

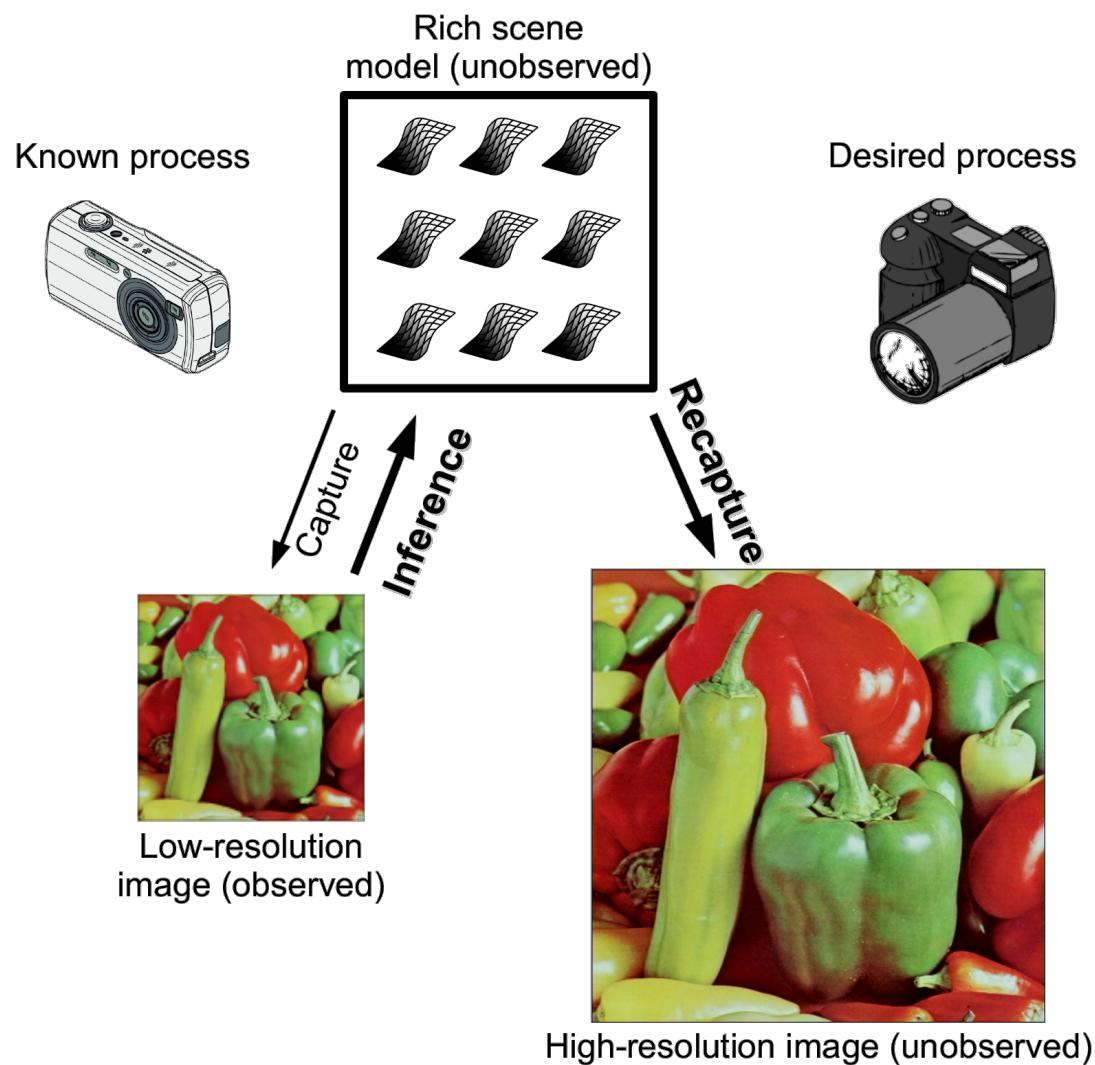
Running Probabilistic Programs Backward

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Master's Research: Super-Resolution



Toronto et al. Super-Resolution via Recapture and Bayesian Effect Modeling. CVPR 2009



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- Model and query: Half a page of beautiful math

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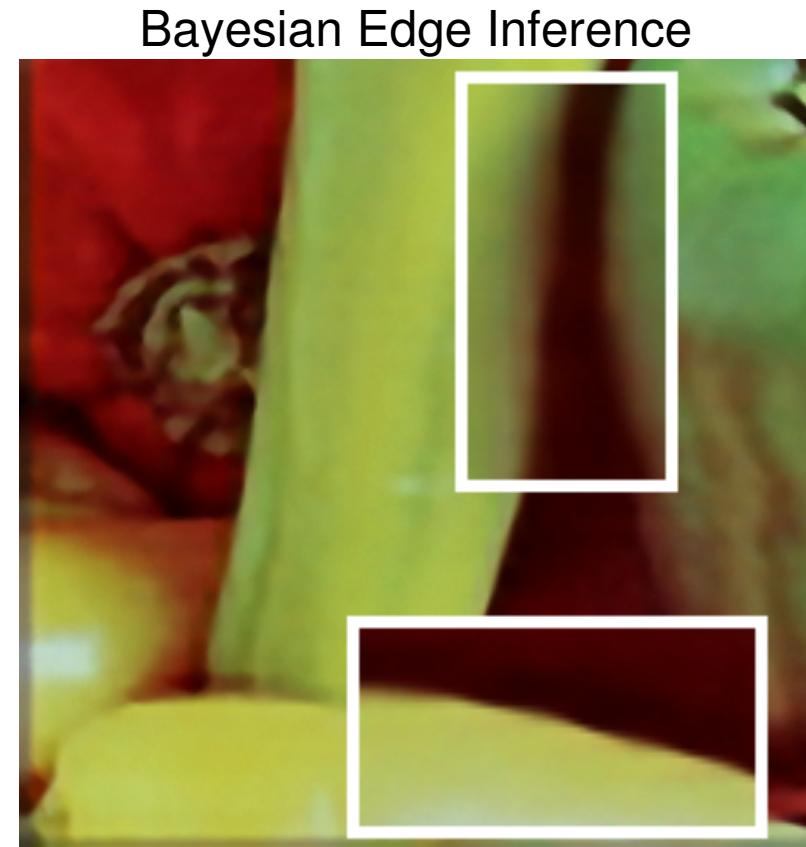
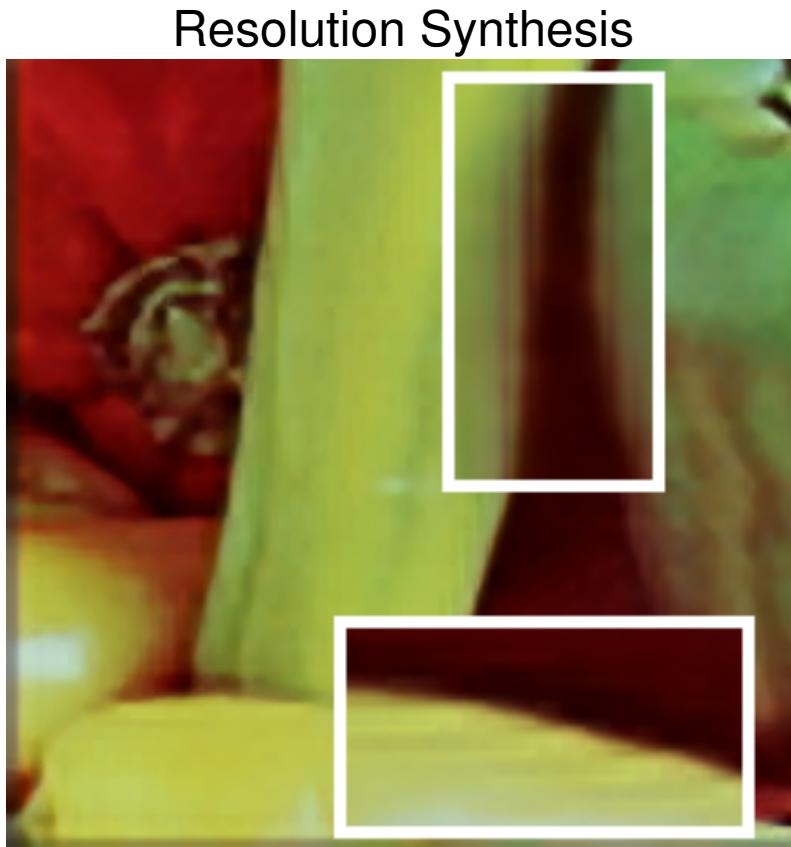
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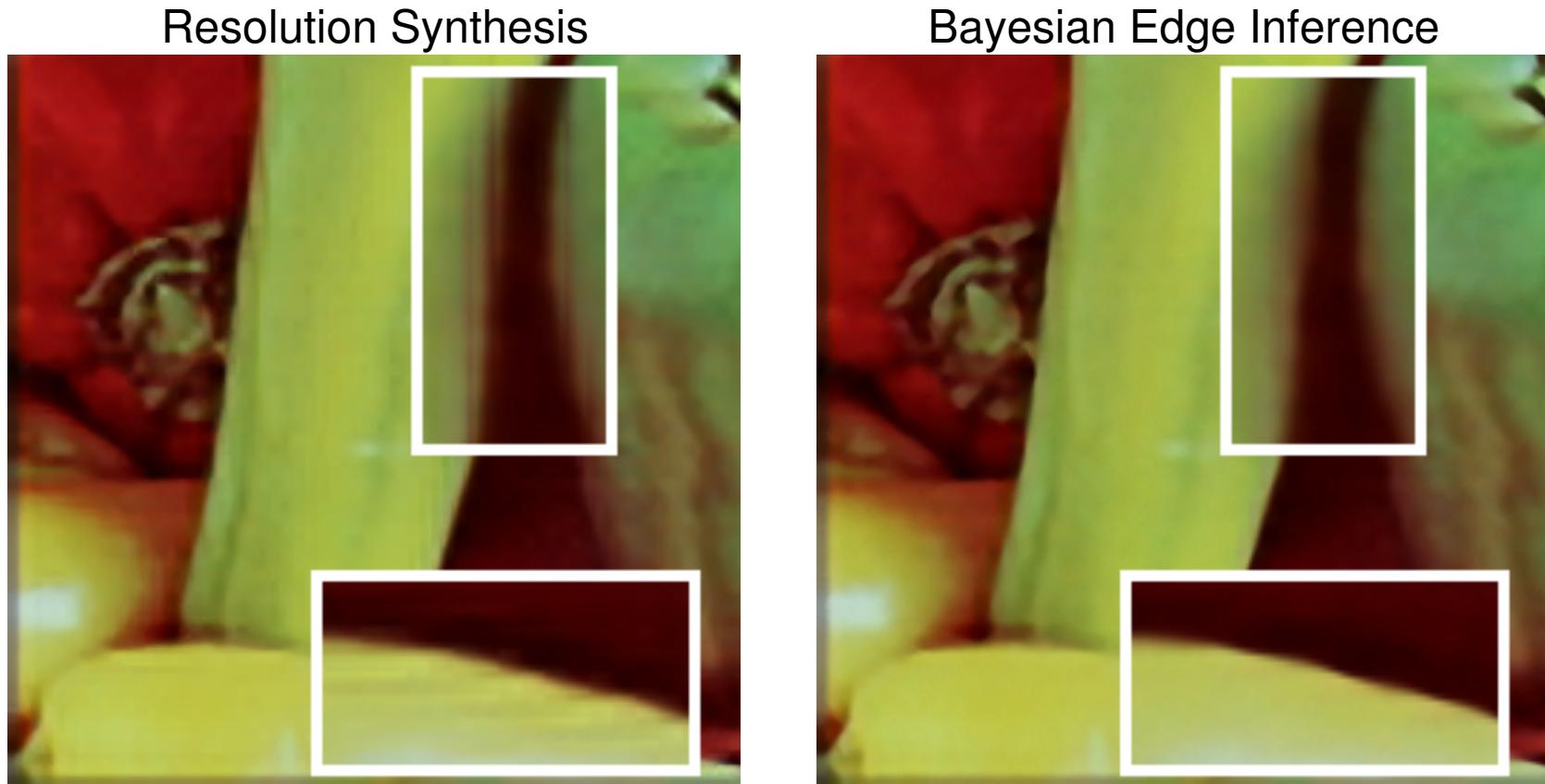
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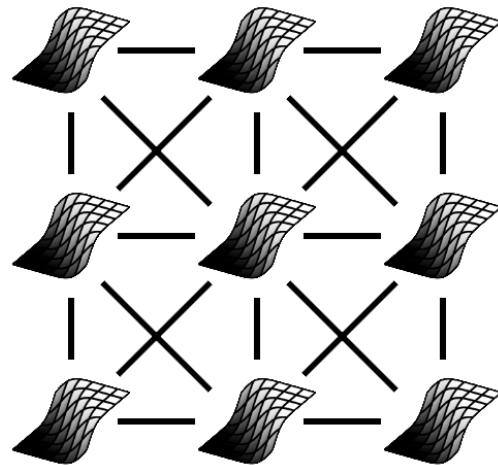
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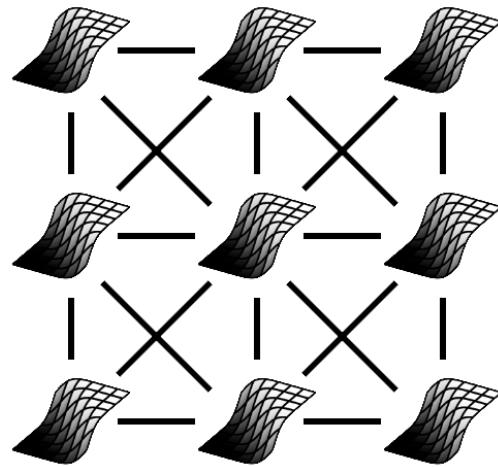
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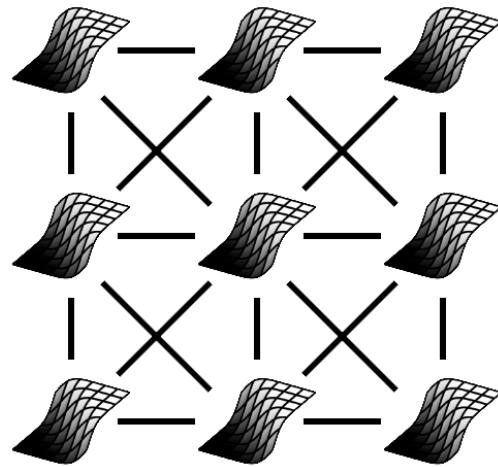
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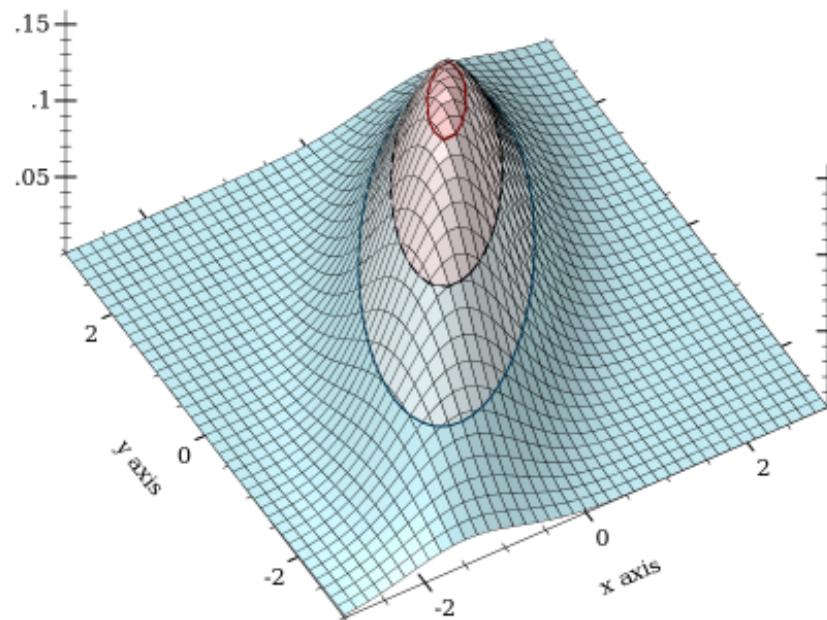
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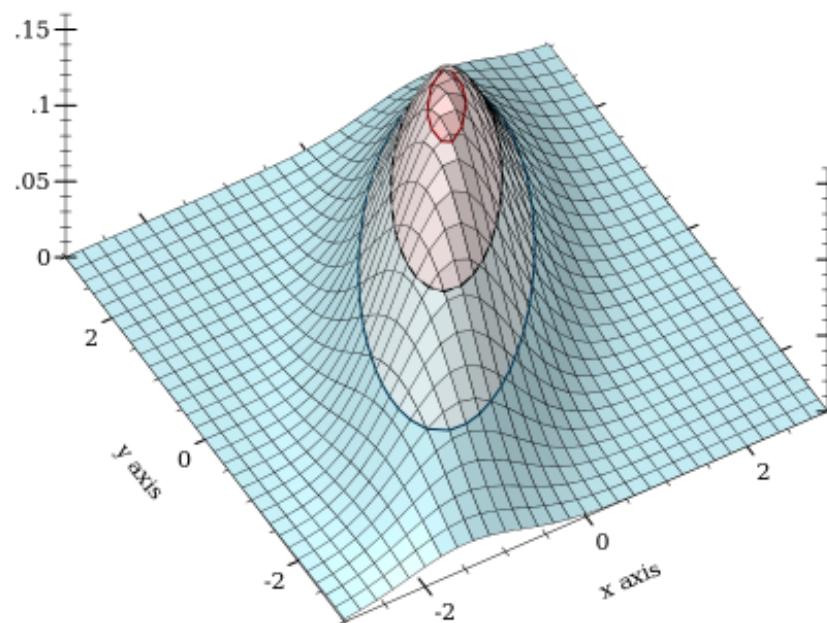
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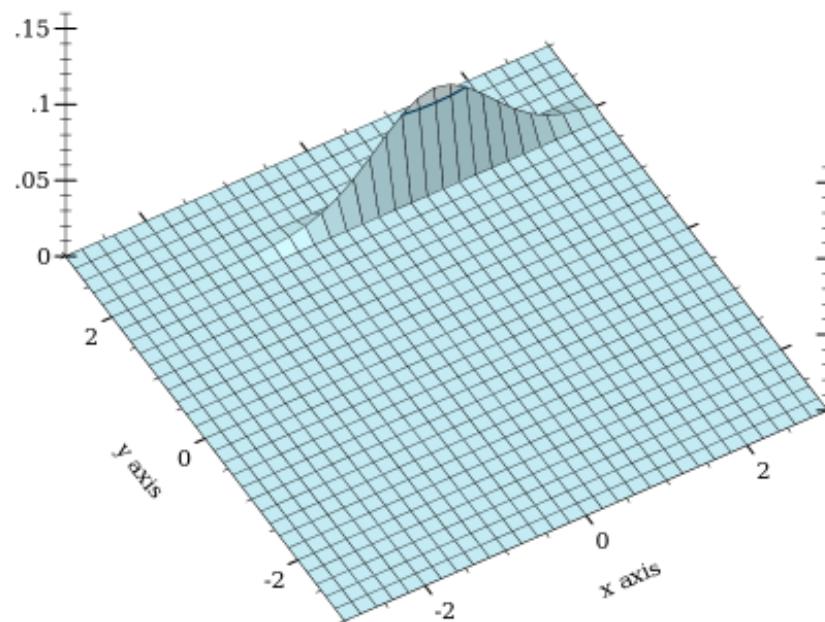
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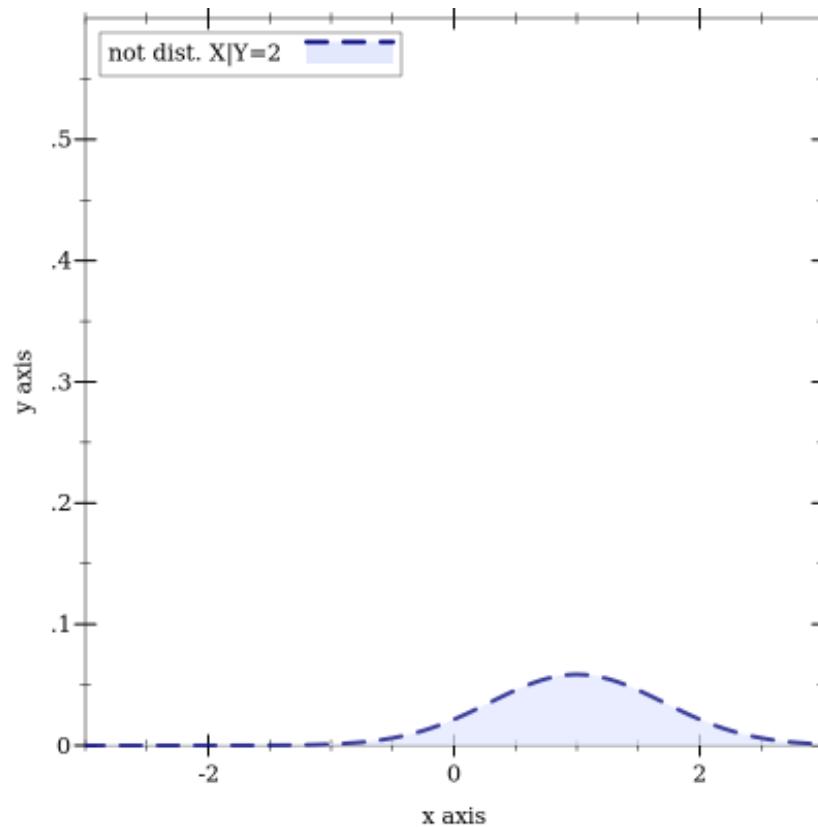
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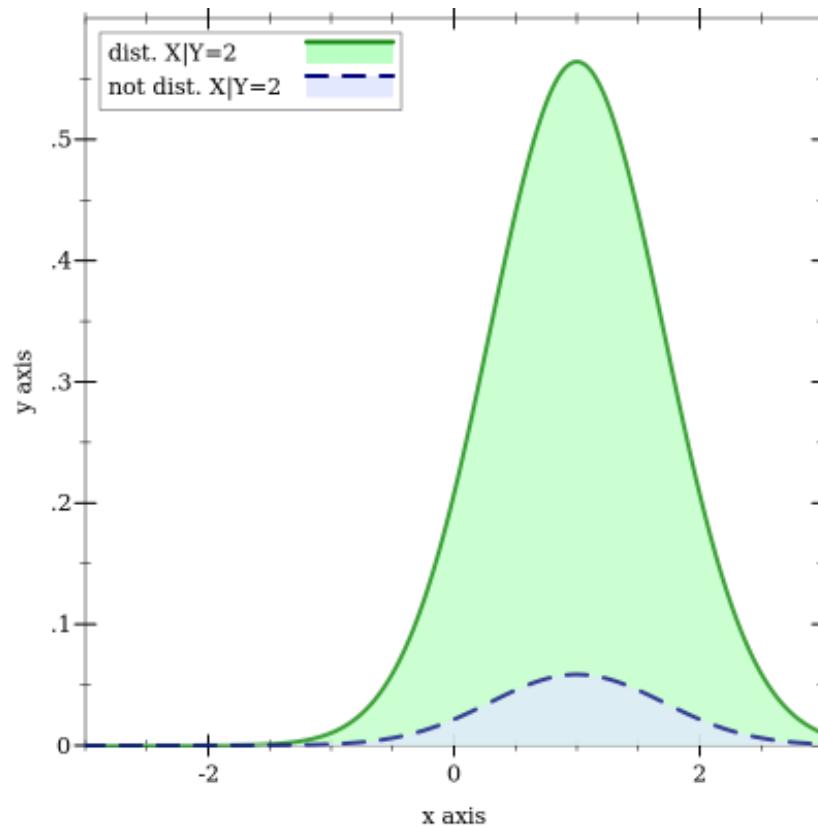
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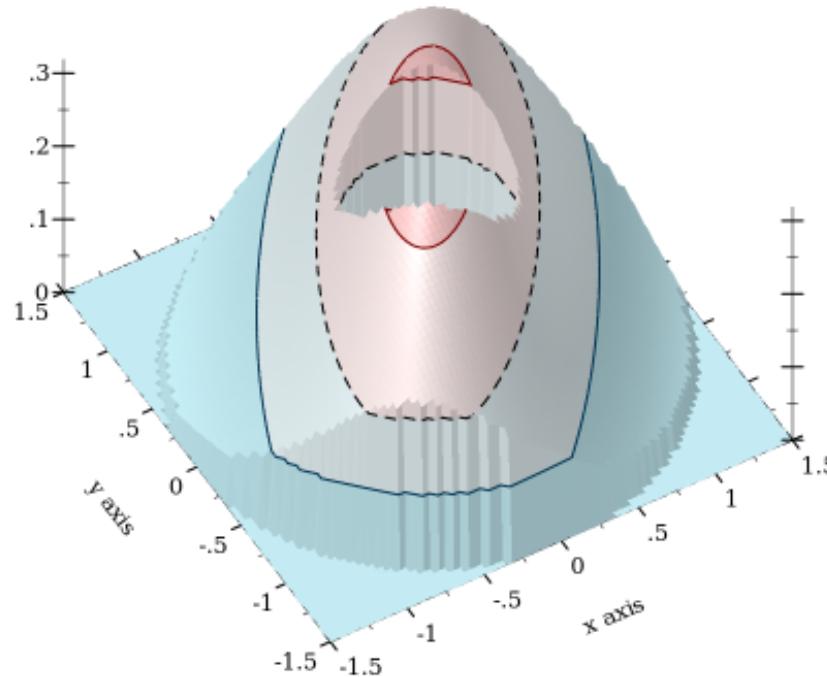
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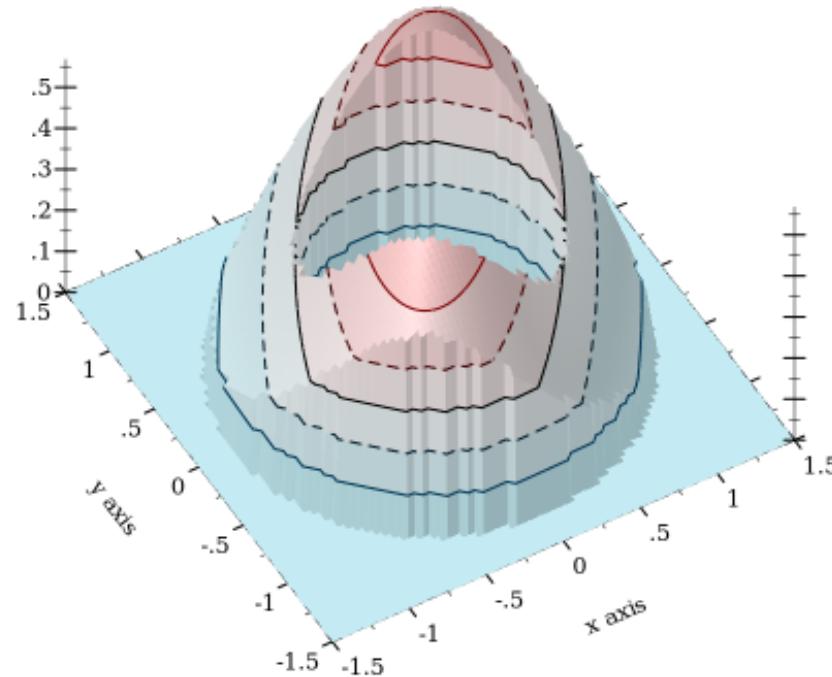
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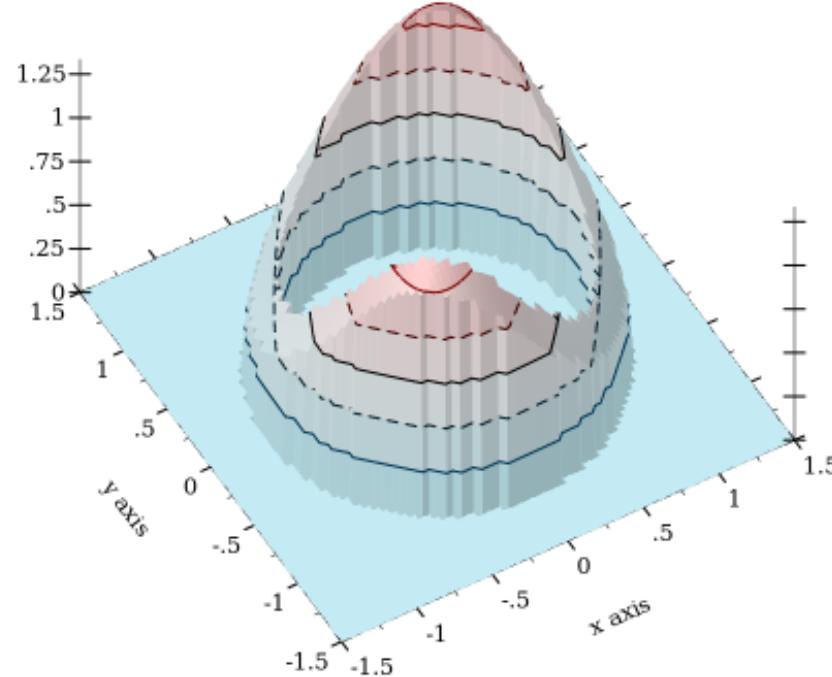
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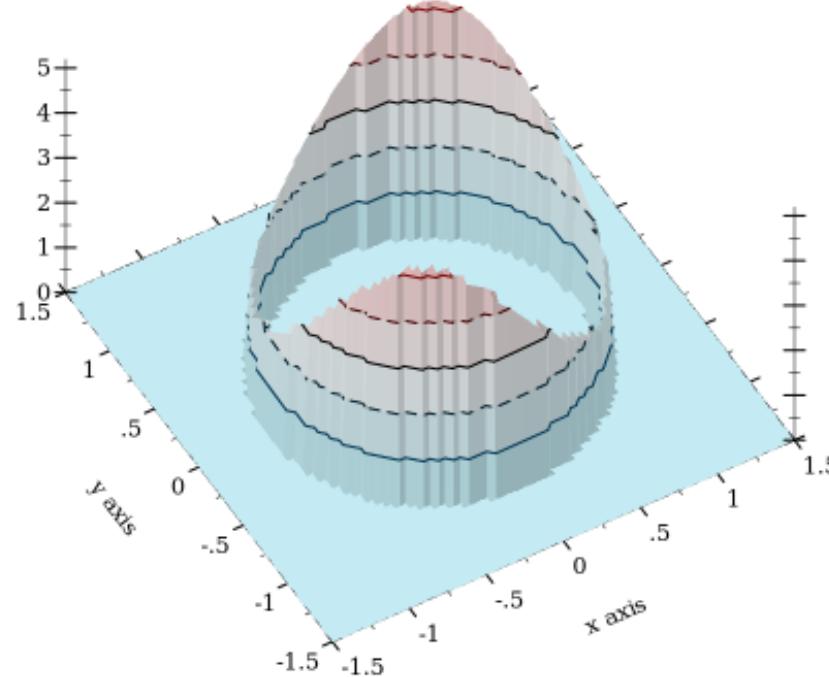
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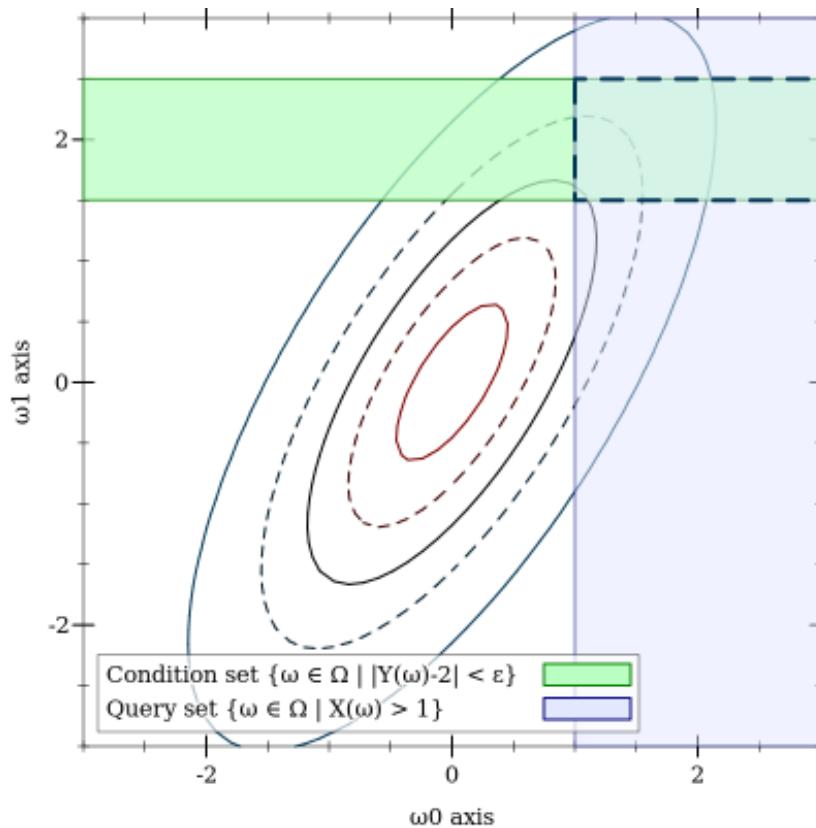
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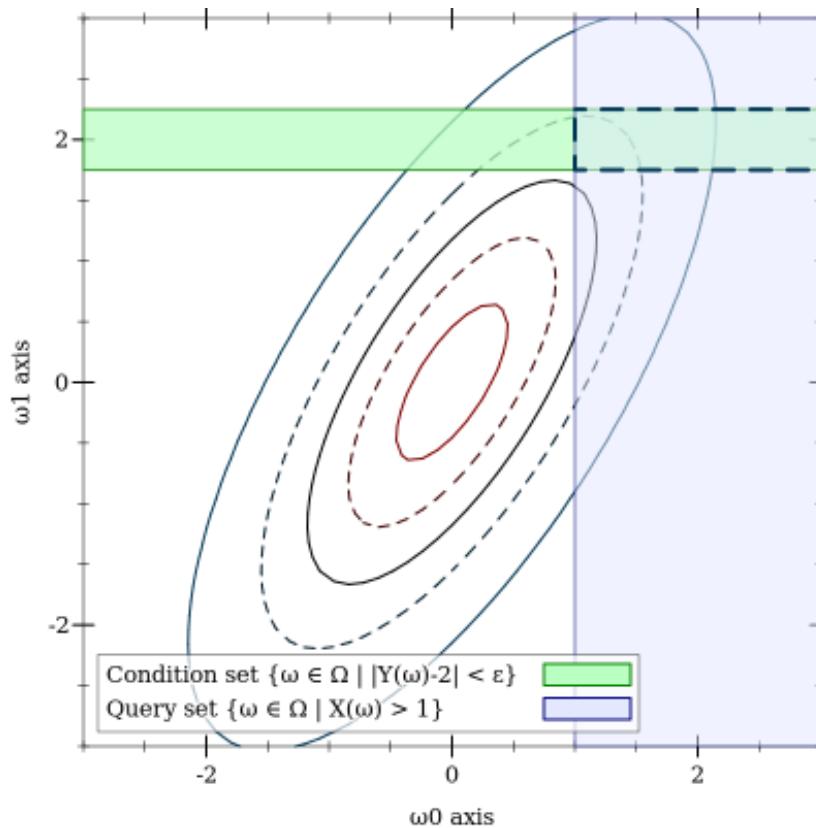
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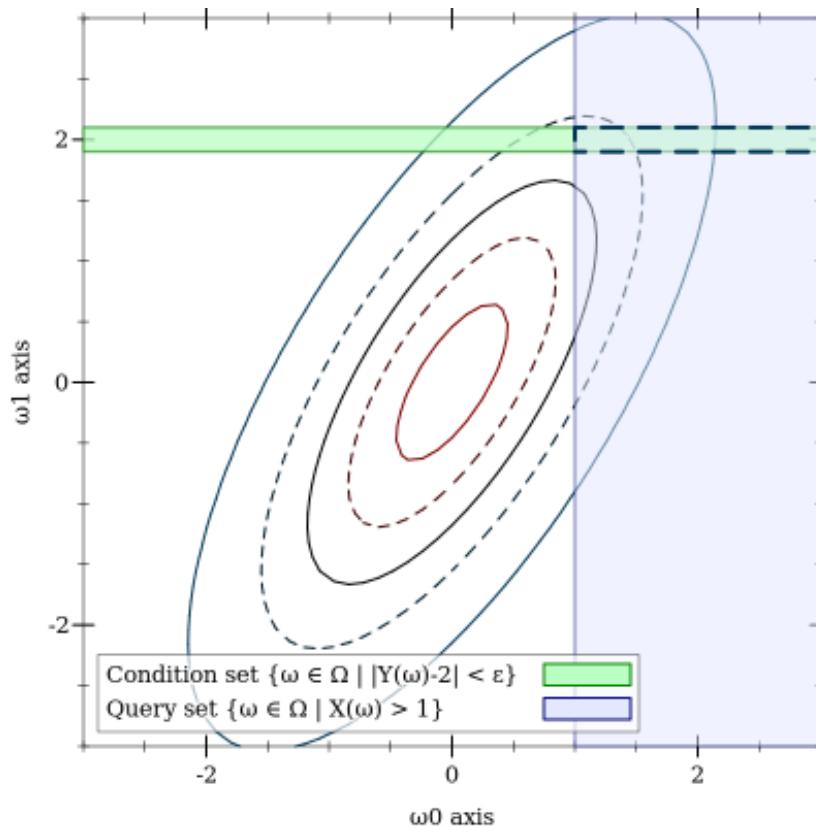
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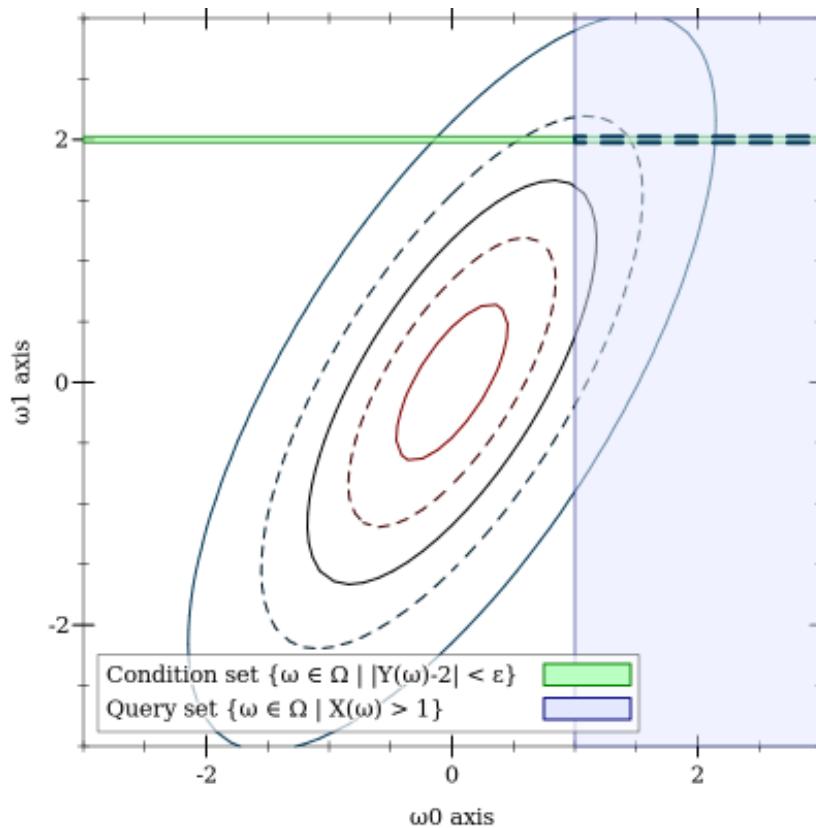
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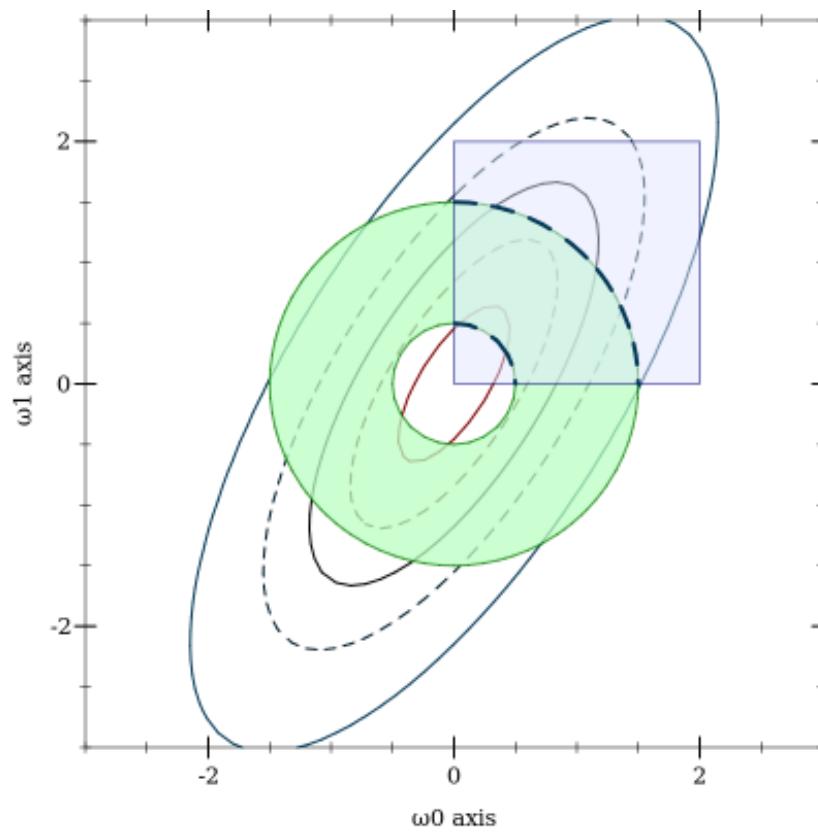
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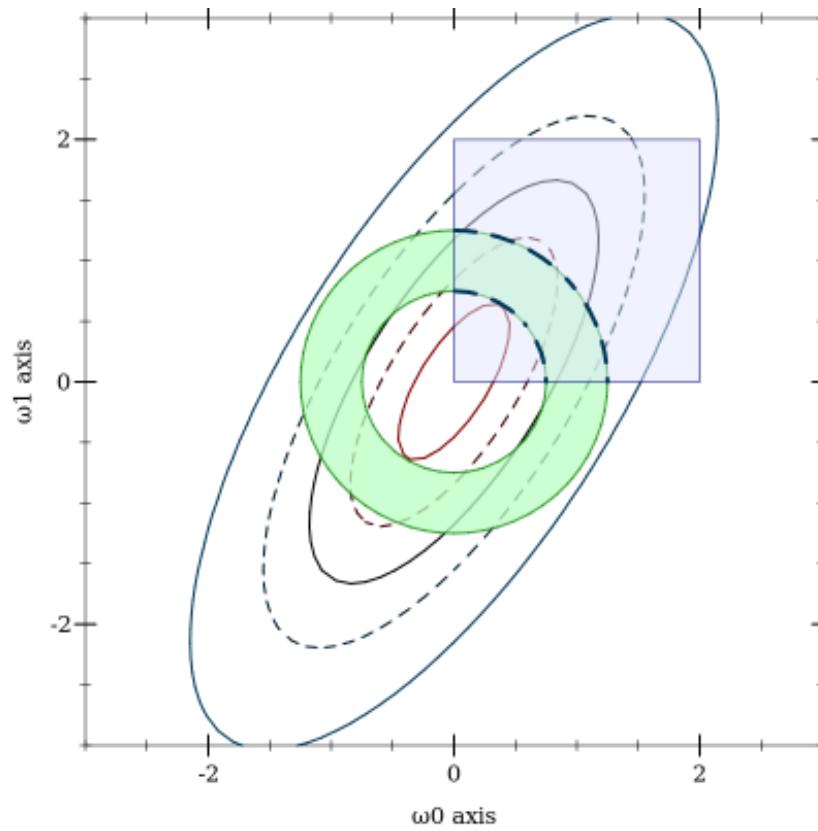
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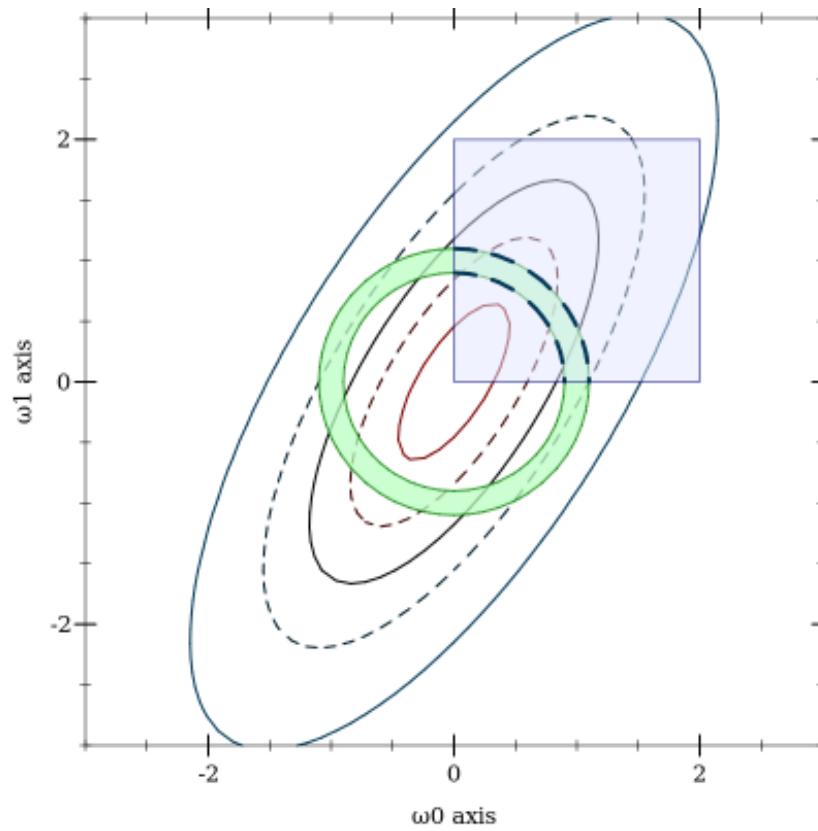
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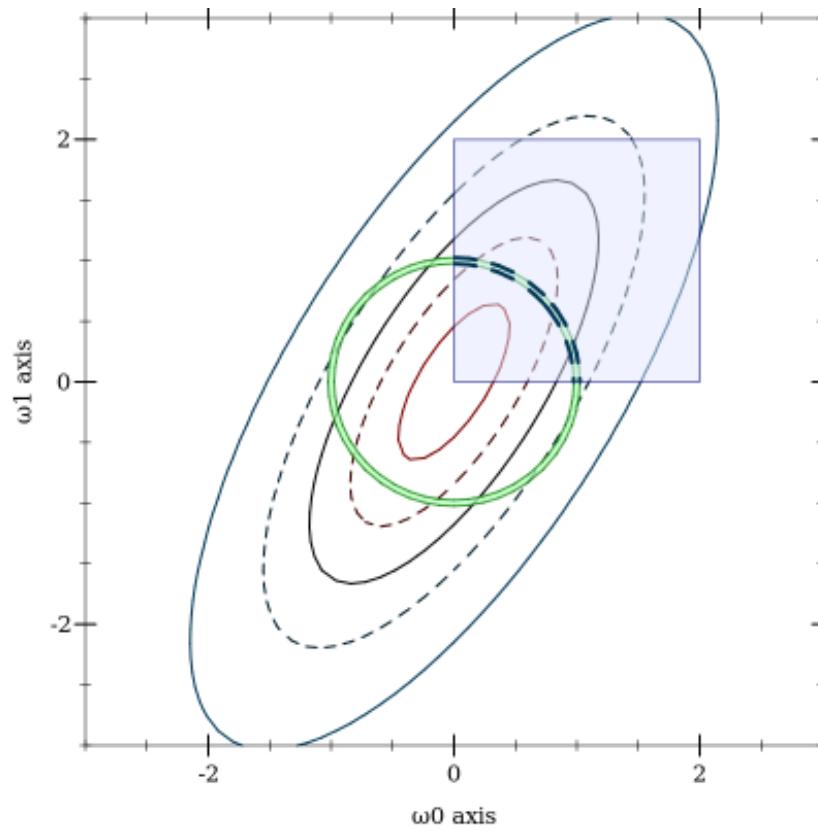
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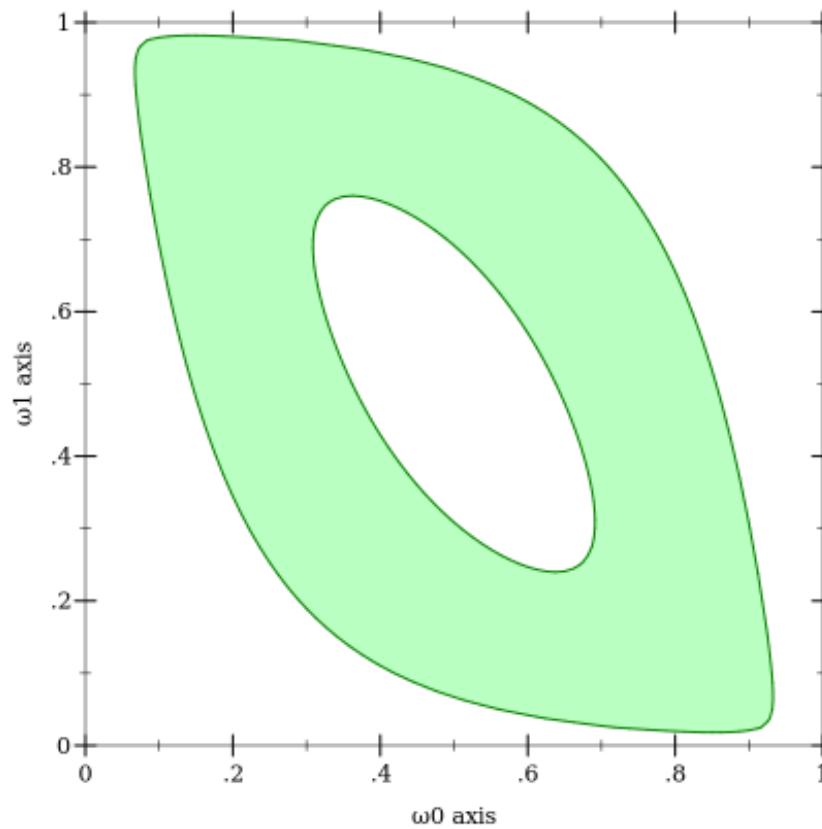


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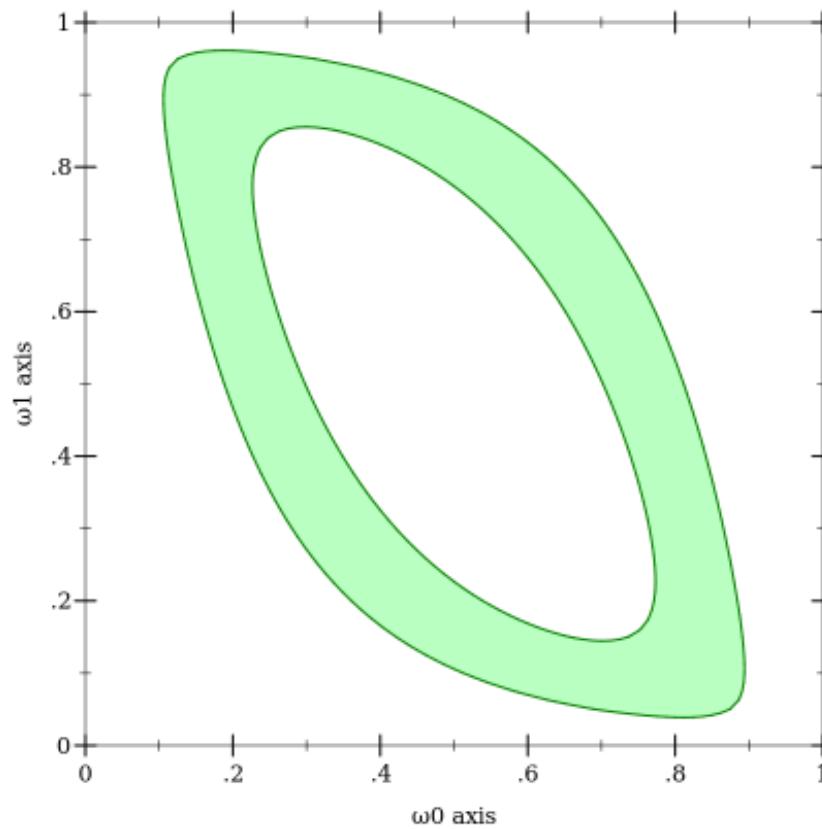


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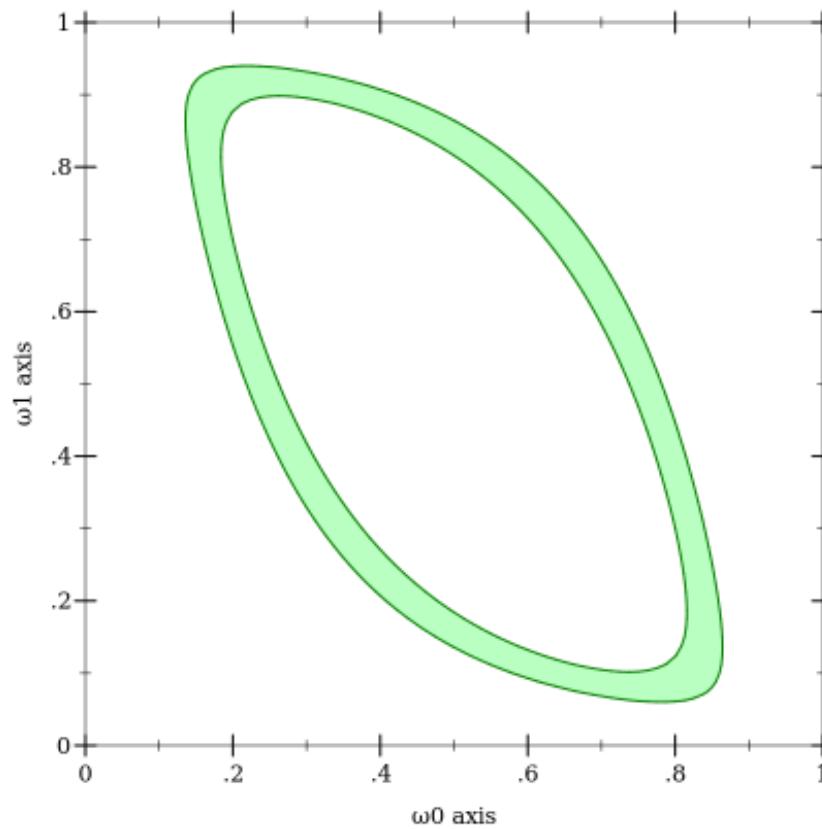


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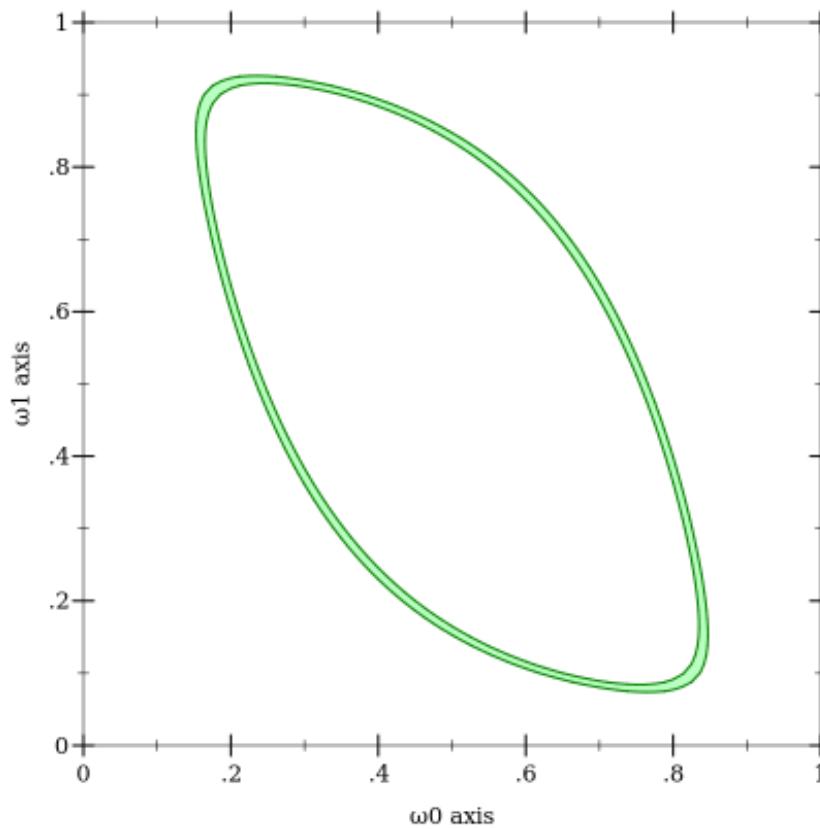


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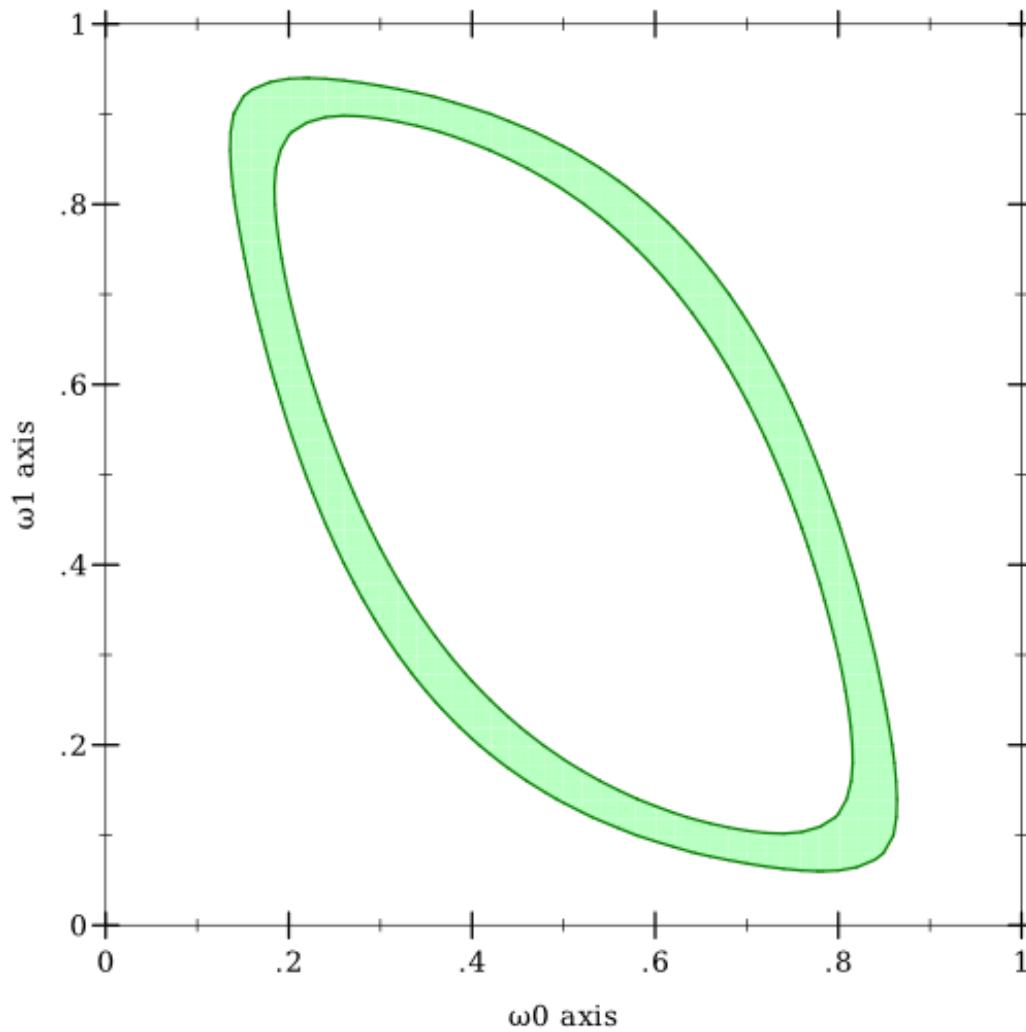
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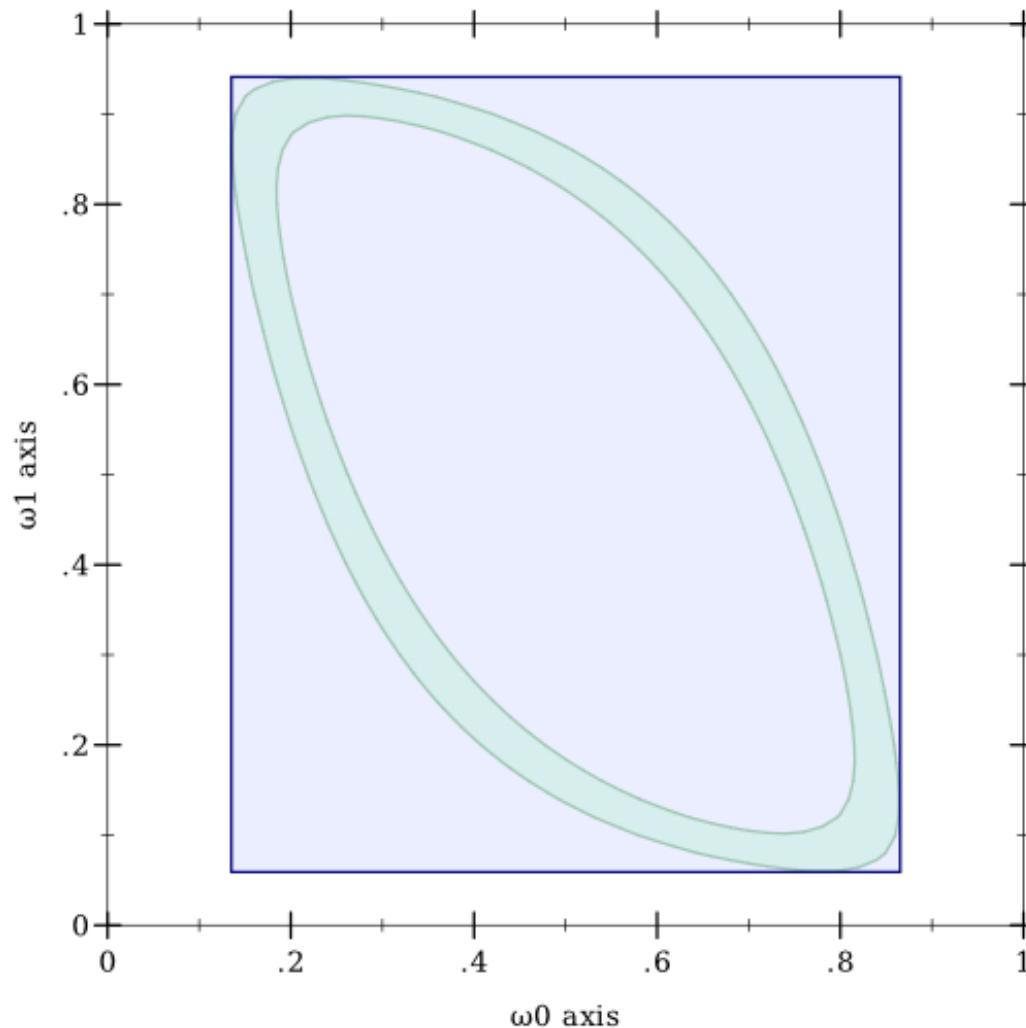
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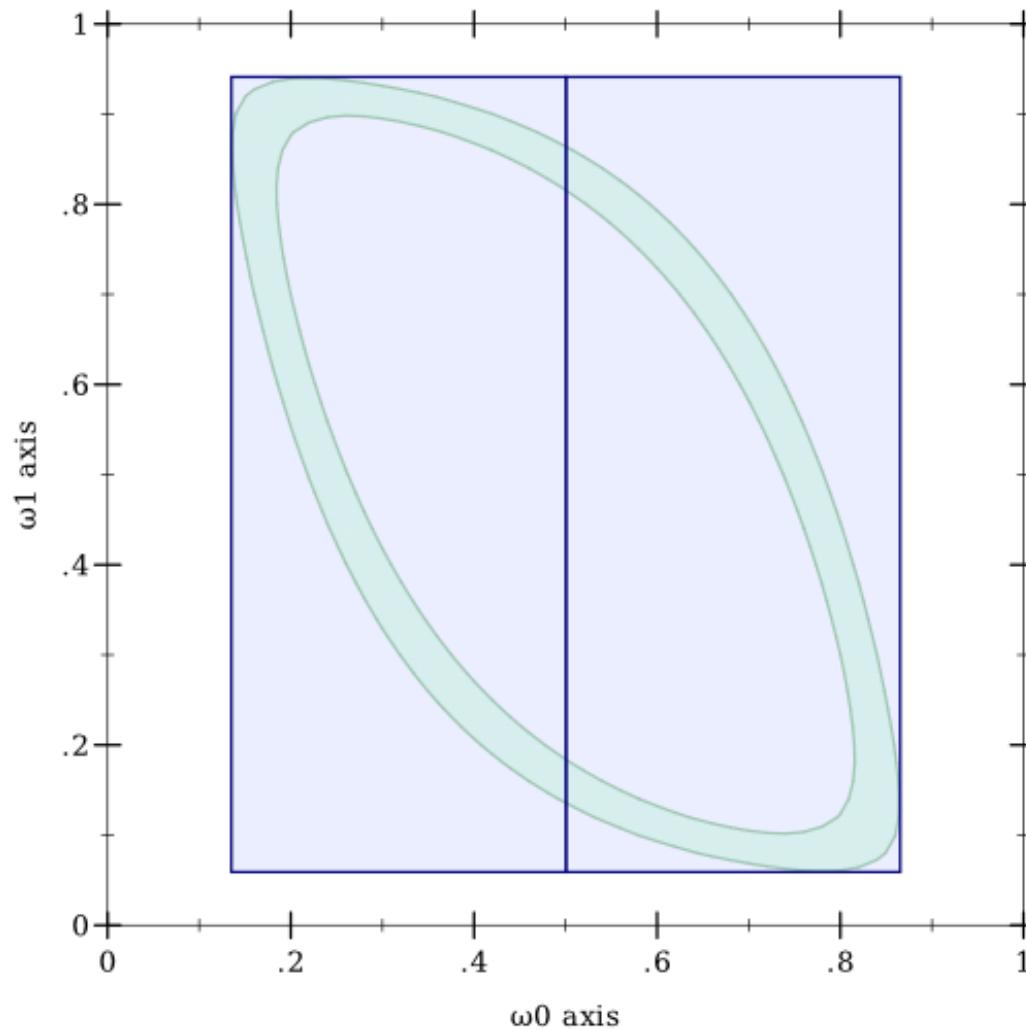
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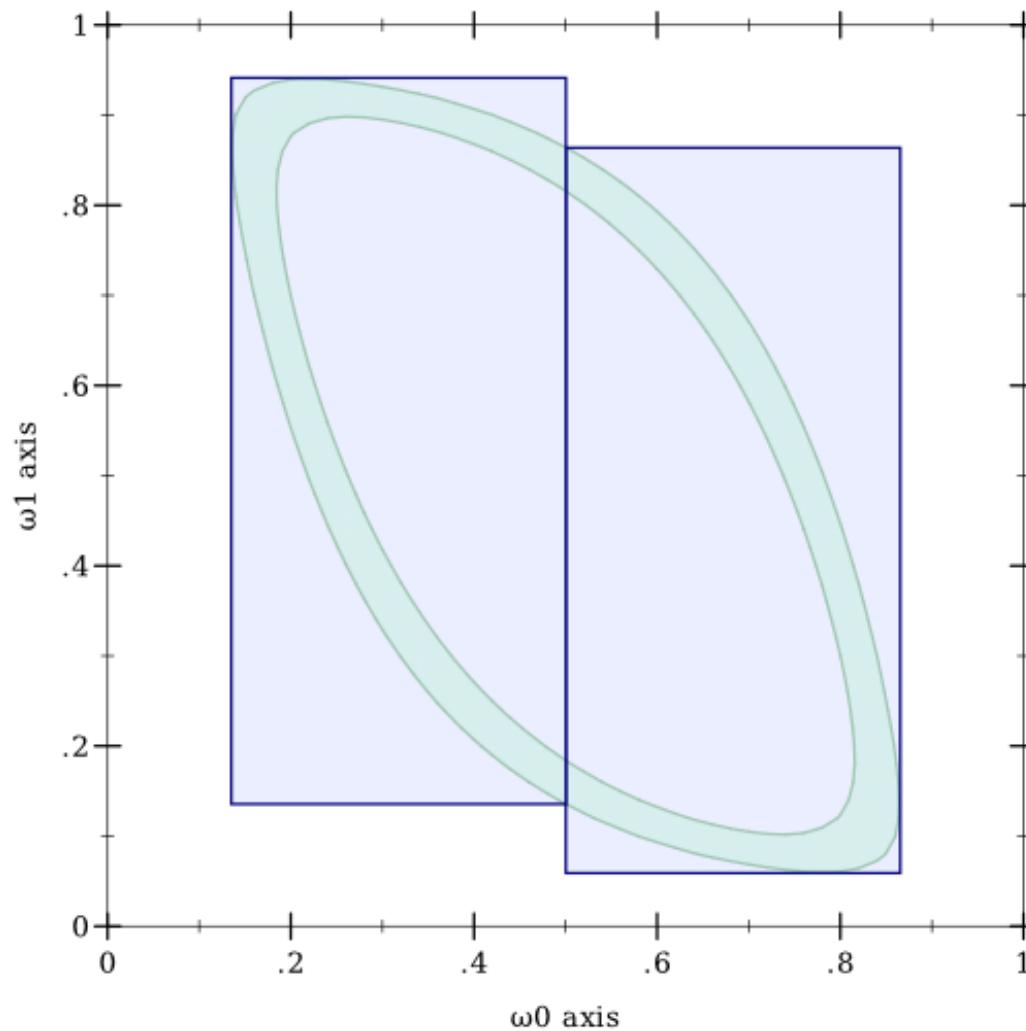
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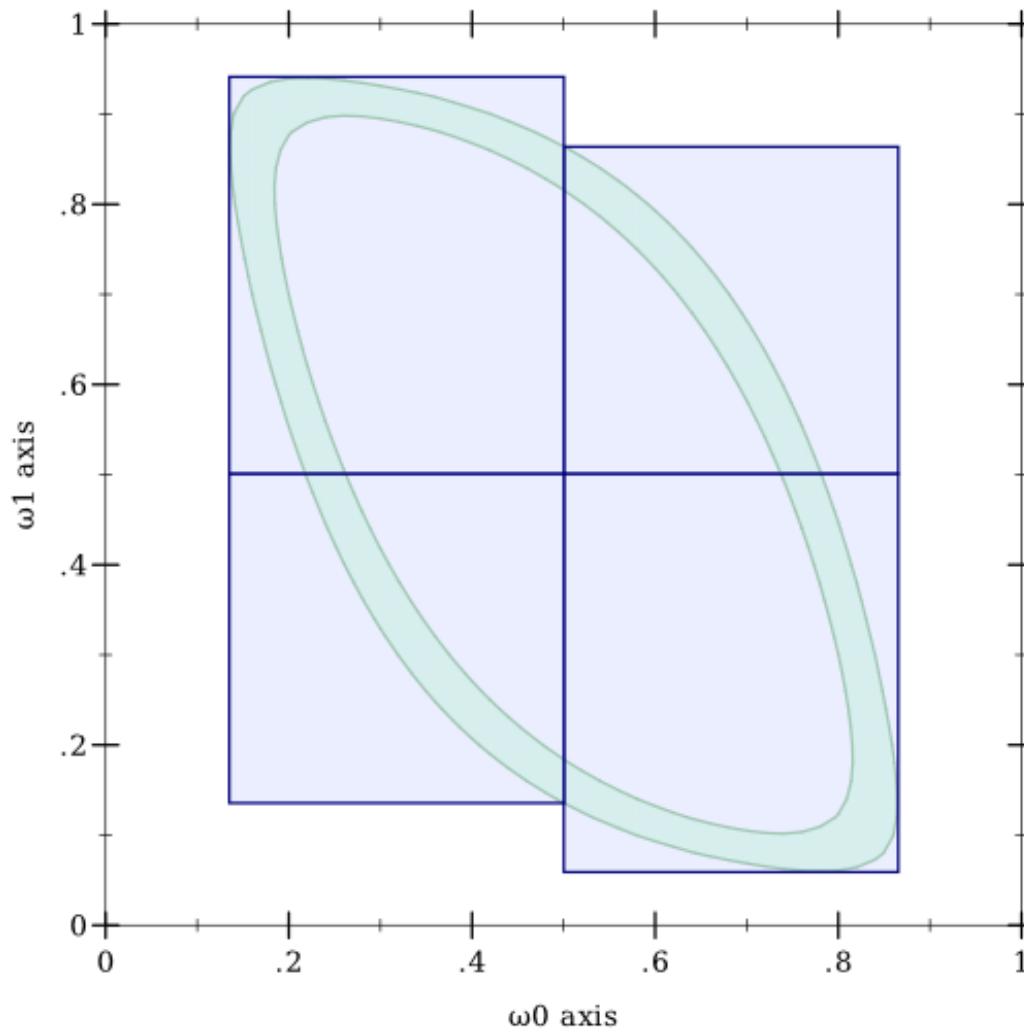
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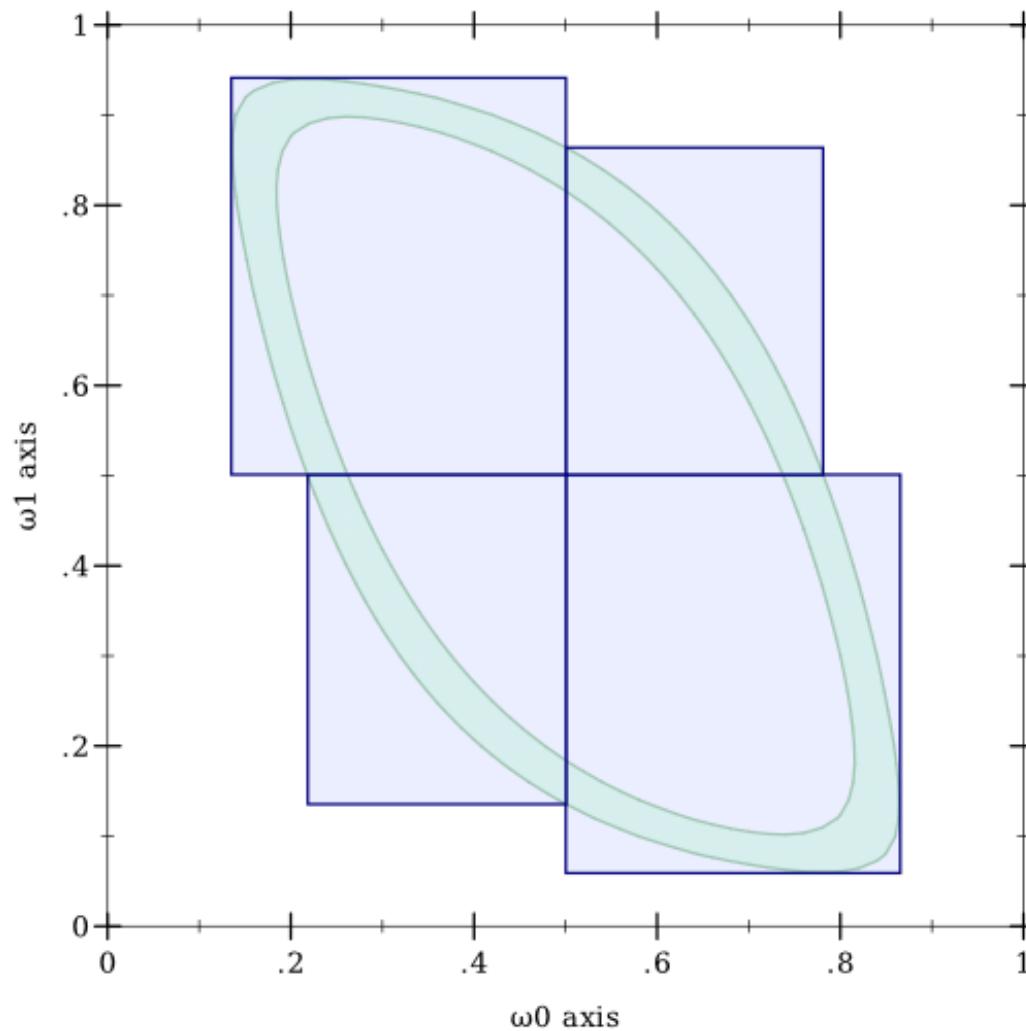
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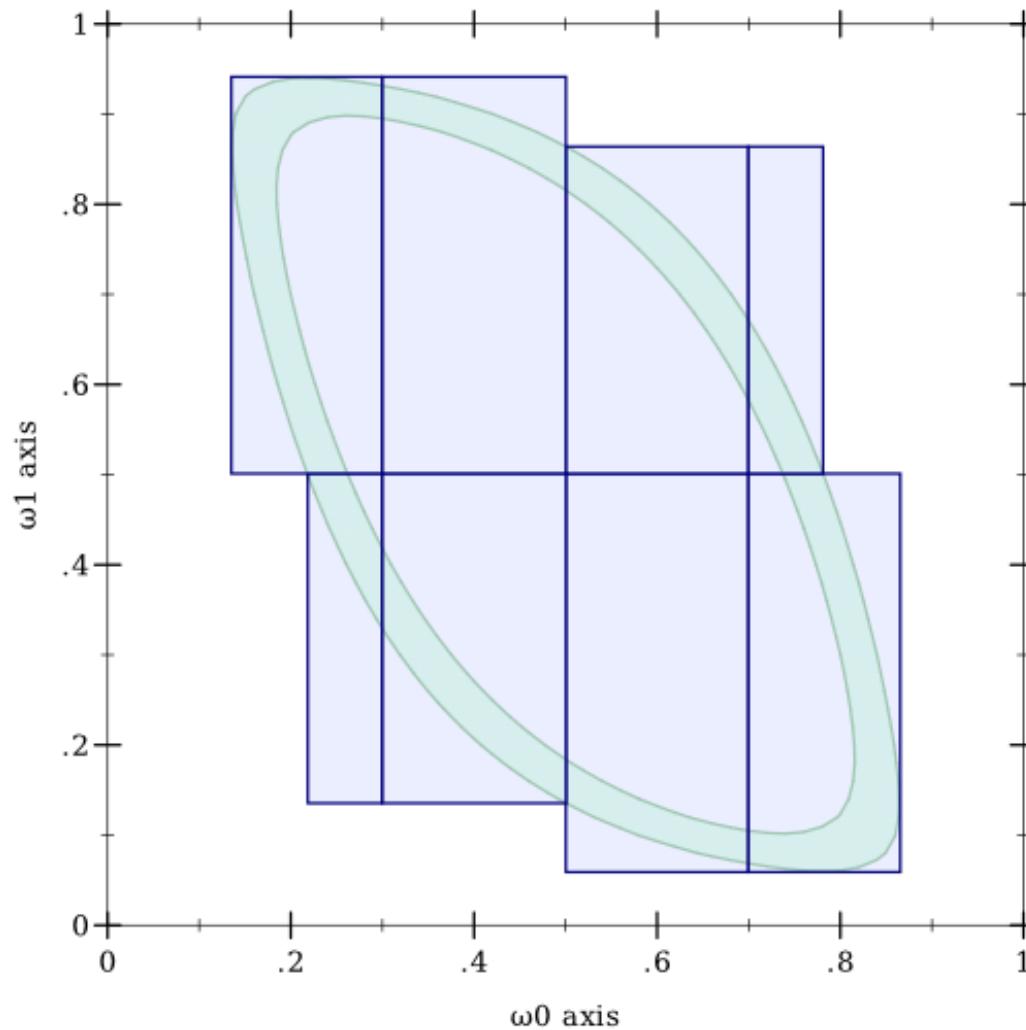
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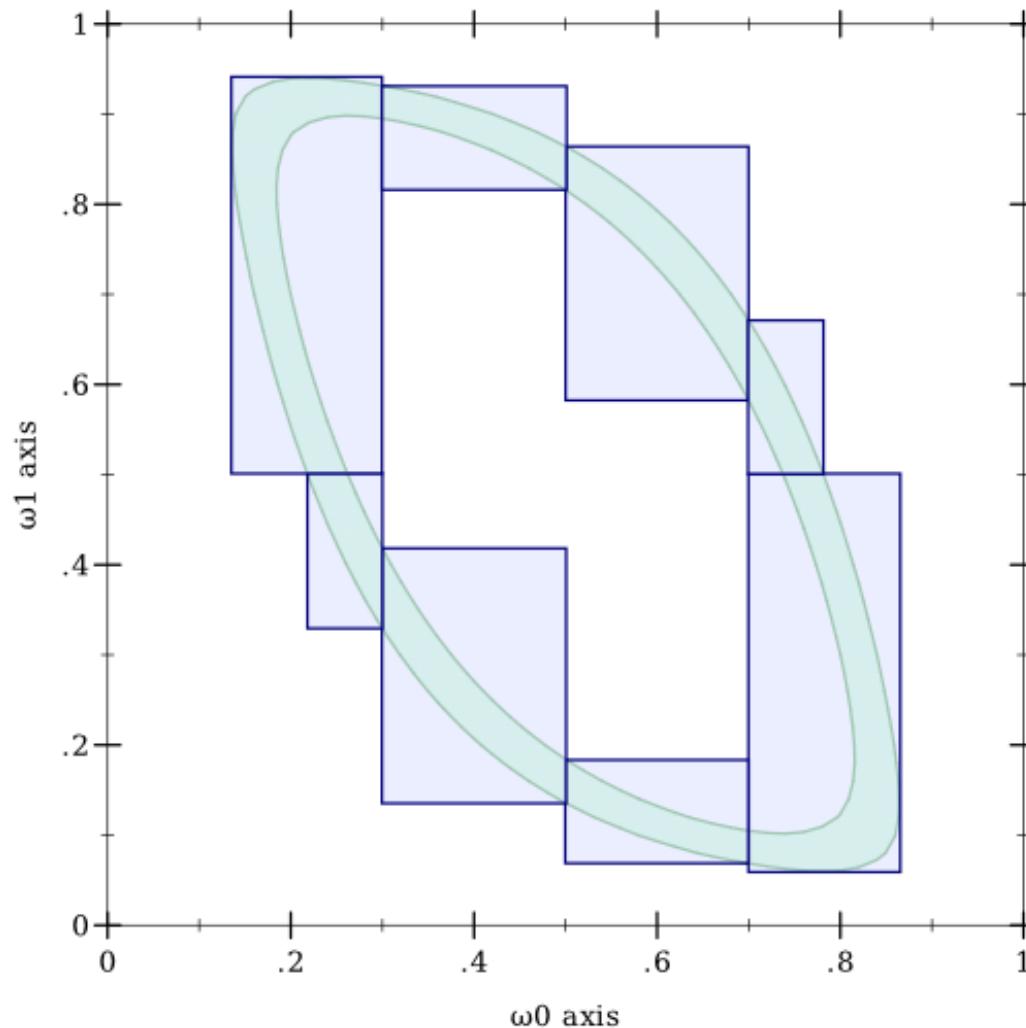
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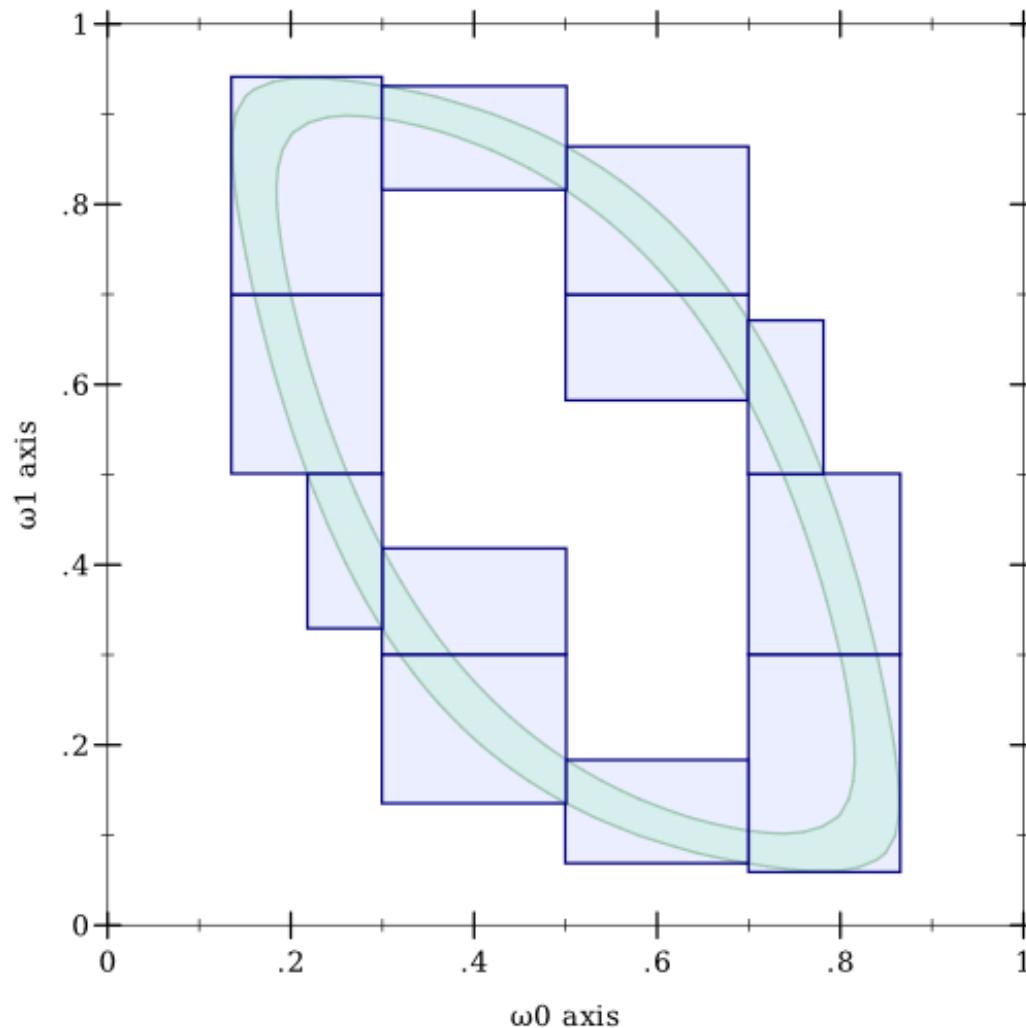
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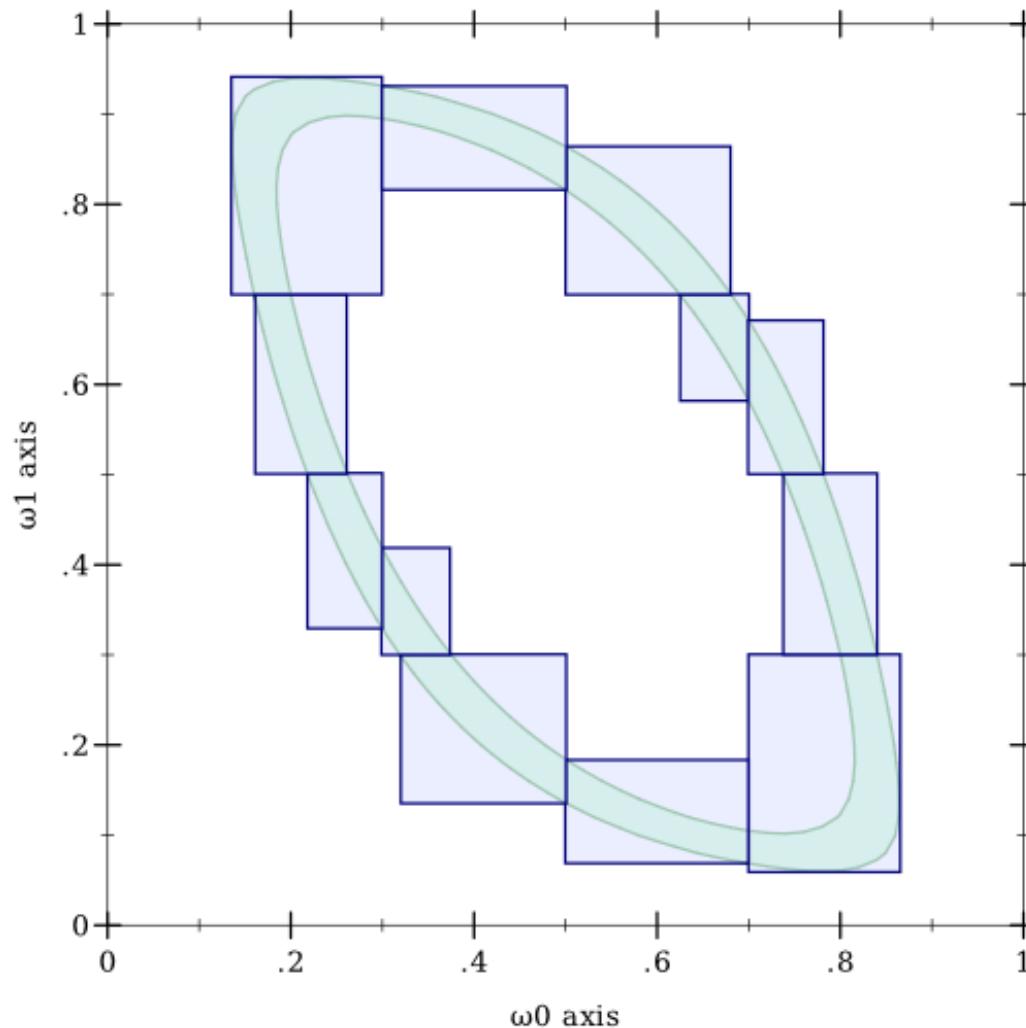
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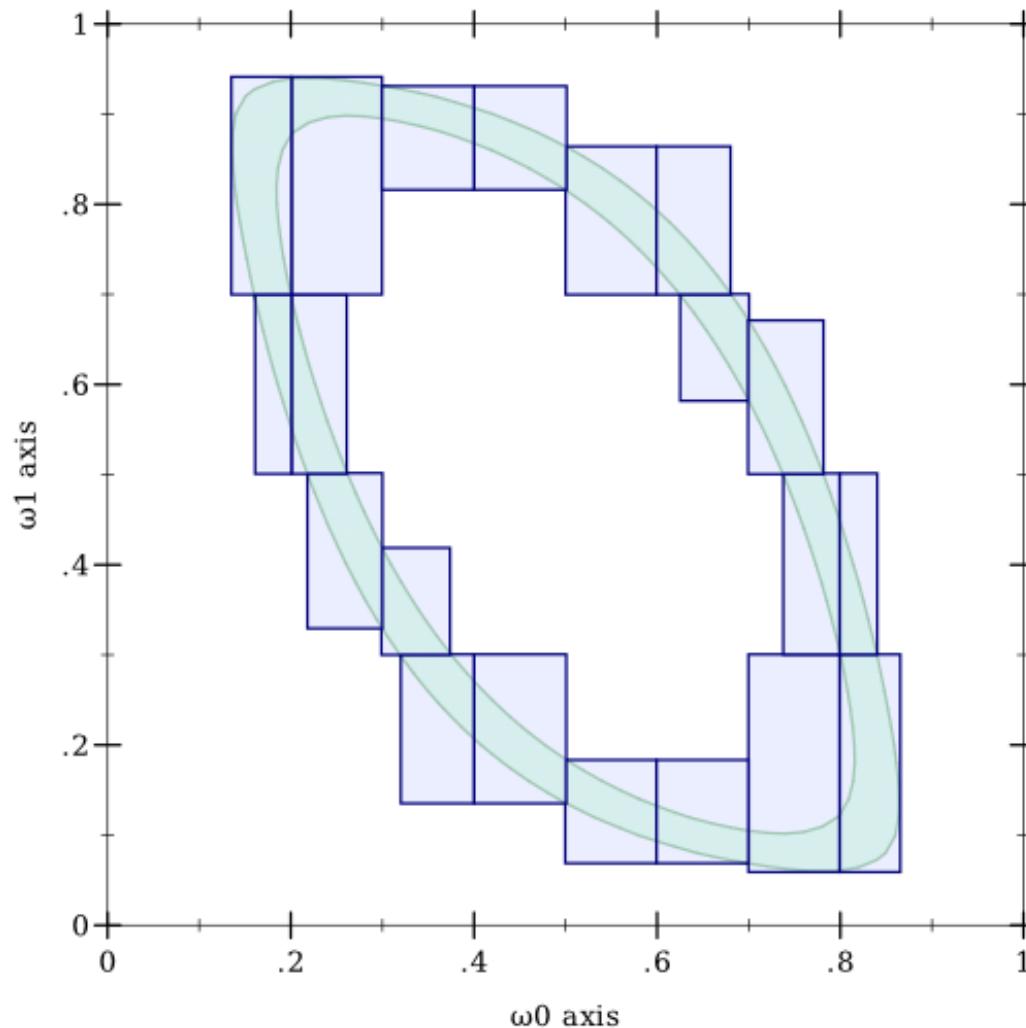
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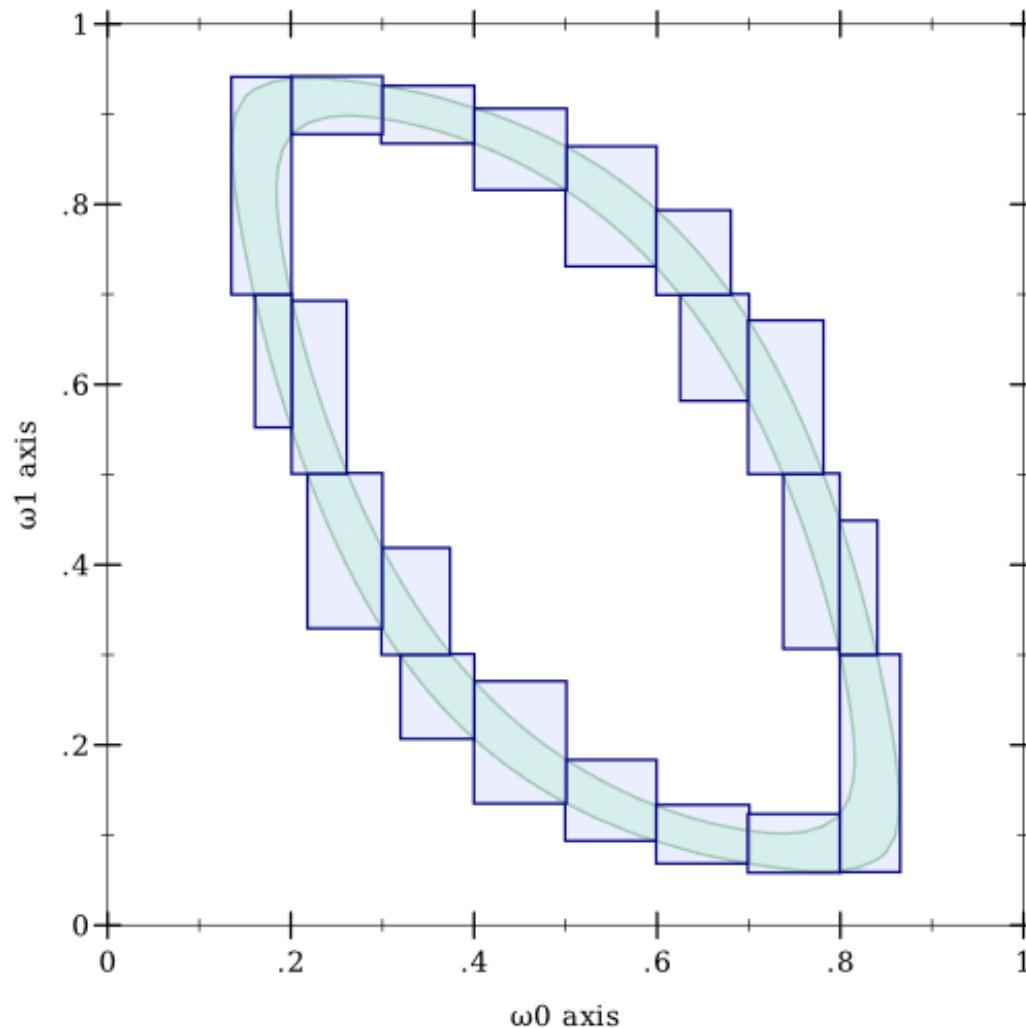
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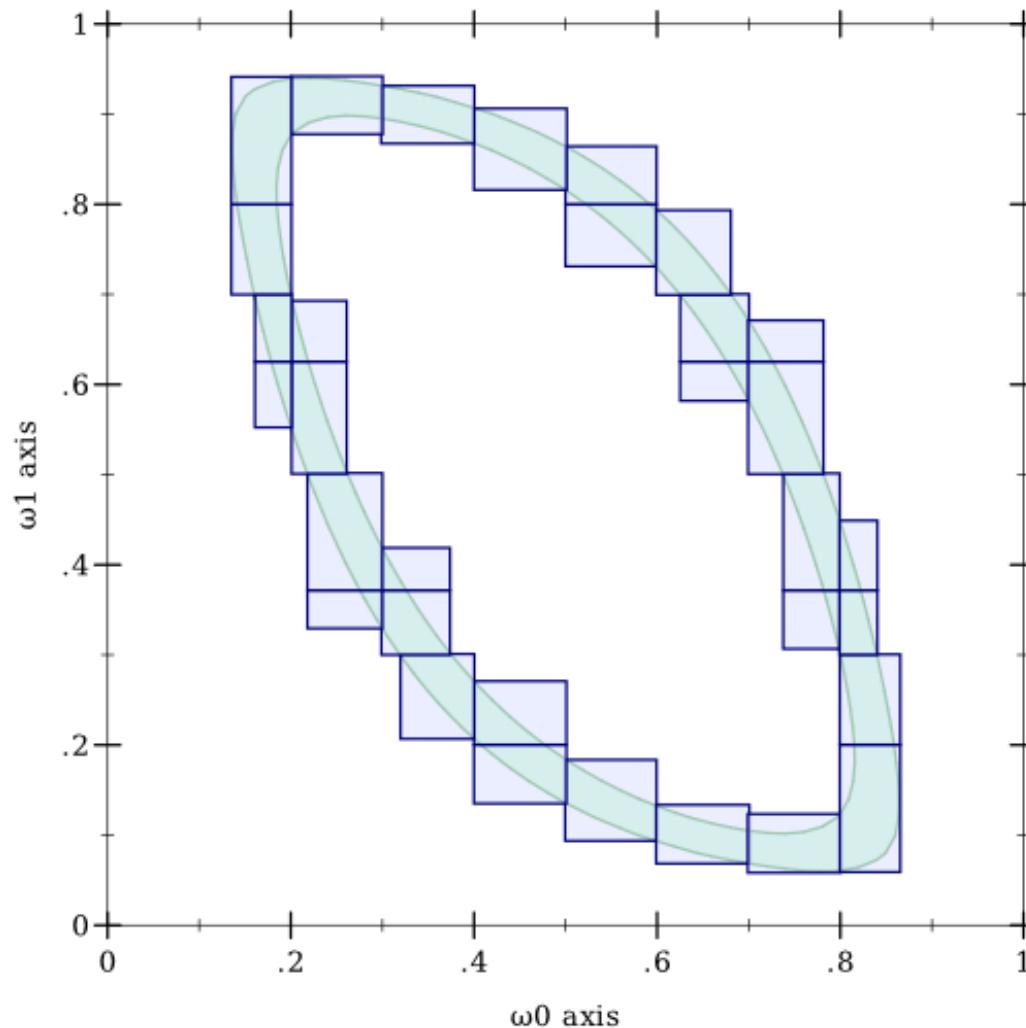
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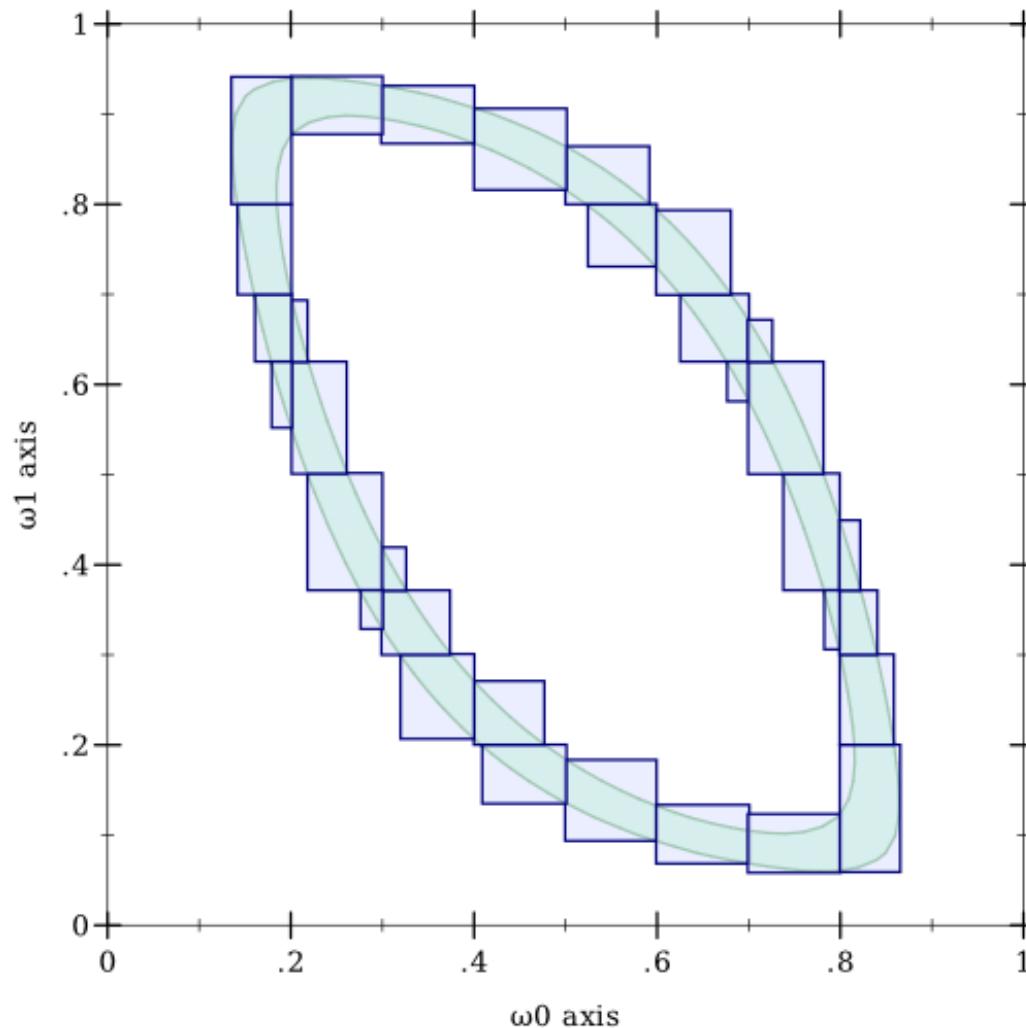
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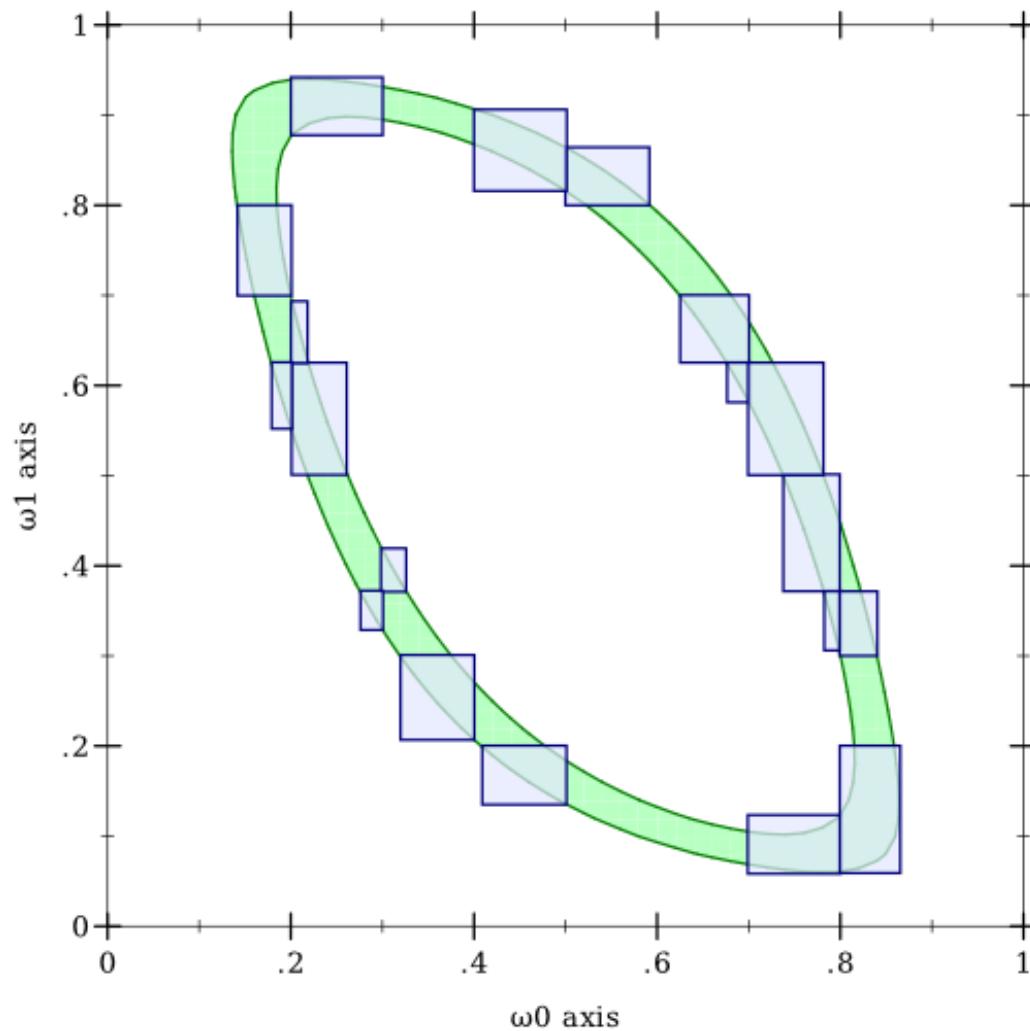
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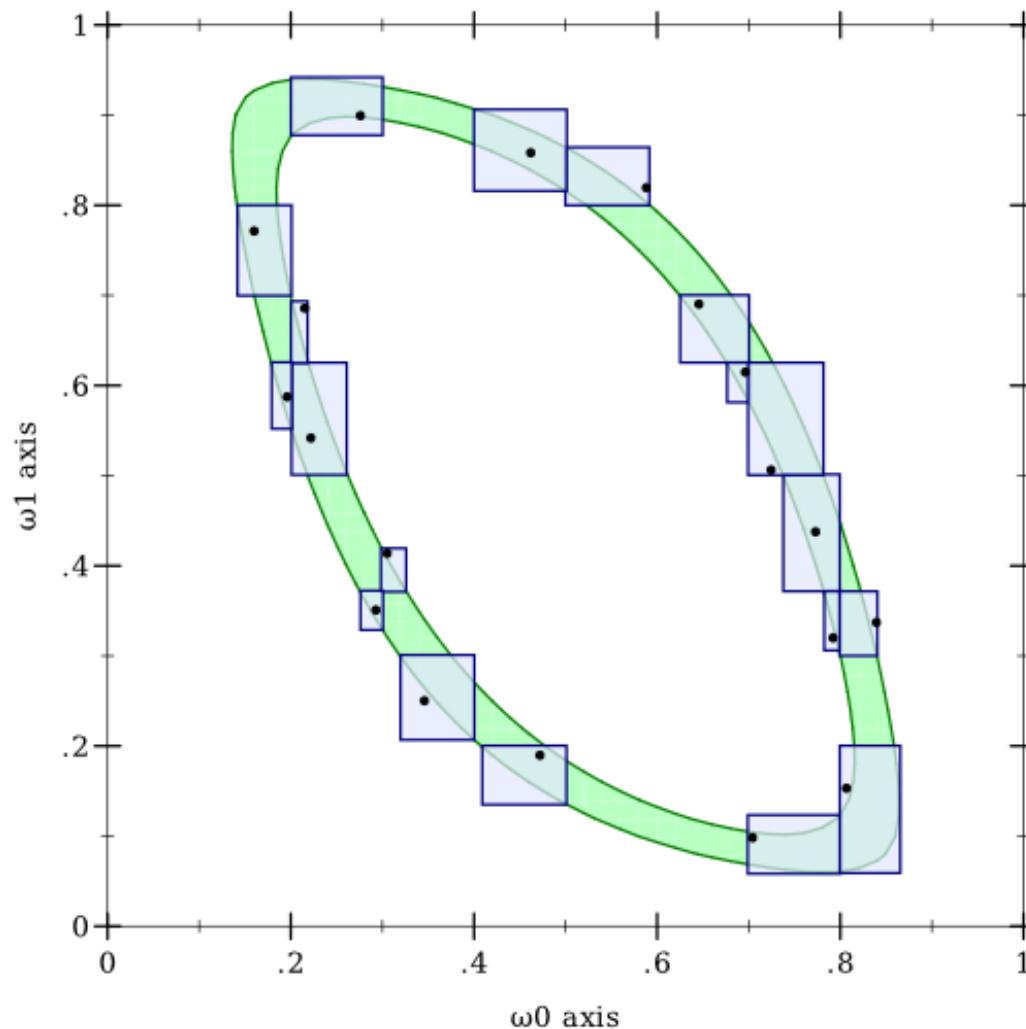
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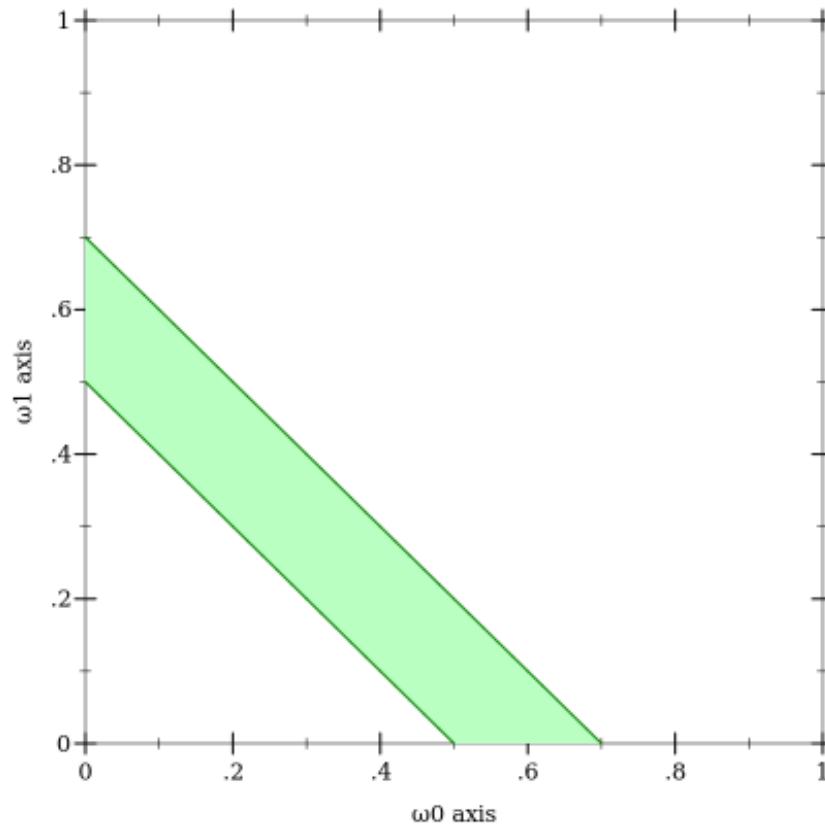


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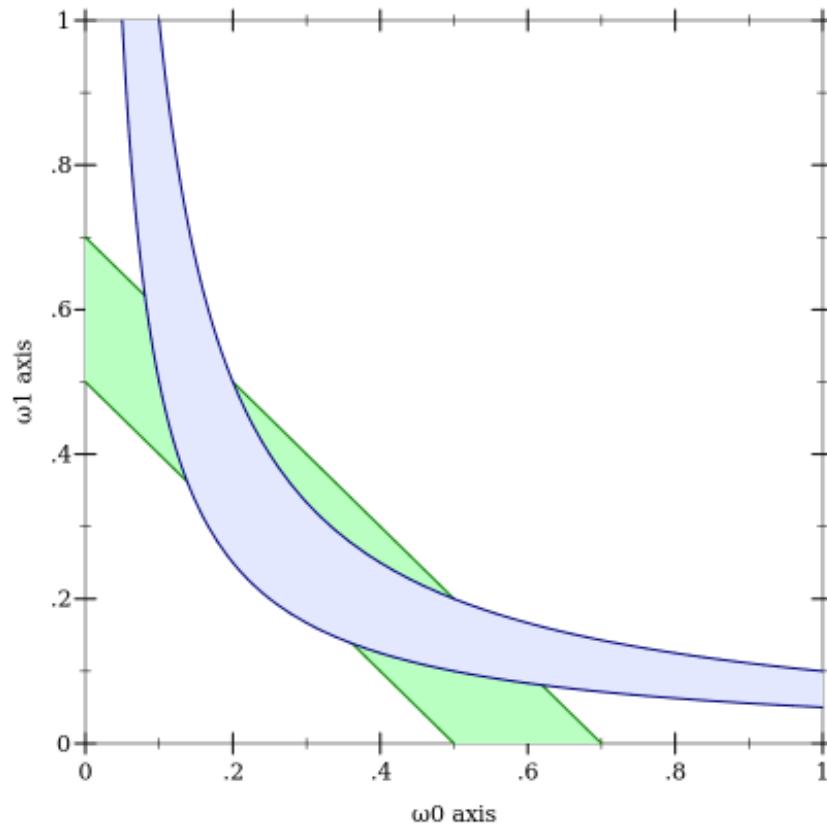


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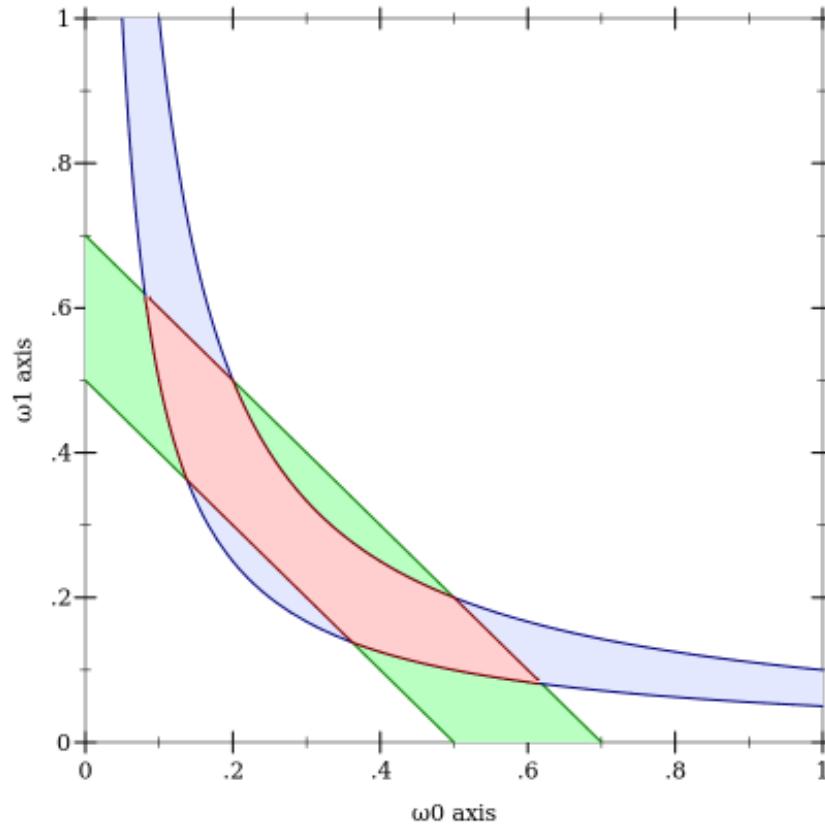


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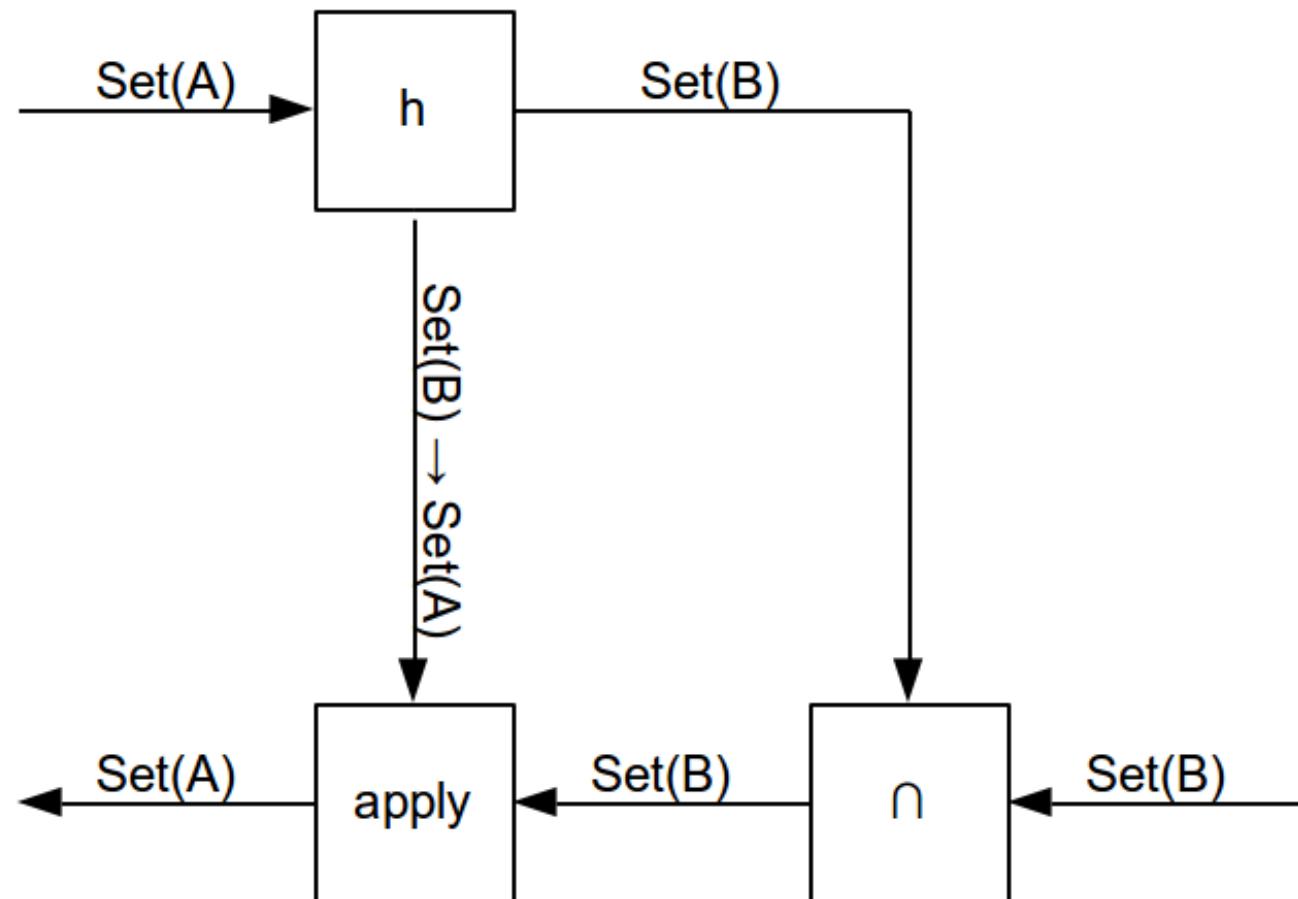
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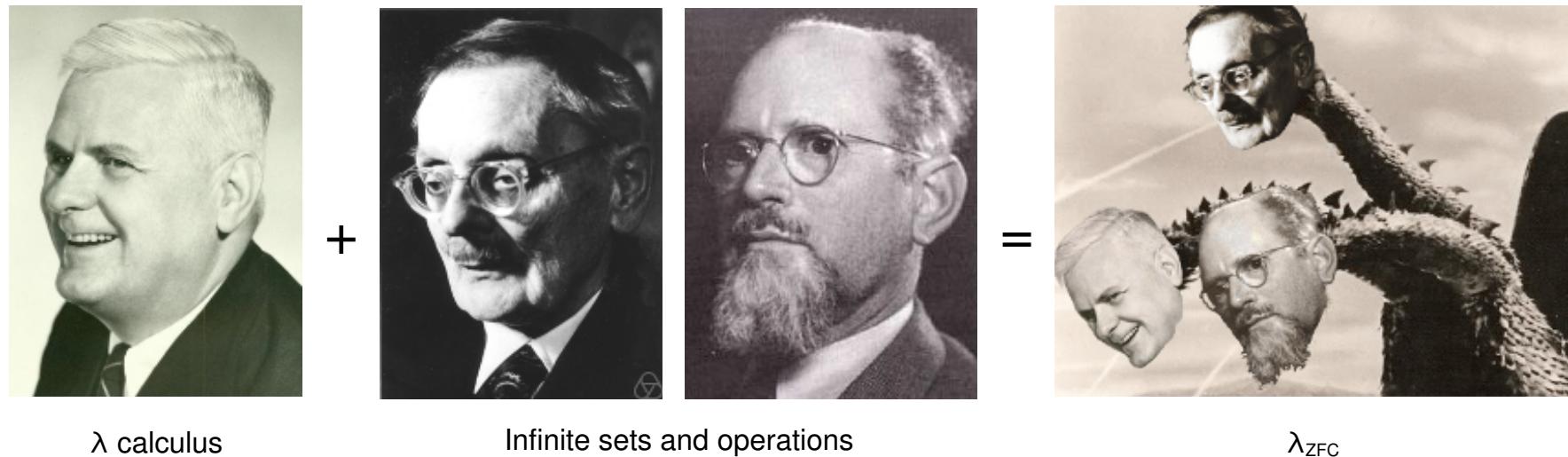
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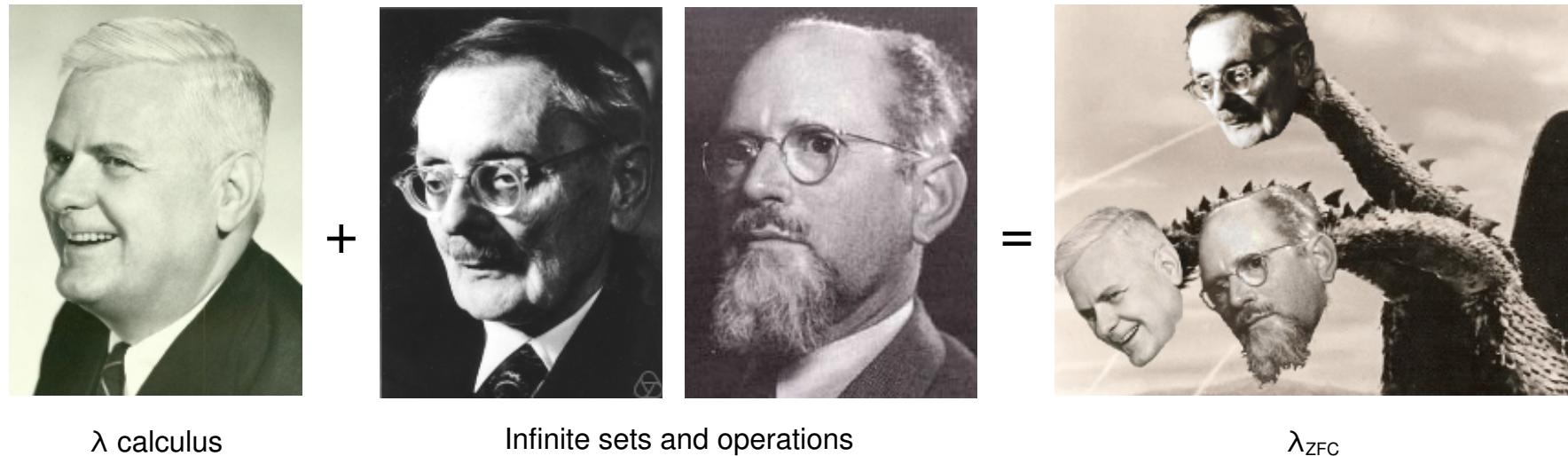
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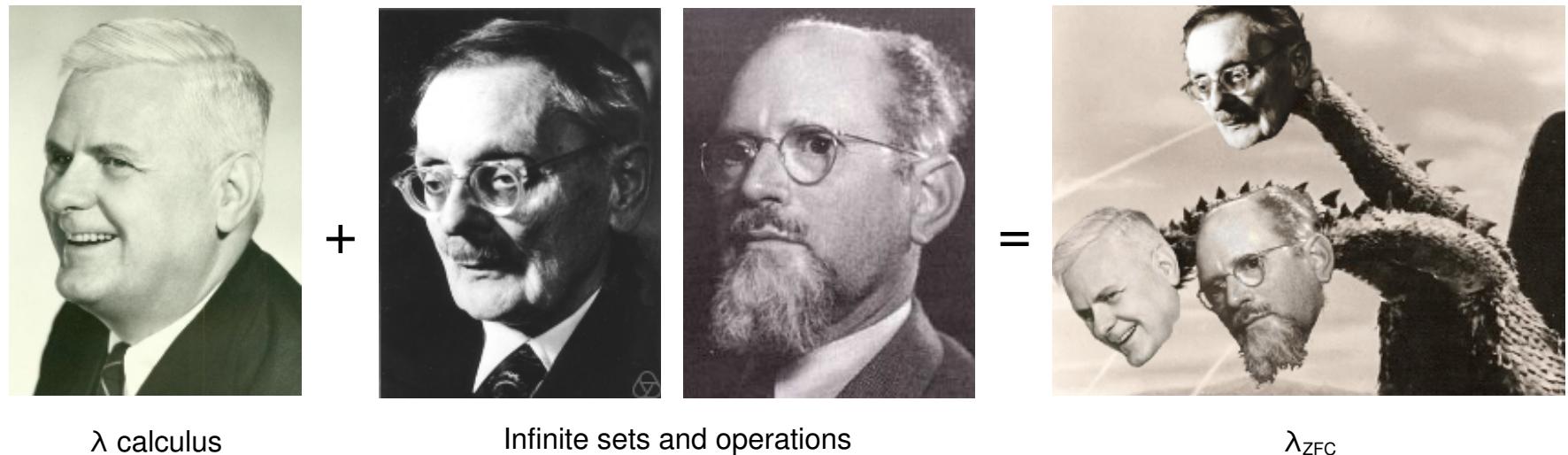
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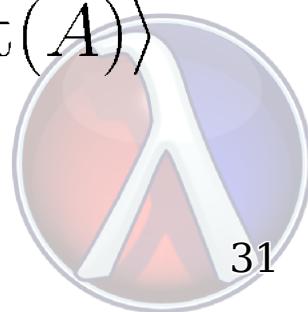
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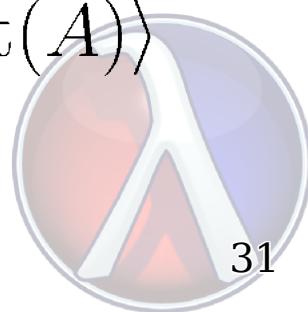


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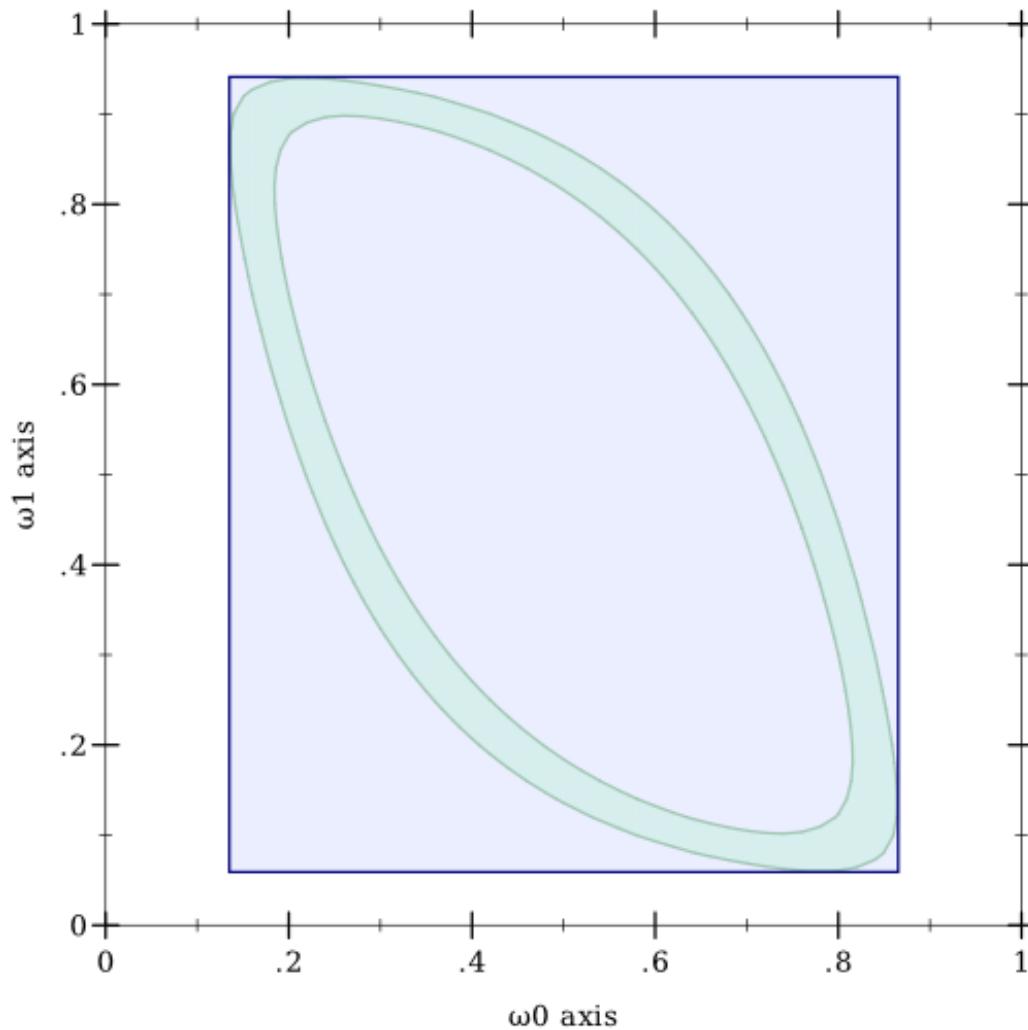
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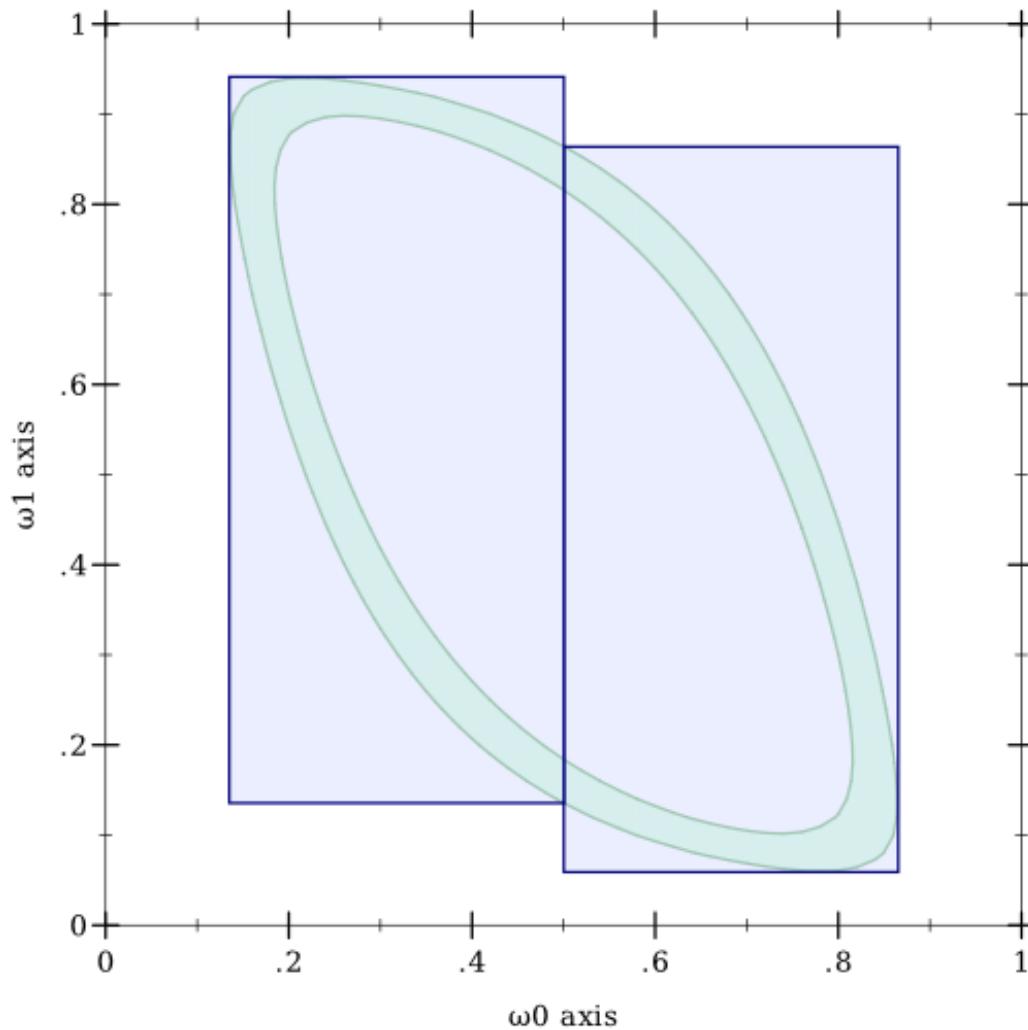
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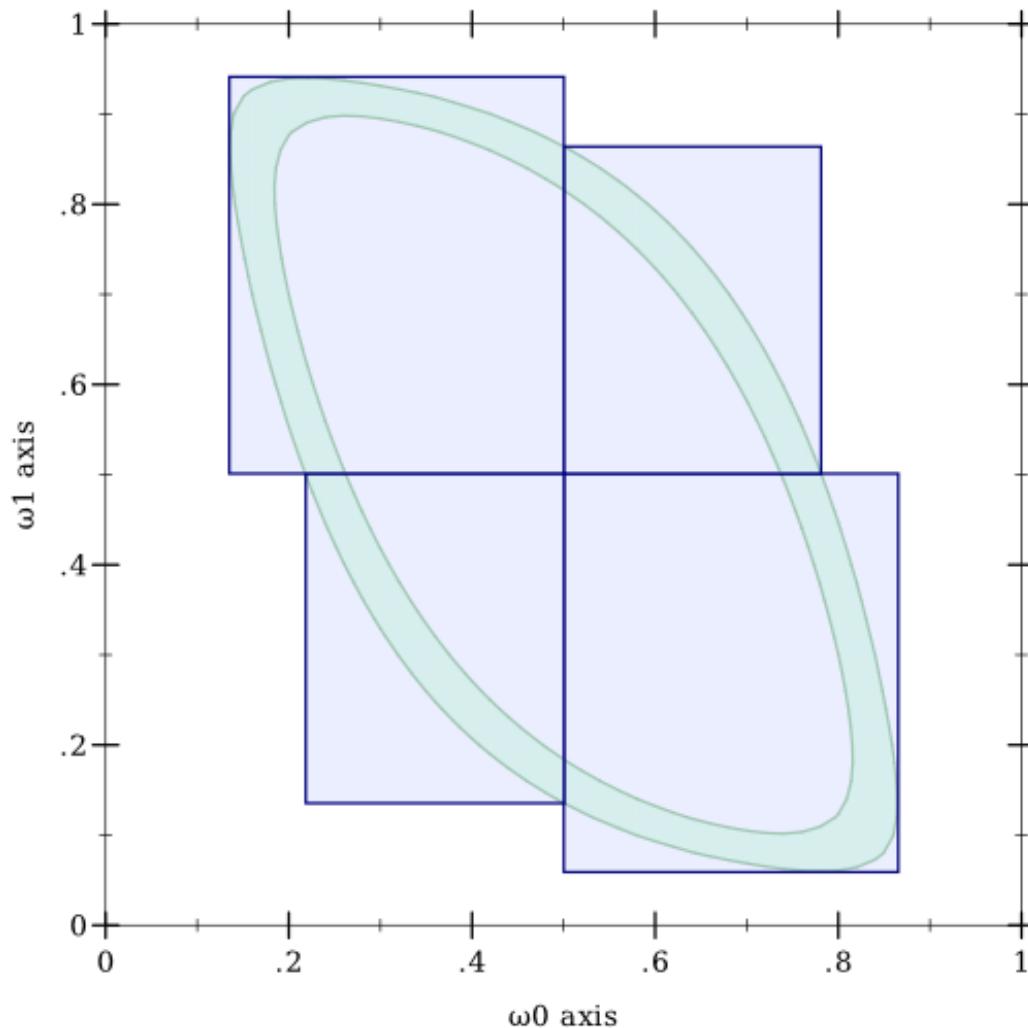
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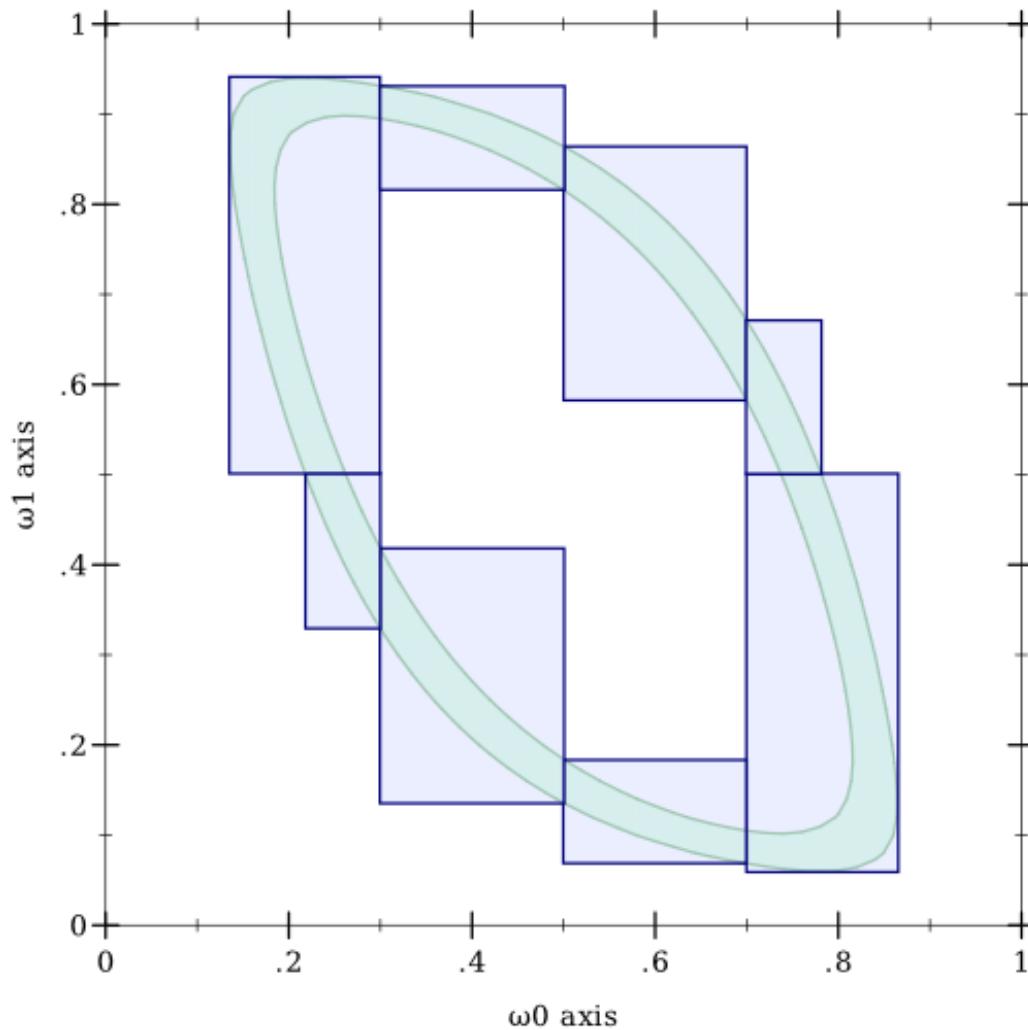
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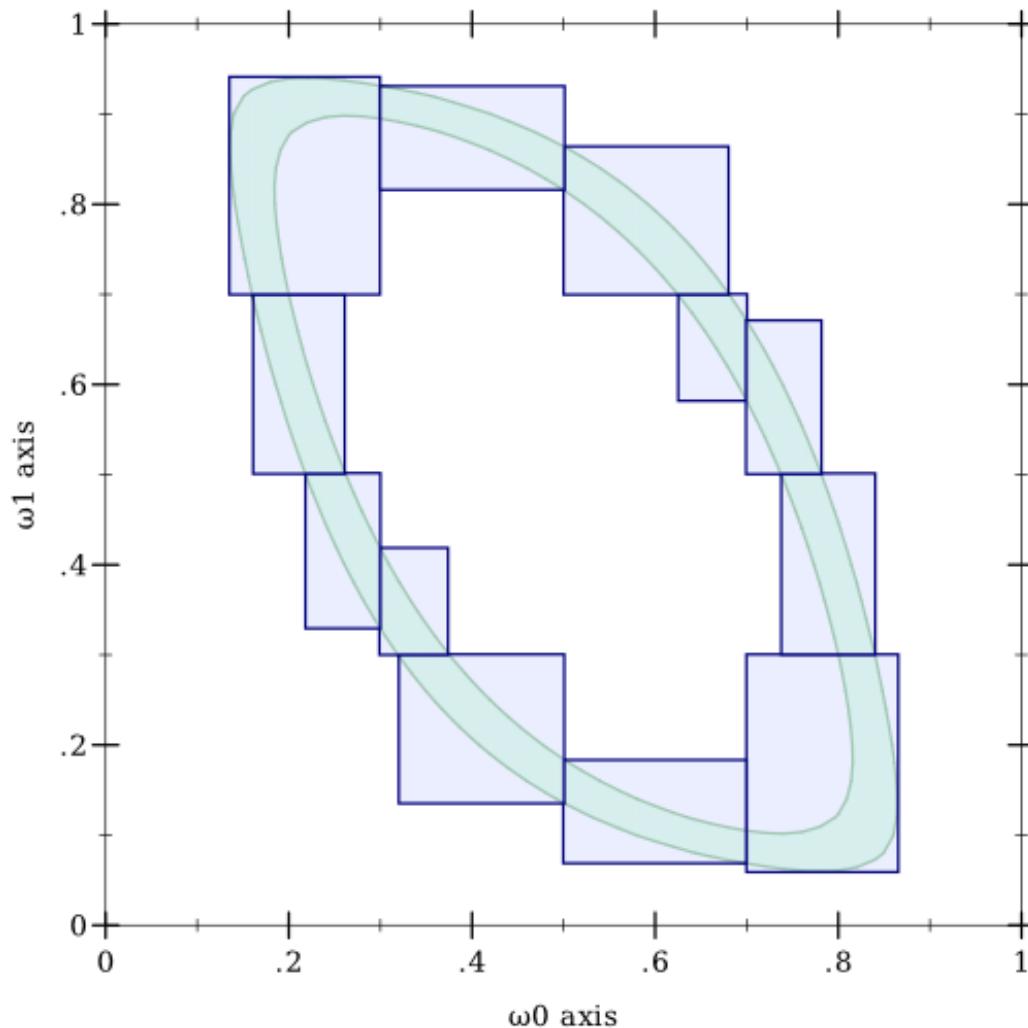
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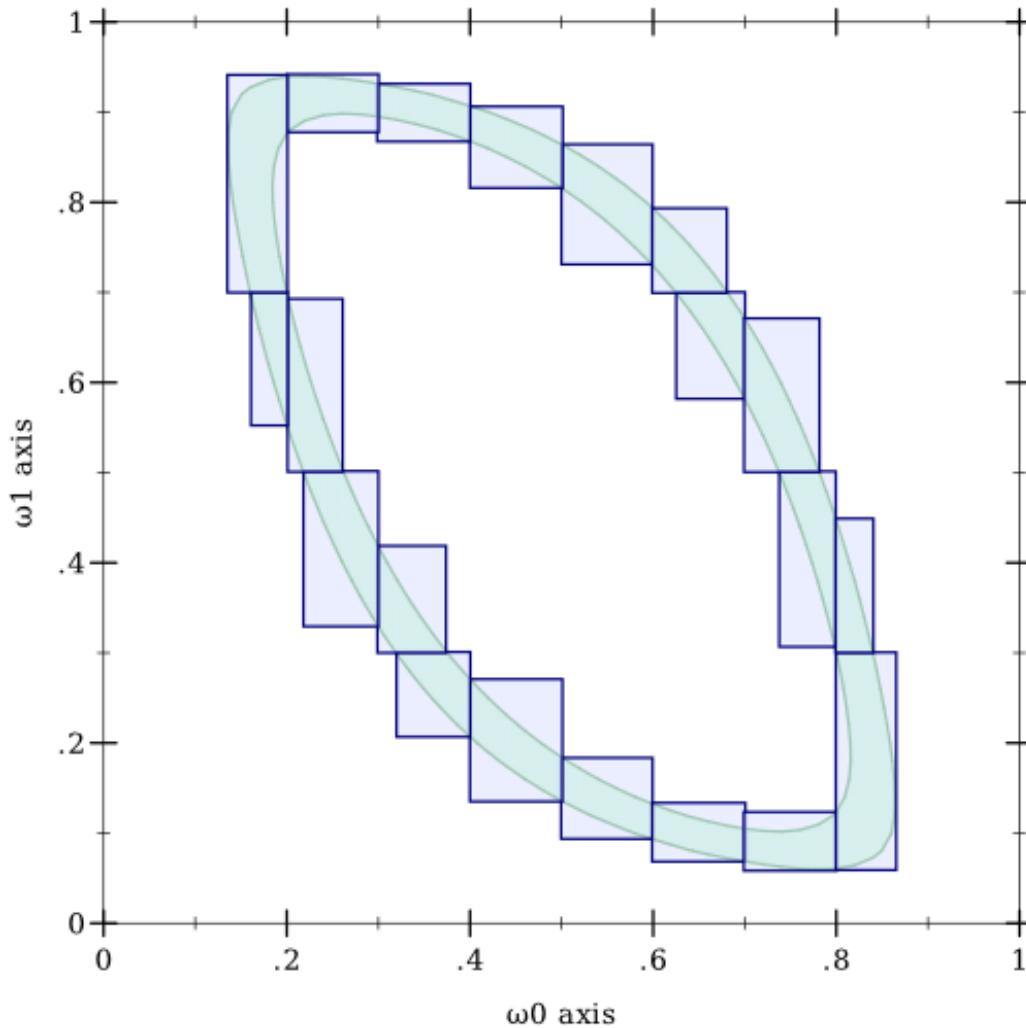
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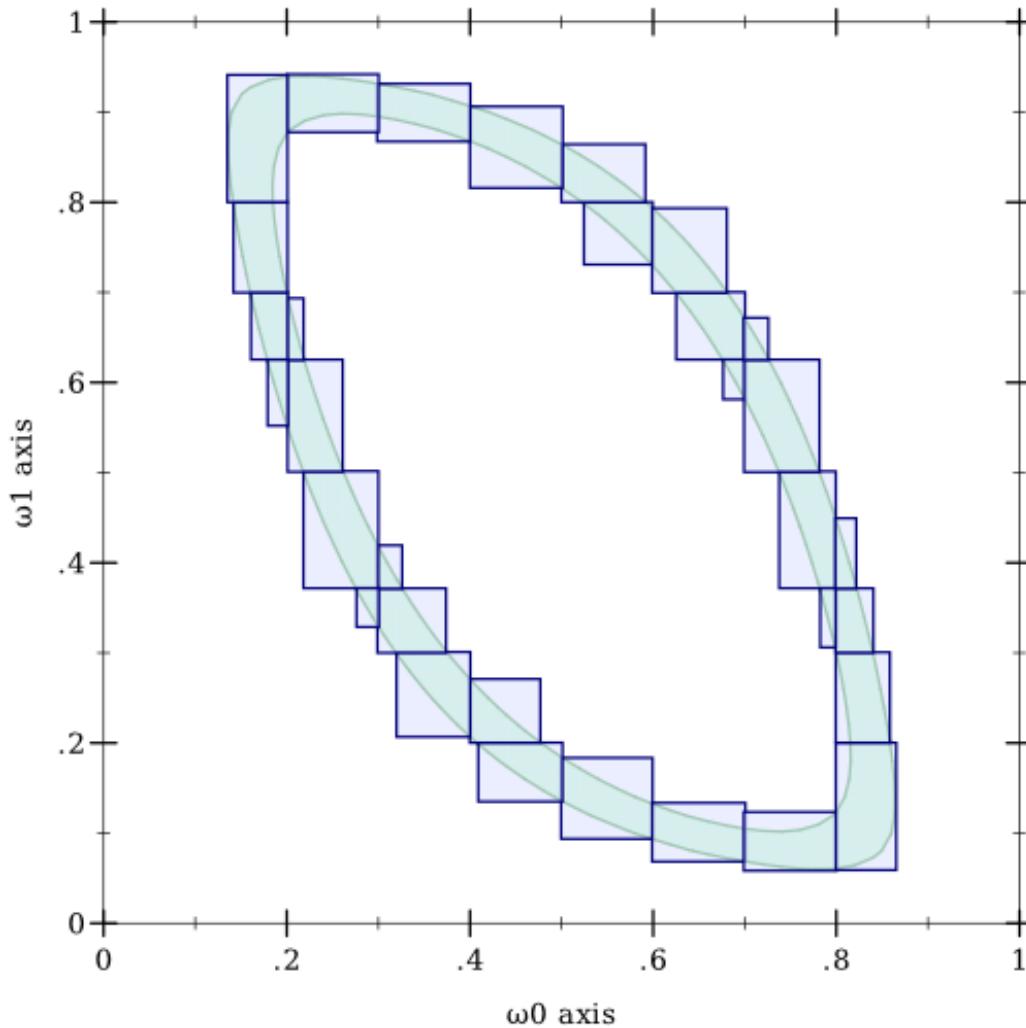
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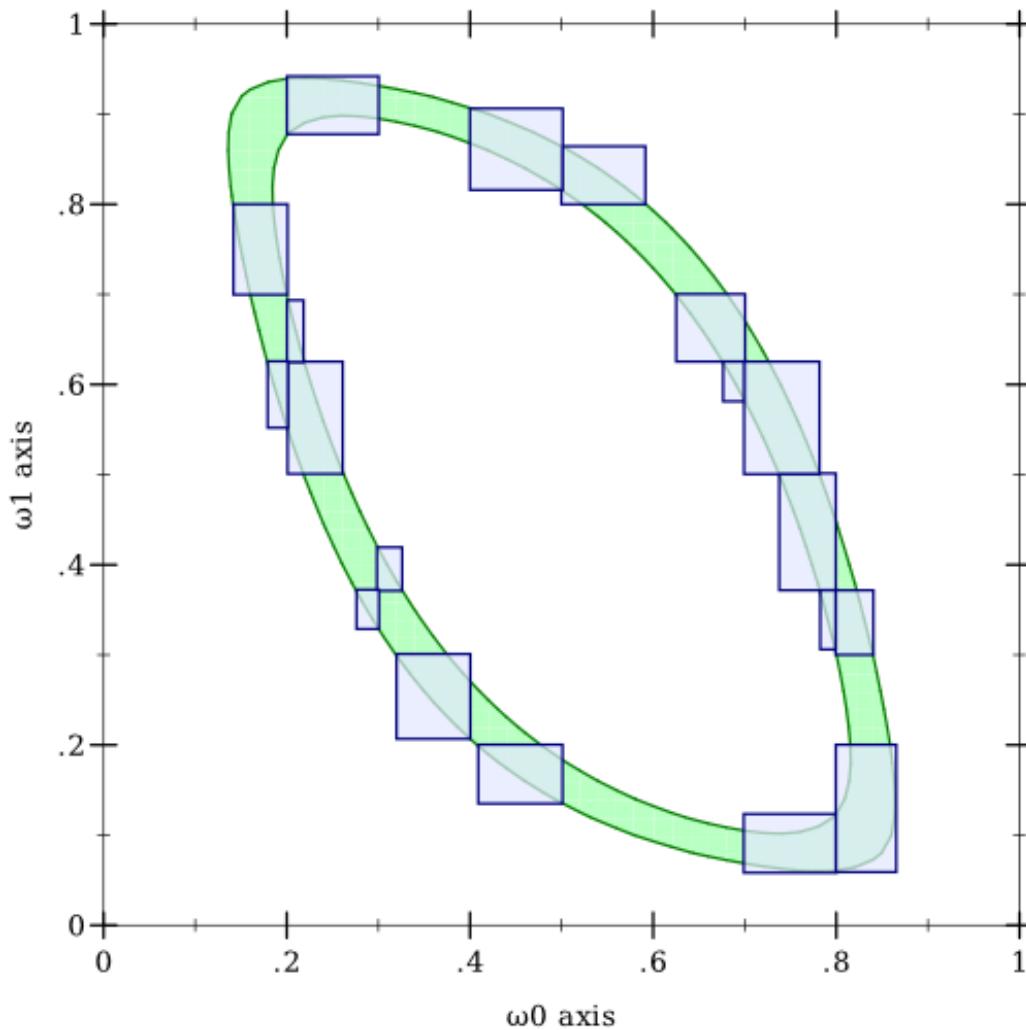
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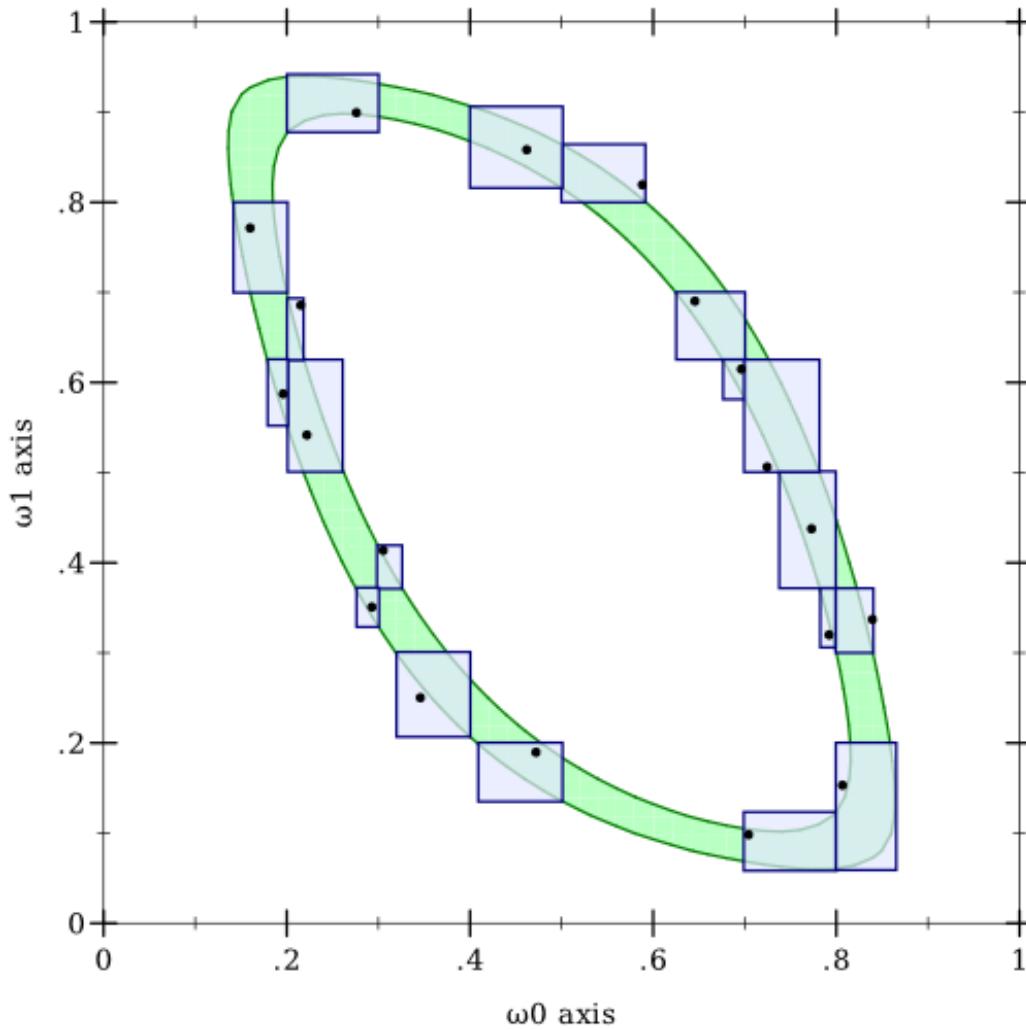
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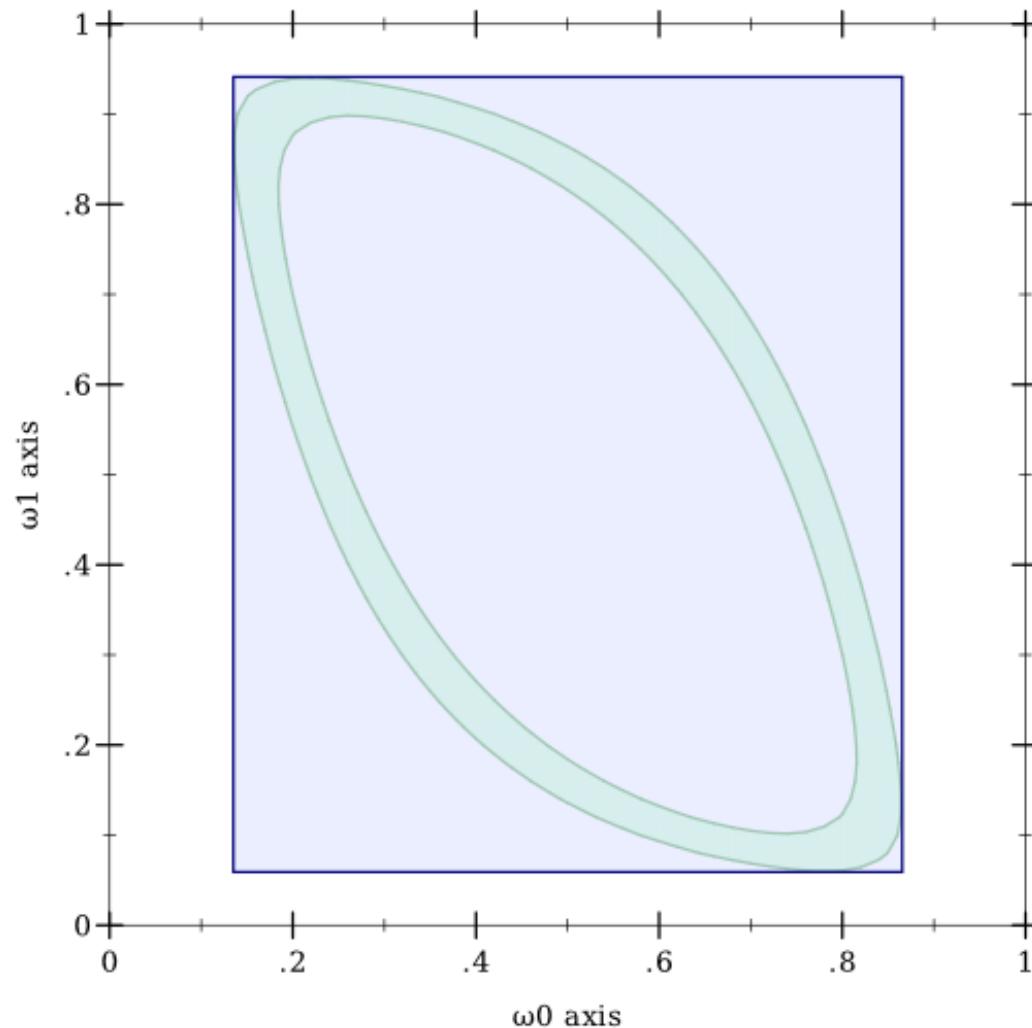
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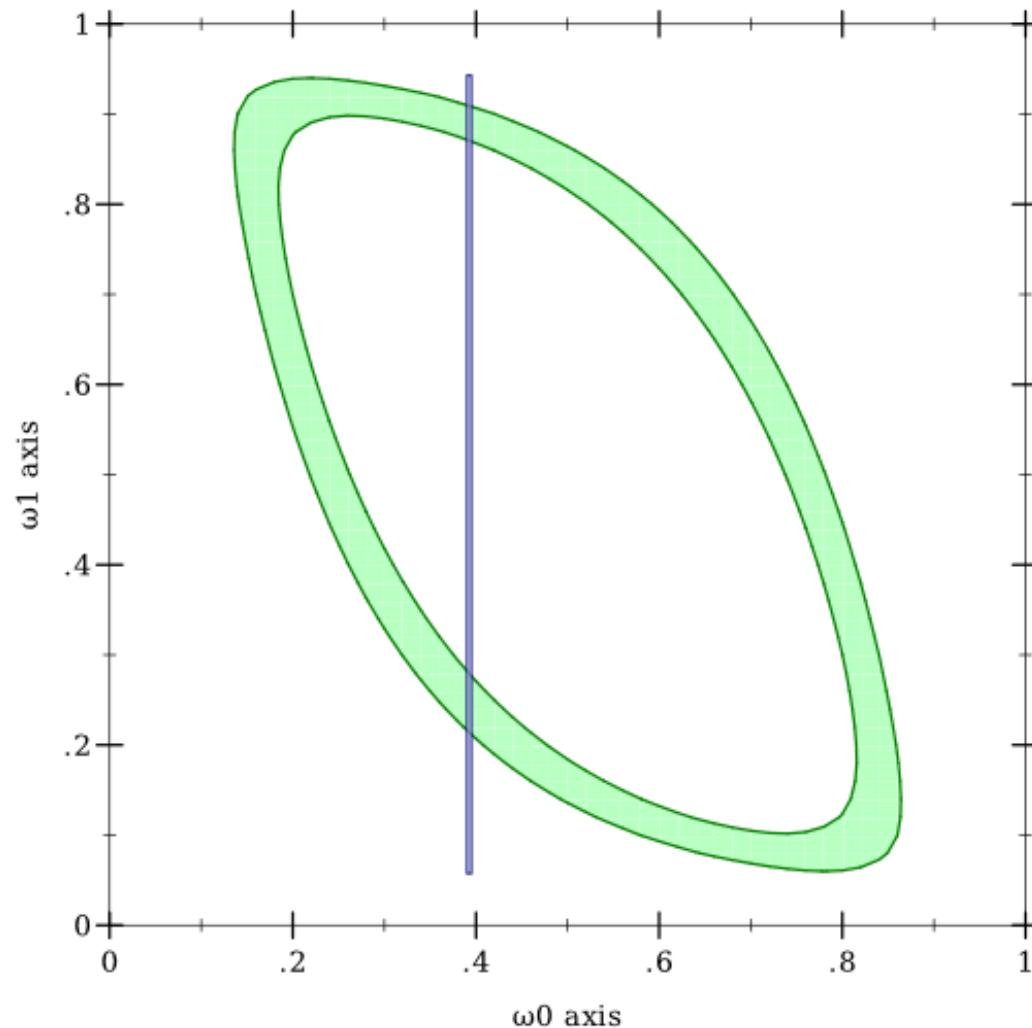
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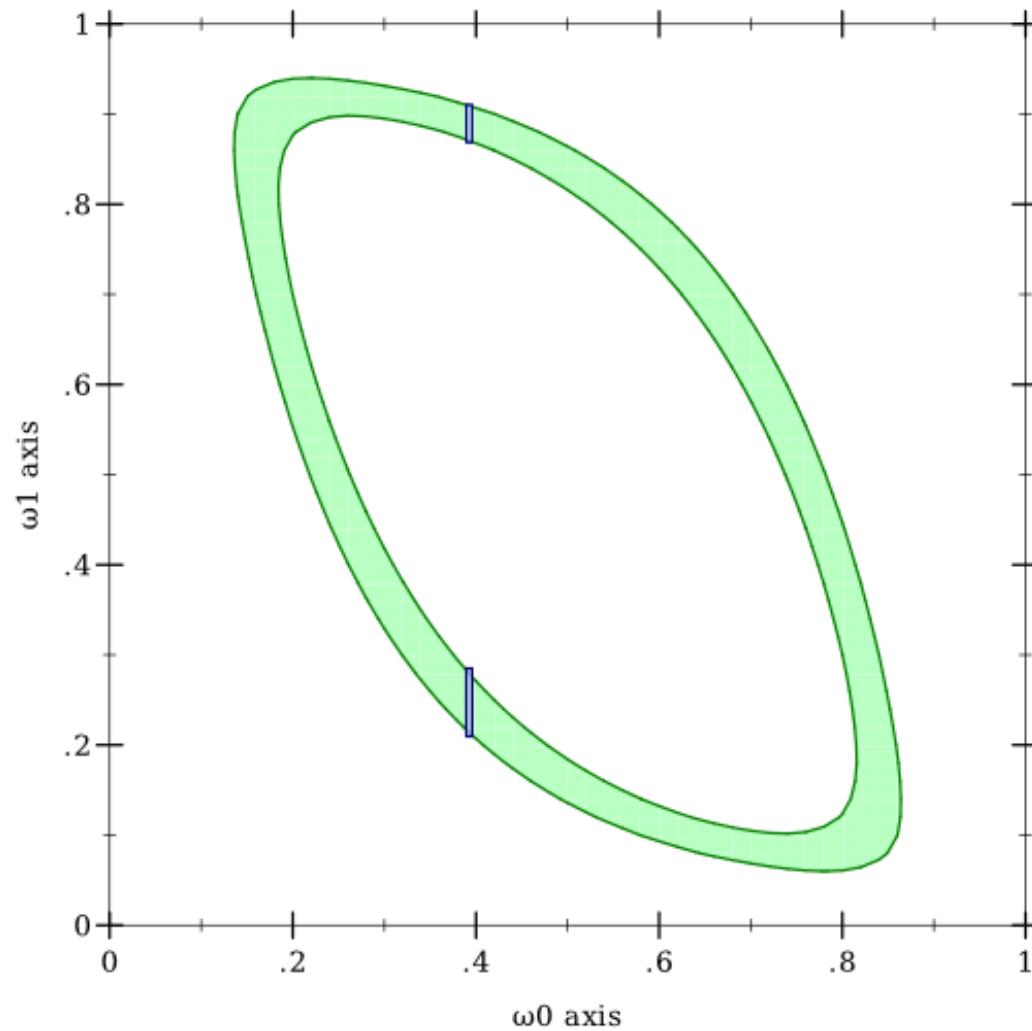
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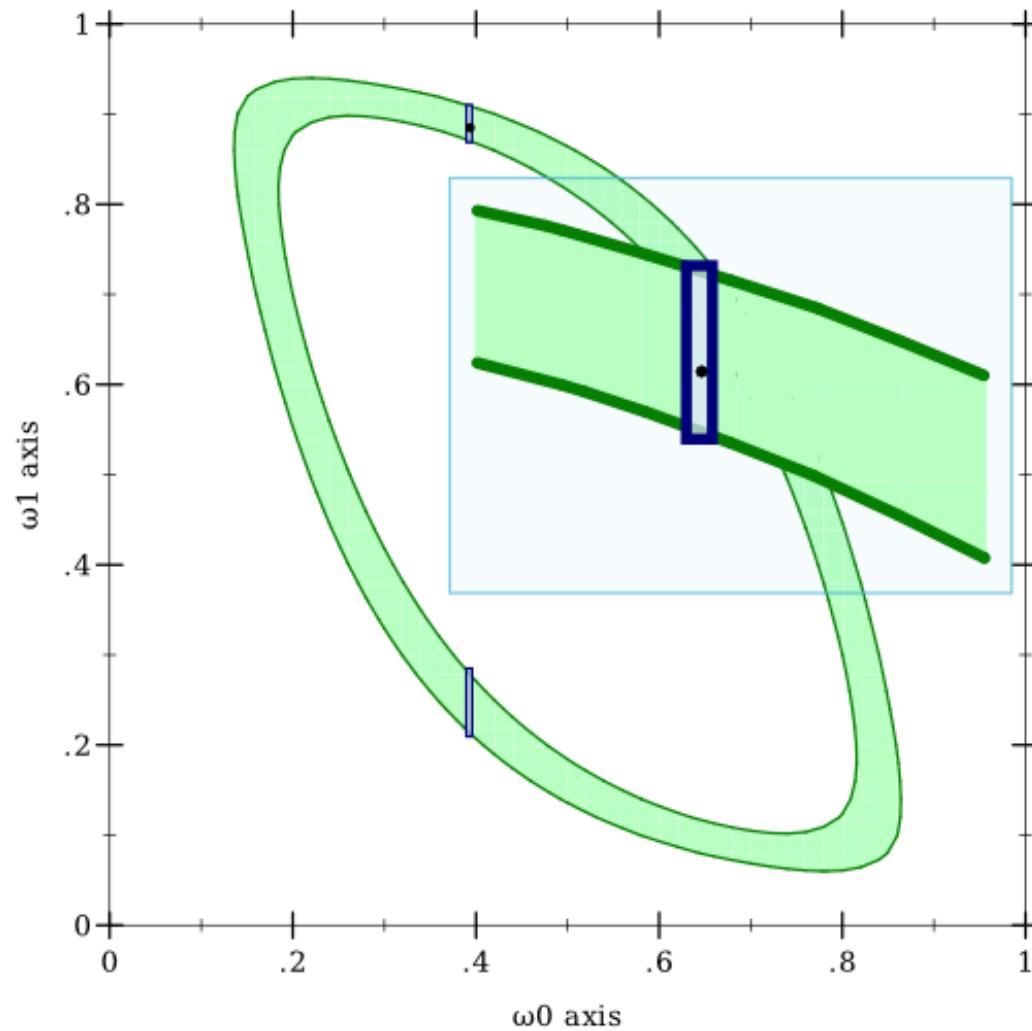
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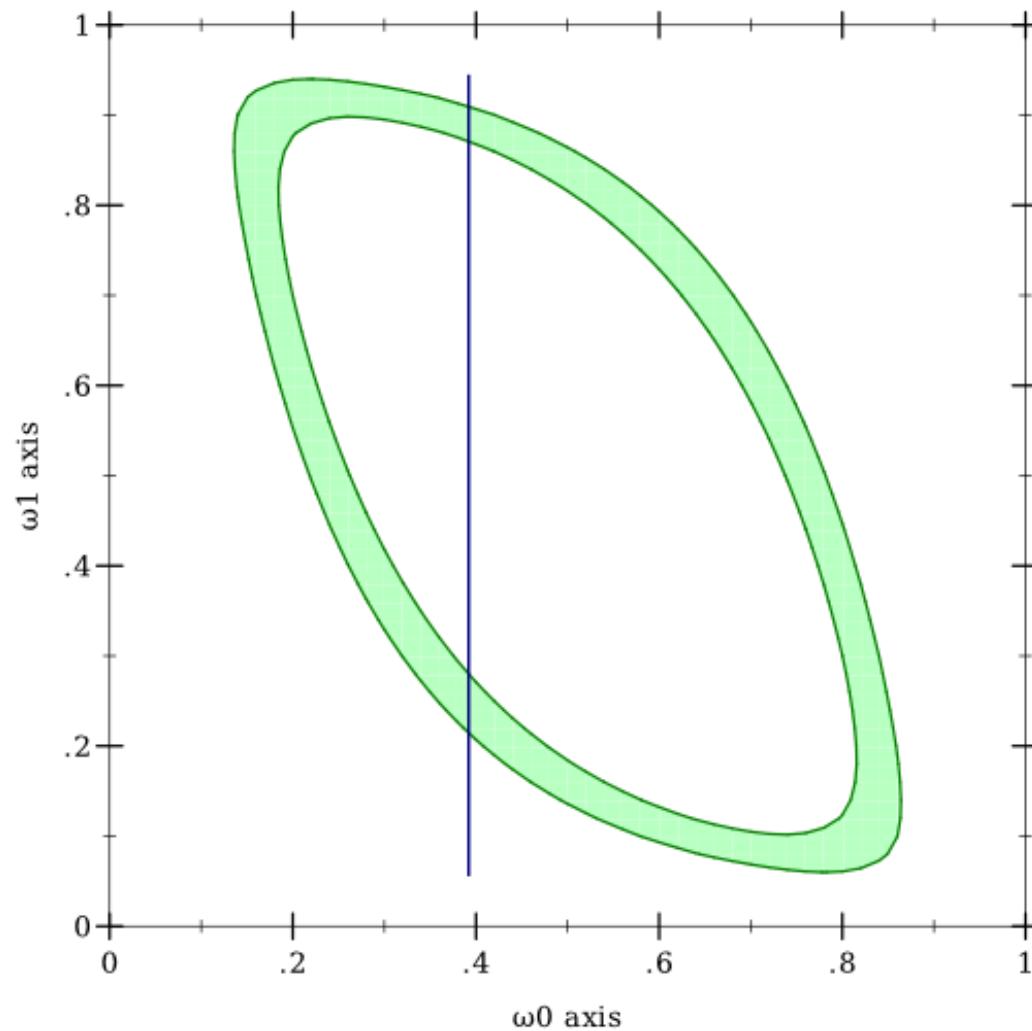
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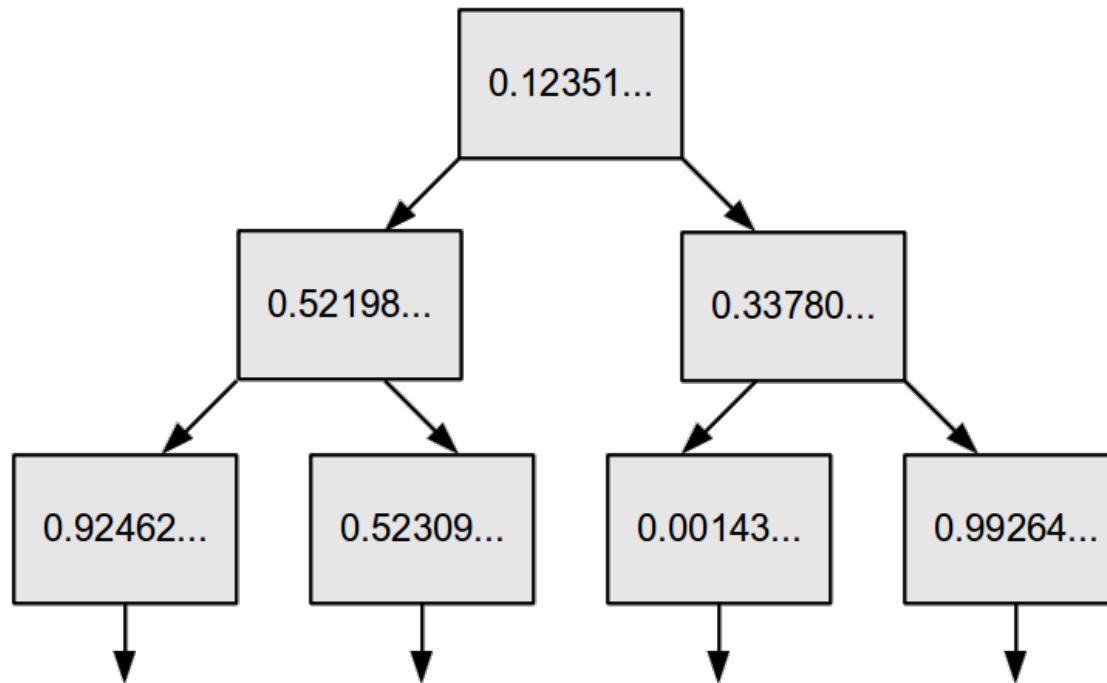
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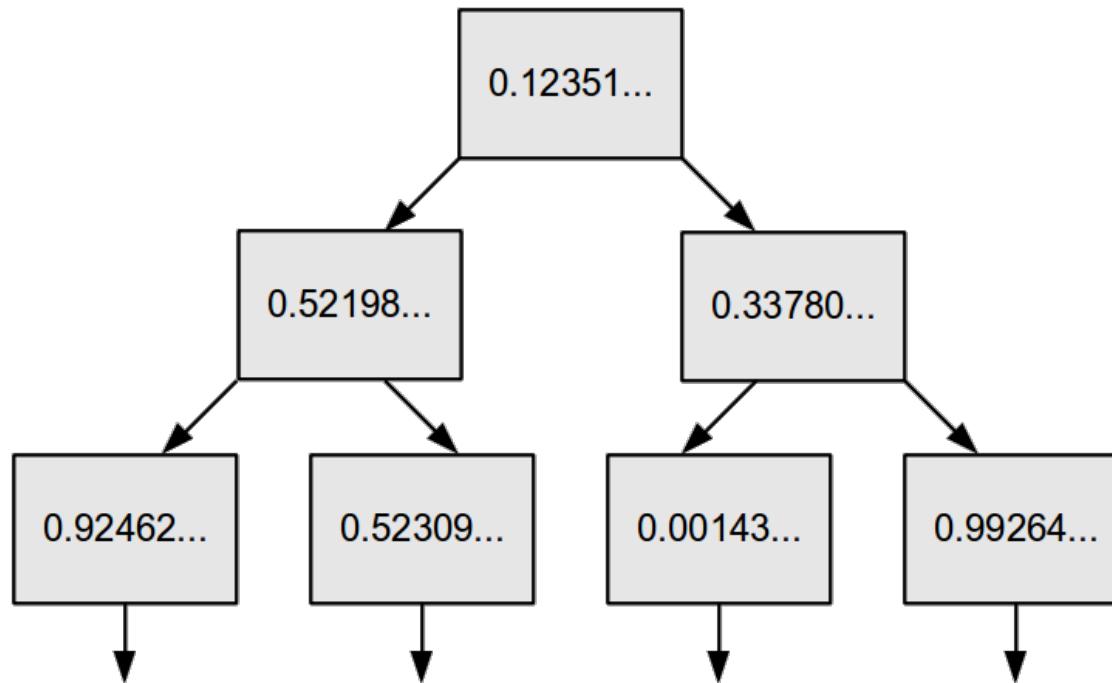
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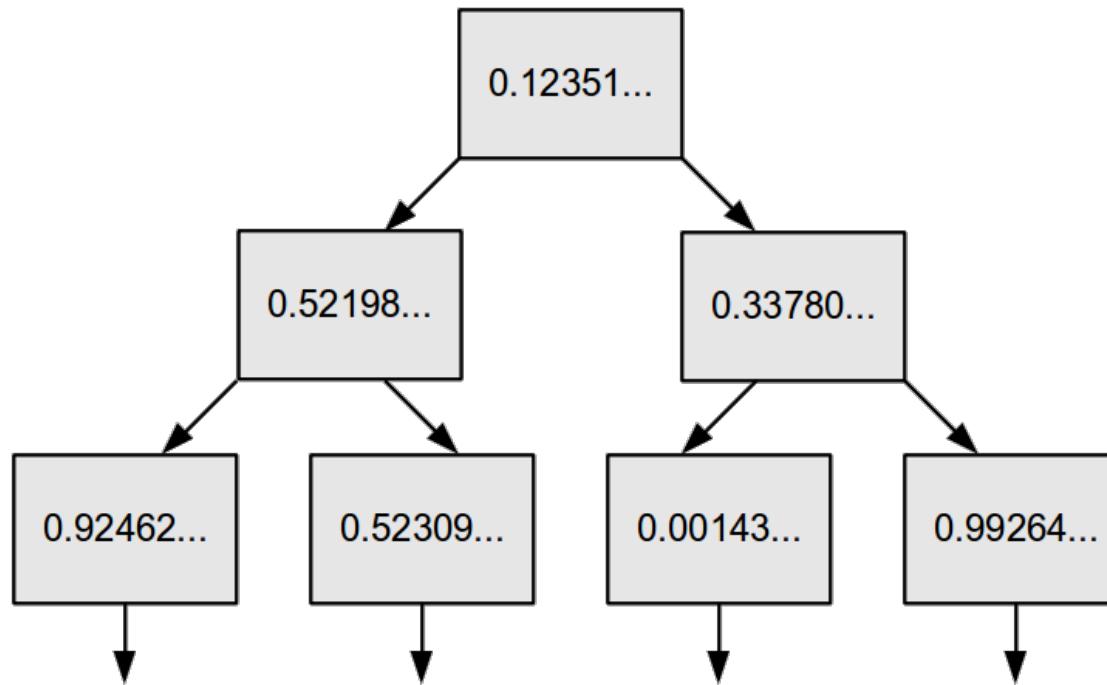


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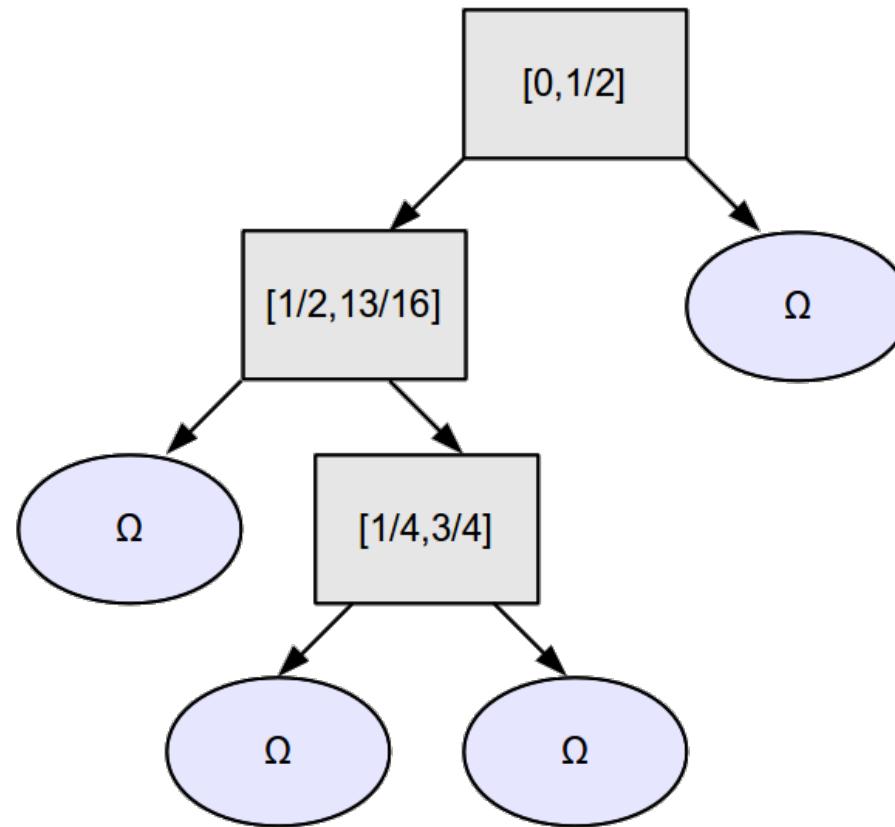


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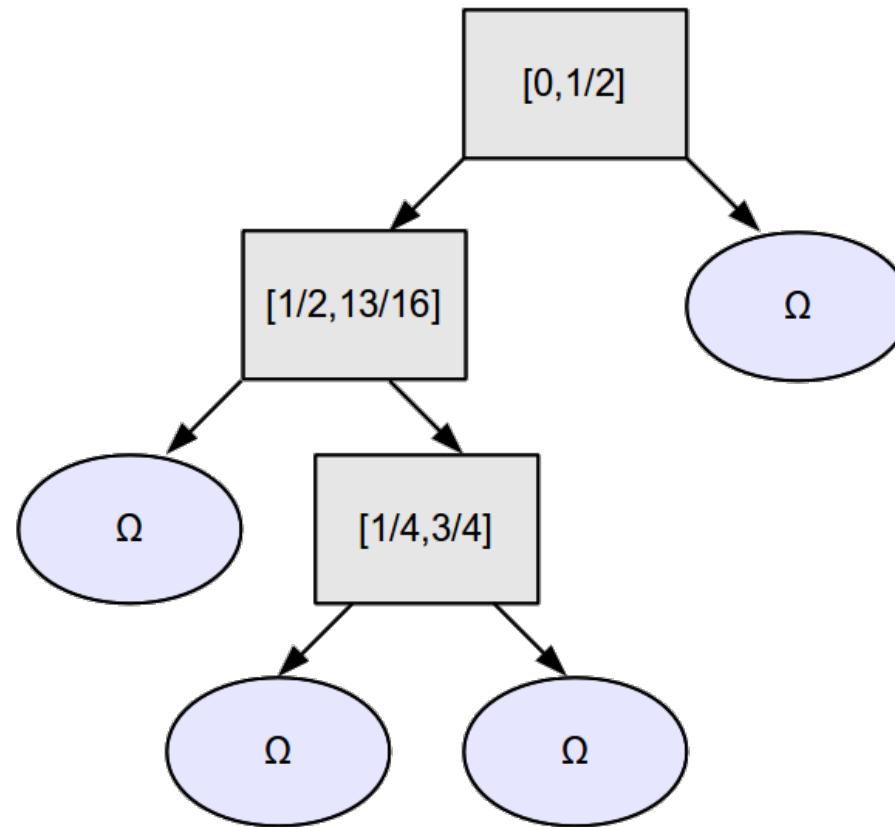
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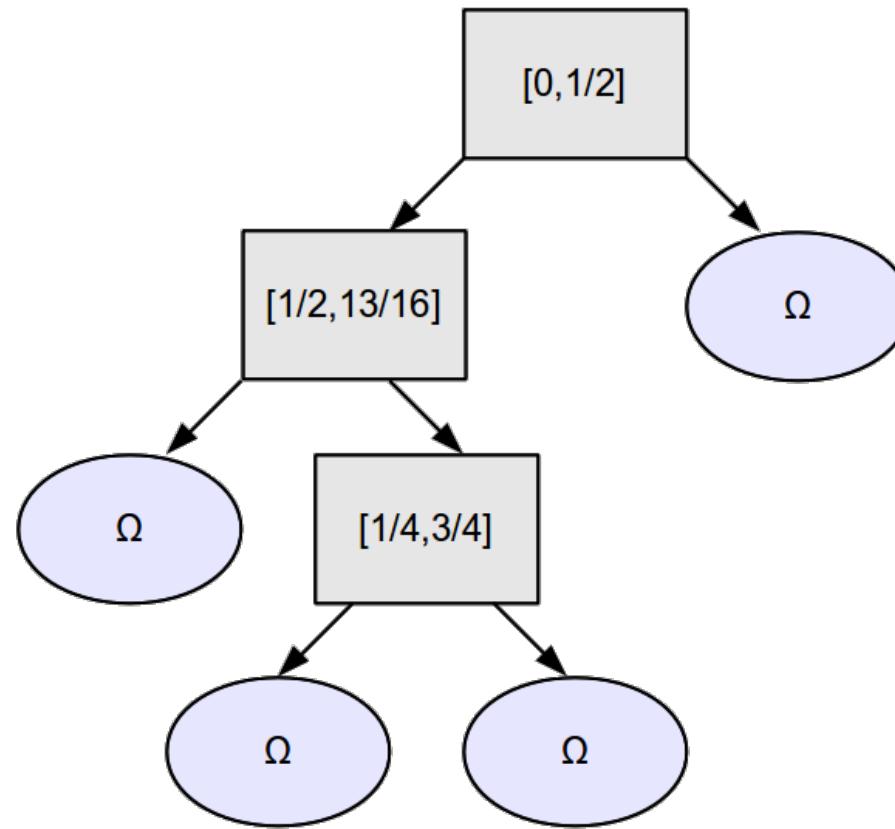


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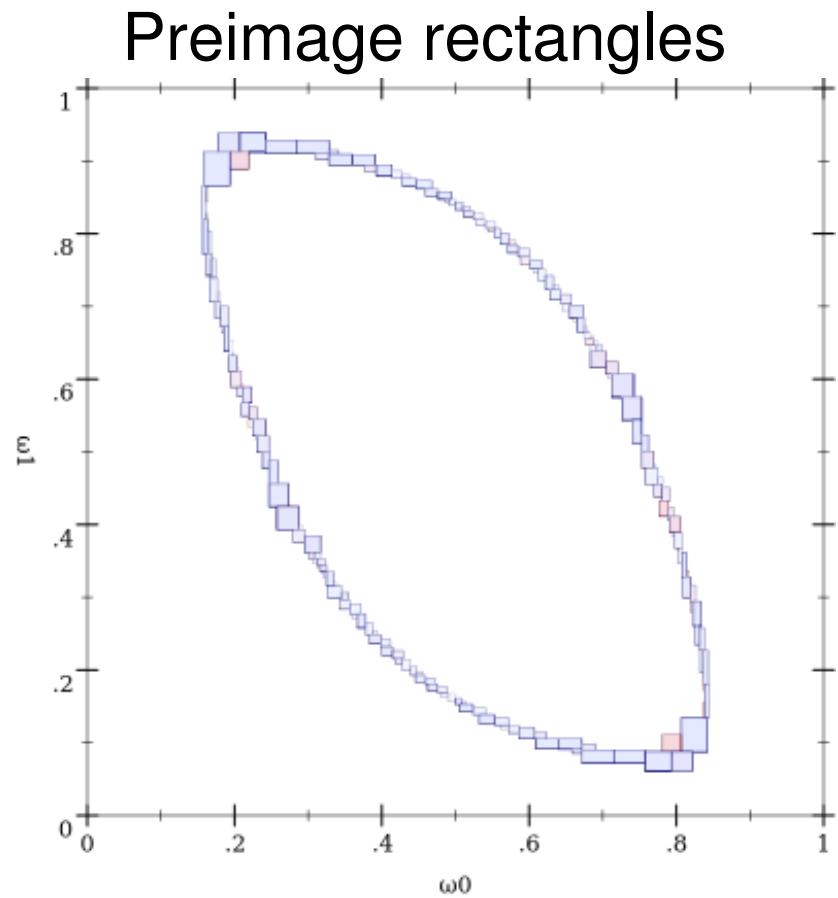
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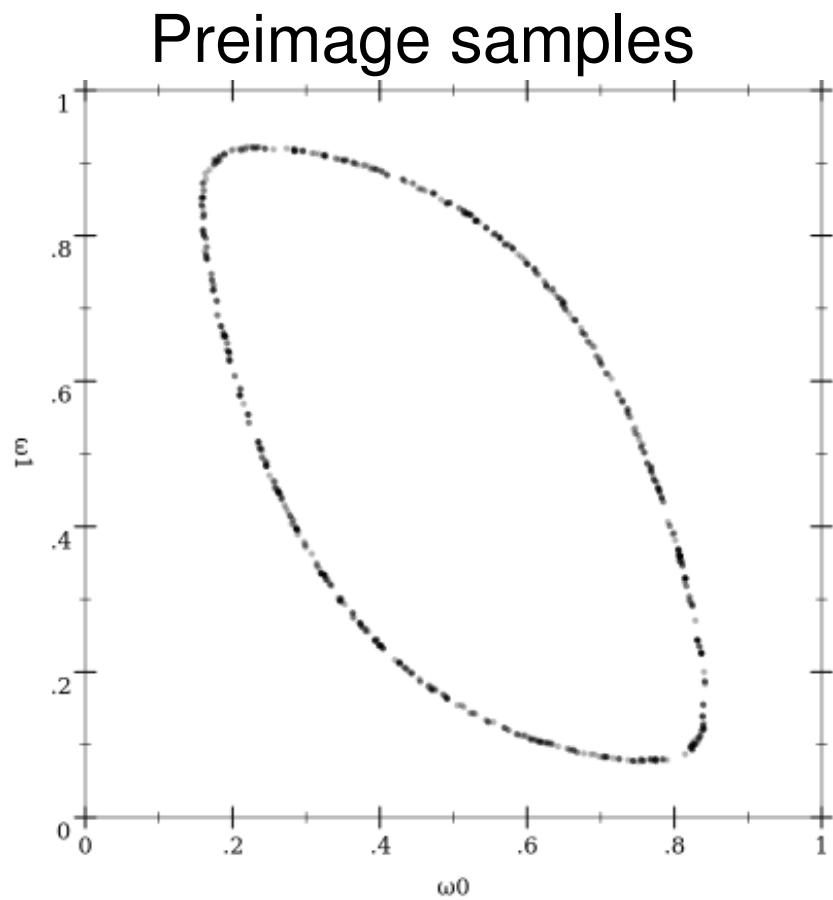
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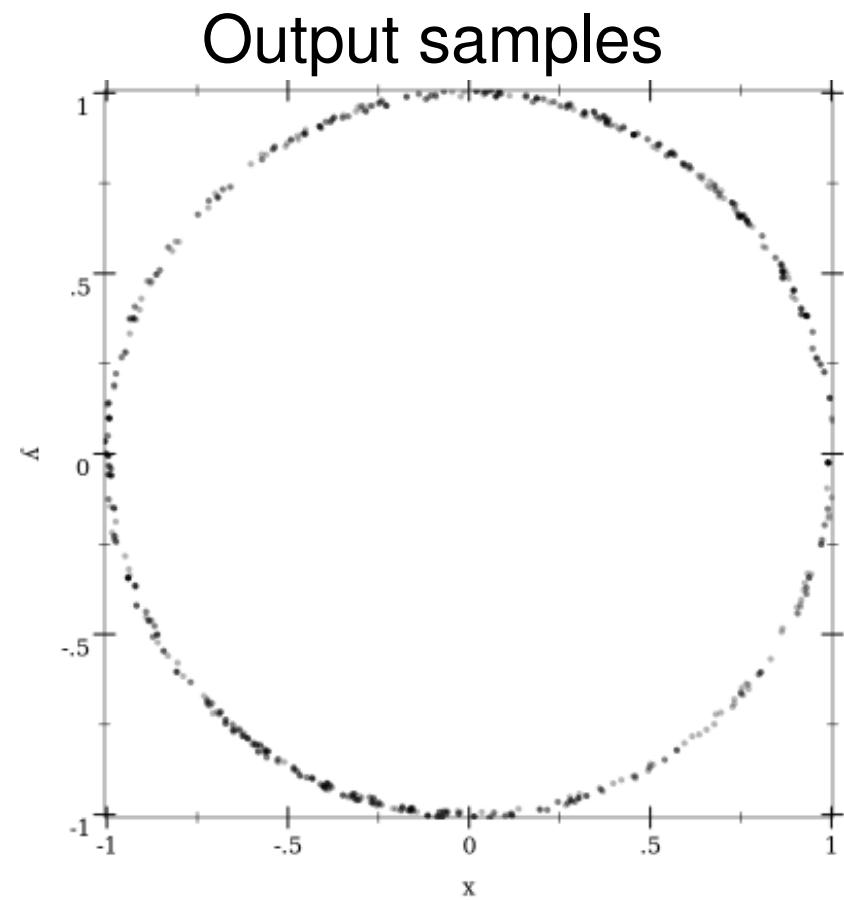
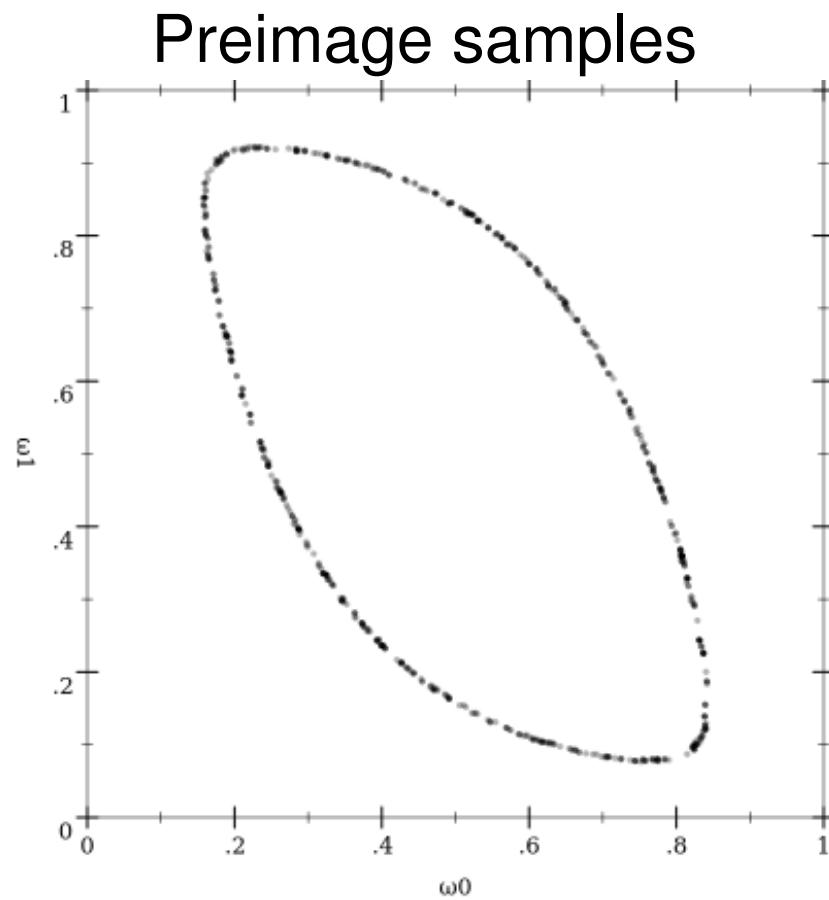
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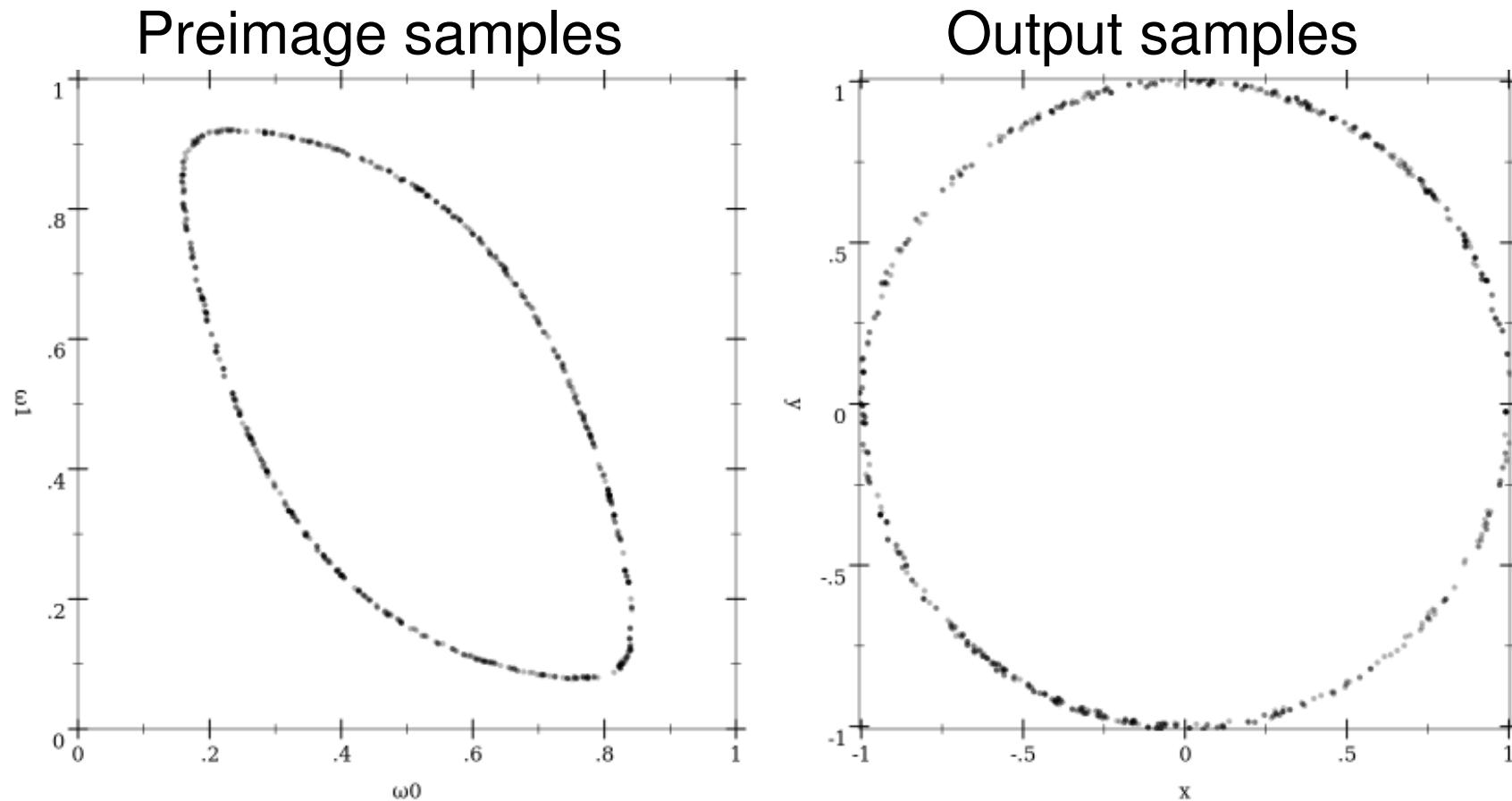
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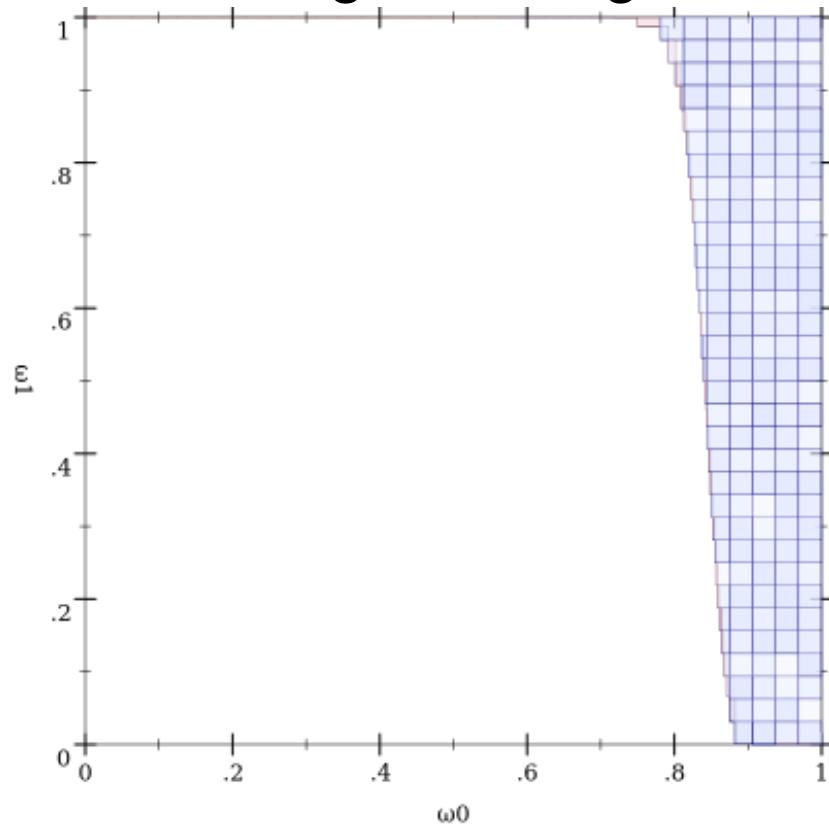
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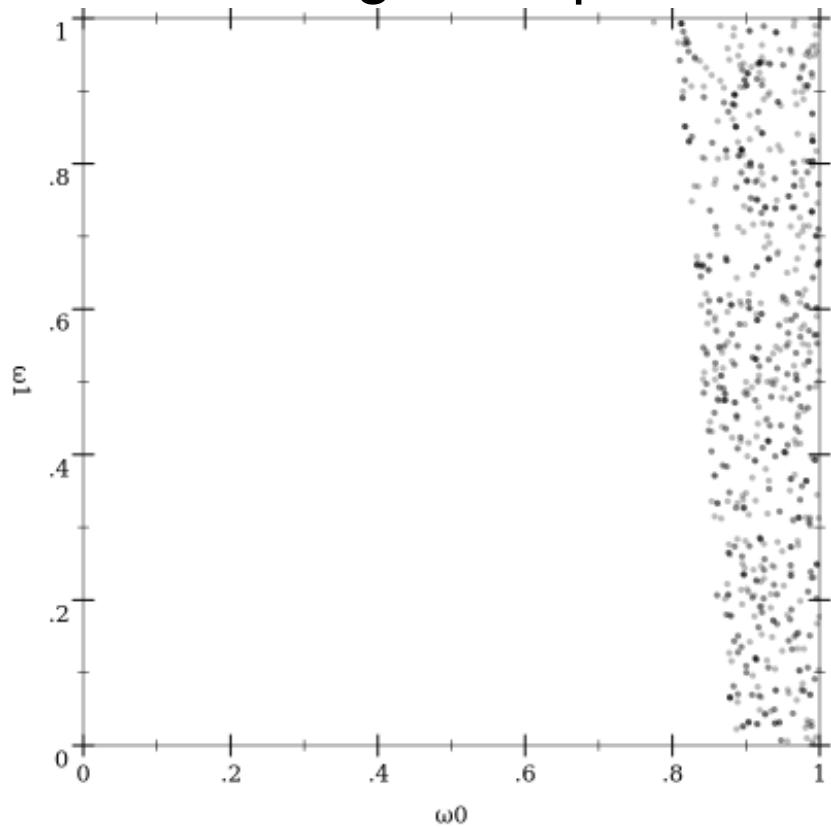
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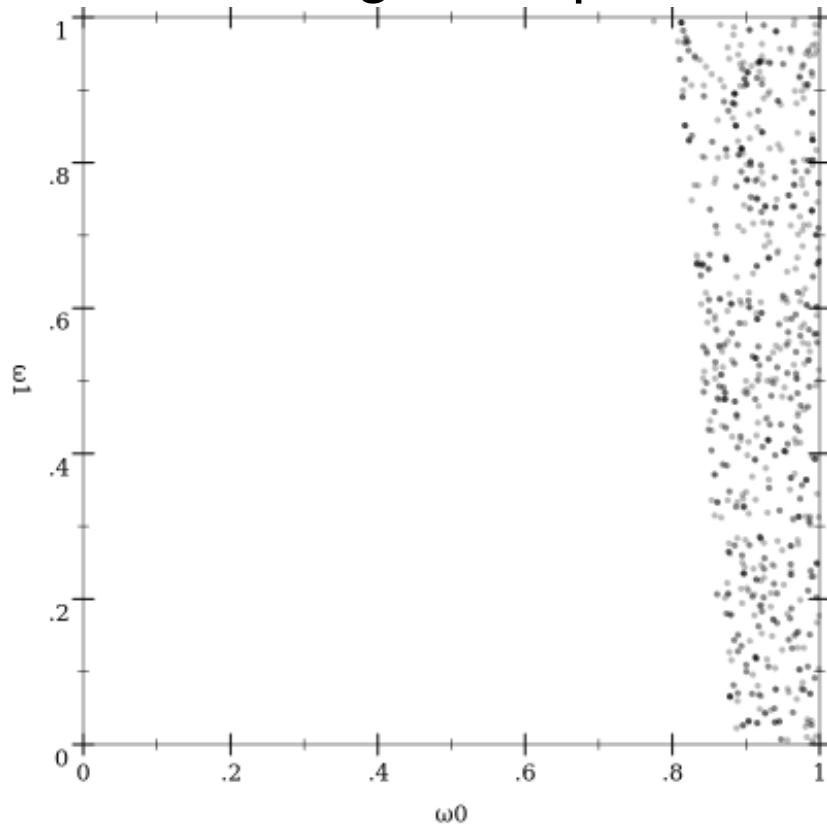
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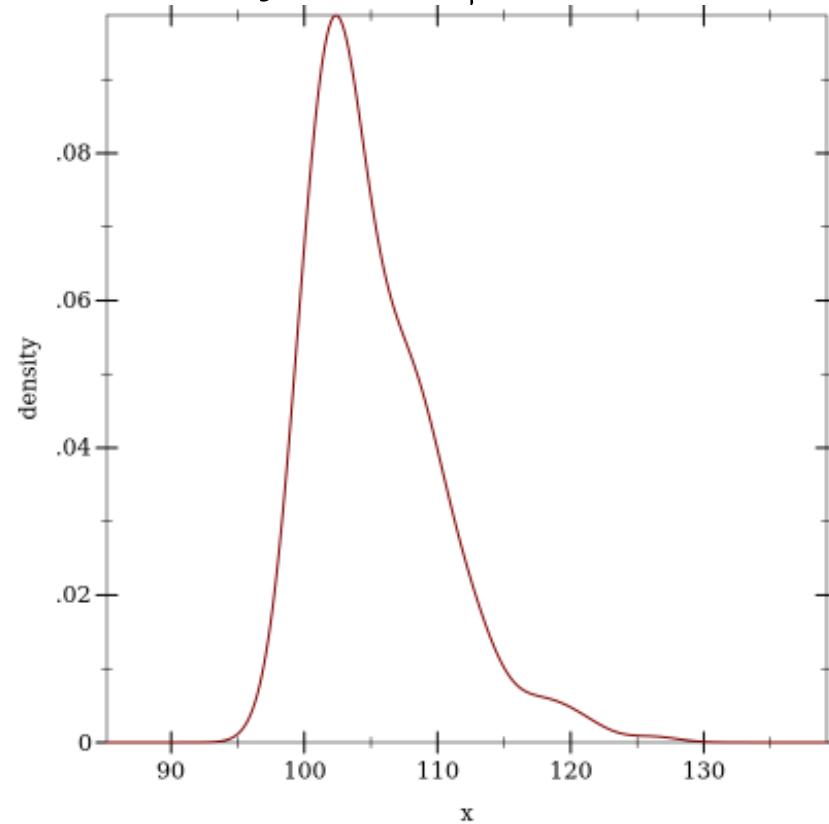


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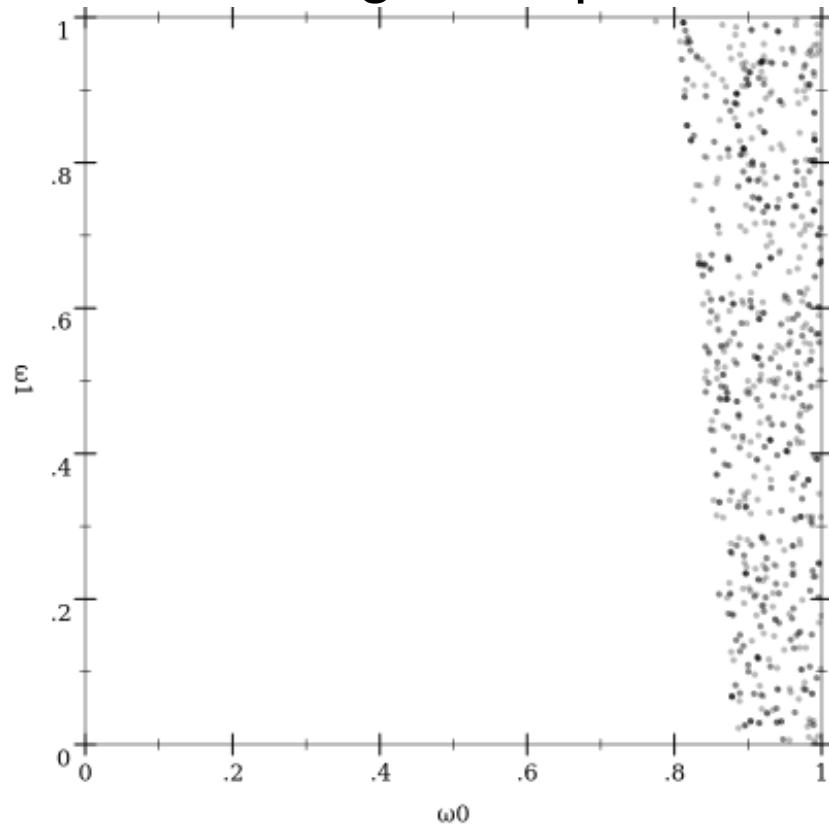


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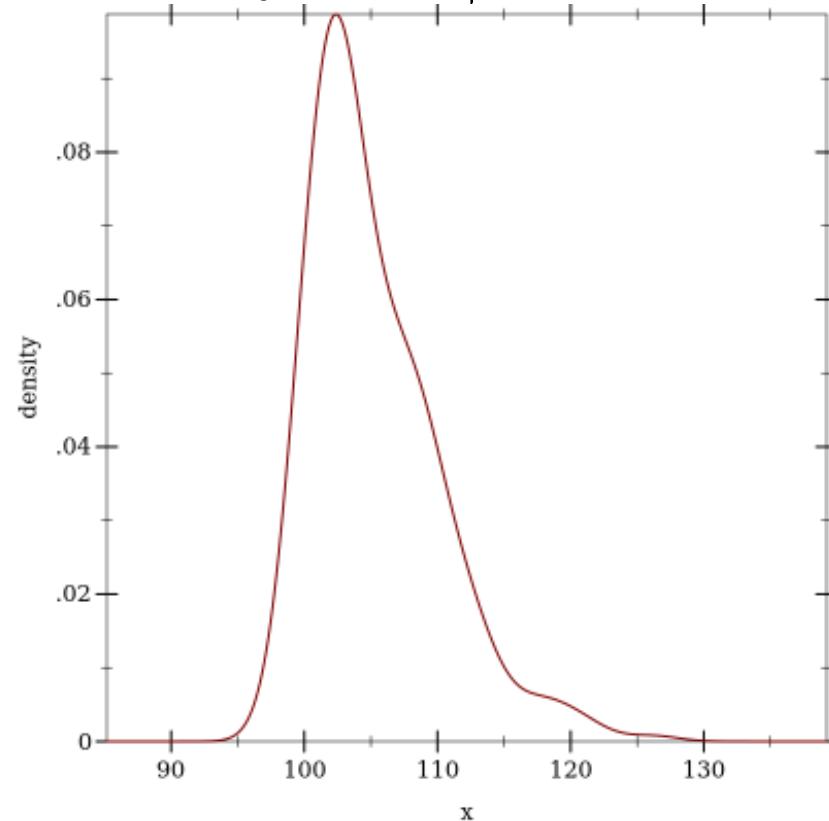


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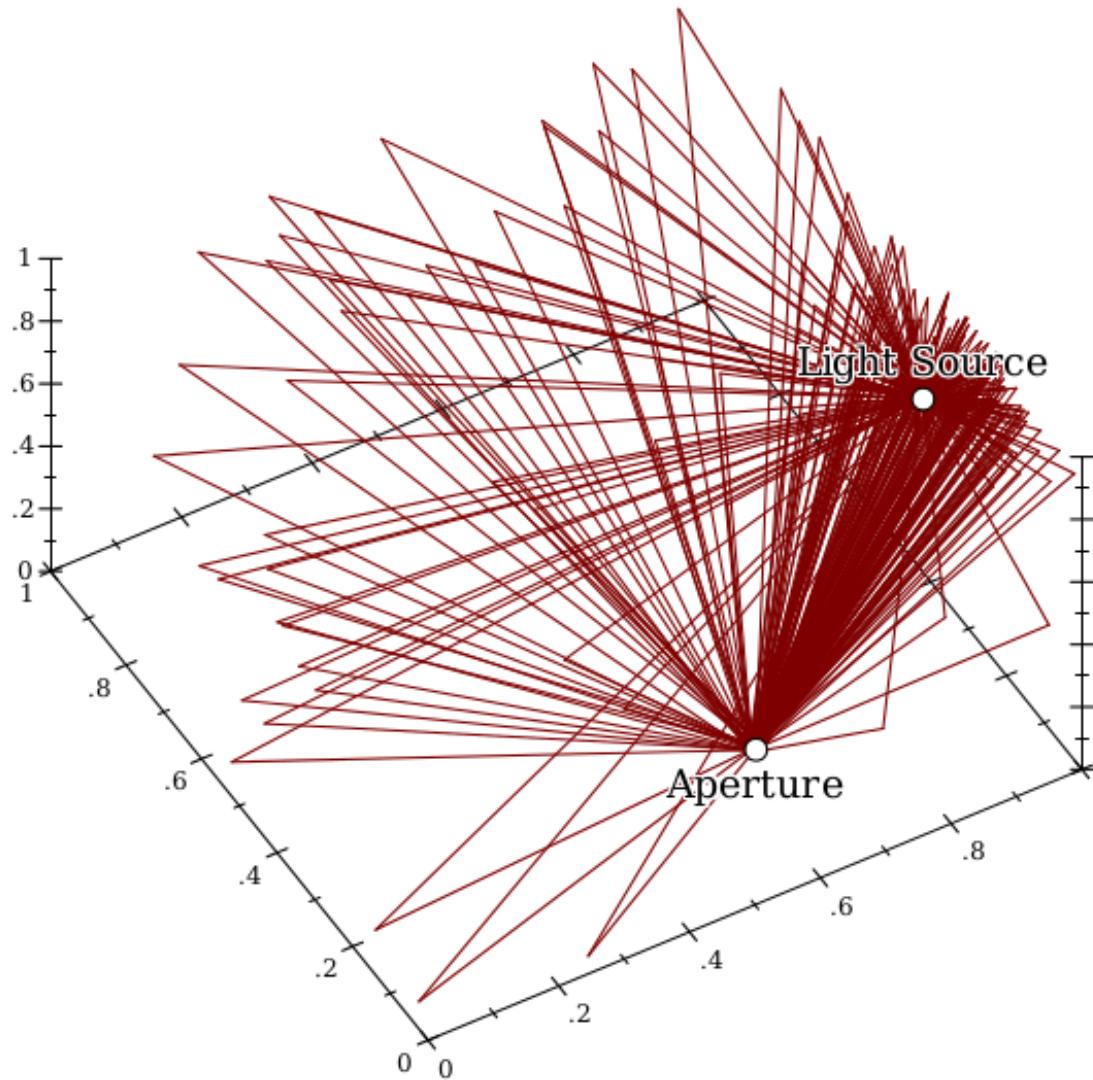


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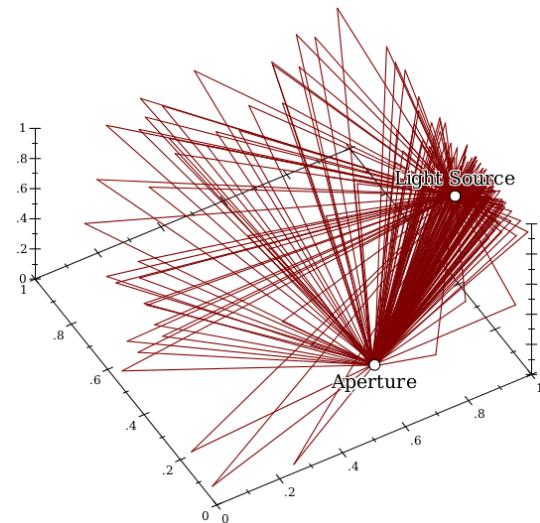
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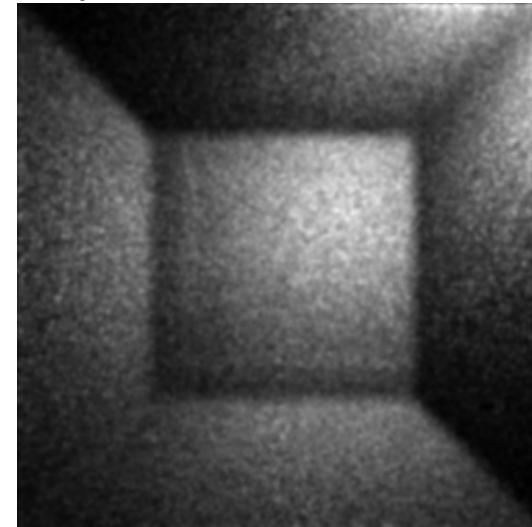
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(define (scene-edge i j)
  (let ([θ (uniform (- pi) pi)]
        [d (uniform -3 3)]
        [σ (beta 1.6 1)])
    [v+ (uniform 0 1)]
    [v- (uniform 0 1)])
  (λ (x y)
    (edge (- x (+ i 1/2)) (- y (+ j 1/2)) θ d v+ v- σ)))))

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(define (scene-reg i j)
  (exp (* -1/2 (/ (variance (map scene-edge (n9-x i j) (n9-y i j))) γ^2)))))

(define (reconstruct img)
  ....)

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Future Work

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#lang drbayes

(define (dist x y θ d)
  (- (+ (* x (cos θ))
        (* y (sin θ)))
    d))

(define (prof d σ v+ v-)
  (+ (* 1/2 (- v+ v-))
     (erf (/ d (* (sqrt 2) σ)))
     (* 1/2 (+ v+ v-)))))

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