

# Automated Scalable Bayesian Inference via Data Summarization

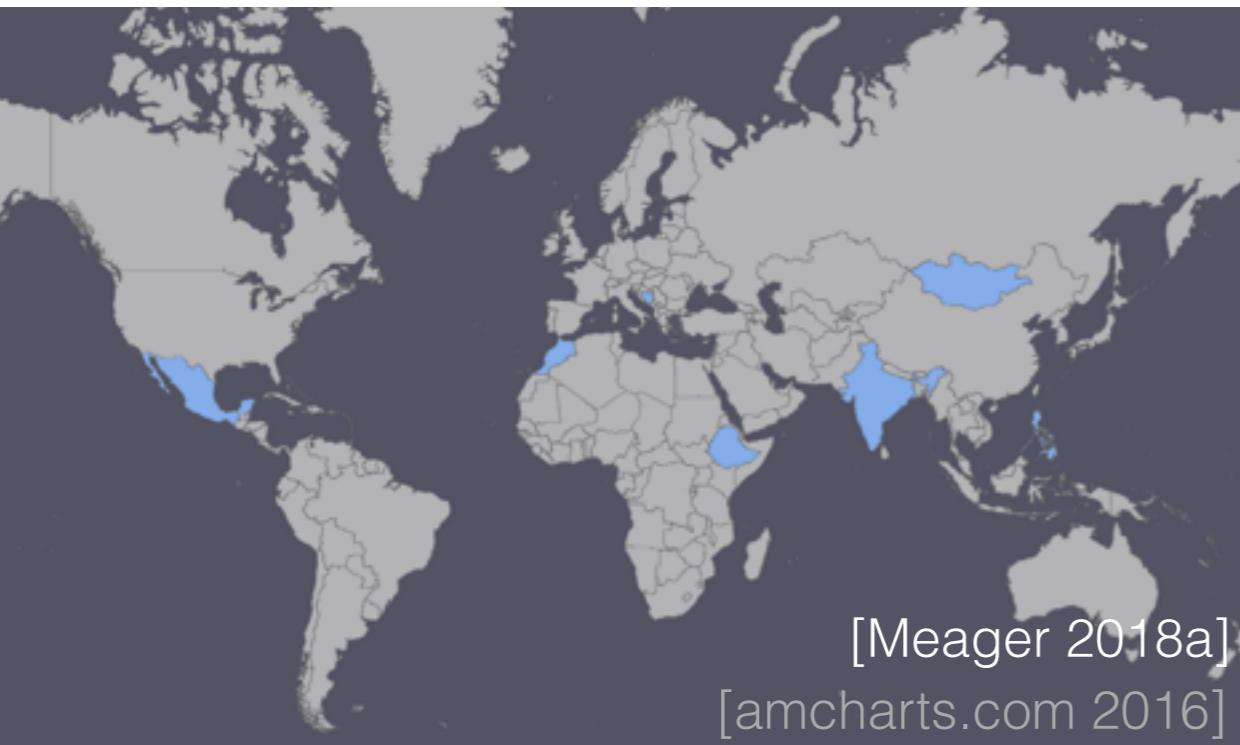
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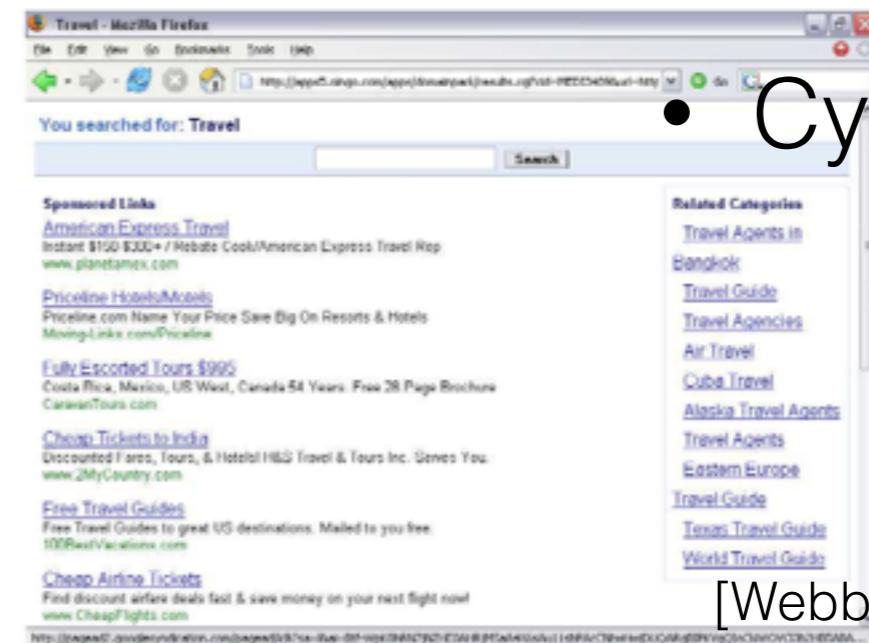


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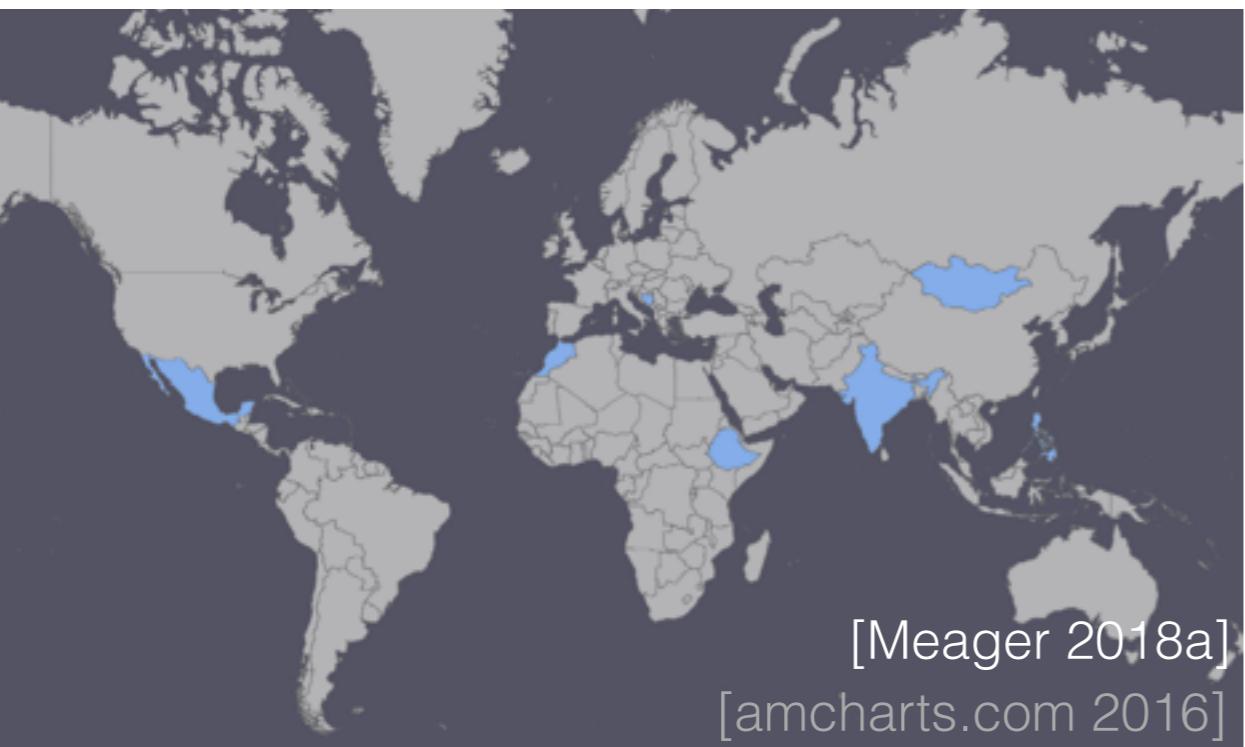
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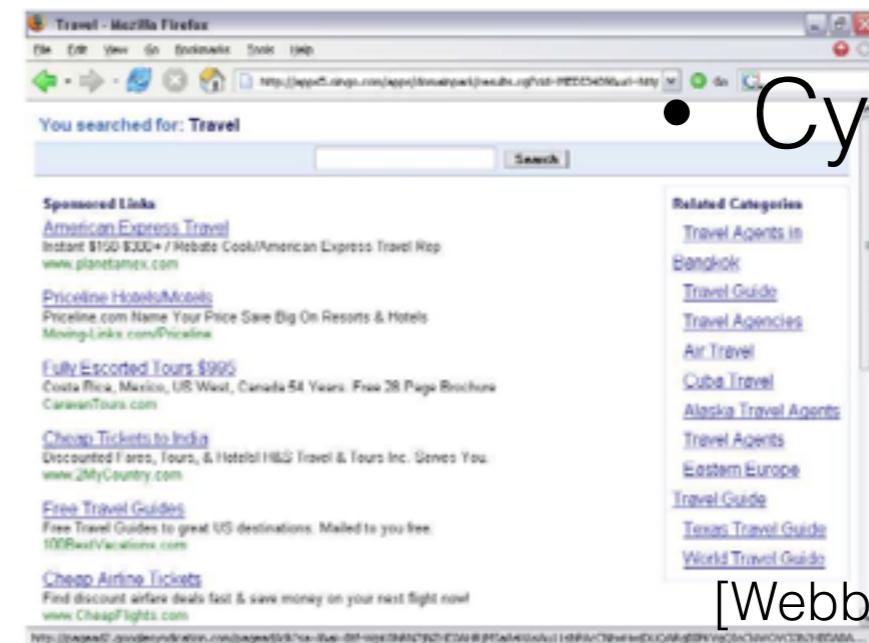
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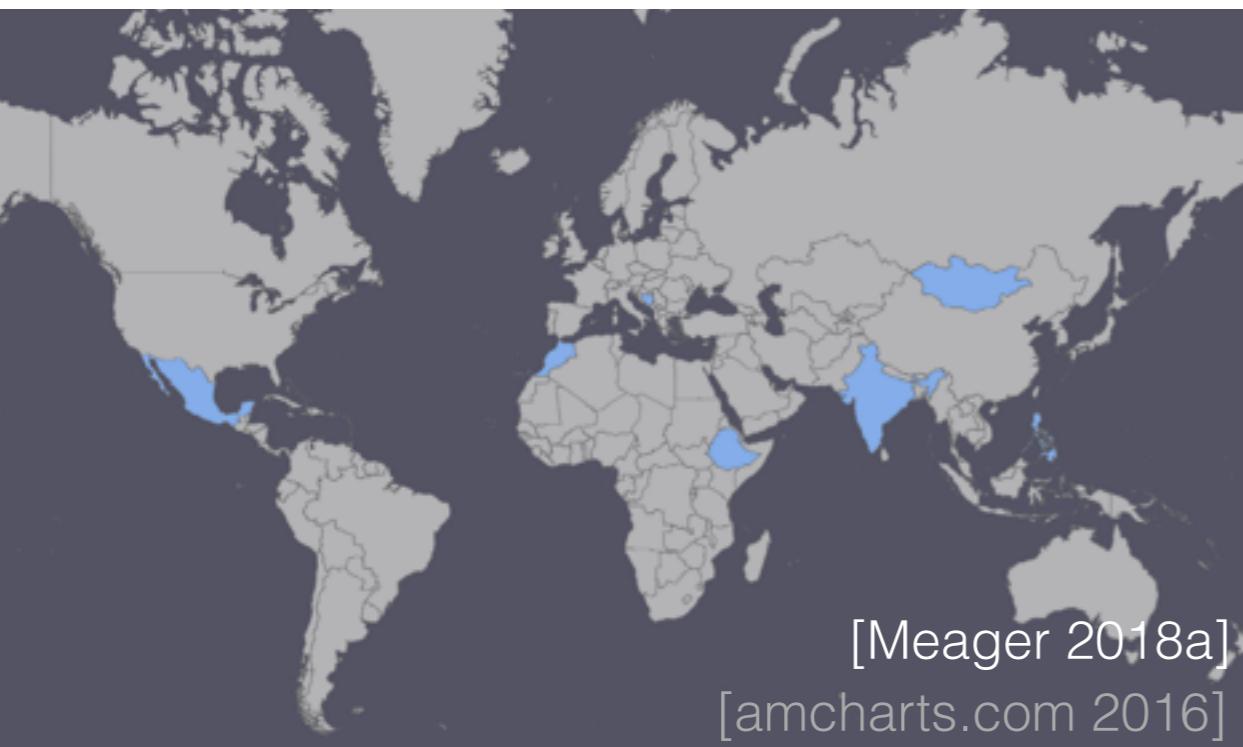


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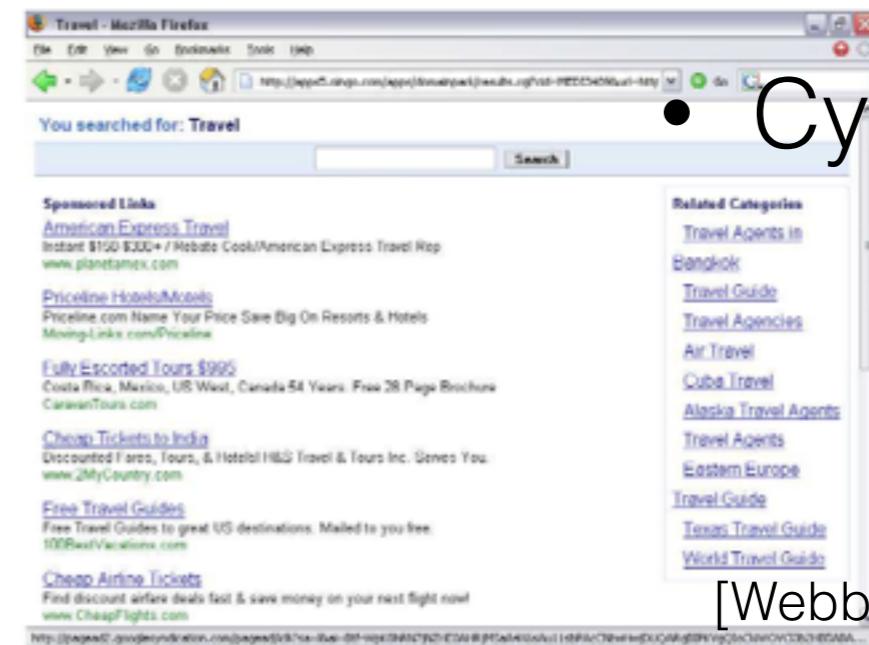
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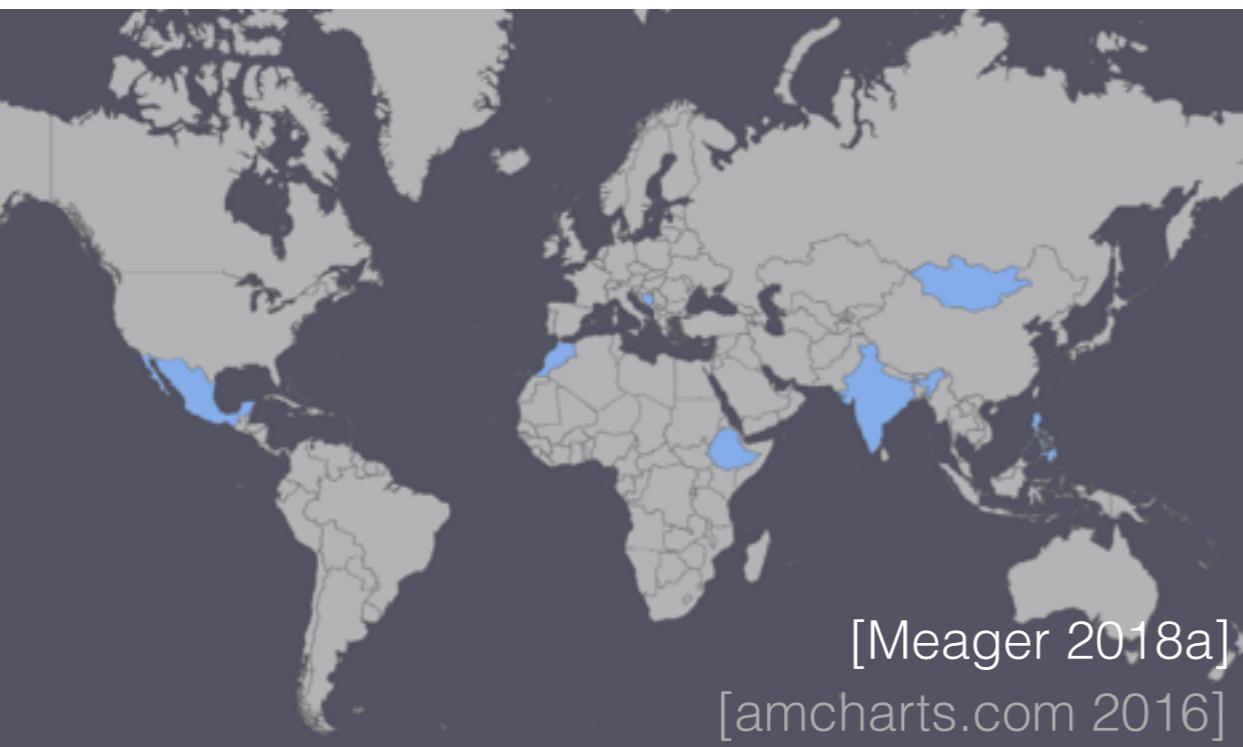


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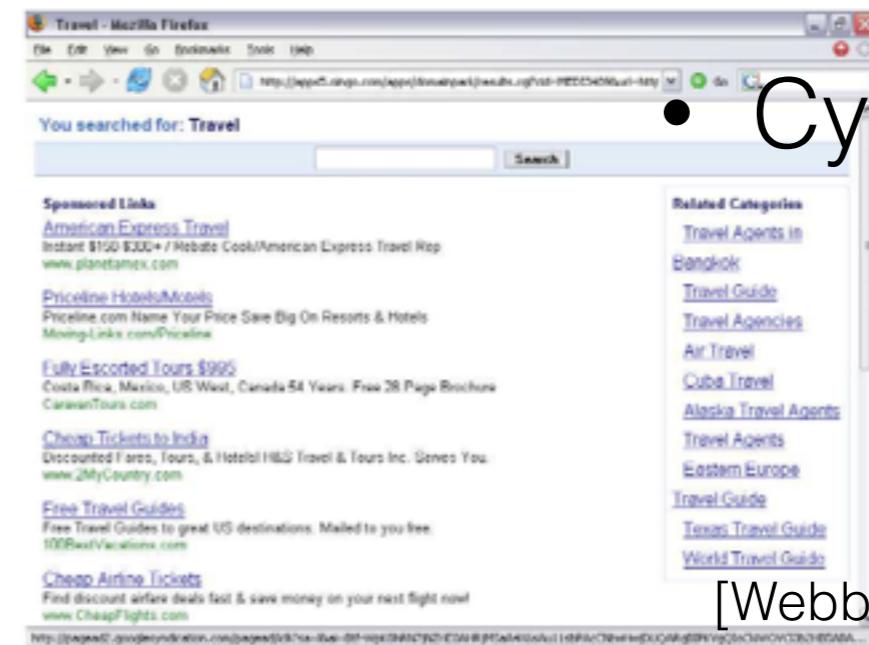
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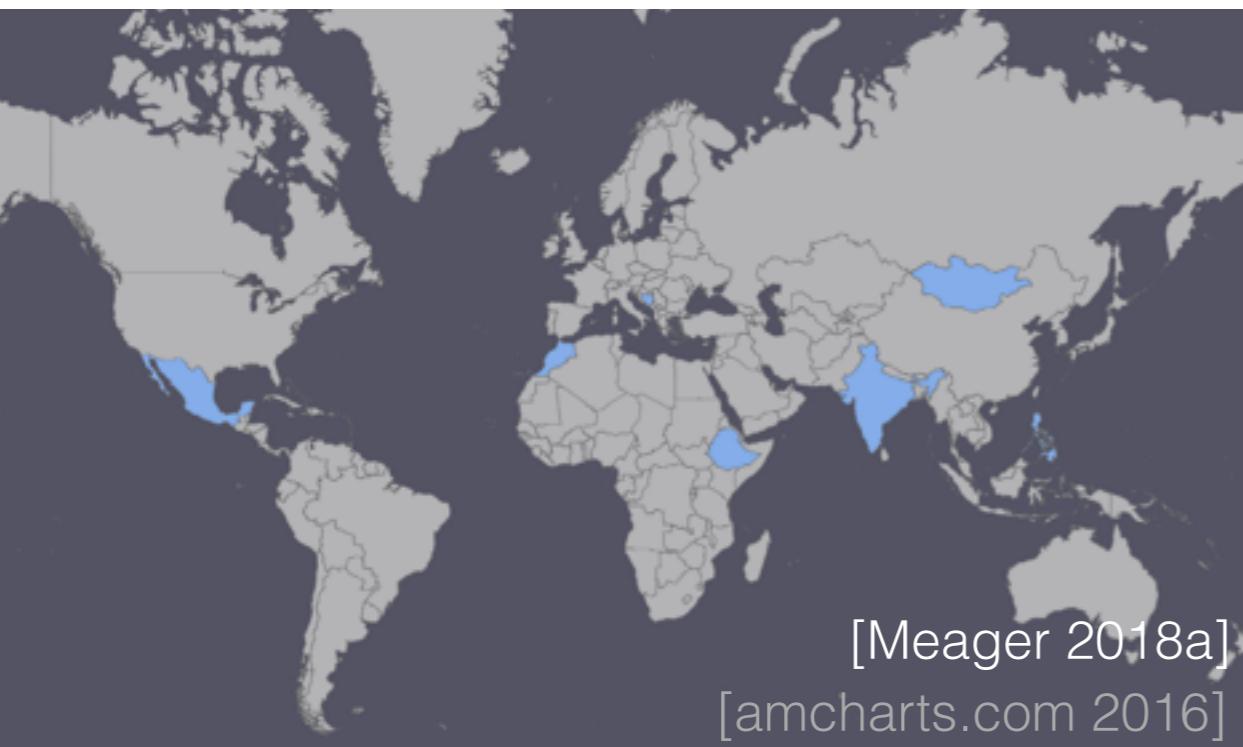


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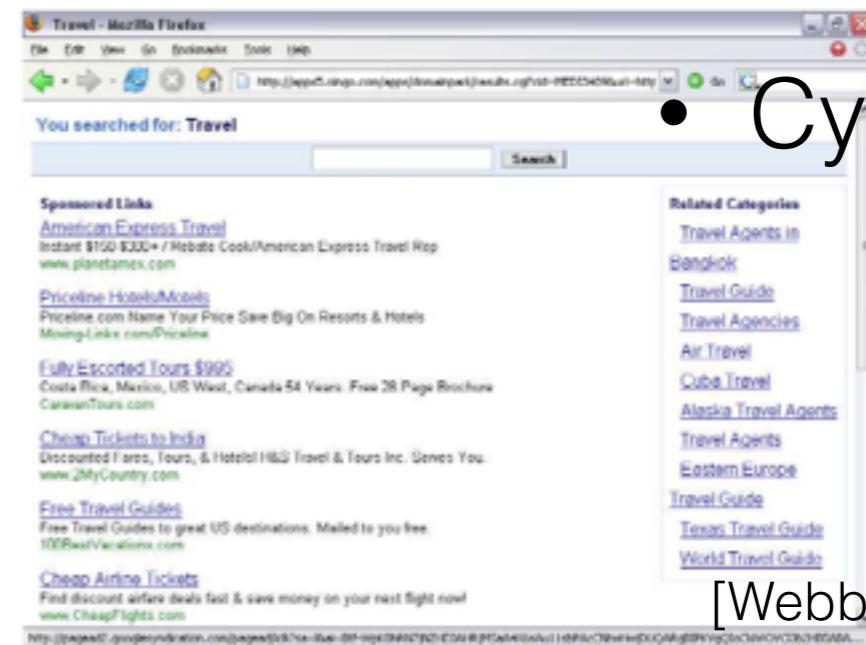
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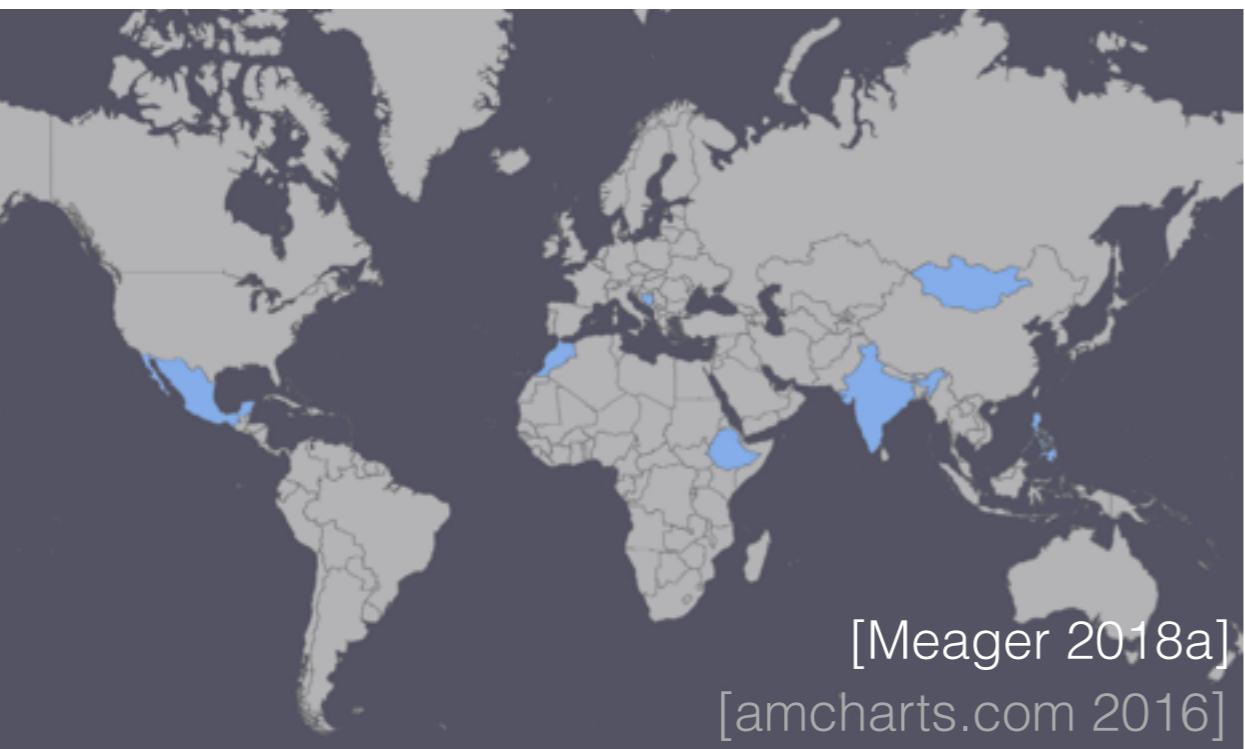
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- Our proposal: use *efficient data summaries* for **scalable**,  
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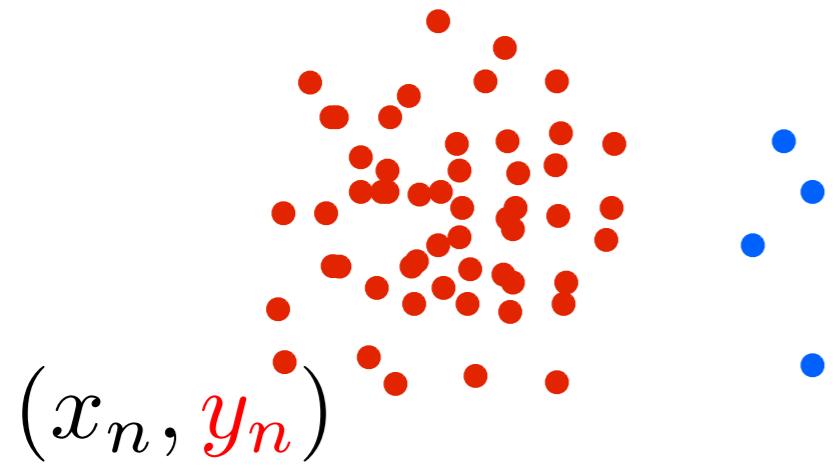
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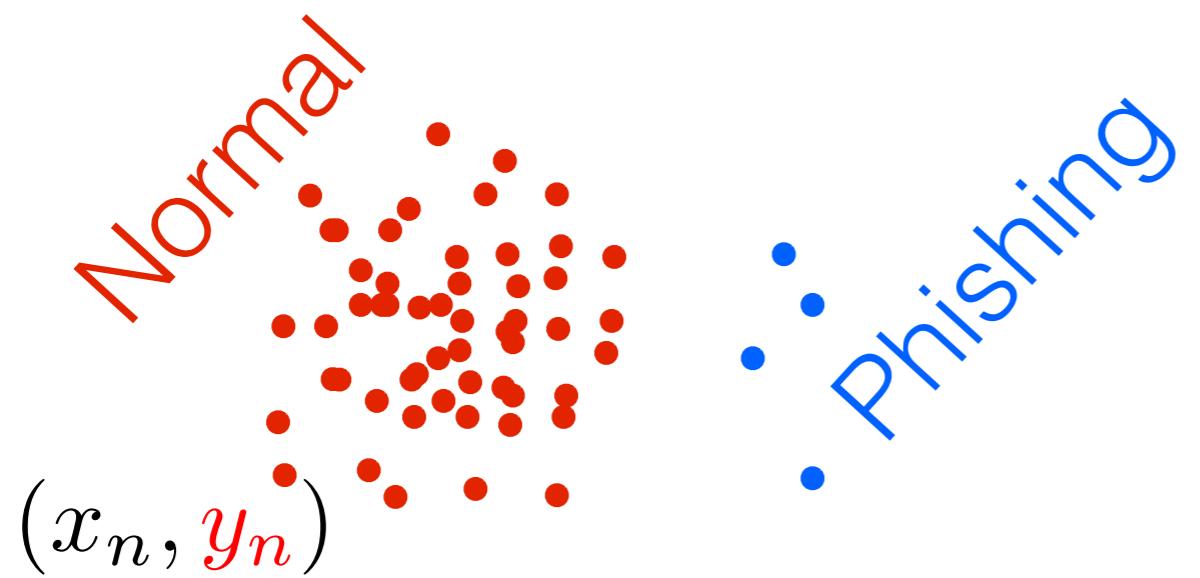
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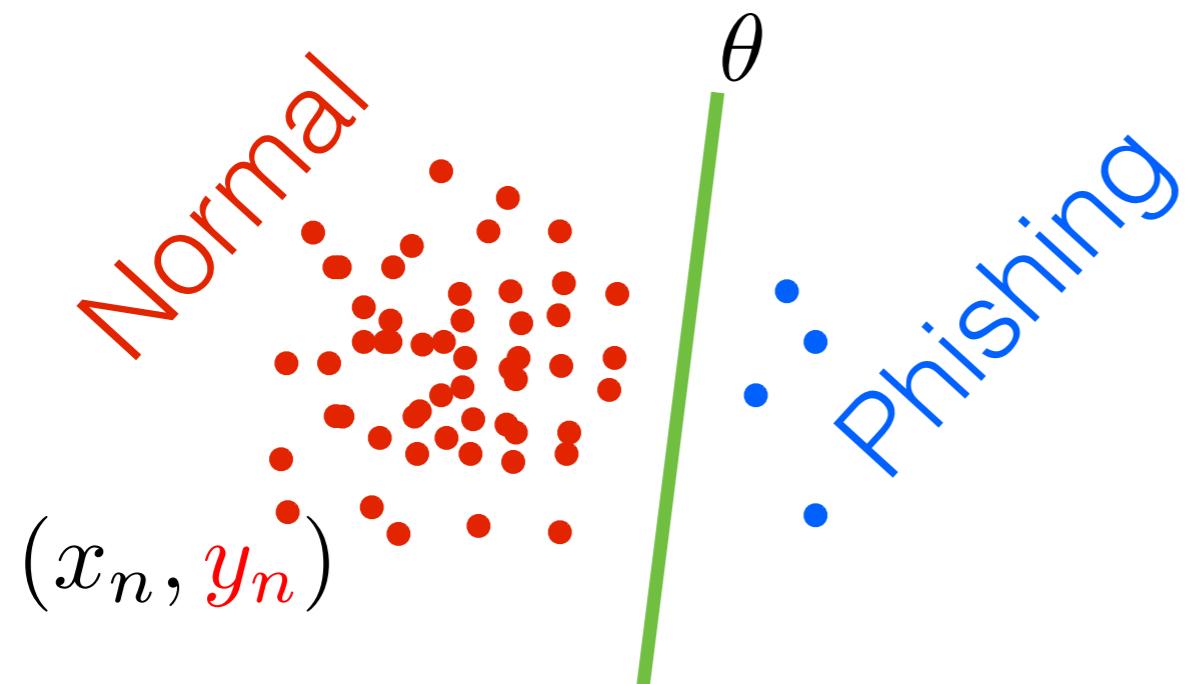
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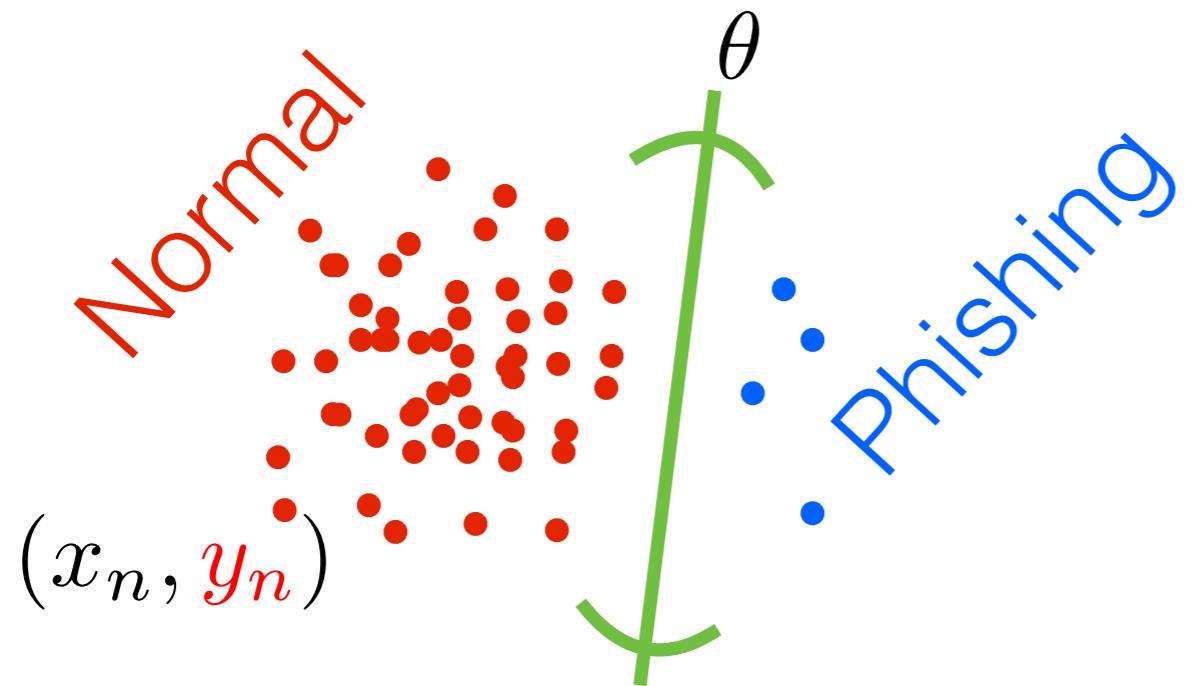
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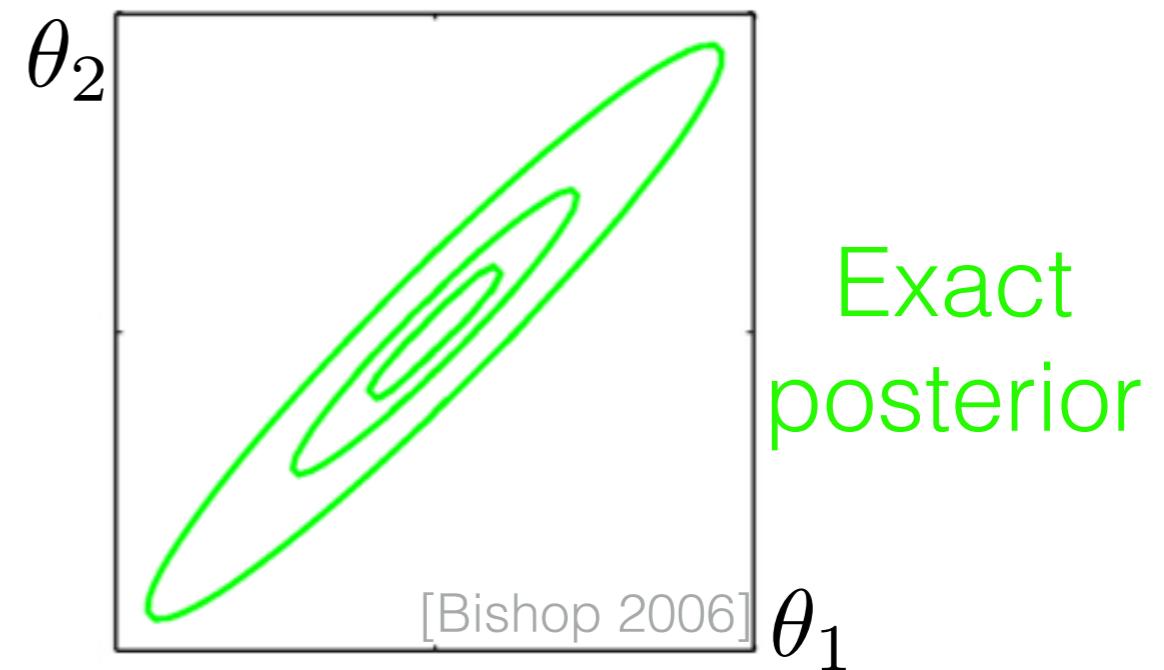
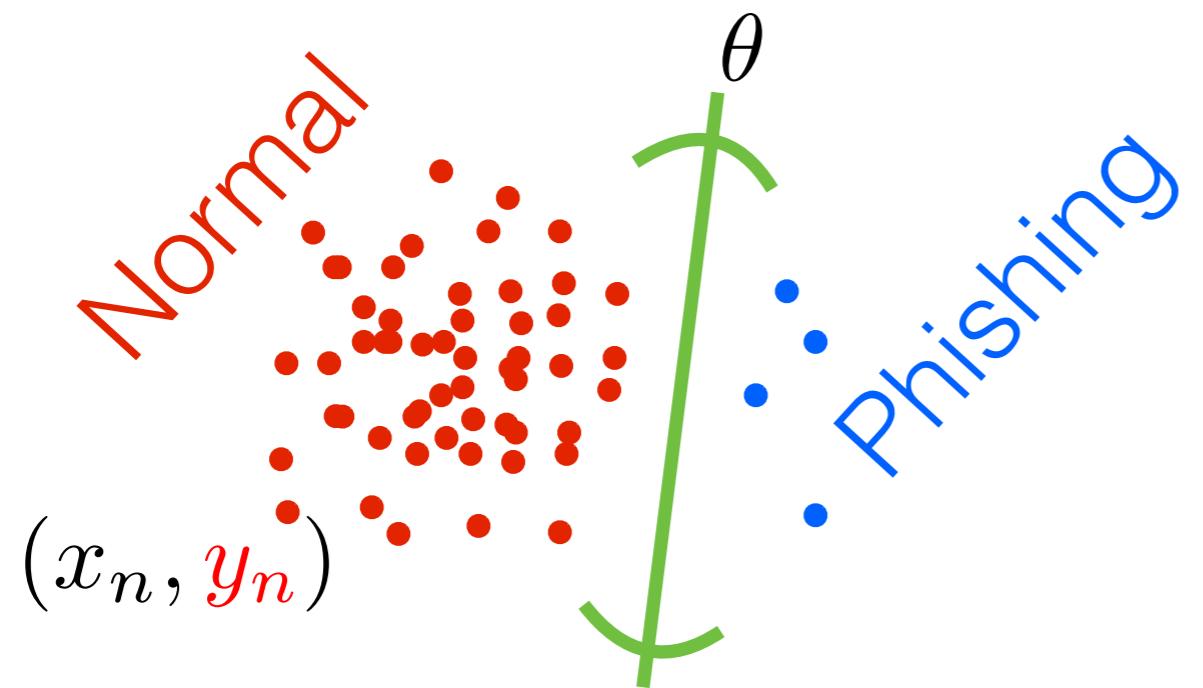
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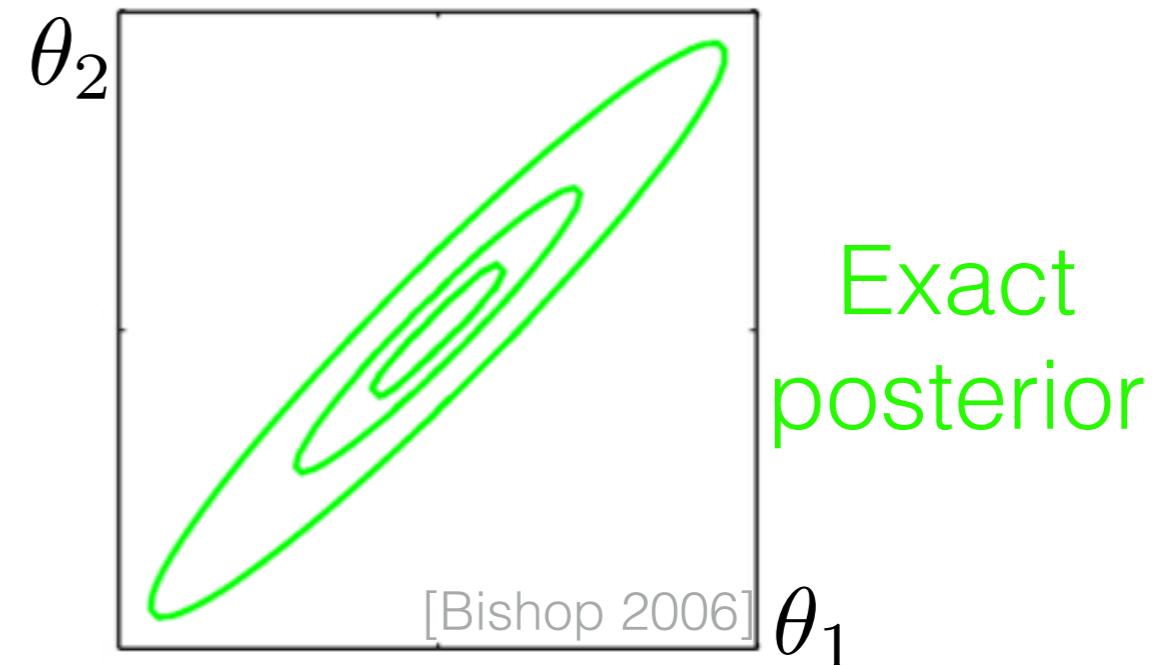
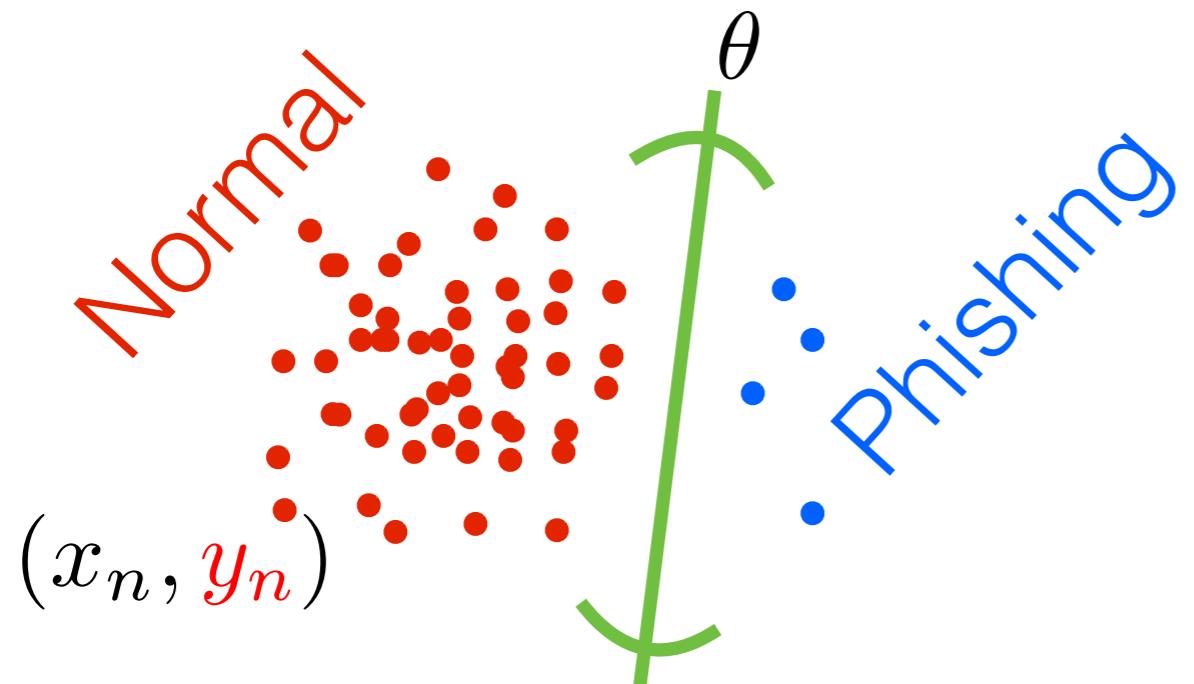
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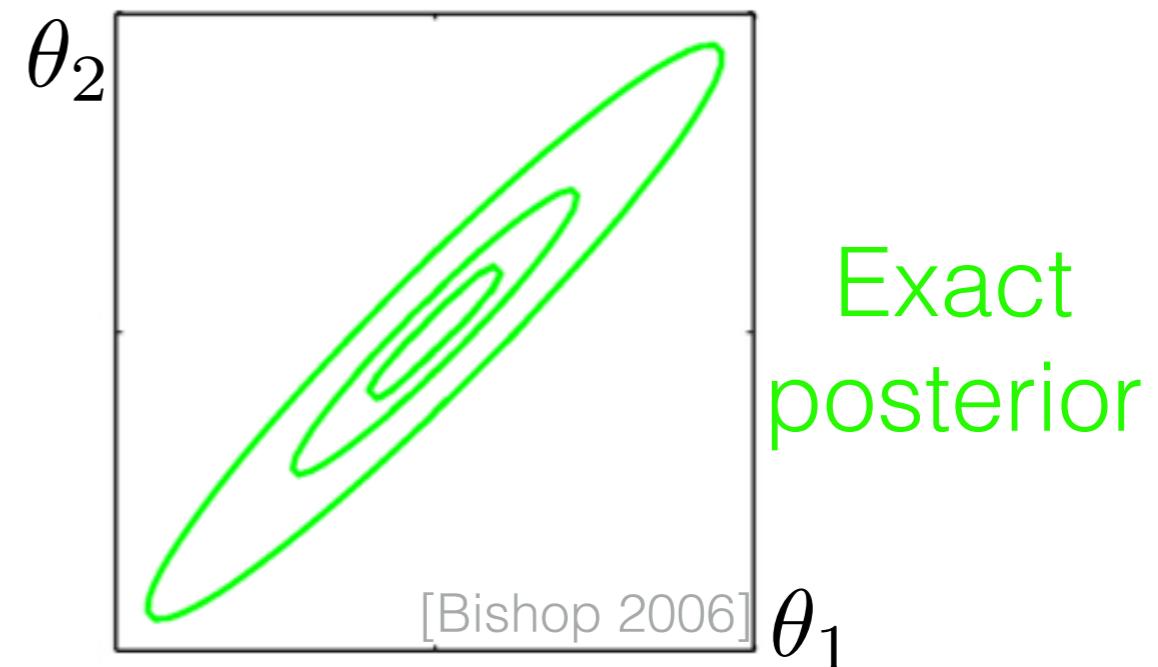
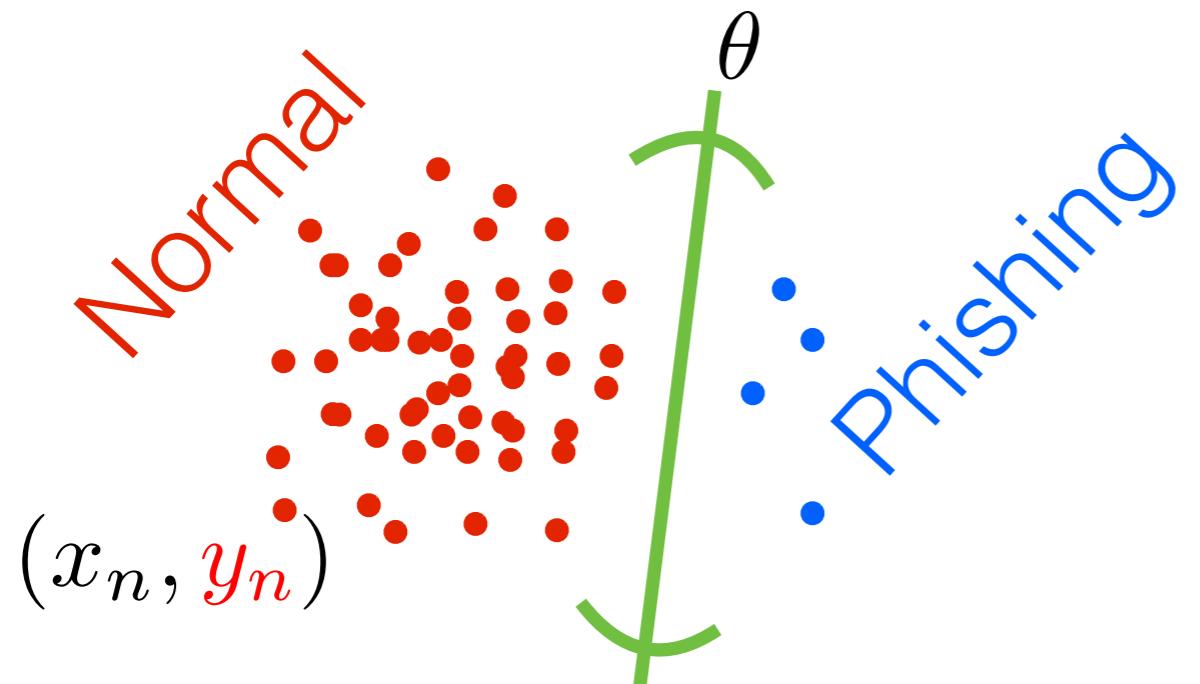
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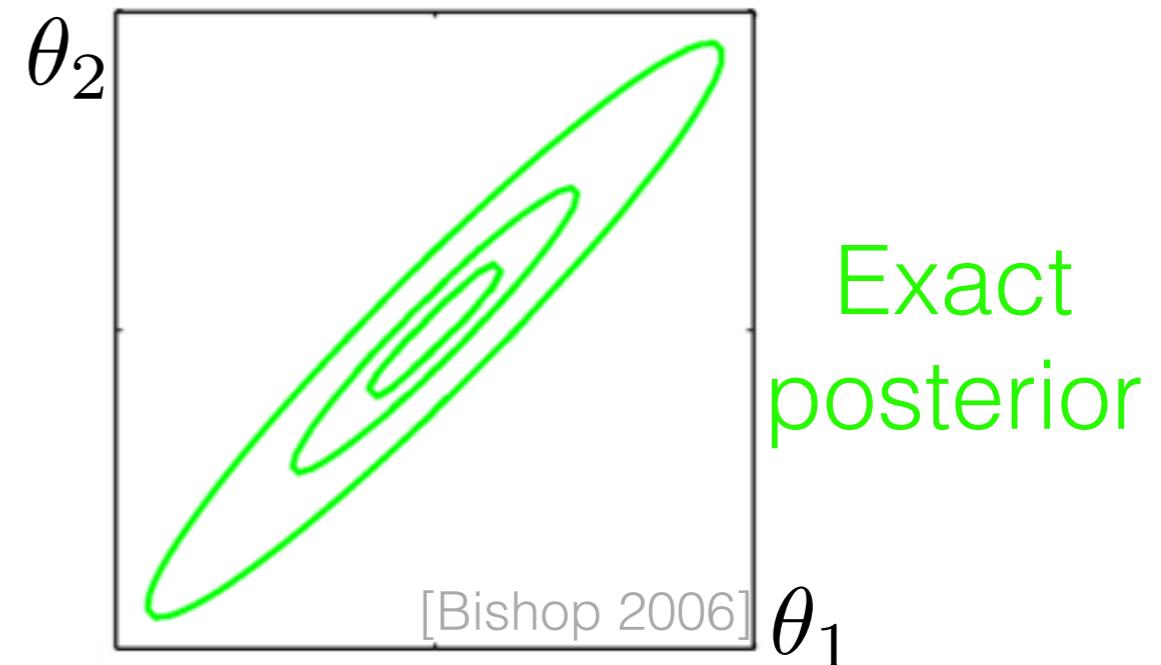
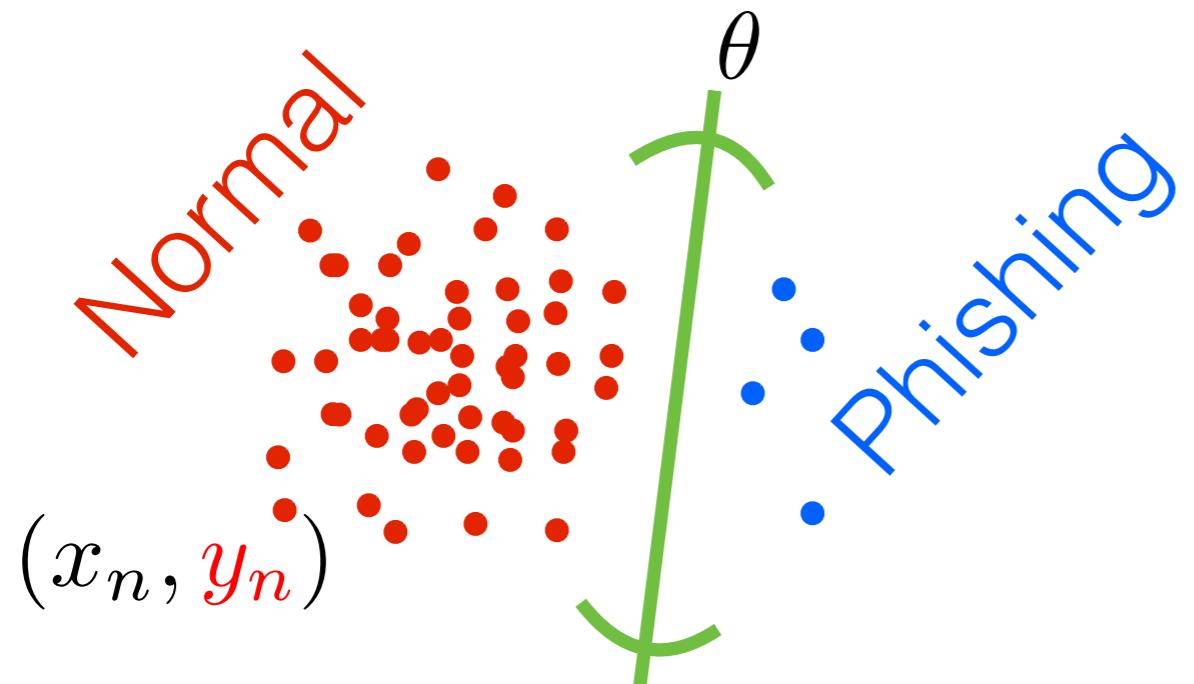
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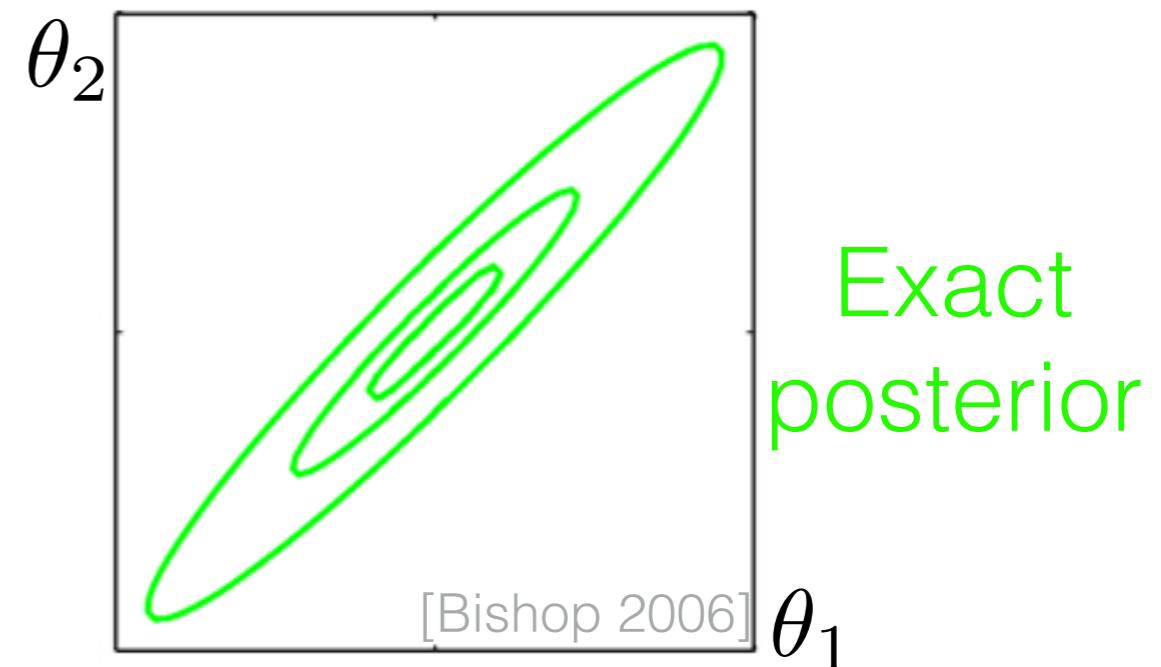
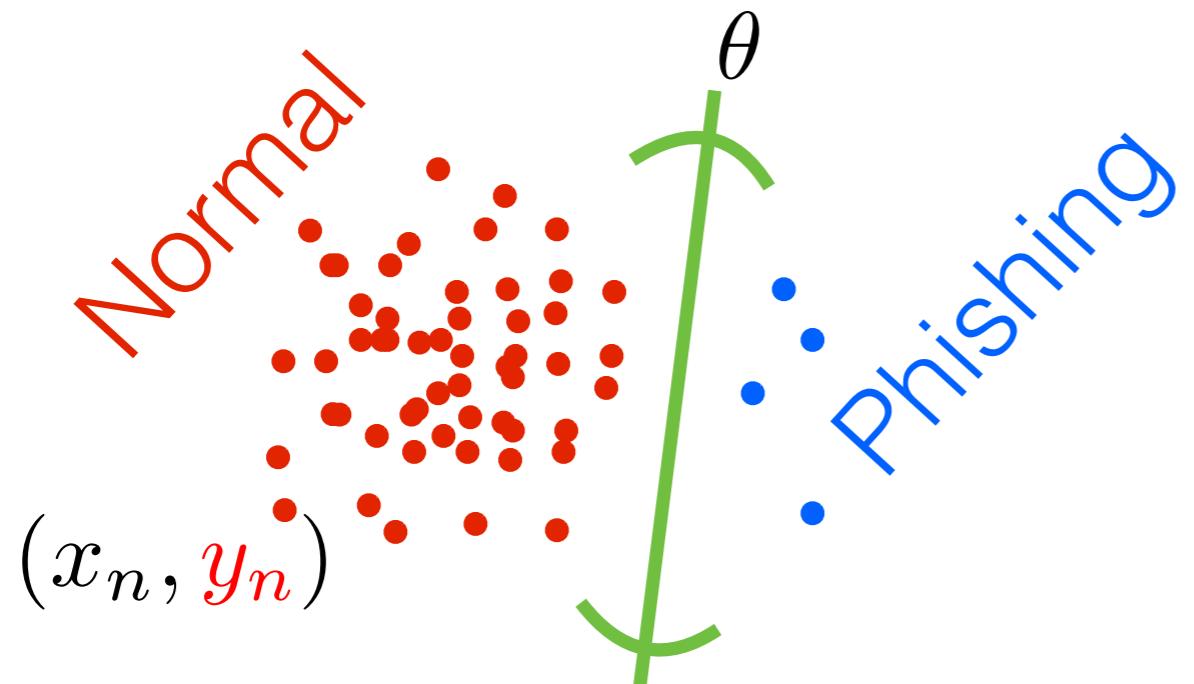
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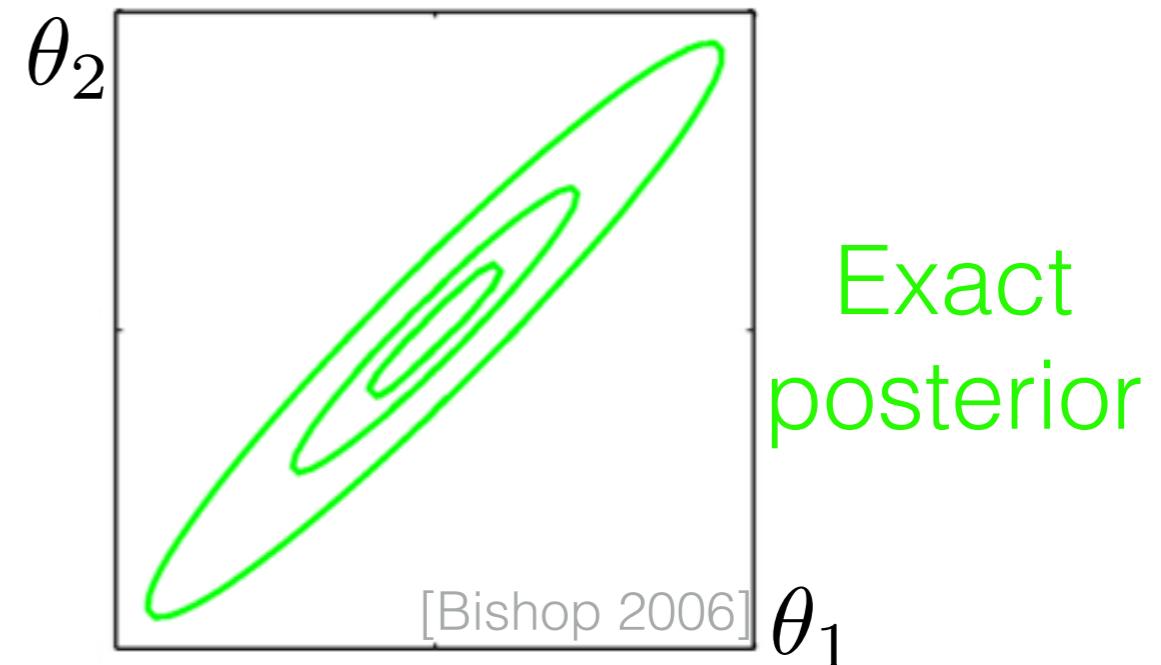
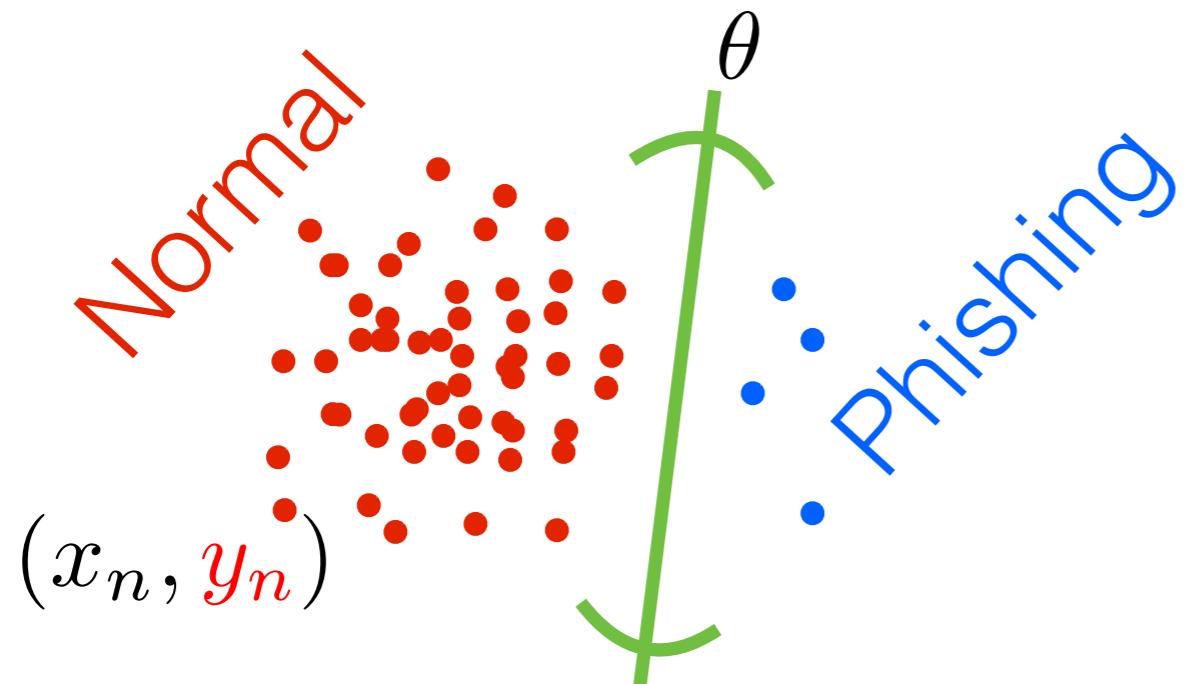
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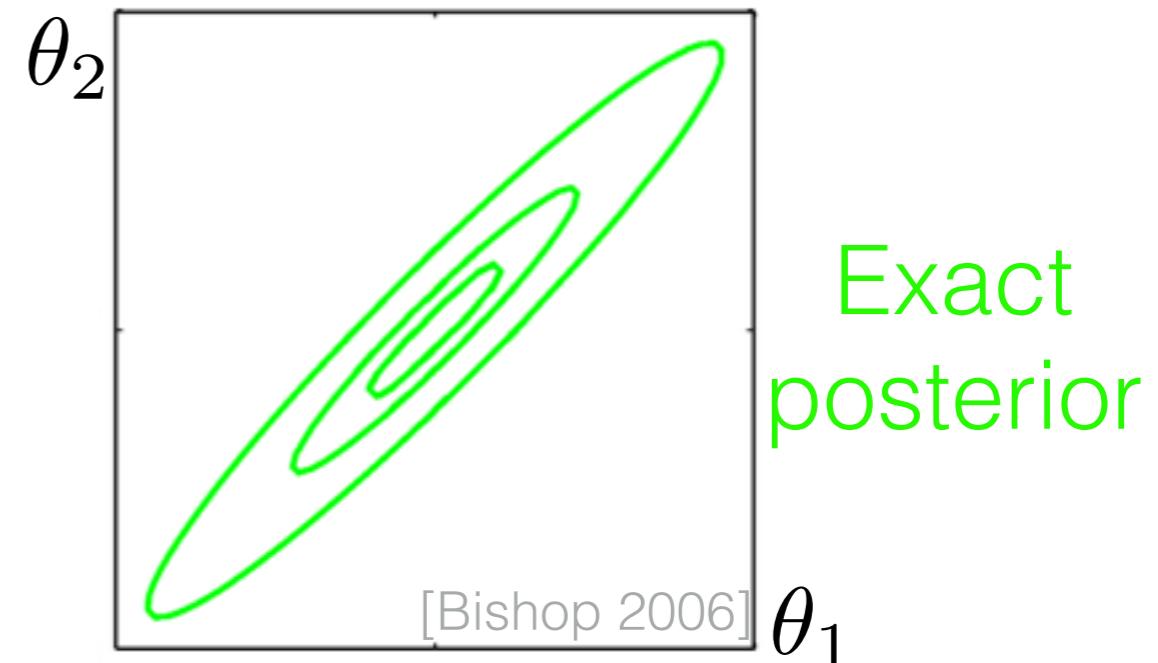
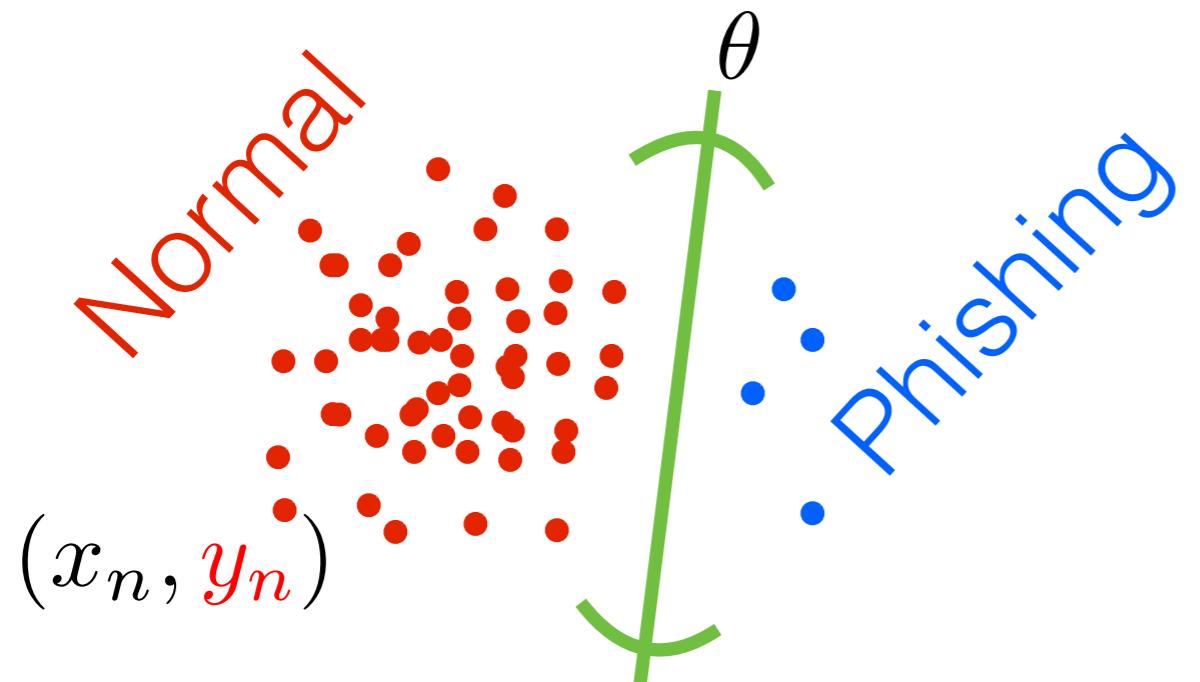
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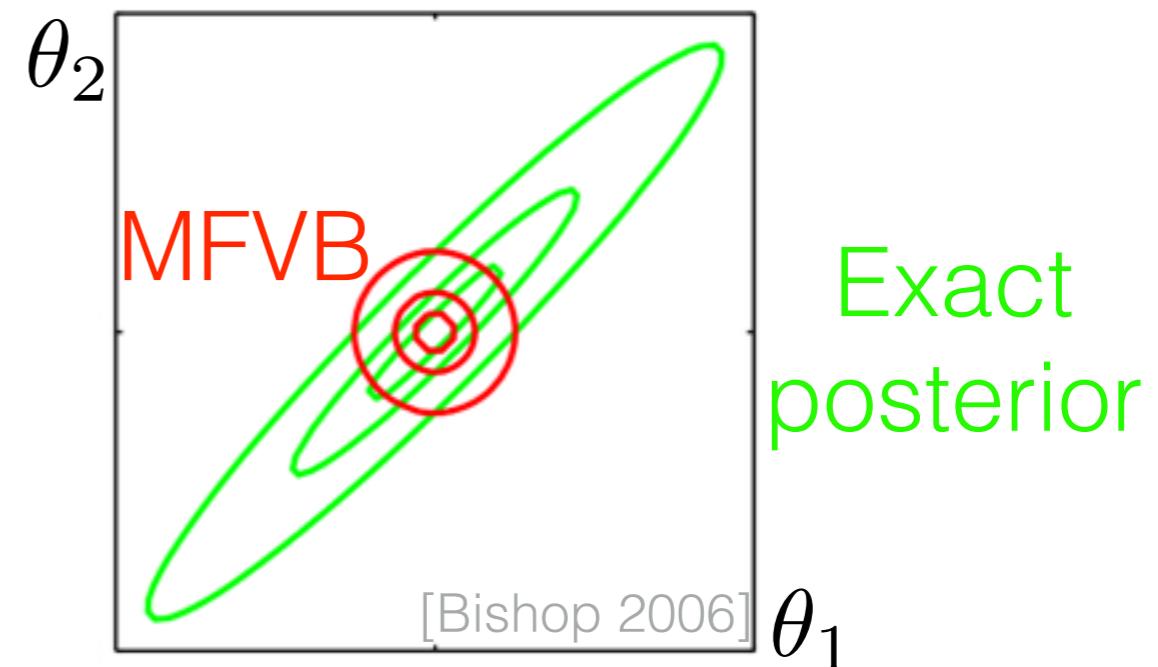
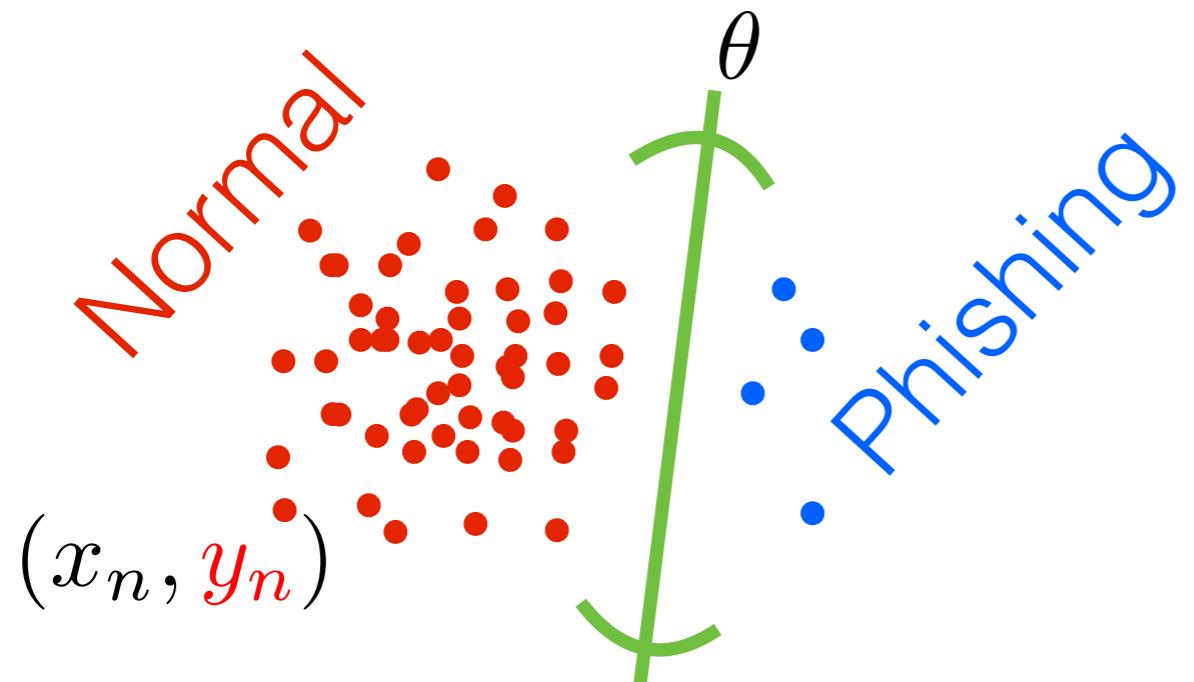


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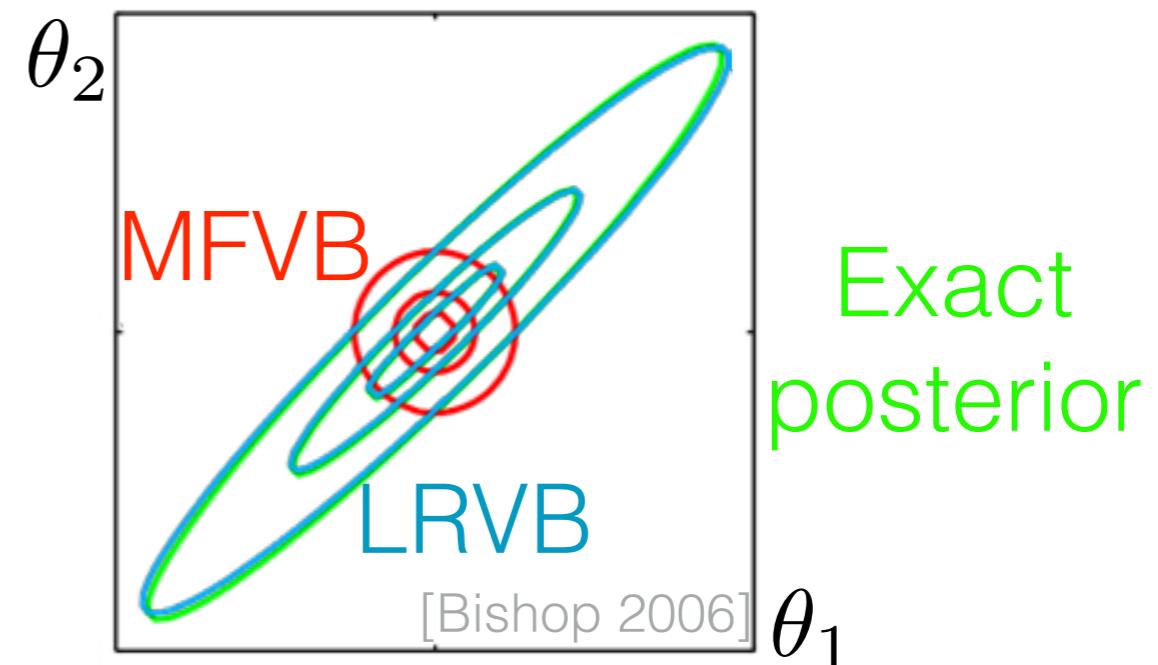
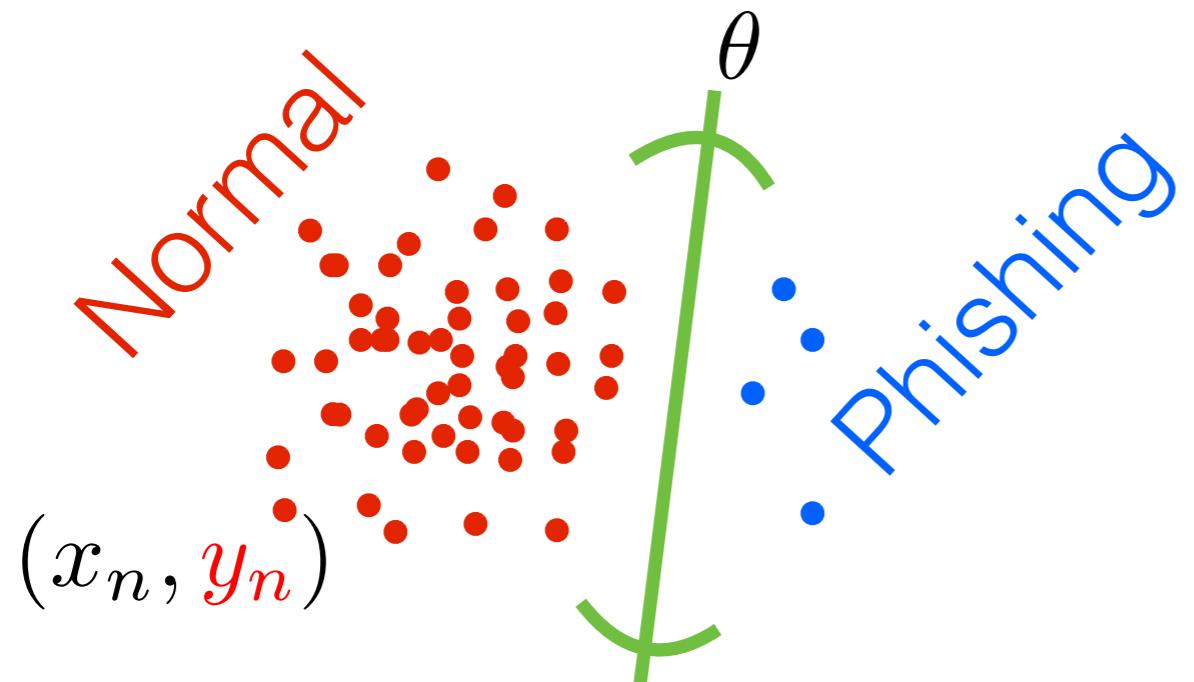


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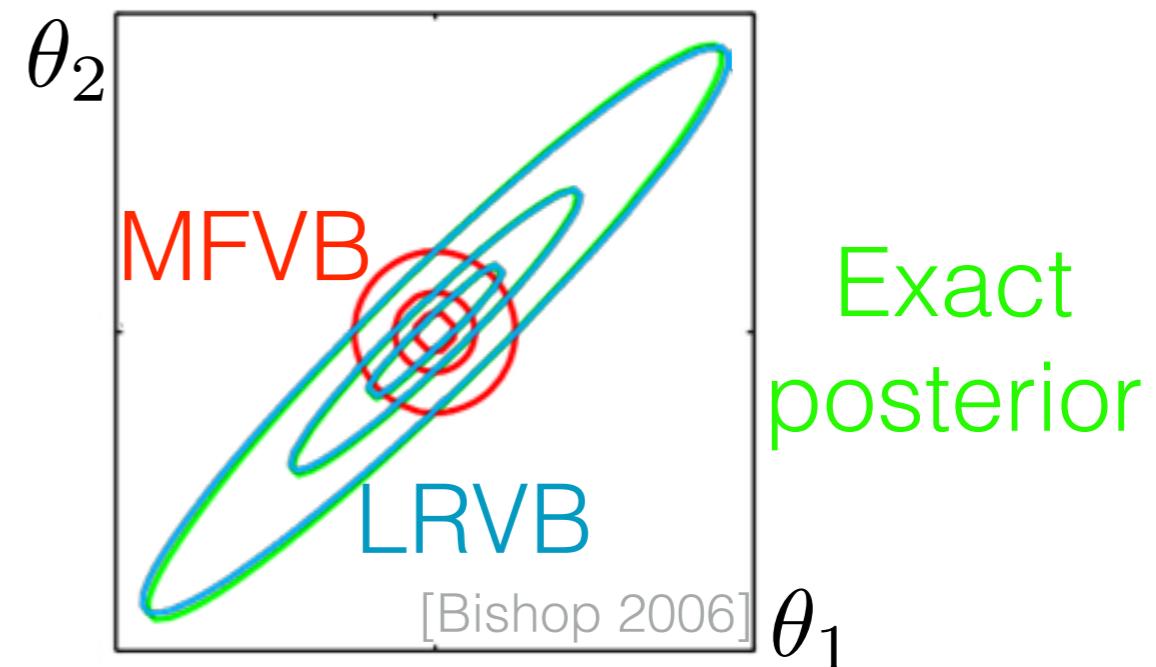
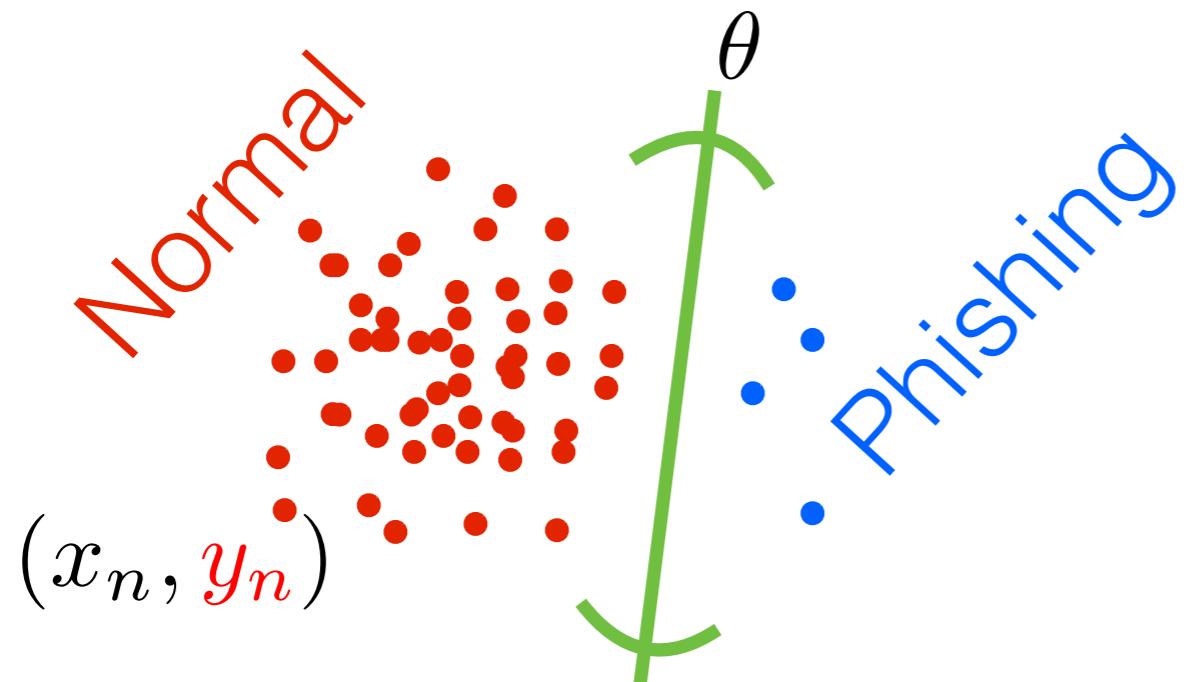


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- Automation: e.g. Stan, NUTS, ADVI

[<http://mc-stan.org/> ; Hoffman, Gelman 2014; Kucukelbir, Tran, Ranganath, Gelman, Blei 2017]

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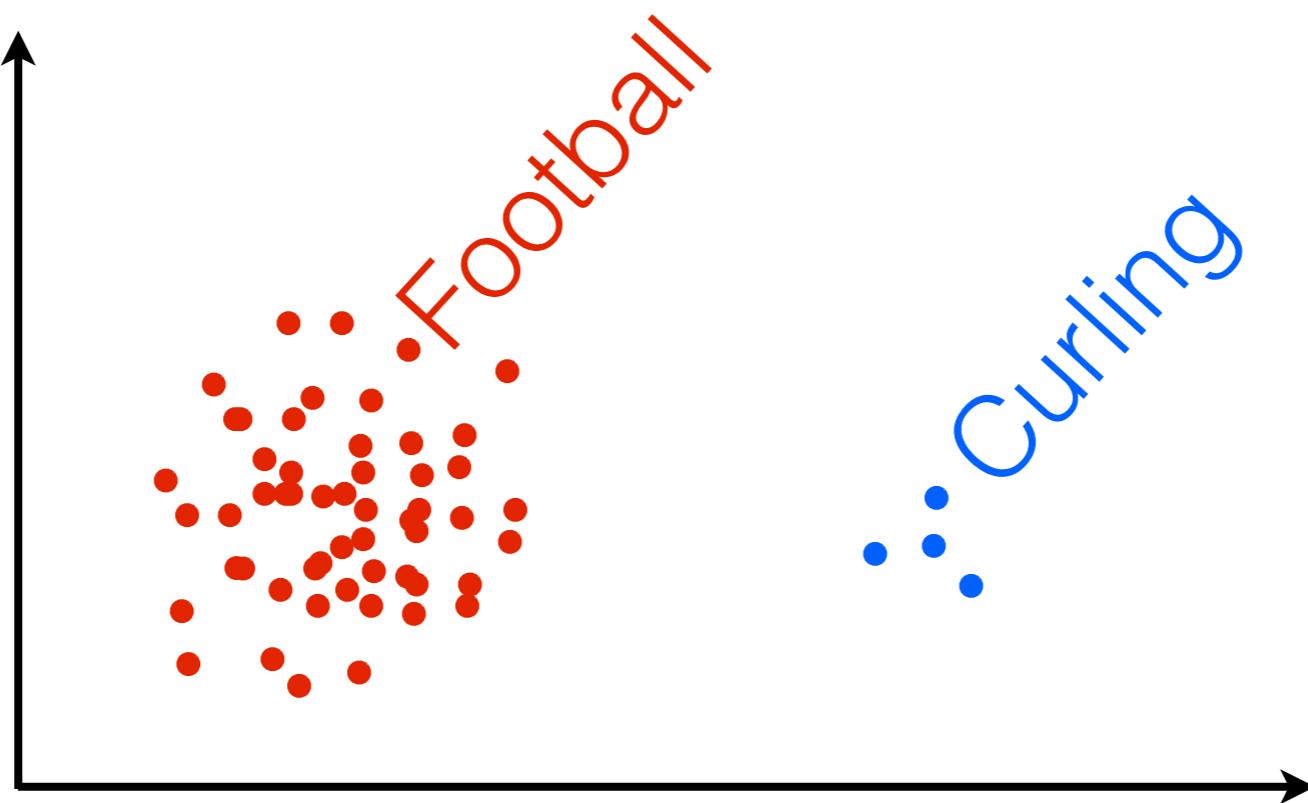
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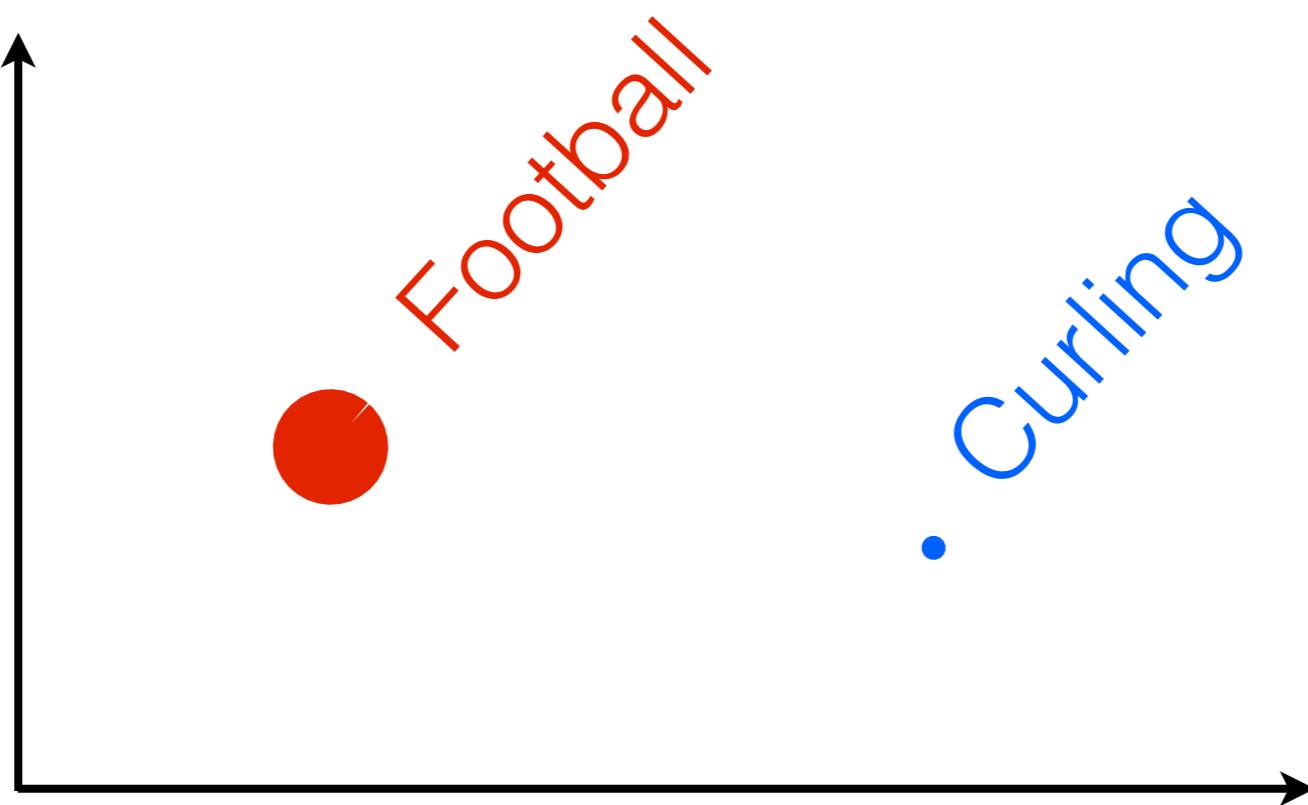
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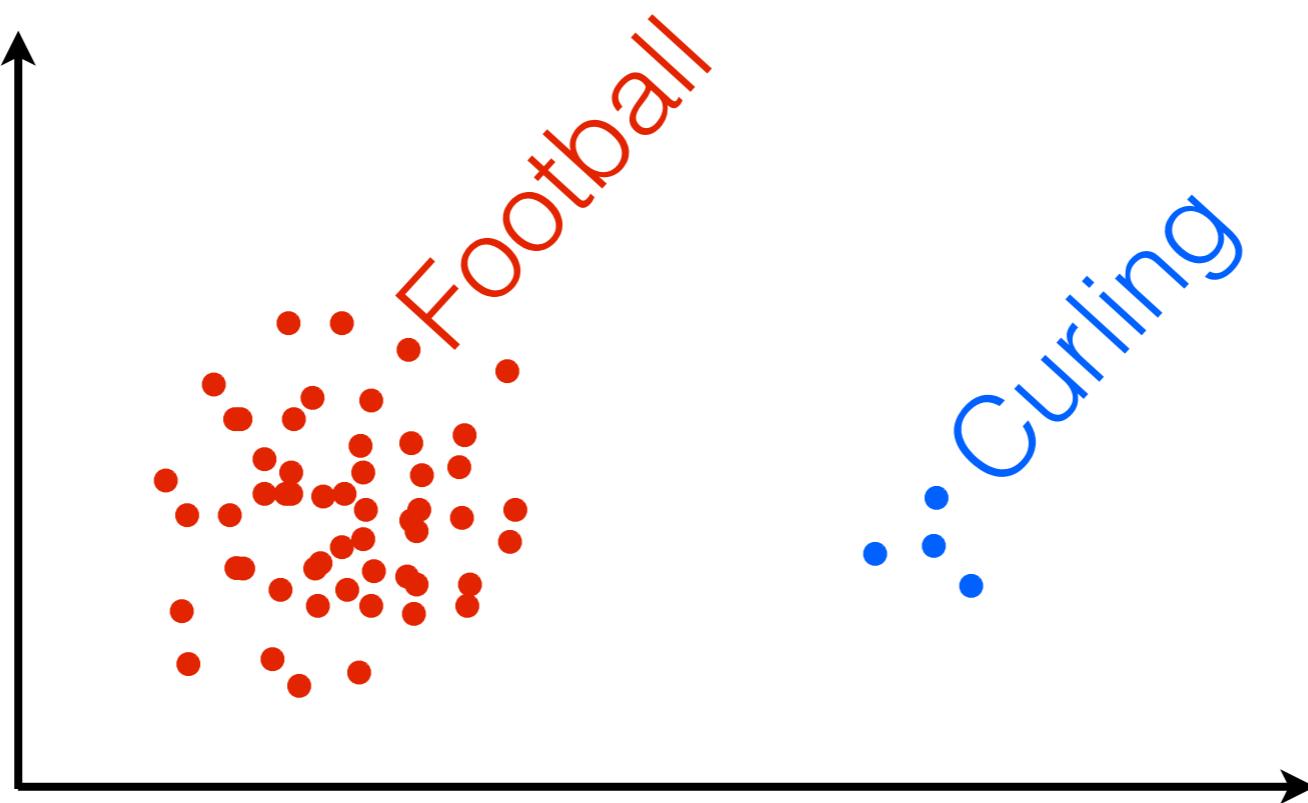
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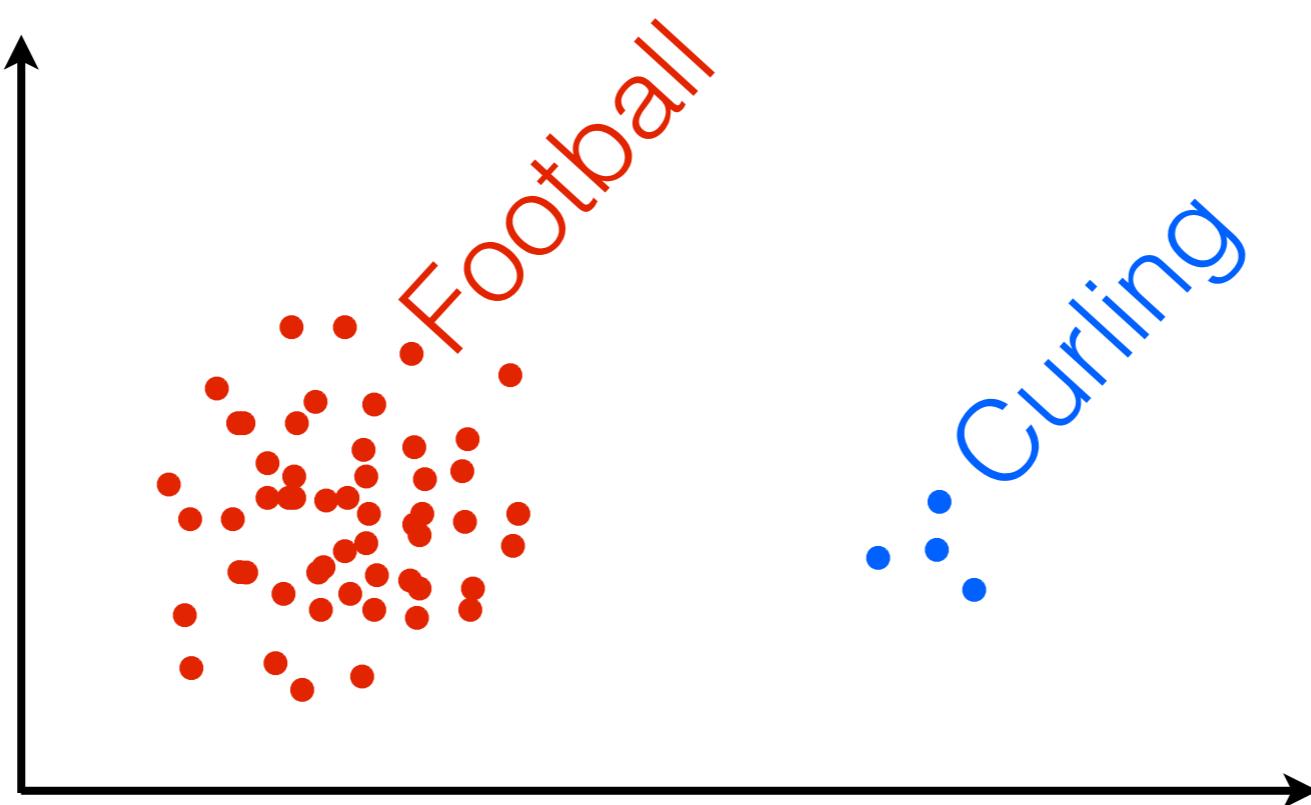
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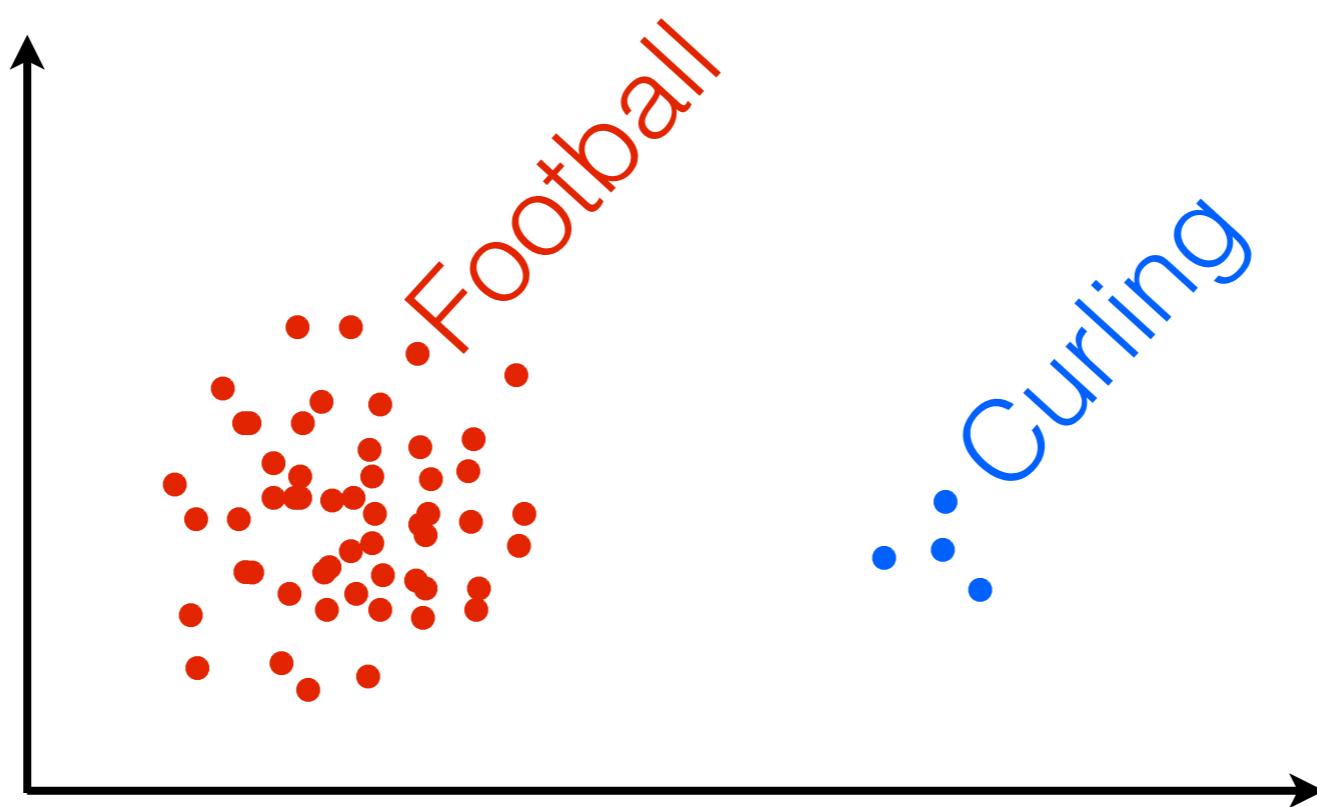
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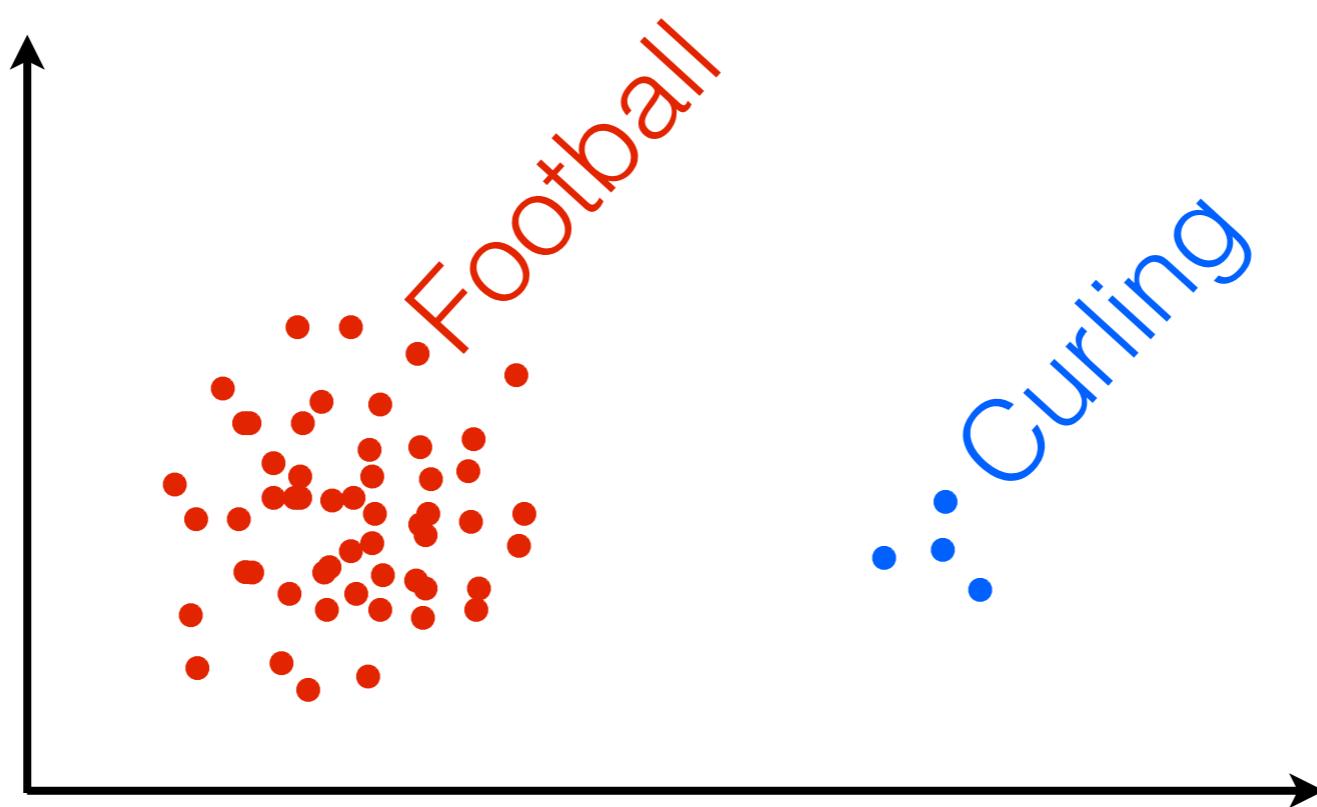
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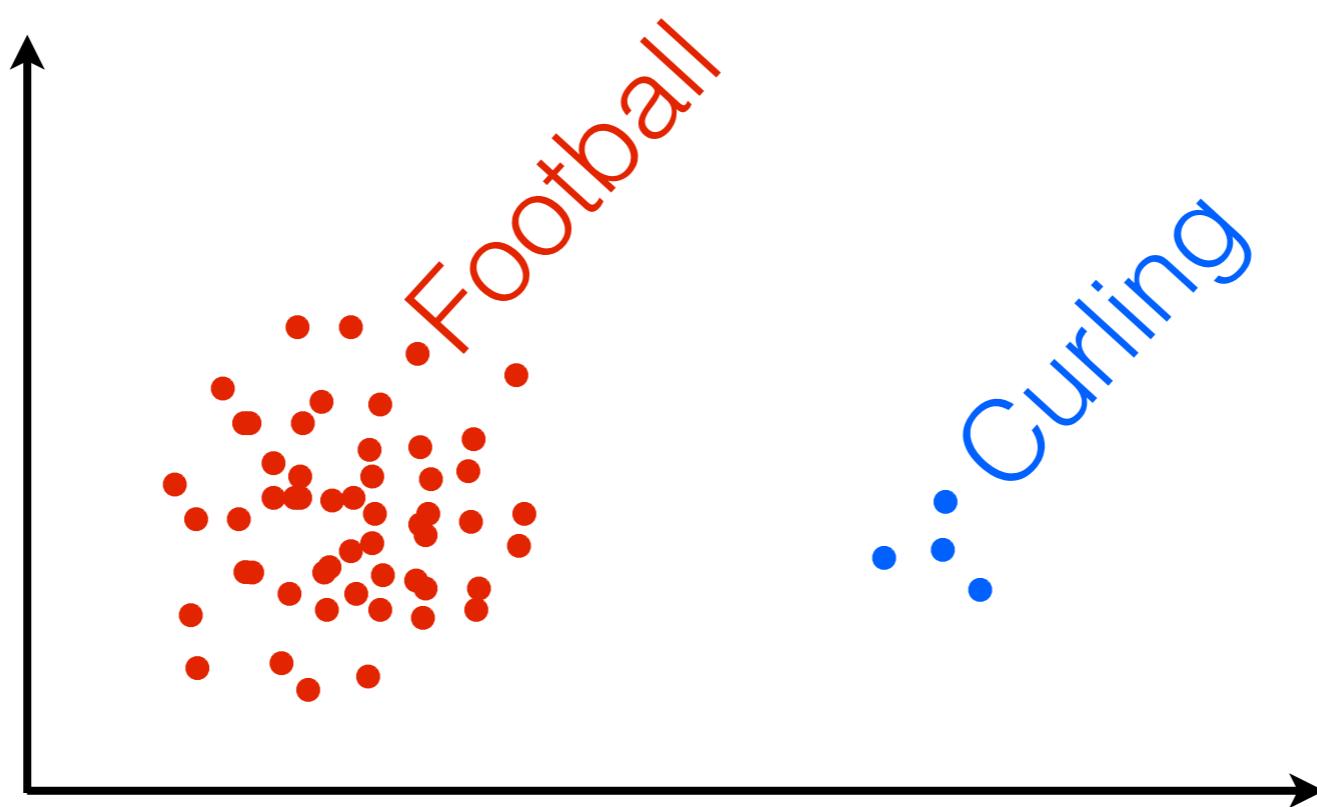
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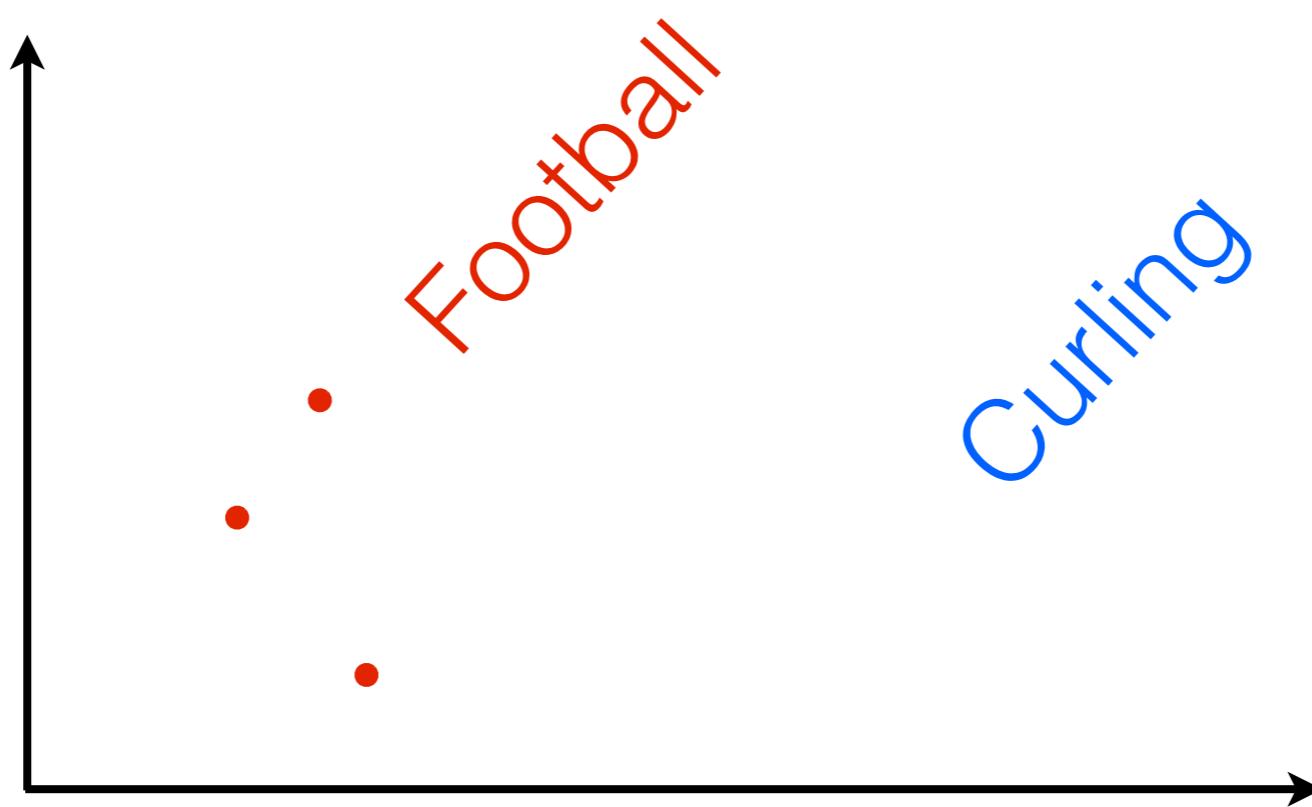
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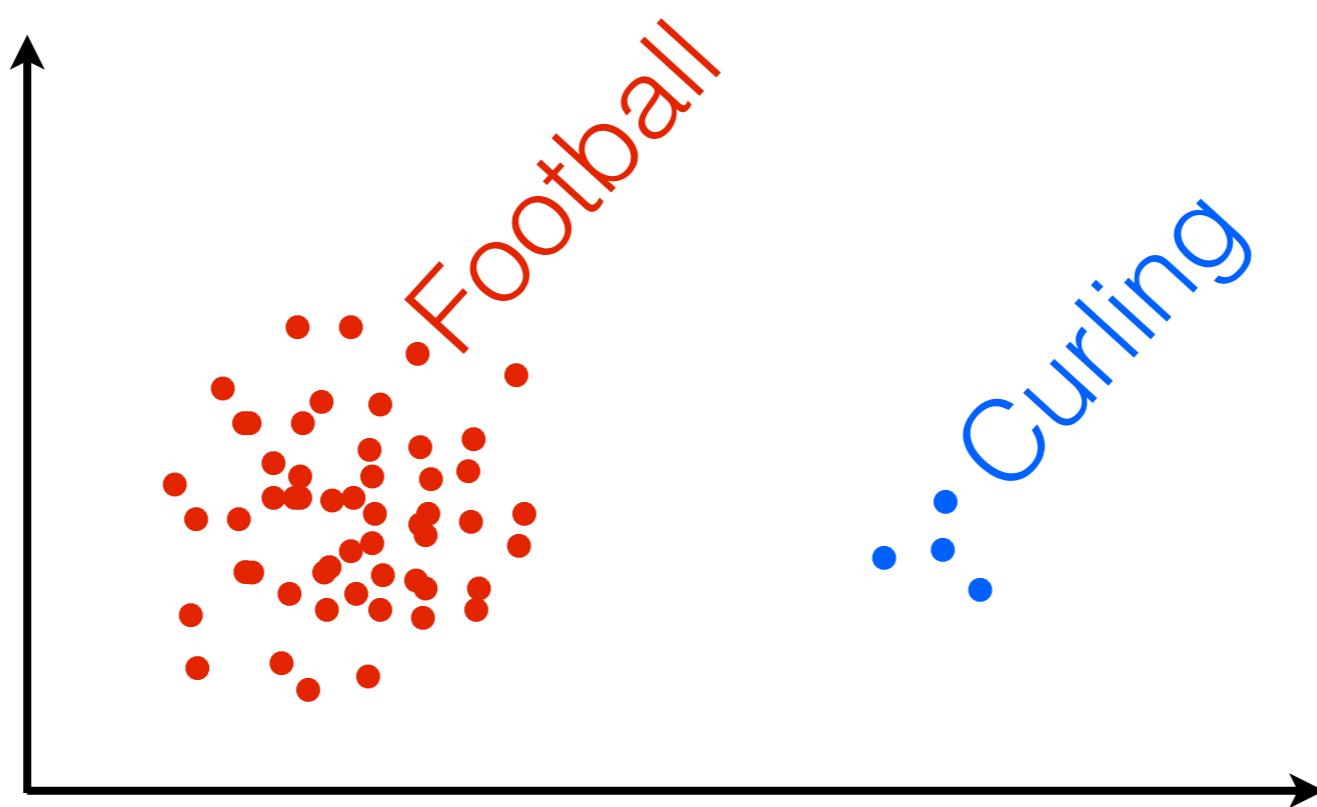
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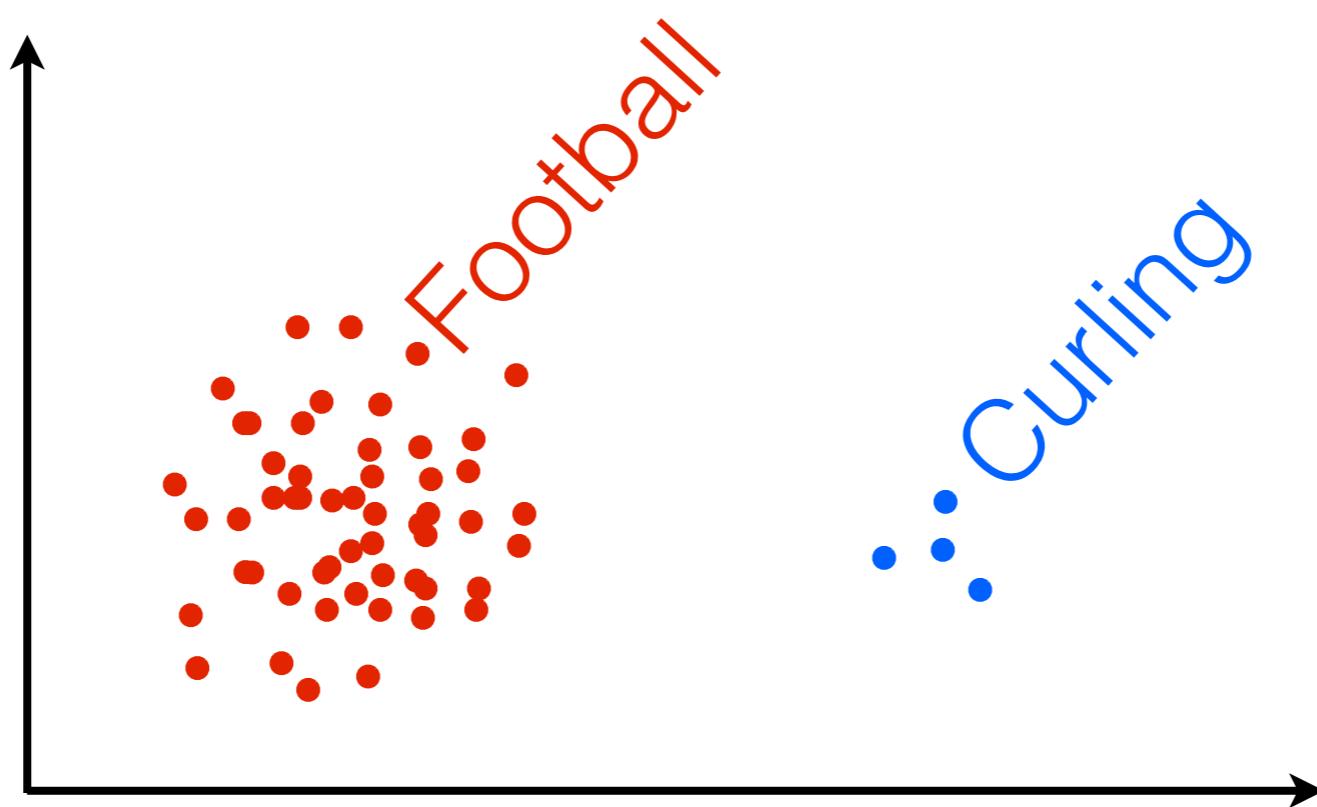
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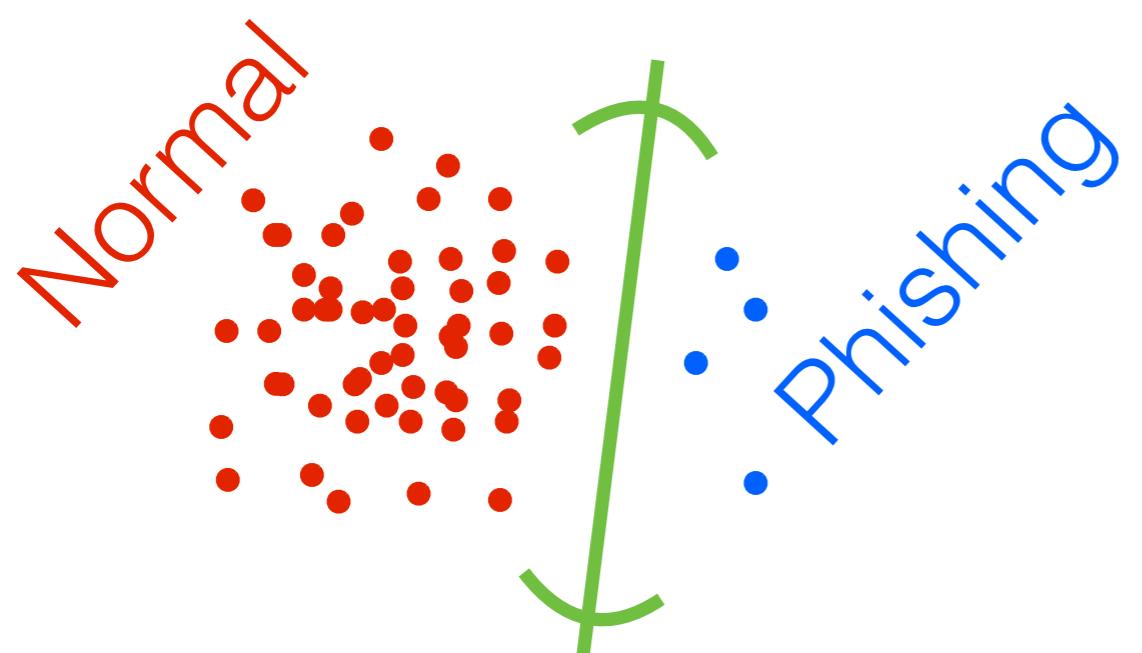


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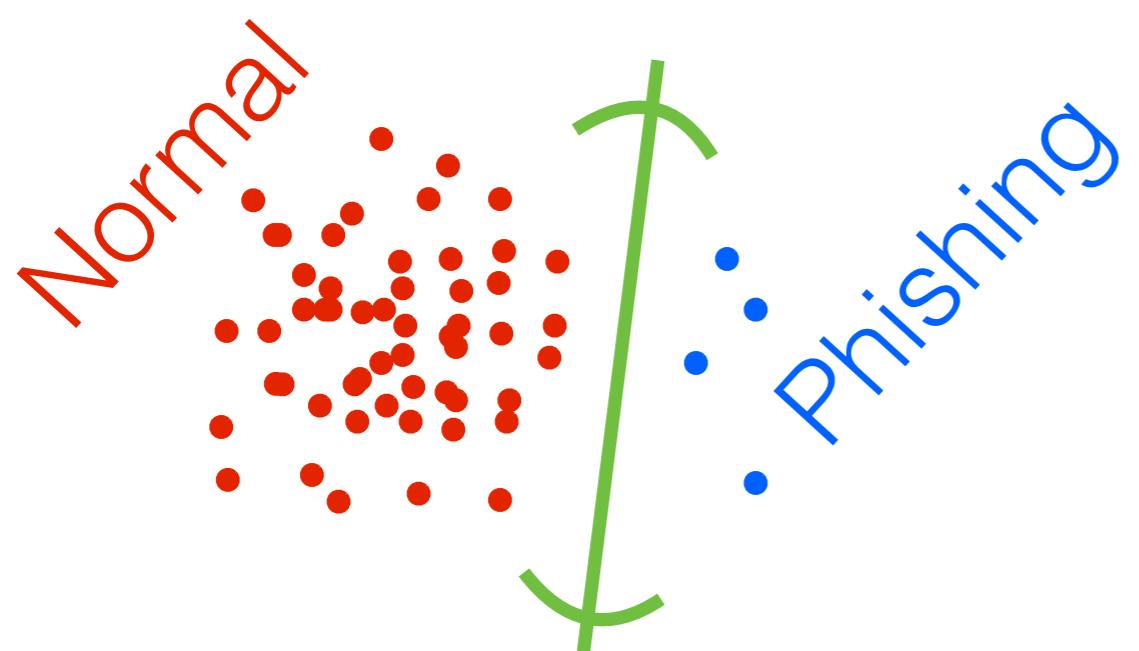
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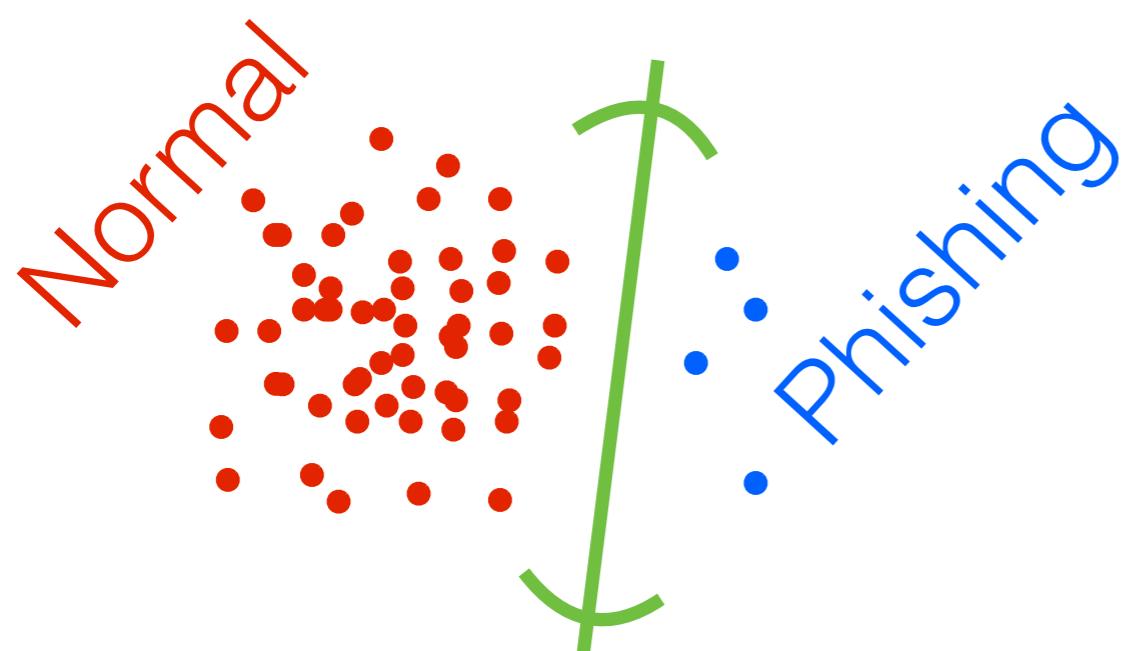
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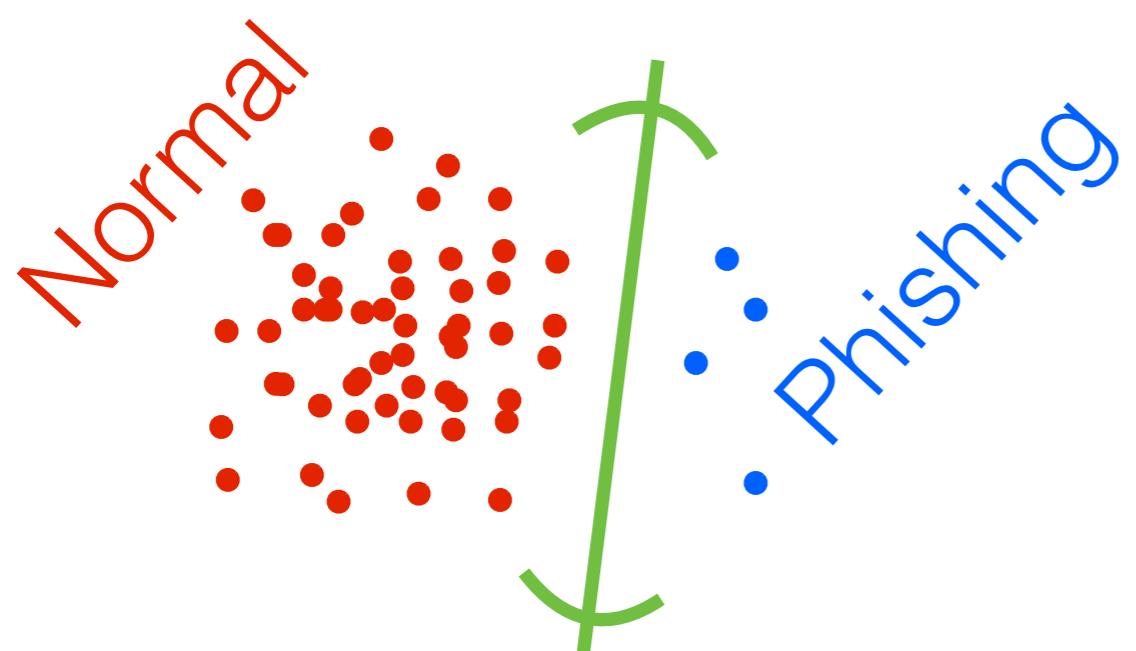
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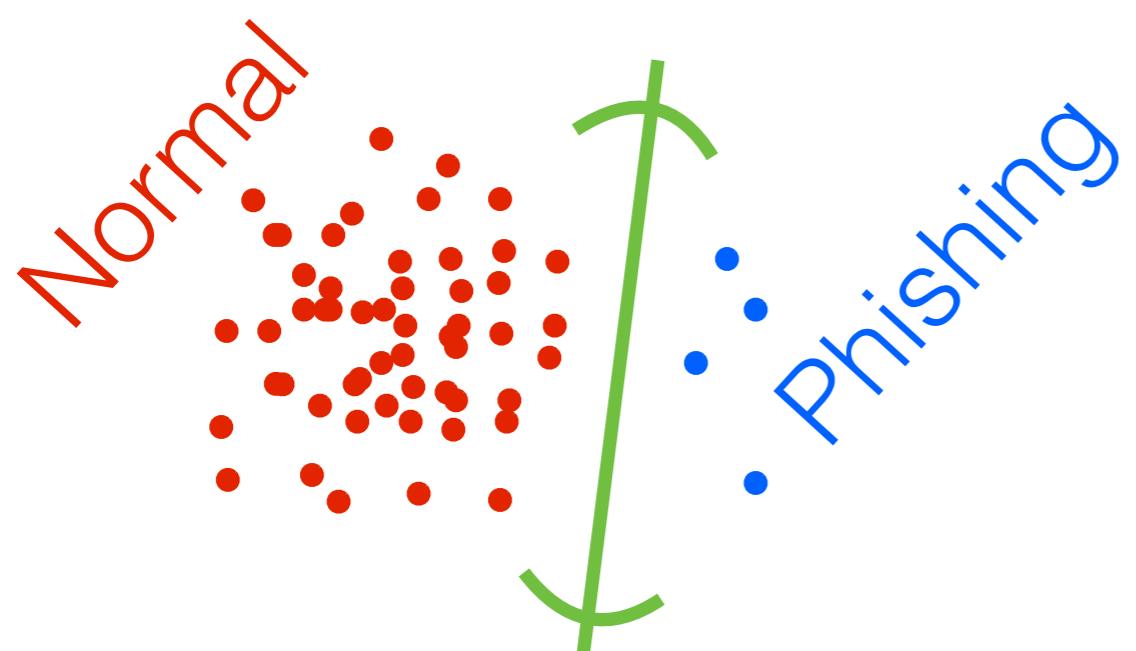
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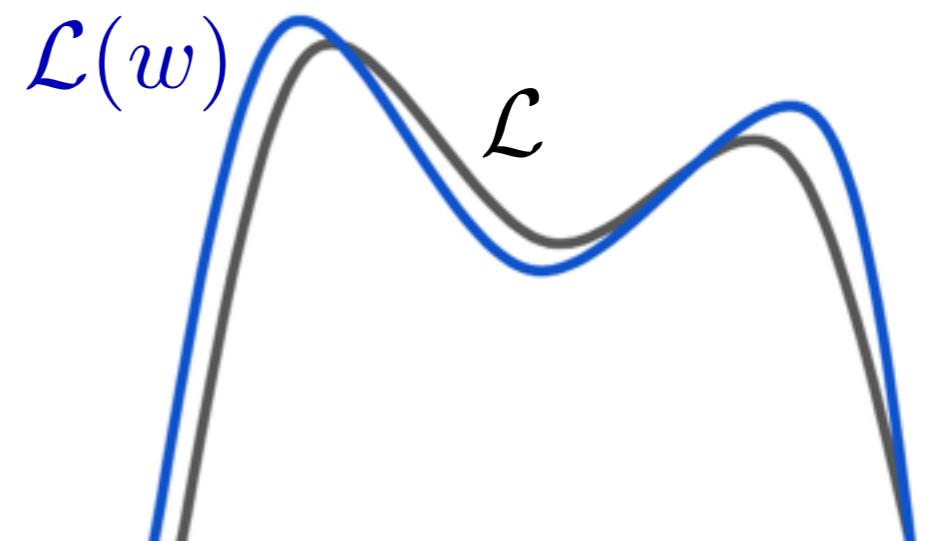
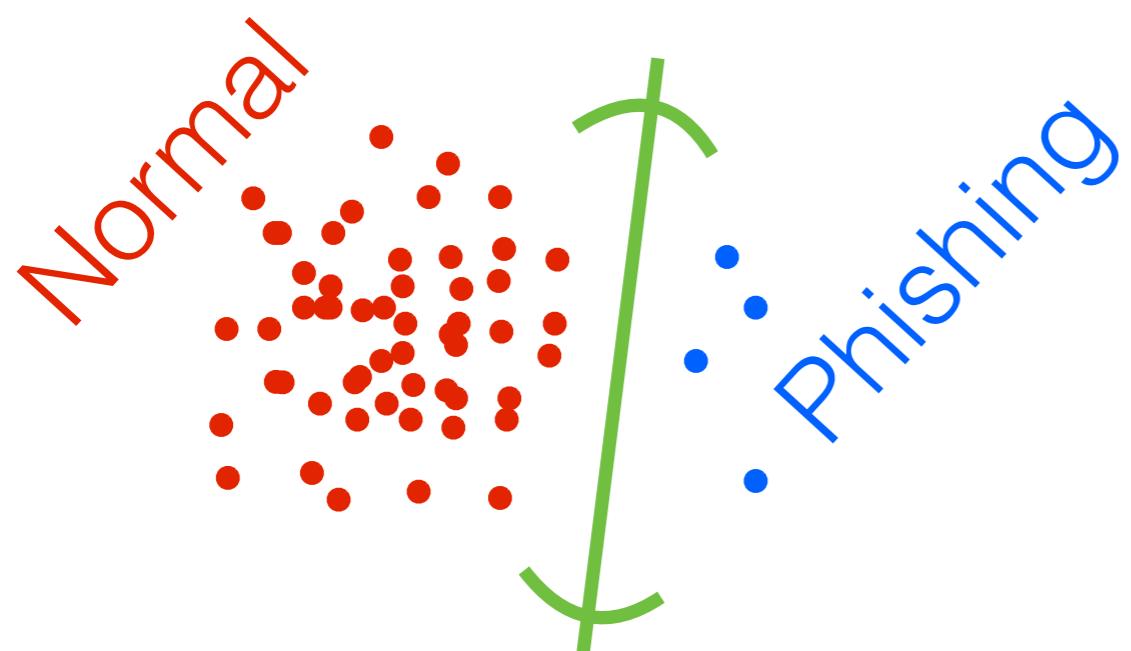
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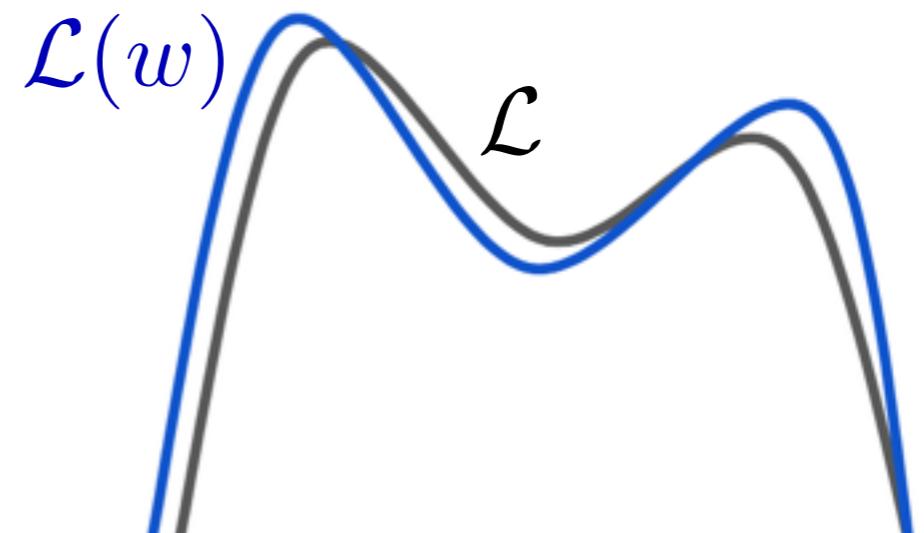
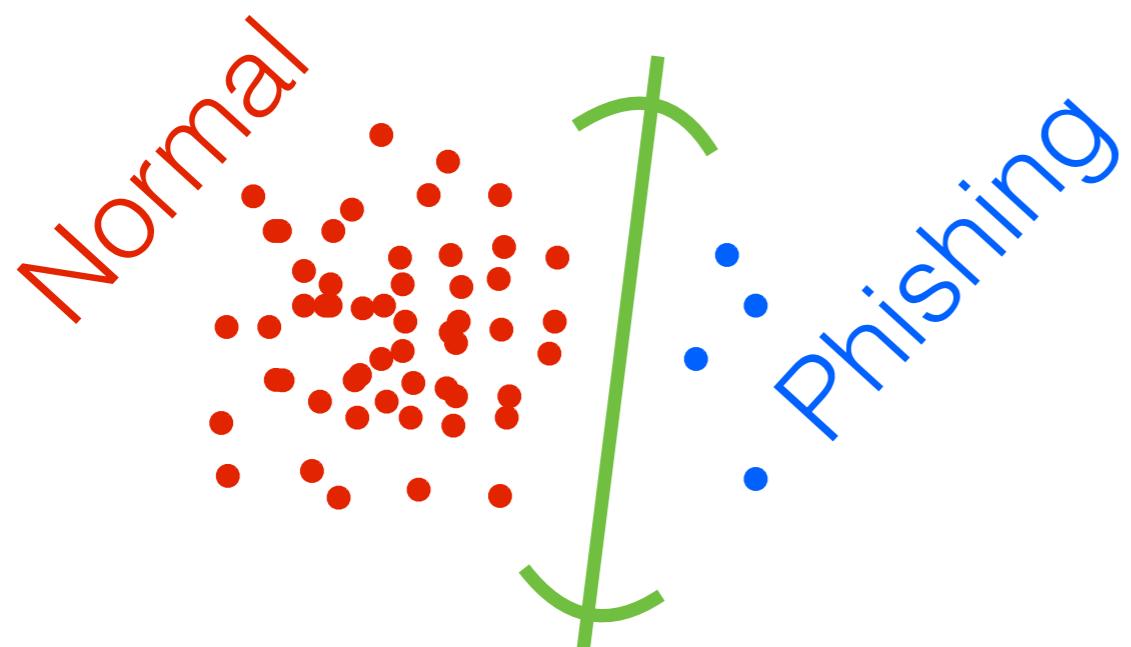
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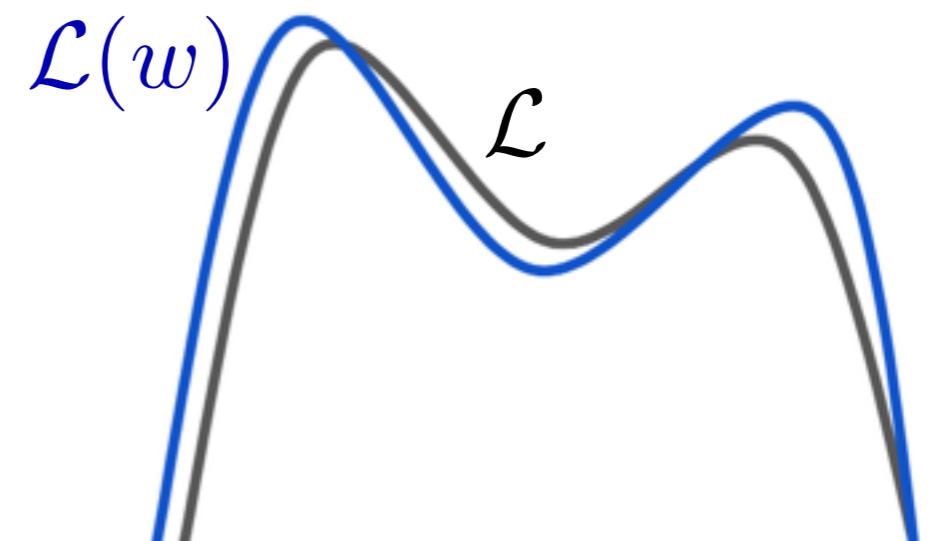
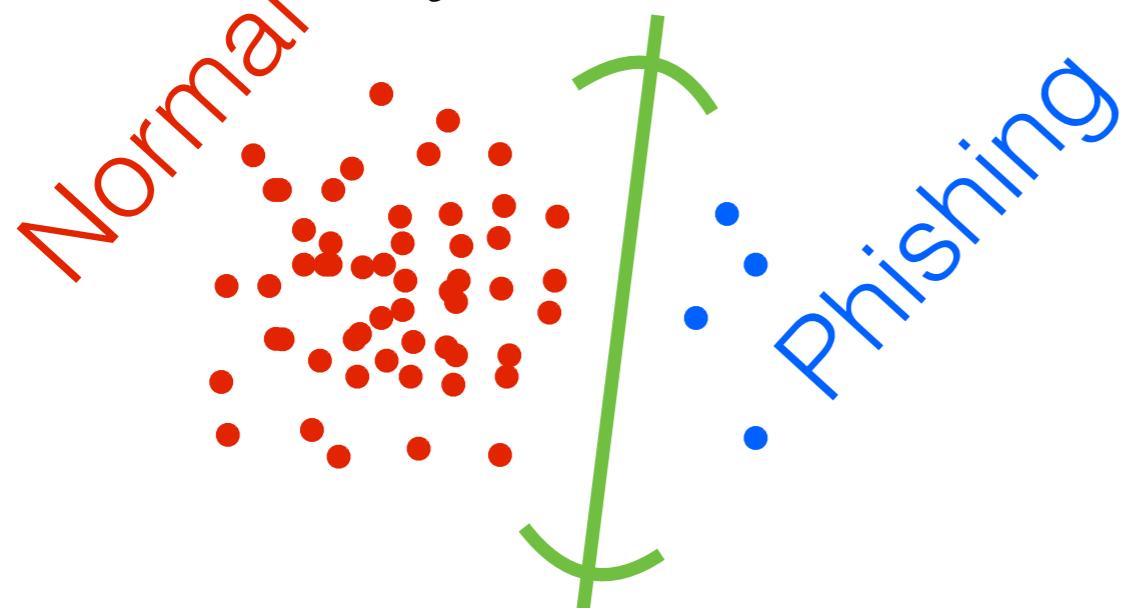
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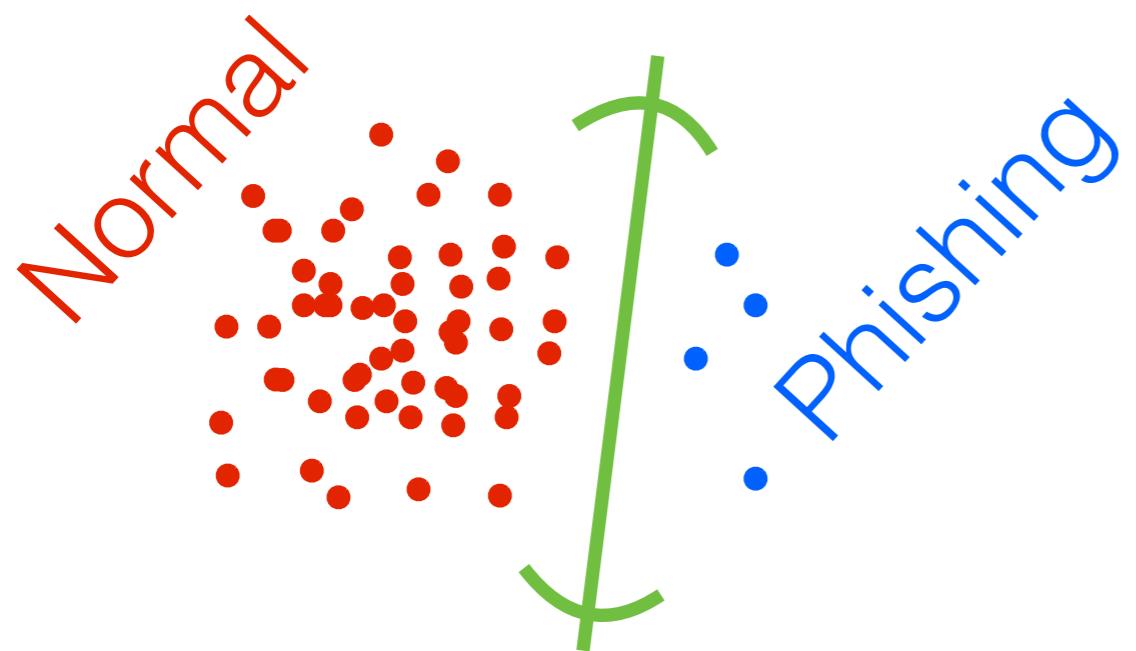
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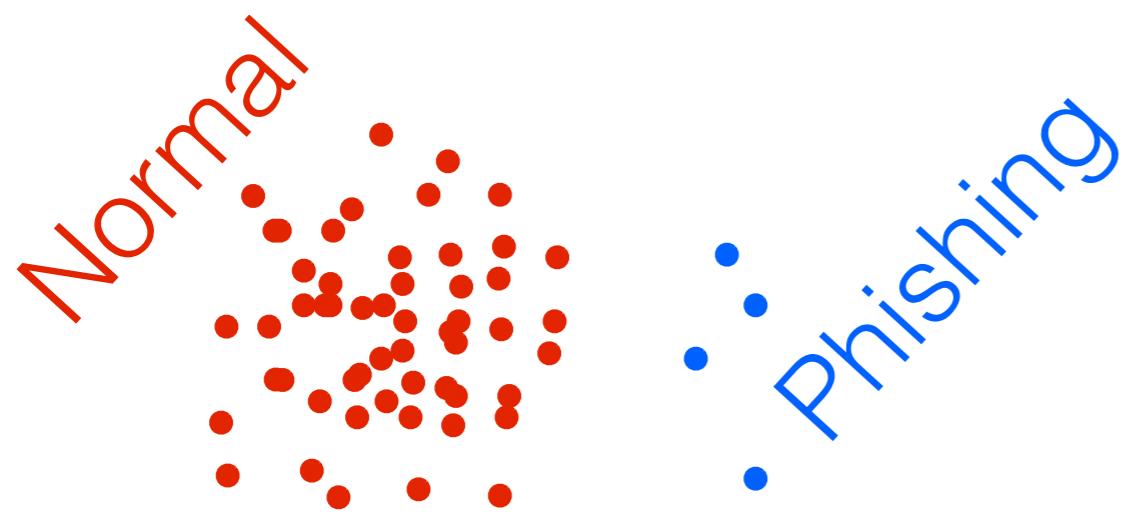
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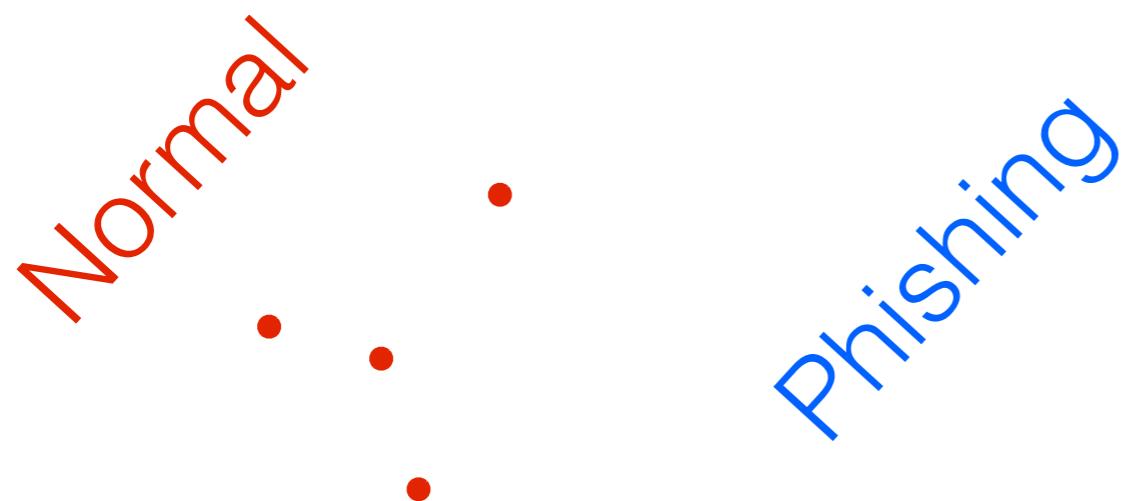
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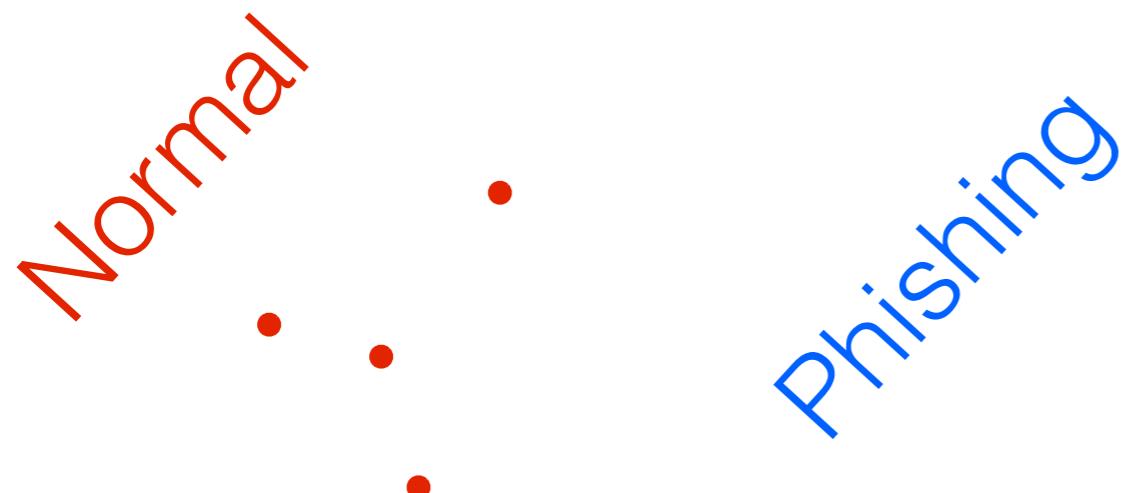
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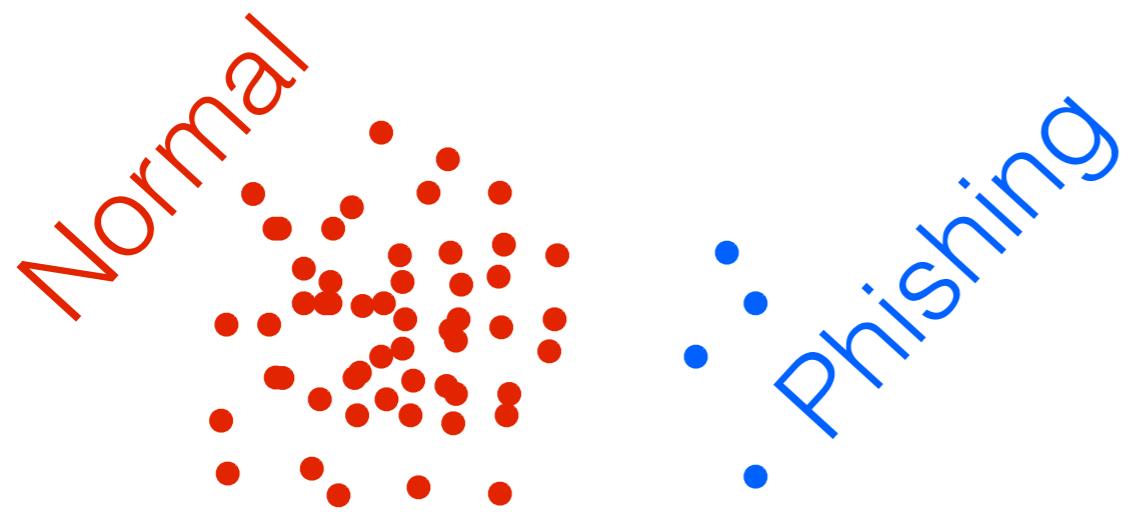


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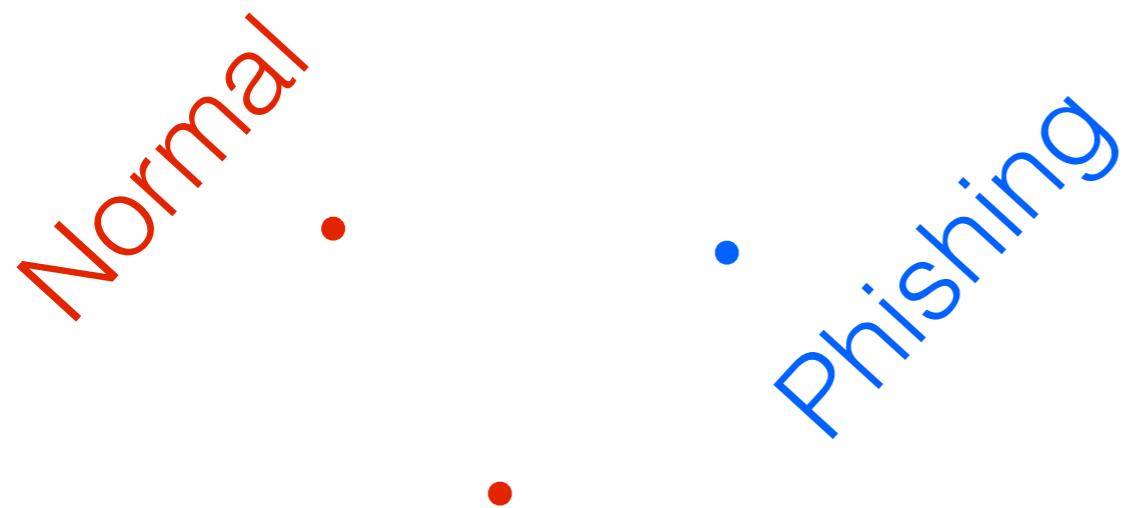
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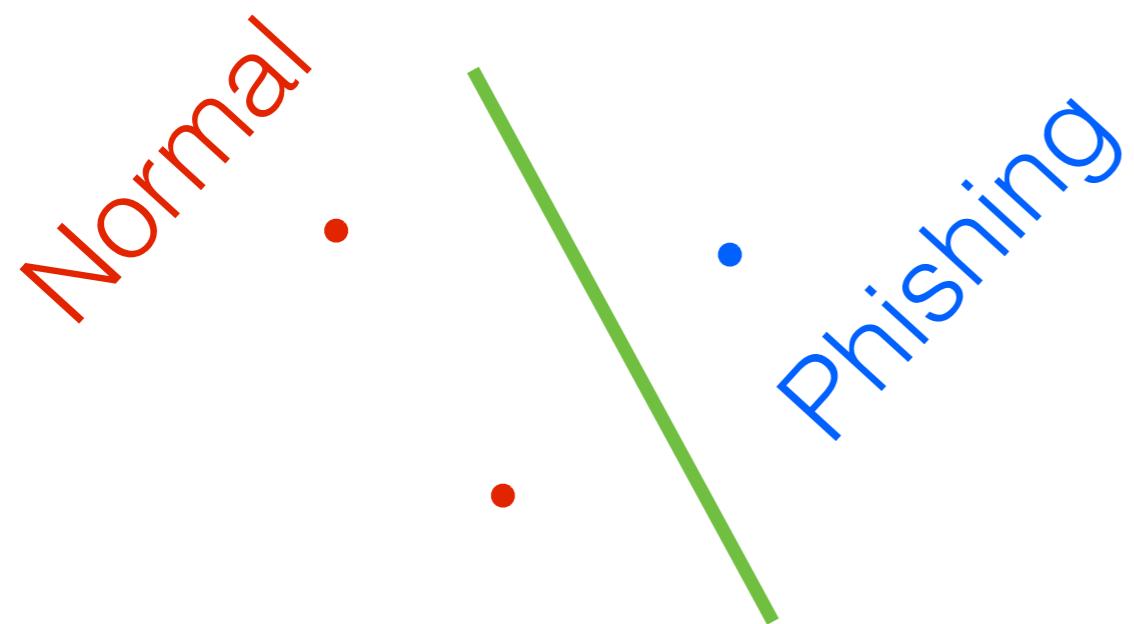
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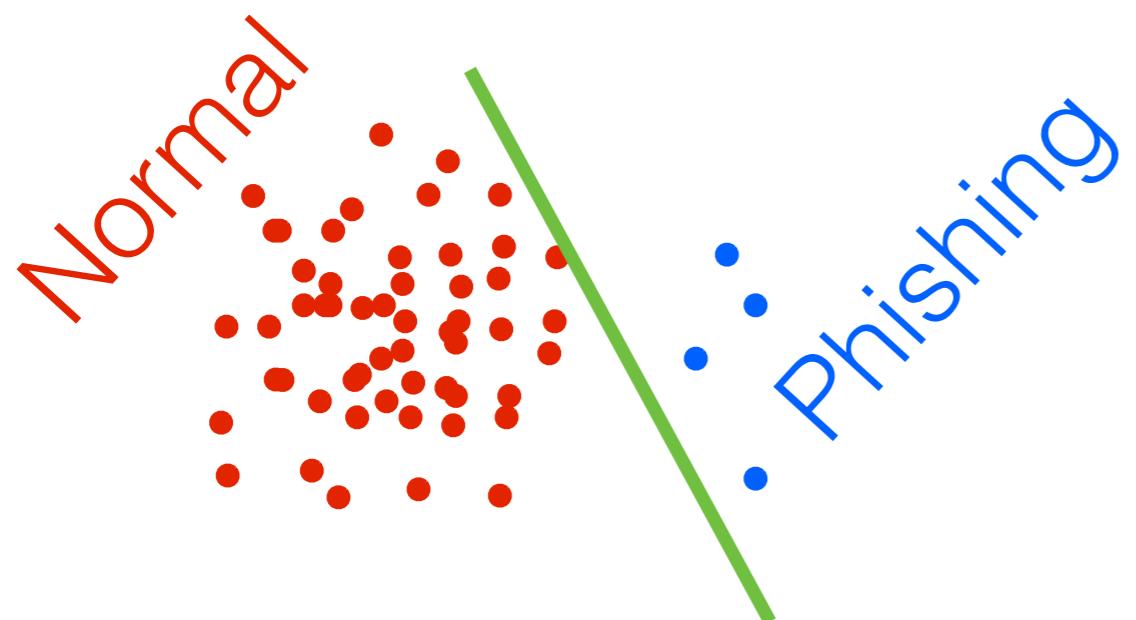
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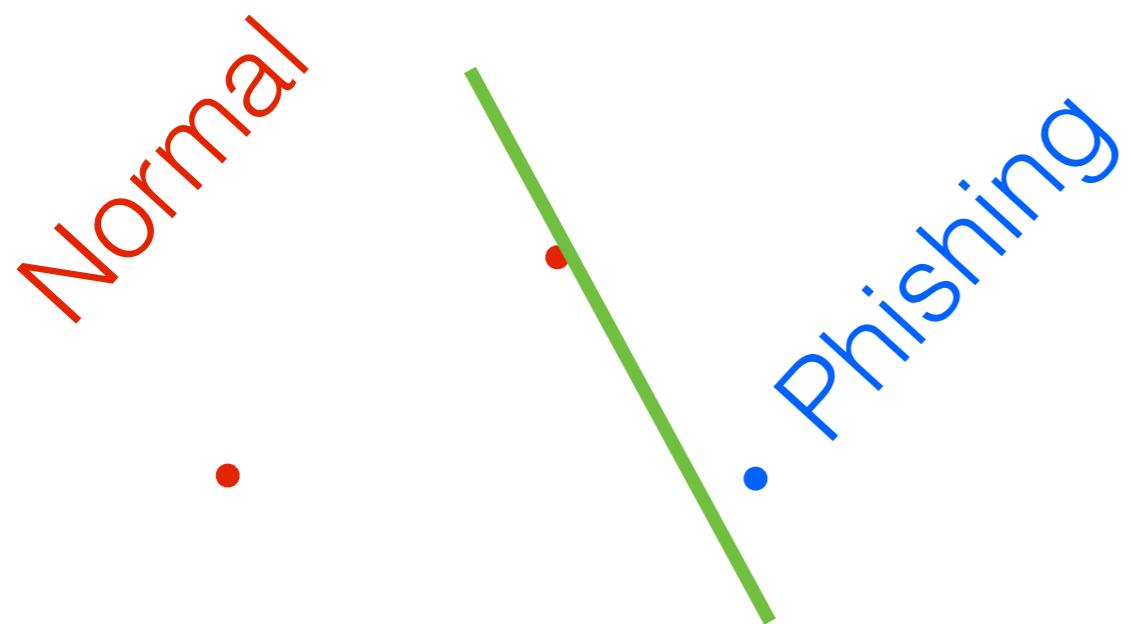
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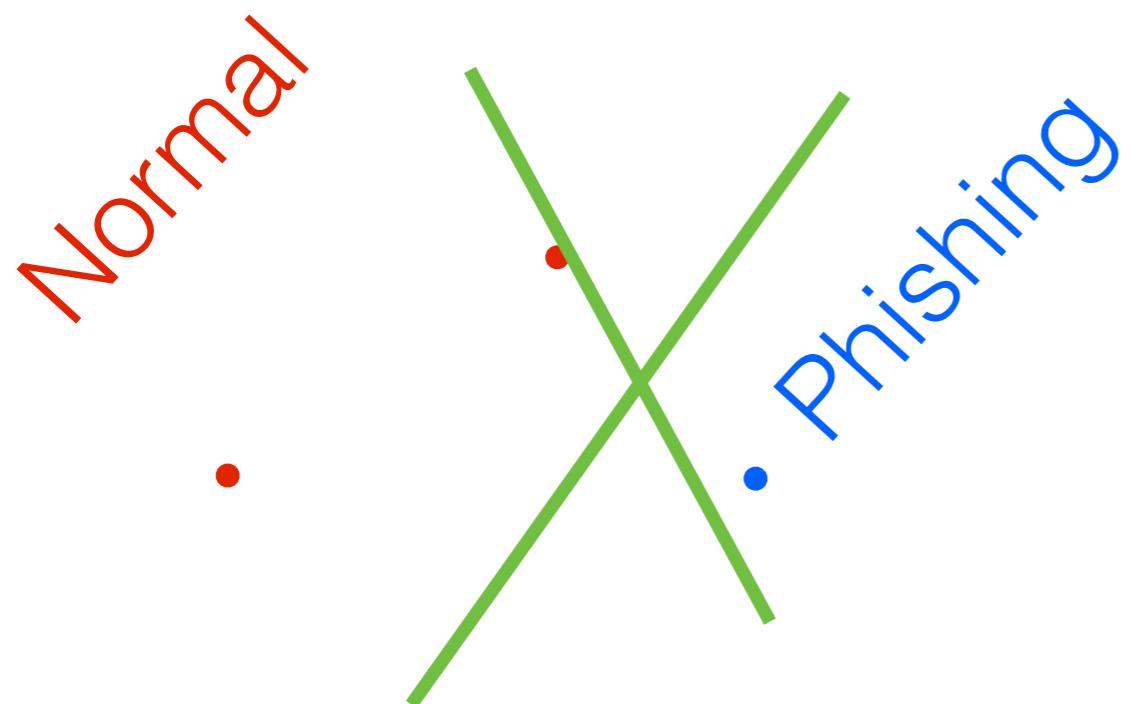
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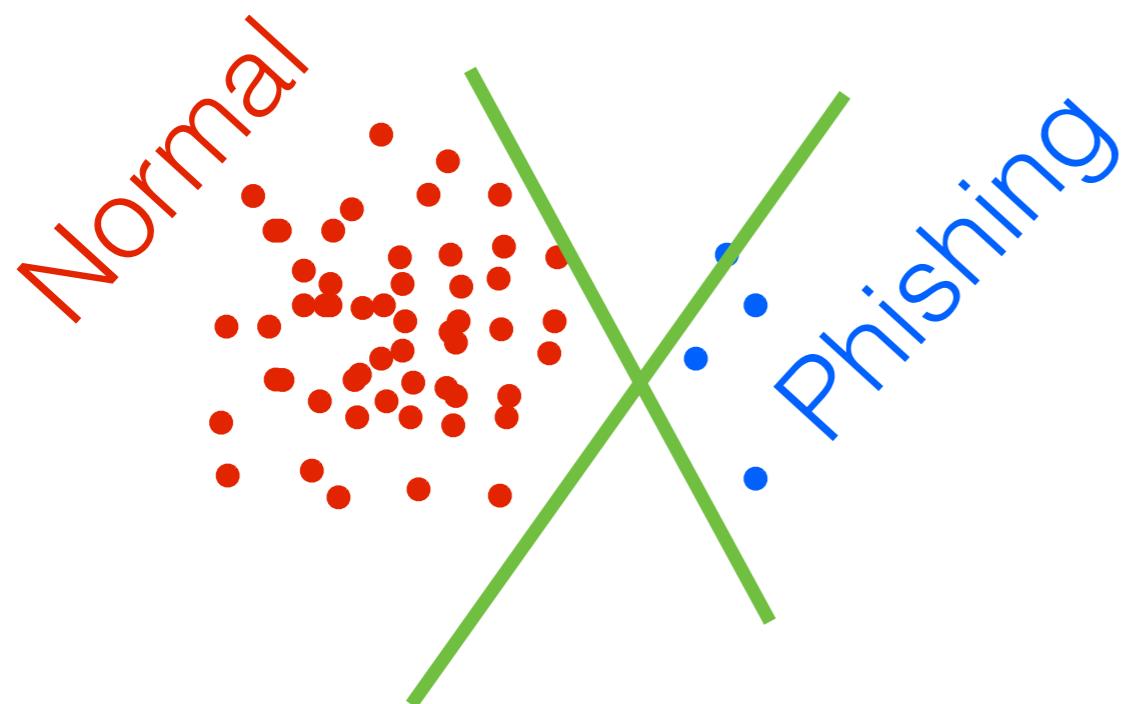
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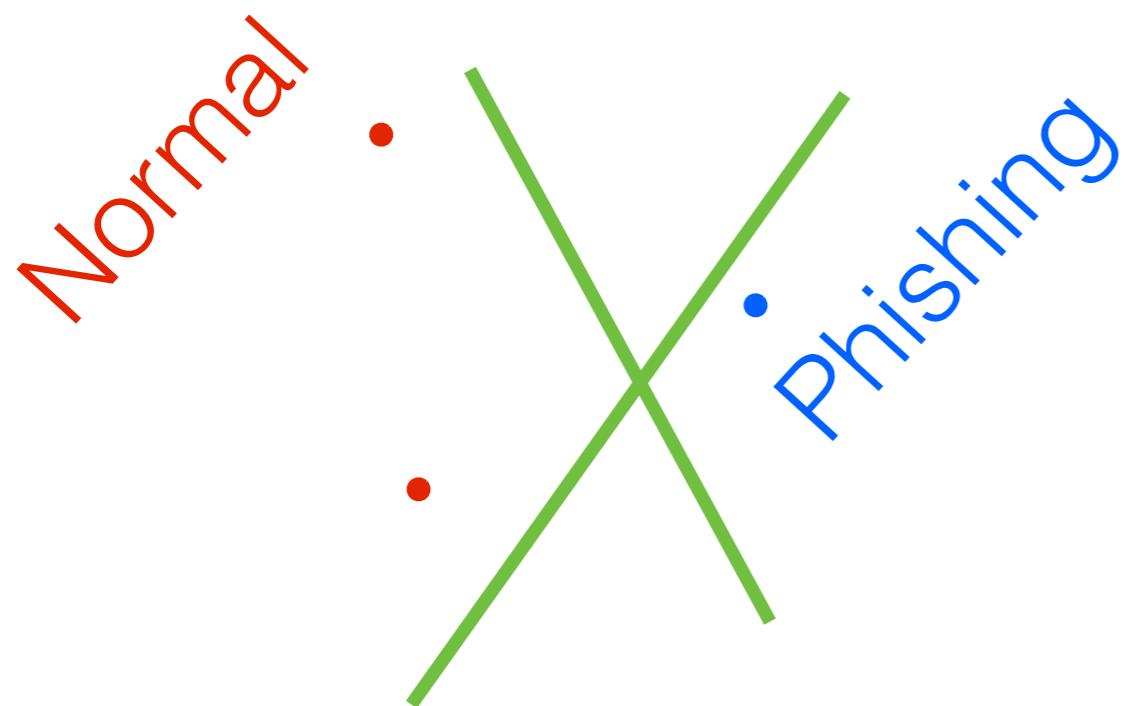
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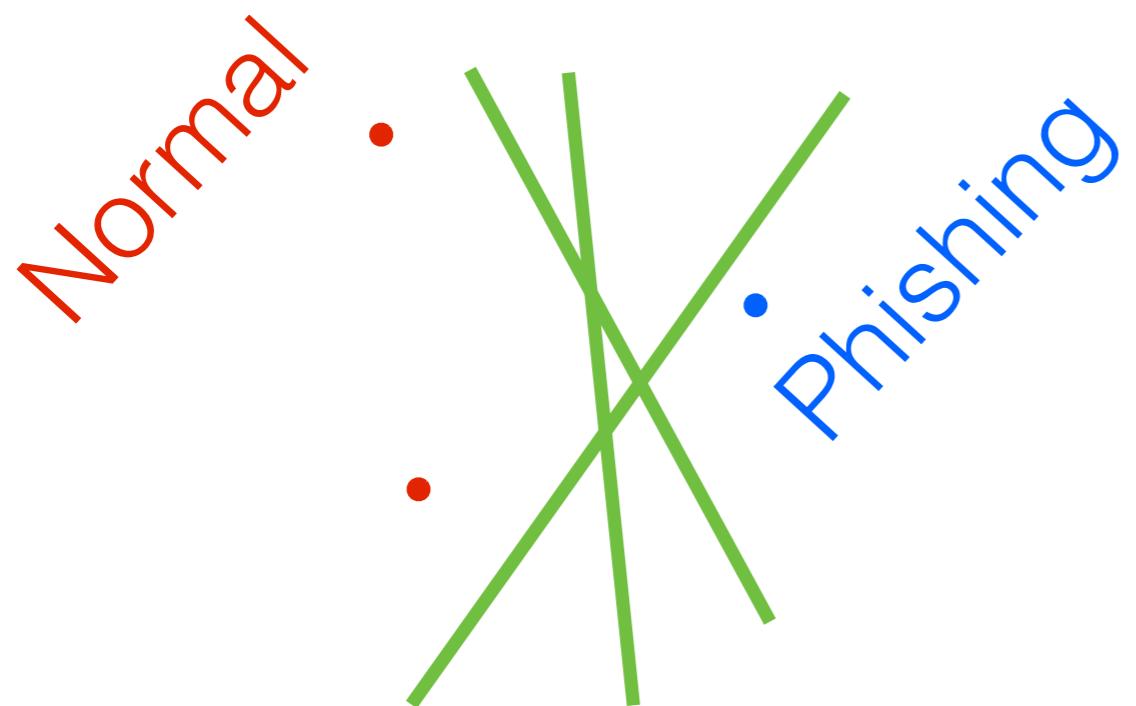
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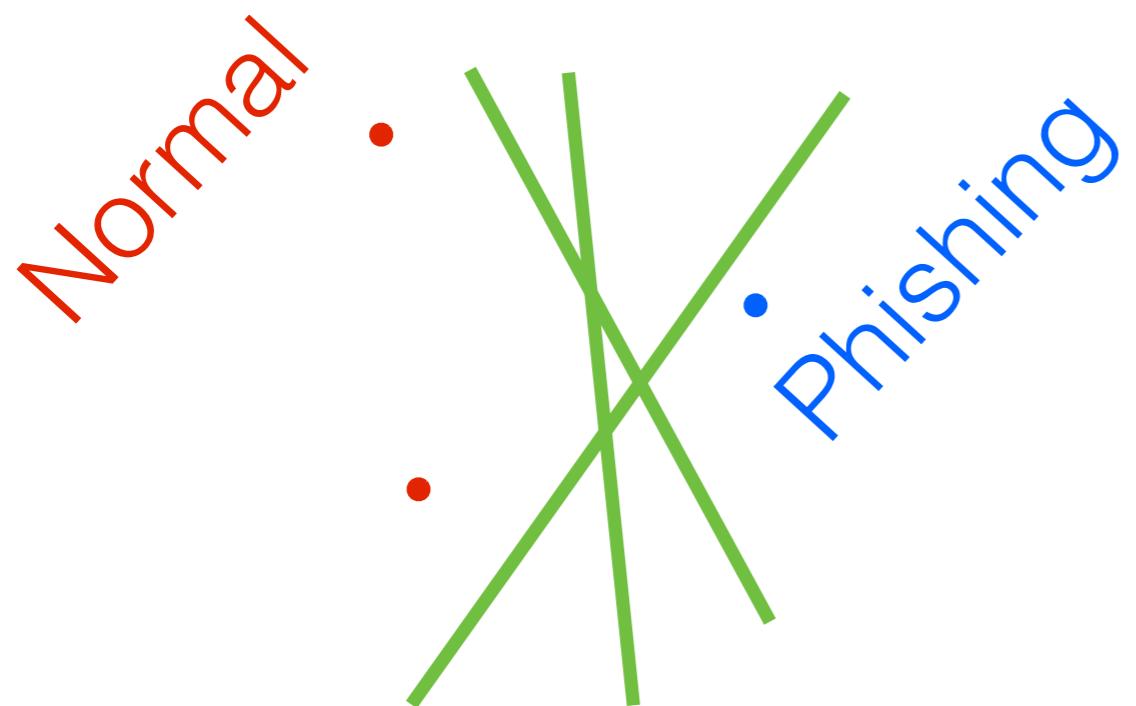
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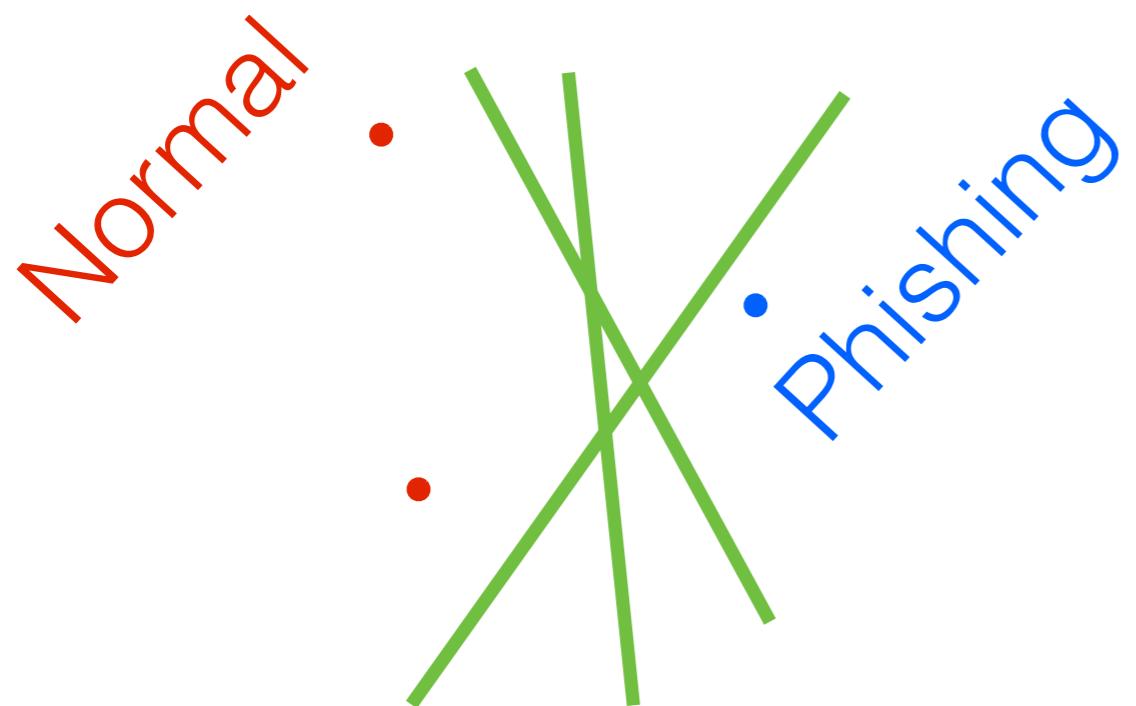
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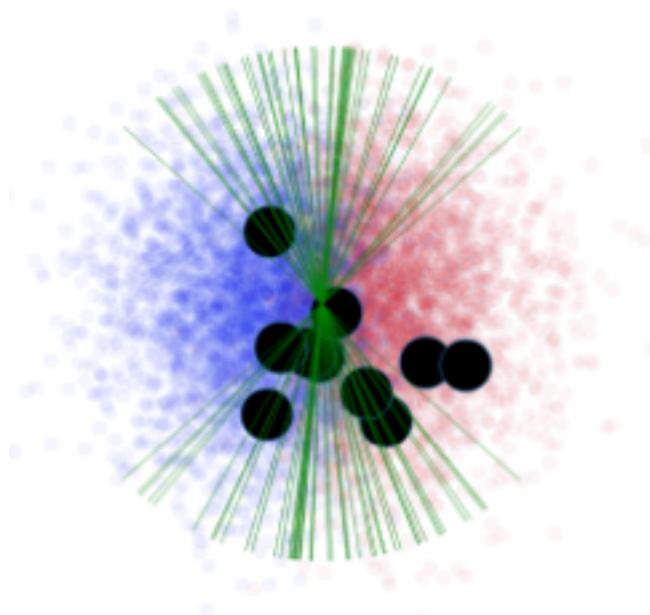


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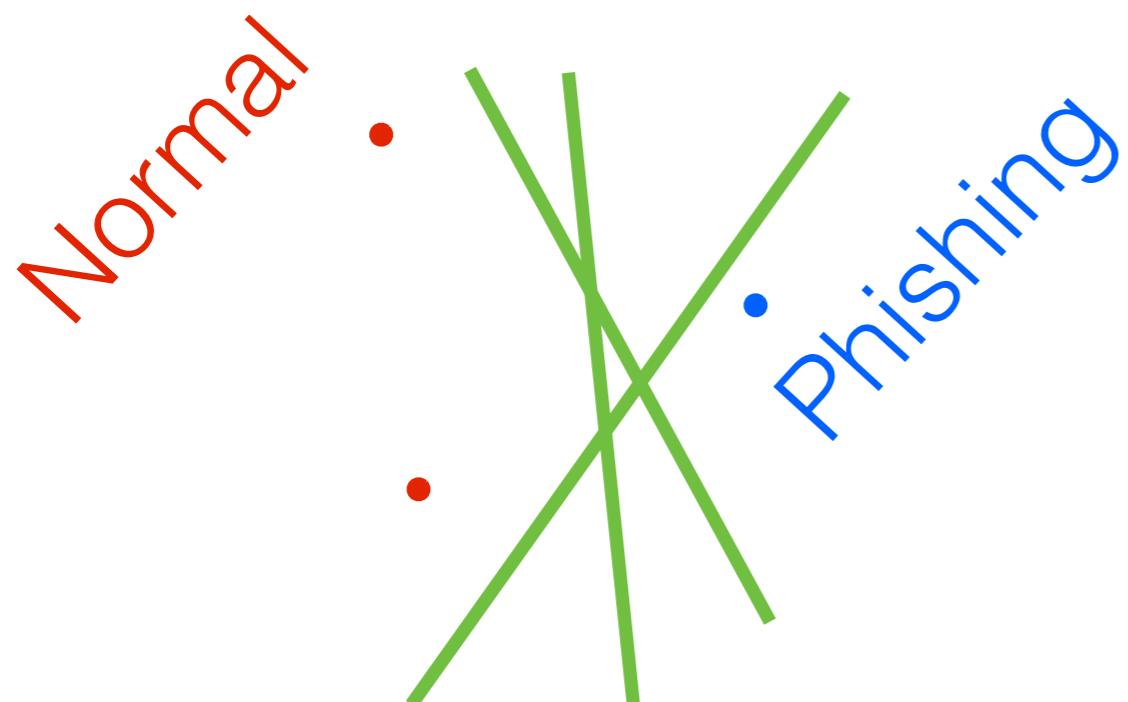


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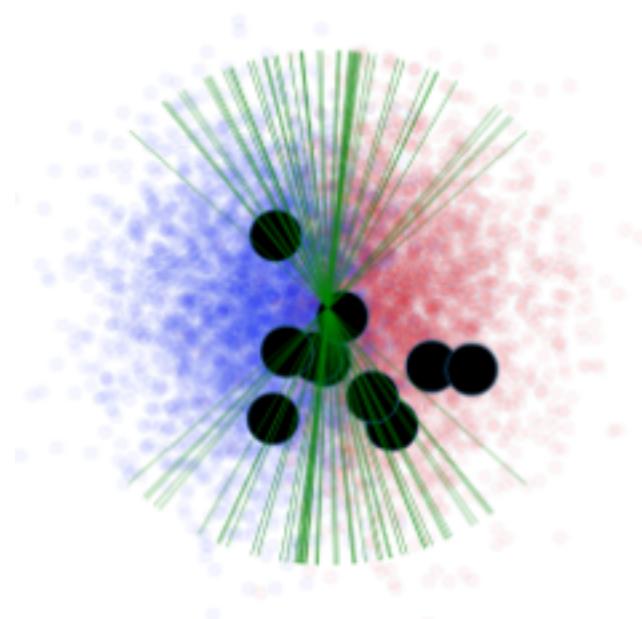


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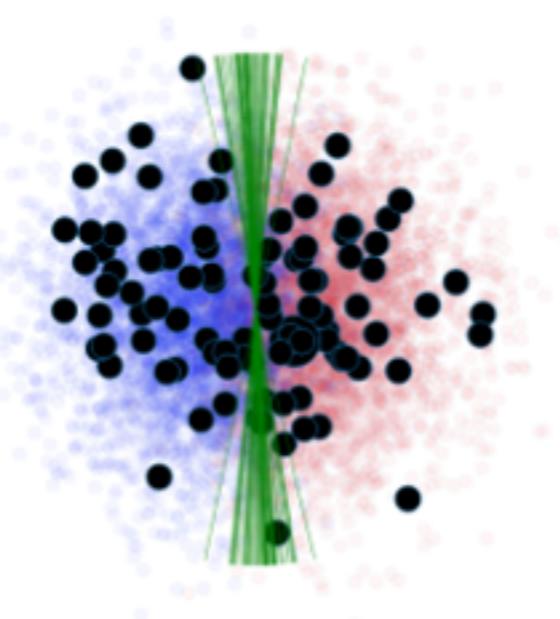
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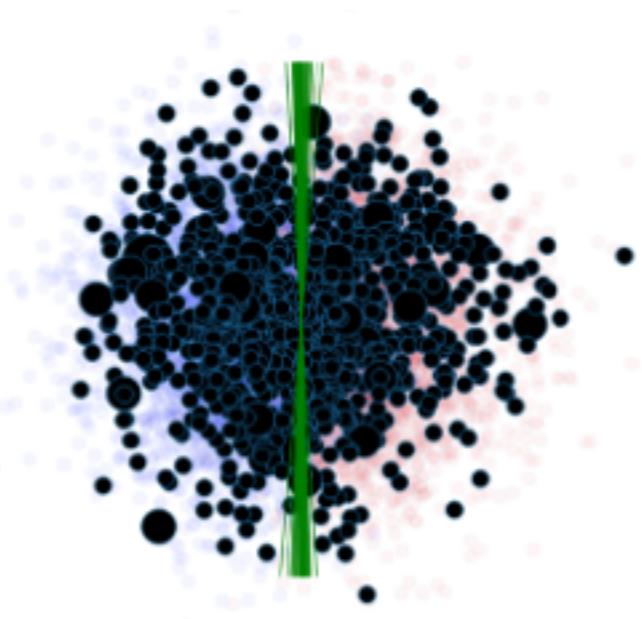
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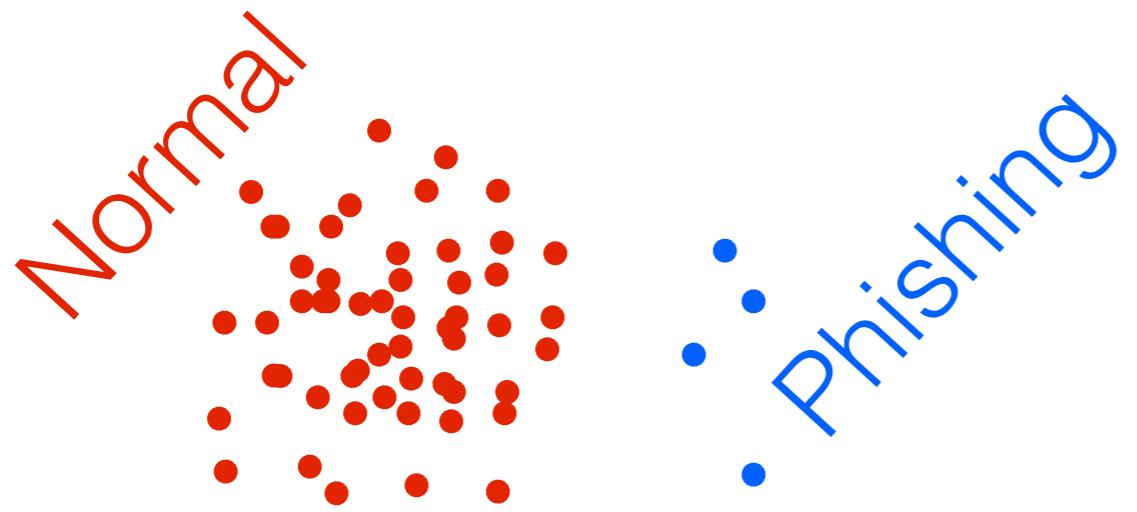
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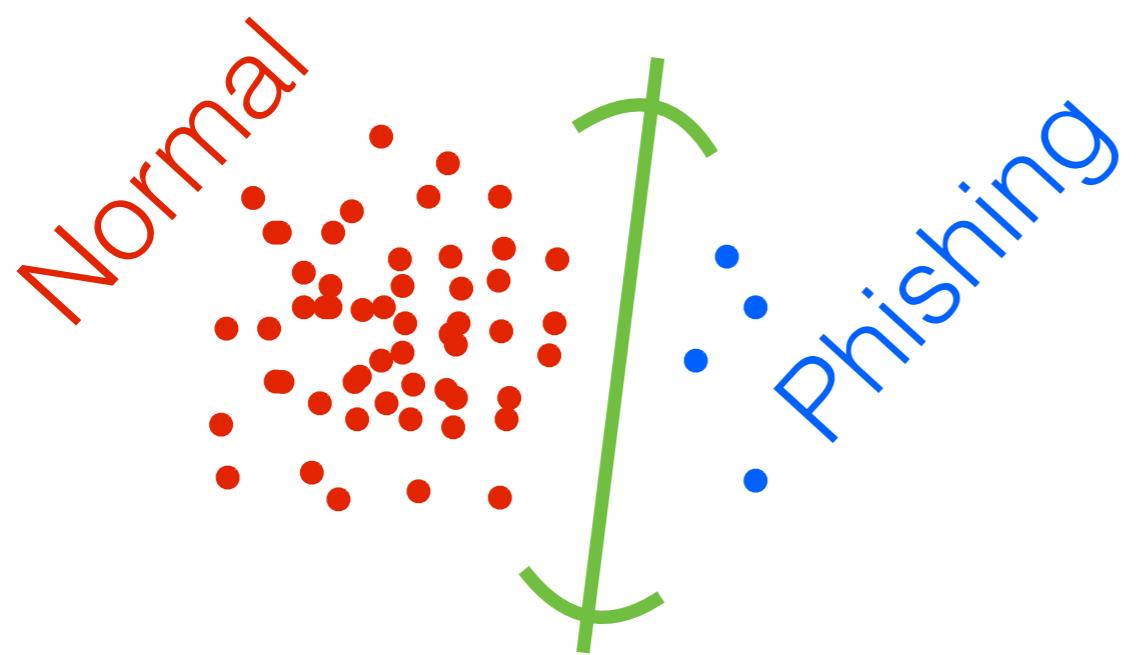
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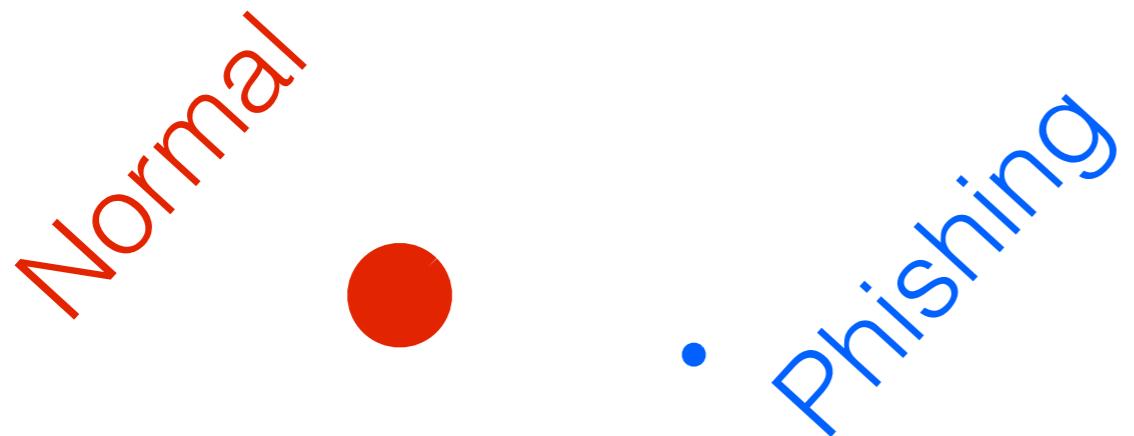
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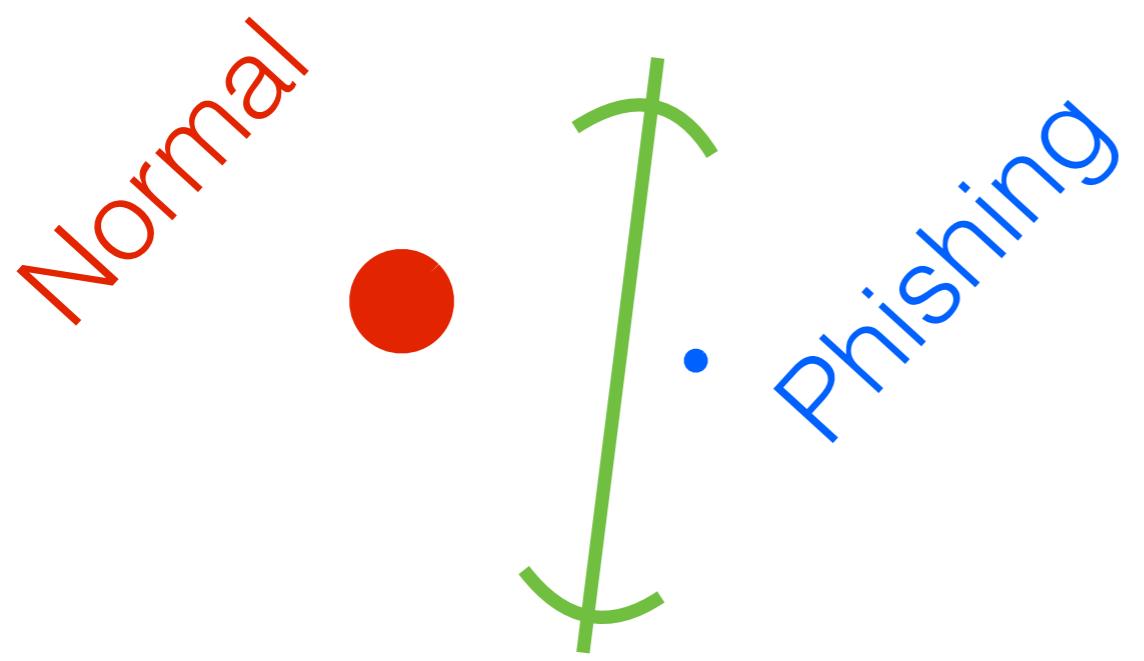
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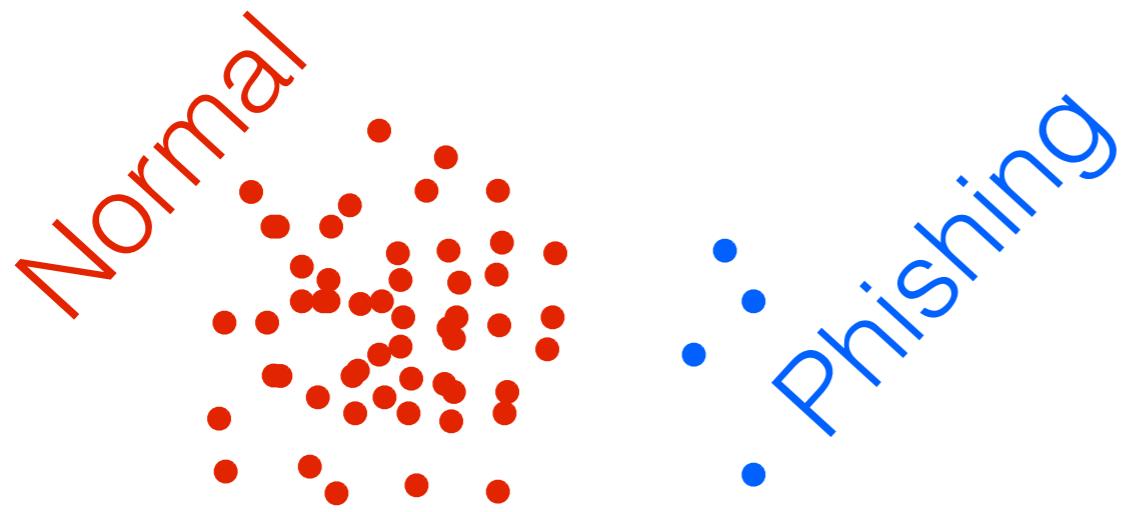
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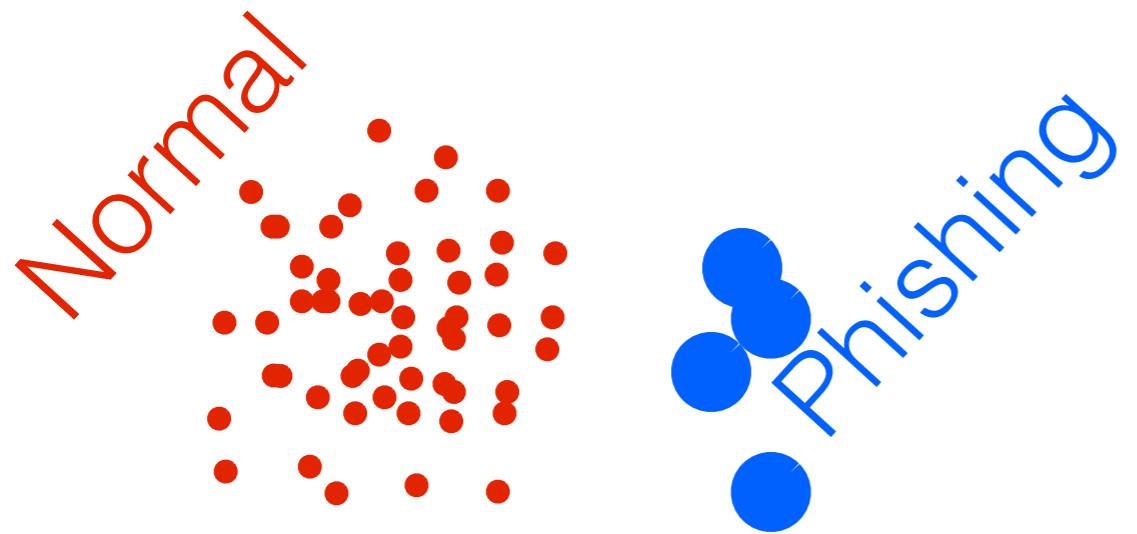
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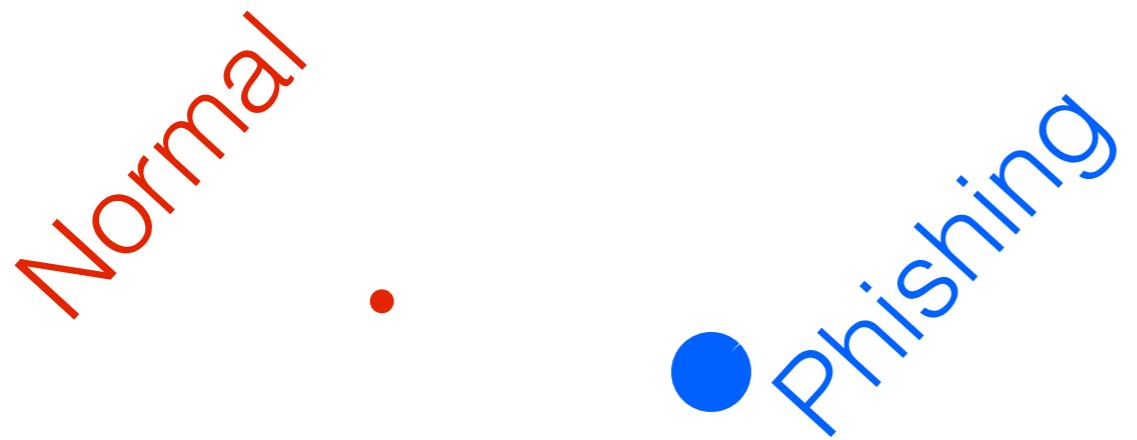
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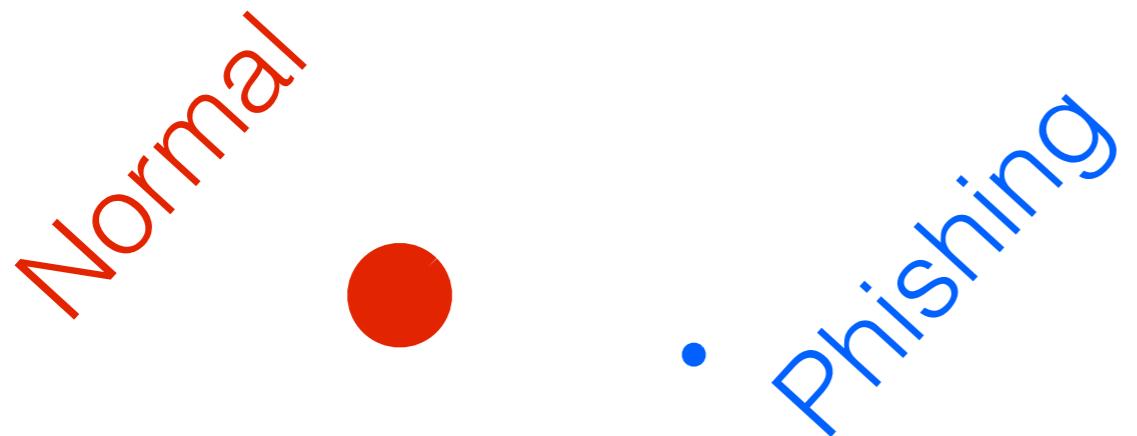
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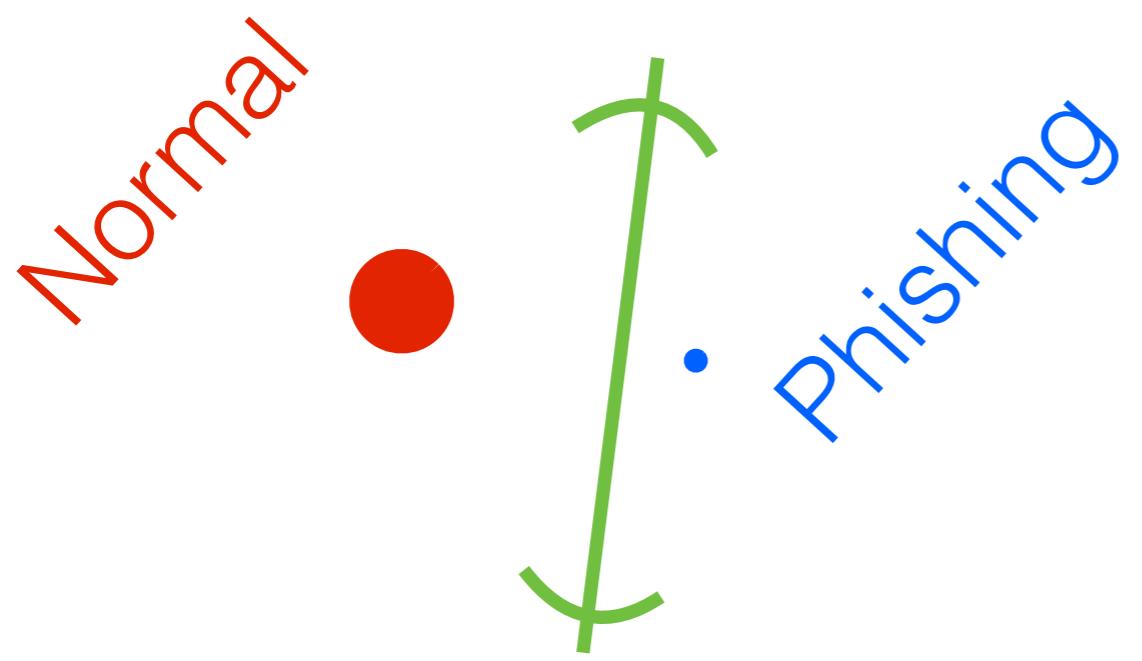
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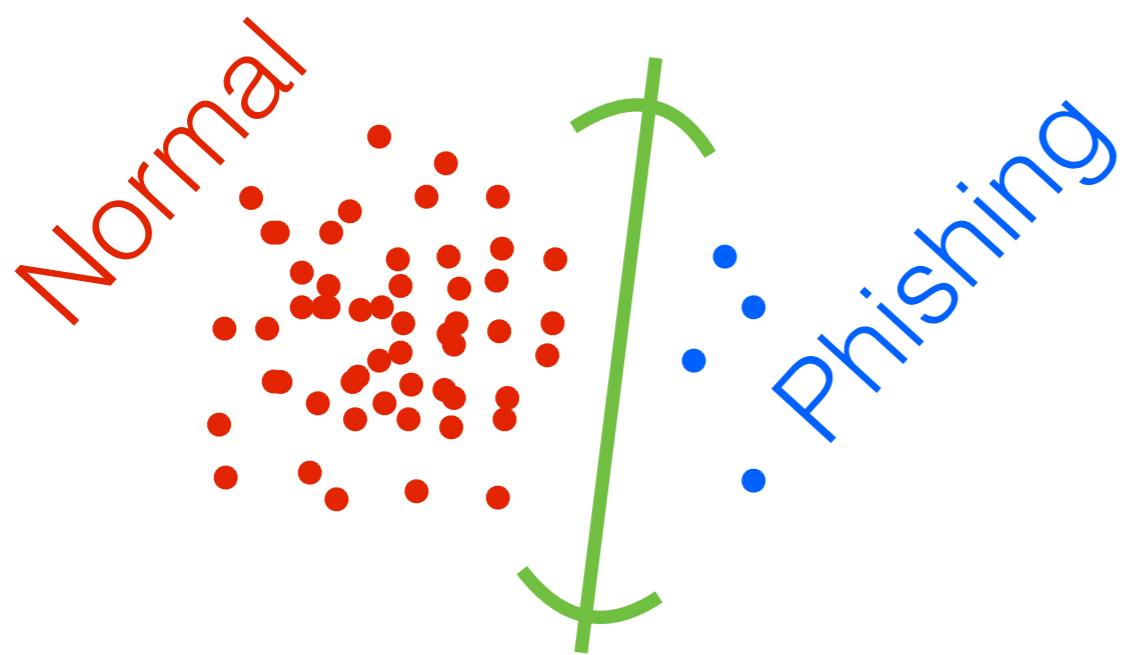
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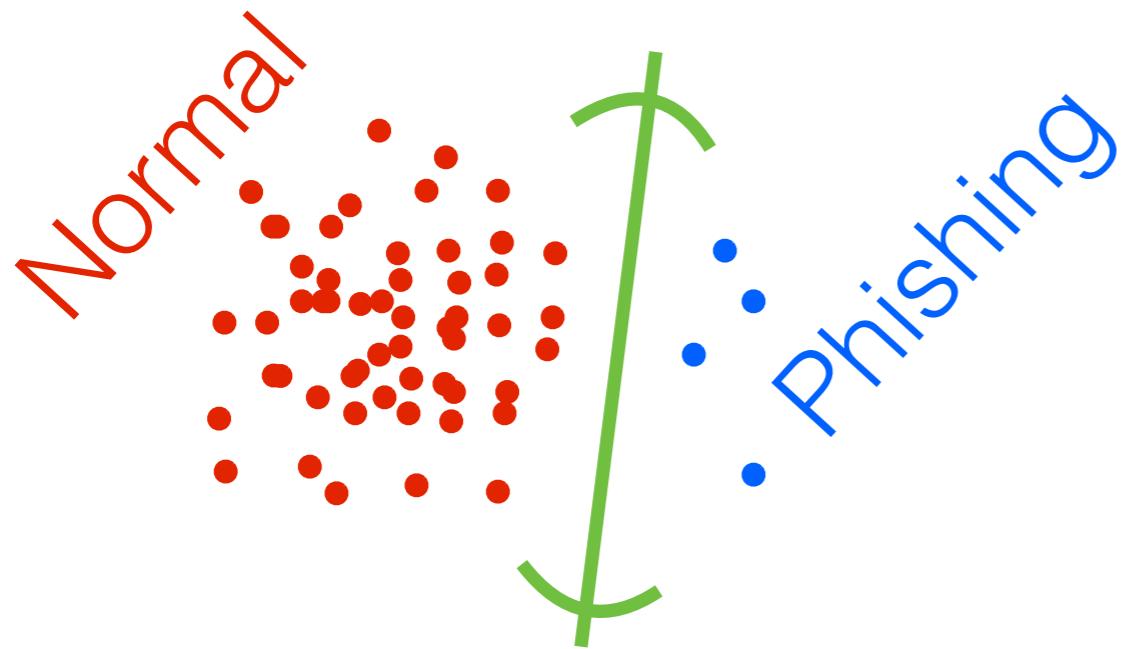
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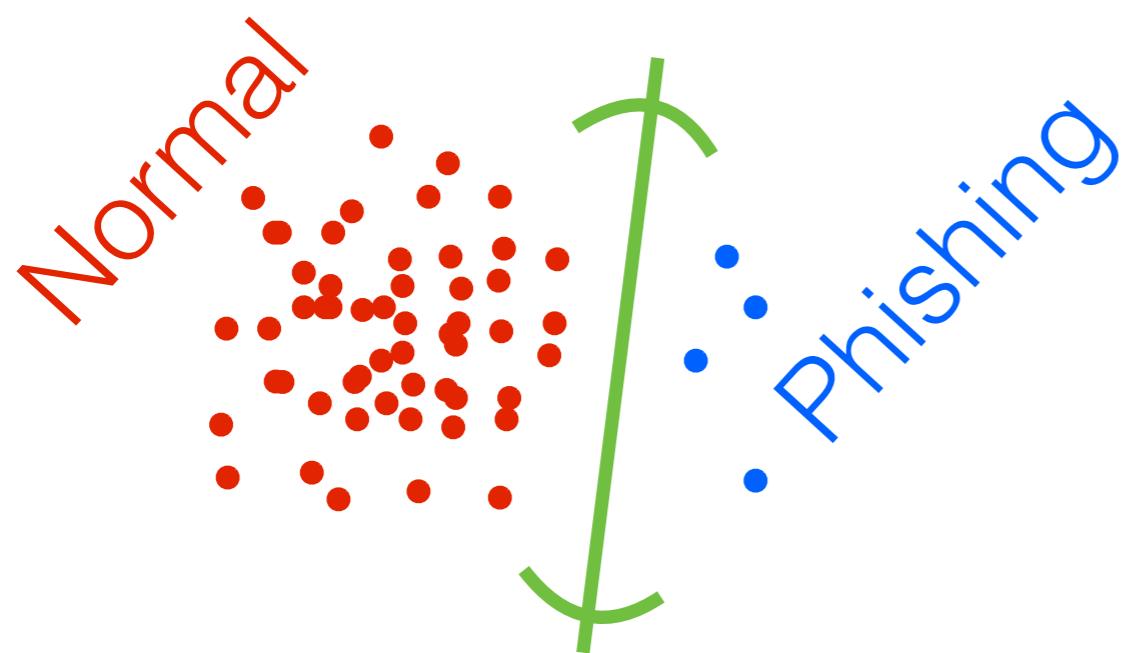


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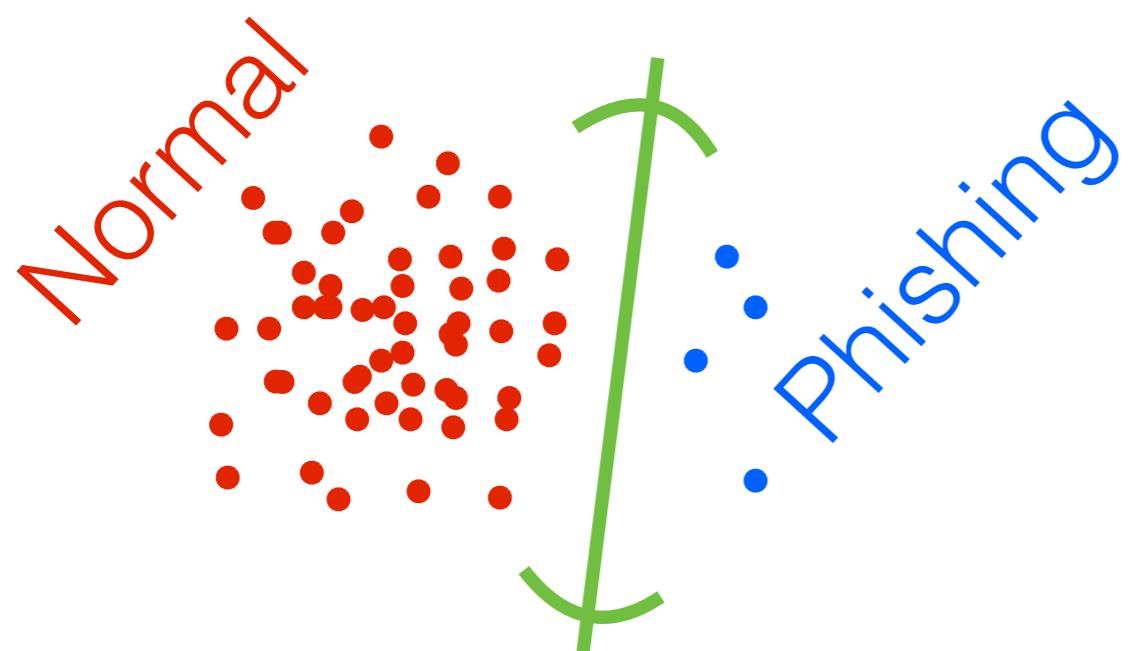
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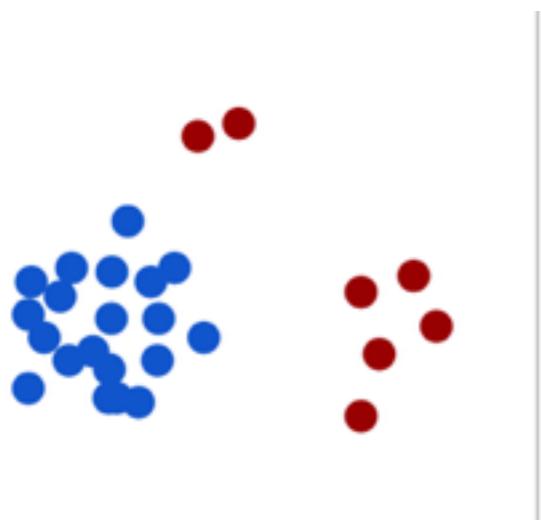
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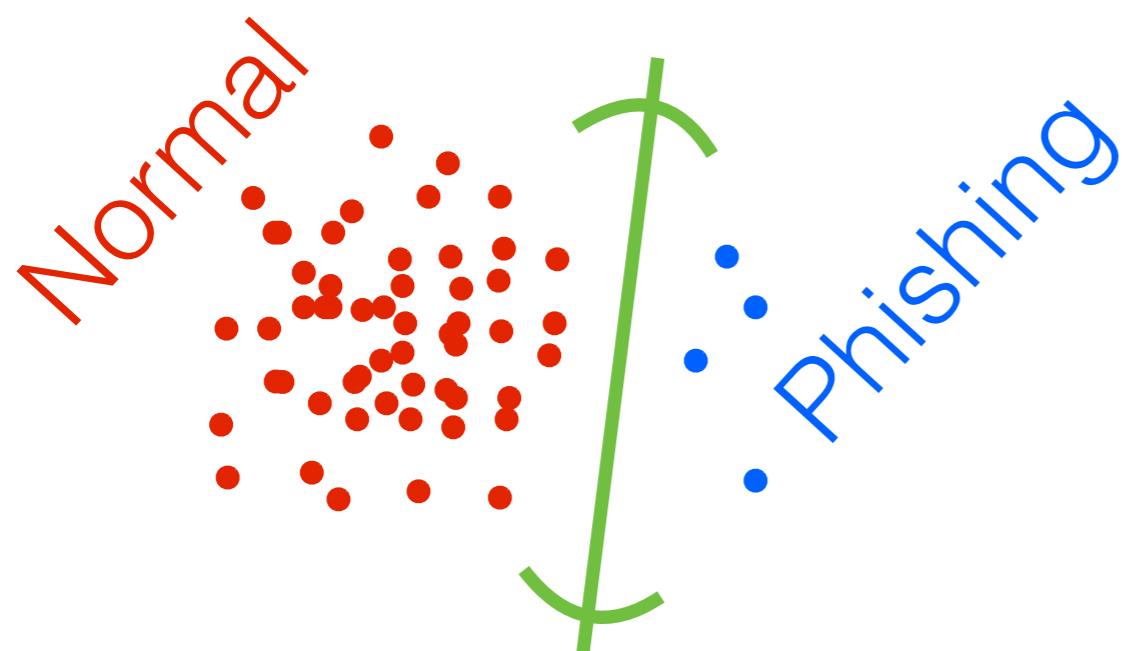


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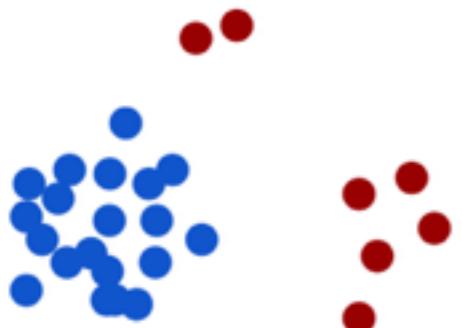


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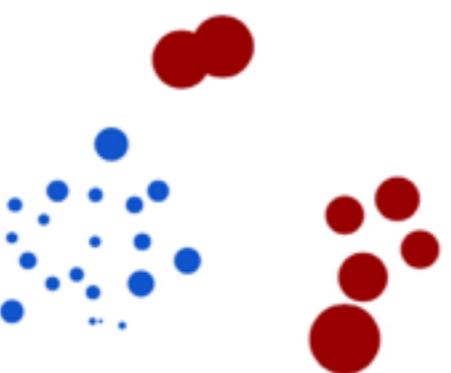


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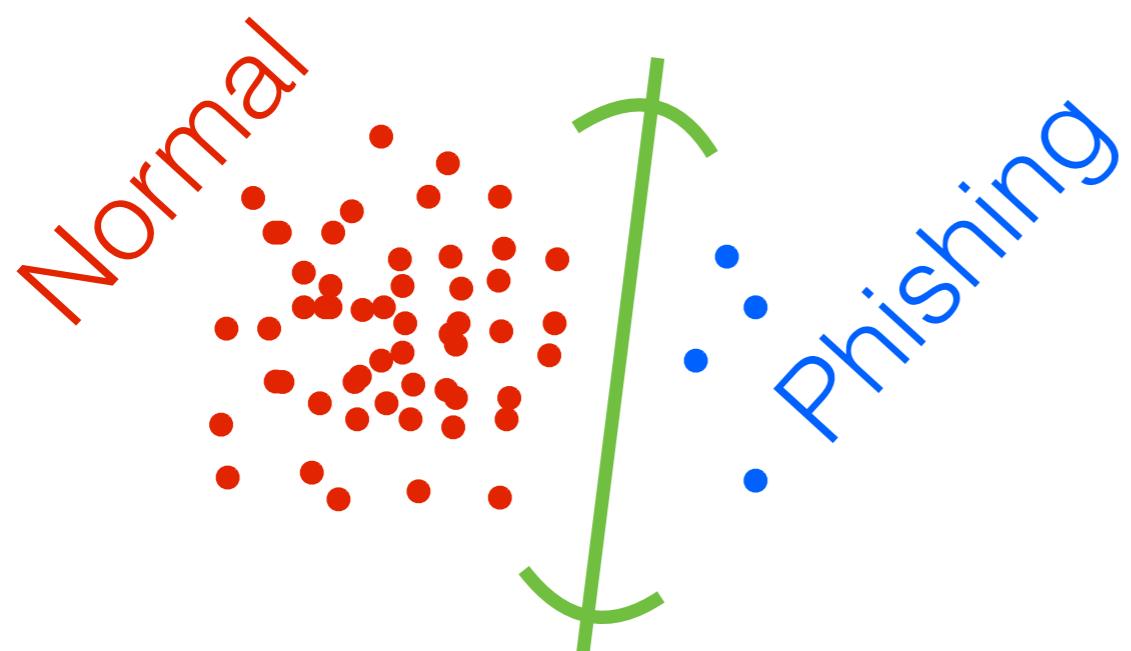
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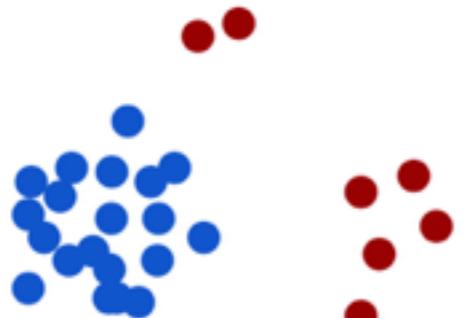


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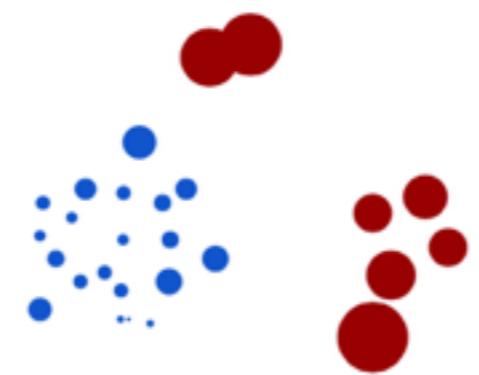


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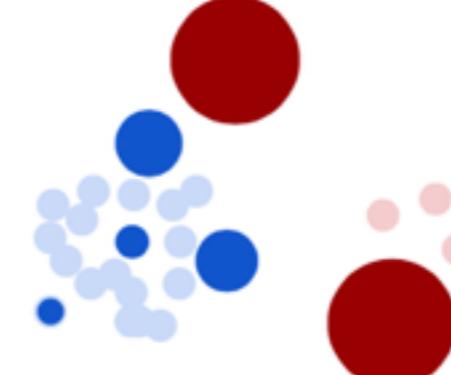
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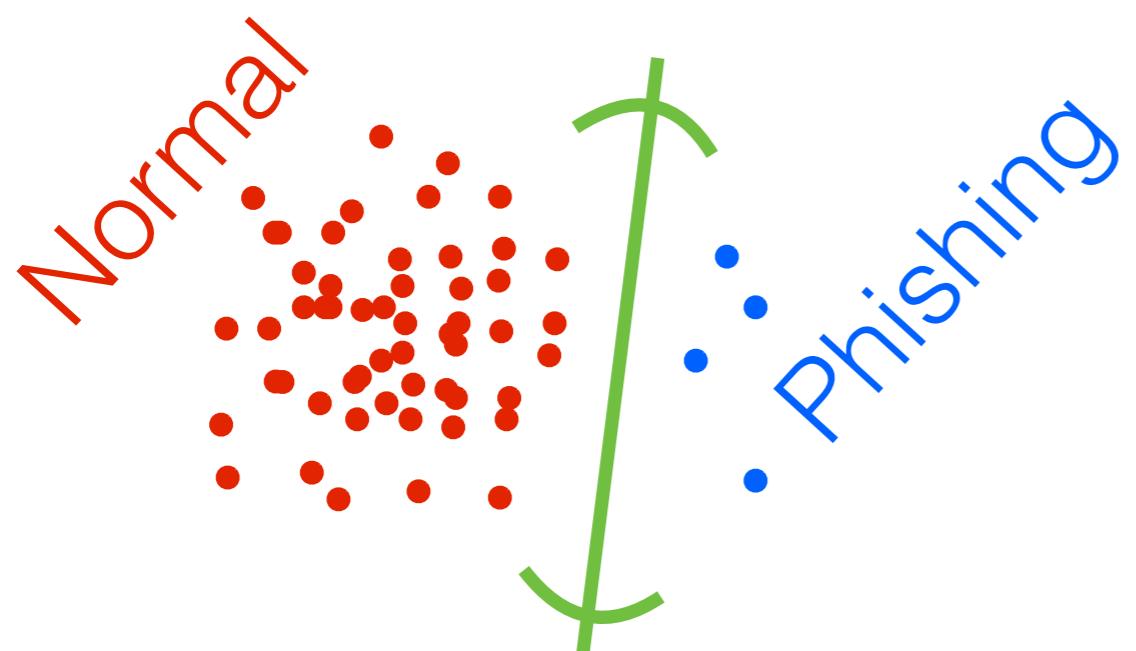
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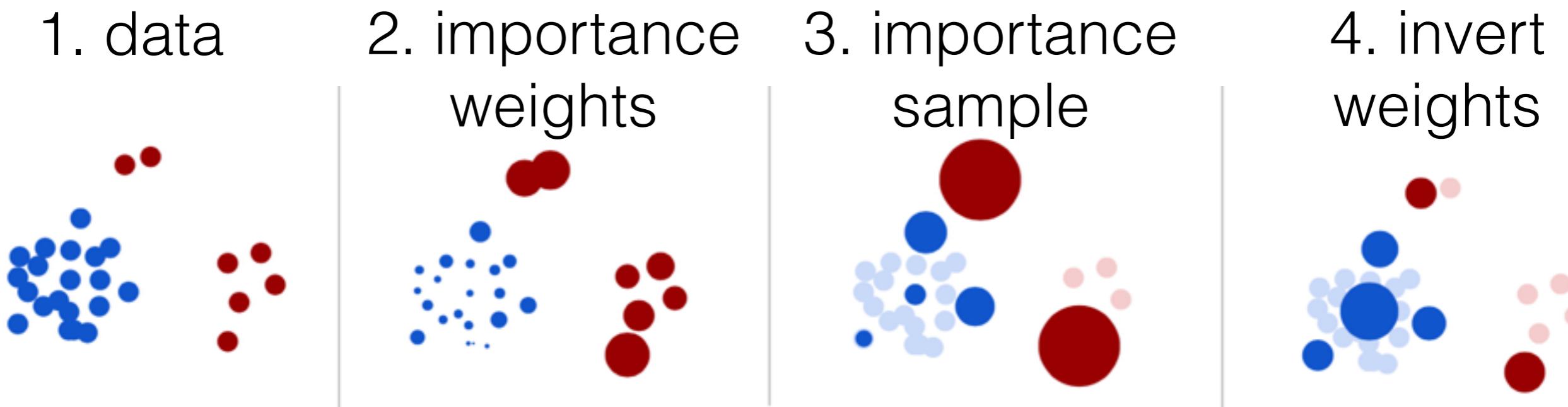
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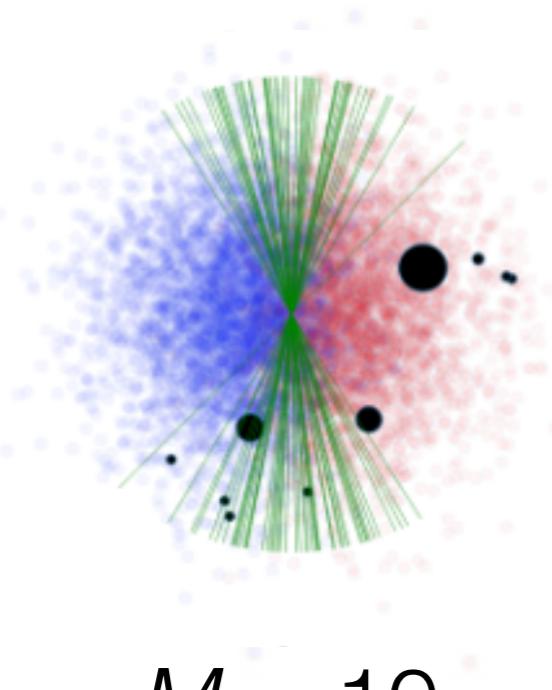
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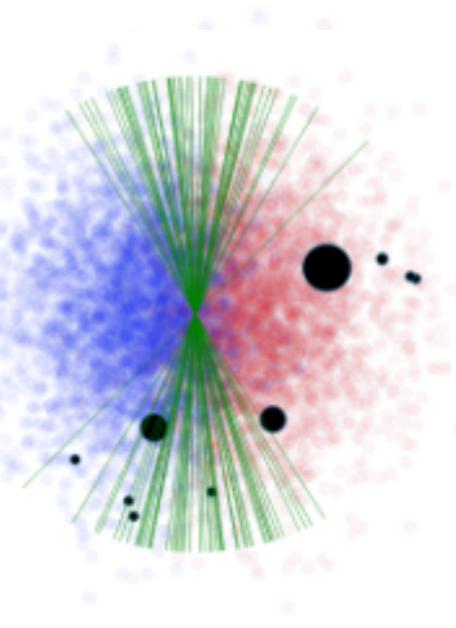
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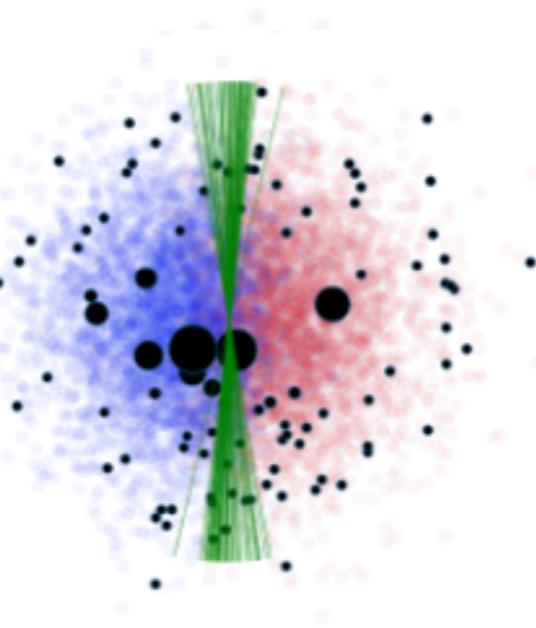
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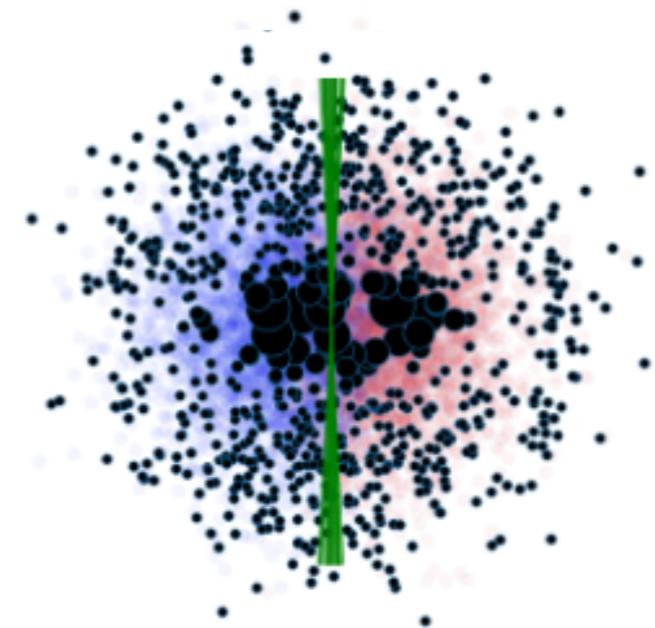
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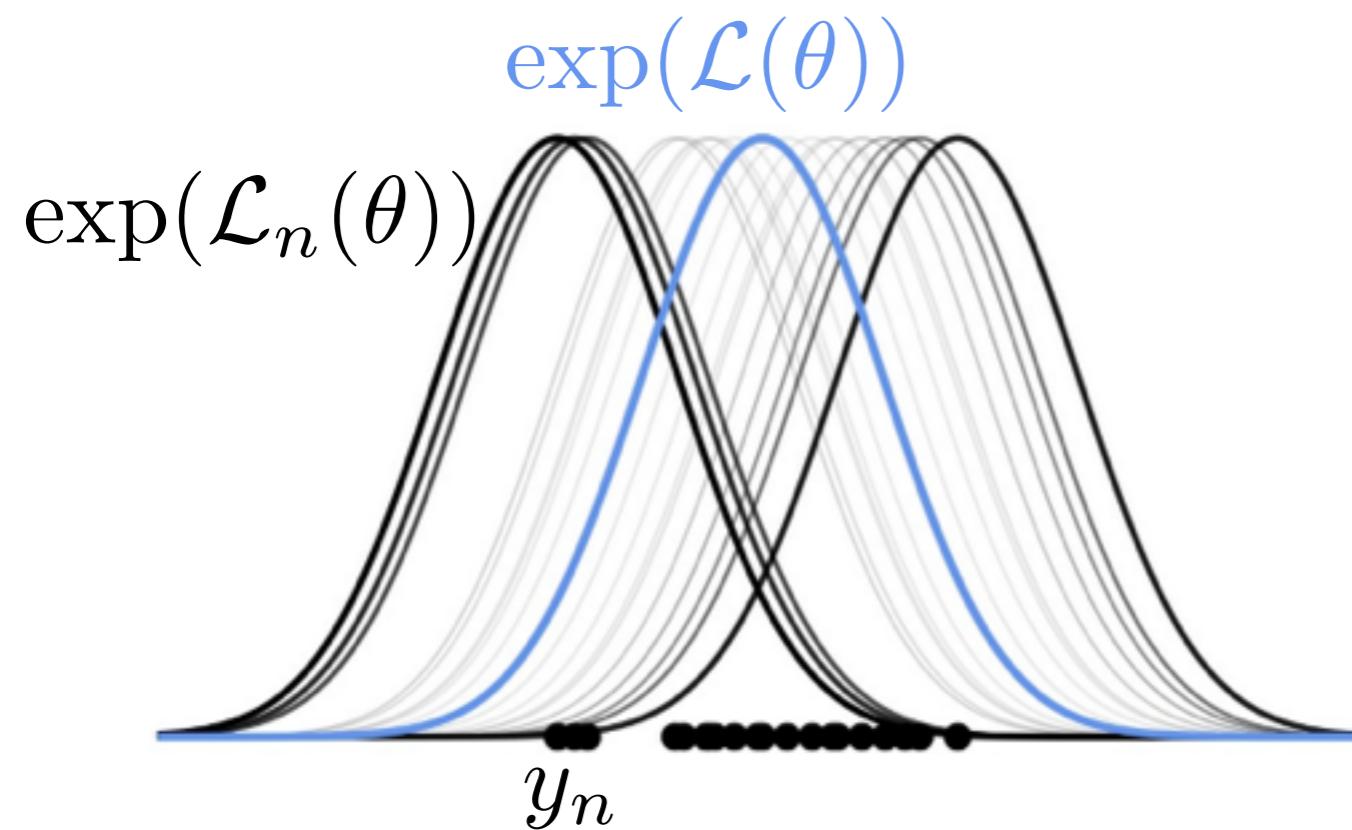
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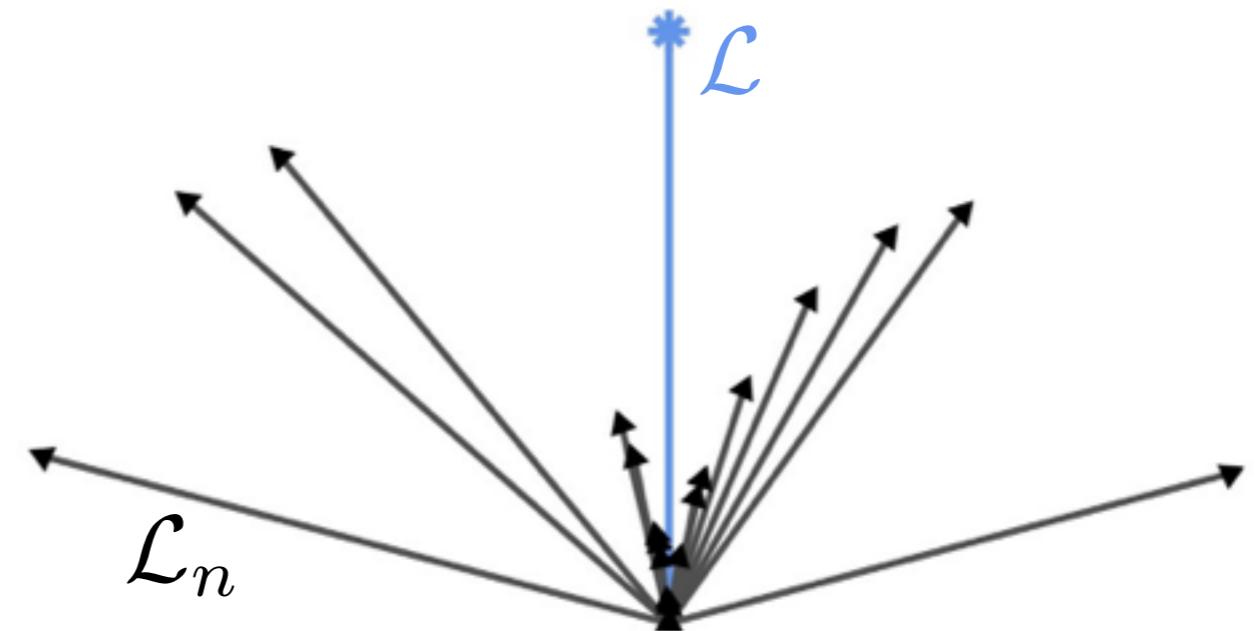
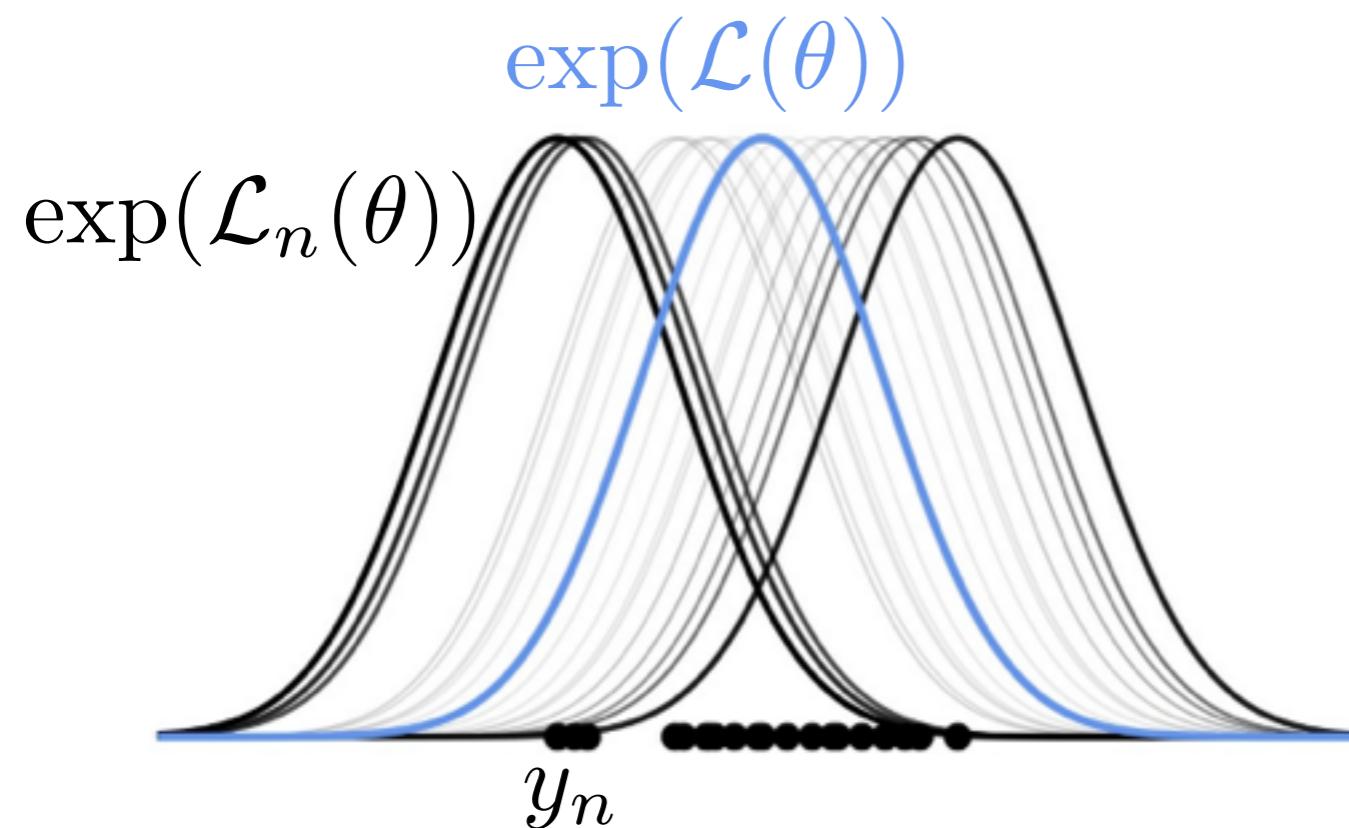
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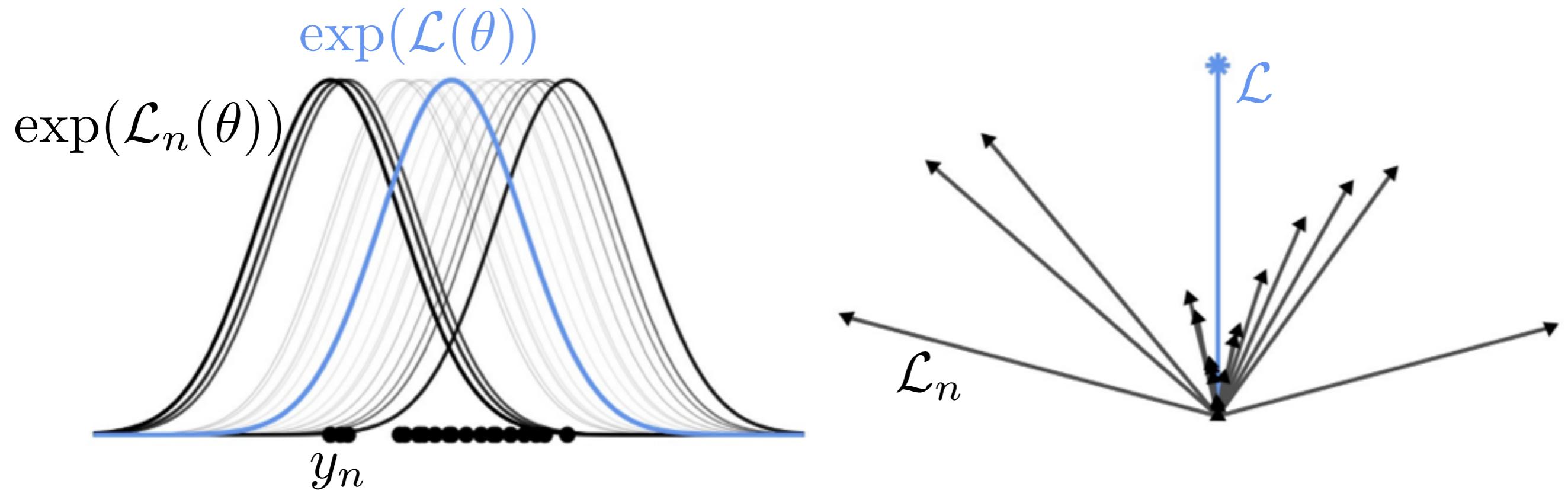
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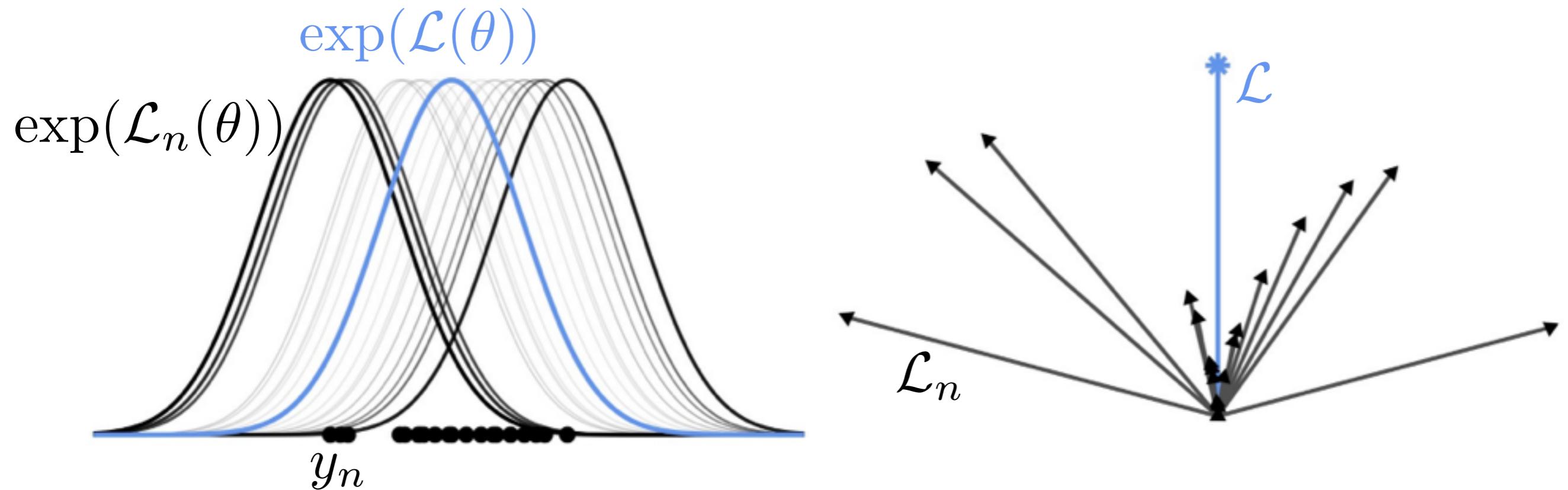
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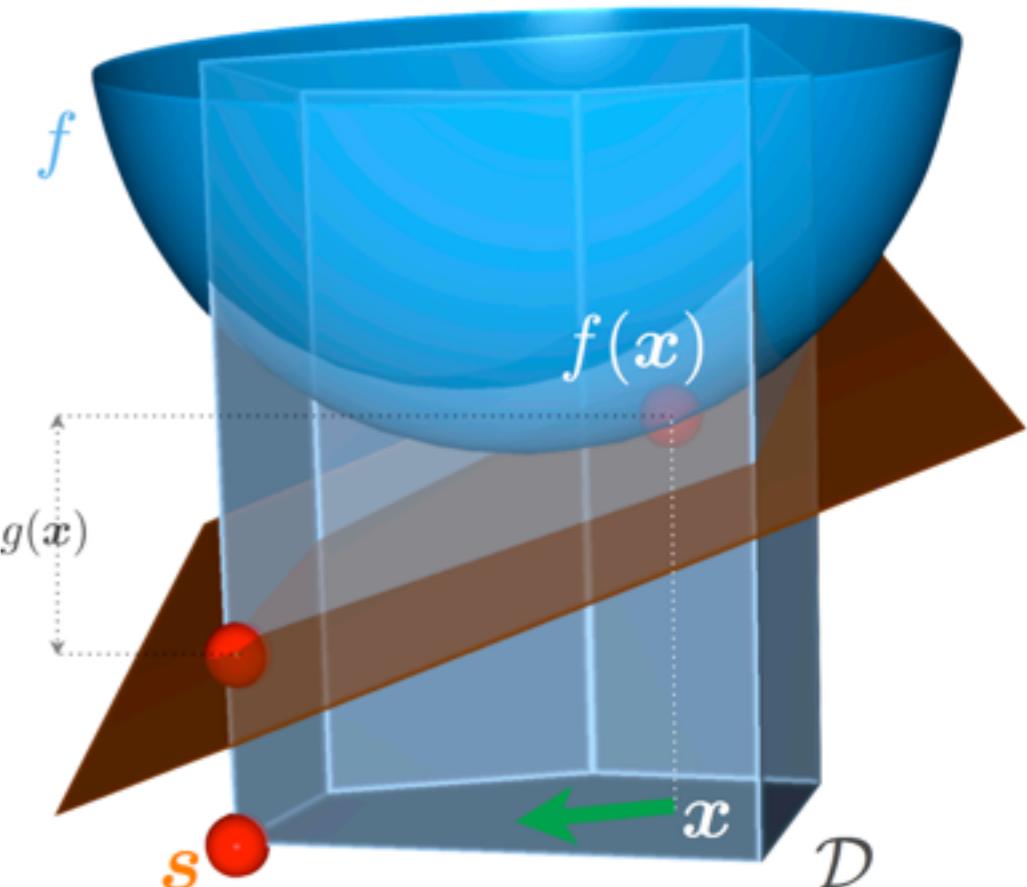
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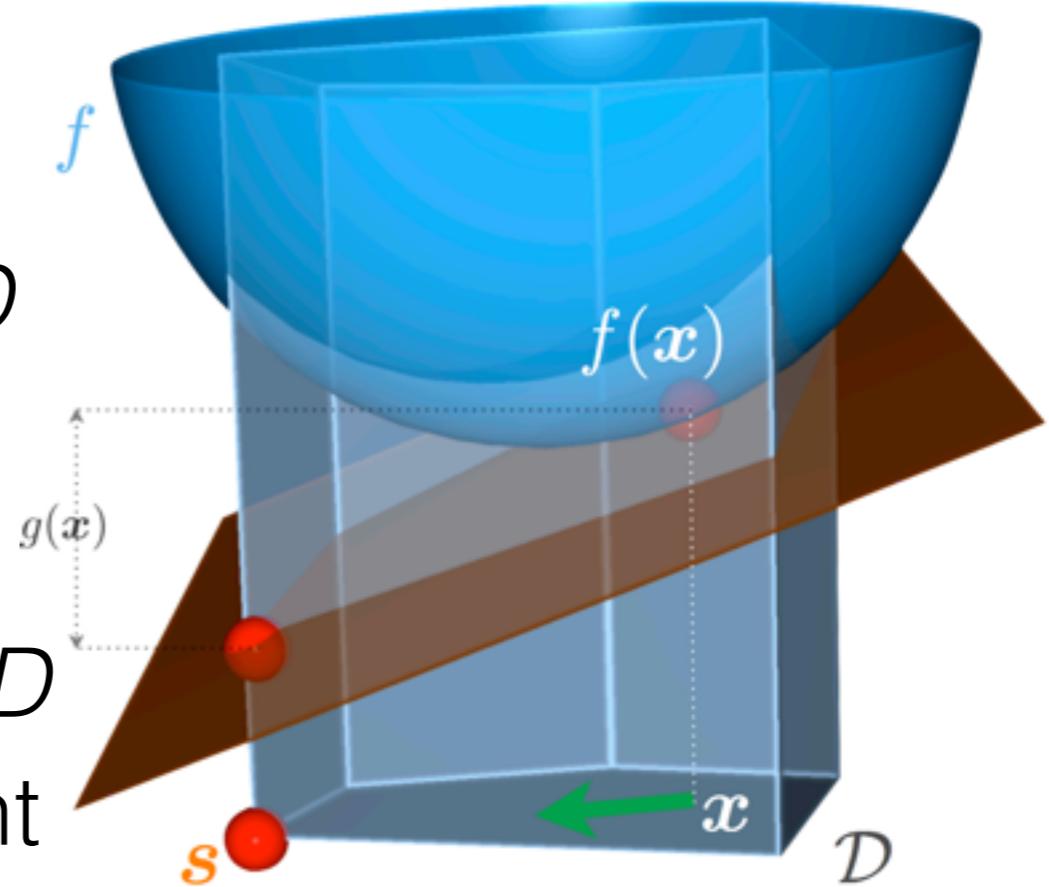


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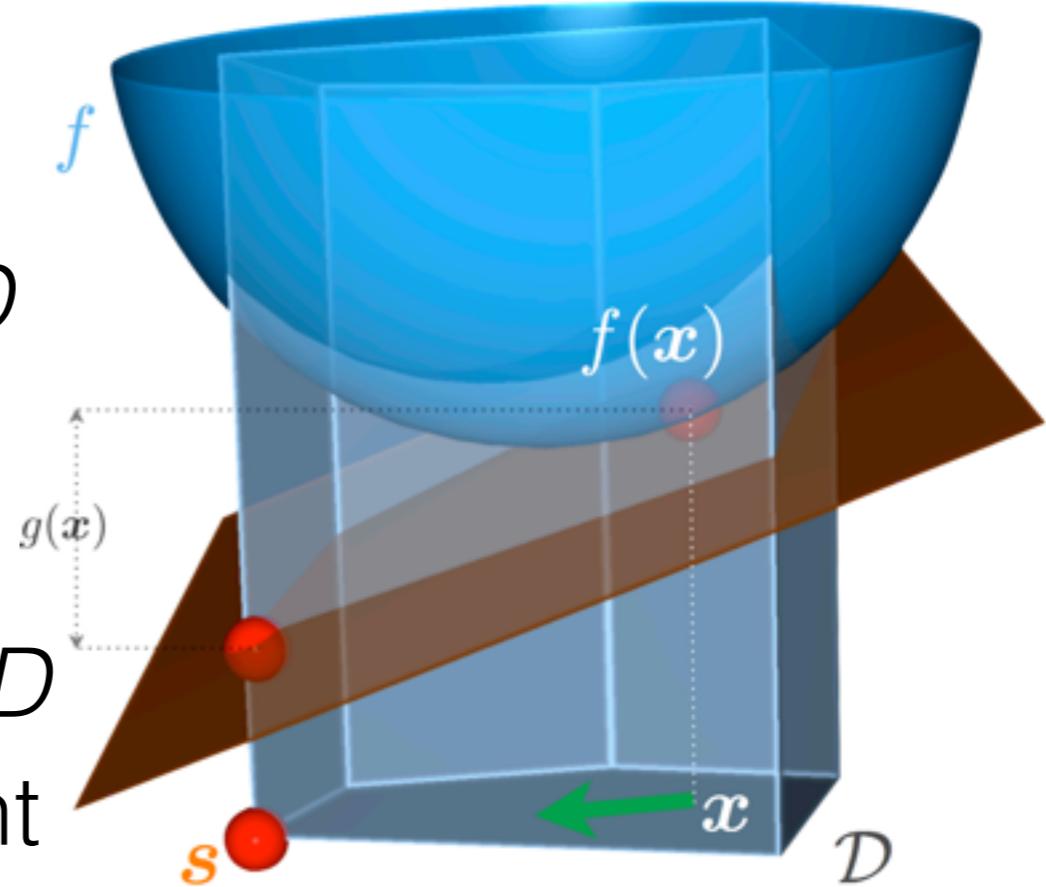


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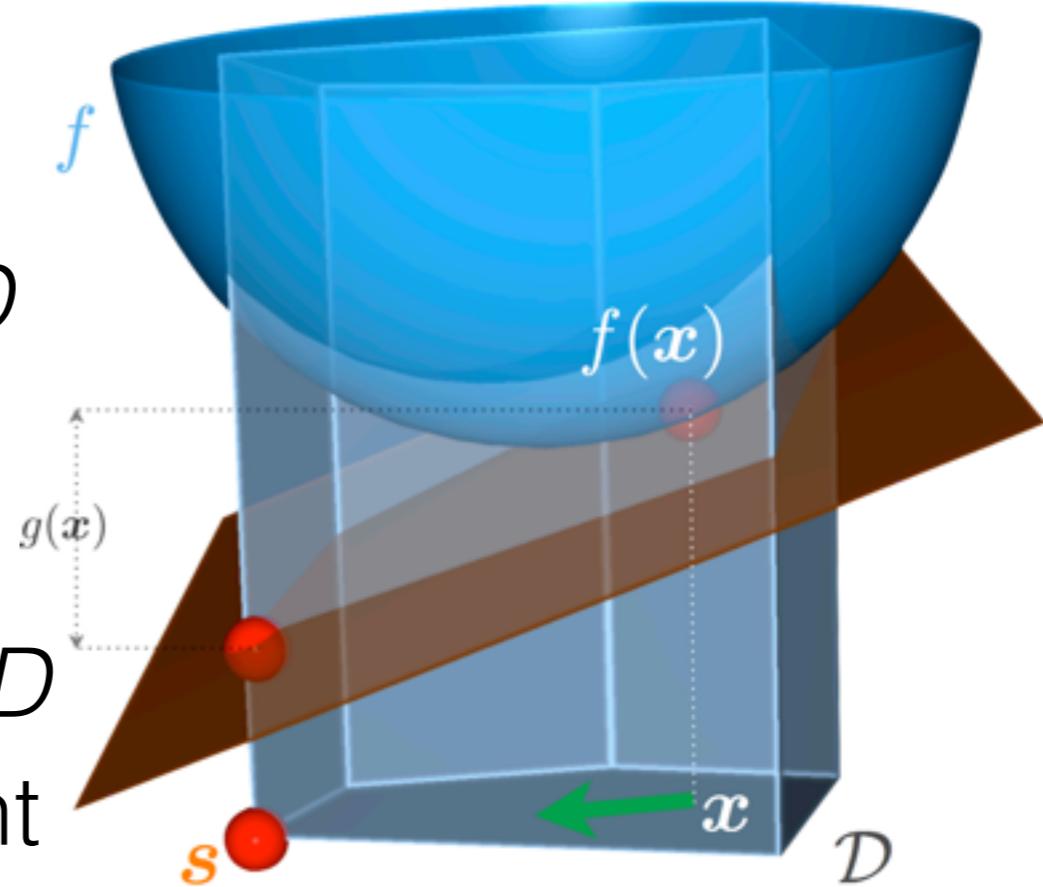


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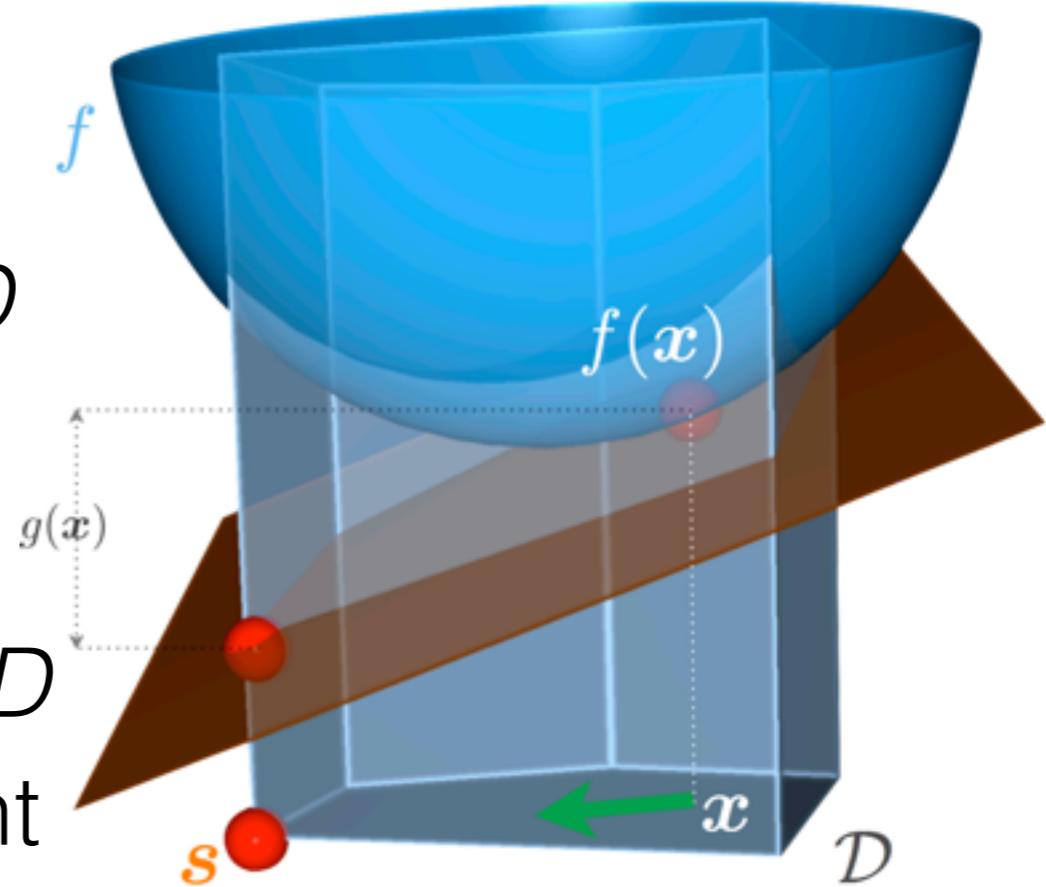


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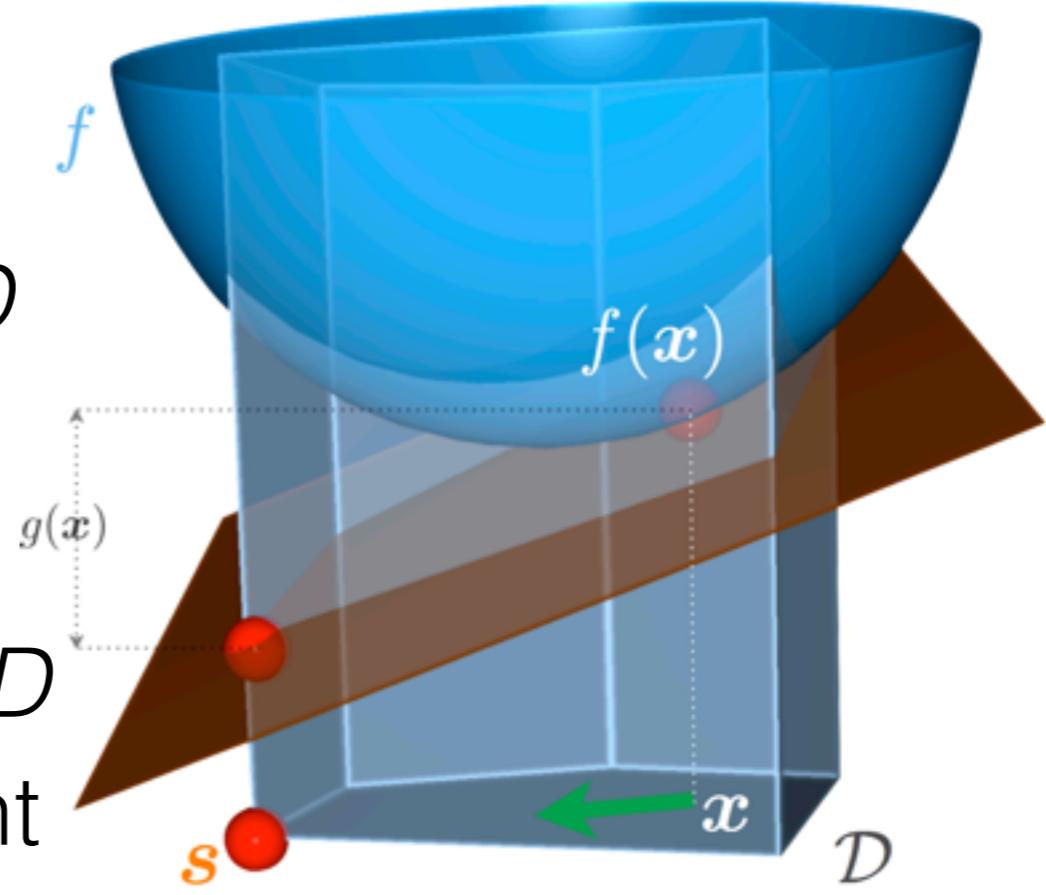


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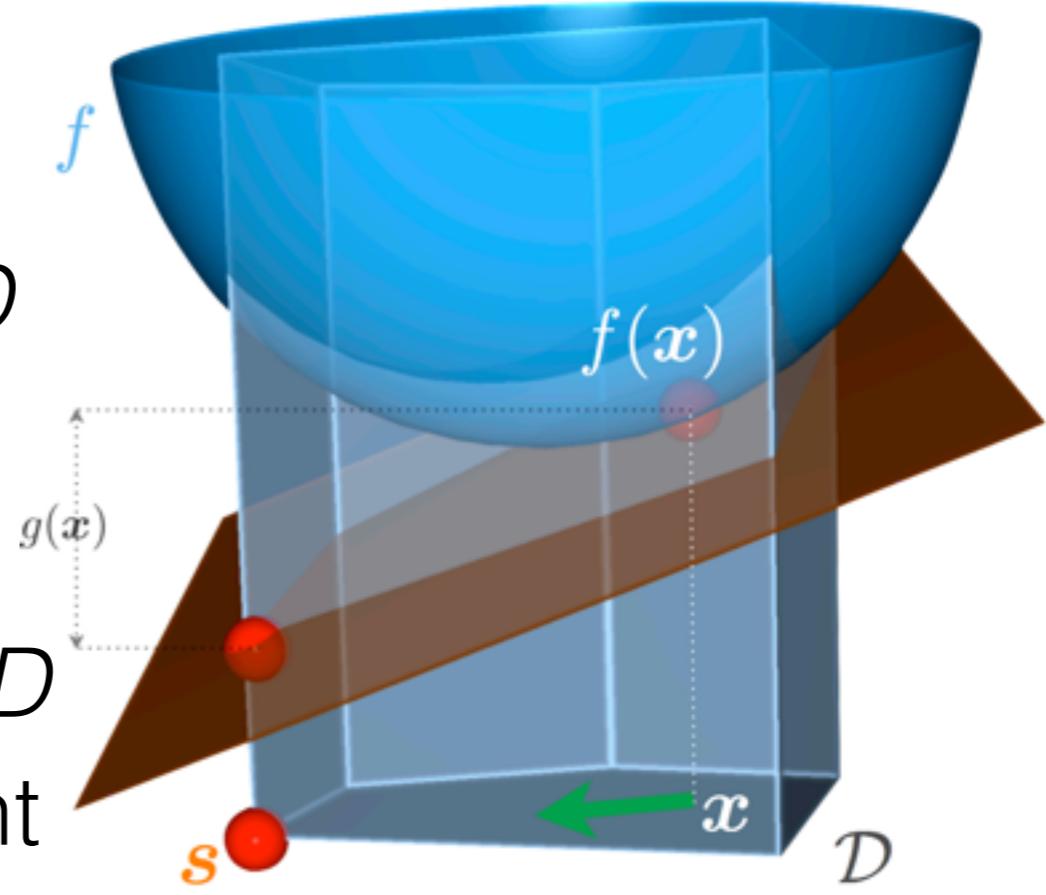
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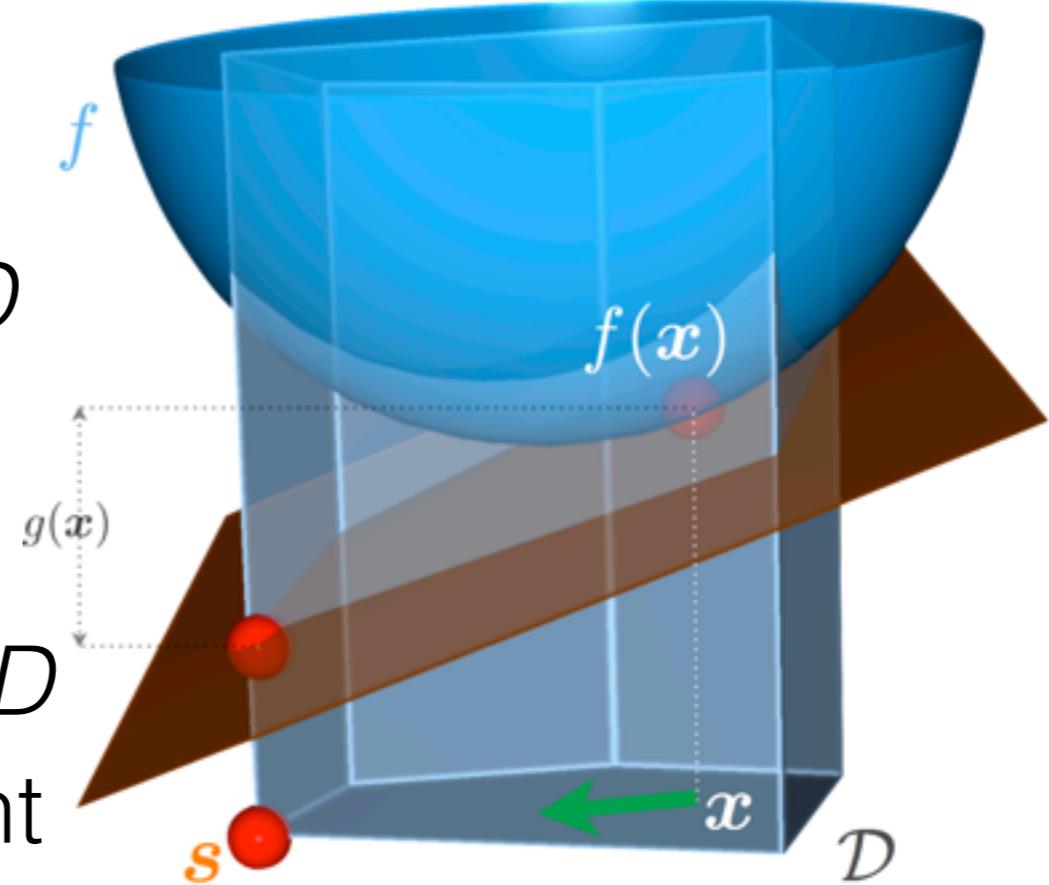
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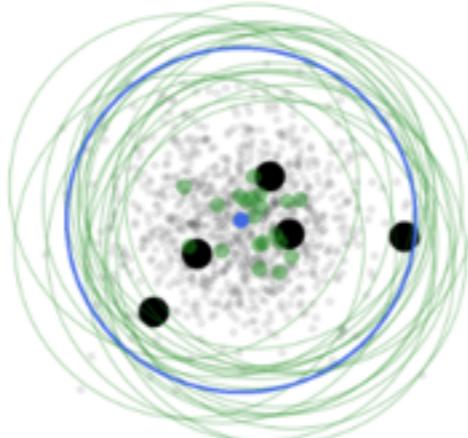
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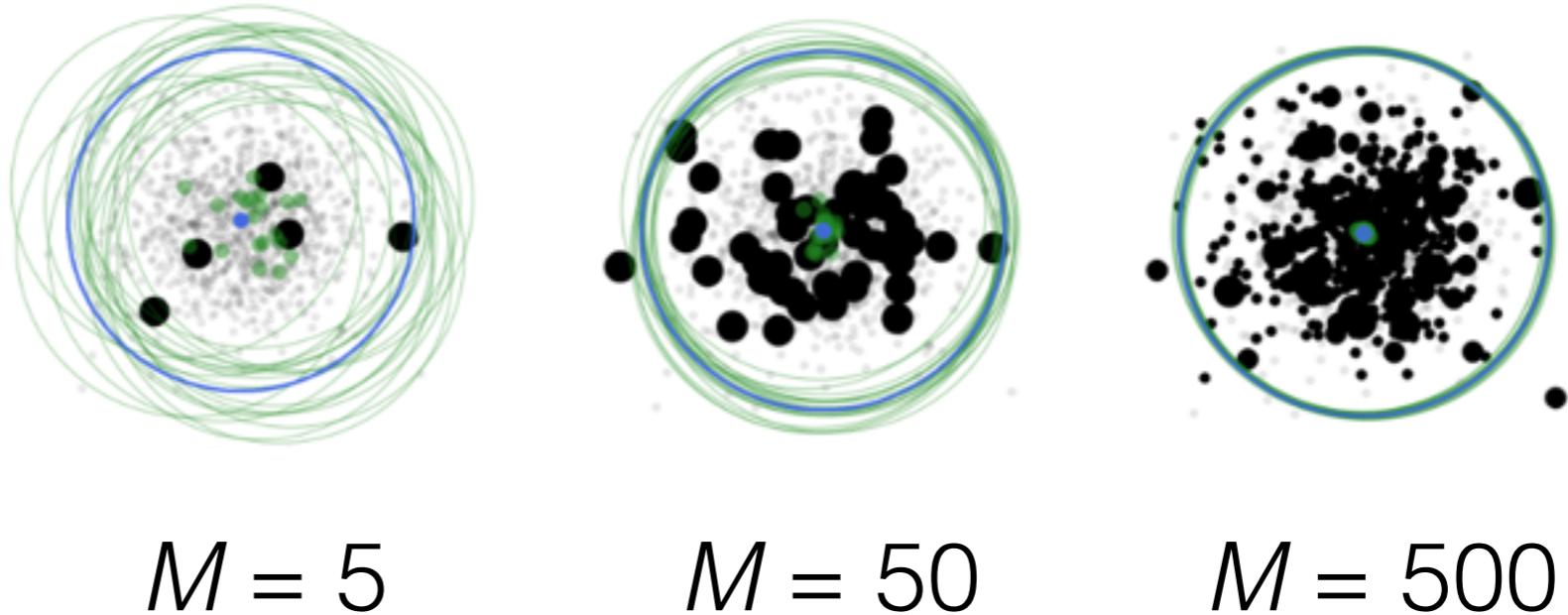


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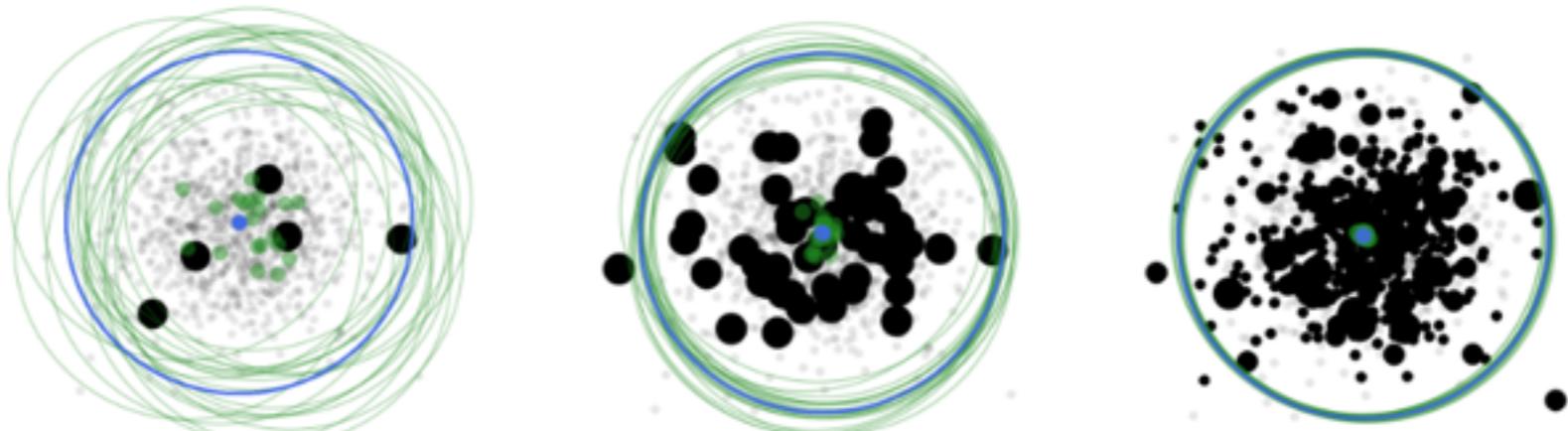
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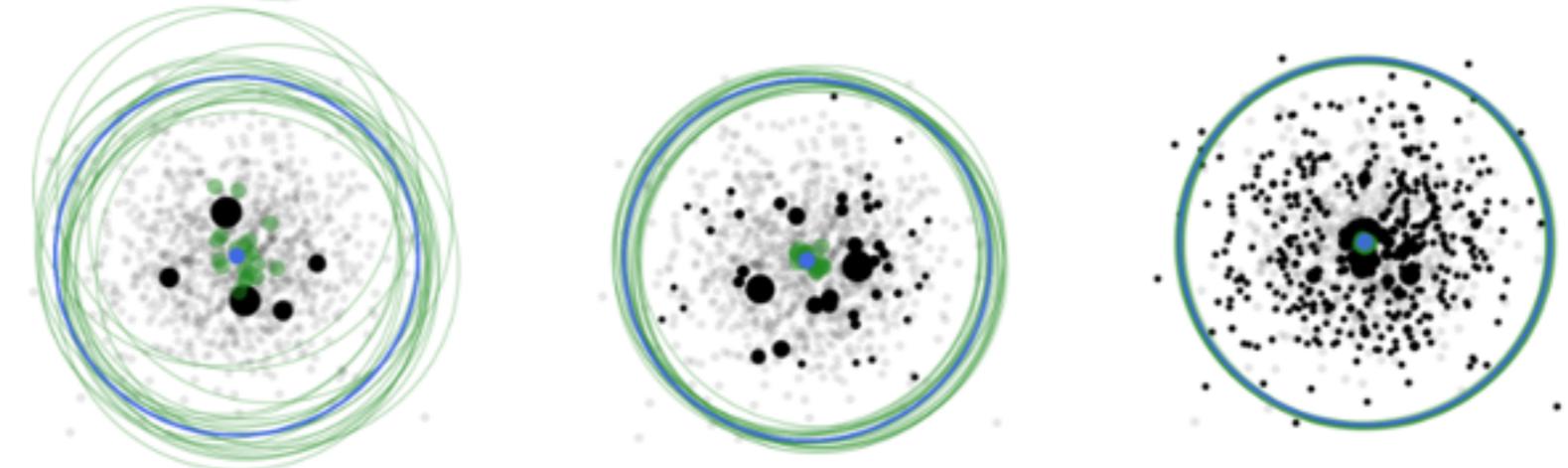
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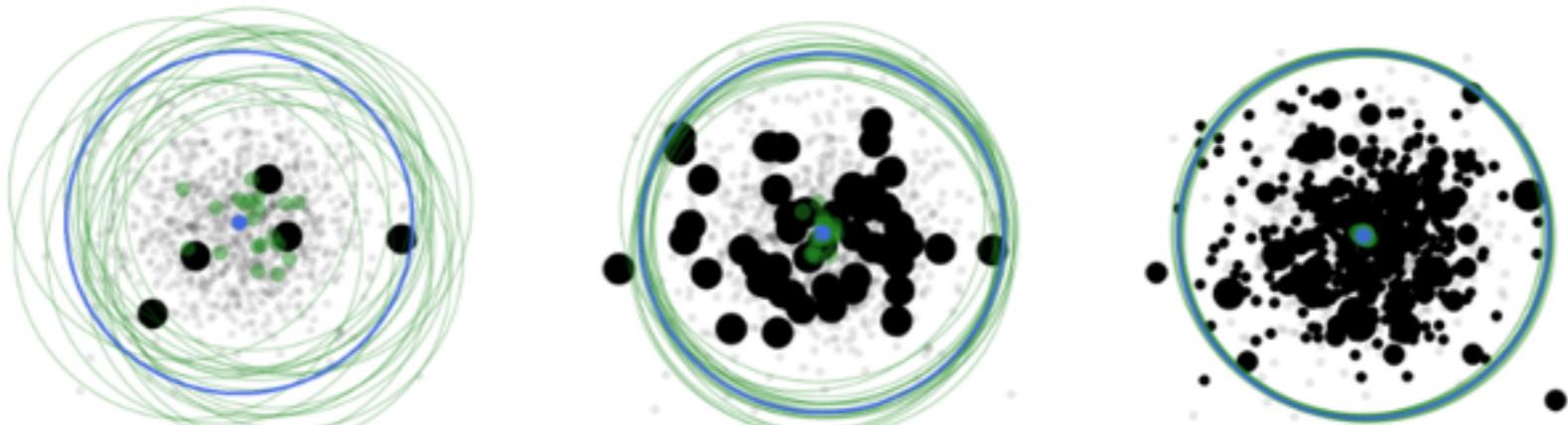
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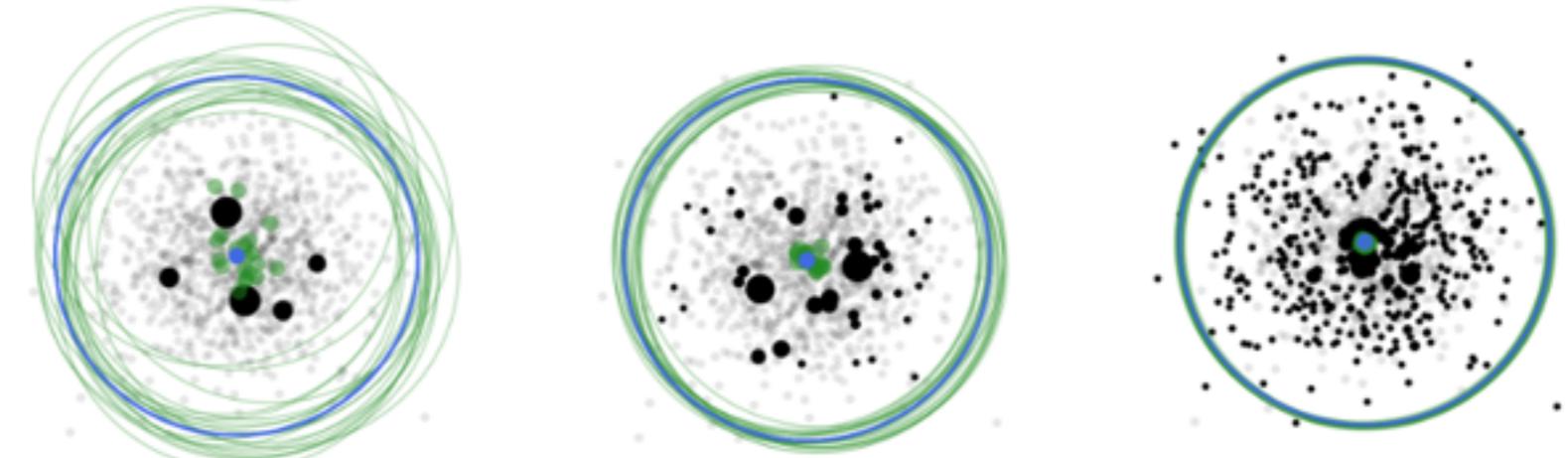
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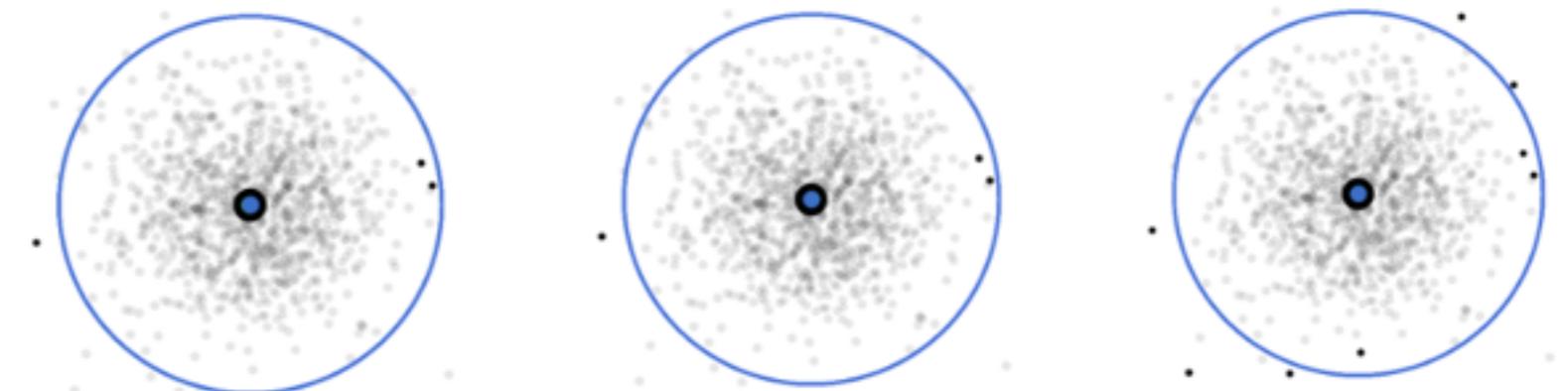
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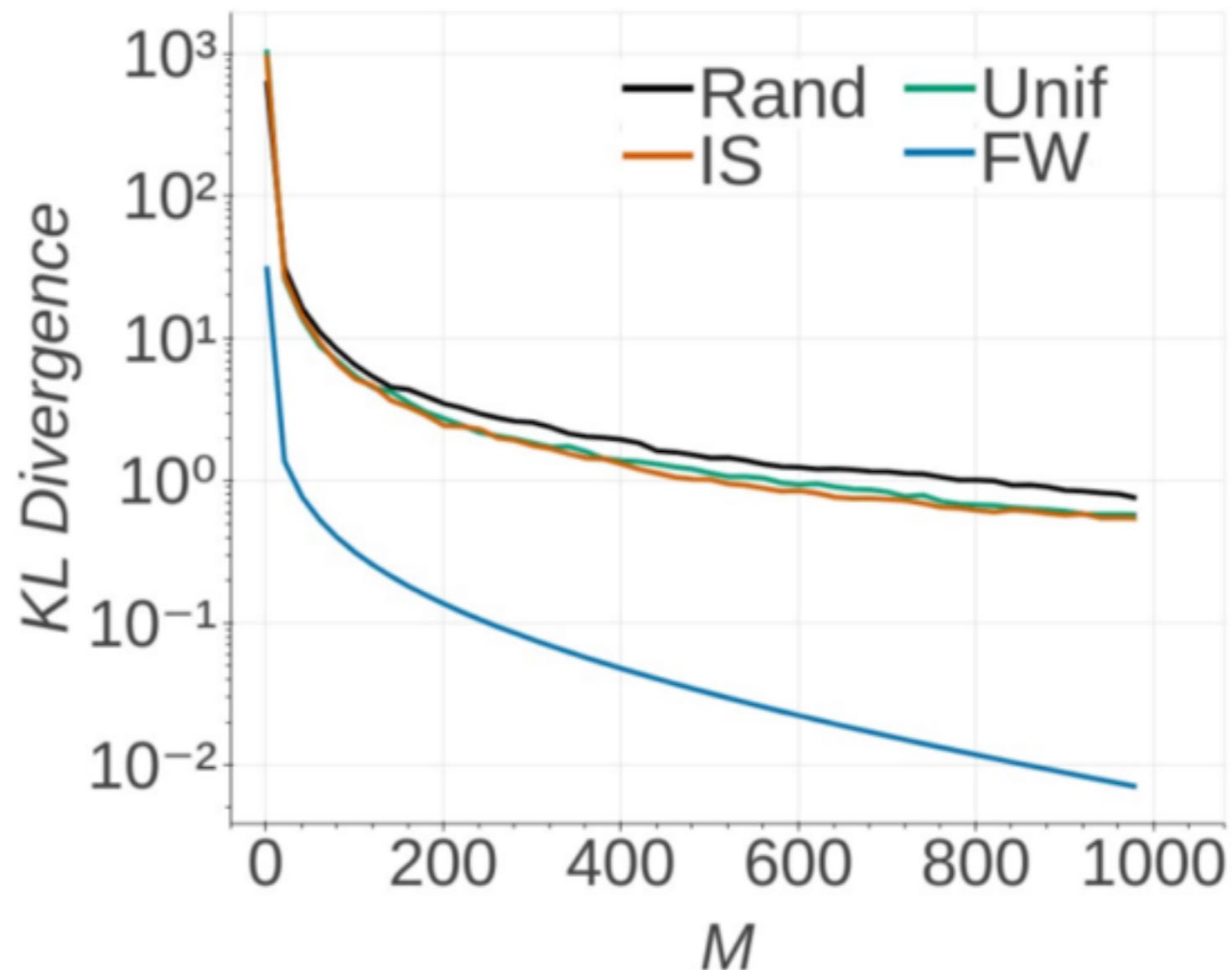
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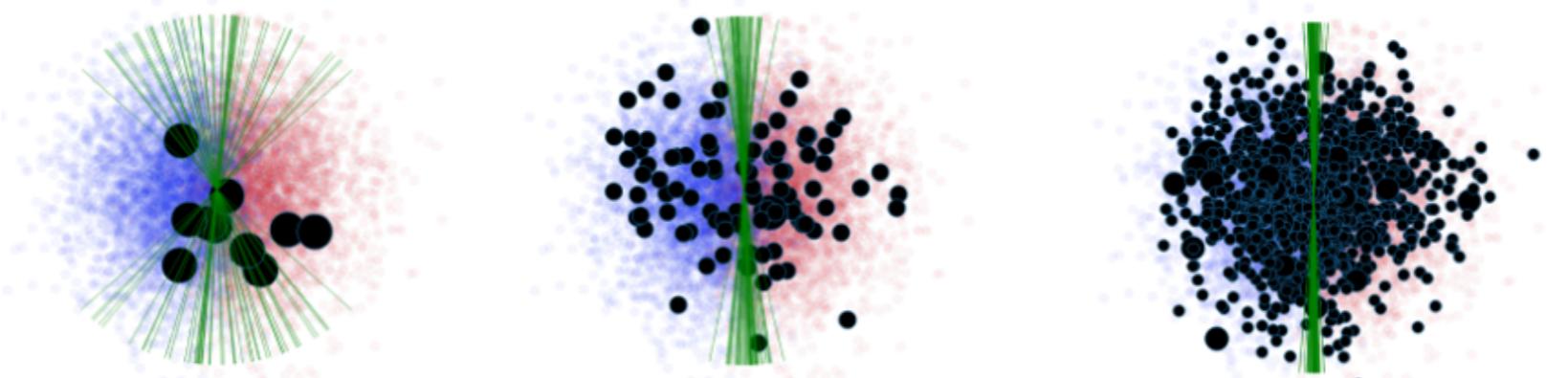
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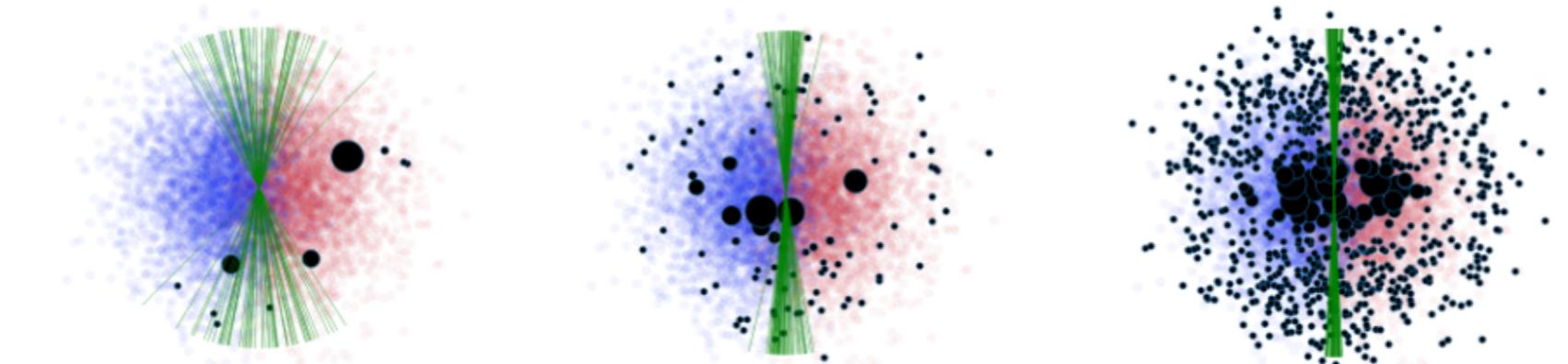
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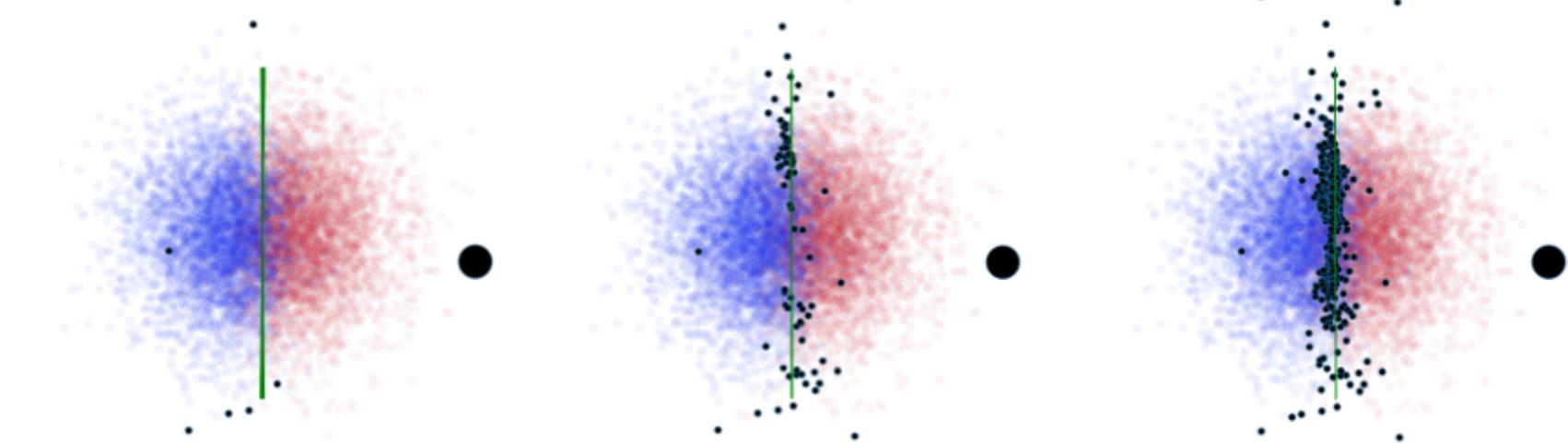
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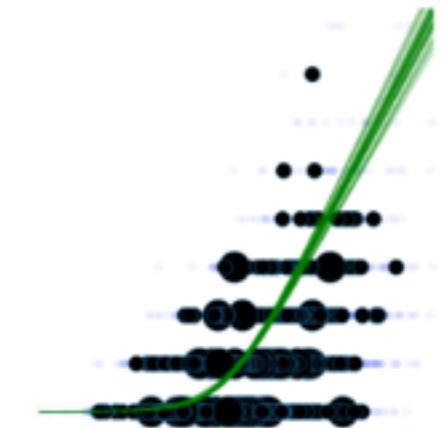
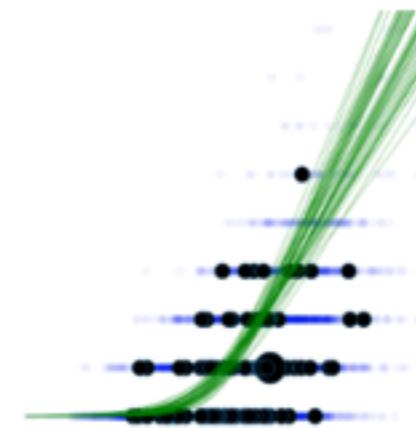
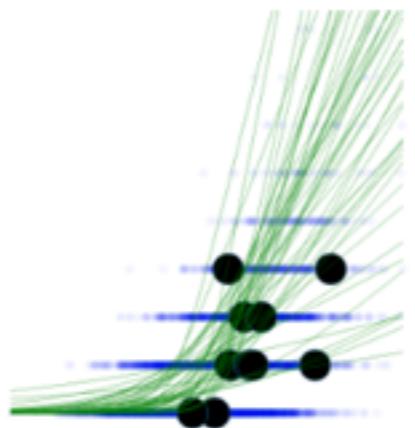
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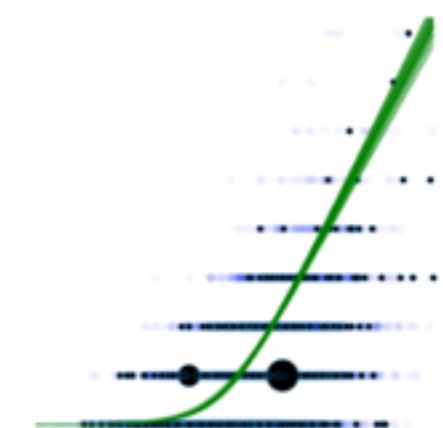
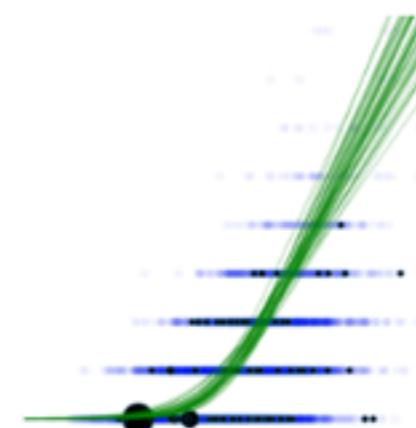
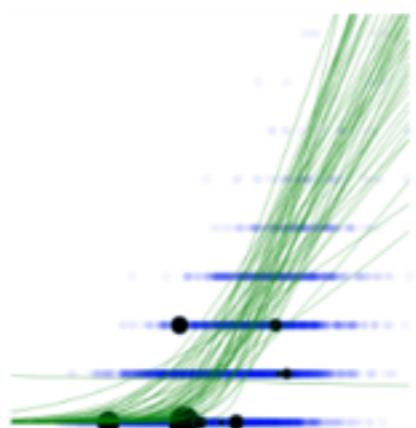
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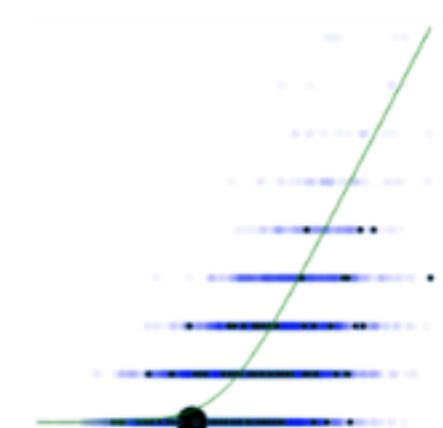
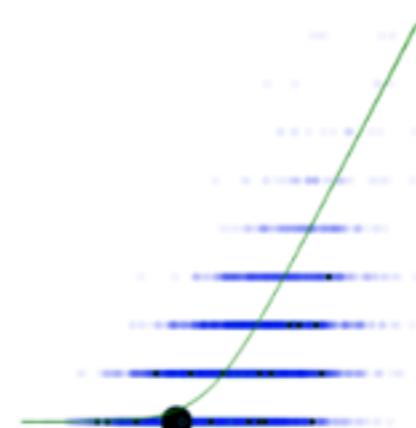
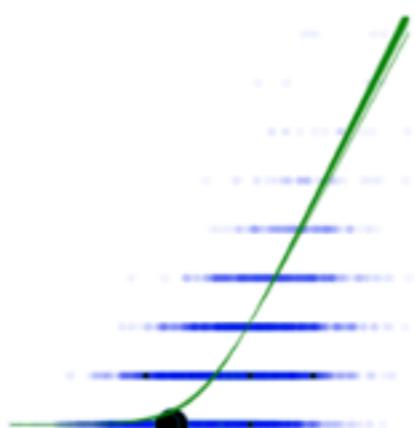
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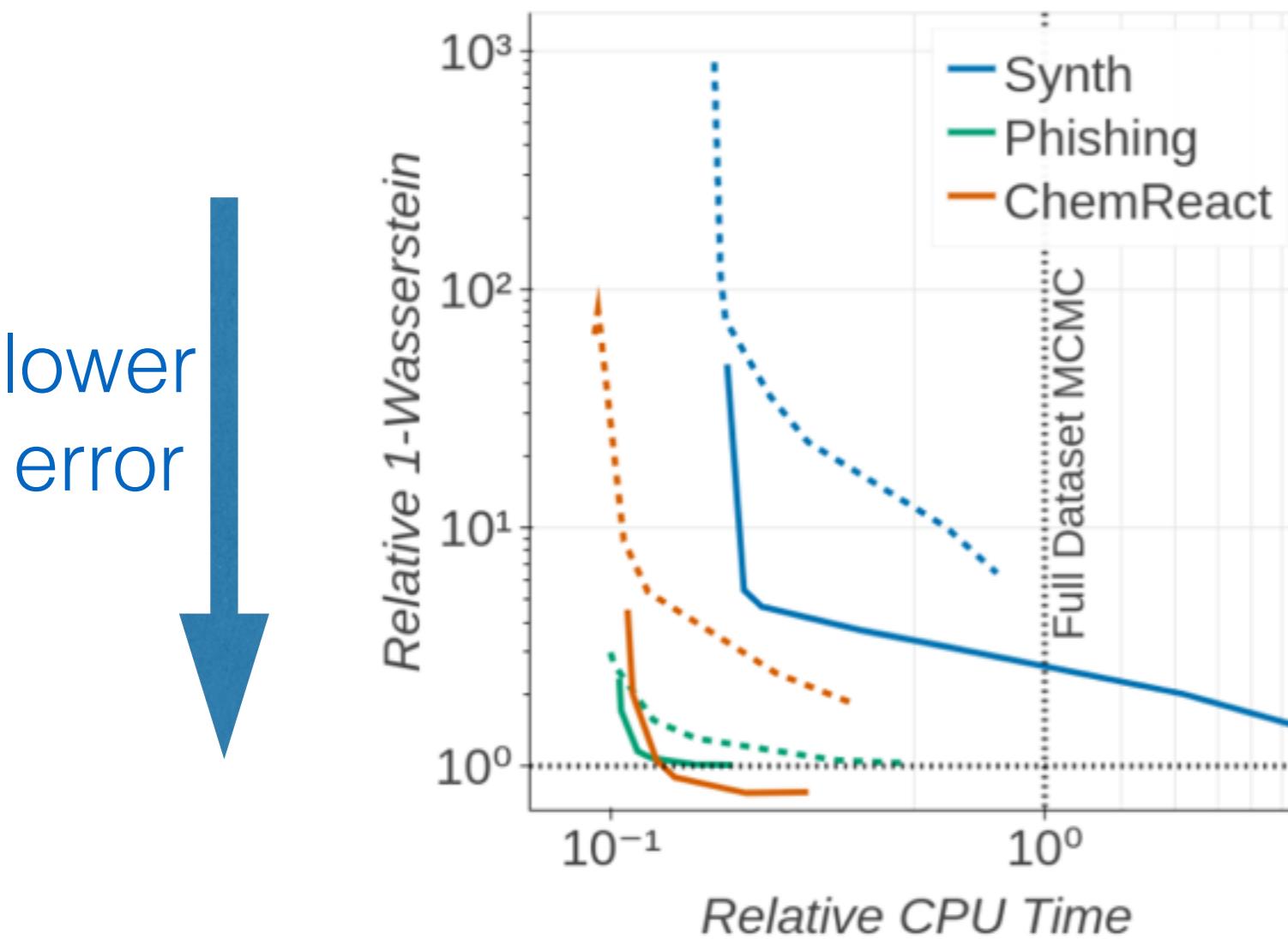
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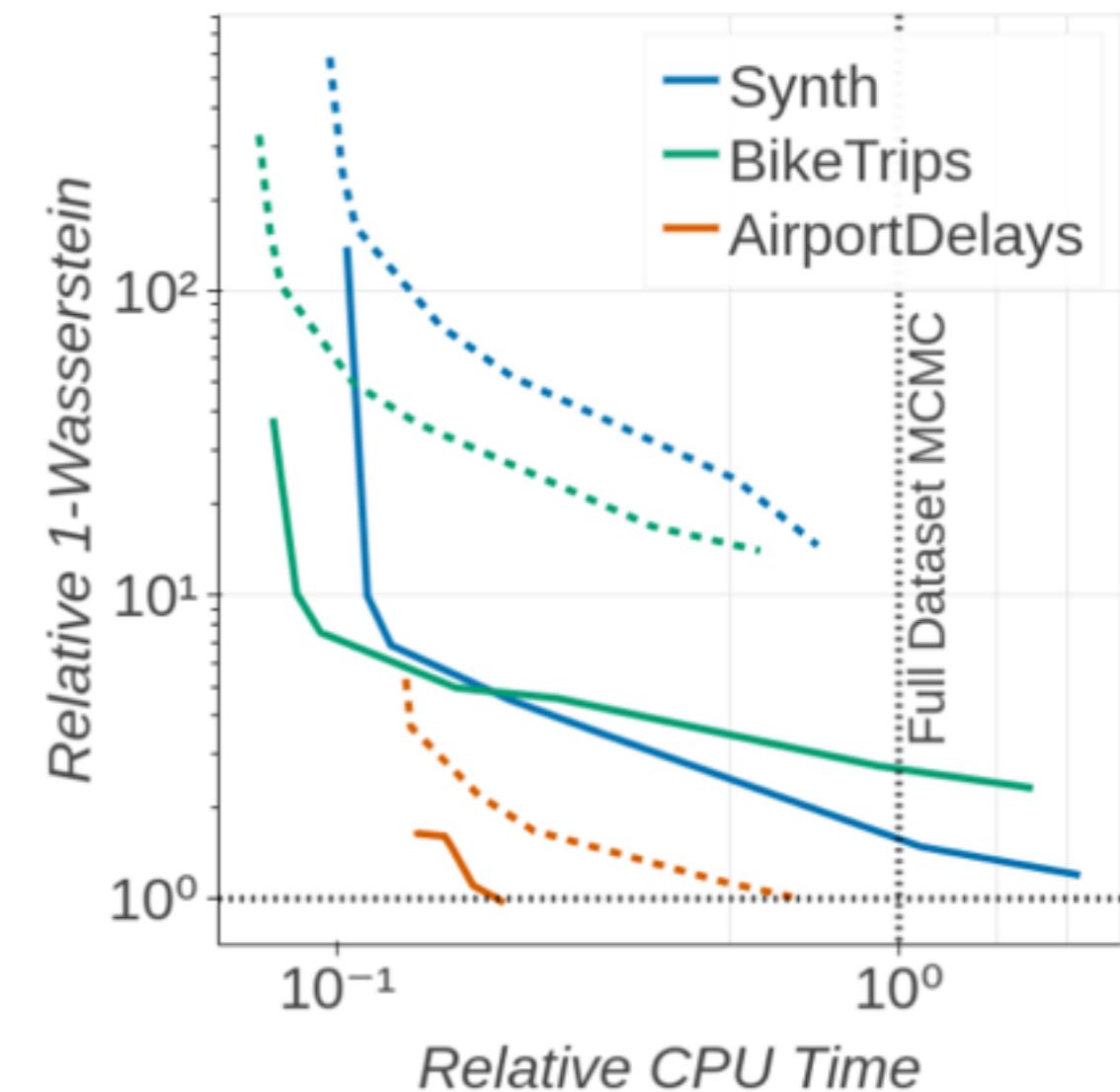
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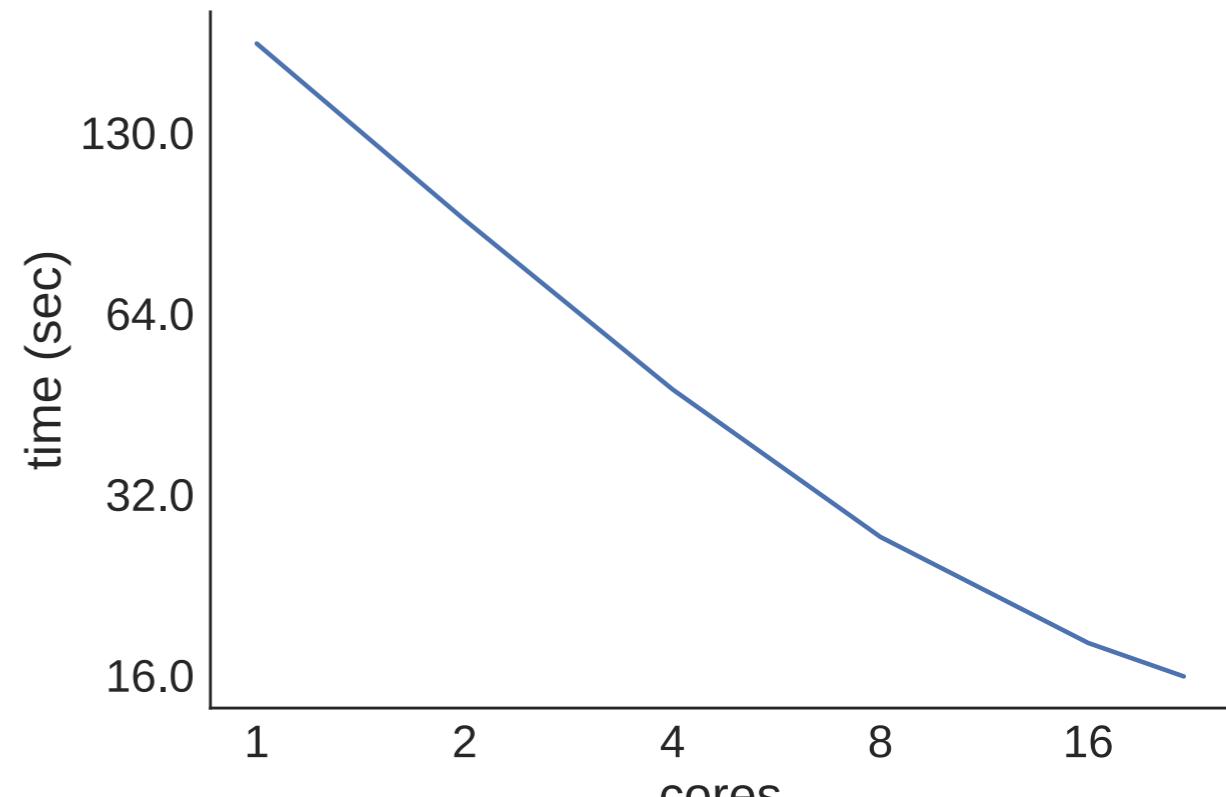
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Criteo Labs > Algorithms > Criteo Releases its New Dataset

## Criteo Releases its New Dataset

By: CriteoLabs / 31 Mar 2015

- 6M data points, 1000 features
- Streaming, distributed; minimal communication
- 22 cores, 16 sec
- Finite-data guarantees on Wasserstein distance to exact posterior



[Huggins, Adams, Broderick 2017]

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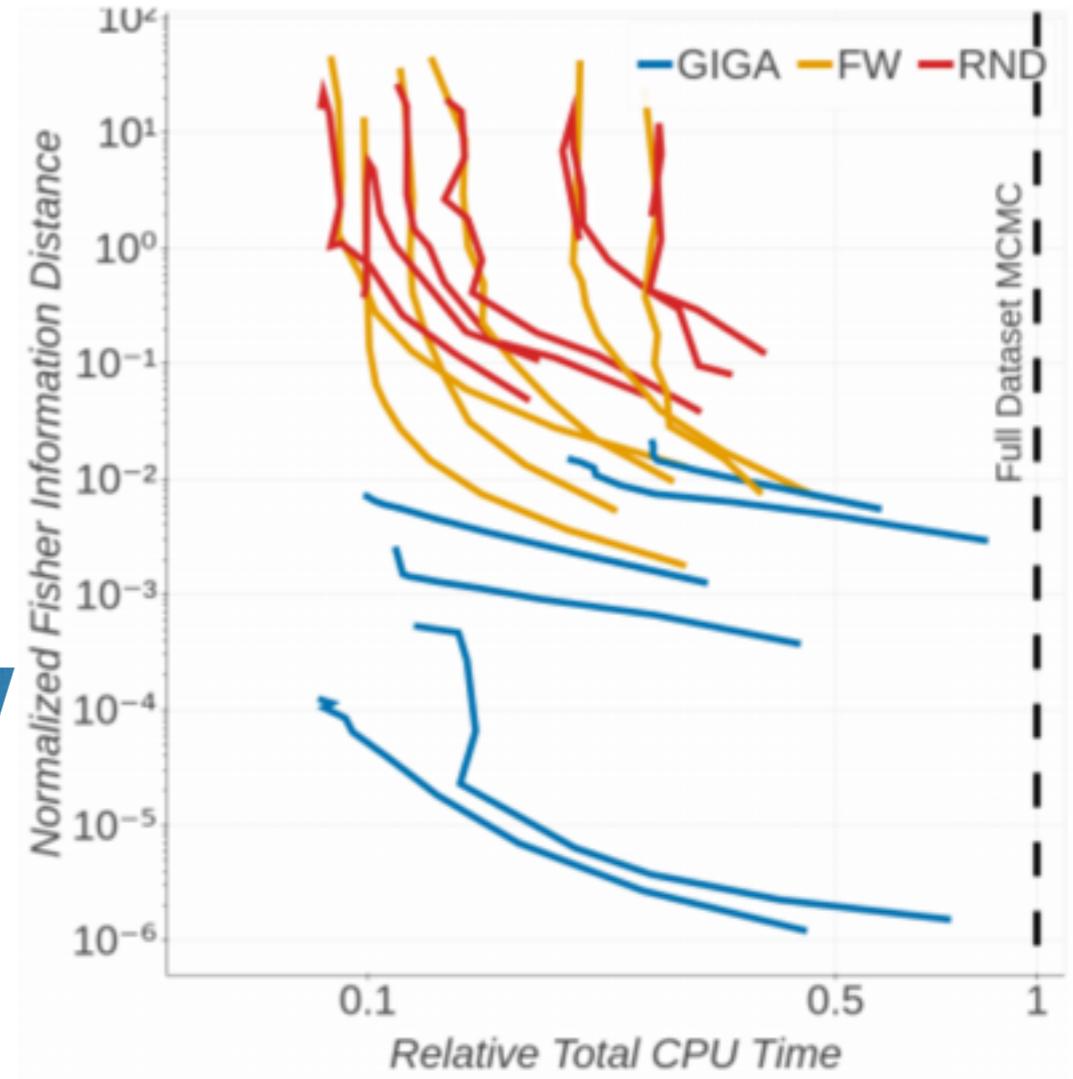
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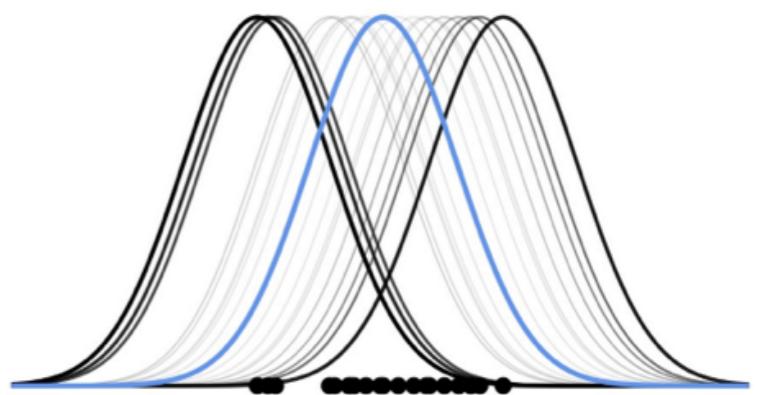
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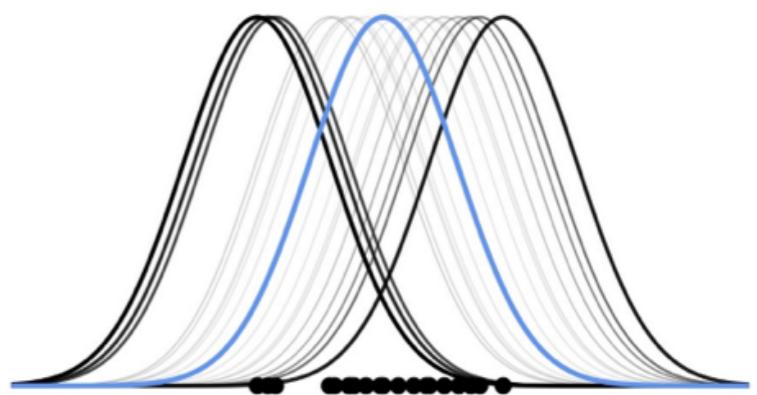
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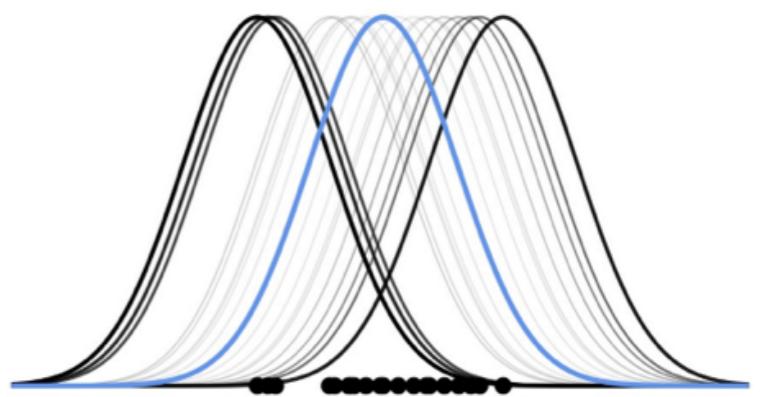
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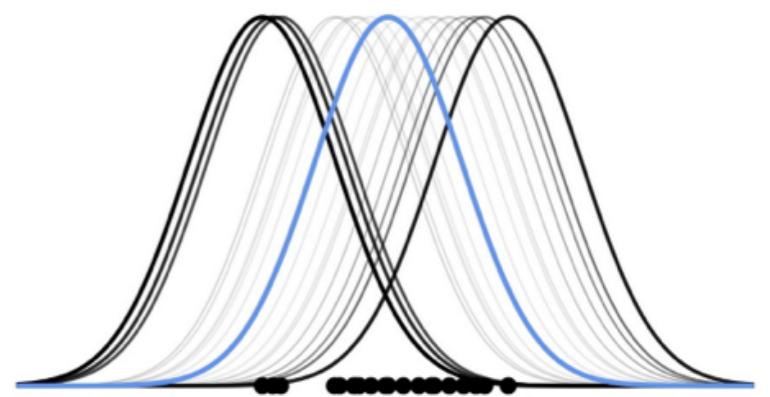
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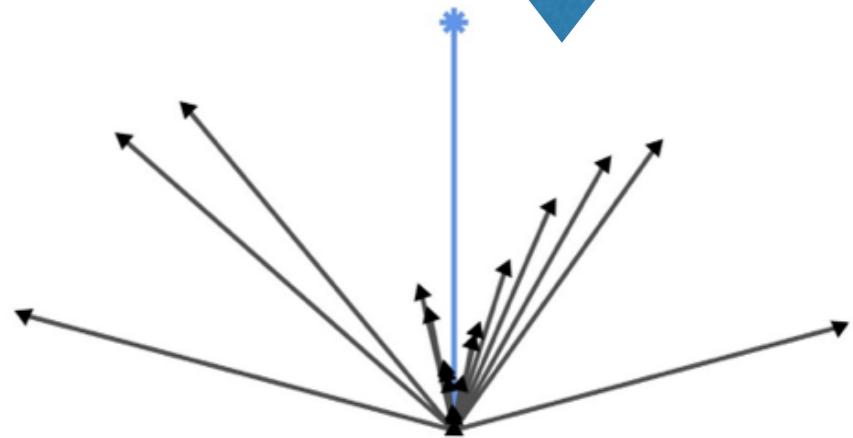
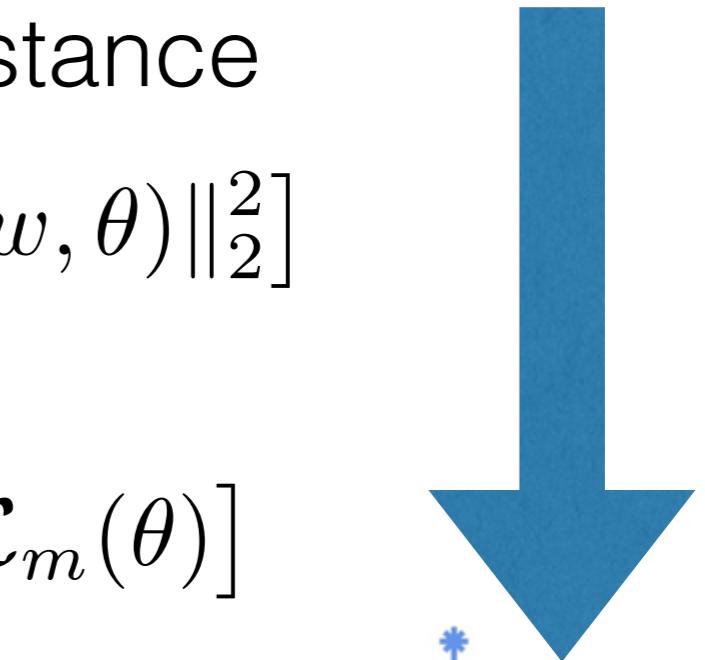
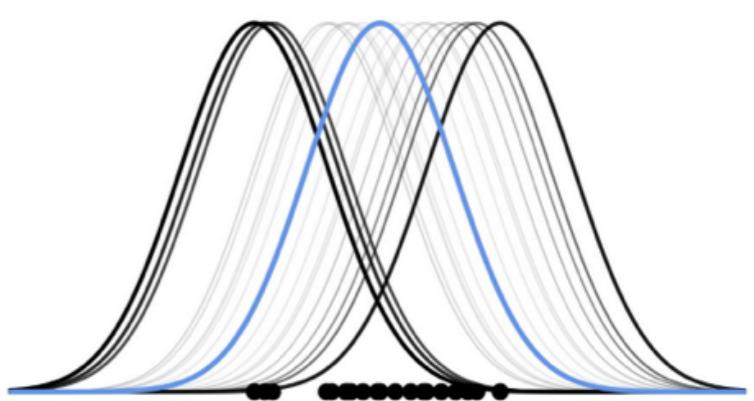
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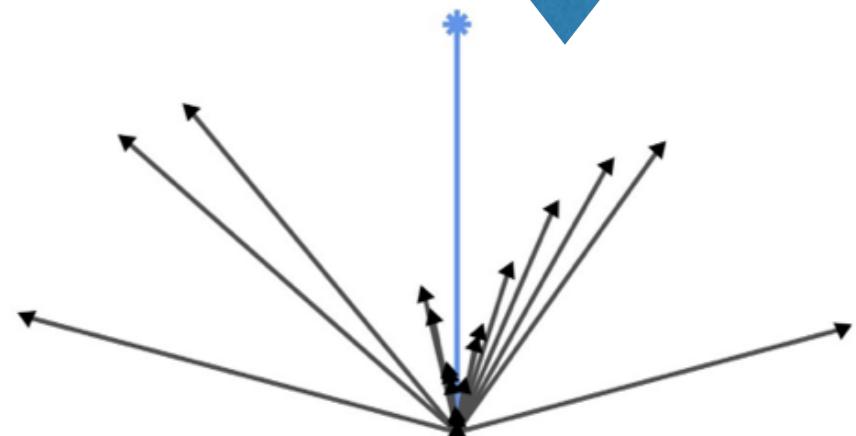
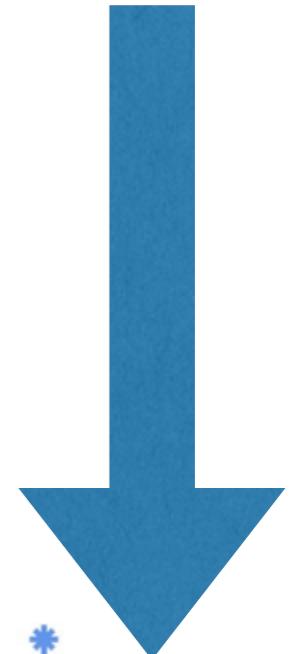
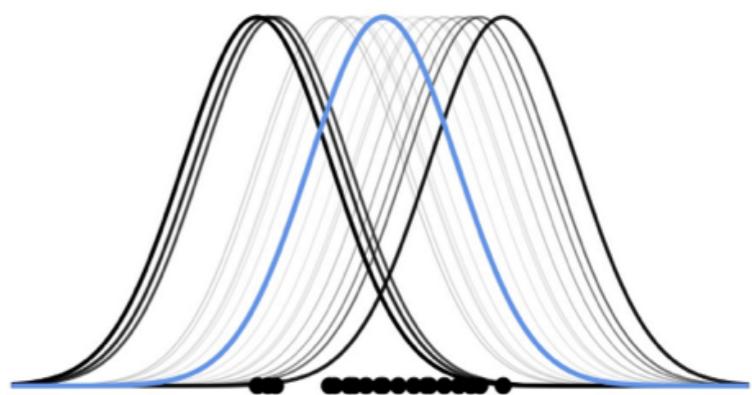


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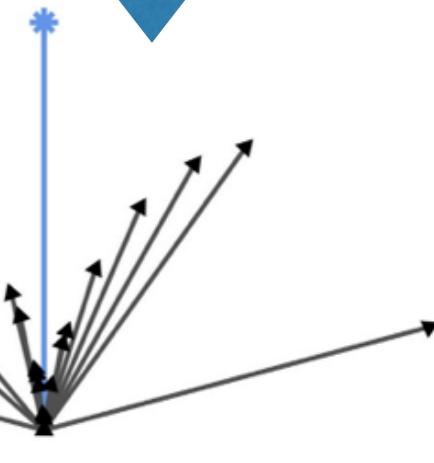
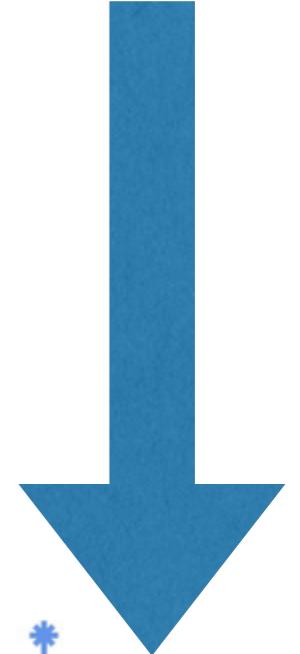
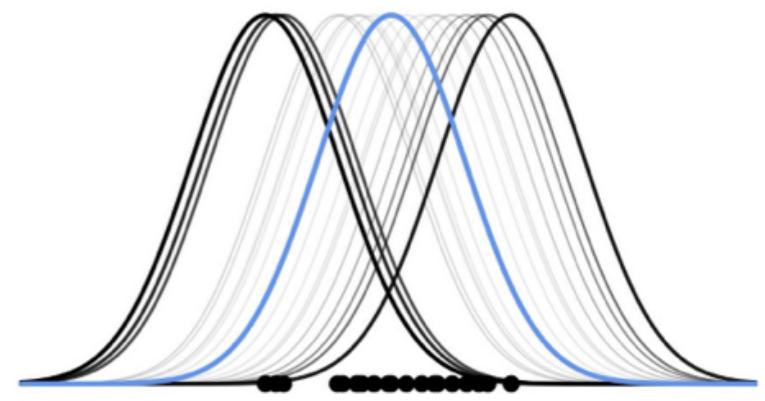
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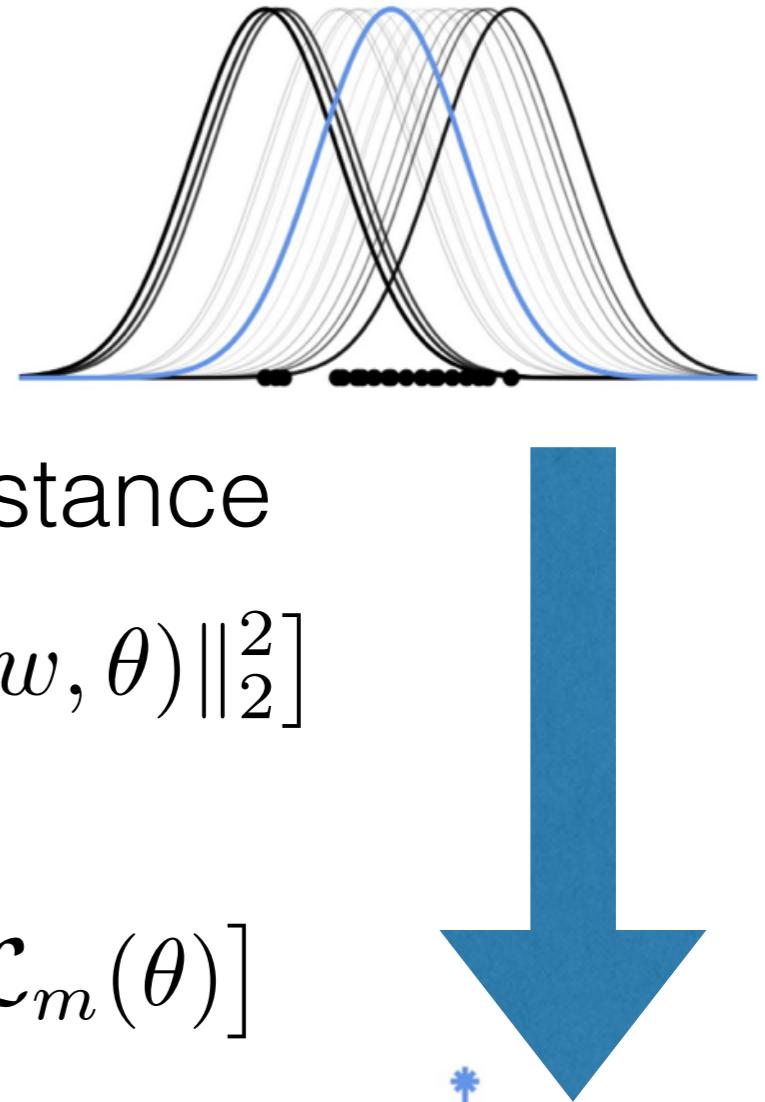
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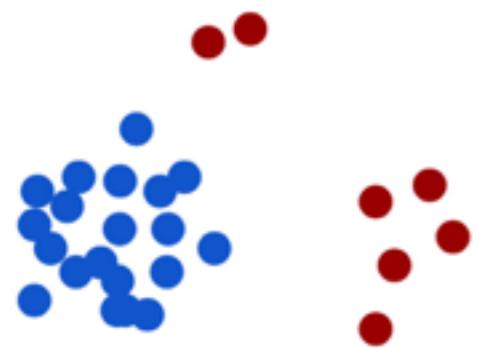
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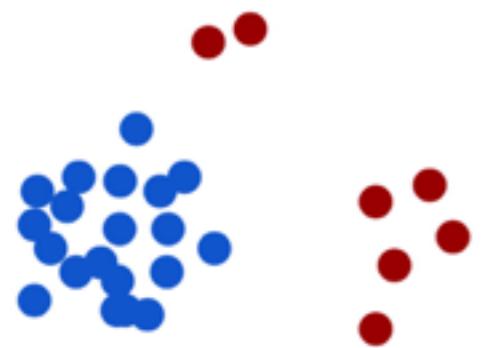
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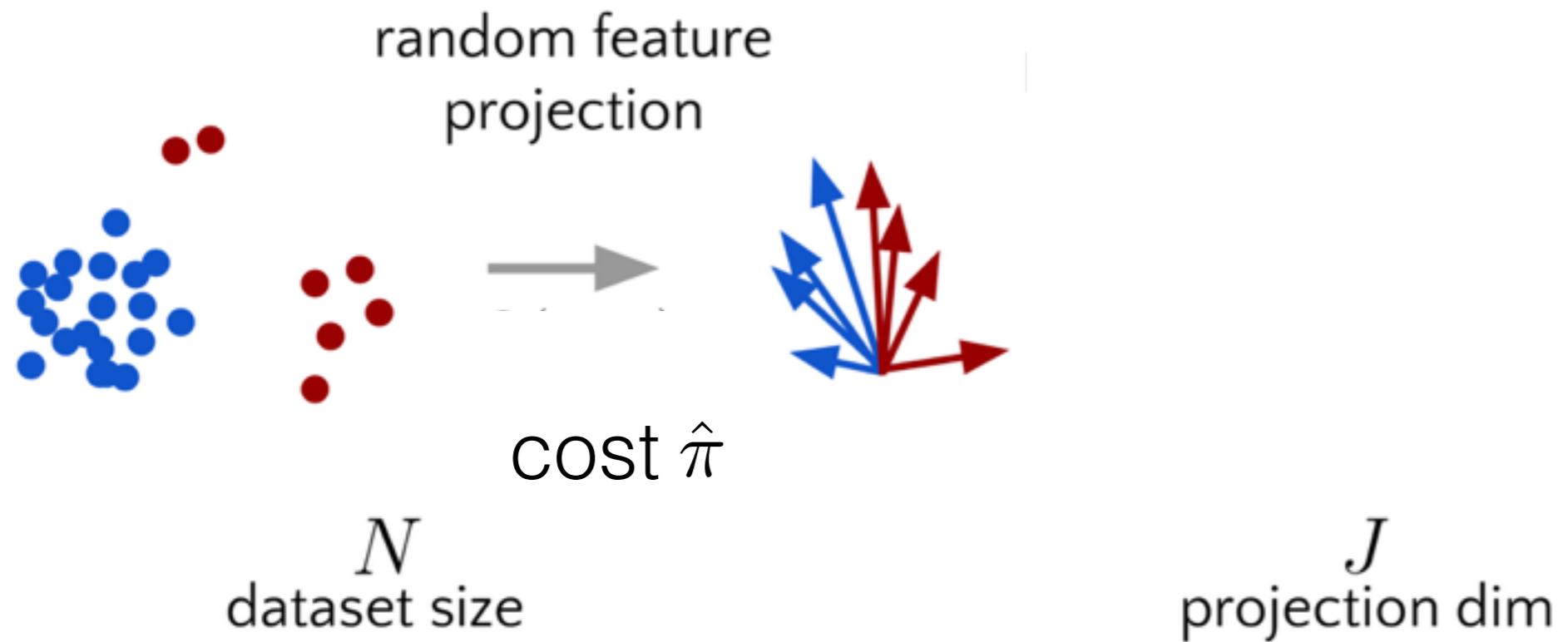
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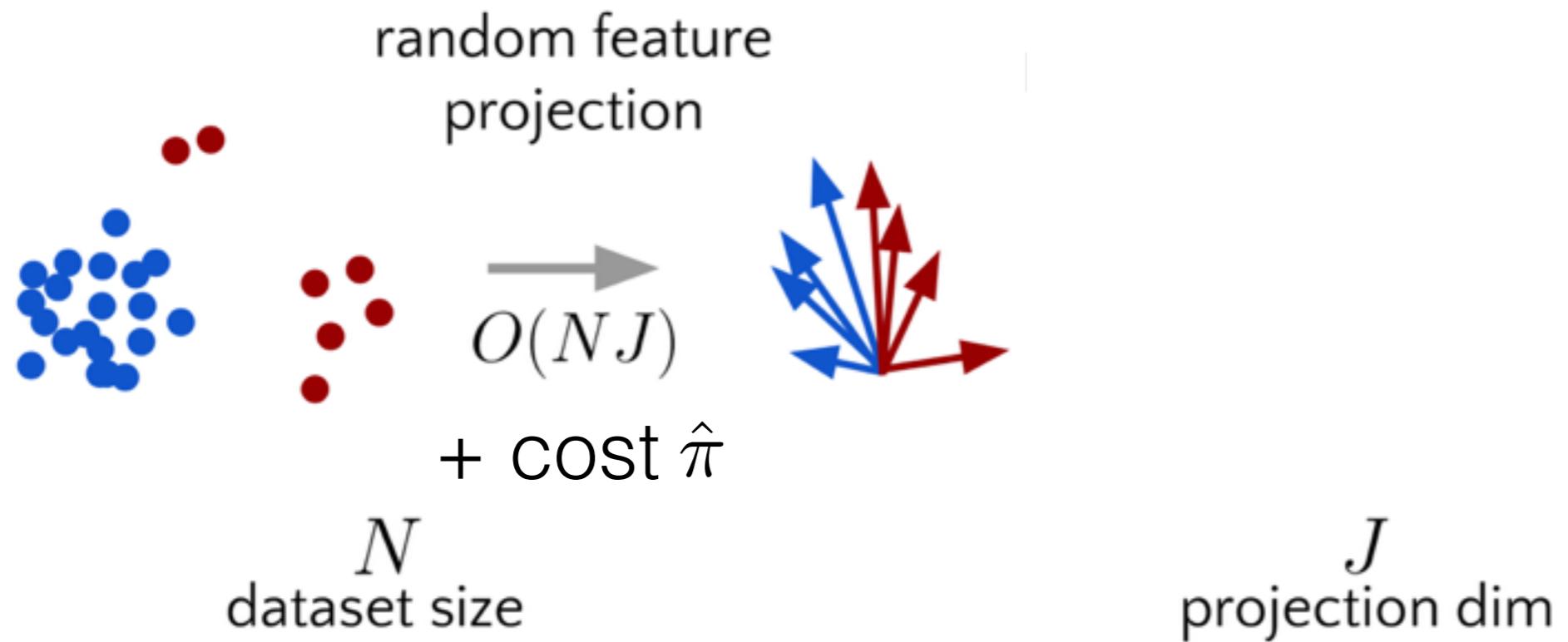
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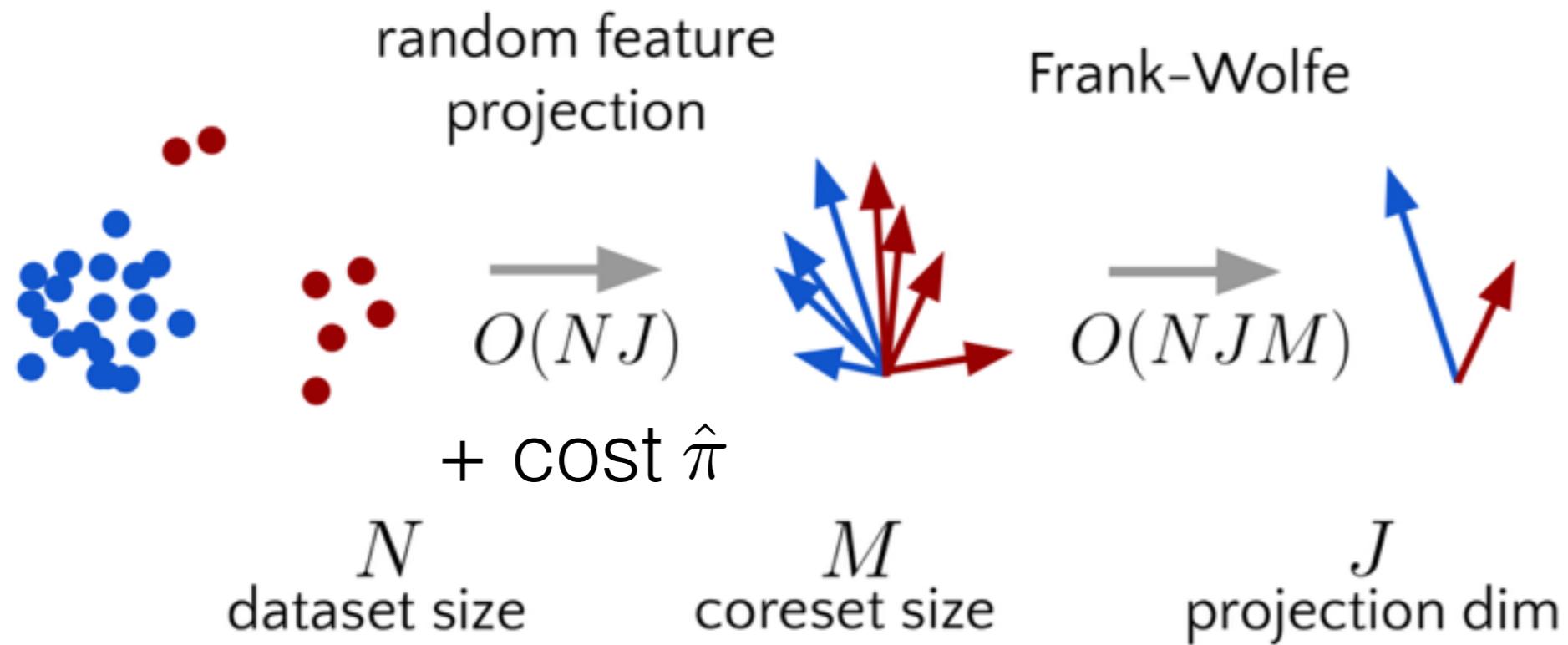
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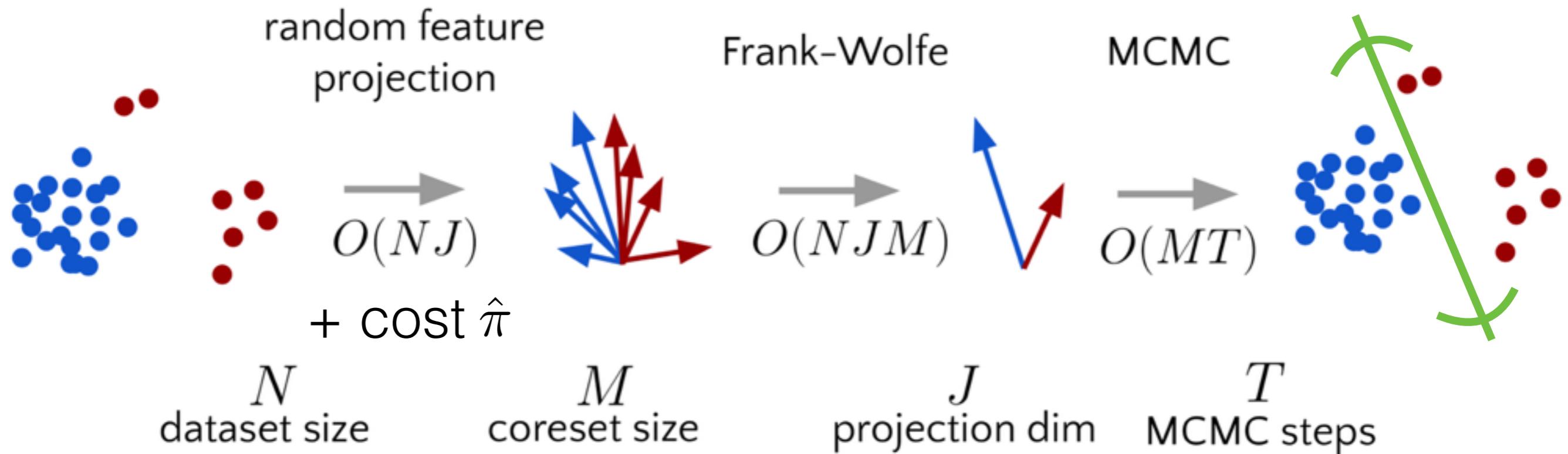
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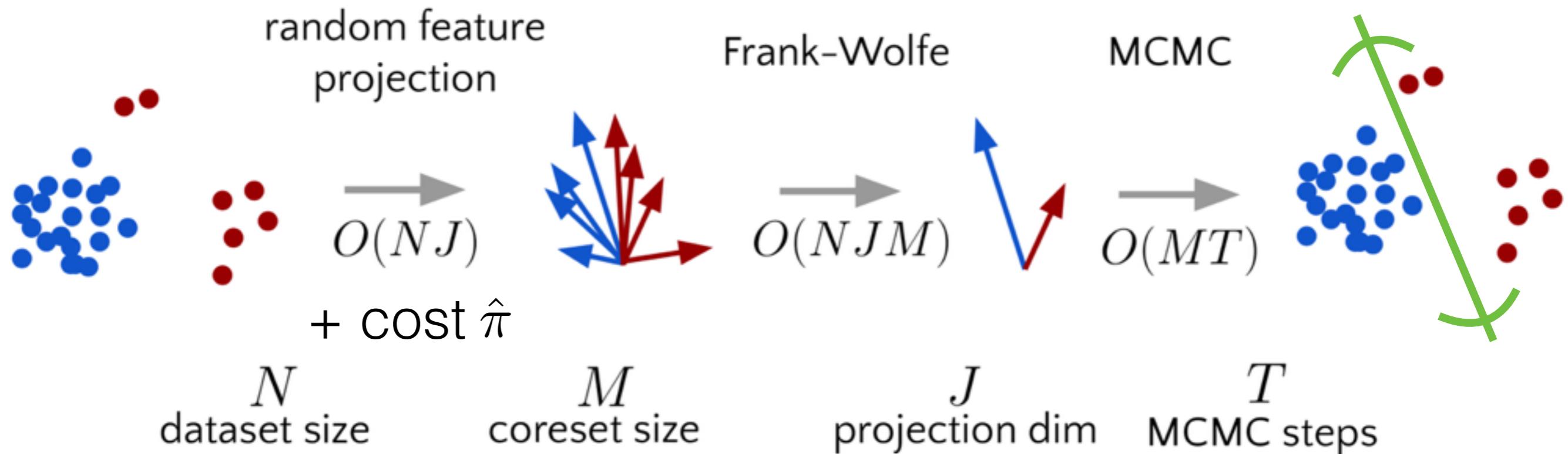
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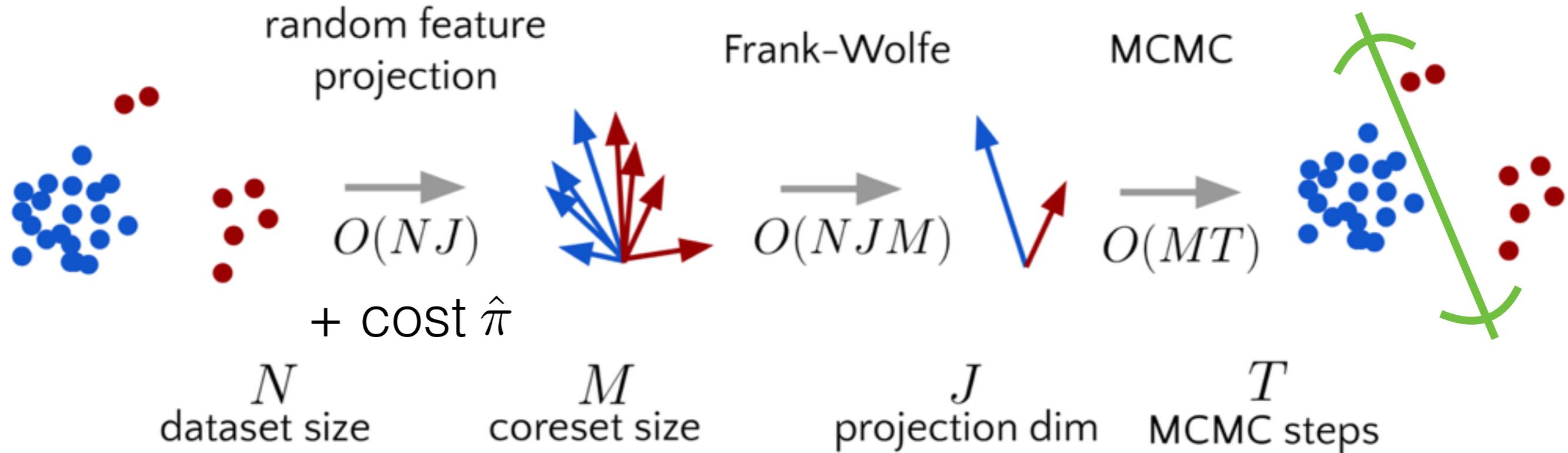


# Full pipeline



- vs.  $O(NT)$

# Full pipeline



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- Can make streaming, distributed