

Deep learning preliminaries

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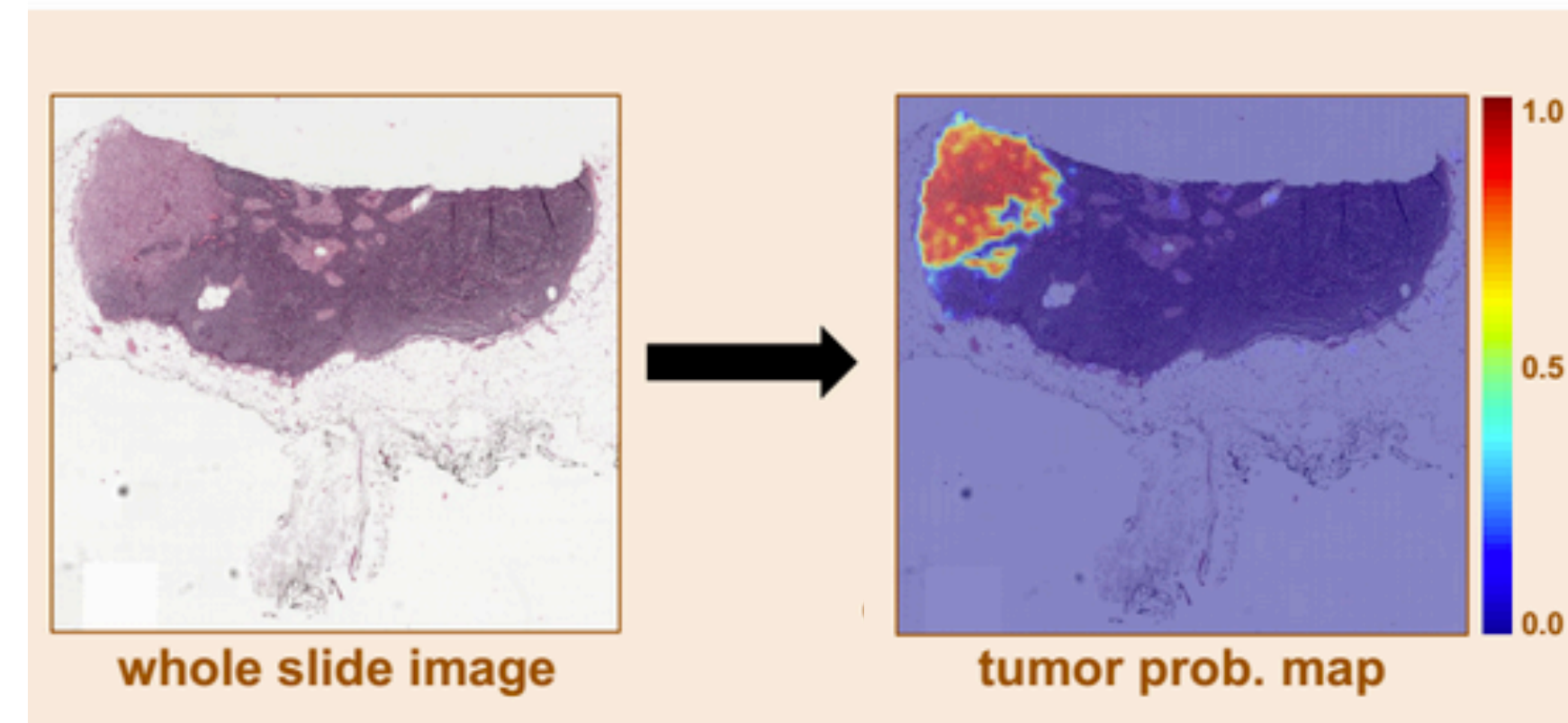
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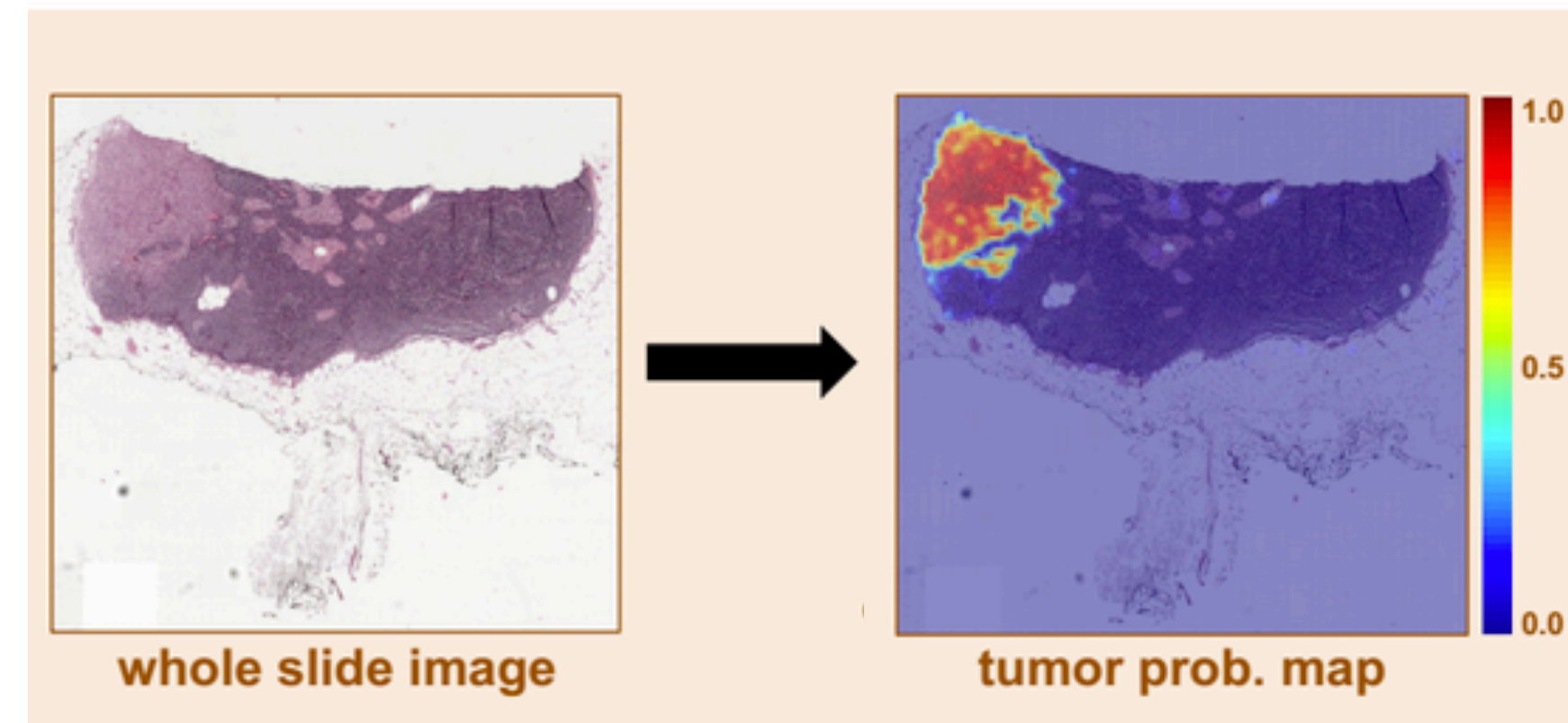
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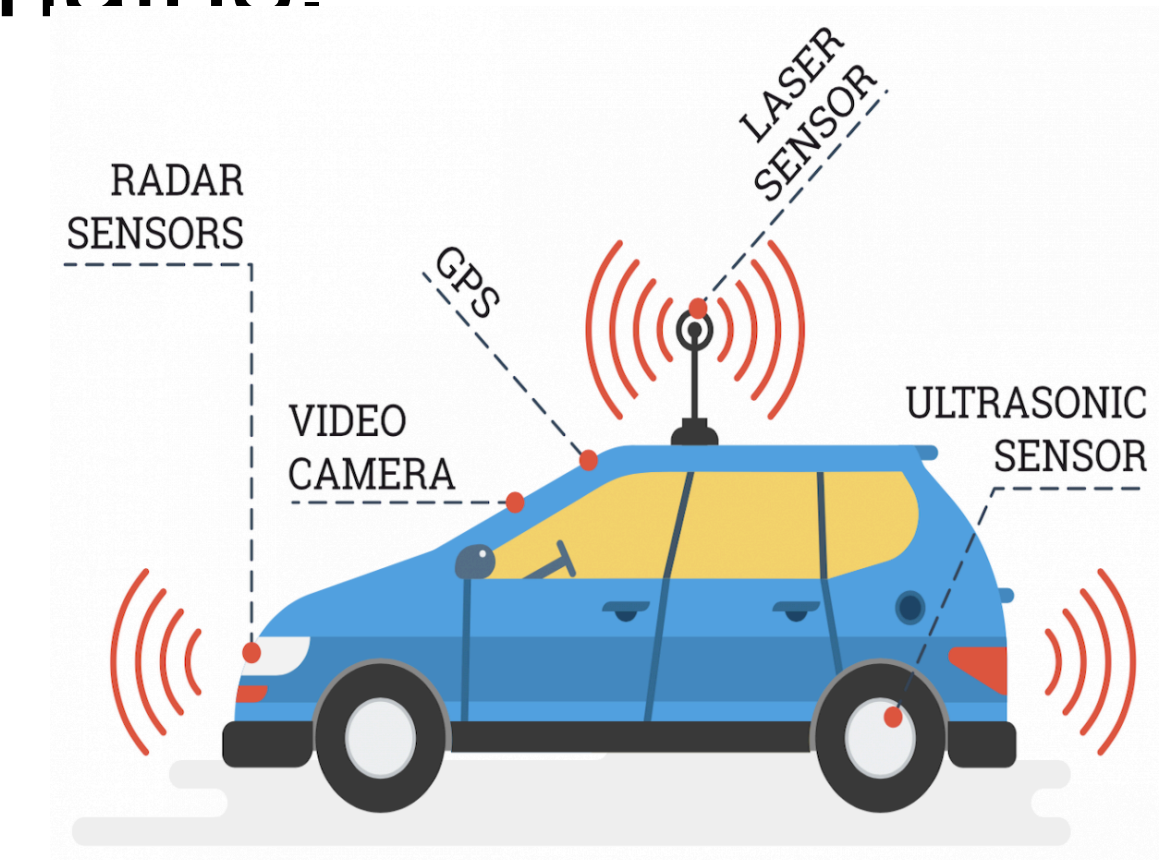
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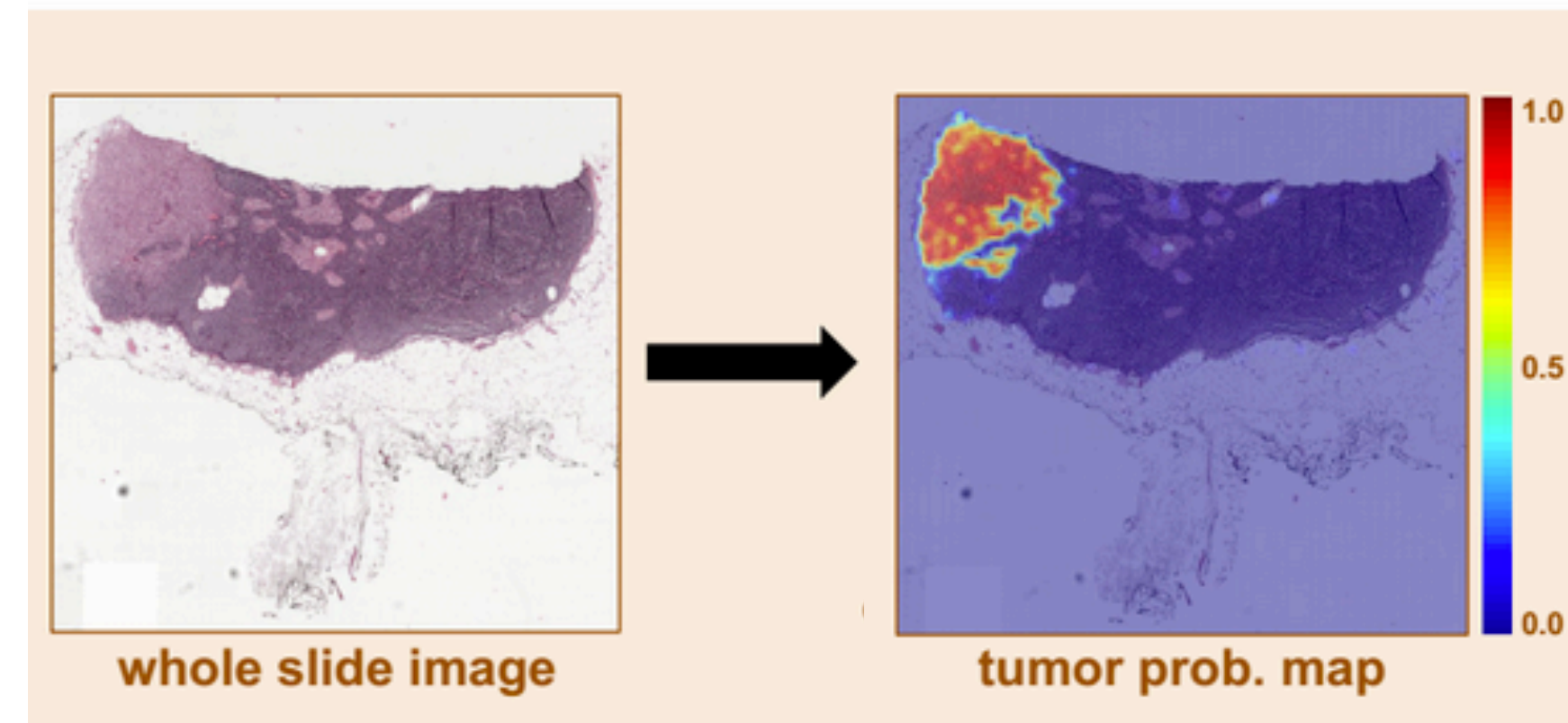
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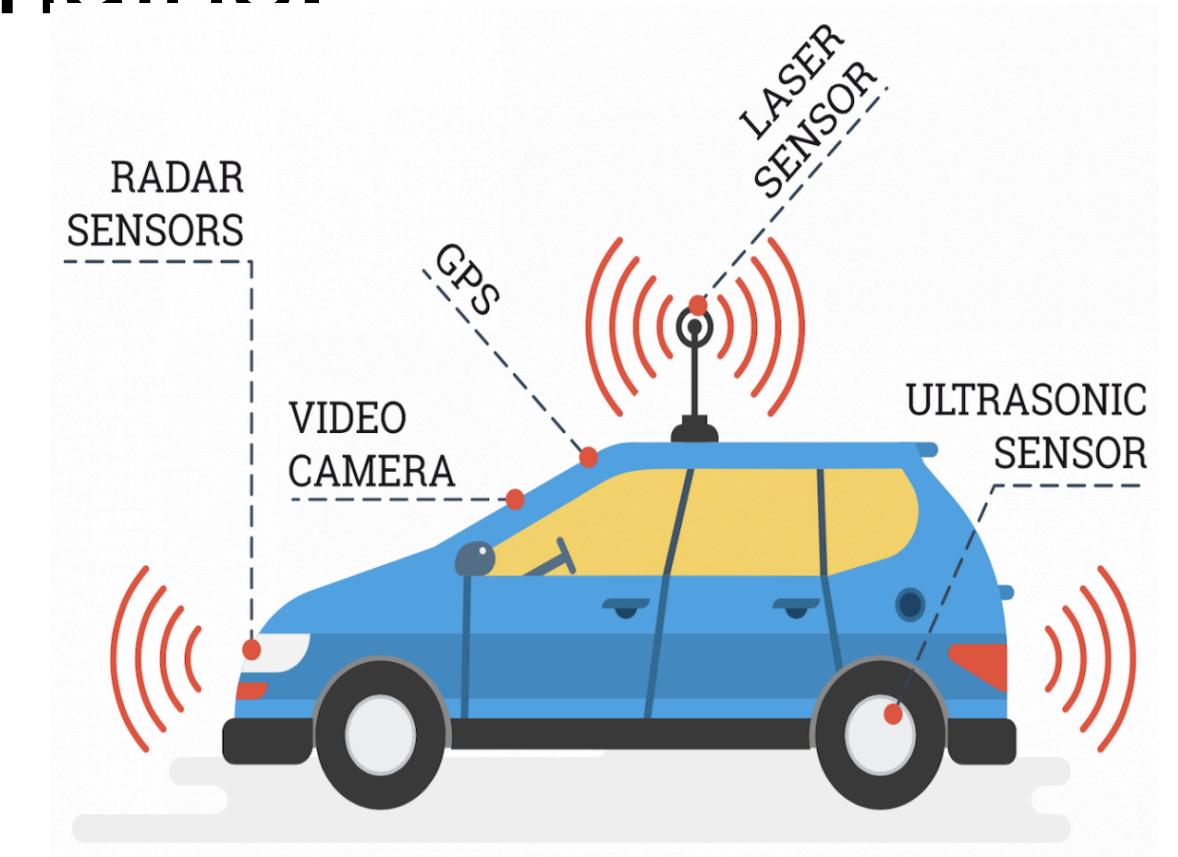
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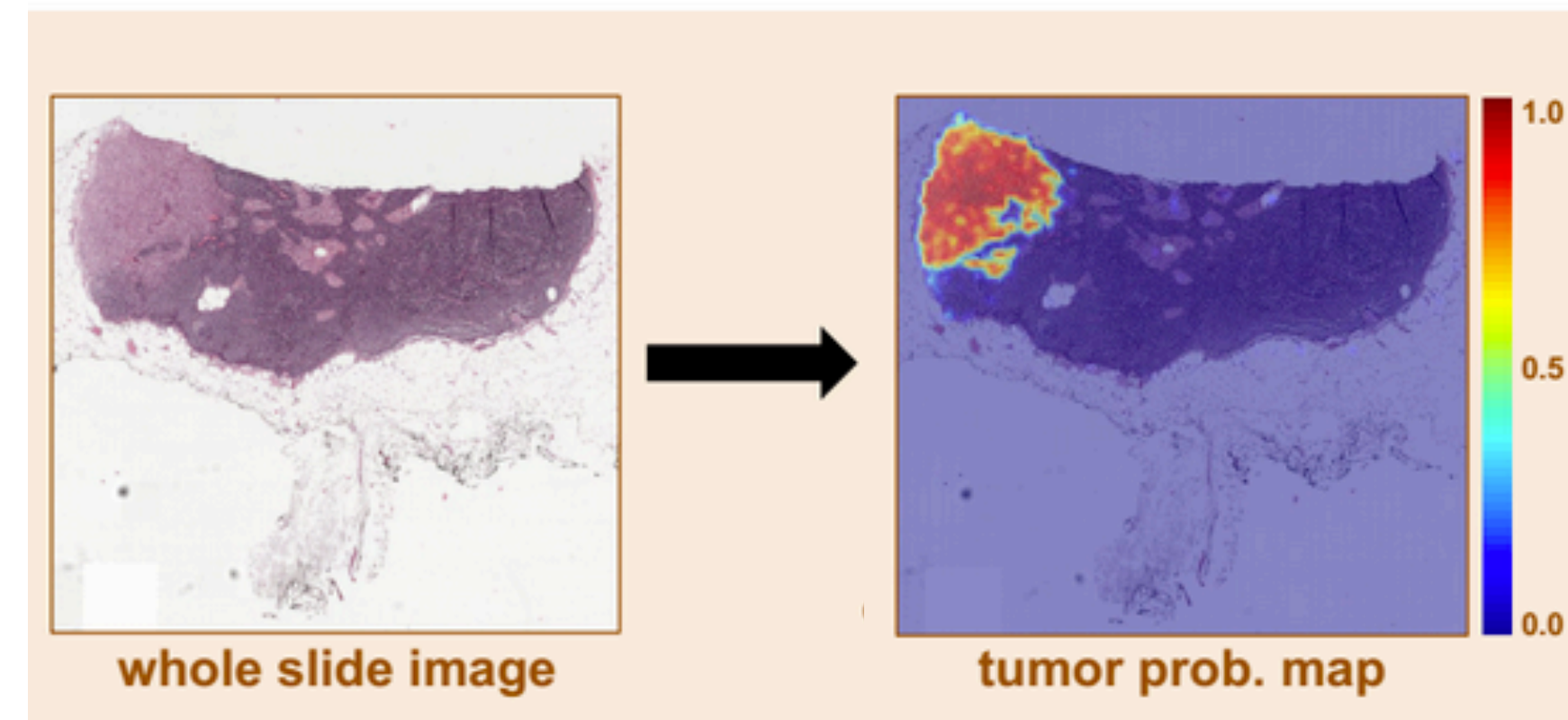
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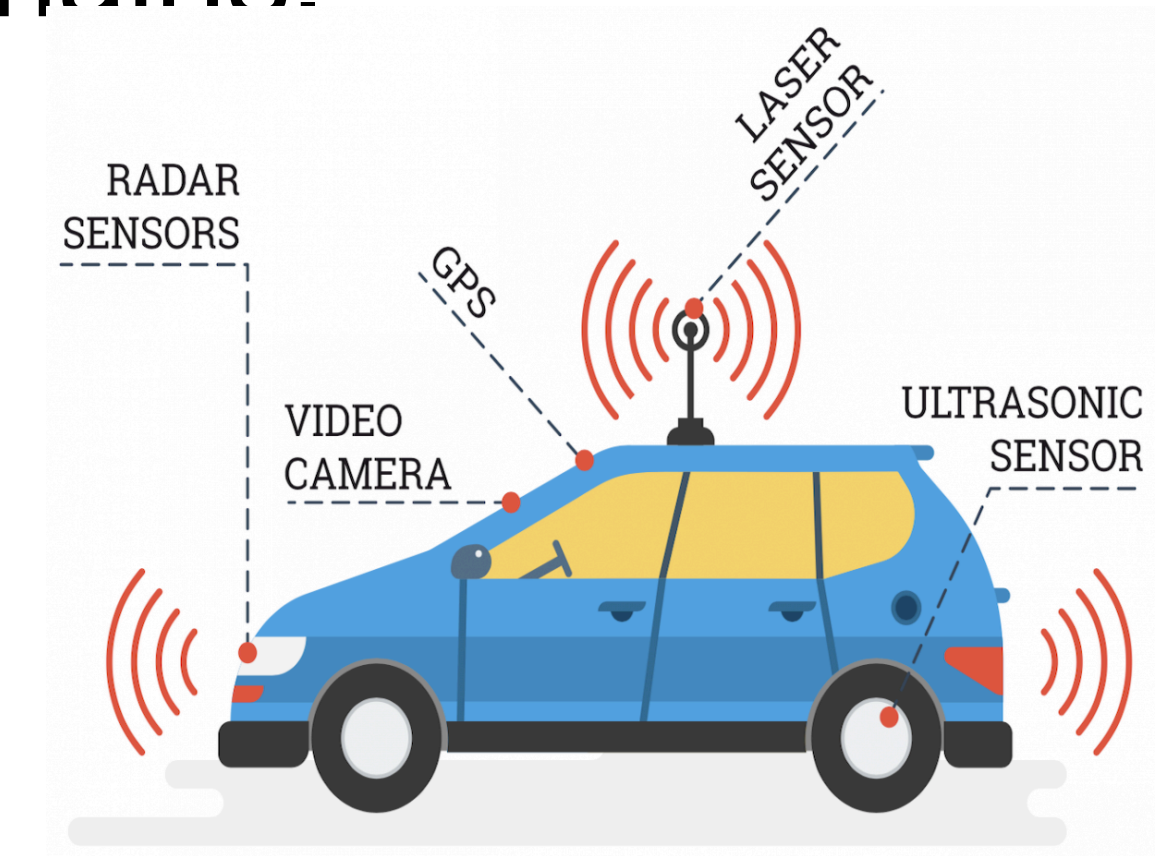
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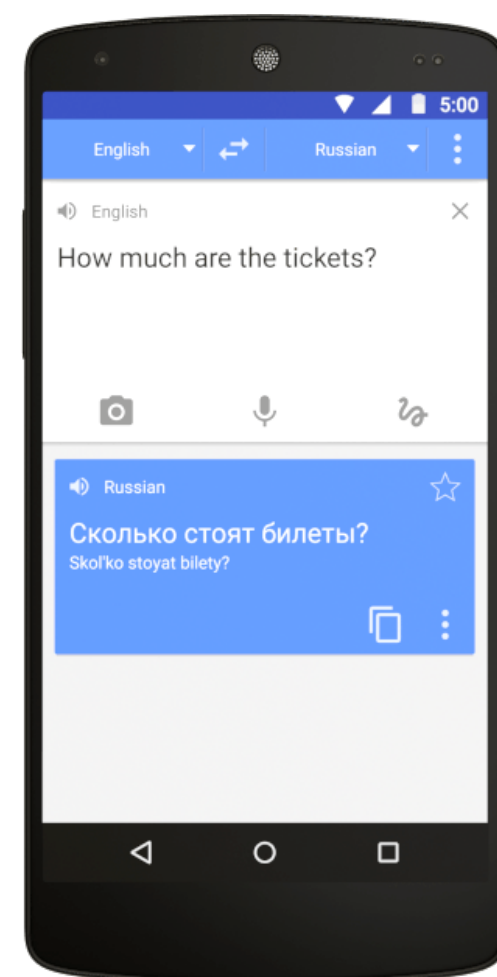
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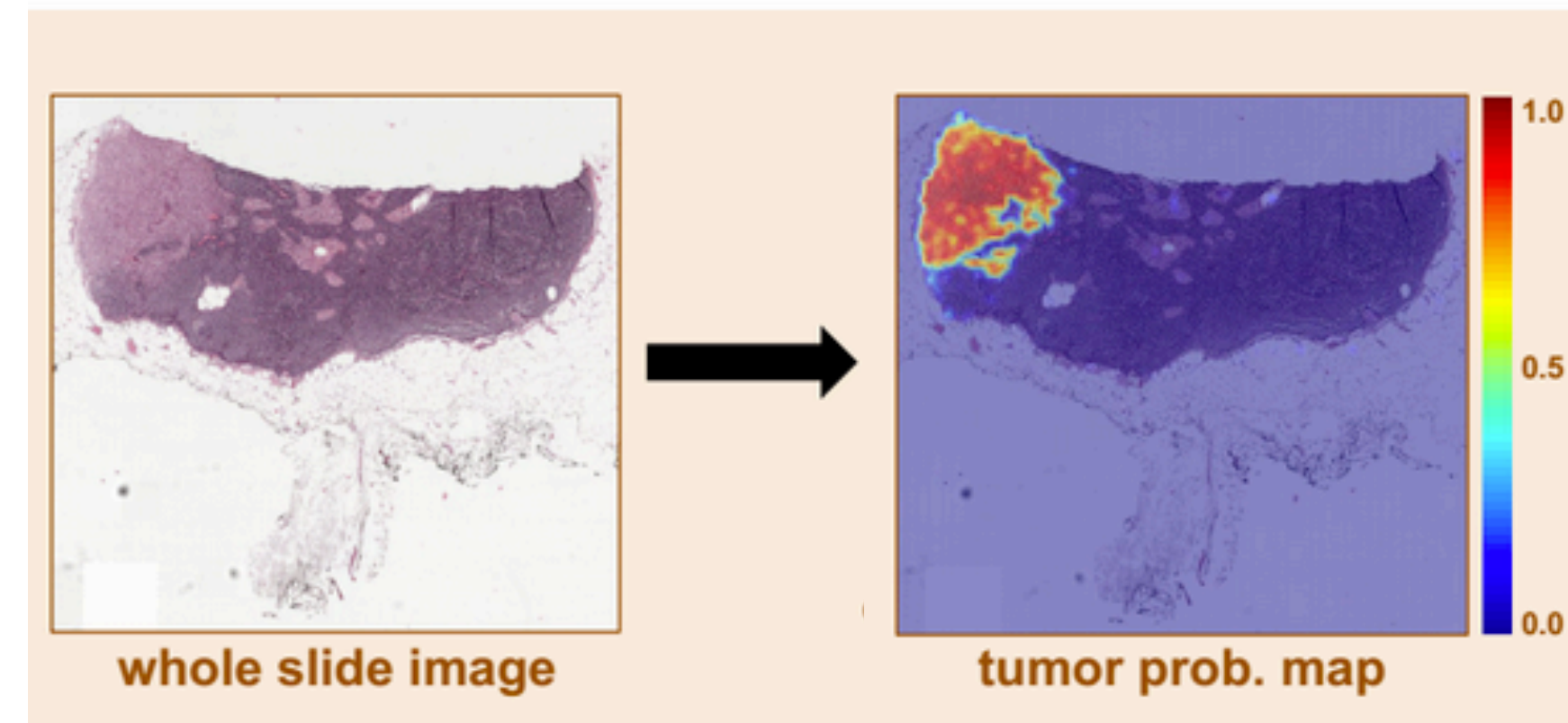
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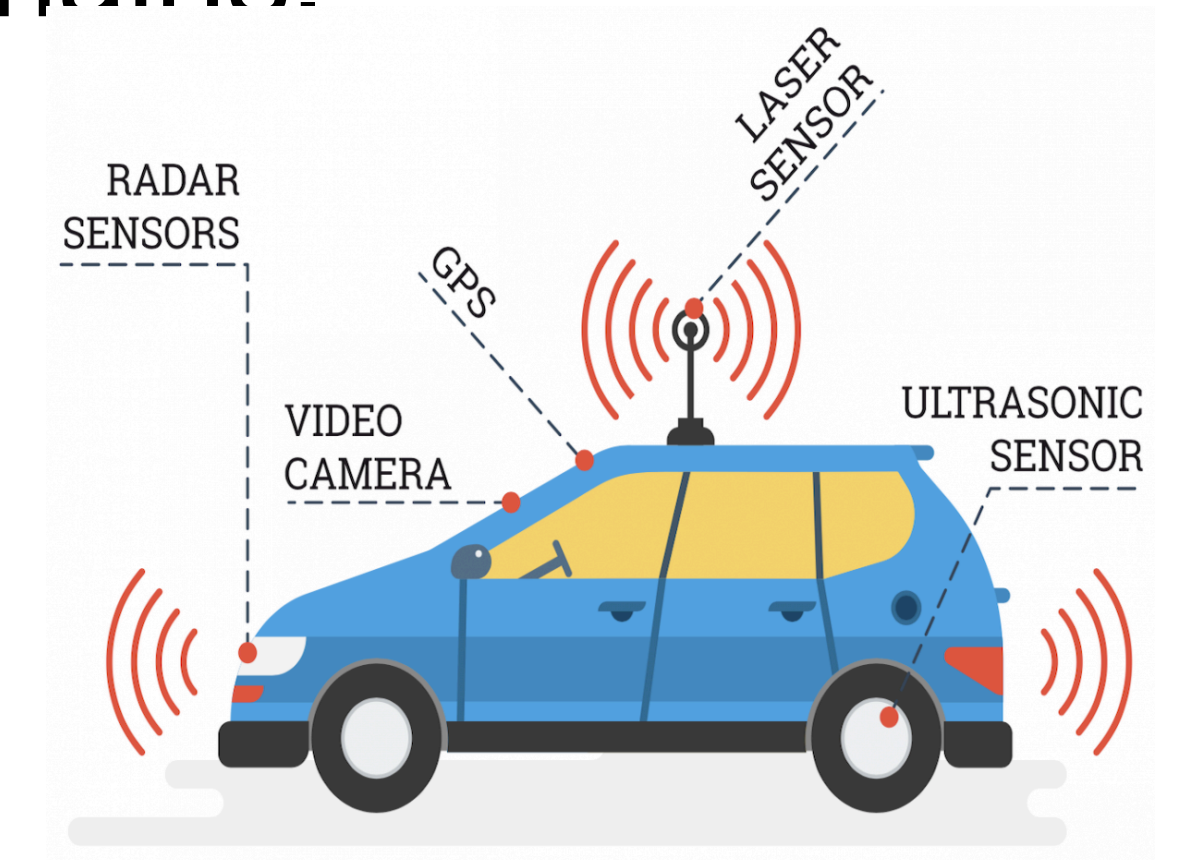
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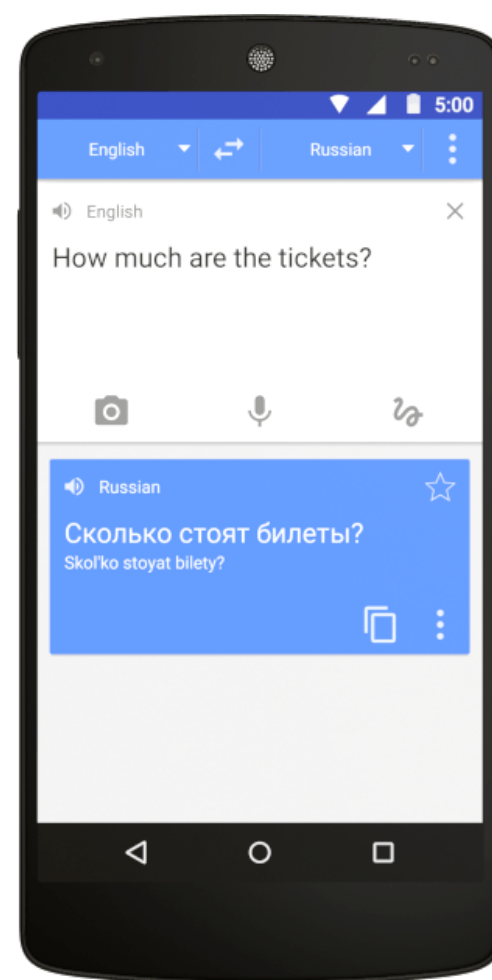
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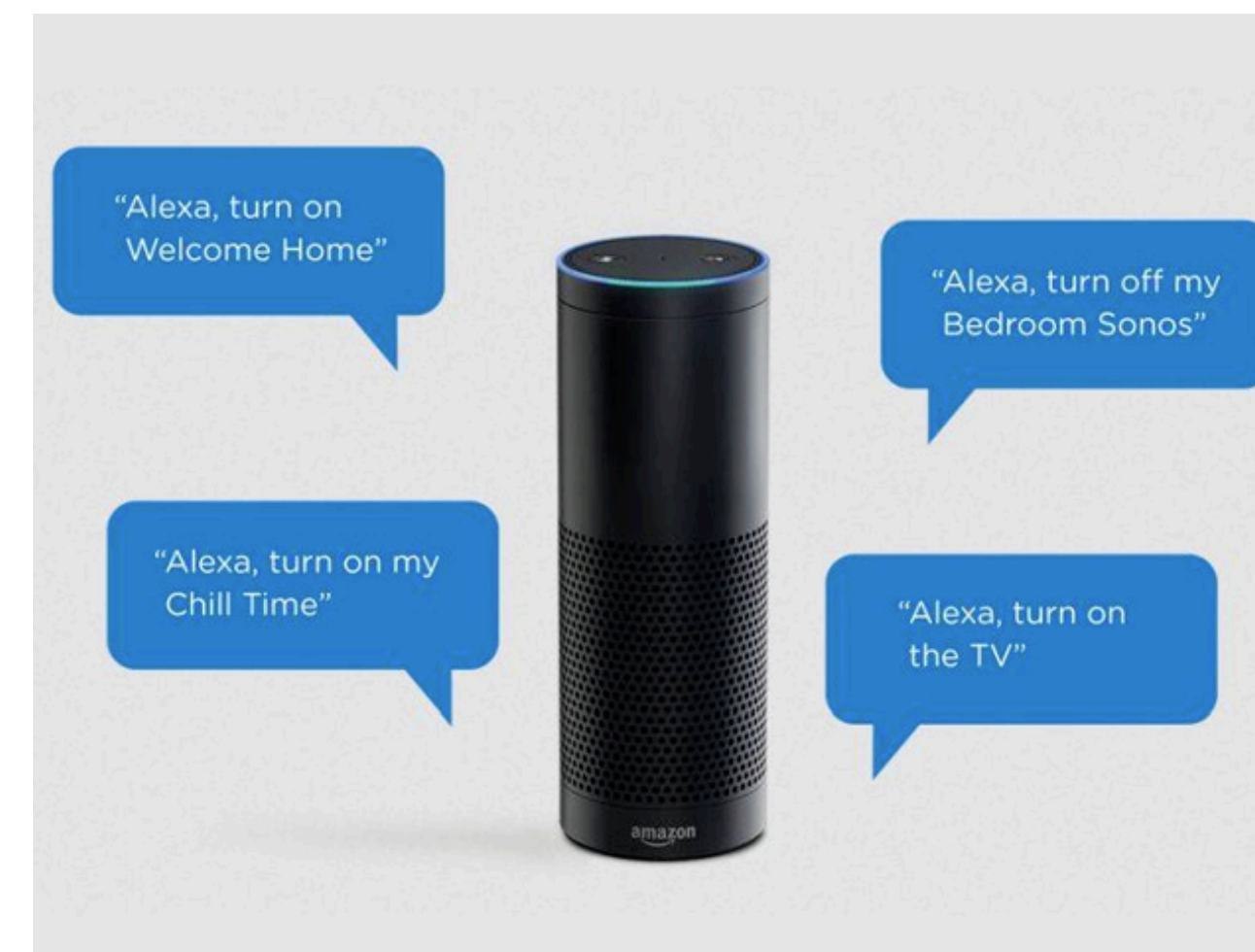
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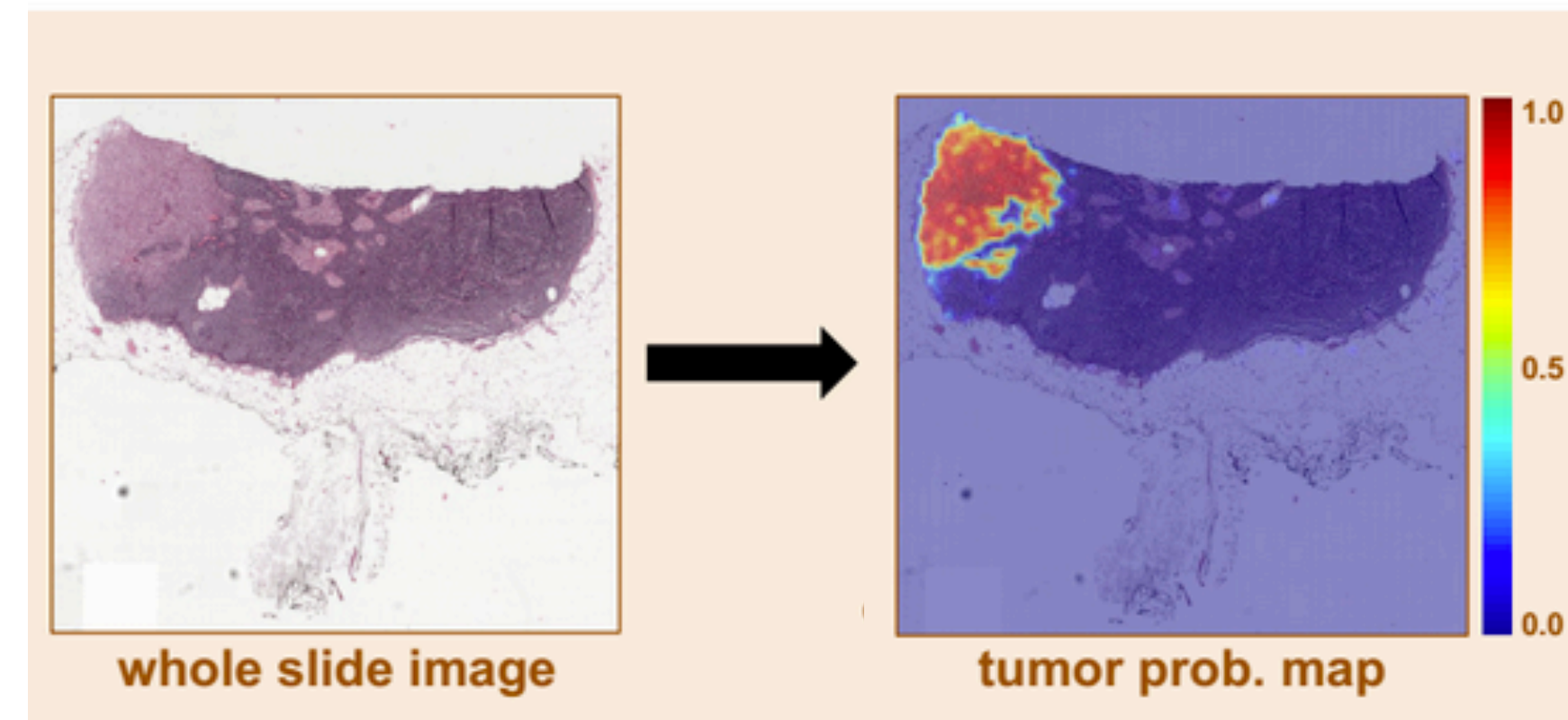
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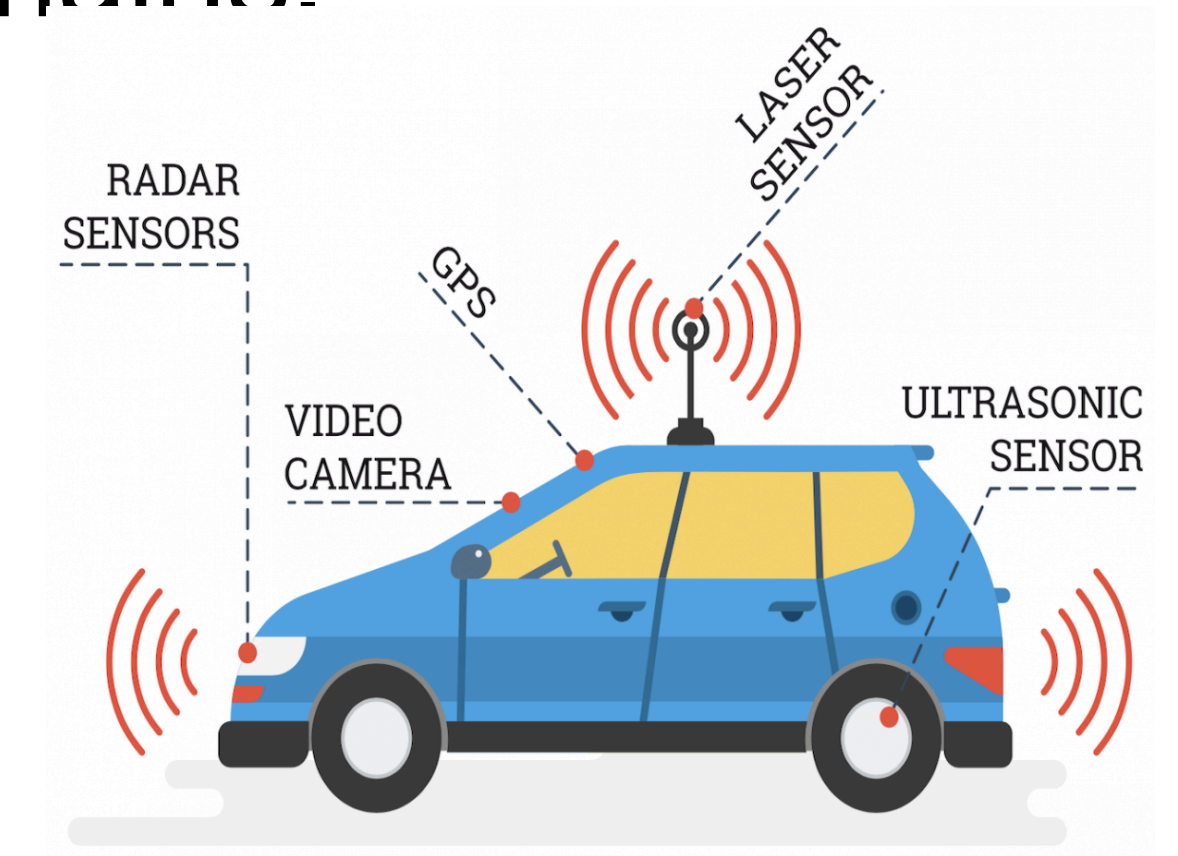
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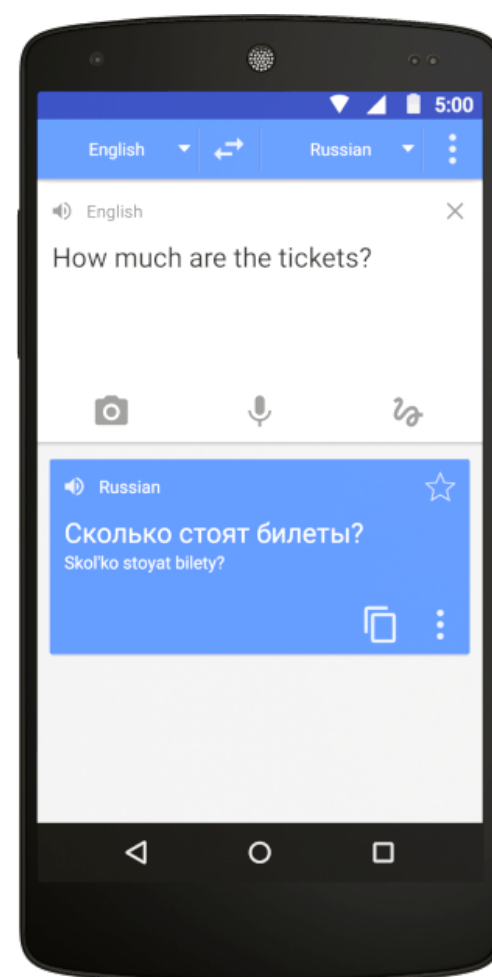
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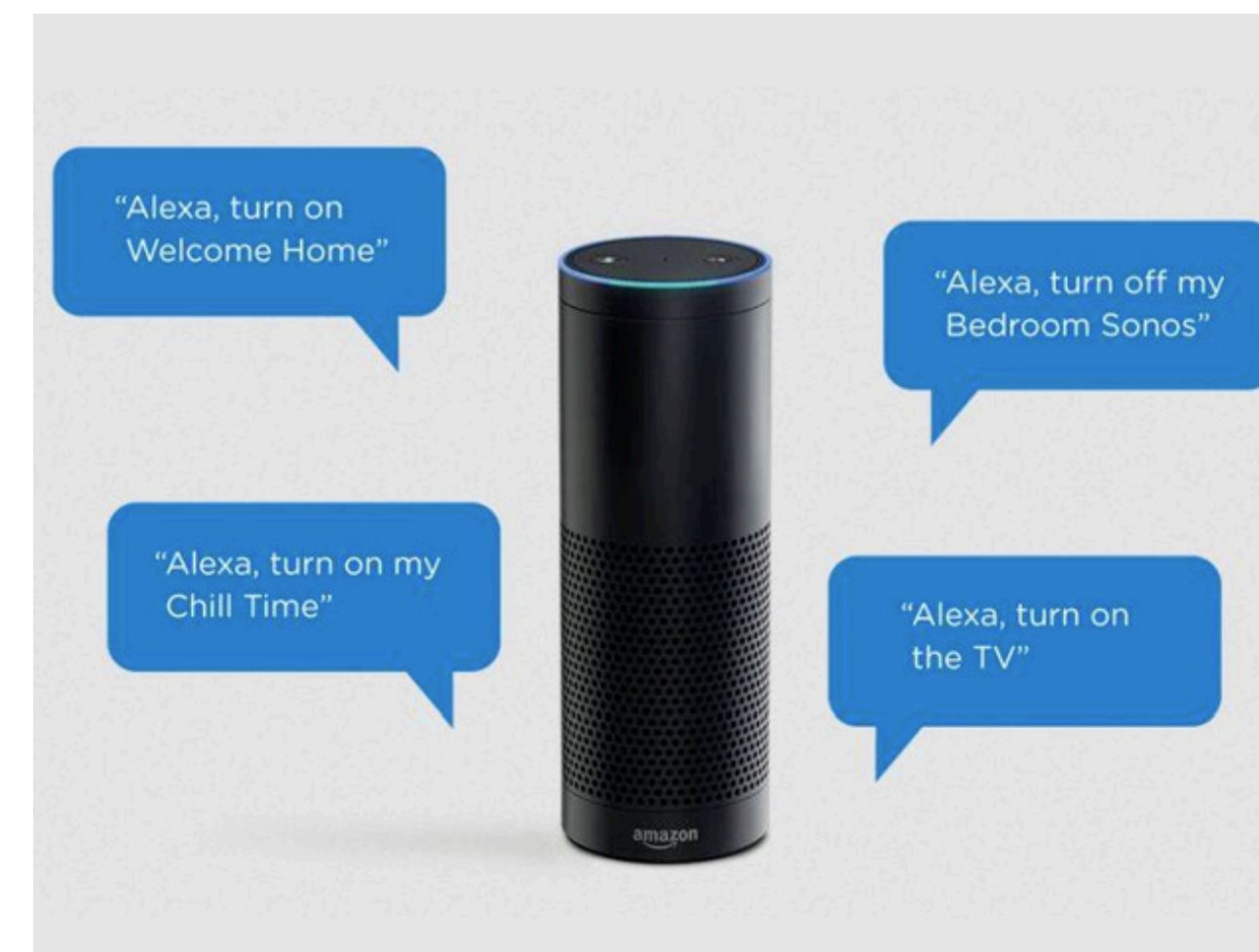
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Passage Sentence

In meteorology, precipitation is any product of the condensation of atmospheric water vapor that falls under gravity.

Question

What causes precipitation to fall?

Answer Candidate

gravity

<https://paperswithcode.com/task/question-answering>

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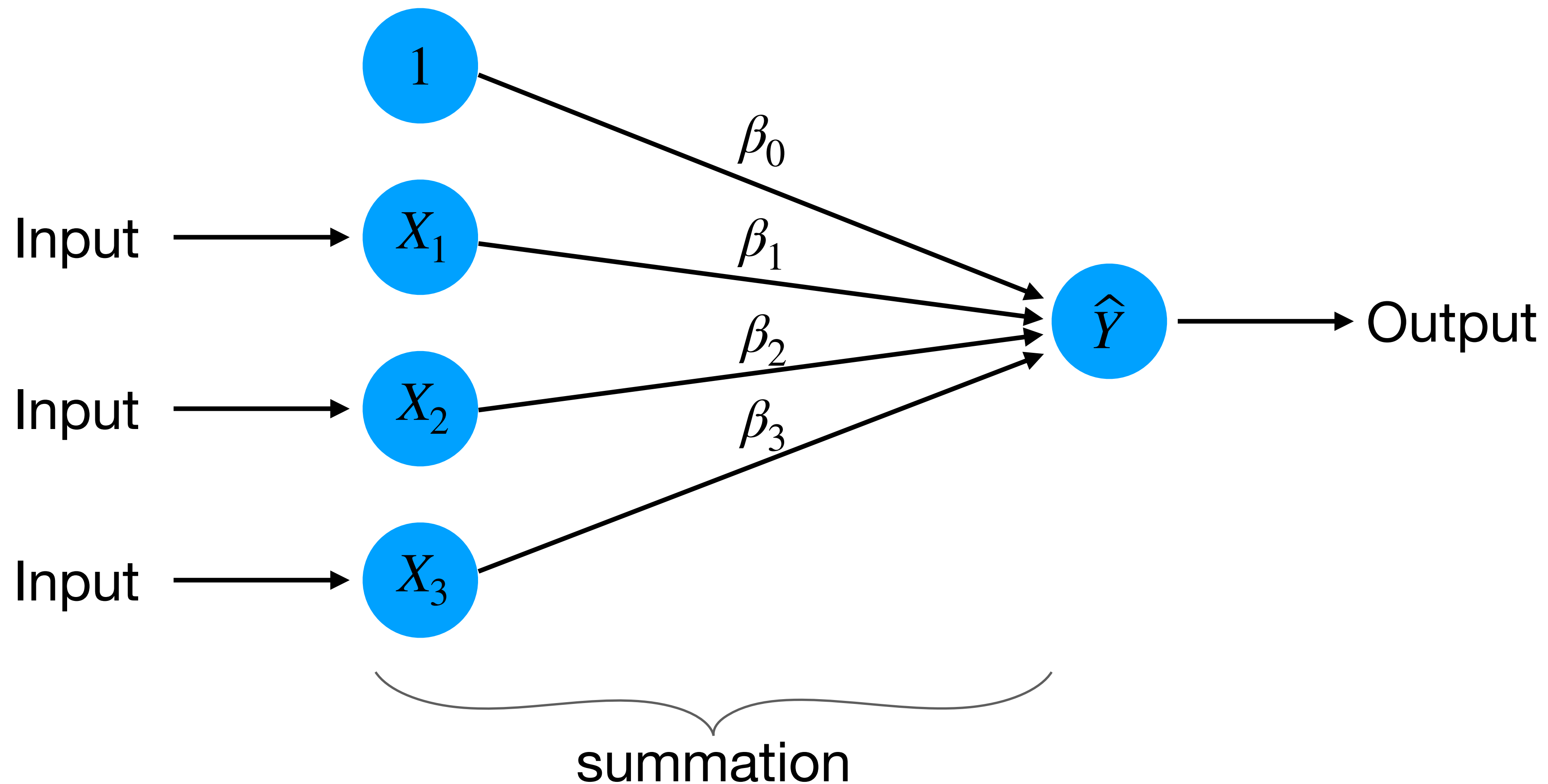
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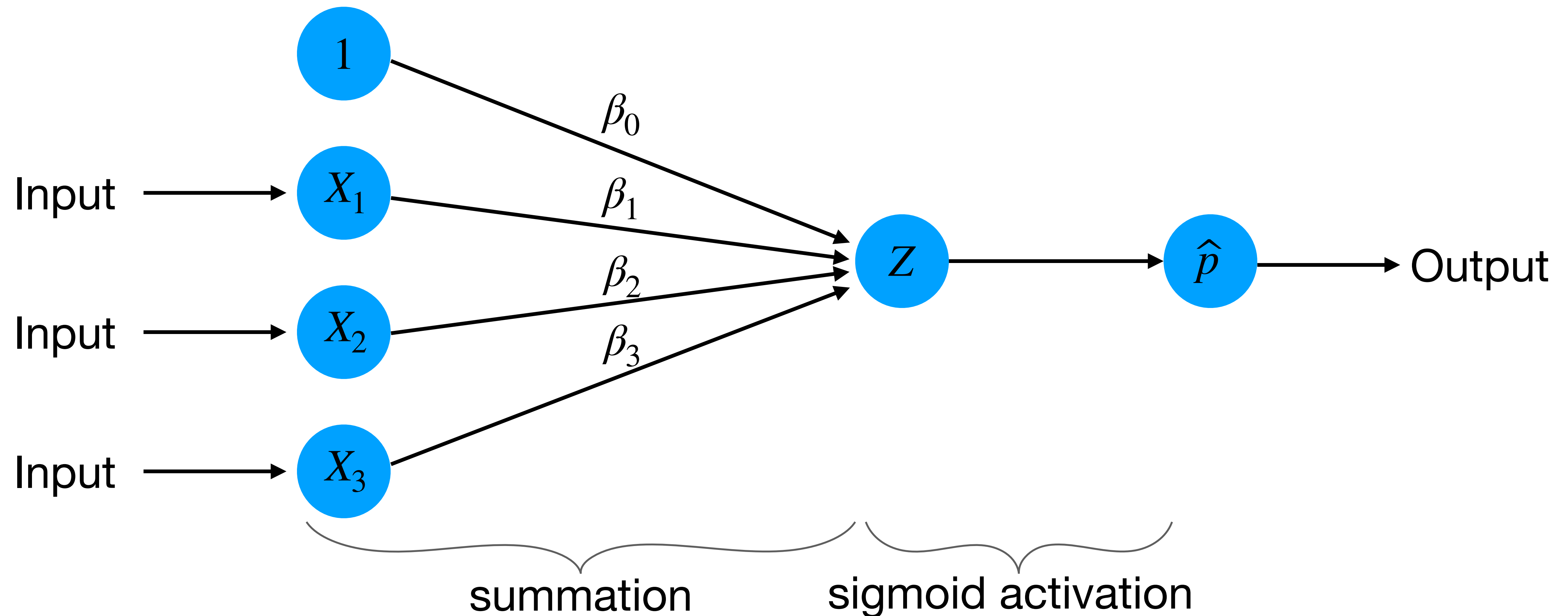
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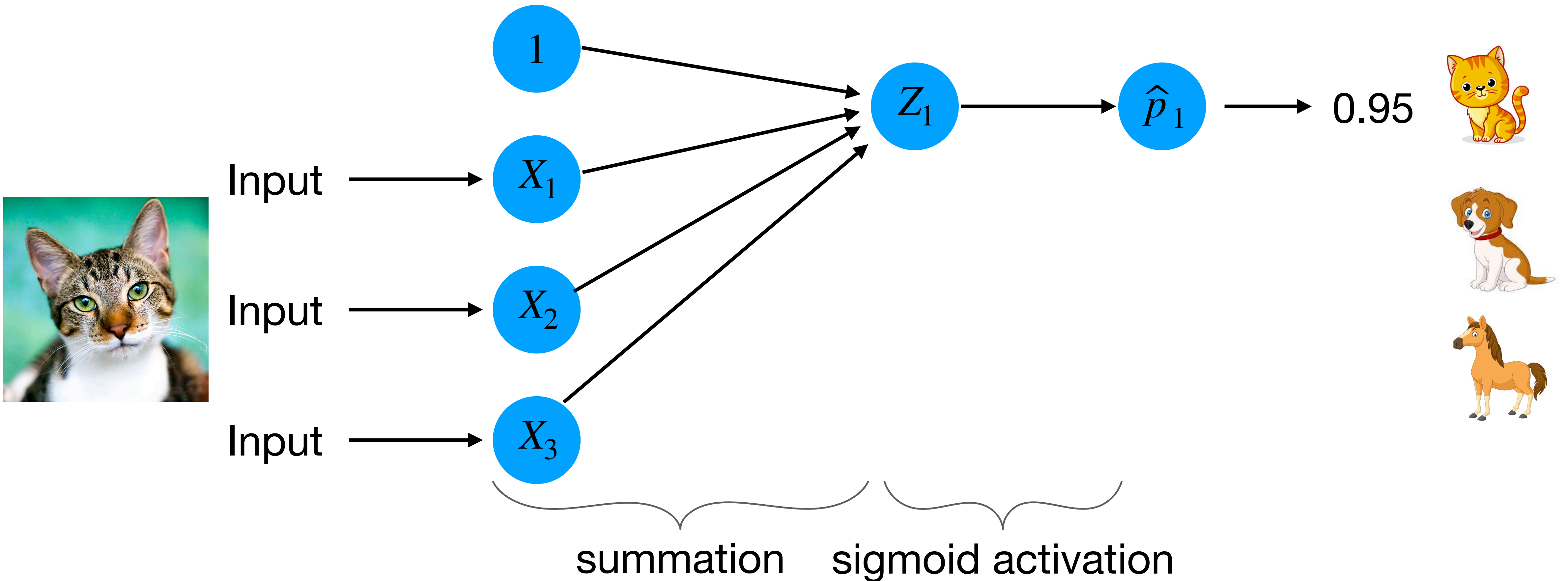
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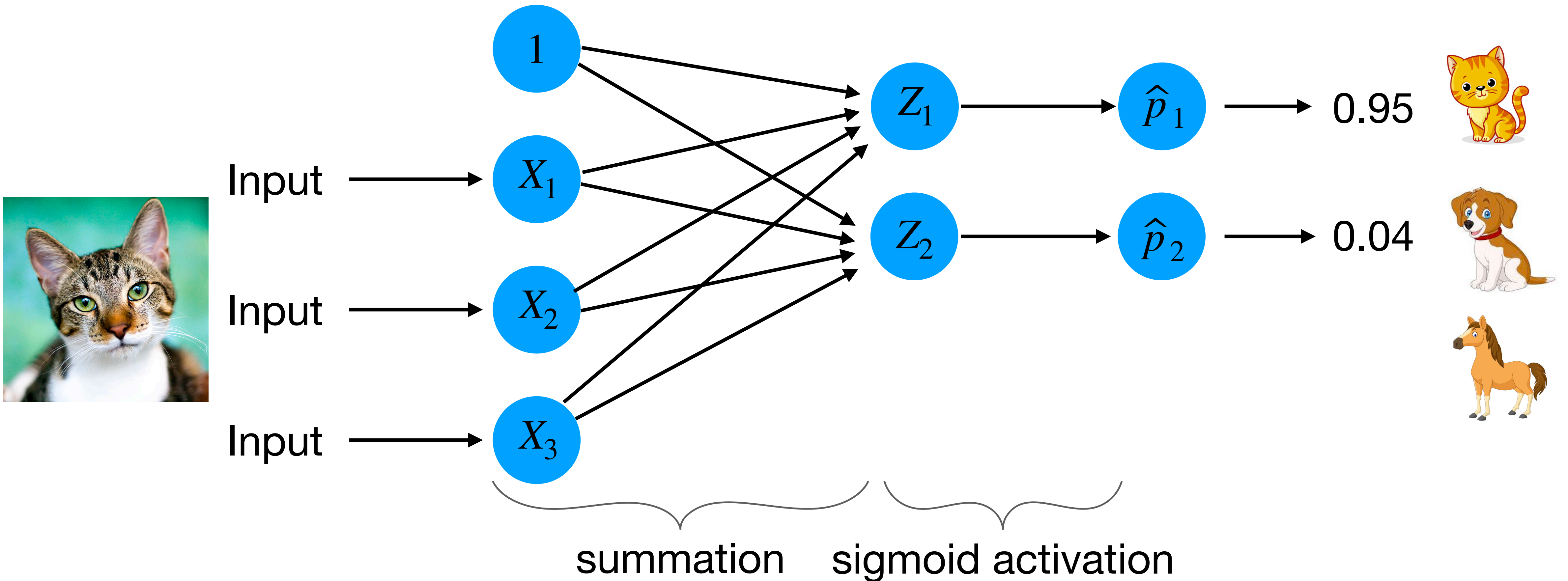
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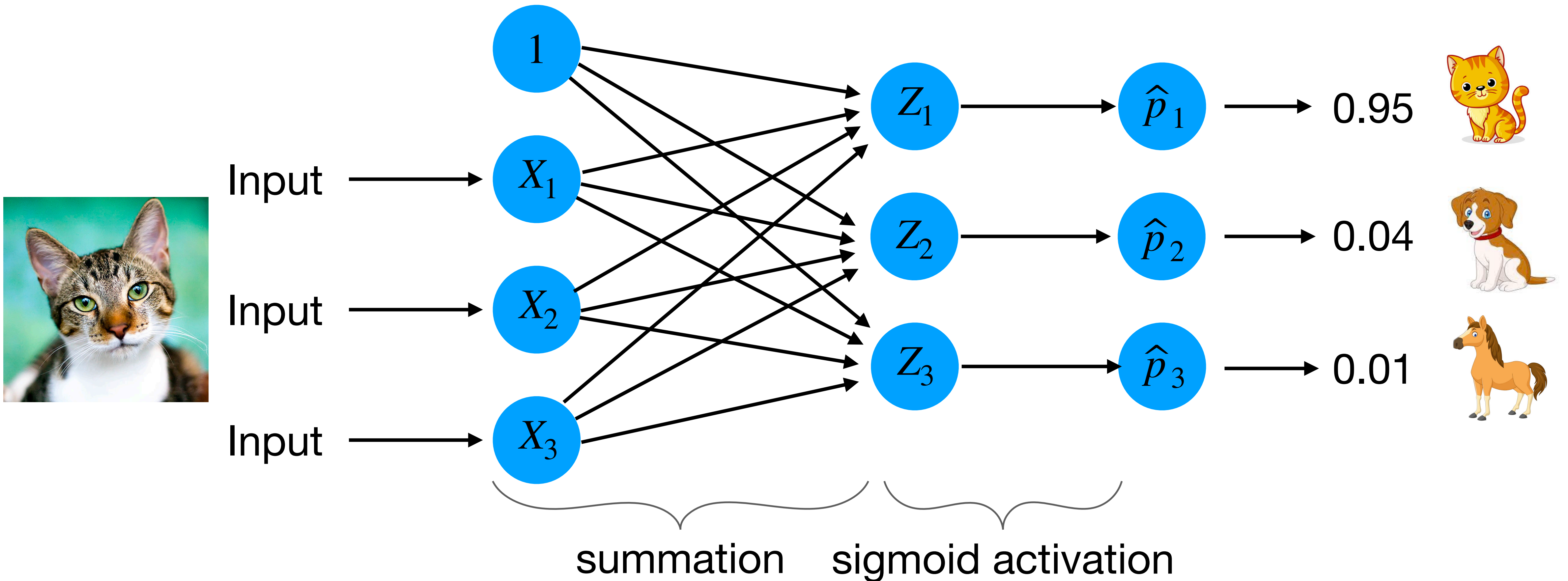
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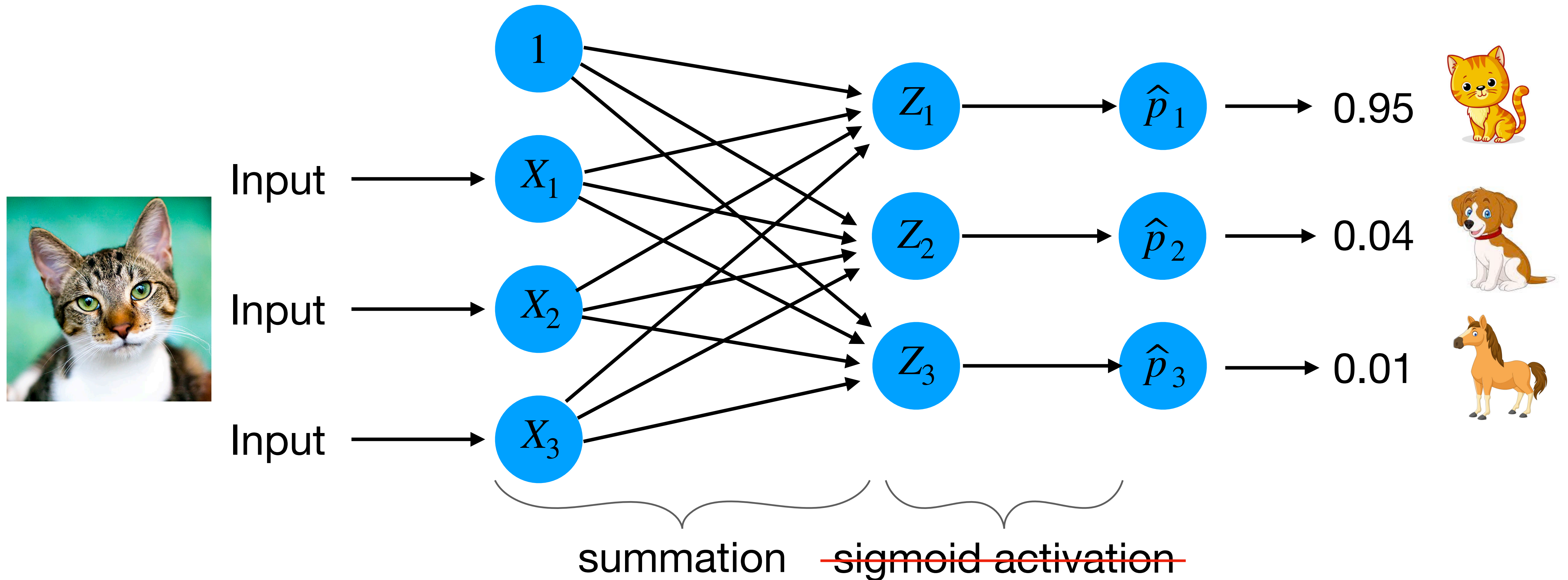
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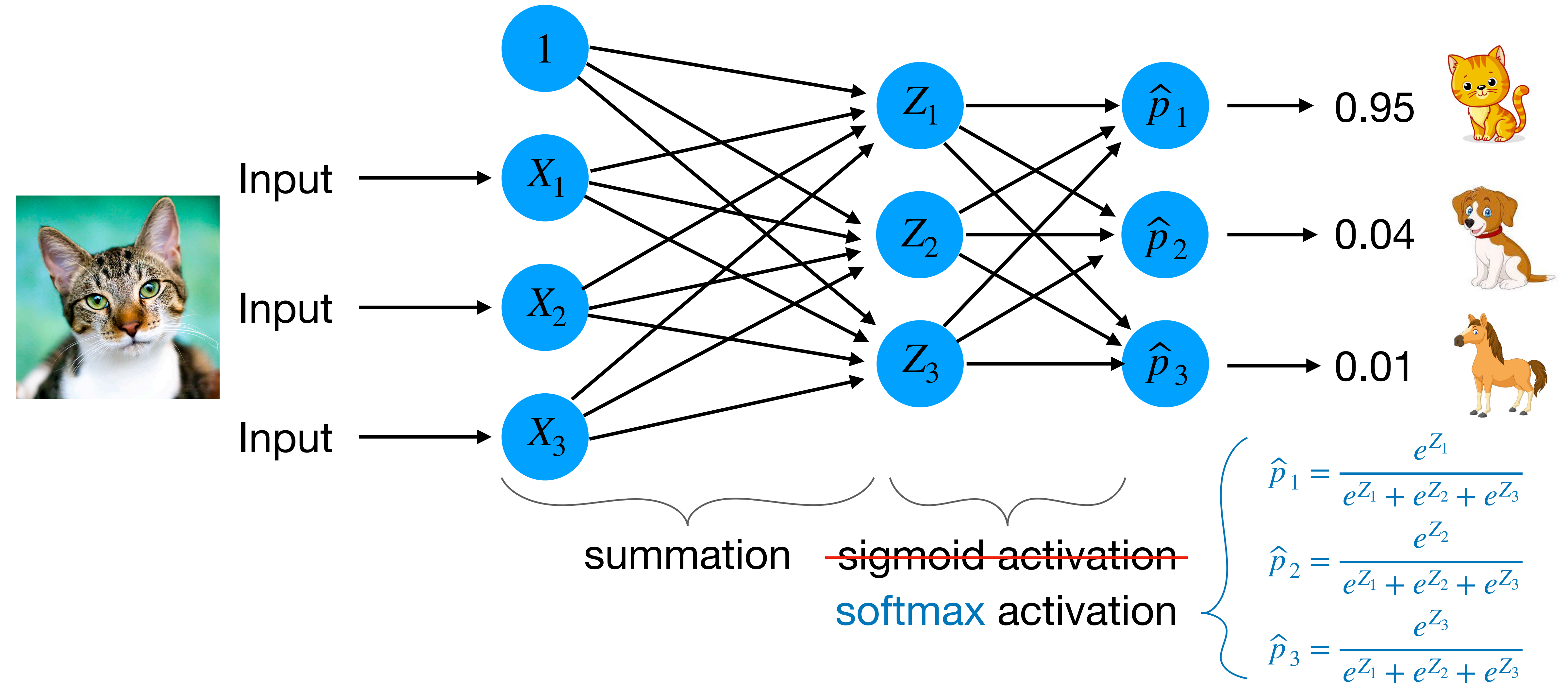
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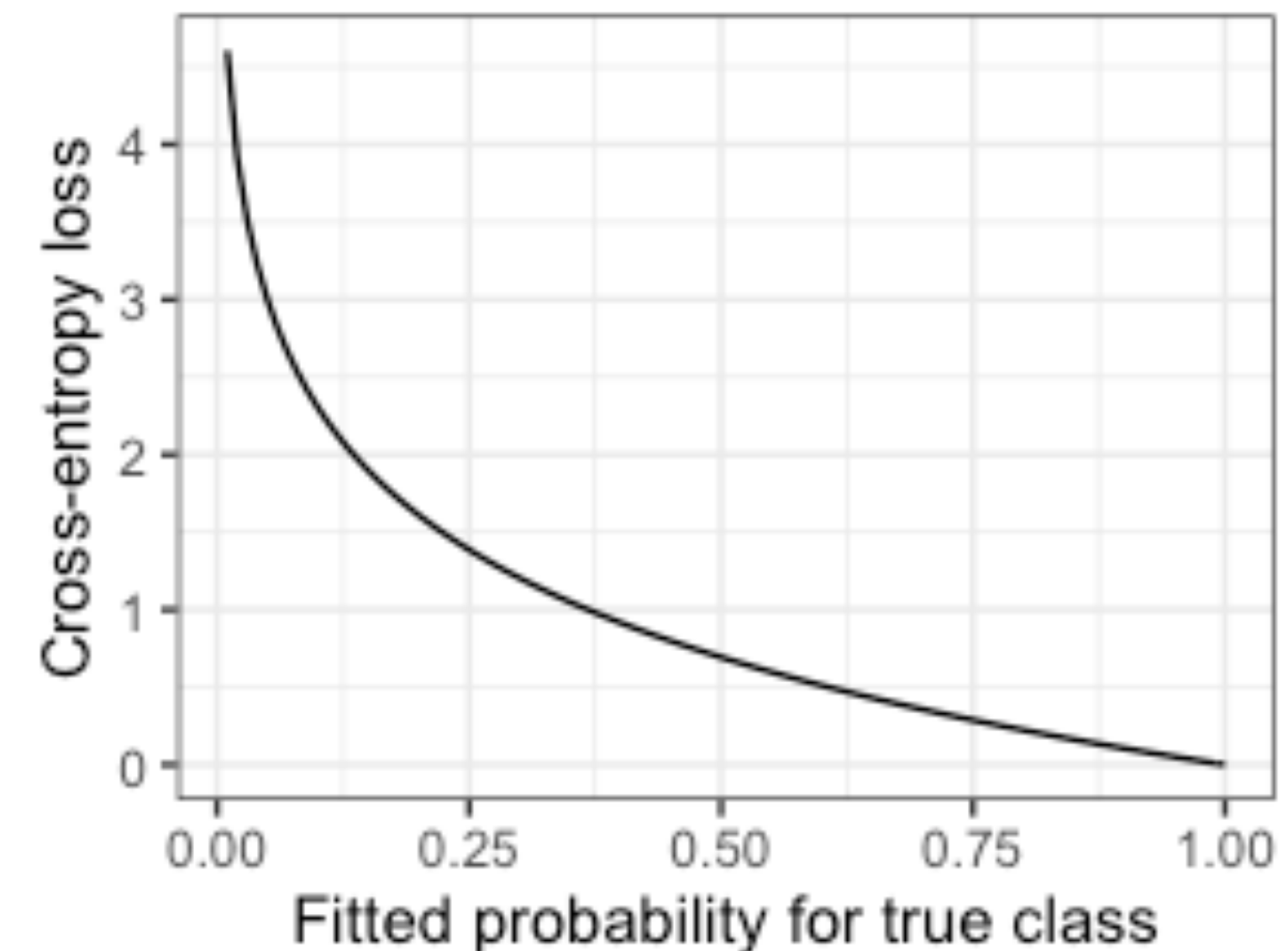
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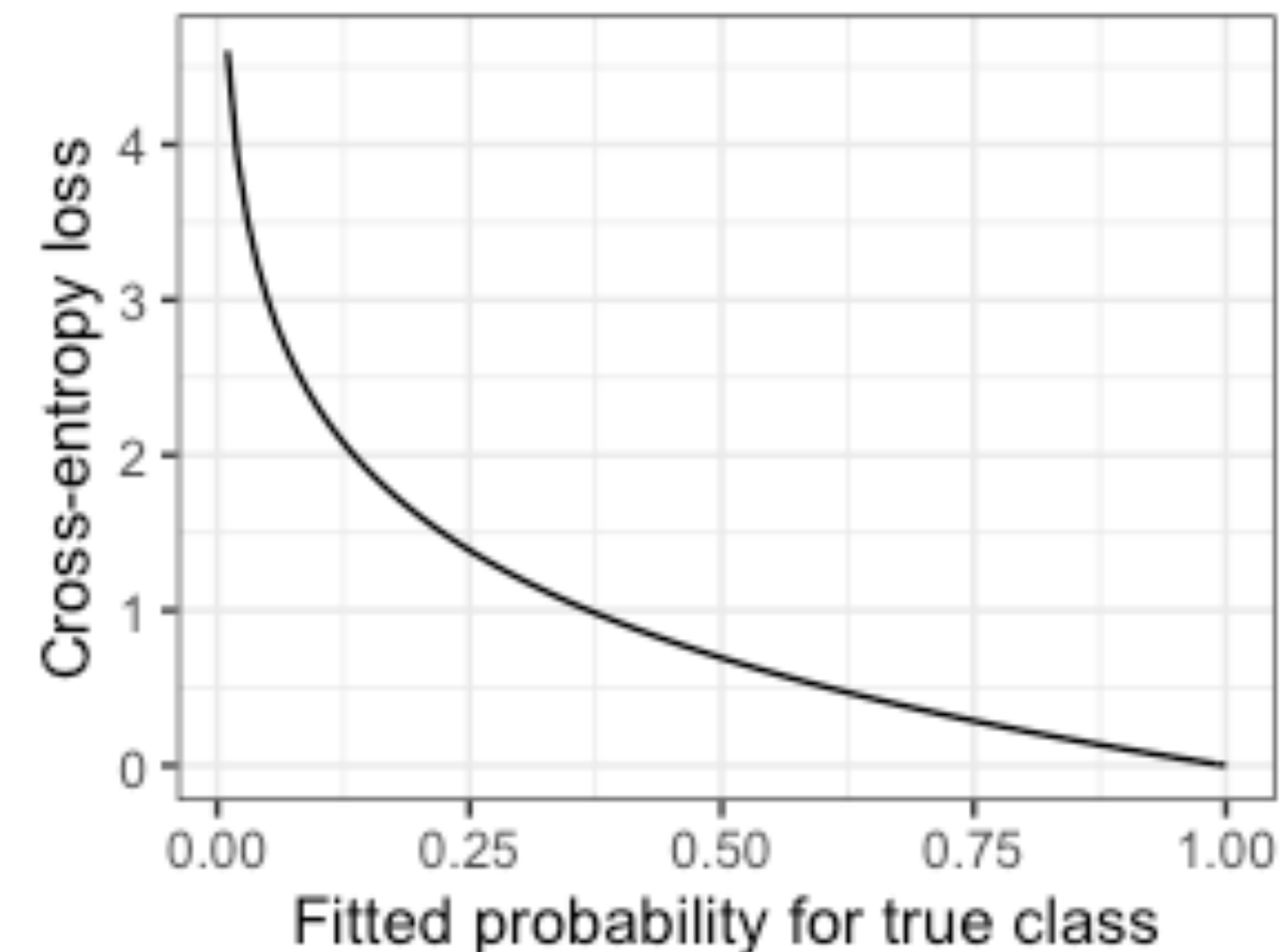


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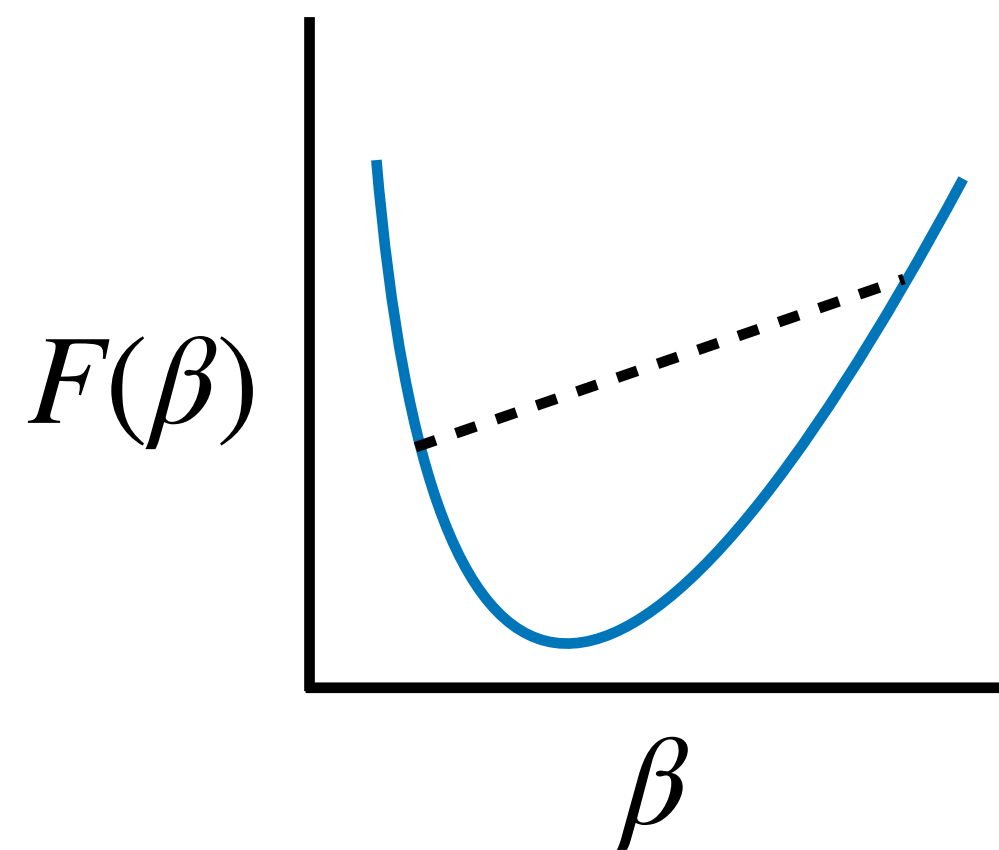
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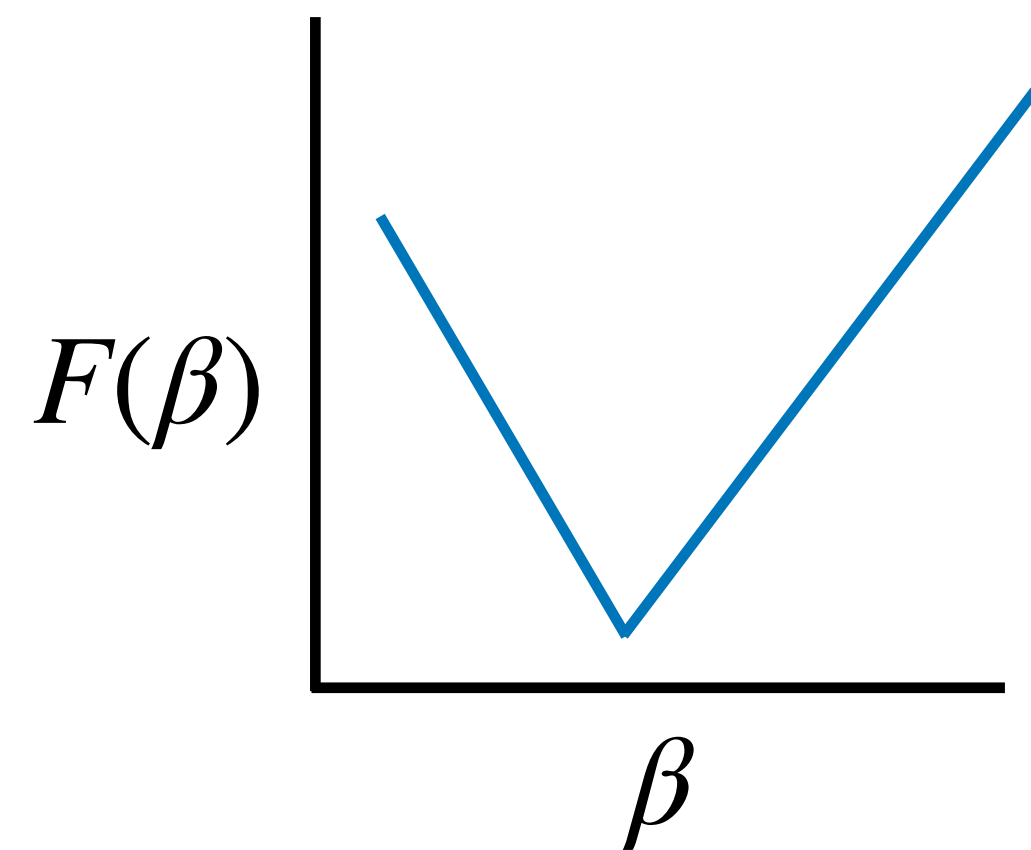
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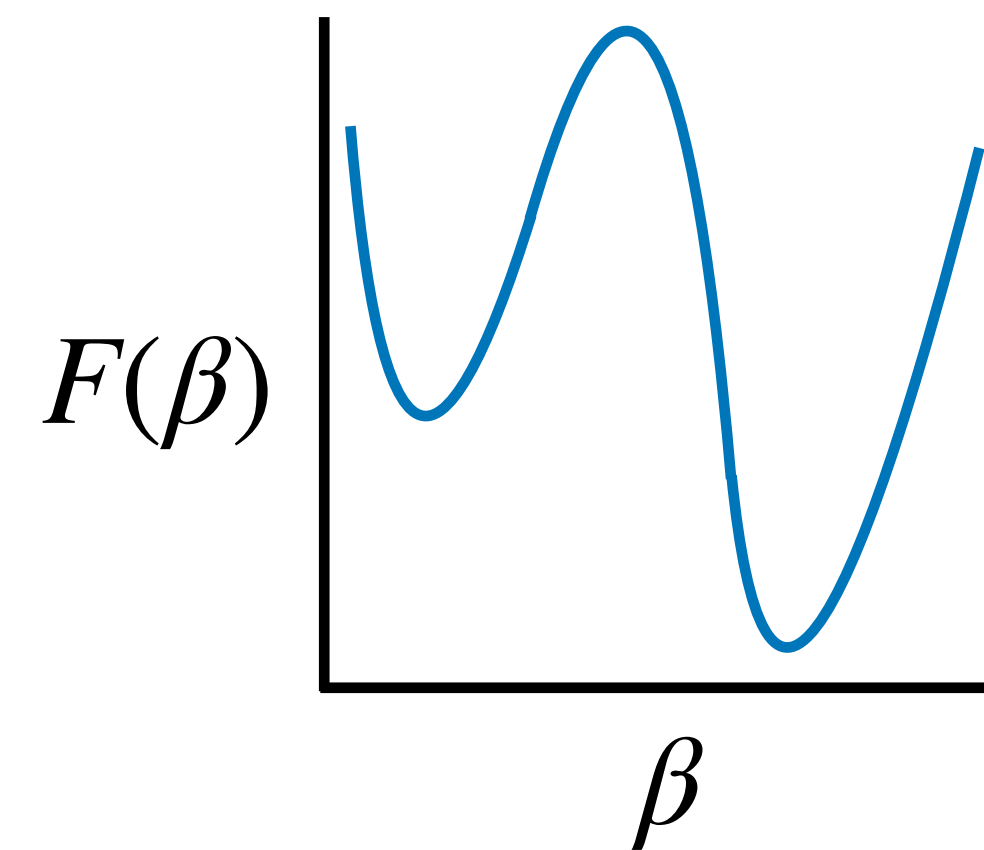
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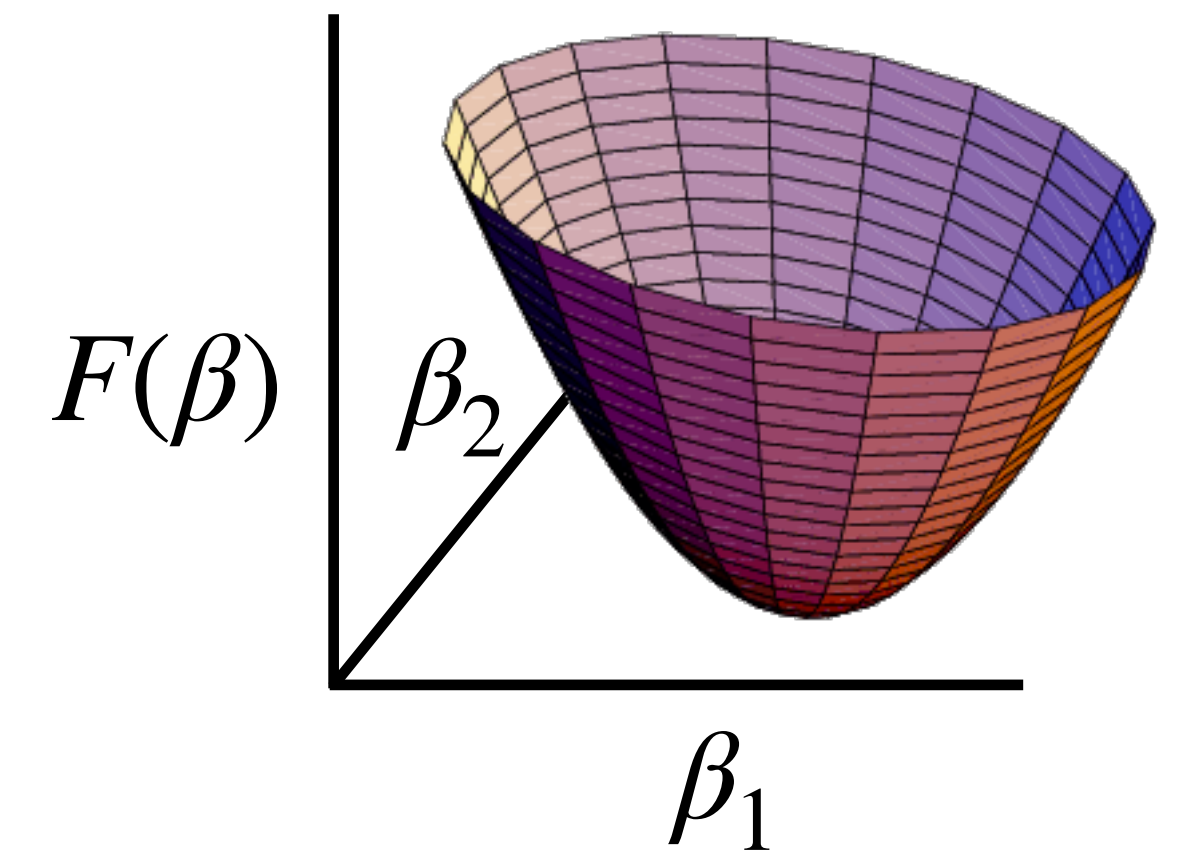
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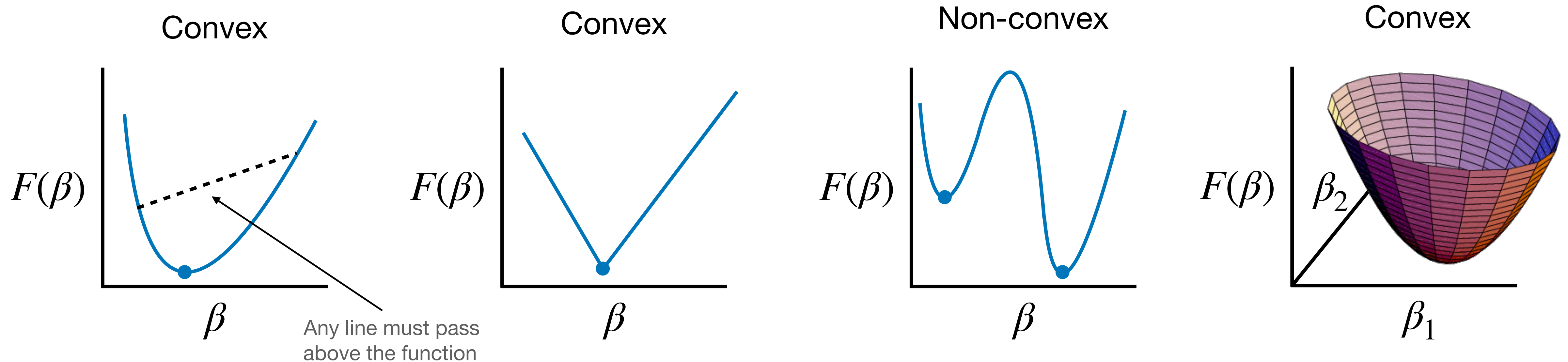


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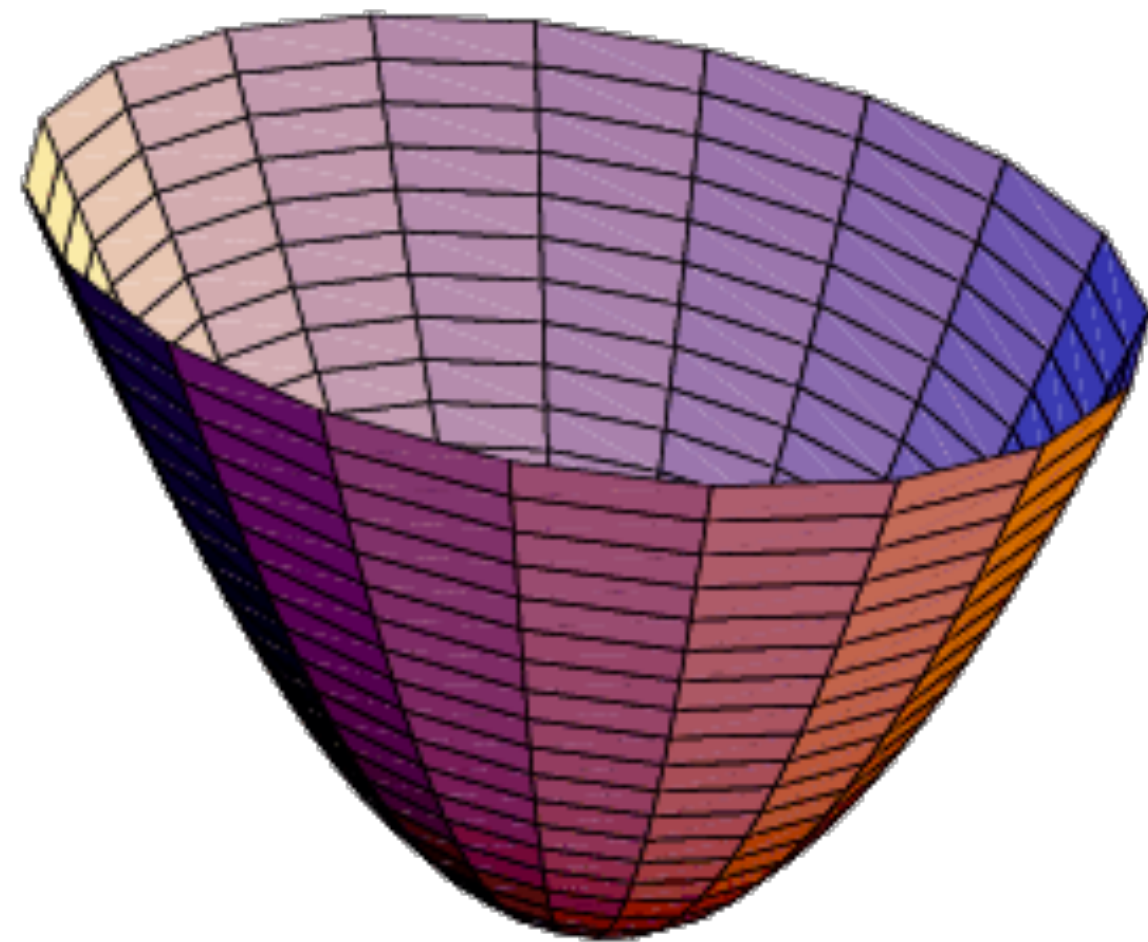
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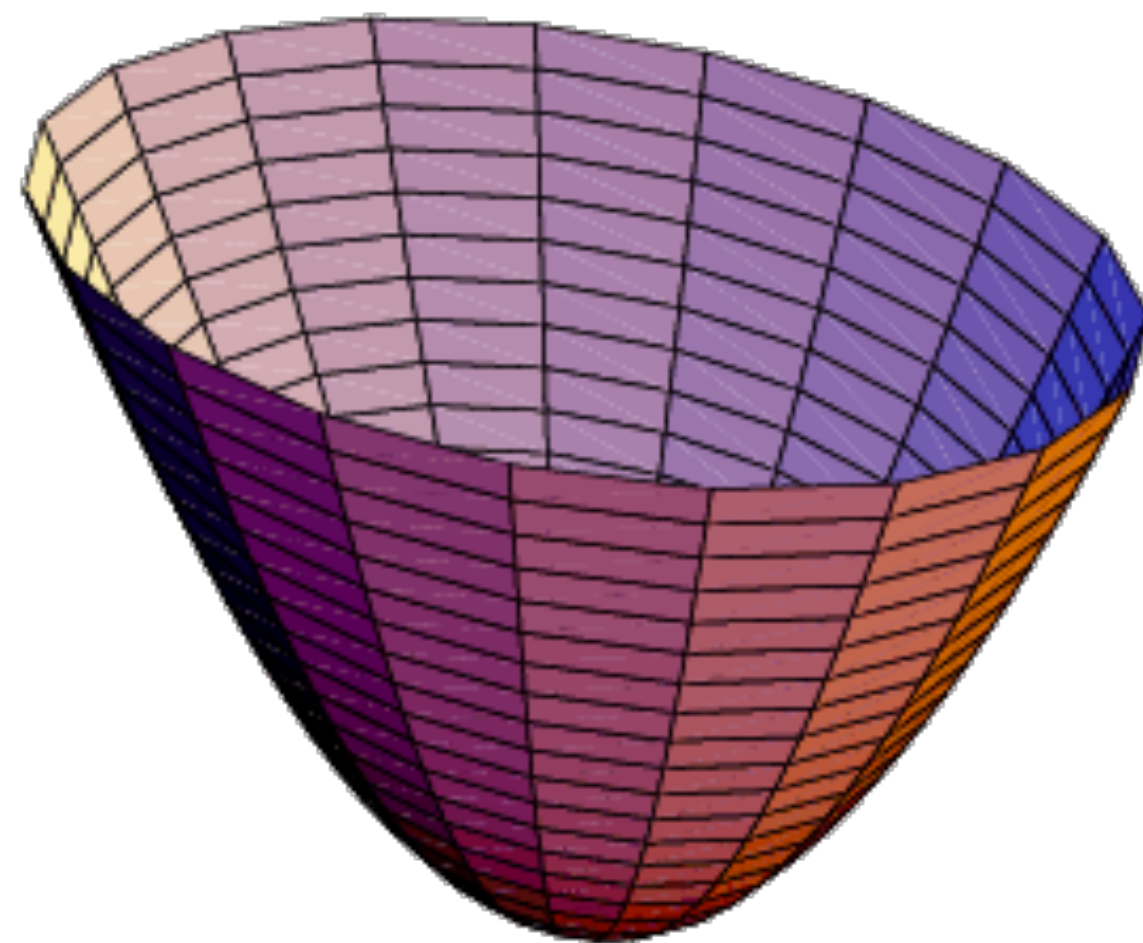
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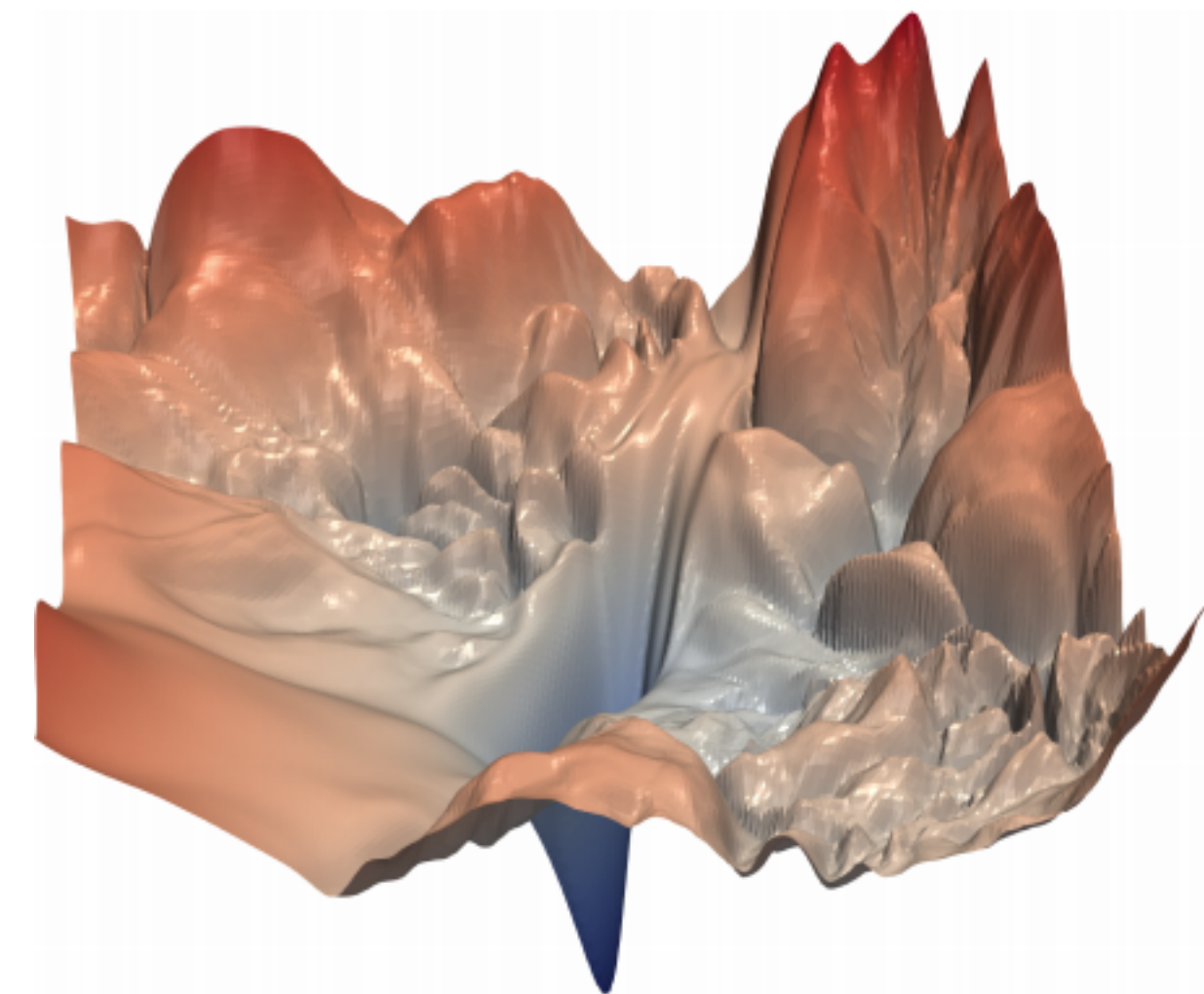
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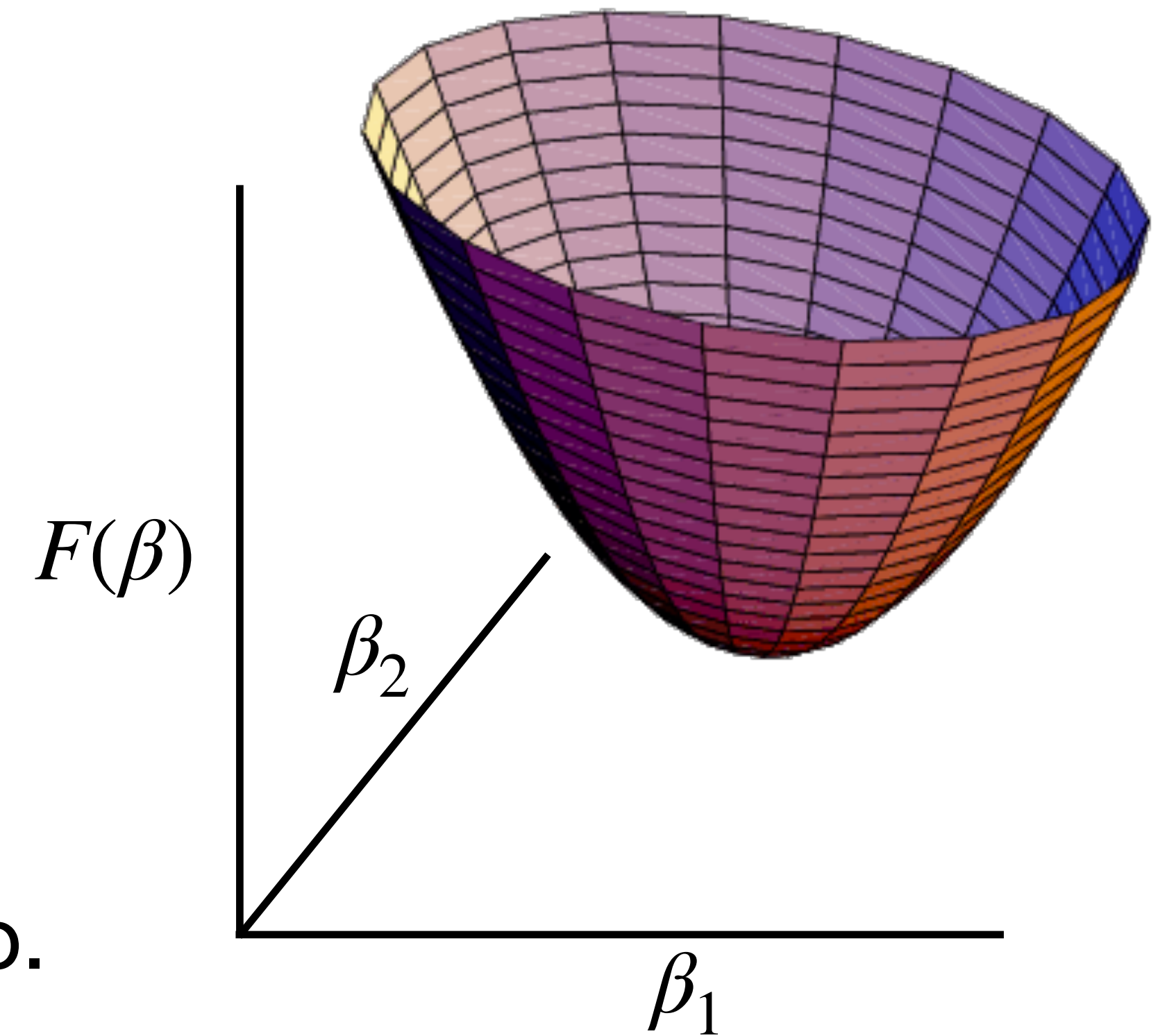
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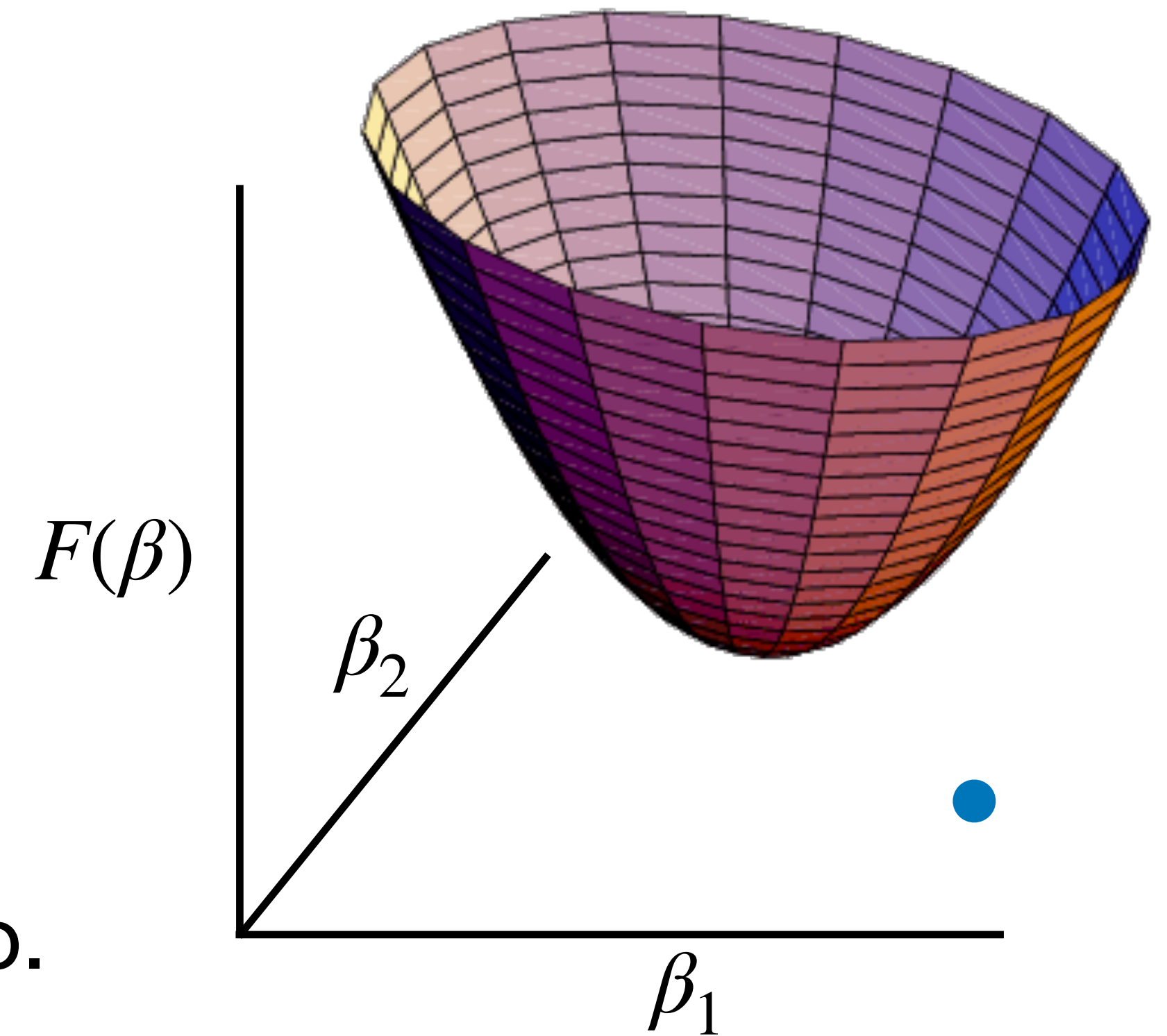
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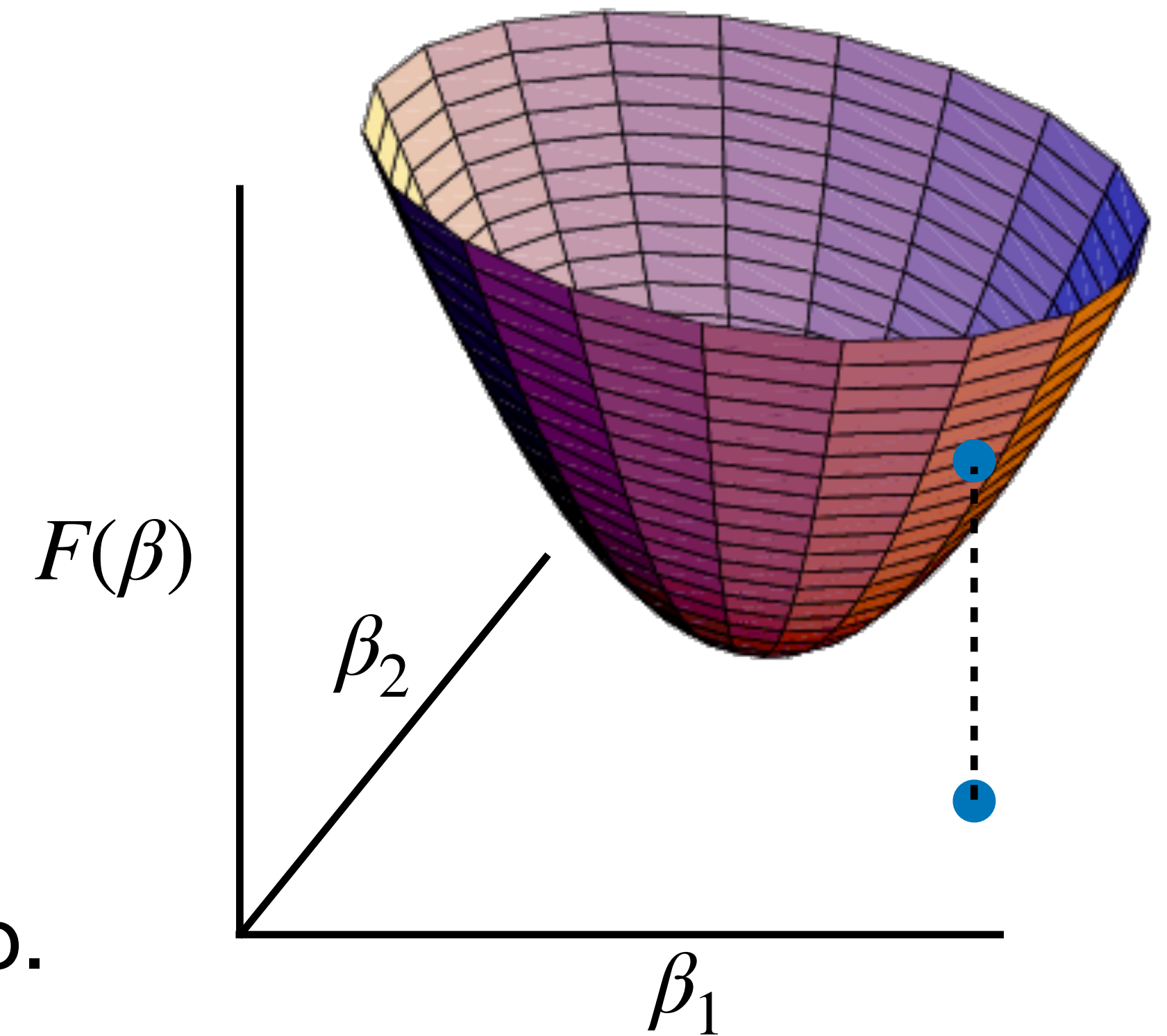
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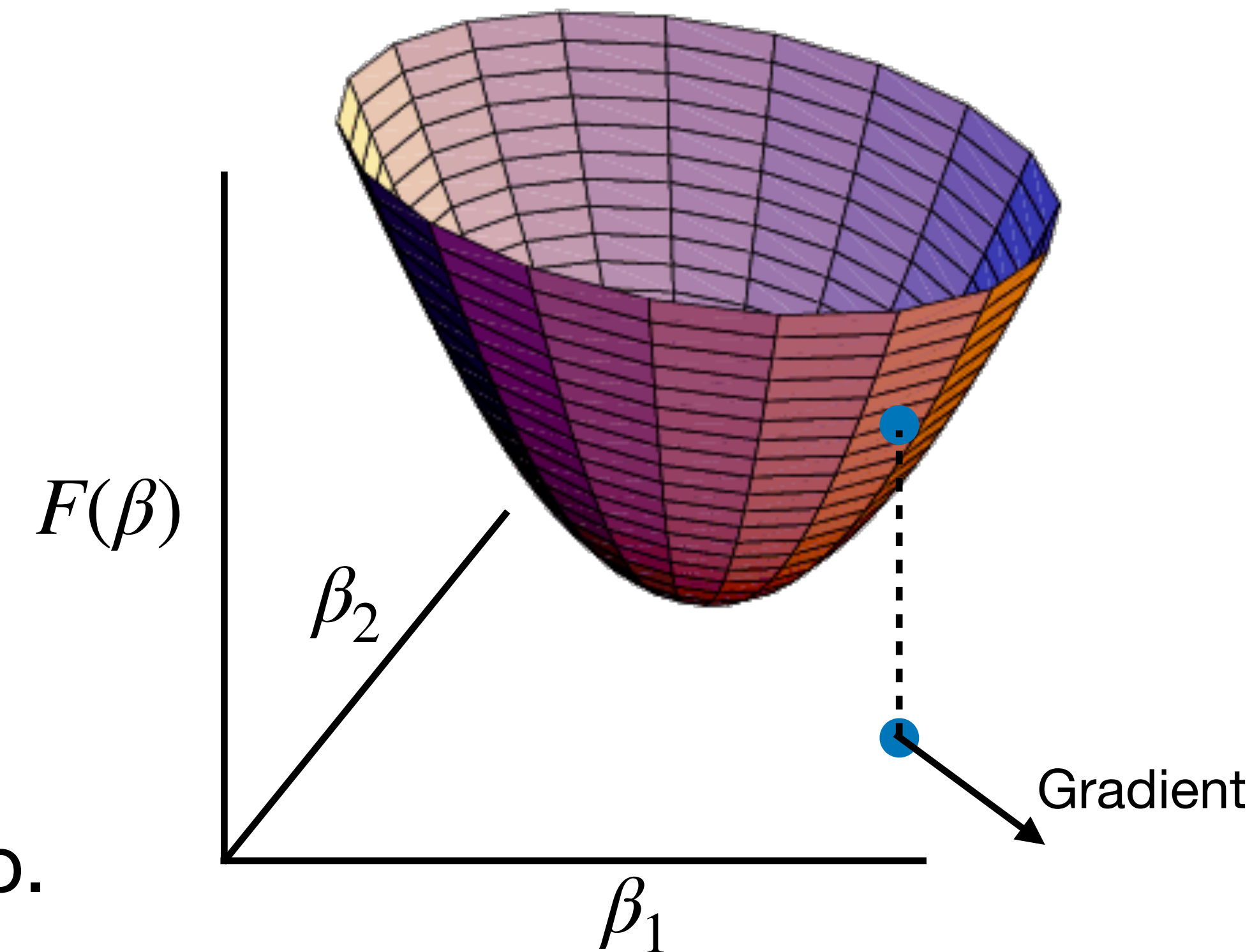
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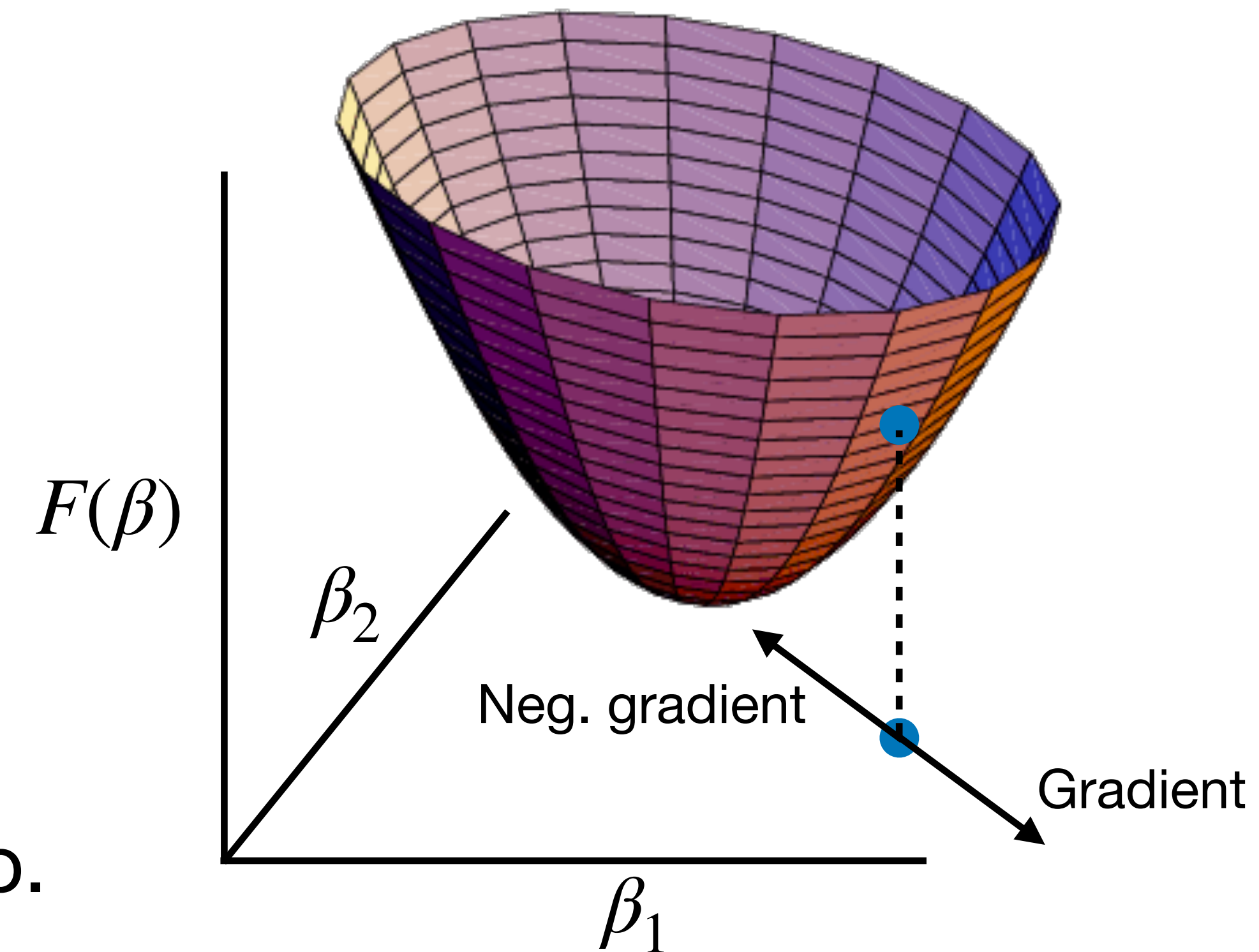
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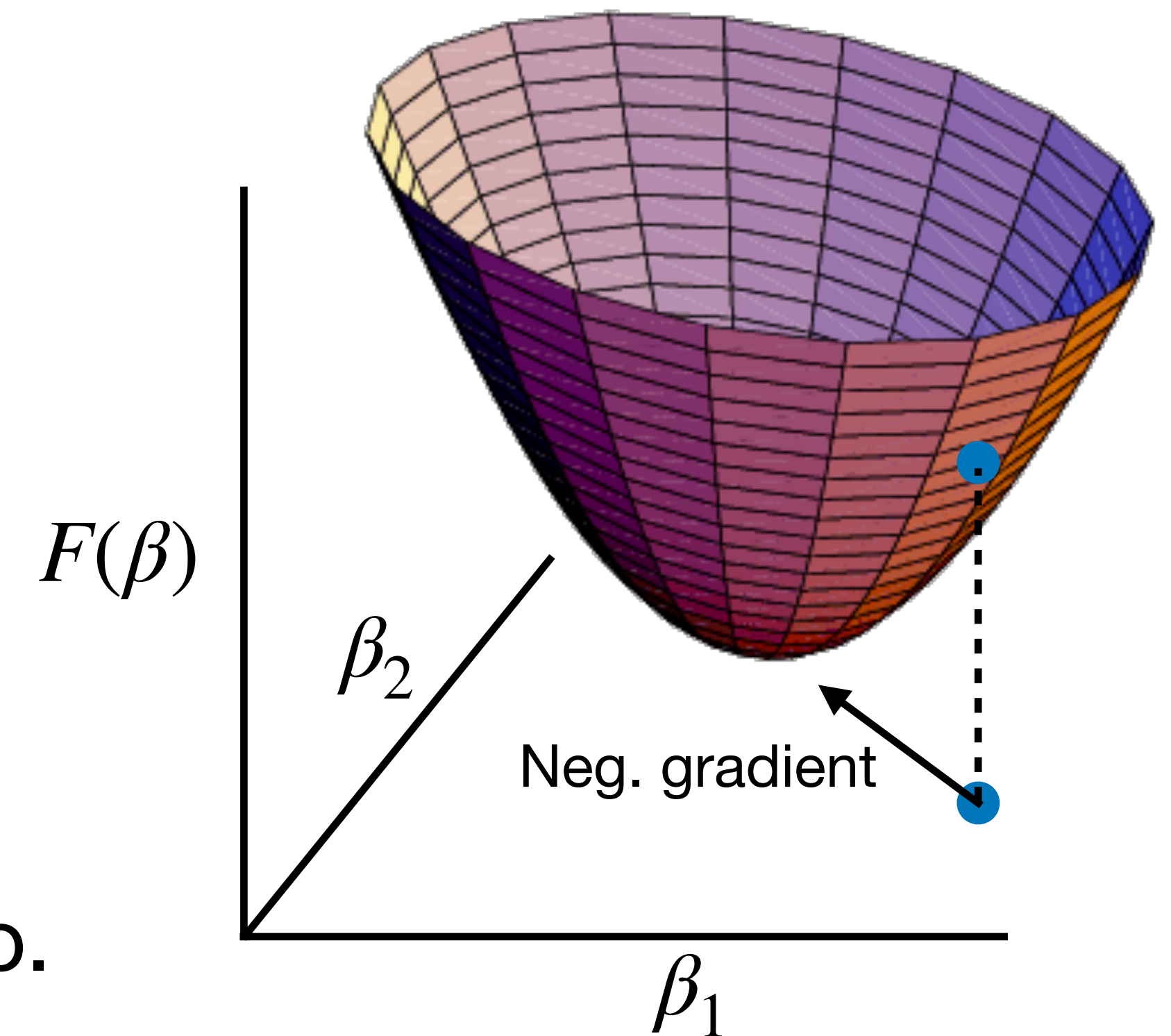
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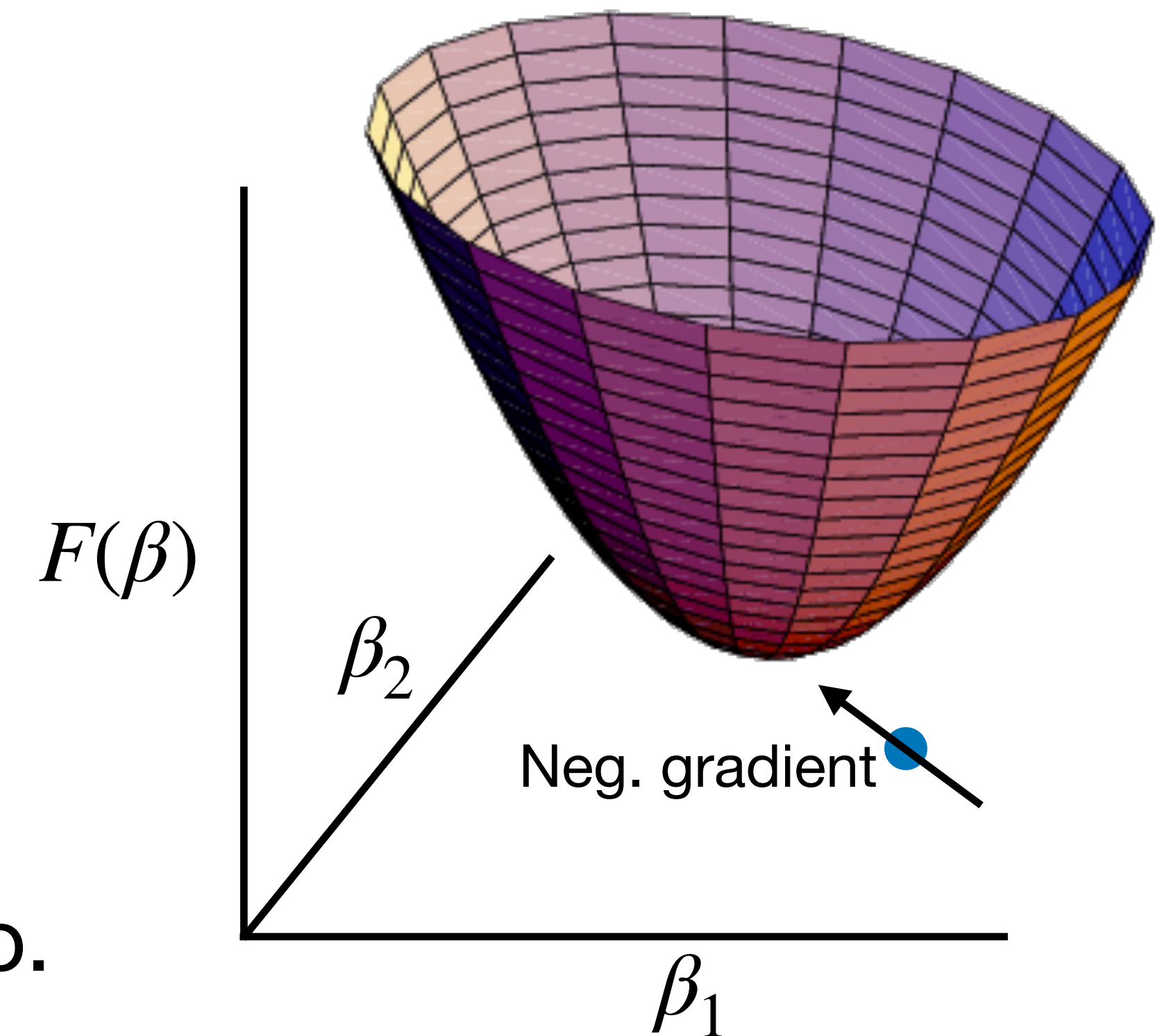
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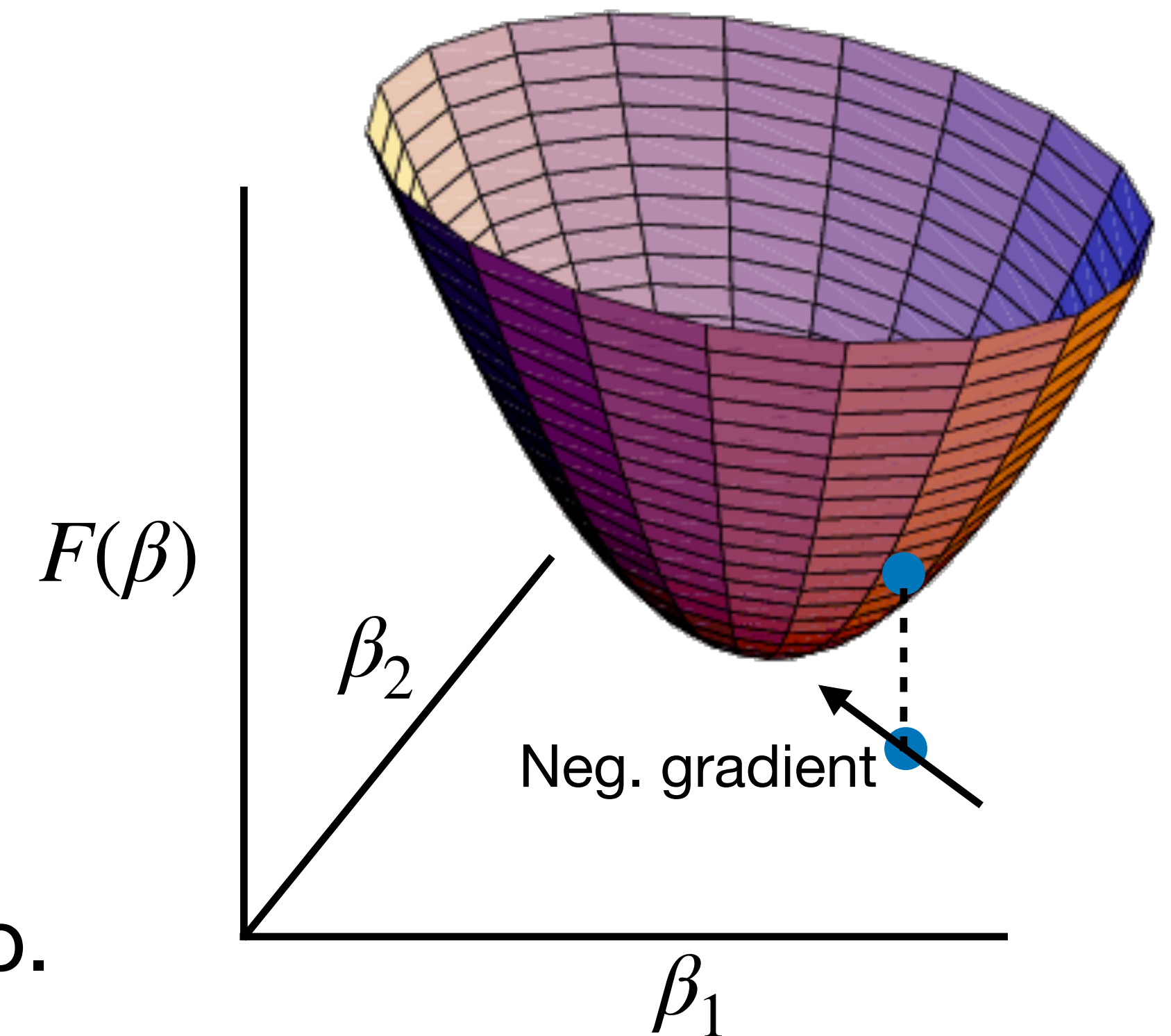
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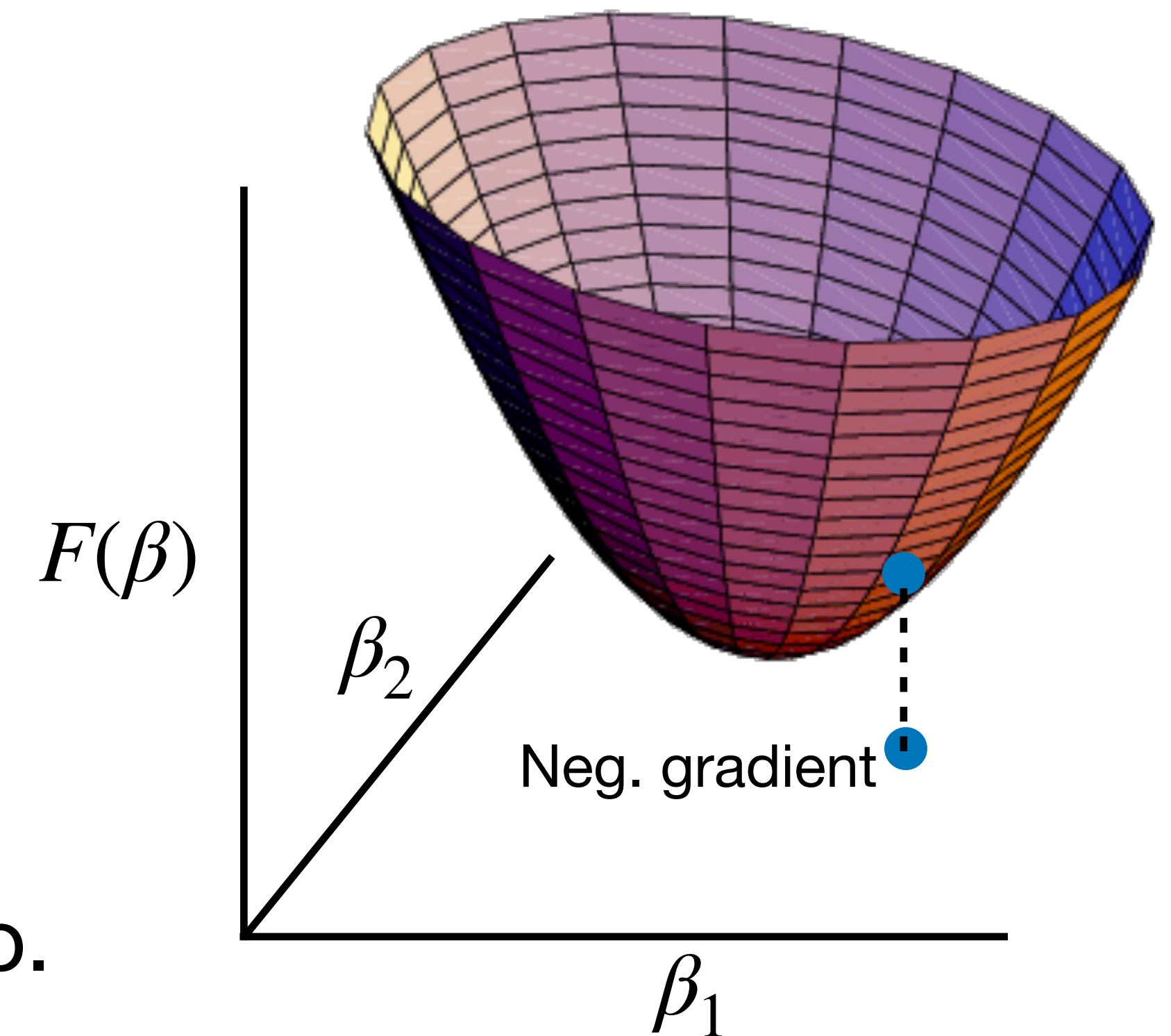
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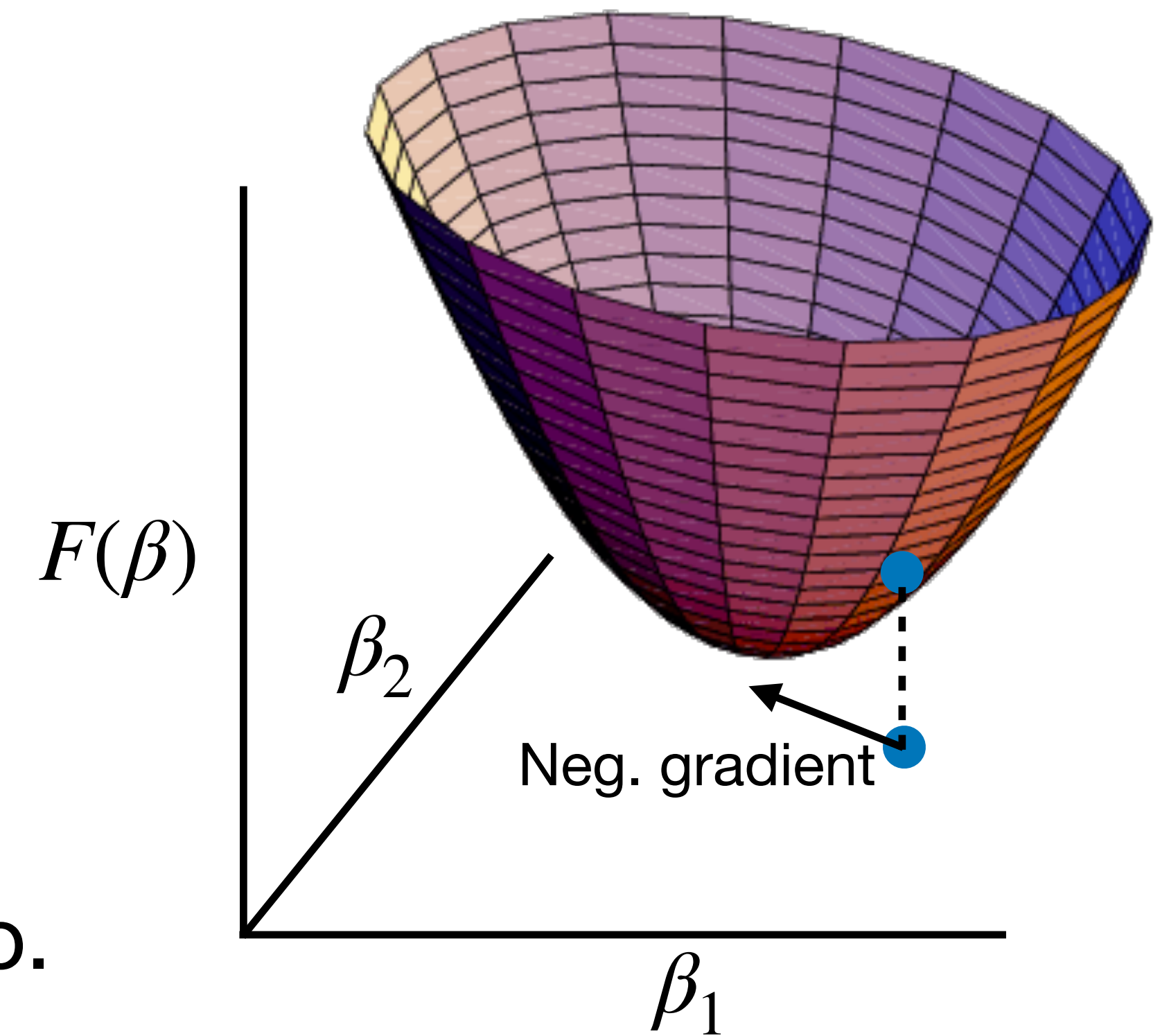
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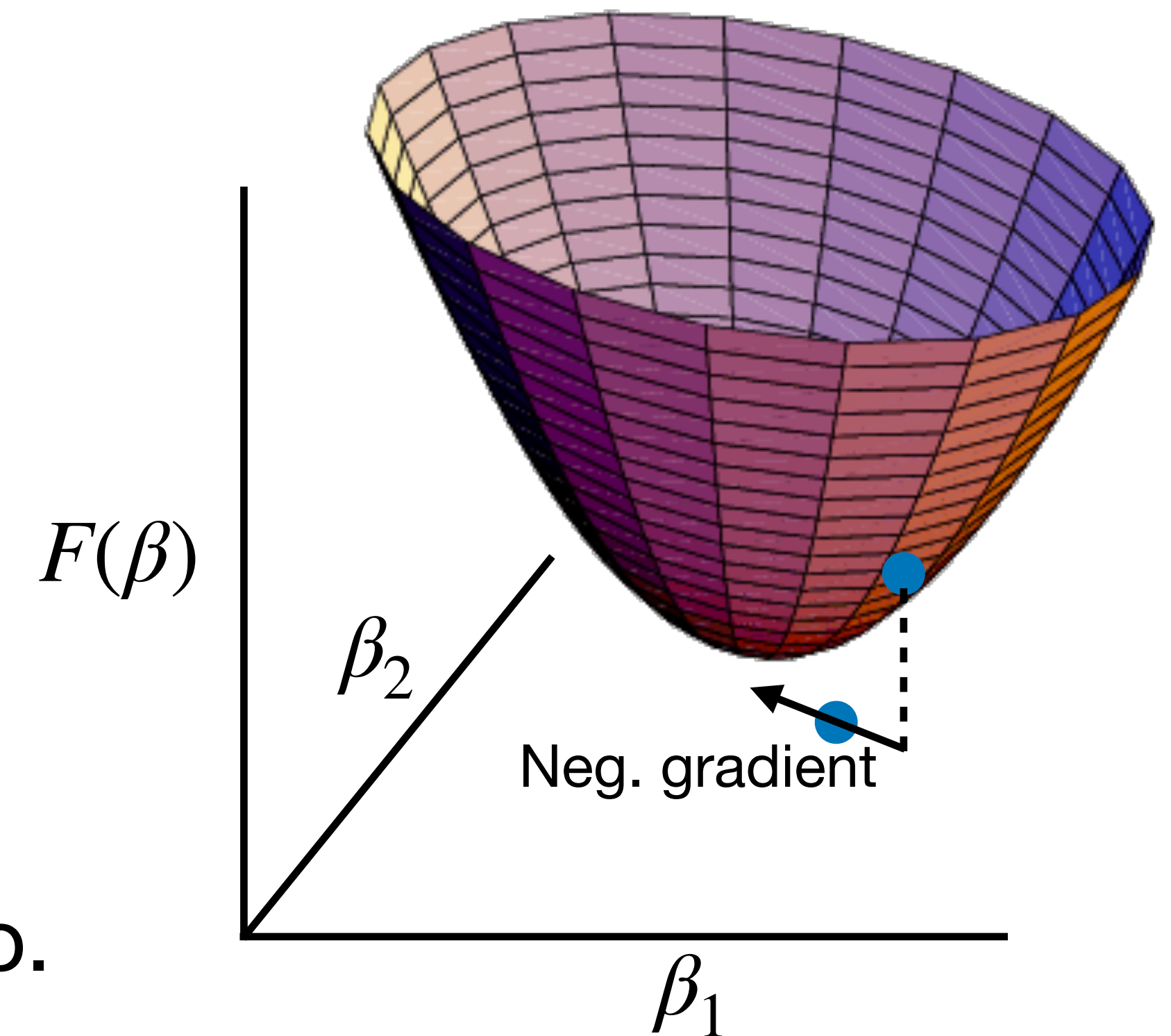
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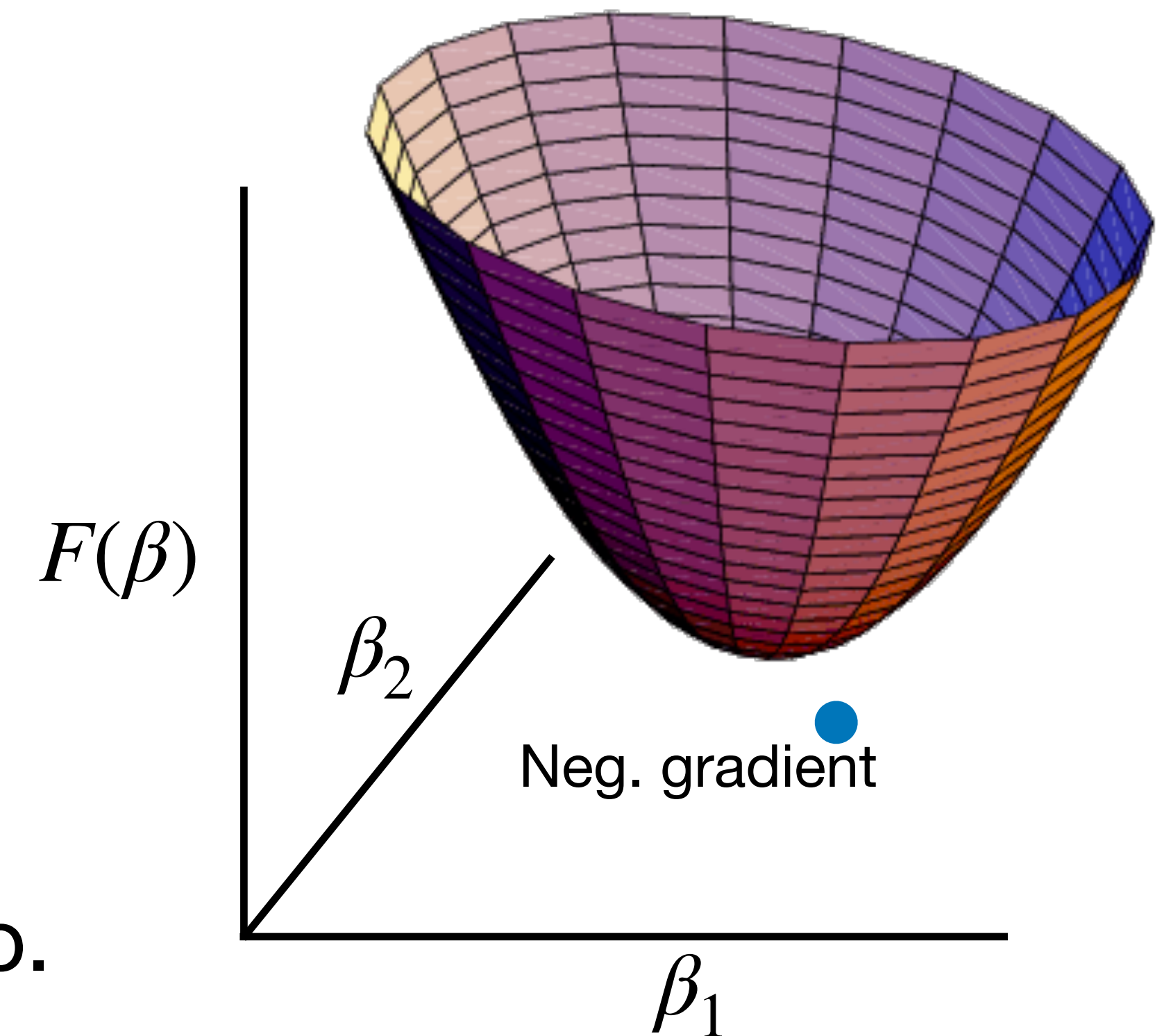
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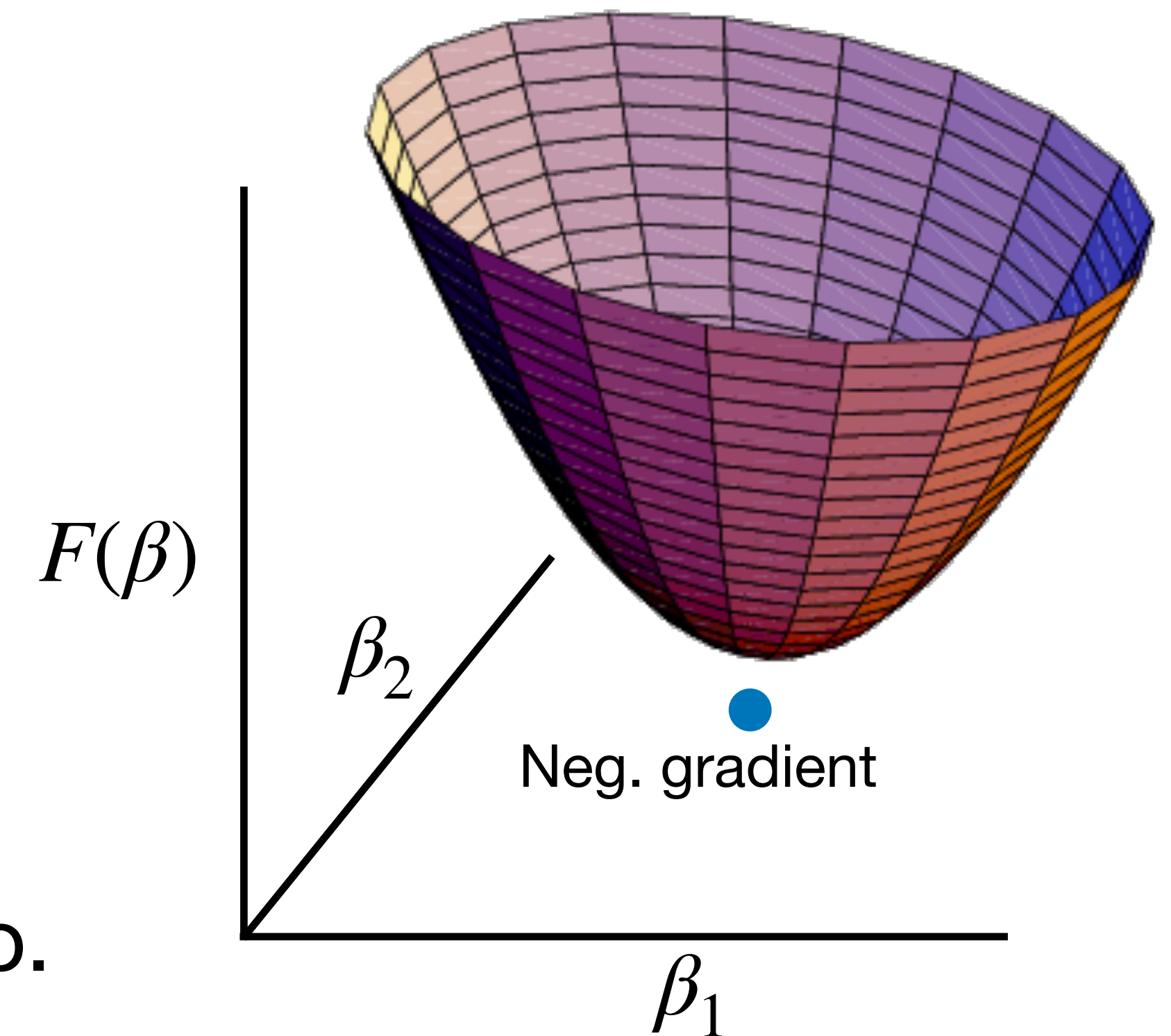
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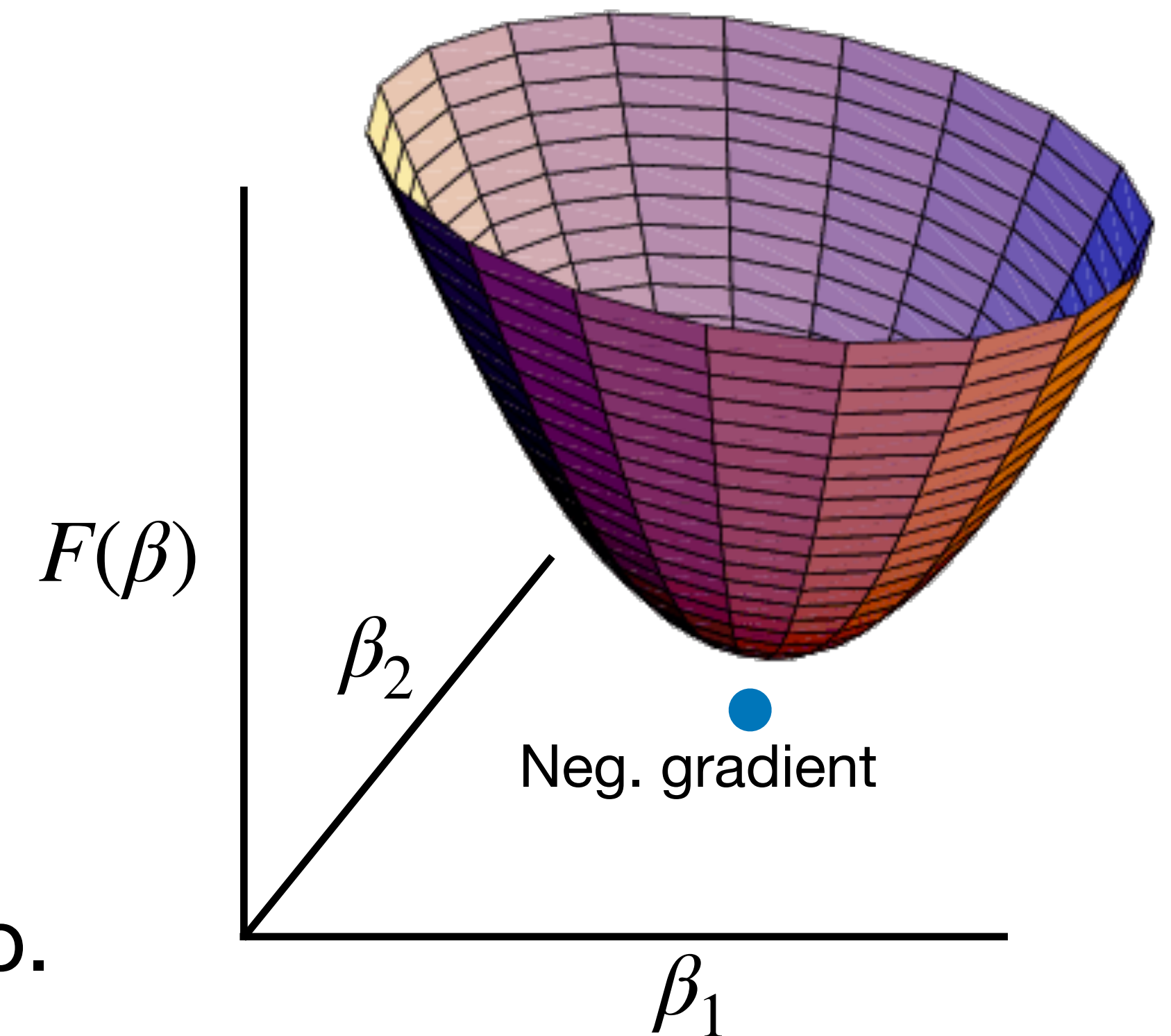
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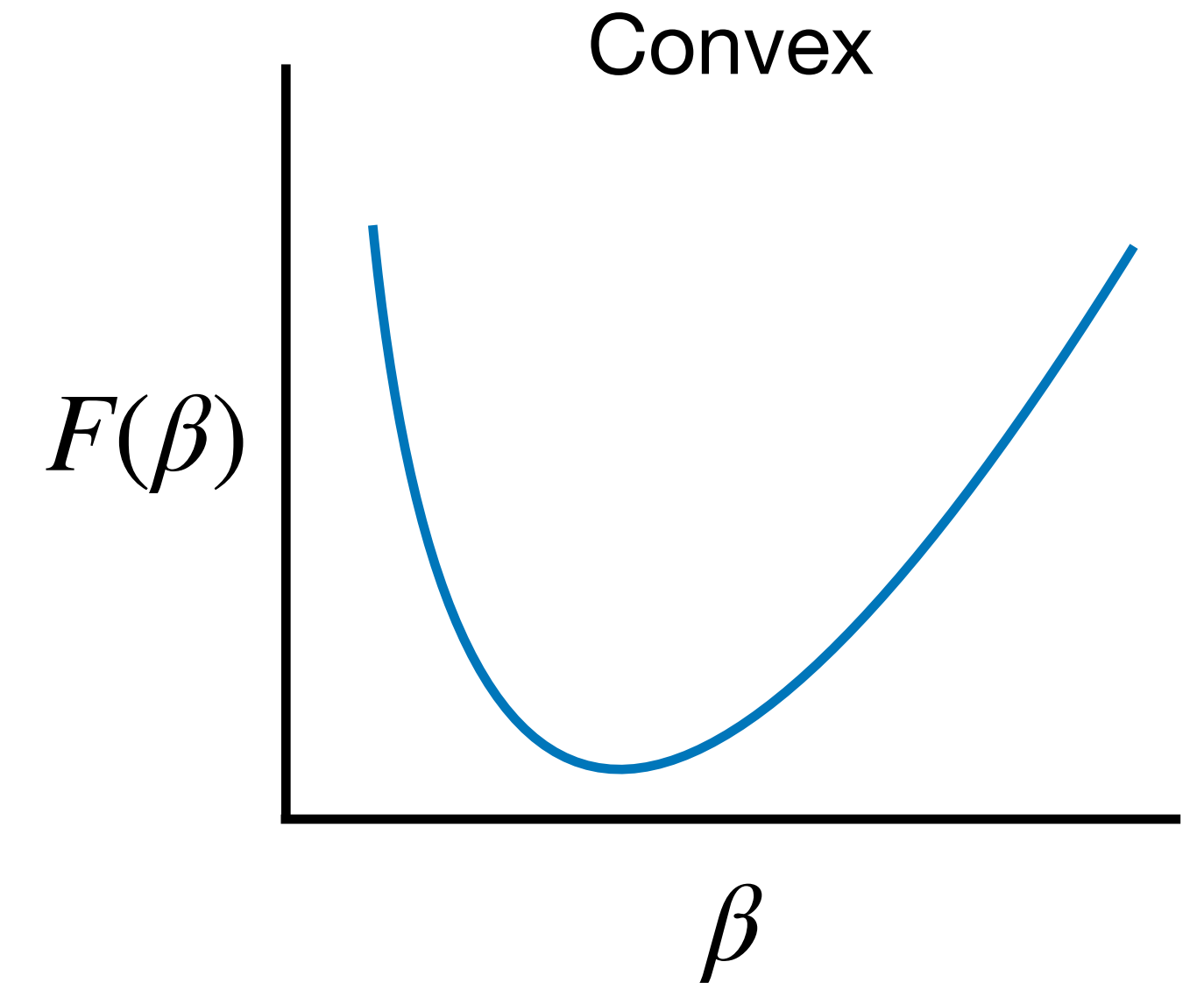
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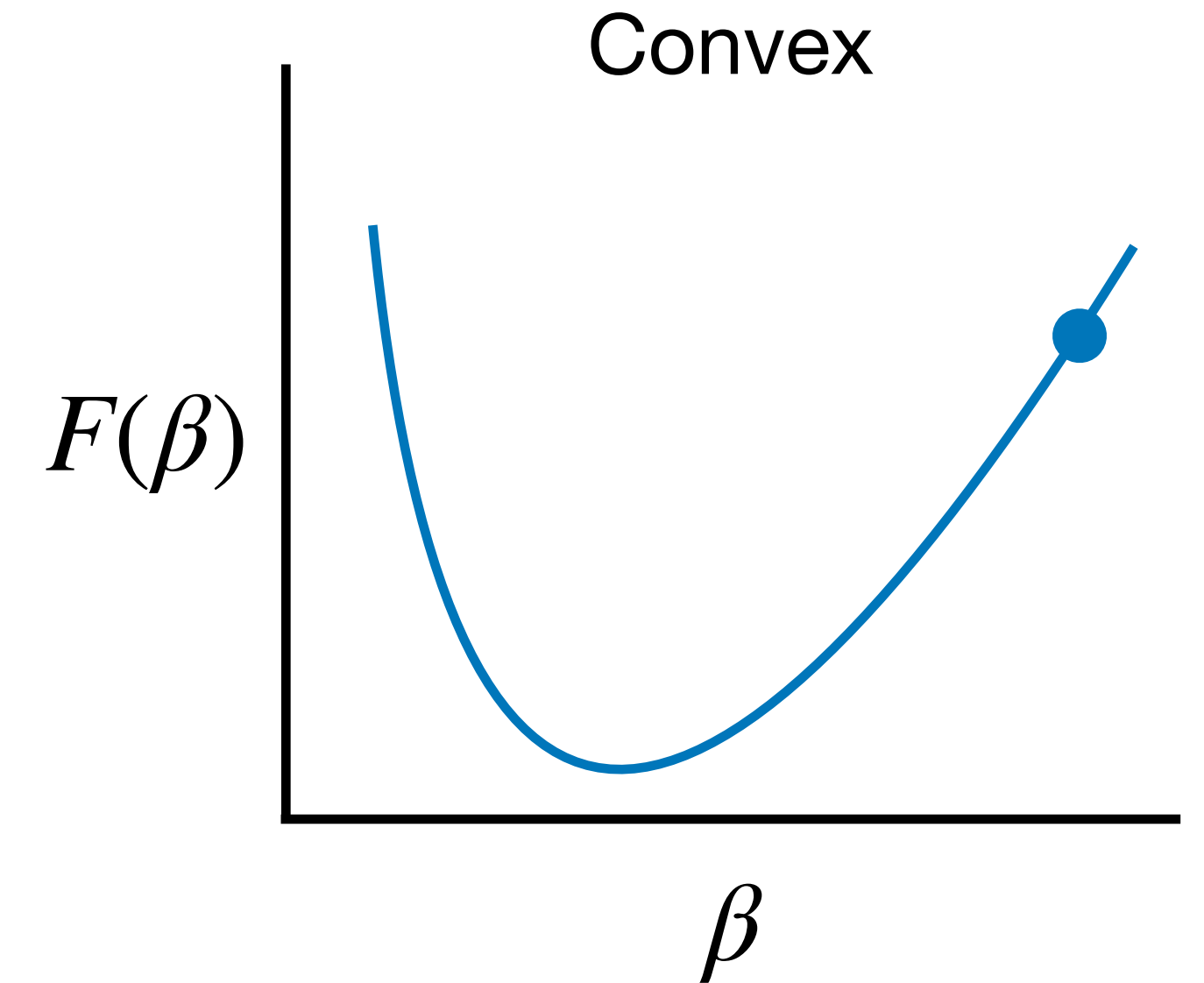
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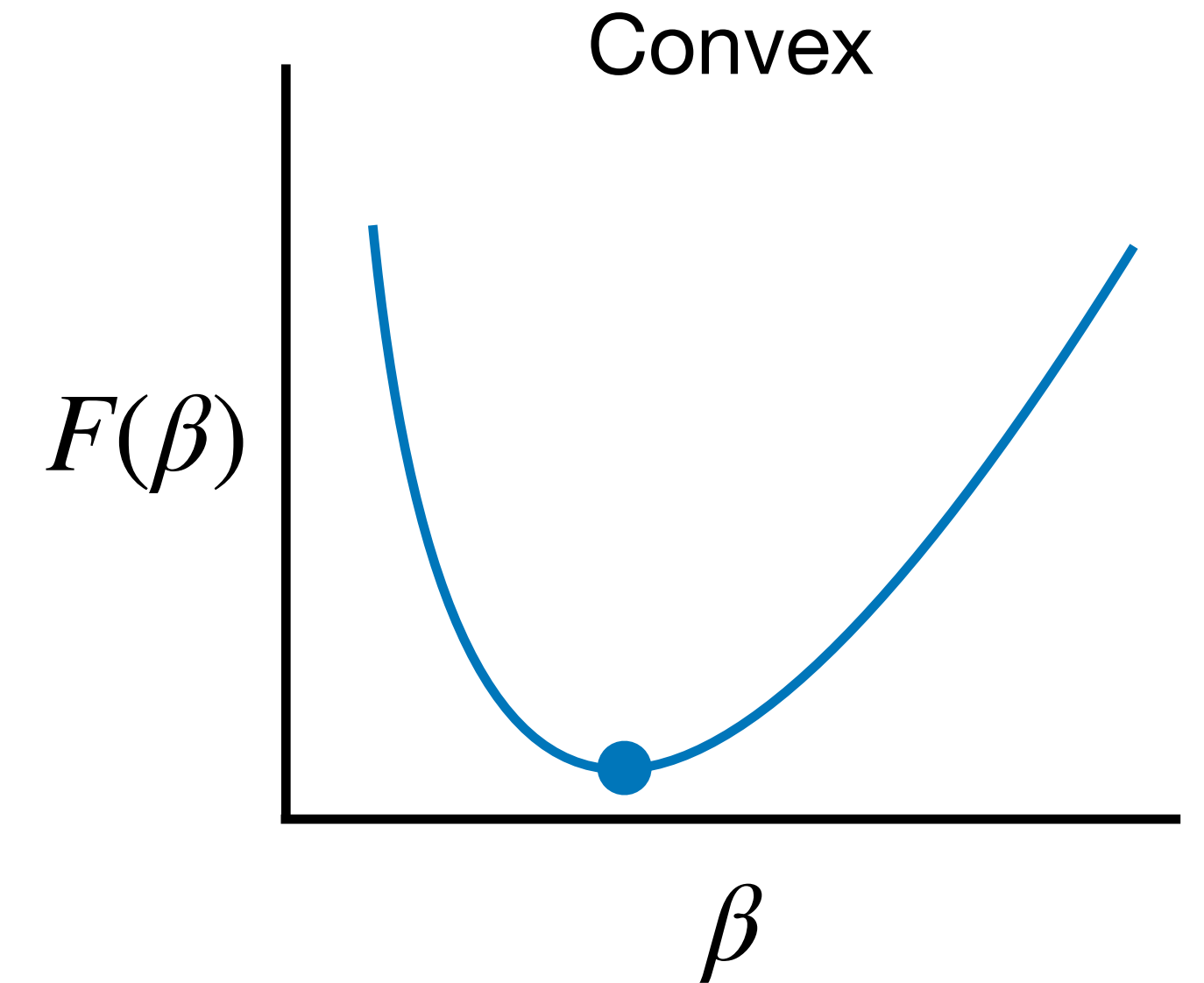
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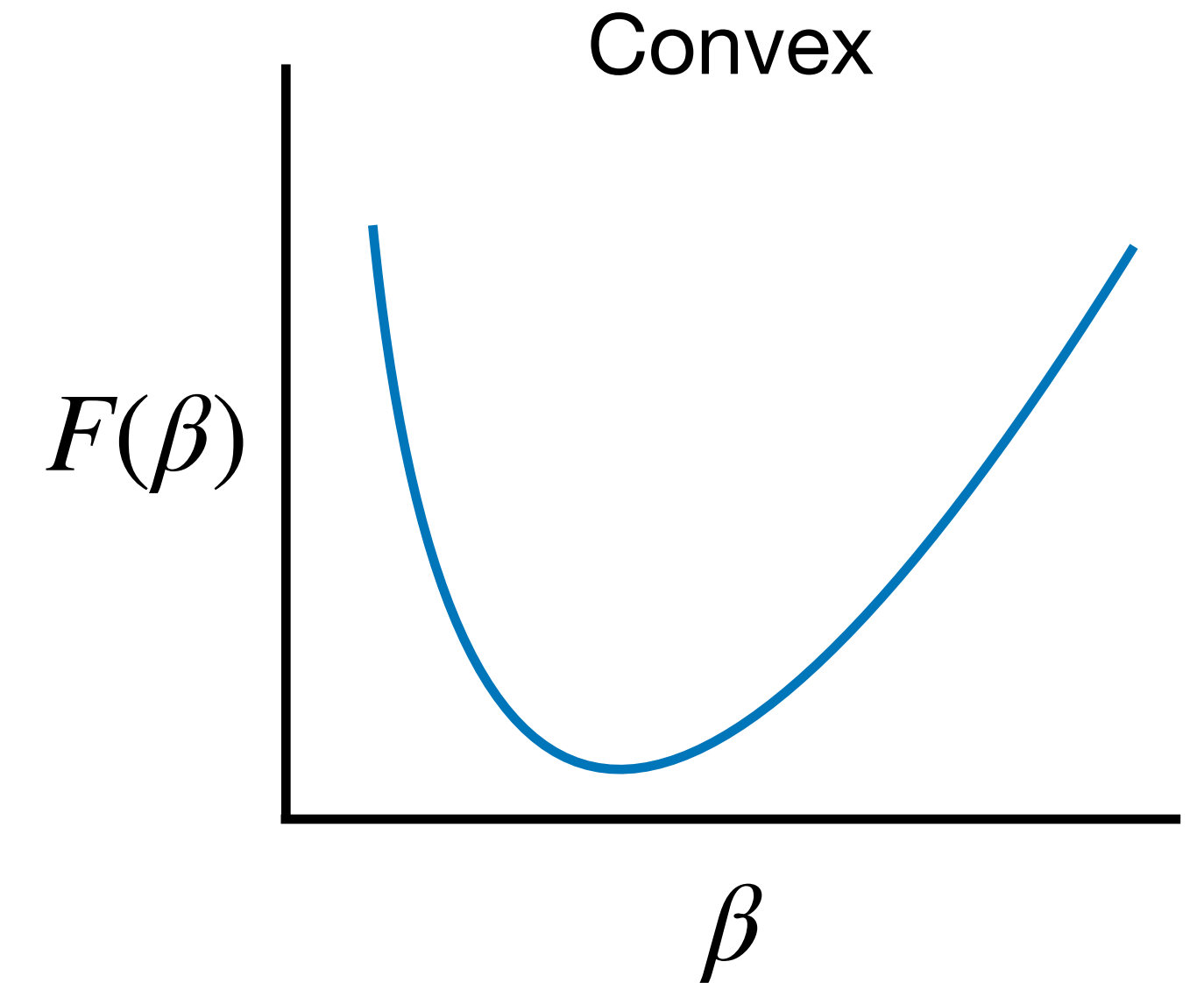
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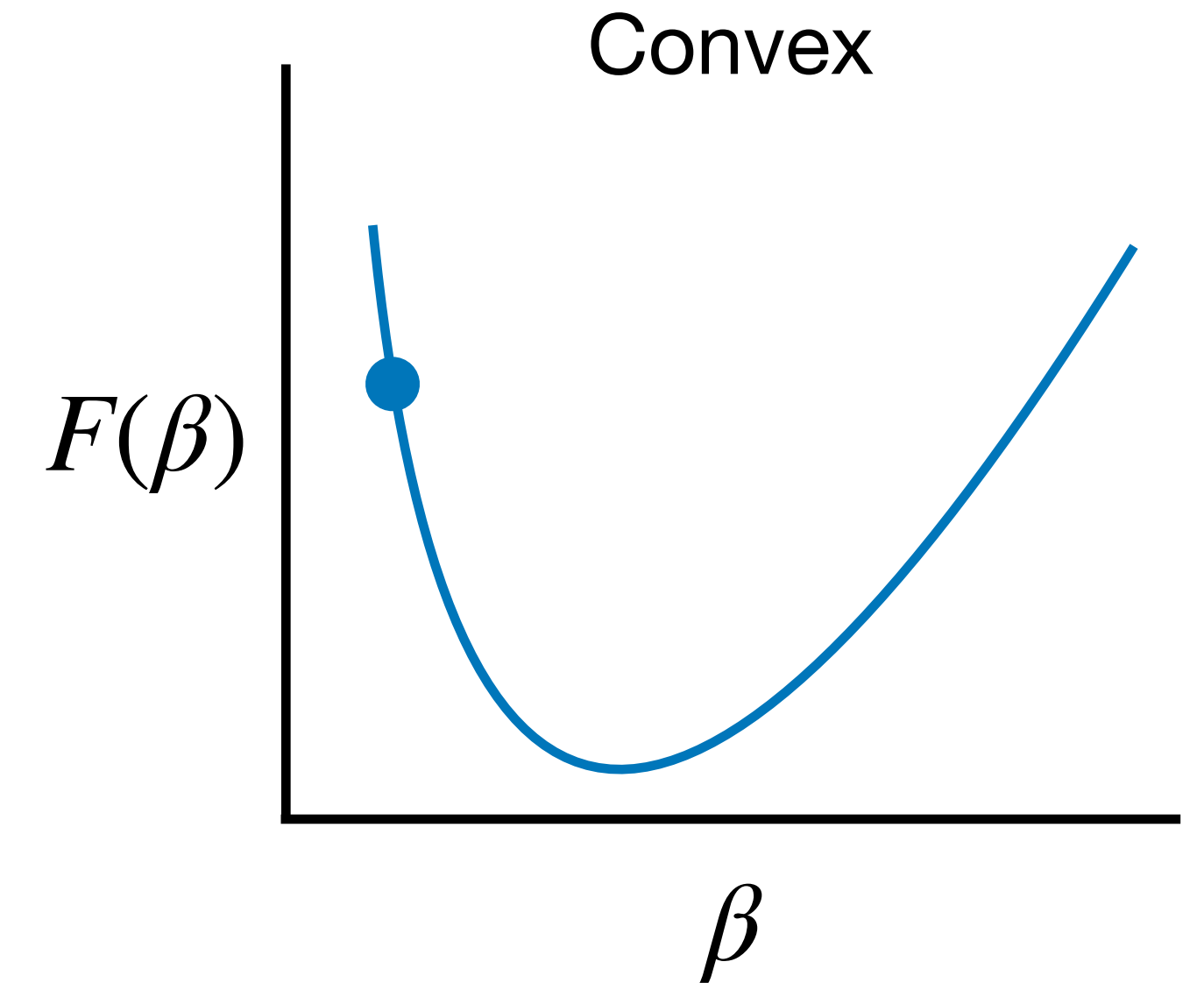
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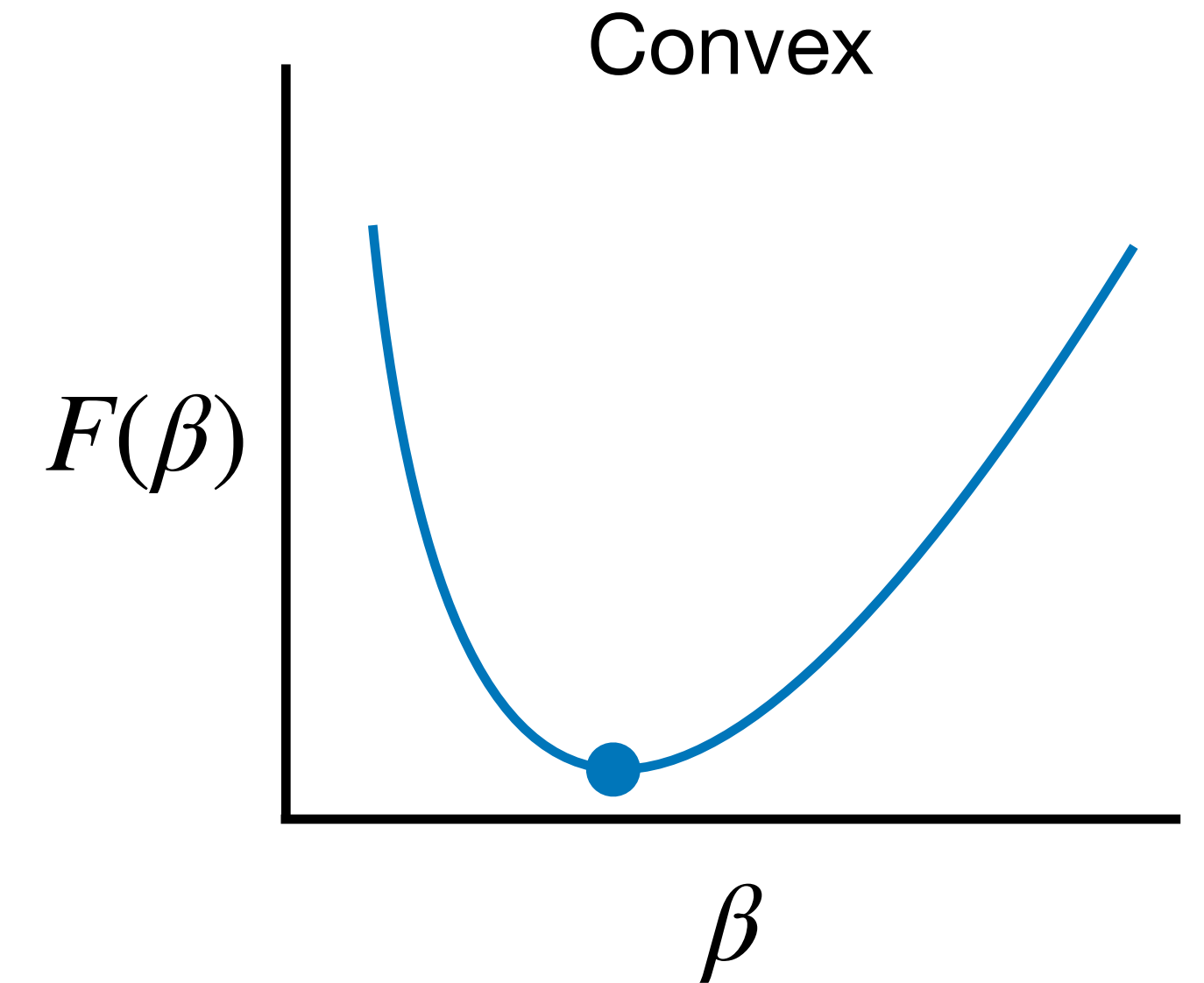
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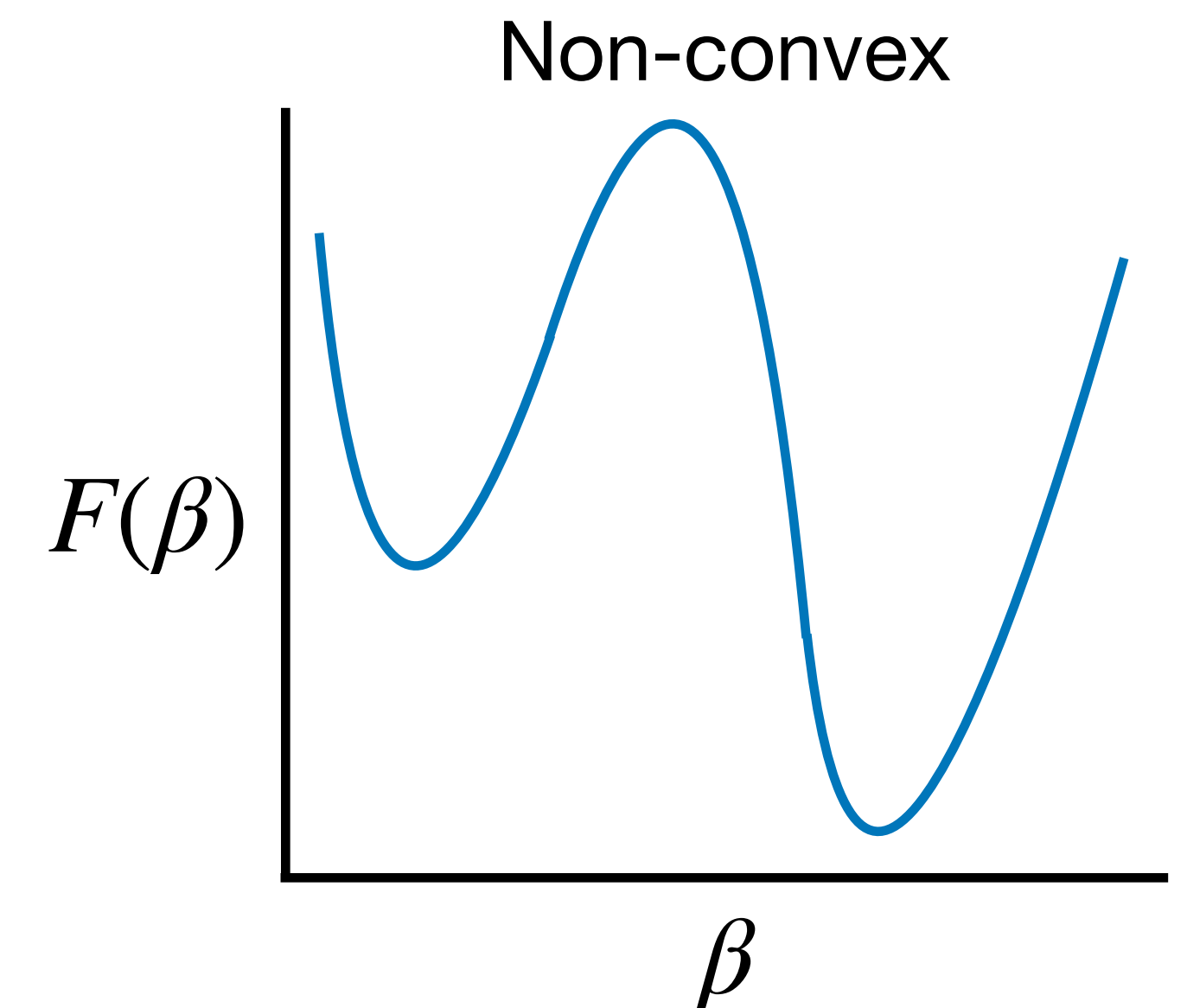
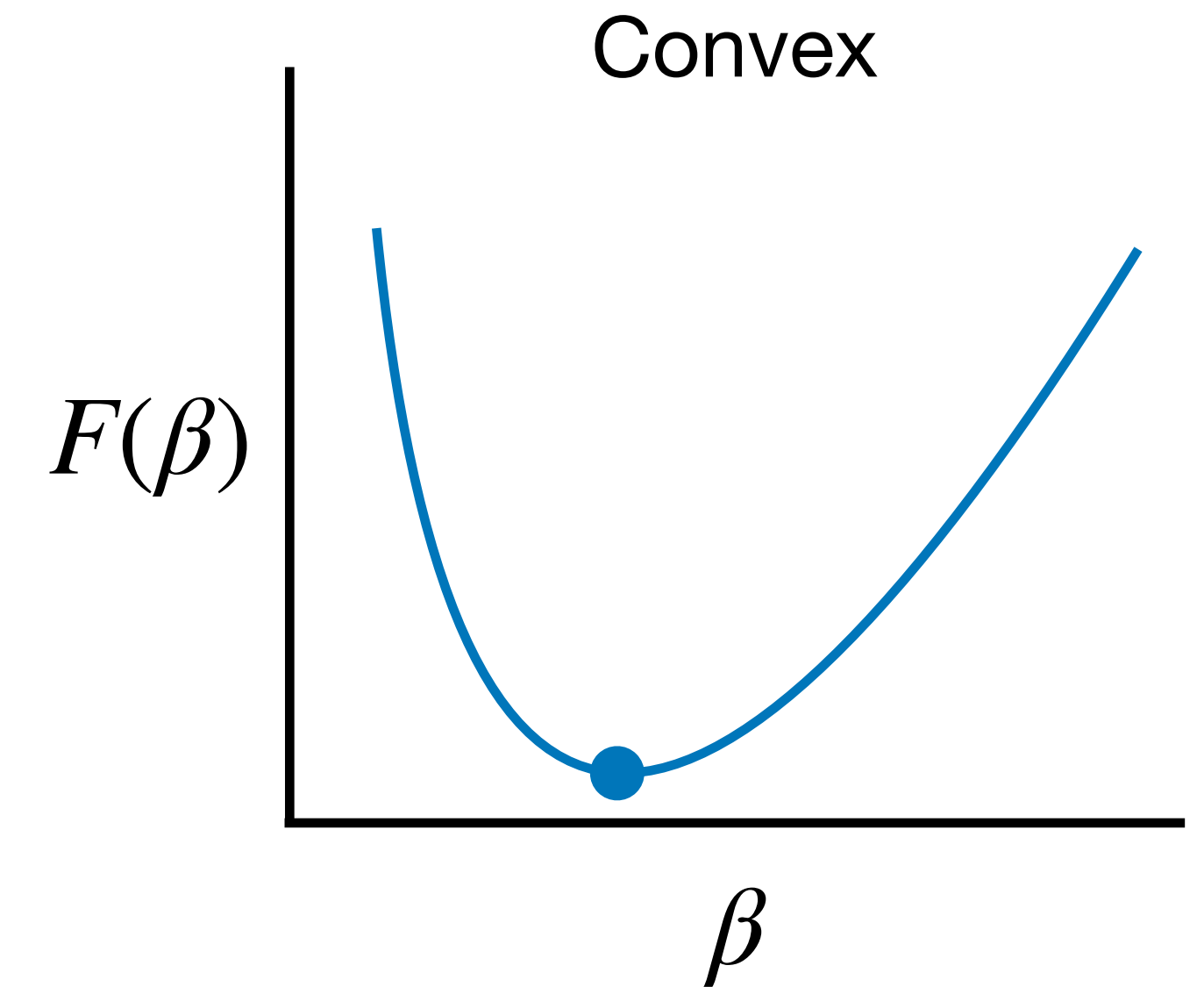


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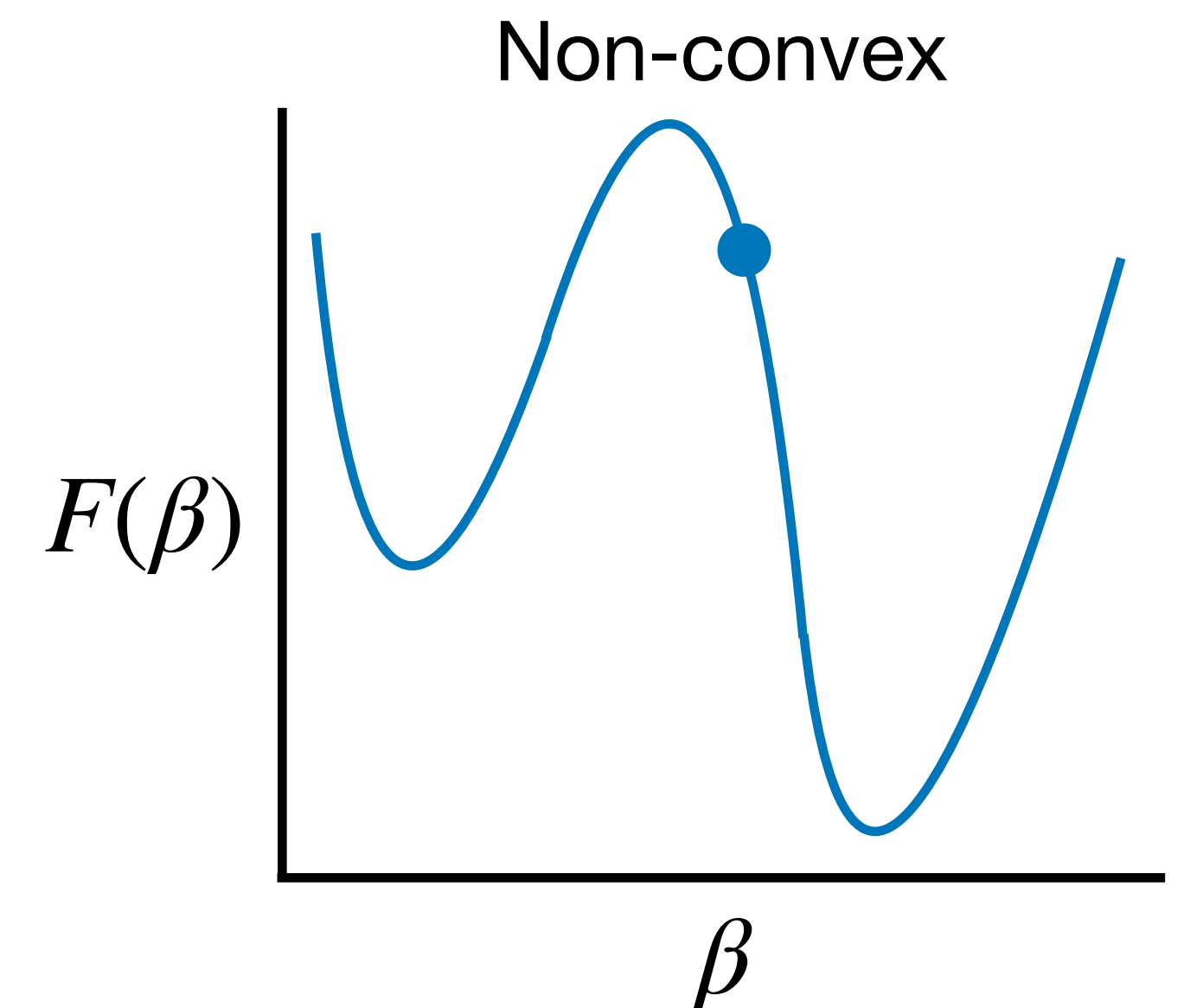
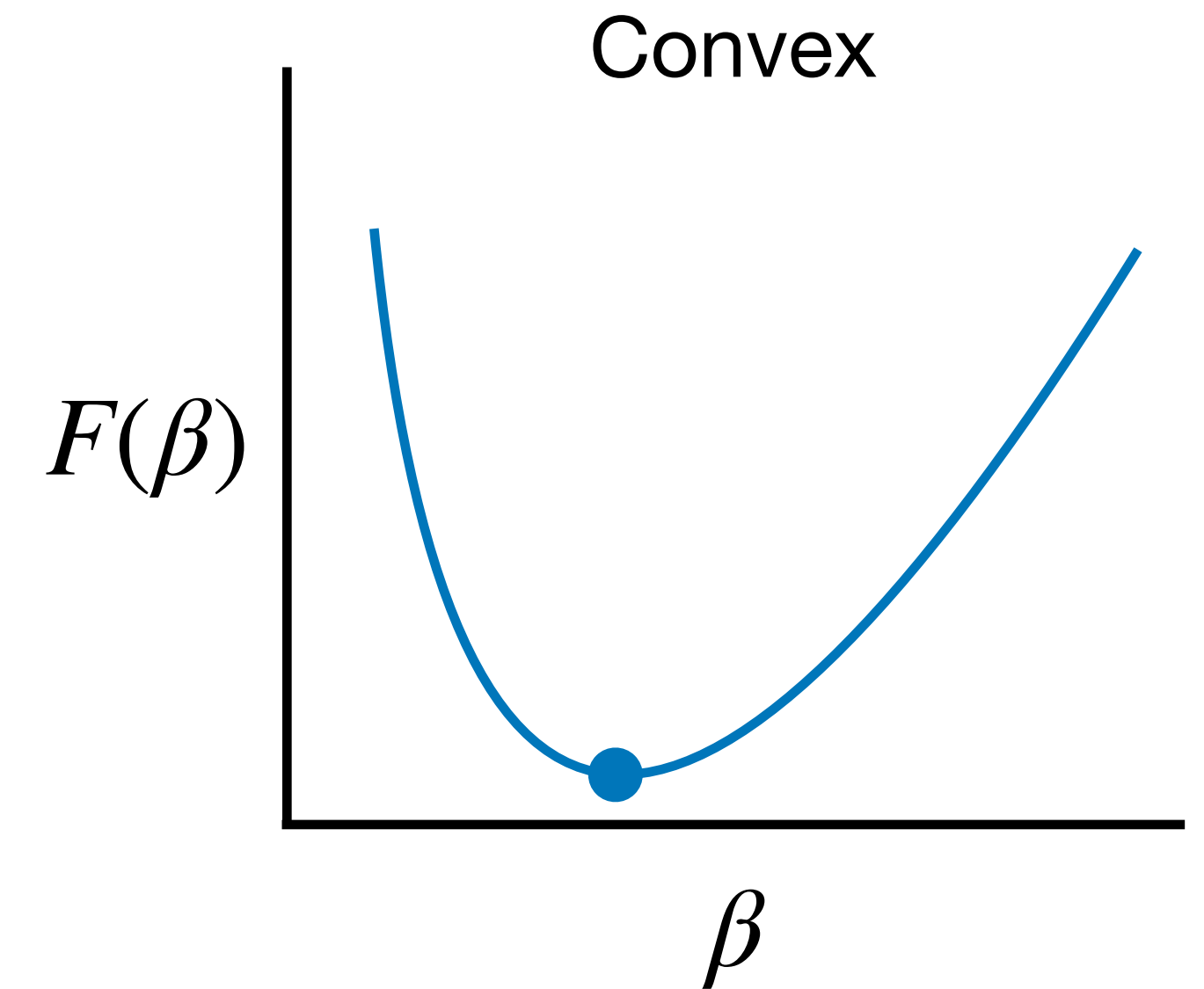


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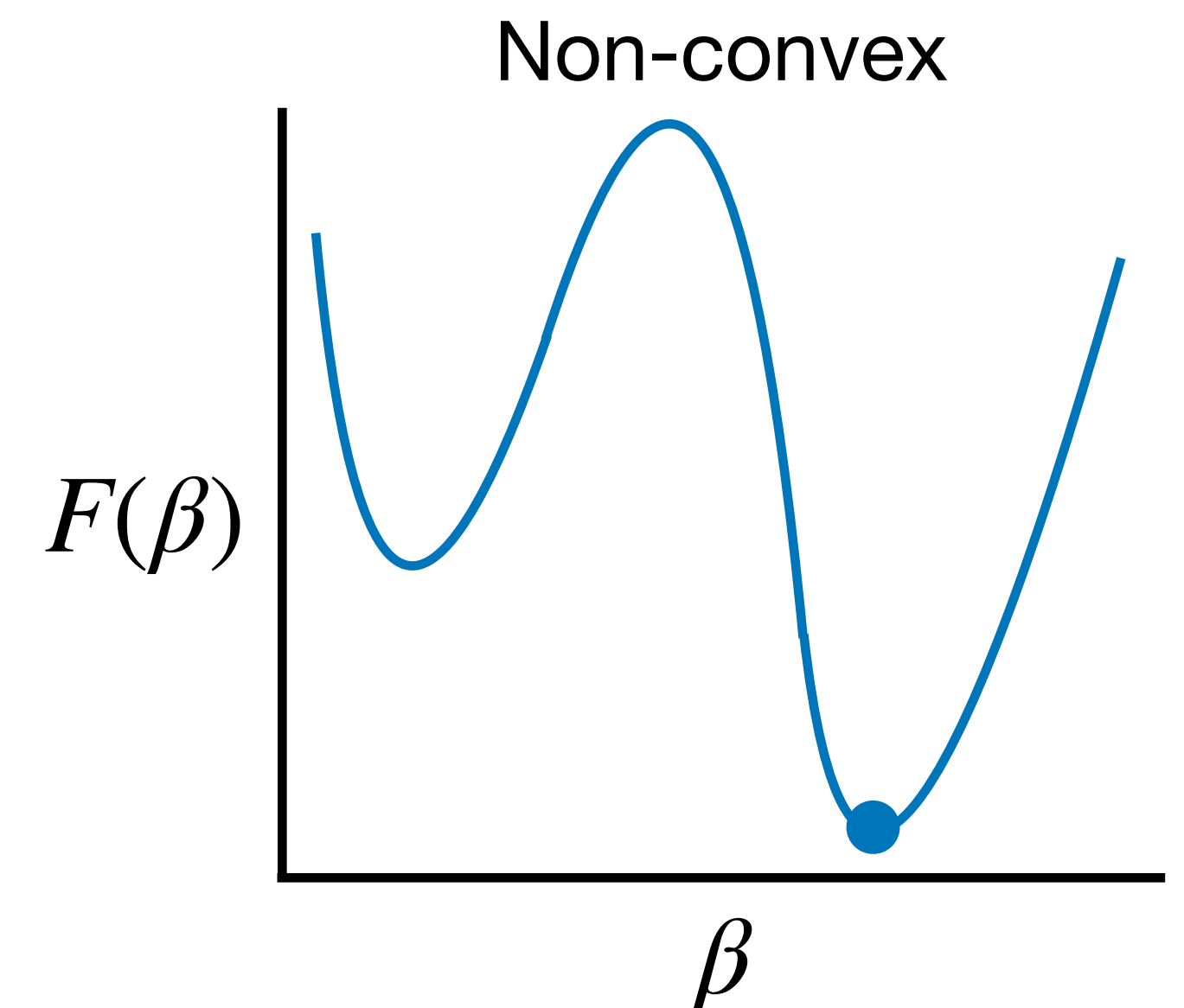
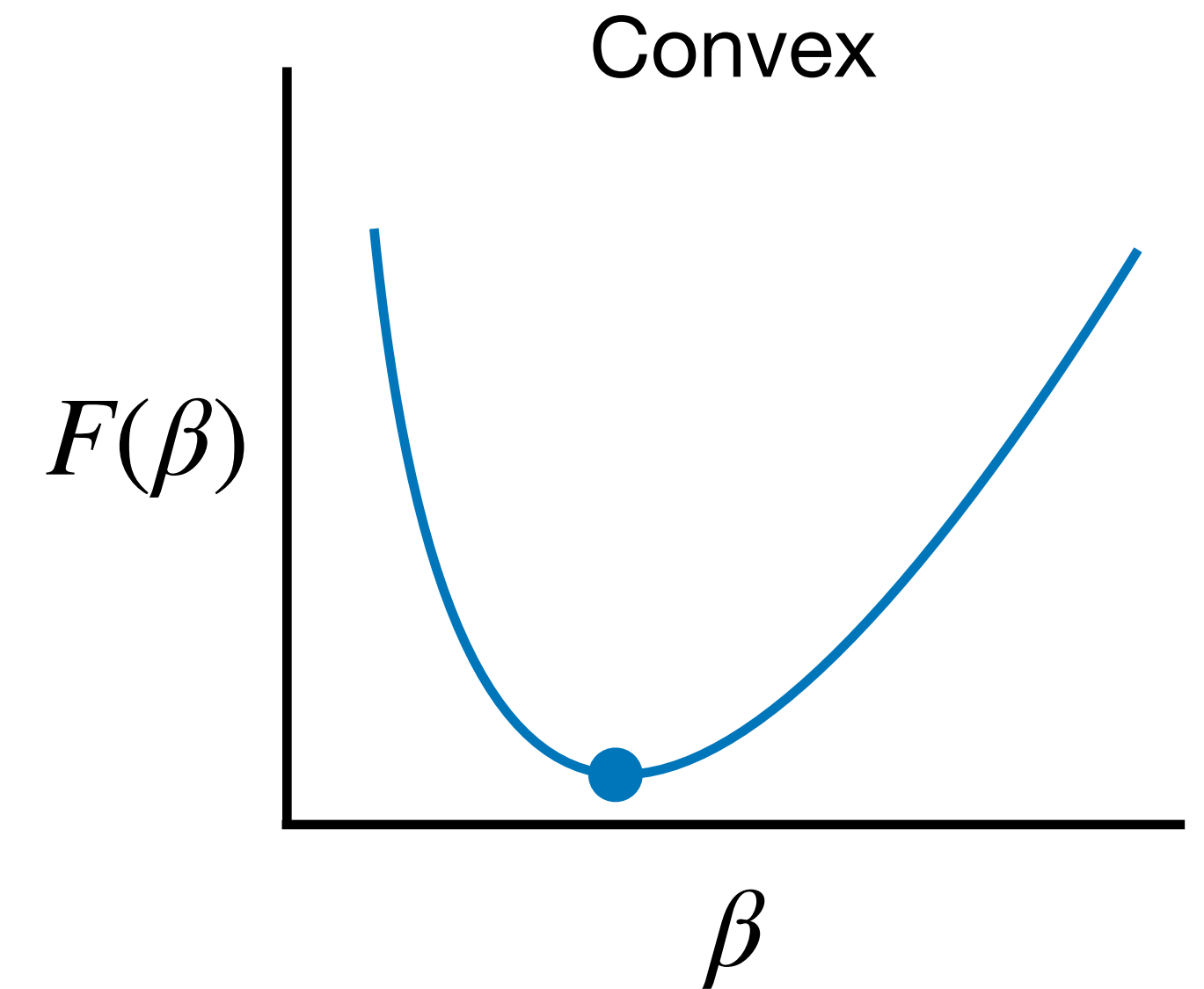


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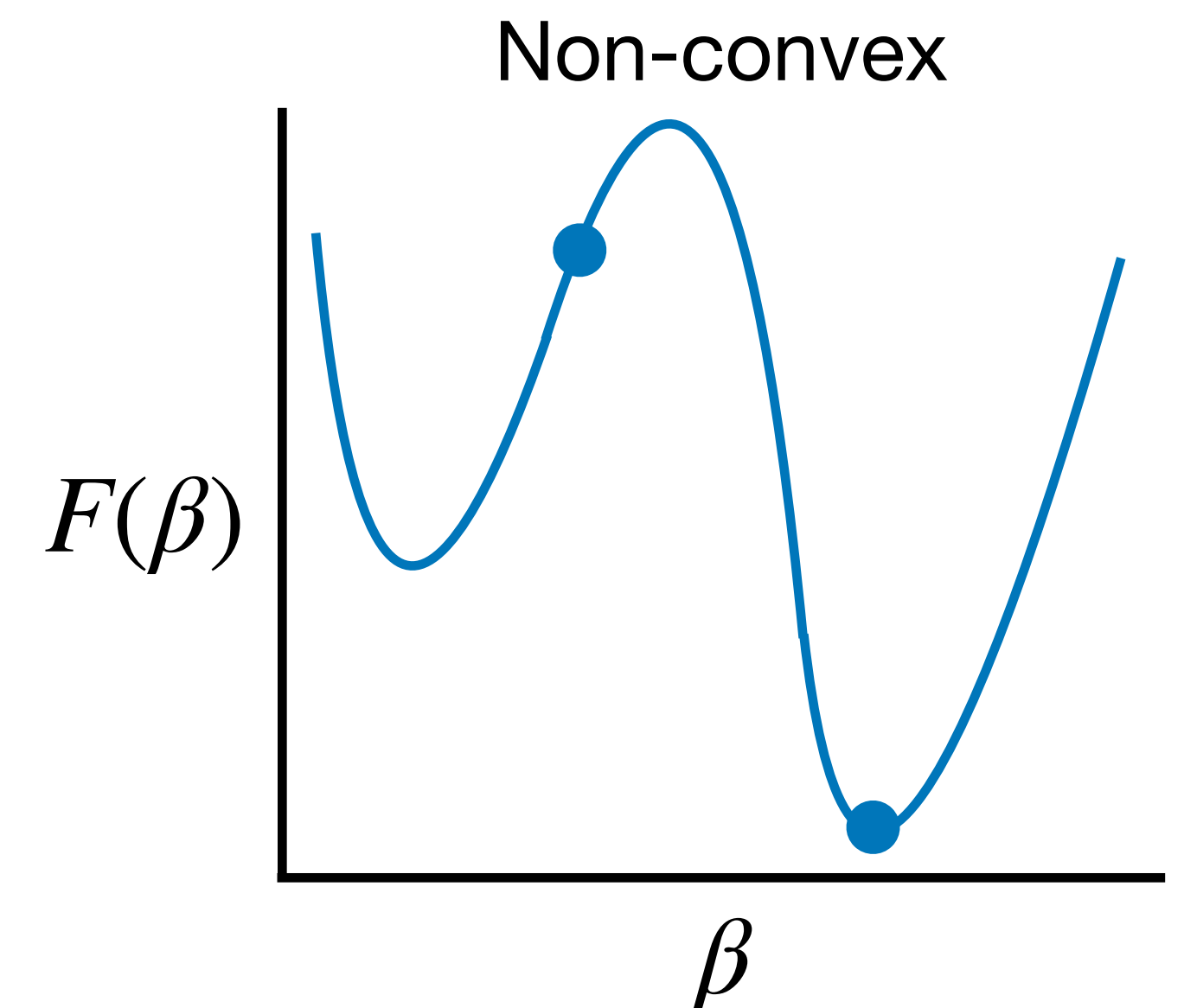
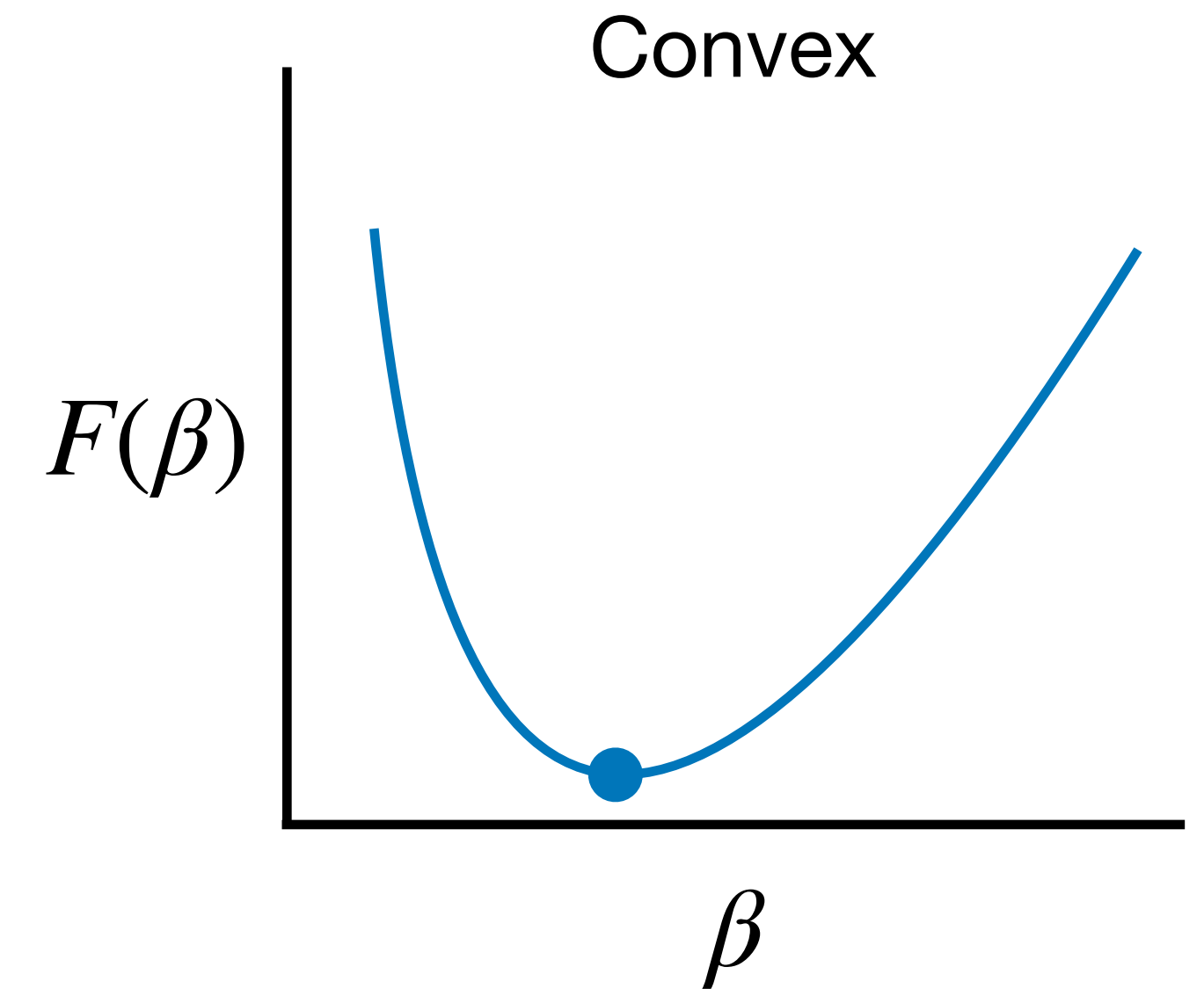


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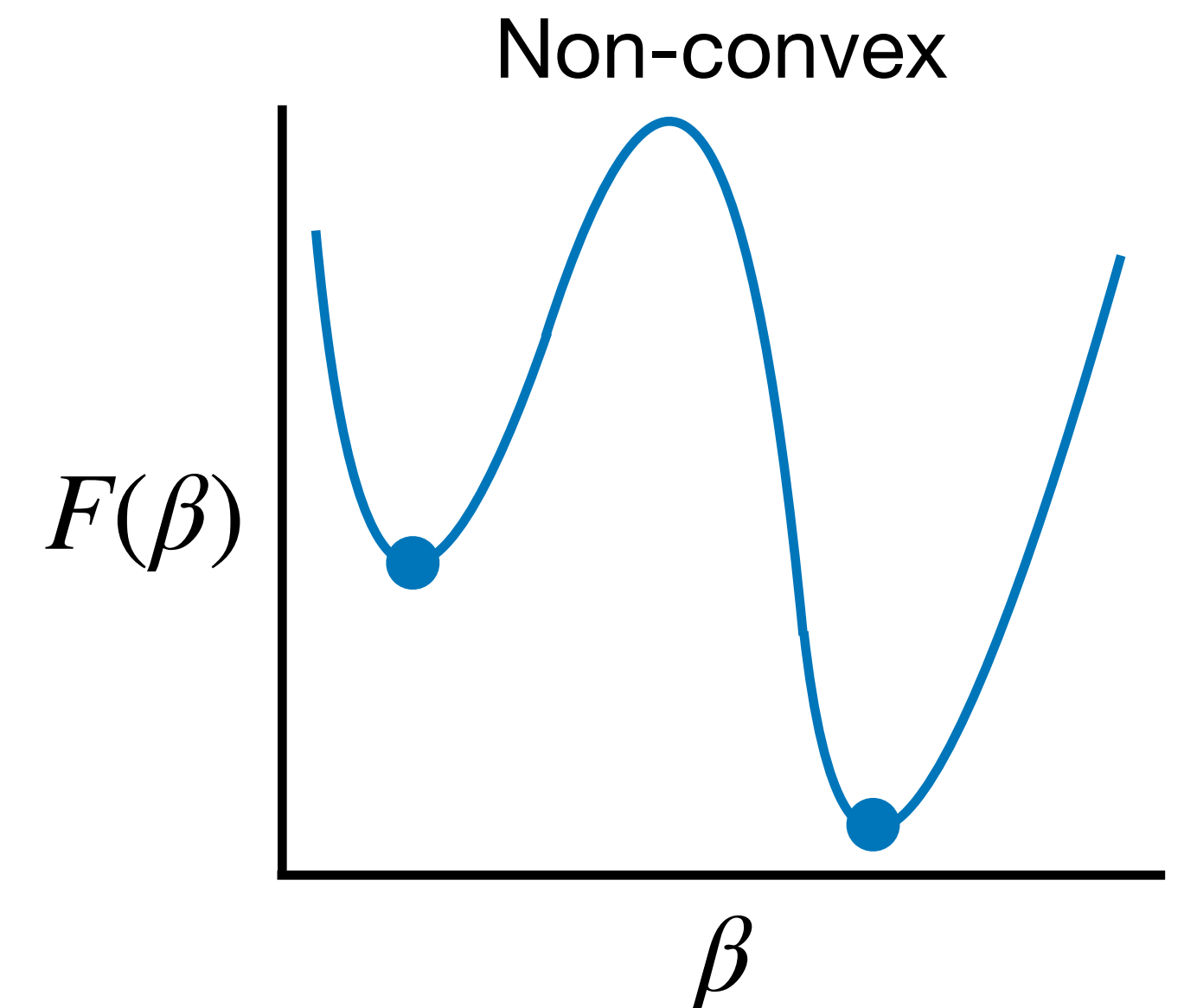
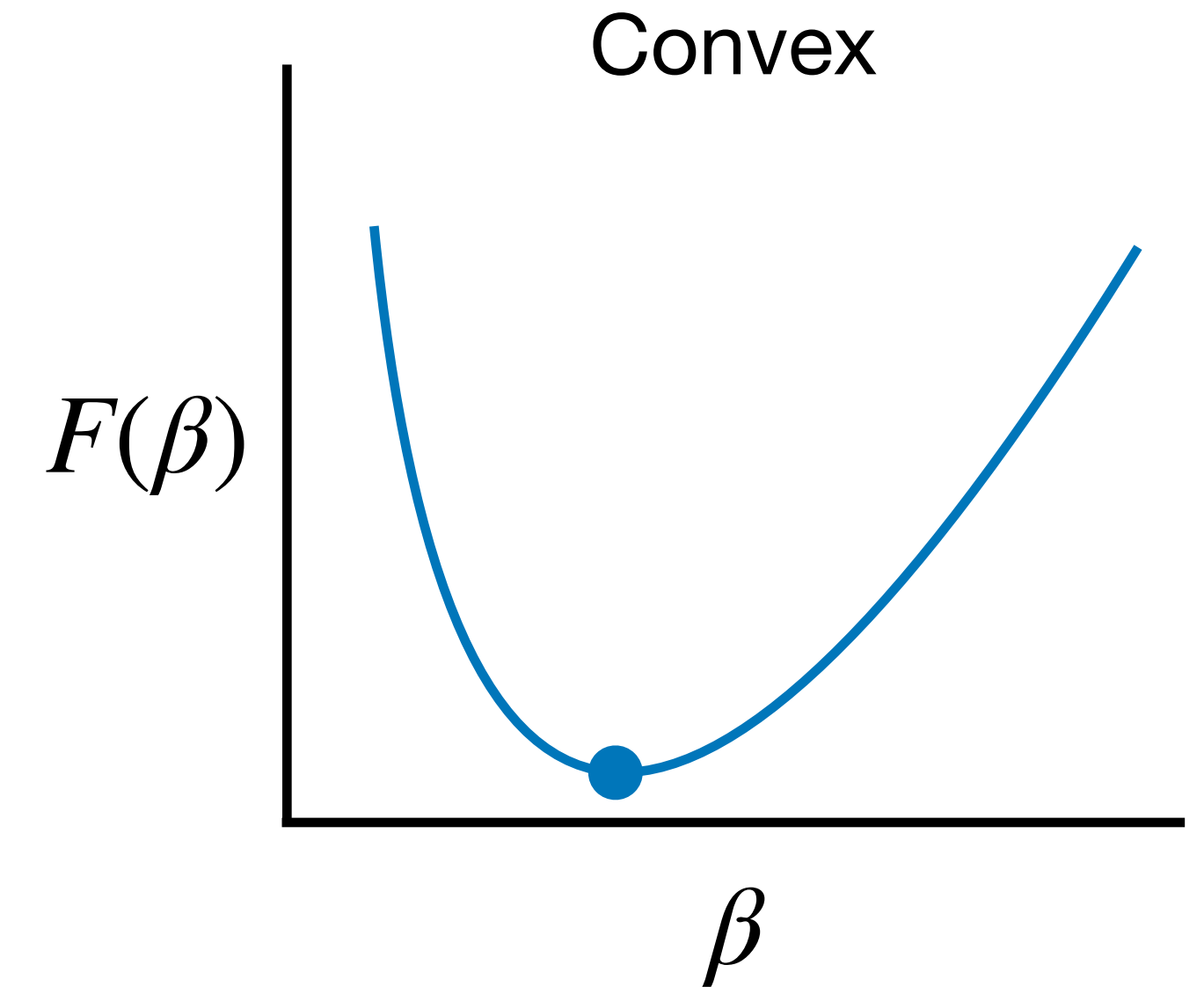


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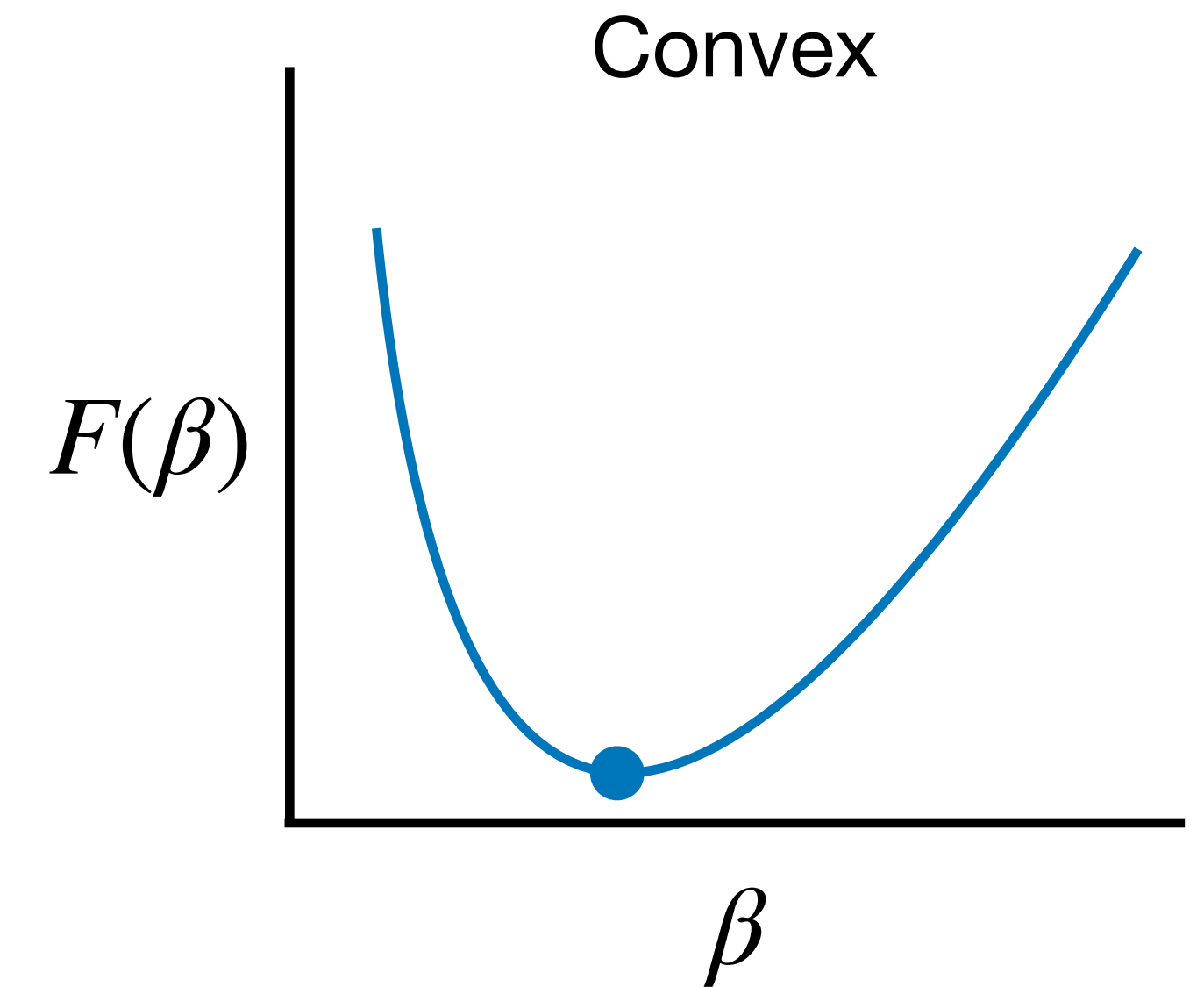
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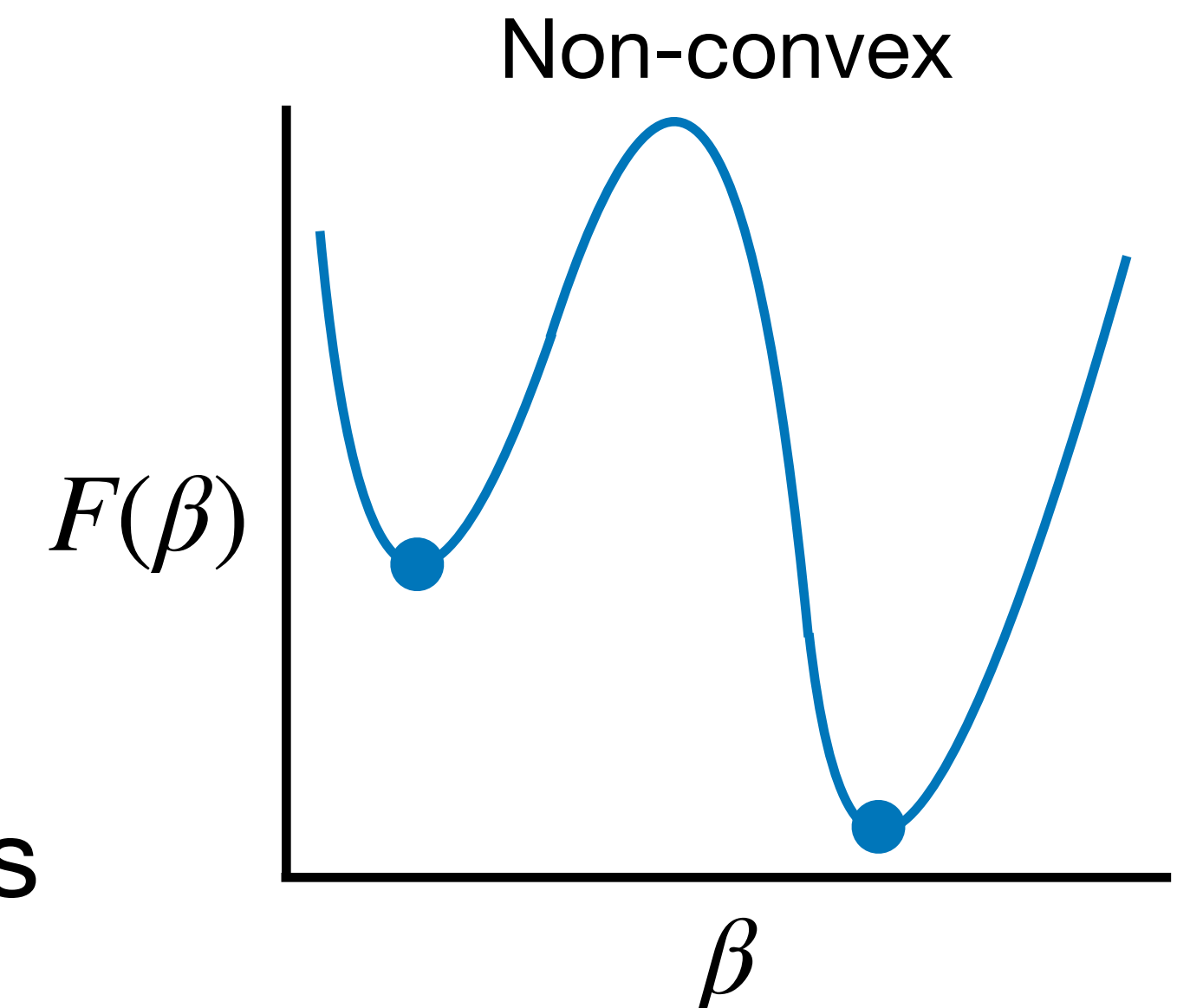
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