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Optimal alignments in machine learning: *The case of spatio-temporal data*

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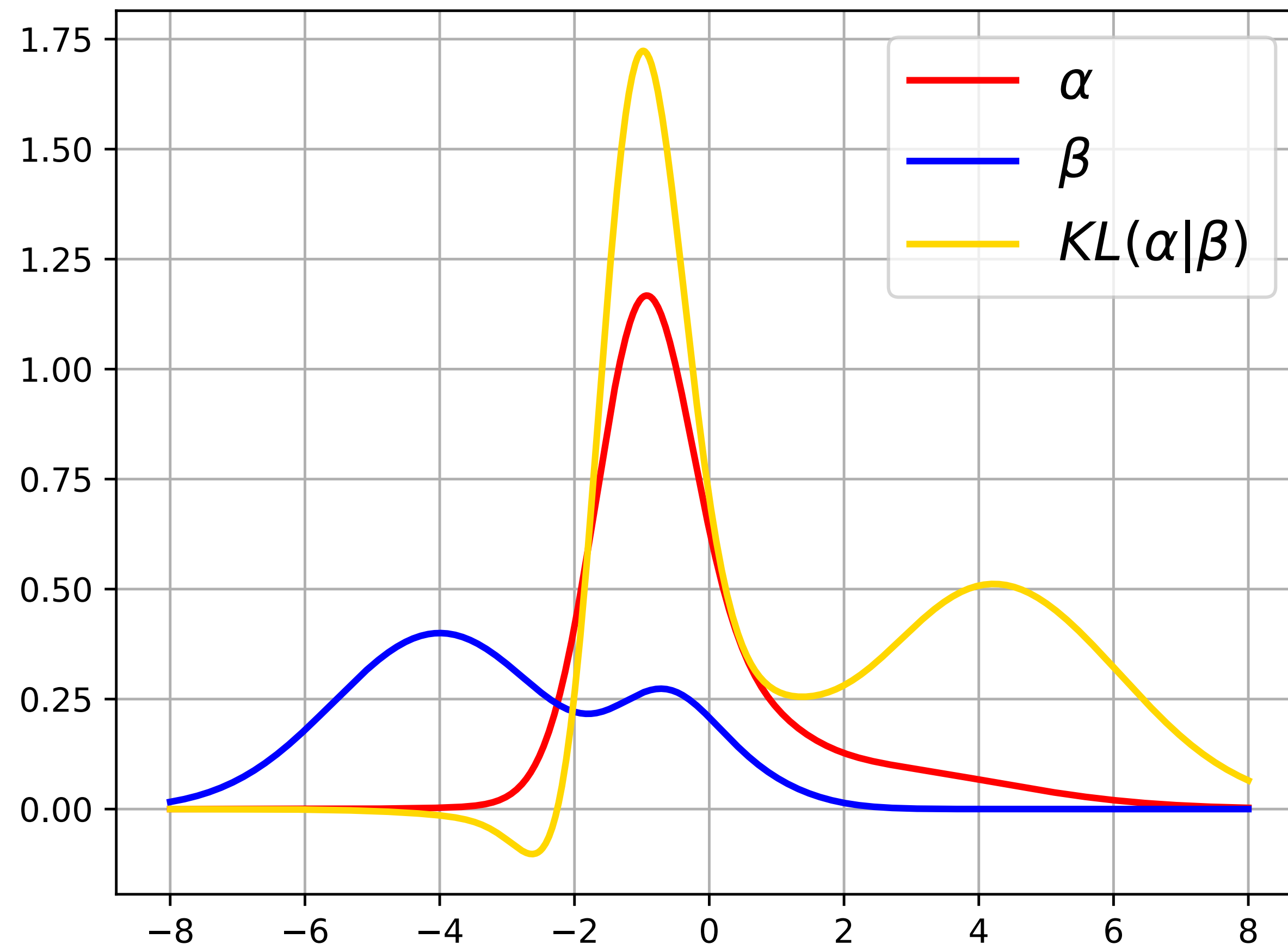
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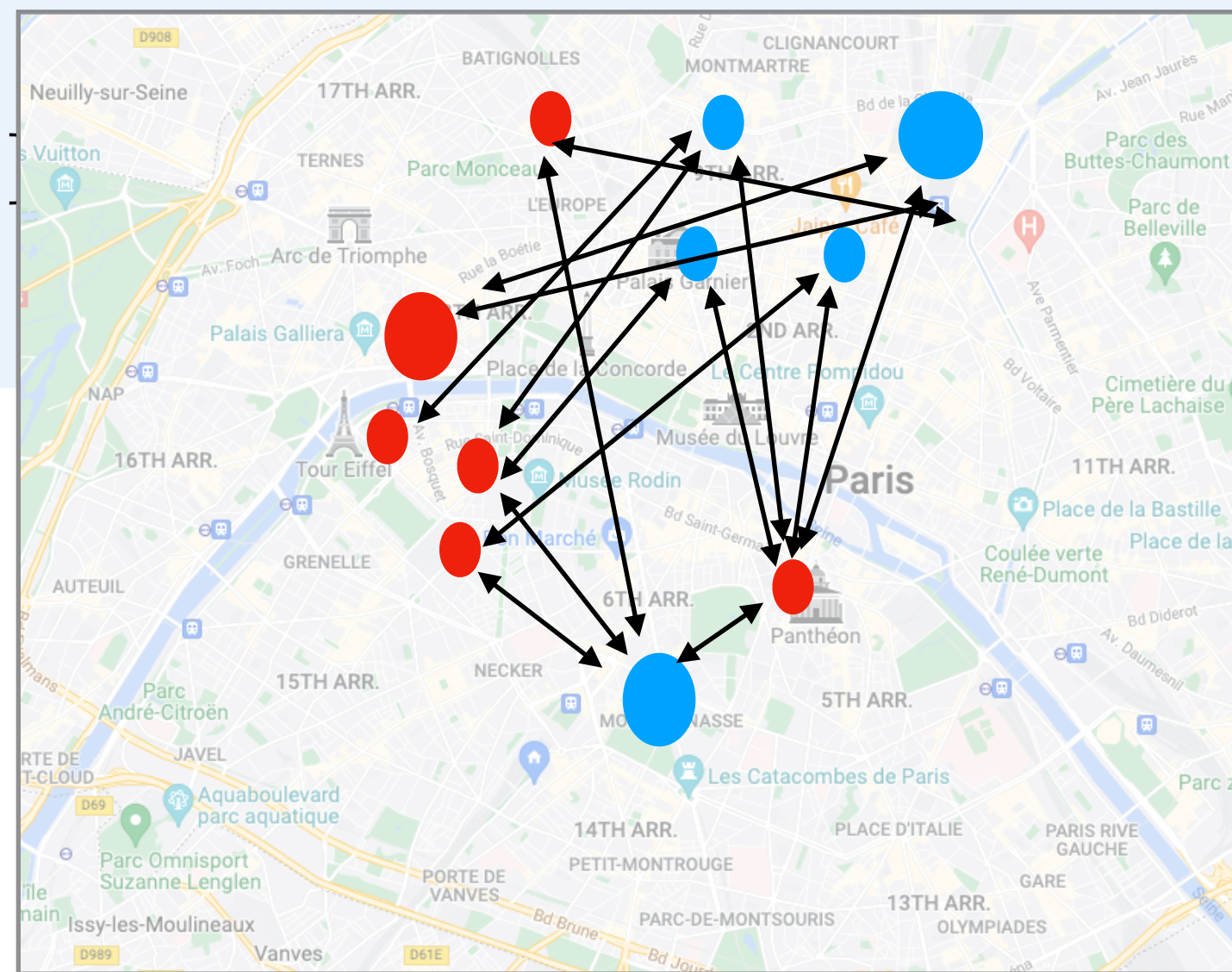
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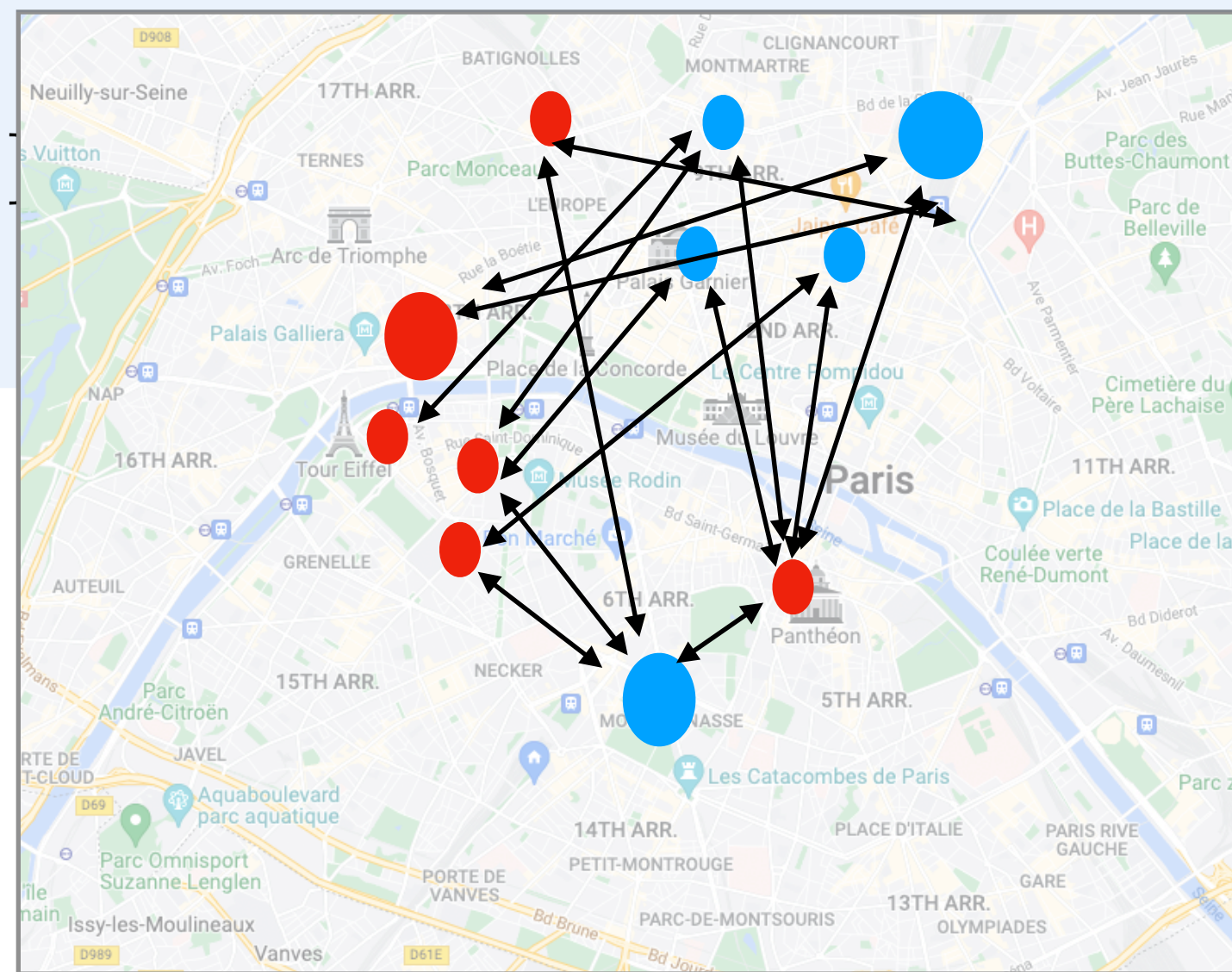
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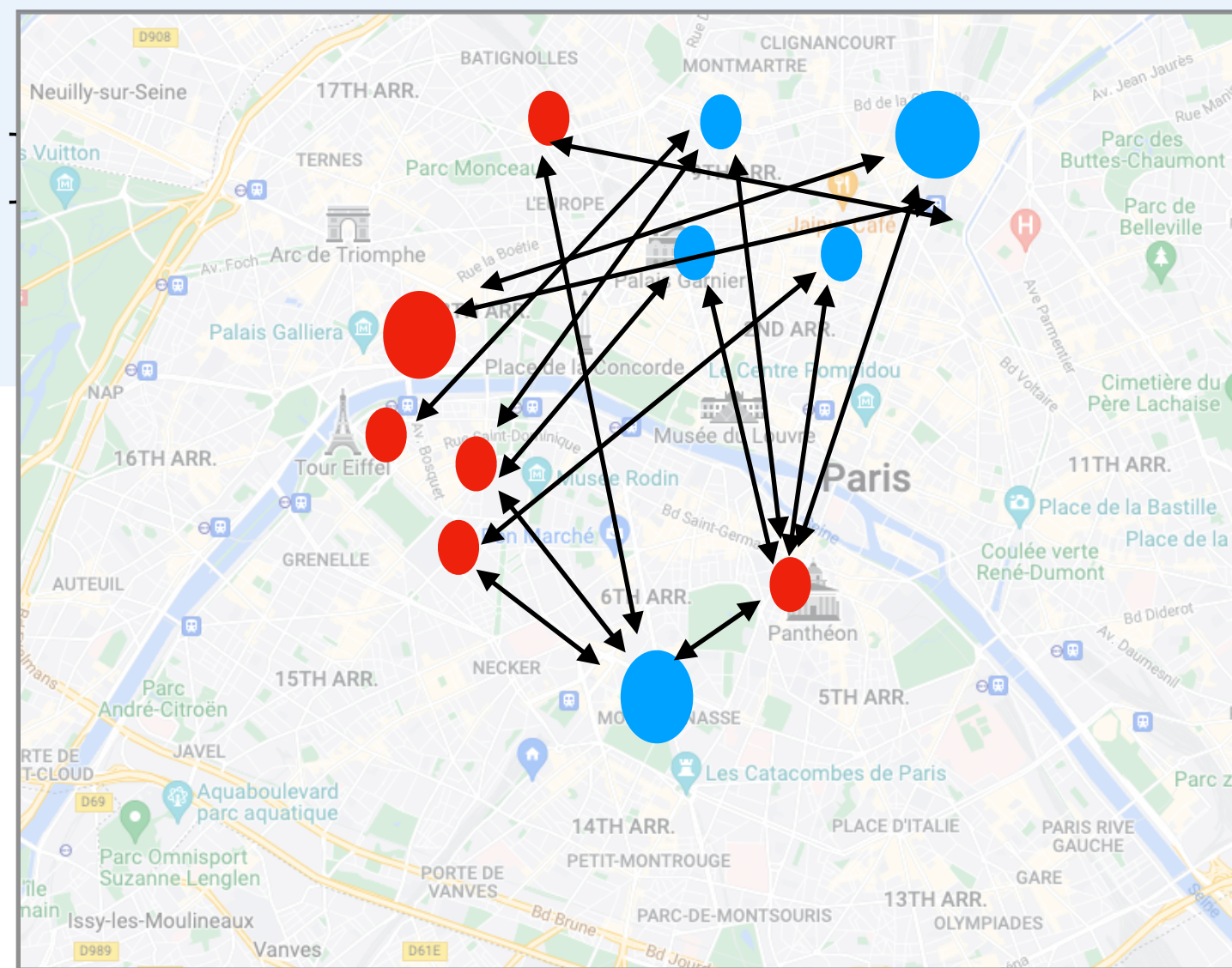
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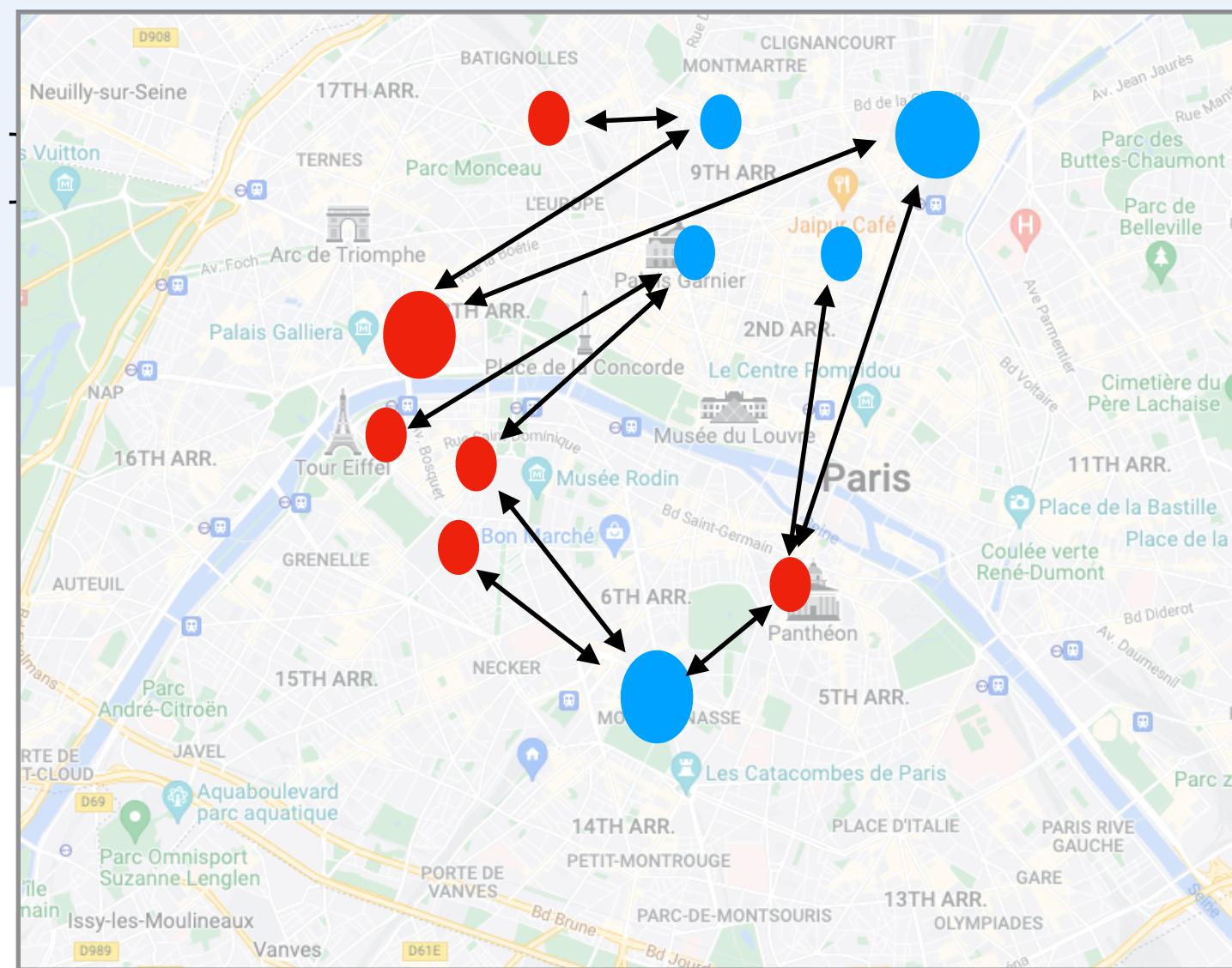
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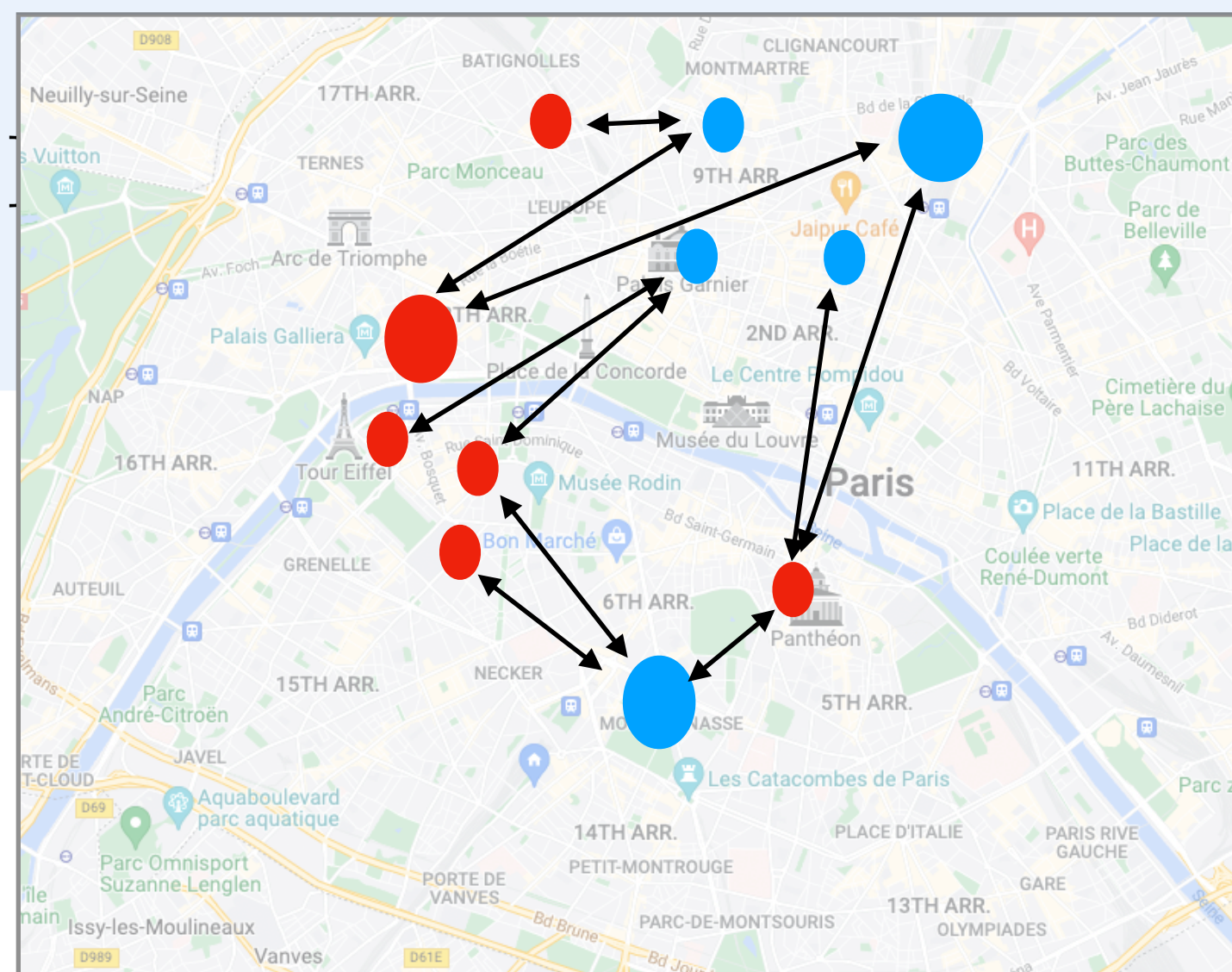
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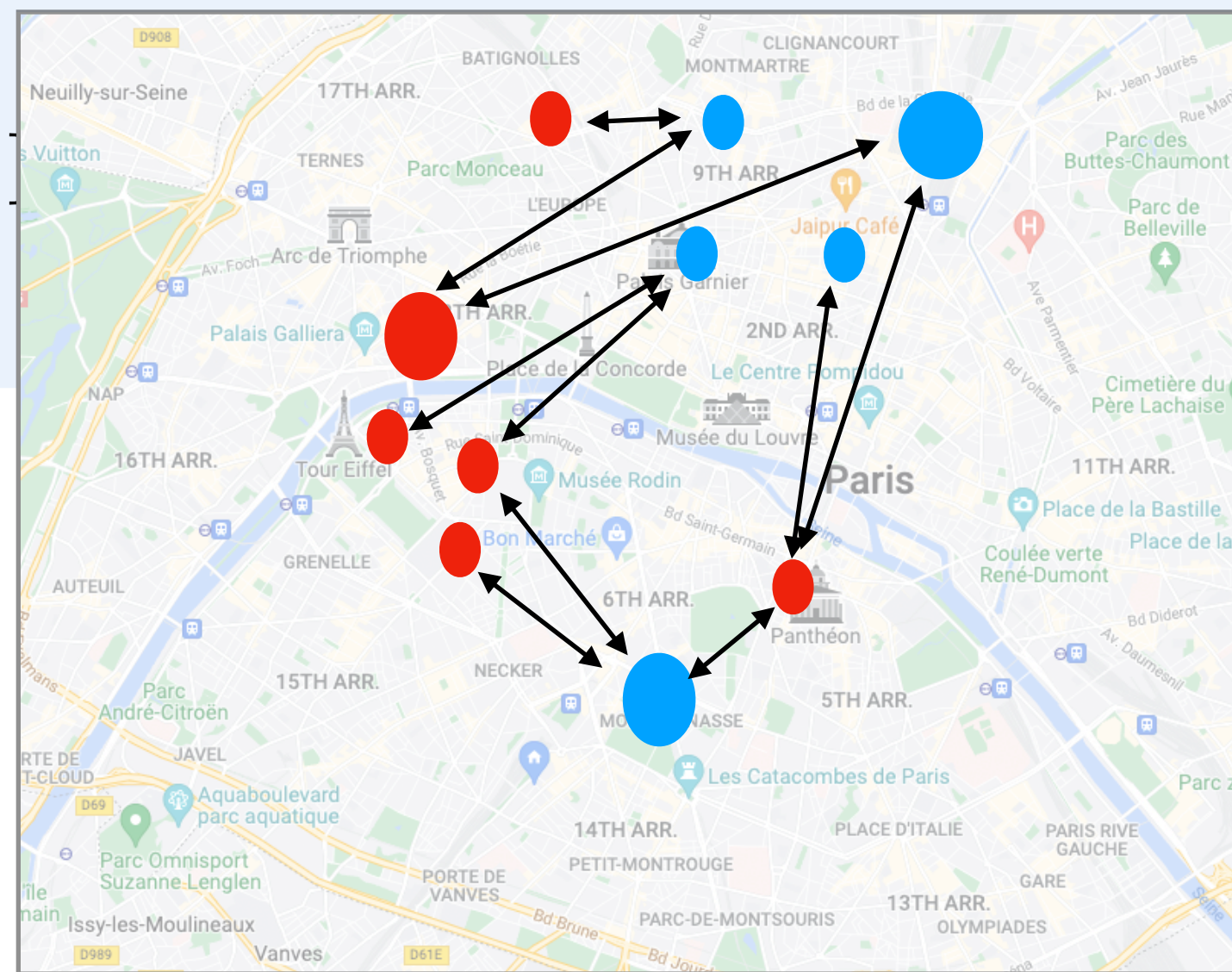
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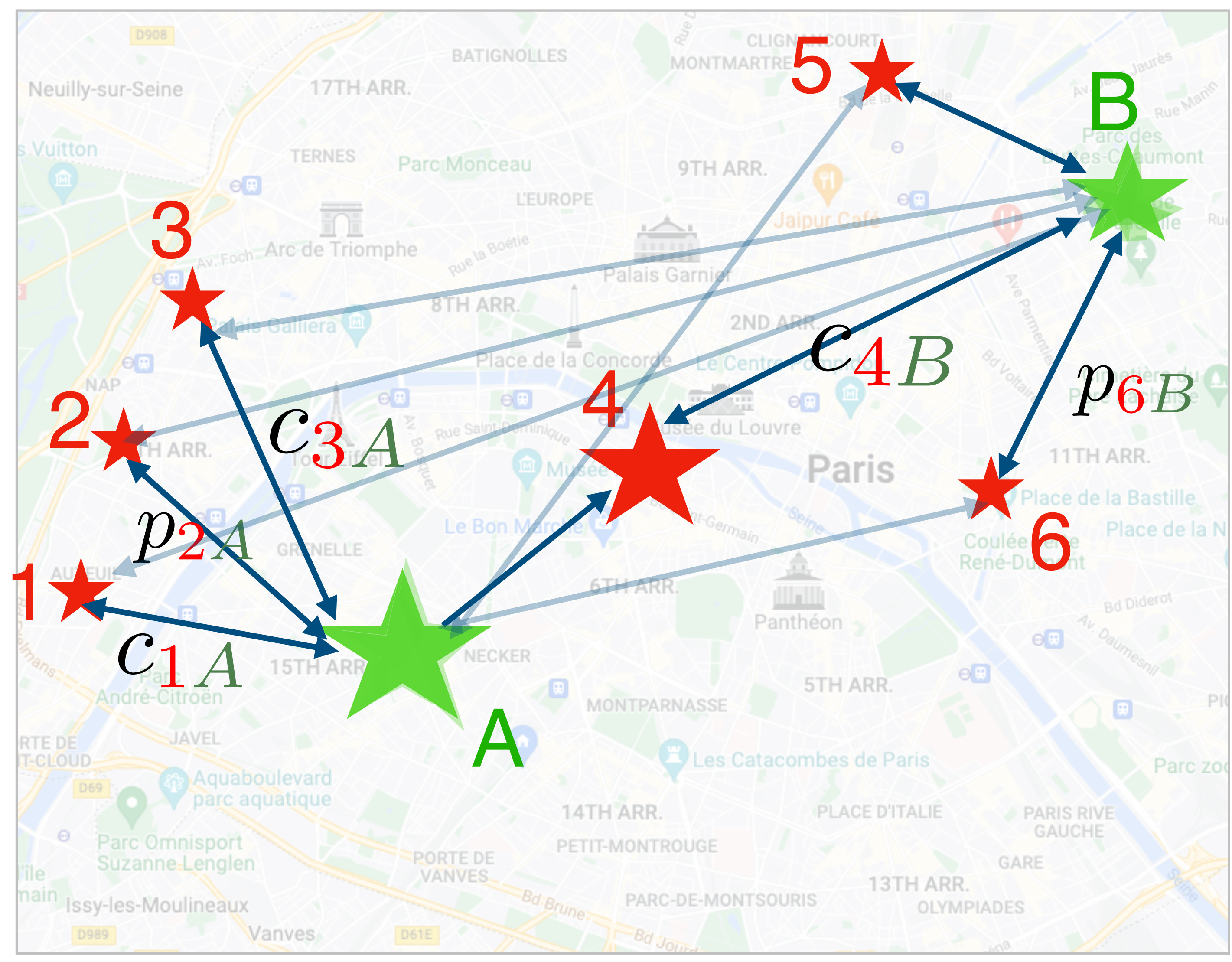
Goal: Estimate a 2D mass distribution
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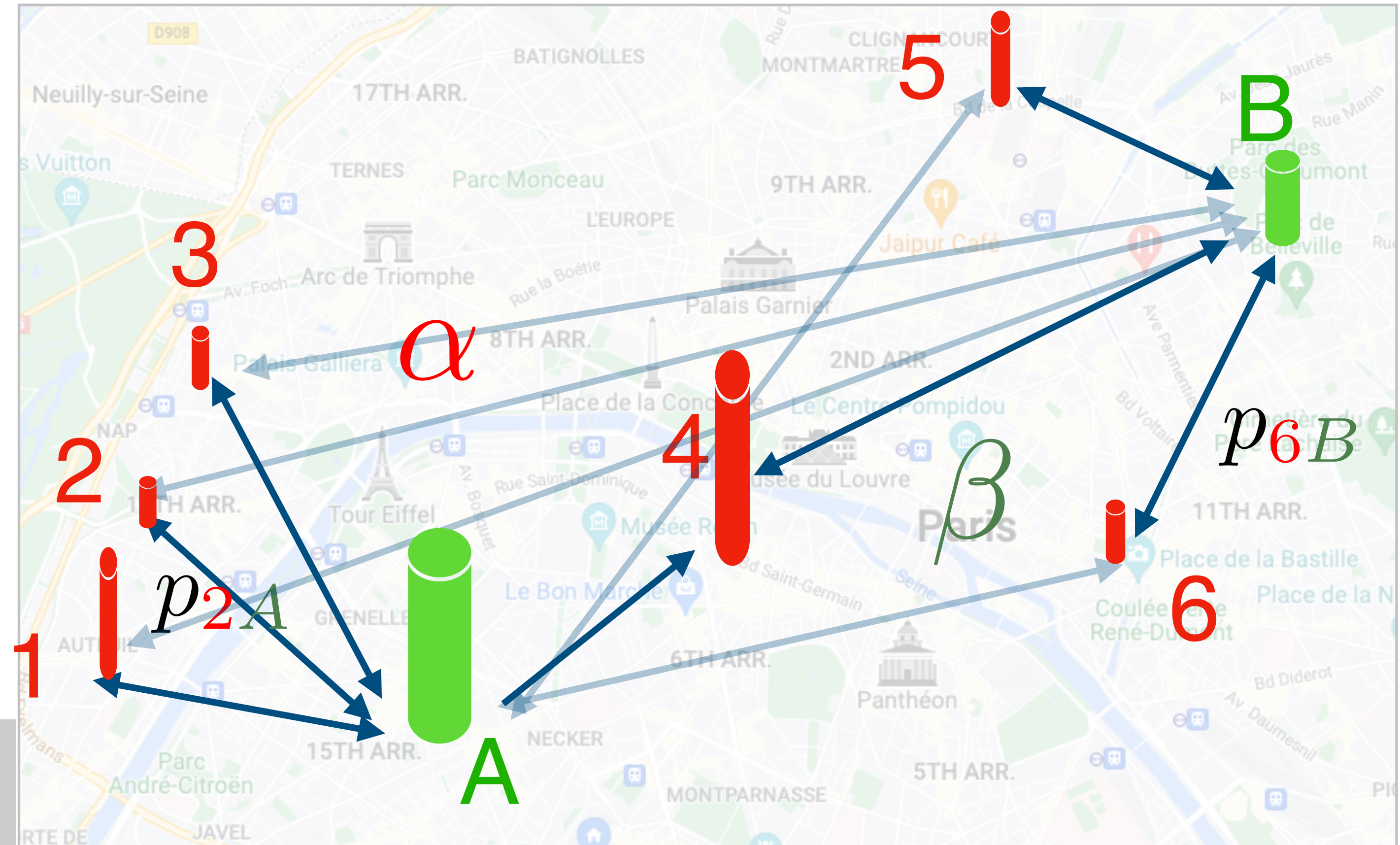
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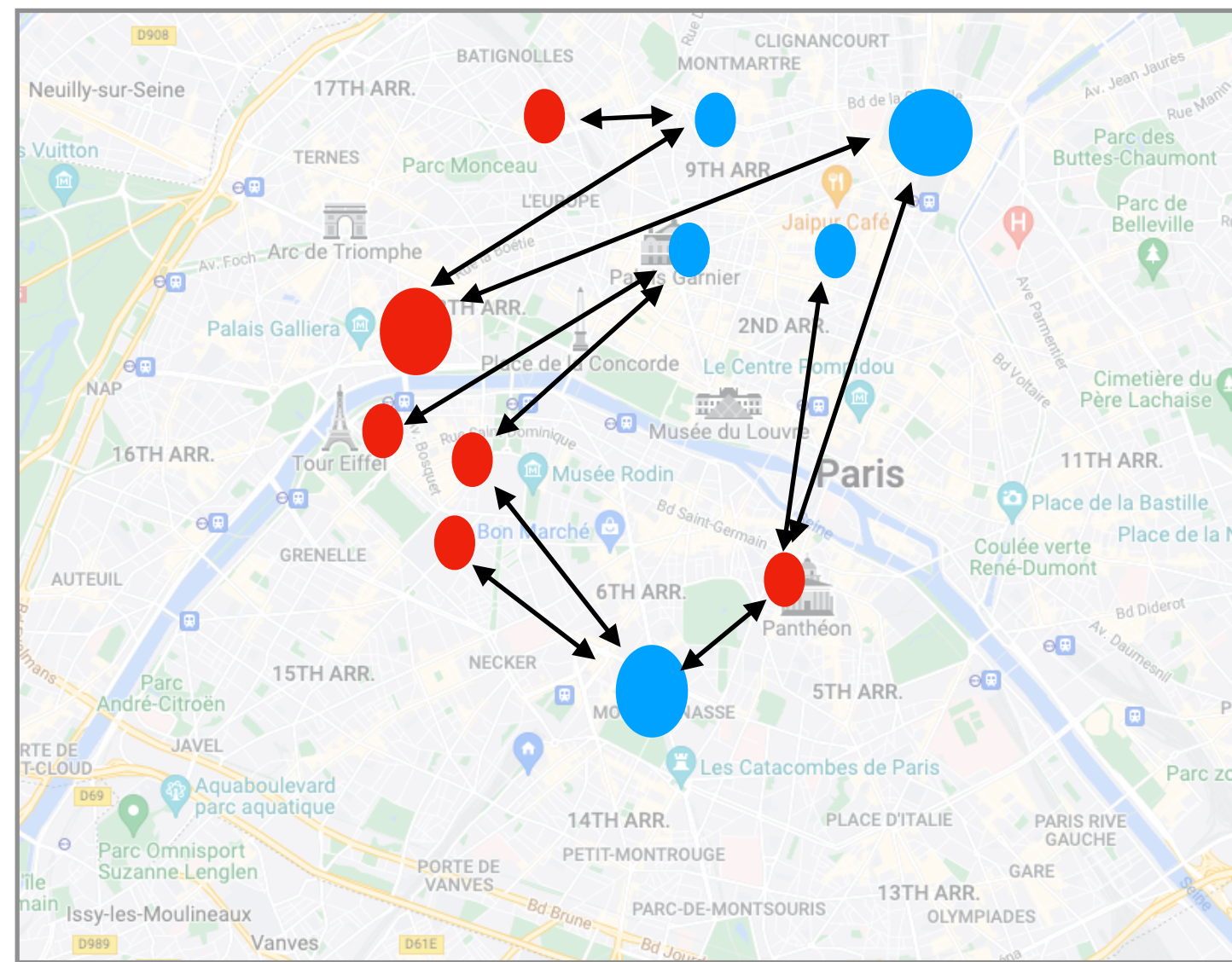
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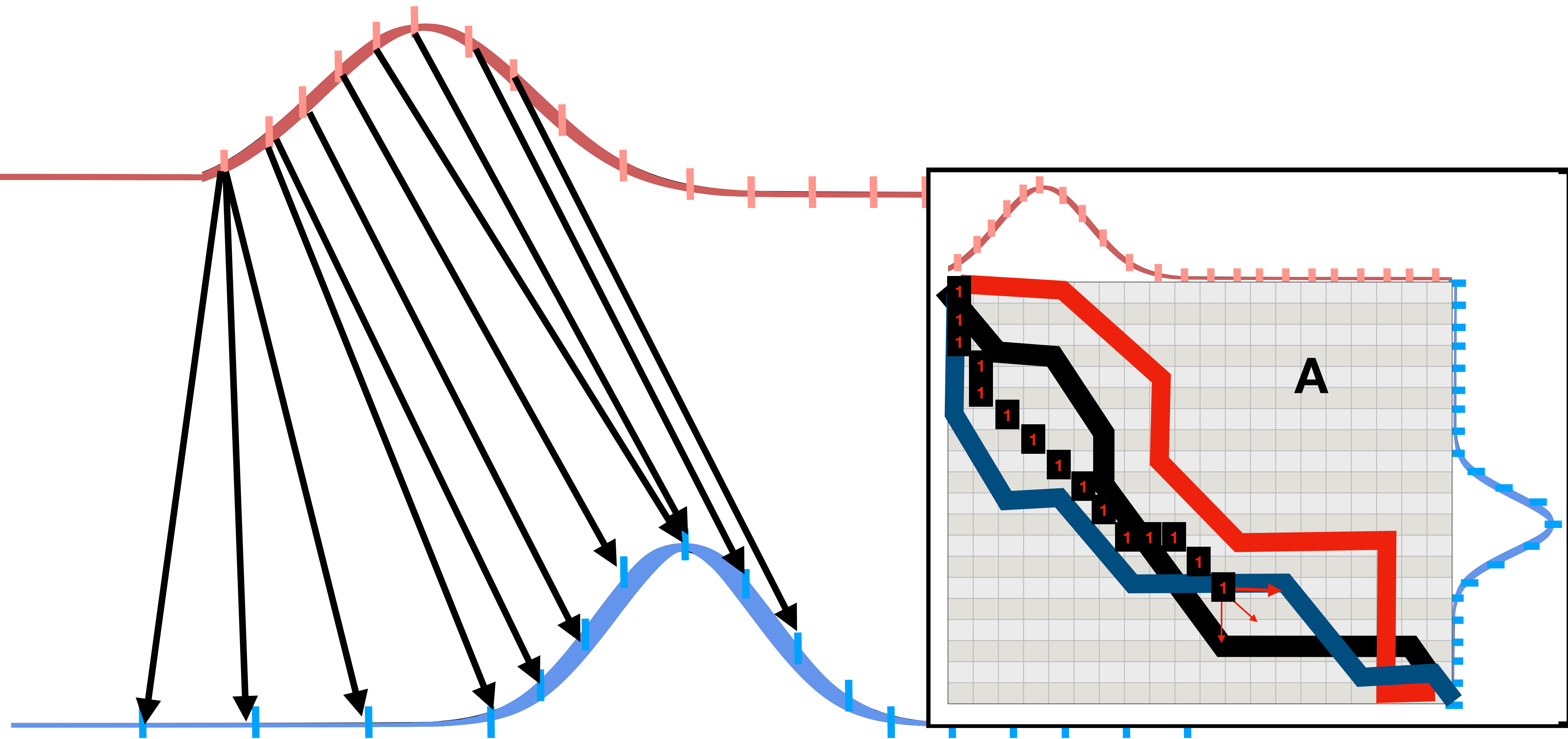
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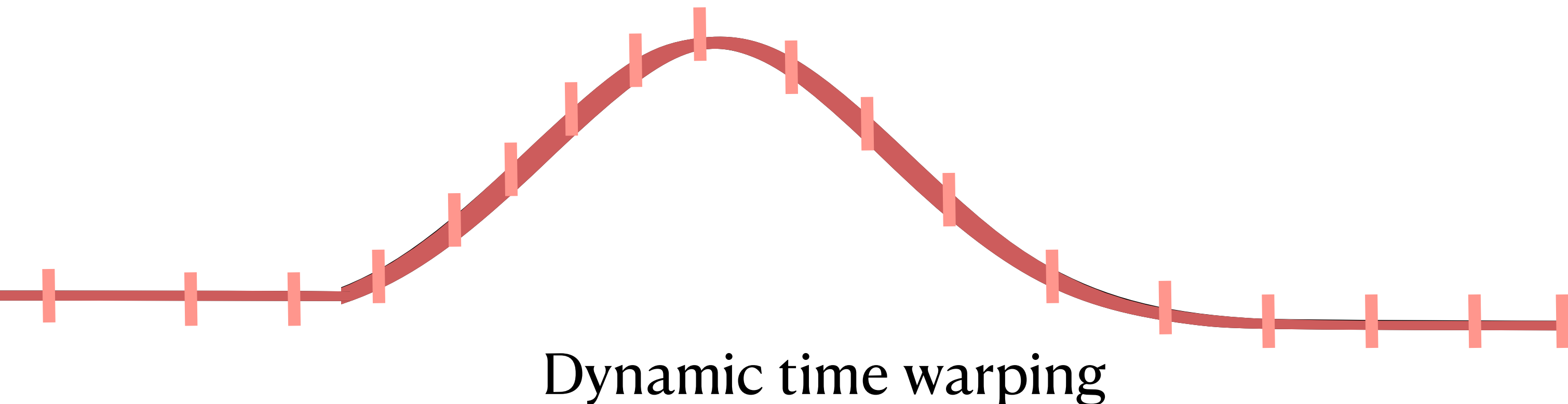
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Optimal transport finds
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using some underlying geometry

Can this matching be used for time series
data ?







Dynamic time warping

[Sakoe & Chiba, 1972]

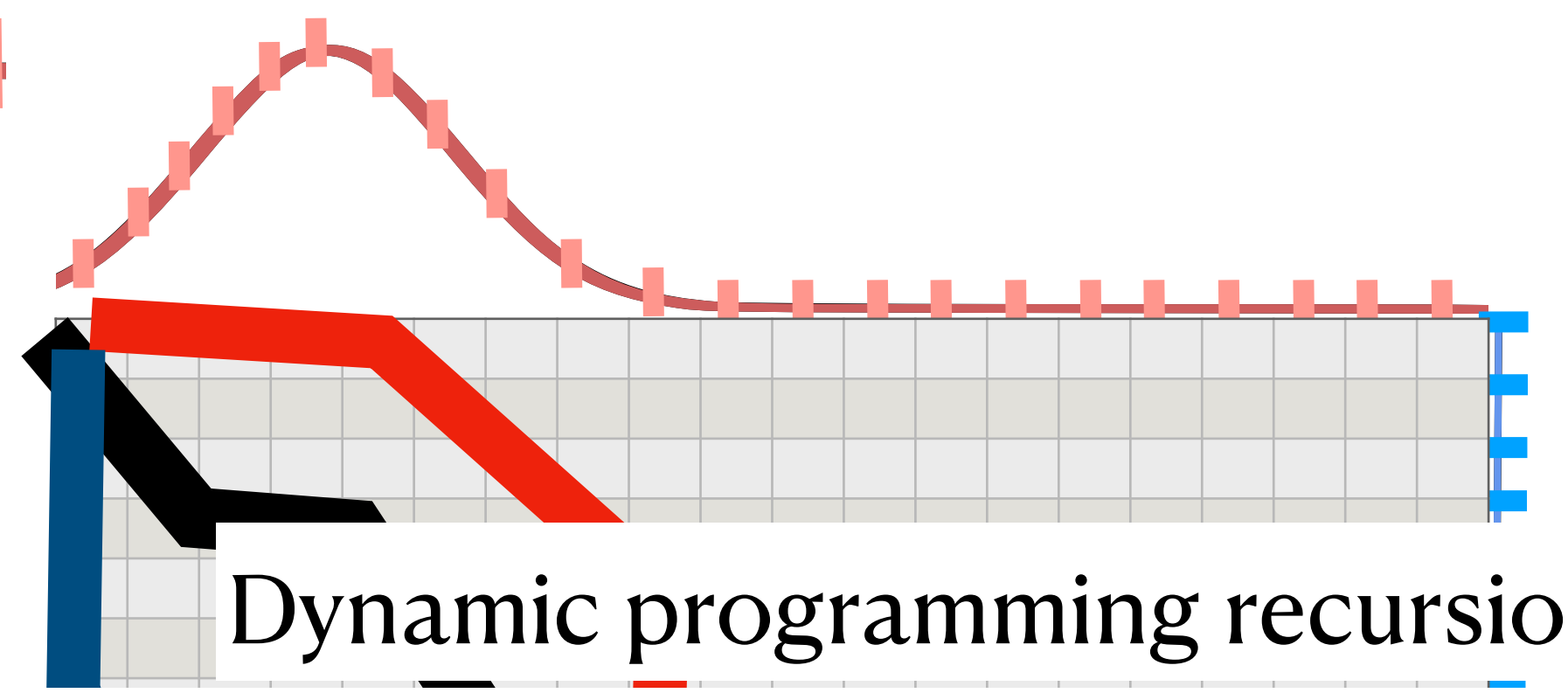
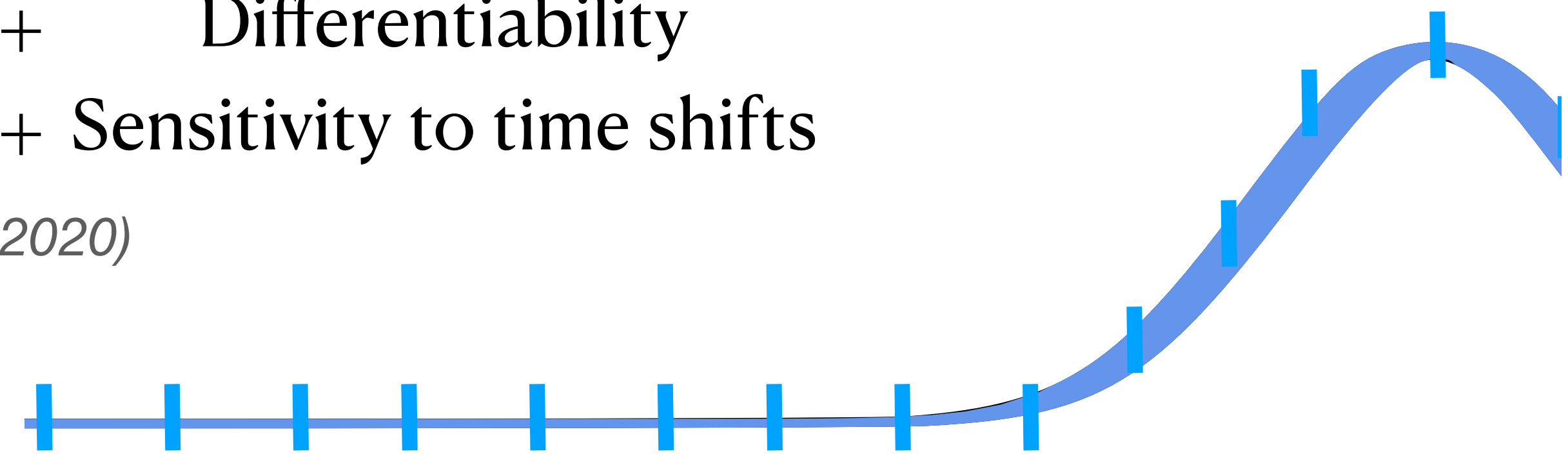
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(Cuturi & Blondel, 2017)

Softmin

- + Differentiability
- + Sensitivity to time shifts

(Janati et al., 2020)



Dynamic programming recursion

Algorithm 1 Forward recursion to compute $\text{dtw}_{\gamma}(x, y)$ and intermediate alignment costs

- 1: **Inputs:** x, y , smoothing $\gamma \geq 0$, distance function δ
- 2: $r_{0,0} = 0; r_{i,0} = r_{0,j} = \infty; i \in \llbracket n \rrbracket, j \in \llbracket m \rrbracket$
- 3: **for** $j = 1, \dots, m$ **do**
- 4: **for** $i = 1, \dots, n$ **do**
- 5: $r_{i,j} = \delta(x_i, y_j) + \min^{\gamma} \{r_{i-1,j-1}, r_{i-1,j}, r_{i,j-1}\}$
- 6: **end for**
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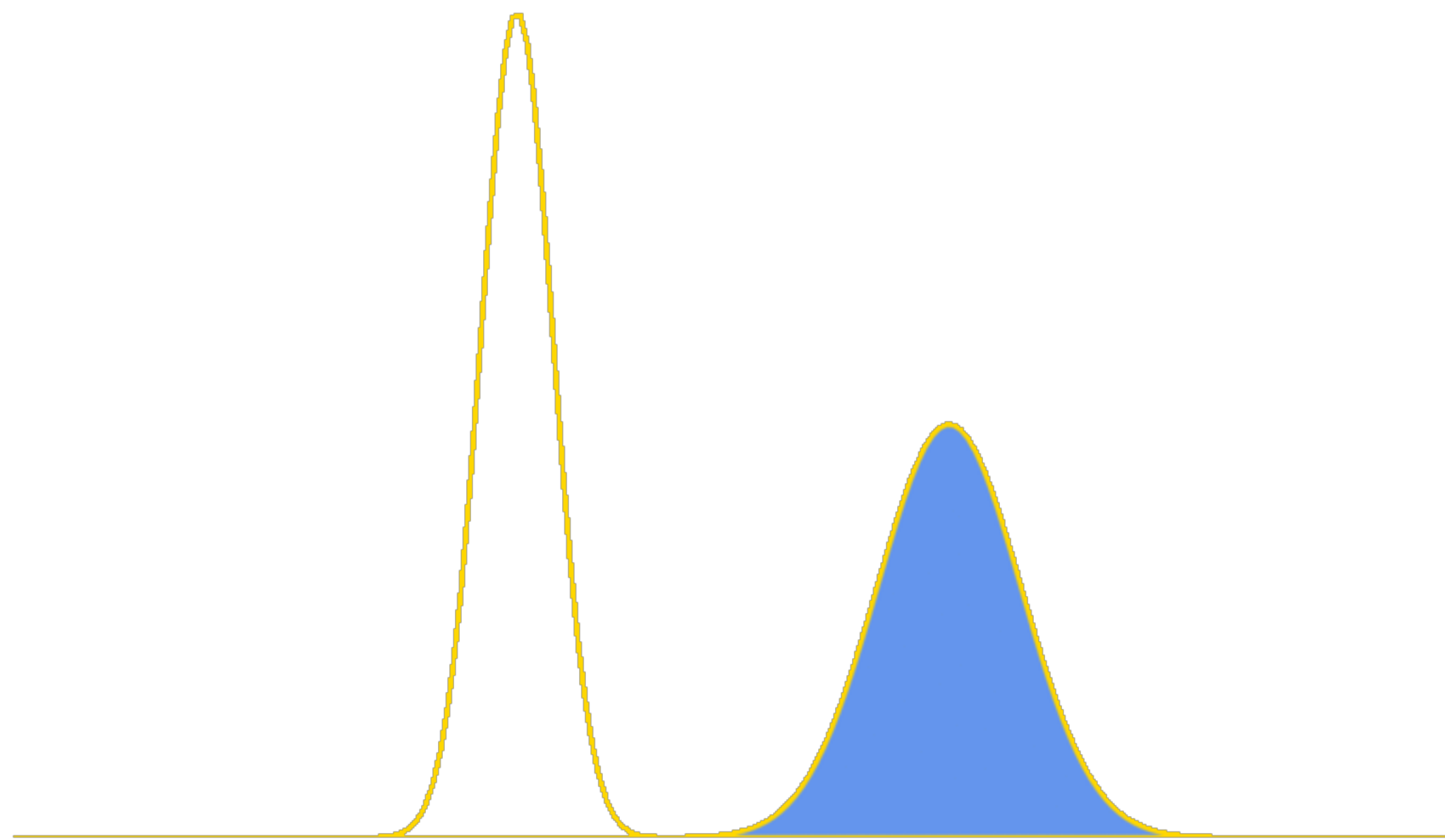
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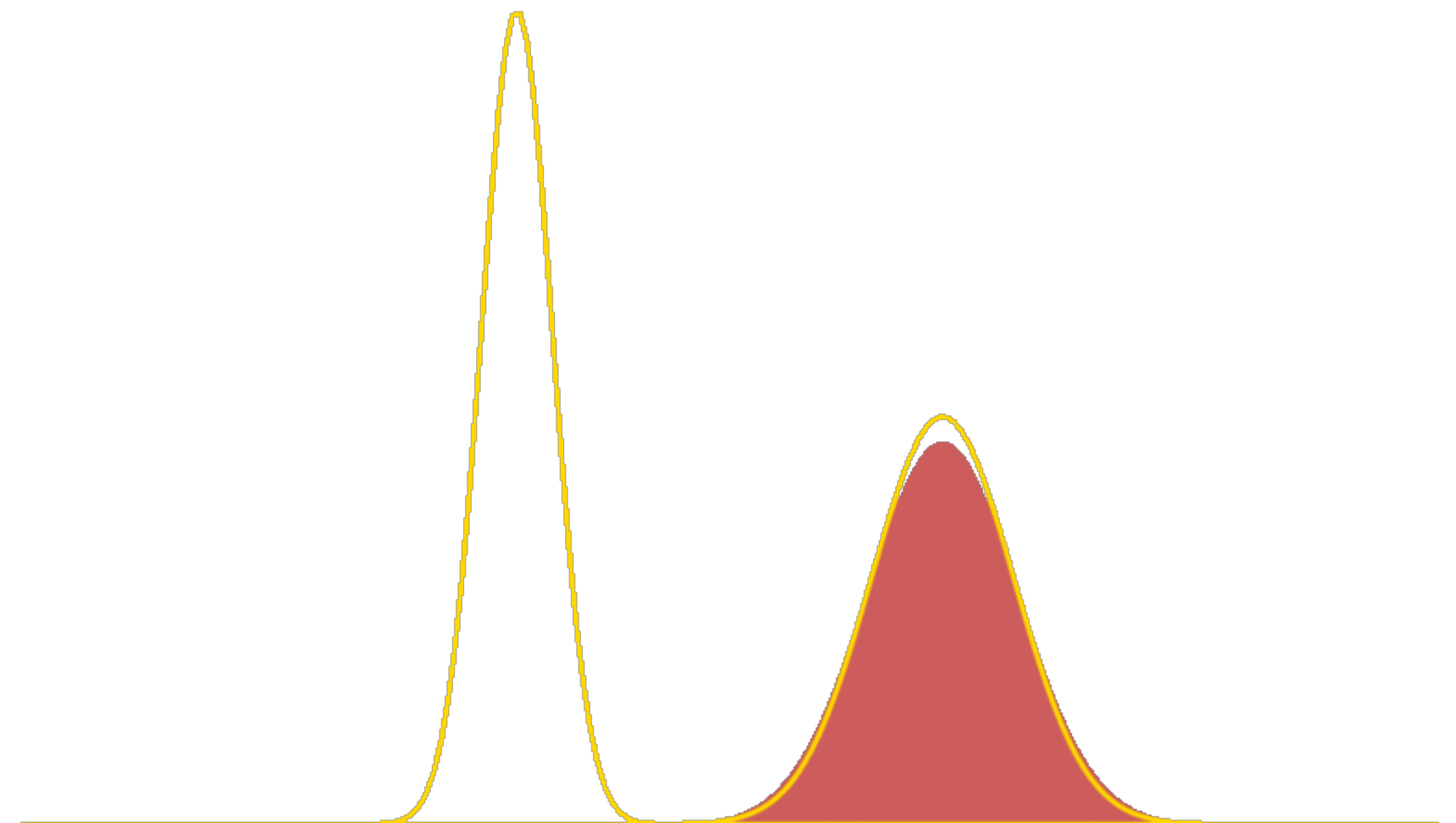
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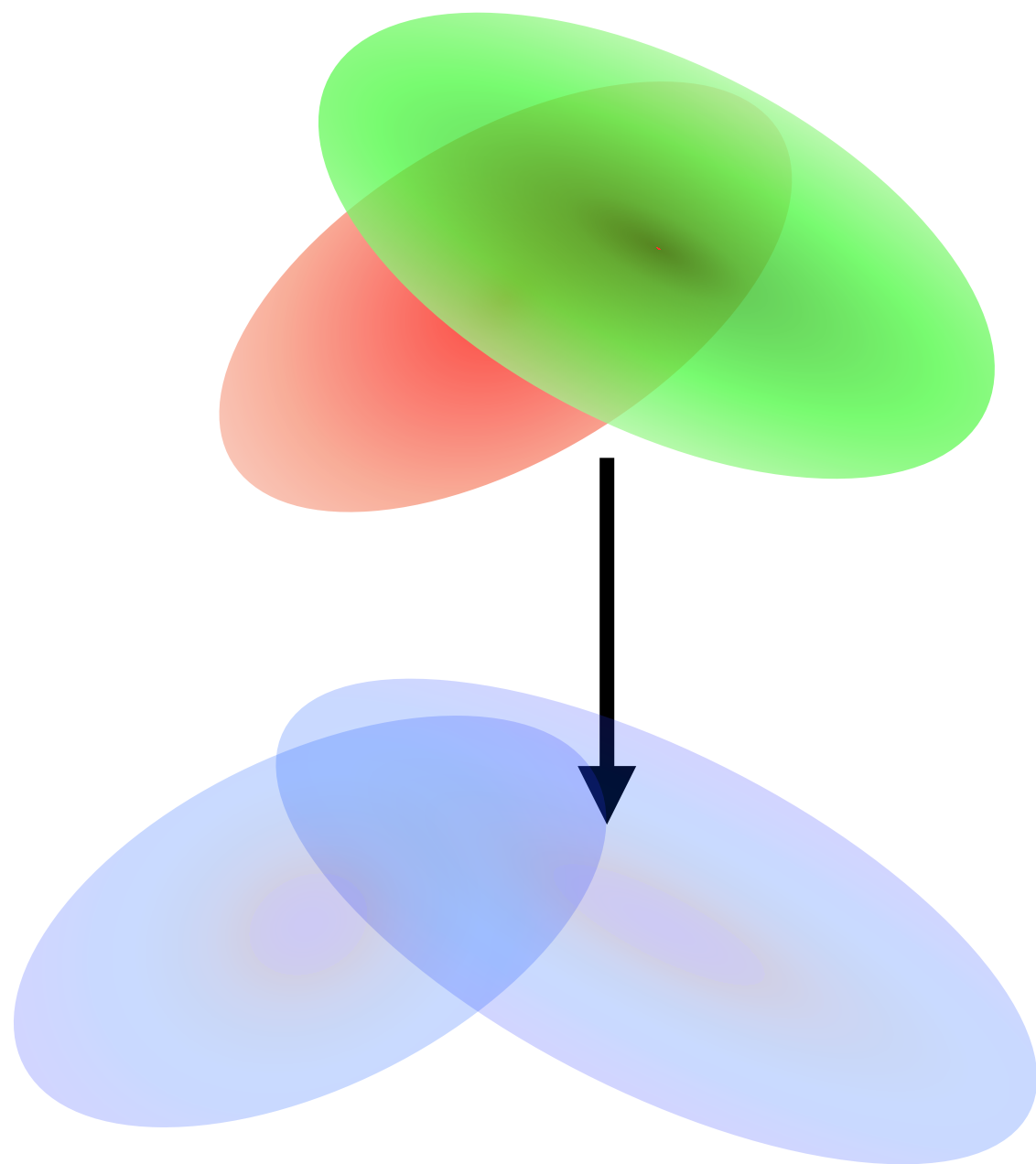
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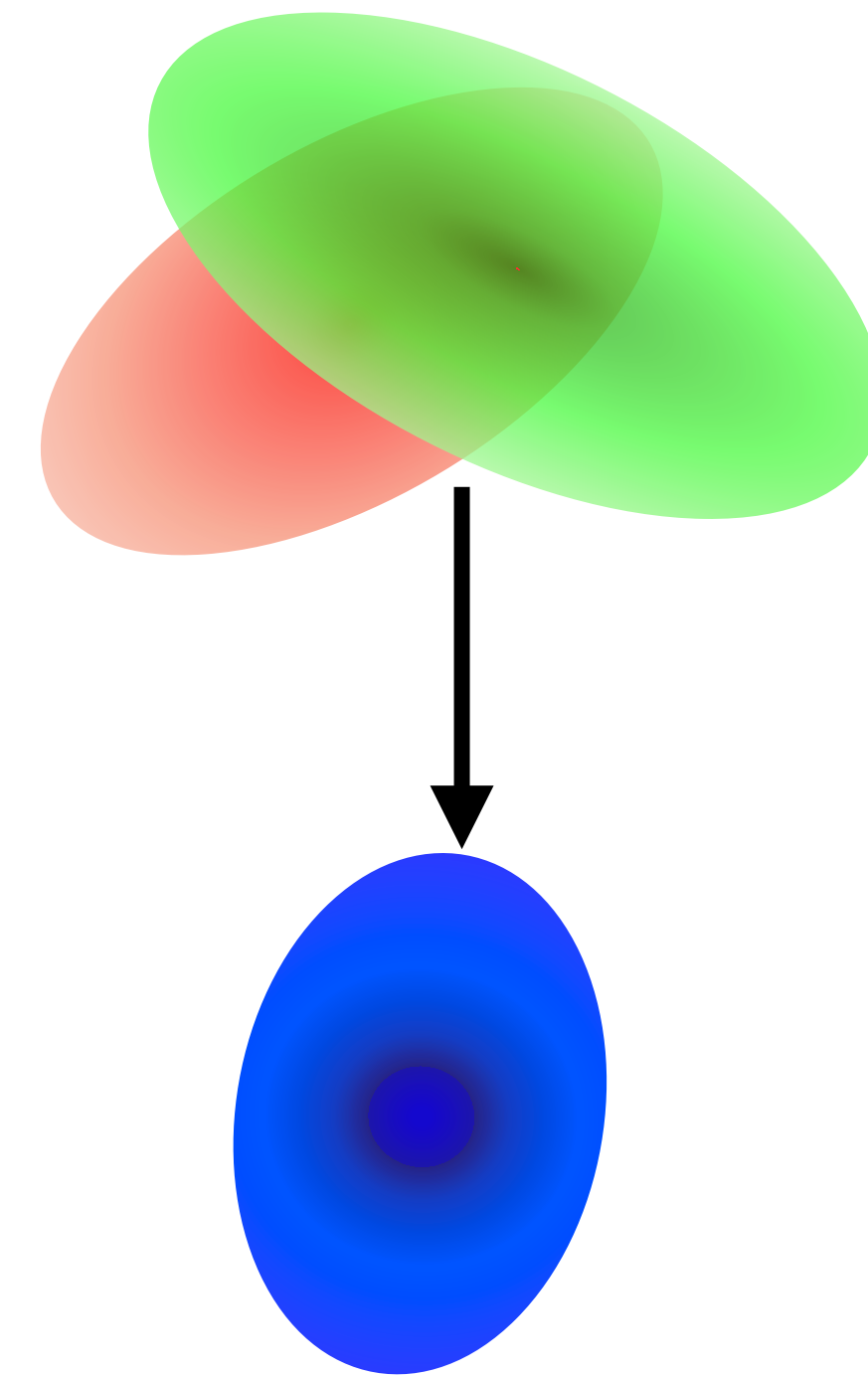
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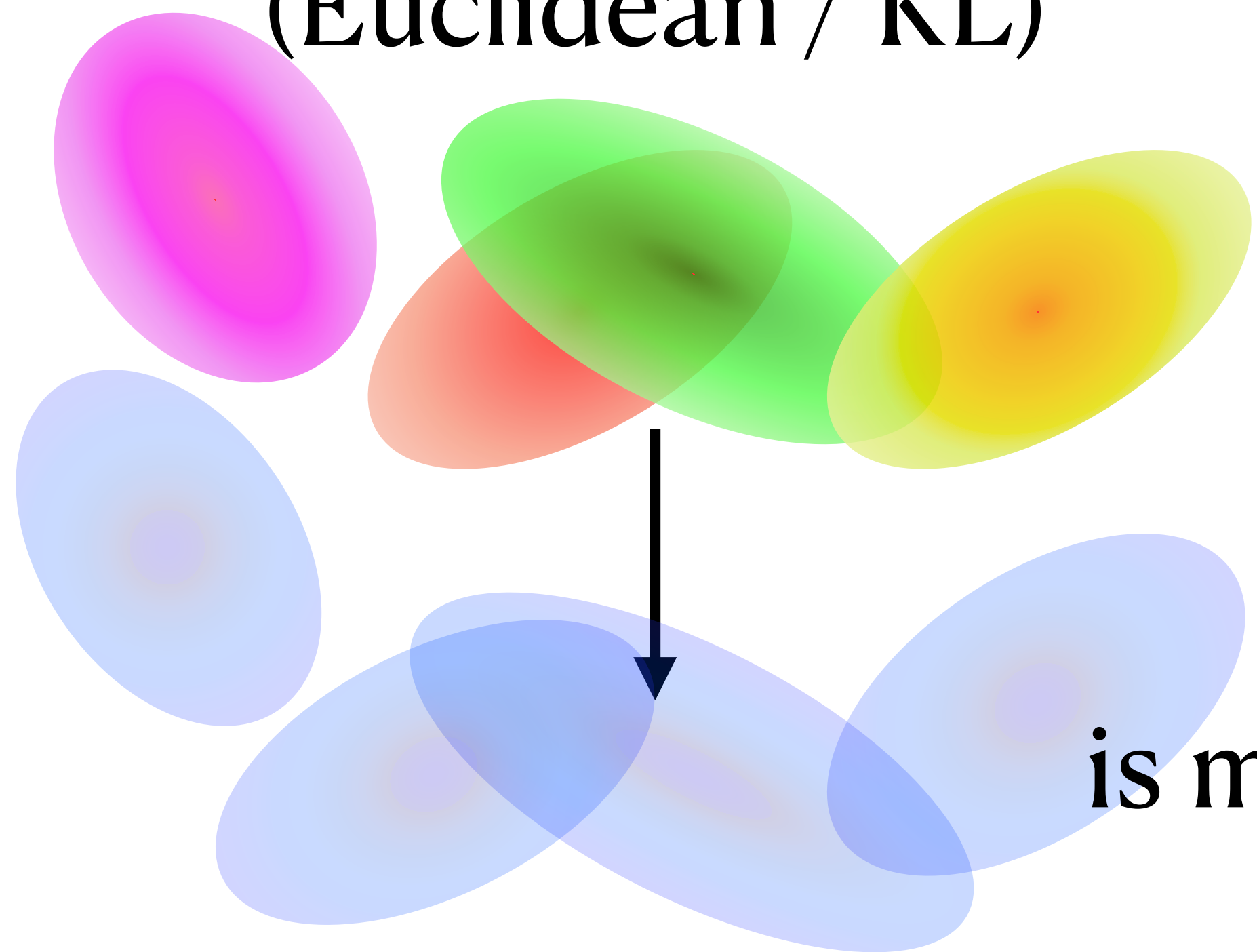
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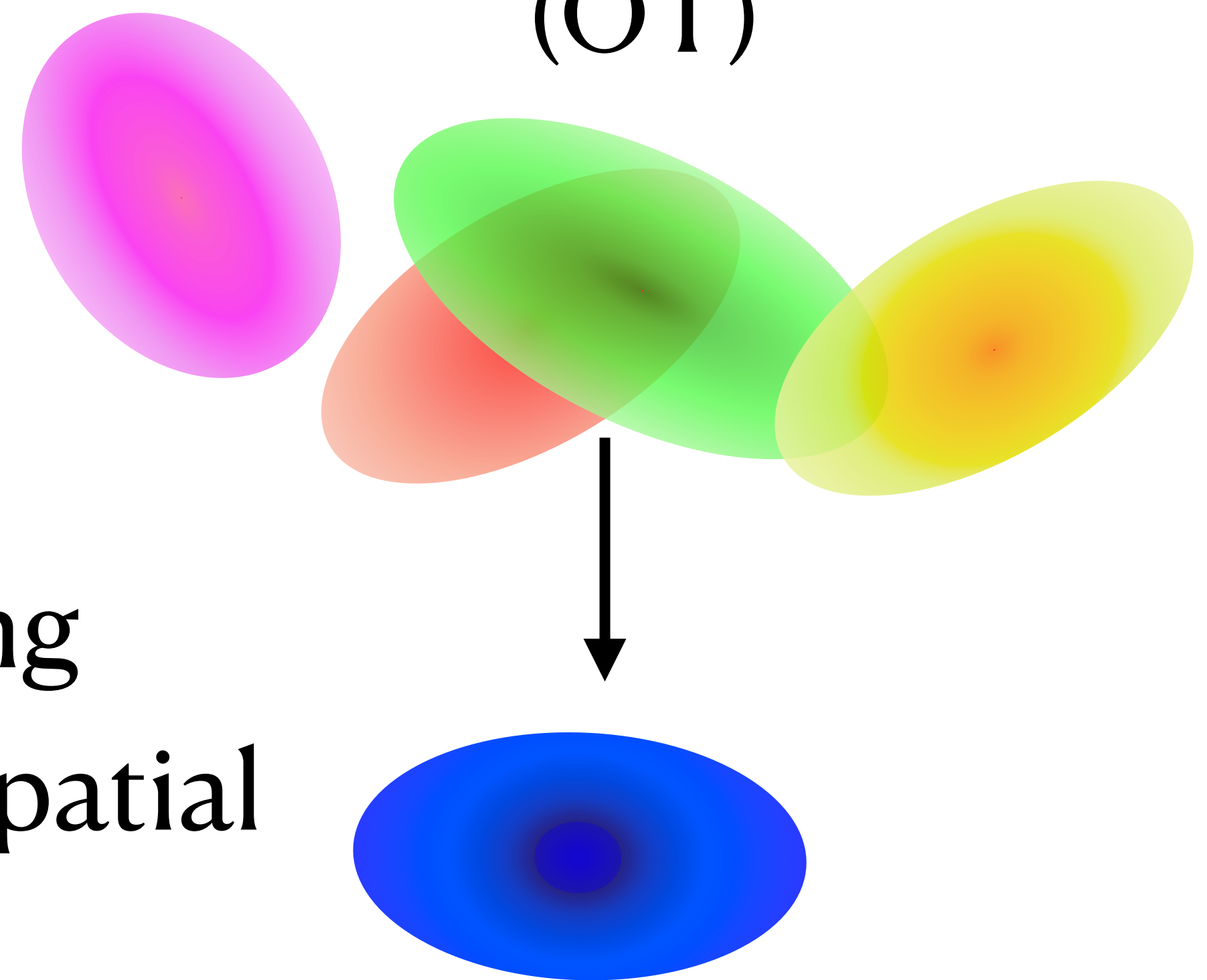
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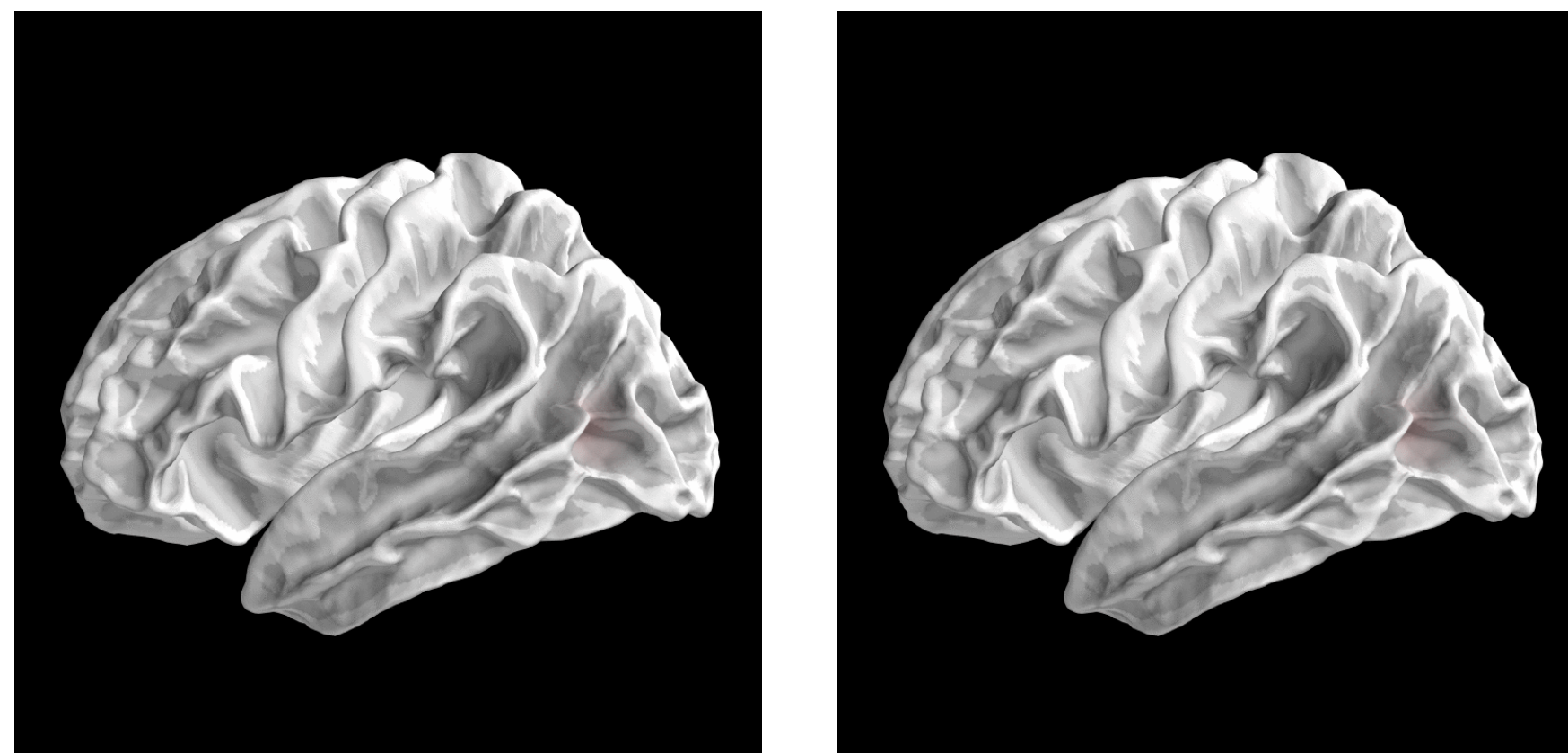
Similarly, averaging time series we can use:

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What about averaging spatio-temporal data ?

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[Janati et al, 2022]

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[Feydy et al, 2019]

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$$S_\varepsilon(\alpha, \beta) = \text{OT}_\varepsilon(\alpha, \beta) - \frac{1}{2} (\text{OT}_\varepsilon(\alpha, \alpha) + \text{OT}_\varepsilon(\beta, \beta))$$

$$\|\alpha - \beta\|_{-C}^2 \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} S_\varepsilon(\alpha, \beta)$$

Computational complexity

of operations to compute $\mathcal{L}(\alpha_n, \beta_n)$

Sample complexity

$\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{L}(\alpha_n, \beta_n) - \mathcal{L}(\alpha, \beta)] :$

	“Geometry”	Computational complexity	Sample complexity
KL	—	$O(n)$	Ill-defined (can be $+\infty$)
MMD	+	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^{-1})$
OT	+++	$O(n^3)$	$O(n^{-\frac{2}{d}})$
S	+++	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^{-1/2} \varepsilon^{-1/d})$



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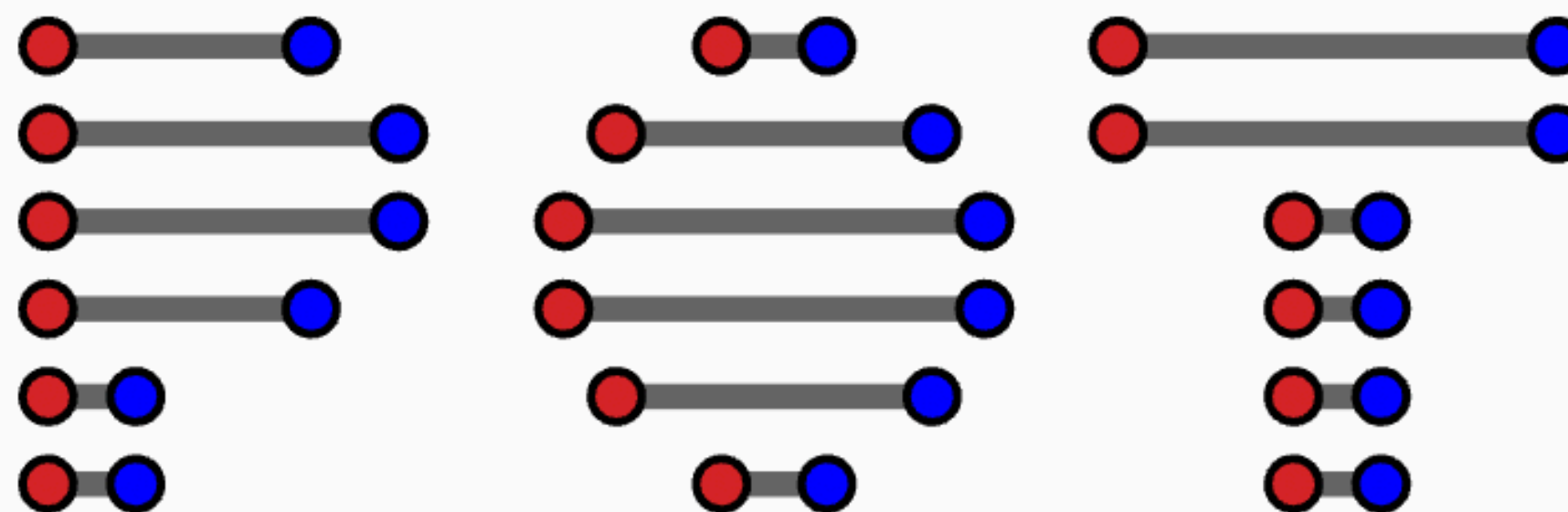
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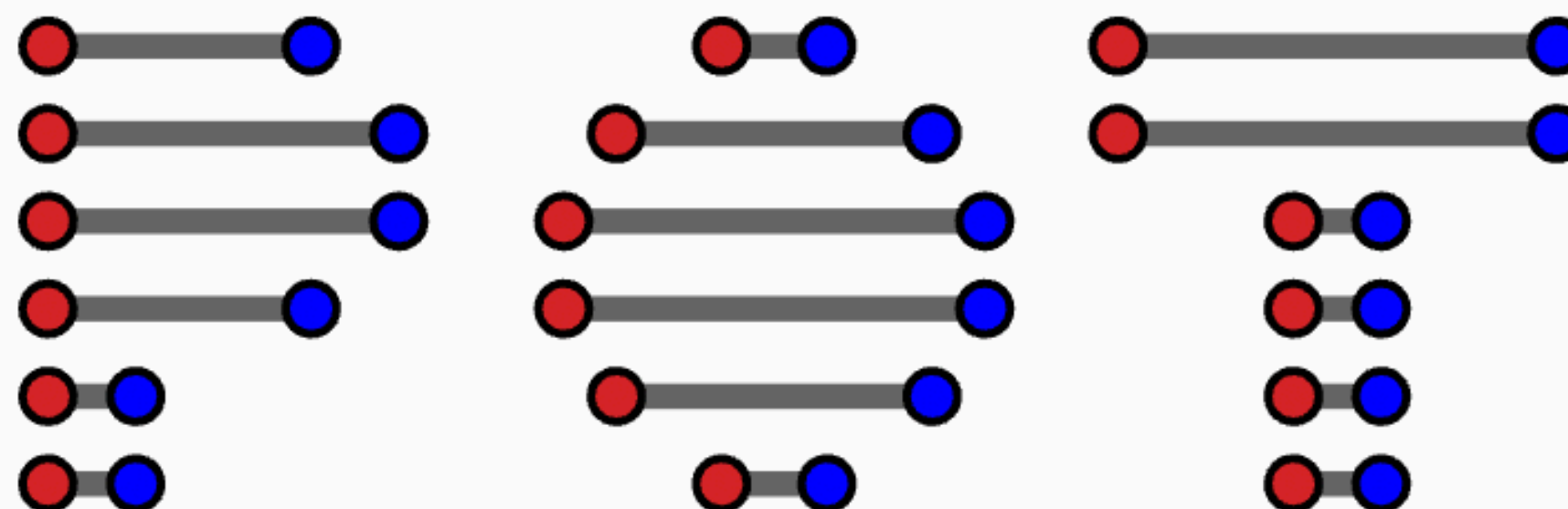
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