

Regularity as Regularization: Smooth and Strongly Convex Brenier Potentials in Optimal Transport

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A portrait of Gaspard Monge, a French mathematician and physicist. He is depicted from the chest up, wearing a dark blue coat with elaborate gold embroidery on the collar and cuffs. He has a white cravat and a white sash tied around his waist. He is holding a scroll in his left hand. The background is a dark, textured wall.

INTRODUCTION



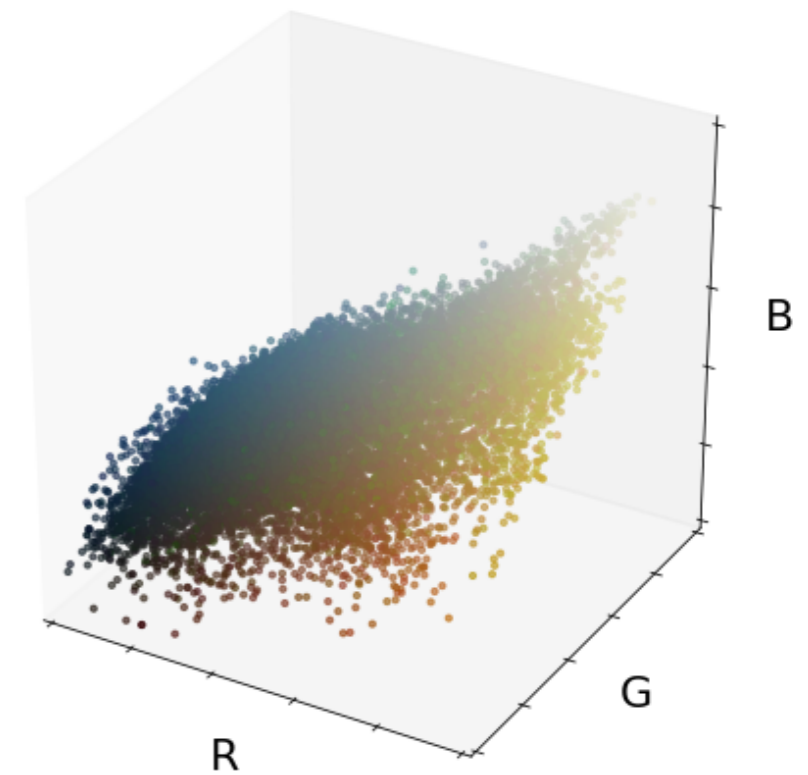
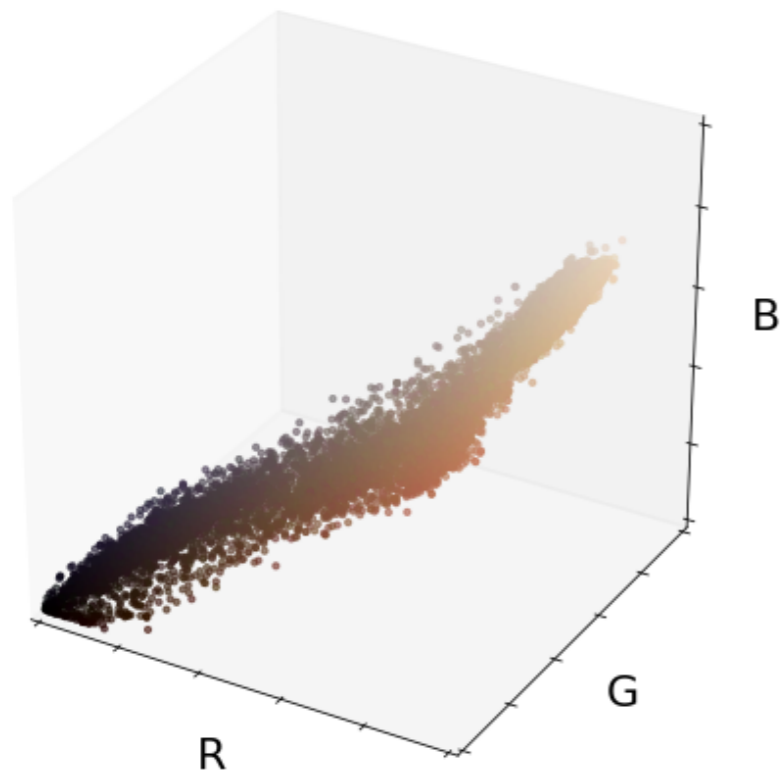


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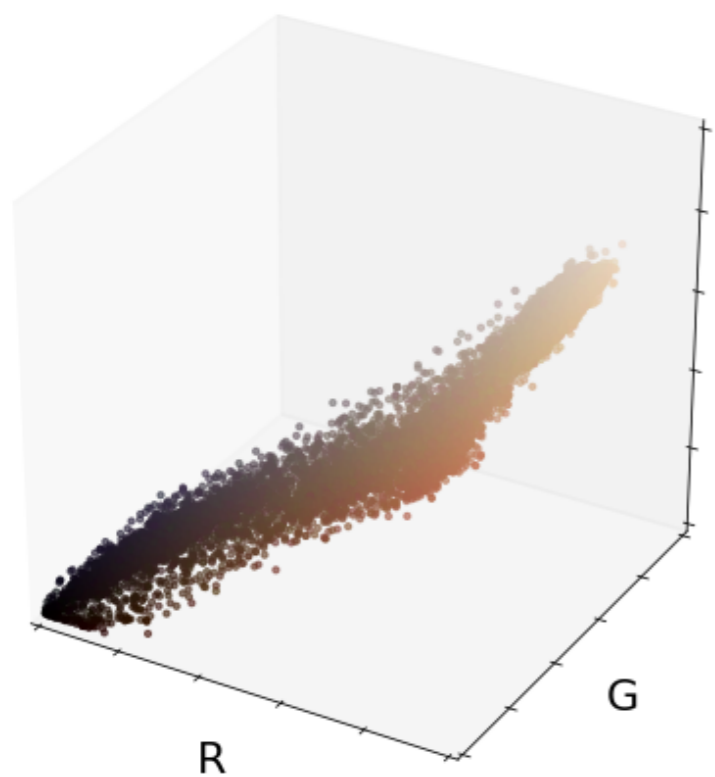


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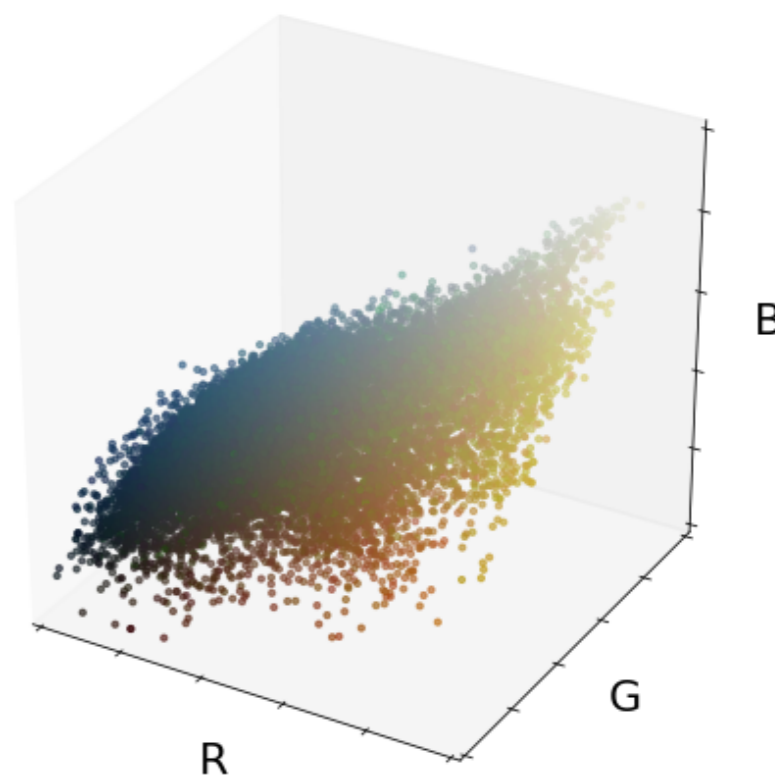


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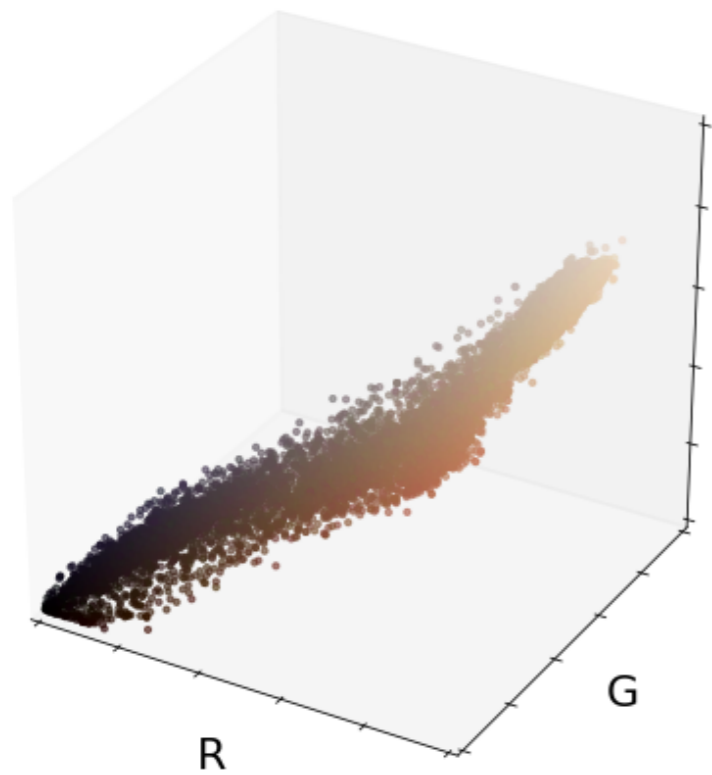
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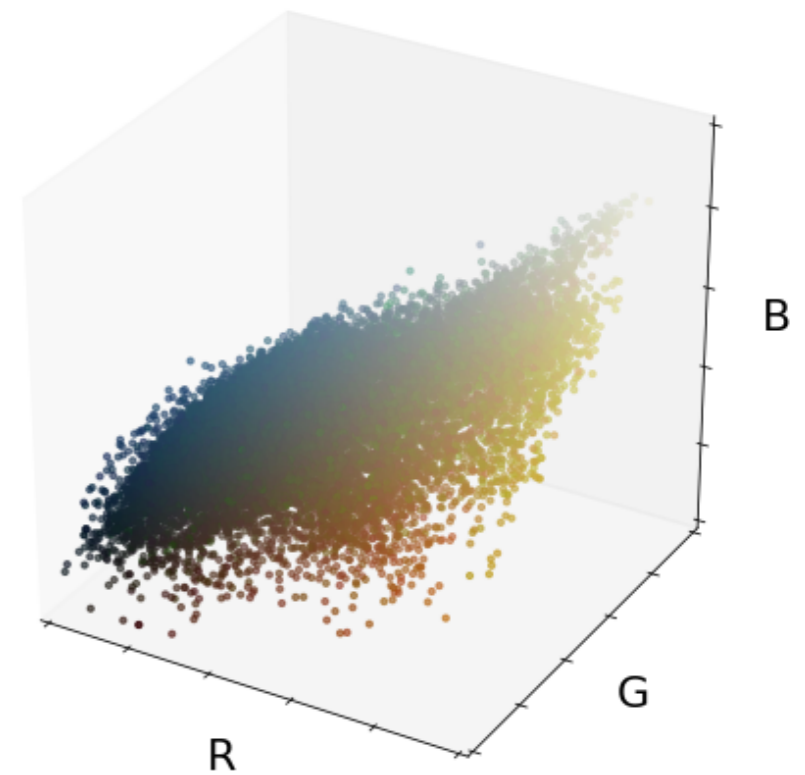


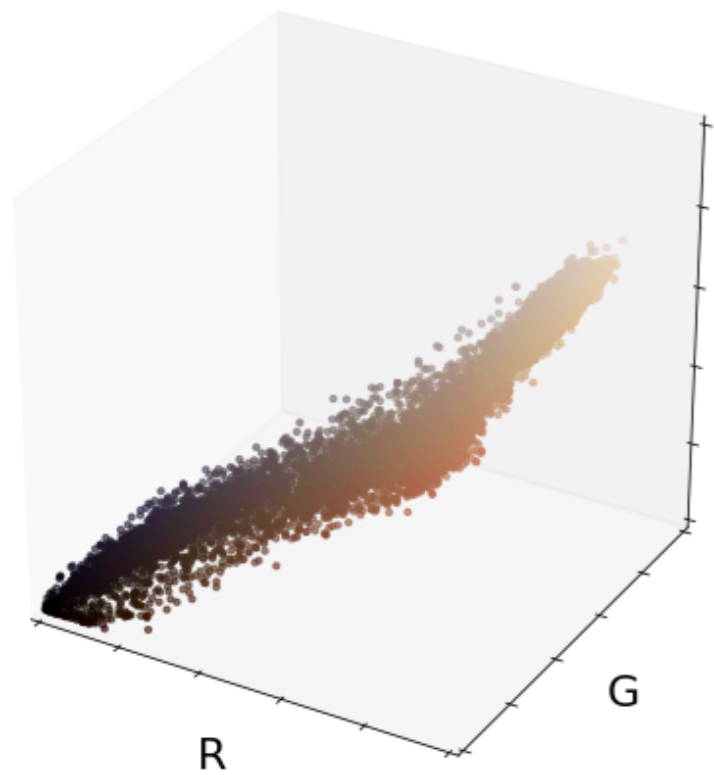
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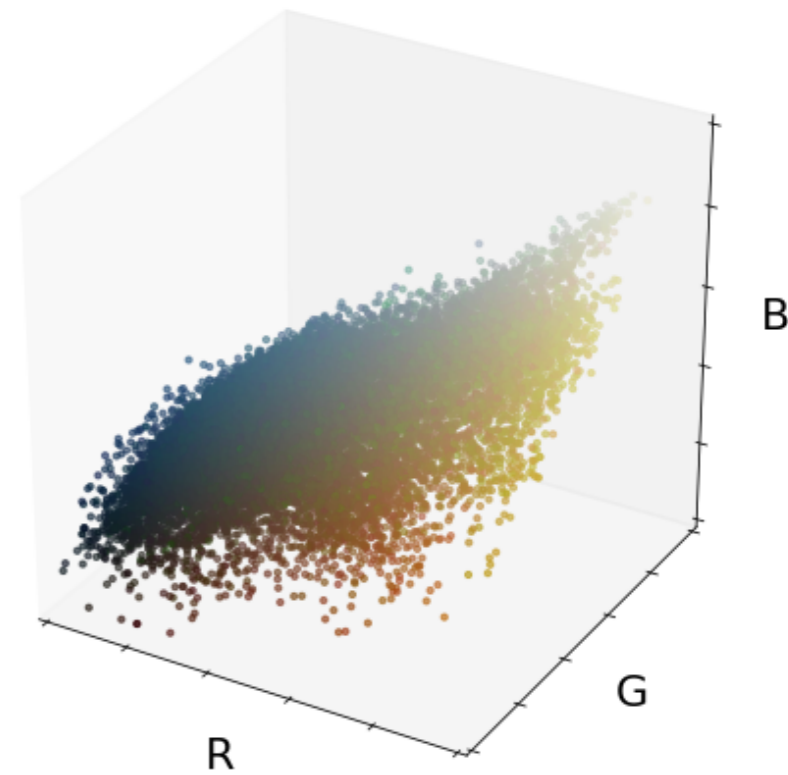
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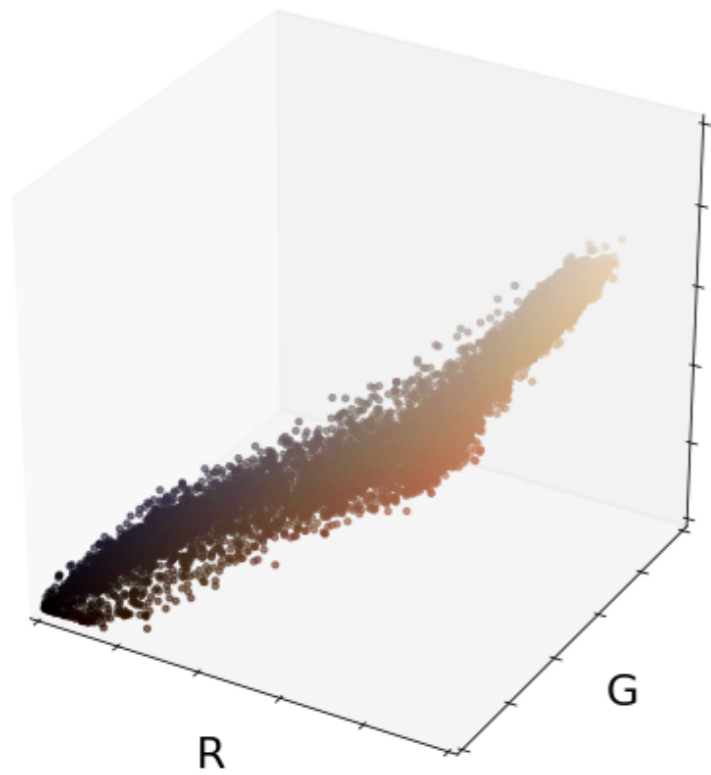
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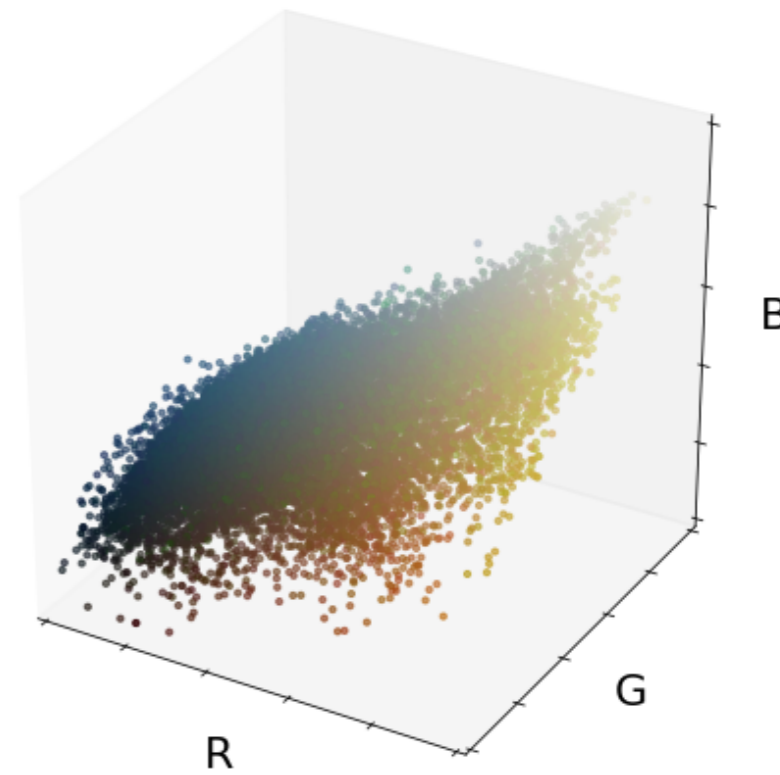
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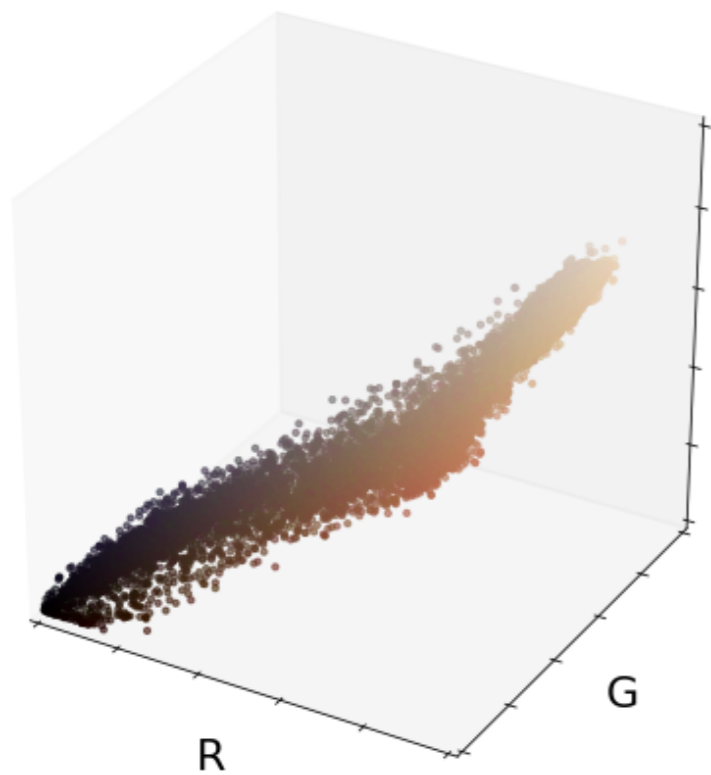
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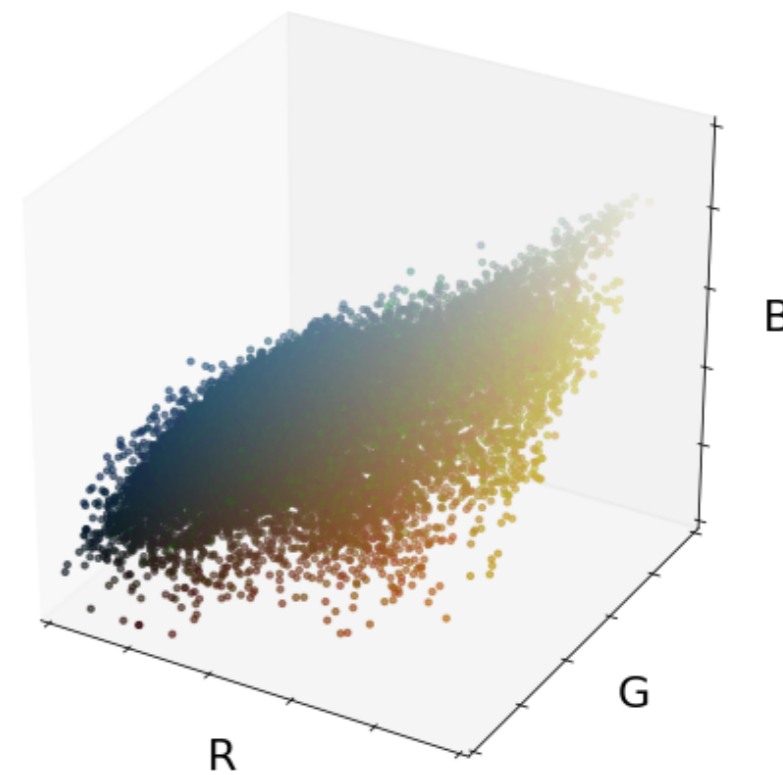
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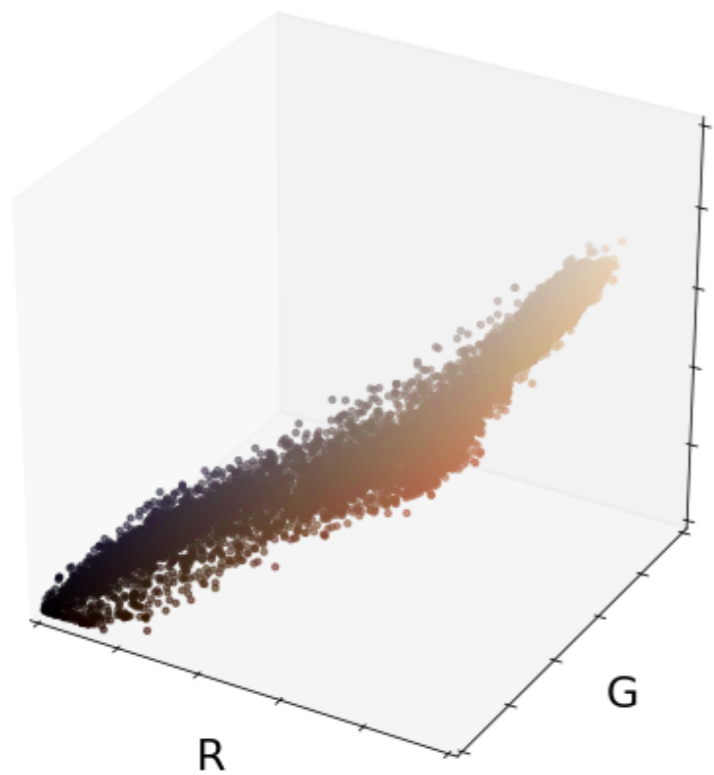
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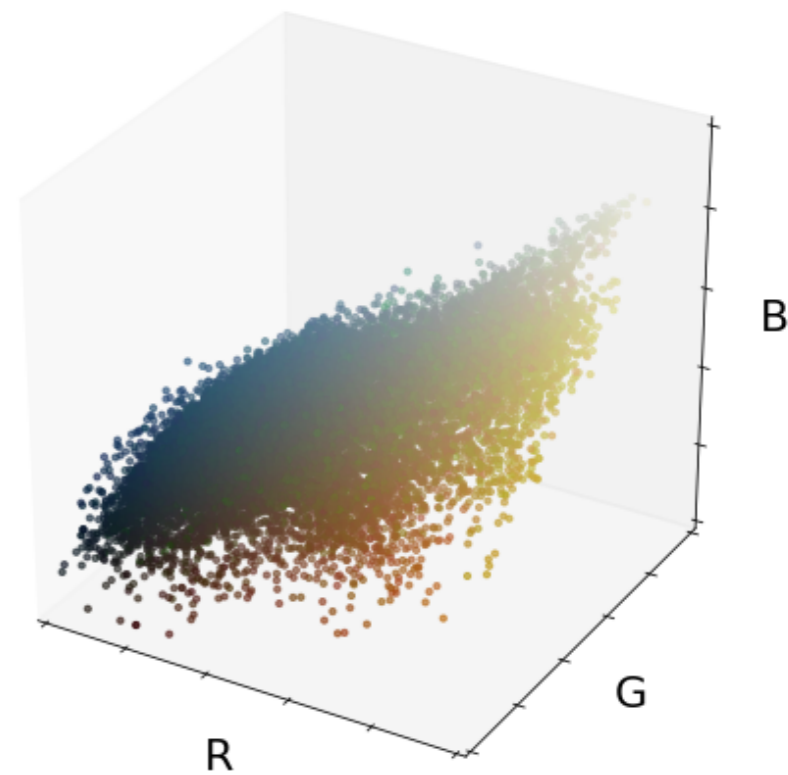
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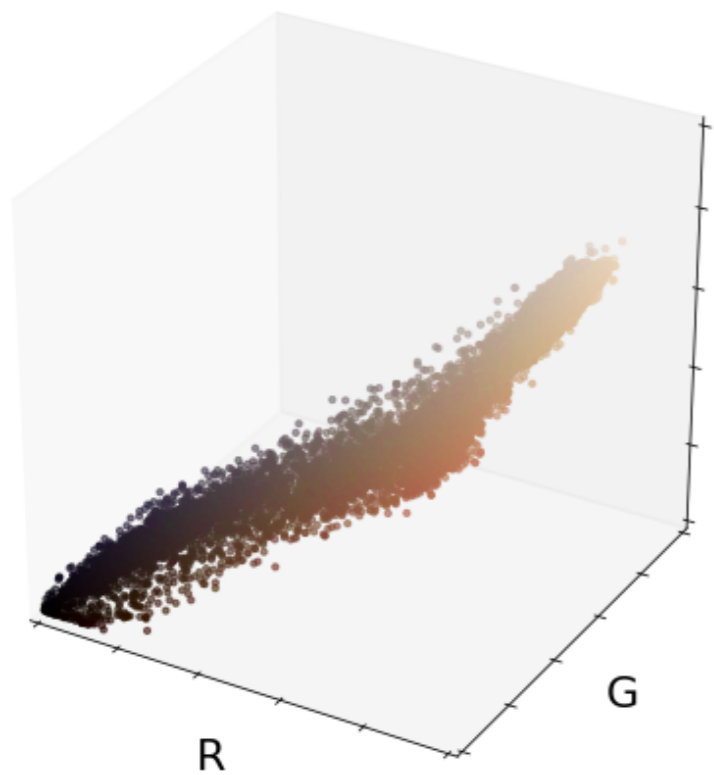


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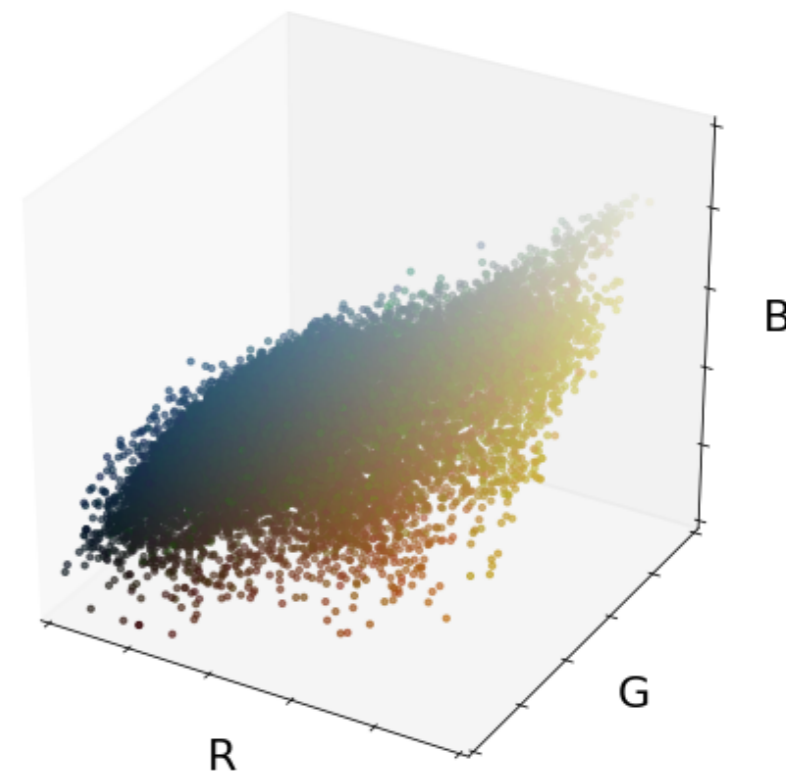
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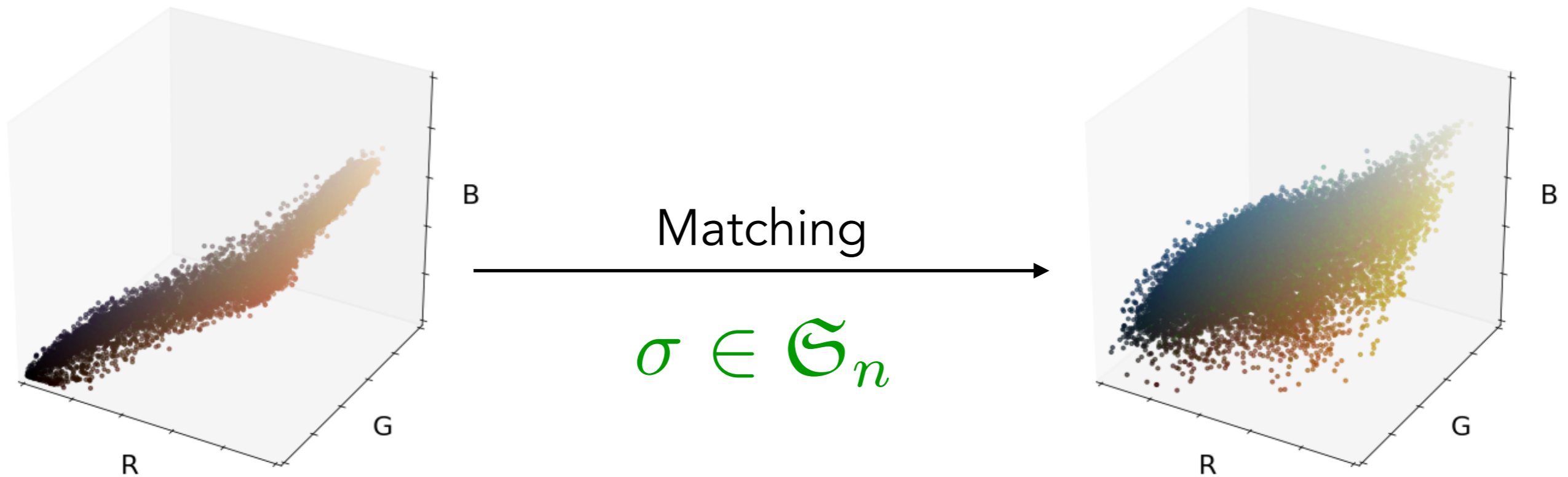
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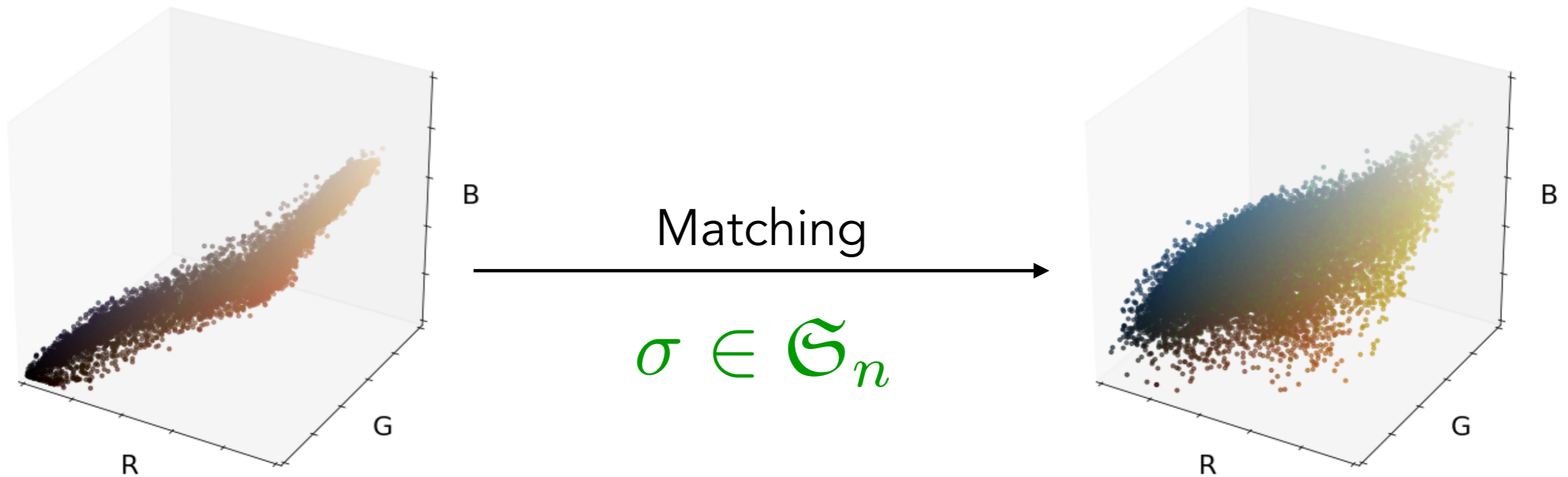
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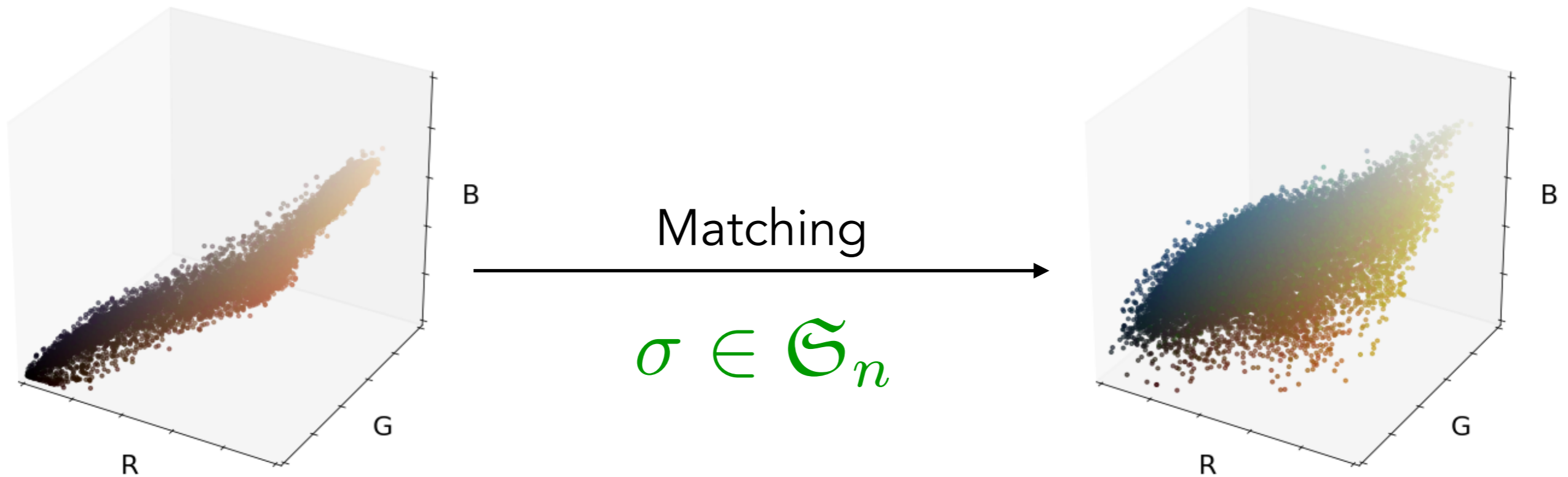
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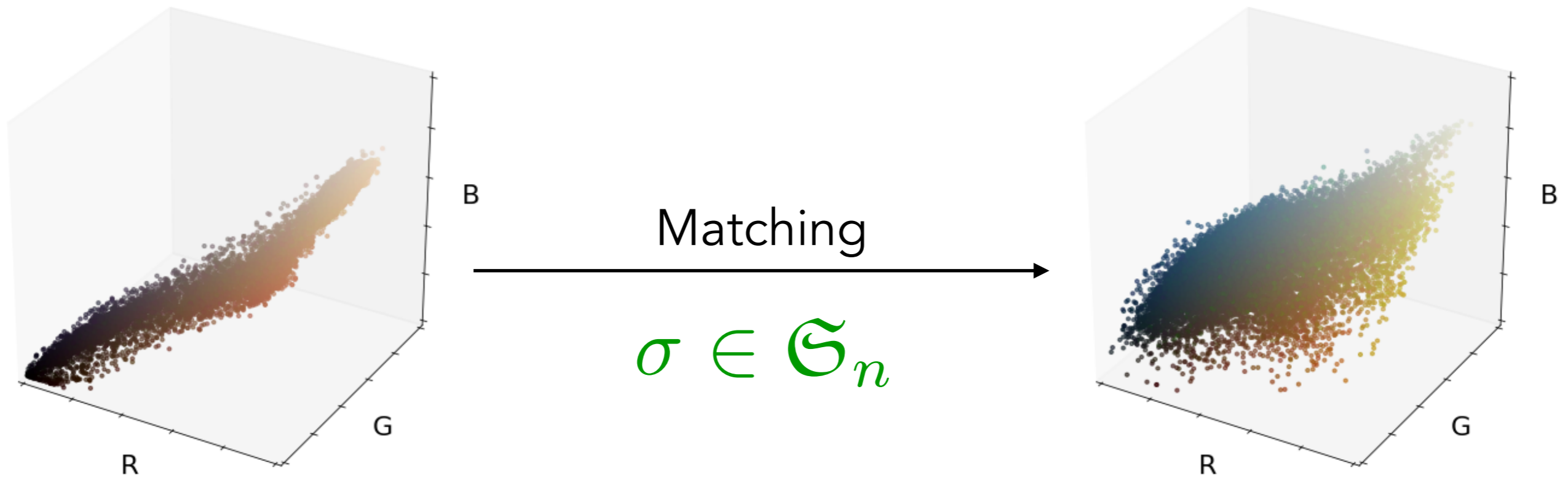
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- (ii) How to handle different numbers of points ?
- (iii) How to compute this combinatorial problem ?

OPTIMAL TRANSPORT

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$$W_2^2(\mu, \nu) = \min_{P \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \|x_i - y_j\|^2 P_{ij}$$

where $\mu = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{a}_i \delta_{x_i}$ and $\nu = \sum_{j=1}^m \mathbf{b}_j \delta_{y_j}$ are probability measures

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In practice, one color should be mapped to exactly one color. In other words, we want to find a map

$$T : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$$

that is optimal in some sense.



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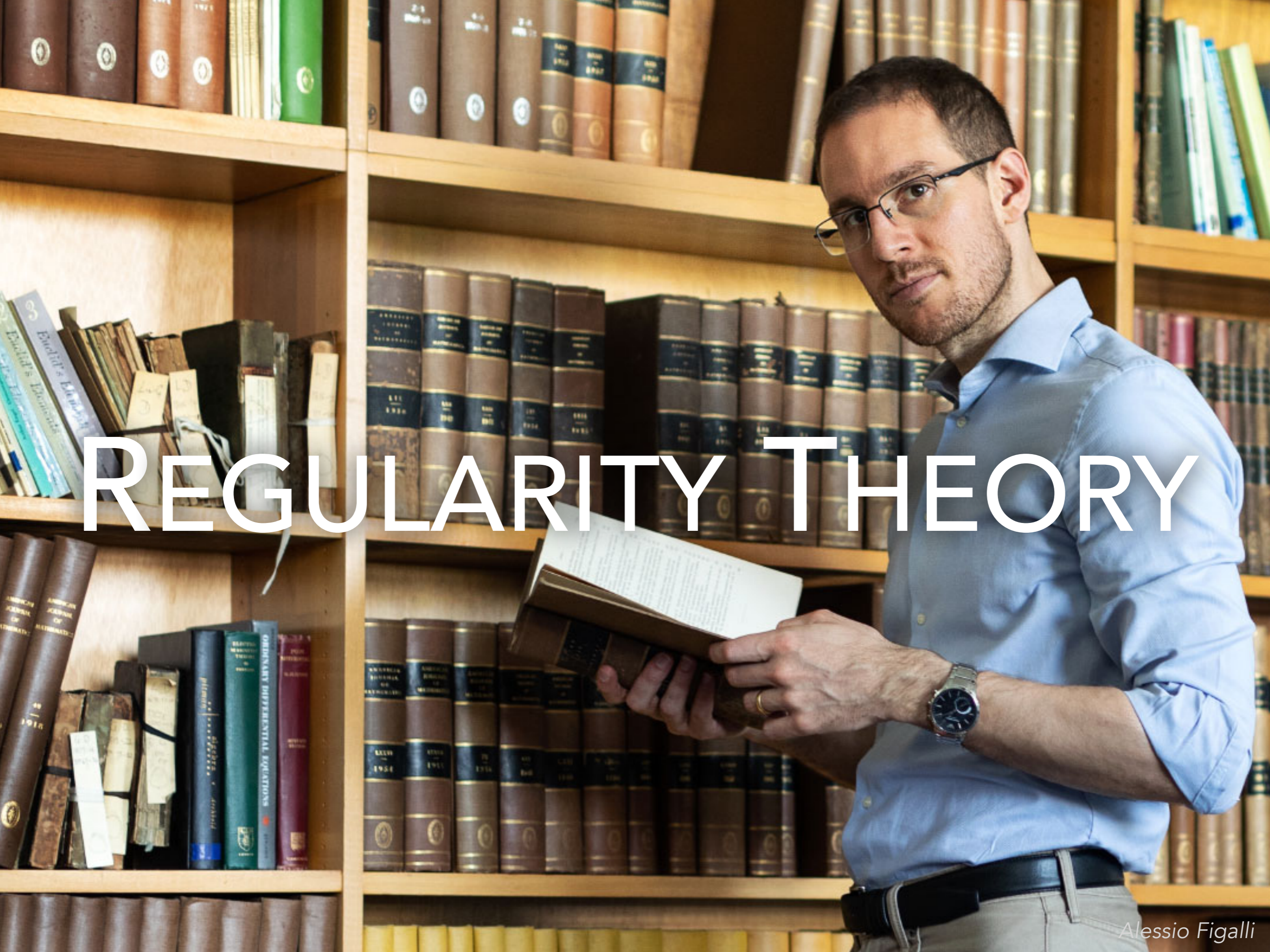
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$$X \sim \mu \implies T(X) \sim \nu$$



REGULARITY THEORY

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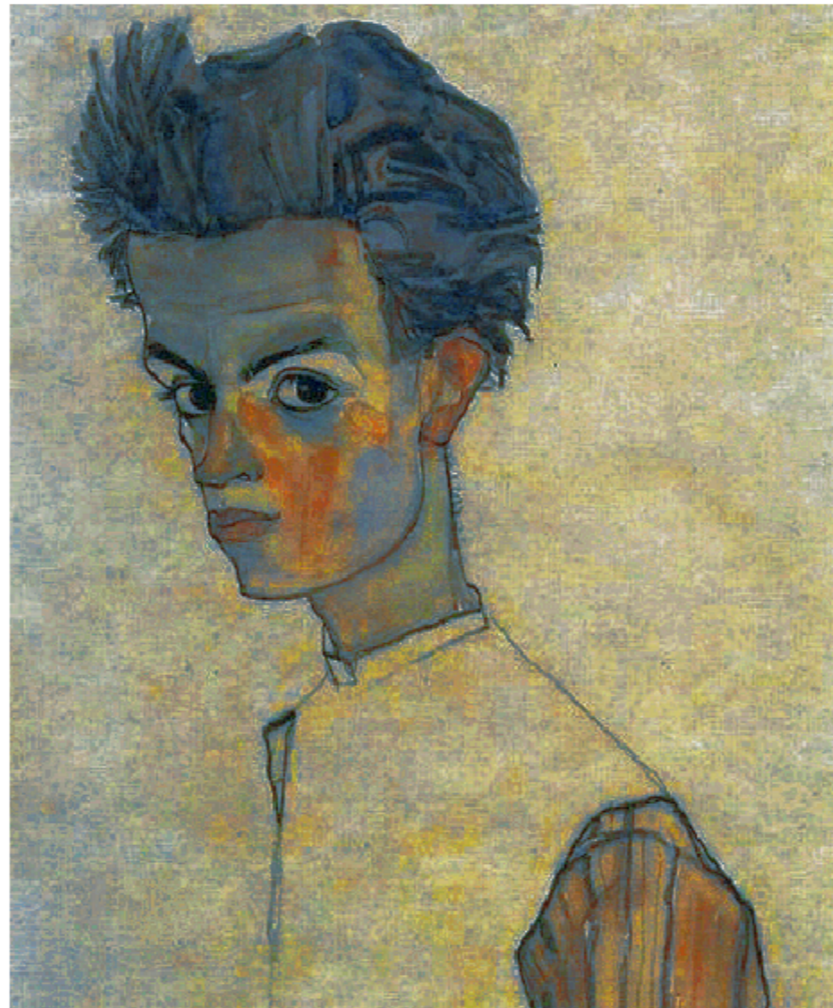
Brenier Theorem

1. If μ is *absolutely continuous* with respect to the Lebesgue measure, the Monge problem admits a unique solution
2. If the Monge problem admits a solution T , then there exists a convex function f , called a **Brenier potential**, s.t.

$$T = \nabla f$$







Instead of finding assumptions under which the optimal map exists and exhibits some regularity, we will enforce such existence/regularity directly in the OT problem.



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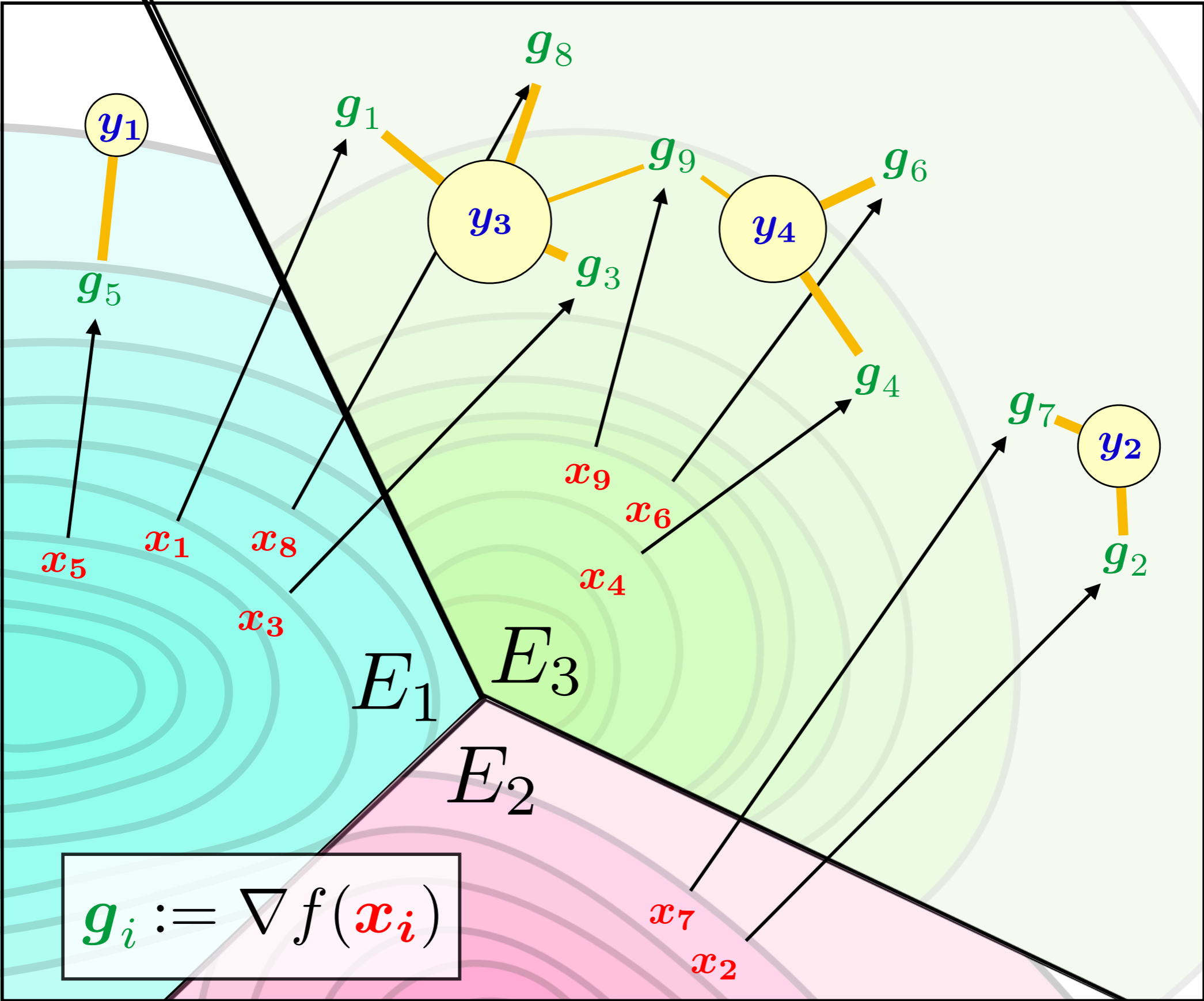
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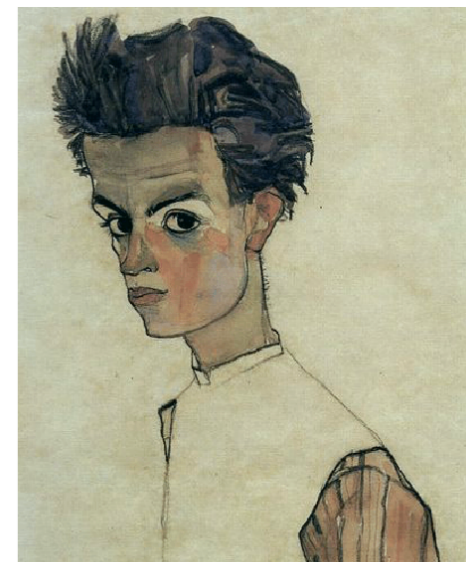
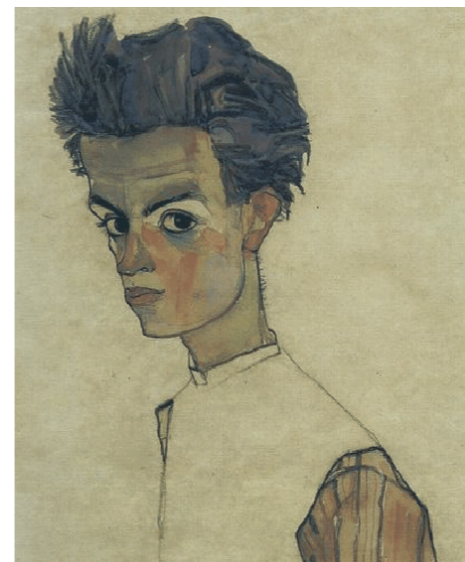


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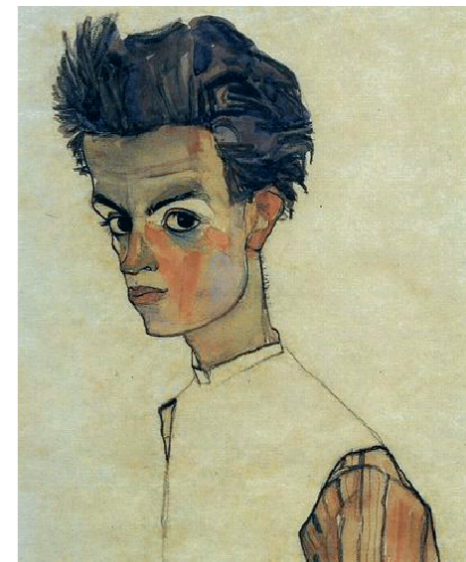
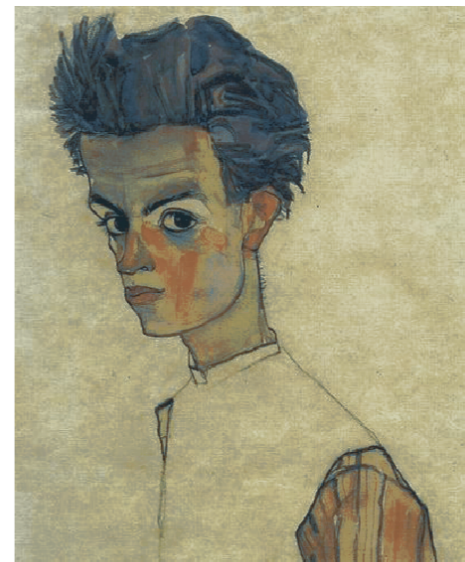
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$L = 5$

