# The topology of representation teleportation, regularized Oja's rule, and symmetric weights

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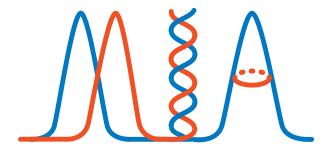
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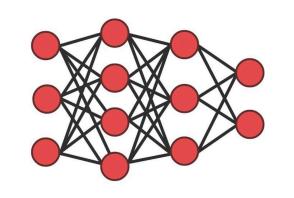












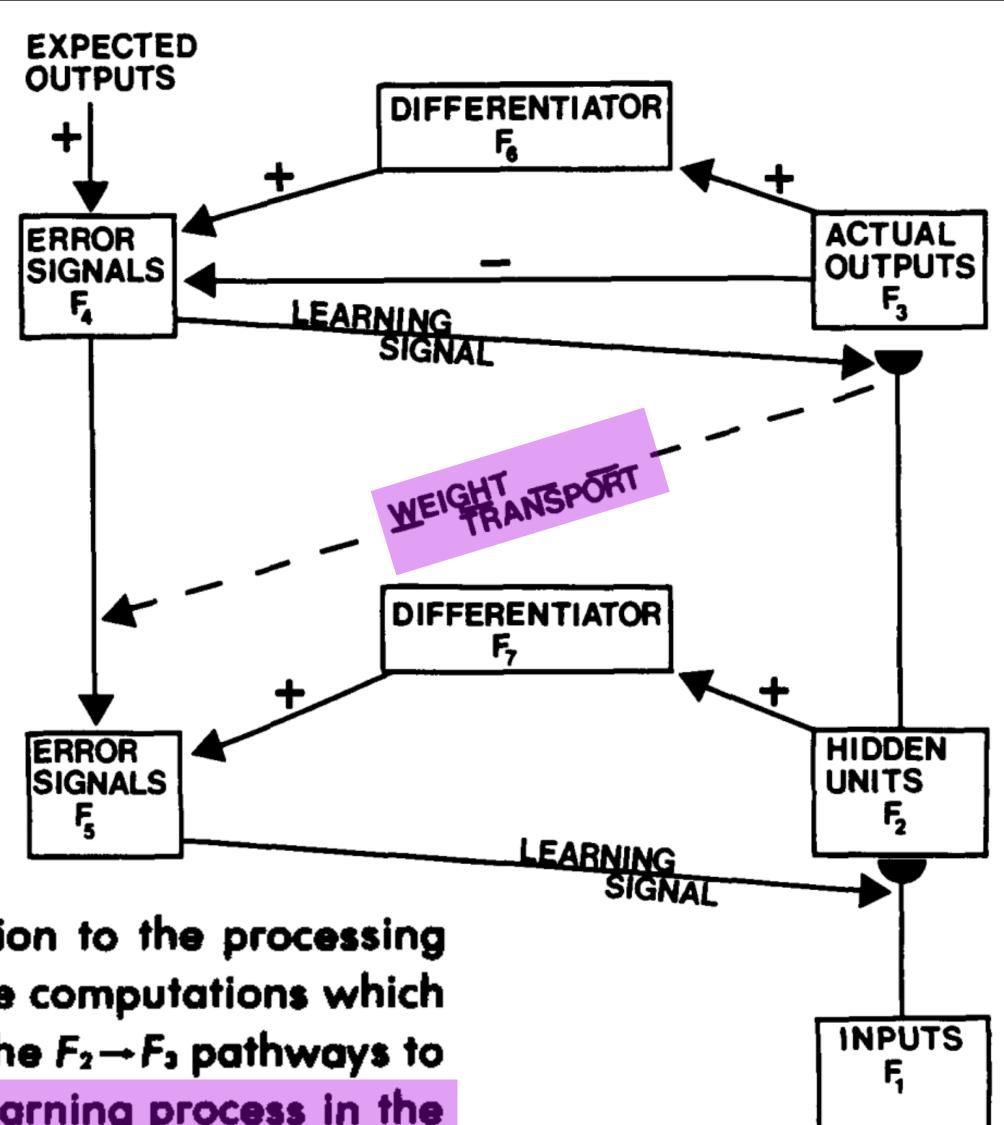
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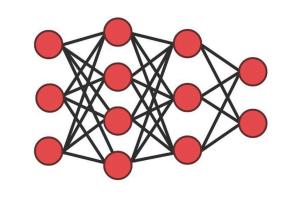
# Competitive Learning: From Interactive Activation to Adaptive Resonance

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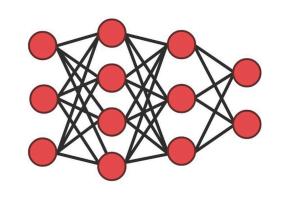


**Figure 8.** Circuit diagram of the back propagation model: In addition to the processing levels  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$ ,  $F_3$ , there are also levels  $F_4$ ,  $F_5$ ,  $F_4$ , and  $F_7$  to carry out the computations which control the learning process. The transport of learned weights from the  $F_2 \rightarrow F_3$  pathways to the  $F_4 \rightarrow F_5$  pathways shows that this algorithm cannot represent a learning process in the brain.



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Such a physical transport of weights has no plausible physical interpretation. The weights in the  $F_2 \rightarrow F_3$  pathways must be computed within these pathways in order to multiply signals from  $F_2$  to  $F_3$ . These weights cannot also exist within the pathways from  $F_4$  to  $F_5$  in order to multiply signals from  $F_4$  to  $F_5$  without being physically transported from  $(F_2 \rightarrow F_3)$  to  $(F_4 \rightarrow F_5)$ pathways, thereby violating basic properties of locality. Moreover, the levels  $F_3$  and  $F_4$  cannot be lumped together, because  $F_3$  must record actual outputs, whereas  $F_{\bullet}$  must record differences between expected and actual outputs. The BP model is thus not a model of a brain process.

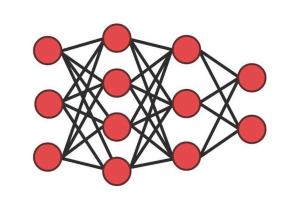




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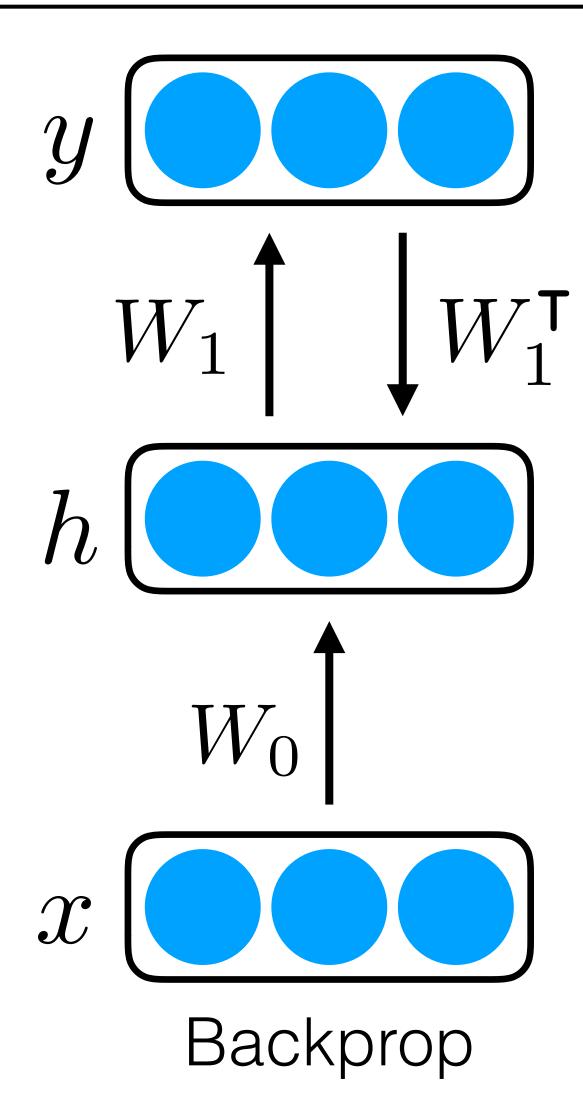
#### Nope.

I hope you enjoyed my talk!

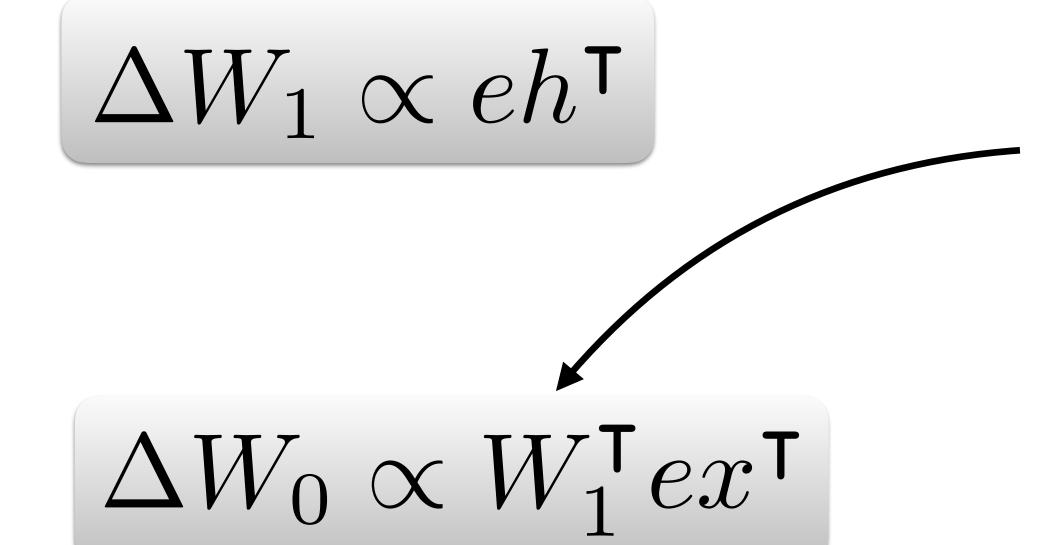




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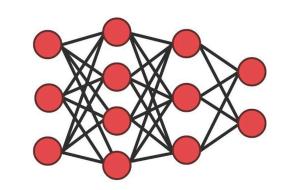


$$e = y - W_1 W_0 x$$



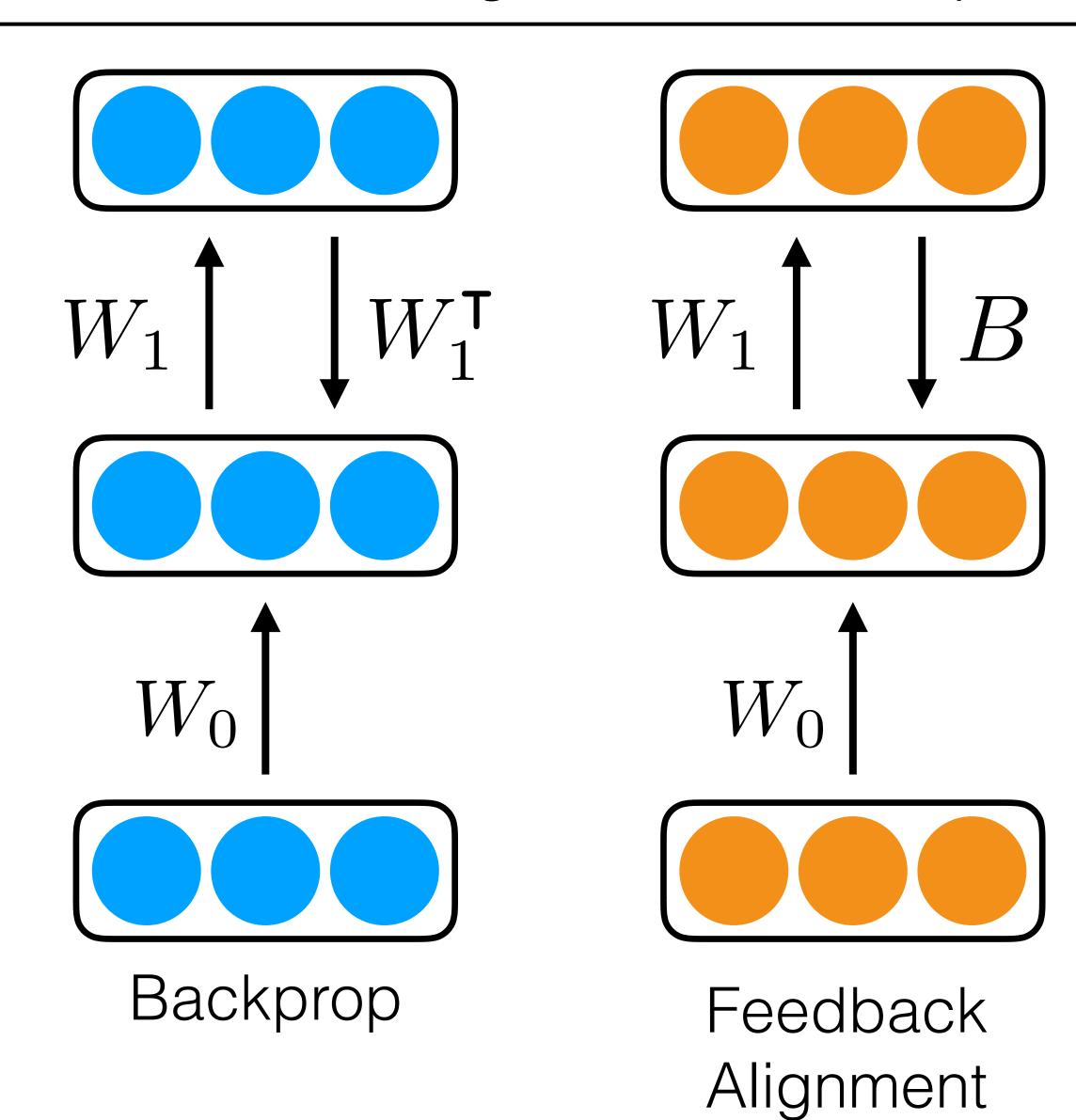
weight symmetric transport weights problem

Individual neurons are unidirectional.





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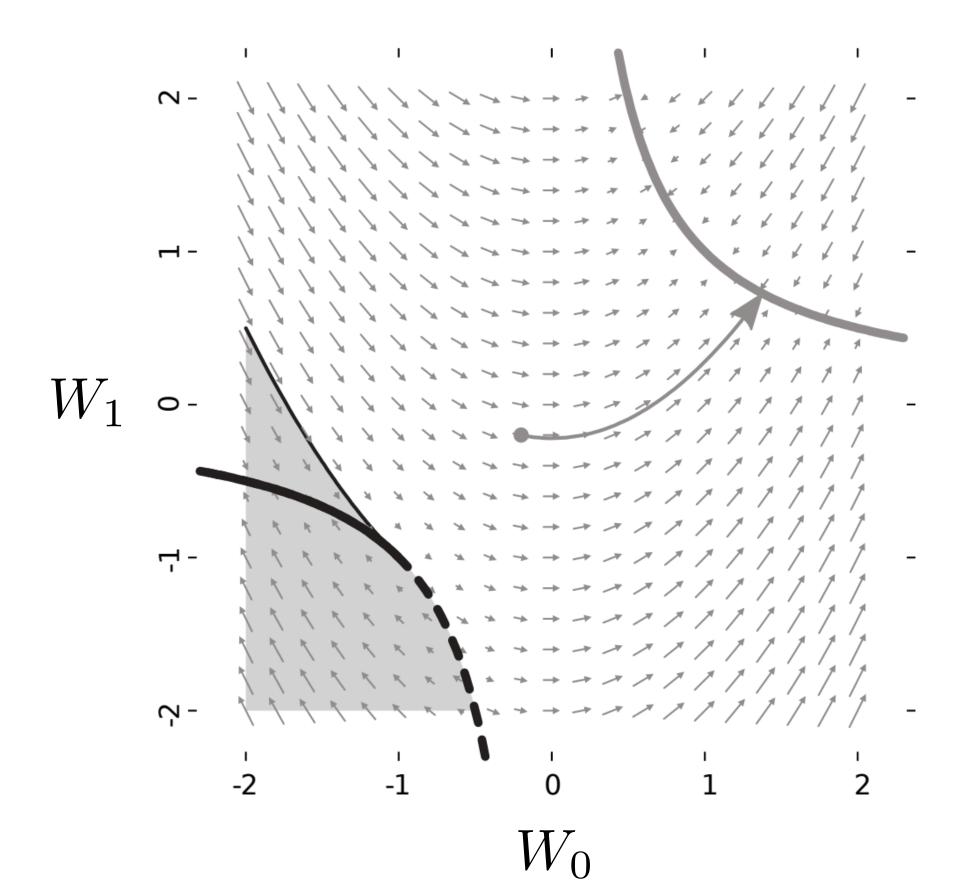
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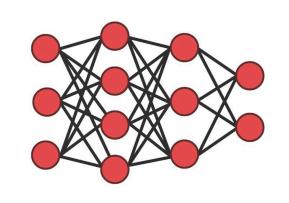
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#### Difference Target Propagation

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#### Towards Biologically Plausible Deep Learning

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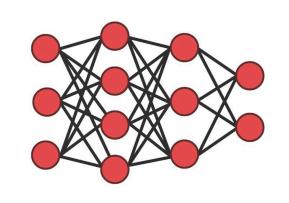
The weight symmetry problem [is] arguably the crux of BP's biological implausibility.

#### How Important is Weight Symmetry in Backpropagation?

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#### Equivalence of Equilibrium Propagation and Recurrent Backpropagation

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# Assessing the Scalability of Biologically-Motivated Deep Learning Algorithms and Architectures

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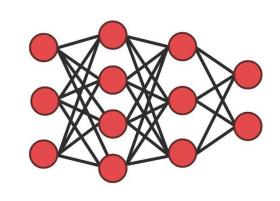
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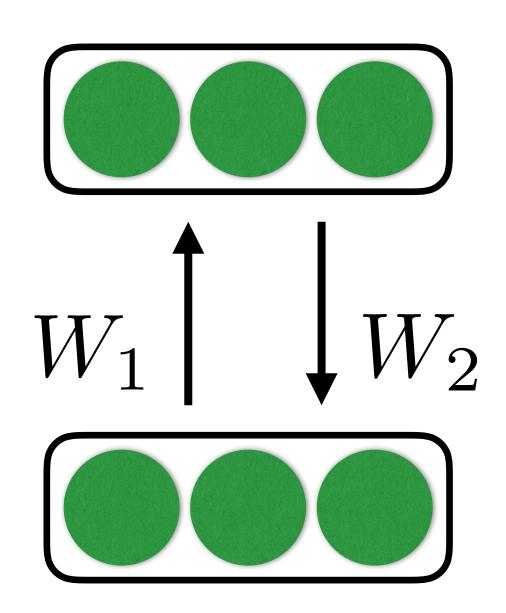
Many of these algorithms perform well for MNIST, but for CIFAR and ImageNet we find that TP and FA variants perform significantly worse than BP, especially for networks composed of locally connected units, opening questions about whether new architectures and algorithms are required to scale these approaches.



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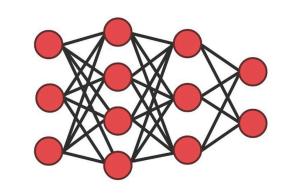
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**Theorem:** L<sub>2</sub>-regularized linear autoencoders are *symmetric* at all critical points.



$$W_2=W_1^+$$
 weight  $W_2=V_1$ 

$$W_2 = W_1^T$$



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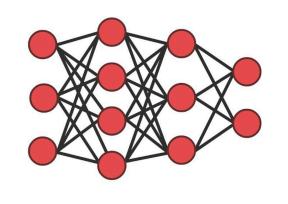
On Sun, Feb 10, 2019 at 2:16 PM Yoshua Bengio <yoshua.bengio@mila.quebec> wrote:

Thanks for reaching out, this is interesting.

The question of obtaining the transpose is actually pretty important for research on a biologically plausible version of backprop, because if you obtain approximate transposes, then several local learning rules give rise to gradient estimator analogues of backdrop.

Cheers,

-- Yoshua

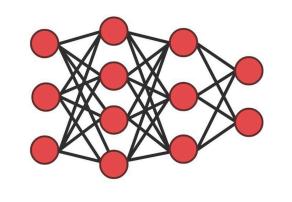


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Yes.

By pure logic.

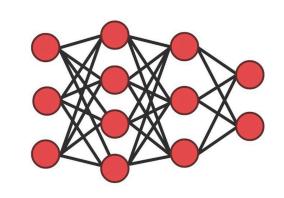




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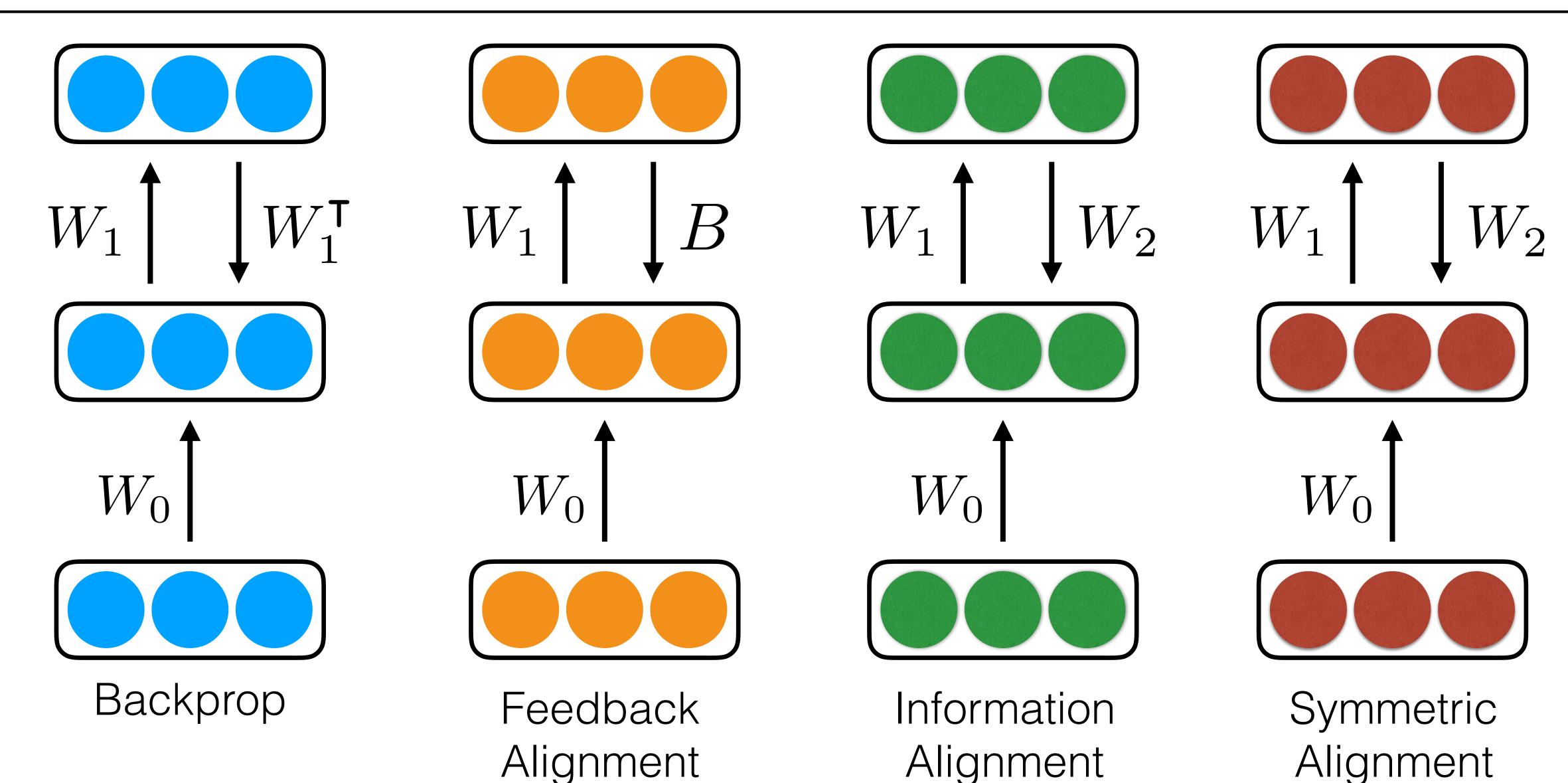
## Maybe.

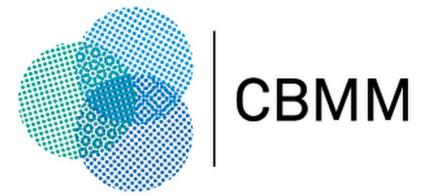
And wouldn't it be fun to build toward statements that could be verified or falsified with rigor?





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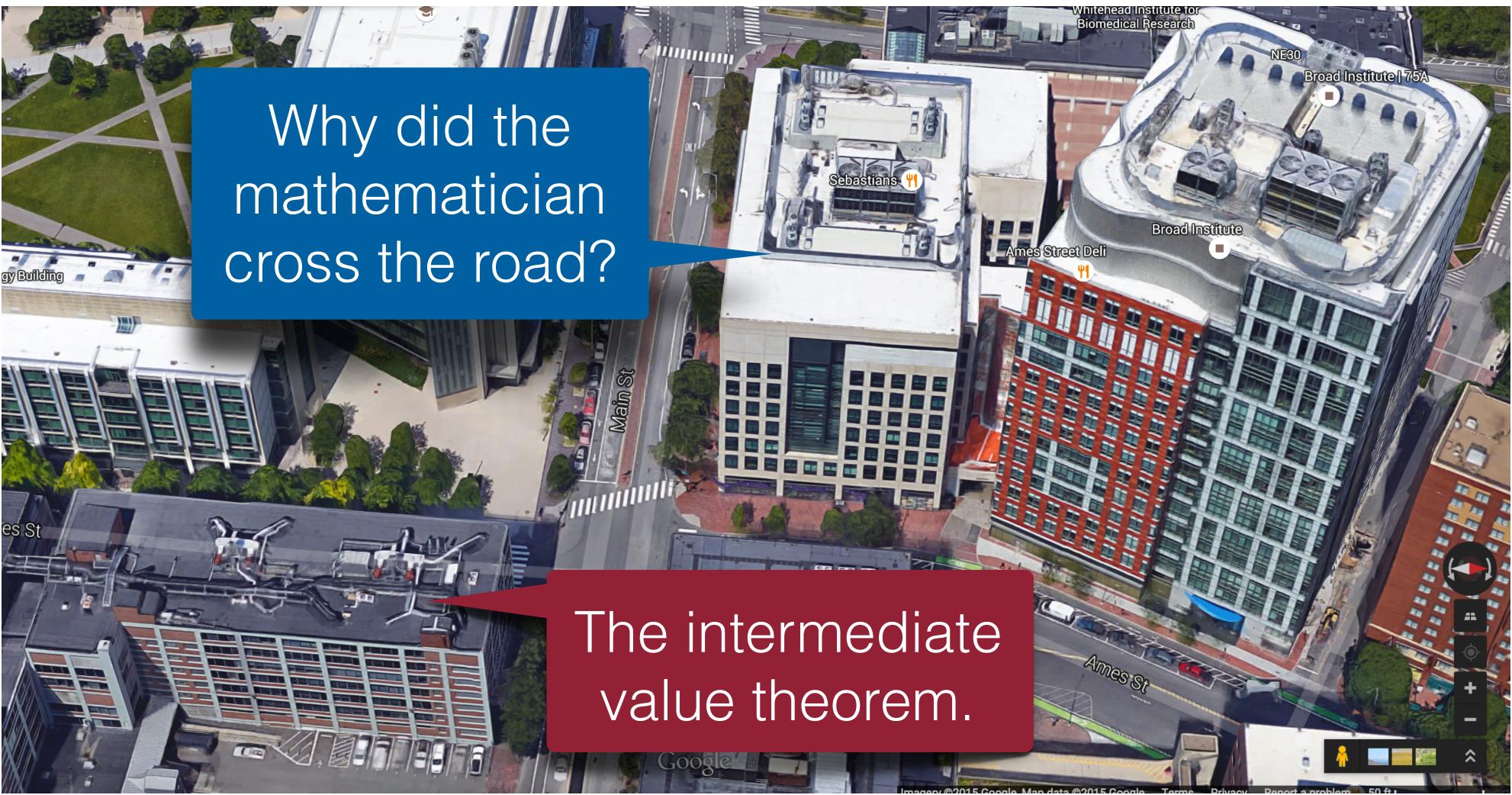






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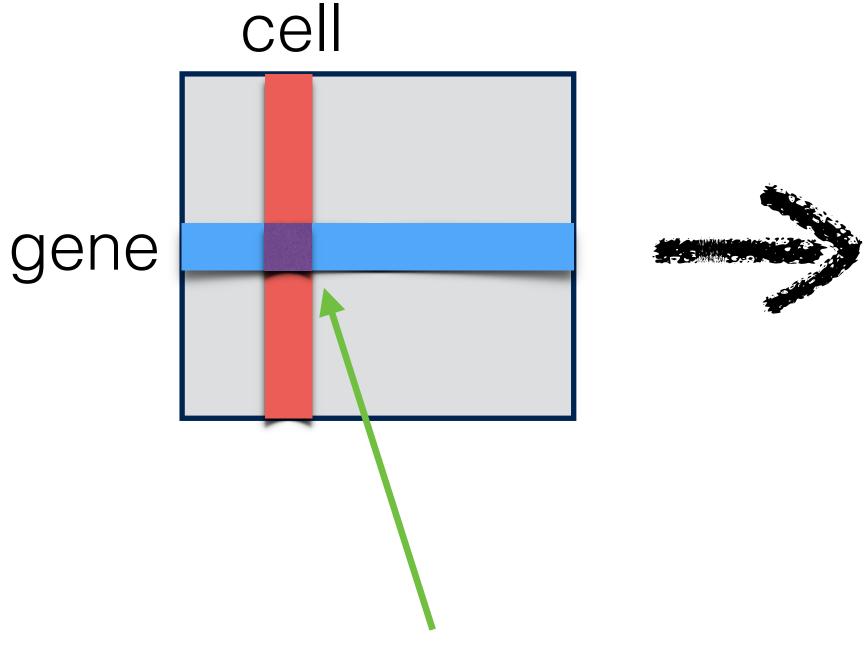




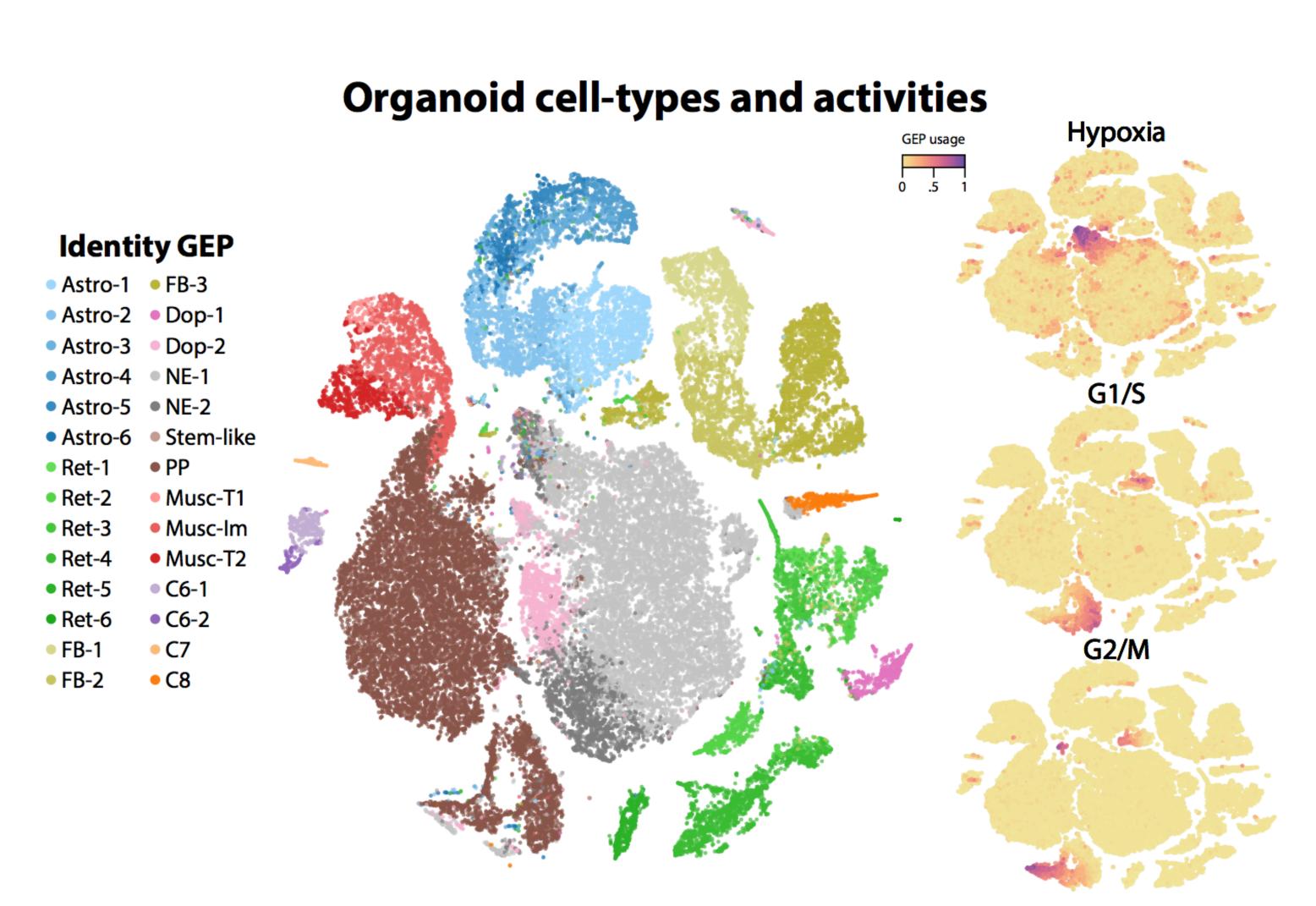




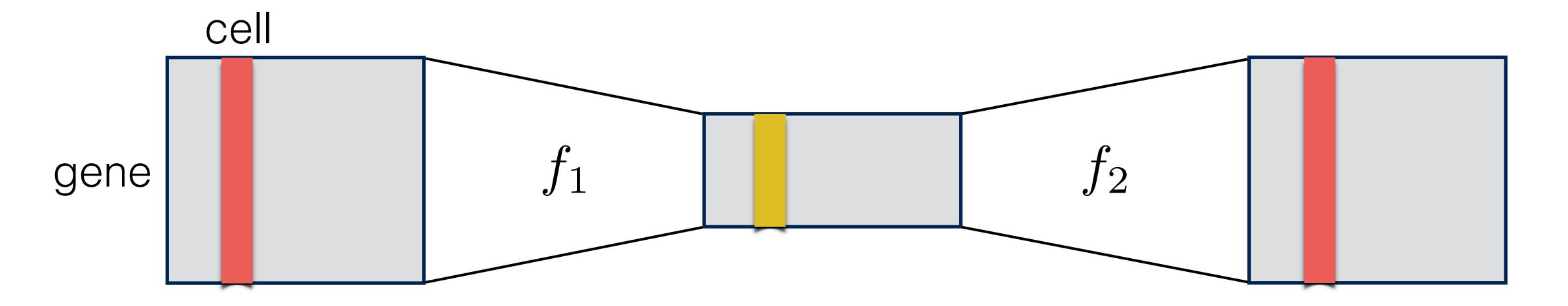




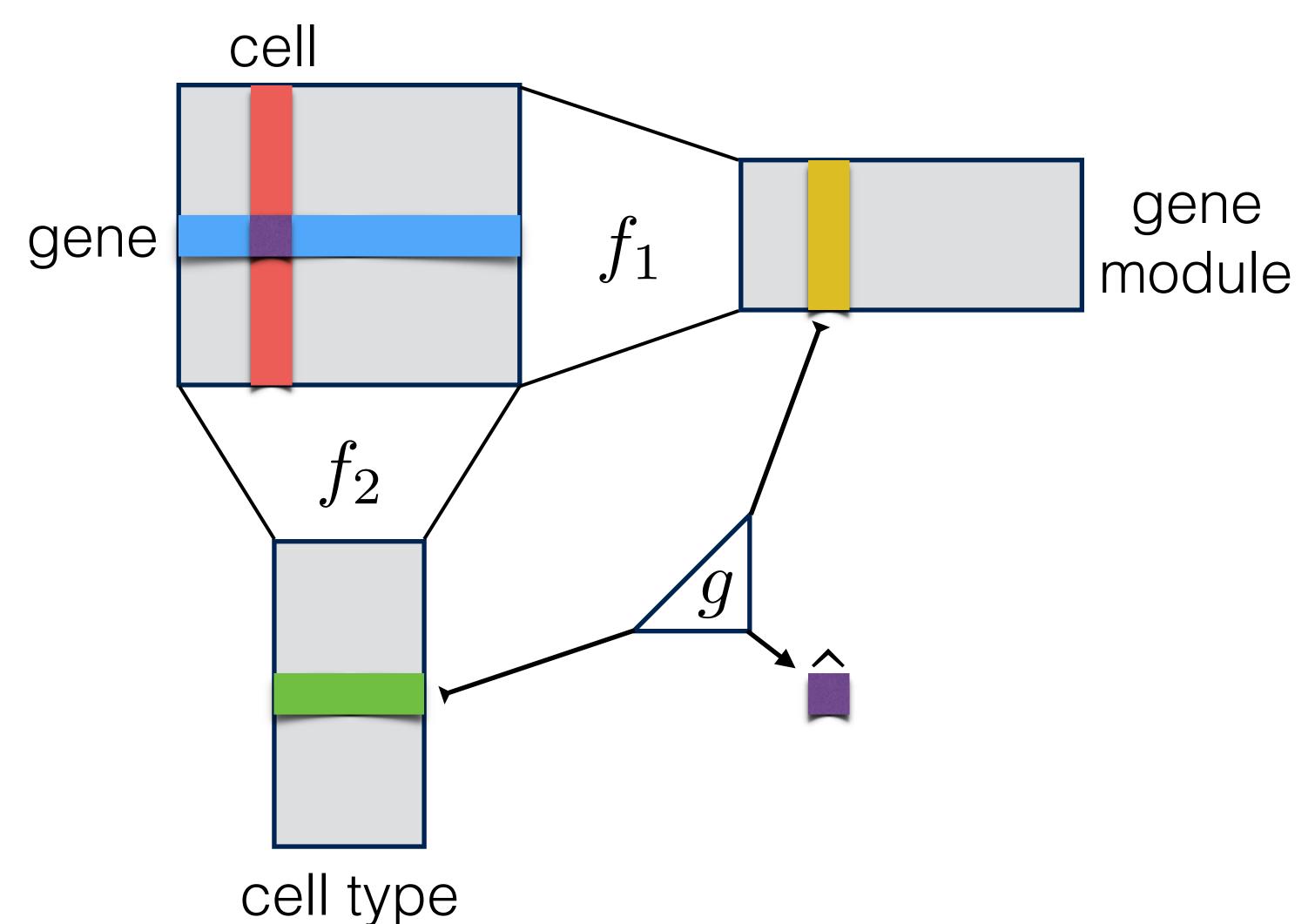
RNA molecules for that gene in that cell



# Representation Learning of Cell



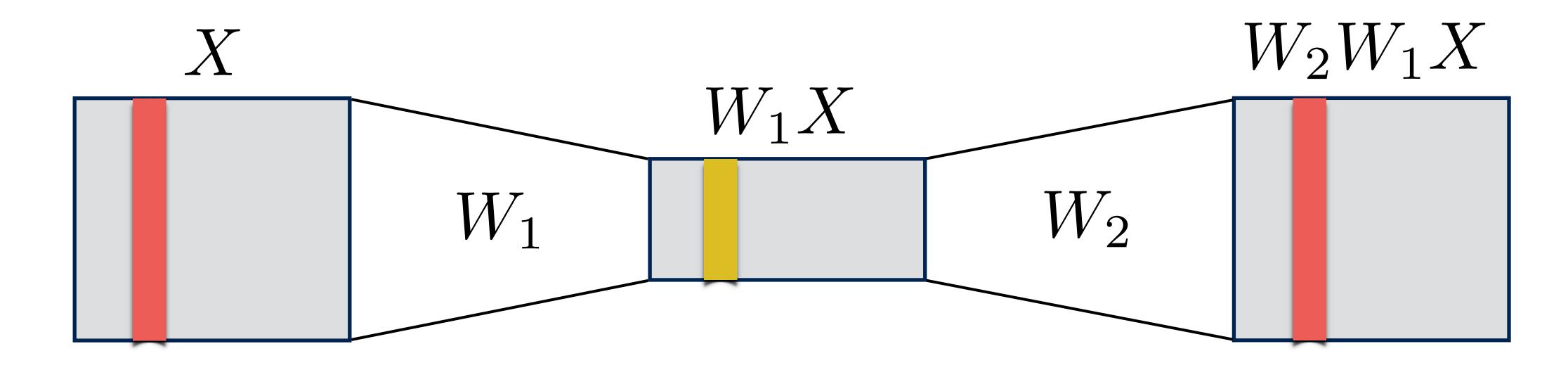
# Representation Learning of Cell++



Non-linear Singular Value Decomposition

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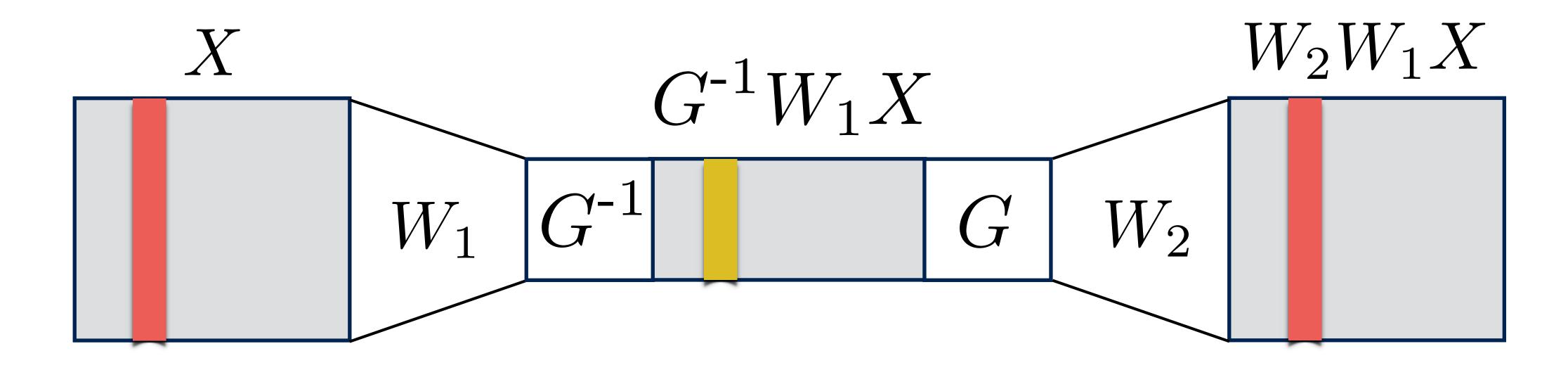




$$\mathcal{L}(W_1, W_2) = ||X - W_2 W_1 X||^2$$

$$X = U\Sigma V^{\mathsf{T}} \qquad W_1 = U_k^{\mathsf{T}}$$
 
$$XX^{\mathsf{T}} = U\Sigma^2 U^{\mathsf{T}} \qquad W_2 = U_k$$

$$W_2W_1 = U_kU_k^{\mathsf{T}}$$



$$\mathcal{L}(W_1, W_2) = ||X - W_2 W_1 X||^2 = ||X - (W_2 G)(G^{-1} W_1)X||^2$$

$$X = U \Sigma V^\intercal \qquad W_1 = G^{\text{-}1} U_k^\intercal \qquad W_2 W_1 = U_k U_k^\intercal \\ X X^\intercal = U \Sigma^2 U^\intercal \qquad W_2 = U_k G$$

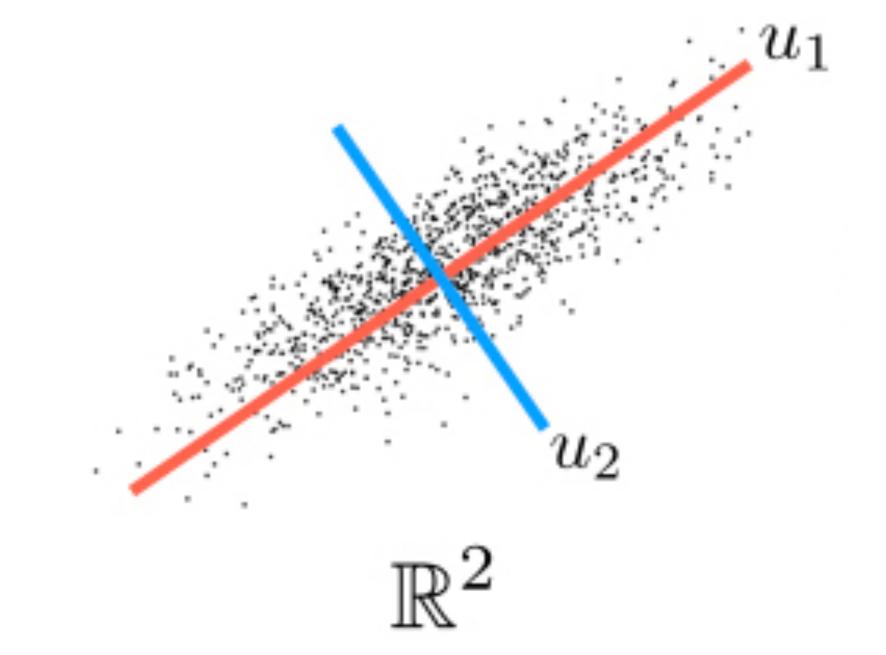
Fact: Linear autoencoders are *pseudoinverses* at all critical points:  $W_2=W_1^+$ 

#### <u>Problem</u>

Find the k-plane closest to a point cloud in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

#### <u>Domain</u>

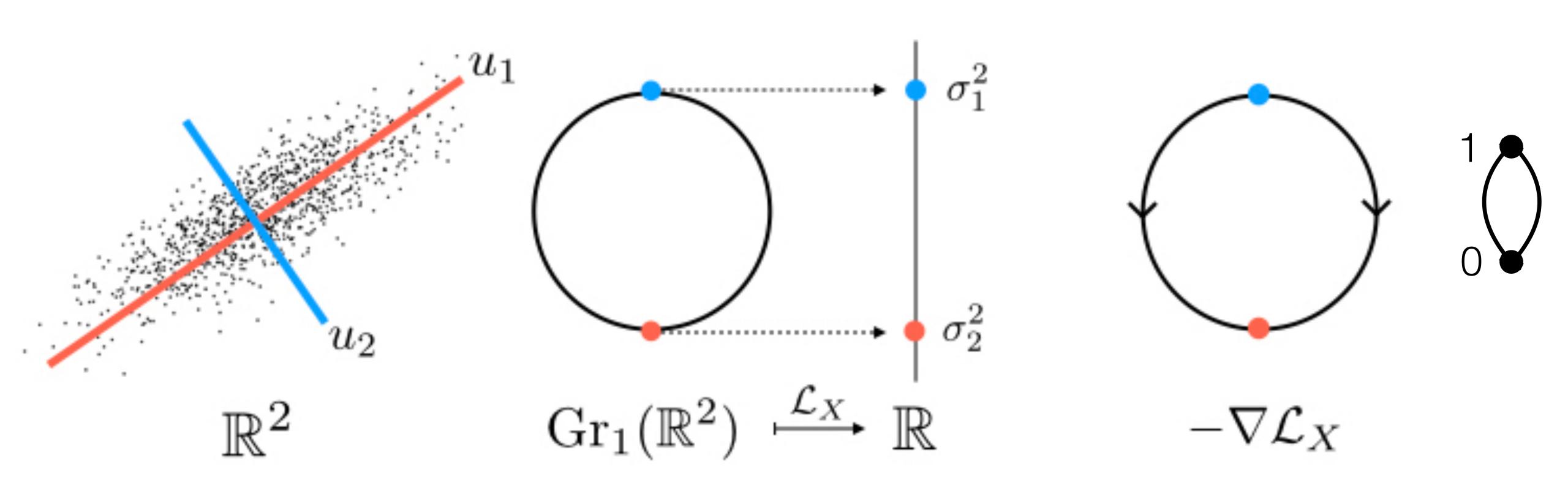
The manifold whose points are k-planes in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

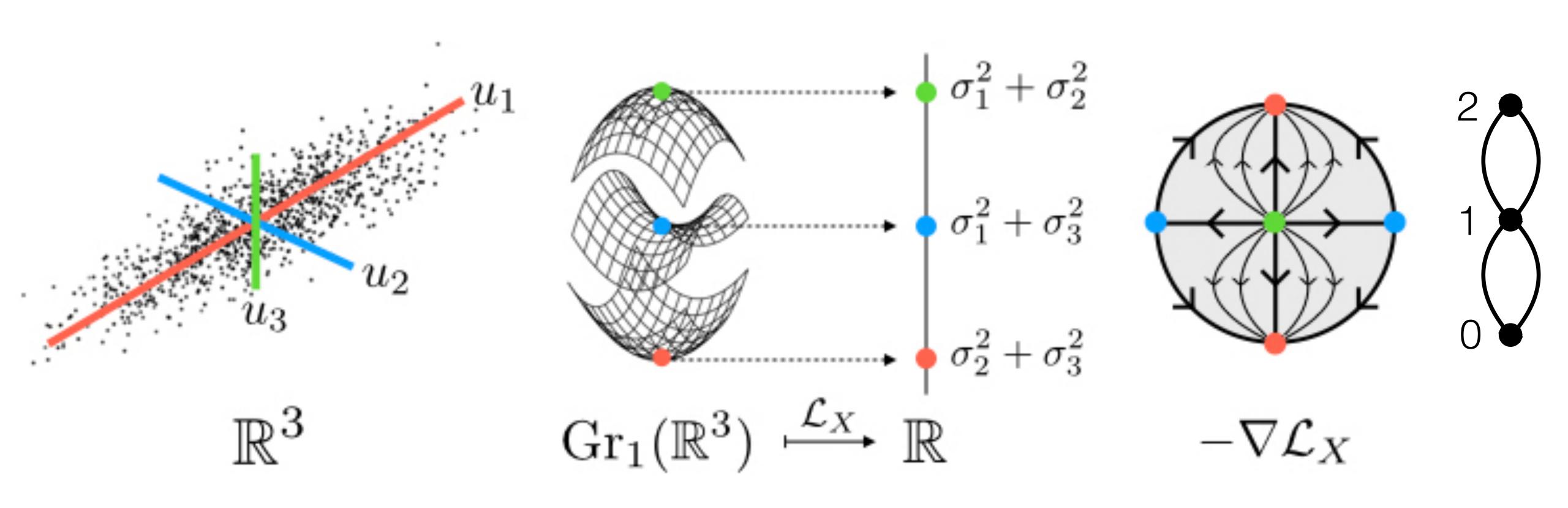


I.e., the *Grassmannian* manifold:

$$\operatorname{Gr}_k(\mathbb{R}^m) \cong \{P = P^2, P = P^\intercal, \operatorname{tr} P = k\} \subset \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_X: \operatorname{Gr}_k(\mathbb{R}^m) \to \mathbb{R} \qquad \mathcal{L}_X(P) = ||X - PX||^2$$

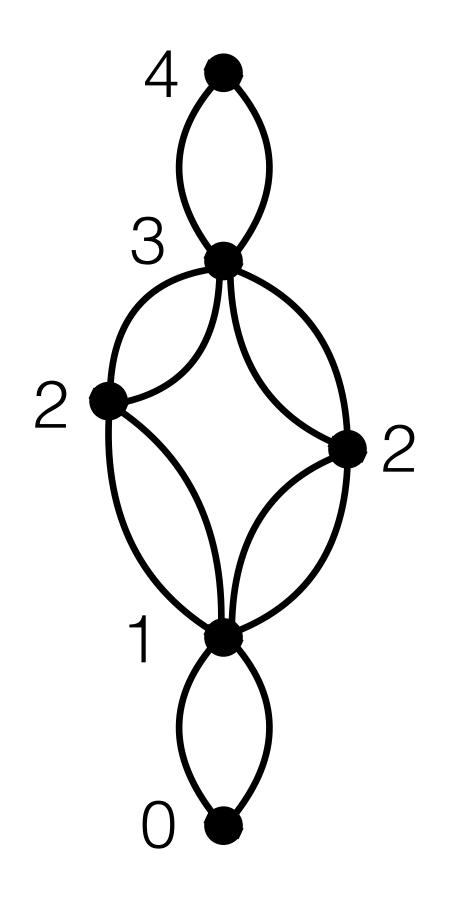




$$\mathcal{L}_X: \mathrm{Gr}_2(\mathbb{R}^4) o \mathbb{R}$$

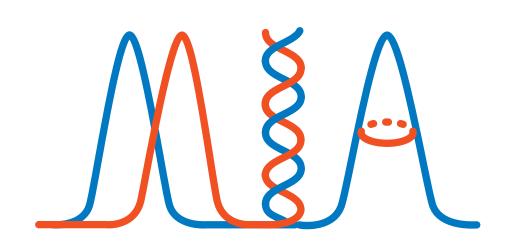
d	$u_1$	$u_2$	$u_3$	$u_4$
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3		•		•
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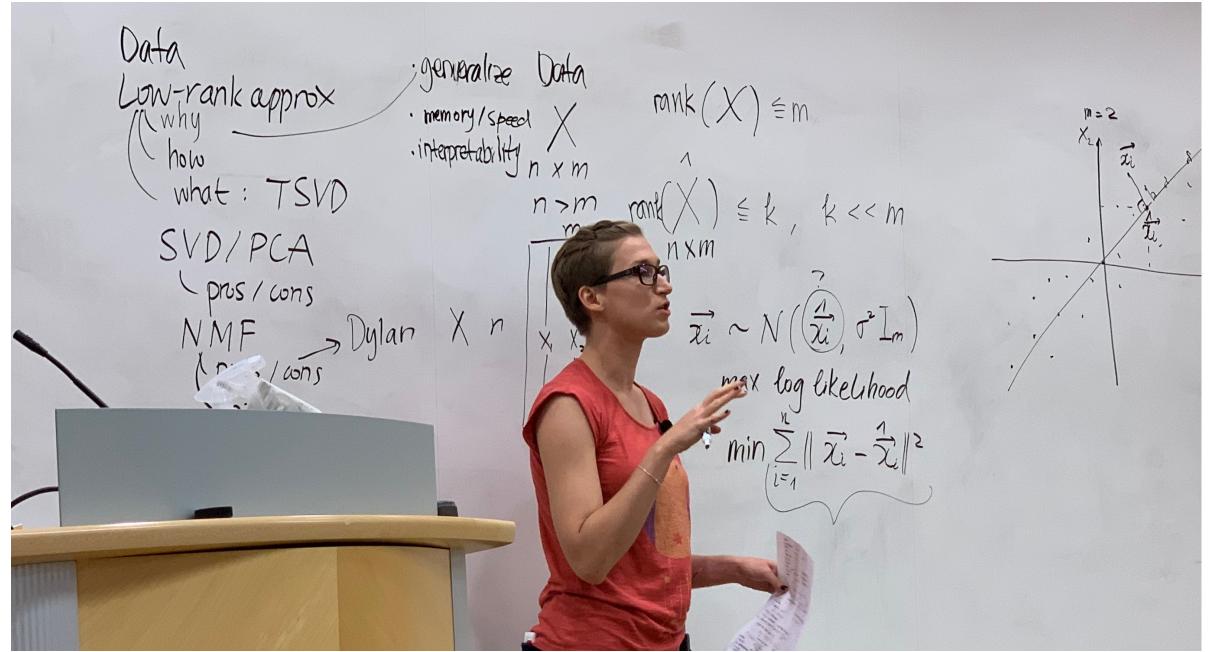
$$\dim \operatorname{Gr}_k(\mathbb{R}^m) = k(m-k)$$

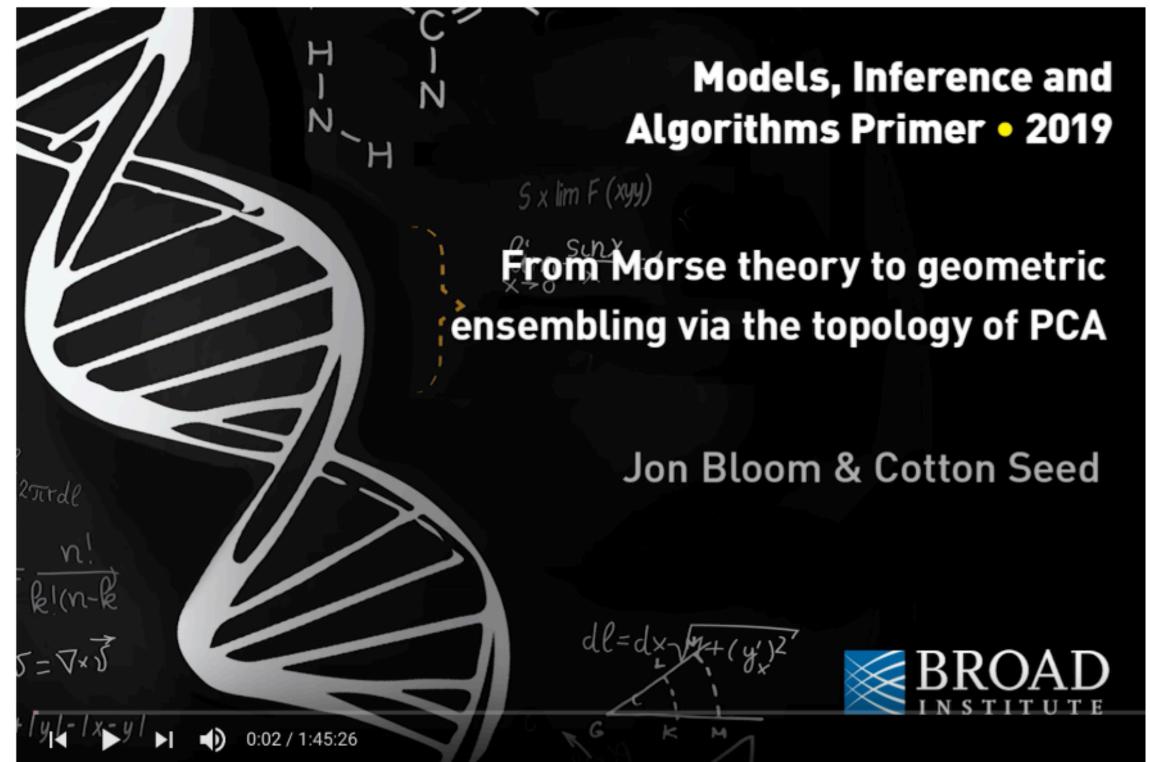


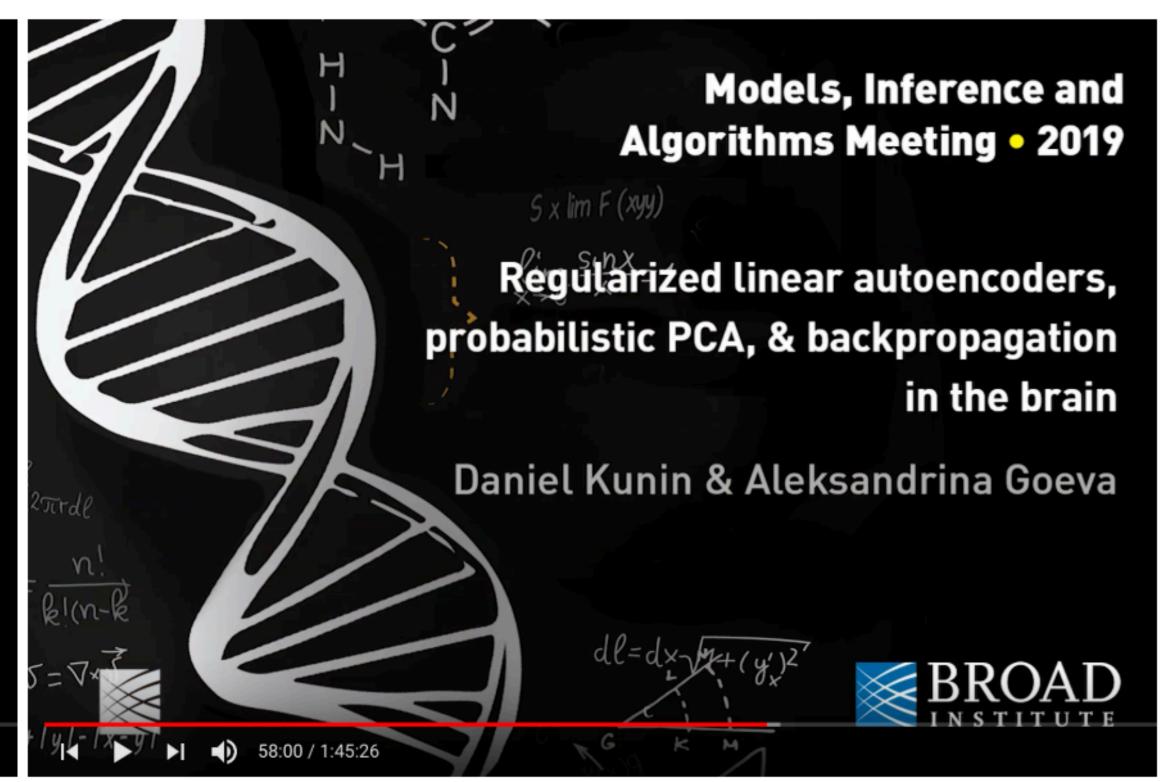
<sup>\*</sup>To visualize 4 dimensions, first visualize n dimensions and then let n = 4.

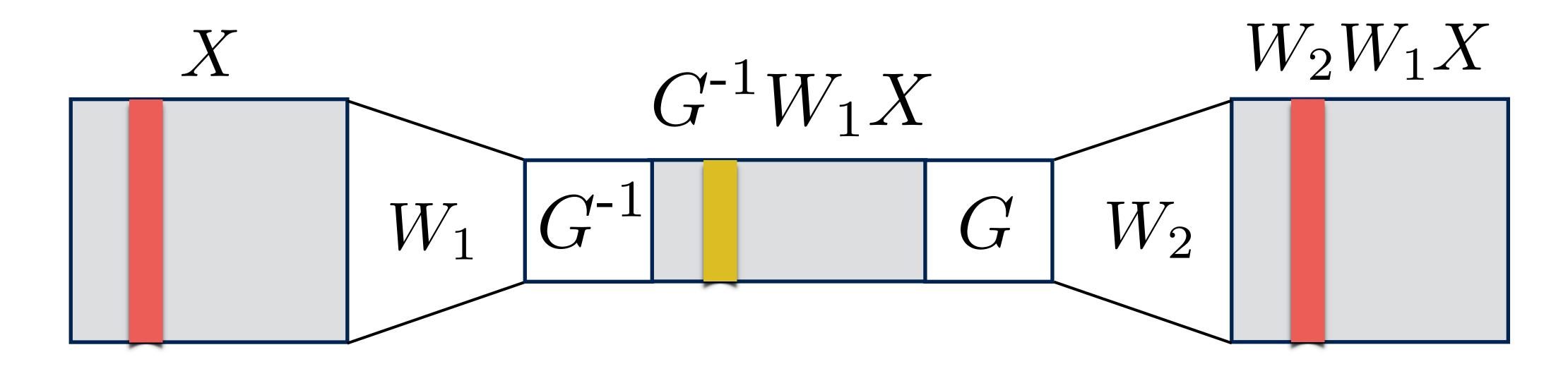
- $\mathcal{L}_X: \mathrm{Gr}_k(\mathbb{R}^m) o \mathbb{R}$  is Morse iff singular values are positive and distinct.
- $\binom{m}{k}$  critical points are the principal k-planes.
- Critical values are sums of eigenvalues => toy model for random matrix theory.
- Gradient trajectories between principal planes in adjacent index rotate one principal direction in first plane to another in second plane fixing the rest.
- There are exactly two such trajectories  $\Longrightarrow$  perfect  $\mathbb{F}_2$ -Morse function.
- This rabbit hole goes far *deeper...*











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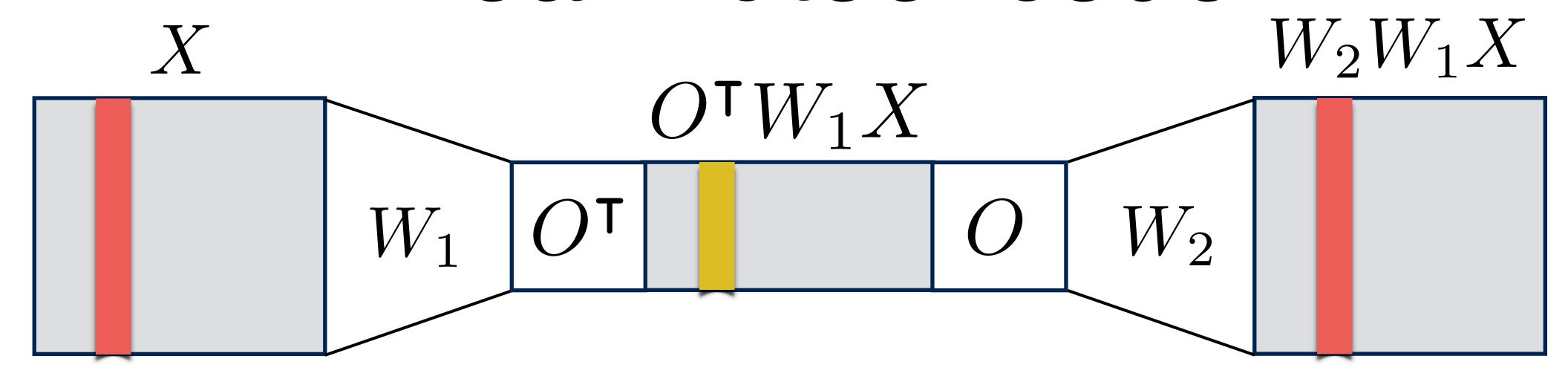
Orthogonal matrices are the volume-preserving matrices of minimal Frobenius norm.

$$\sum_{A} \sigma_i^2 \quad \min_{A} ||A||_F^2 \quad \text{s.t. } \det(A)^2 = 1$$

Orthogonal matrices are the inverse matrices of minimum total Frobenius norm.

$$\sum_{A,B} (\sigma_i^2 + \sigma_i^{-2}) \min_{A,B} ||A||_F^2 + ||B||_F^2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad AB = I$$

In particular,  $A=B^{\mathsf{T}}$ .

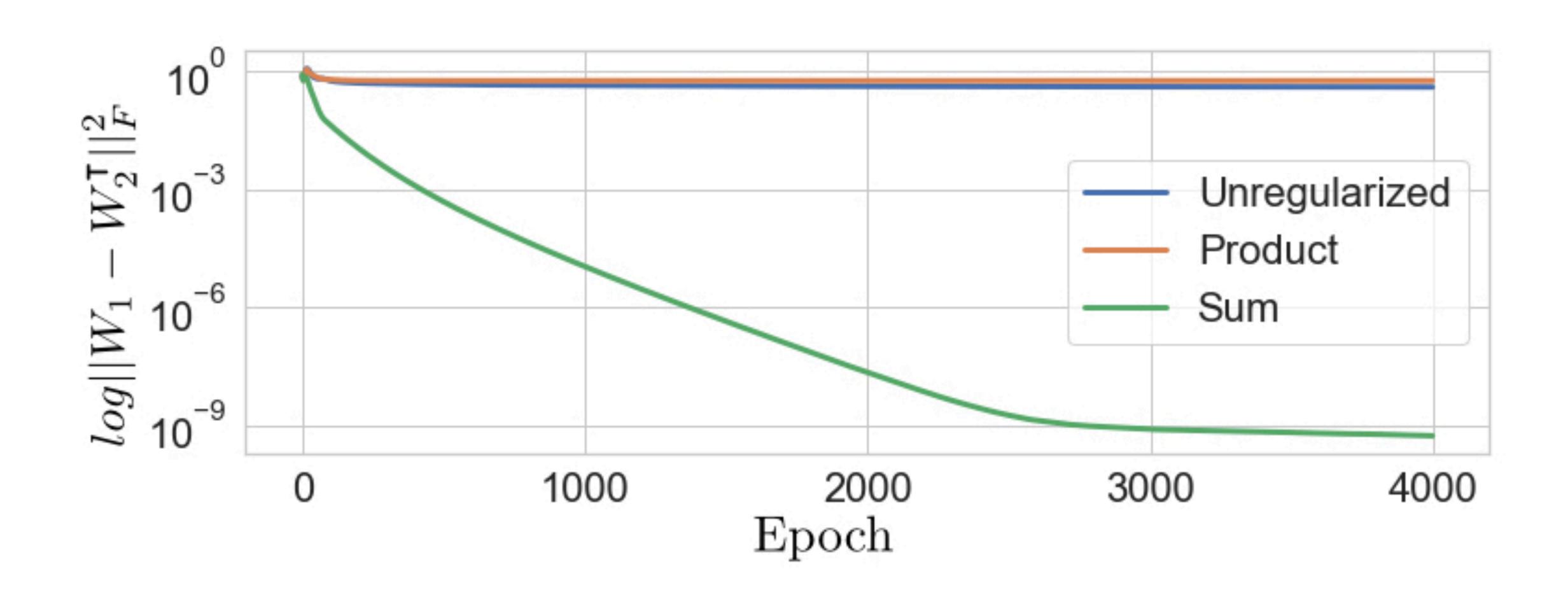


$$\mathcal{L}_{\sigma}(W_1, W_2) = ||X - W_2 W_1 X||^2 + \lambda(||W_1||^2 + ||W_2||^2)$$

$$X = U \Sigma V^\intercal$$
  $W_1 = O^\intercal (I - \lambda \Sigma^{-2})^{-\frac{1}{2}} U_k^\intercal$   $W_2 W_1 = U_k (I - \lambda \Sigma^{-2})^{-\frac{1}{2}} O^\intercal$   $W_2 = U_k (I - \lambda \Sigma^{-2})^{-\frac{1}{2}} O$ 

**Theorem:** L<sub>2</sub>-regularized linear autoencoders are *symmetric* at all critical points.

$$W_2 = W_1^T$$



$$X = U\Sigma V^\intercal \implies W_2 = U_k(I - \lambda\Sigma^{-2})^{-\frac{1}{2}}O$$

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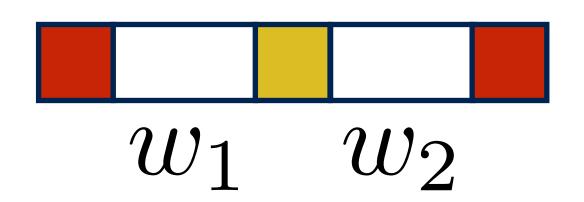
**Theorem:** The loss is strictly saddle (*Morse-Bott*). All minima are global.

**Theorem:** The top principal directions of X with eigenvalue greater than  $\lambda$  coincide with the left singular vectors of the trained decoder  $W_2$ . These eigenvalues are determined by the singular values of  $W_2$ .

PCA algo: Fit a regularized LAE and SVD the decoder.



## Scalar Autoencoder



unregularized 
$$\mathcal{L}(w_1,w_2)=(x-w_2w_1x)^2$$

product

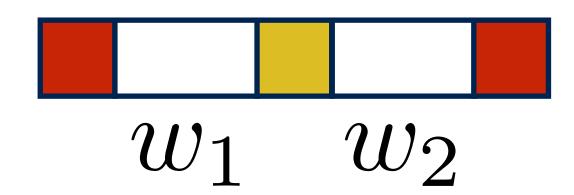
$$\mathcal{L}_{\pi}(w_1, w_2) = (x - w_2 w_1 x)^2 + \lambda (w_2 w_1)^2$$

sum

$$\mathcal{L}_{\sigma}(w_1, w_2) = (x - w_2 w_1 x)^2 + \lambda(w_1^2 + w_2^2)$$

#### Scalar AE Visualization

## Scalar Autoencoder



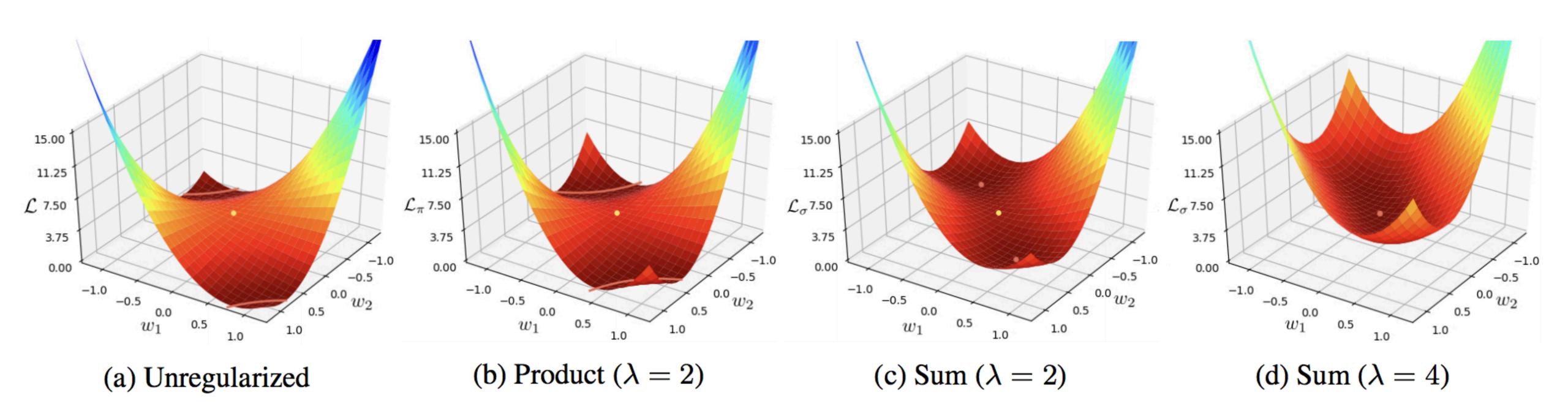


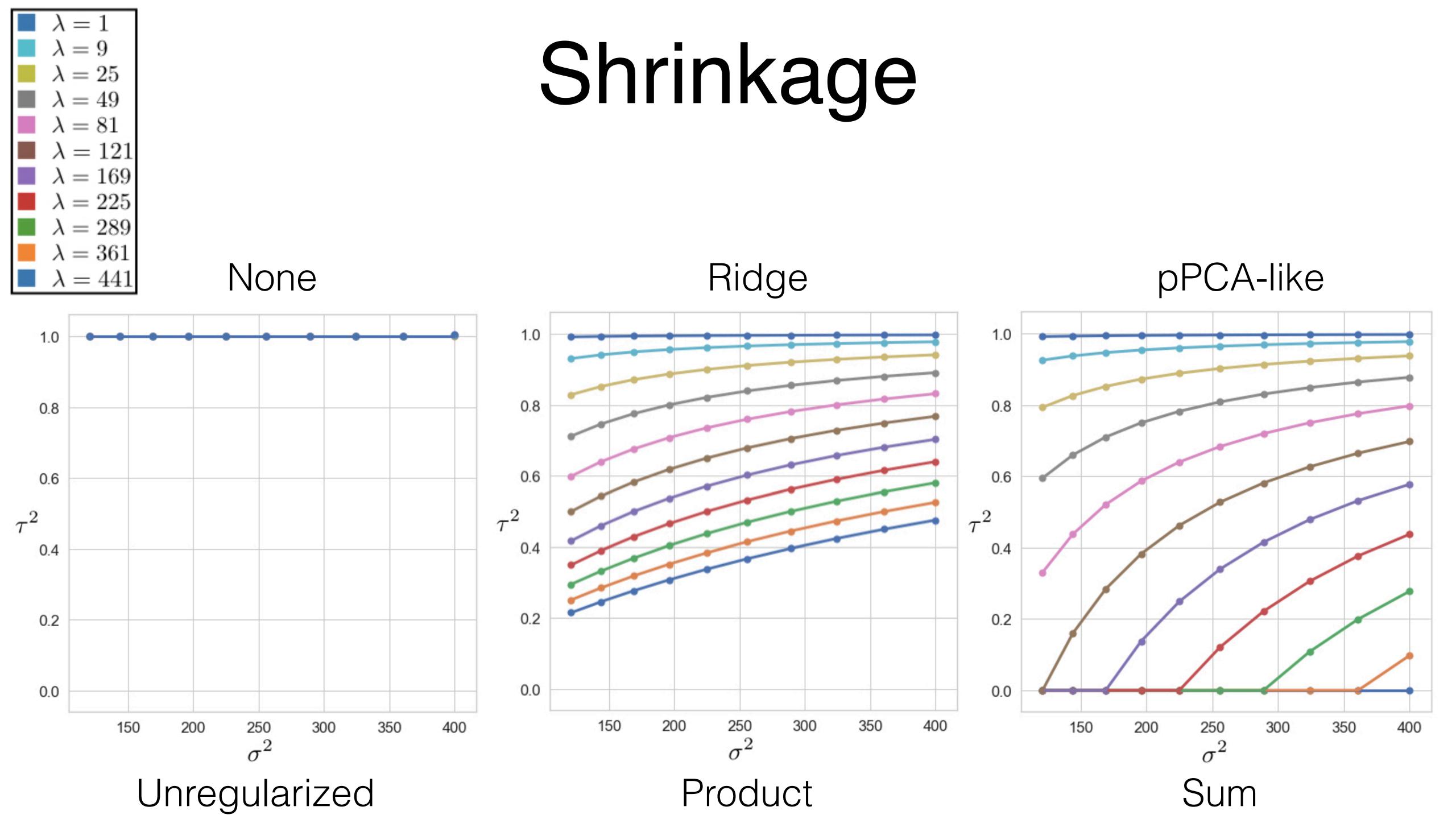
Figure 1. Scalar loss landscapes with  $x^2 = 4$ . Yellow points are saddles and red curves and points are global minima.

## Theorem 4.2 (Landscape Theorem).

The critical landscape is diffeomorphic to the space of pairs  $(\mathcal{I},G)$  or  $(\mathcal{I},O)$  with

- $\mathcal{I} \subset \{1, \ldots, m\}$  of size  $0 \le l \le k$ ,
- $G \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times l}$  with independent columns,
- $O \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times l}$  with orthonormal columns.

	$W_2$	$W_1$
$\mathcal{L}$	$U_{\mathcal{I}}G^+$	$GU_{\mathcal{I}}^{T}$
	$U_{\mathcal{I}}(I_{\ell}+\lambda\Sigma_{\mathcal{I}}^{-2})^{-\frac{1}{2}}G^{+}$	
$\mathcal{L}_{\sigma}$	$U_{\mathcal{I}}(I_{\ell}-\lambda\Sigma_{\mathcal{I}}^{-2})^{rac{1}{2}}O^{\intercal}$	$O(I_\ell - \lambda \Sigma_\mathcal{I}^{-2})^{rac{1}{2}} U_\mathcal{I}^\intercal$

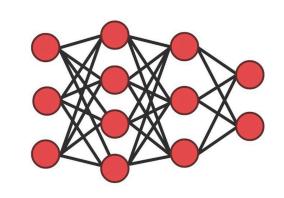


**Theorem 3.1** (pPCA Theorem). With  $\sigma^2 = \lambda$ , the critical points of

$$\mathcal{L}_{\sigma}^{0}(W_{0}) = \mathcal{L}_{\sigma}(W_{0}^{\mathsf{T}}(XX^{\mathsf{T}})^{-\frac{1}{2}}, (XX^{\mathsf{T}})^{-\frac{1}{2}}W_{0})$$

coincide with the critical points of pPCA.

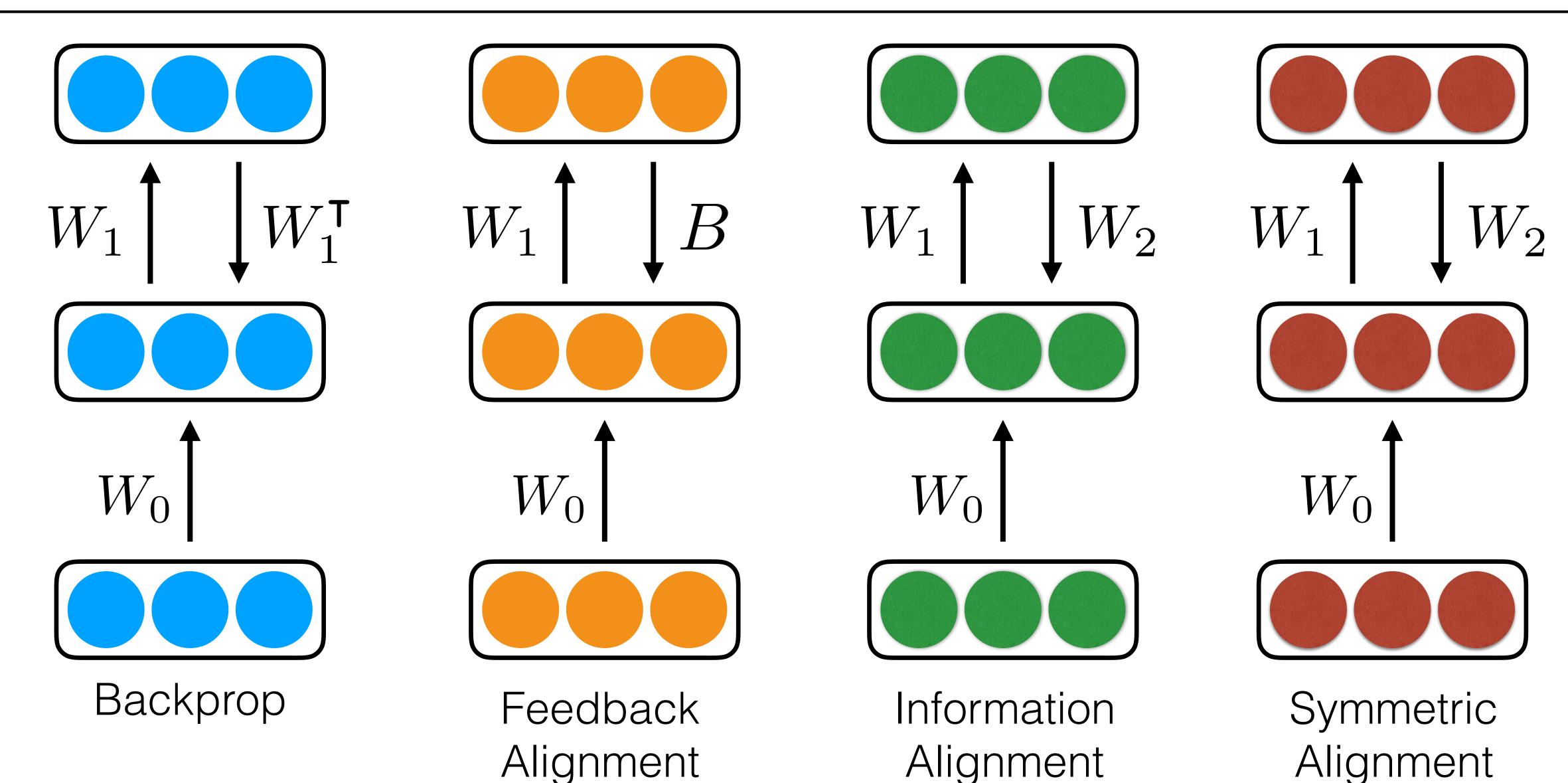
Bayesian $\mathcal{L}_{\sigma}$	pPCA	
$W_1, W_2^T \sim \mathcal{N}_{k \times m}(0, \lambda^{-1})$	$z_i \sim \mathcal{N}_k(0,1)$	
$\varepsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}_m(0,1)$	$\epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}_m(0, \sigma^2)$	
$x_i = W_2 W_1 x_i + \varepsilon_i$	$x_i = W_0 z_i + \epsilon_i$	

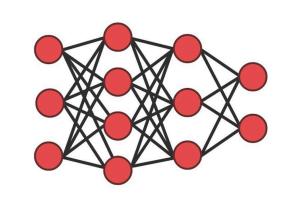


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Prediction Supervised

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{pred}} = ||y - W_1 W_0 x||^2$$

Representation Unsupervised

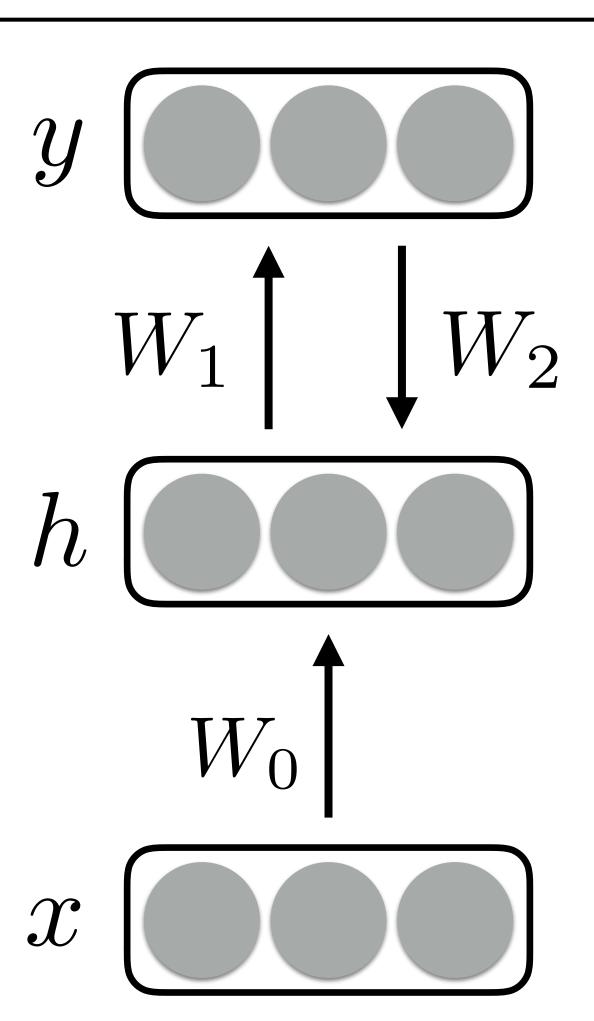
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{info}} = ||h - W_2 W_1 h||^2$$

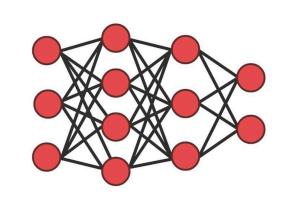
Efficiency Sparsity

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{reg}} = ||W_1||^2 + ||W_2||^2$$

Self-amplification Feedback control

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{self}} = -2\text{tr}(W_2W_1)$$





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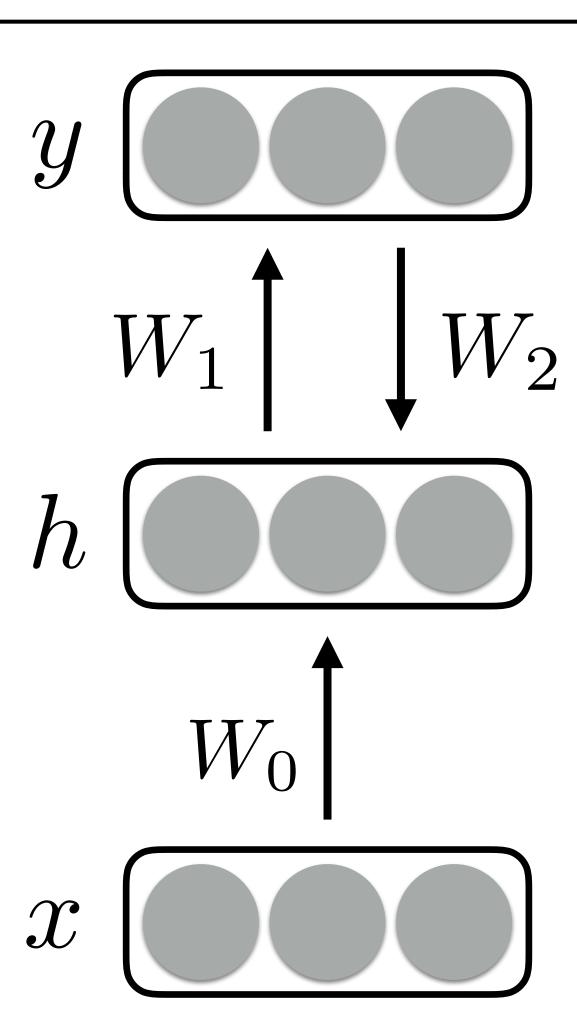
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$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{BP}} = \mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{pred}} + \mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{reg}}$$

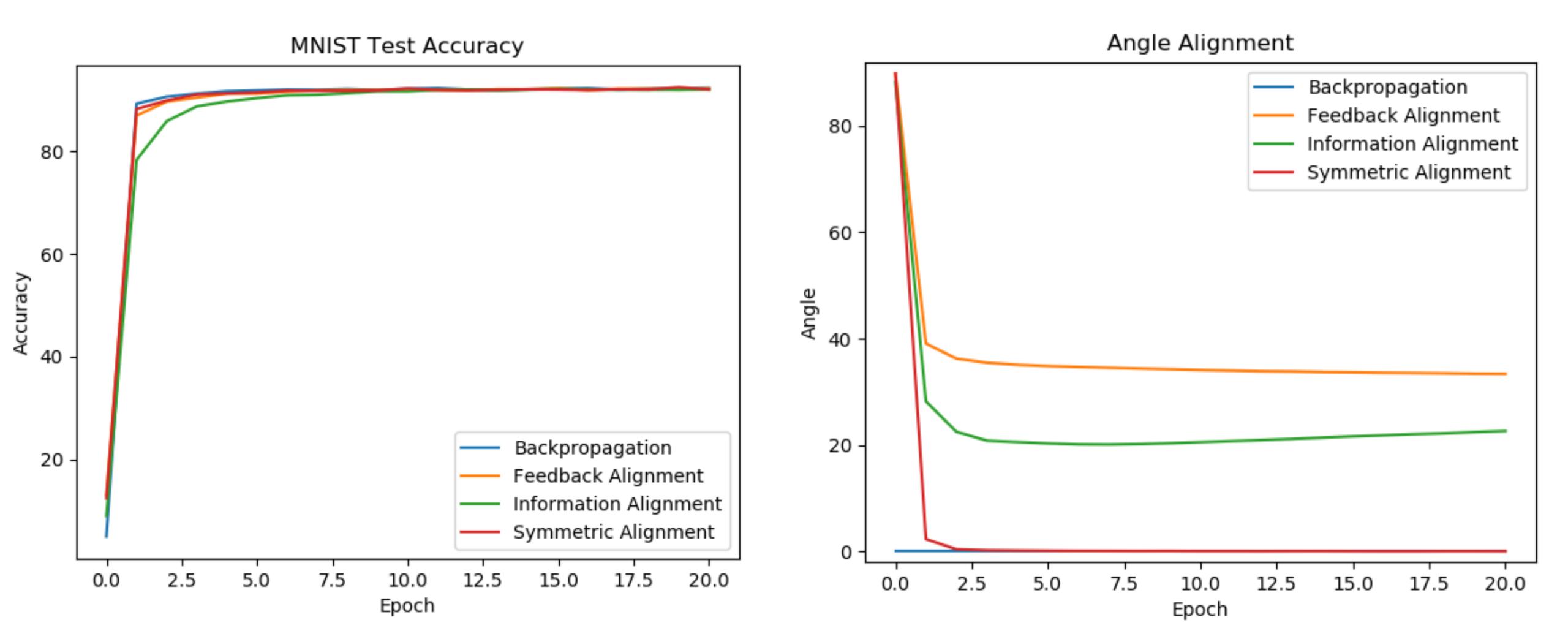
$$\mathcal{L}_{IA} = \mathcal{L}_{pred} + \mathcal{L}_{info} + \mathcal{L}_{reg}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{SA}} = \mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{pred}} + \mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{self}} + \mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{reg}}$$

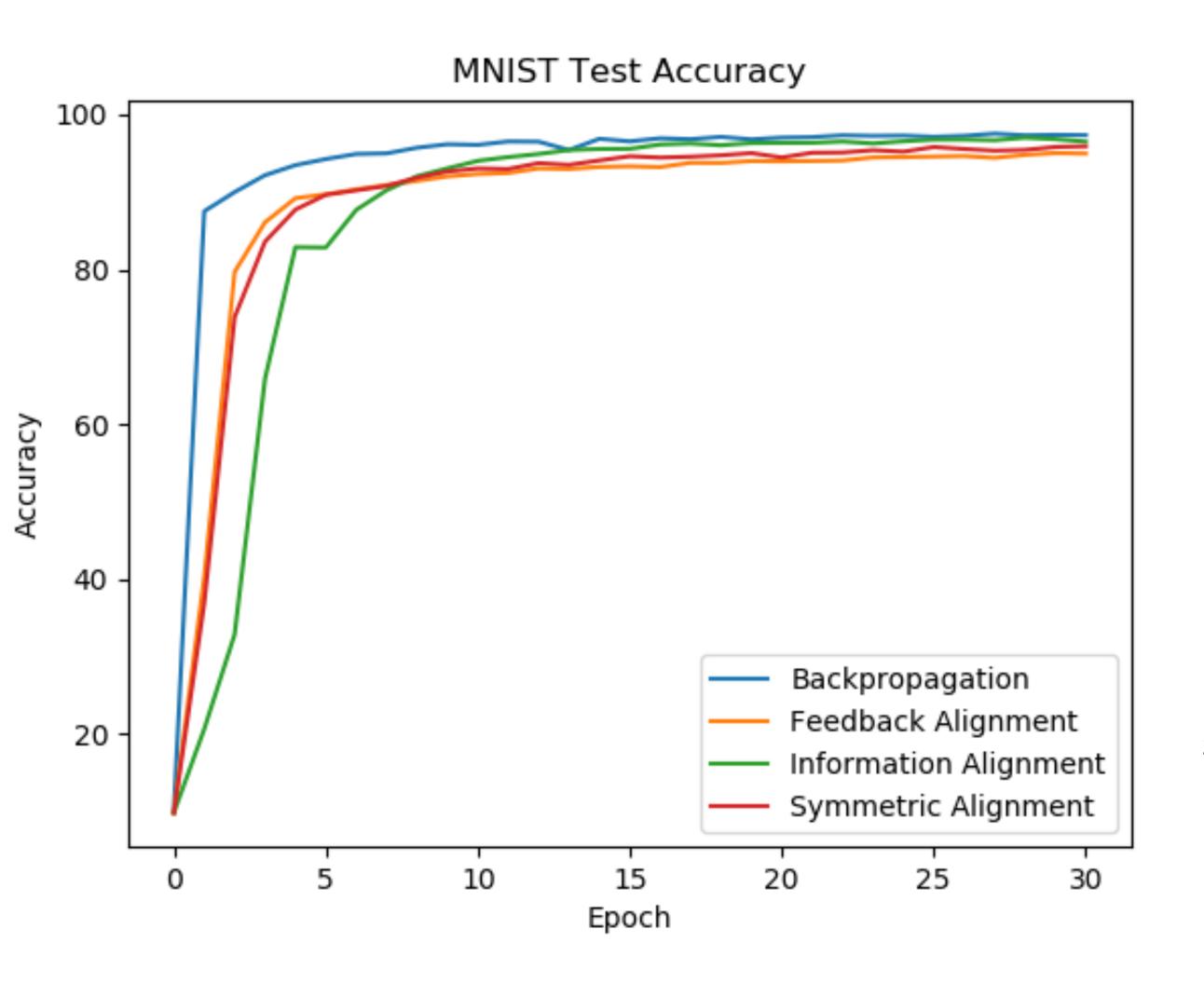
$$||W_2 - W_1^{\mathsf{T}}||^2$$



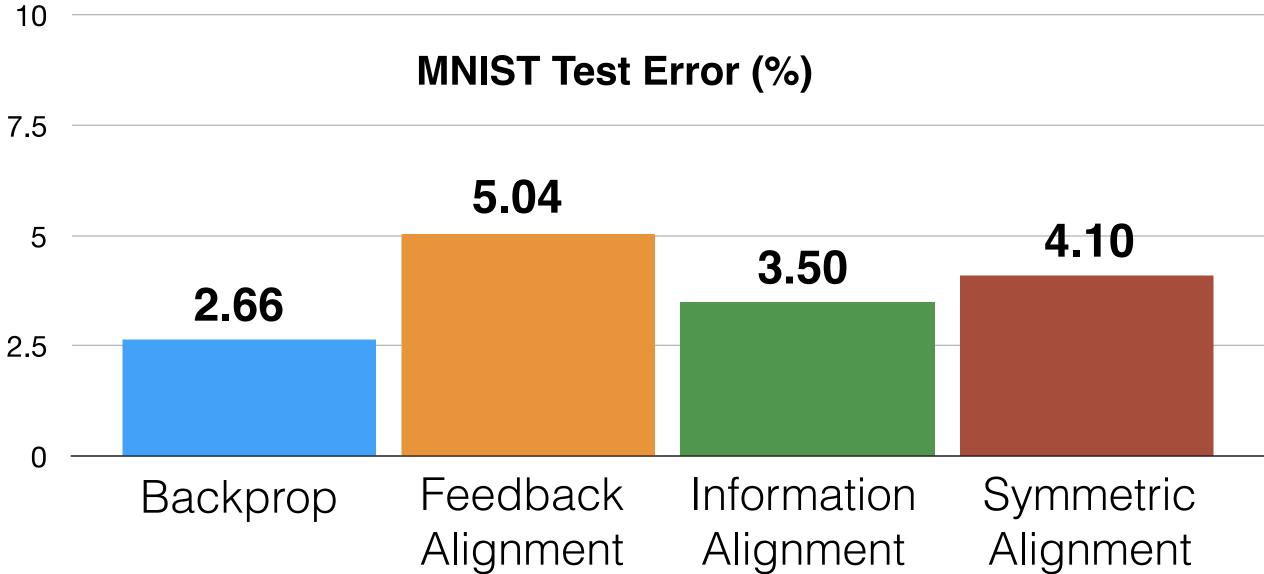
## Linear, 1 hidden layer

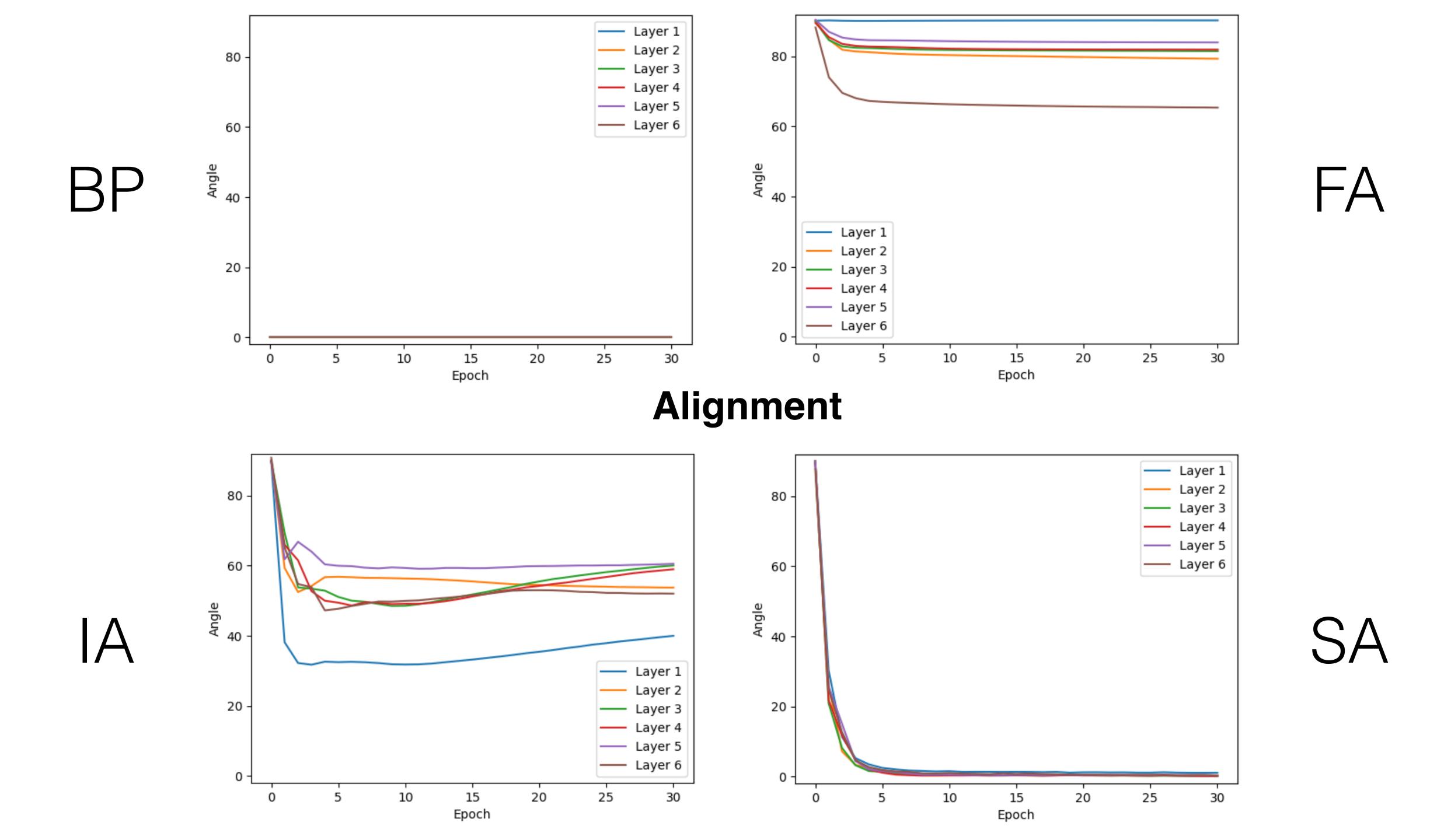


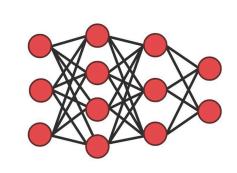
### ReLU, 6 hidden layers



- 5e-5 learning rate
- 1000 batch size
- 30 epochs
- ReLu activations
- -784 256 256 256 256 10 architecture
- Lambda = 1e-6

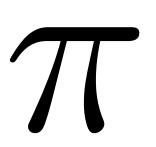






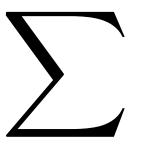
#### in silico

- architecture search for less-biologically-implausible learning at scale
- adversarial robustness, information bottleneck, multitask learning



#### in puro

- LAE from X to Y: closely related to PLS, CCA
- derive and study continuous flows on linear alignment networks



#### in algo

- bio-inspired take down of randomized SVD



#### in vivo

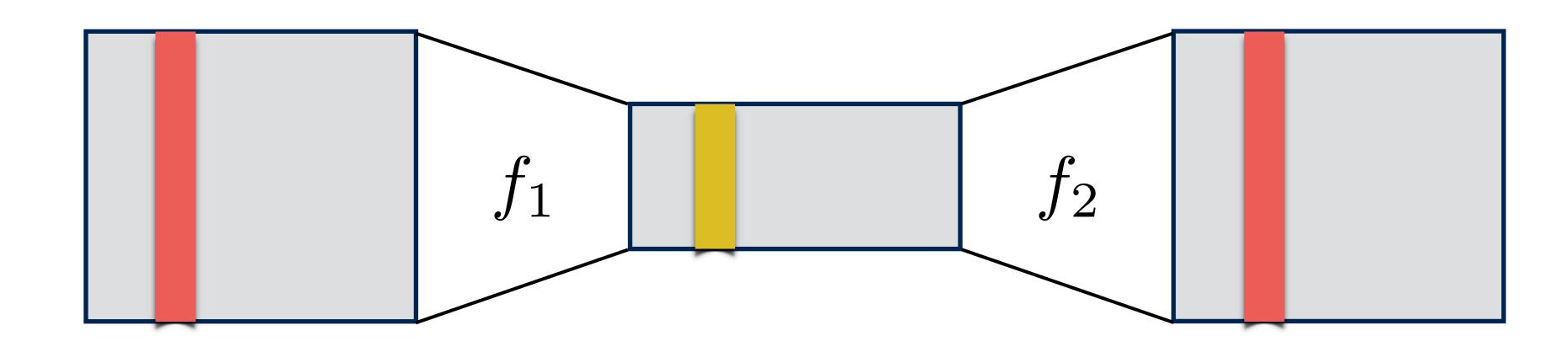
- dynamics of representation teleportation in development and learning
- neural implementation factored through genomic / molecular ontogeny in space and time



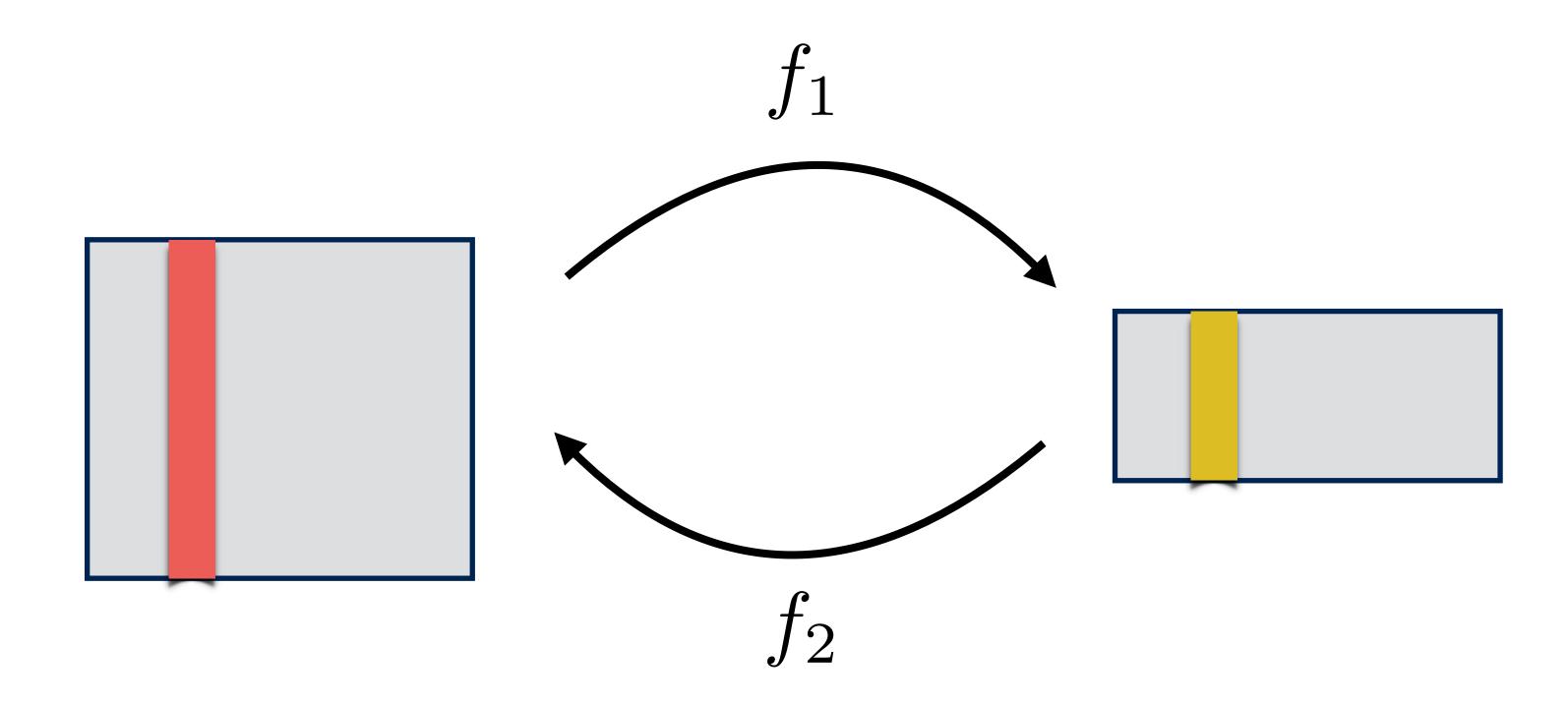
#### in categorico / physico

- ground learning in functors between algebra, topology, and geometry (Morse homology, ensemble and consensus learning, TQFT)

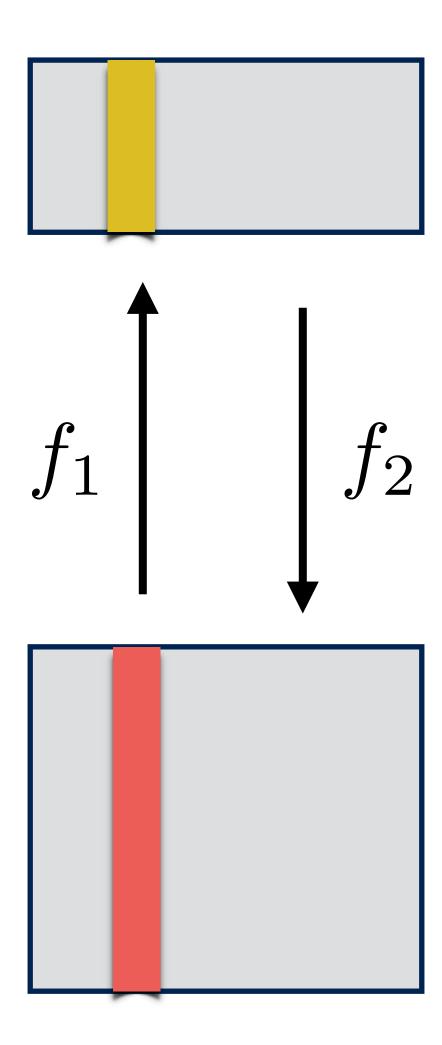
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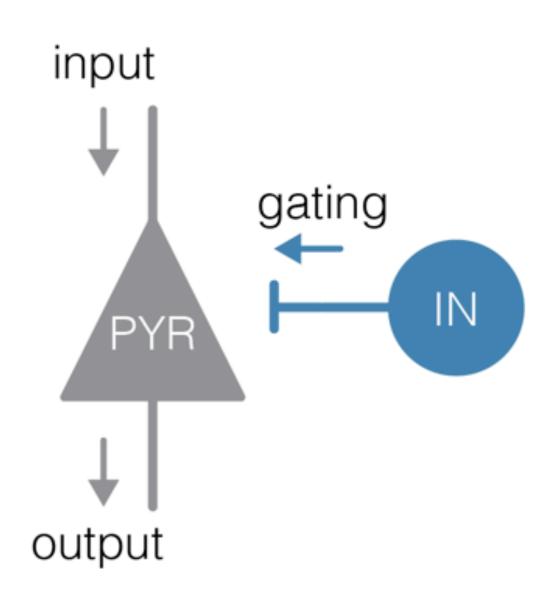


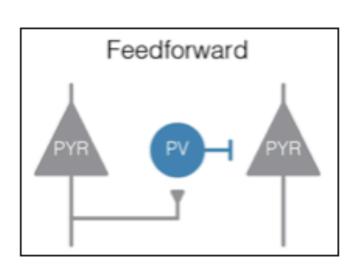
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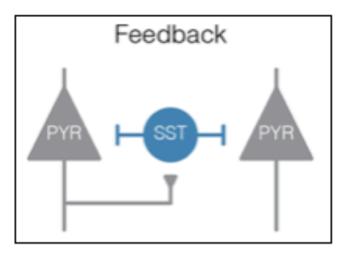


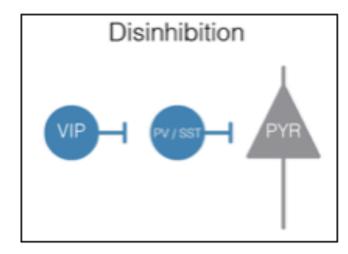
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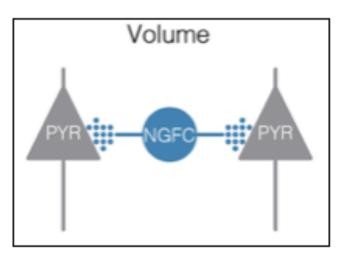


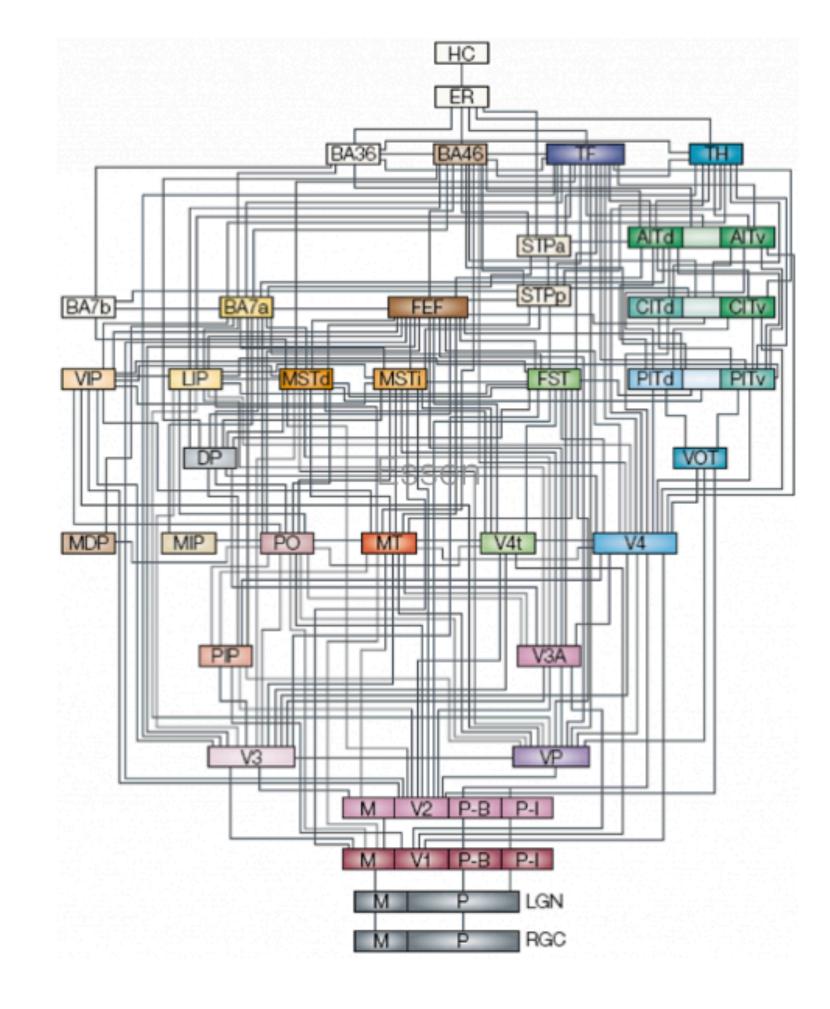








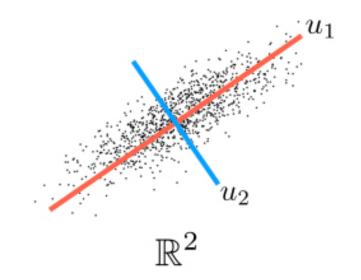




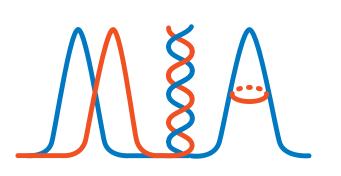
Felleman and Van Essen, Cer. Cor. 1991



### Thanks!



LAE: github.com/danielkunin/Regularized-Linear-Autoencoders



homepage: <u>broadinstitute.org/mia</u>

playlist: bit.ly/2118EvO

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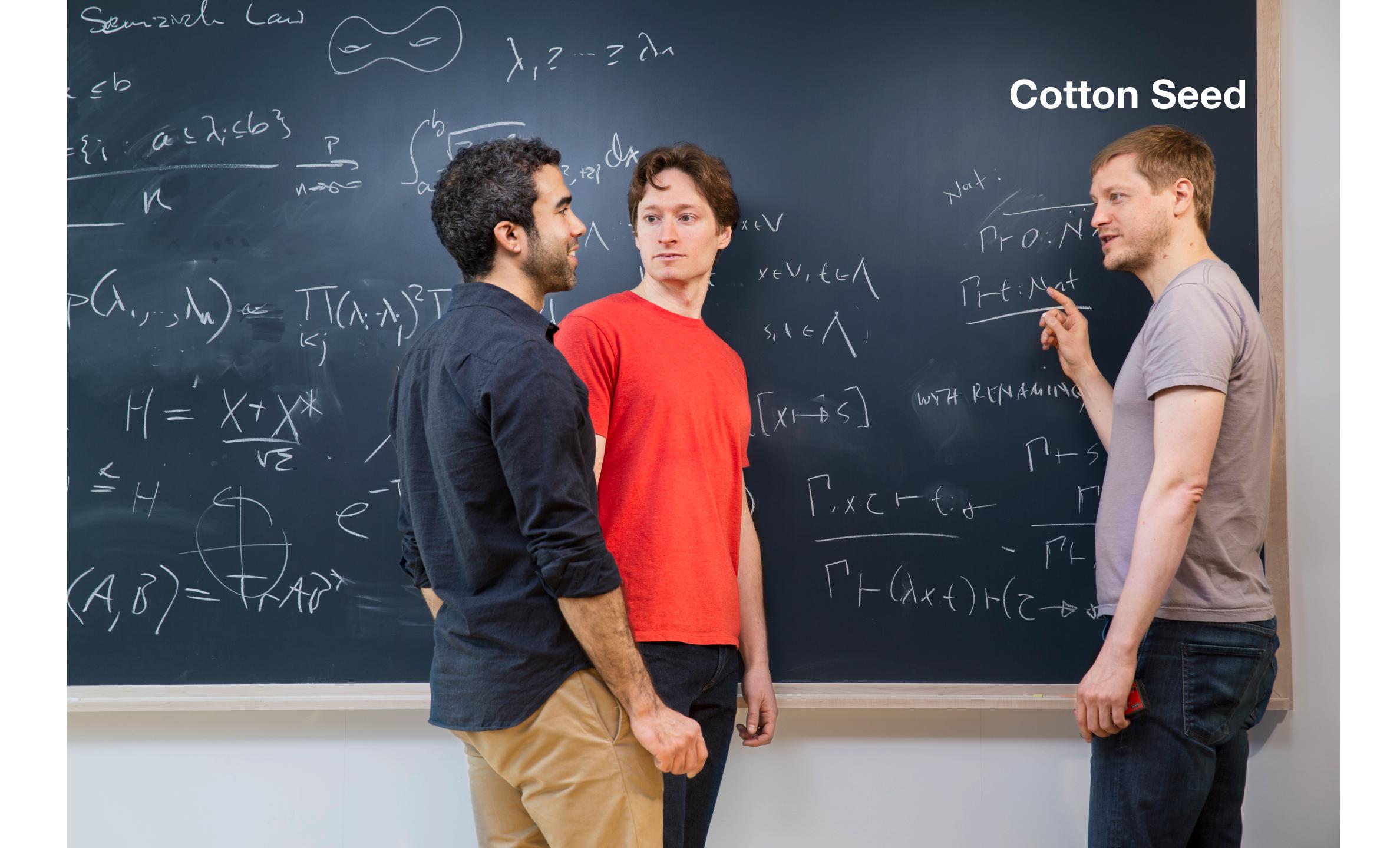
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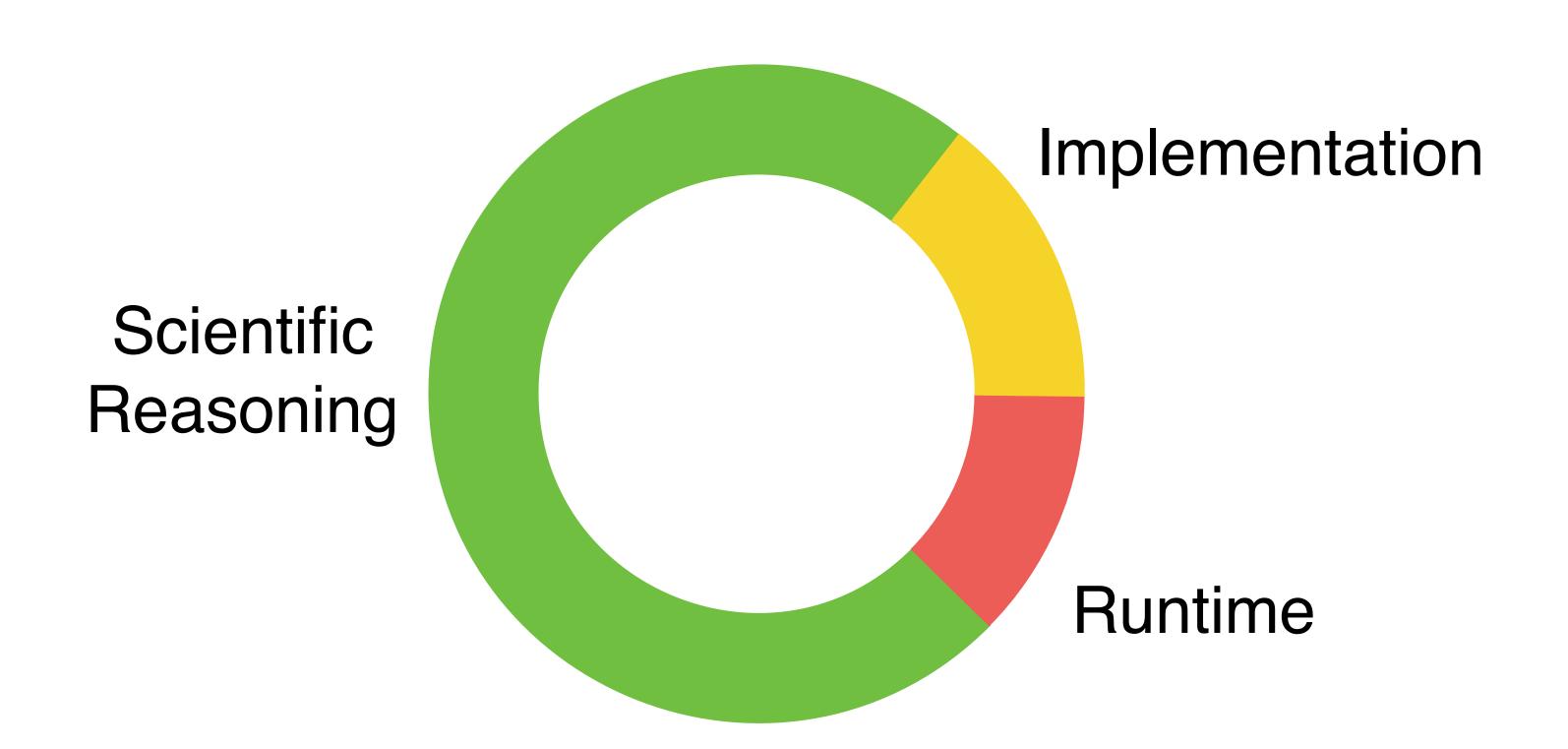
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### Statistical Genetics Tools

#### Custom Python/R scripts

- Filter genotypes with bad allele balance
- Call de novo variants
- Compute transmission disequilibrium
- Dominance-encoded GWAS
- Gene count permutation tests

Doesn't Scale

#### PLINK

- Detect sample duplicates or ID swaps
- Call Mendelian violations
- Relatedness
- **GWAS**

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Doesn't Scale

#### SNPSift

Genotype concordar

Doesn't Scale

Scale

#### EMMAX

- Sequence kernel association test
- Rare variant burden to Scales ish

#### bcftools

- Split multiallelic variants
- Filter on GQ, AD, PASS

bedtools Interval annotation Doesn't Scale Eigenstrat **PCA** Doesn't Doesn't Scale

### Subset VCFs to interv Doesn't

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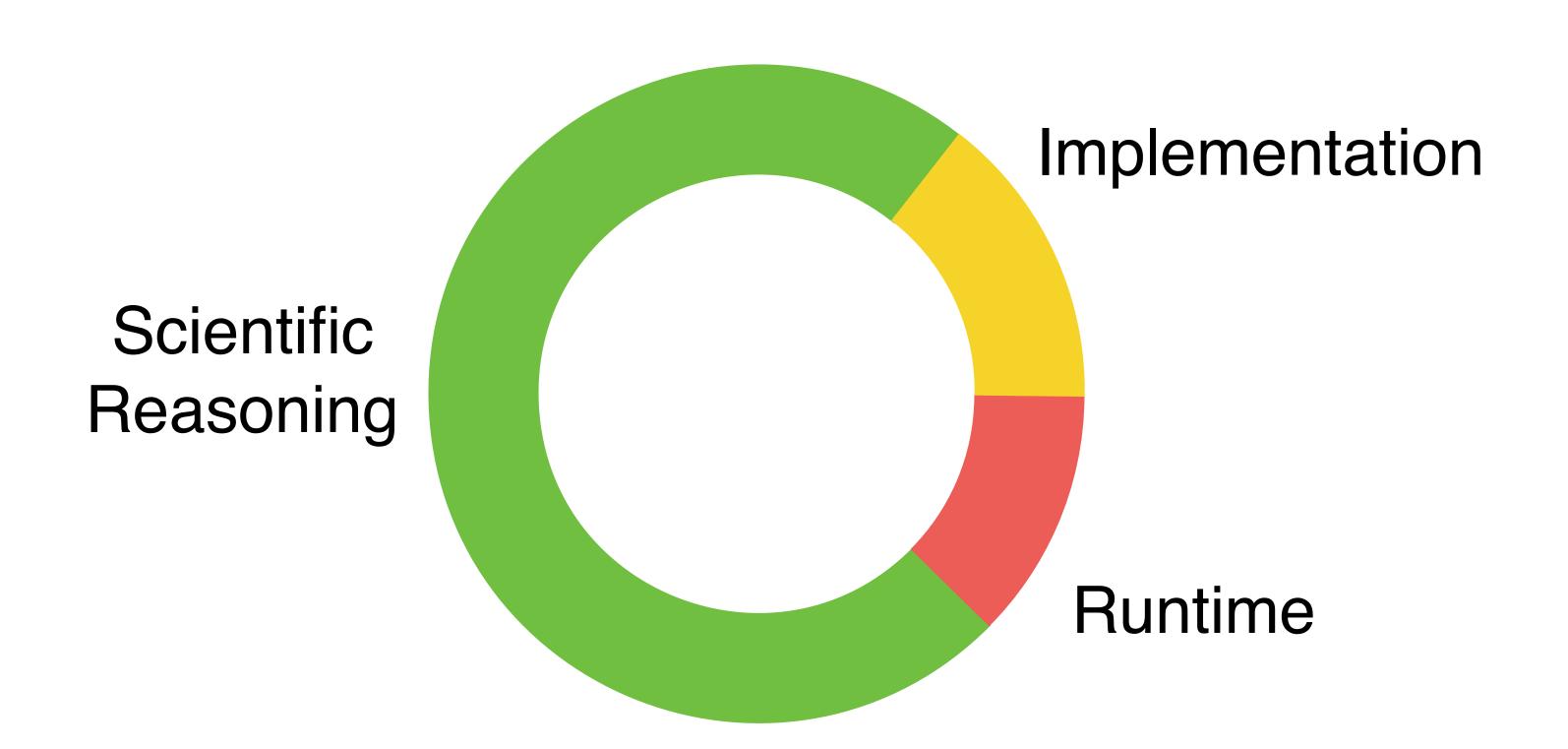
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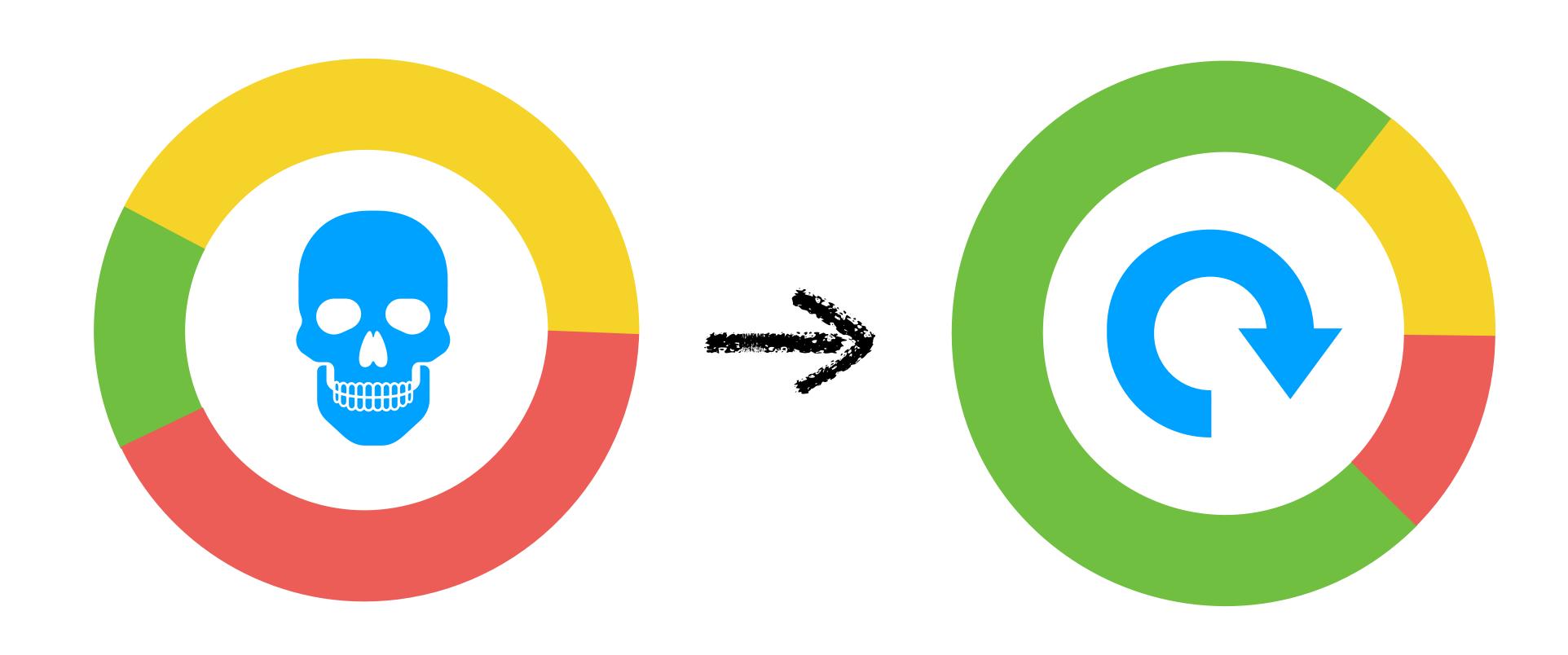
















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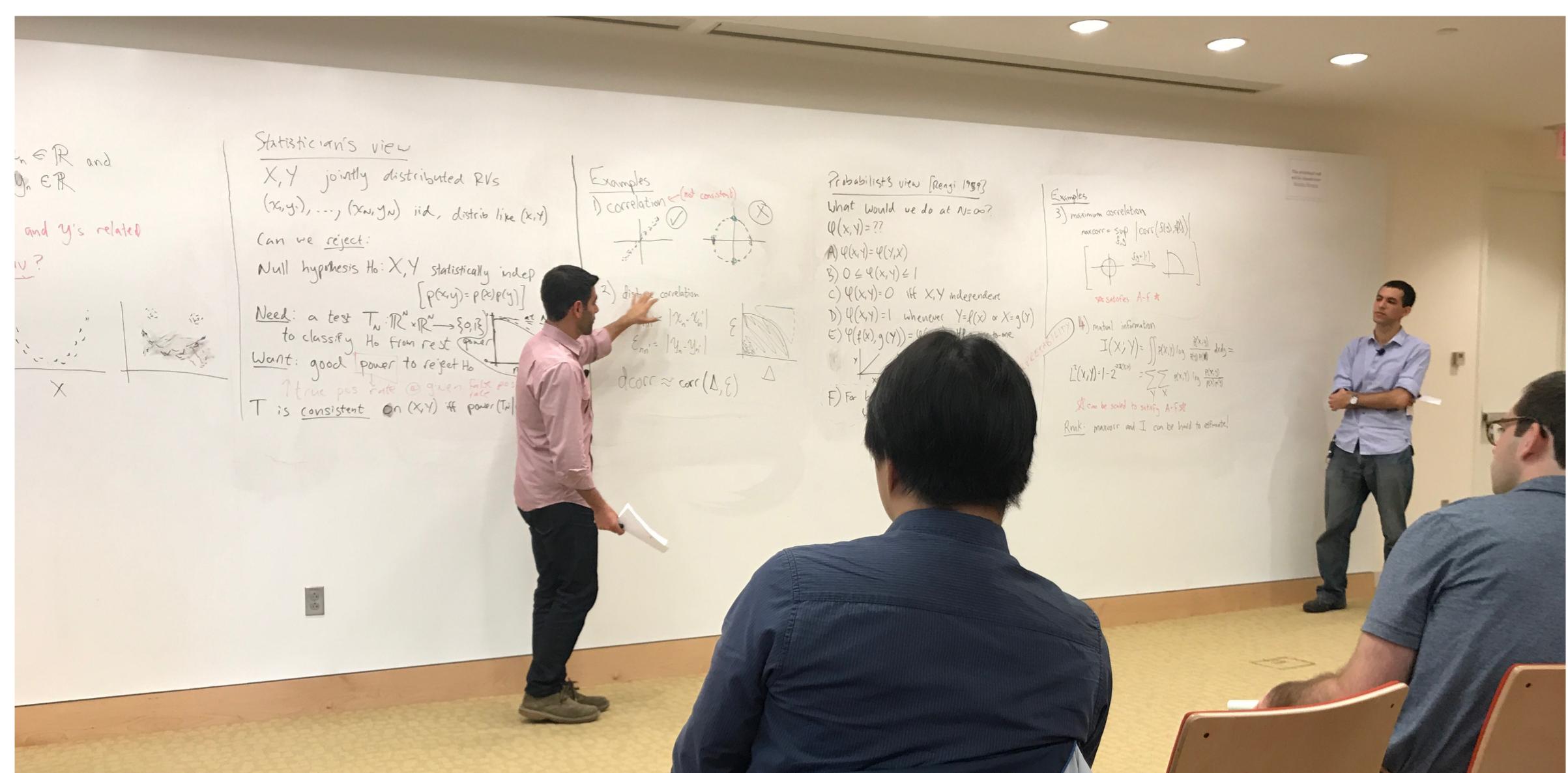
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### MODELS, INFERENCE & ALGORITHMS



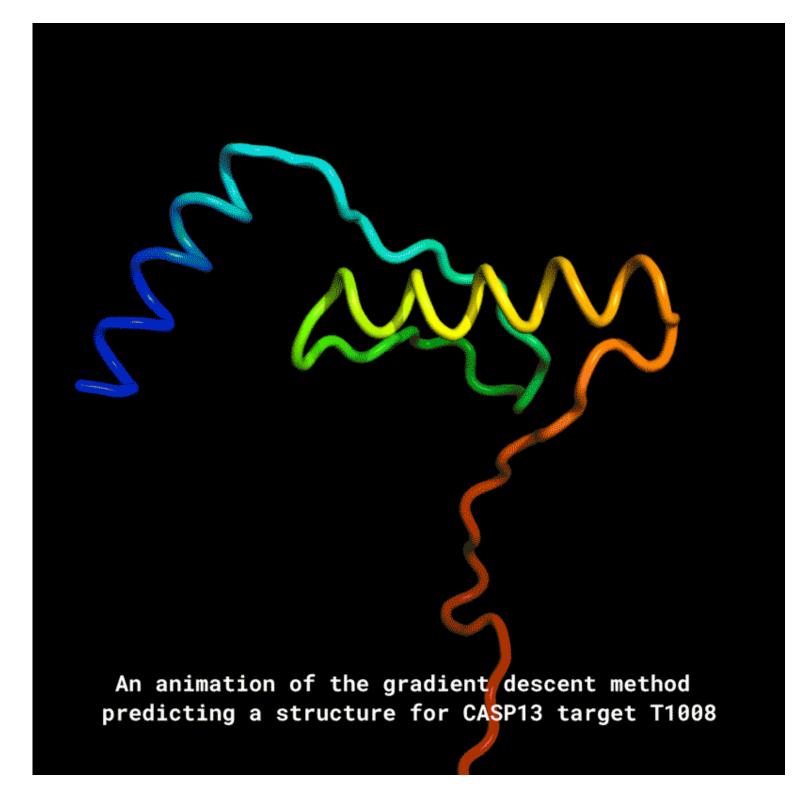
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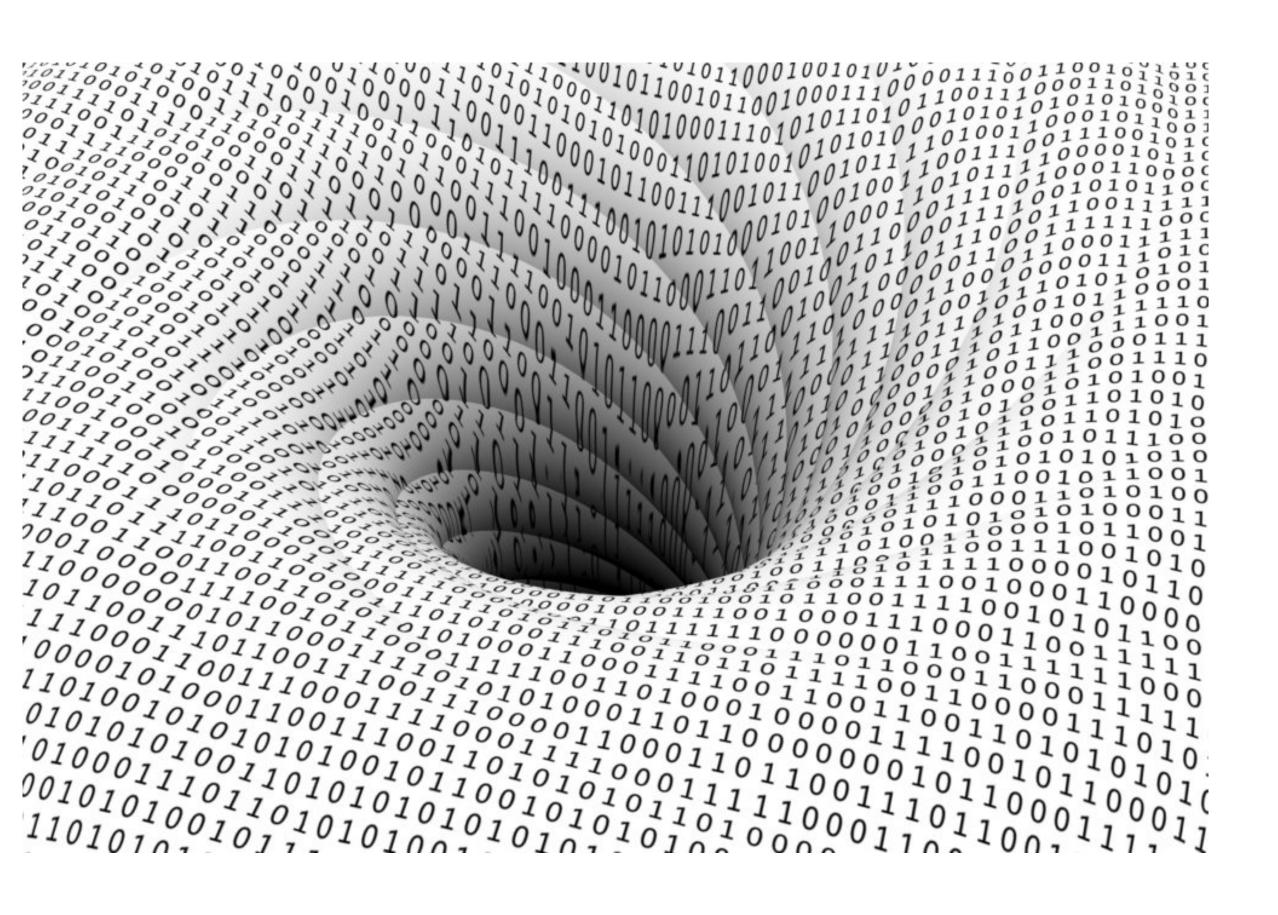


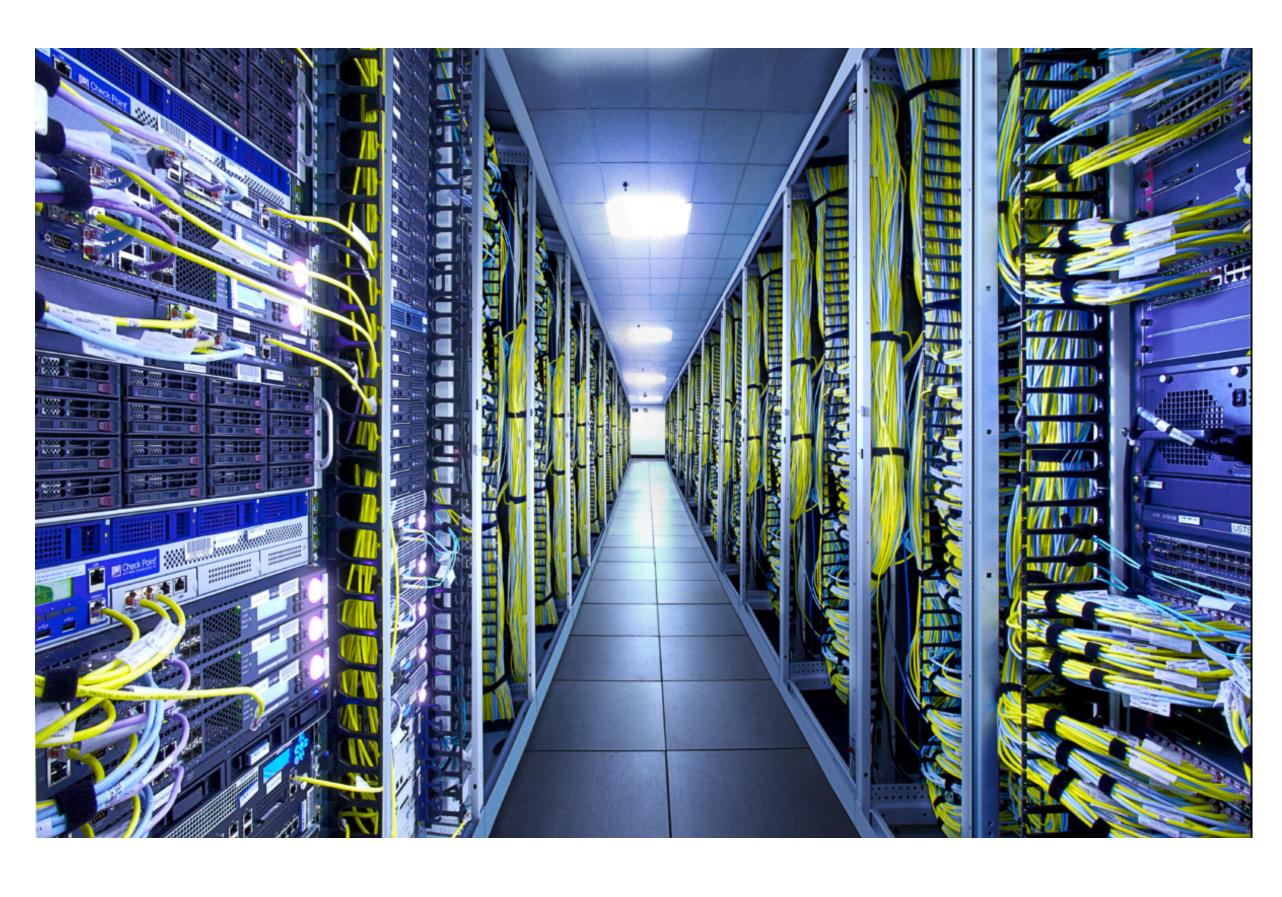
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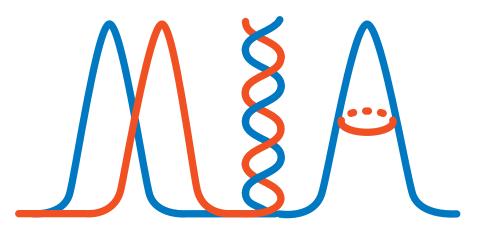












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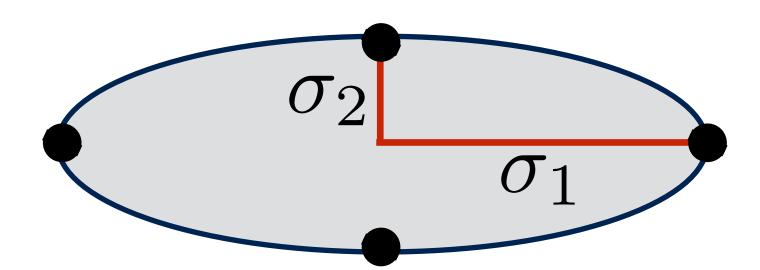


Backup Slides

## Topology of PCA: Proof options

- Reduce to a simpler problem.
  - Replace X with  $\Sigma$  for analysis or  $[\Sigma \mid -\Sigma]$  for symmetry.





Reduce to a harder problem that's already been solved: the LAE!

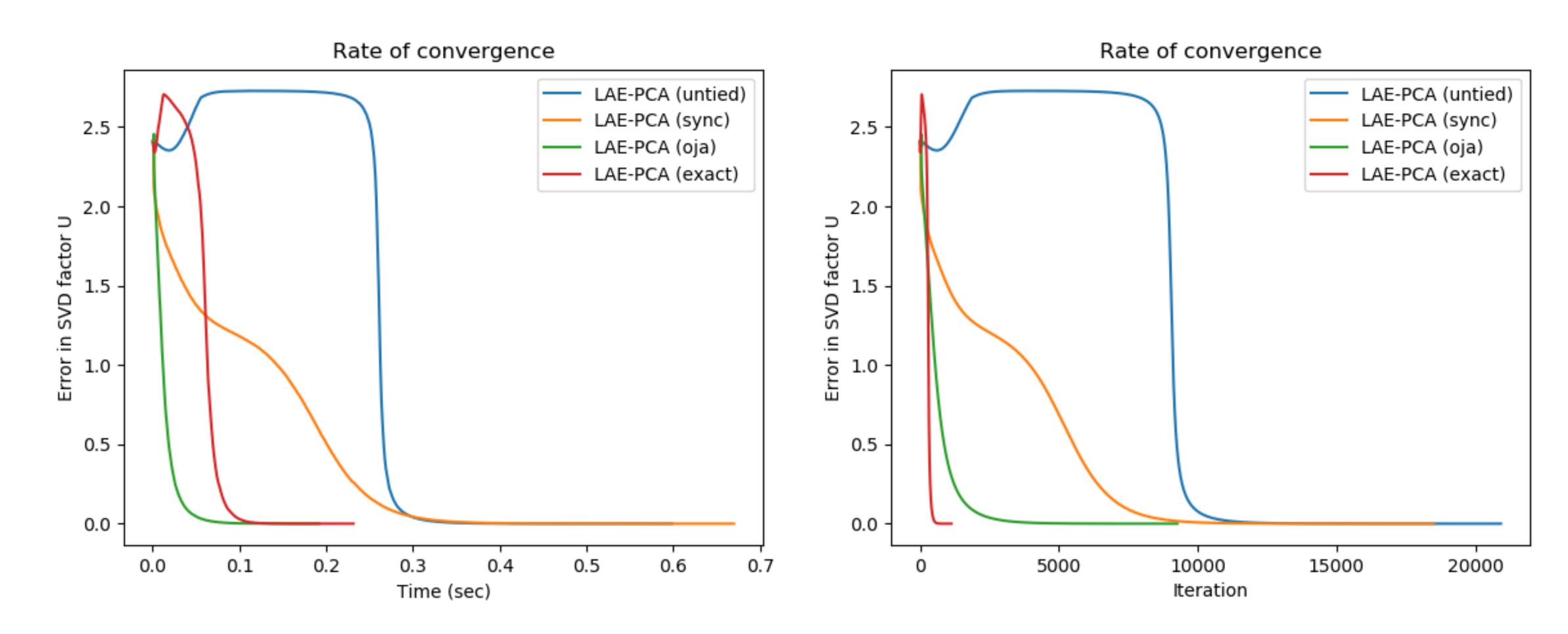
$$V_{k}(\mathbb{R}^{m}) \xrightarrow{\pi:O \mapsto \operatorname{Im}(OO^{\intercal})} \operatorname{Gr}_{k}(\mathbb{R}^{m})$$

$$\iota:O \mapsto (O^{\intercal},O) \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \mathcal{L}_{X}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{k \times m} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times k} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \mathbb{R}$$

## LAE-SVD optimization

• Algorithm: optimize L2-regularized LAE and then take SVD of the decoder.

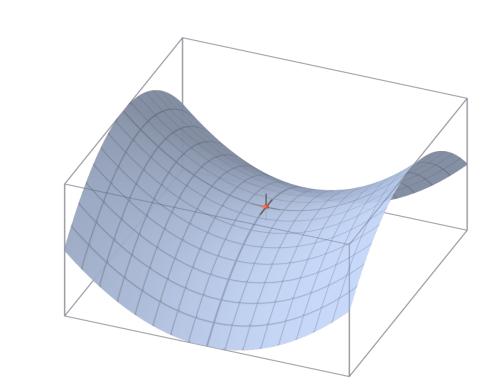


Using SGD, algorithm resembles randomized SVD.

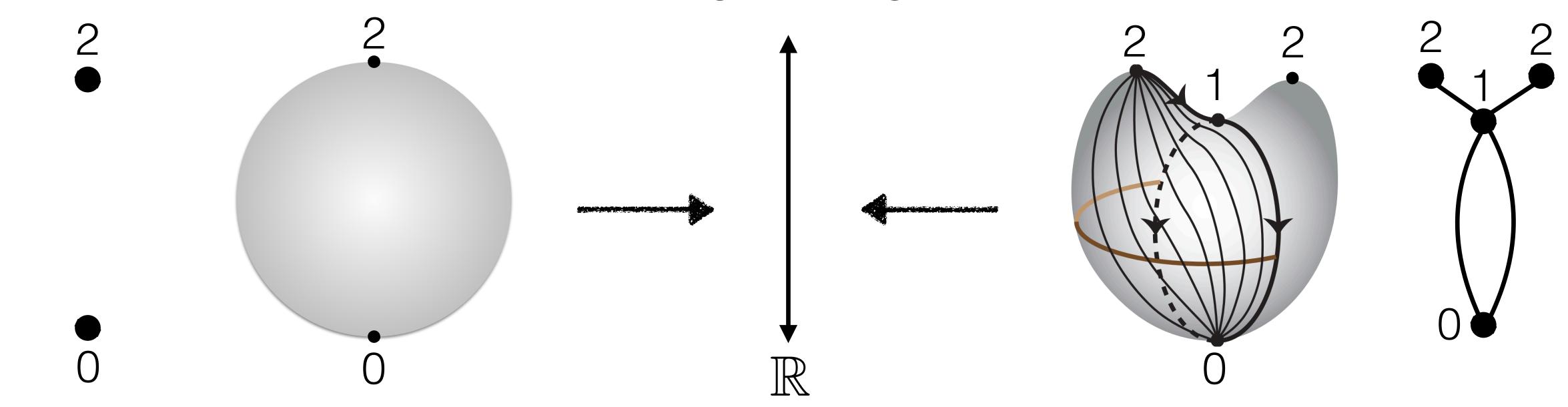
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- Idea: Study the topology of a space via smooth functions on the space.
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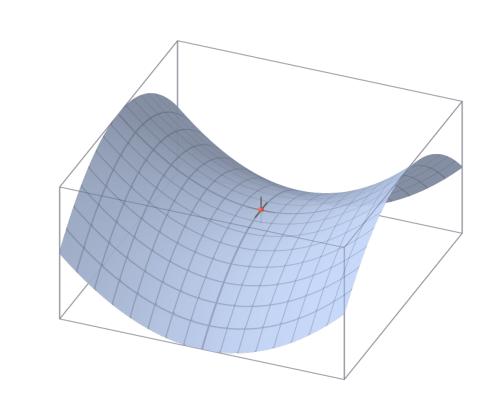
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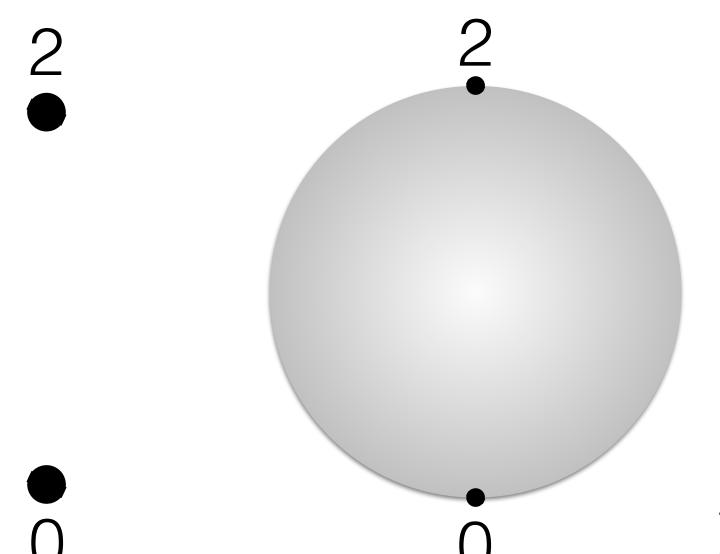
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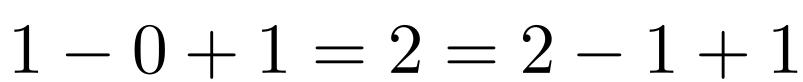


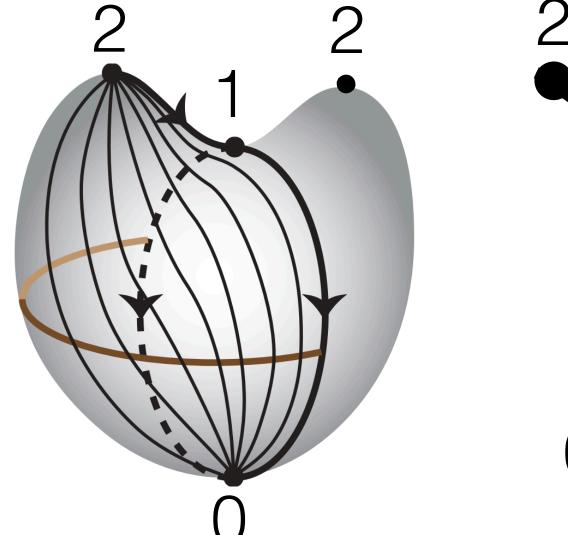
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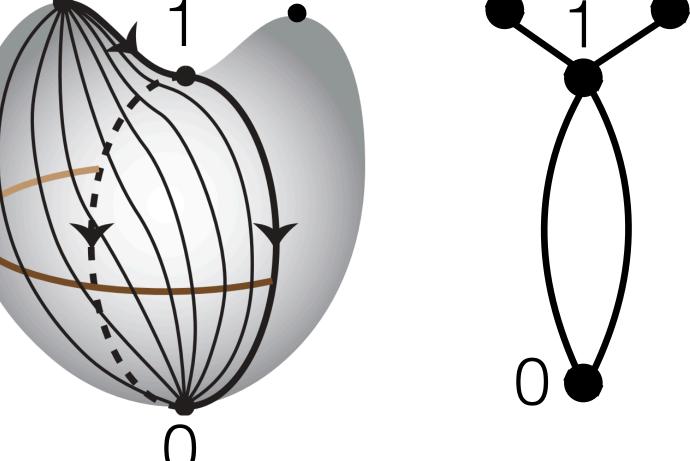


Euler characteristic

$$\chi = \sum (-1)^{d_i}$$







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```
XXt = X @ X.T
while np.linalg.norm(W1 - W2.T) > epsilon:
    W1 -= alpha * ((W2.T @ (W2 @ W1 - I)) @ XXt + lamb * W1)
    W2 -= alpha * (((W2 @ W1 - I) @ XXt) @ W1.T + lamb * W2)

principal_directions, s, _ = np.linalg.svd(W2, full_matrices = False)
eigenvalues = np.sqrt(lamb / (1 - s**2))
```

This is a regularized version of Oja's rule.

## LAE-SVD optimization

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   diff = np.linalg.norm(update)
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