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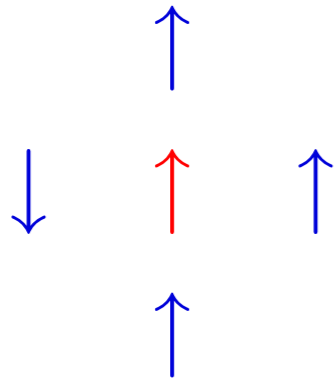
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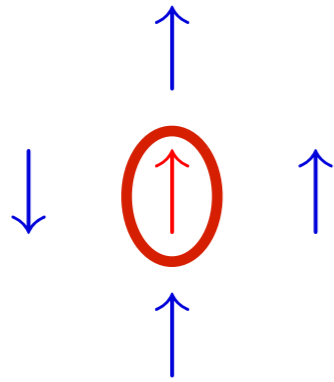
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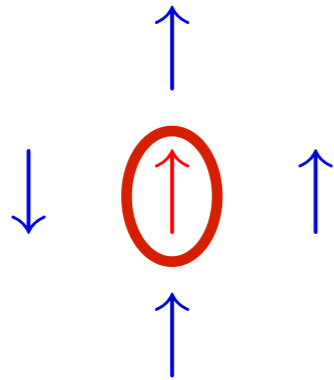
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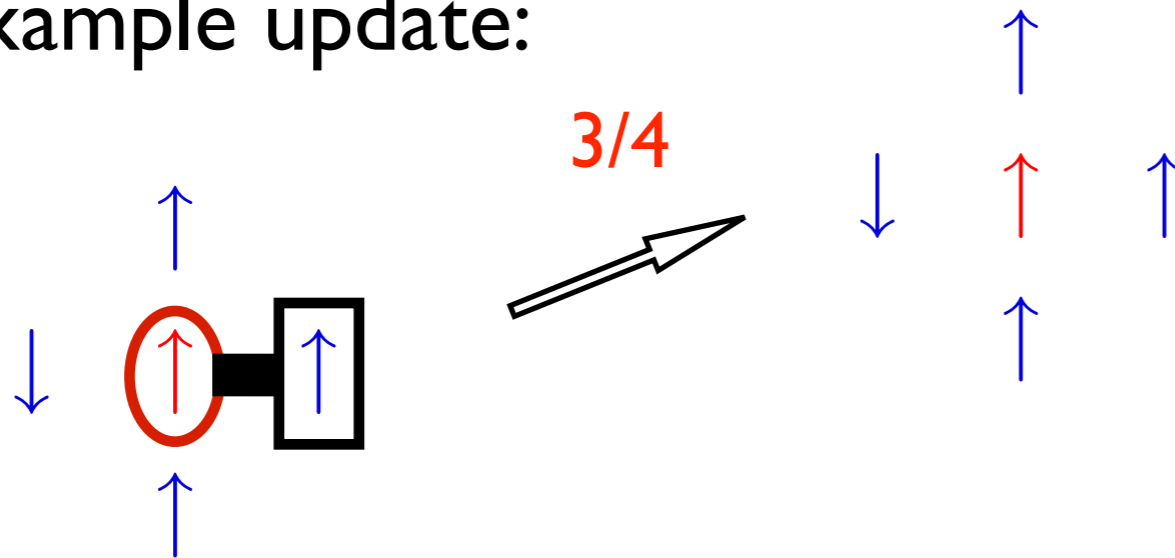
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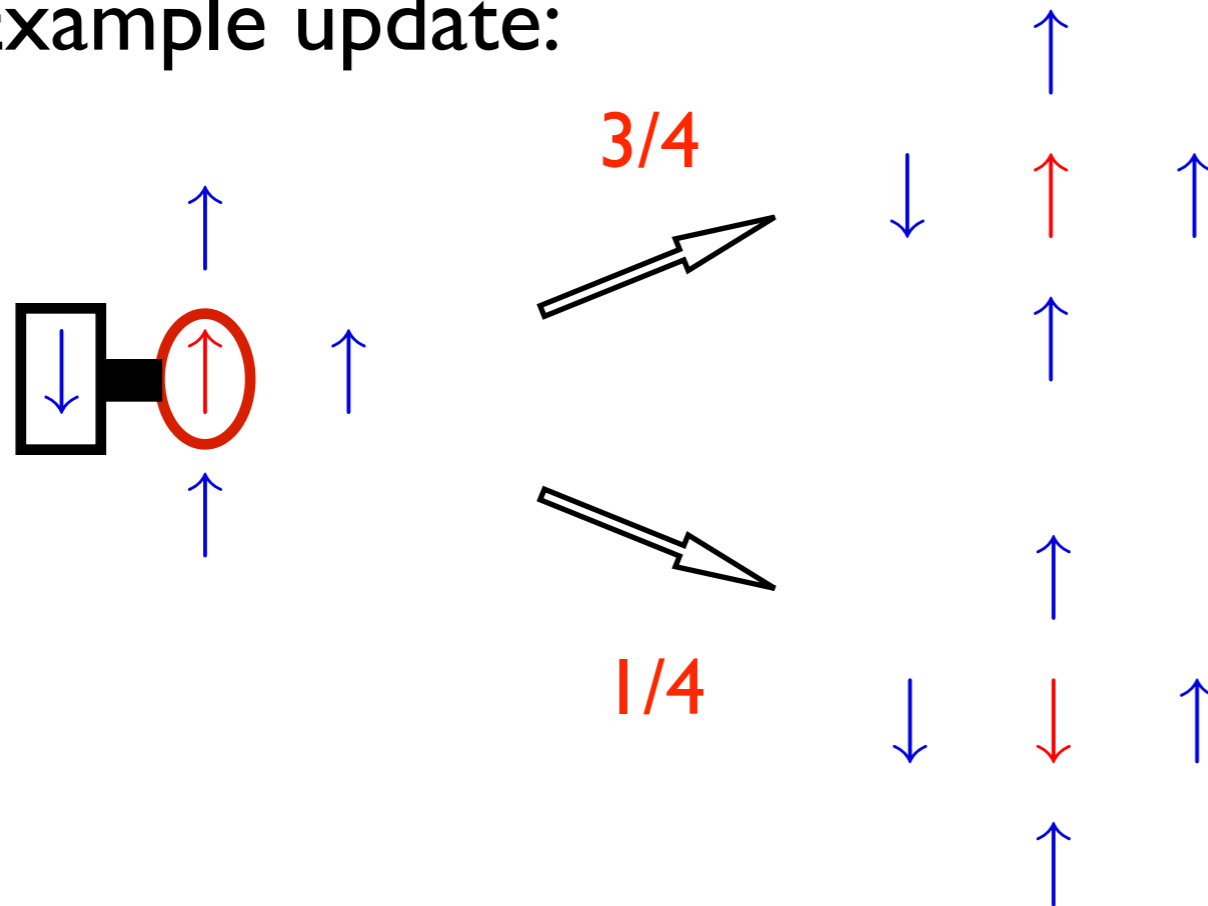
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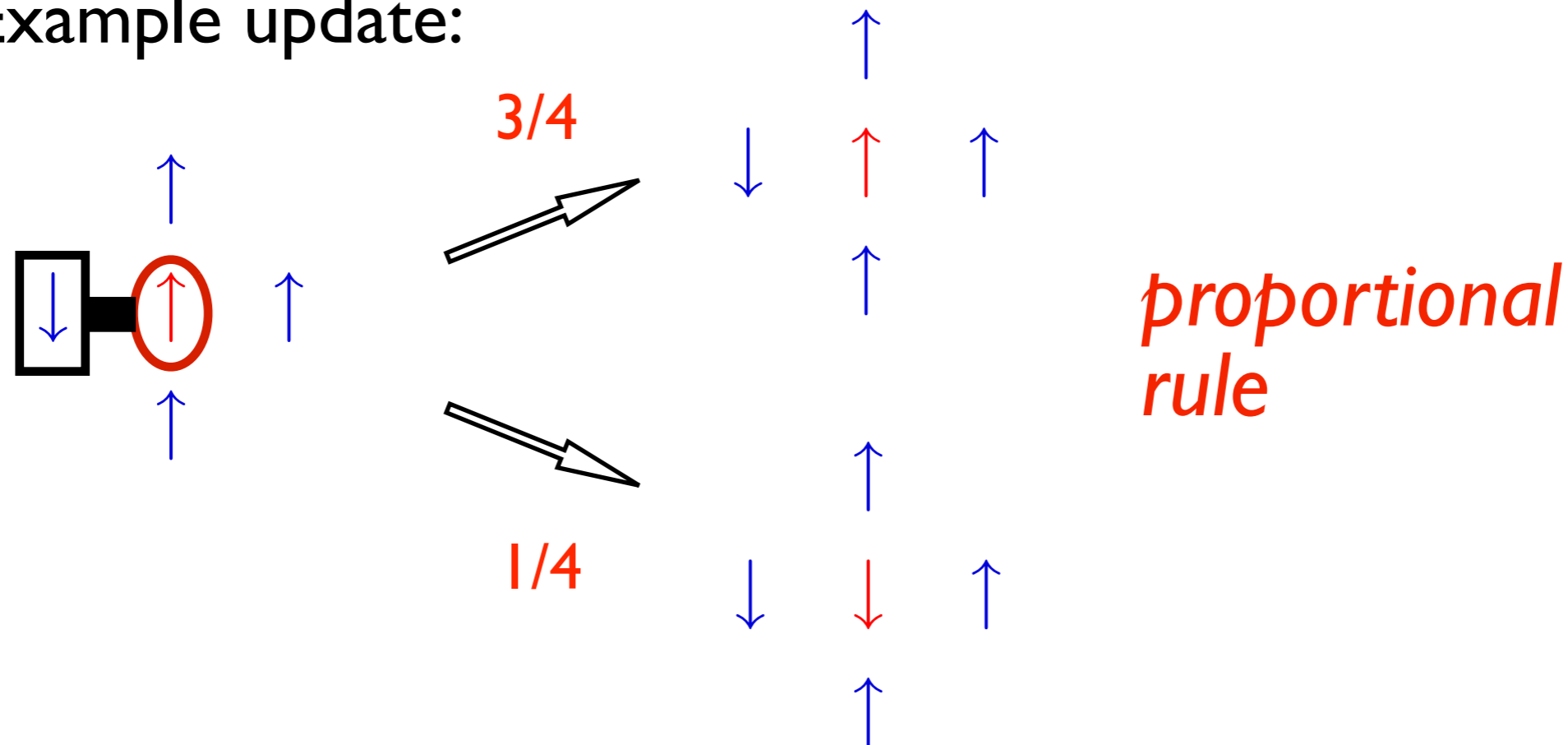
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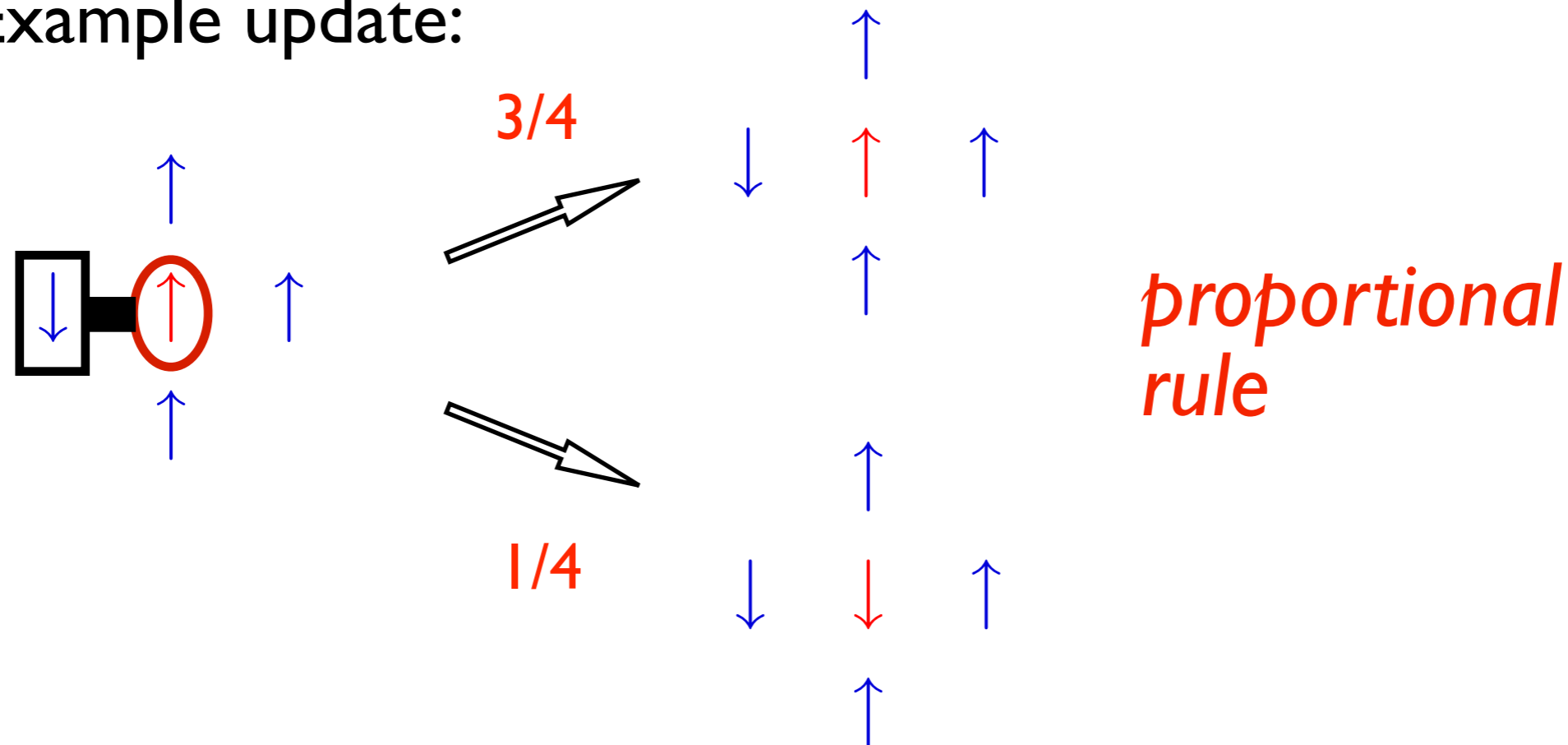
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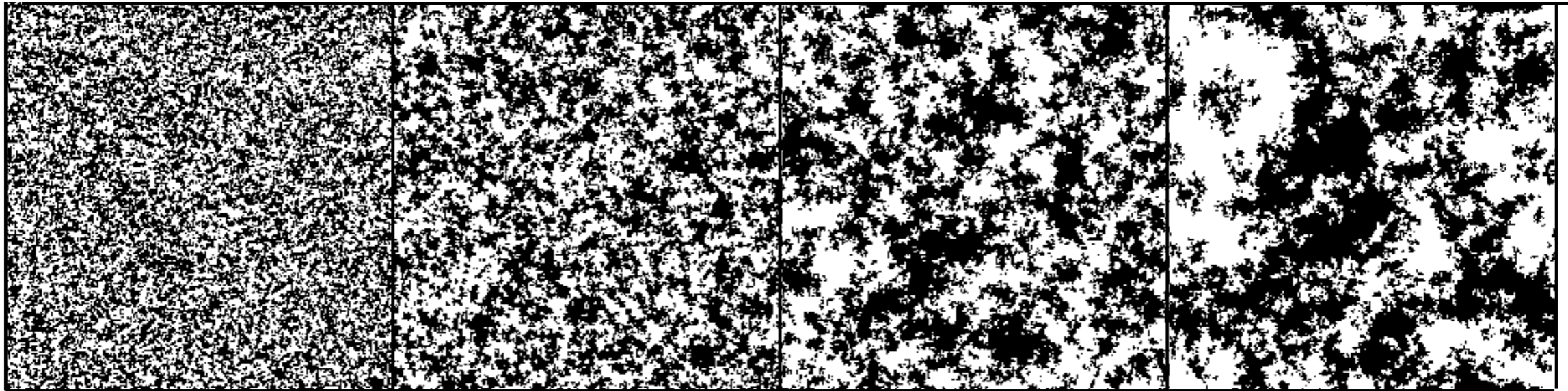


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Dornic et al. (2001)

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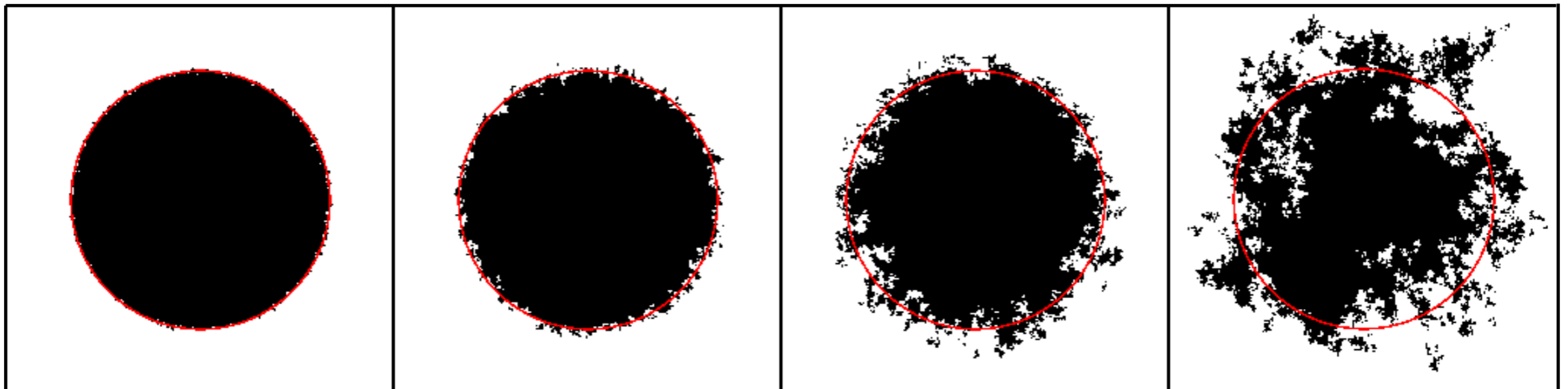
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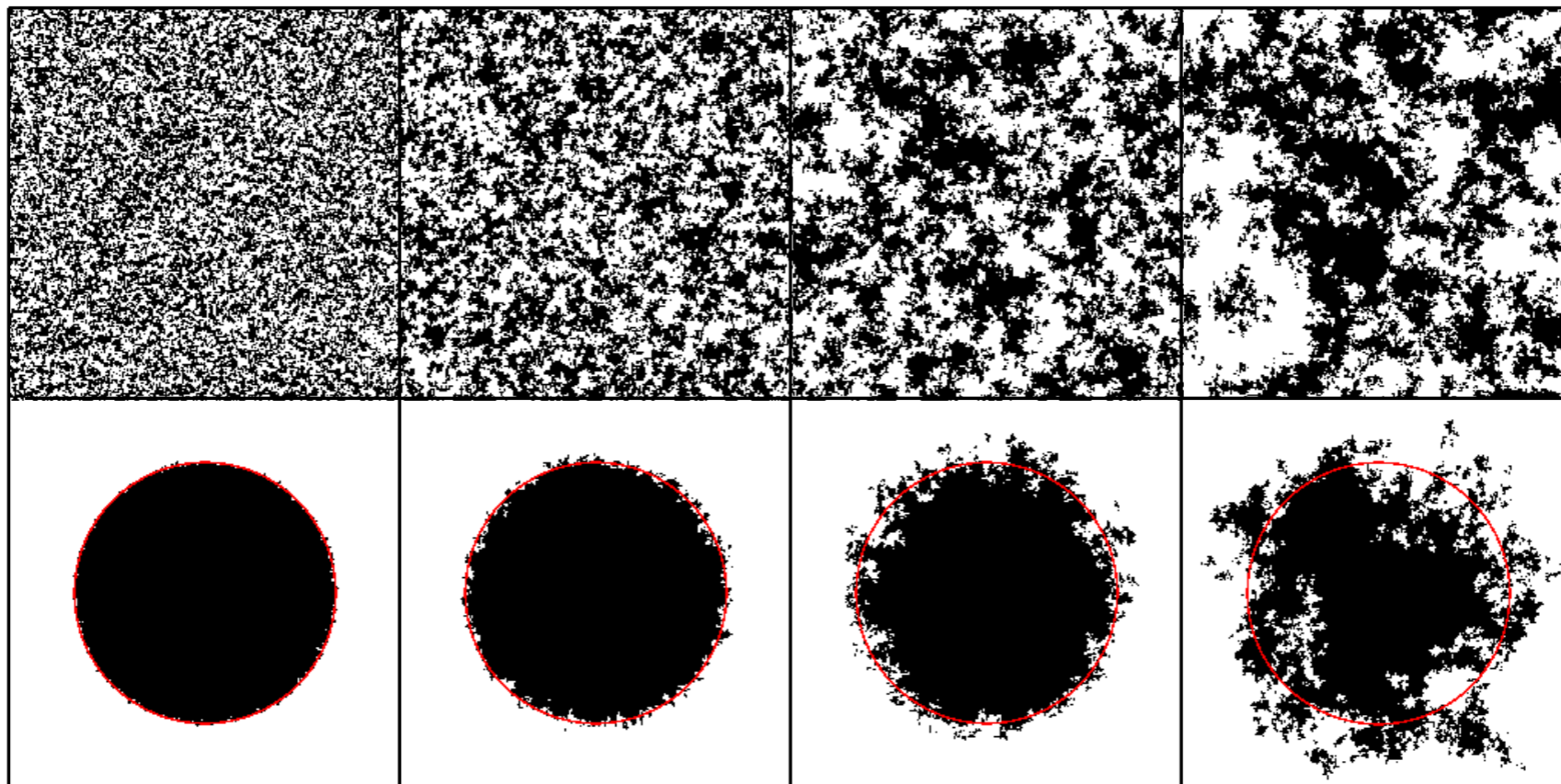
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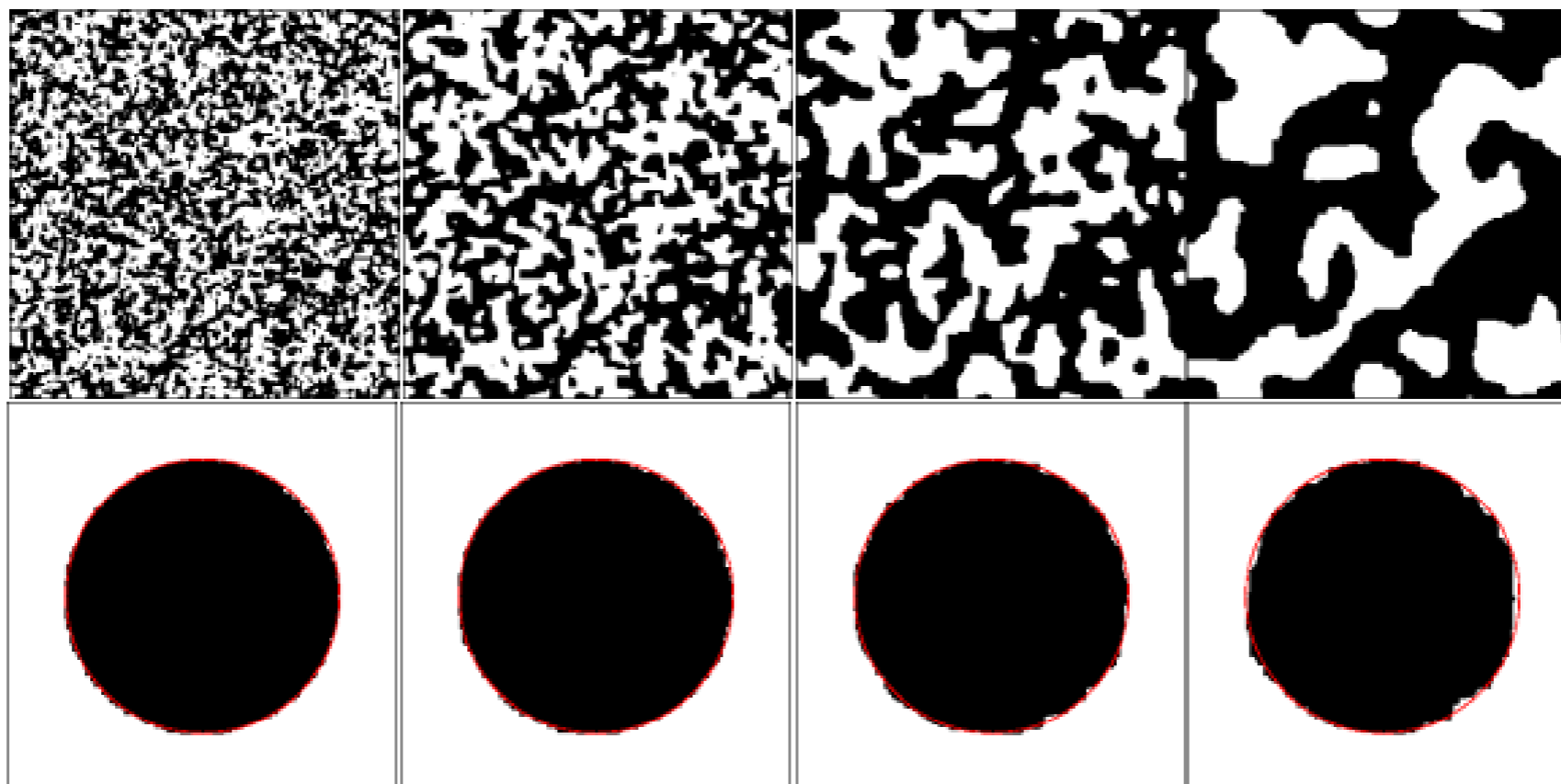
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# Voter versus Ising Evolution



Voter



Ising

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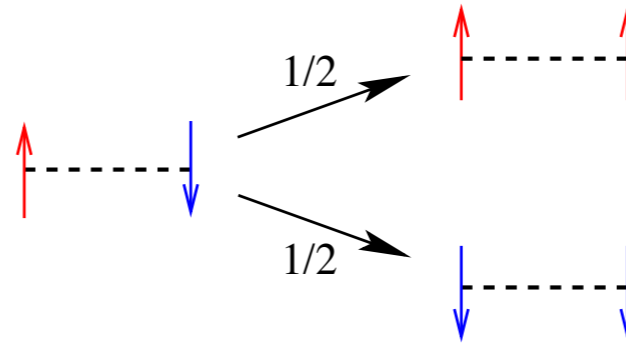
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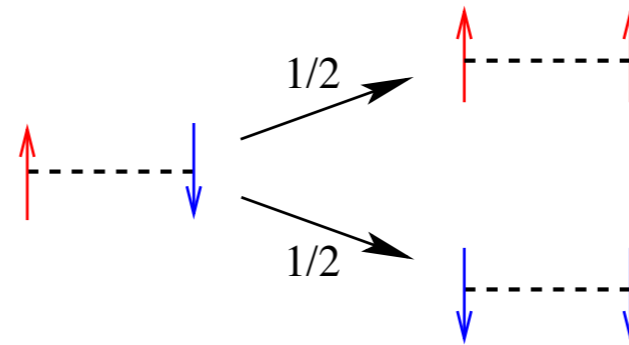


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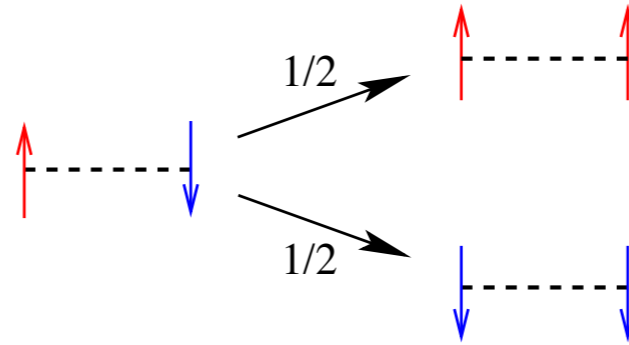


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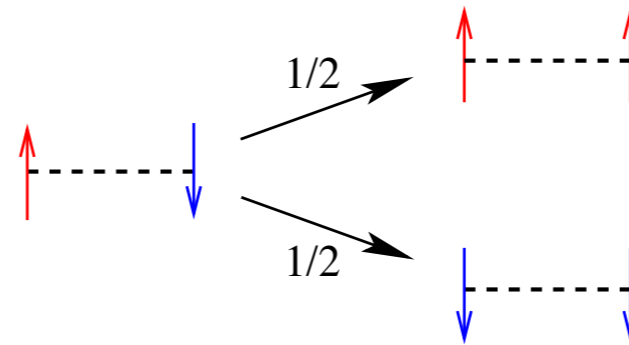
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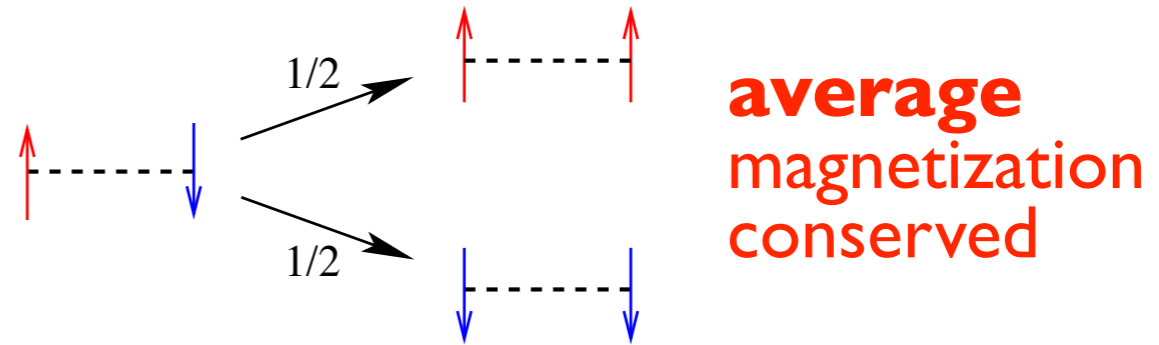
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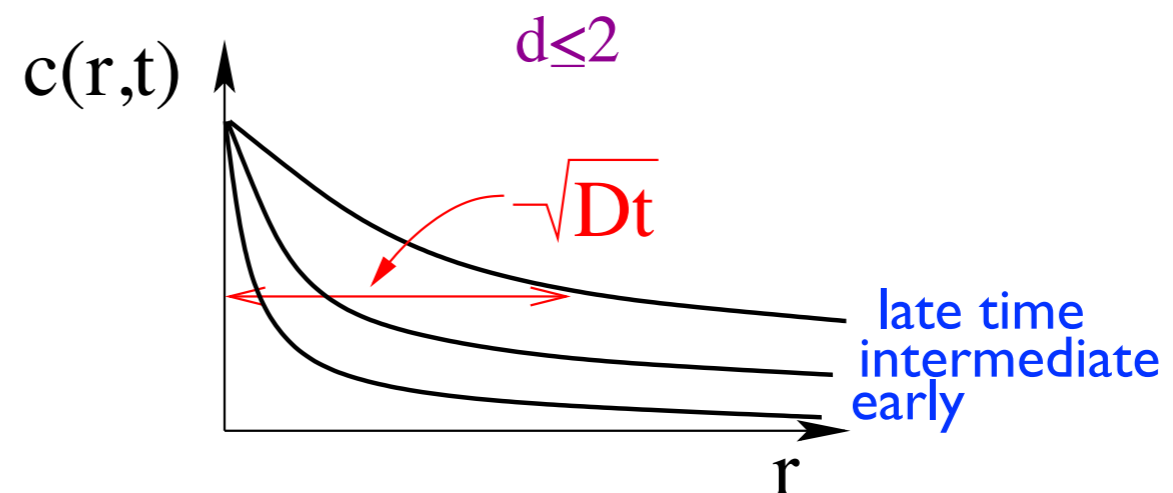
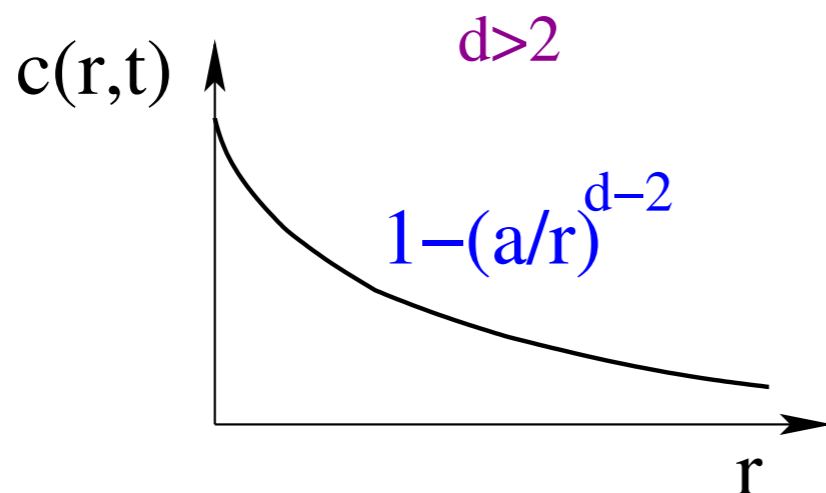


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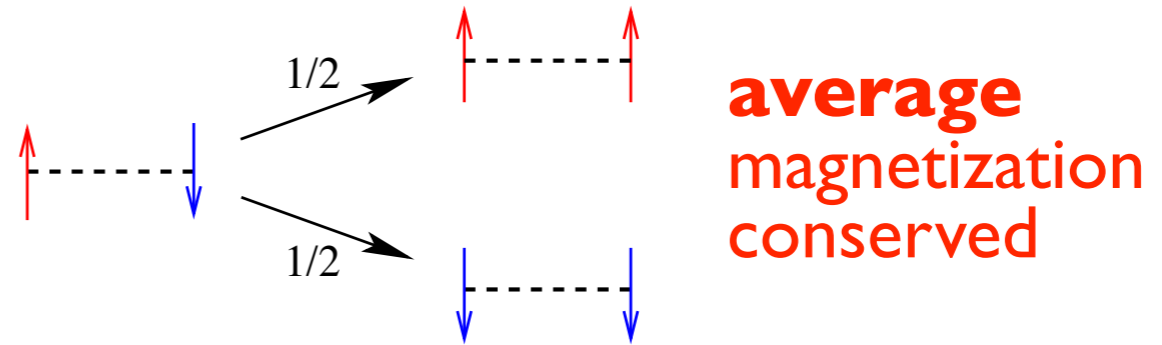
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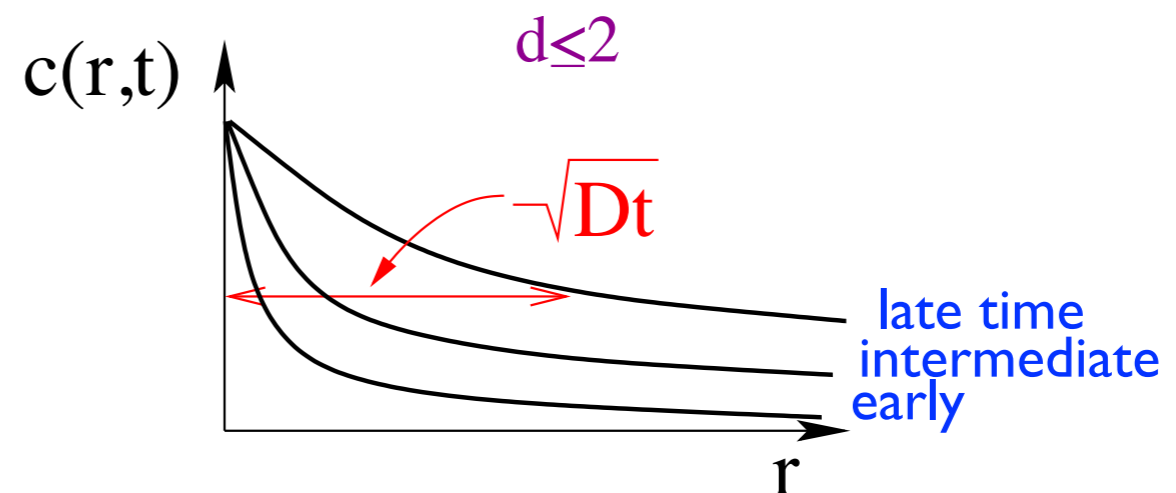
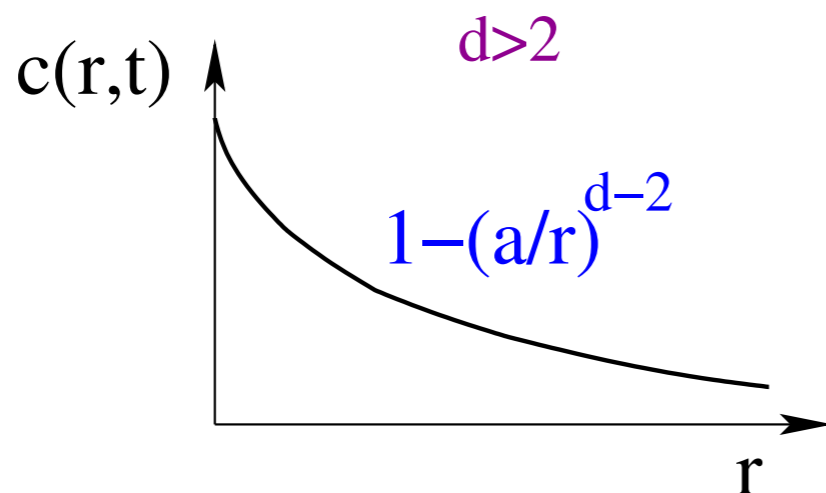


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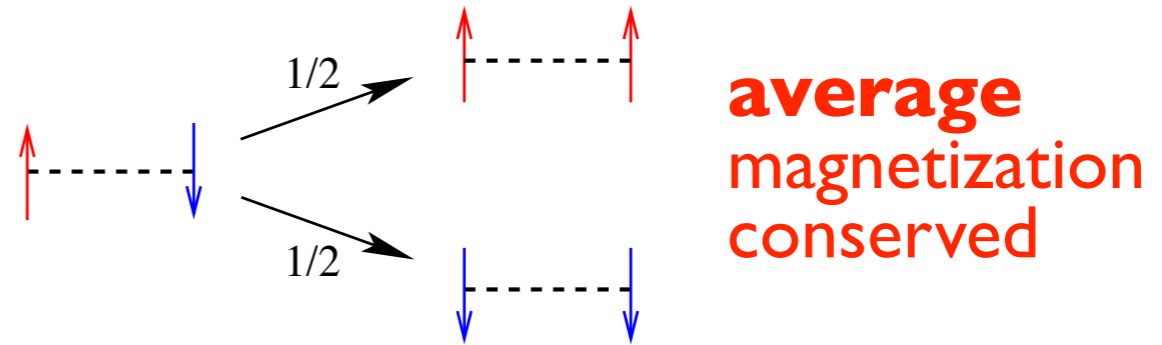


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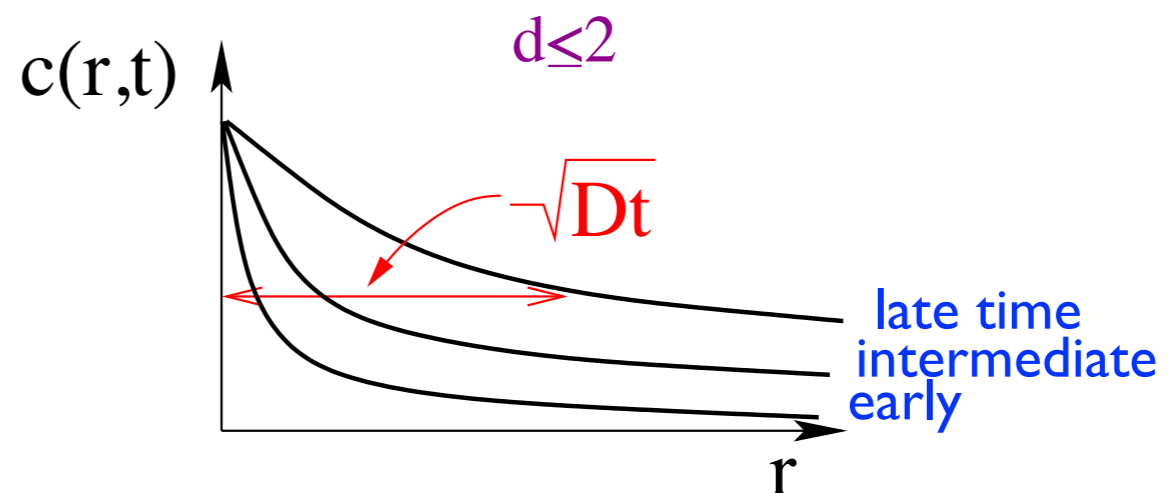
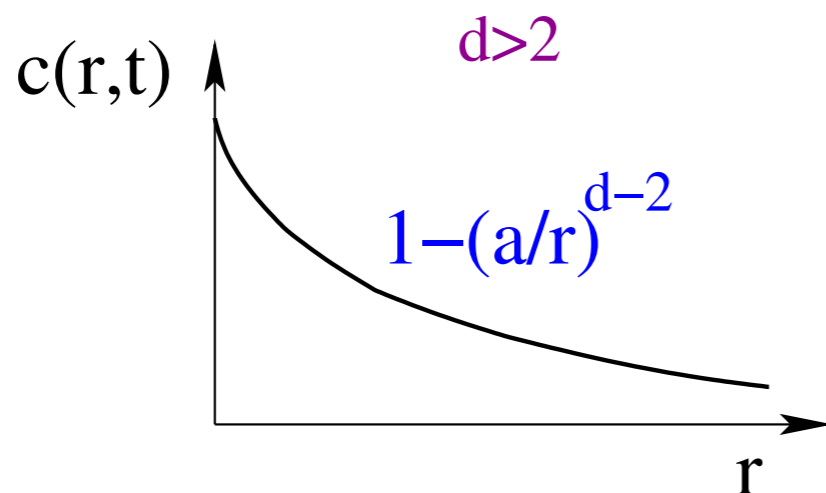
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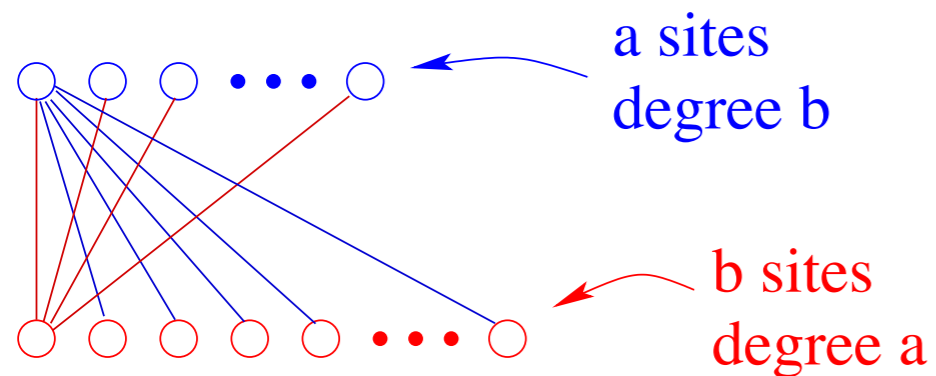
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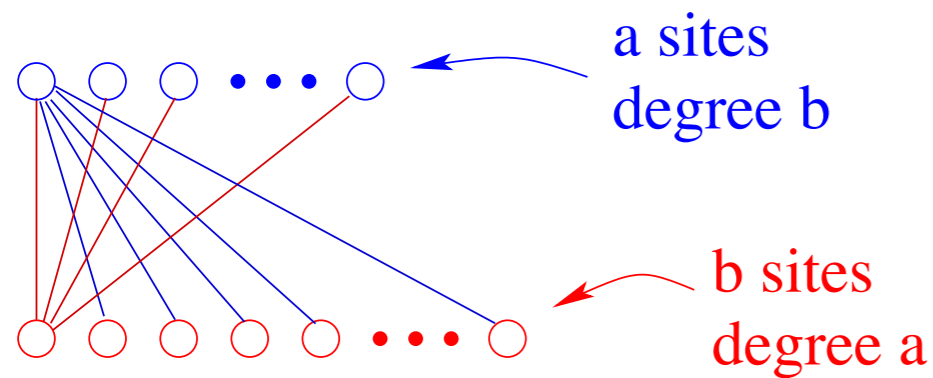
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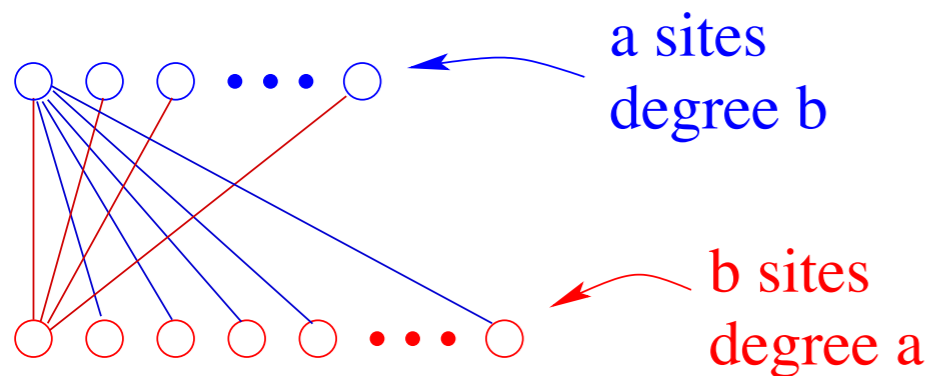
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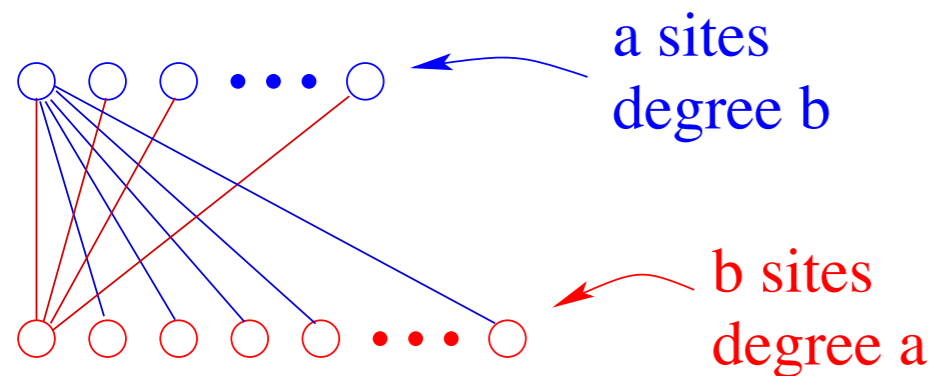
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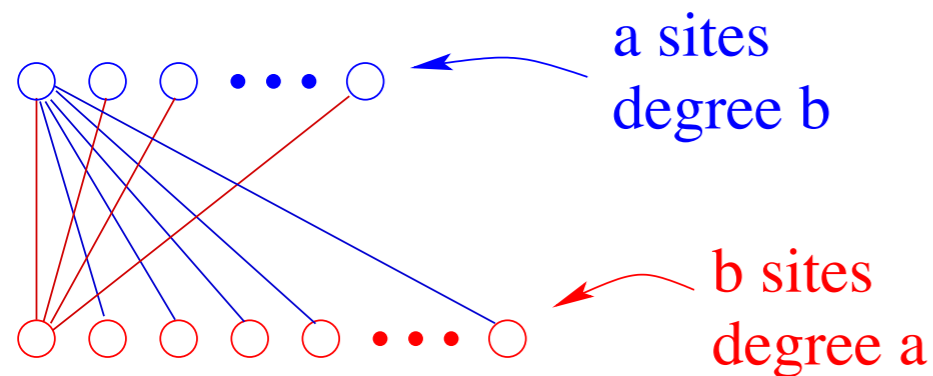
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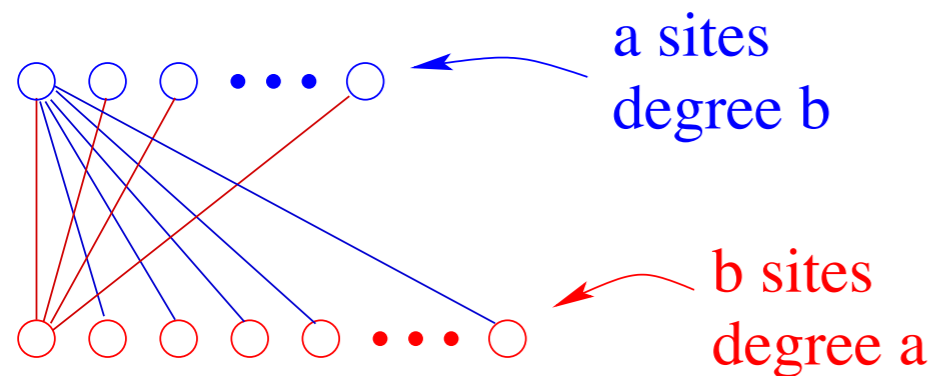
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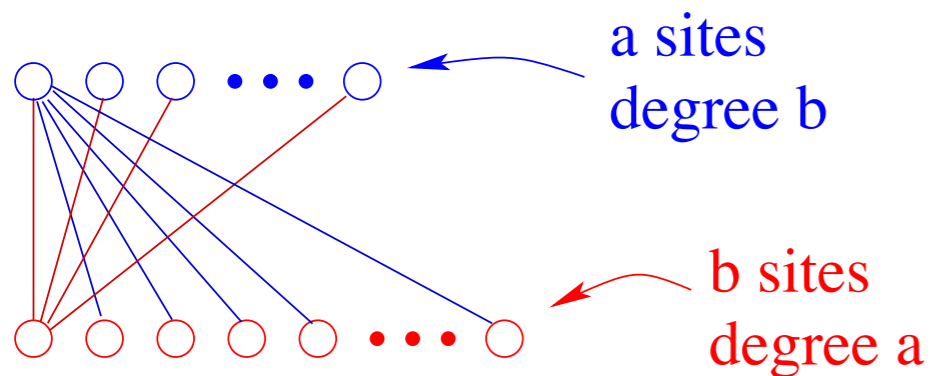
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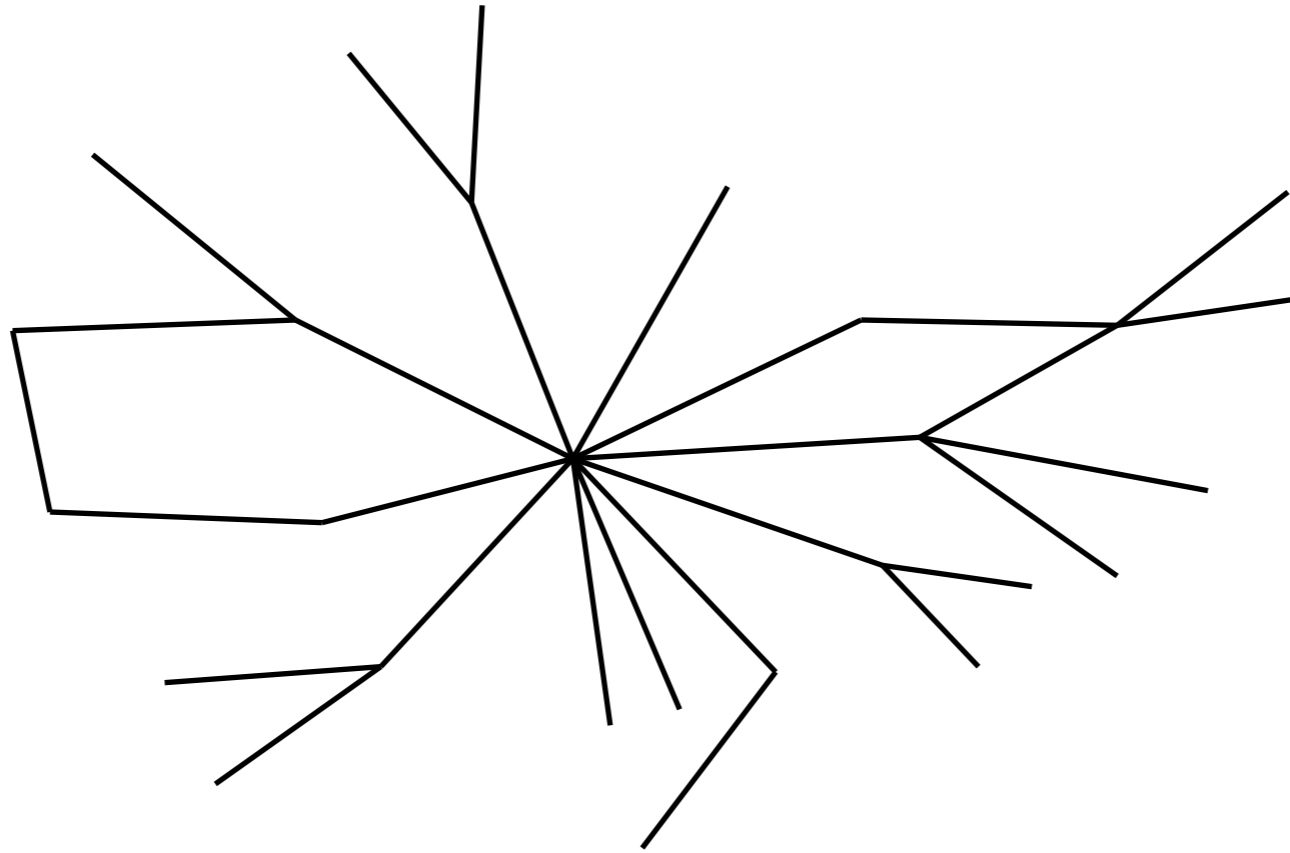
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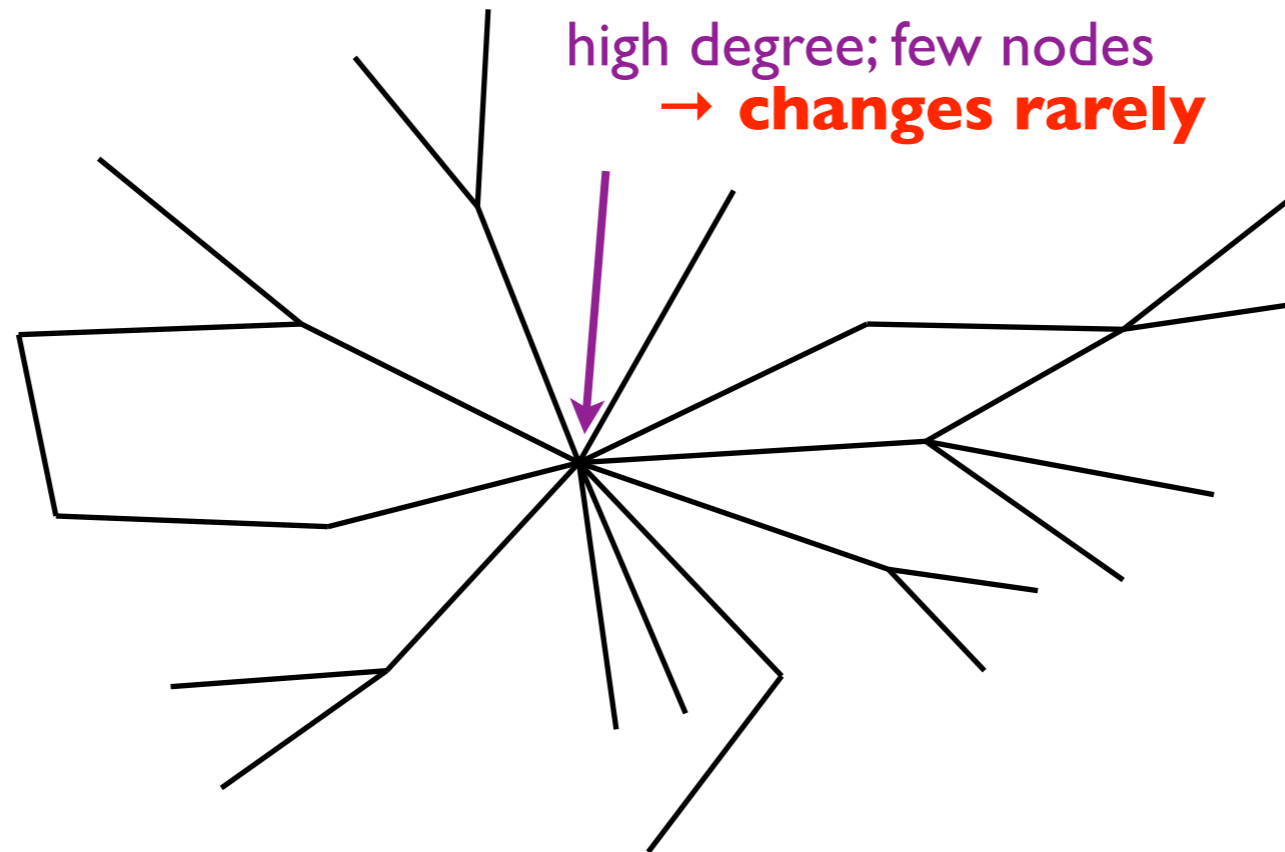
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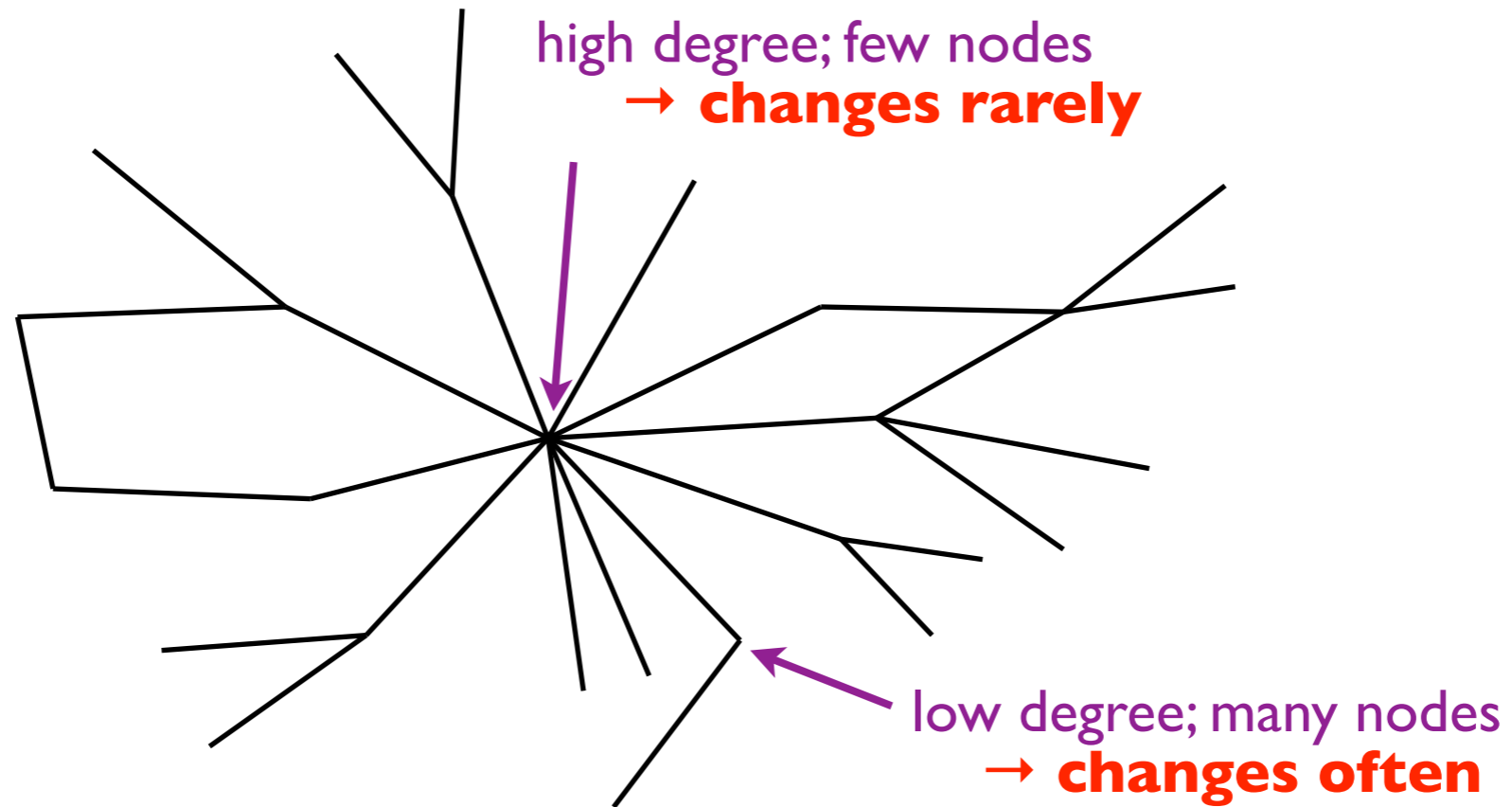
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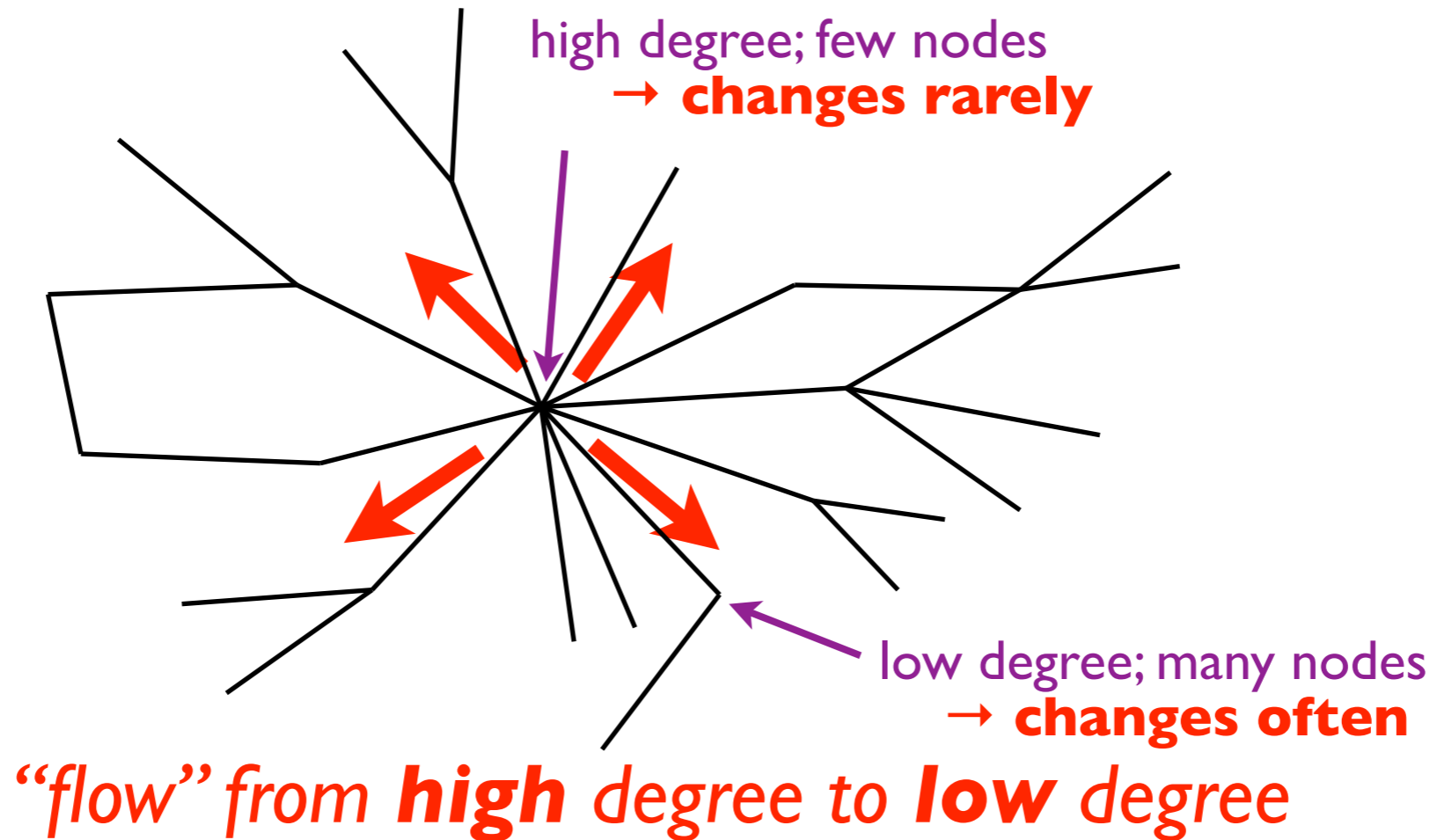
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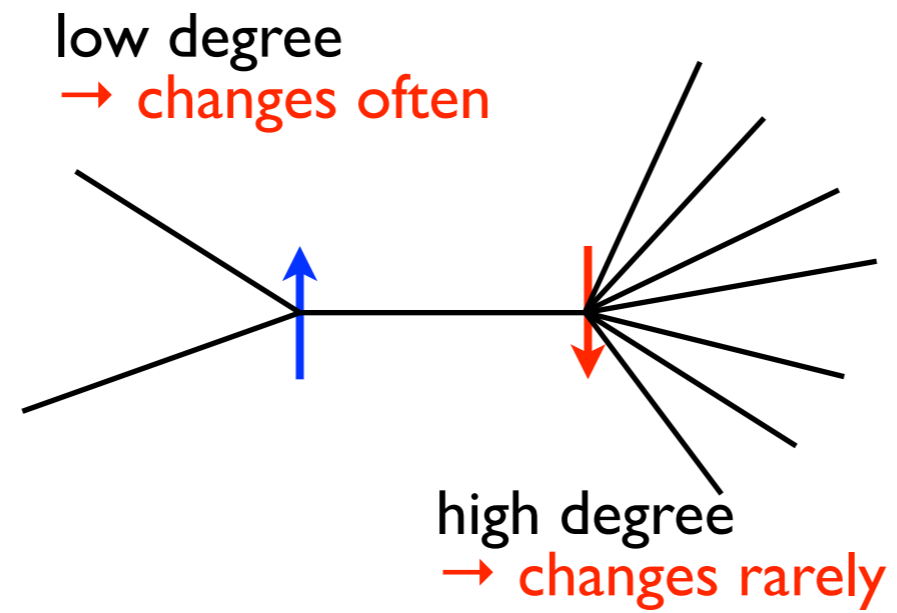


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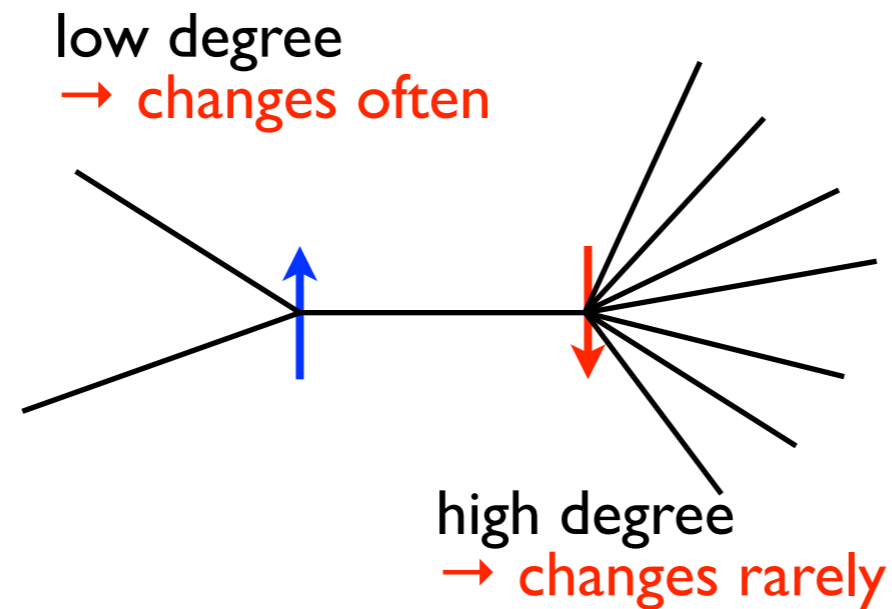
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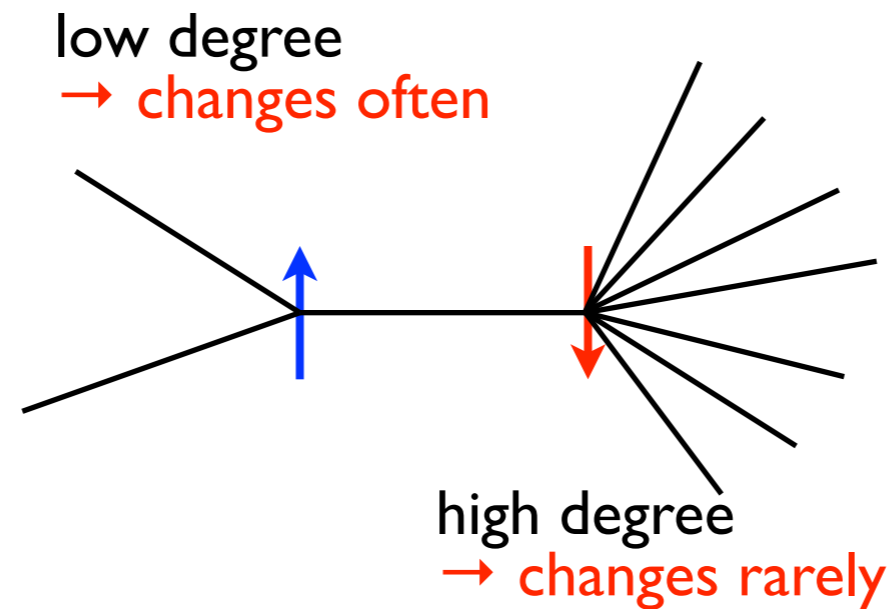
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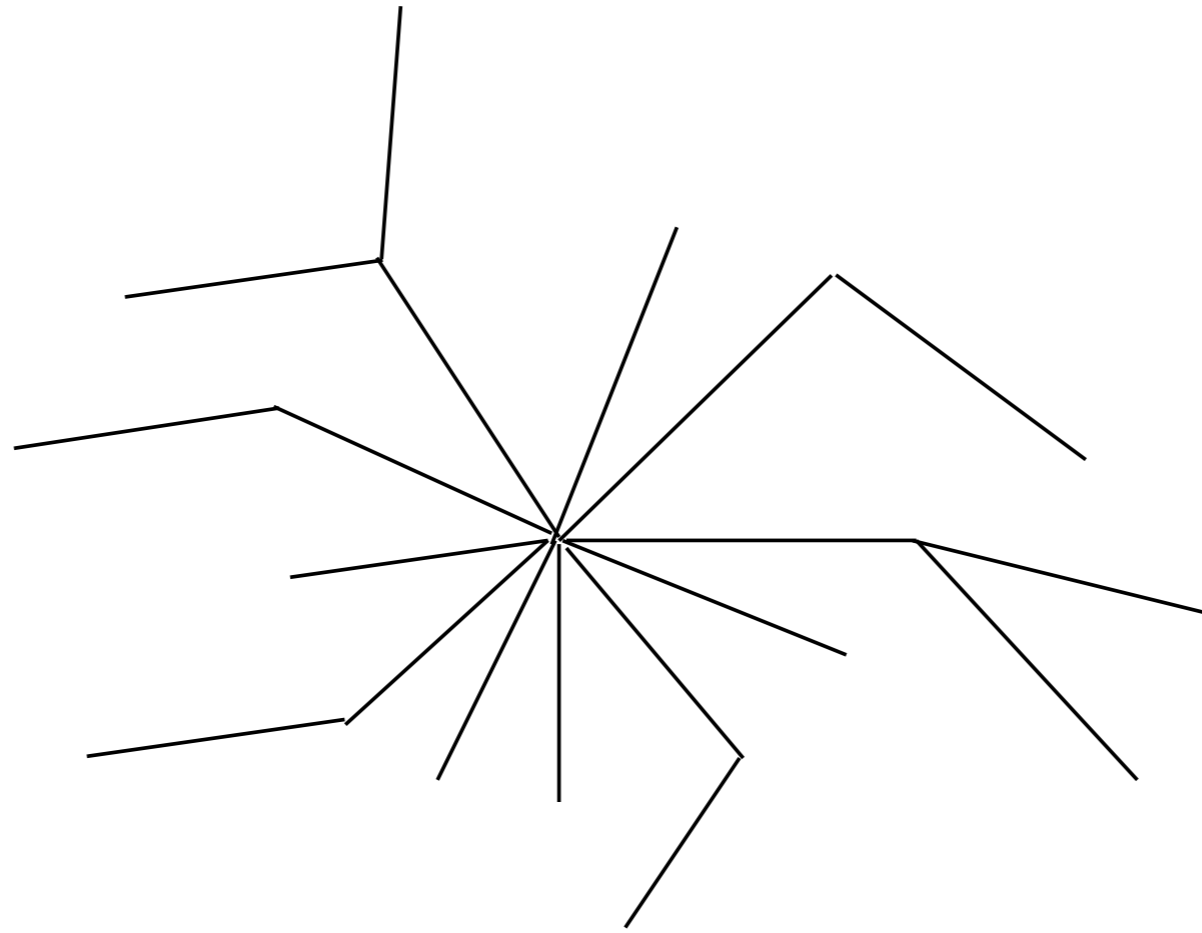
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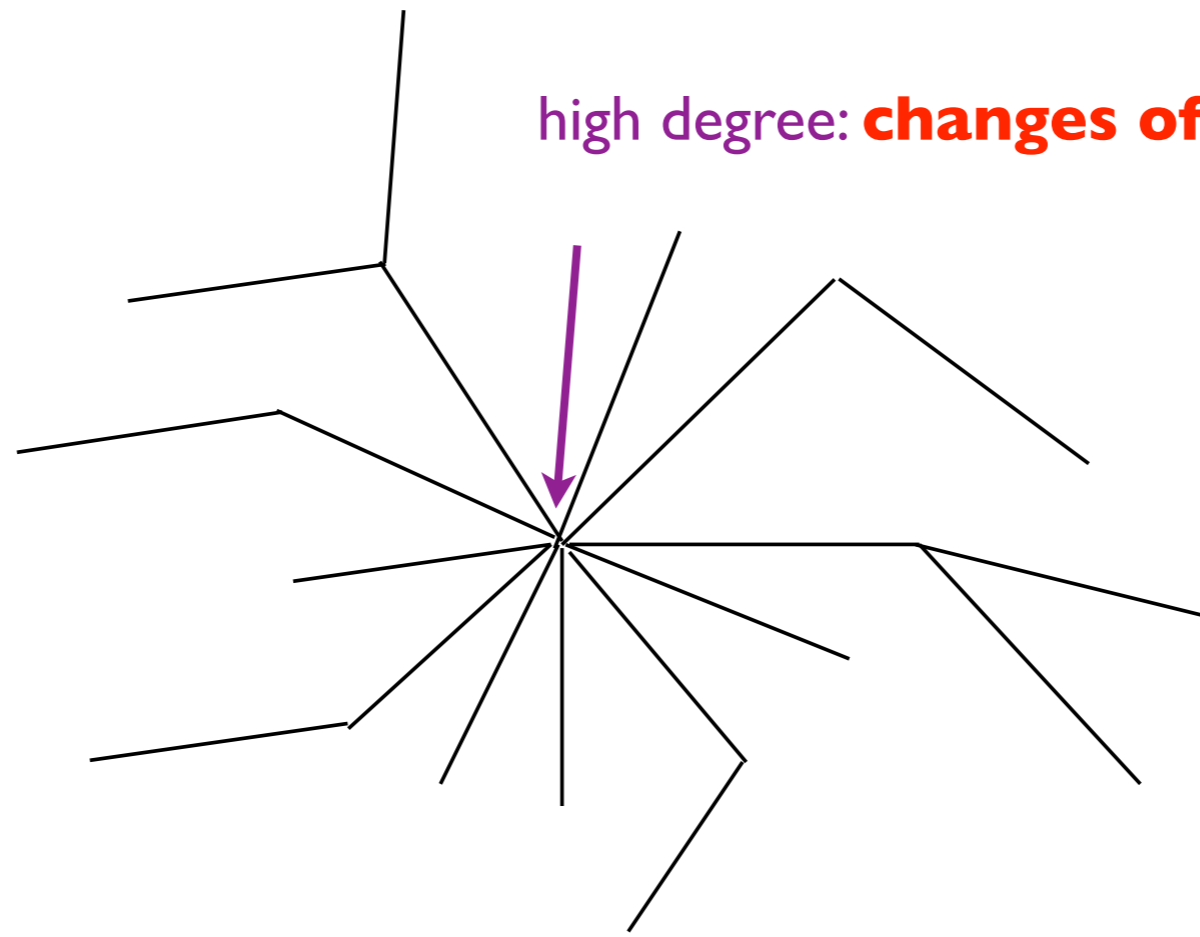
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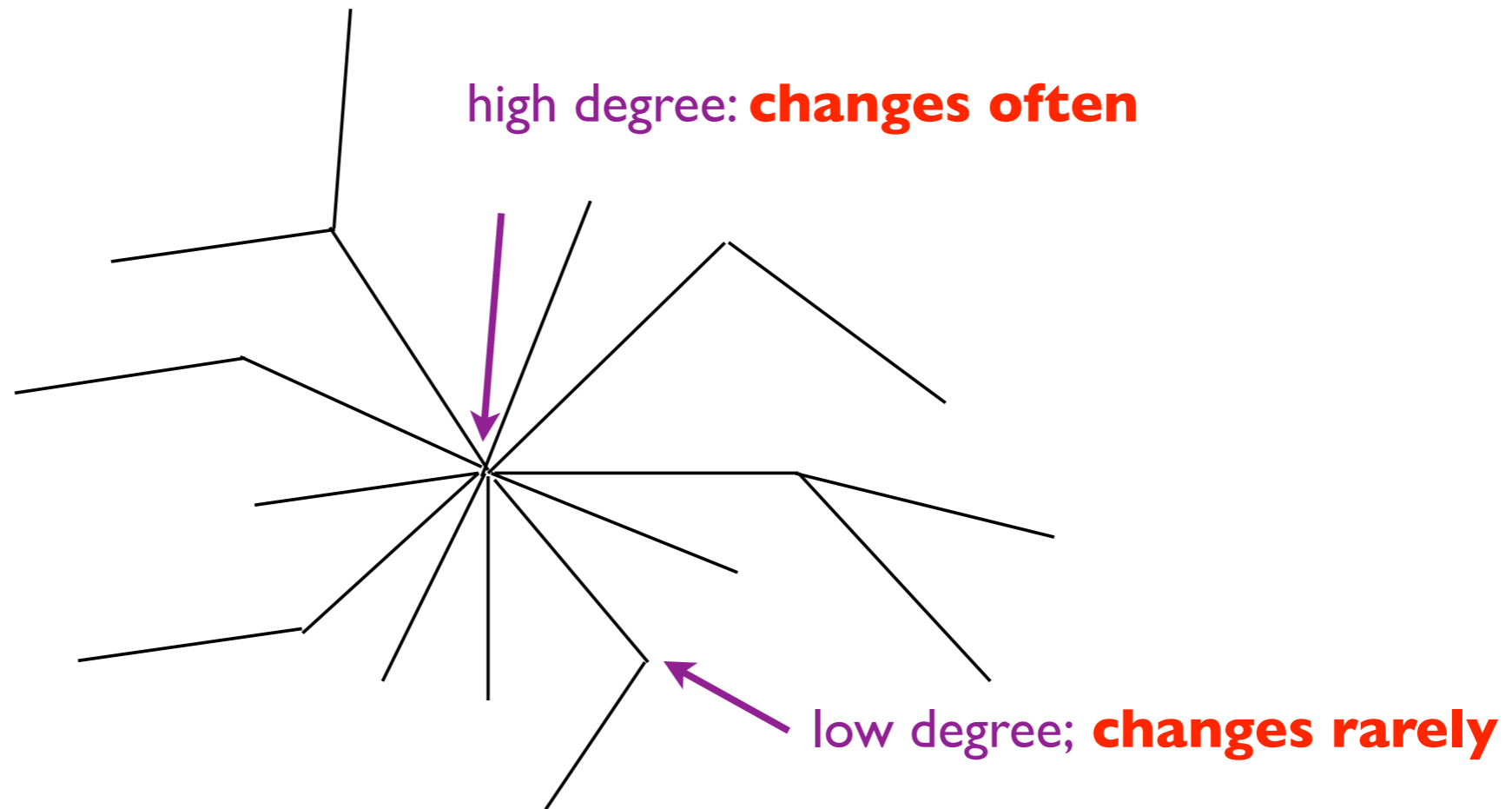
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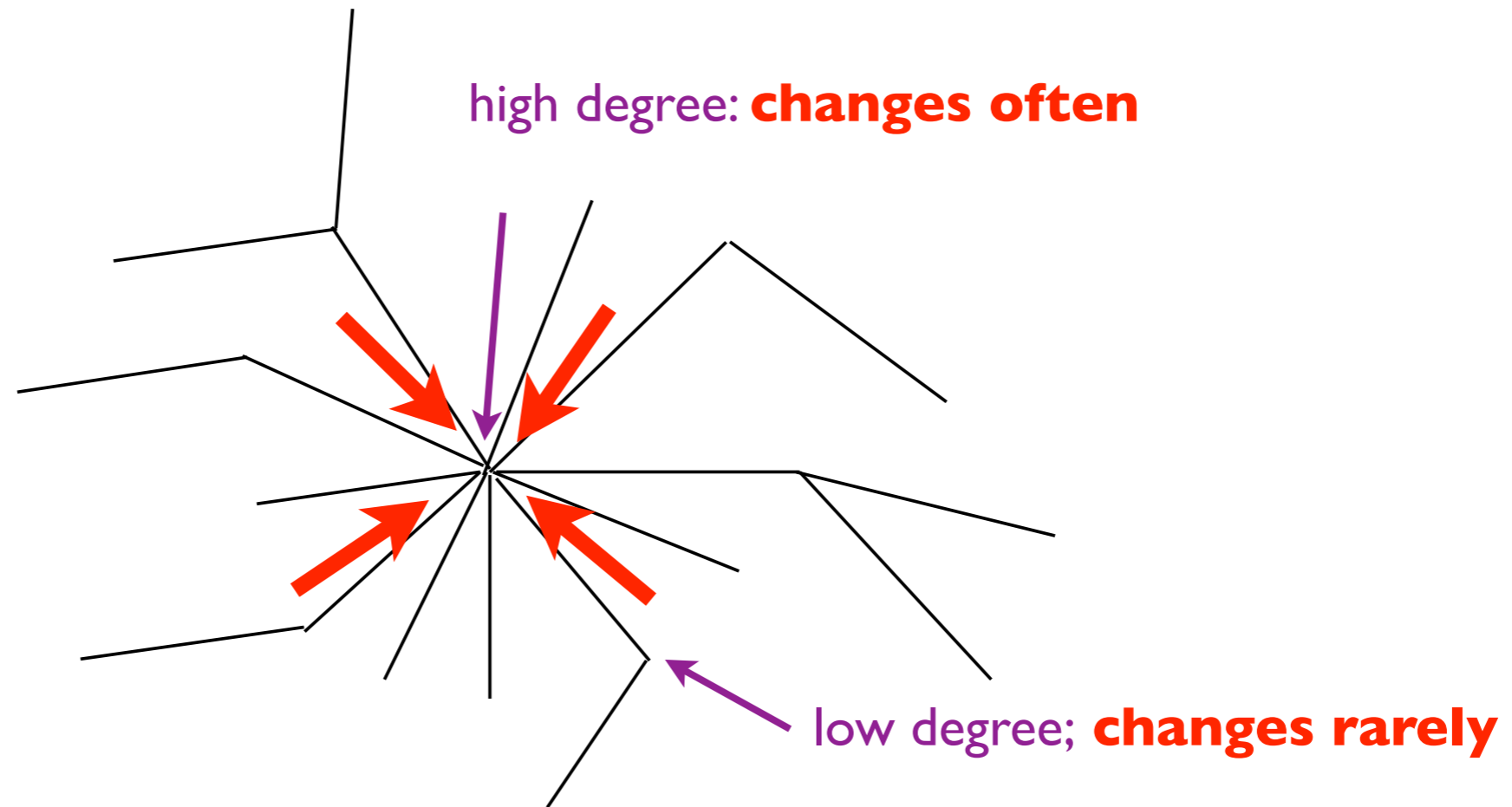
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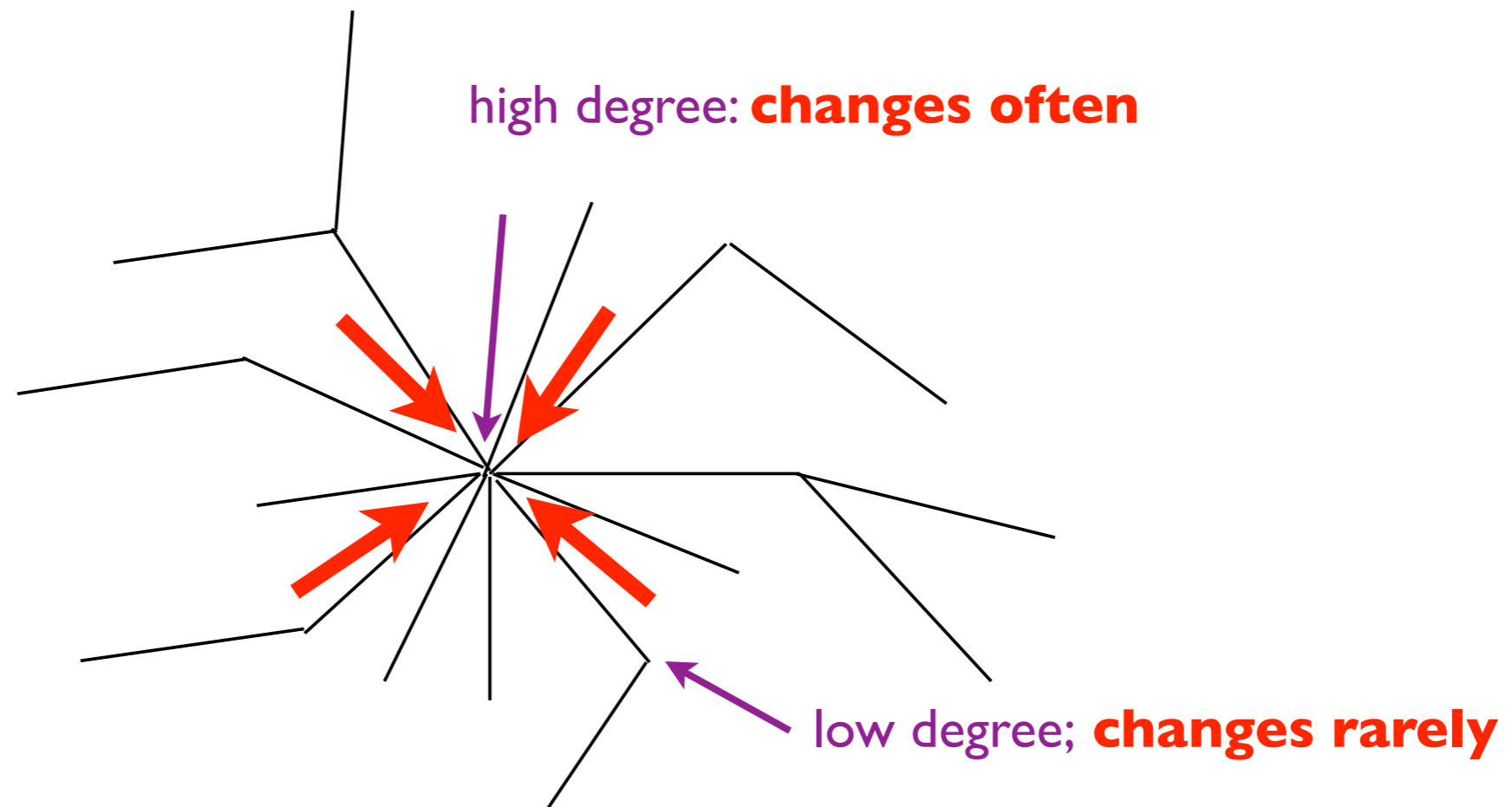
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degree-weighted  
inverse moment

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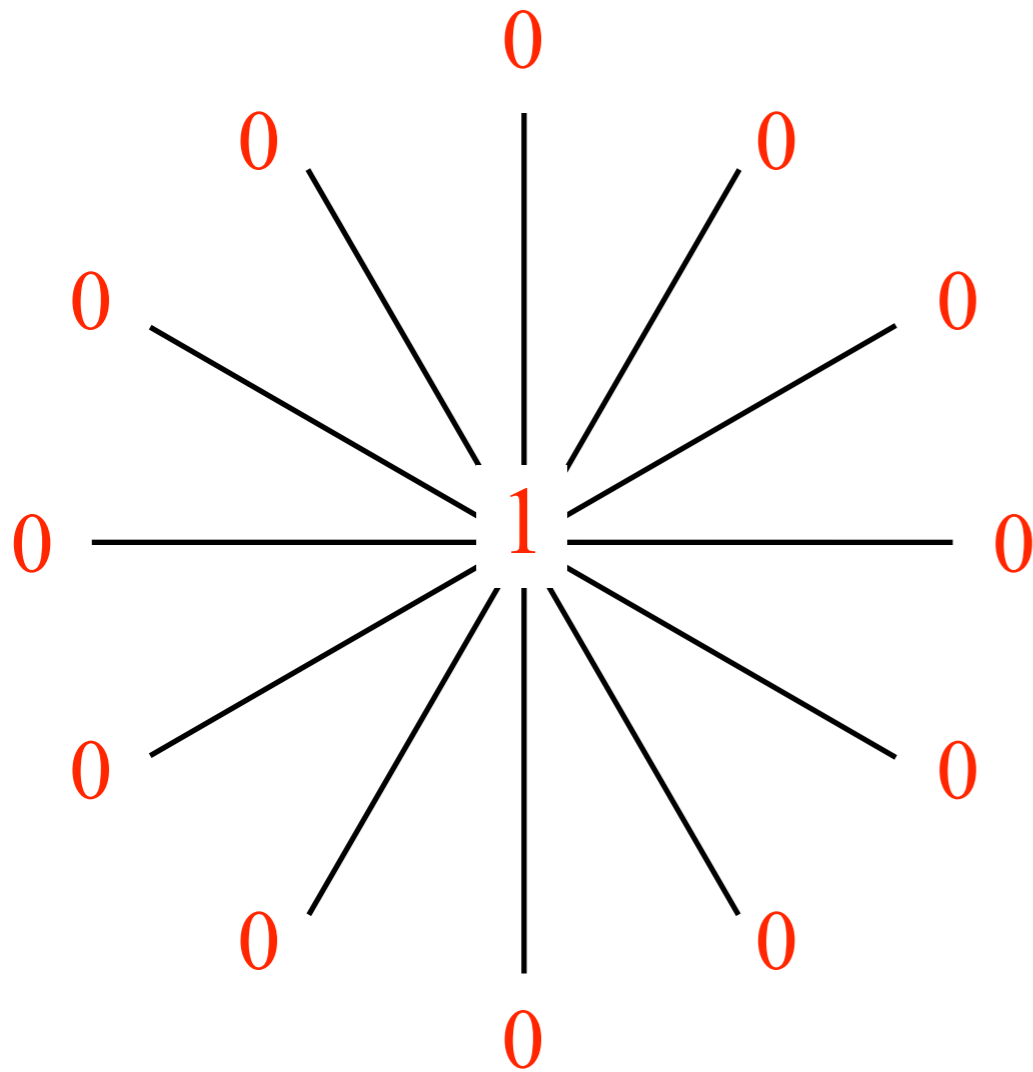
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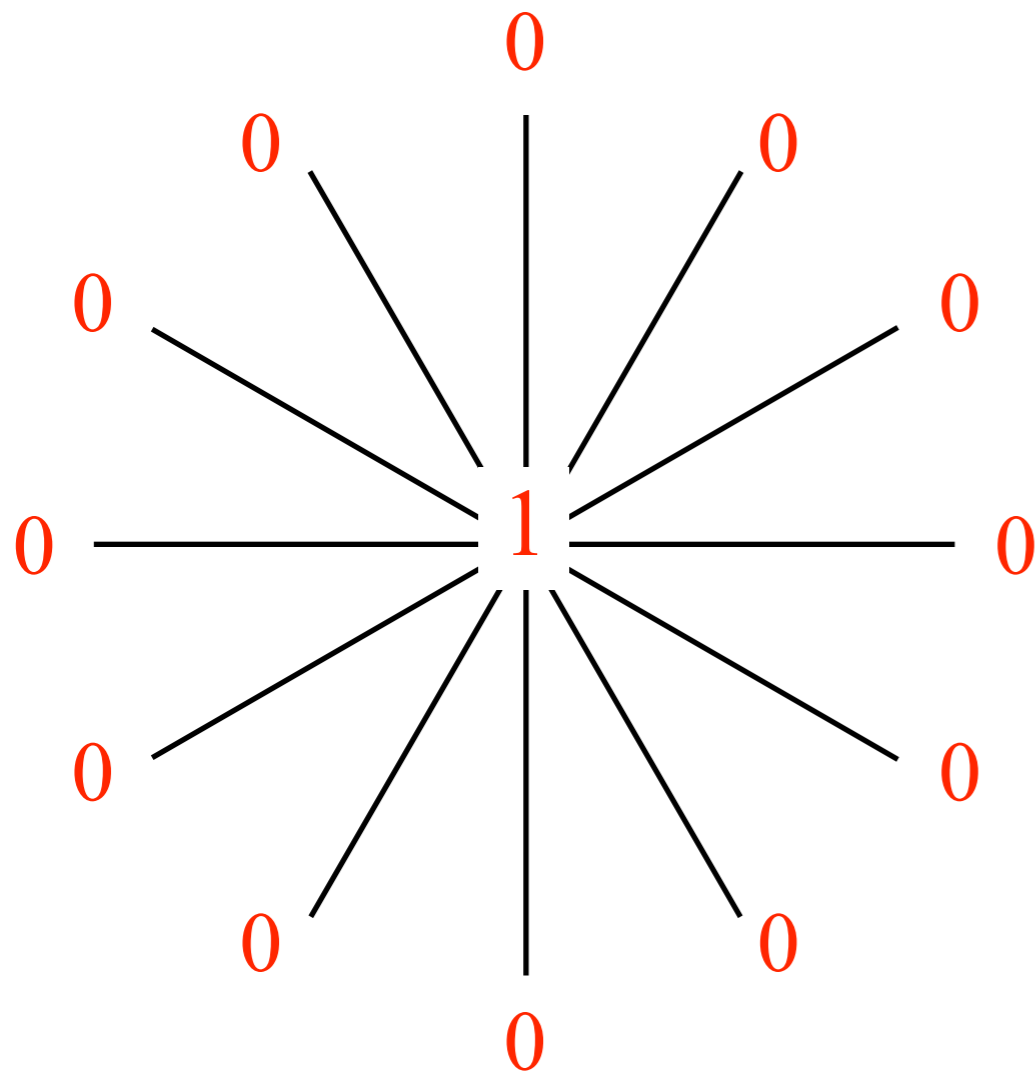


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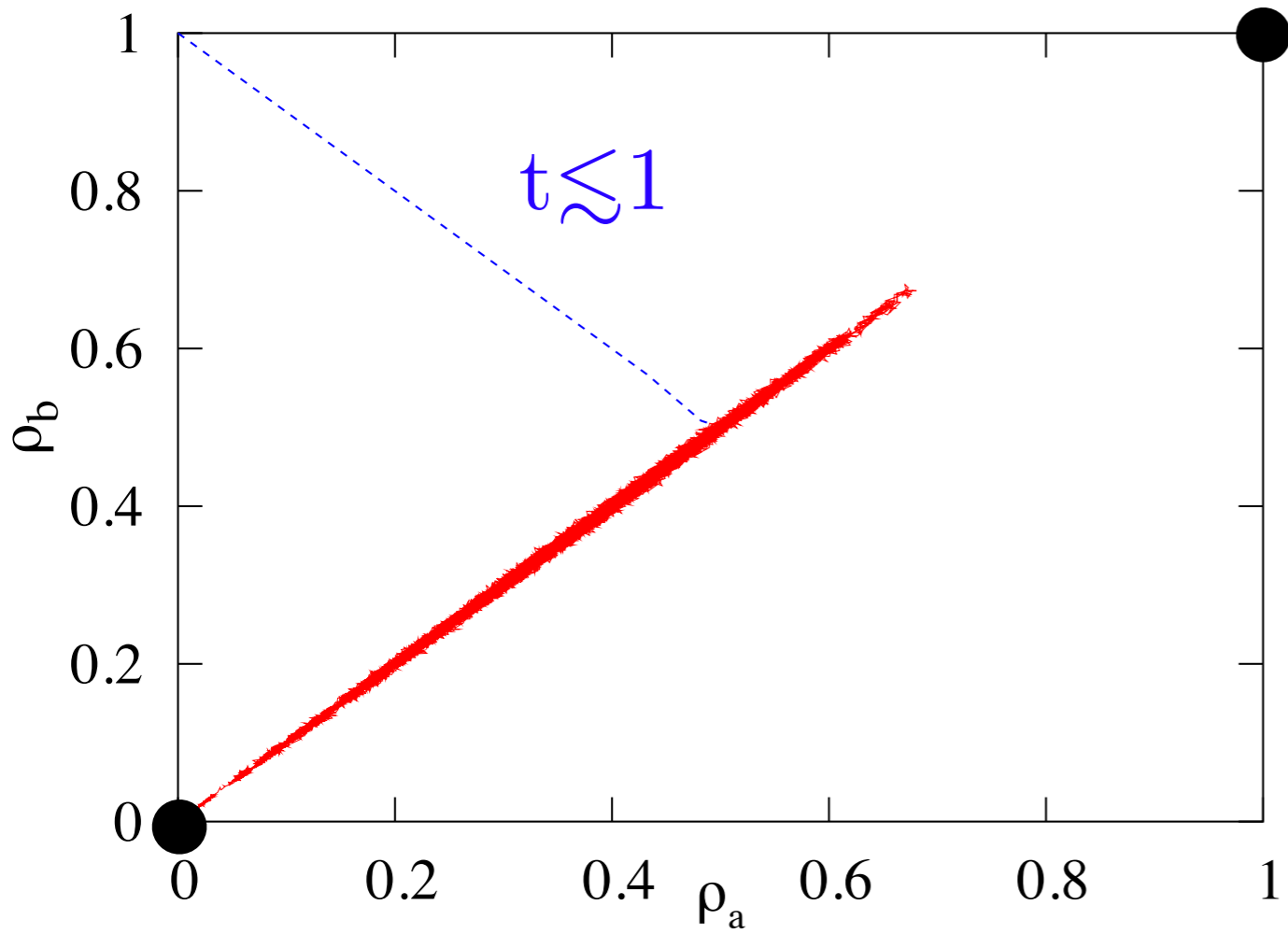


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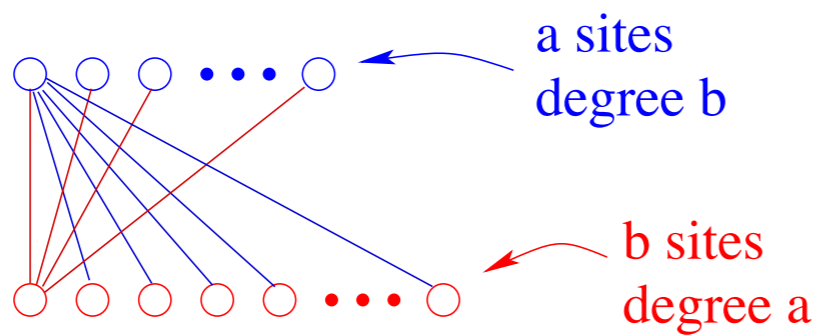
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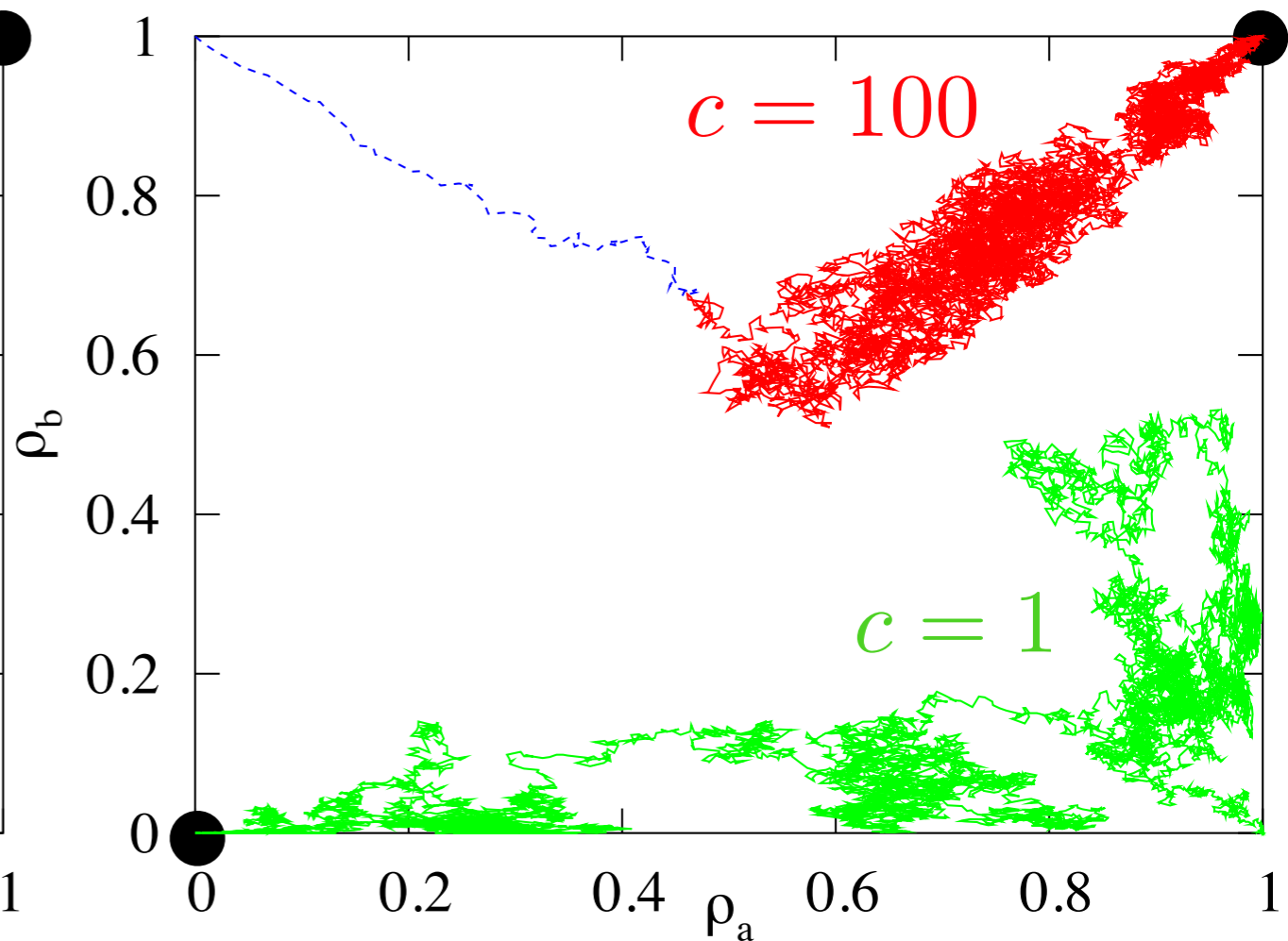
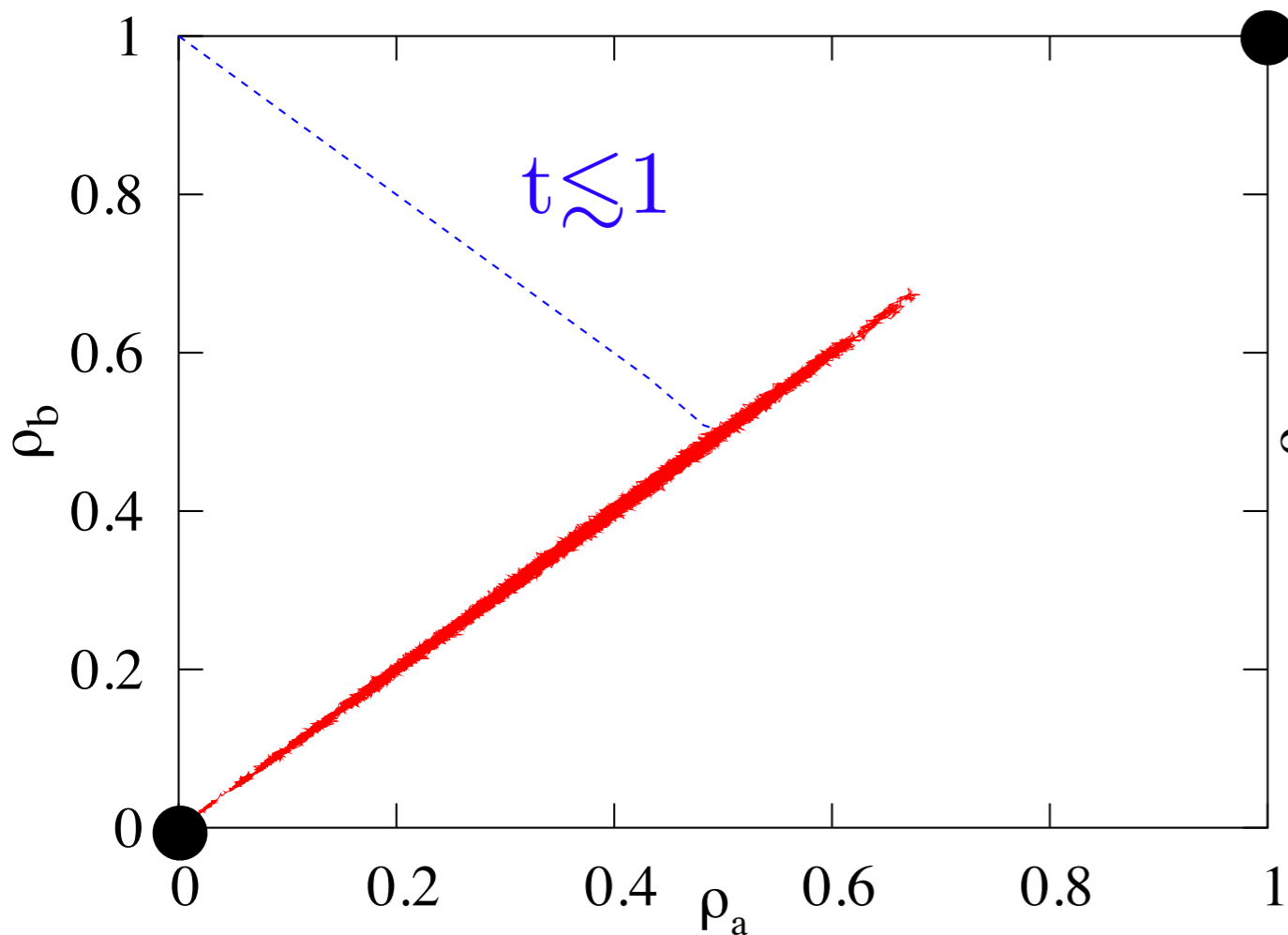
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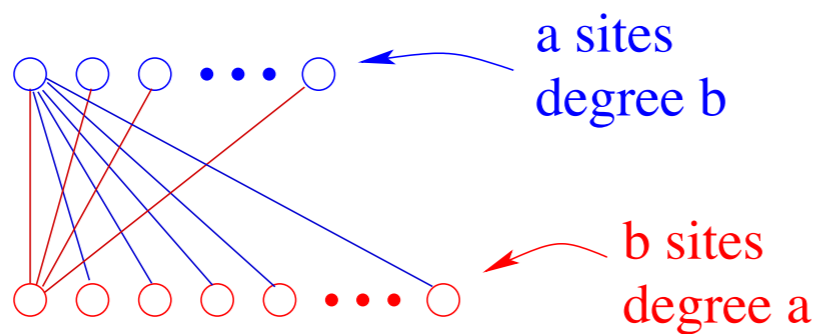
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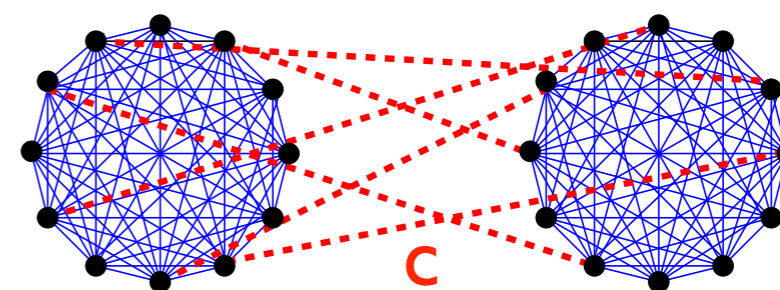
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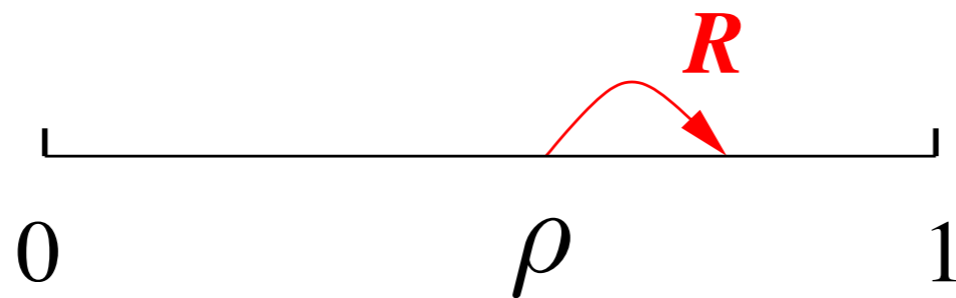
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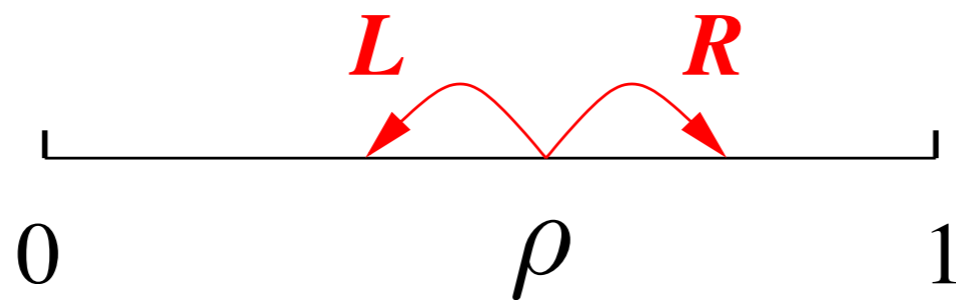
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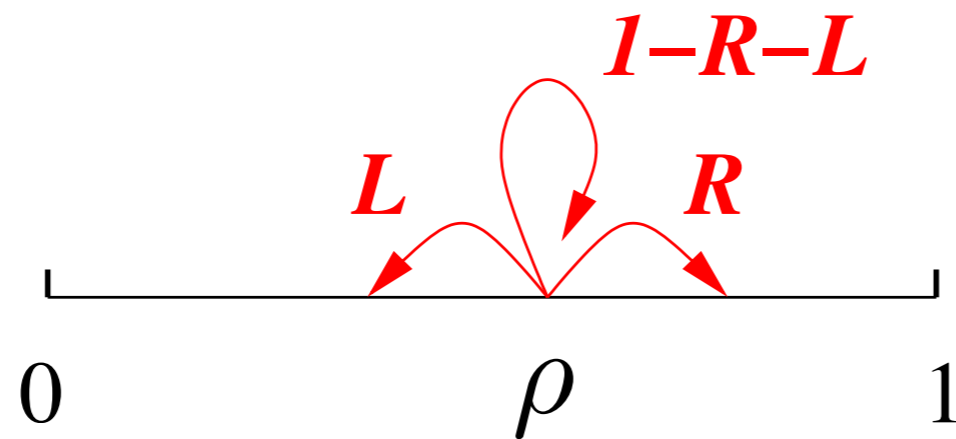
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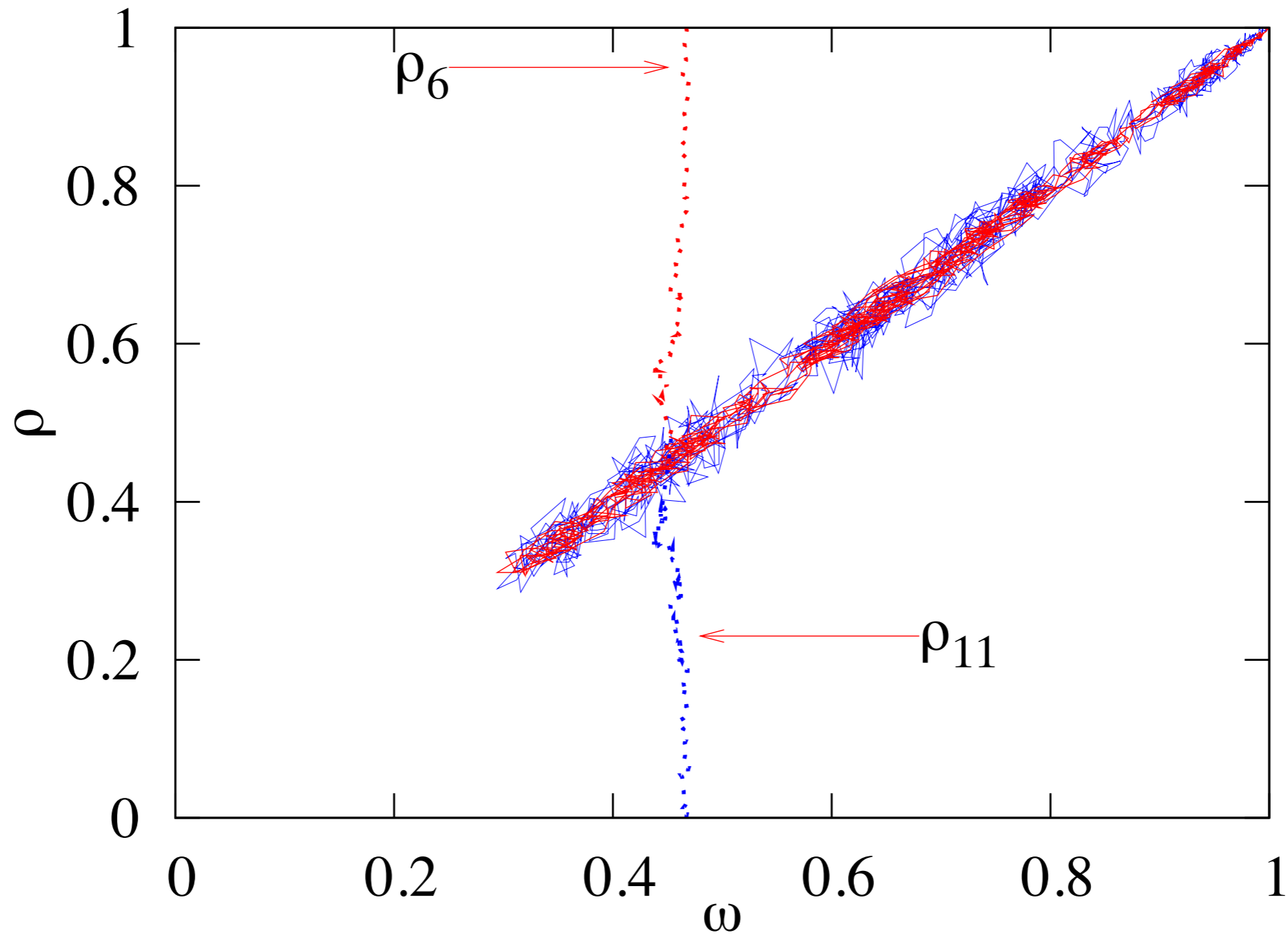
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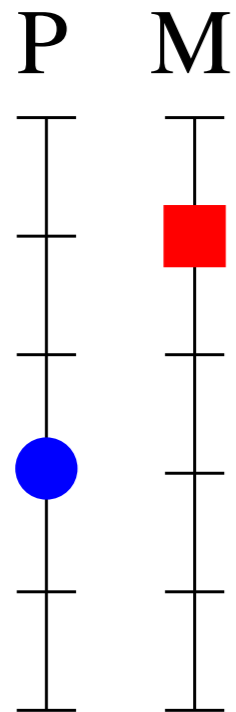
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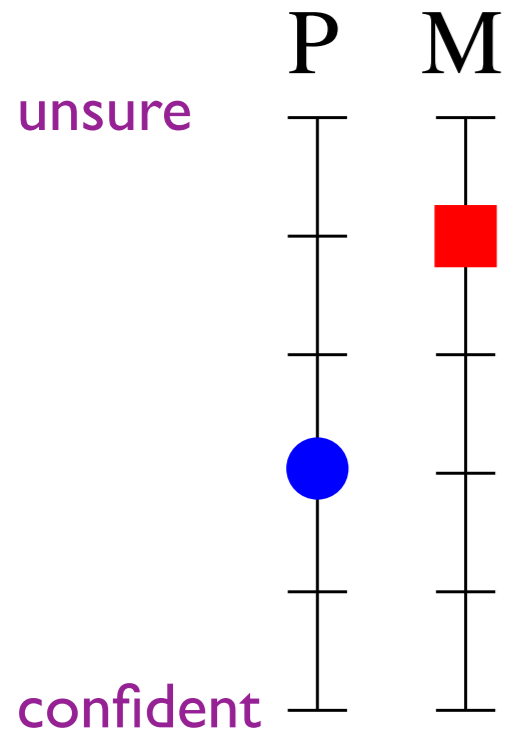
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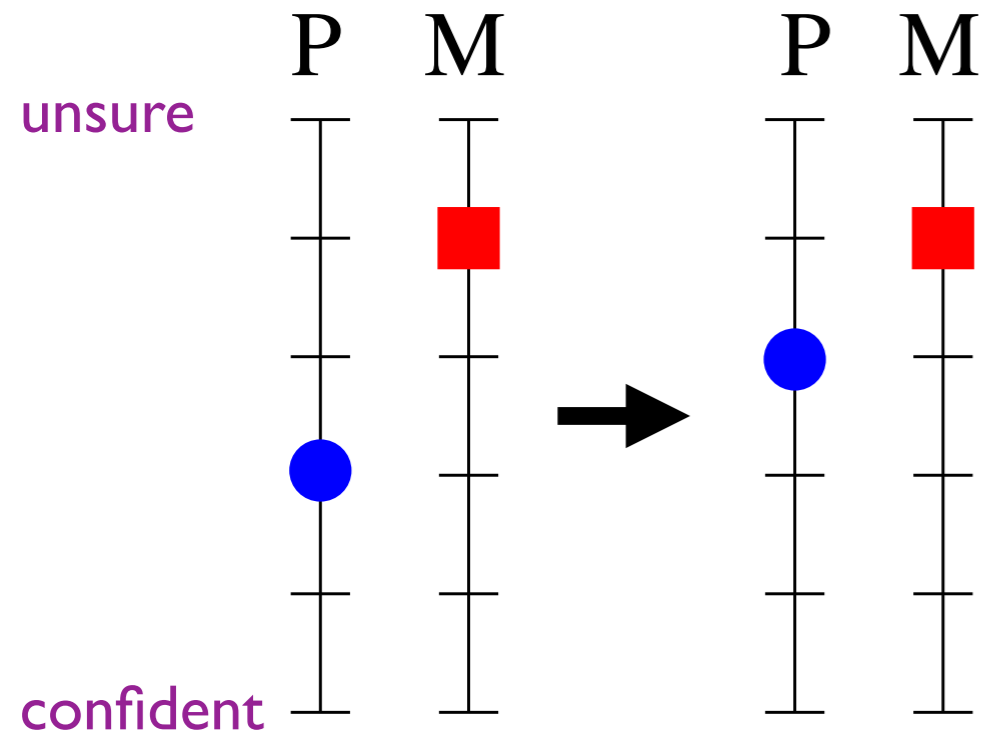
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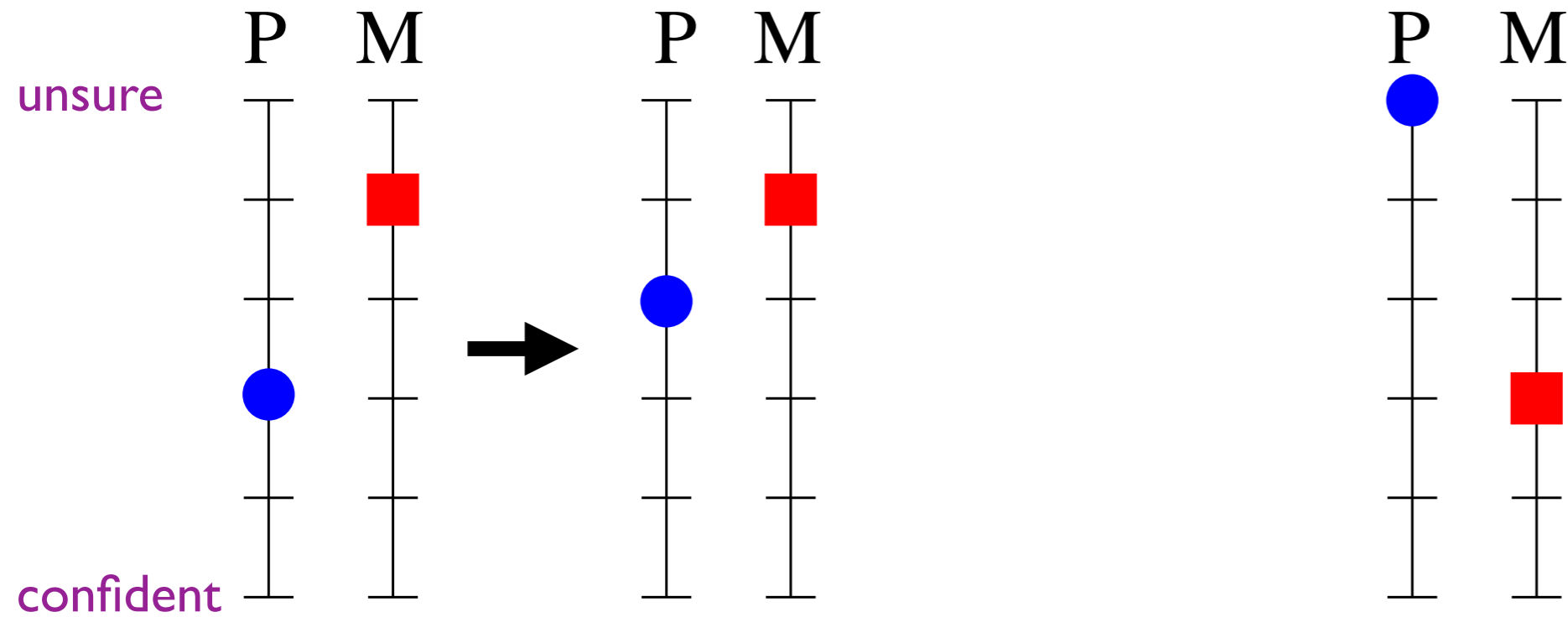
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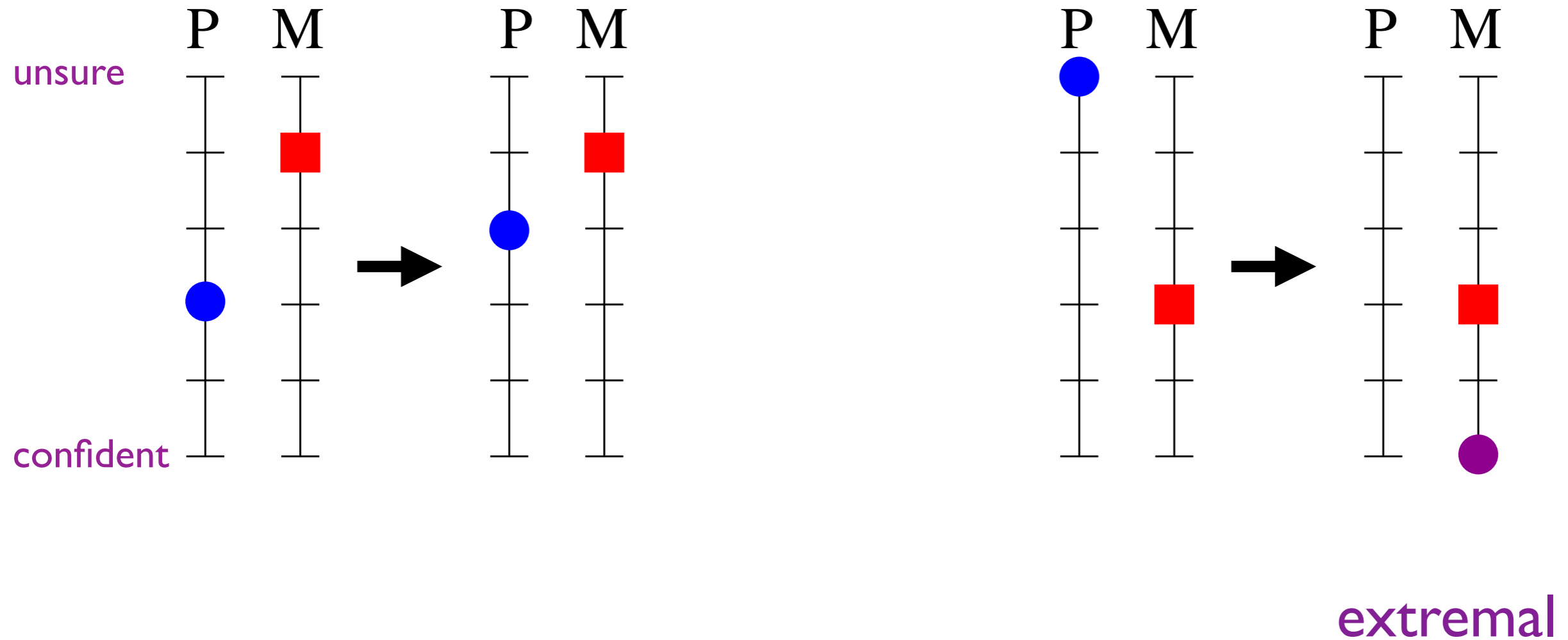
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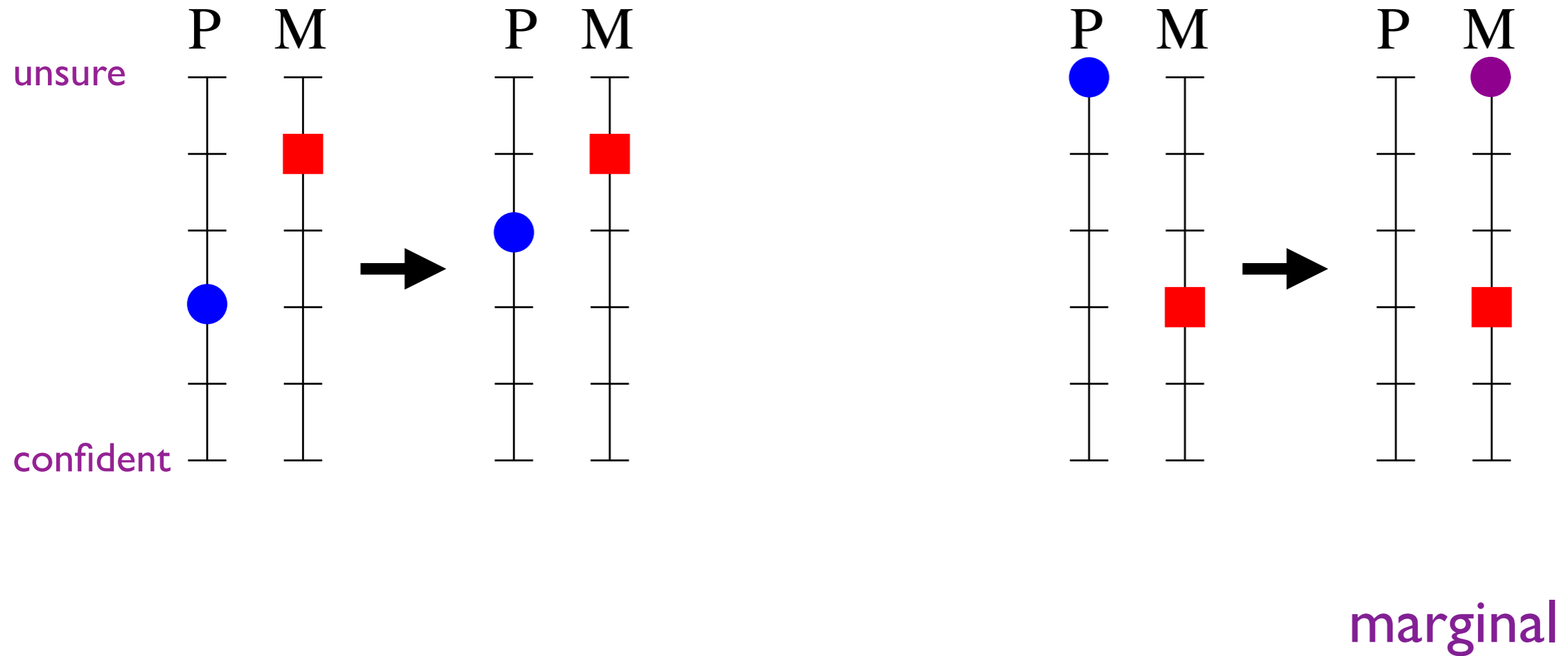
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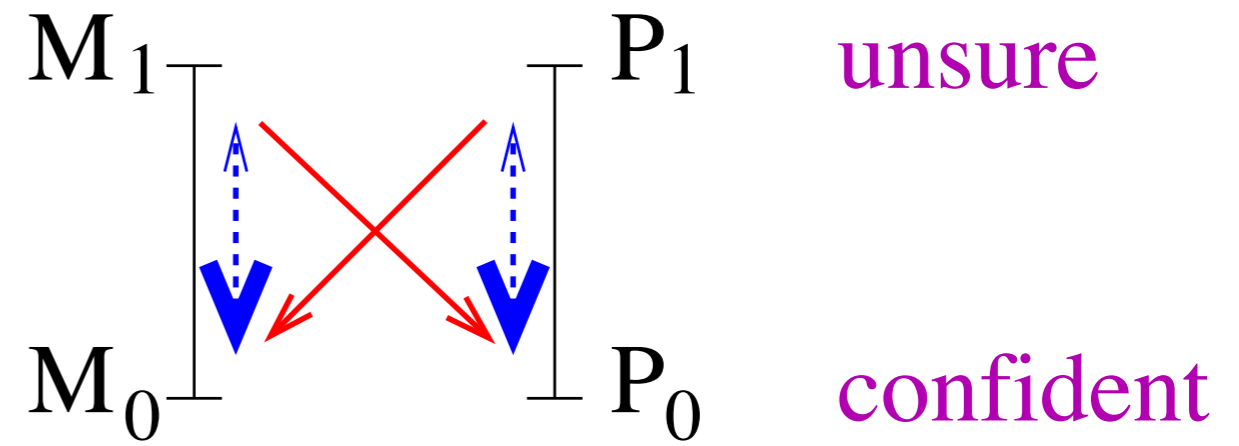
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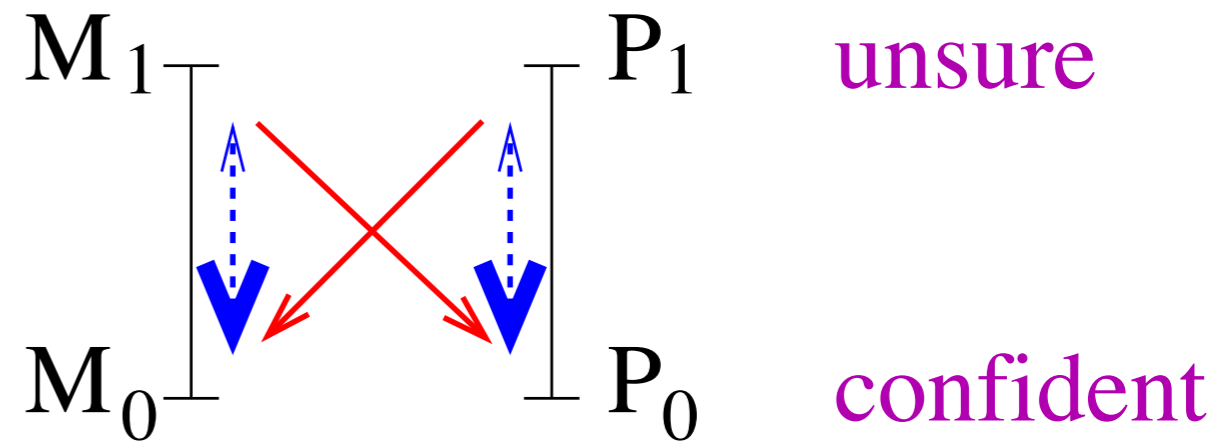
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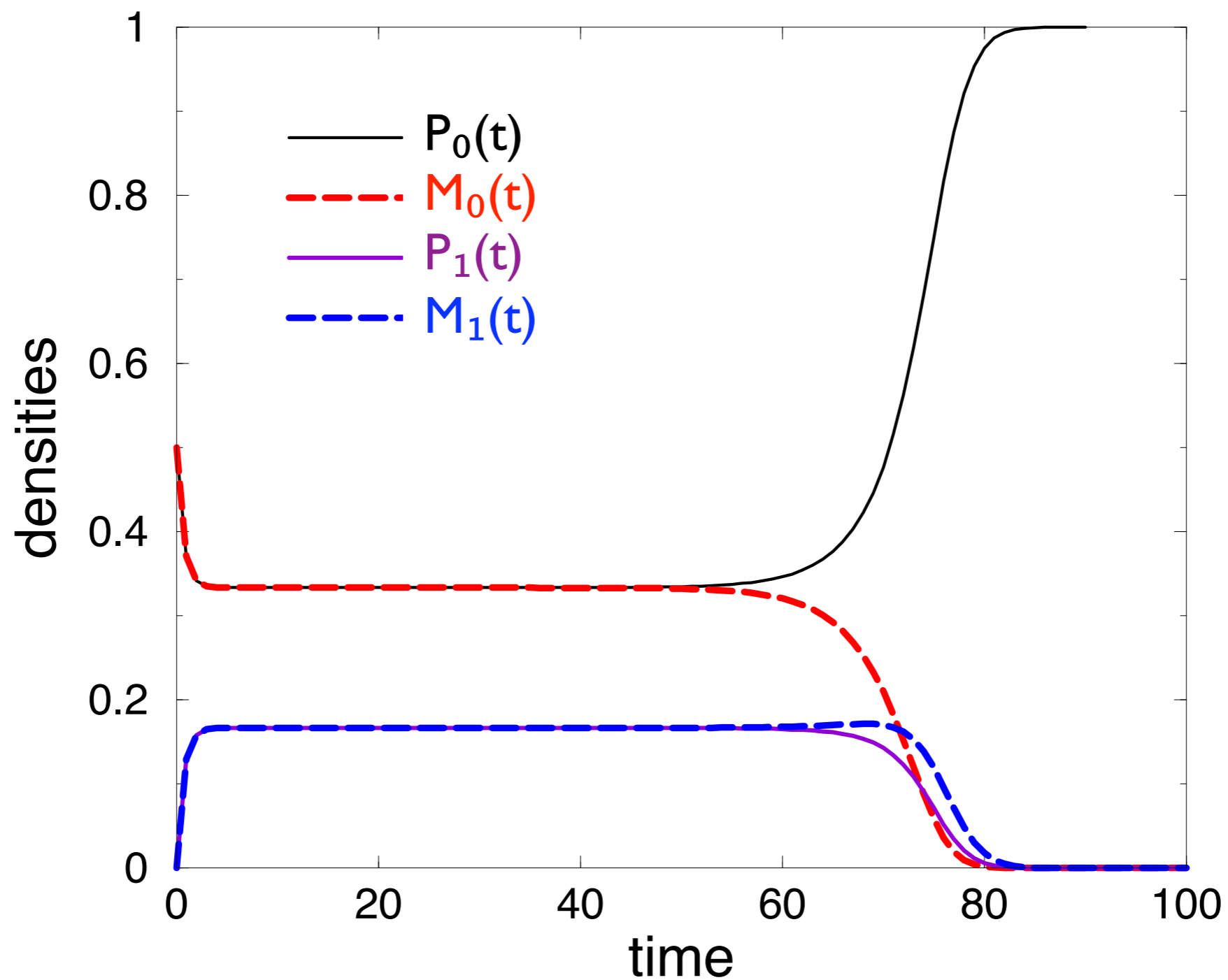
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$$\lambda_{\pm} = \frac{1}{4}(-1 \pm \sqrt{5}) \approx 0.309, -0.809$$

**solution:** 
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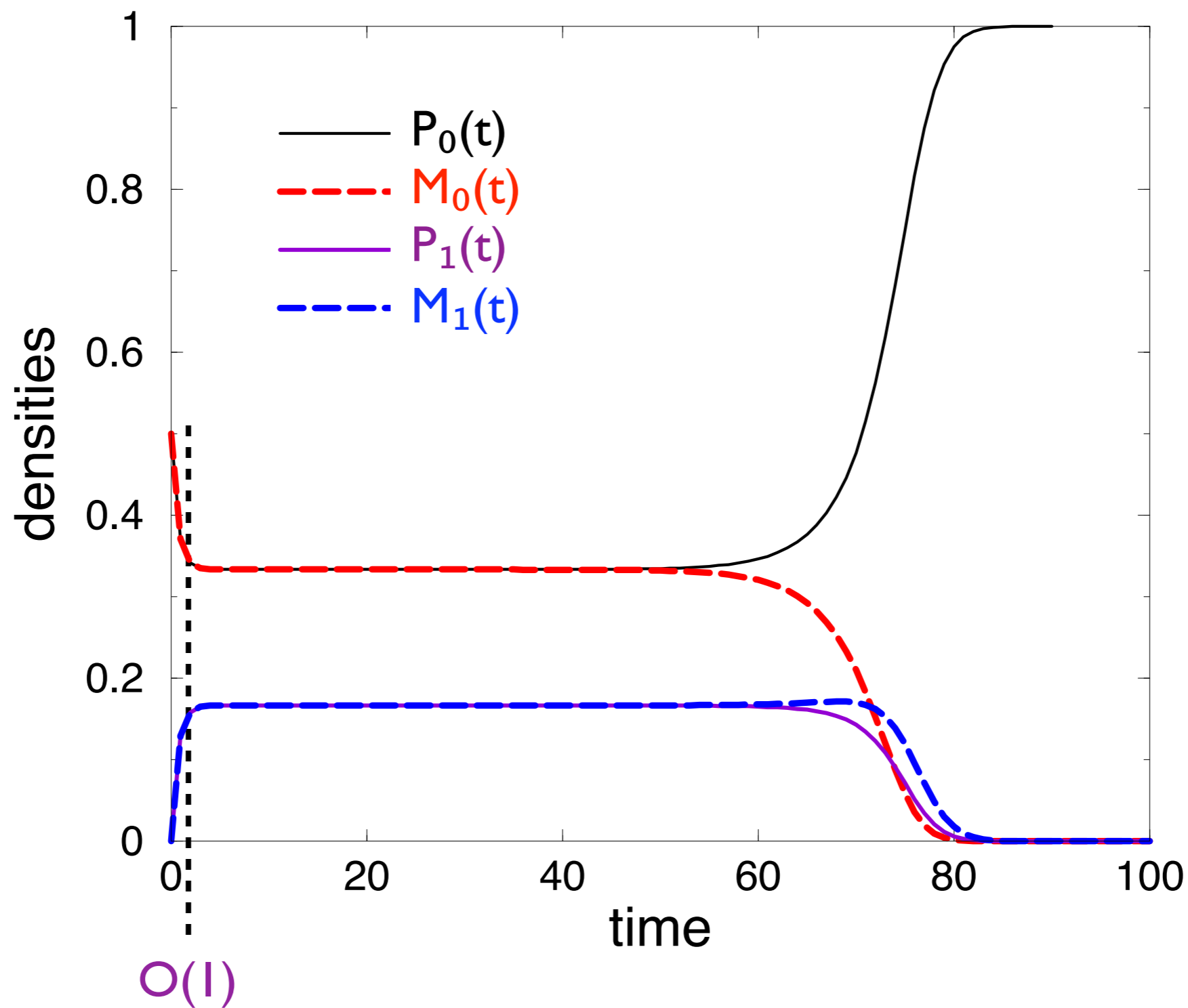
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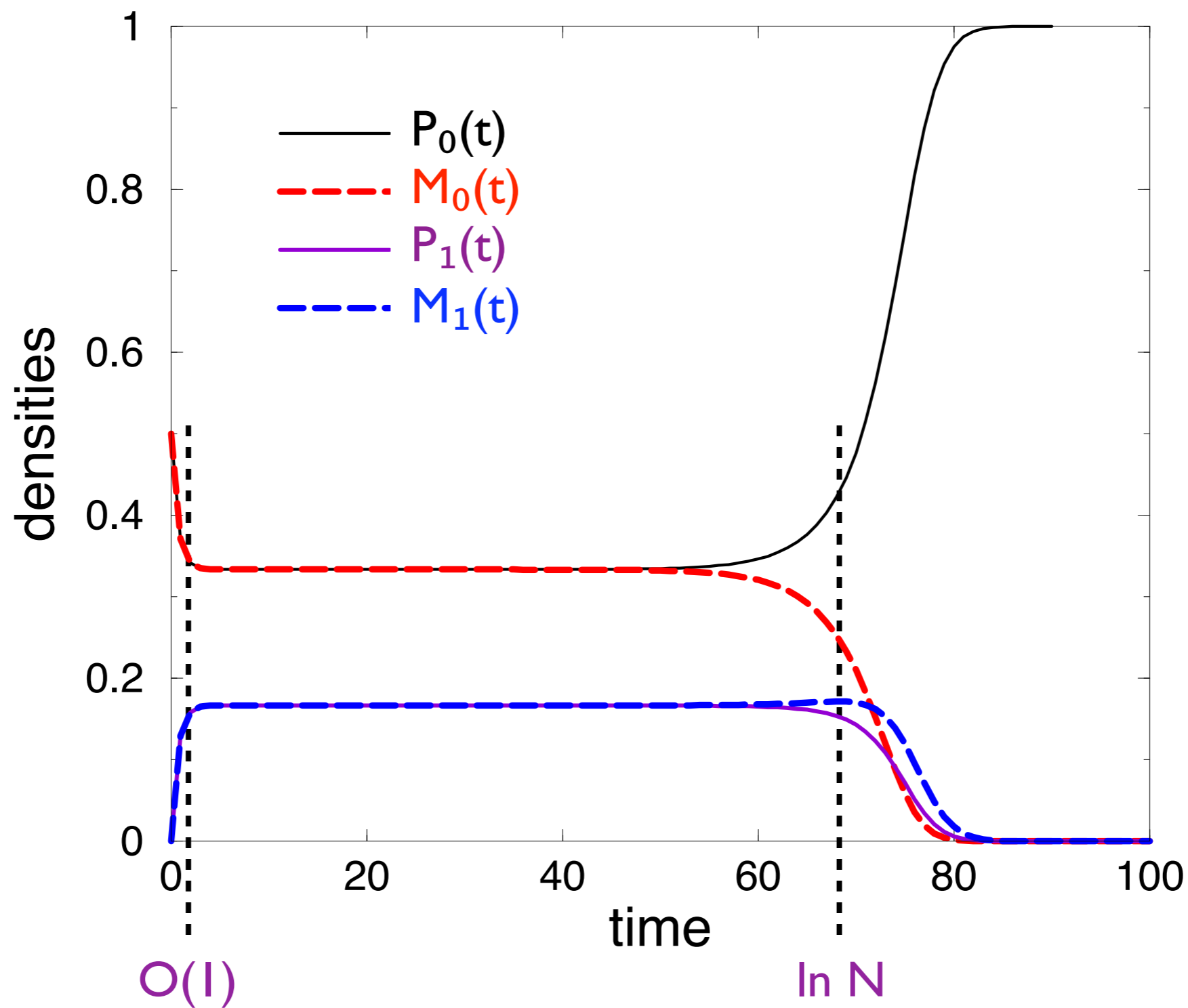
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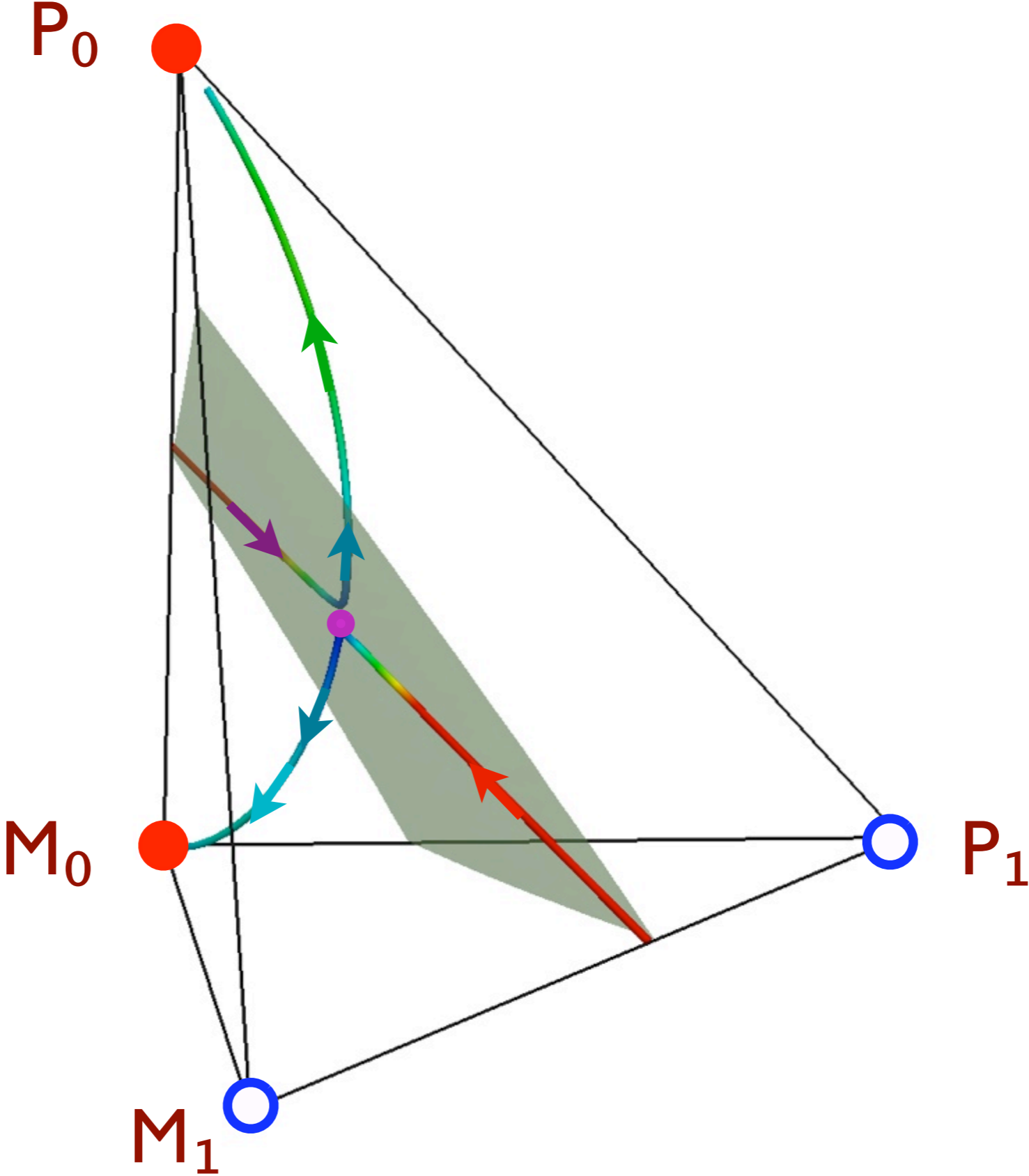


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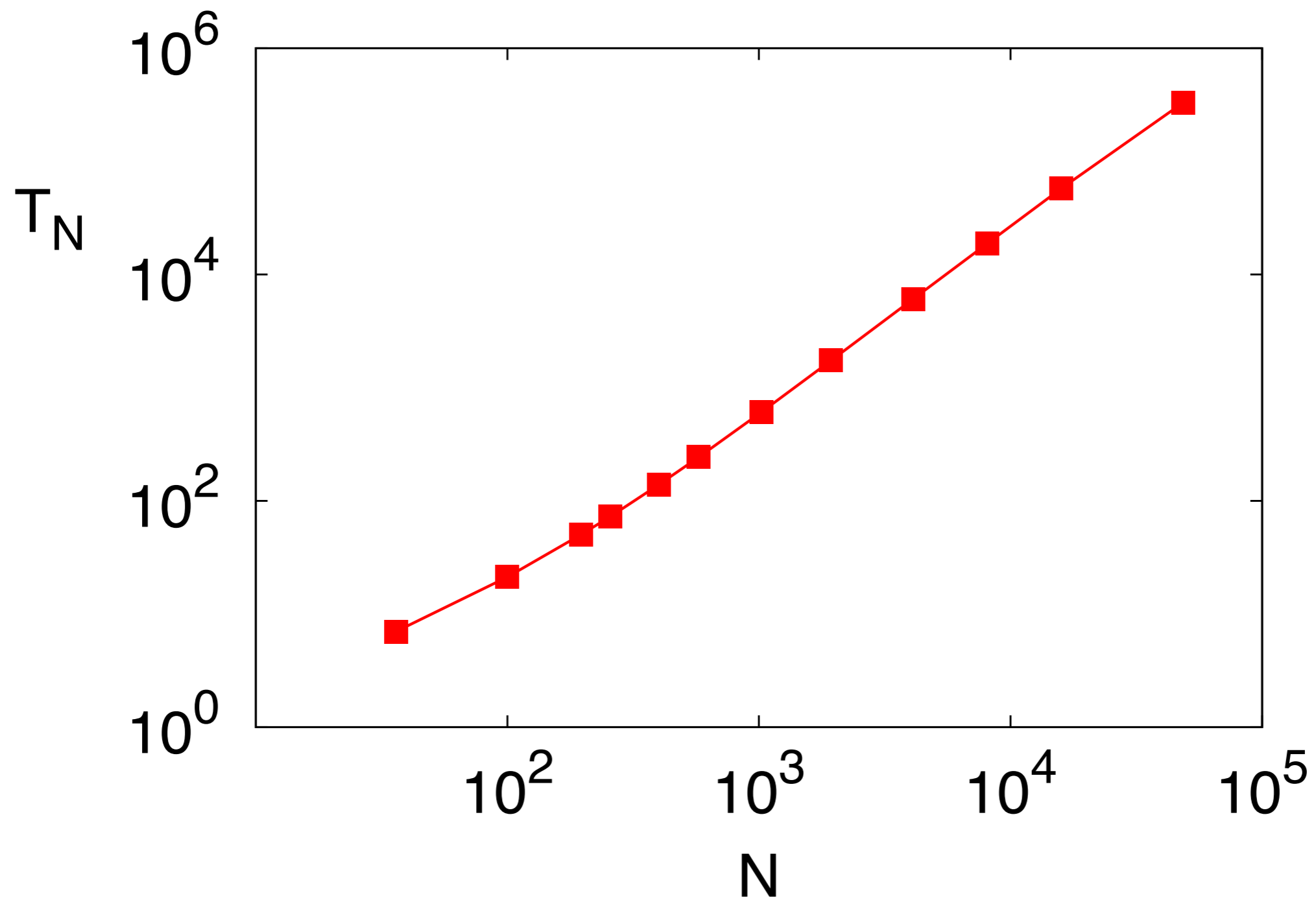
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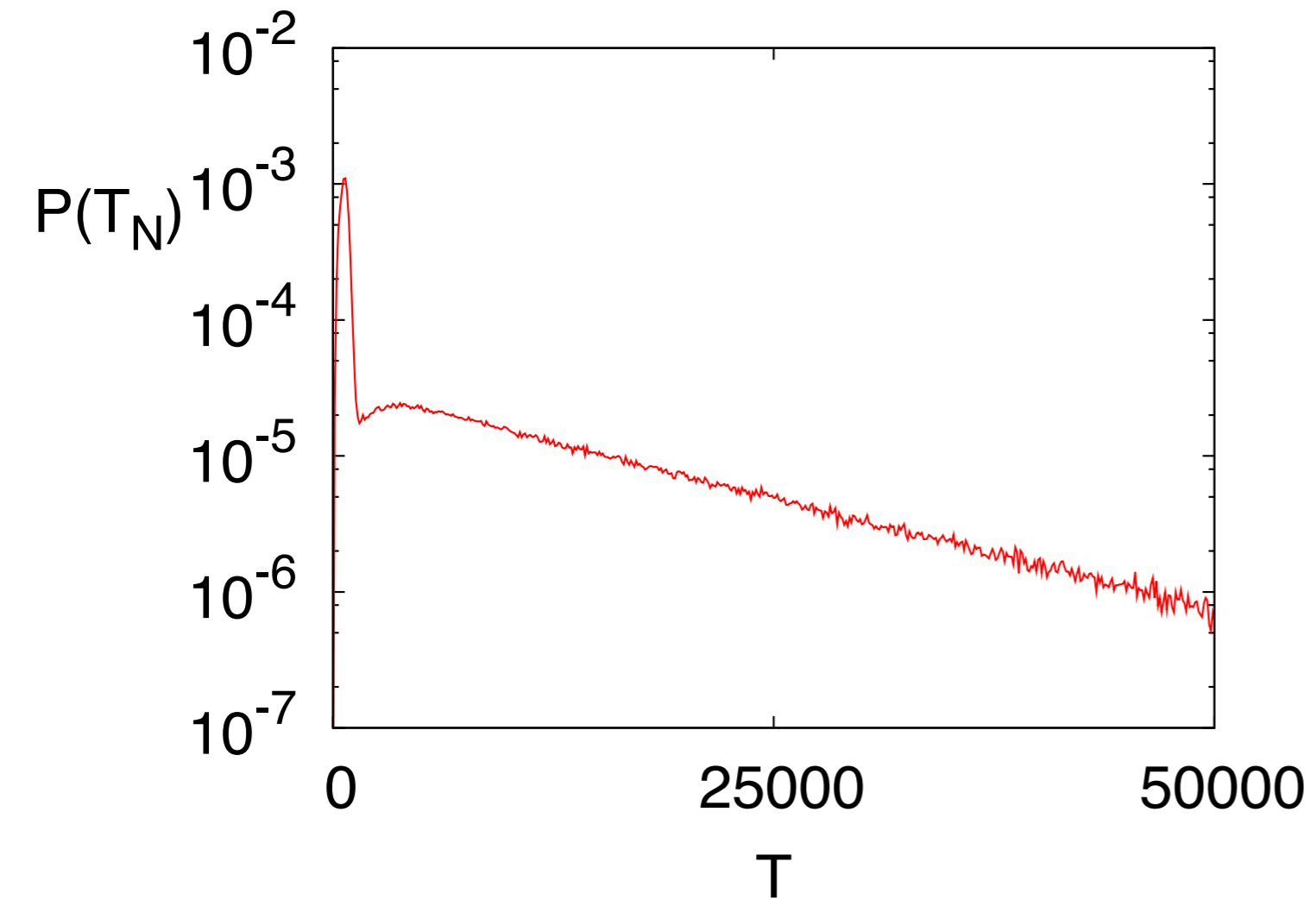


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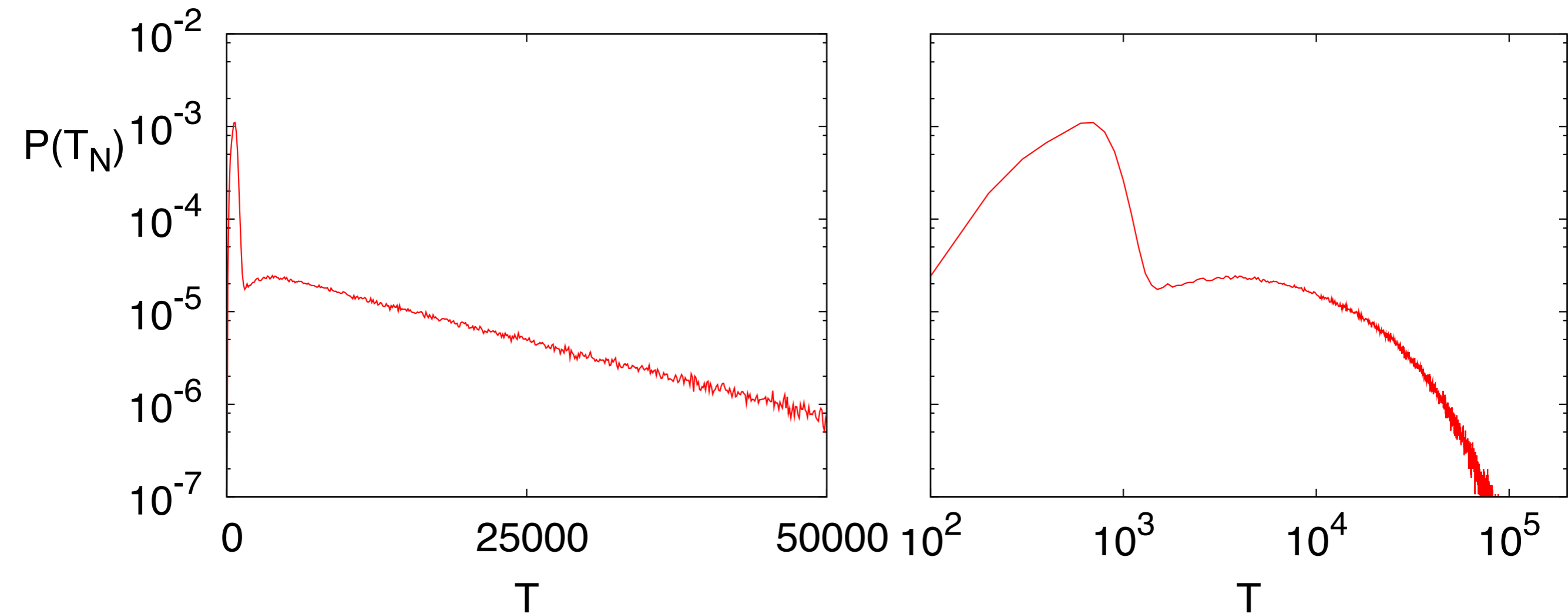




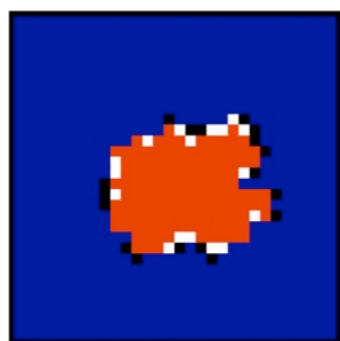
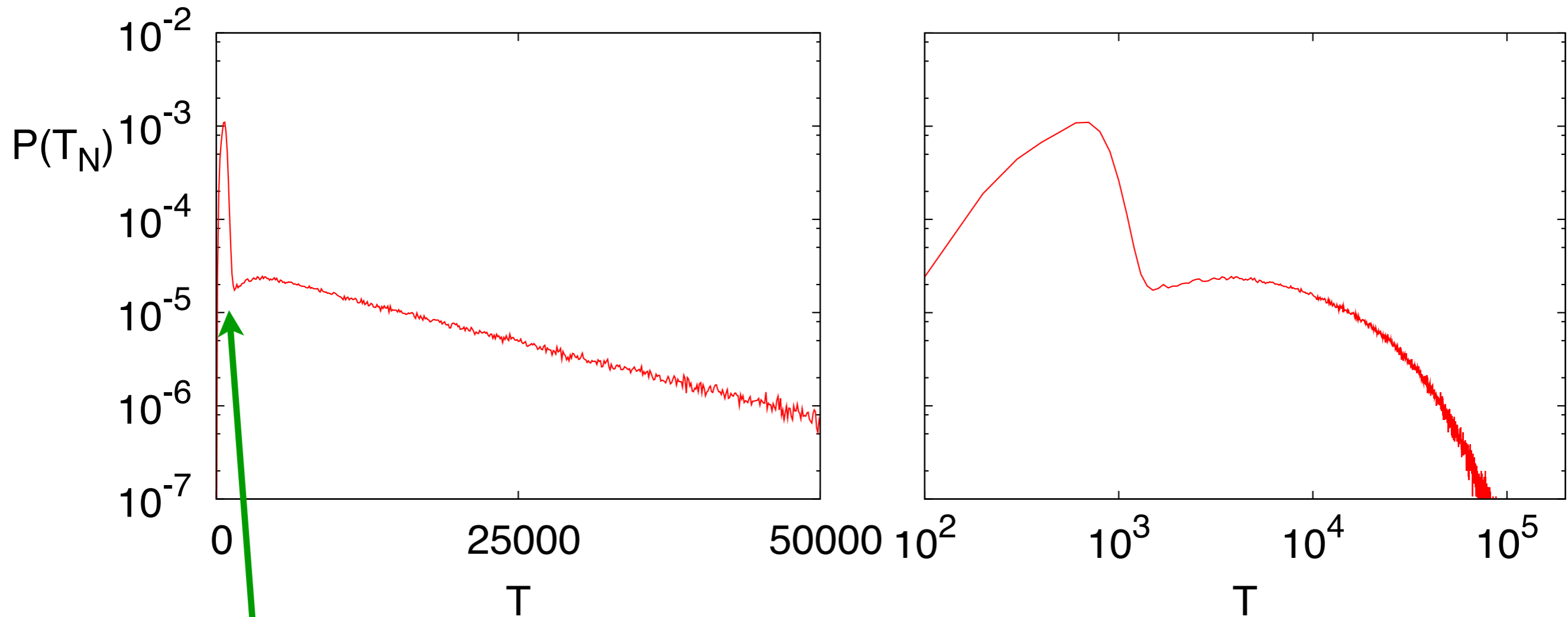
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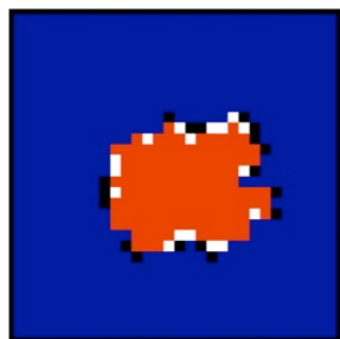
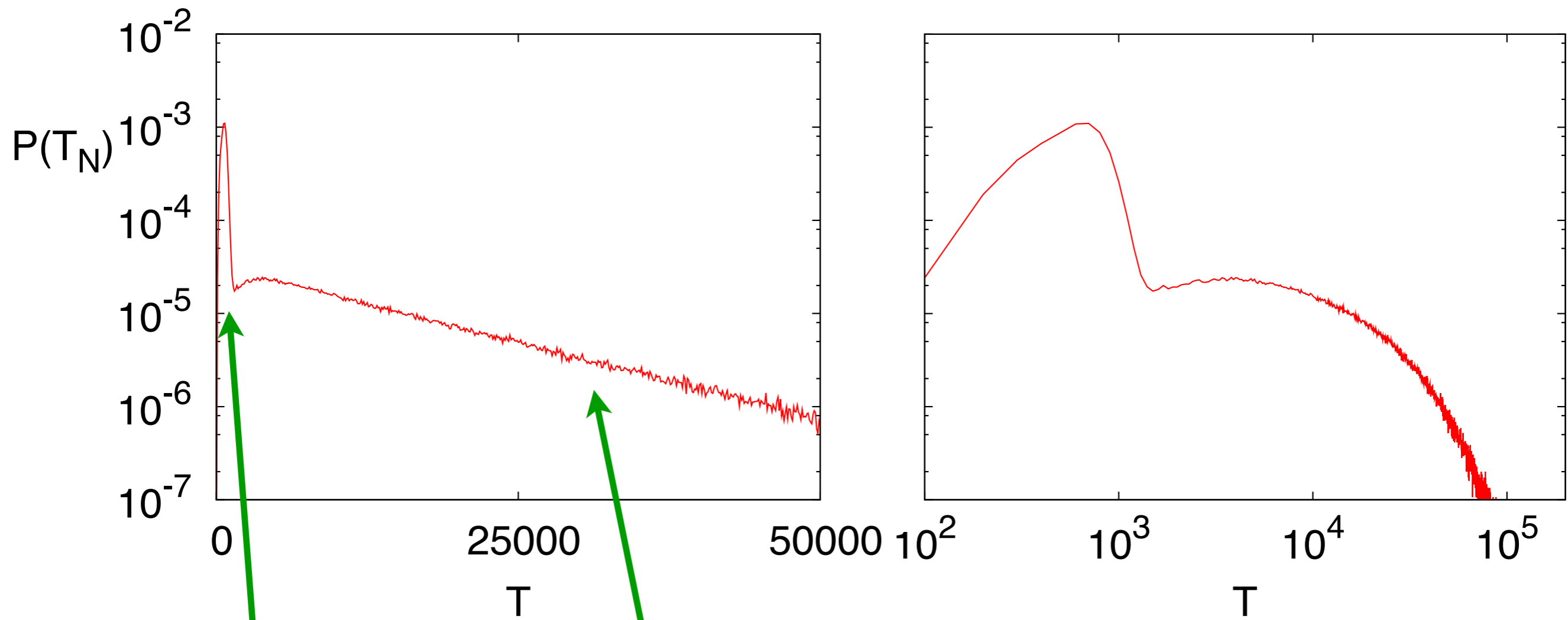


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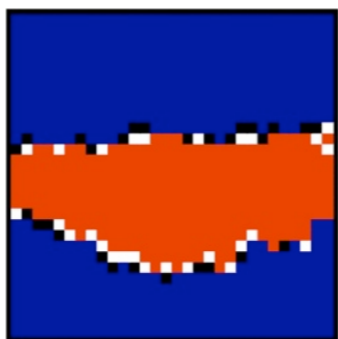


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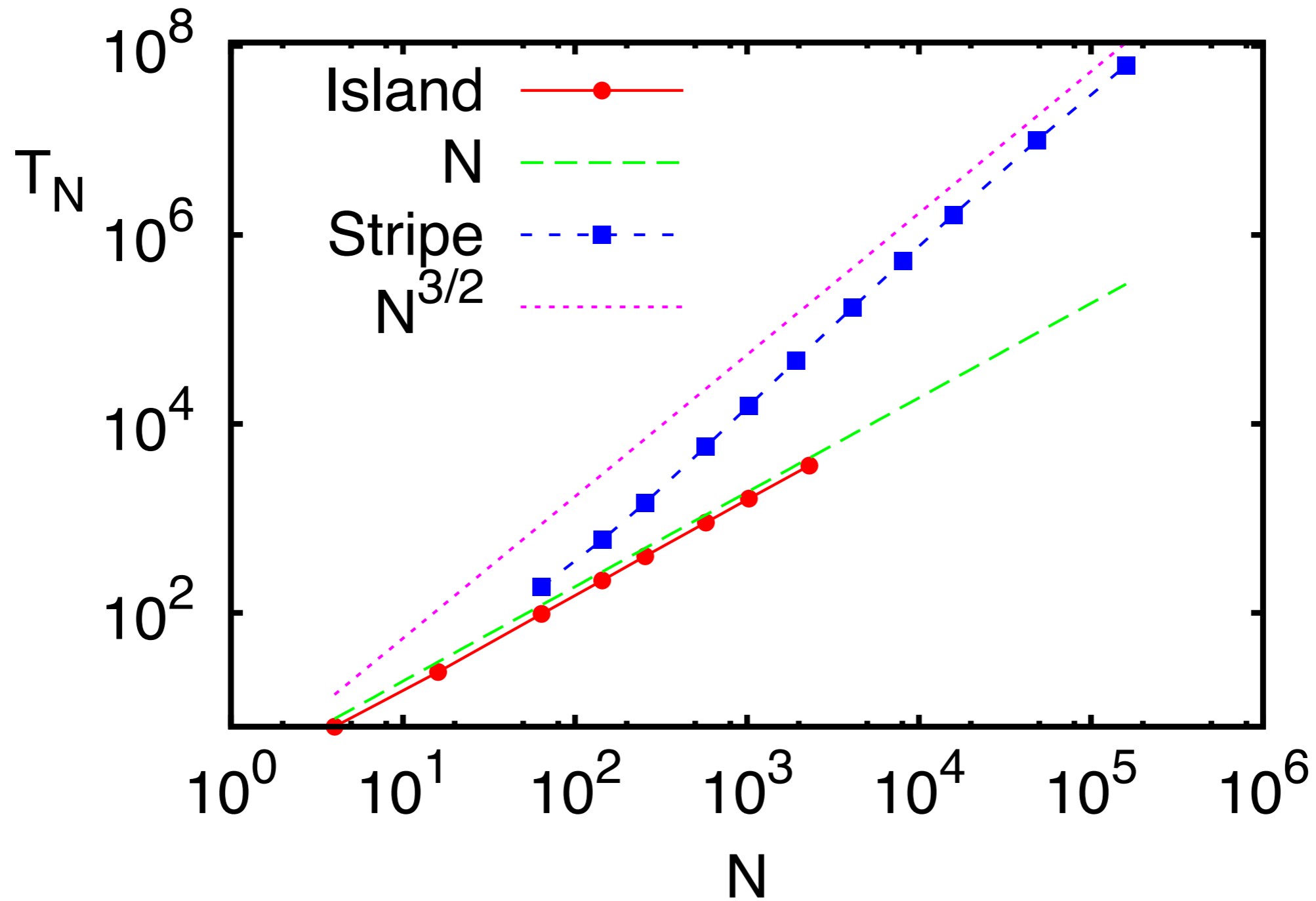
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see also Spirin, Krapivsky, SR (2001), Chen & SR (2005)

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