Distributional Reduction: Unifying Dimensionality Reduction and Clustering with Gromov-Wasserstein



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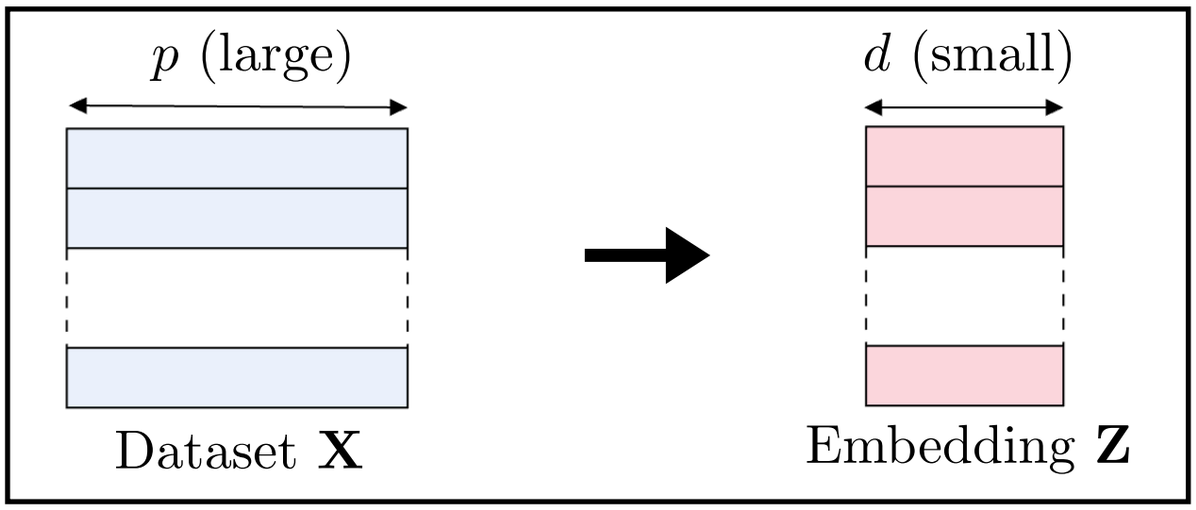


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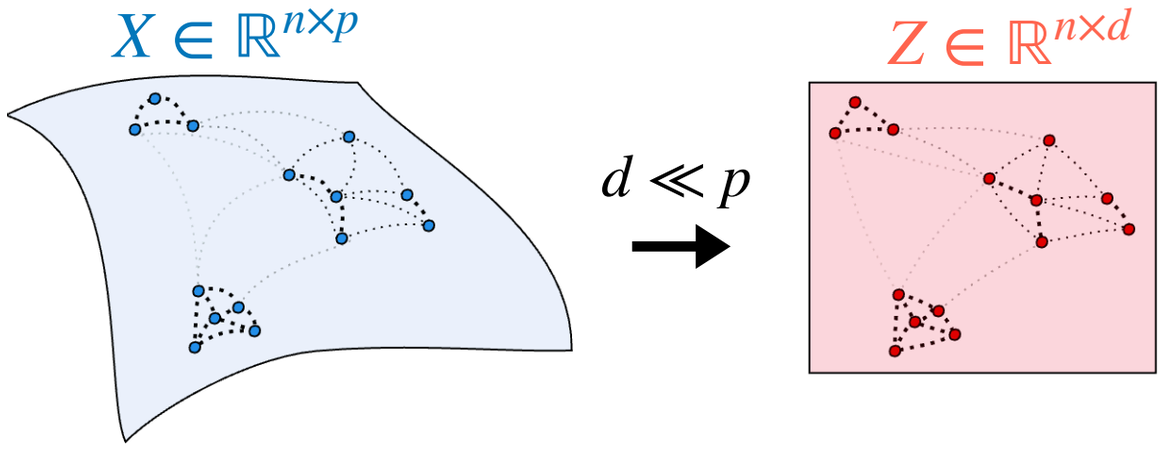


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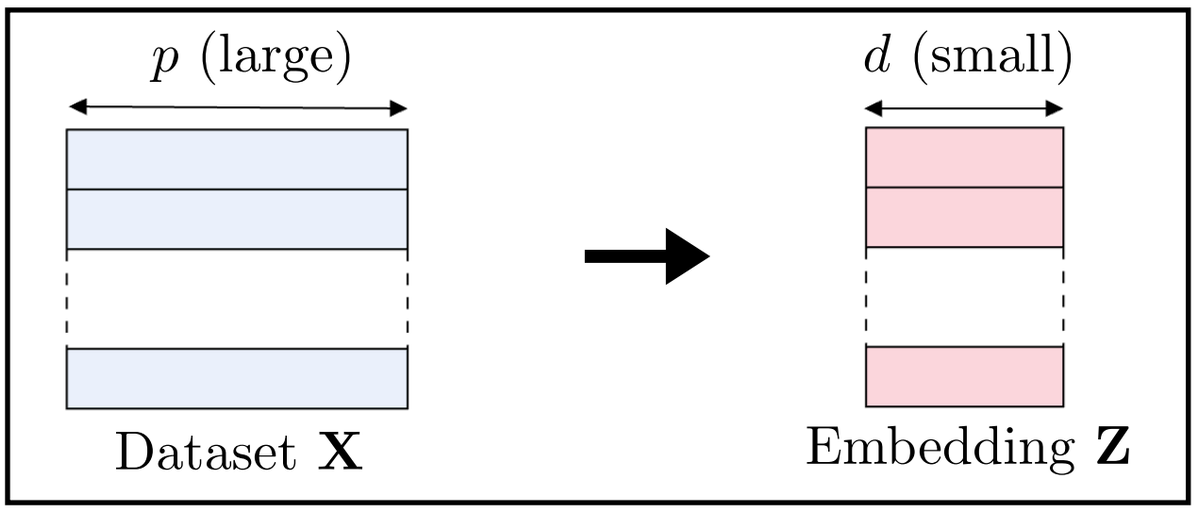
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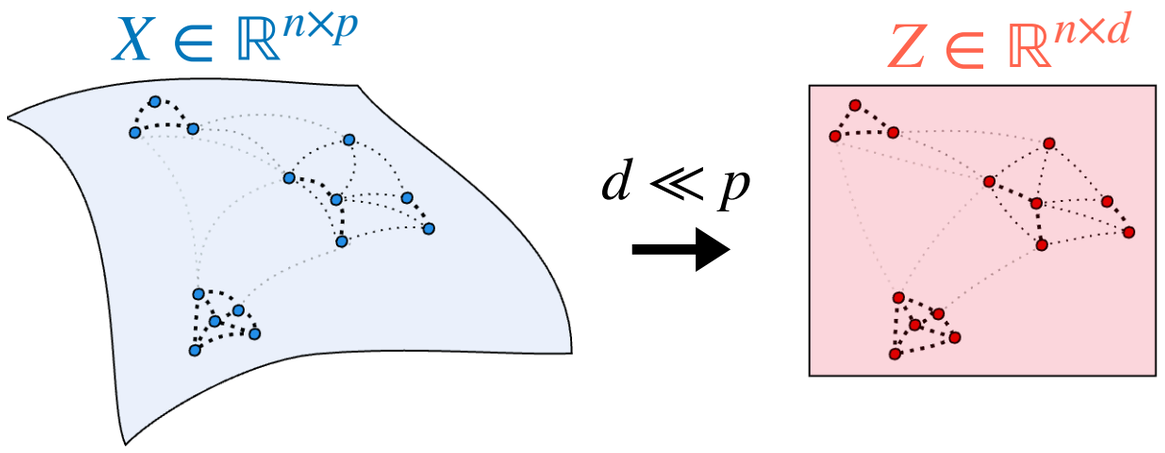
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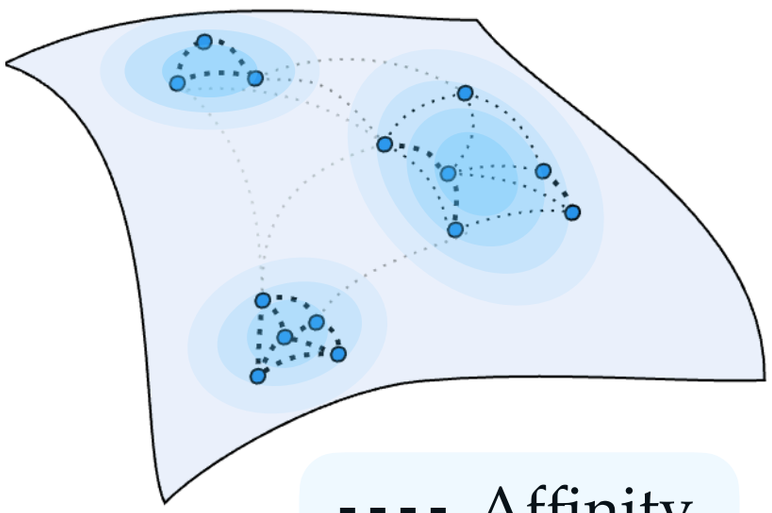
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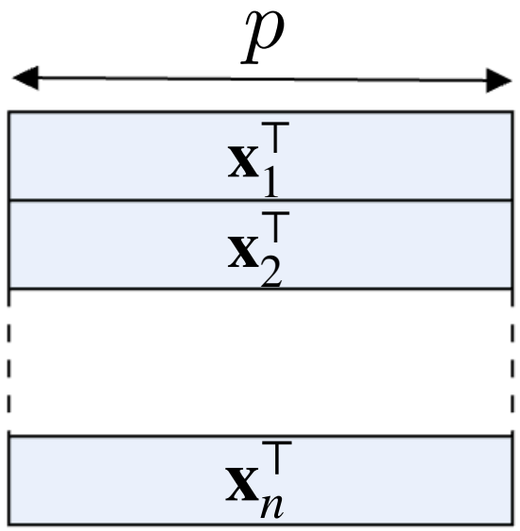


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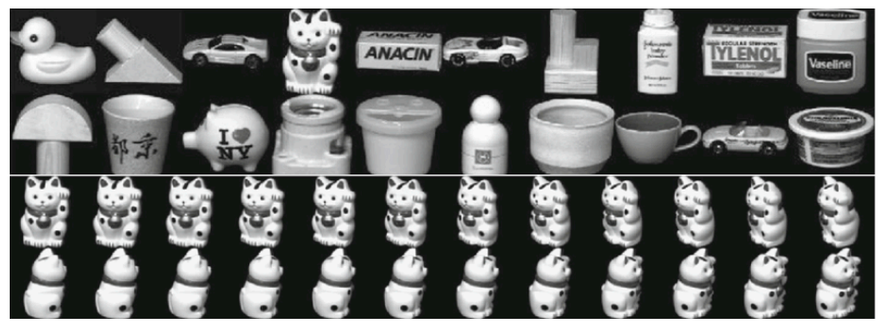
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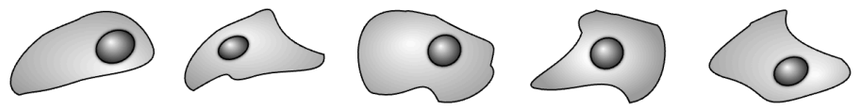


Images

COIL Dataset [Nene et al., 1996]



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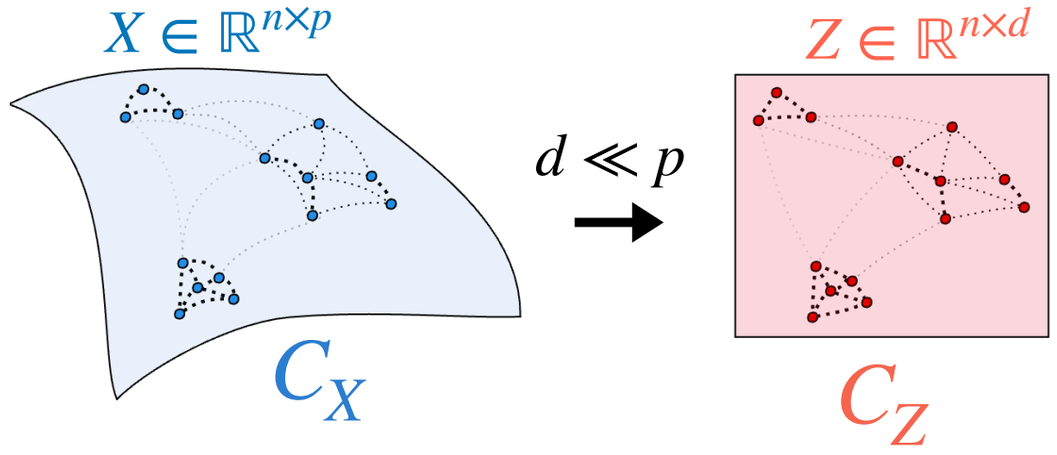


Symmetric matrix with **non-negative coefficients**.

Coefficient (i, j) = similarity between $\boldsymbol{x}_i$ and $\boldsymbol{x}_j$.

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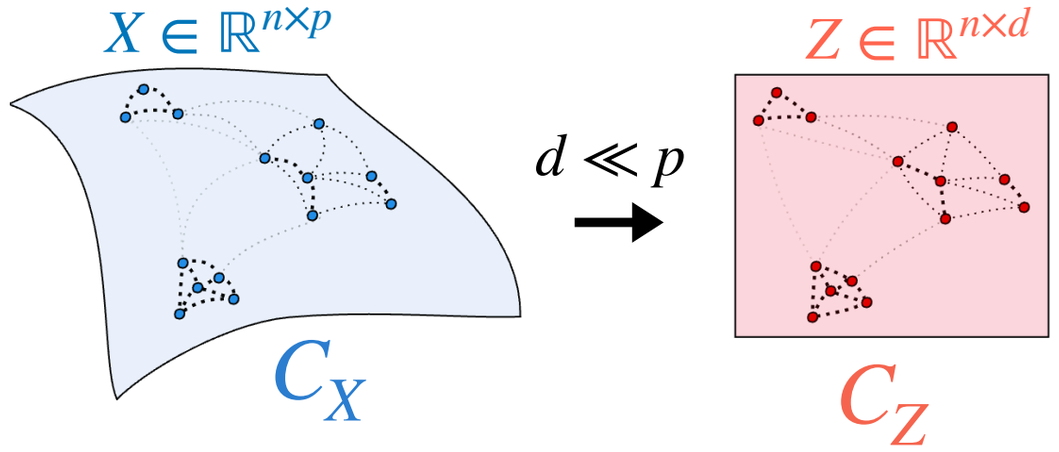
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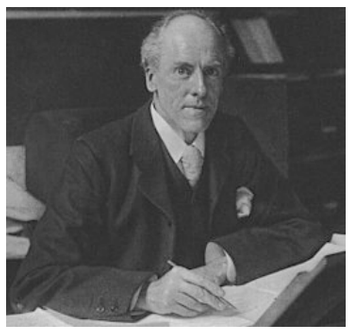
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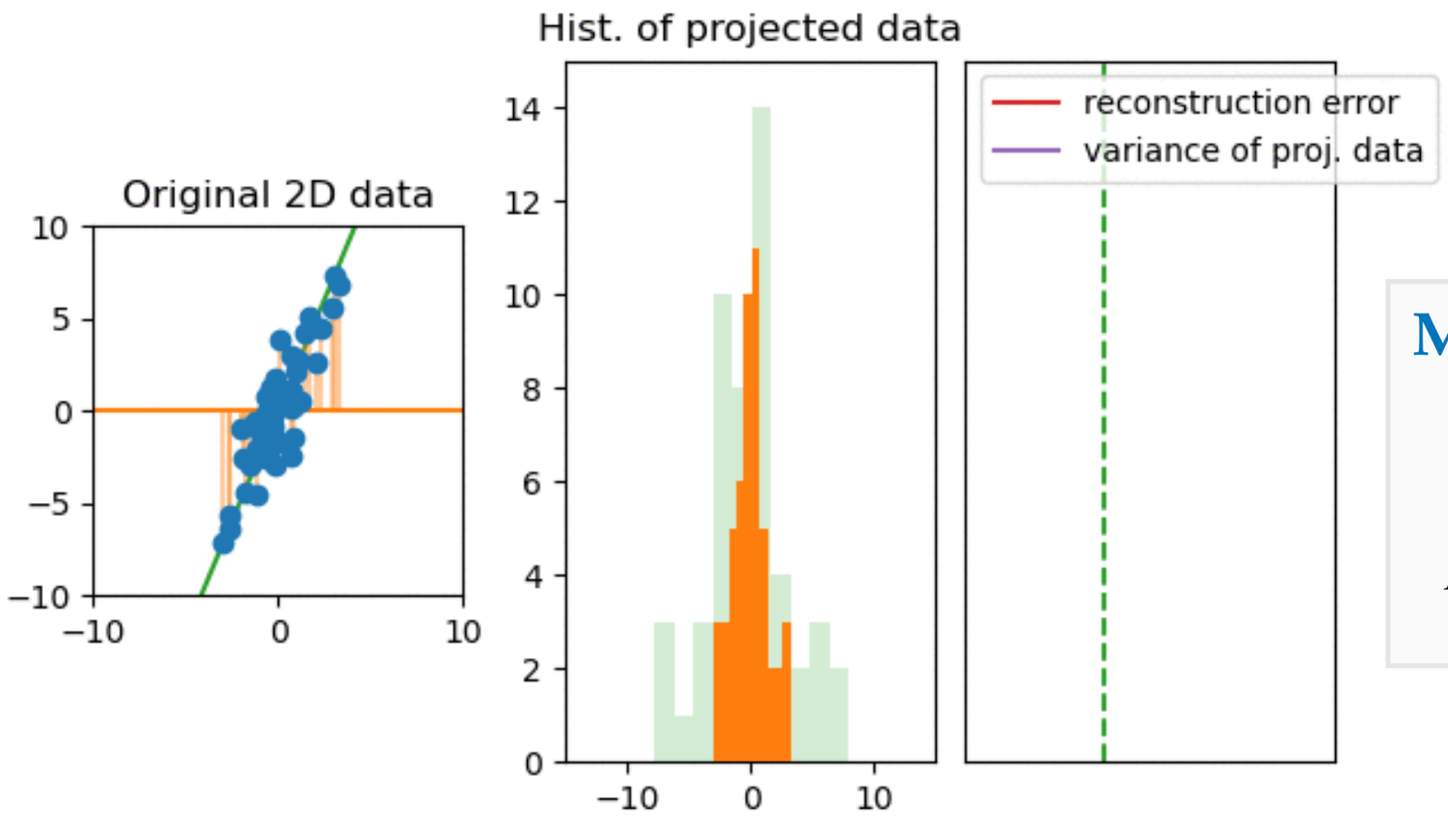
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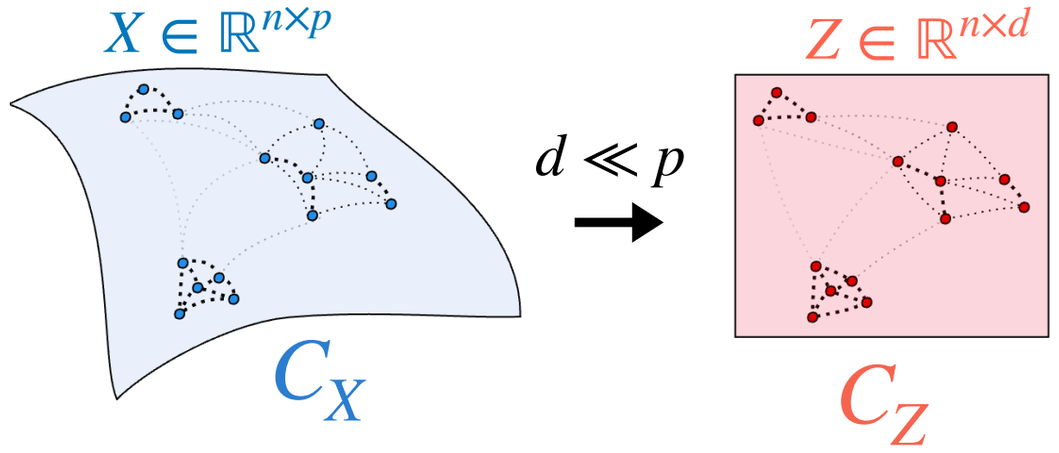
(Pearson, 1901)



Minimizing the reconstruction error

$$\min_{H:\dim(H)=d} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \|\mathbf{x}_i - P_H(\mathbf{x_i})\|_2^2$$

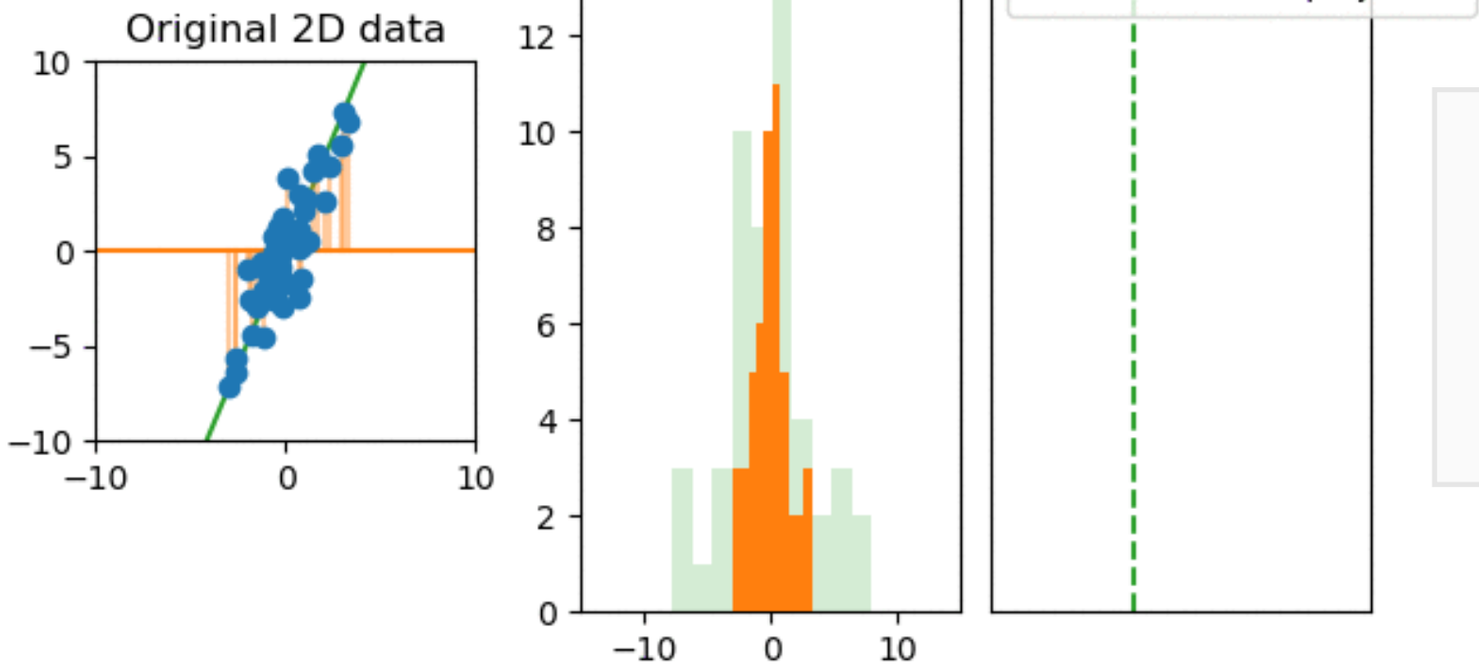
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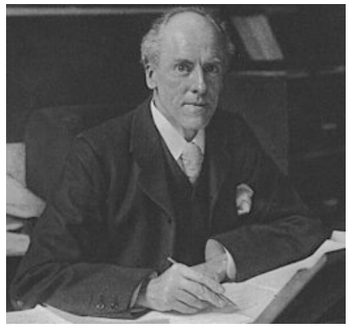


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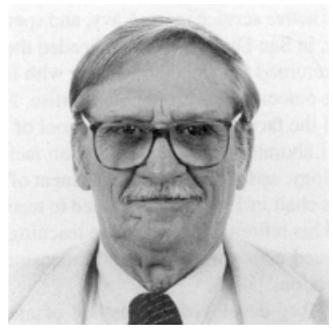
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Preserving the inner products

$$\min_{Z \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\langle \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j \rangle - \langle \mathbf{z}_i, \mathbf{z}_j \rangle \right)^2$$

$$Z \leftarrow \text{EVD}(\frac{1}{n} X X^\top)$$

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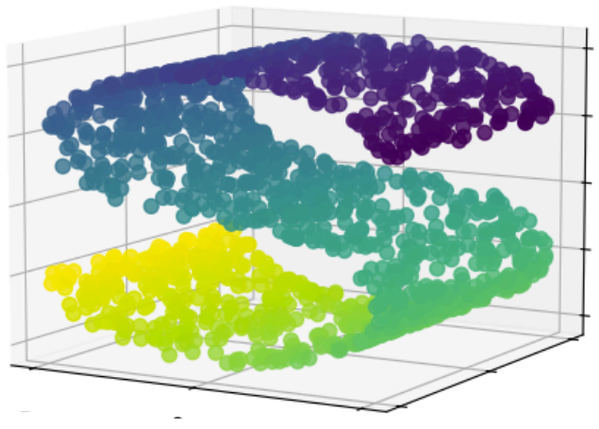
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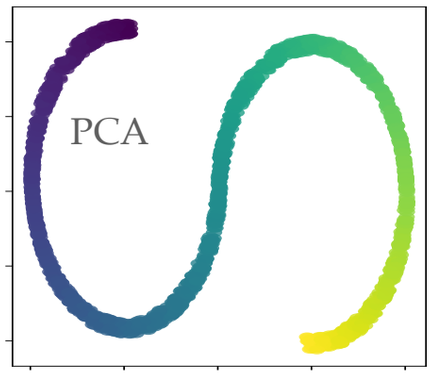
- PCA: $C_X = XX^\top$ $(Z \leftarrow \mathrm{SVD}(X))$
- (classical) Multidimensional scaling: $C_X = -\frac{1}{2} H D_X H$
- Laplacian Eigenmap (spectral embedding): $C_X = L_X^\dagger$

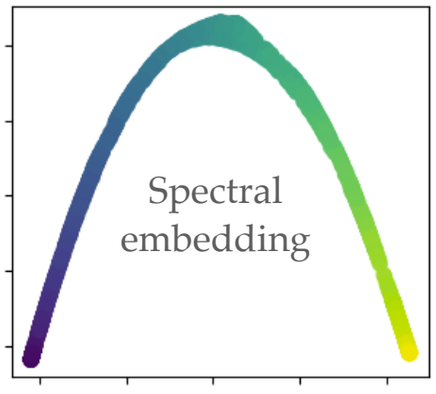
(Belkin & Niyogi, 2003)

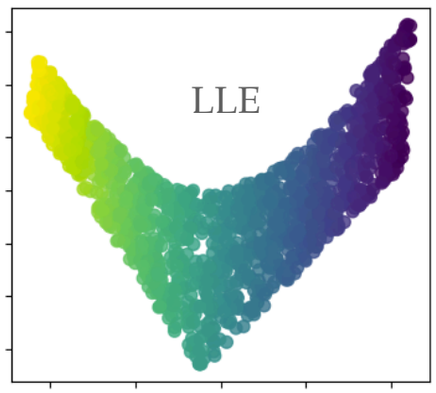
- Locally Linear Embedding, Diffusion Map …

(Roweis & Saul, 2000) (Coifman & Lafon, 2006)









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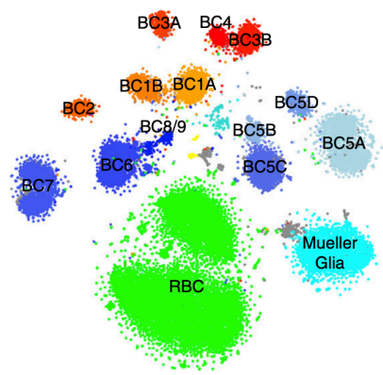
✦ (t)-SNE (Van der Maaten & Hinton, 2008)

- ✦ Joint distributions:

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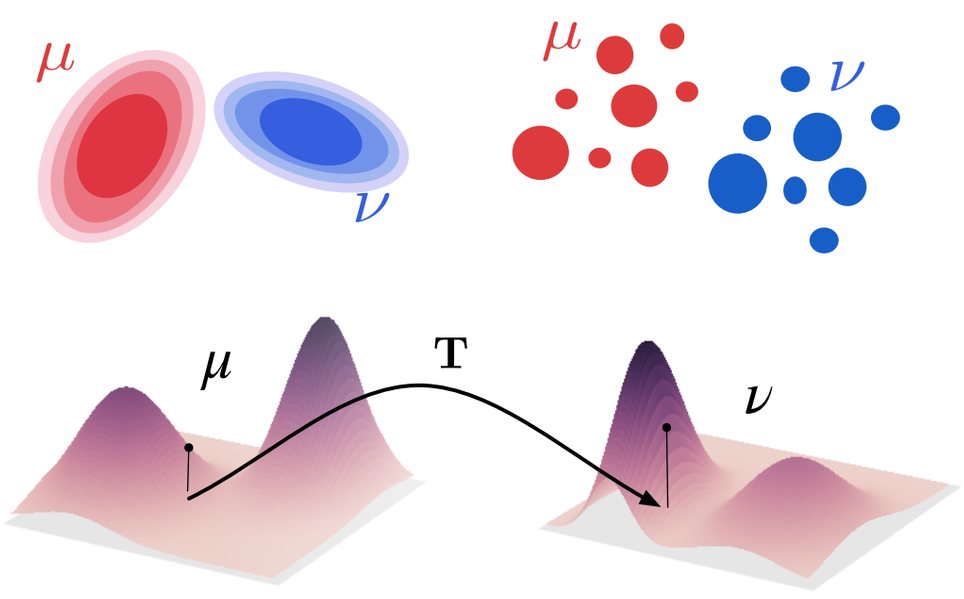
$$[C_X]_{ij} \leftarrow \frac{[C_X]_{ij} + [C_X]_{ji}}{2n}$$

- ✦ Crowding effect: Student t-distribution instead of Gaussian in Z



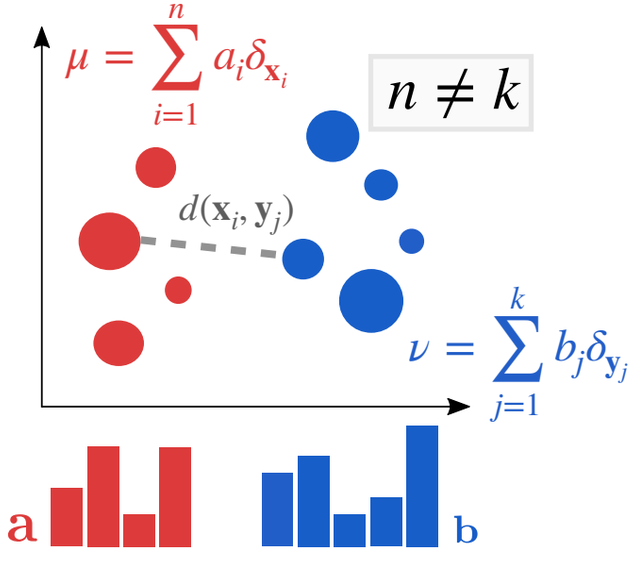
(Shekhar et al., 2016)

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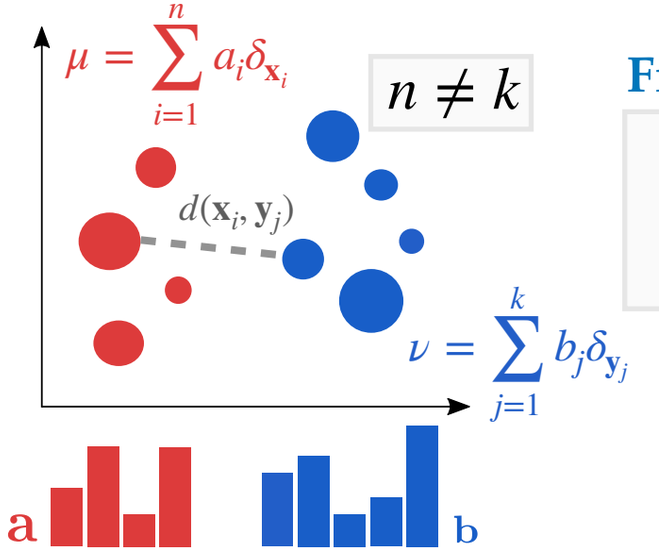
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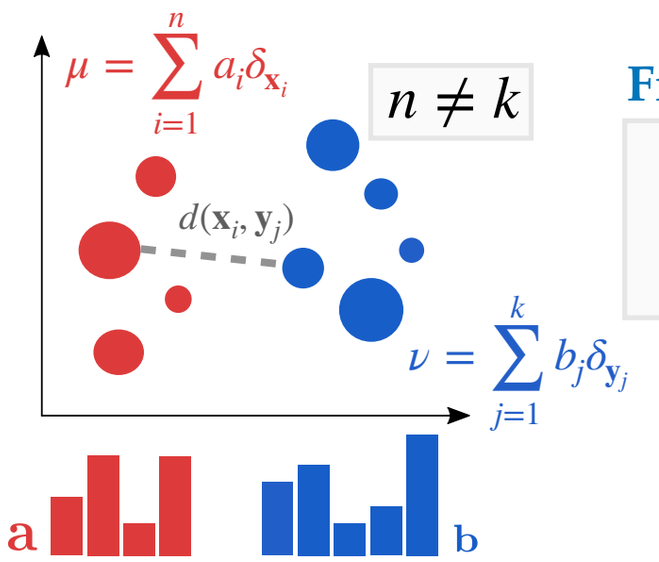


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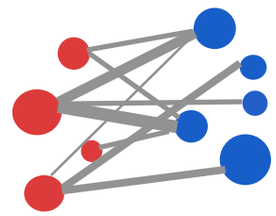
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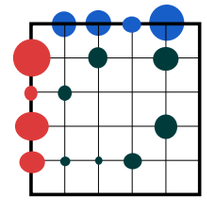
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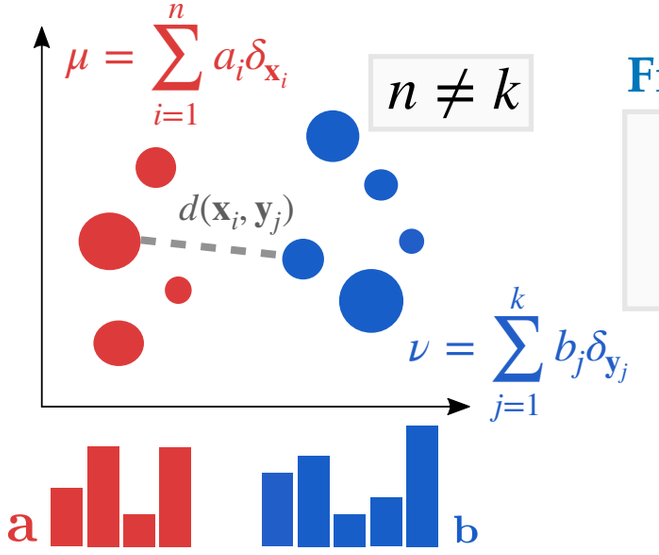




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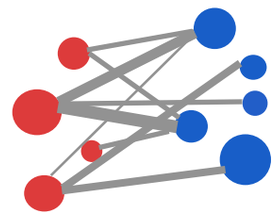
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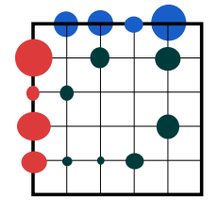
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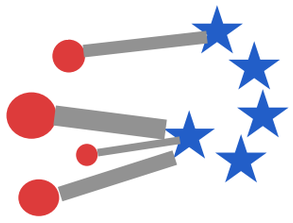
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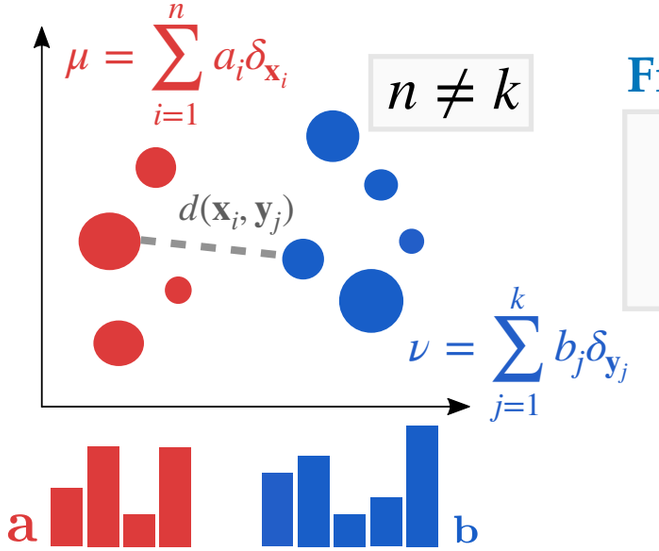
$\sim$ `assign` in k-means

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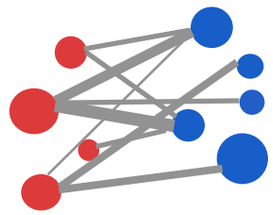
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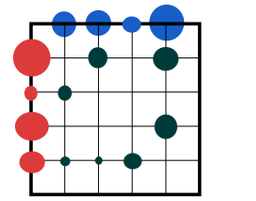
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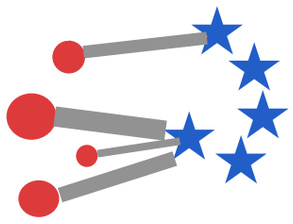
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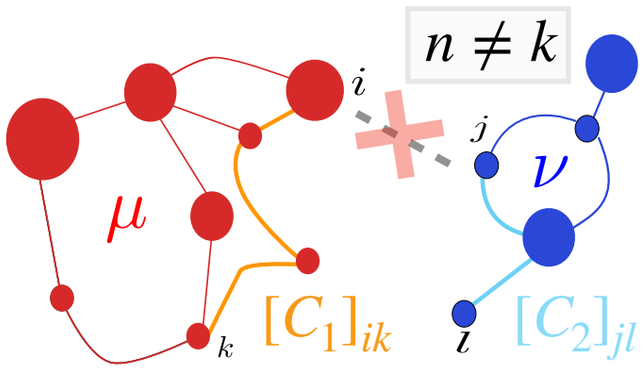
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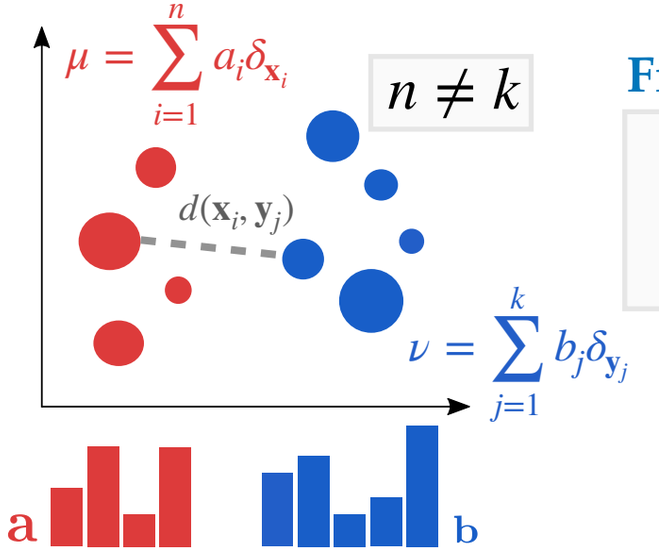
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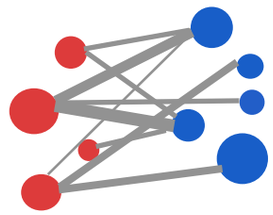
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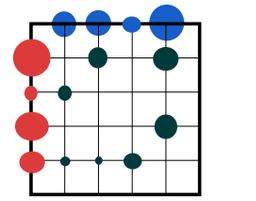
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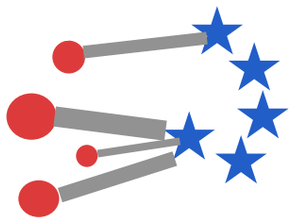
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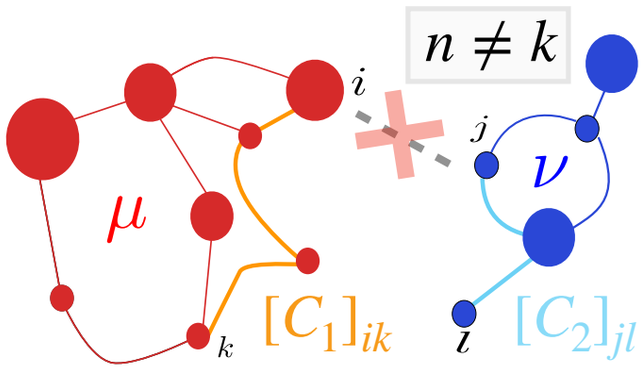


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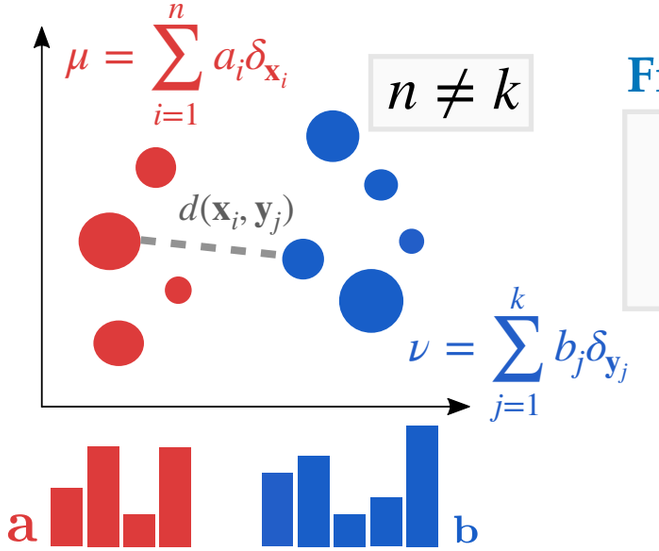


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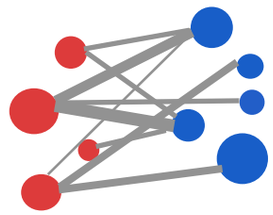
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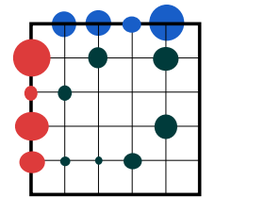
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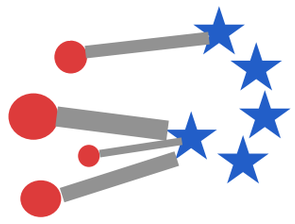
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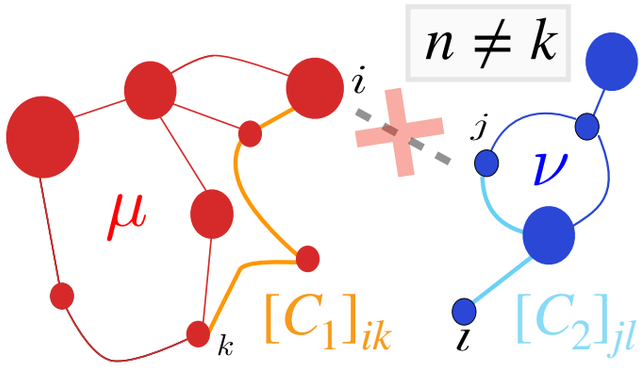
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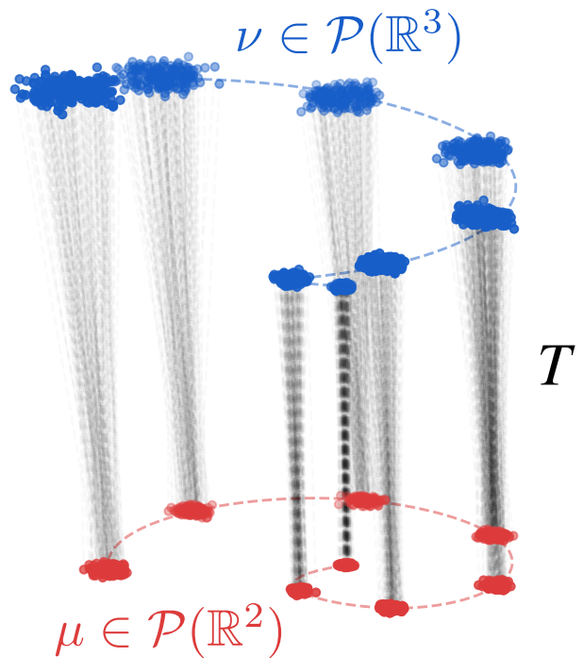
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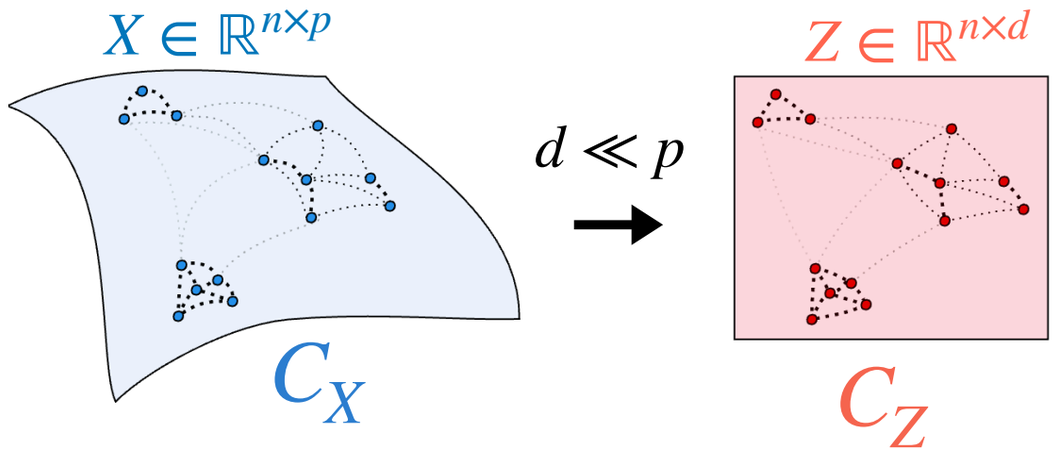
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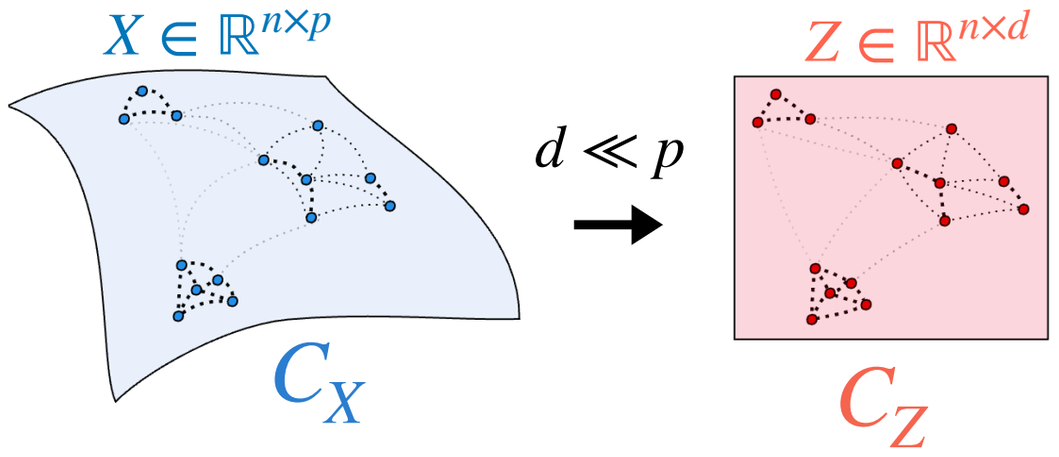
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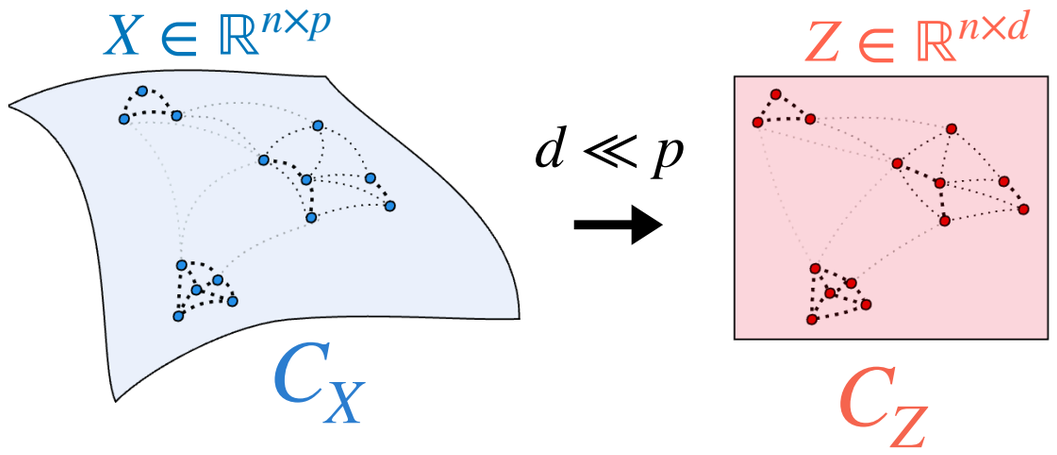
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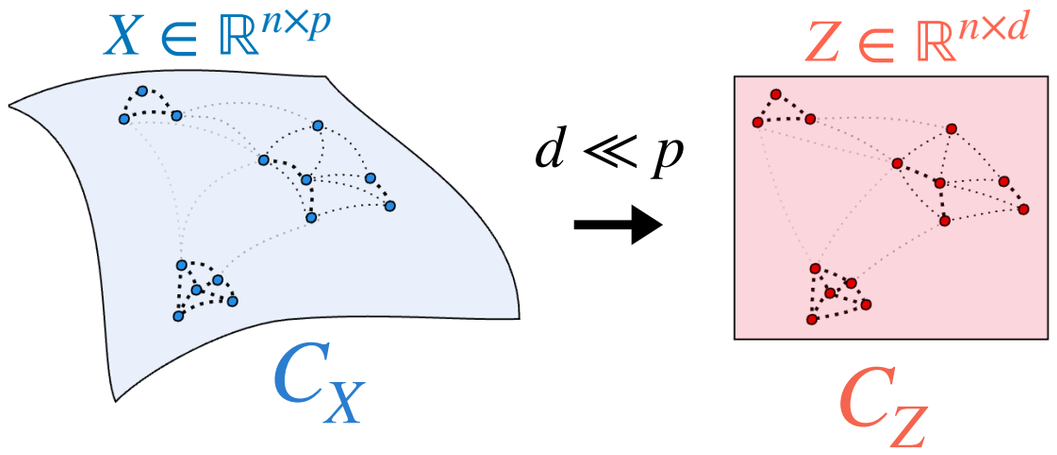
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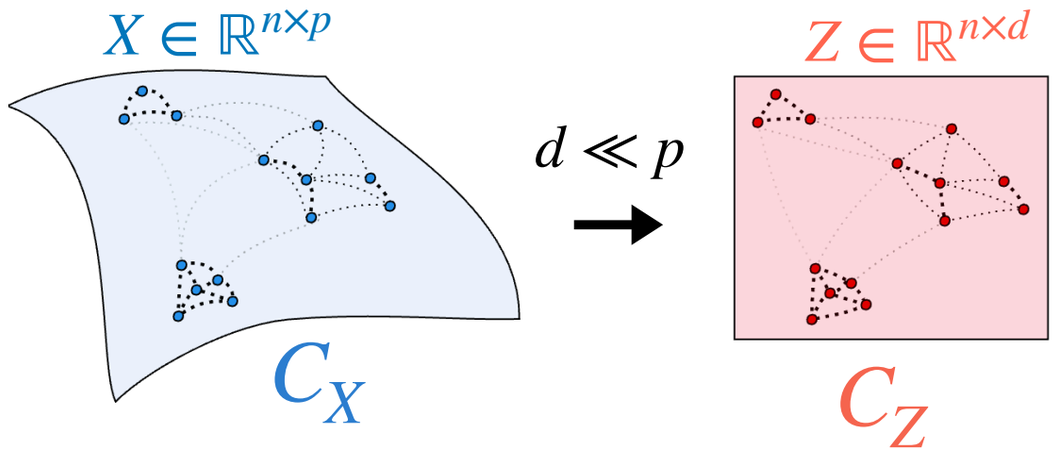
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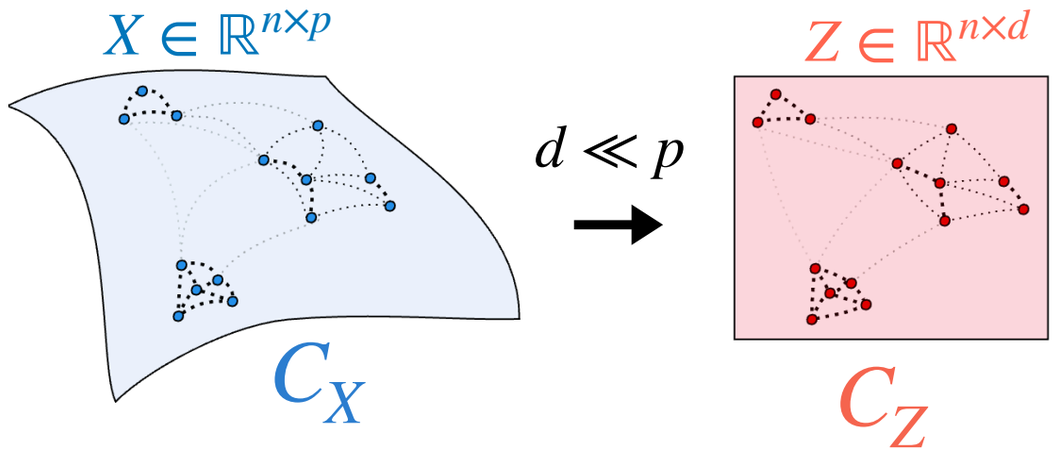
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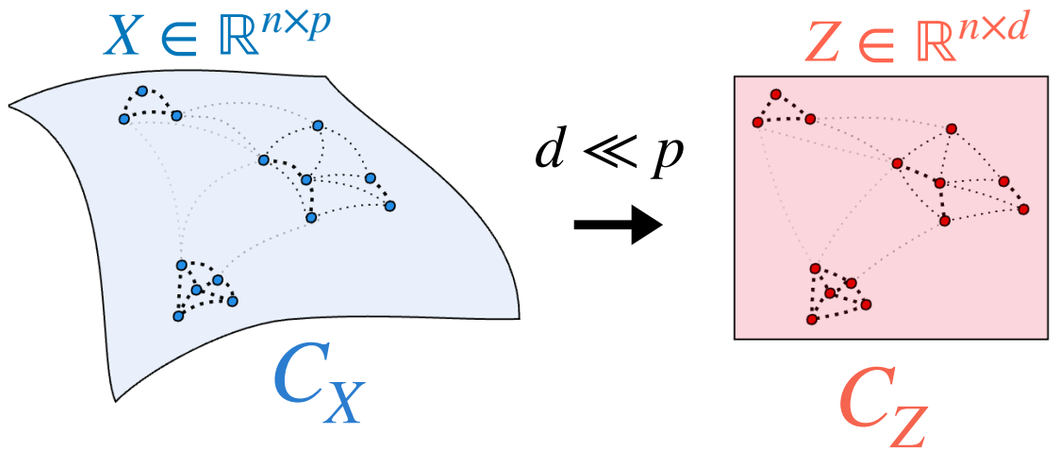
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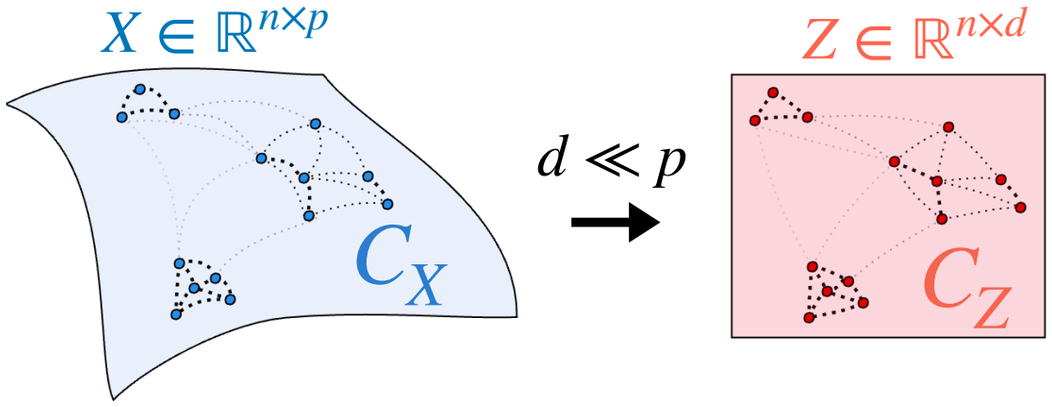
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(Sinkhorn & Knopp, 1967)

To improve as C_X generally not CPD

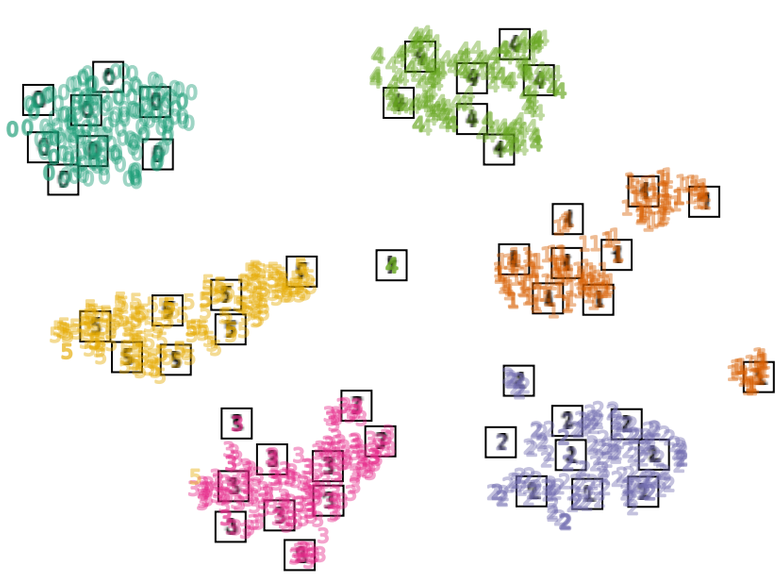
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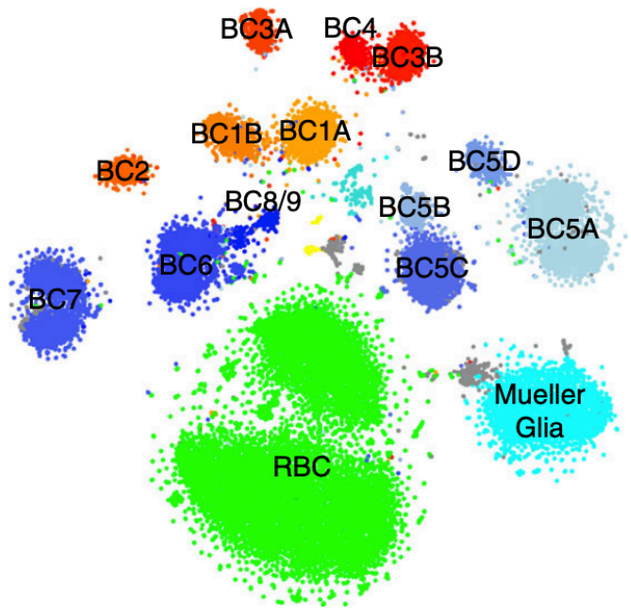
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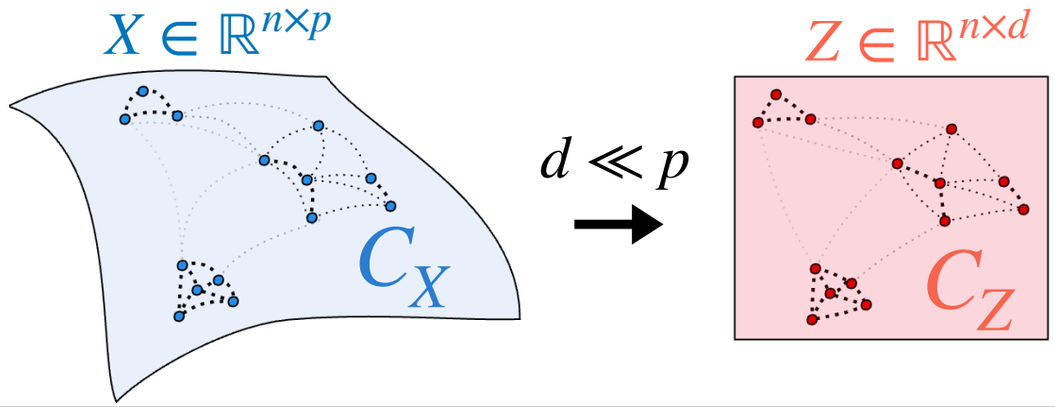
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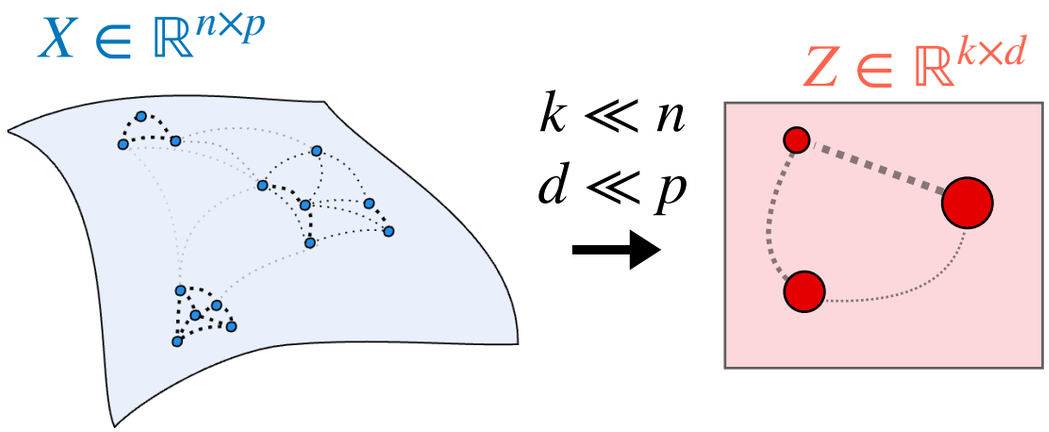


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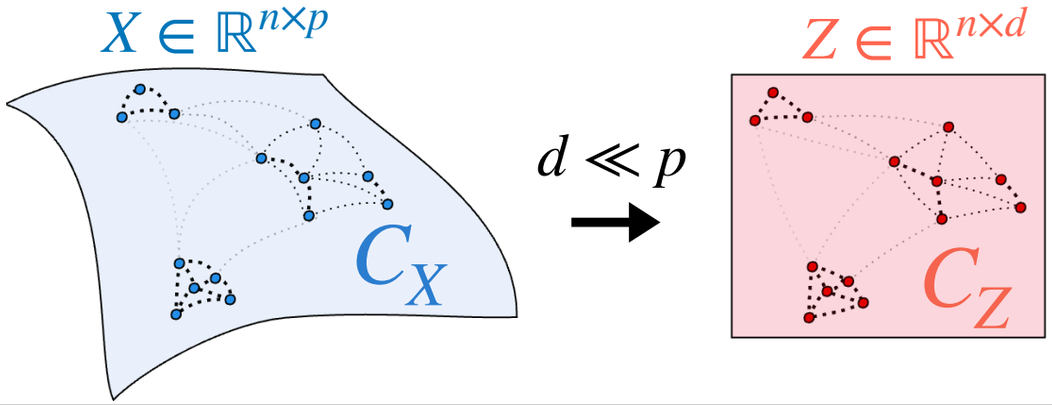
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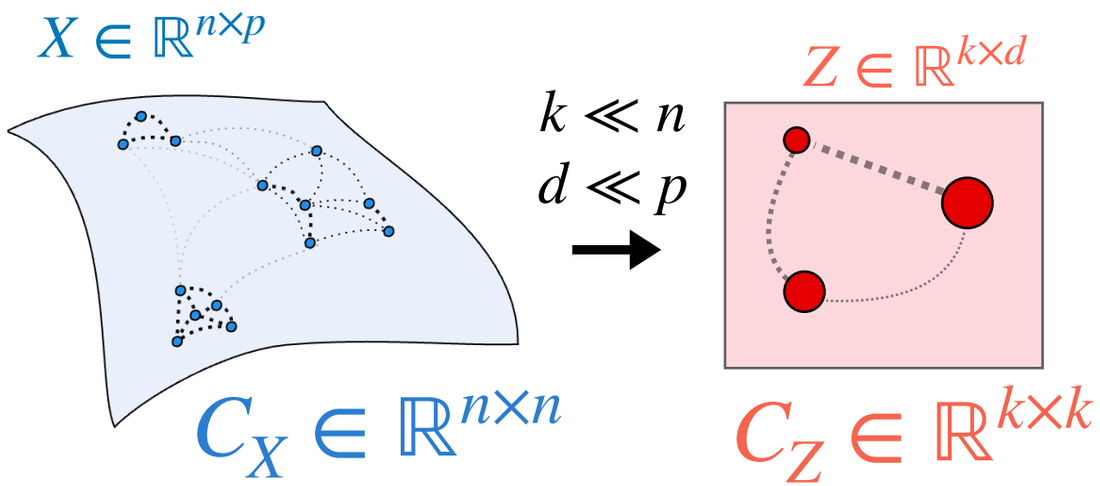
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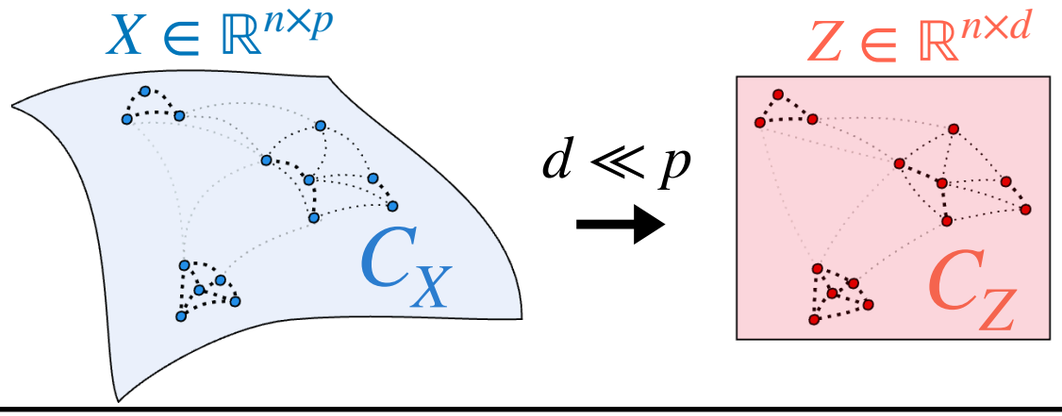


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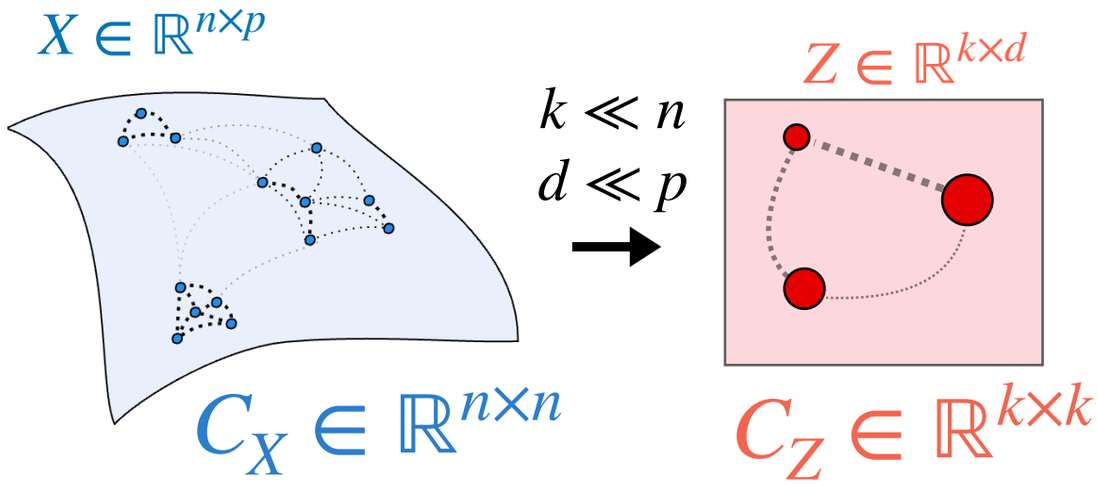


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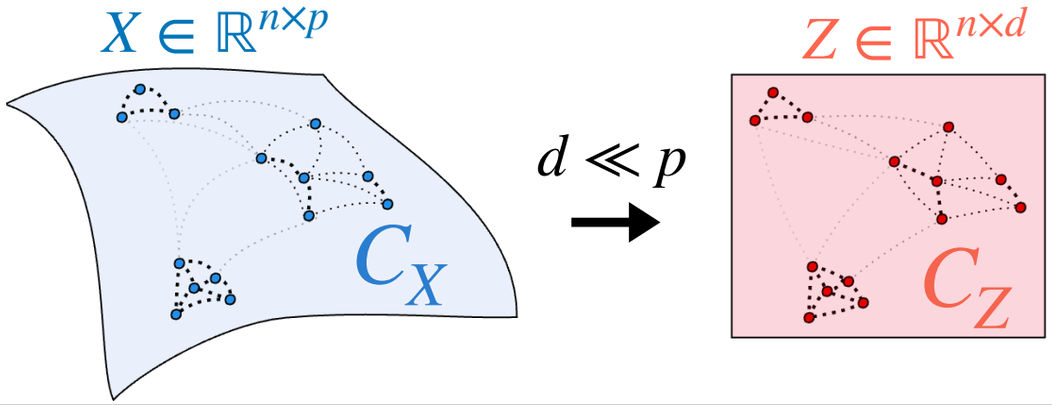
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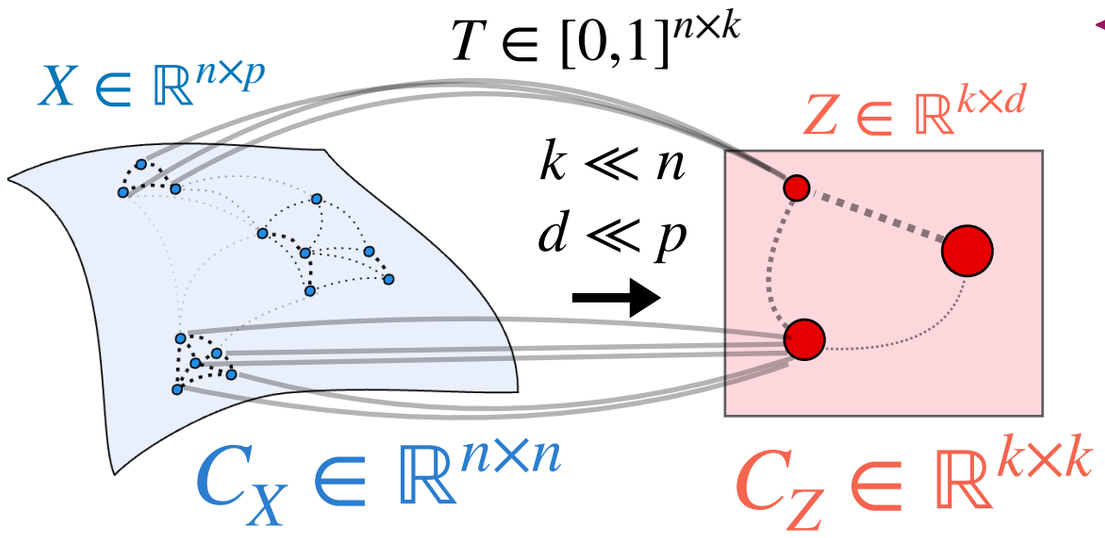
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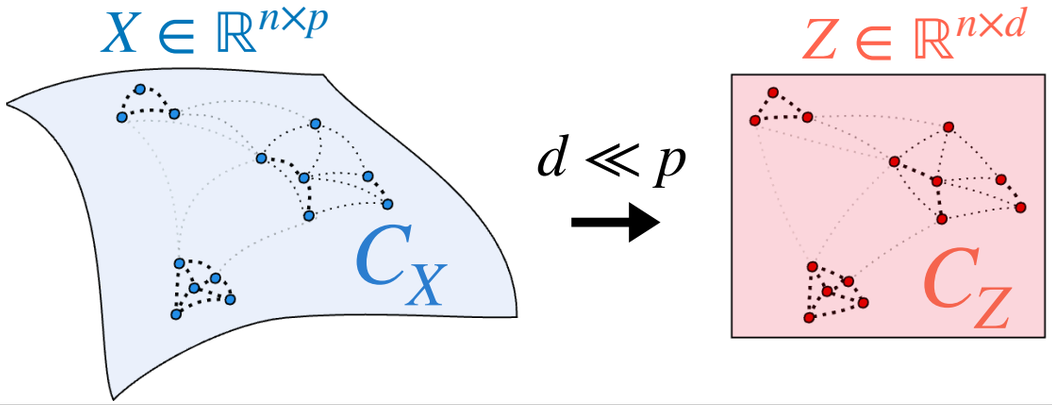
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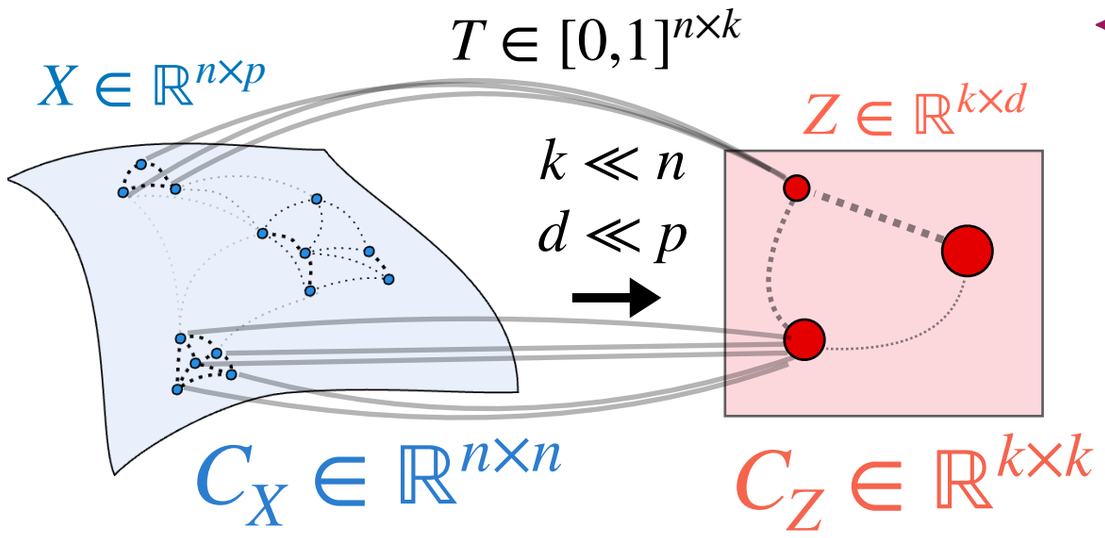
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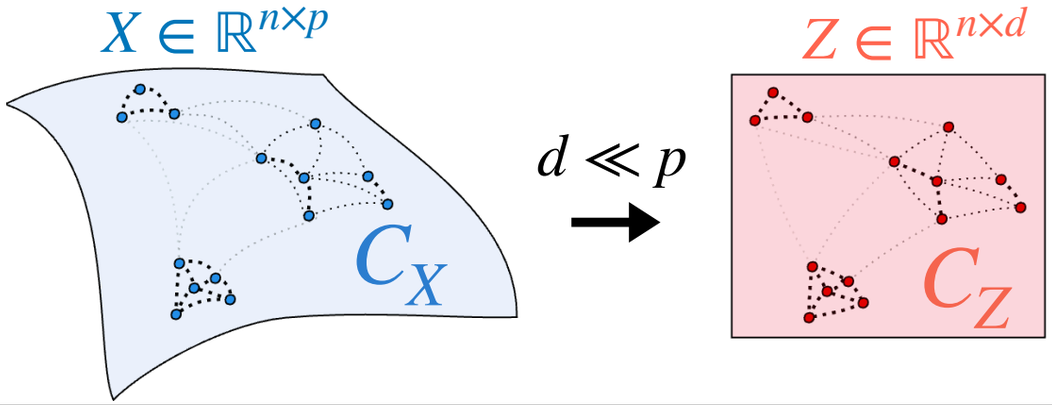
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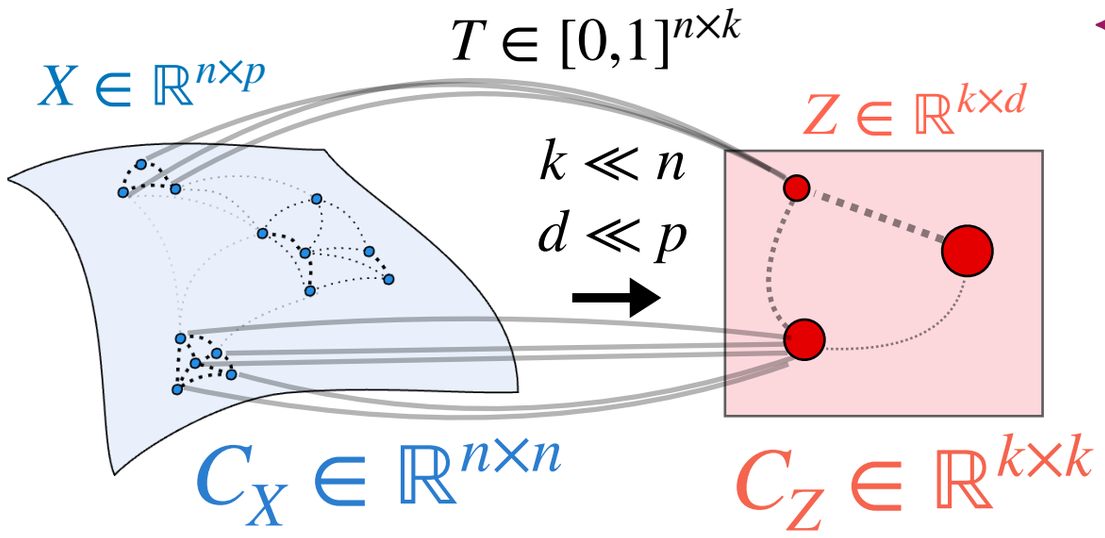
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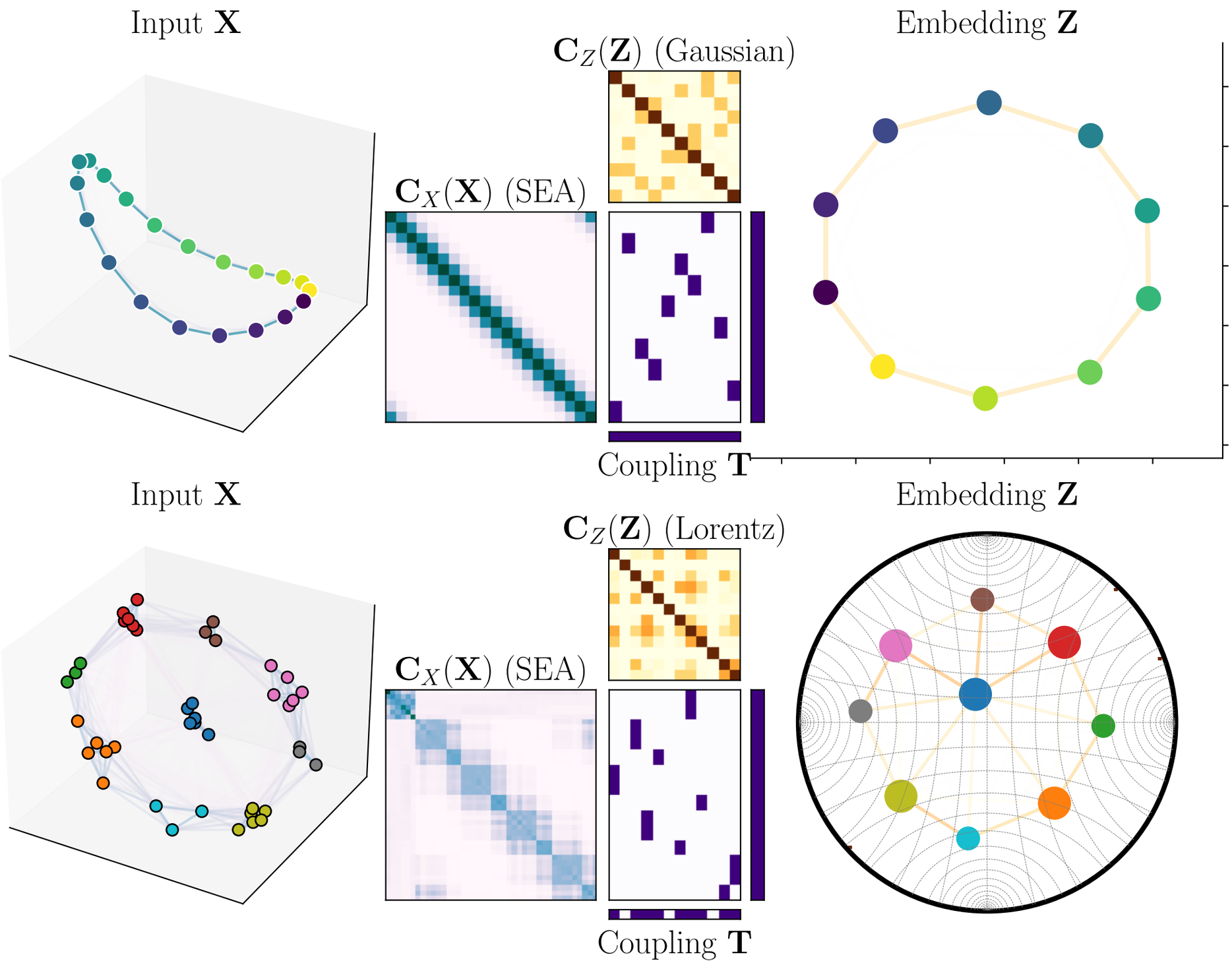
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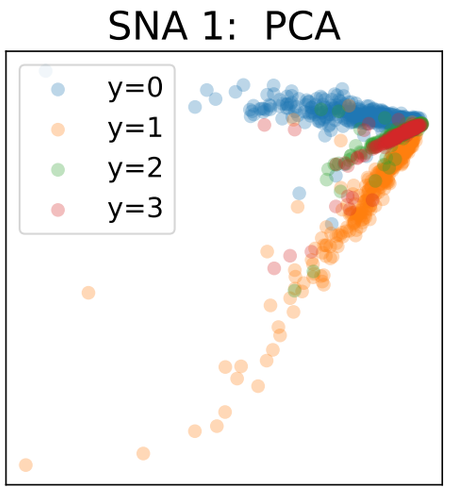
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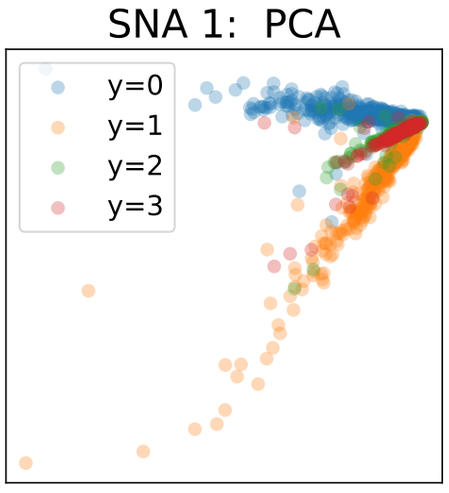
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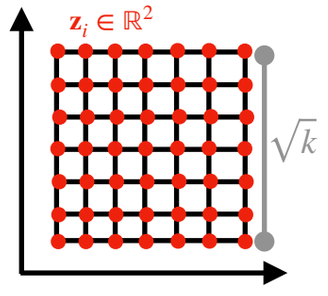
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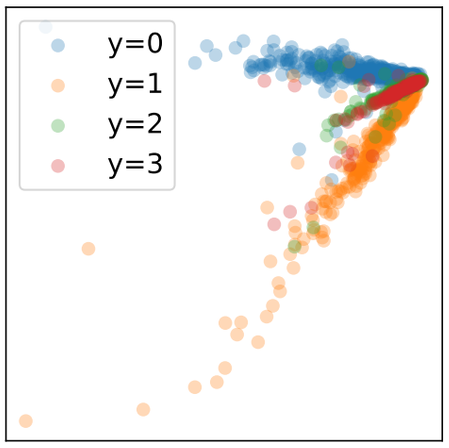




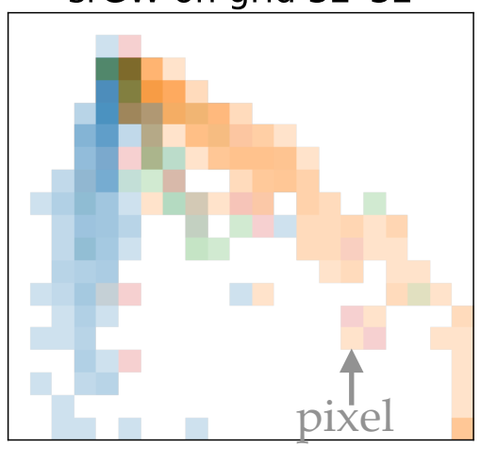
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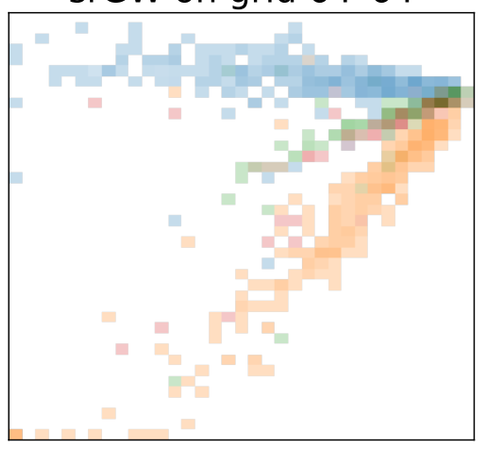
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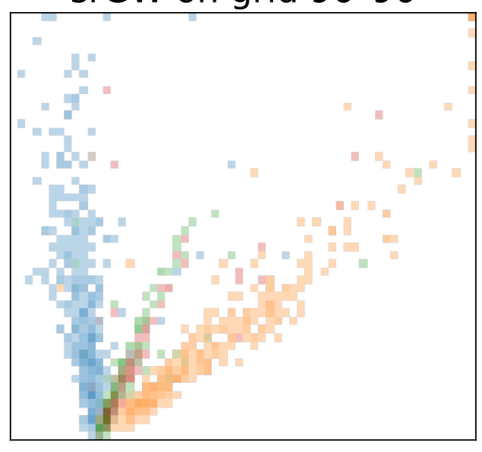
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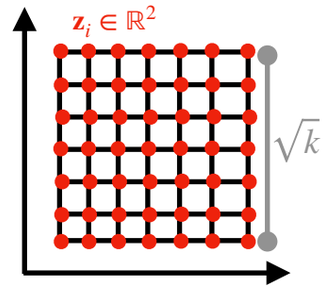
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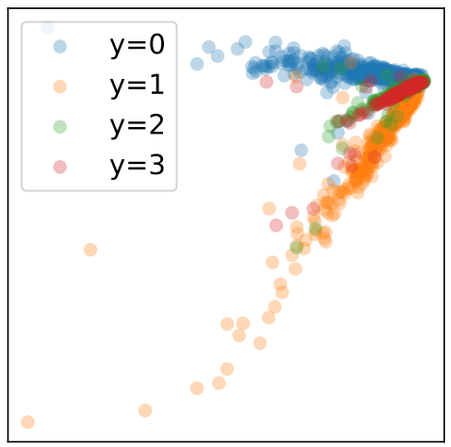
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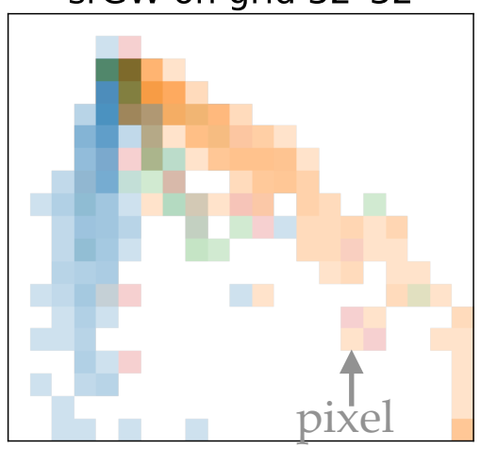


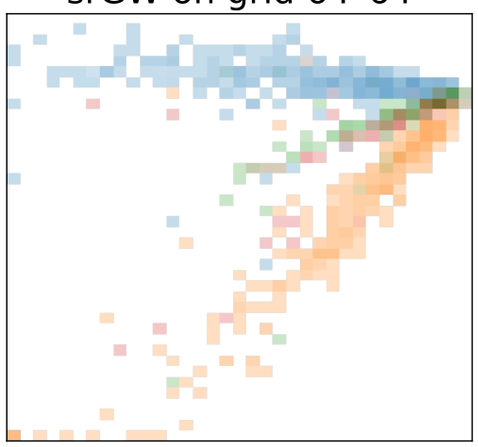
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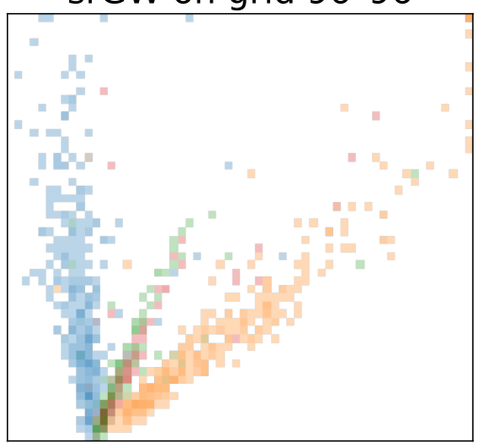
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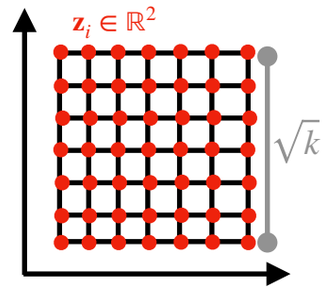
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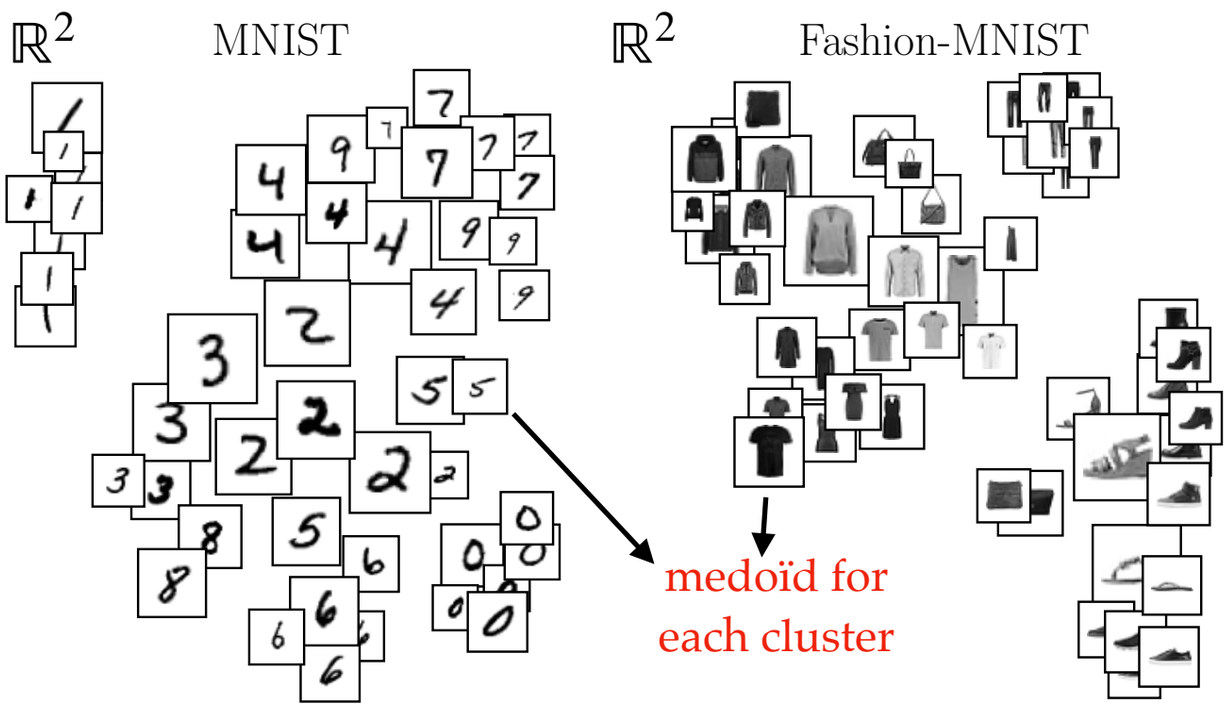




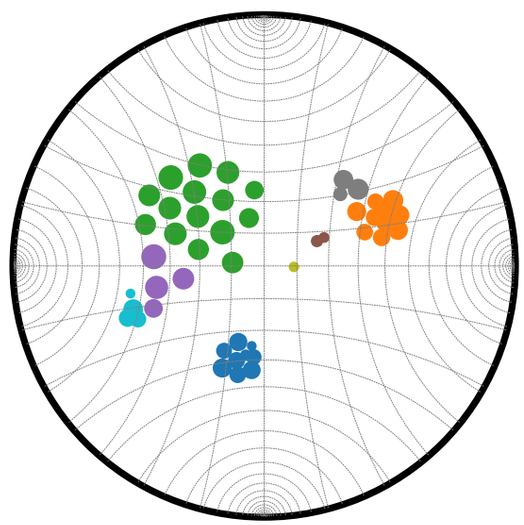
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Hyperbolic geometry



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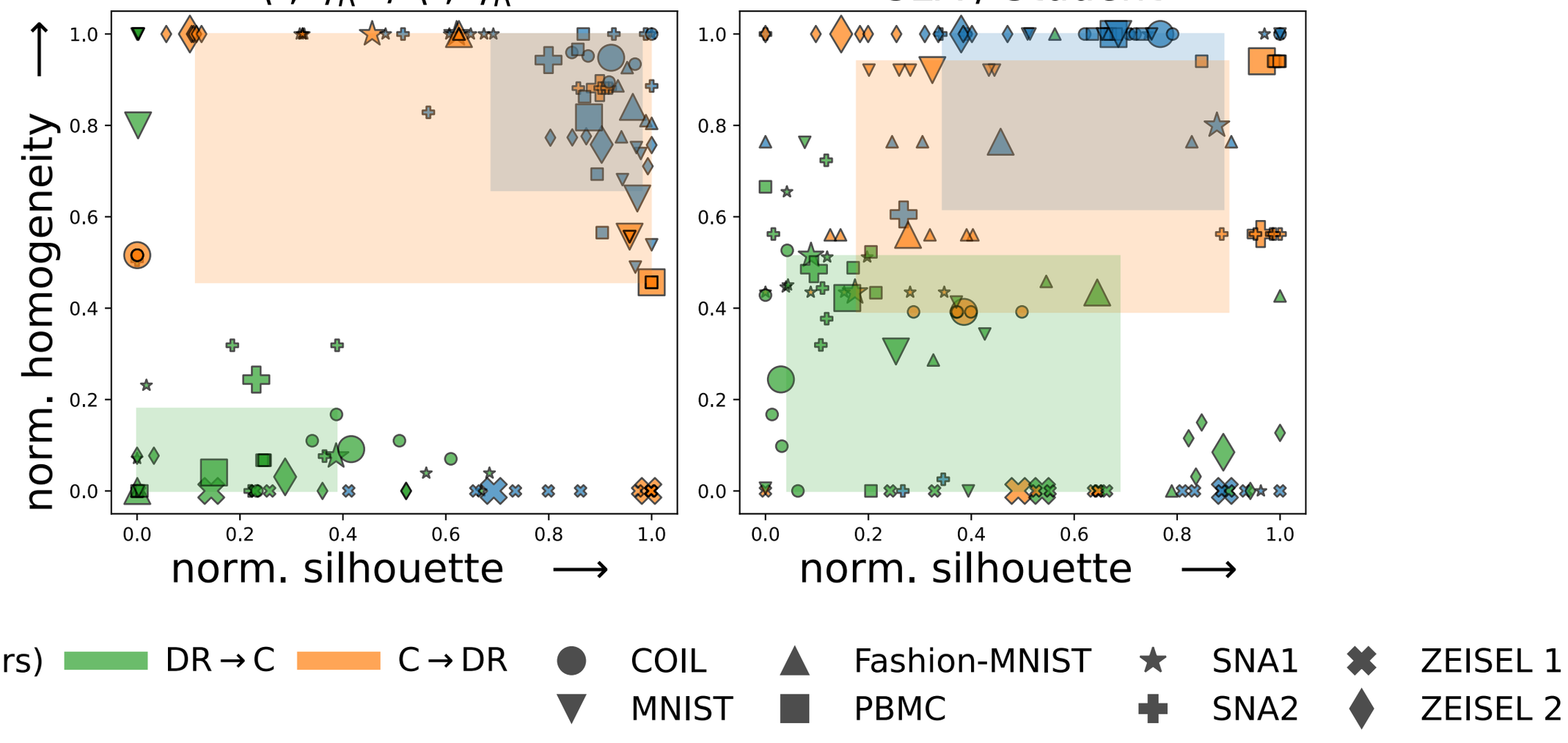
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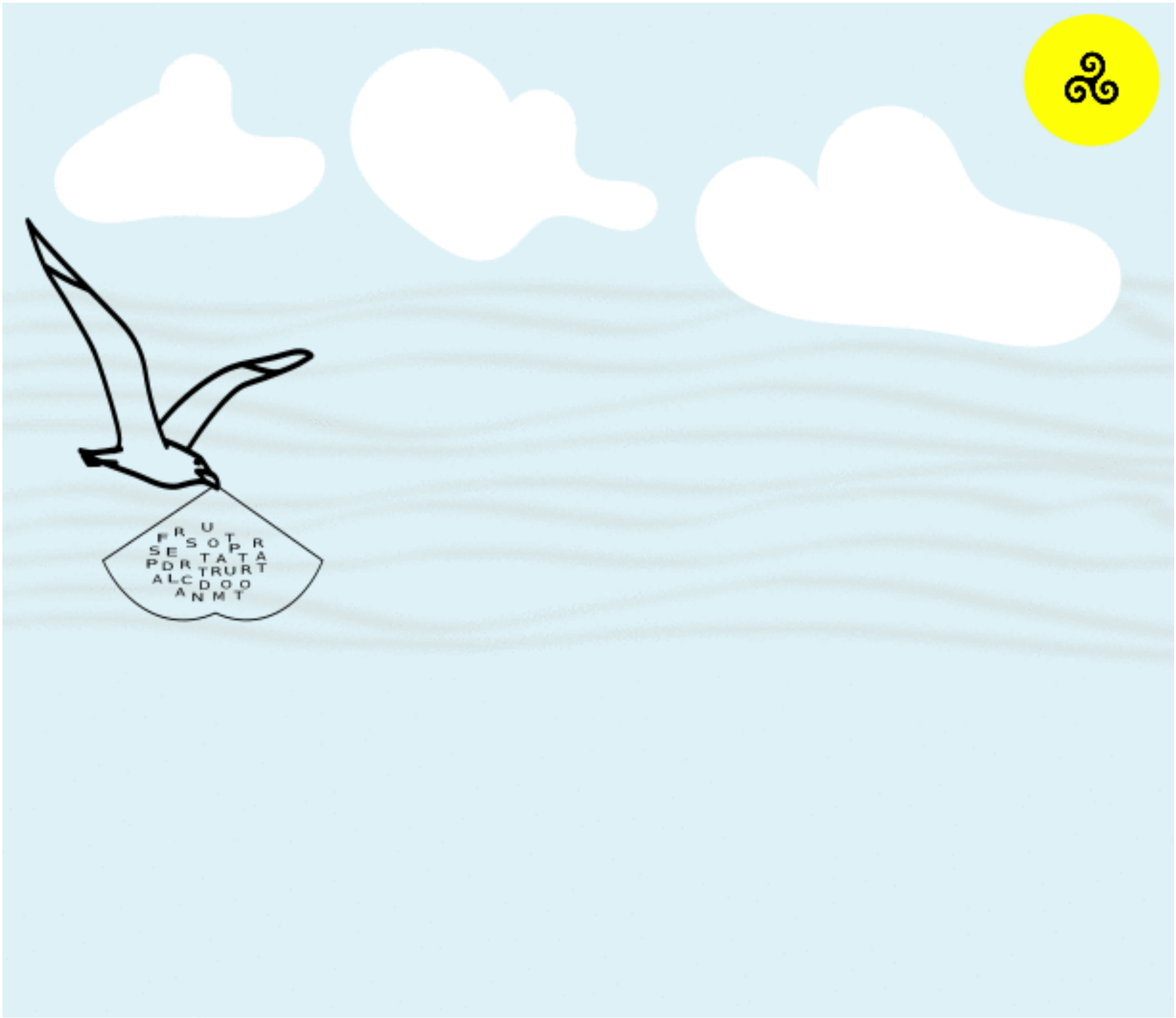
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