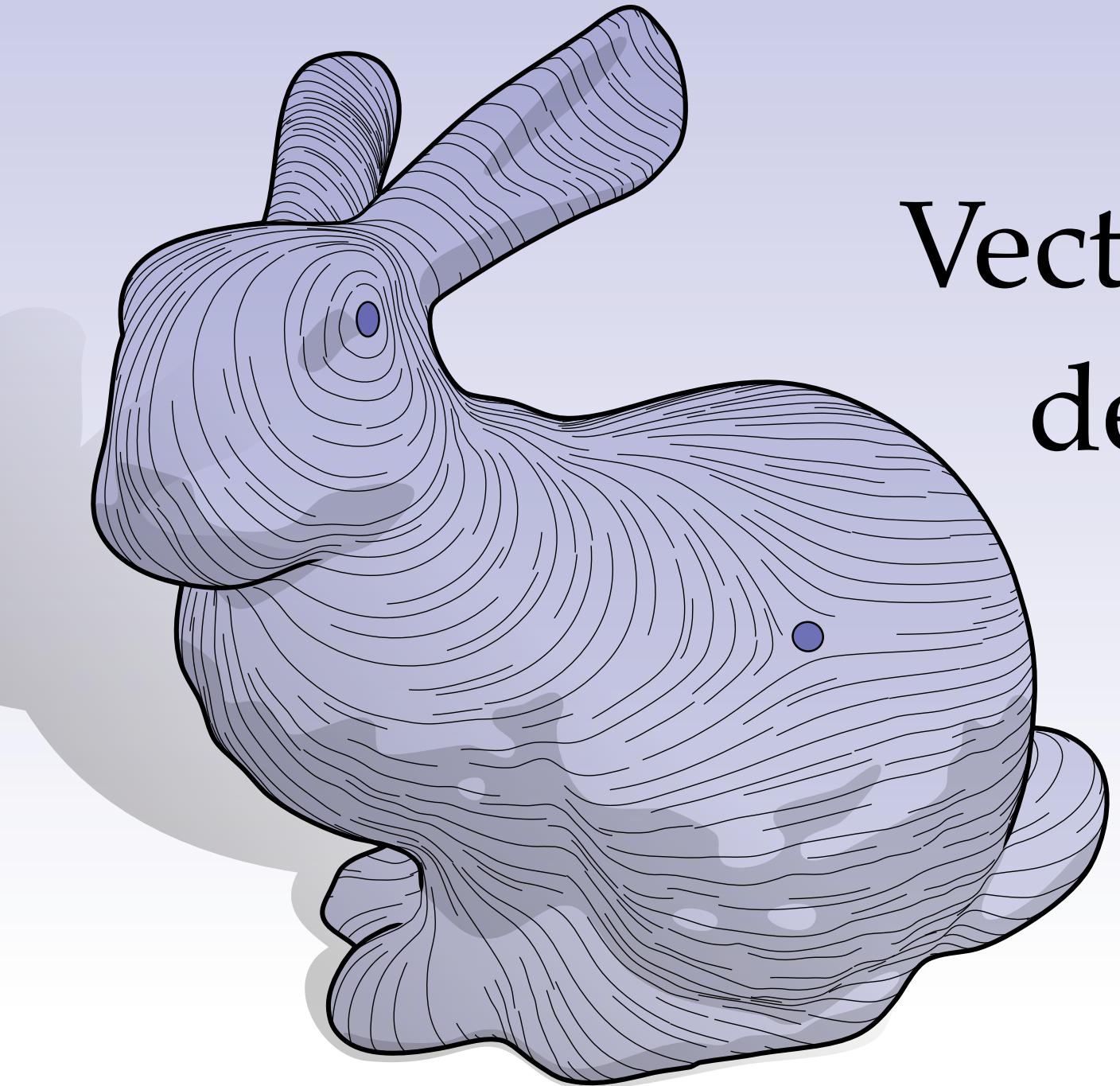


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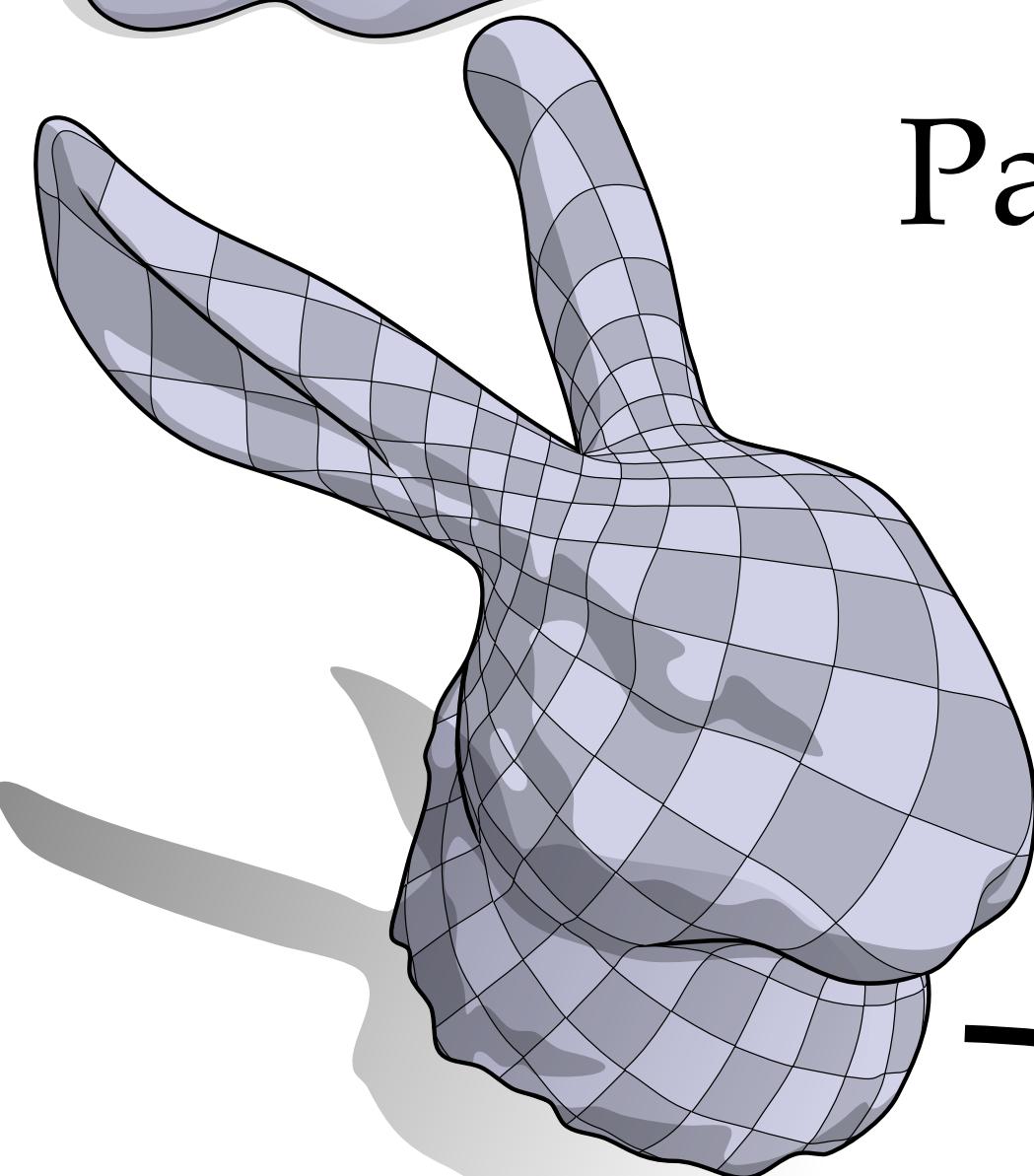
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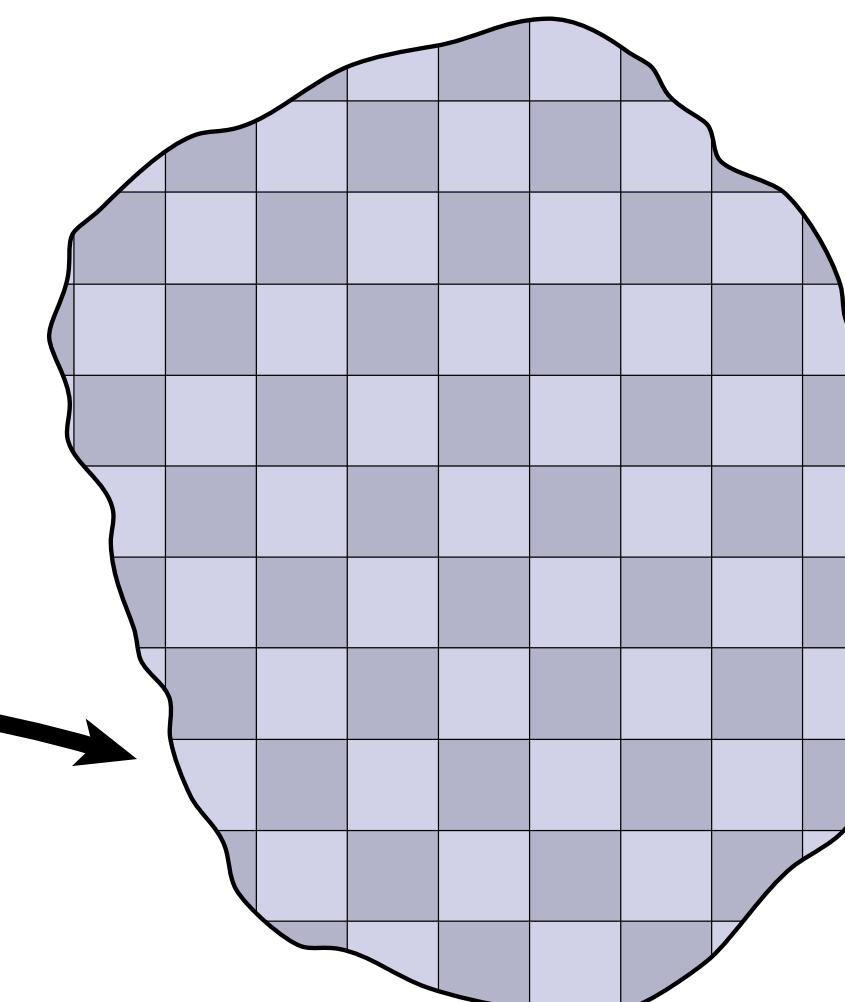
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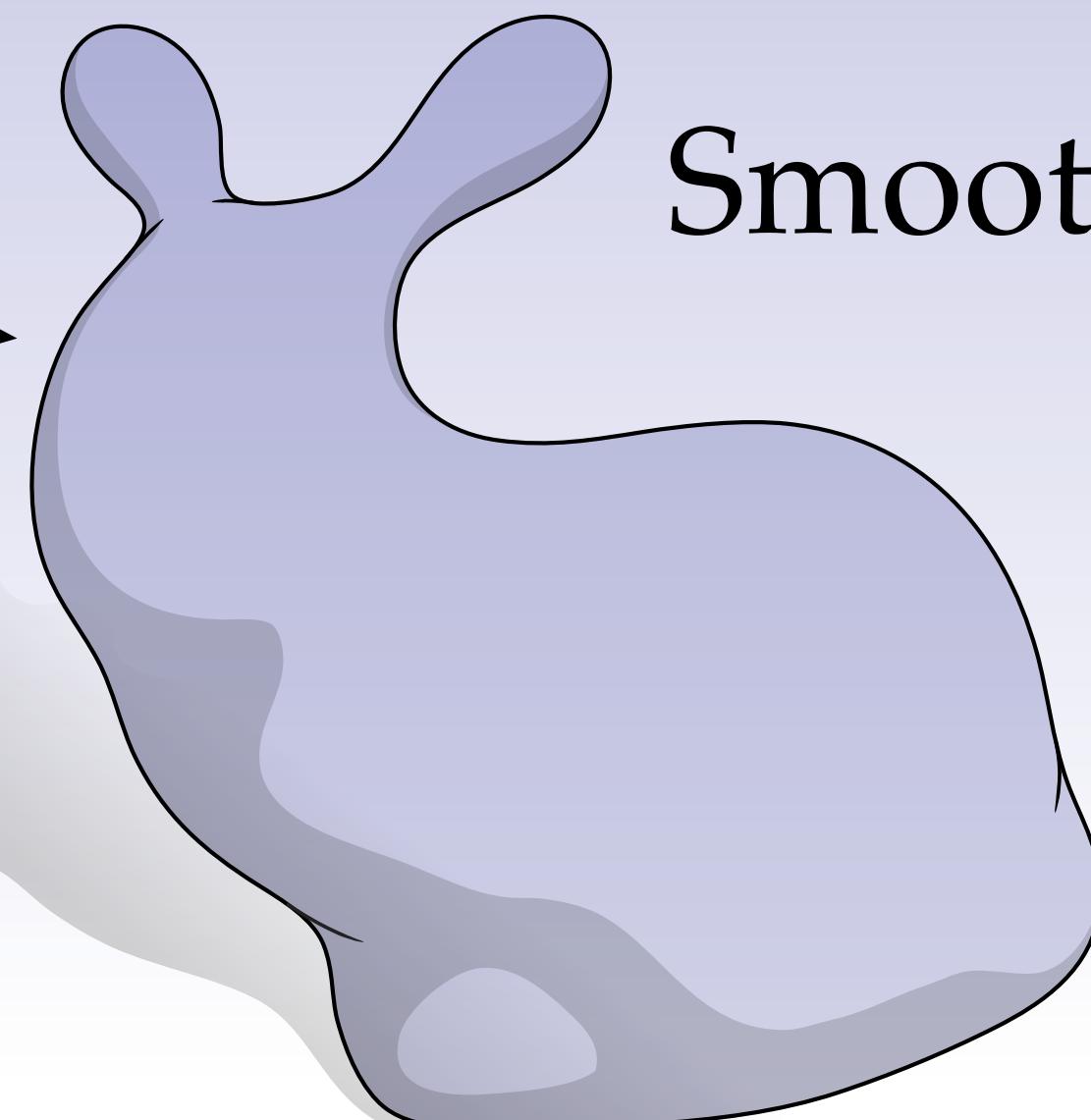
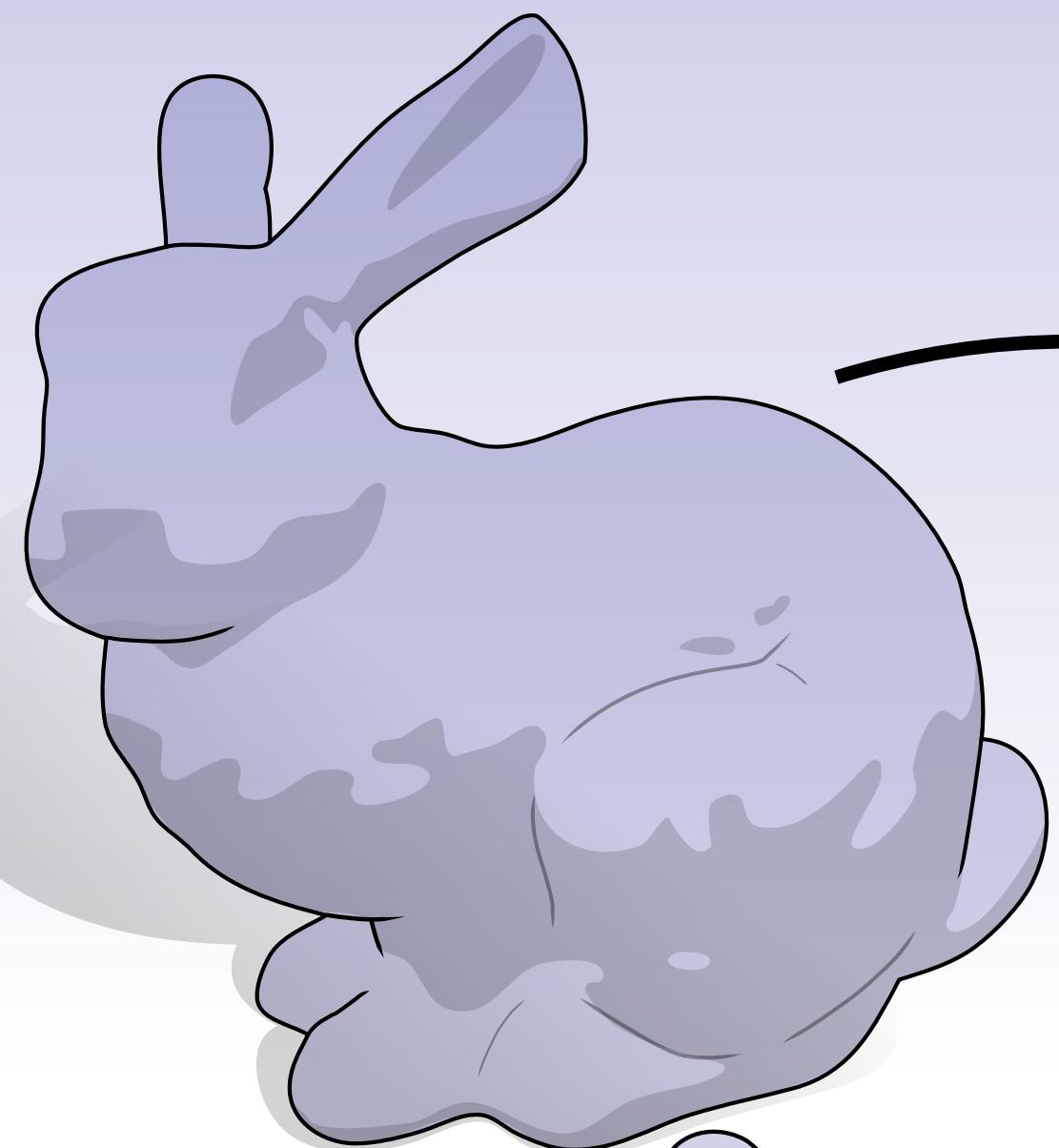
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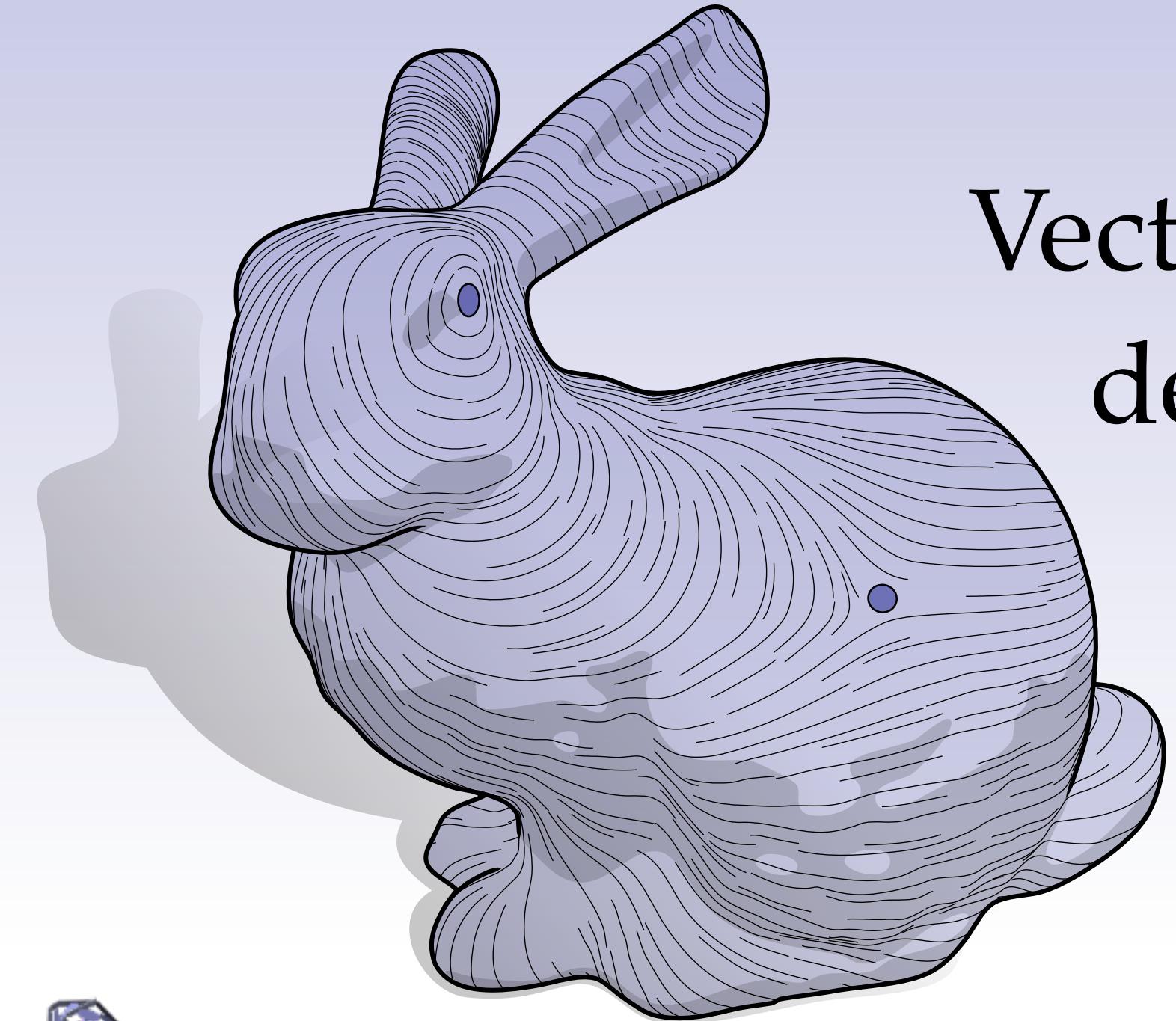
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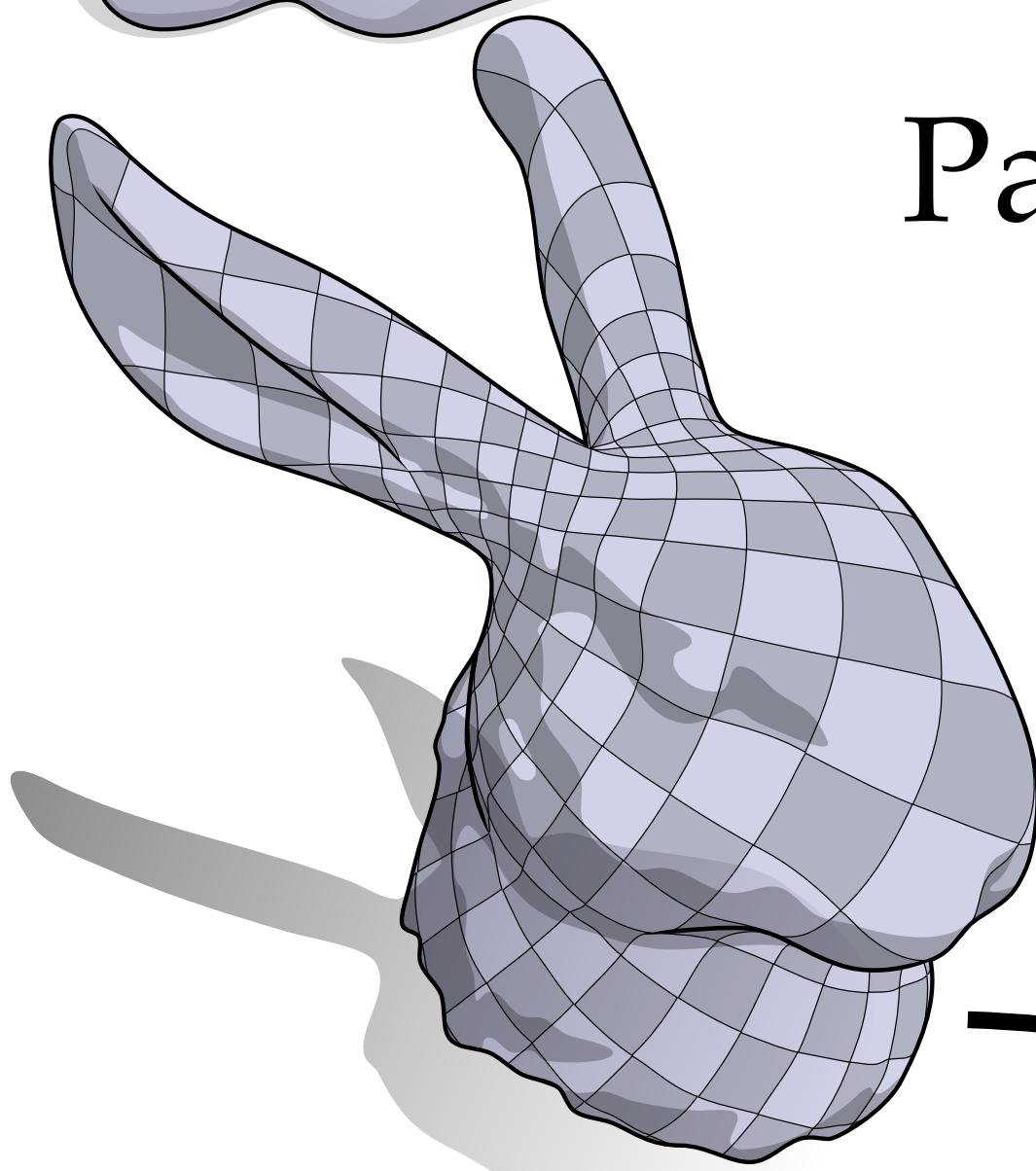
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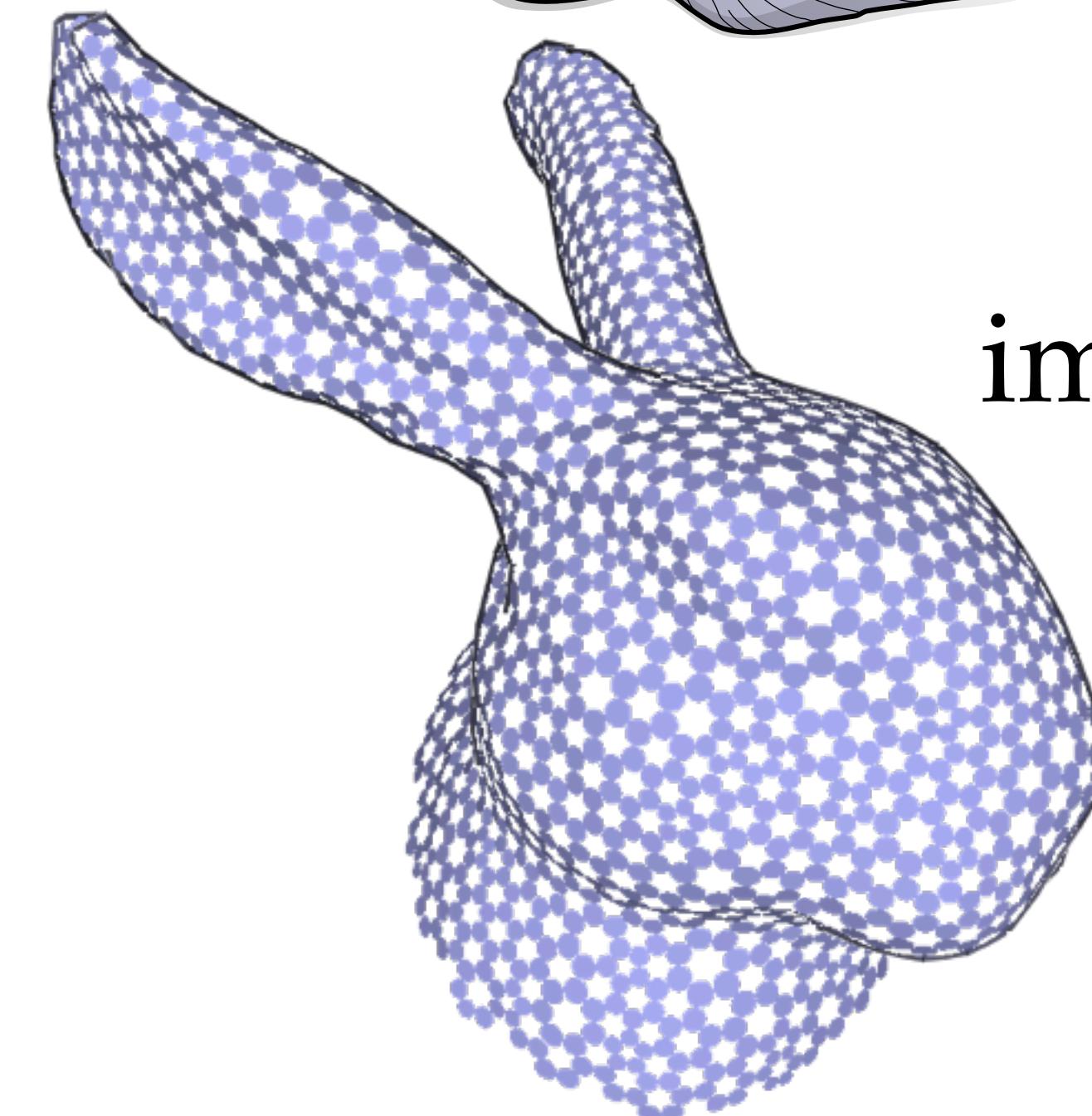
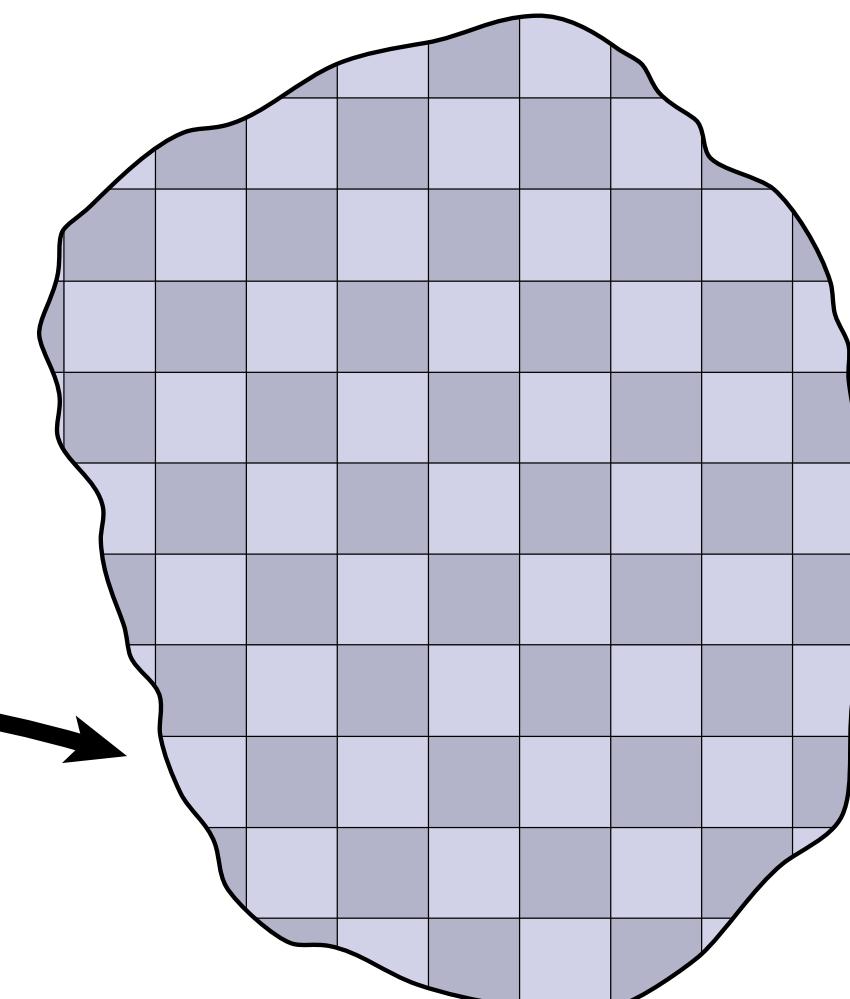
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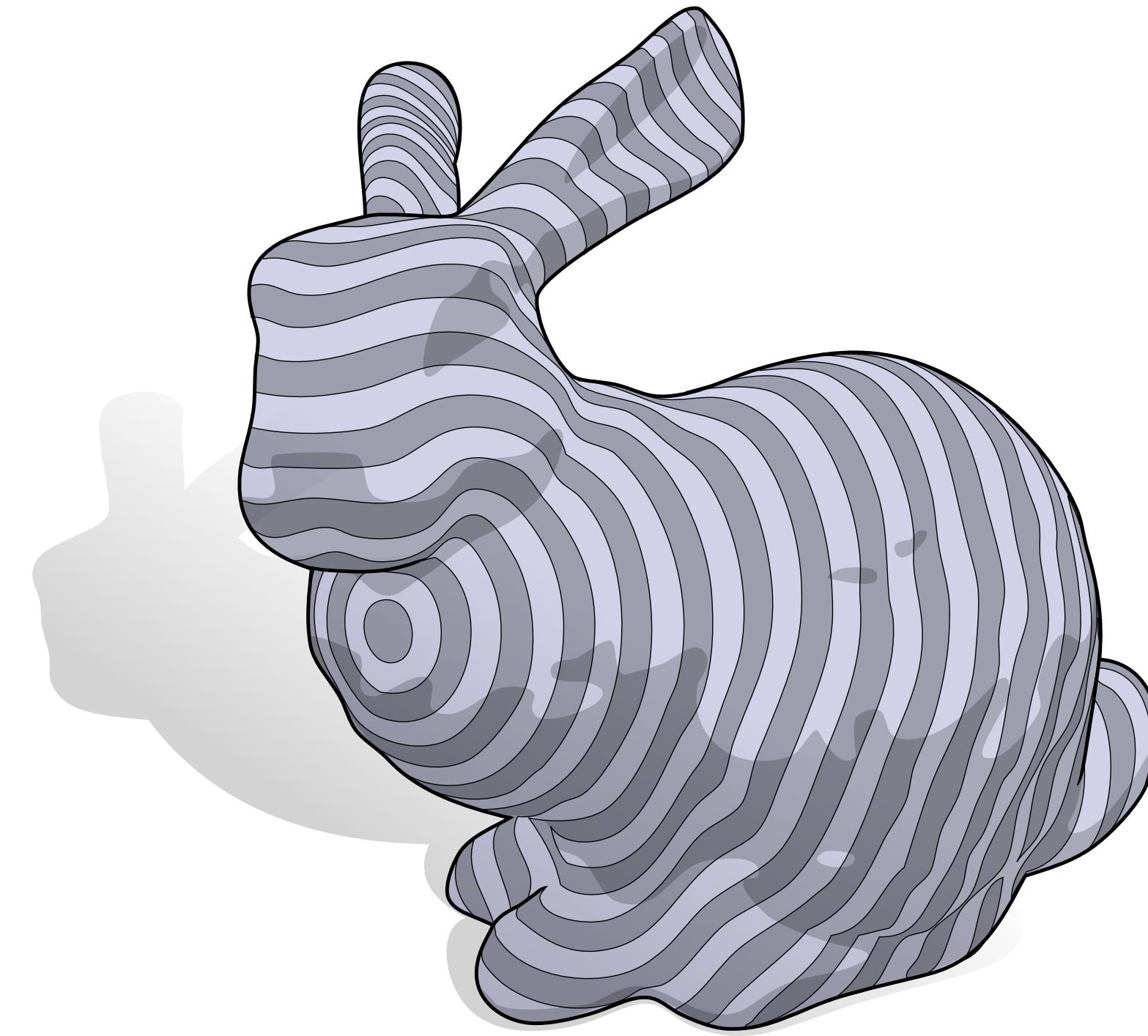
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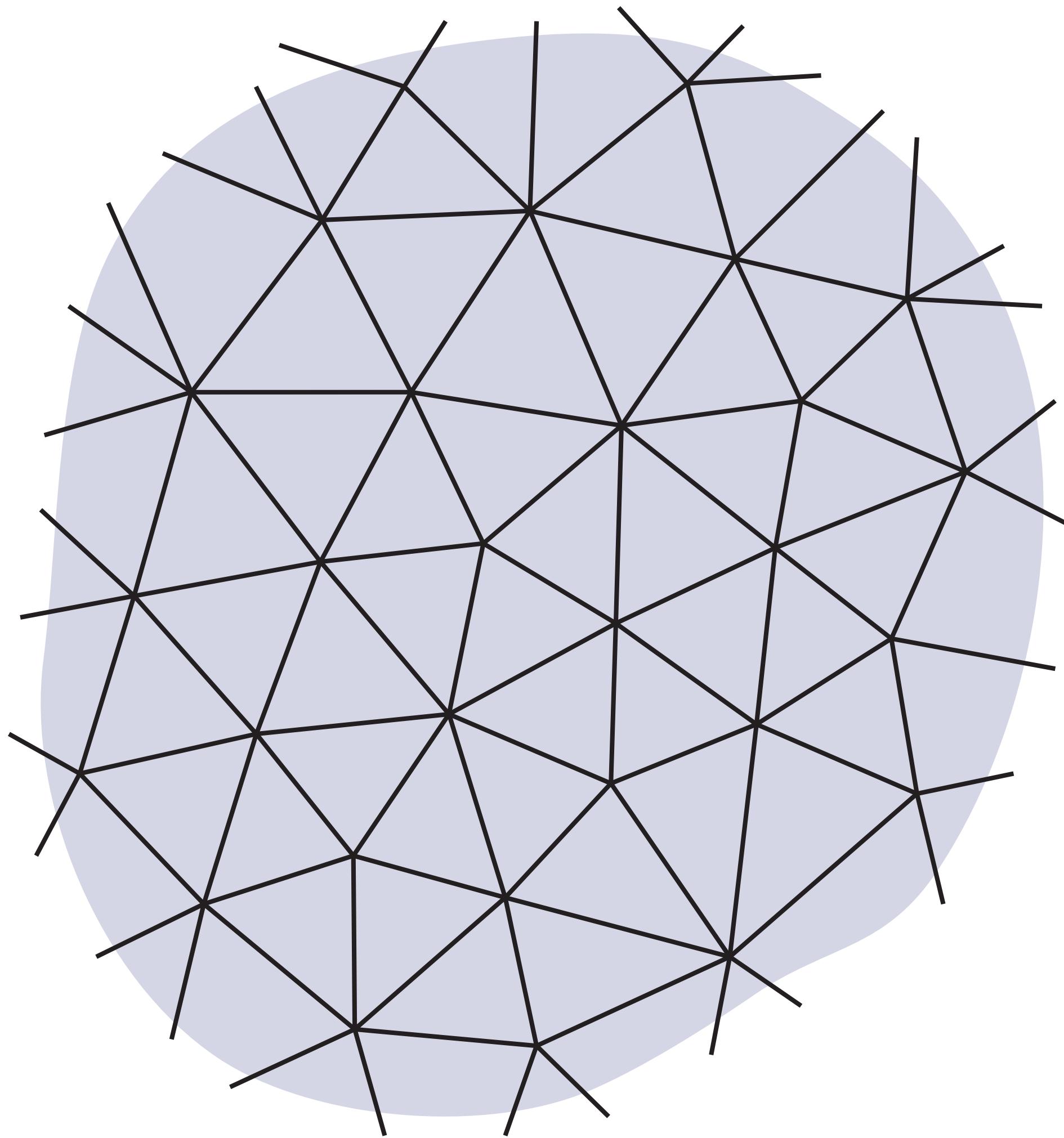
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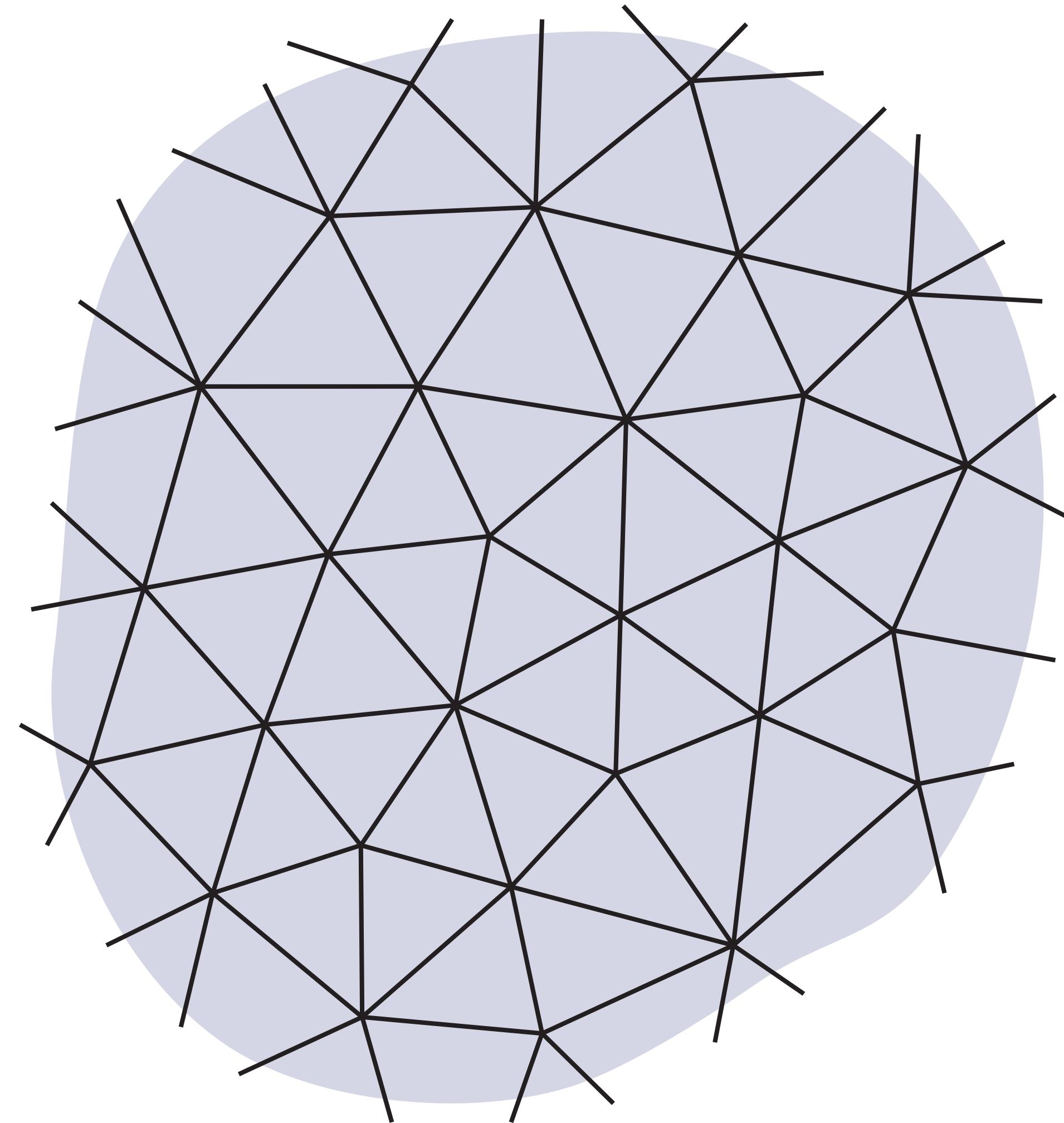


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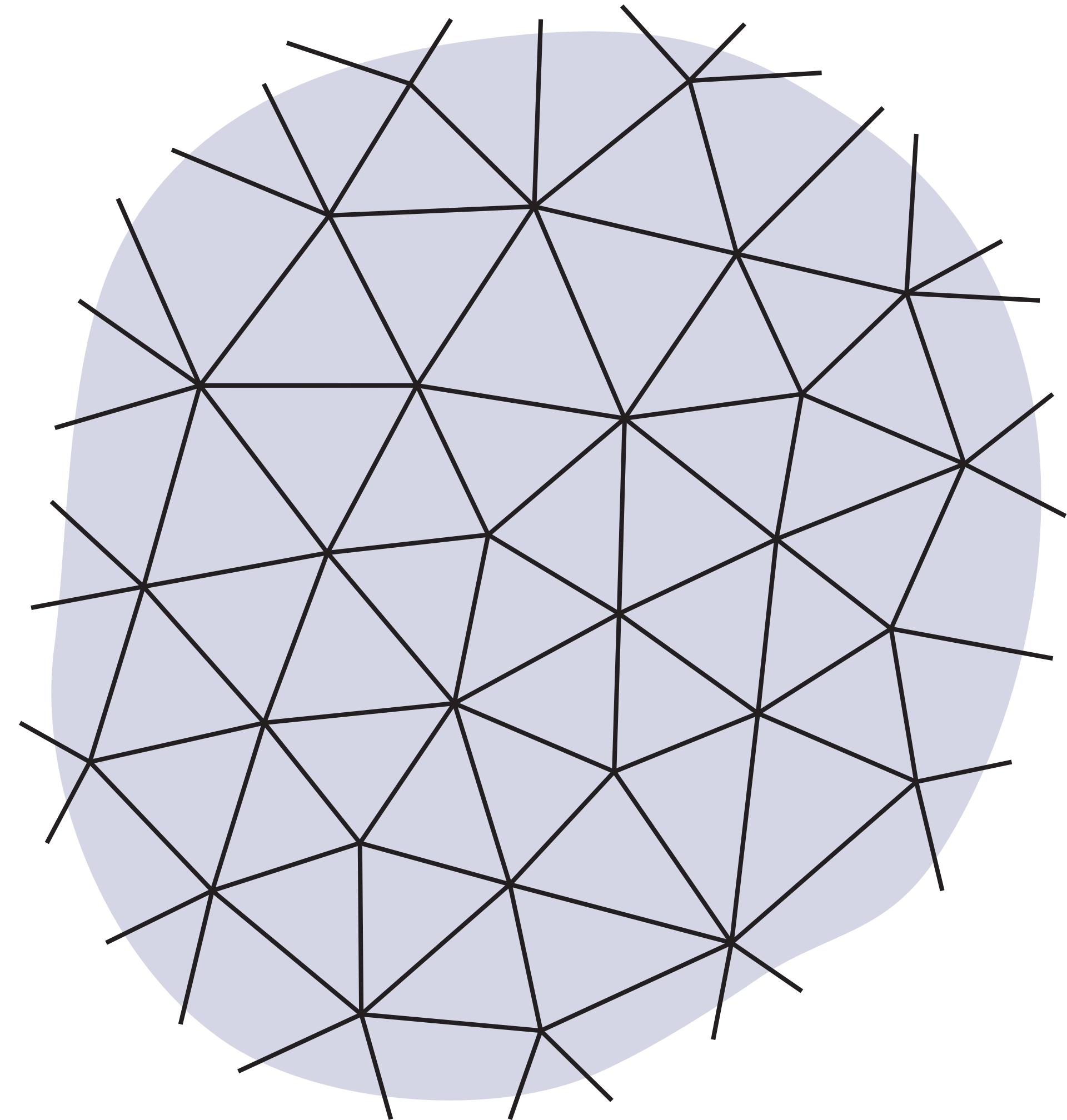
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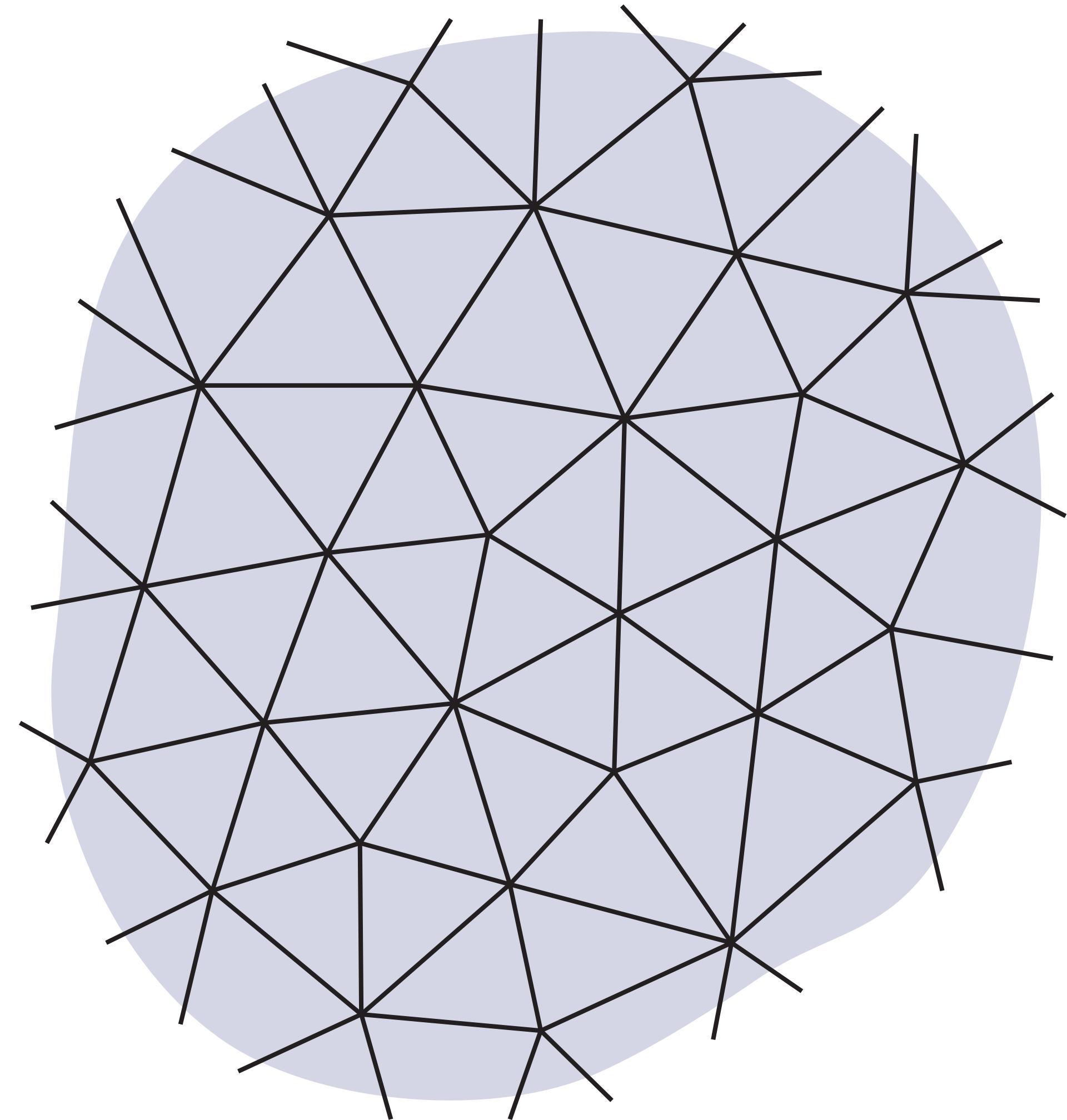
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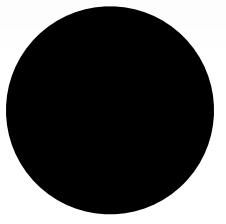
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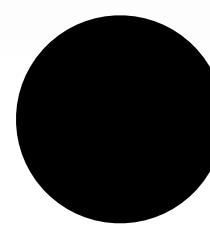
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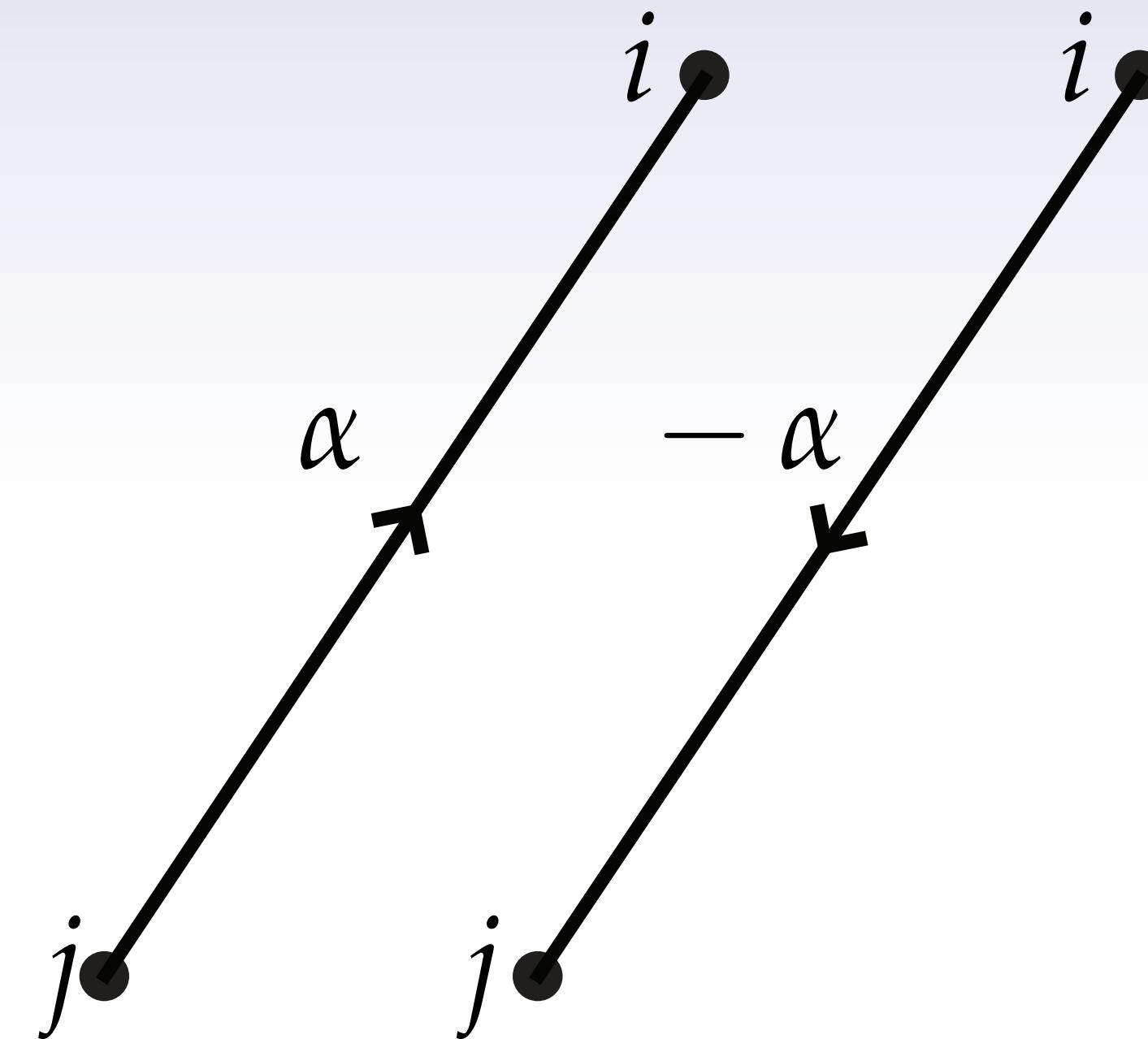


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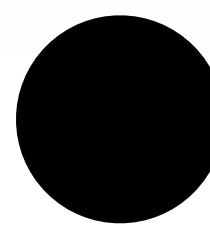


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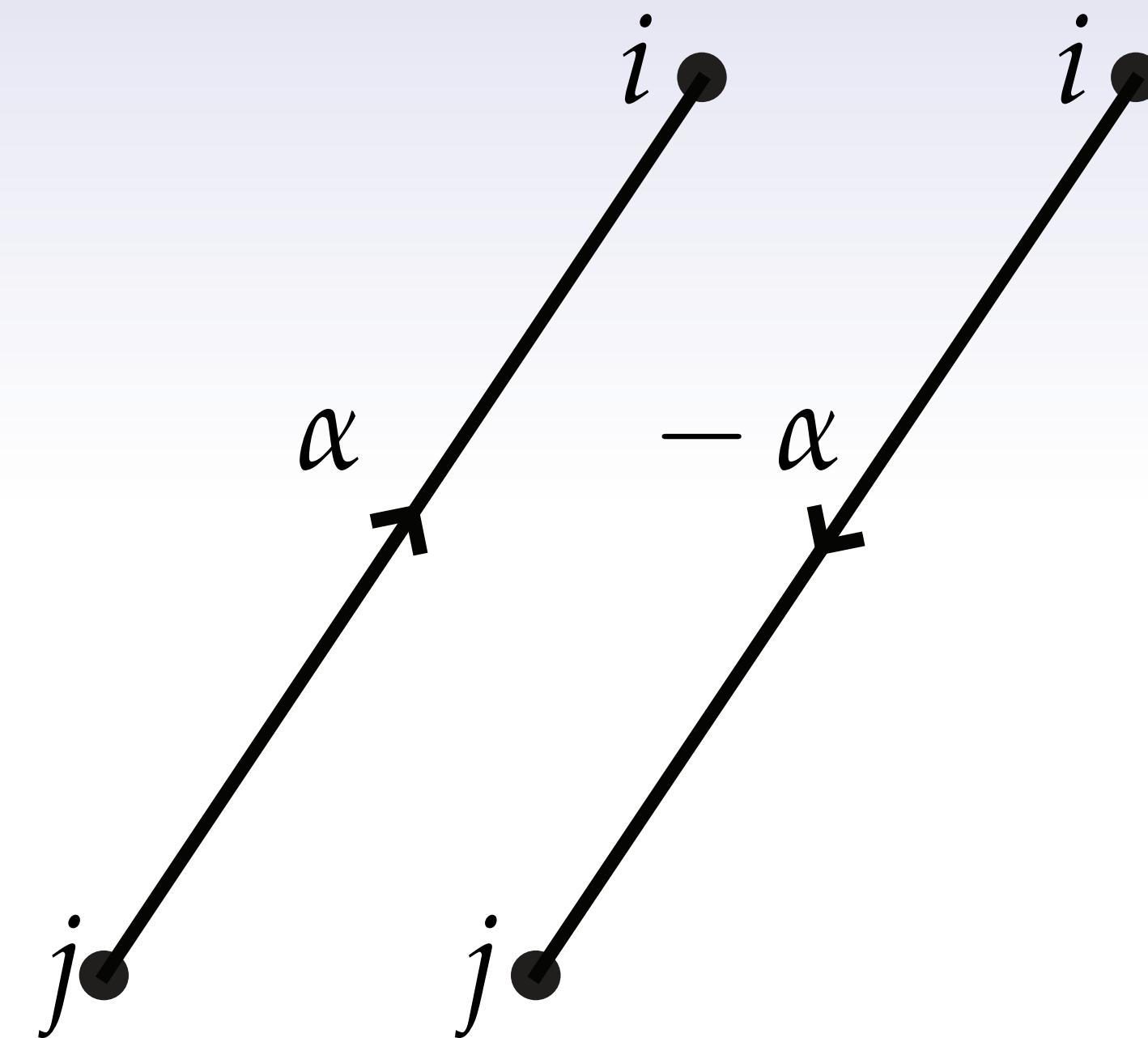


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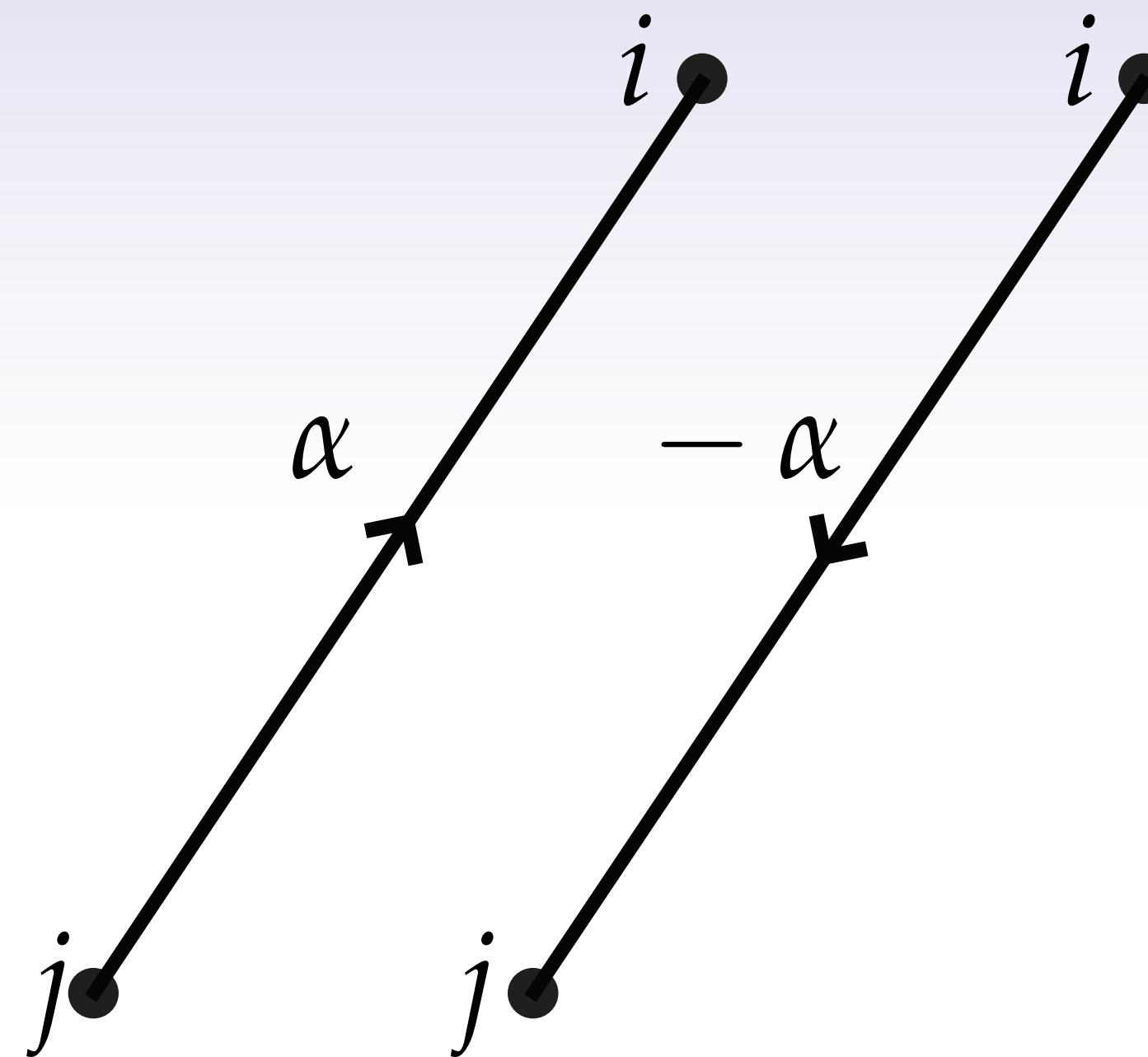
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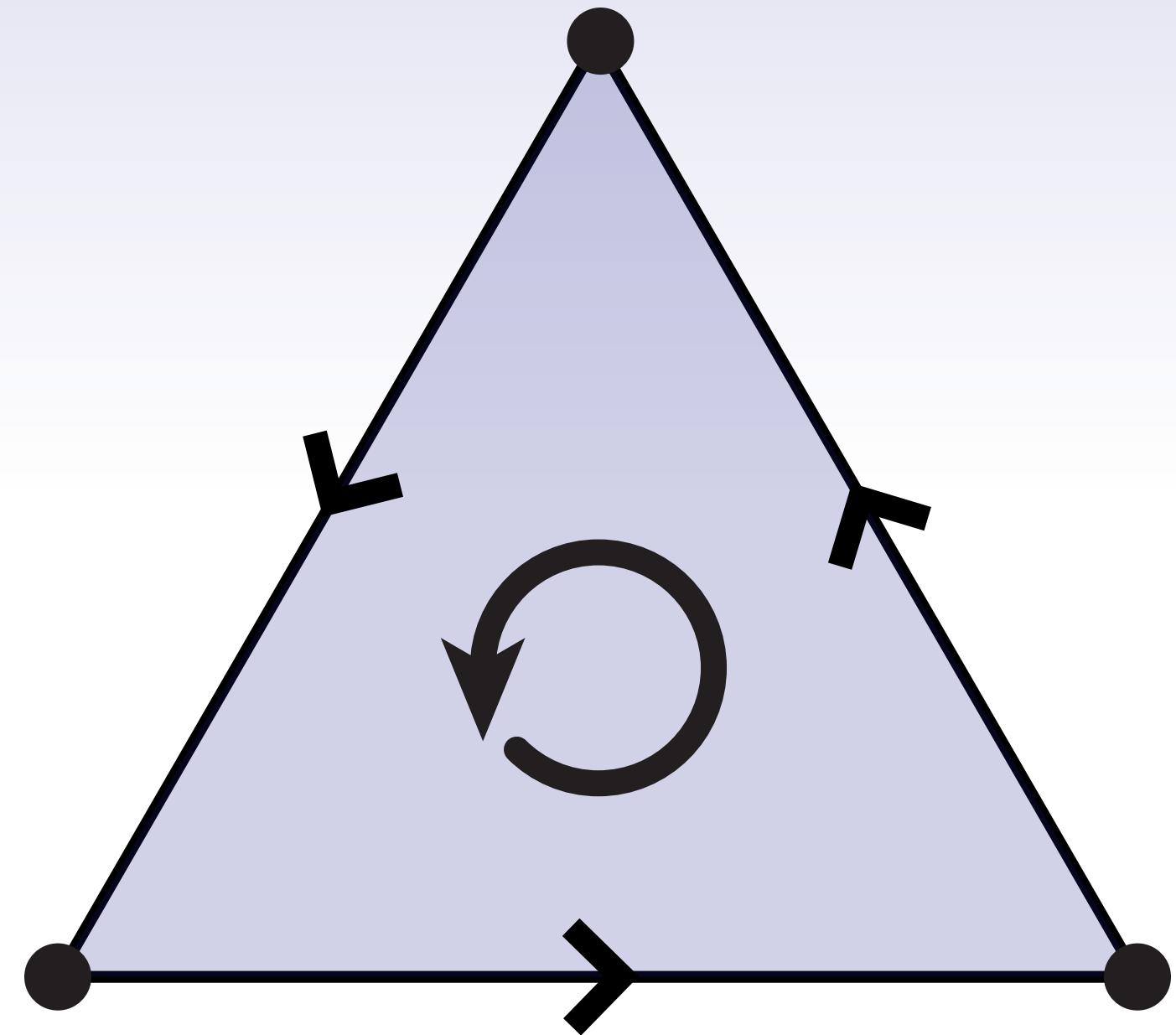


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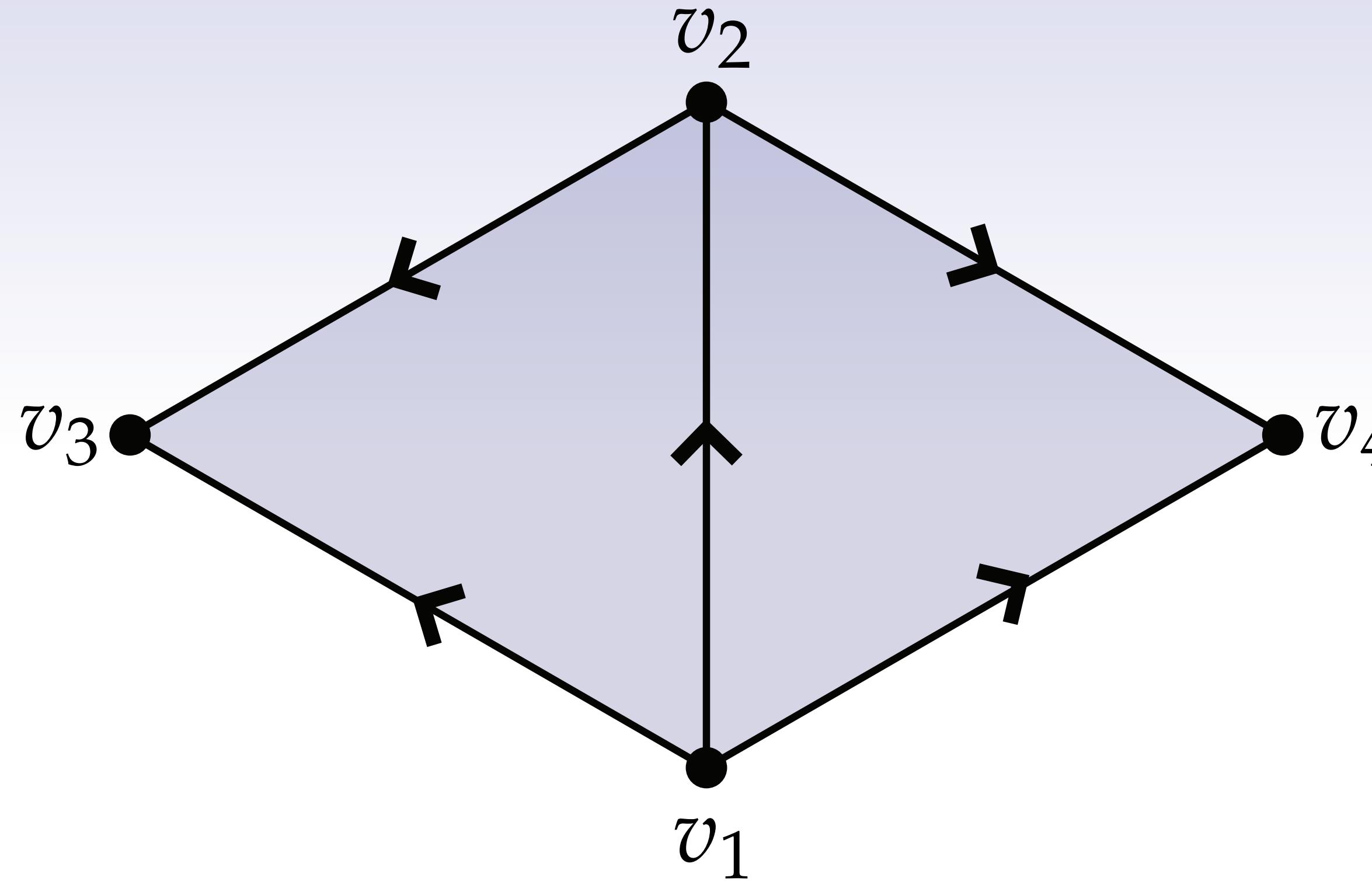


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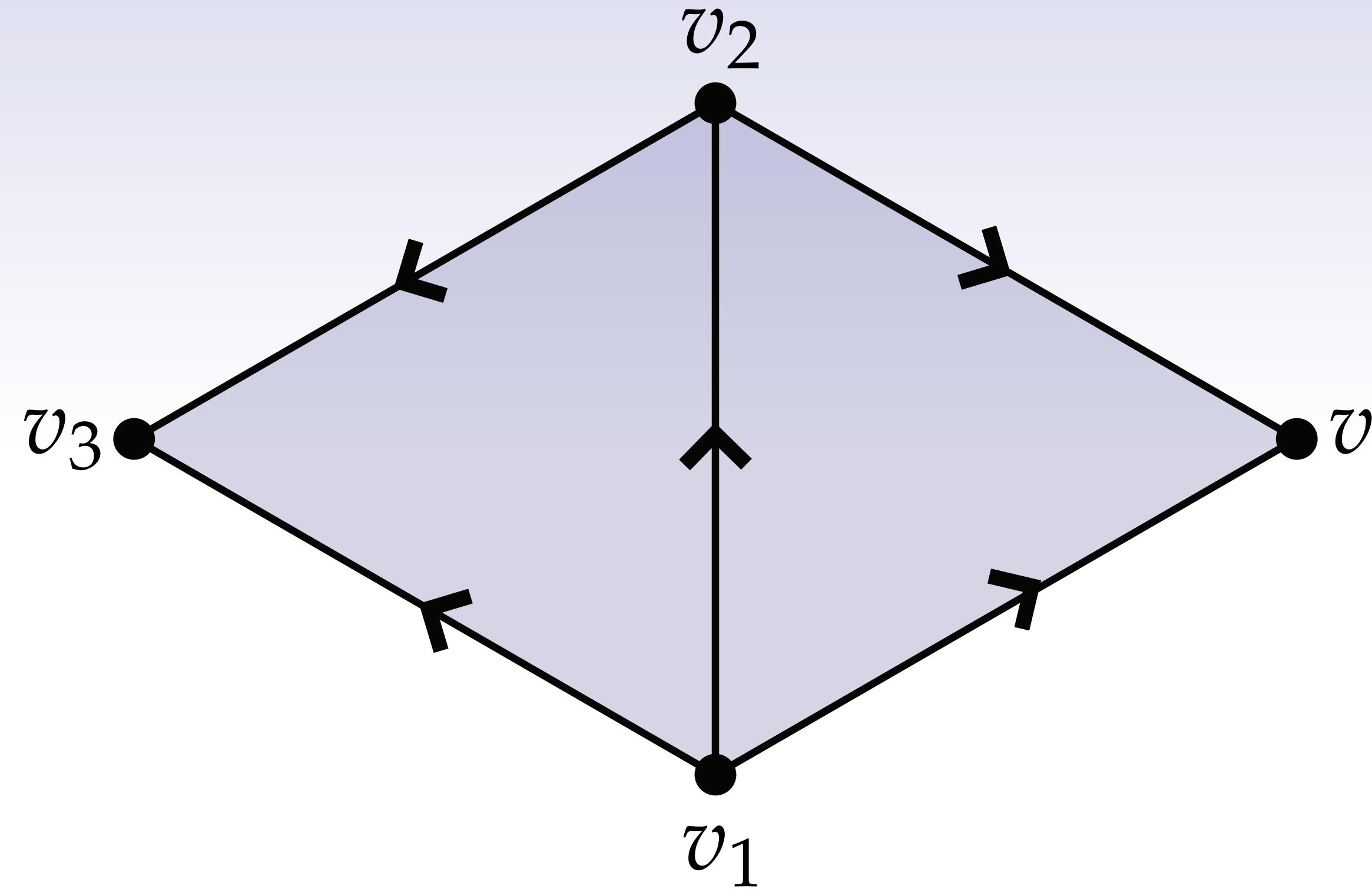
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Discrete exterior derivative for 0-forms

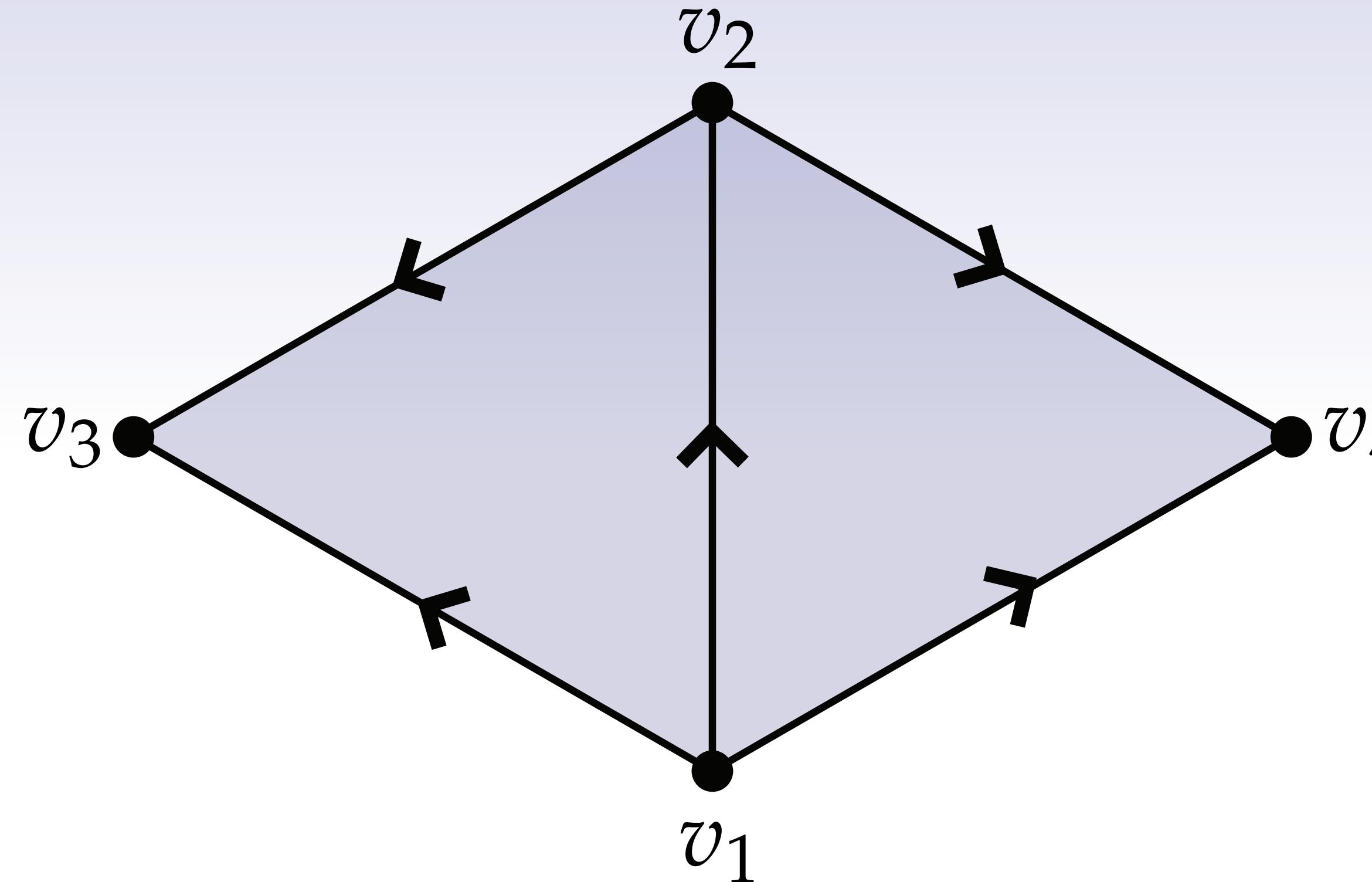


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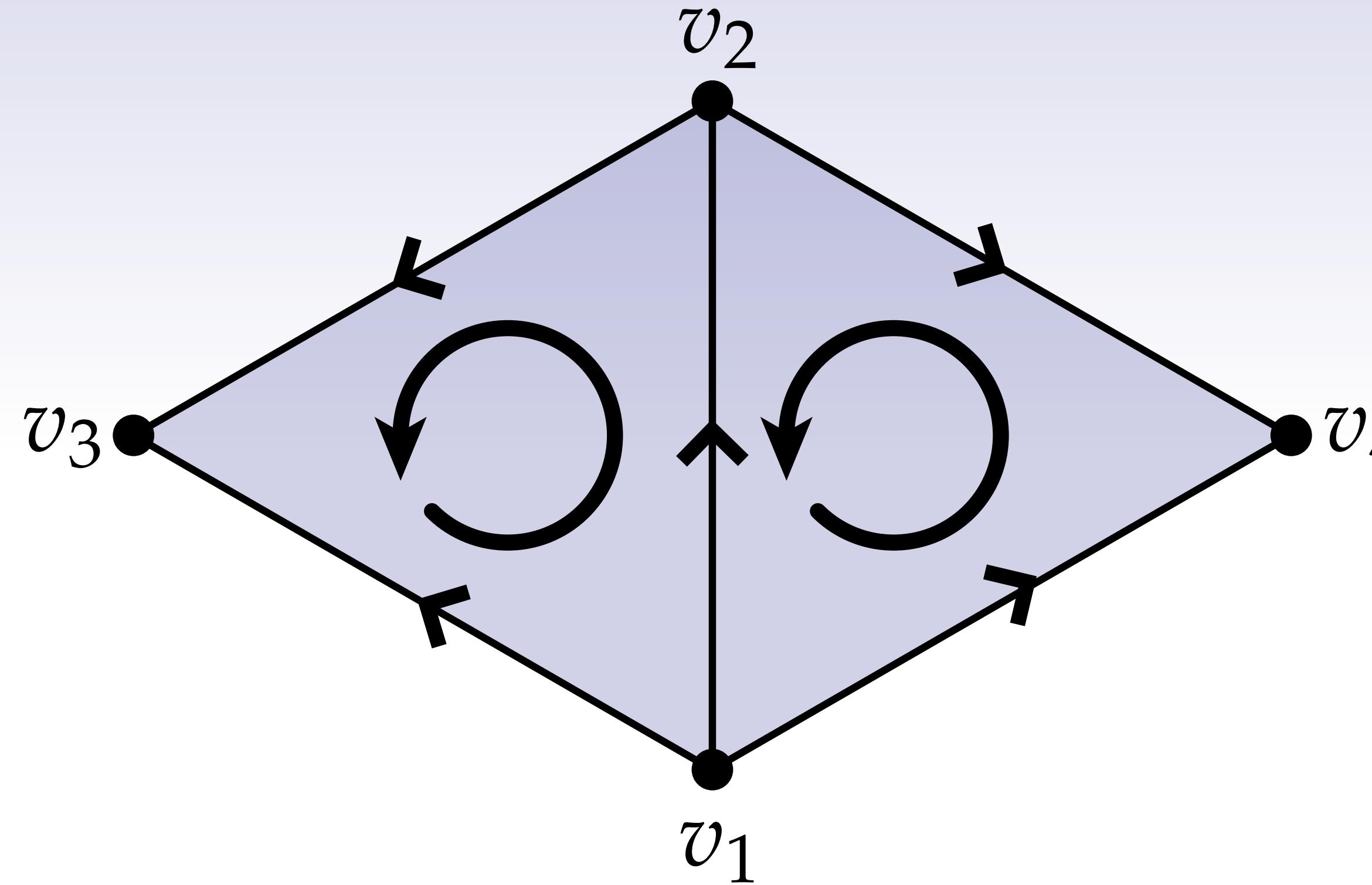
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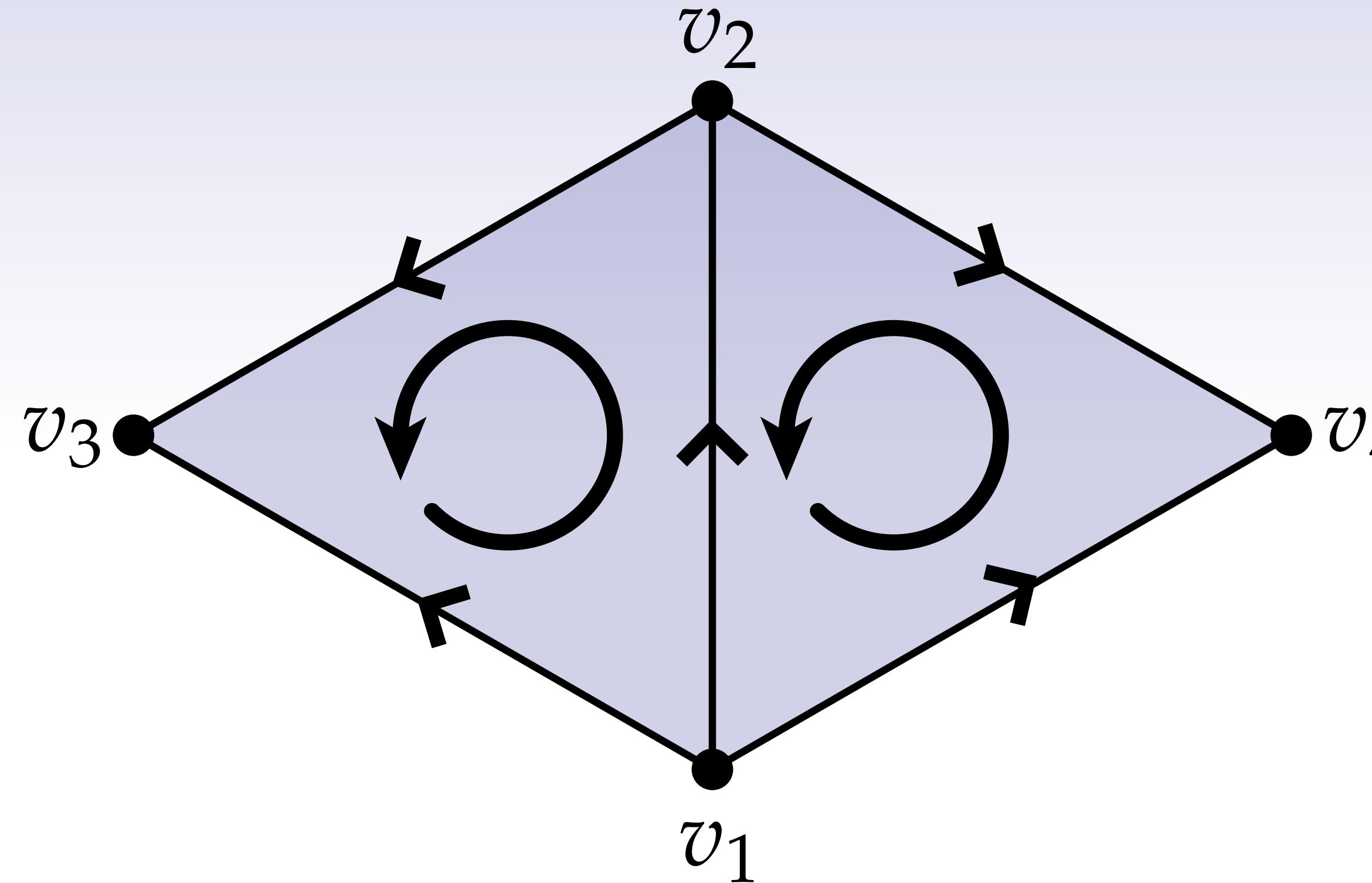
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```
SparseMatrix<Type> d0(#Edges, #Vertices);  
foreach edge eij:  
    d0(eij, vi) = (i < j)? -1 : -1;  
    d0(eij, vj) = (i < j)? +1 : -1;
```

Discrete exterior derivative for 1-forms

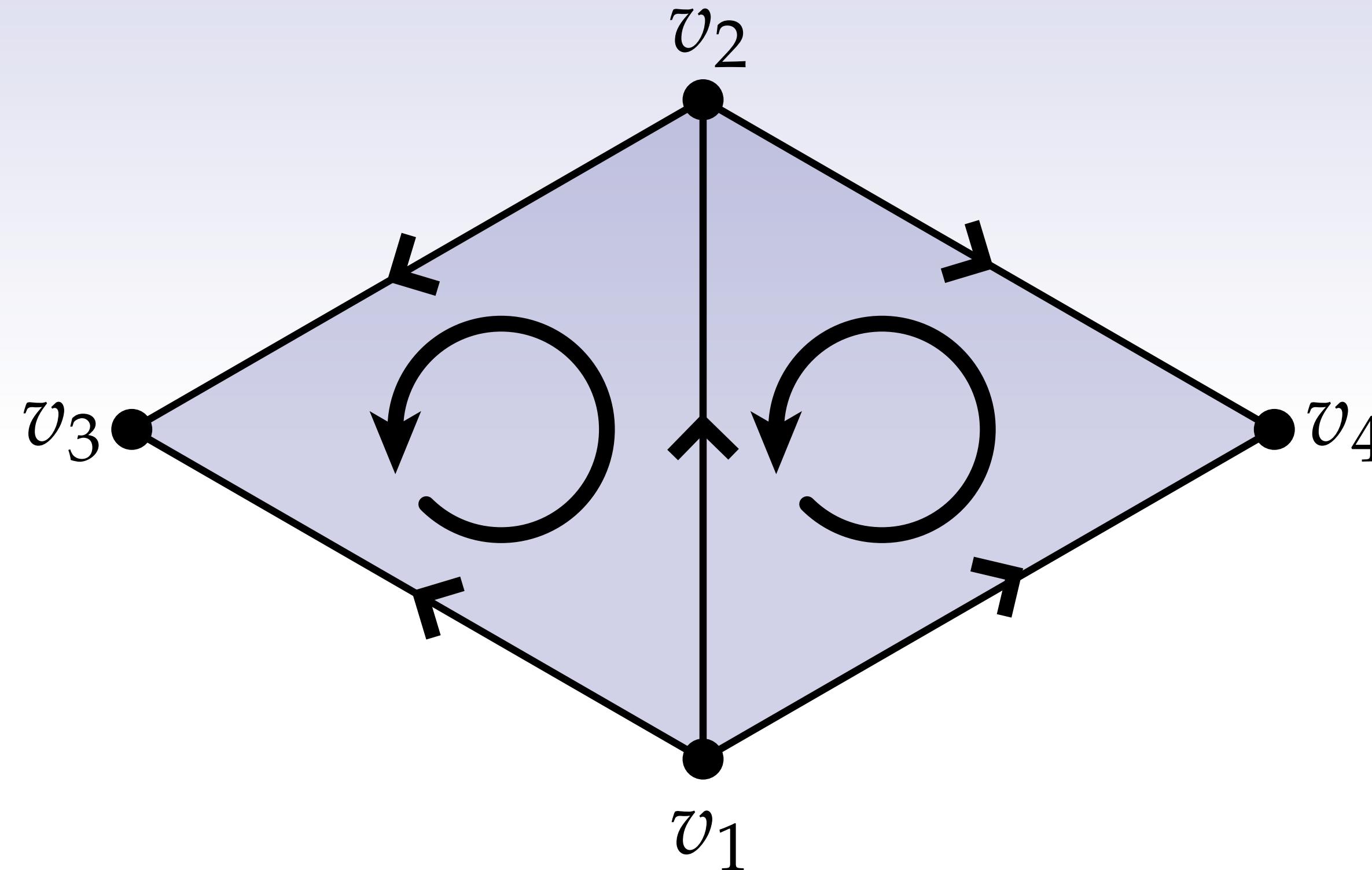


Discrete exterior derivative for 1-forms



$$\begin{matrix} f_{123} [& e_{12} & e_{23} & e_{13} & e_{14} & e_{24} \\ f_{214} [& +1 & +1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ & -1 & 0 & 0 & +1 & -1 \end{matrix }]$$

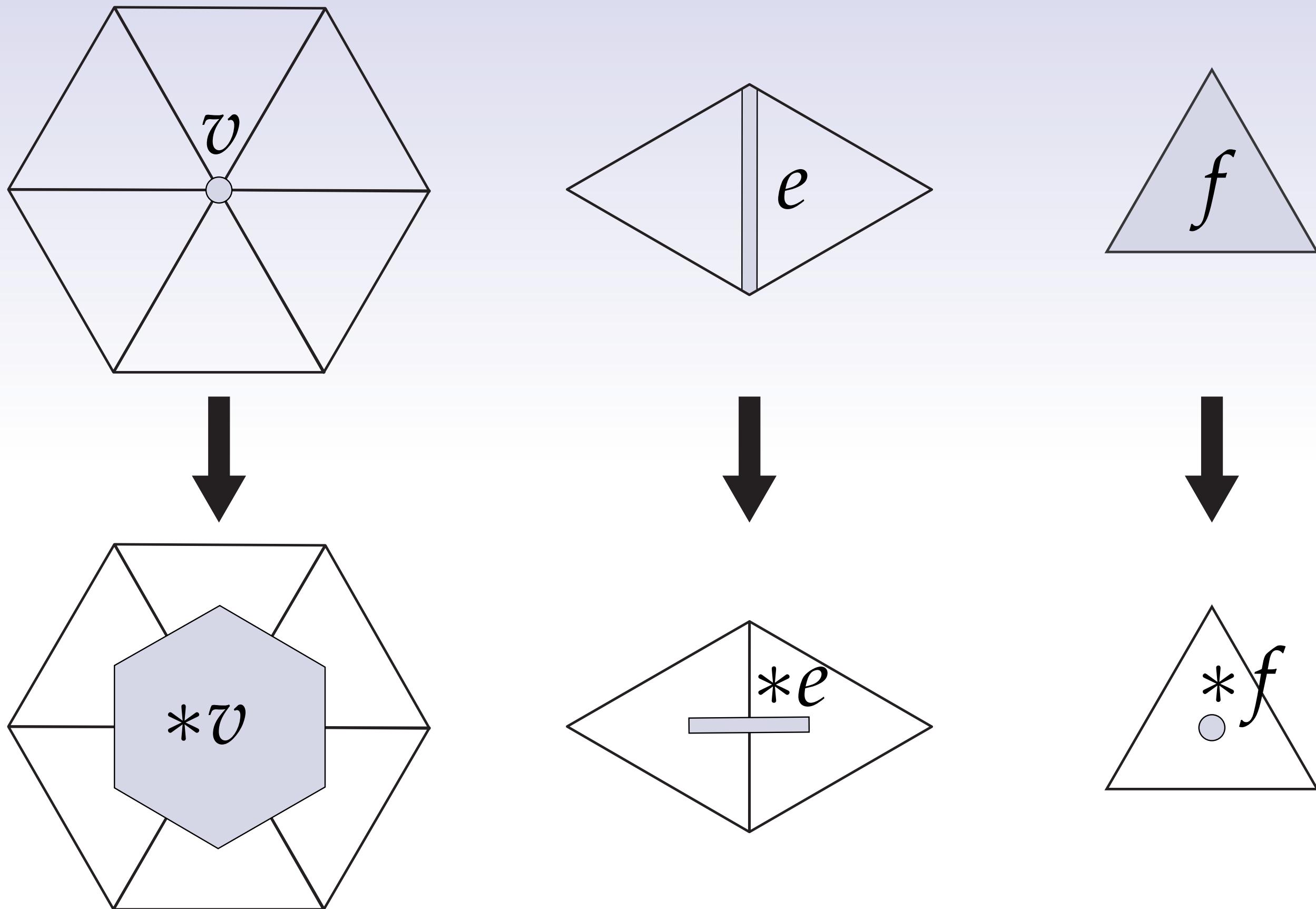
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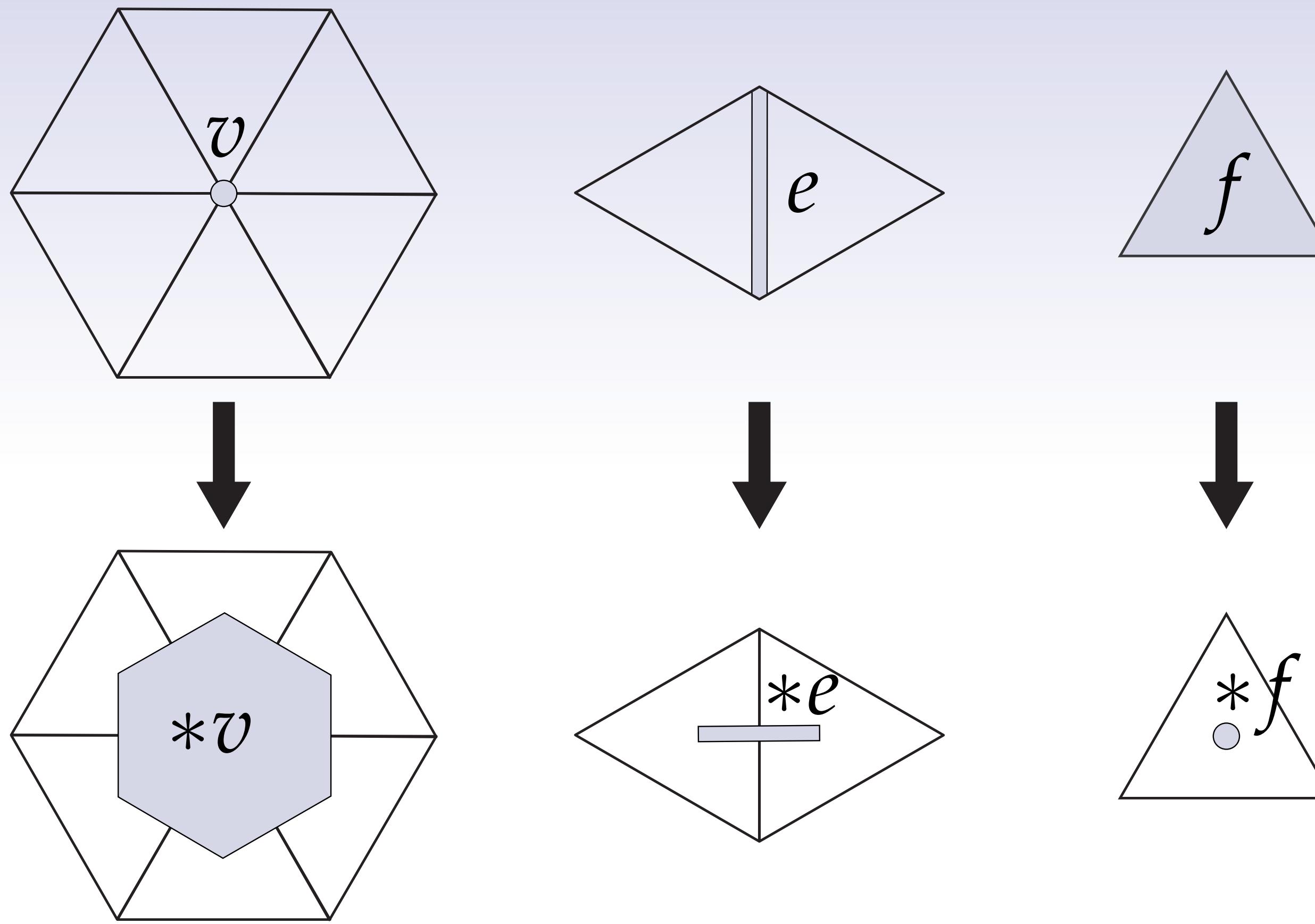
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```
SparseMatrix<Type> d1(#Faces,#Edges);  
foreach face fijk:  
    d1(fijk, eij) = (i < j)? +1 : -1;  
    d1(fijk, ejk) = (j < k)? +1 : -1;  
    d1(fijk, eki) = (k < i)? +1 : -1;
```

Discrete Hodge-star



Discrete Hodge-star



```
SparseMatrix<Type> star0;
```

```
foreach vertex v:
```

```
    star0(v,v) = area(v);
```

```
SparseMatrix<Type> star1;
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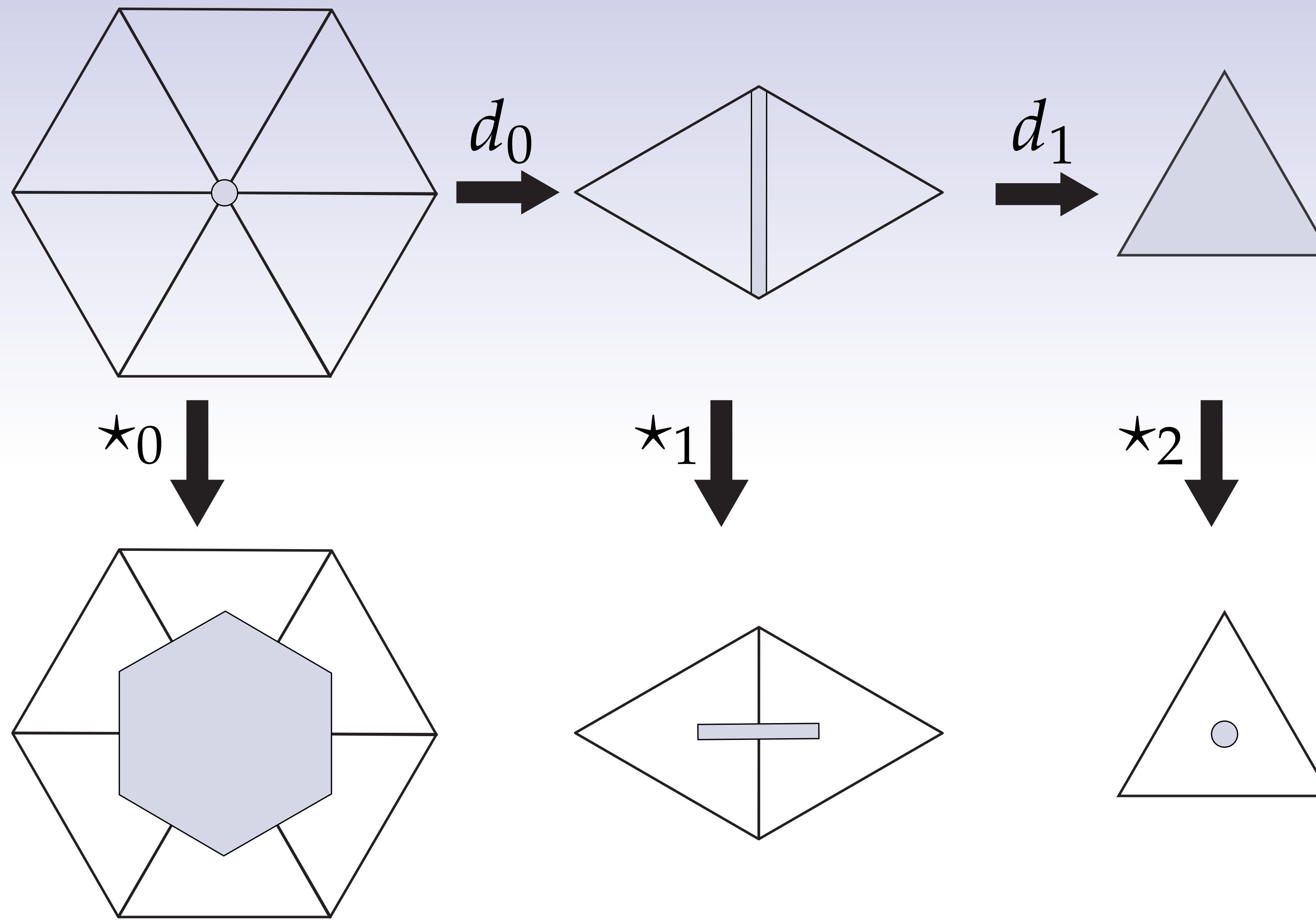
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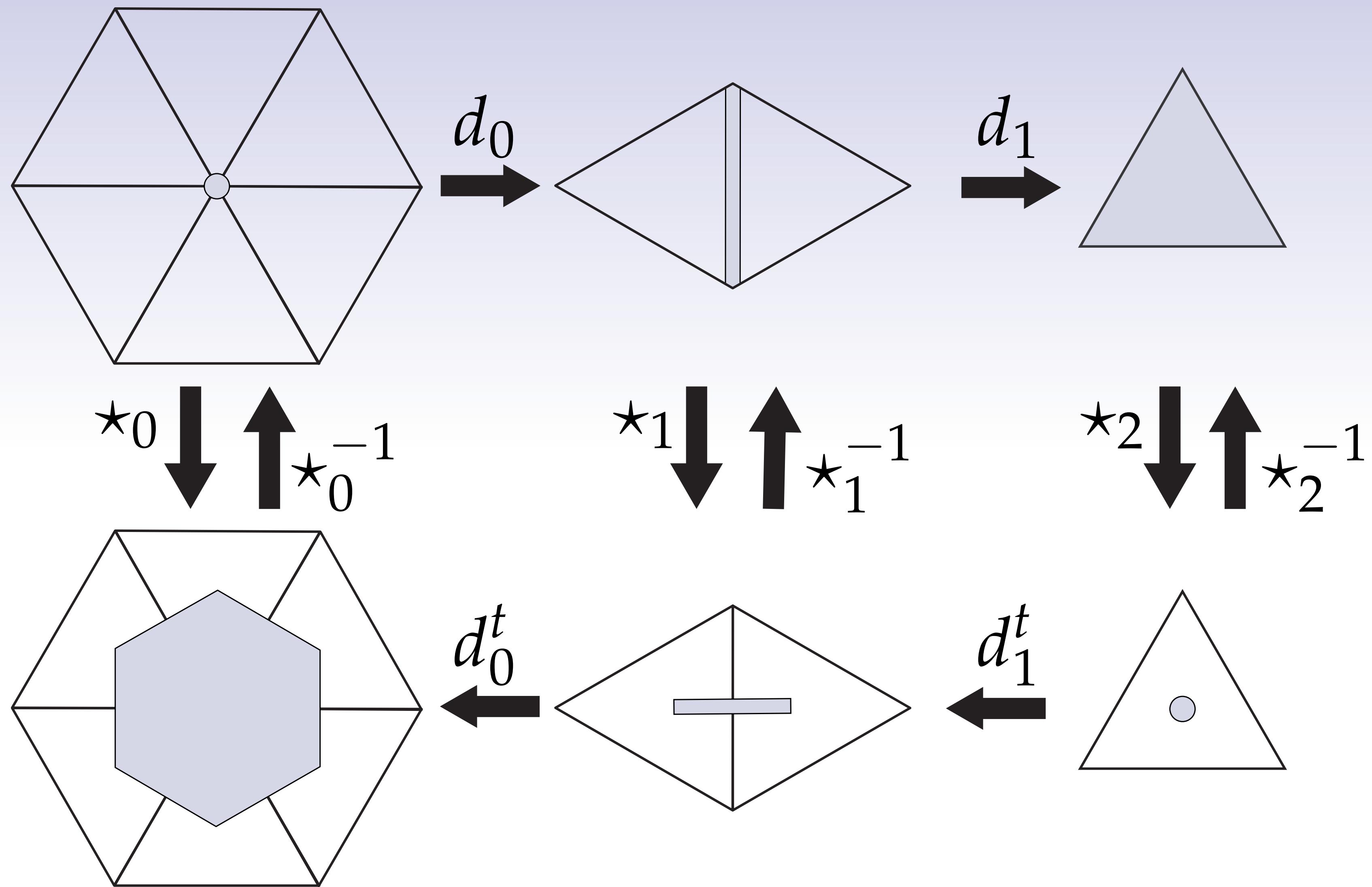
```
    star1(e,e) = len(*e) / len(e)
```

```
SparseMatrix<Type> star2;
```

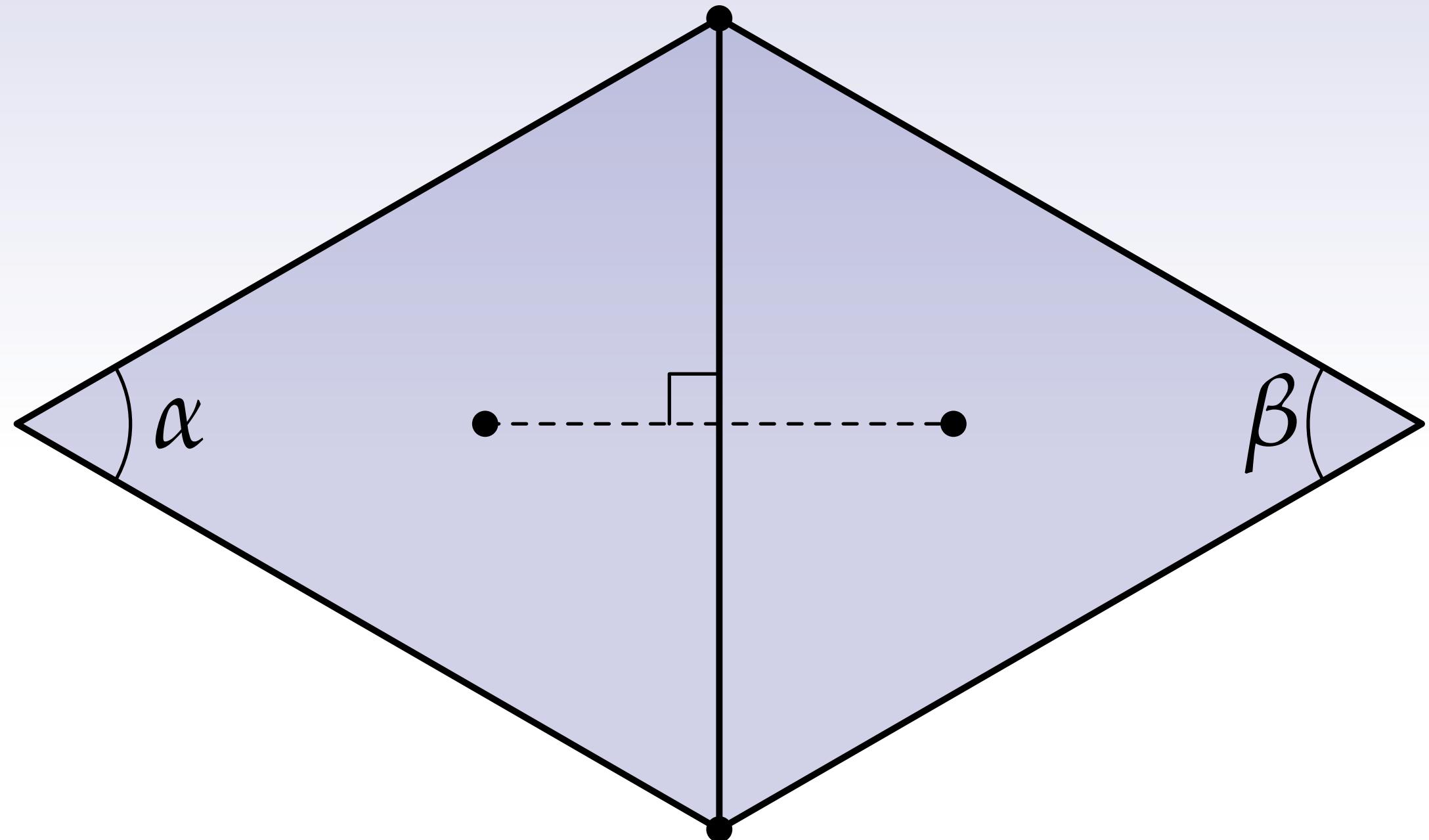
```
foreach face f:
```

```
    star2(f,f) = 1 / area(f);
```





Circumcentric dual



$$\star_e = \frac{l_{*e}}{l_e} = \frac{1}{2} (\cot \alpha + \cot \beta)$$

```
SparseMatrix<Type> star1;  
foreach edge e:  
    star1(e,e) = 0.5*(cot(alpha) + cot(beta));
```

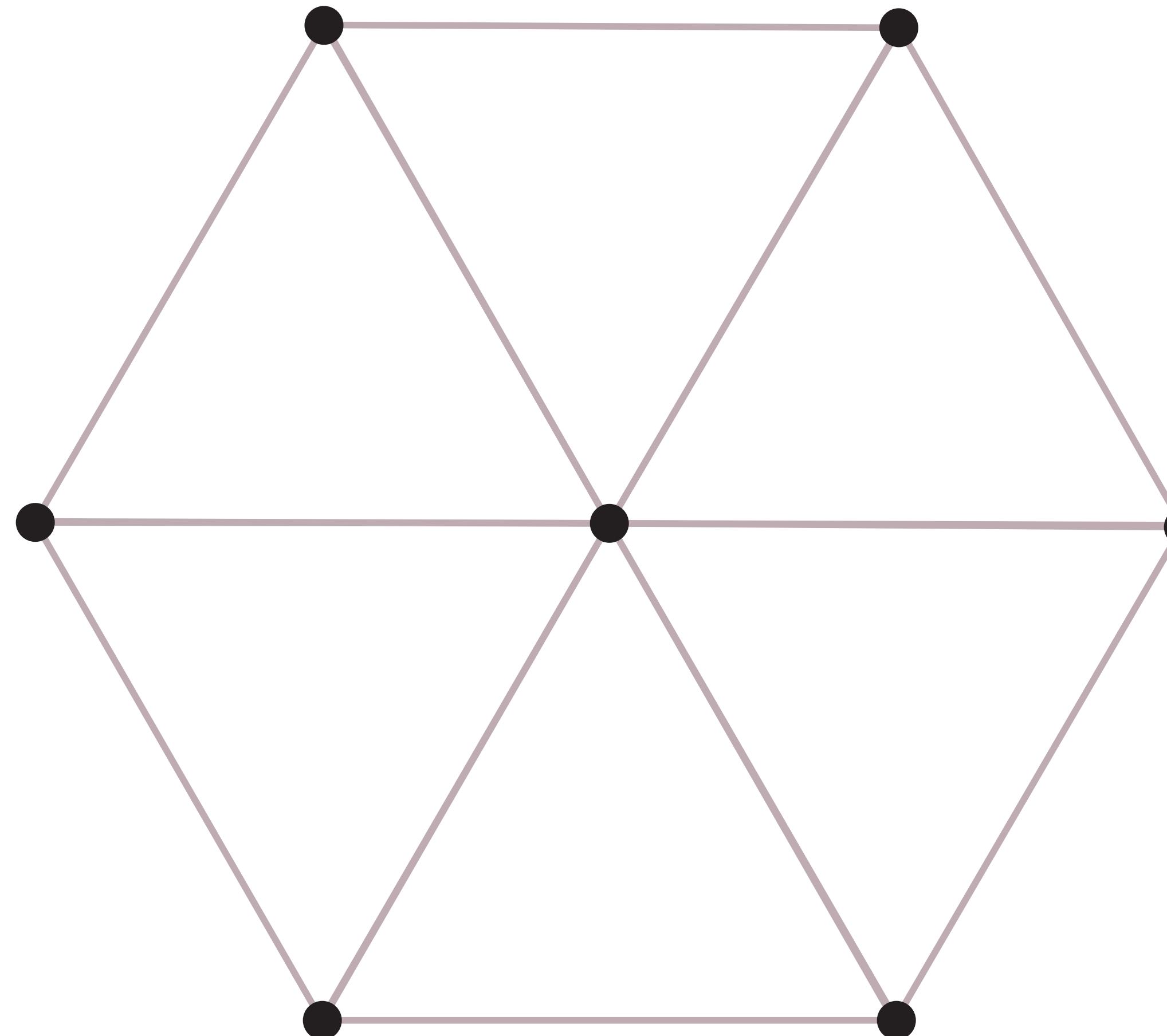
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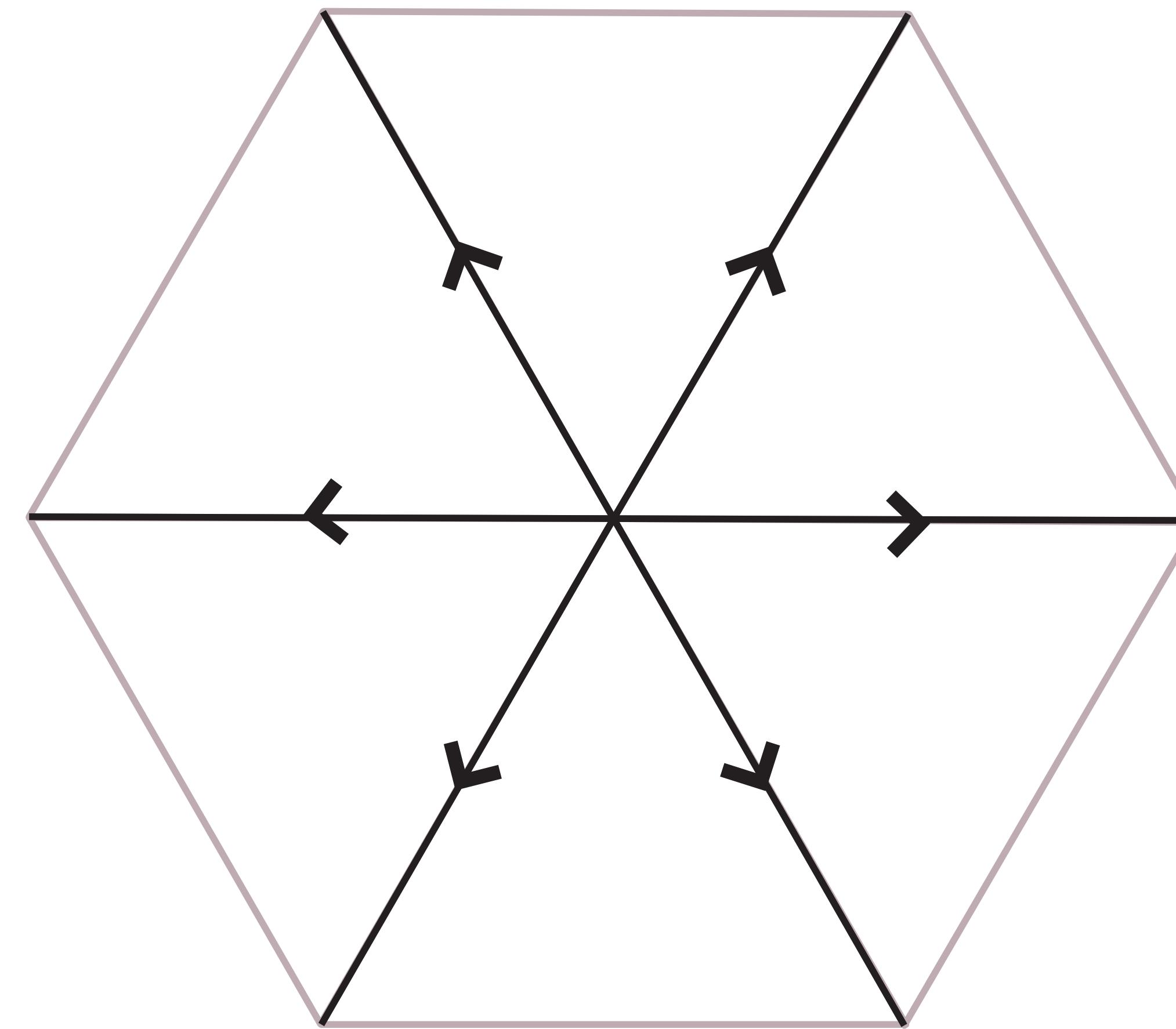
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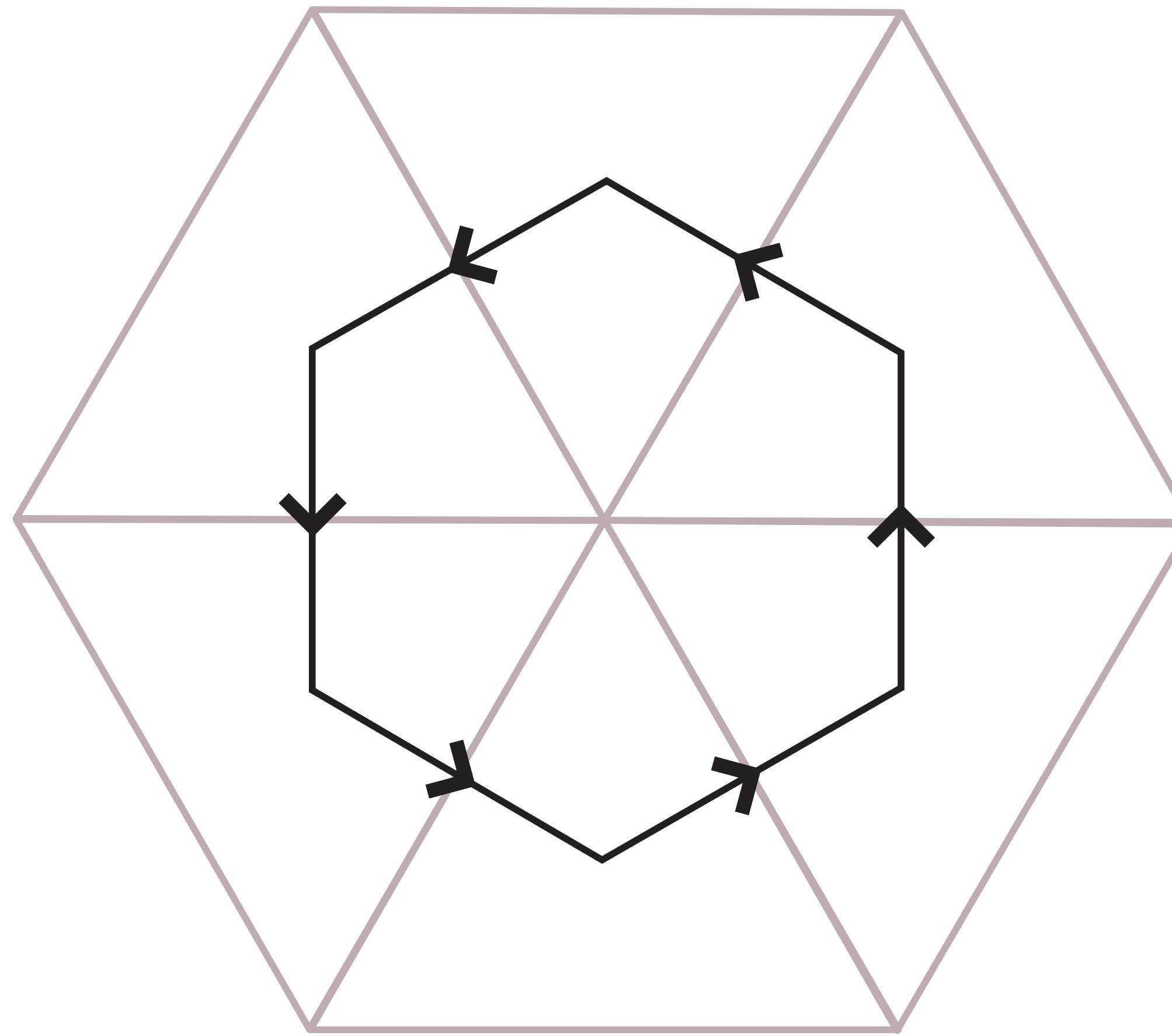
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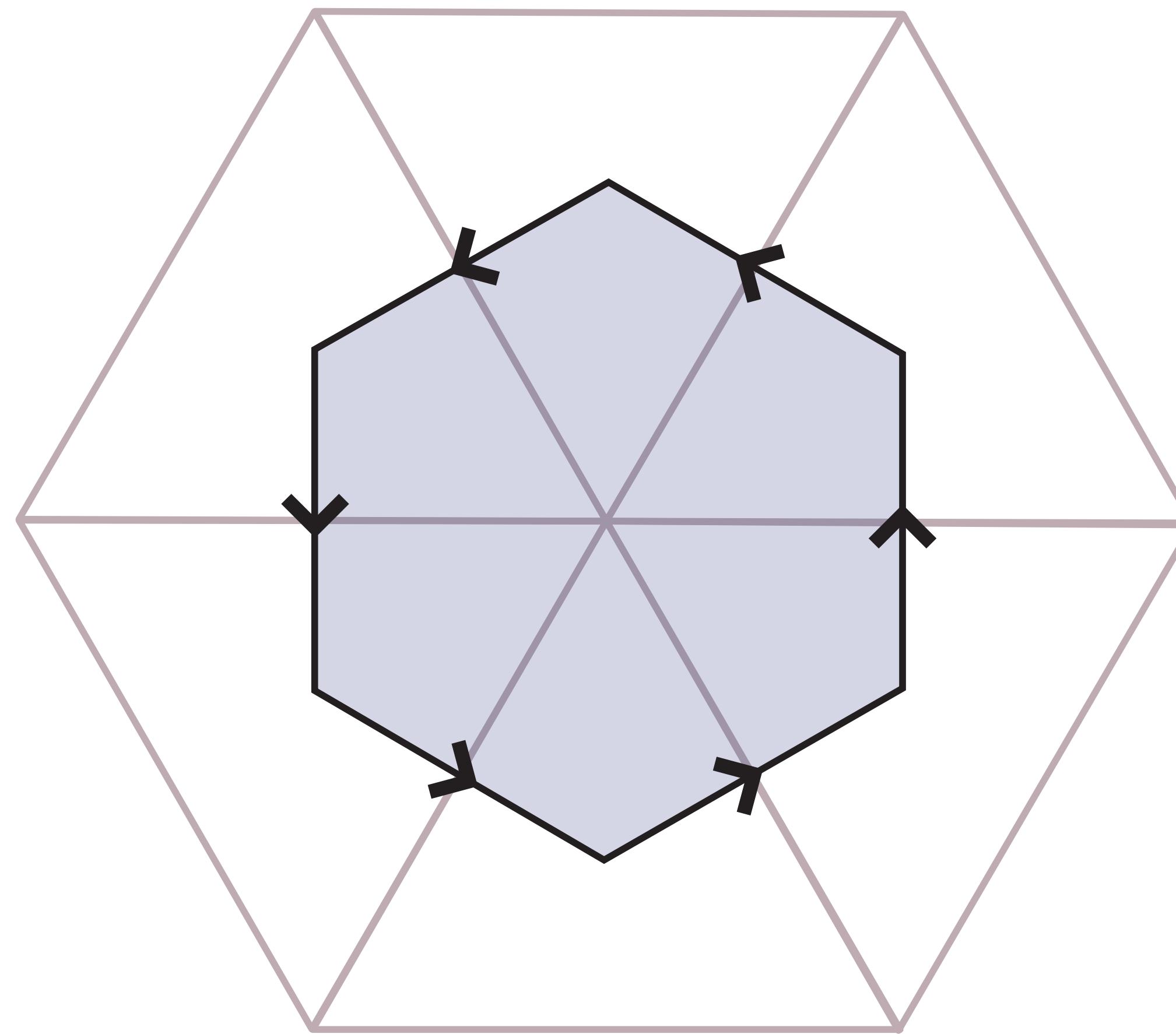
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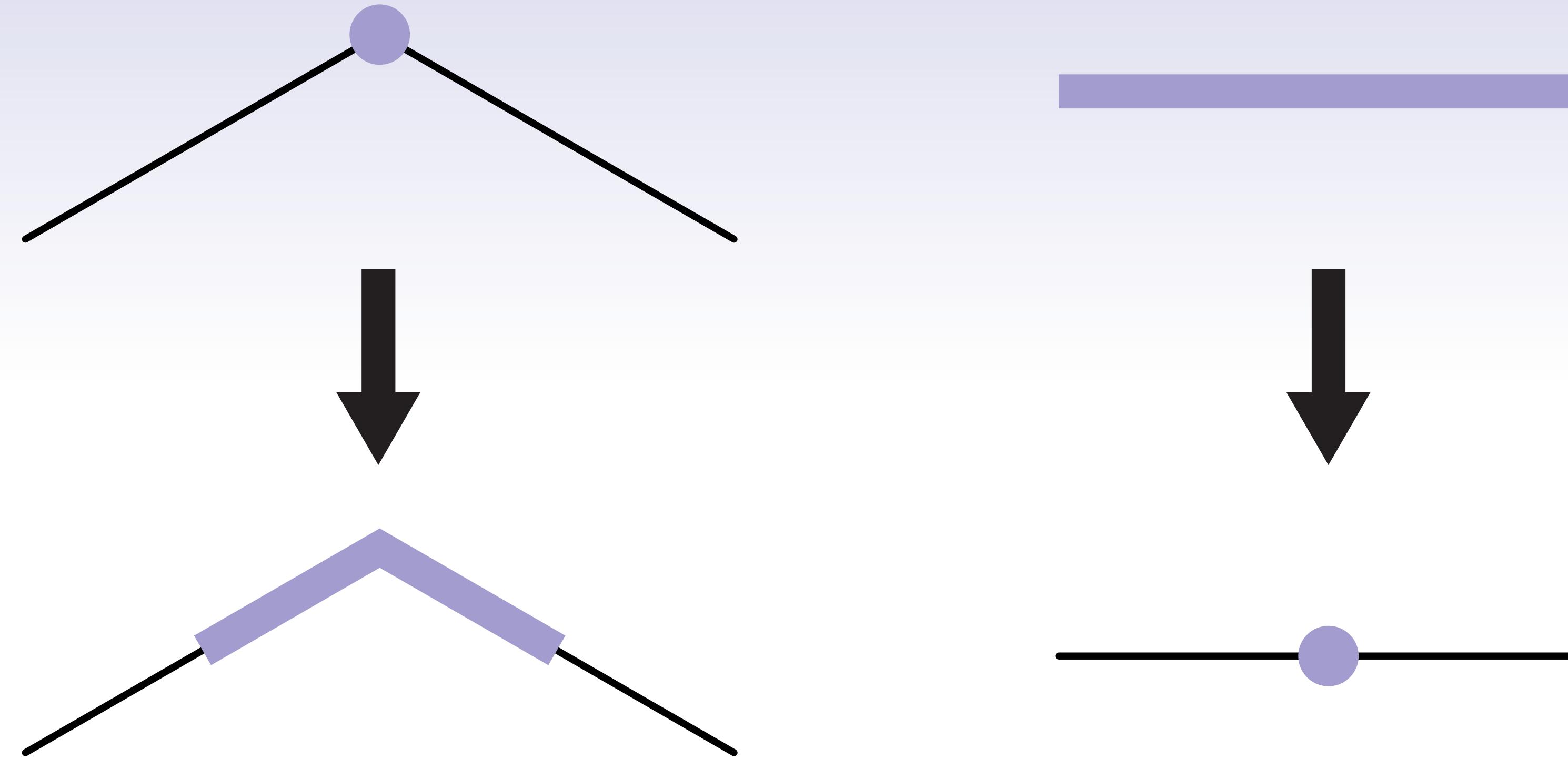


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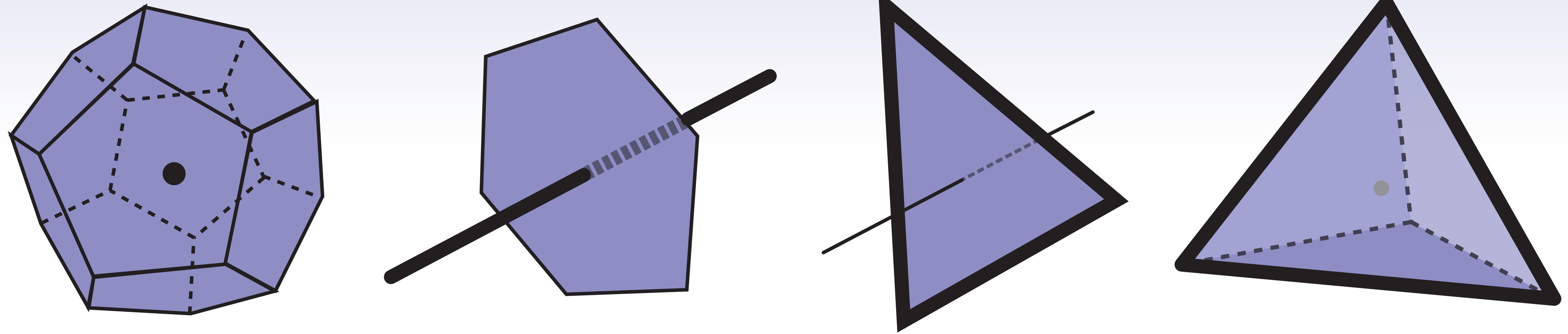
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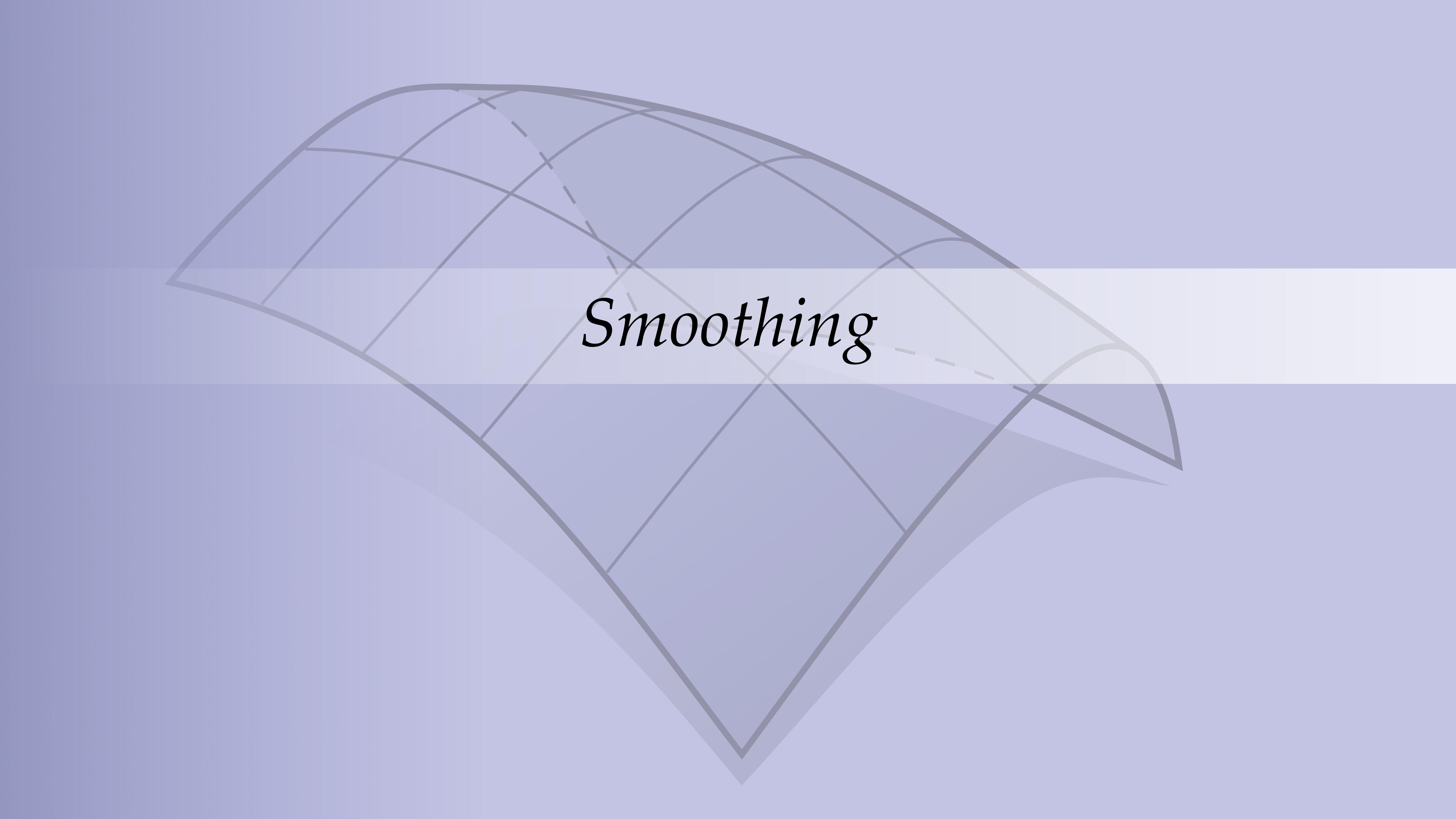


DEC on polygonal curves



DEC on tetrahedral meshes

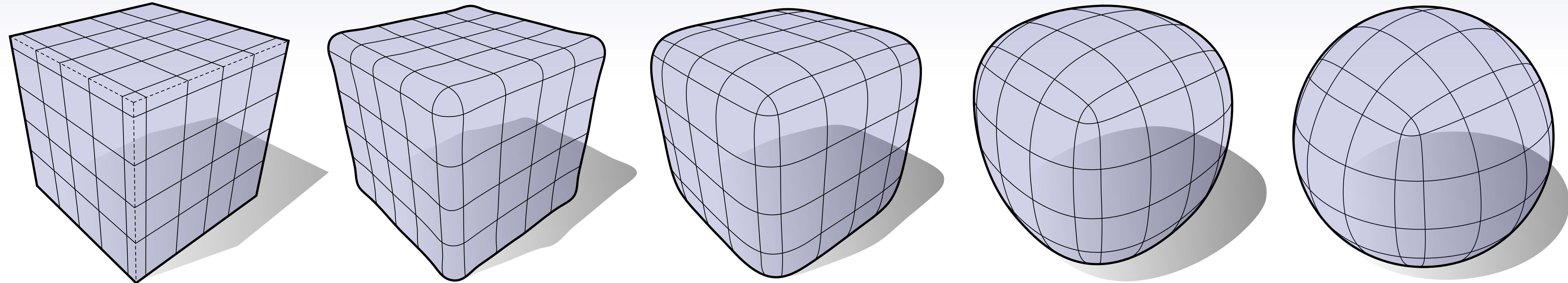




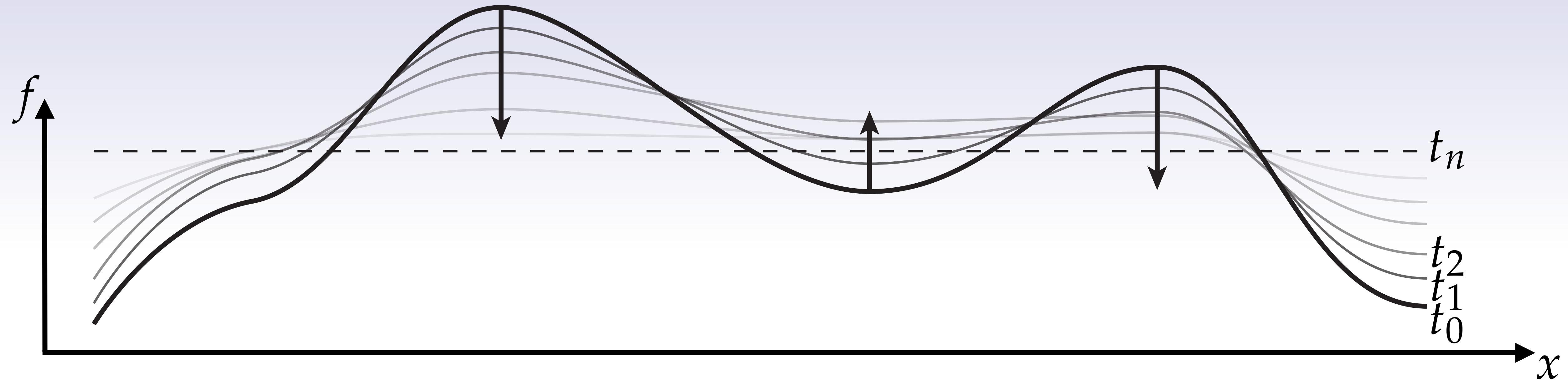
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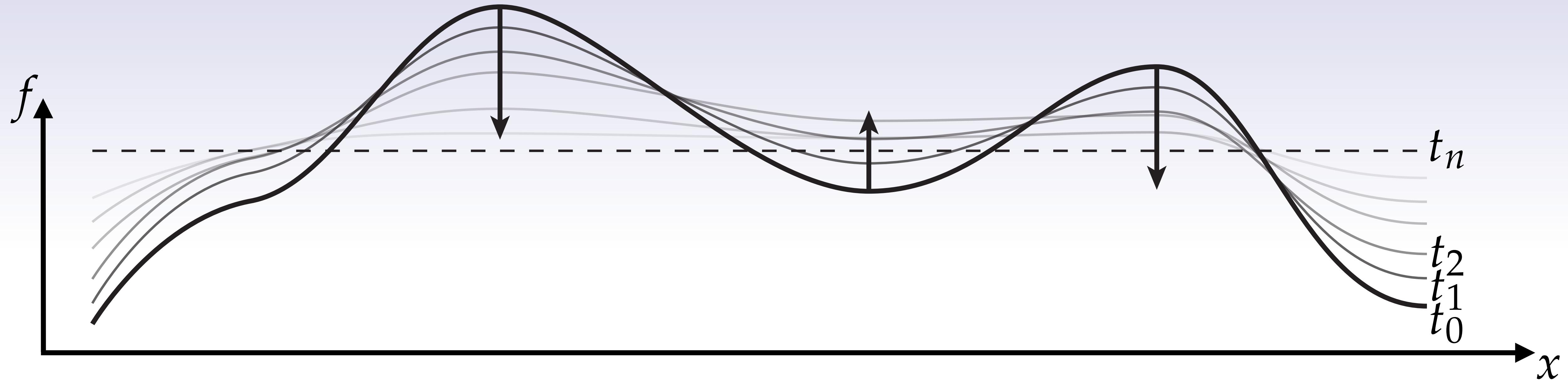
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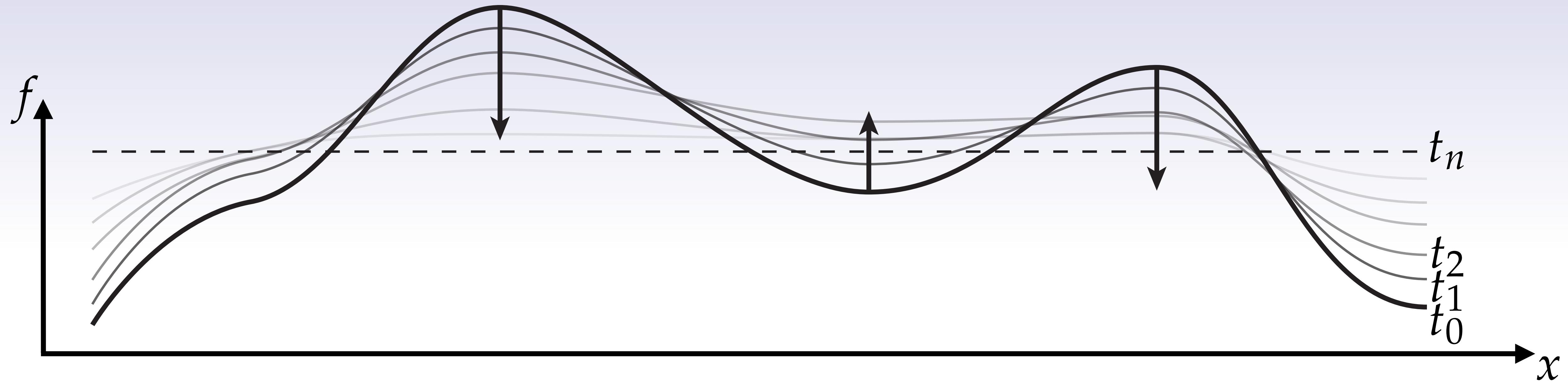


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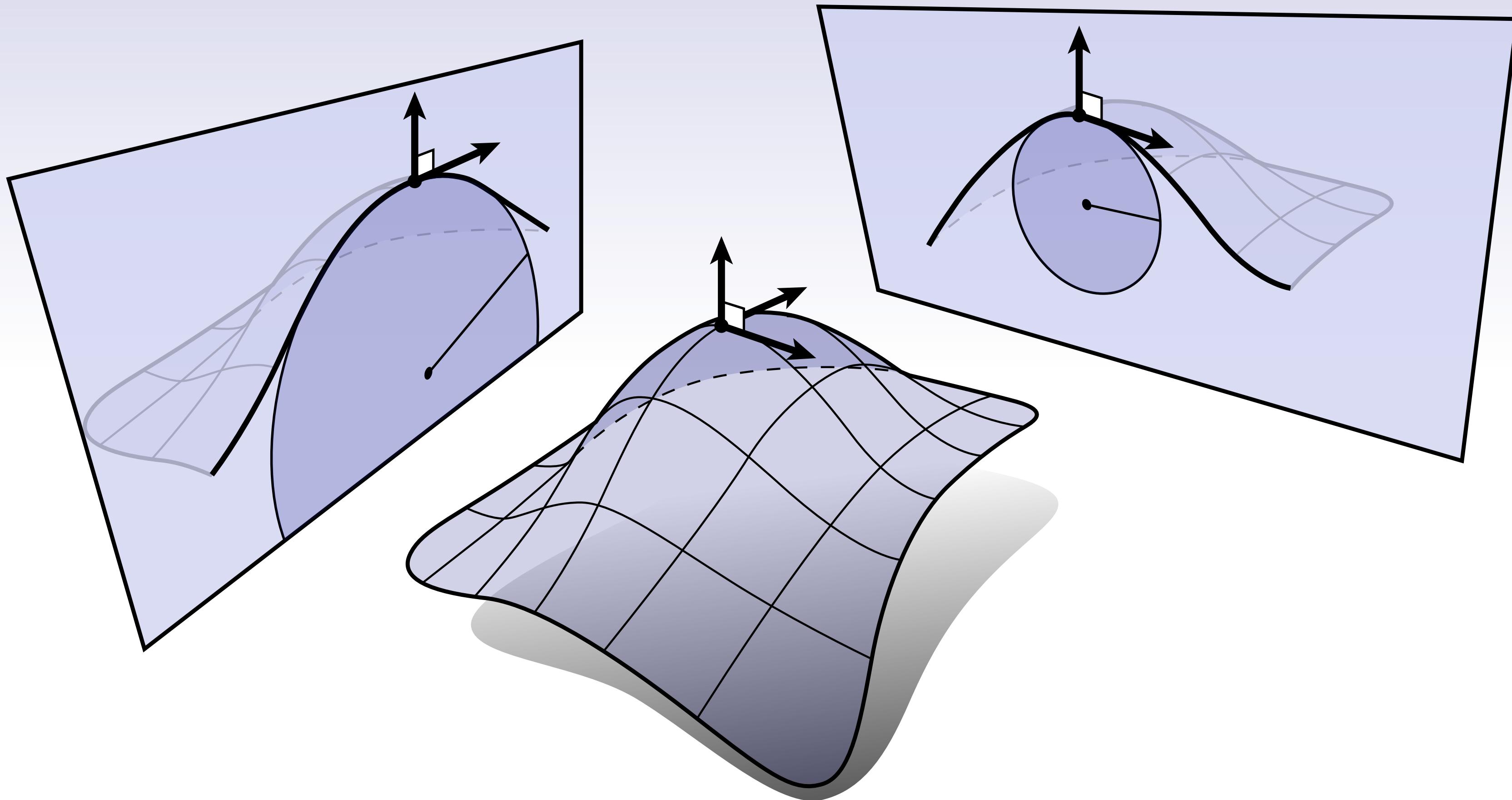
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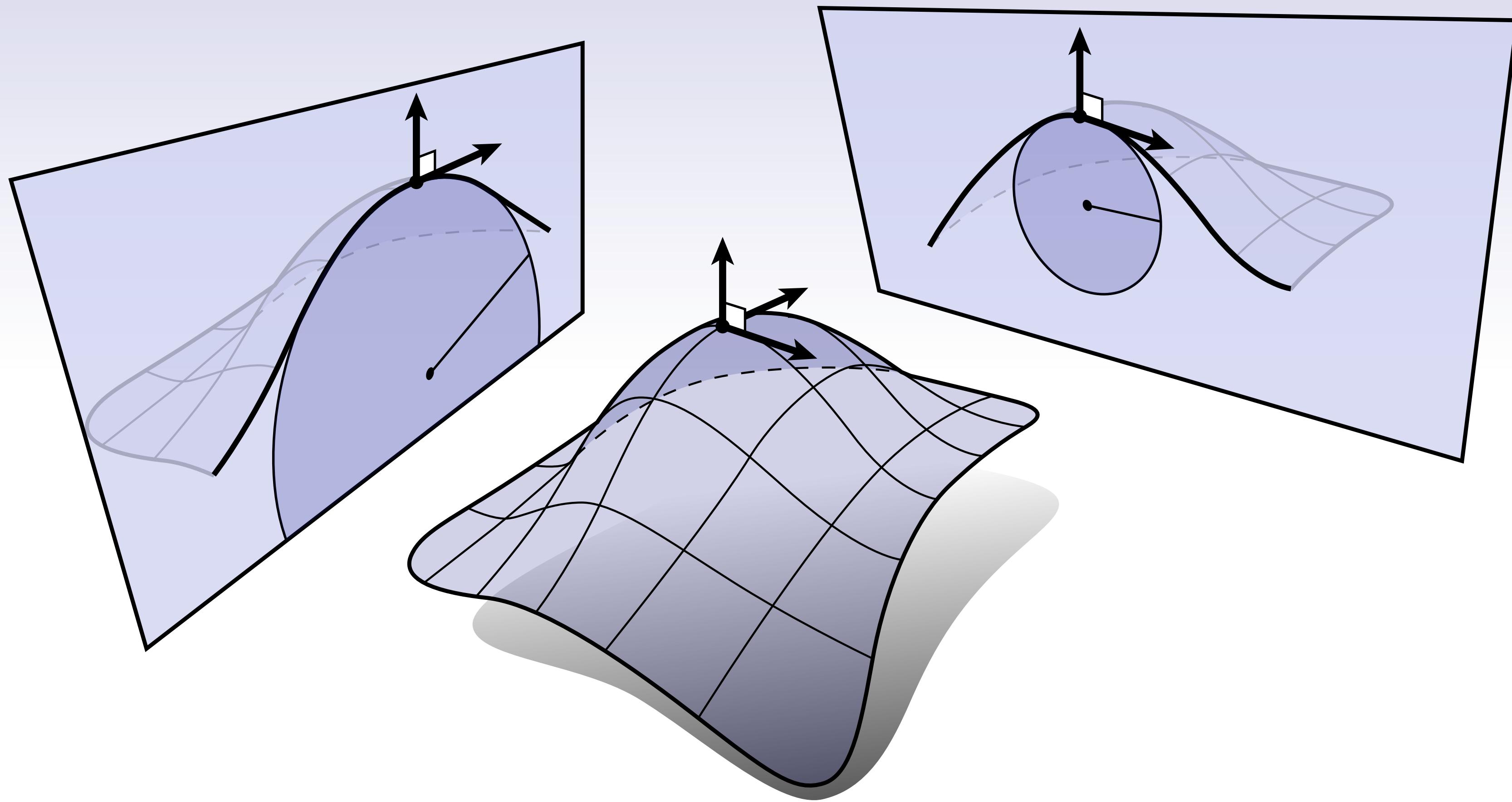
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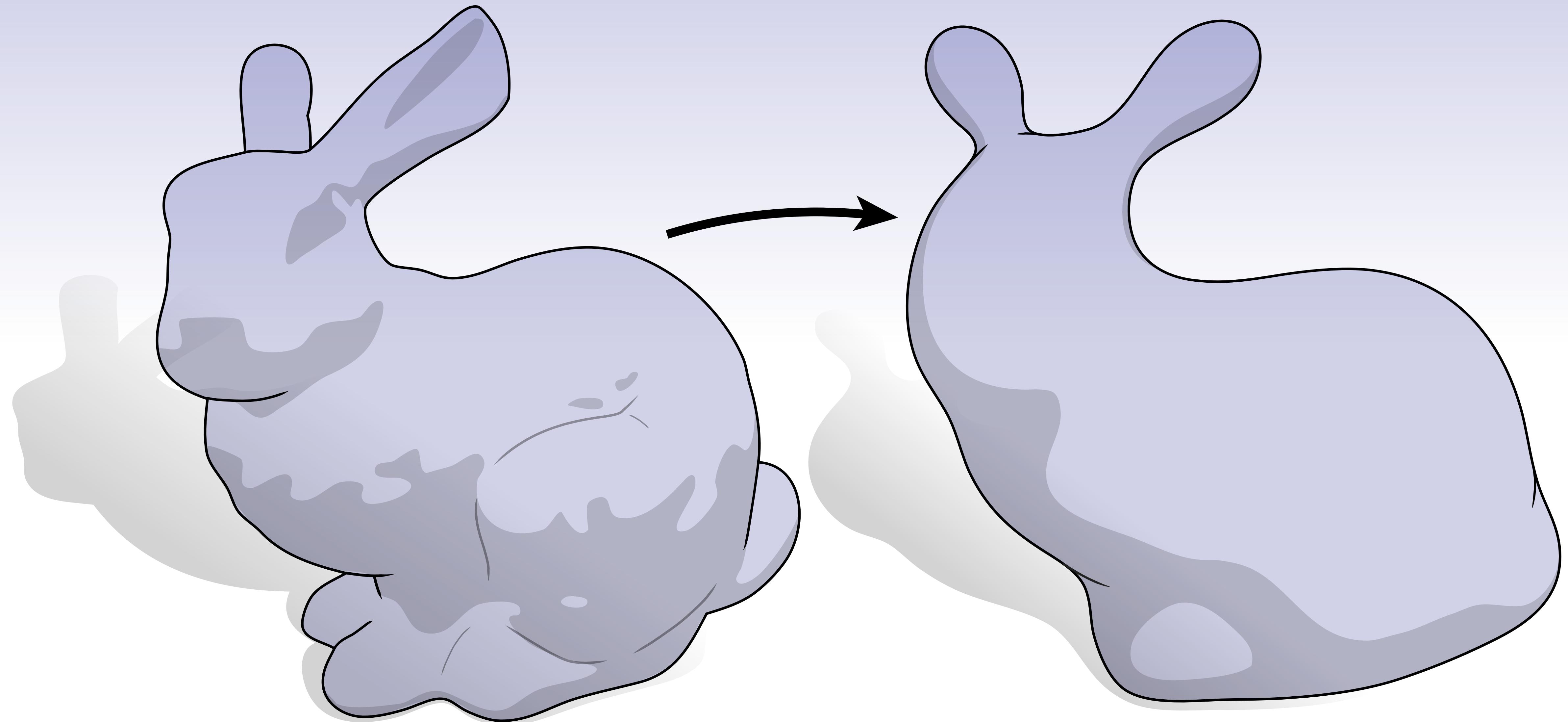
```
// current points
DenseMatrix<Real> x0;
getPositions(mesh, x0);

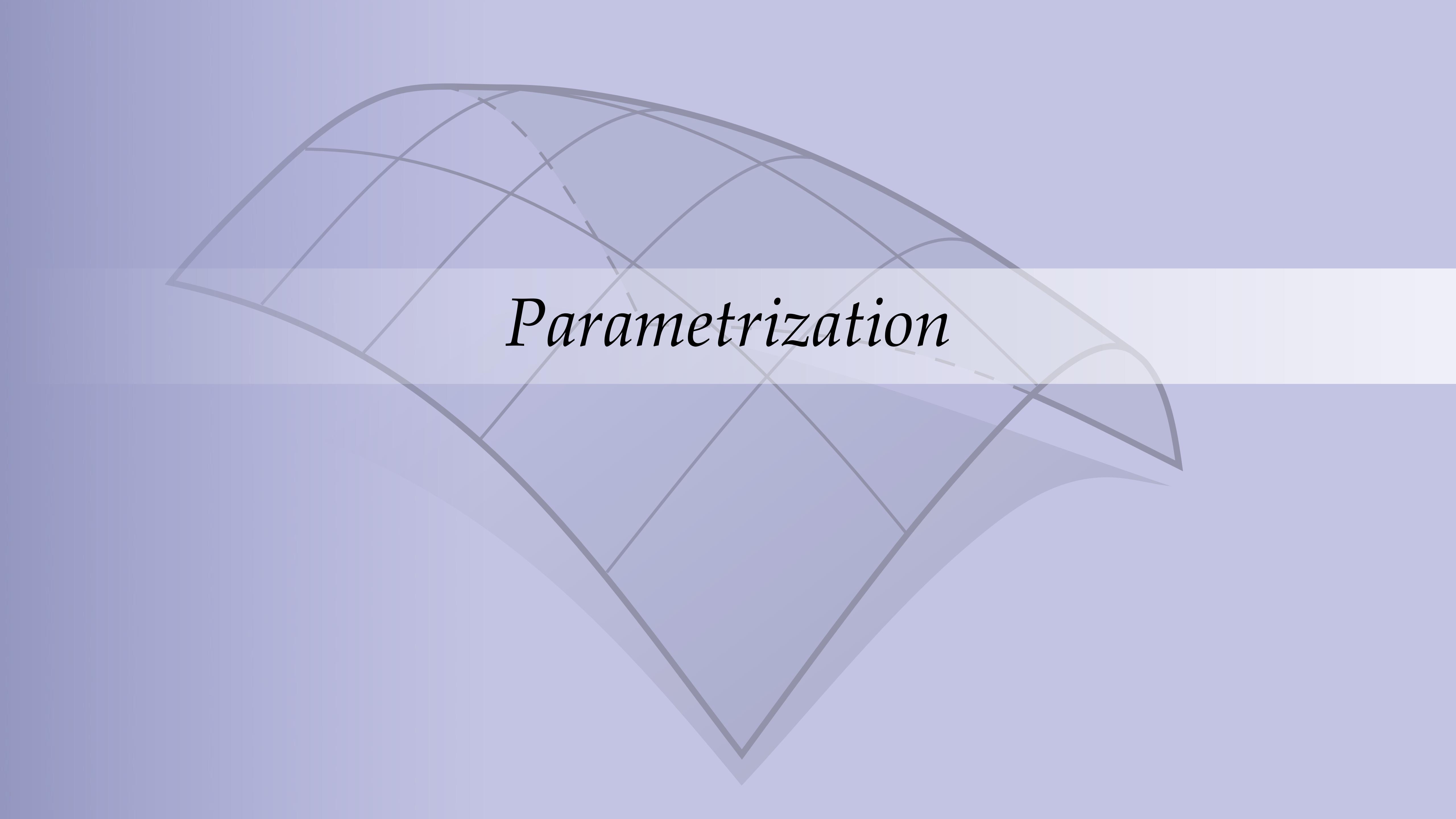
// build matrix
SparseMatrix<Real> L = d0^t * star1 * d0;
SparseMatrix<Real> A = star0 + h * L;

// linear system
DenseMatrix<Real> x0;
solve(A, x, star0 * x0);

// new points
setPositions(x, mesh);
```

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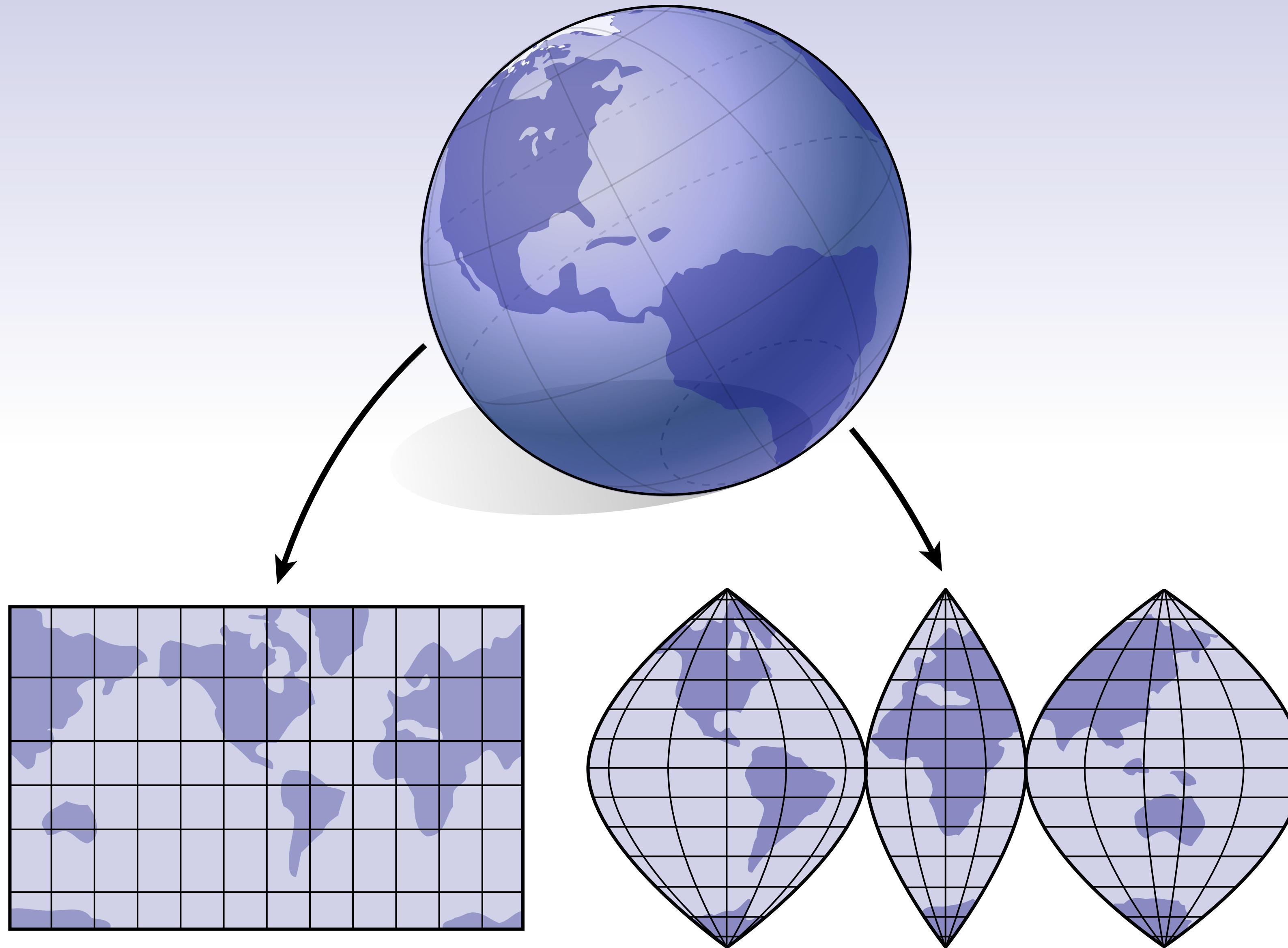




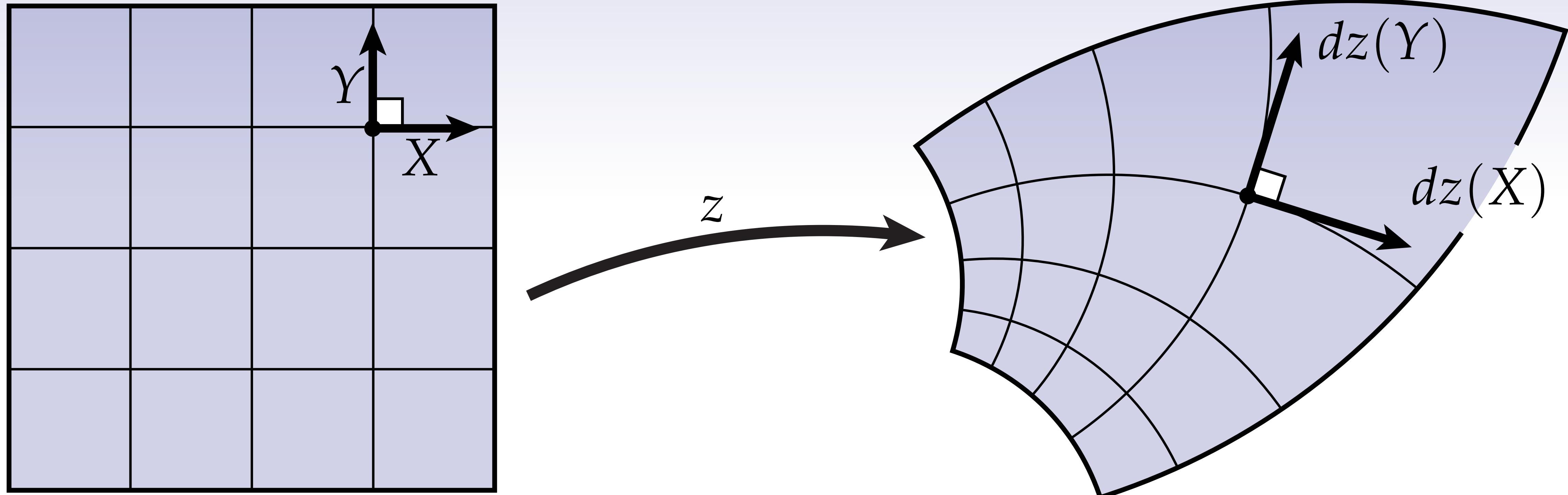
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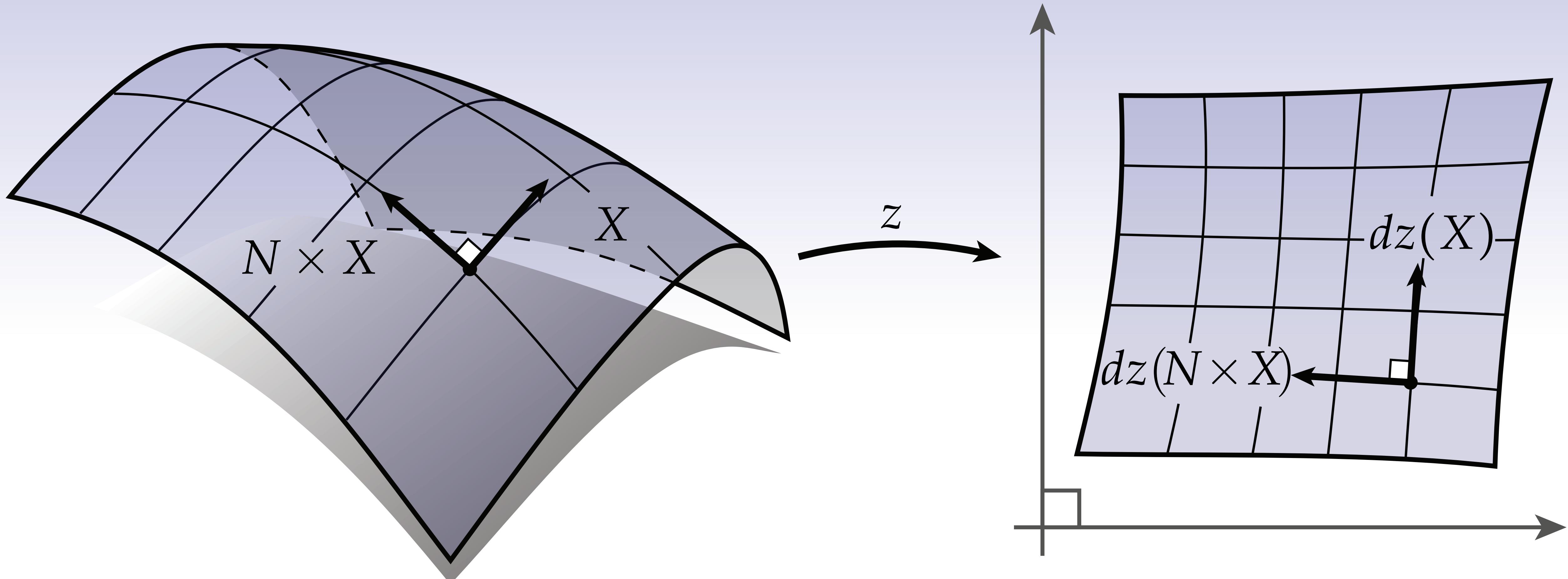
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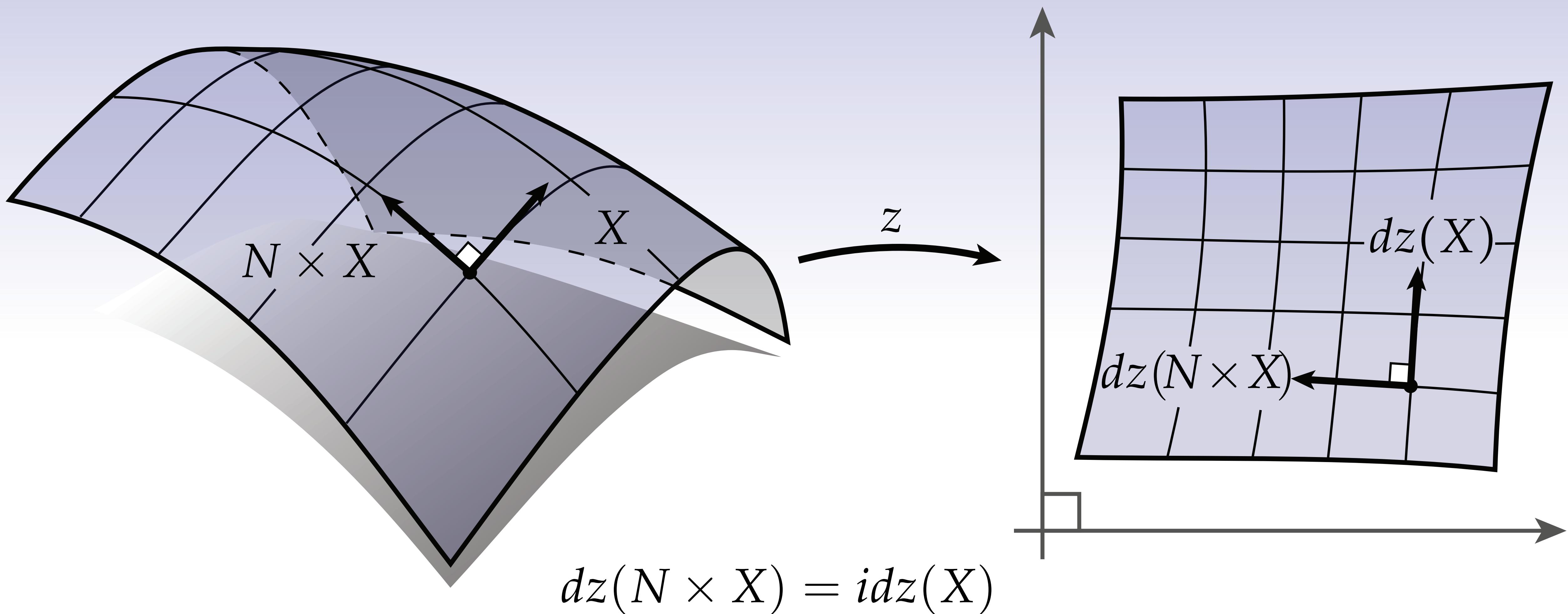
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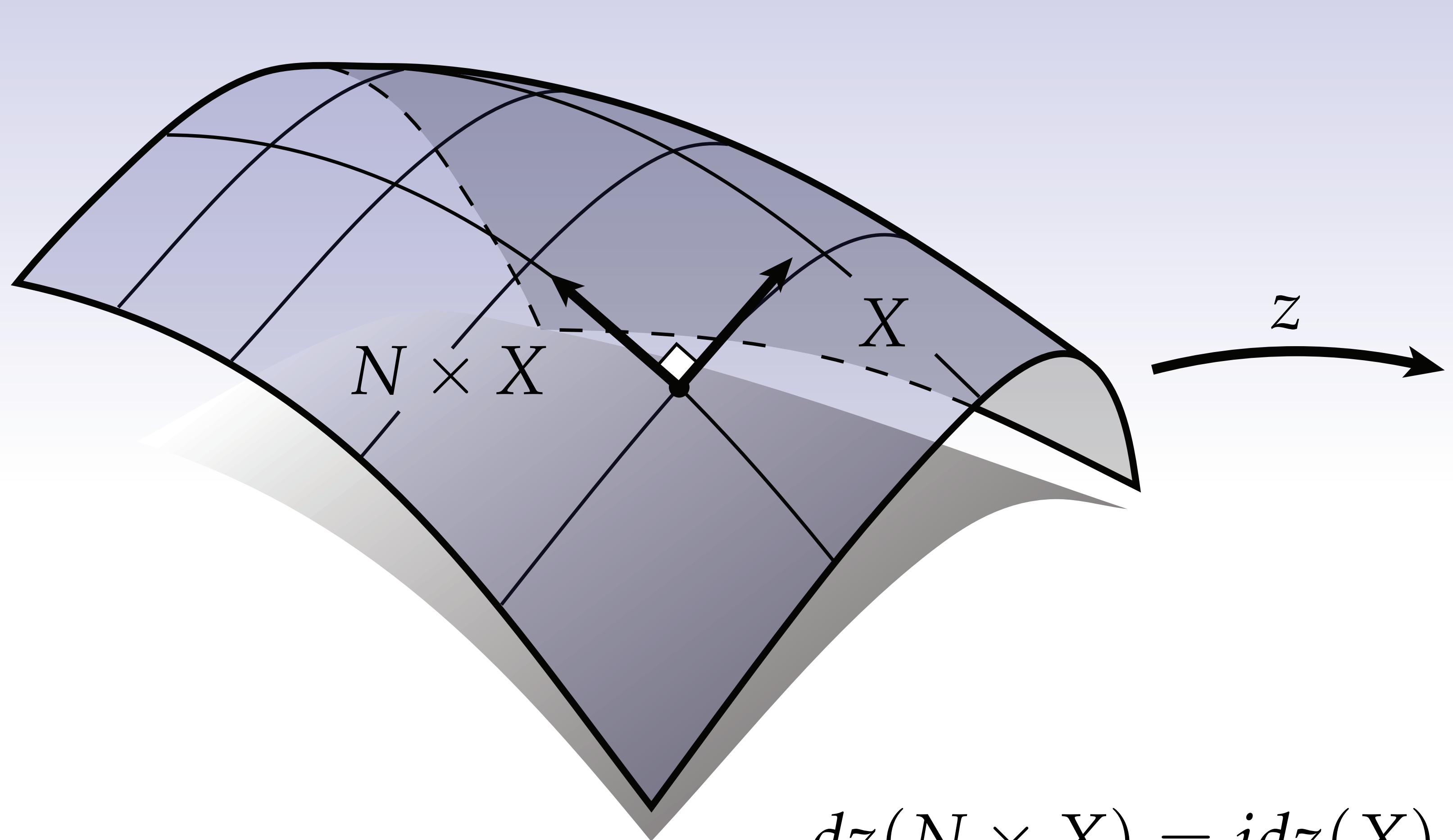
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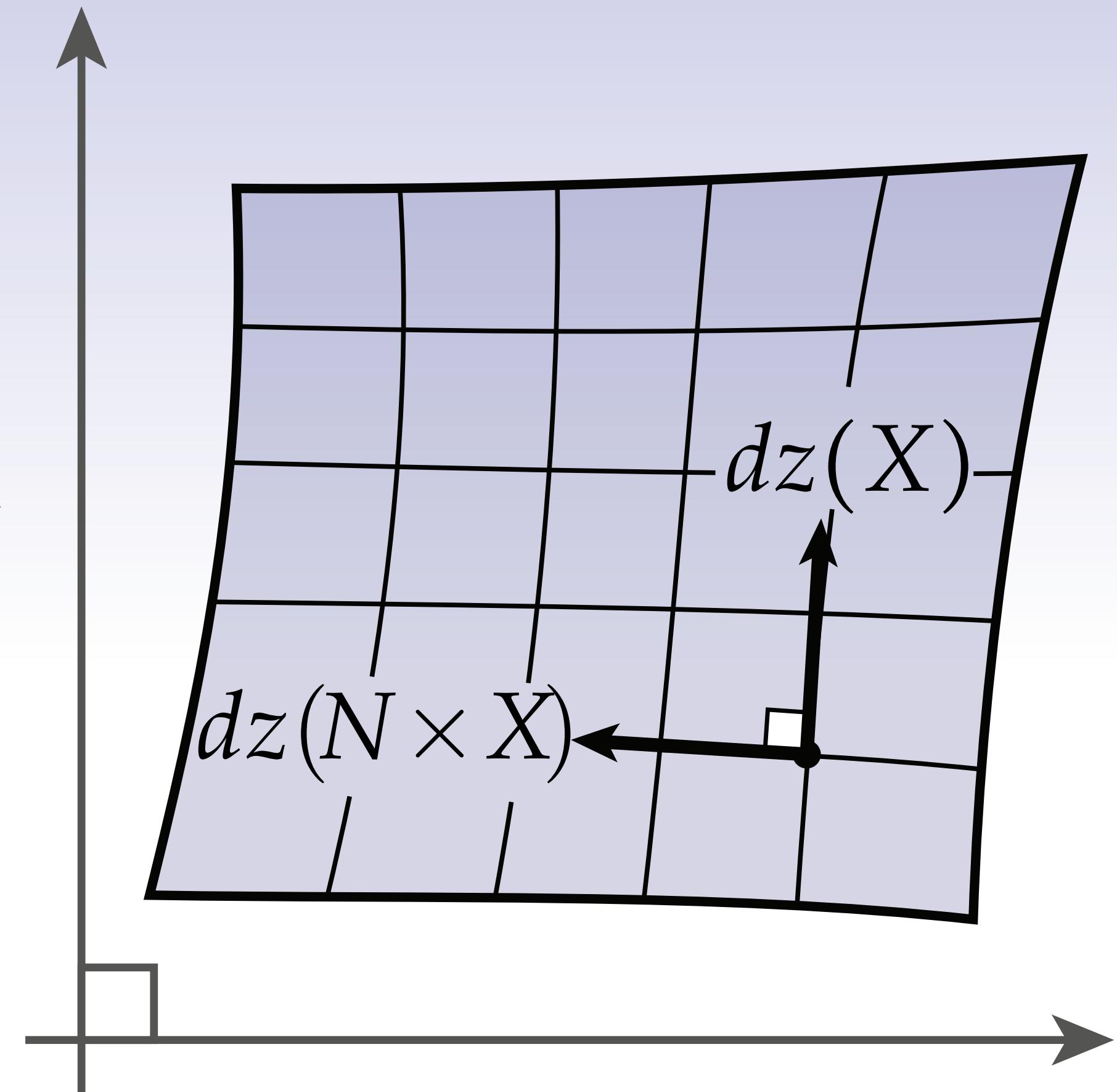
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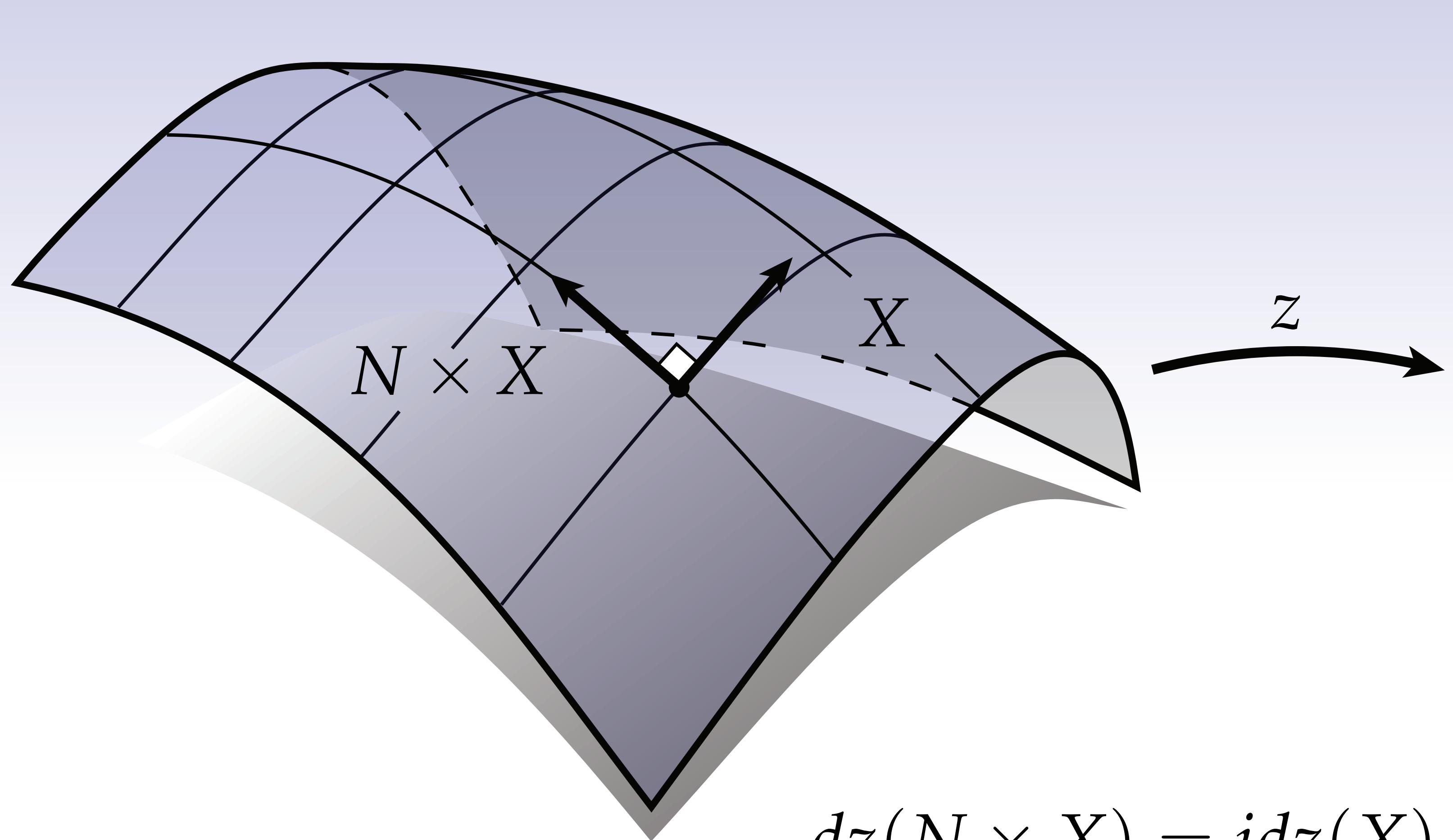
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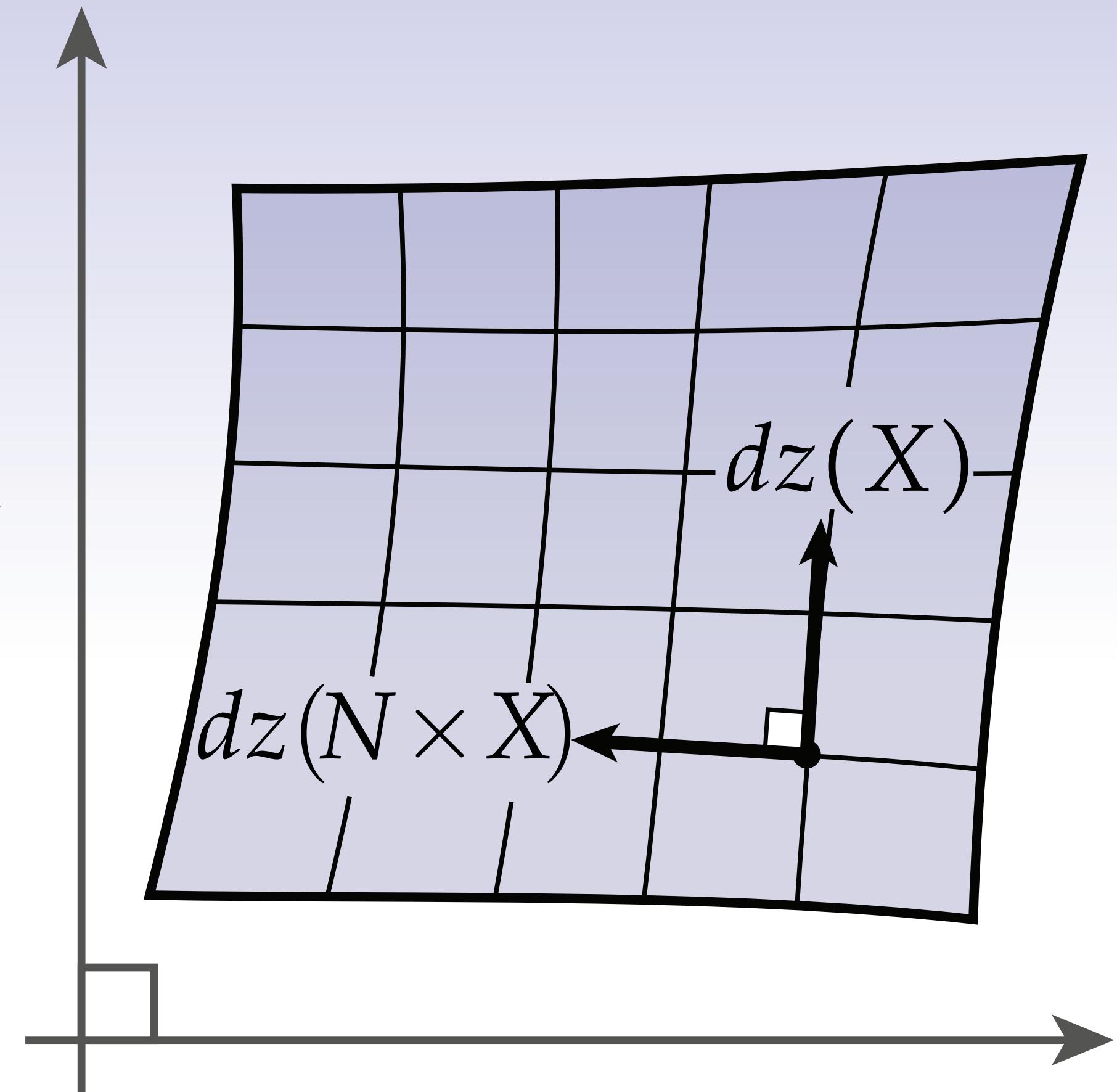
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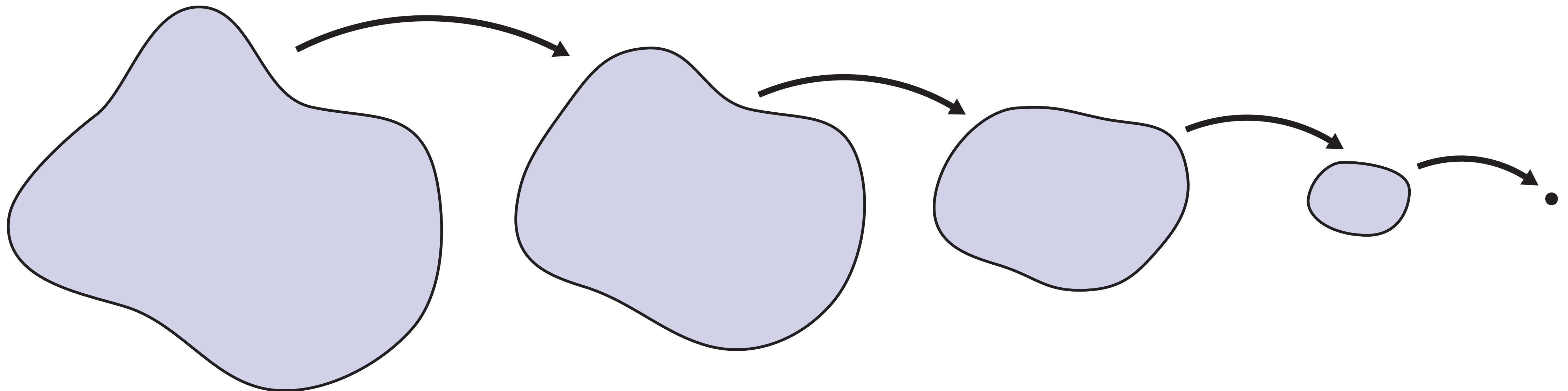
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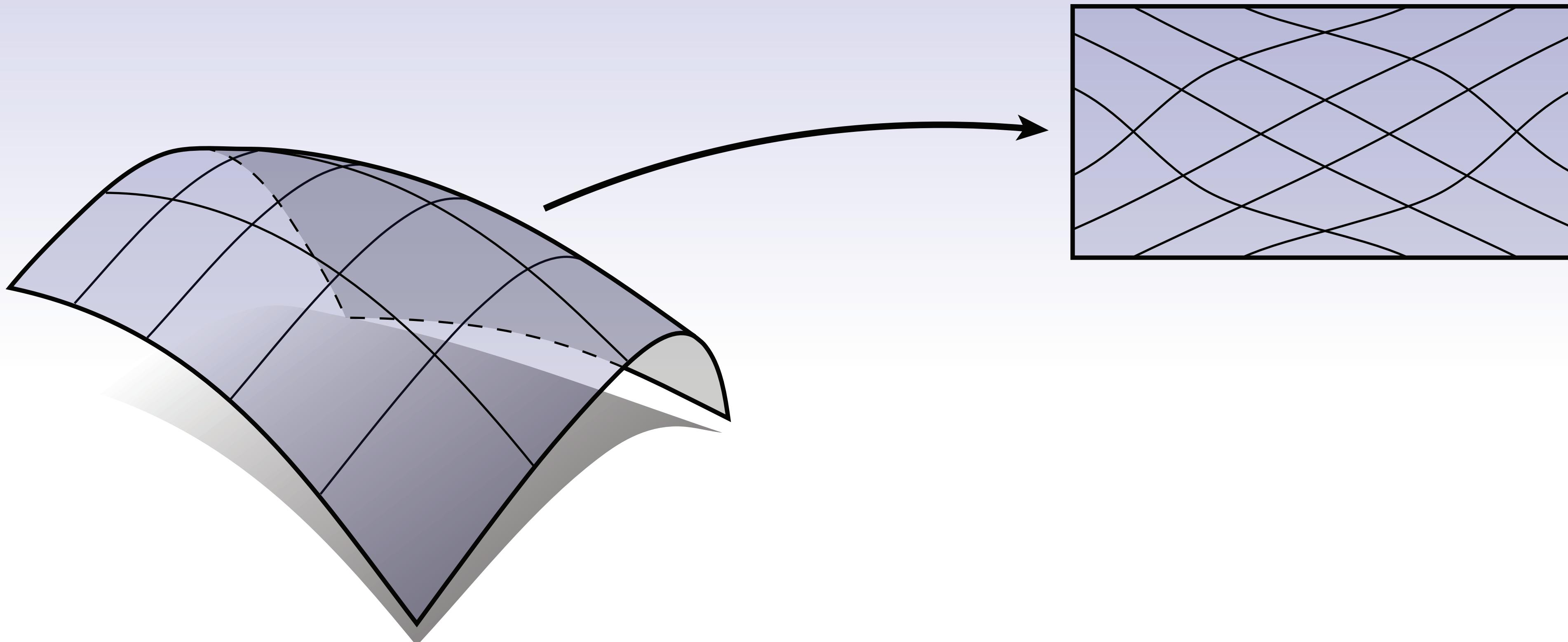
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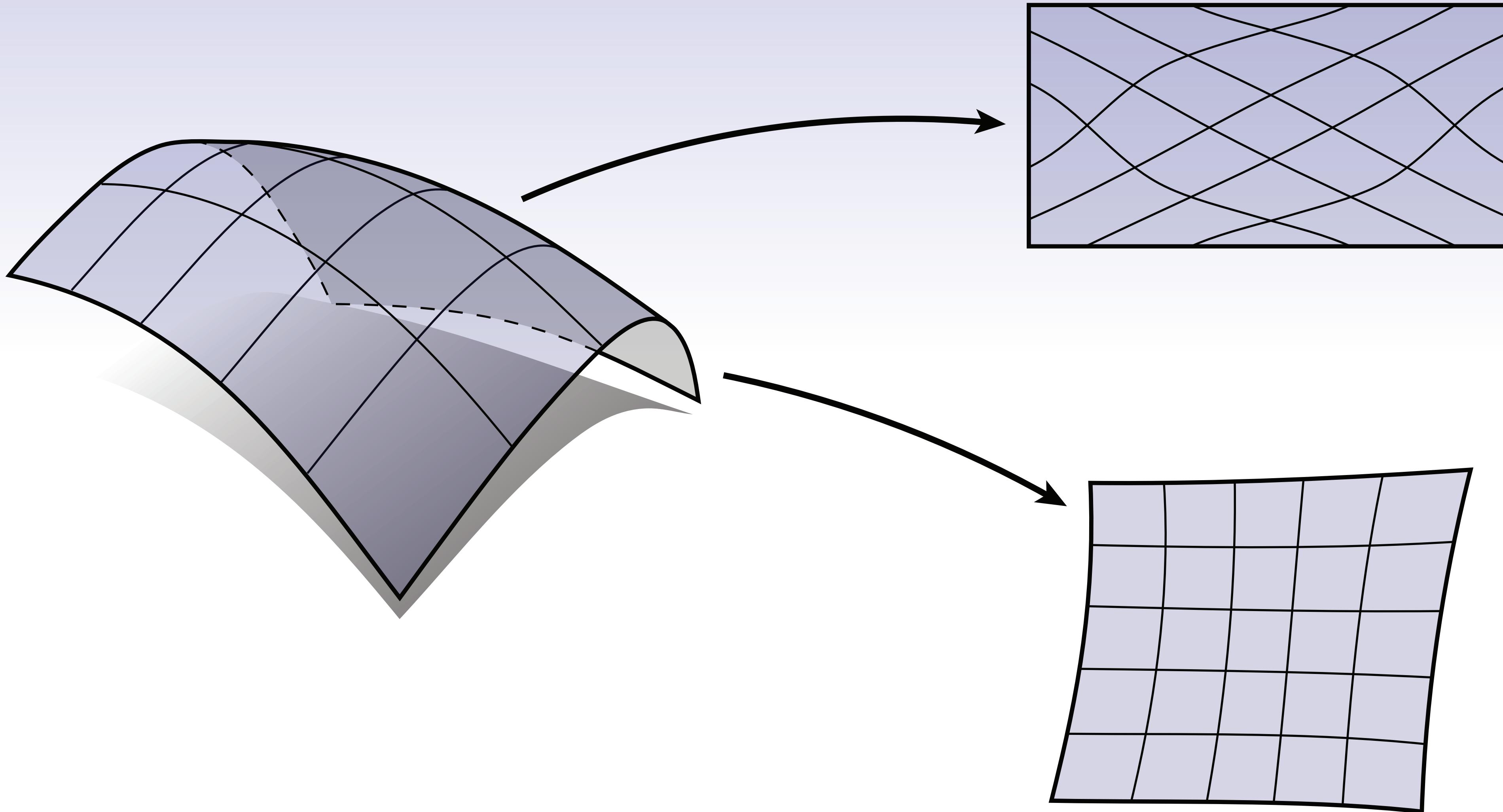


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Pseudo-code

```
// L
SparseMatrix<Complex> L = d0^t * star1 * d0;

// Lc = L - A
foreach face f:
    foreach edge (vi,vj):
        Lc(vi,vj) = L(vi,vj) - 0.5 * i;
        Lc(vj,vi) = L(vi,vj) + 0.5 * i;

// eigenvalue problem
DenseMatrix<Complex> x;
smallestEigenvalue(Lc, x);
```

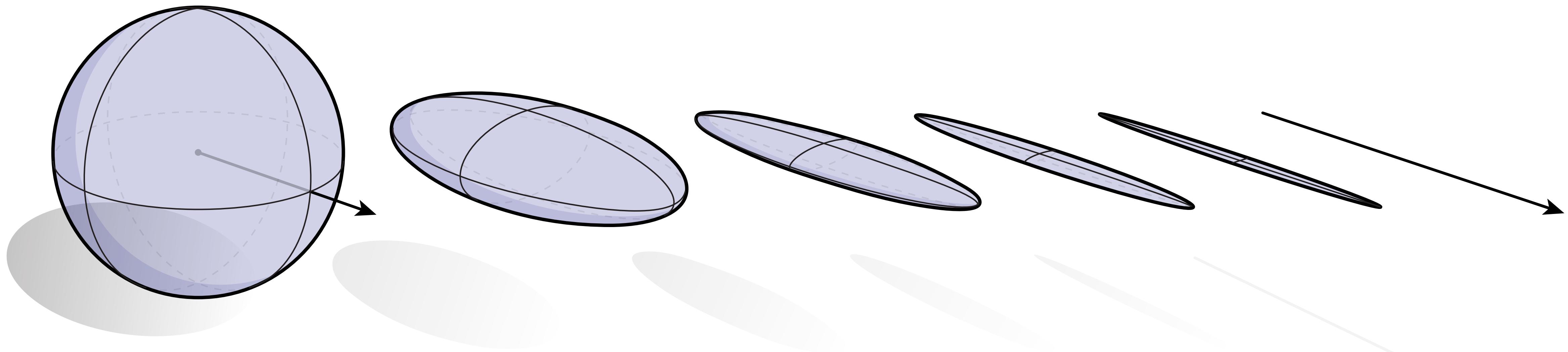
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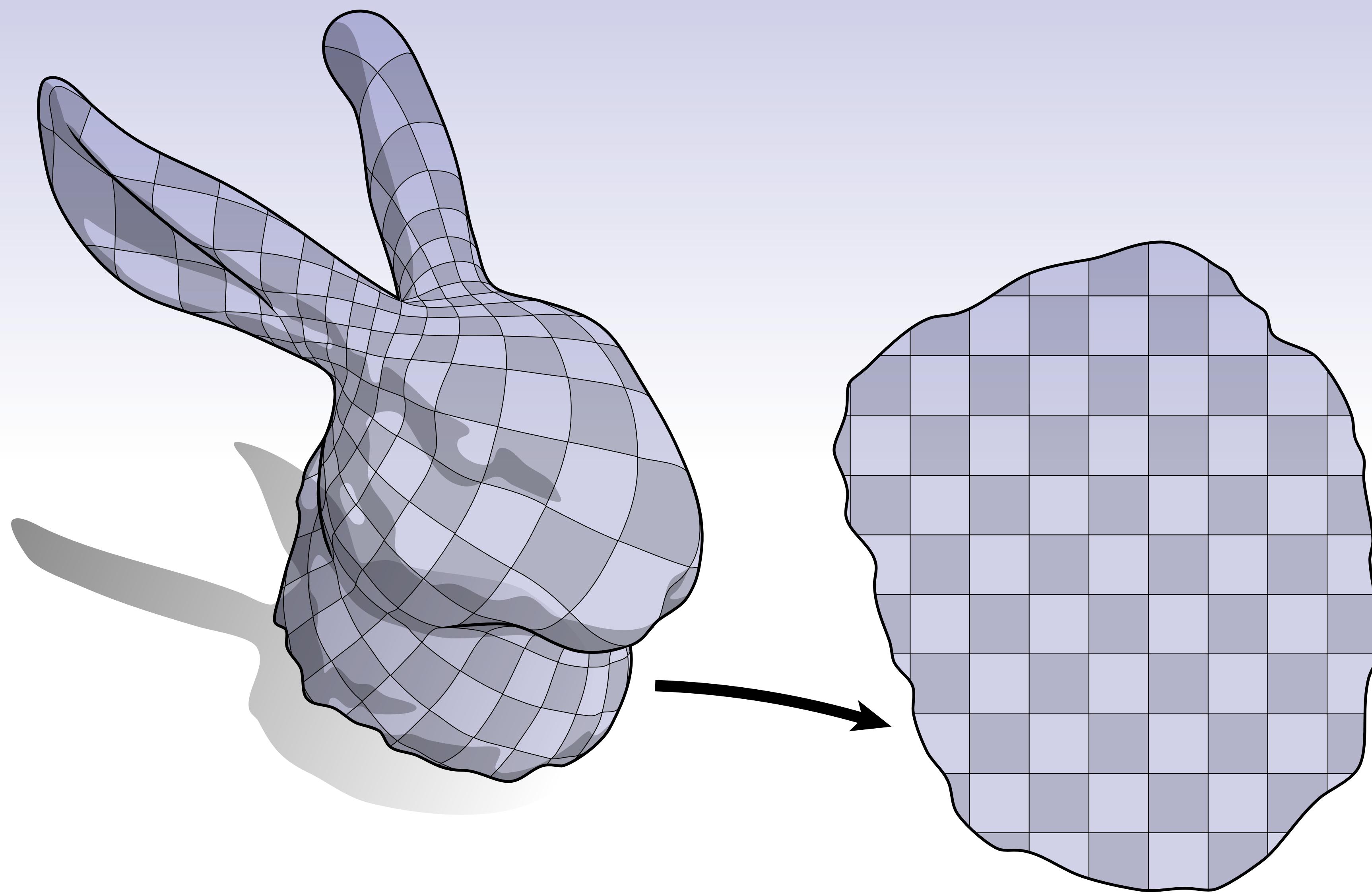
```
function smallestEigenvalue( Lc, x ):  
    factorize(Lc);  
    x.randomize();  
    until convergence:  
        solve( Lc, x, x );  
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```

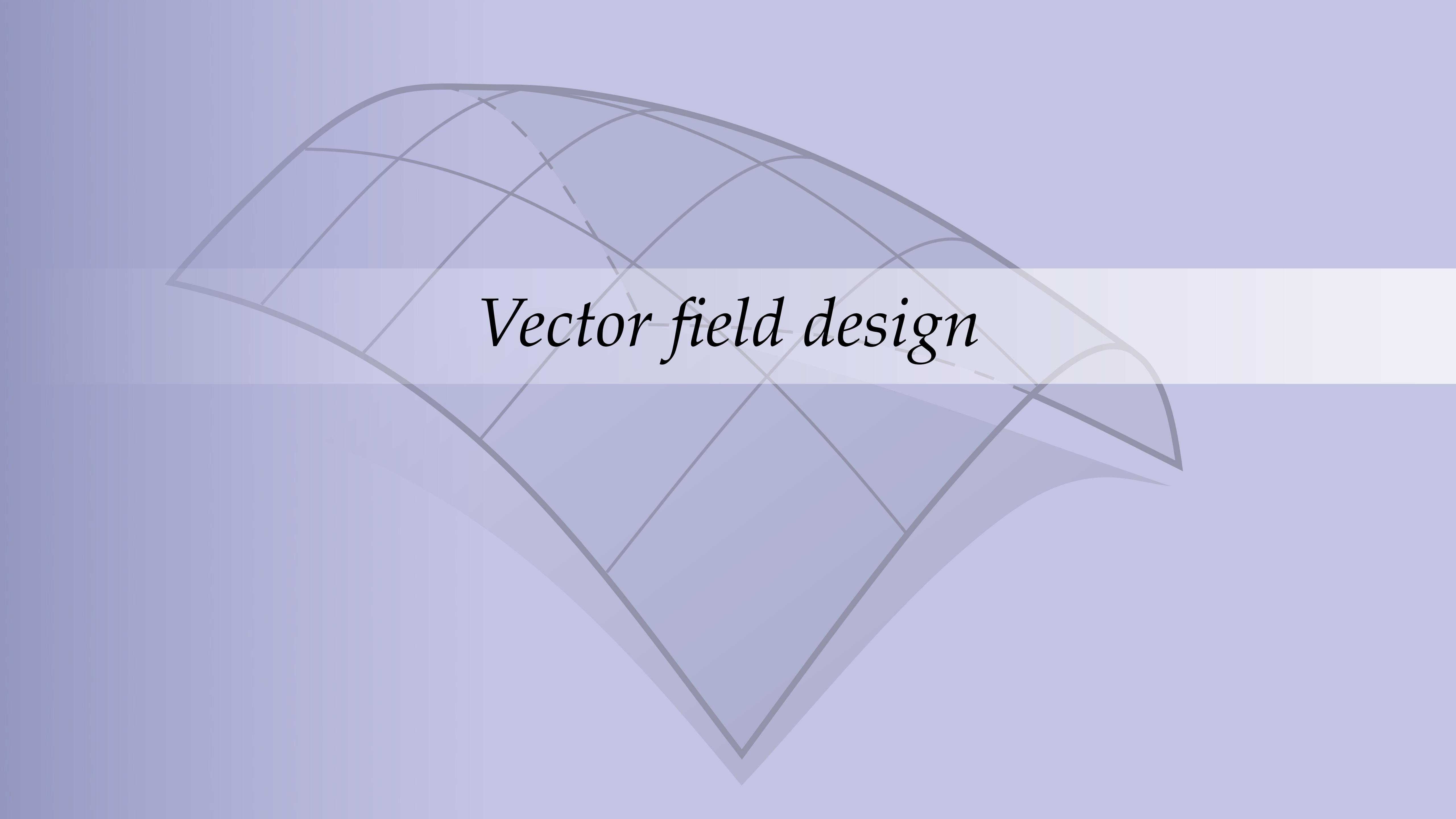
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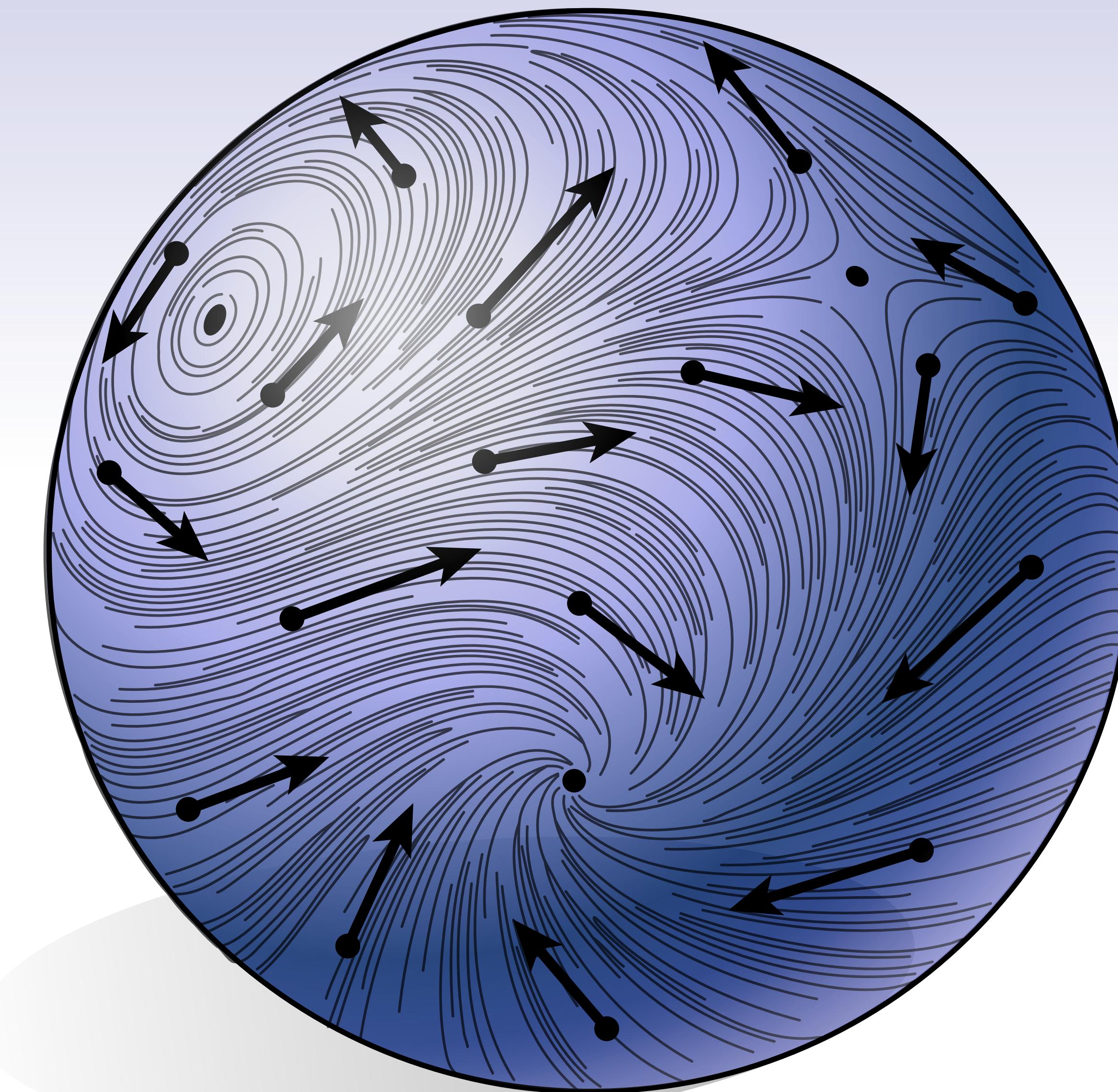




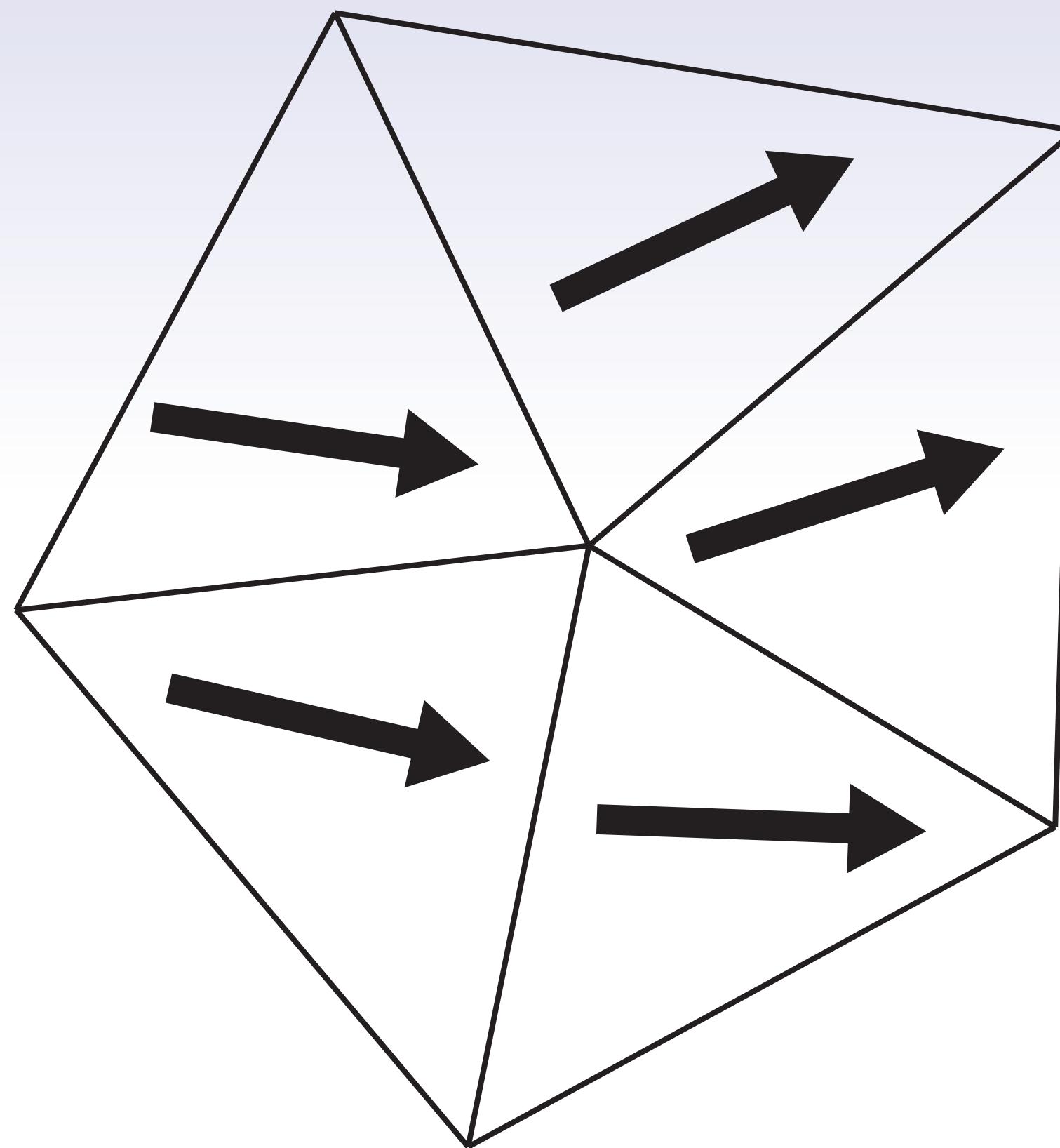
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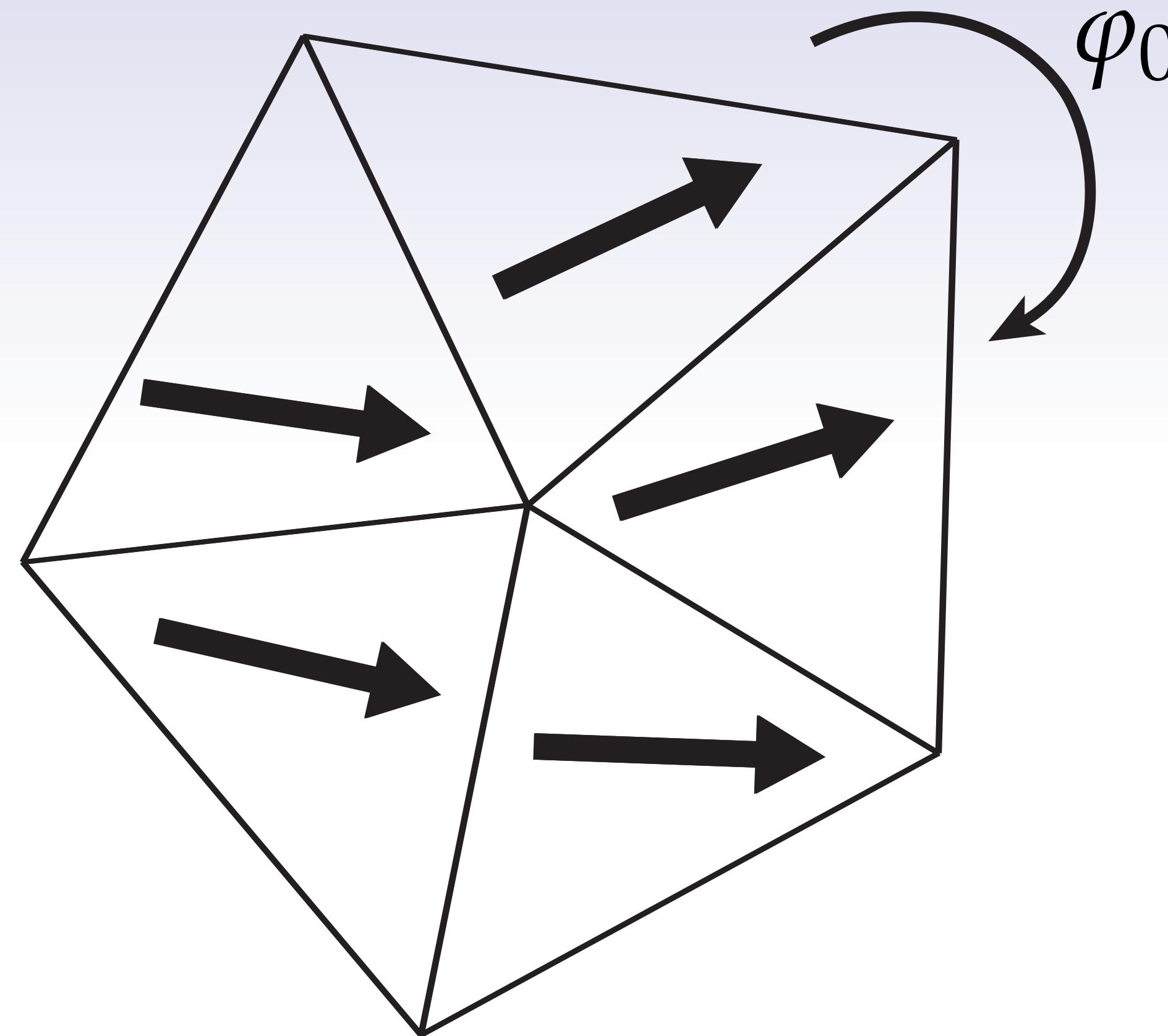
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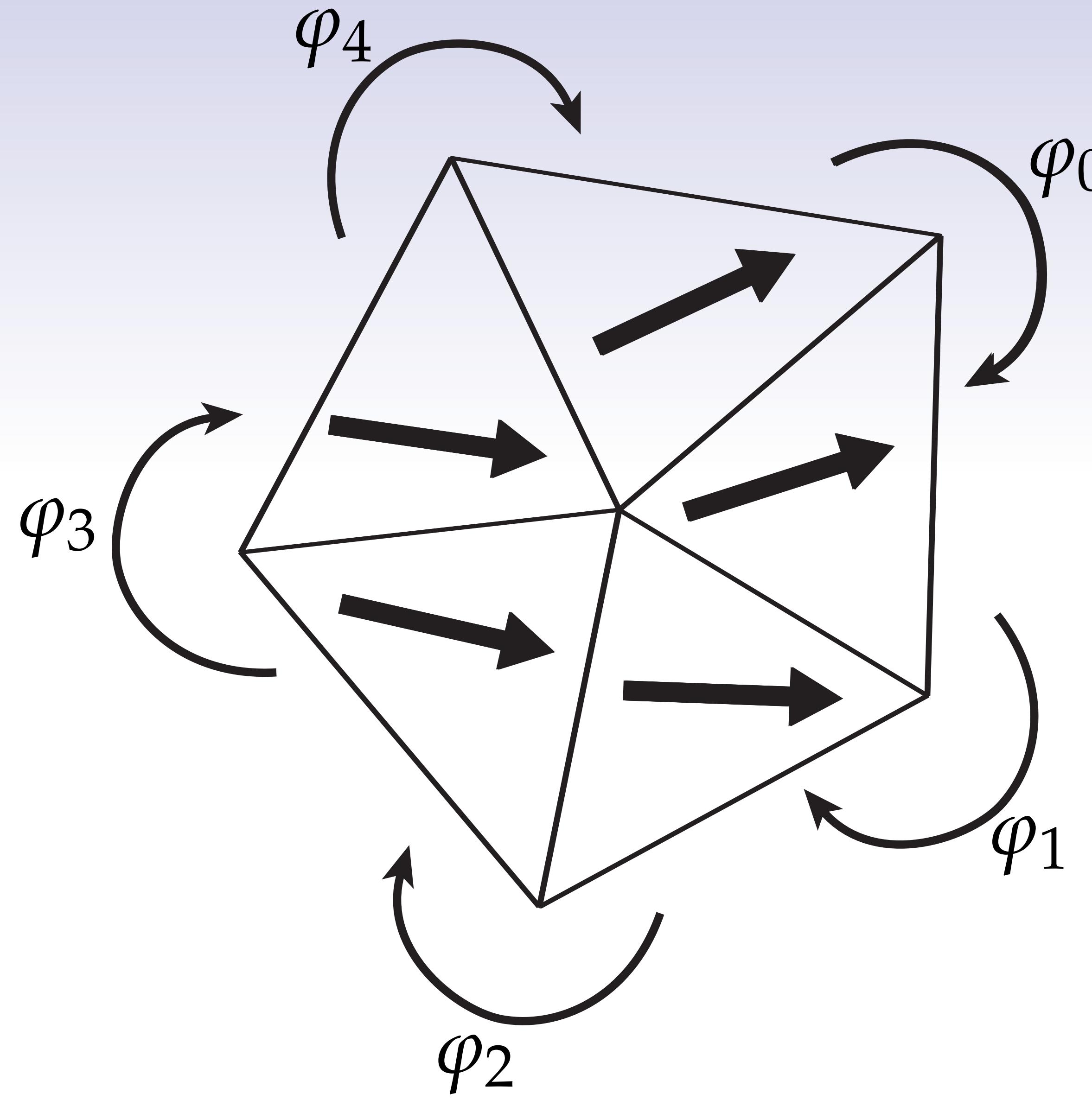
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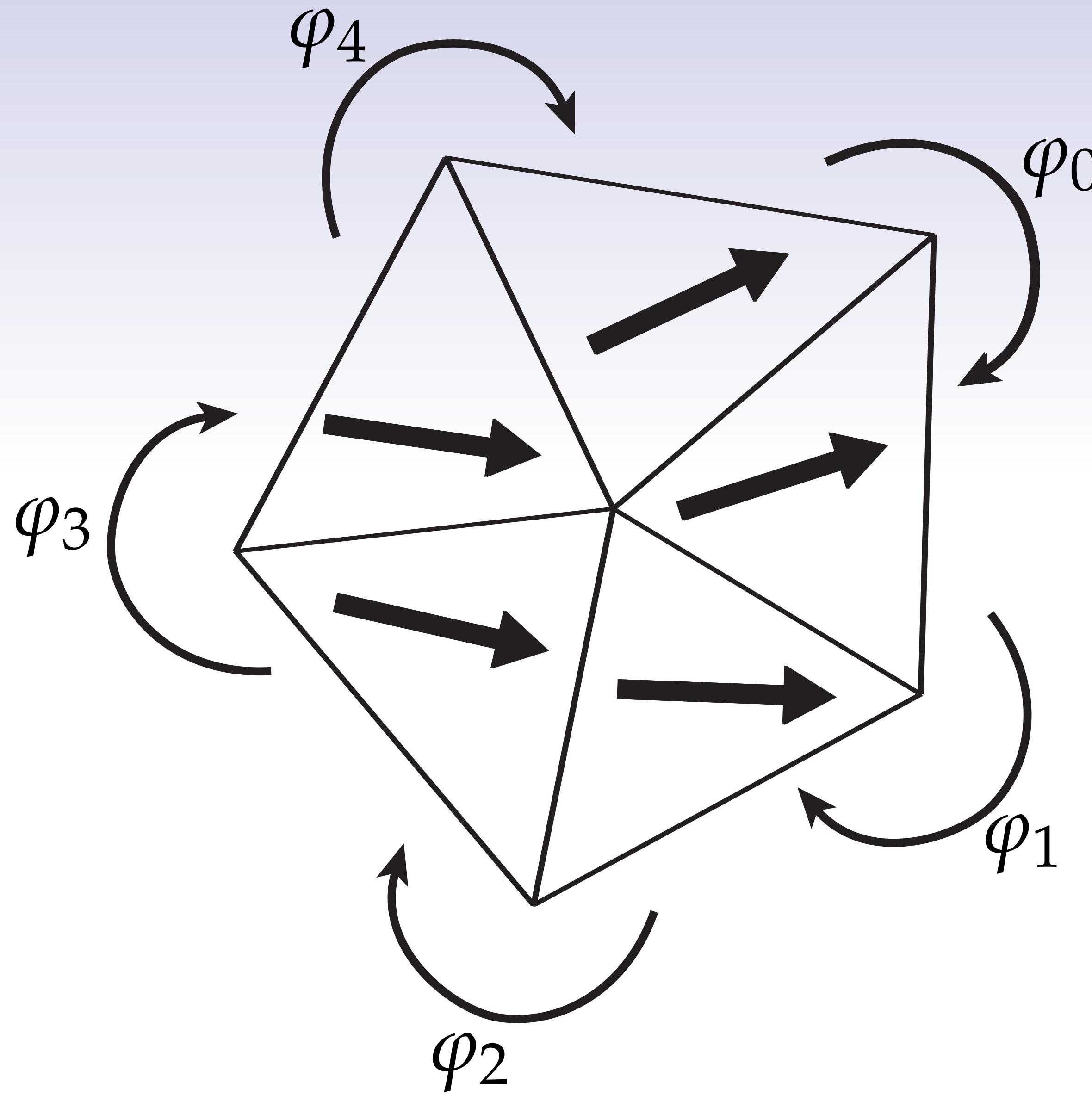


Discrete Connection



Crane et al. 2010

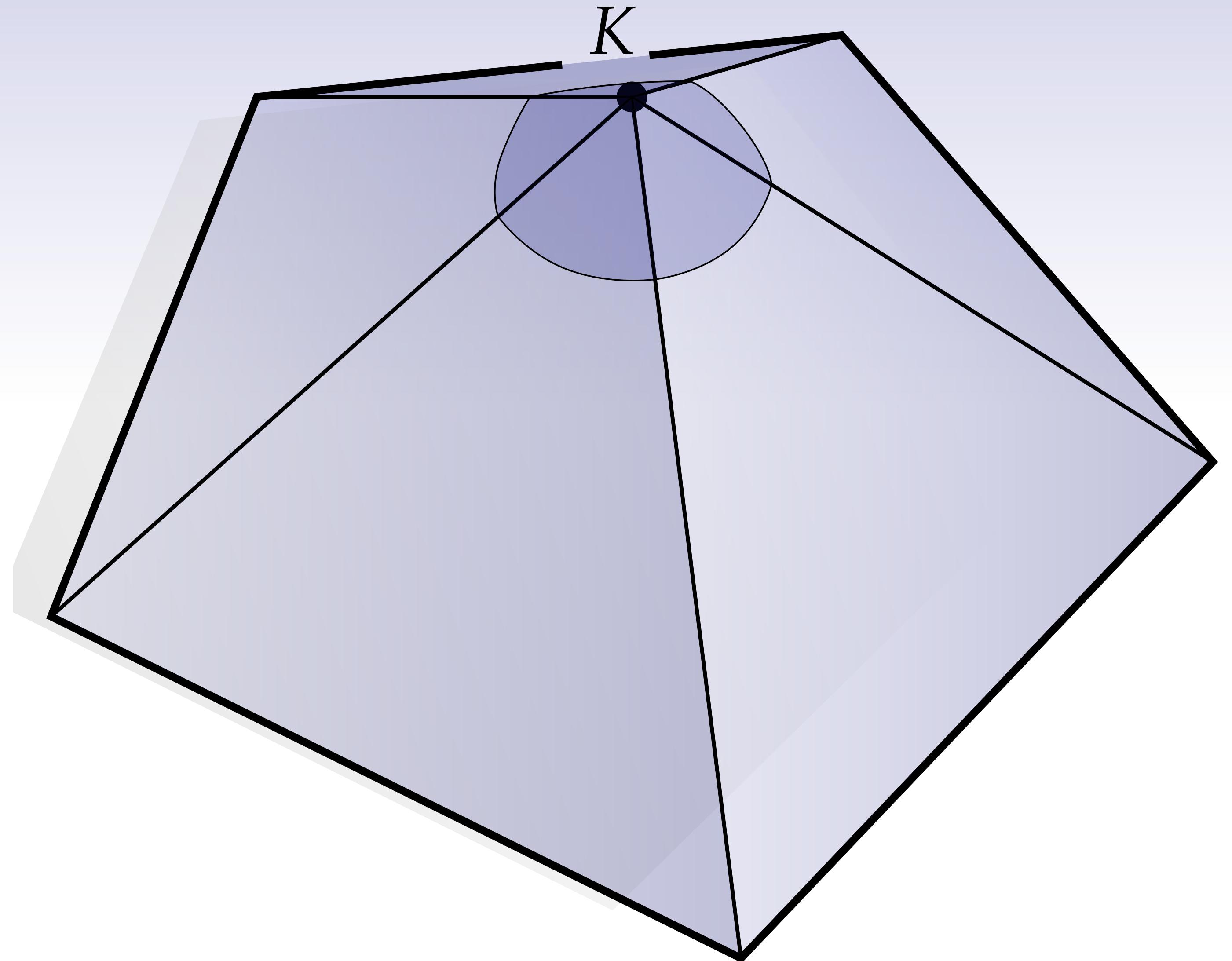
Discrete Connection



$$d\varphi = 2\pi k$$

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Gaussian Curvature



$$d\varphi = -K + 2\pi k$$

Least Twisting Connection

$$\min_{\varphi} \|\varphi\|^2$$

$$d\varphi = -K + 2\pi k$$

Least Twisting Connection

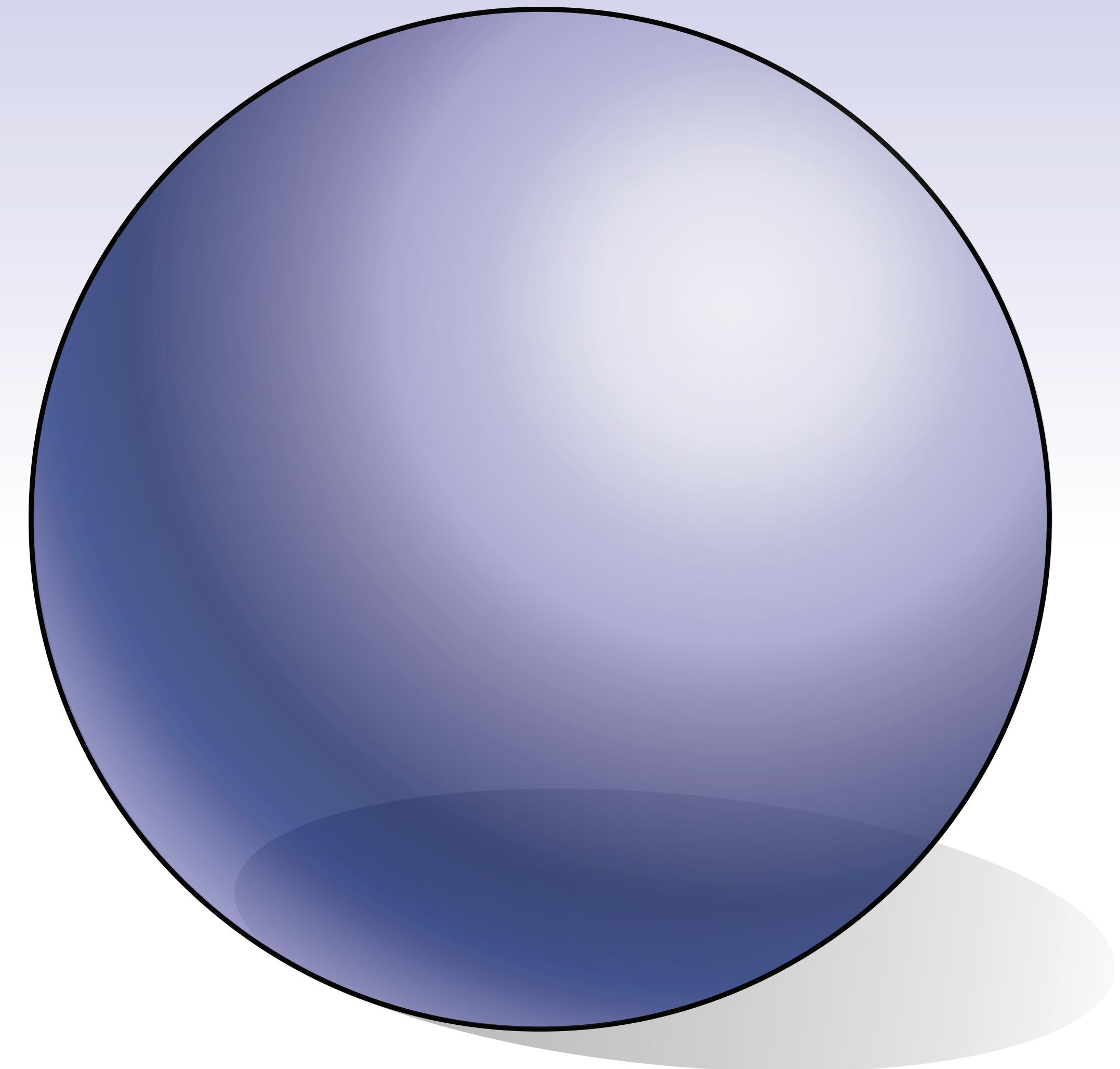
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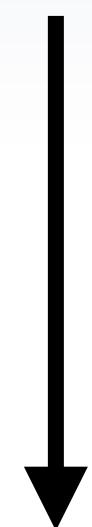
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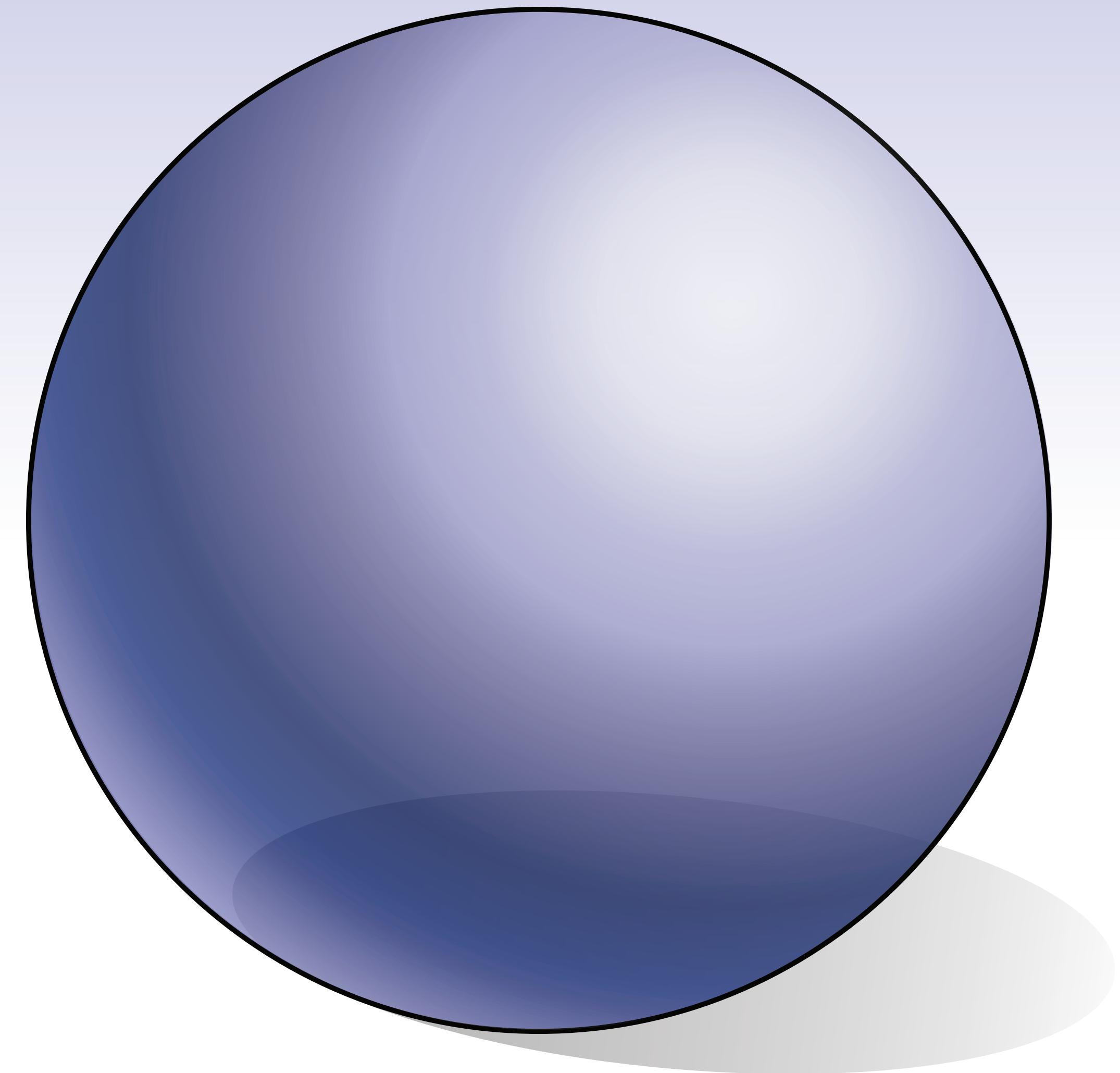
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$$\varphi = d\alpha + \delta\beta$$

$$\Delta\beta = -K + 2\pi k$$



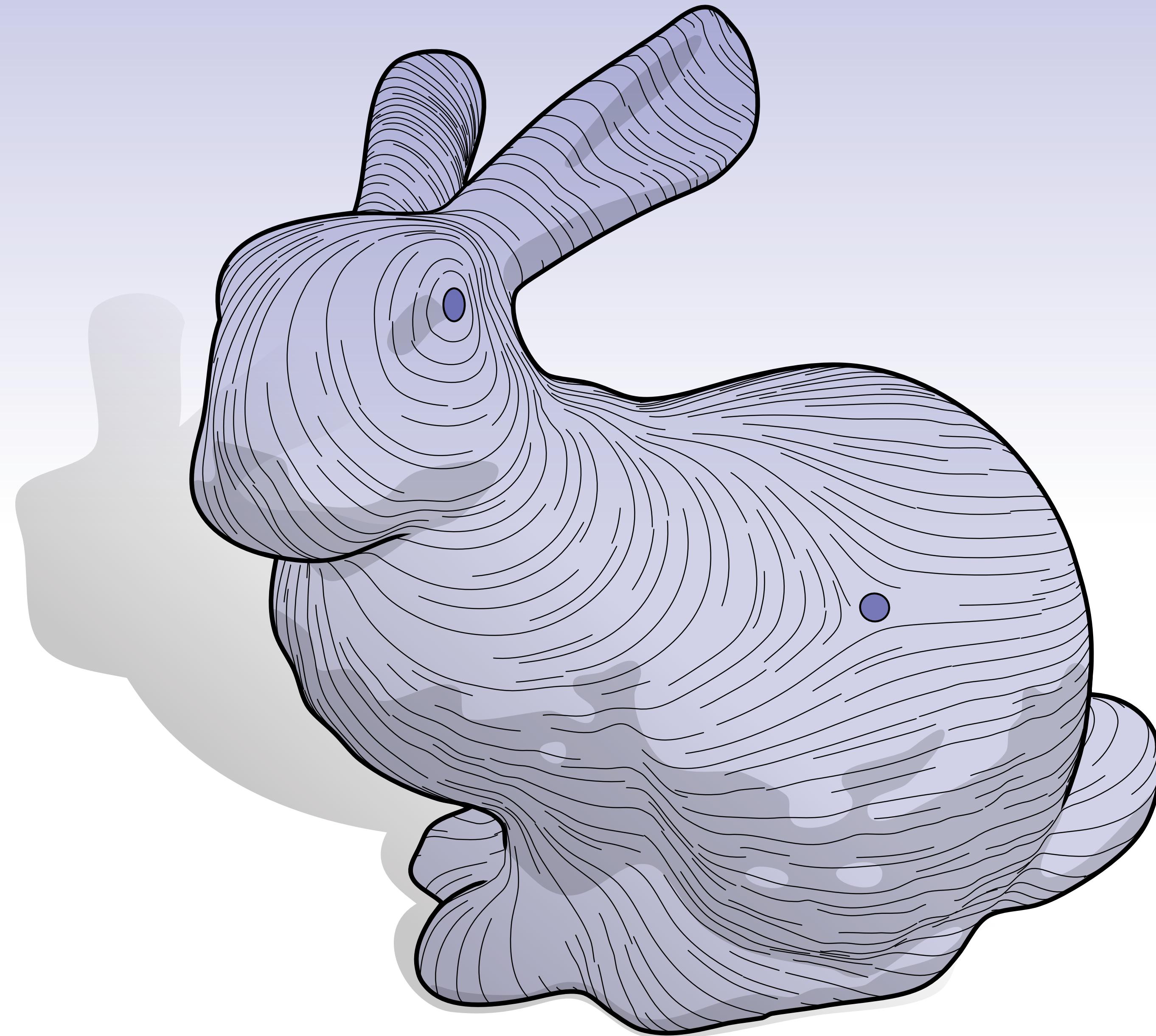
Pseudo-code

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// build matrix
SparseMatrix<Real> L = d0^t * star1 * d0;

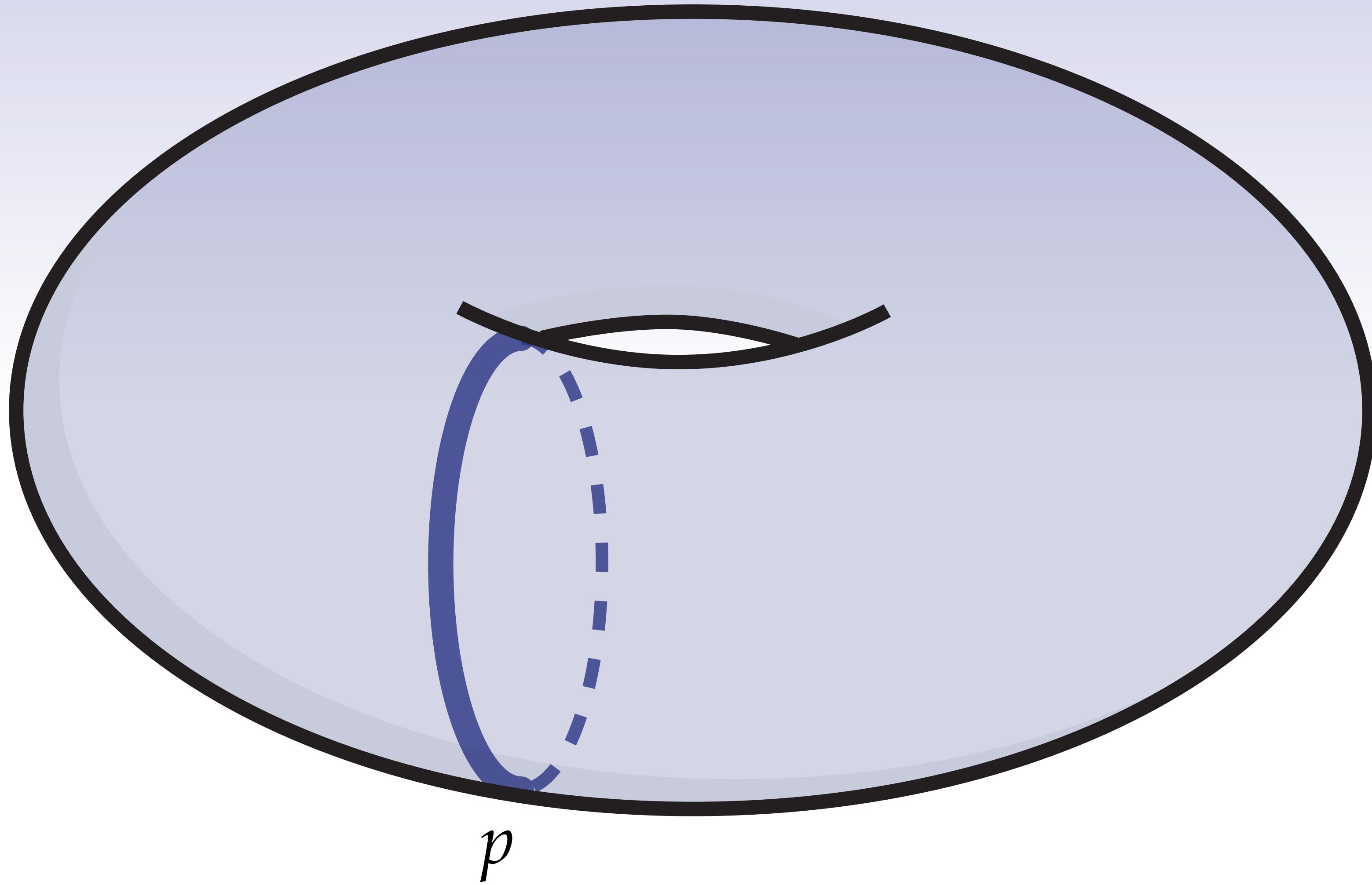
// build rhs
DenseMatrix<Real> b(#Vertices);
foreach vertex v:
    b(v) = 2*PI*k - curvature(v);

// linear system
DenseMatrix<Real> beta;
solve( L, beta, b );
```

Example



Arbitrary Topology



$$C\varphi = -p + 2\pi k$$

Least Twisting Connection++

$$\min_{\varphi} \|\varphi\|^2$$

$$d\varphi = -K + 2\pi k$$

$$C\varphi = -p + 2\pi k$$

Least Twisting Connection++

$$\min_{\varphi} \|\varphi\|^2$$

$$d\varphi = -K + 2\pi k$$

$$C\varphi = -p + 2\pi k$$



$$\varphi = d\alpha + \delta\beta + \sum_i z_i \gamma_i$$

$$\Delta\beta = -K + 2\pi k$$

$$Pz = -p + 2\pi k + C\delta\beta$$

Period matrix

$$P_{ij} = C_i \gamma_j$$

Least Twisting Connection++

$$\min_{\varphi} \|\varphi\|^2$$

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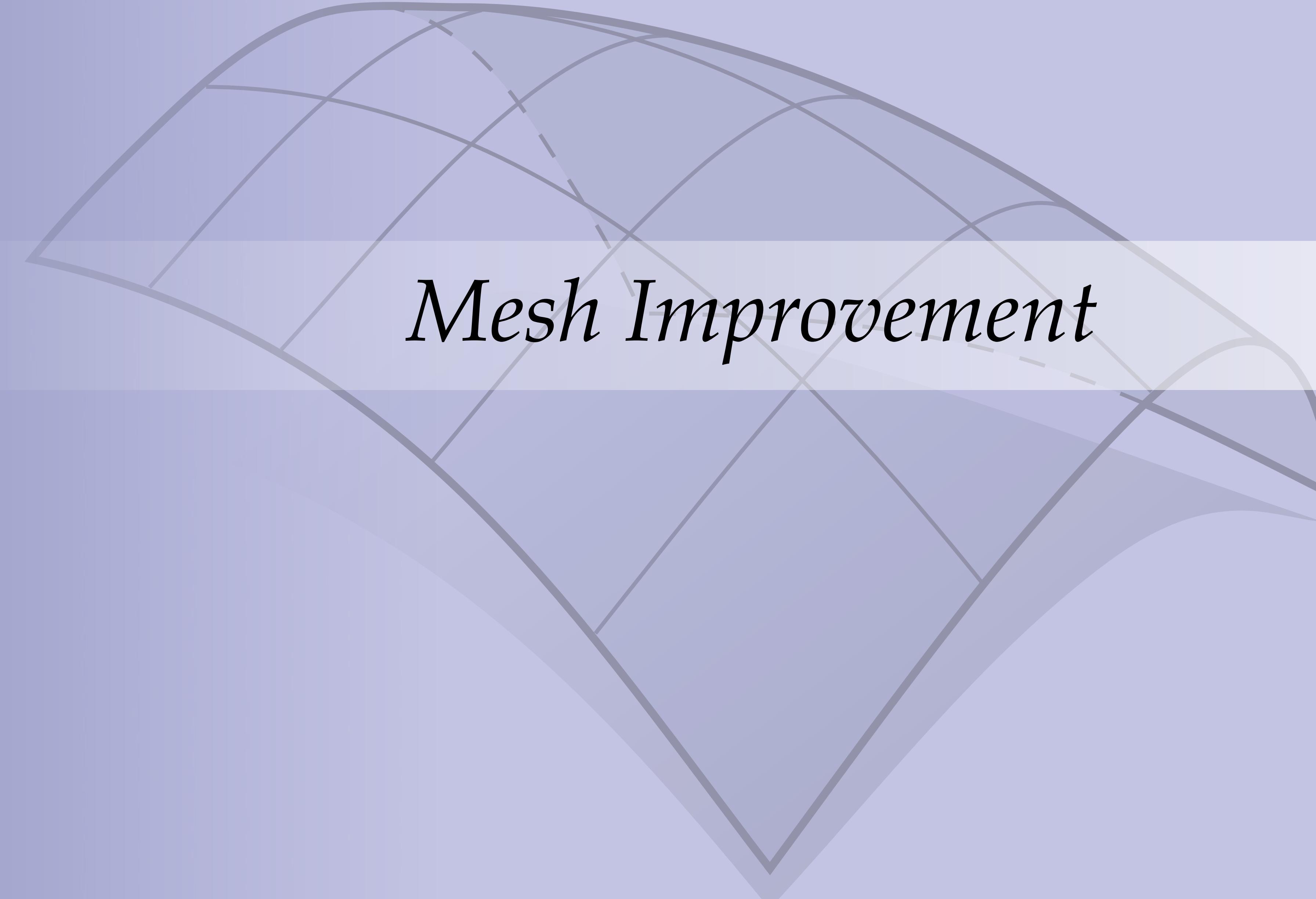
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// solve for beta
SparseMatrix<Real> L = d0^t * star1 * d0;

DenseMatrix<Real> K(#Vertices);
foreach vertex v:
    K(v) = curvature(v);

DenseMatrix<Real> beta;
solve( L, beta, b );

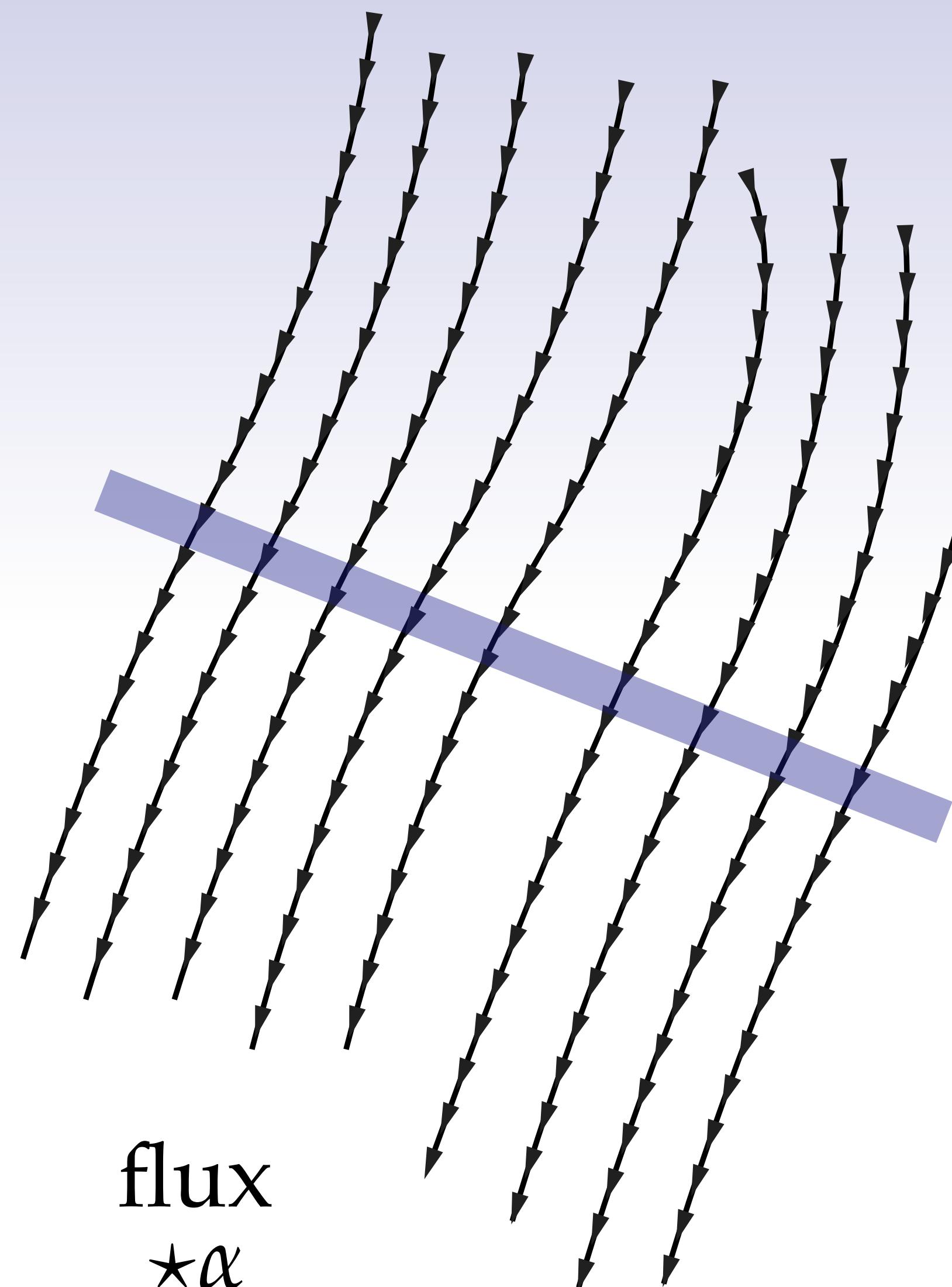
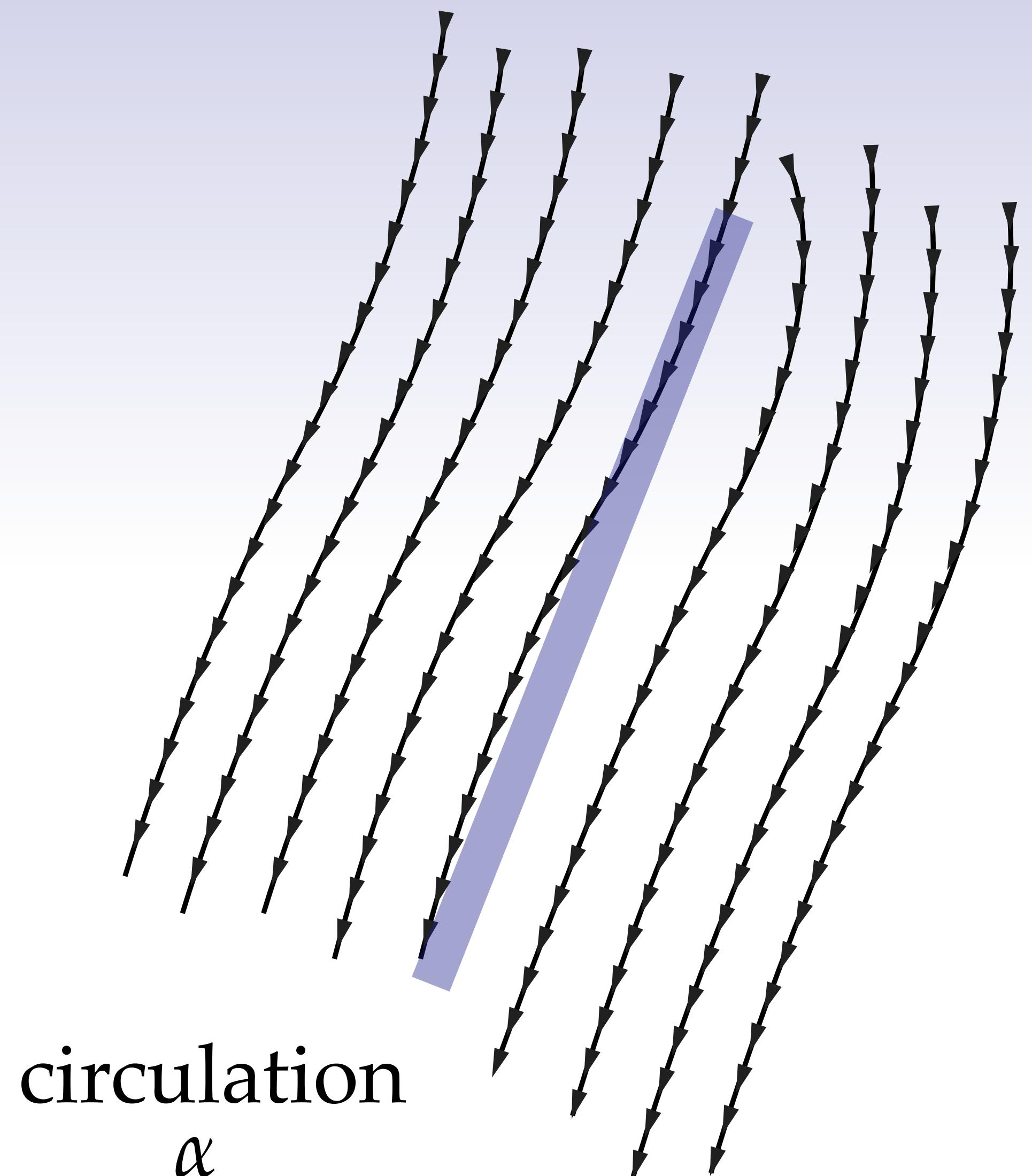
// solve for z
DenseMatrix<Real> p(#Generators);
SparseMatrix<Real> P(#Generators, #Generators);
foreach generator g:
    foreach harmonic gamma:
        foreach edge e in g:
            P(g, gamma) += gamma(e);
        p(g) = generator_holonomy(g);

DenseMatrix<Real> z;
solve( P, z, p );
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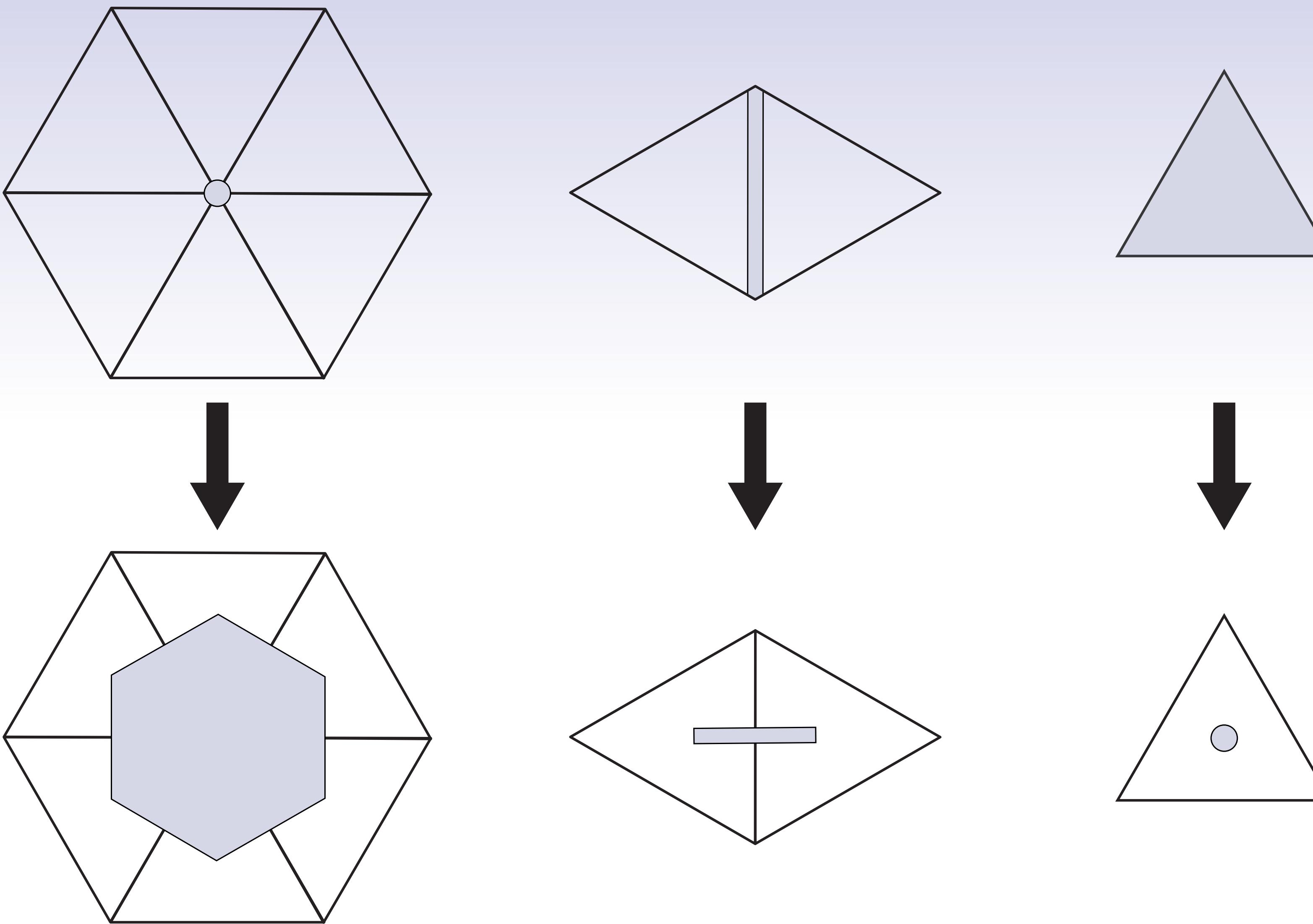


Mesh Improvement

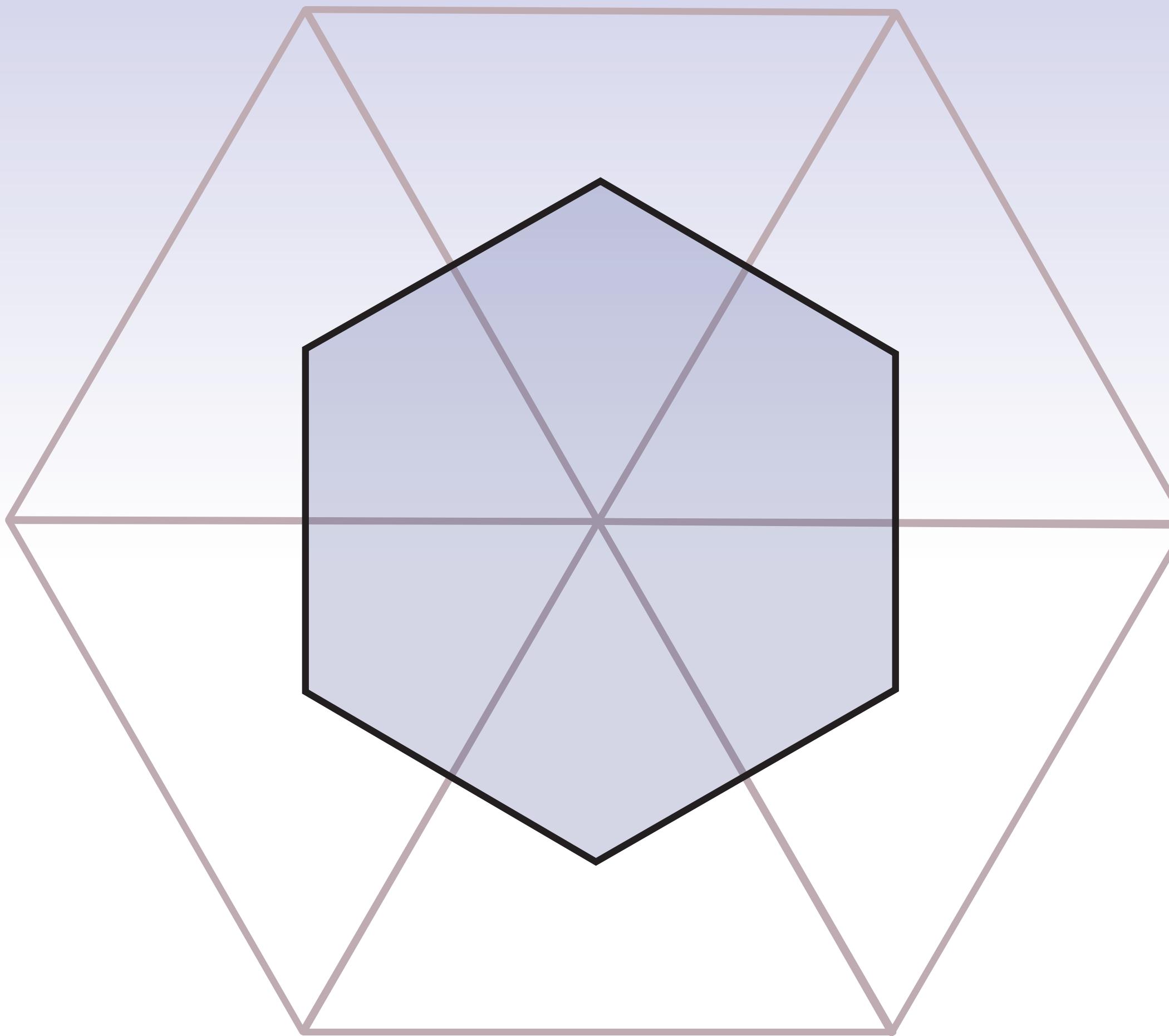
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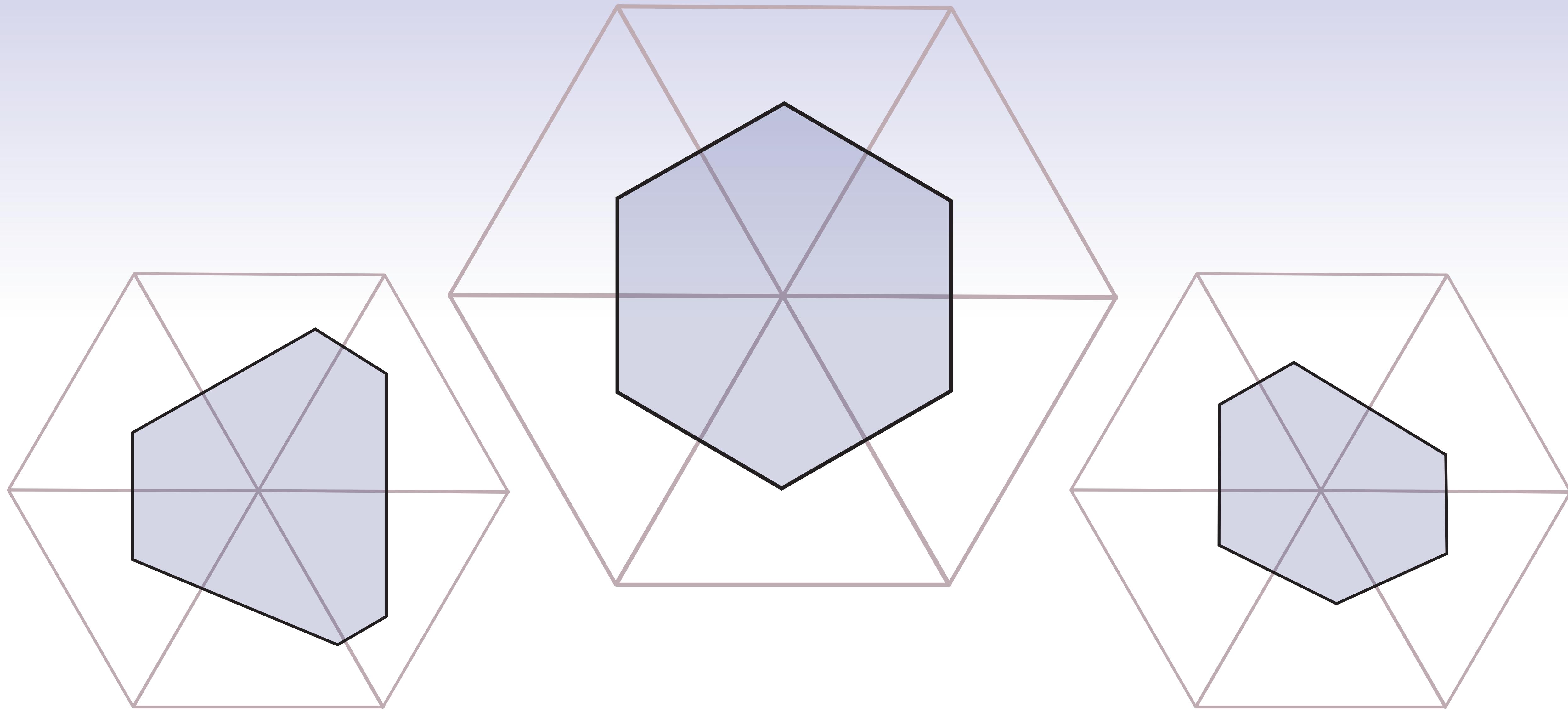
Orthogonal primal-dual meshes



Problem Statement



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On the Equilibrium of Simplicial Masonry Structures

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Abstract

We present a novel approach for the analysis and design of self-supporting simplicial masonry structures. A finite-dimensional formulation of their compressive stress field is derived, offering a new interpretation of thrust networks through numerical homogenization theory. We further leverage geometric properties of the resulting force diagram to identify a set of reduced coordinates characterizing the equilibrium of simplicial masonry. We finally derive computational form-finding tools that improve over previous work in efficiency, accuracy, and scalability.

Keywords: architectural geometry, discrete differential geometry, geometry processing, orthogonal reciprocal diagram.

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1 Introduction

The most subtle and exquisite part of architecture [...] is the formation of [...] vaults; cutting their stones, and adjusting them with such artifice, that the same gravity and weight that should have precipitated them to the ground, maintain them constantly in the air, supporting one another in virtue of the mutual compulsion which binds them [...].

Vicente Tosca, *Compendio Matematico* (vol. 5-15), 1727

Masonry structures are arrangements of material blocks, such as bricks or stones, that support their own weight. Constructing curved vaults or domes with compression-only structures of blocks, further prevented from slipping through friction and/or mortar, has been practiced since antiquity. It is therefore no surprise that form finding and stability analysis of masonry structures have been an active area of research for years.

Equilibrium of a masonry structure is ensured if there exists an inner *thrust* surface which forms a compressive membrane resisting the external loads [Heyman 1966]. Balance conditions relating the stress field on the thrust surface to the loads are well understood in the continuous setting [Giaquinta and Giusti 1985; Fosdick and Schuler 2003; Angelillo et al. 2012]. Discretizing these equations have been

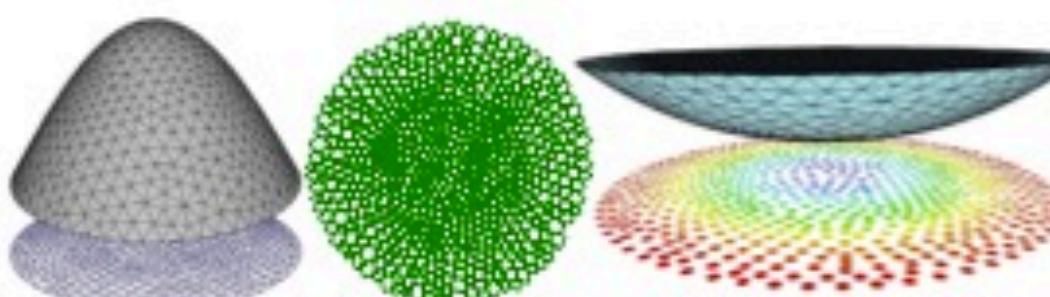


Figure 1: Simplicial Masonry. A self-supporting simplicial masonry structure is a triangle mesh, defined as a height field over the plane (left). We show through numerical homogenization of the stress tensor that they support their own weights if there exists an orthogonal dual diagram (middle), representing a finite-dimensional approximation of the purely compressive forces at play. We provide discrete counterparts to a number of continuous fields (such as the convex Airy stress function, right) and differential equations traditionally used in describing the equilibrium of these masonry buildings; in particular, we offer a set of reduced coordinates of the space of statically admissible shapes, linking our approach to regular triangulations.

of form finding for masonry structures: while previous finite element methods are known to restrict the topology of masonry structures to the case of simply connected domains, thrust network approaches may lead to overconstrained balance equations depending on the choice of boundary conditions. To overcome these issues, we introduce in this paper a discrete theory of *simplicial masonry structures*. We show that the self-supporting properties of discrete simplicial structures can be derived from a numerical homogenization of the underlying continuous differential equations. By leveraging previous methods, we offer a unified computational framework that enforces the compressive nature and the equilibrium of masonry structures exactly, for surfaces of arbitrary topology. In the process, we introduce reduced coordinates to generate all possible reciprocal force diagrams from simplicial meshes, and reveal geometric connections to well-known continuous notions such as the Airy stress function. Finally, we turn our theoretical contributions into an effective computational technique for the design of simplicial masonry structures that offers improved performance over previous work.

Computing Self-Supporting Surfaces by Regular Triangulation

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Figure 1: Left: self-supporting surfaces with unsupported (top) and supported (bottom) boundary constraints. Unsupported boundary vertices and their corresponding power cells are colored in orange. Top right: initial self-supporting mesh. Spikes appear due to extremely small reciprocal areas. Bottom right: applying our smoothing scheme (5 iterations) improves mesh quality. The power diagrams (black) show how power cell area is distributed more evenly.

Abstract

Masonry structures must be compressively self-supporting; designing such surfaces forms an important topic in architecture as well as a challenging problem in geometric modeling. Under certain conditions, a surjective mapping exists between a *power diagram*, defined by a set of 2D vertices and associated weights, and the reciprocal diagram that characterizes the force diagram of a discrete self-supporting network. This observation lets us define a new and convenient parameterization for the space of self-supporting networks. Based on it and the discrete geometry of this design space, we present novel geometry processing methods including surface smoothing and remeshing which significantly reduce the magnitude

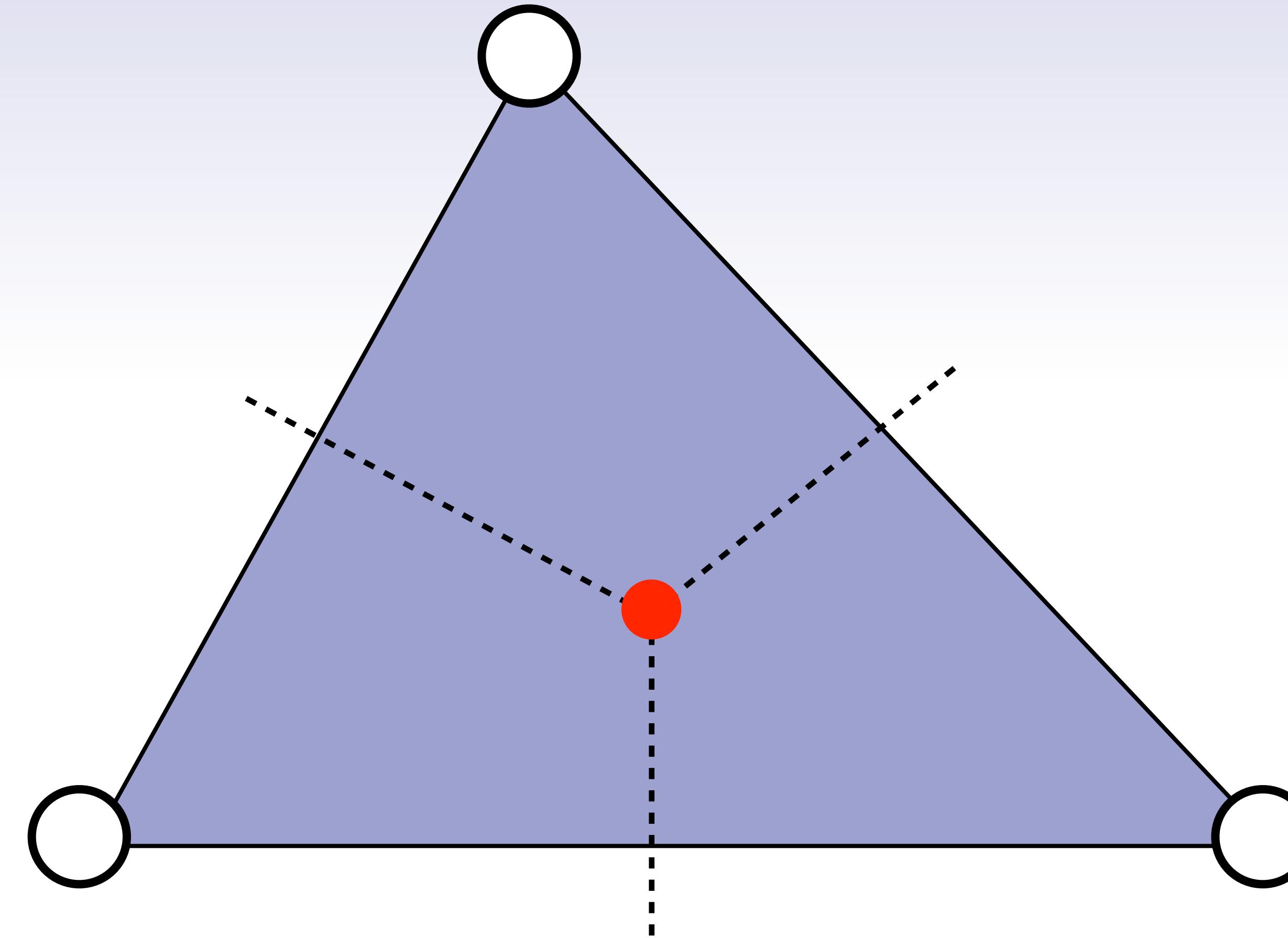
1 Introduction

A structure is *self-supporting* when it stands in static equilibrium without external support. This idealization is fundamental when designing masonry structures which can withstand compression but are weak against tensile stresses.

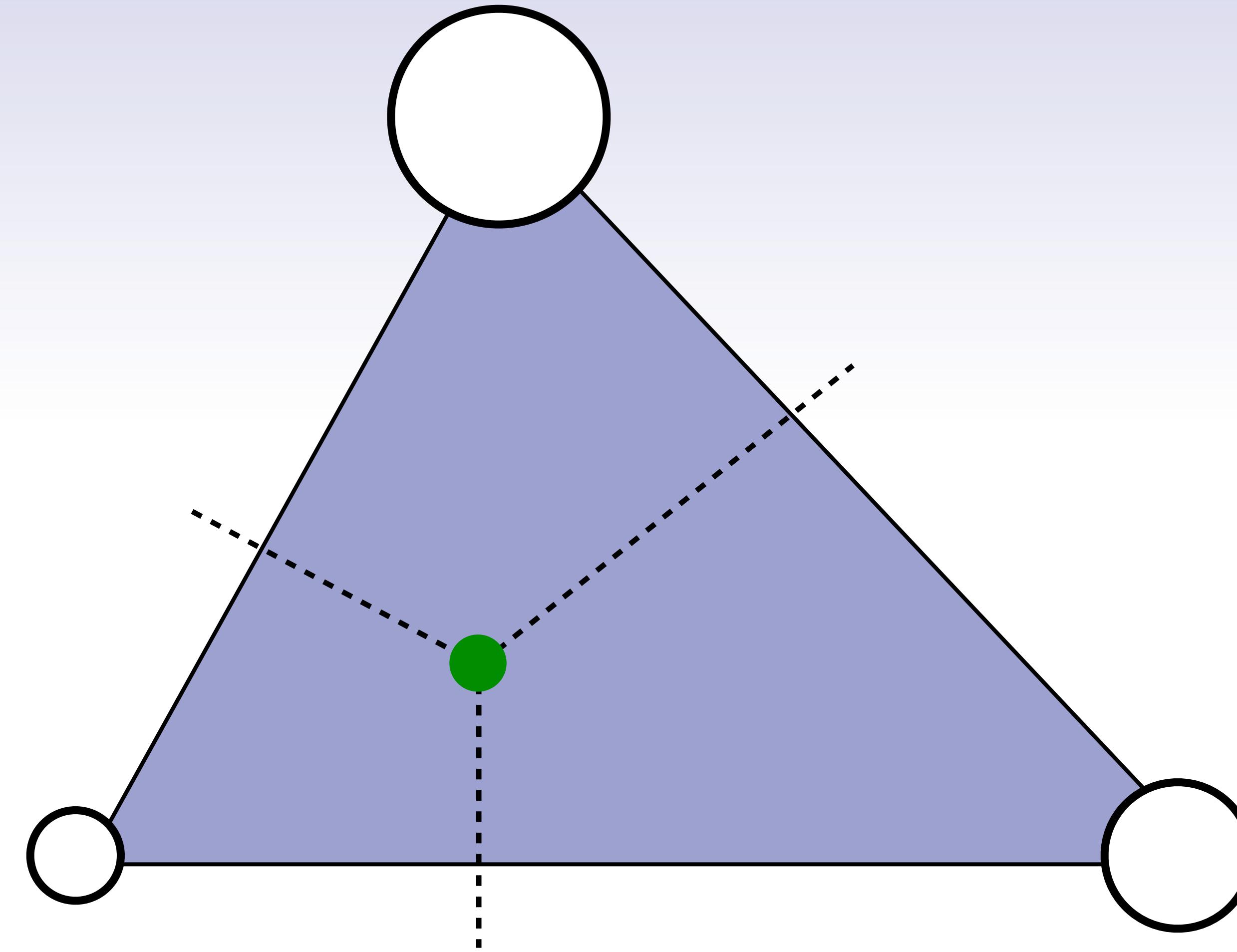
Many techniques have been employed to design self-supporting structures, including the force network method [ODwyer 1999], the hanging chain model [Kilian and Ochsendorf 2005], and the thrust network [Fraternali 2010]. Recently, Block and Ochsendorf [2007; 2009] developed *thrust network analysis* which decouples the 3D force equilibrium of a self-supporting network into horizontal (*xy*)



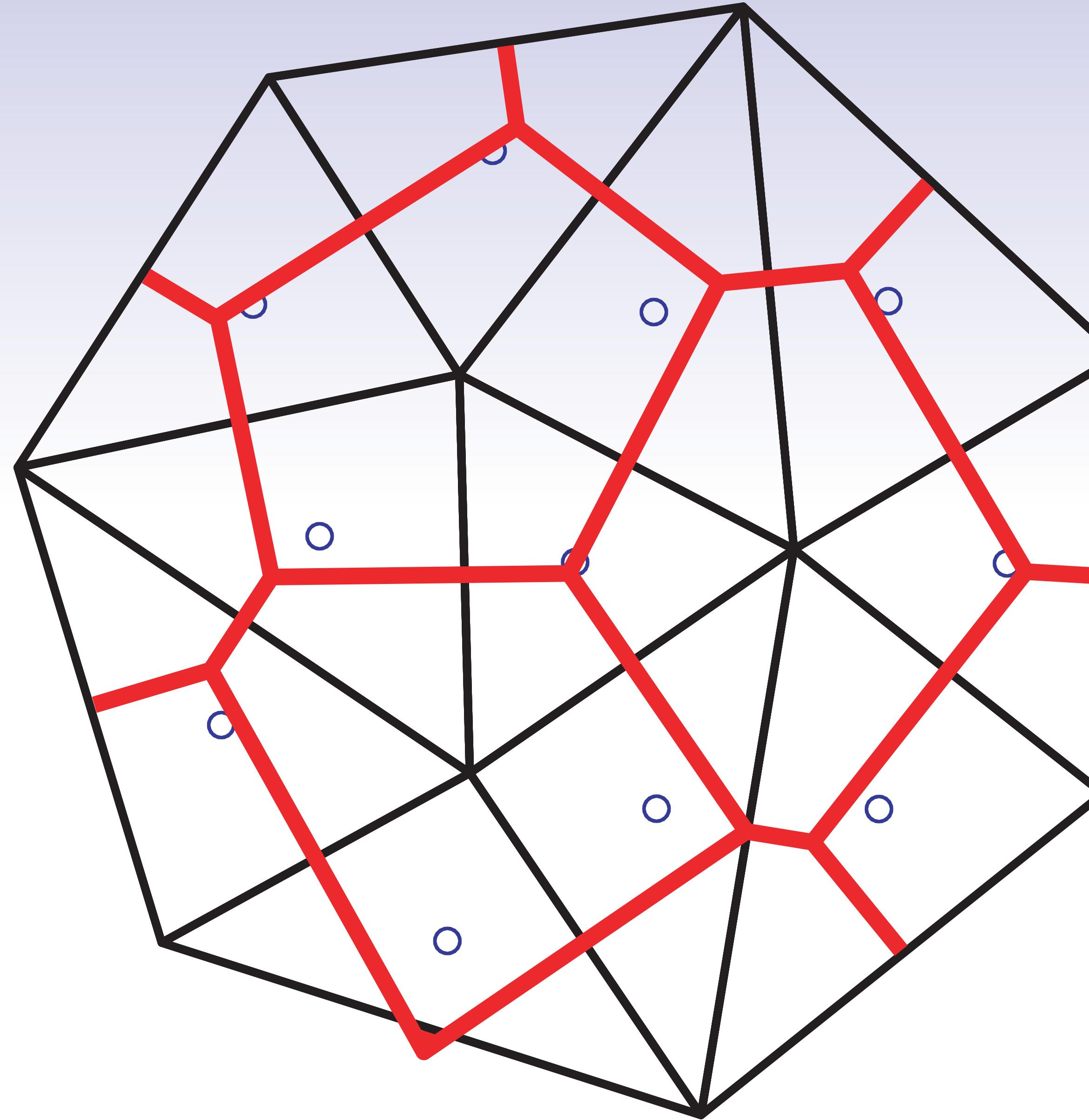
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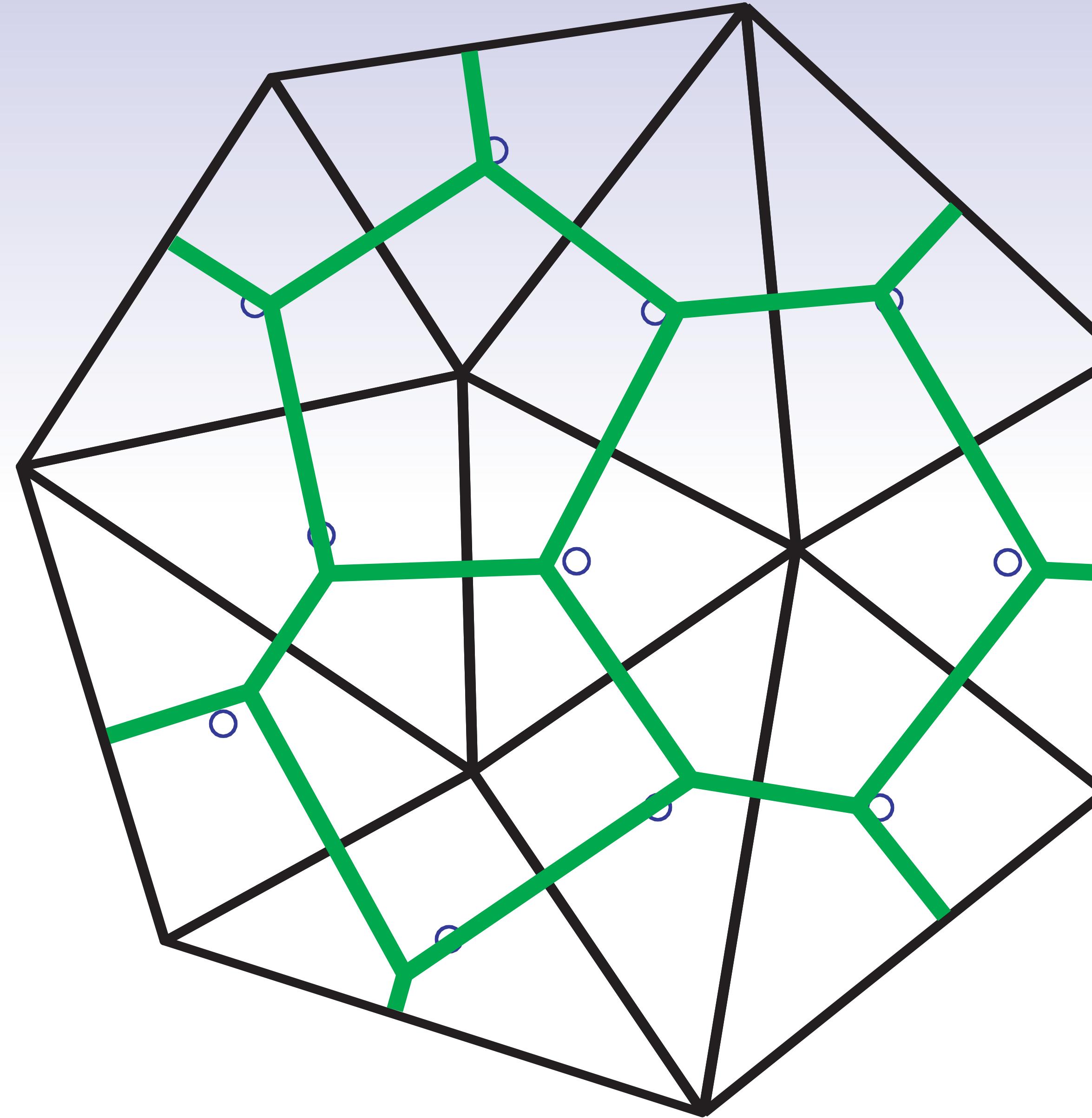


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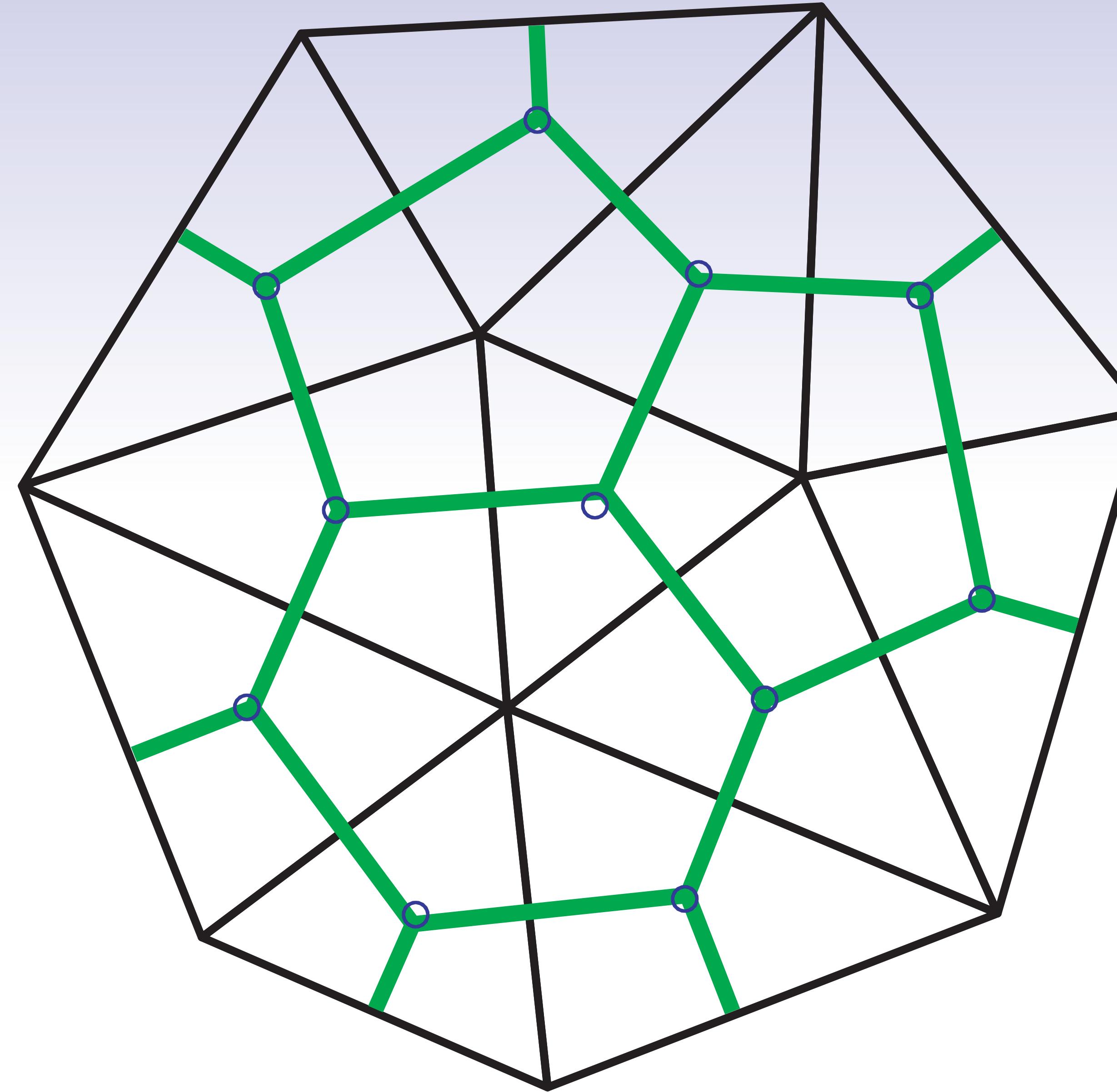
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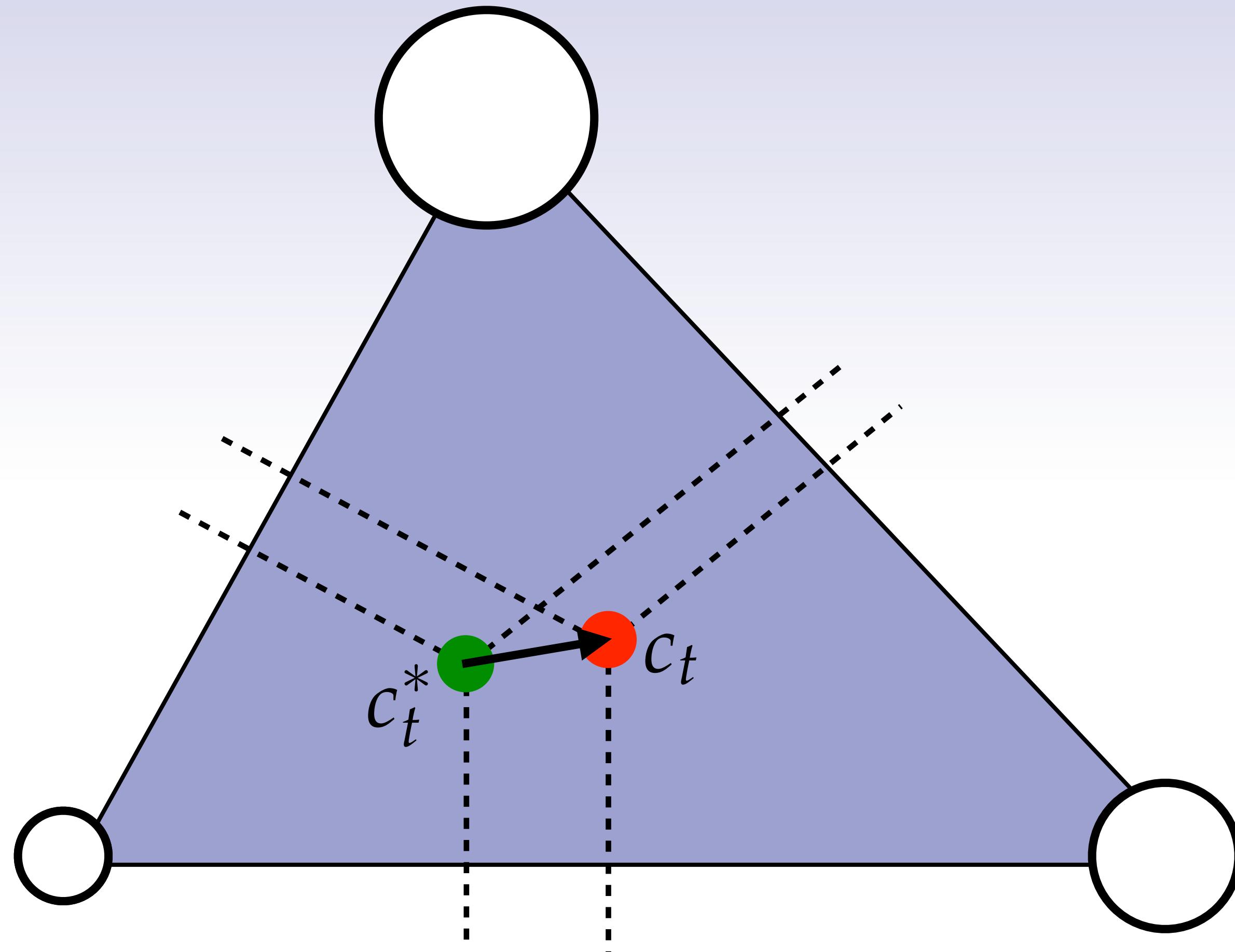
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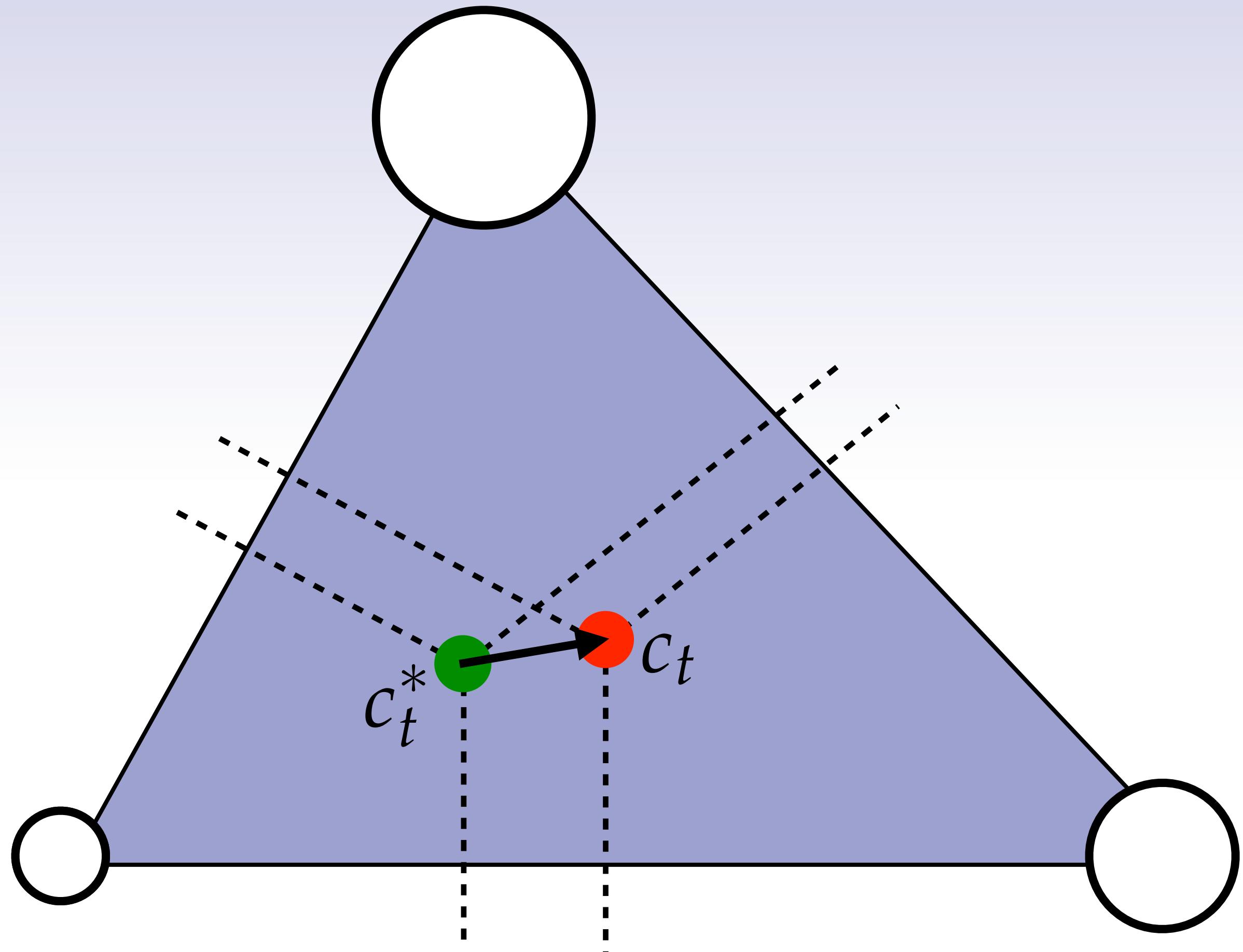
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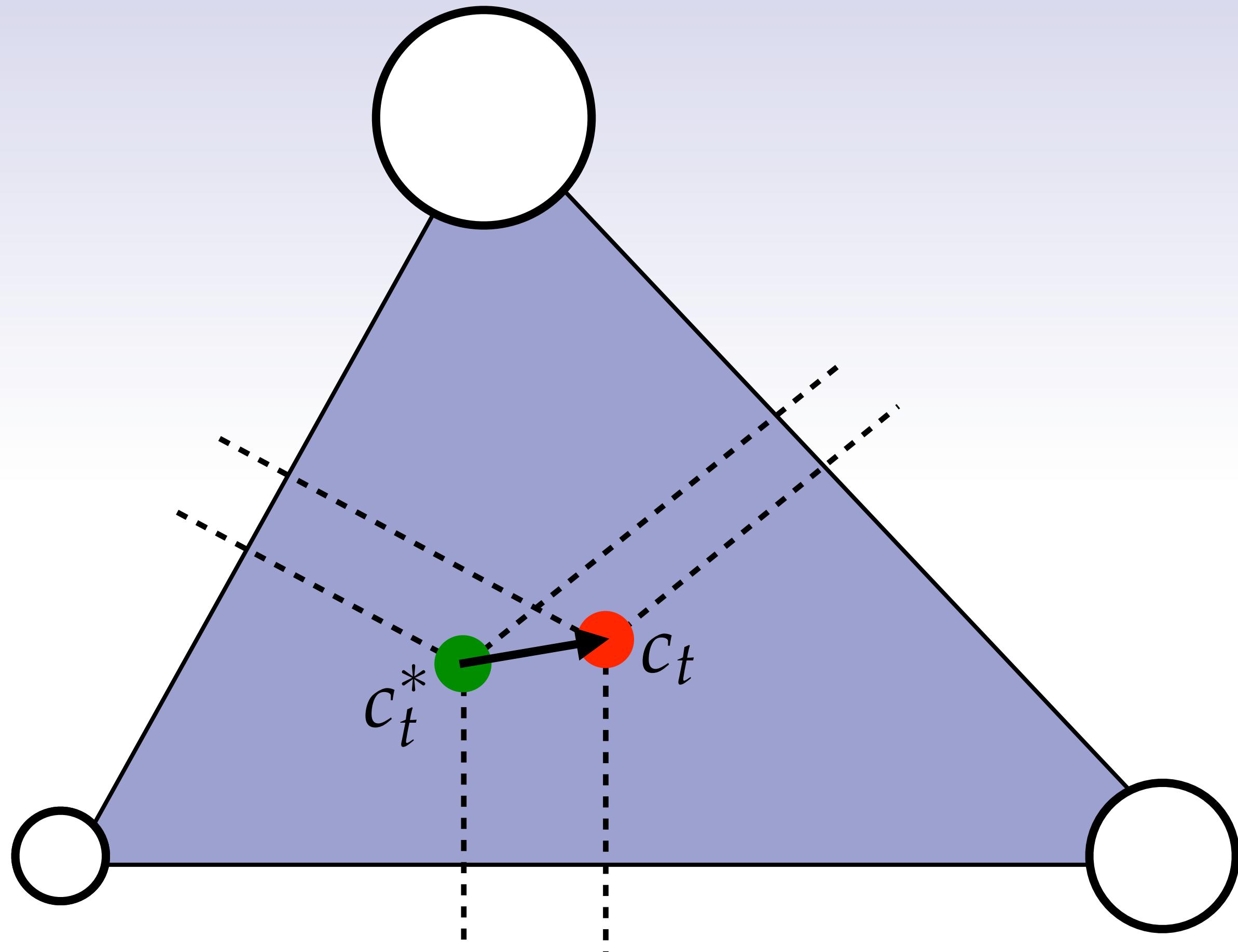


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$$\min_w \sum_i a_t \| (c_t - b_t) - \frac{1}{2} \nabla w \|^2$$

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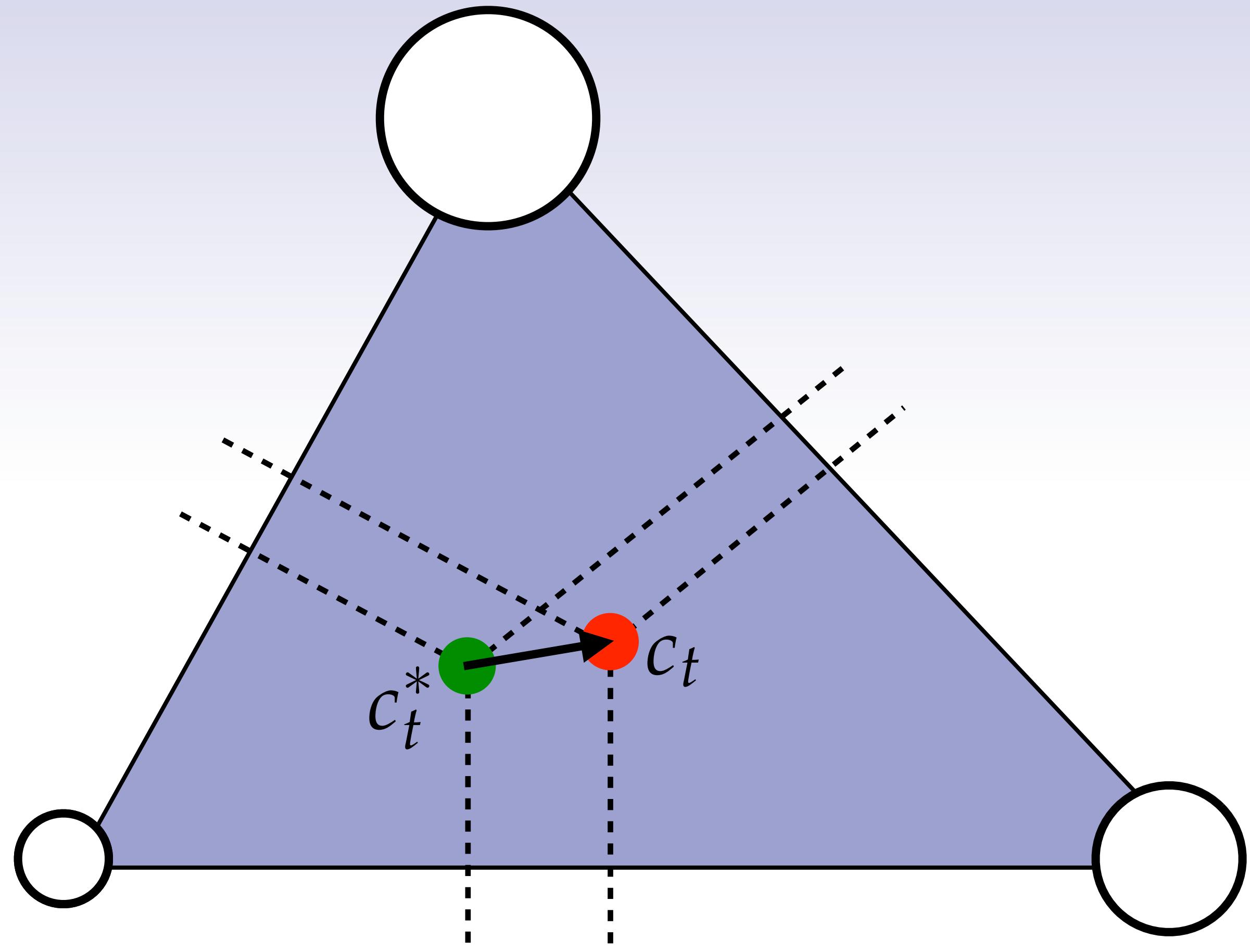
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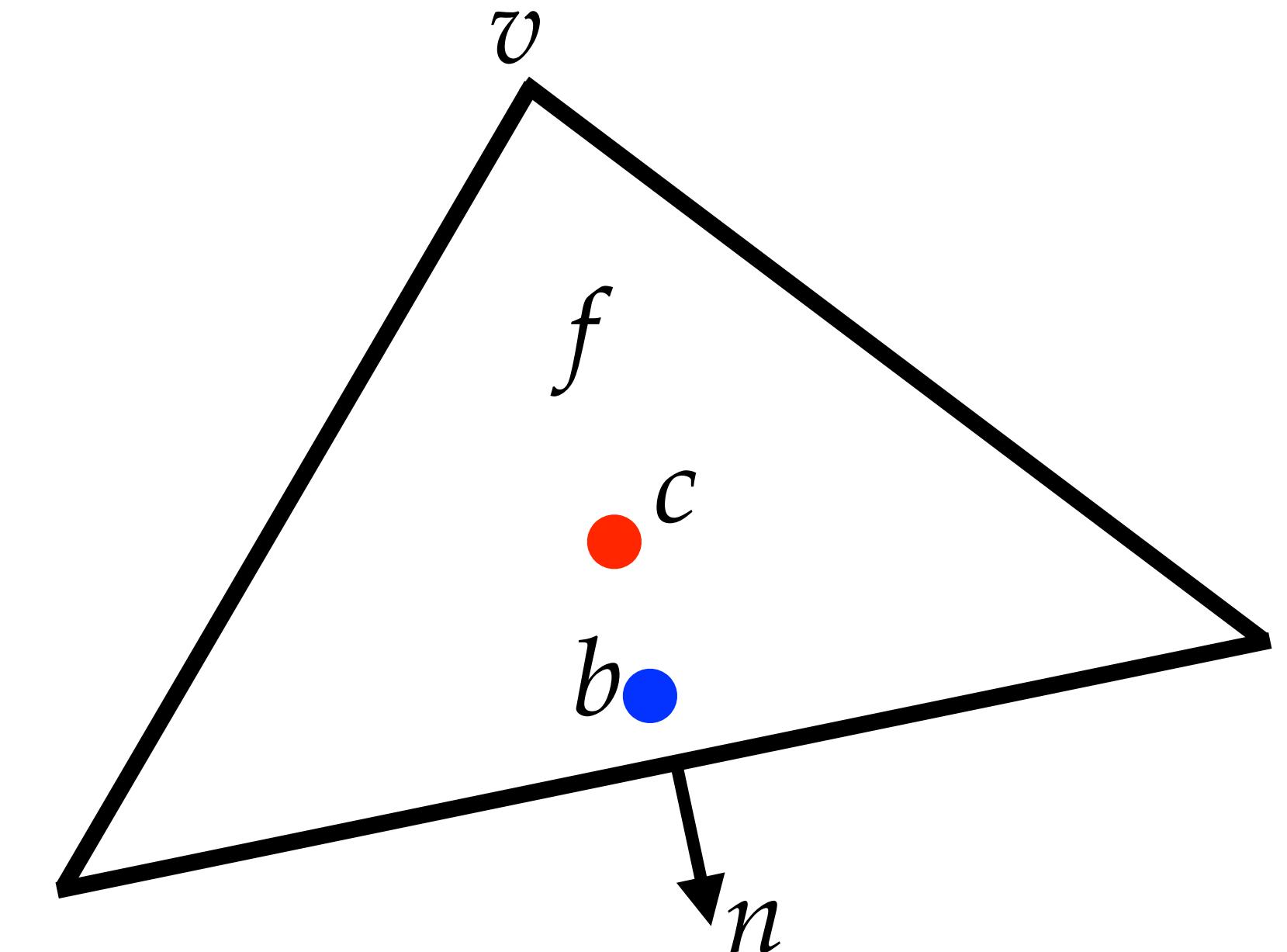
Pseudo-code

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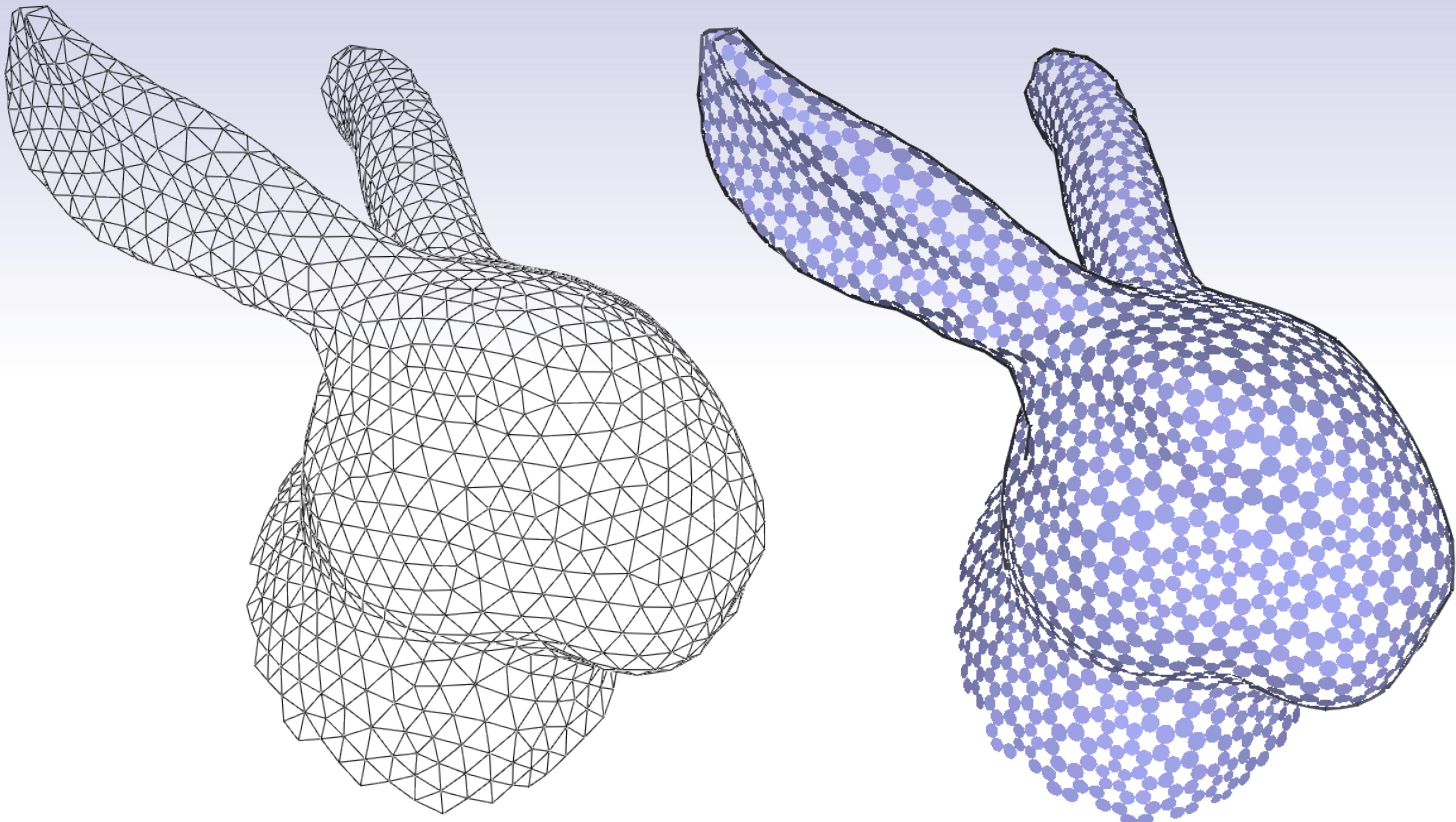
// build rhs
DenseMatrix<Real> rhs(#Vertices);
foreach vertex v:
    foreach face f in OneRing(v):
        rhs(v) += dot( n, b-c );

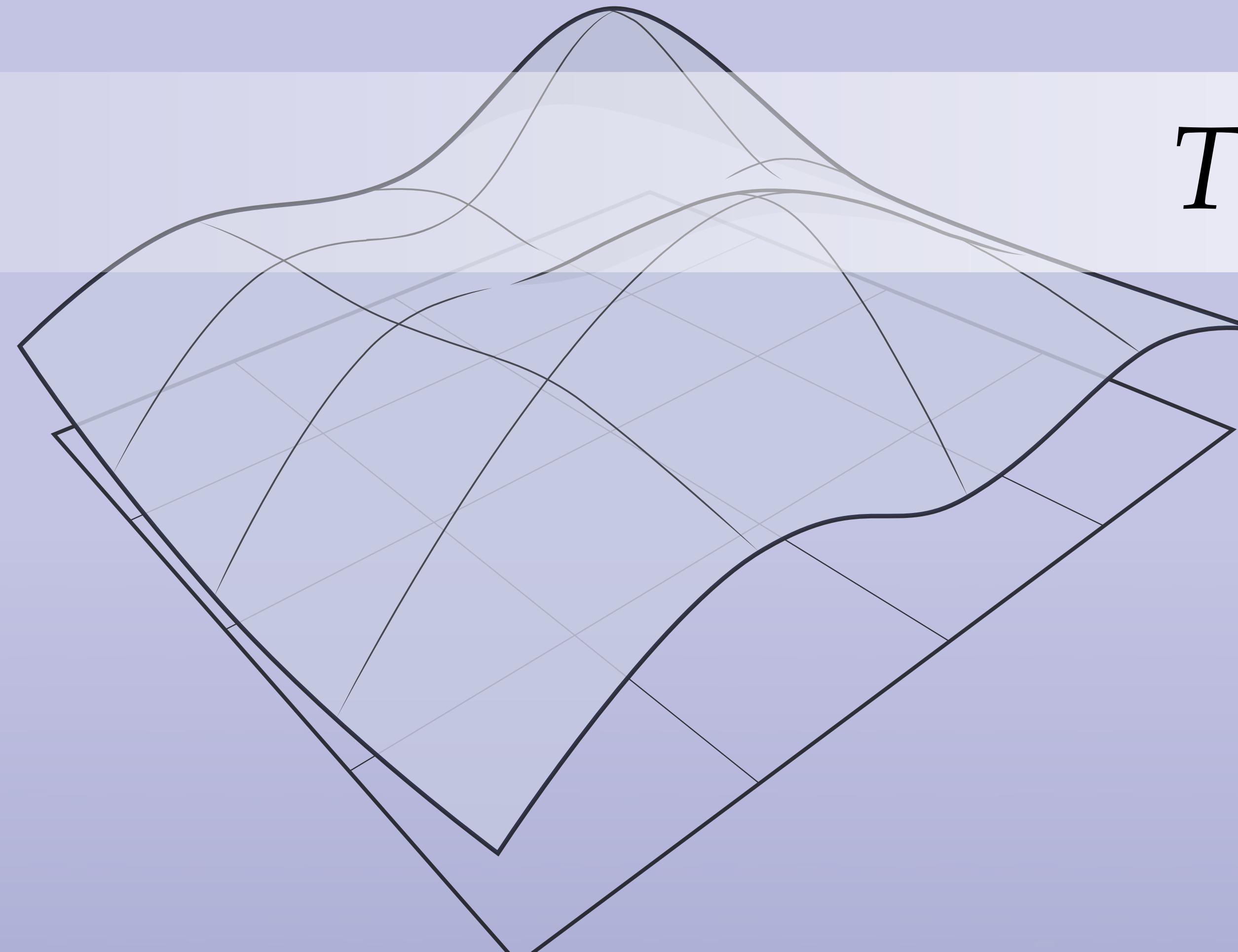
// solve for w
solve(L, w, rhs);

// quasi-newton solver for x
optimize_vertices()
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Example





Thanks!

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