

From Algebraic Topology to Data Analysis

Part I/III: Topological invariants

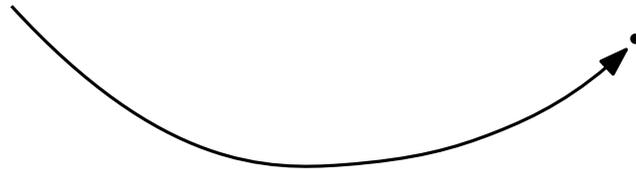
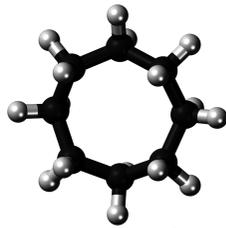
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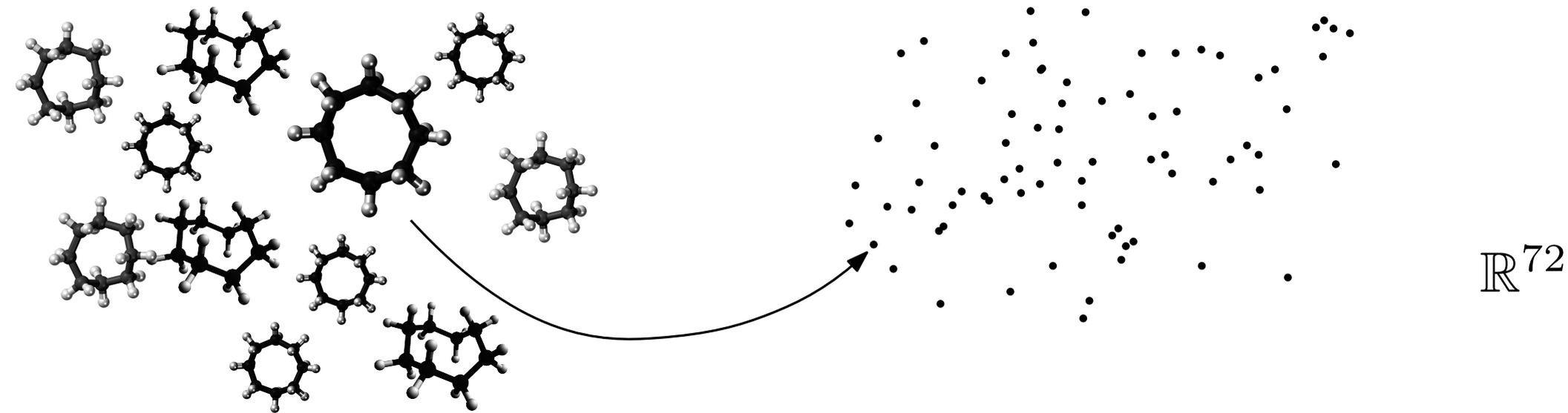
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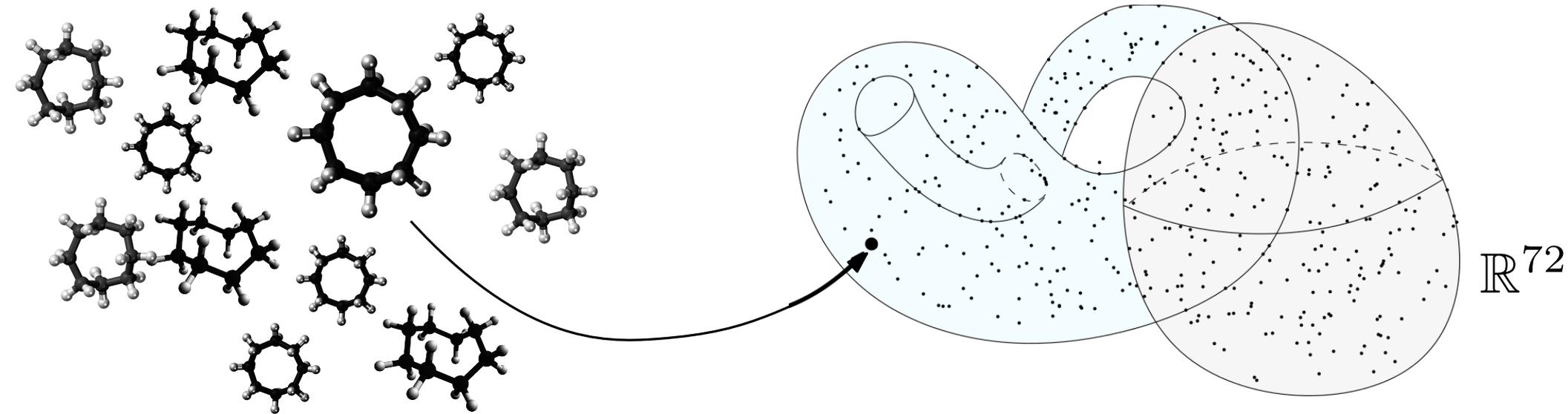
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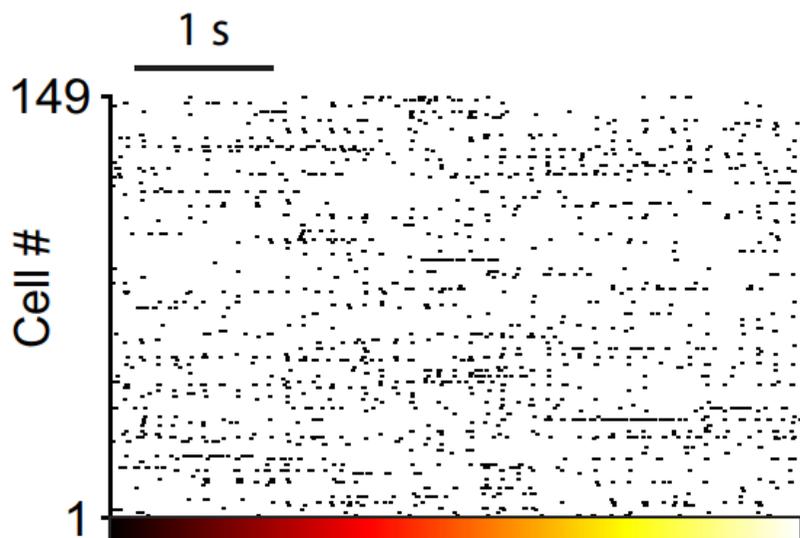
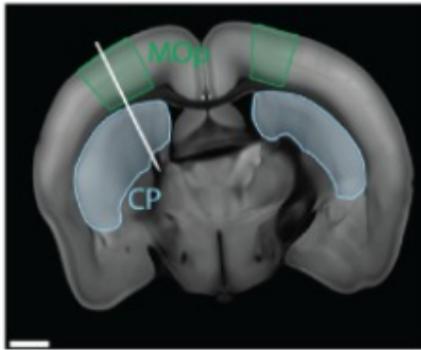
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The authors show that this point cloud lies close to a small dimensional object: **the union of a sphere and a Klein bottle**.

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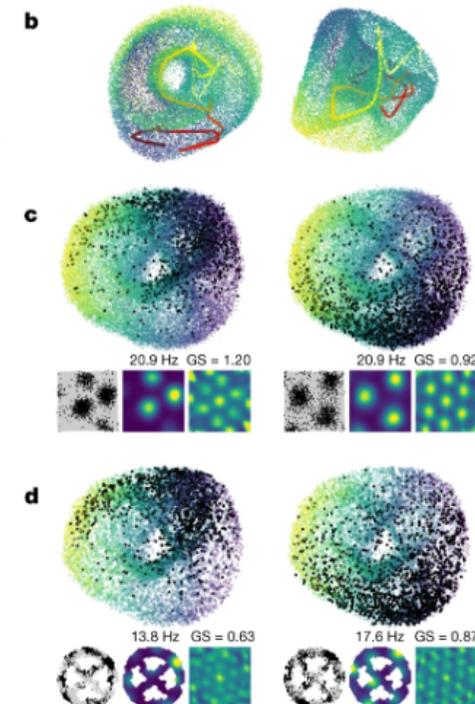
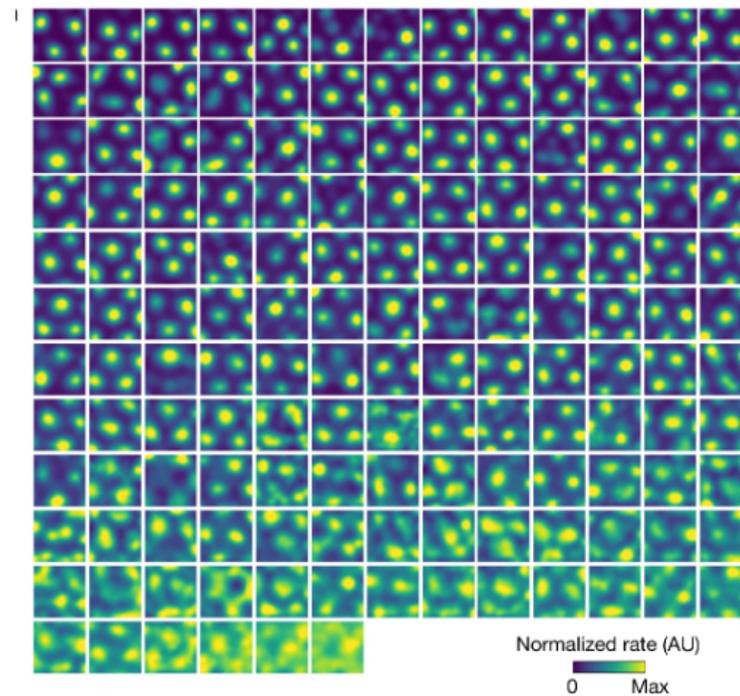
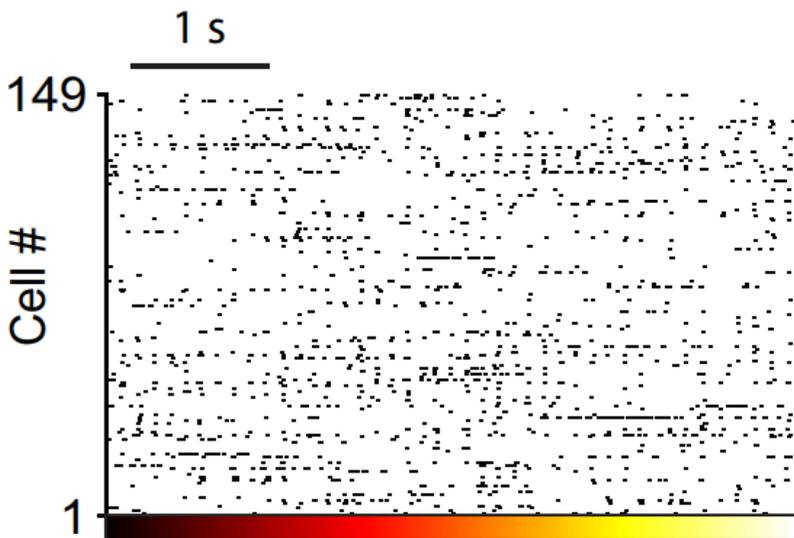
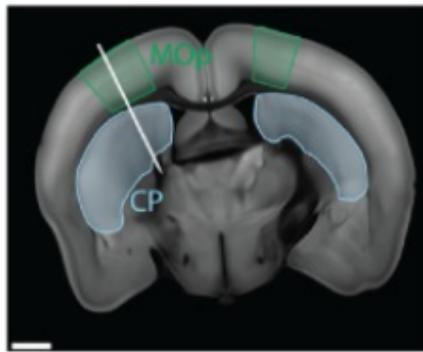


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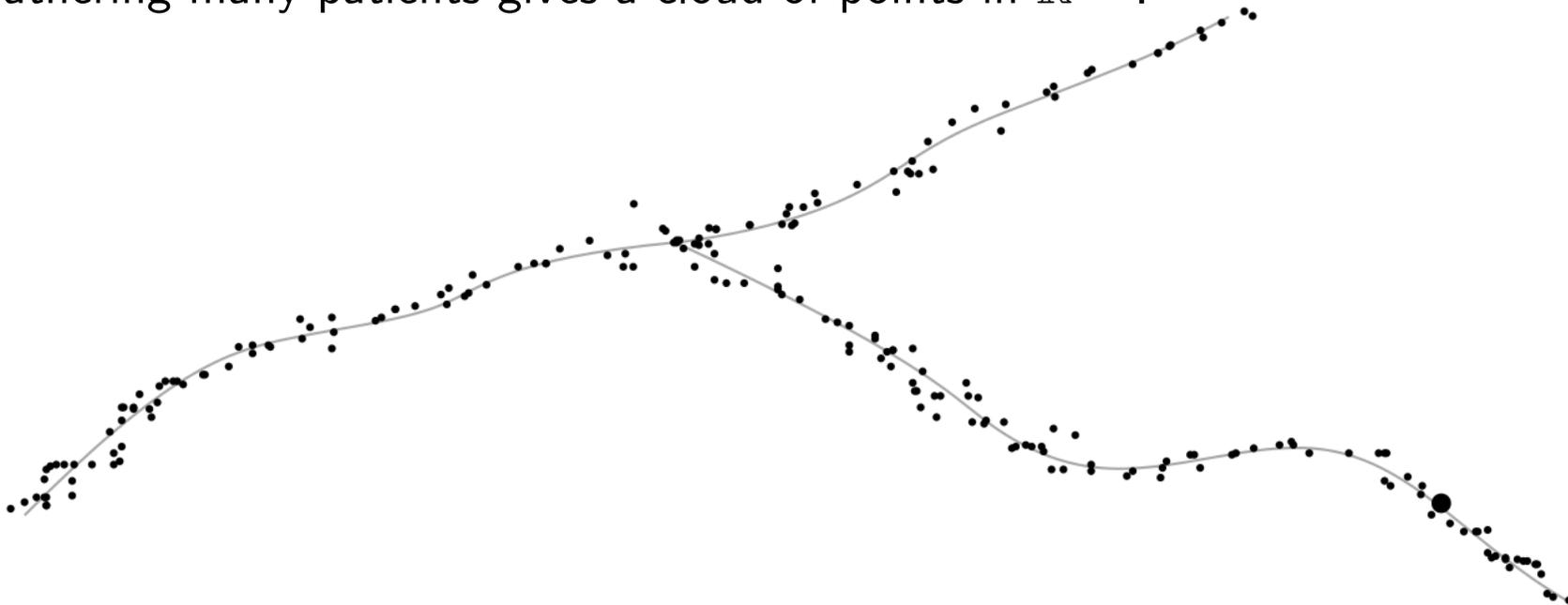
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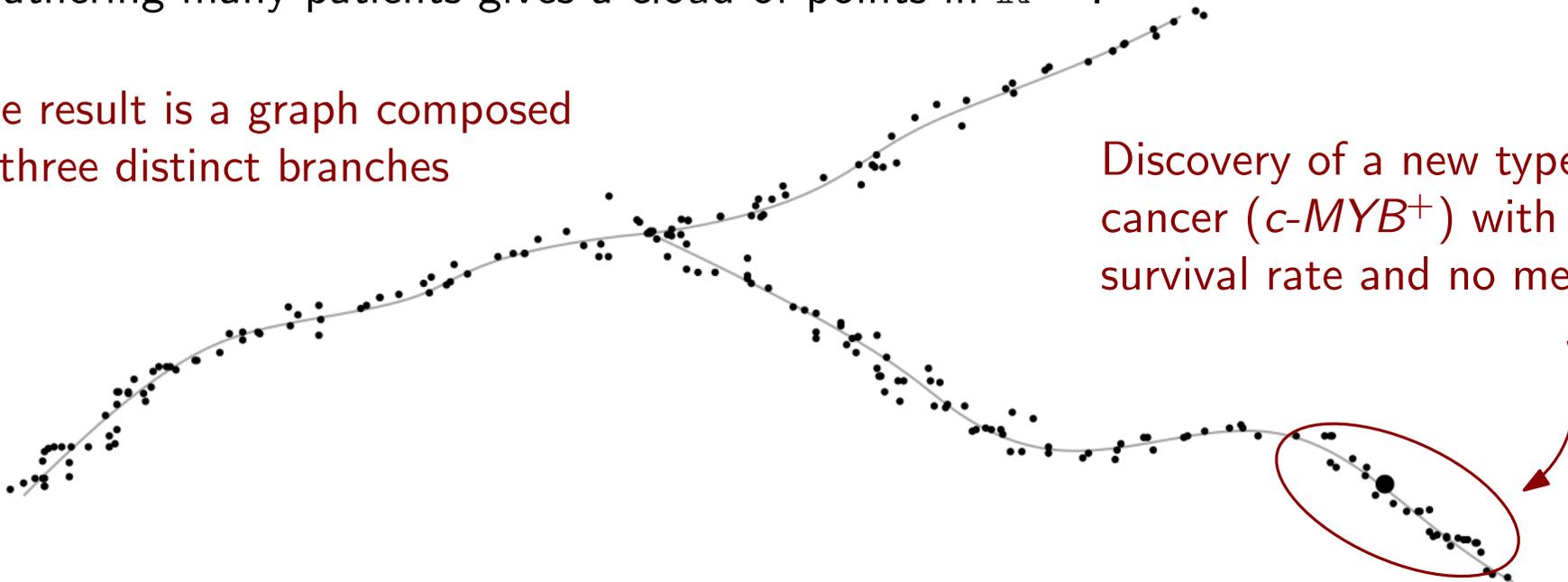
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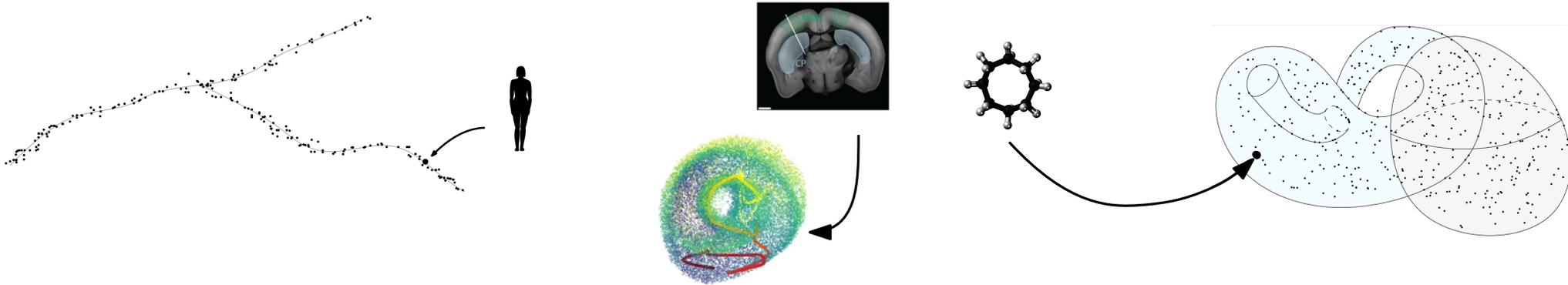
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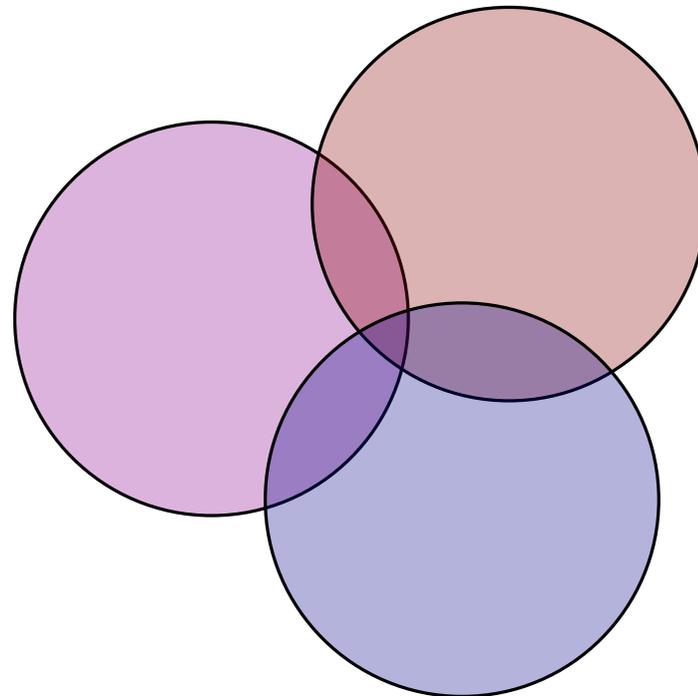
Qual é a forma dos dados?

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Topological Data Analysis (TDA) allows to **explore** and **understand** the topology of datasets.

Algebraic
topology



Computational
geometry

Data analysis & Machine
learning

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Thursday 26, 9~11am

Part II/III: Homology

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Part III/III: Persistent Homology

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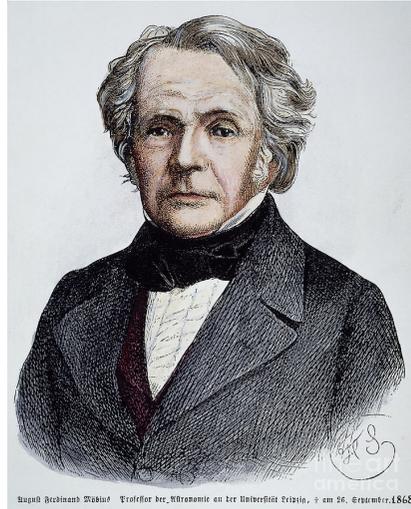
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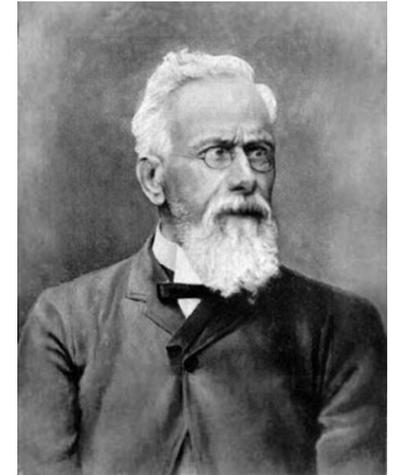
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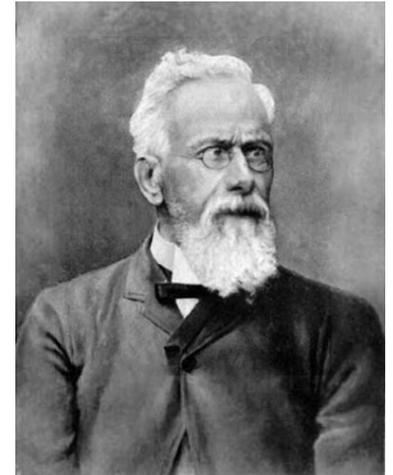
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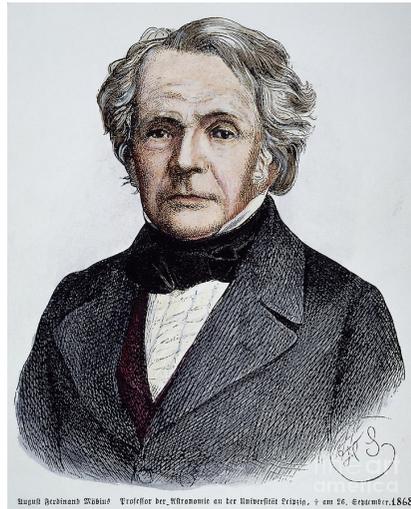
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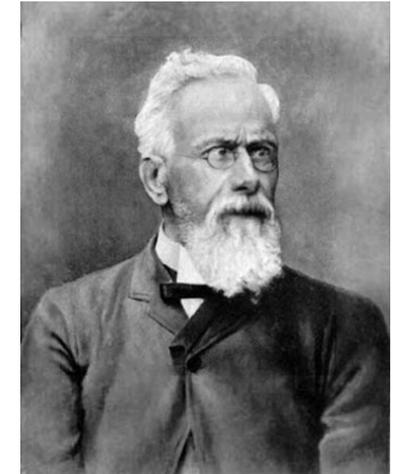
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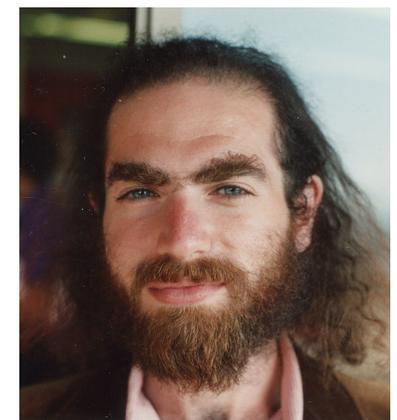
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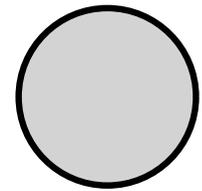
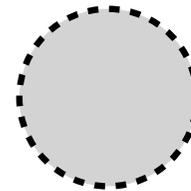
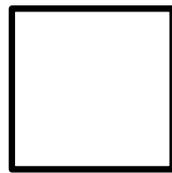
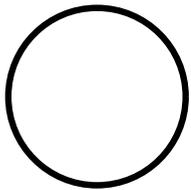
and maps $f: X \rightarrow Y$ **continuous** in the following sense:

$$\forall x \in X, \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \eta > 0, \forall y \in X, \|x - y\| < \eta \implies \|f(x) - f(y)\| < \epsilon.$$

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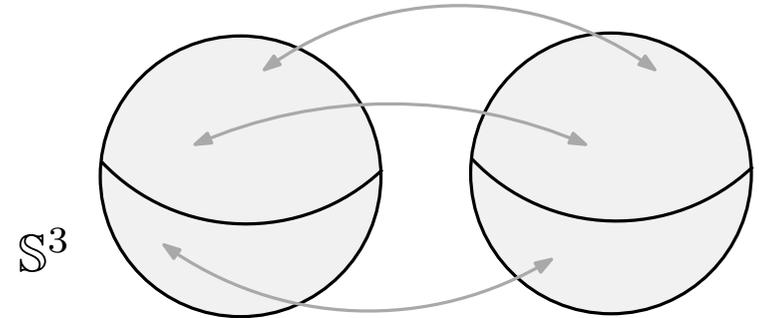
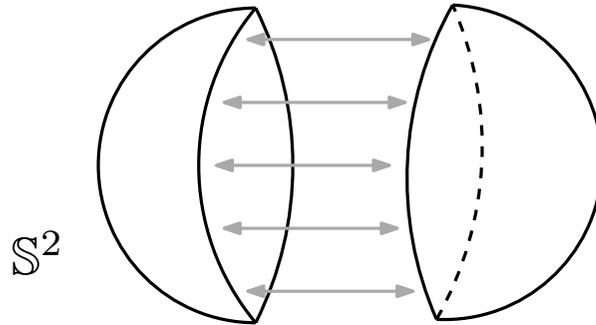
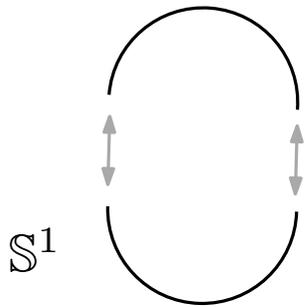
In \mathbb{R}^n , we can define:

- the unit sphere $S_{n-1} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|x\| = 1\}$
- the unit cube $C_{n-1} = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \max(|x_1|, \dots, |x_n|) = 1\}$
- the open balls $\mathcal{B}(x, r) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|x - y\| < r\}$
- the closed balls $\overline{\mathcal{B}}(x, r) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|x - y\| \leq r\}$



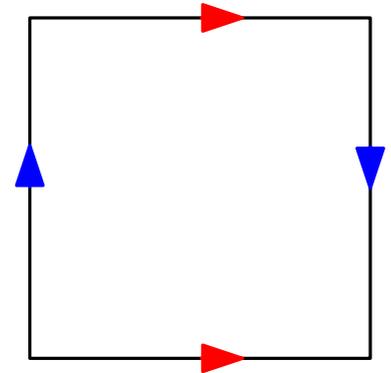
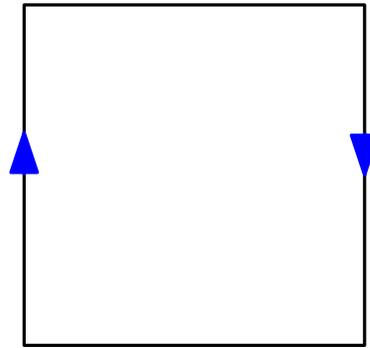
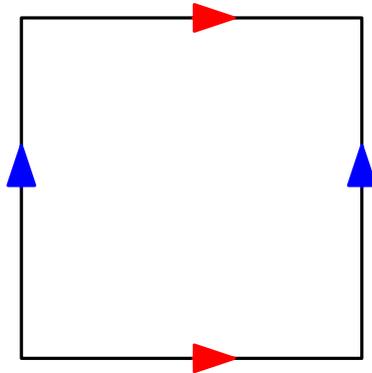
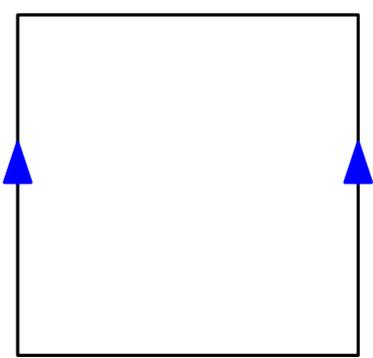
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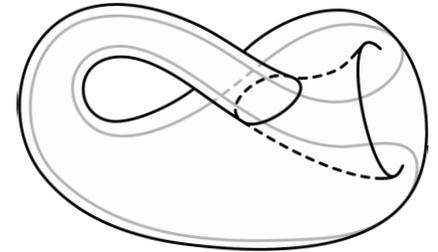
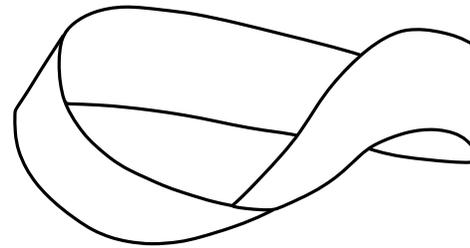
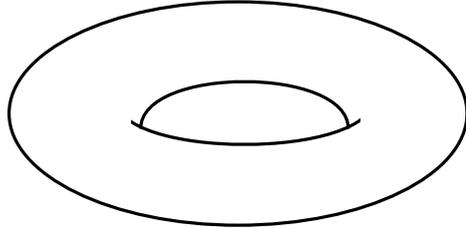
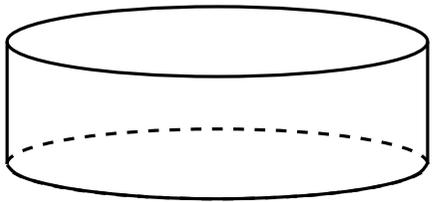
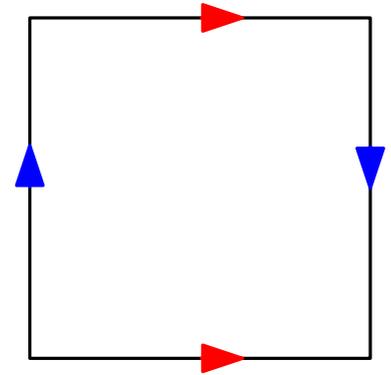
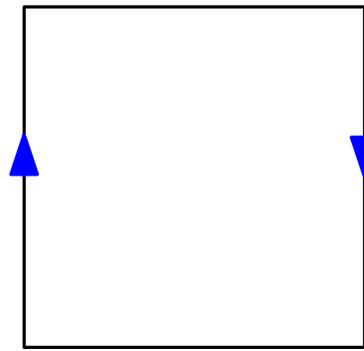
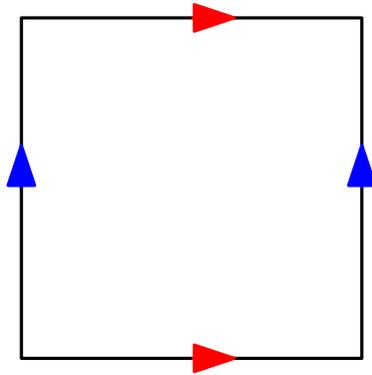
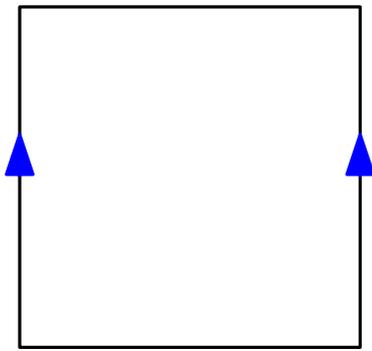
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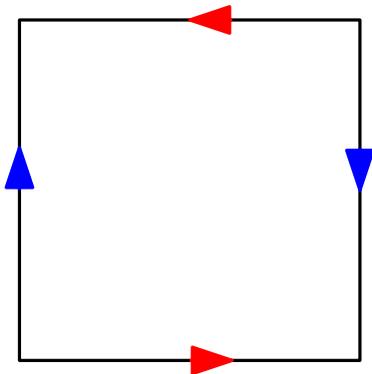


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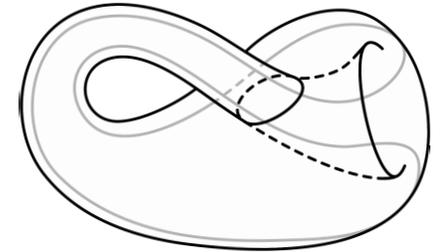
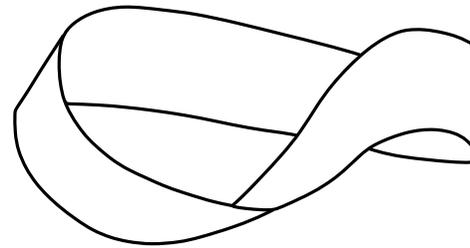
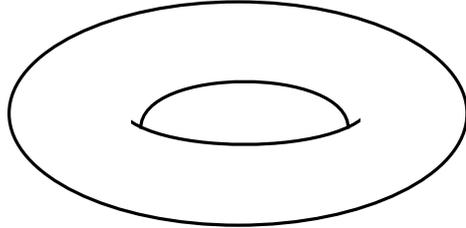
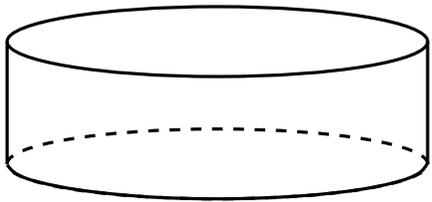
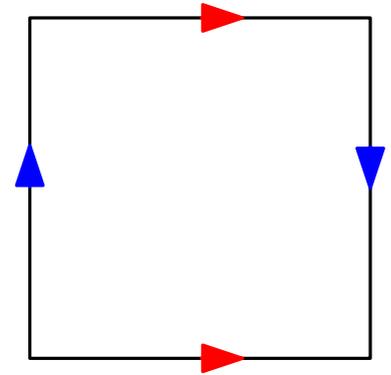
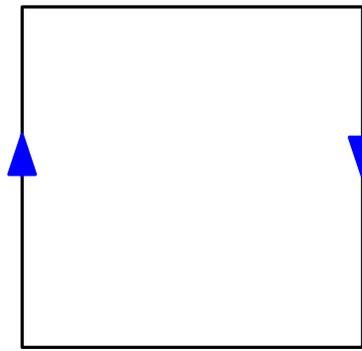
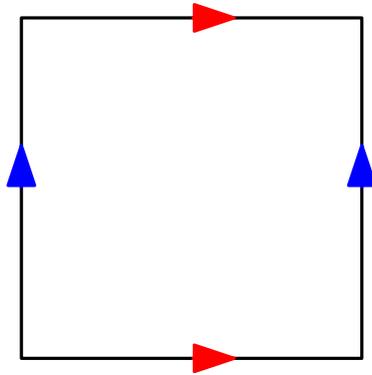
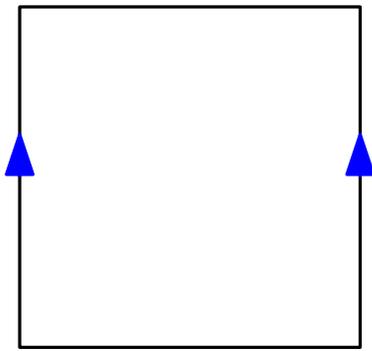


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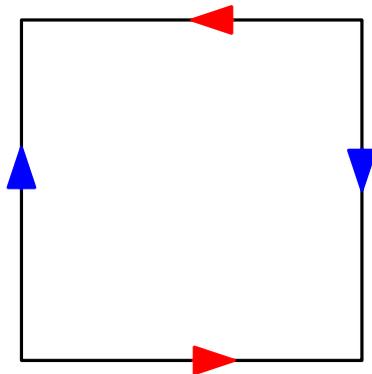


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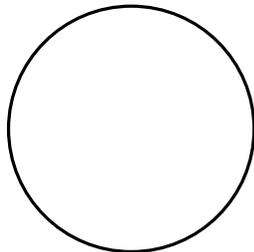
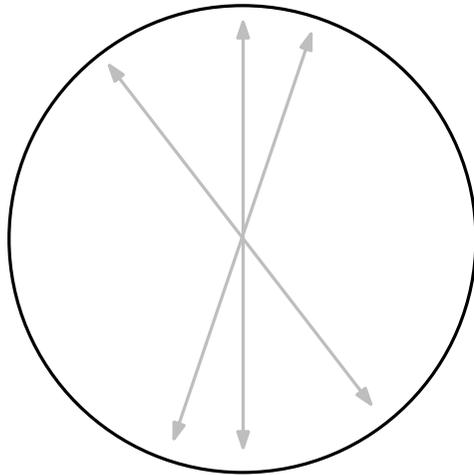
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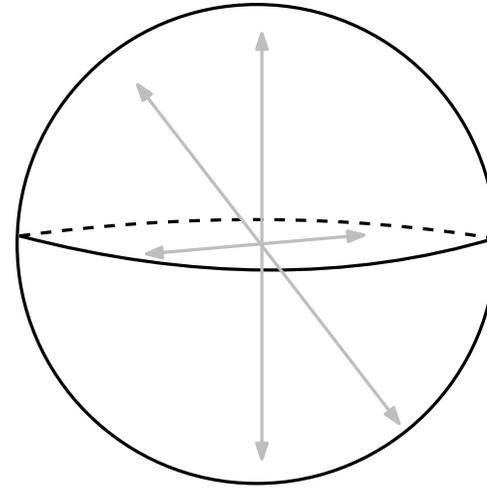
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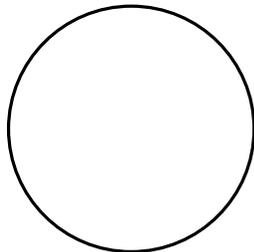
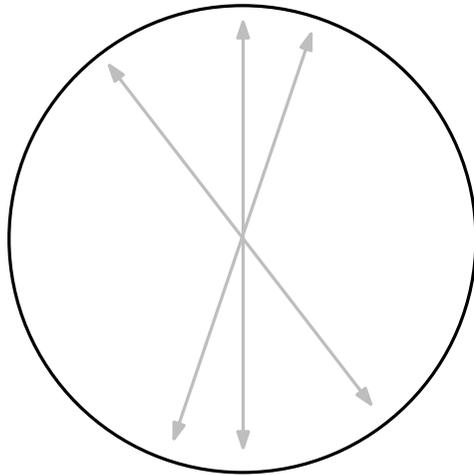


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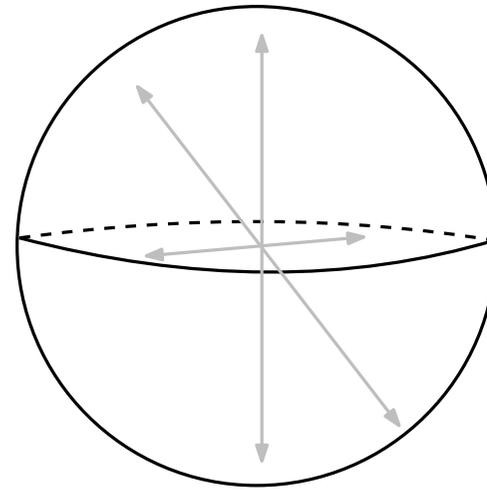


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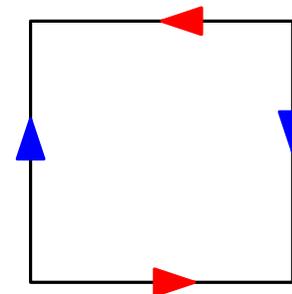
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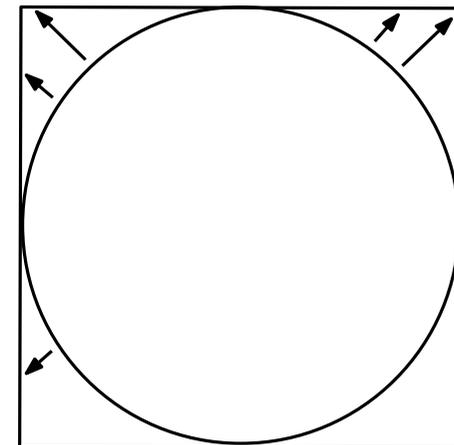
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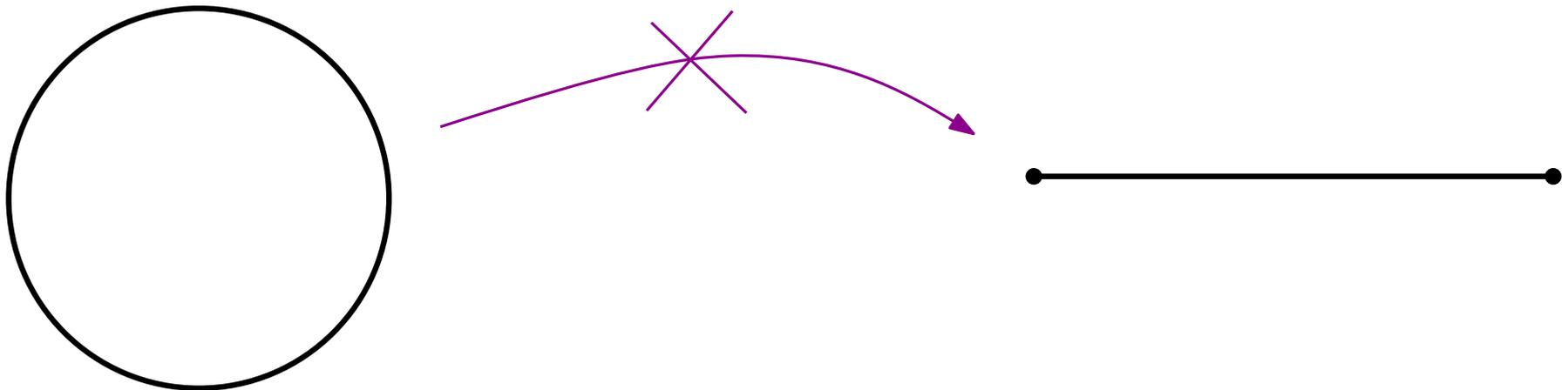
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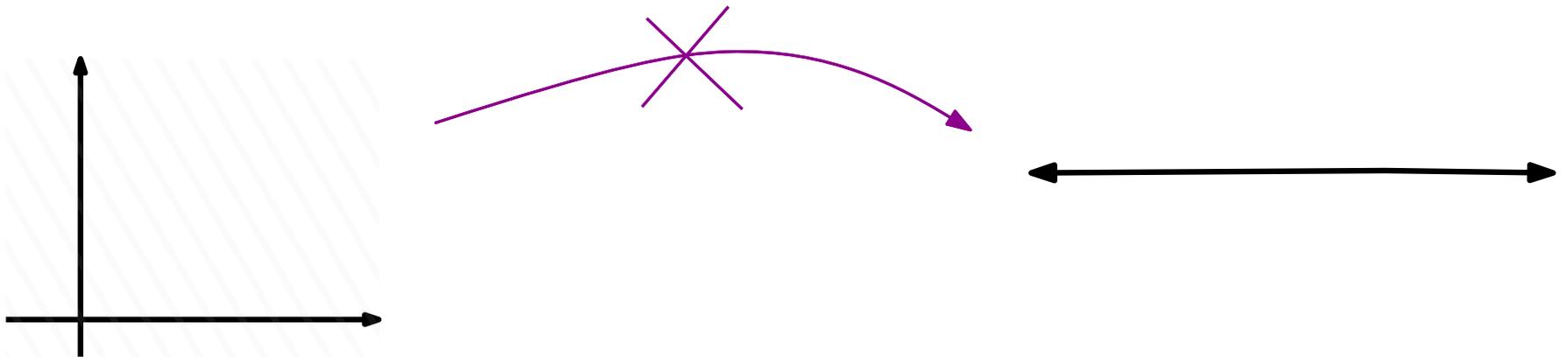
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Example (Invariance of domain): [Brouwer, 1912] If $n \neq m$, the Euclidean spaces \mathbb{R}^n and \mathbb{R}^m are not homeomorphic.



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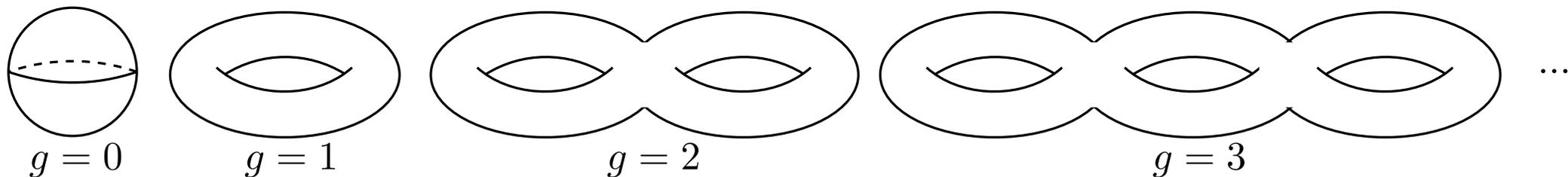
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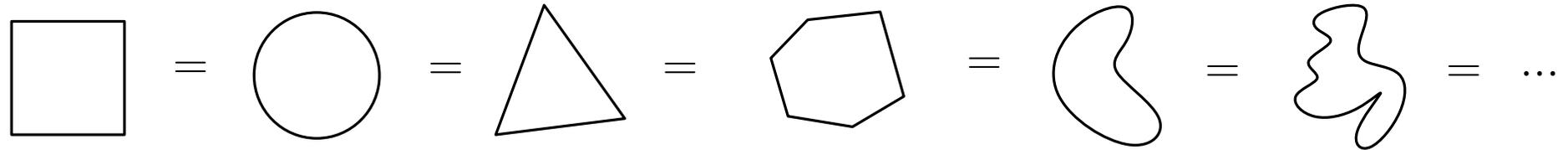
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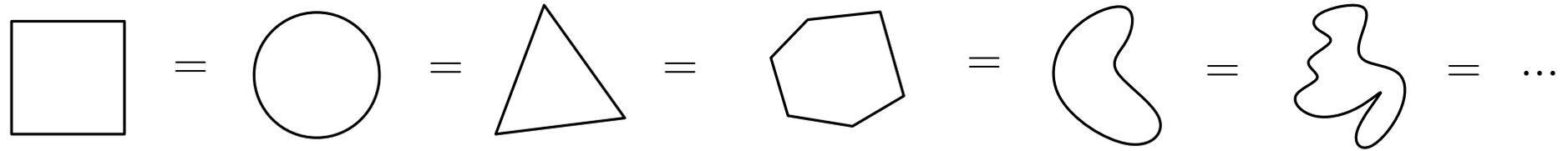
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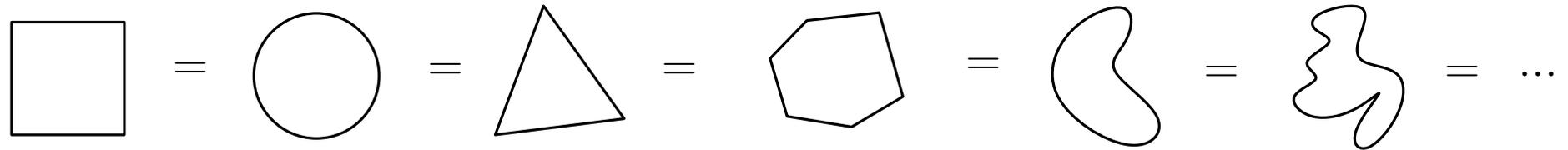


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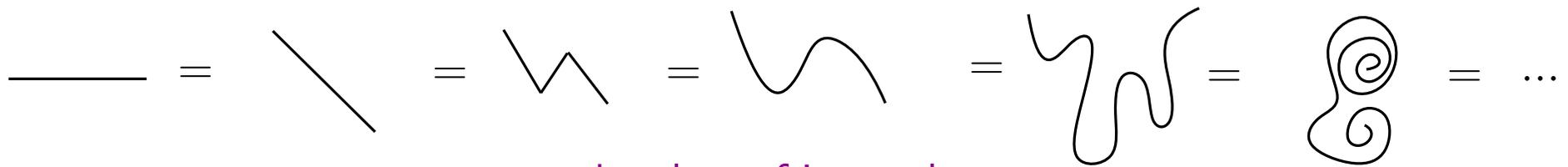


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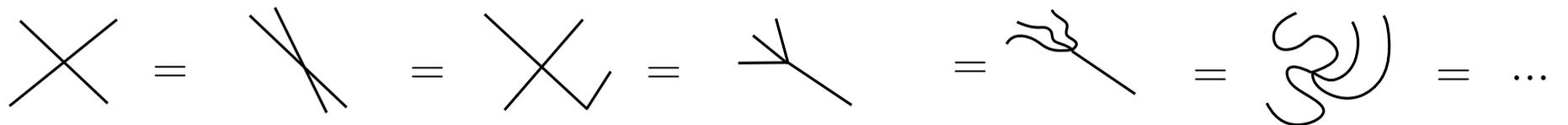
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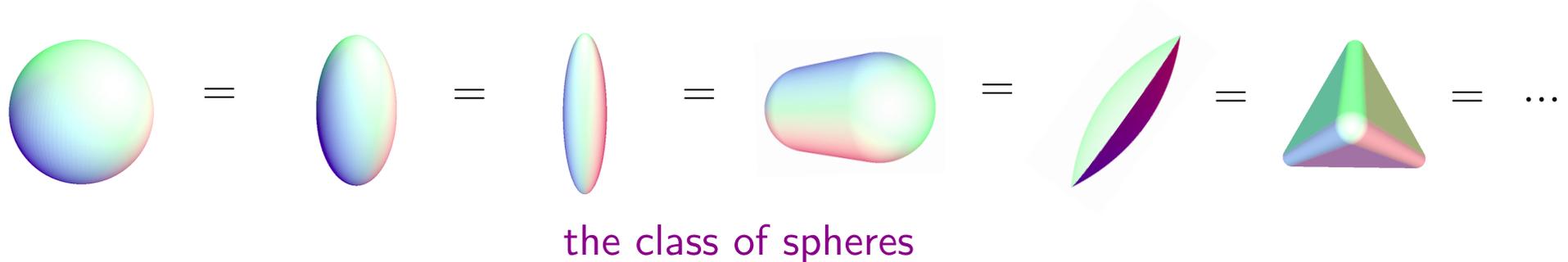
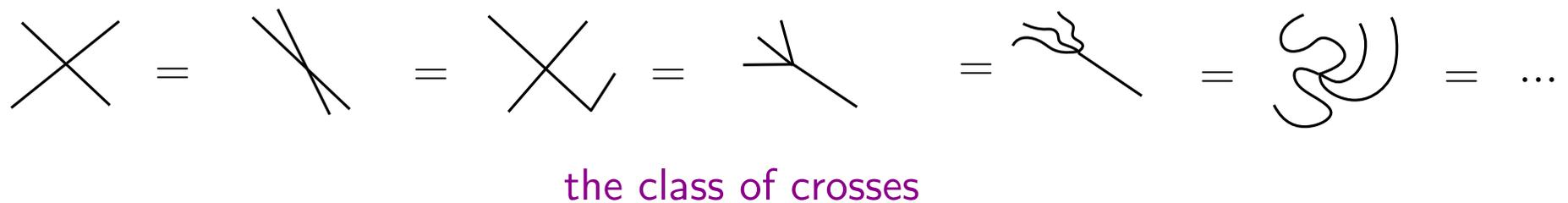
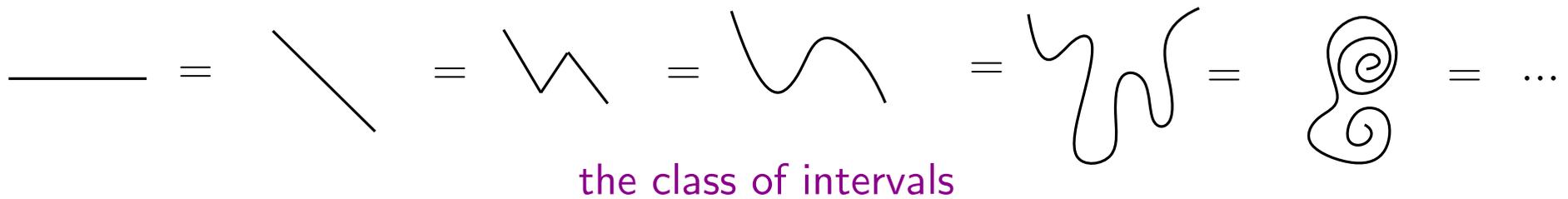
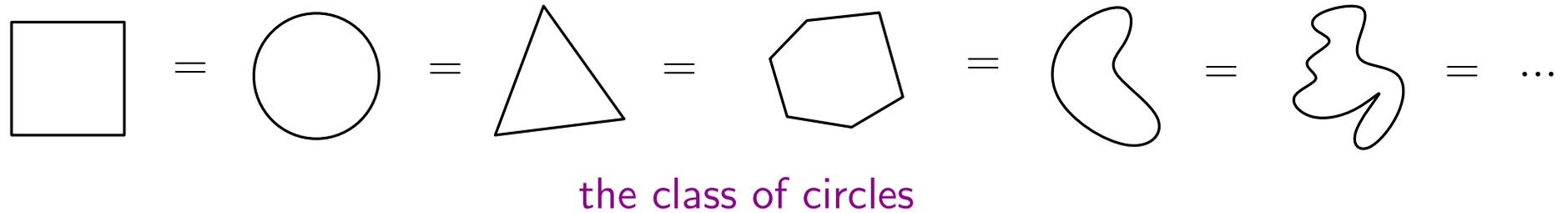


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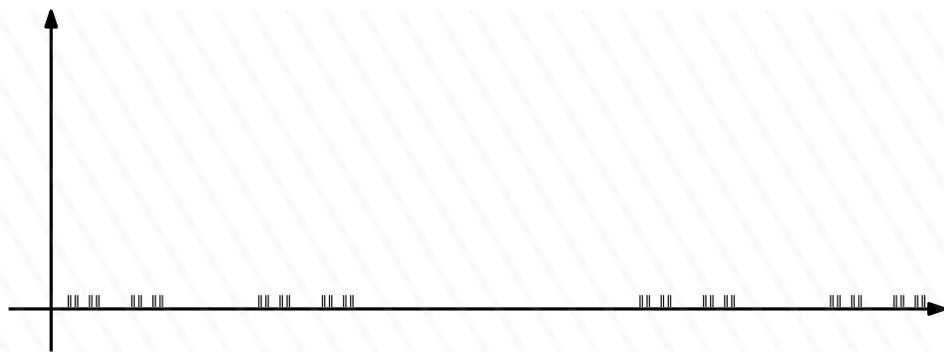


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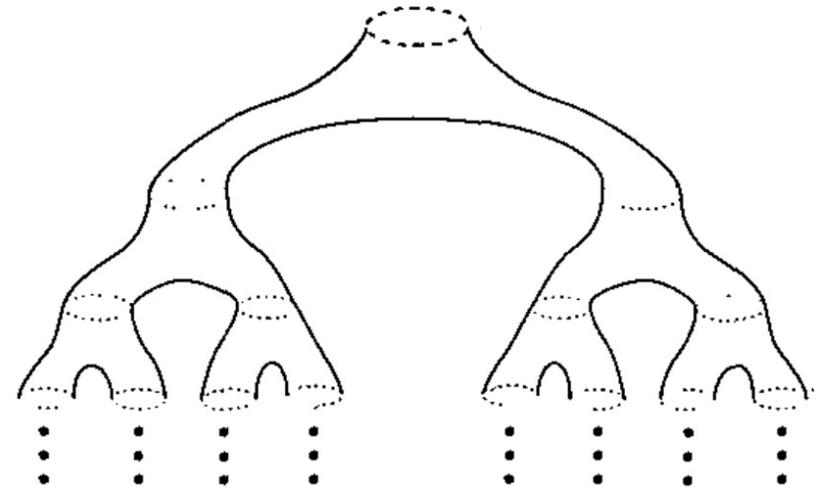
In general, it may be complicated to determine whether two spaces are homeomorphic.



$\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \text{Cantor set}$

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To answer this problem, we will use the notion of **invariant**.

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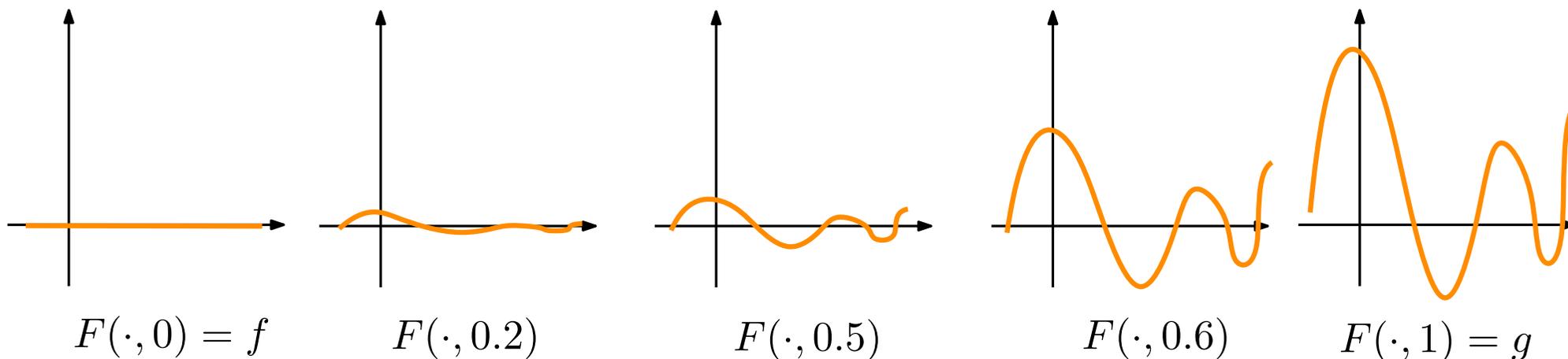
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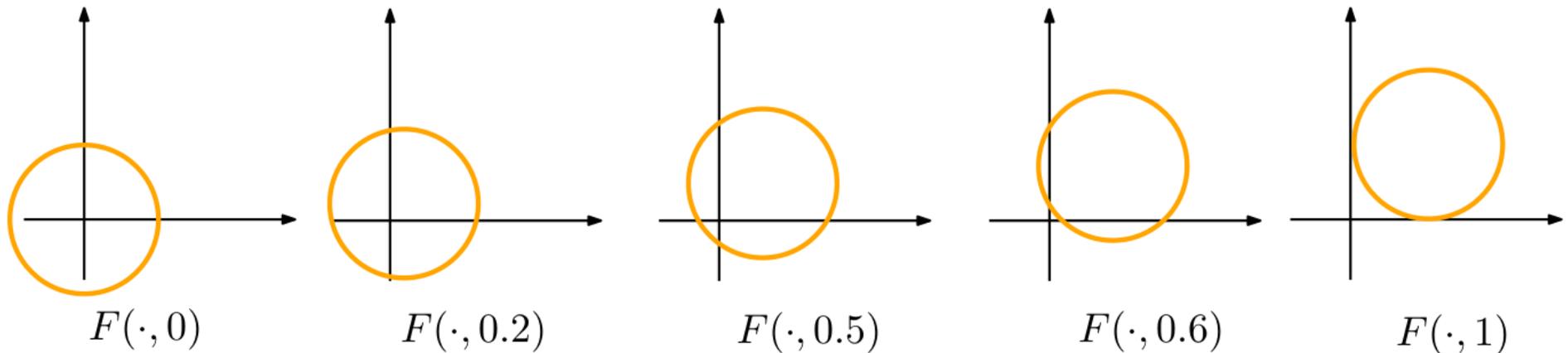
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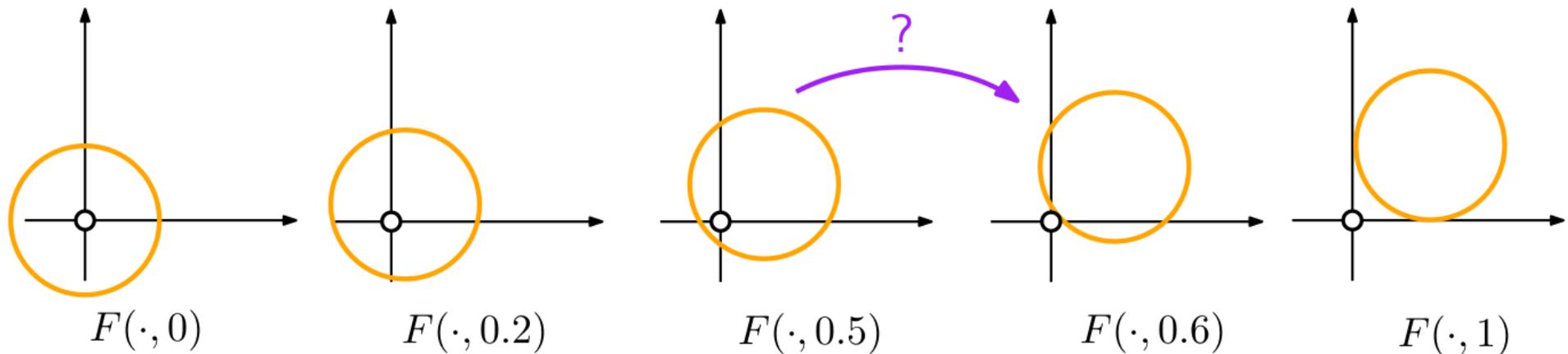
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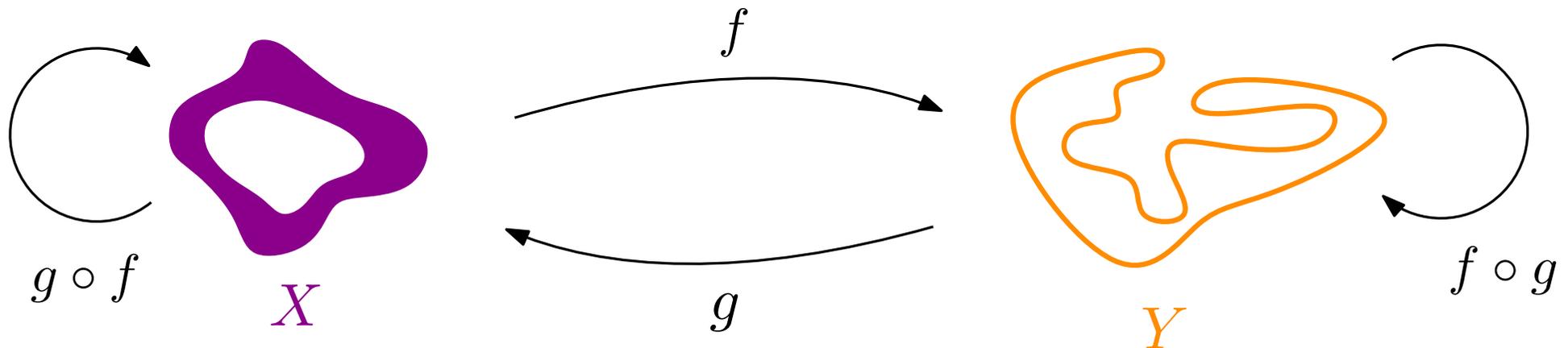


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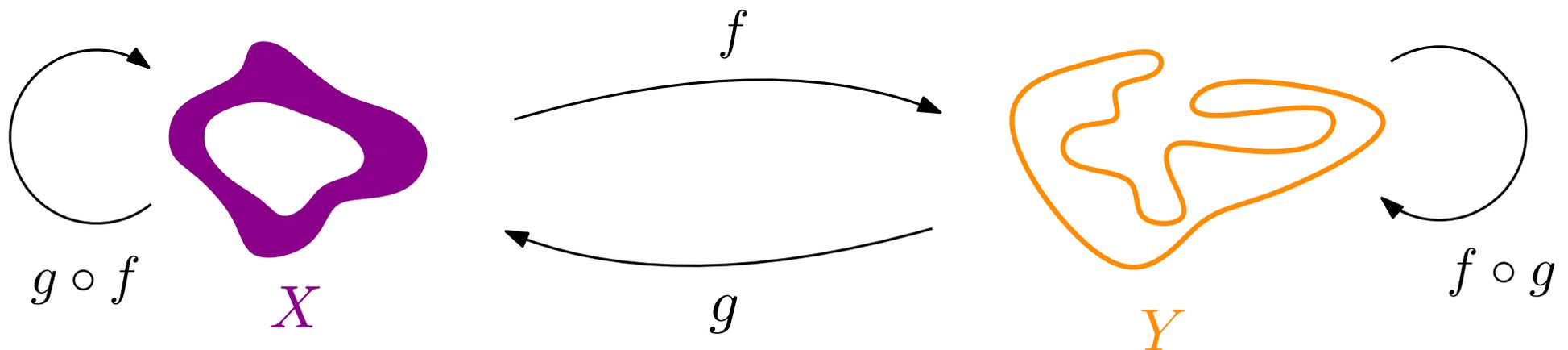
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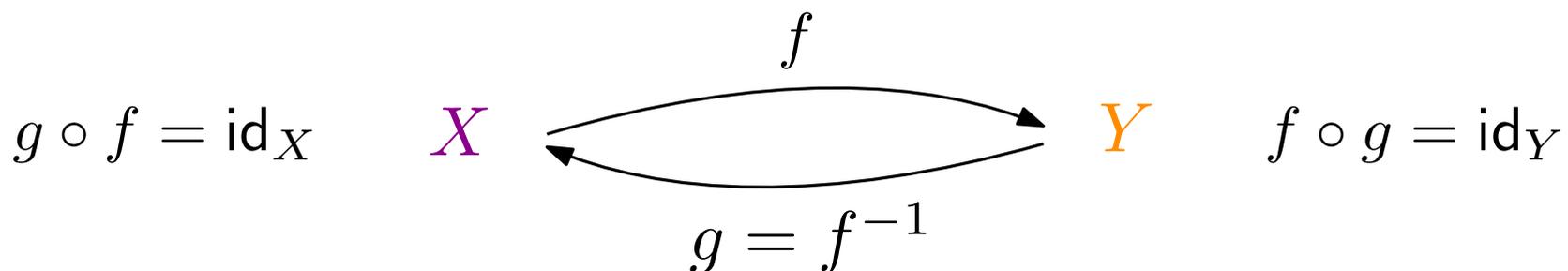
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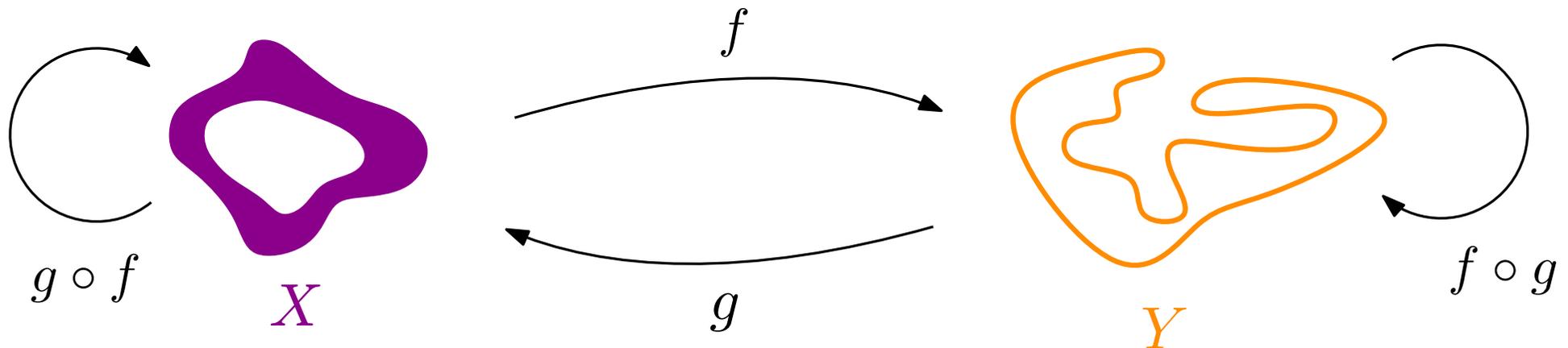
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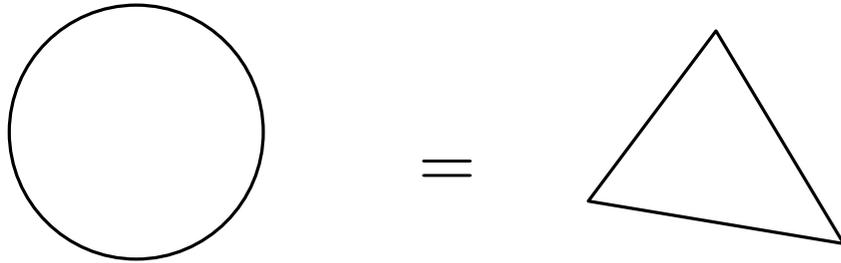
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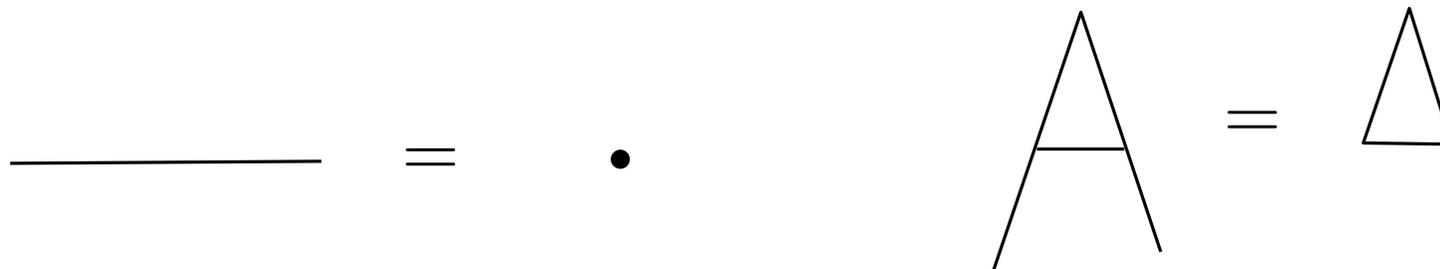
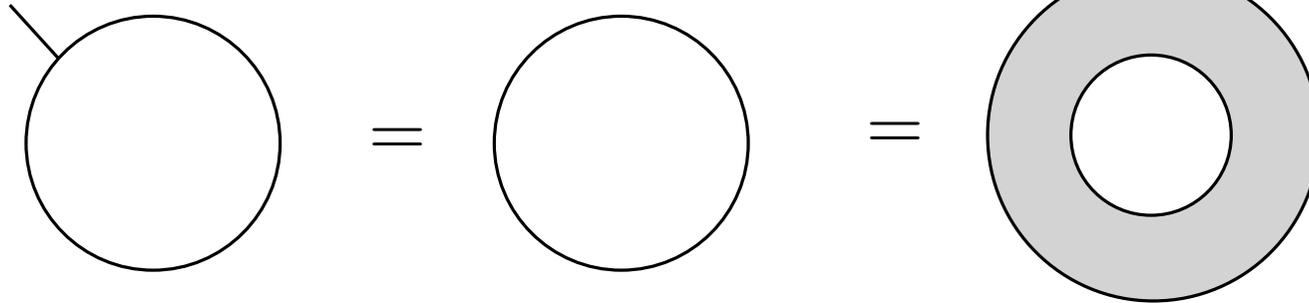
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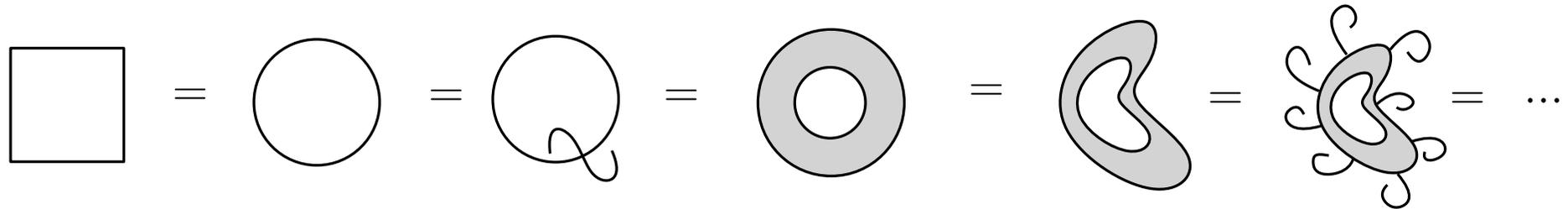
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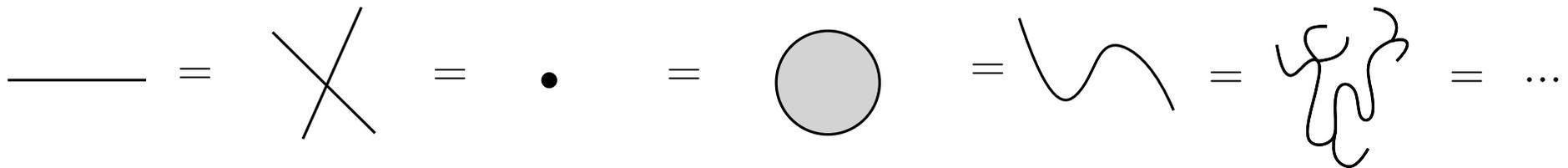
and to **retract** it.



Just as before, we can classify topological spaces according to this relation, and obtain **classes of homotopy equivalence**:



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the class of points

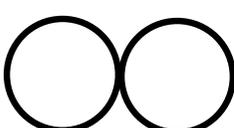
the class of spheres, the class of torii, the class of Klein bottles, ...

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G	H	I	J	K	L
M	N	O	P	Q	R
S	T	U	V	W	X
Y	Z				

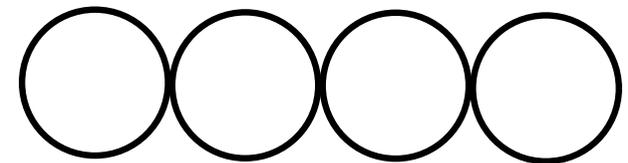
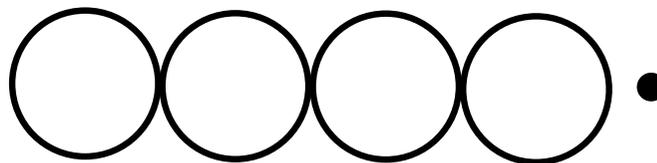
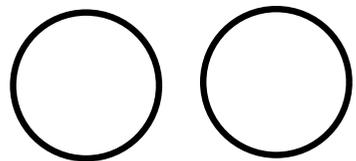
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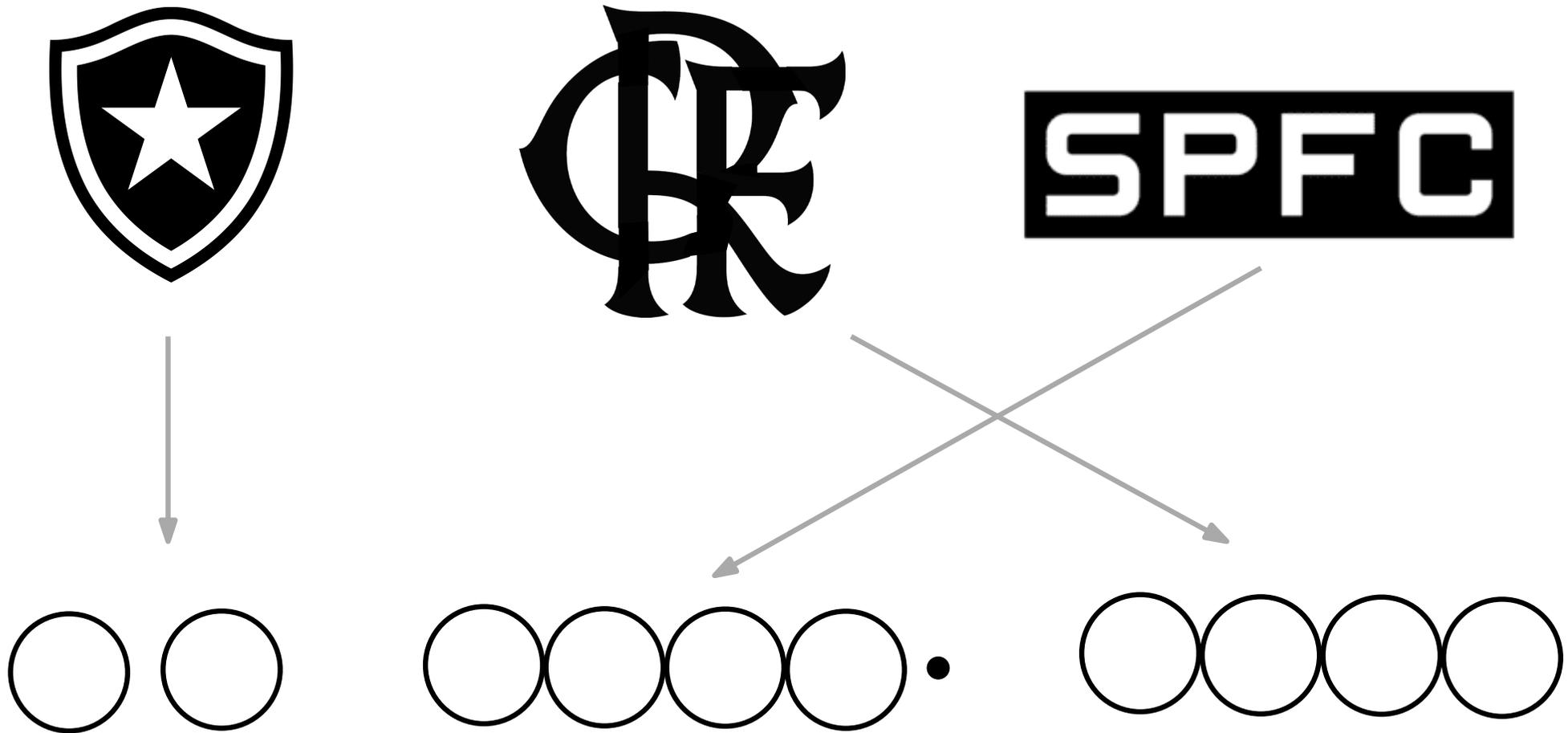
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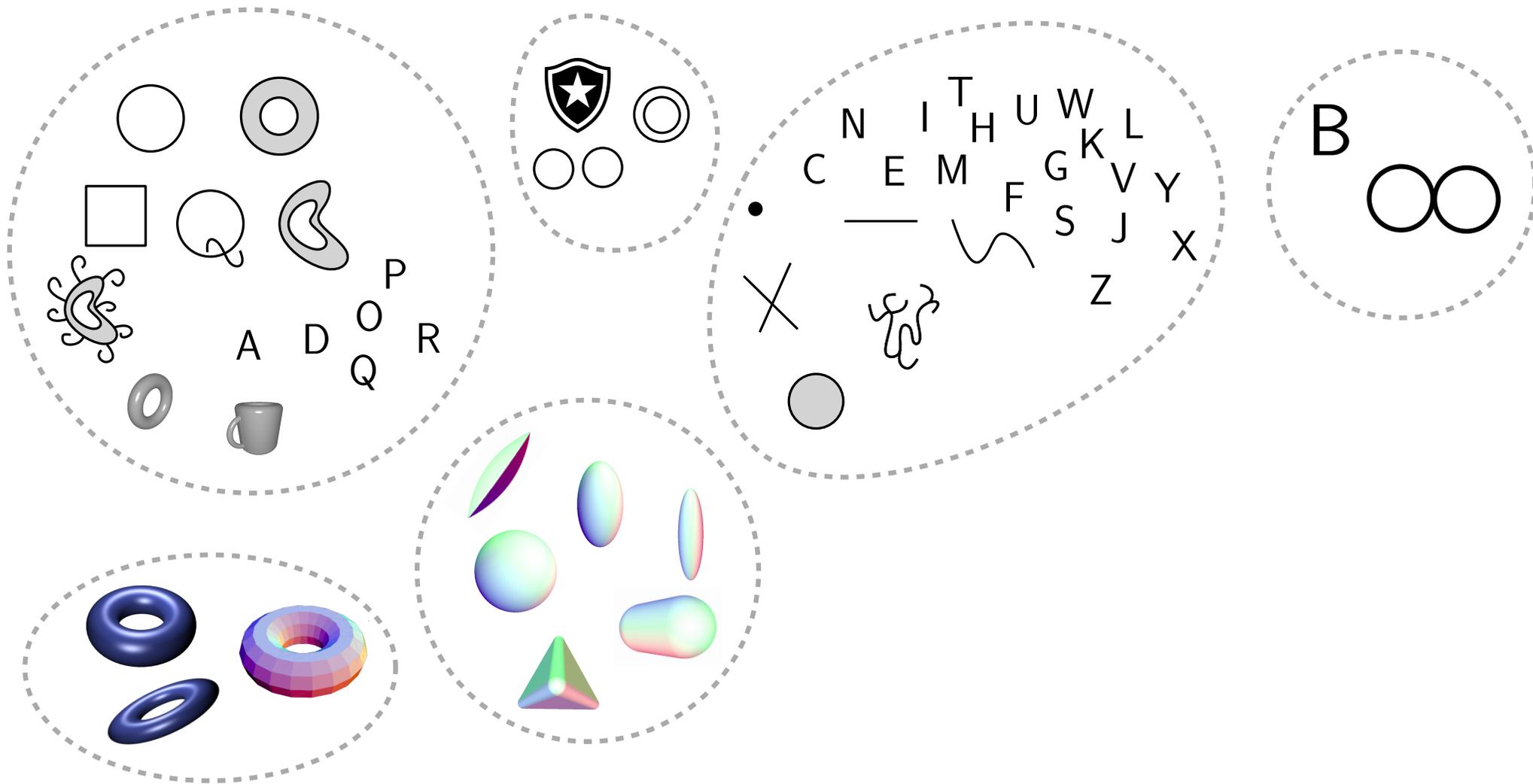
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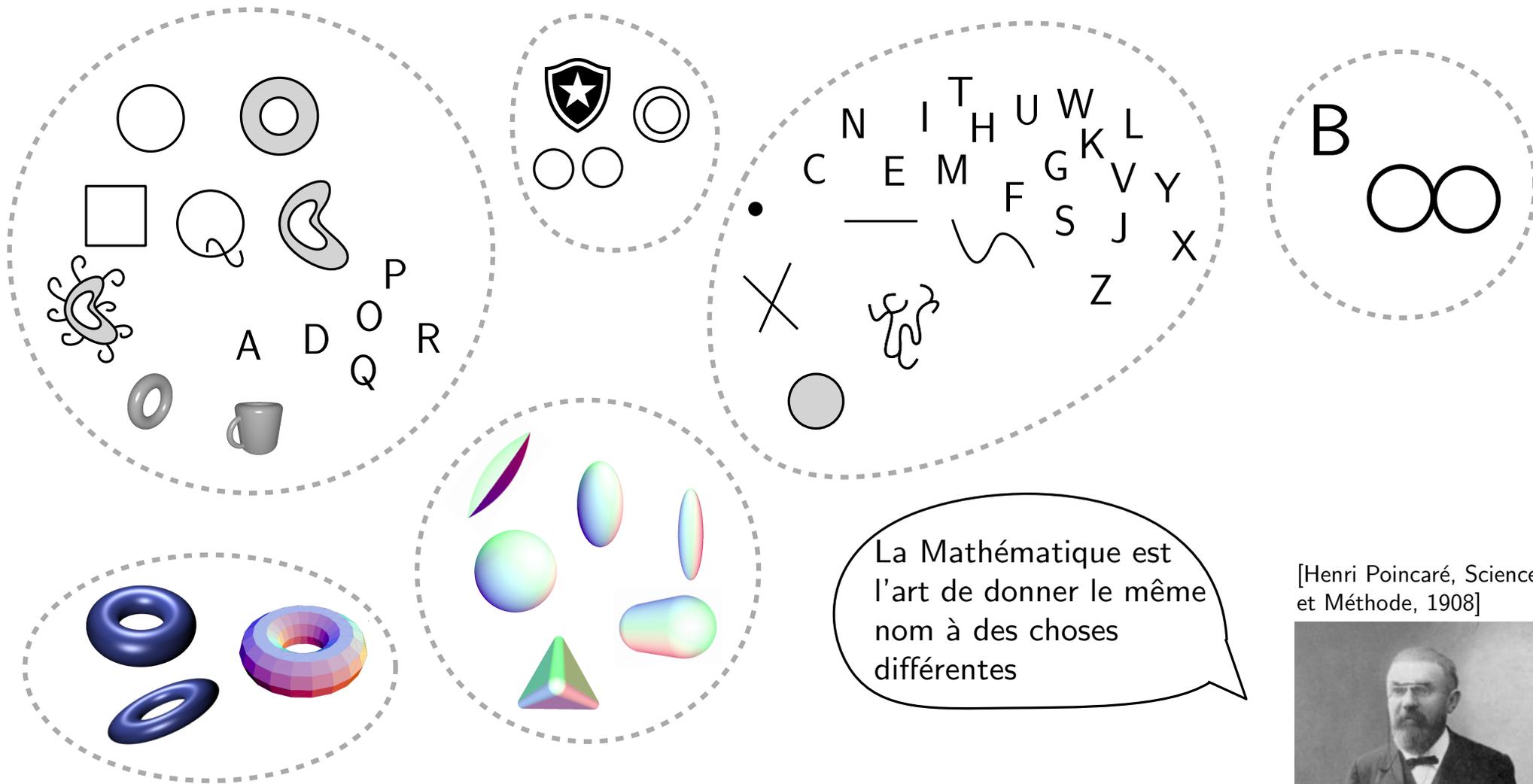
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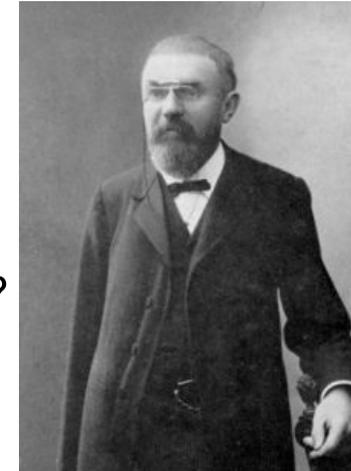
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[Henri Poincaré, Science et Méthode, 1908]



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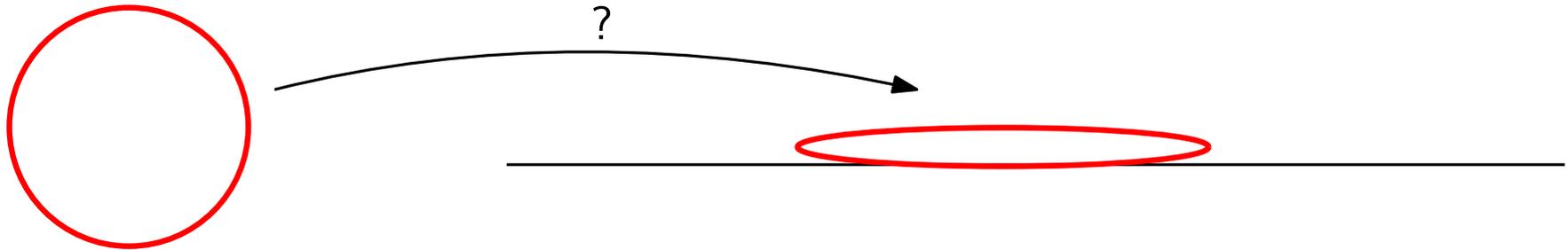
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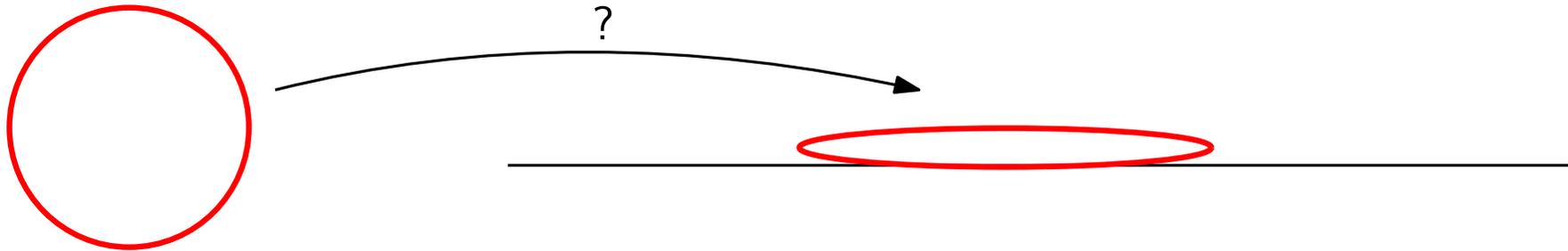


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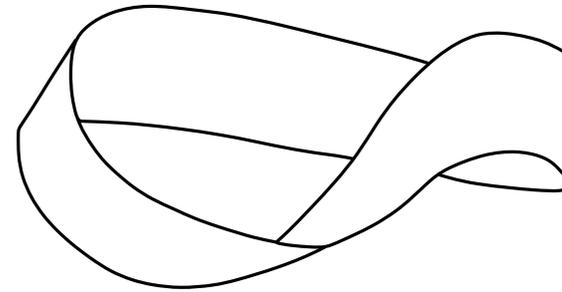
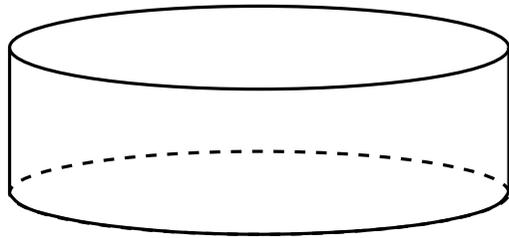
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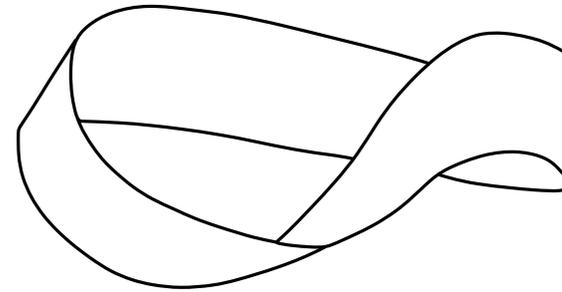
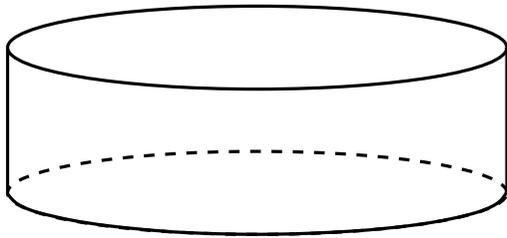
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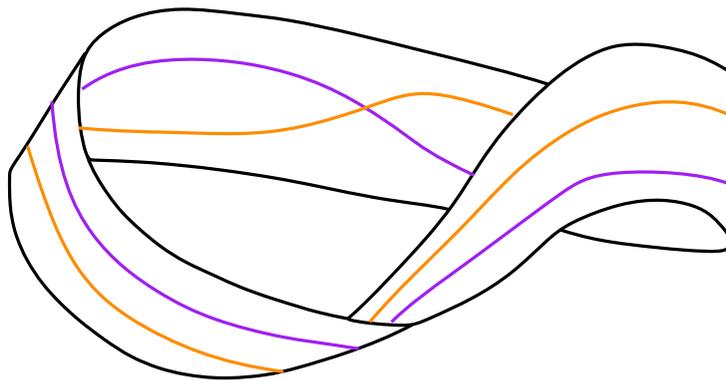
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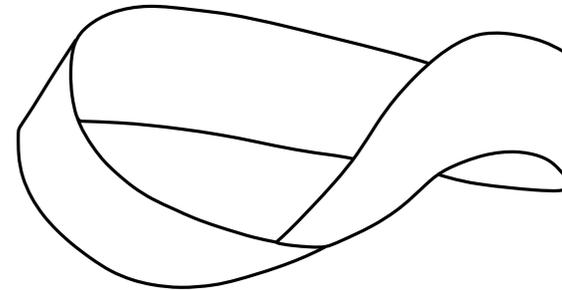
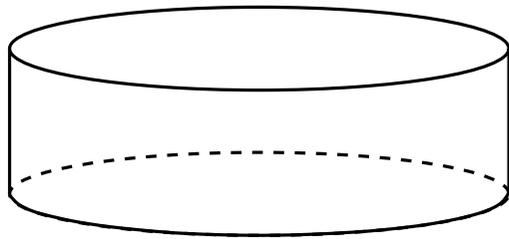
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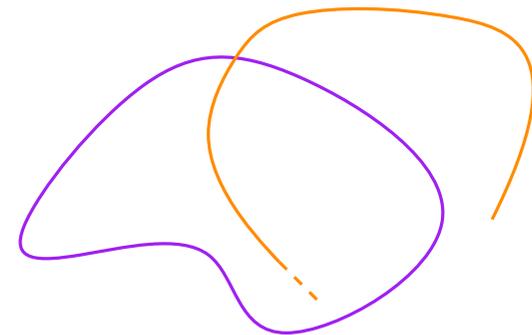
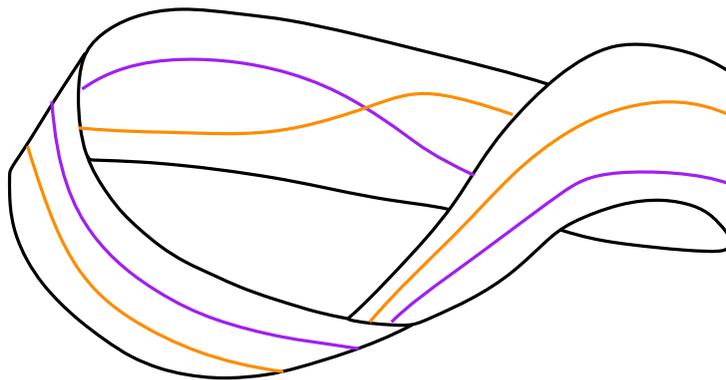
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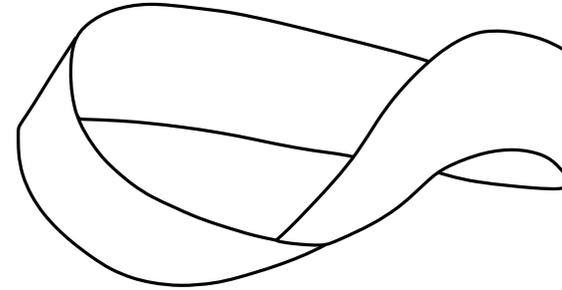
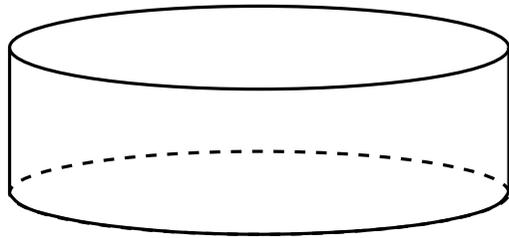
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This is impossible by Jordan's theorem.

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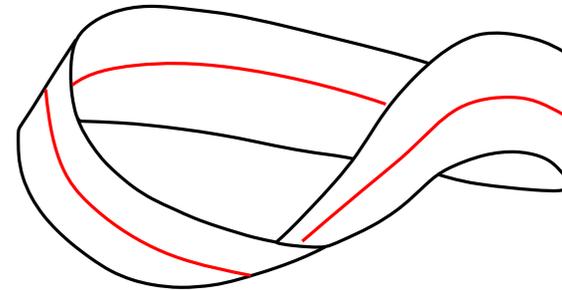
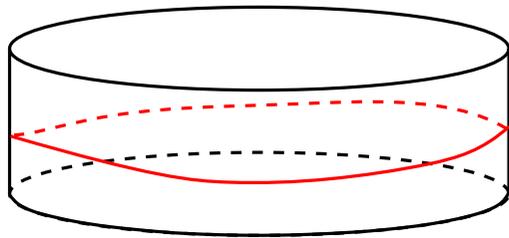
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Propriedade de invariância - nas aplicações_{24/37}

In applications, finding an embedding corresponds to the problem of **dimensionality reduction**.



Illustrations from [Luis Scoccola, Jose A. Perea, [Fiberwise dimensionality reduction of topologically complex data with vector bundles](#), 2022]

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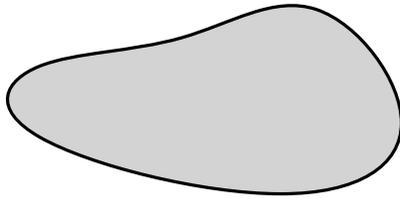
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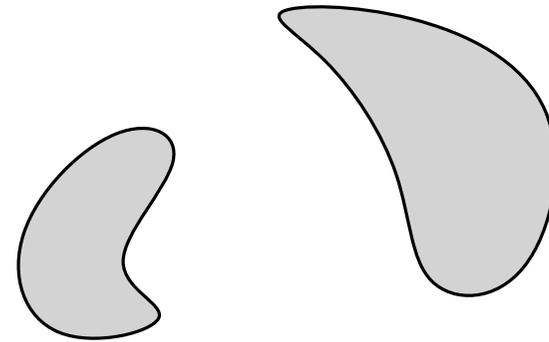
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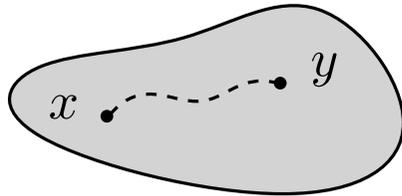


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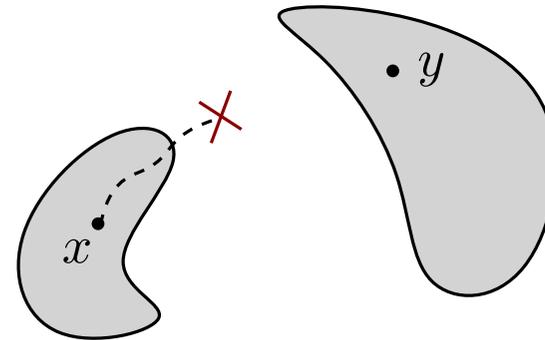


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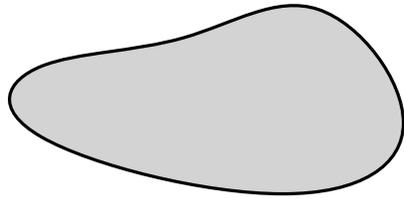


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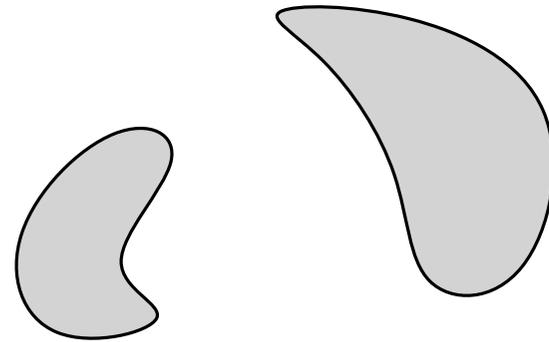


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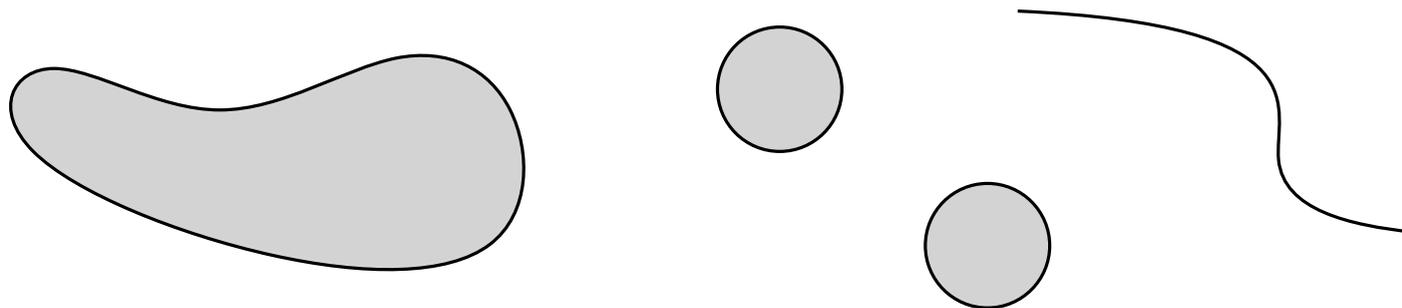


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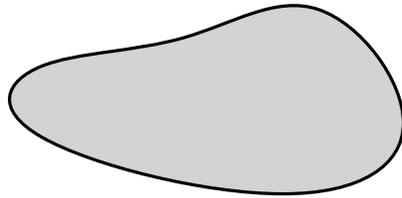


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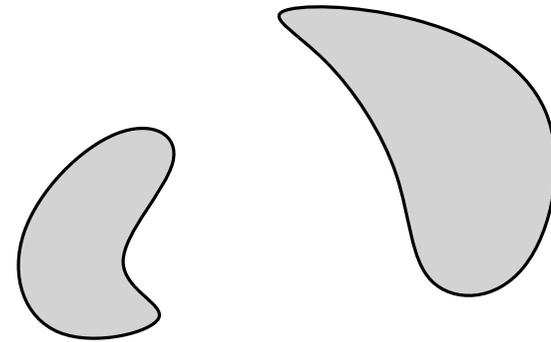
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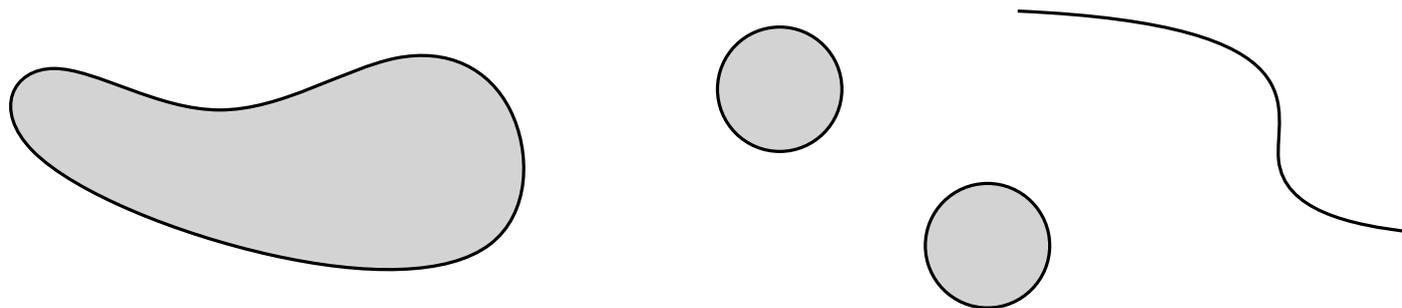


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non-connected space

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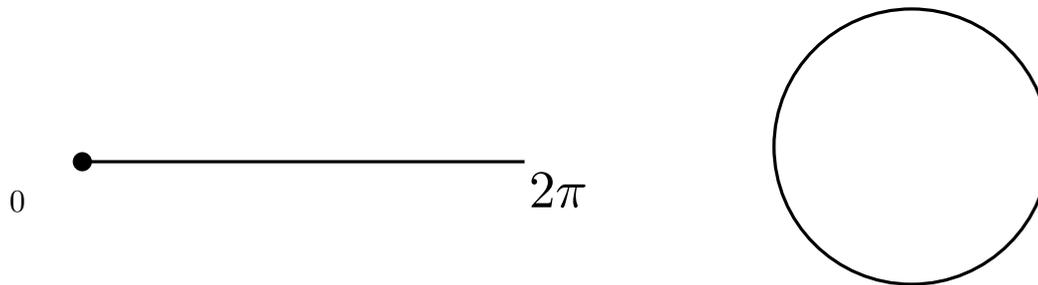


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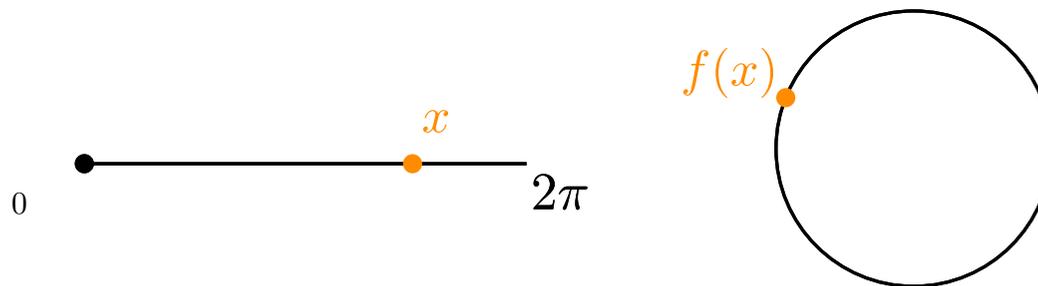


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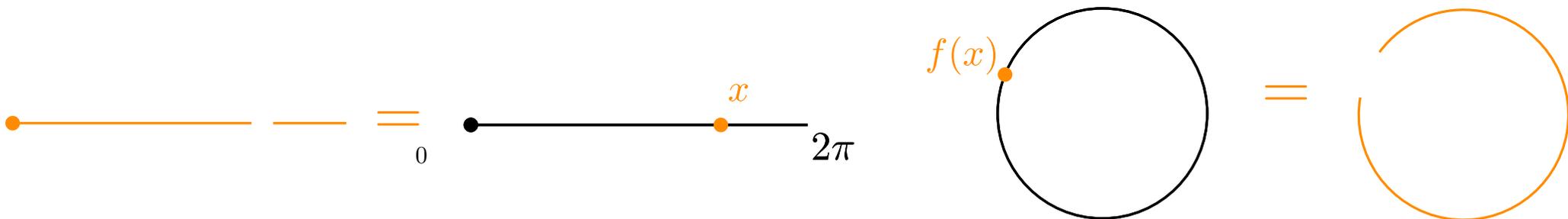
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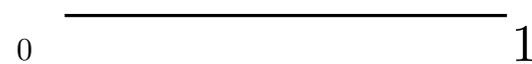
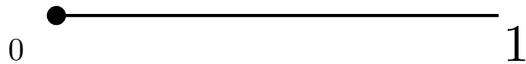
Moreover, $[0, 2\pi) \setminus \{x\}$ has two connected components, and $\mathbb{S}_1 \setminus \{f(x)\}$ only one.

This is absurd.

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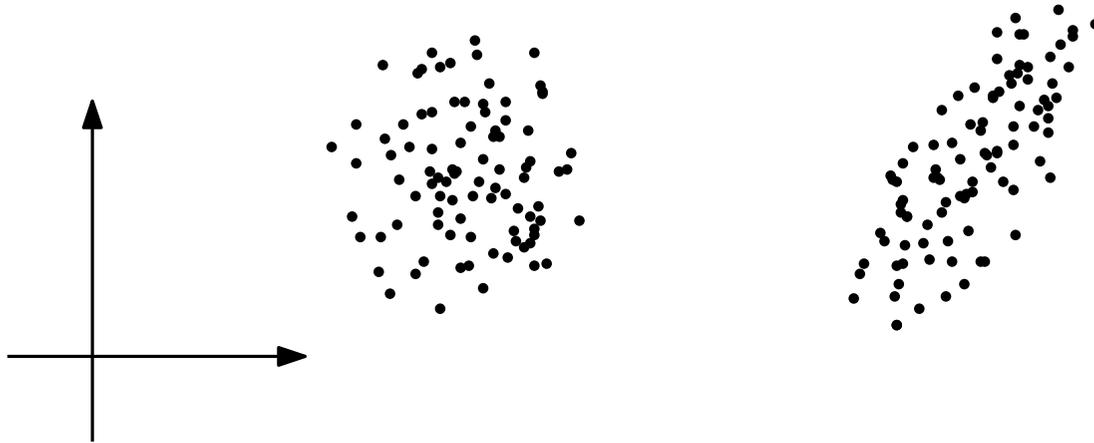
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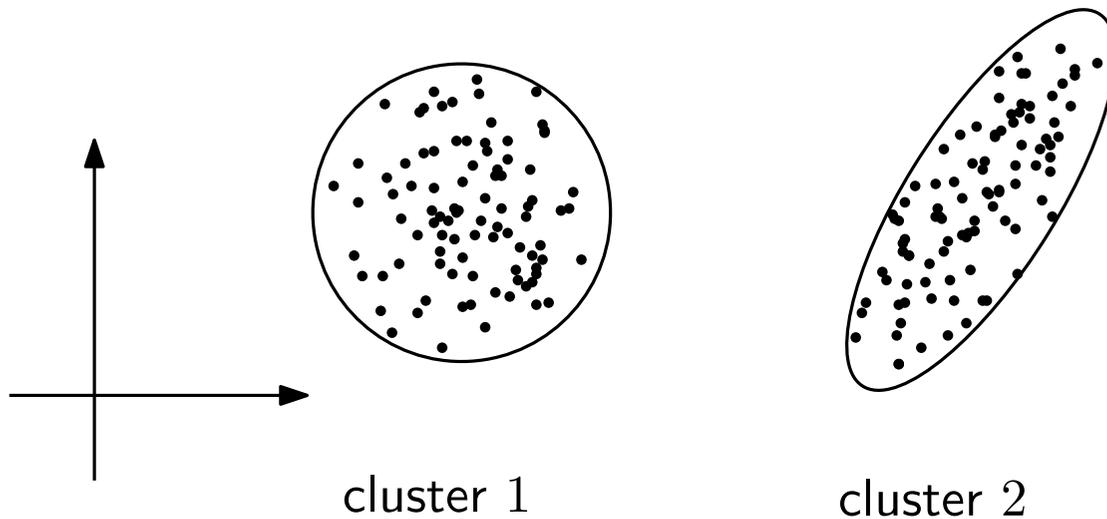
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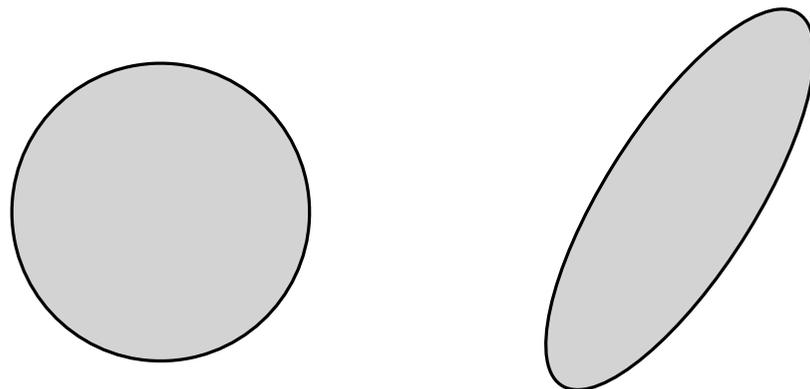
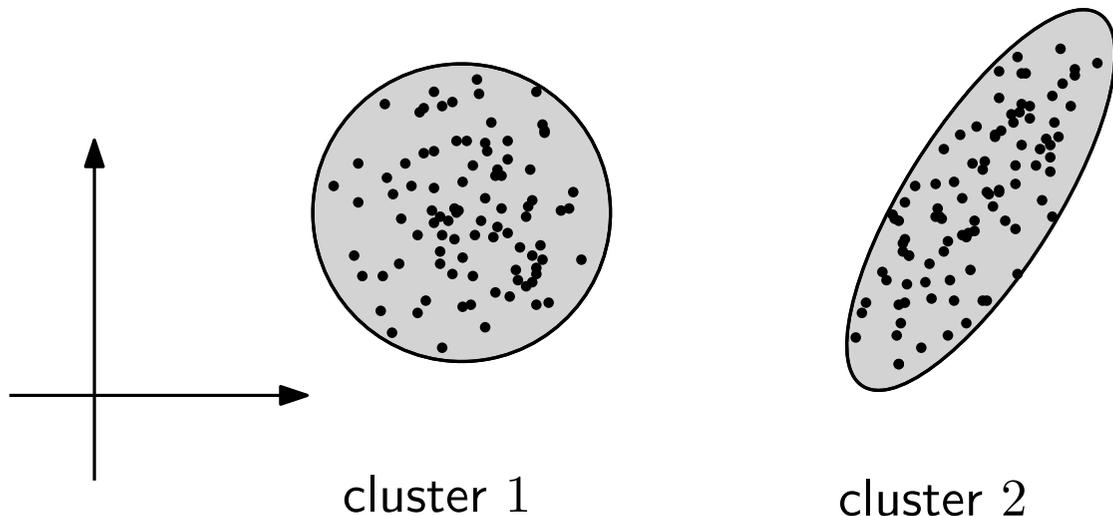
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connected component 1

connected component 2

We can think of these sets as an **underlying topological space**, on which the points are sampled.

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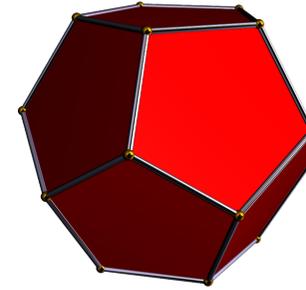
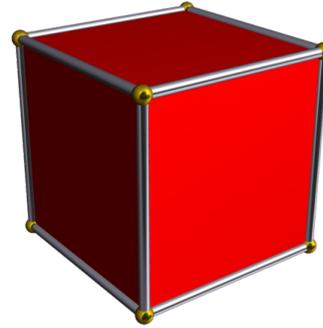
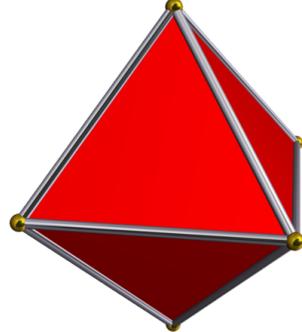
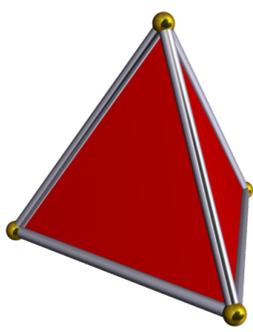
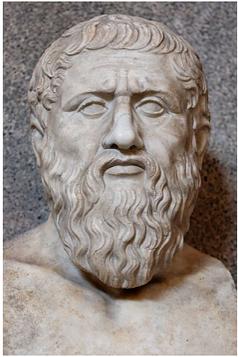
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Característica de Euler

30/37 (1/10)



number of faces

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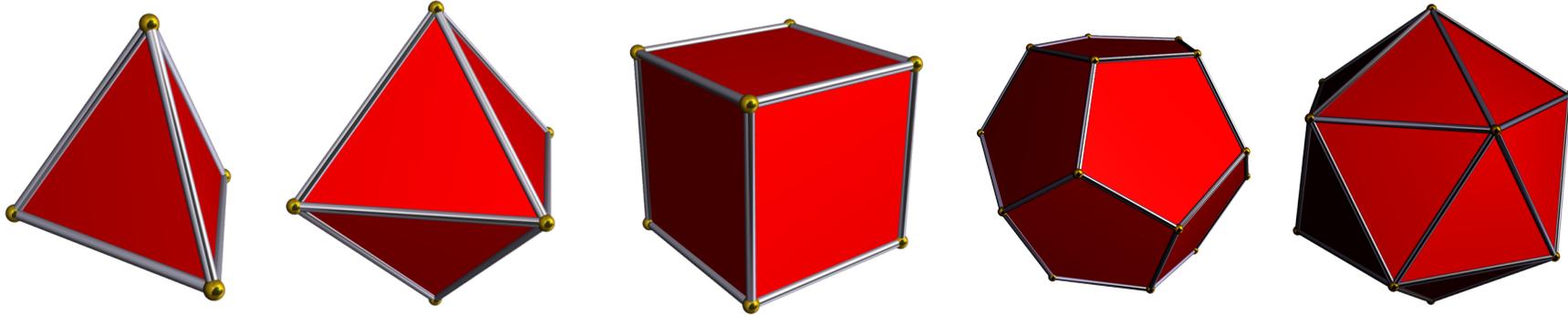
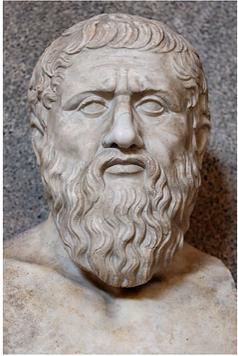
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Proposition [Euler, 1758]: In any convex polyhedron, we have
number of faces – number of edges + number of vertices = 2

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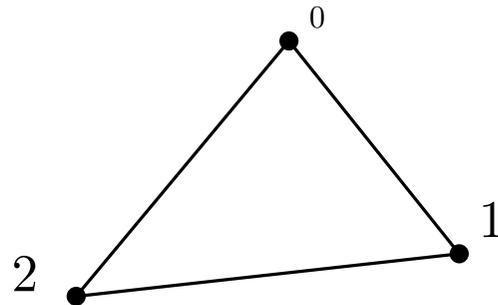
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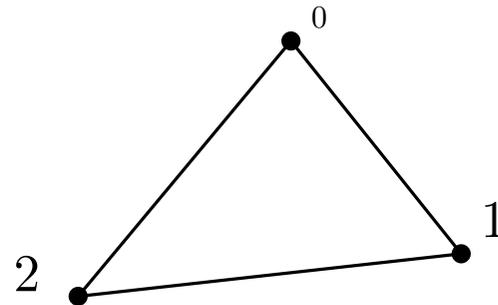
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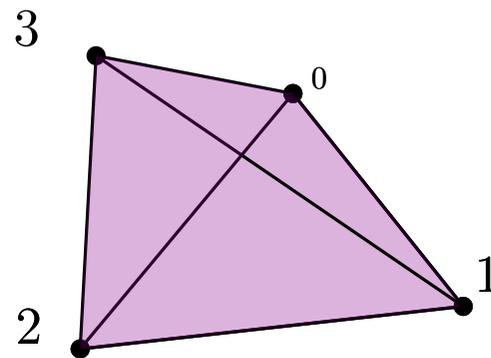
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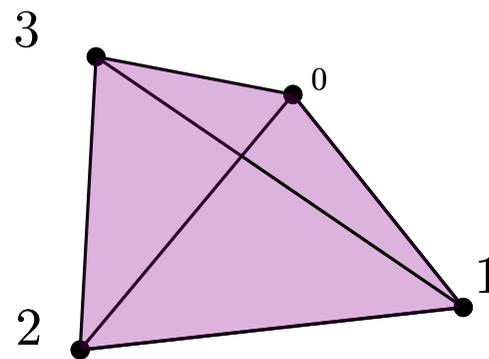
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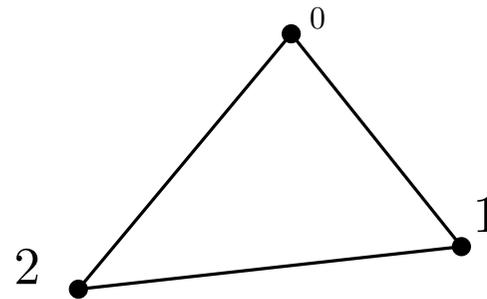
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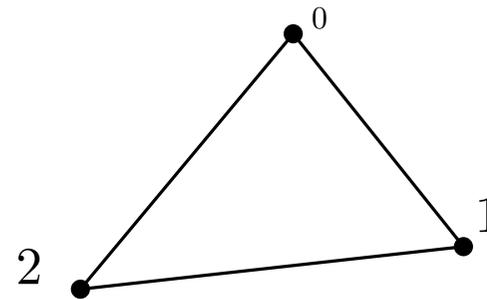


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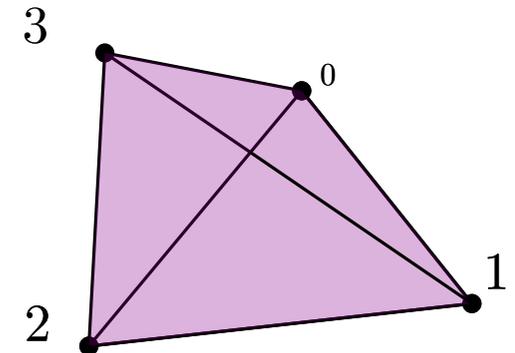
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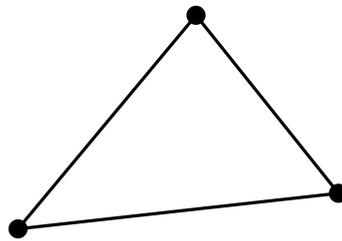
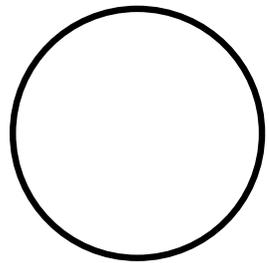
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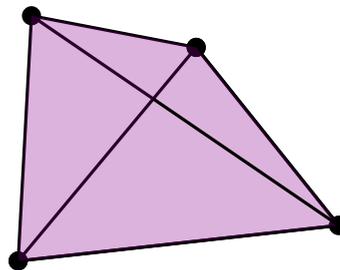
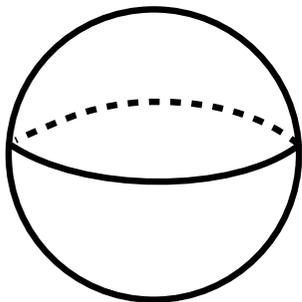
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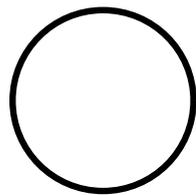
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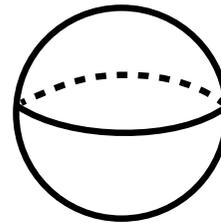
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We can use this information to prove that two spaces are not homotopy equivalent.

Example: The circle has Euler characteristic 0, and the sphere Euler characteristic 2. Therefore, they are not homotopy equivalent.



$$\chi(\mathbb{S}_1) = 0$$



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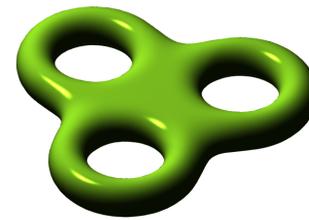
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Example (Classification of surfaces): The homeomorphism classes of *connected and compact surfaces* are classified by their Euler characteristic.



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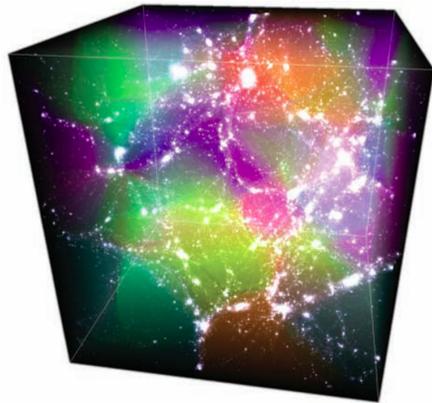
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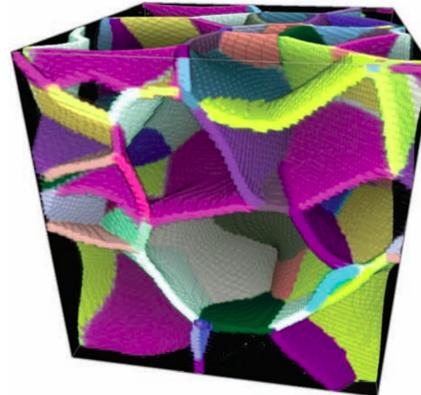
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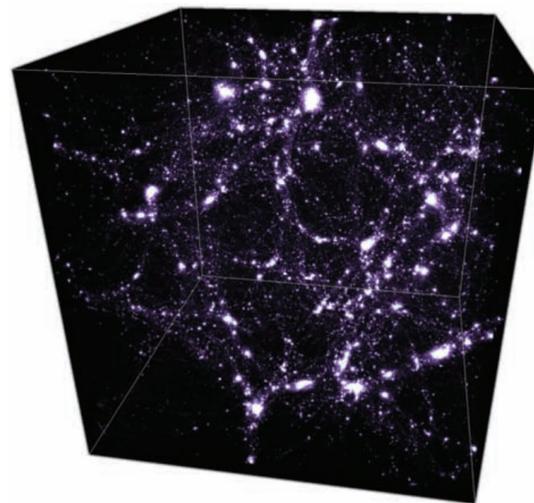
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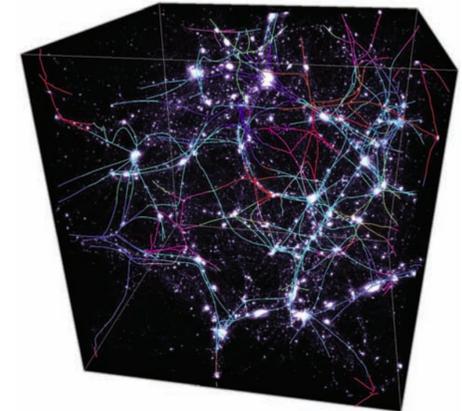
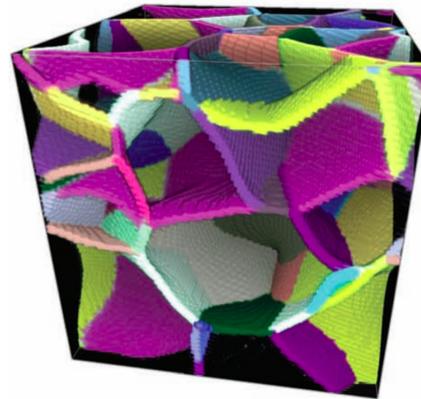
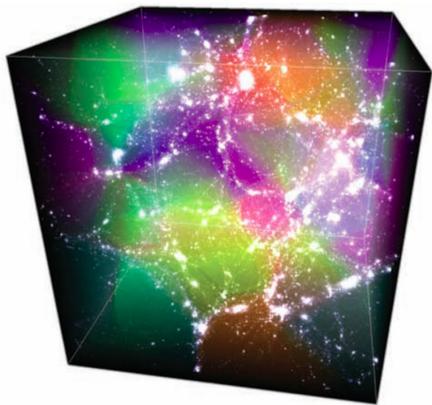
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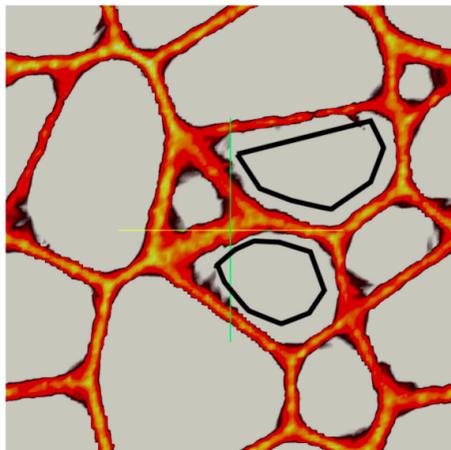
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The Euler characteristic 'counts' the number of holes

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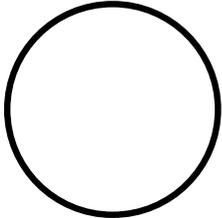
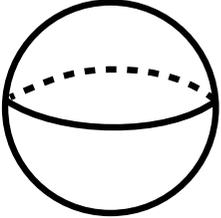
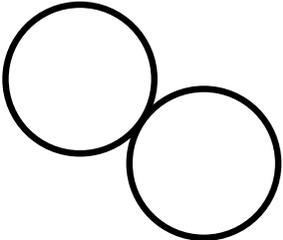
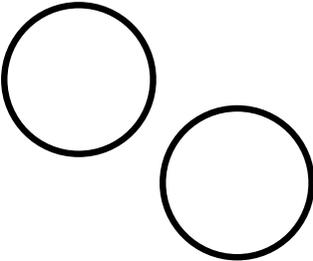
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Example: Let us give some examples instead.

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$\beta_1(X)$	0	1	0	2	2
$\beta_2(X)$	0	0	1	0	0

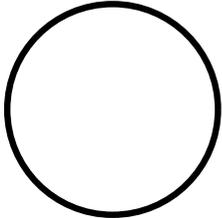
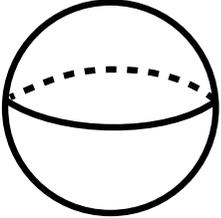
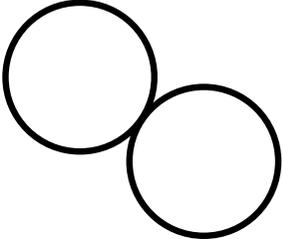
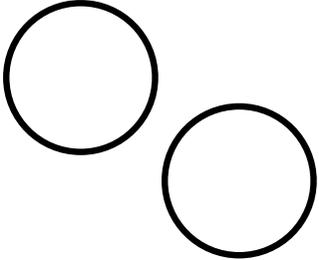
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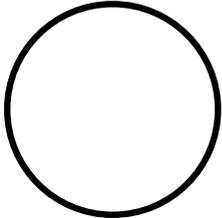
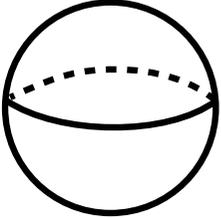
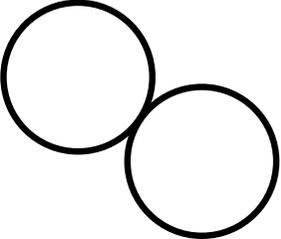
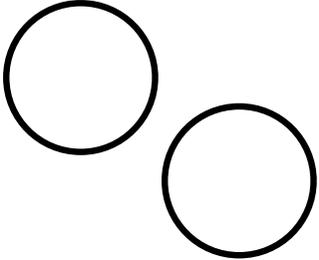
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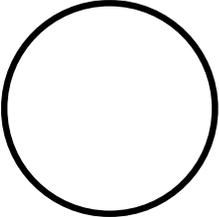
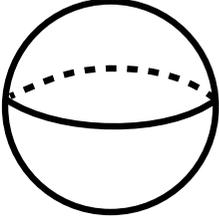
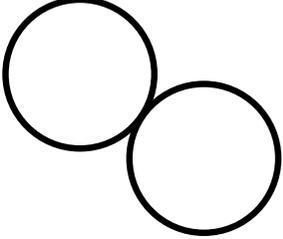
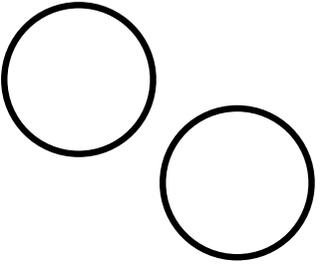
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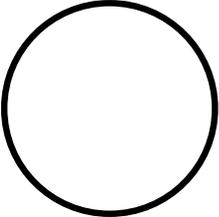
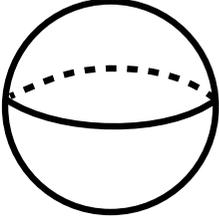
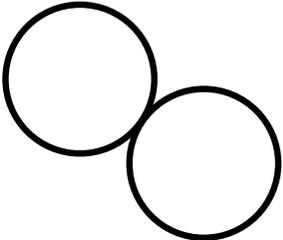
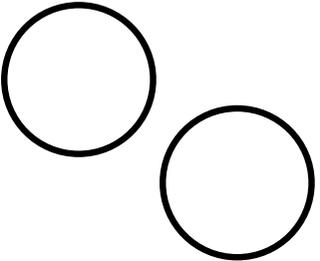
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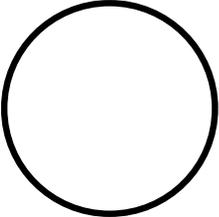
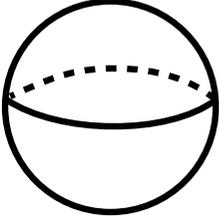
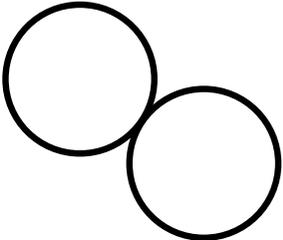
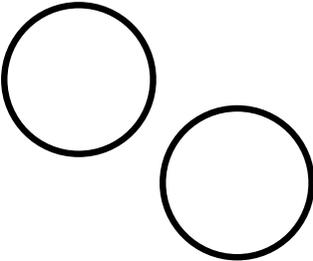
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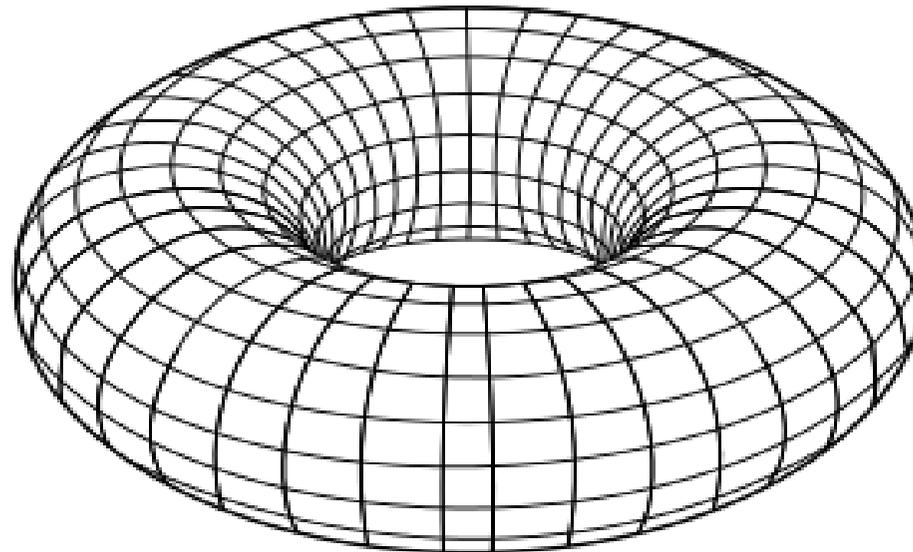
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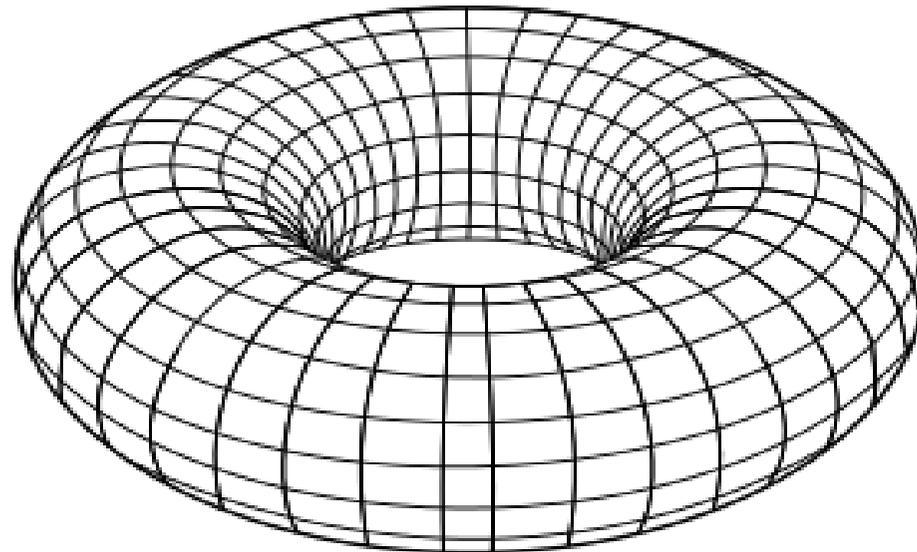


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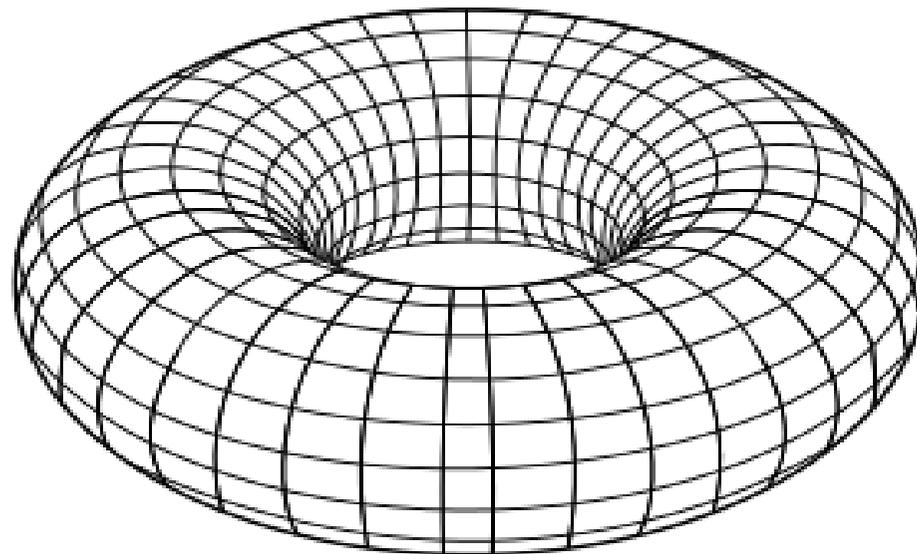


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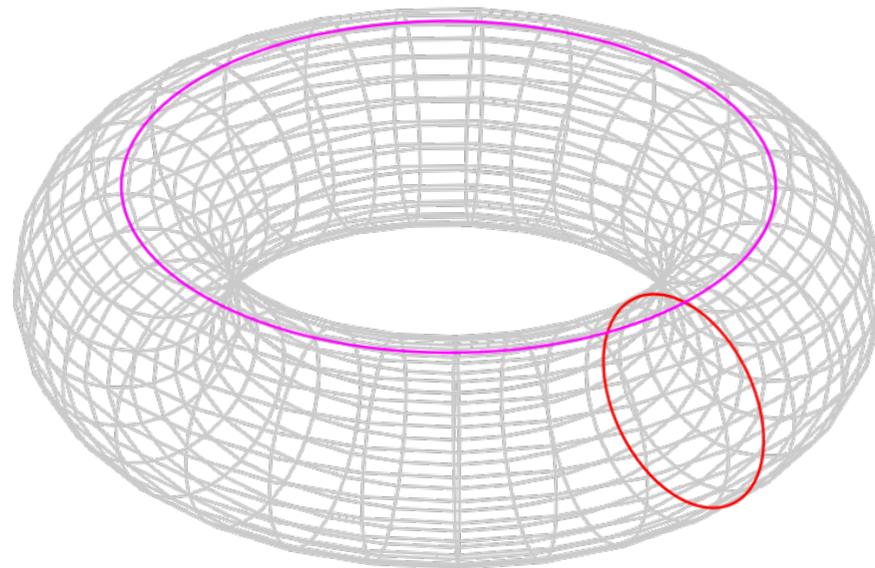


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Example (Brouwer's invariance of domain):

Let us show that \mathbb{R}^n and \mathbb{R}^m , with $n \neq m$, are not homeomorphic.

Let $h: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a homeomorphism.

Choose any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and consider the restricted map

$$h: \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{x\} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^m \setminus \{h(x)\}$$

It is still a homeomorphism.

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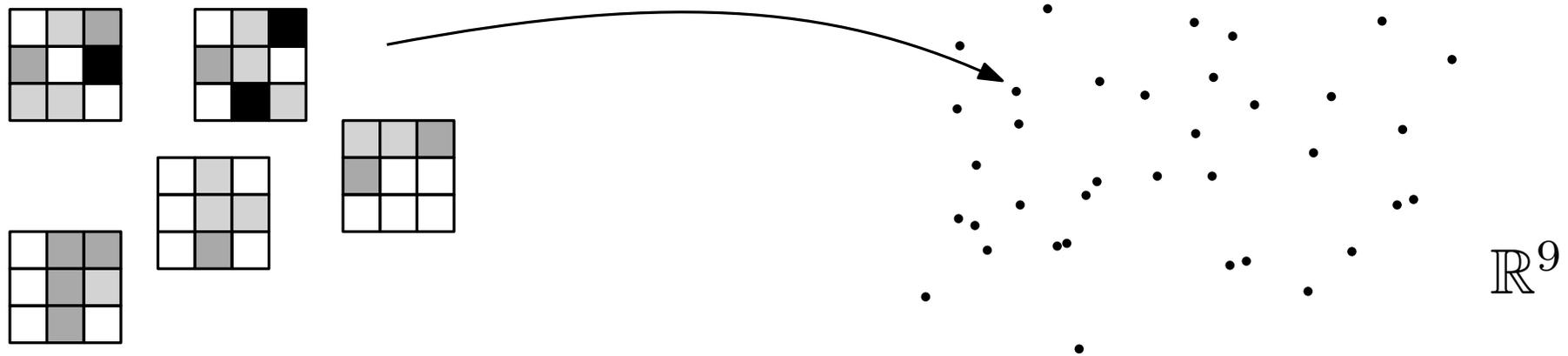
We have seen before that \mathbb{S}^{n-1} and \mathbb{S}^{m-1} are homotopic if and only if $m = n$. This is a contradiction.

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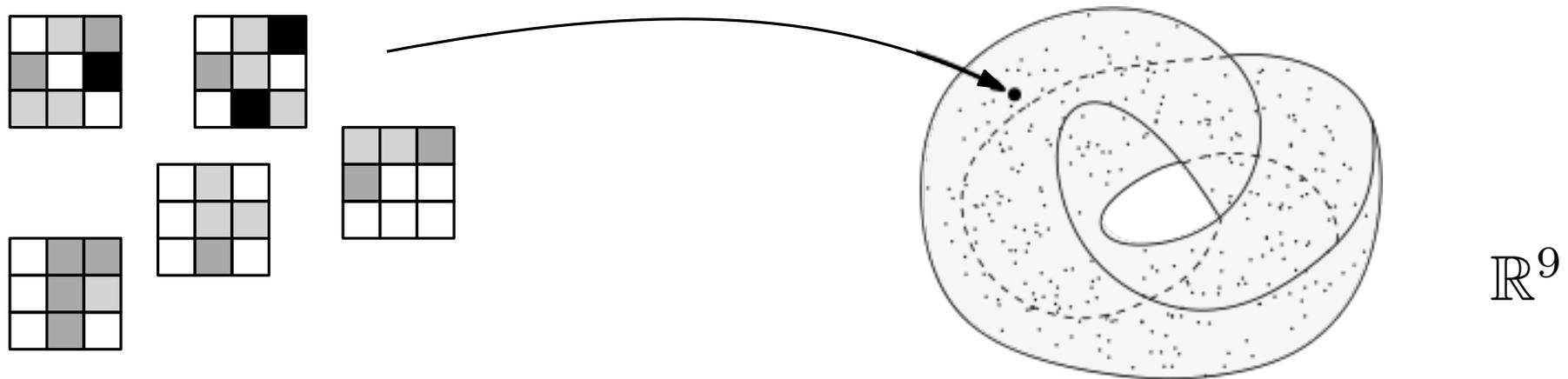
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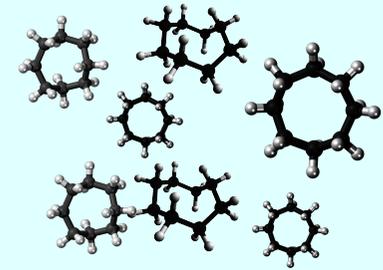
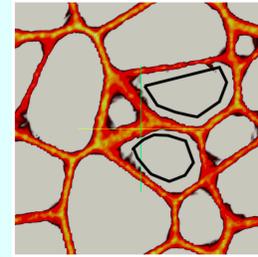
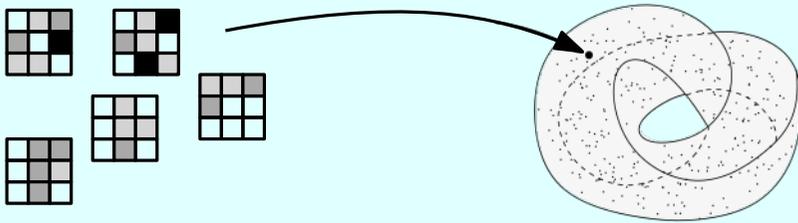
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These are the Betti numbers of a Klein bottle!

(and the authors actually show that the dataset concentrates near a Klein bottle embedded in \mathbb{R}^9 .)

Conclusão

We can find interesting topology in datasets.



Invariants of homotopy classes allow to describe and understand them.

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Tomorrow morning: a stronger invariant, **homology**.

Tomorrow afternoon: how to compute these invariants in practice? **persistent homology**.

A course about TDA: <https://raphaeltinarrage.github.io/EMAp.html>