

Graph Sparsification II: Rank one updates, Interlacing, and Barriers

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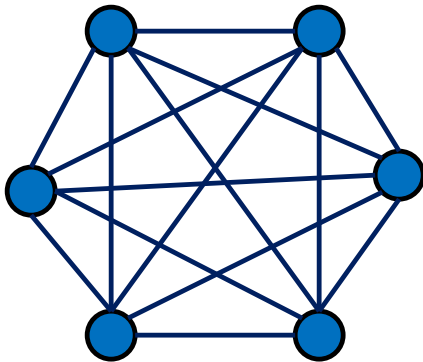
Definition. $H = (V, F, u)$ is a κ –approximation of $G = (V, E, w)$ if:

$$L_H \preceq L_G \preceq \kappa \cdot L_H$$

Theorem. Every G has a $(1 + \epsilon)$ –approximation H with $O(n \log n / \epsilon^2)$ edges. There is a nearly linear time algorithm which finds it.

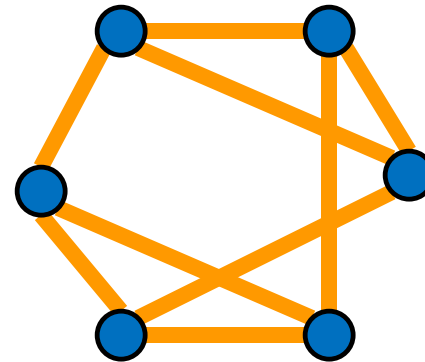
There is no $\log(n)$ here...

$G = K_n$



$$|E_G| = O(n^2)$$

$H = \text{random } d\text{-regular } \times (n/d)$



$$|E_H| = O(dn)$$

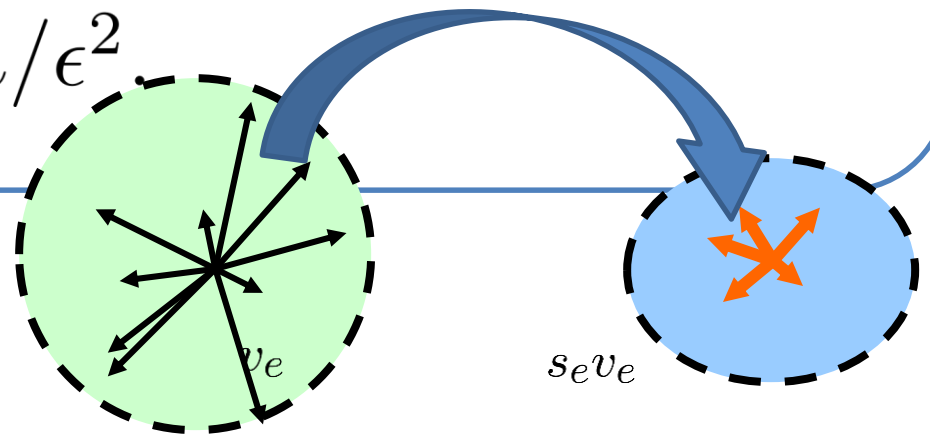
$$\forall x, \quad \frac{x^T L_G x}{x^T L_H x} \simeq 1 \pm \epsilon$$

$$d = 2/\epsilon^2$$

Proof: Approximating the Identity

Given $\sum_{i \leq m} v_i v_i^T = I_n$ there are $s_i \geq 0$ with:

- $(1 - \epsilon)I \preceq \sum_i s_i v_i v_i^T \preceq (1 + \epsilon)I$
- $\text{supp}(s) \leq n \log n / \epsilon^2$



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Suppose X_1, \dots, X_k are i.i.d. random $n \times n$ **matrices** with

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Then

$$\mathbb{P} \left[\left\| \frac{1}{k} \sum_i X_i - I \right\| \geq \epsilon \right] \leq 2n \exp \left(-\frac{k\epsilon^2}{4M} \right)$$

Shows $O \left(\frac{n \log n}{\epsilon^2} \right)$ samples suffice in \mathbf{R}^n .

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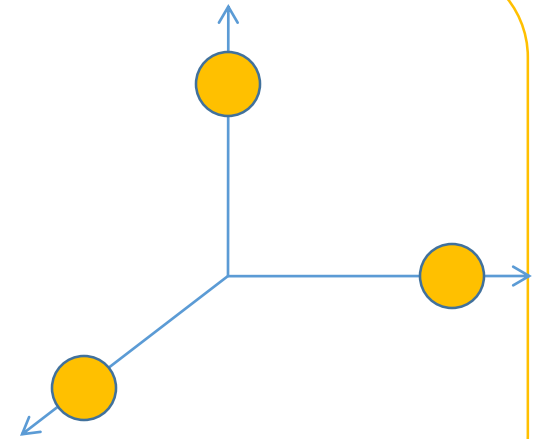
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Suppose

Simple greedy algorithm gets $O(n)$:
place next ball in emptiest bin

matrices with

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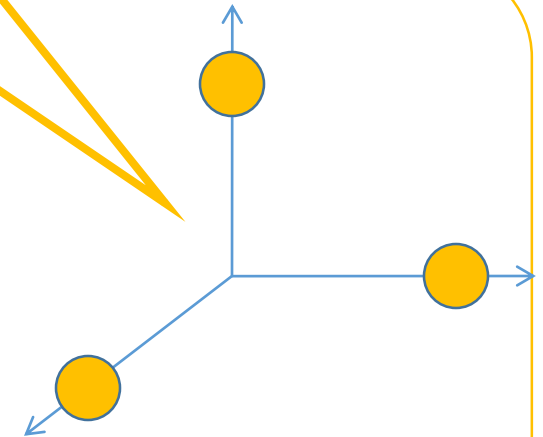
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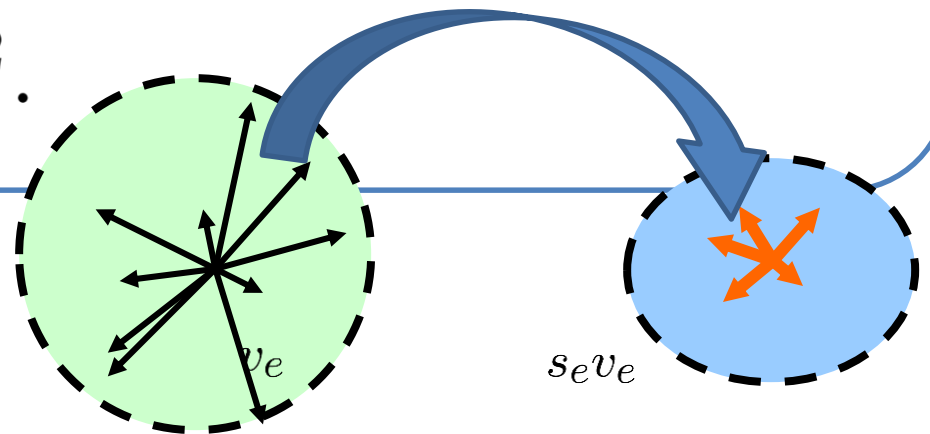
This Lecture [Batson-Spielman-S'09]

Spectral Sparsification Theorem:

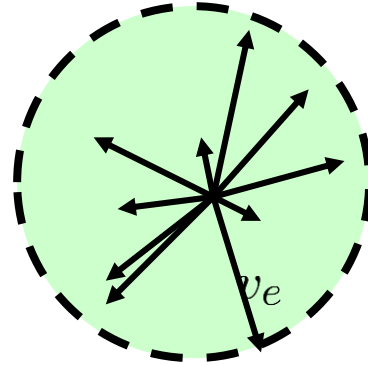
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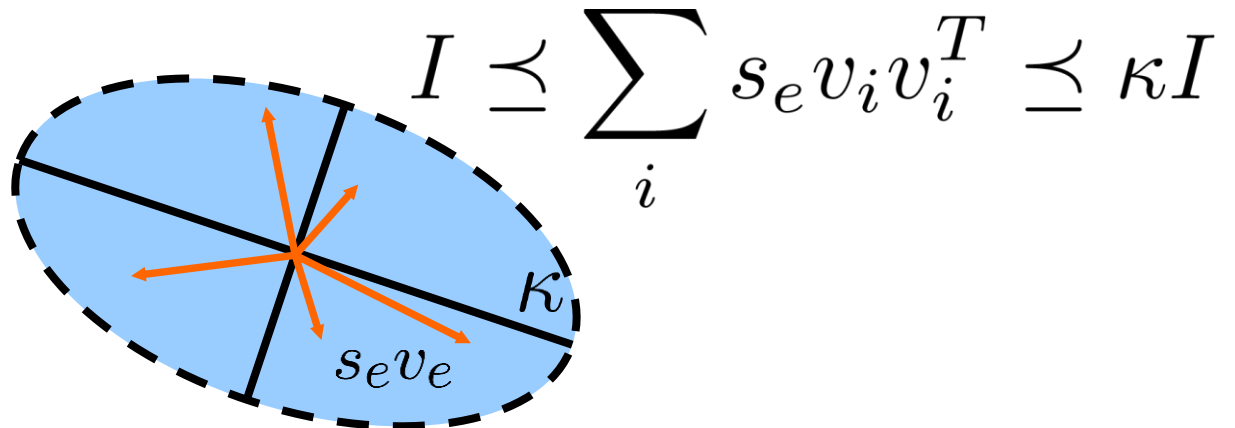
uses greedy approach.



This is the goal

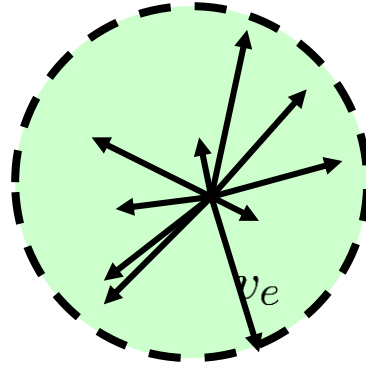


$$I = \sum_{i \leq m} v_i v_i^T$$



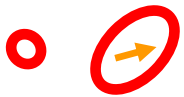
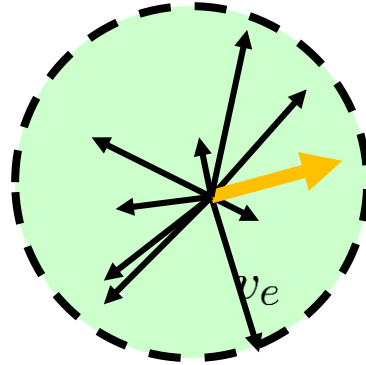
$$I \preceq \sum_i s_e v_i v_i^T \preceq \kappa I$$

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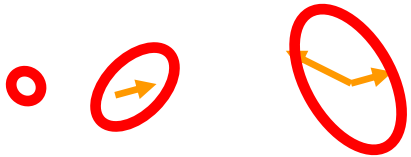
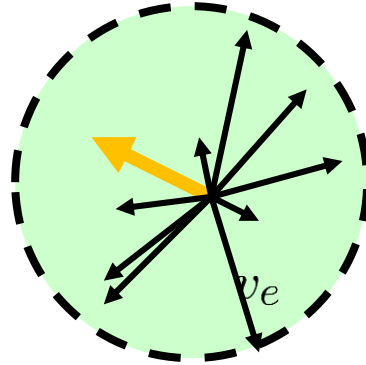
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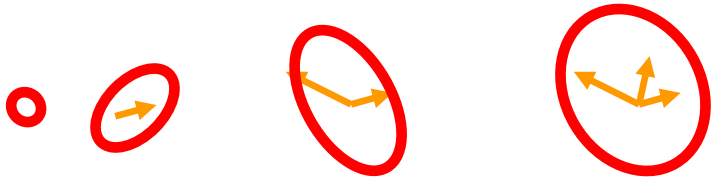
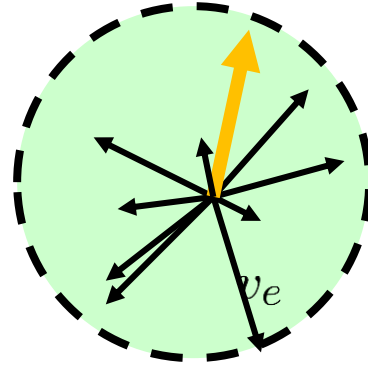
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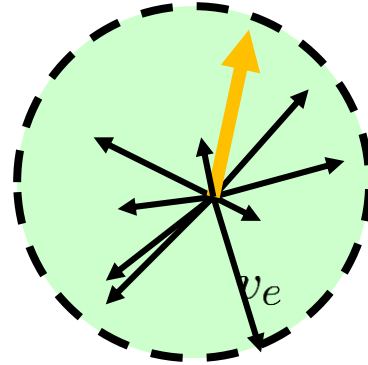
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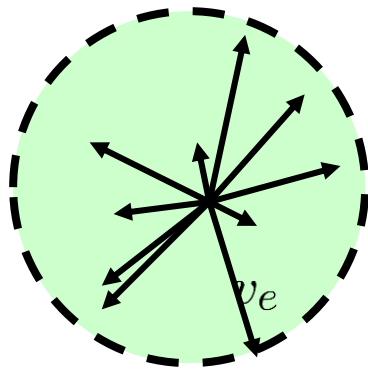
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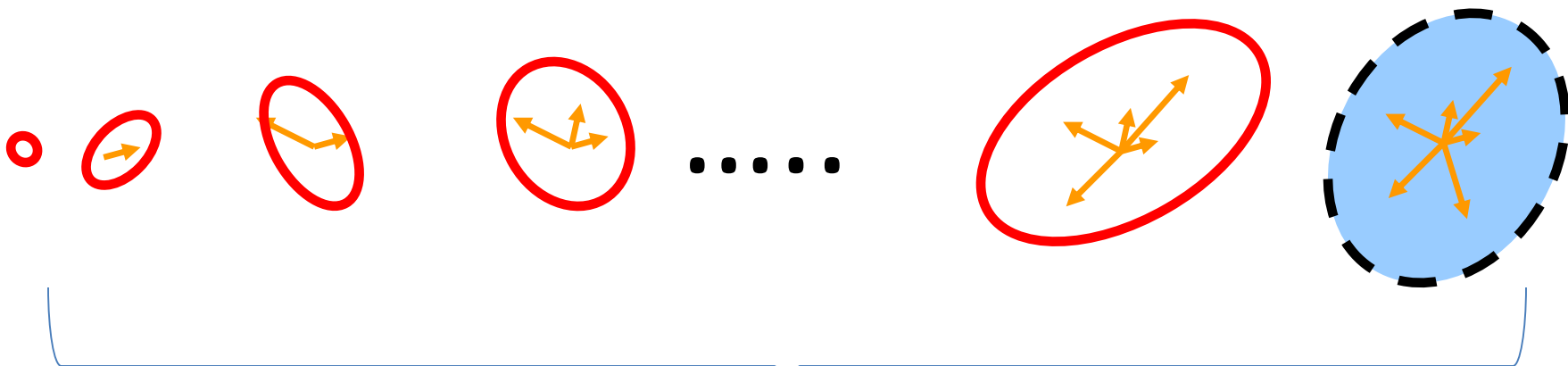


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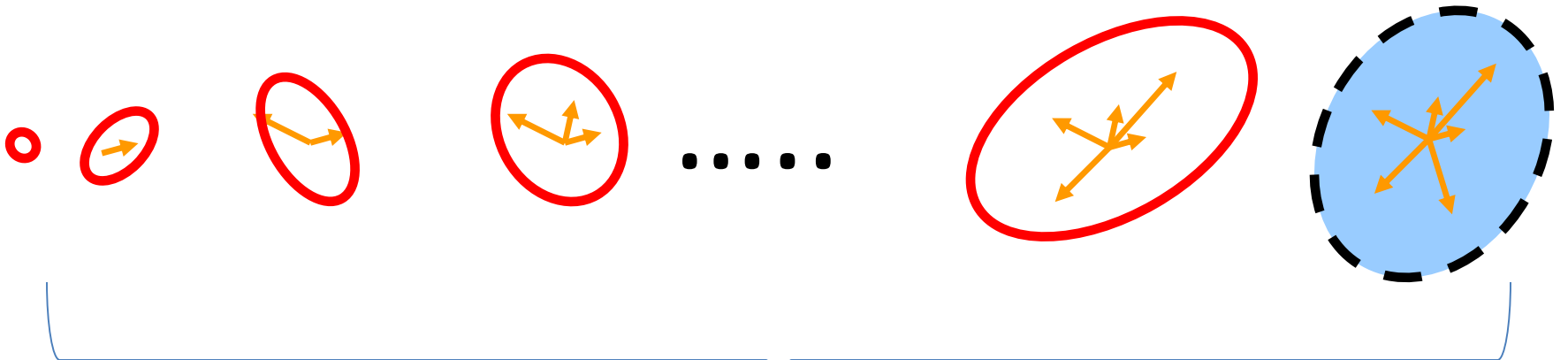


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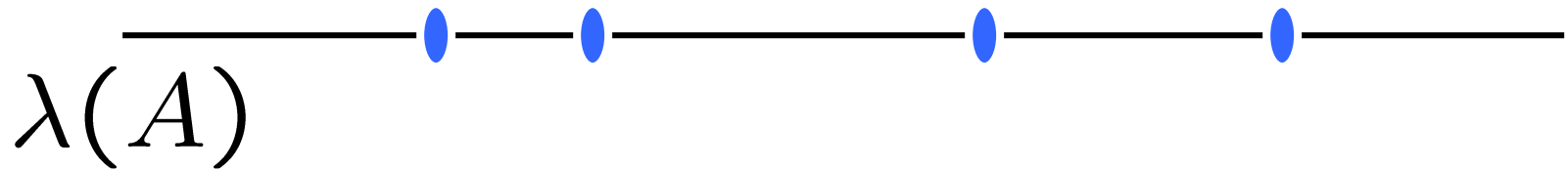
Basic Question: What does a rank one update do to the eigenvalues?

$\lambda \in [1, \kappa]$

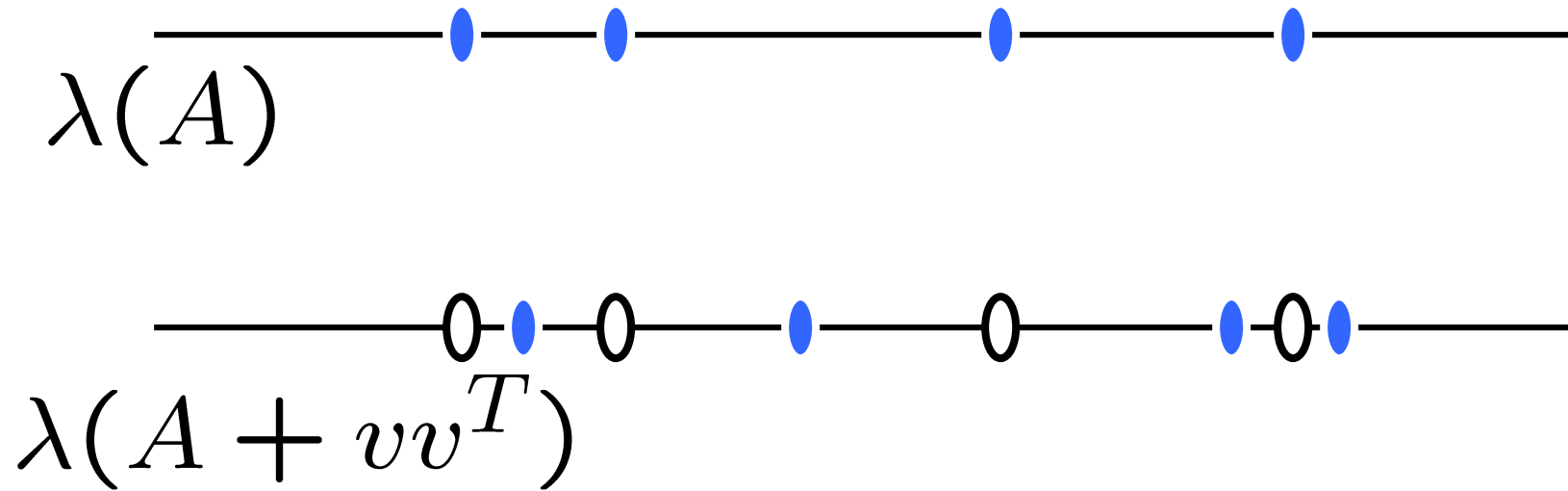


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What happens when you add a vector?



Interlacing (Cauchy, 1800s)



The Characteristic Polynomial

Characteristic Polynomial:

$$p_A(x) = \det(xI - A)$$

$$p_A(x) = \prod_i (x - \lambda_i)$$

where $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n = \text{eigs}(A)$.

Proof of Interlacing I

Proof of Interlacing II

Proof of Interlacing III

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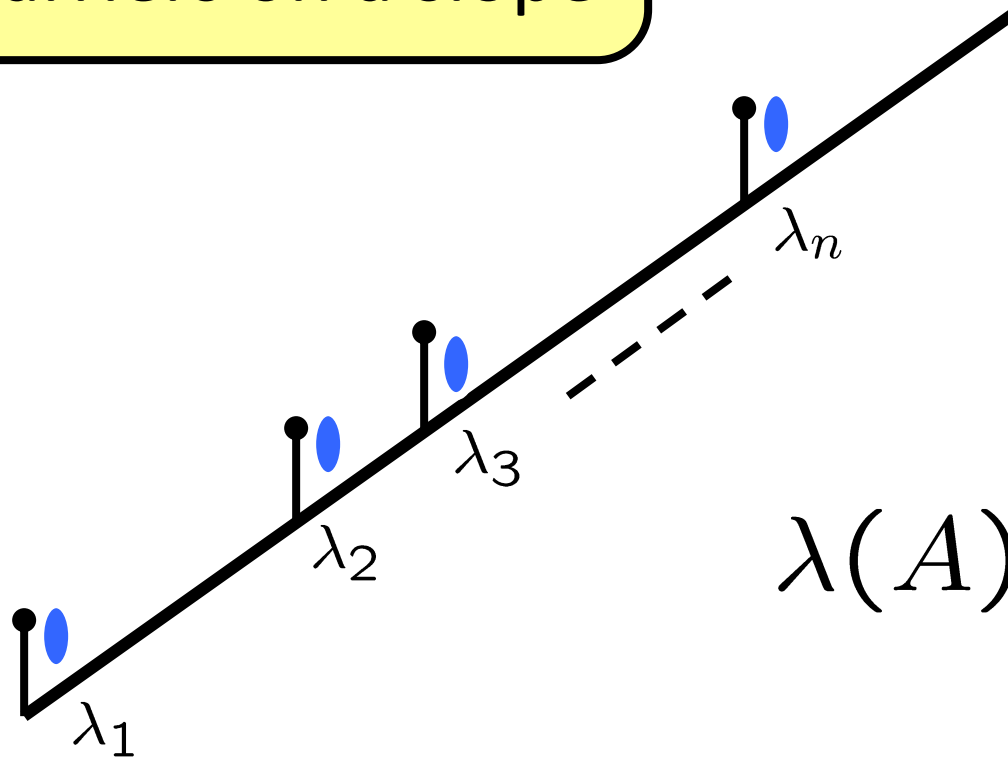
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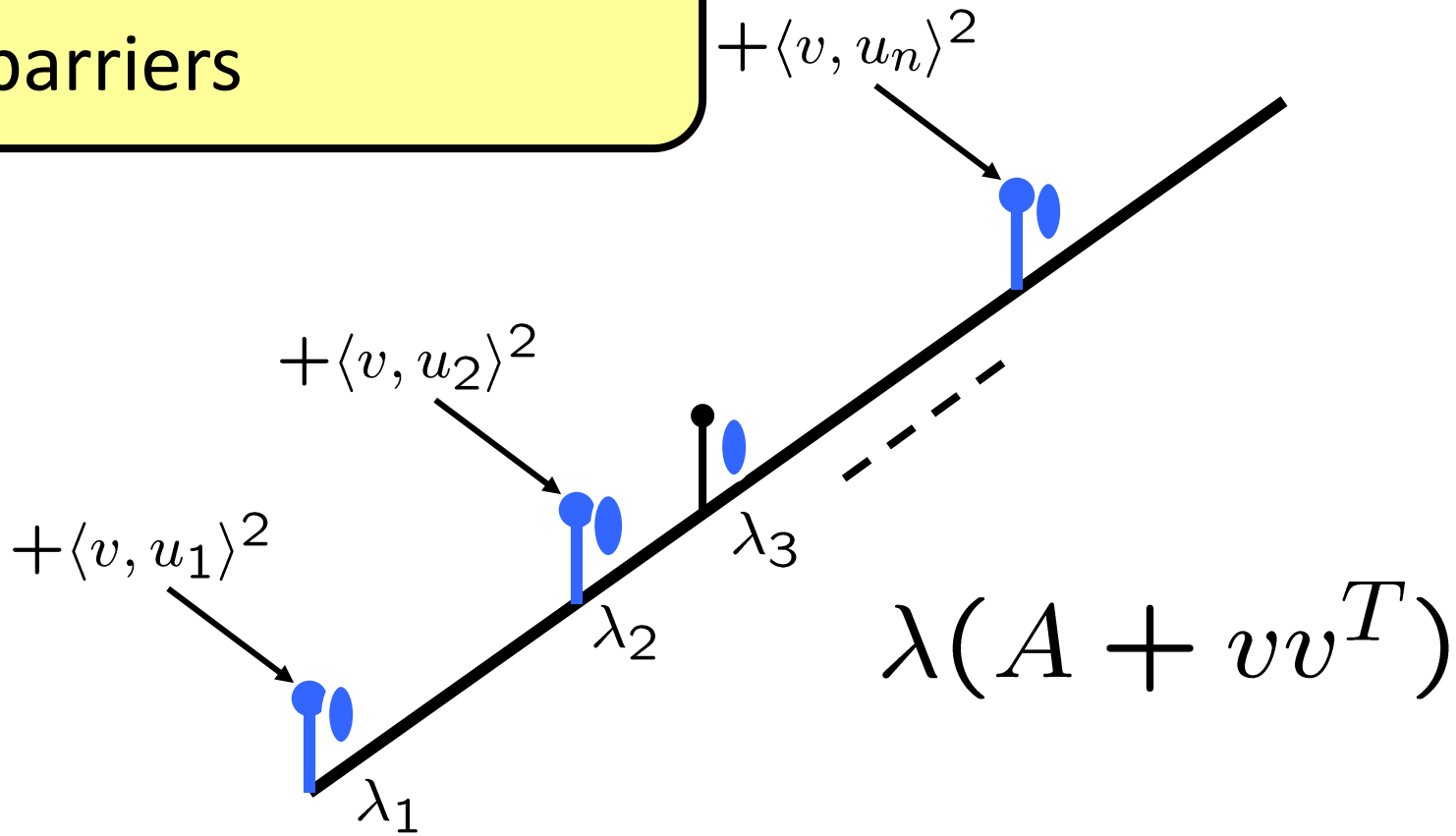
Physical model of interlacing

λ_i = positive unit charges
resting at barriers on a slope



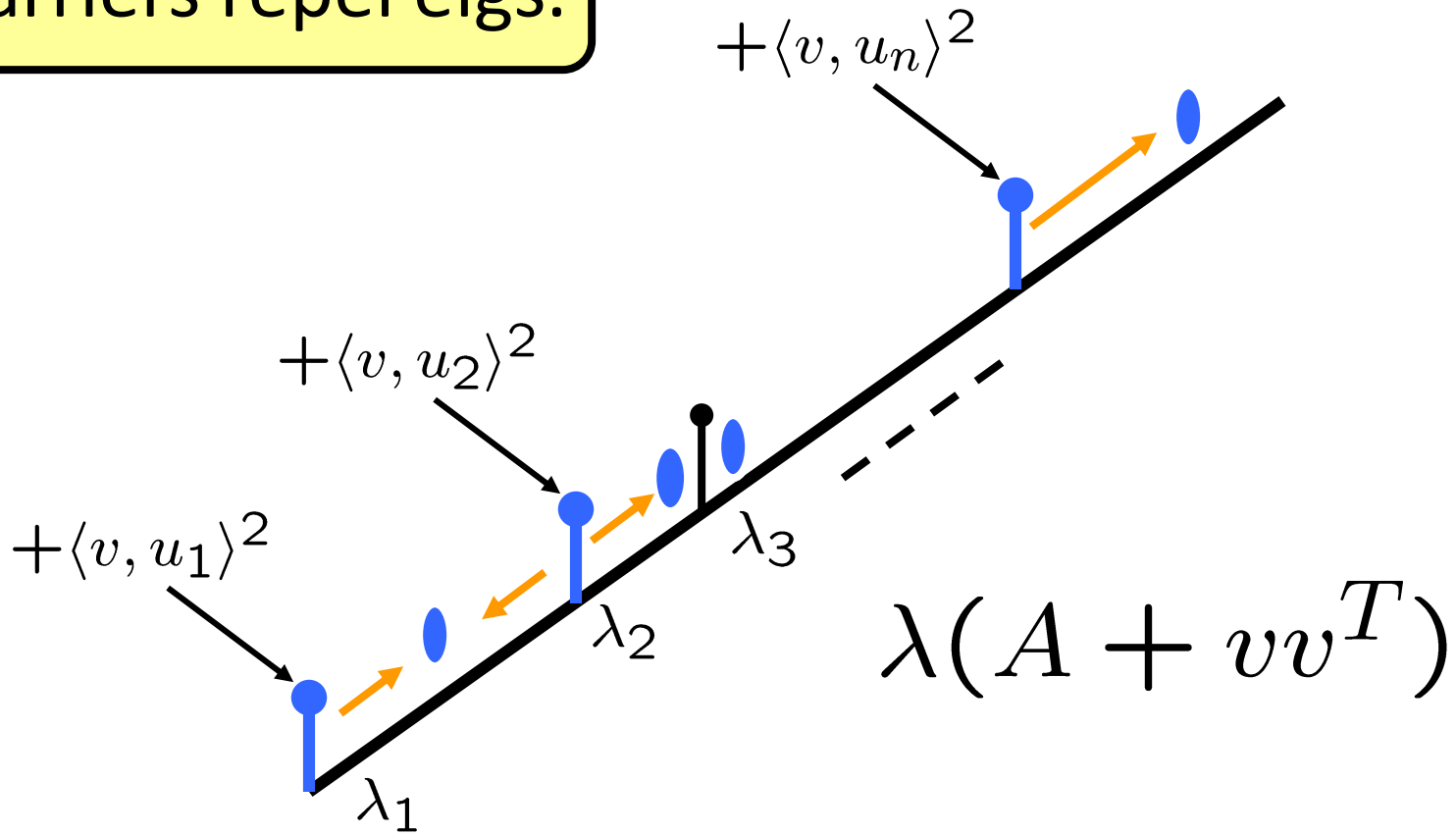
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$\langle v, u_i \rangle^2 =$ charges added
to barriers



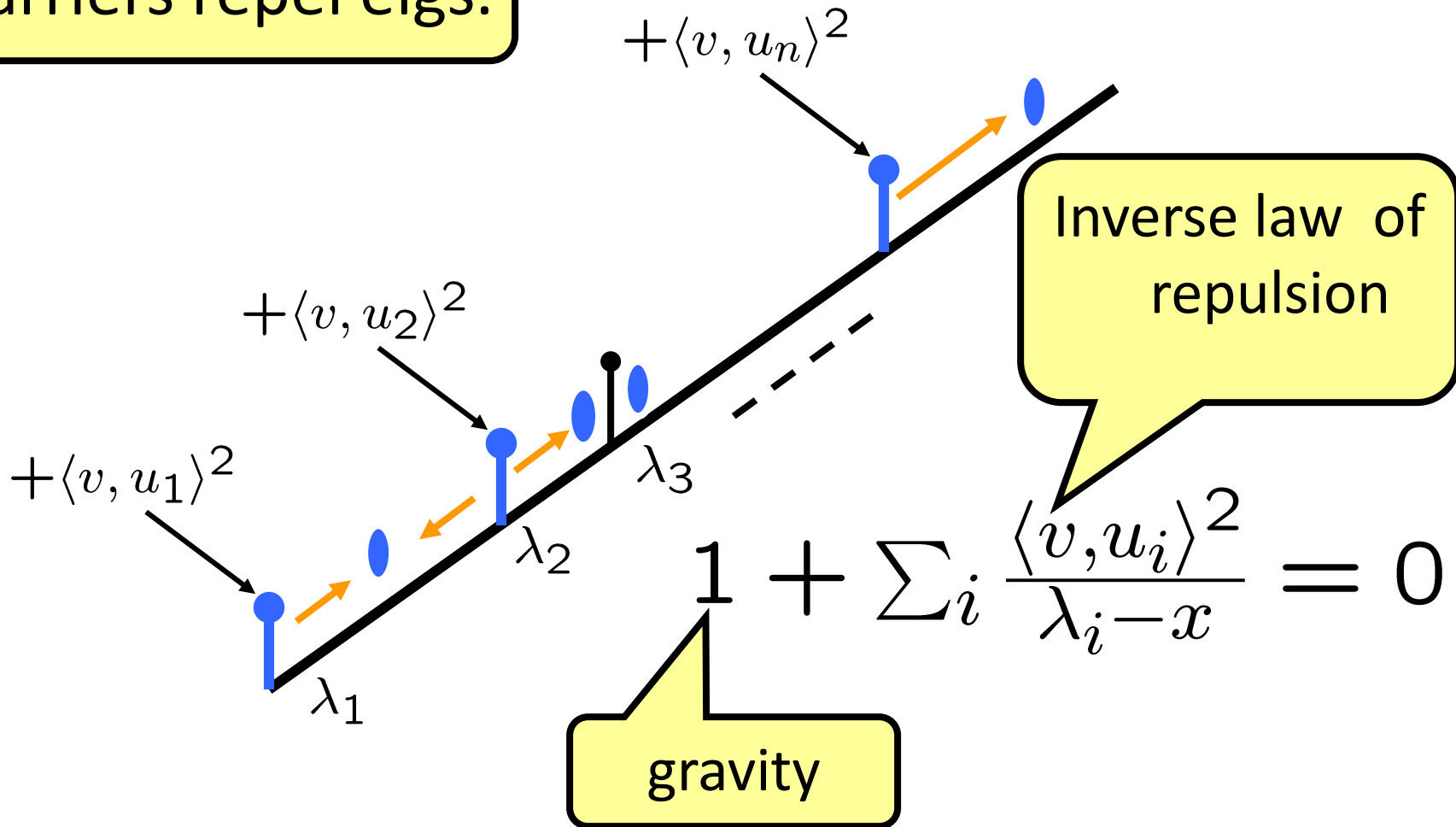
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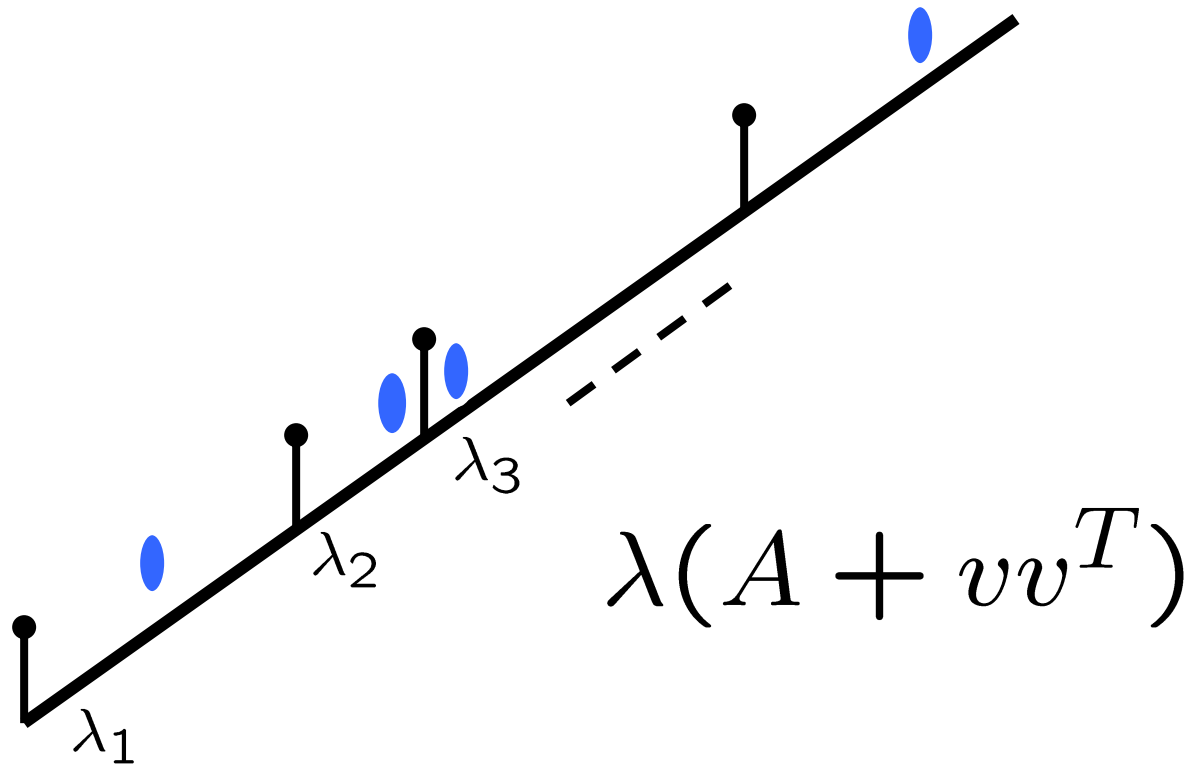
Inverse law of repulsion

$$1 + \sum_i \frac{\langle v, u_i \rangle^2}{\lambda_i - x} = 0$$

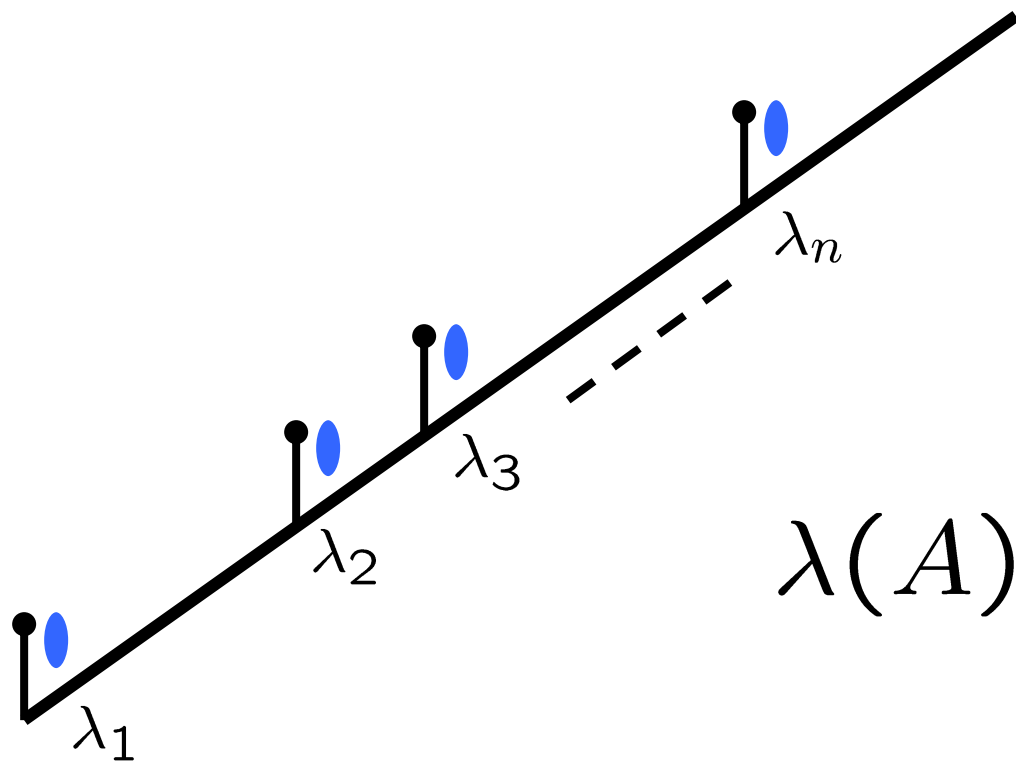
gravity

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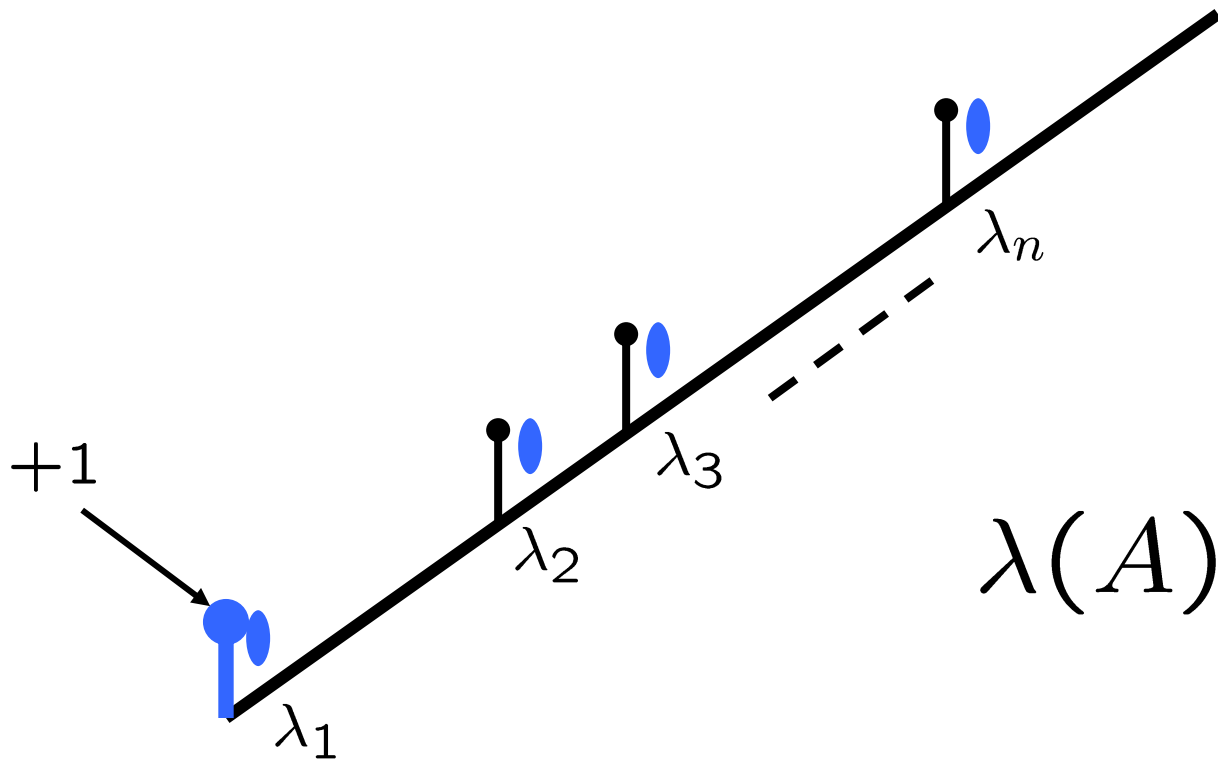
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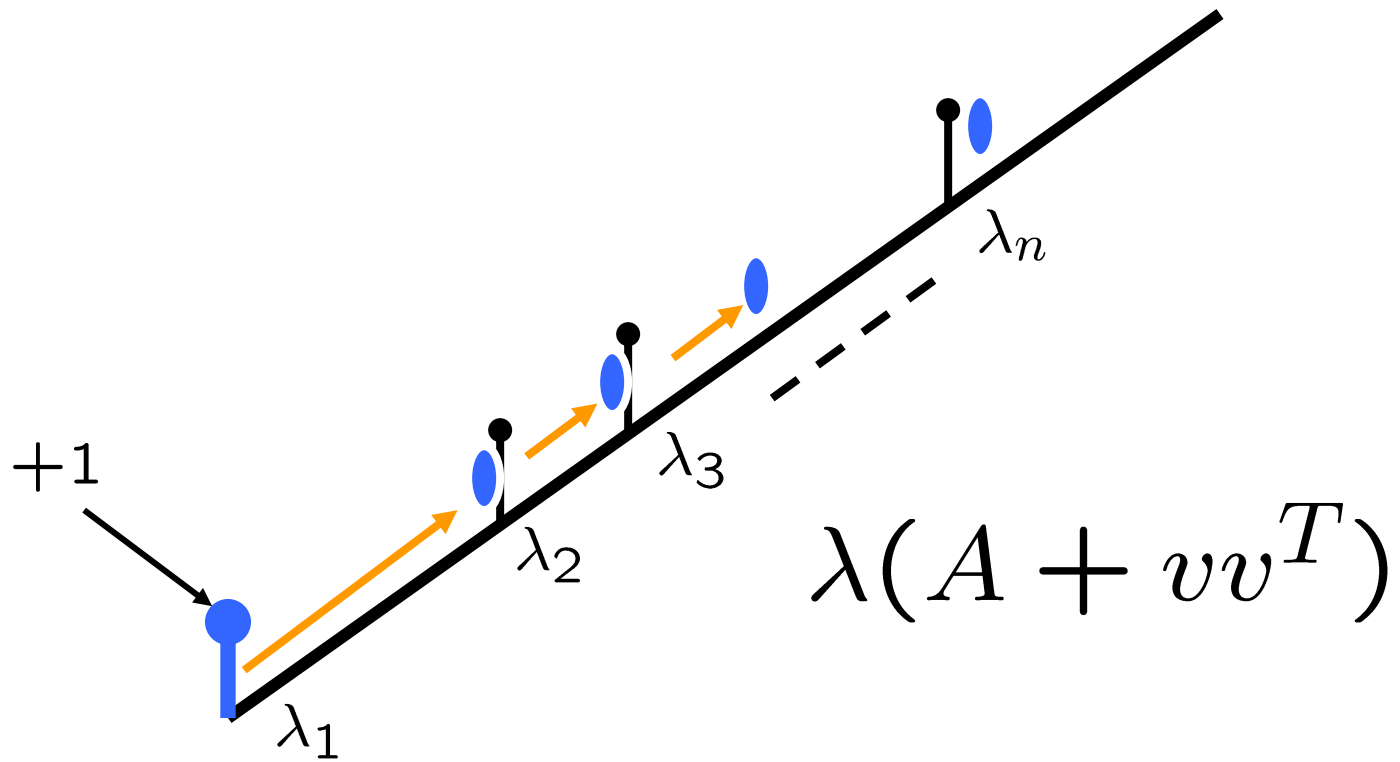
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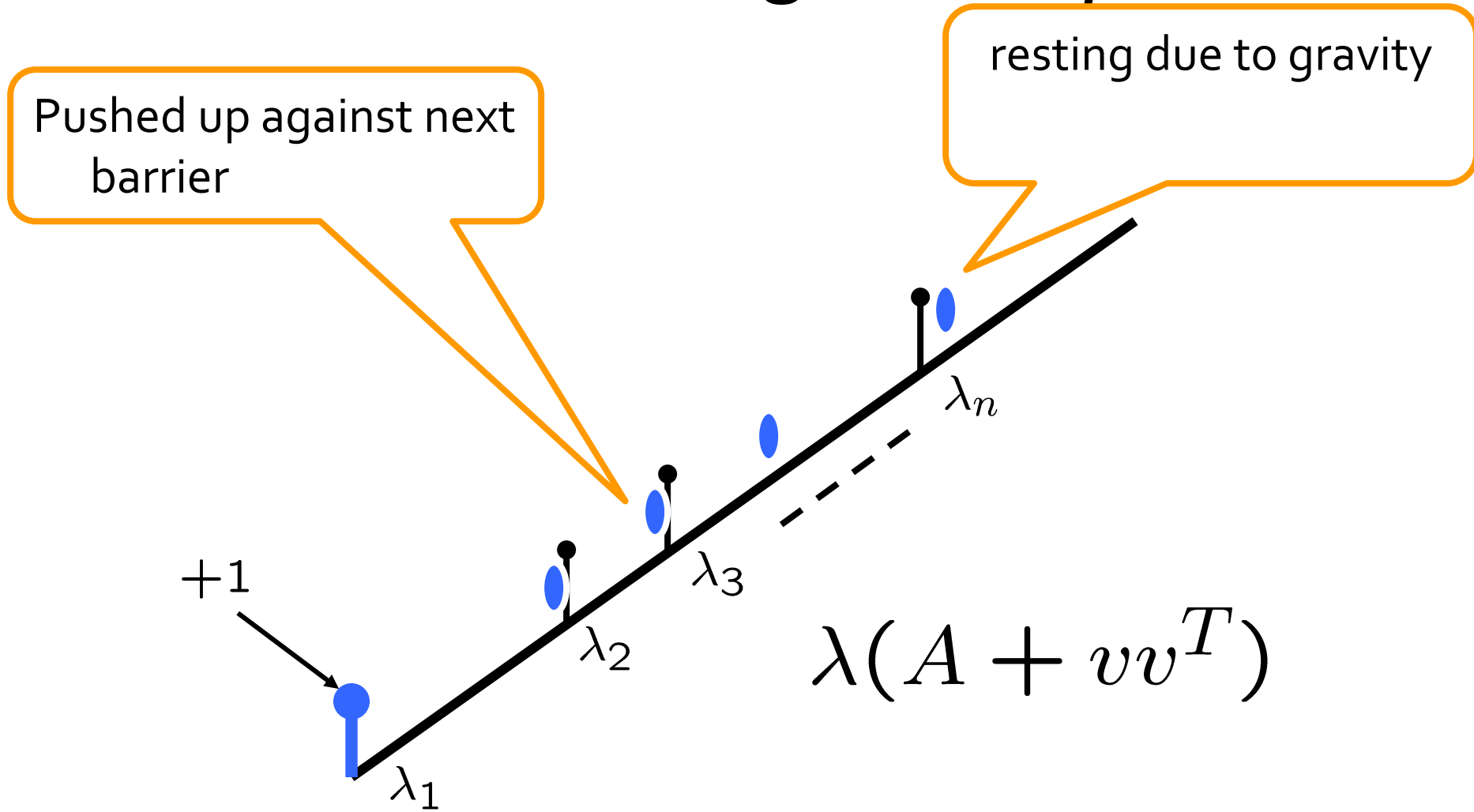
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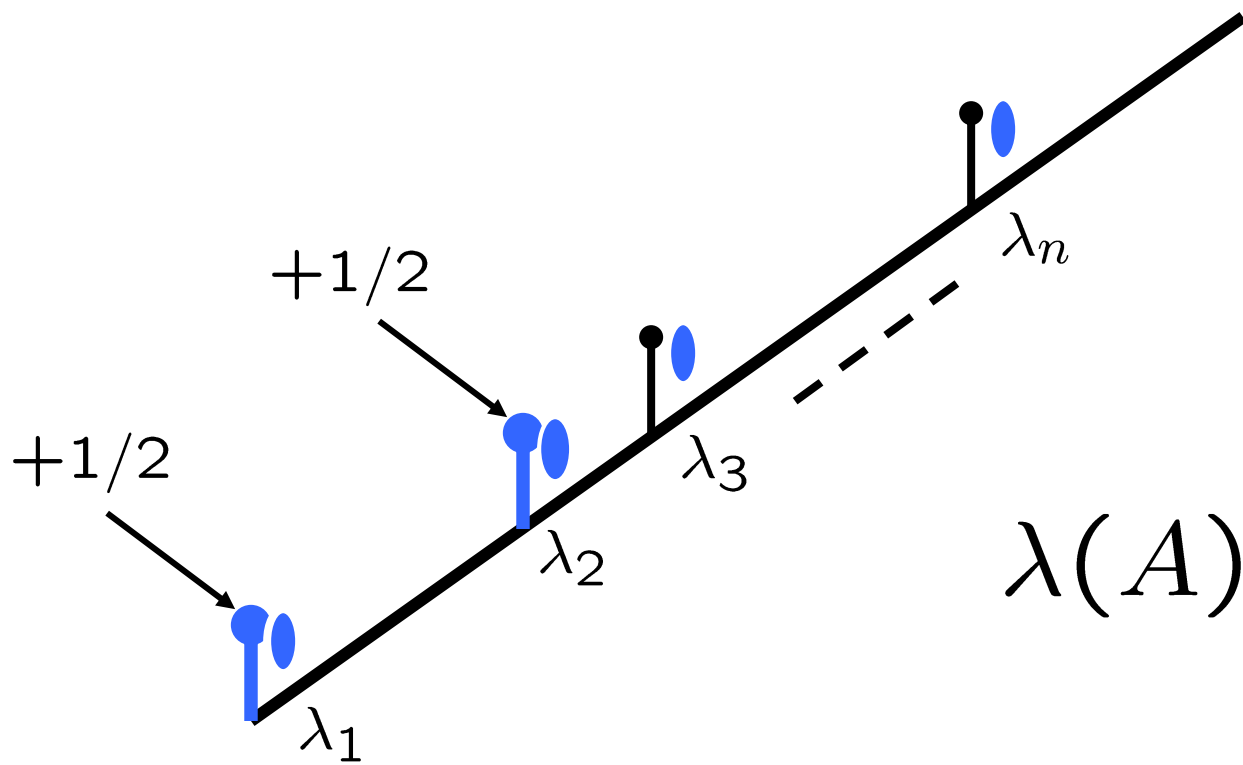
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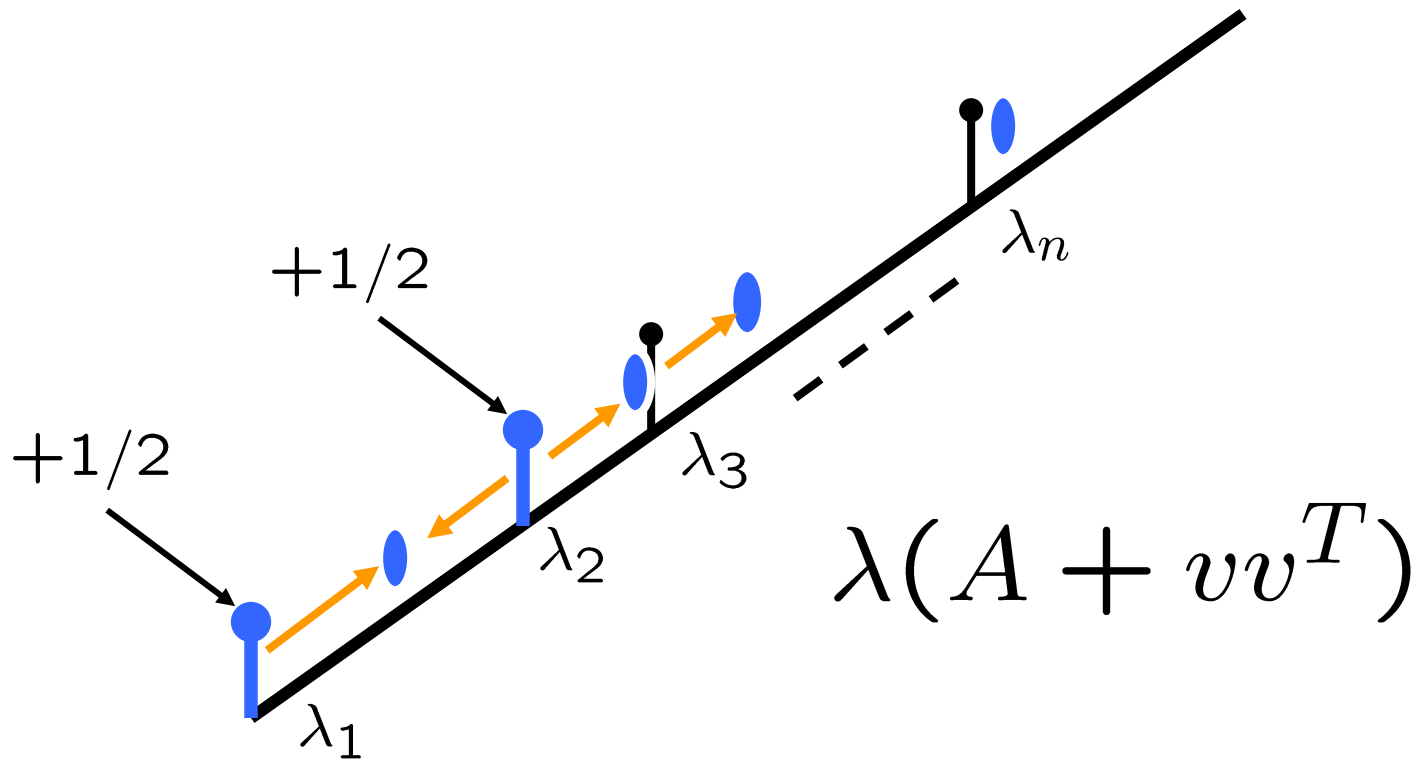
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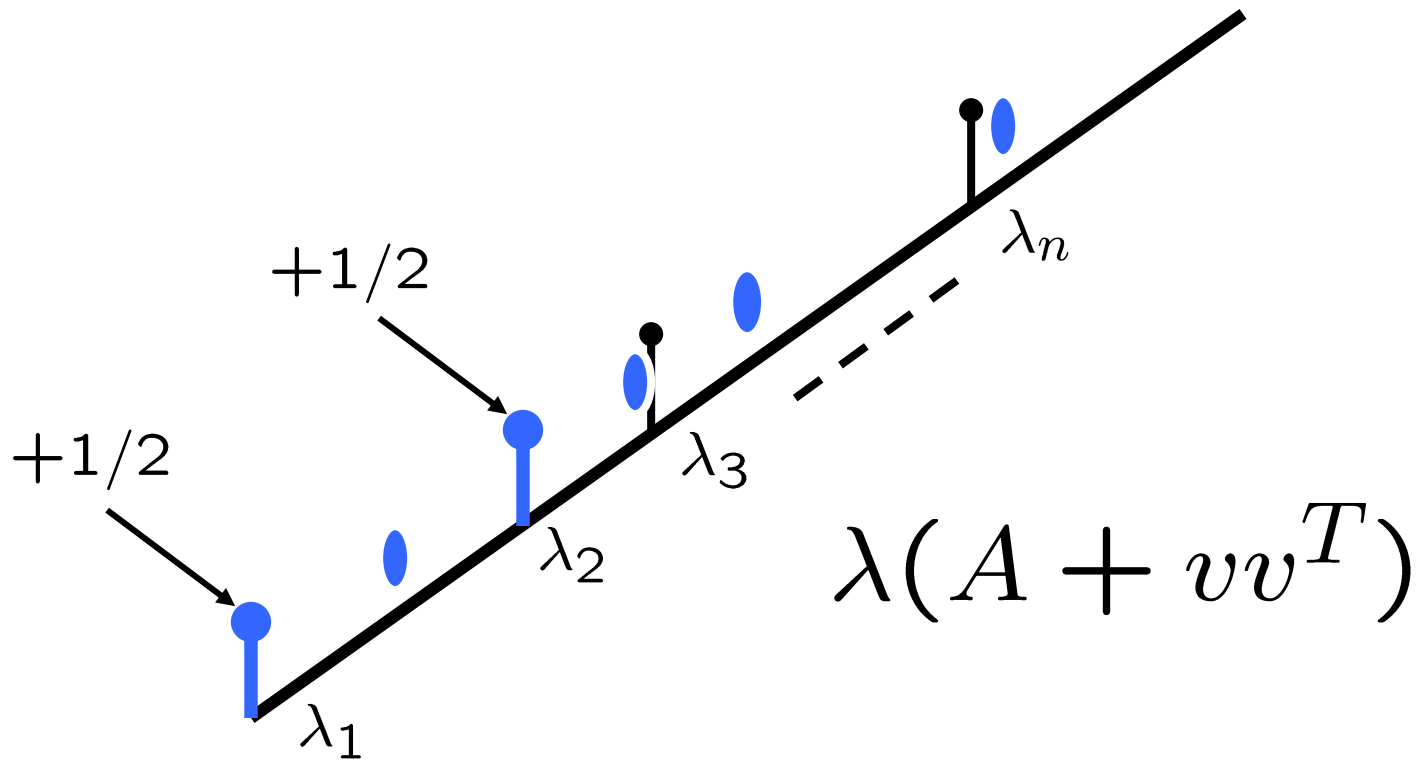
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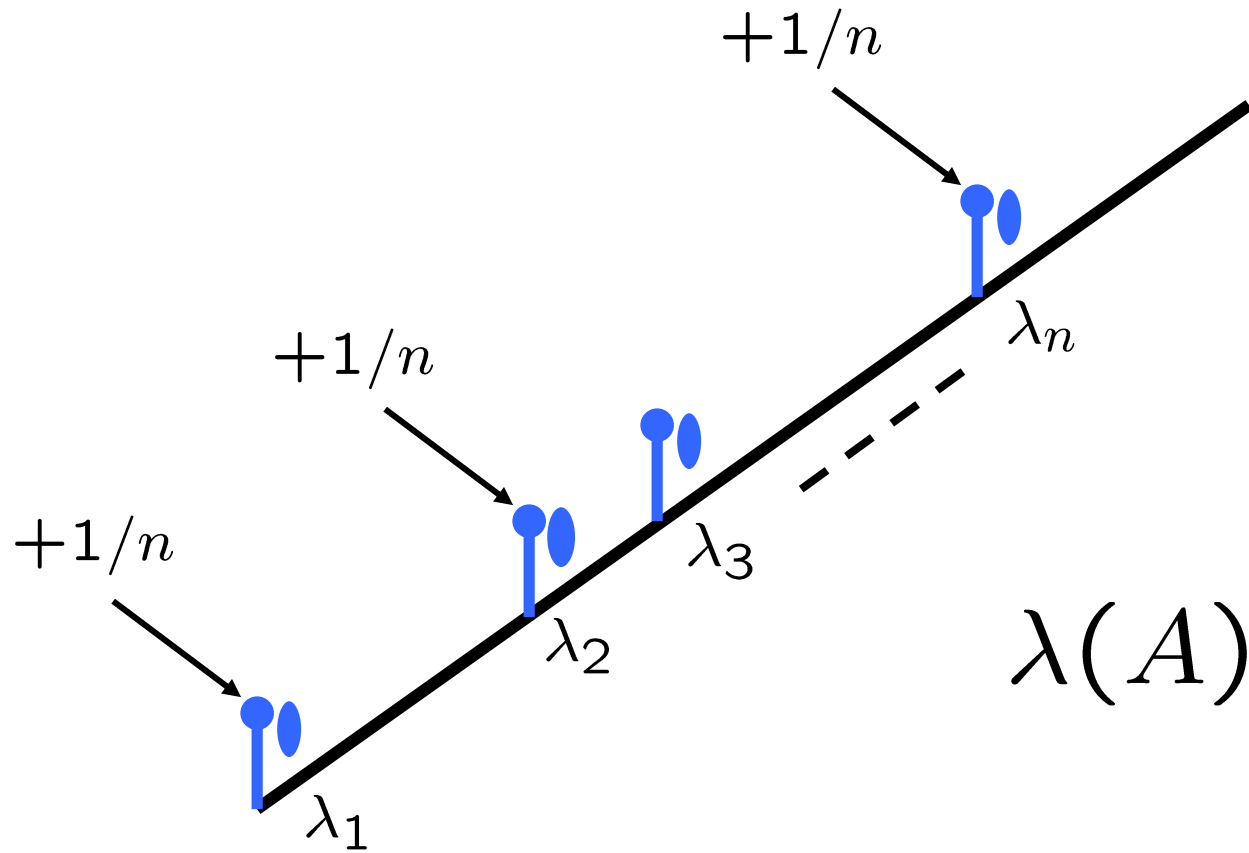
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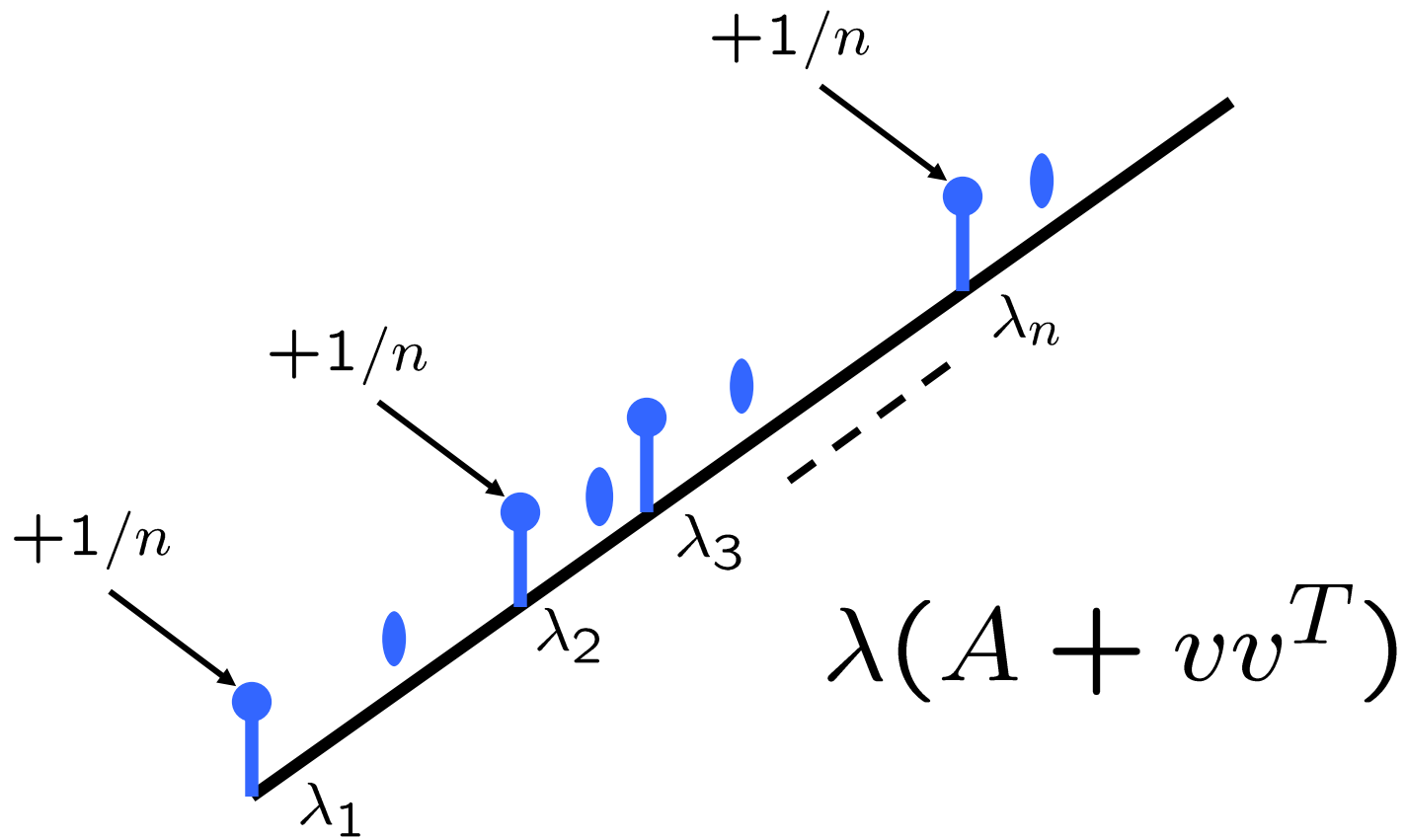
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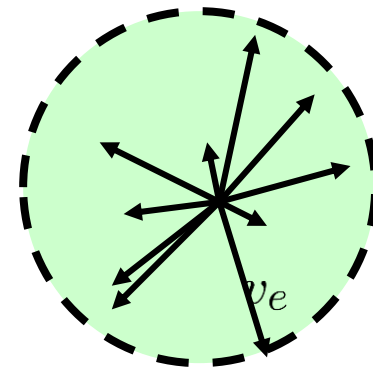
Adding a balanced vector

$$\begin{aligned} p_{A+vv^t} &= p_A \left(1 + \sum_i \frac{\langle v, u_i \rangle^2}{\lambda_i - x} \right) \\ &= p_A \left(1 + \sum_i \frac{1}{\lambda_i - x} \right) \\ &= p_A - p'_A \end{aligned}$$

Consider a random vector

If

$$\sum_e v_e v_e^T = I$$



For every u_i : $\sum_e \langle v_e, u_i \rangle^2 = 1$.

thus a random vector has the same expected projection in *every* direction i :

$$\mathbb{E}_e \langle v_e, u_i \rangle^2 = 1/m$$

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$$A^{(2)} = A^{(1)} + vv^T$$

$$\mathbb{E}p^{(2)} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{m} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right) p^{(1)} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{m} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^2 x^n$$

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$$A^{(3)} = A^{(2)} + vv^T$$

$$\mathbb{E}p^{(3)} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{m} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^3 x^n$$

Ideal proof

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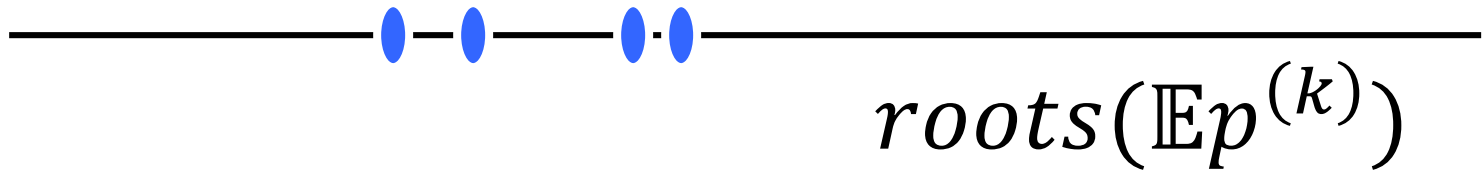
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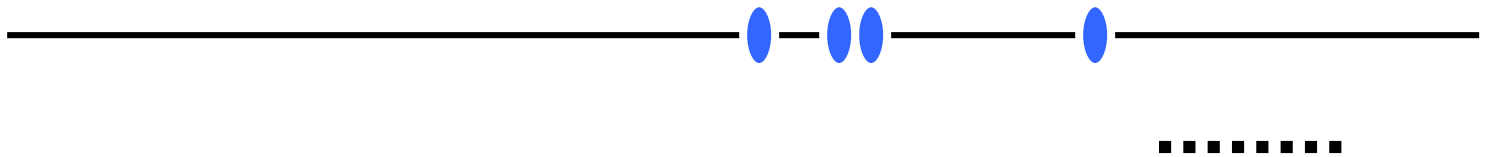
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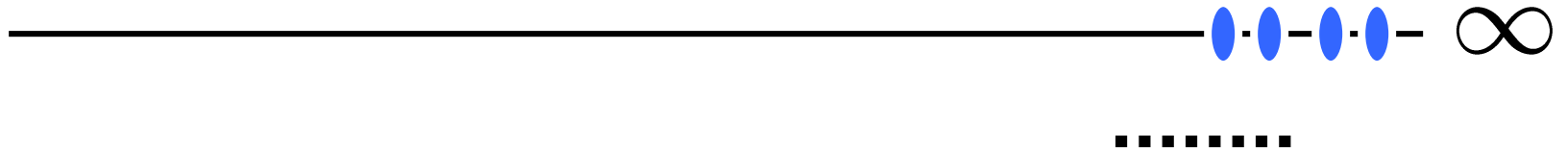
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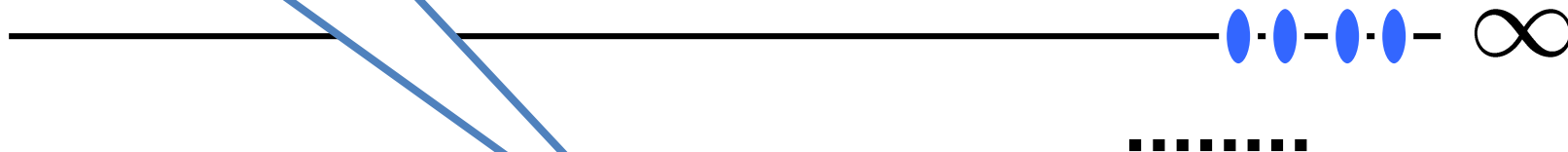


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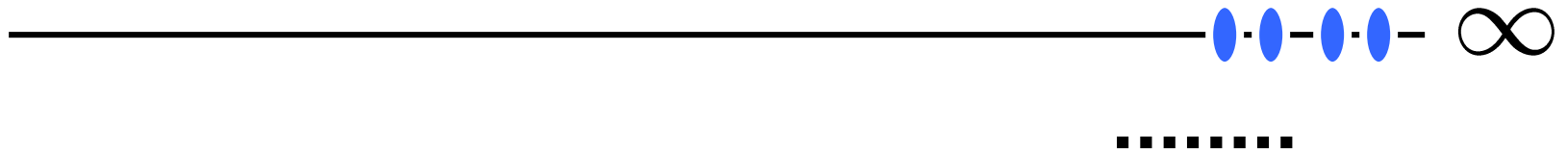
after $4n/\epsilon^2$ steps.



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This is not real

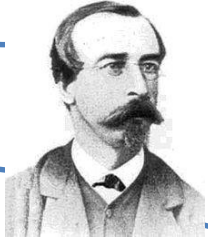
Problem: $roots(\mathbb{E}p^{(k)}) \neq \mathbb{E}roots(p^{(k)})$



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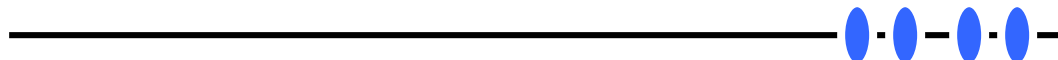
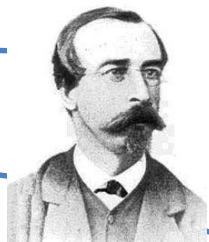
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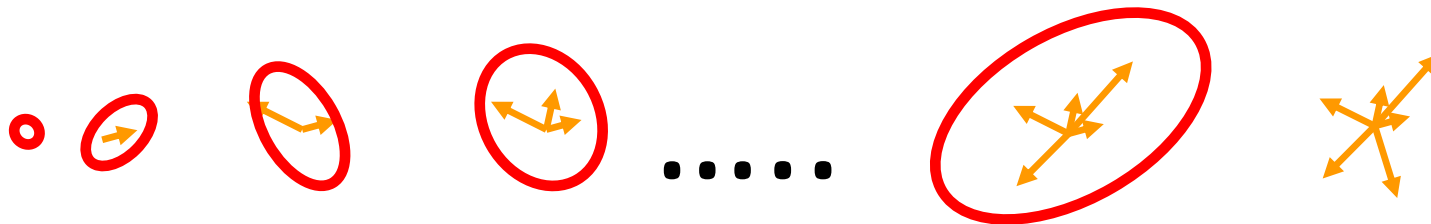


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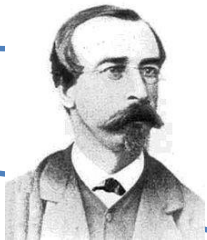
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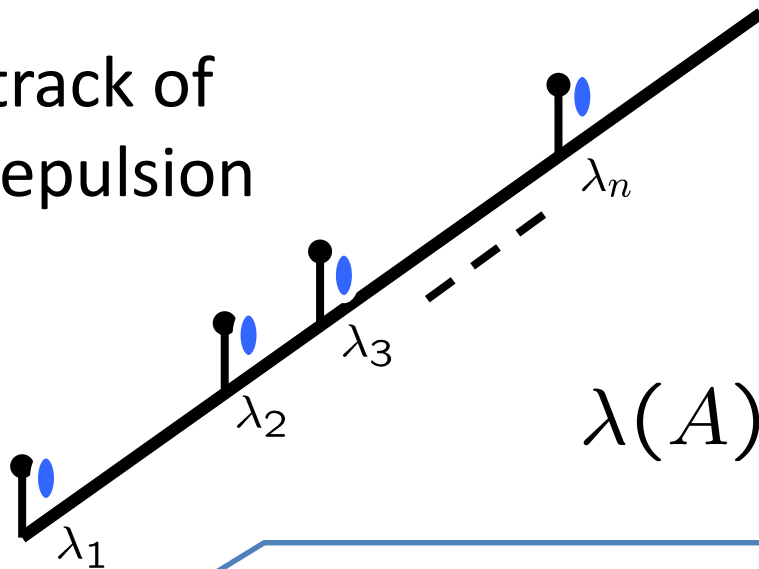
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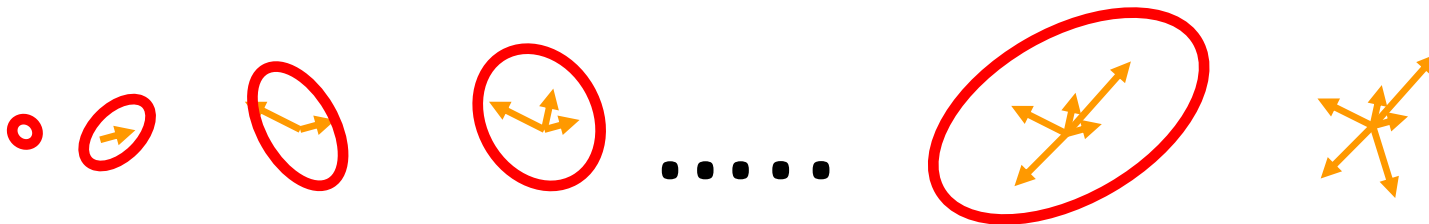
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Keep track of total repulsion



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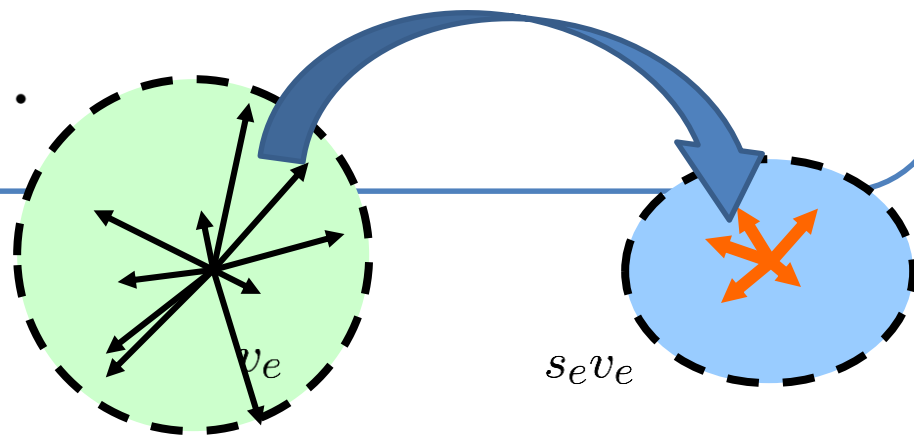


End Result [Batson-Spielman-S'09]

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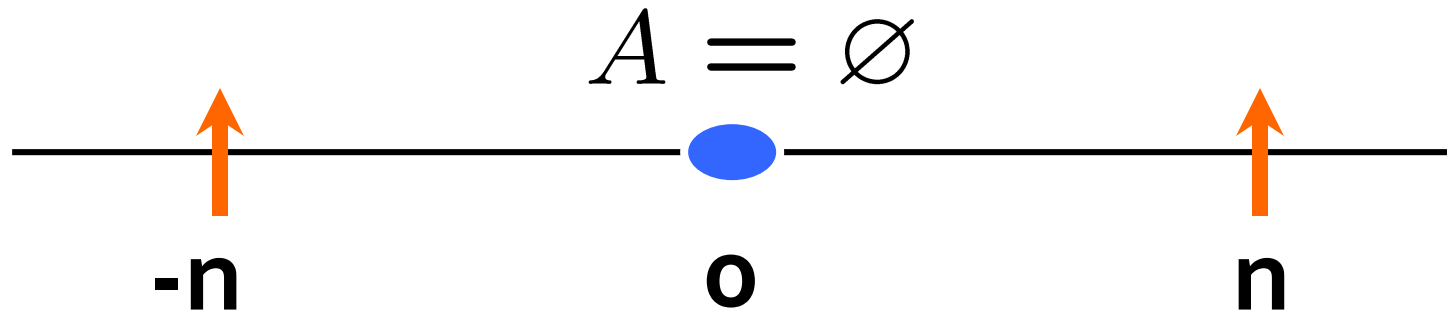
- $(1 - \epsilon)I \preceq \sum_i s_i v_i v_i^T \preceq (1 + \epsilon)I$
- $\text{supp}(s) \leq 4n/\epsilon^2$.



Actual Proof

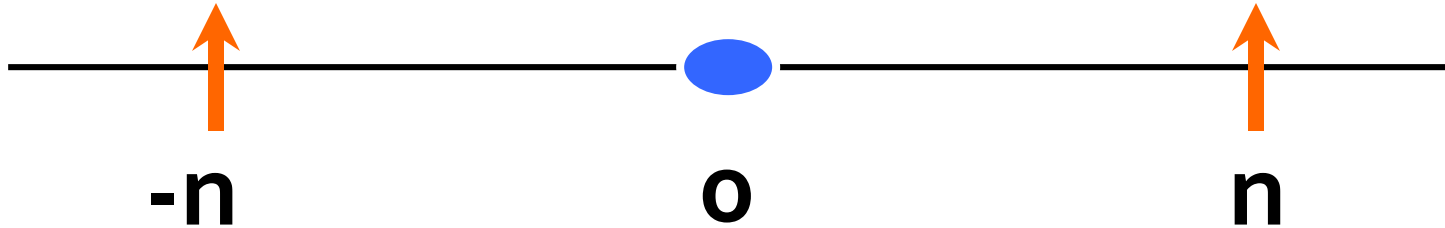
(for $6n$ vectors, 13-approx)

Steady progress by moving barriers



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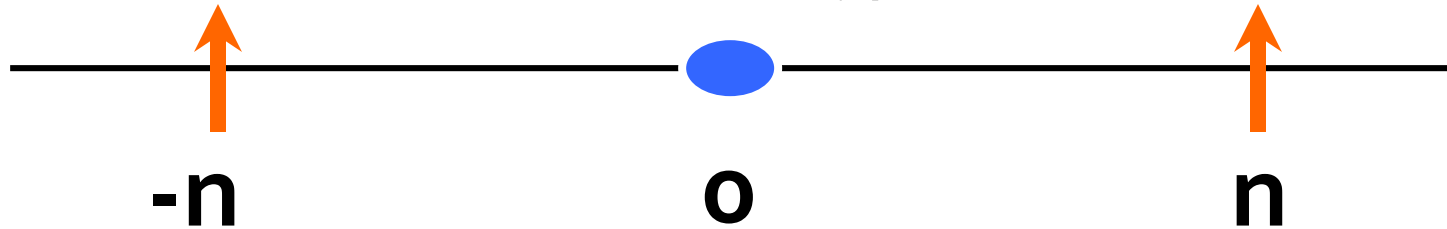
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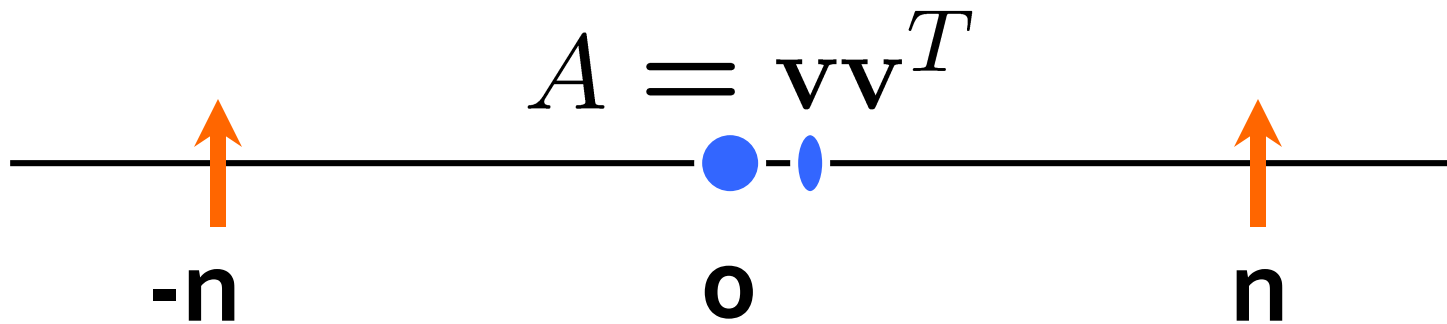
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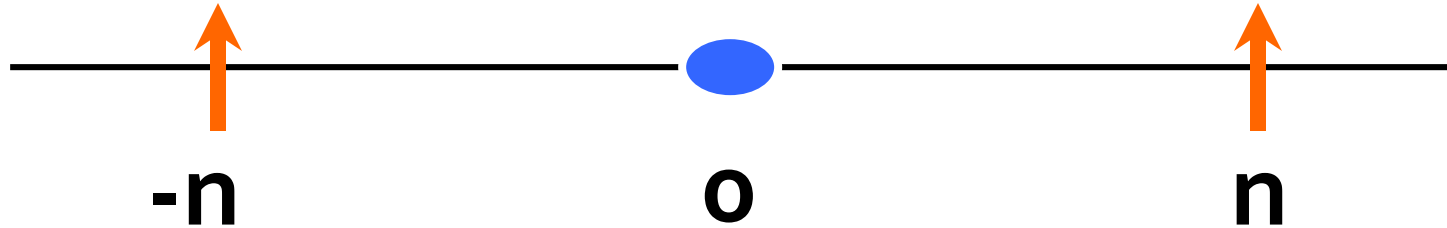


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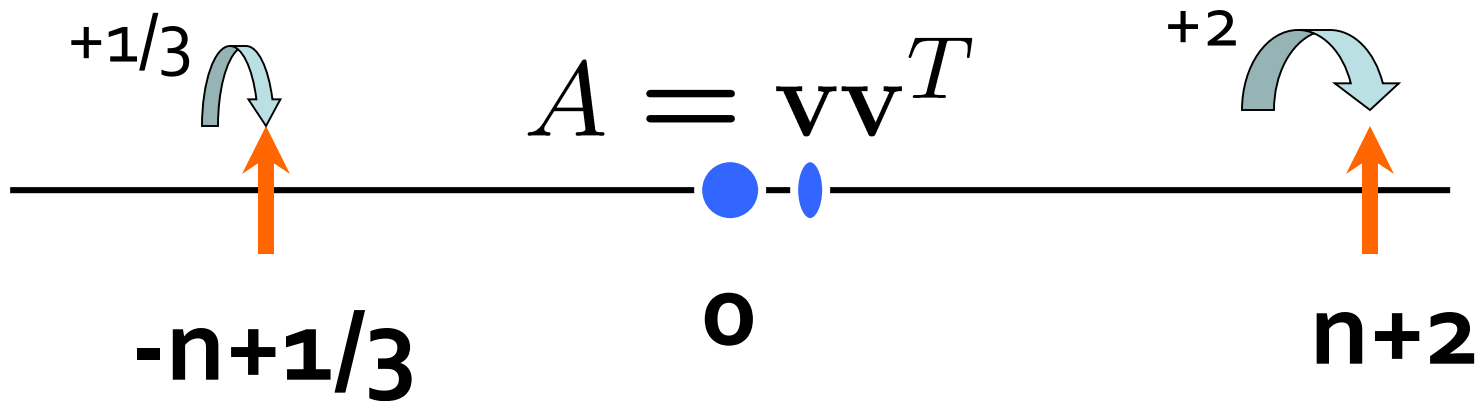


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tighter constraint

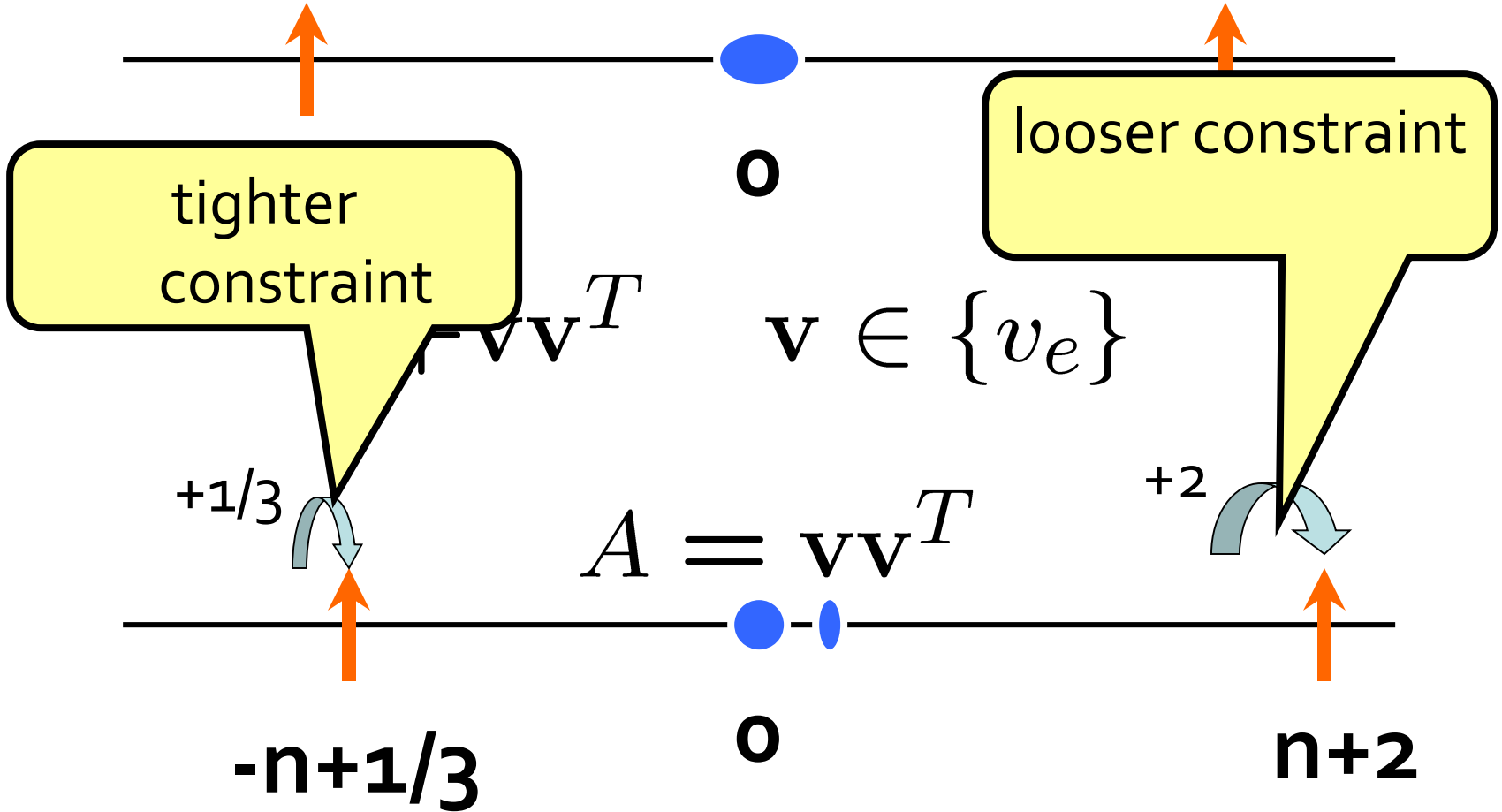
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looser constraint

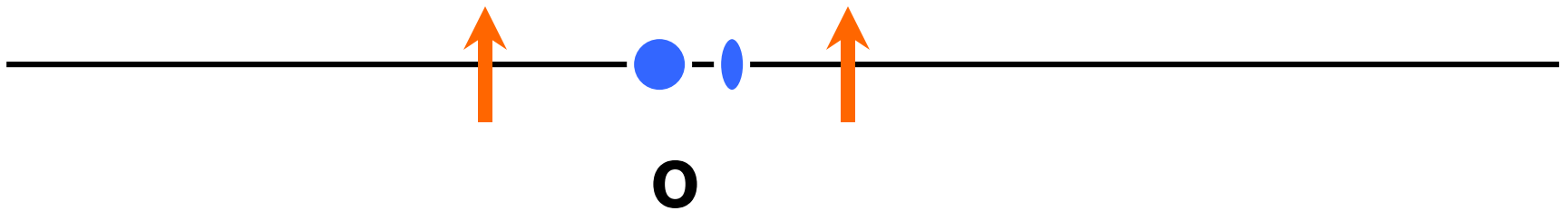
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n+2



Step $i+1$

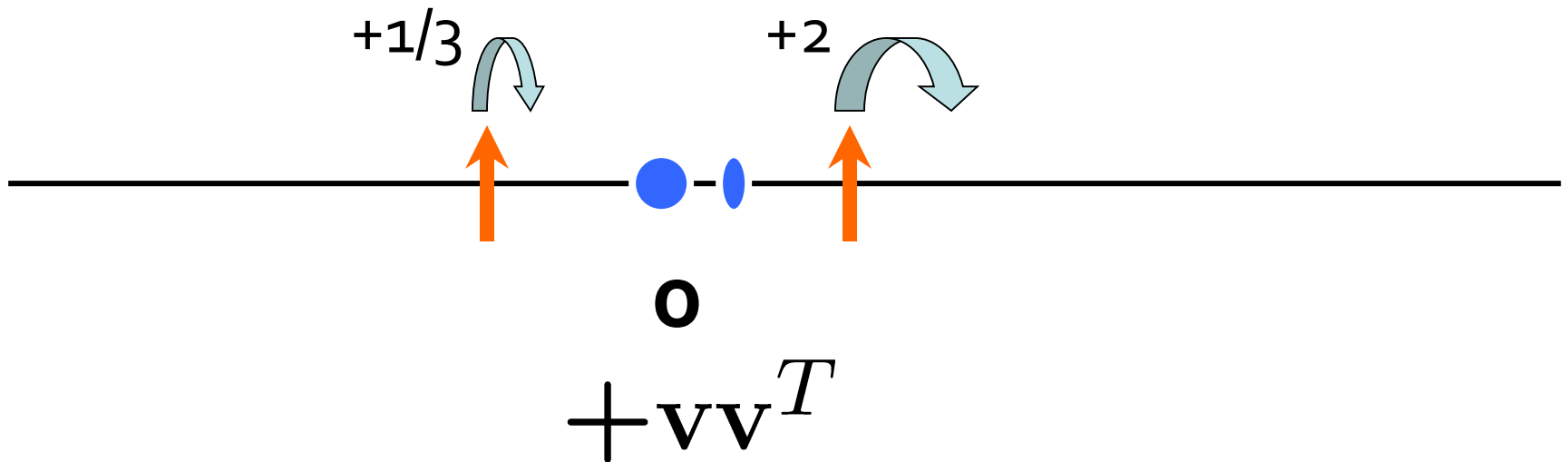
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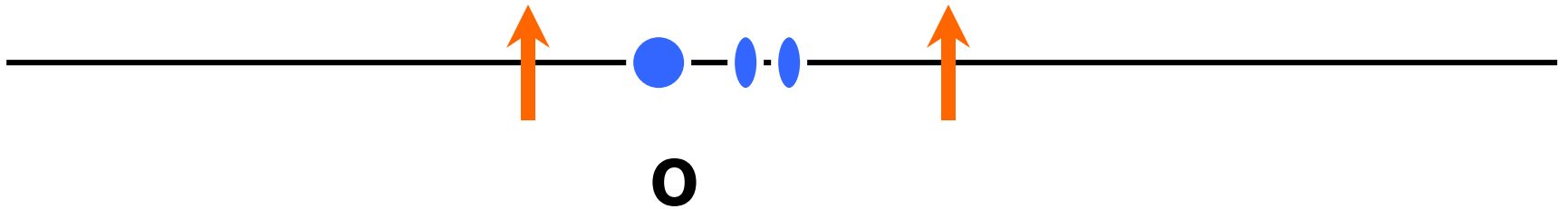
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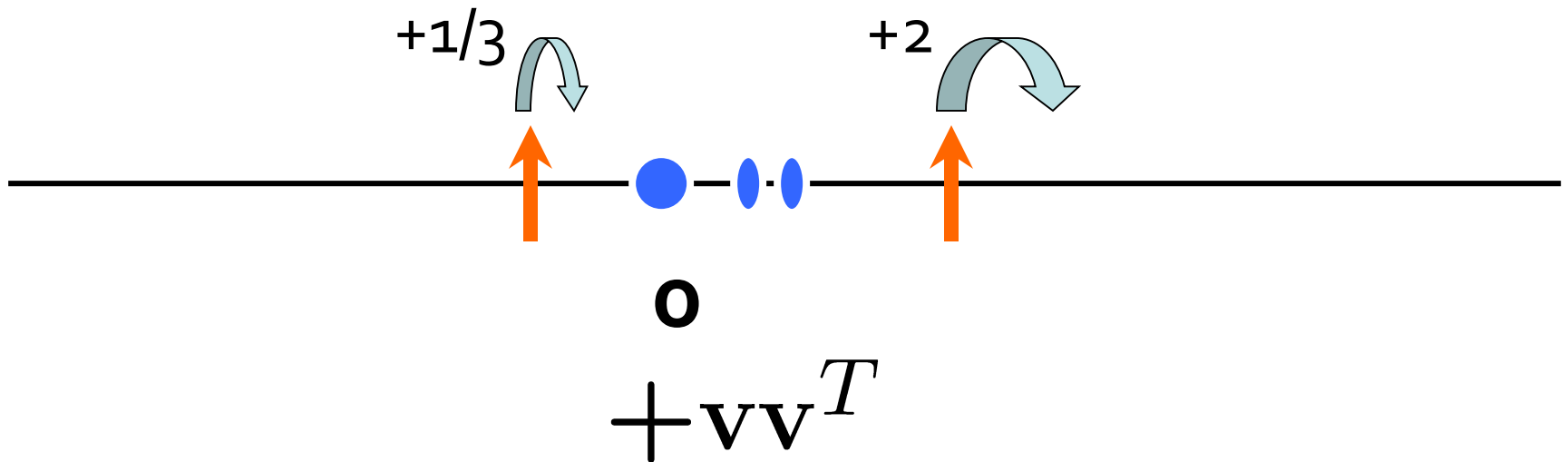
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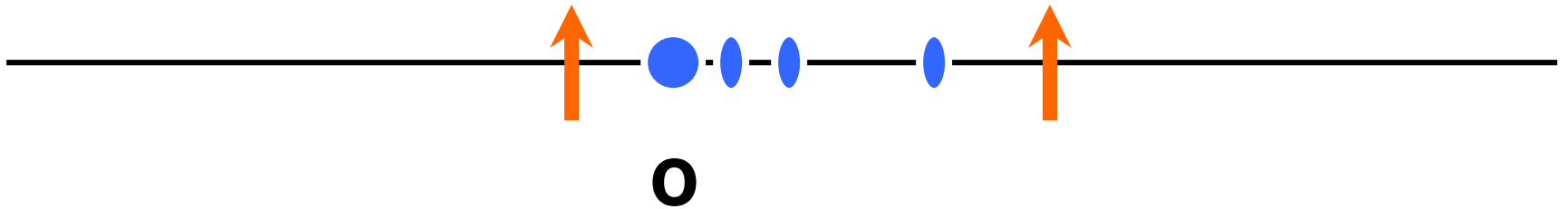
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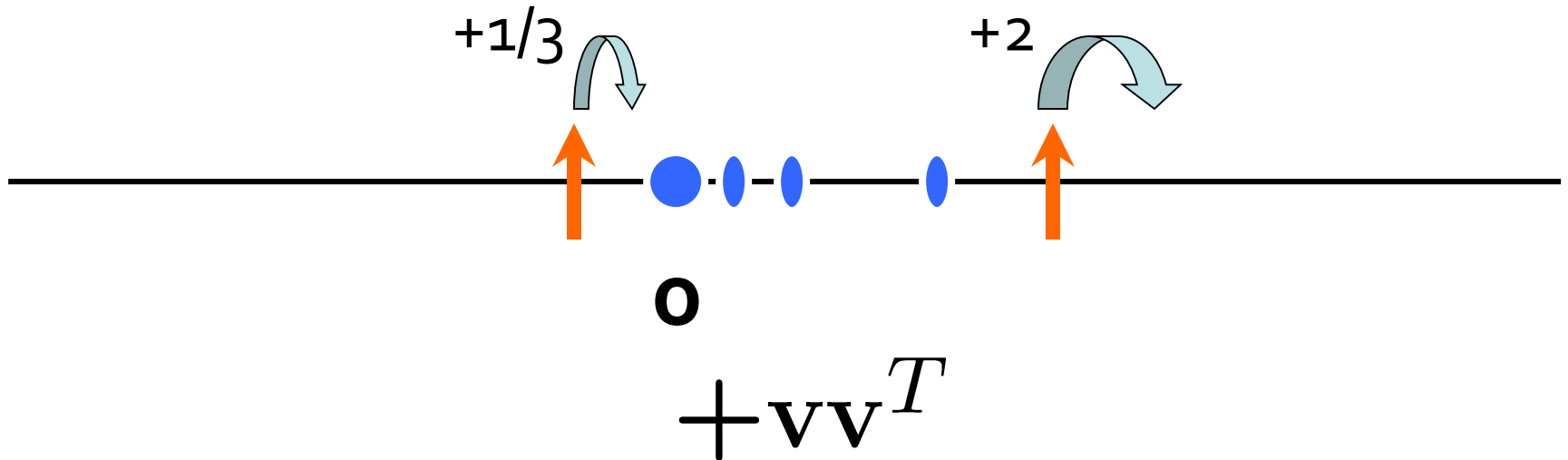
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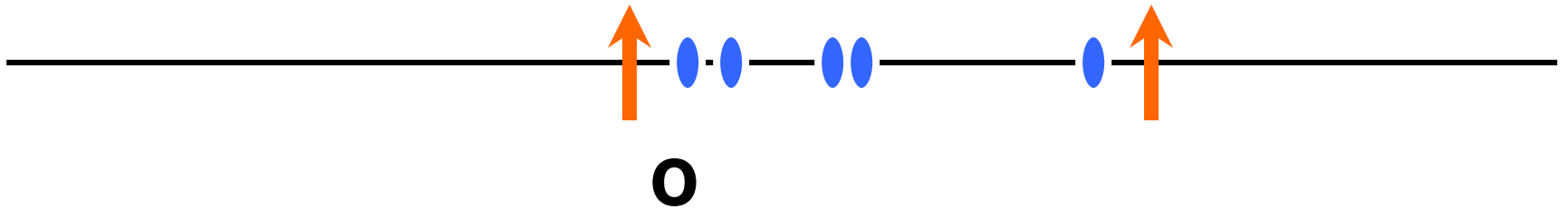
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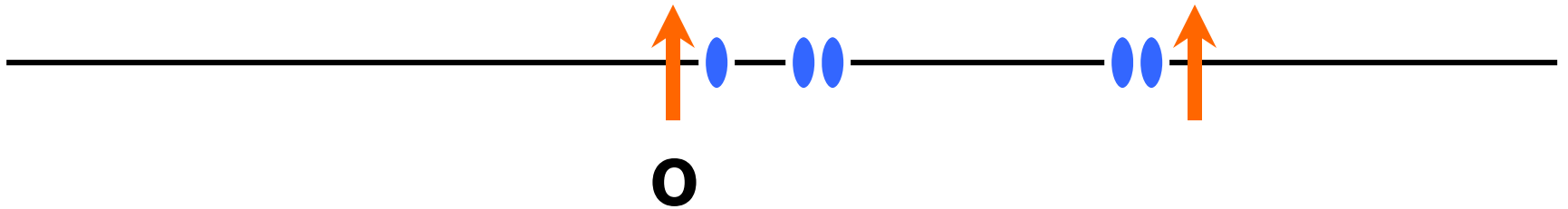
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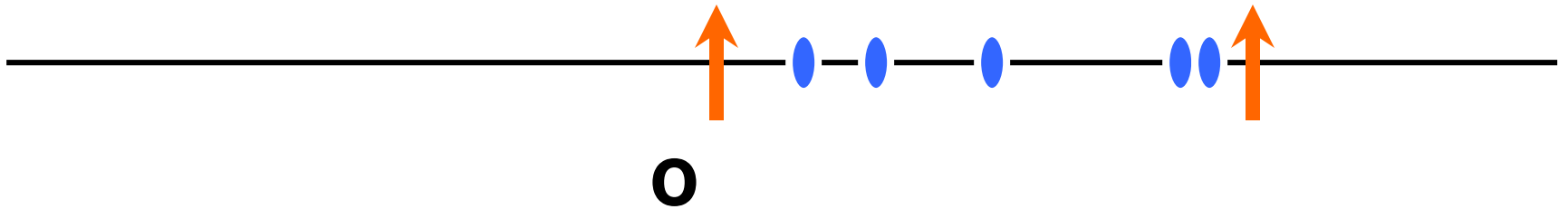
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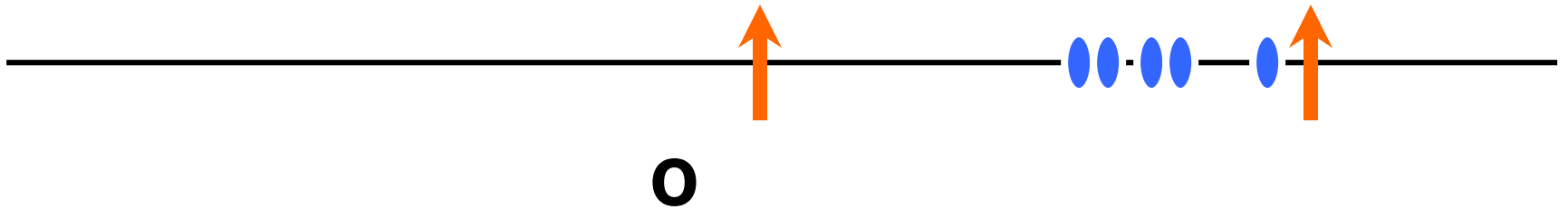
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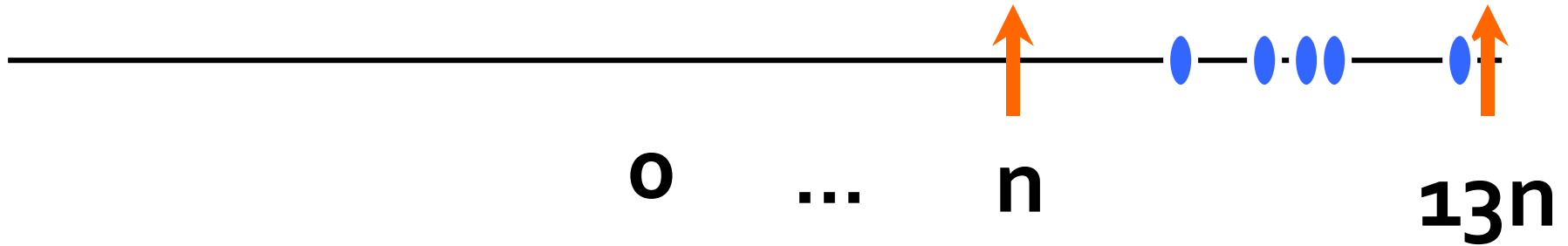
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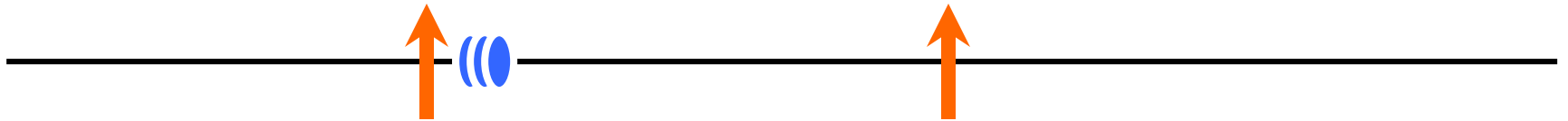
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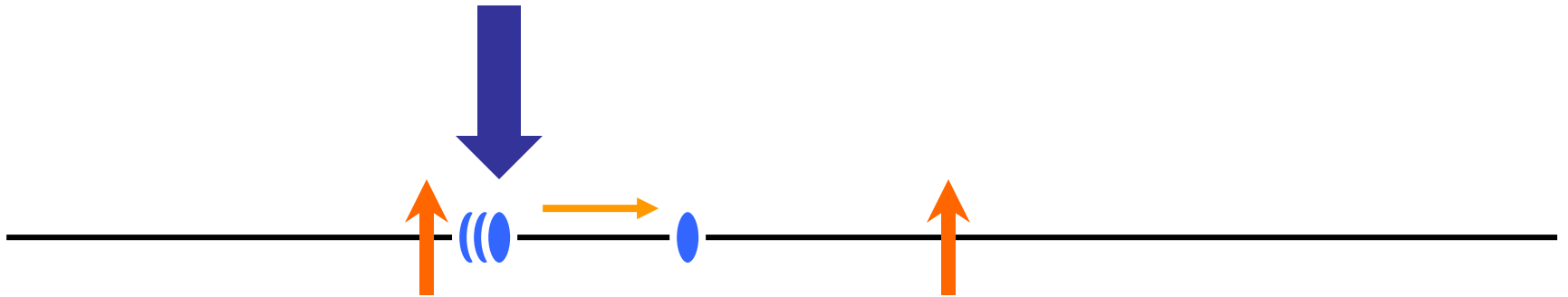
Hope: vectors are well-spread: there must be one which is well-behaved.

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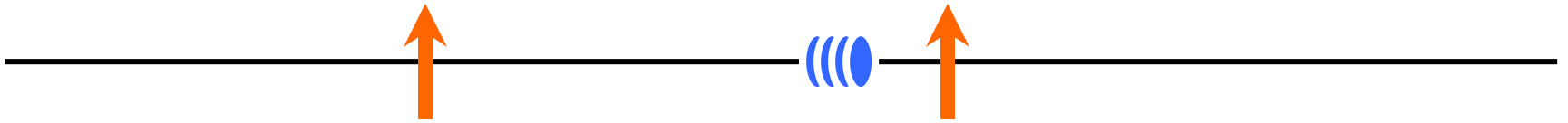


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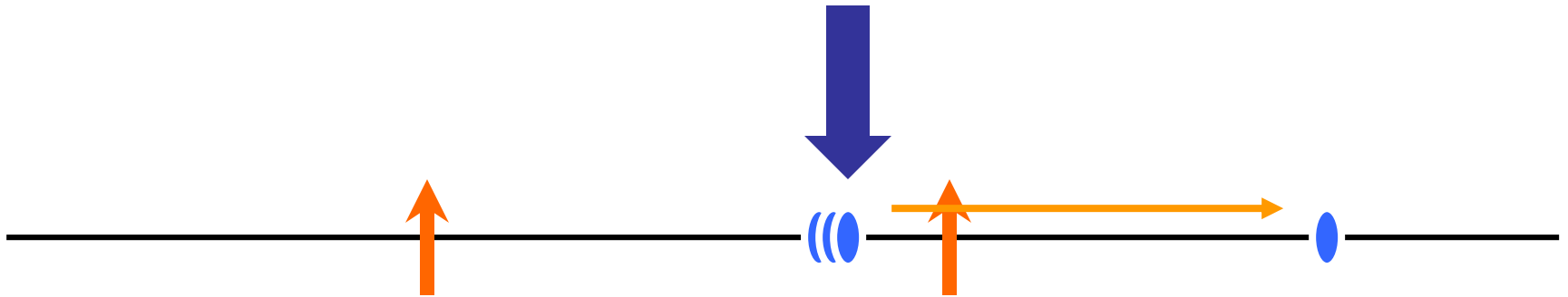


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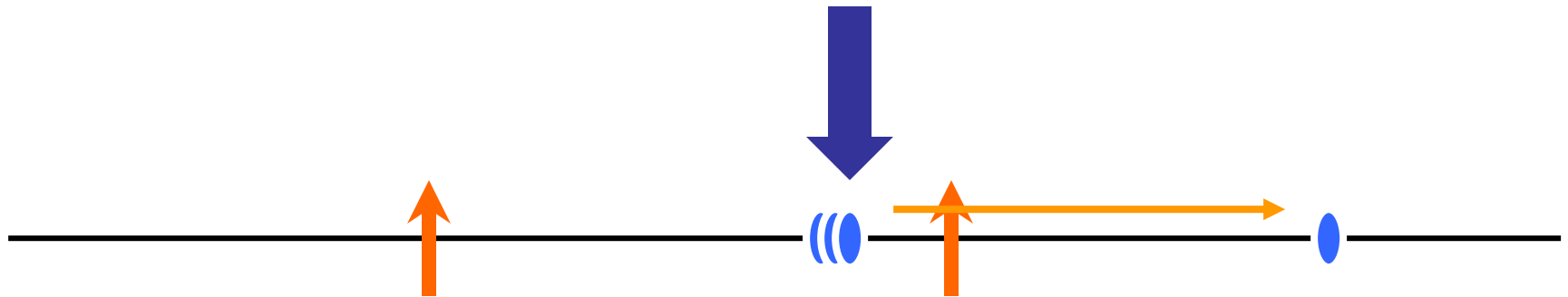
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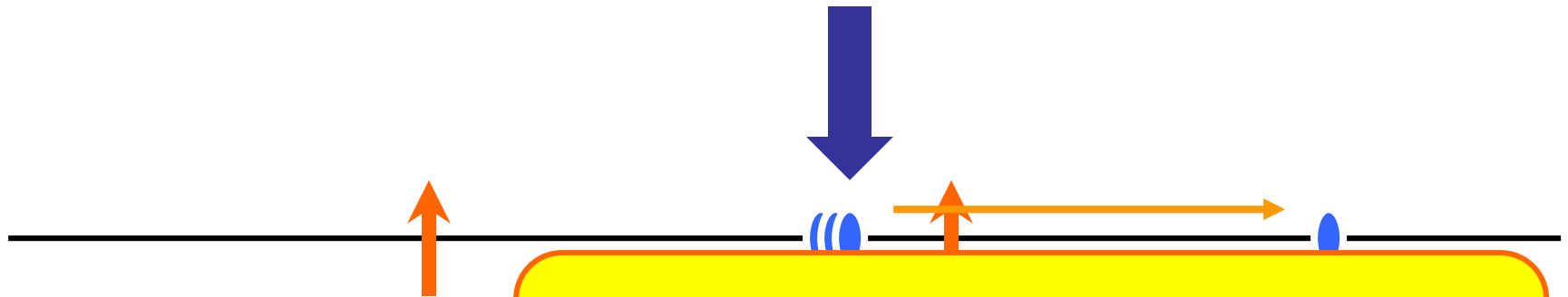


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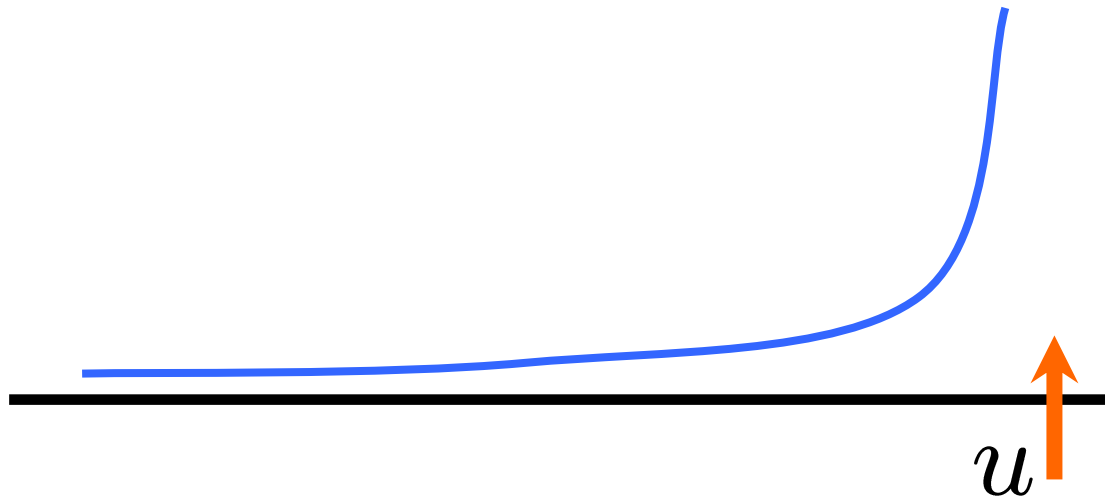
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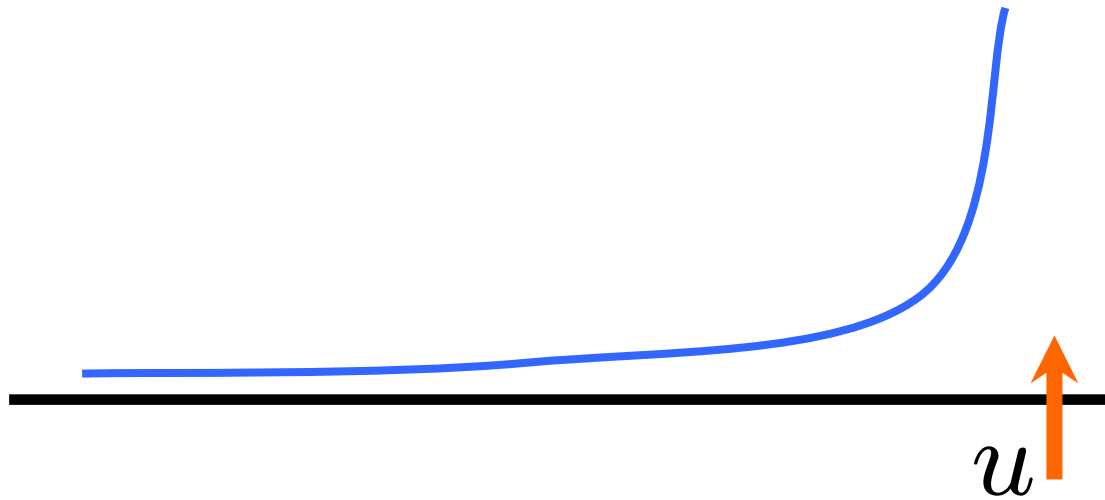
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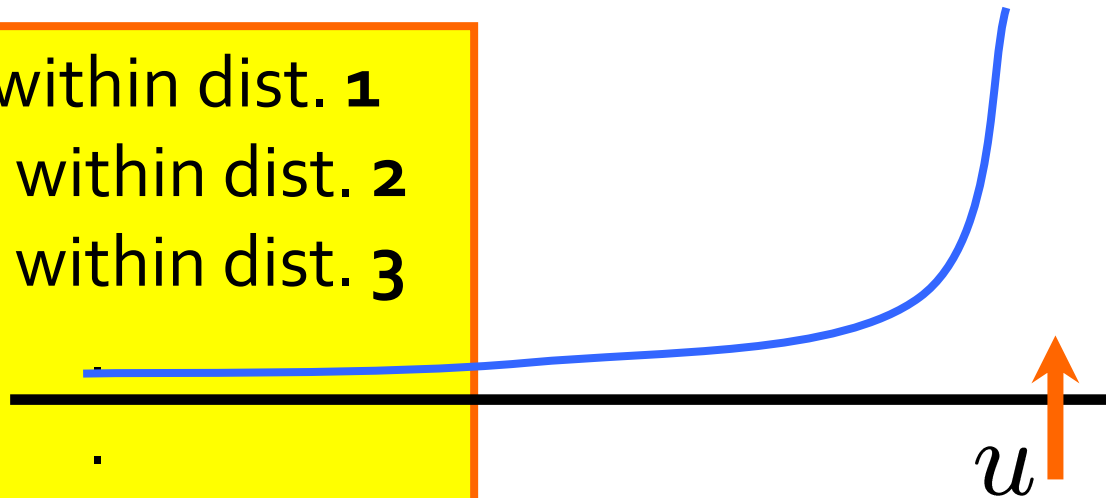
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'Total repulsion' in
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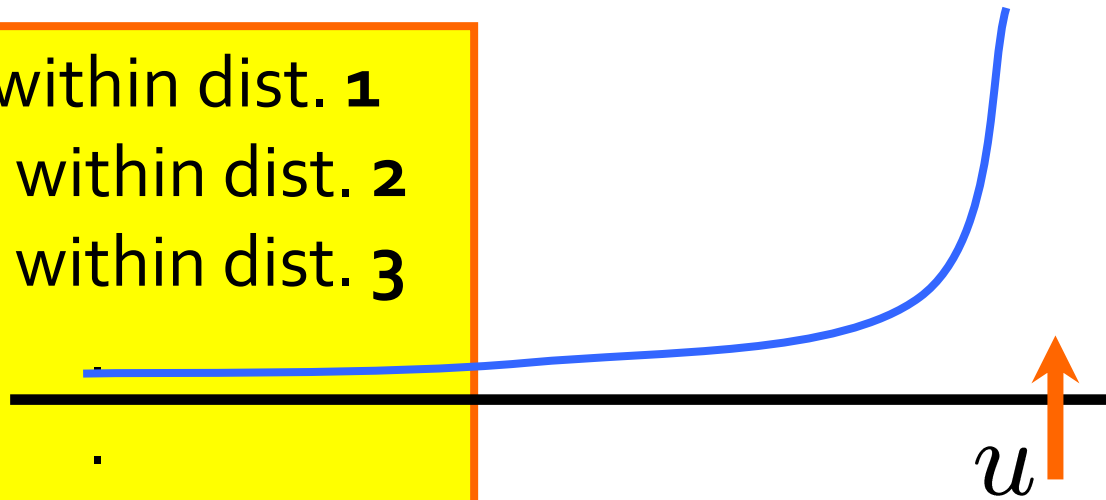
Power Barrier

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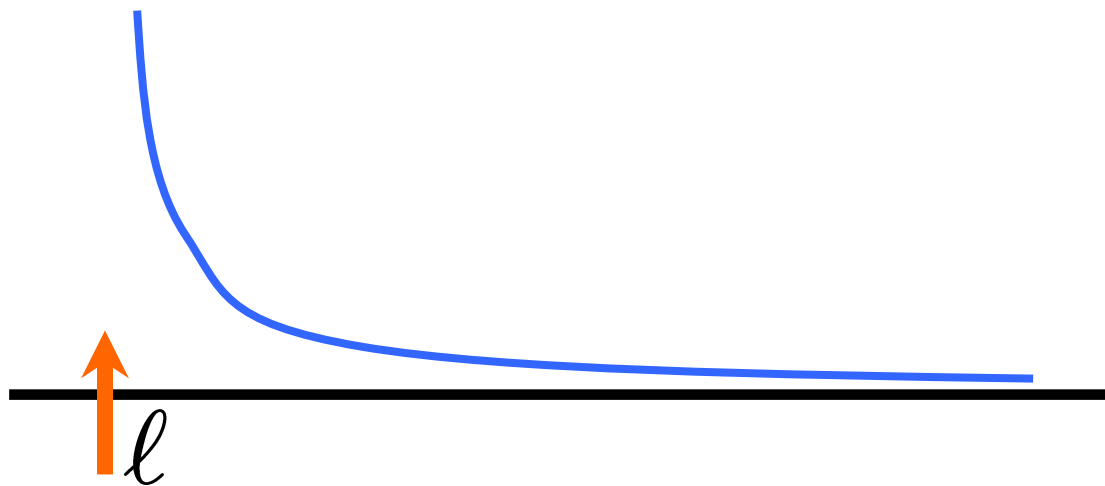
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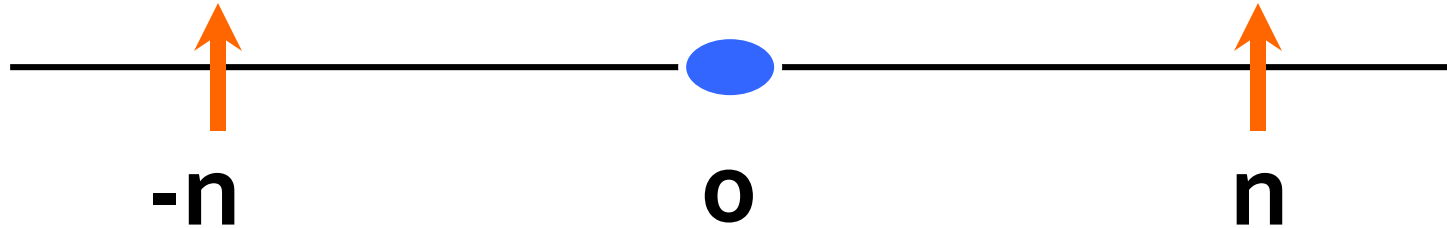
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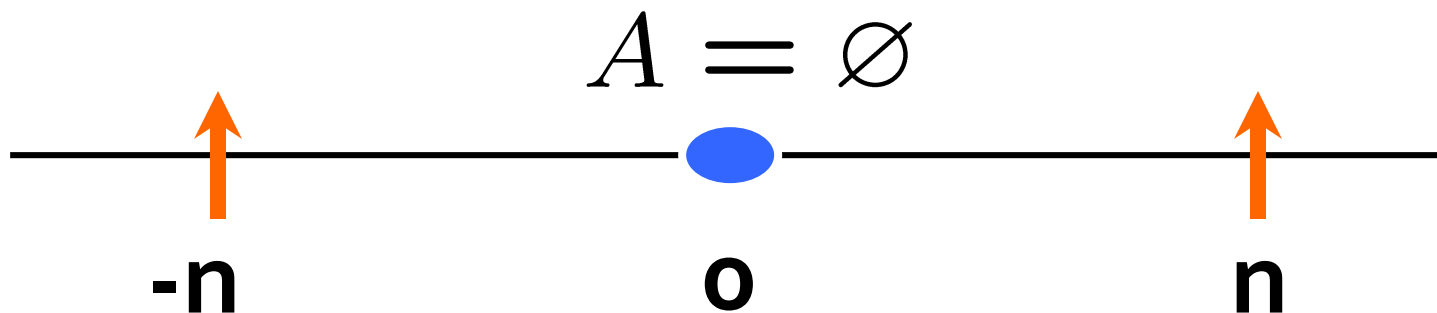
$$\Phi_\ell(A) \leq 1 \Rightarrow \lambda_{\min}(A) \gg \ell$$

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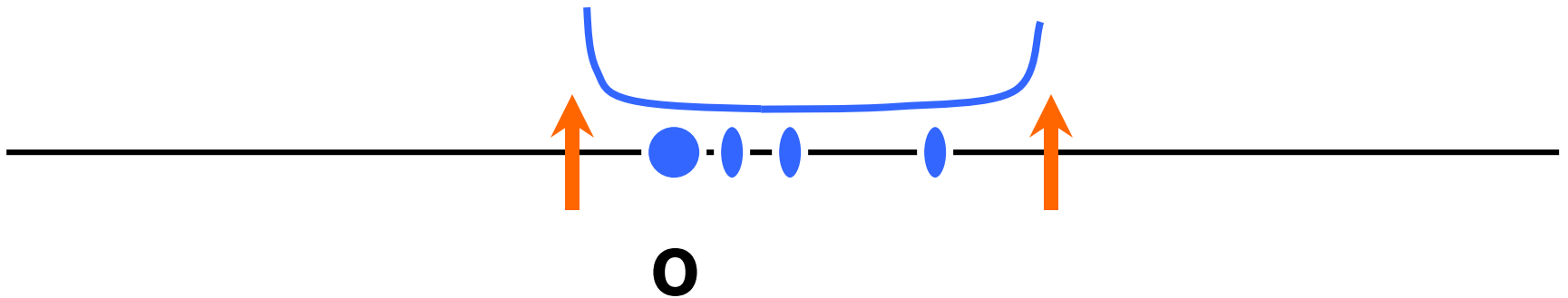


$$\Phi^n(\emptyset) = \text{Tr}(nI)^{-1} = 1$$

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Step $i+1$

$A^{(i)}, A^{(i+1)}, A^{(i+2)}$

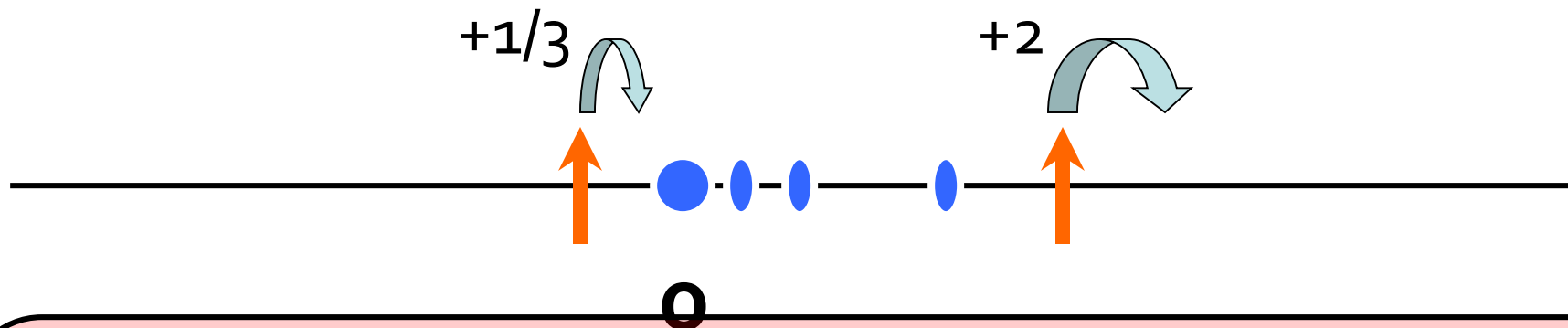


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Lemma.

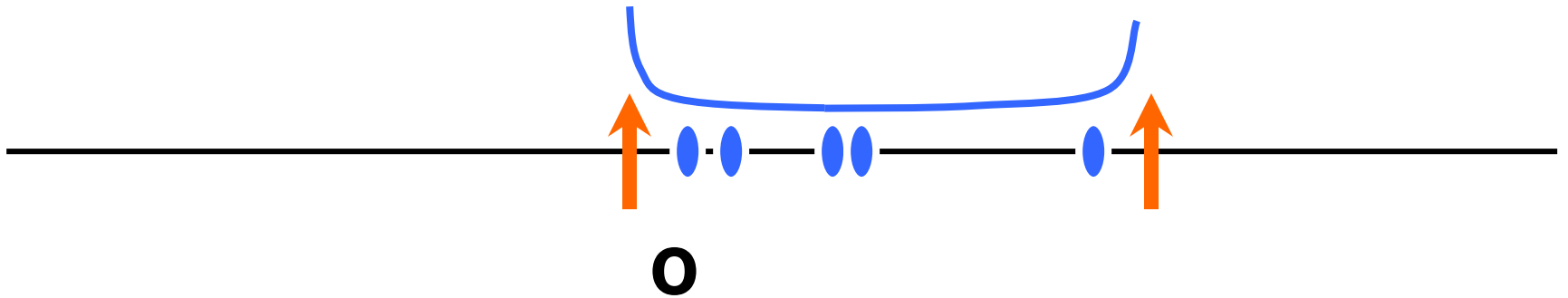
can always choose $+s\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T$
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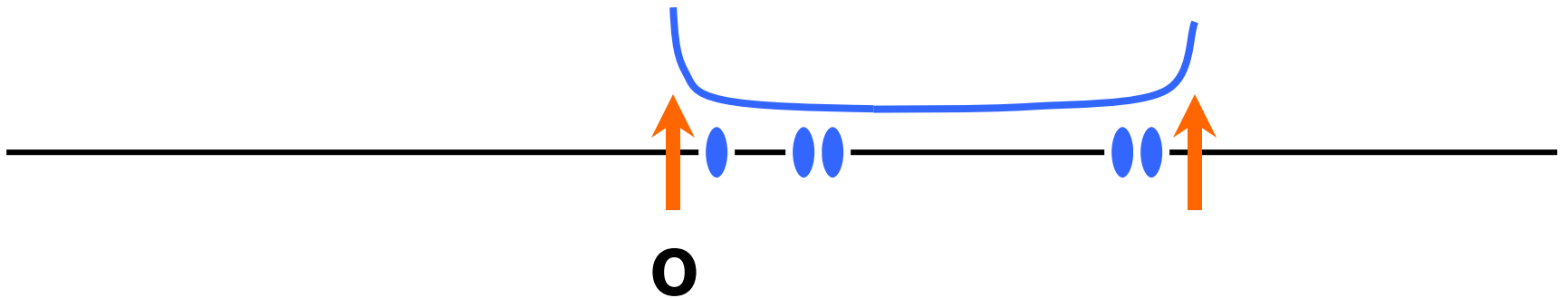


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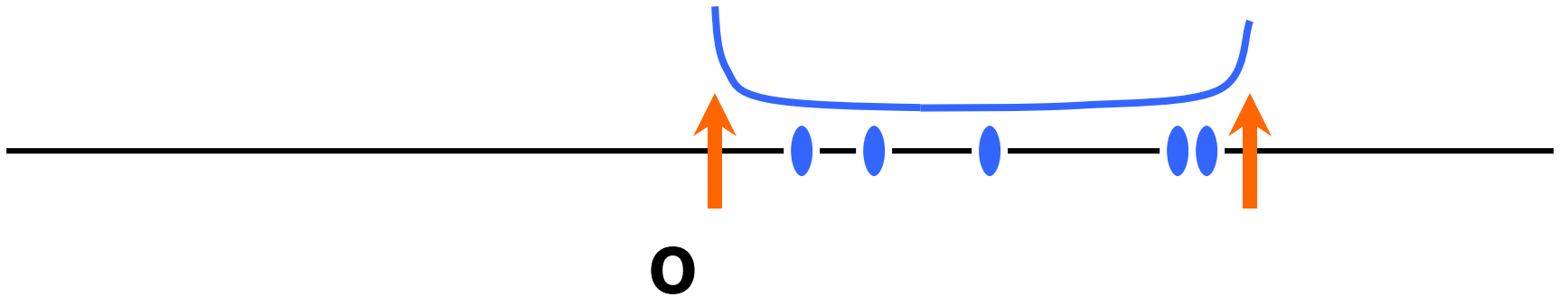


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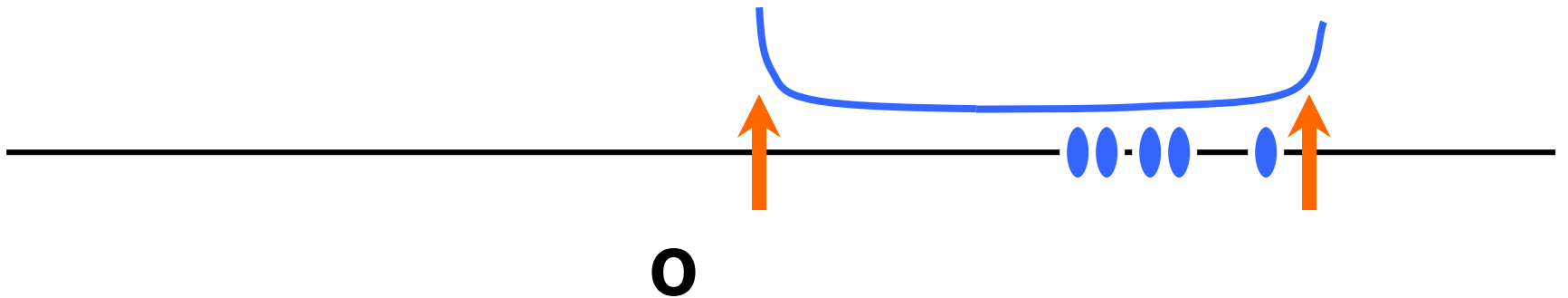


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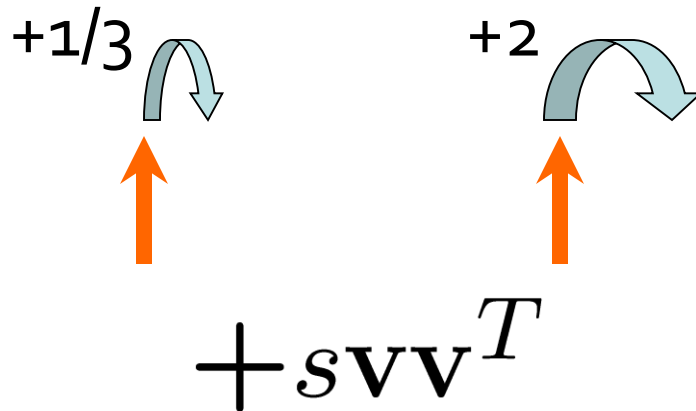
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Goal

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The Right Question

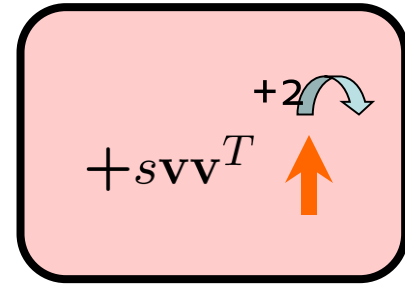
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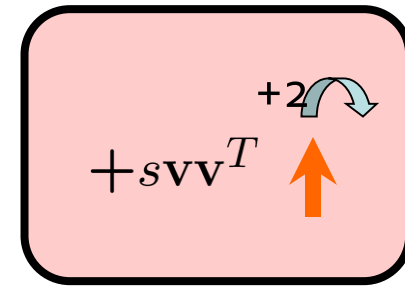
“Given a vector, how much of it can we add?”

Upper Barrier Update



Add svv^T & **set** $u' \leftarrow u + 2$.

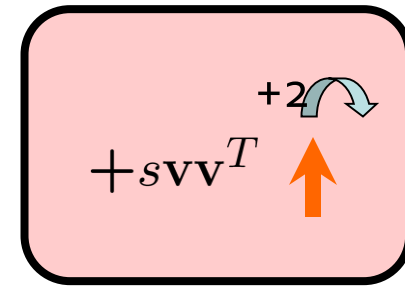
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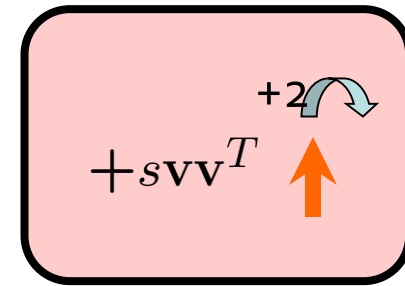
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Sherman-Morrisson

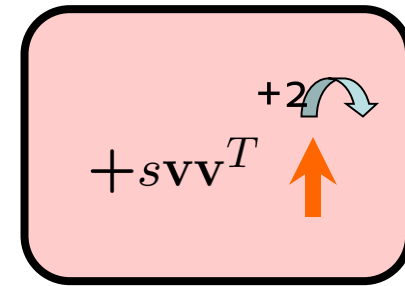
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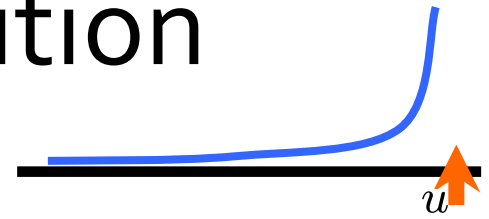
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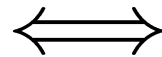
want $\leq \Phi^u(A)$.

Upper feasibility condition



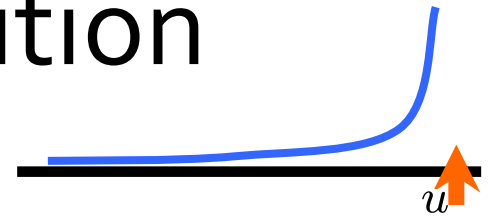
Rearranging:

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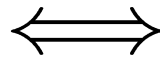
$$\frac{1}{s} \geq \mathbf{v}^T \left(\frac{(u'I - A)^{-2}}{\Phi^u(A) - \Phi^{u'}(A)} + (u'I - A)^{-1} \right) \mathbf{v}$$

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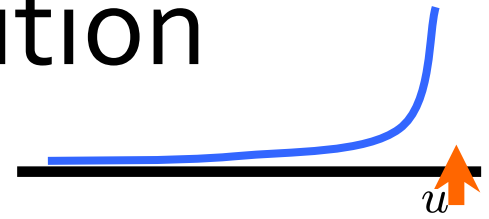
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$$\boxed{\frac{1}{s} \geq U_A \bullet \mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T}$$

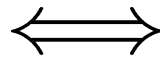
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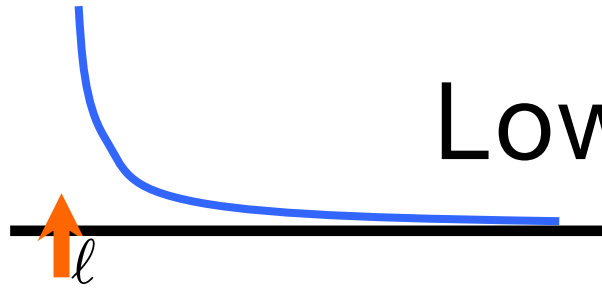
s=0 always feasible



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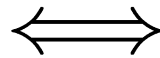
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Lower Feasibility



Similarly:

$$\Phi_{\ell'}(A + s\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T) \leq \Phi_{\ell}(A)$$

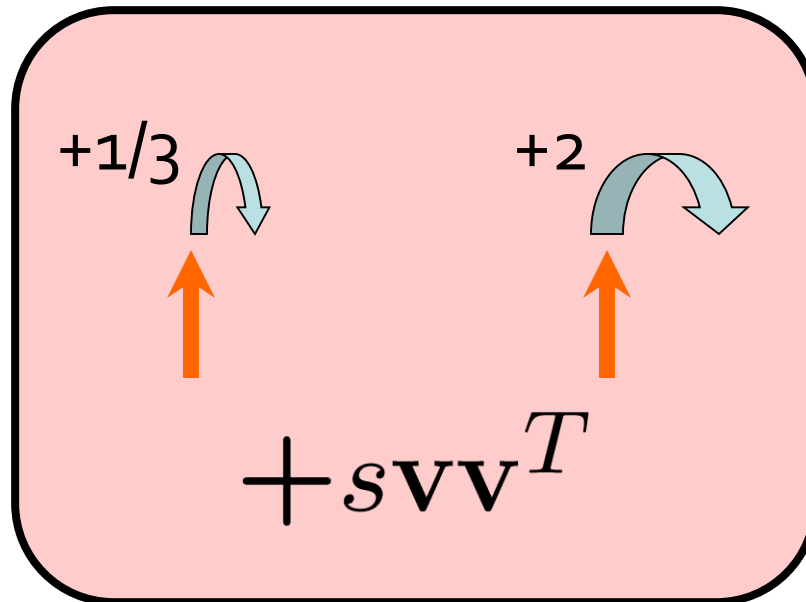


$$\frac{1}{s} \leq \mathbf{v}^T \left(\frac{(A - \ell'I)^{-2}}{\Phi_{\ell'}(A) - \Phi_{\ell}(A)} - (A - \ell'I)^{-1} \right) \mathbf{v}$$

$$\frac{1}{s} \leq L_A \bullet \mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T$$

Goal

Show that we can always add some vector while respecting *both* barriers.



Both Barriers

Goal

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$$U_A \bullet \mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T \leq L_A \bullet \mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T$$

can add

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Then, can squeeze scaling factor in between:

$$U_A \bullet \mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T \leq \frac{1}{s} \leq L_A \bullet \mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T$$

Average over all \mathbf{v}_e

Goal

$$\exists \mathbf{v}, U_A \bullet \mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T \leq L_A \bullet \mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T$$

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$$\sum_{\mathbf{v}} U_A \bullet \mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T \leq \sum_{\mathbf{v}} L_A \bullet \mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T$$

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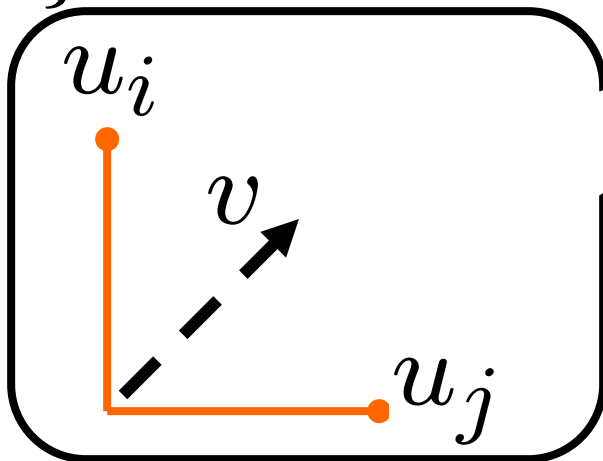
$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\mathbf{v} \in \{v_e\}} U_A \bullet \mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T &= U_A \bullet \left(\sum_e v_e v_e^T \right) \\ &= U_A \bullet I \\ &= \text{Tr}(U_A). \end{aligned}$$

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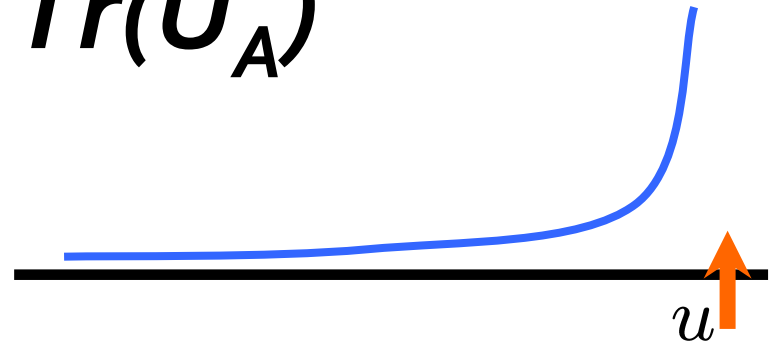
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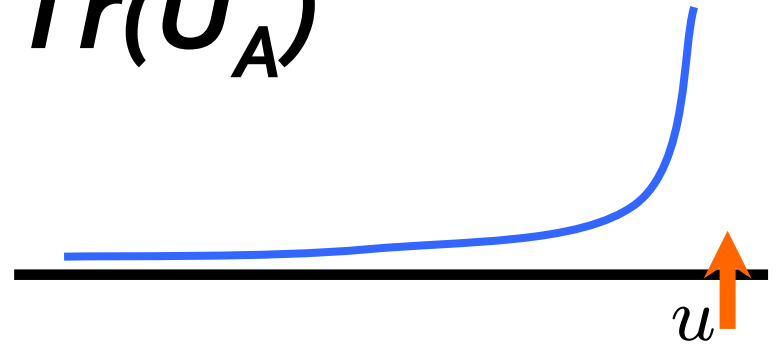
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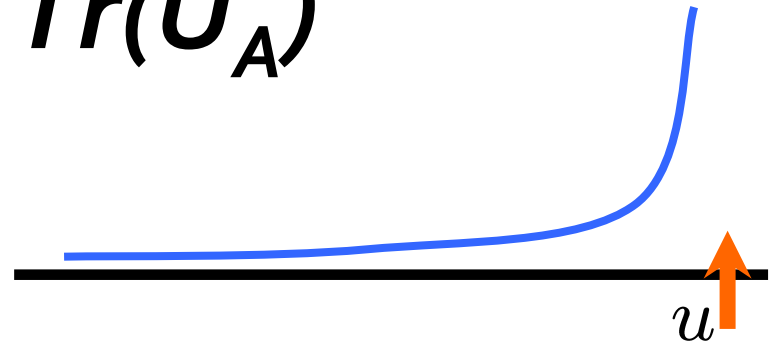
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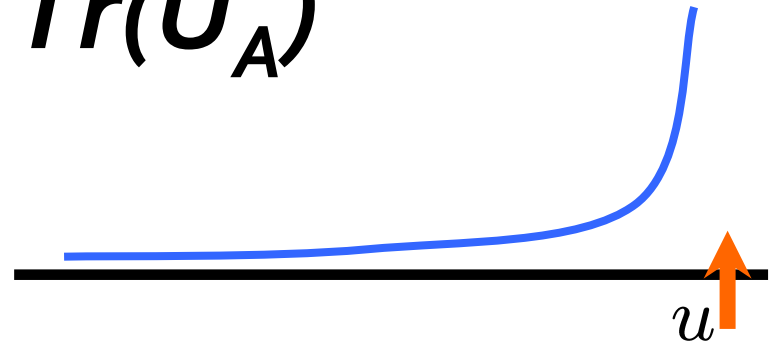
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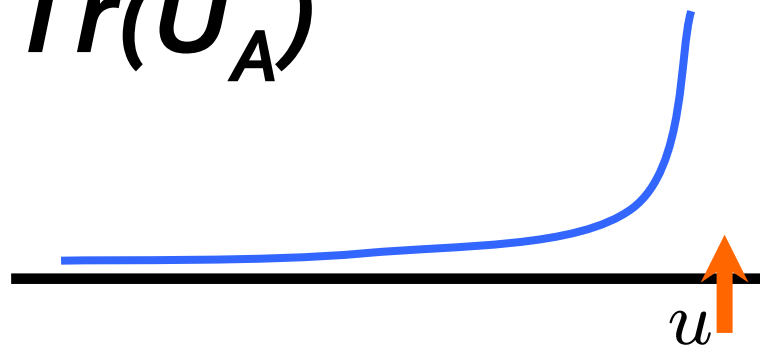
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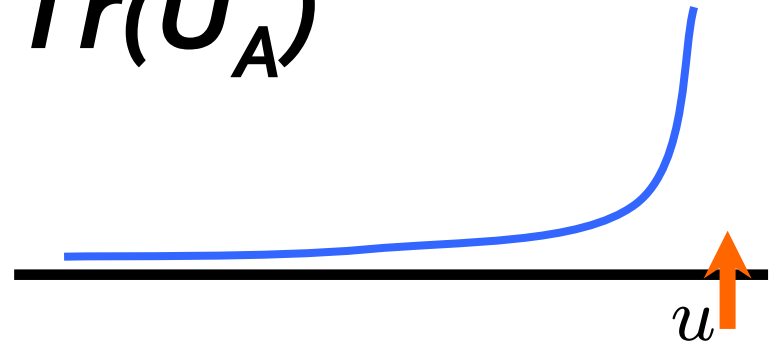


$$\frac{-\frac{\partial}{\partial u'} \Phi^{u'}(A)}{\Phi^u(A) - \Phi^{u'}(A)} + \boxed{\leq 1}$$

induction

(Recall $\Phi^u(A) = \text{Tr}(uI - A)^{-1}$.)

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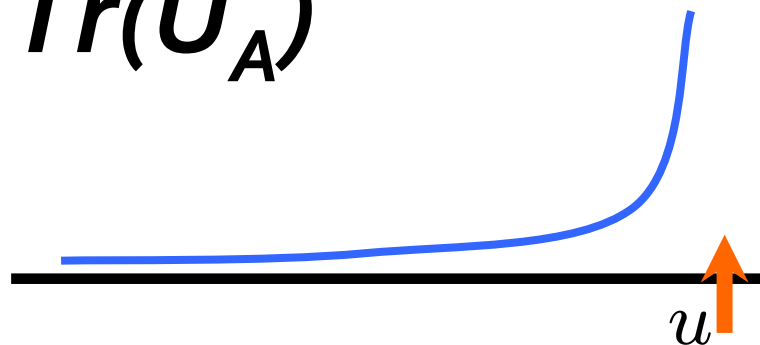
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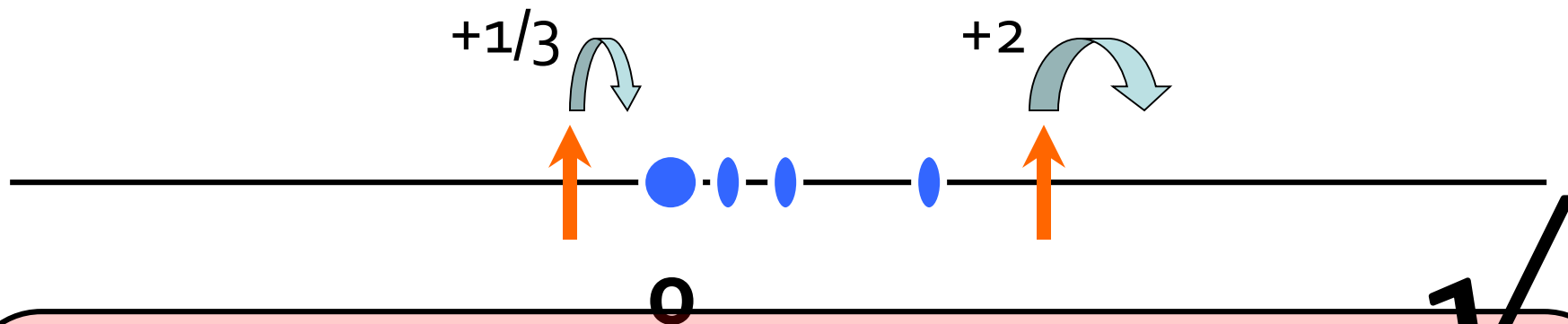
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Lemma.

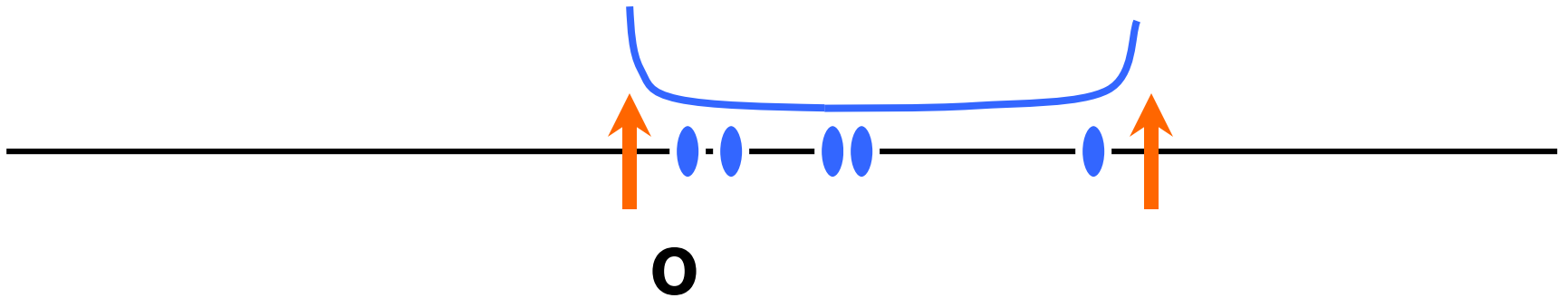
can always choose $+s\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T$
so that potentials do not increase.

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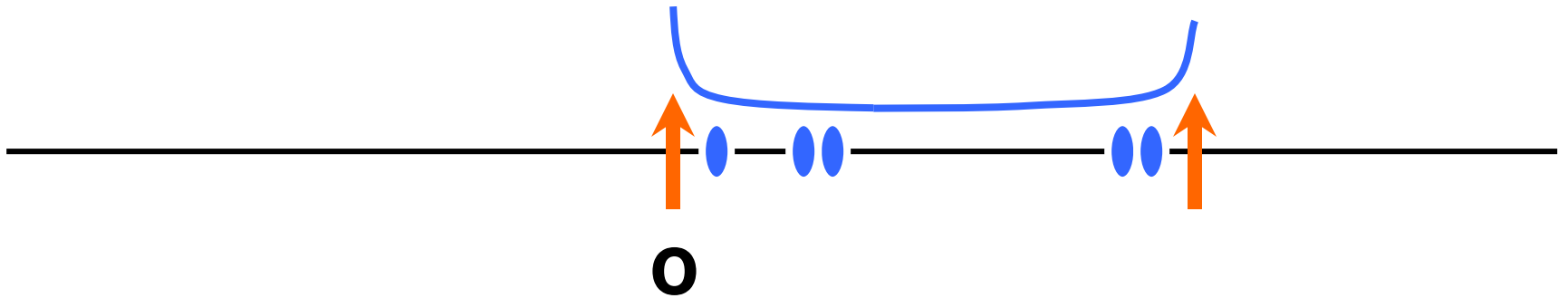


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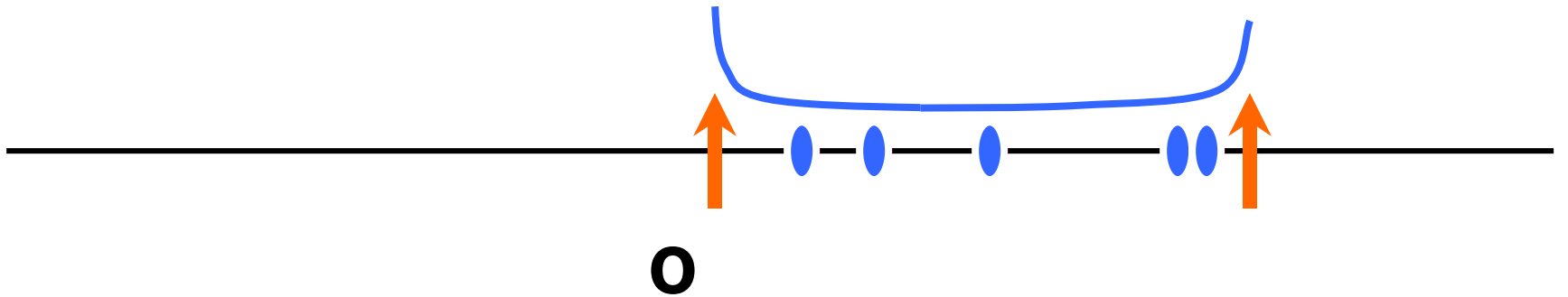


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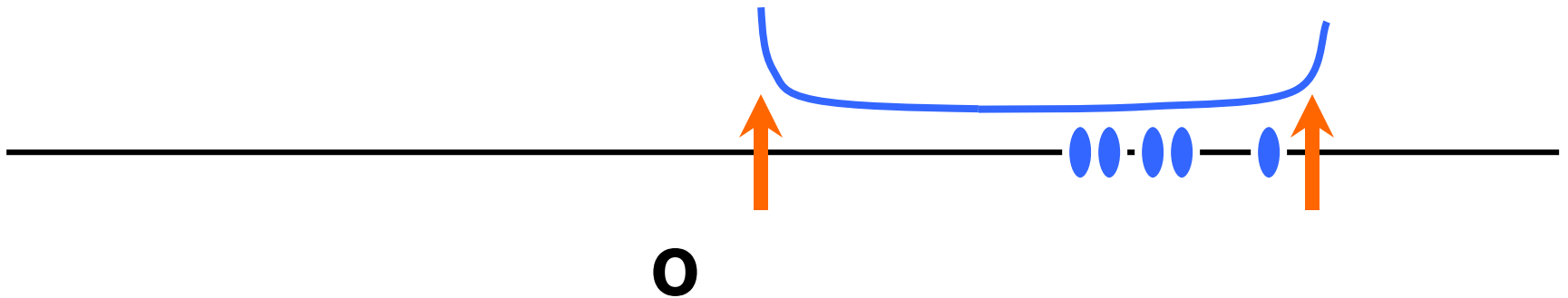


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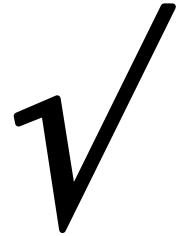


13-approximation with 6n vectors.



Done!

Spectral Sparsification Theorem:



Given $\sum_{i \leq m} v_i v_i^T = I_n$ there are $s_i \geq 0$ with:

- $I \preceq \sum_i s_i v_i v_i^T \preceq 13 \cdot I$
- $\text{supp}(s) \leq 6n$.

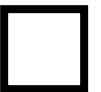
Nearly Optimal bound

Fixing dn steps and tightening parameters
gives

$$\kappa = \frac{(\sqrt{d}+1)^2}{(\sqrt{d}-1)^2}$$

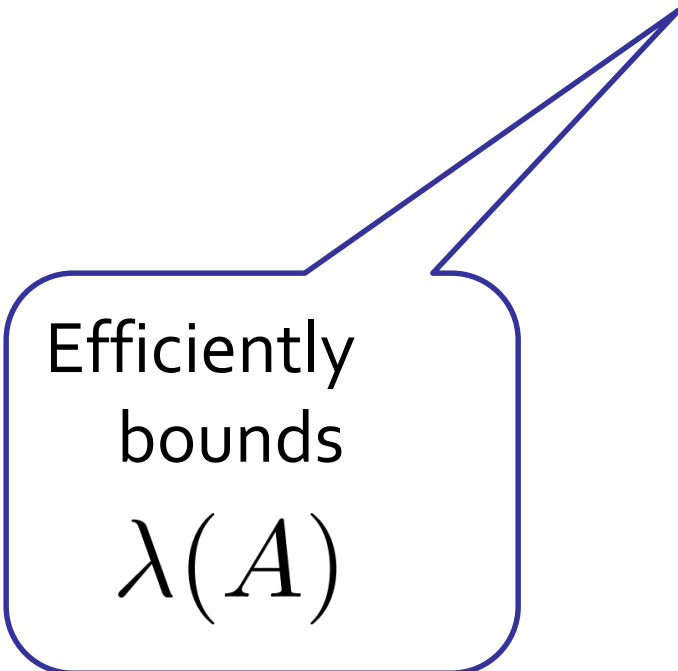
(zeros of Laguerre polynomials).

This is within a factor of 2 of the optimal
Ramanujan Bound [LPS, Alon-Boppana].



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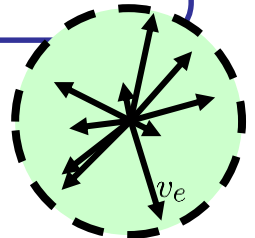
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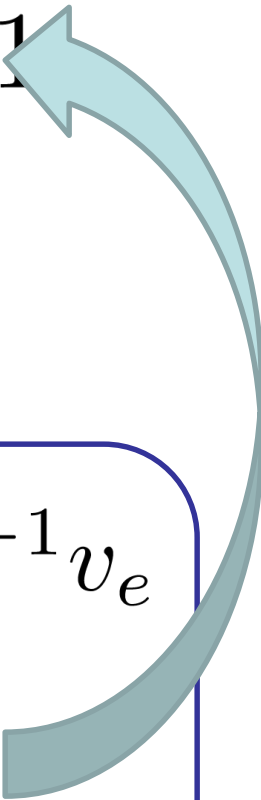
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Major Themes

- Electrical model of **interlacing** is useful
- Can use barrier potential to **iteratively** construct matrices with desired spectra
- Analysis of progress is **greedy / local**
- Requires **fractional weights** on vectors

Instead of directly reasoning about $\lambda_i(A)$,
reason about $(zI - A)^{-1}$.

Open Questions

Fast algorithm

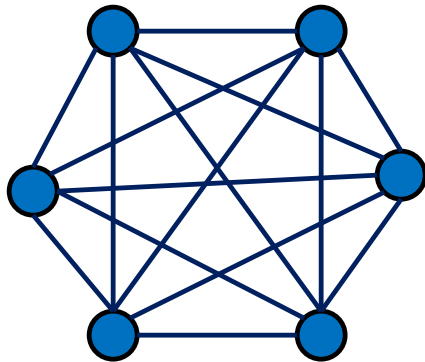
currently $O(n^4)$

Optimization proof?

More applications

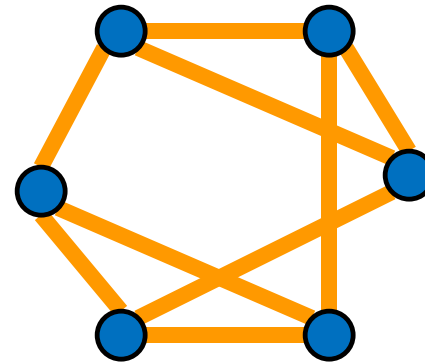
There are no weights here...

$G = K_n$



$$|E_G| = O(n^2)$$

$H = \text{random } d\text{-regular } \times (n/d)$



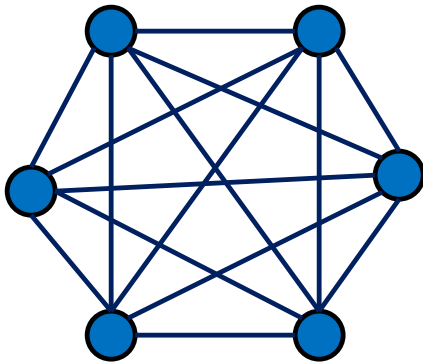
$$|E_H| = O(dn)$$

$$\forall x, \quad \frac{x^T L_G x}{x^T L_H x} \simeq 1 \pm \epsilon$$

$$d = 2/\epsilon^2$$

And off by a factor of 2

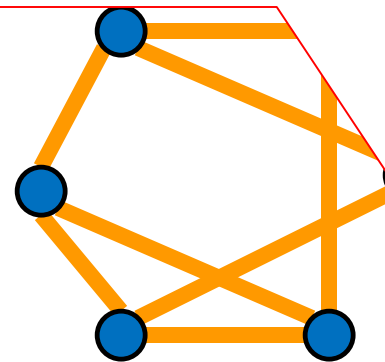
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We get $4n/\epsilon^2$



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This is not a dream.