

Characterization of Bound Magic States via the Kirkwood-Dirac Distribution

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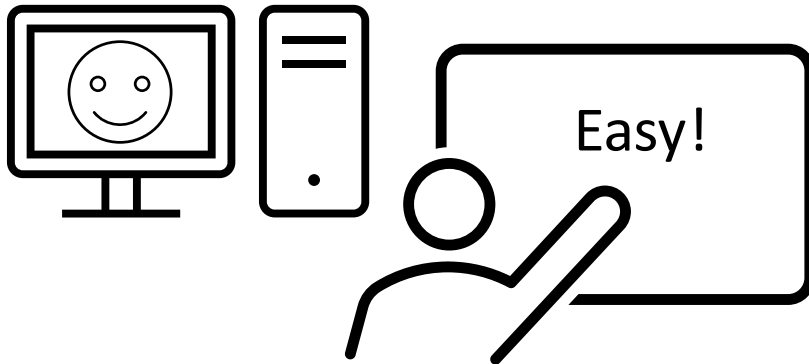
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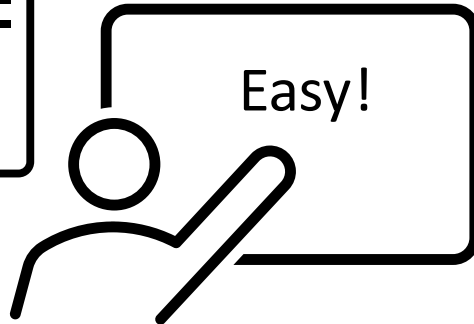
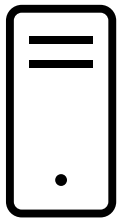
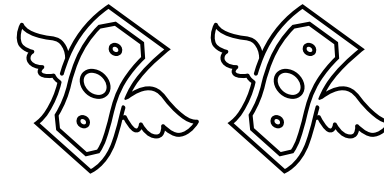
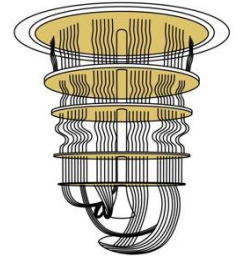
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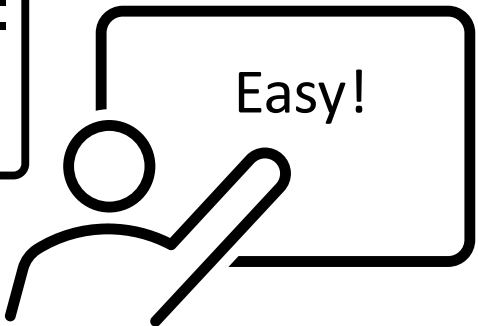
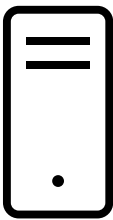
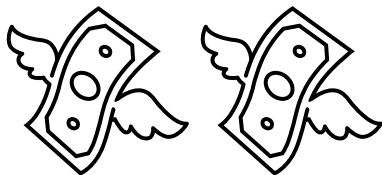
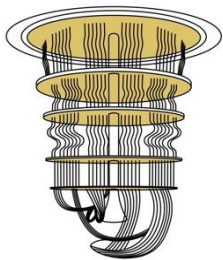
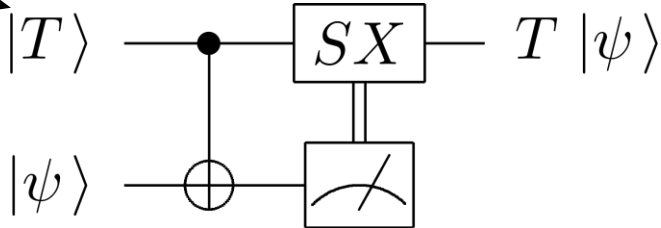
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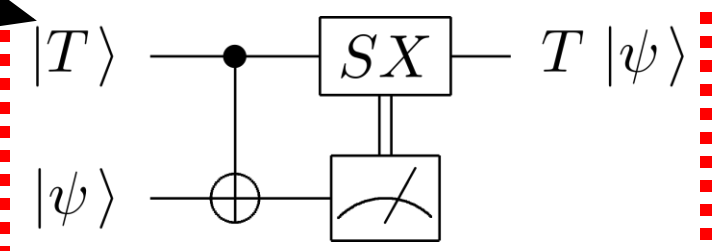
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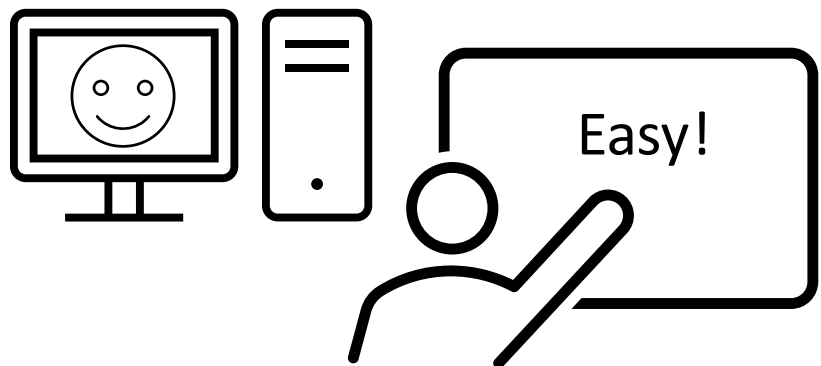


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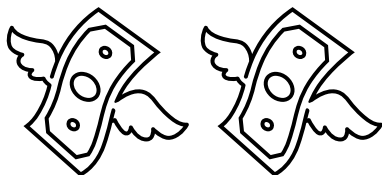
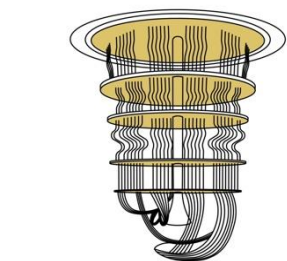
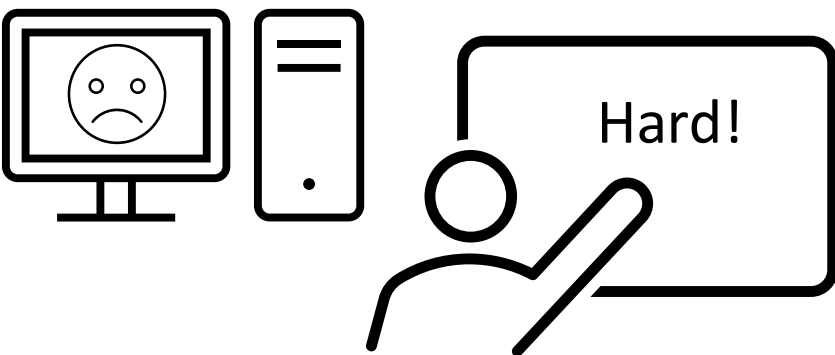
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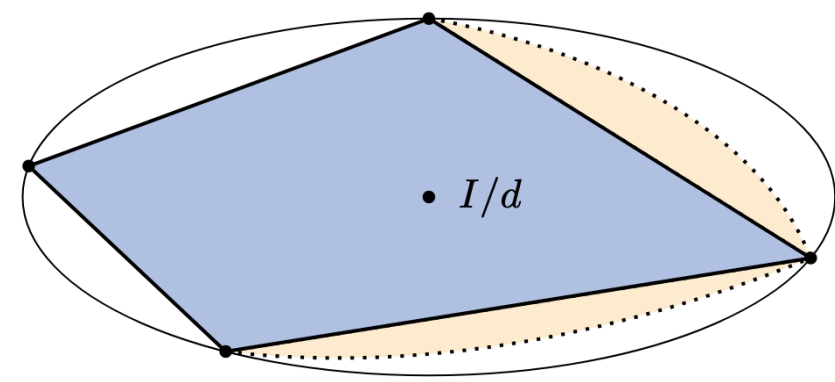
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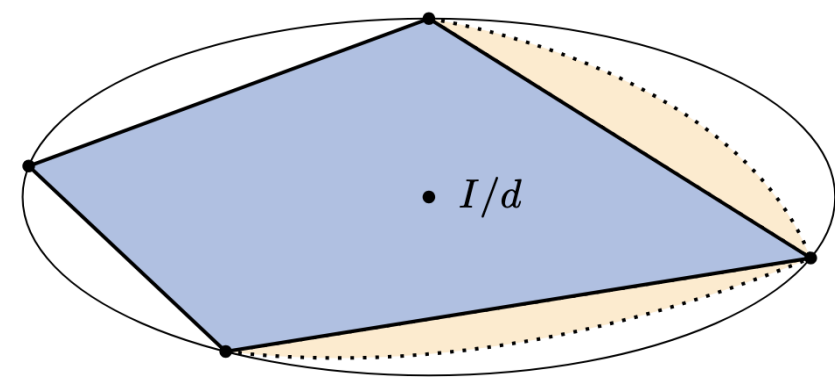


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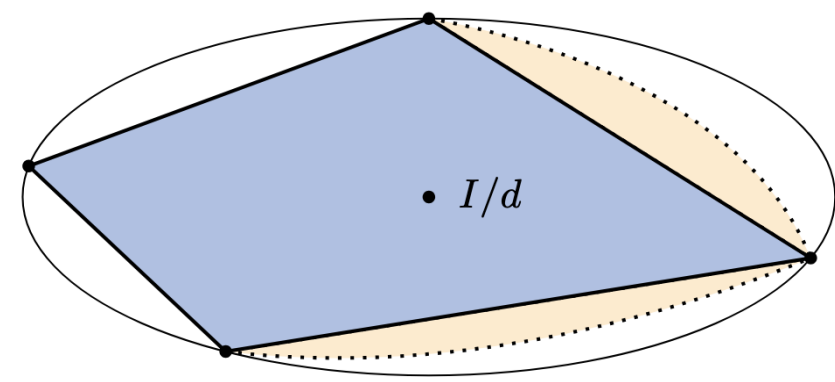
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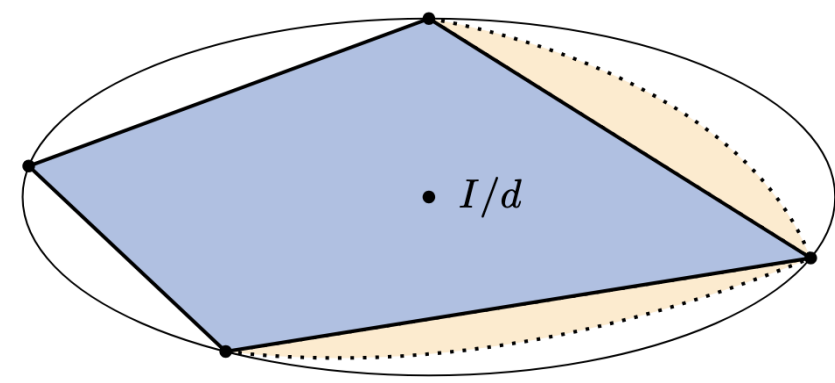
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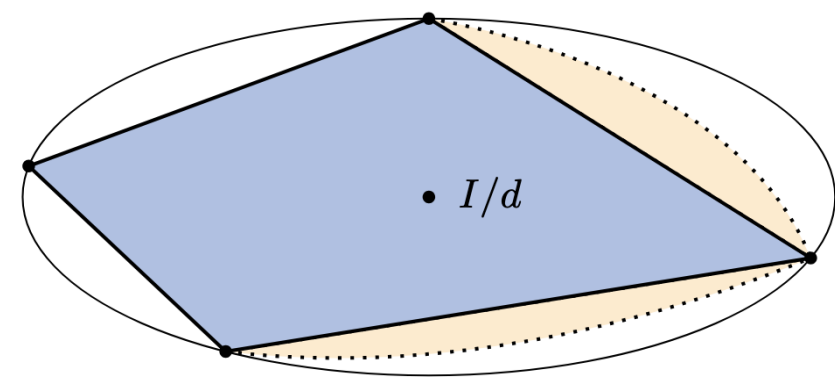
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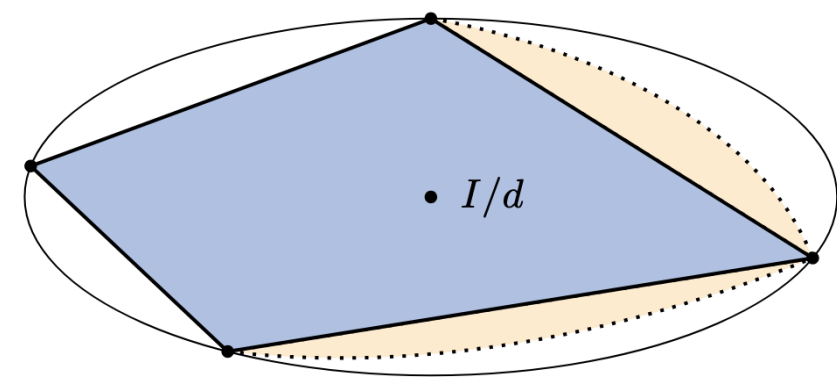
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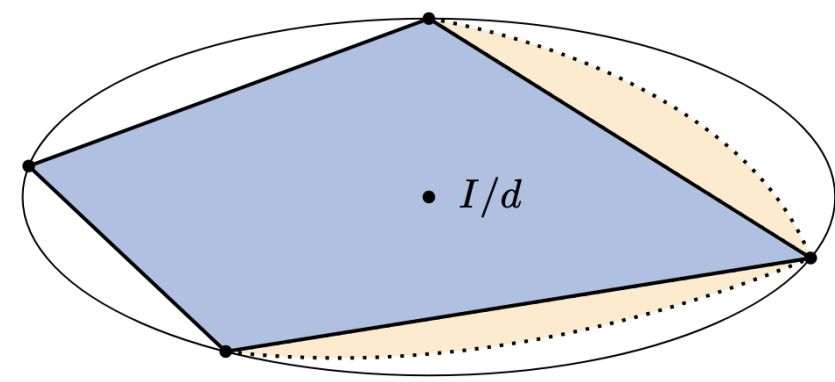
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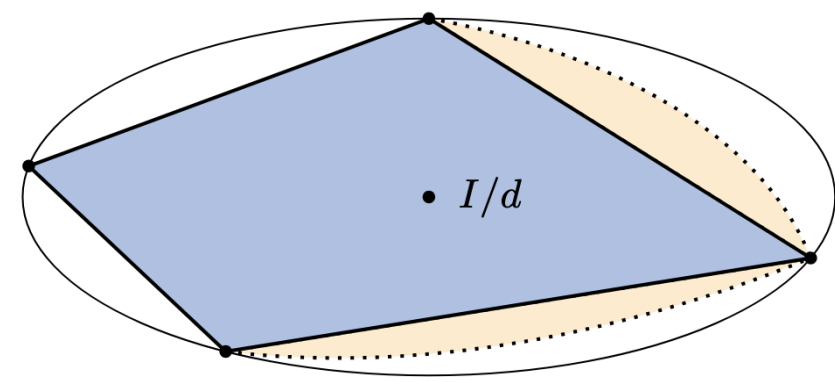


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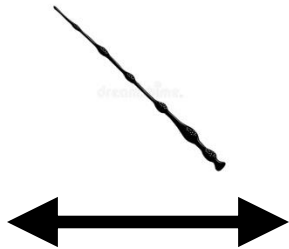
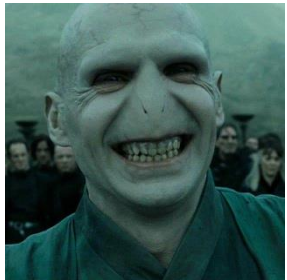
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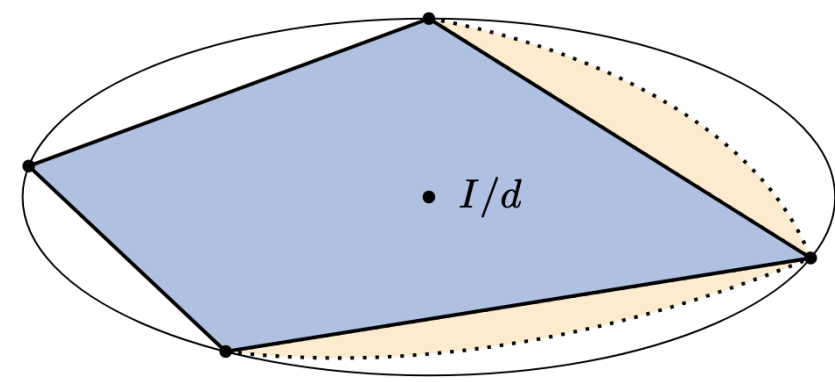
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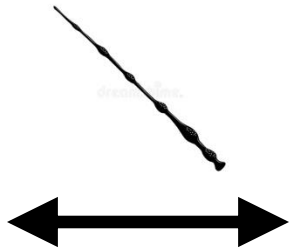
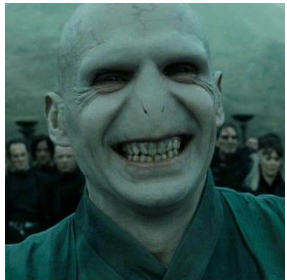
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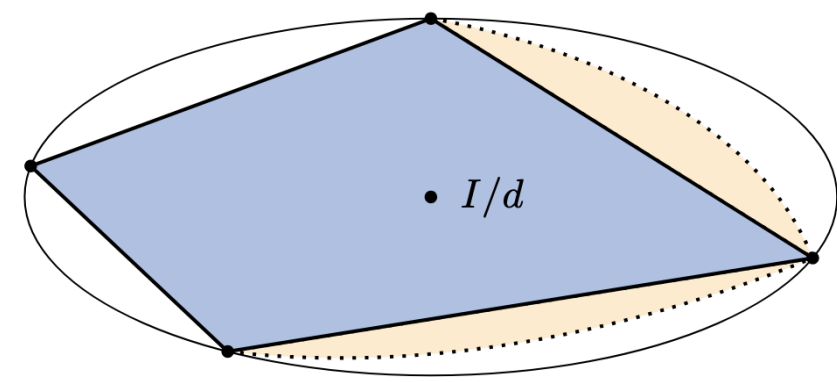
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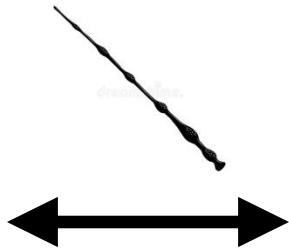
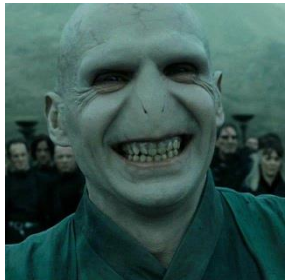
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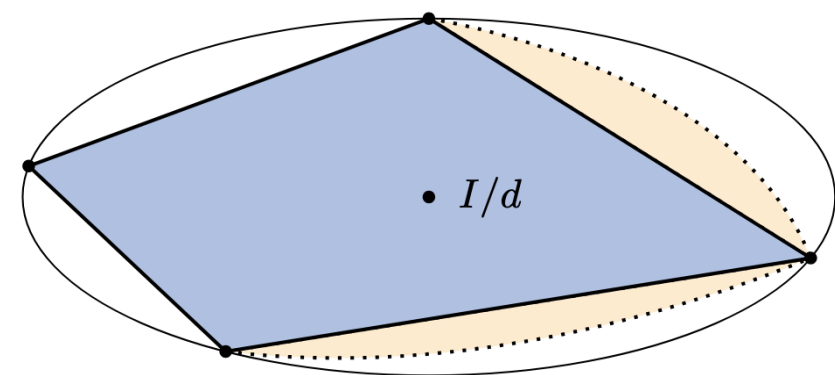
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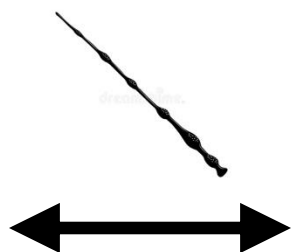
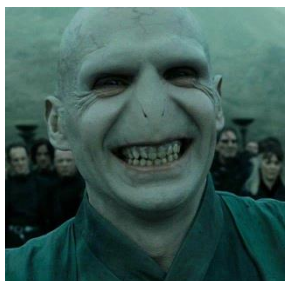
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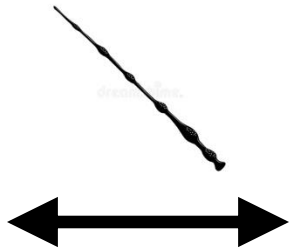
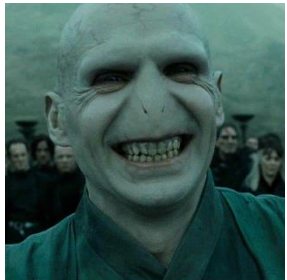
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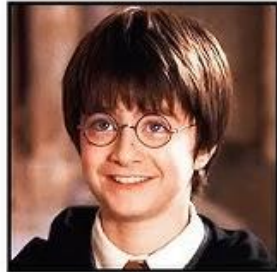
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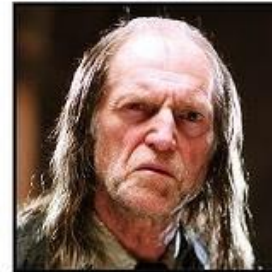


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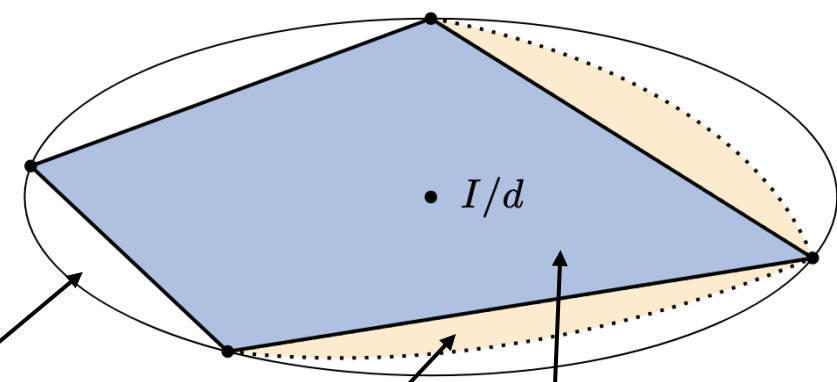
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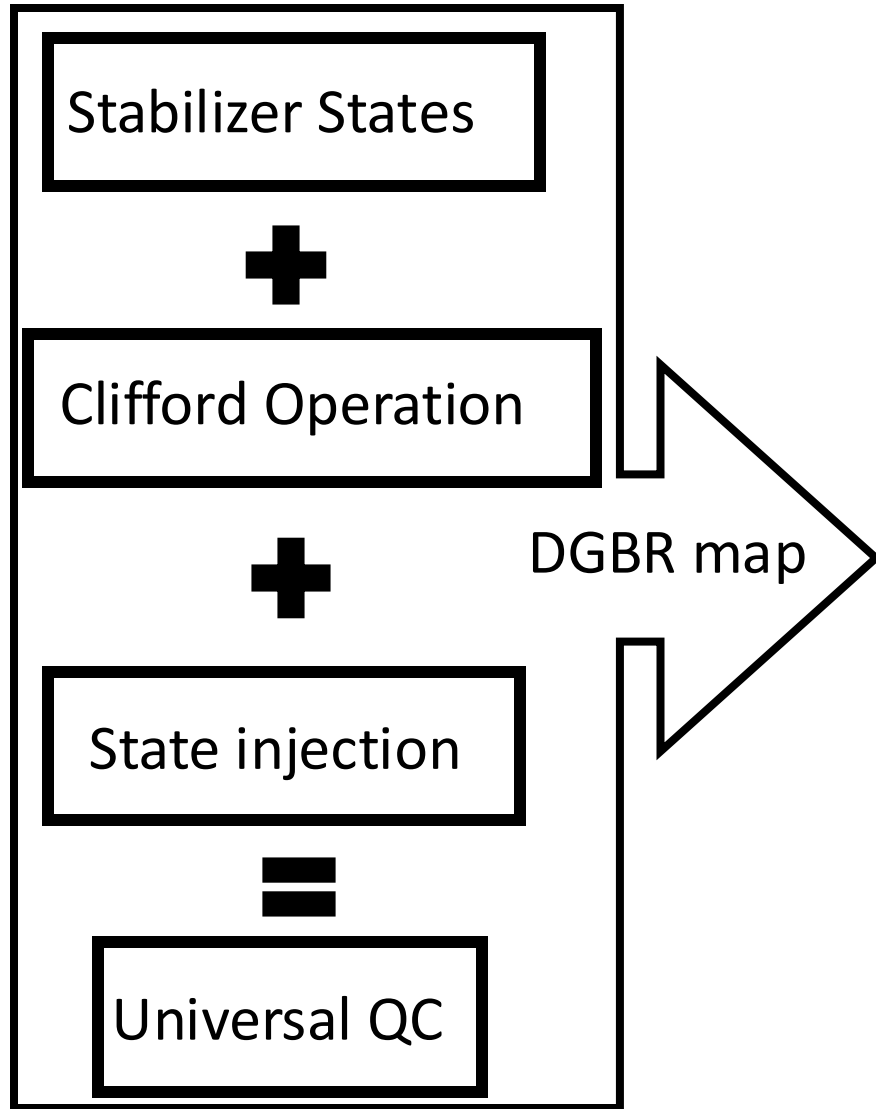
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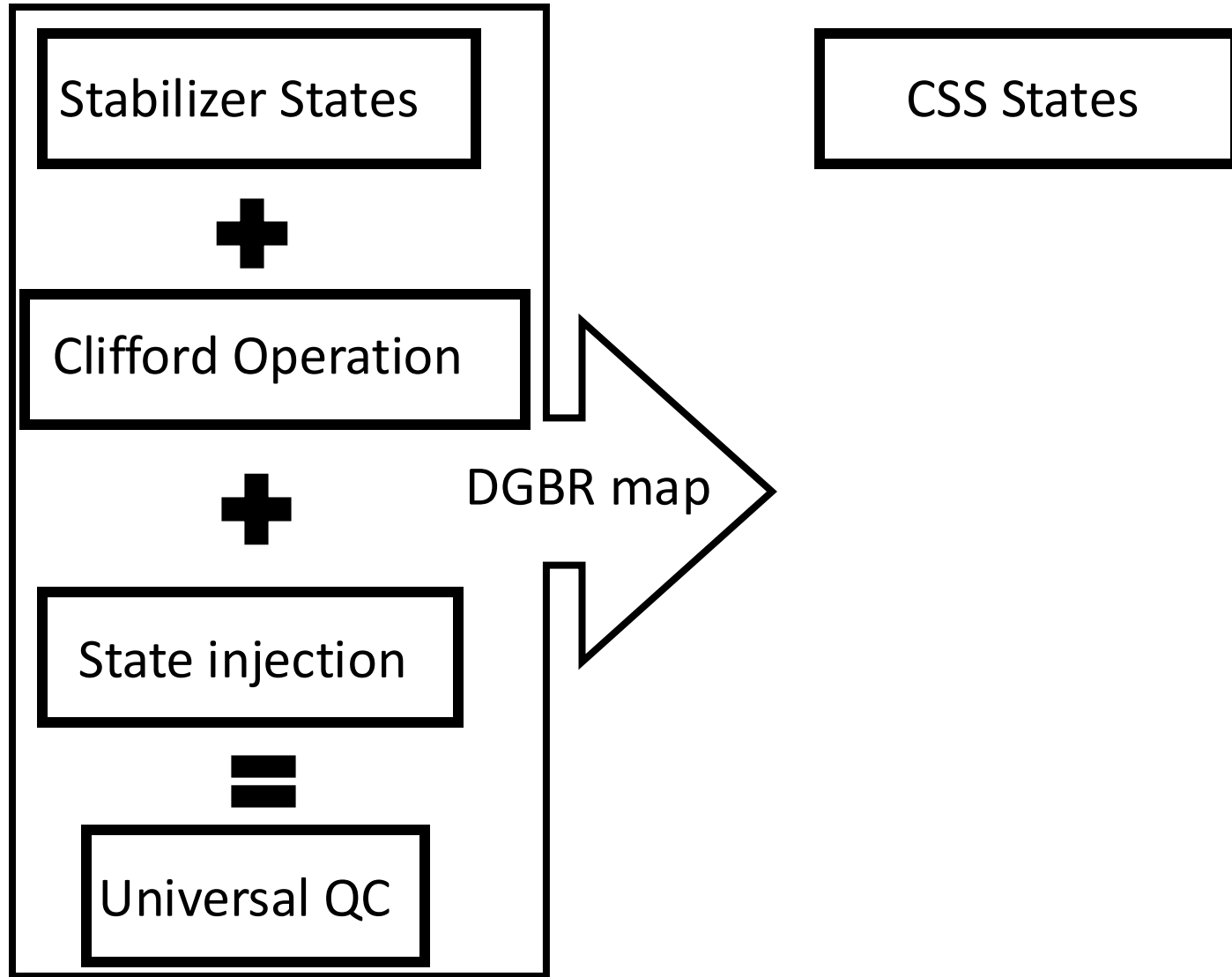
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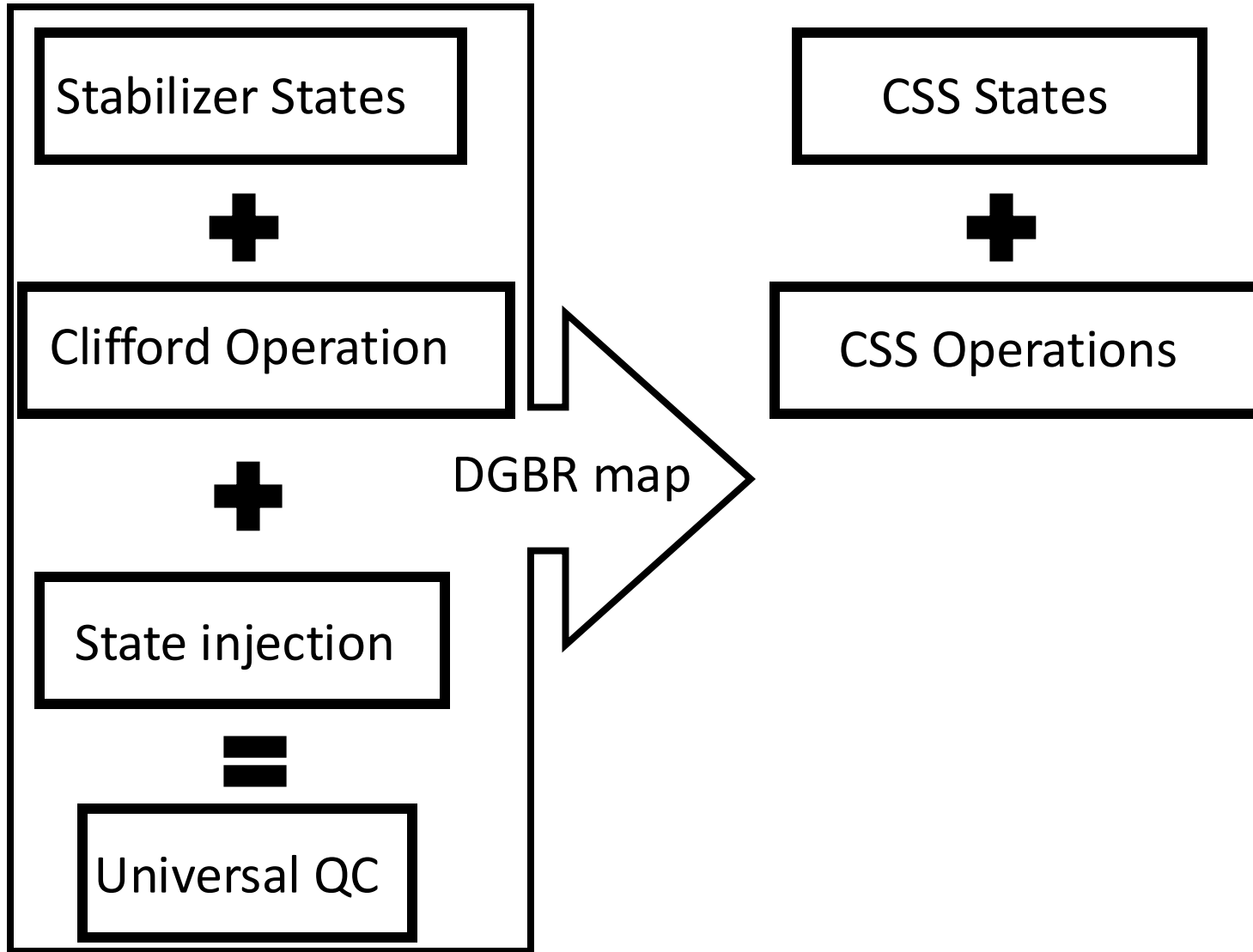
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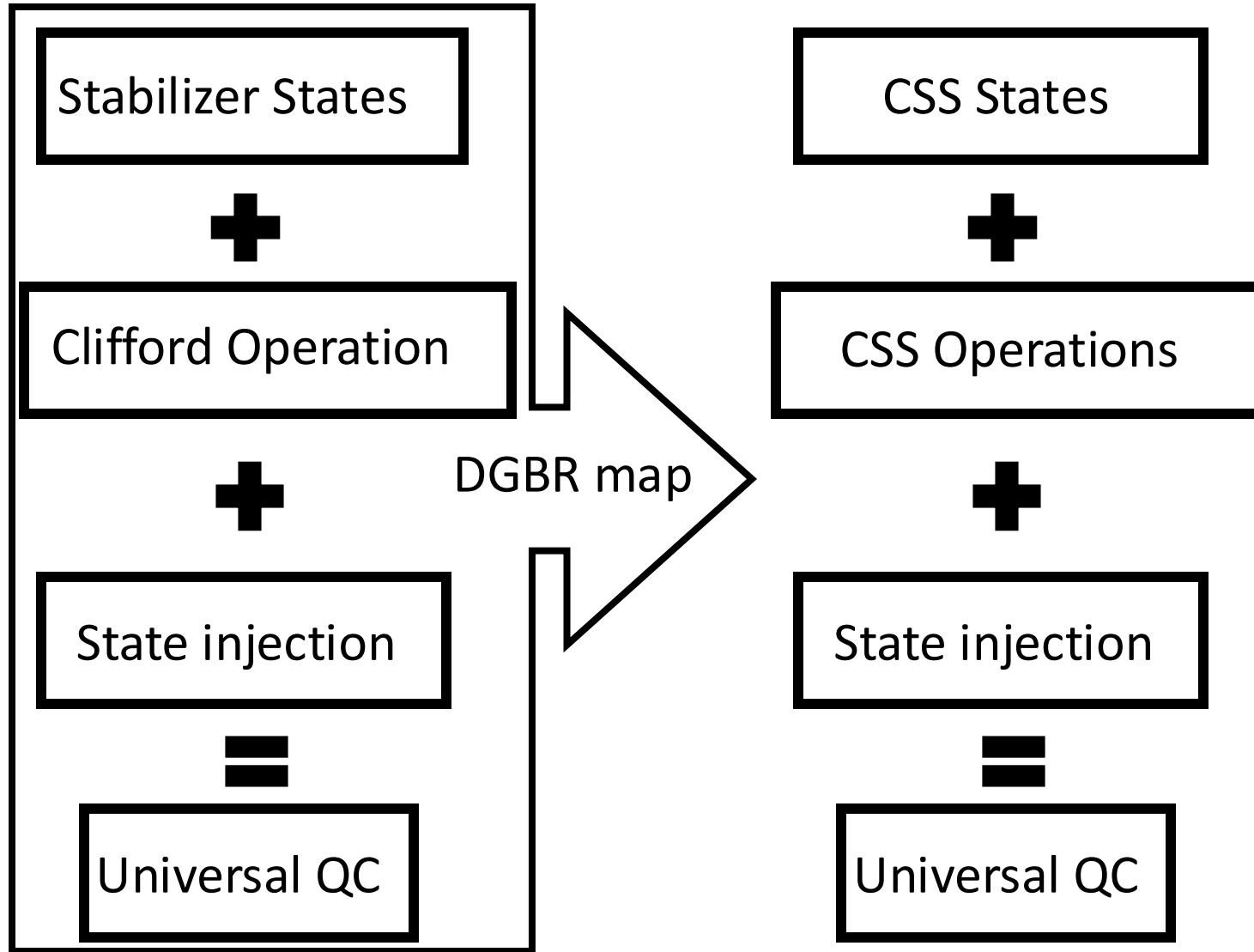
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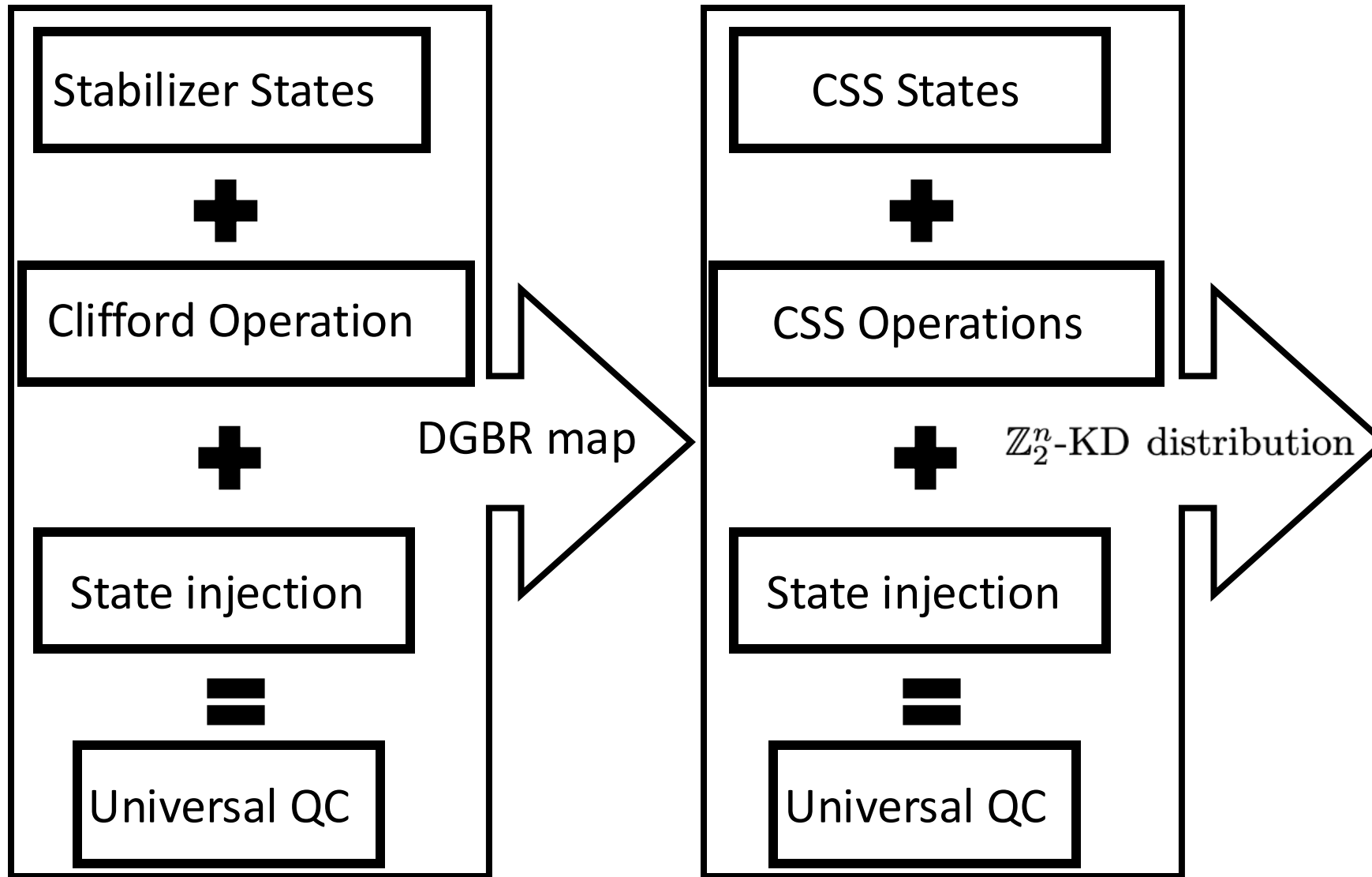
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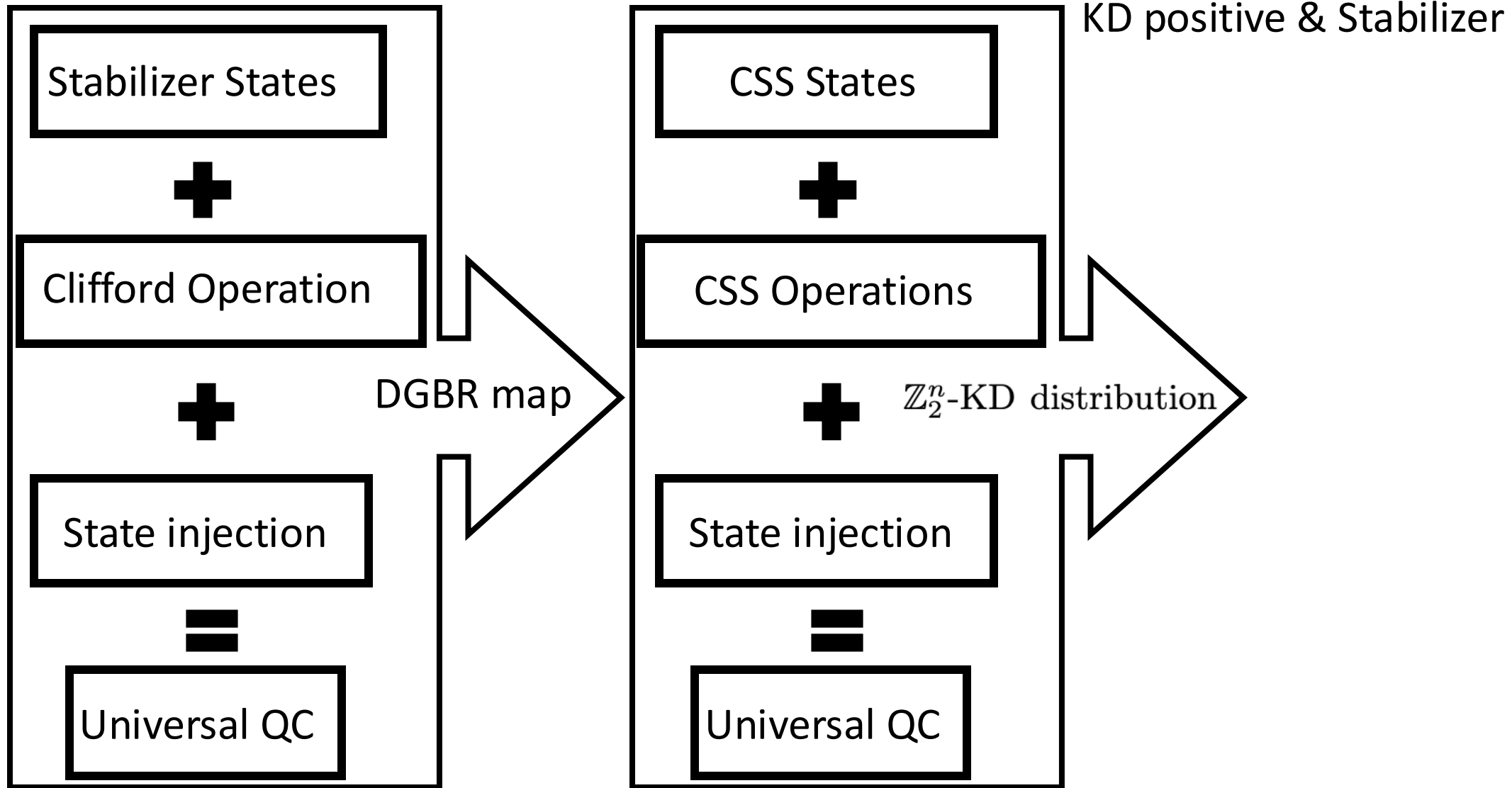
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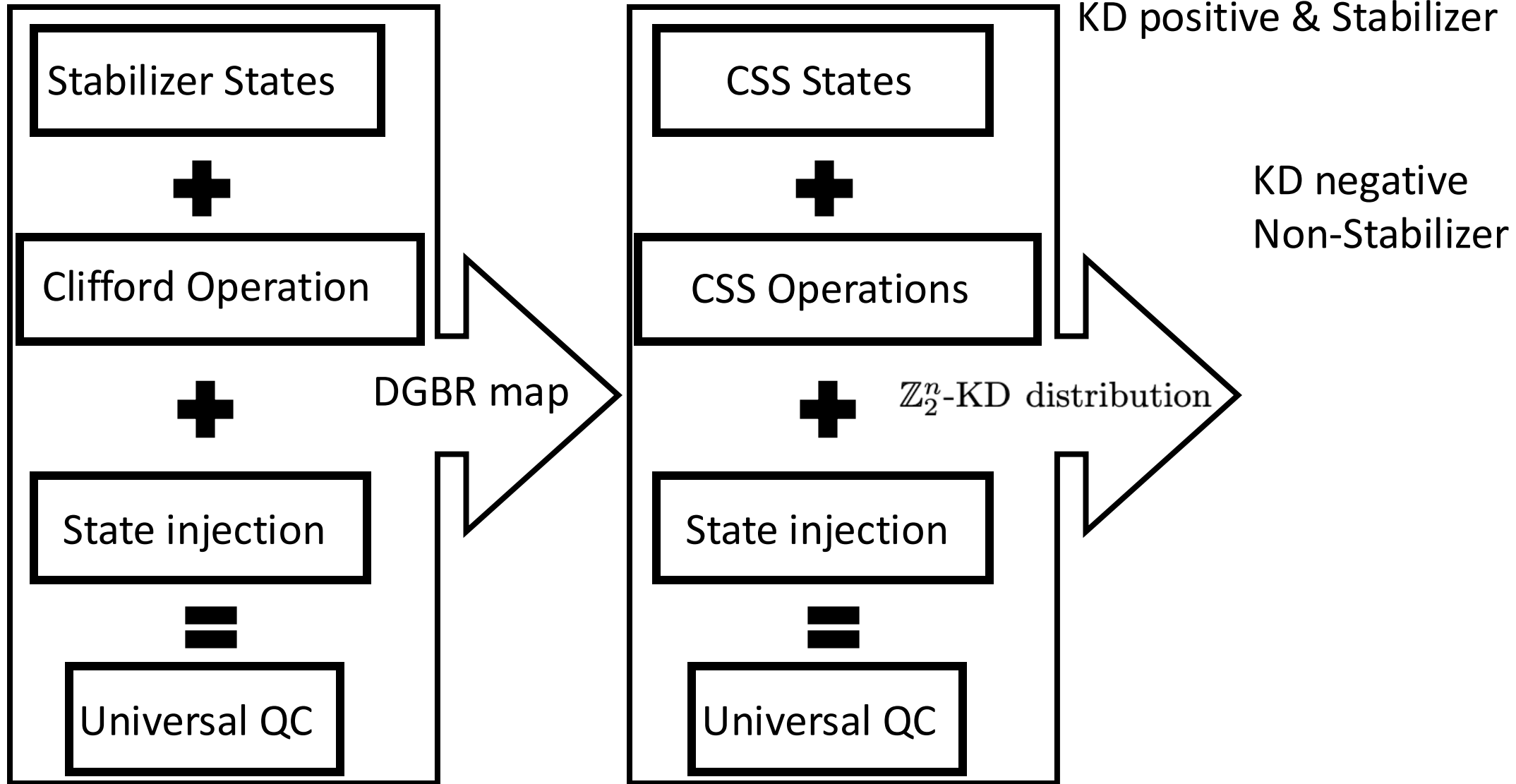
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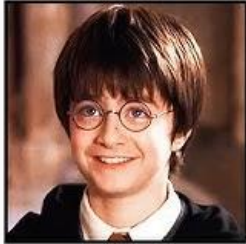
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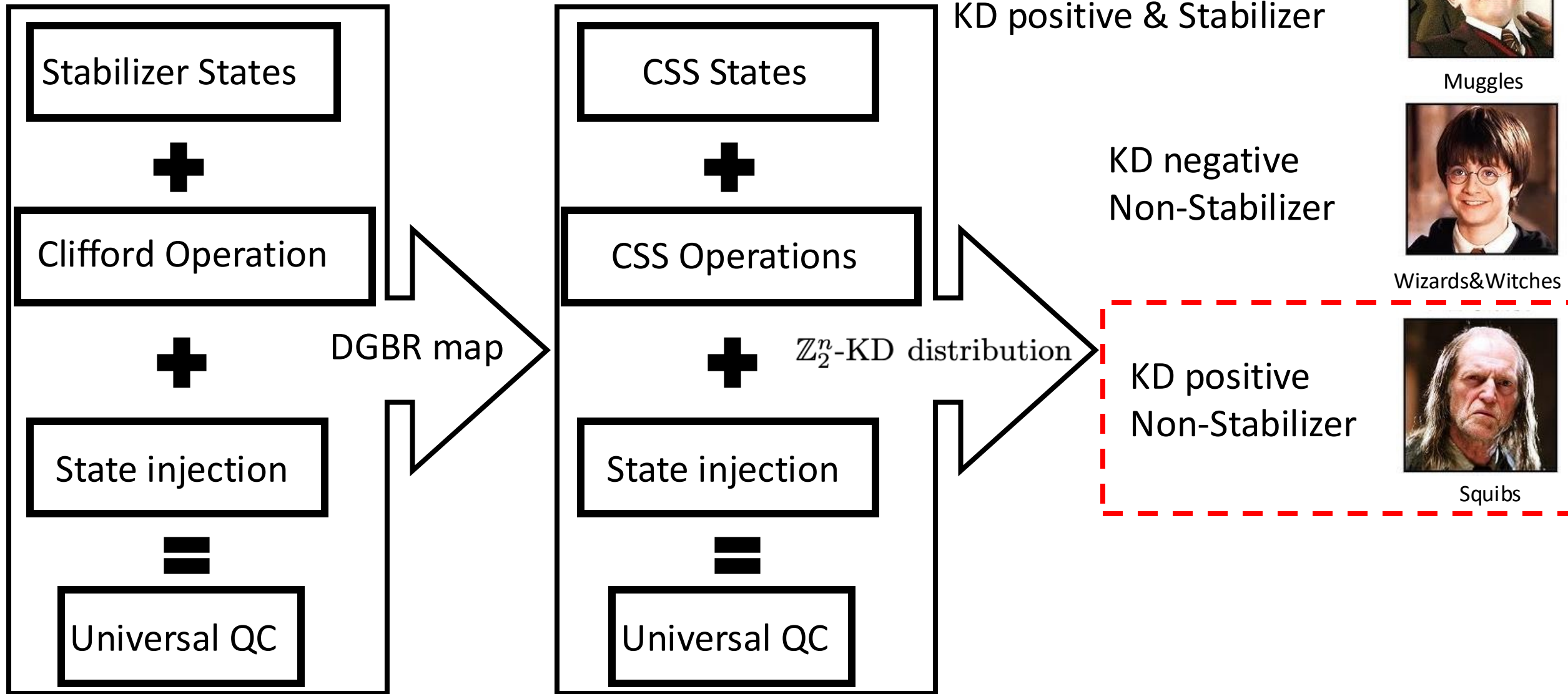
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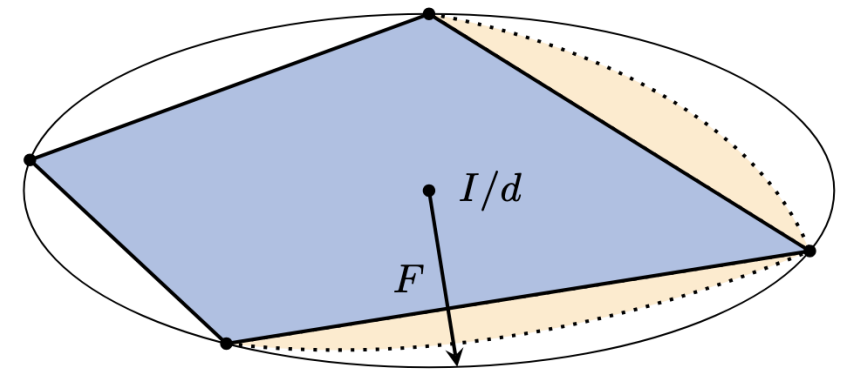
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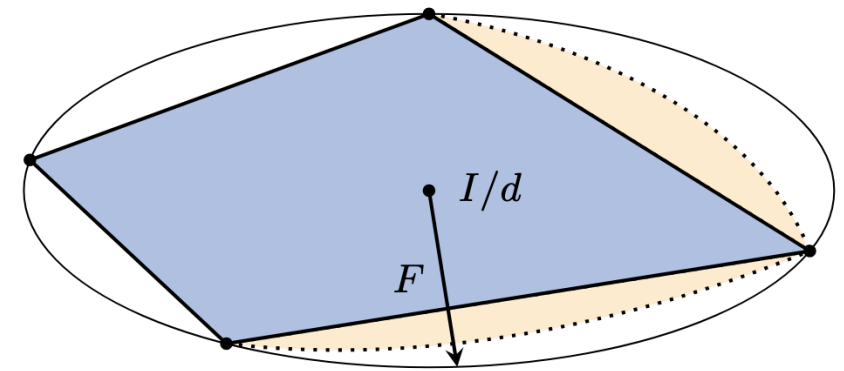
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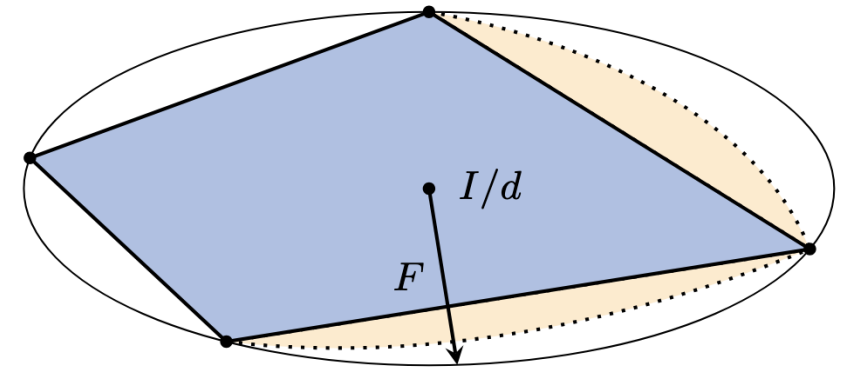


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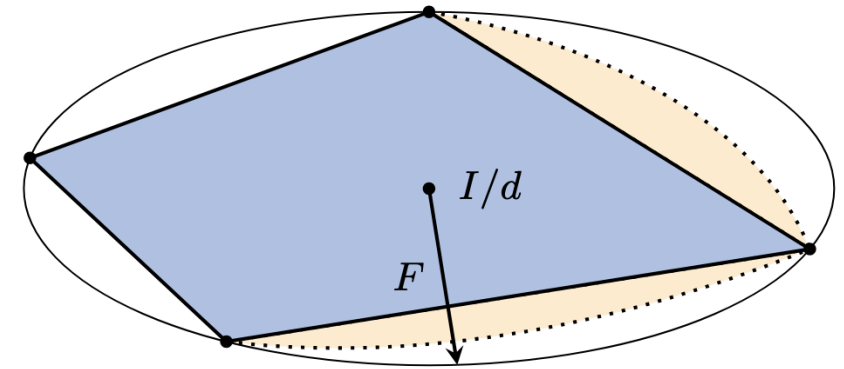
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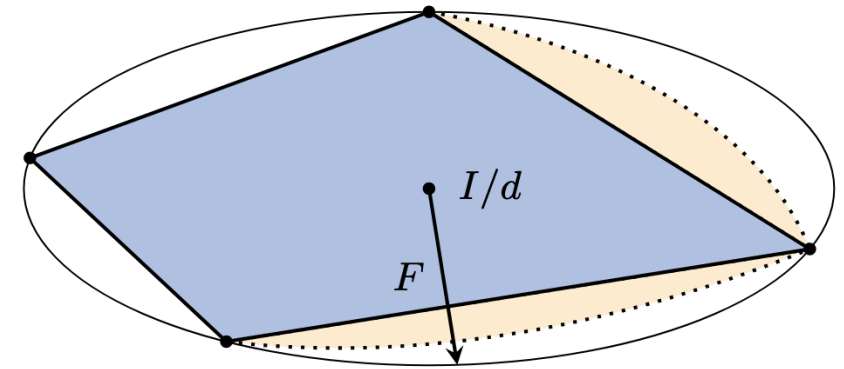
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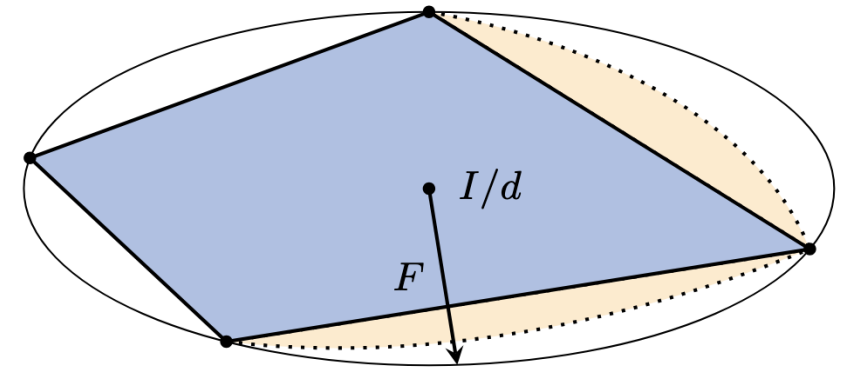
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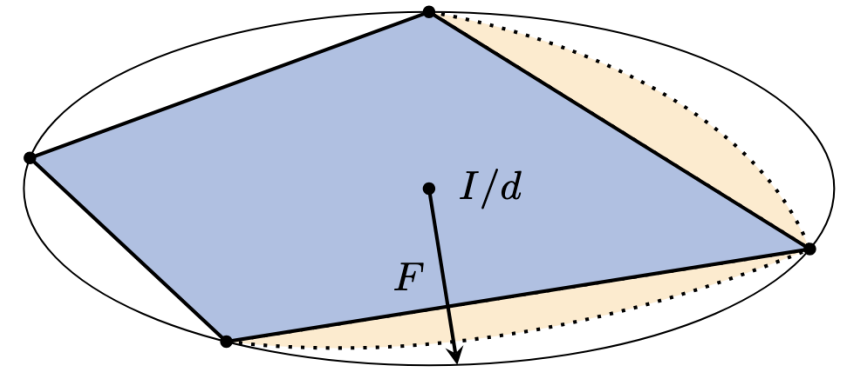
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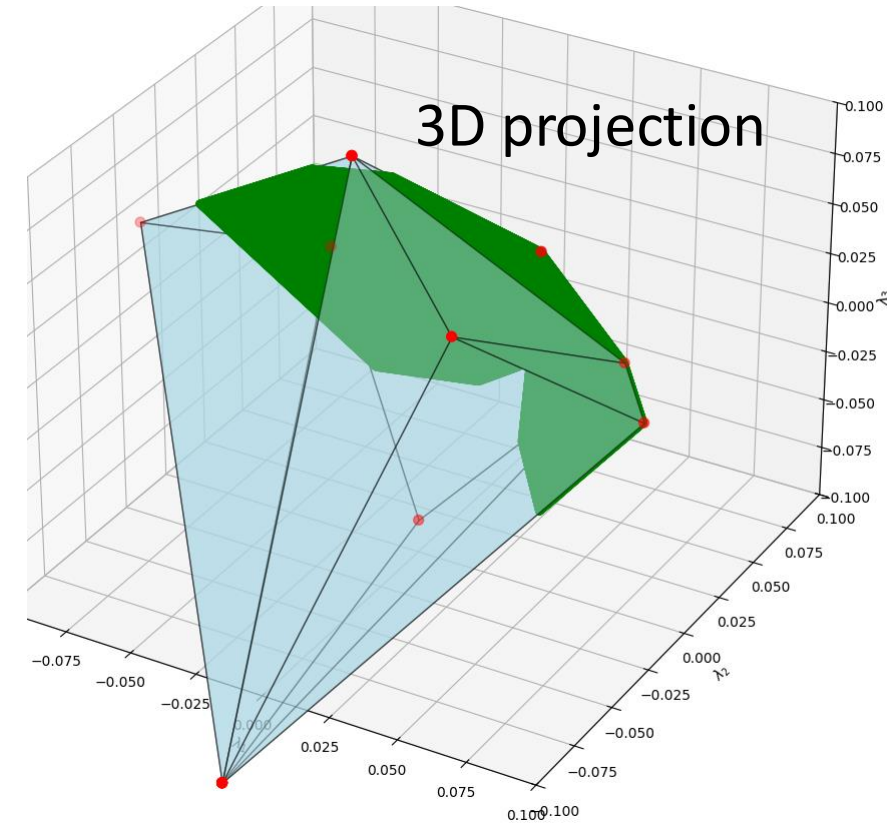
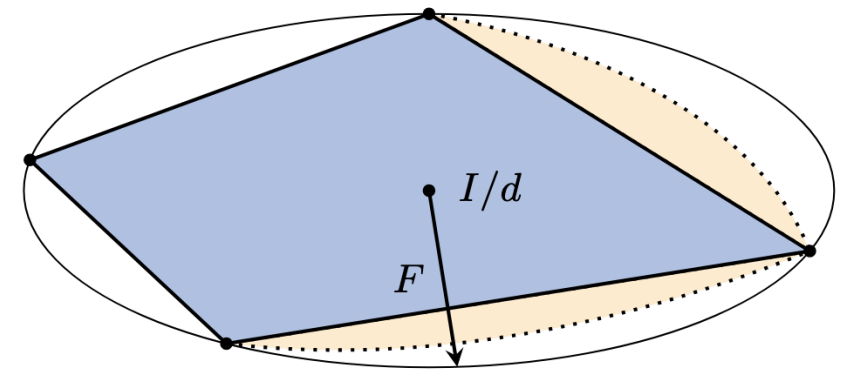
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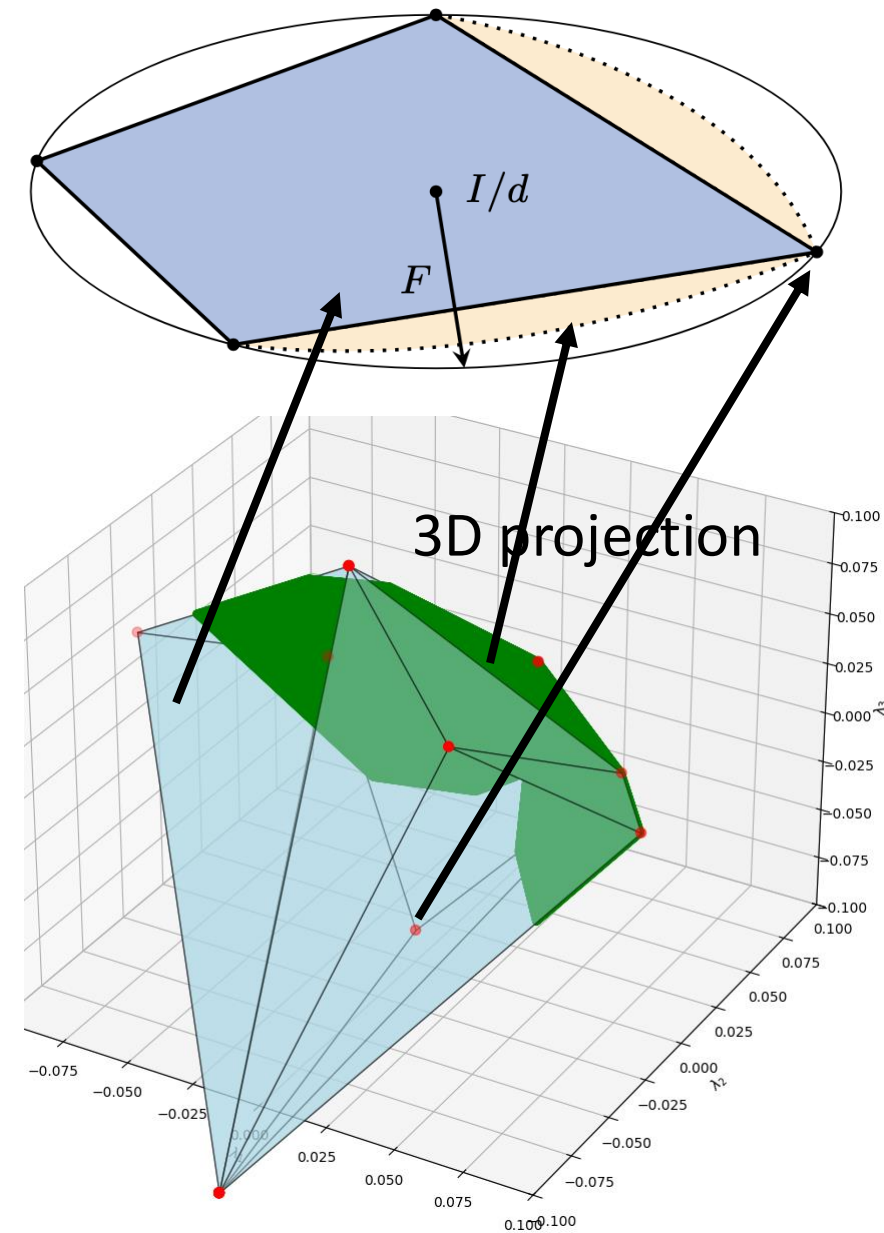
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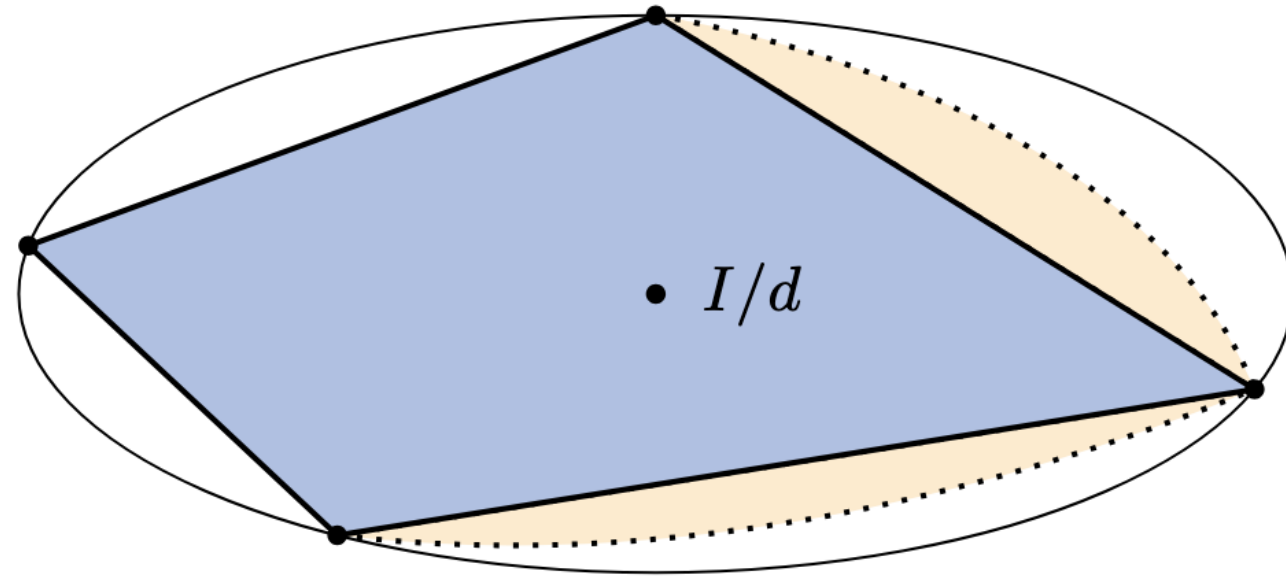
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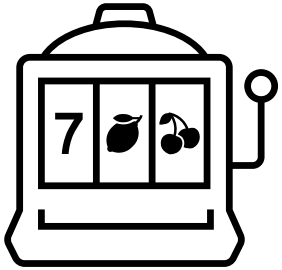
Bound magic state if $\lambda \in (1/20, 1/(4 + 8\sqrt{2})]$



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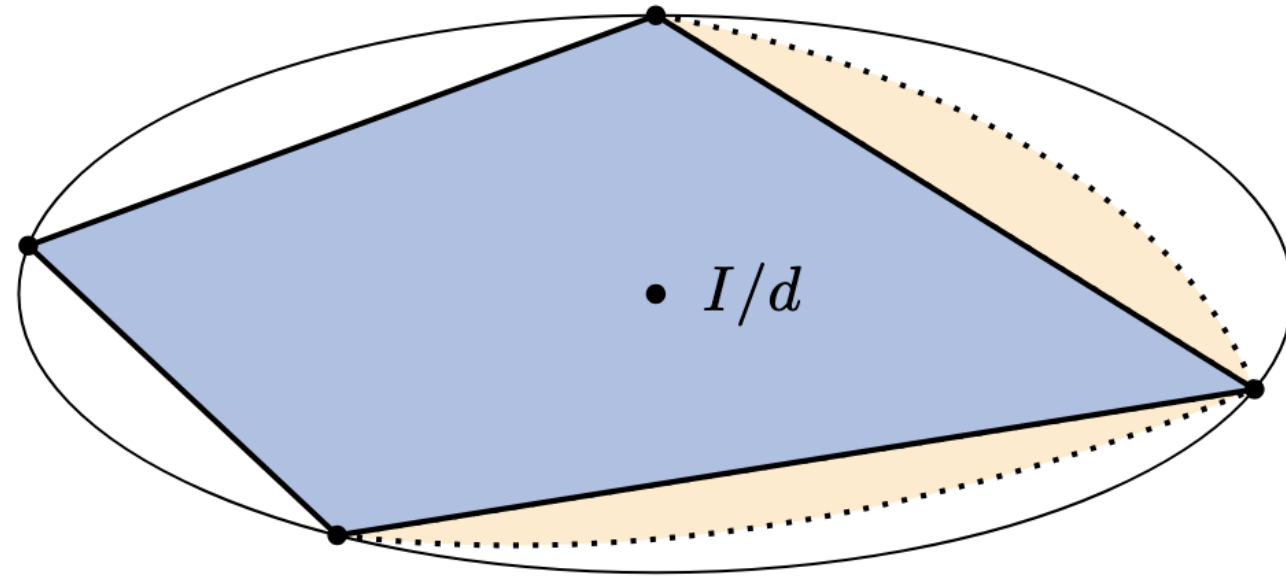


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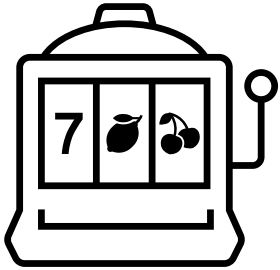


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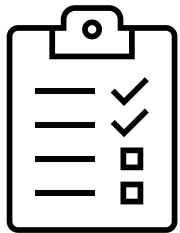


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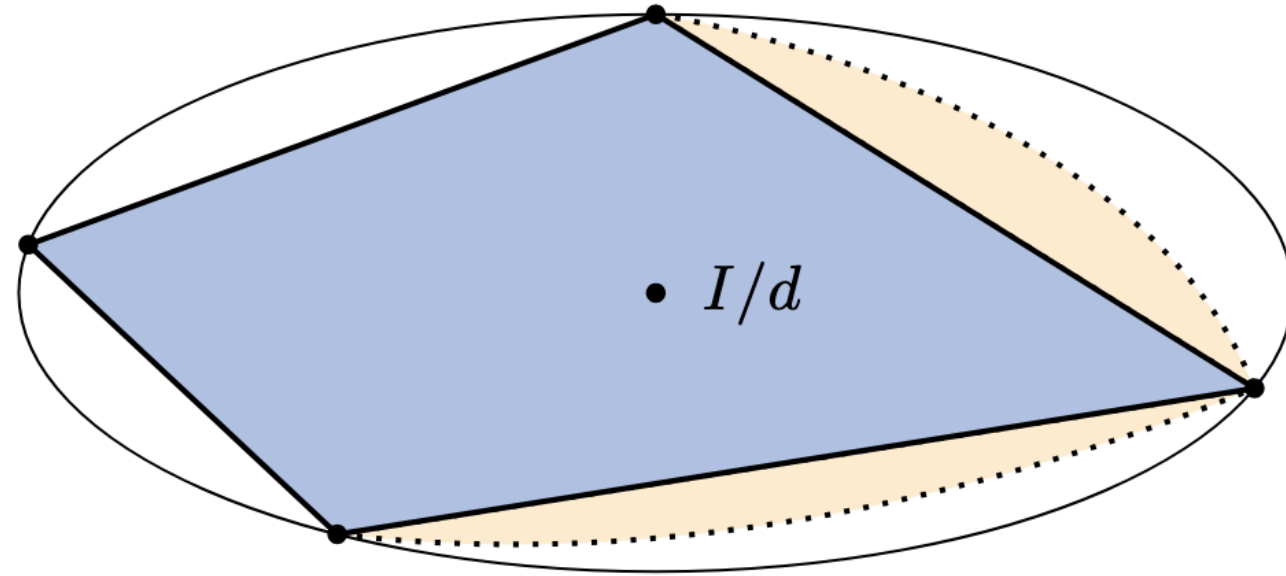
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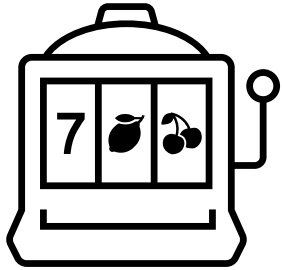


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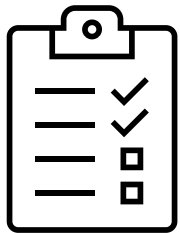


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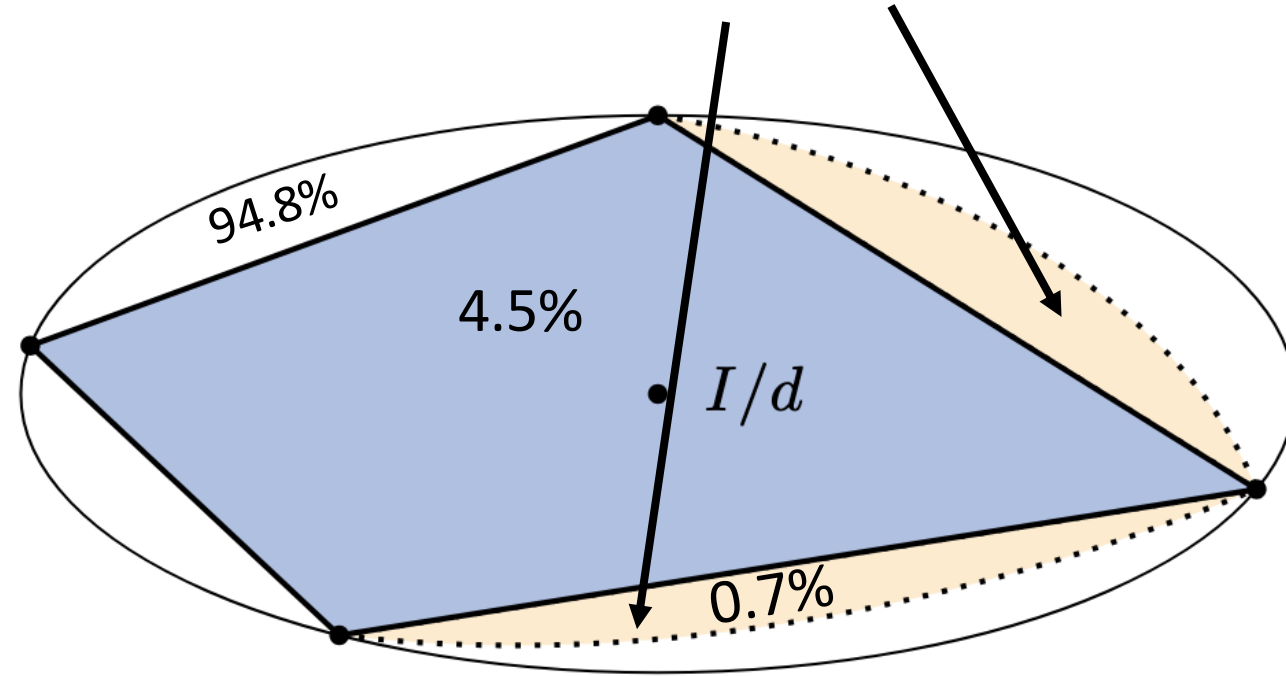
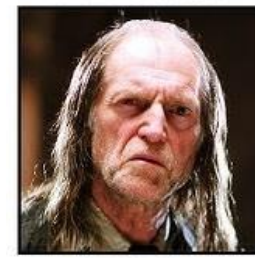
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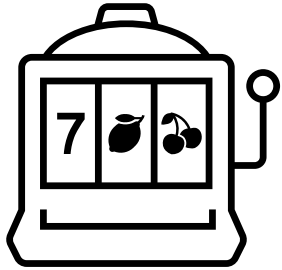


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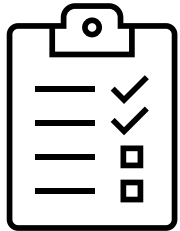


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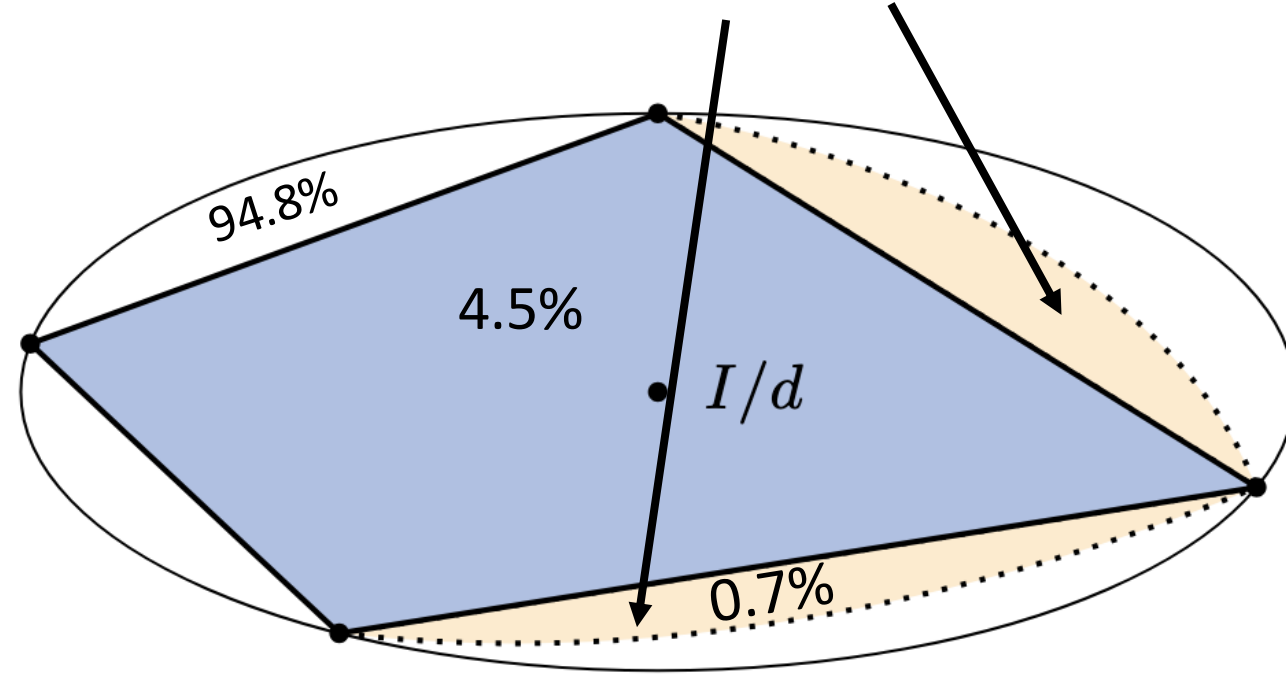
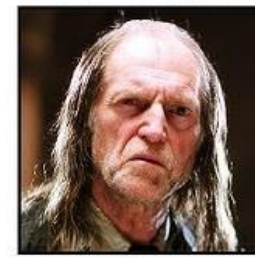
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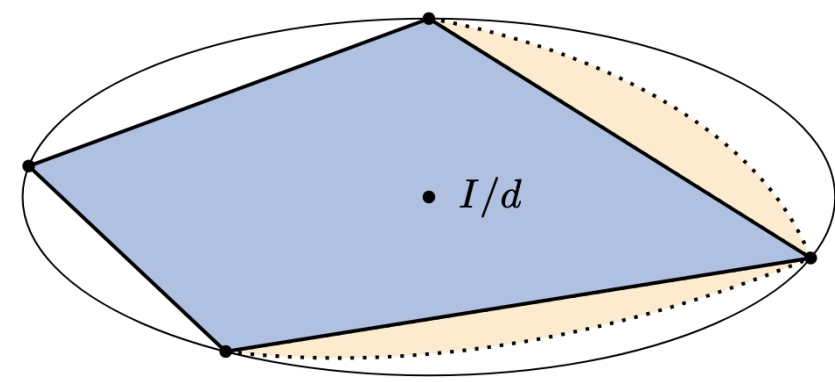


15% Extension of classical simulability!

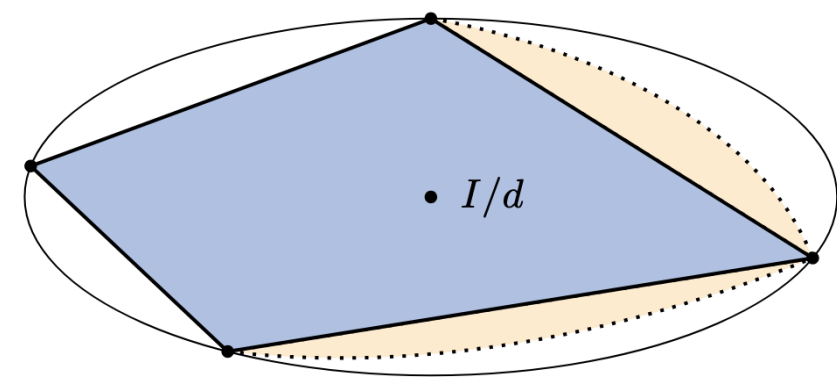
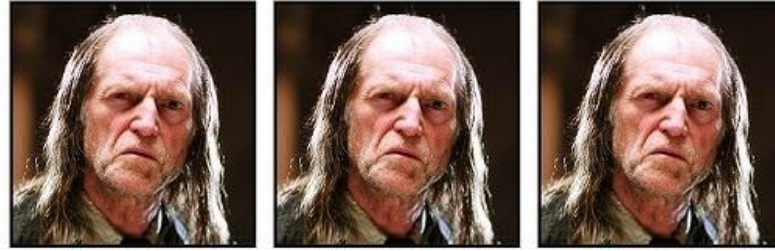


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