

Optimal convex dominance – relations to mechanics and optimal transport

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Necessary conditions

- $[\mu] = [\nu], \quad [\mu] = \int x \mu(dx)$
(we test with $\varphi(x) = \pm(a \cdot x + b), \quad a \in \mathbb{R}^d, b \in \mathbb{R}$)
- $\text{var}(\mu) \leq \text{var}(\nu), \quad \text{var}(\mu) = \int |x|^2 \mu(dx)$
(we test with $\varphi(x) = |x|^2$)
- $C(\mu) \preceq C(\nu), \quad C(\mu) = \int x \otimes x \mu(dx)$
(we test with $\varphi(x) = (a \cdot x)^2, \quad a \in \mathbb{R}^d$)

Example: Gaussian case

- $d = 1, \mu_\sigma = \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$

$$\mu_{\sigma_1} \leq_c \mu_{\sigma_2} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \sigma_1 \leq \sigma_2$$

- $d > 1, \mu_\Sigma = \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$

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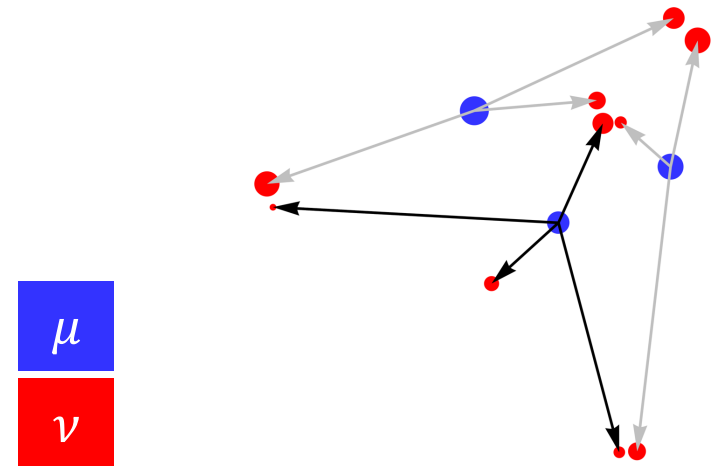
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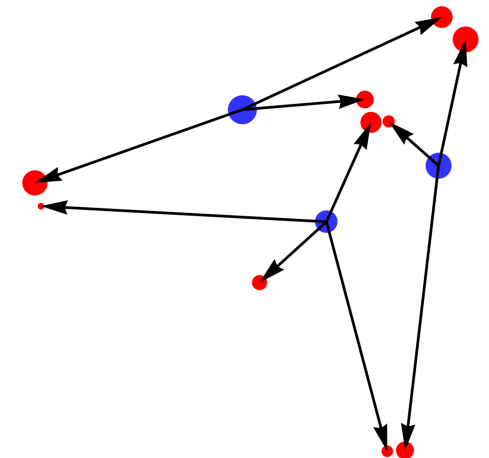
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Theorem (Strassen 1965)

Let $\mu, \nu \in P(\mathbb{R}^d)$ be two probability measures. The following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) $\mu \leq_c \nu$,
- (ii) there exists a martingale plan $\gamma \in \text{MT}(\mu, \nu)$.



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Optimal Transport

$$c(x, y) = |x - y|^p$$

$$\min \left\{ \iint c(x, y) \gamma(dxdy) : \gamma \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d), \pi_x \# \gamma = \mu, \pi_y \# \gamma = \nu \right\} \quad (\text{OT})$$

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Example: two Gaussians

$$f = |\cdot|^2, \quad \mu = \mathcal{N}(0, M), \quad \nu = \mathcal{N}(0, N)$$

$$\begin{aligned} R = M \vee N &:= M + (N - M)_+ \\ &= N + (M - N)_+ \end{aligned}$$

$$\rho = \mathcal{N}(0, R) \text{ solves } (\mathcal{P})$$

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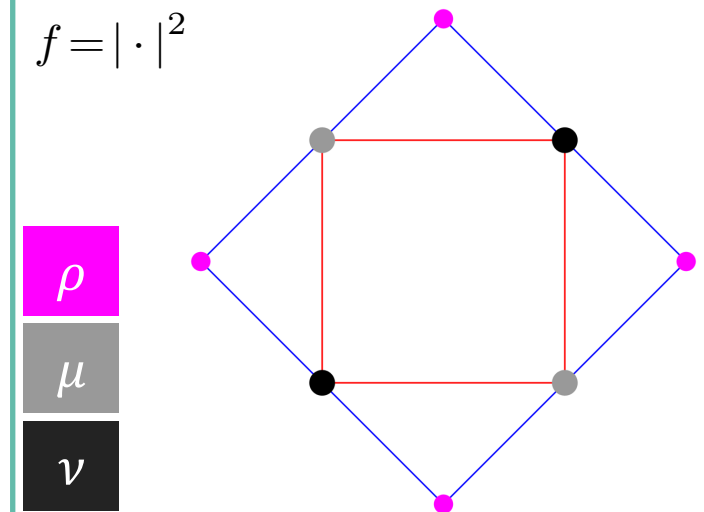
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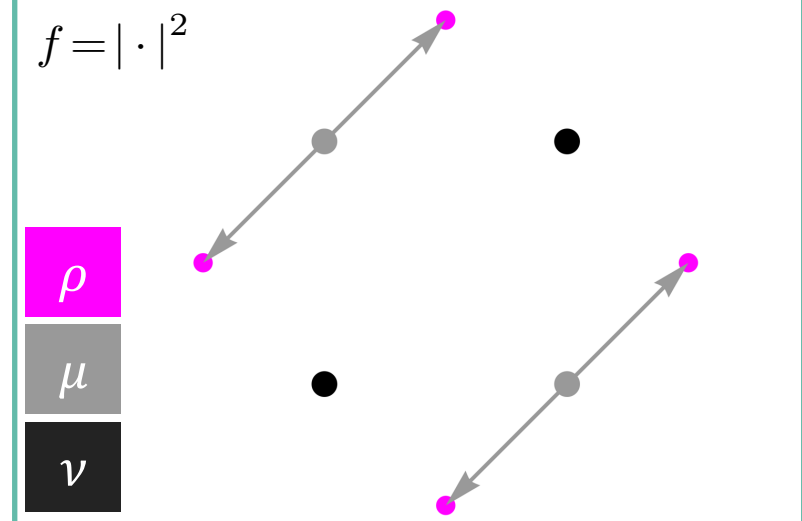
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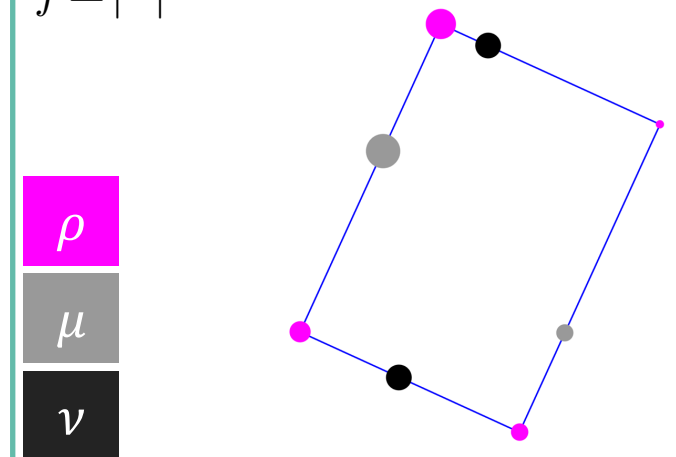
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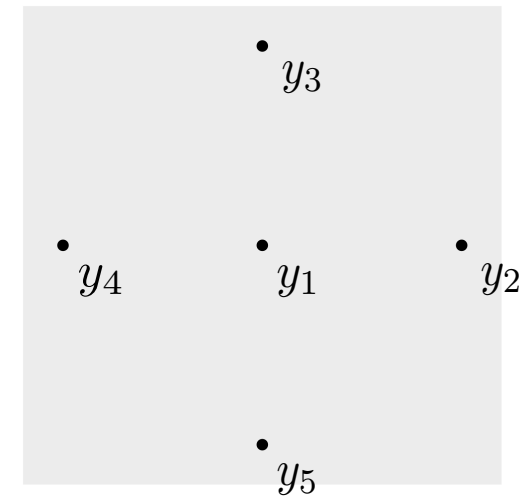
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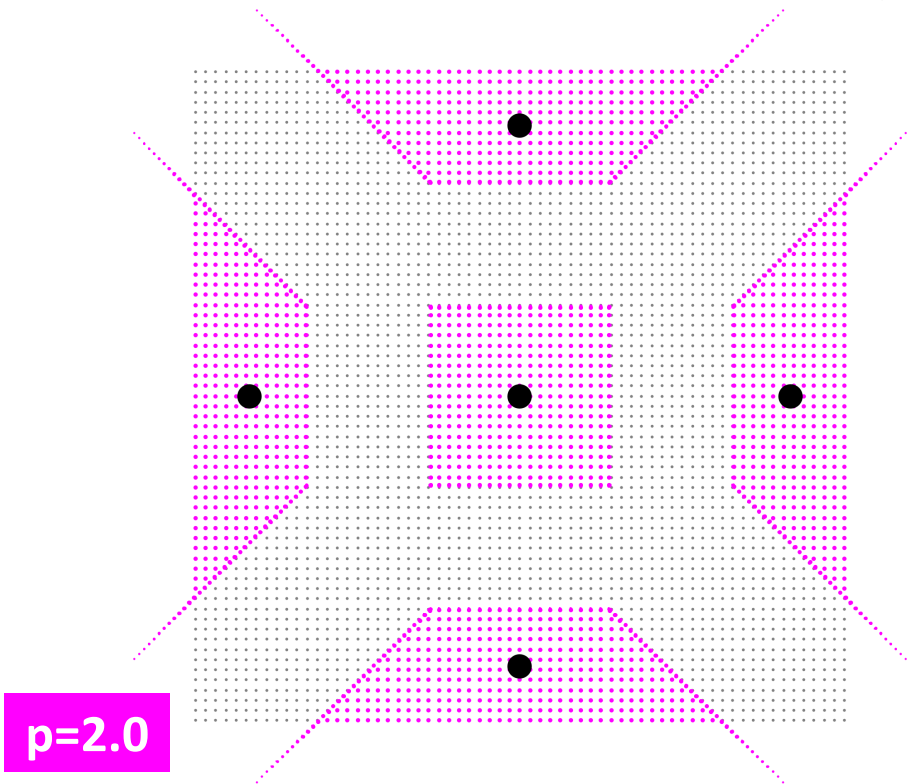
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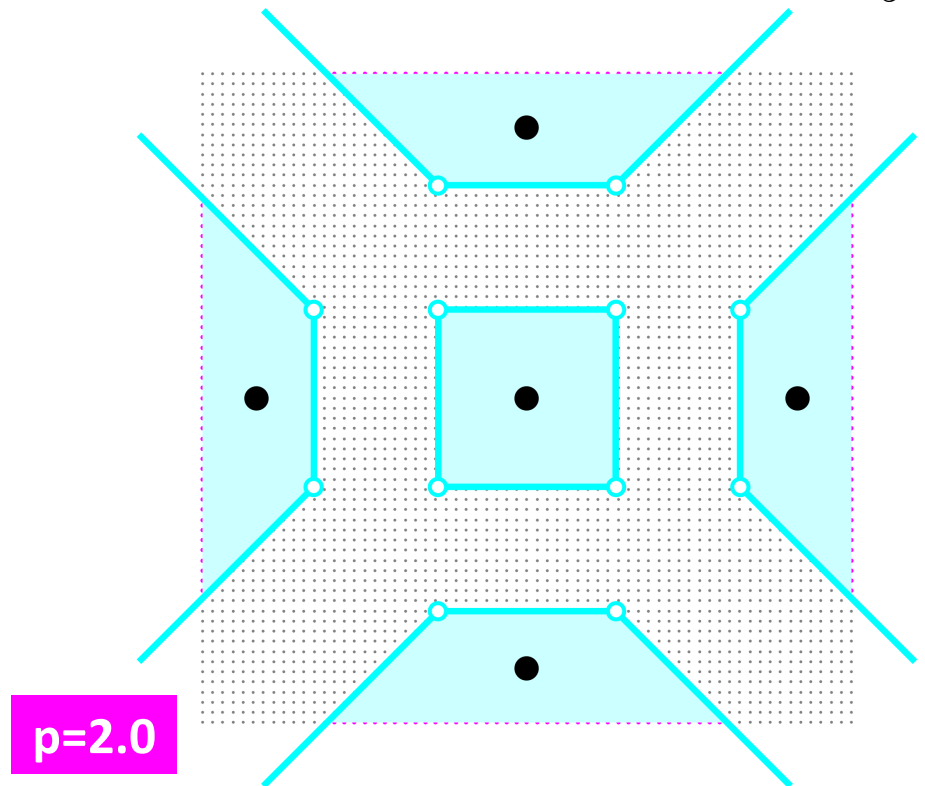
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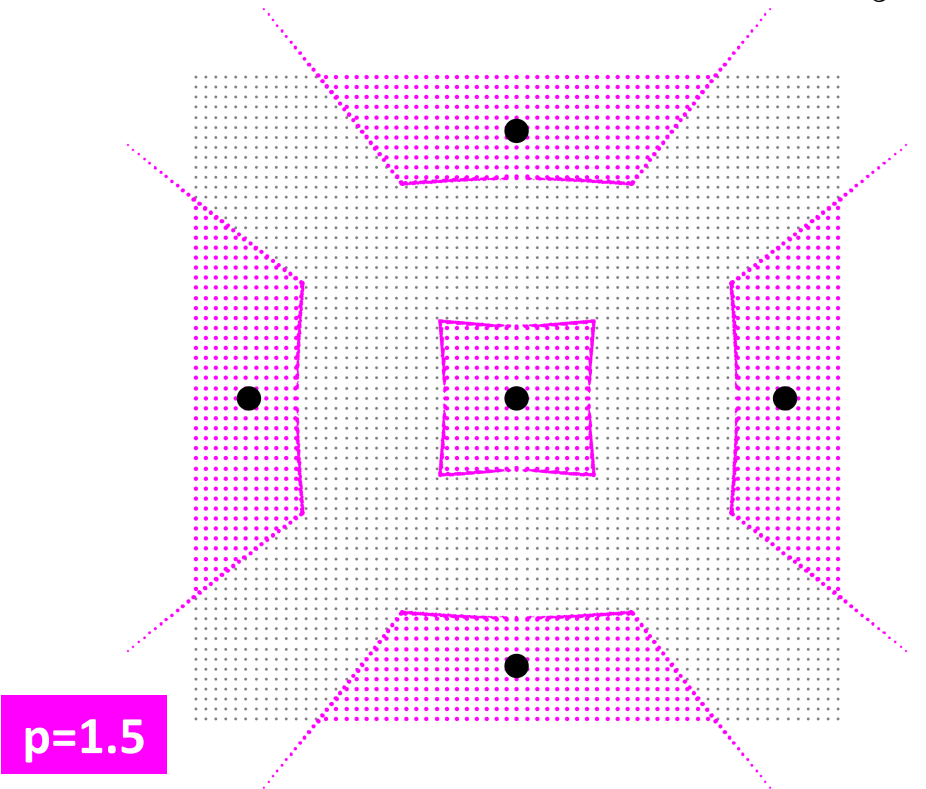
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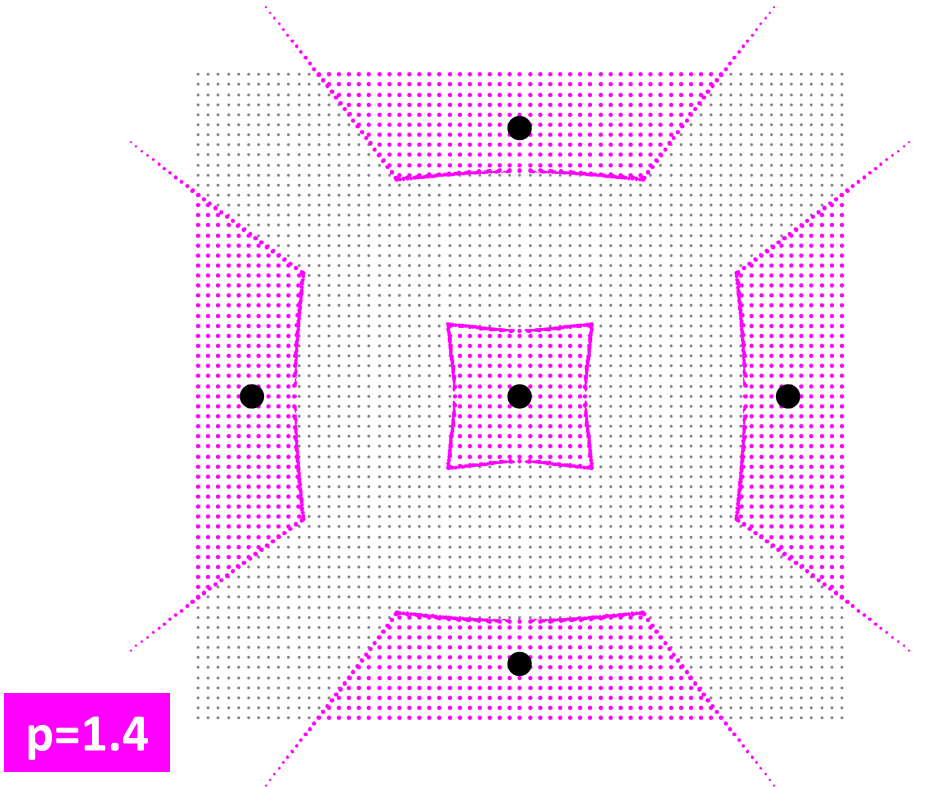
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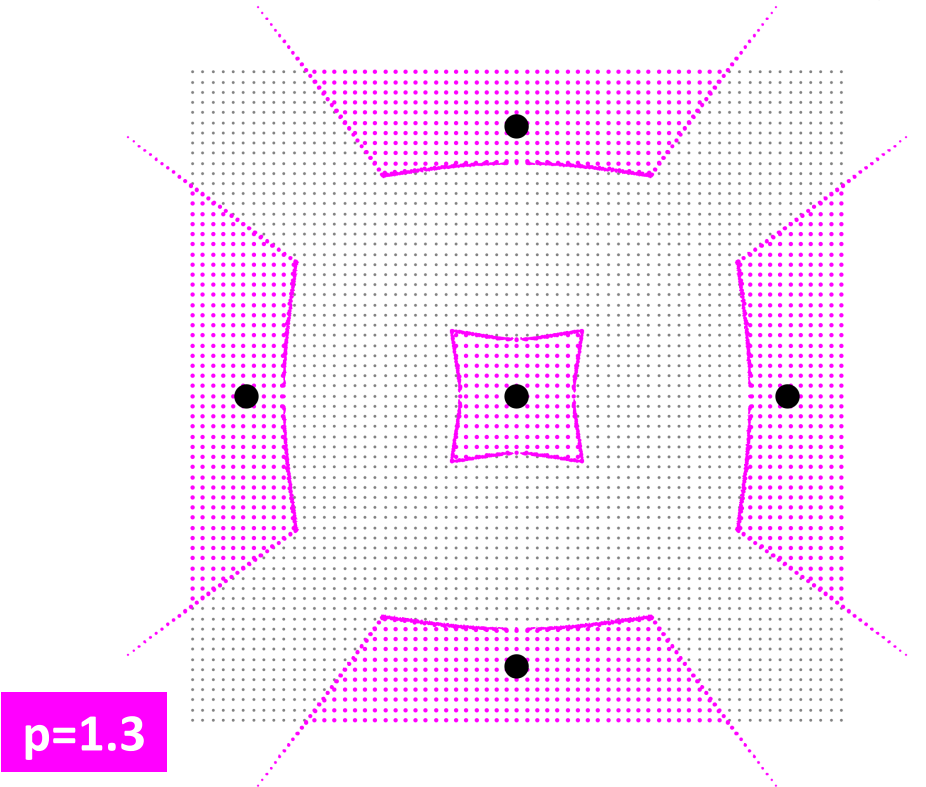
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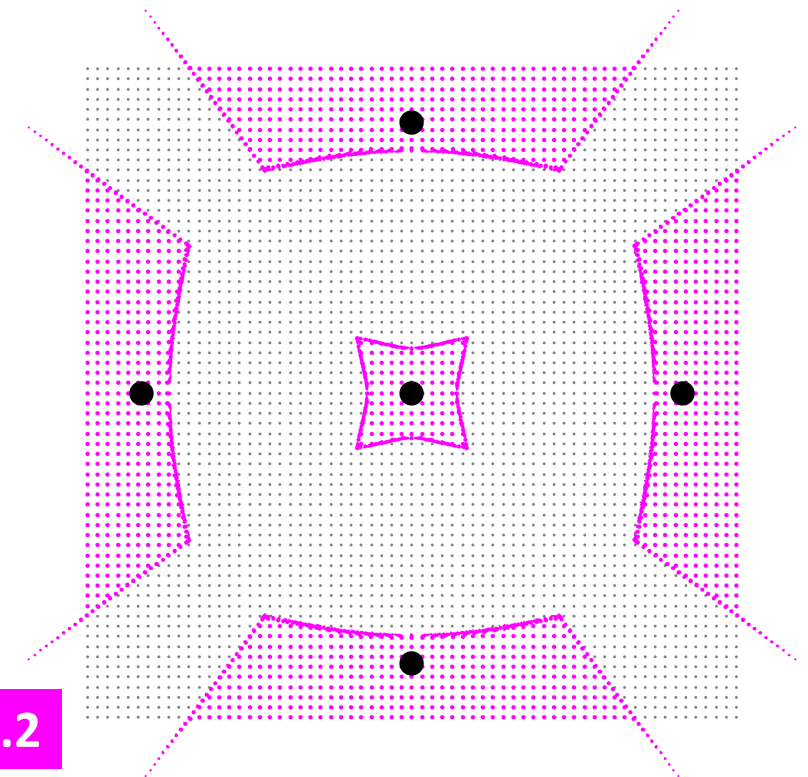
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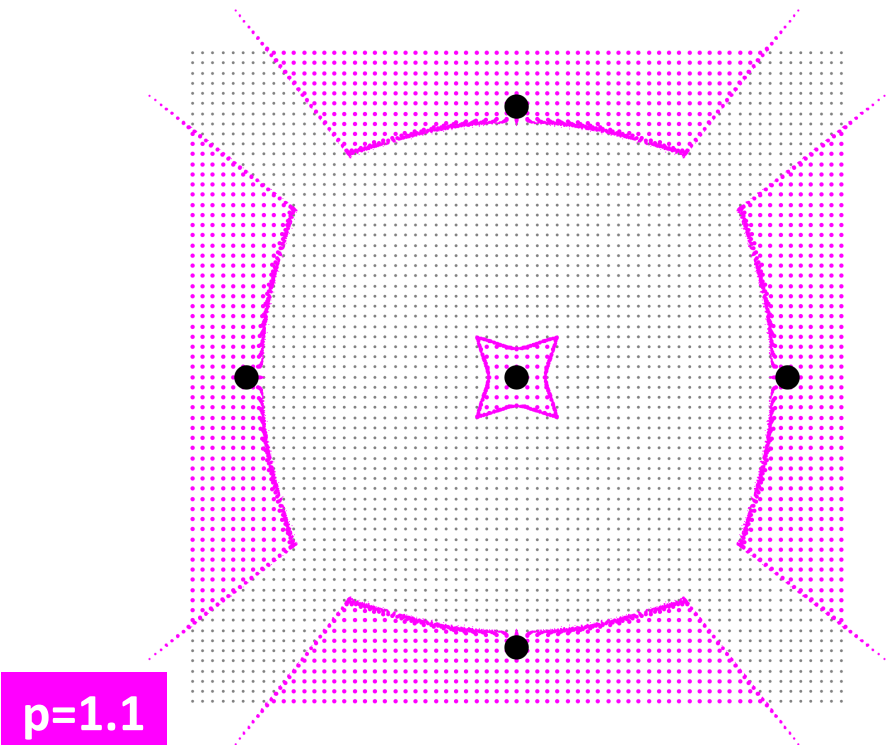
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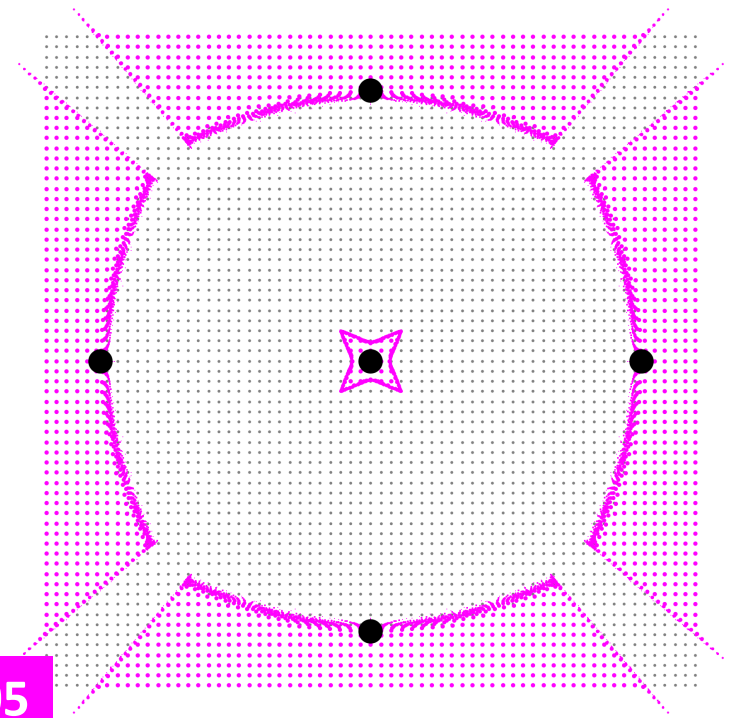
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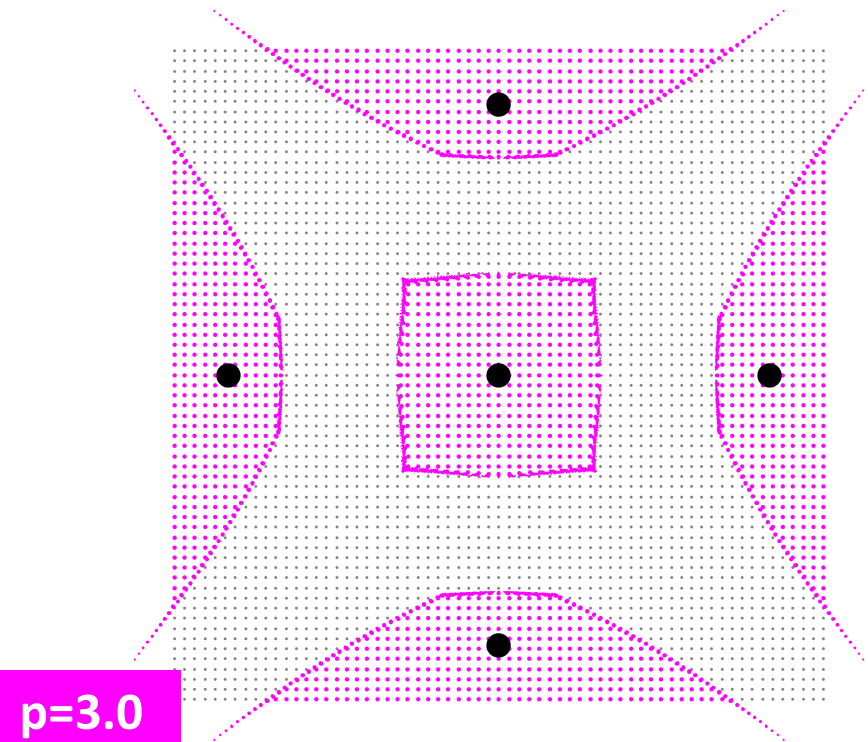
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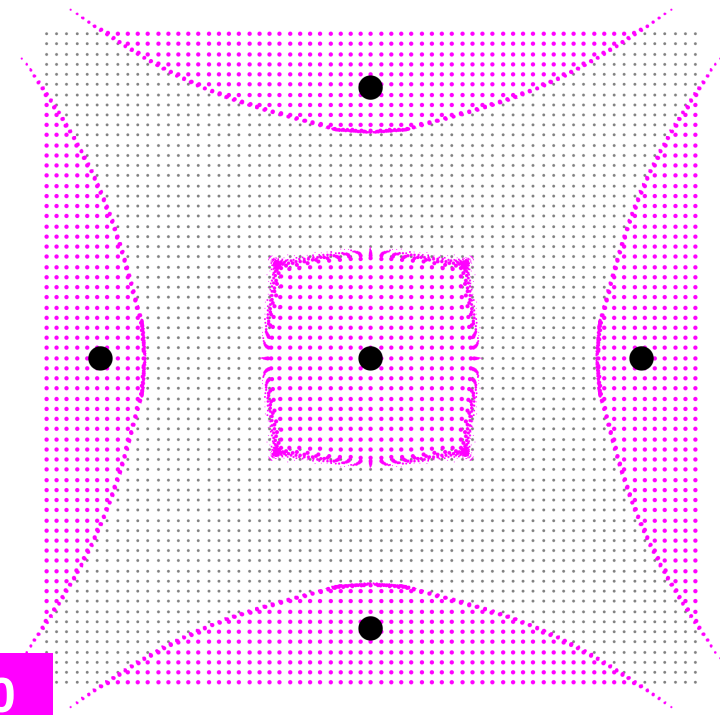
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Proposition 1 (zero duality gap)

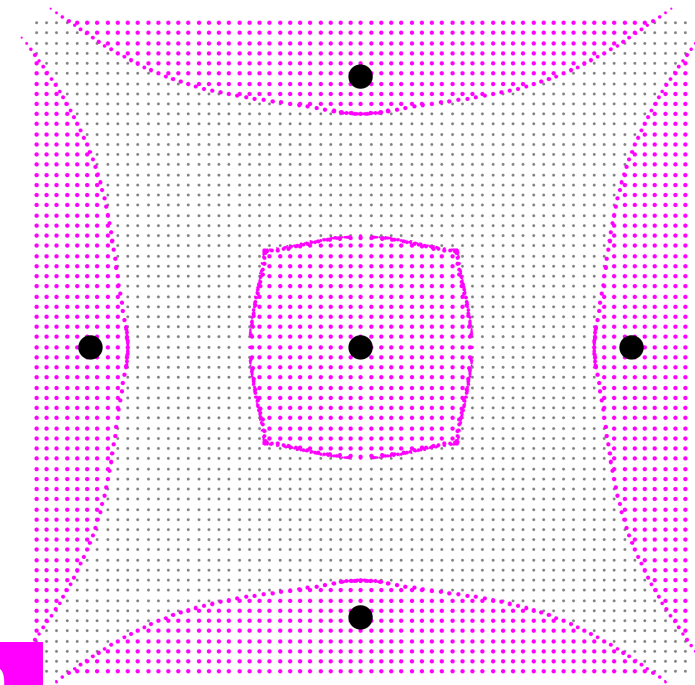
$$\sup(\mathcal{P}^*) = \inf(\mathcal{P}) < \infty$$

Proposition 2 (existence of minimizers)

Solution of (\mathcal{P}) exists if f is superlinear ($p > 1$). (no uniqueness)

Example: Lebesgue vs 5 Dirac masses

$$f = |\cdot|^p, \quad \mu = \mathcal{L}^2 \llcorner Q, \quad \nu = \sum_{i=1}^5 \frac{1}{5} \delta_{y_i}$$



p=5.0

Optimal Grillage Problem

The motivation – Optimal Grillage Problem

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$$\max \left\{ \int u d(\mu - \nu) : u \in C^{1,1}(\mathbb{R}^d), \rho(\nabla^2 u) \leq 1 \text{ a.e.} \right\} \quad \text{(OG*)}$$



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Gatti Wool Factory (Rome, 1951) by Pier Luigi Nervi

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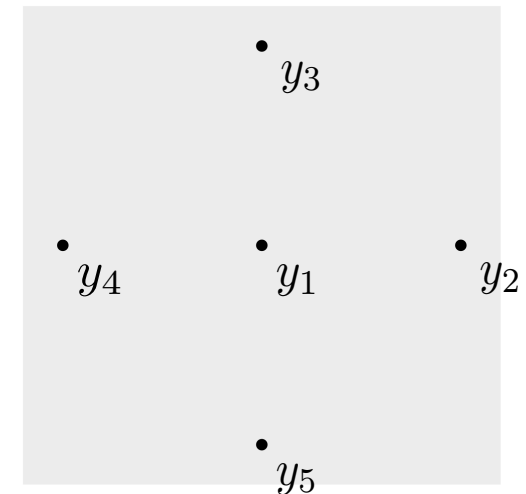
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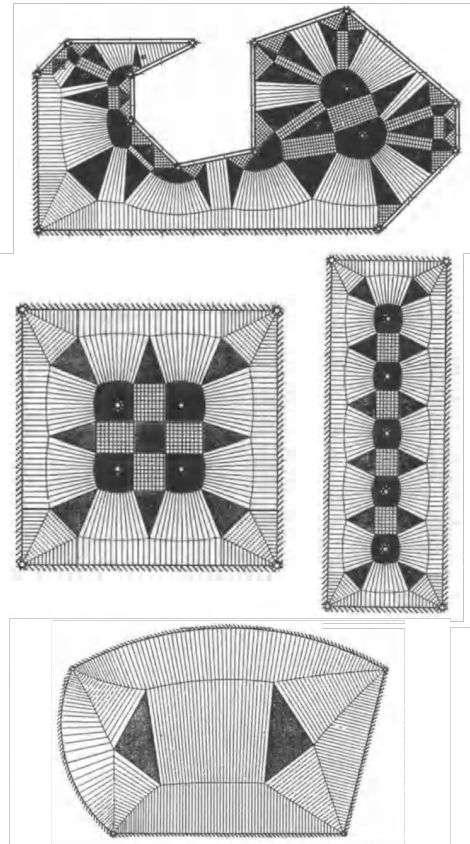
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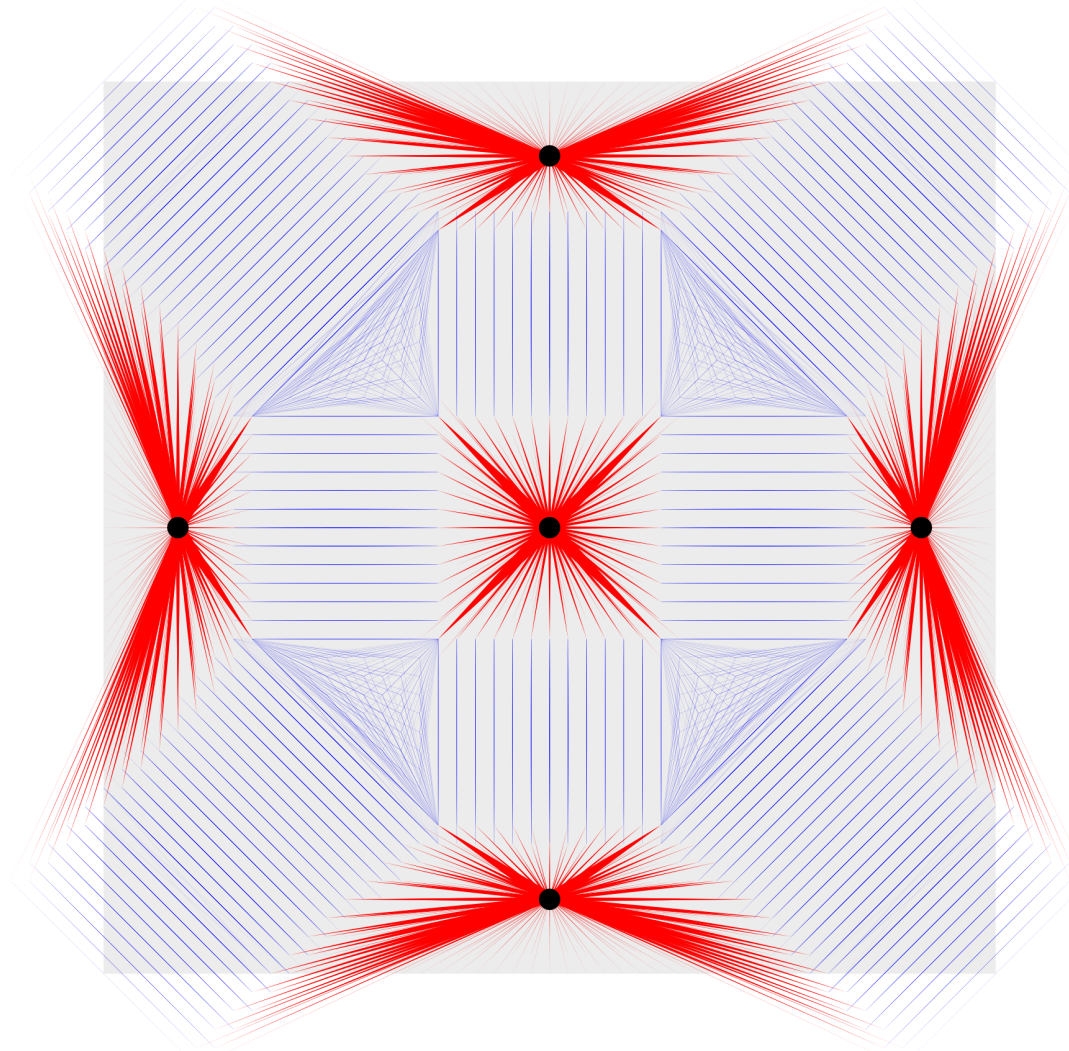


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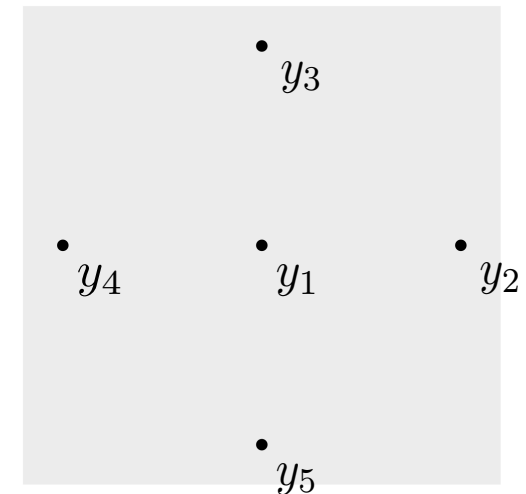
Rozvany (1972-1997)



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- $\sigma_h \ll \mathcal{H}^1 \llcorner (\cup_{(x,y) \in X \times X} [x,y])$
- σ_h is rank-one
- **positive** and **negative** part



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Corollary

For any solution ρ to the problem (P) take any

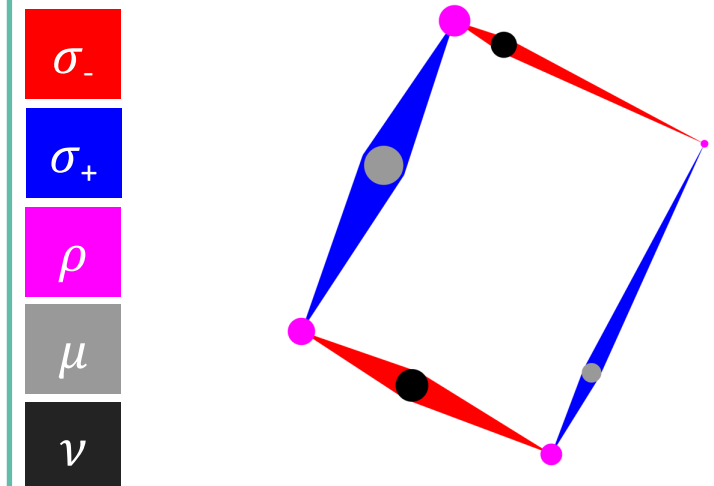
$$\gamma_+ \in \operatorname{MT}(\mu, \rho), \quad \gamma_- \in \operatorname{MT}(\nu, \rho)$$

and define $\sigma_+, \sigma_- \in \mathcal{M}^b(\mathbb{R}^d; \mathbb{R}_{\text{sym},+}^{d \times d})$

$$\langle \sigma_{\pm}, \Theta \rangle = \iint \left(\int_0^1 t \langle (x-z) \otimes (x-z), \Theta(z+t(x-z)) \rangle dt \right) \gamma_{\pm}(dx dz)$$

Then $\sigma = \sigma_+ - \sigma_-$ solve the optimal grillage problem (OG).

Example: two-point measures

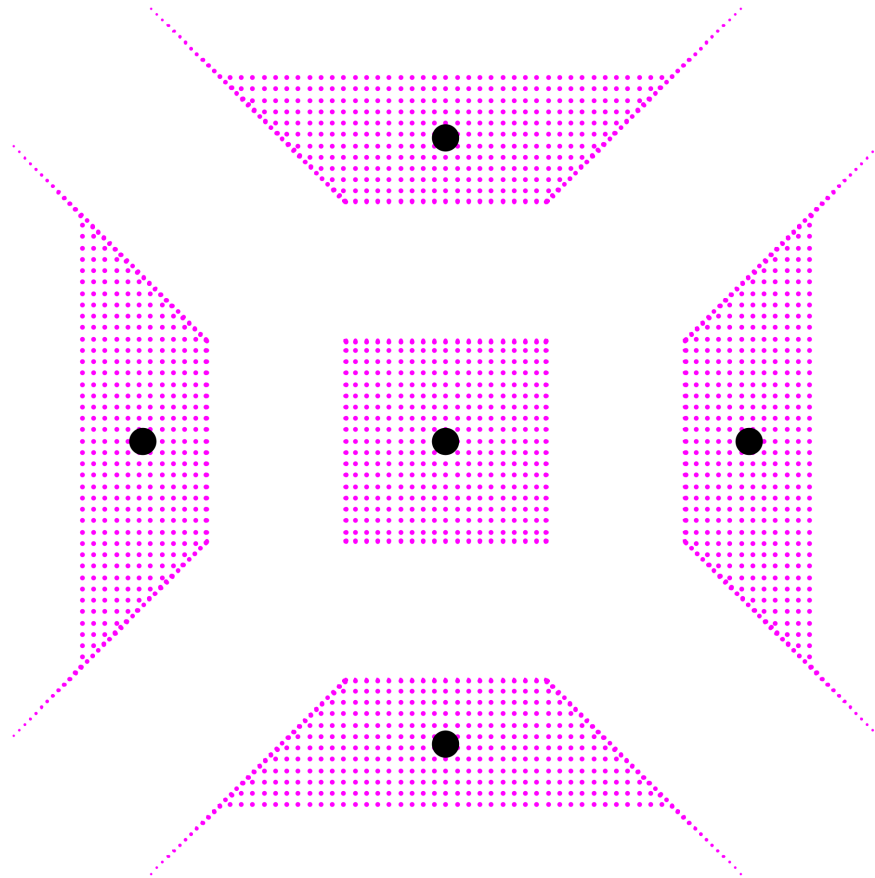


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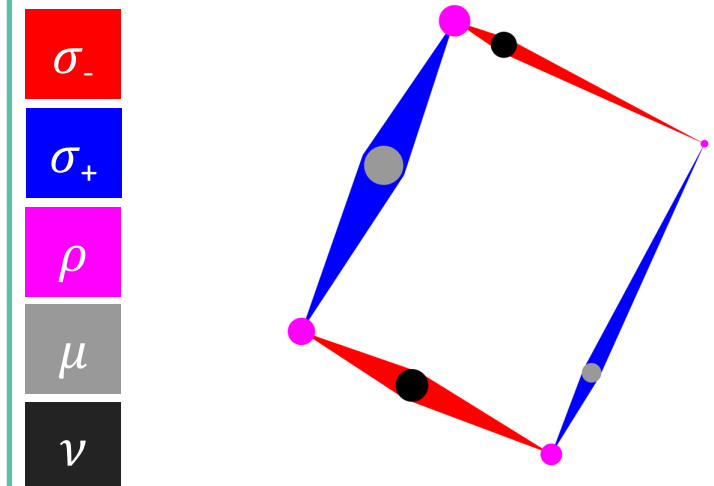


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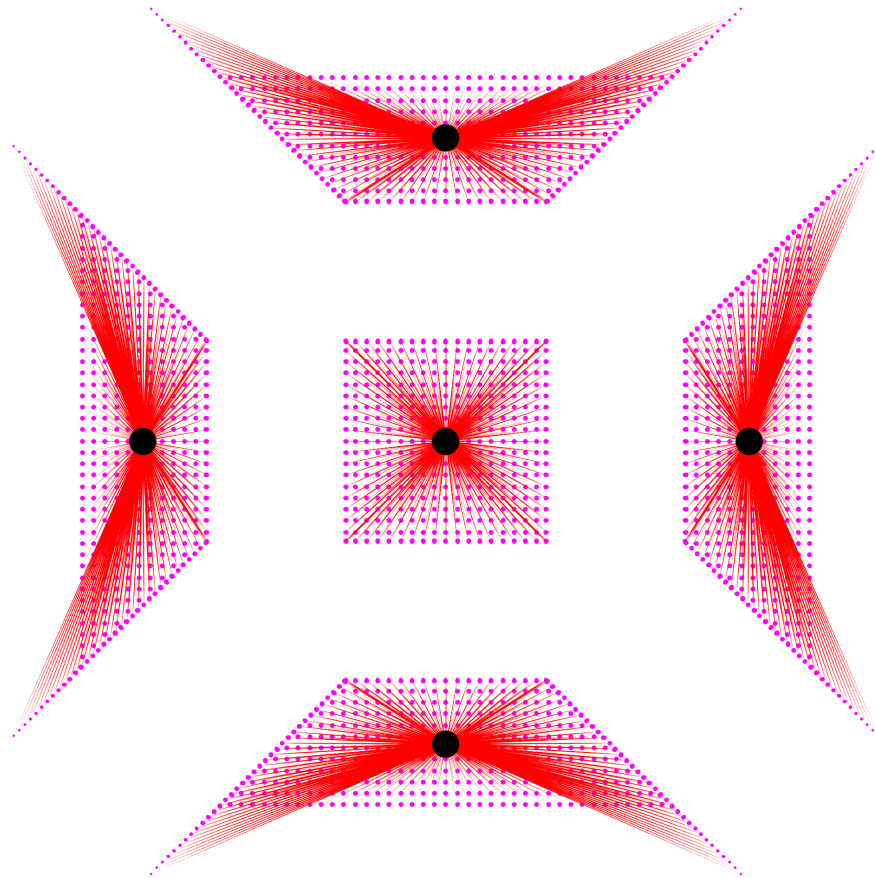


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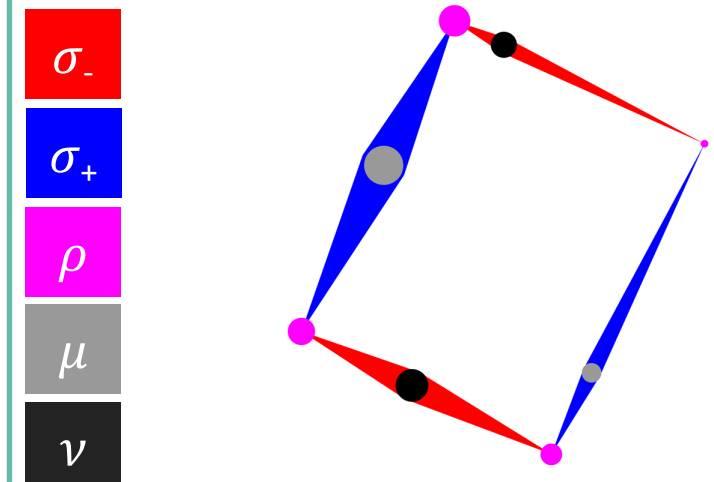


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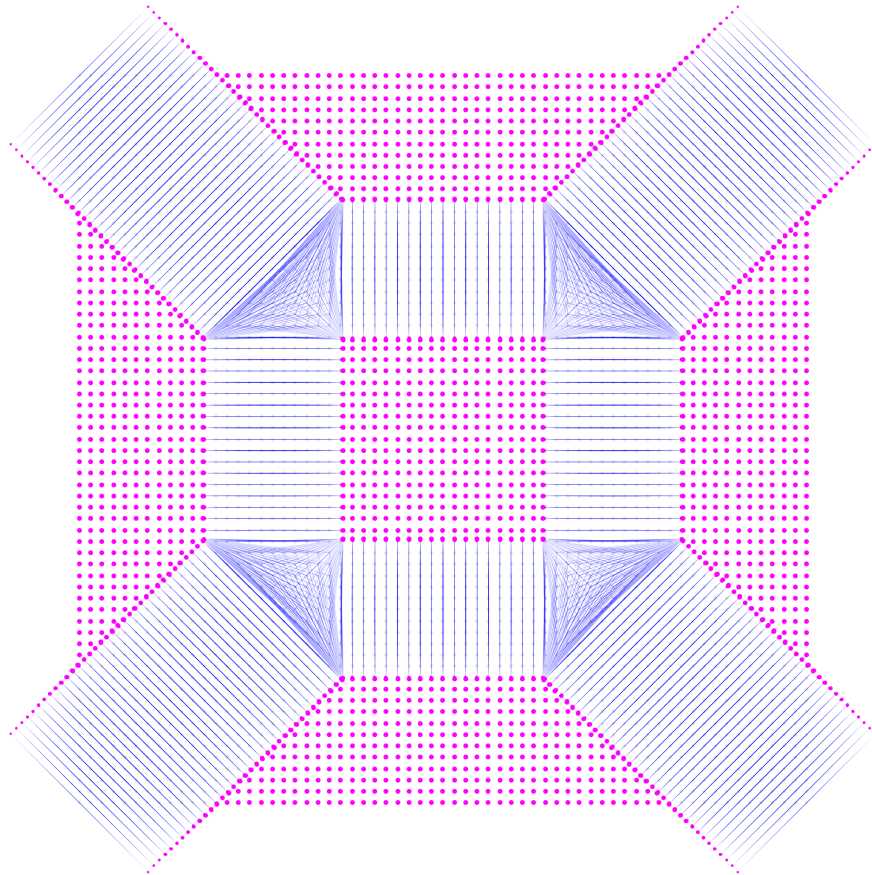


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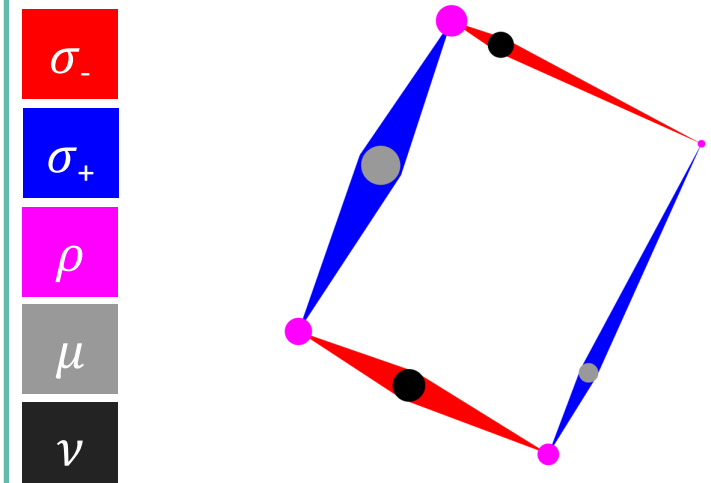
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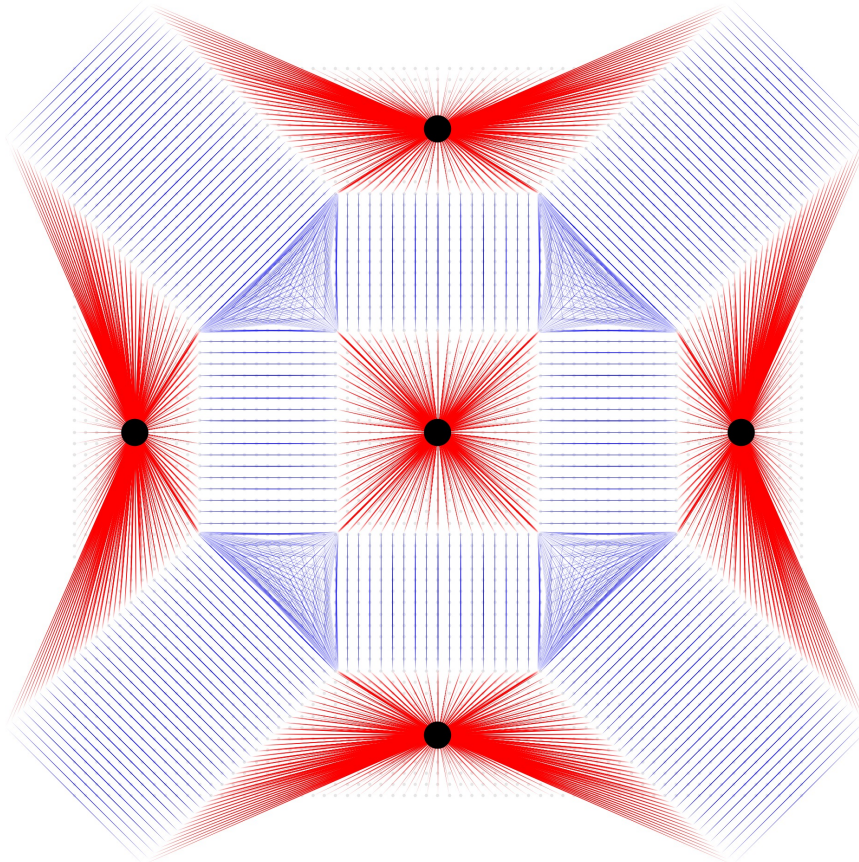
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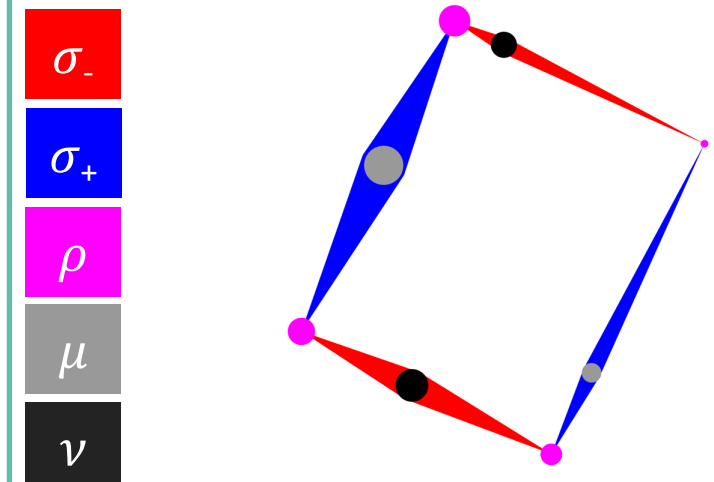


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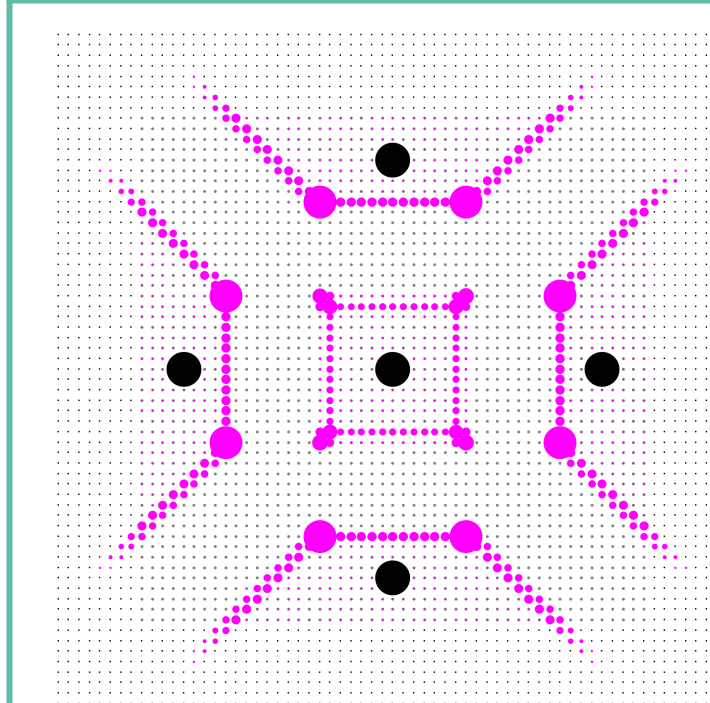
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- $n = 65^2 = 4225$ points,
- $n^2 \approx 18\text{mln}$ constr,
- adaptivity \rightarrow
comp. cost $\approx n \log n$
- CPU time: 18s

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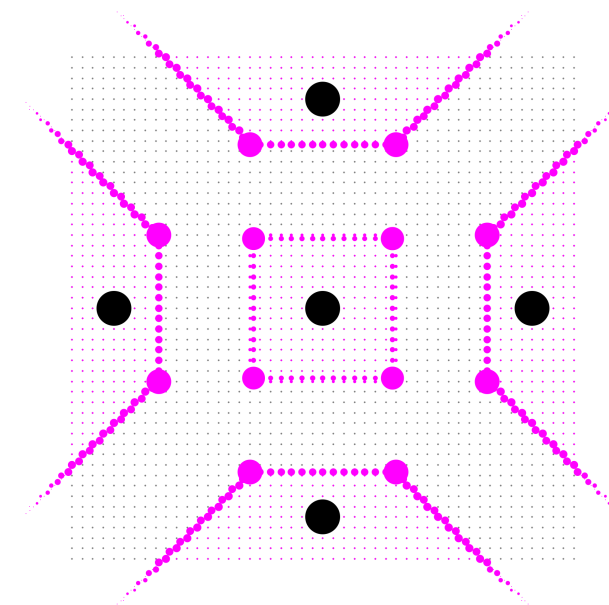
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- $n = 193^2$ points,
- $n^2 \approx 1.4\text{bln}$ constr,
- CPU time: 6min

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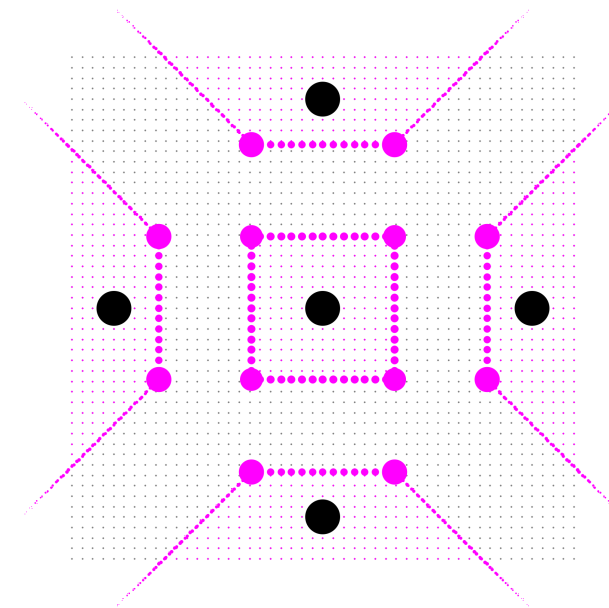
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- $n = 385^2$ points,
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- CPU time: 1.2h

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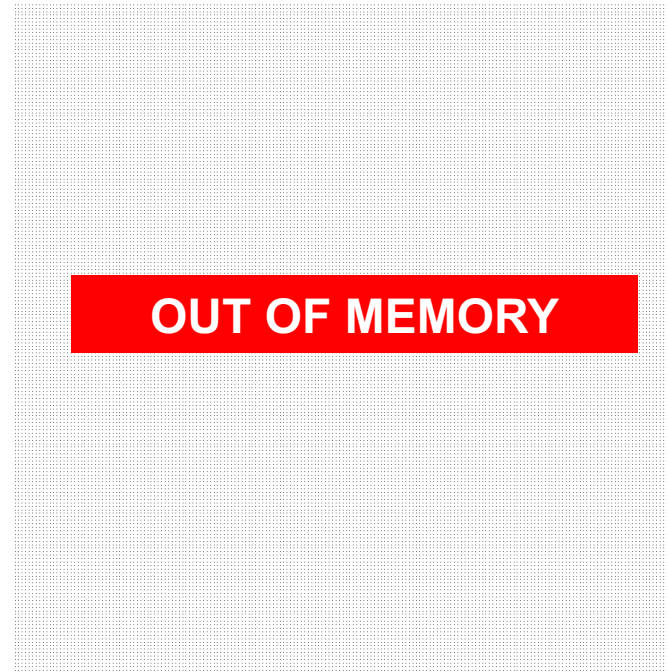
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- $n = 577^2$ points,
- $n^2 \approx 111\text{bln}$ constr,
- CPU time: -

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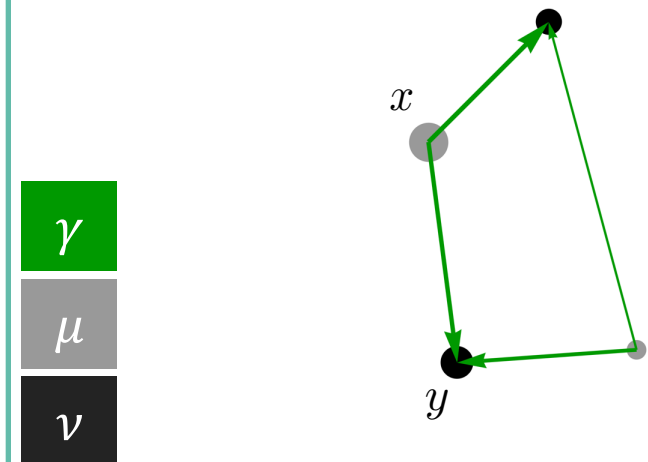
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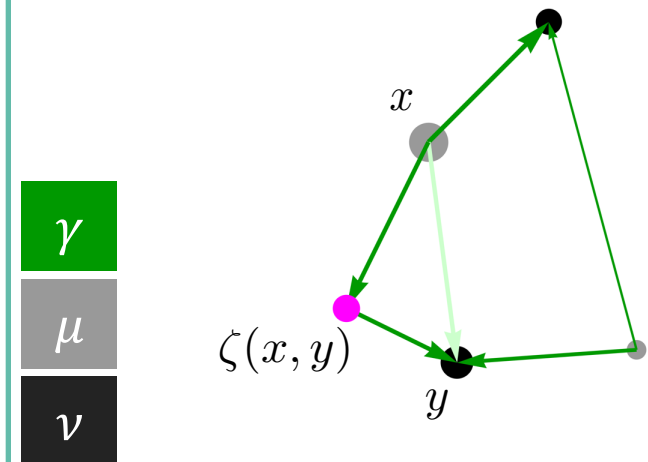
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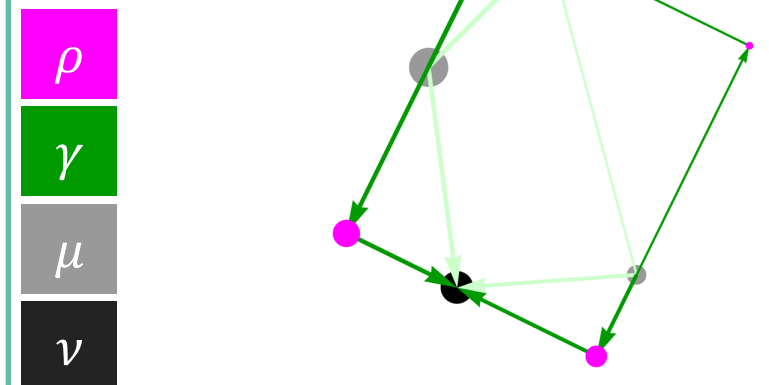
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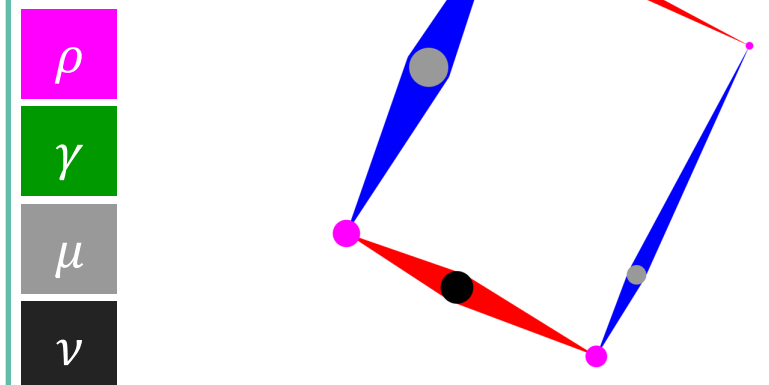
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Example: two-point measures



Numerical strategy #2: conic programming

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($\tilde{\mathcal{P}}$)

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($\tilde{\mathcal{P}}^*$)

If μ, ν are discrete and $f = |\cdot|^p$, then $(\tilde{\mathcal{P}})$, $(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}^*)$ is a finite dimensional conic programming problem.

No need for discretizing the space!

The conic program can be tackled by an off-the-shelf software, e.g. MOSEK.

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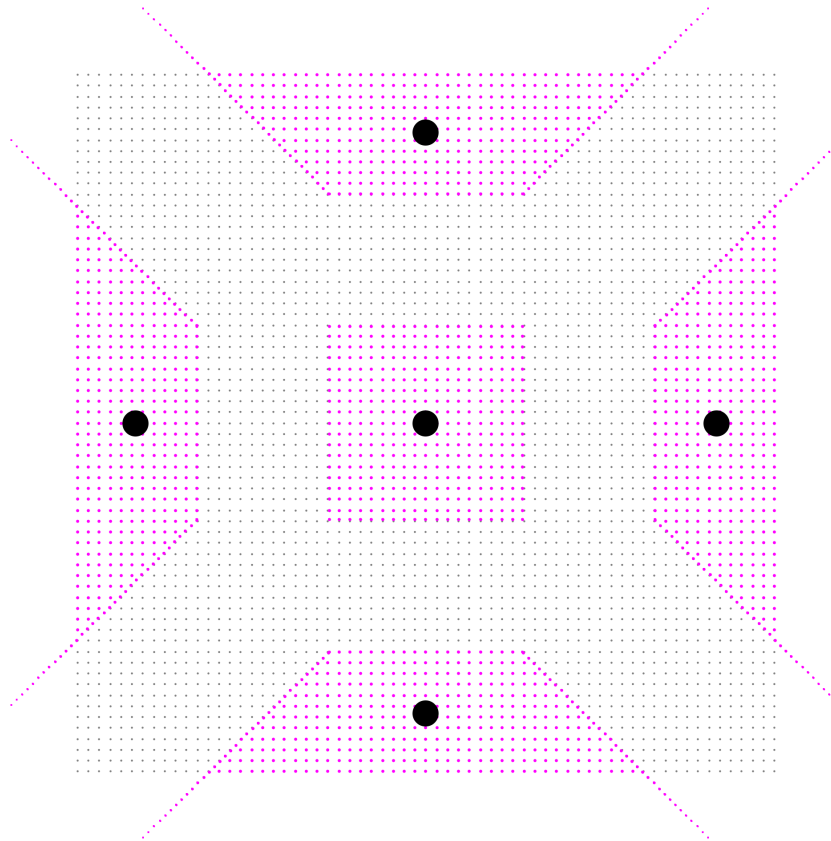
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Example: Lebesgue vs 5 Dirac masses



- $\mu : 65 \times 65$ pts
- CPU time: 0.79s

**Exact solution
up to the
accuracy of the
solver**

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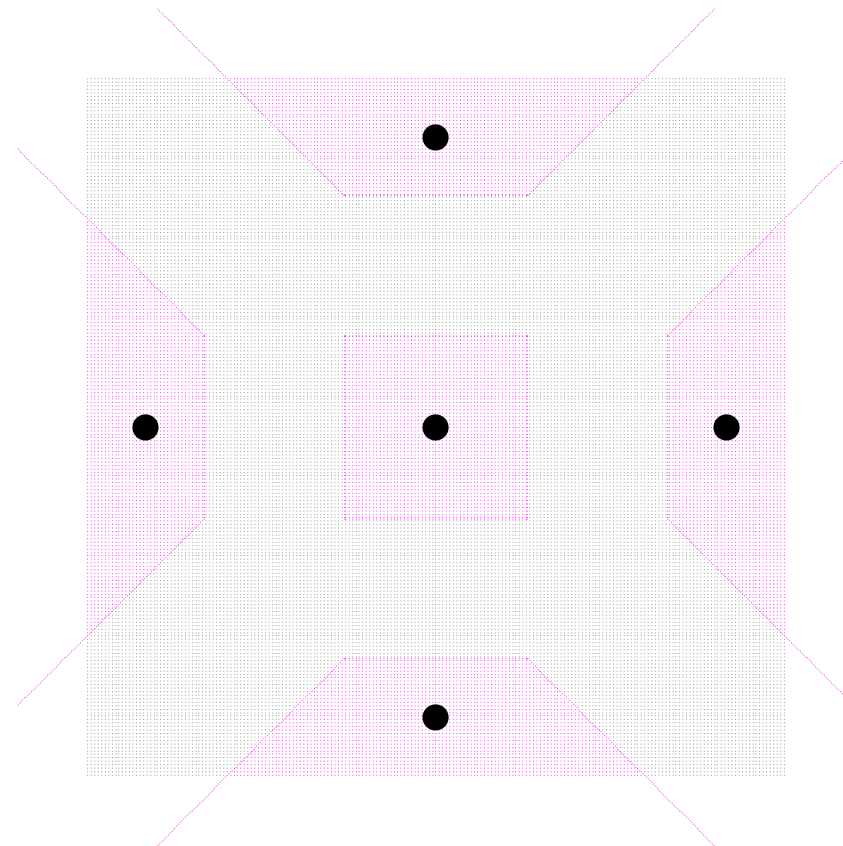
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Example: Lebesgue vs 5 Dirac masses



- $\mu : 200 \times 200$ pts
- CPU time: 10.3s

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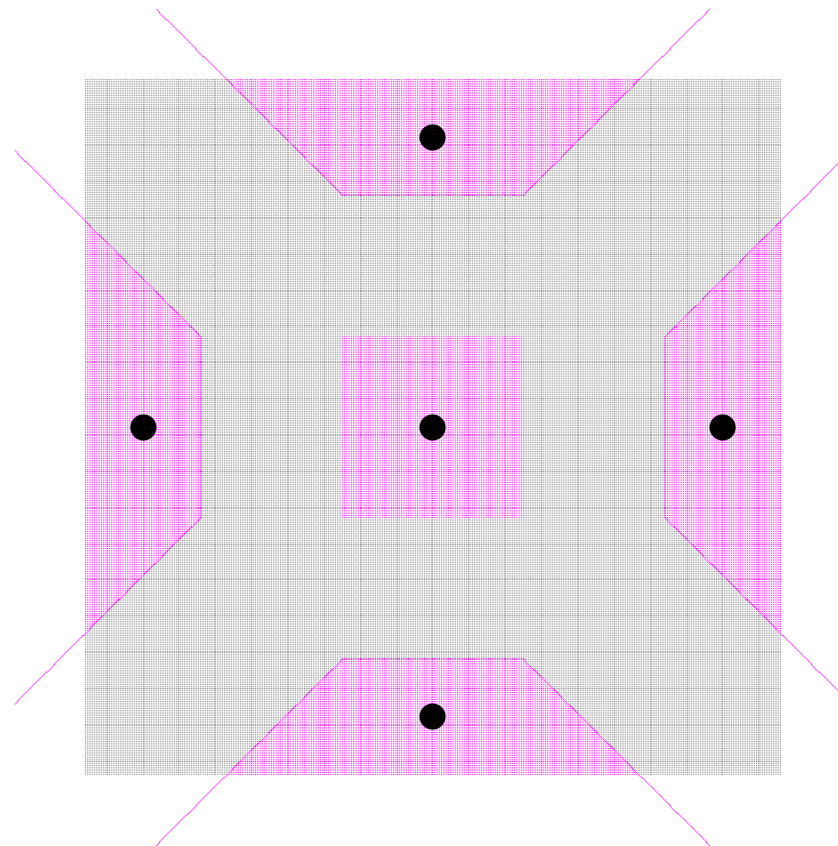
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Example: Lebesgue vs 5 Dirac masses



- $\mu : 400 \times 400$ pts
- CPU time: 46.5s

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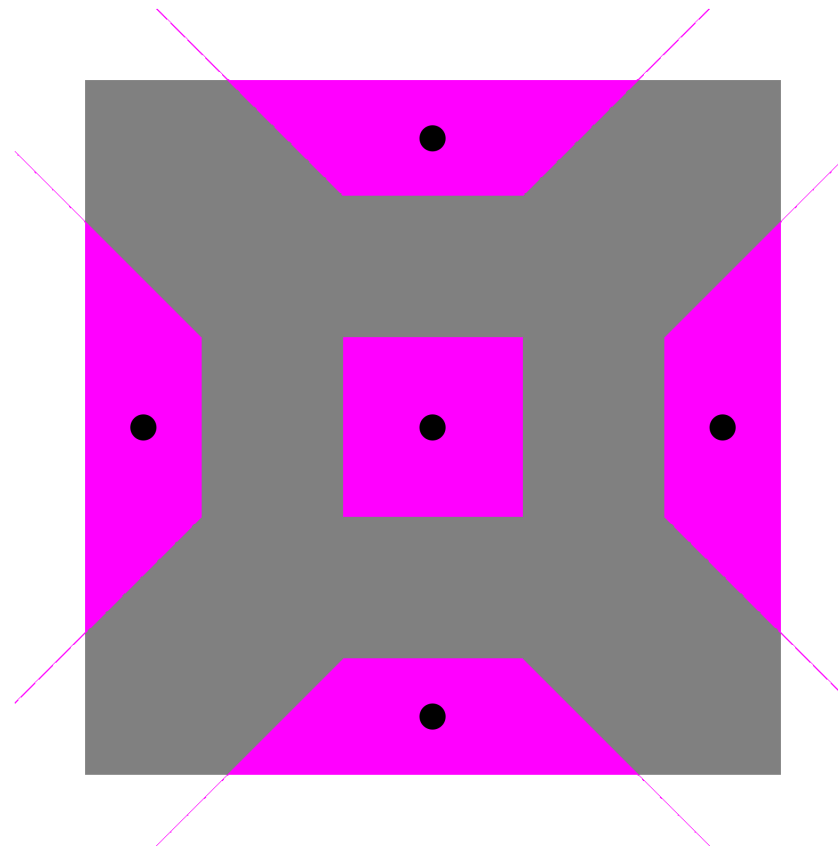
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Example: Lebesgue vs 5 Dirac masses



- $\mu : 800 \times 800$ pts
- CPU time: 4.6min

**Exact solution
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Numerical strategy #3: entropic regularization

$$\mathcal{J}(\mu, \nu) = \min \left\{ \iint f \left(\frac{dq}{d\gamma} \right) d\gamma : \begin{array}{l} \gamma \in \mathbf{P}(\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d), \\ q \in \mathcal{M}^b(\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d; \mathbb{R}^d), \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \pi_x \# \gamma = \mu, \quad \pi_x \# x \gamma(dx dy) = \pi_x \# q, \\ \pi_y \# \gamma = \nu, \quad \pi_y \# y \gamma(dx dy) = \pi_y \# q \end{array} \right\}$$

 $(\tilde{\mathbf{P}})$

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 $(\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^*)$

Entropic regularization: ($h(r) = r \log(r) - r$)

$$\mathcal{J}_\varepsilon(\mu, \nu) = \sup_{\substack{\varphi, \psi \\ \Phi, \Psi}} \left\{ \int \varphi d\mu + \int \psi d\nu - \iint \exp \left(\frac{\varphi(x) + \psi(y) - \langle \Phi(x), x \rangle - \langle \Psi(y), y \rangle + f^*(\Phi(x) + \Psi(y))}{\varepsilon} \right) \mu \otimes \nu(dx dy) \right\}$$

 $(\tilde{\mathbf{P}}_\varepsilon^*)$

$$\mathcal{J}_\varepsilon(\mu, \nu) = \min_{\gamma, q} \left\{ \iint f \left(\frac{dq}{d\gamma} \right) d\gamma + \iint \varepsilon h \left(\frac{d\gamma}{d\mu \otimes \nu} \right) d\mu \otimes d\nu : \begin{array}{l} \pi_x \# \gamma = \mu, \quad \pi_x \# x \gamma(dx dy) = \pi_x \# q, \\ \pi_y \# \gamma = \nu, \quad \pi_y \# y \gamma(dx dy) = \pi_y \# q \end{array} \right\}$$

 $(\tilde{\mathbf{P}}_\varepsilon)$

$$\gamma \ll \mu \otimes \nu$$

Numerical strategy #3: entropic regularization

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Theorem

Take a solution $\varphi, \Phi, \psi, \Psi$ of $(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_\varepsilon^*)$ and put

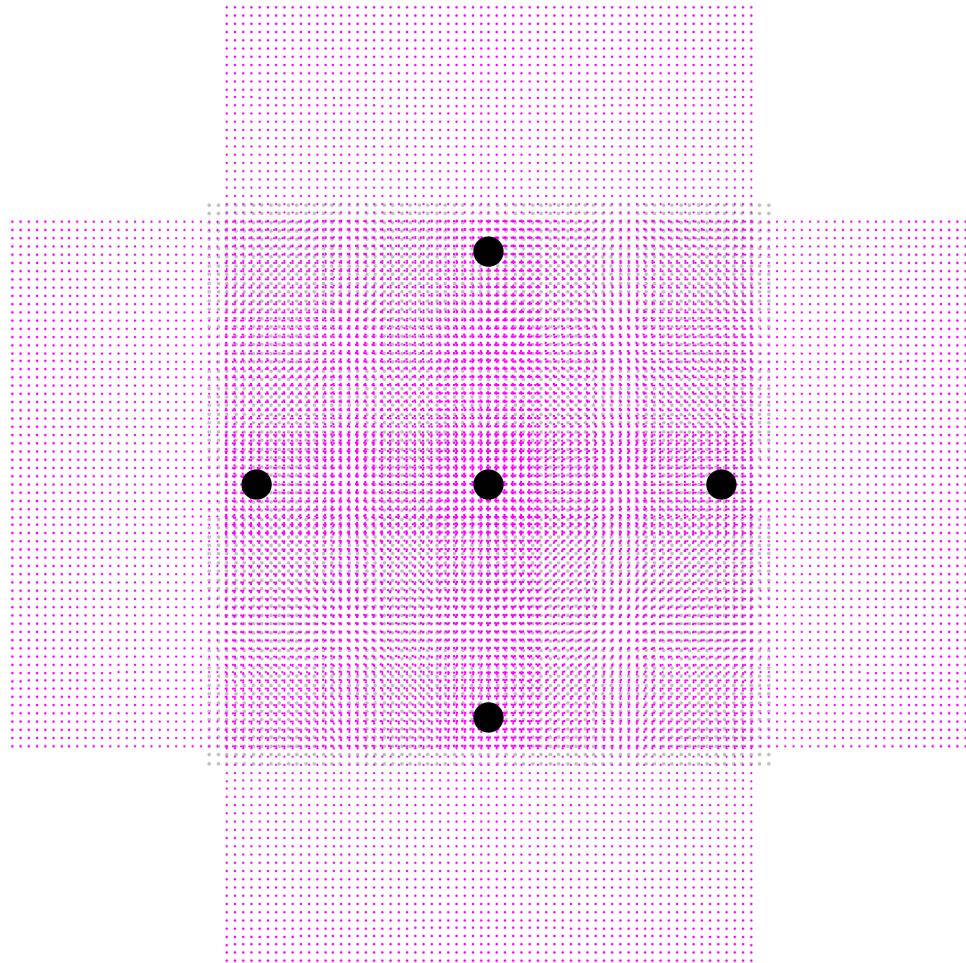
$$\gamma(dx dy) = \exp \left(\frac{\varphi(x) + \psi(y) - \langle \Phi(x), x \rangle - \langle \Psi(y), y \rangle + f^*(\Phi(x) + \Psi(y))}{\varepsilon} \right) \mu \otimes \nu(dx dy)$$

$$\zeta(x, y) = \nabla f^*(\Phi(x) + \Psi(y))$$

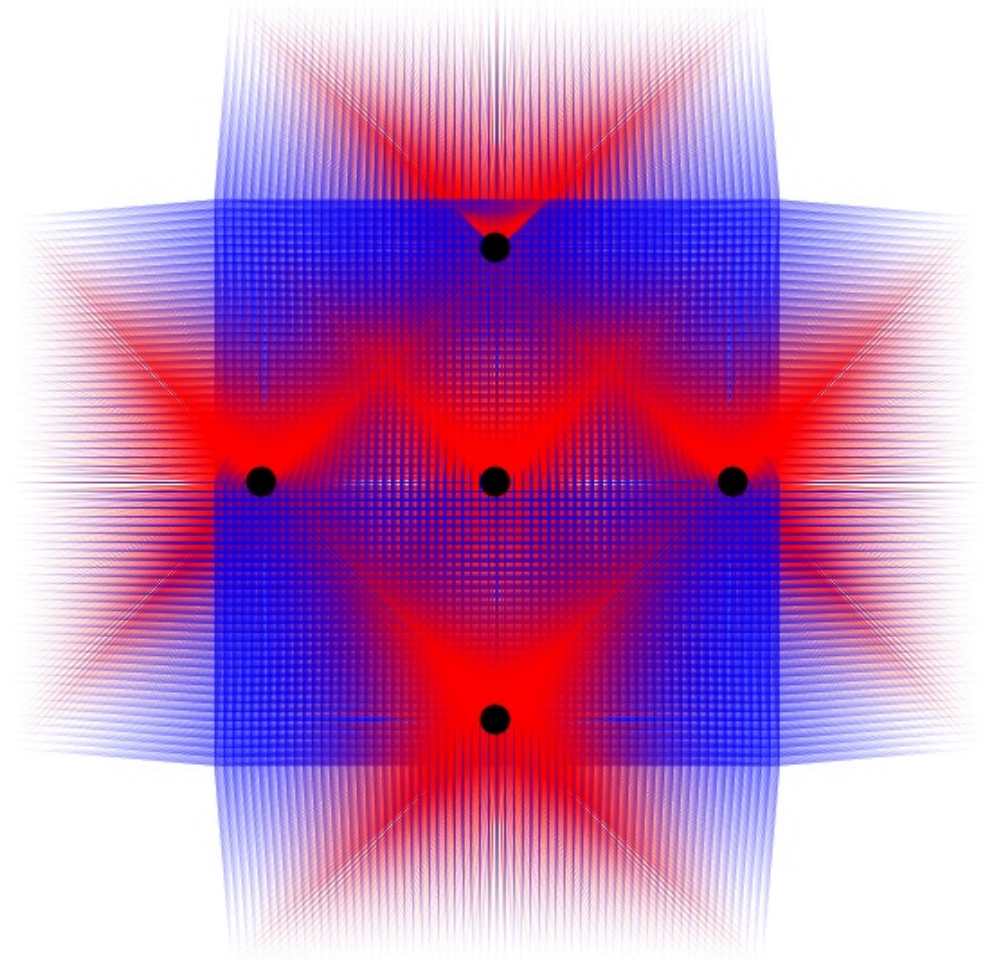
Then the following pair solves $(\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_\varepsilon)$:

$$(\gamma, q) = (\gamma, \zeta \gamma)$$

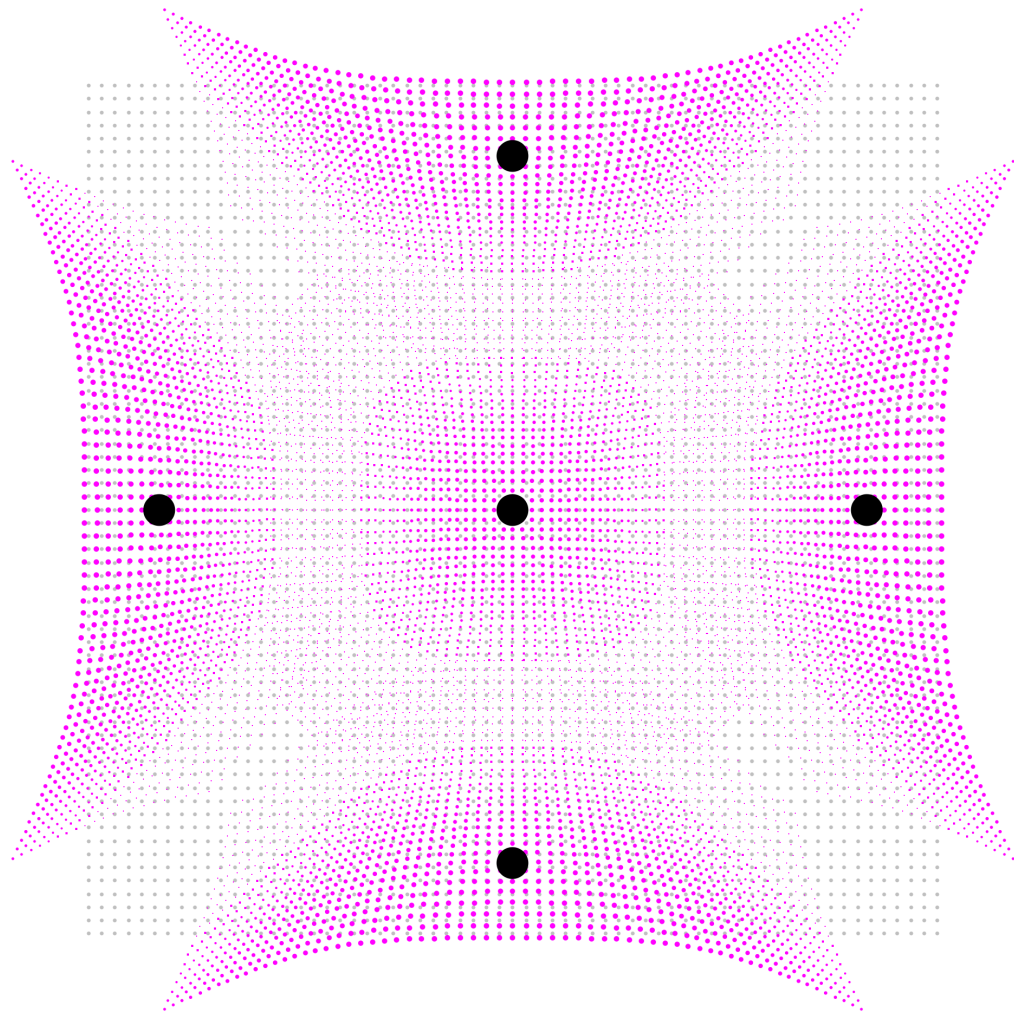
Solution by (modified) Sinkhorn algorithm



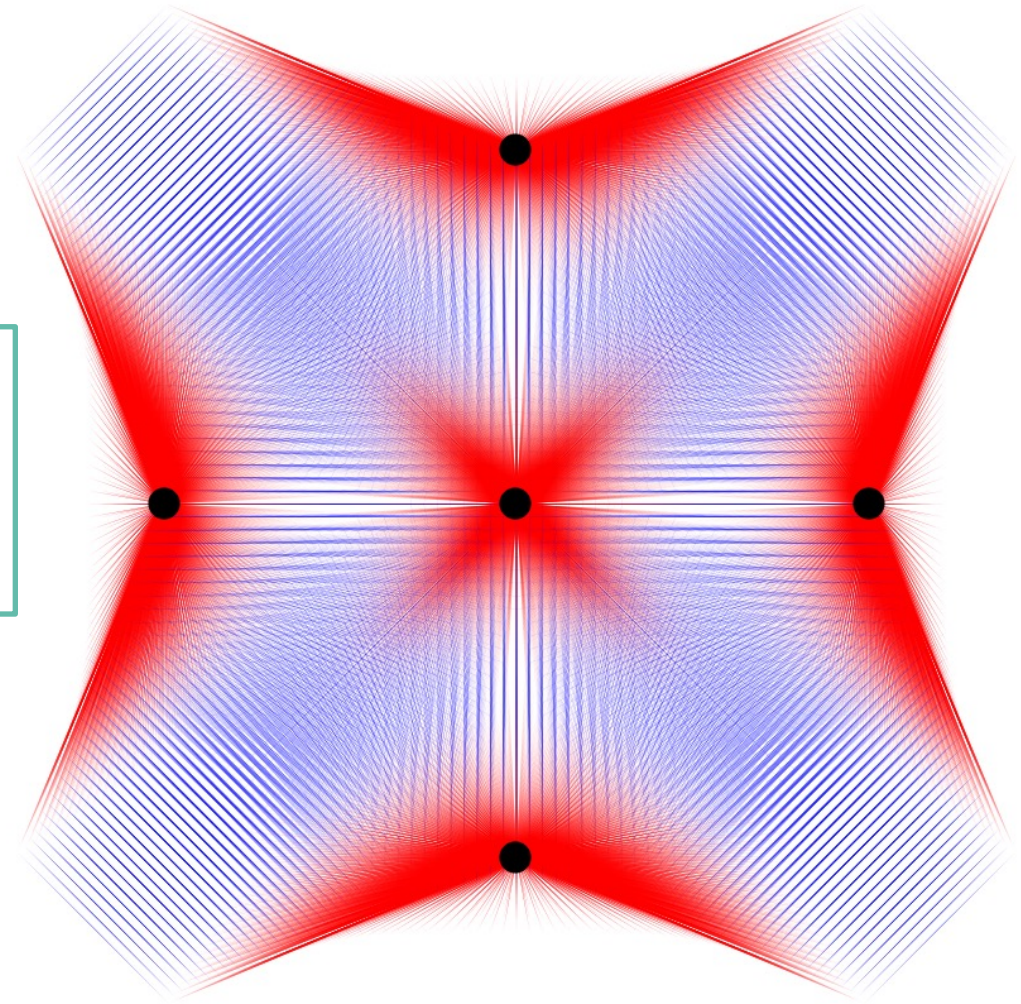
- $\varepsilon = 1.0$
- iter: 17
- CPU time: 0.07s



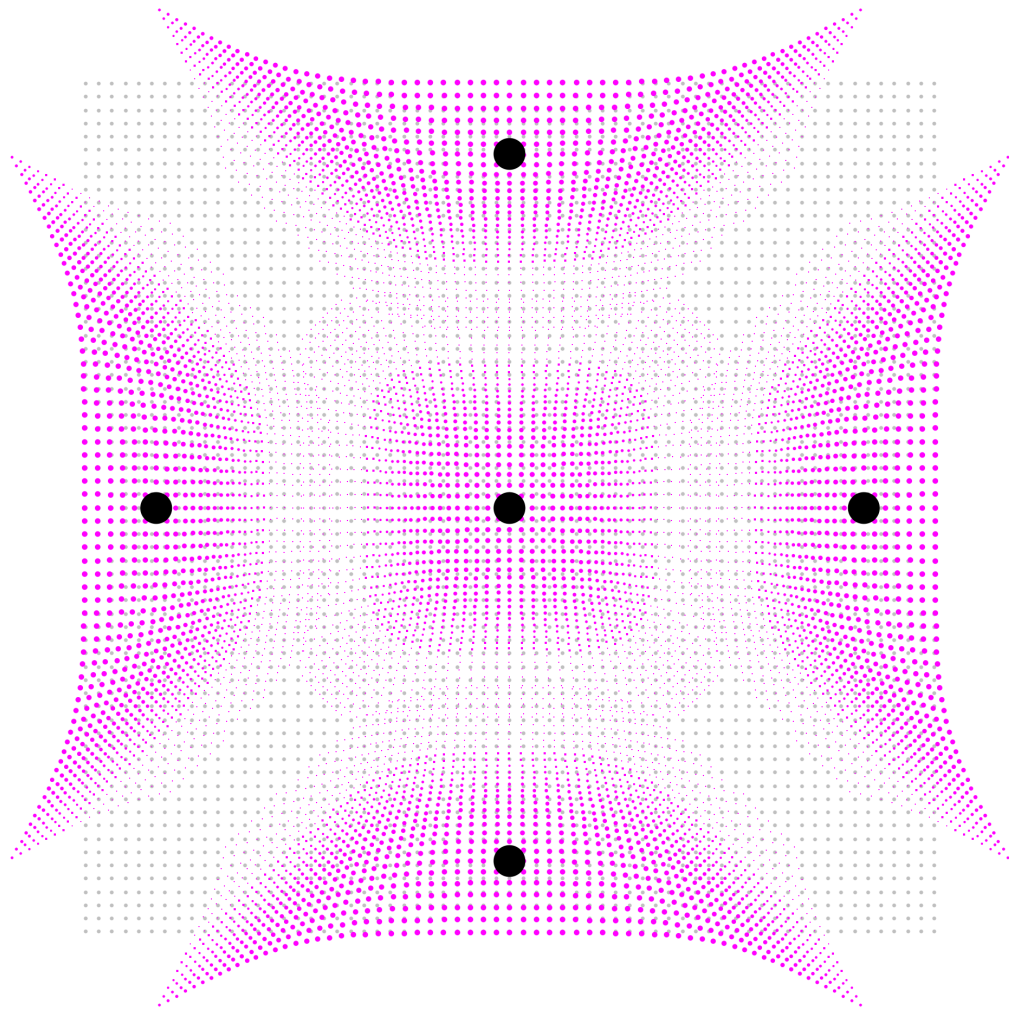
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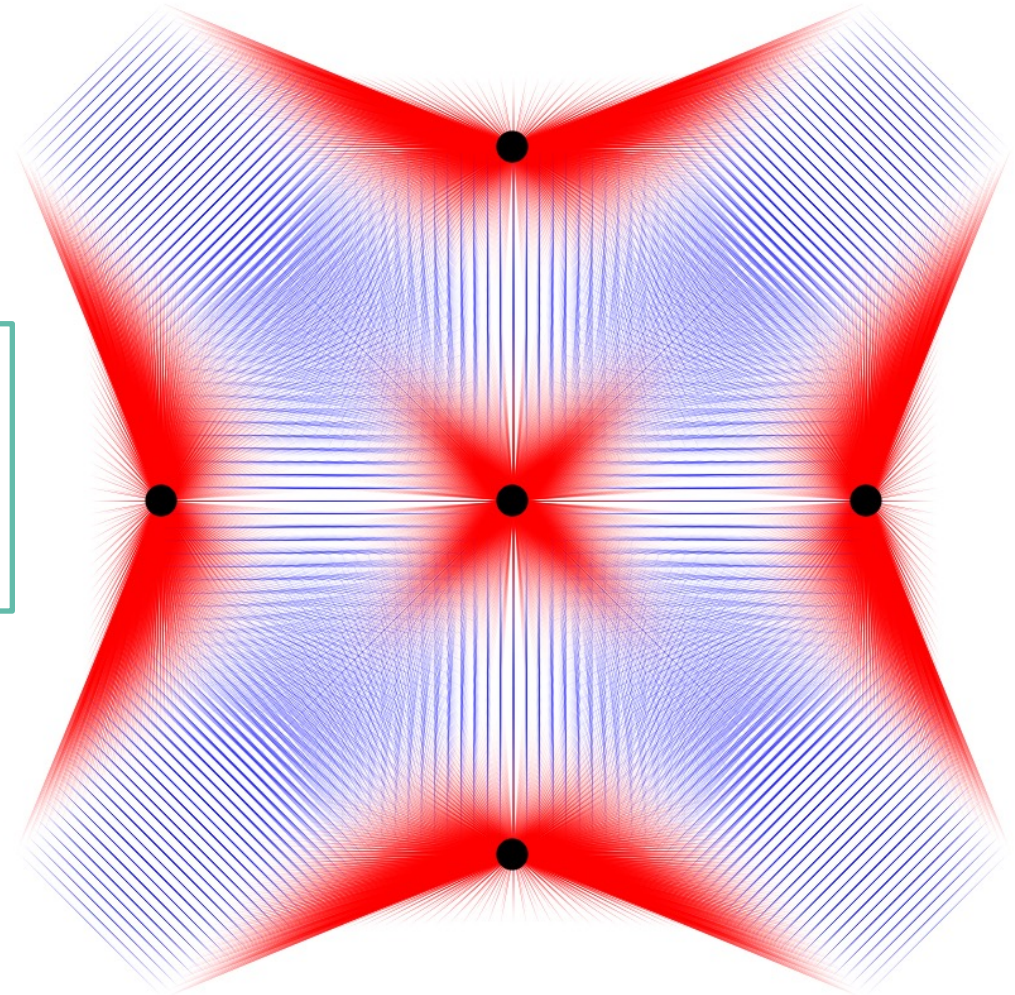
- $\varepsilon = 0.01$
- iter: 35
- CPU time: 0.13s



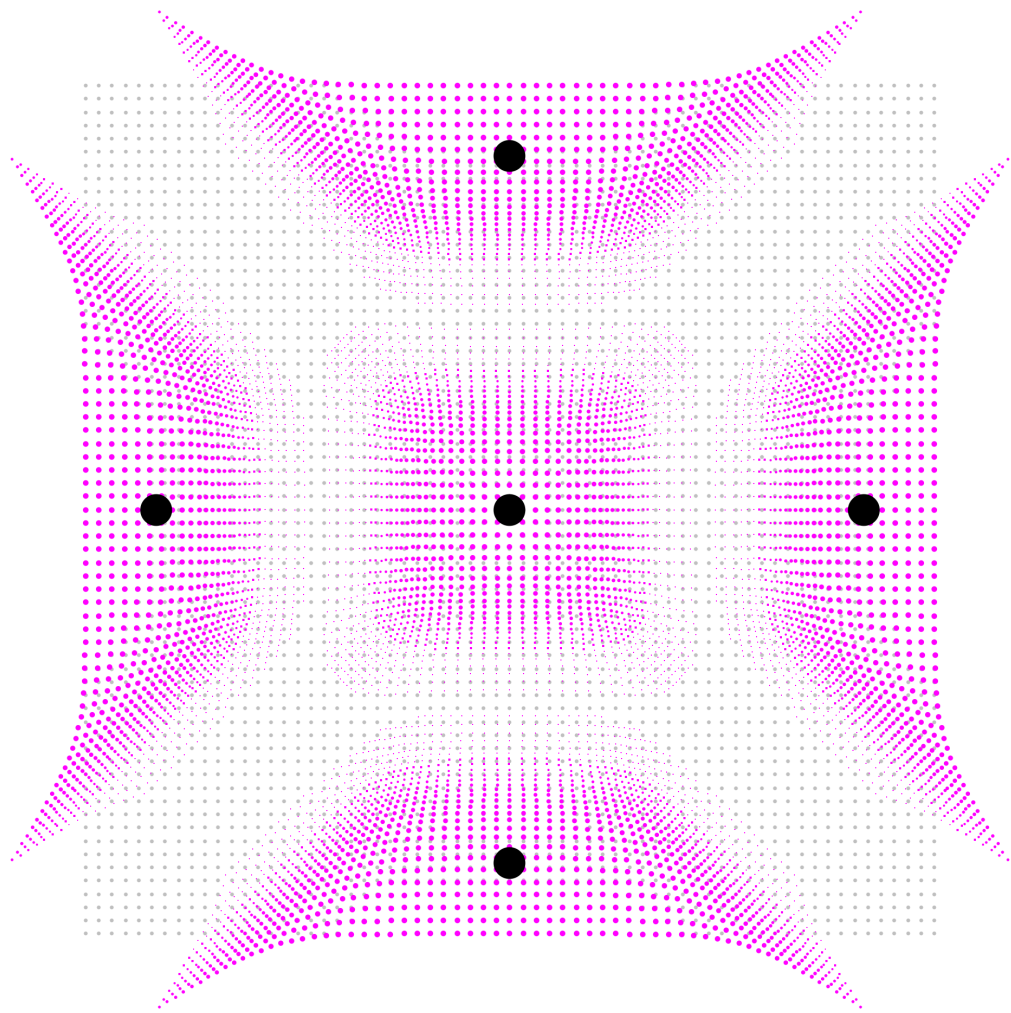
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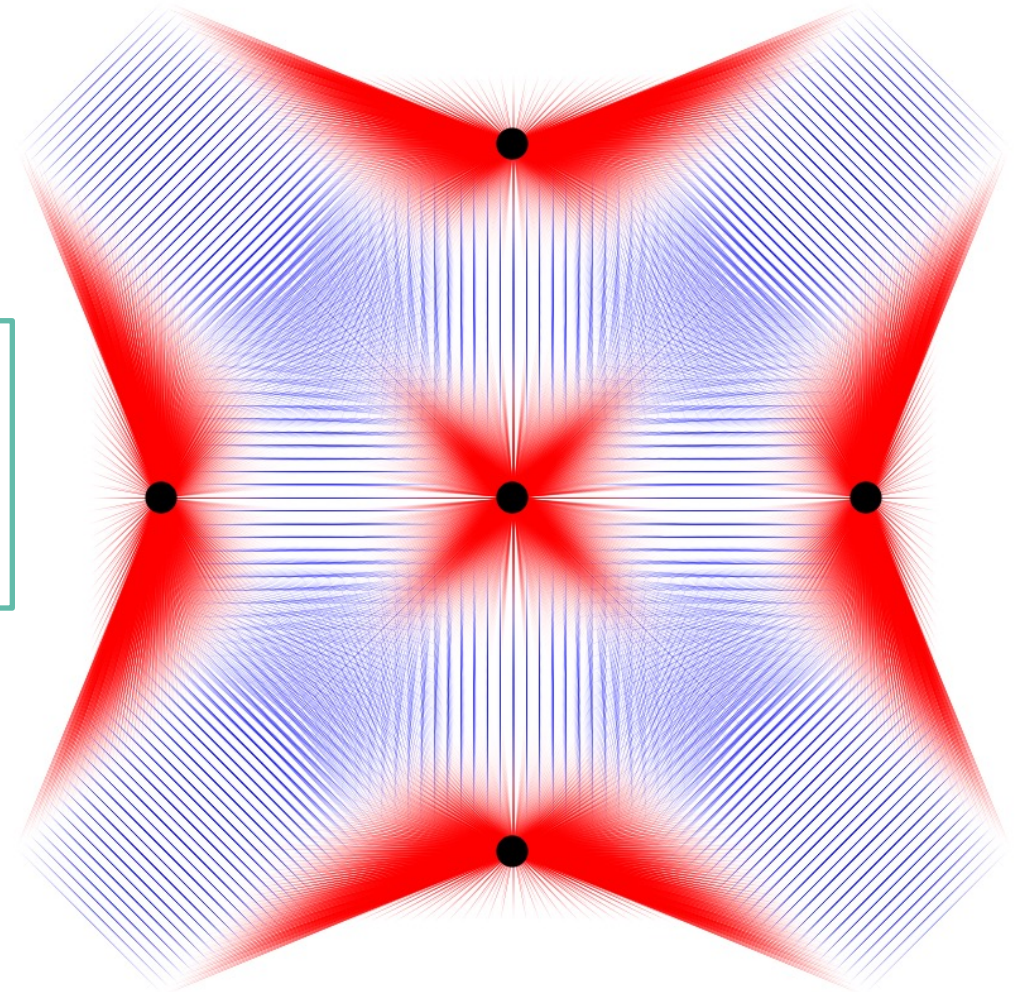
- $\varepsilon = 0.007$
- iter: 53
- CPU time: 0.19s



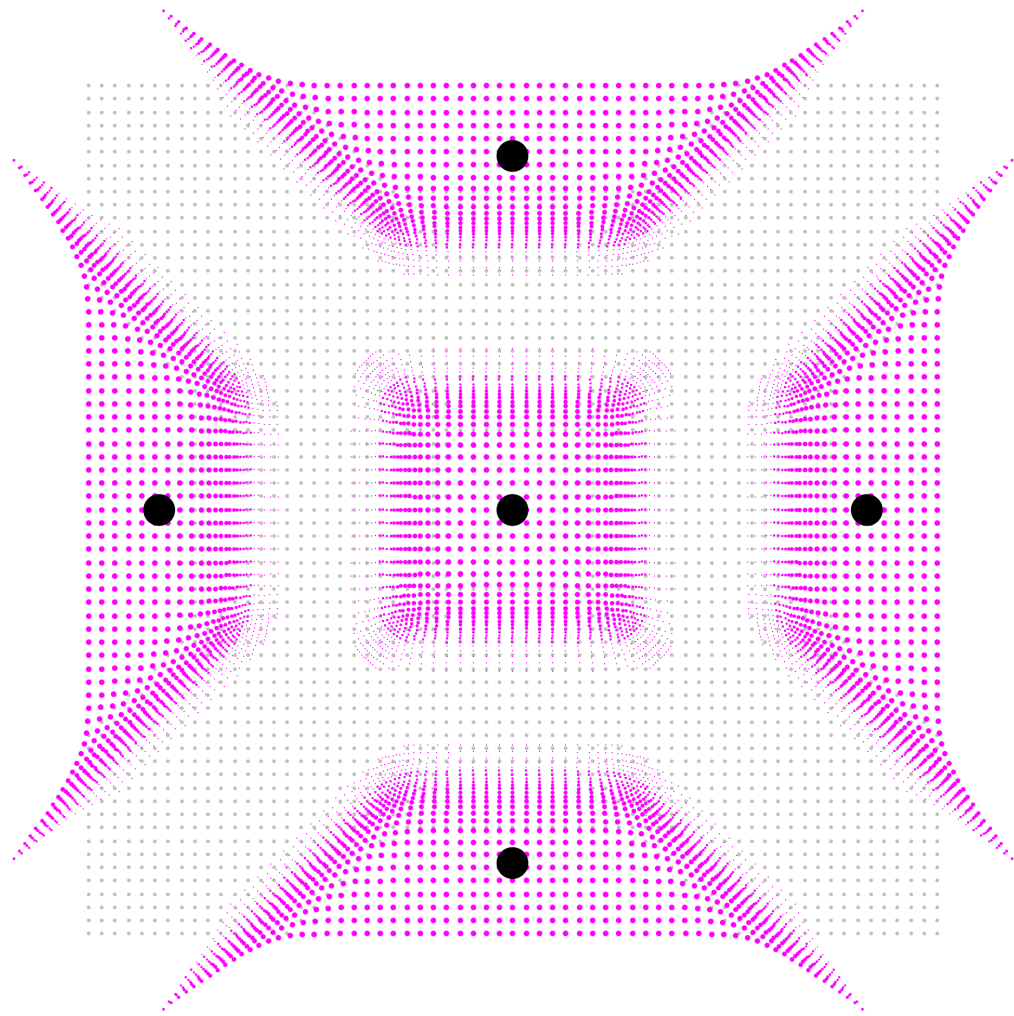
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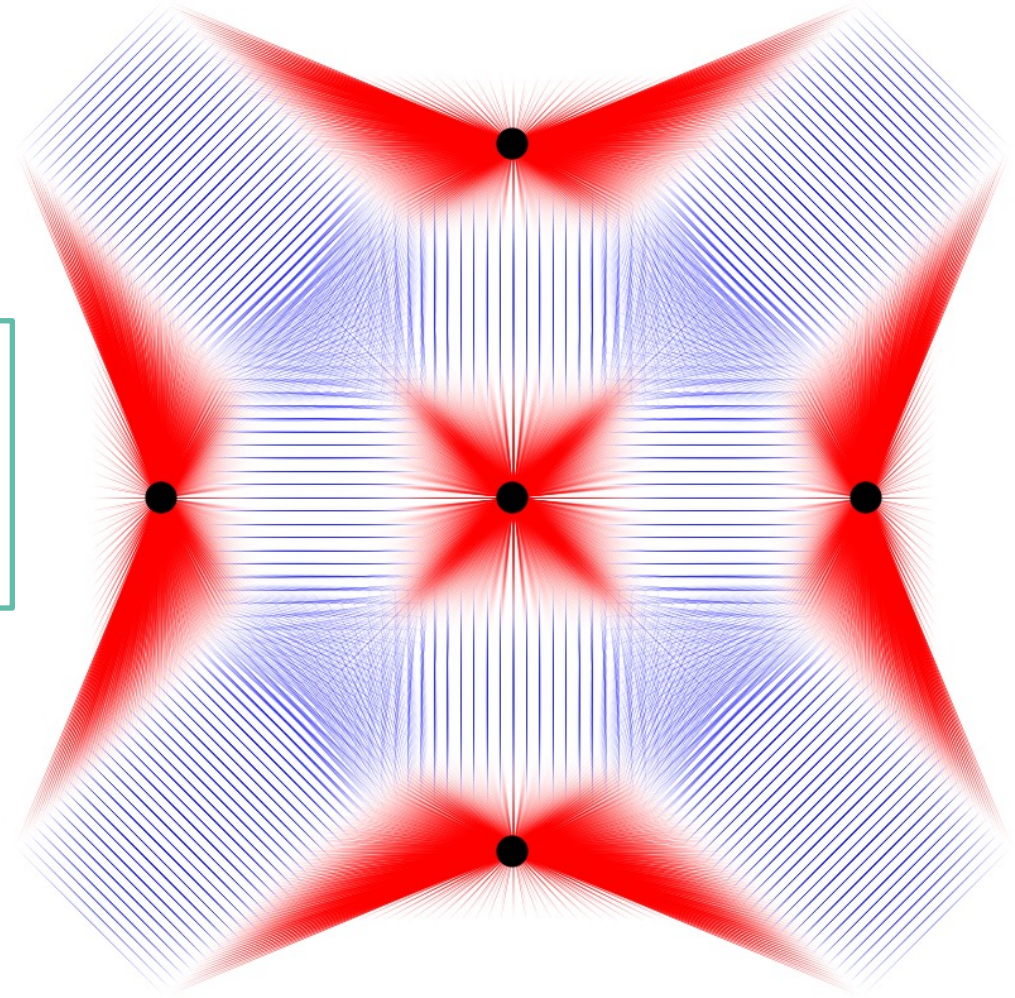
- $\varepsilon = 0.005$
- iter: 76
- CPU time: 0.27s



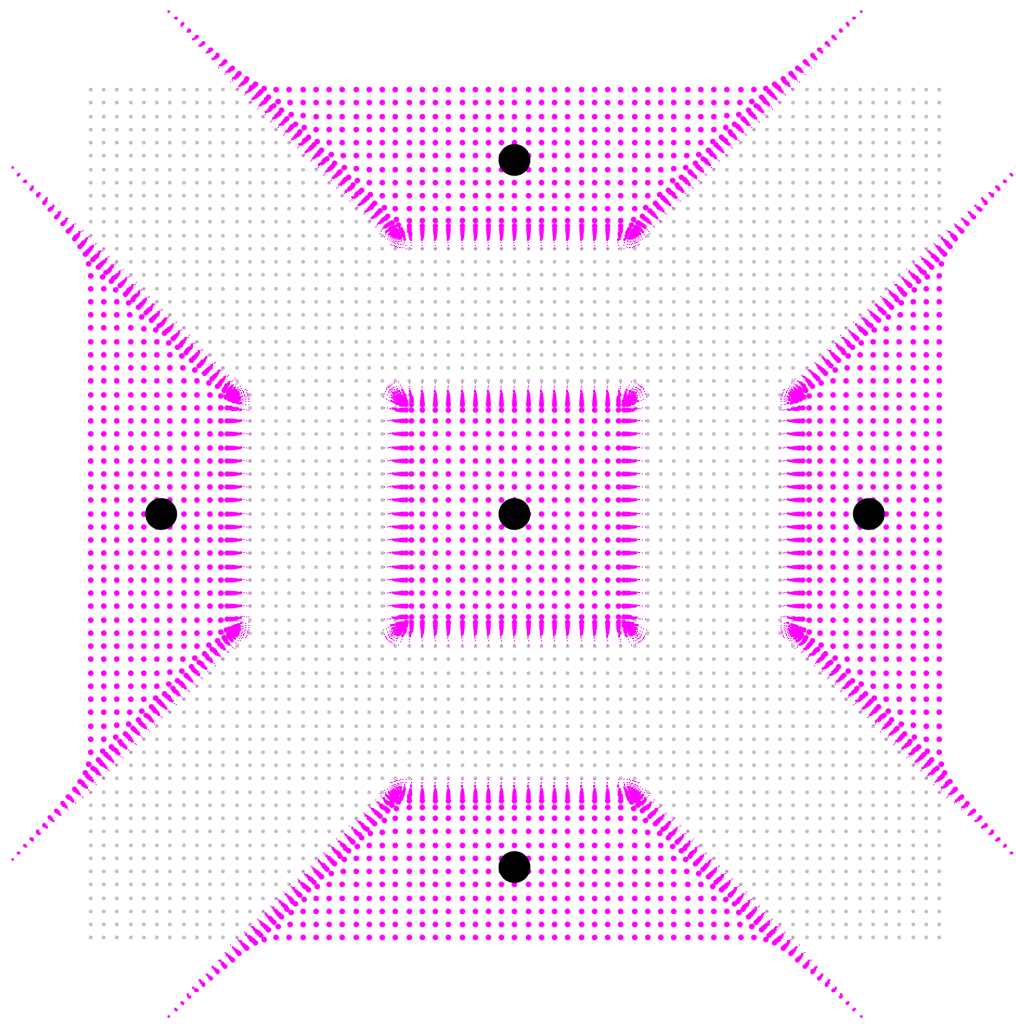
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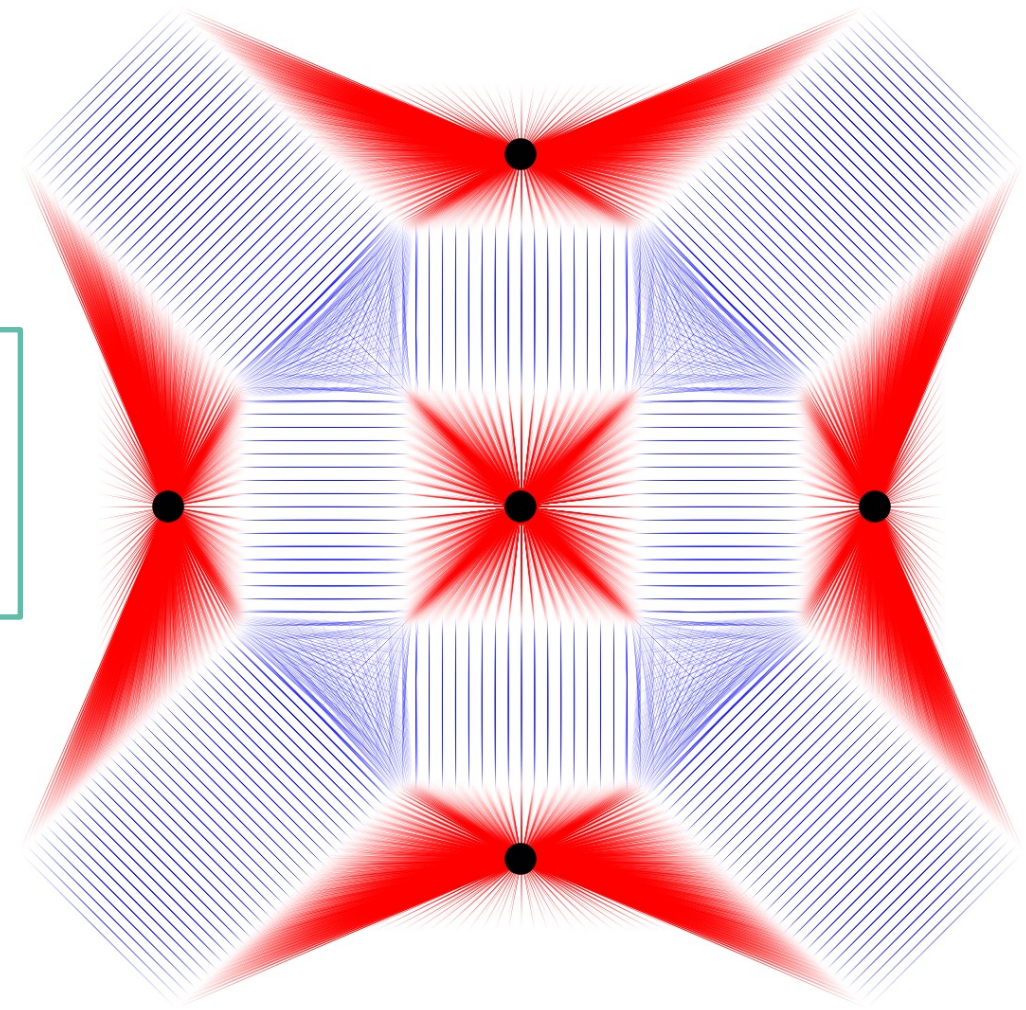
- $\varepsilon = 0.003$
- iter: 125
- CPU time: 0.41s



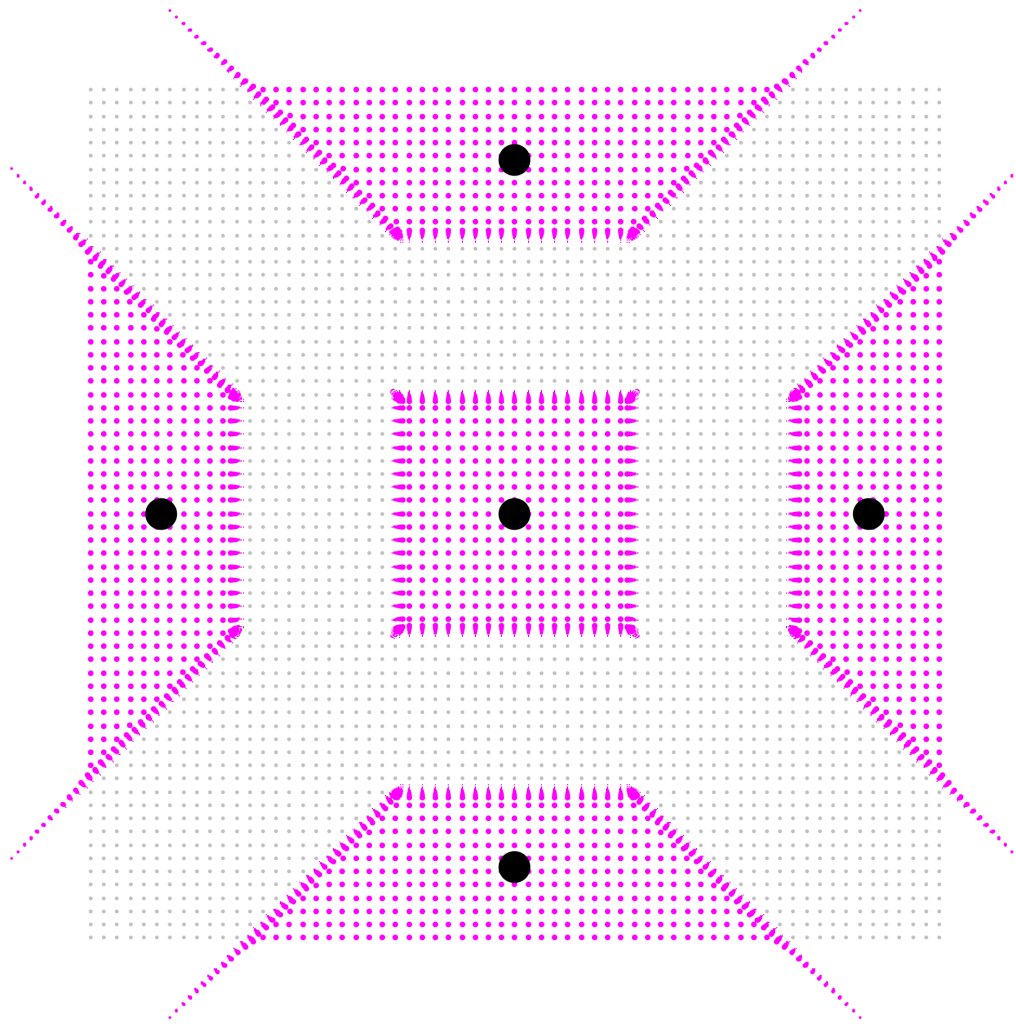
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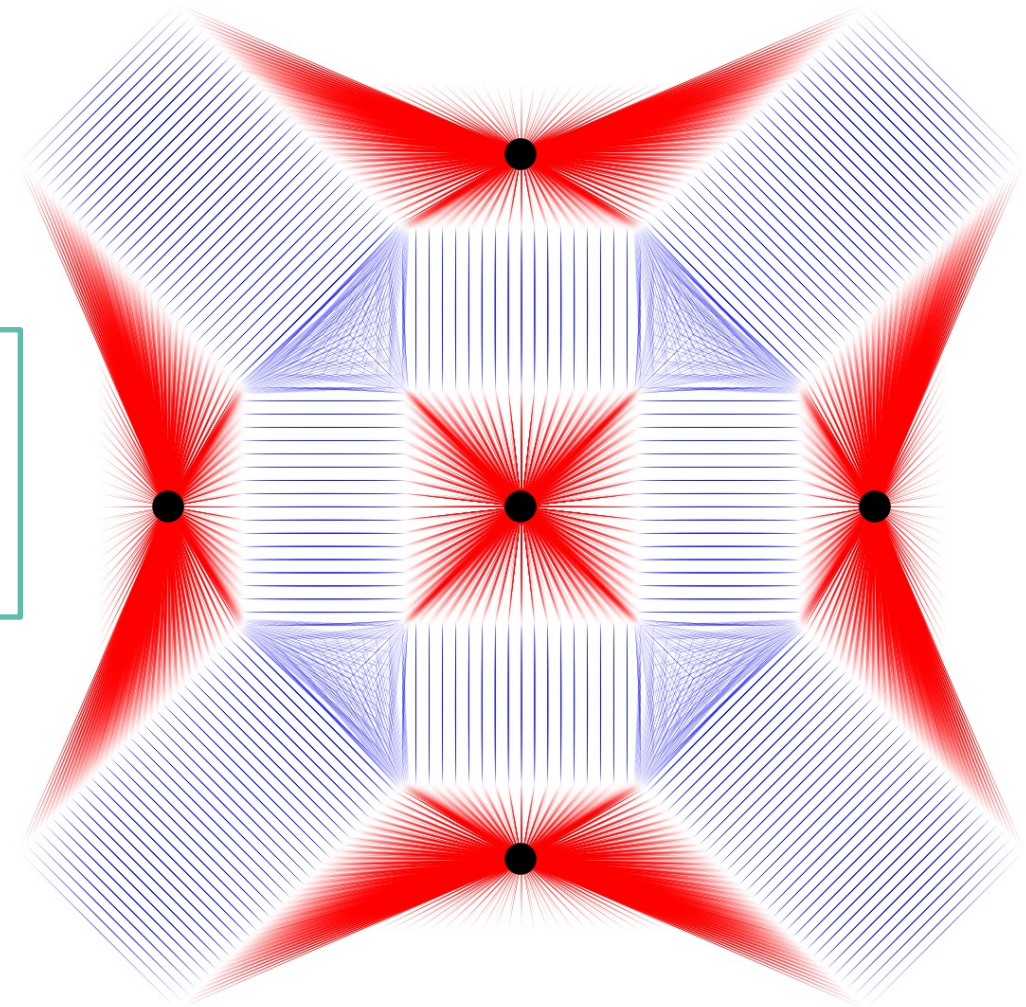
- $\varepsilon = 0.001$
- iter: 341
- CPU time: 1.1s



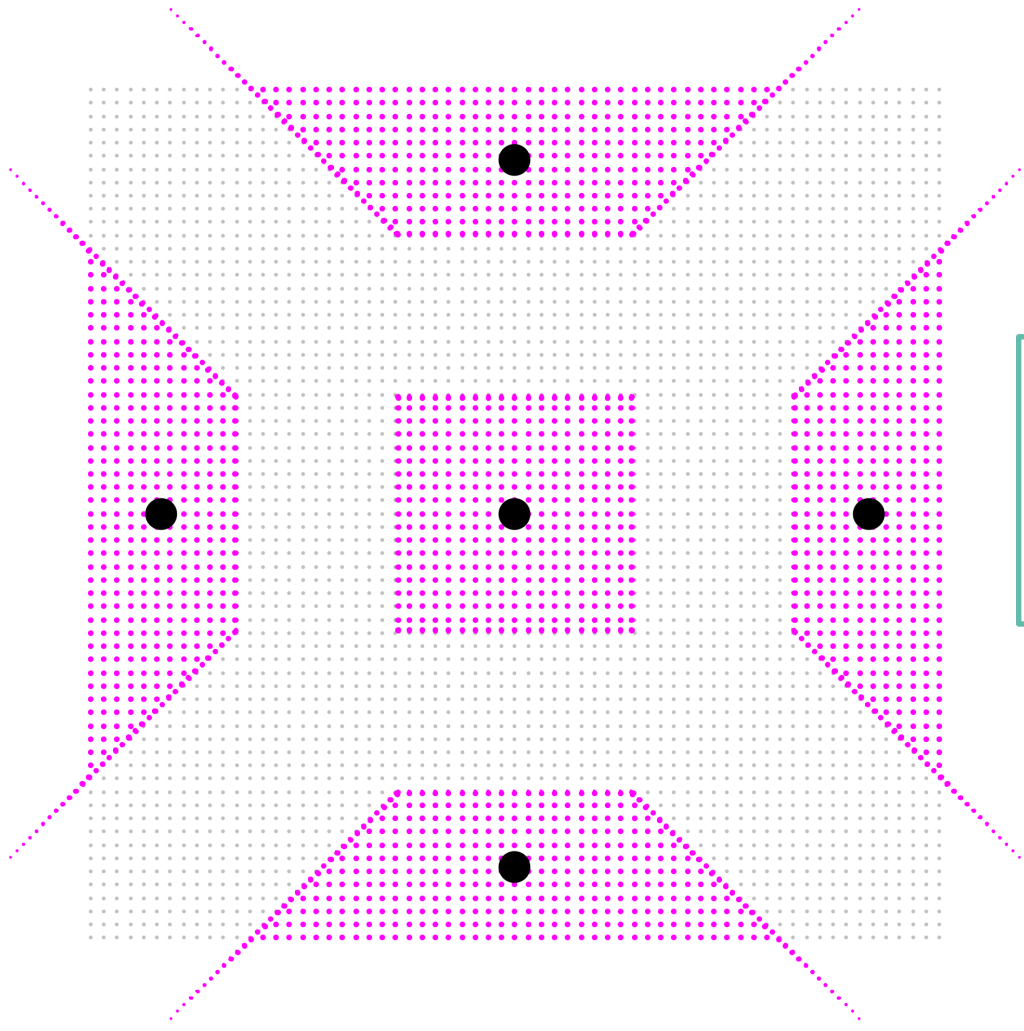
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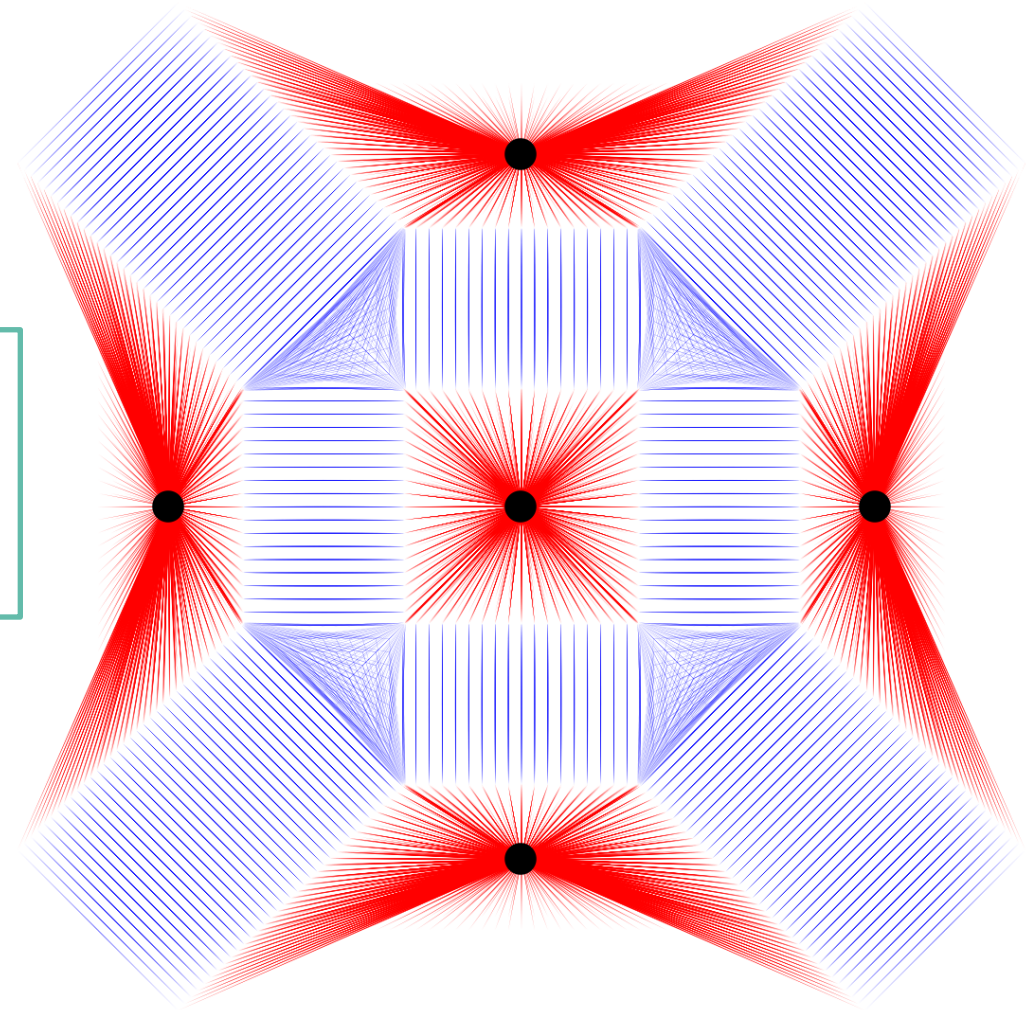
- $\varepsilon = 0.0005$
- iter: 646
- CPU time: 2.1s



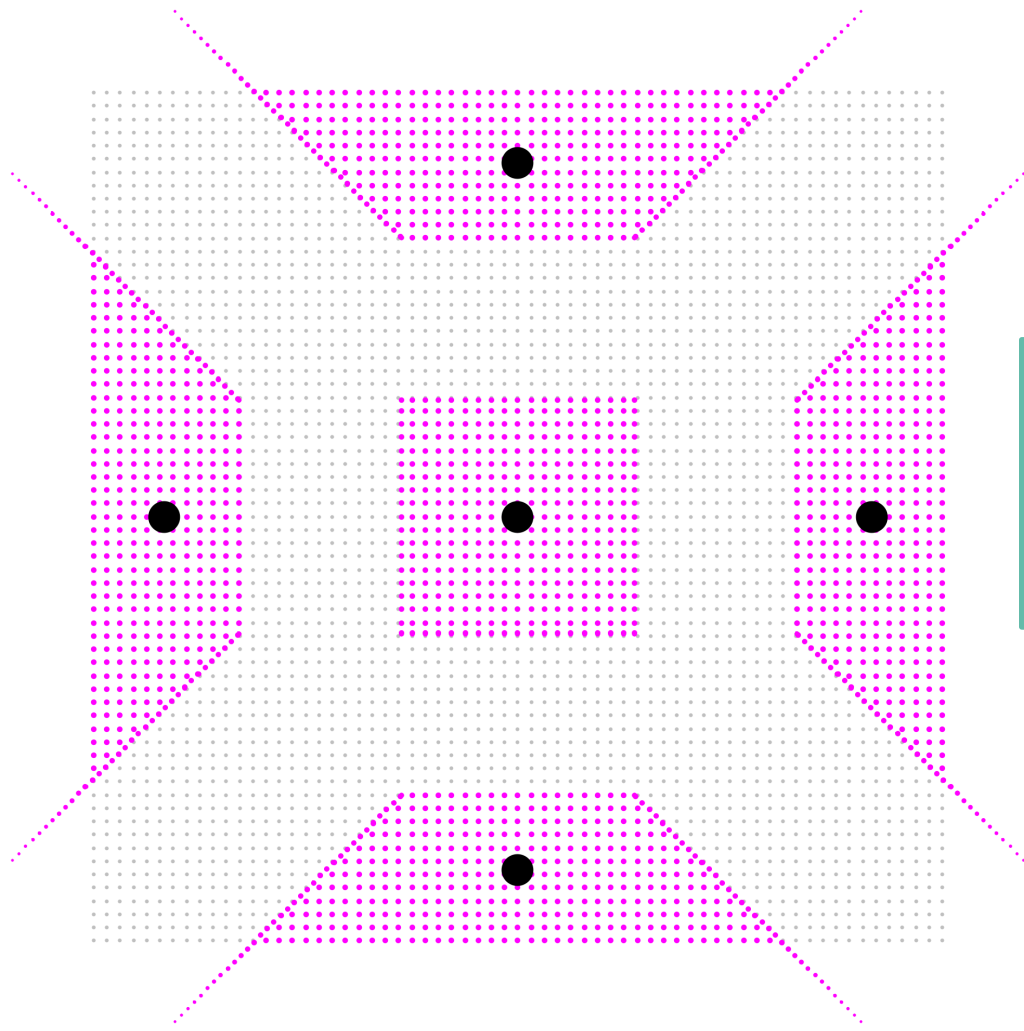
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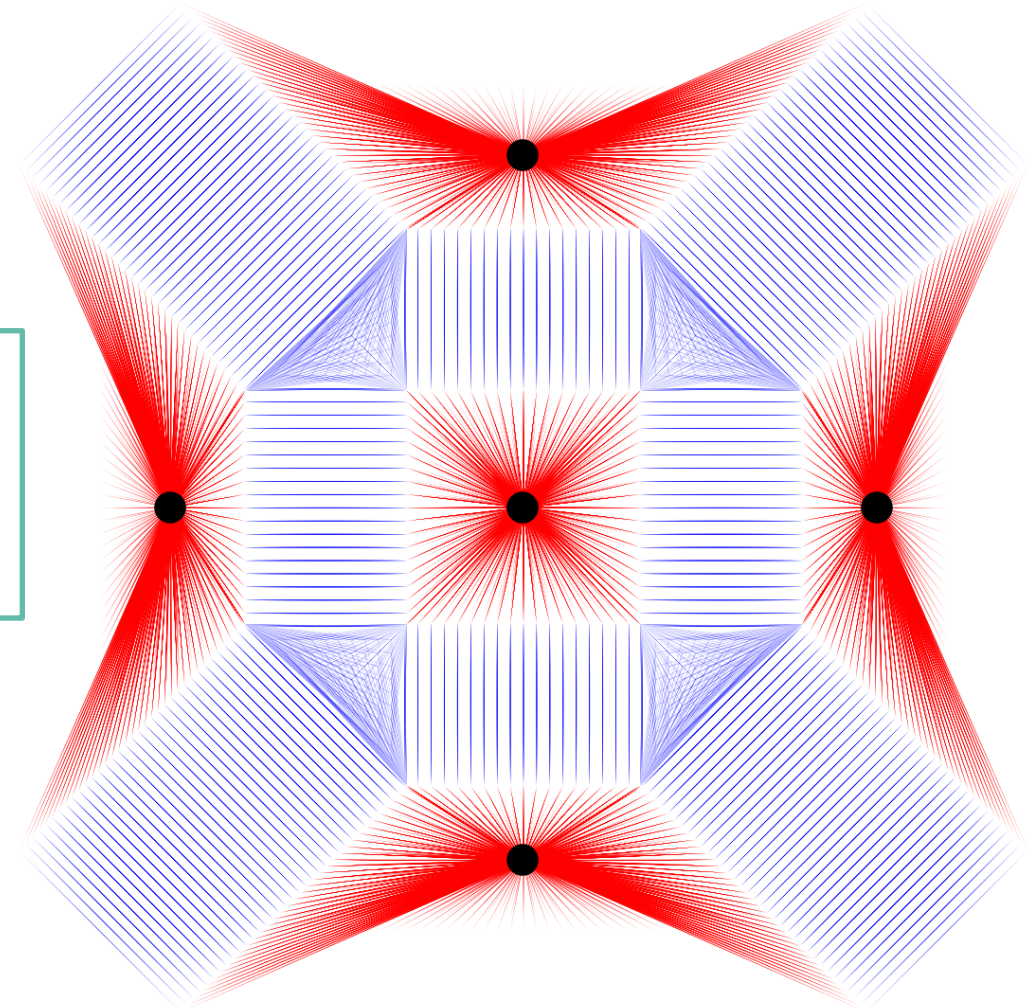
- $\varepsilon = 0.0001$
- iter: 2819
- CPU time: 7.5s



Solution by (modified) Sinkhorn algorithm



- $\varepsilon = 0.00001$
- iter: 23044
- CPU time: 60s



Thank you for your attention!