

# Add Isotropic Gaussian Kernels at Own Risk

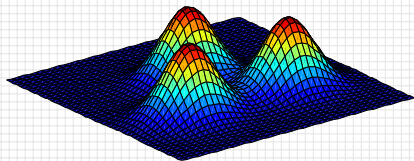
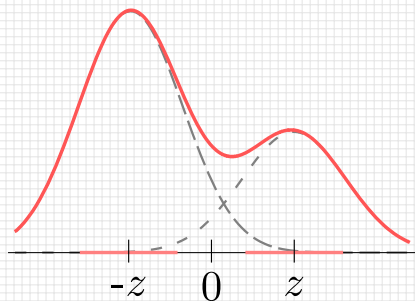
## More and More Resilient Modes in Higher Dimensions

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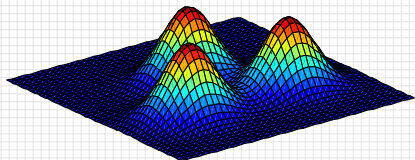
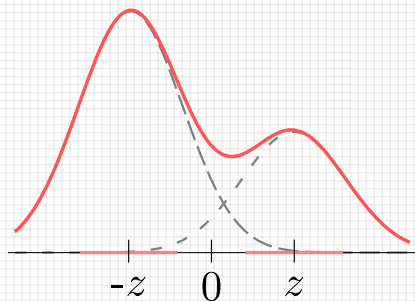
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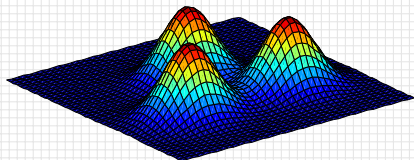
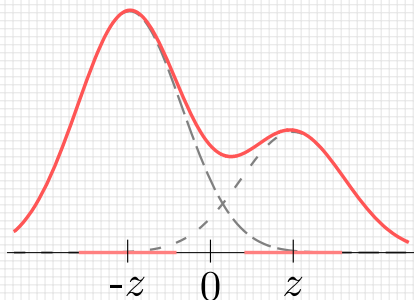
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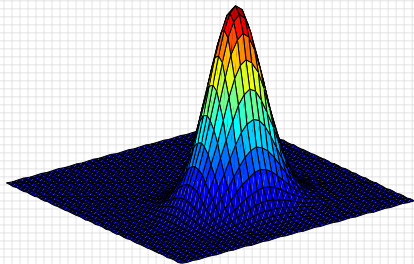
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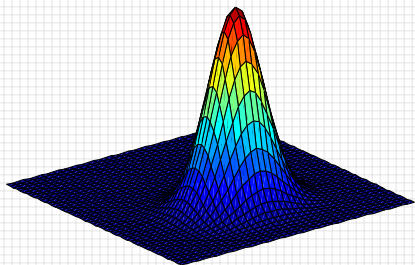
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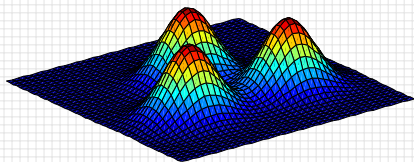
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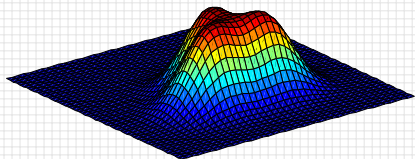
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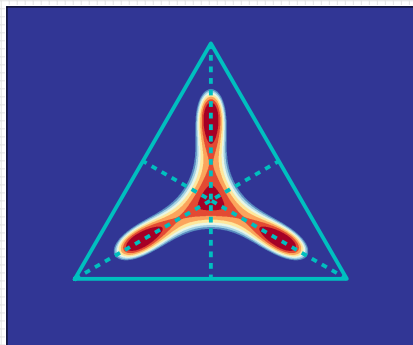
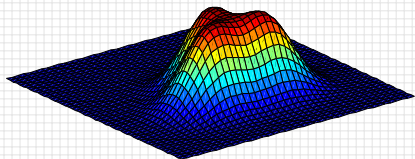
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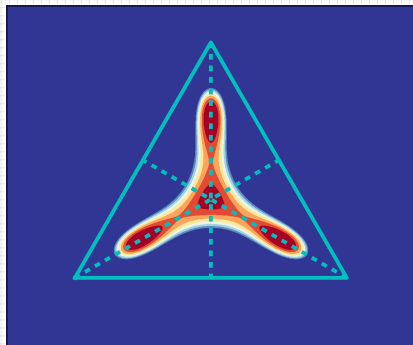
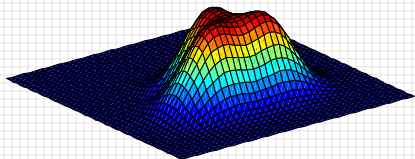
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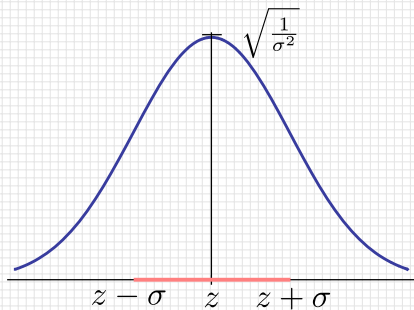
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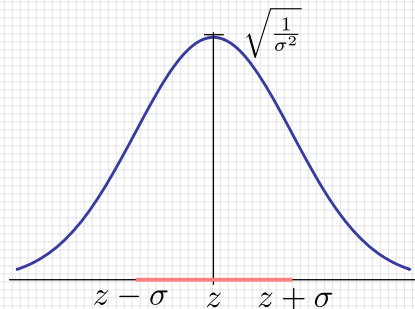


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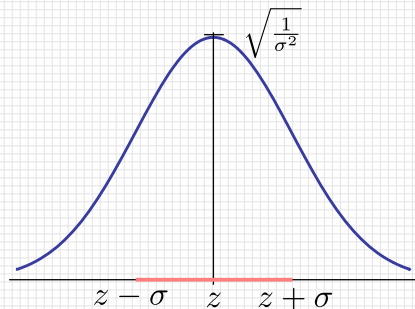
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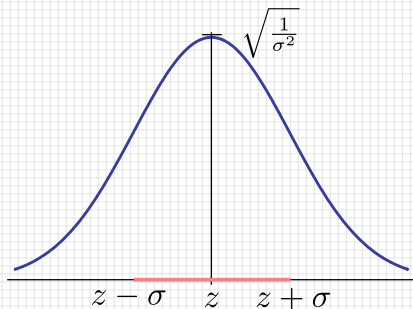
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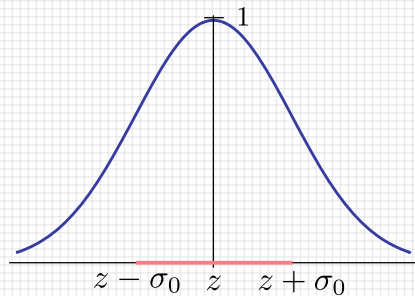
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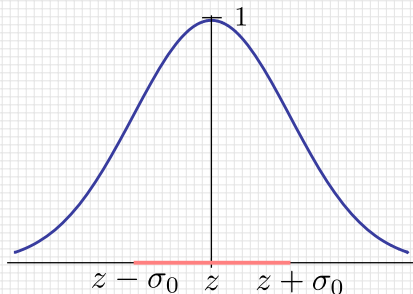


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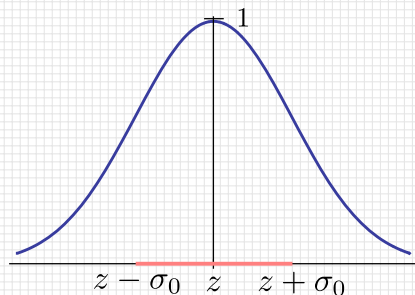
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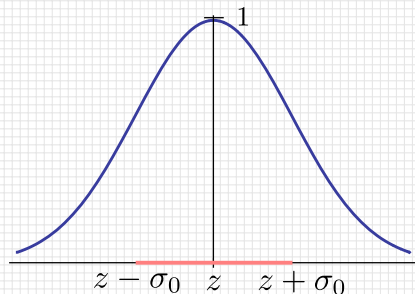
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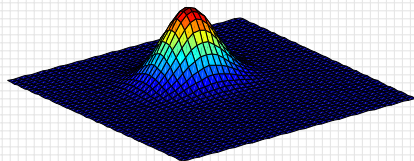
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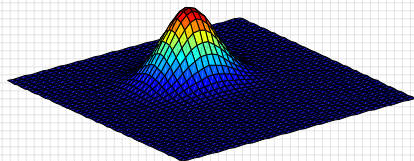


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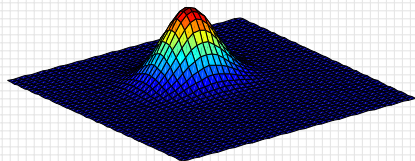
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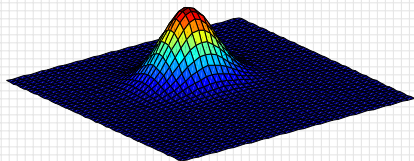
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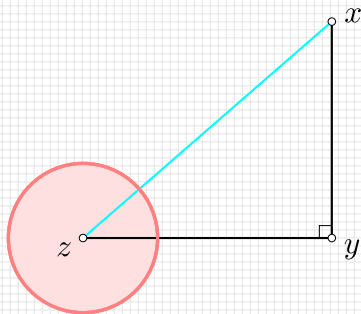
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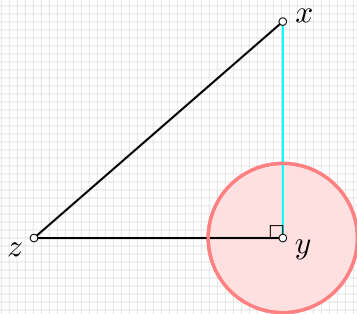
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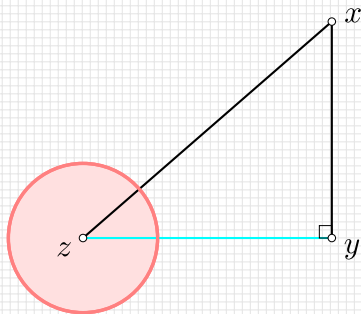
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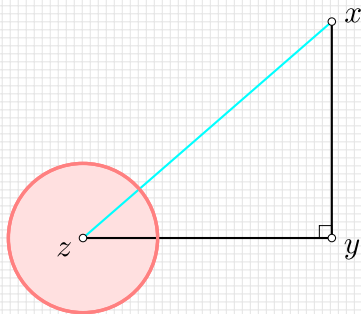


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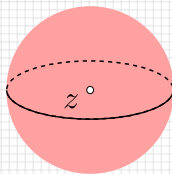
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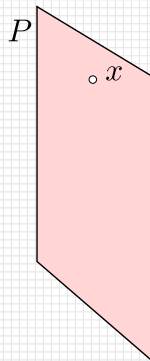
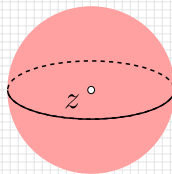




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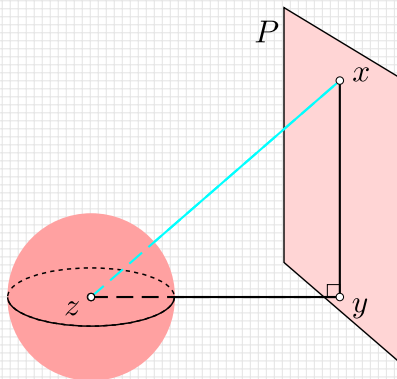


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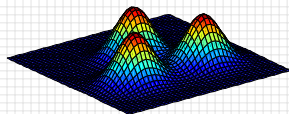
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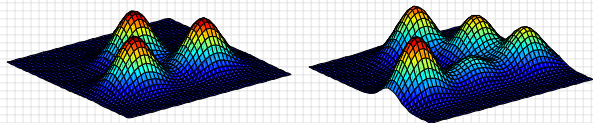
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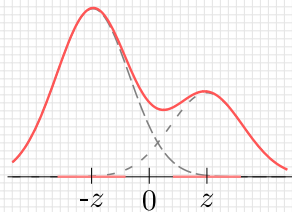
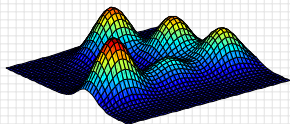
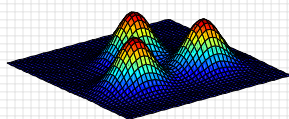
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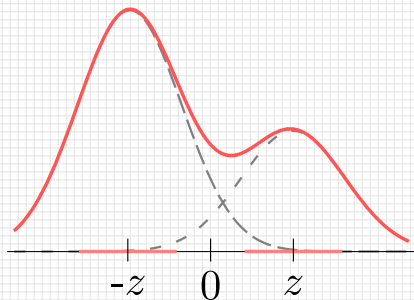
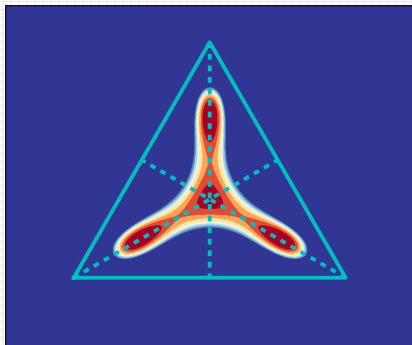


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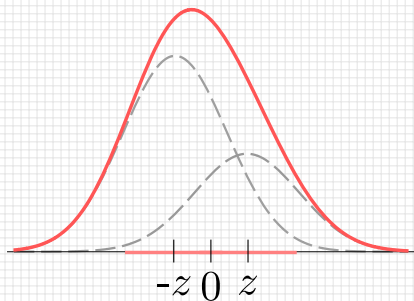
## Question

When is the transition between having one mode and two?

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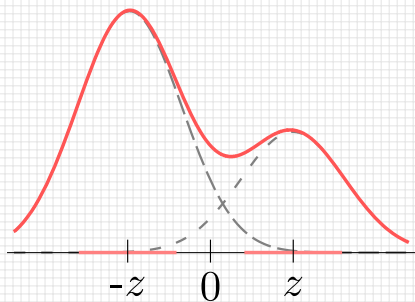


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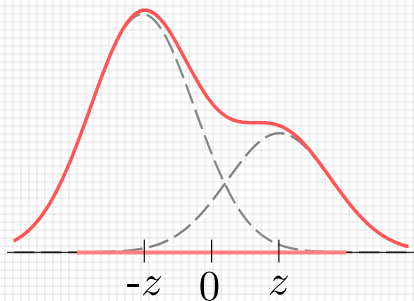


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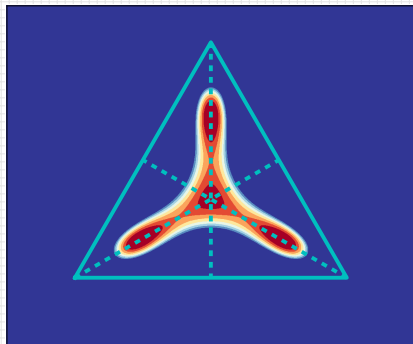
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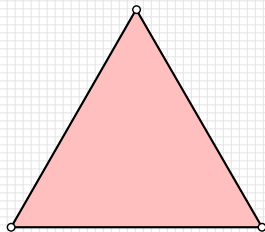
For  $n \geq 2$ , there can be more modes than components of a Gaussian mixture in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .





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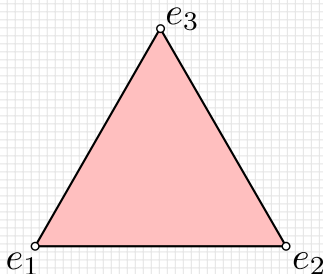


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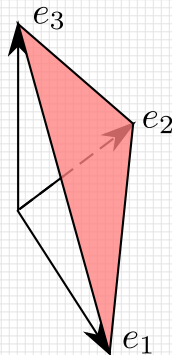
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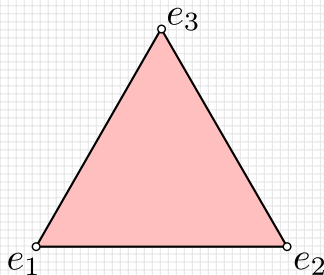
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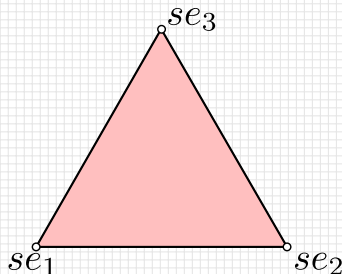


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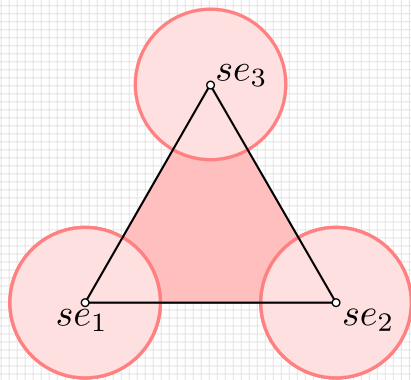
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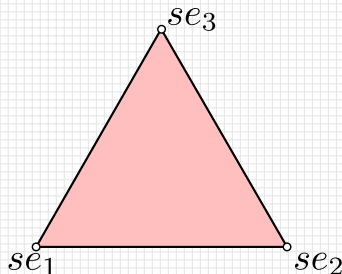


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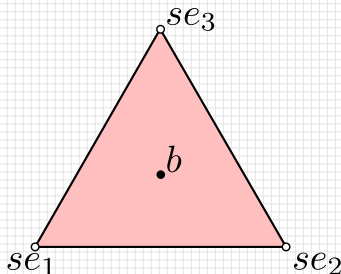
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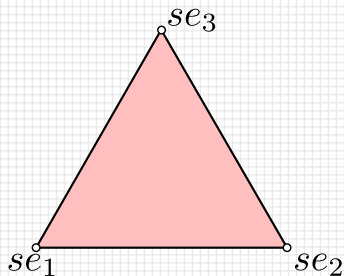
The *barycenter* is the average vertex position:

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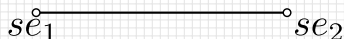
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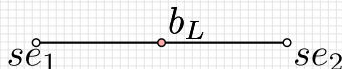
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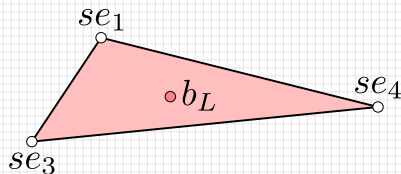
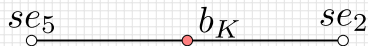
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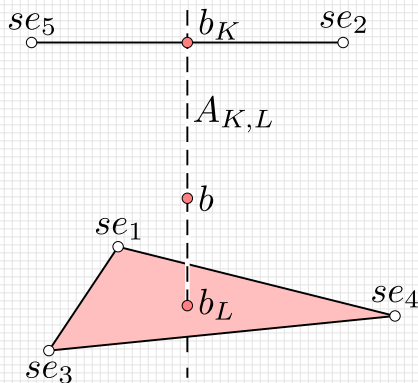
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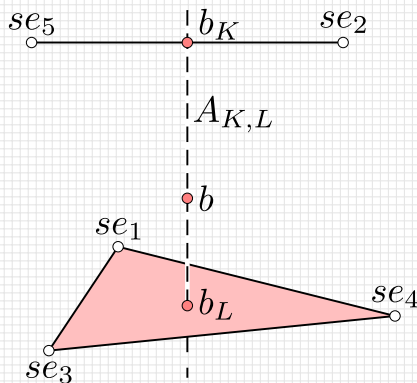
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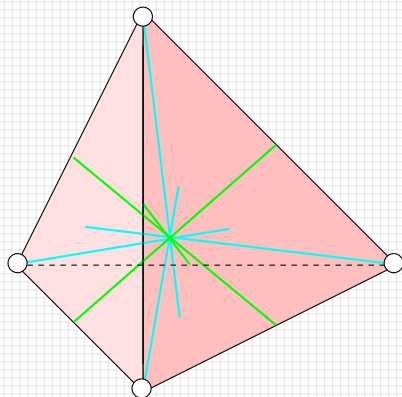
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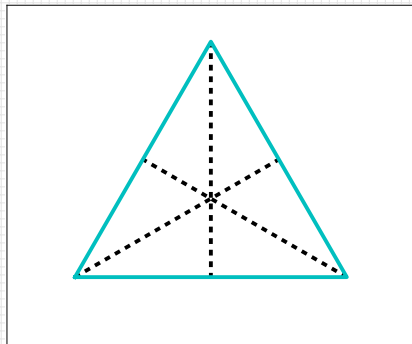
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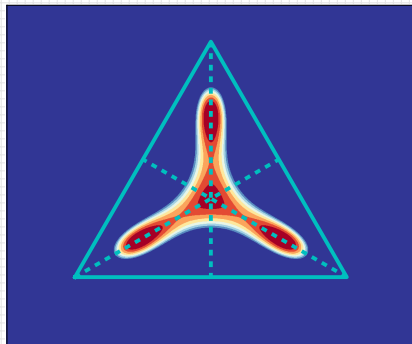
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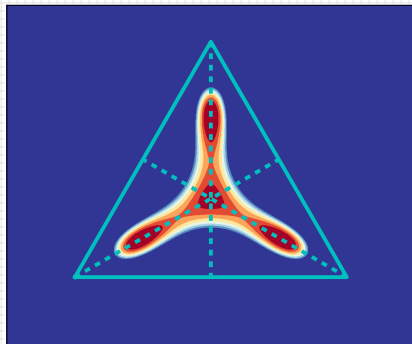
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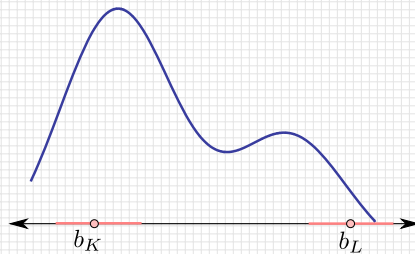
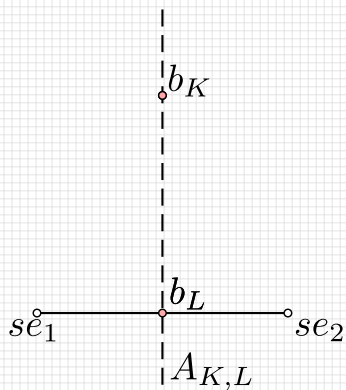
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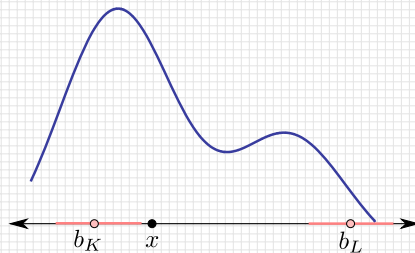
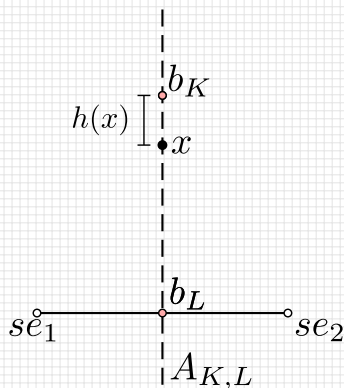
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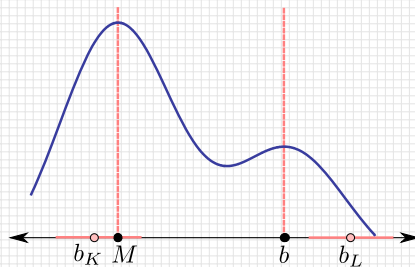
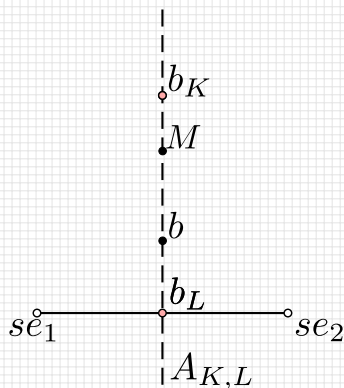
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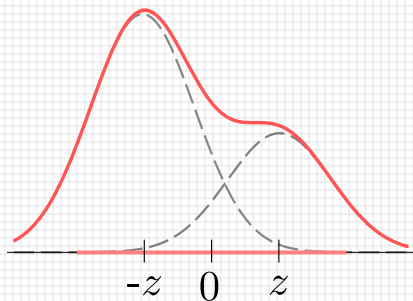
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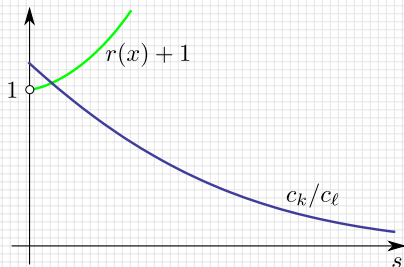
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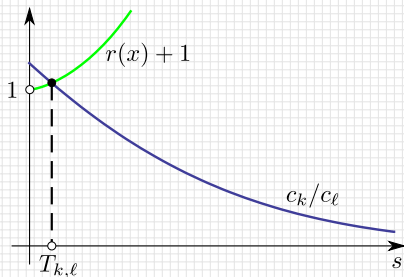


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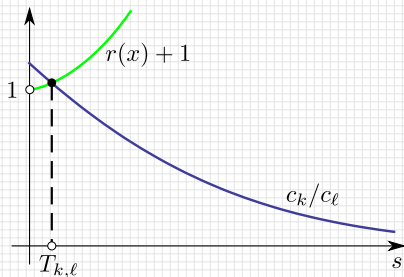
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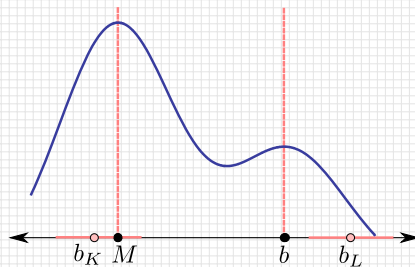
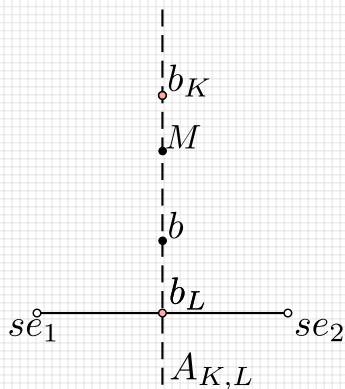
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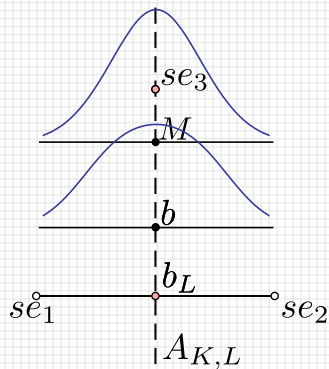
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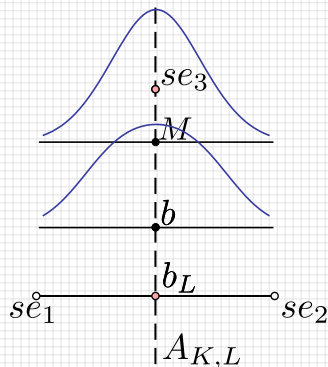
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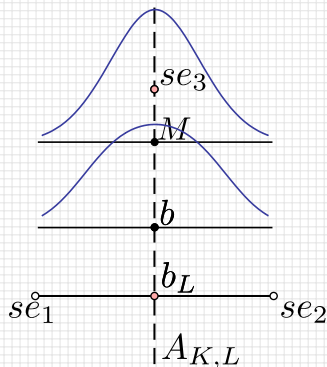


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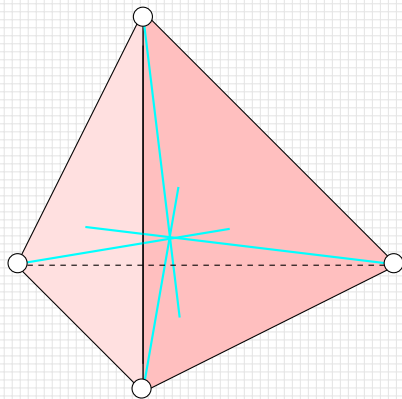
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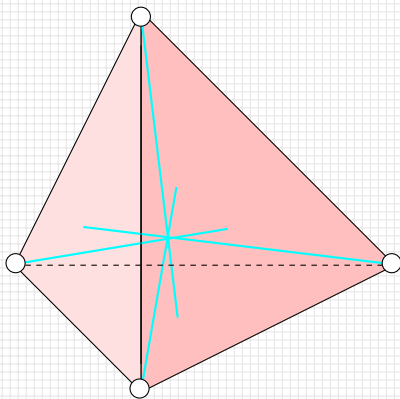
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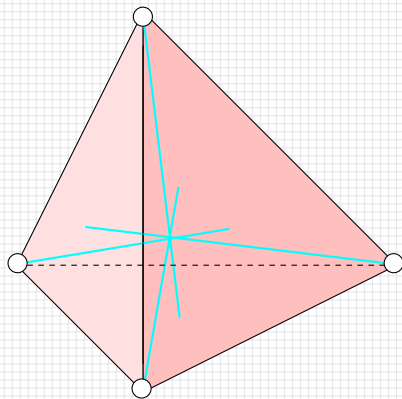
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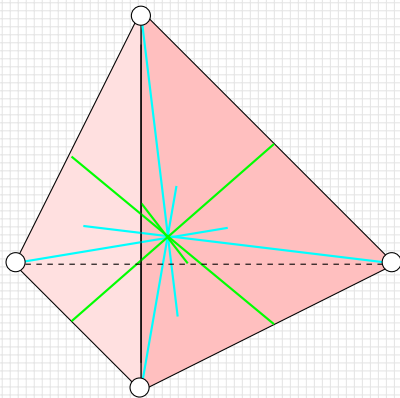
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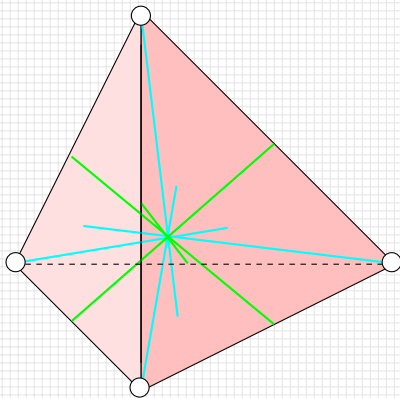
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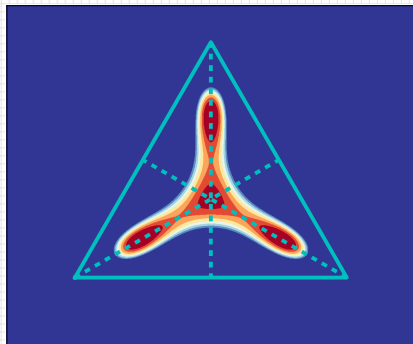
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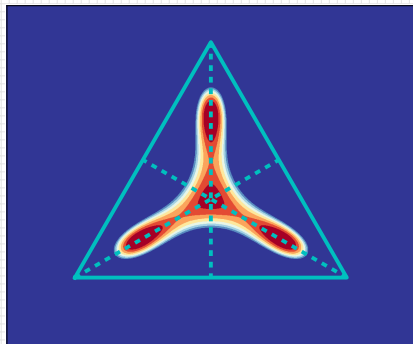
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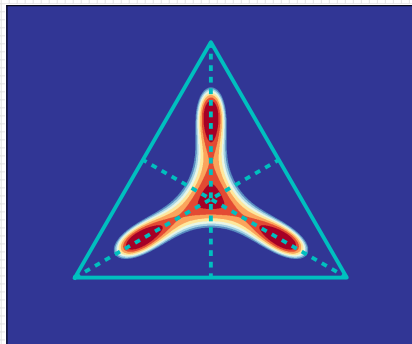




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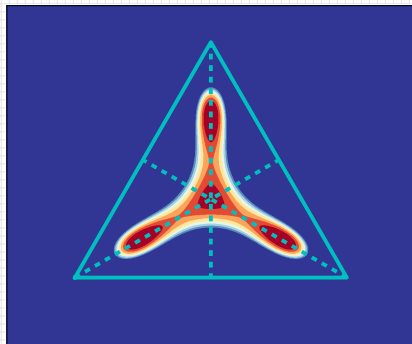
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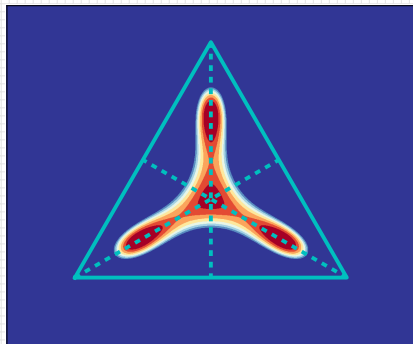
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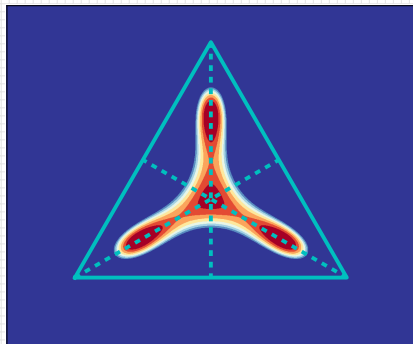
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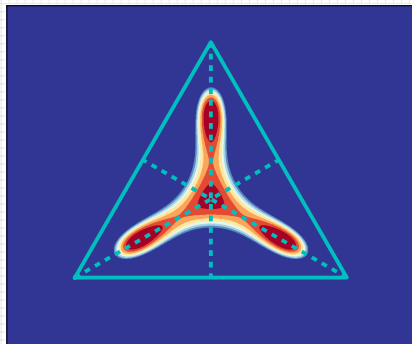
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