

# Wasserstein distance between Lévy measures with applications to Bayesian nonparametrics

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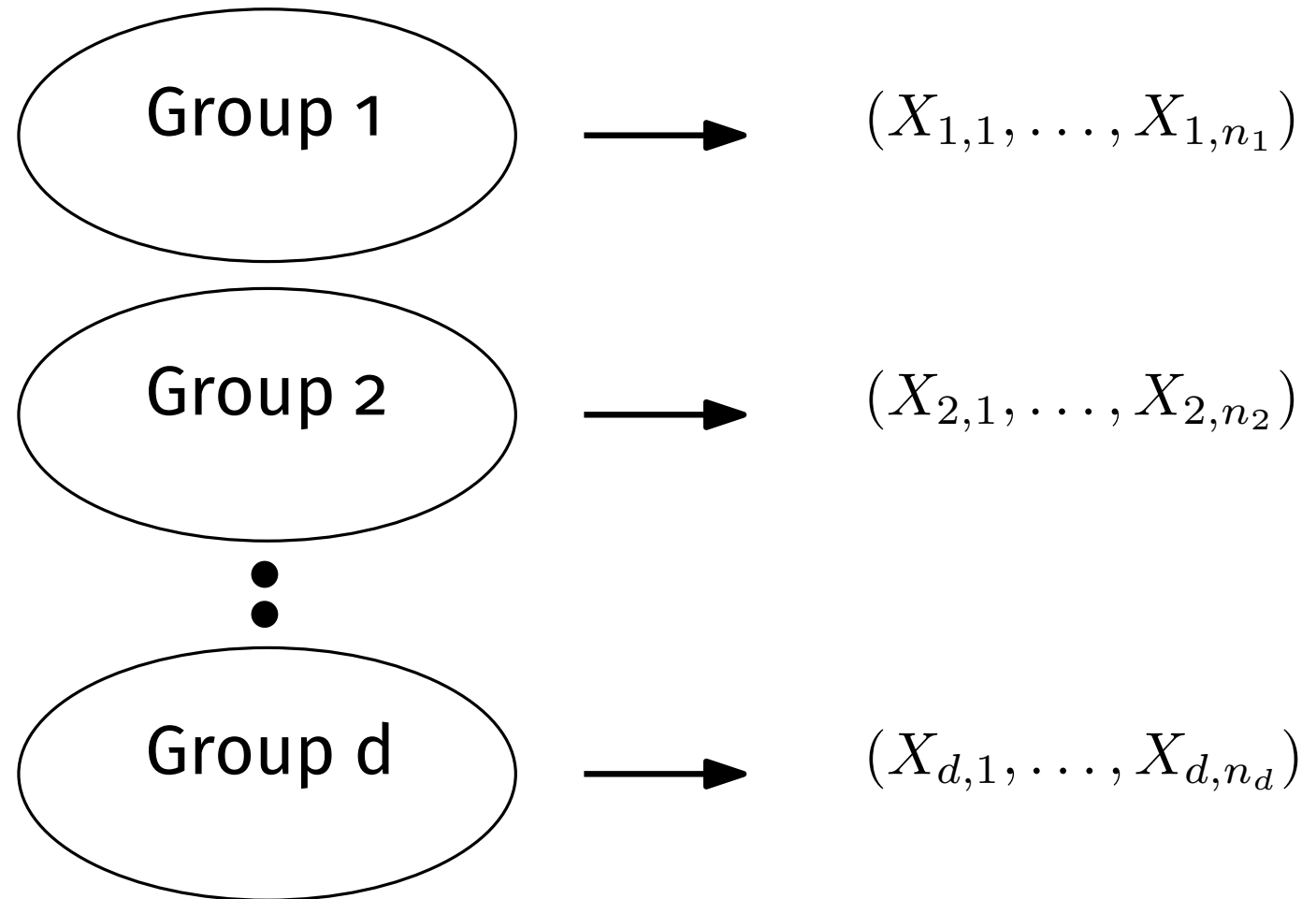
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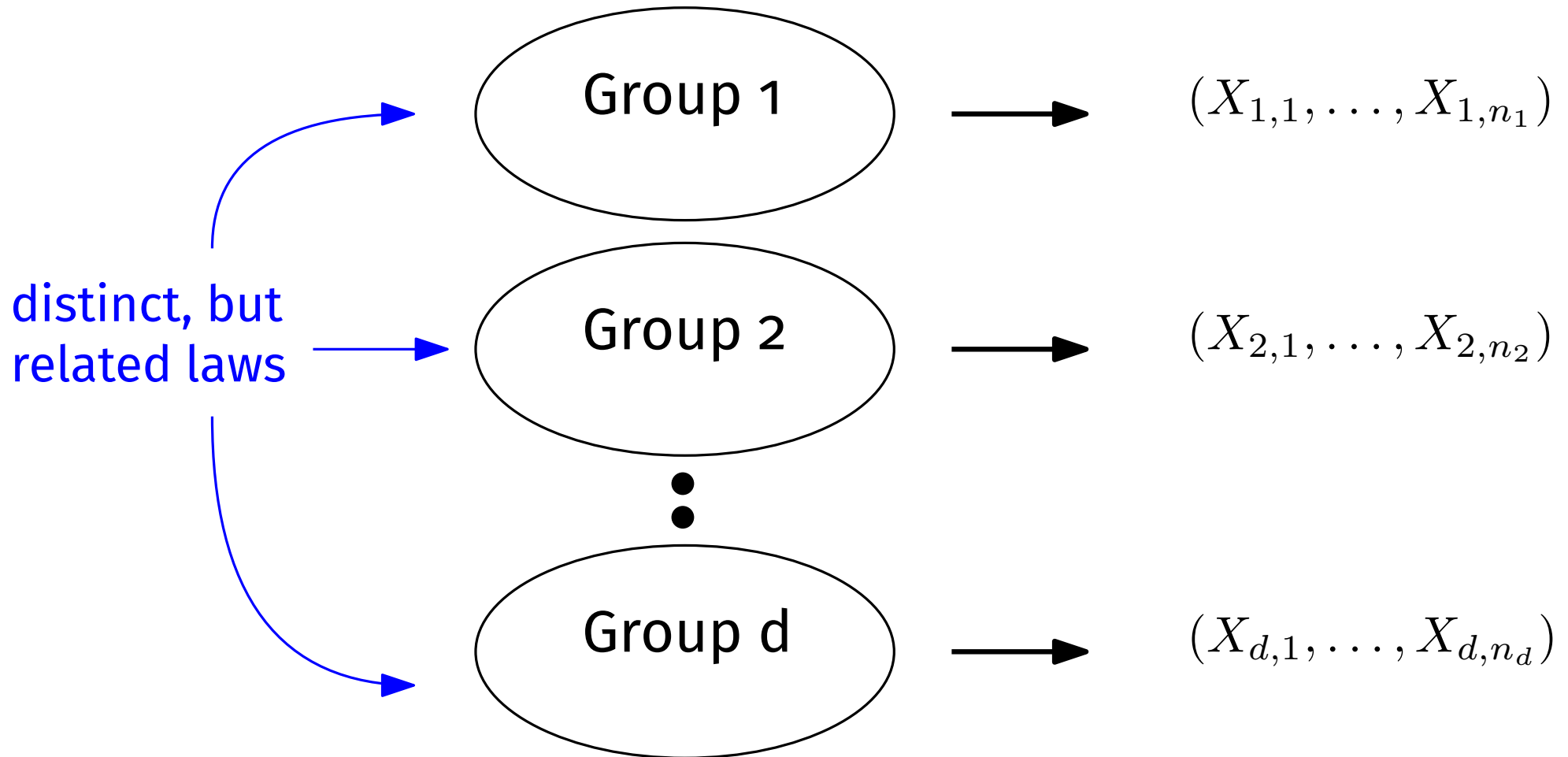
I am not a (Bayesian) statistician.

My background: mathematical analysis, optimal transport.

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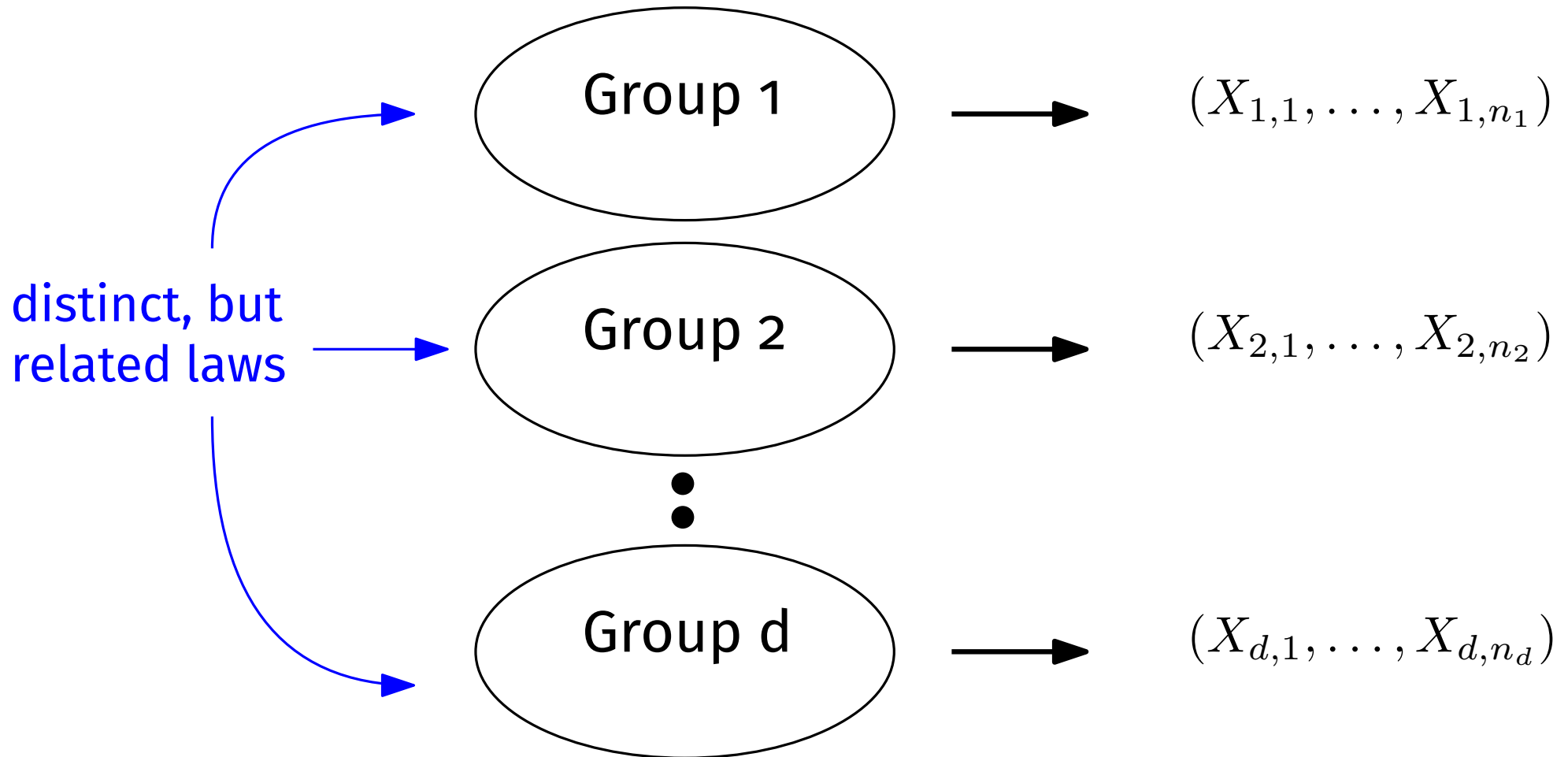


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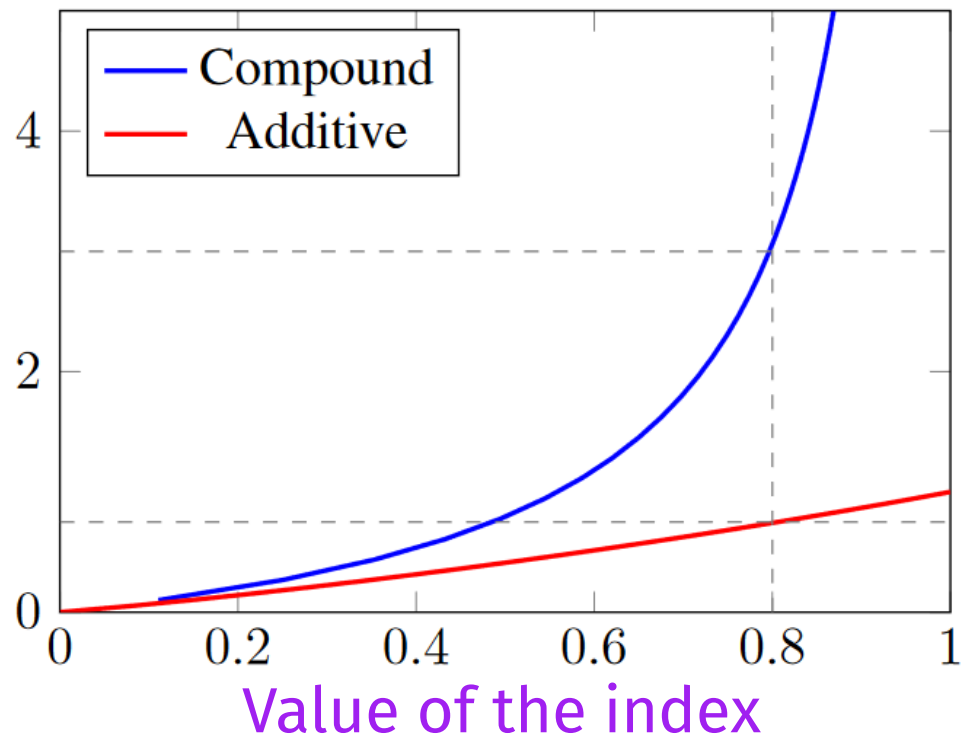
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**Goal:** quantifying the amount of **dependence** between groups already present in the **prior**

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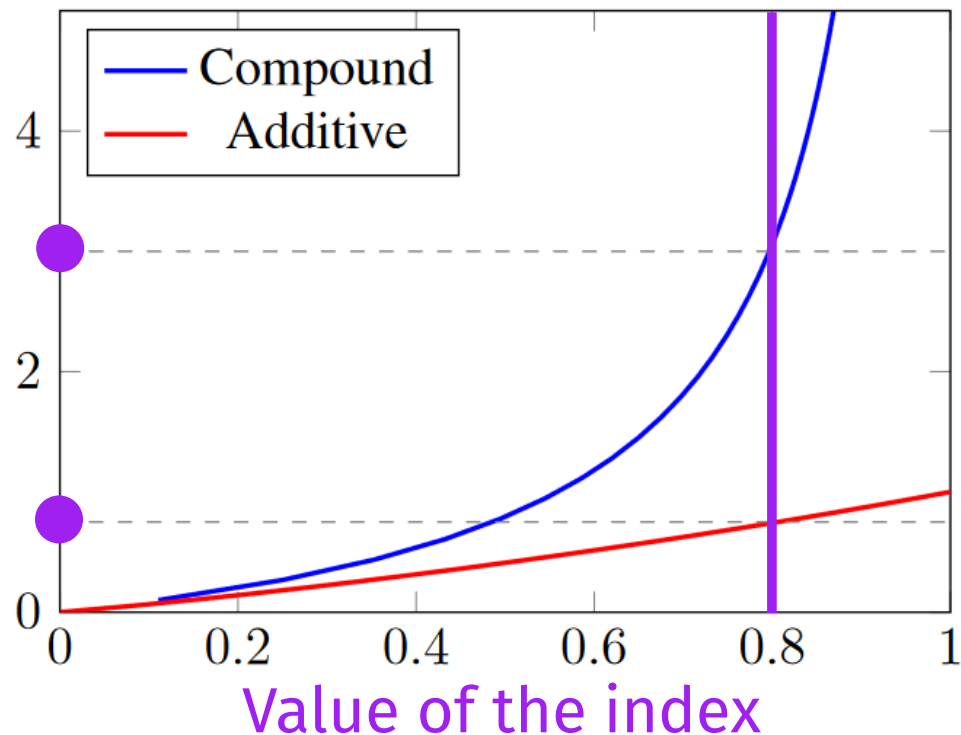
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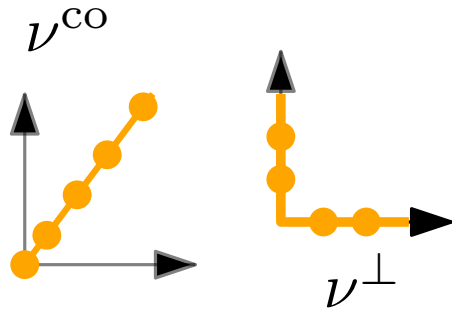
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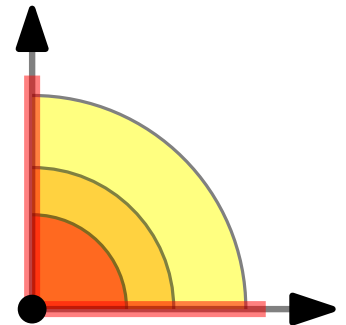
Allow for comparision between **different** priors

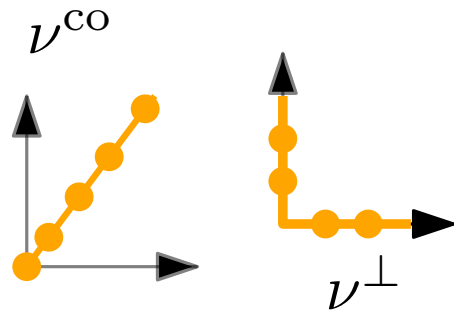




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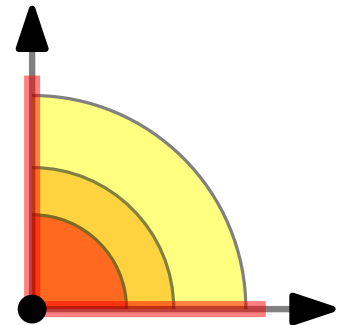
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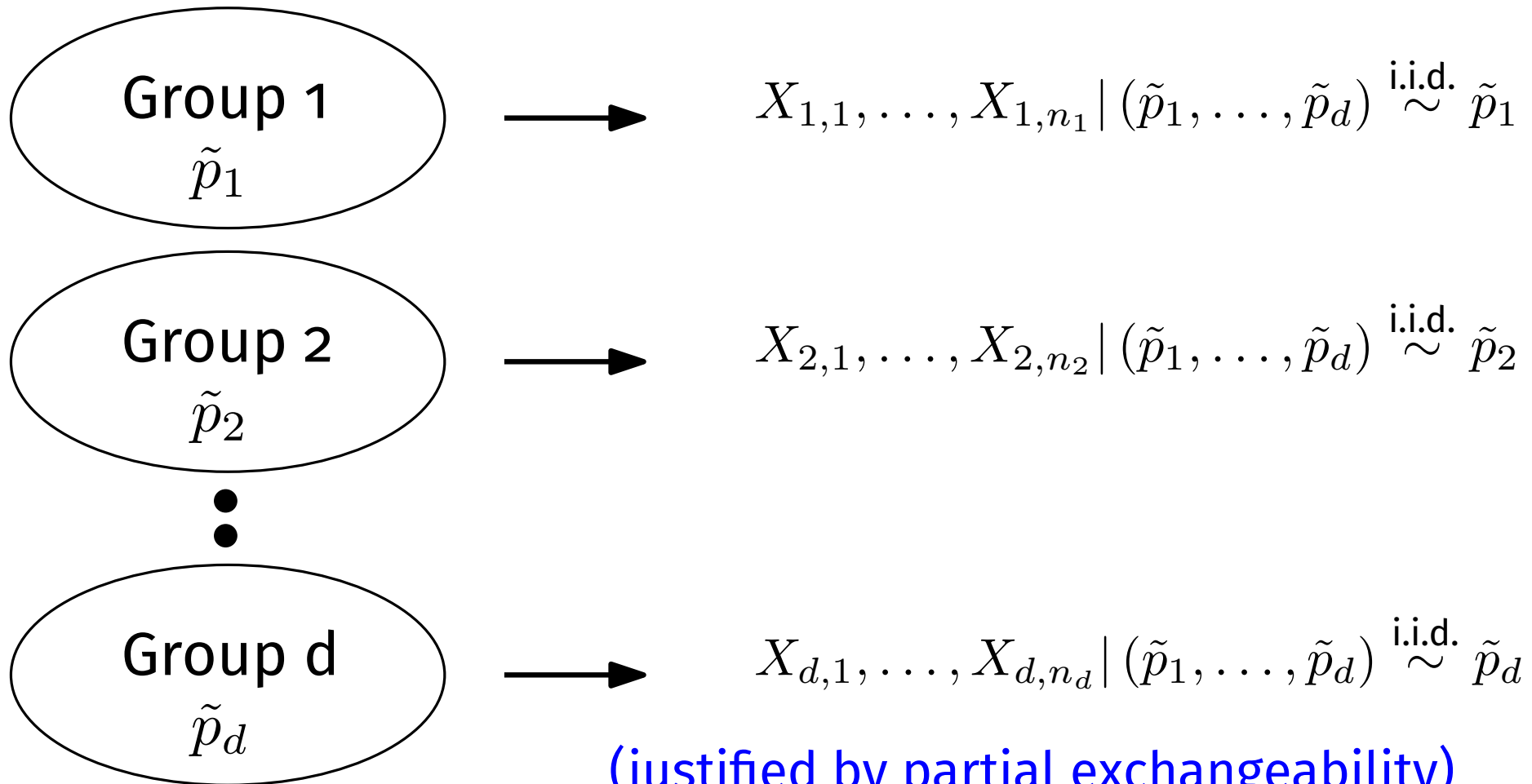
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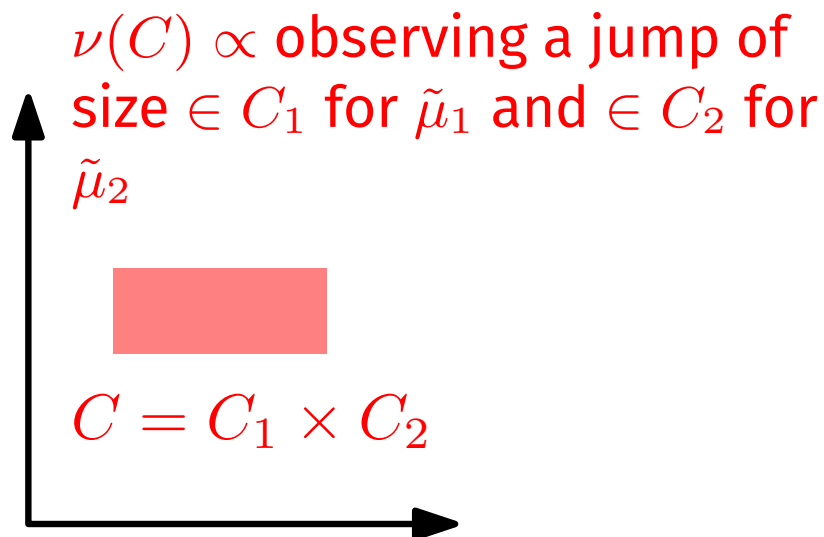
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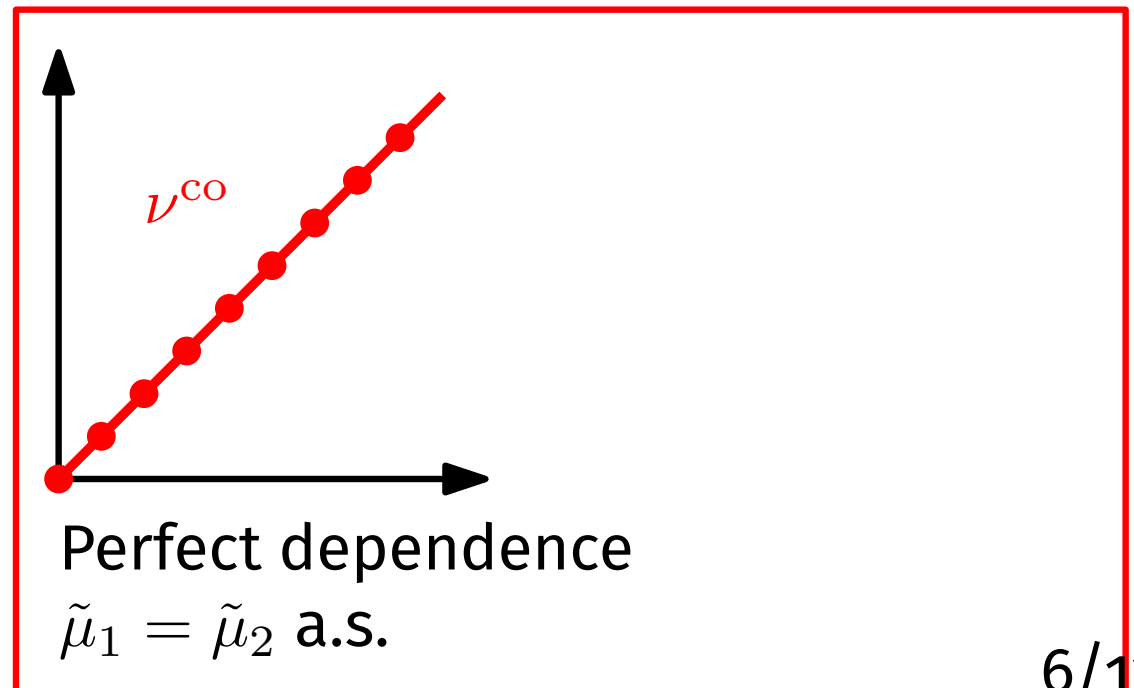
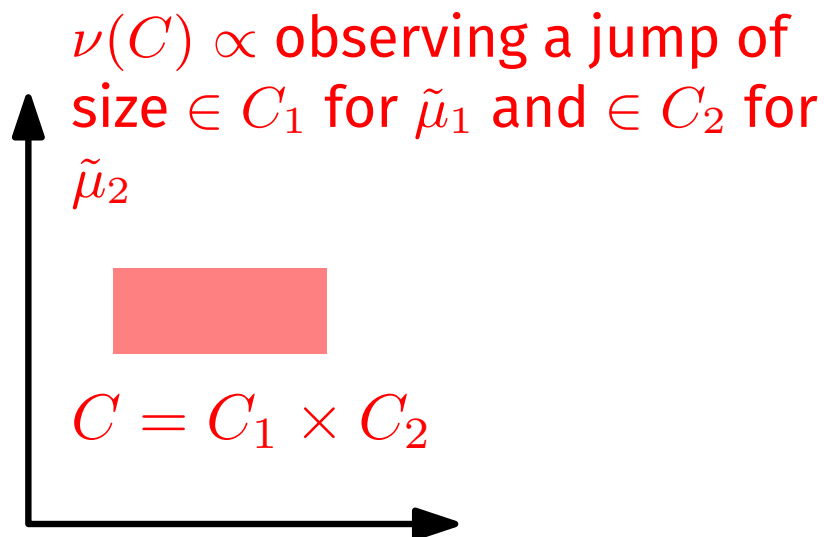


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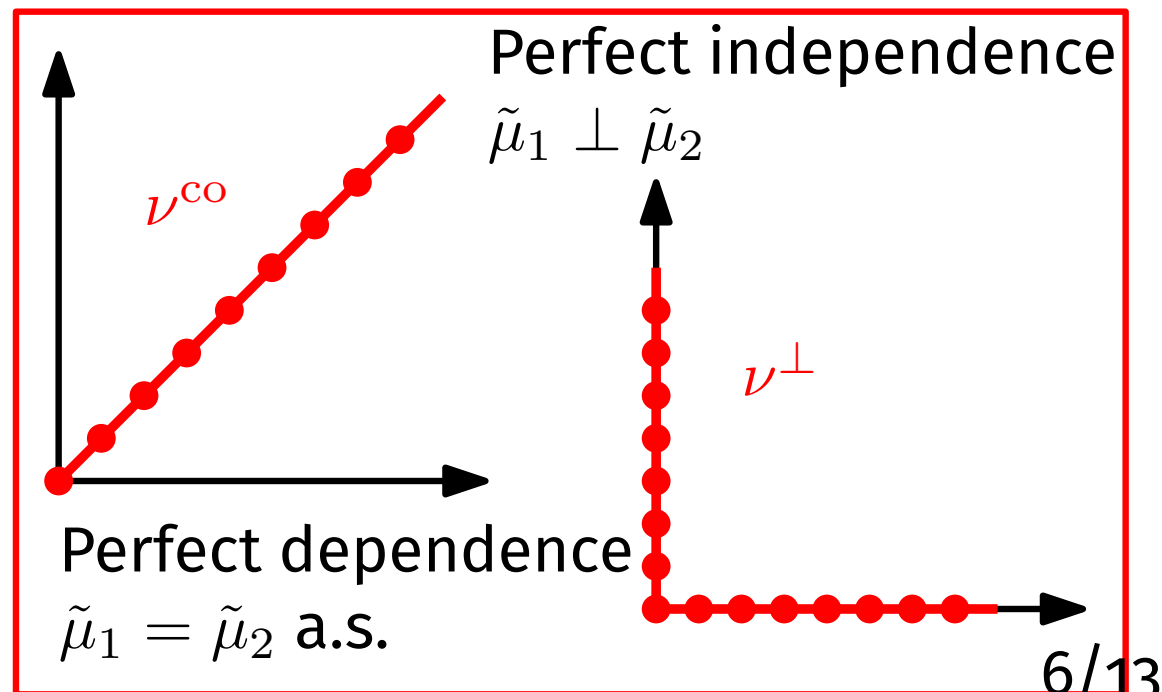
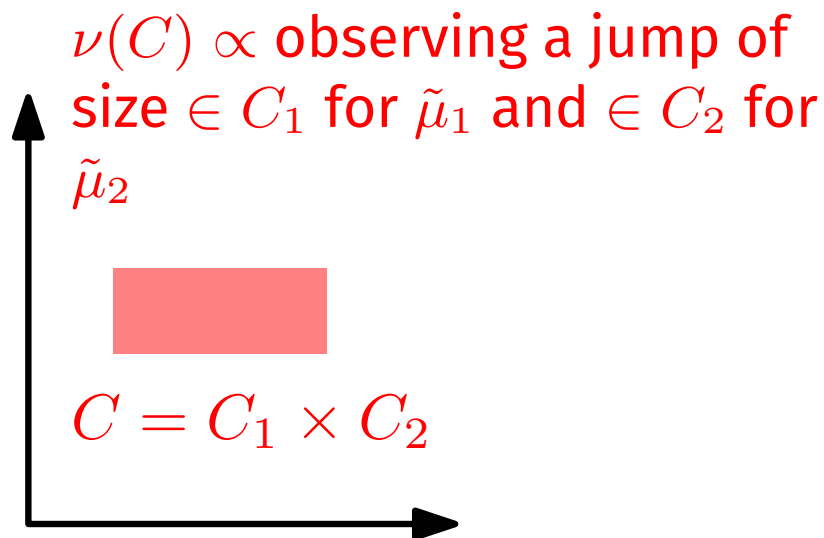


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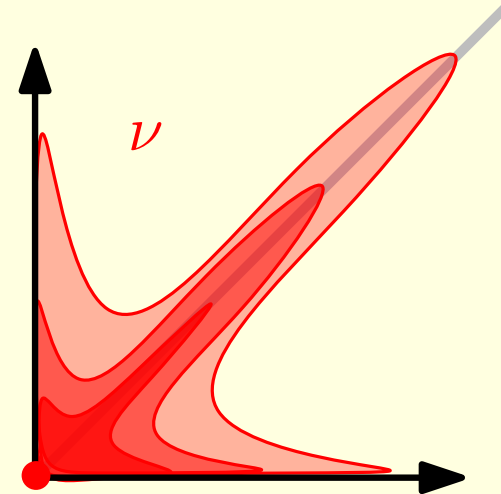


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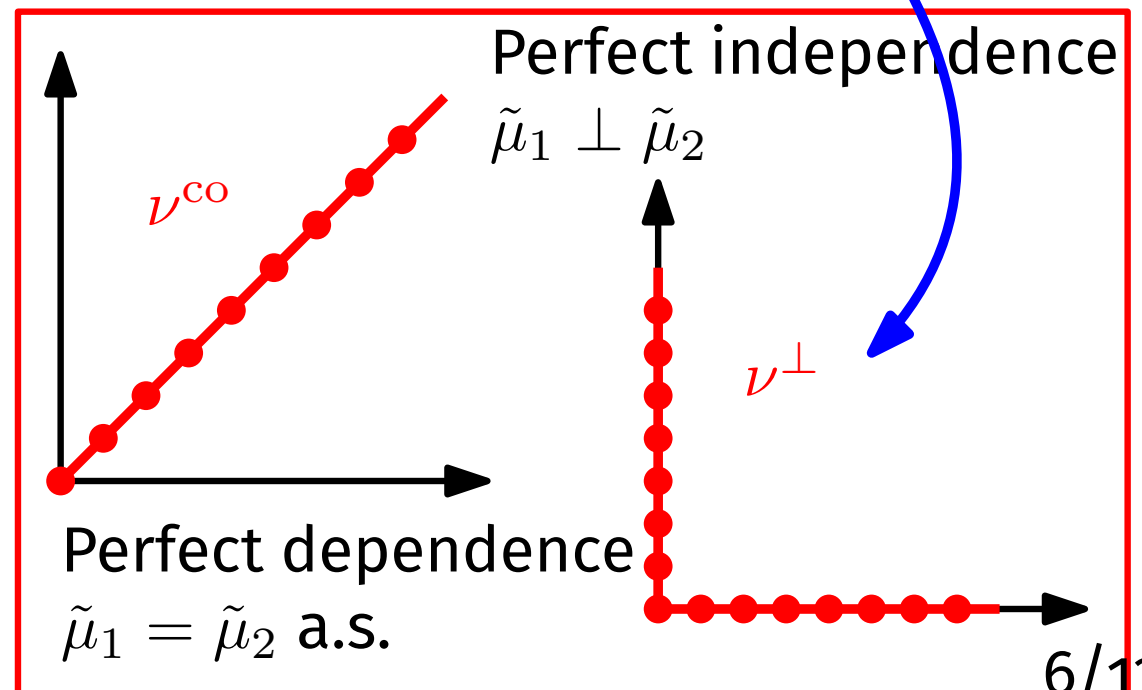
**Goal:** distinguish  
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$(\tilde{\mathbf{J}}_i)_i$   
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$\nu(C) \propto$  observing a jump of  
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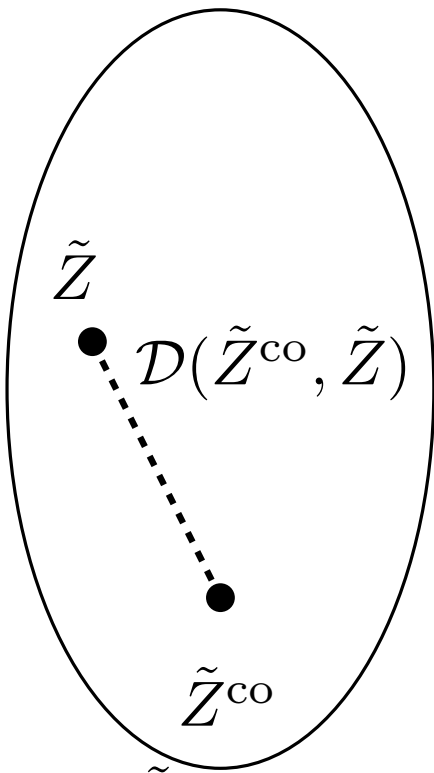
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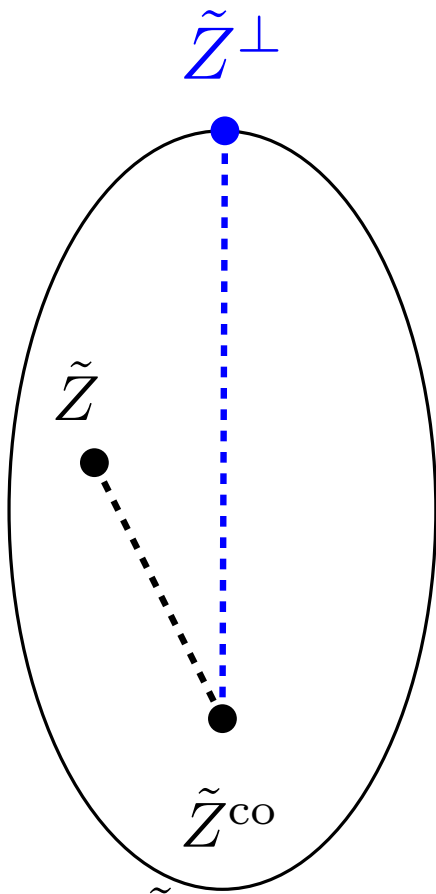


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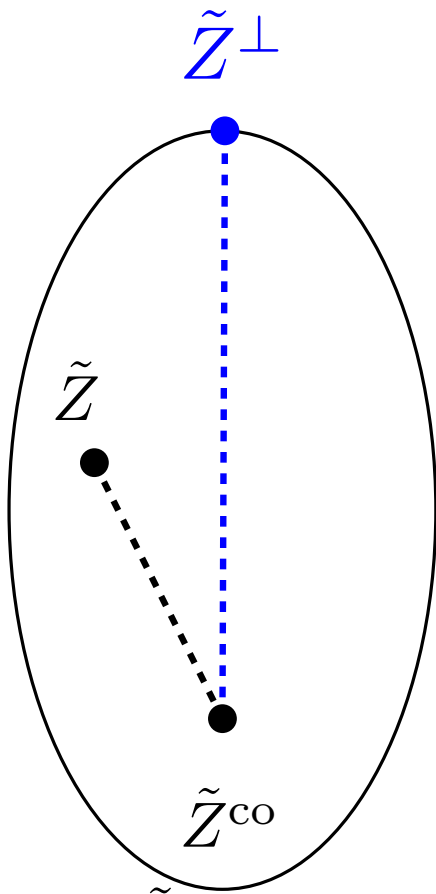
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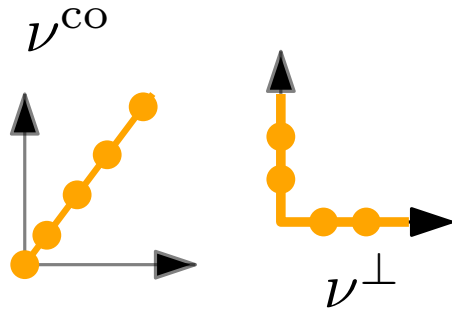
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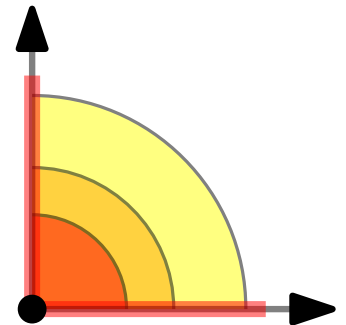
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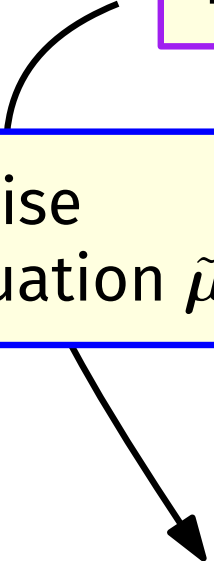
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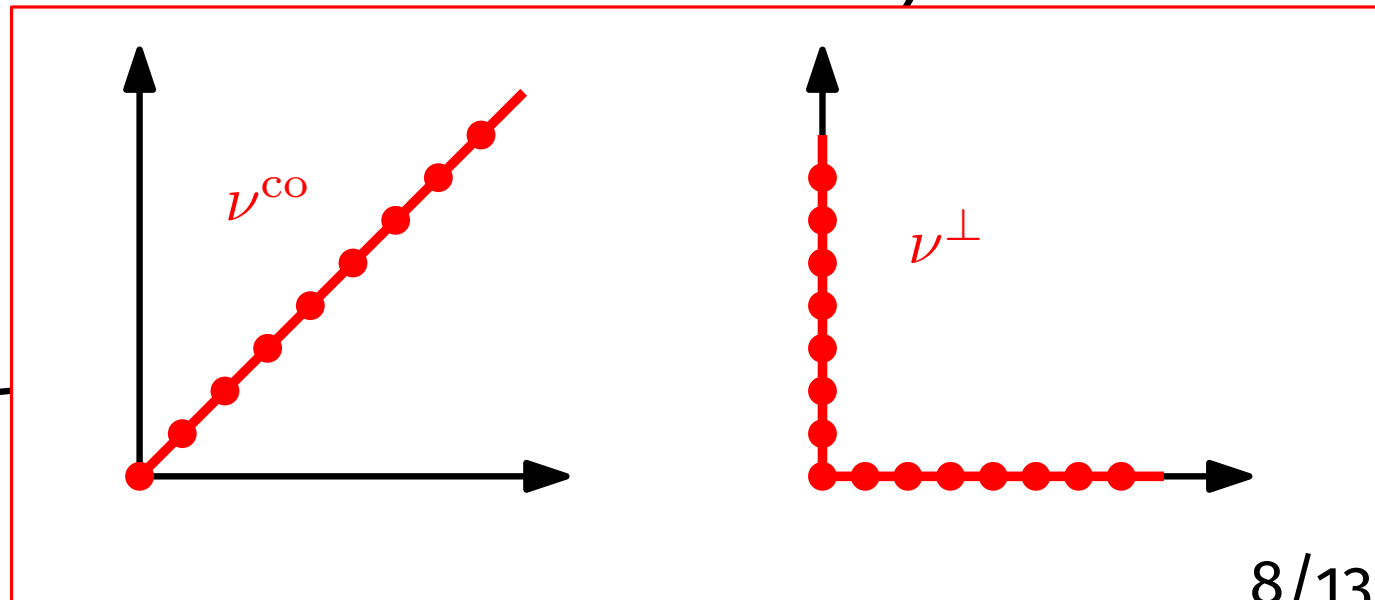
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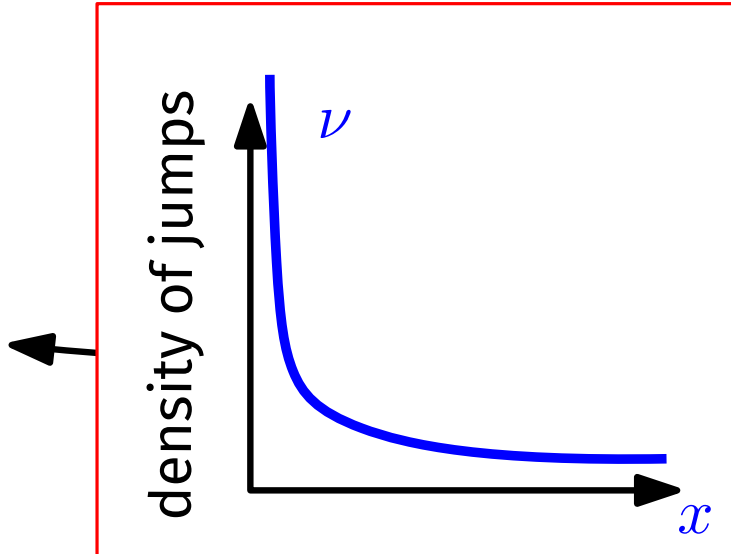
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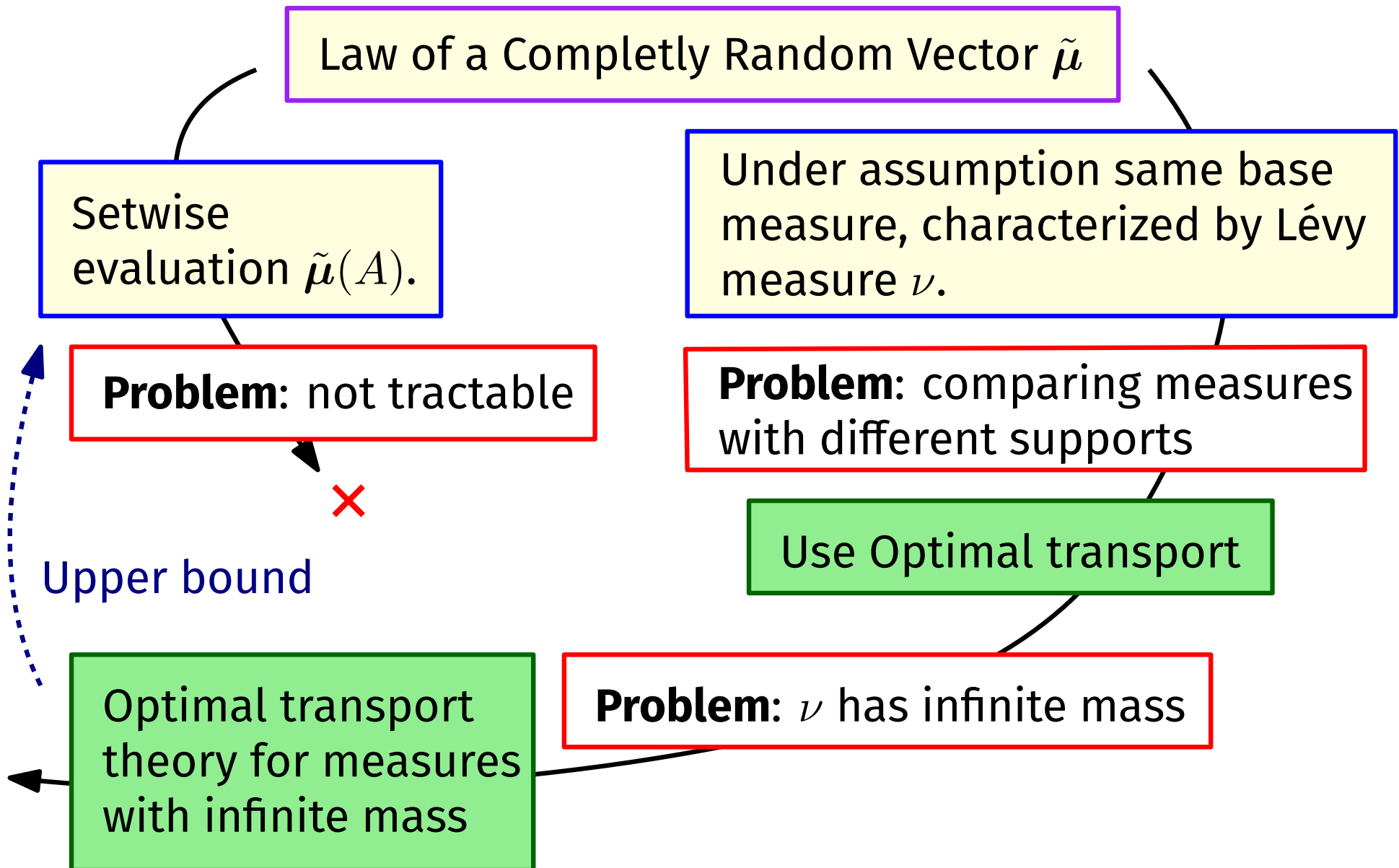
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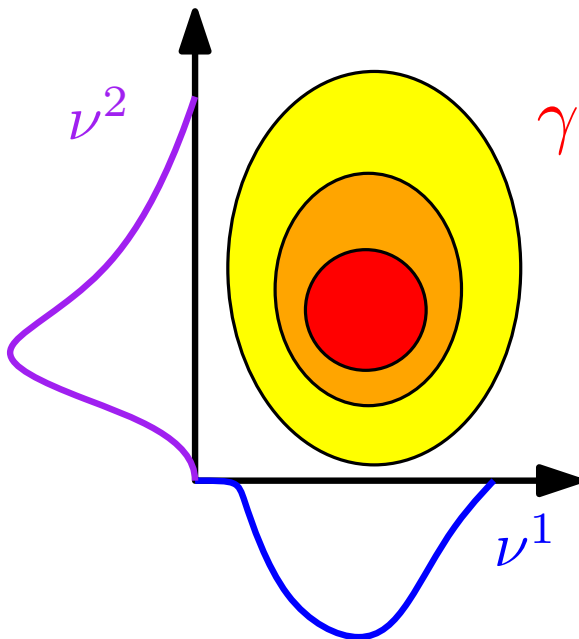


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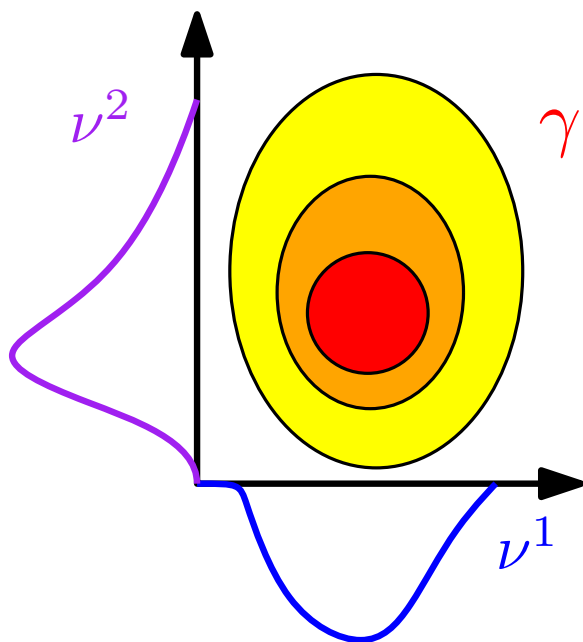
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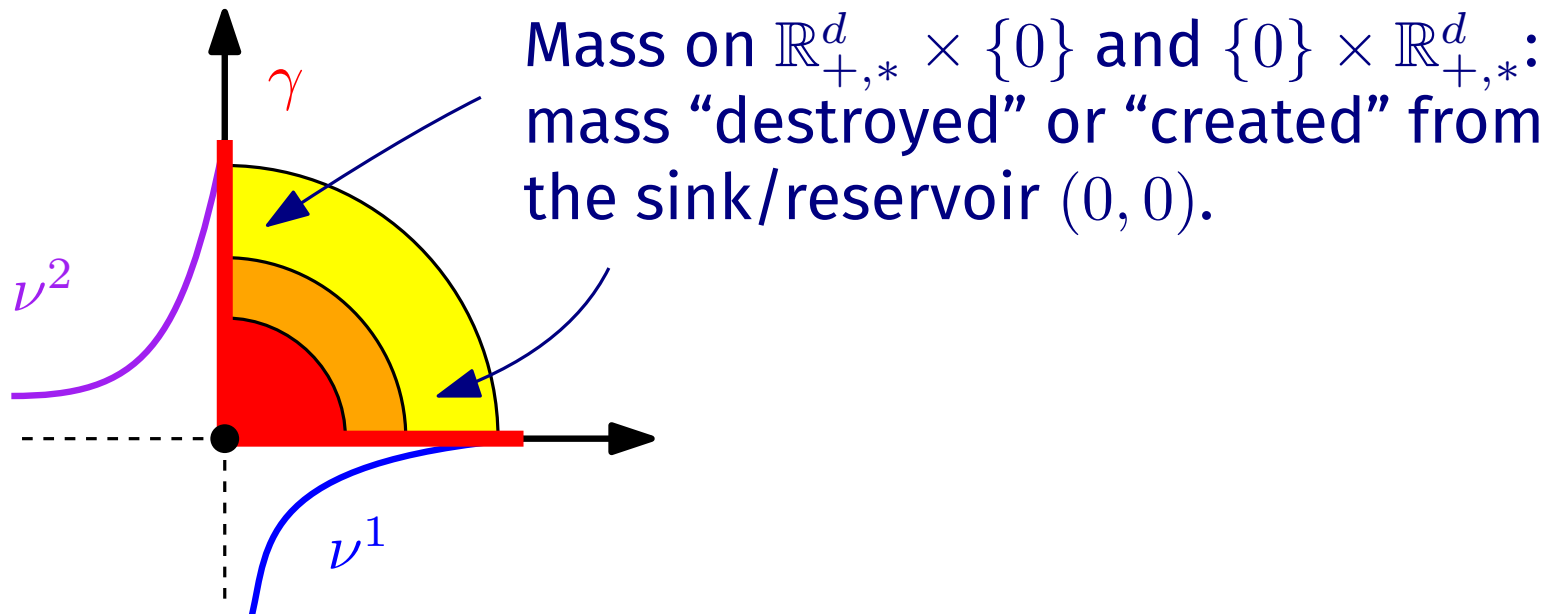
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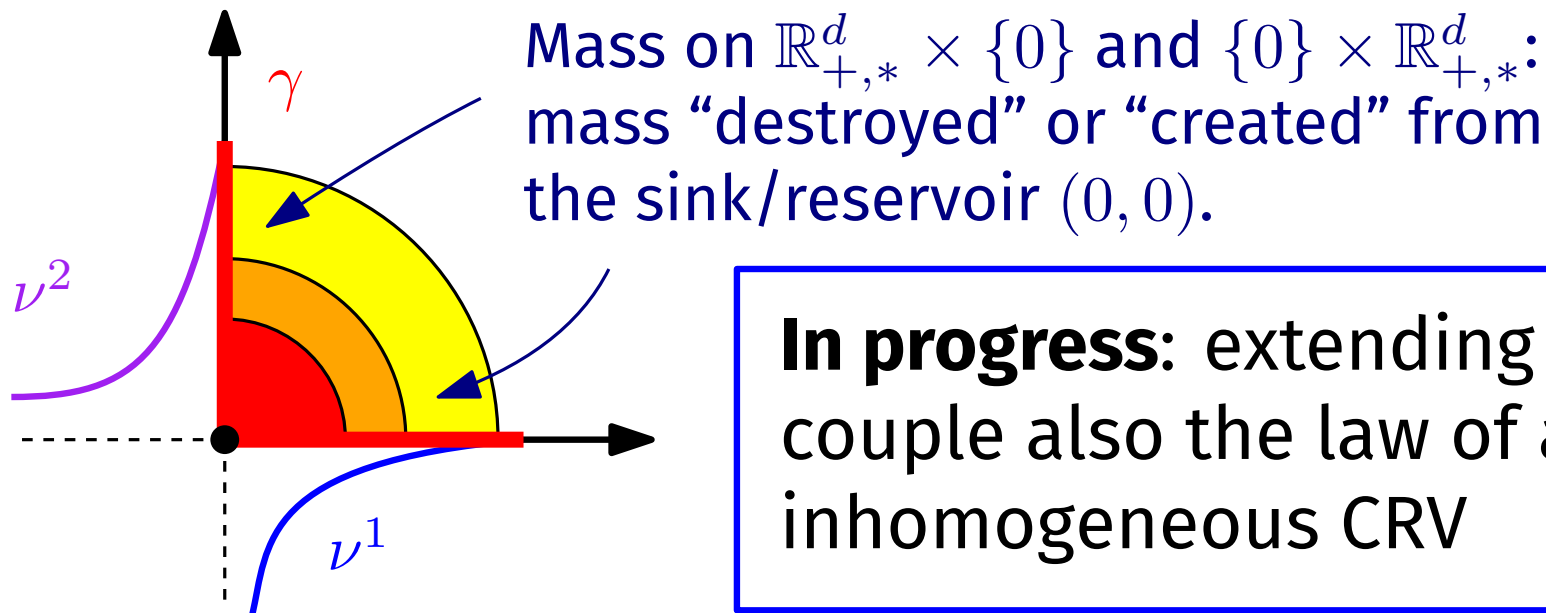


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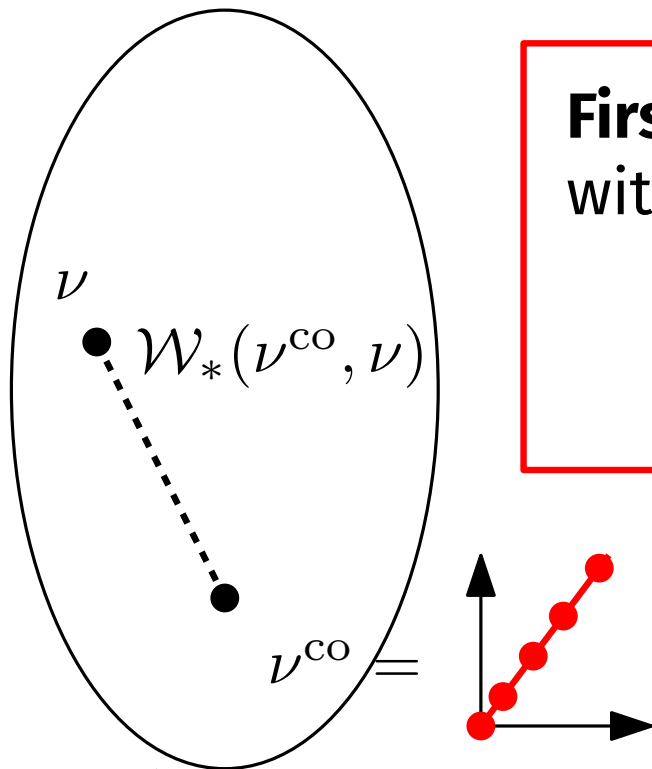
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**In progress:** extending this idea to couple also the law of atoms for inhomogeneous CRV

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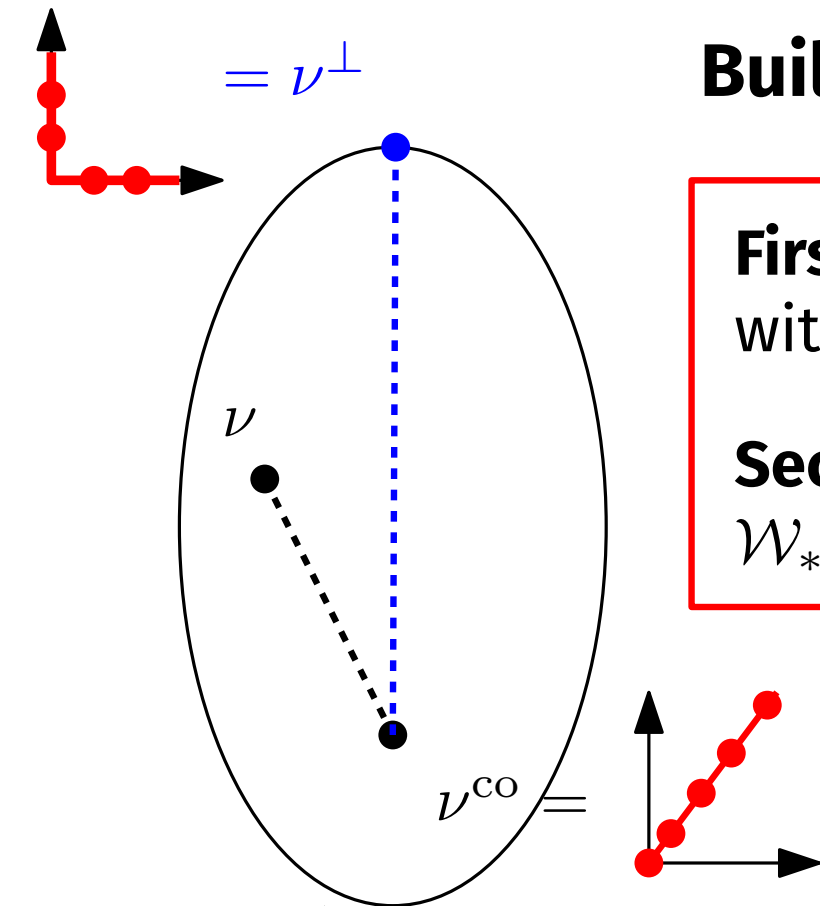
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The diagram illustrates the space of Lévy measures over  $\mathbb{R}_+^d$  with fixed marginals. It features an ellipse representing this space. Inside, a point  $\nu$  is connected by a dashed line to a point  $\nu^{\text{co}}$  on the boundary. A vertical dashed line from the top of the ellipse to  $\nu^{\text{co}}$  is labeled  $= \nu^\perp$ . Two red step functions are shown: one at the top left and one at the bottom right, representing the marginal distributions.

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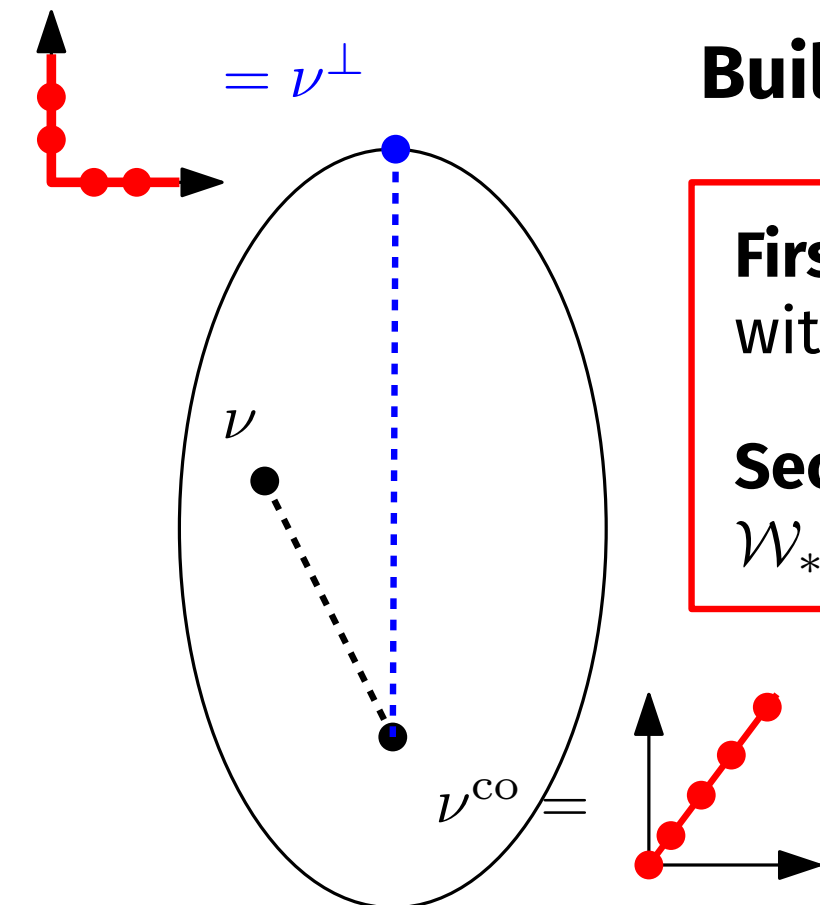
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**Consequence.** We have an index of dependence for homogeneous infinitely active completely random vectors without fixed atoms, with equal marginals and finite second moments.

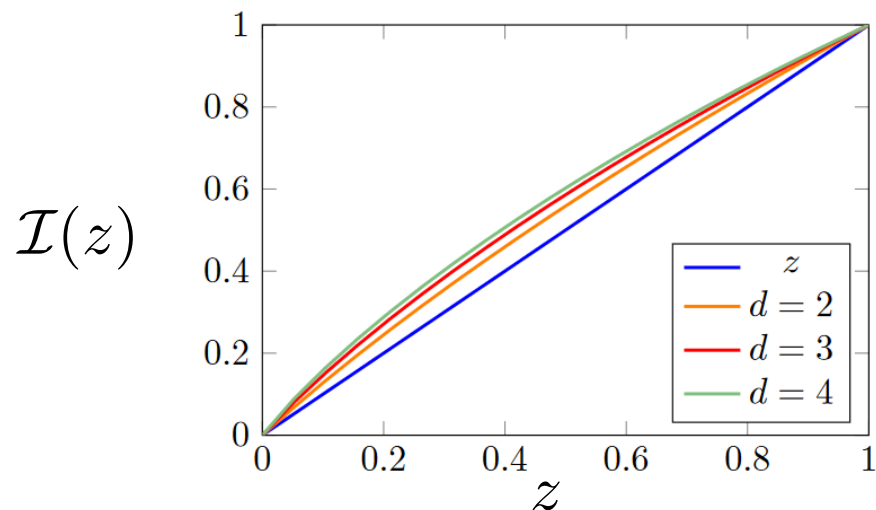


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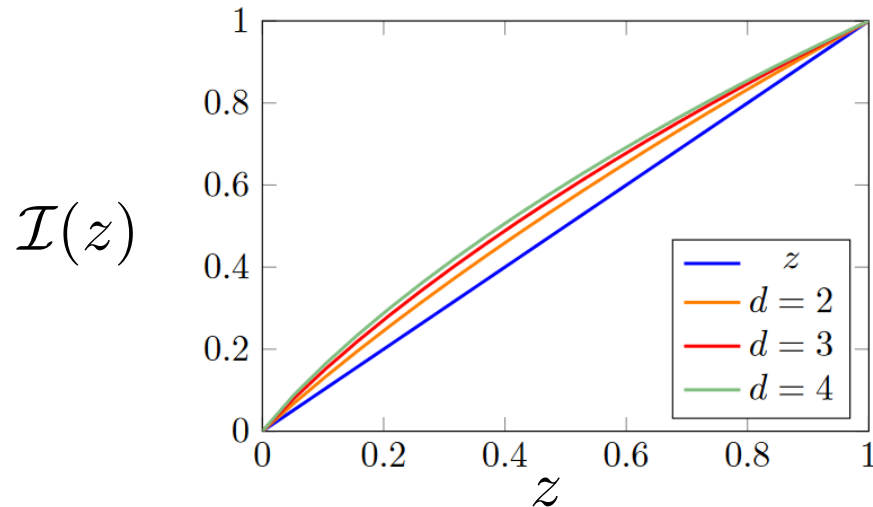
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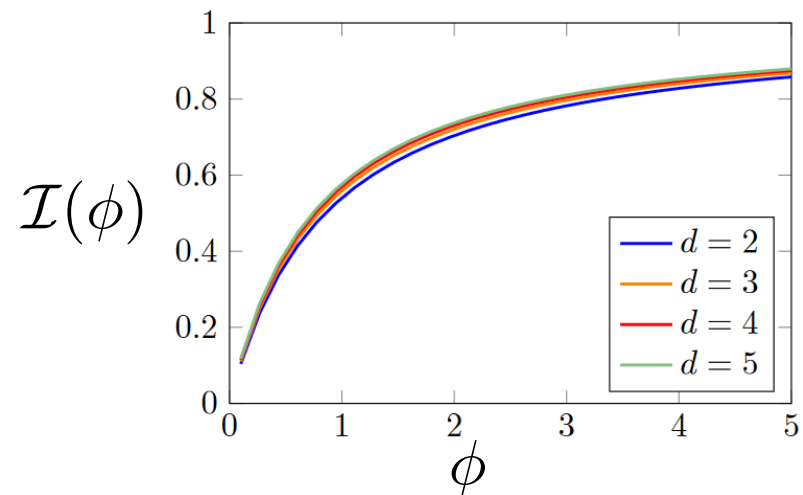
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## Compound random measures

Parameter  $\phi$  measures dependence

$$\begin{aligned} \nu(s_1, \dots, s_d) \\ = \int_0^{+\infty} h^\phi \left( \frac{s_1}{u}, \dots, \frac{s_d}{u} \right) d\nu_*^\phi(u) \end{aligned}$$

for well chosen  $h^\phi, \nu_*^\phi$ .

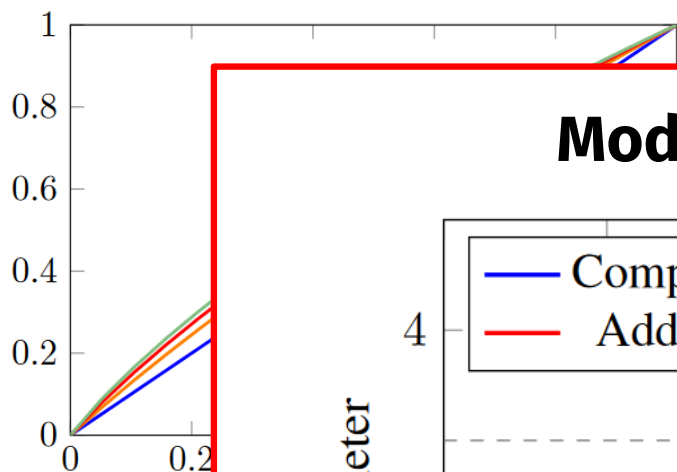


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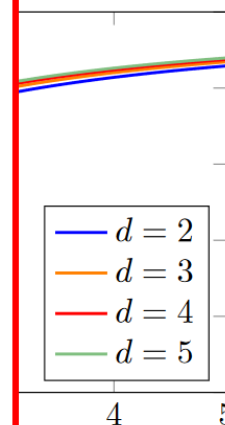
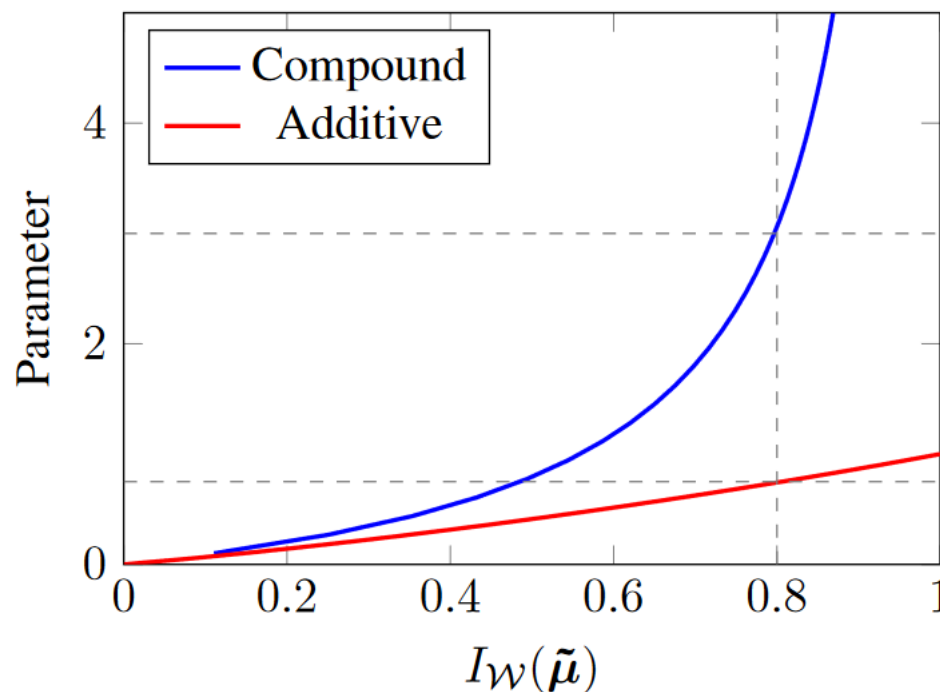
$$\mathcal{I}(z) \geq z \quad [ =$$

## Compound random measures

Parameter  $\phi$  measures dependence

$$\begin{aligned} \nu(s_1, \dots, s_d) \\ = \int_0^{+\infty} h^\phi \left( \frac{s_1}{u}, \dots, \frac{s_d}{u} \right) d\nu_*^\phi(u) \end{aligned}$$

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