

# The Rare Eclipse Problem on Tiles: Quantized Embeddings of Disjoint Convex Sets

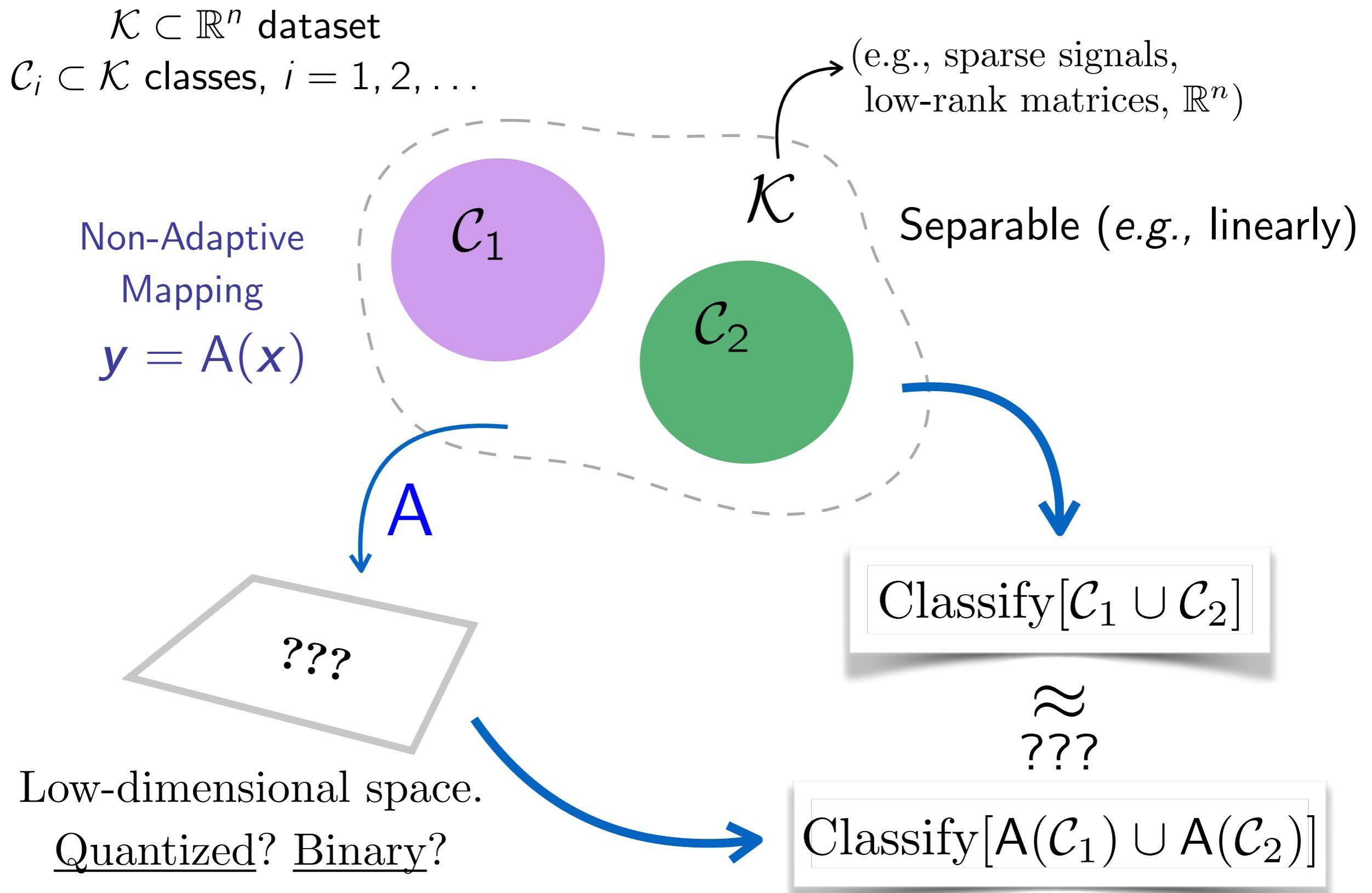
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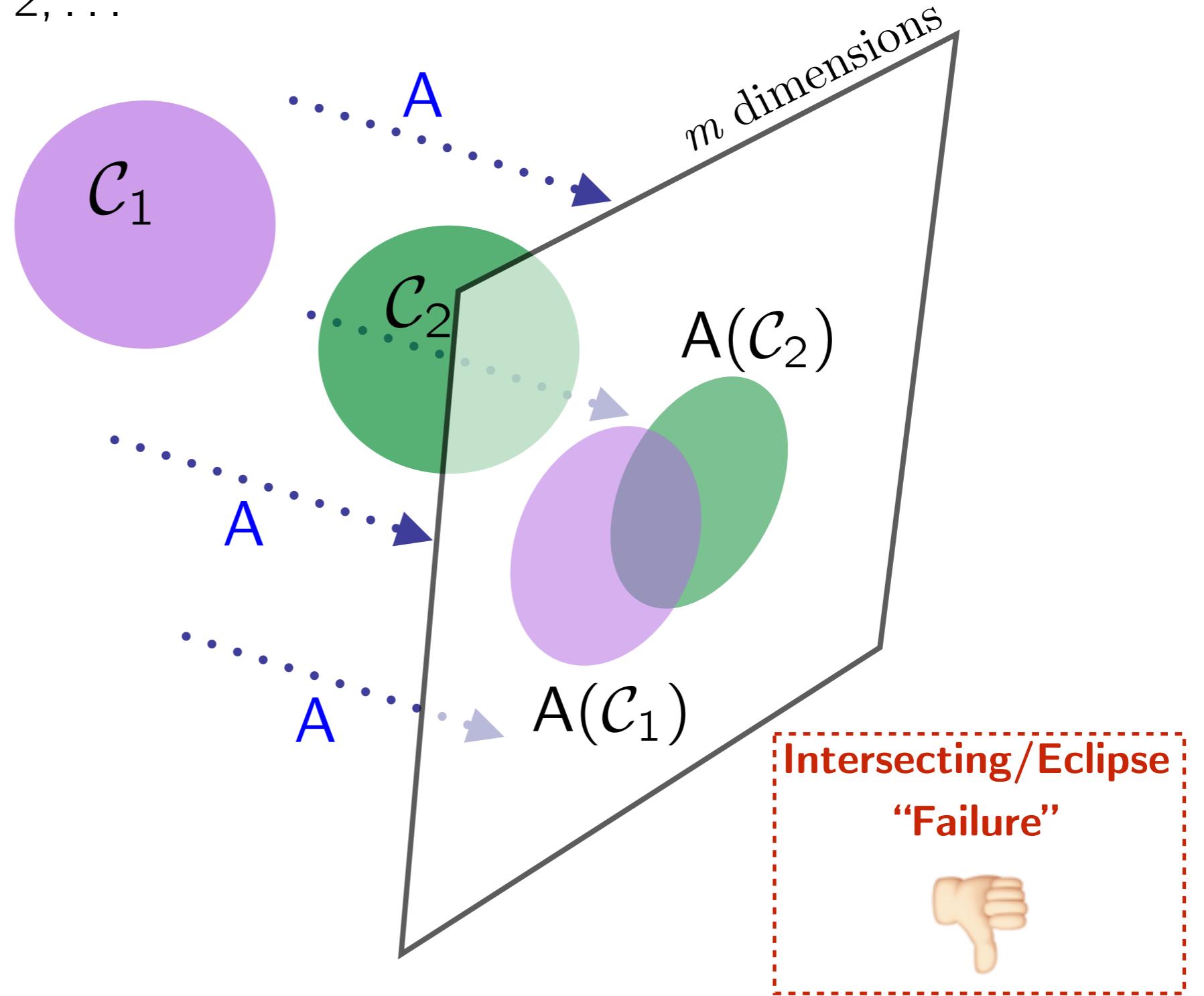


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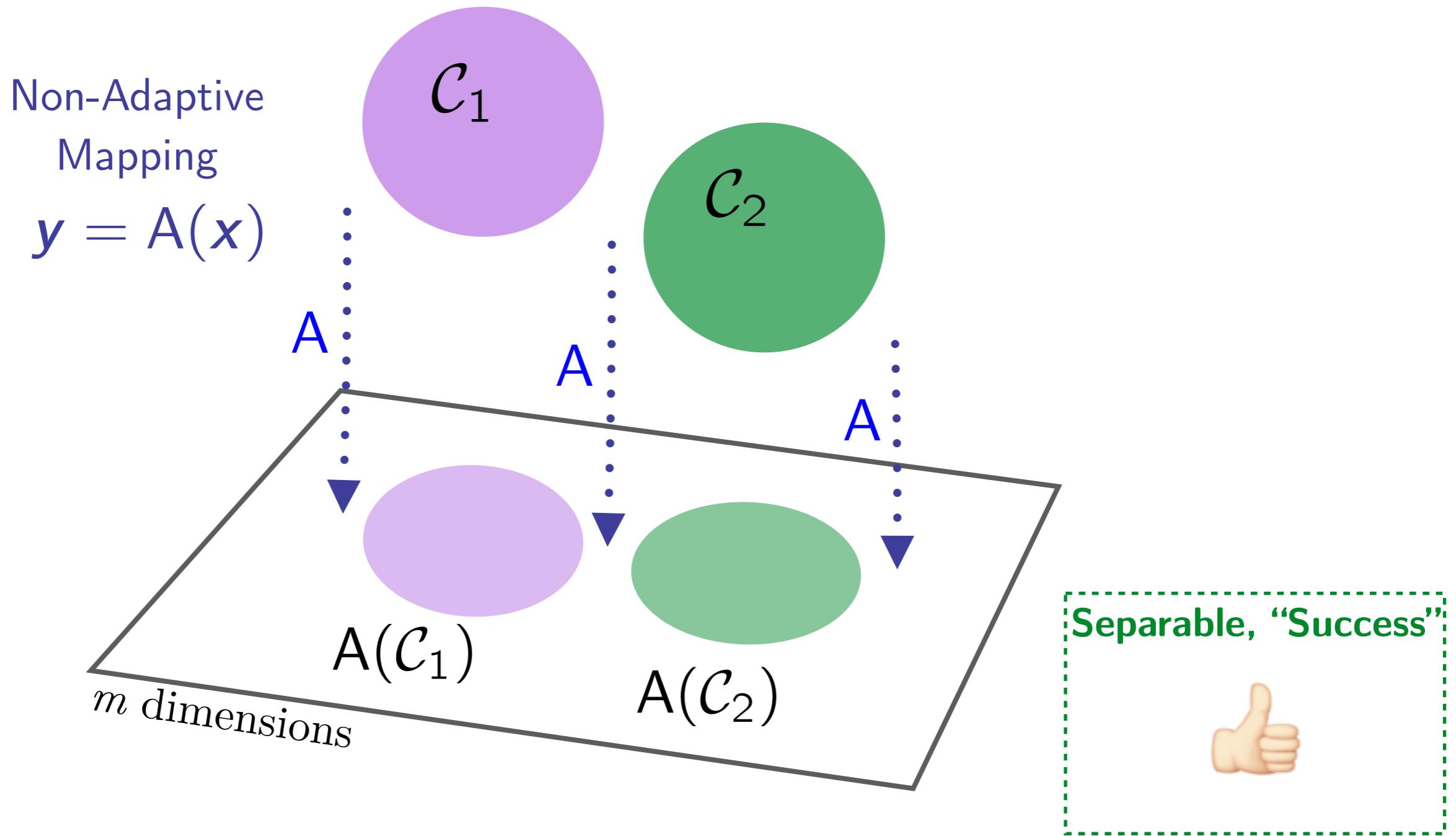
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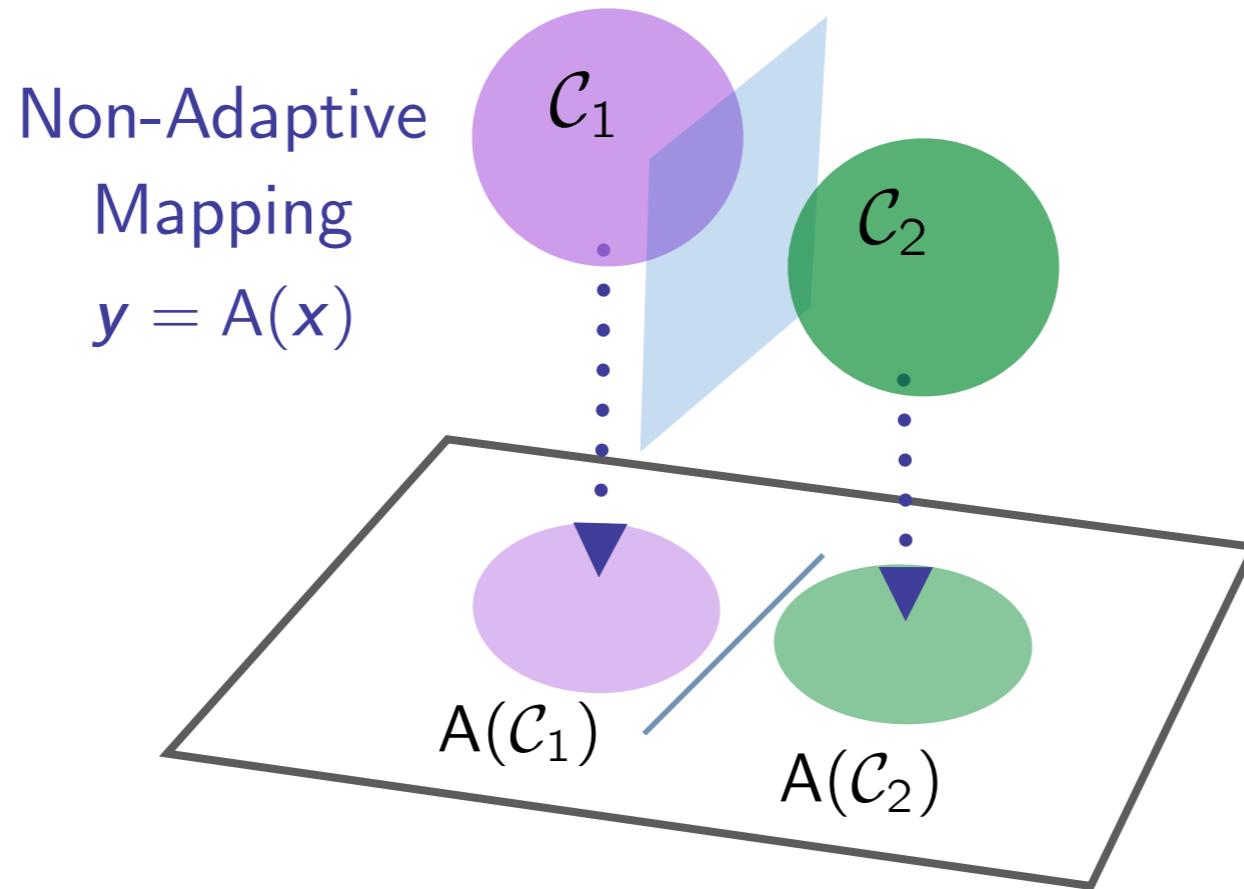
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How does the *probability of error* of a (generic) learning task depend on  $m, A, \mathcal{K}$ ? What if  $A$  is (*mildly*) non-linear?



*Related works on “(linear) compressive classification”:*

Davenport *et al.* '07-'10, Haupt *et al.* '06,

Reboredo *et al.* '13-'16,

Bandeira, Mixon, Recht '14 [BMR '14]

# The Linear Case

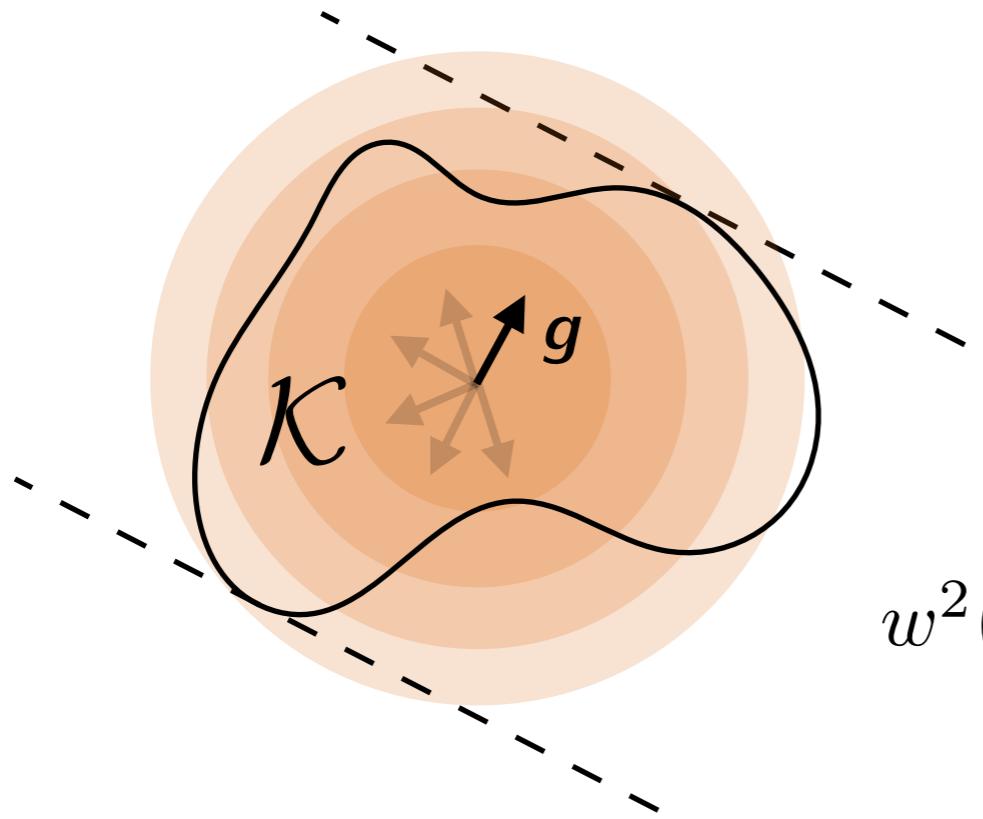
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# Parenthesis: Useful Tool

## Gaussian Width (GW):

Let  $\mathcal{K} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $g \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, I_n)$ ,

$$w(\mathcal{K}) = \mathbb{E}_g \sup_{x \in \mathcal{K}} |\langle x, g \rangle|$$



Examples:

$$w^2(\mathcal{K}) \lesssim \log |\mathcal{K}|$$

$$w^2(\mathbb{B}^n) \lesssim n$$

$$w^2(\Sigma_k^n \cap \mathbb{B}^n) \lesssim k \log(n/k)$$

$$w^2(\mathcal{M}_r \cap \mathbb{B}_F^{n \times n}) \lesssim rn$$

$$w^2(\bigcup_{i=1}^T \mathcal{K}_i) \lesssim \log T + \max_i w^2(\mathcal{K}_i)$$

⋮

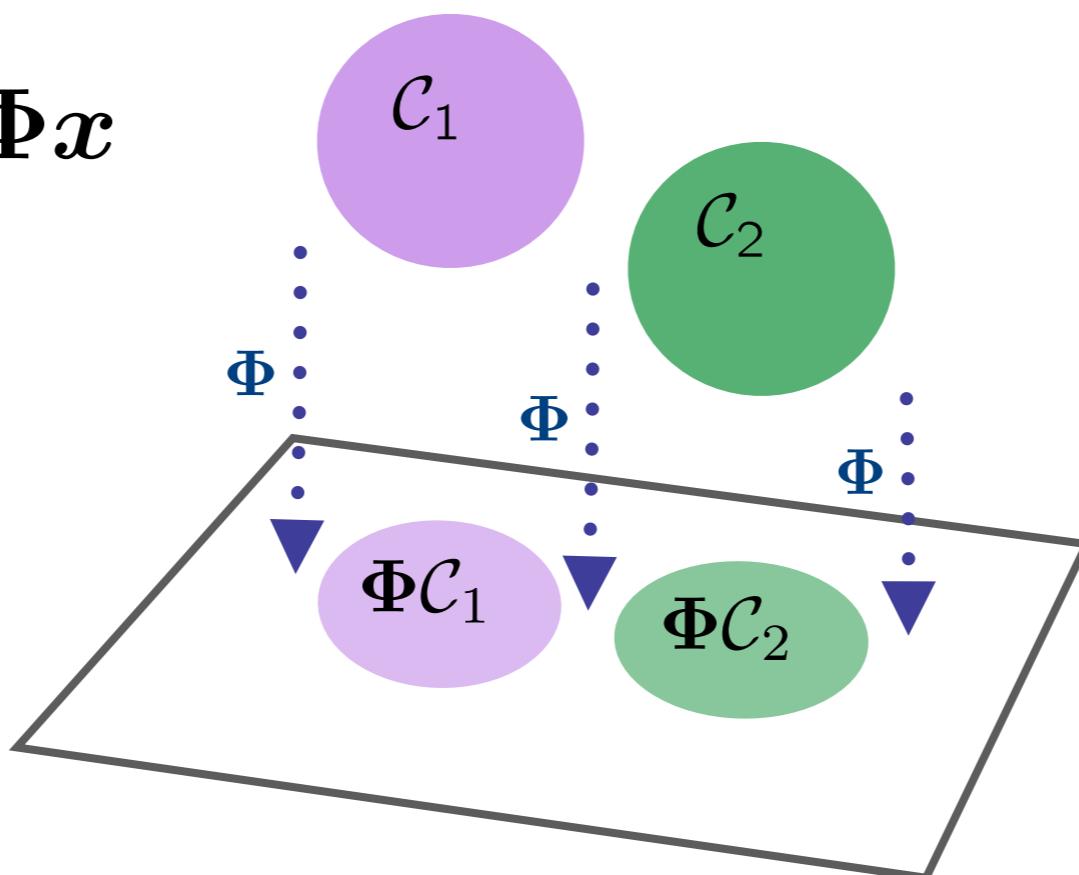
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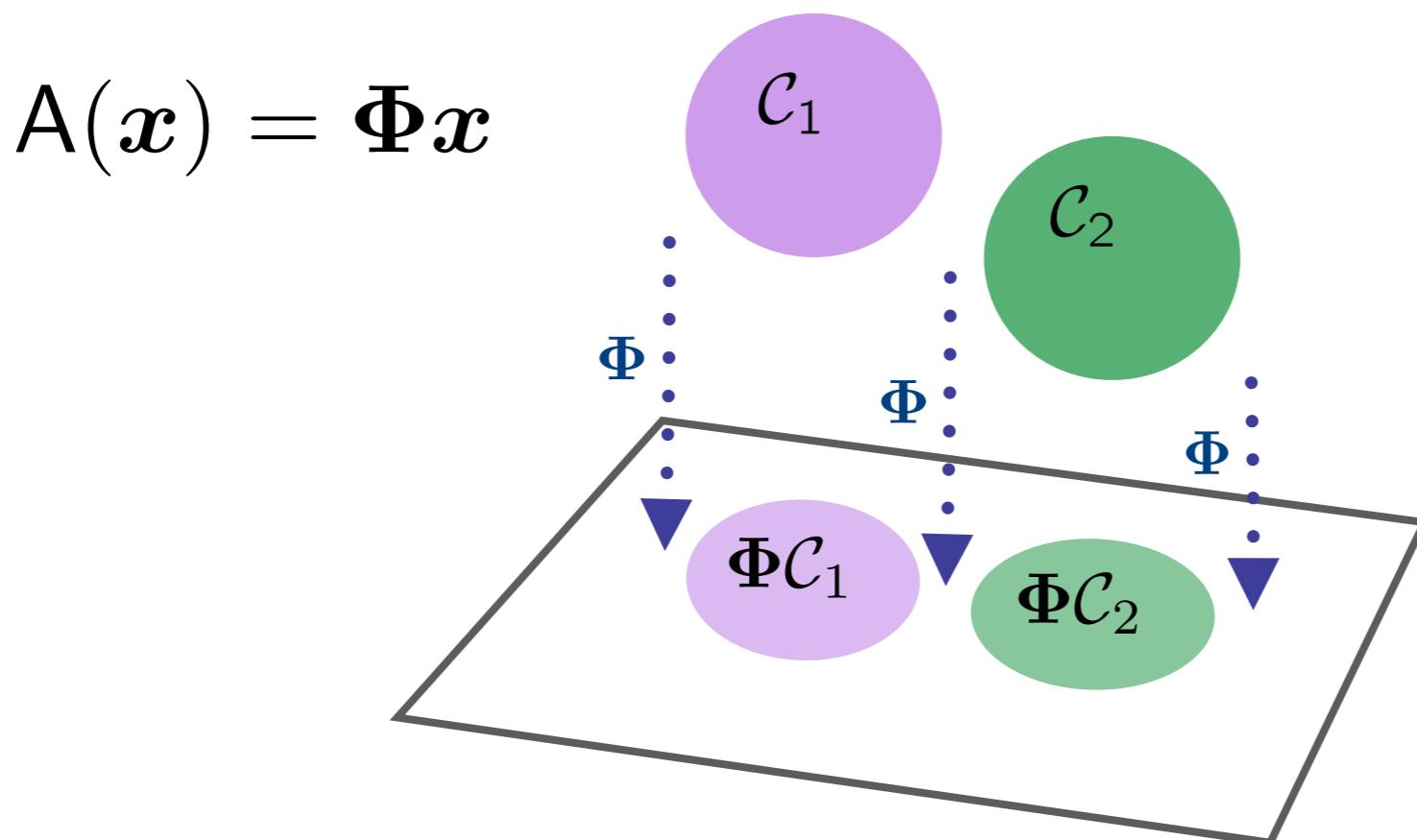


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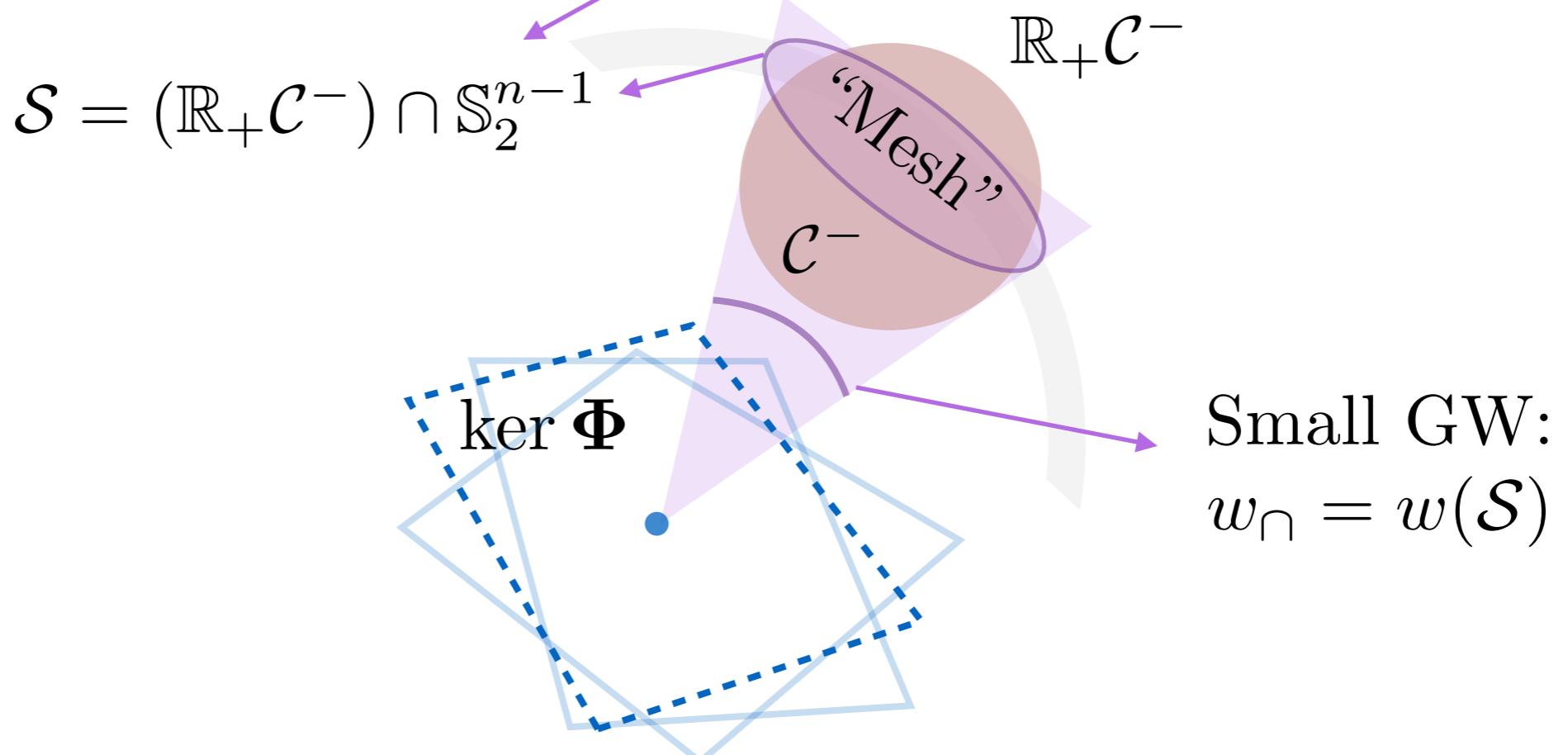


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Small GW:  
 $w_{\cap} = w(\mathcal{S})$

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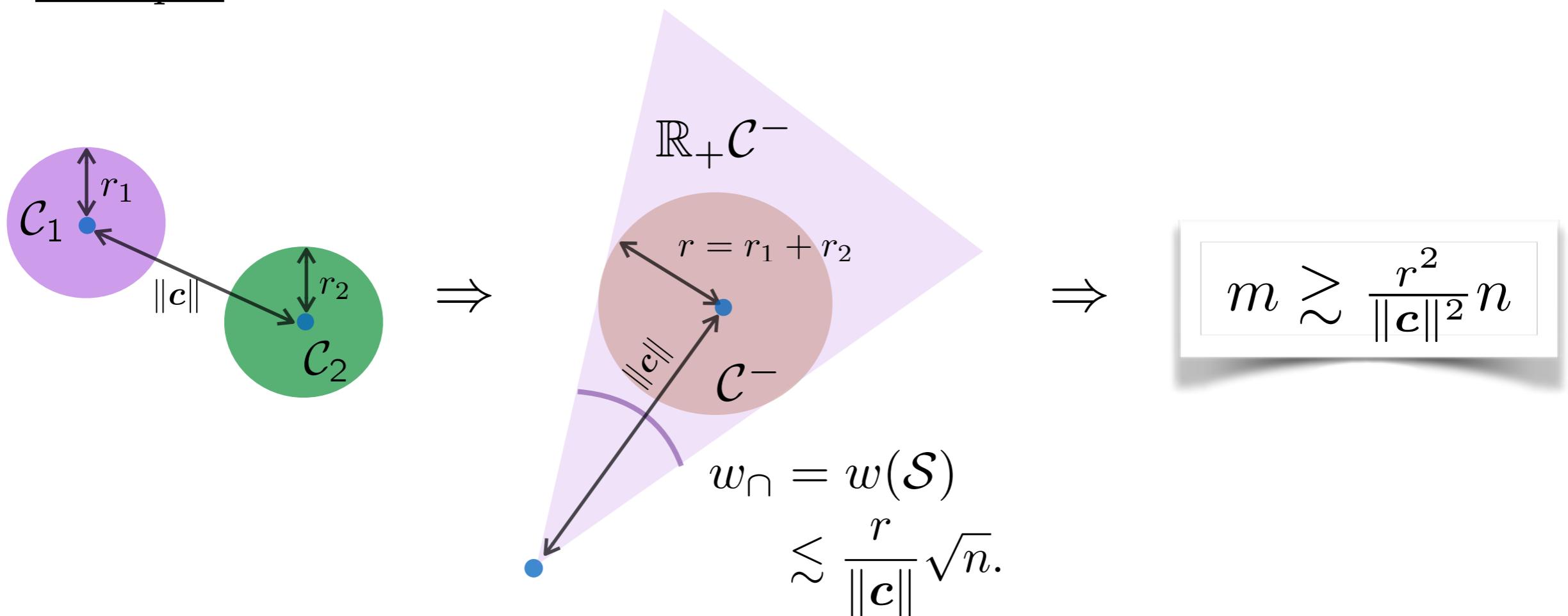
BMR '14: “Gordon’s escape through a mesh” theorem

**Proposition** (Corollary 3.1 in BMR '14).

(& *really* tight [Amelunxen et al, 13])

Given  $\eta \in (0, 1)$ , if  $m > (w_{\cap} + \sqrt{2 \log \frac{1}{\eta}})^2 + 1$  then  $p_0 \geq 1 - \eta$ .

Example:



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[Schechtman, 06] [Plan, Vershynin, 14]

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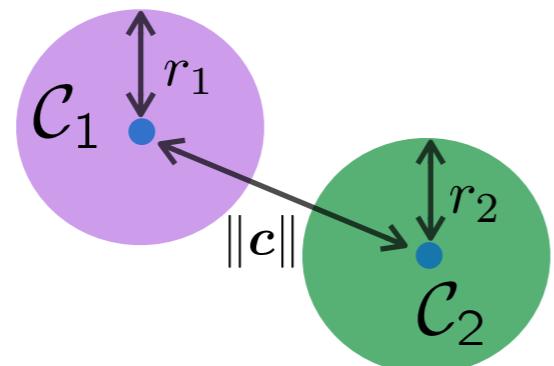
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Therefore:

For  $\mathcal{S} = (\mathbb{R}^+ \mathcal{C}^-) \cap \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$ , if  $m \gtrsim \epsilon^{-2} w_\cap^2$ , w.h.p<sup>\*</sup>, (P1)

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for all  $\mathbf{x}_1 \in \mathcal{C}_1$  and all  $\mathbf{x}_2 \in \mathcal{C}_2$ .



This result also explains REP!  
(but less sharply)

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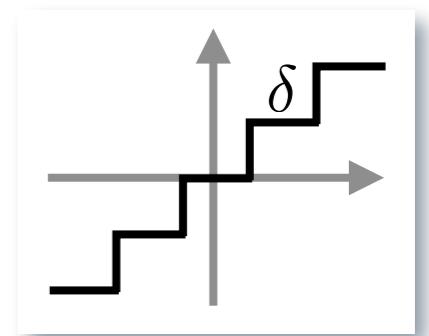
# The Quantized Case

This work

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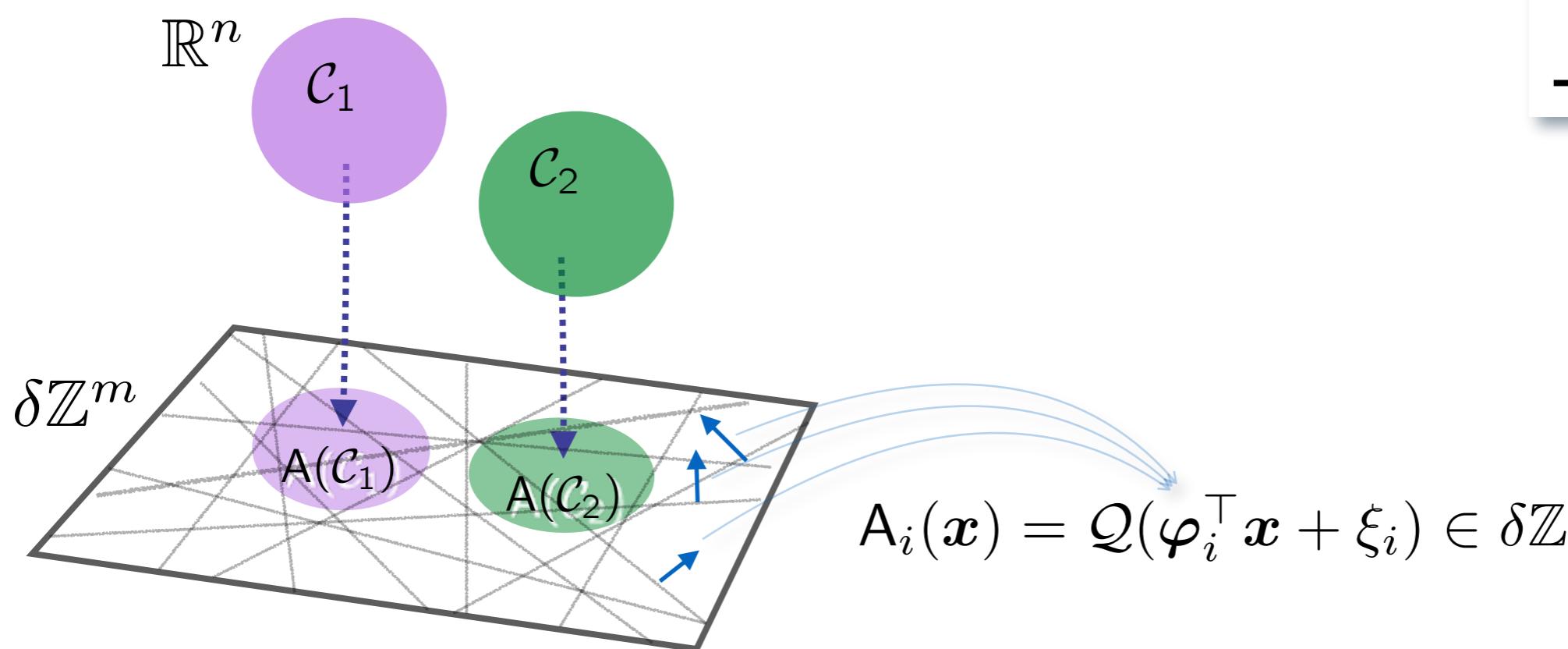
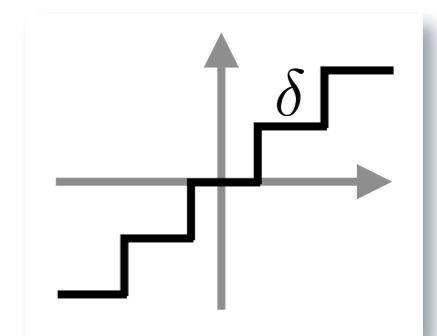
- QDRM = *compact* signatures for storage/transmission/processing.
- *Dithering* makes quantizer “transparent”:  $\mathbb{E}_{\xi \sim \mathcal{U}([0,1])} \lfloor \lambda + \xi \rfloor = \lambda$
- Results exist on *quasi-isometric embeddings* (LJ '15-'17) and “quantized” RIP (inherited from RIP, LJ, VC '17) with *additive and multiplicative* distortions decaying when  $m$  increases.

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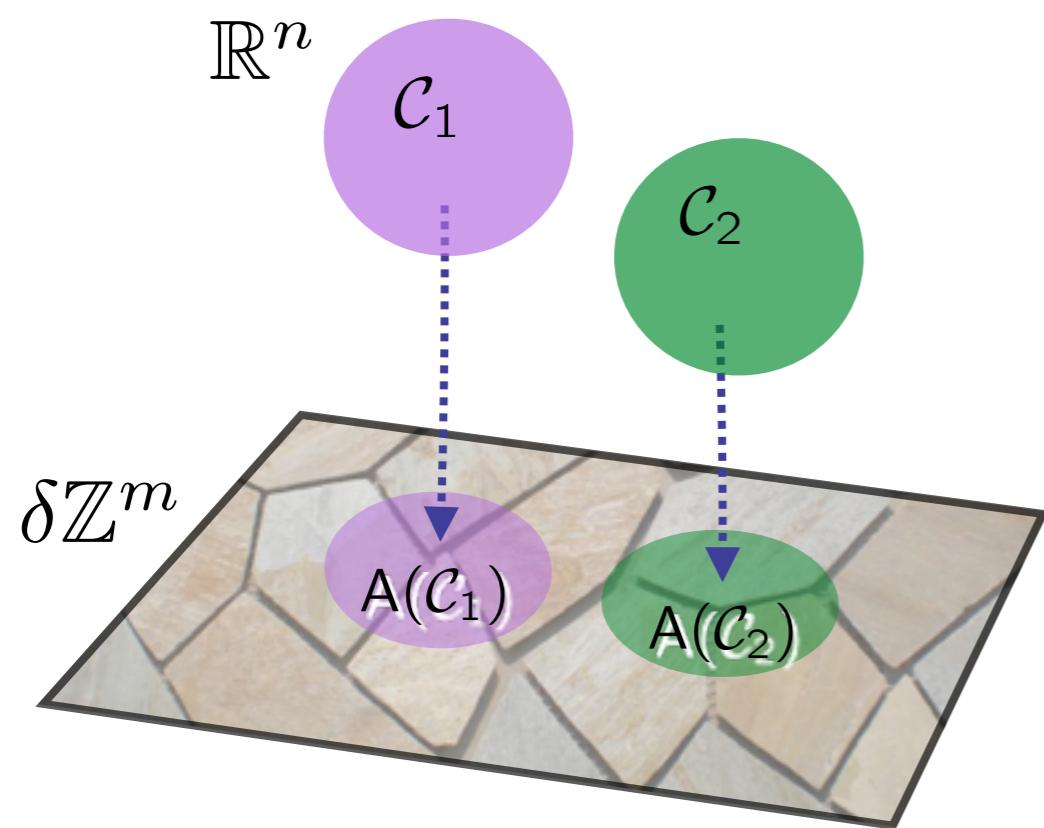
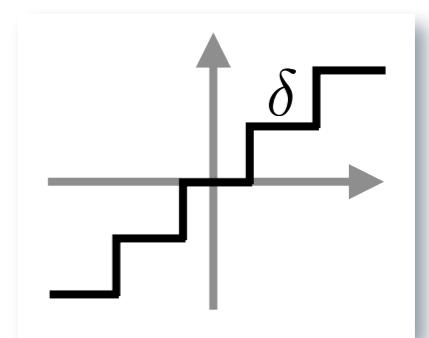
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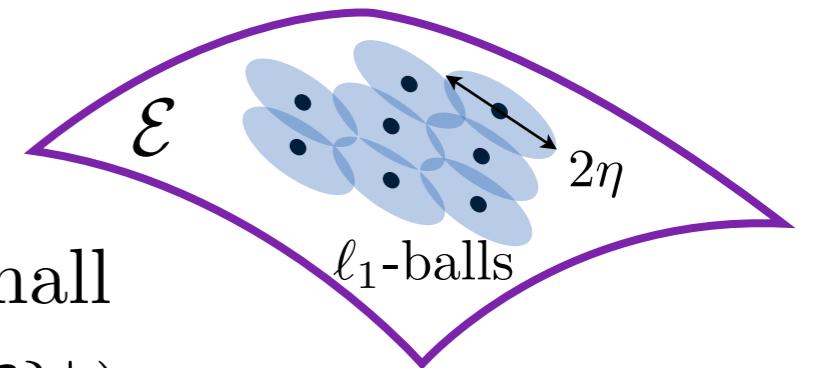
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Embedding  $\mathcal{E} \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  into  $\delta \mathbb{Z}^m$  with

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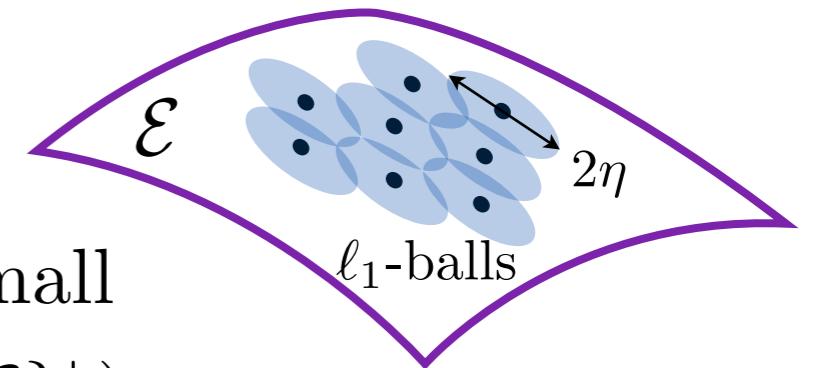
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Given  $\epsilon > 0$ , if  $m \gtrsim \epsilon^{-2} \mathcal{H}_1(\mathcal{E}, \frac{m\delta\epsilon^2}{1+\epsilon})$ , then, w.h.p\*, for all  $\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2 \in \mathcal{E}$  and some  $c > 0$ , (P2)

$$\|\mathbf{y}_1 - \mathbf{y}_2\|_1 - c\delta\epsilon \leq \frac{1}{m} \|\mathbf{A}'(\mathbf{y}_1) - \mathbf{A}'(\mathbf{y}_2)\|_1 \leq \|\mathbf{y}_1 - \mathbf{y}_2\|_1 + c\delta\epsilon.$$

Remarks: ○ For  $\mathcal{E} = \Phi\mathcal{K}$  and  $\Phi$  an  $(\ell_1, \ell_2)$ -RIP( $\mathcal{K} - \mathcal{K}, \epsilon'$  < 1),

$$\mathcal{H}_1(\mathcal{E}, 2m\eta) \leq \mathcal{H}_2(\mathcal{K}, \eta) \quad (\text{P3})$$

○  $\mathcal{H}_2$  is bounded for sets (cones, convex spaces, ...)

\*: [LJ, Cambareri, '16] [Cambareri, Xu, LJ, '17]

# “Rare Eclipse Problem on Tiles”

Combining (P1), (P2) and (P3) (with  $A = A' \circ \Phi$ ) gives:

Given  $\sigma := \min_{z \in \mathcal{C}_-} \|z\|$  and  $w_\cap = w((\mathbb{R}_+ \mathcal{C}_-) \cap \mathbb{S}^{n-1})$ .

Provided

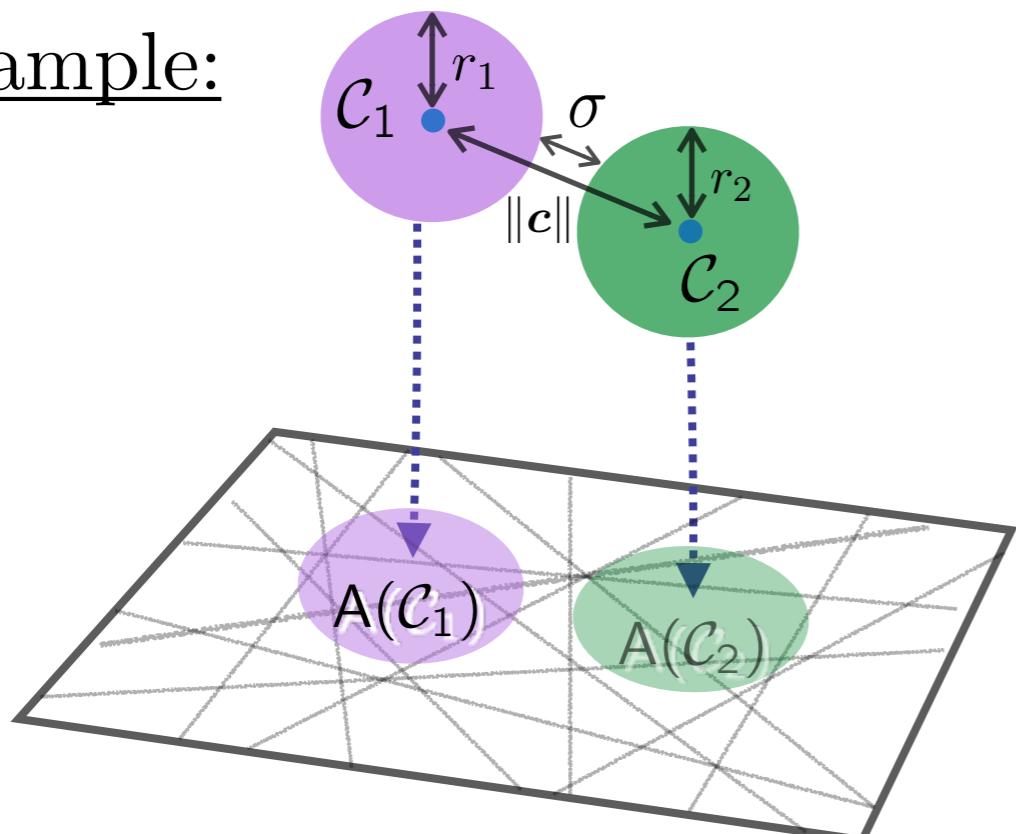
$$m \gtrsim \left( w_\cap^2 + n \frac{\delta^2}{\sigma^2} \right) \left( 1 + \log \left( 1 + \frac{rm}{\delta n} \right) + w_\cap^{-2} \log \frac{1}{\eta} \right),$$

linear      quantiz.      proof artifact?      linear

we have

$$\mathbb{P}[A(\mathcal{C}_1) \cap A(\mathcal{C}_2) = \emptyset] \geqslant 1 - \eta.$$

Example:



$$\Rightarrow m \gtrsim \left( \frac{r^2}{\|\mathbf{c}\|^2} + \frac{\delta^2}{(\|\mathbf{c}\|-r)^2} \right) n$$

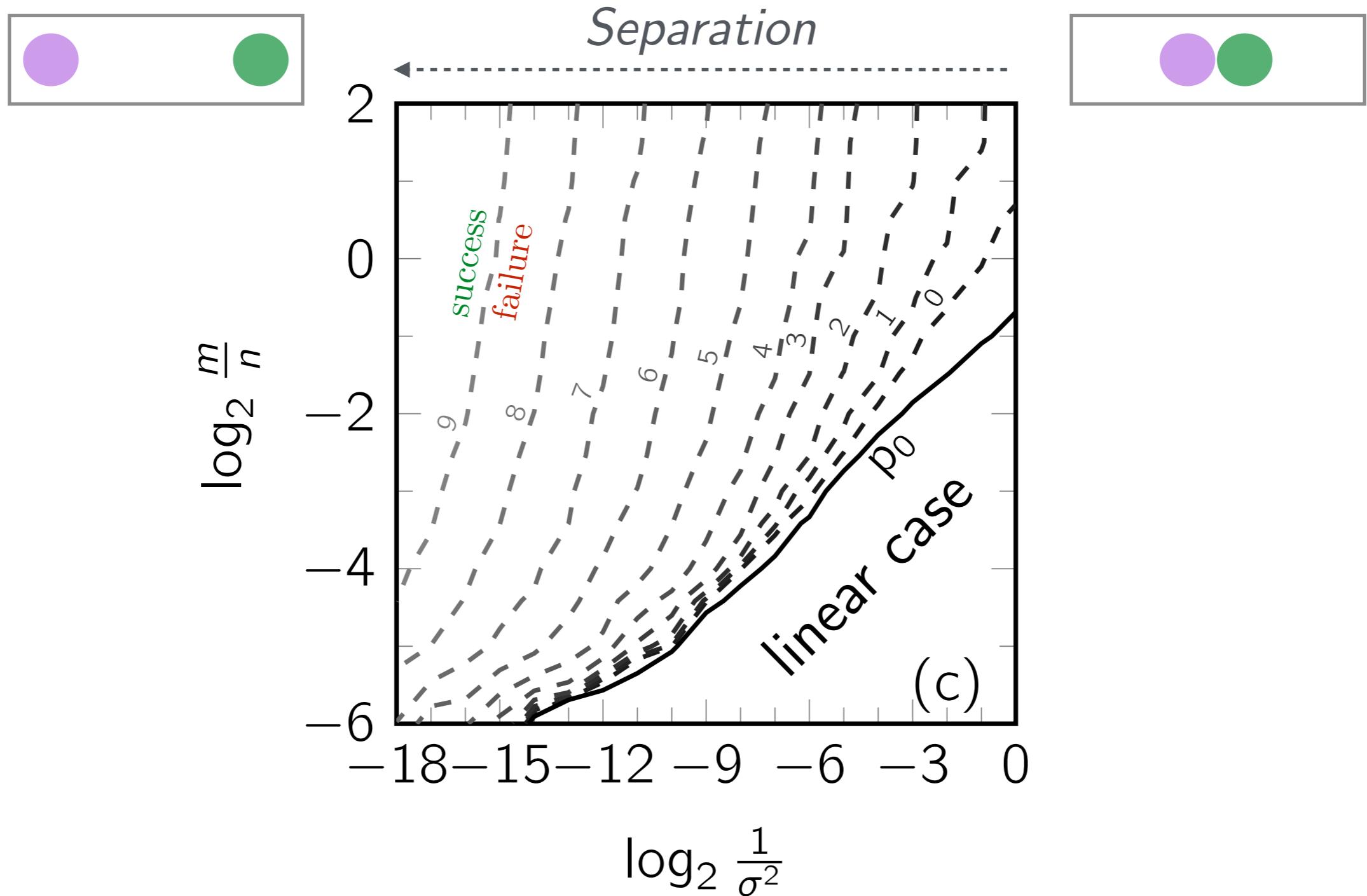
Note:  $\delta > \sigma$  is allowed (dithering effect!)  
 Note bis:  $m > n$  not specially bad ( $\delta \mathbb{Z}^m$ ).

# Simulations: Phase transition study

Empirical evaluation of a crude lower bound (with no dithering)

128 trials, randomly drawn,  $n = 64$ , fixed  $r = 1$ ,  $\delta = \{1, 2, \dots, 512\}$ .

Represented: Phase transition level-curves (at 0.9).

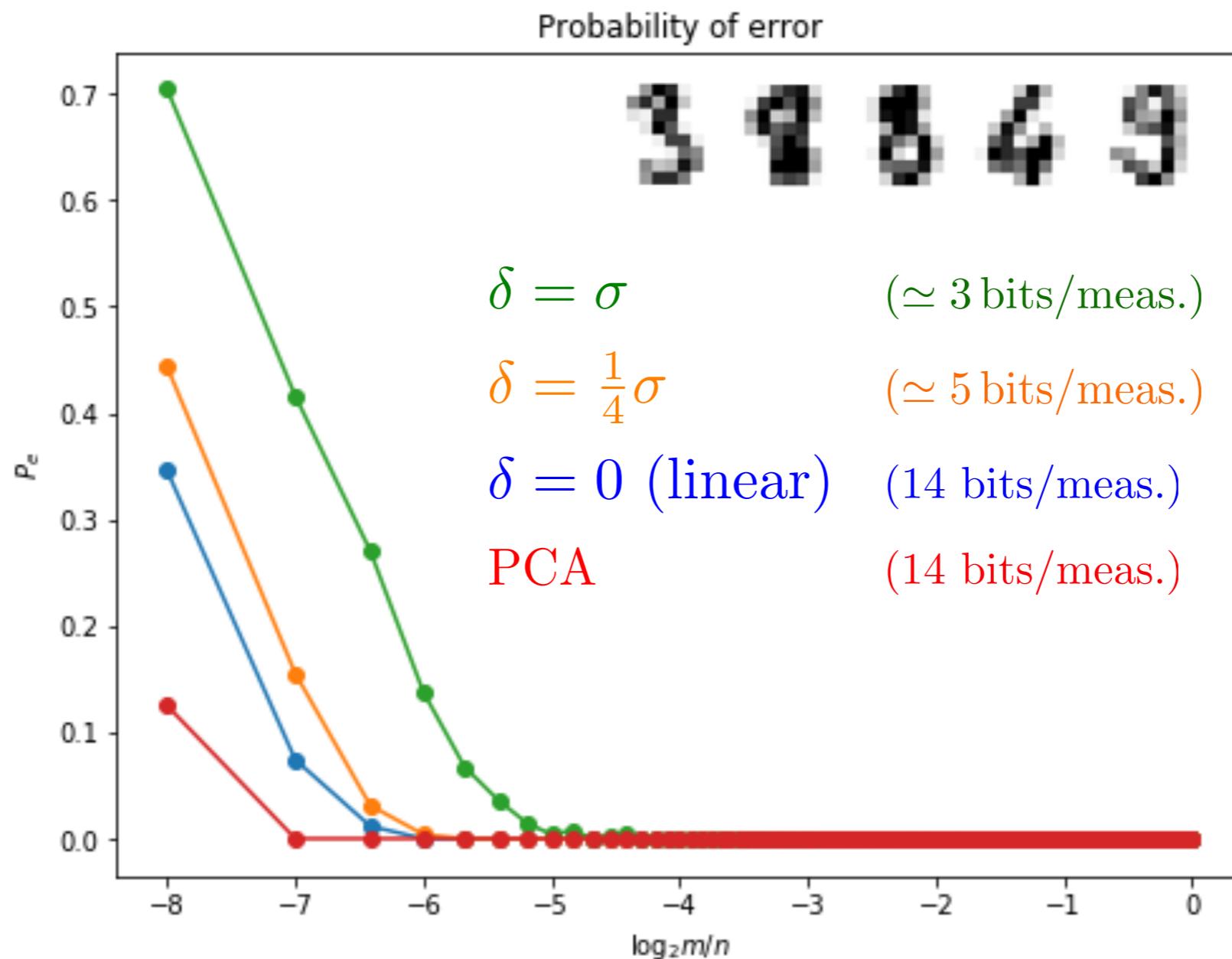


# Simulations: Digit dataset (from scikit learn)

10 handwritten digits, 8x8 pixels ( $n=64$ ), samples/class  $\approx 12$ .

Training/Test sets = 50%/50%.  $\sigma = \min_{i,j:i \neq j} \min_{\mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{C}_i, \mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{C}_j} \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|$

Classification: 5-NN Classifier.



Try some code out here: [github.com/VC86/MLSPbox](https://github.com/VC86/MLSPbox)

# Conclusion

- **Take-away messages:**
  - QDRMs: non-adaptive dimensionality reduction,  
preserve geometry of datasets
  - Extension of BMR '14 to QDRMs,  
with sample complexity loss in  $\frac{\delta^2}{\sigma^2} n$  (quantiz. impact)
- **Future work:**
  - Better bound and testable conditions for empirical tests.
  - Extension of result to  $\text{RIP}_{2,2}$  matrices, “fast” random matrices
  - Extension of framework to other non-linear maps (ReLU?)  
→ applicability to D/CNN with random weights [Giryes et al. 15]?

# Thank you for your attention.

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