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Exploring general flow architectures for pure gauge theory

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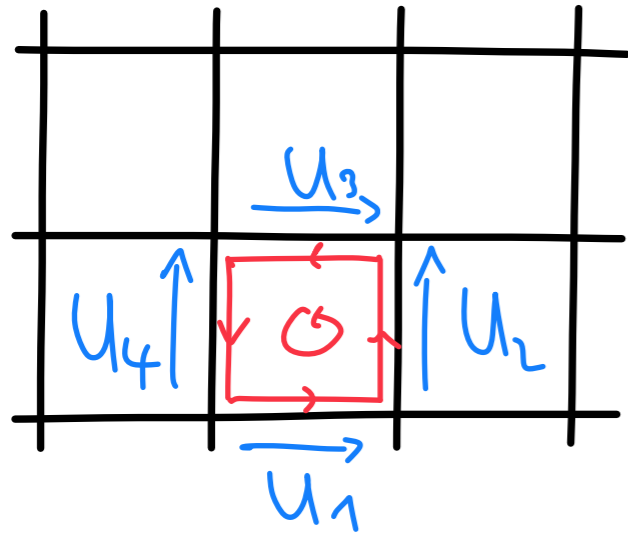
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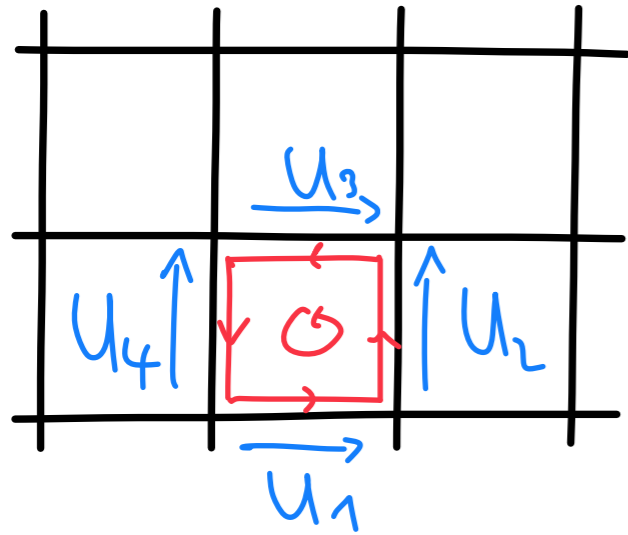
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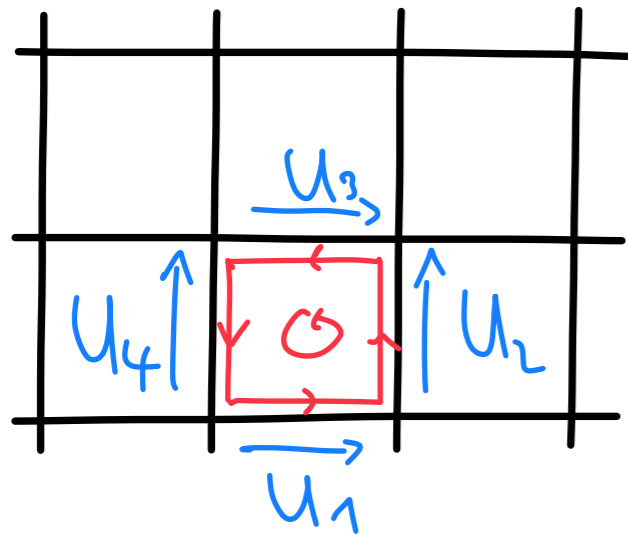
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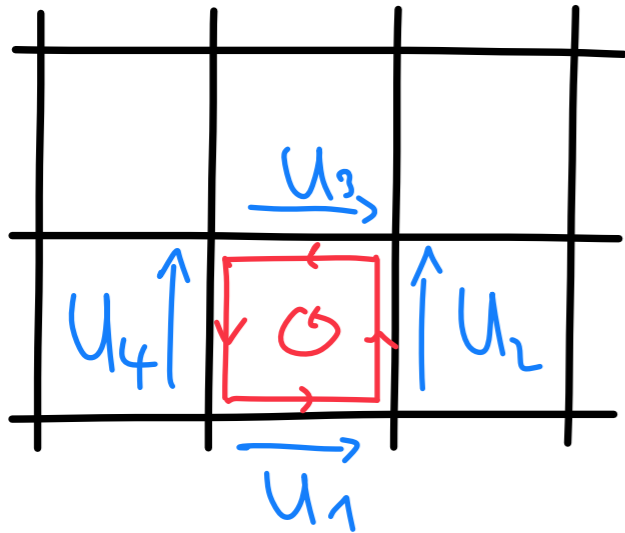
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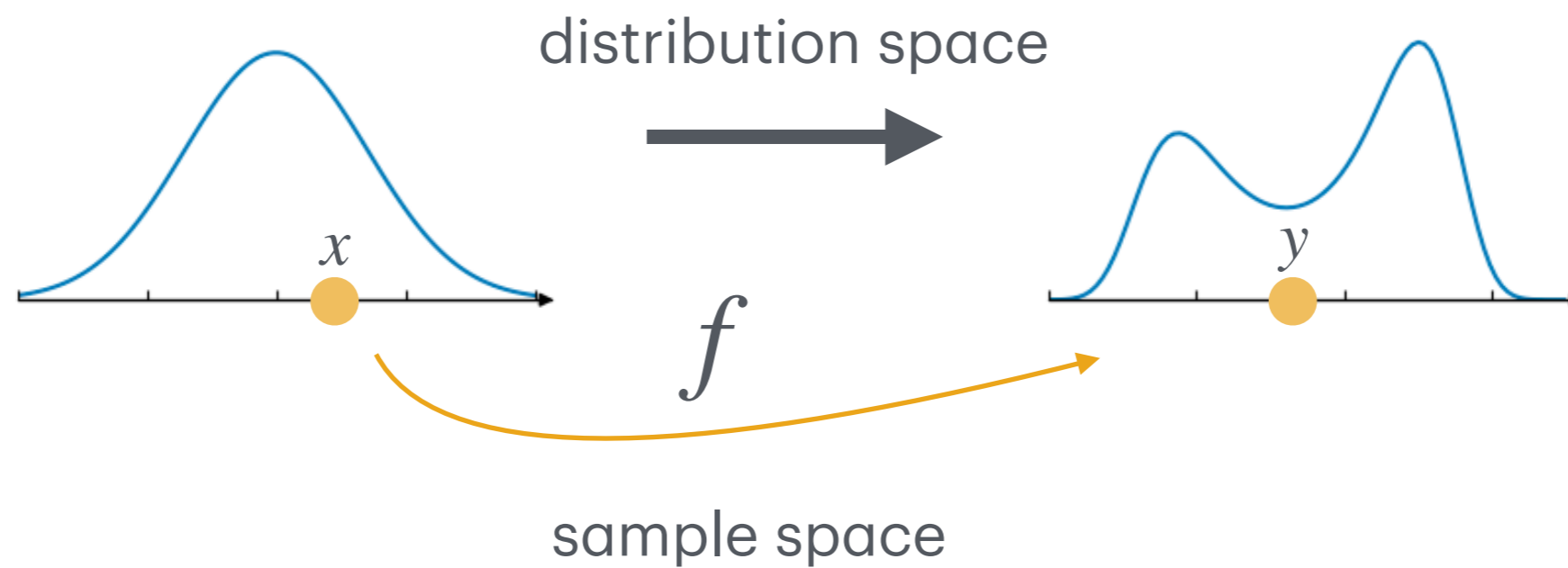
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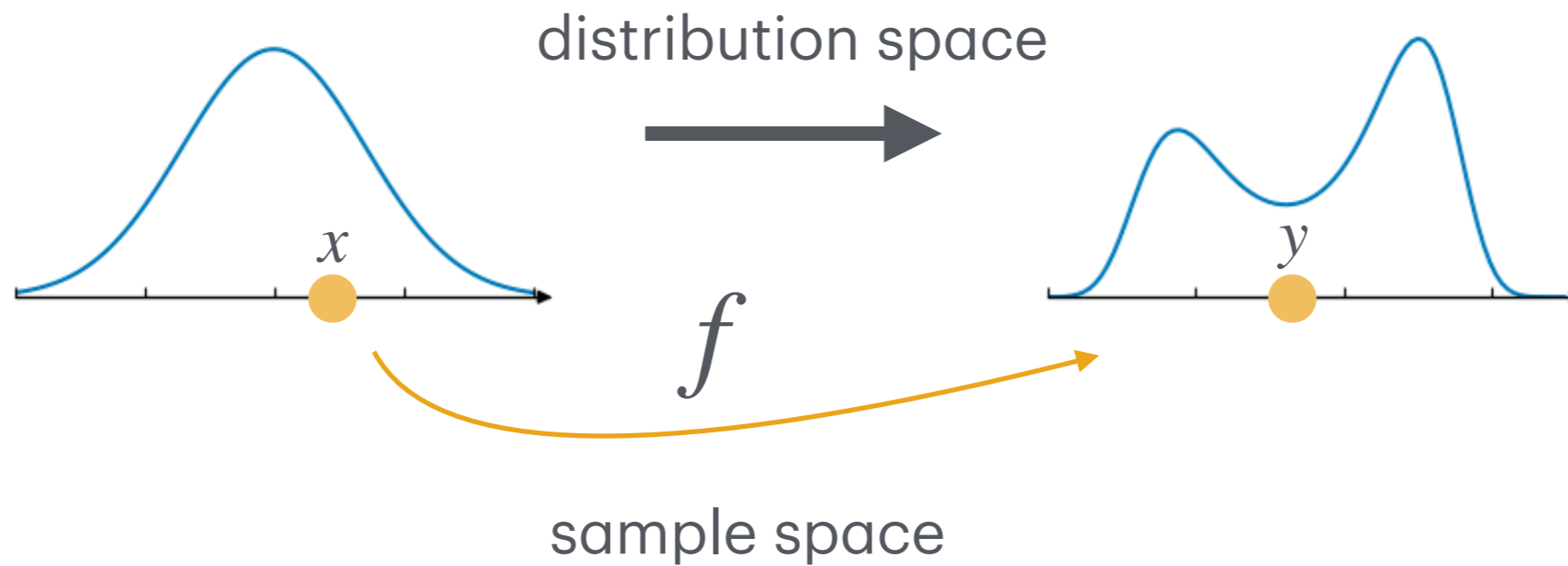
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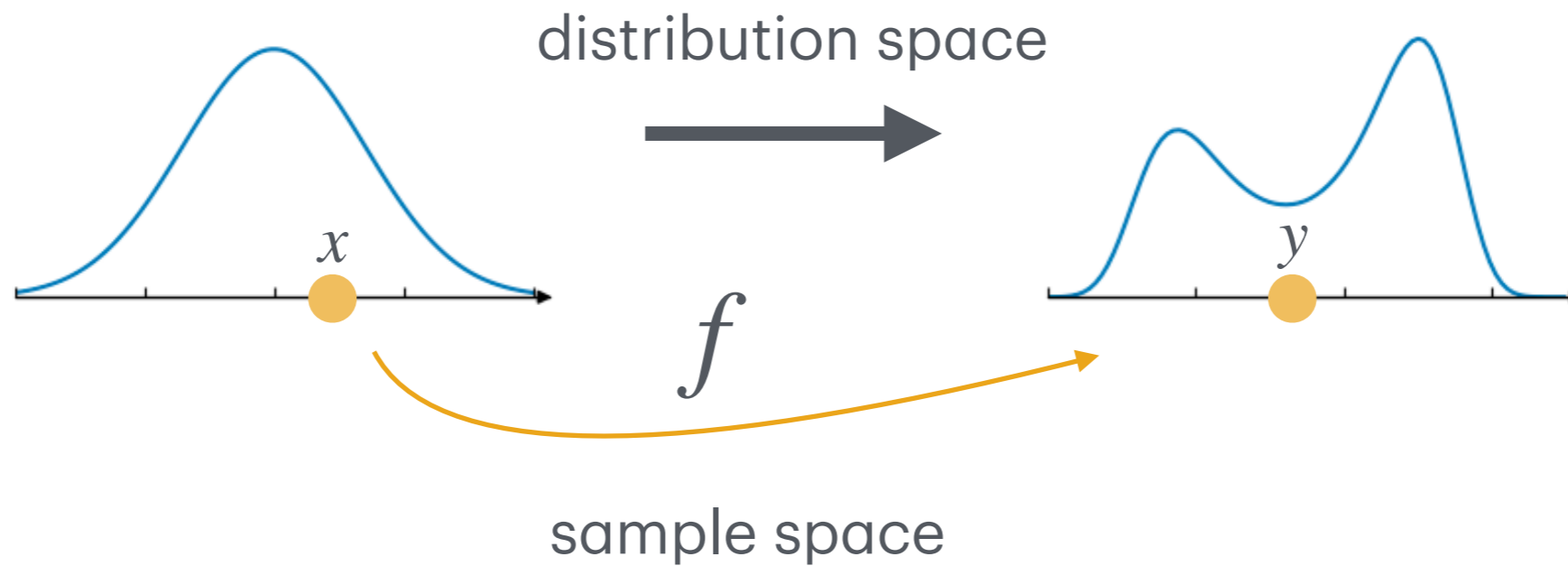
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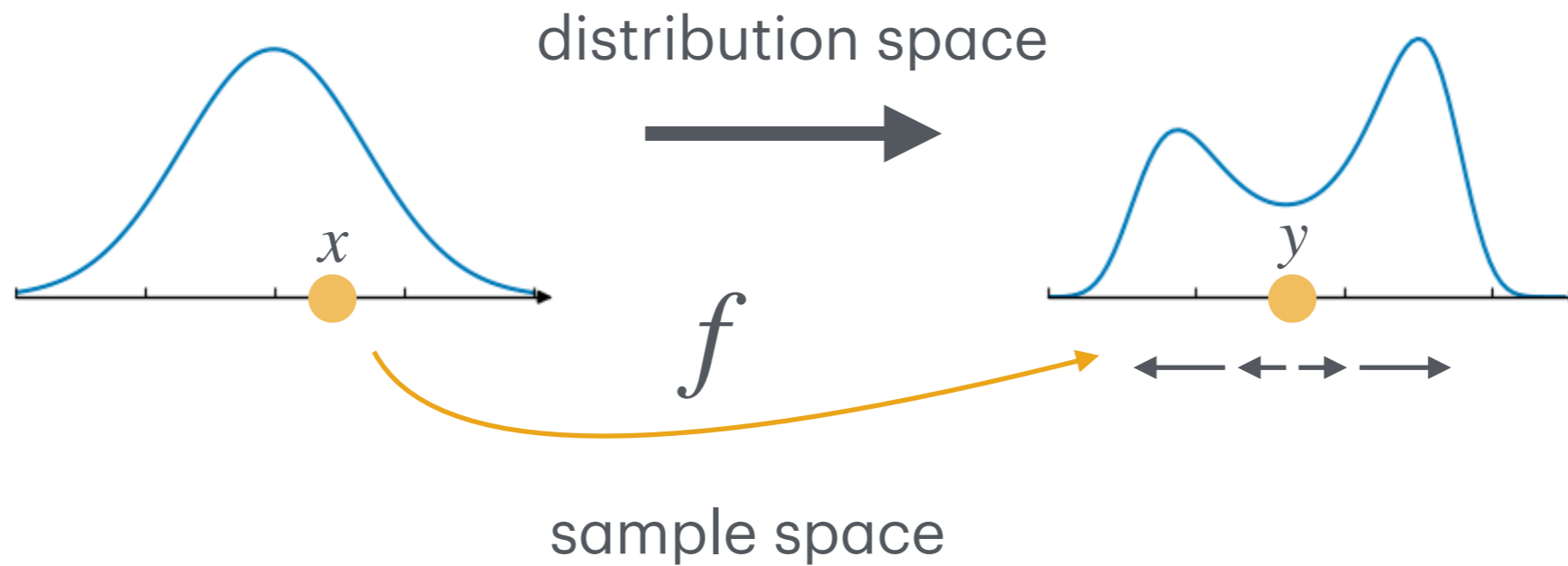


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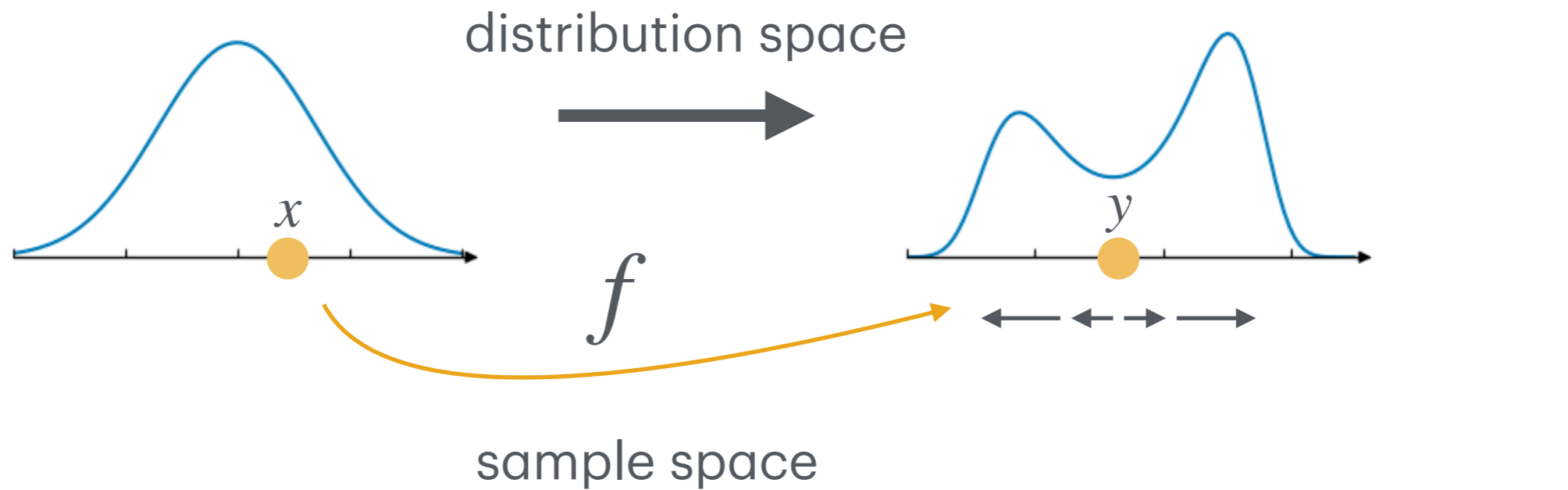
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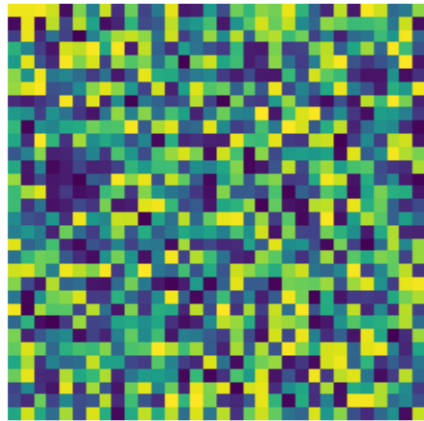
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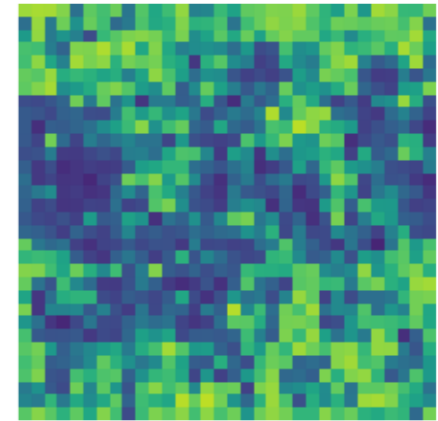
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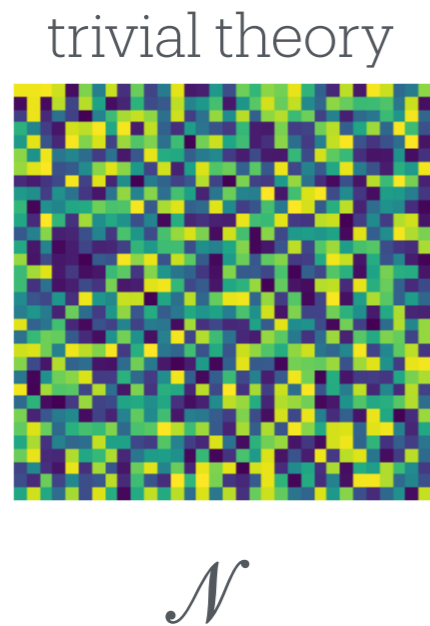


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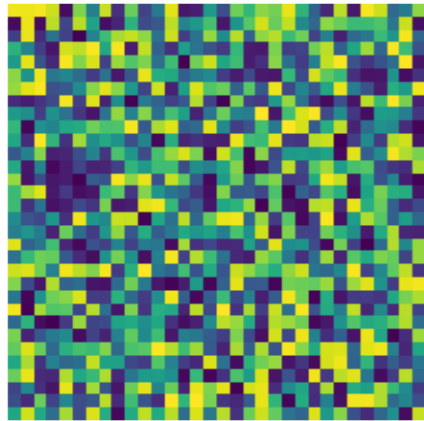
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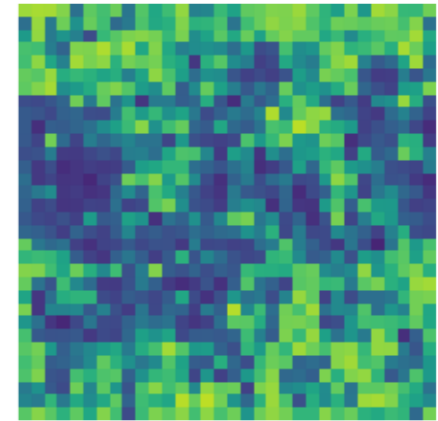
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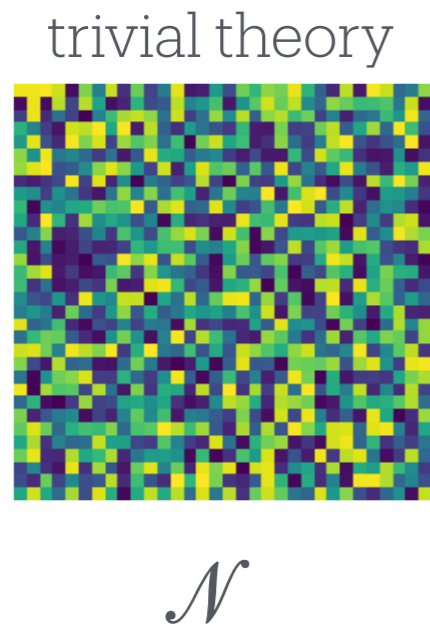
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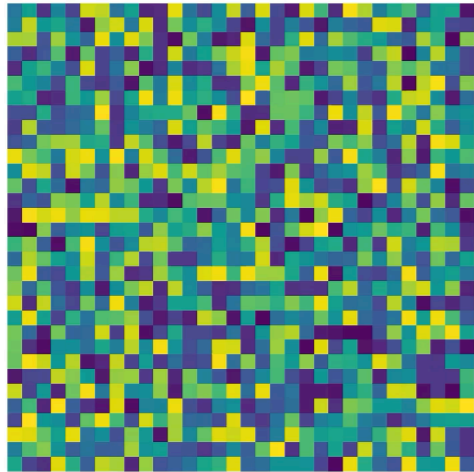
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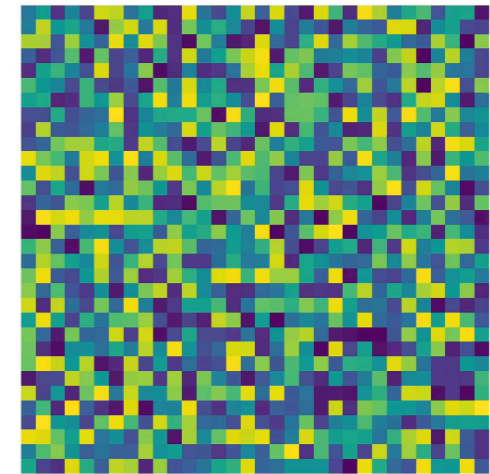


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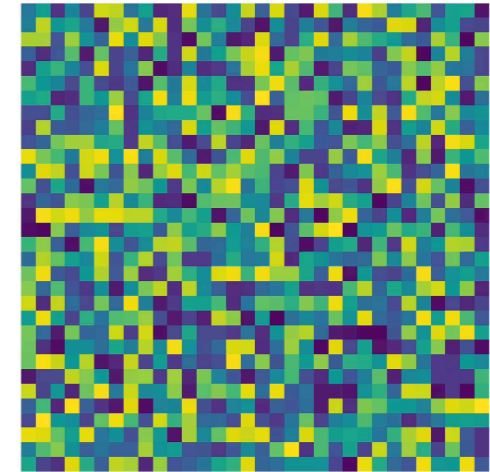


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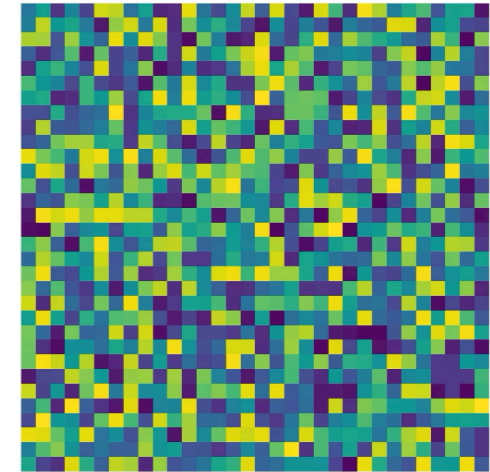
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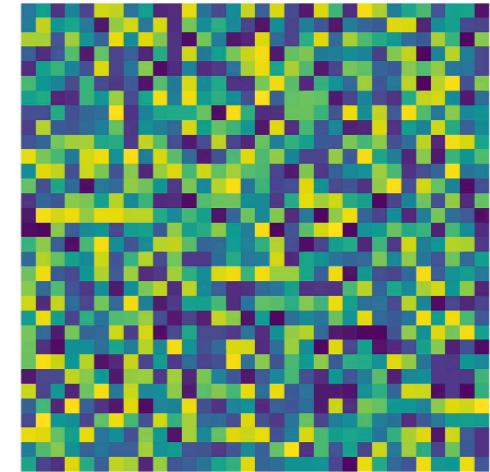
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Continuous flows for ϕ^4

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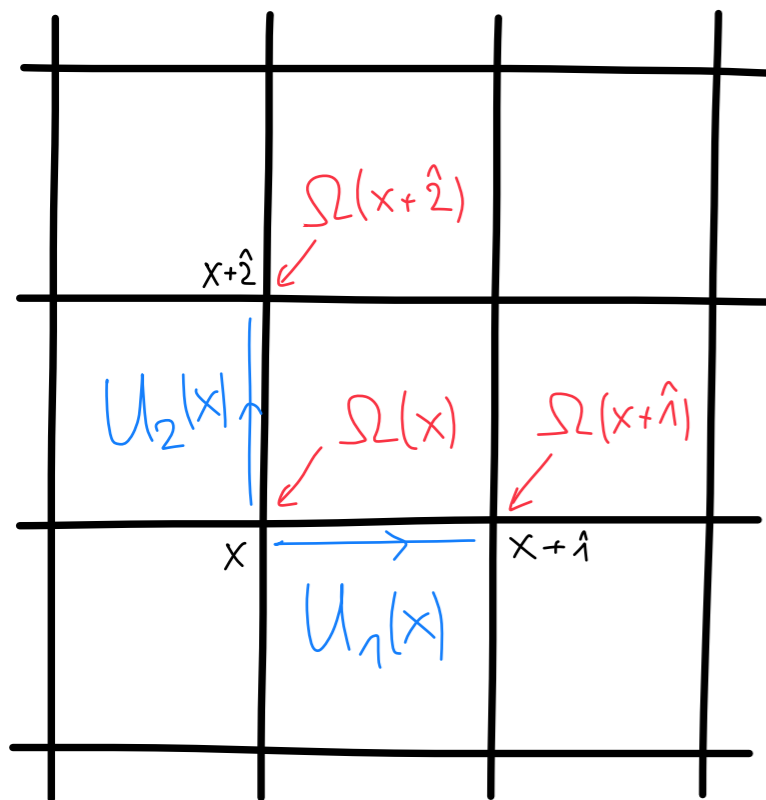
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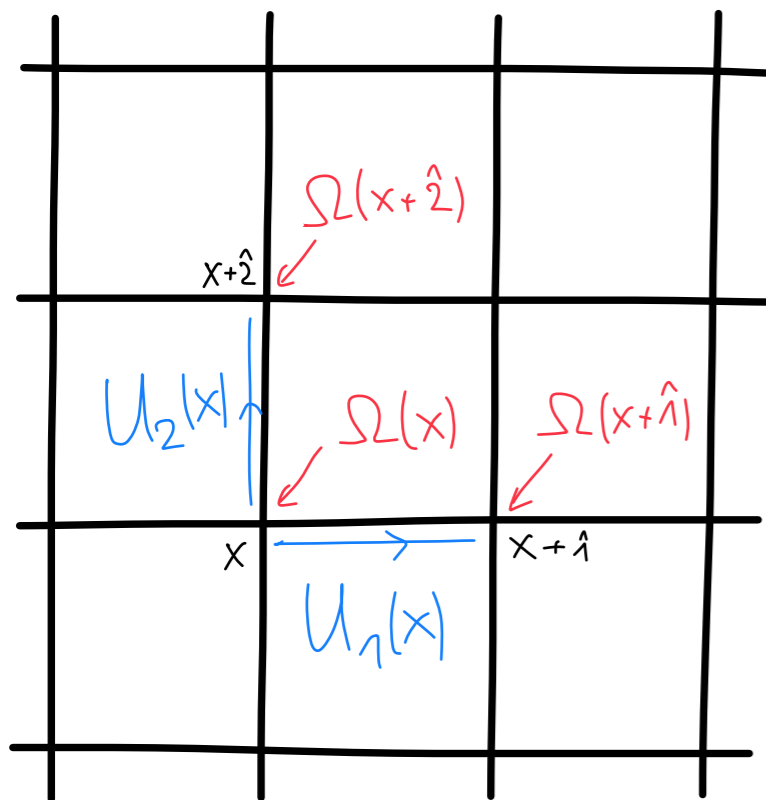
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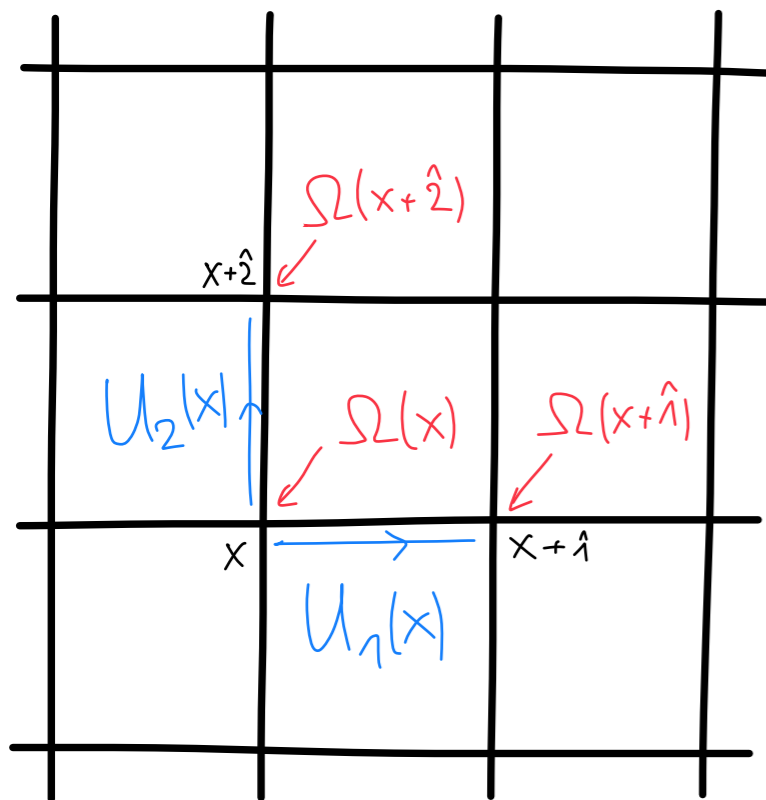
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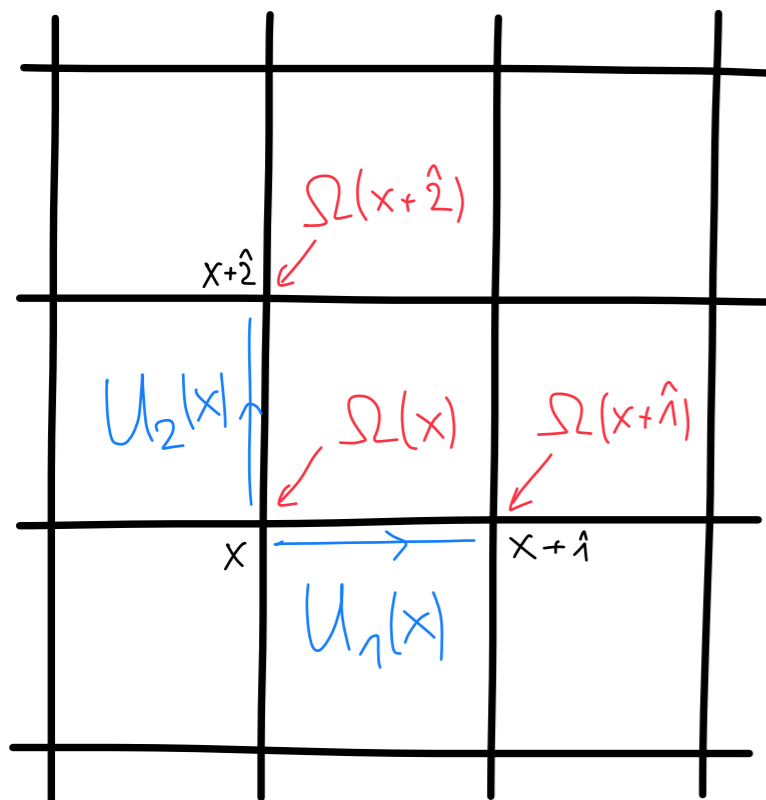
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e.g. $V = \nabla_U W$ are **equivariant**

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Discrete normalizing flows

How to define gauge equivariant flows

Map $P_{\mu\nu} \mapsto P'_{\mu\nu} = f(P_{\mu\nu})$ to update edge in $P_{\mu\nu}$ conditioned on unmodified invariant quantities.

Get an equivariant flow, if map transform under conjugation:

$$f(\Omega P \Omega^\dagger) = \Omega f(P) \Omega^\dagger$$

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Sampling using $SU(N)$ gauge equivariant flows

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Normalizing flows for lattice gauge theory in arbitrary space-time dimension

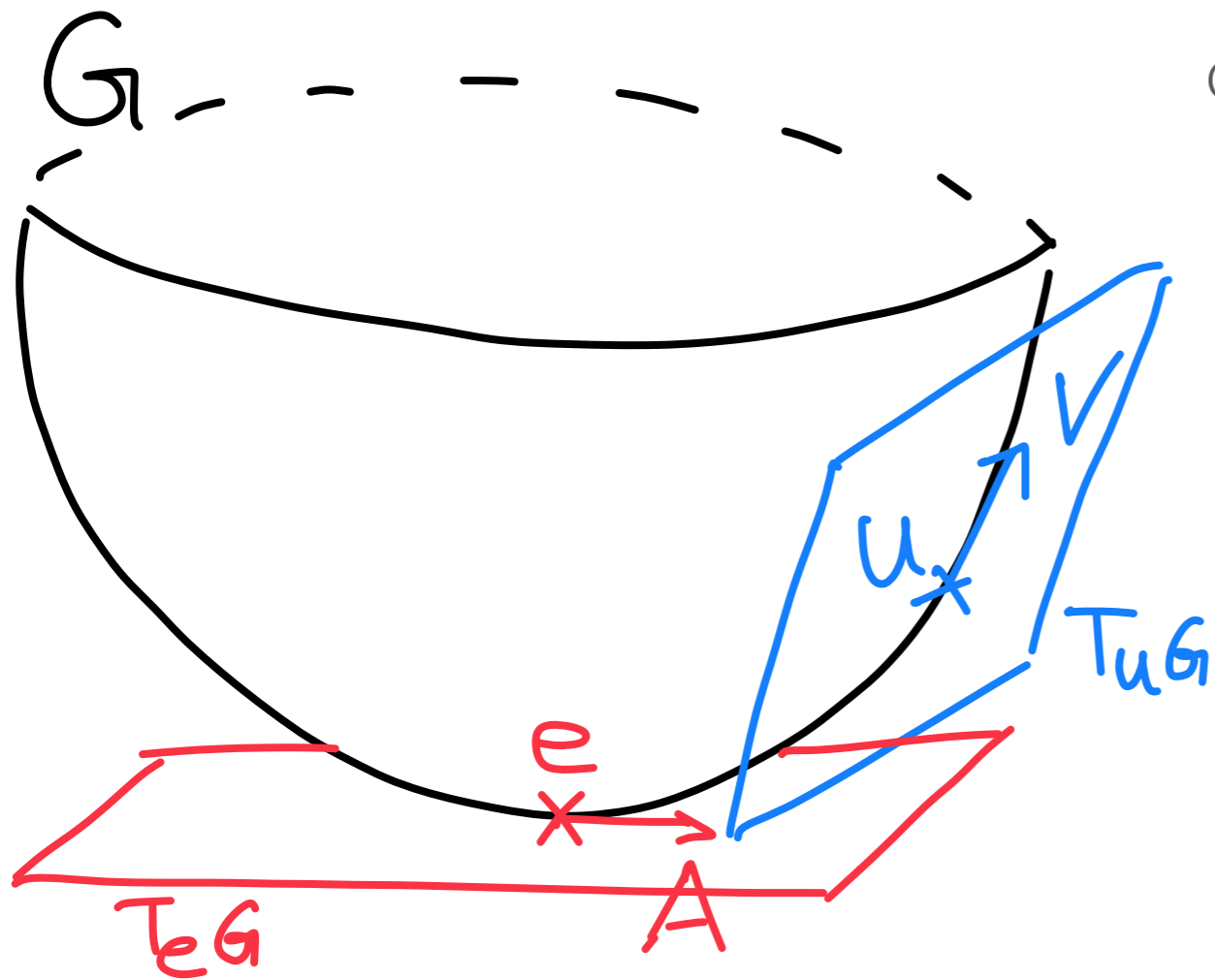
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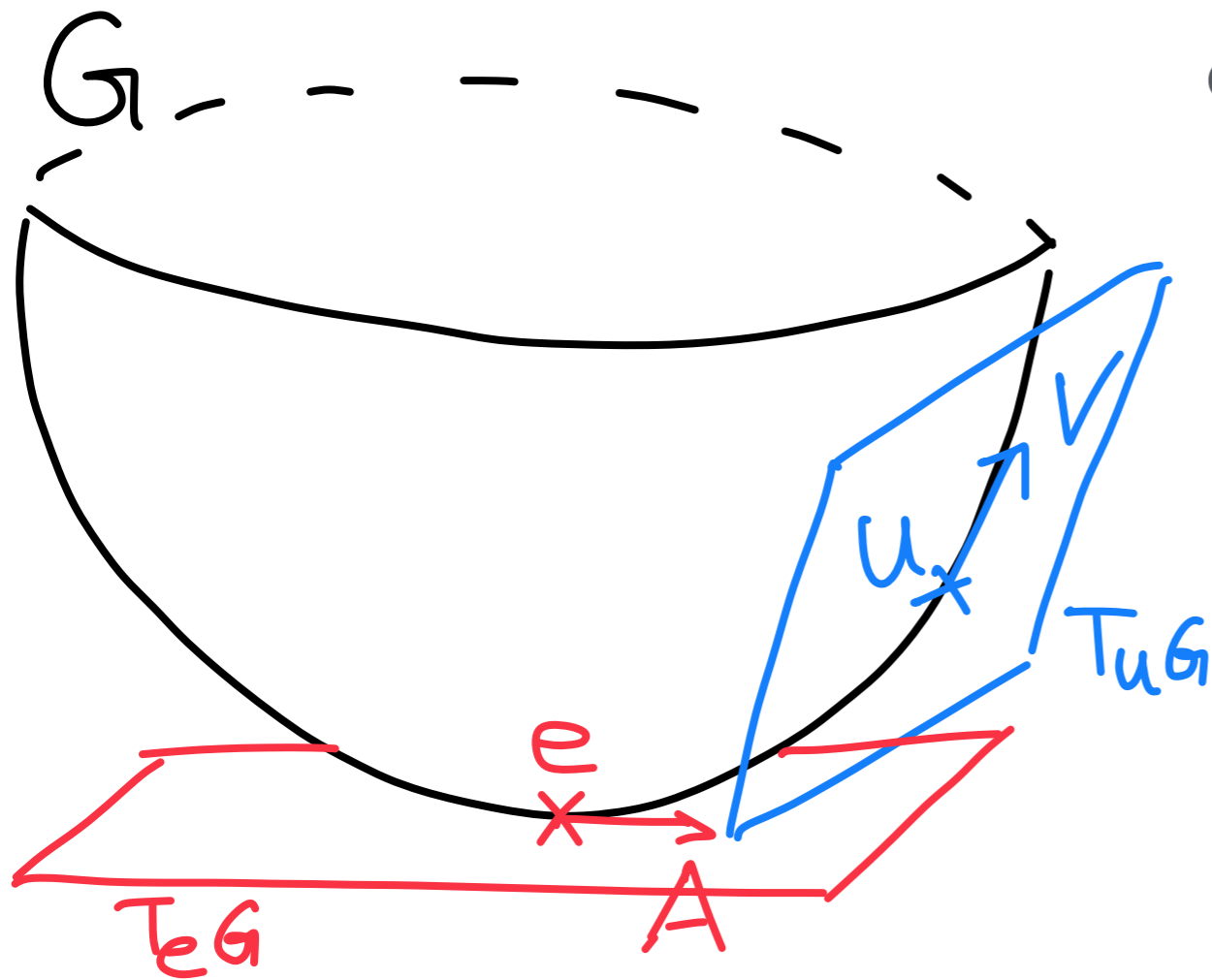
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Lie algebra is spanned by generators T^a

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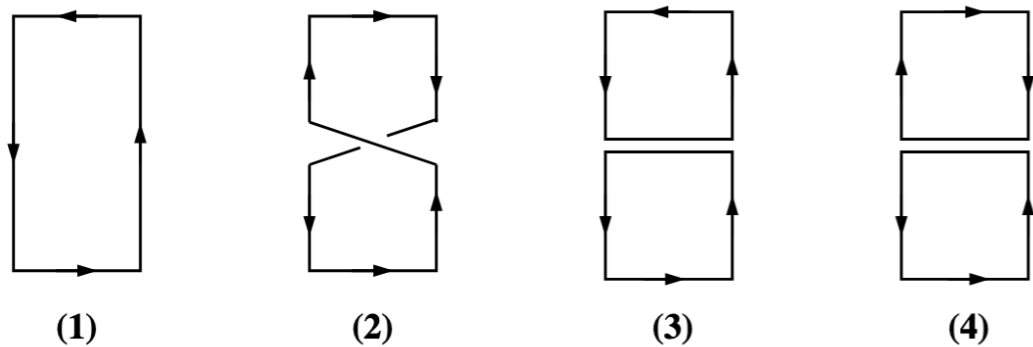
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Define $A^a = \partial^a \mathcal{S}$ as the gradient of some potential, given as sums and products of Wilson loops.



Can extend/do better by learning coefficients by gradient descent

Trivializing maps, the Wilson flow and
the HMC algorithm

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Learning Trivializing Gradient Flows for Lattice Gauge Theories

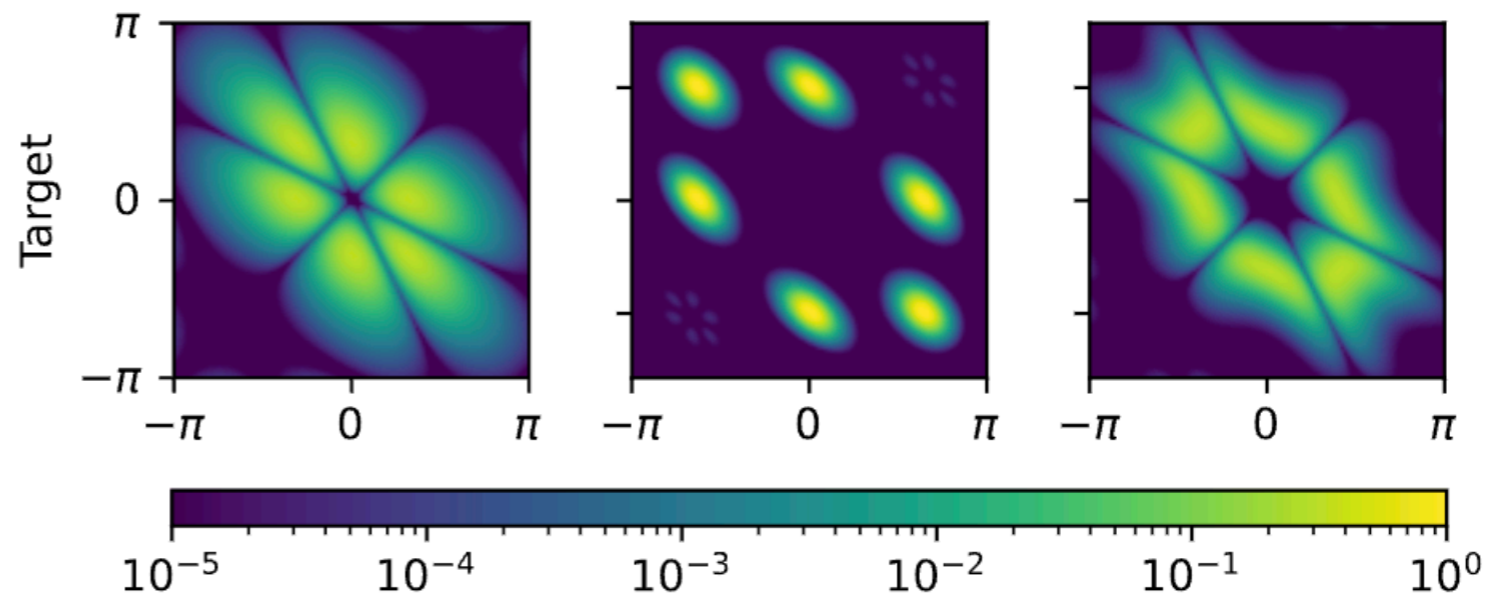
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General ML architecture?

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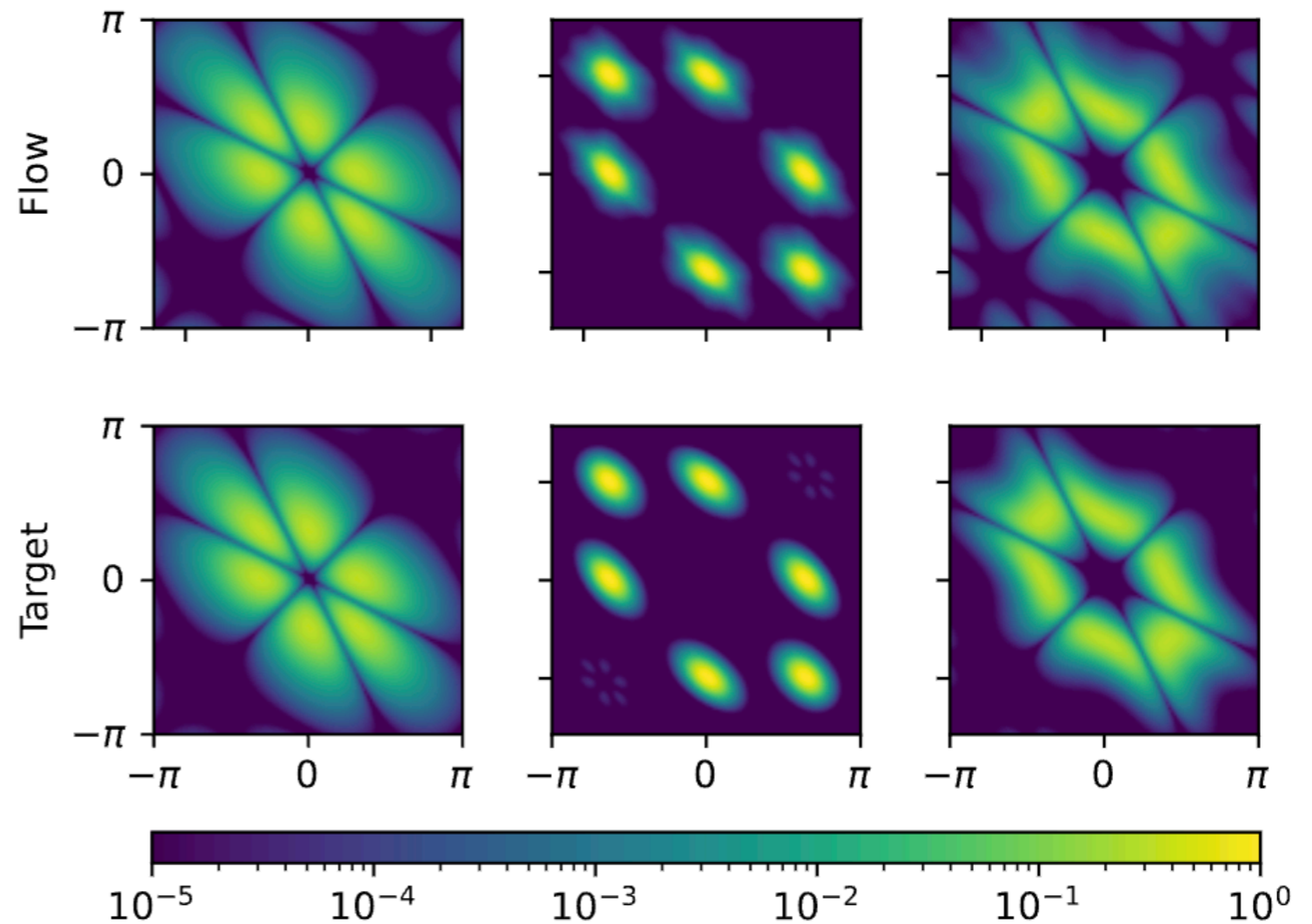


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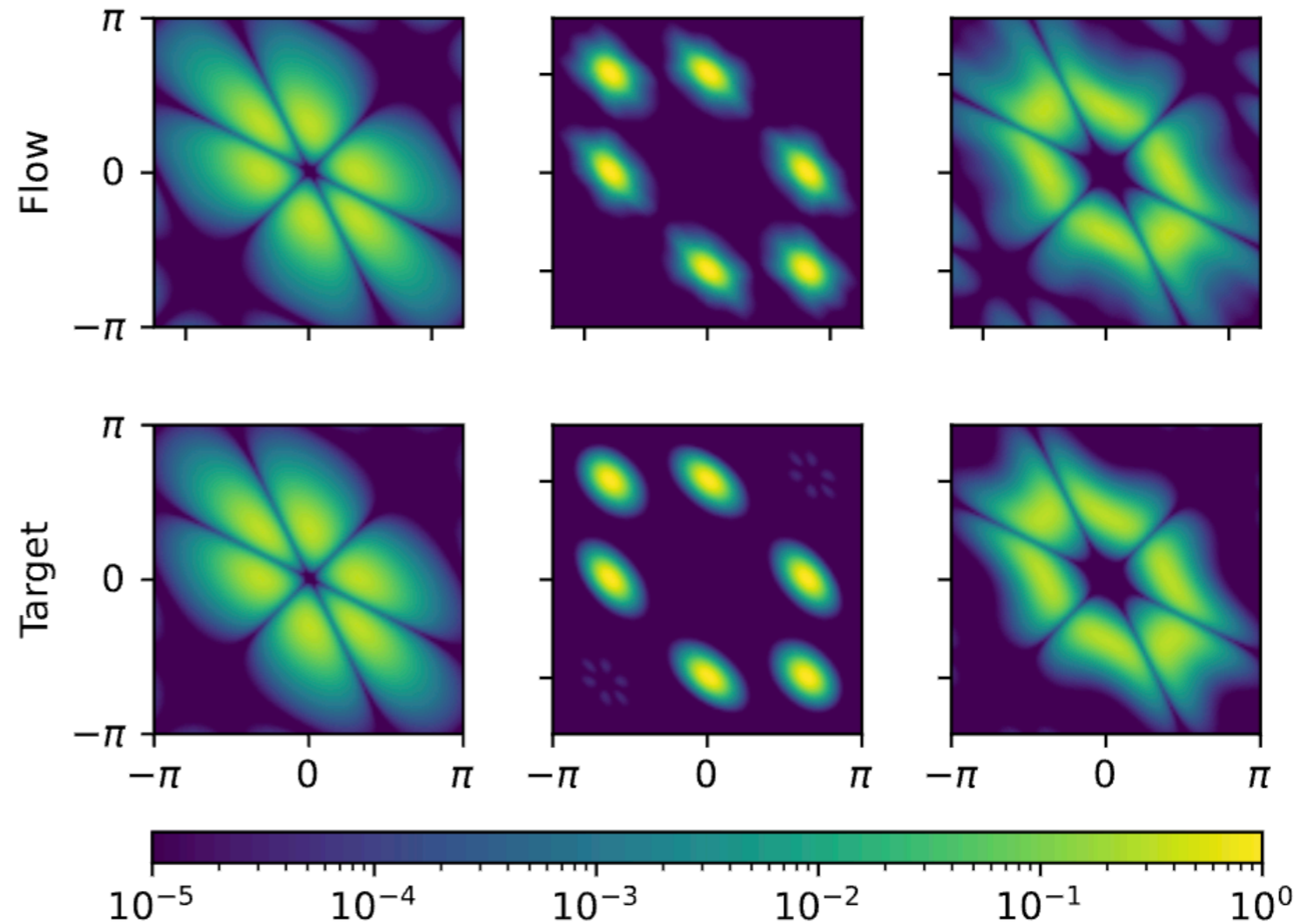
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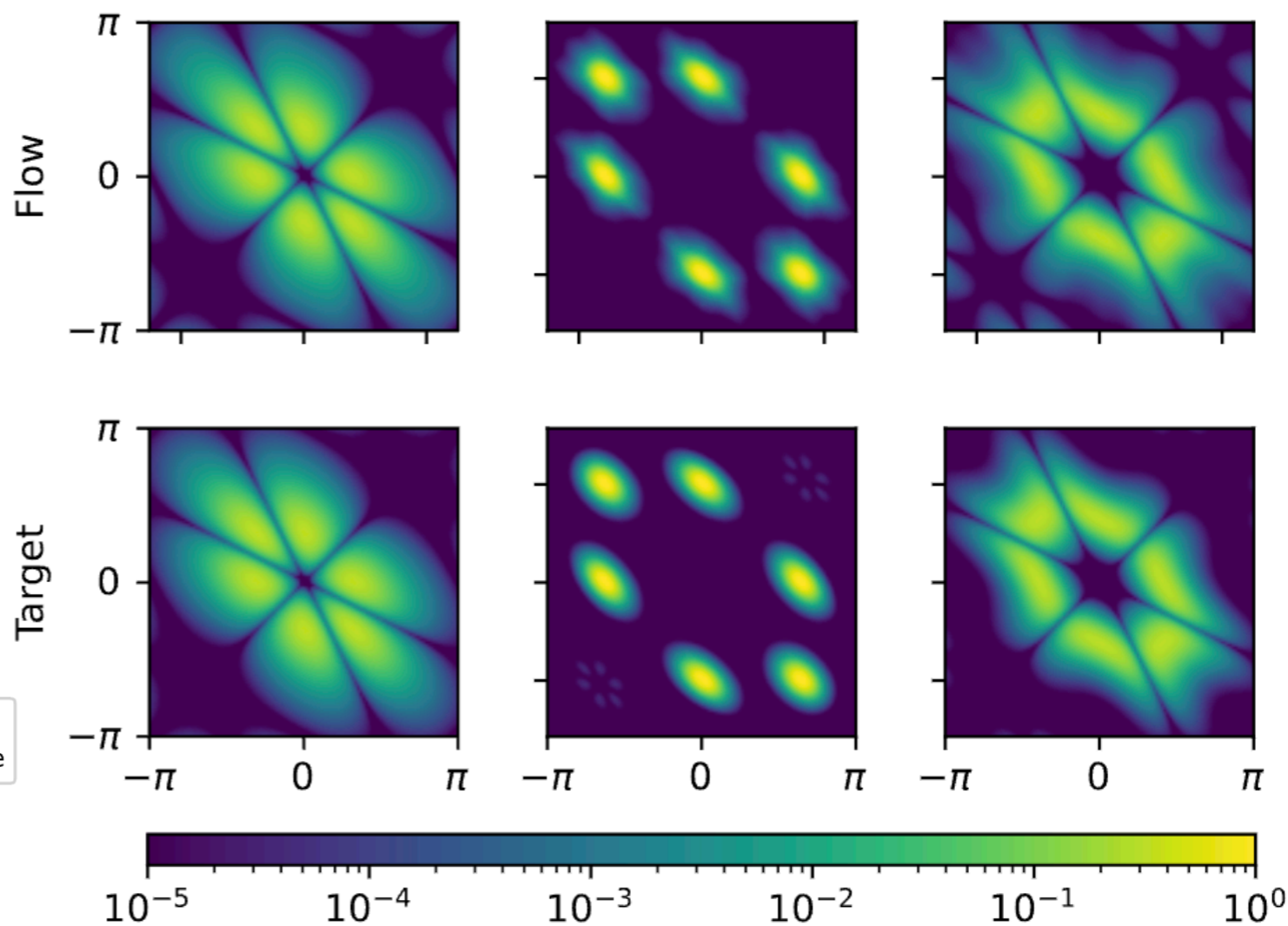


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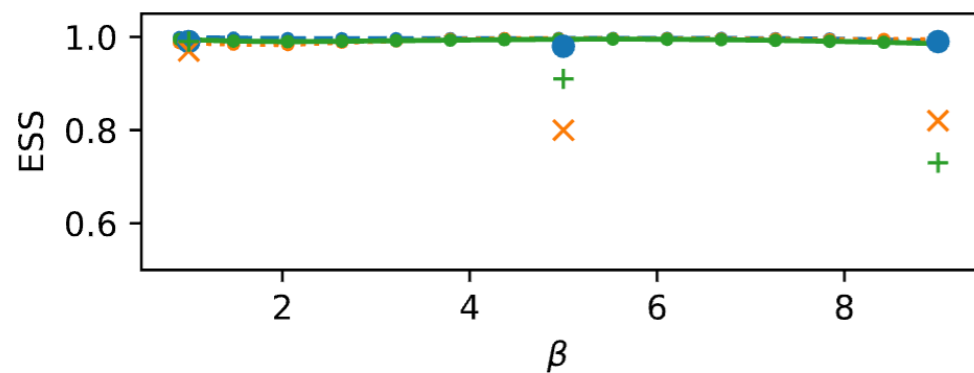
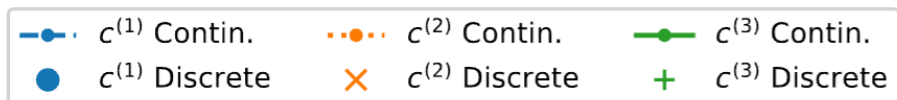
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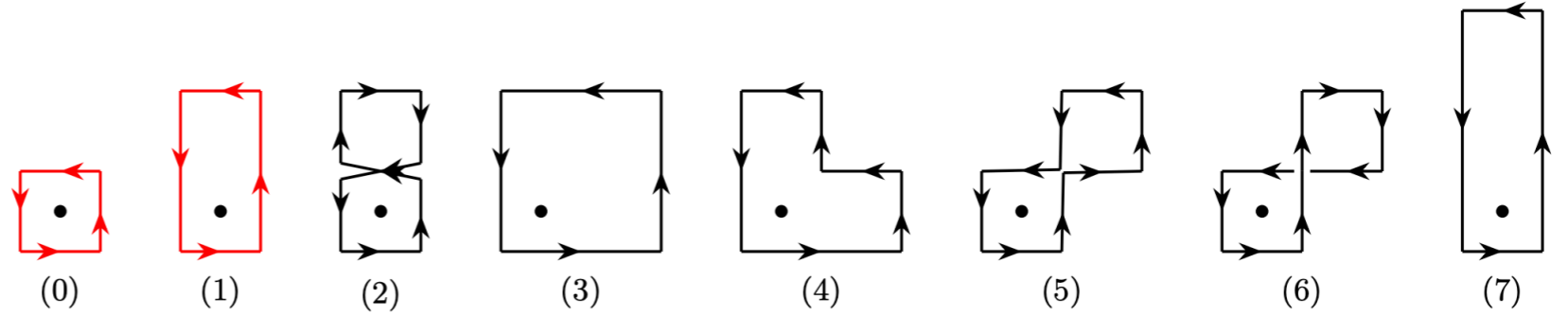


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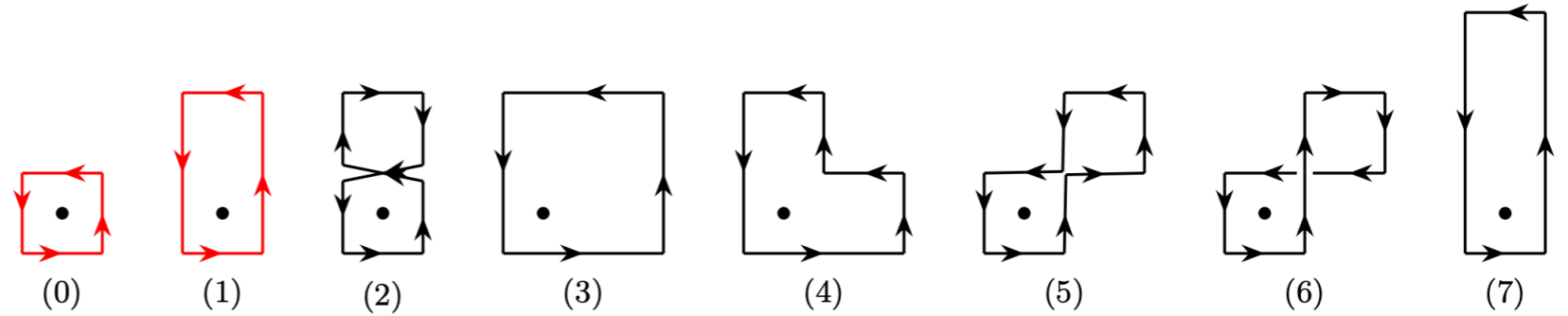


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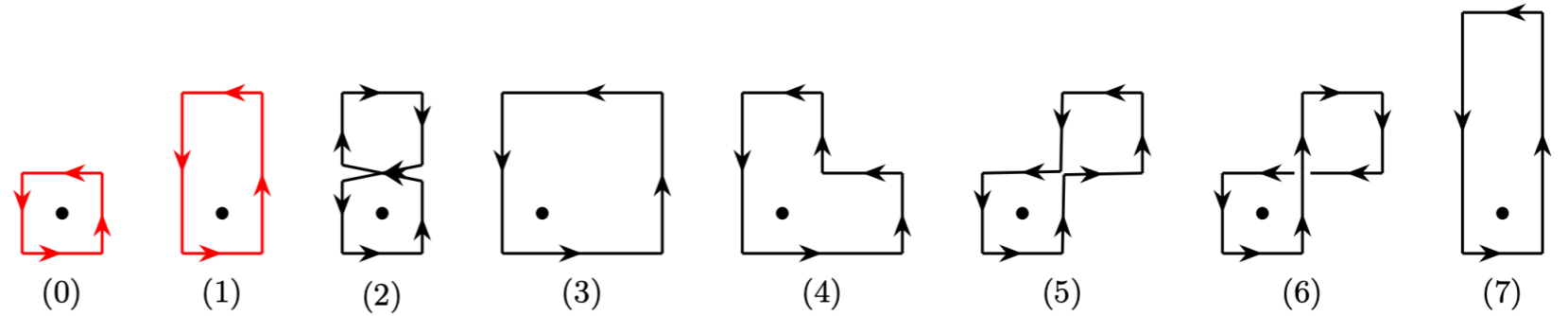
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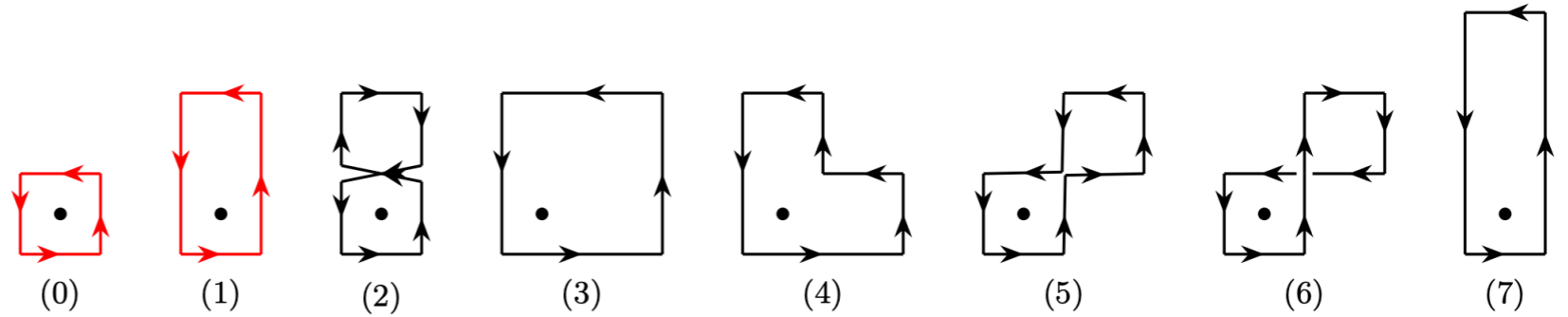
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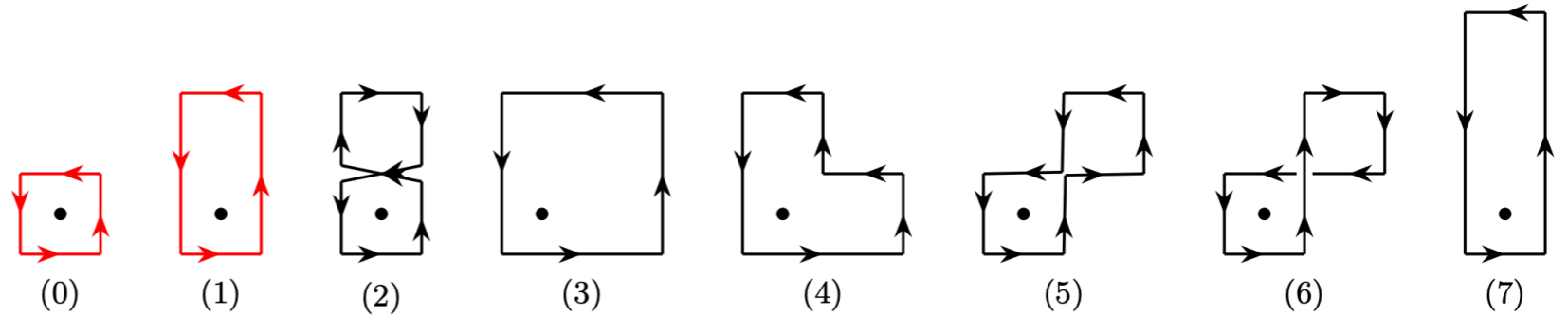
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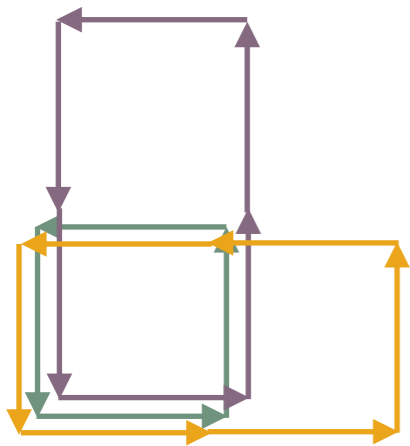
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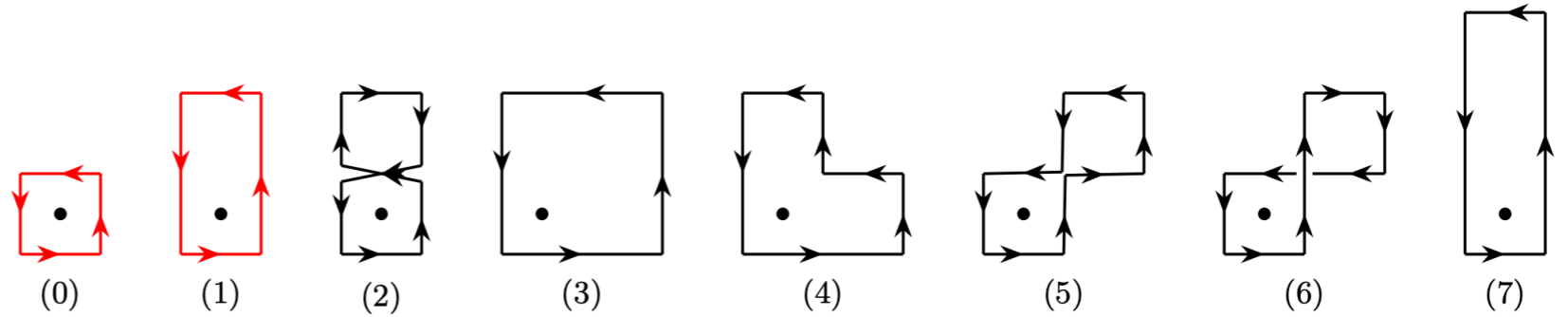


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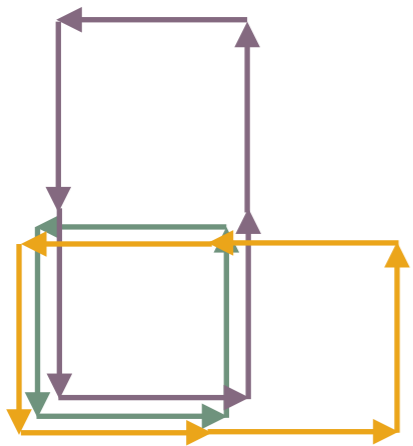
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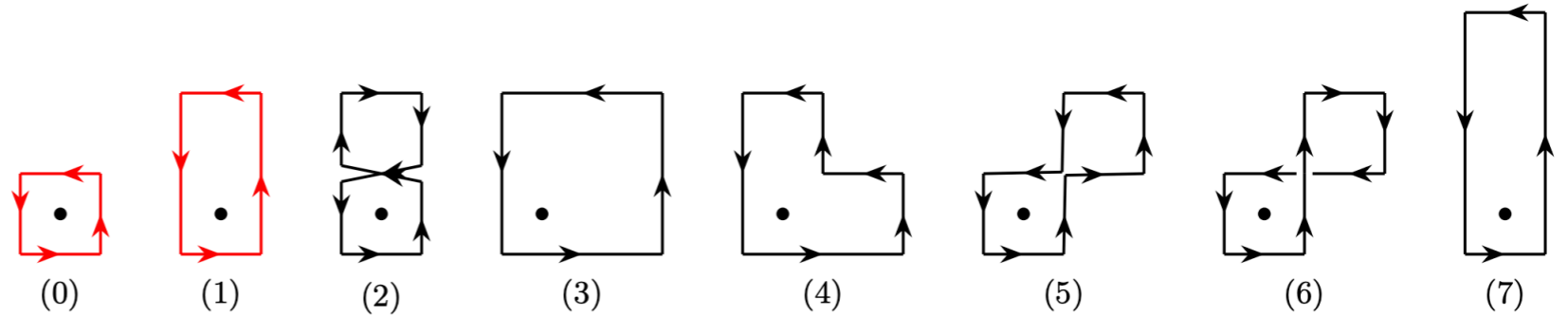
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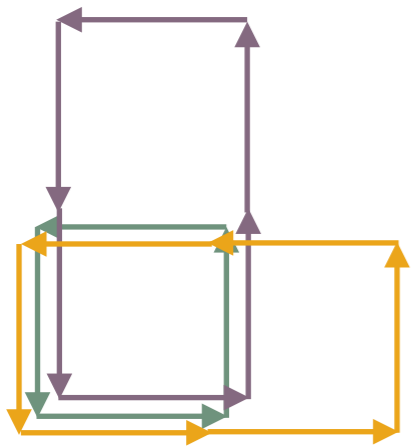
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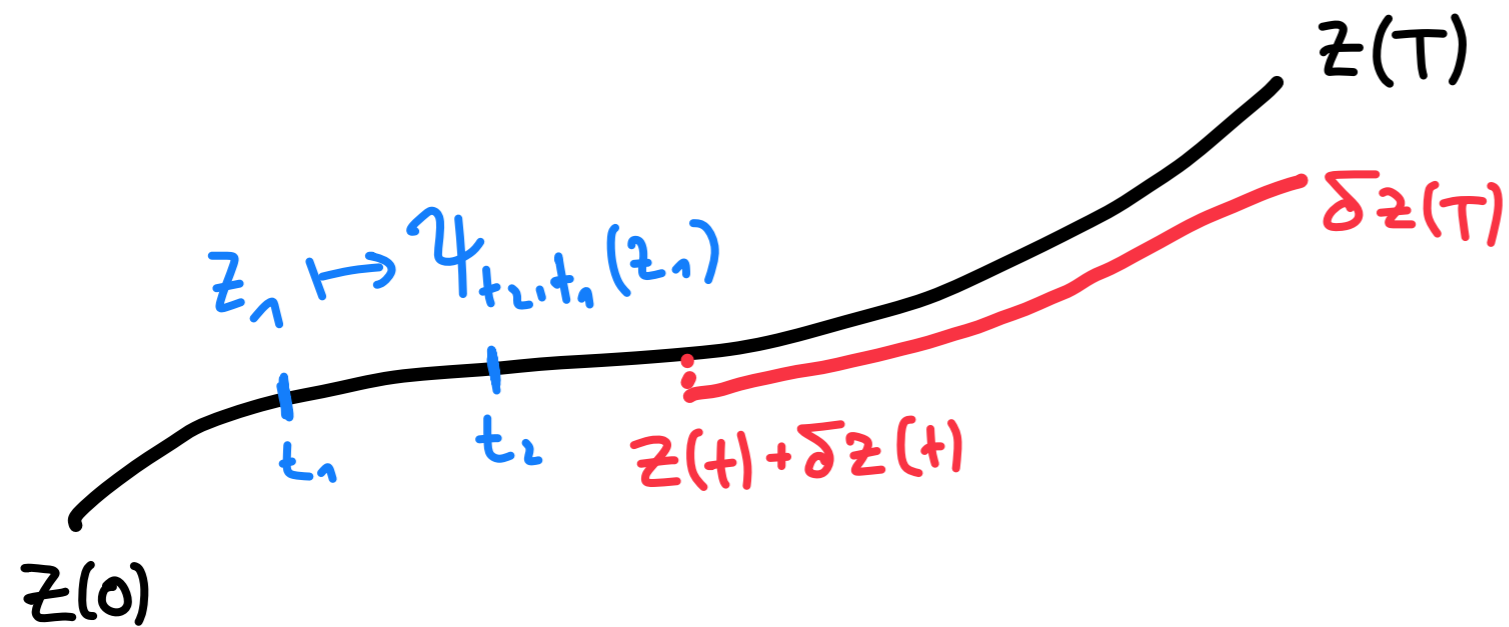
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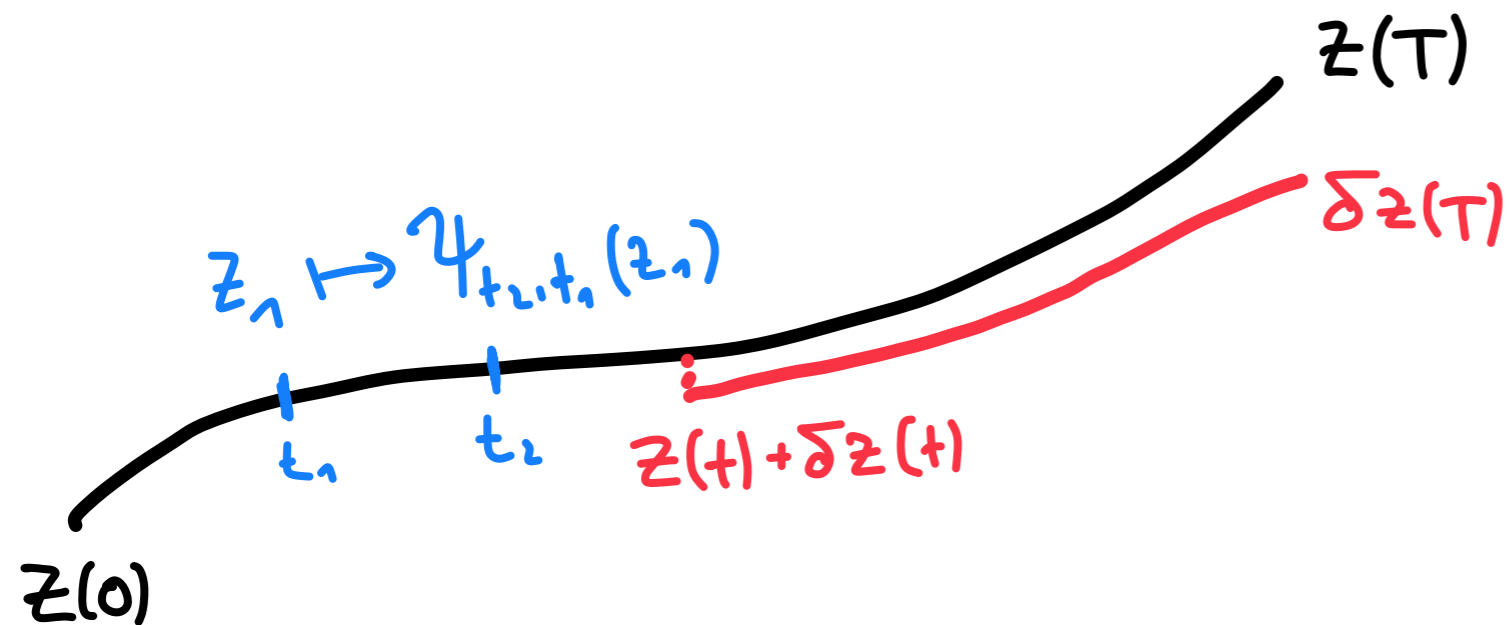
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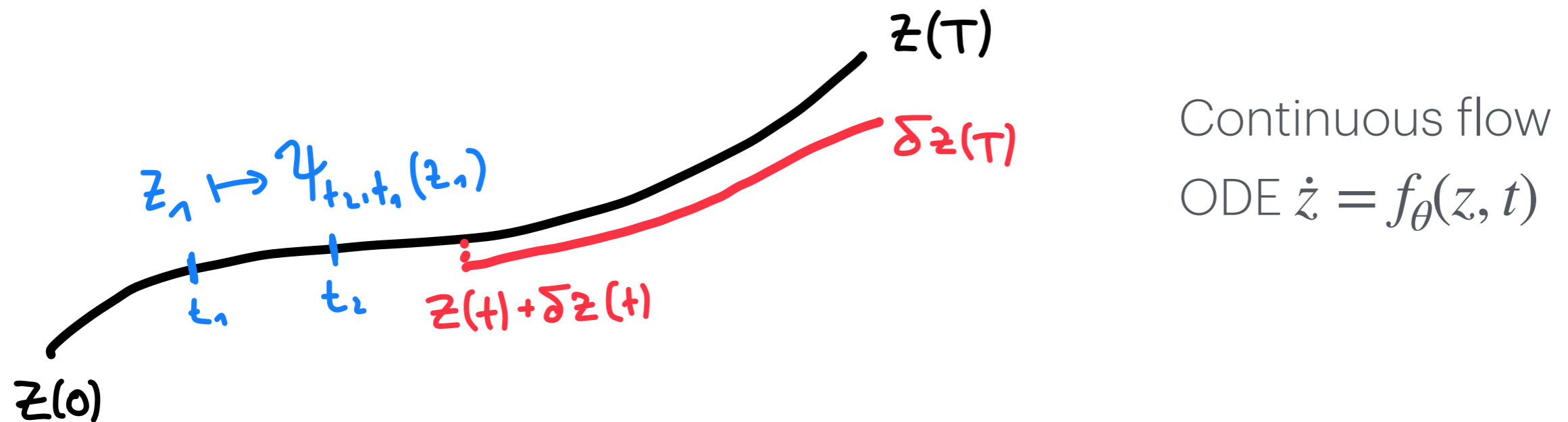
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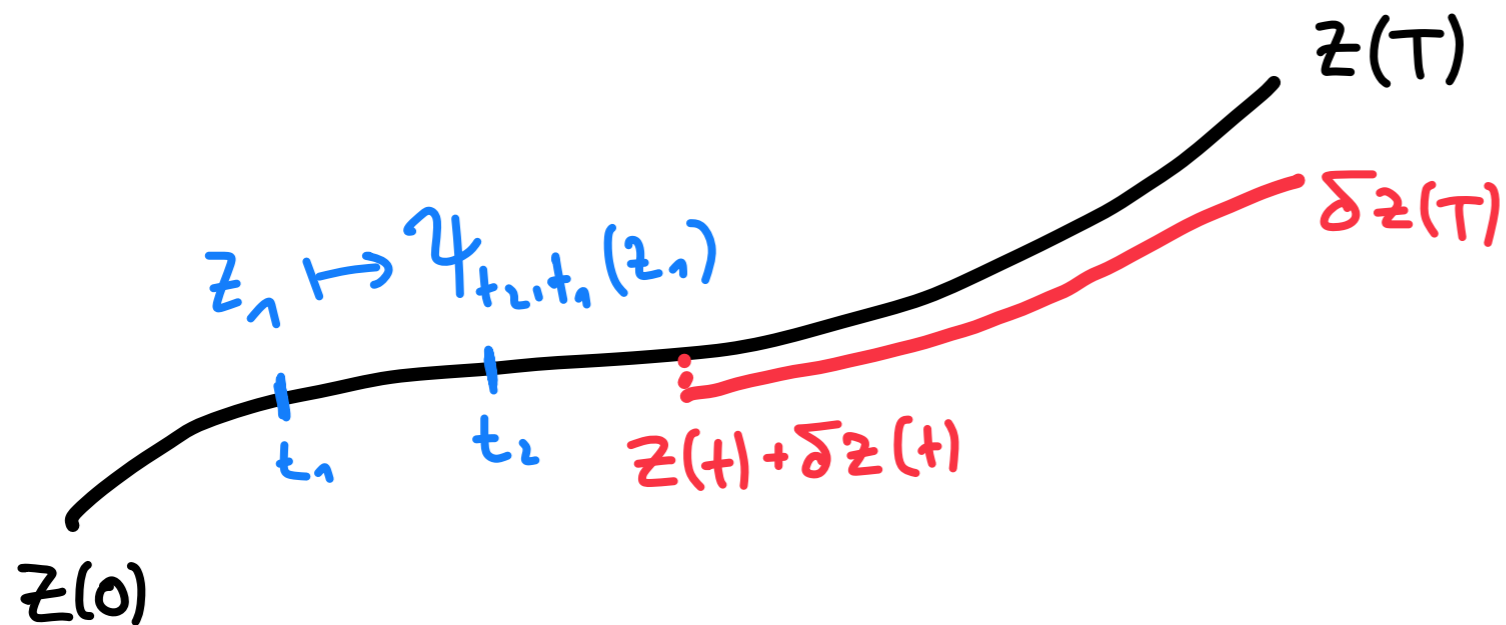
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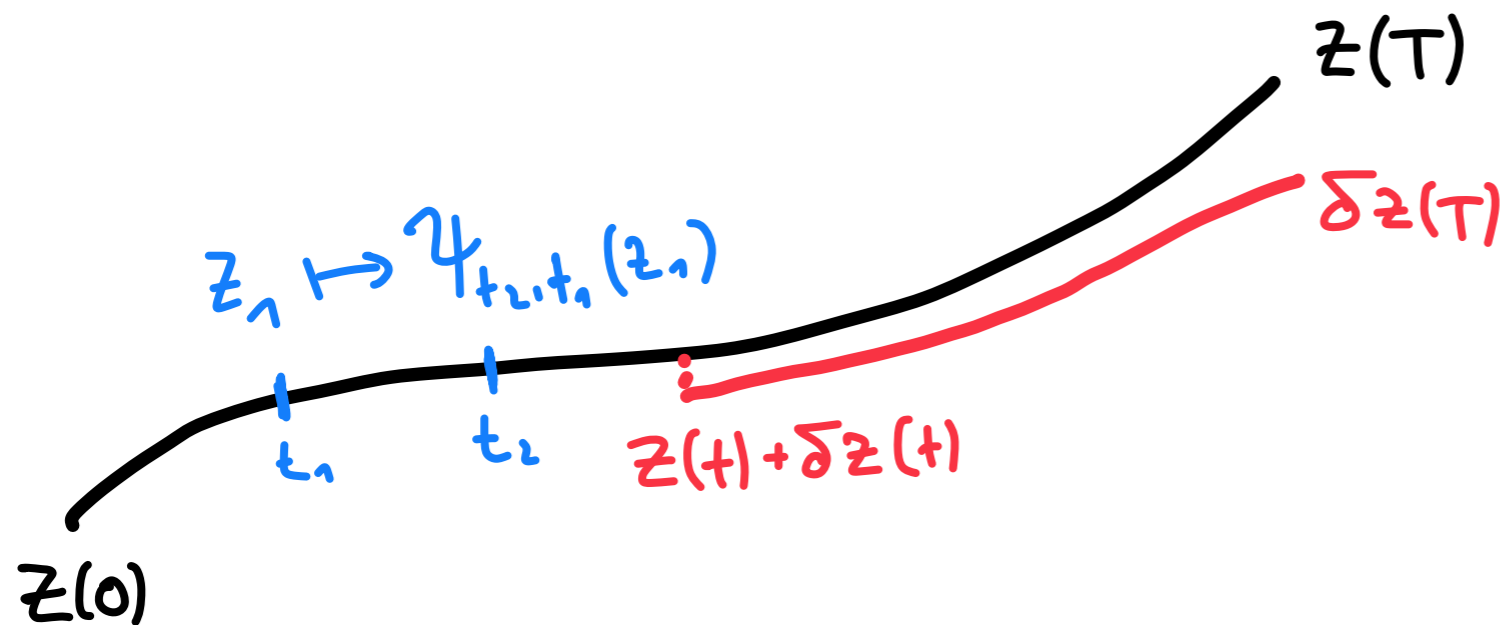
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