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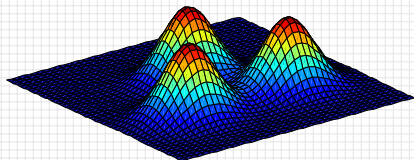
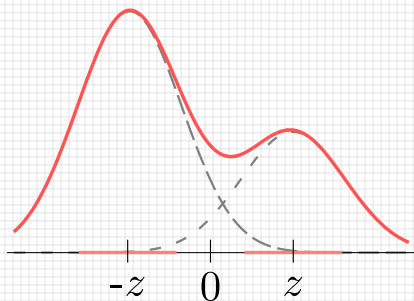
More and More Resilient Modes in Higher Dimensions

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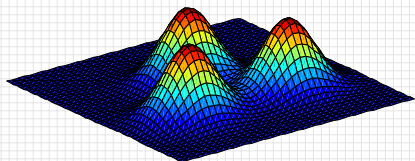
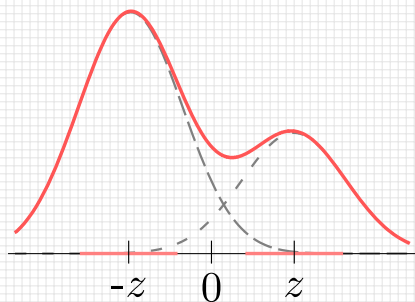
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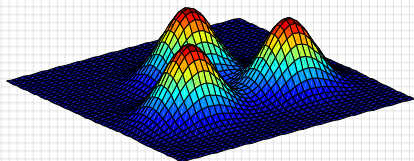
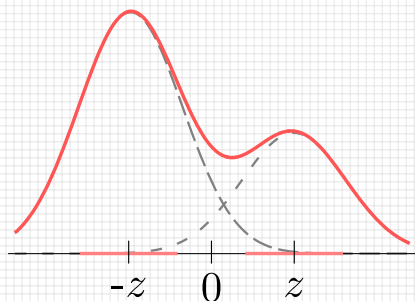
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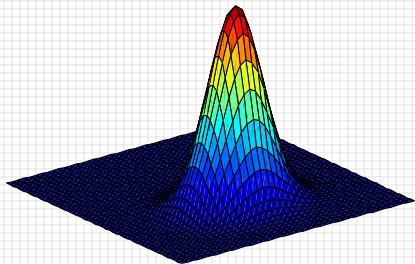
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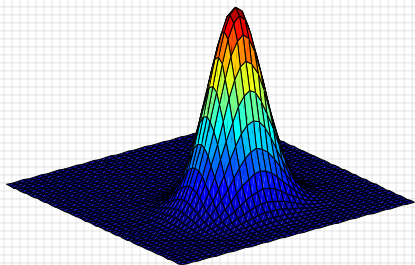
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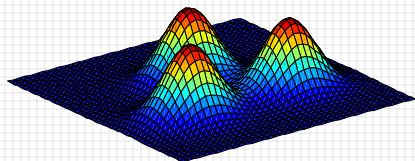
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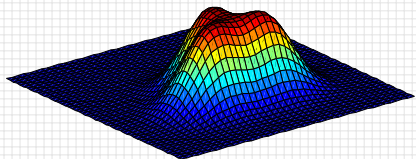
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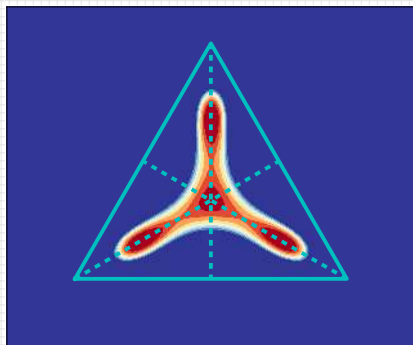
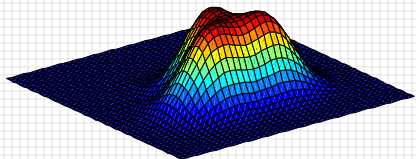
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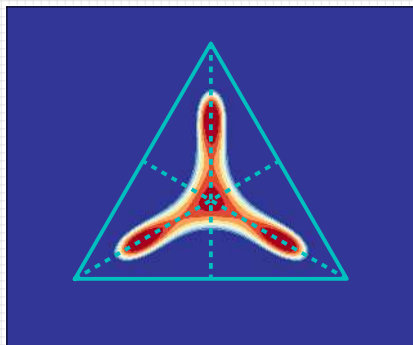
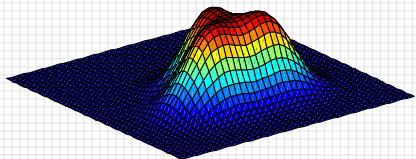
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Existence proven in [M. Carreira-Perpiñán and C. Williams, Scotland 2003].

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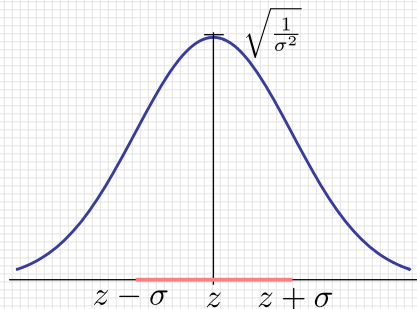
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- (Describe the resilience of the ghost mode.)

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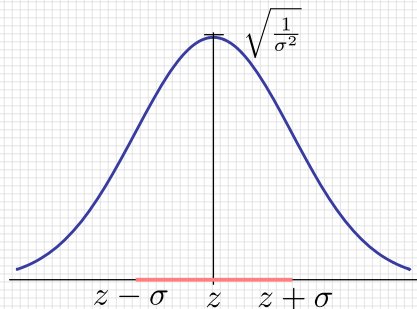


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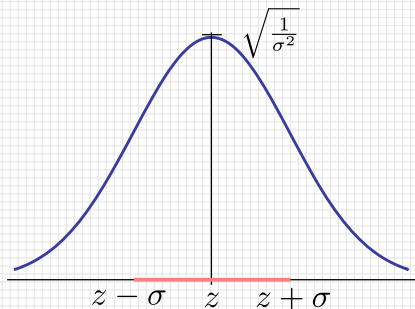
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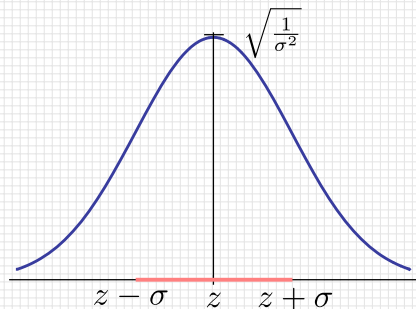
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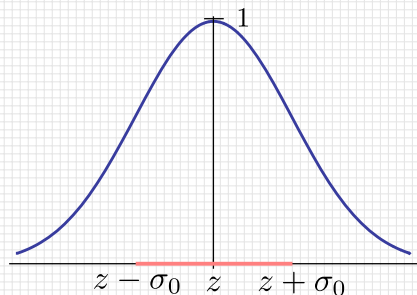
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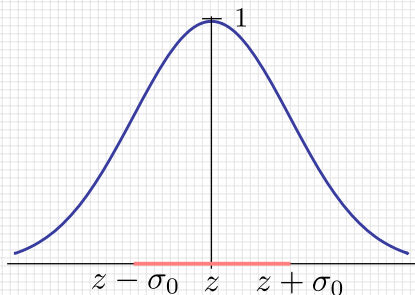


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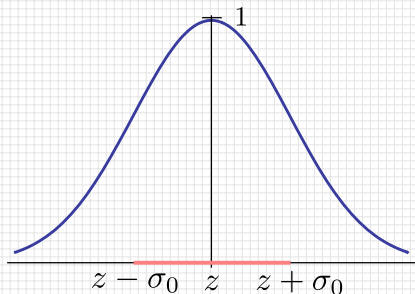
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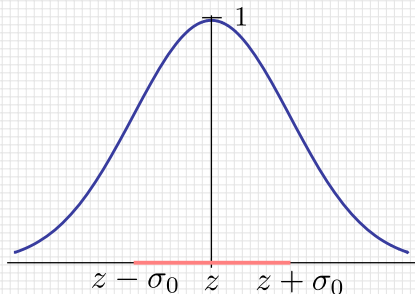
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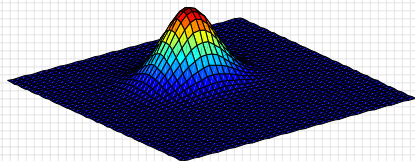
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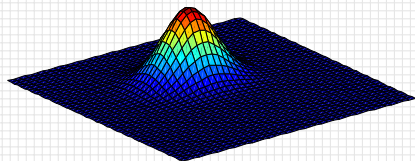


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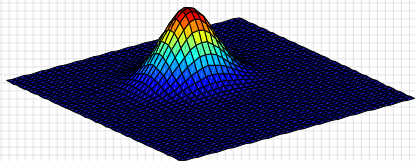
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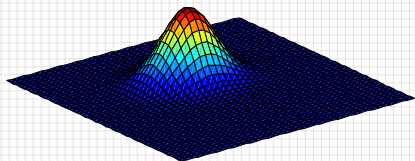
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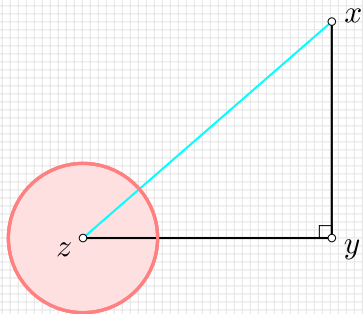
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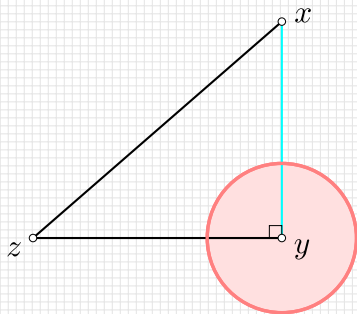
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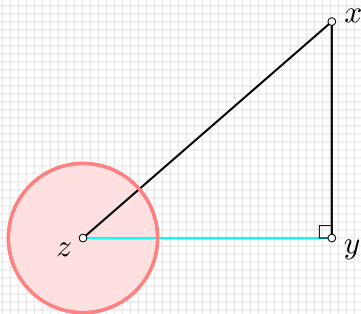
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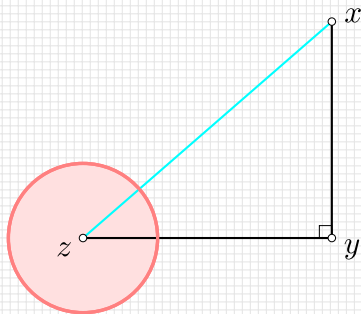


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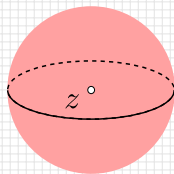
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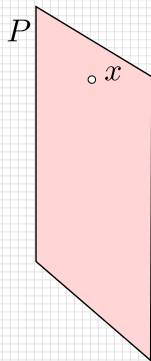
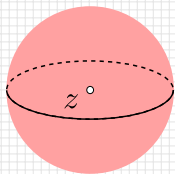
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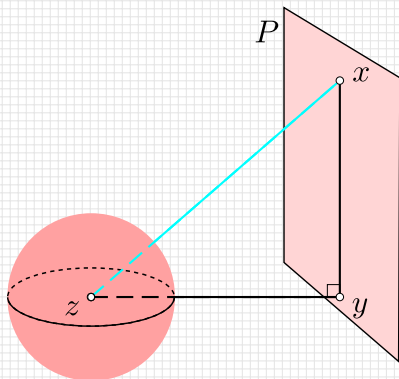


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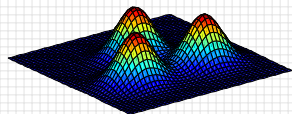
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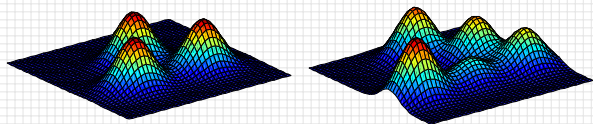
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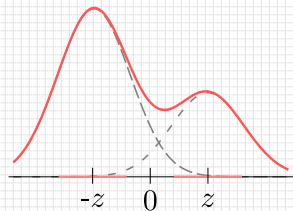
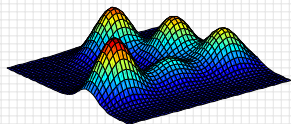
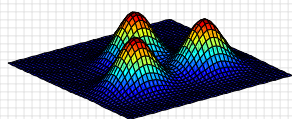
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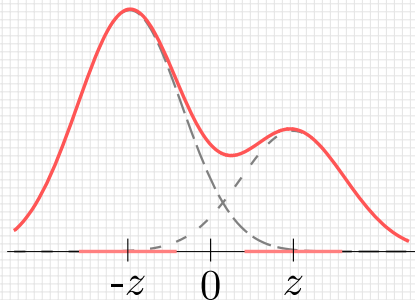
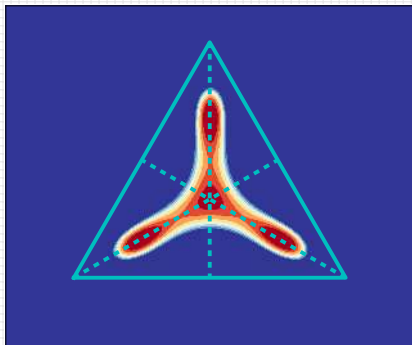


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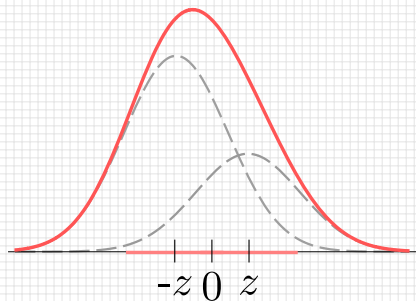
Question

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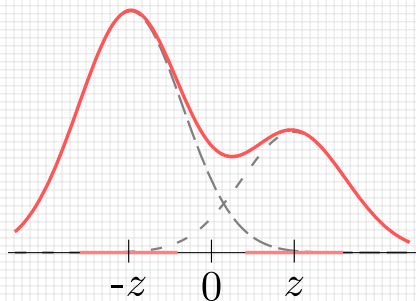


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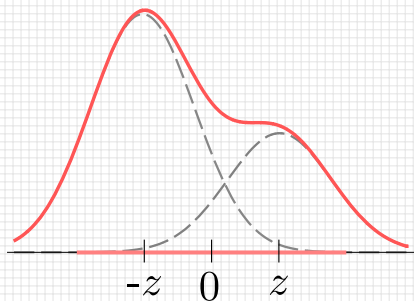


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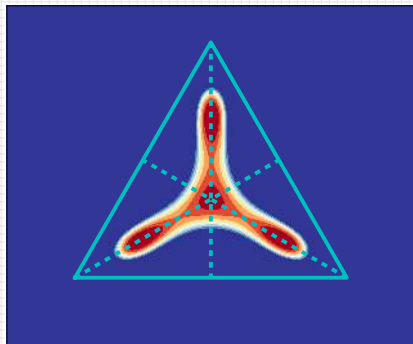
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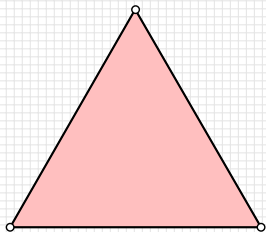
Counting Modes in \mathbb{R}^n

For $n \geq 2$, there can be more modes than components of a Gaussian mixture in \mathbb{R}^n .



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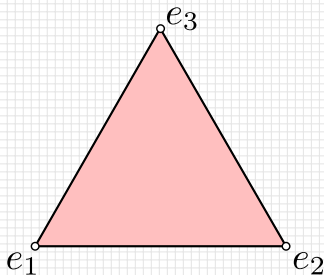


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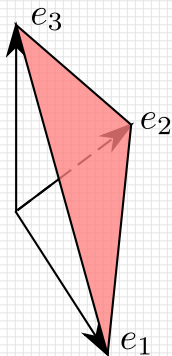
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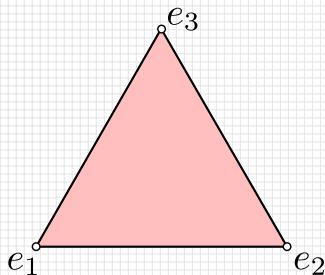
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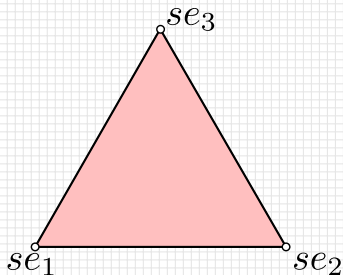


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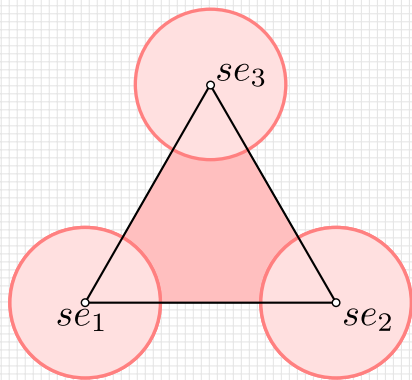


Scaled n -Design \mathbb{R}^3

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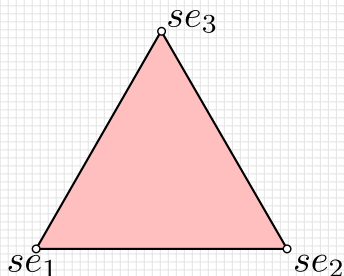


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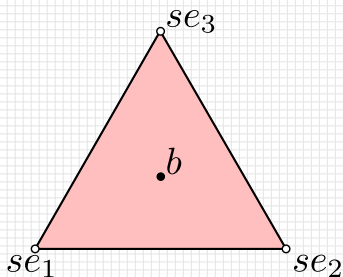
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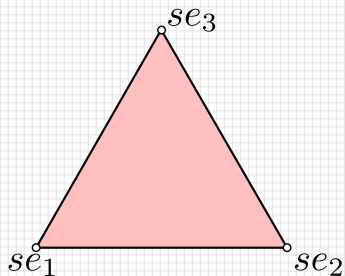
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The *barycenter* is the average vertex position:

$$\left(\frac{s}{n+1}, \frac{s}{n+1}, \dots, \frac{s}{n+1} \right).$$



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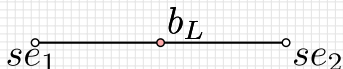
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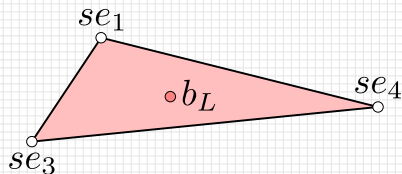
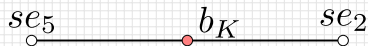
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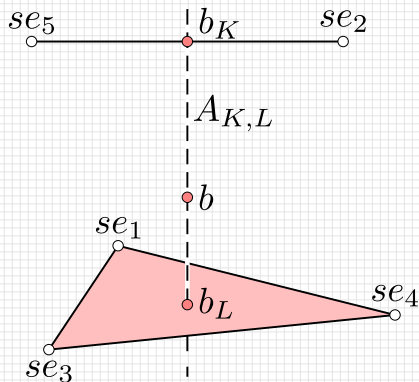
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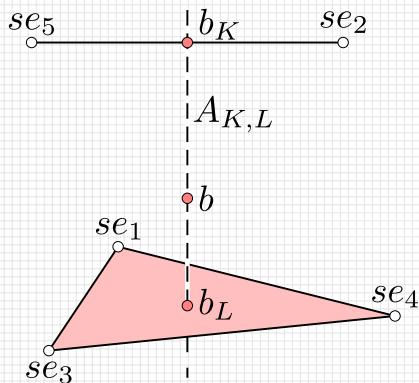
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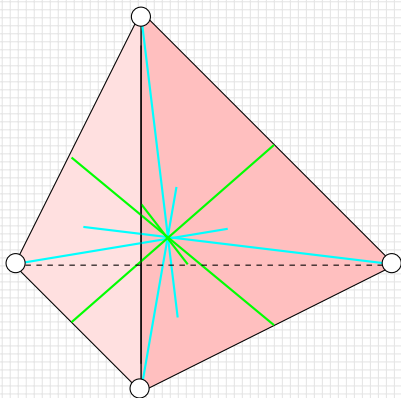
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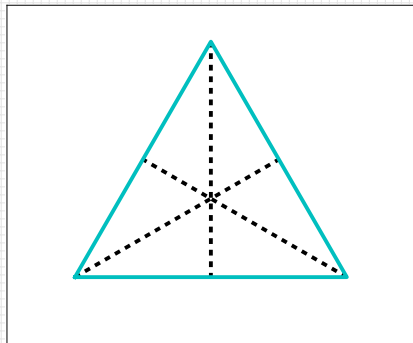
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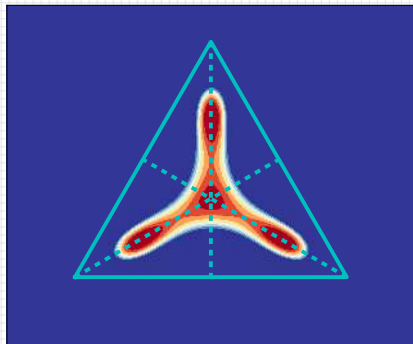
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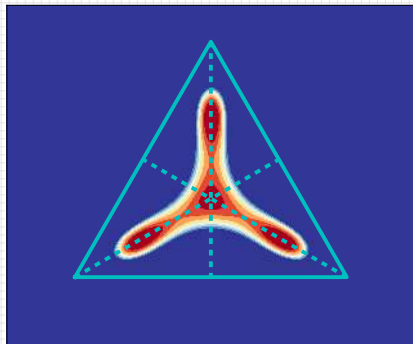
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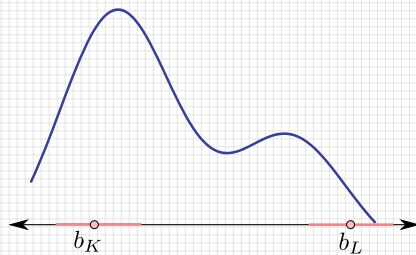
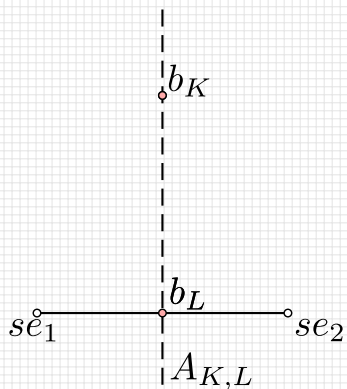
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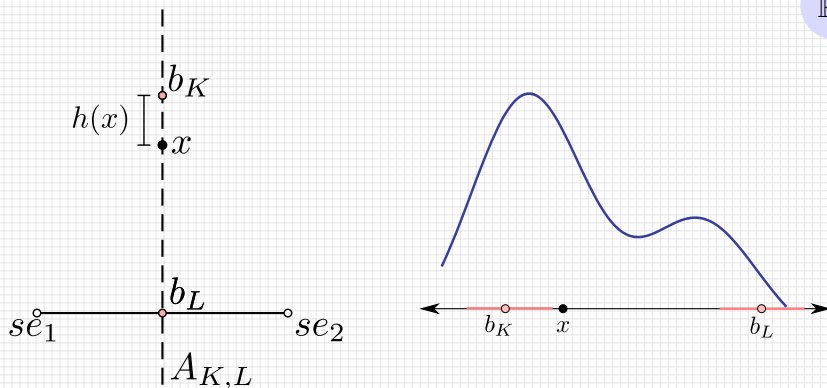
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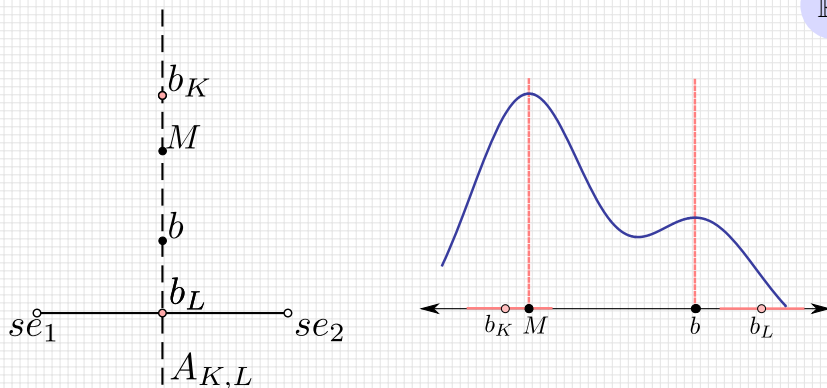
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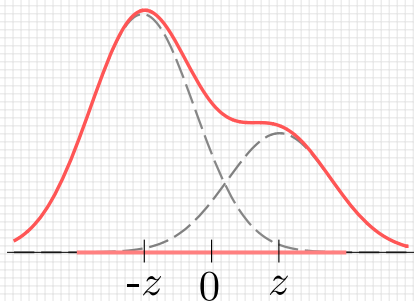
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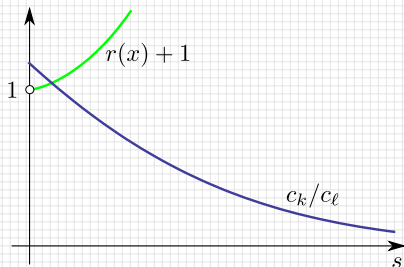
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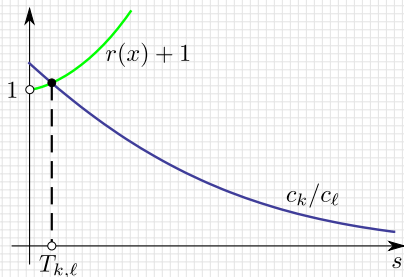


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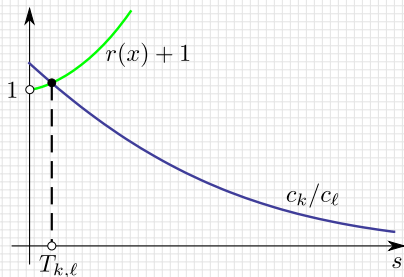
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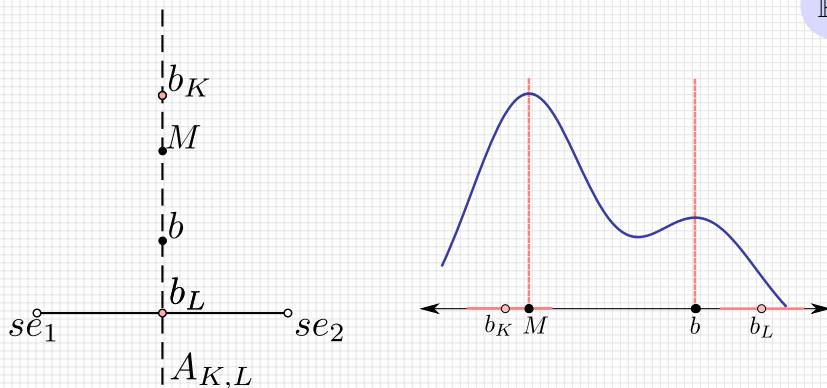
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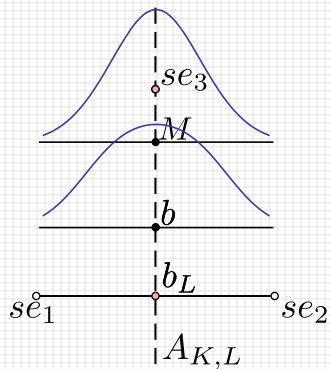
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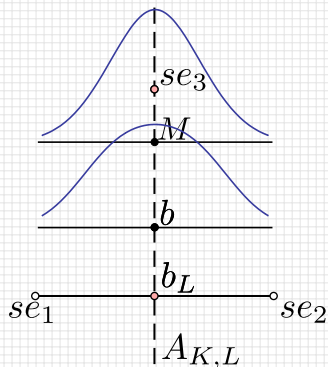
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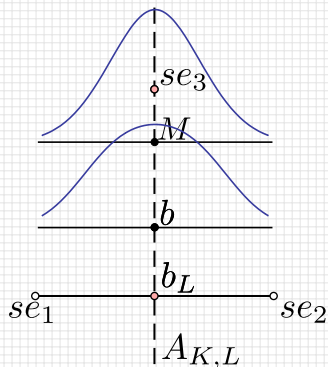
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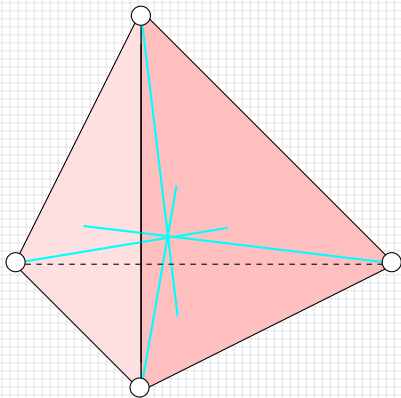
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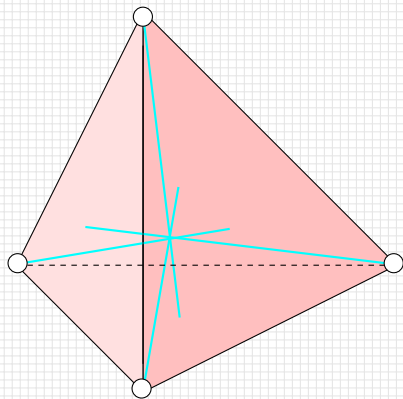
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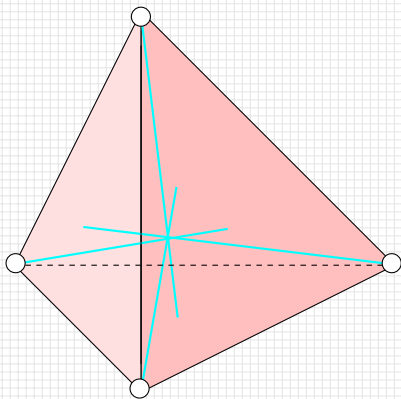
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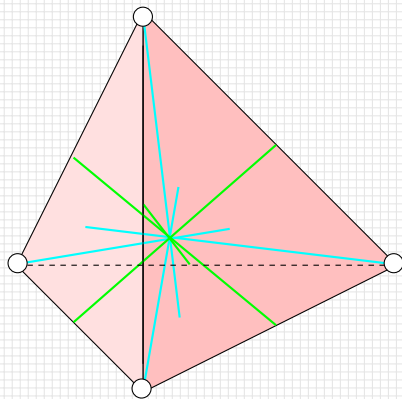
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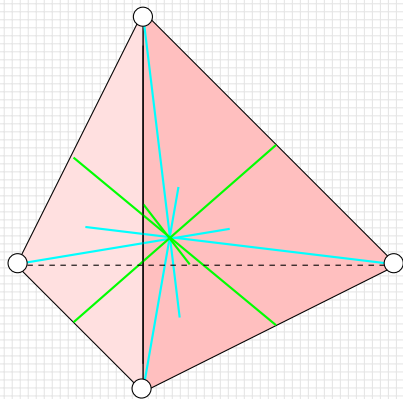
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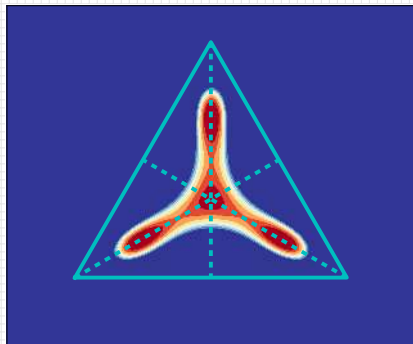
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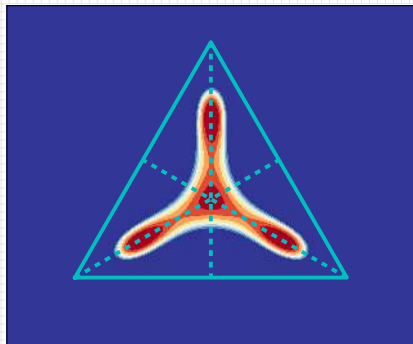
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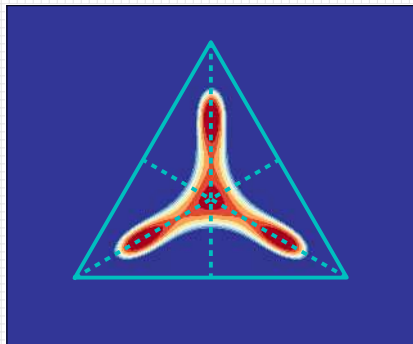
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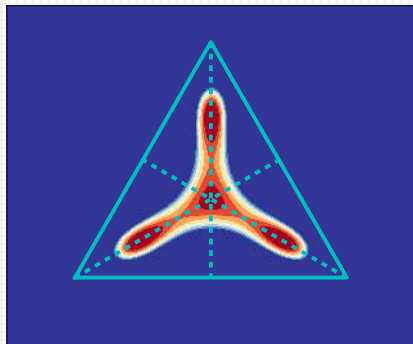
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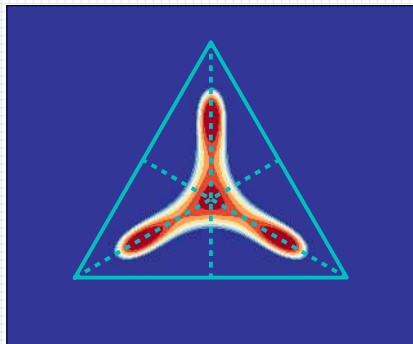
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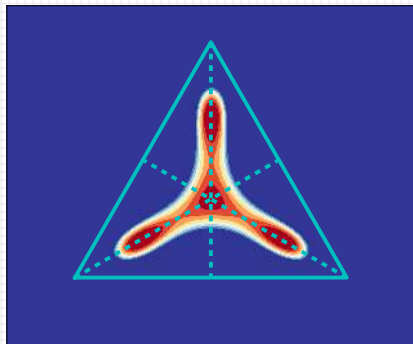
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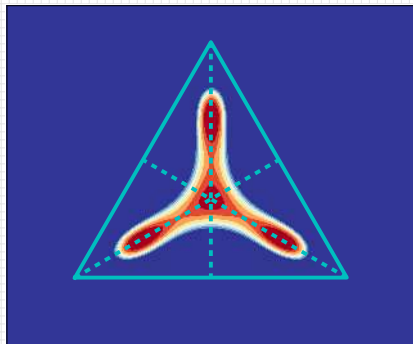
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