

Étudier l'espace des diagrammes de persistance  
grâce au transport optimal

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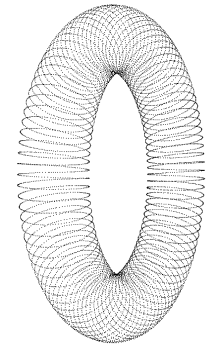
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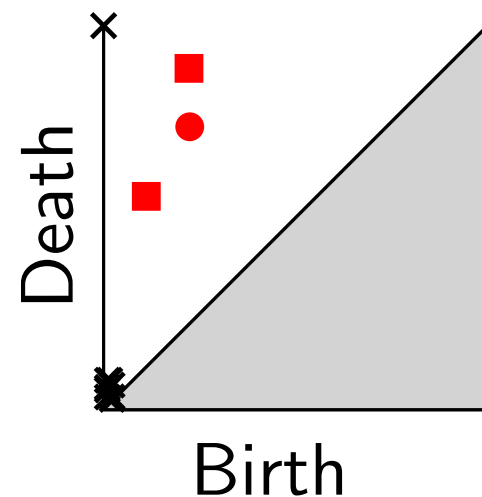
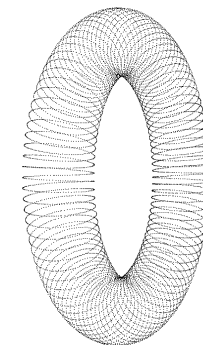
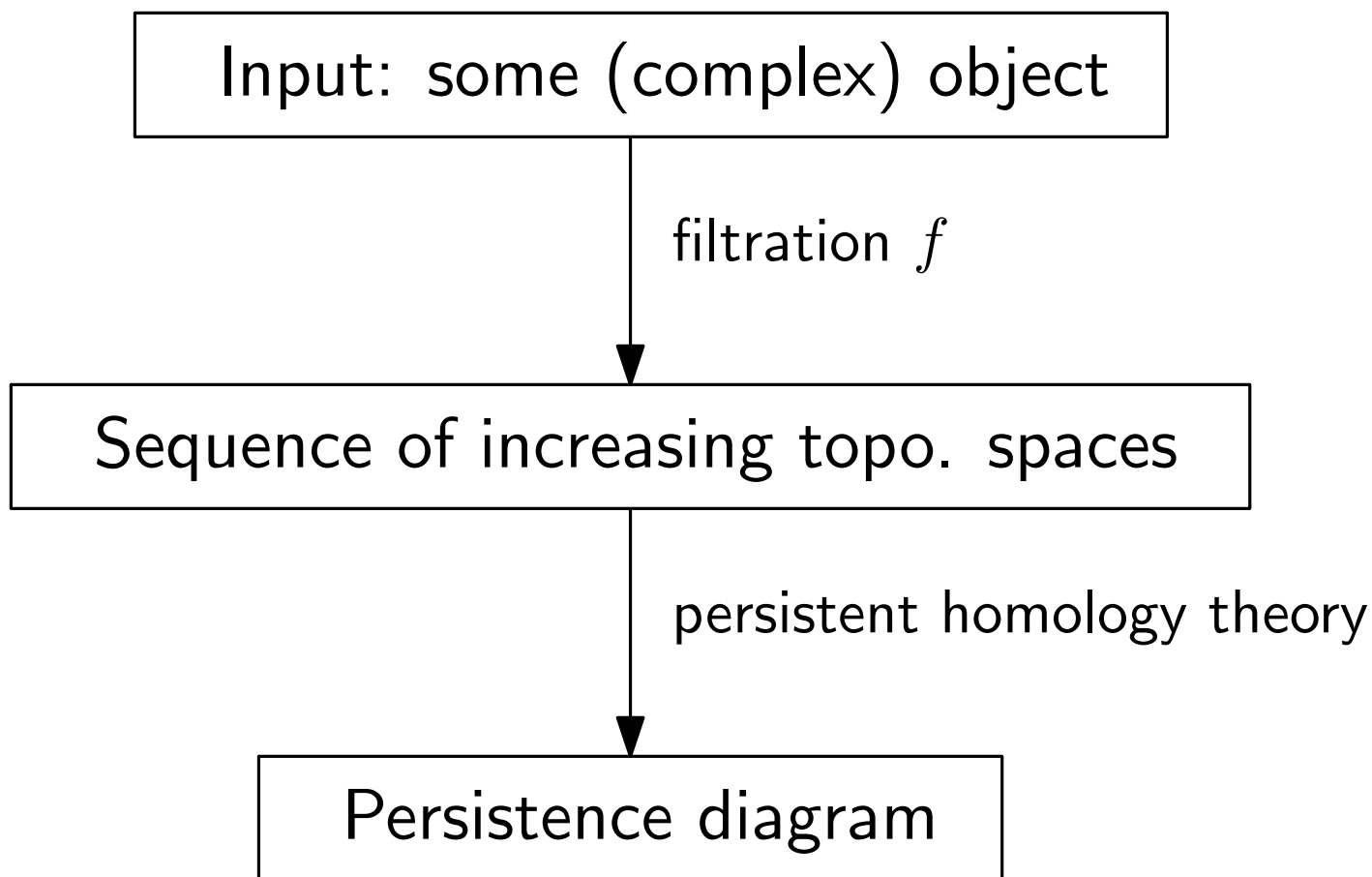
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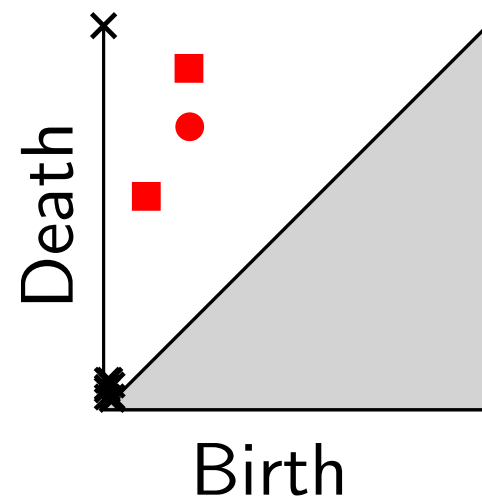
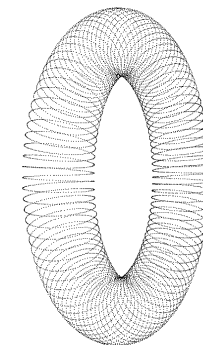
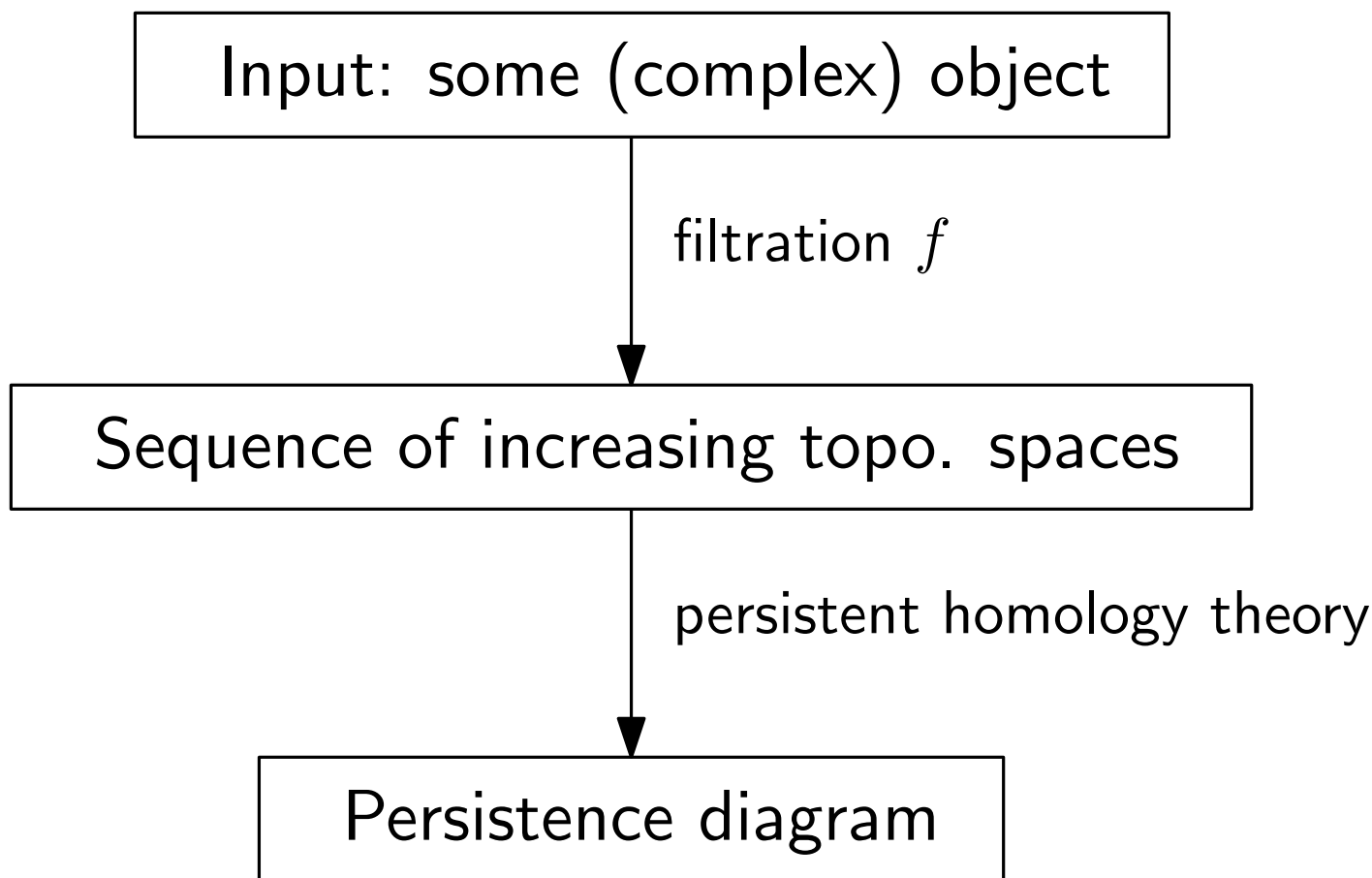


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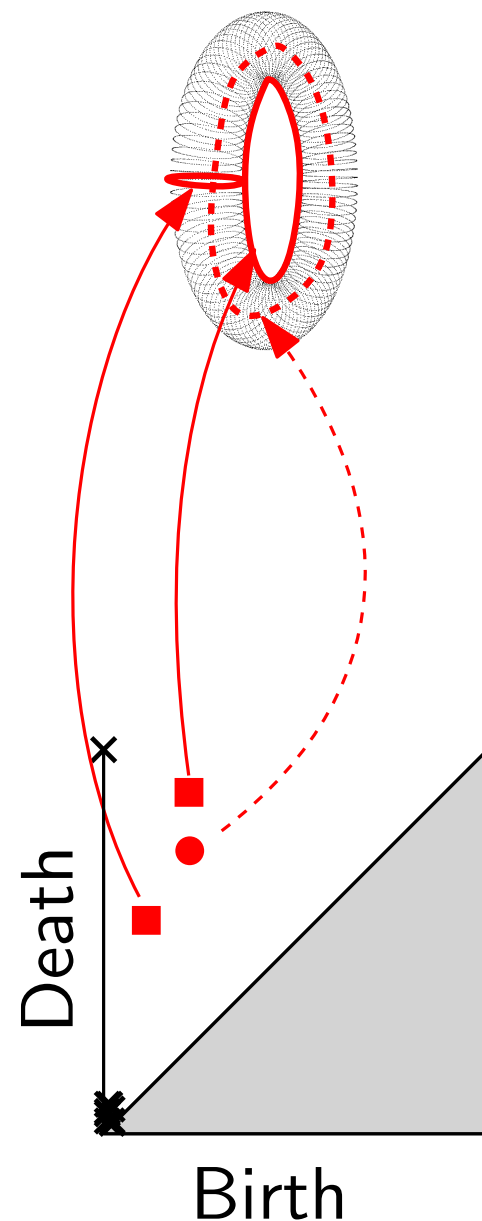
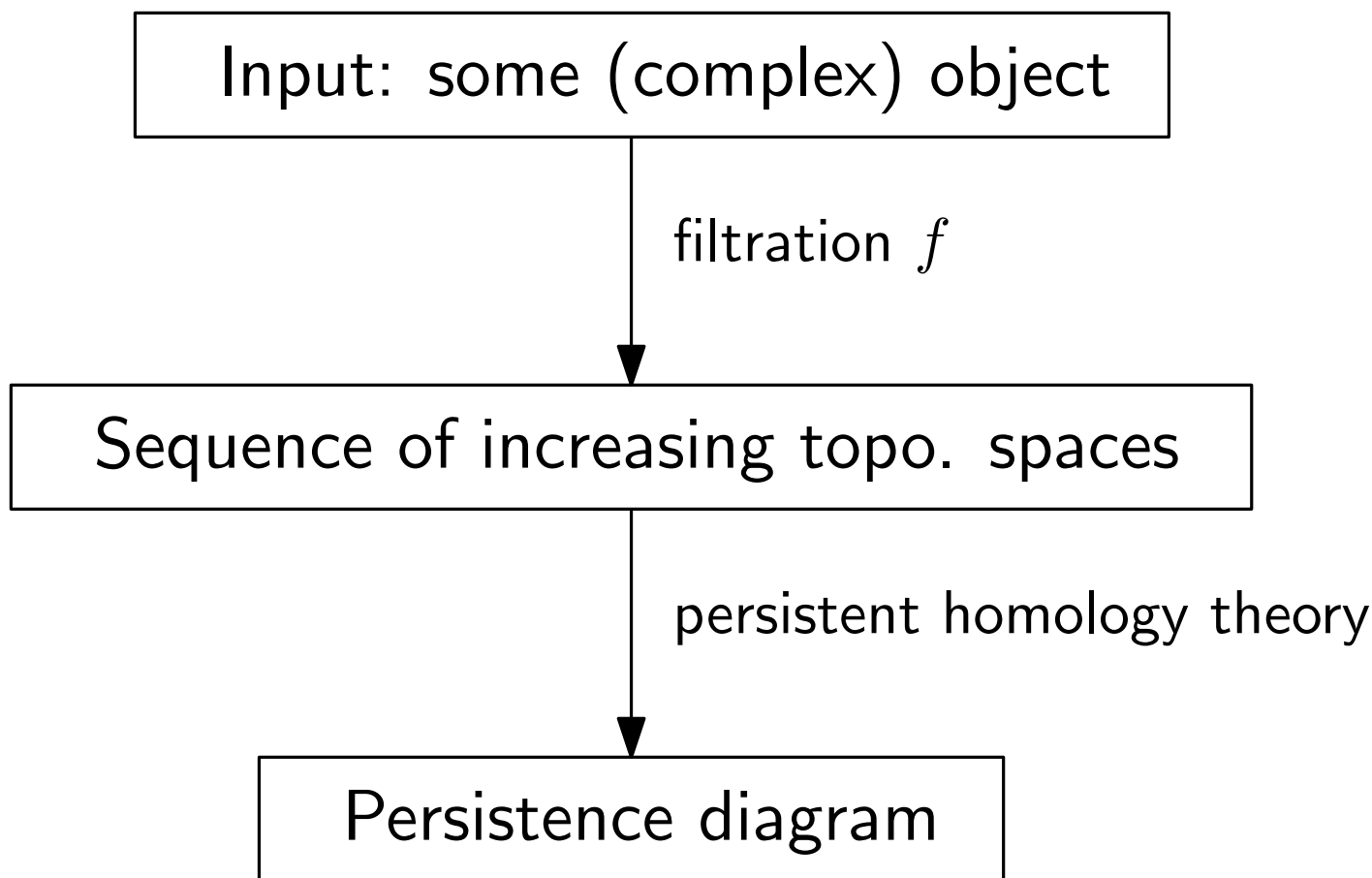


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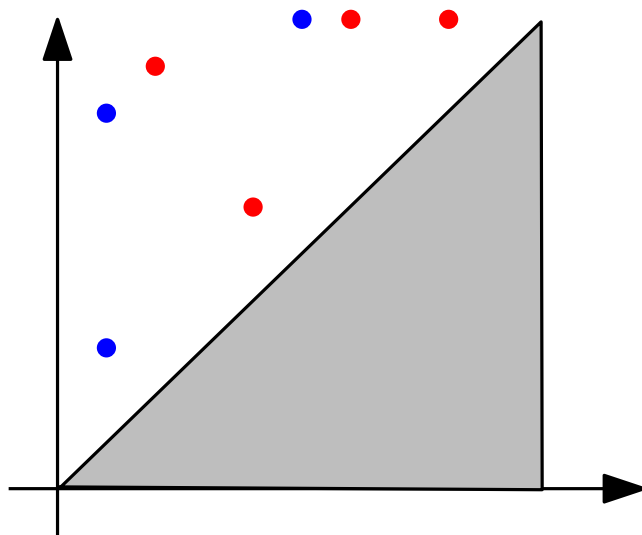
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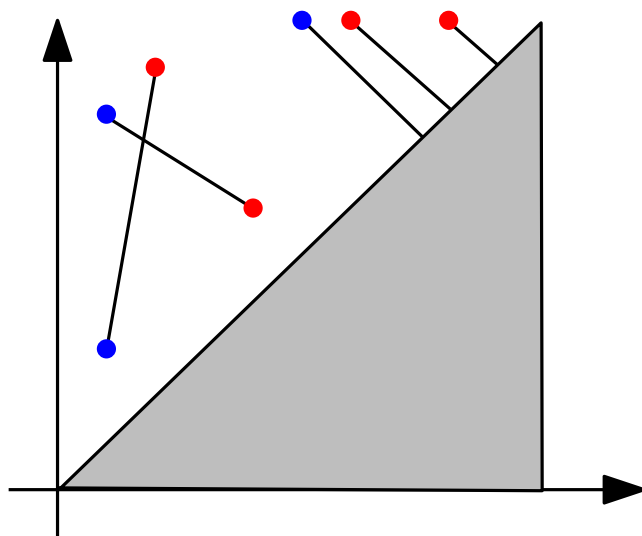
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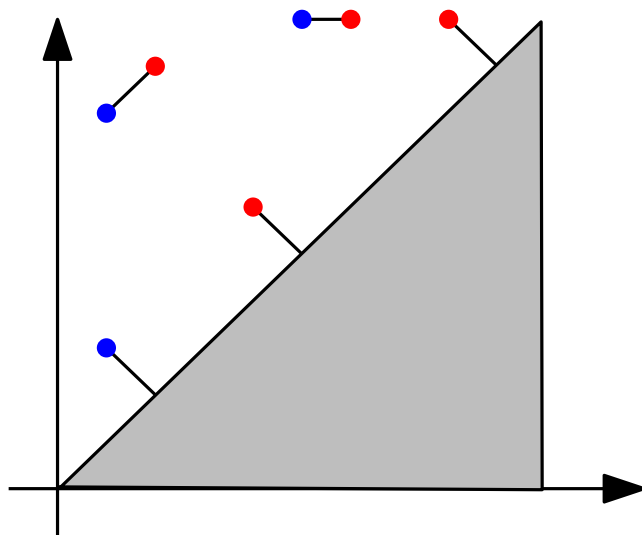
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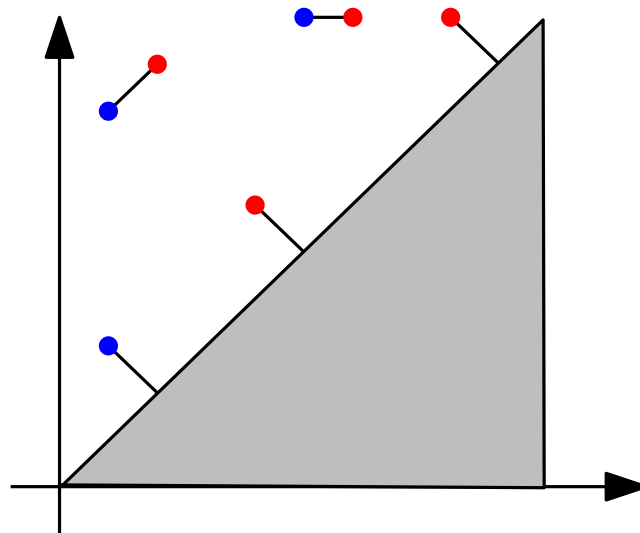
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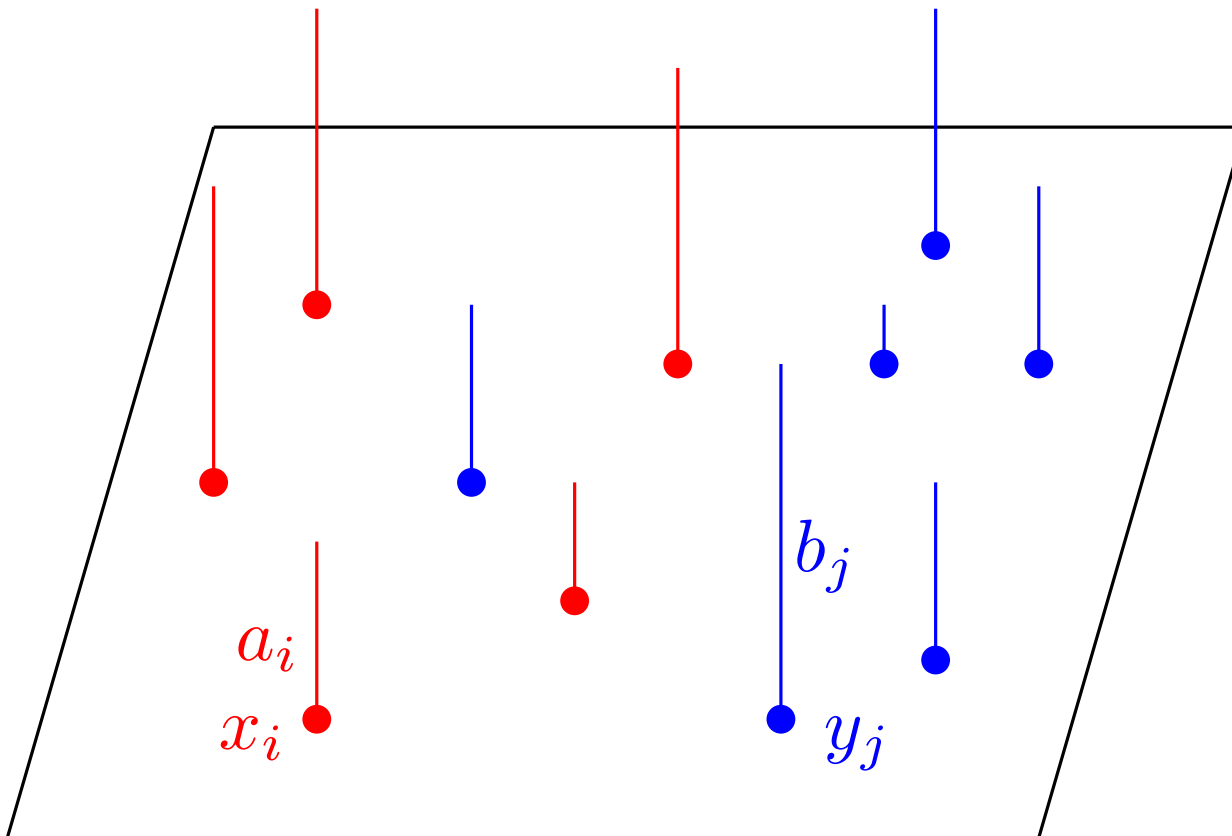
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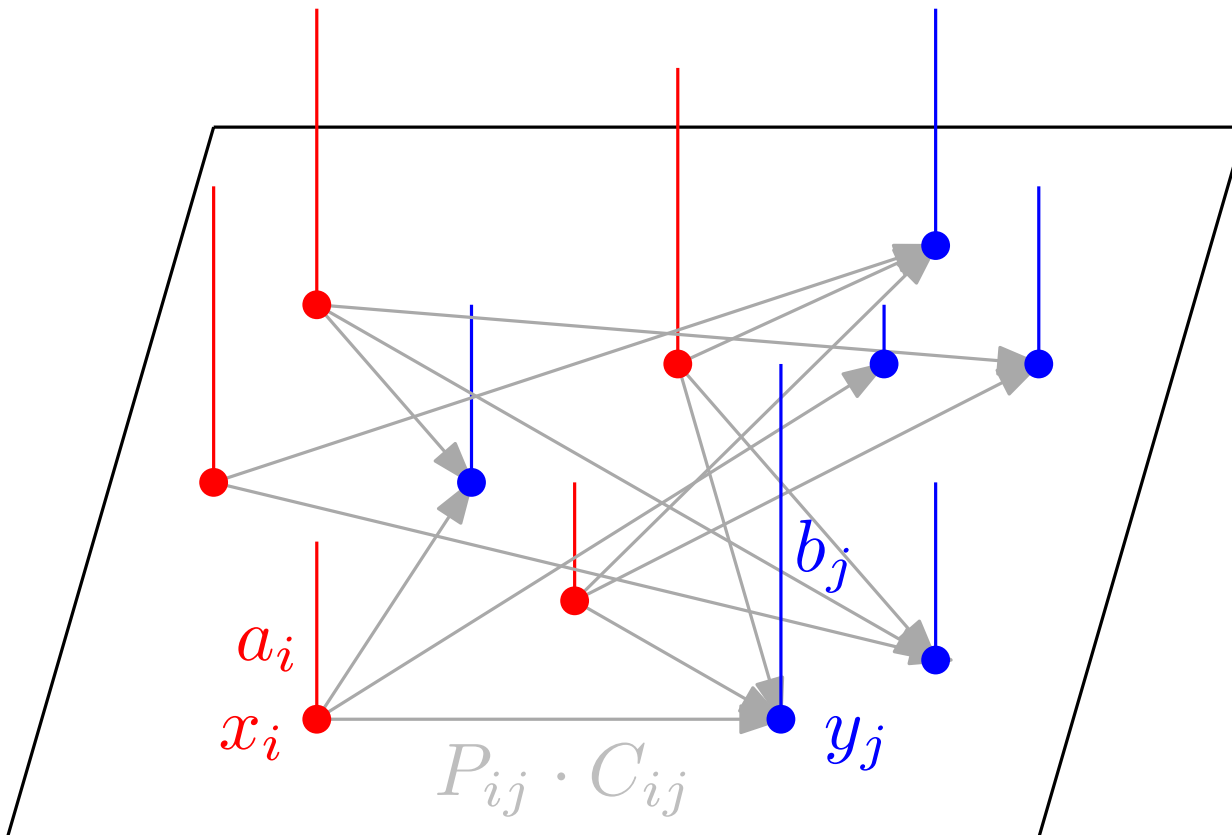
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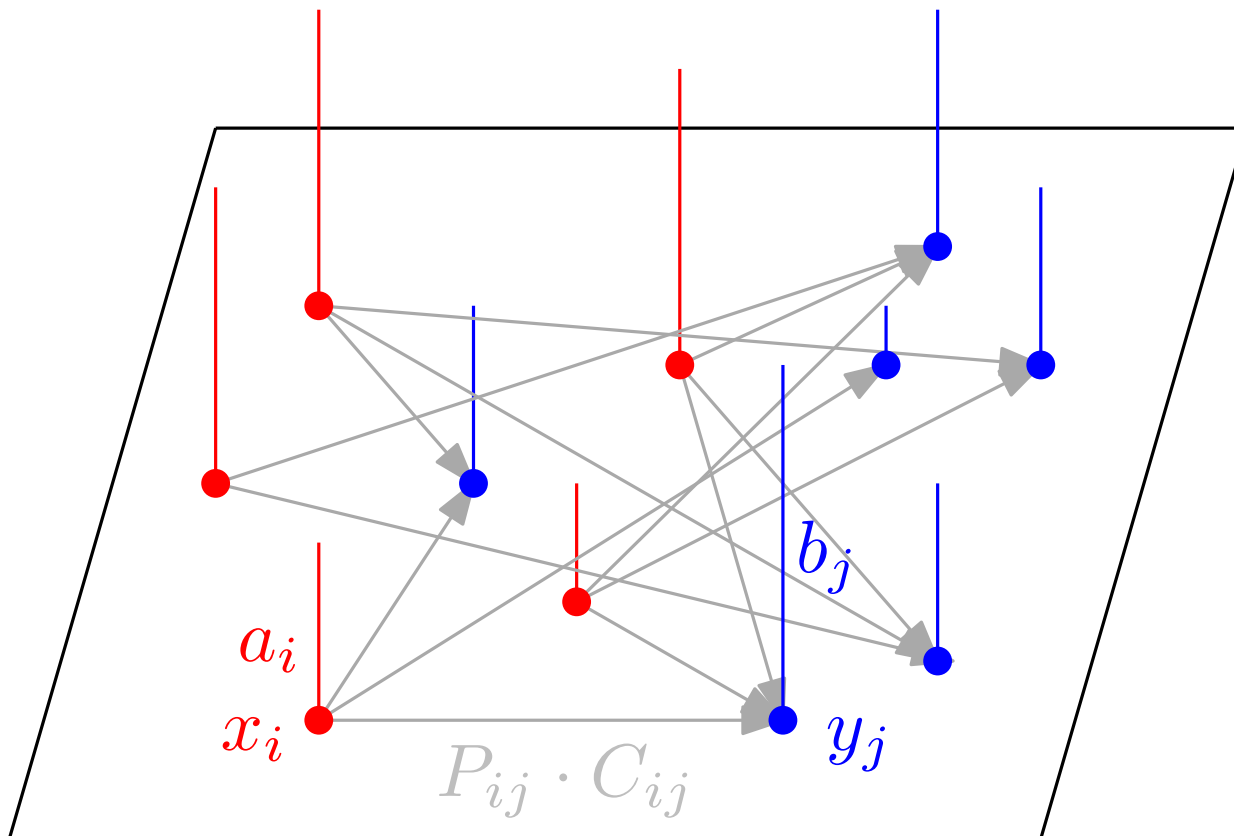
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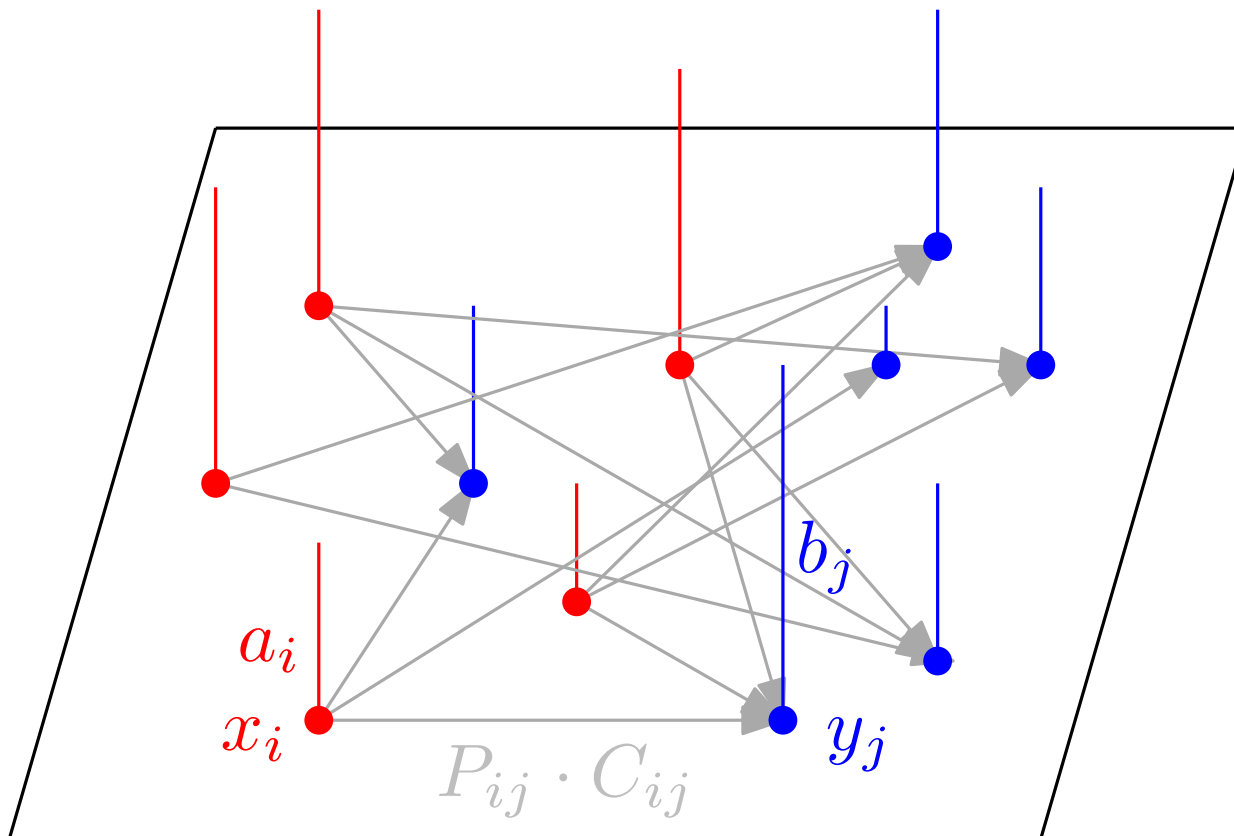
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The cost of  $\pi$  is  $C_p(\pi) := \iint_{\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X}} d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})^p d\pi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$

and the Wasserstein- $p$  distance between  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  is

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  - Know about barycenters (Fréchet means).
  - Know the geodesics.
  - Many numerical tools (algorithms, libraries)...

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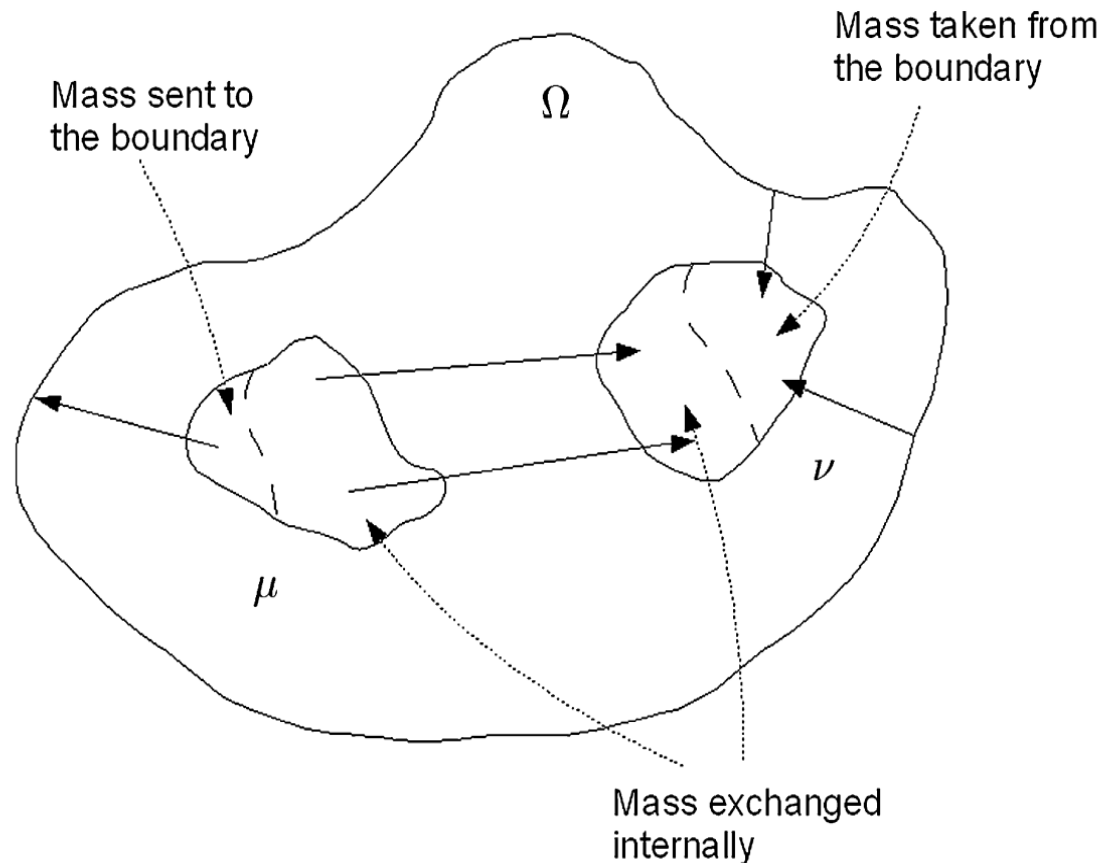
- Standard OT requires measures with the same mass
- We want to be able to handle:
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  - Measures with infinite mass

Recent efforts were made to develop this area (eg [Chizat, 2017])

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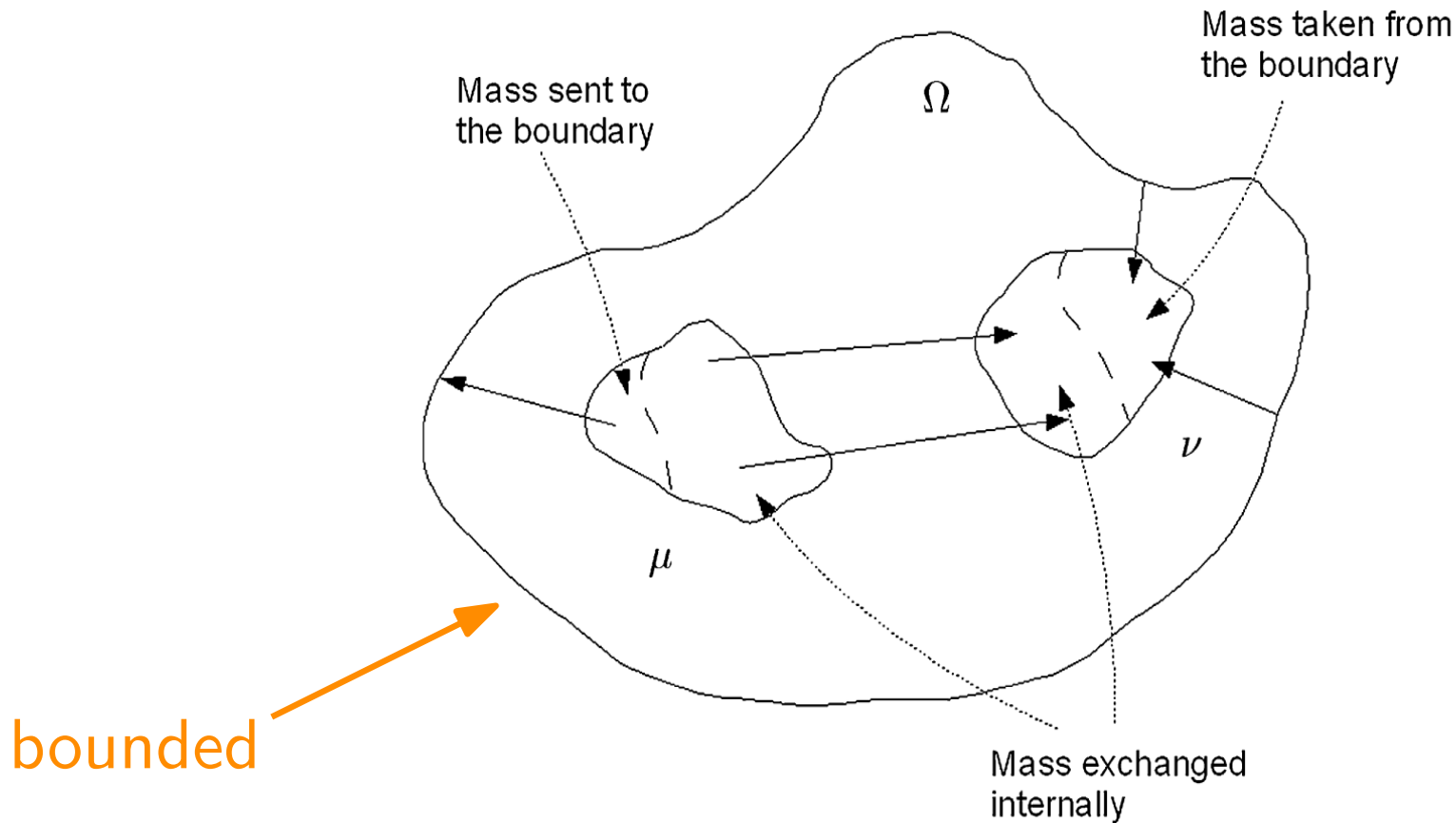


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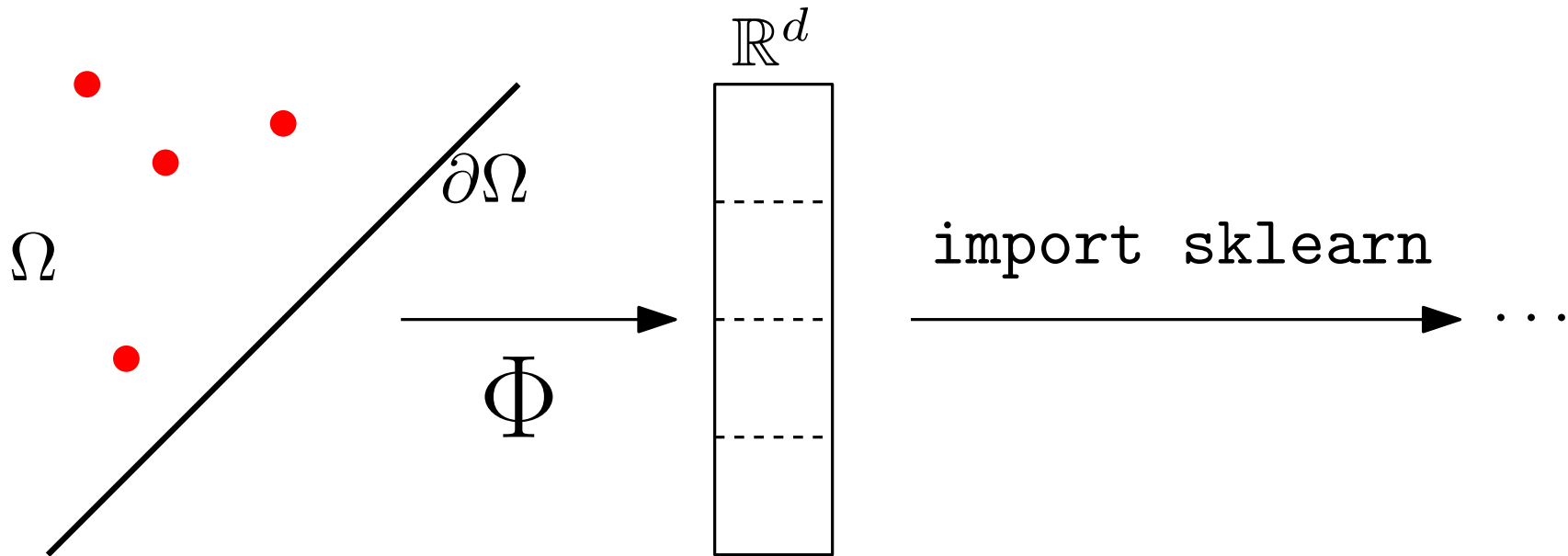
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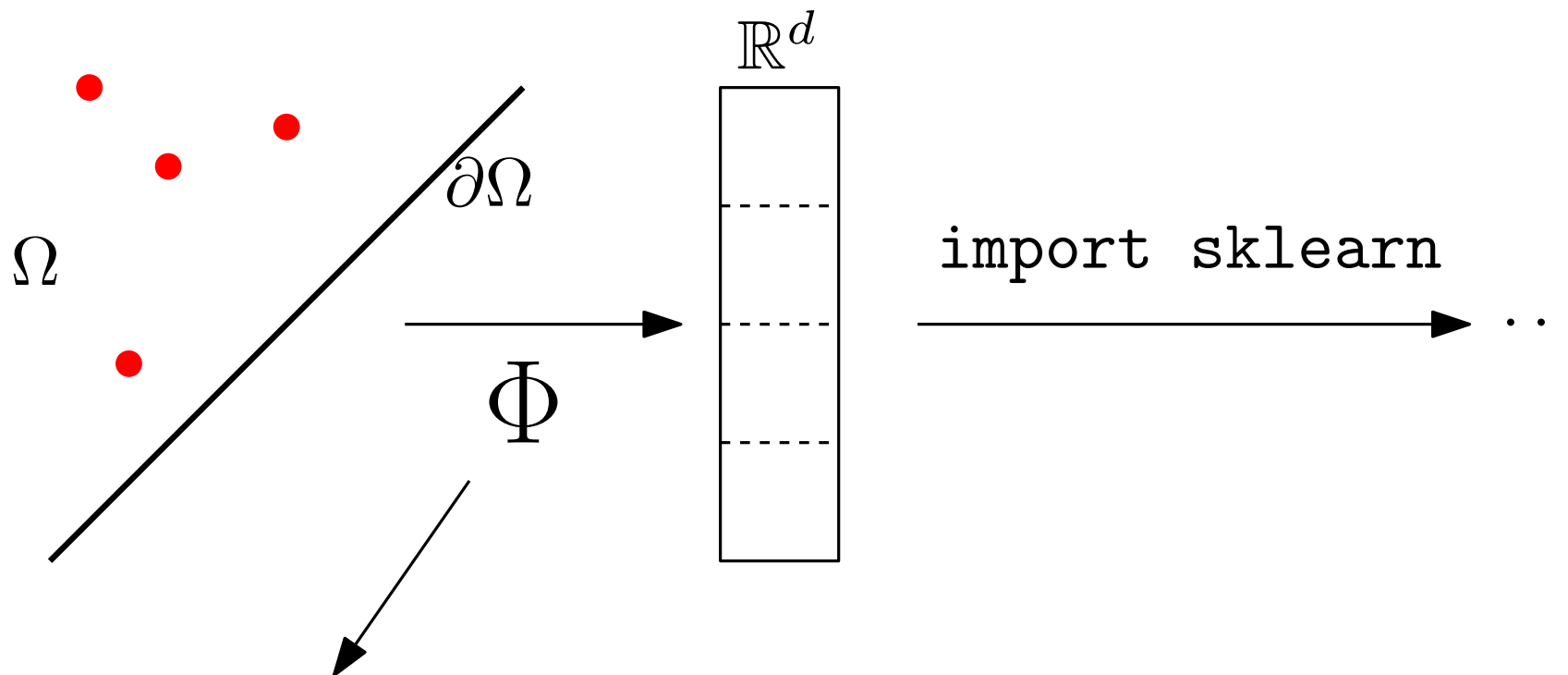


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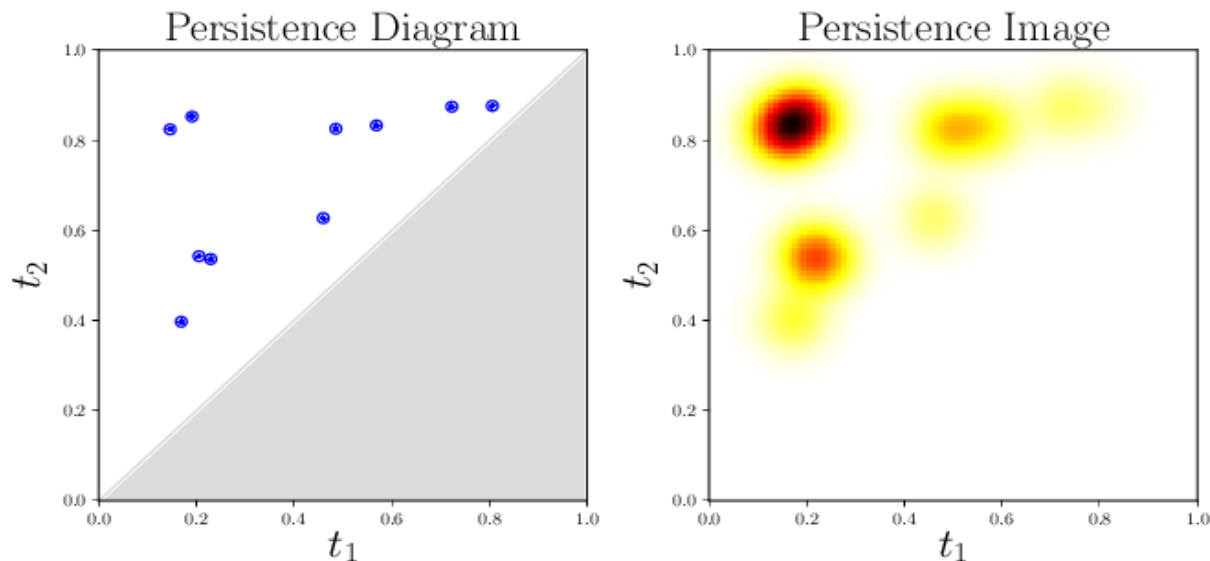
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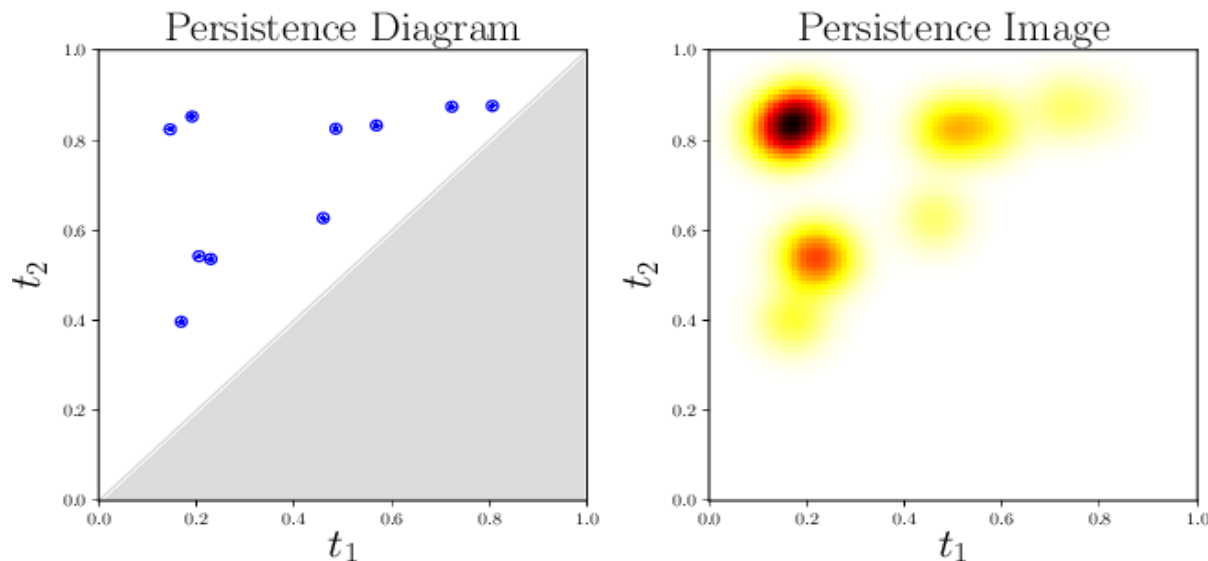
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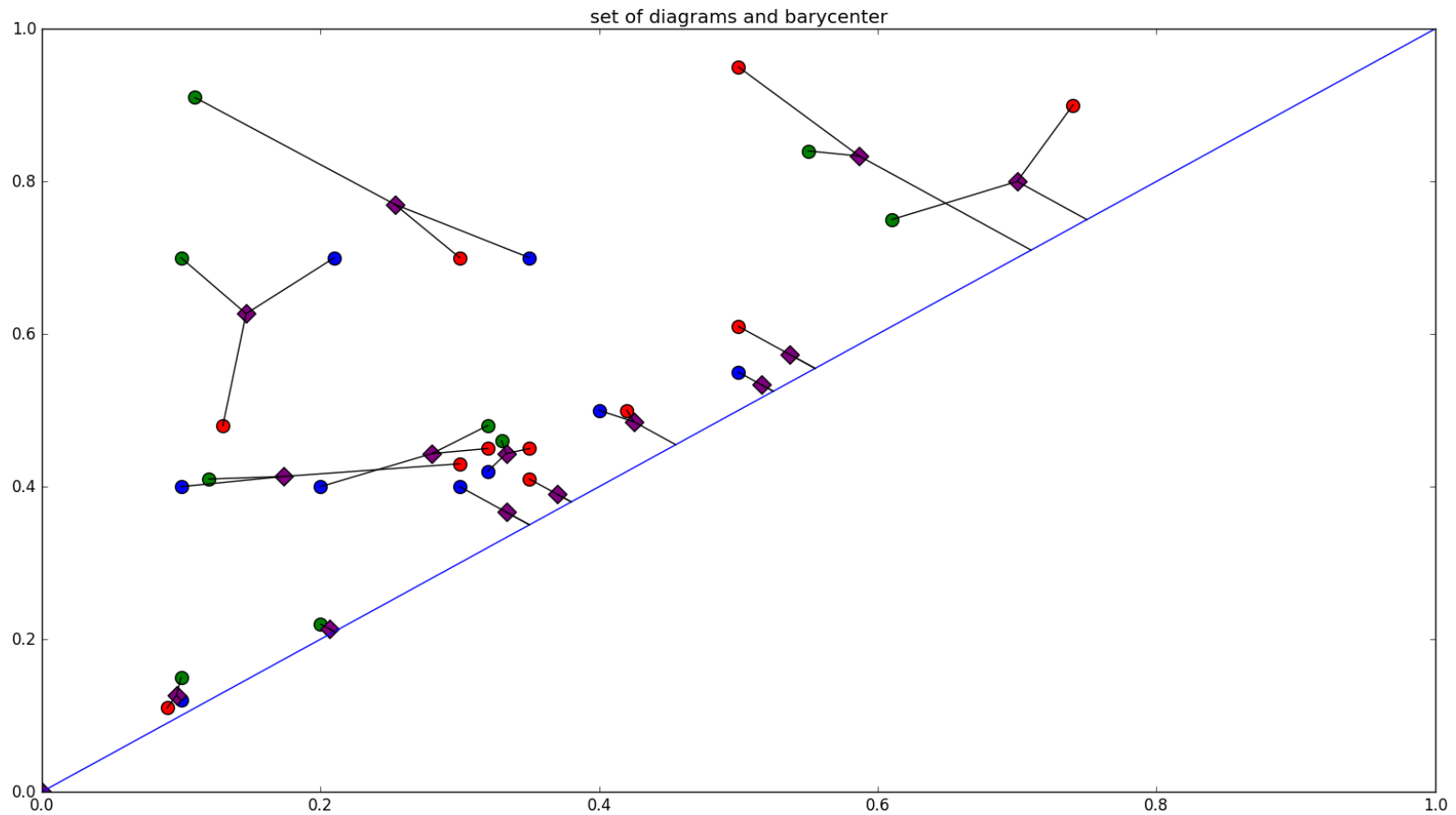
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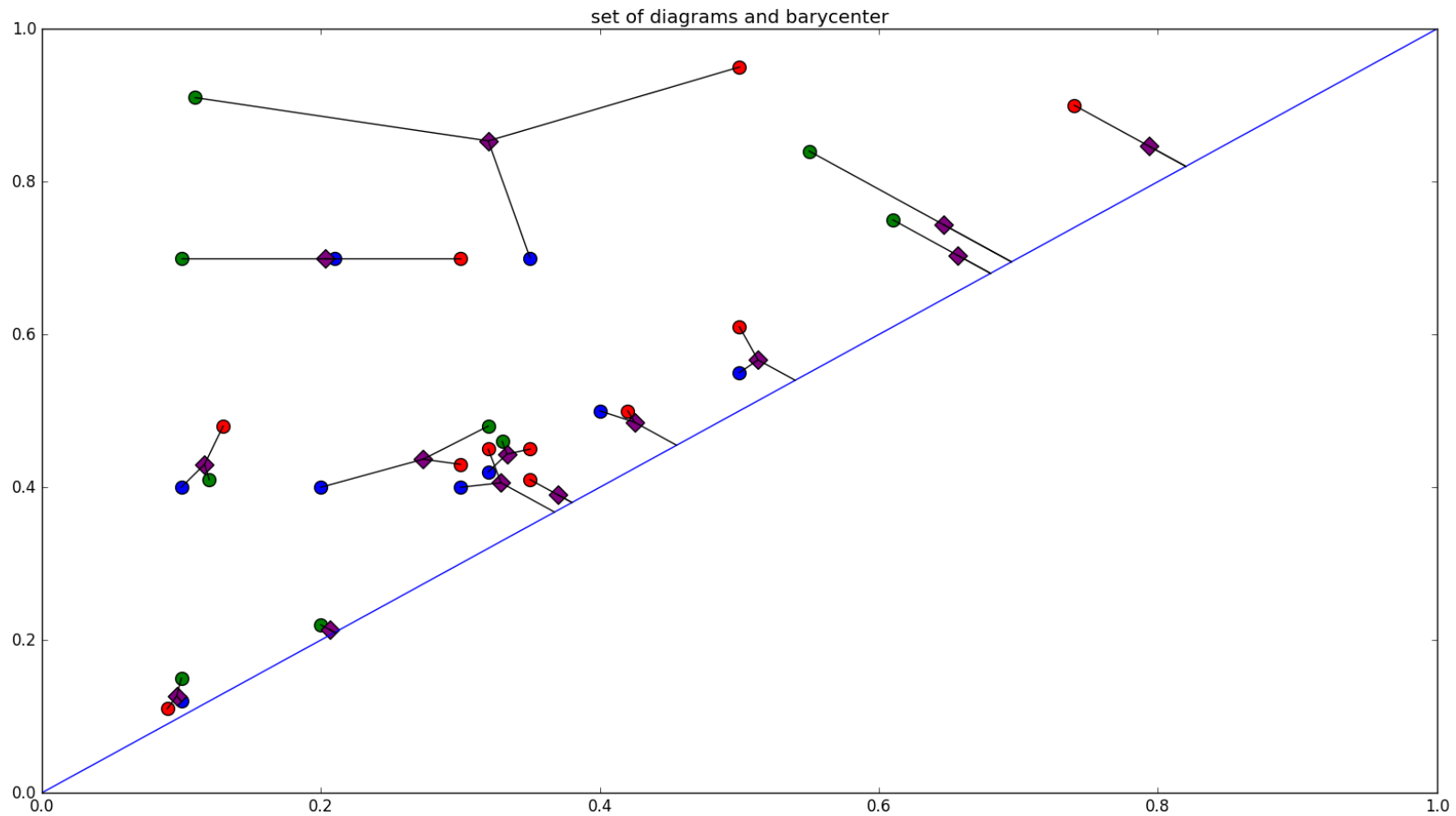
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# Conclusion

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Take home messages:

- TDA (at least PDs) can be formulated as an OT problem
- This formalism has theoretical and numerical strengths

Some other applications / links:

- Other results in the space of PDs:
  - Topological stability of random processes
  - Geodesics
- Sinkhorn divergences (Genevay et al. 2018)
- Semi-discrete transport
- Kernel for persistence diagrams