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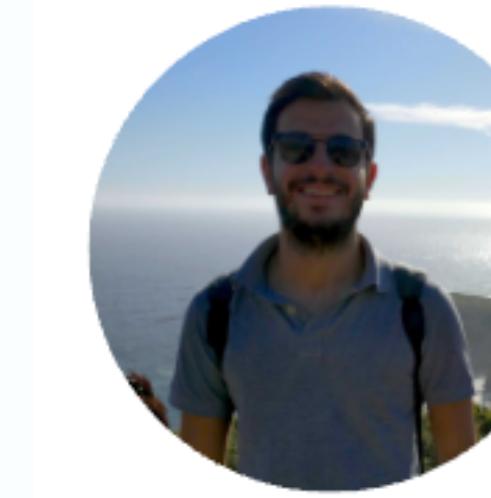
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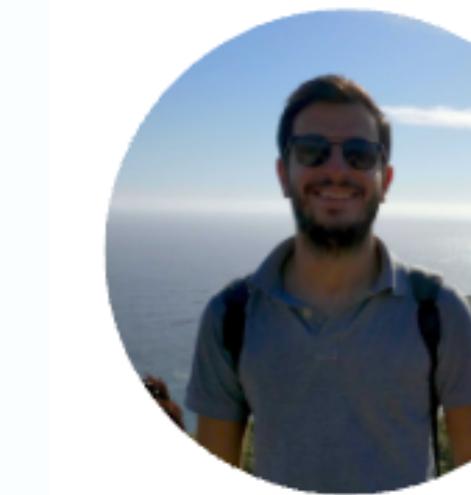
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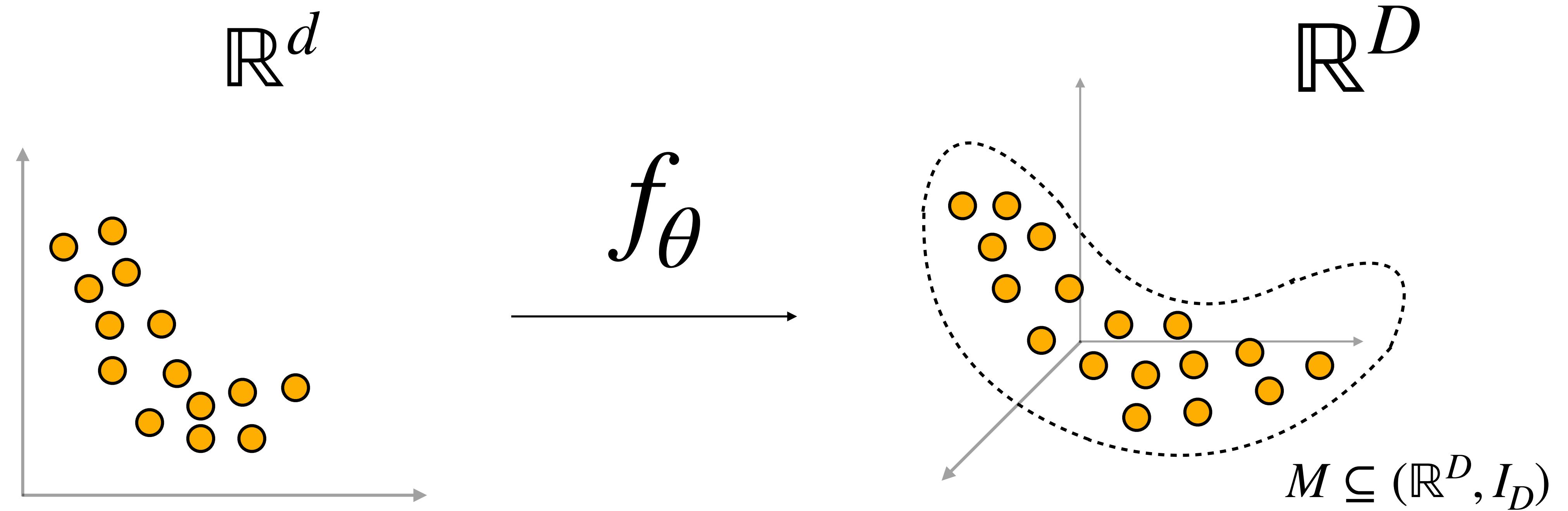
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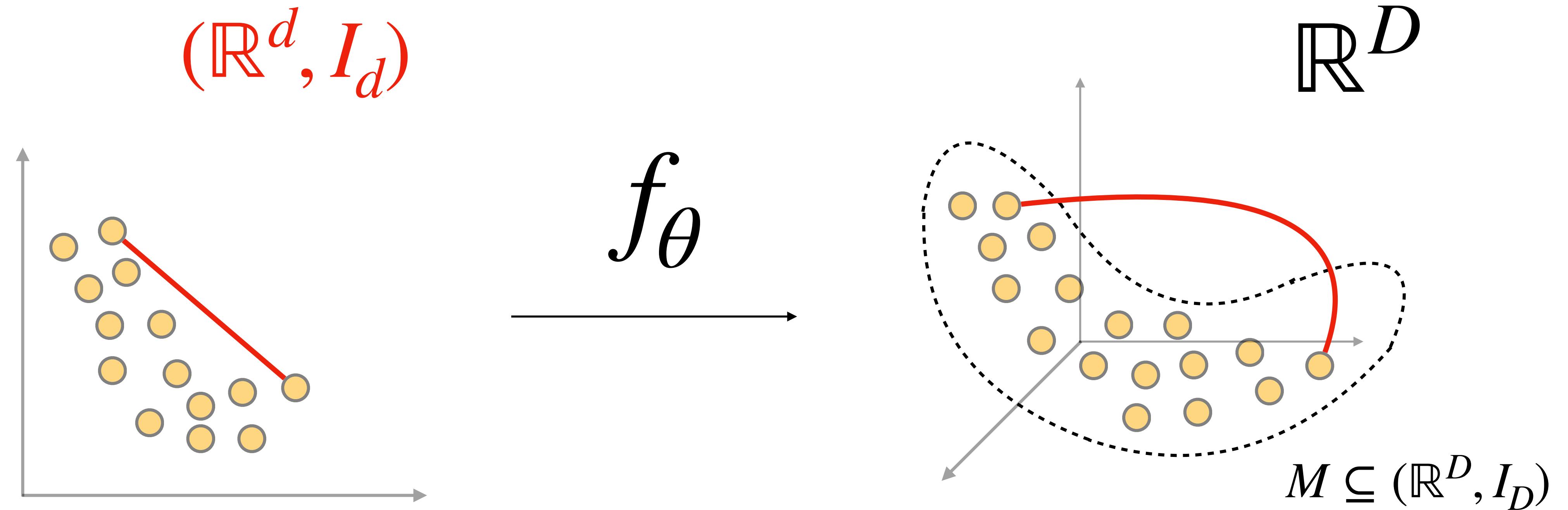
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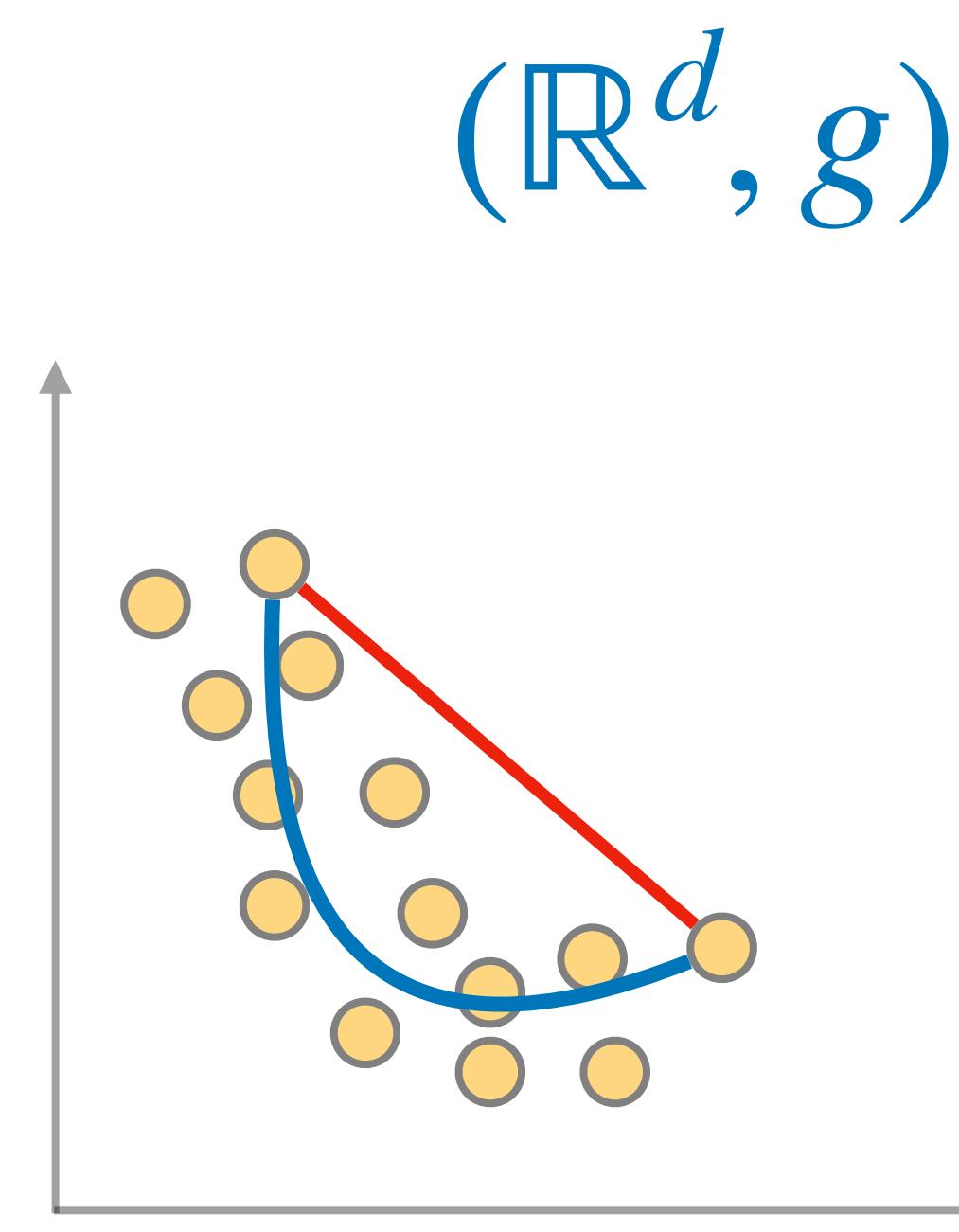
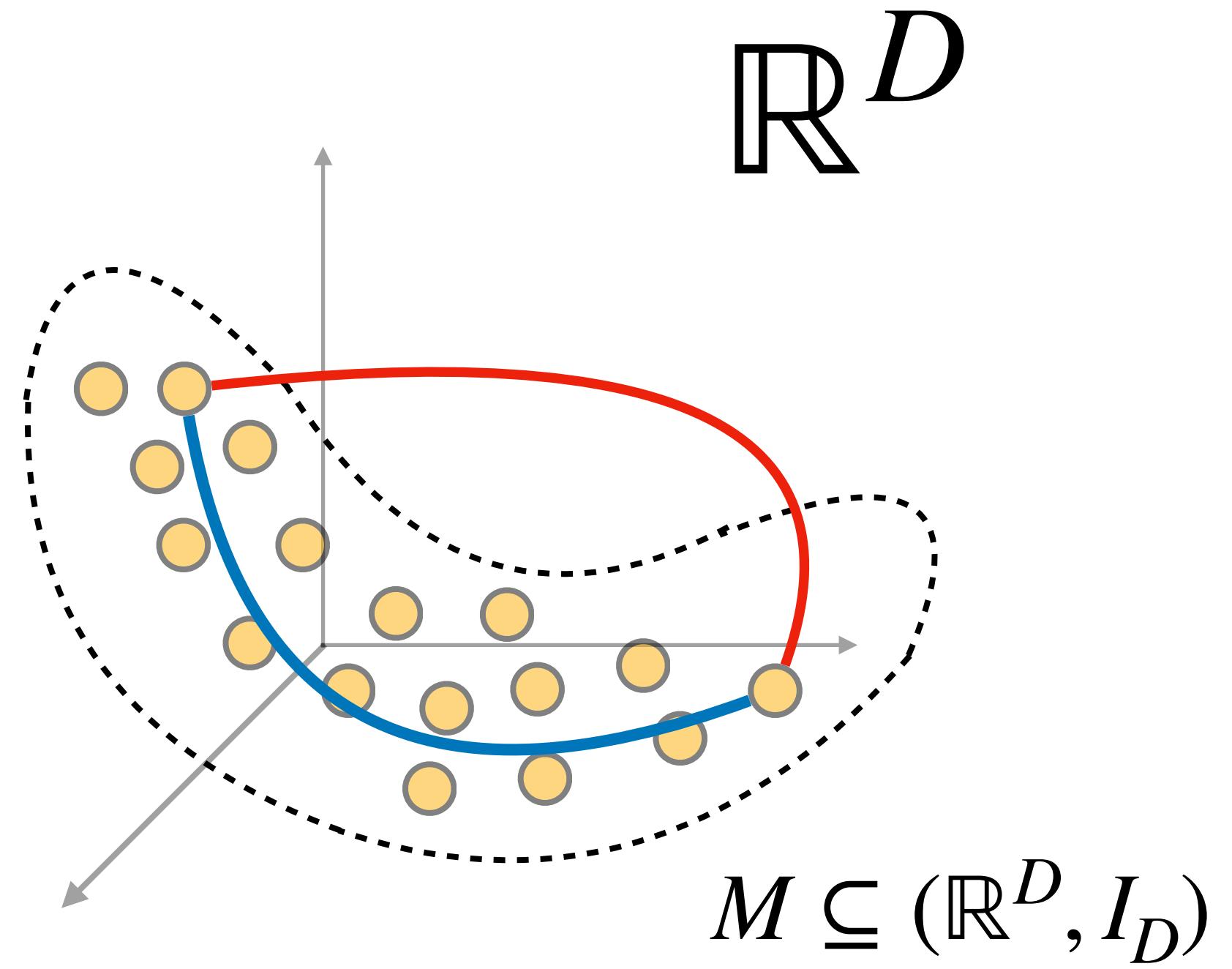
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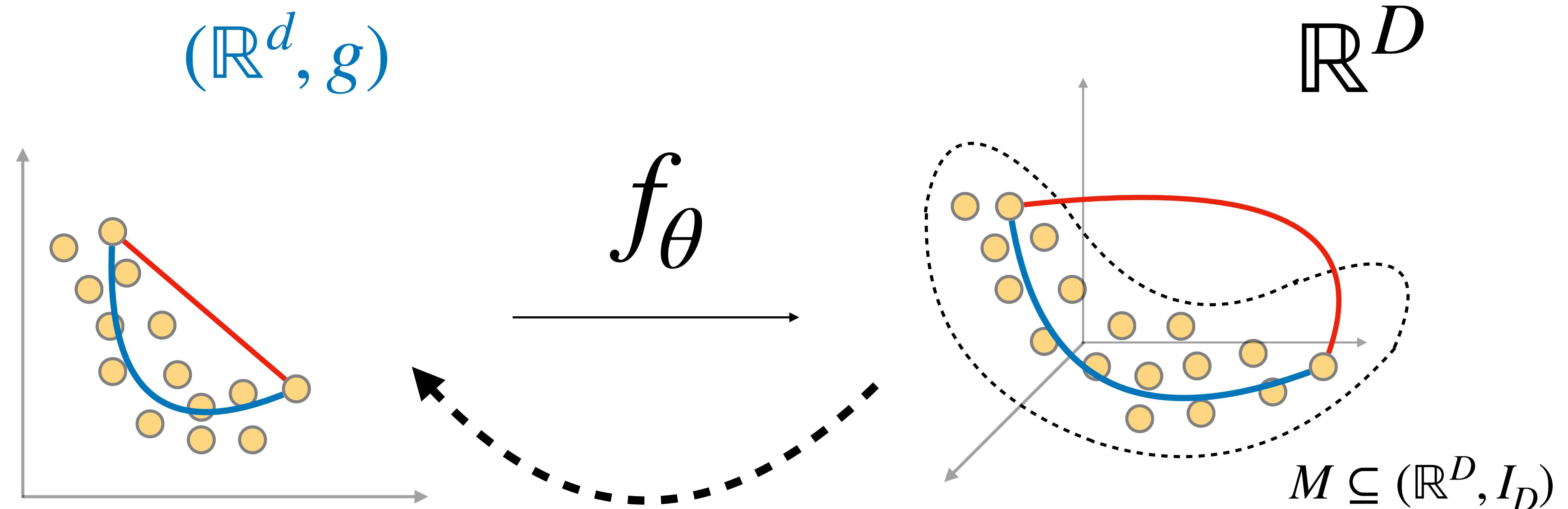
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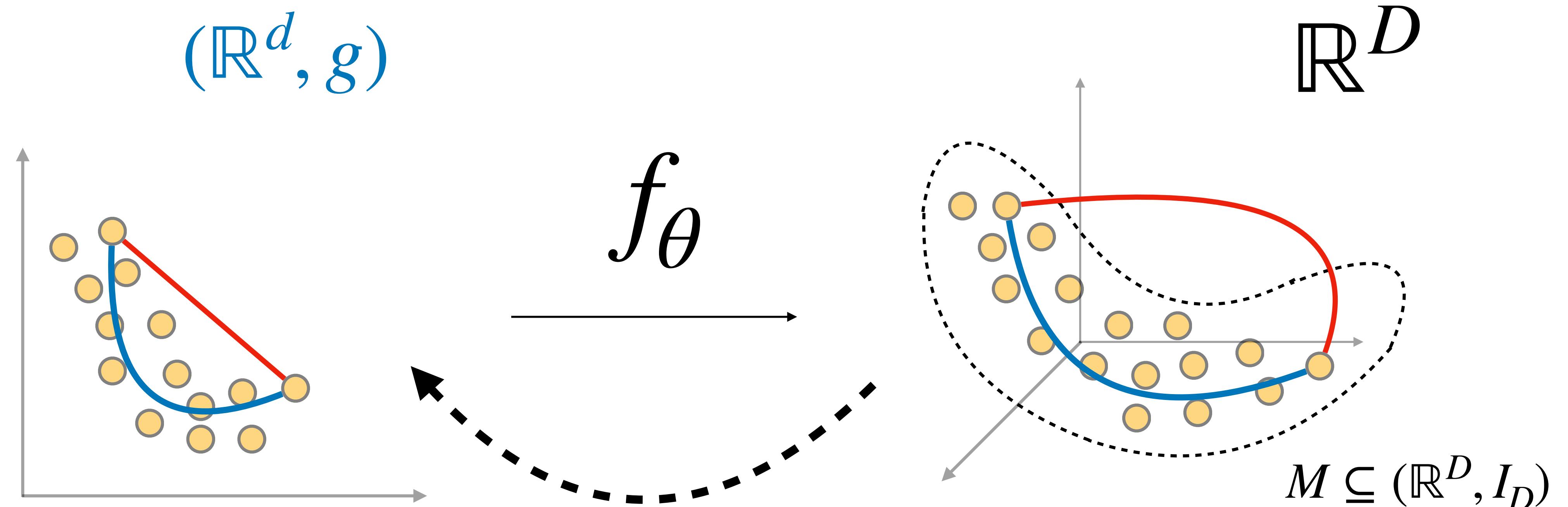
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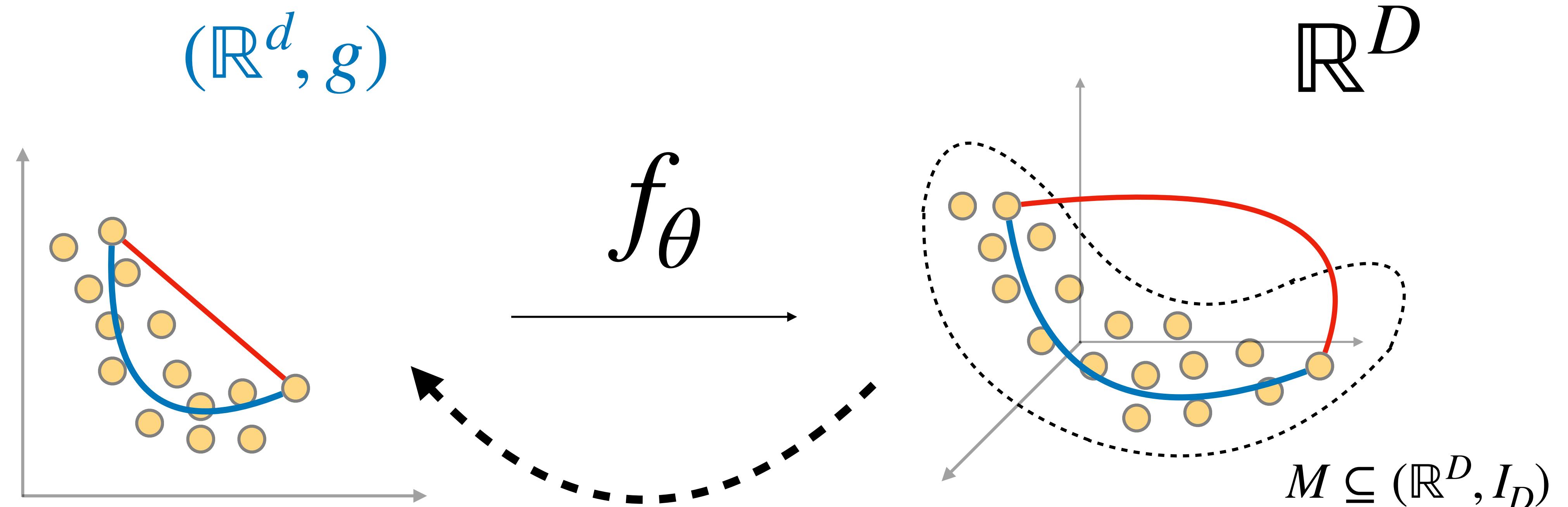


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Def. A metric g takes two tangent vectors and computes their **inner product**.

Given an immersion $f_\theta: \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow (M, g)$, we define a metric on \mathcal{Z} given by

$$g_{f(z)}((df)_z(v_1), (df)_z(v_2))$$

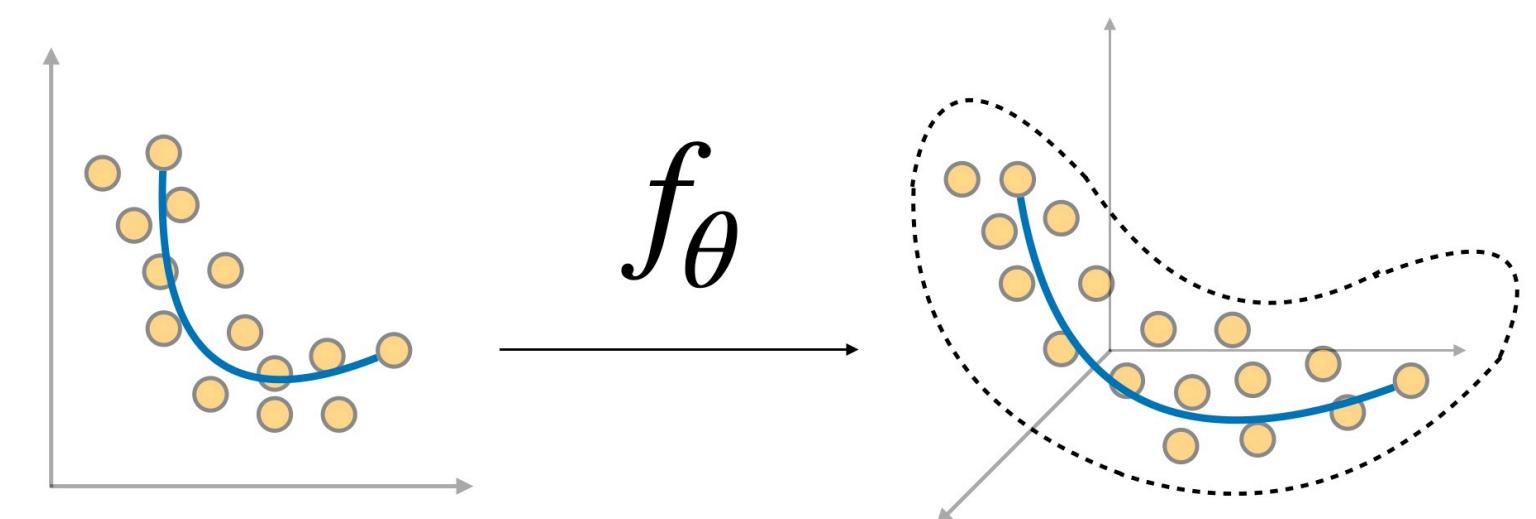
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Pro:

Distances are defined in data space
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Con:

We have to compute $J_{f_\theta}(z)^\top J_{f_\theta}(z)$
for a given likelihood

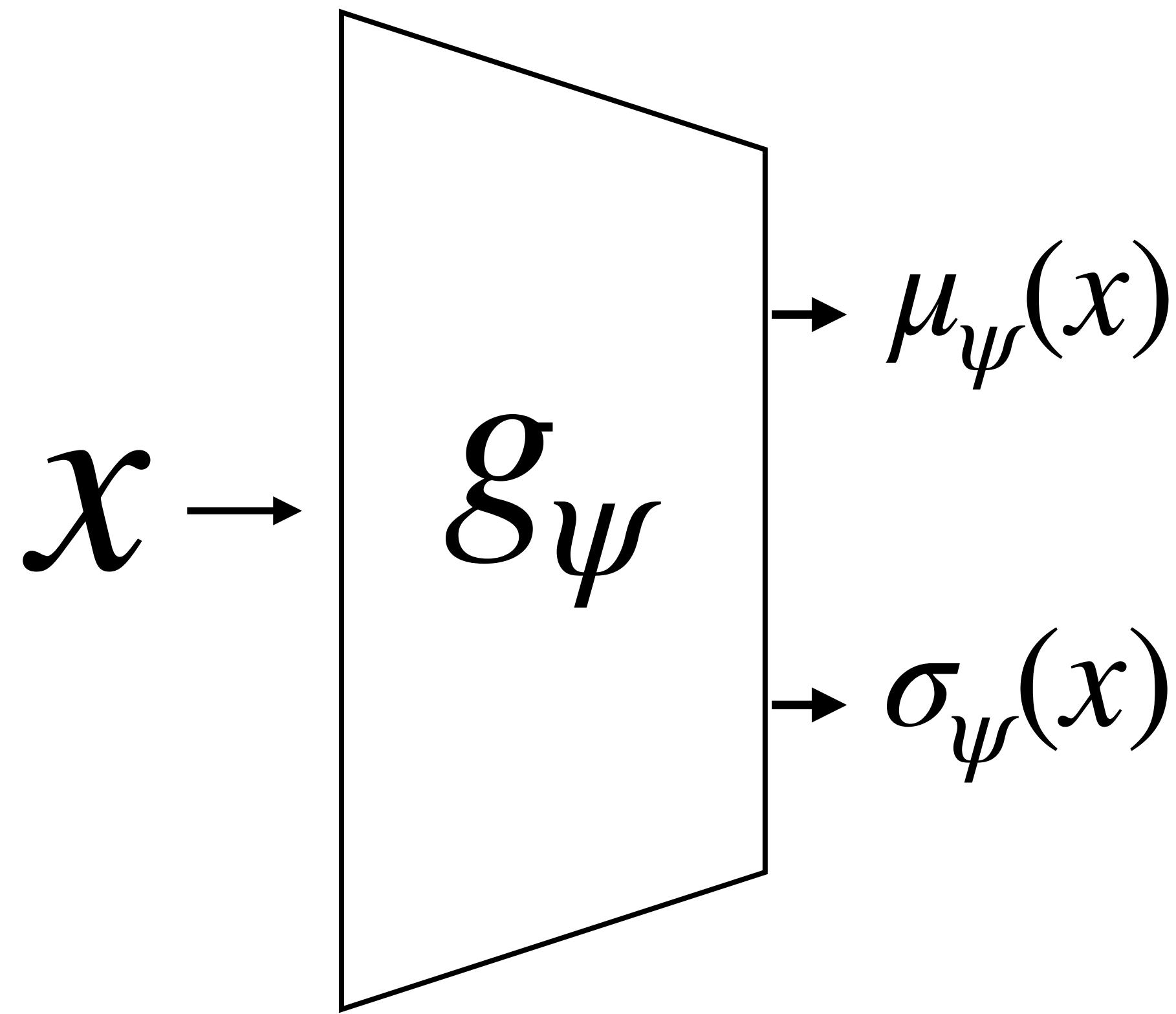


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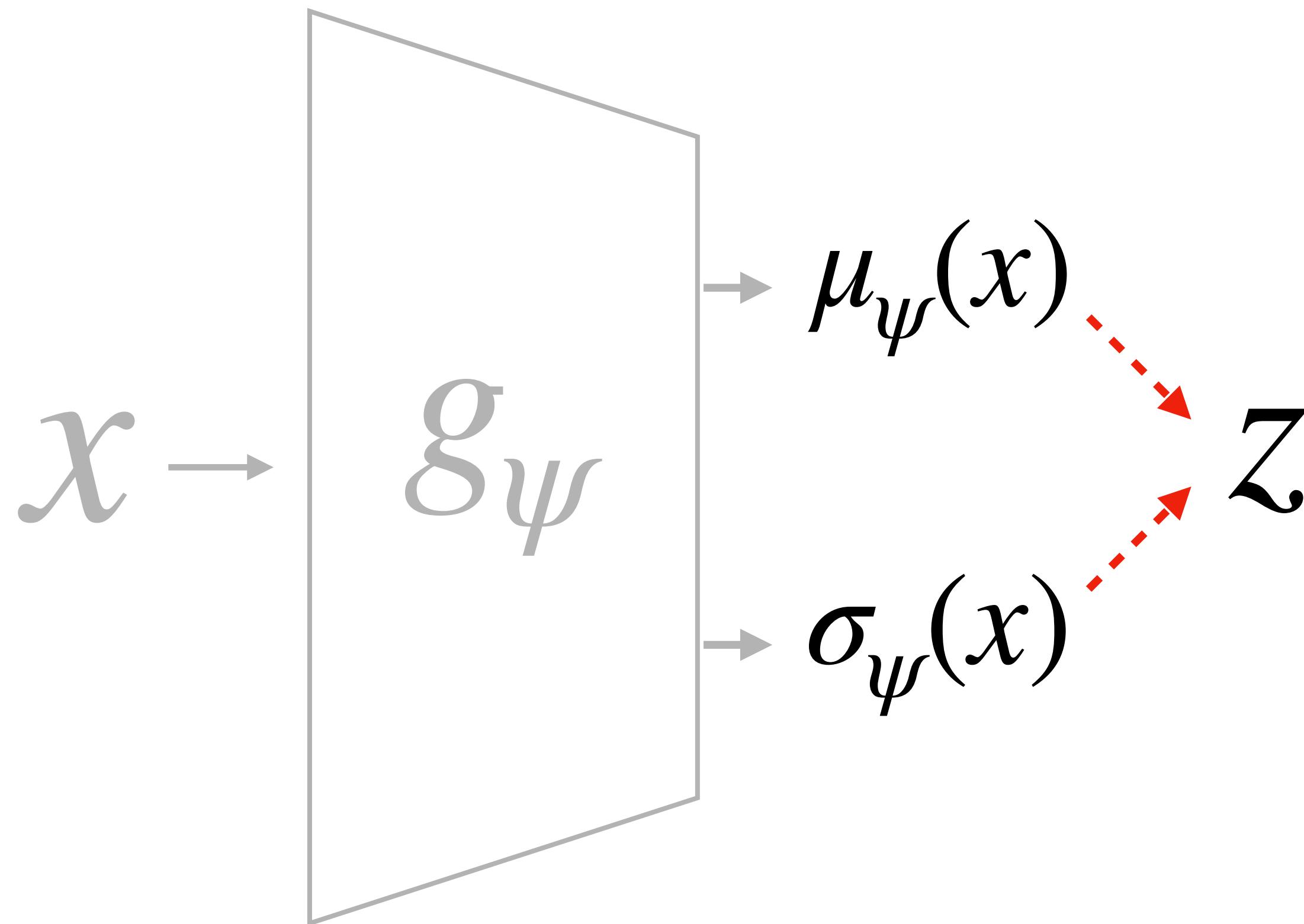
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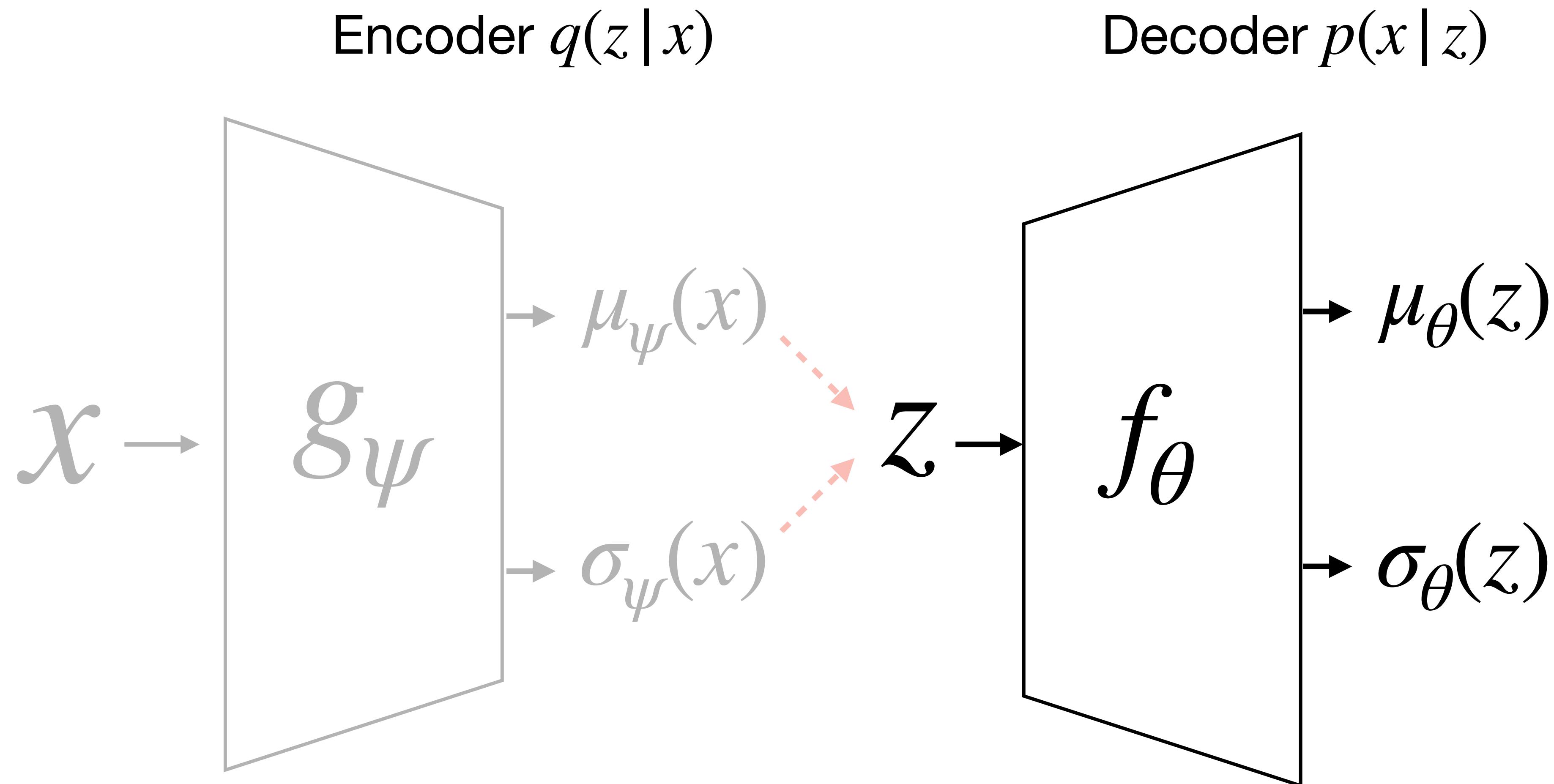
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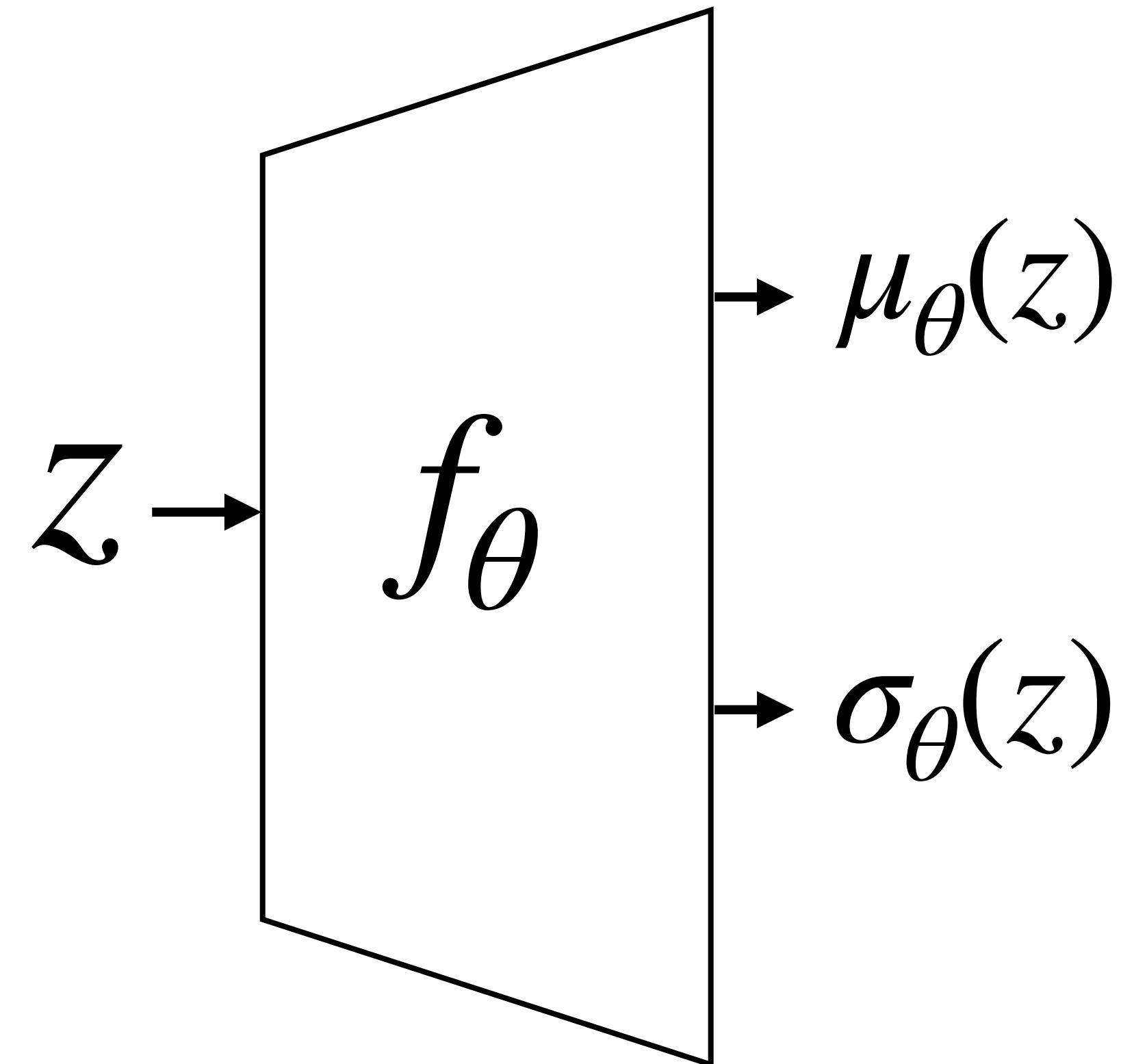
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- Categorical (e.g. strings)
- Normal

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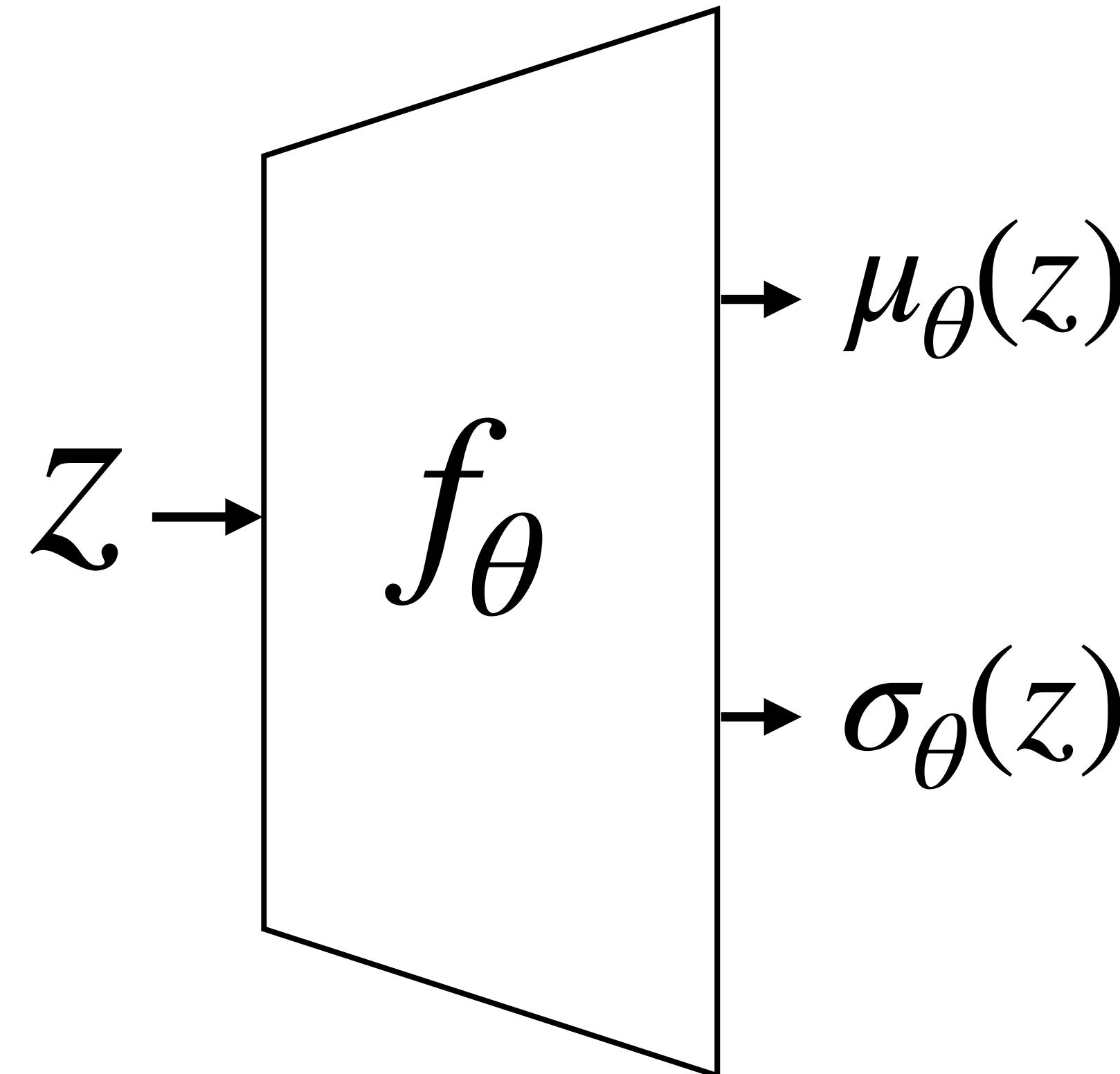
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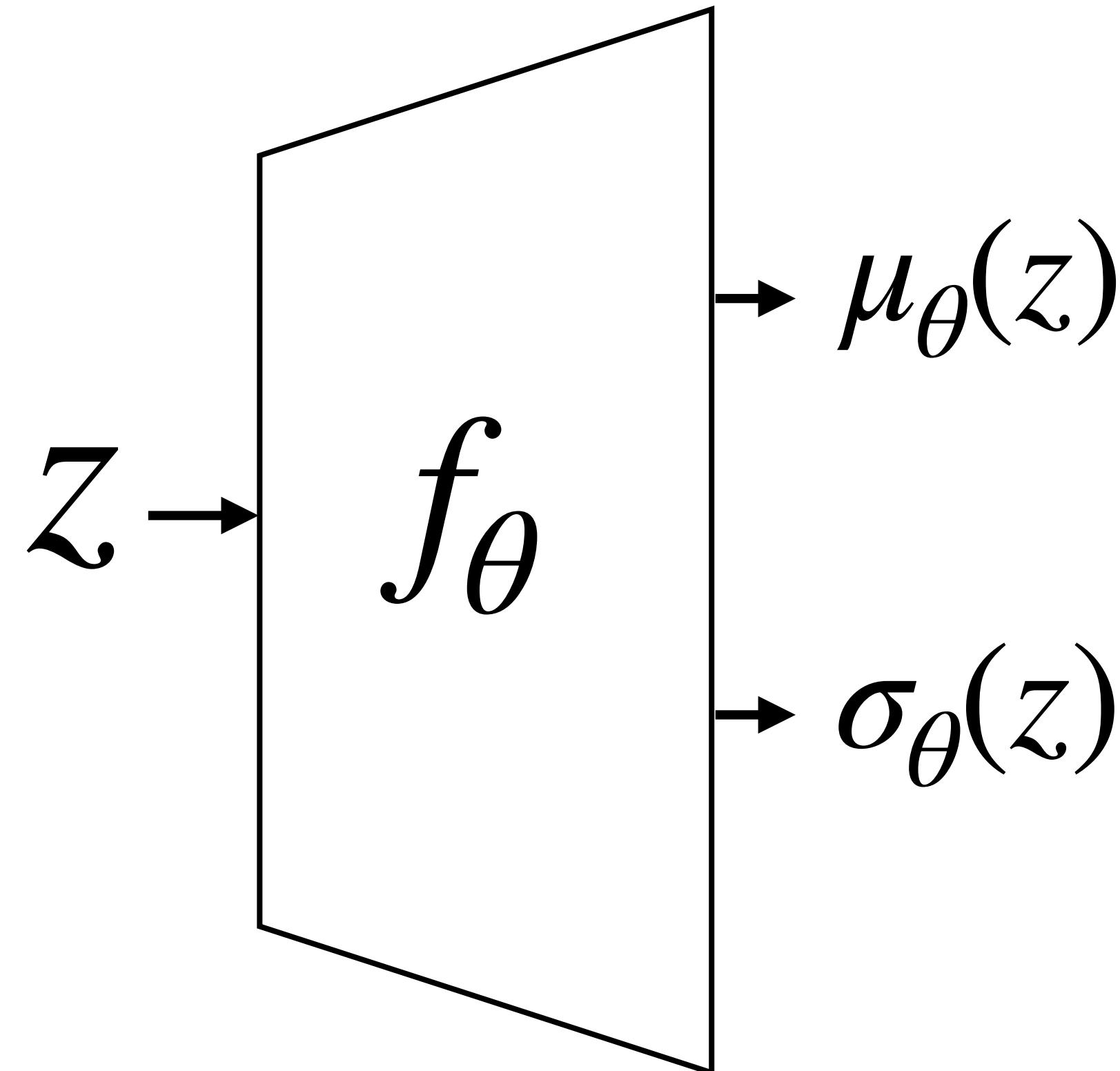


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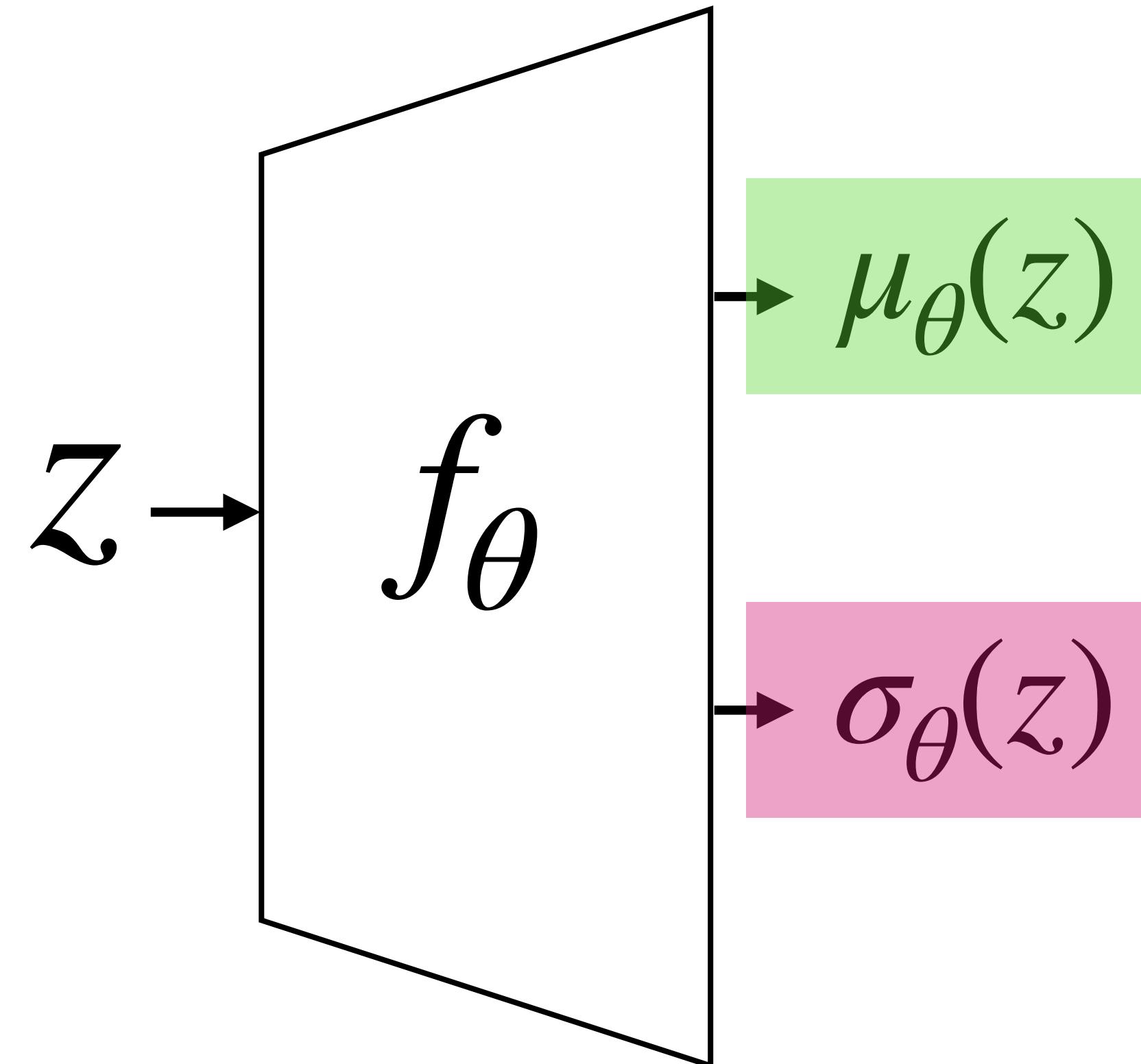
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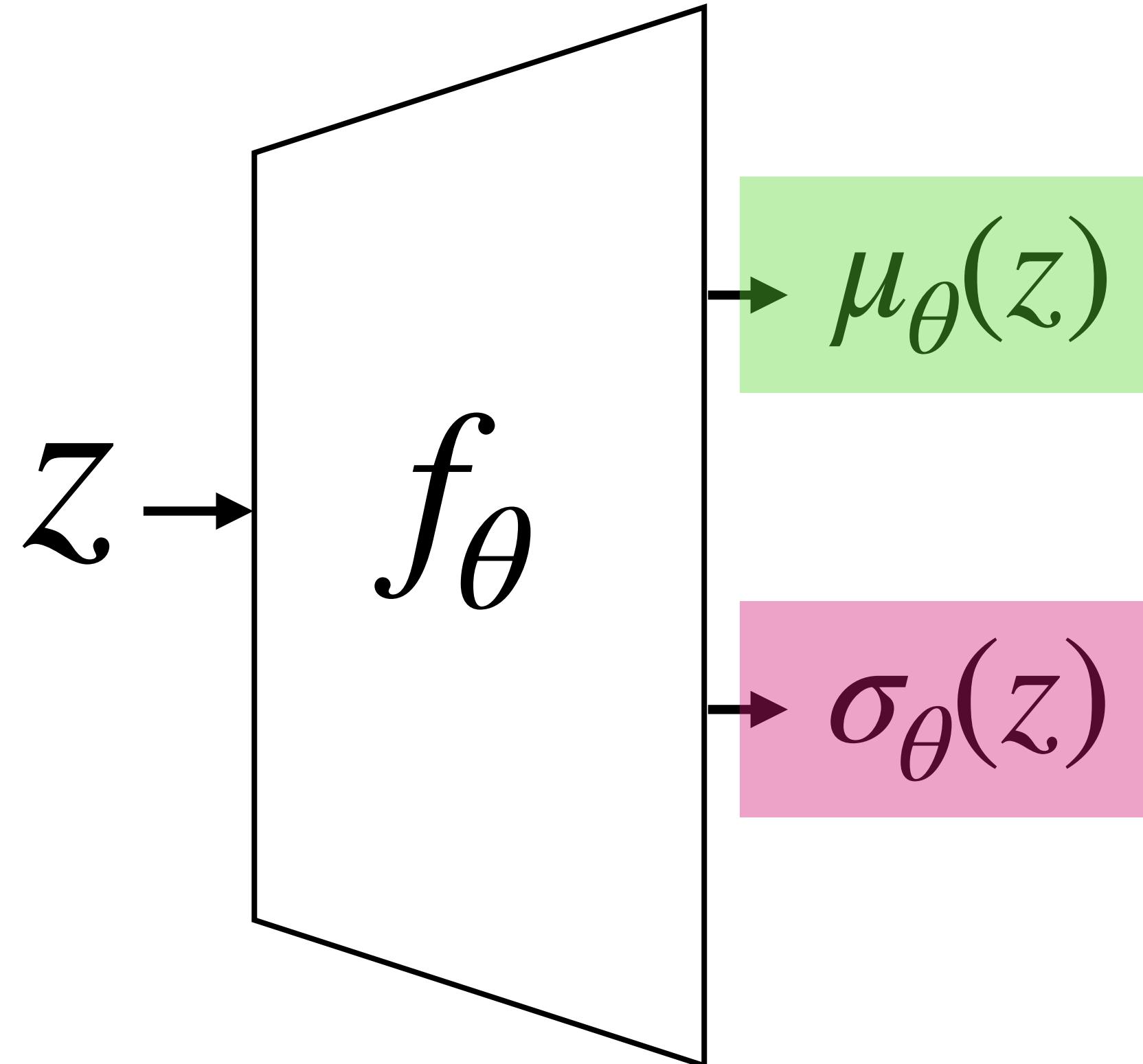
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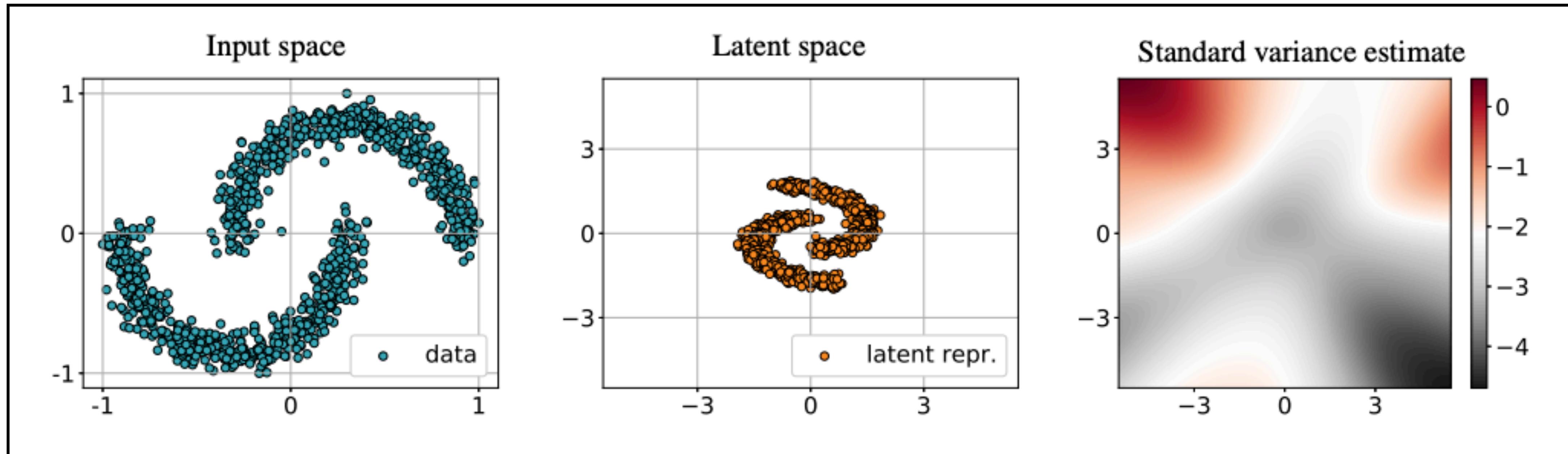
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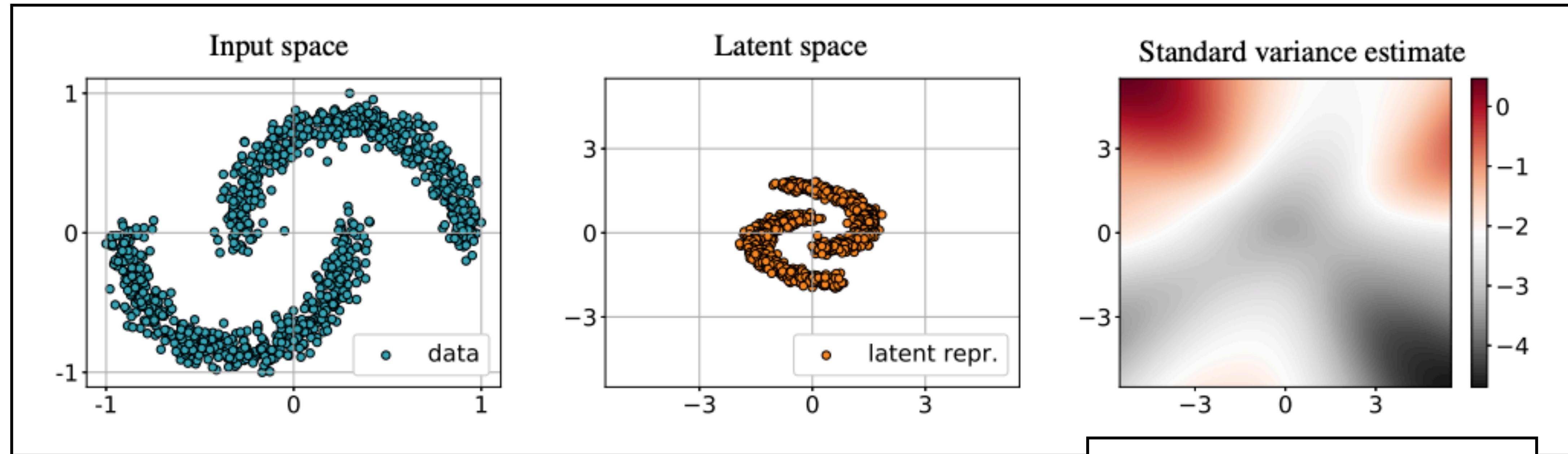
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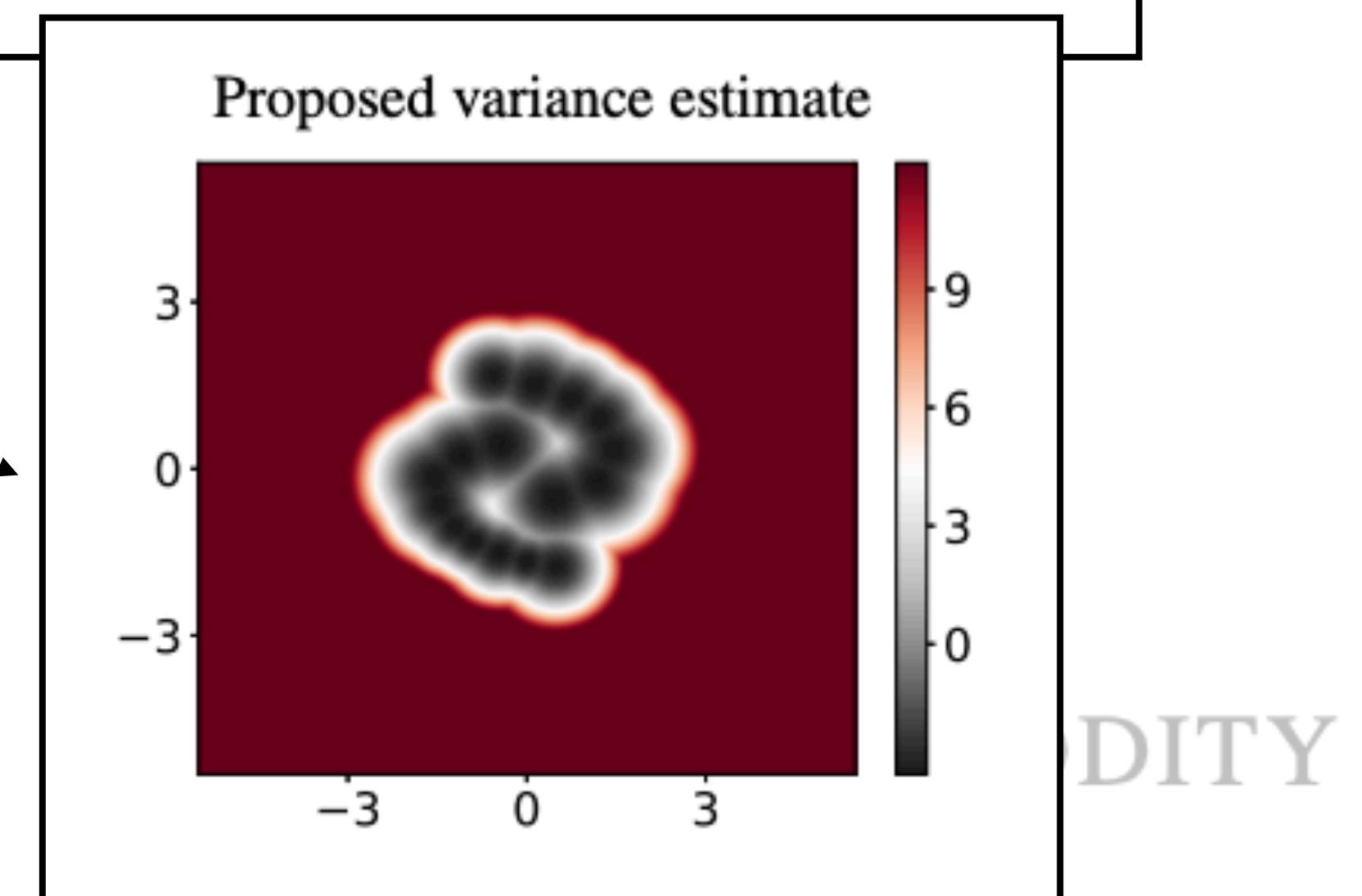
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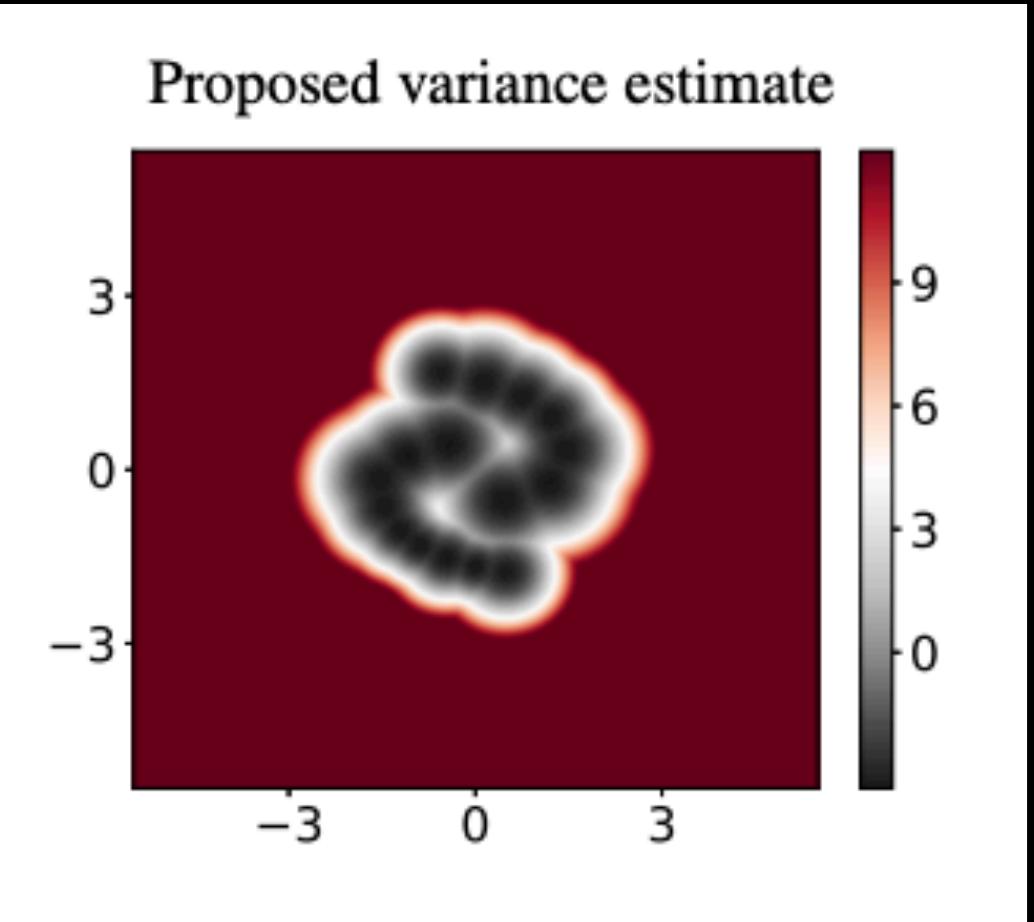


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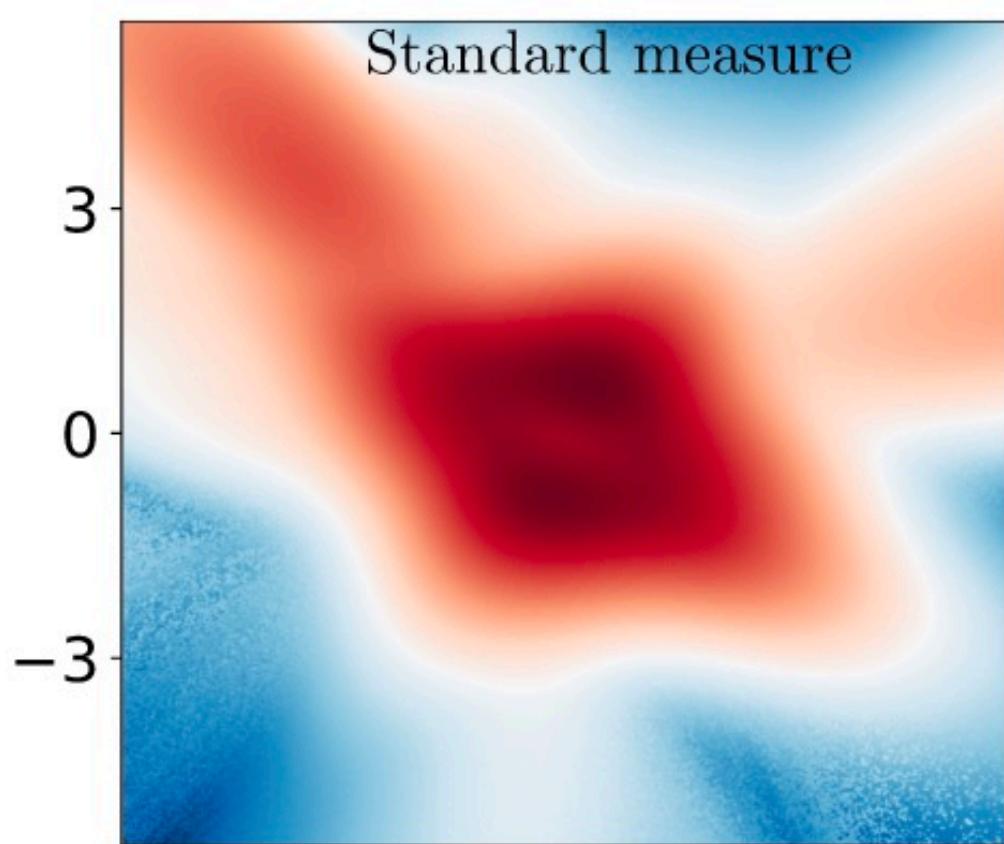
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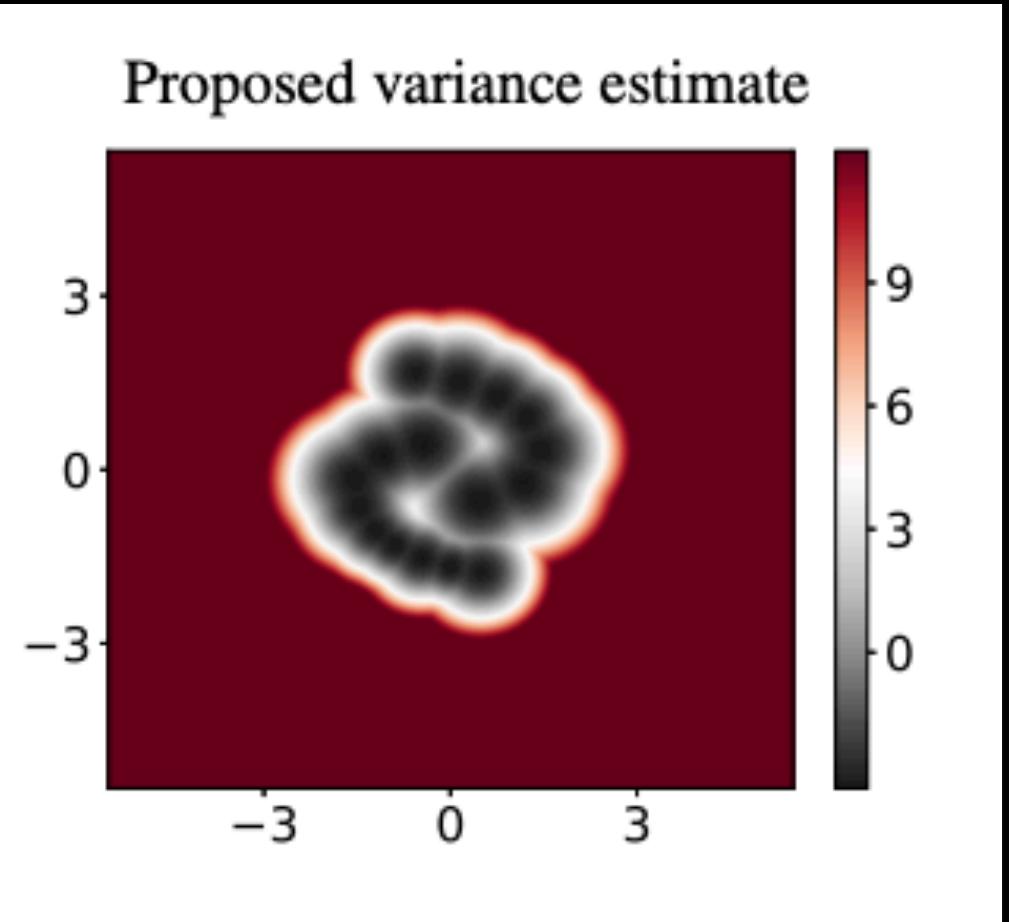
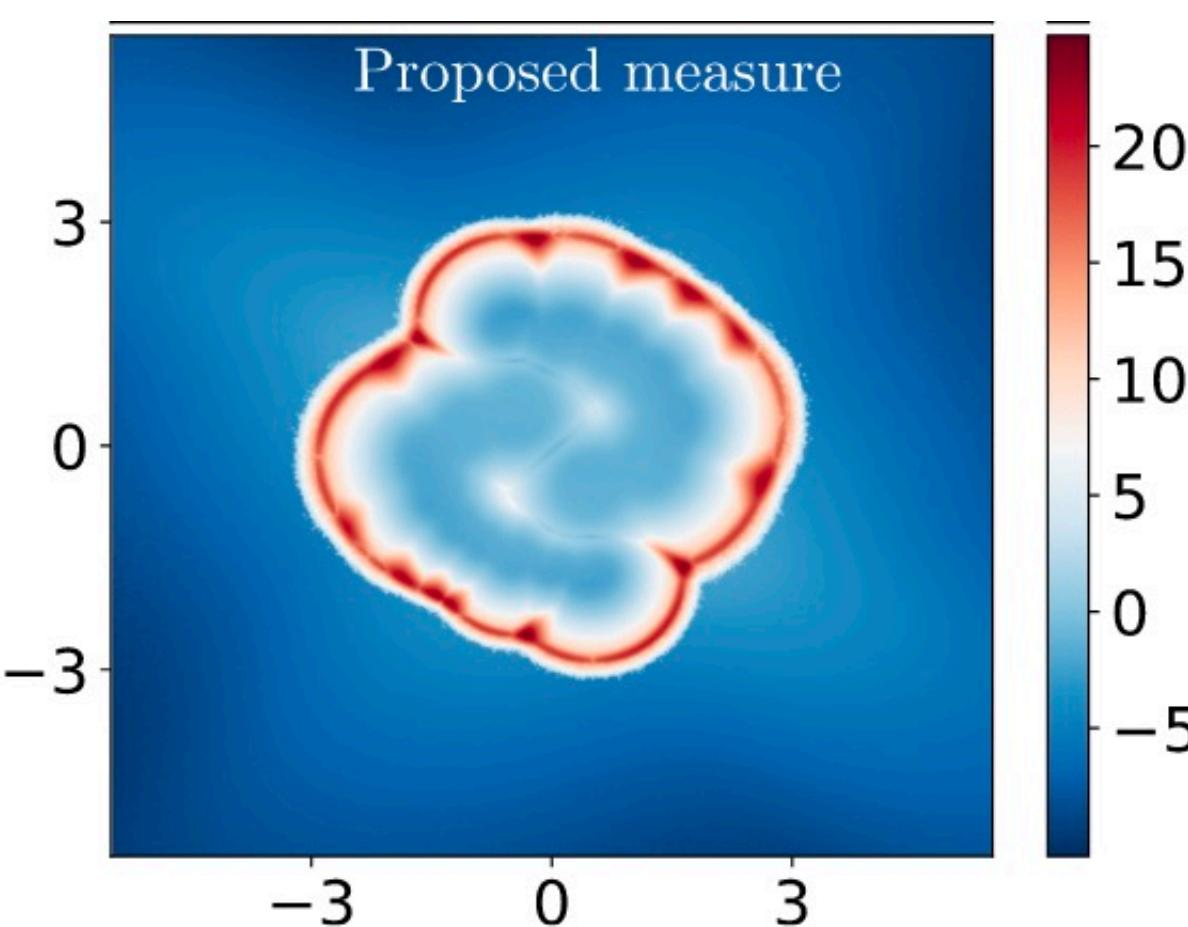
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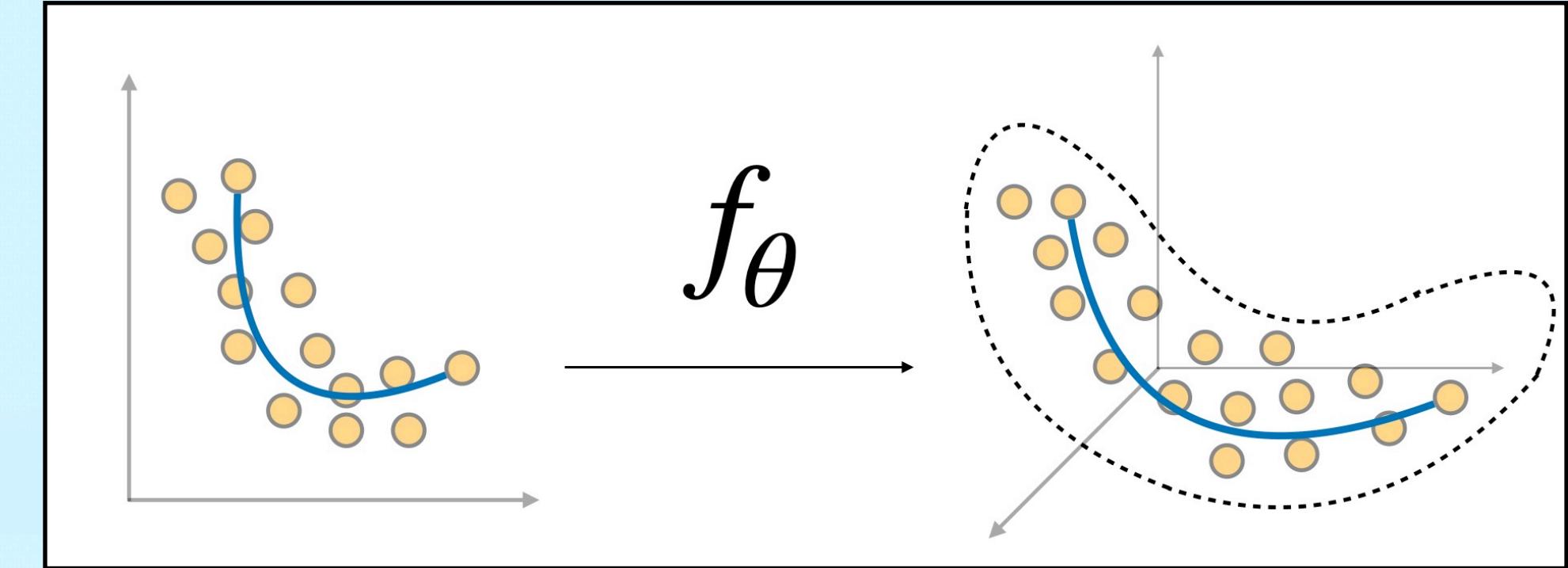
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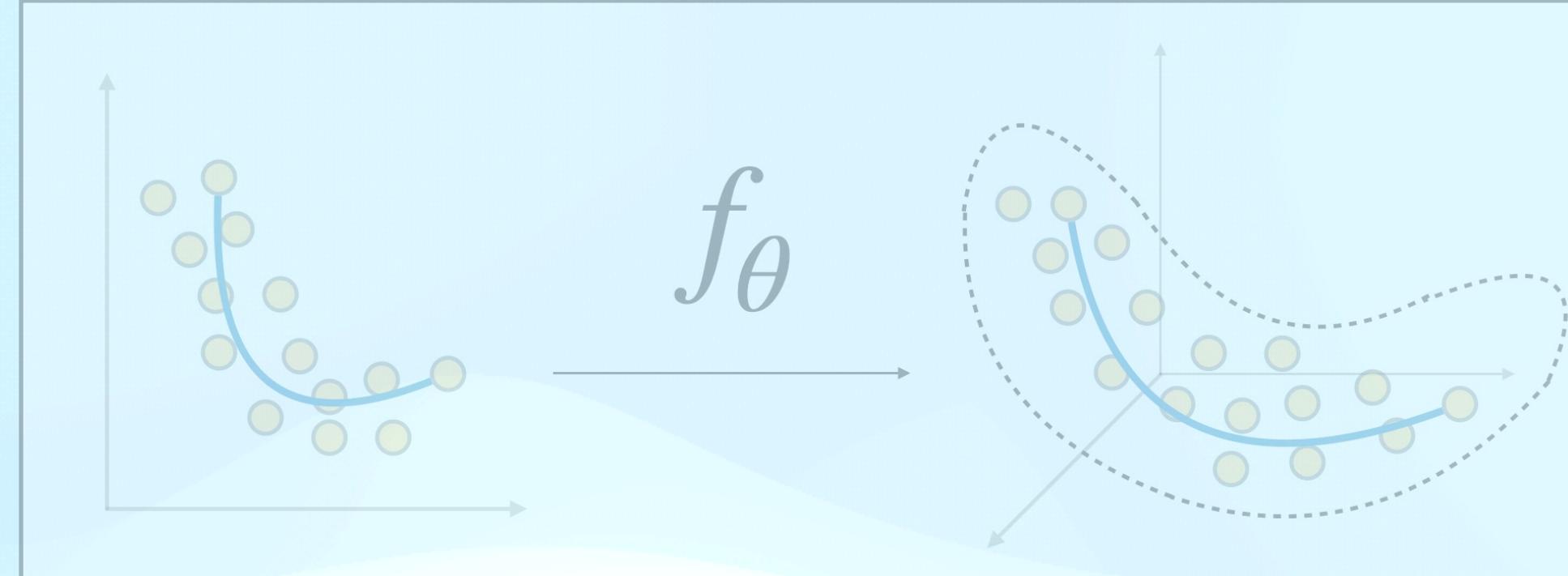
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Some applications

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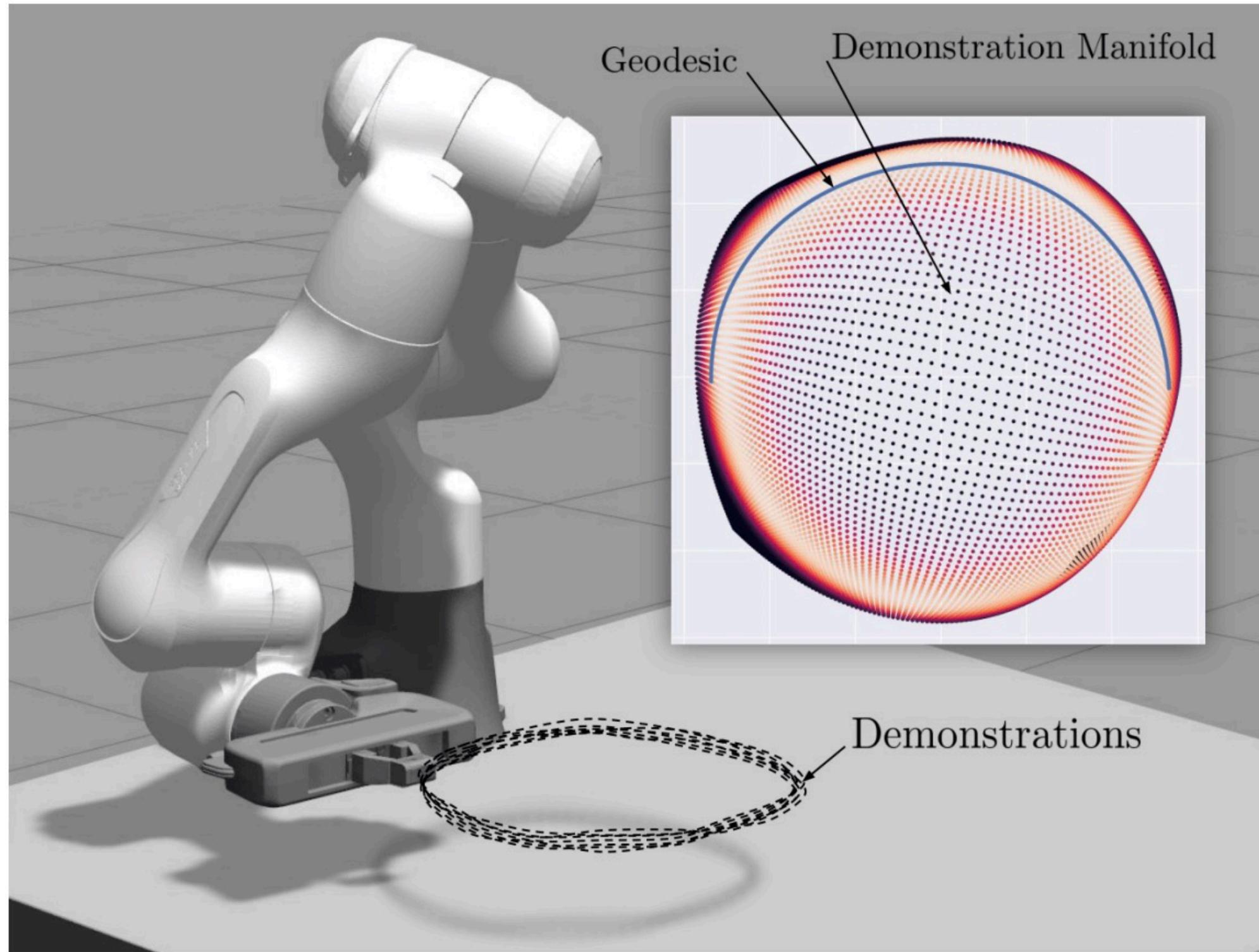


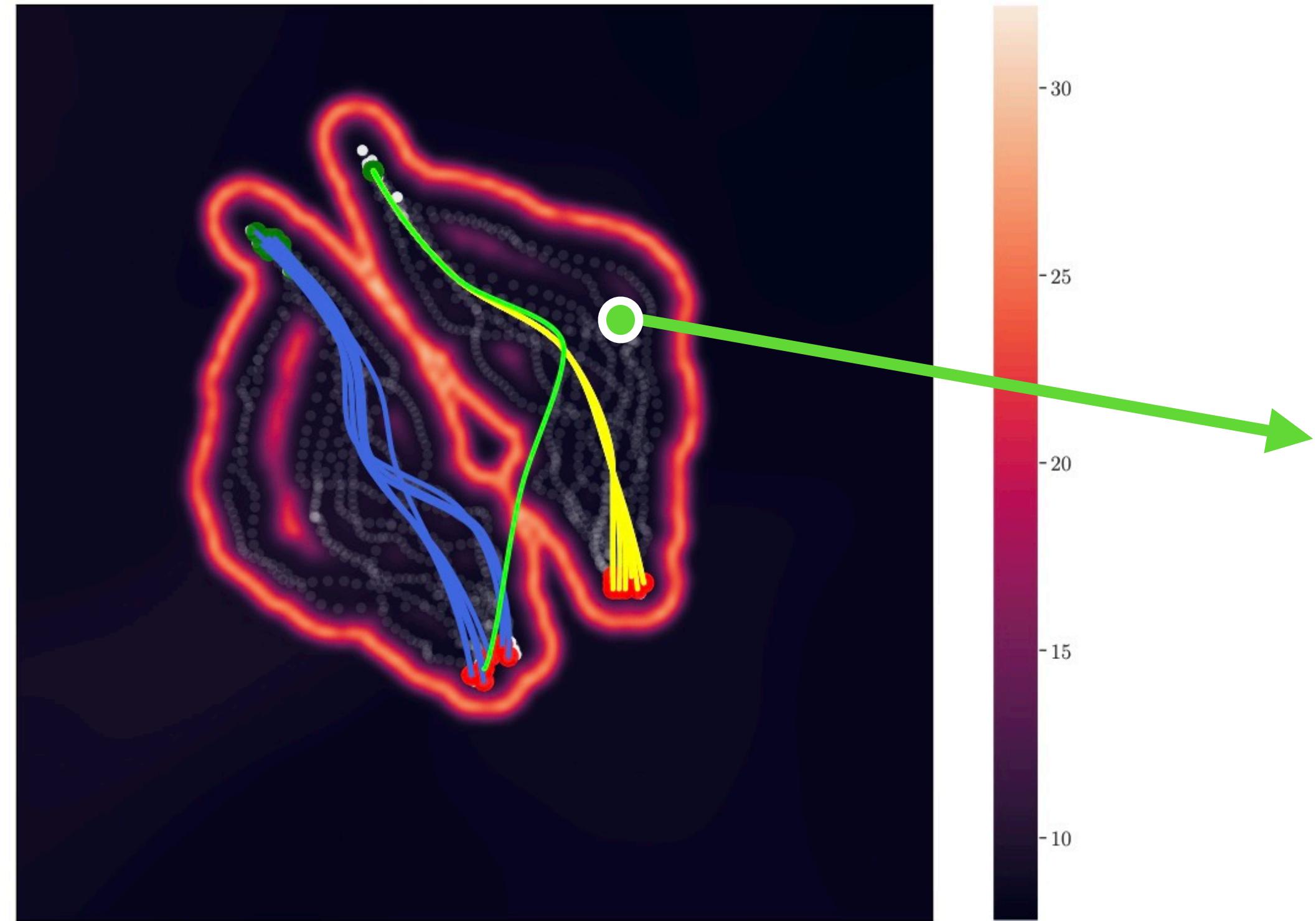
Fig. 1: From demonstrations we learn a variational autoencoder that spans a random Riemannian manifold. Geodesics on this manifold are viewed as motion skills.

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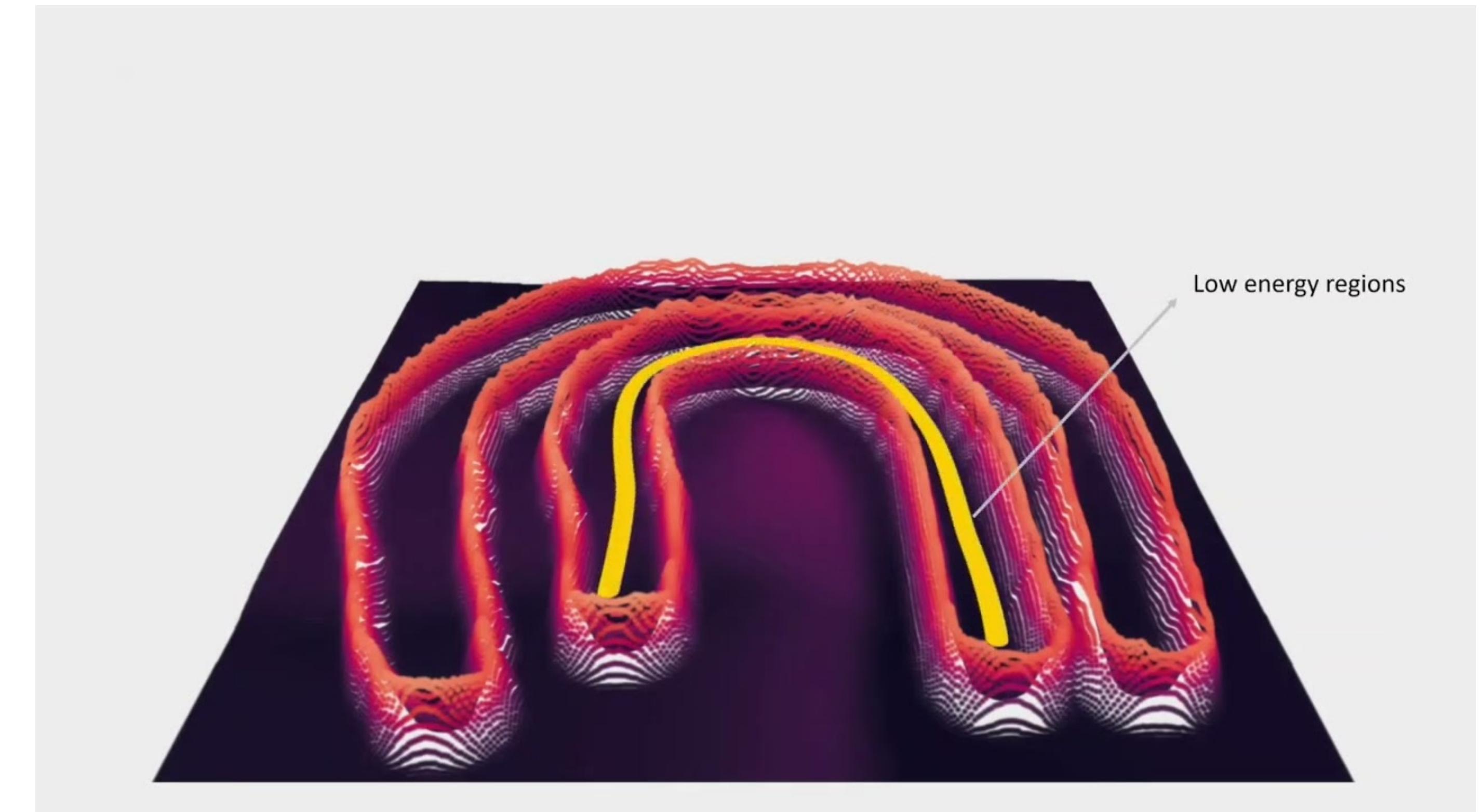
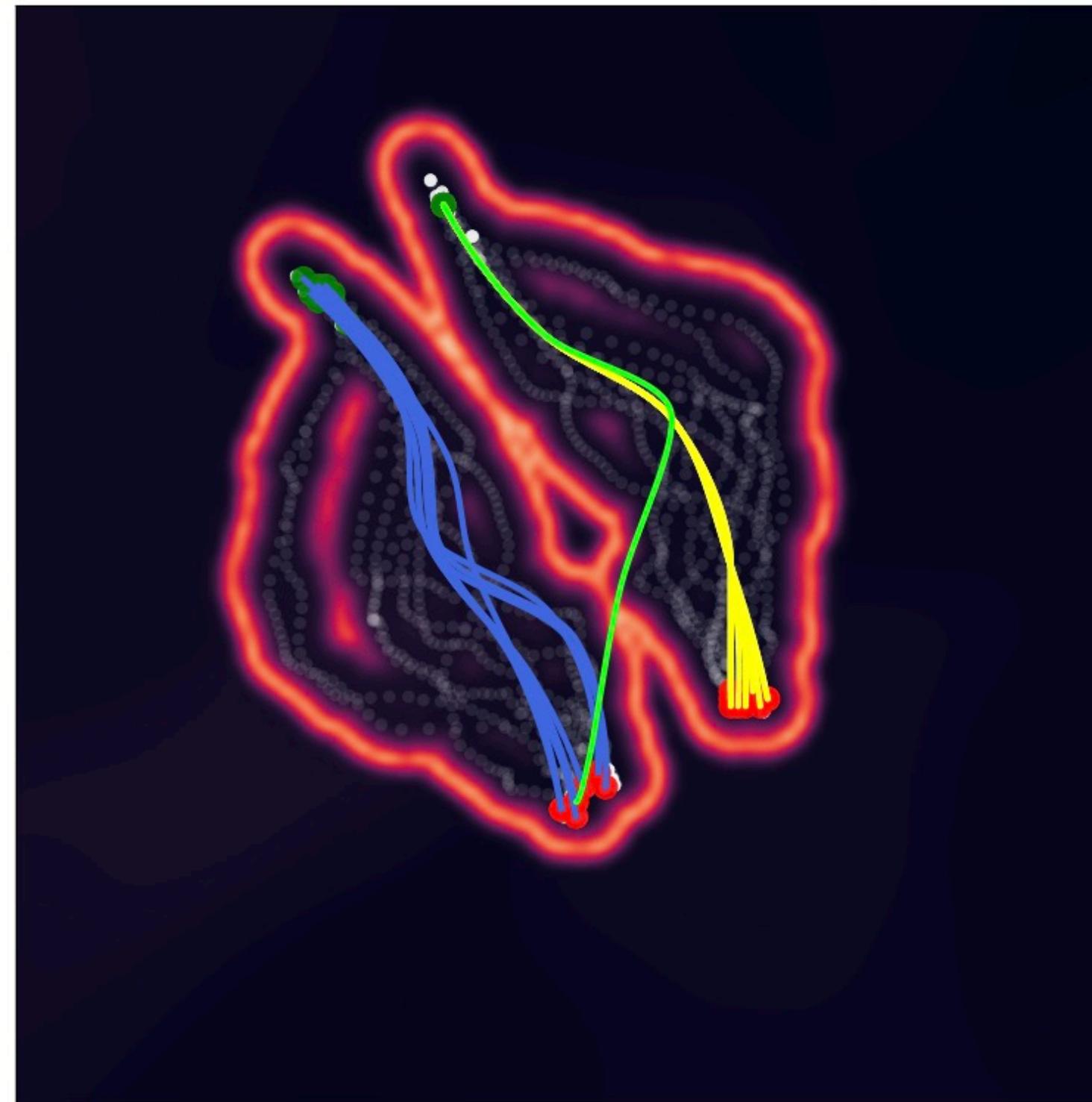
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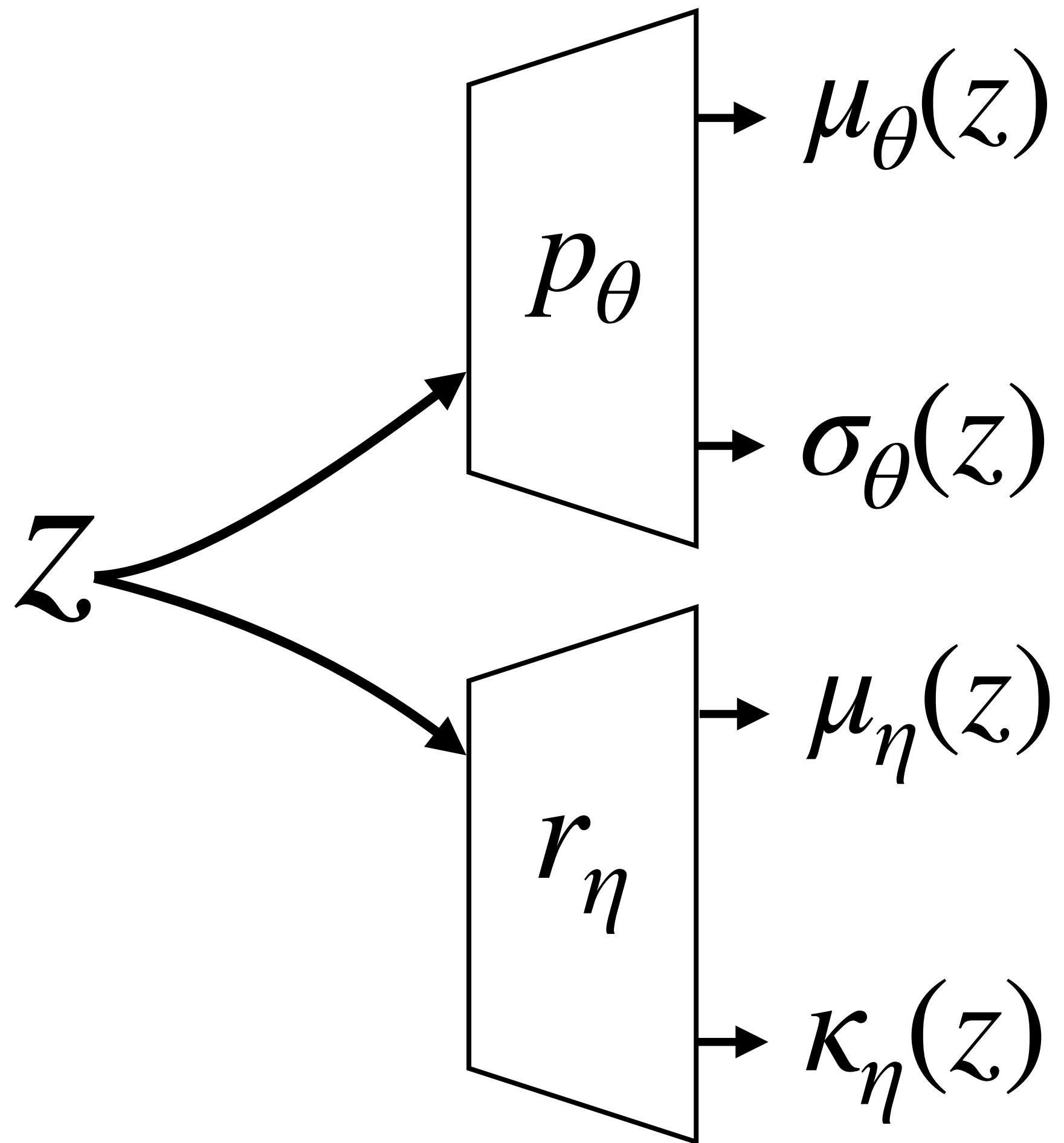
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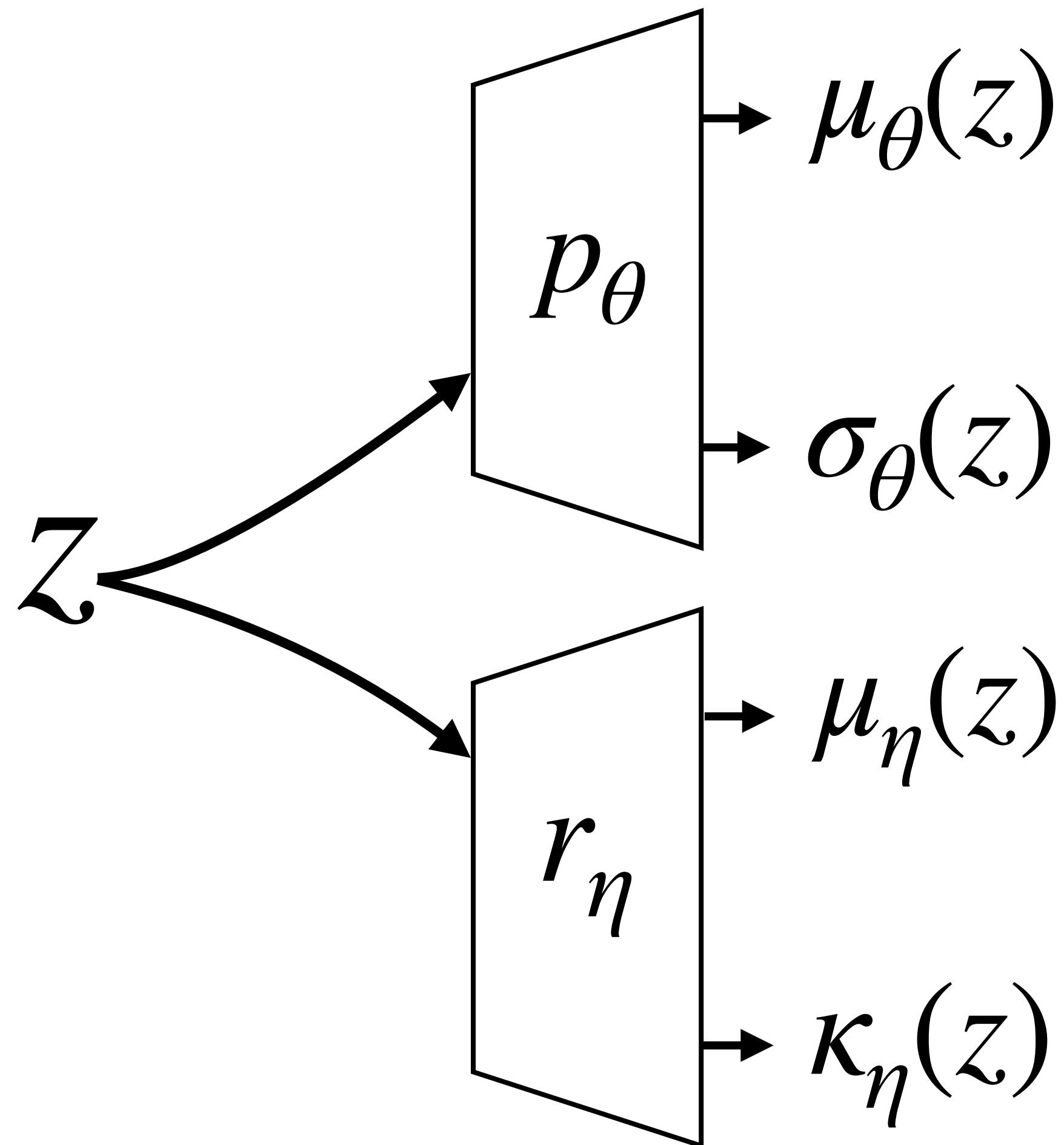
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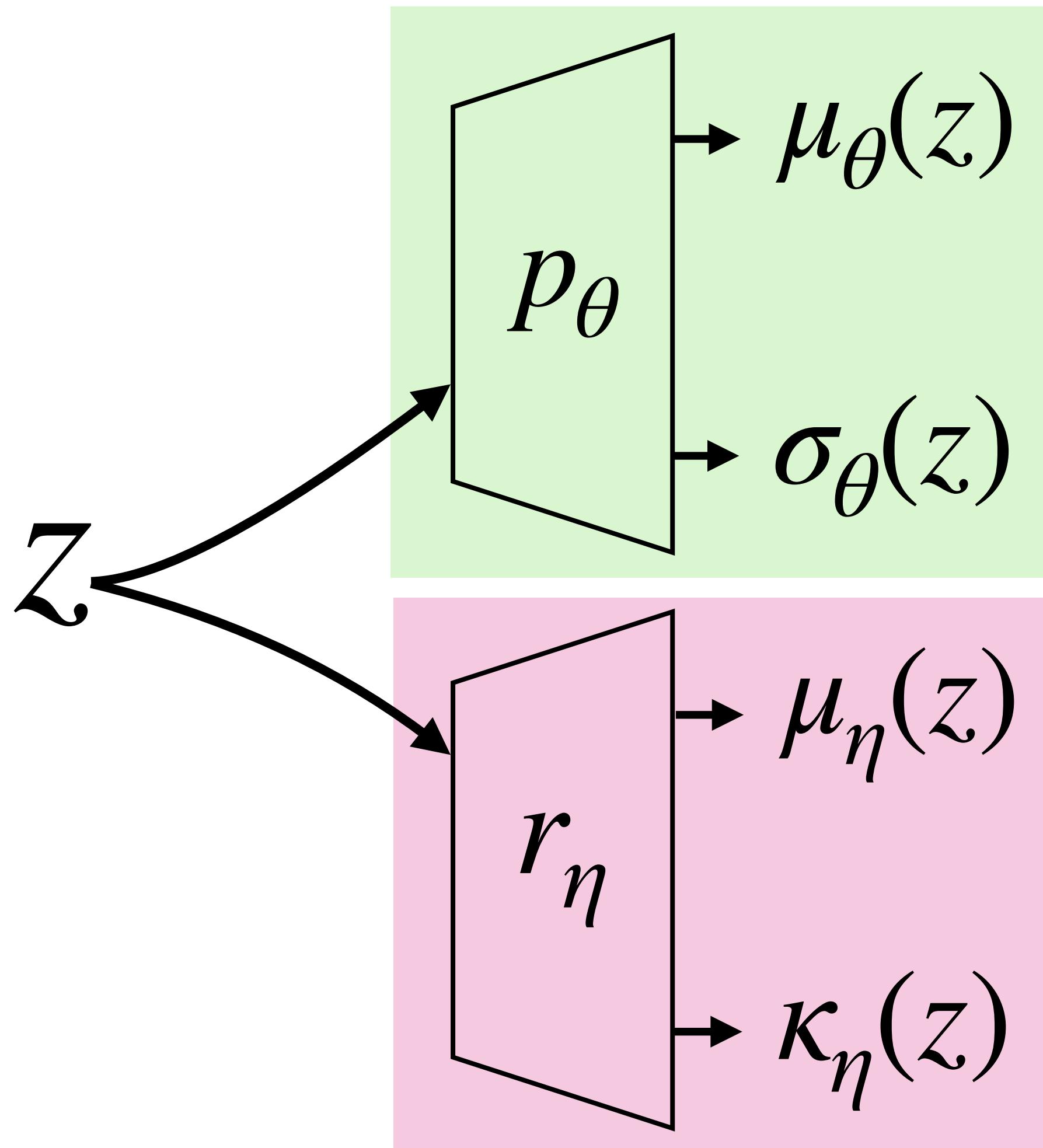
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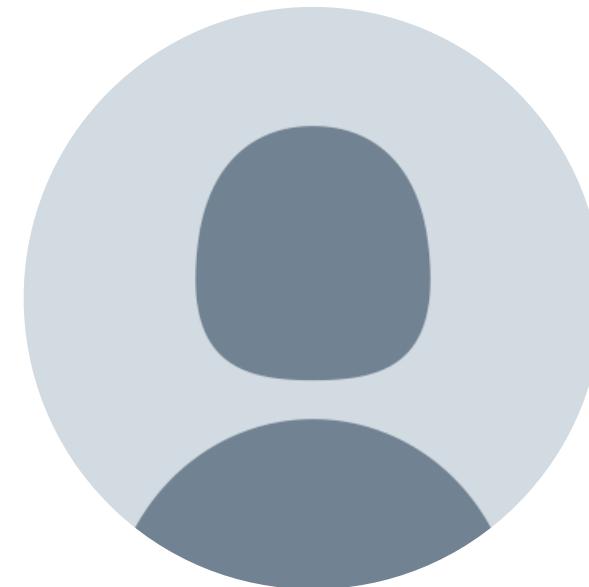
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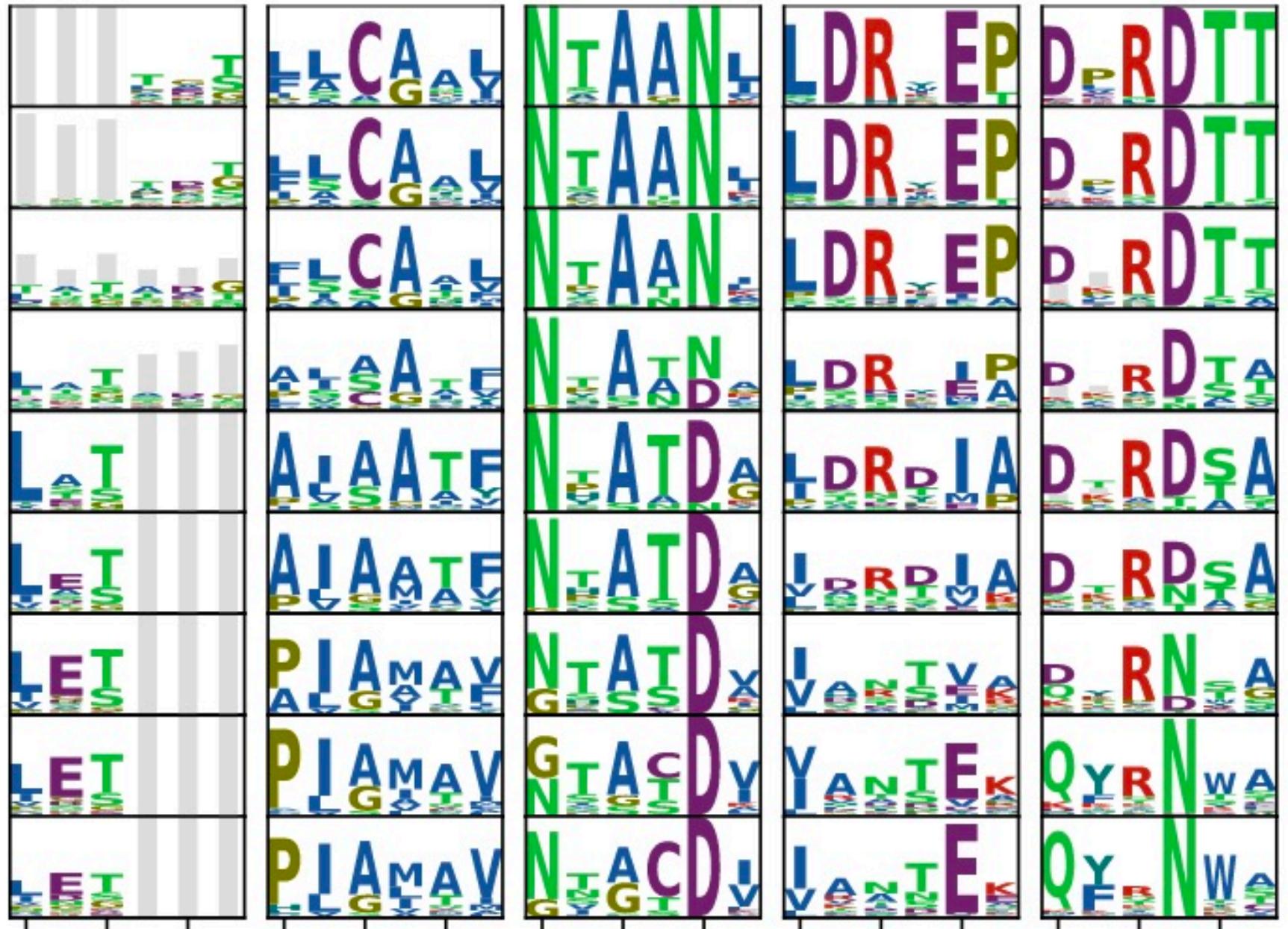
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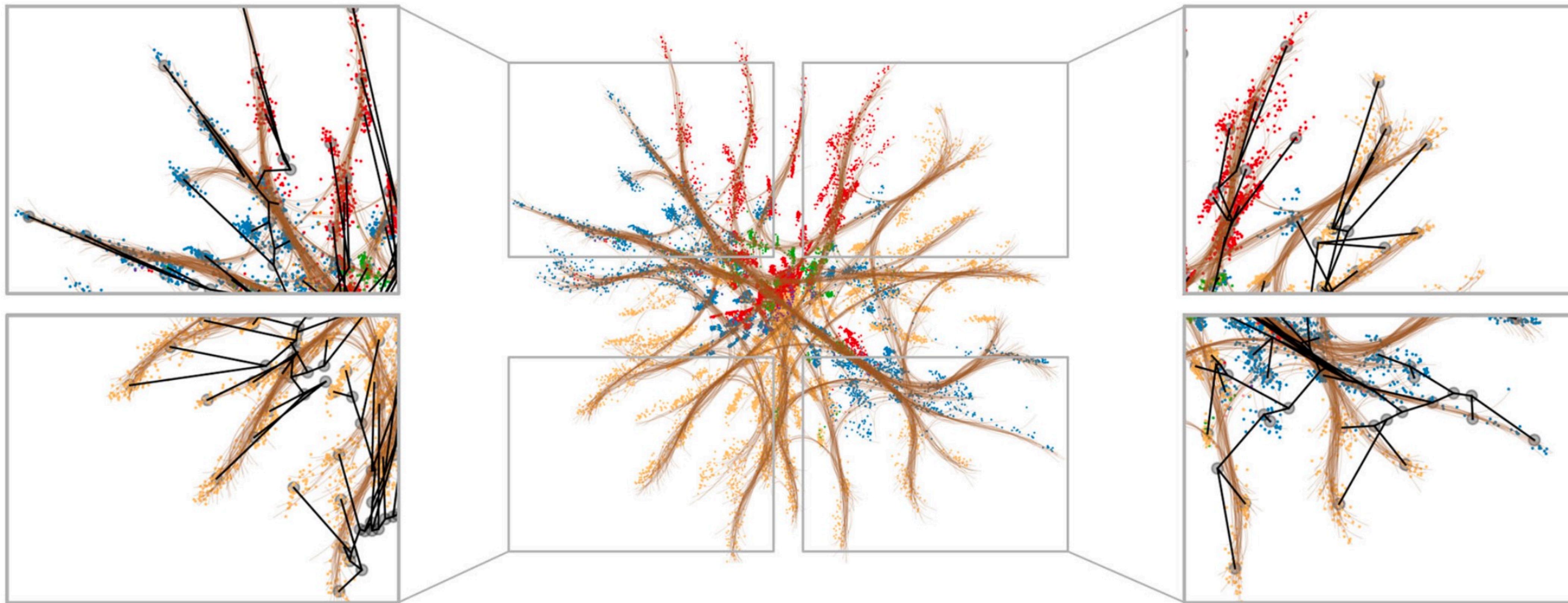


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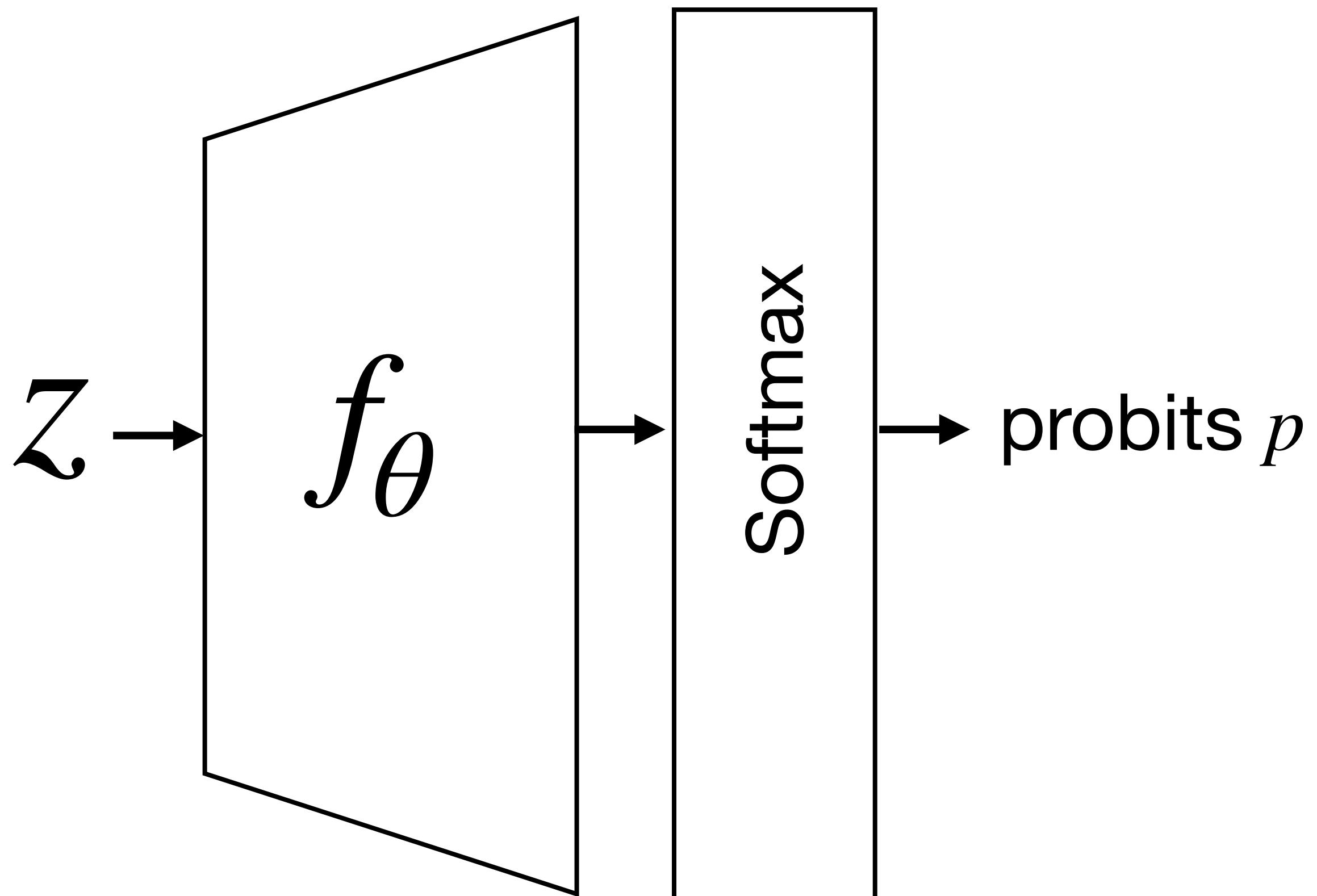
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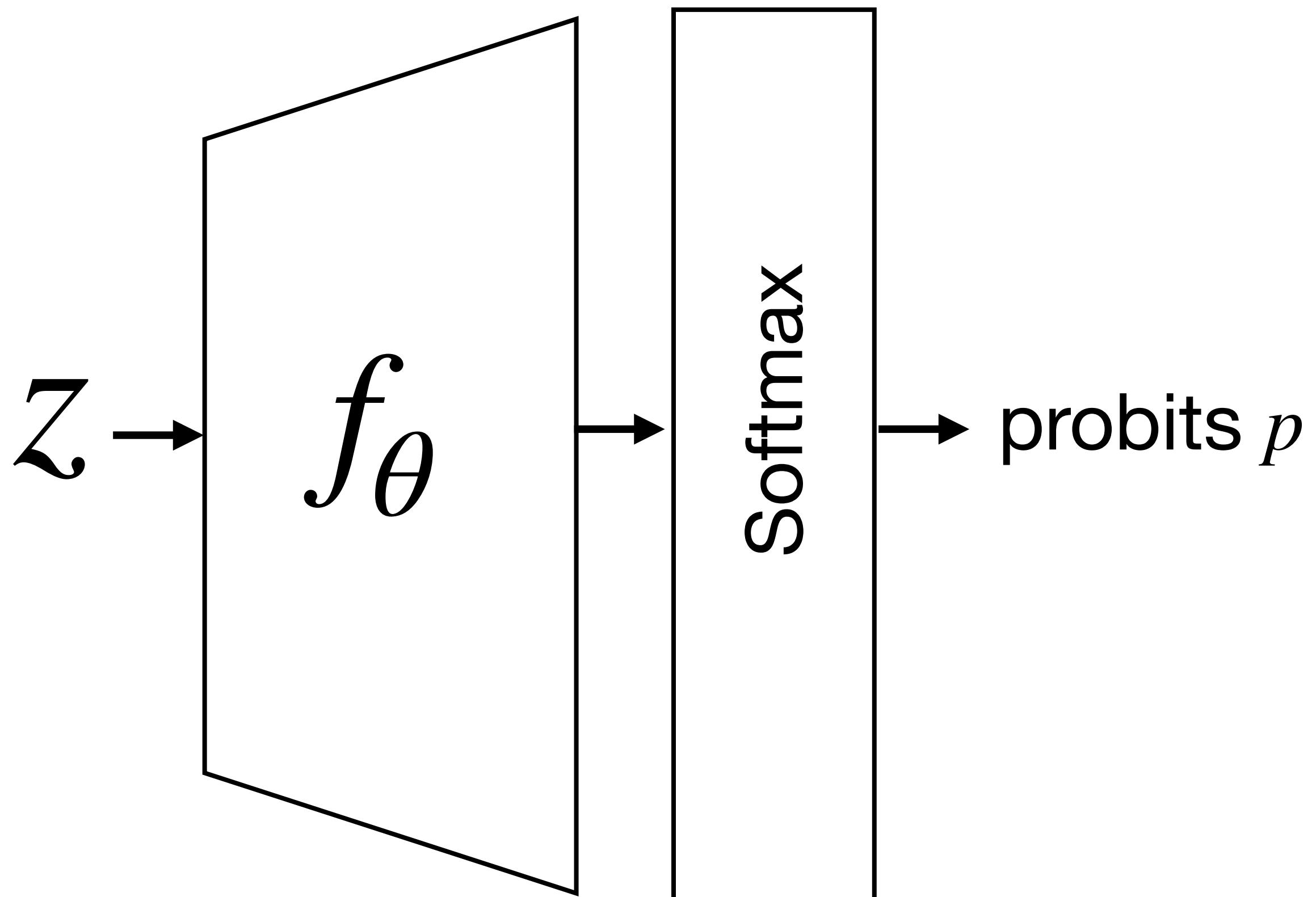
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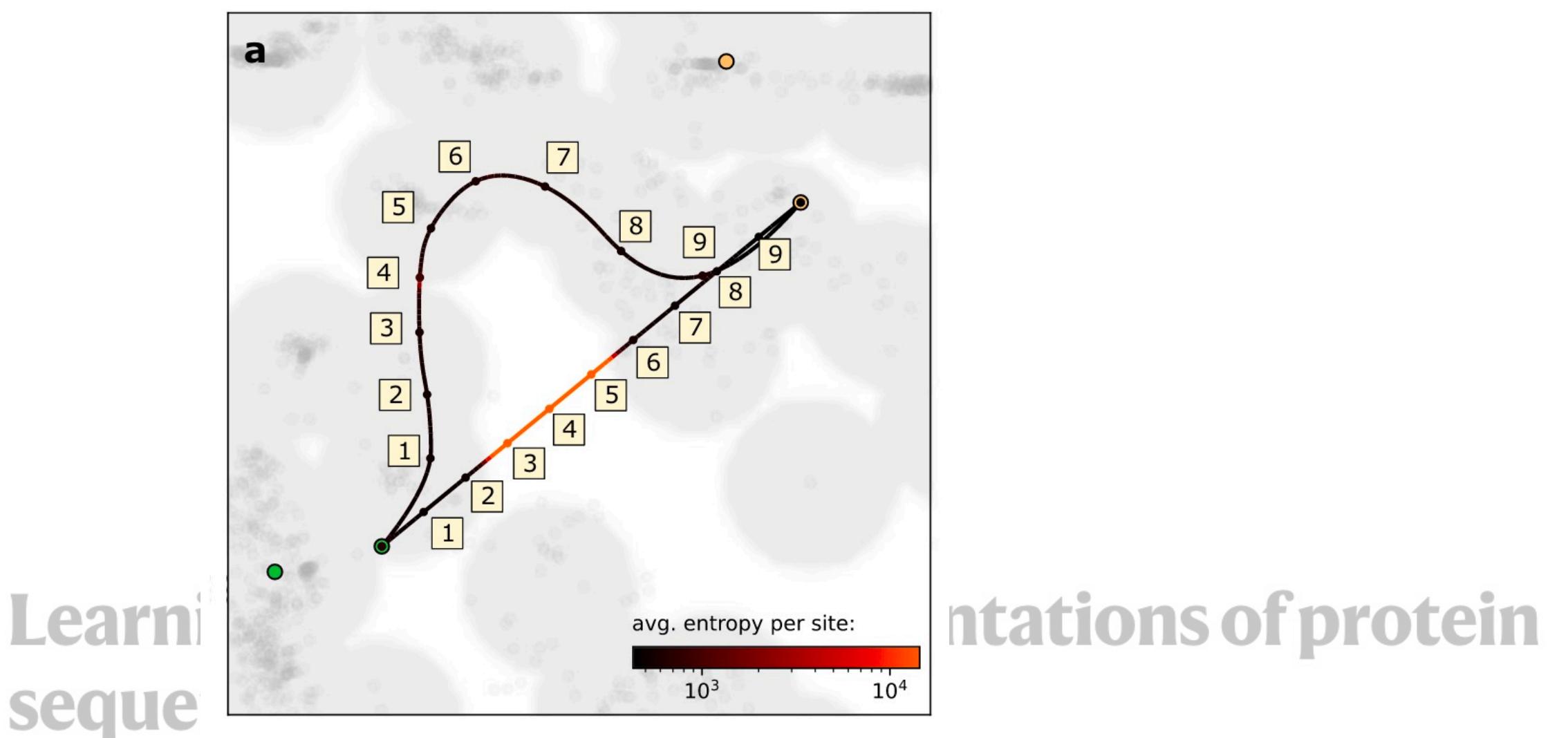
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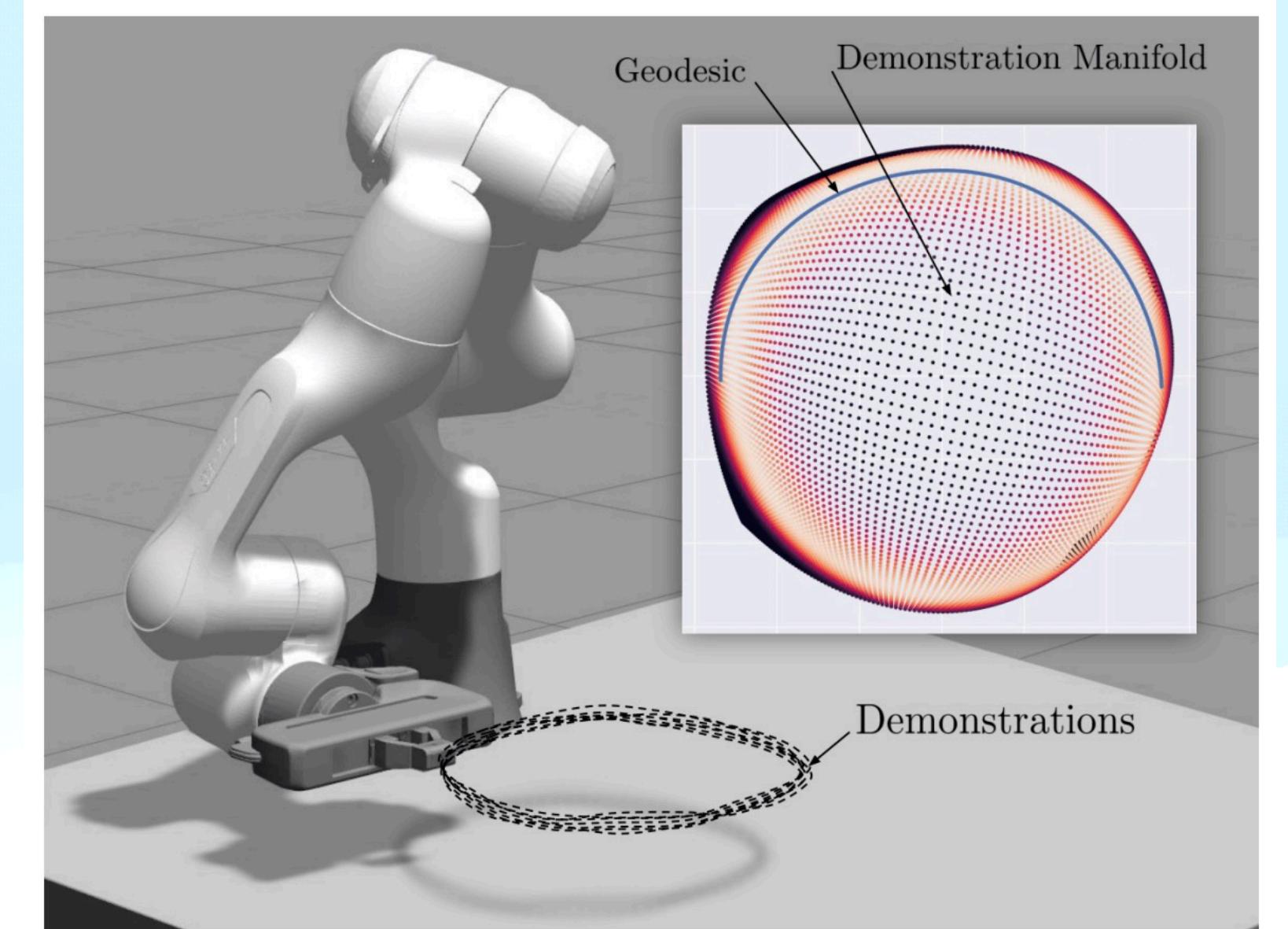


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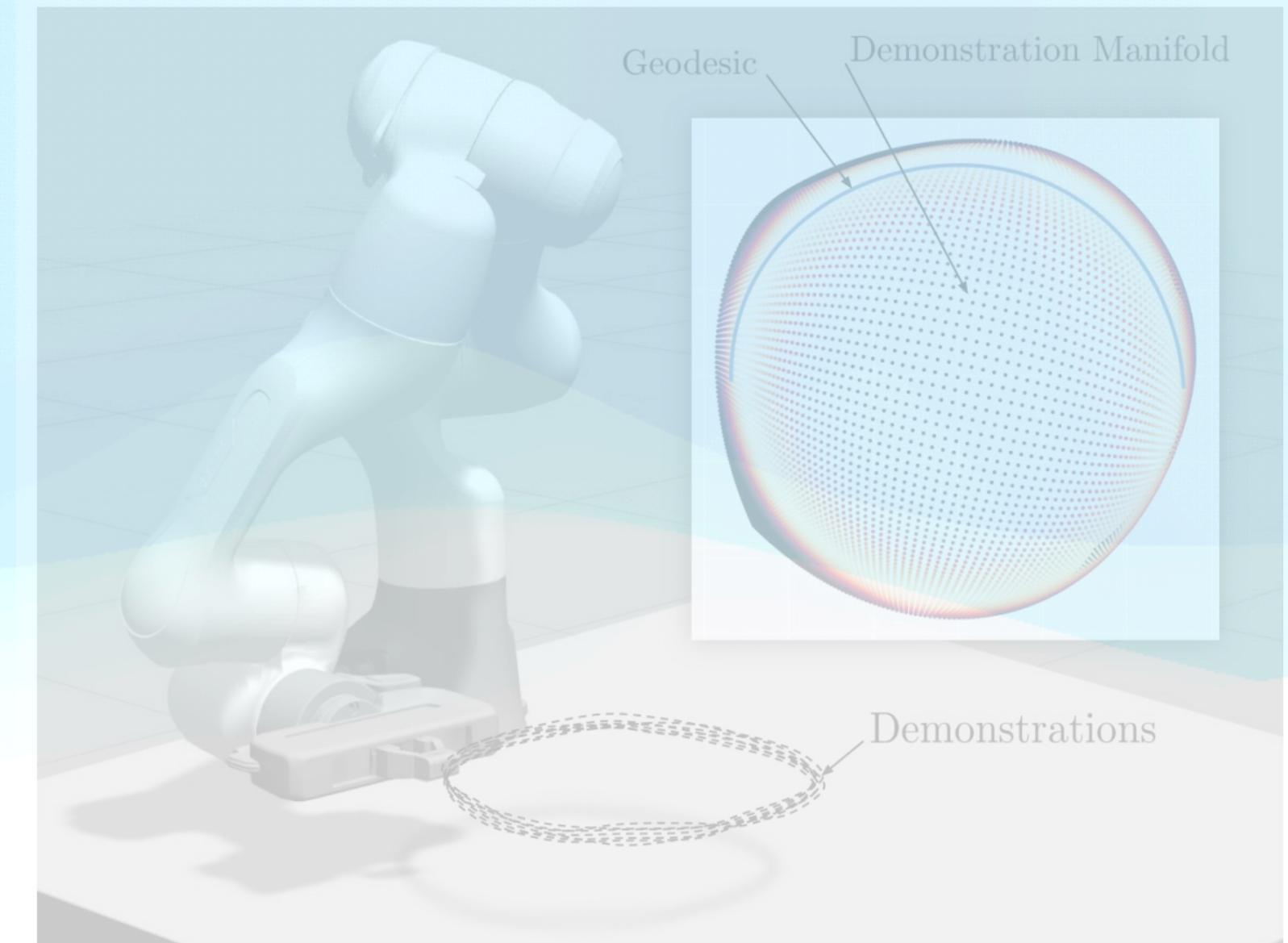
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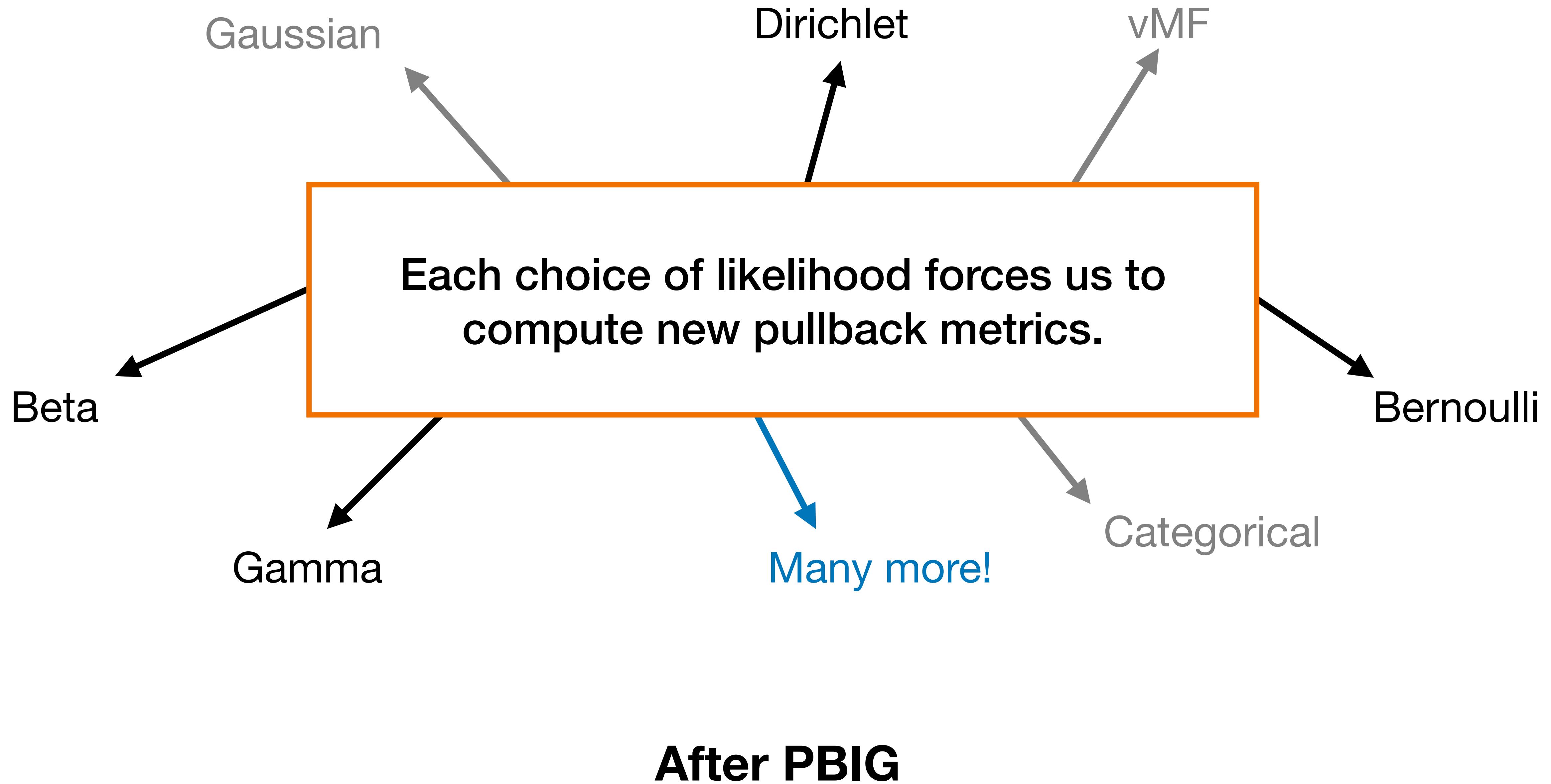
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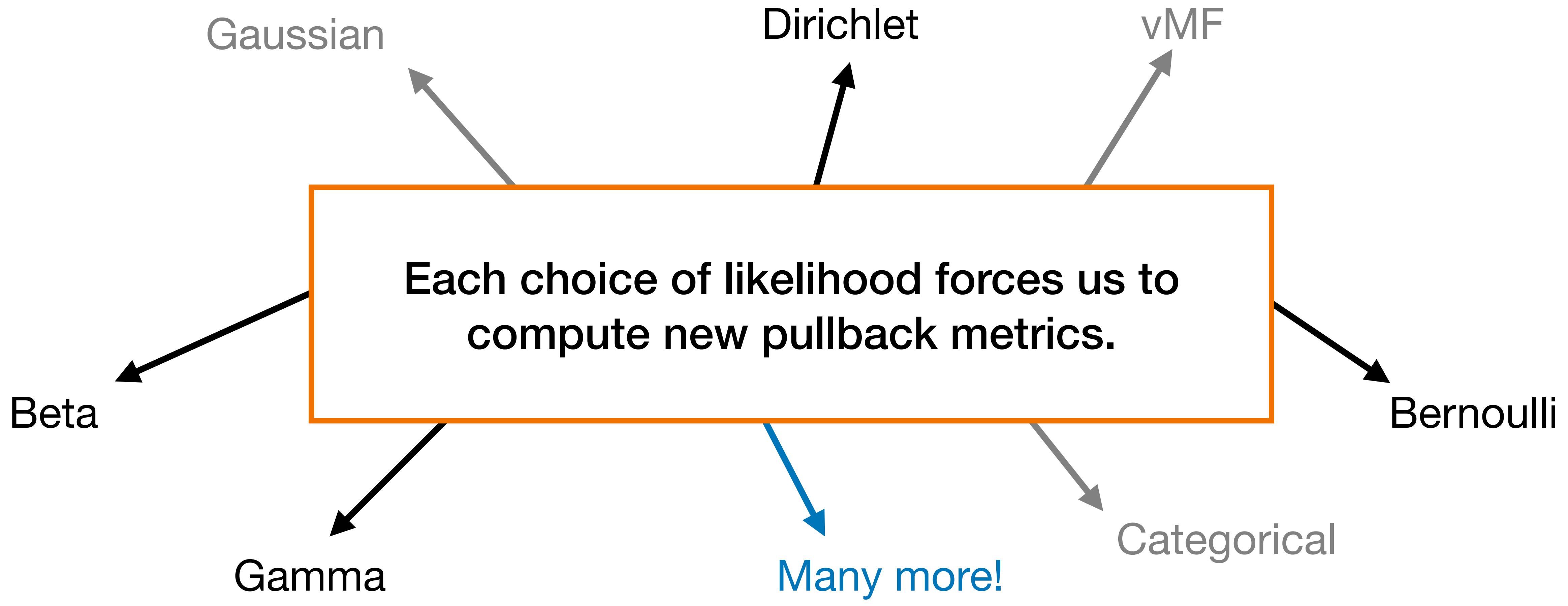
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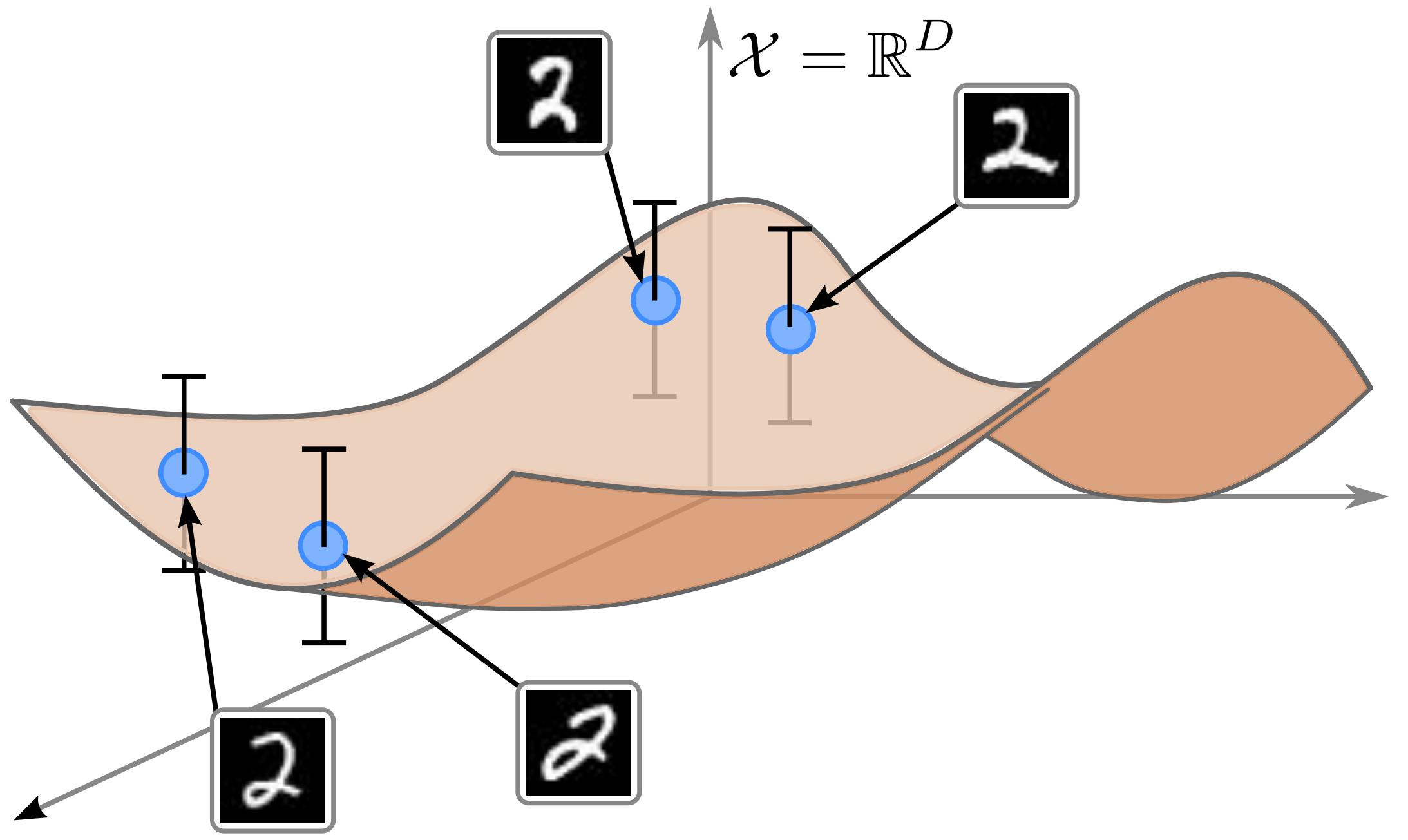
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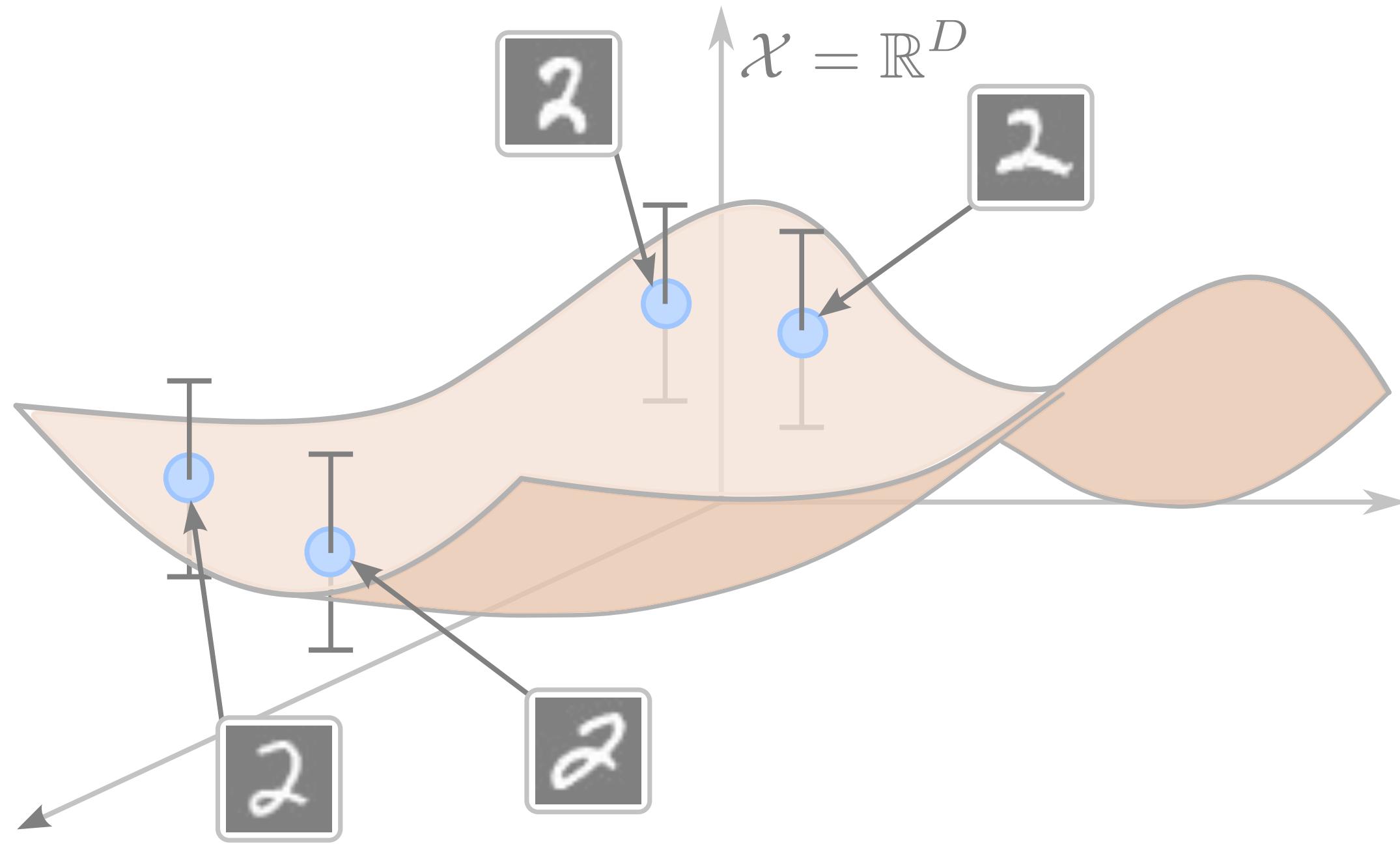


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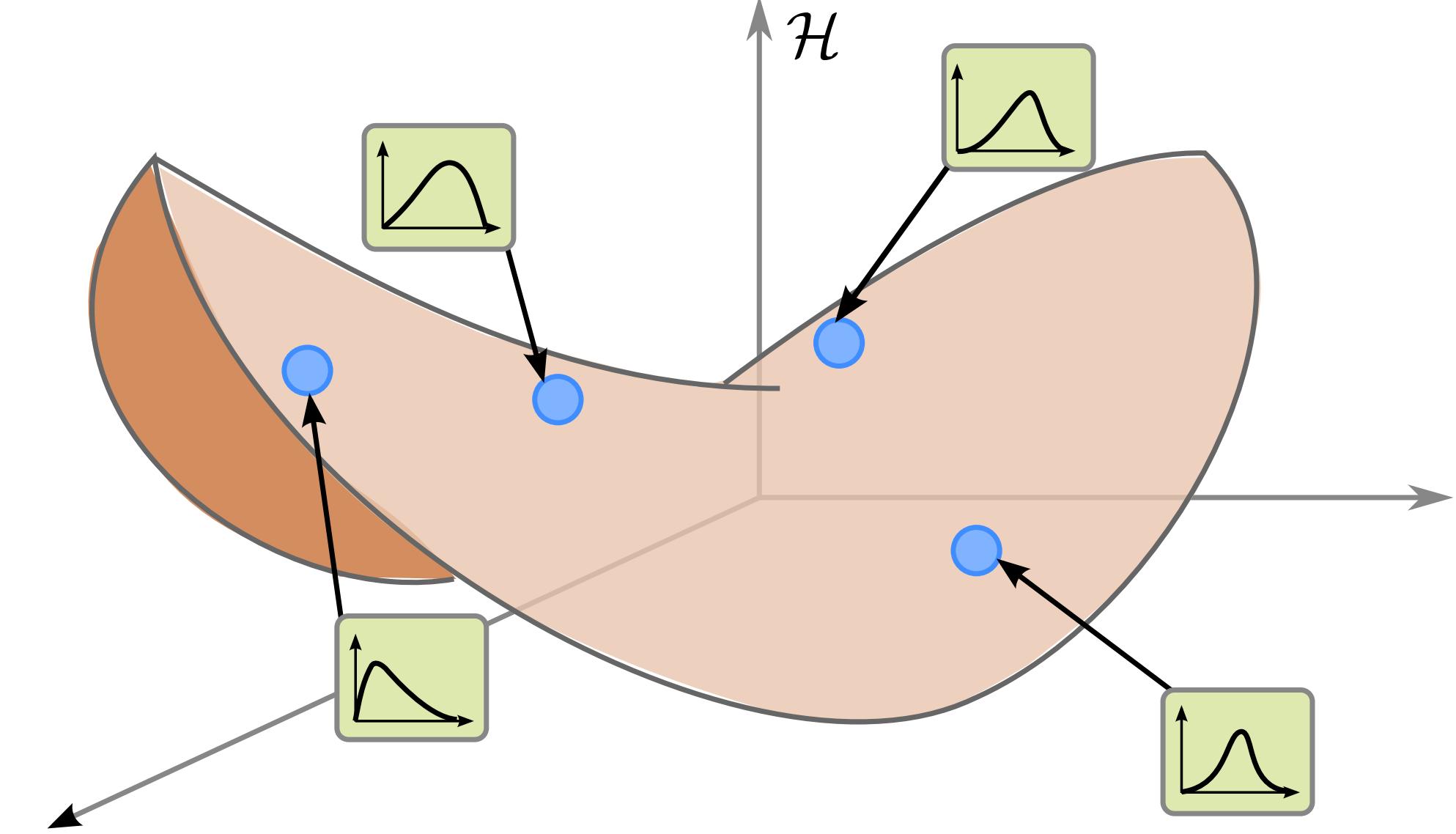


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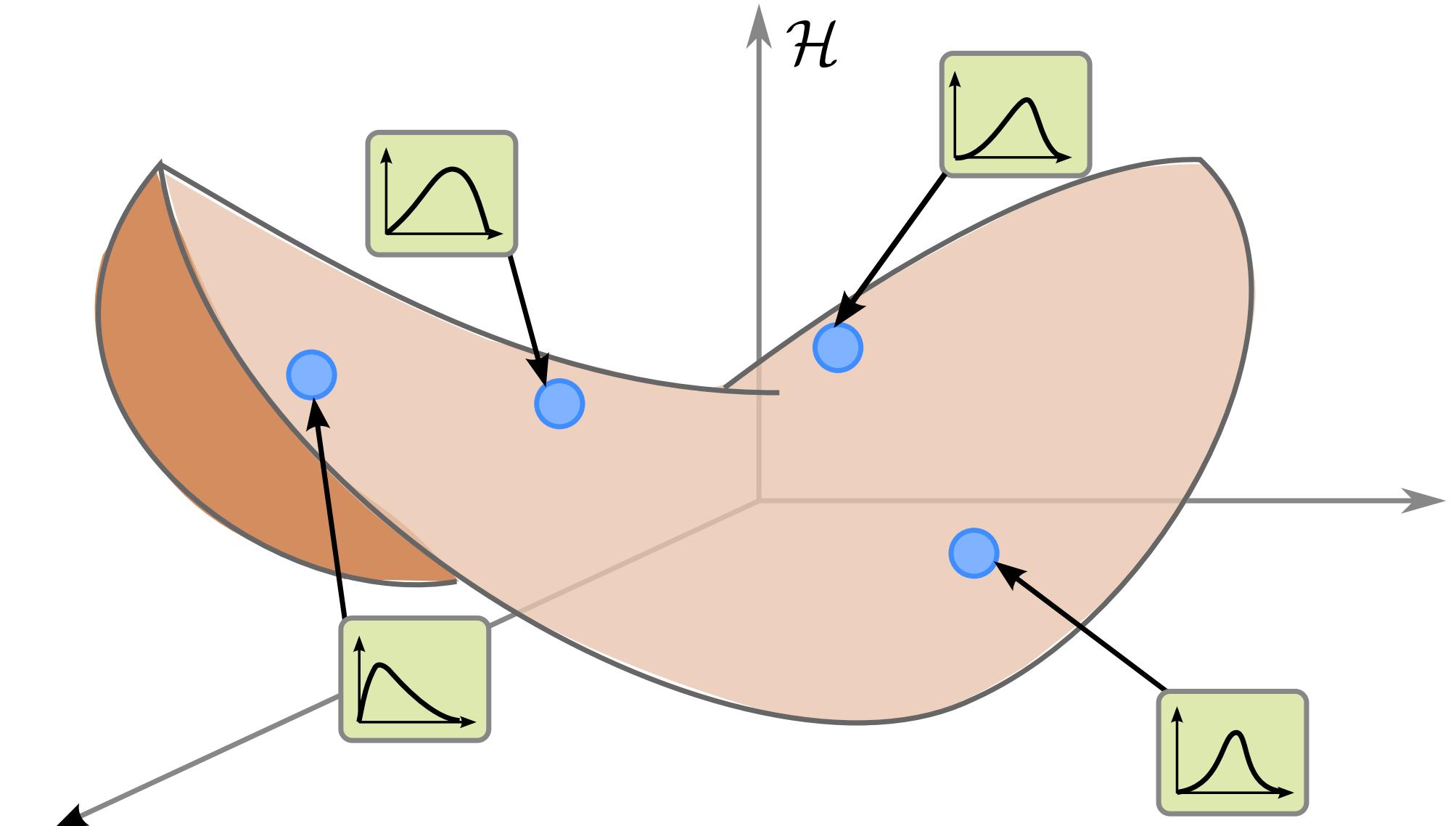


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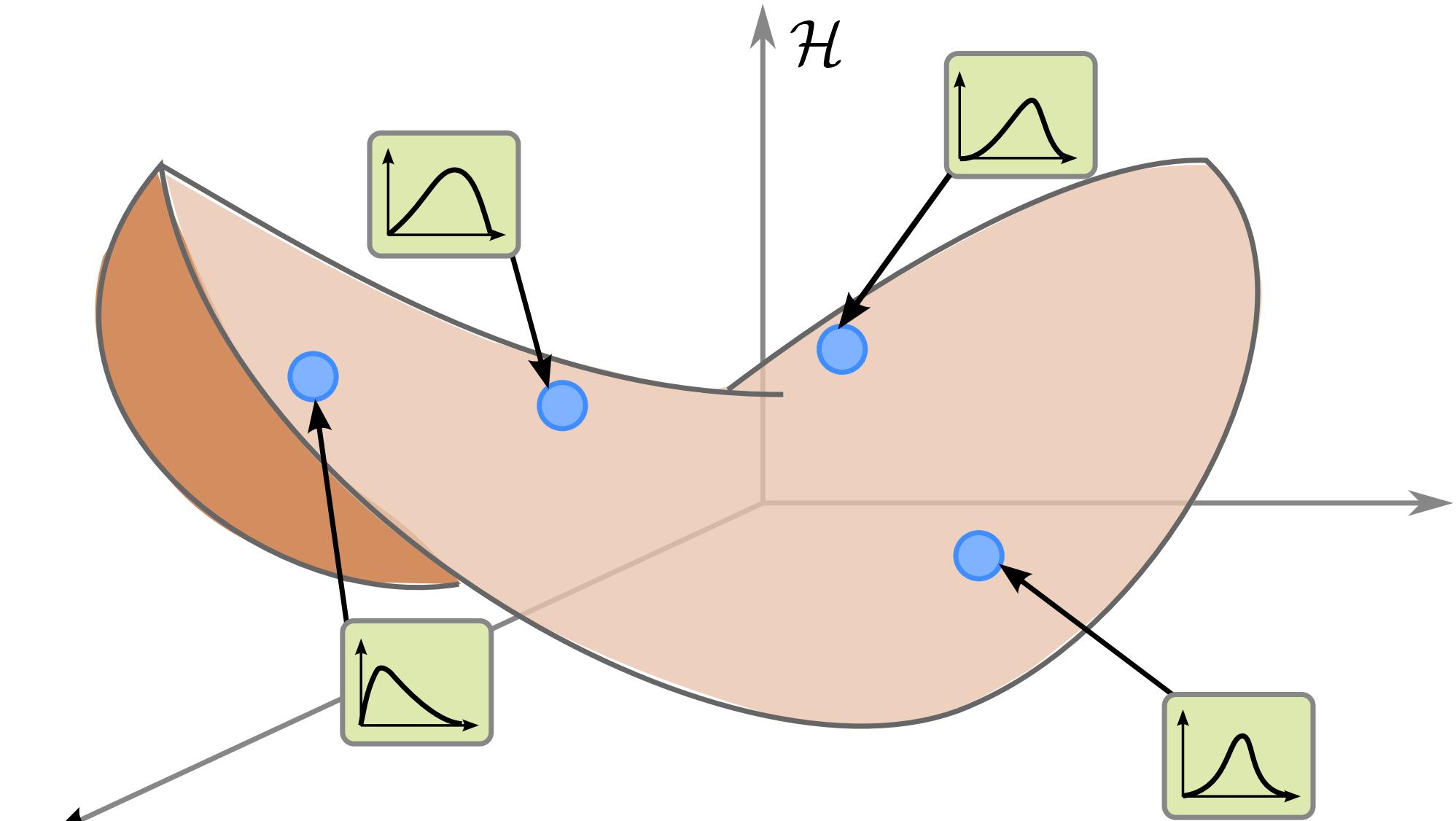
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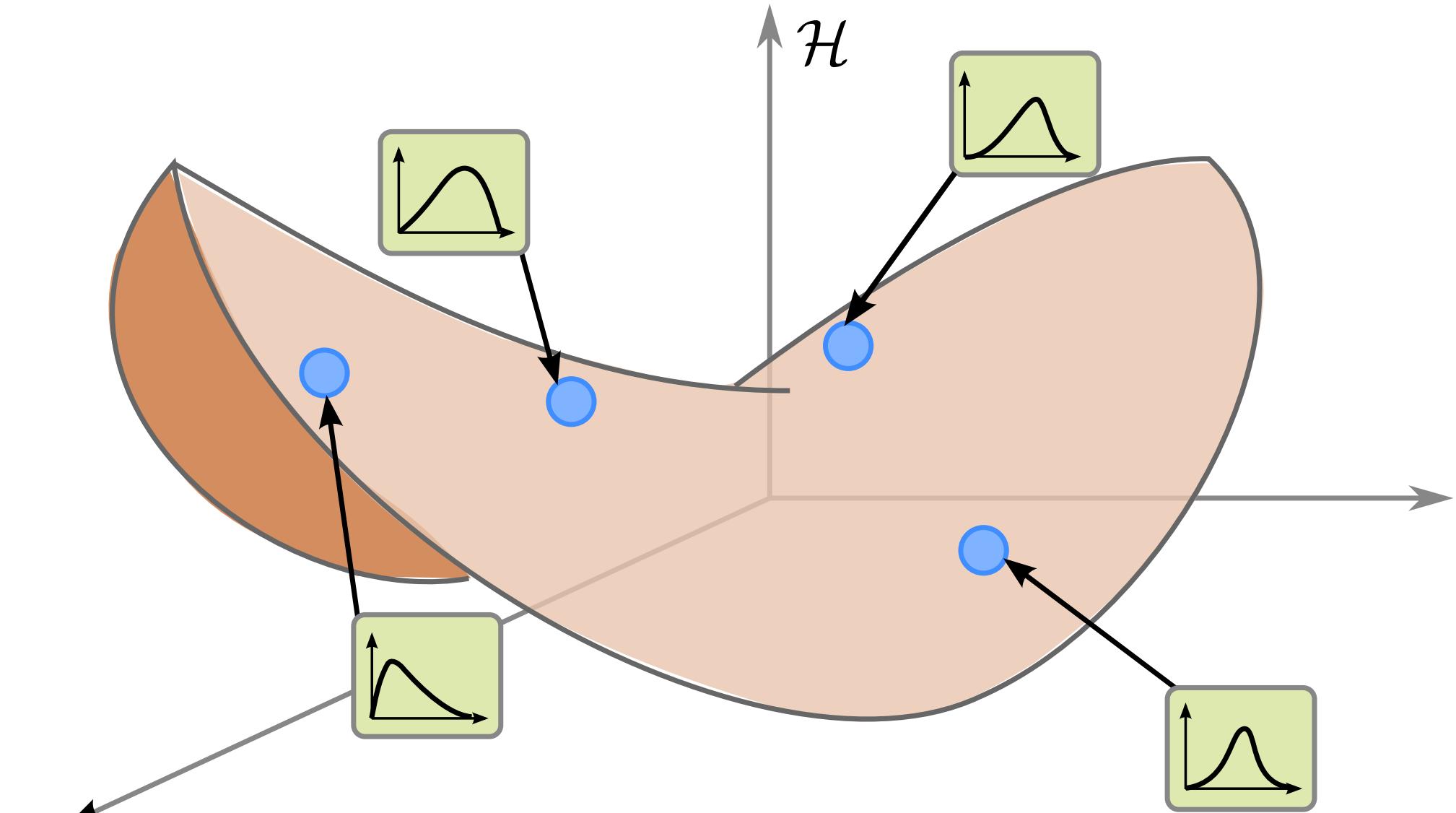
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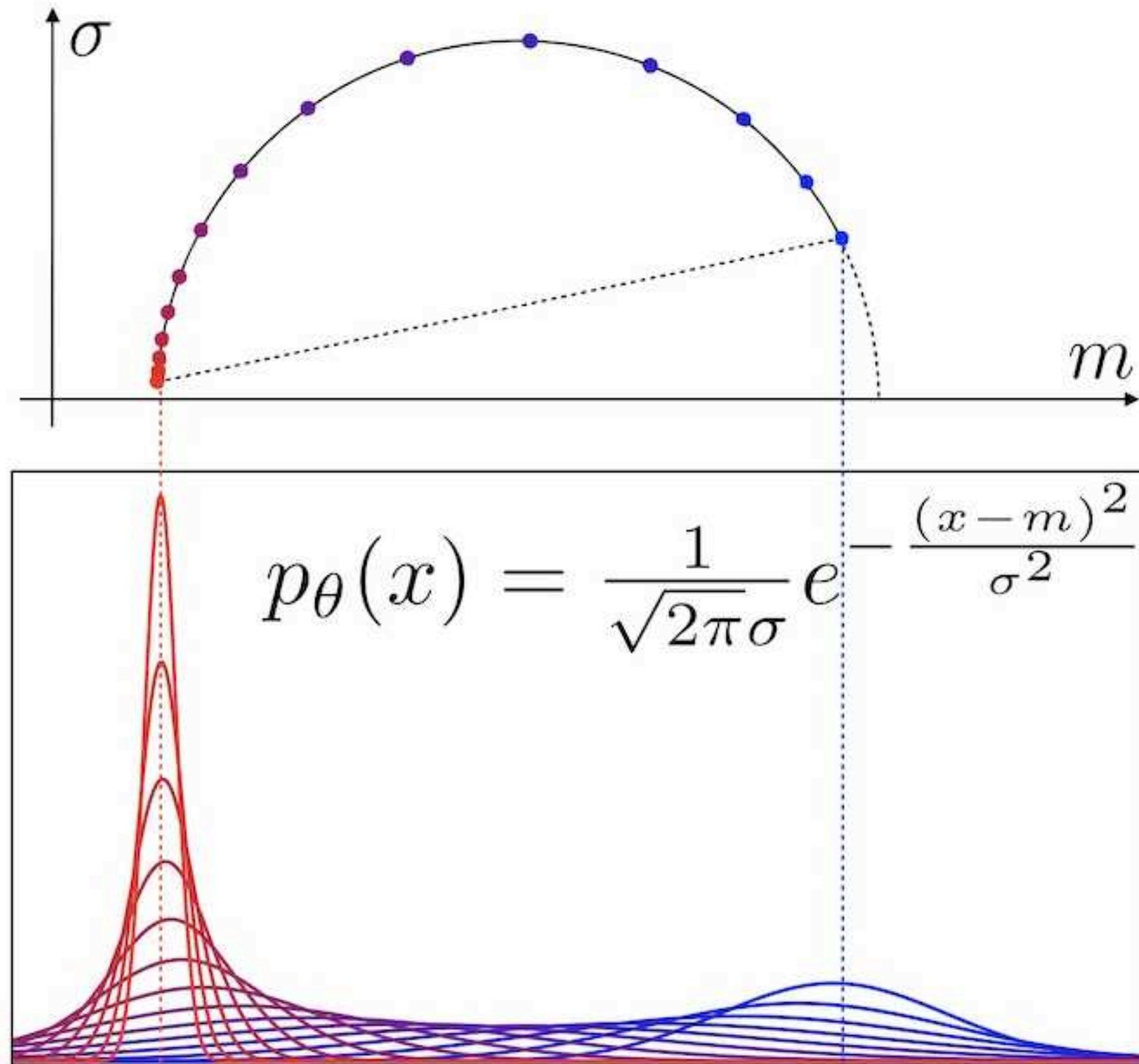
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For the **univariate Gaussian**

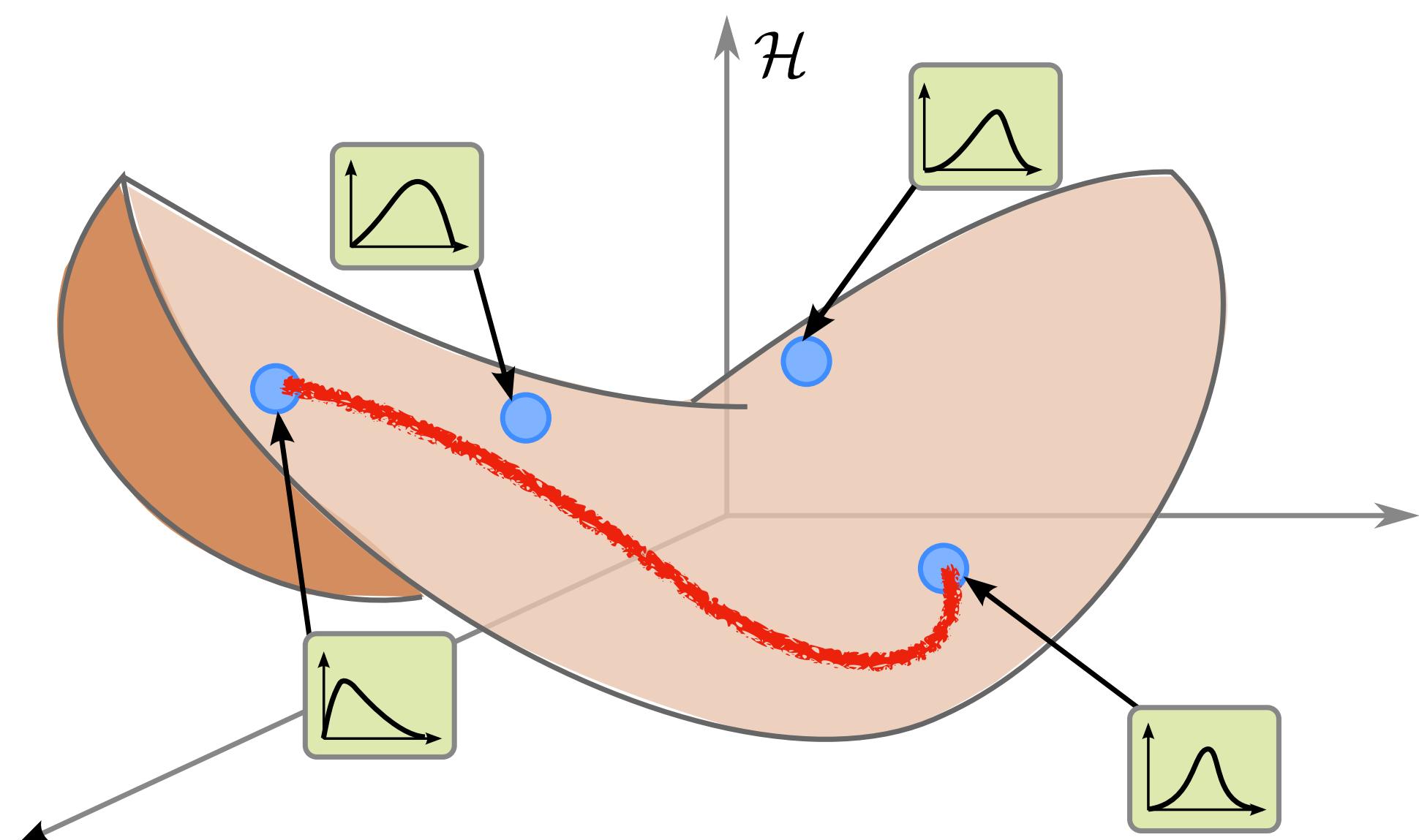
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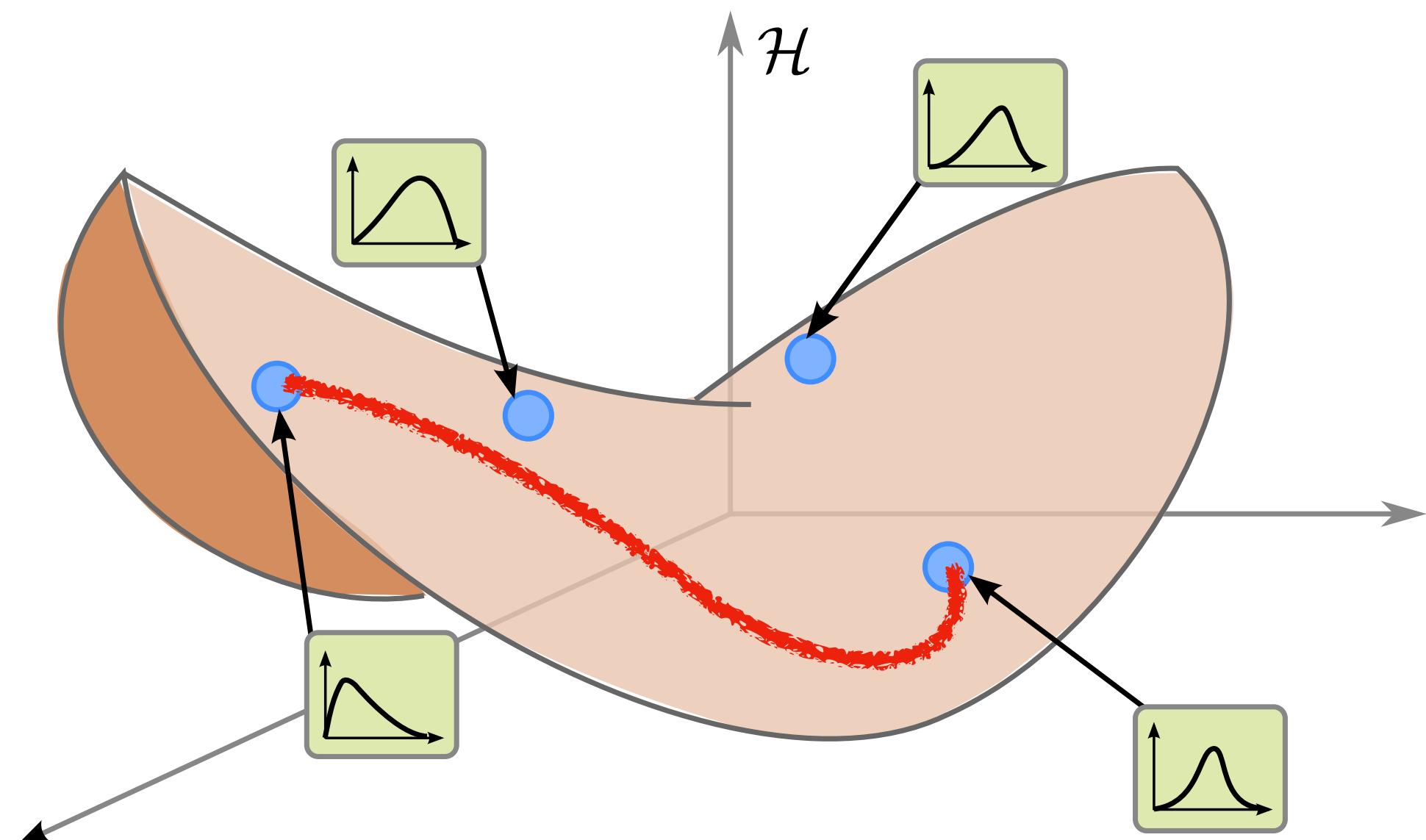
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An example

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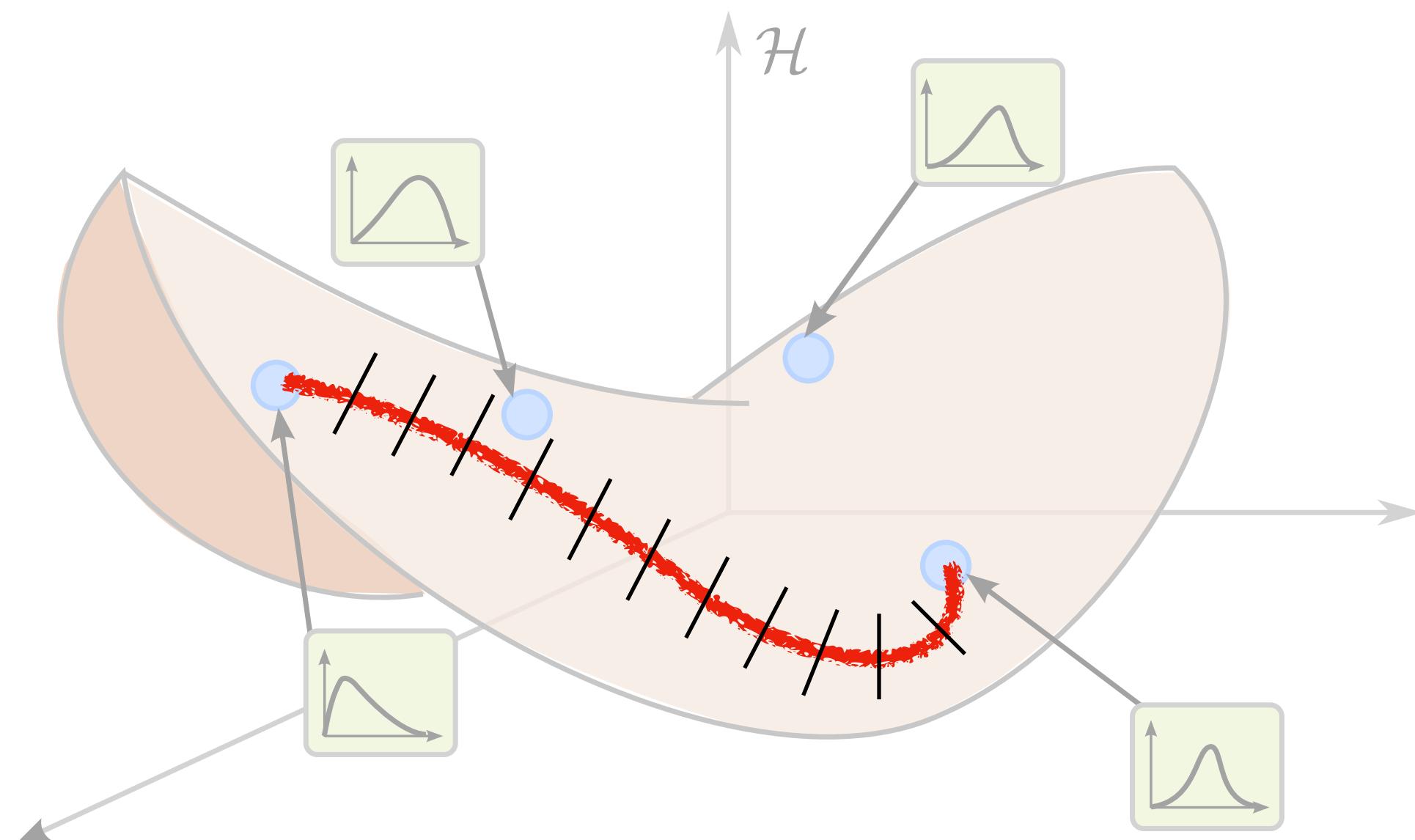
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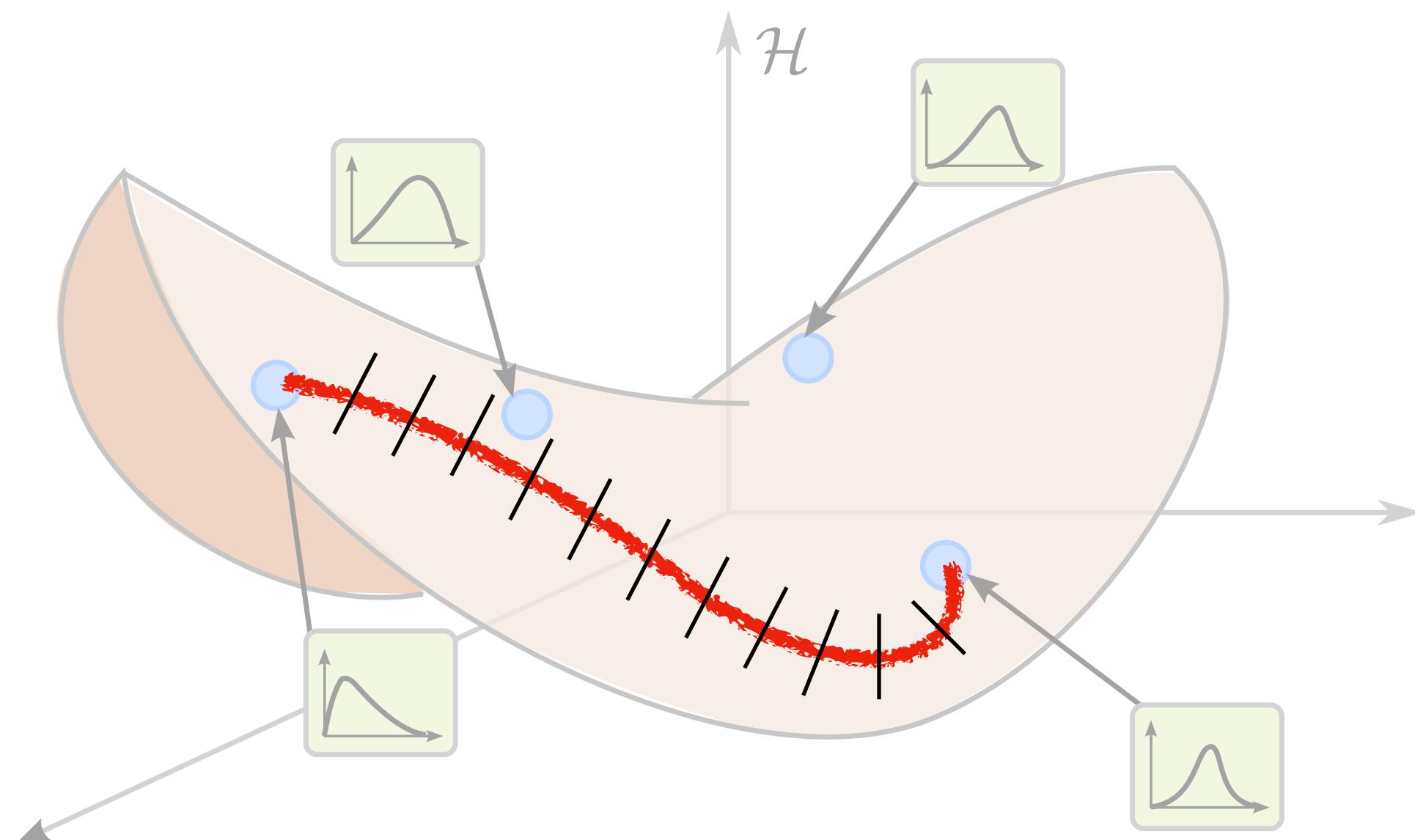
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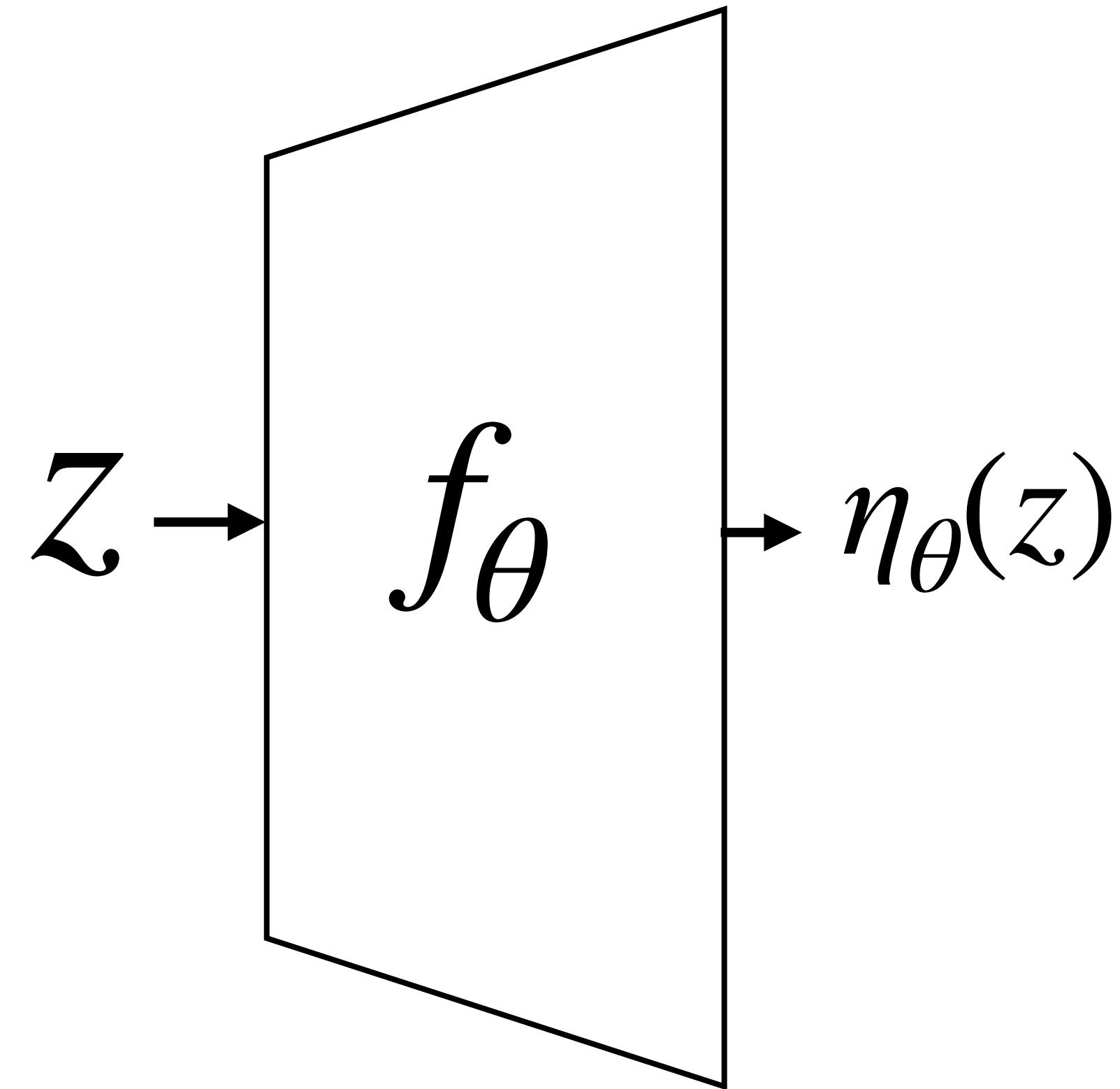
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Easily minimized
using e.g. torch

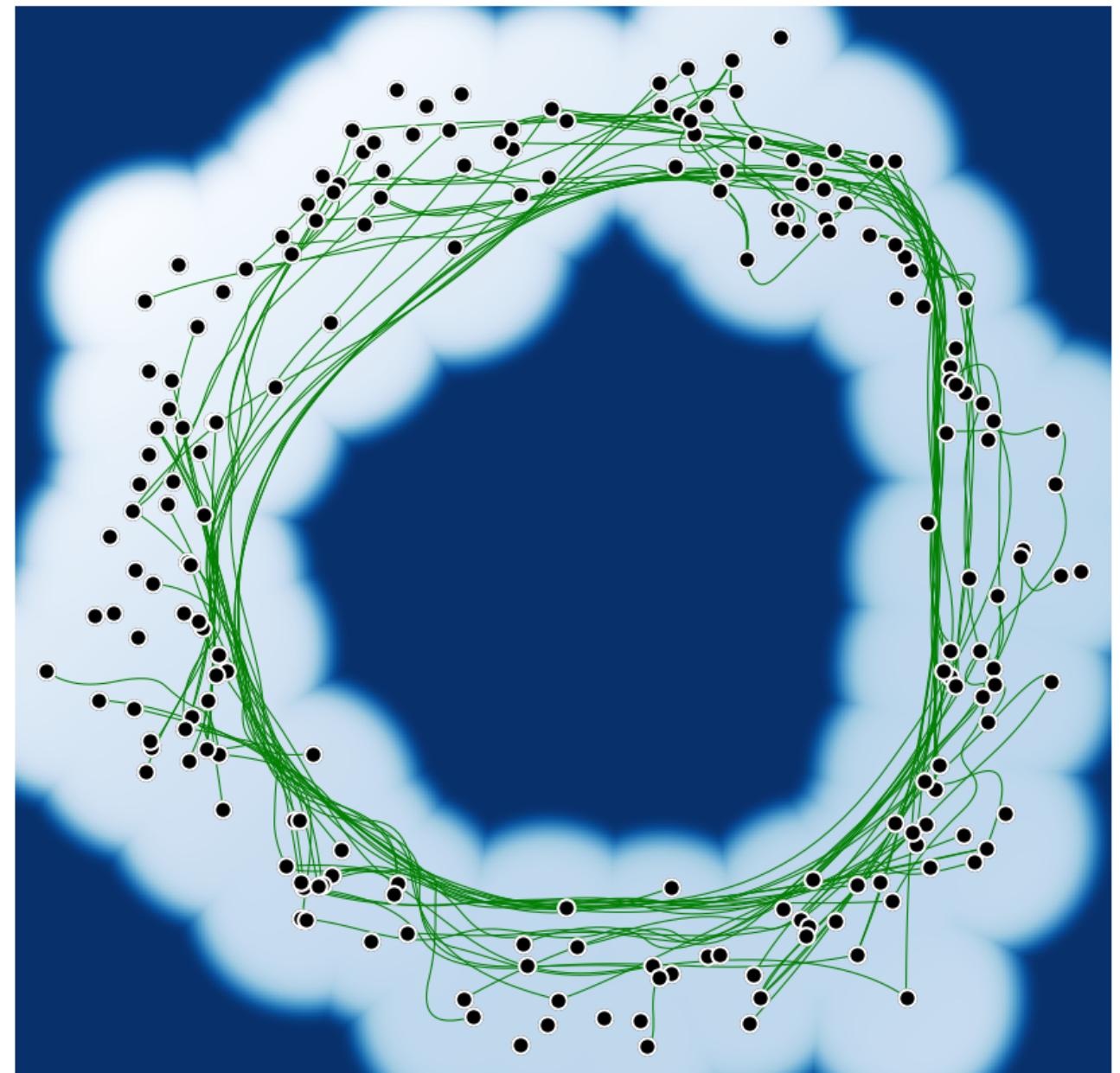
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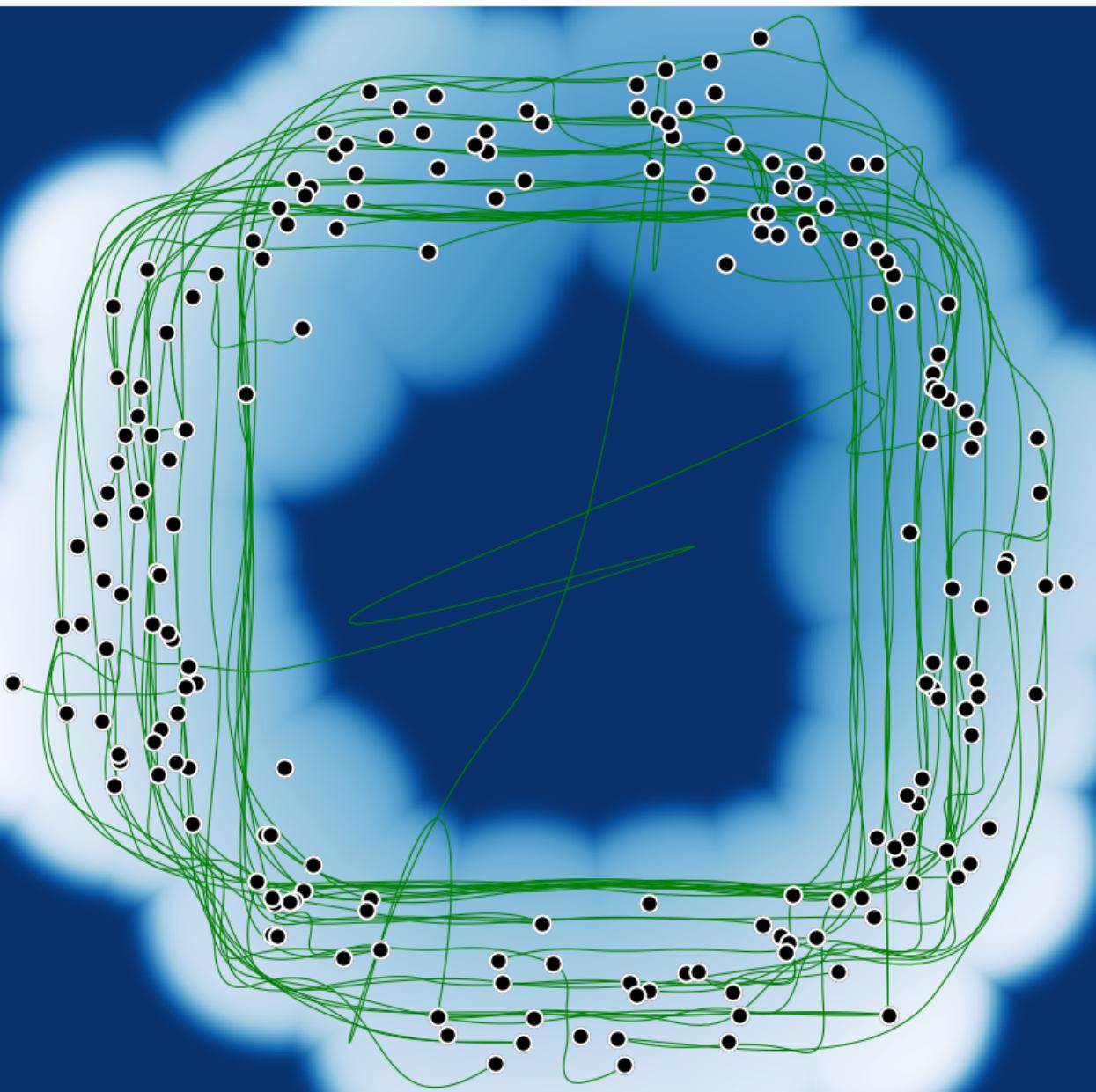
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- Normal
- Bernoulli
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- Dirichlet
- Exponential

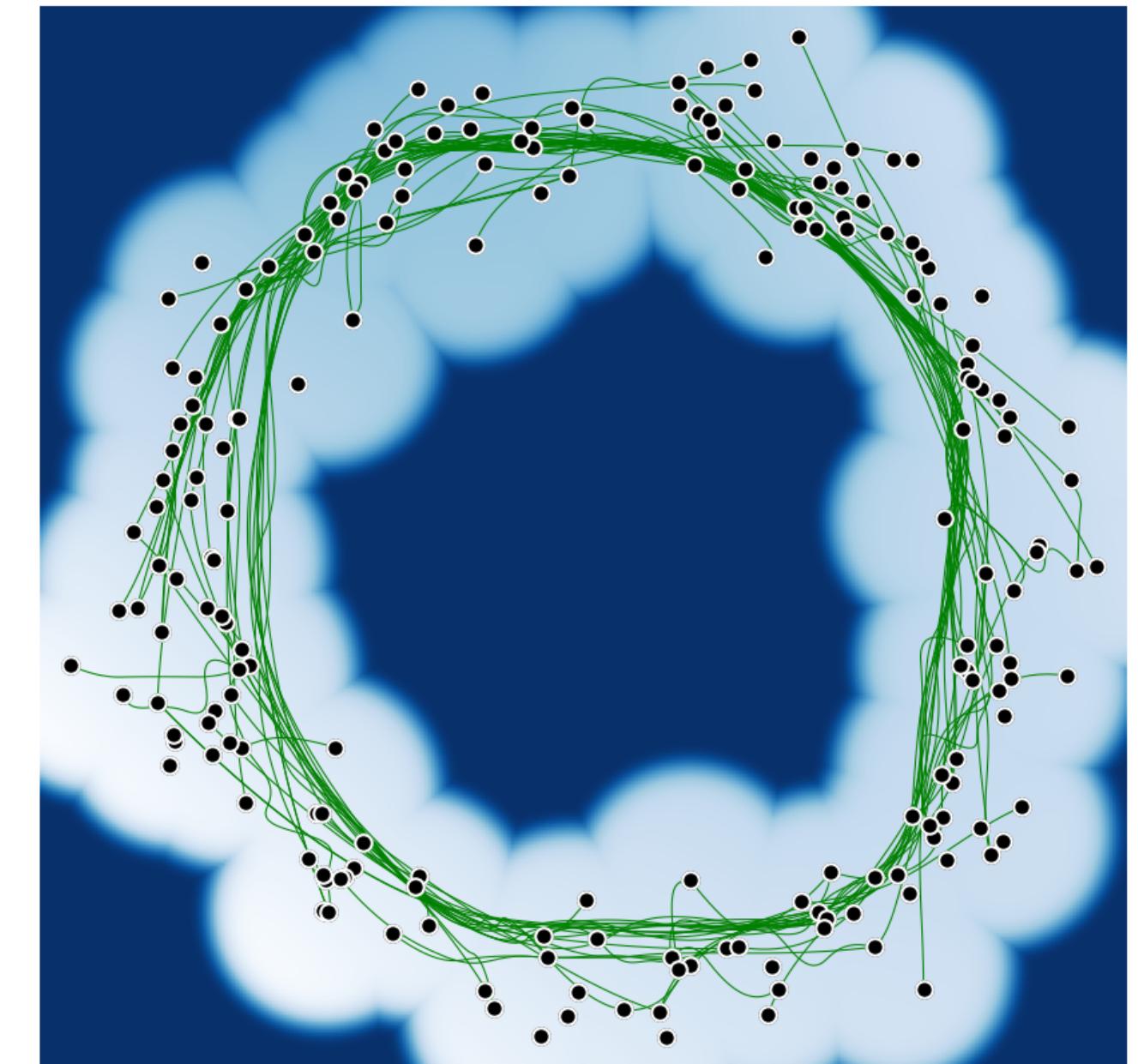
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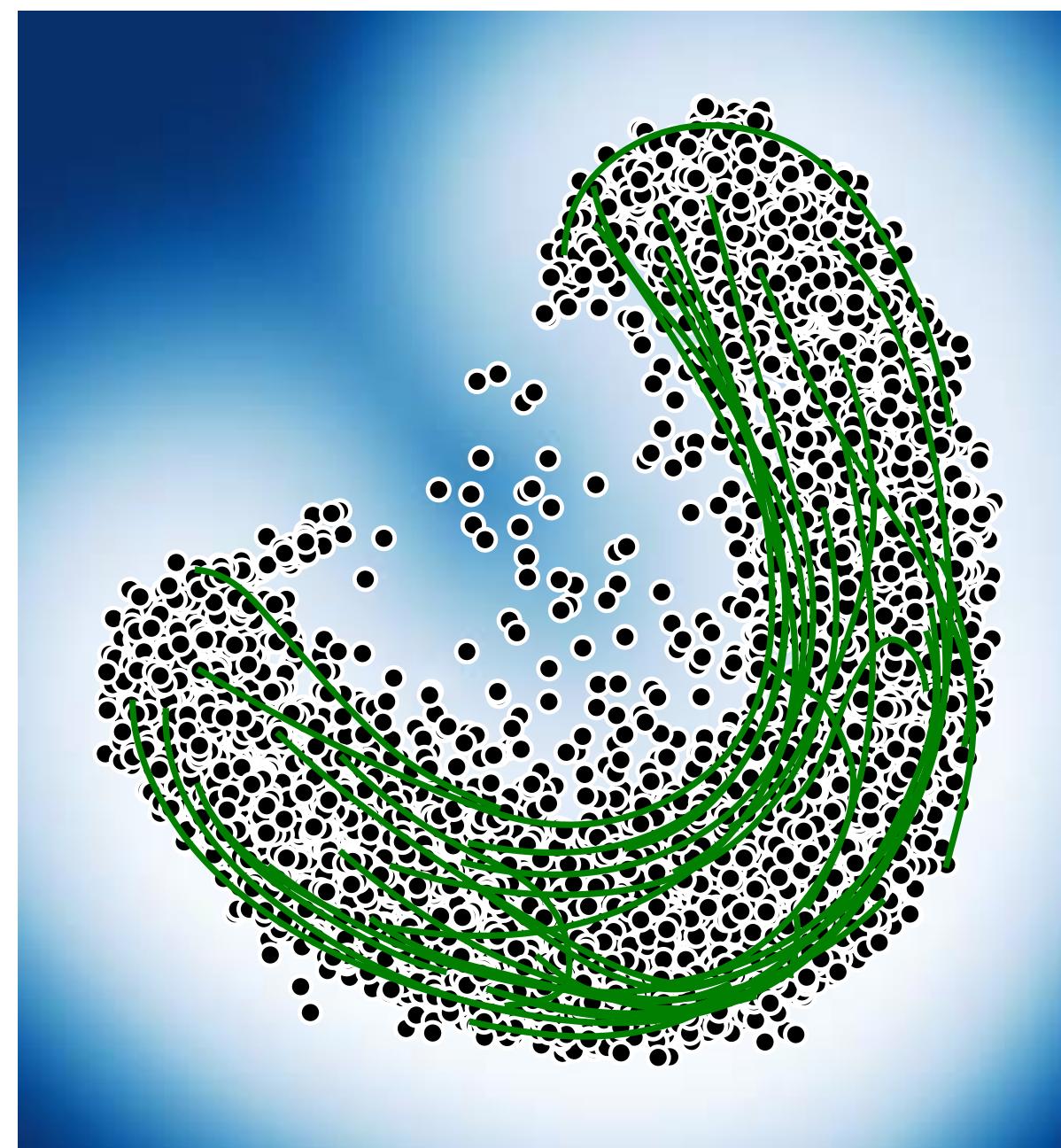
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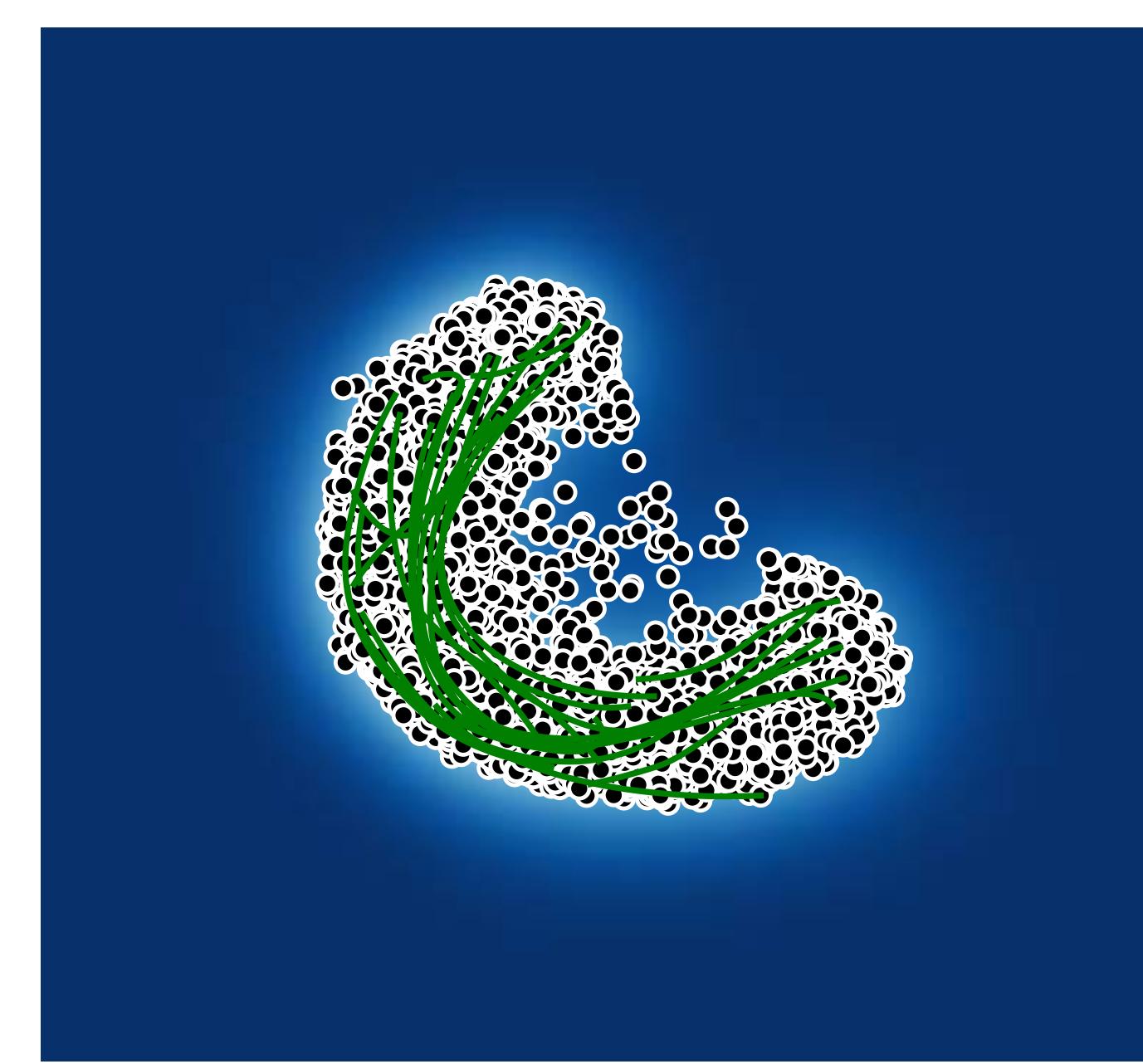
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LATENT SPACE ODDITY

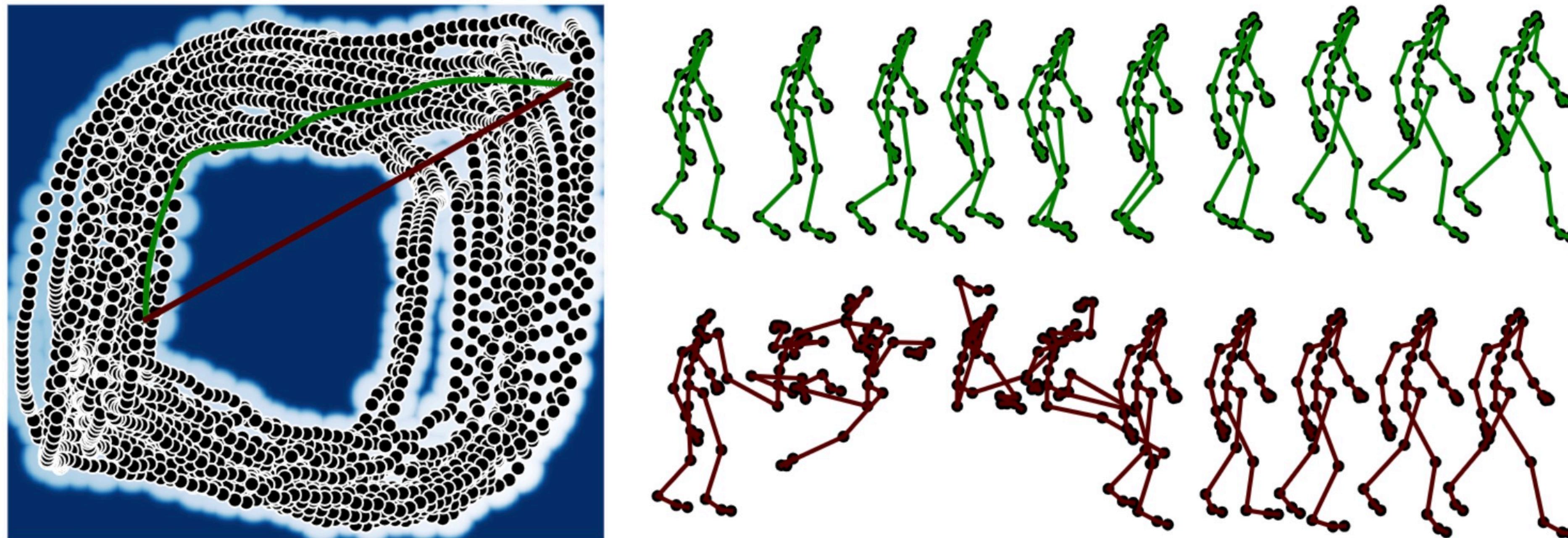


Pulling back information geometry



Decoding to a Gaussian on MNIST(1)

Comparing against Latent Space Oddity

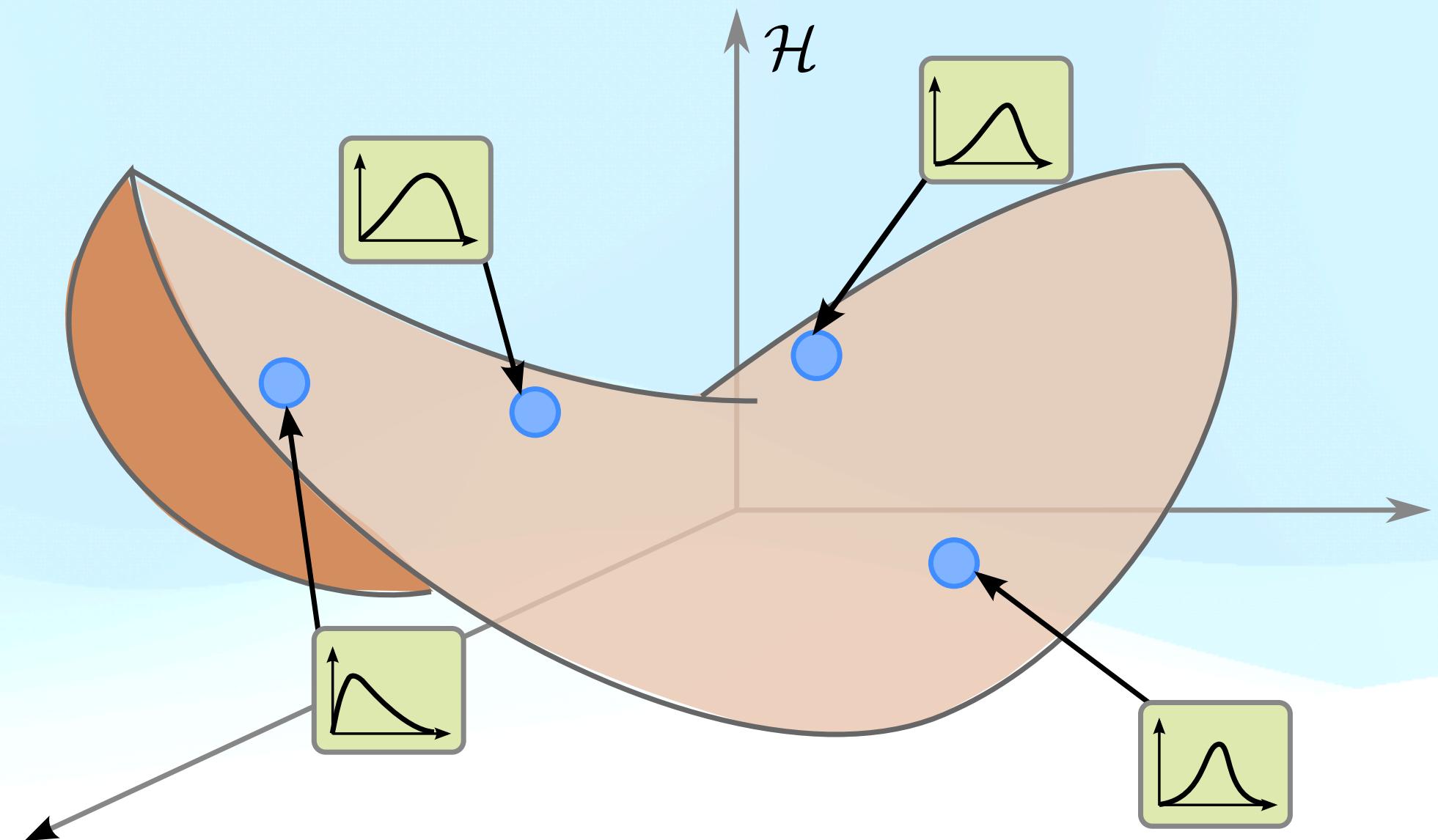


Human poses live on $\mathbb{T}^n = \mathbb{S}^1 \times \cdots \times \mathbb{S}^1$ (product of vMF)

On human poses

Summary

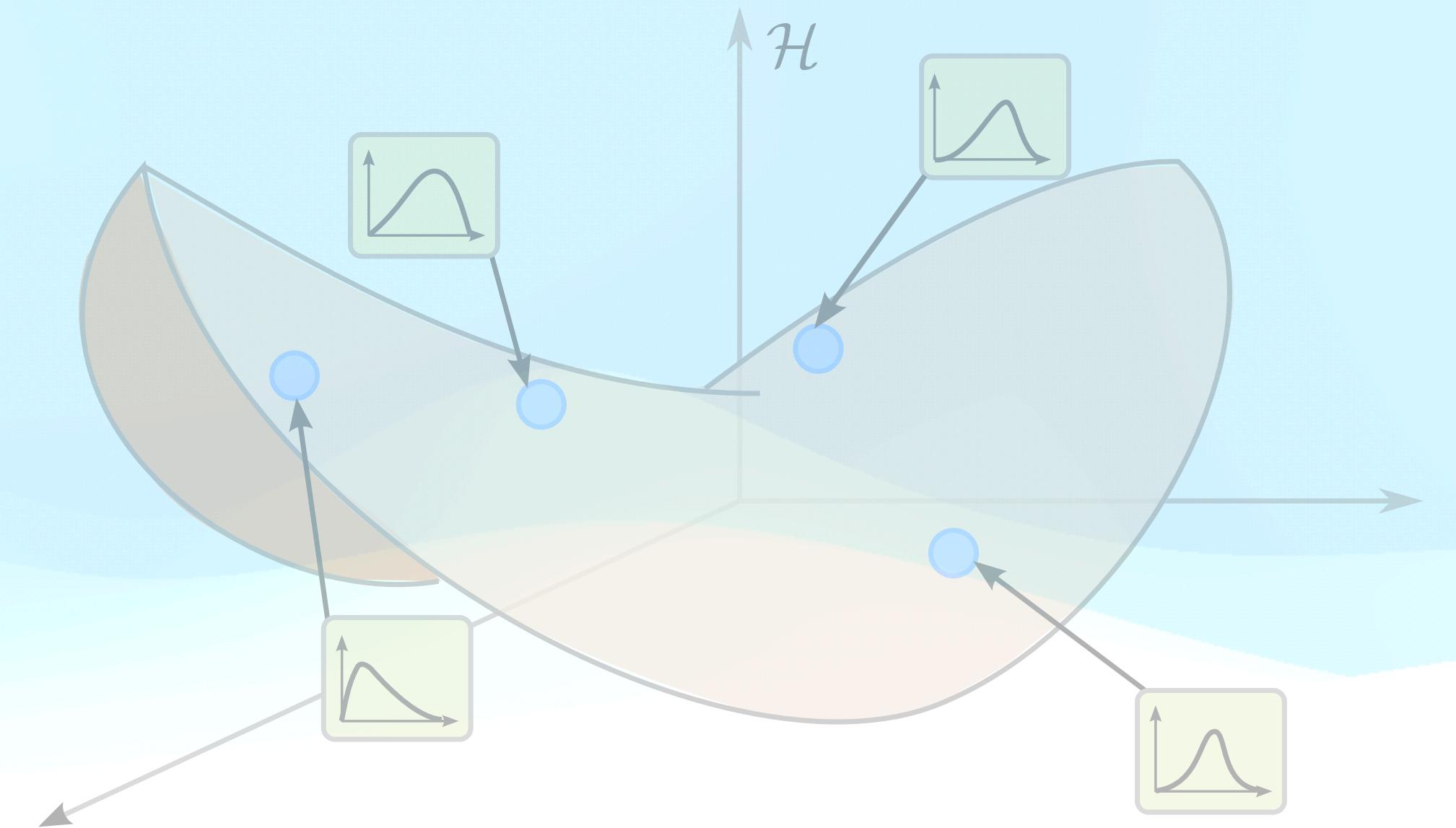
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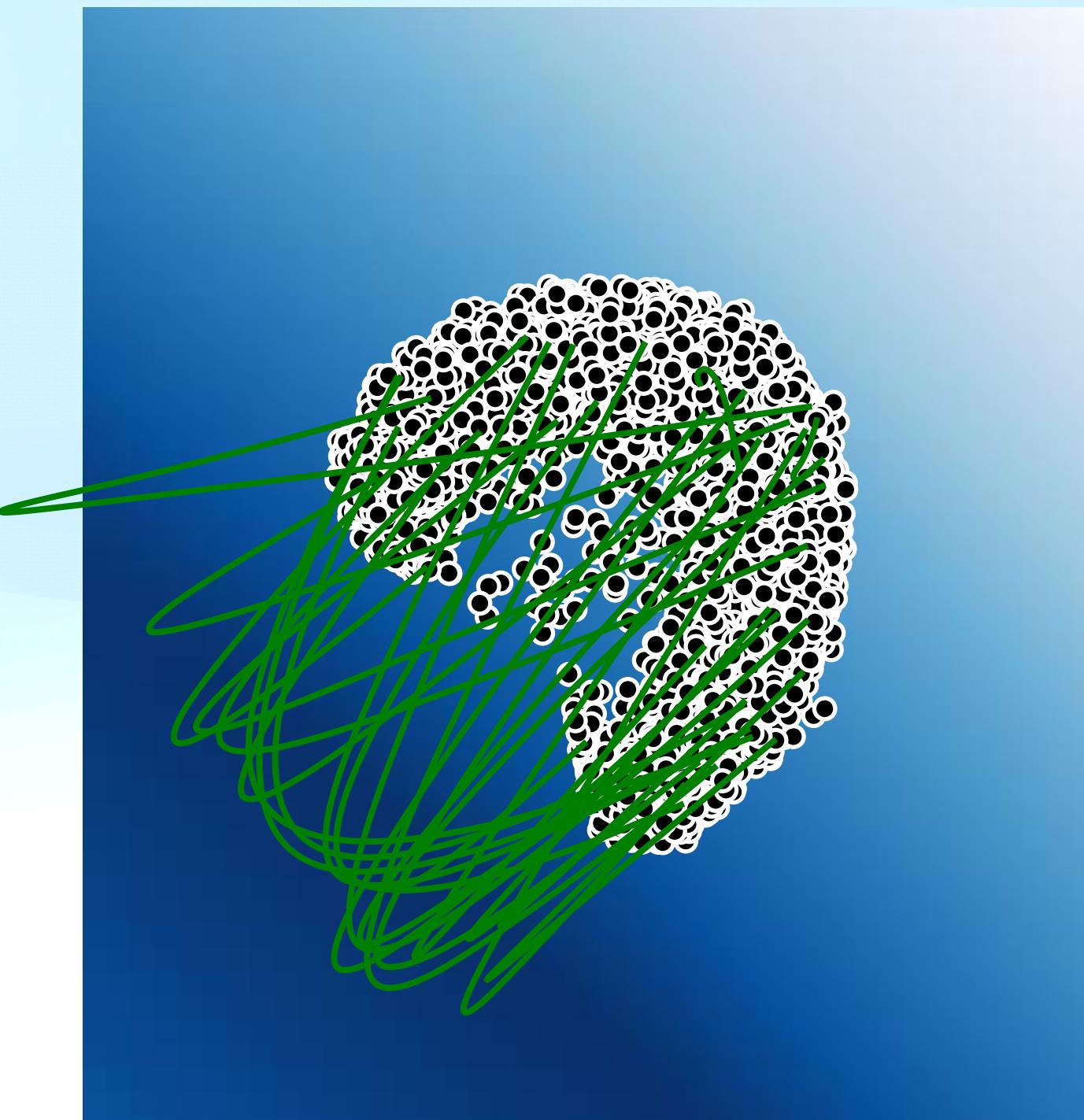
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This allows us to define
black box latent geometries



$$\sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \text{KL}(p(x|c(t_n)), p(x|c(t_{n+1})))$$

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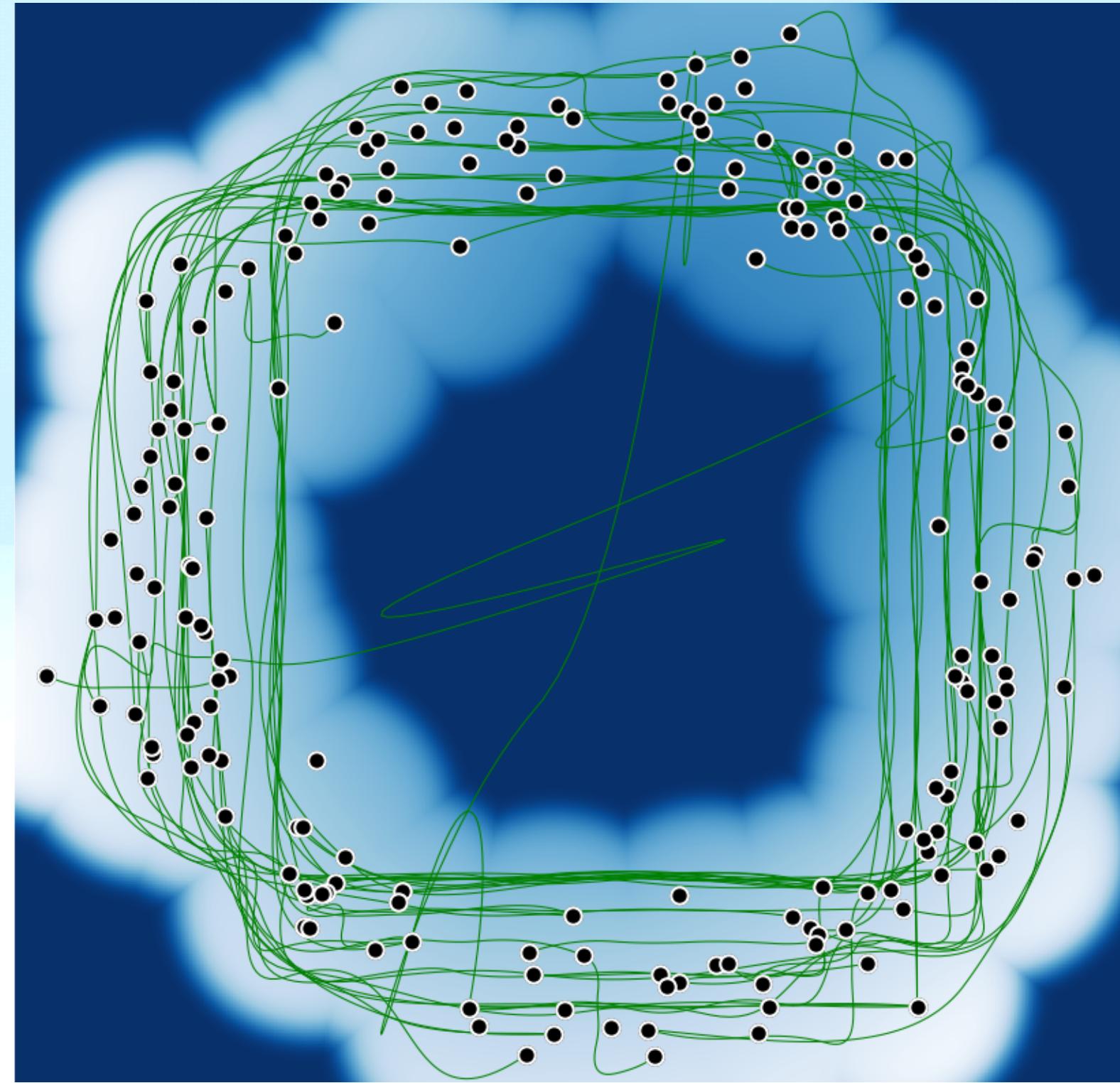


$$\tilde{\sigma}_\theta(z) = \begin{cases} \sigma_\theta(z) \\ \text{a large number} \end{cases}$$

Outlook - open problems

**Good uncertainty quantification
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**What does uncertain mean in
other distributions?**



Outlook - open problems



Thanks! Any questions?