

New Foundations for Topological Data Analysis

– The Power of Cohomotopy –

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Abstract.

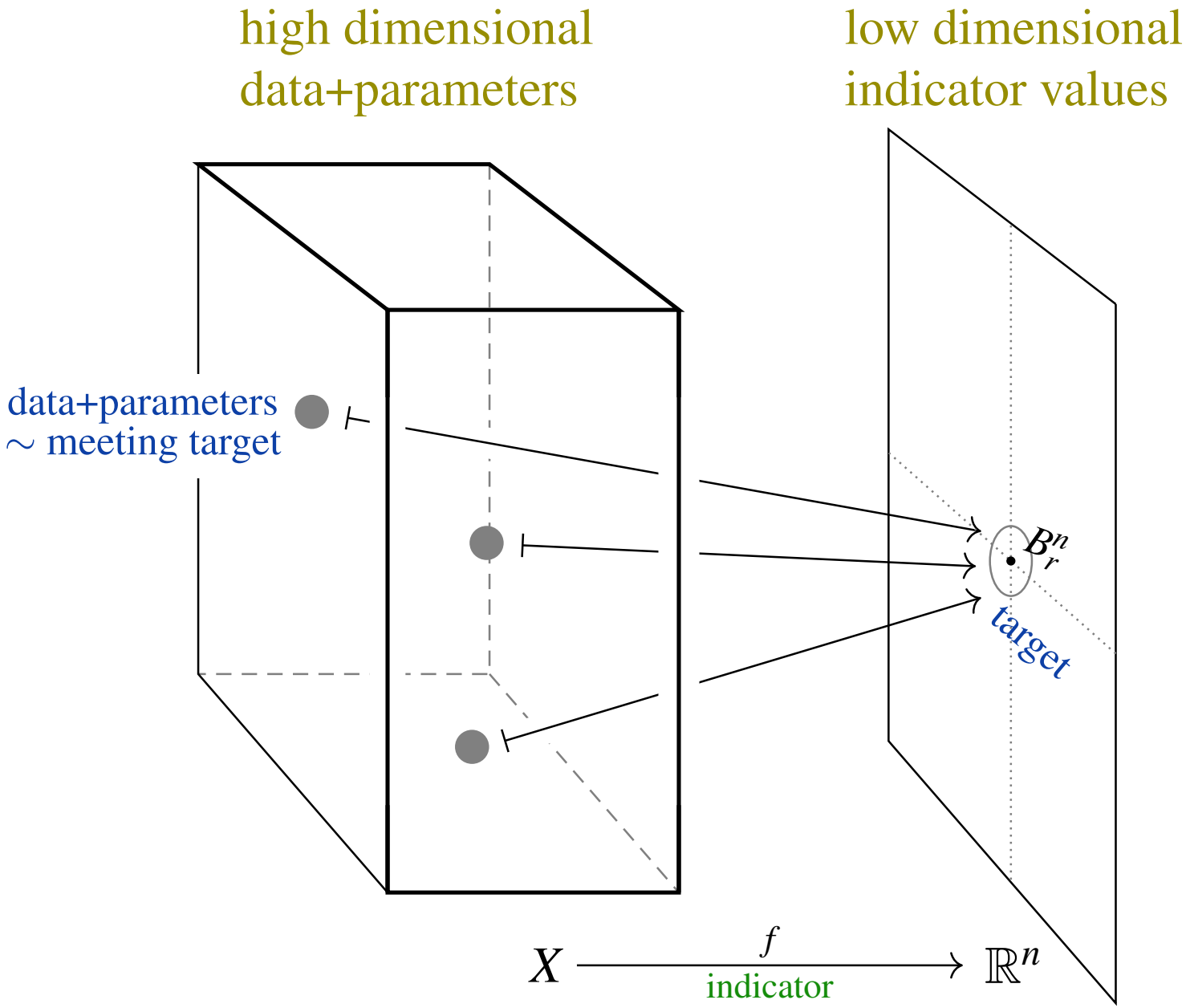
The aim of *topological data analysis* (TDA) is to provide qualitative analysis of large data/parameter sets in a way which is robust against uncertainties and noise. This is accomplished using tools and theorems from the mathematical field of *algebraic topology*. While a tool called *persistent homology* has become the signature method of TDA, it tends to produce answers that are either hard to interpret or impossible to compute.

Both problems are solved by a variant method [FK17] which we may call *persistent cohomotopy*: A first result shows [FKW18] that this new method provides computable answers to the concrete question of detecting whether there exist data+parameters that meet a prescribed target indicator precisely, even in the presence of uncertainty and noise.

More generally, efficient data analysis will require further refining persistent cohomotopy to *twisted equivariant cohomotopy* [SS-Orb, §5]. Curiously, this has profound relations (Hypothesis H) to formal high energy physics and quantum materials, connecting to which might serve to further enhance the power of topological data analysis.

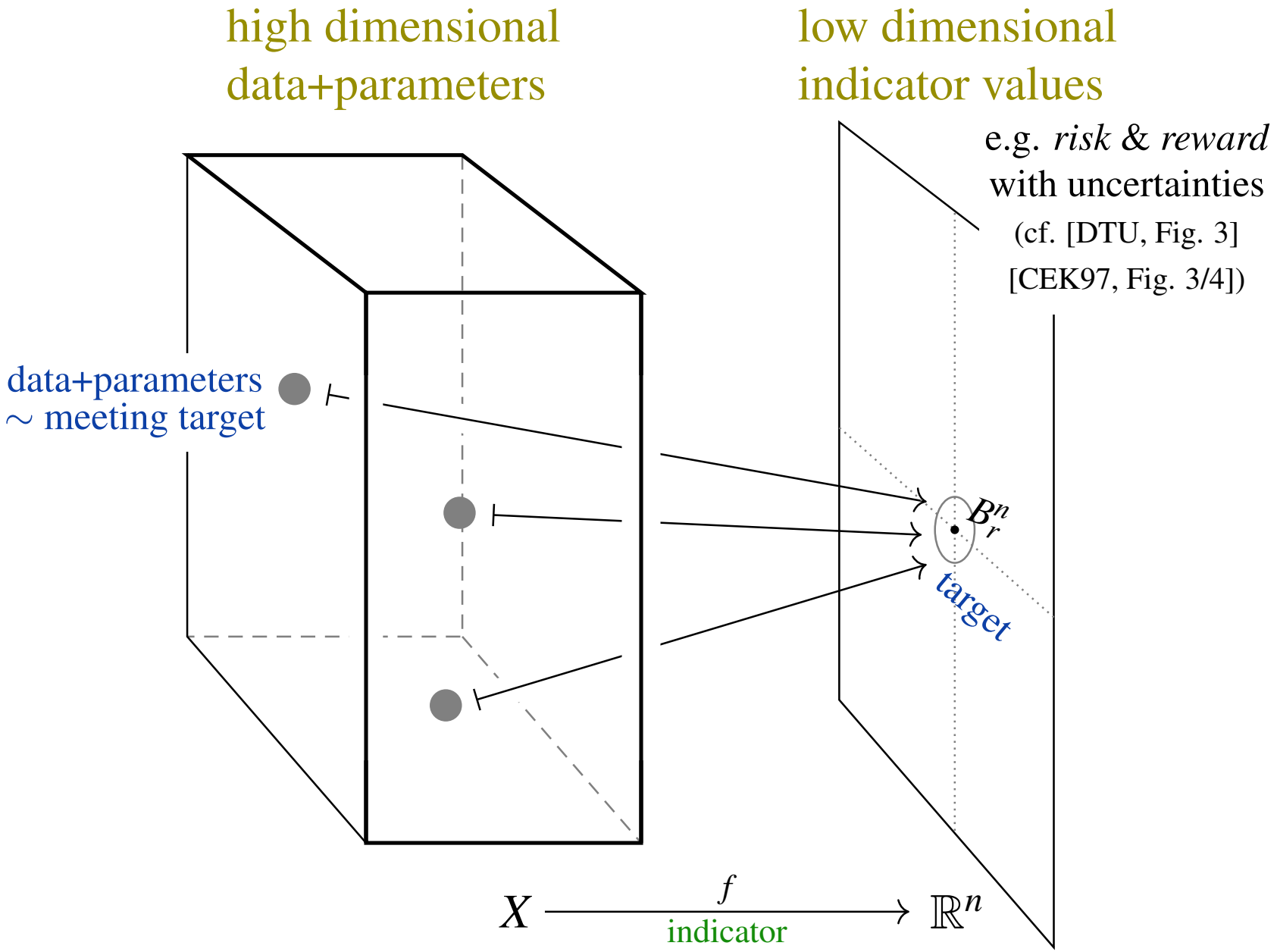
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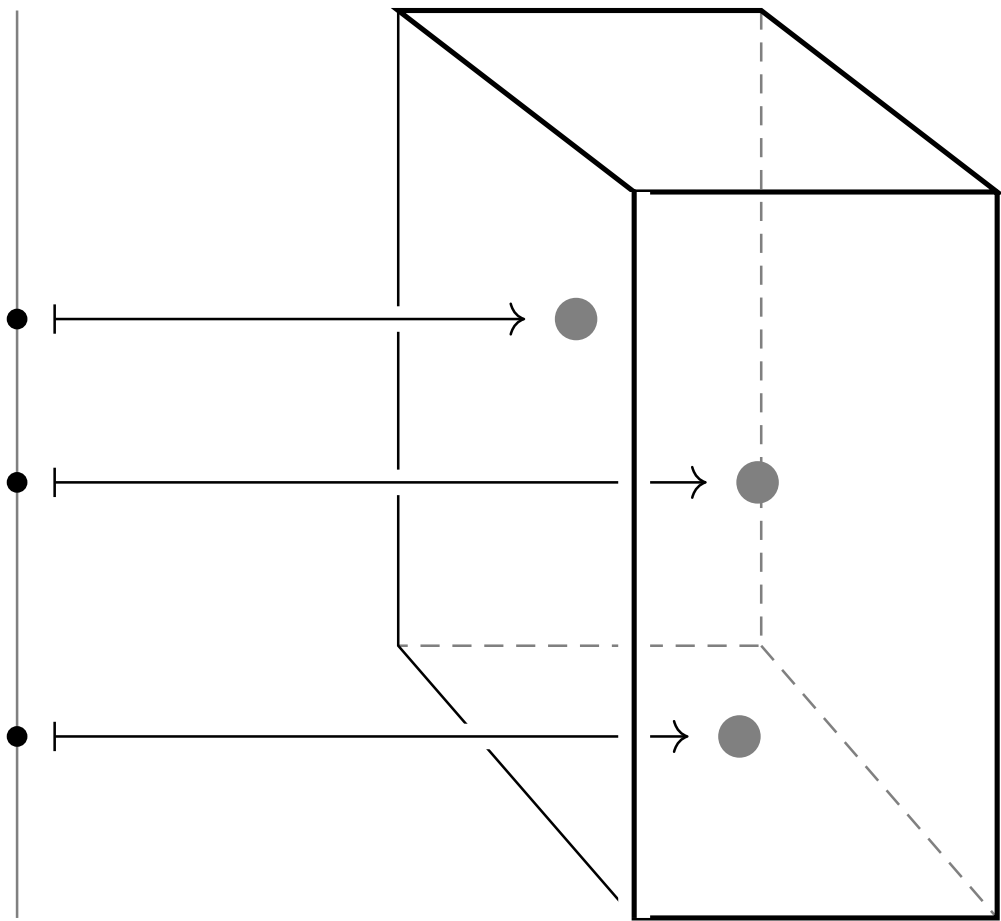
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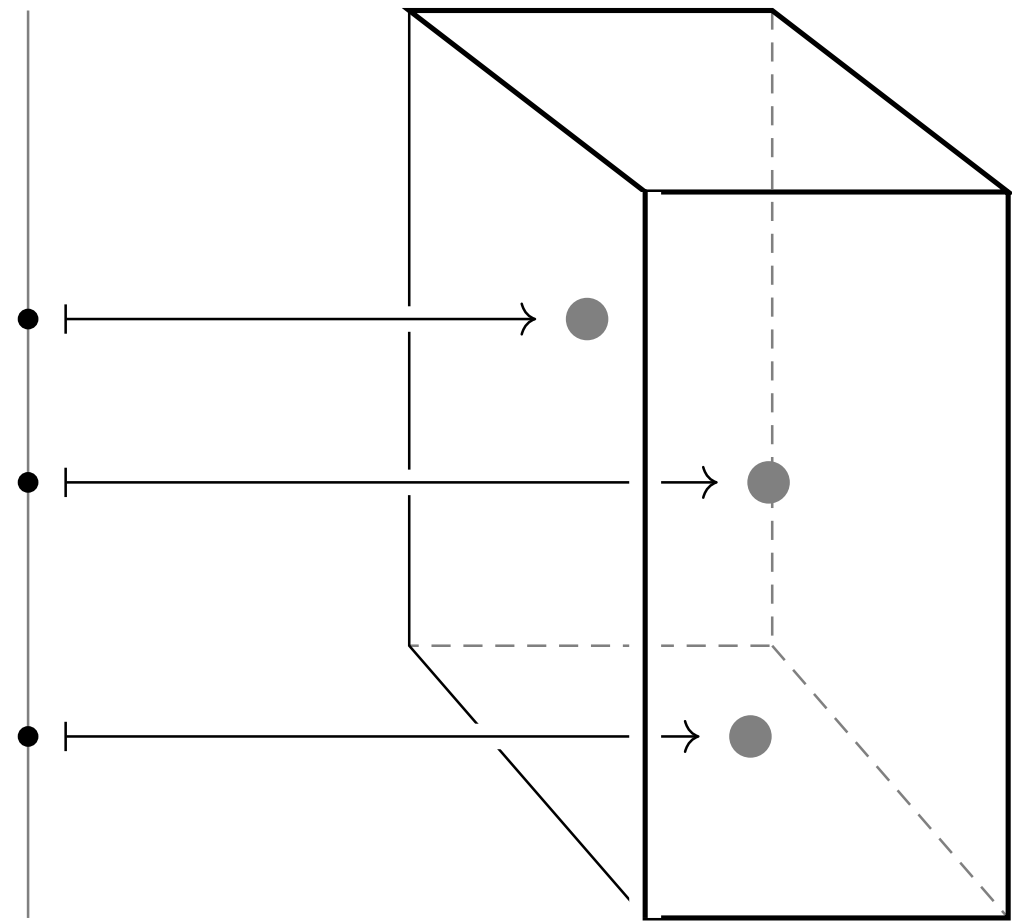
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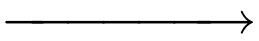
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traditional approach of **persistent homology:**

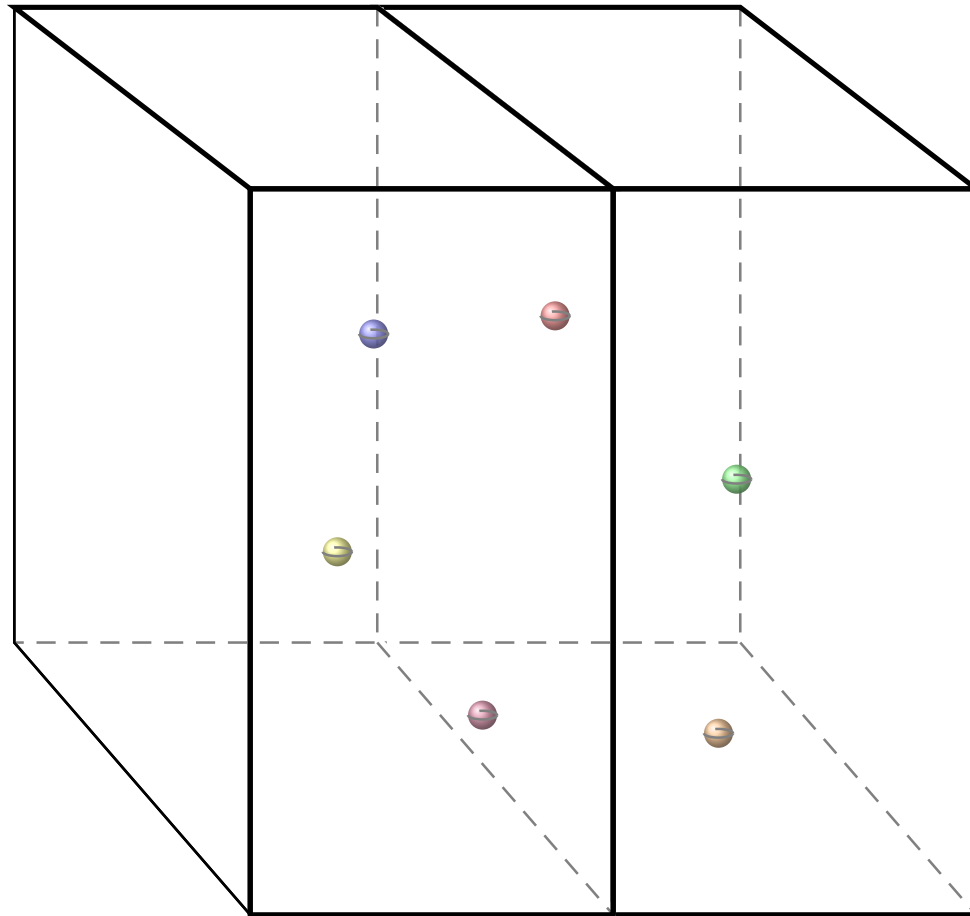
see how apparent *cycles* of fuzzy data points persist across resolutions



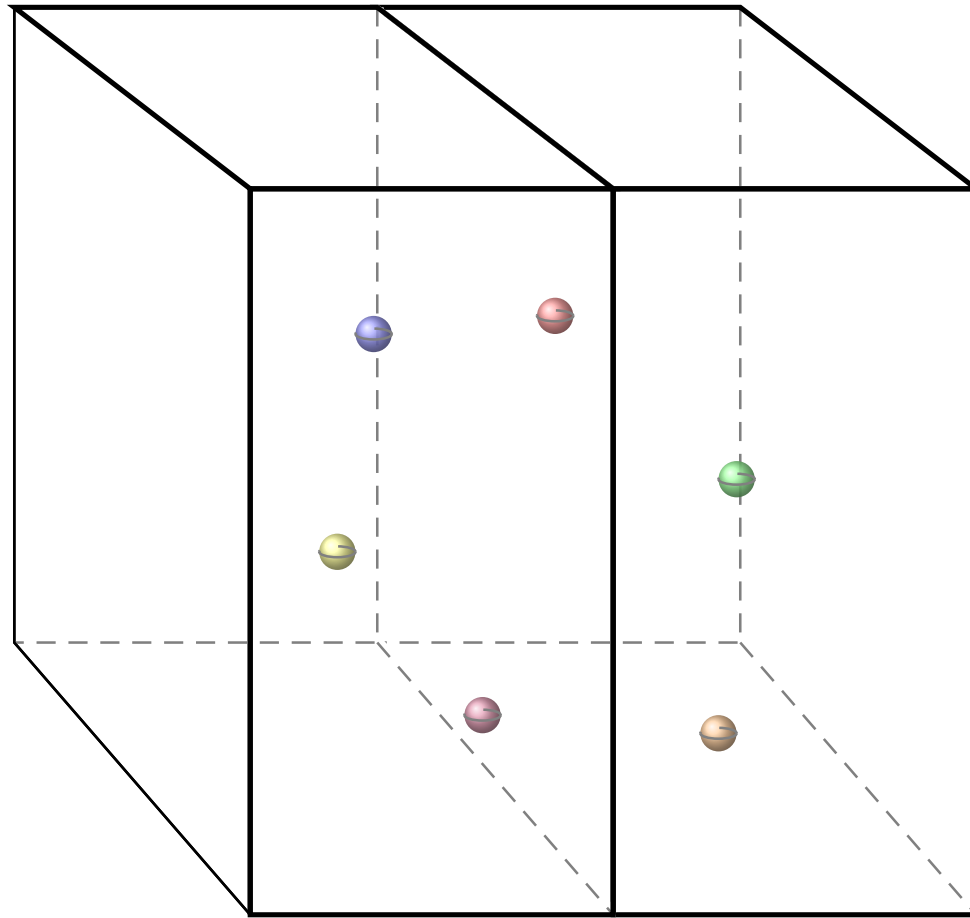
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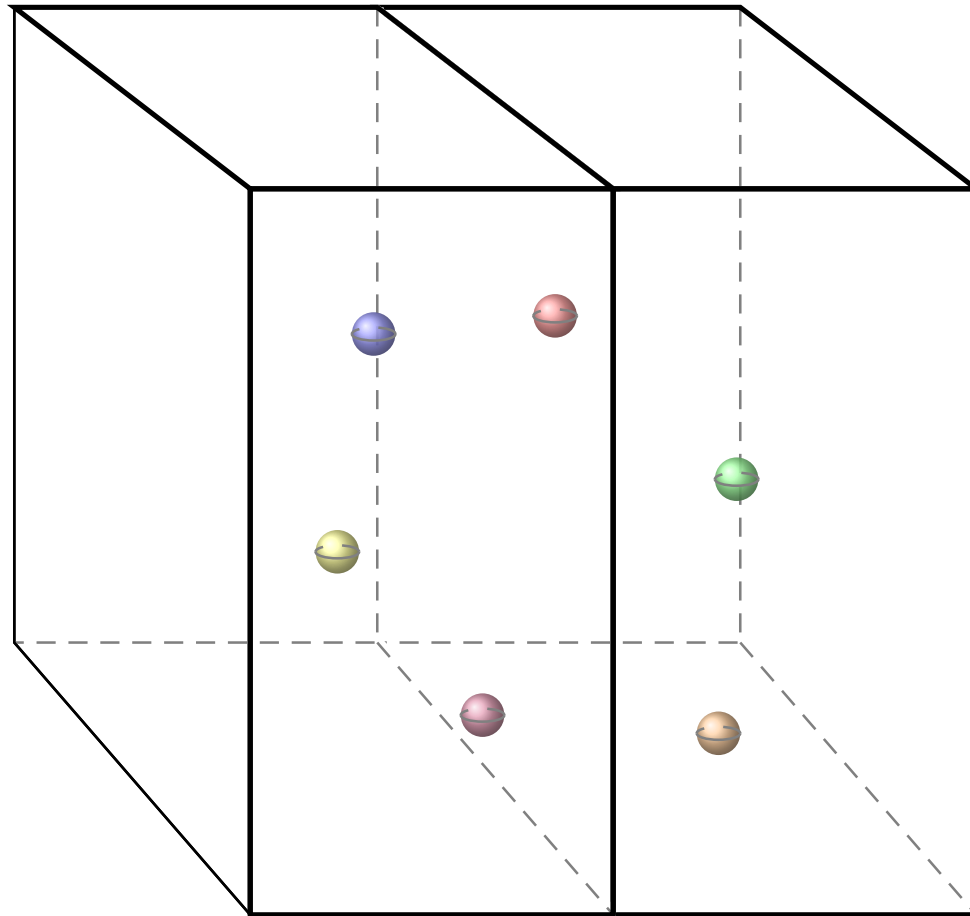
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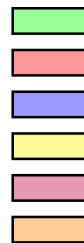
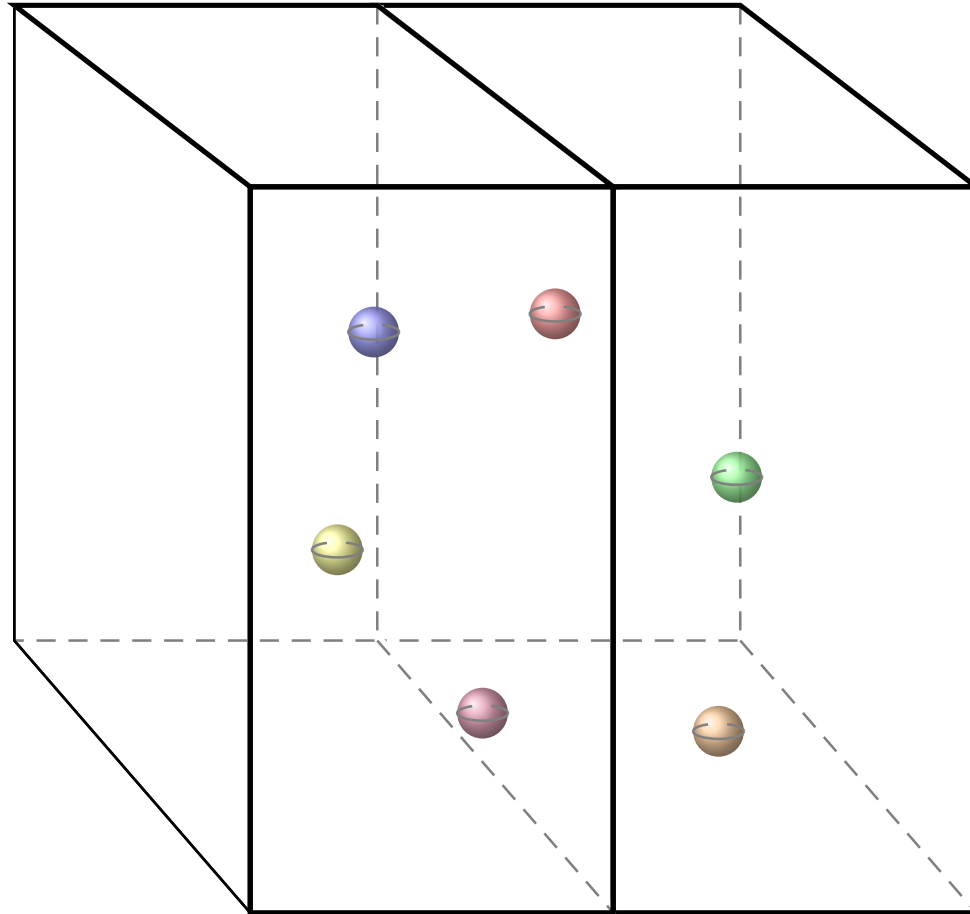
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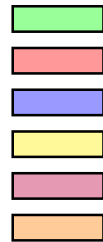
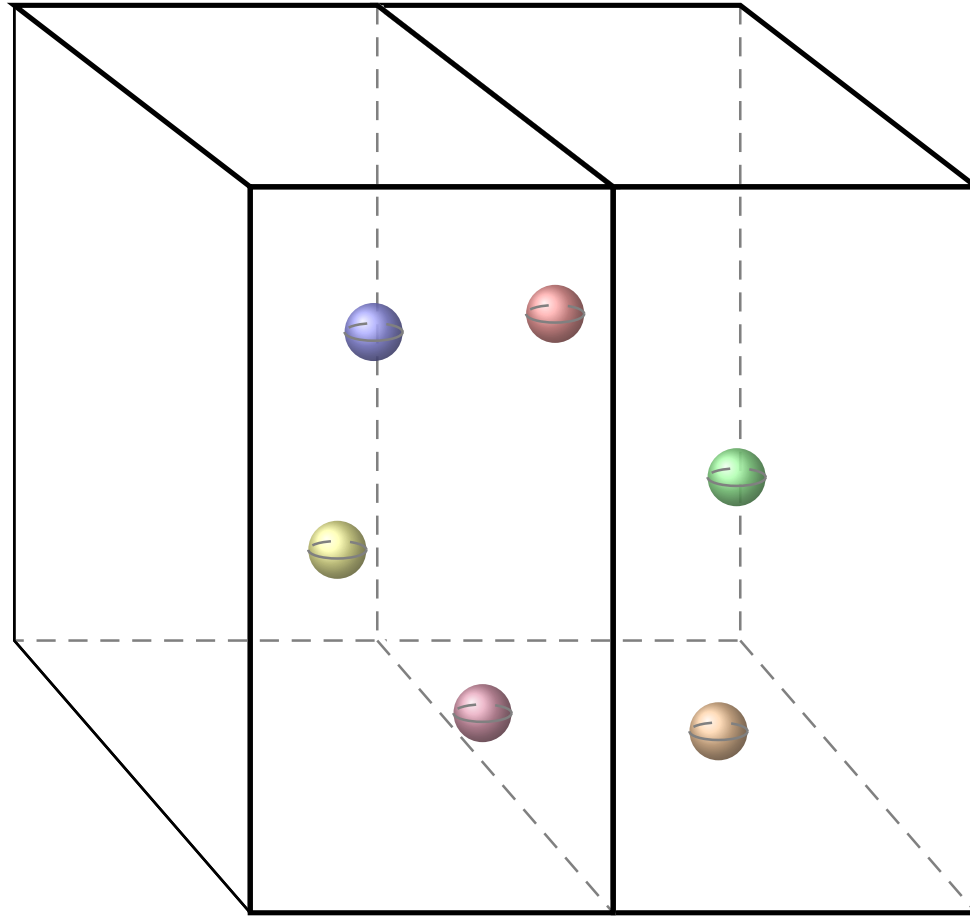
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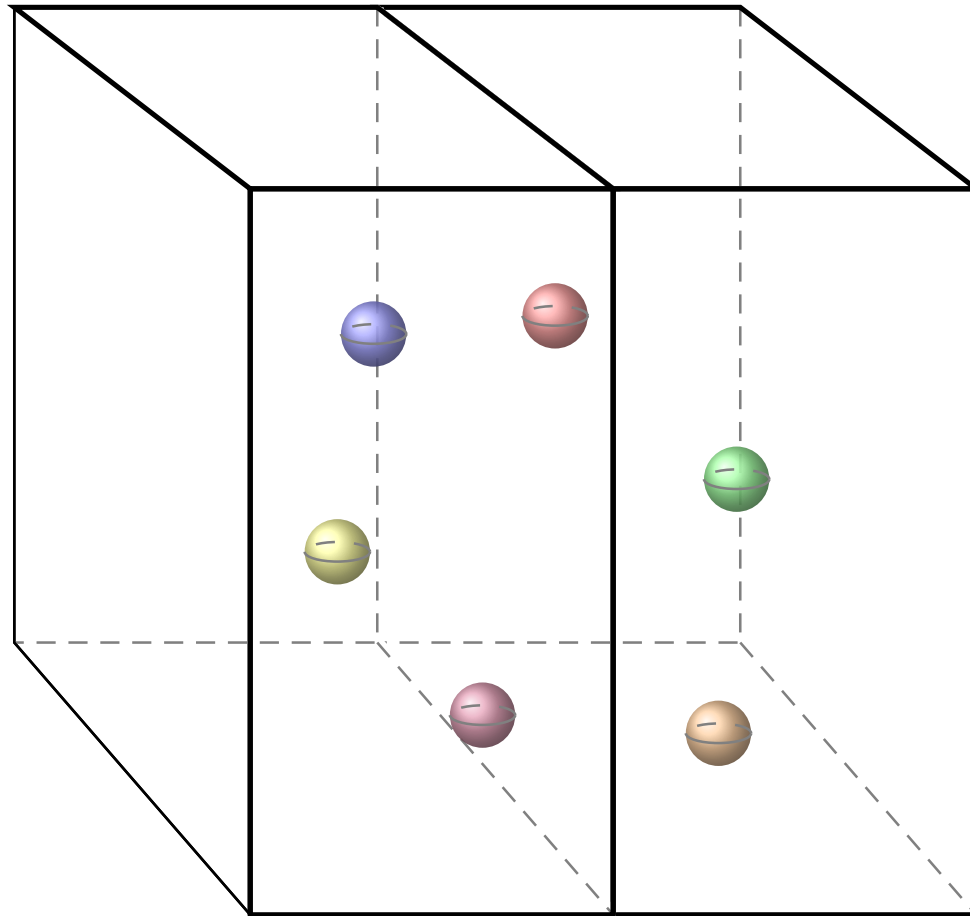
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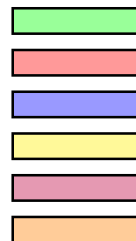
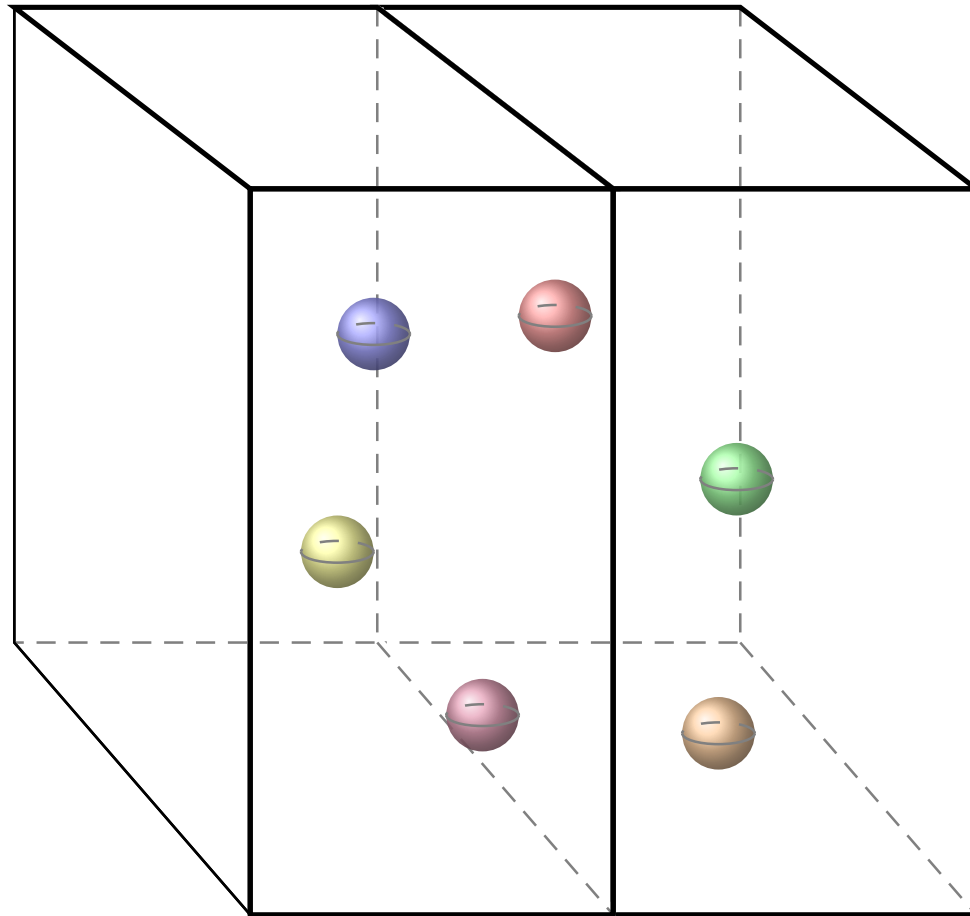
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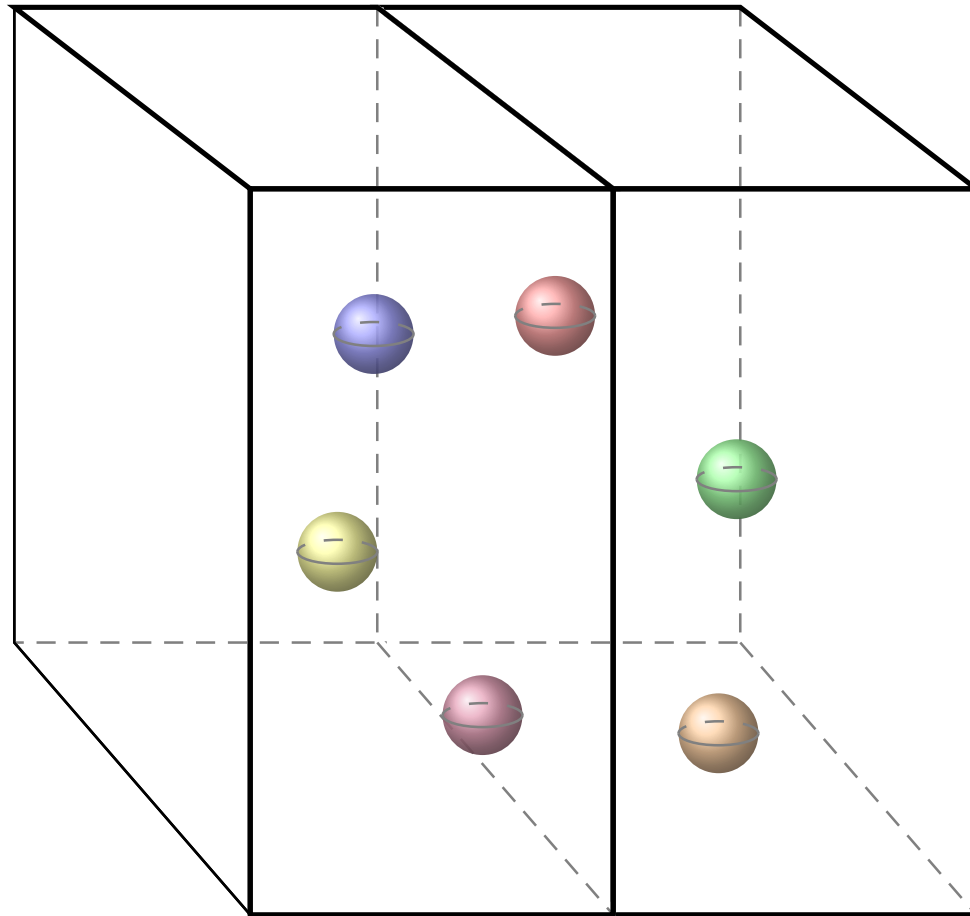
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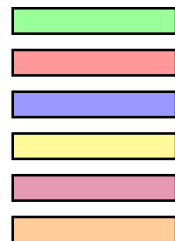
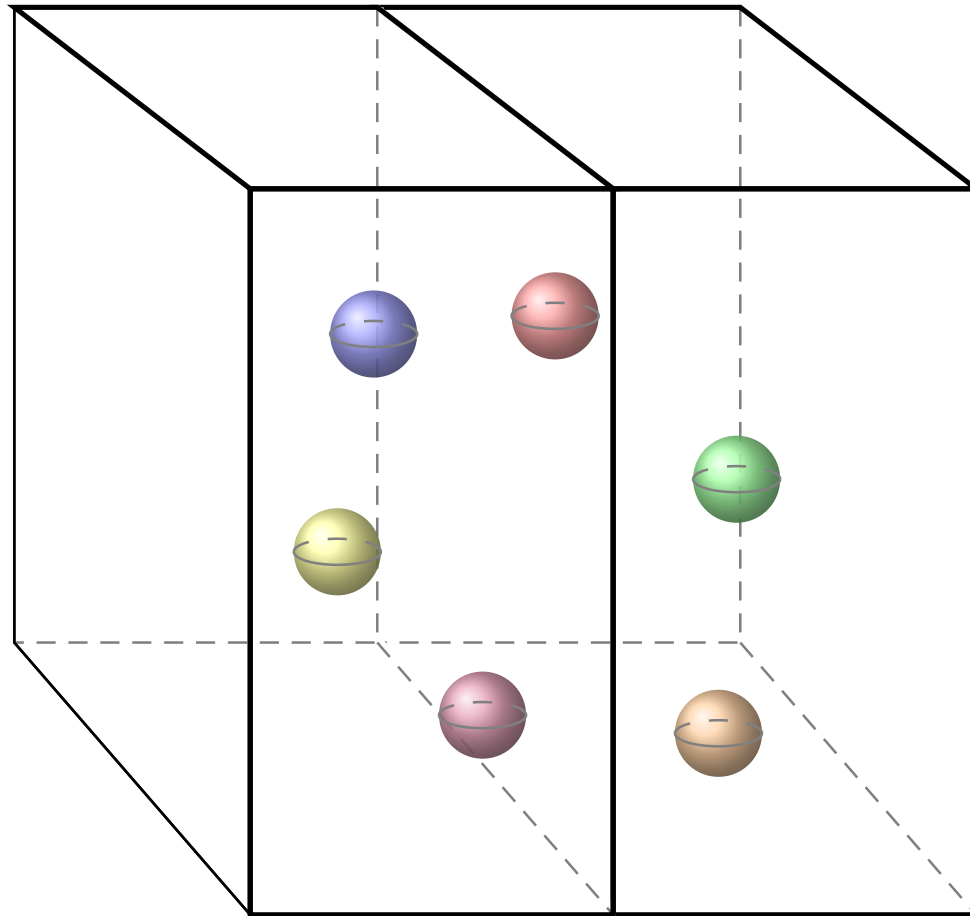
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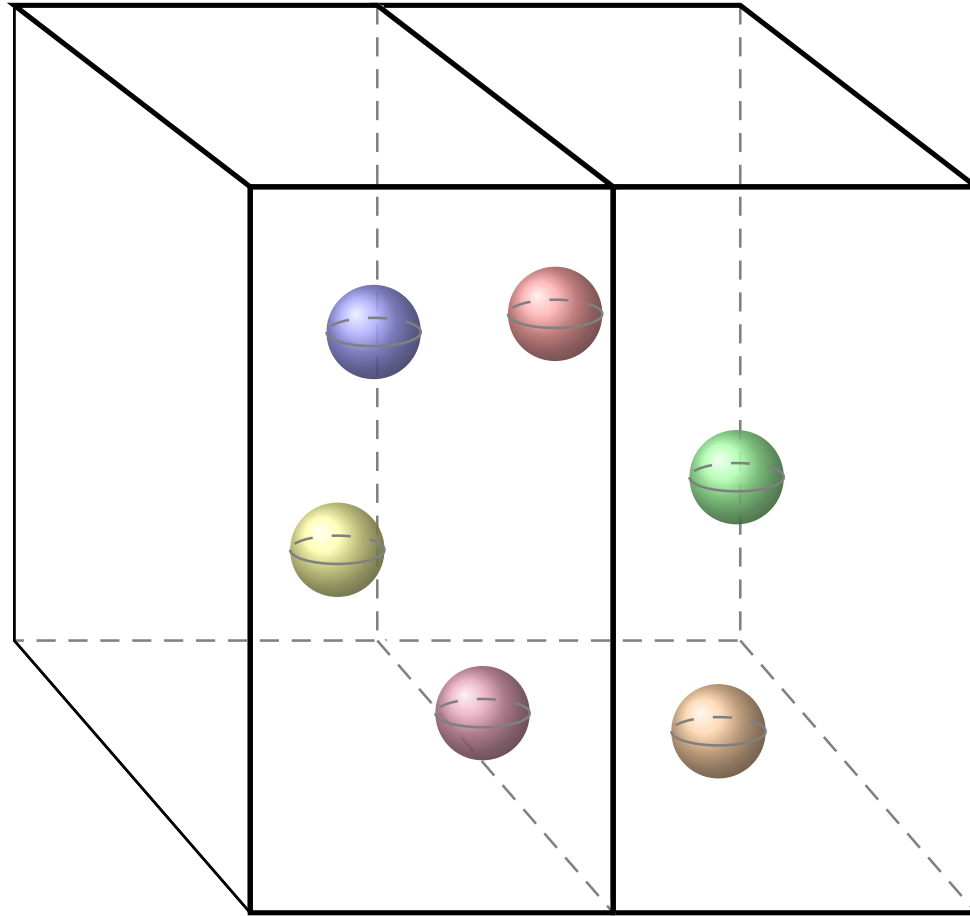
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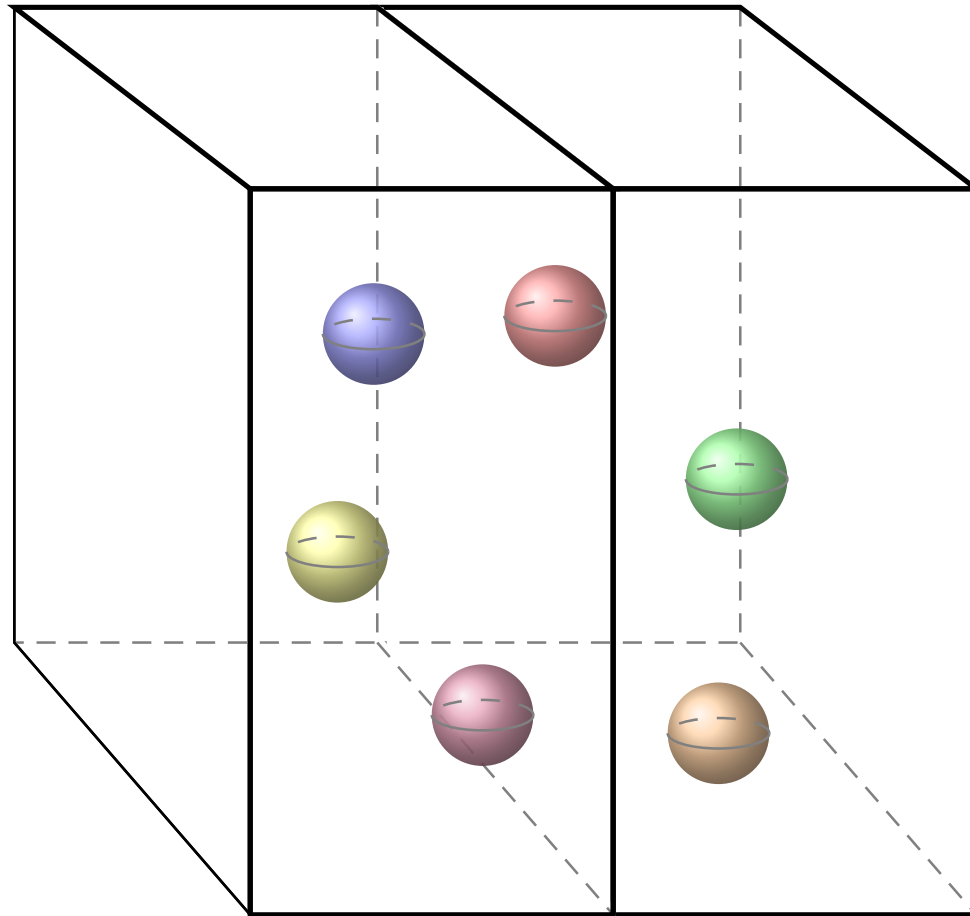
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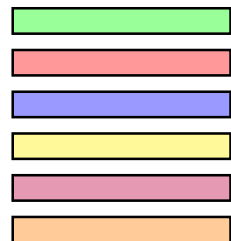
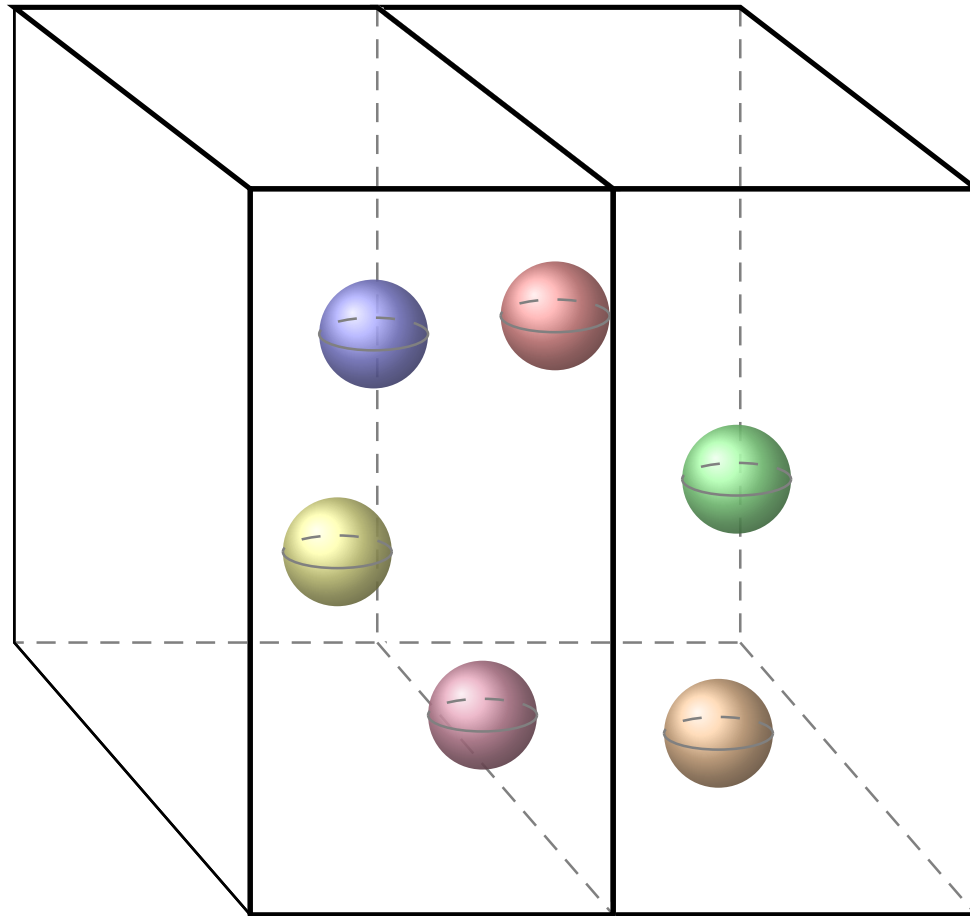
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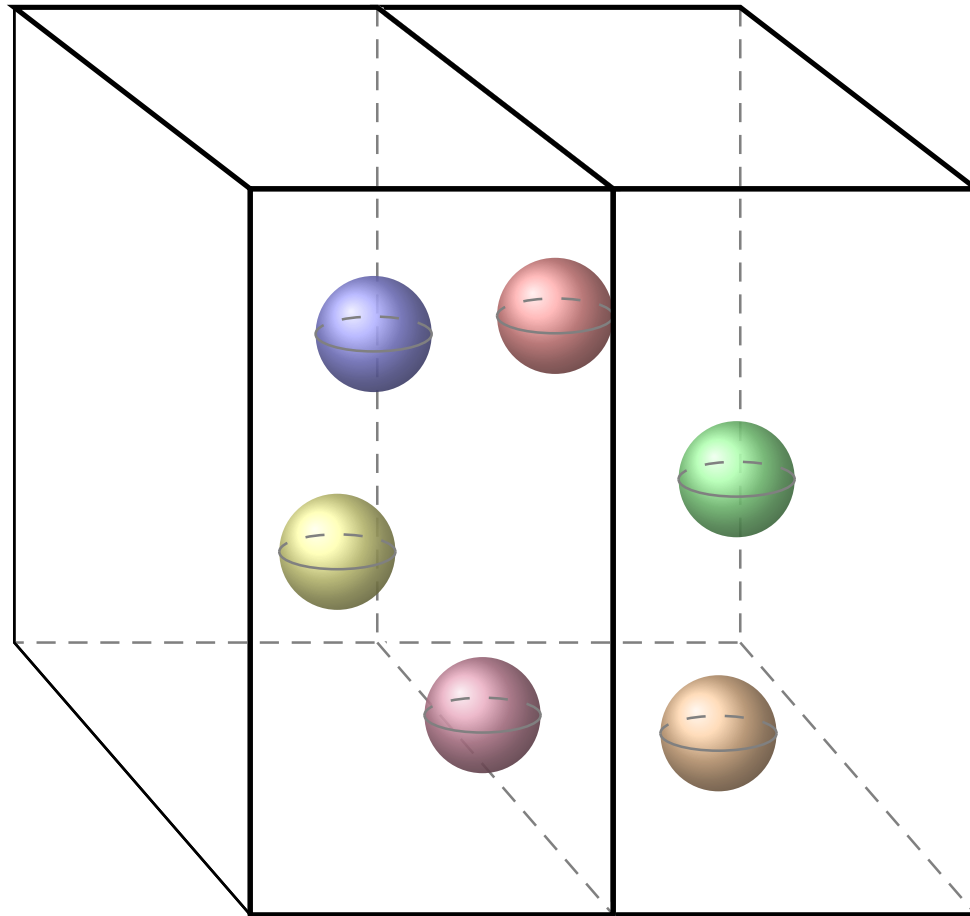
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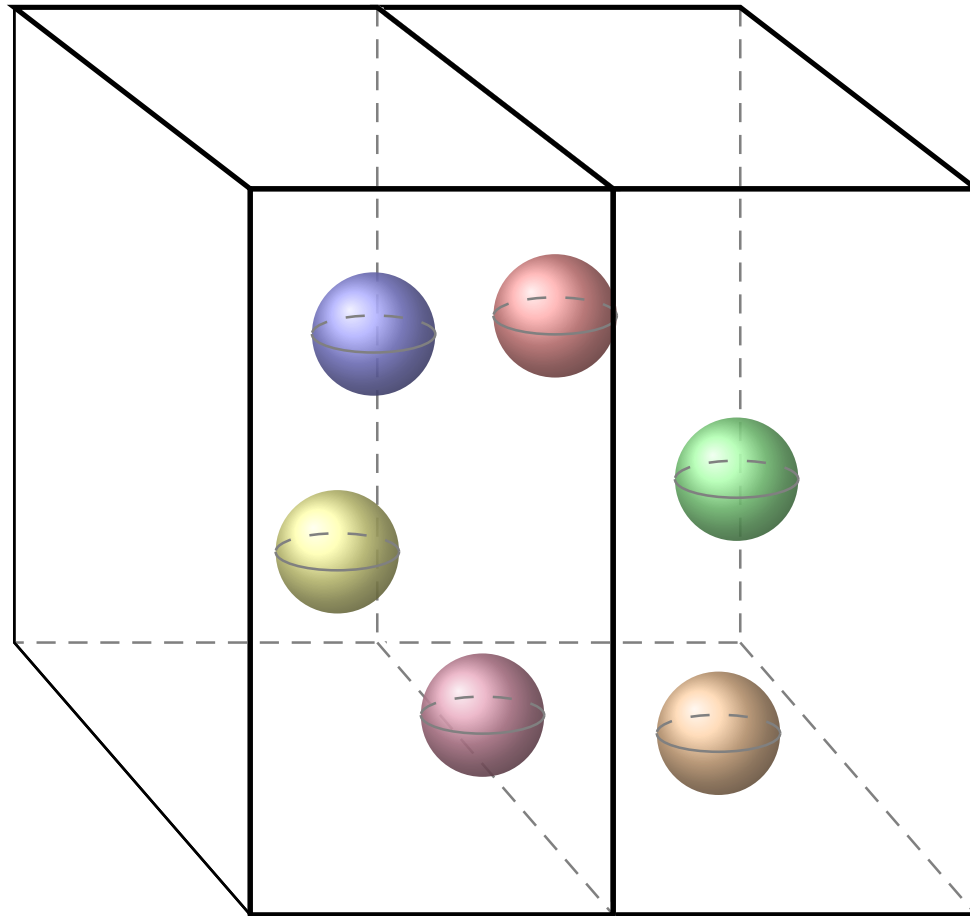
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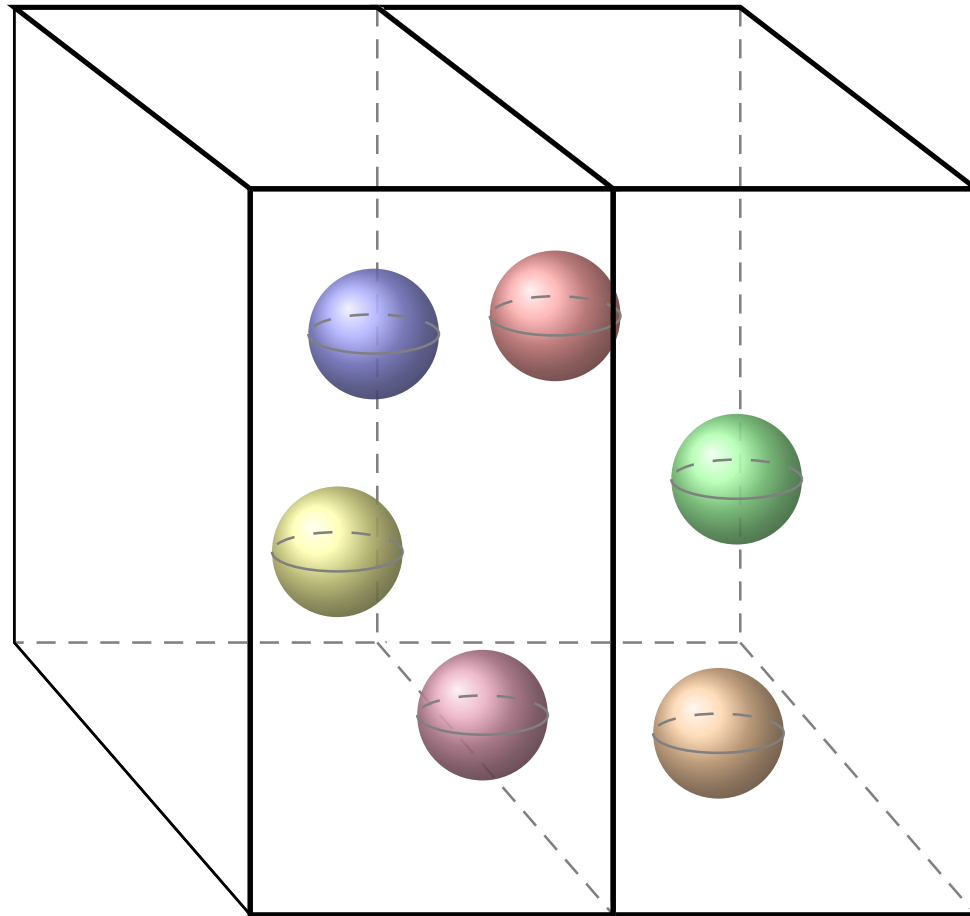
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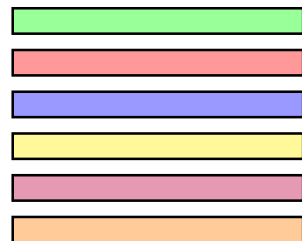
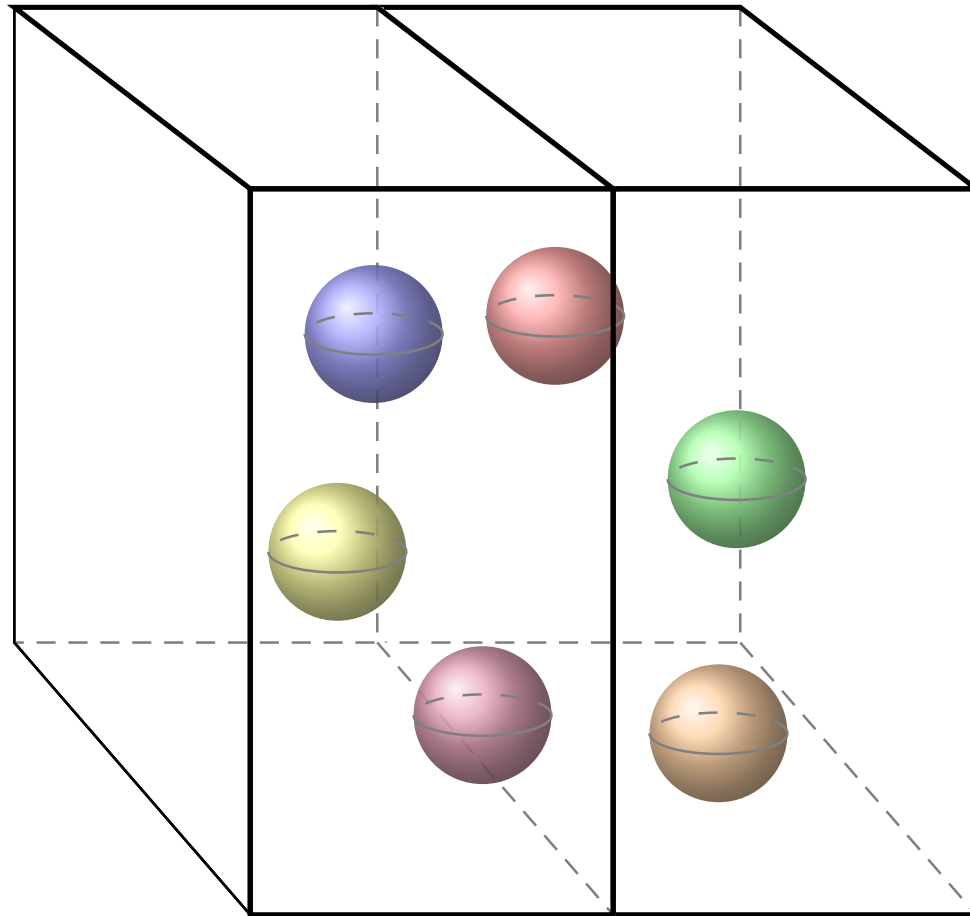
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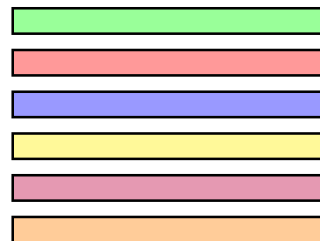
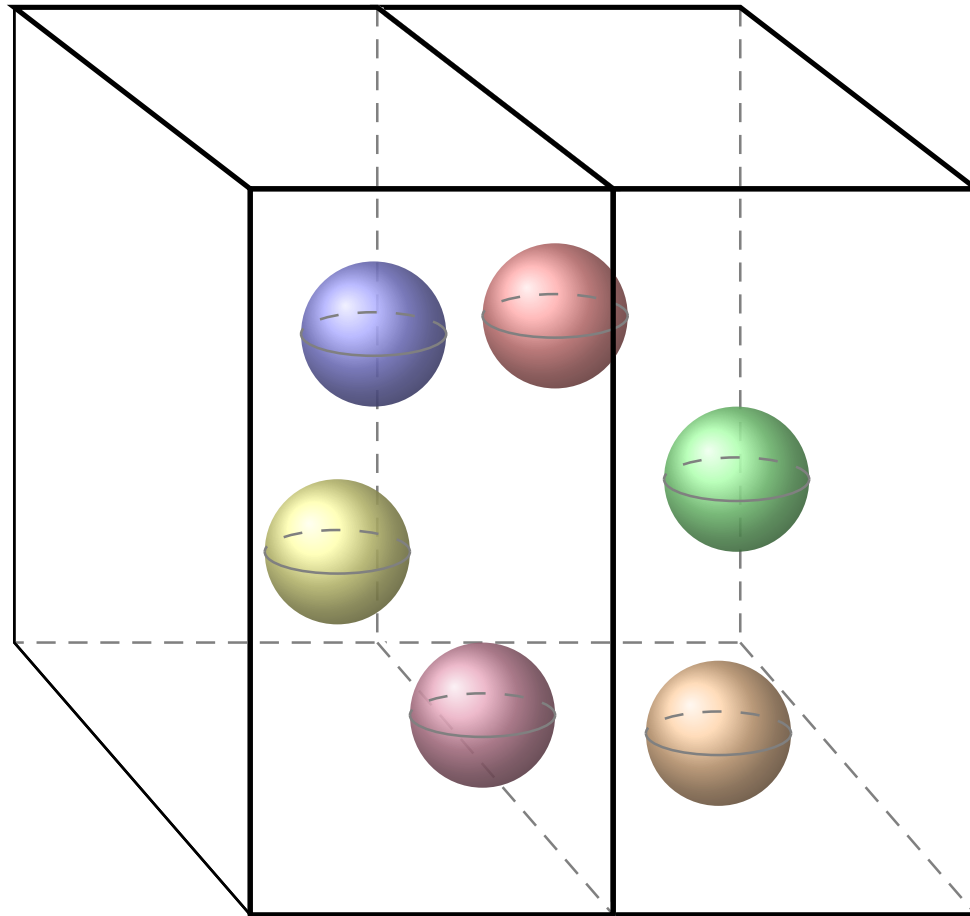
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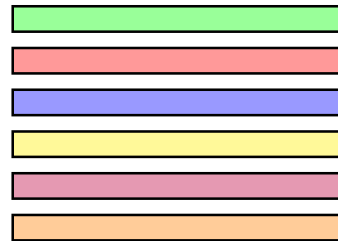
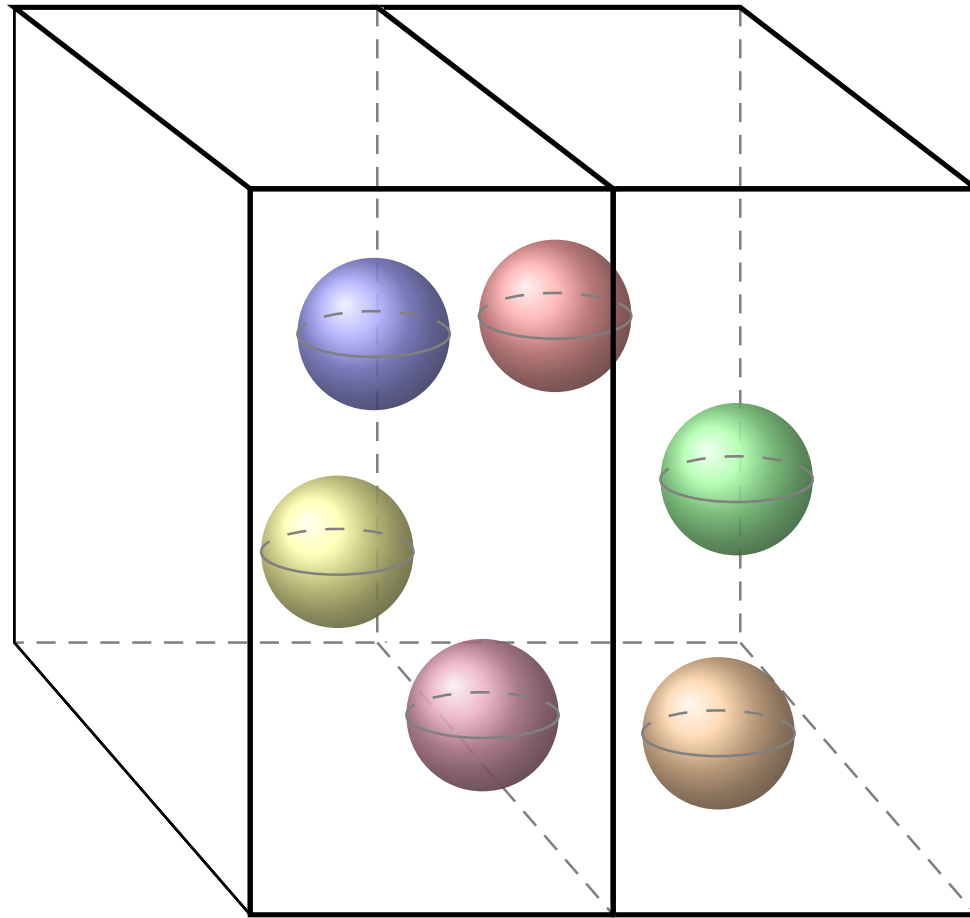
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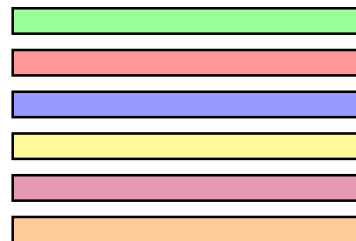
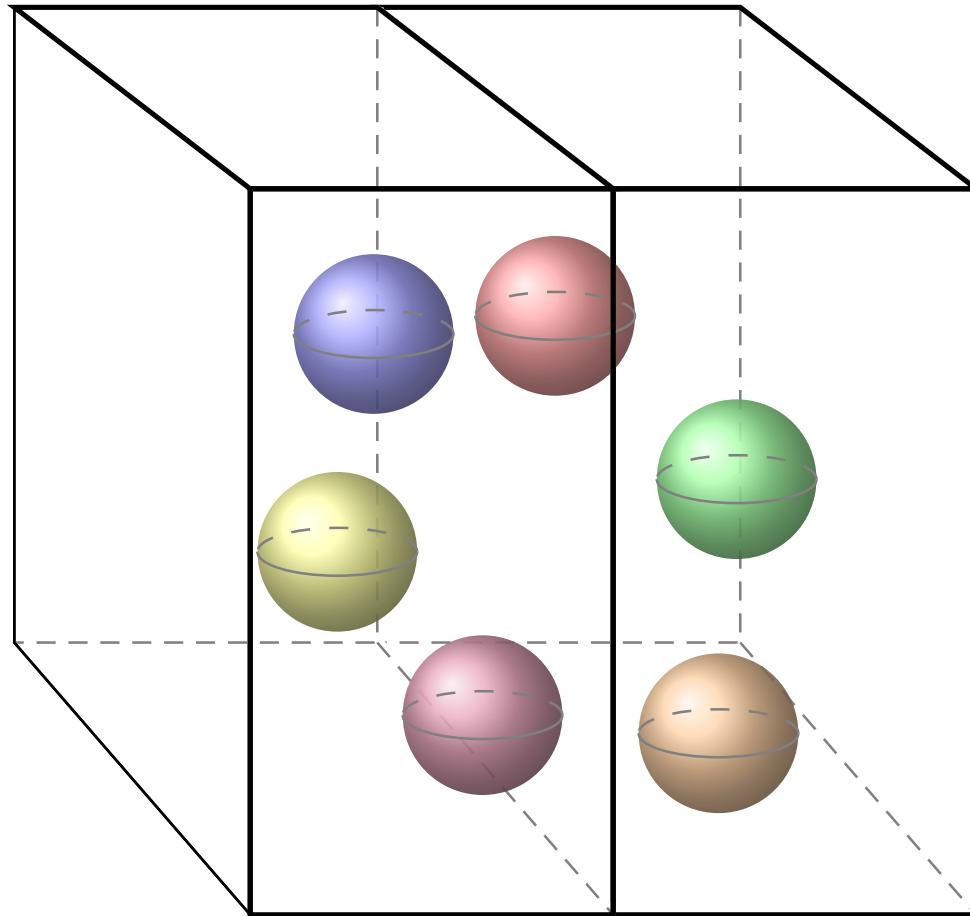
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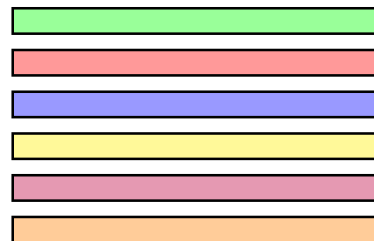
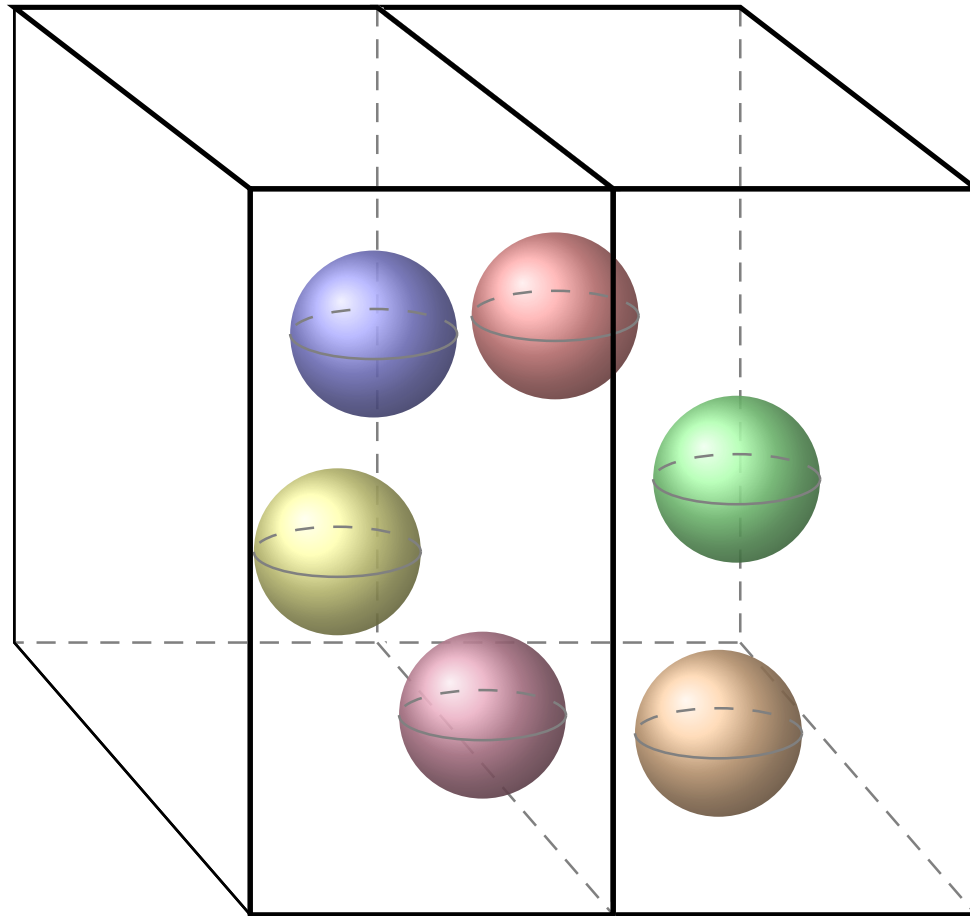
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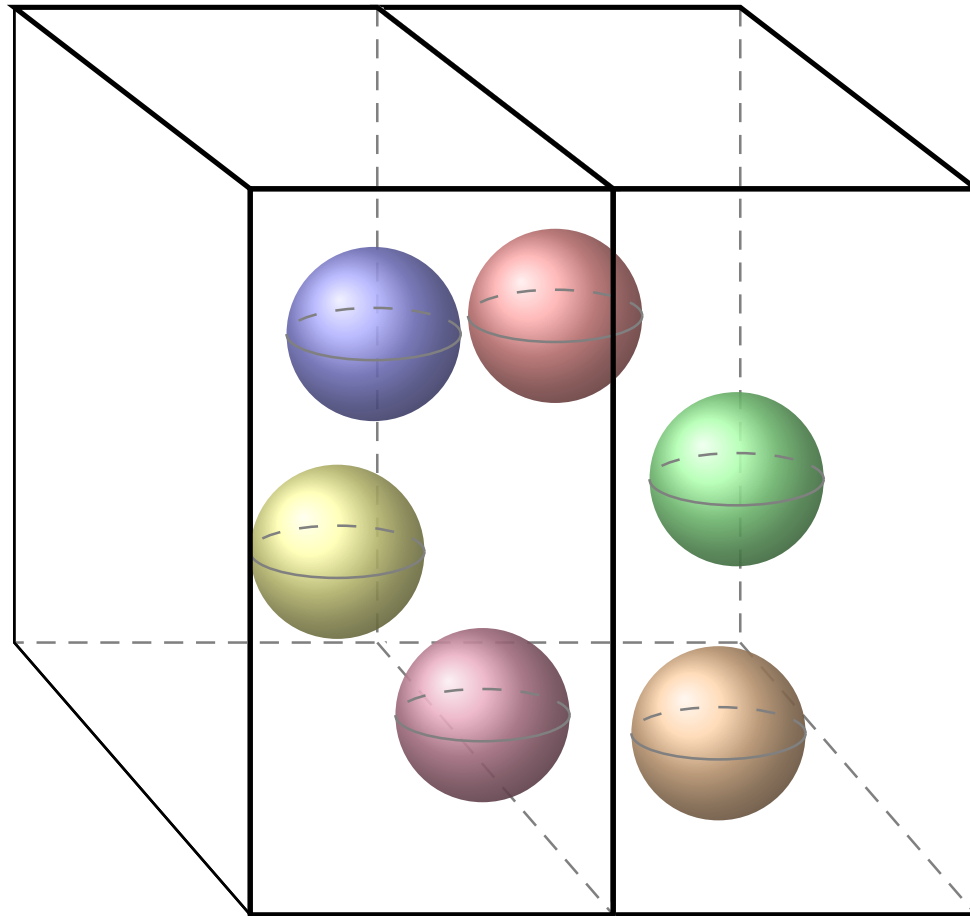
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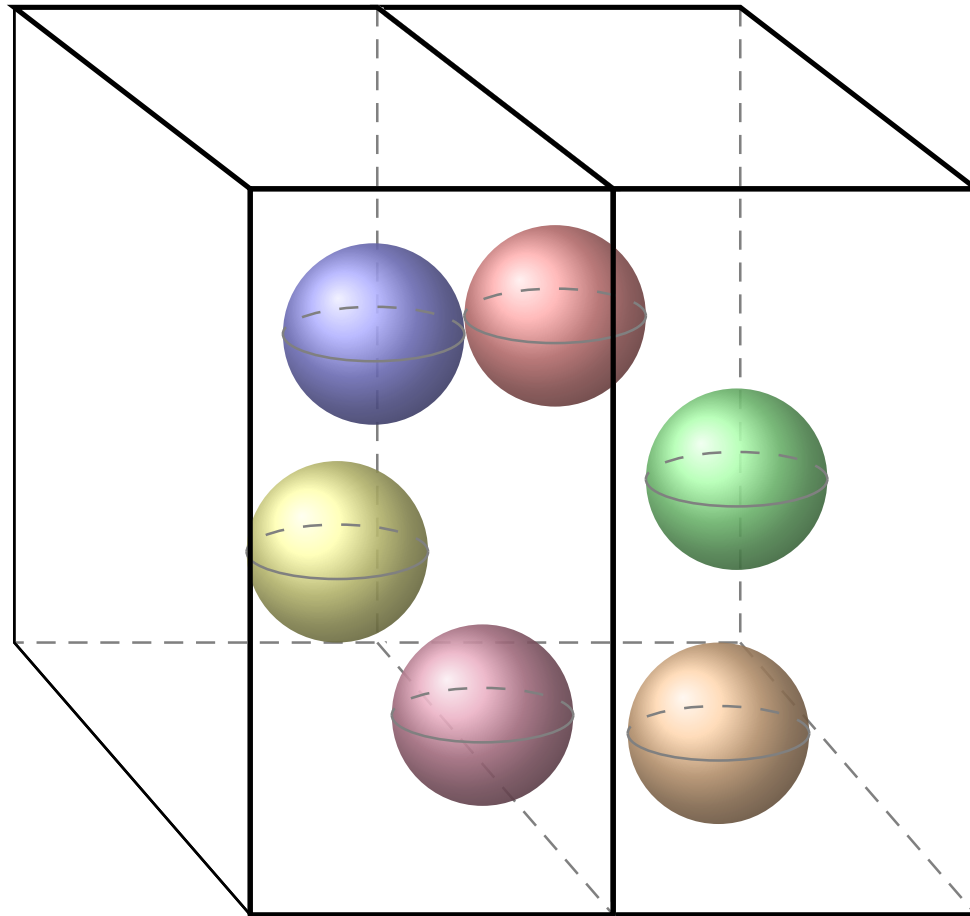
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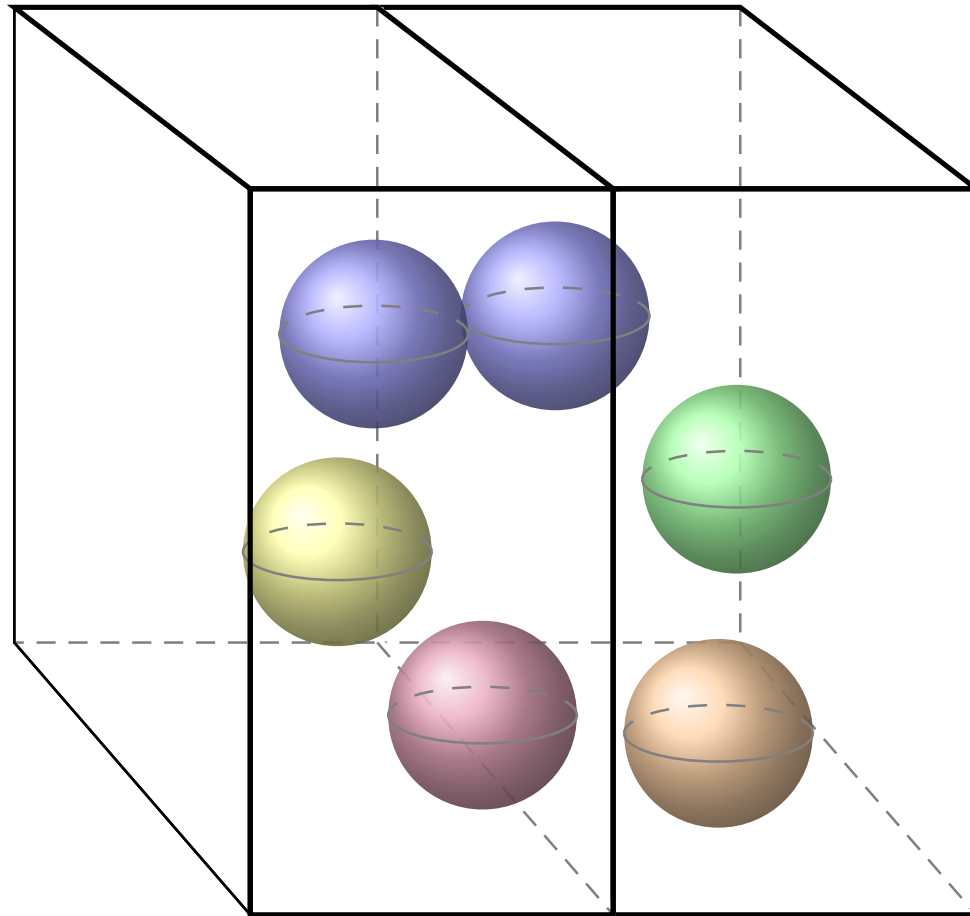
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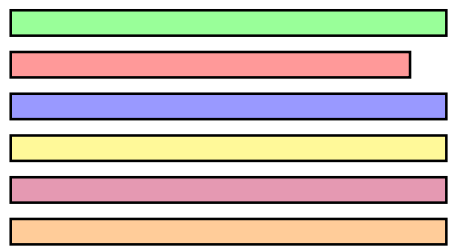
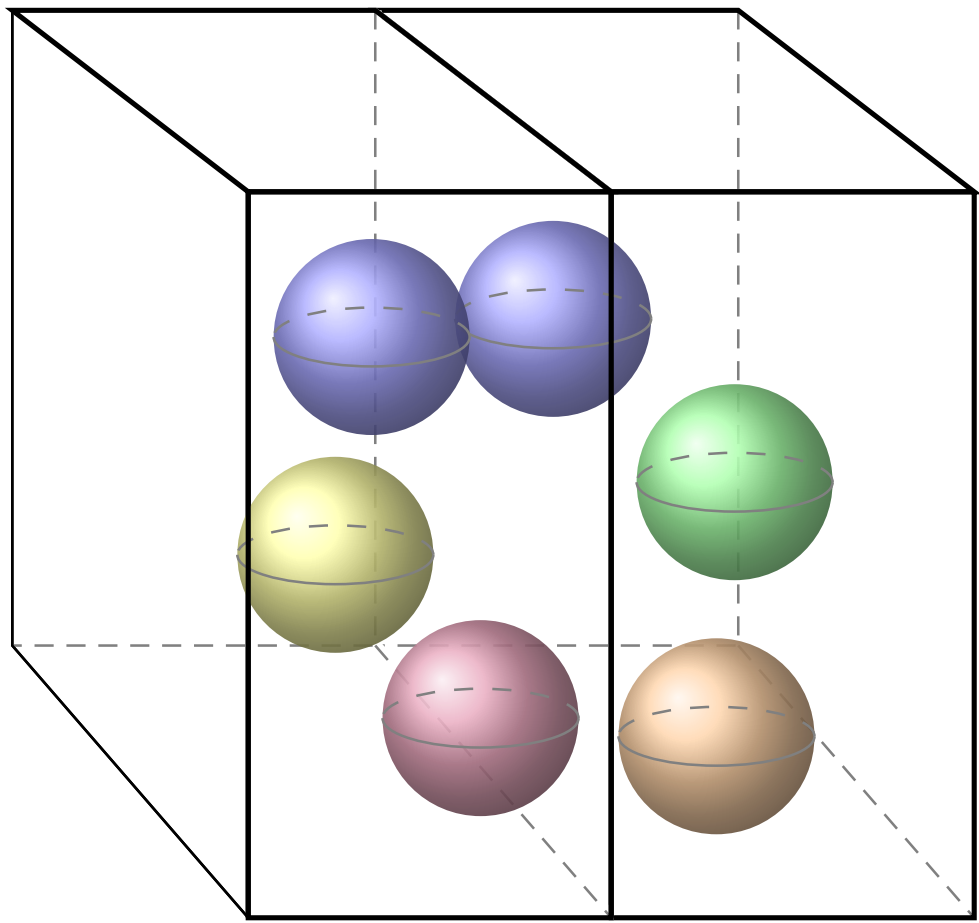
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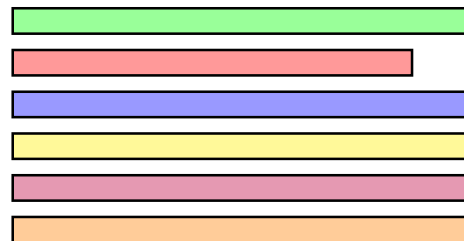
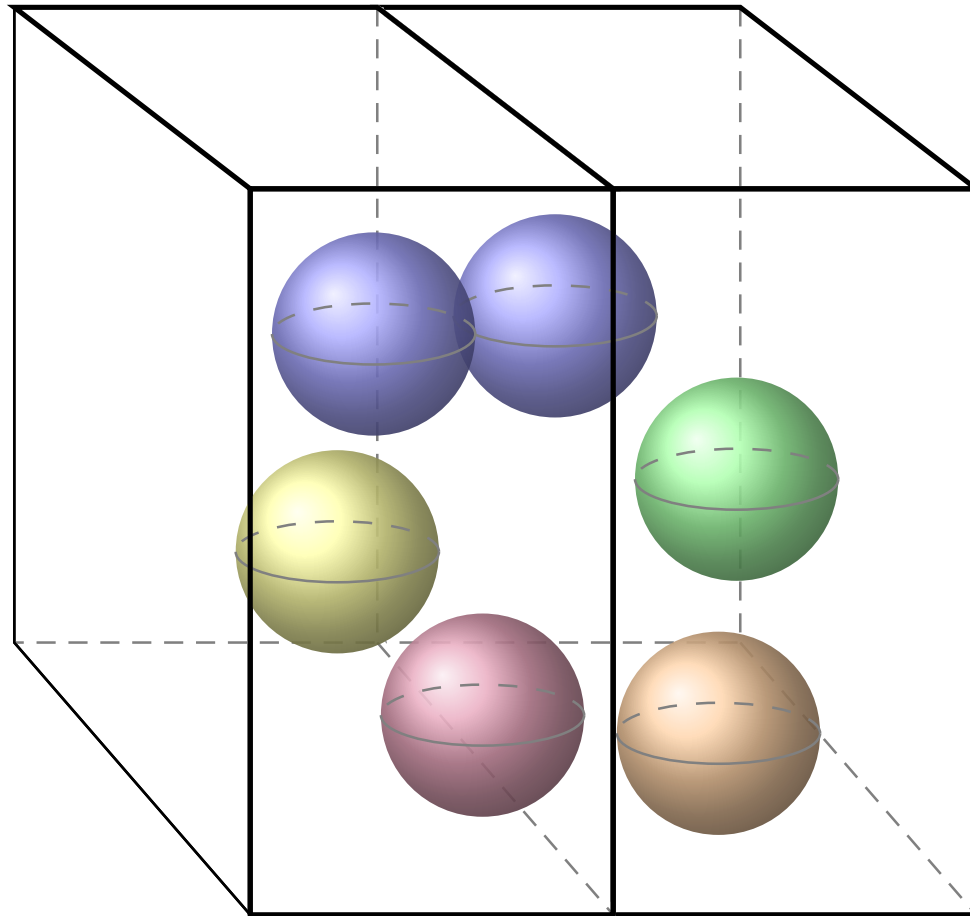
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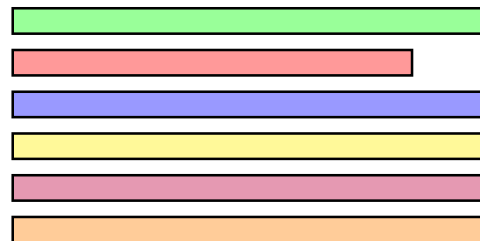
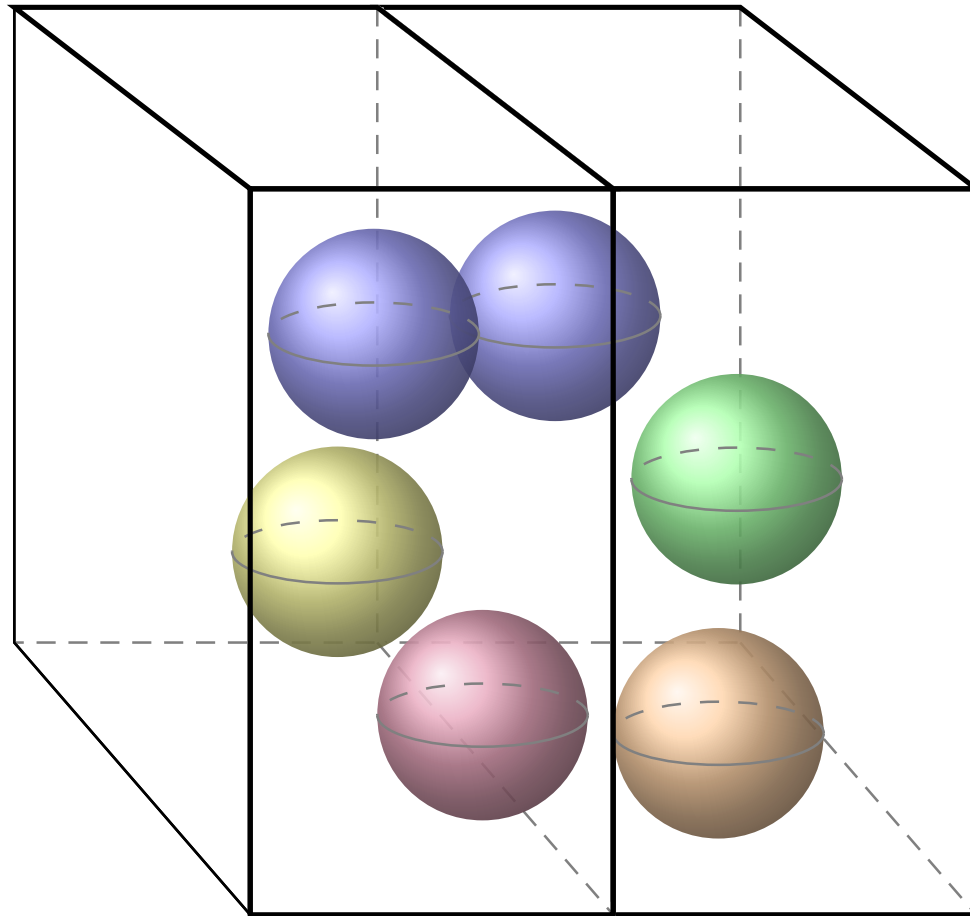
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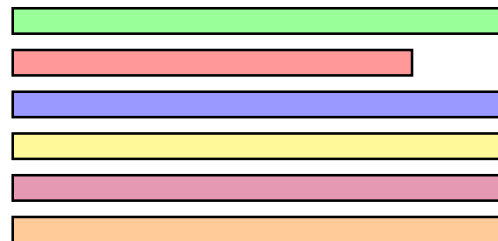
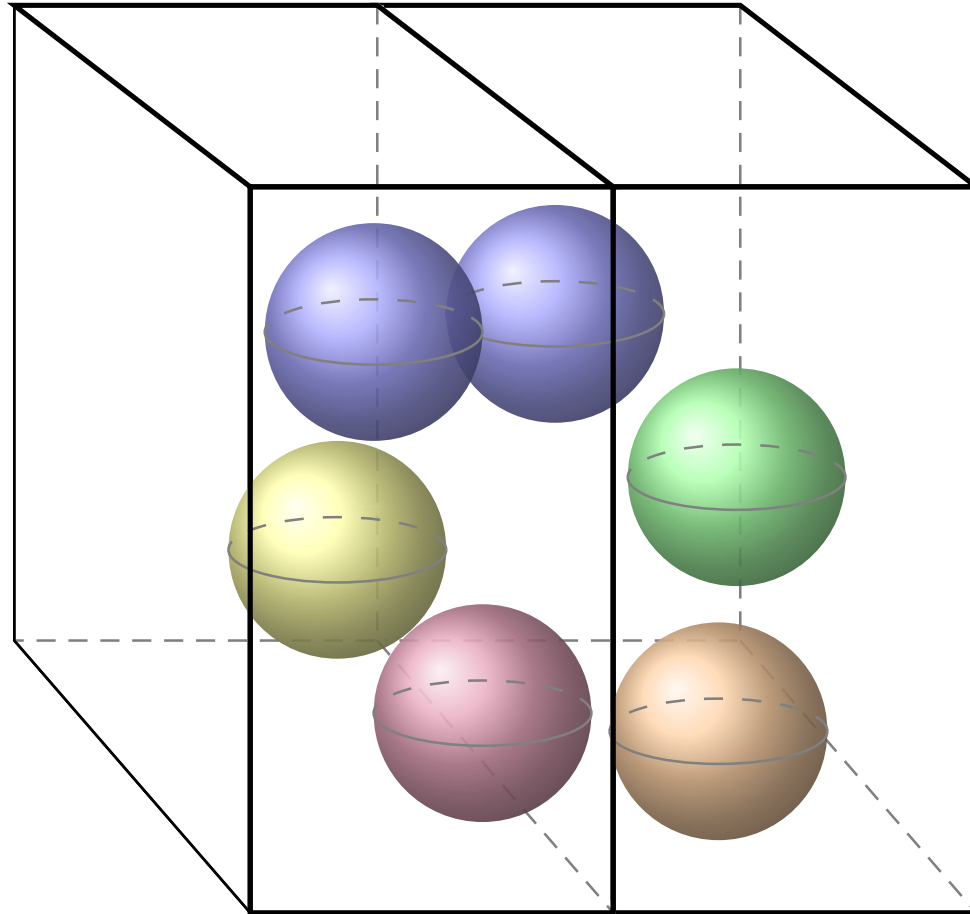
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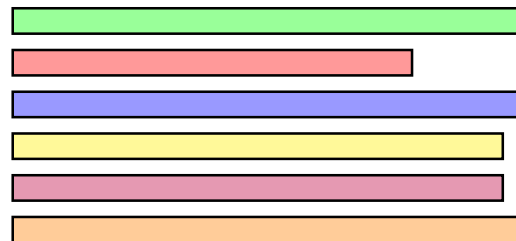
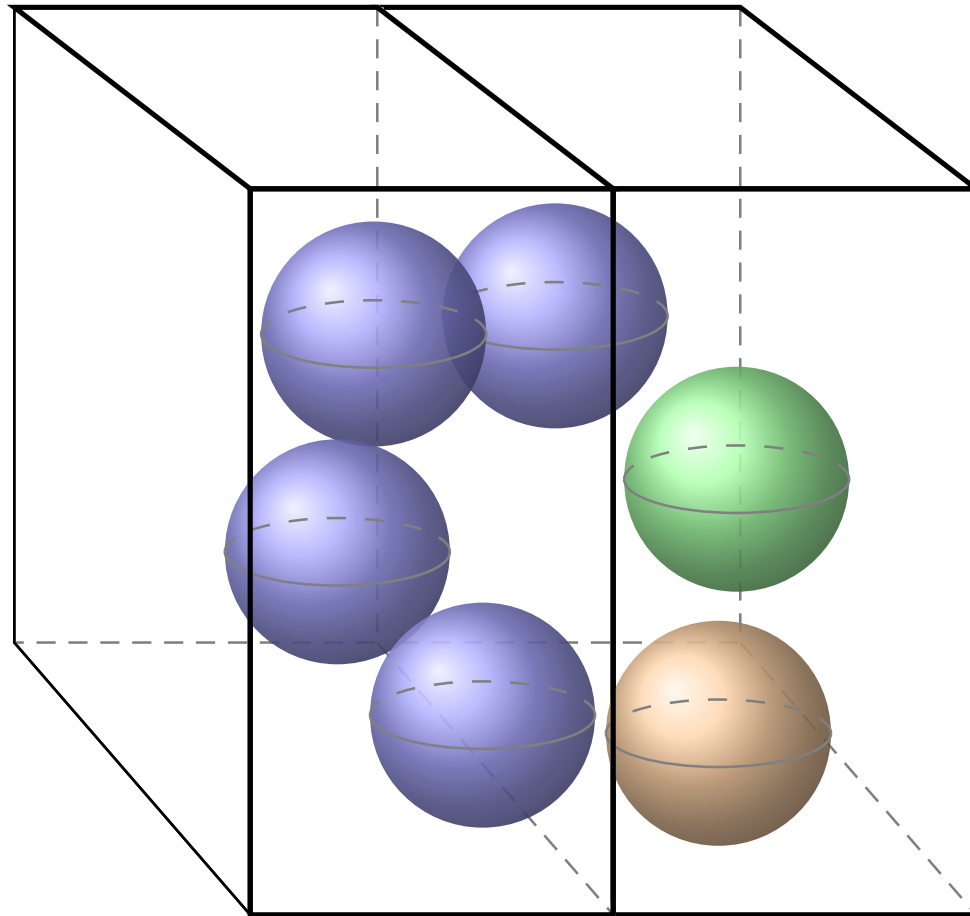
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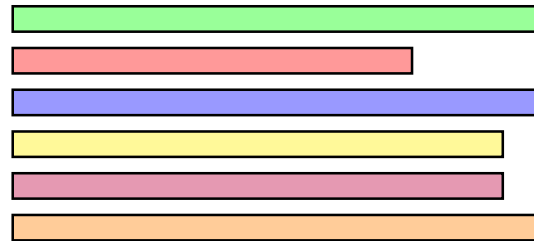
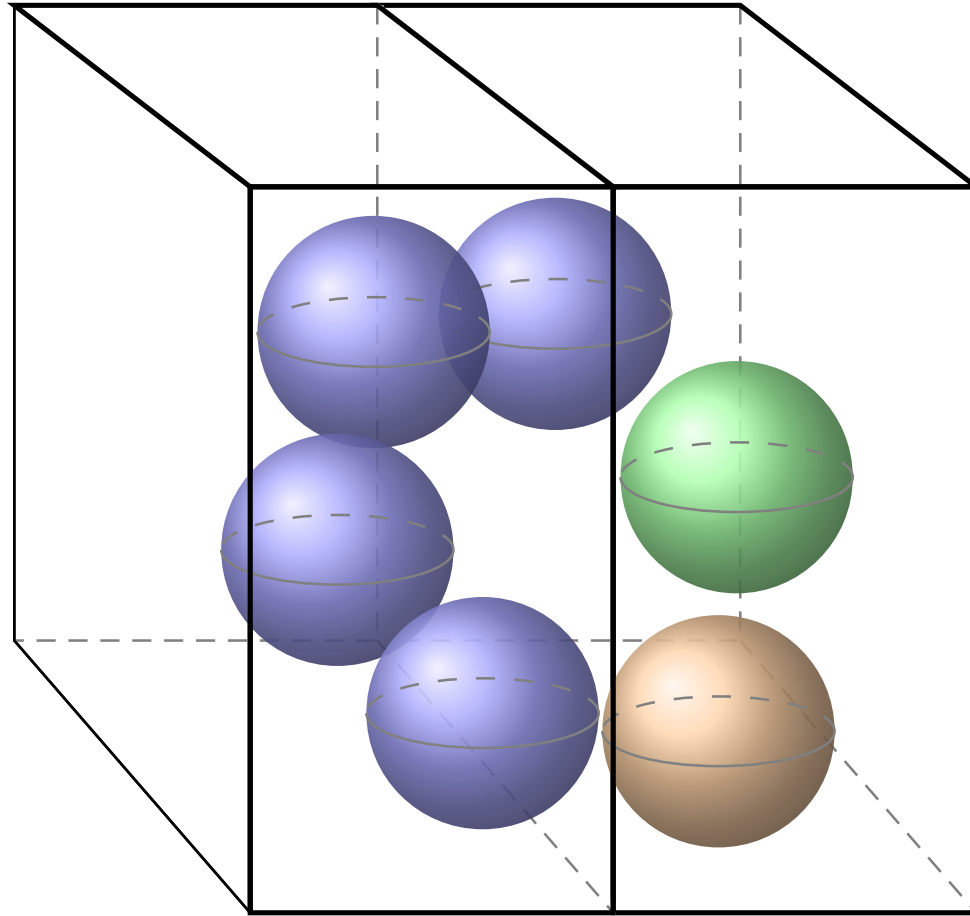
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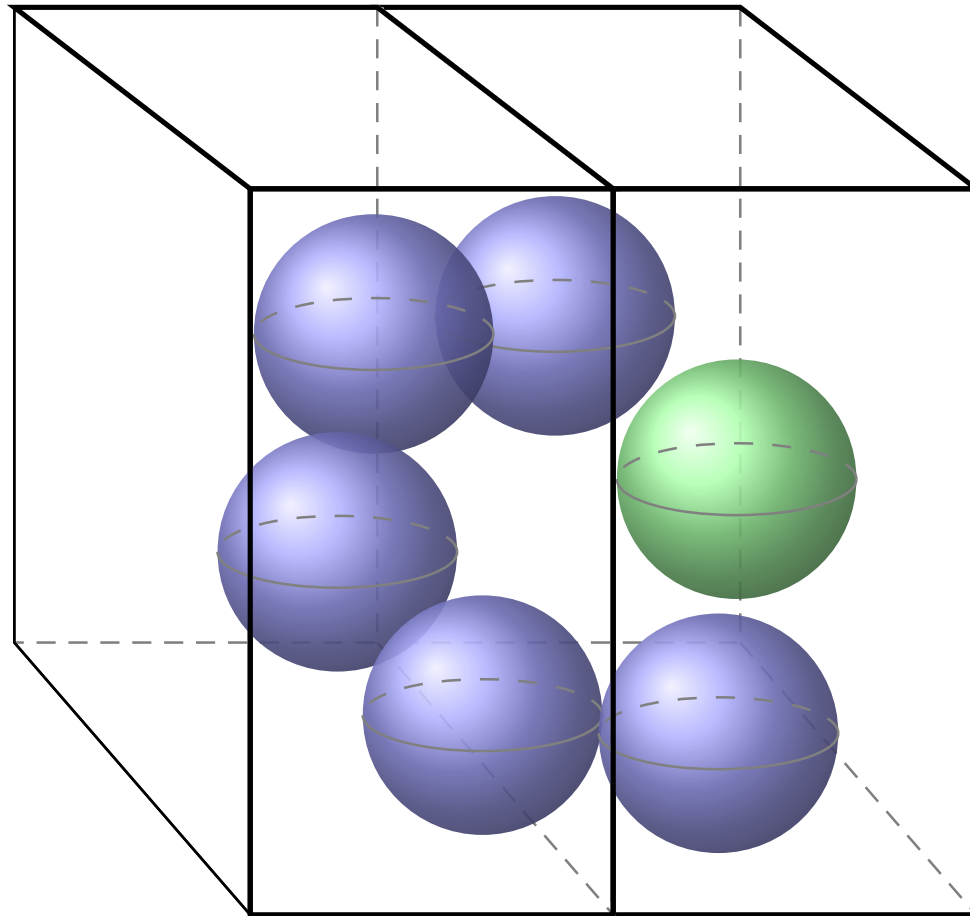
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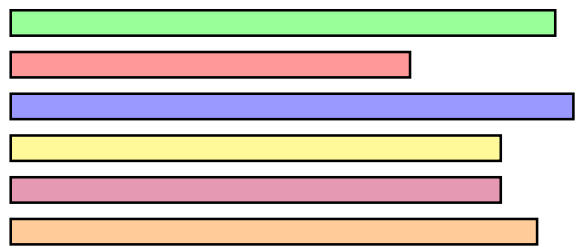
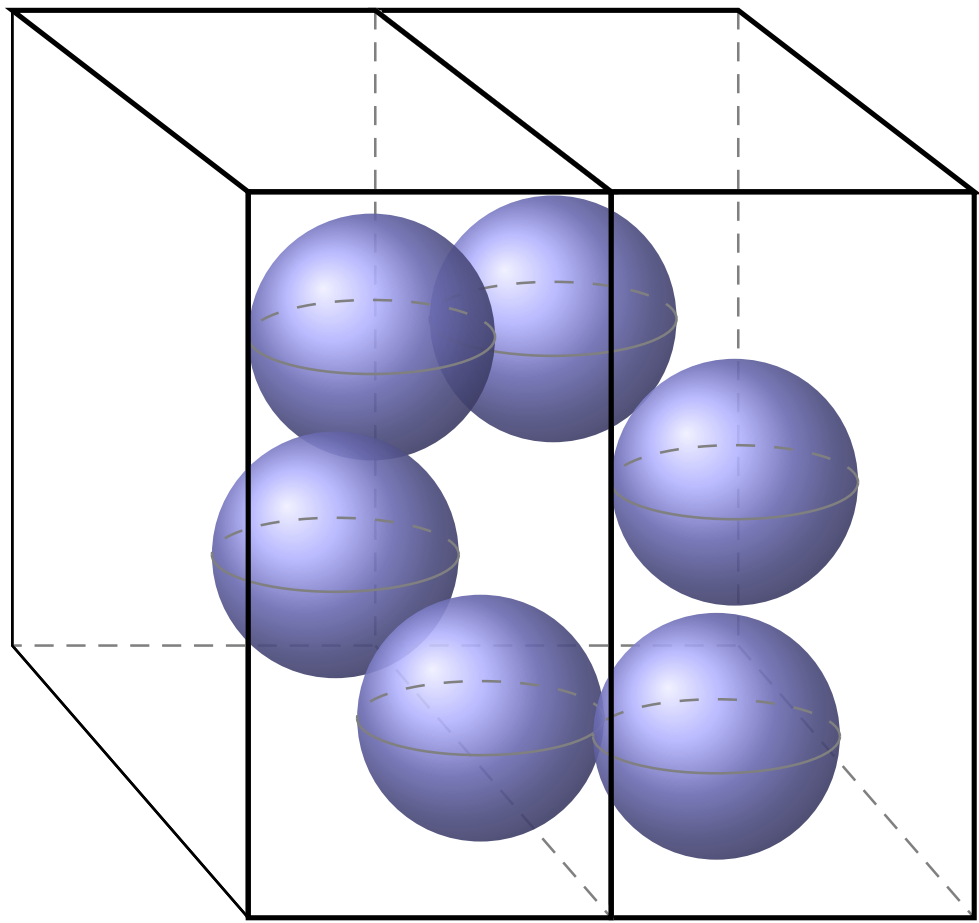
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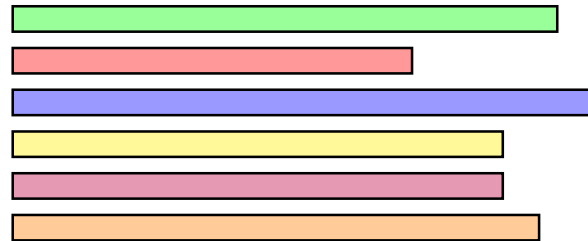
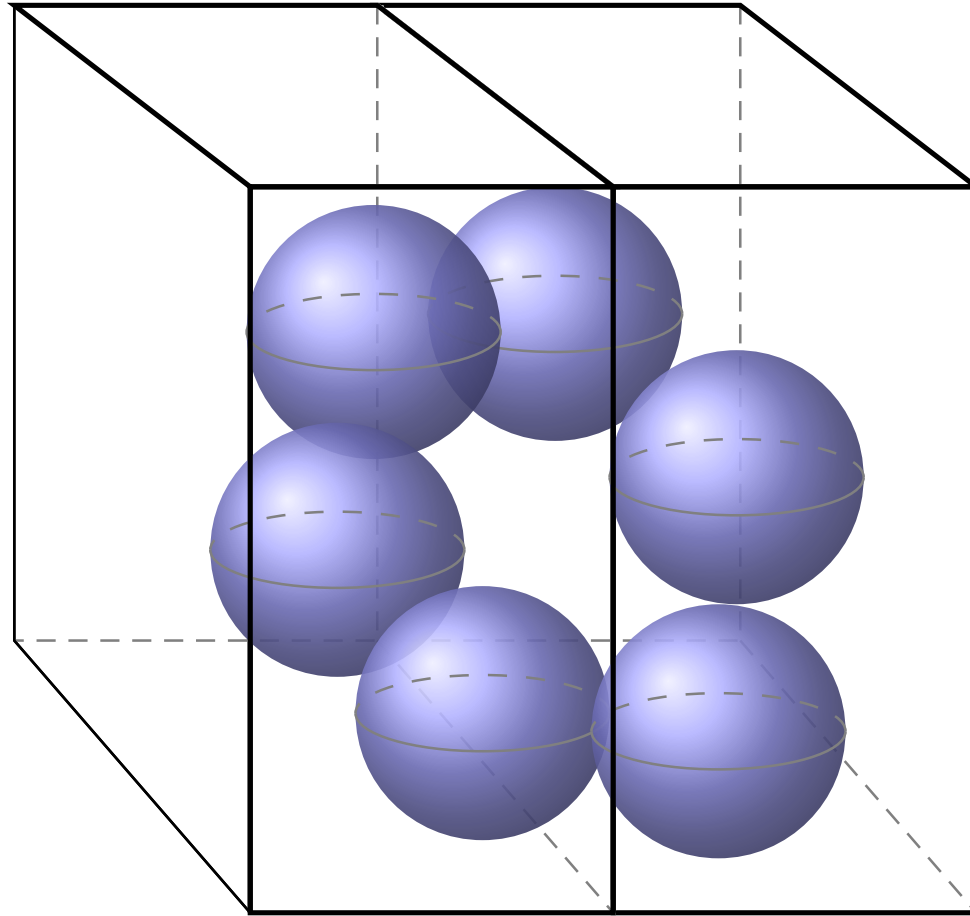
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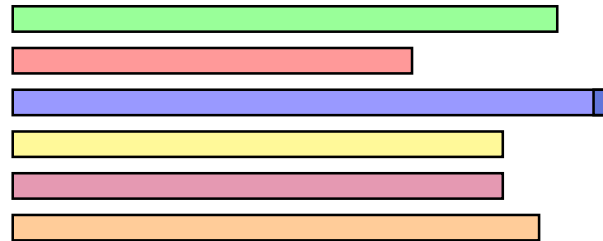
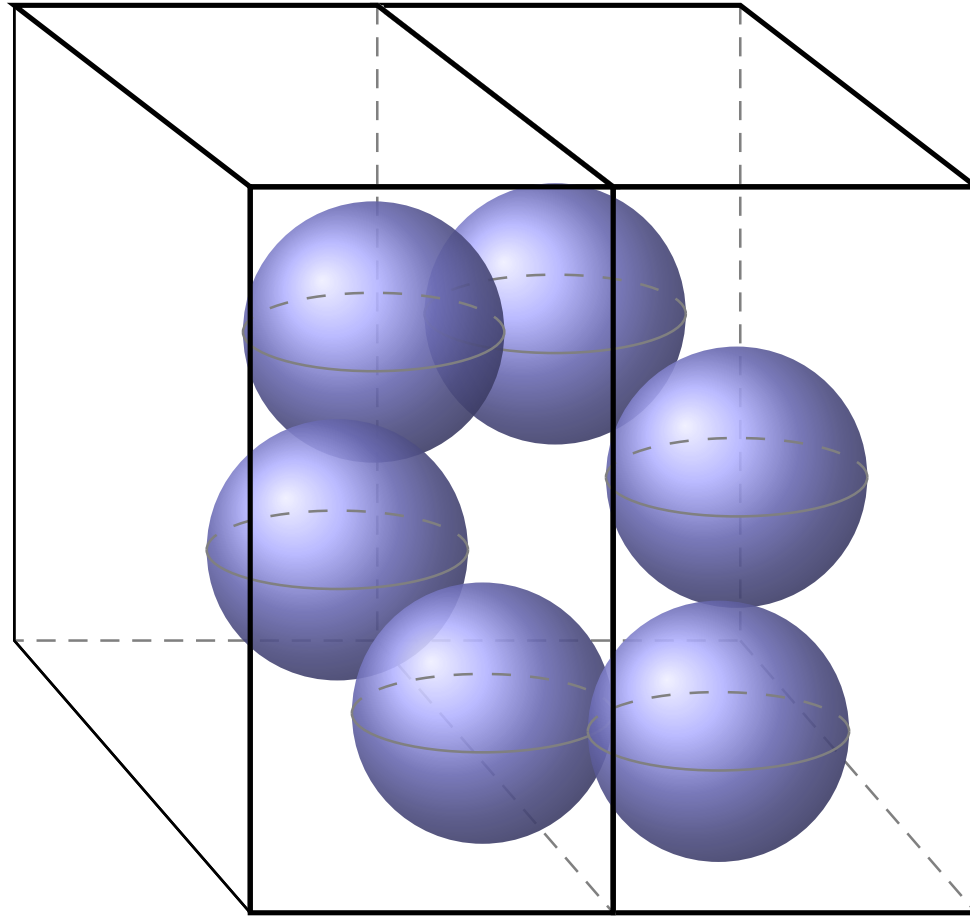
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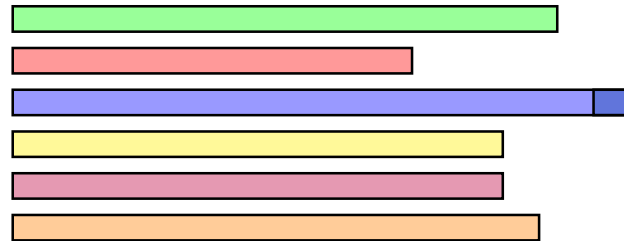
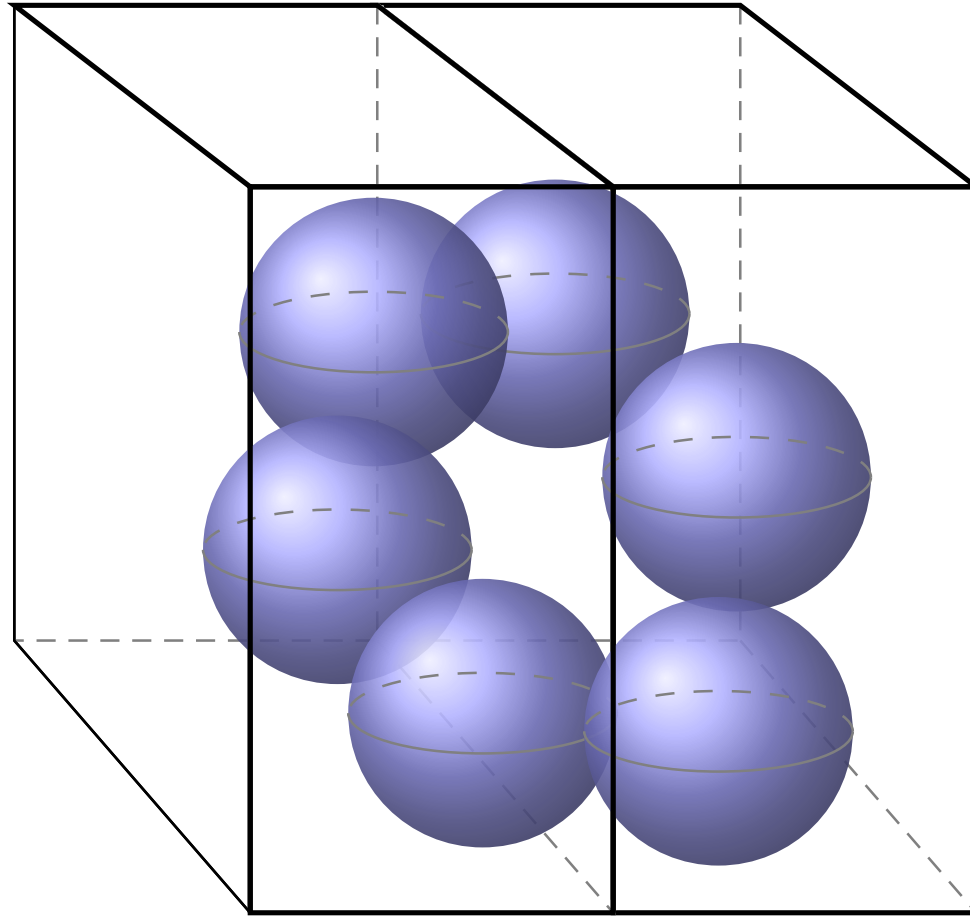
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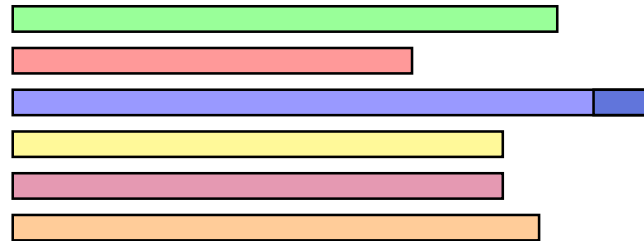
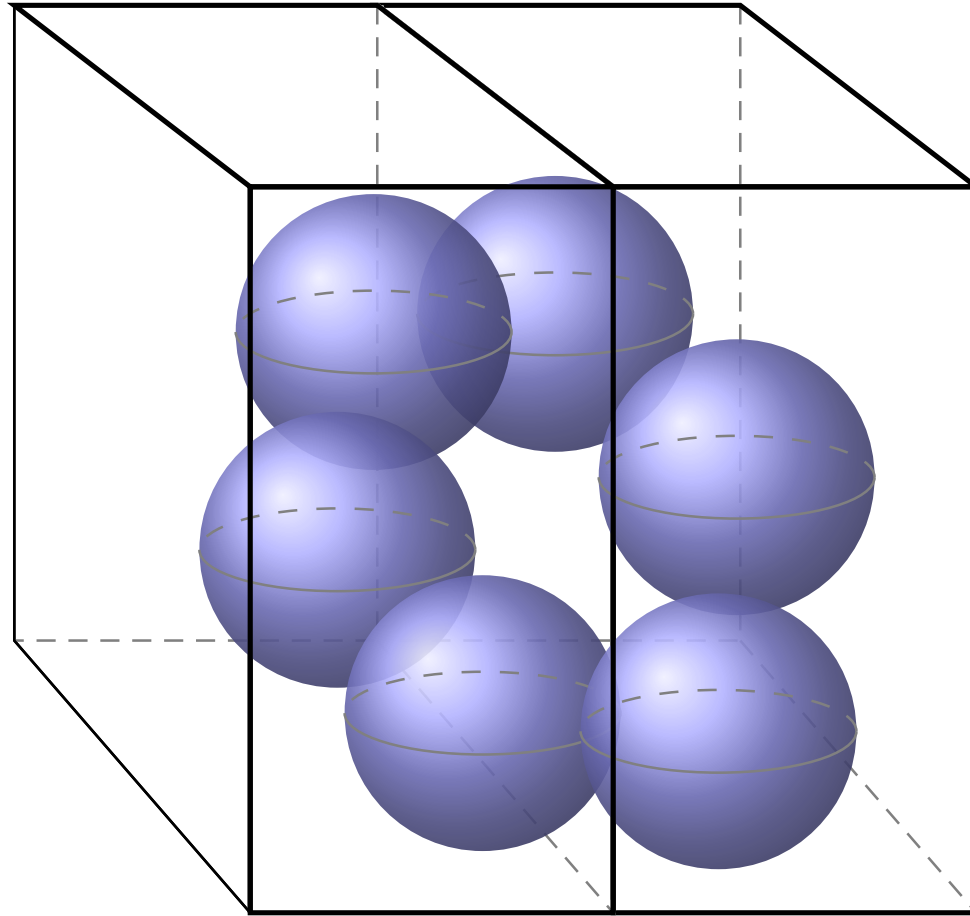
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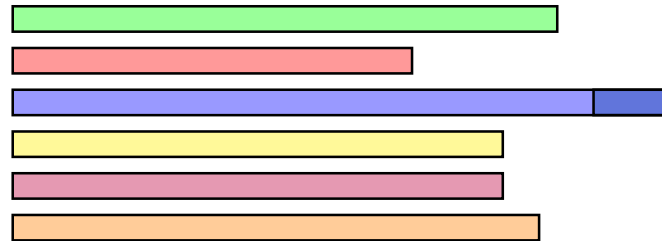
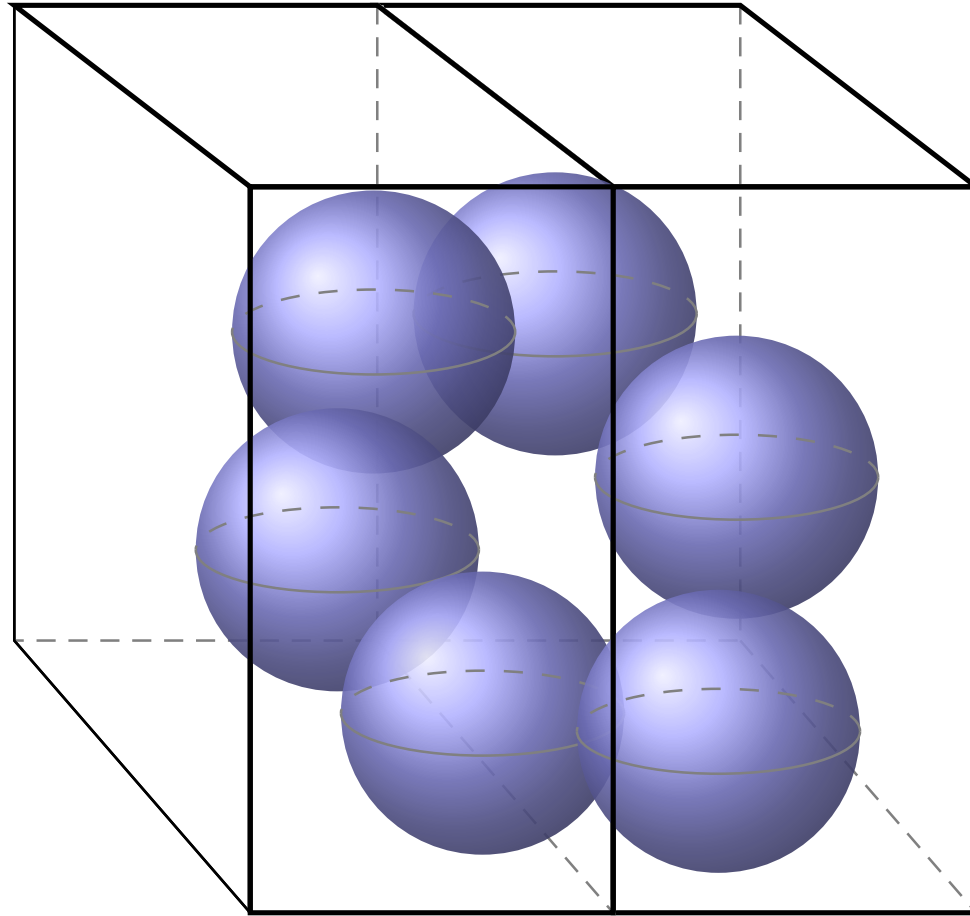
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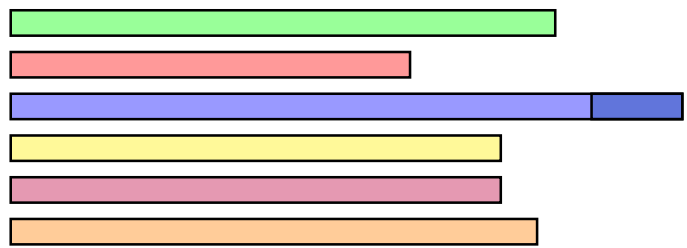
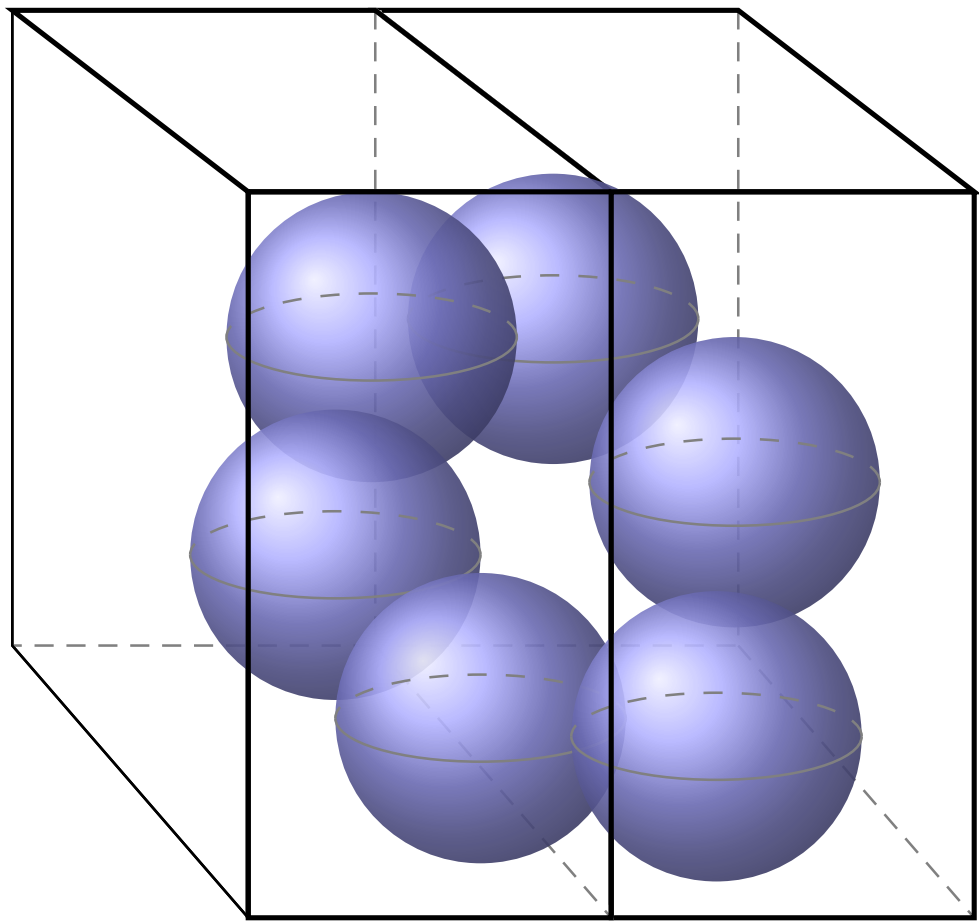
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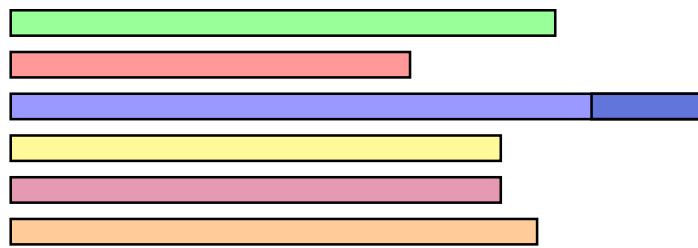
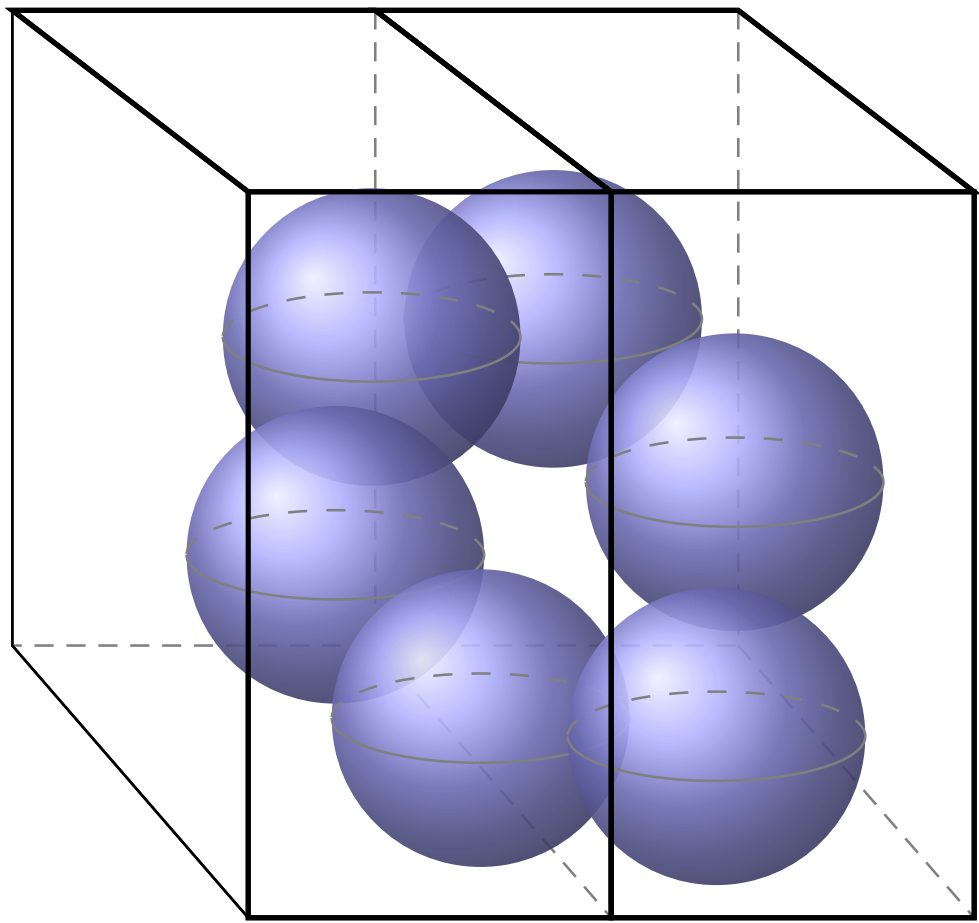
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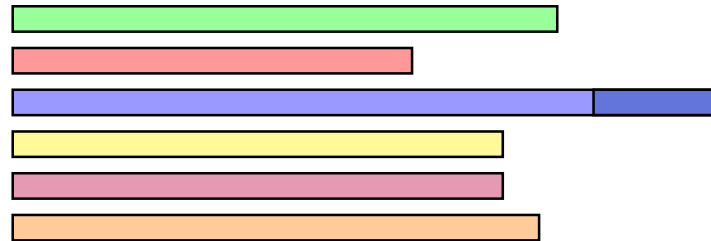
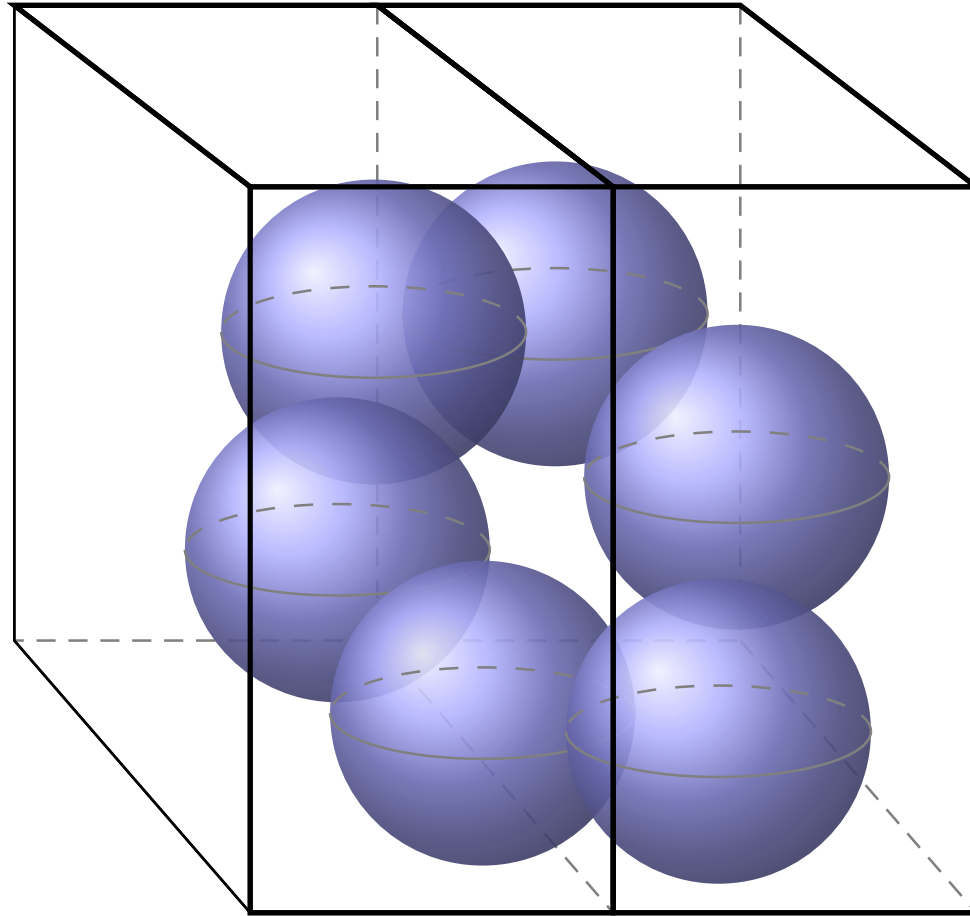
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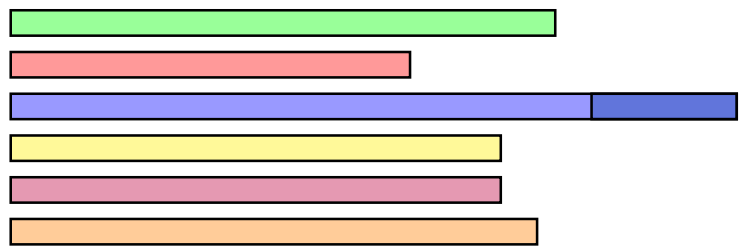
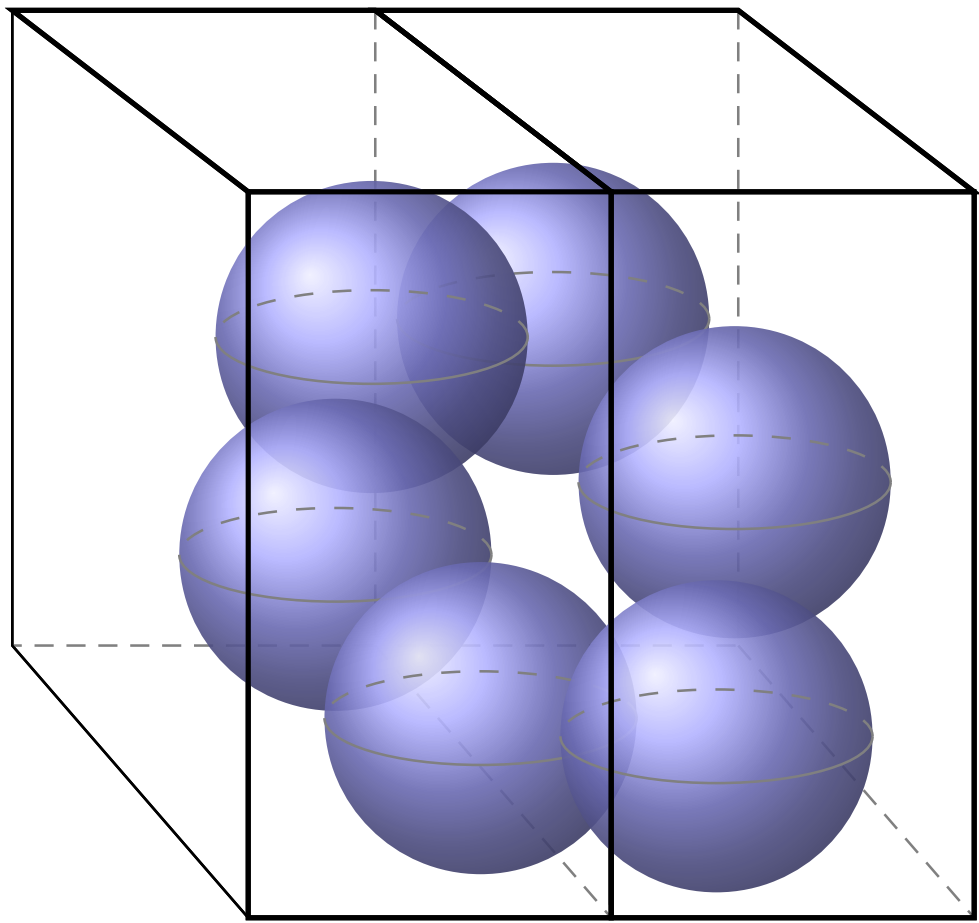
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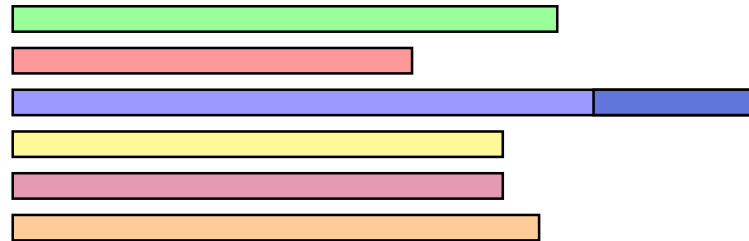
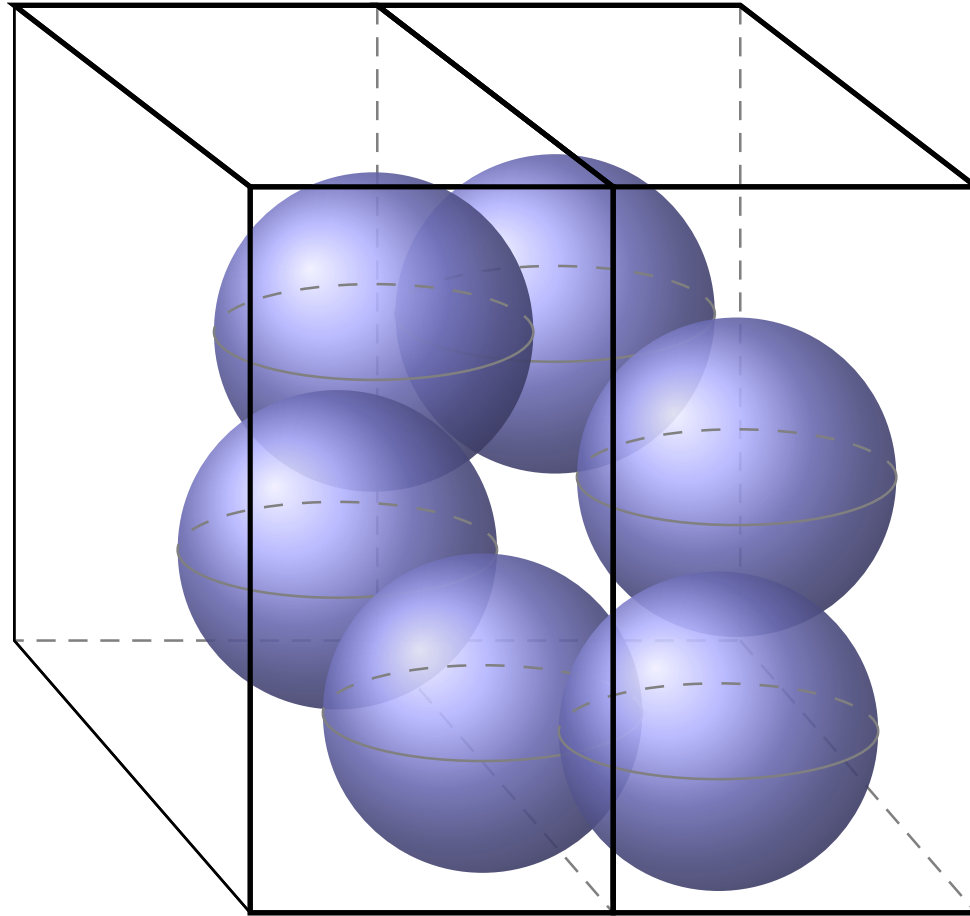
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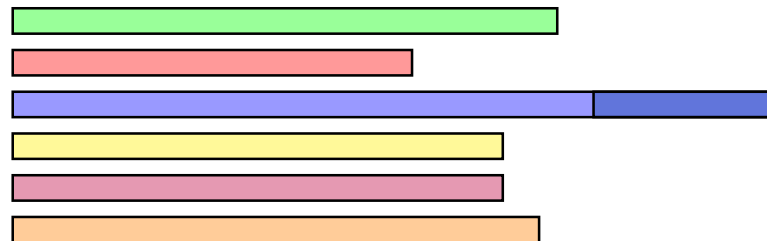
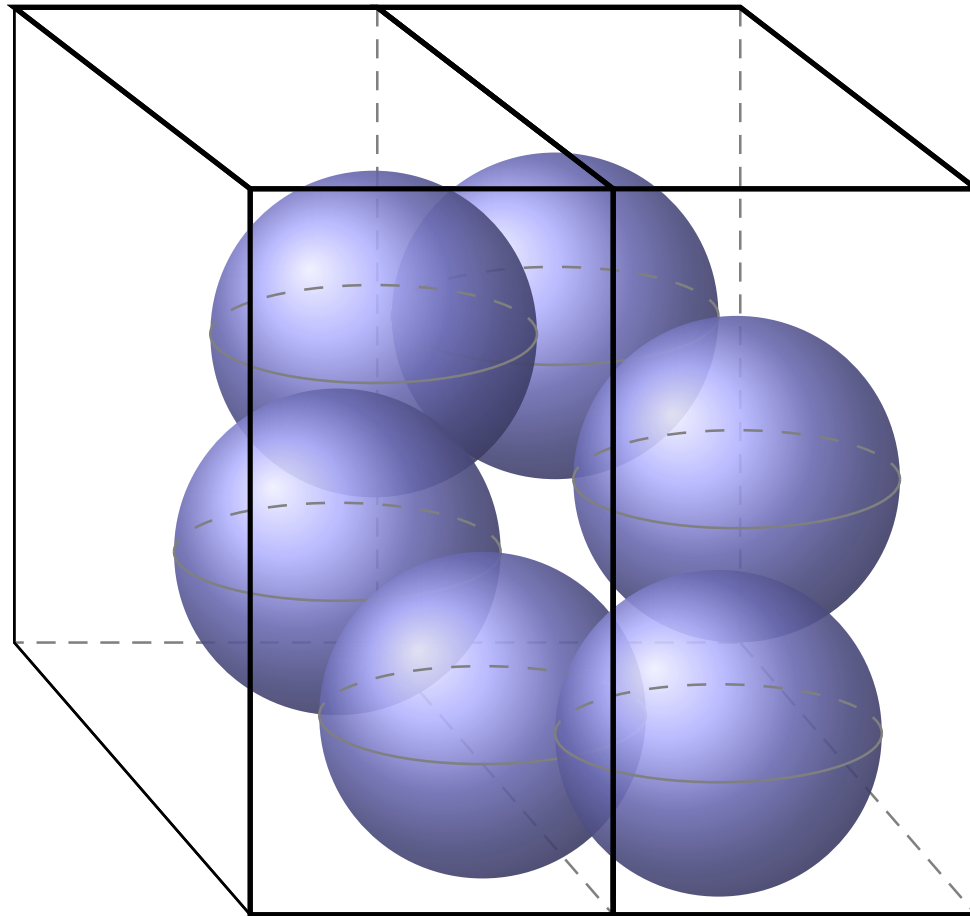
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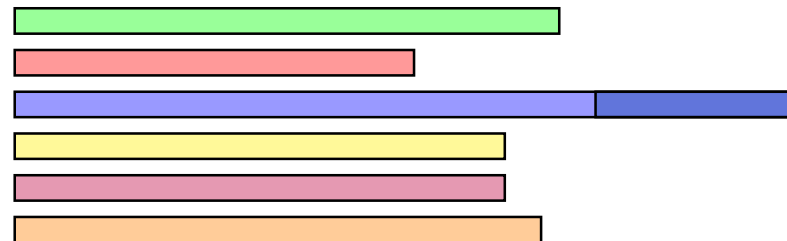
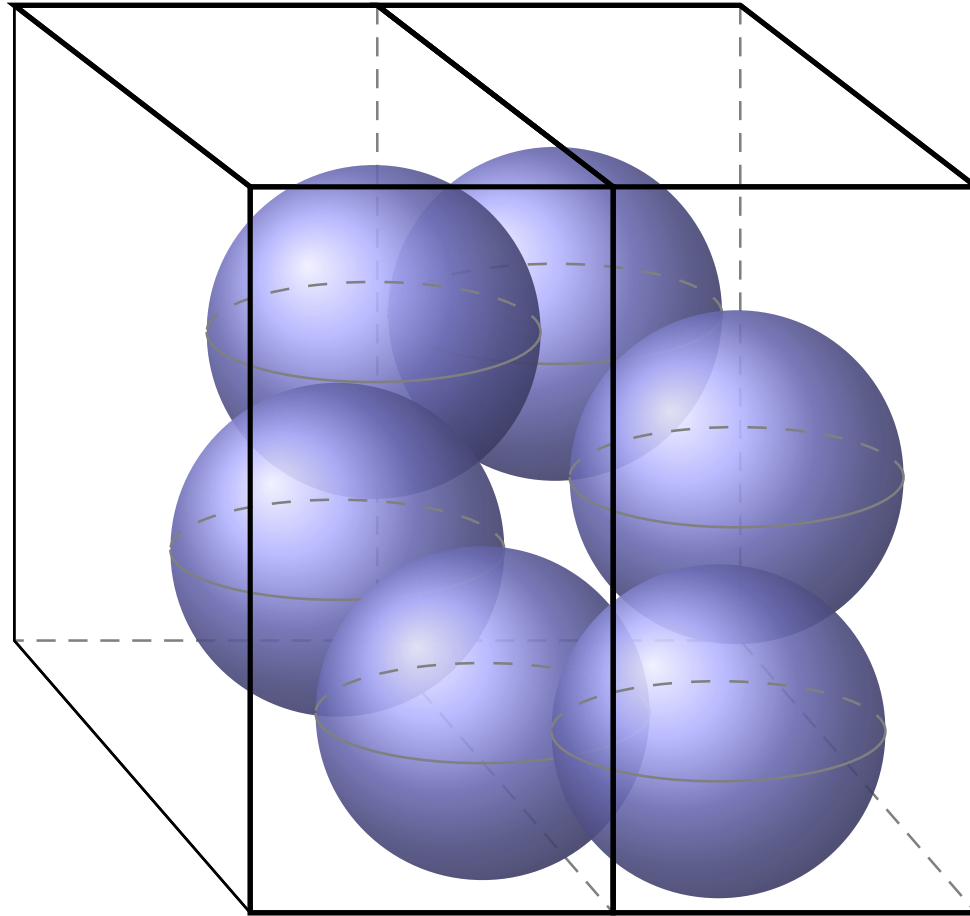
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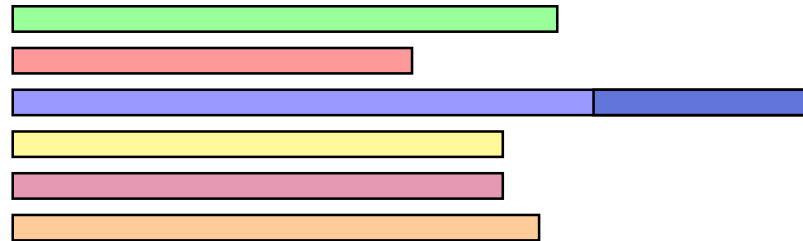
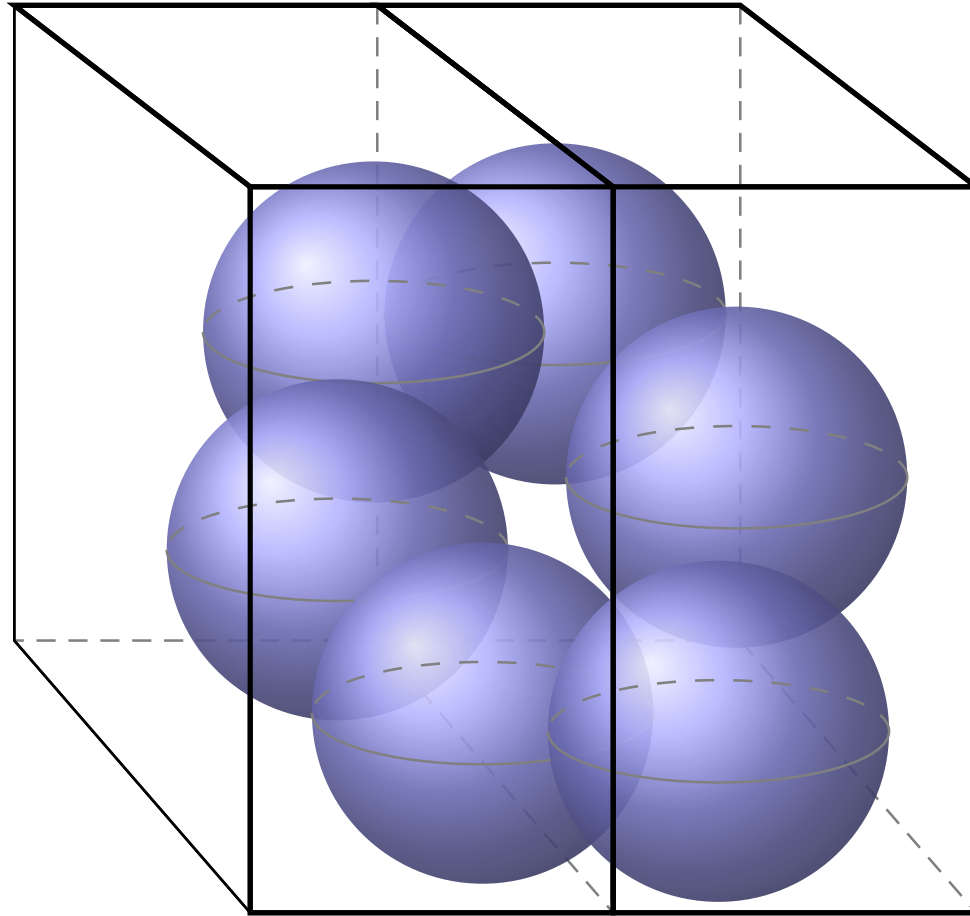
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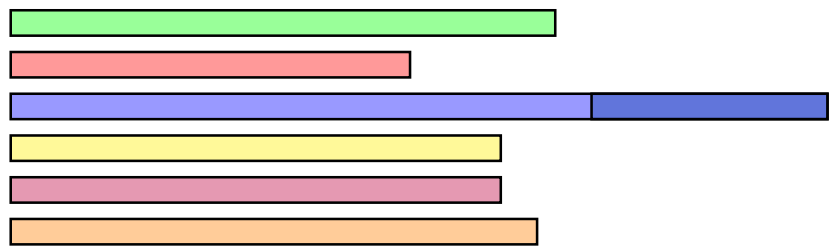
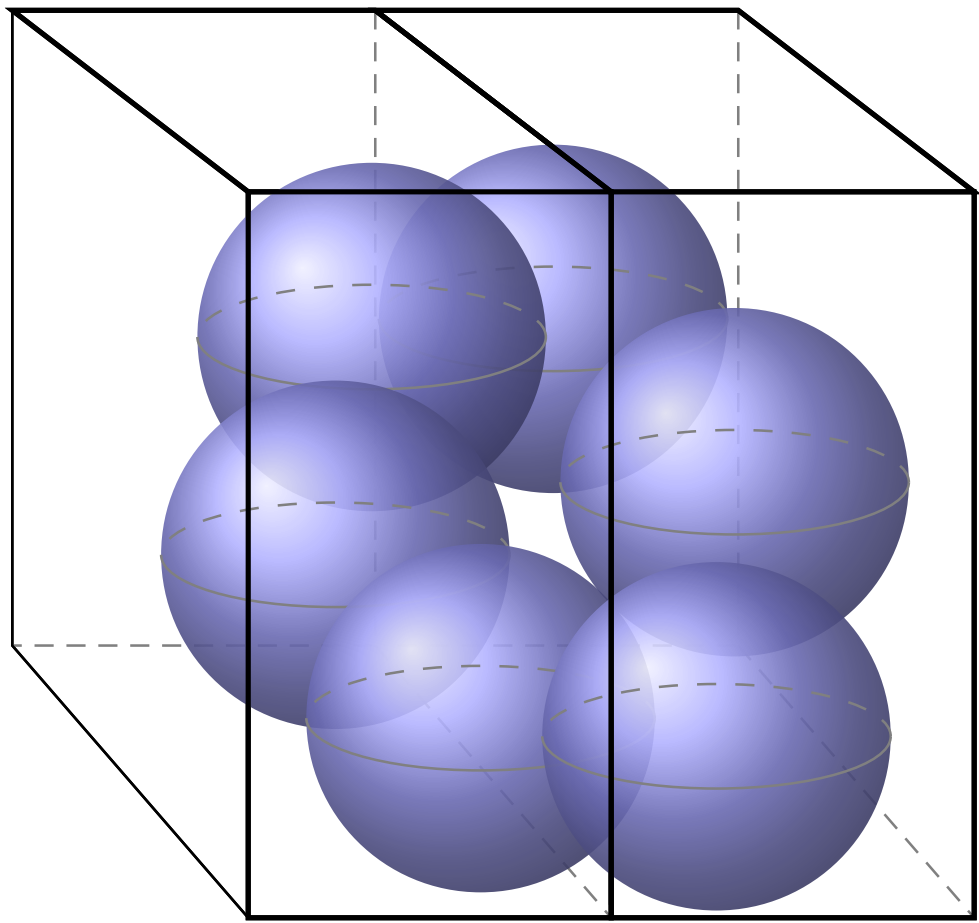
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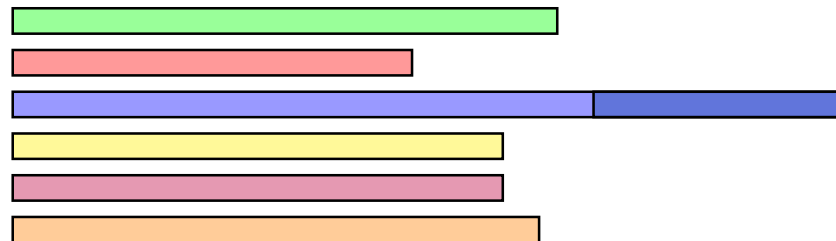
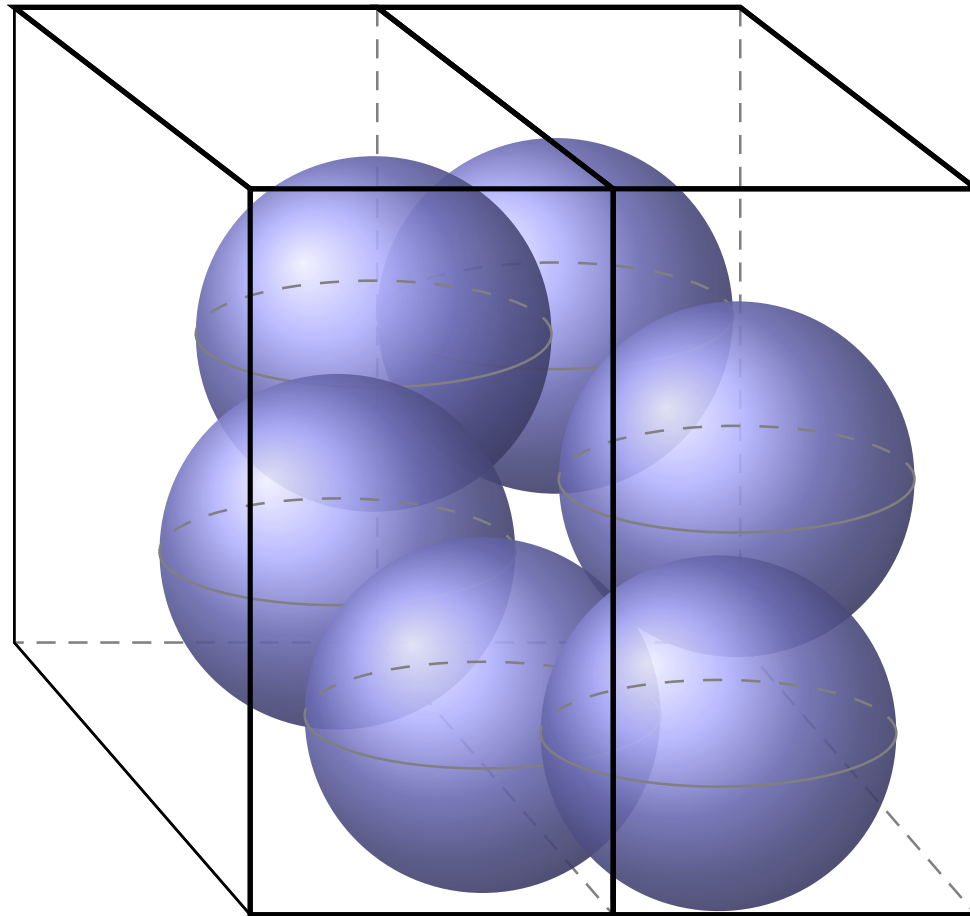
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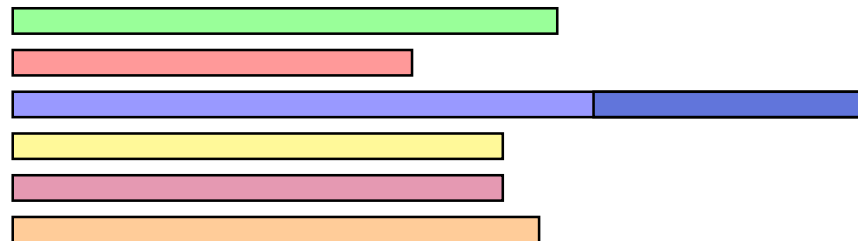
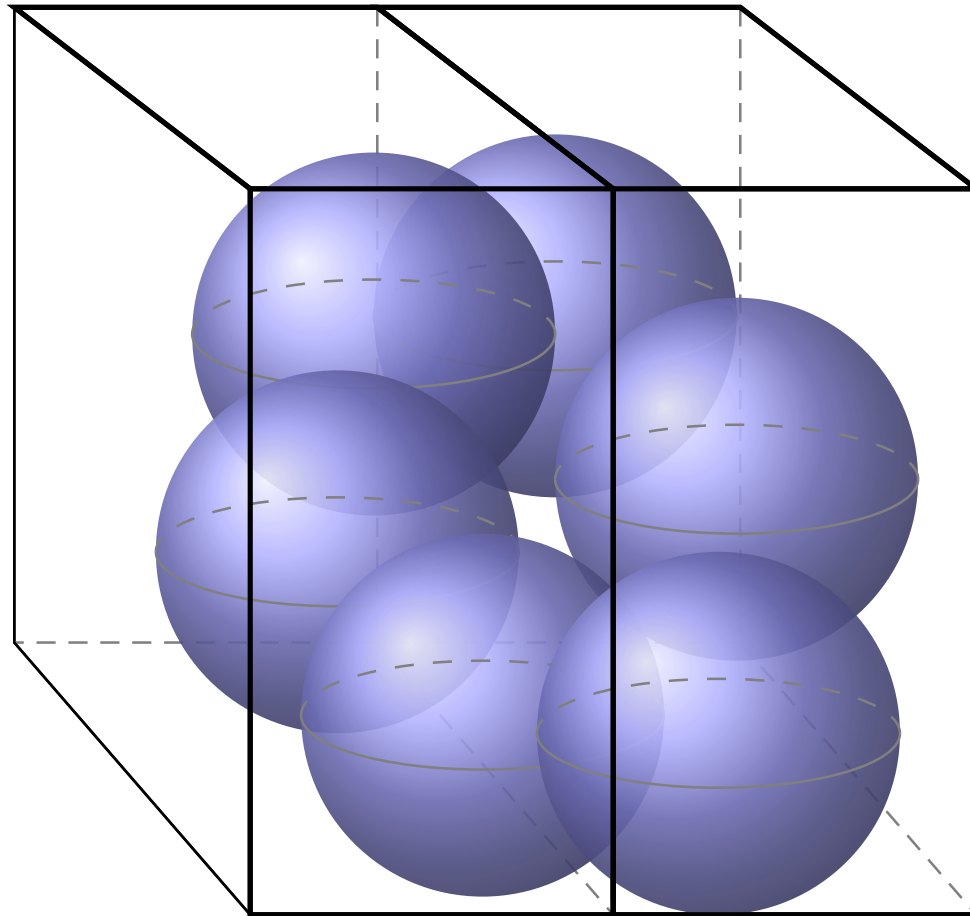
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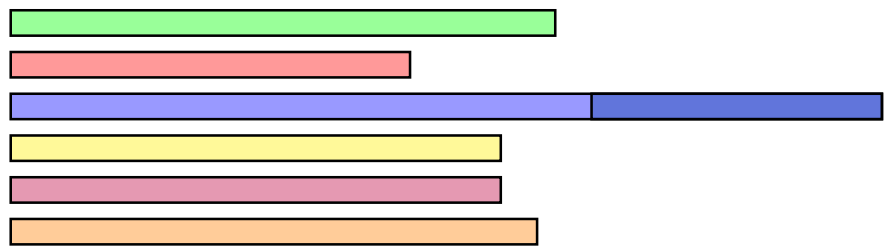
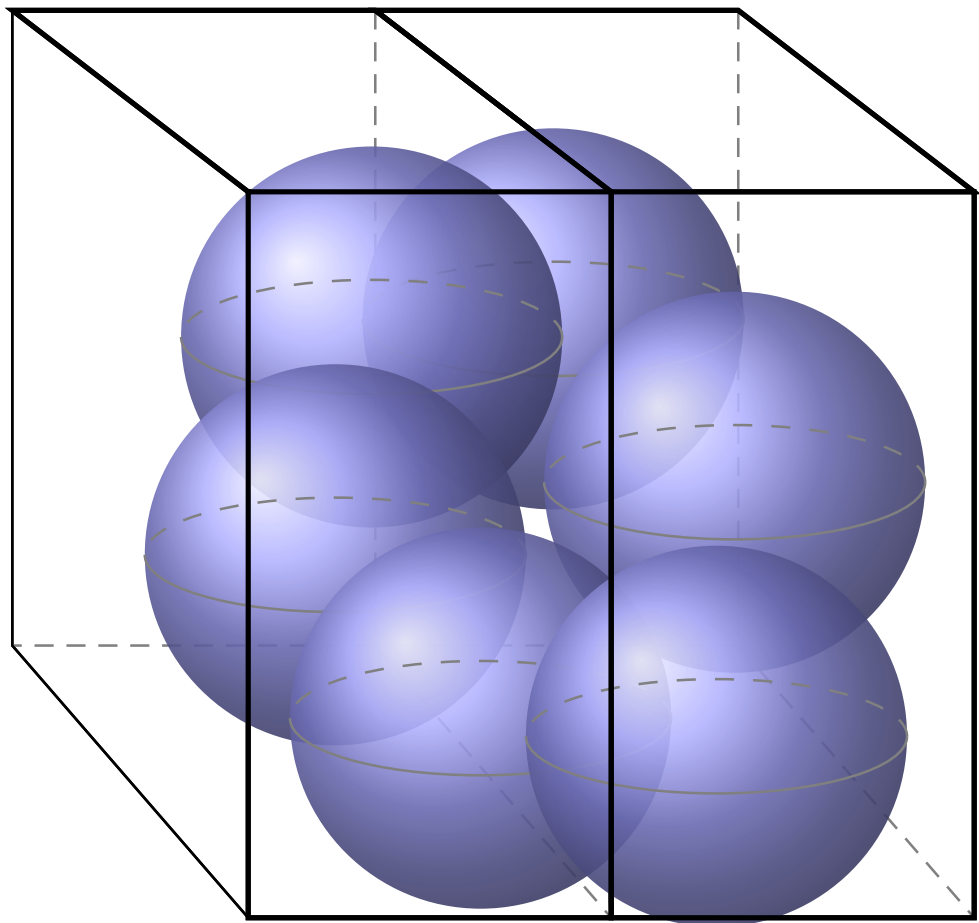
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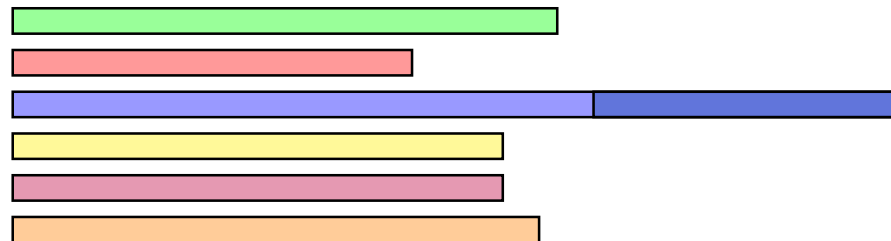
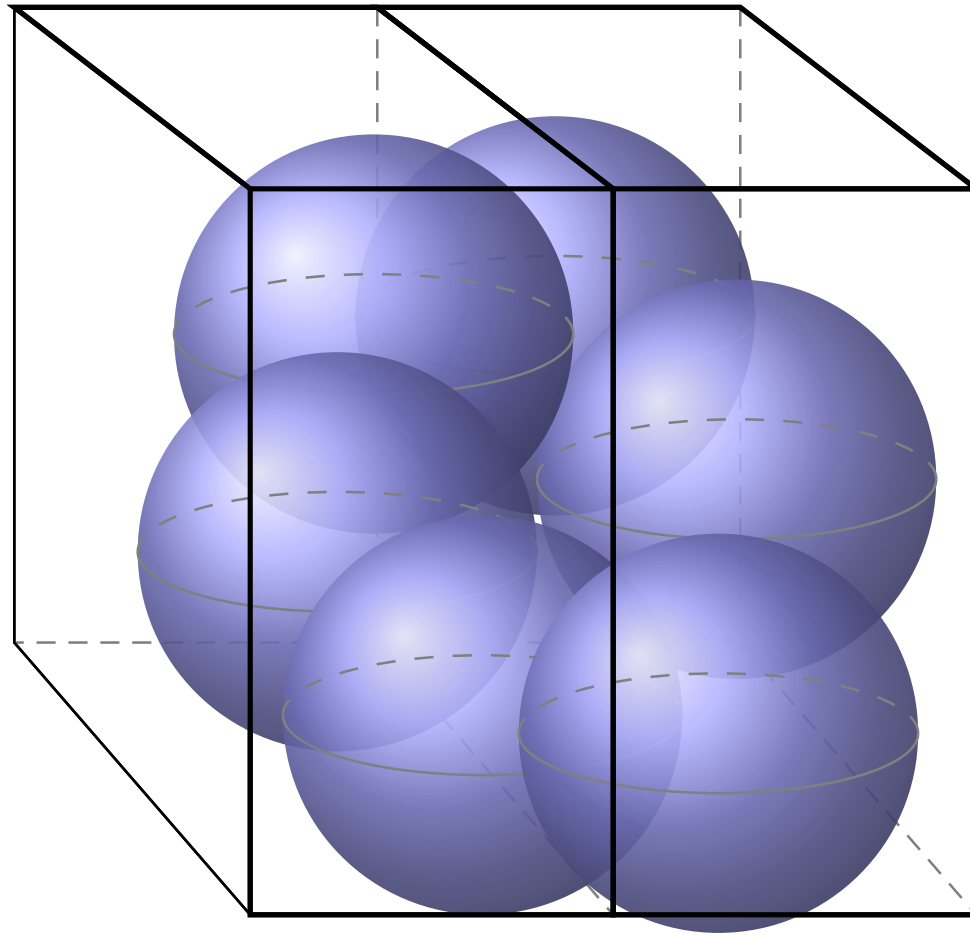
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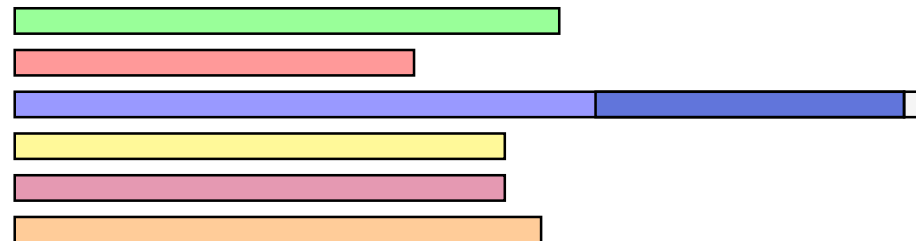
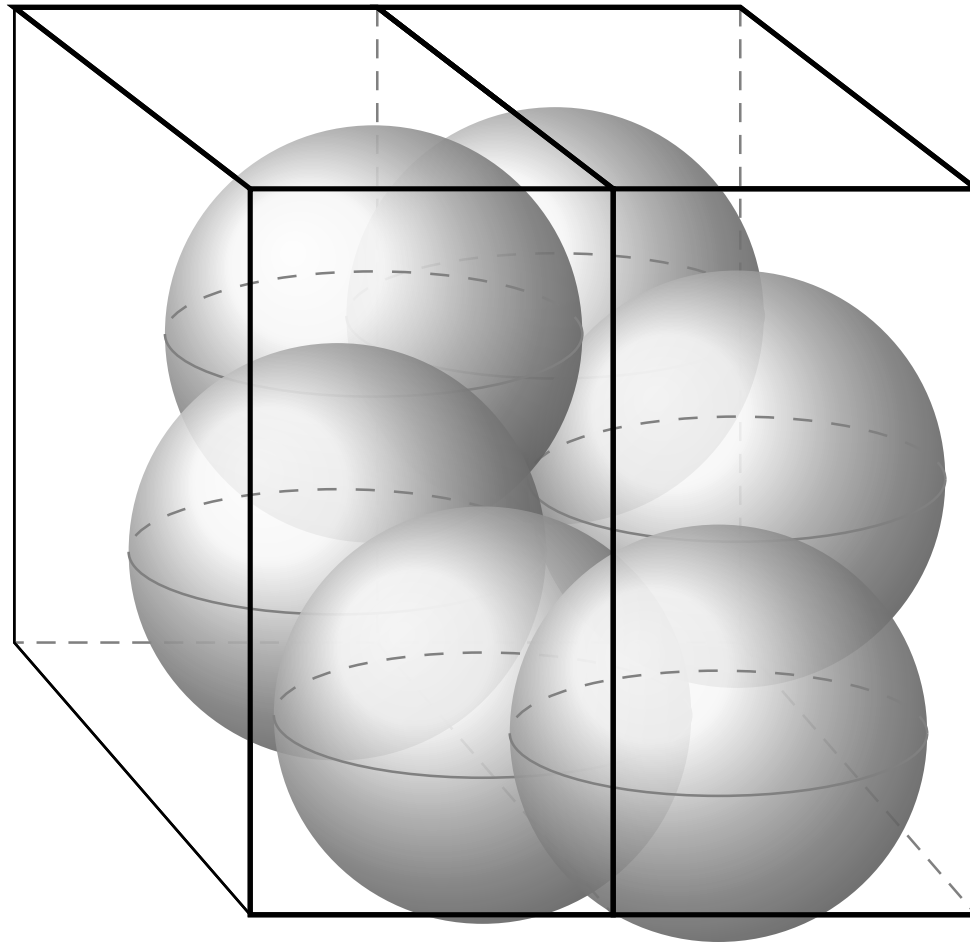
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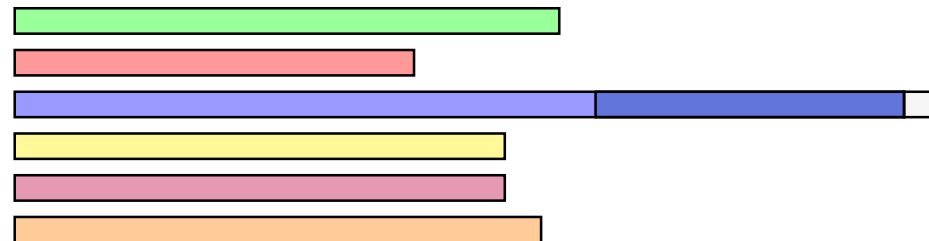
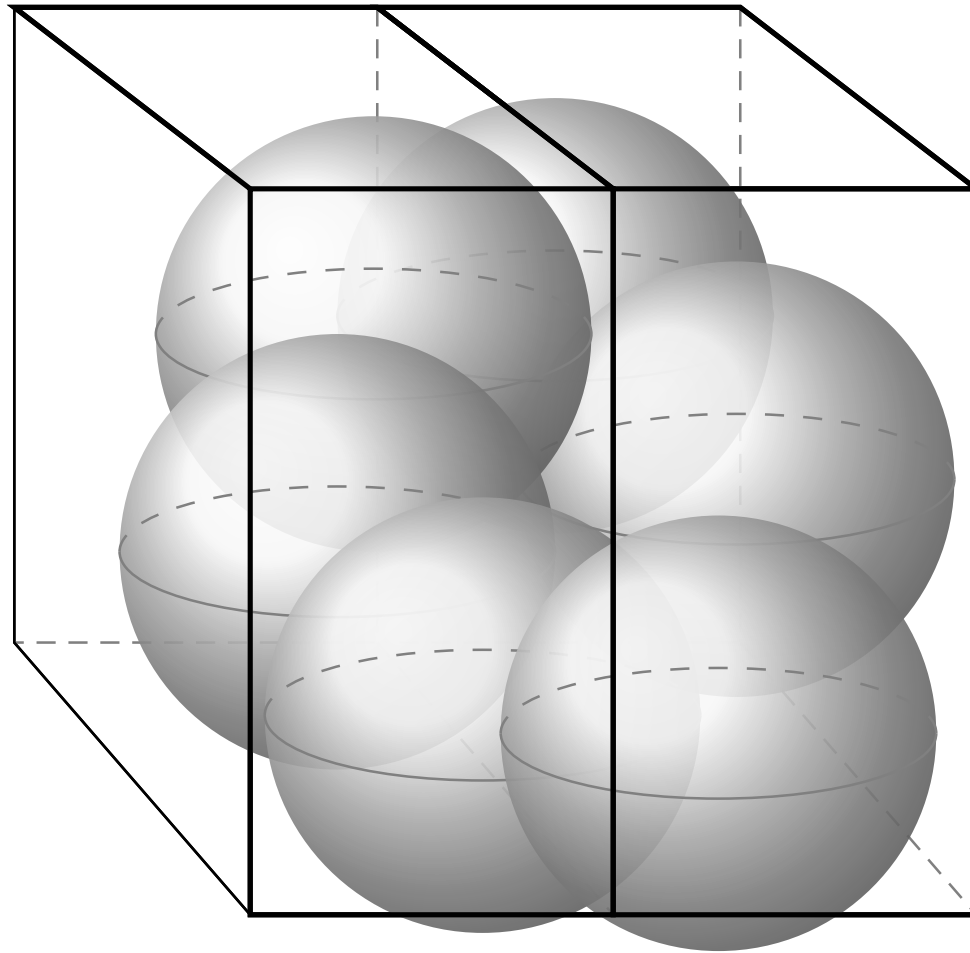
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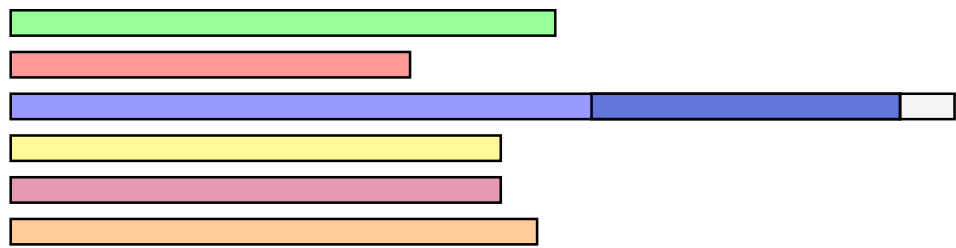
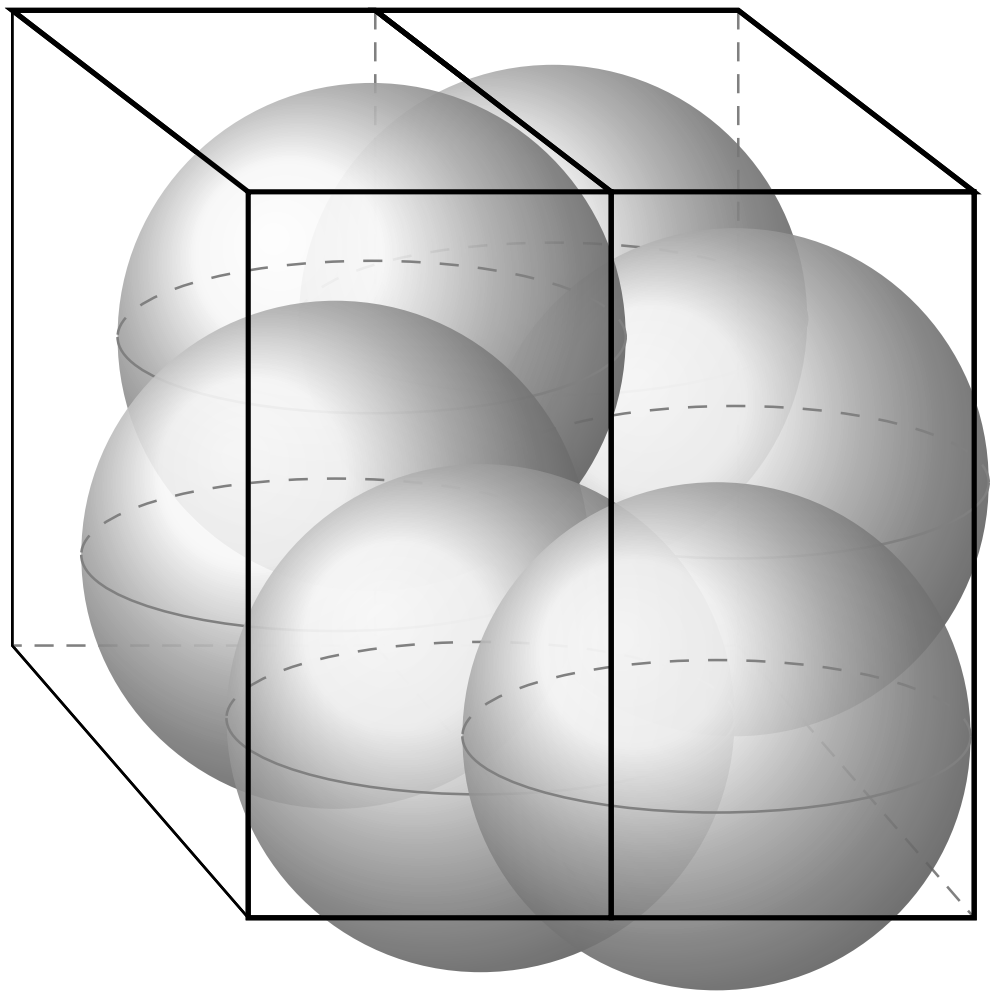
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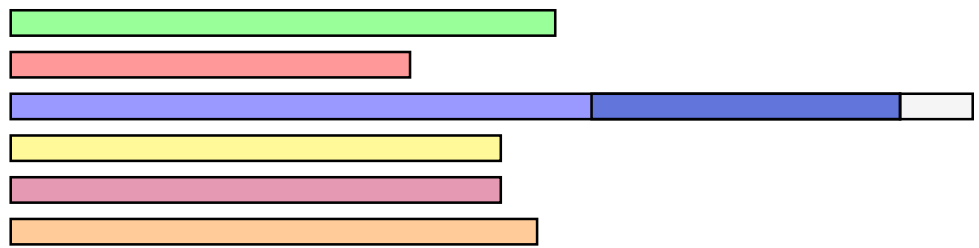
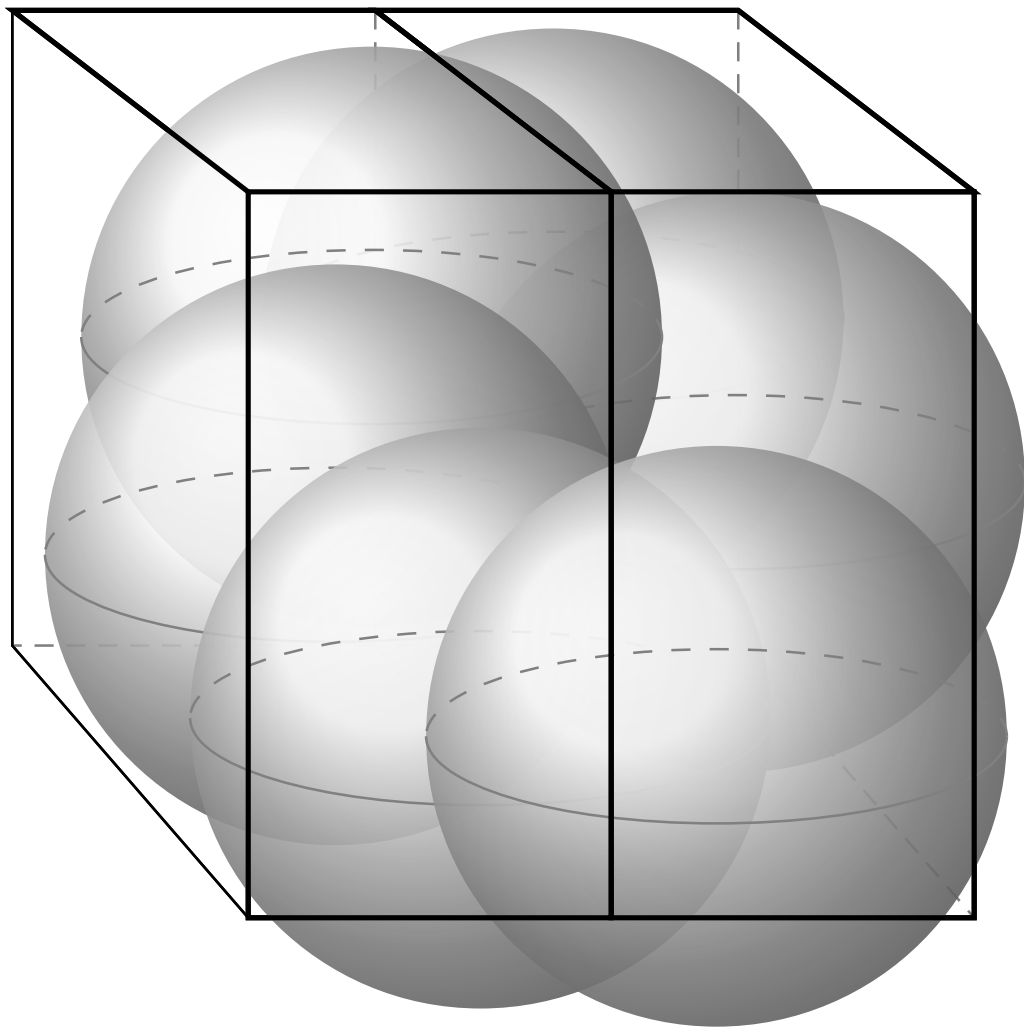
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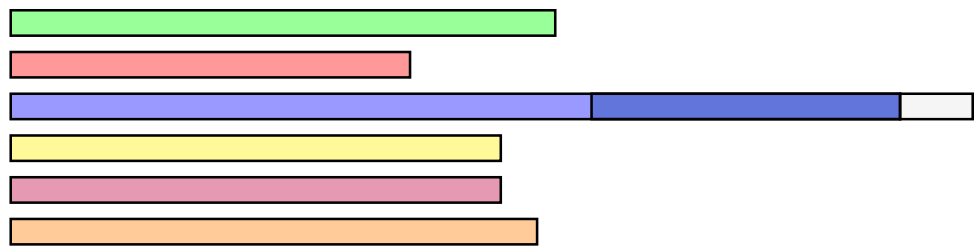
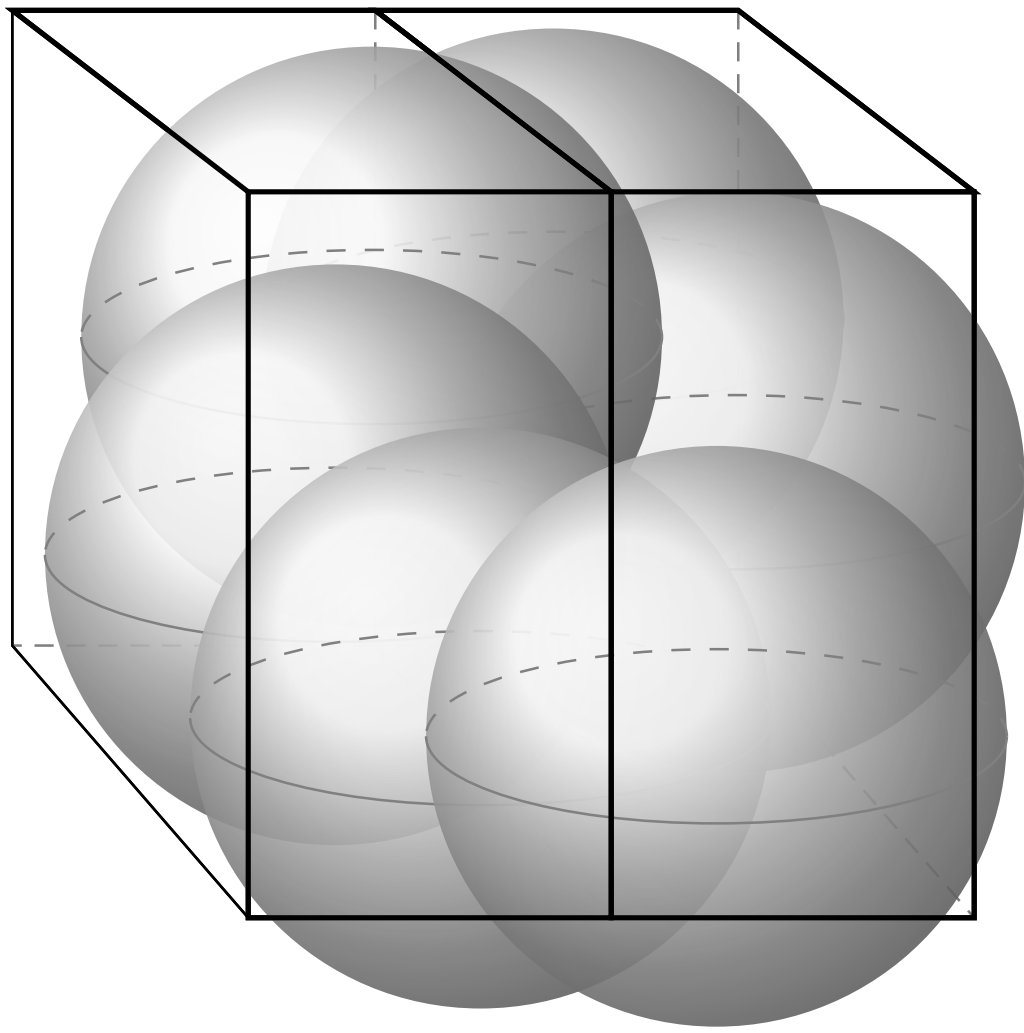
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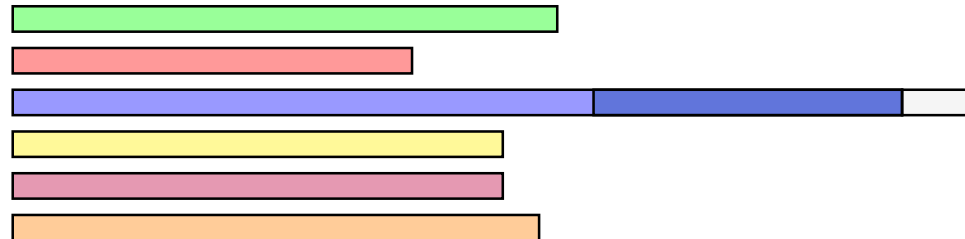


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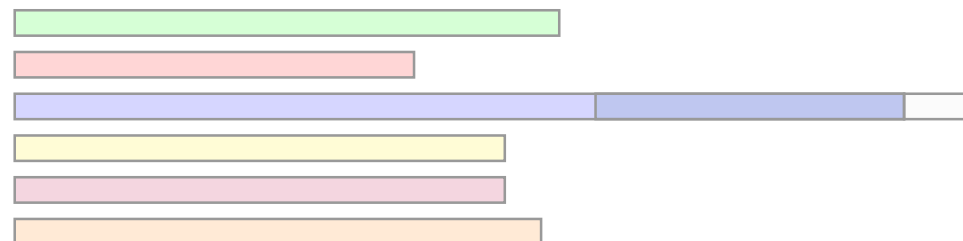
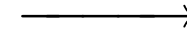
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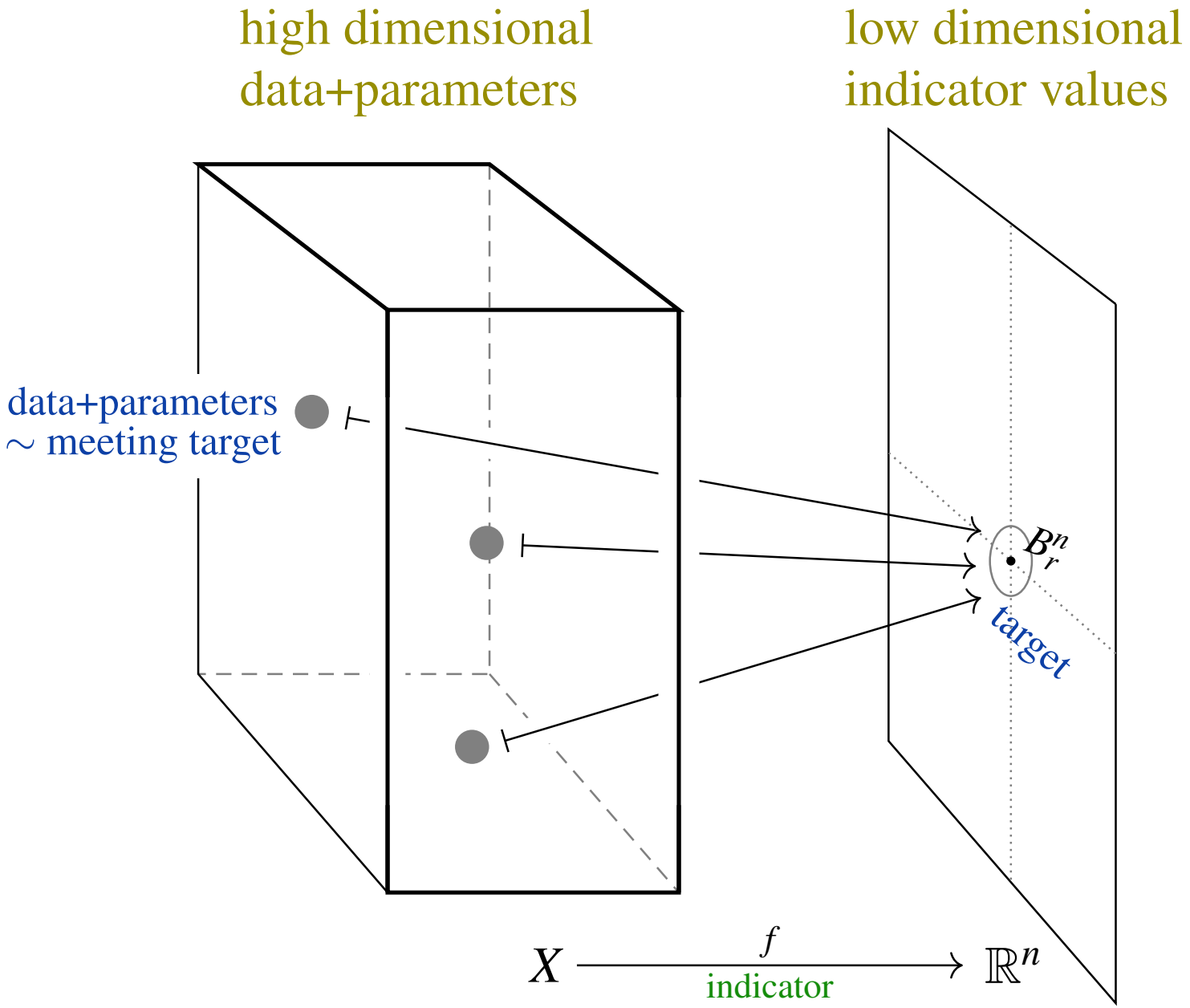
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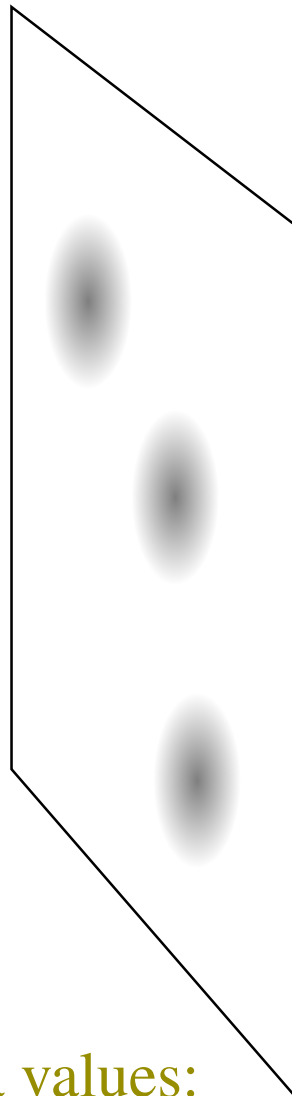
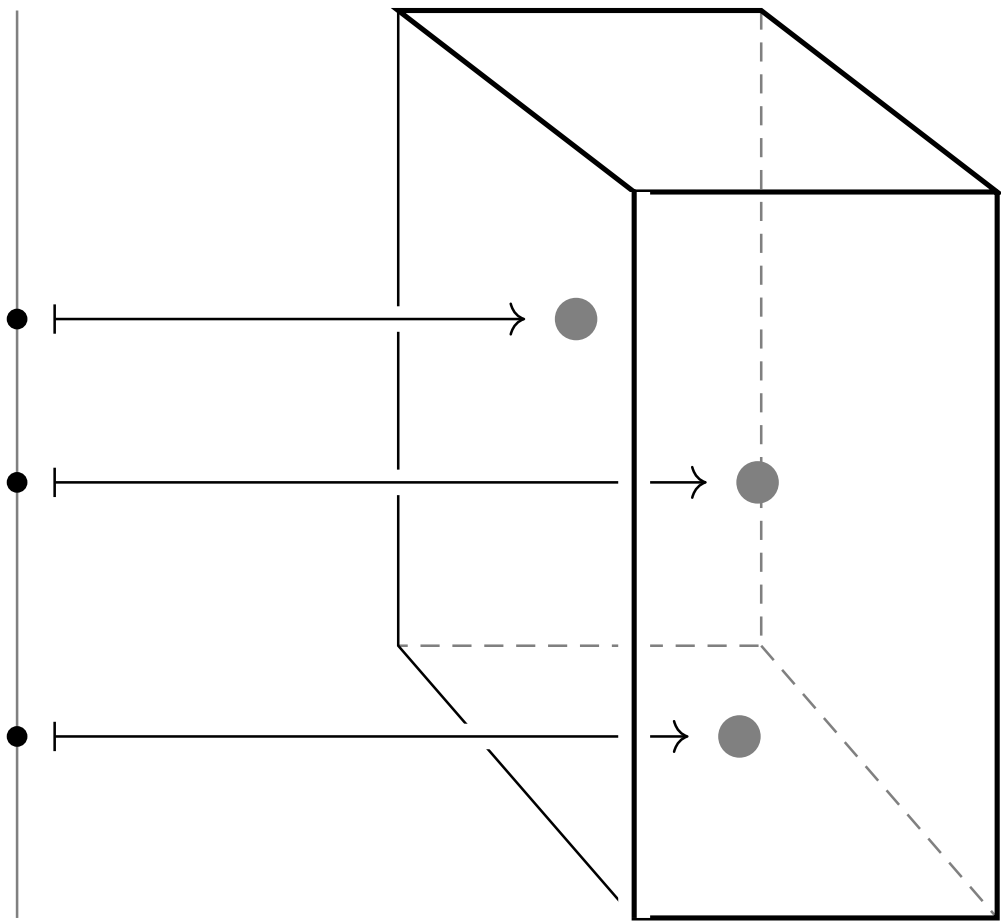
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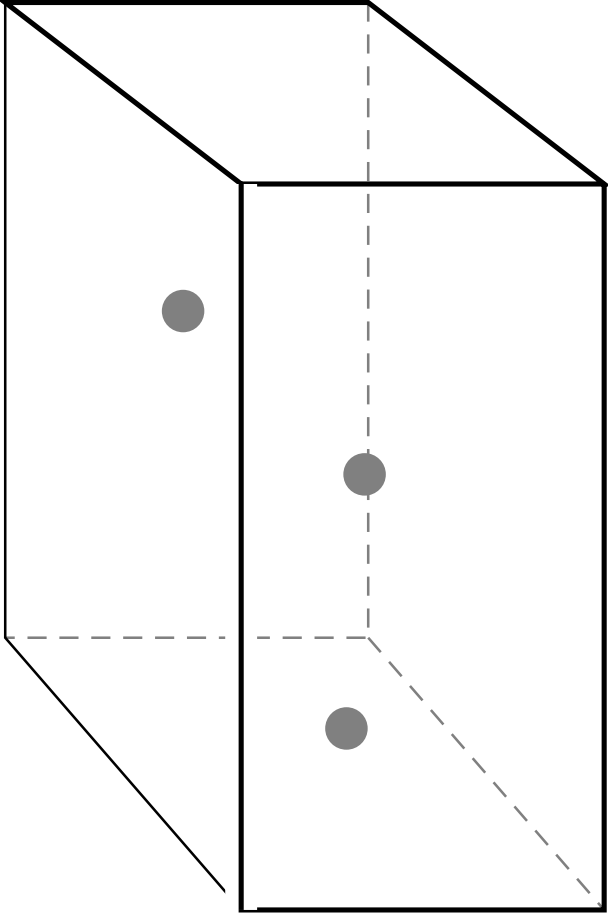
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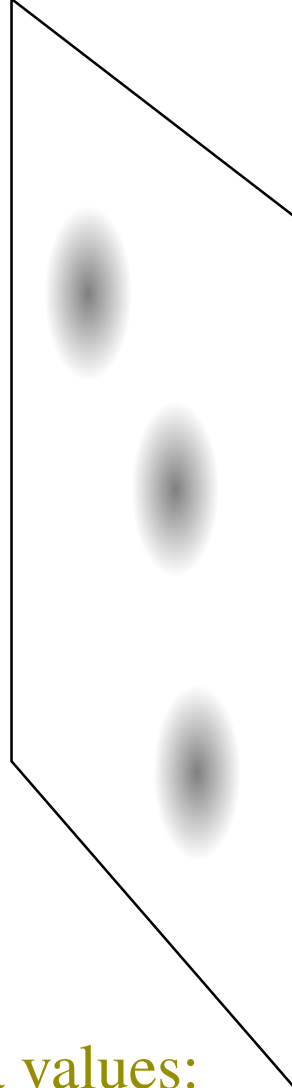
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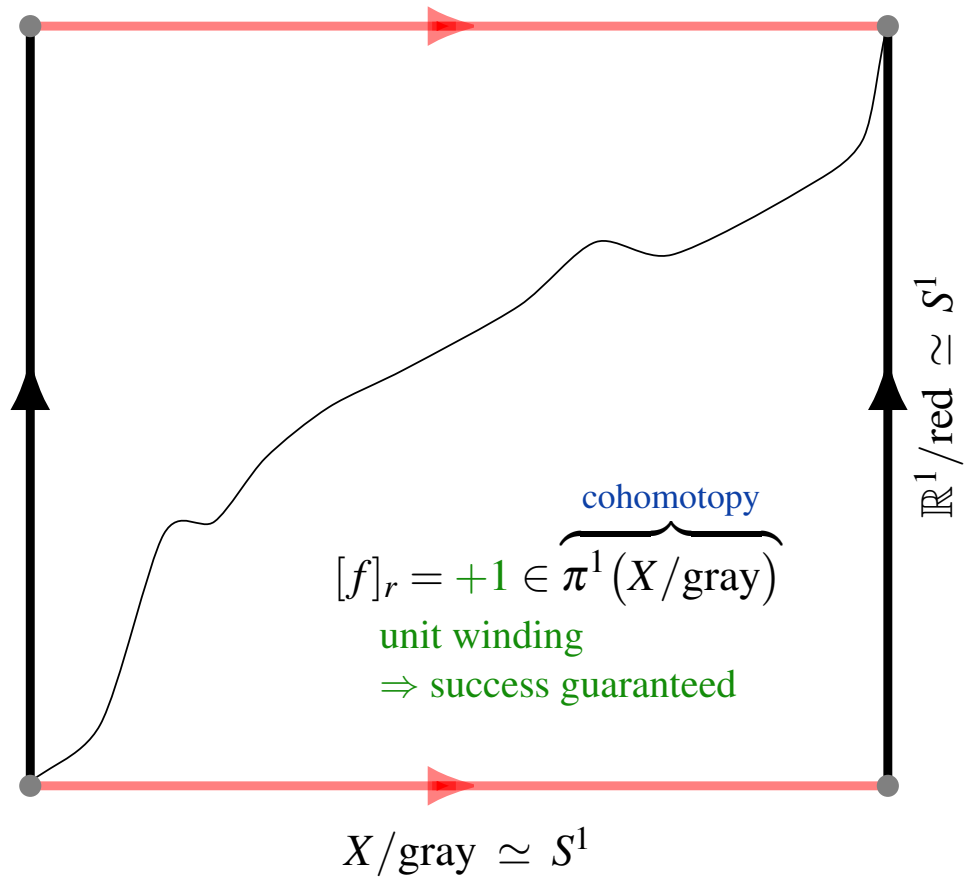
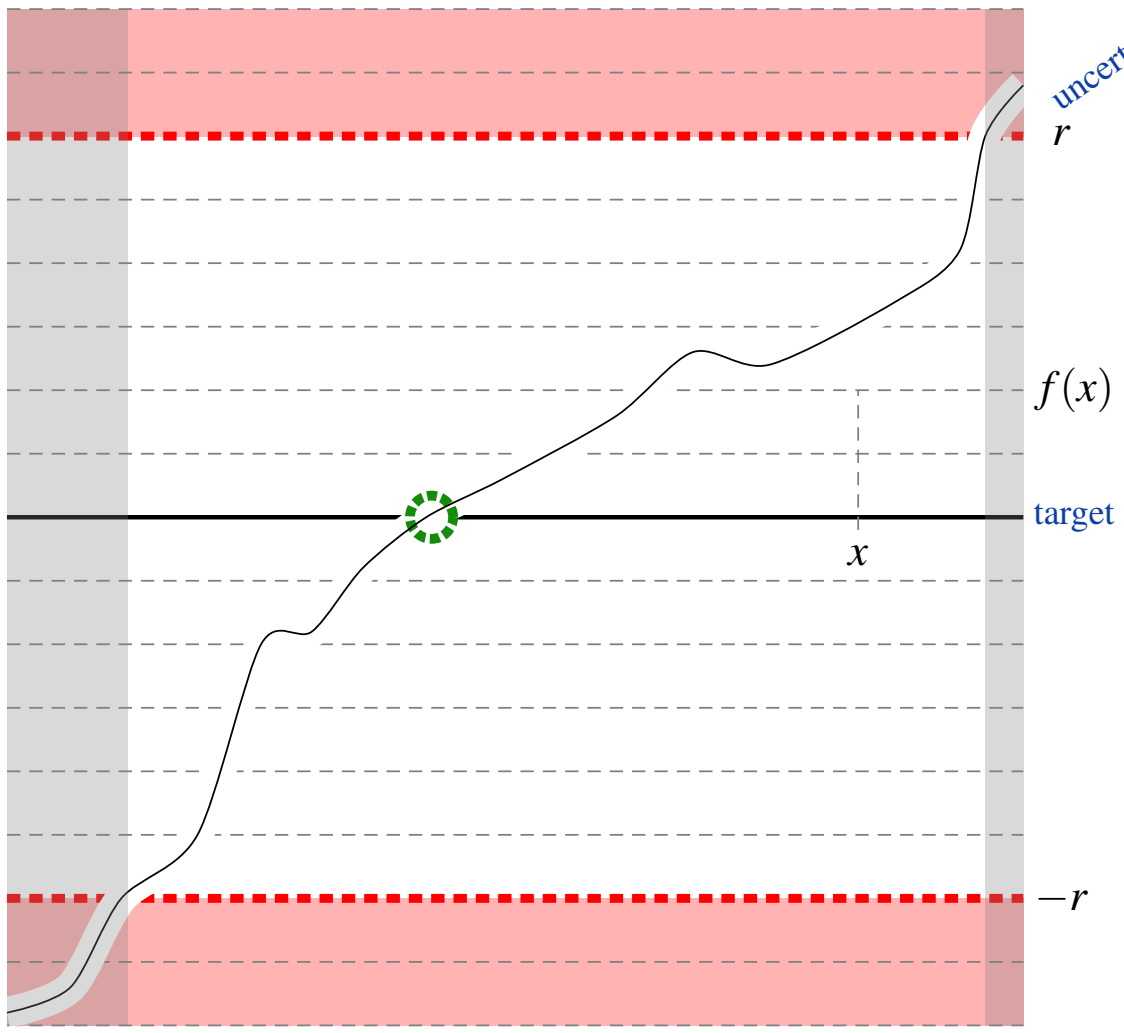
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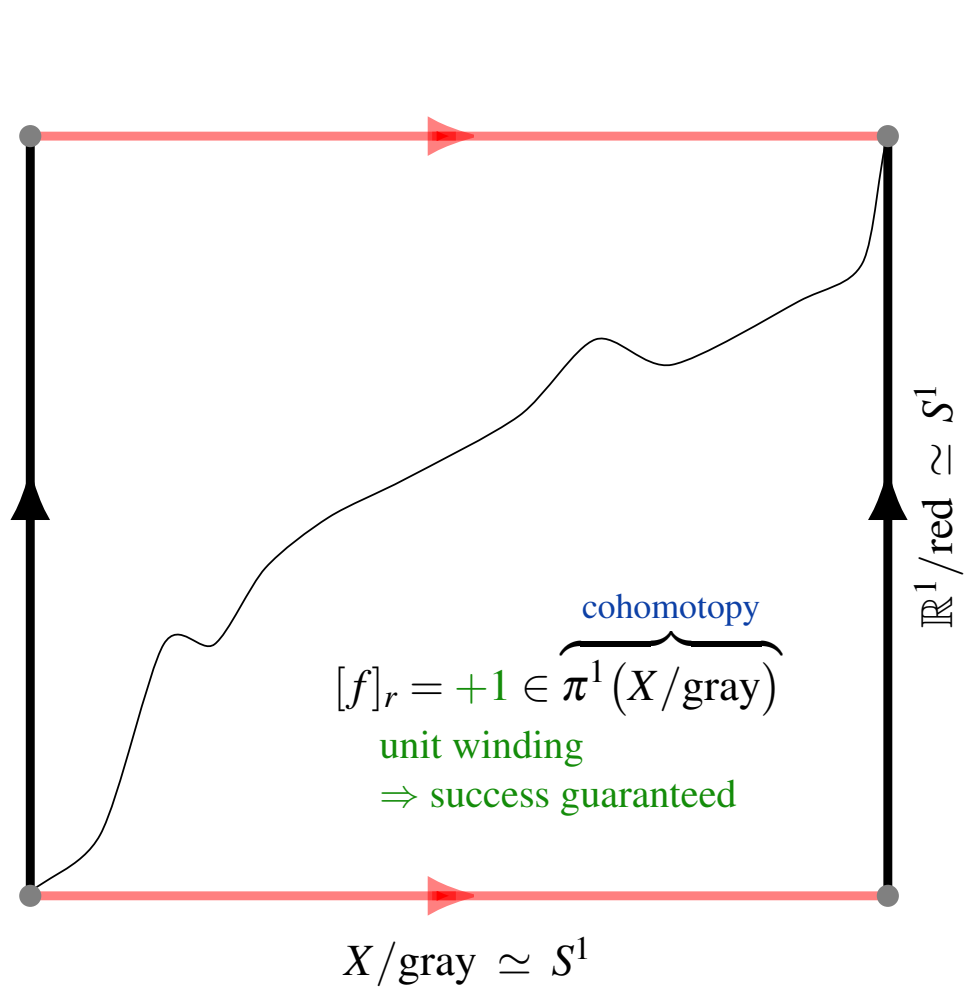
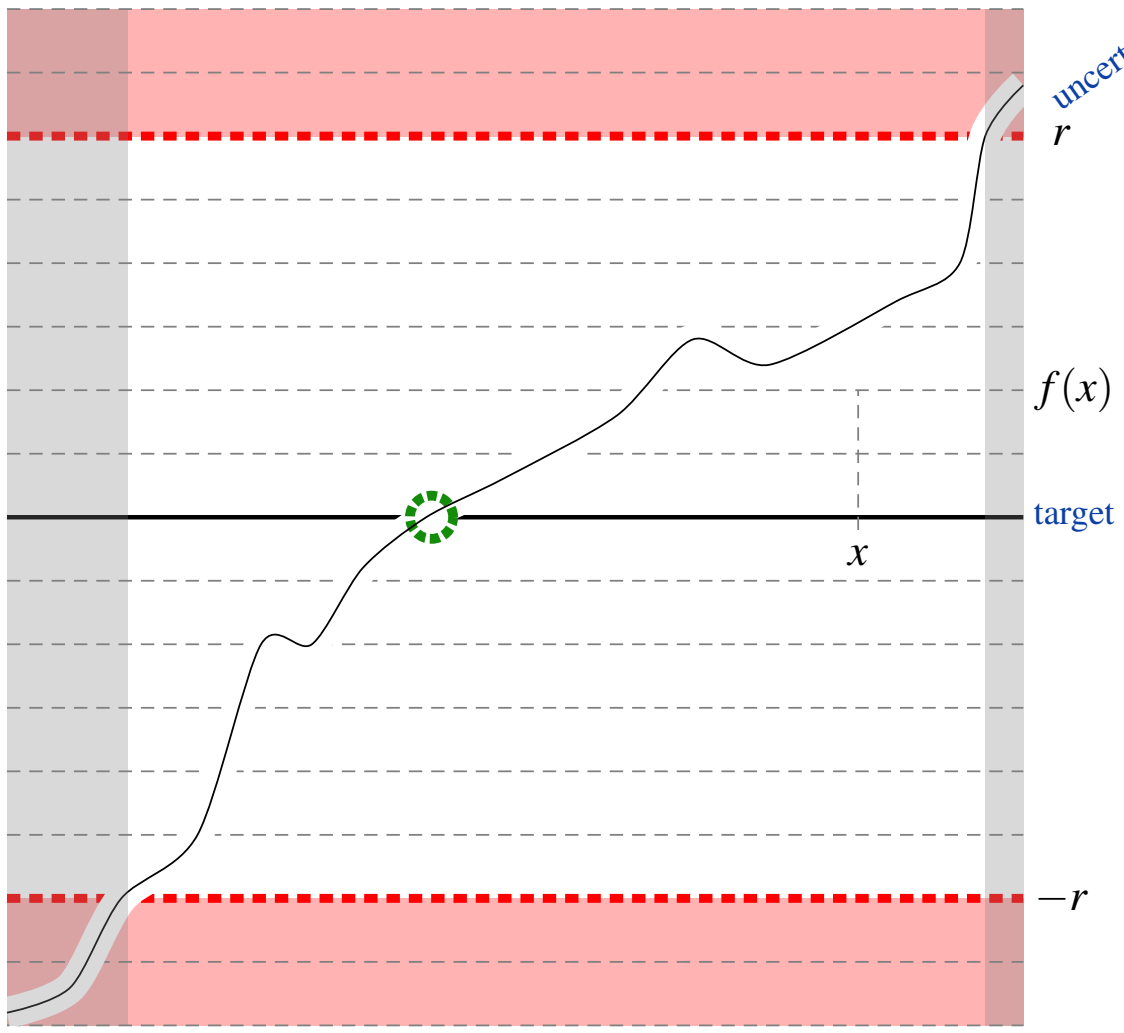
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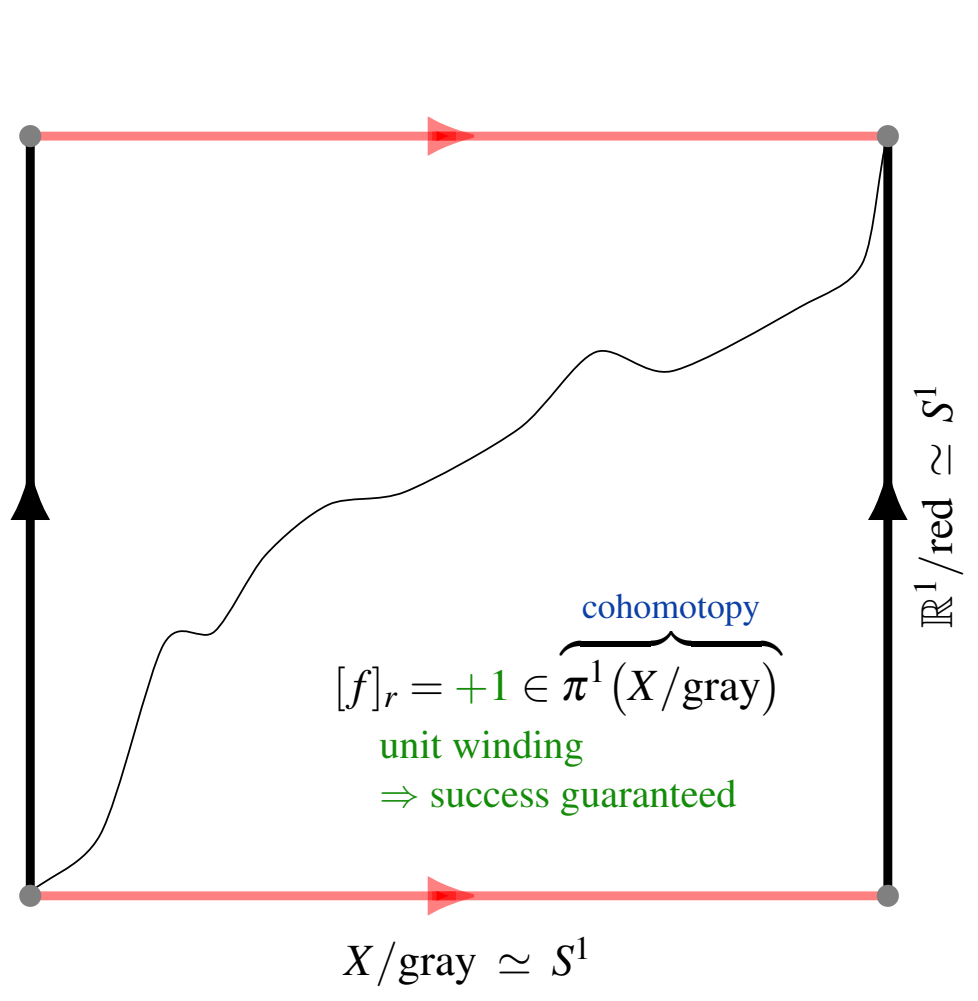
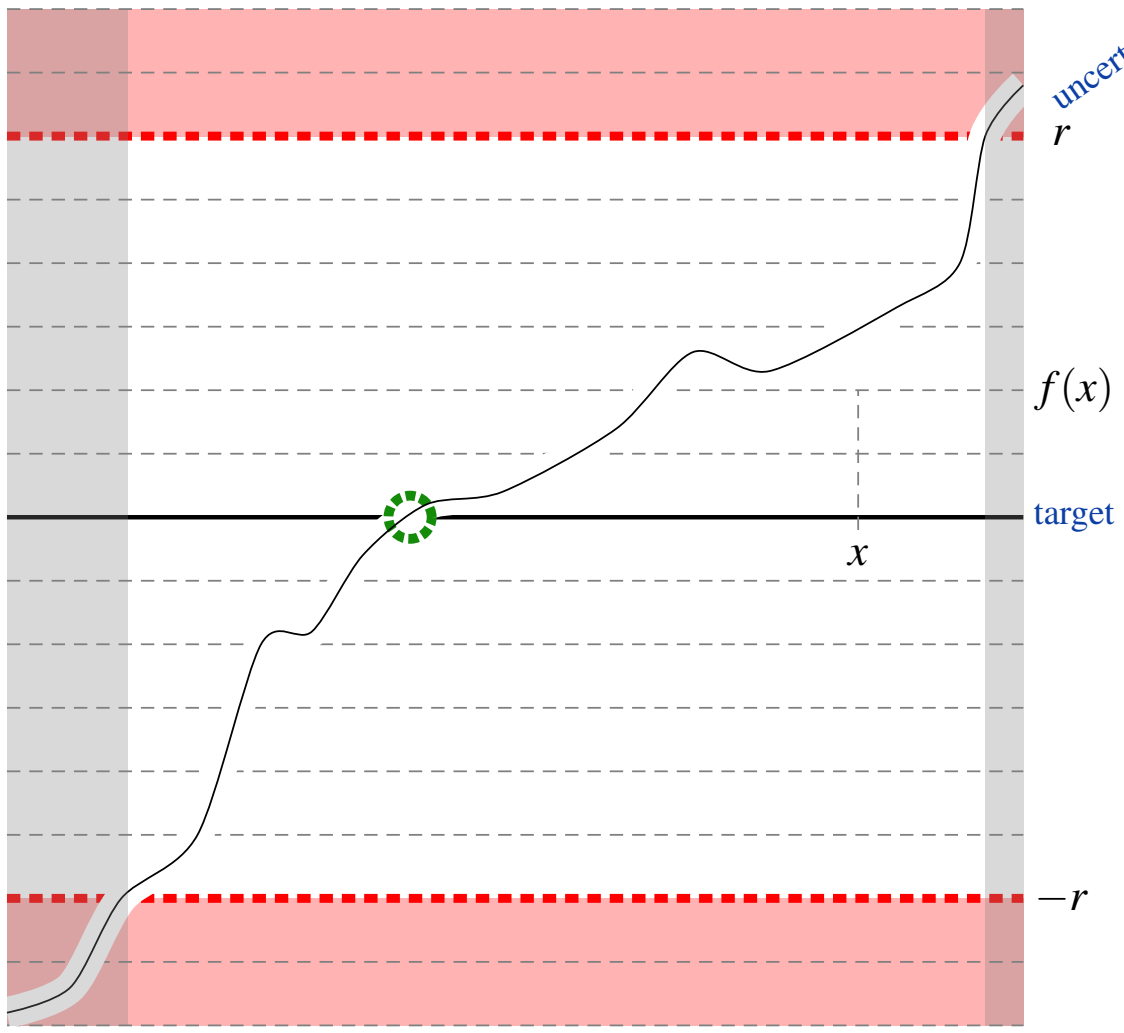
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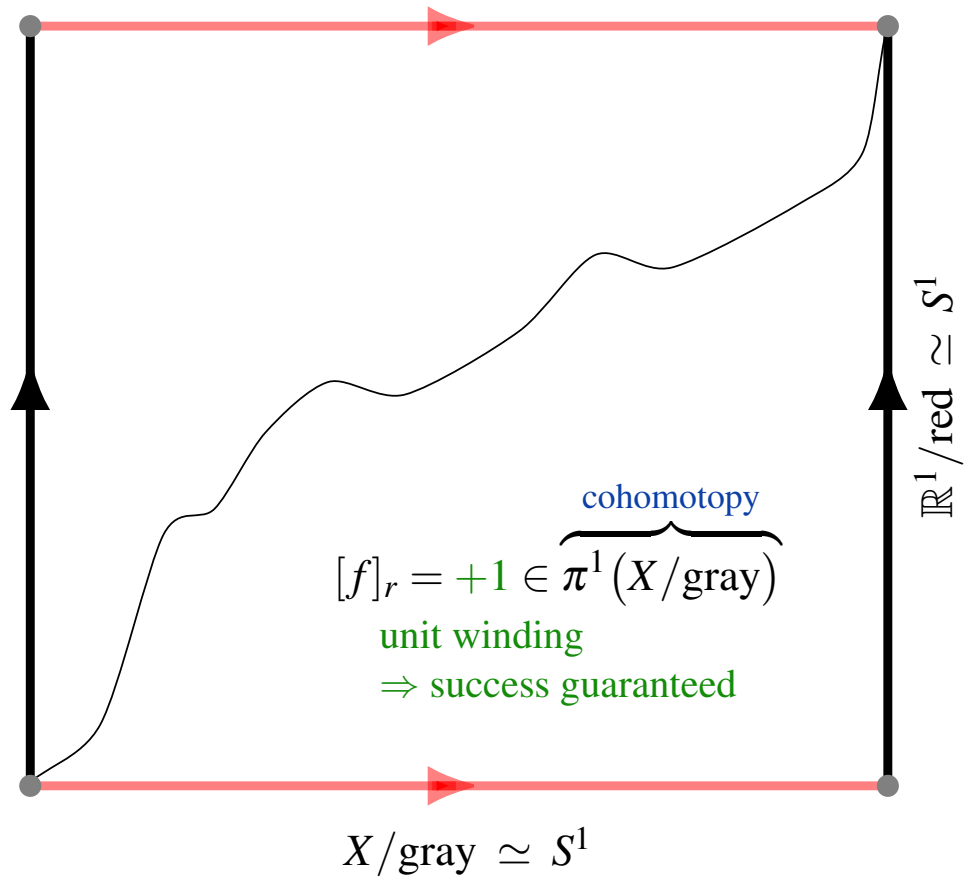
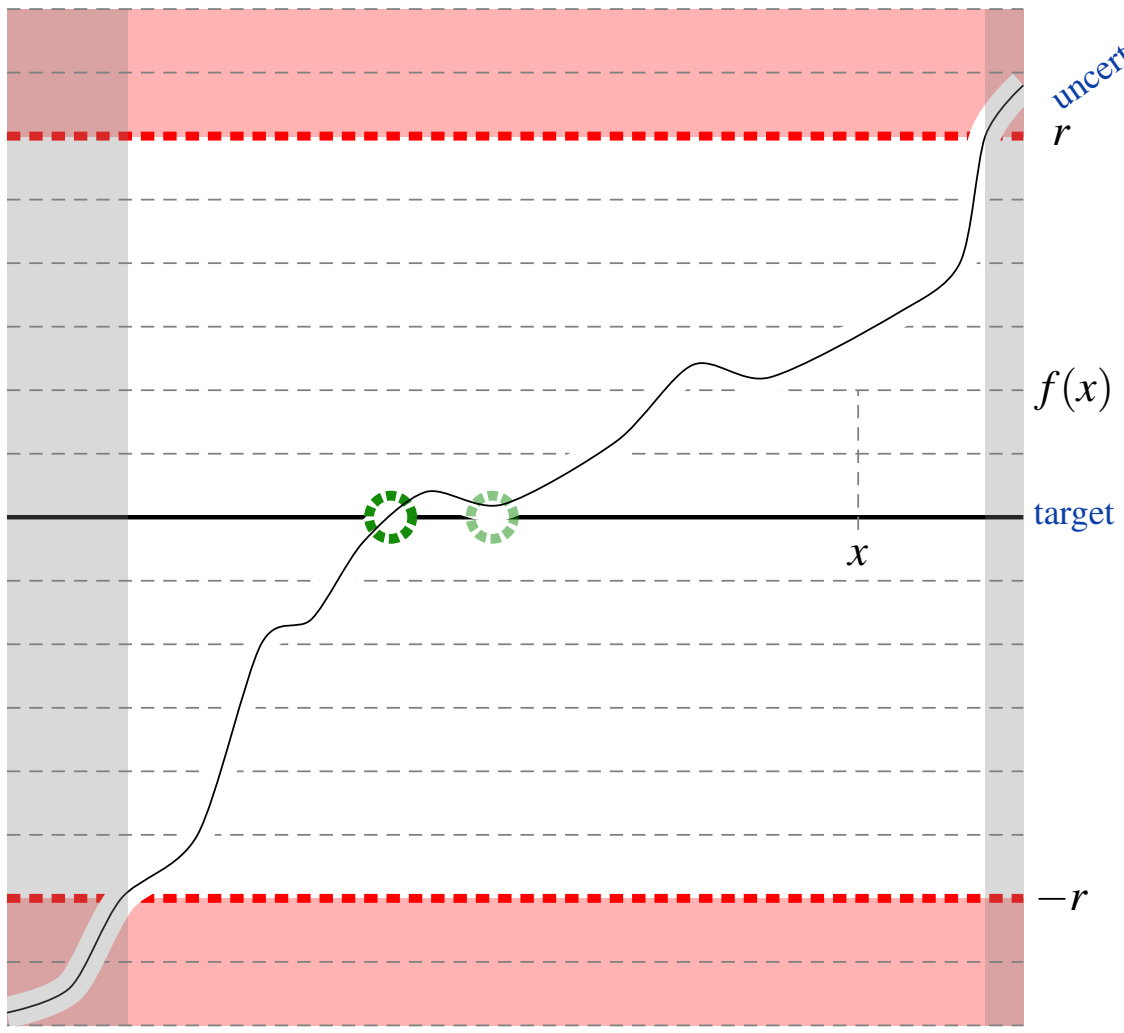
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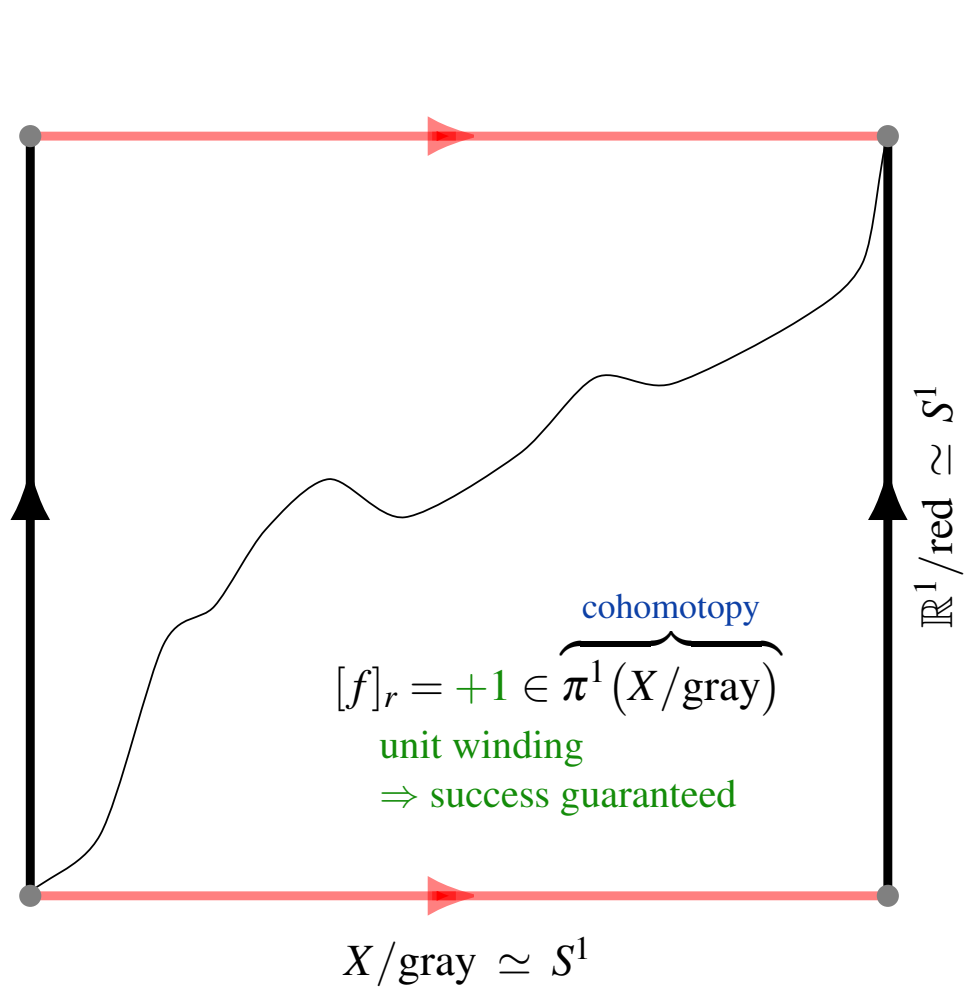
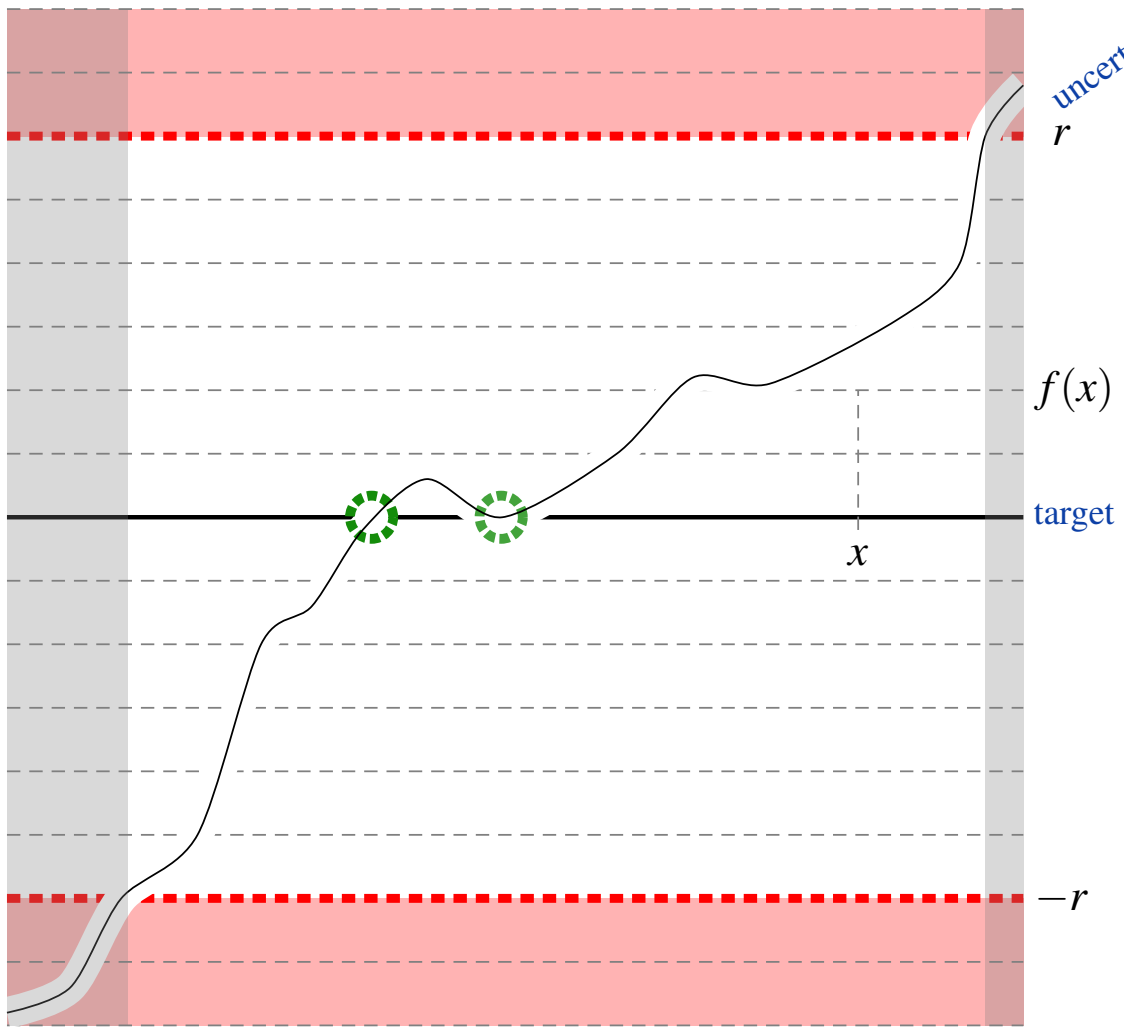
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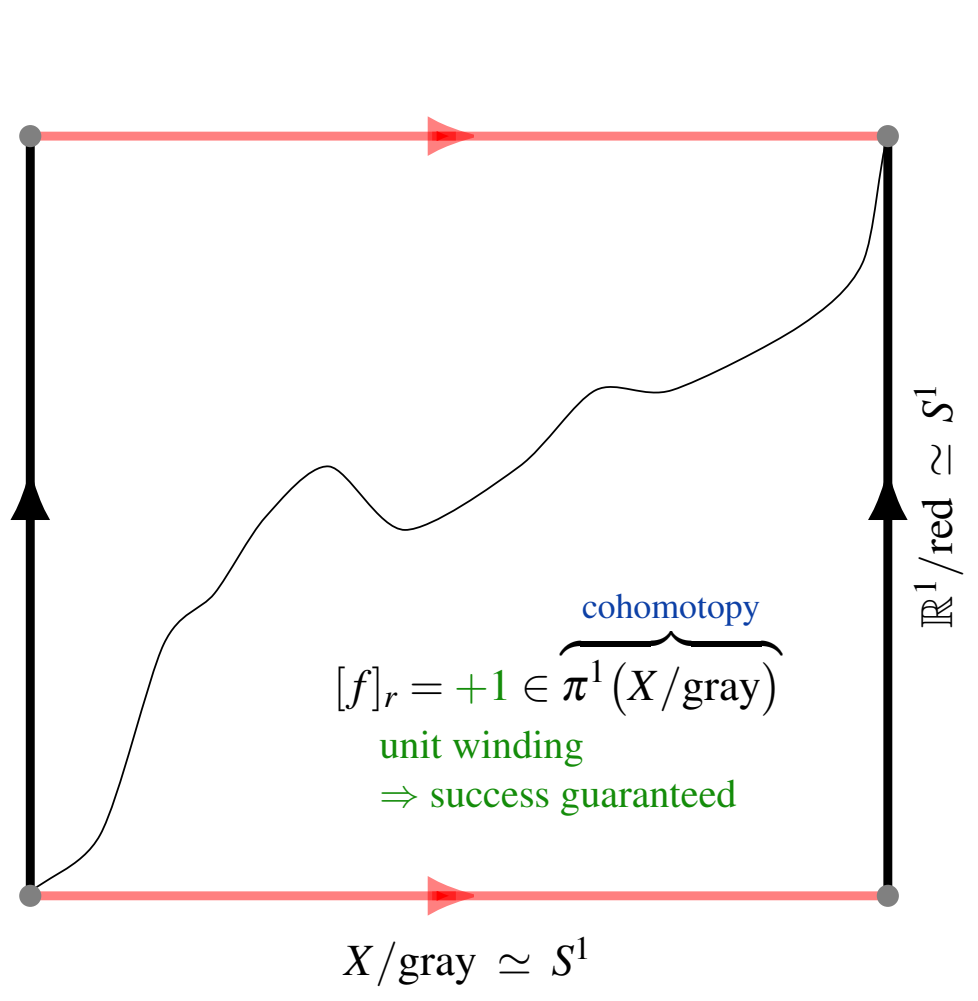
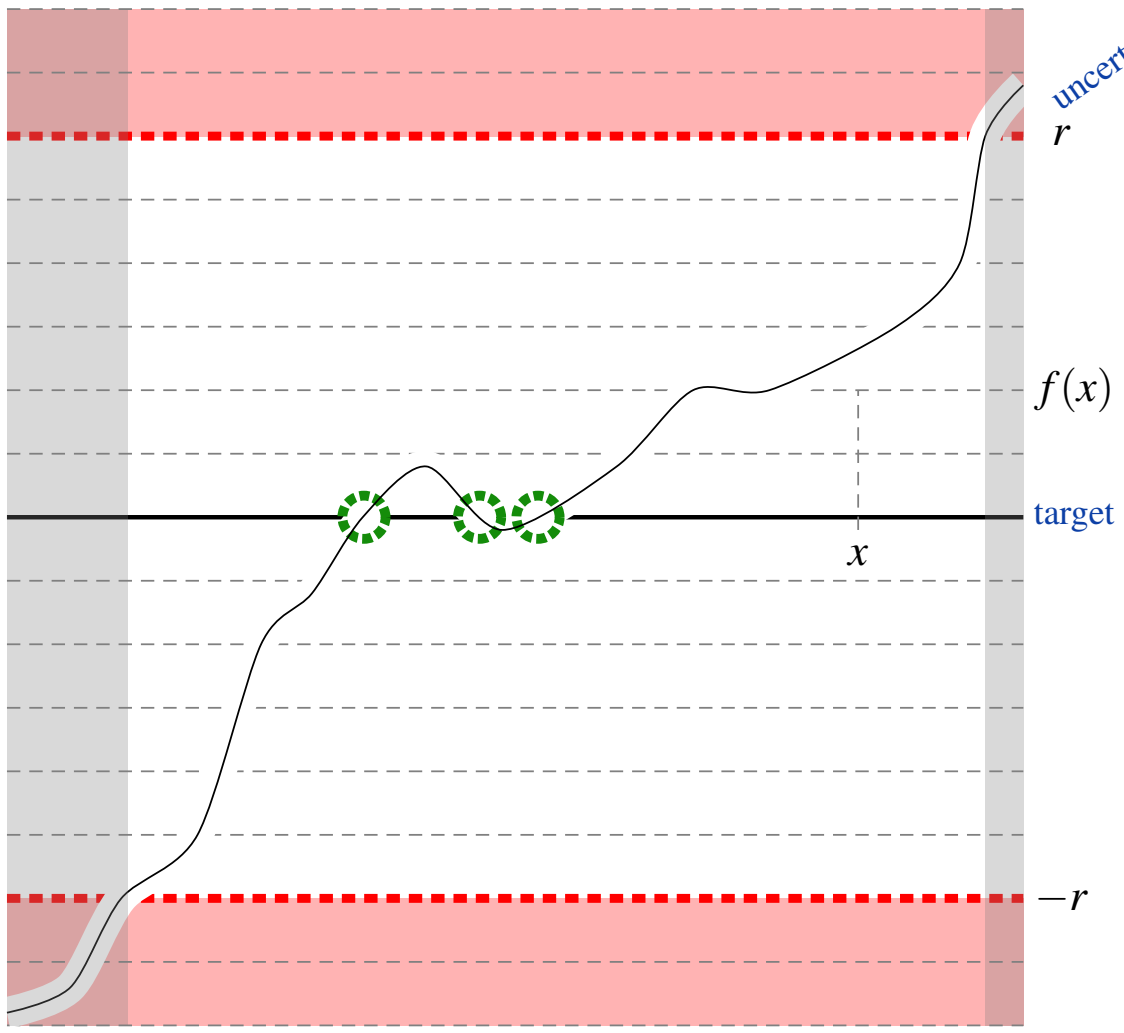
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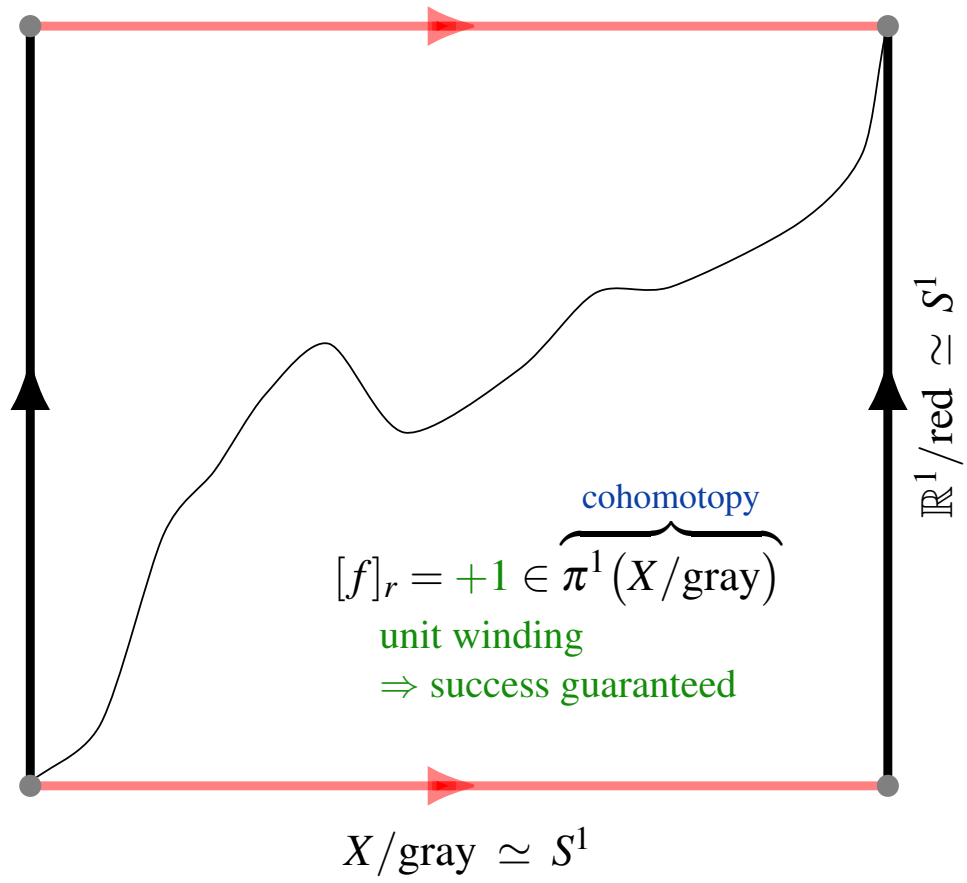
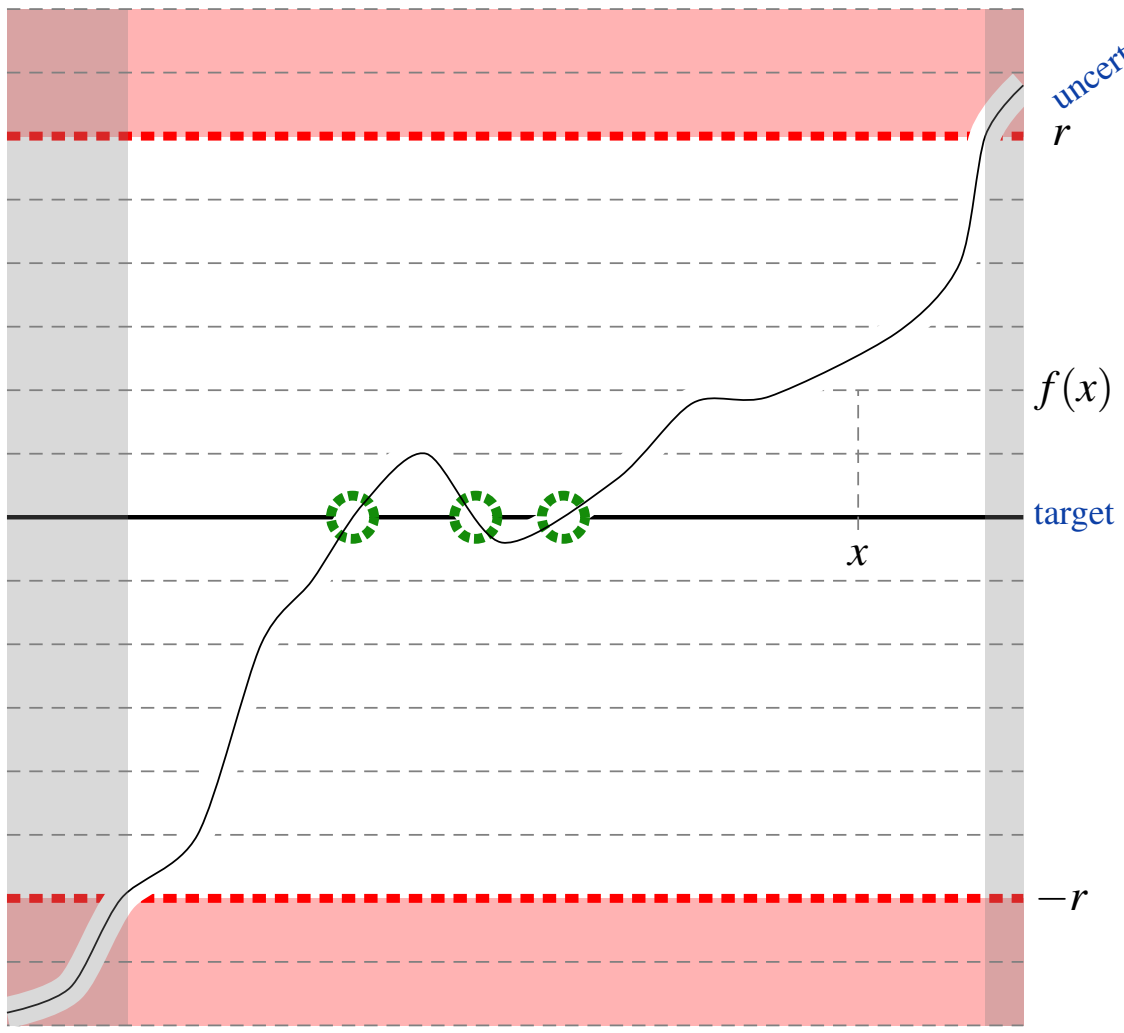
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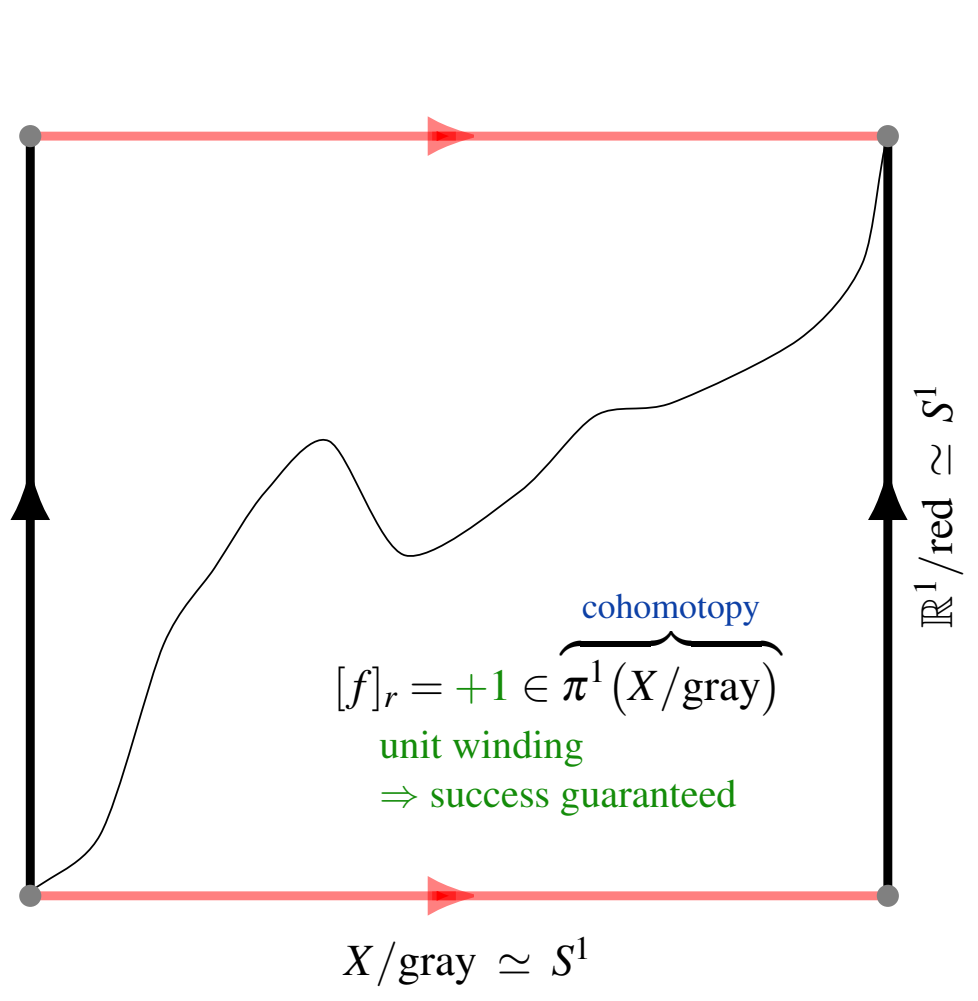
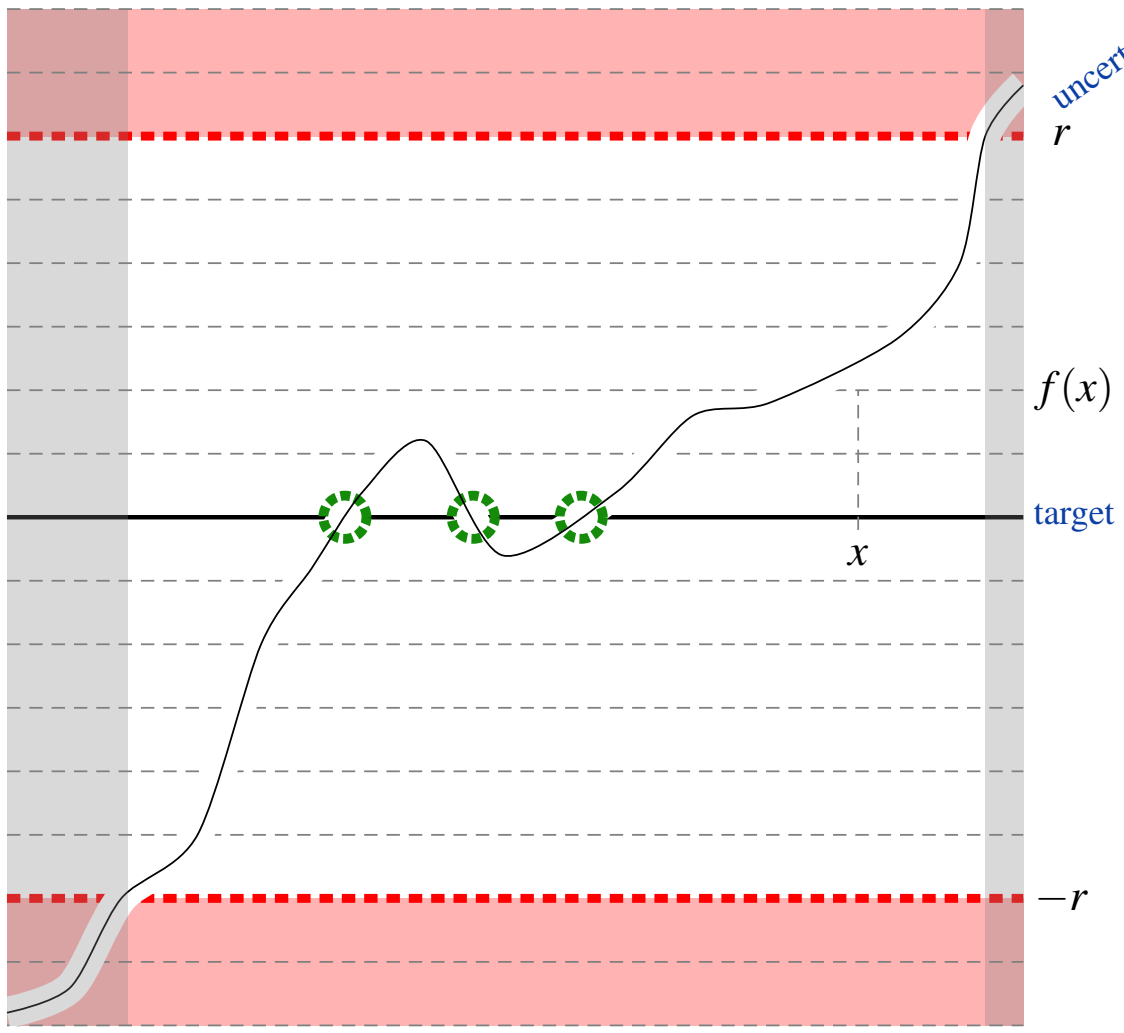
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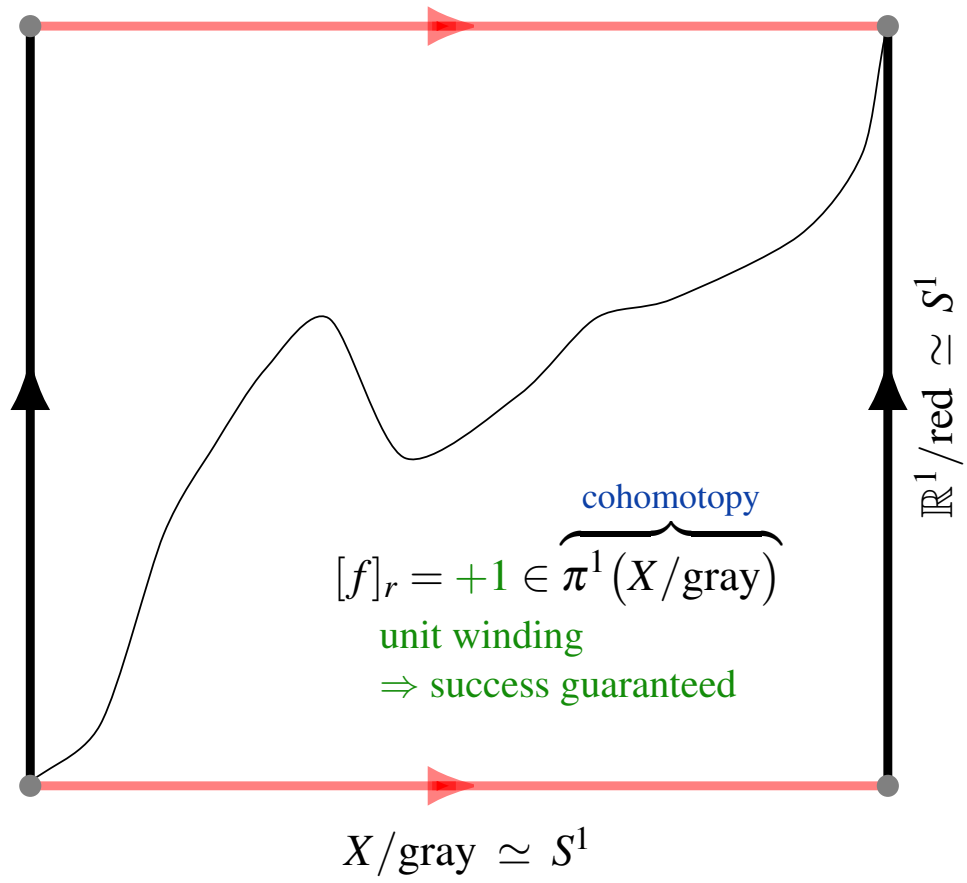
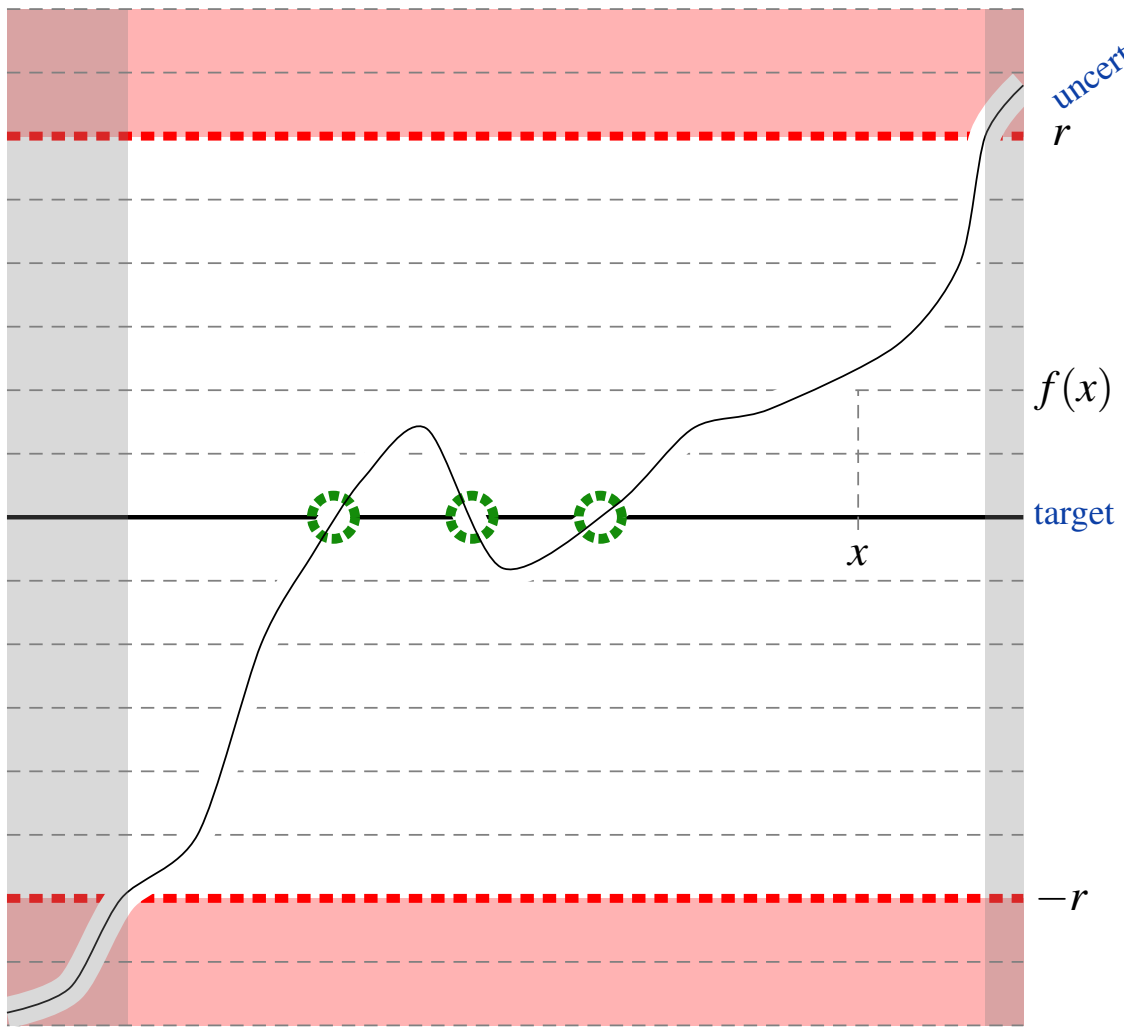
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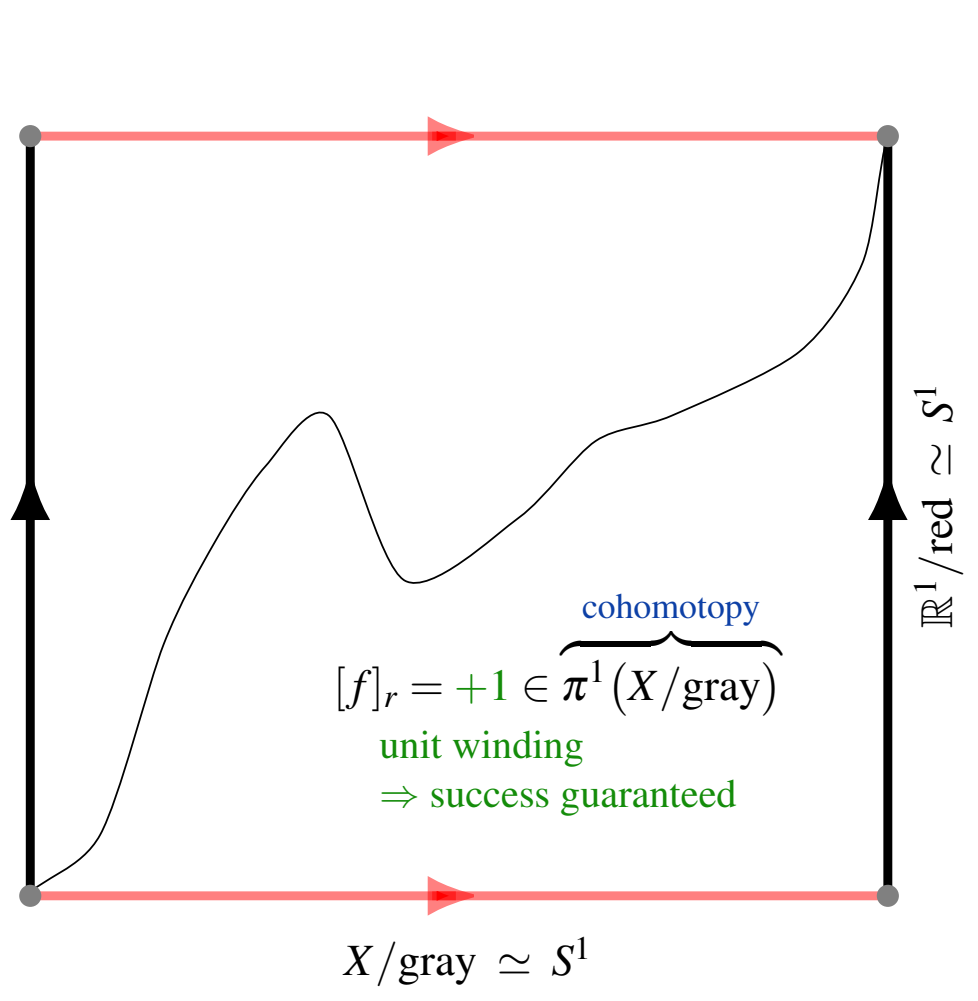
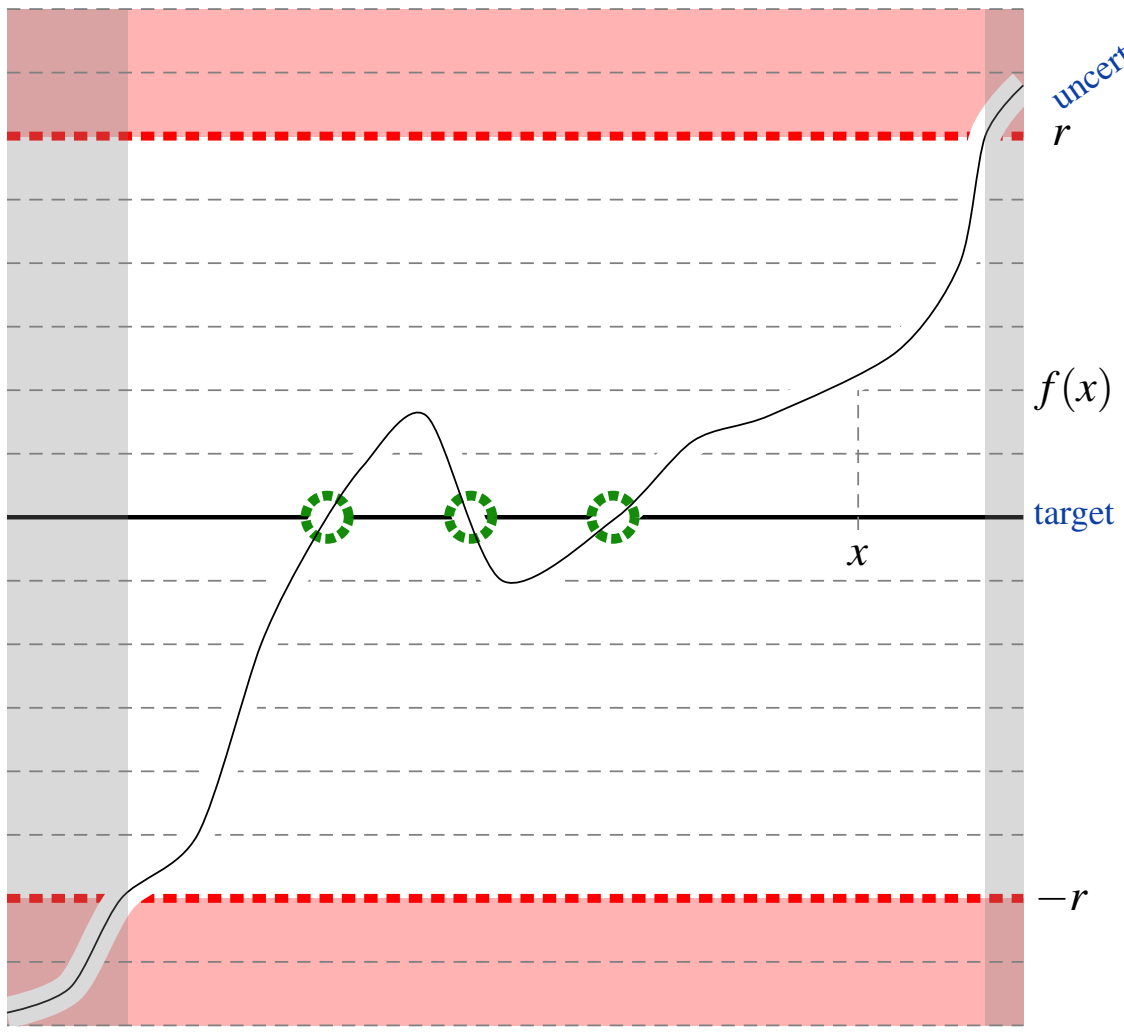
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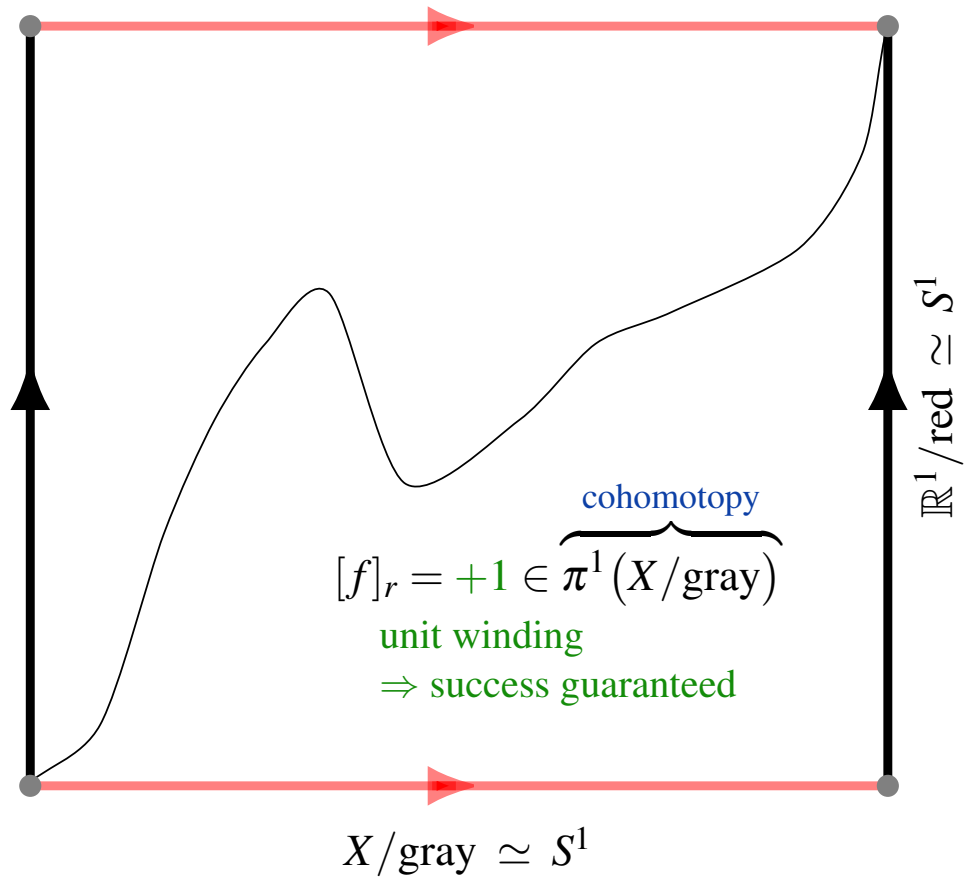
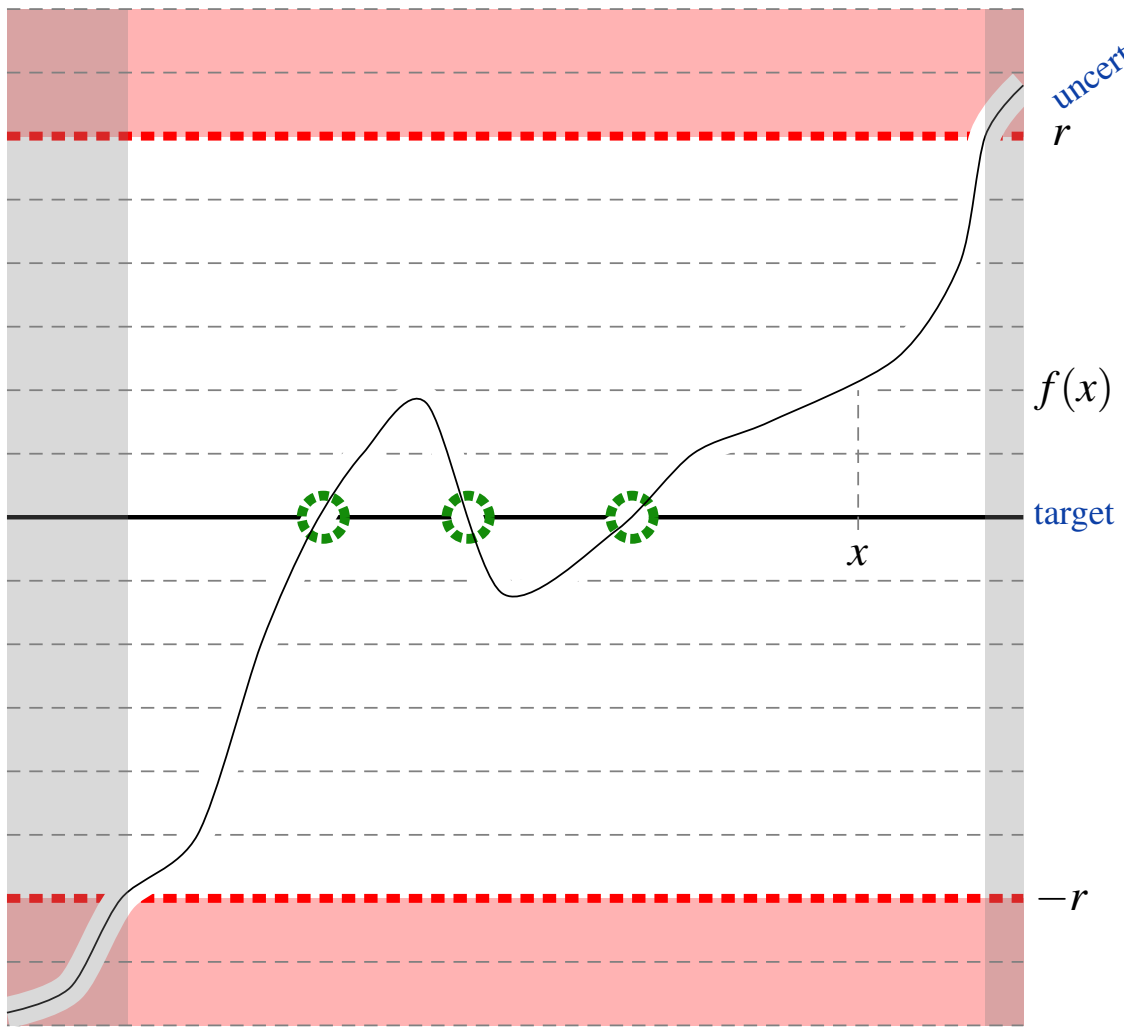
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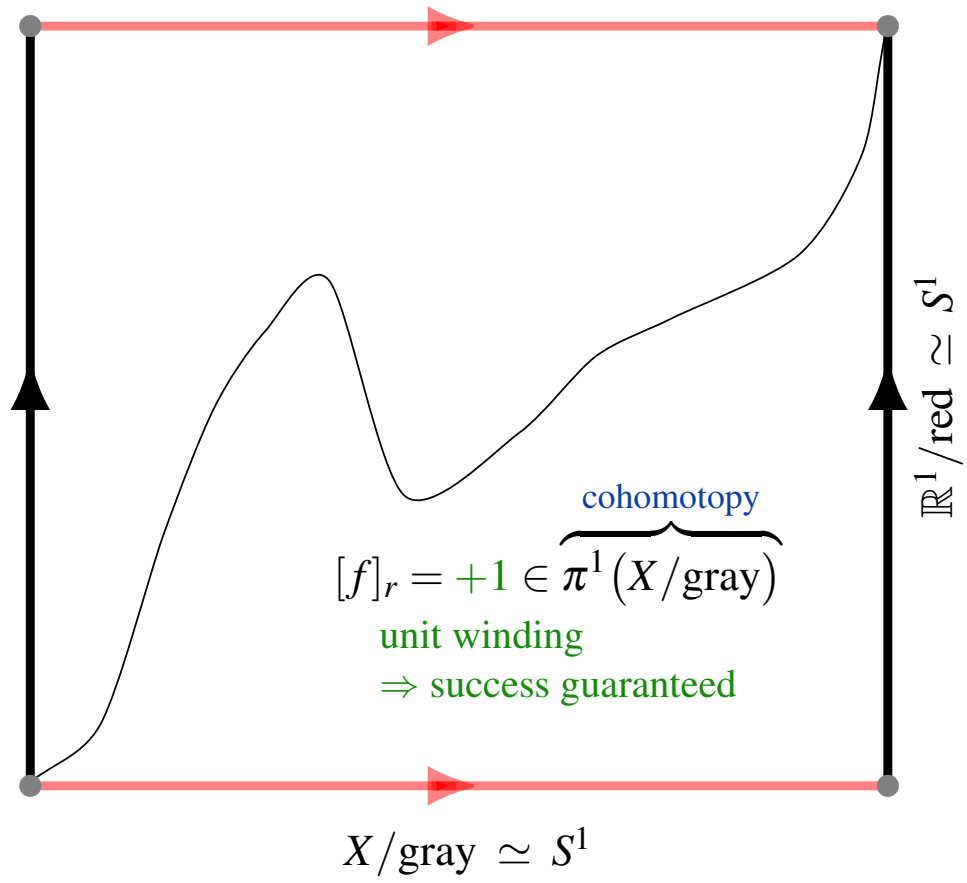
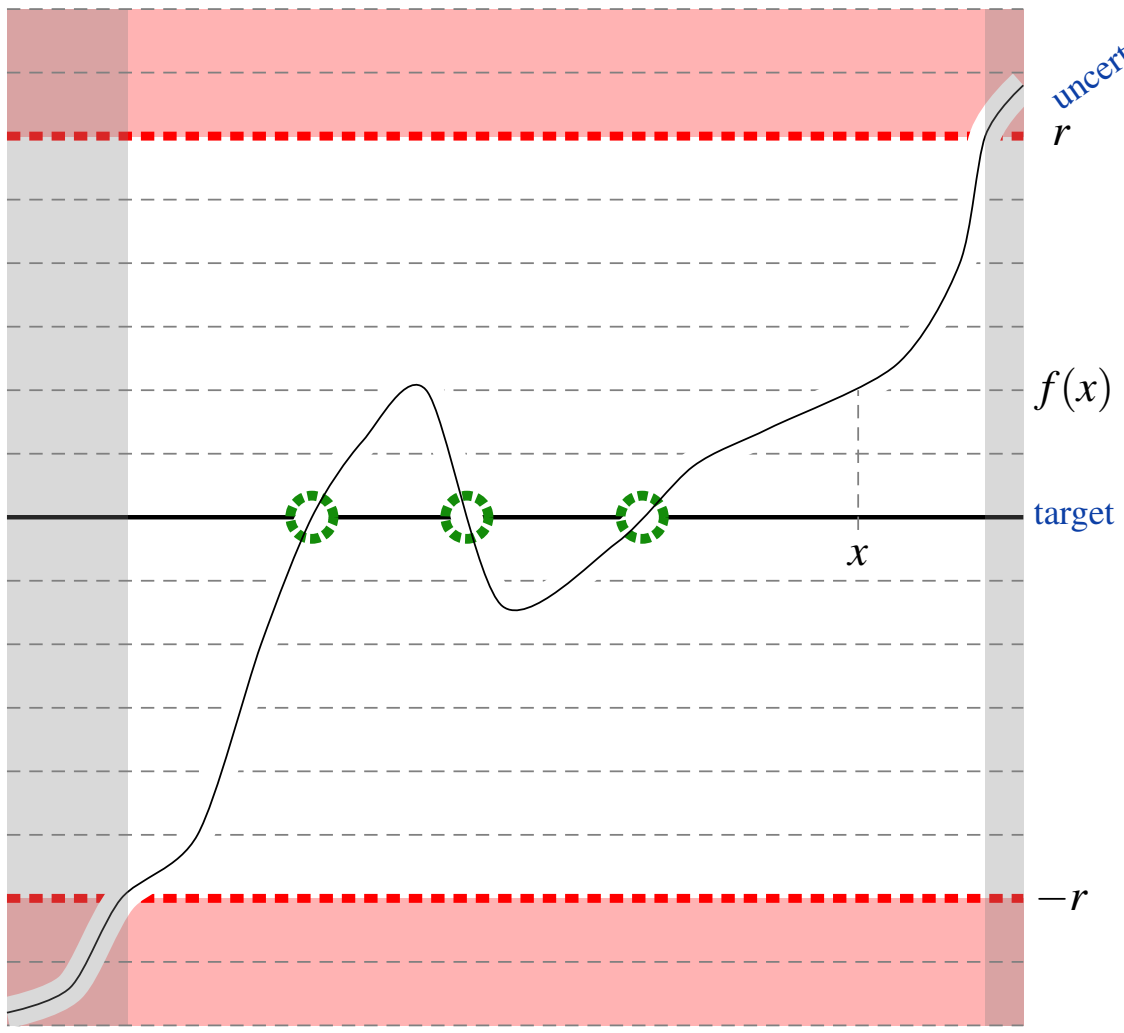
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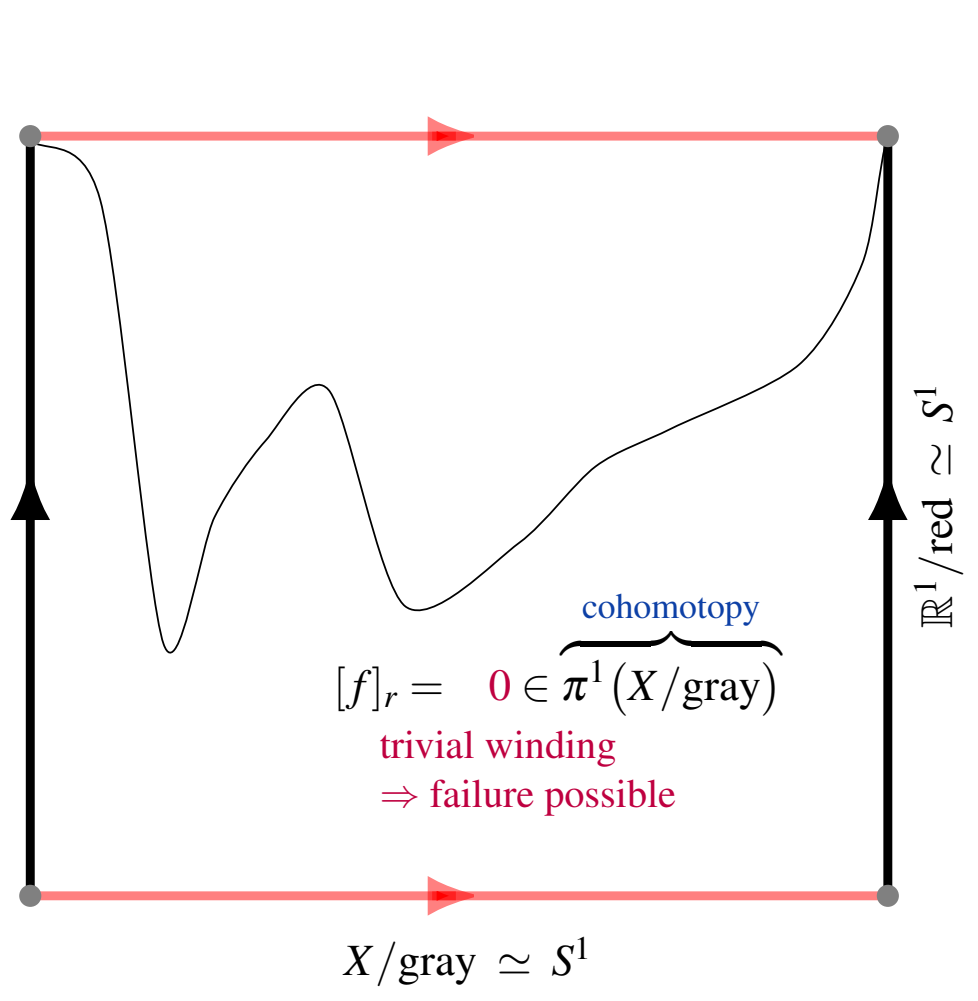
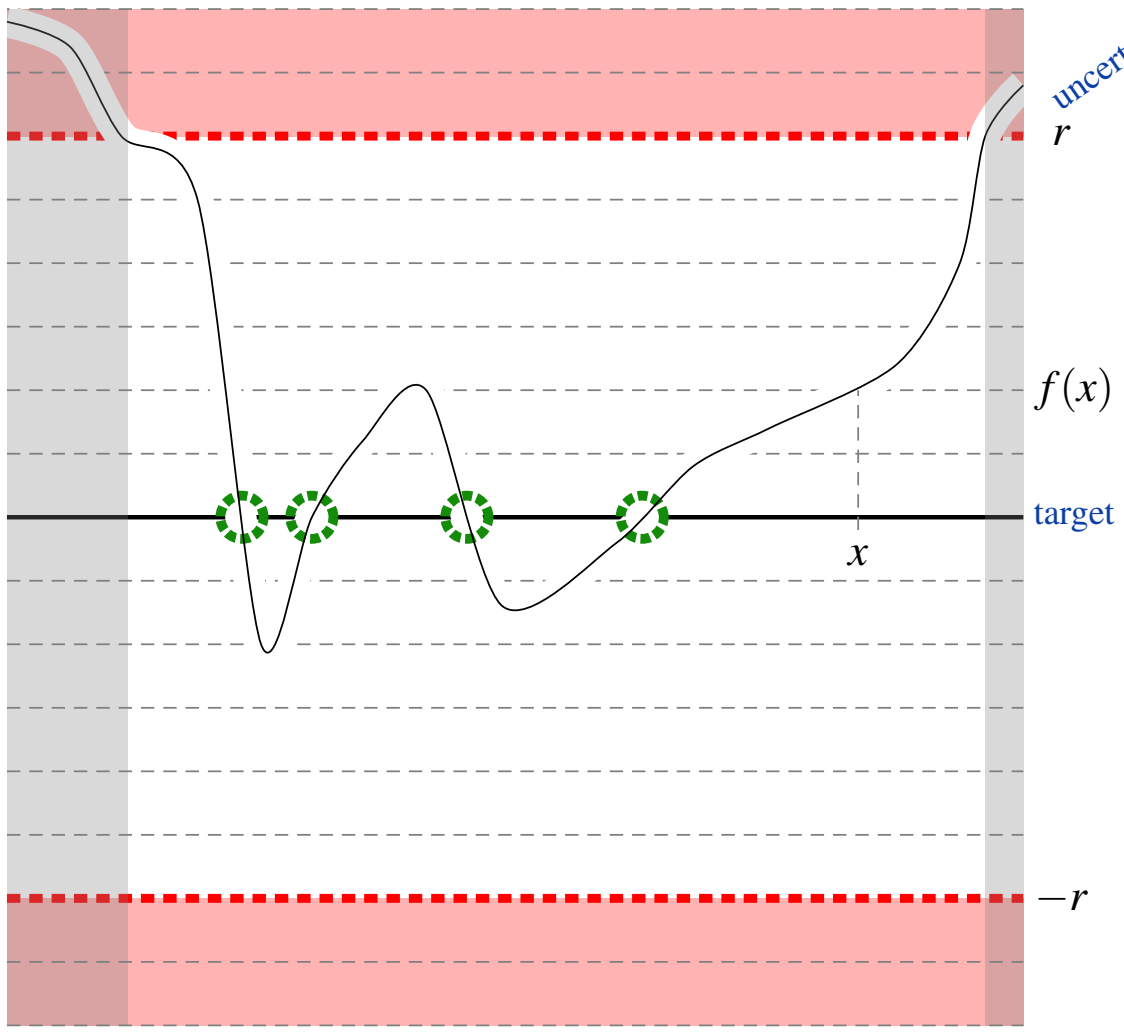
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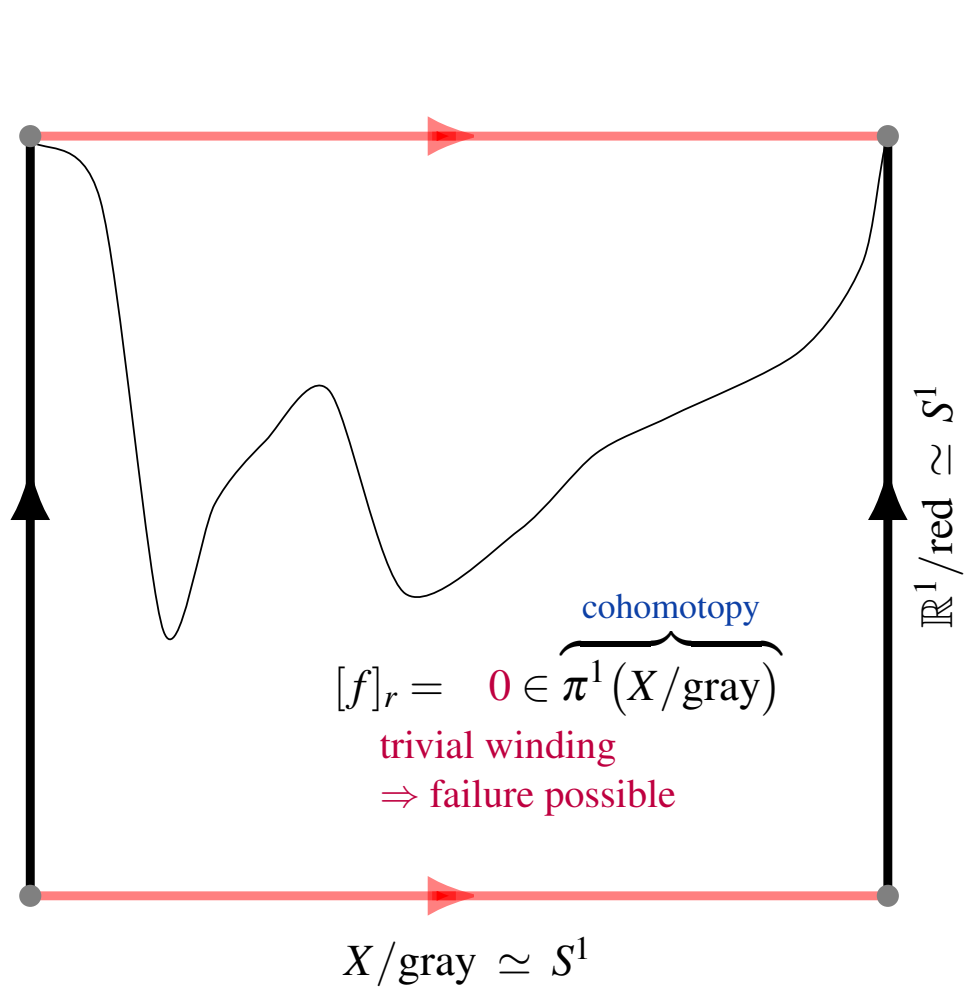
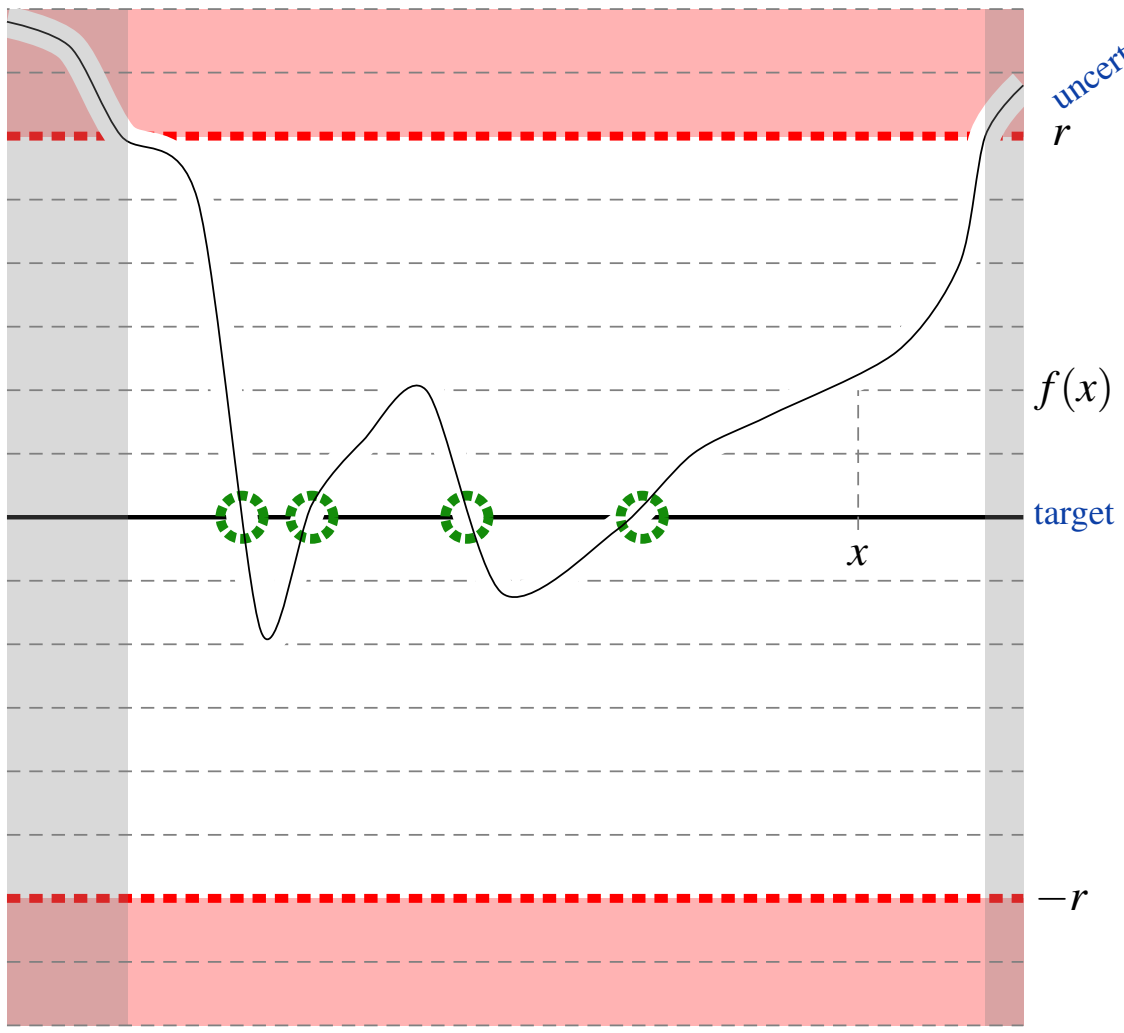
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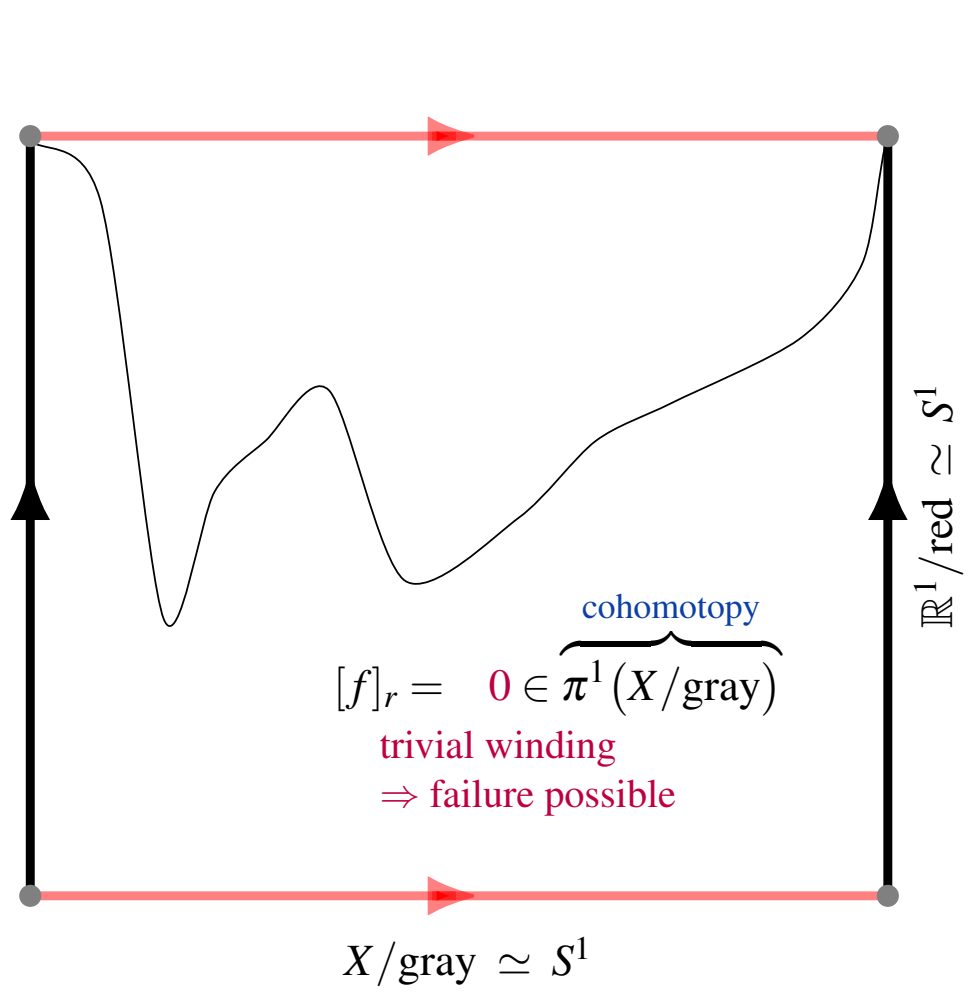
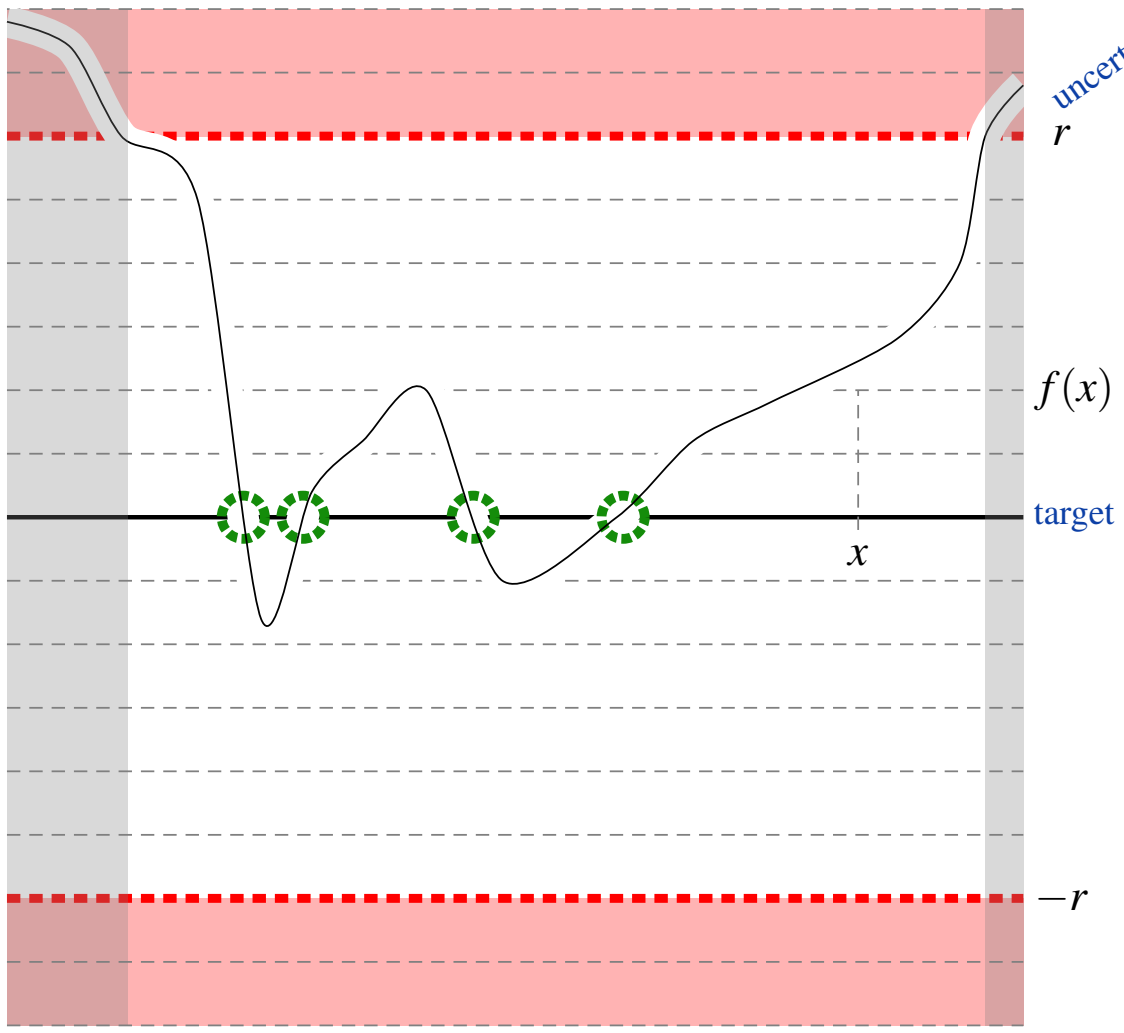
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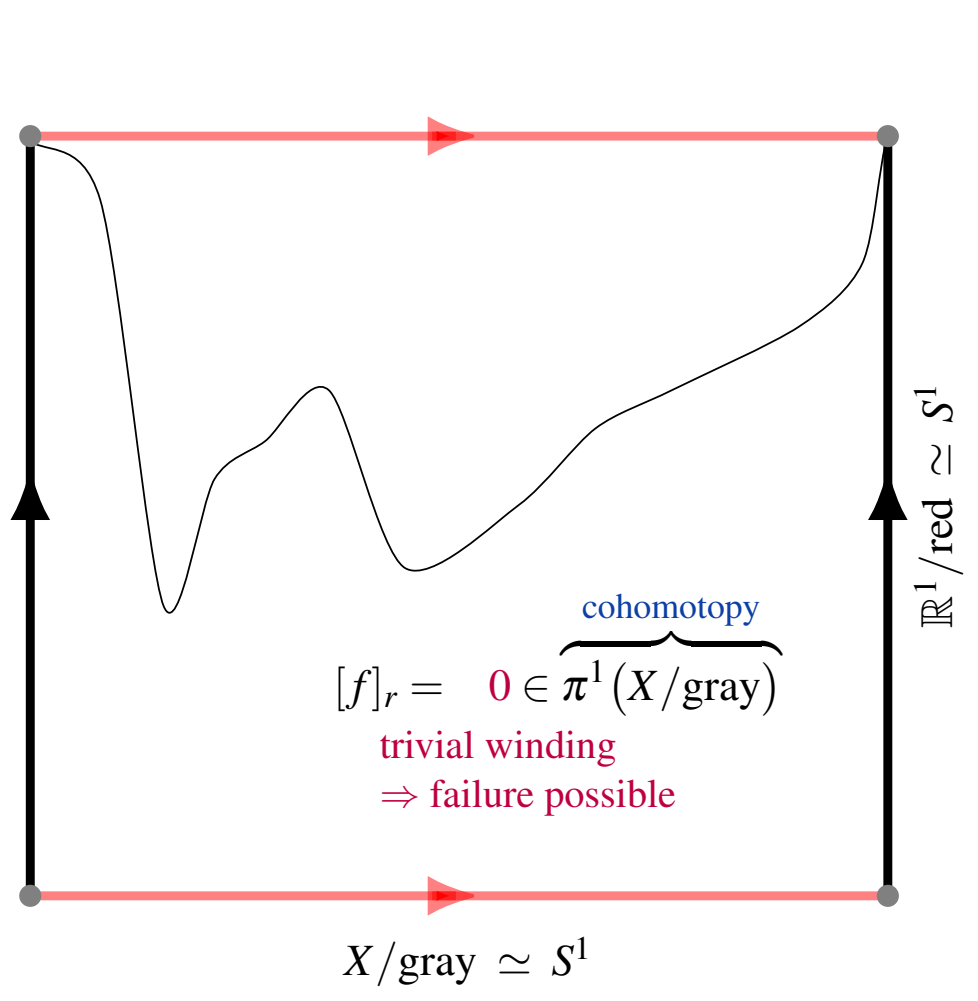
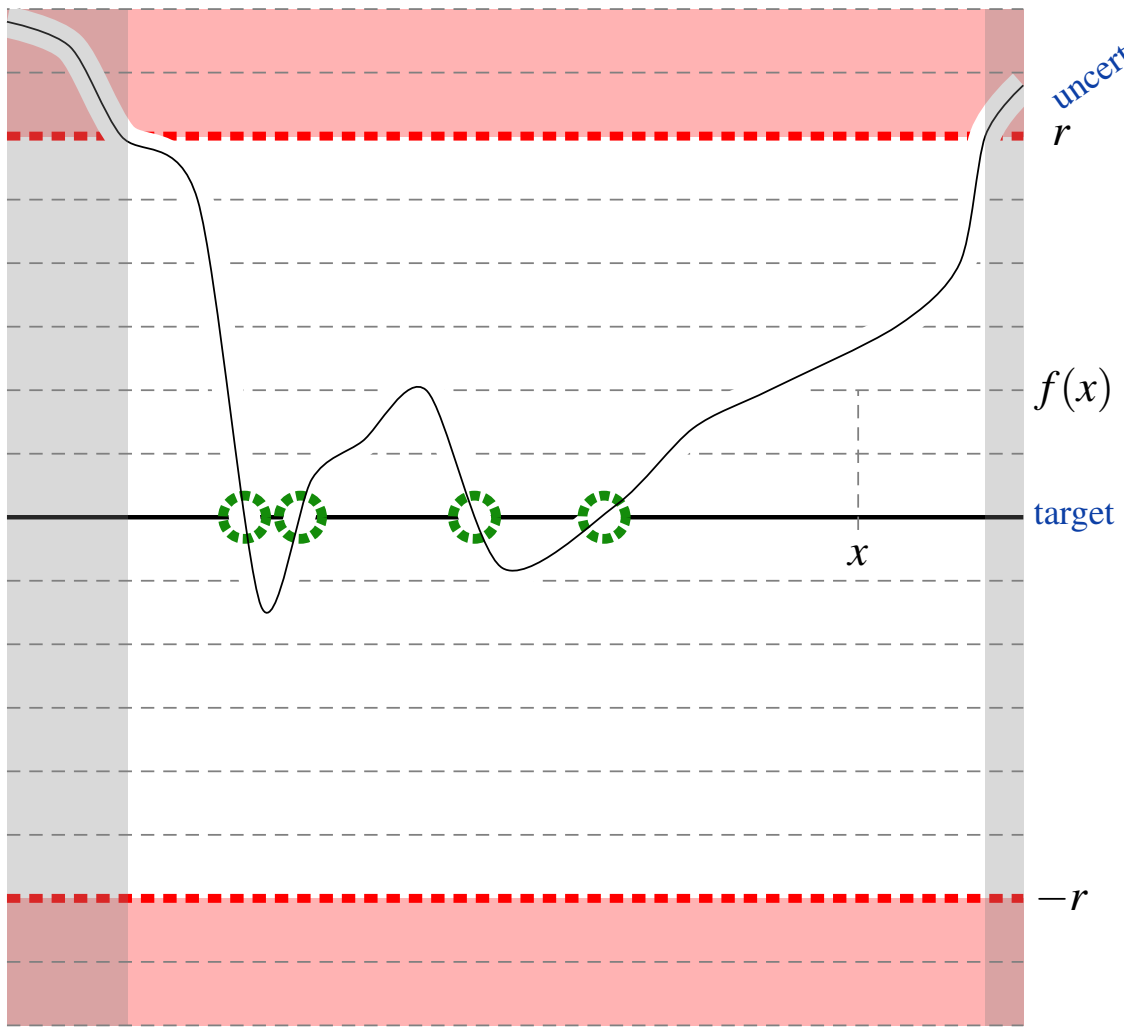
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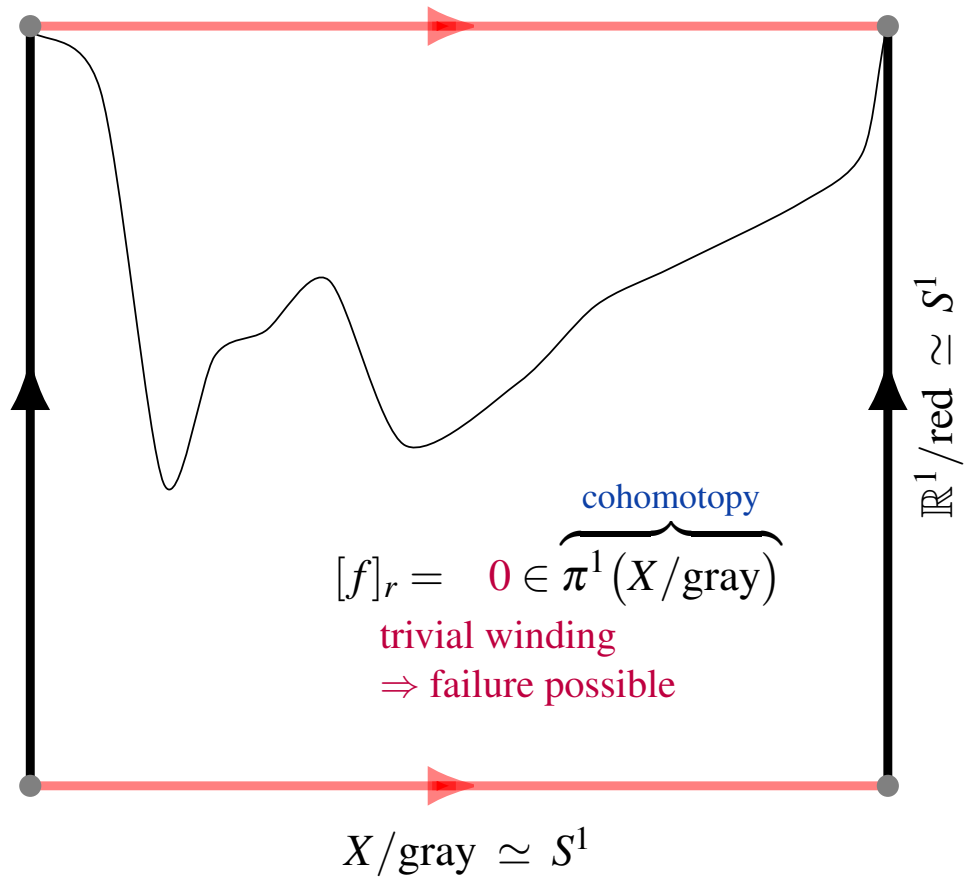
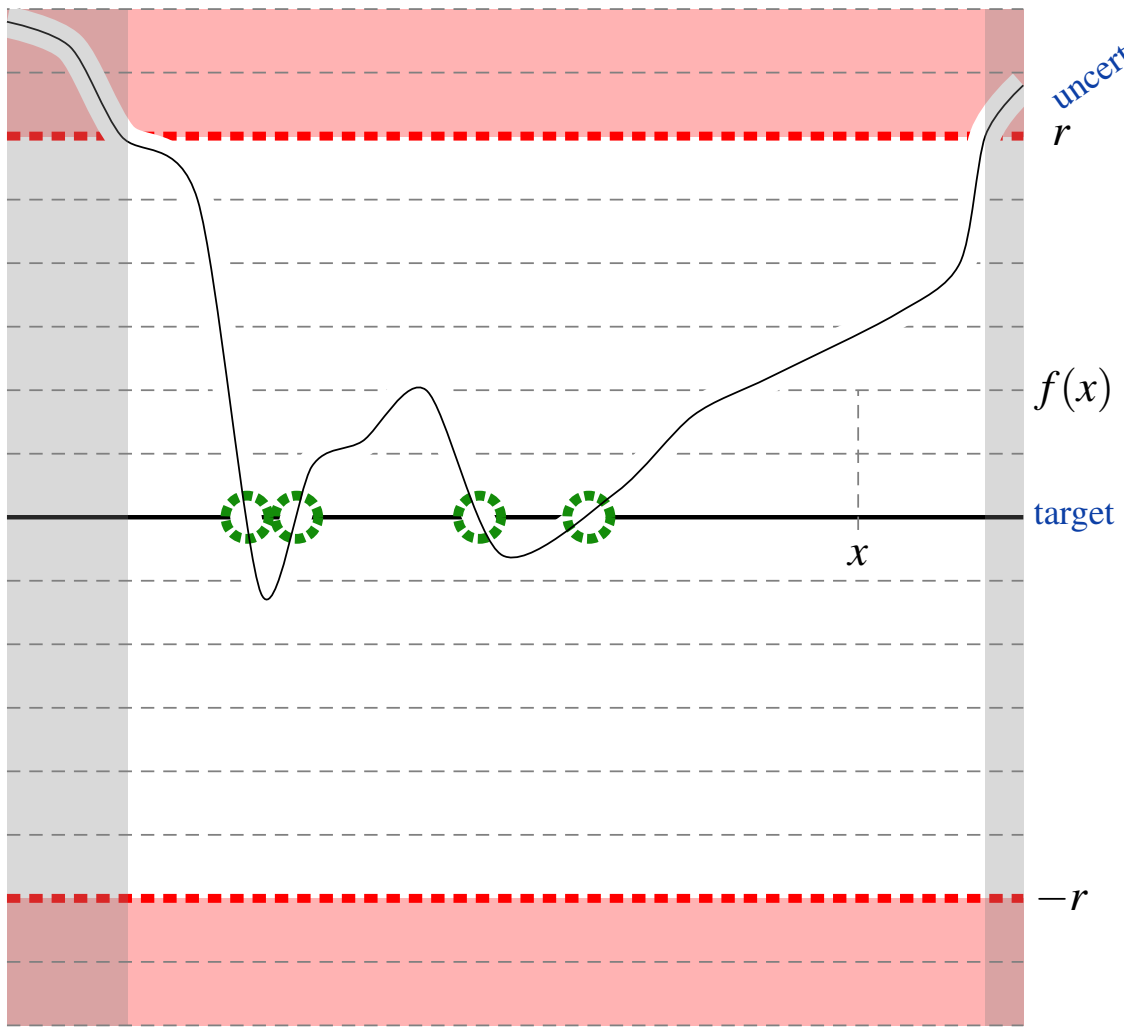
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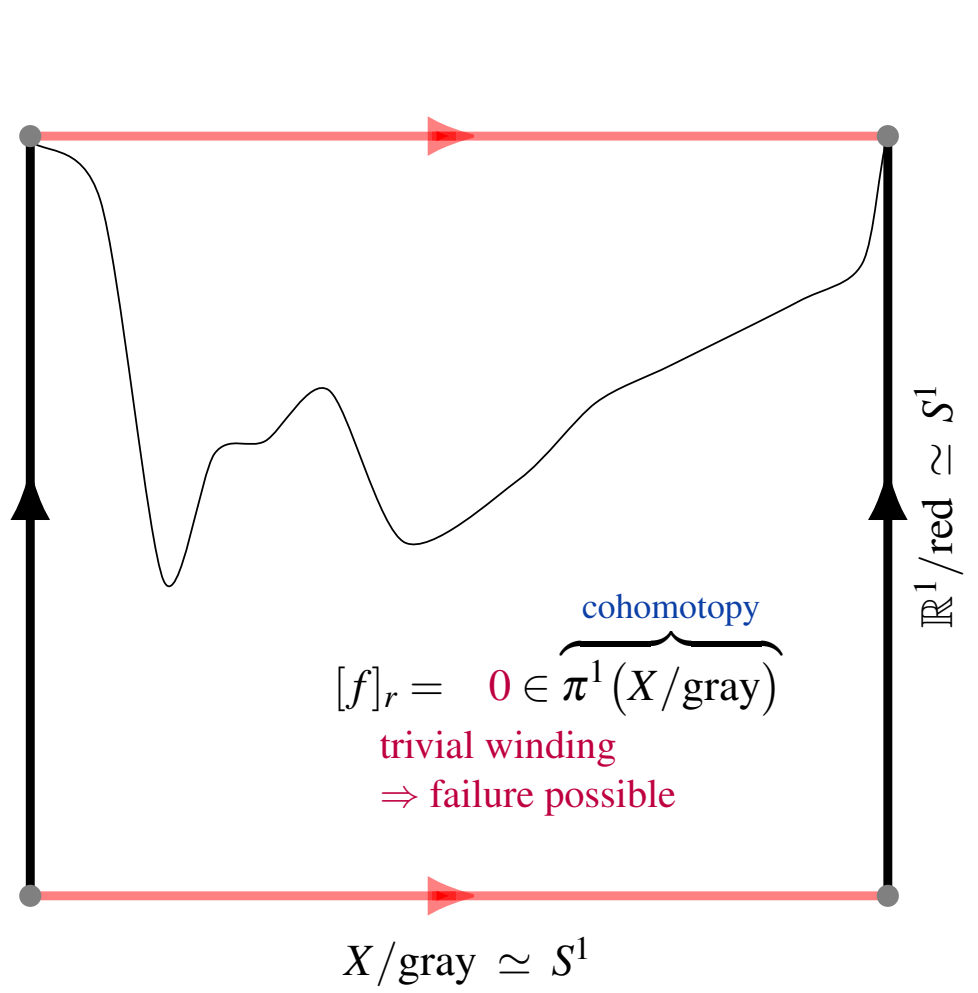
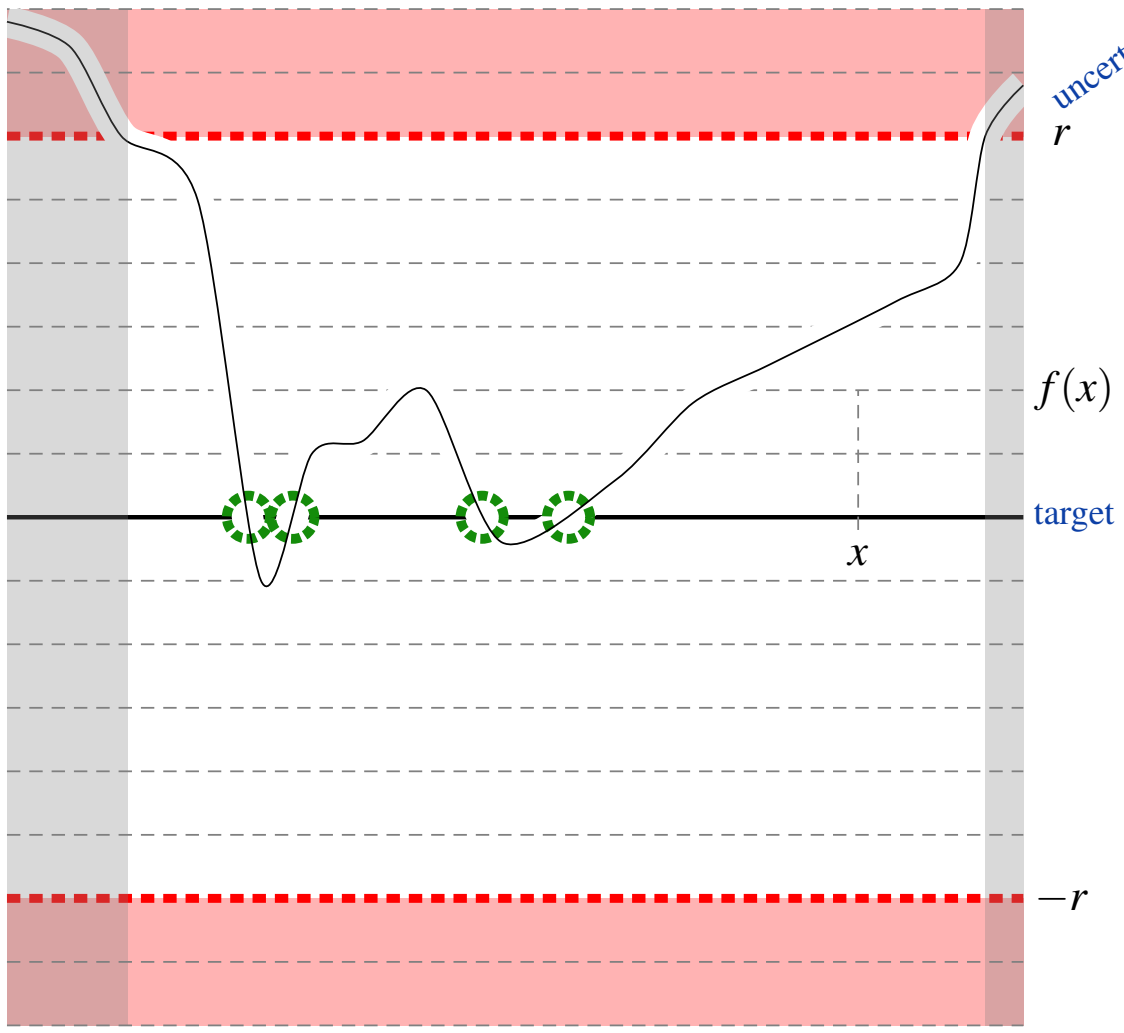
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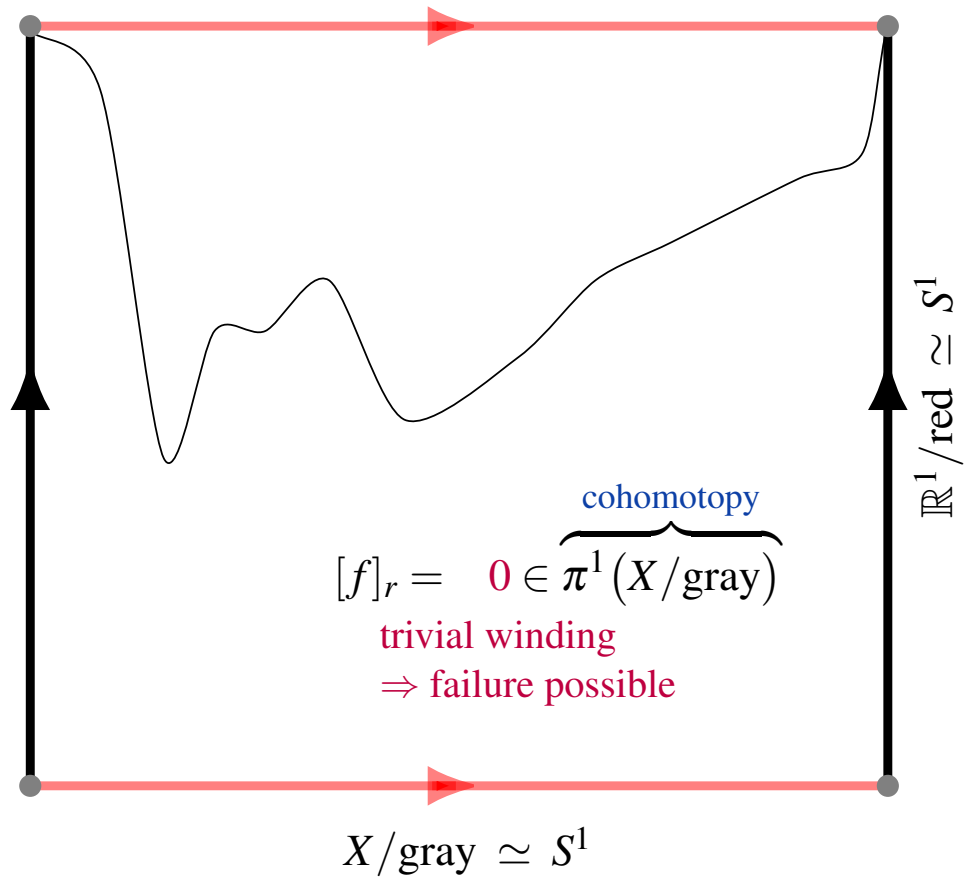
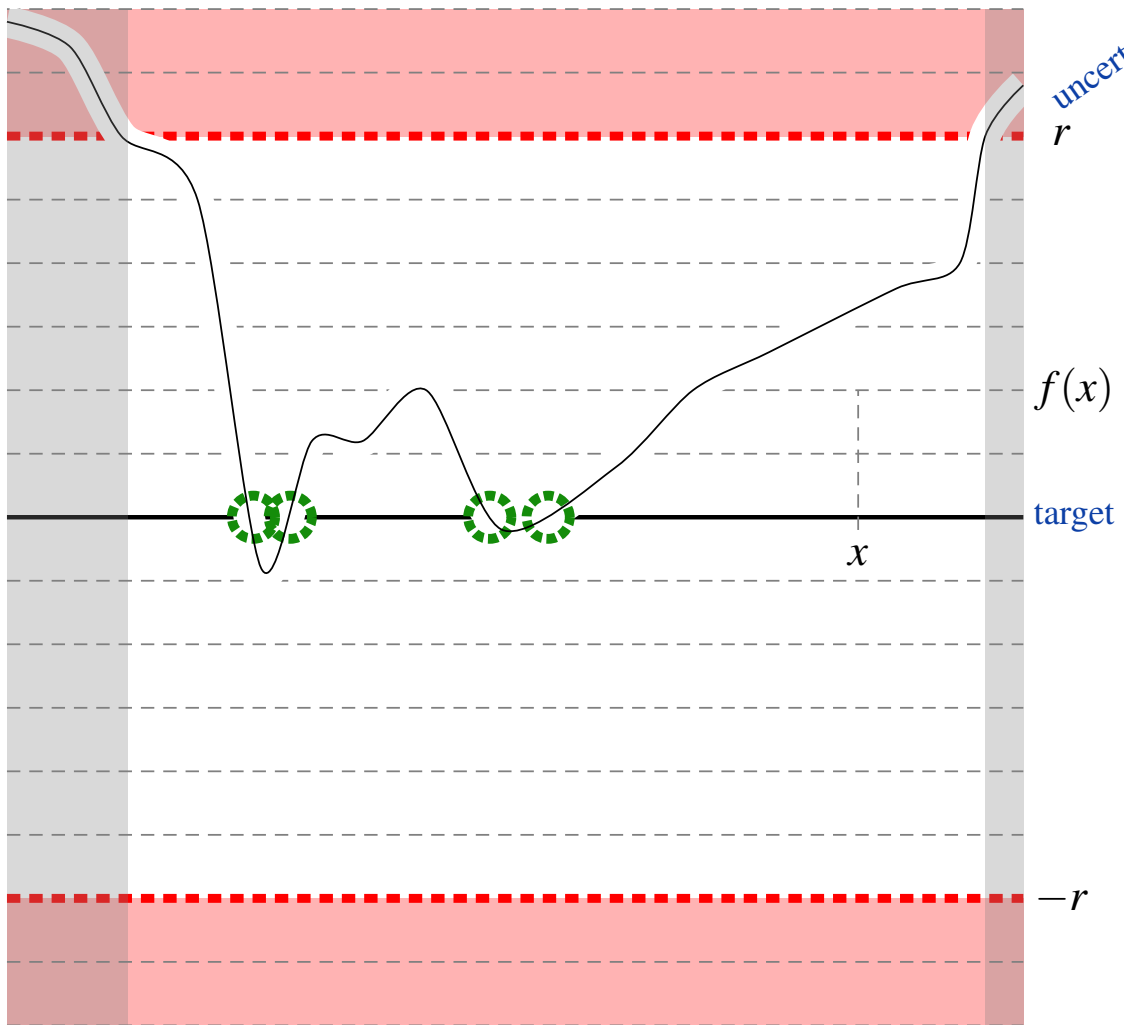
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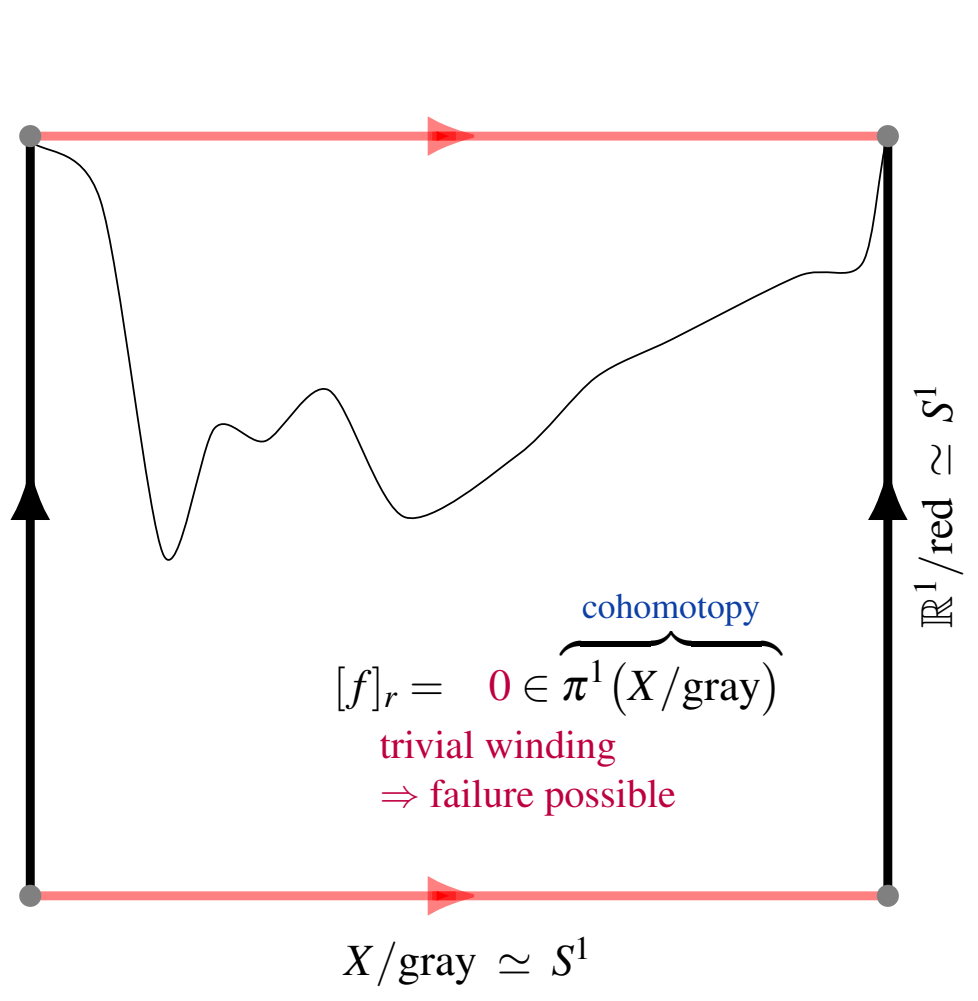
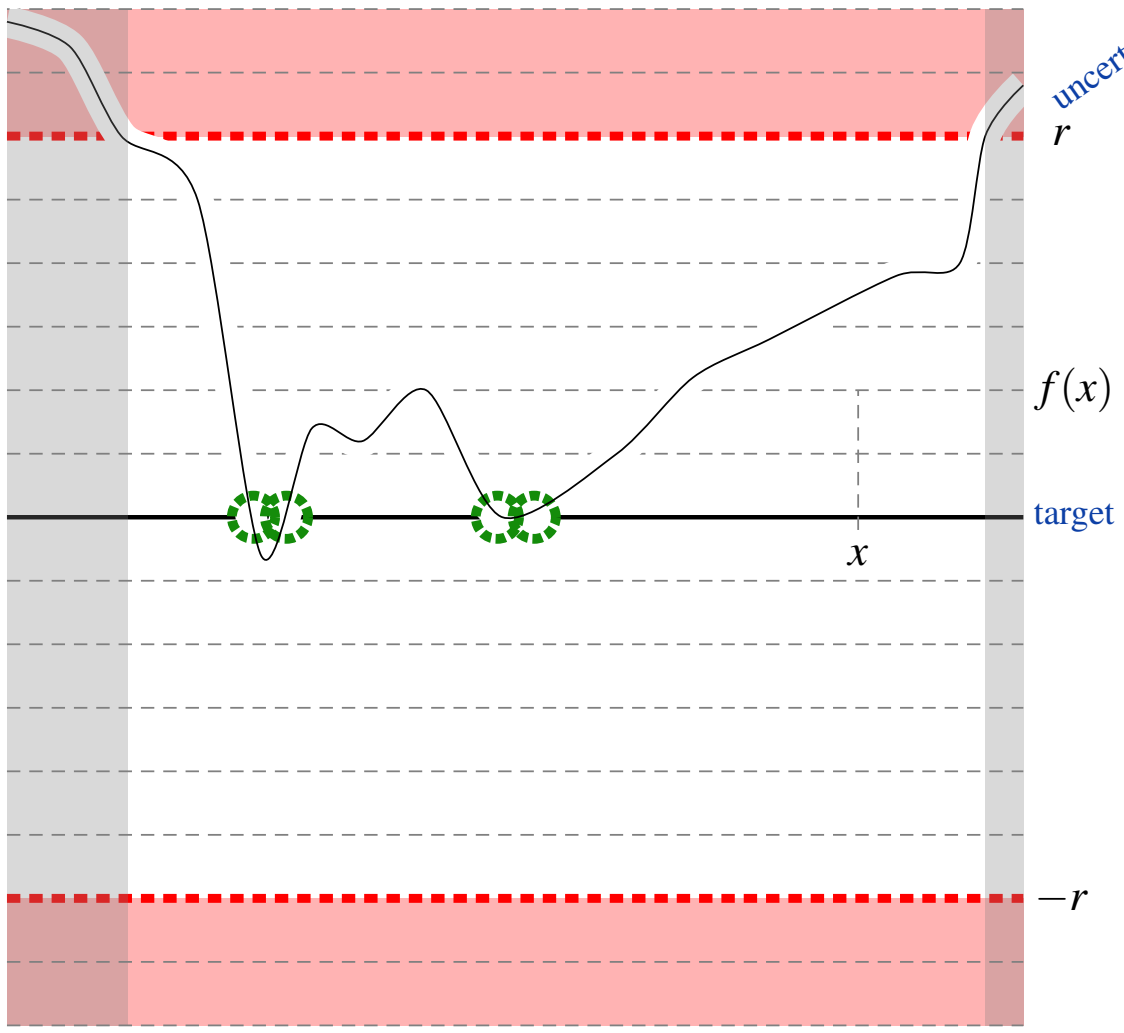
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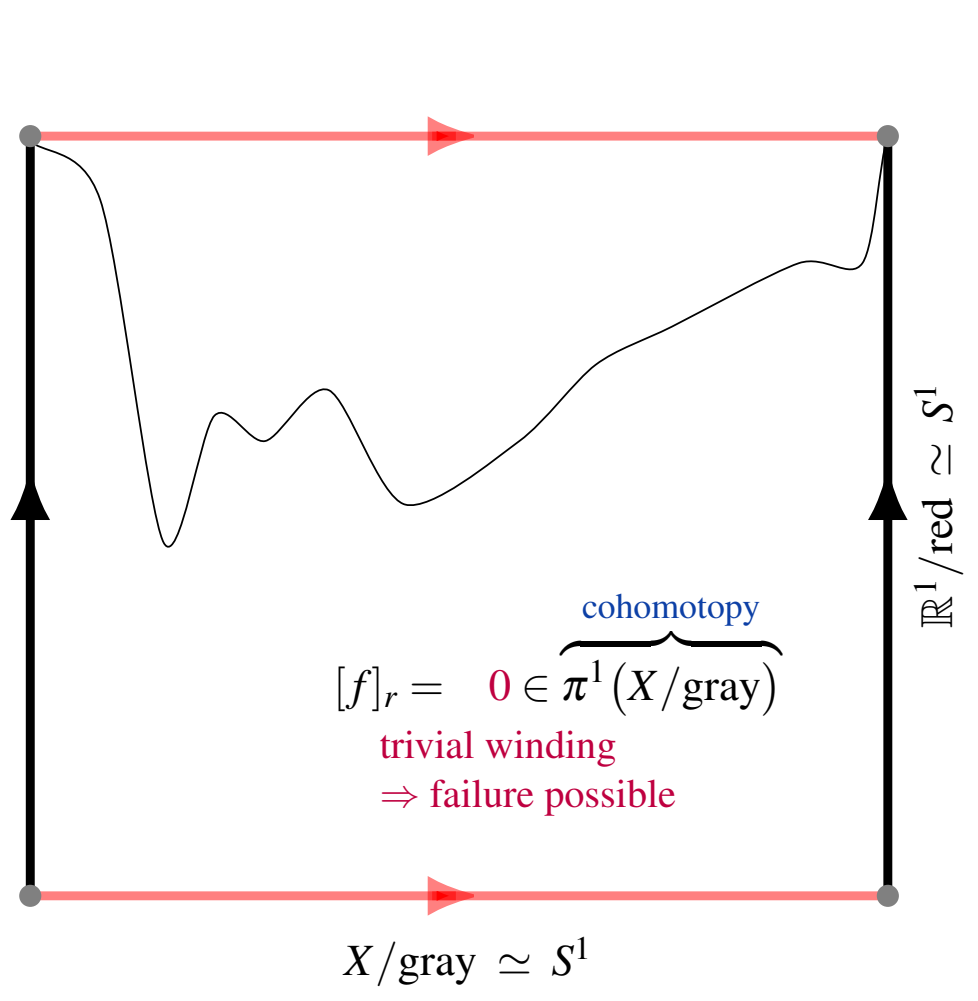
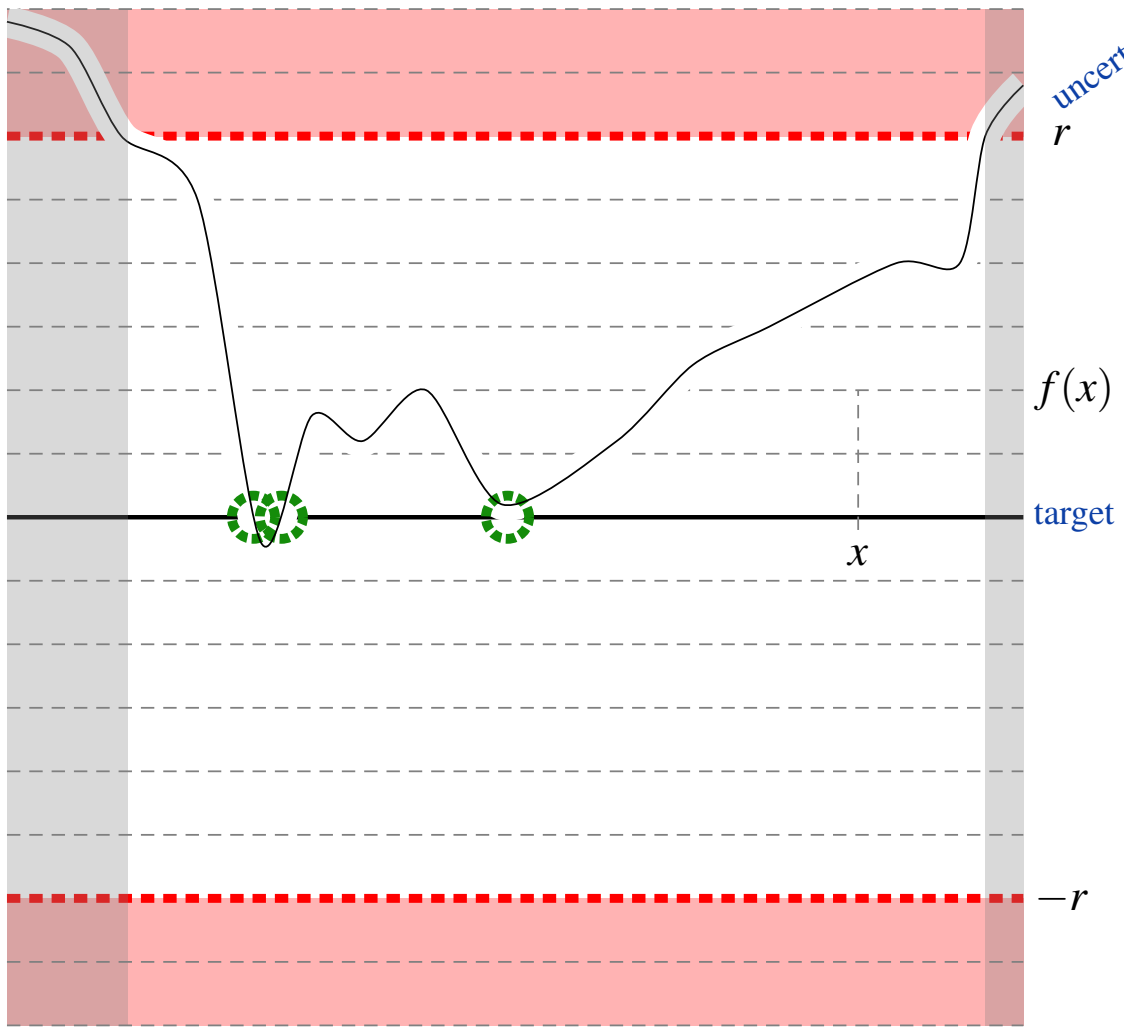
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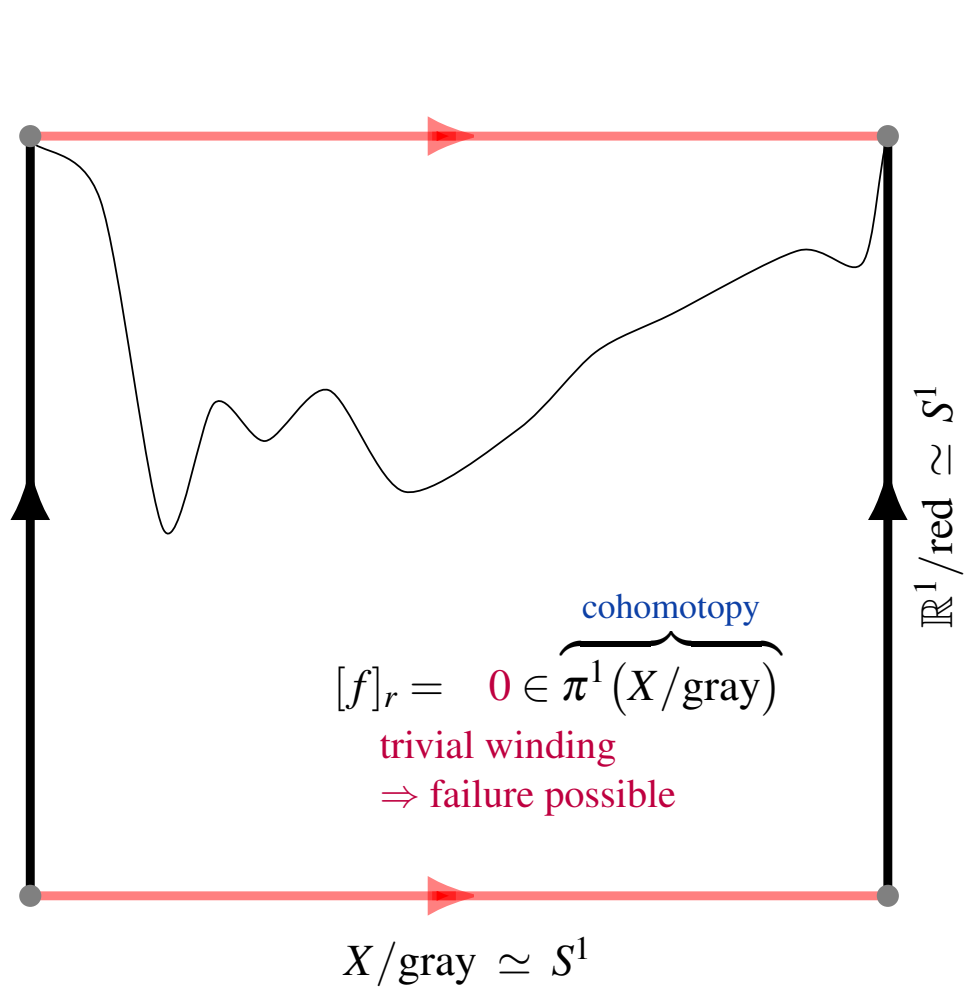
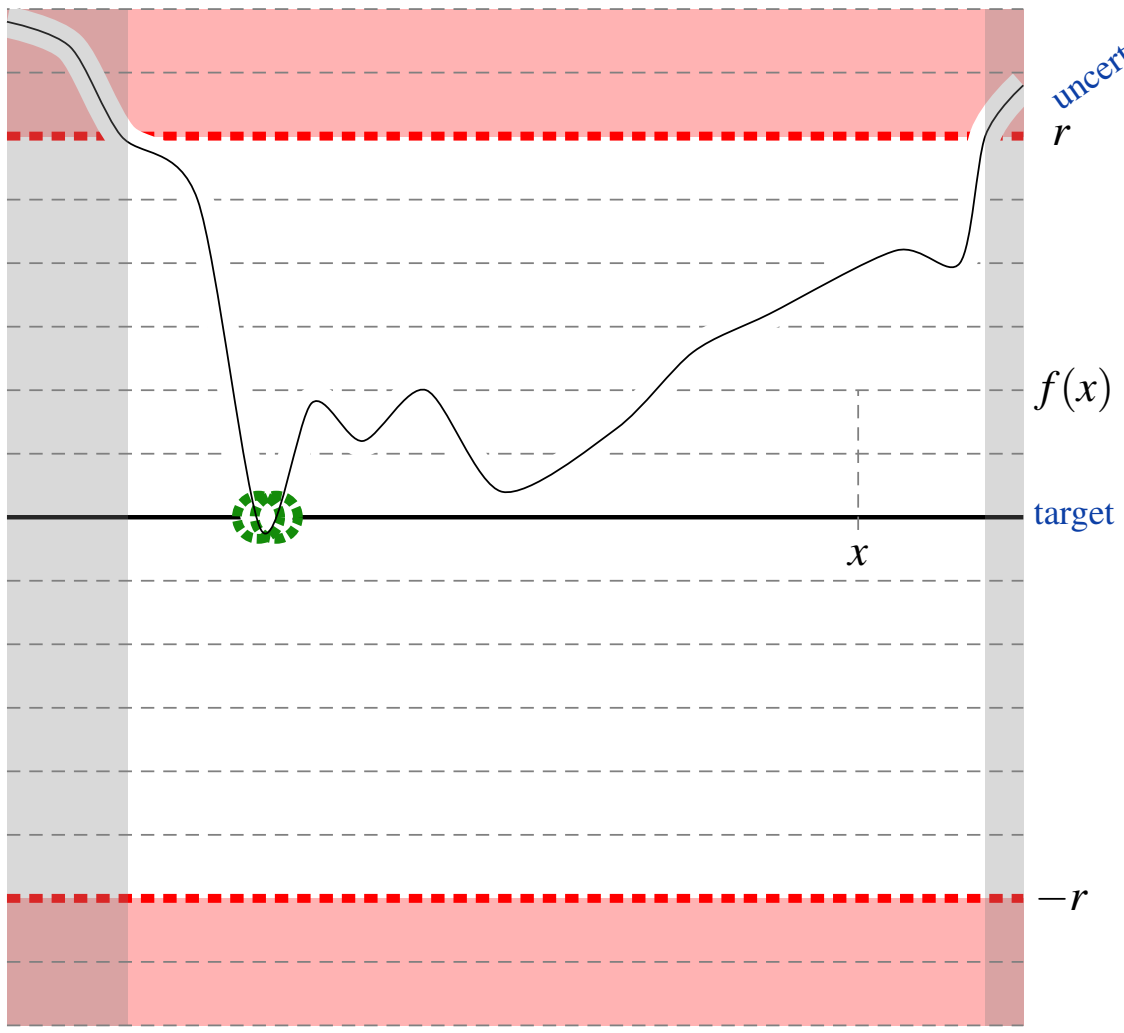
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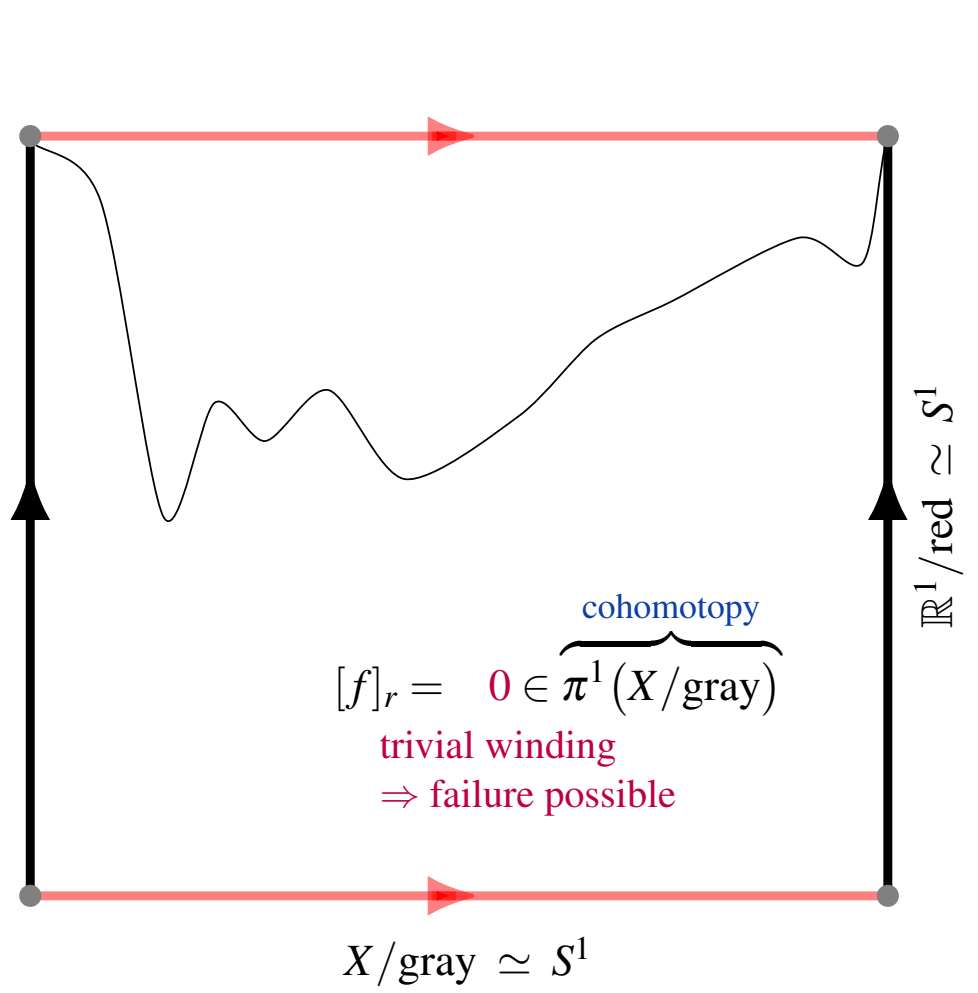
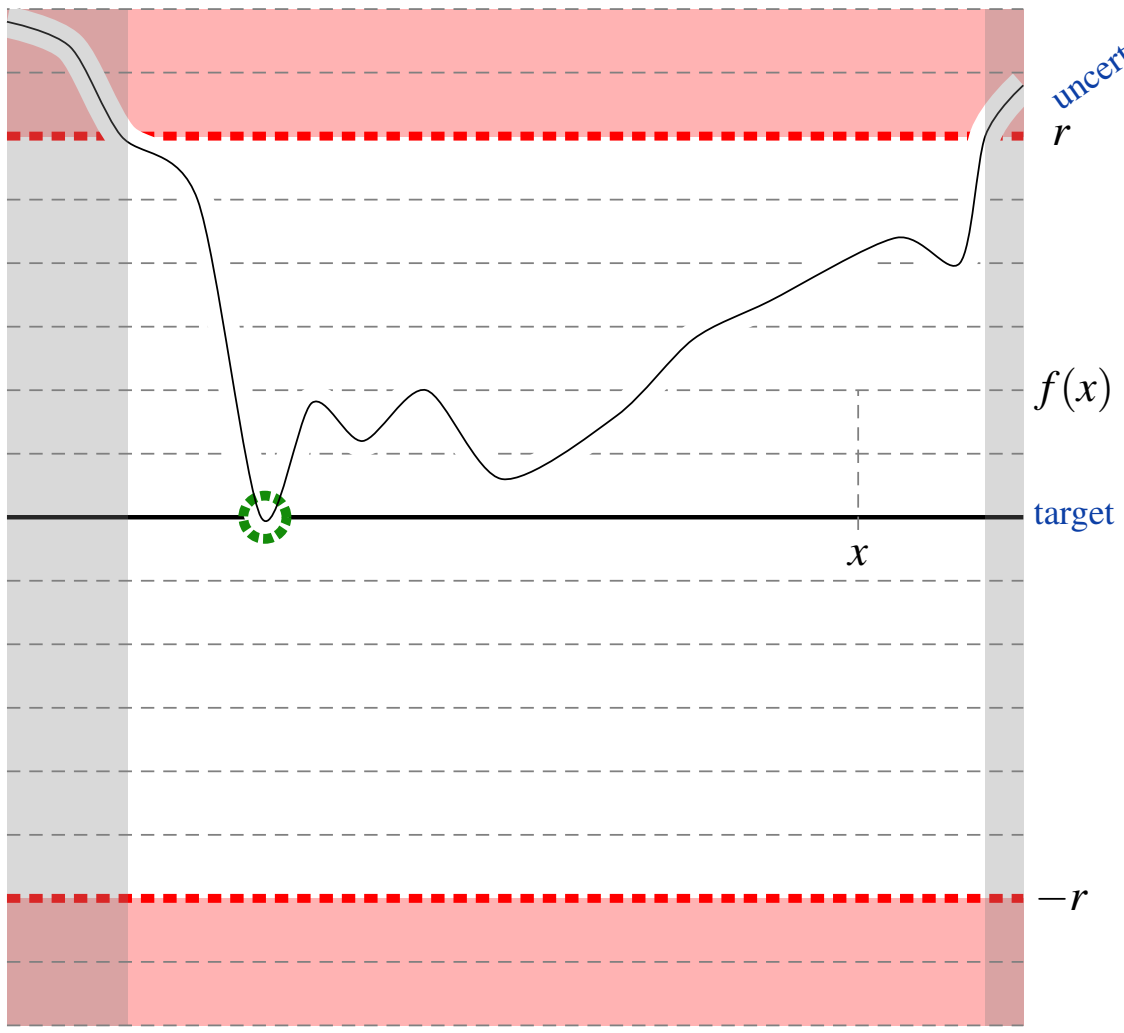
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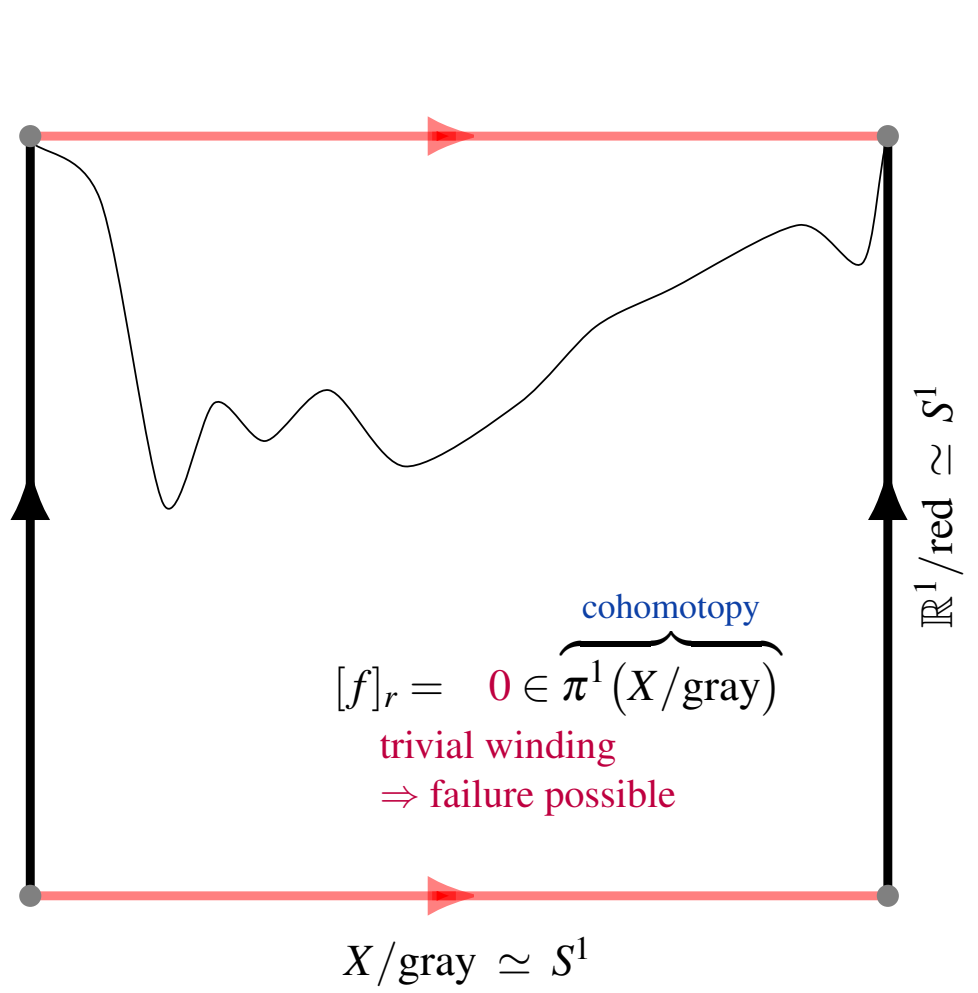
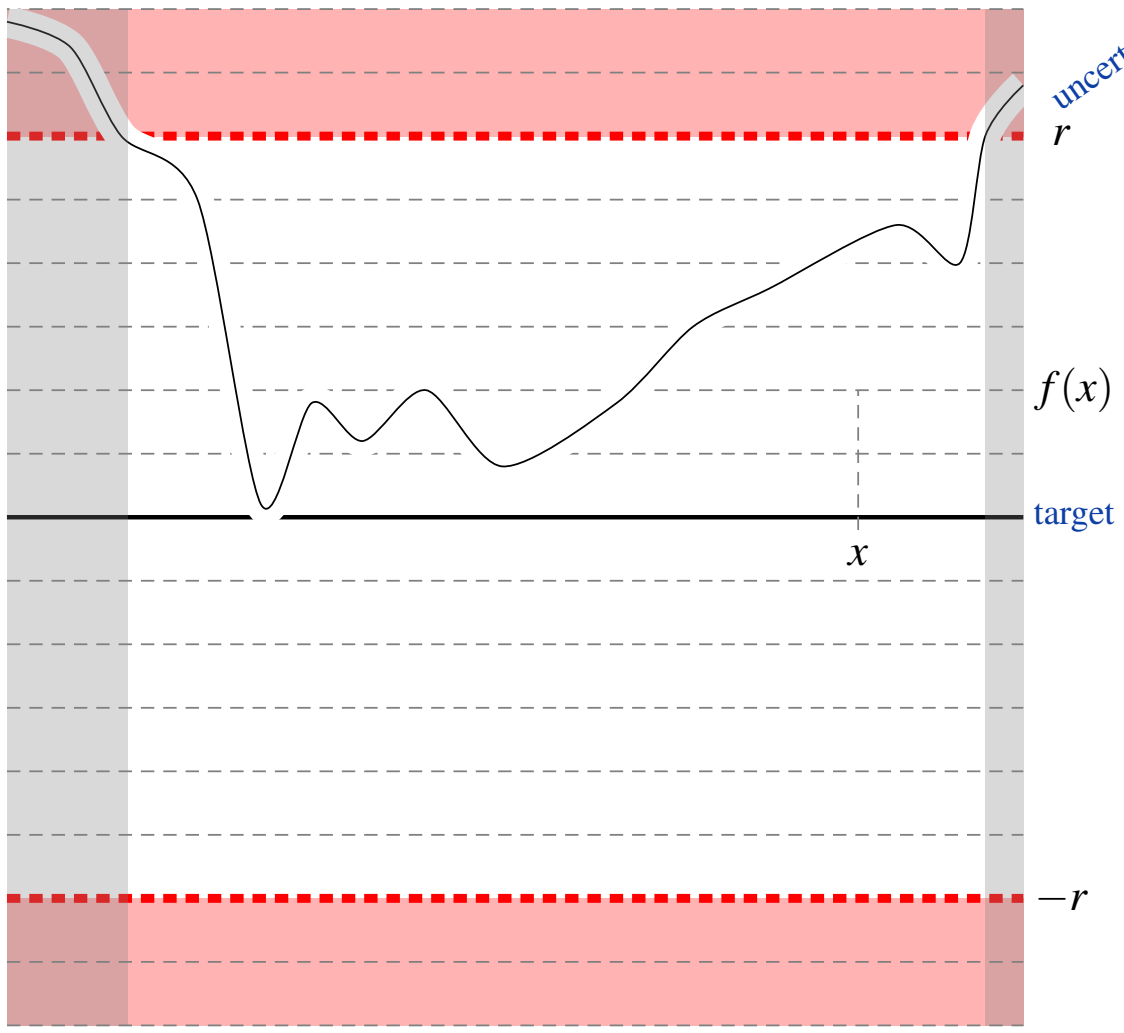
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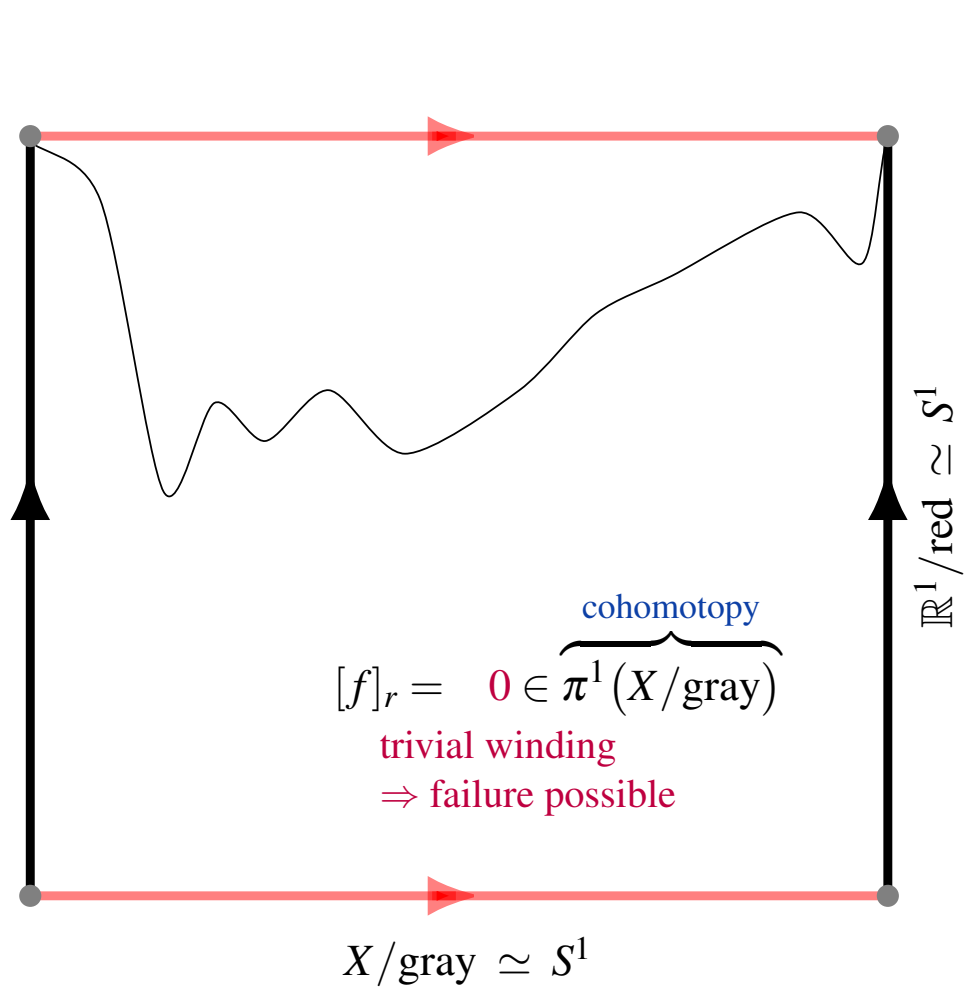
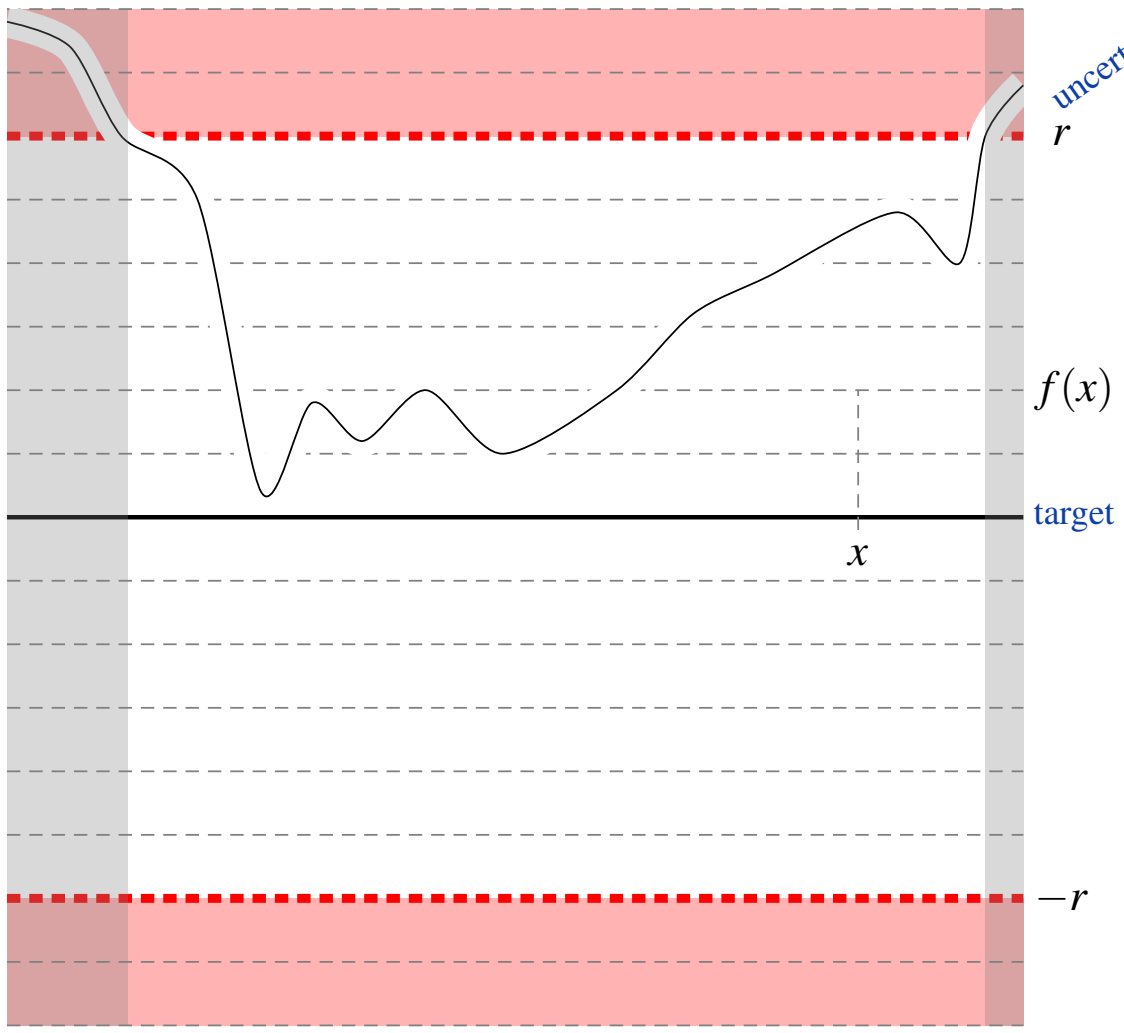
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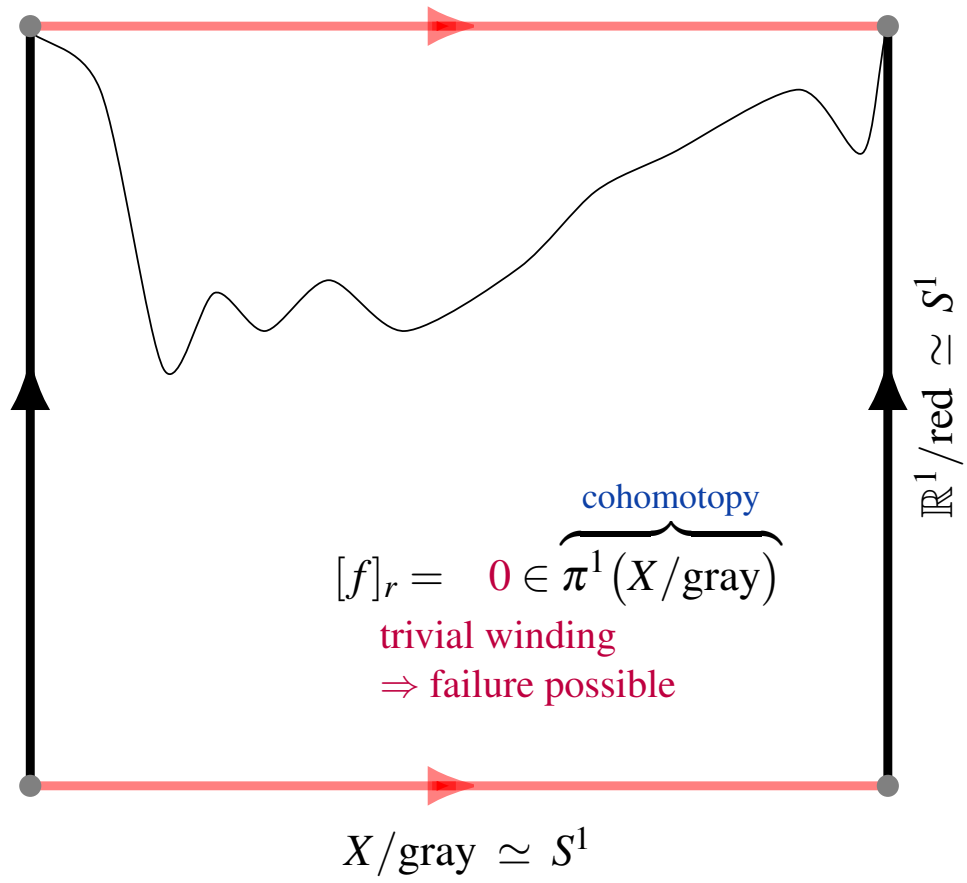
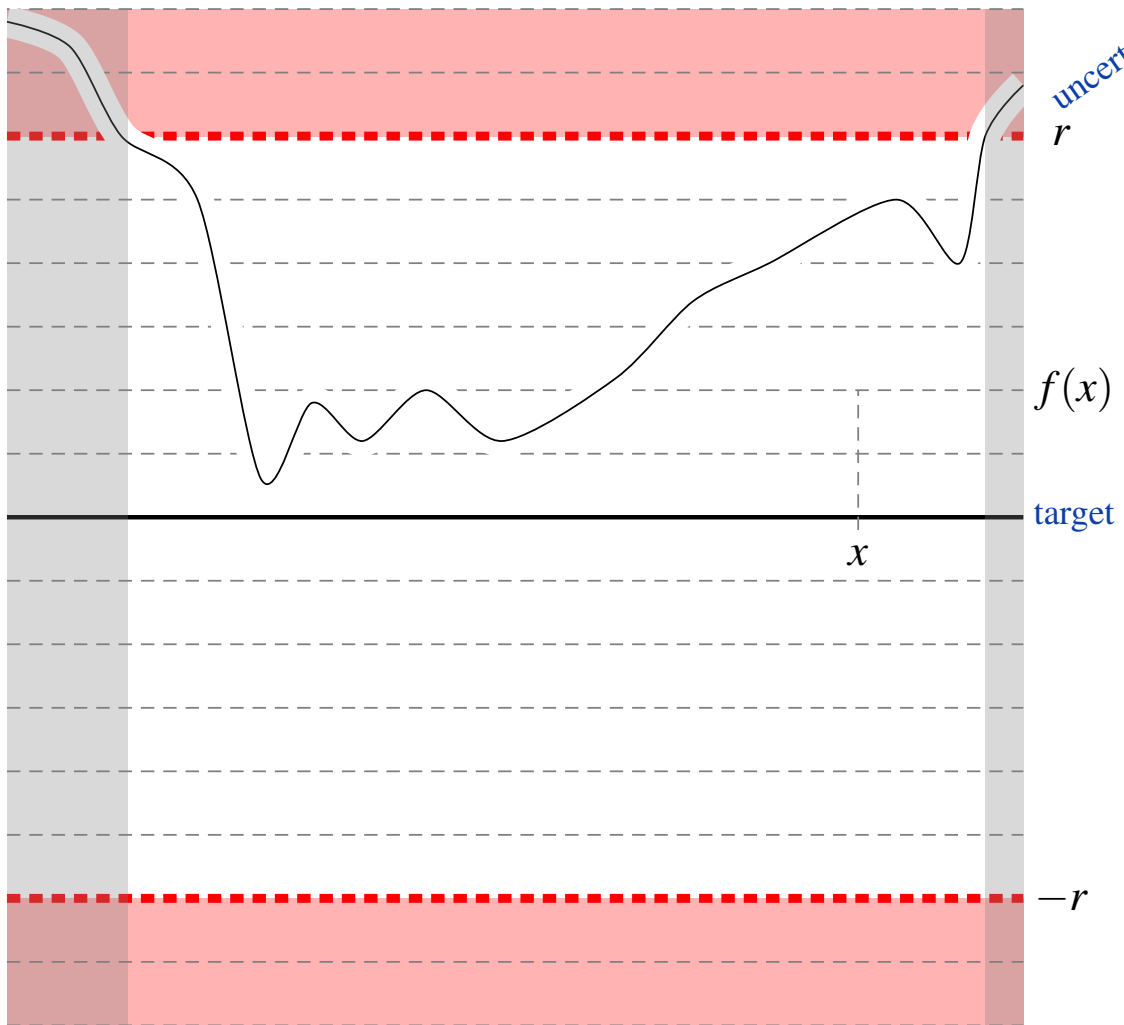
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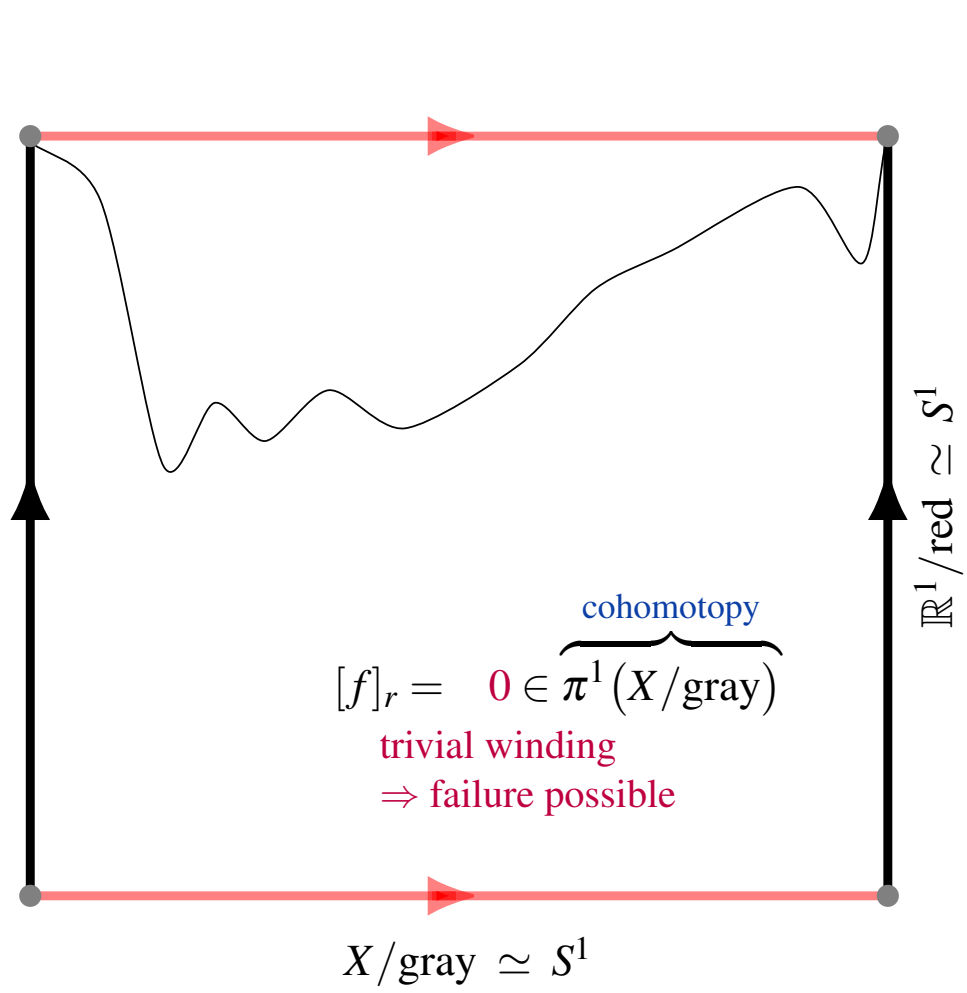
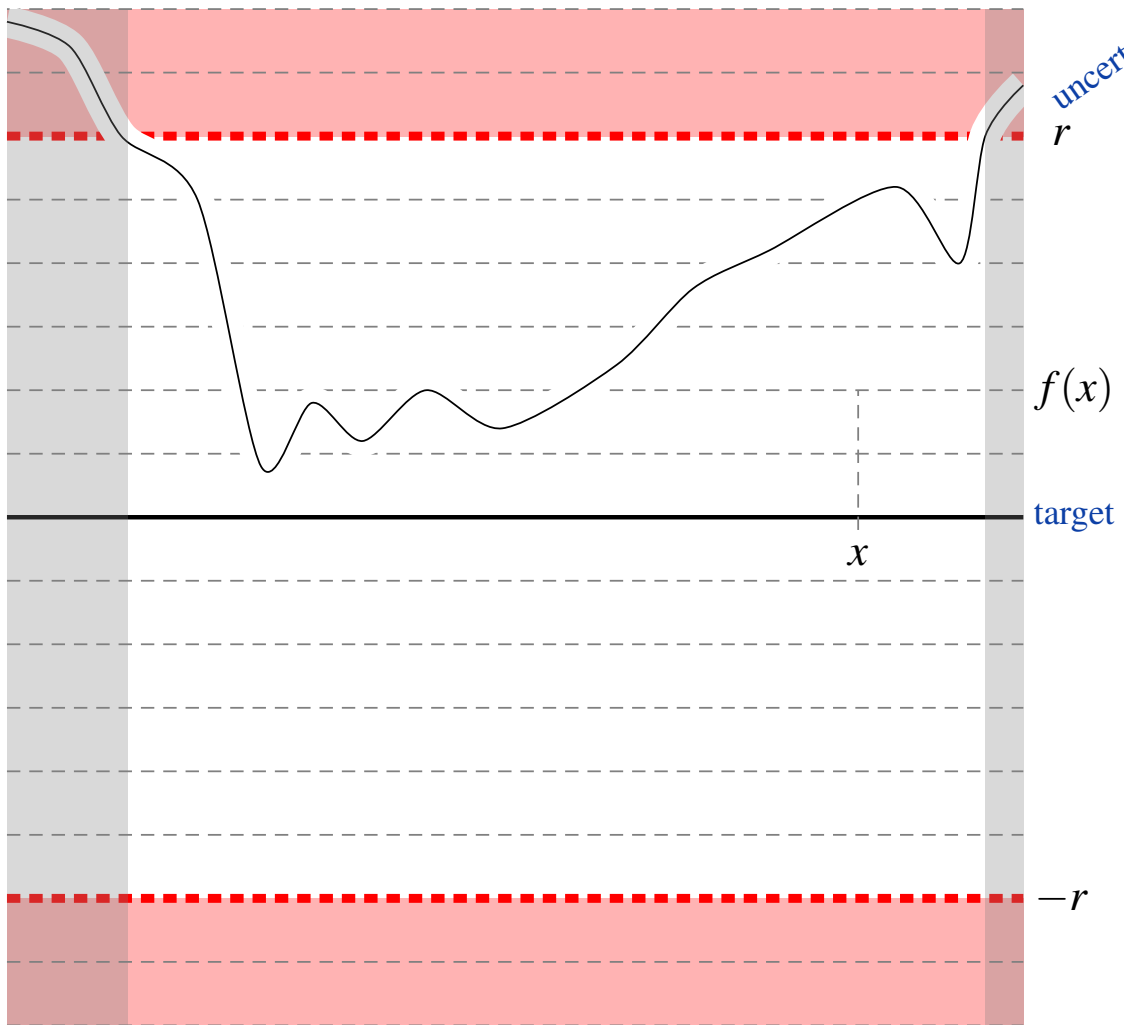
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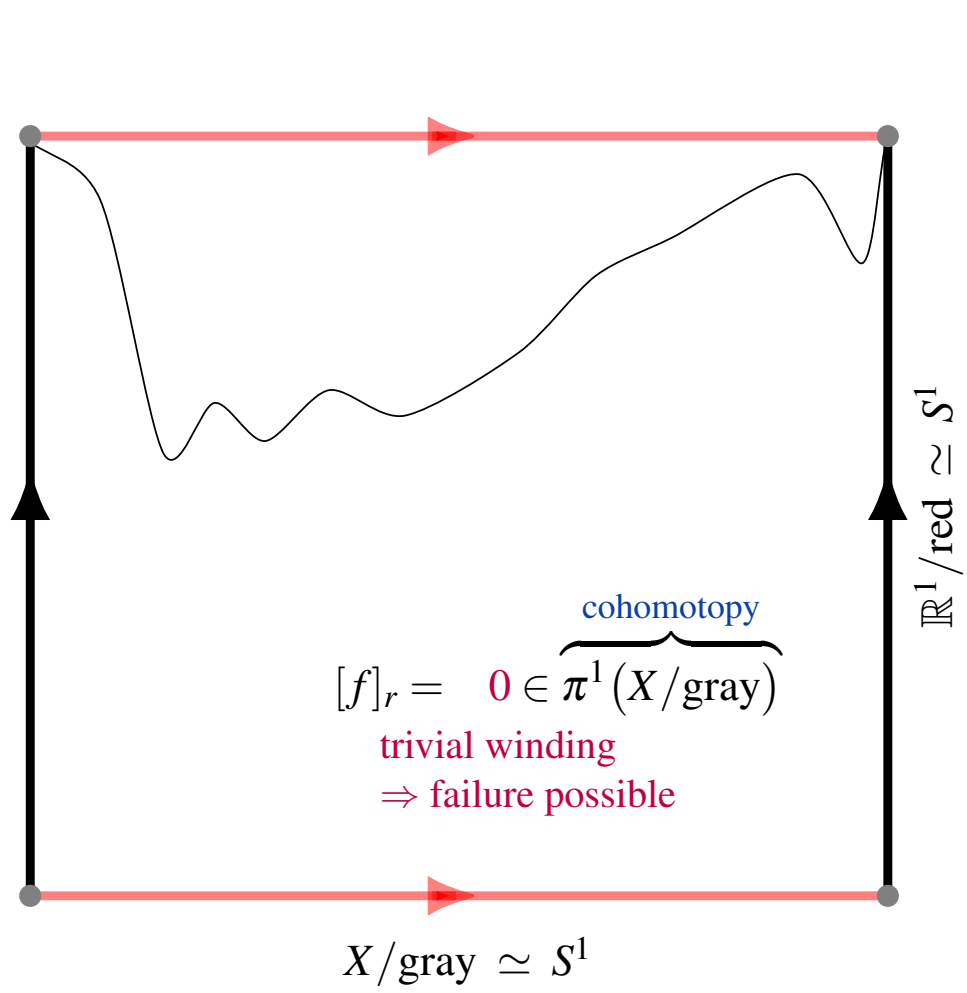
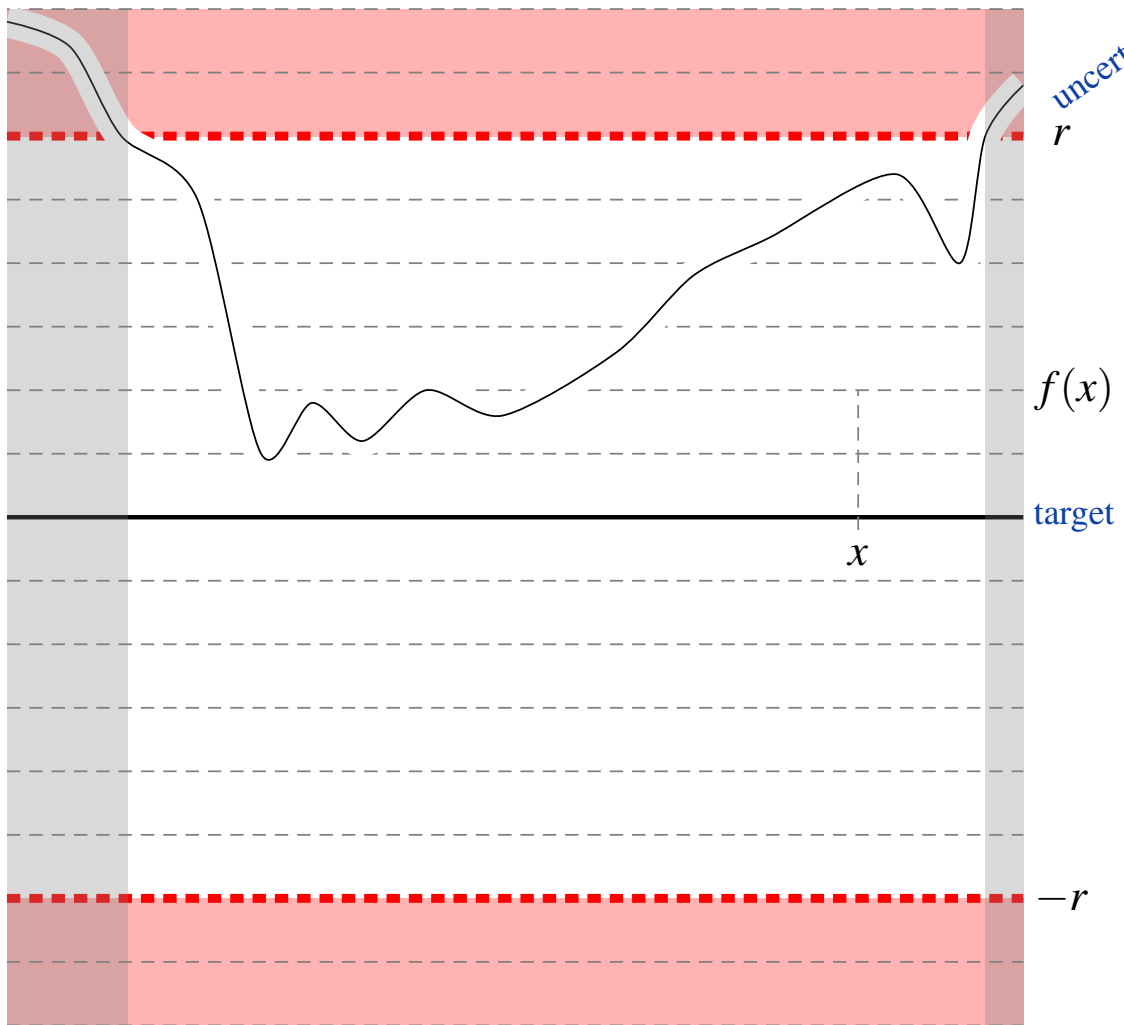
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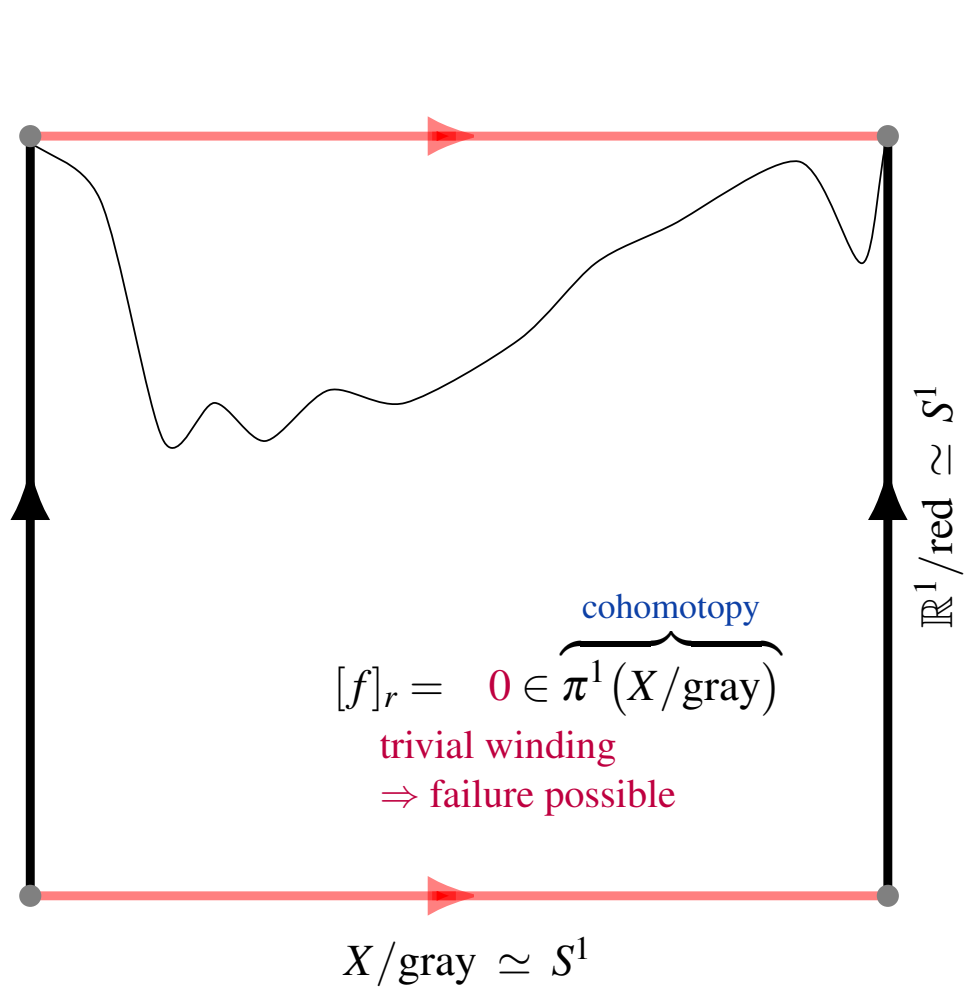
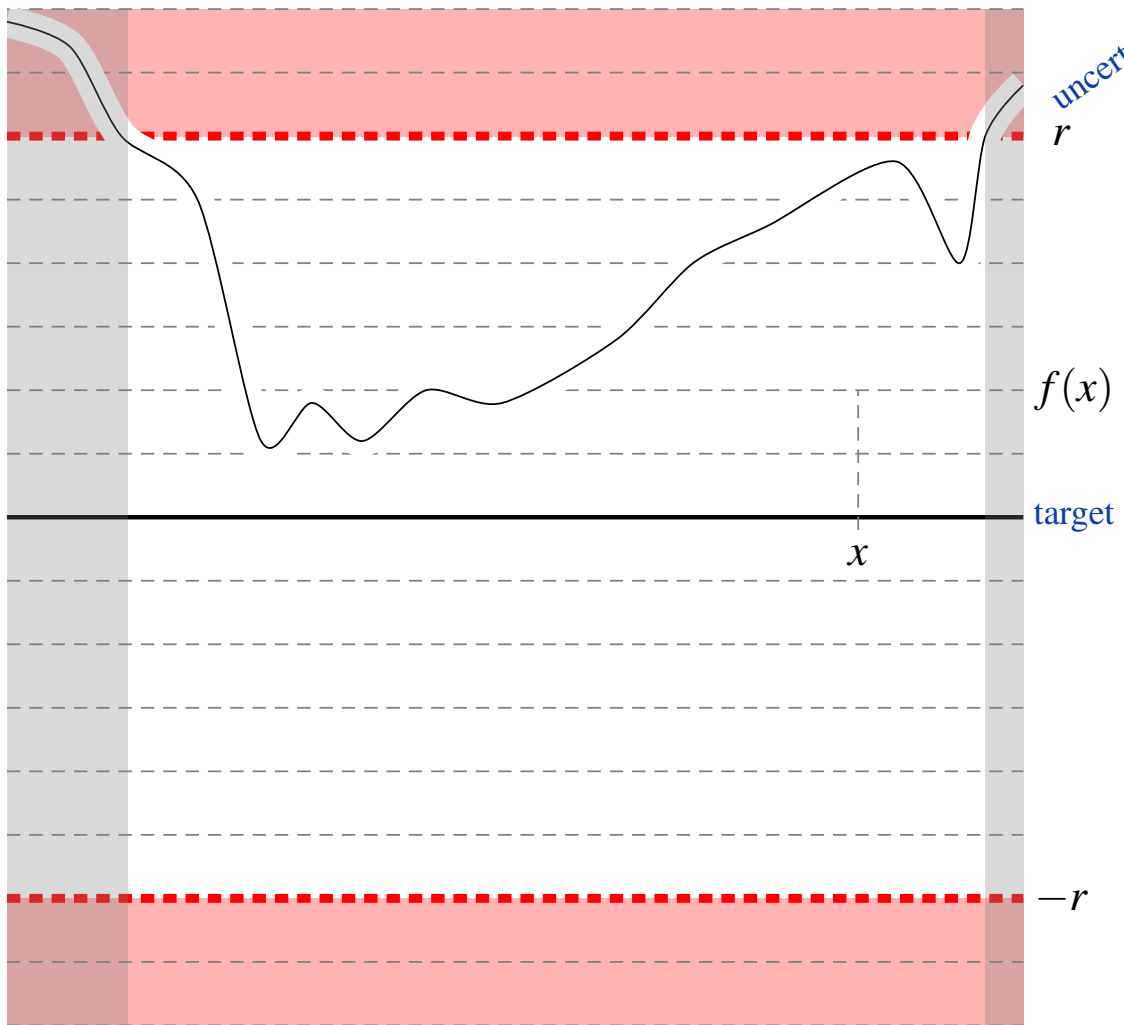
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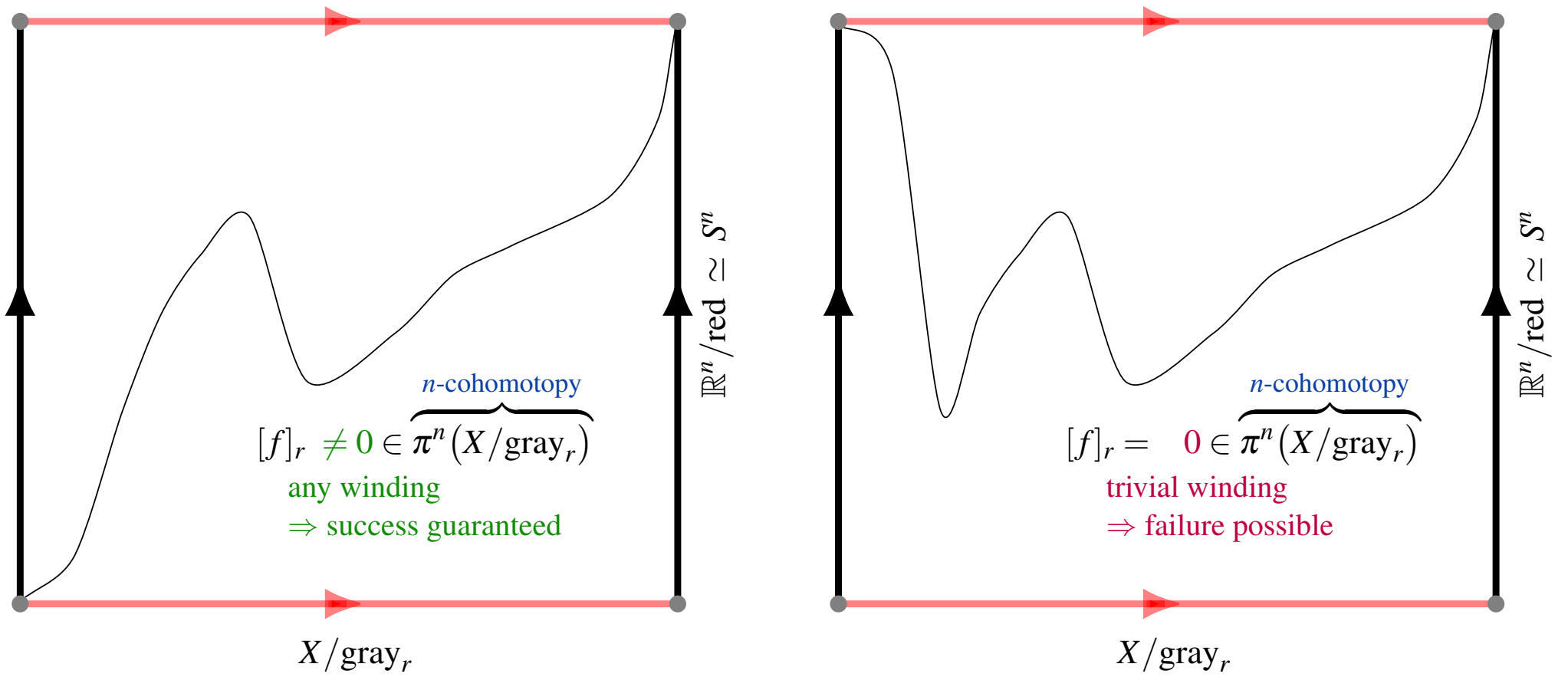
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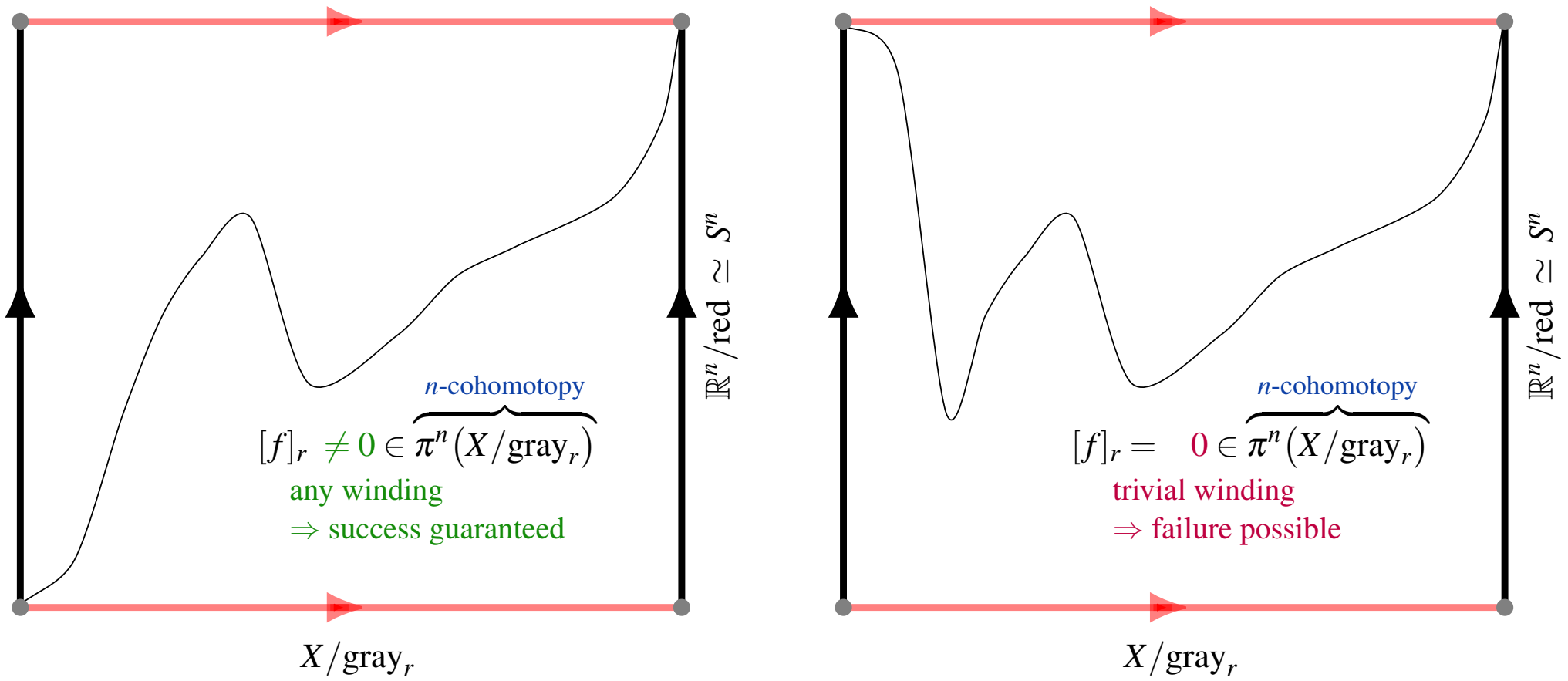
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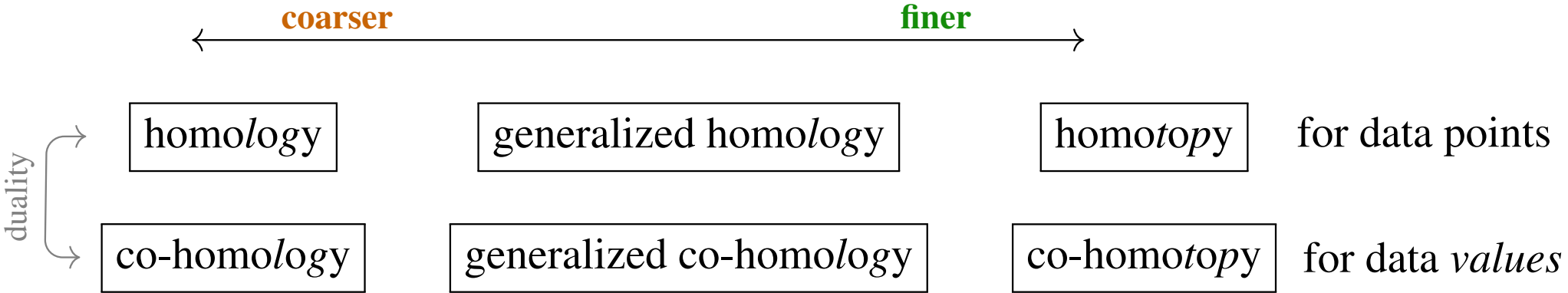
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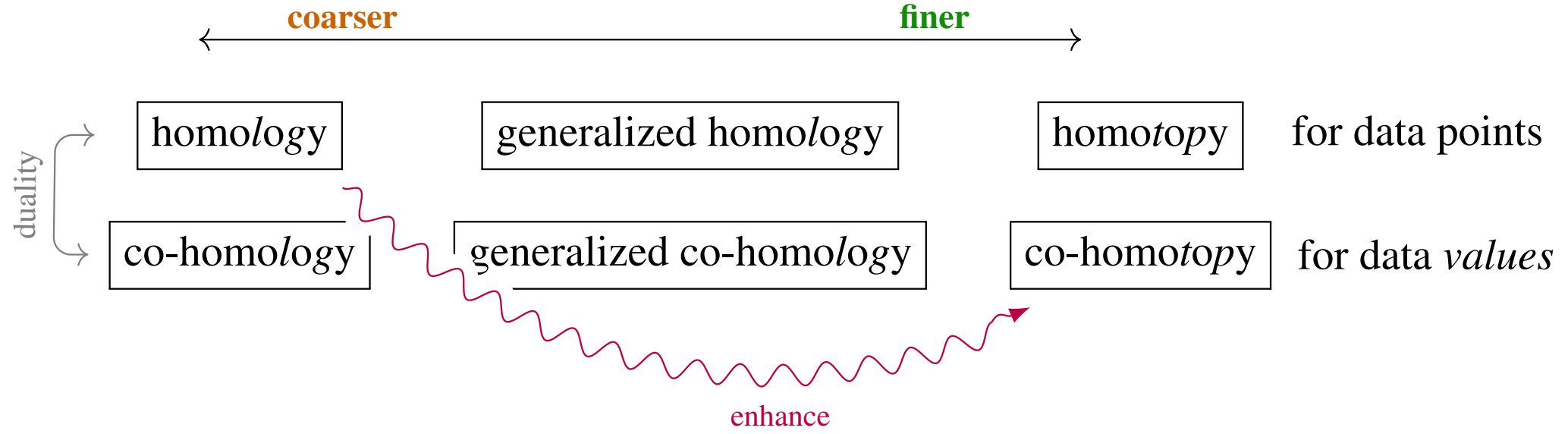
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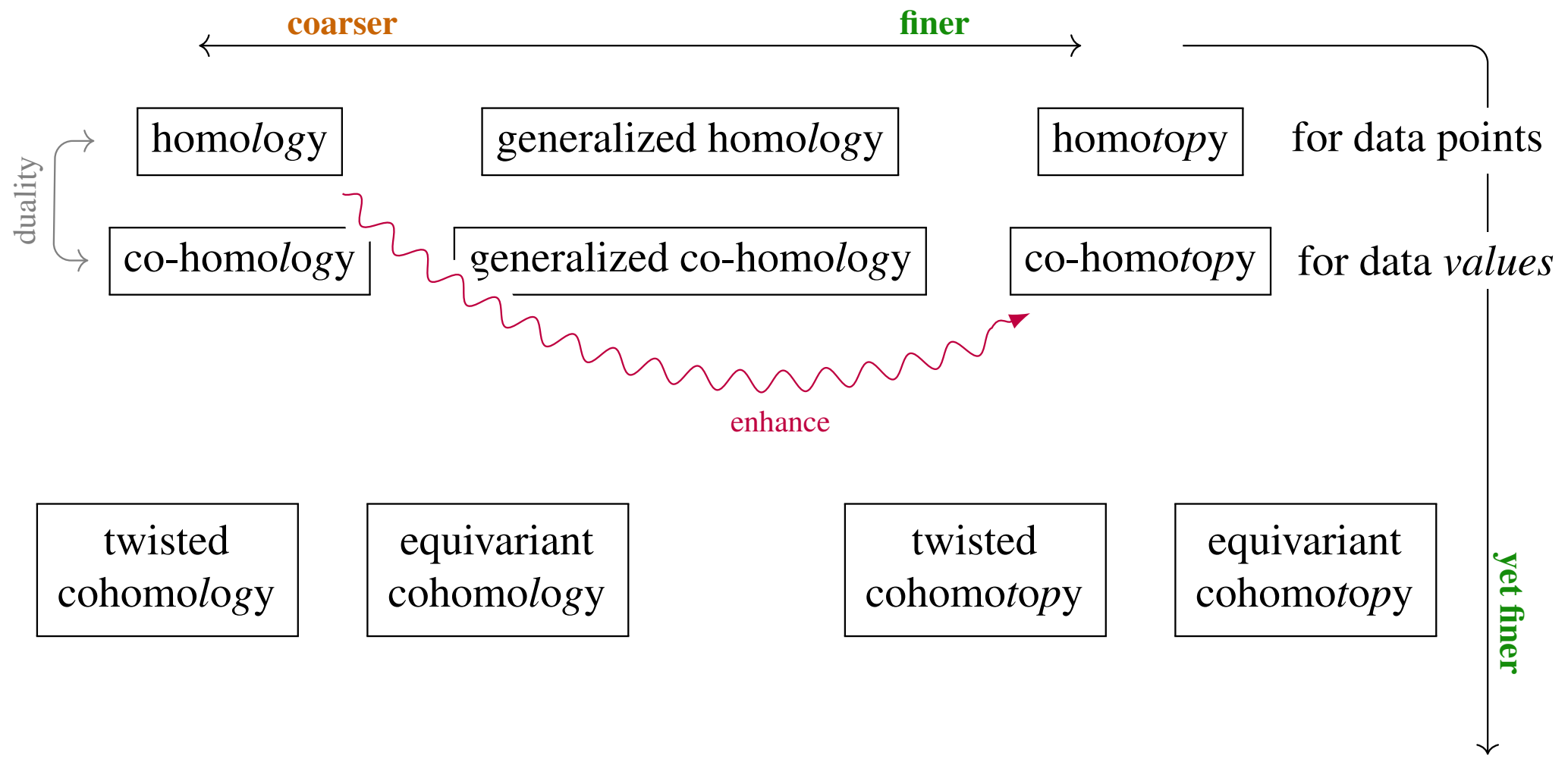
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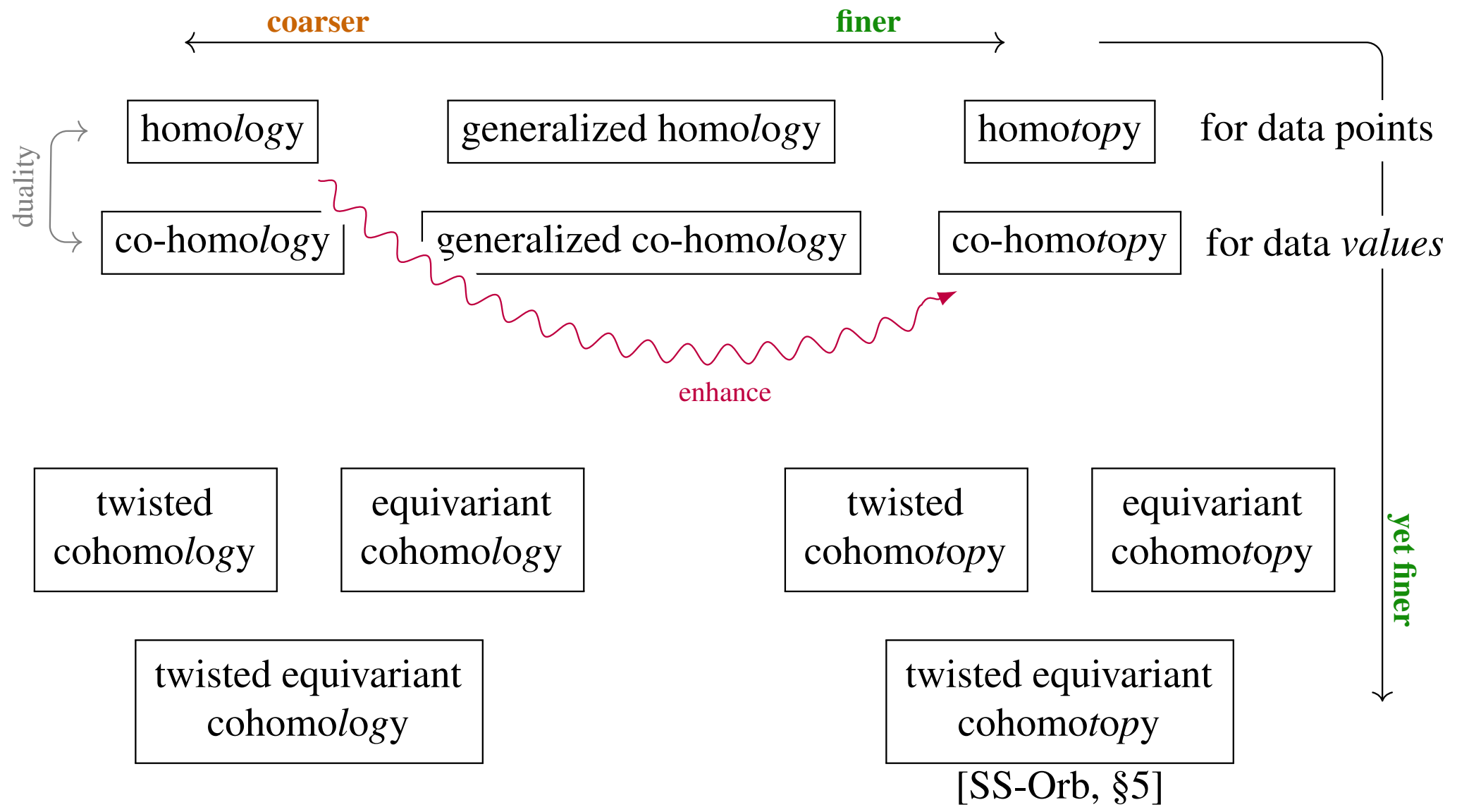
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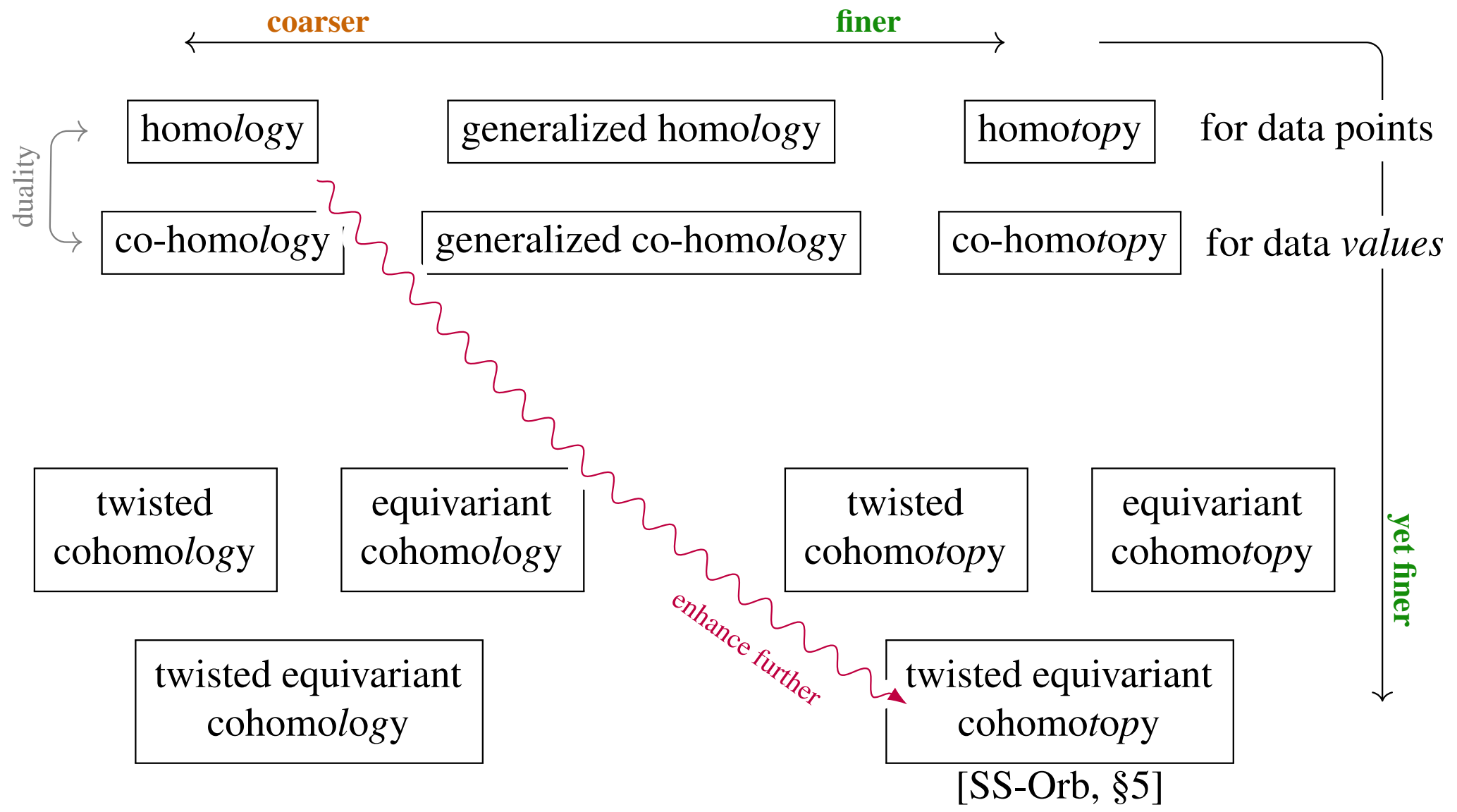
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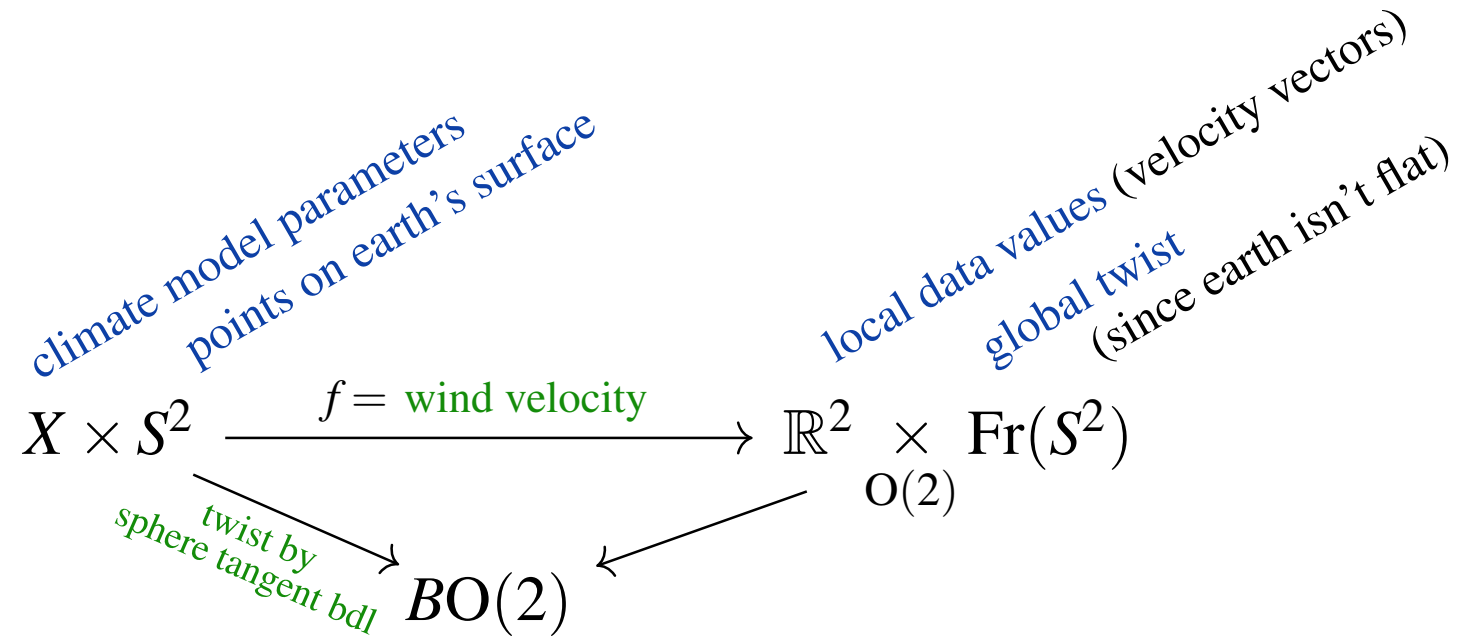
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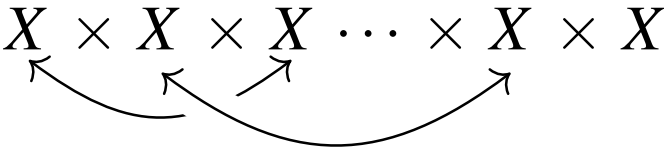
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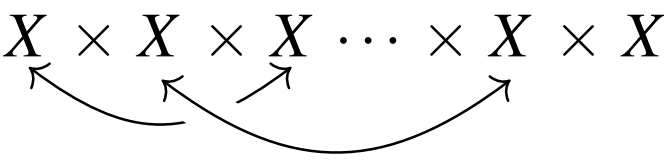
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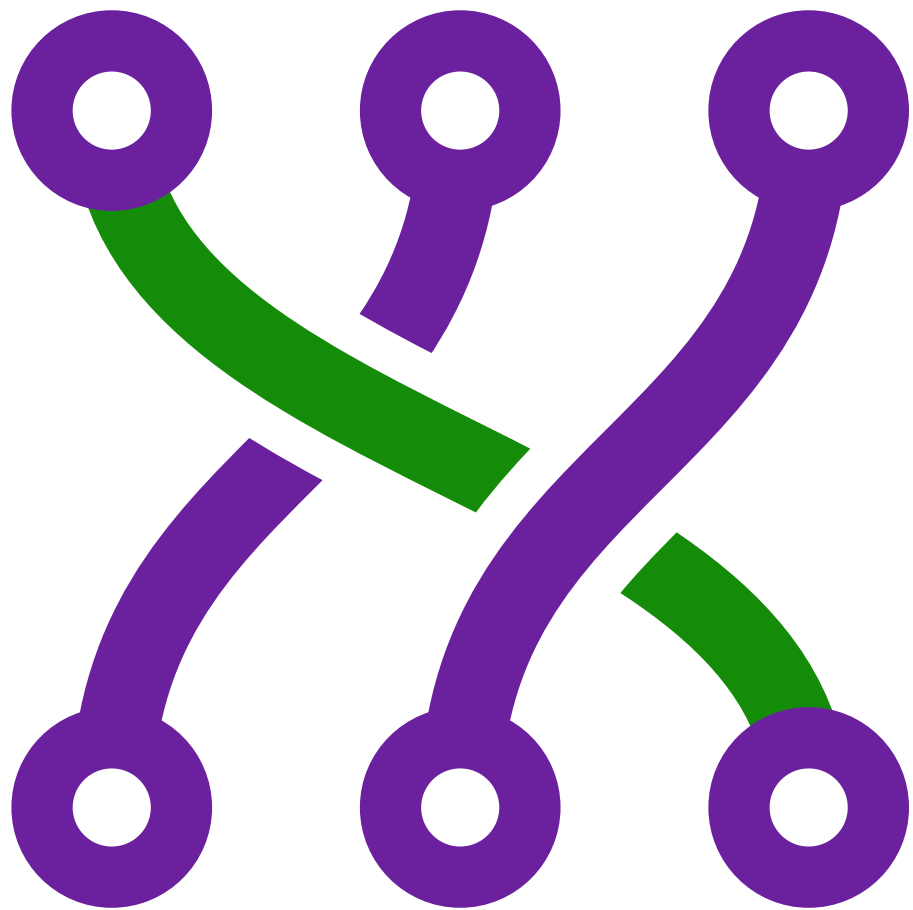
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