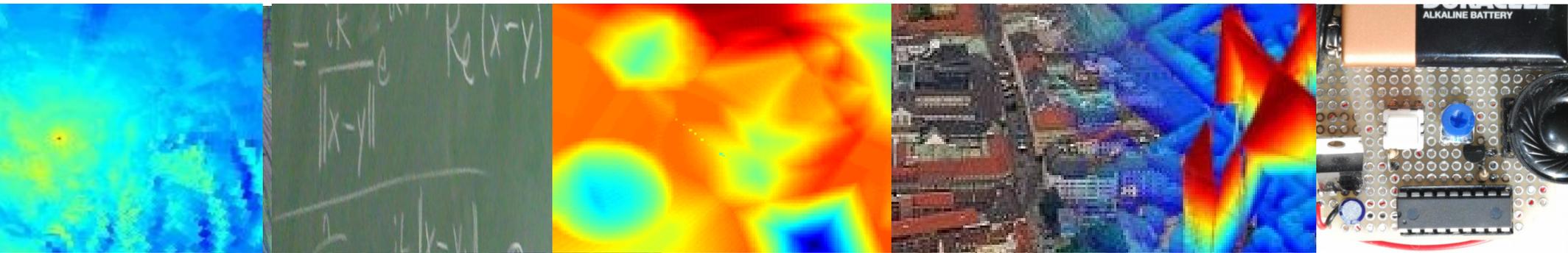


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Topological Data Analysis

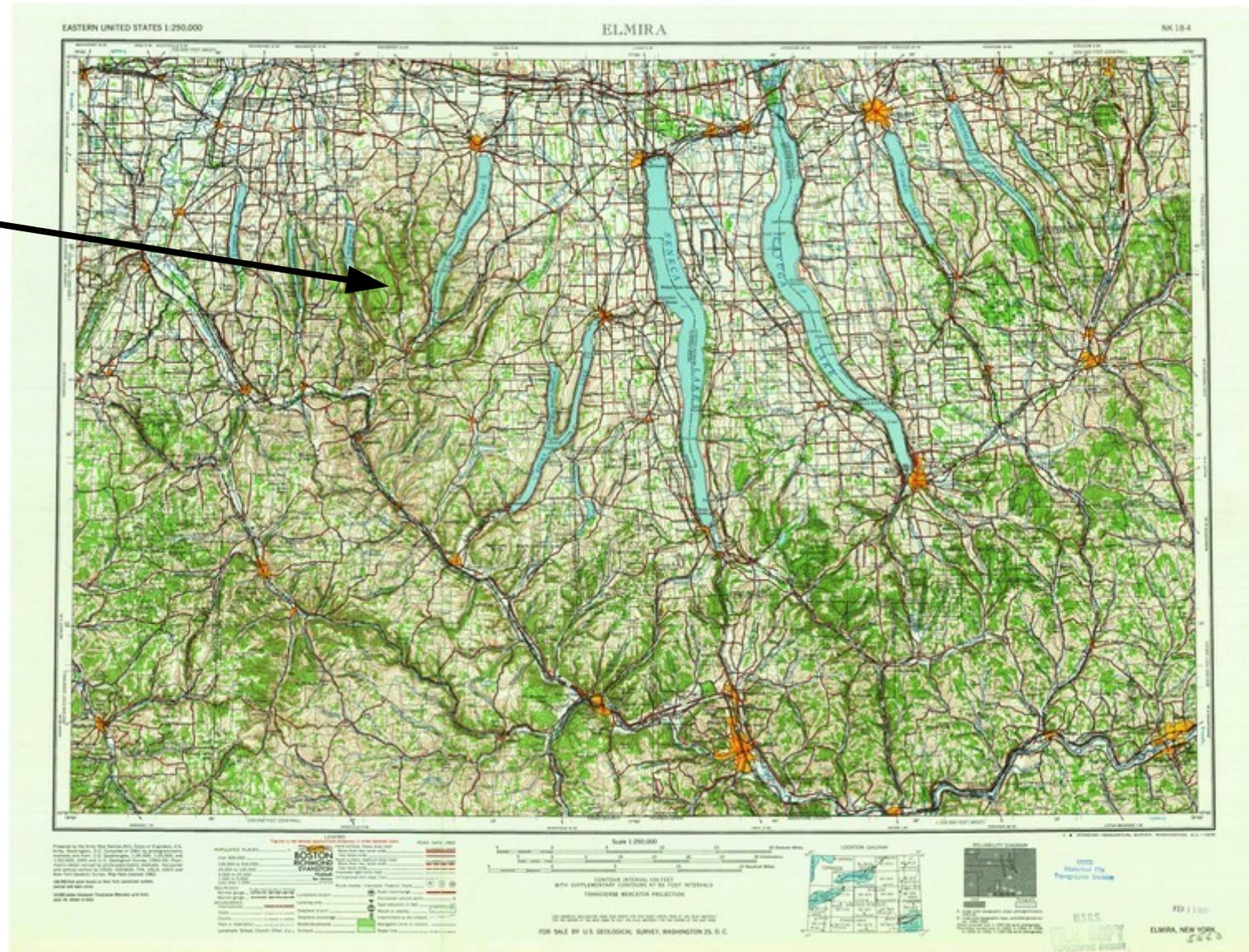


Harish Chintakunta, Michael Robinson, Hamid Krim



# What is topology?

Not this!  
This is  
TopoGRAPHY!



(Thanks USGS!)



# What is topology?

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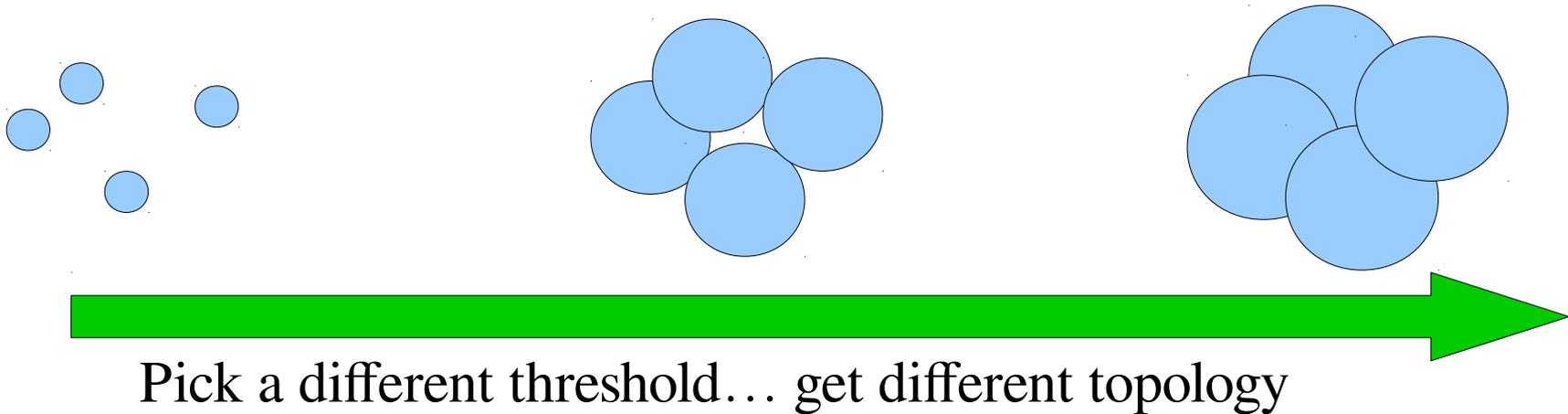
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Topology is the study of spaces  
under continuous deformations

# Topology and the curse of thresholds

- Although topology is very flexible, it **also** seems quite brittle. And in signal processing, that's bad!



- But a nice idea *persists*... and in the end prevails

Herbert Edelsbrunner, David Letscher, and Afra Zomorodian, Topological persistence and simplification, *Discrete Comput. Geom.* 28 (2002), no. 4, 511–533.

- Rather than selecting one threshold, let's use them **all!**

# Simplicial complexes

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- A simplicial complex is a collection of *vertices* and ...

$[v_2]$



A vertex represents an individual measurement taken by a sensor

$[v_1]$



$[v_4]$

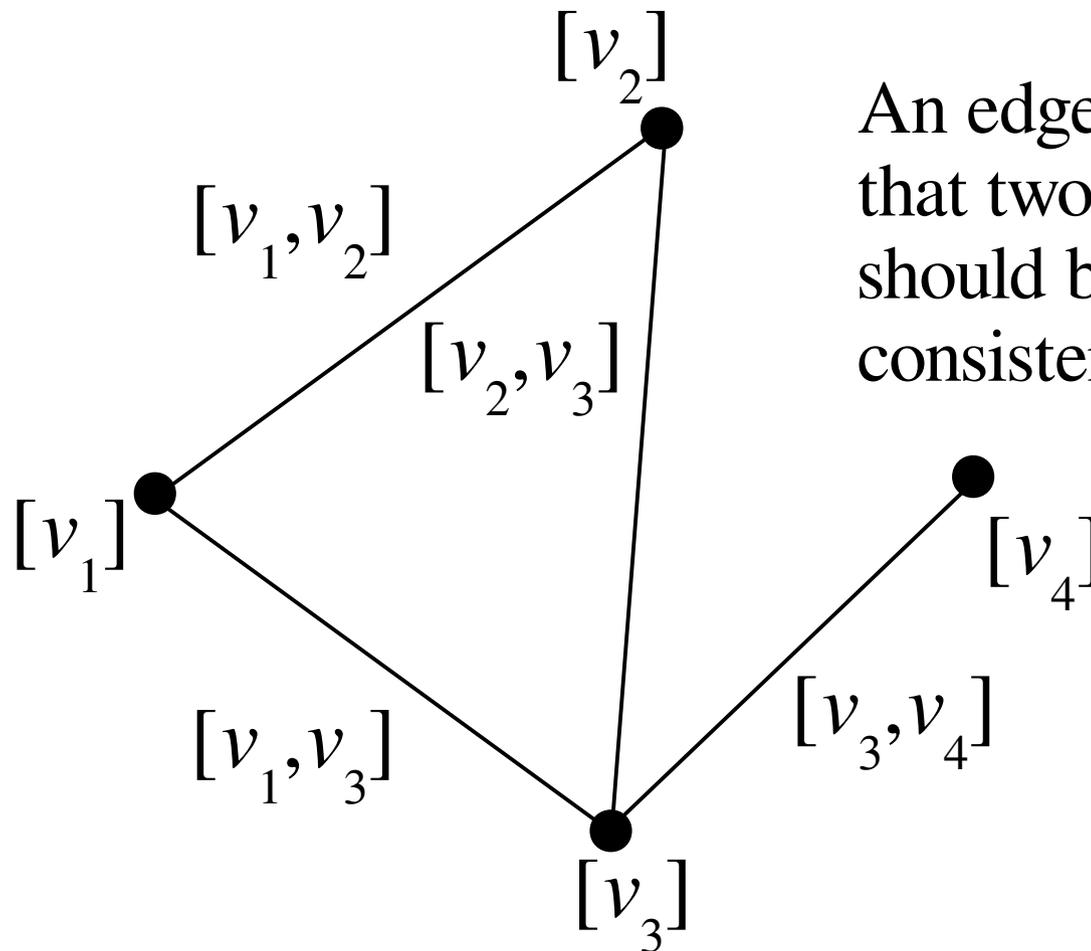


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# Simplicial complexes

- ... *edges* (pairs of vertices) and ...

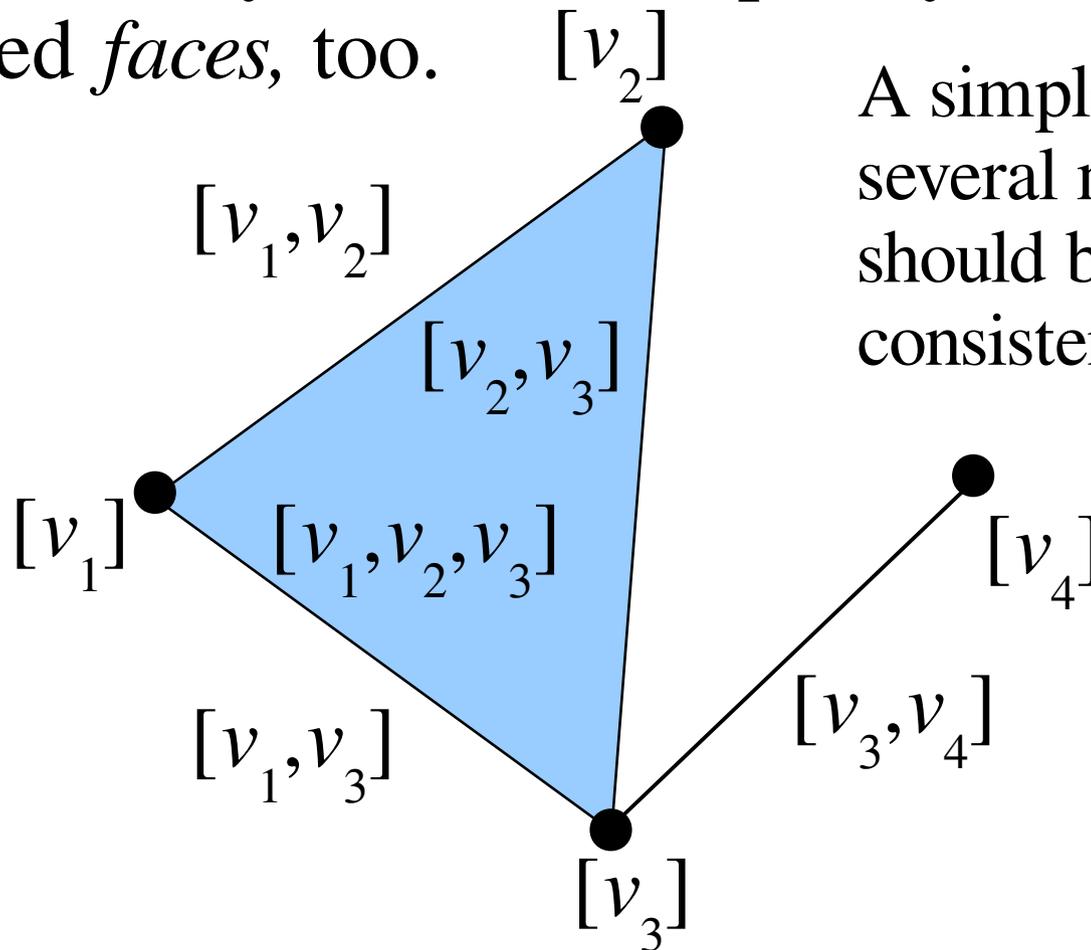


An edge represents the fact that two measurements should be tested for consistency

Usually people call this a *graph*; I will too

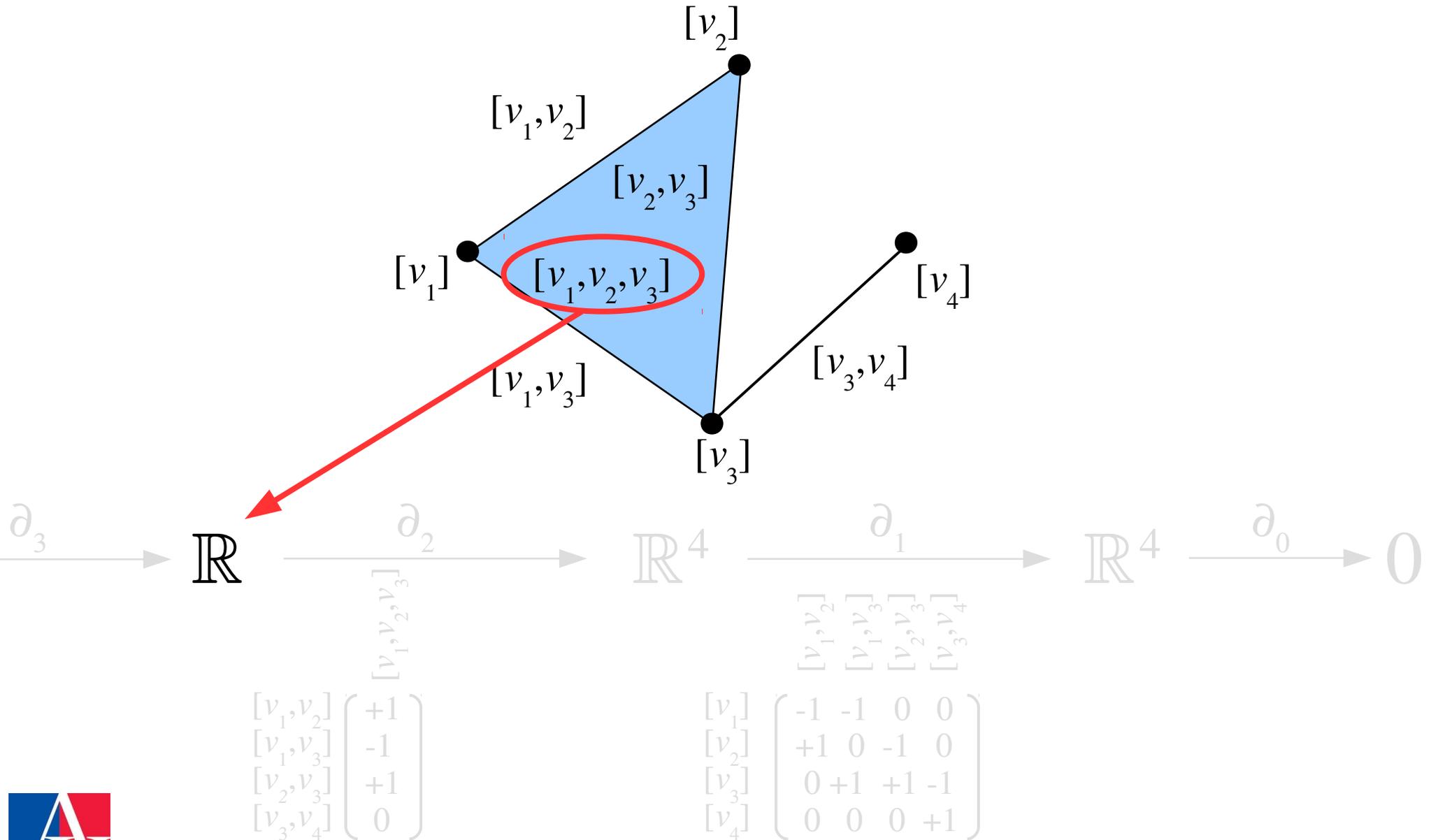
# Simplicial complexes

- ... higher dimensional *simplices* (tuples of vertices)
- Whenever you have a simplex, you have all subsets, called *faces*, too.

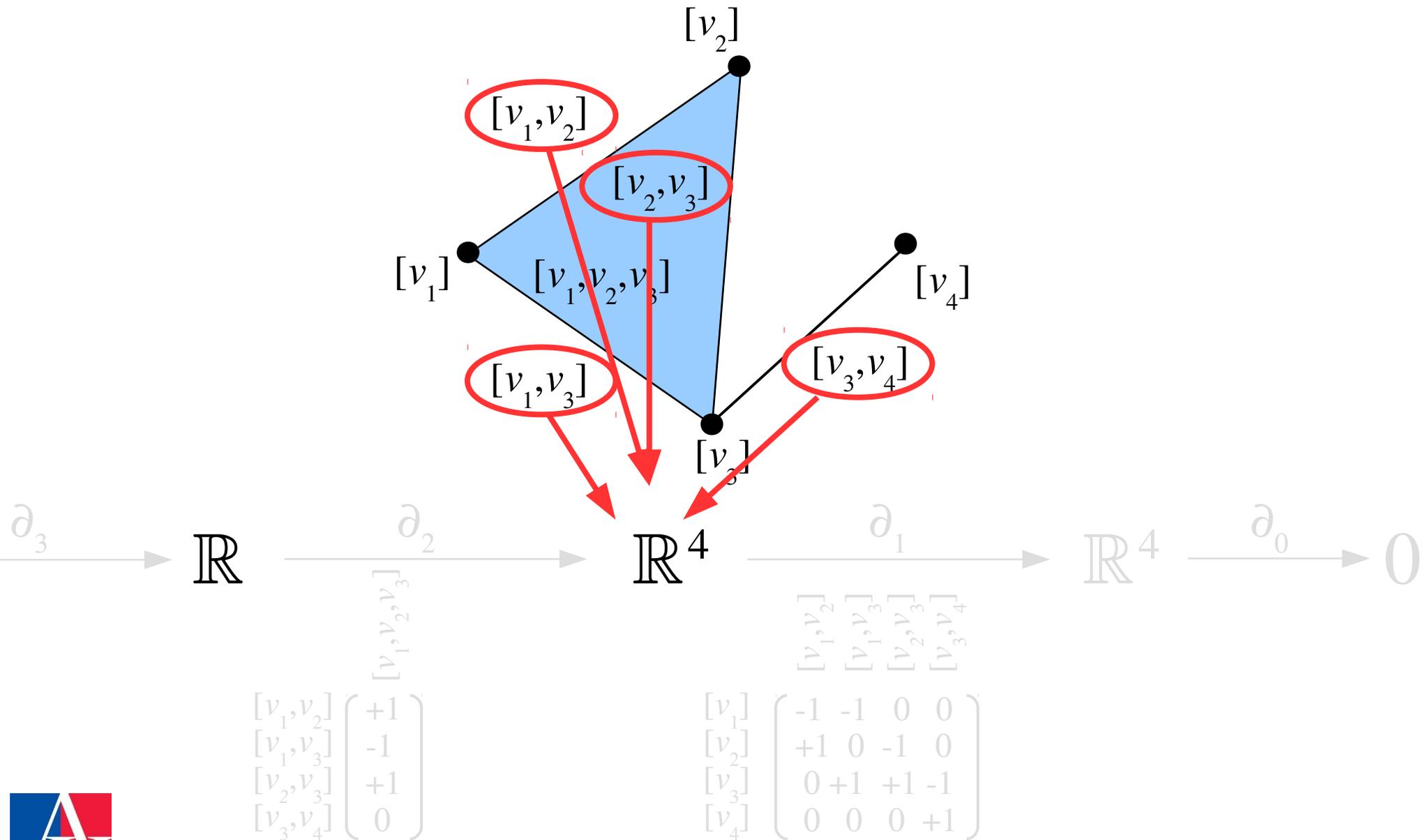


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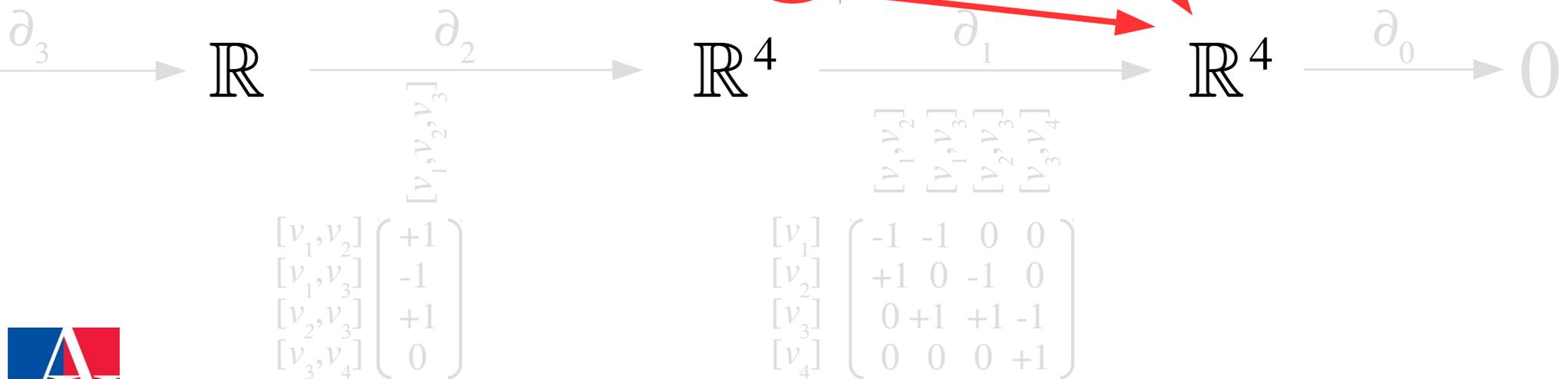
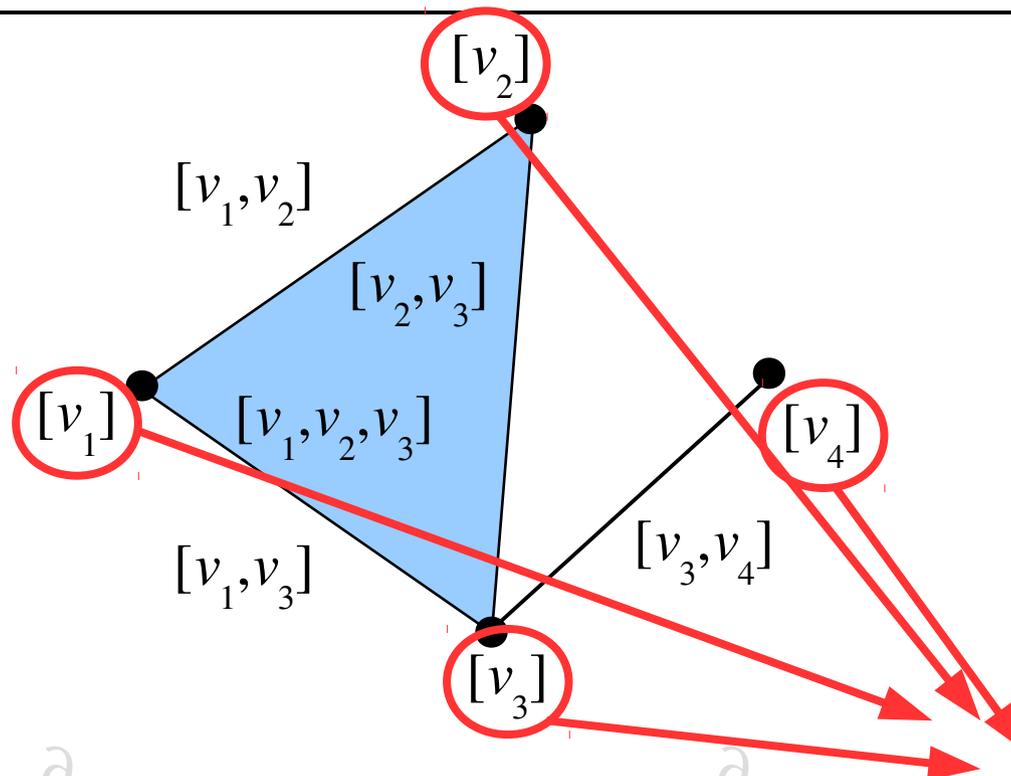
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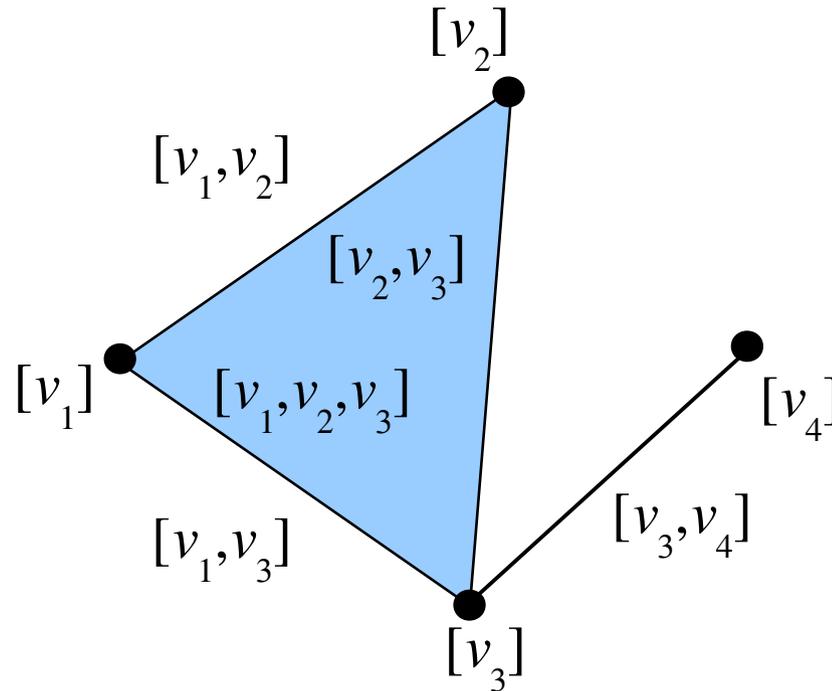
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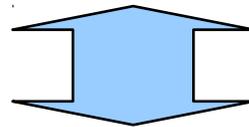
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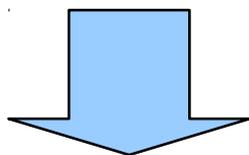
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**LOOPS**

**COMPONENTS**

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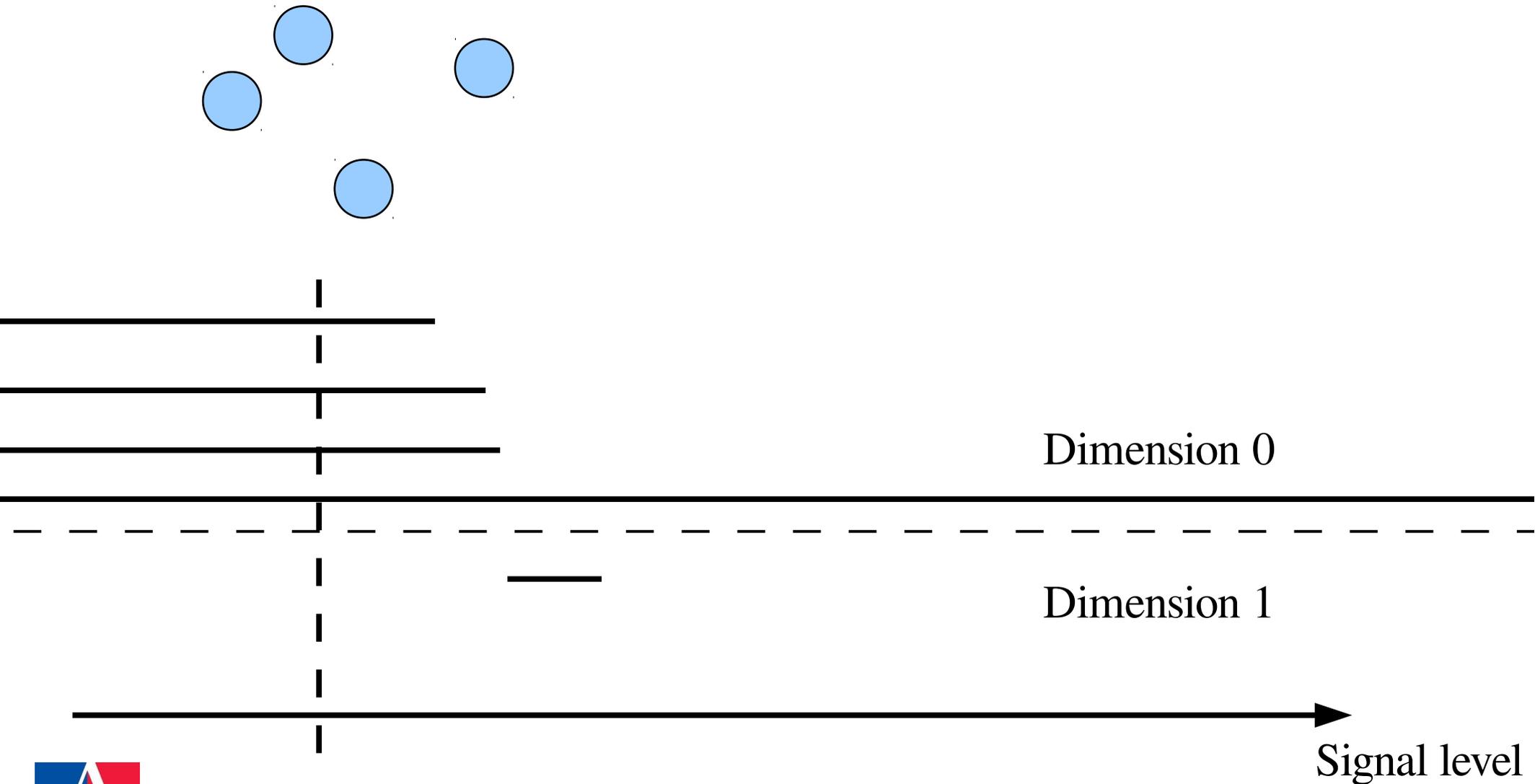
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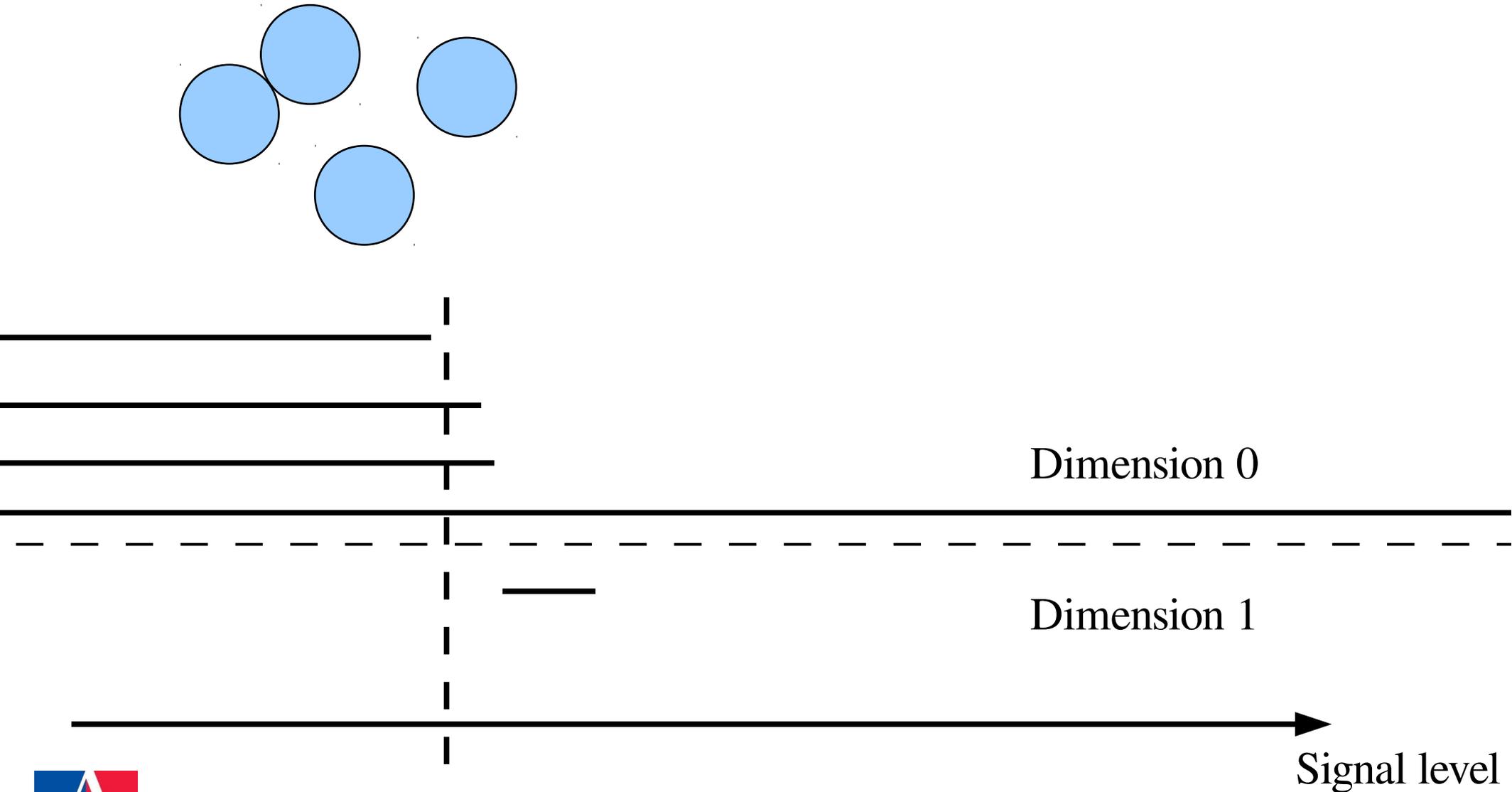
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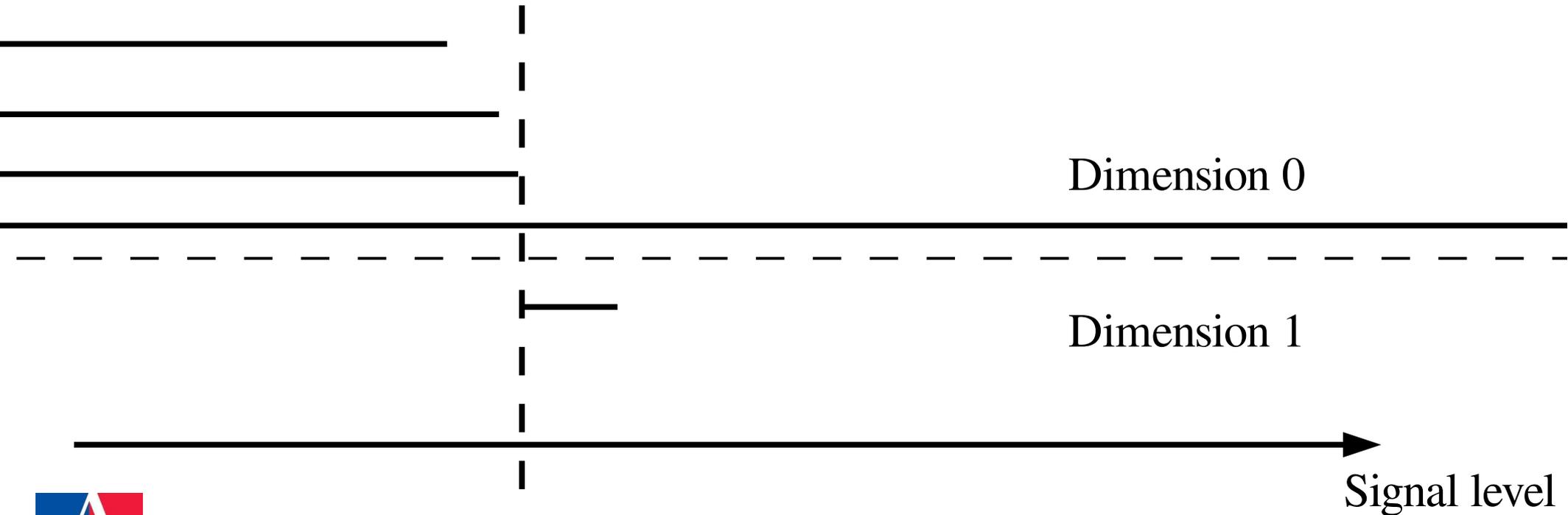
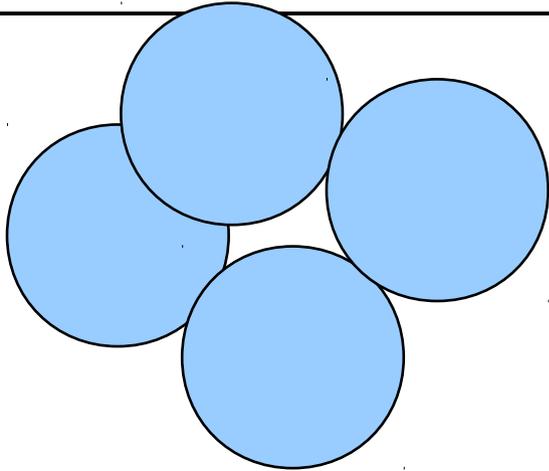
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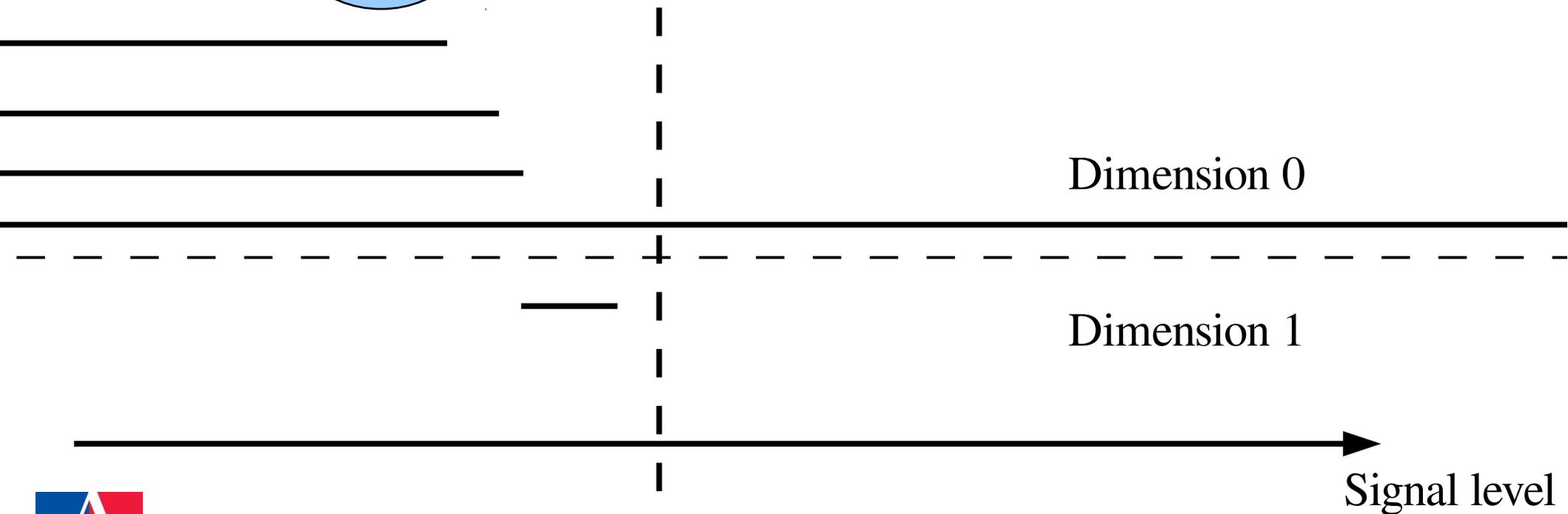
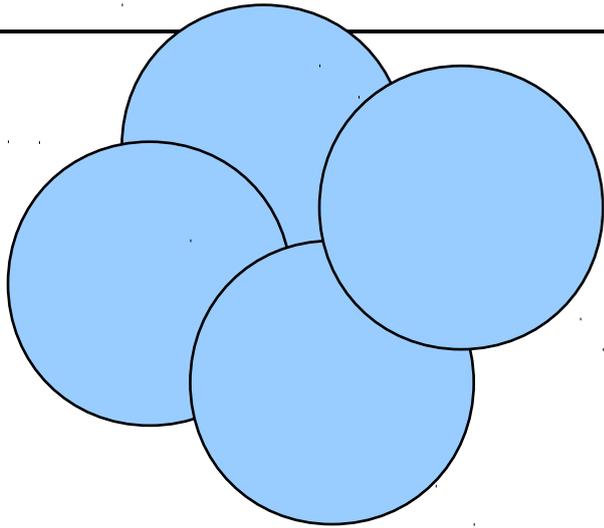
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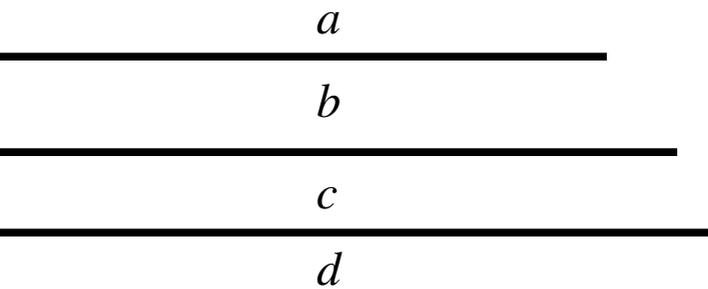
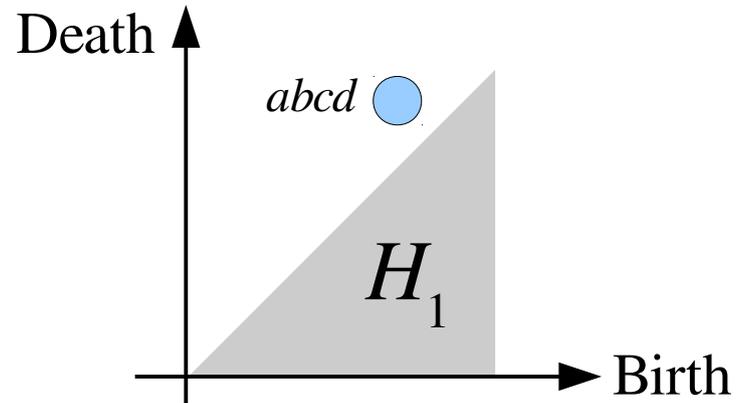
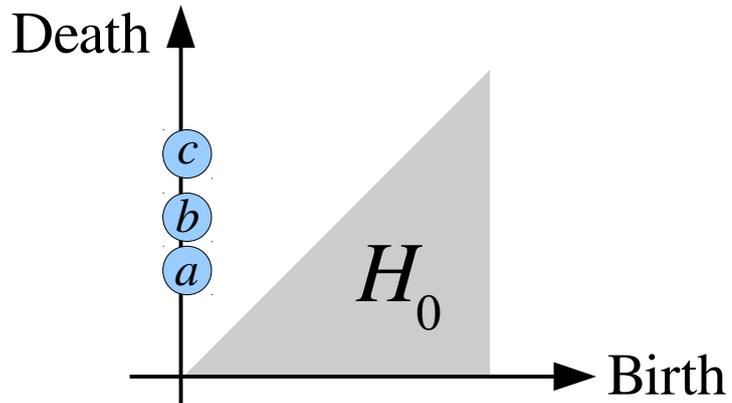
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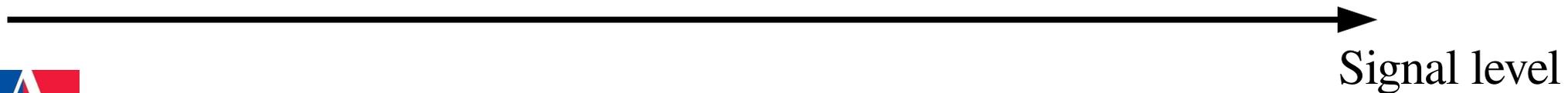
# Persistence diagrams



Dimension 0

— Loop  $abcd$

Dimension 1



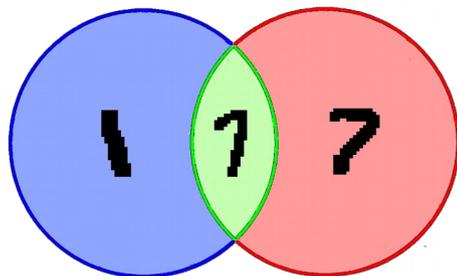
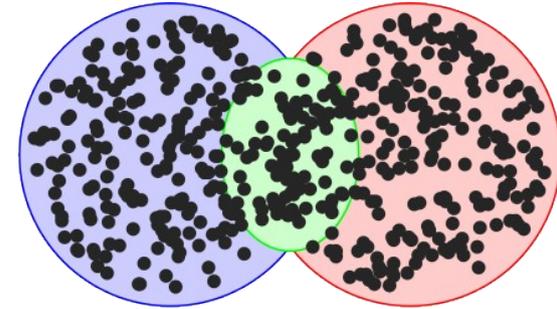
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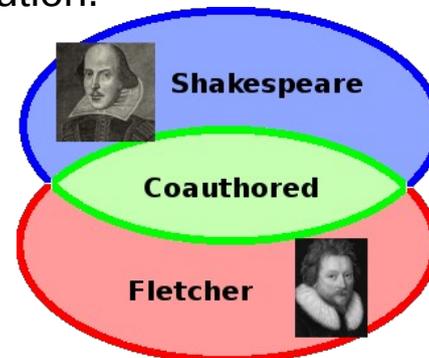
# Hierarchical Overlapping Clustering

Fernando Gama, Santiago Segarra, Alejandro Ribeiro

- **Clustering:** Partition dataset. But sets might not admit a partition.
  - Where should the **green** points go?
- **Coverings:** Points can be classified in more than one cluster.
- Hierarchical Overlapping Clustering through Cut Metrics.
  - **Non-overlapping Clustering:** Each point in only one cluster. Partition.
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  - **Non-overlapping Clustering** → **Hierarchical Clustering** → **Ultrametrics**
- Convex combination of **ultrametrics** → **Cut Metrics**
- **Cut Metrics:** Resolution at which nodes are grouped together. No transitivity.
- **Nested coverings:** Collection of coverings.
- **Covering:** Nodes can be in more than one group.
- **Cut Metrics** → **Nested Coverings (Hierarchical)** → **Covering**
- **Results:** MNIST Handwritten Digits. Authorship Attribution.



Identify ambiguous digits  
When classifying 1 and 7



Classify plays by author  
and co-authored plays

# Distances between Directed Networks and Applications

Facundo Mémoli, joint work with Samir Chowdhury

## Background:

Data sets containing asymmetric edge relations can be interpreted as directed, weighted networks.

A central goal of network analysis is to develop metrics that efficiently compute dissimilarity between networks.

## Our Contributions:

A legitimate metric between directed, weighted networks.

Easily computable invariants to test for dissimilarity between networks.

Lower bounds for the network distance, based on these invariants.



# Hypergraph signal processing

Sergio Barbarossa and Mikhail Tsitsvero

Idea: Hypergraphs generalize graphs and simplicial complexes

All cliques are simplices

Flag  
complex

Undirected  
graph

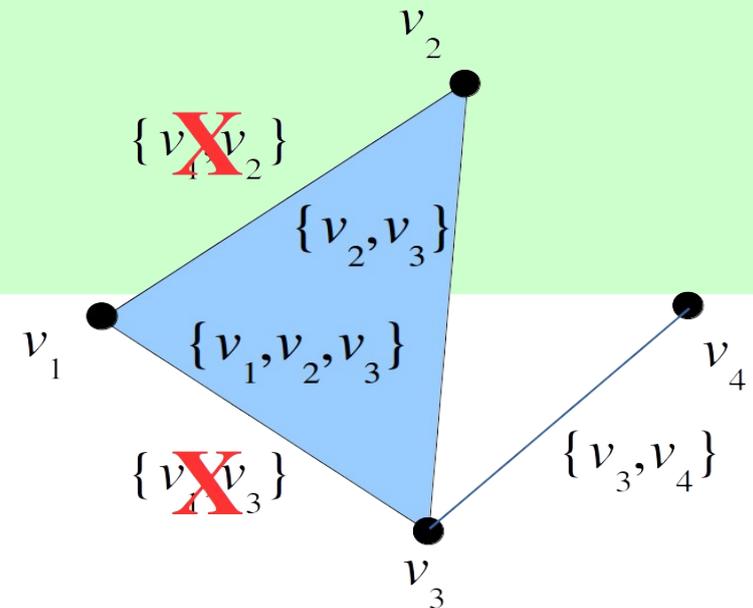
Vertices and  
edges only

Simplices are defined by their  
vertices, simplices always have  
all their faces

Abstract  
simplicial  
complex

Hyperedges defined by  
vertices, but other than  
that, anything goes...

Undirected  
hypergraph

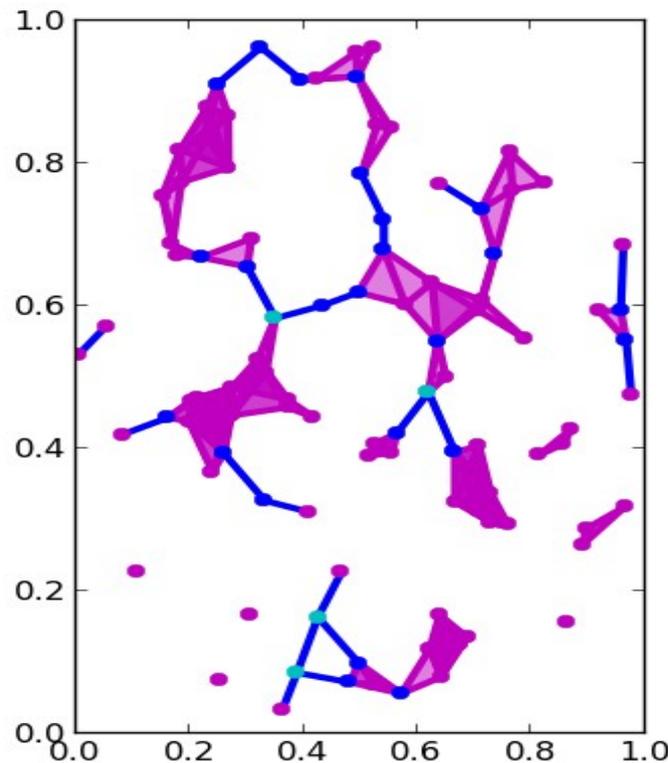


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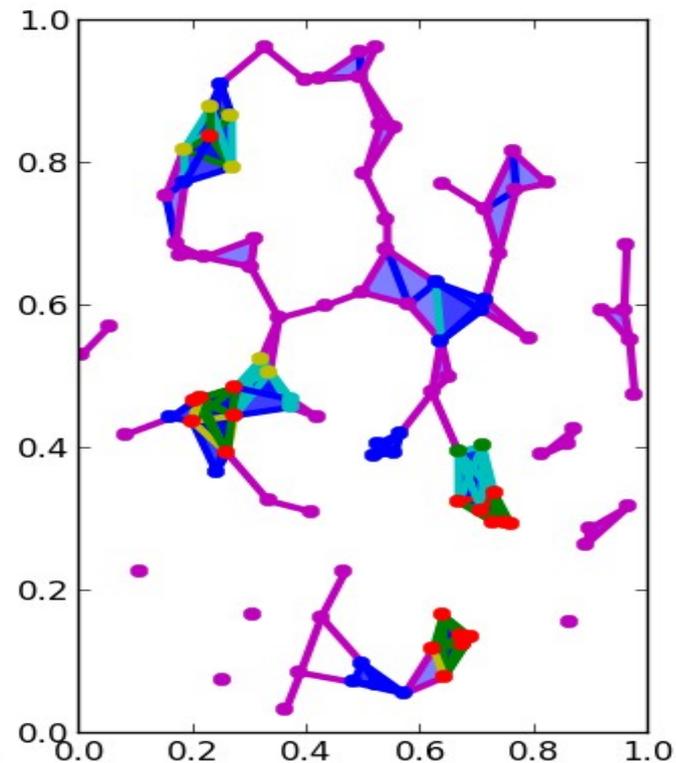
Brittany Fasy and Bei Wang

Idea: local homology detects stratifications!

Magenta = 0  
Blue = 1  
Cyan = 2  
Green = 3  
Yellow = 4  
Red = 5+



Local  $H_1$



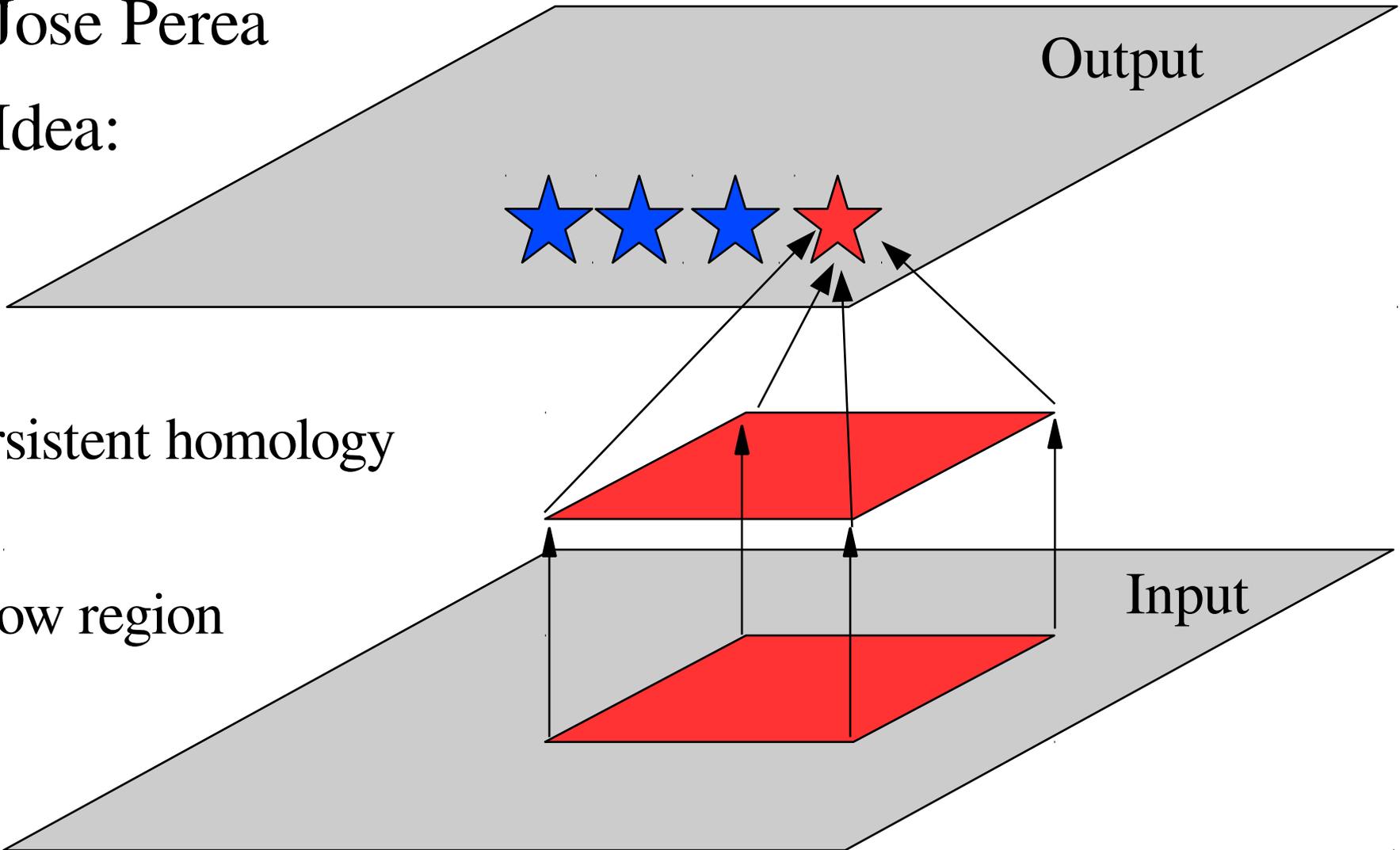
Local  $H_2$



# Persistent homology and sliding windows

Jose Perea

Idea:



# For more information

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