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Sensors and Samples: A Homological Approach

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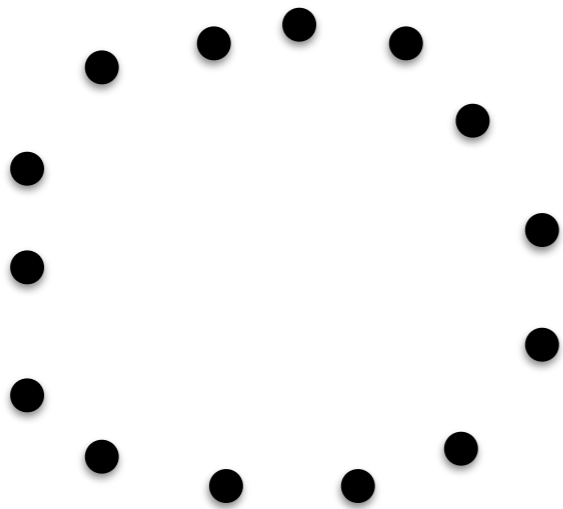
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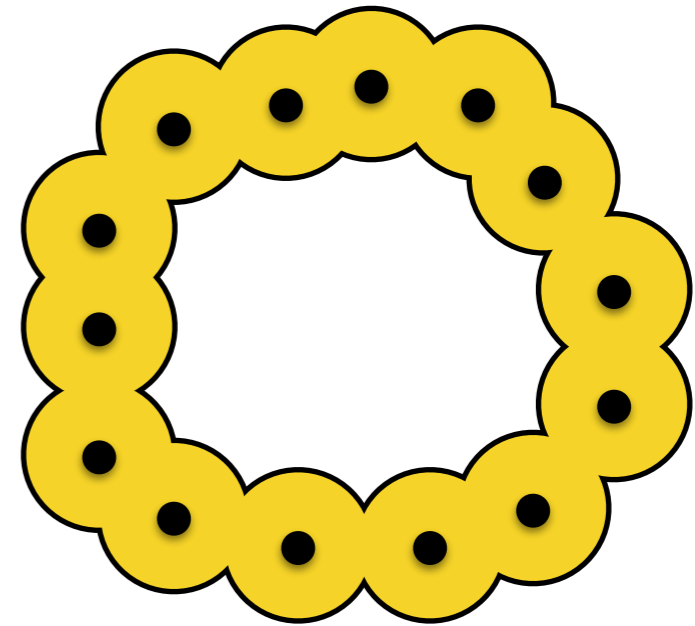
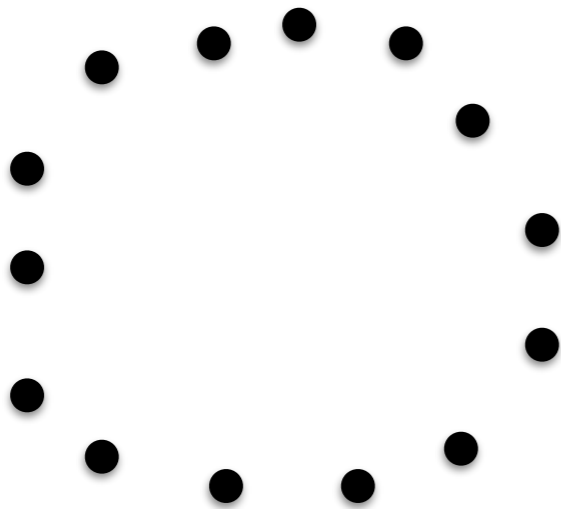


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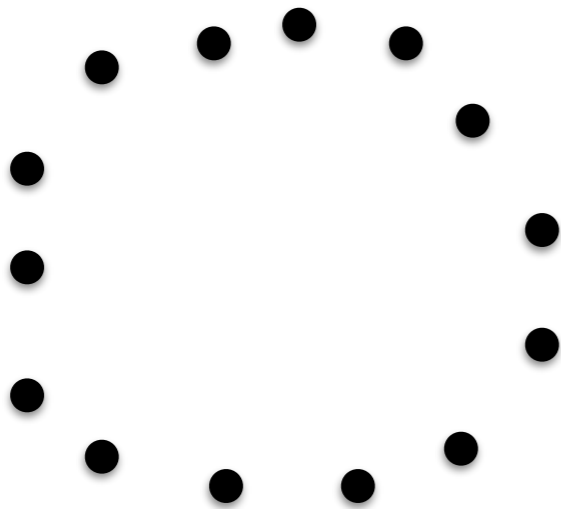


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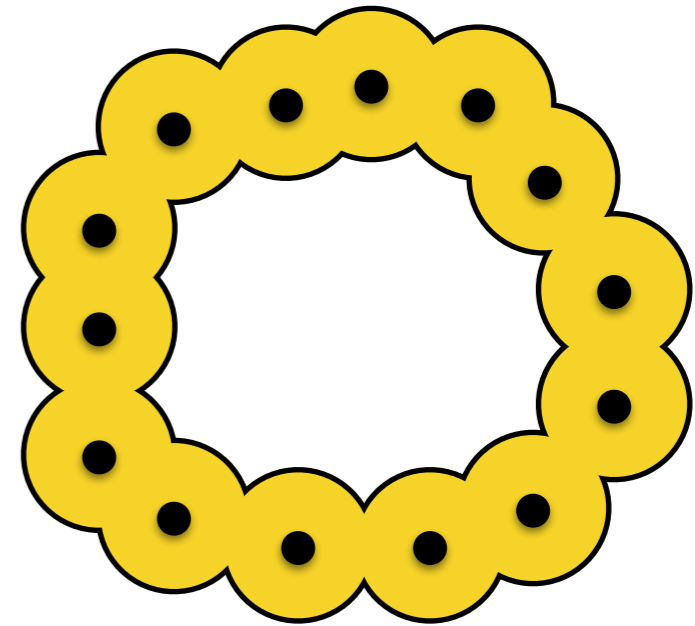
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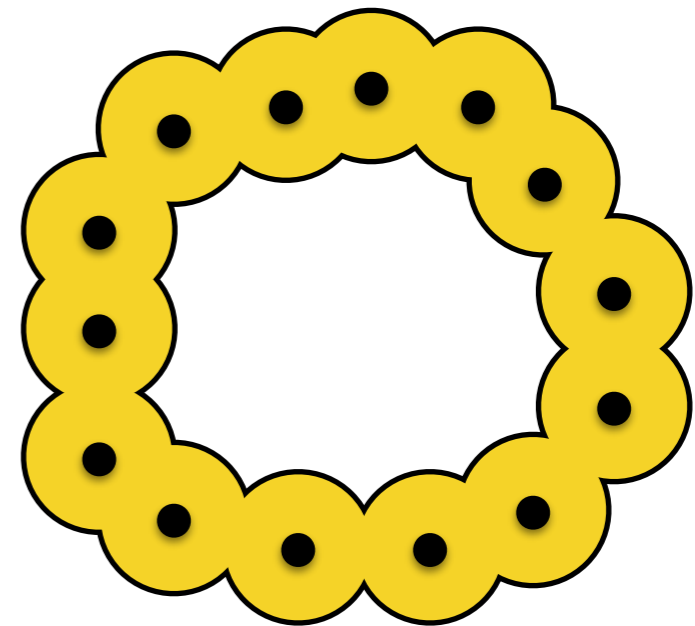
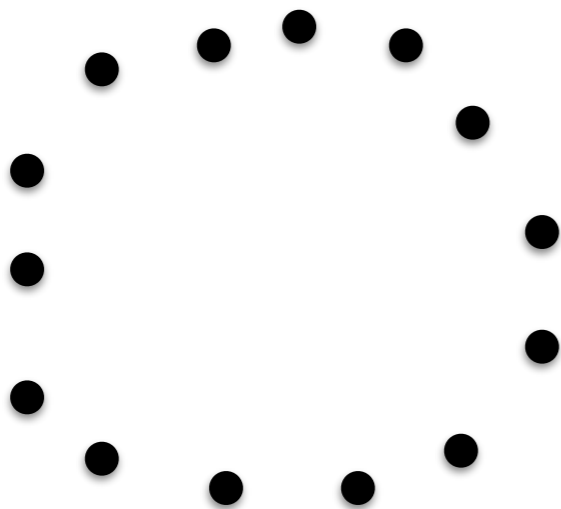
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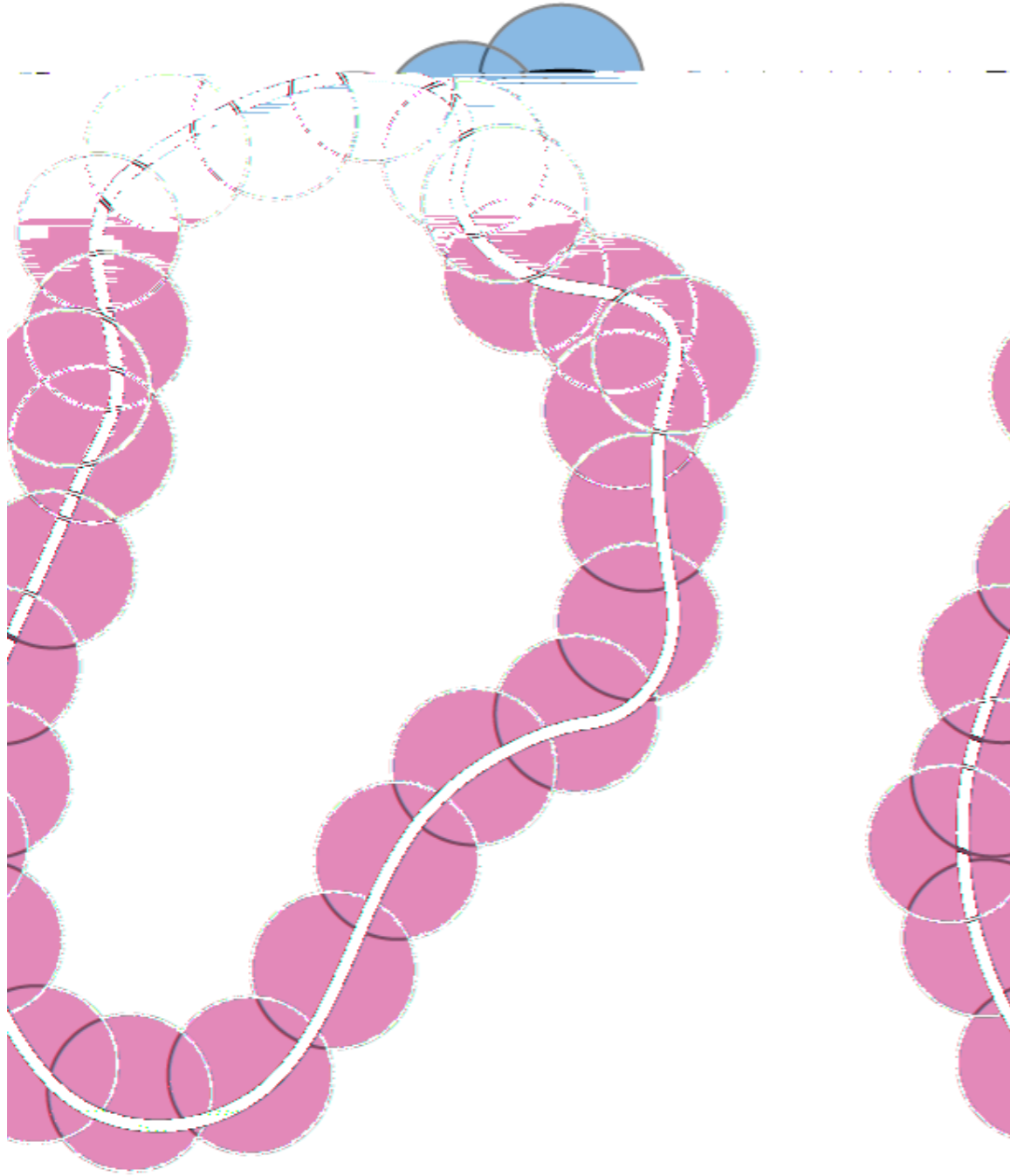
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Idea: Fill in the gaps in the ambient space.

Examples: Molecules and Manifolds

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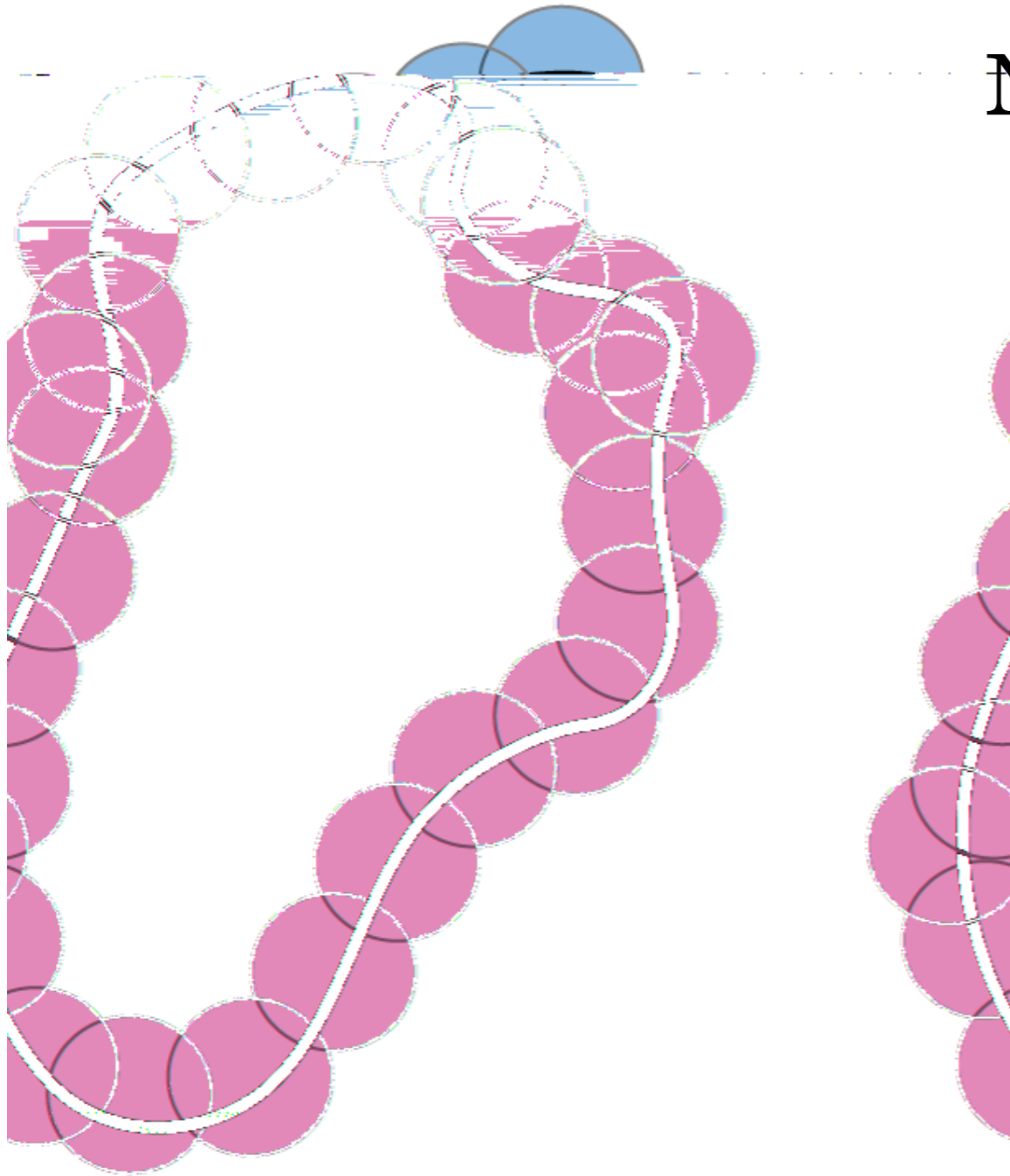


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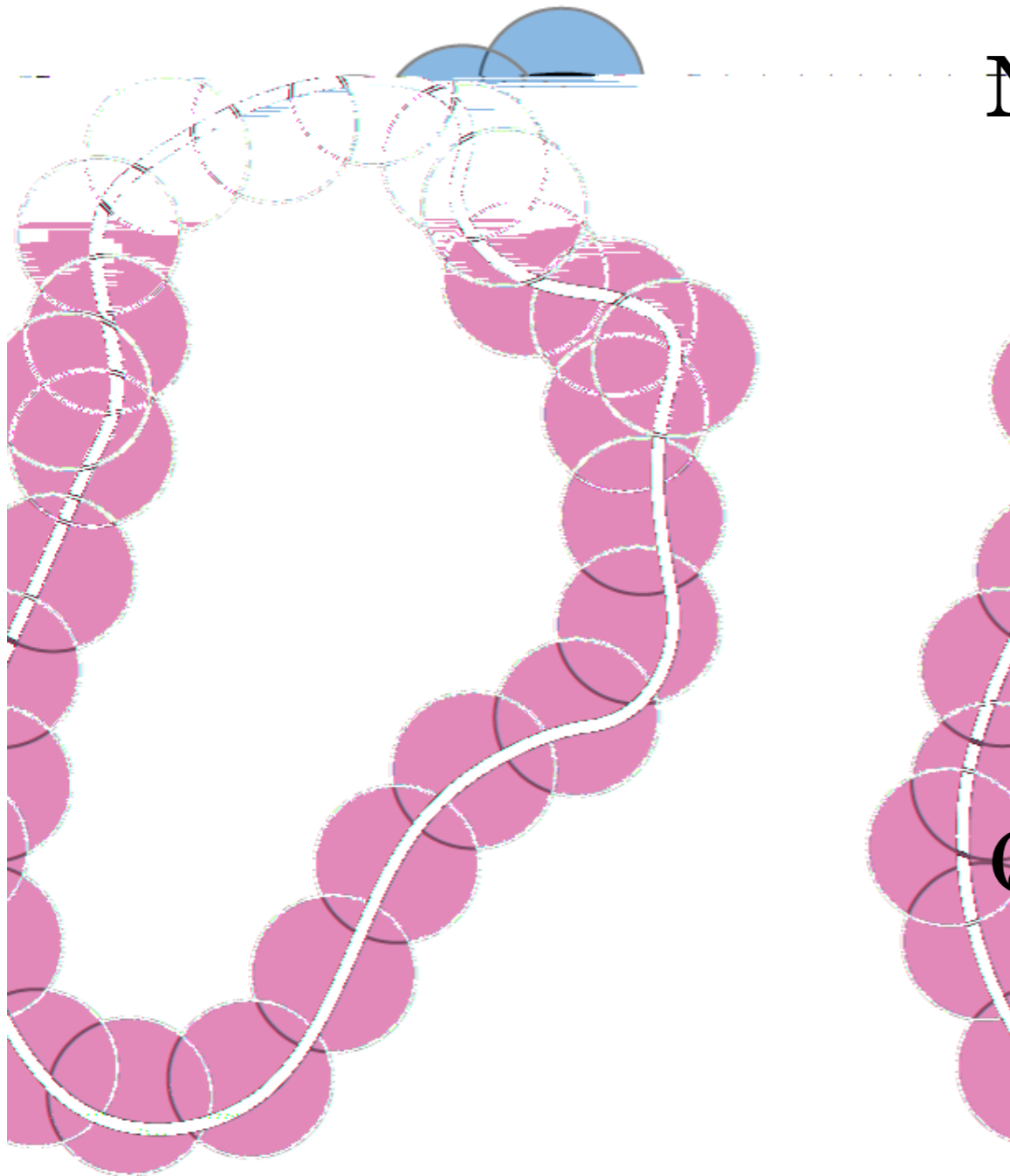
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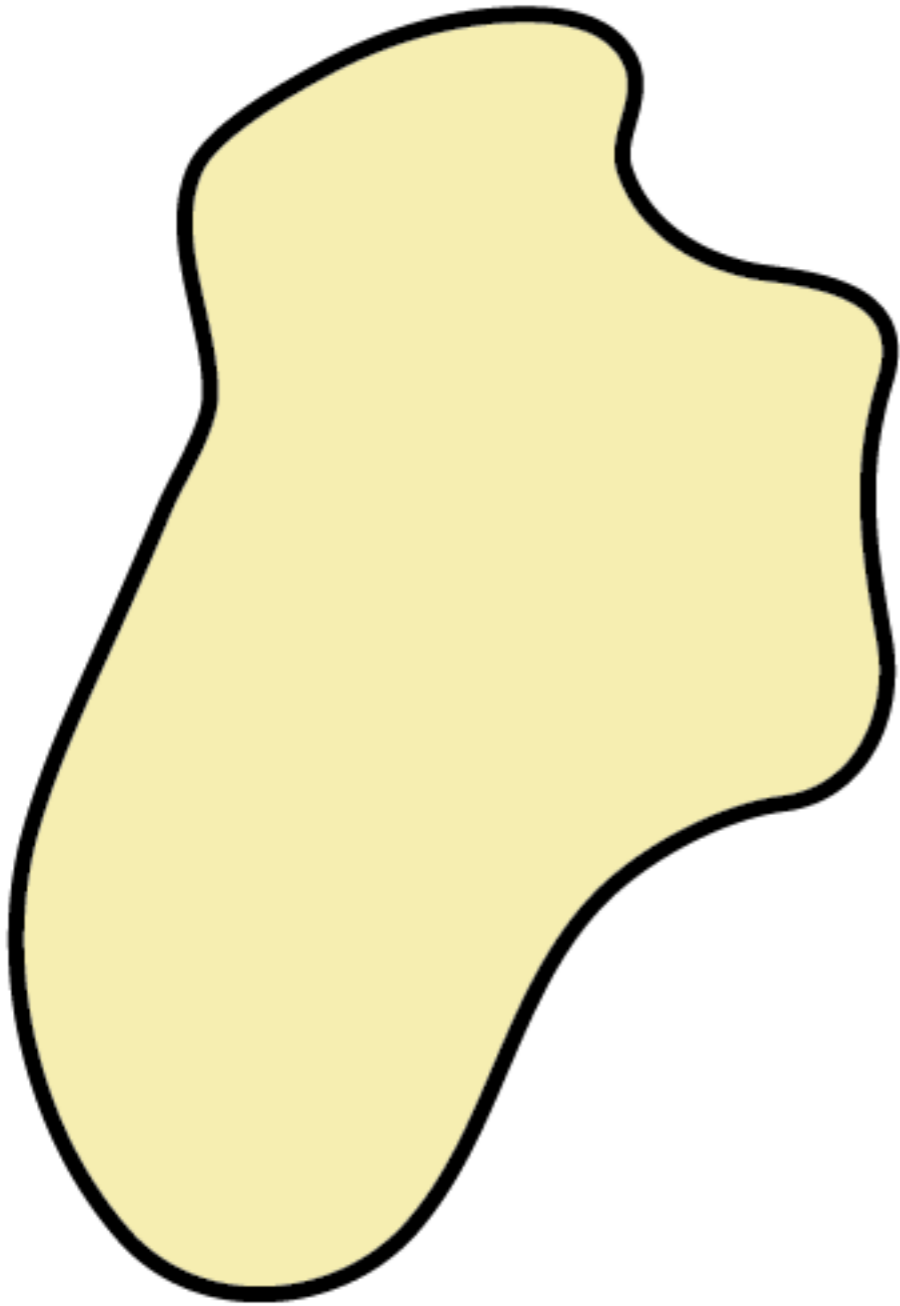
Is smoothness really necessary?



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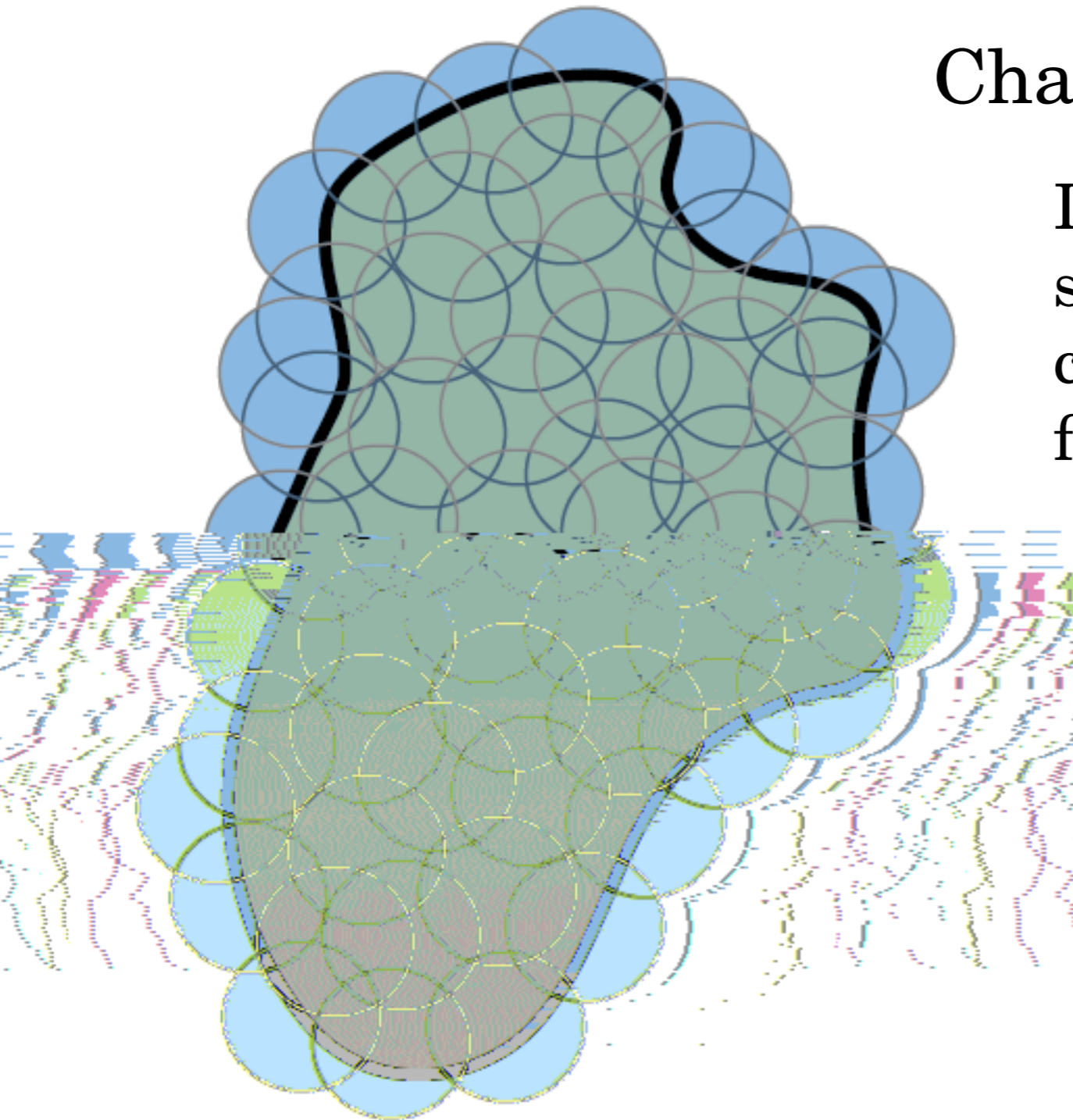
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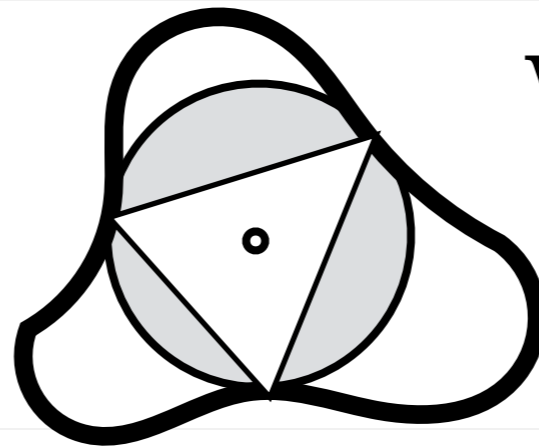
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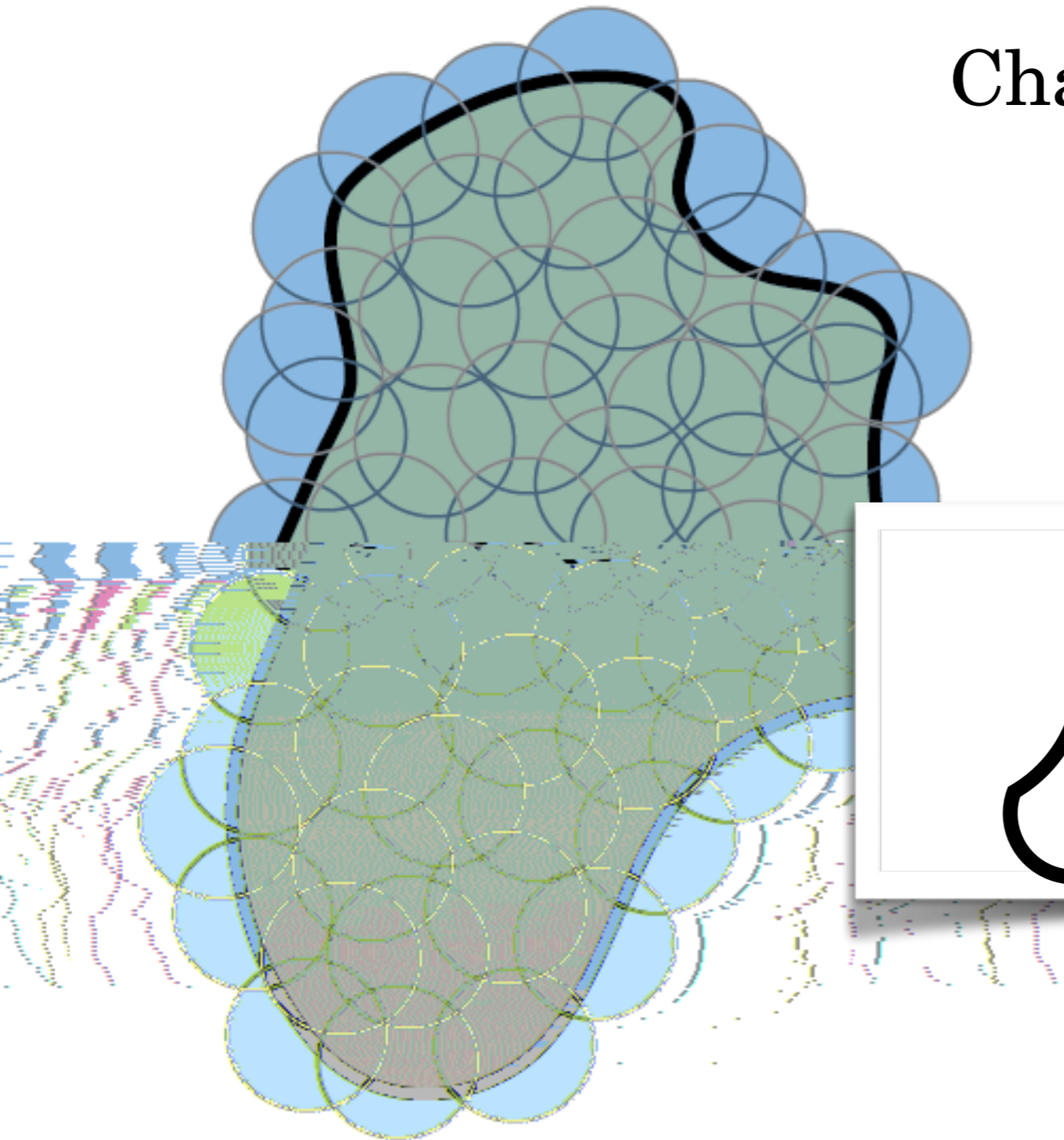
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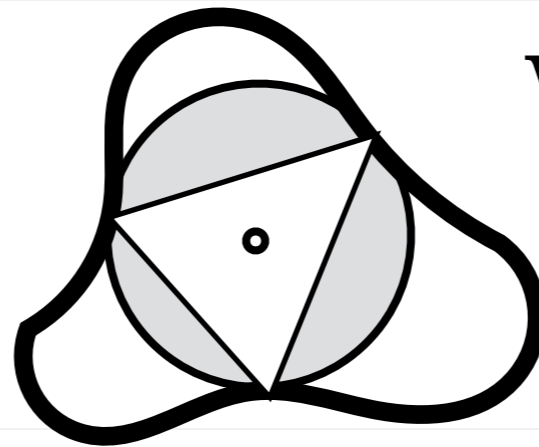
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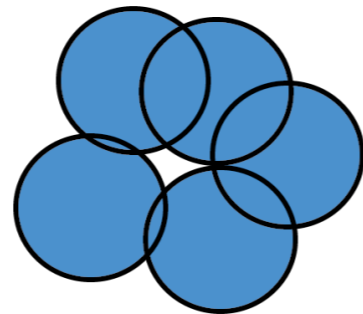
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Key idea: Use persistence
to eliminate noise.

Homological Sensor Networks

de Silva and Ghrist

Domain: compact $\mathcal{D} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$

Boundary: $\mathcal{B} = \text{bdy}\mathcal{D}$

Sensors: $P \subset \mathcal{D}$

Fence nodes: $Q = P \cap \mathcal{B}^\alpha$

Coverage Area: P^α

No Coordinates

Only know nbhd at radii $\alpha/\sqrt{2}$ and 3α .

Goal: Certify $\mathcal{D} \setminus \mathcal{B}^{2\alpha} \subseteq P^\alpha$.



Check d -dimensional persistent relative homology of Rips complexes.

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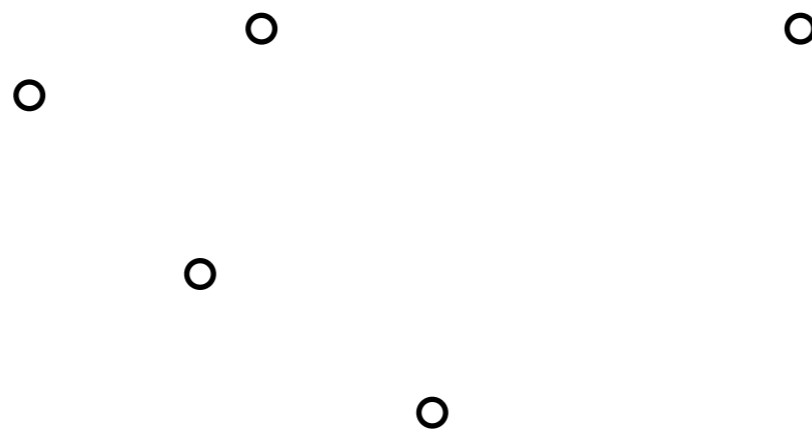
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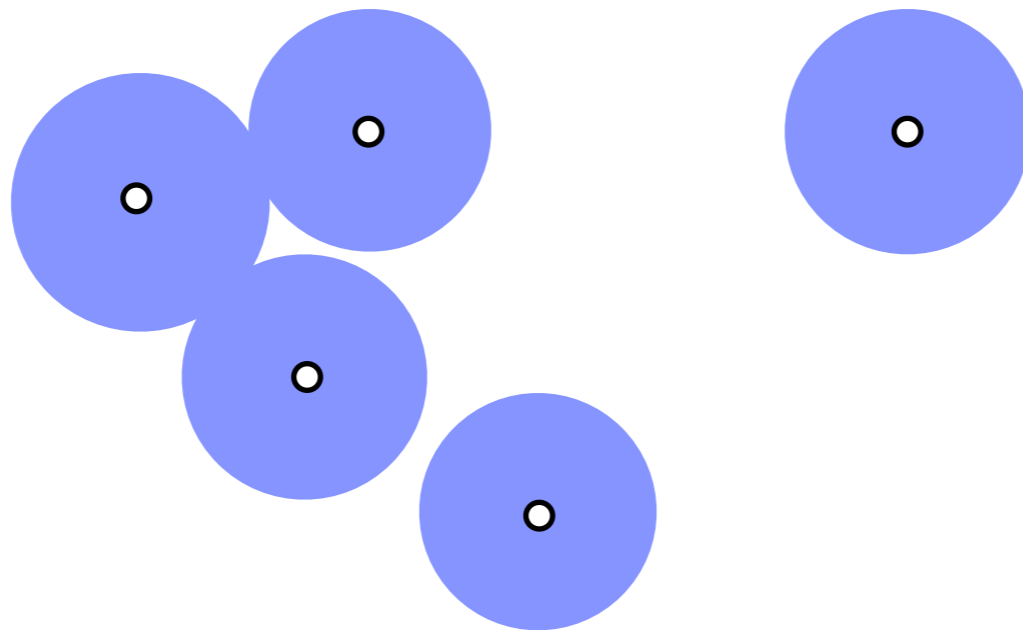
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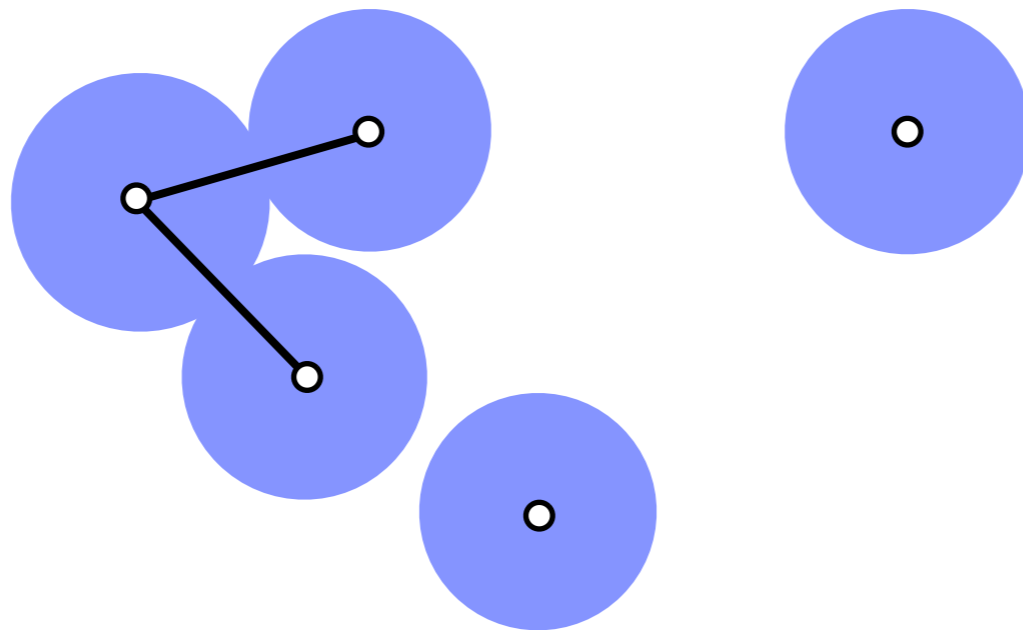
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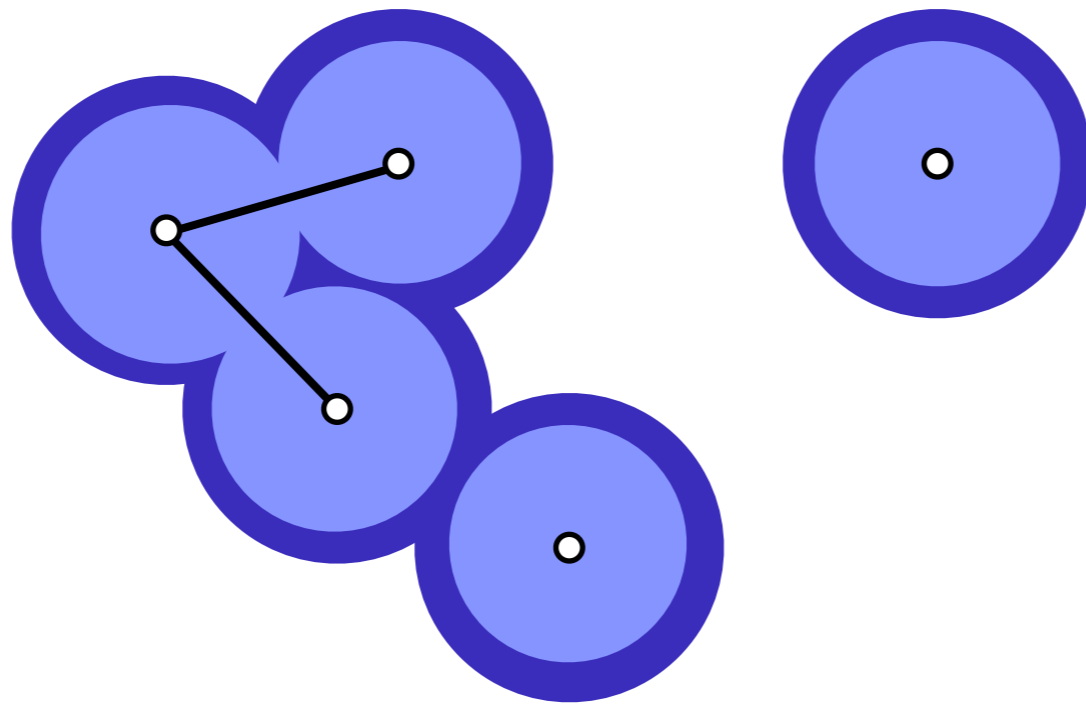
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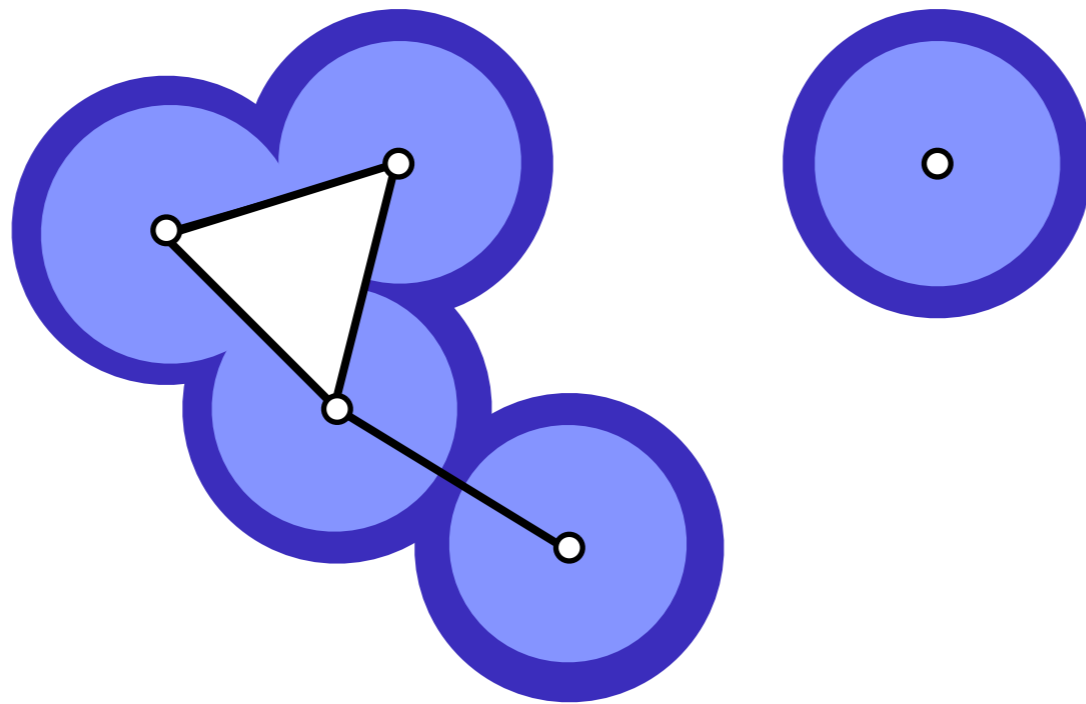
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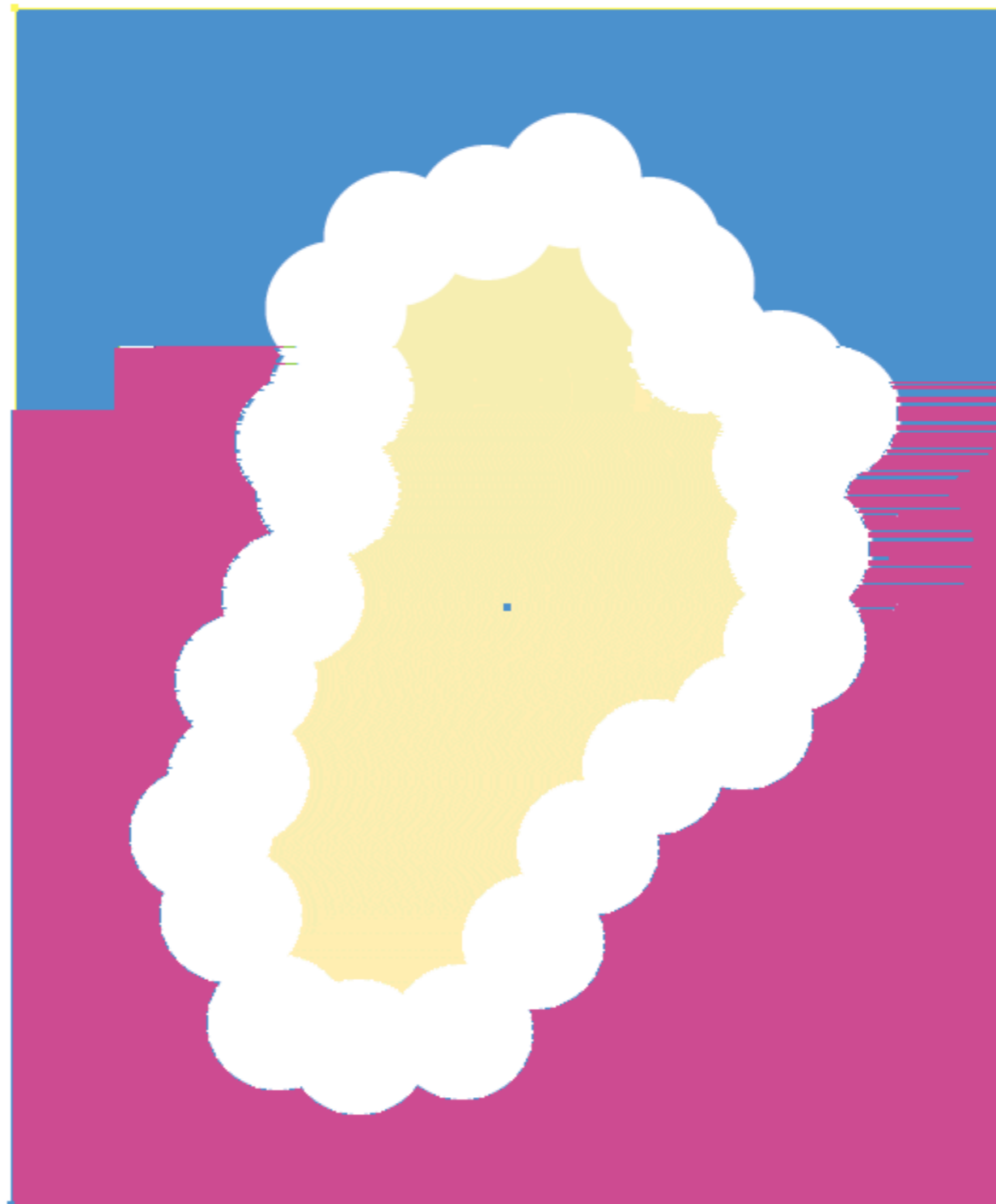
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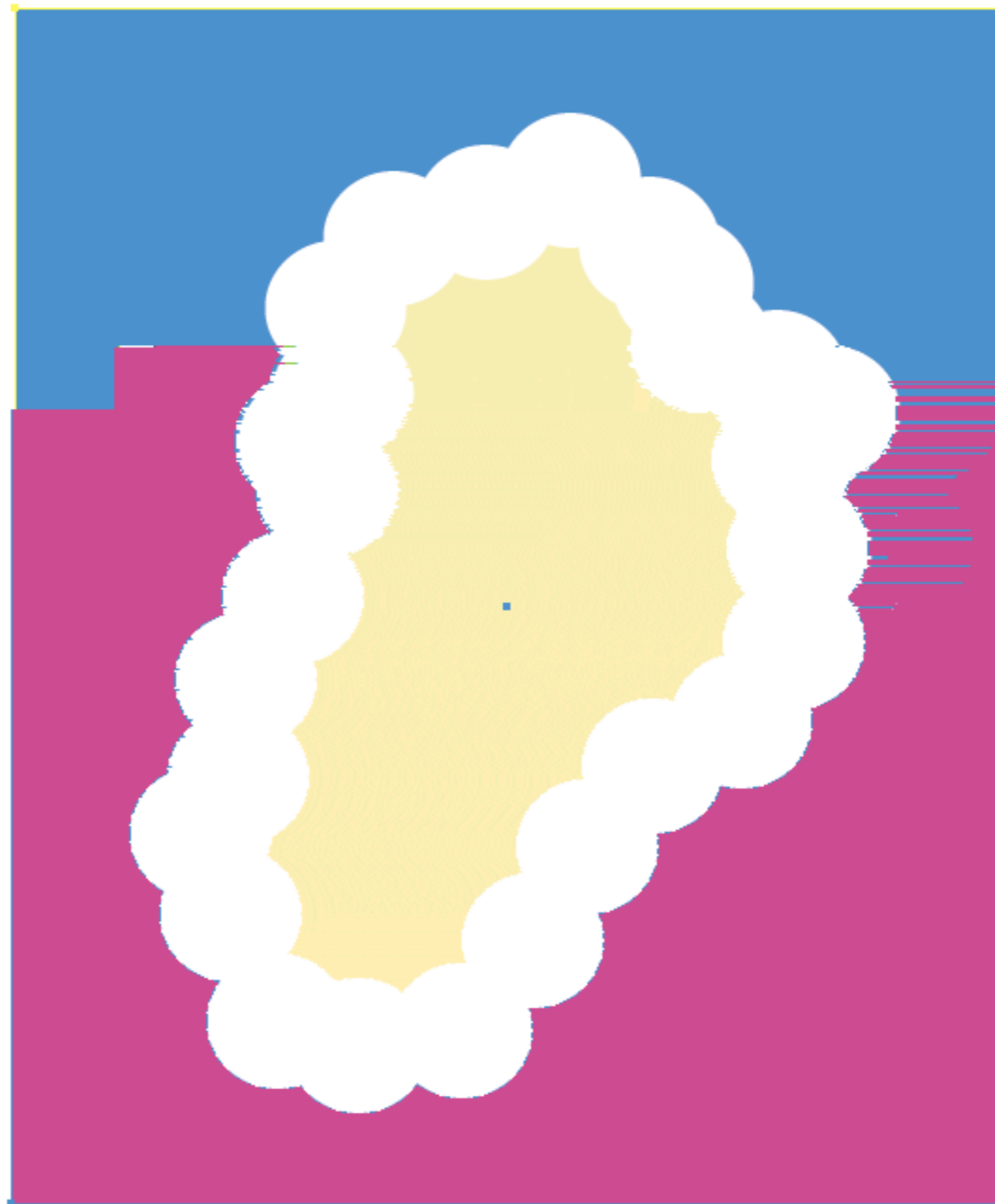
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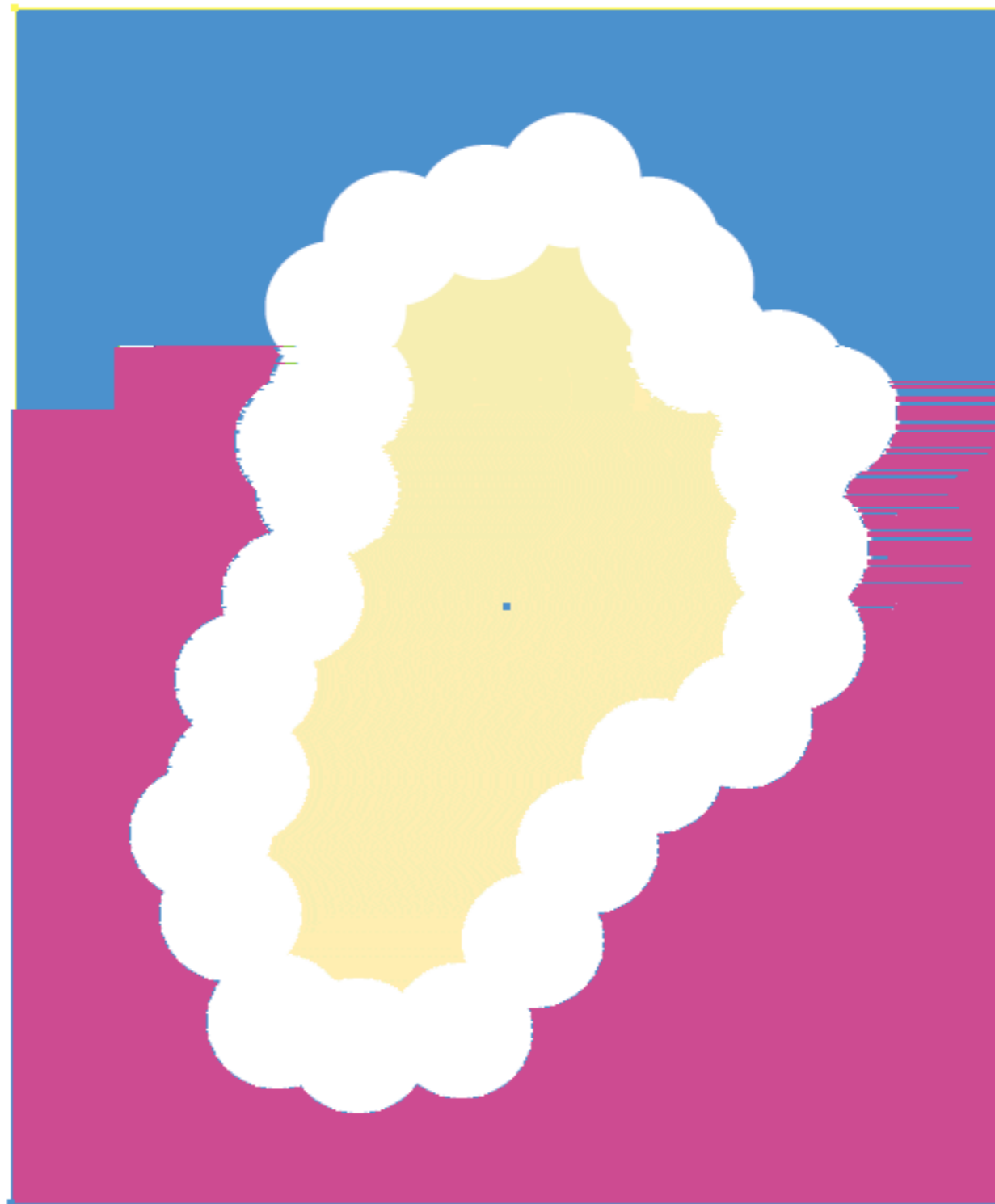
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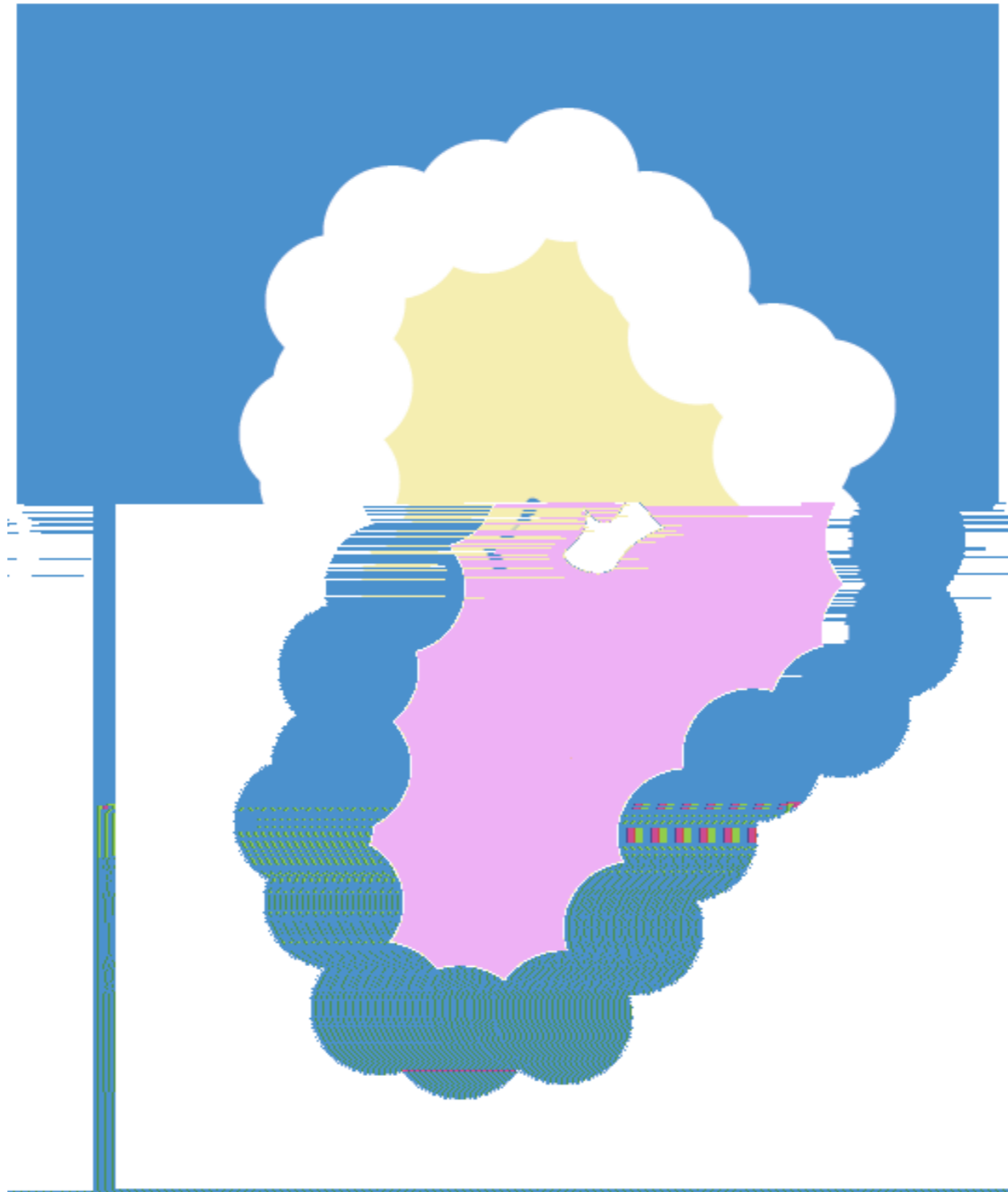
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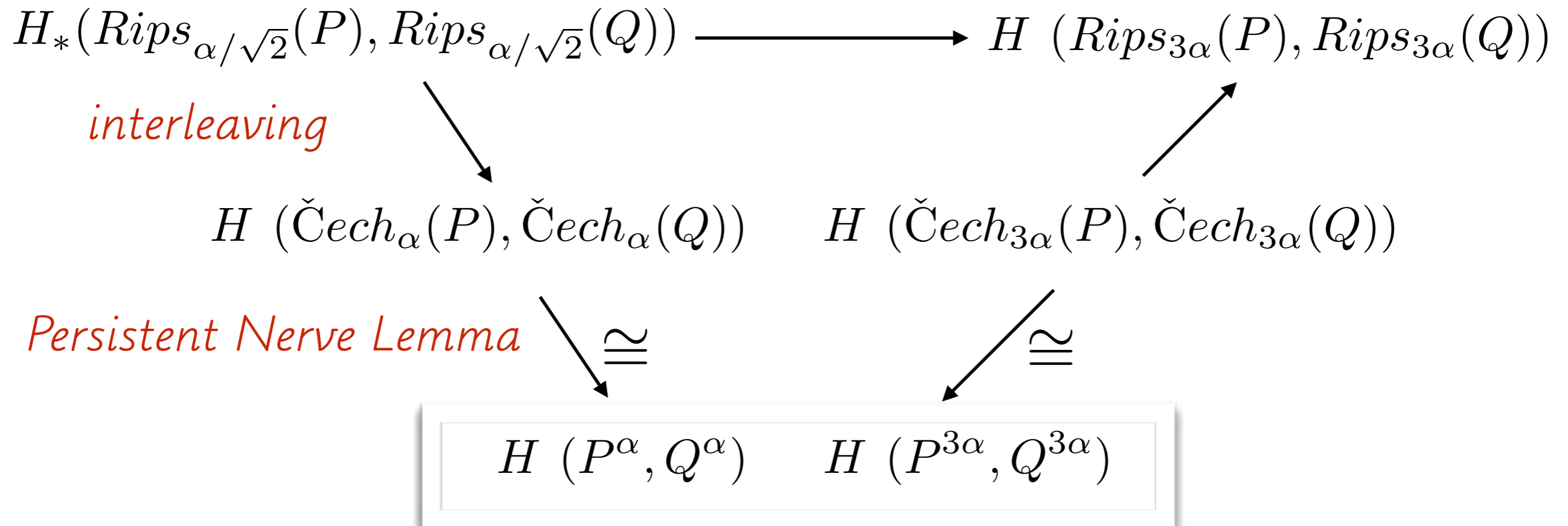


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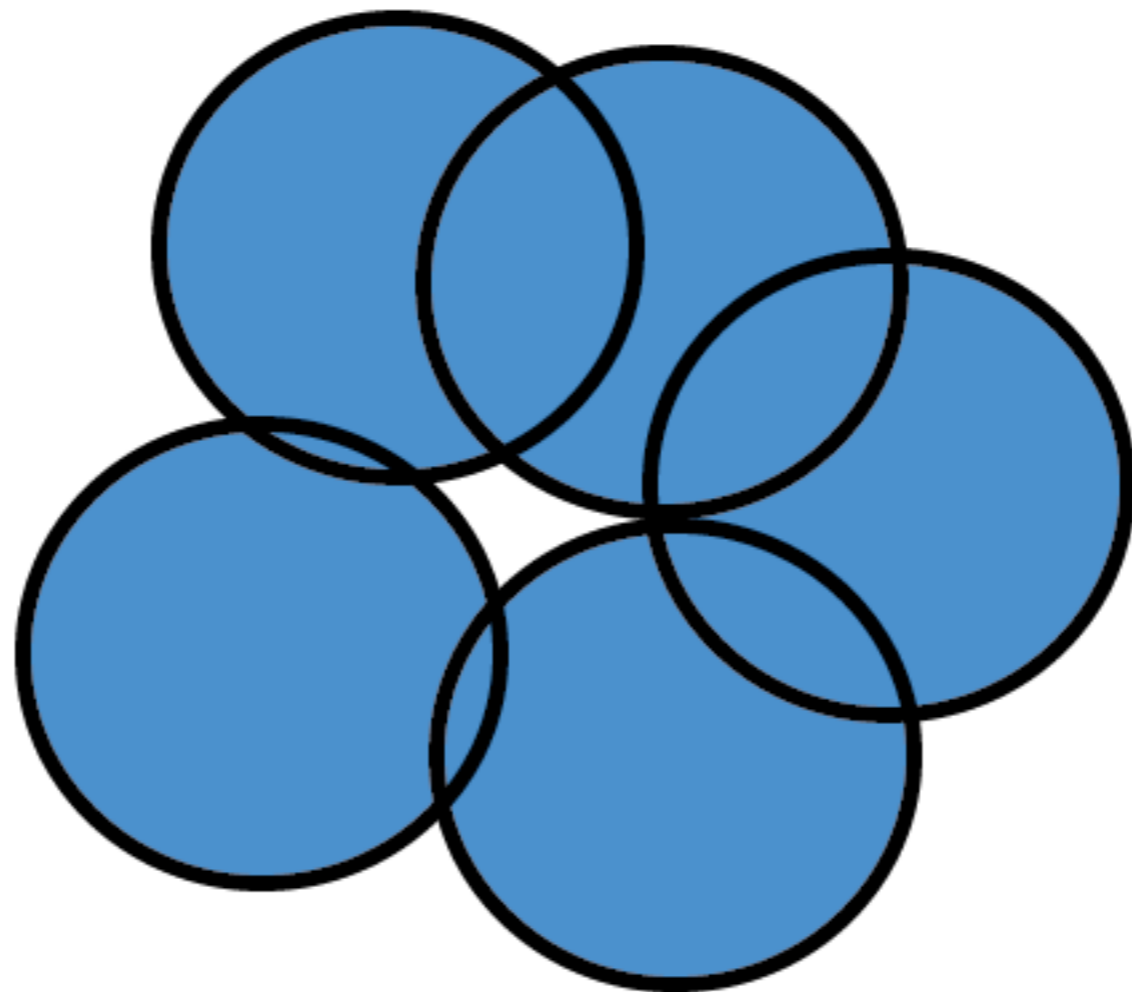
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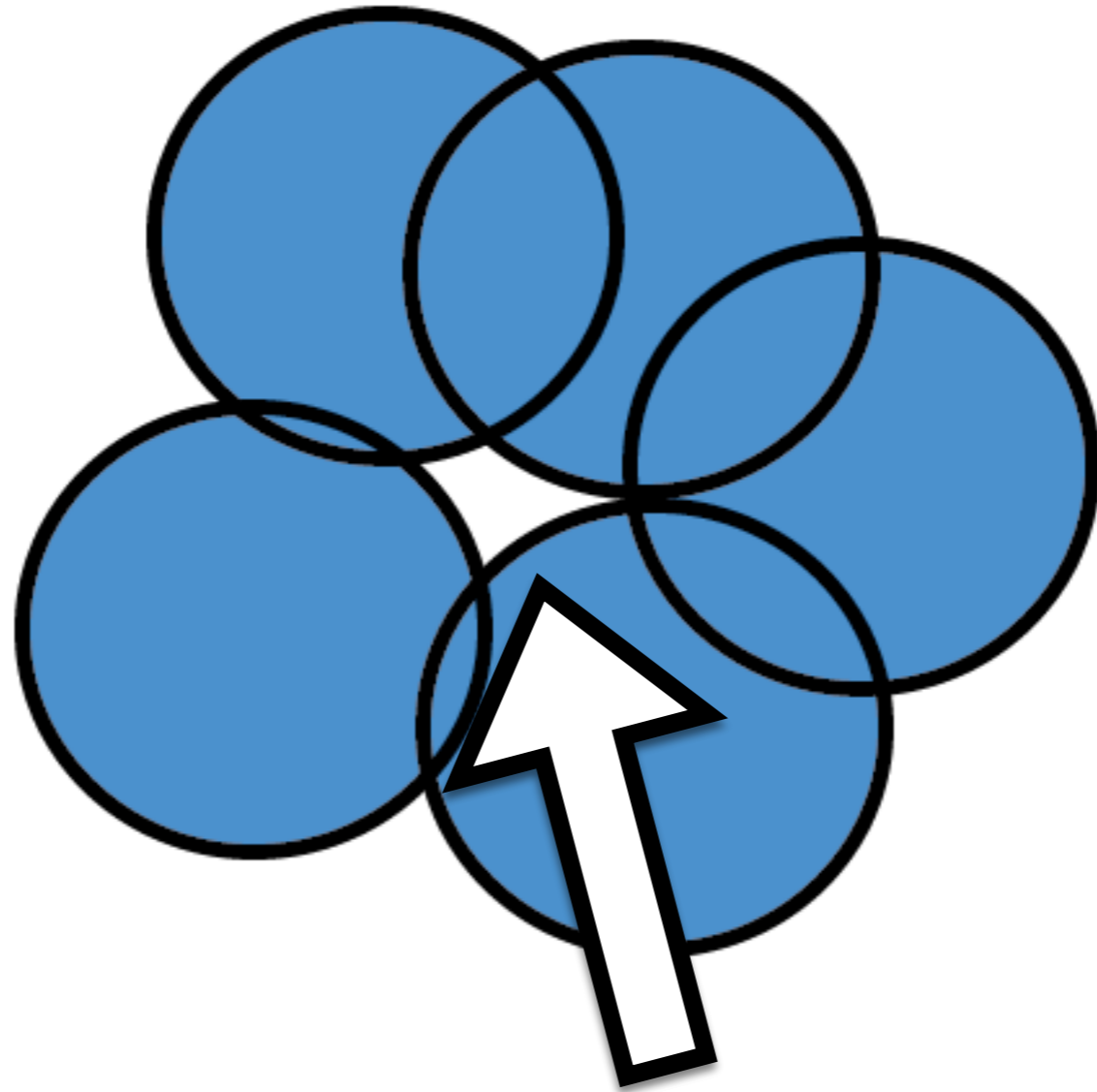
Suffices to look at offsets.

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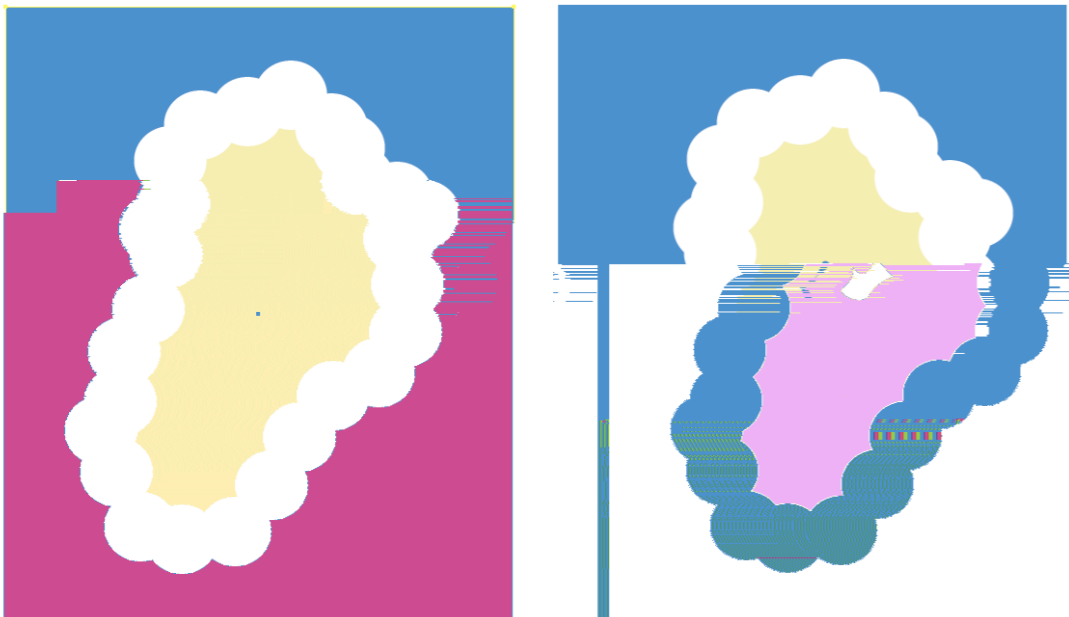
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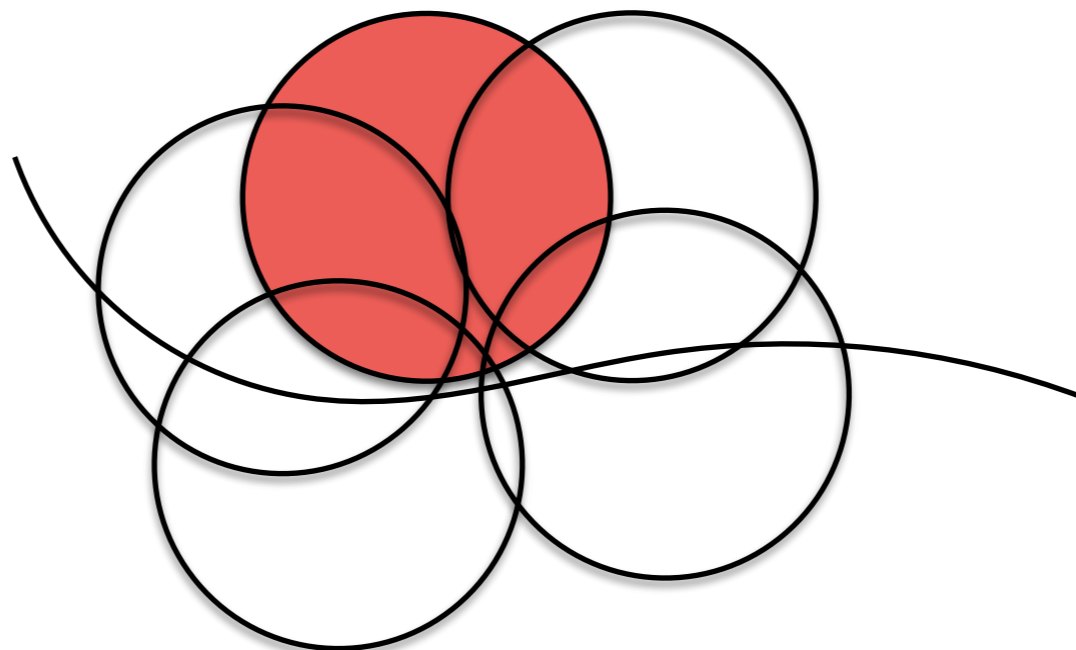
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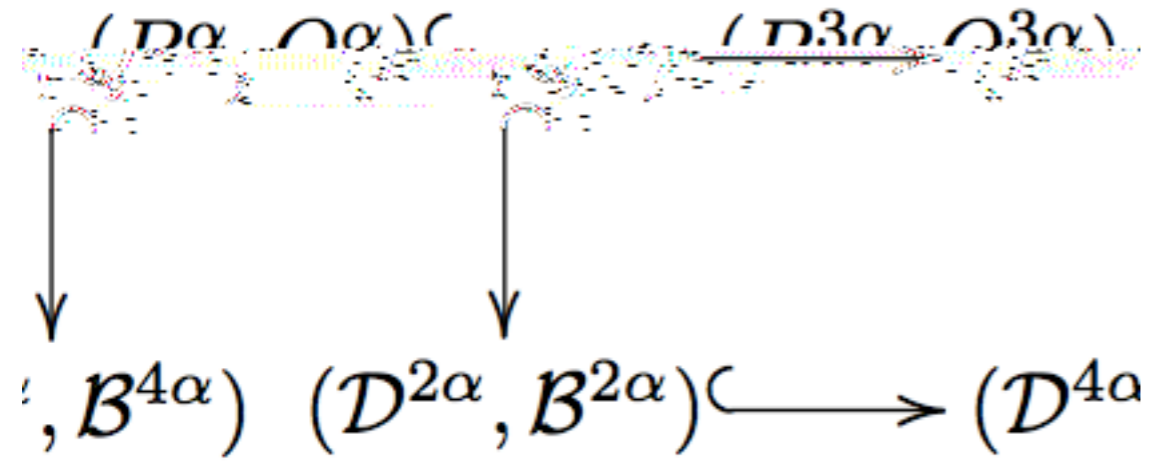
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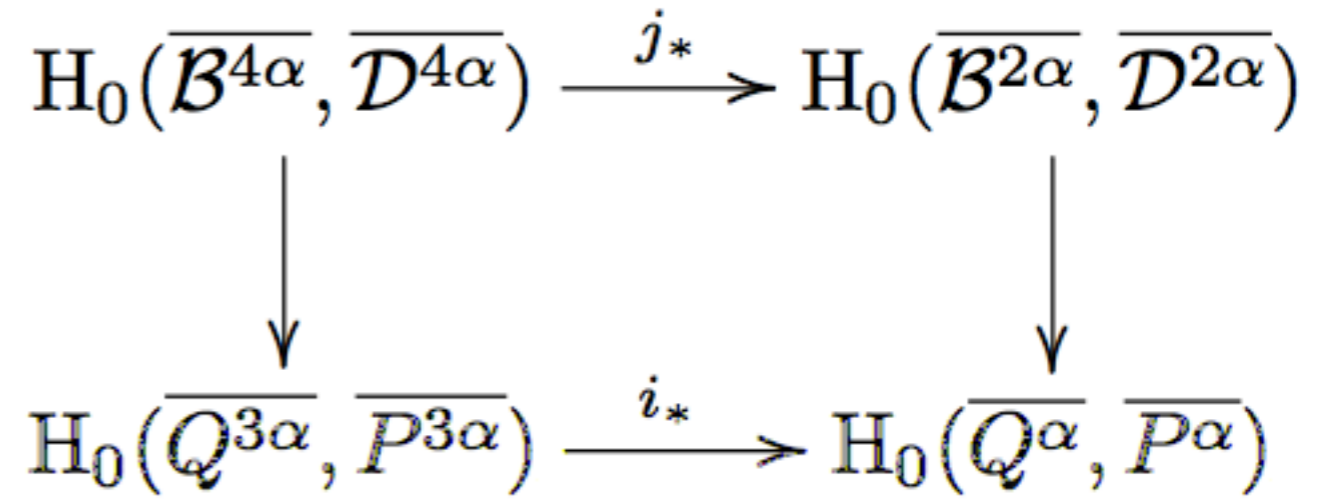
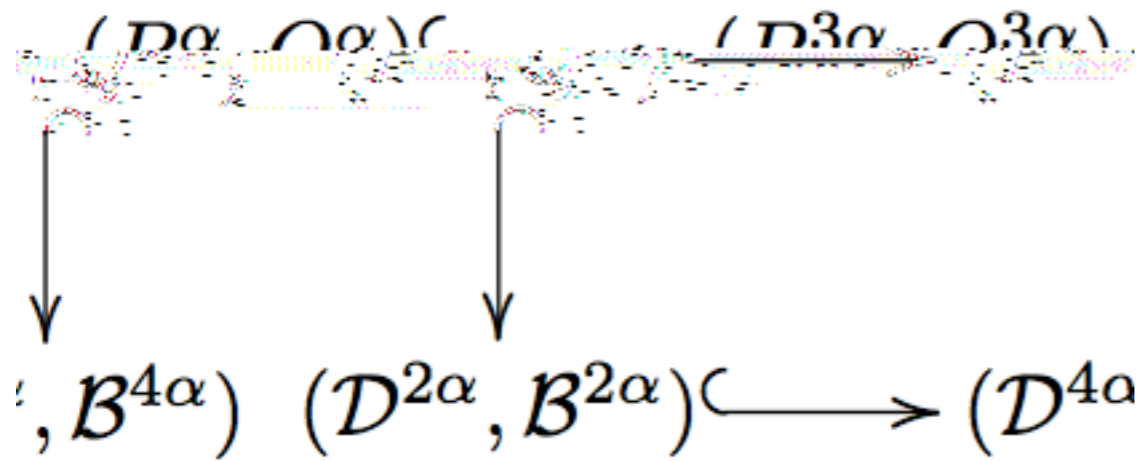
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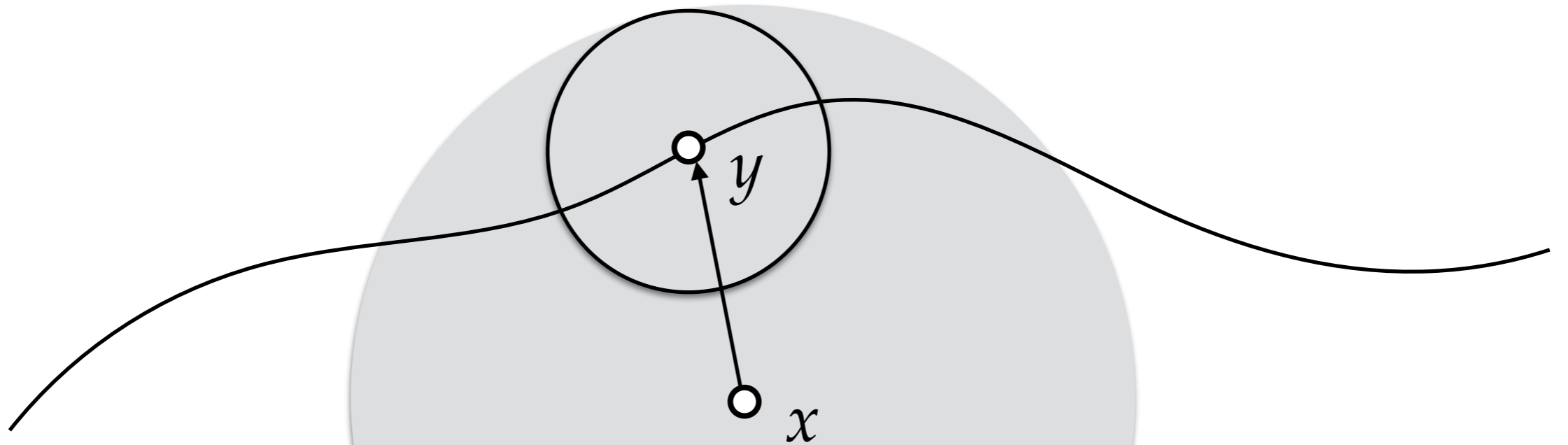
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TCC Proof of Correctness II

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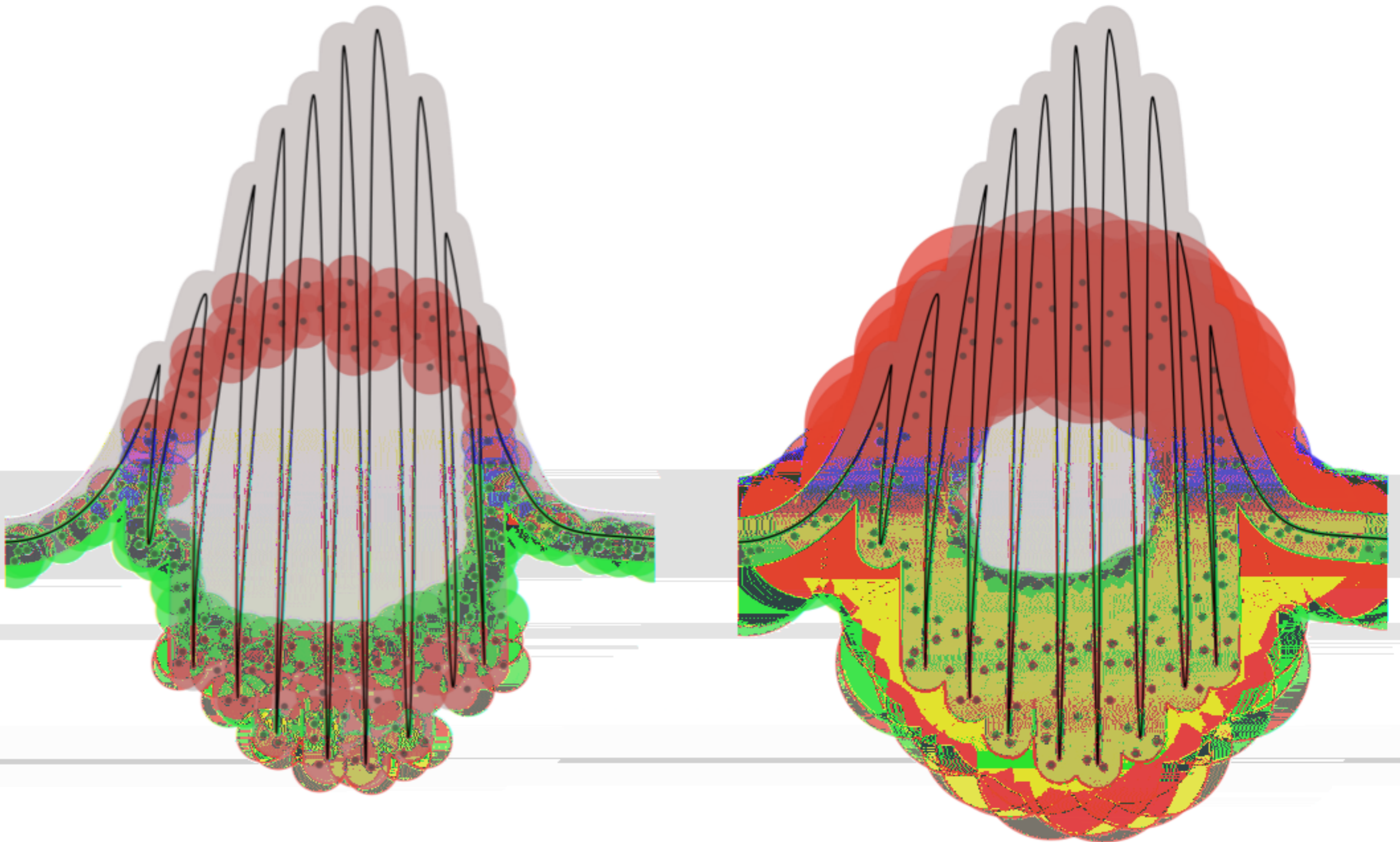
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TCC Proof of Correctness III

Smoothness does matter in the de Silva-Ghrist proof.



TCC and WFS

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1. *If $\mathcal{D} \subseteq P^\alpha$, then $\text{im } h_k \cong H_k(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{B})$ for all integers k .*

2. *If $\text{im } h_d \cong H_d(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{B})$, then $\mathcal{D} \setminus \mathcal{B}^{2\alpha} \subset P^\alpha$.*

Almost, but not quite converses.

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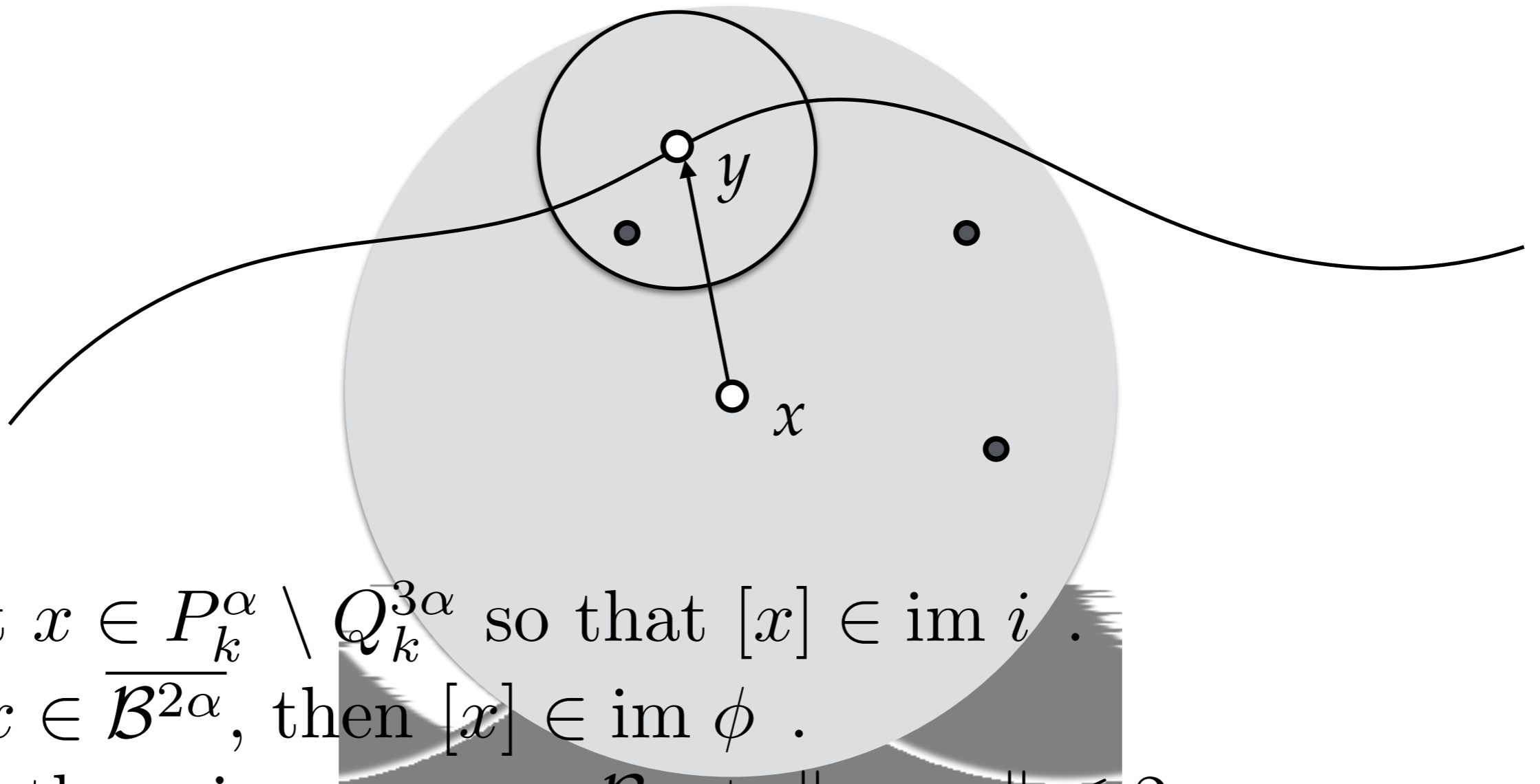
Use TCC to certify coverage assuming the number of connected components is known.

Then compute the higher Betti numbers by looking at the persistent homology of subsamples.

Throw out points too close to the boundary.

k-Coverage

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