

Validation via information theory II

Organization

What is PA?

Roadmap

Formalization of PA

→ Algorithms as channels

→ Derivation of PA

Applications

Posterior agreement

How to validate algorithms?

$$\mathcal{A}: X \mapsto p(\cdot | X)$$

Expected log posterior agreement:

$$\frac{1}{\log |C|} \mathbb{E}_{X', X''} [\log(|C| \kappa(X', X''))]$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa(X', X'') &= \sum_c p(c | X') p(c | X'') \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{p(\cdot | X')} [p(\cdot | X'')] \end{aligned}$$

Posterior agreement

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$$\frac{1}{\log |C|} \mathbb{E}_{X', X''} [\log(|C| \kappa(X', X''))]$$

In practice, emp. log PA = $\frac{1}{\log |C|} \log(|C| \kappa(X', X''))$

When comparing $\mathcal{A}_1$ and $\mathcal{A}_2$, choose the one that maximizes $\kappa(X', X'')$.

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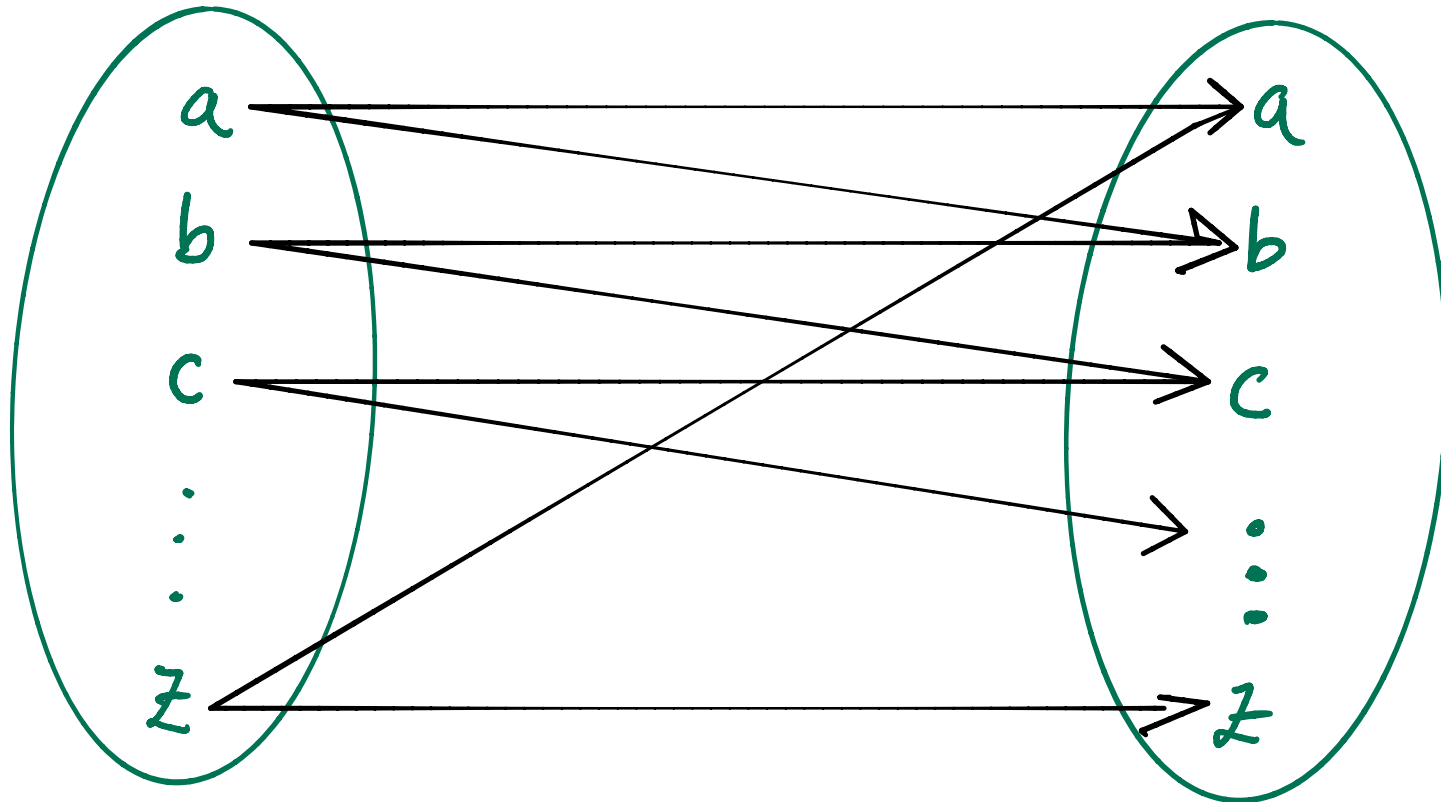
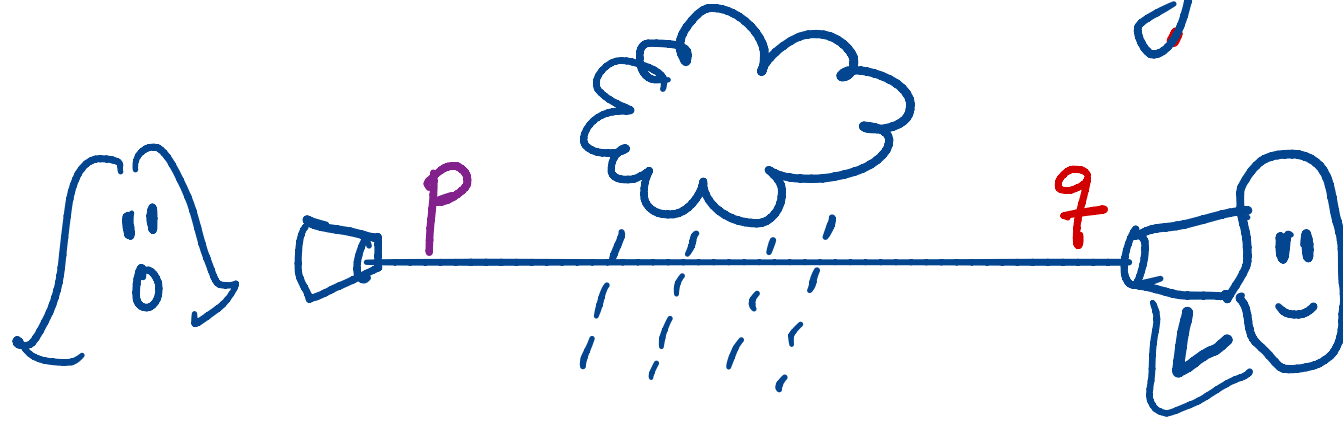
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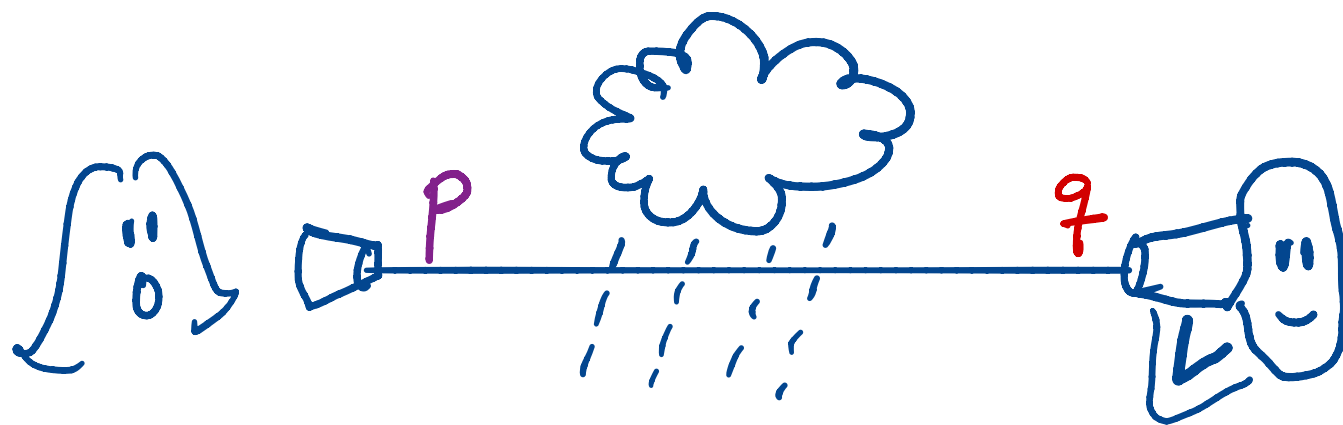
→ Derivation of PA

Applications

PA originates from
modeling and evaluating
algorithms as channels

Communication on a noisy channel

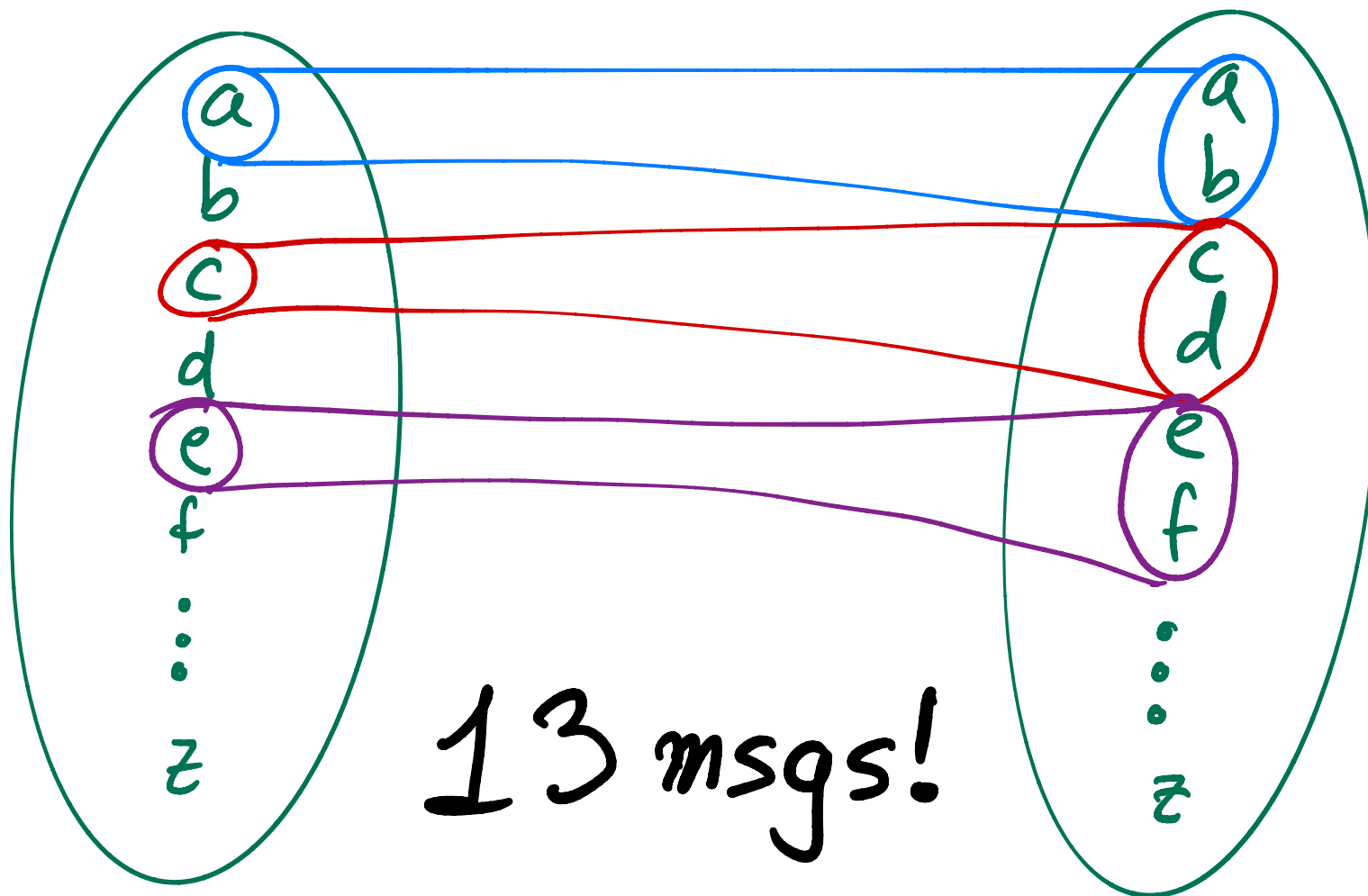
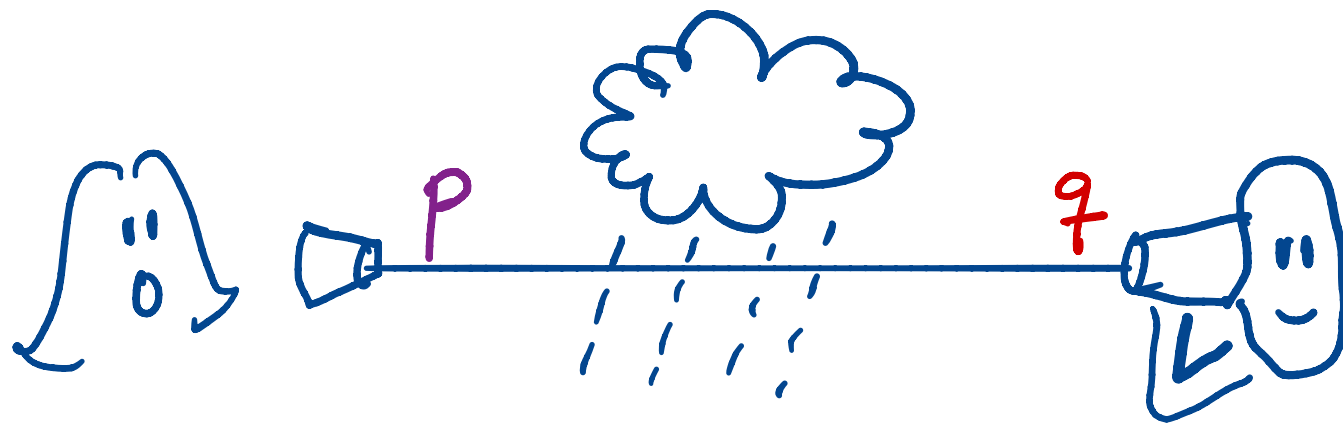


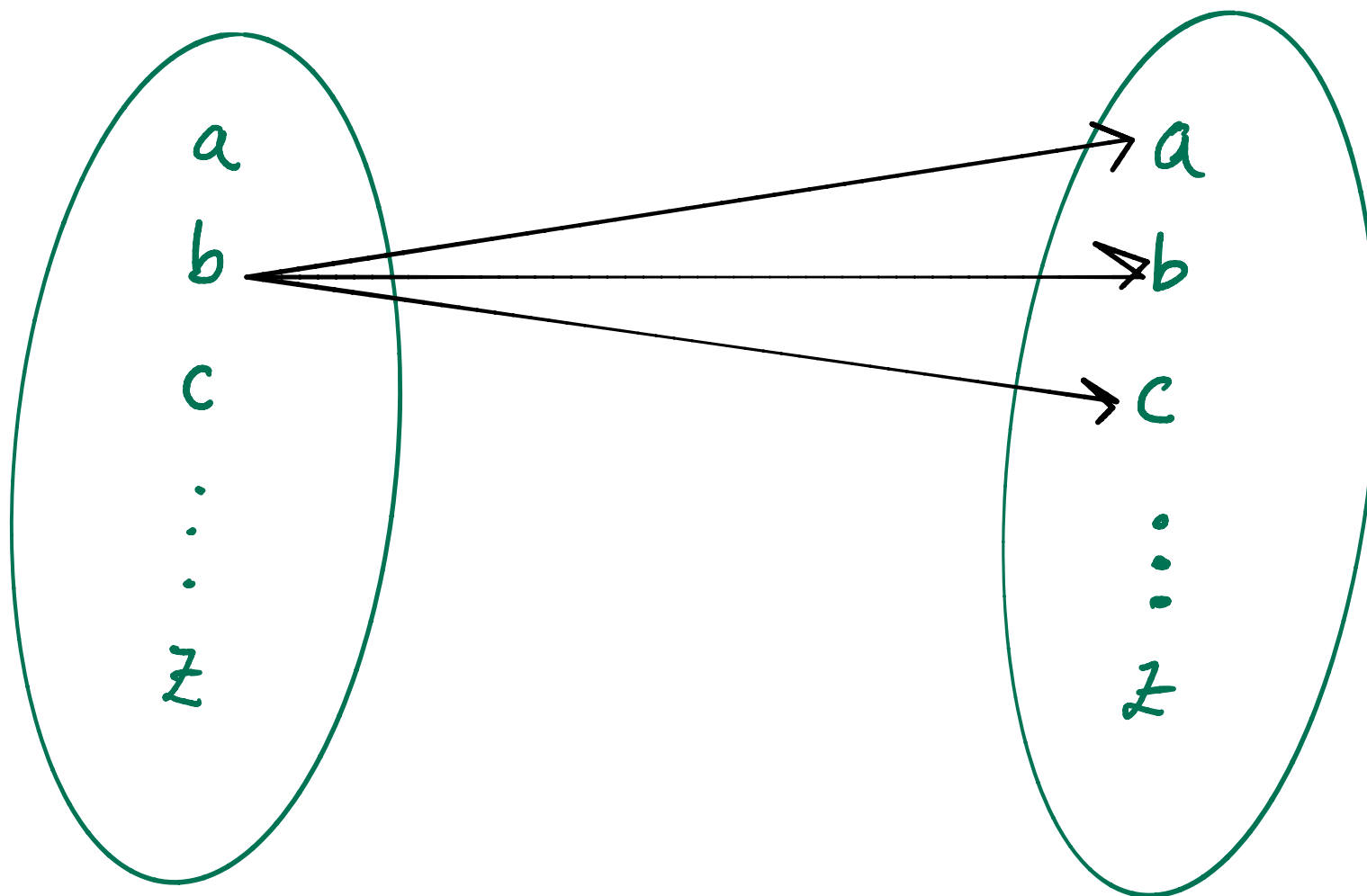
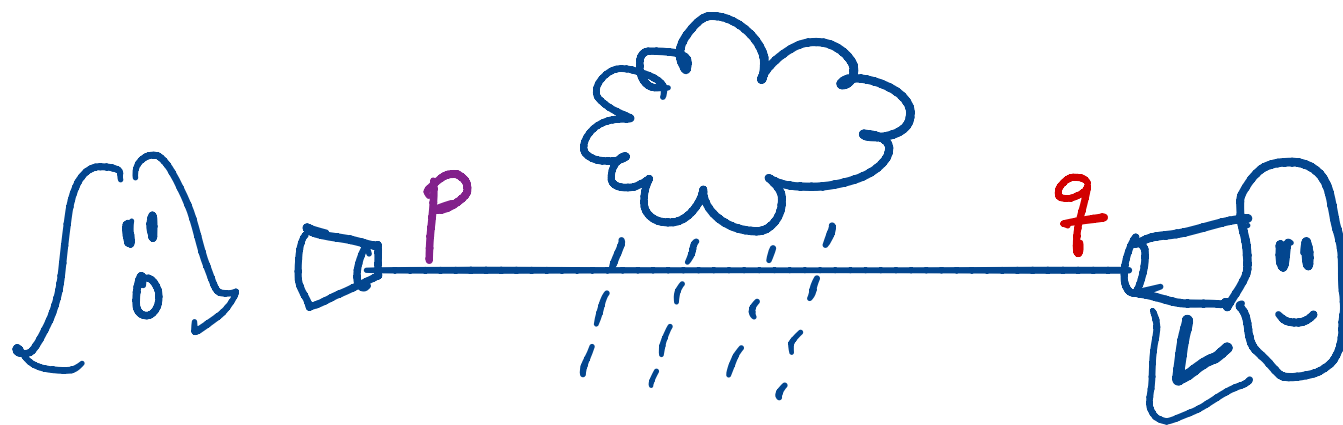


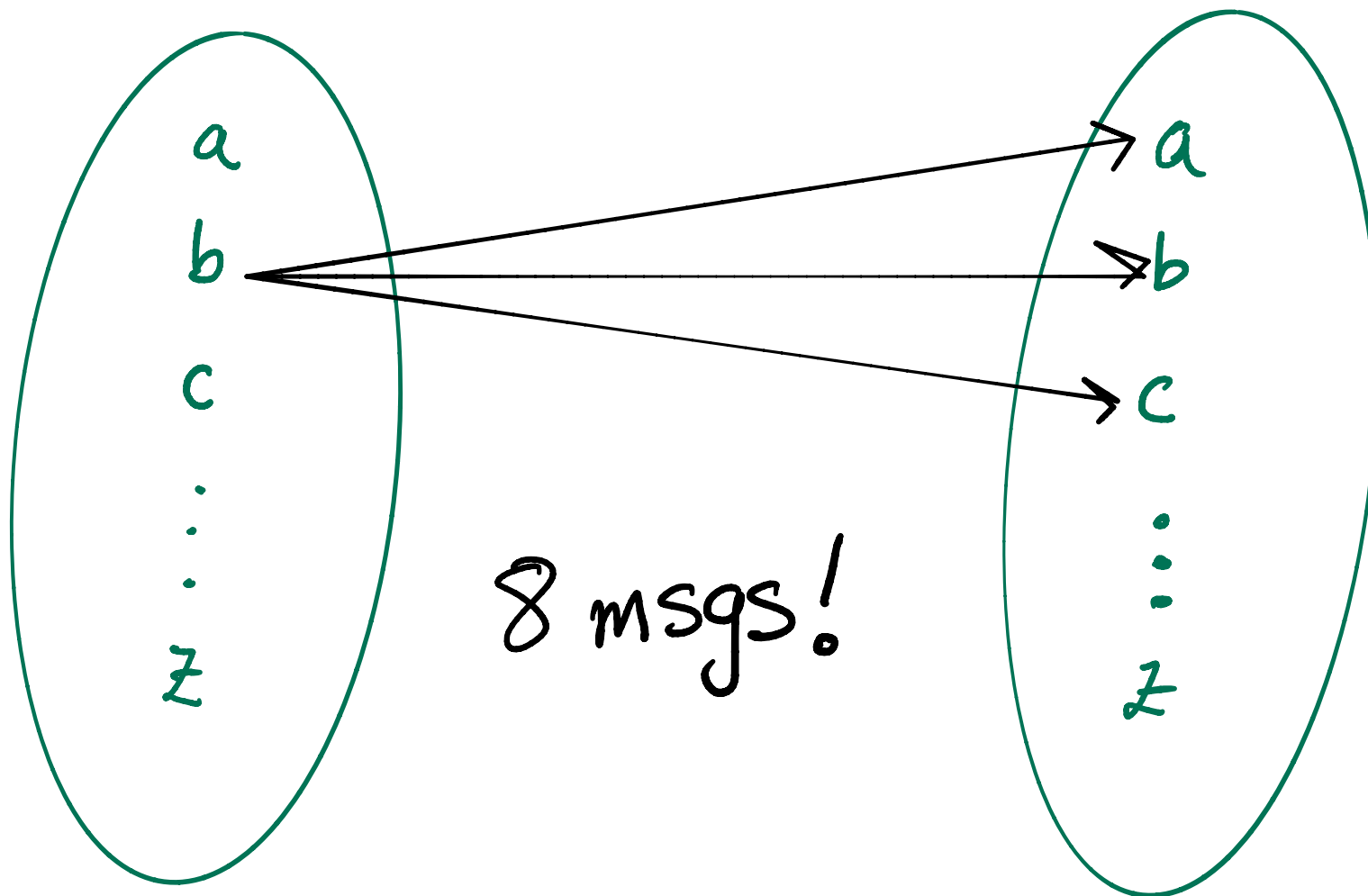
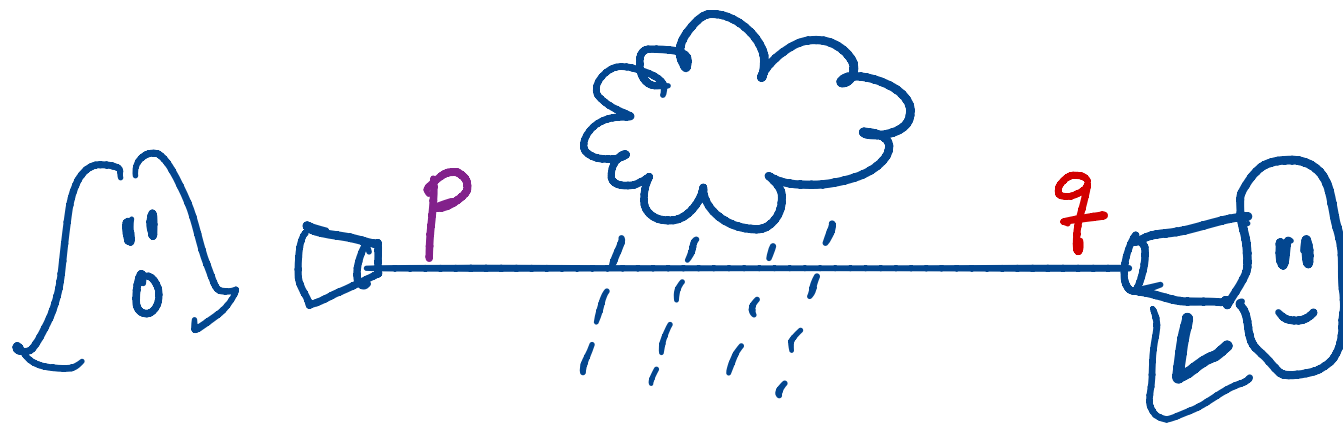
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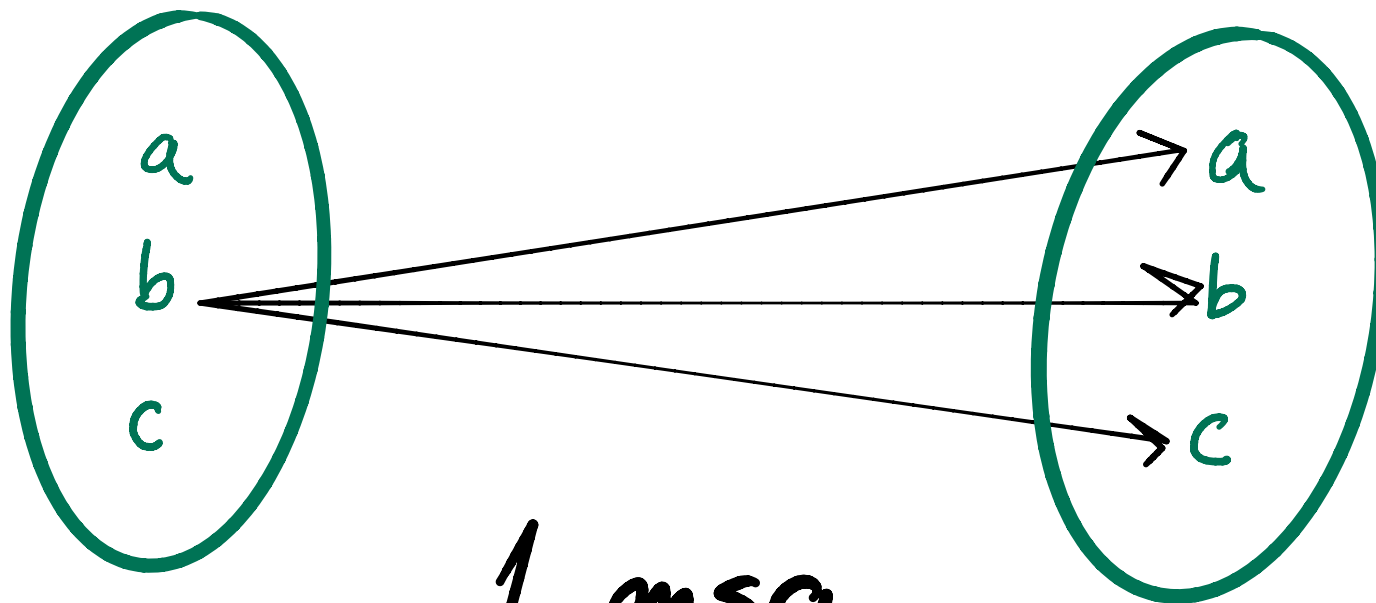
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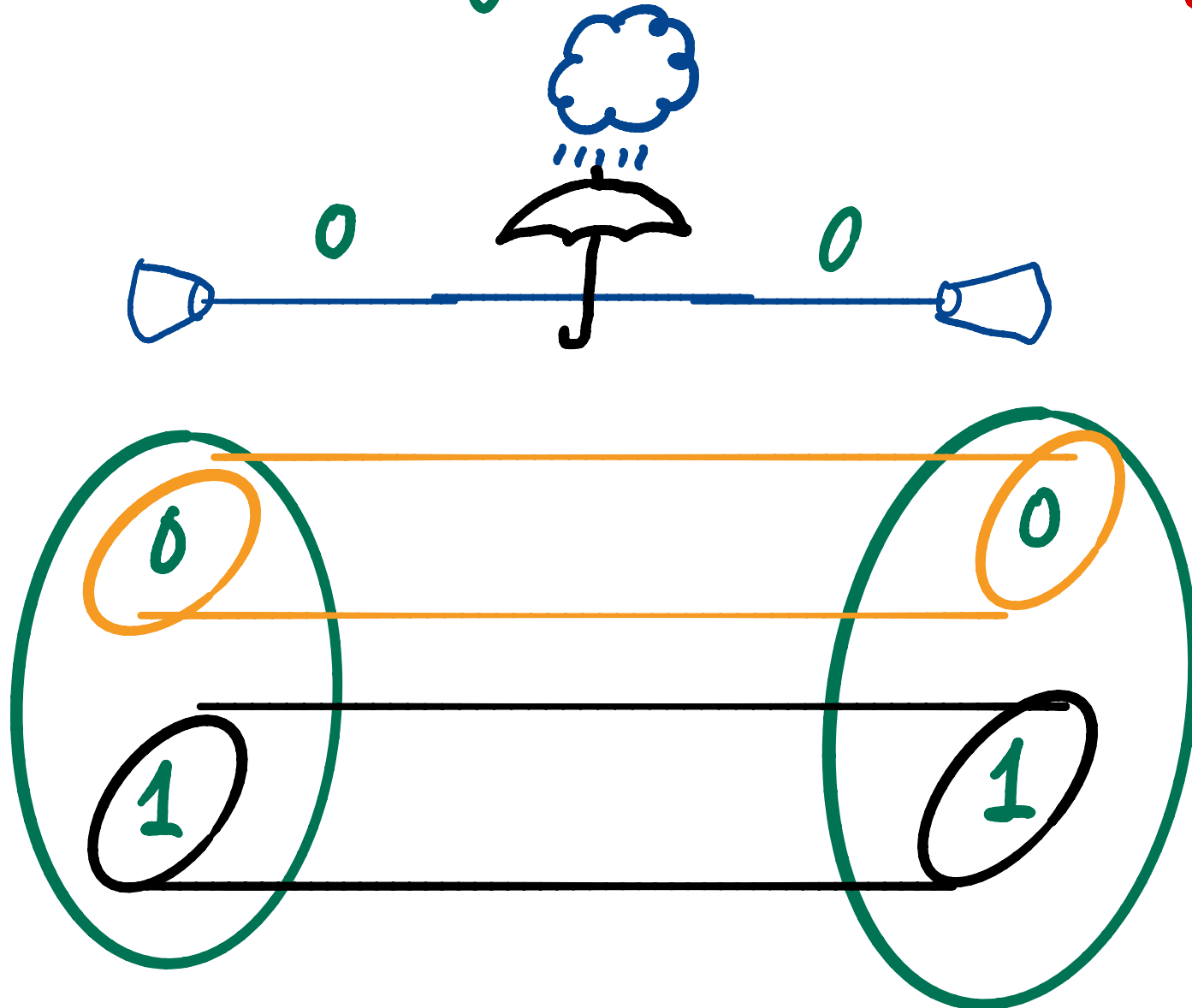
Good channels

$\Leftrightarrow$

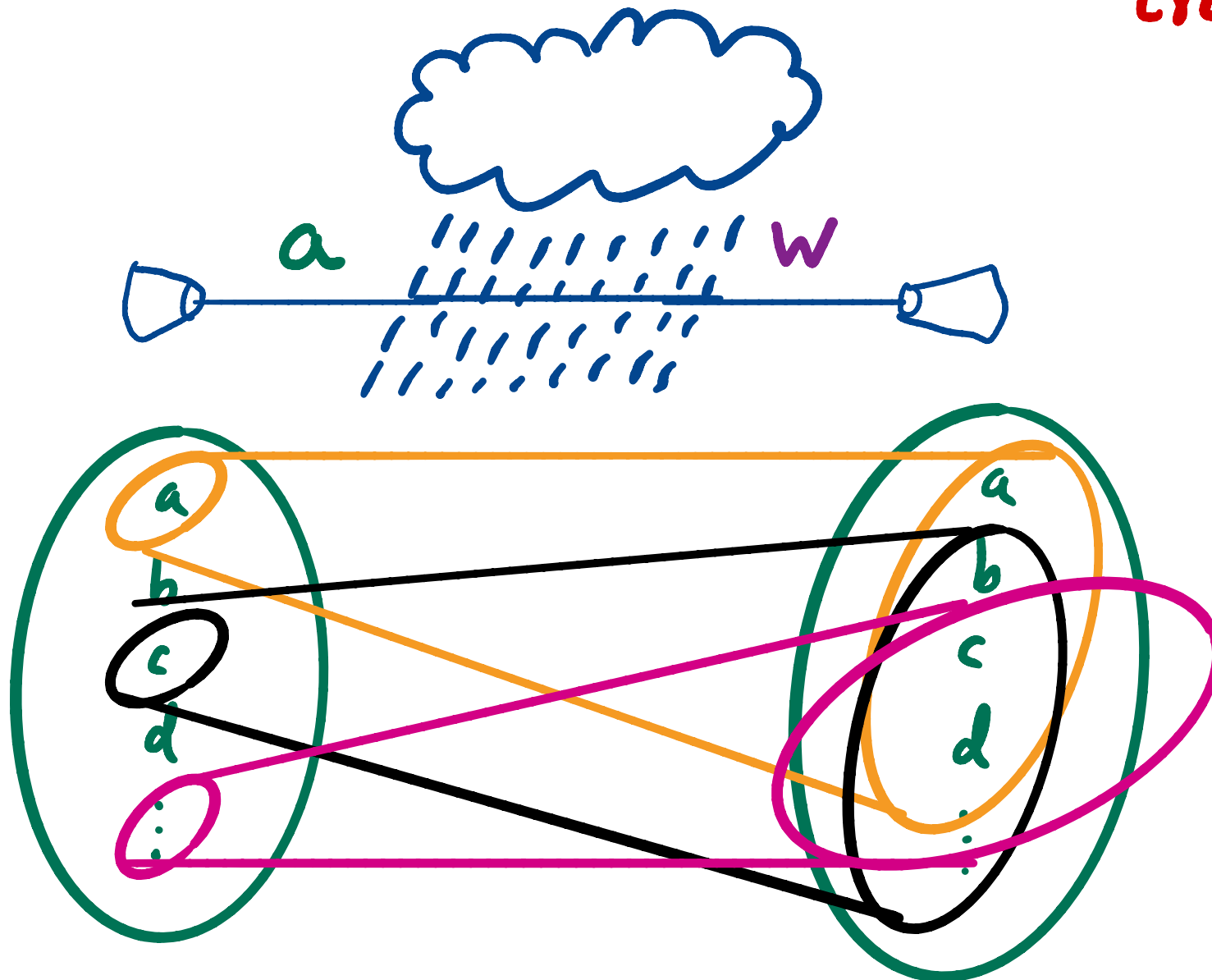
high info transfer

=
codewords
have
content + channel
robust
against noise

poor content + robust against noise = low information transfer



rich content + sensitive to noise = low information transfer



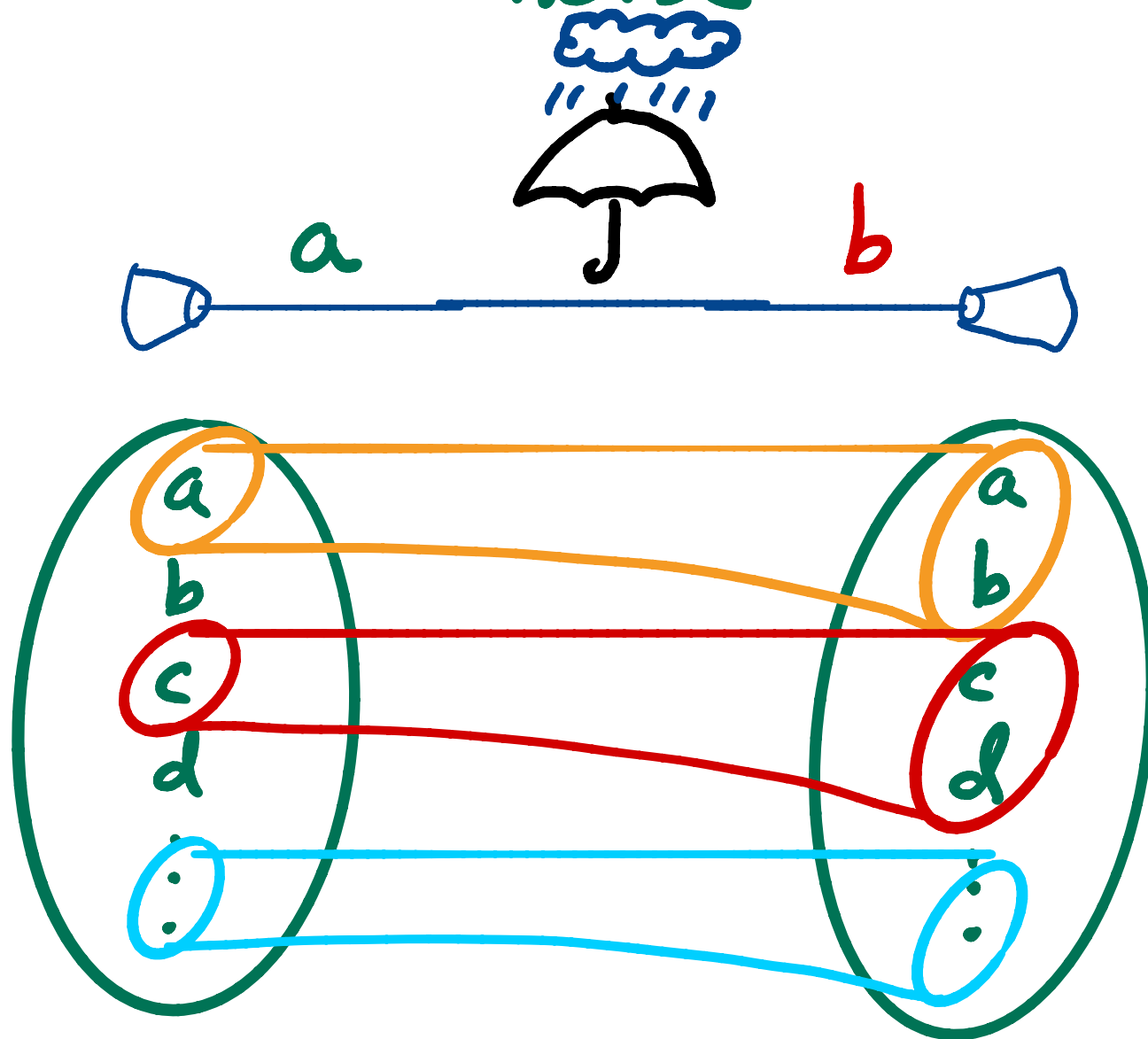
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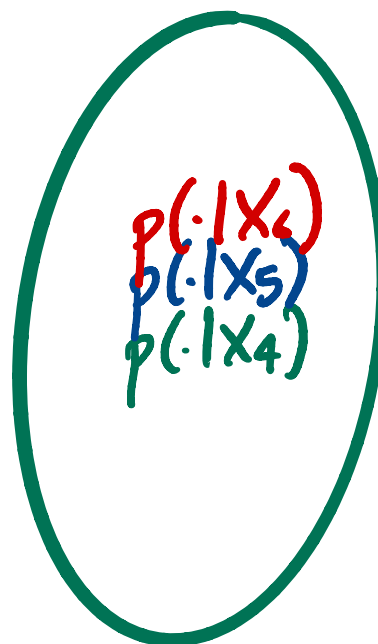
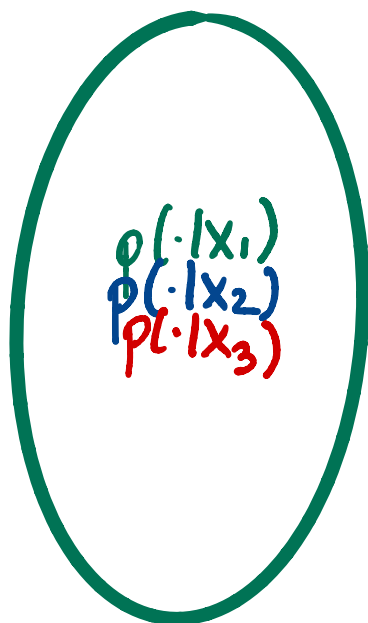
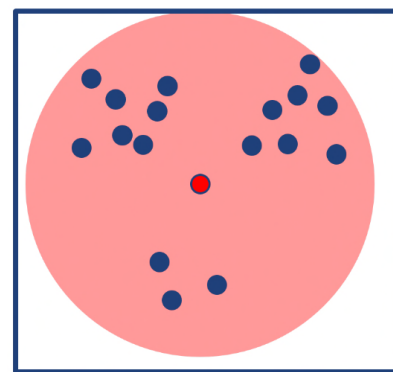
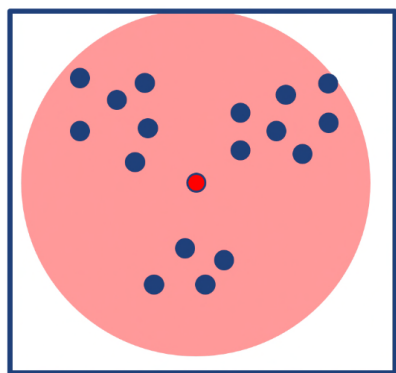
Good algorithms



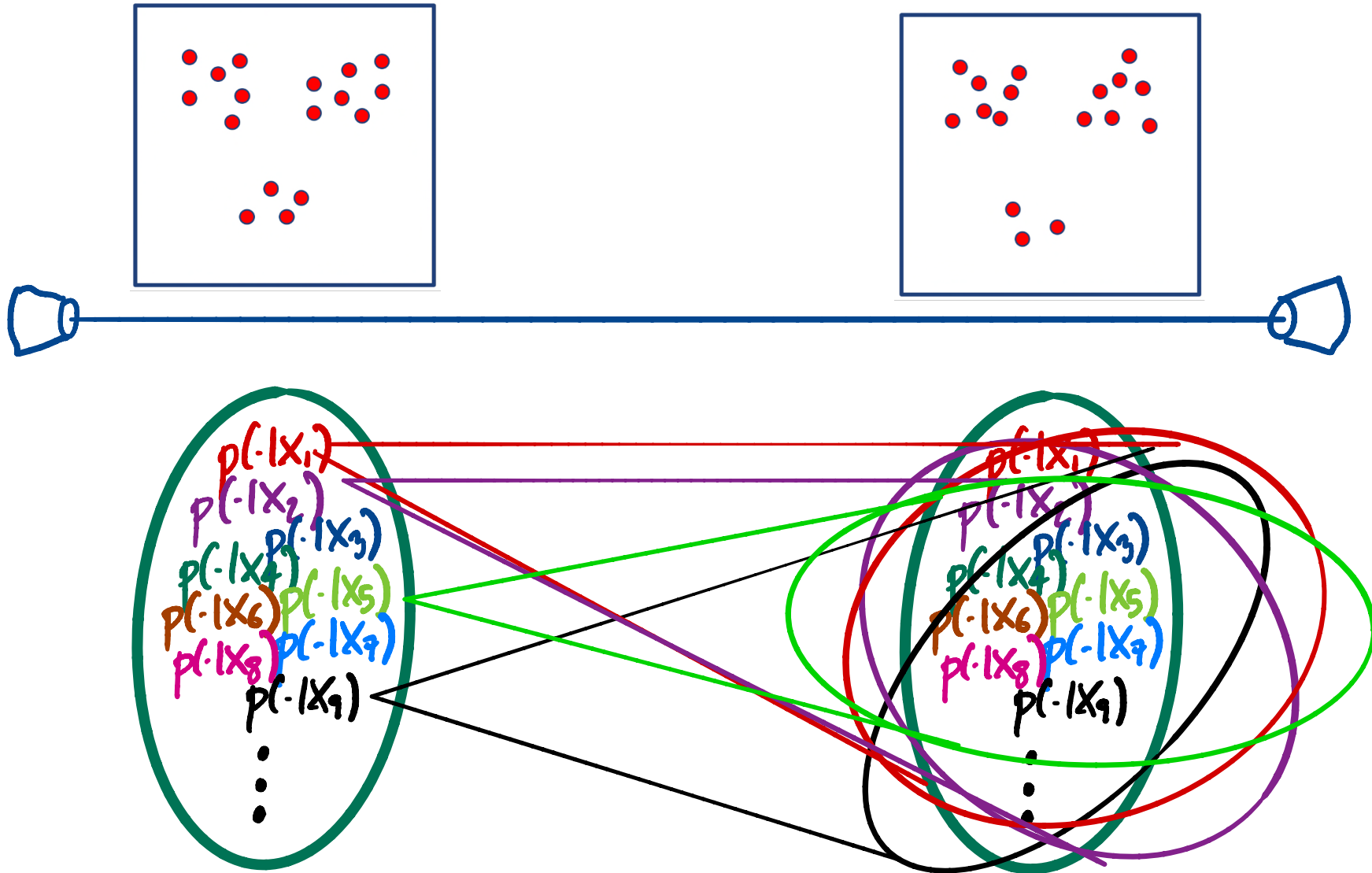
high info extraction

= outputs
have
content + algorithm
robust
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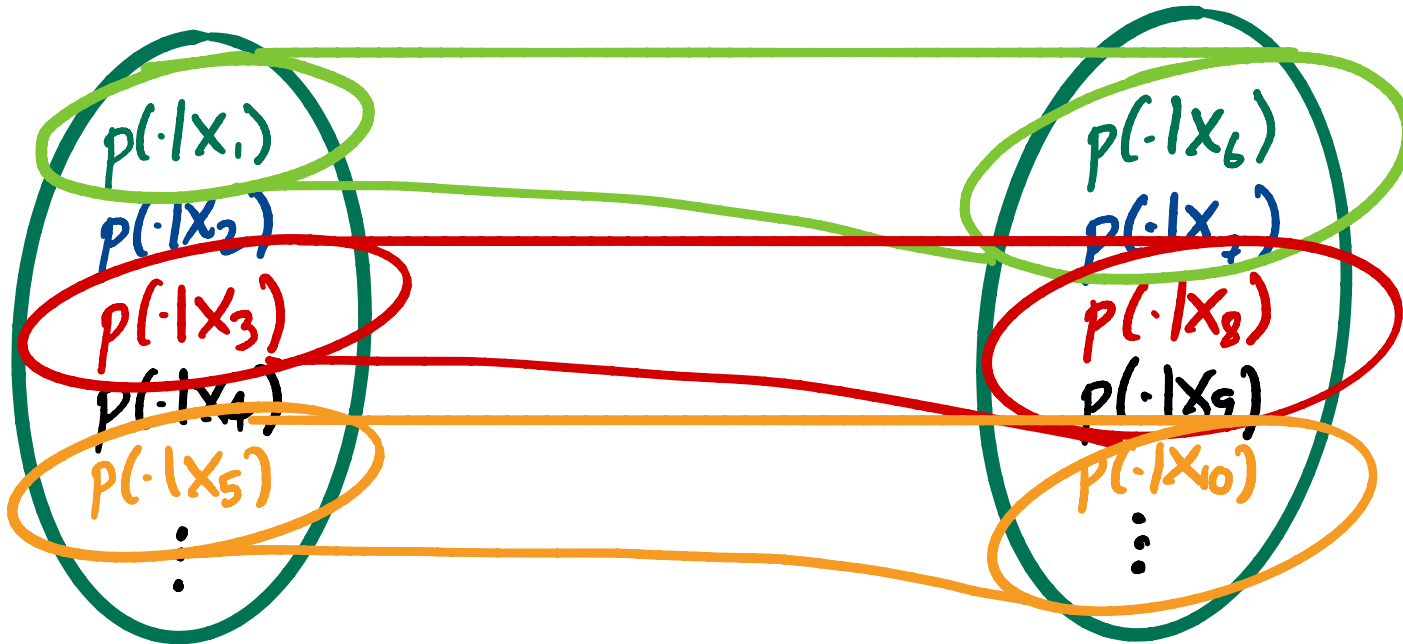
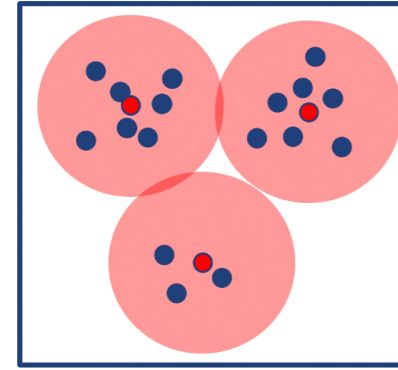
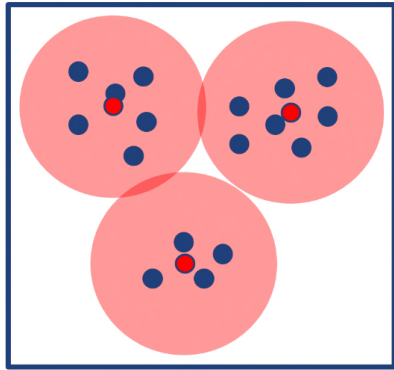
poor content + robust = low info extraction



rich content + no robustness = low info extraction



rich content + robust = high info extraction



Information extraction

- * Outputs have content

- * Algorithm is robust

Adjust your algos
to increase exp. log. PA

Information transmission

- * Codewords have content

- * Channel is robust

Adjust your channels
to increase capacity

Shannon's coding thm

Aim for channels
with high
capacity

More capacity
 $\Rightarrow$ more messages

Posterior agreement

Aim for algorithms
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exp. log. post. agr.

Higher exp. log. PA
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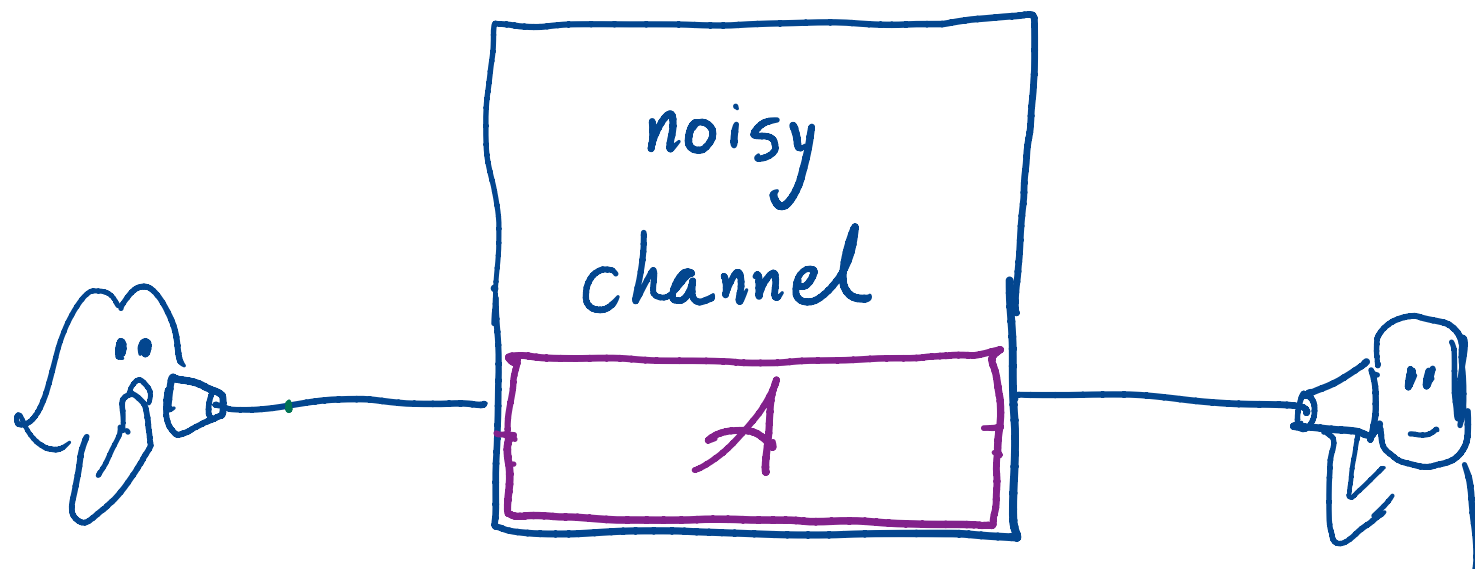
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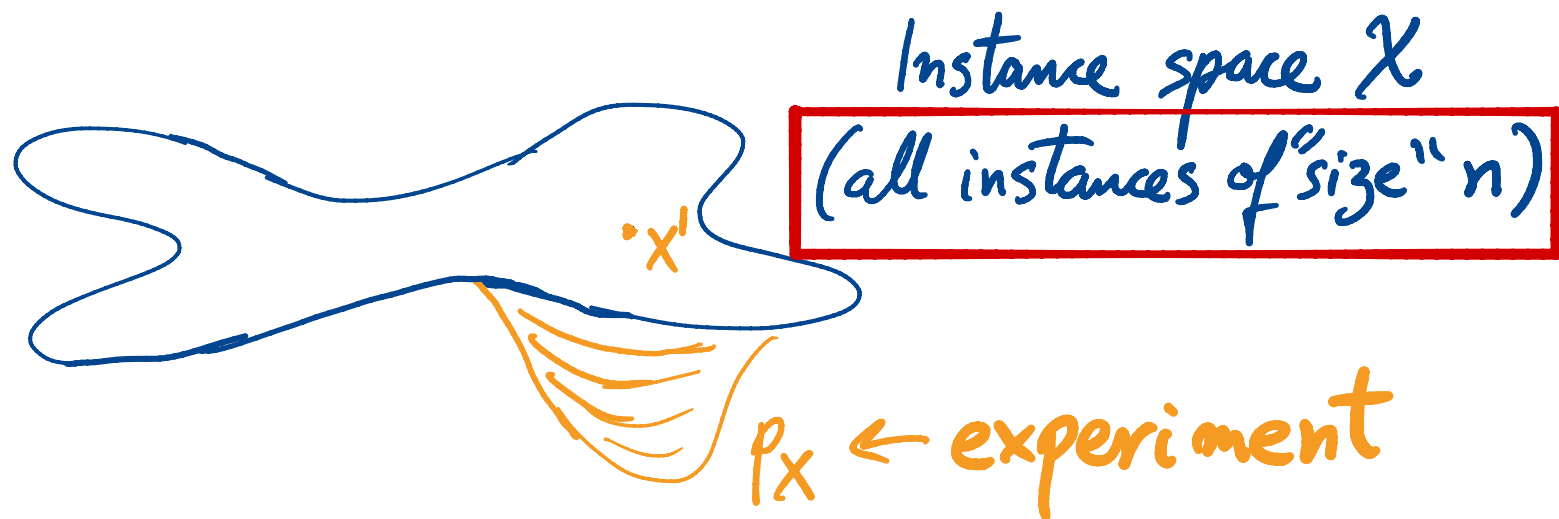
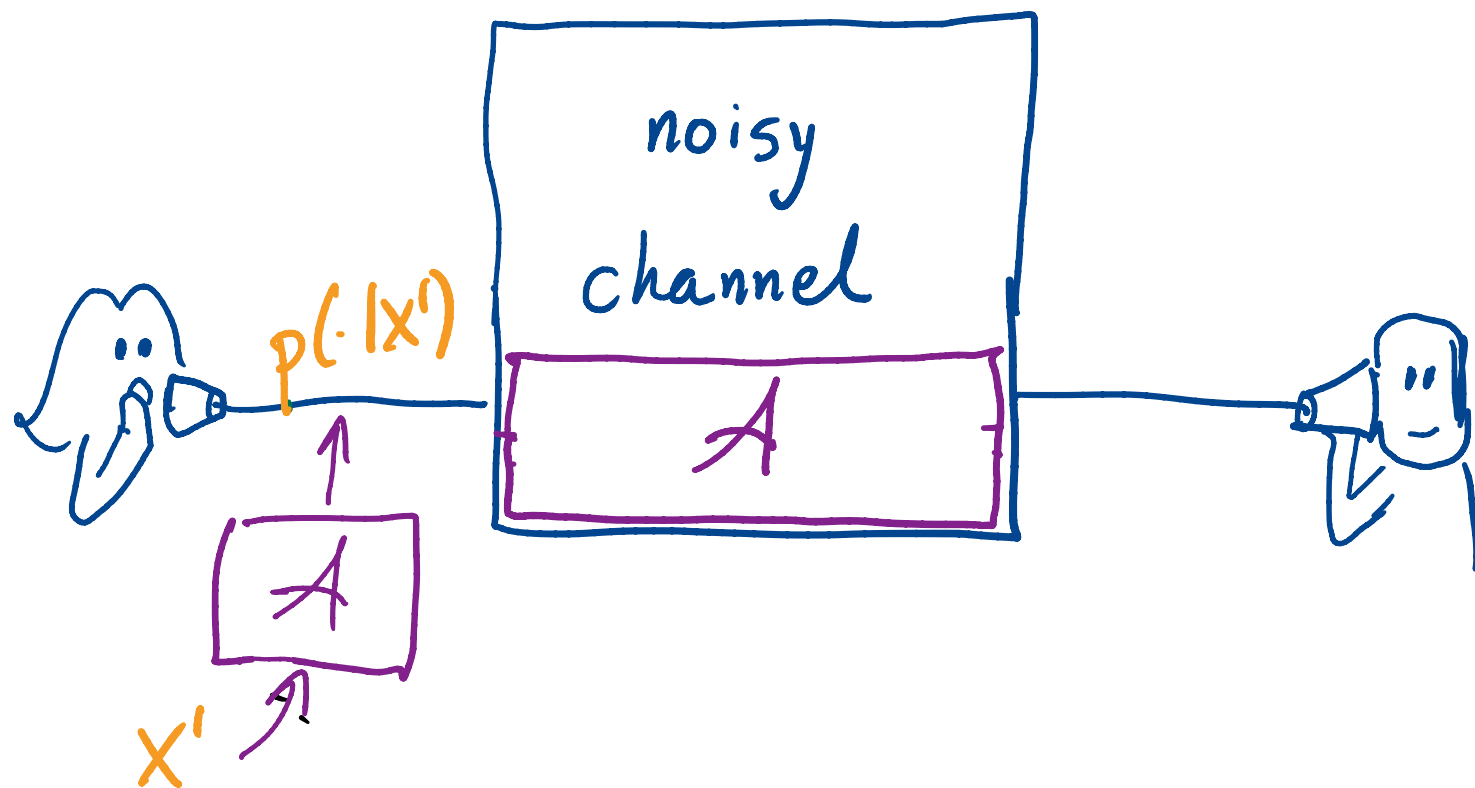
* Exponential sol space: $\log |C| = O(n)$.

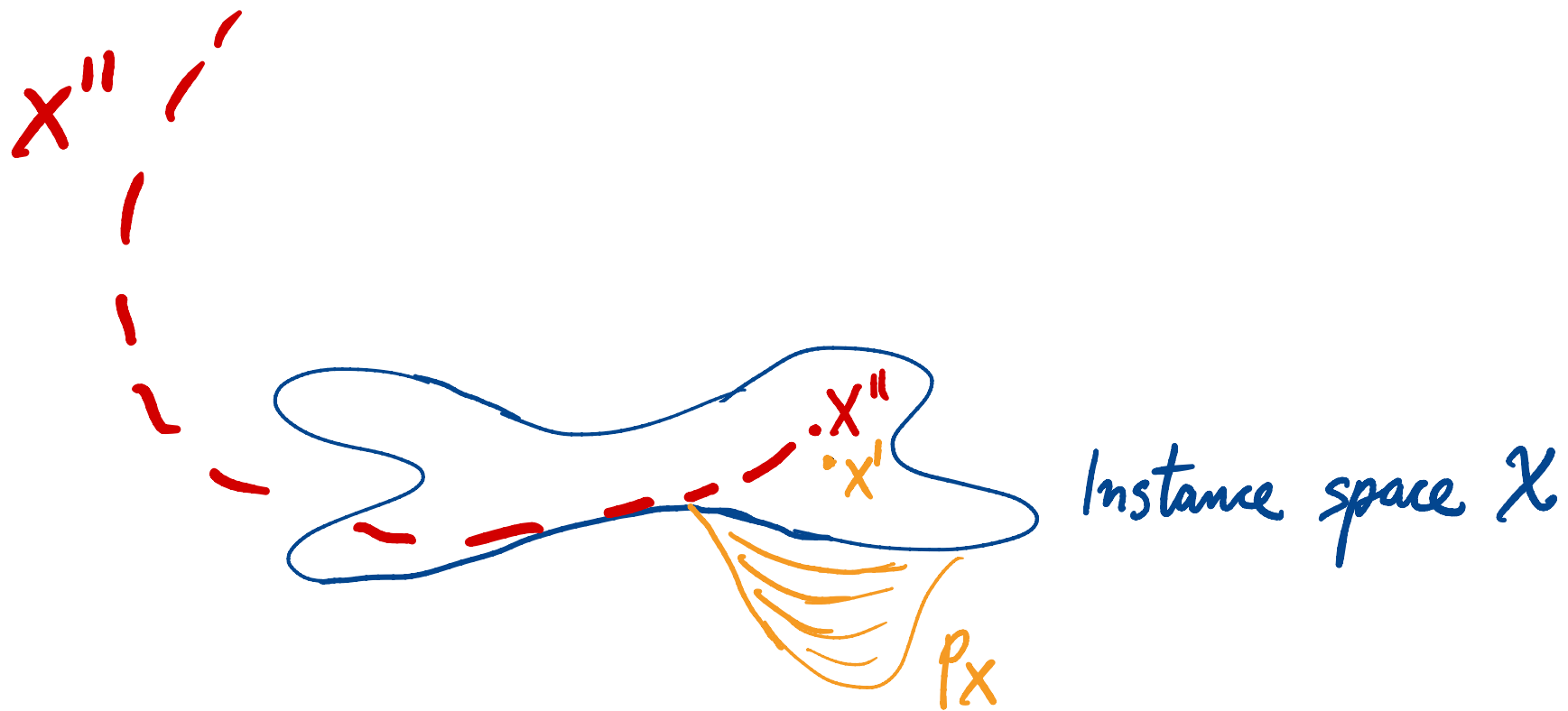
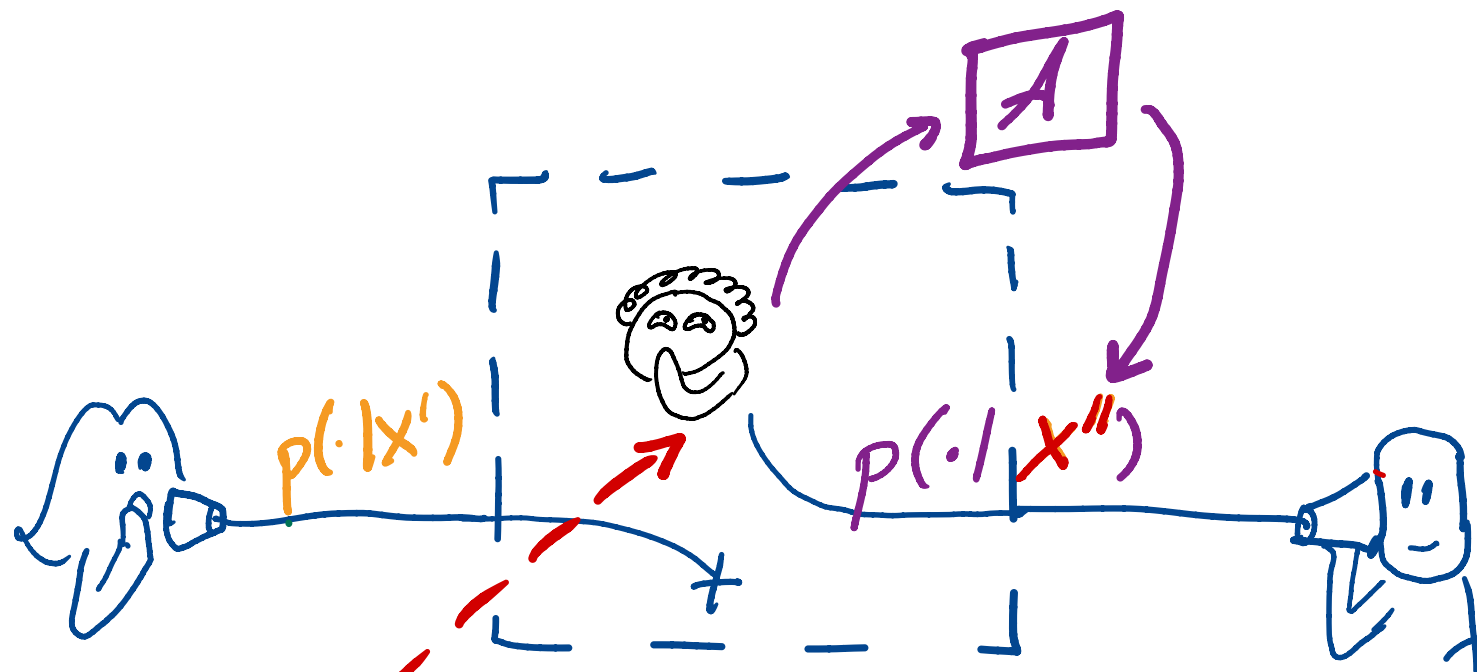
* Prob outputs: $X' \xrightarrow{\mathcal{A}} p(\cdot | X')$

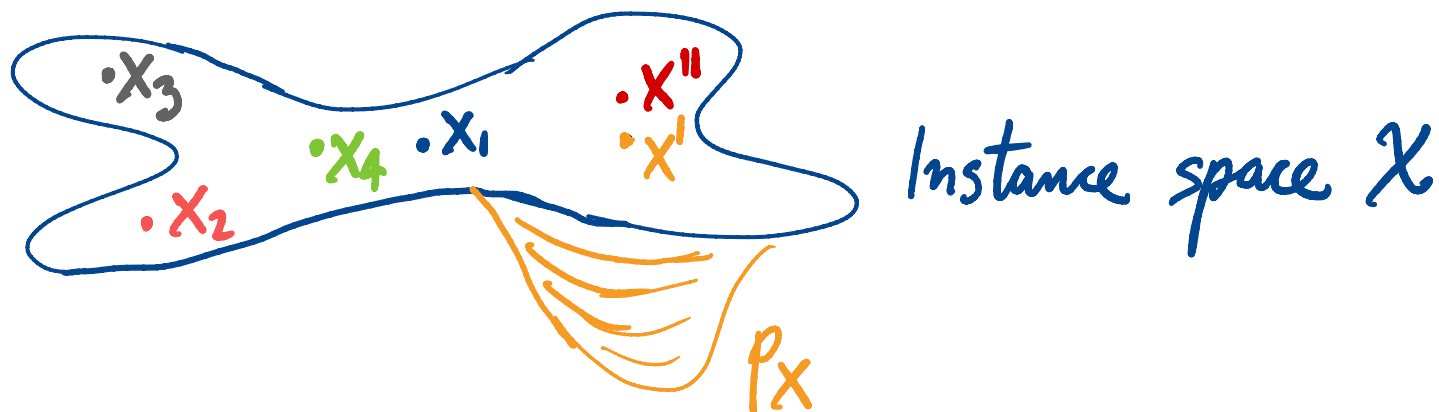
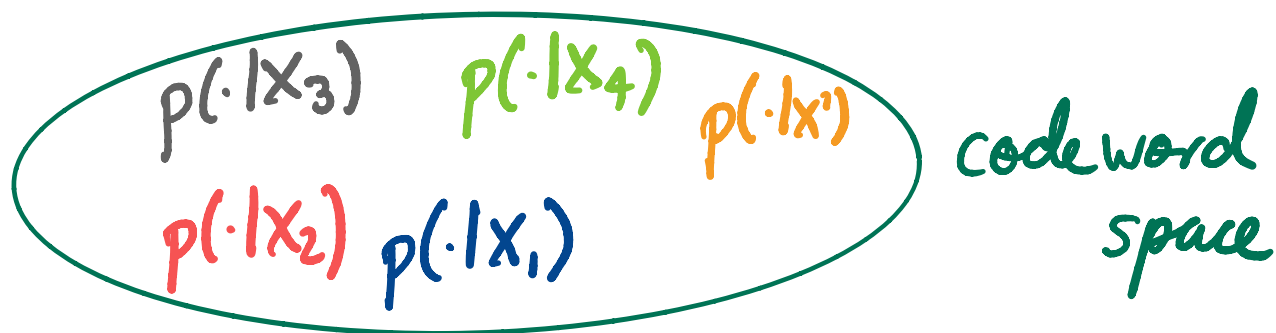
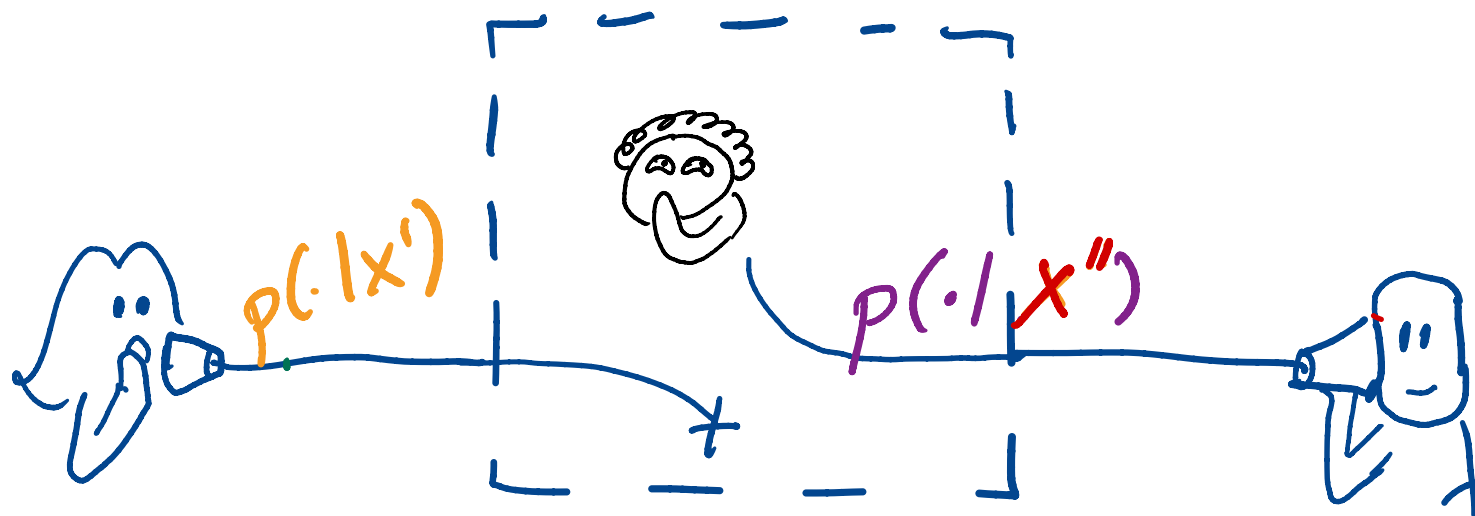
* Asymptotic equip. property:

$$\underbrace{\text{emp. log. PA}}_{\approx \frac{1}{\log |C|} \sum_i \log Y_i} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\text{in prob}} \underbrace{\text{exp. log. PA}}_{\approx \mathbb{E}_Y[\log Y]}$$

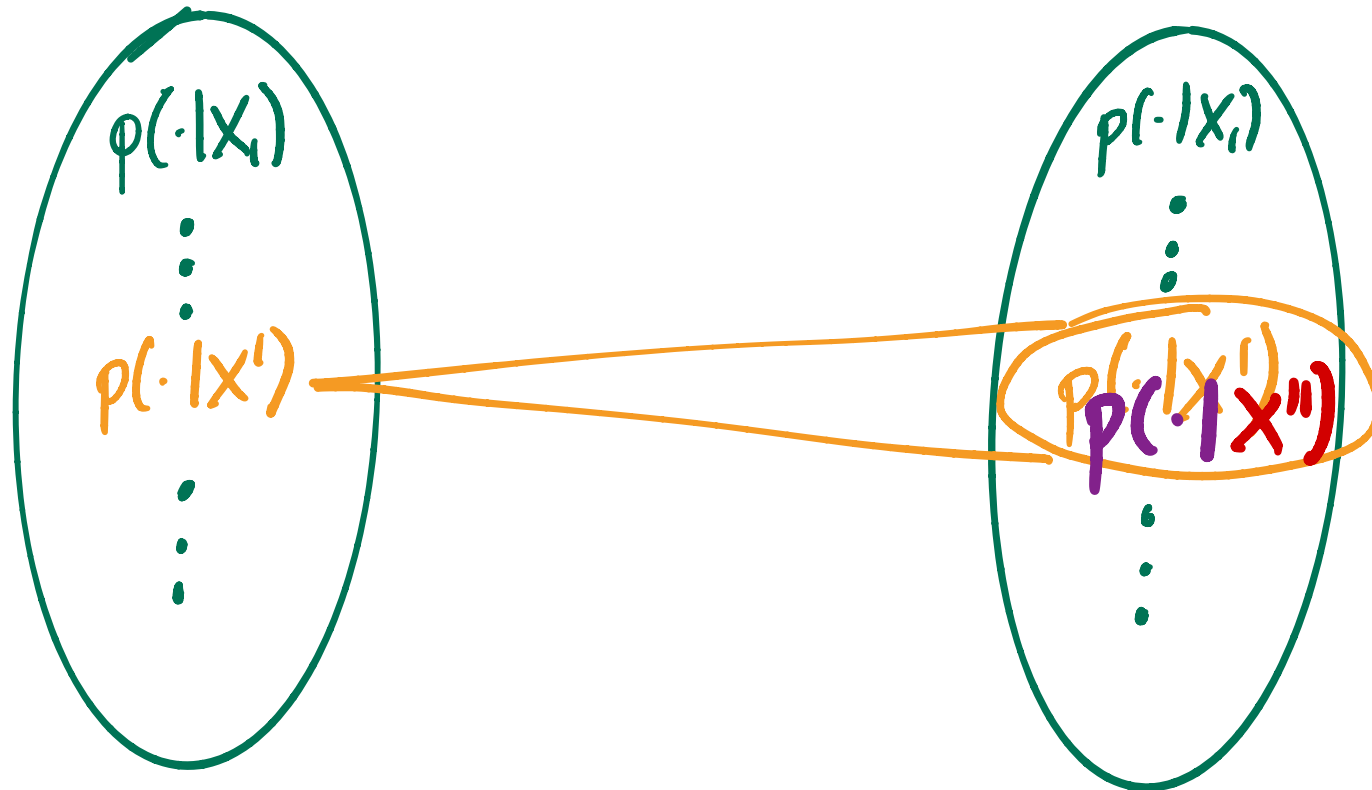
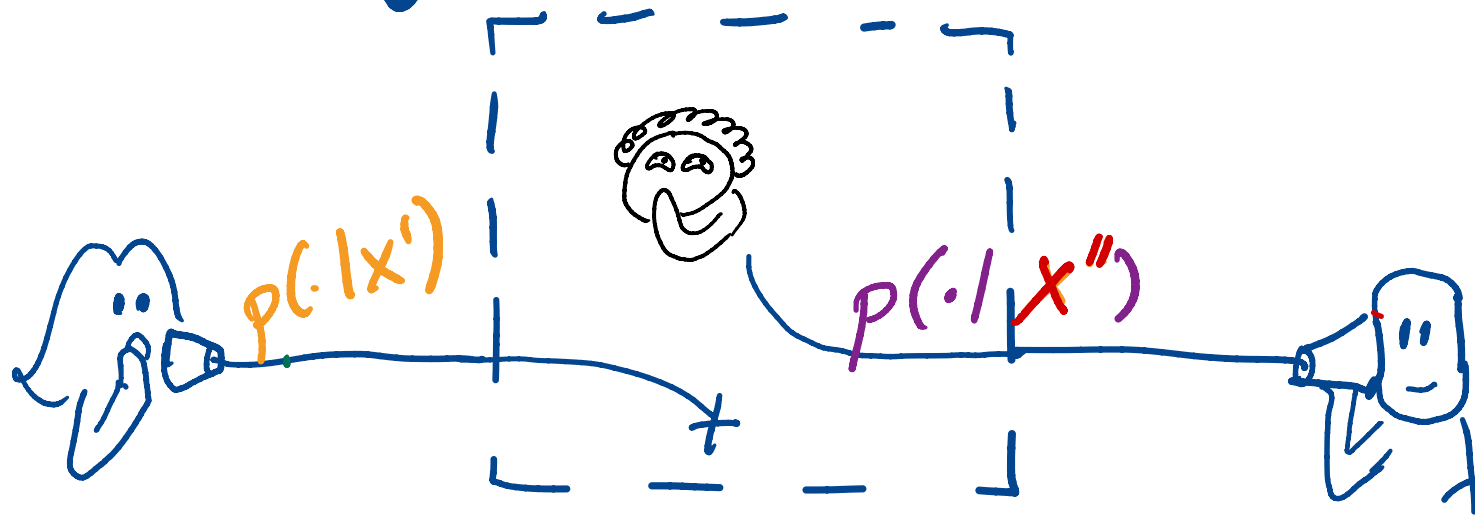




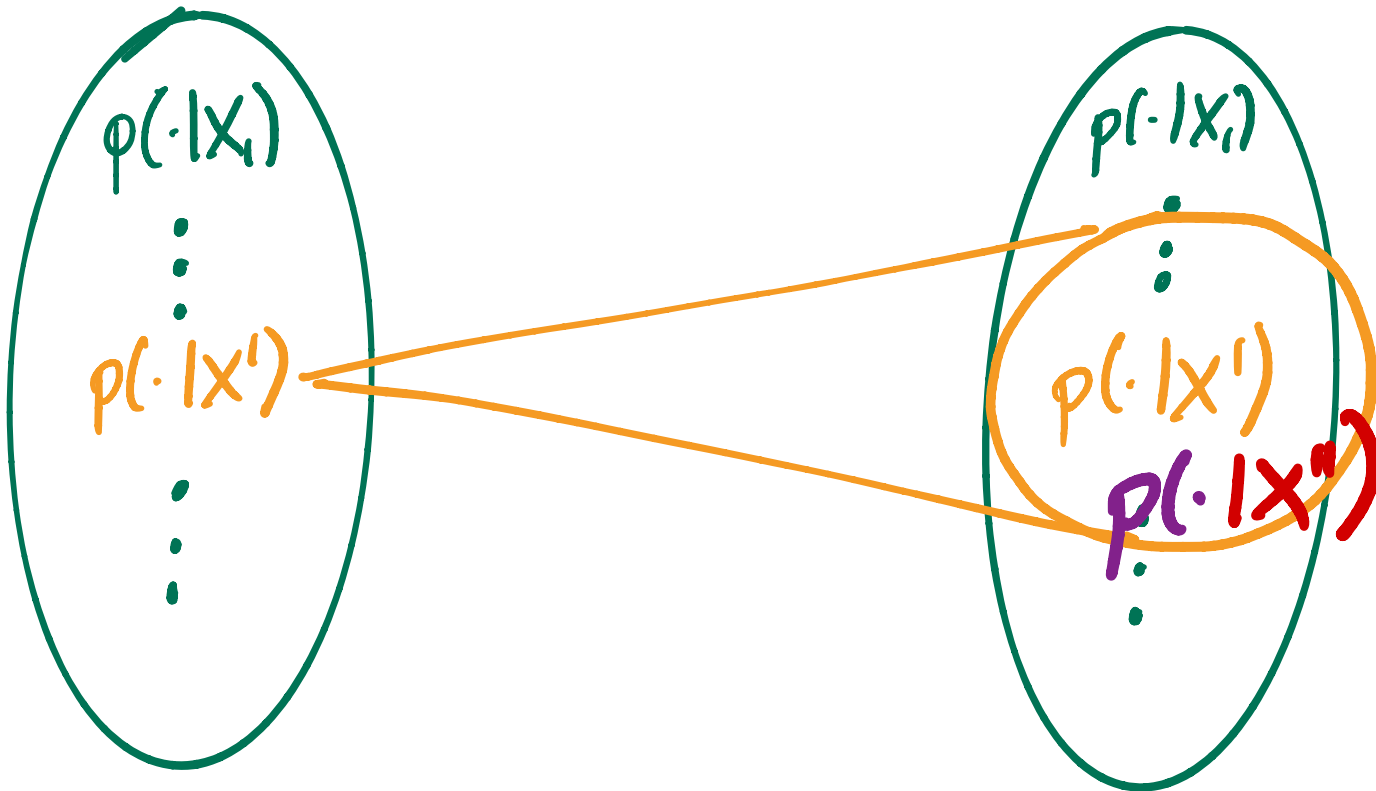
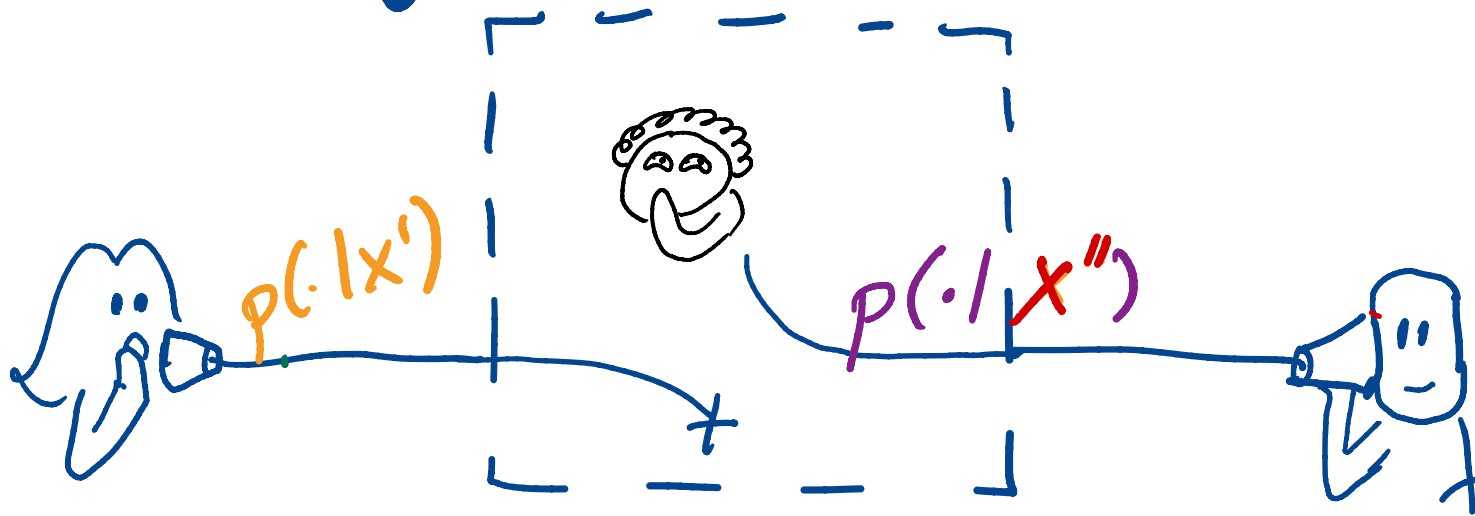


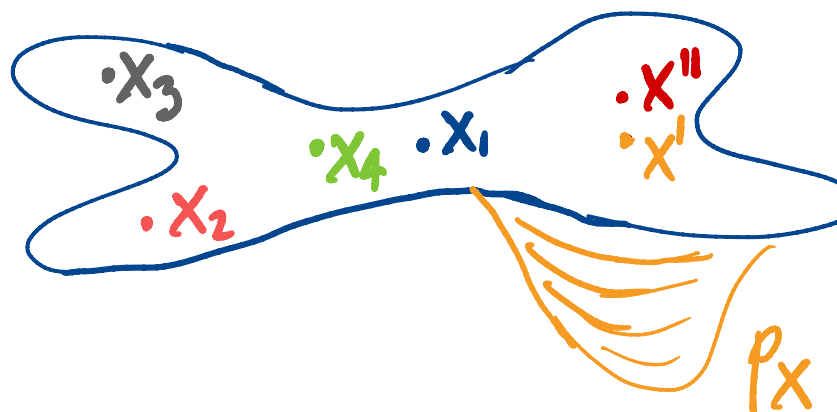
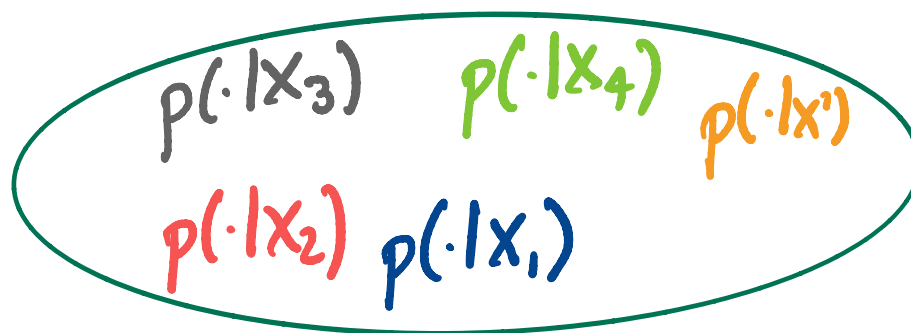
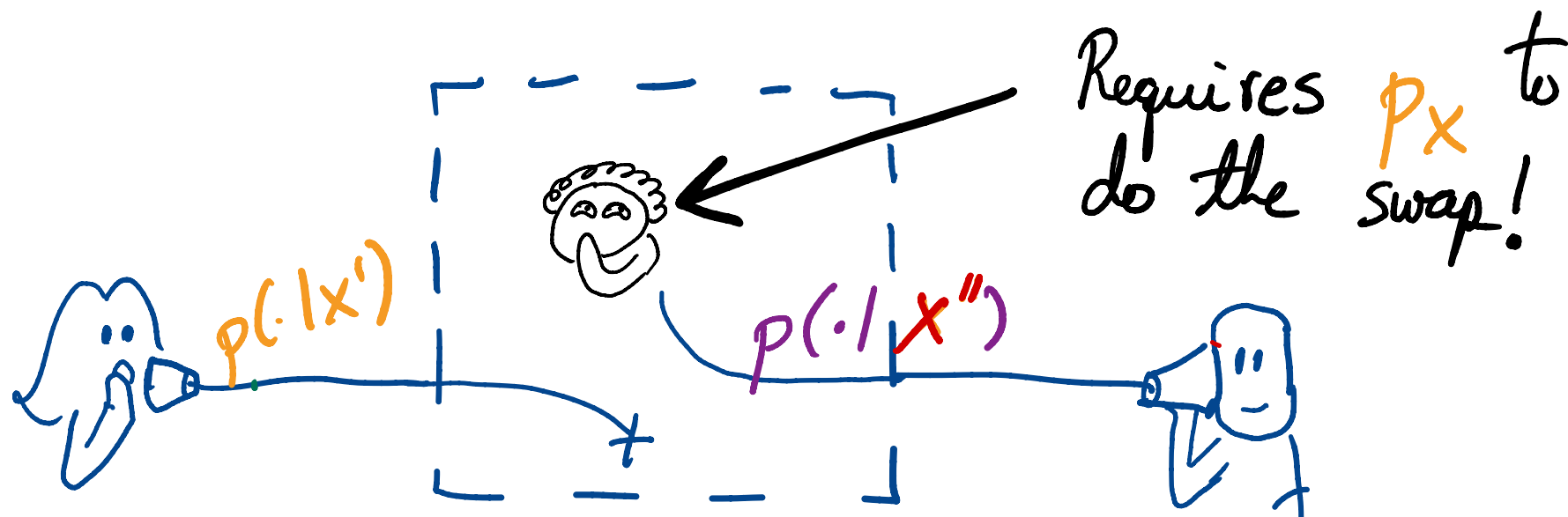


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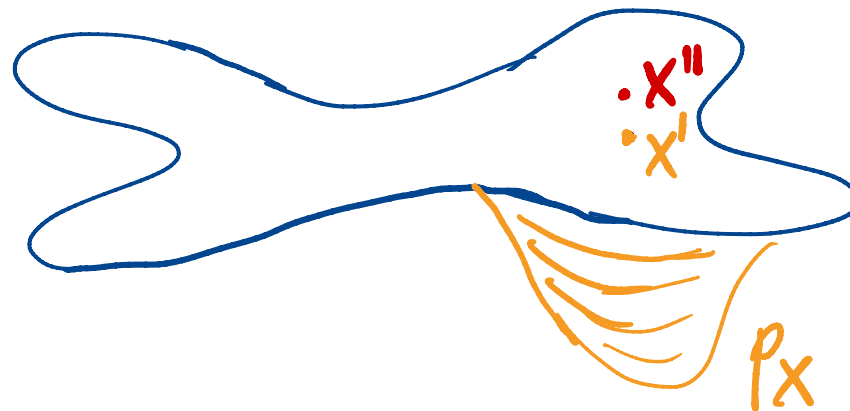
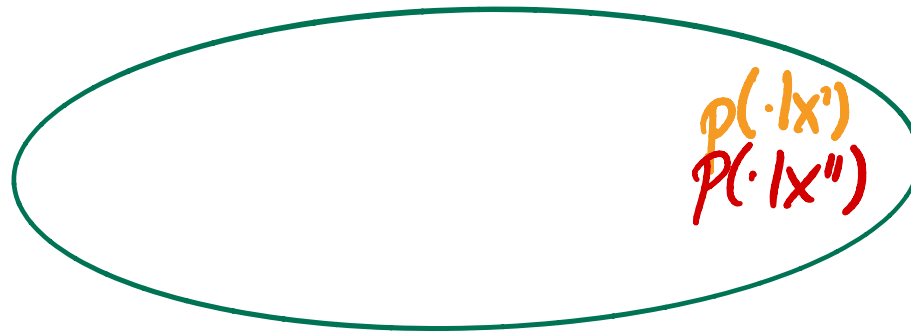
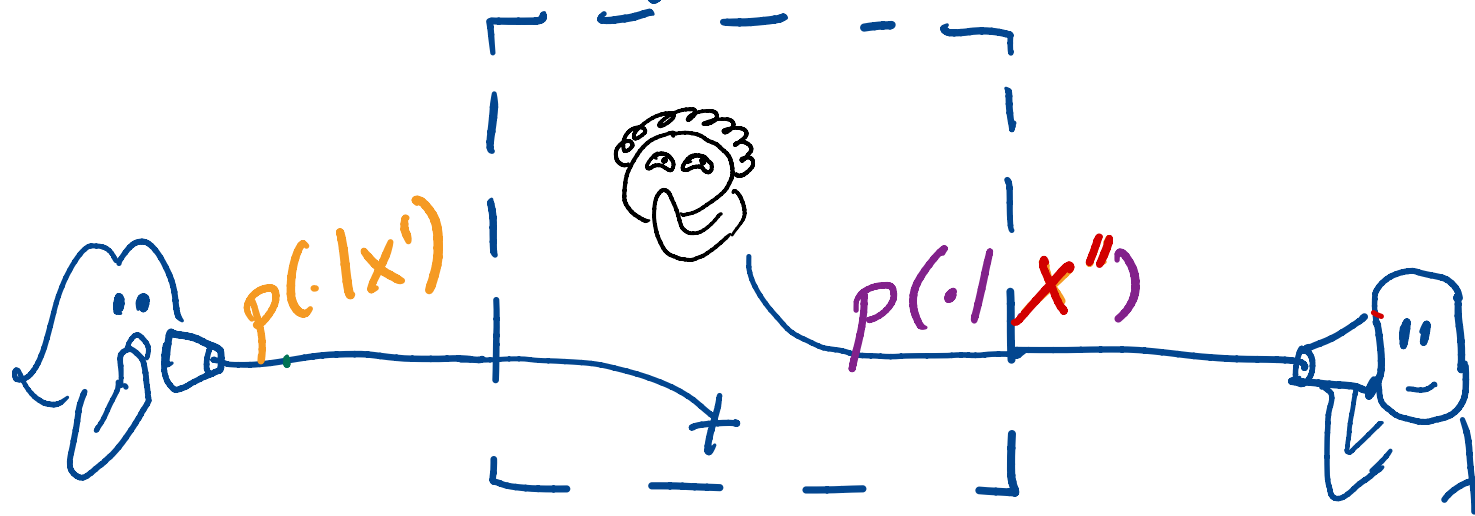


If the algo is **not** robust...



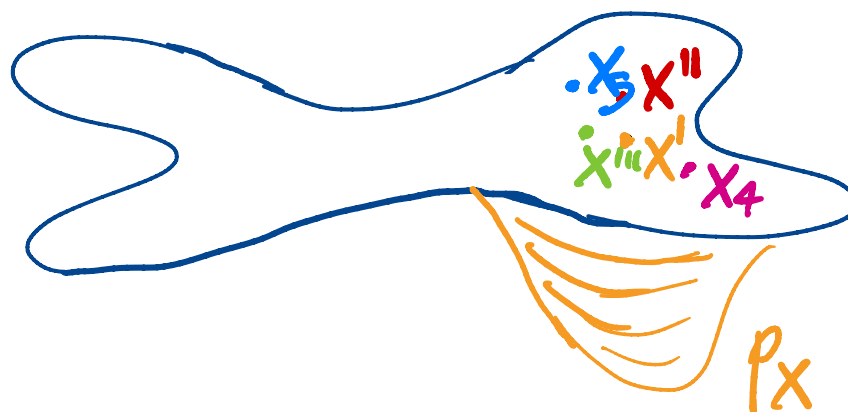
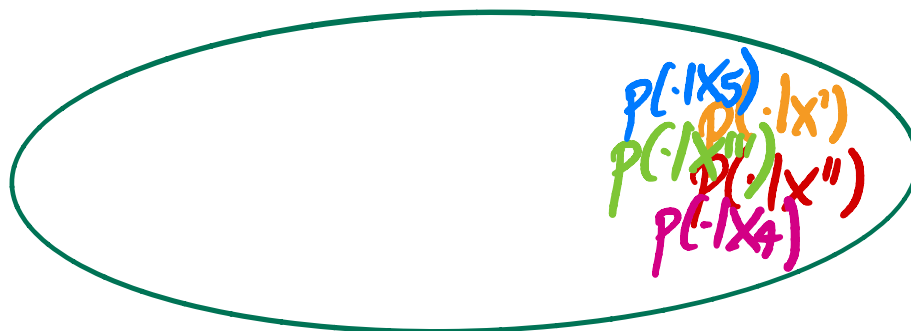
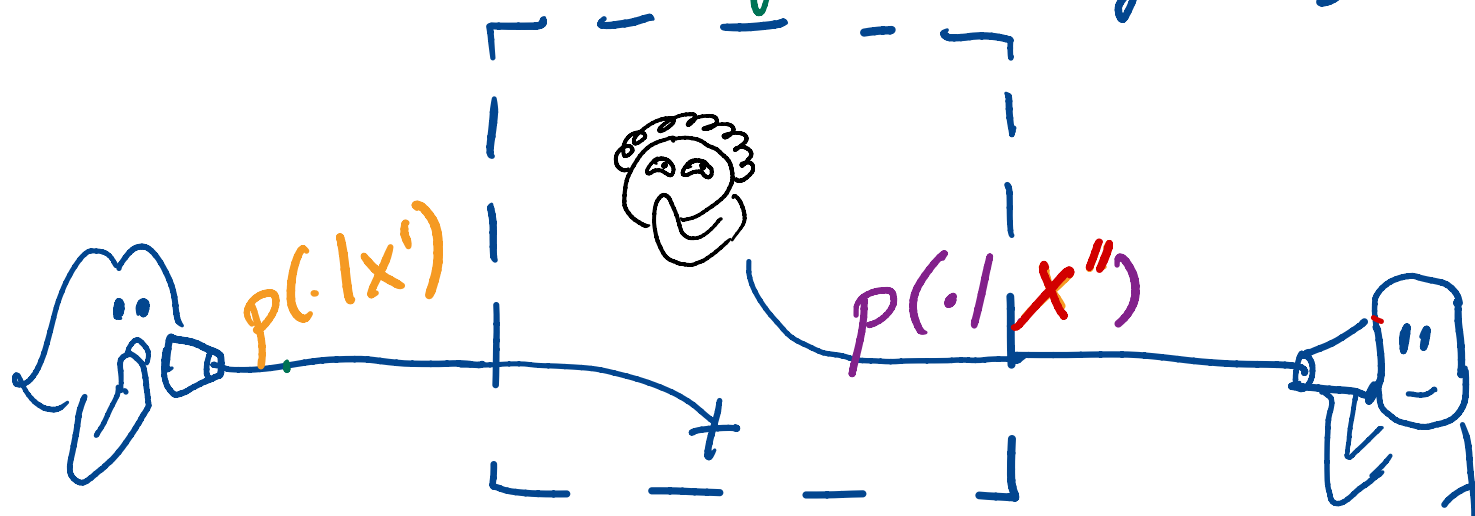


Problem: We only have one experiment p_x

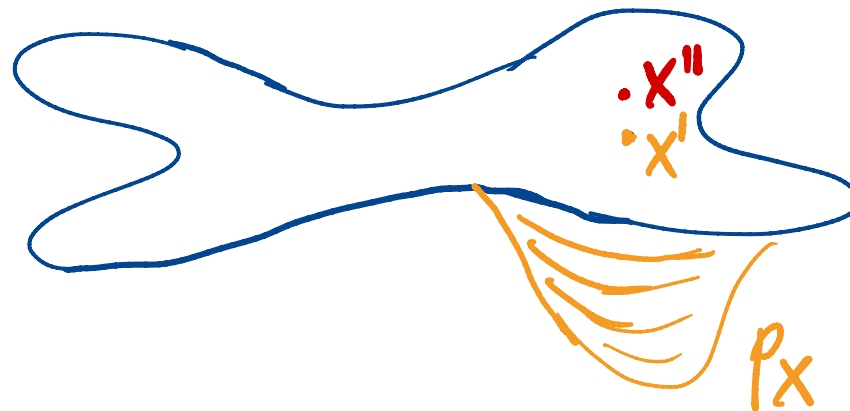
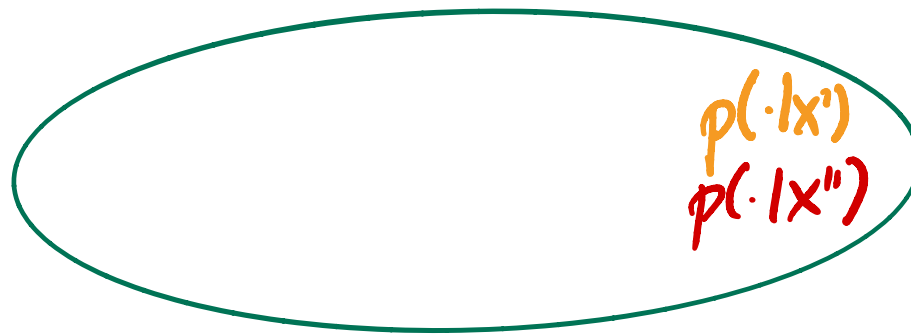


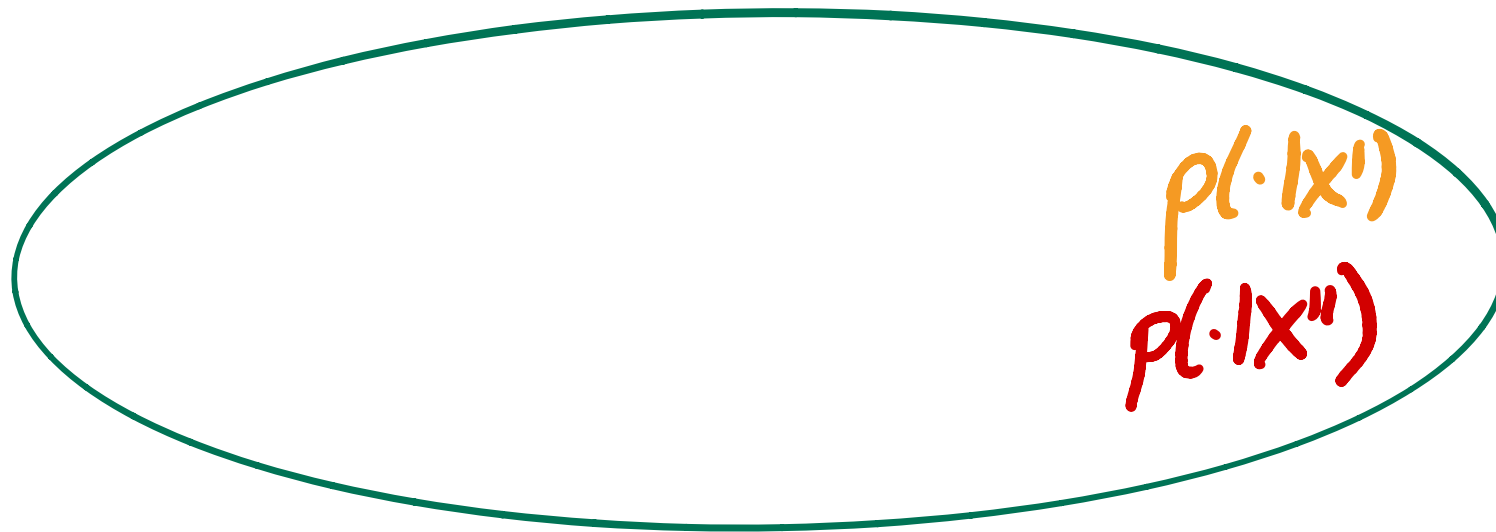
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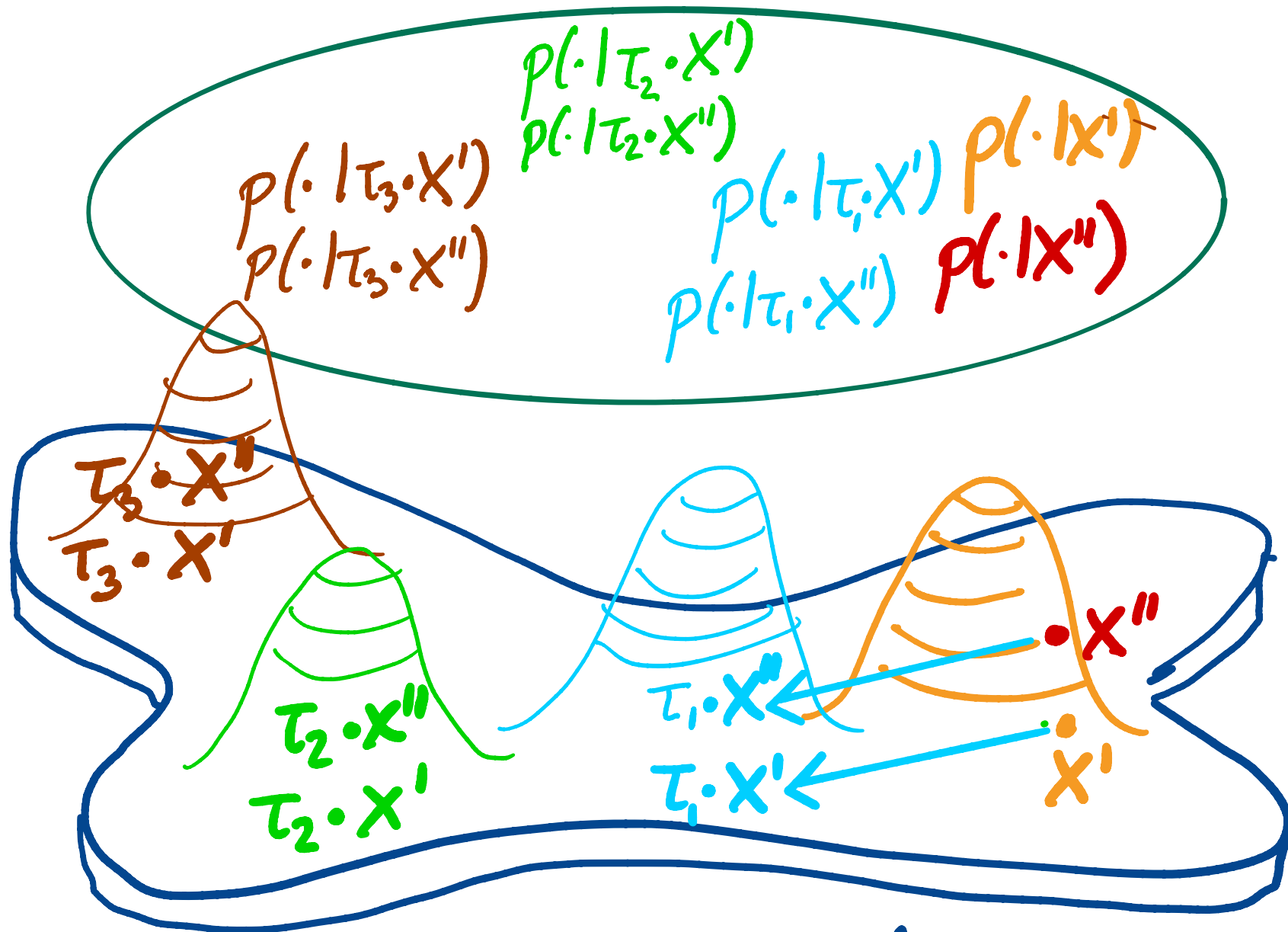
Robust and bad-content algorithm } yield similar
Robust and good-content algorithm } channels



How to get more experiments?

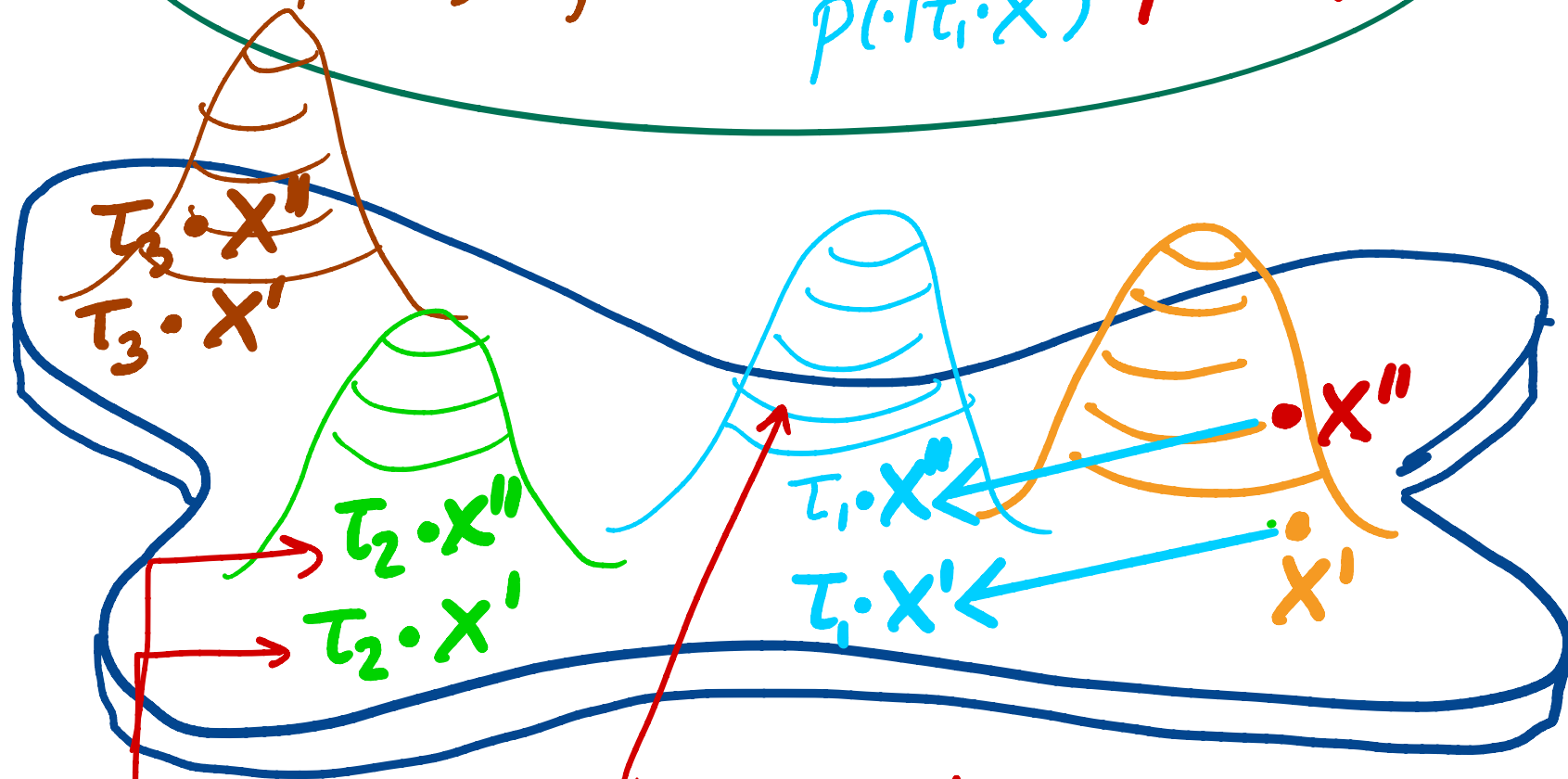
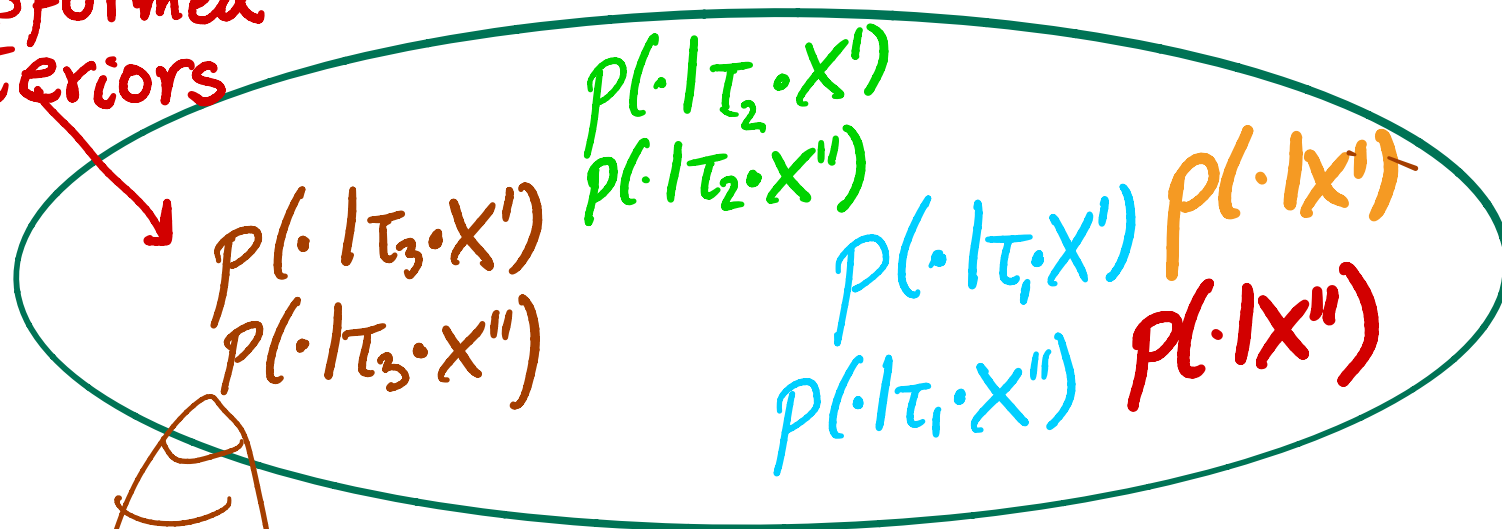






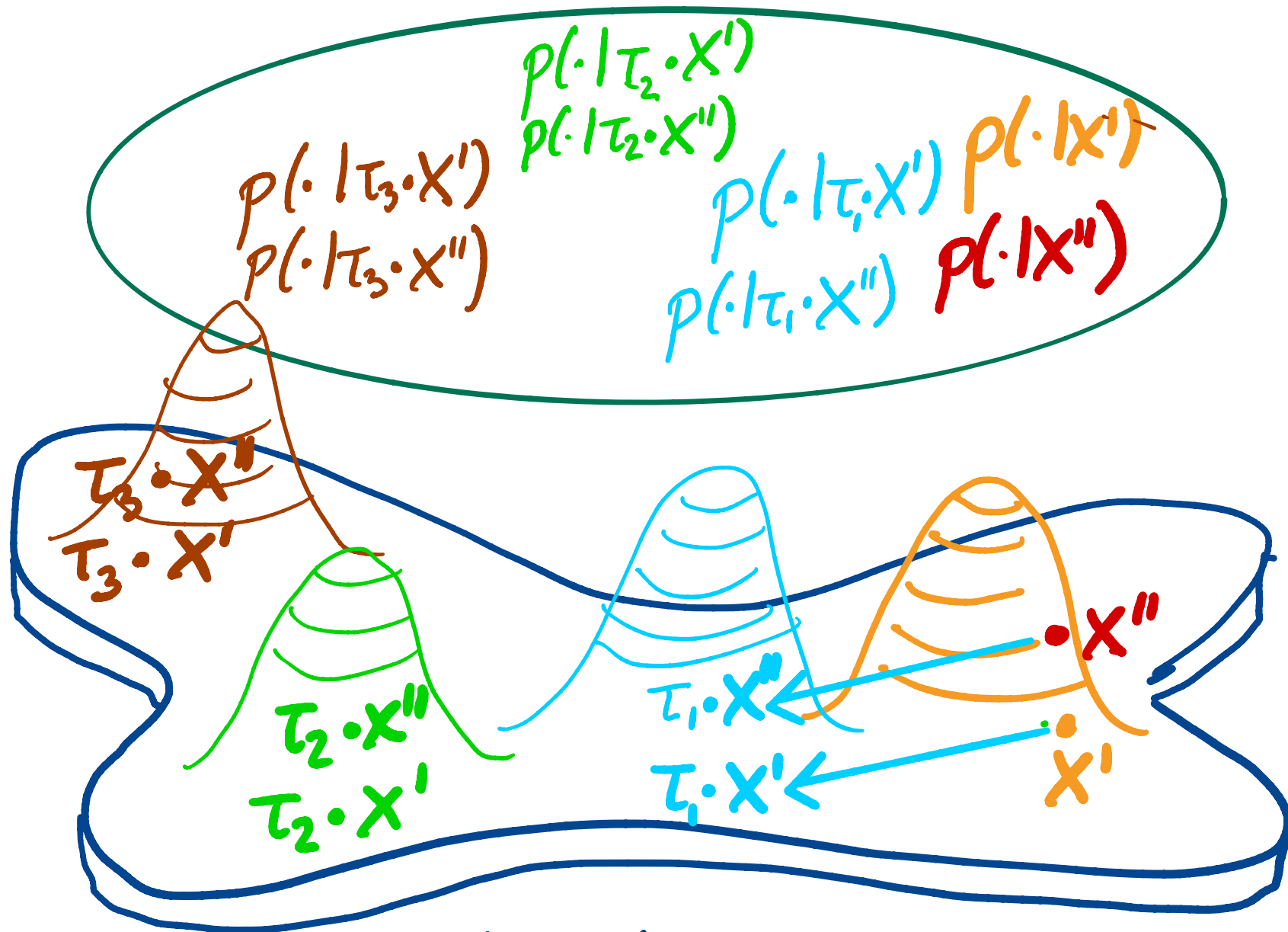
We define a series of transformations
 $\Pi := \{T_1, T_2, T_3, \dots\}$

transformed
posteriors



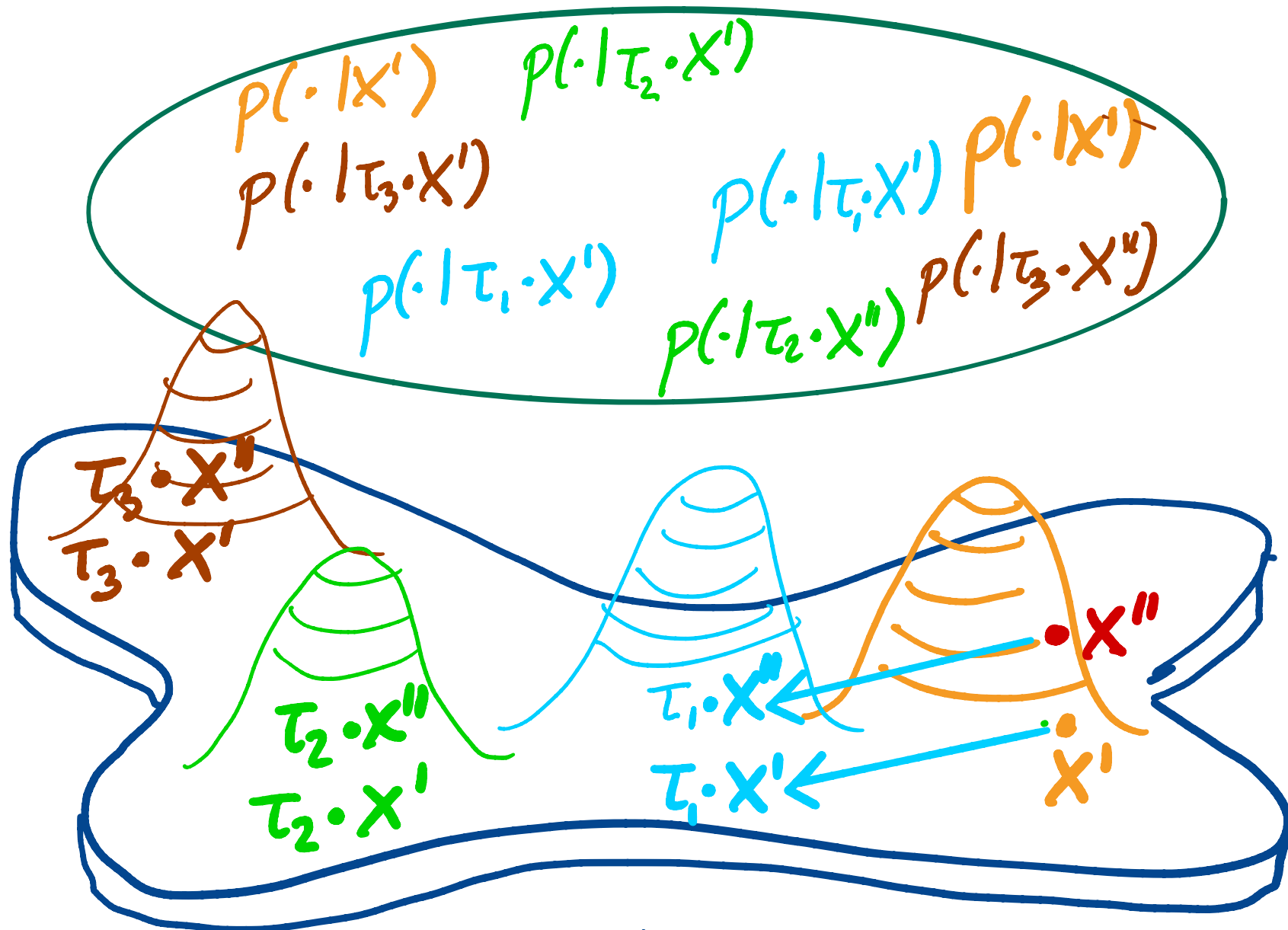
transformed
instances

transformed
experiment



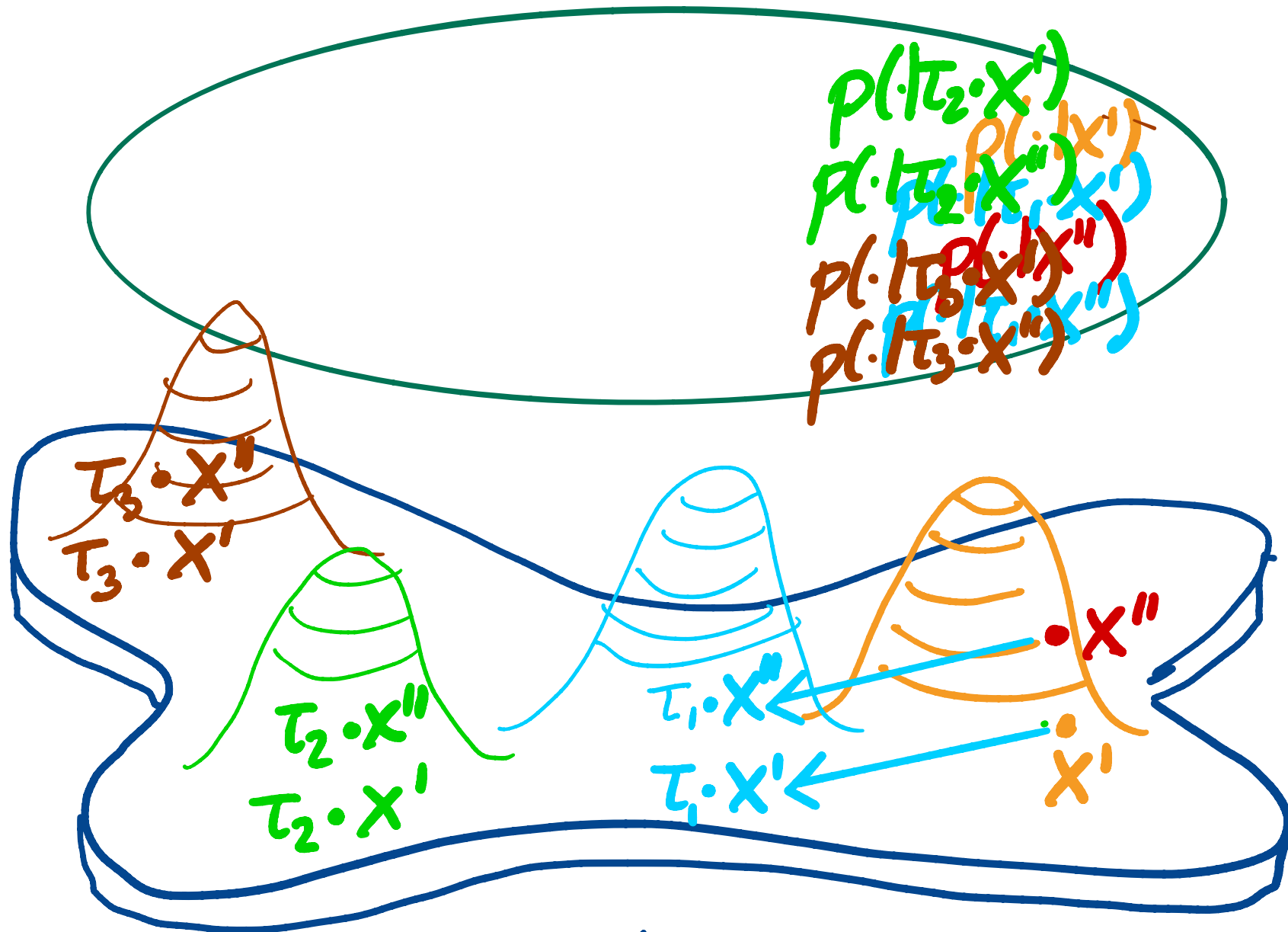
Robust and good-content algos:

- * different experiments $\Rightarrow$ distant posteriors
- * same experiment $\Rightarrow$ close posteriors



Unstable and good-content algos:

- * different experiments $\Rightarrow$ distant posteriors
- * same experiment $\Rightarrow$ distant posteriors



Robust and ~~poor~~-content algos:

- * different experiments $\Rightarrow$ close posteriors
- * same experiment $\Rightarrow$ close posteriors

Requirements for transformations

The total mass of the transformed posteriors should "uniformly" cover G .

$$\text{That is } \sum_{\tau} p(c | \tau \cdot x^l) \approx \frac{|\Pi|}{|G|}$$

← Total mass of $p(\cdot | \tau_1 \cdot x^l), p(\cdot | \tau_2 \cdot x^l) \dots$

$$\sum_{\tau} \underbrace{\sum_c p(c | \tau \cdot x^l)}_1 = |\Pi|$$

$$* \sum_{\tau} p(c | \tau \cdot x^l) \in \left[\frac{|\Pi|}{|G|} (1-\rho), \frac{|\Pi|}{|G|} (1+\rho) \right]$$

for any $x^l \in \mathcal{X}$

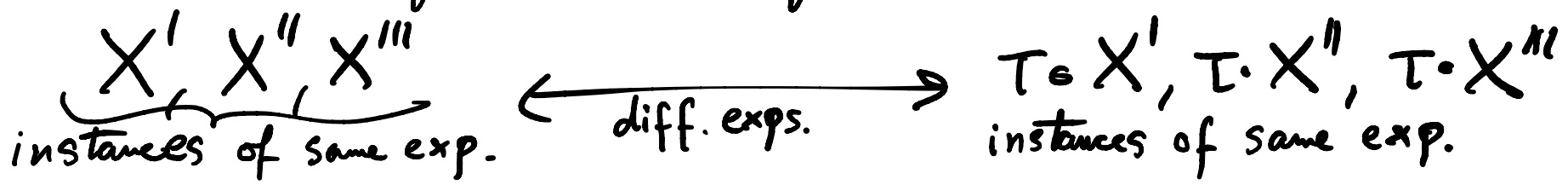
Requirements for transformations

$$* \left\| p(\cdot | \tau_i \circ X^l) - p(\cdot | \tau_j \circ X^l) \right\|_1 > 0, \text{ for } i \neq j$$

That is, different transformations yield different posteriors

* The experimental measurements of X^l are not changed after a transformation.

That is, the noise in X^l is not changed after a transformation.



Examples of transformations

mean estimation

Translation δ

$$X \mapsto X + \delta$$

linear
regression

Scaling s

$$(X, Y) \mapsto (X, sY)$$

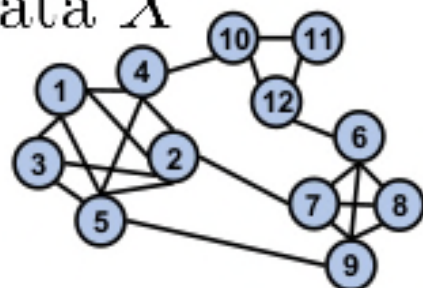
Graph-based
clustering

Vertex
permutation π

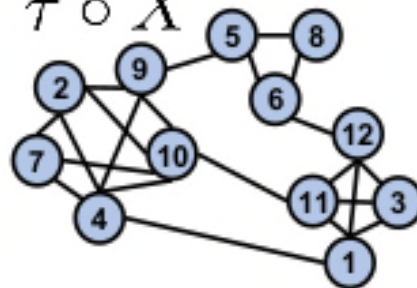
$$(V, E) \mapsto (V^\pi, E)$$

$$V_i^\pi = V_{\pi(i)}$$

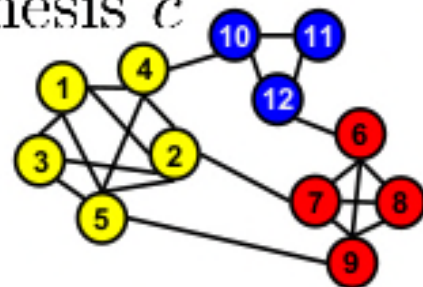
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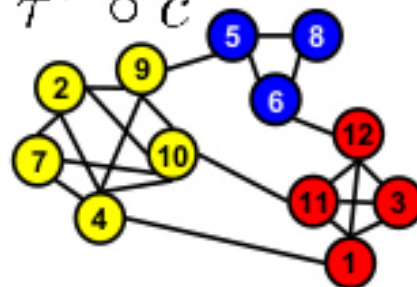
$\tau \circ X$



hypothesis c

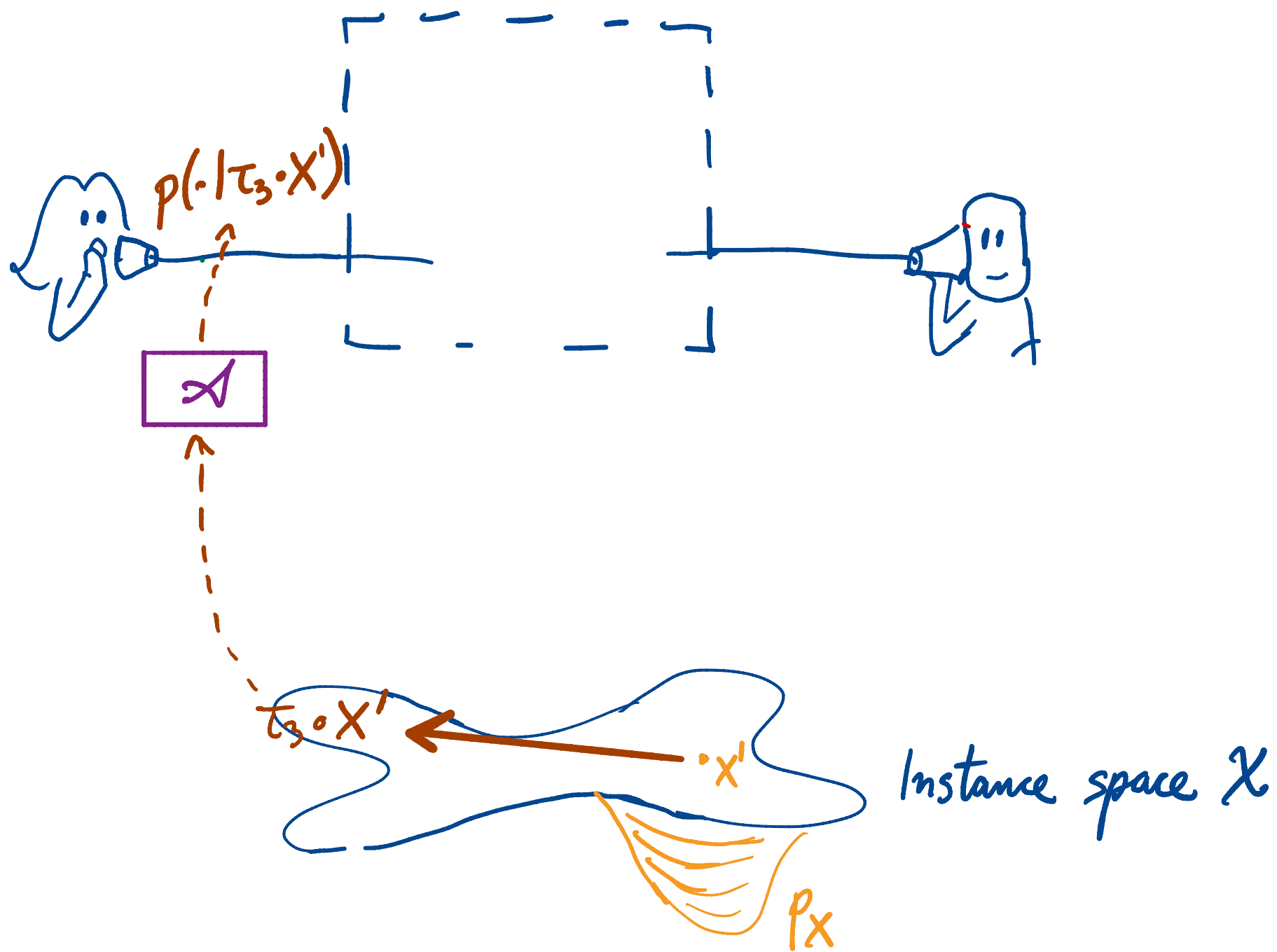


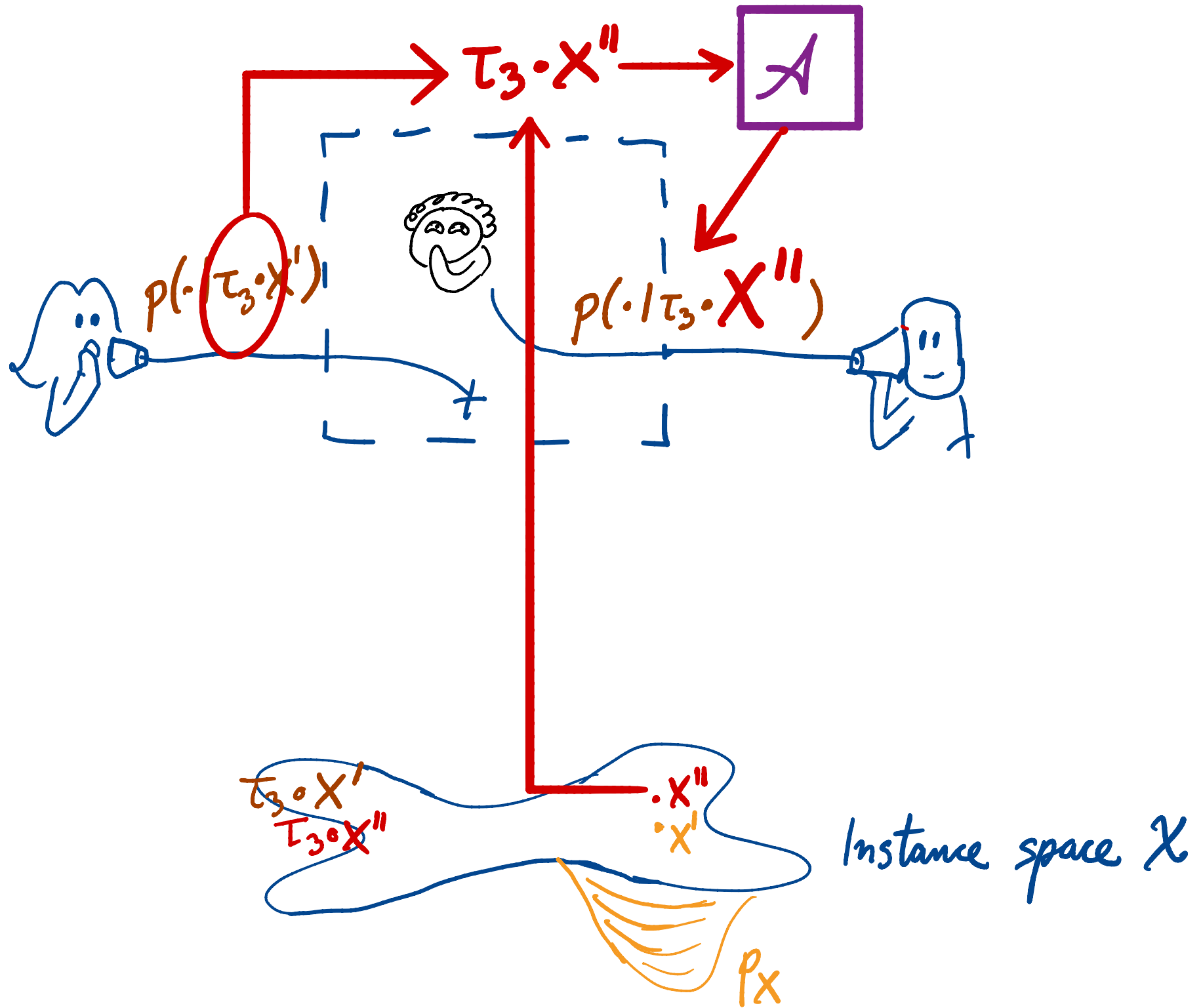
$\tau^c \circ c$



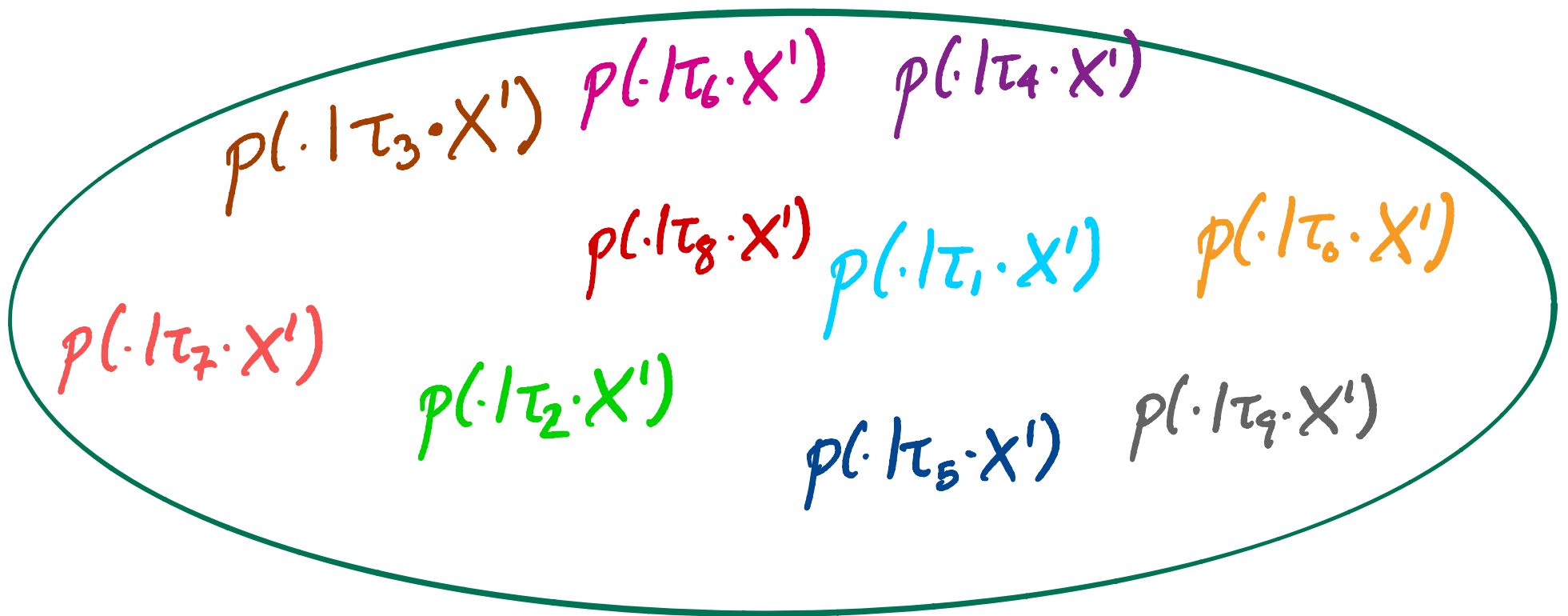
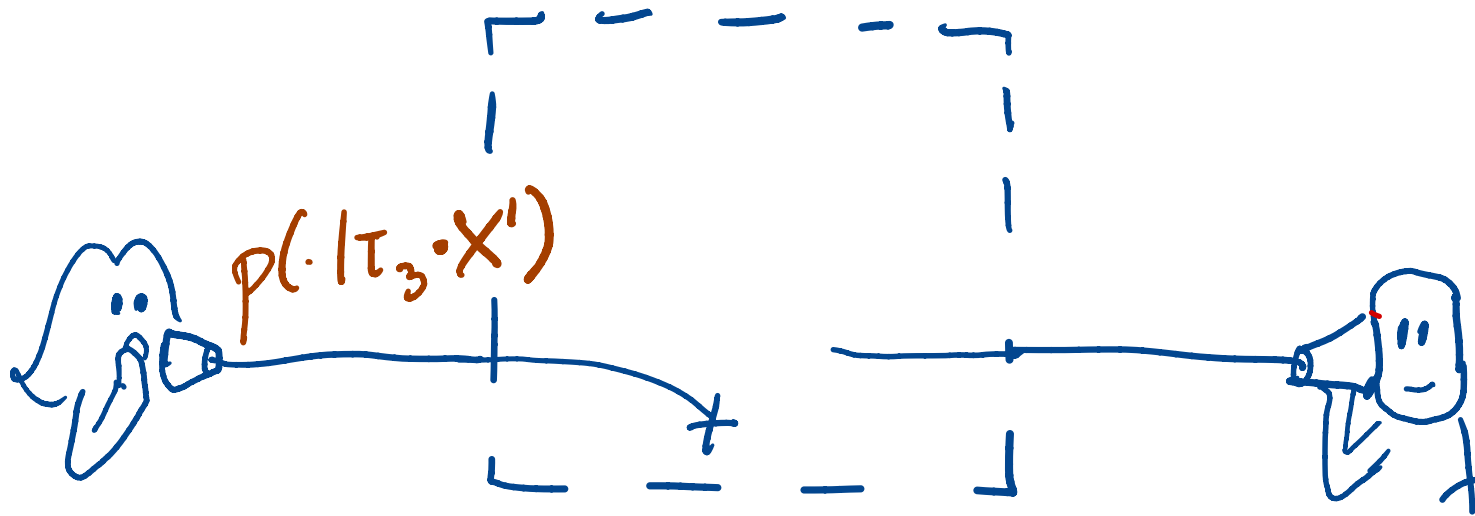
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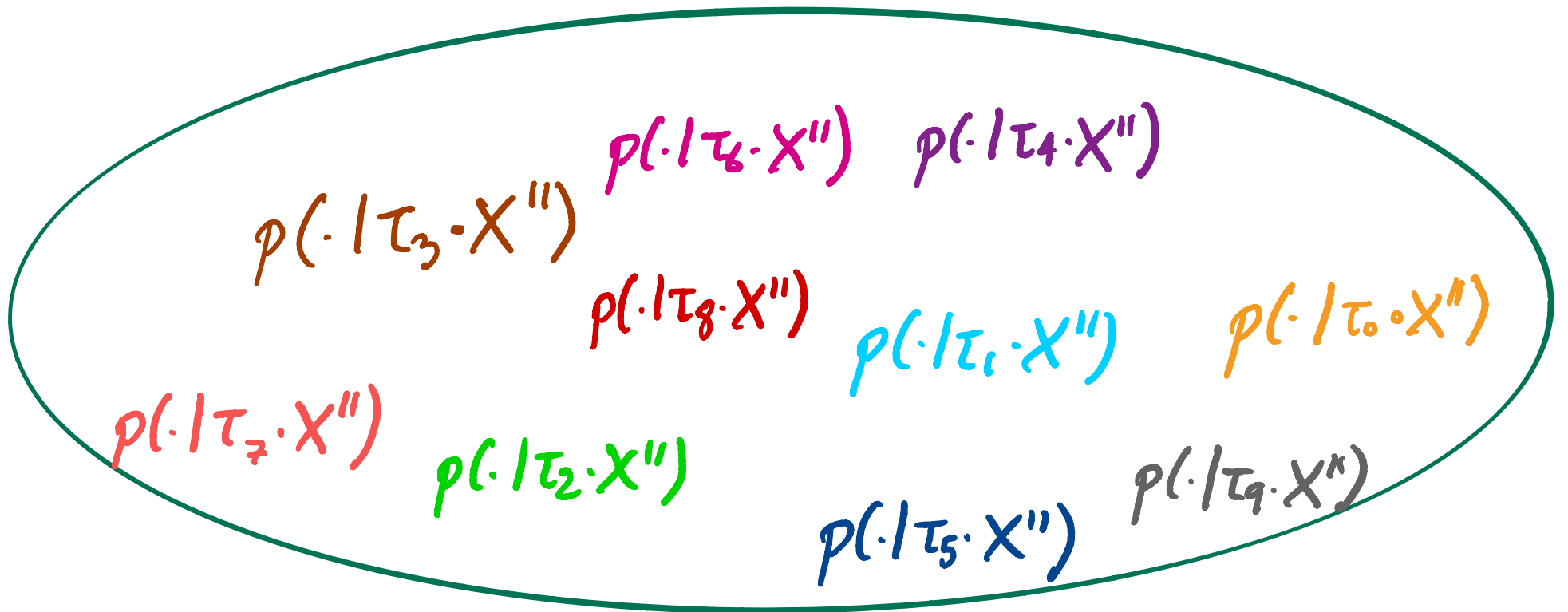
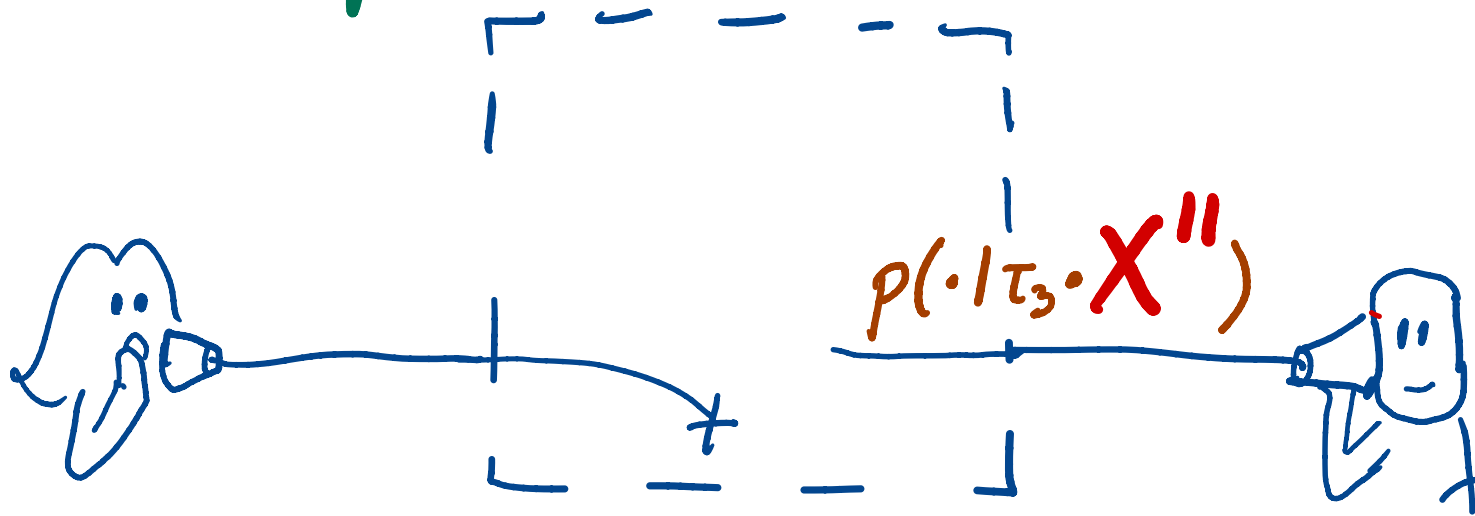




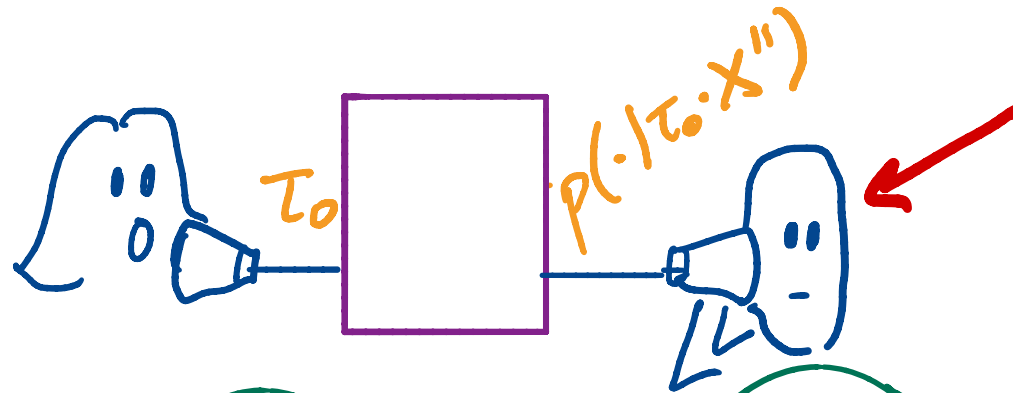
Input codeword space



Output codeword space

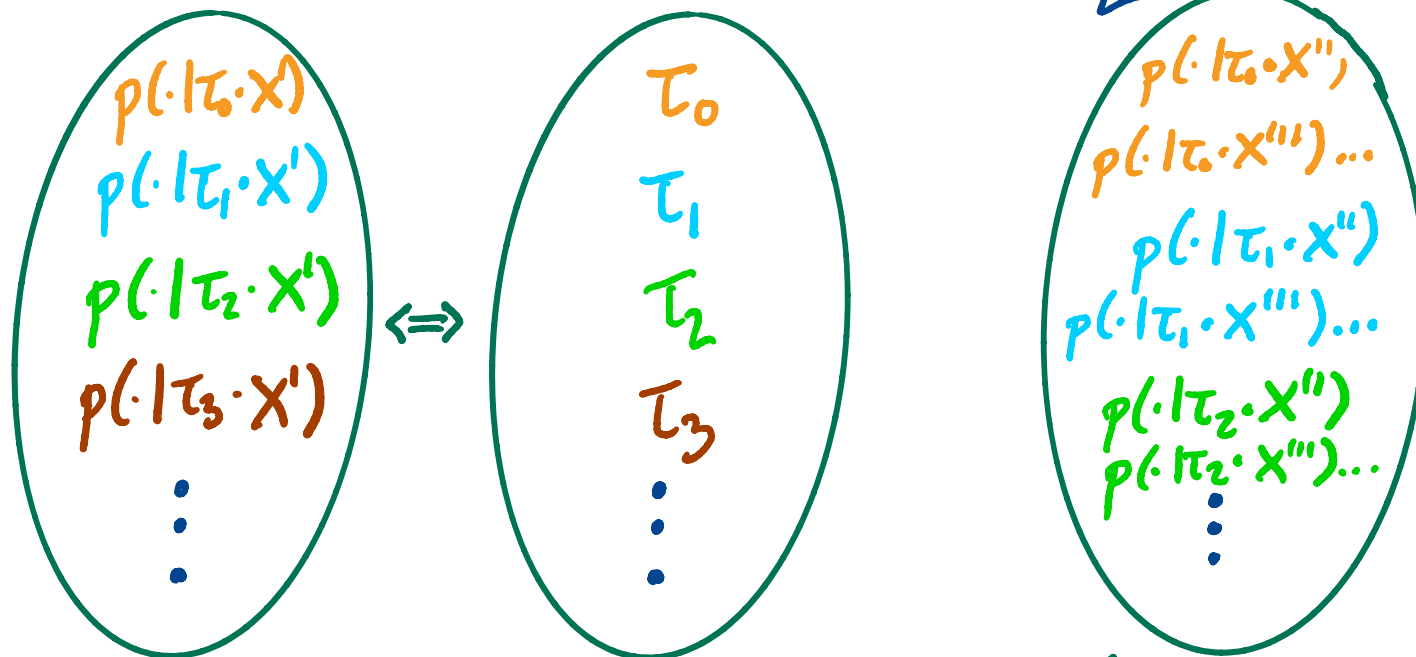


The algorithm as a channel



Remember:

Receiver knows
input and output
codeword spaces



input codeword
space

$\mathbb{I}$
 $|\mathbb{I}|$

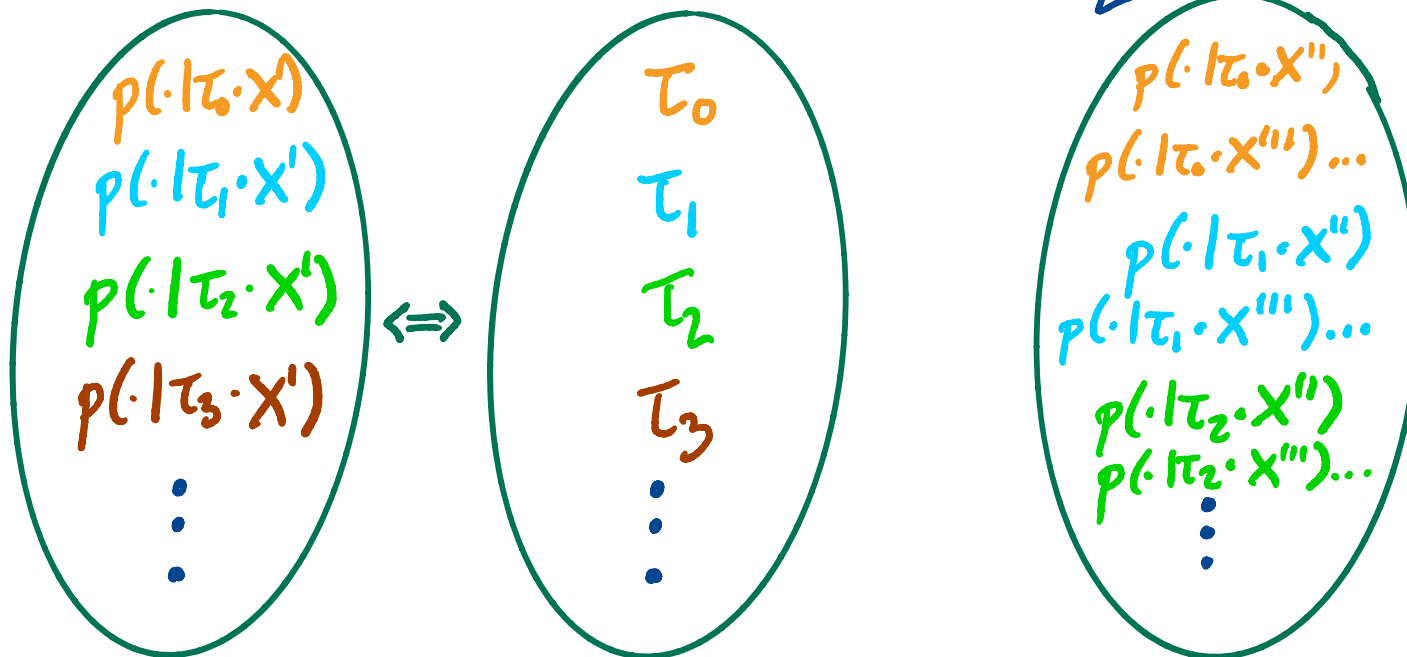
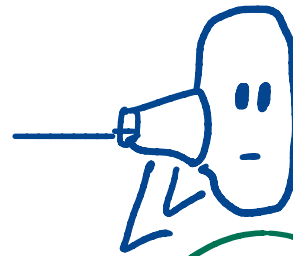
$\ll$

$\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{I}, \mathcal{X})$
 $|\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{I}, \mathcal{X})|$

output codeword
space

Receiver's knowledge

* Receiver knows $X', \Pi, \mathcal{X}$. That is, he knows input and output codeword spaces and the channel's conditional distribution.



$$\begin{aligned} \text{input codeword space} &= \Pi \\ &= |\Pi| \ll |\mathcal{P}(\Pi, \mathcal{X})| = \text{output codeword space} \end{aligned}$$

The algorithm as a channel

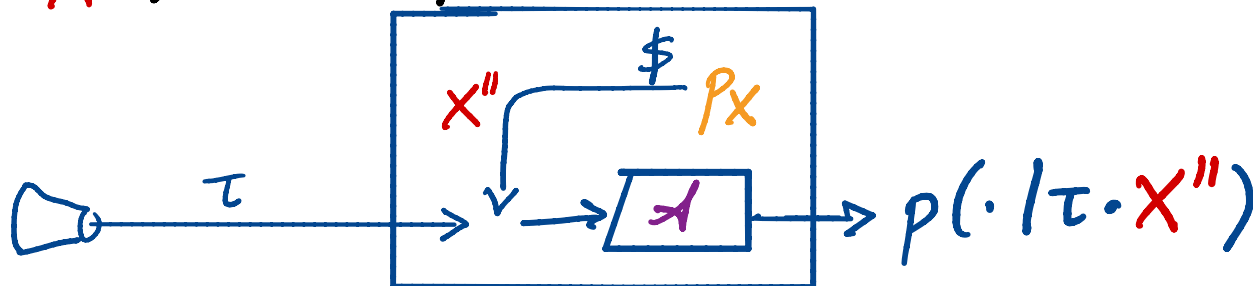
* Input alphabet:

$$\mathbb{I} = \{\tau_0, \tau_1, \dots, \tau_s\}.$$

* Output alphabet:

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{I}, \mathcal{X}) := \{p(\cdot | \tau \circ X'') : \tau \in \mathbb{I}, X'' \in \mathcal{X}\}$$

* When τ is input, a new instance X'' is drawn $\sim P_X$ and $p(\cdot | \tau \circ X'')$ is output.



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Derivation of PA

- * We follow Shannon's strategy.
Define a code for M messages by choosing M codewords at random.
- * We demonstrate that the prob. of a comm. error
$$\leq \text{const.} \exp\left(-\log |C| \left(\exp.\log. PA - \frac{\log M}{\log |C|} - \epsilon\right)\right)$$
- * We compare this with Shannon's code's prob. of comm. error
$$\leq 2^{-n} \left(\text{capacity} - \frac{\log M}{n} - 3\epsilon\right)$$
- * Therefore, we propose the exp. log. PA as a capacity measure.

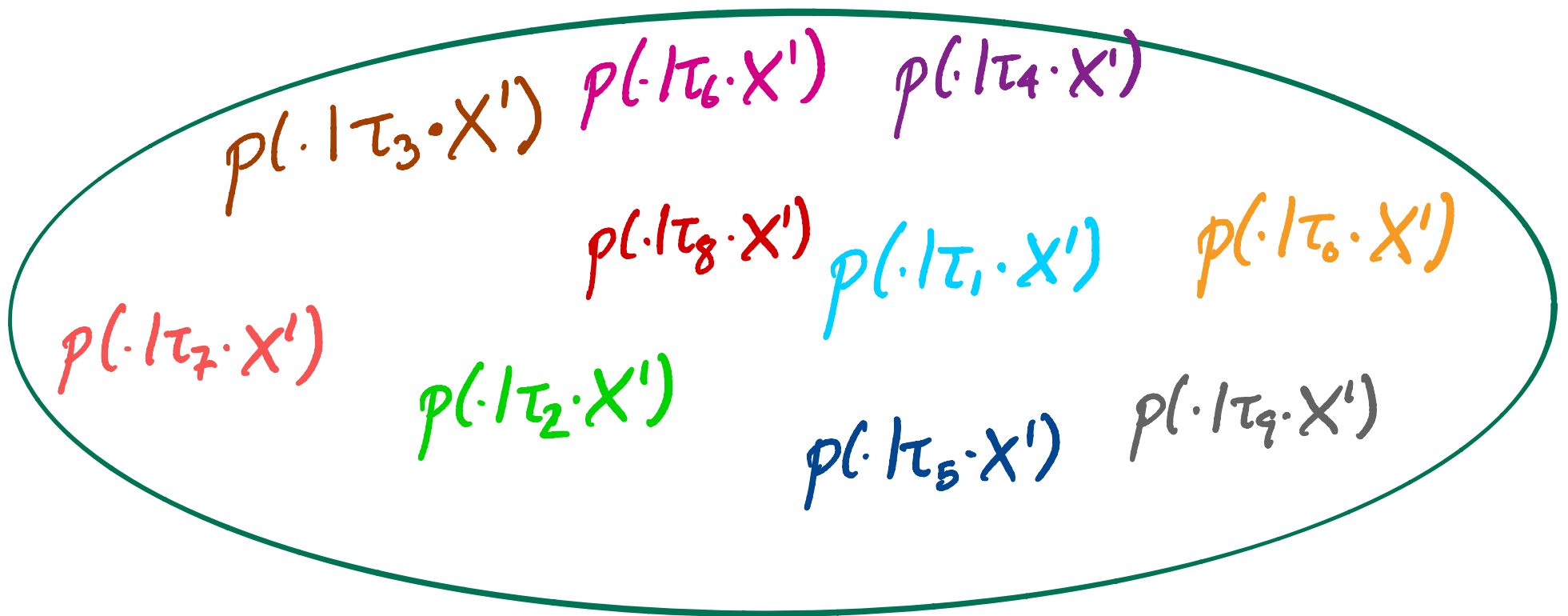
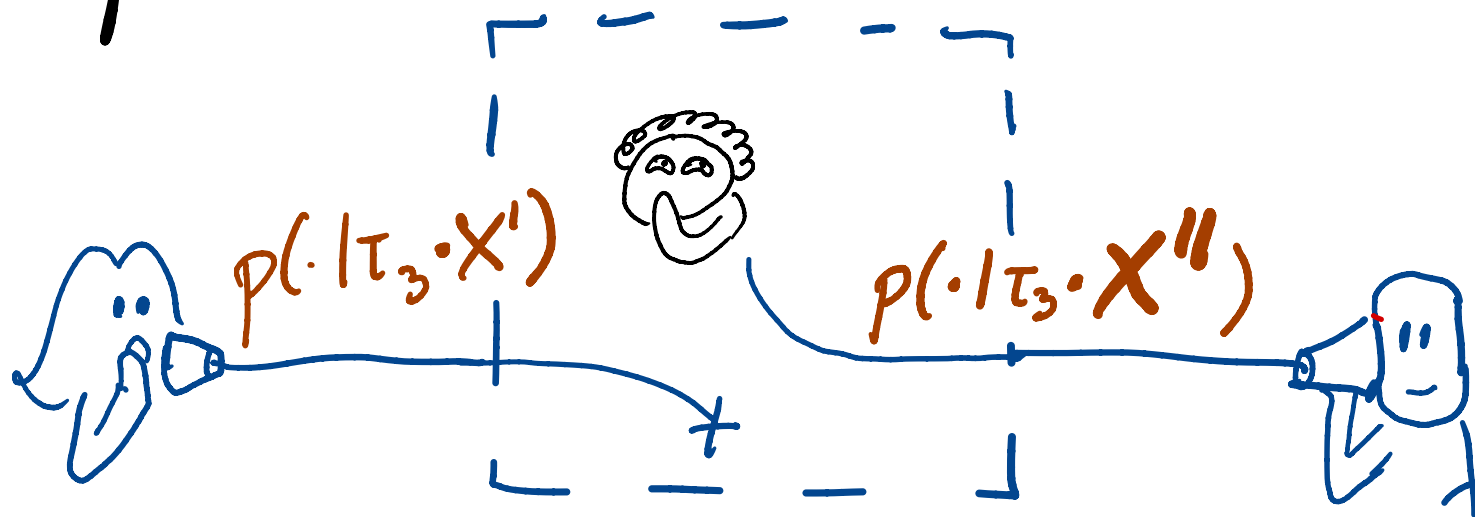
Remember:

A code is a pair (Enc, Dec) ,

$\text{Enc}: \{1 \dots M\} \longrightarrow \overset{\text{input}}{\text{codeword space}}$

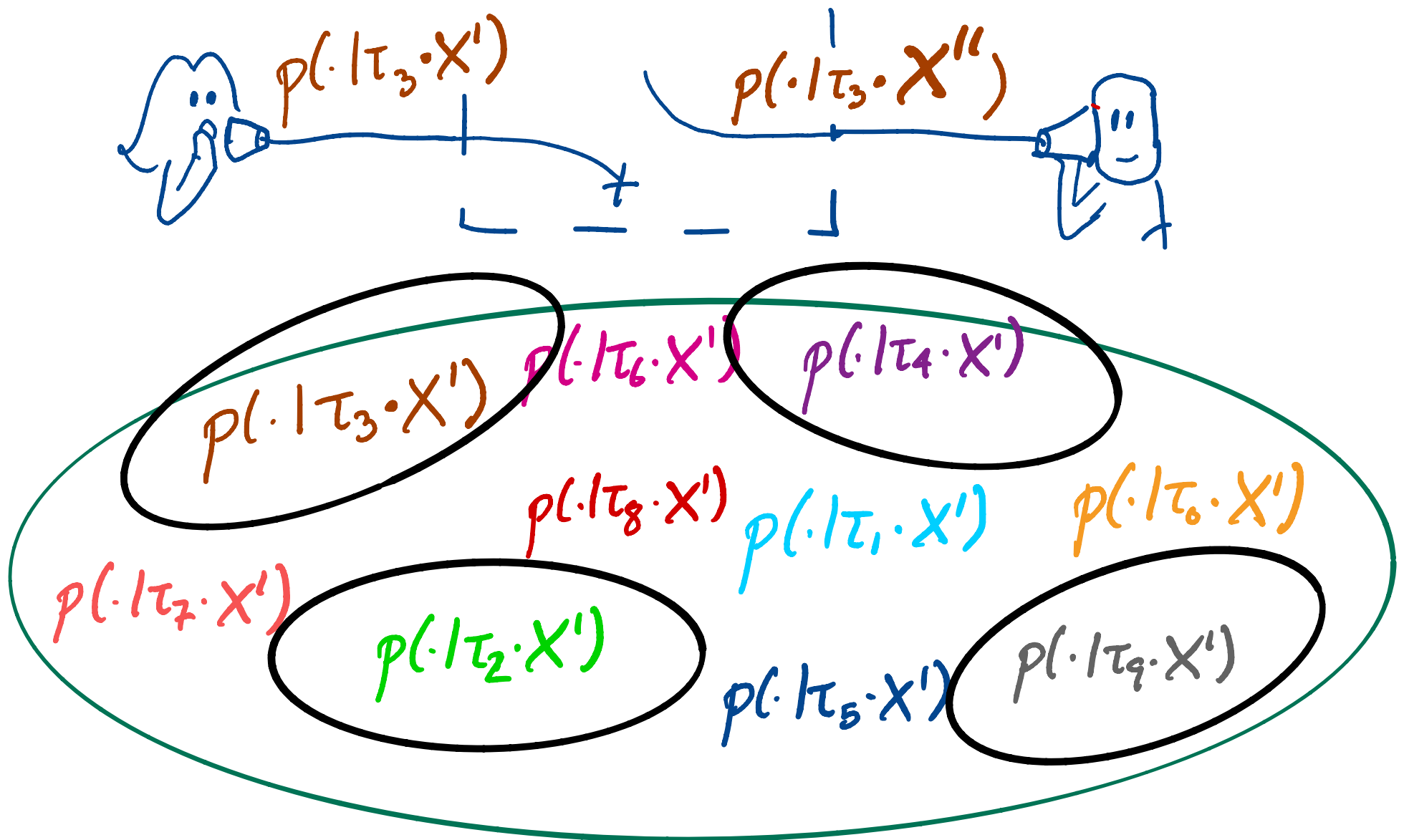
$\text{Dec}: \overset{\text{output}}{\text{codeword space}} \longrightarrow \{1, \dots, M\}$

We follow Shannon's random code

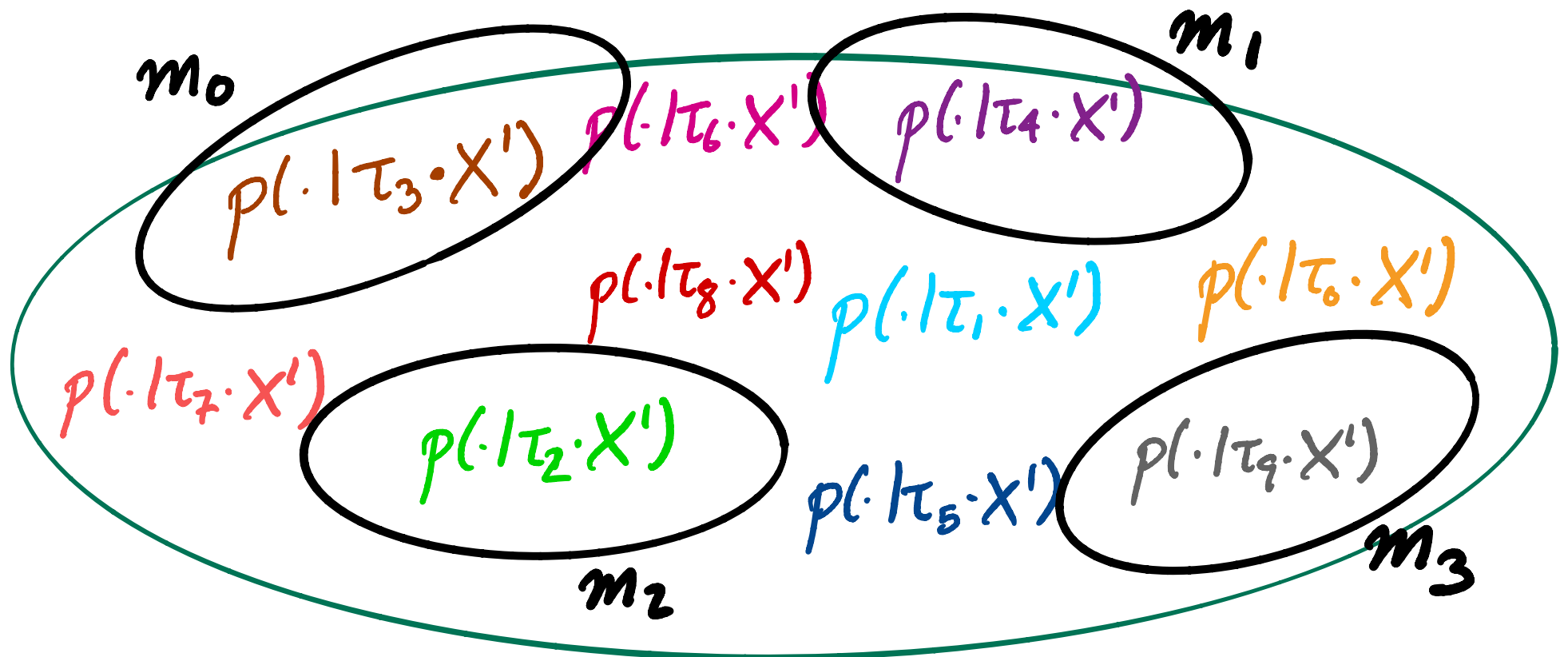
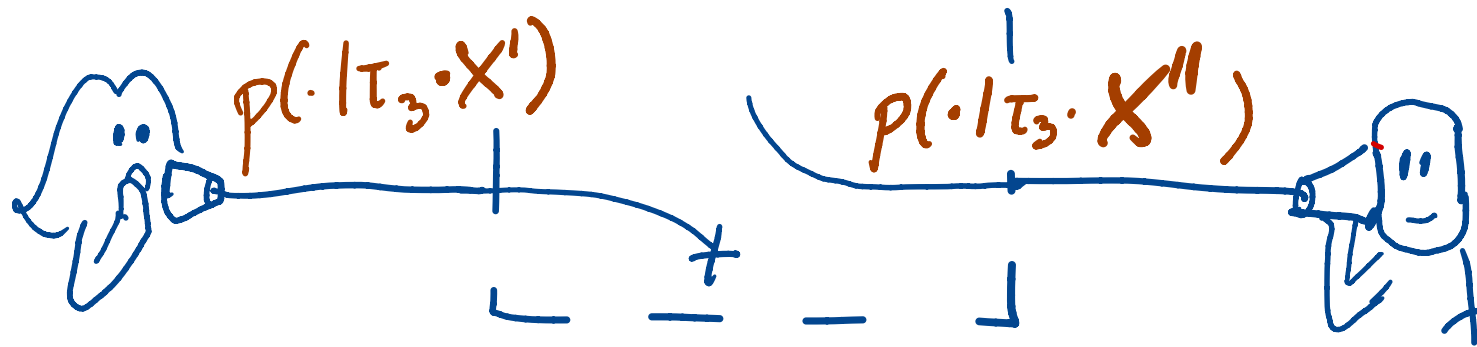


Let M be # msgs.

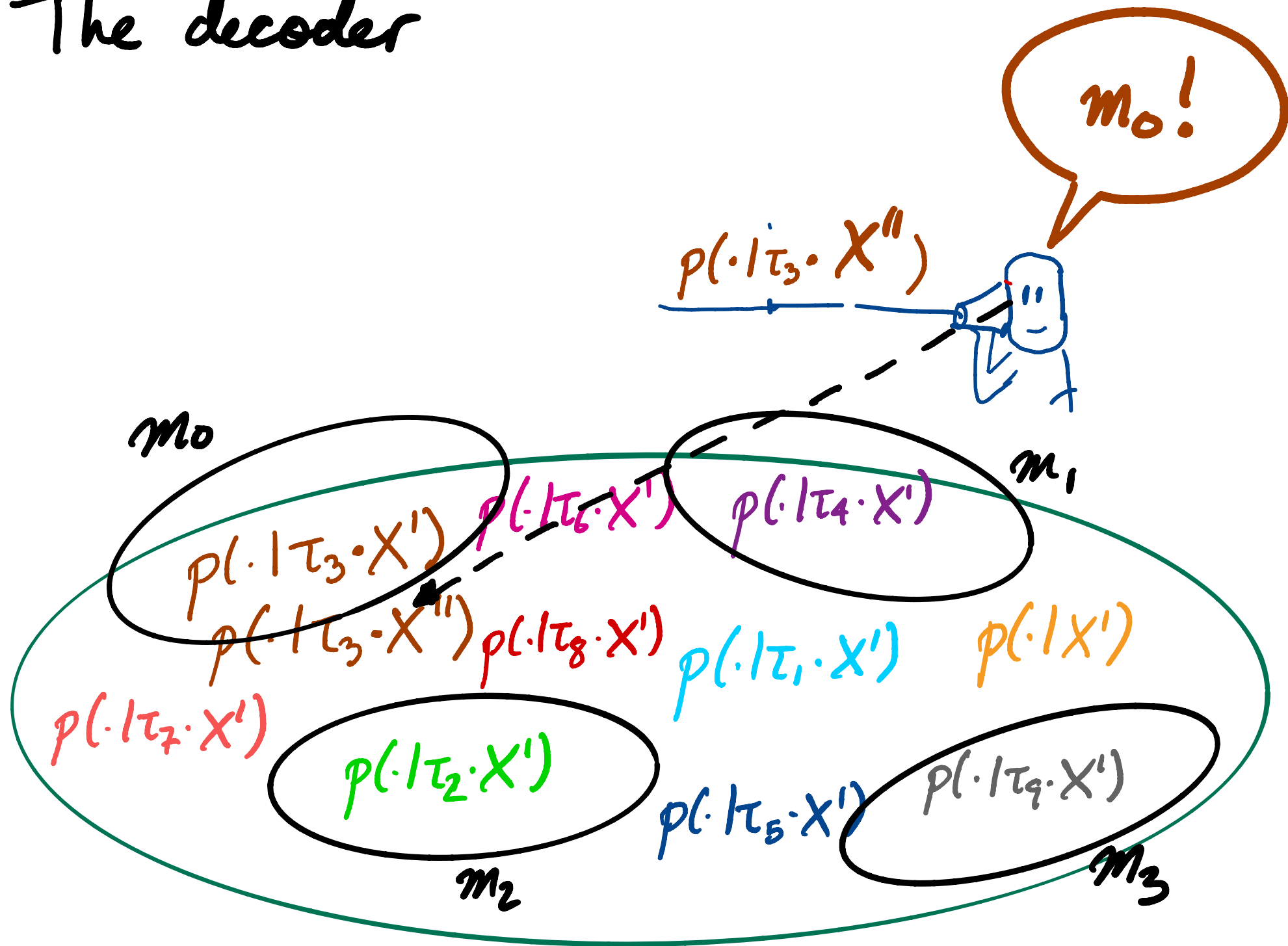
Pick M codewords at random.



The encoder function maps each message to each of these codewords.



The decoder

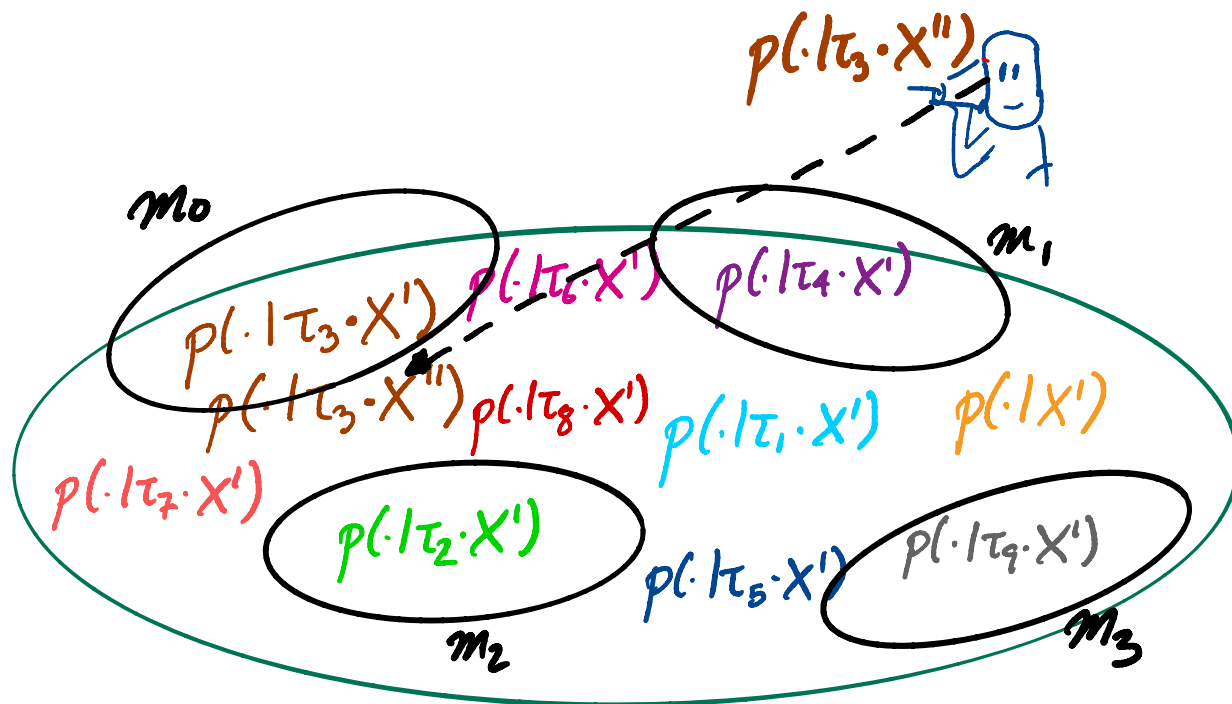


The decoder outputs

$$\arg \max_{m \in M} \langle \text{Enc}(m), p(\cdot | \tau_3 \cdot X'') \rangle$$

$$= \arg \max_{\tau} \langle p(\cdot | \tau \cdot X'), p(\cdot | \tau_3 \cdot X'') \rangle$$

$$= \arg \max_{\tau} K(\tau \circ X', \tau_3 \circ X'')$$



Reference: Shannon's random code

- * Let $M \in \mathbb{N}$ and $X' \xleftarrow{\$} P_X$
- * Choose $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_M$ from $\mathbb{I}$ uniformly at random.
- * Sender and receiver learn $\{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_M\}$, X' , and $\mathcal{X}$.
- * Encoder
$$\text{Enc} : \{1 \dots M\} \longrightarrow \{\tau_1 \dots \tau_M\}.$$
$$i \longmapsto \tau_i$$
- * Decoder
$$\text{Dec}_{X'} : \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{I}, \mathcal{X}) \longrightarrow \{1, \dots, M\}$$
$$p(\cdot | \tau, X'') \longmapsto \hat{\tau}$$

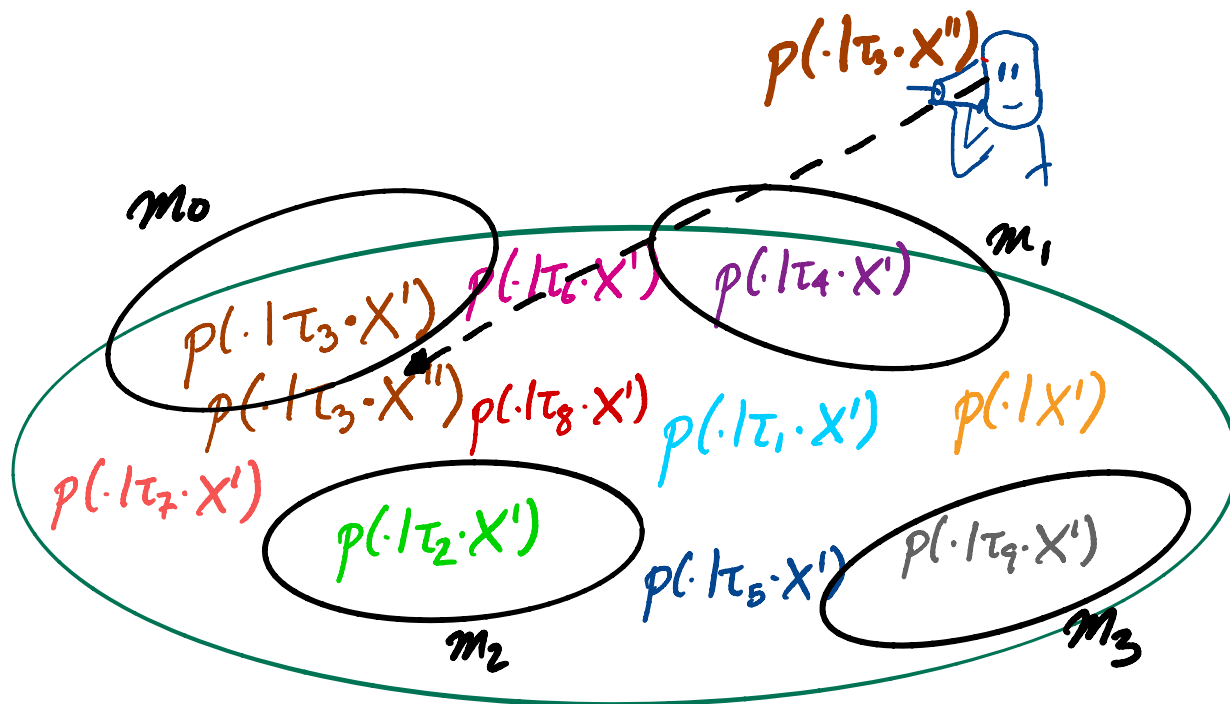
The receiver
needs X' , $\{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_M\}$,
and $\mathcal{X}$ to do this!

where $\hat{\tau} = \arg \max_{\tau' \in \{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_M\}} \underbrace{\kappa(\tau' \cdot X', \tau \cdot X'')}_{\uparrow}$

Communication error

$$\arg \max_{\tau} K(\tau \circ X', \tau_3 \circ X'') \neq \tau_3$$

i.e., $K(\tau \circ X', \tau_3 \circ X'') \geq K(\tau_3 \circ X', \tau_3 \circ X'')$
for some $\tau \neq \tau_3$



Probability of a communication error

$$\begin{aligned} P_r(\mathcal{E}) &= P_r(\mathcal{E} \mid \tau_1) \quad \text{sender sent } \tau_1 = \text{id} \\ &= P_r(\kappa(\hat{\tau} \circ X', \tau_1 \circ X'') \geq \kappa(\tau_1 \circ X', \tau_1 \circ X''), \hat{\tau} \neq \tau_1 \mid \tau_1) \\ &= P_r \left[\begin{array}{c} \kappa(\tau_2 \circ X', \tau_1 \circ X'') \geq \kappa(\tau_1 \circ X', \tau_1 \circ X'') \\ \vdots \\ \kappa(\tau_M \circ X', \tau_1 \circ X'') \geq \kappa(\tau_1 \circ X', \tau_1 \circ X'') \end{array} \mid \tau_1 \right] \end{aligned}$$

Apply the union bound

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$$= \Pr \left[\begin{array}{l} \kappa(\tau_2 \circ X', \tau_1 \circ X'') \geq \kappa(\tau_1 \circ X', \tau_1 \circ X'') \text{ or} \\ \kappa(\tau_3 \circ X', \tau_1 \circ X'') \geq \kappa(\tau_1 \circ X', \tau_1 \circ X'') \text{ or} \\ \vdots \\ \kappa(\tau_M \circ X', \tau_1 \circ X'') \geq \kappa(\tau_1 \circ X', \tau_1 \circ X'') \end{array} \right]$$

τ_1

$$= \Pr \left[\begin{array}{l} \kappa(\tau_2 \circ X', X'') \geq \kappa(X', X'') \text{ or} \\ \kappa(\tau_3 \circ X', X'') \geq \kappa(X', X'') \text{ or} \\ \vdots \\ \kappa(\tau_M \circ X', X'') \geq \kappa(X', X'') \end{array} \right]$$

τ_1

$$\leq \sum_{1 \leq j \leq M} \Pr(\kappa(\tau_j \circ X', X'') \geq \kappa(X', X'') \mid \tau_1)$$

Apply Markov's inequality 2/5

$$\leq \sum_{1 \leq j \leq M} \Pr \left[\kappa(\tau_j \circ X', X'') \geq \kappa(X', X'') \mid \tau_j \right]$$

randomness: $X', X'', \tau_1, \dots, \tau_m$

$$= \sum_{1 \leq j \leq M} \sum_{X', X''} p(X', X'') \Pr \left[\kappa(\tau_j \circ X', X'') \geq \kappa(X', X'') \mid \tau_j, X', X'' \right]$$

$$\leq \sum_{1 \leq j \leq M} \sum_{X', X''} p(X', X'') \frac{\mathbb{E}_{\tau_j} [\kappa(\tau_j \circ X', X'') \mid \tau_j, X', X'']}{\kappa(X', X'')}$$

$$= \sum_{1 \leq j \leq M} \mathbb{E}_{X', X''} \left[\frac{\mathbb{E}_{\tau_j} [\kappa(\tau_j \circ X', X'') \mid \tau_j, X', X'']}{\kappa(X', X'')} \right]$$

Bound the numerator

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$$\leq \sum_{1 \leq j \leq M} \mathbb{E}_{X', X''} \left[\frac{\mathbb{E}_{\tau_j} [\kappa(\tau_j \circ X', X'') | \tau_1, X', X'']}{\kappa(X', X'')} \right]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{\tau_j} \left[\sum_c p(c | \tau_j \circ X') p(c | X'') | \tau_1, X', X'' \right]$$

$$= \sum_c p(c | X'') \mathbb{E}_{\tau_j} [p(c | \tau_j \circ X') | X']$$

$$= \sum_c p(c | X'') \sum_{\tau} \frac{1}{|\Pi|} p(c | \tau \circ X') \quad \leftarrow \sum_{\tau} p(c | \tau \circ X') \leq \frac{|\Pi|}{|C|} (1+p)$$

$$= \sum_c p(c | X'') \frac{1}{|\Pi|} \frac{|\Pi|}{|C|} (1+p) = \frac{(1+p)}{|C|} \sum_c p(c | X'') = \frac{(1+p)}{|C|}$$

Do the sum and get $\log \kappa(x', x'')$ | 4/5

$$\leq \sum_{1 \leq j \leq M} \mathbb{E}_{x', x''} \left[\frac{\mathbb{E}_{\tau_j} [\kappa(\tau_j \circ x', x'') | \tau_j, x', x'']}{\kappa(x', x'')} \right]$$

$$\leq \sum_{1 \leq j \leq M} \mathbb{E}_{x', x''} \left[\frac{1+p}{|C| \kappa(x', x'')} \right]$$

$$= (1+p) (M-1) \mathbb{E}_{x', x''} \left[\frac{1}{|C| \kappa(x', x'')} \right]$$

$$\leq (1+p) \mathbb{E}_{x', x''} \left[\frac{M}{|C| \kappa(x', x'')} \right]$$

$$= (1+p) \mathbb{E}_{x', x''} [\exp(-\log(|C| \kappa(x', x''))) + \log M]$$

Apply AEP

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$$\begin{aligned} &= (1+p) \mathbb{E}_{x', x''} \left[\exp(-\log(|C|K(x', x'')) + \log M) \right] \\ &= (1+p) \mathbb{E}_{x', x''} \left[\exp(-\log |C| \left(\underbrace{\frac{1}{\log |C|} \log(|C|K(x', x''))}_{\text{emp. log. PA}} - \frac{\log M}{\log |C|} \right)) \right] \\ &= (1+p) \mathbb{E}_{x', x''} \left[\exp(-\log |C| \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{emp. log. PA} - \text{exp. log. PA} \\ + \text{exp. log. PA} - \frac{\log M}{\log |C|} \end{array} \right]) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$= (1+p) \mathbb{E}_{X', X''} \left[\exp \left(-\log |C| \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{emp. log. PA} - \text{exp. log. PA} \\ + \text{exp. log. PA} - \frac{\log M}{\log |C|} \end{array} \right] \right) \right]$$

Asymptotic equipartition property:

$$\text{emp. log. PA} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\text{in prob.}} \text{exp. log. PA}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & -\log |C| \text{emp. log. PA} + \log |C| \text{exp. log. PA} \\ & \leq \log |C| |\text{emp. log. PA} - \text{exp. log. PA}| \leq \log |C| \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

with prob. $1-\varepsilon$
for large n .

$$\begin{aligned} & \leq (1+p) \mathbb{E}_{X', X''} \left[\exp \left(-\log |C| \left(-\varepsilon + \text{exp. log. PA} - \frac{\log M}{\log |C|} \right) \right) \right] \\ & = (1+p) \exp \left(-\log |C| \left(\text{exp. log. PA} - \frac{\log M}{\log |C|} - \varepsilon \right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Pr(\mathcal{E}) \leq \text{const} \cdot \exp(-\log |C| (\exp. \log. PA - \frac{\log M}{\log |C|} - \epsilon))$$

if $\exp. \log. PA > \frac{\log M}{\log |C|}$, then

$$\Pr(\mathcal{E}) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\text{in prob.}} 0$$

channel
capacity

code
rate

codeword
length

$$\Pr(\mathcal{E}) \leq 2^{-n} \left(\text{capacity} - \frac{\log \# \text{msgs}}{n} - 3\epsilon \right)$$

if $\text{cap} > \frac{\log 2^{nr}}{n} = r$, then

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$\Rightarrow$ Large $\exp. \log. PA$

$\Rightarrow$ Large M

$\Rightarrow$ more messages can be communicated

$\Rightarrow$ the algorithm is more informative

Asymptotic equipartition property

$$\text{emp. log. PA} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\text{in prob.}} \text{exp. log. PA.} \quad ?$$

→ Solutions can be decomposed into "components"

* cluster assign fun → assign for each point.

* graph algos → edge
e.g. MST
shortest paths
clique

→ Posteriors can be factorized; one factor per component
possibly via MFA

Asymptotic equipartition property

→ Posteriors can be factorized; one factor per component
 $O(\log |C|)$ components

$$\rightarrow \kappa(x', x'') = \sum_c p(c|x') p(c|x'') \approx \sum_c \prod_i p_i(c_i|x') p_i(c_i|x'')$$

see lecture
4 (DA) →

$$\begin{aligned} &= \prod_i \sum_g p_i(g|x') p_i(g|x'') \\ &= \prod_i \kappa_i(x', x'') \end{aligned}$$

Asymptotic equipartition property

$$\begin{aligned}\text{emp. log. PA} &= \frac{1}{\log |C|} \log(|C| \kappa(x', x'')) \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{\log |C|} \log \kappa(x', x'')\end{aligned}$$

$$\approx 1 + \frac{1}{\log |C|} \log \prod_i \kappa_i(x', x'')$$

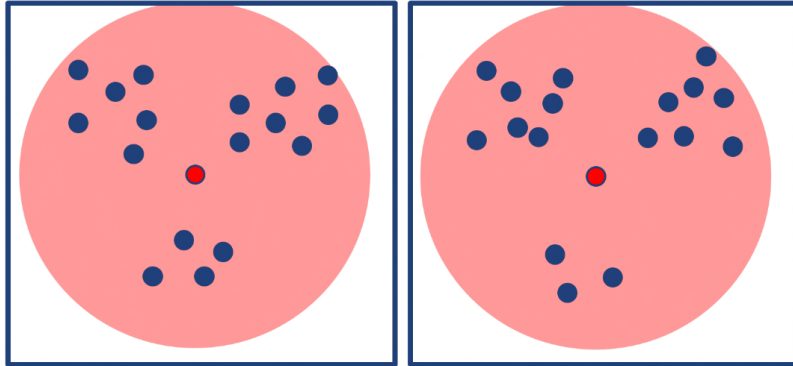
$$= 1 + \frac{1}{\log |C|} \sum_i \log \kappa_i(x', x'')$$

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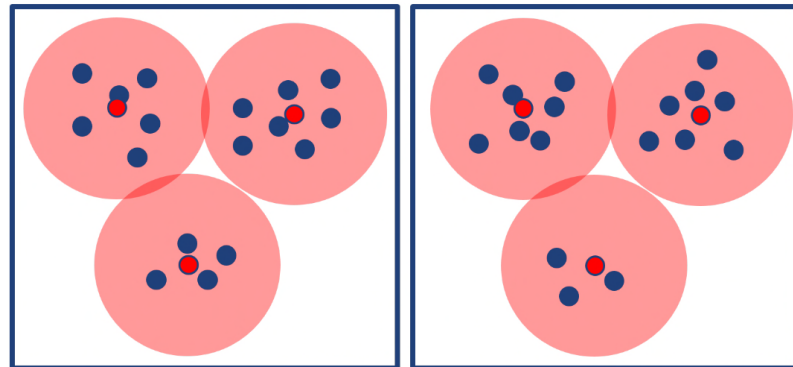
Summary

Algorithms must be robust and
retrieve signals



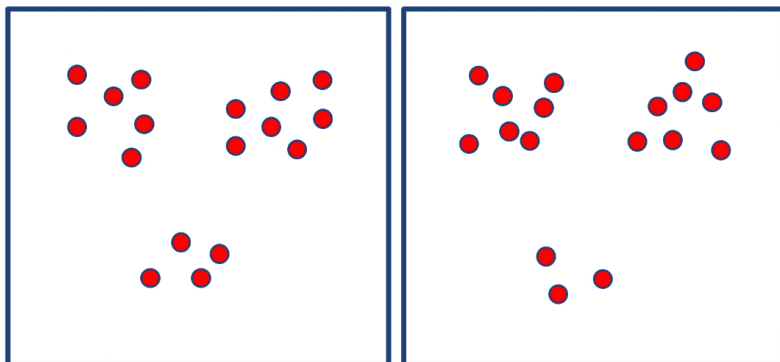
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Information extraction

- * Outputs have content

- * Algorithm is robust

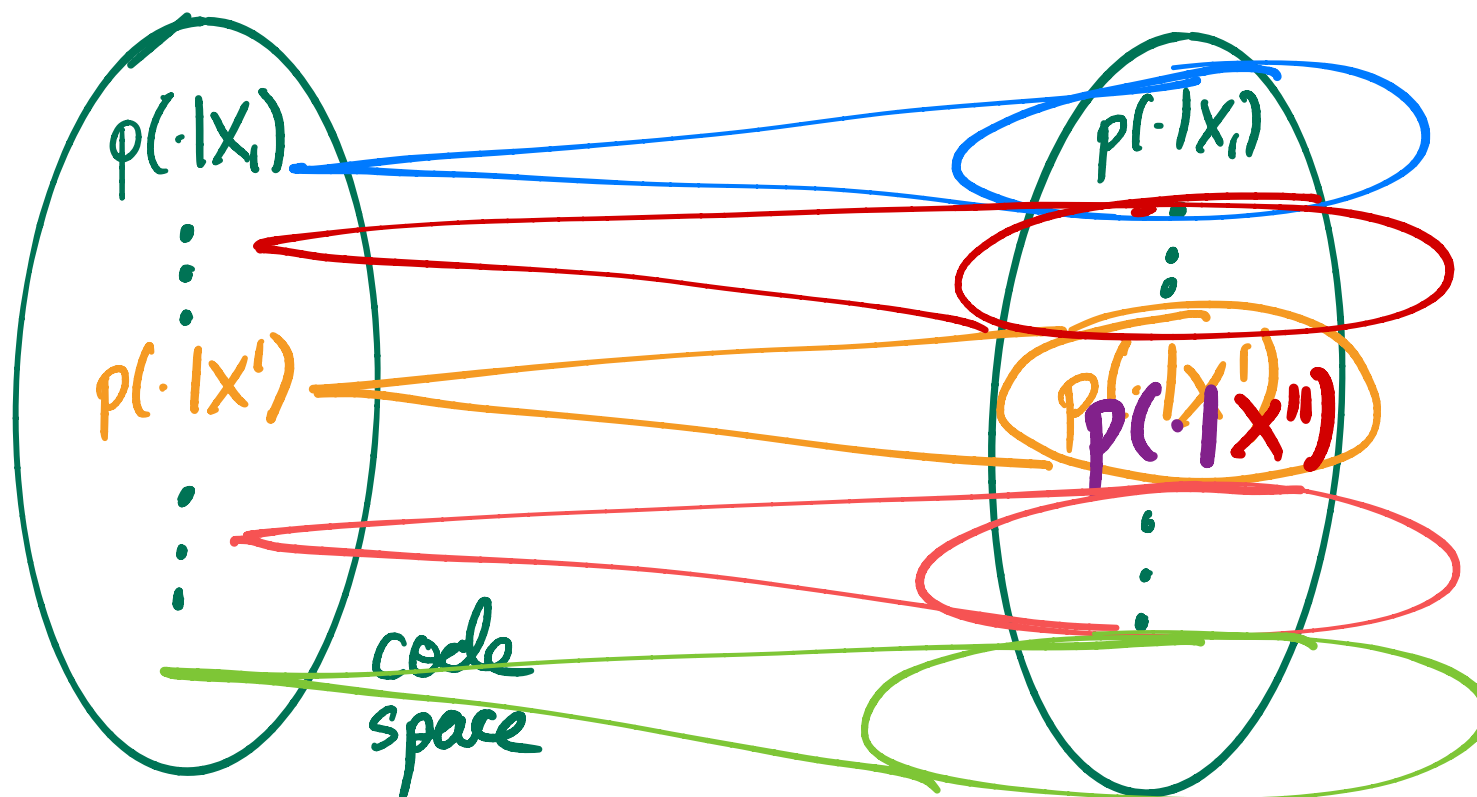
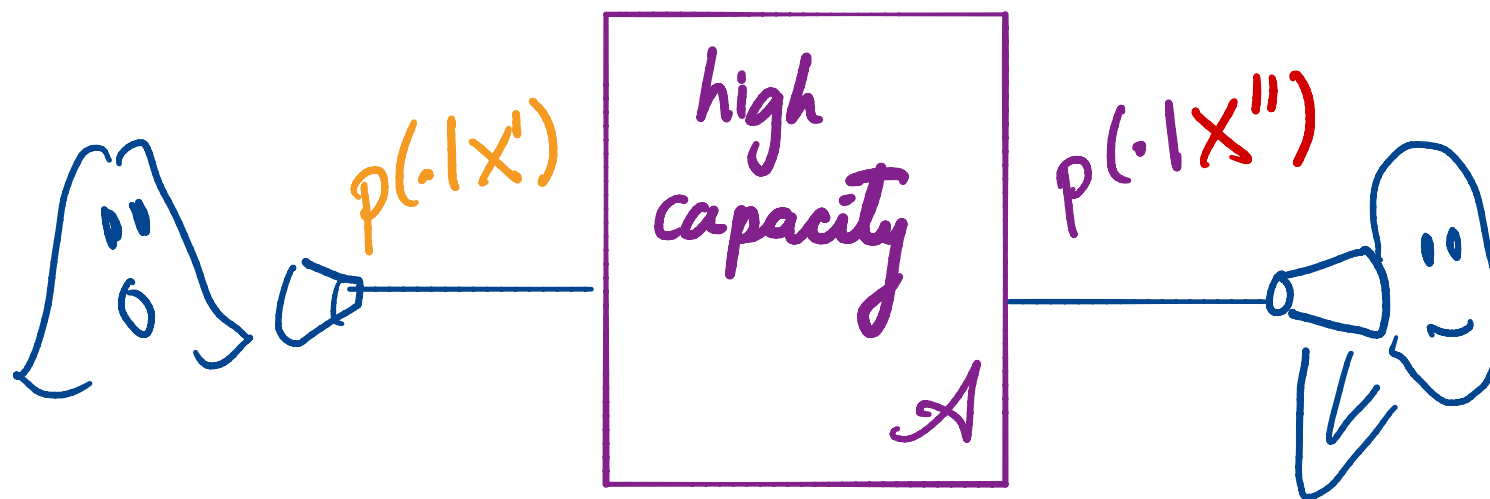
Adjust your algos
to increase exp. log. PA

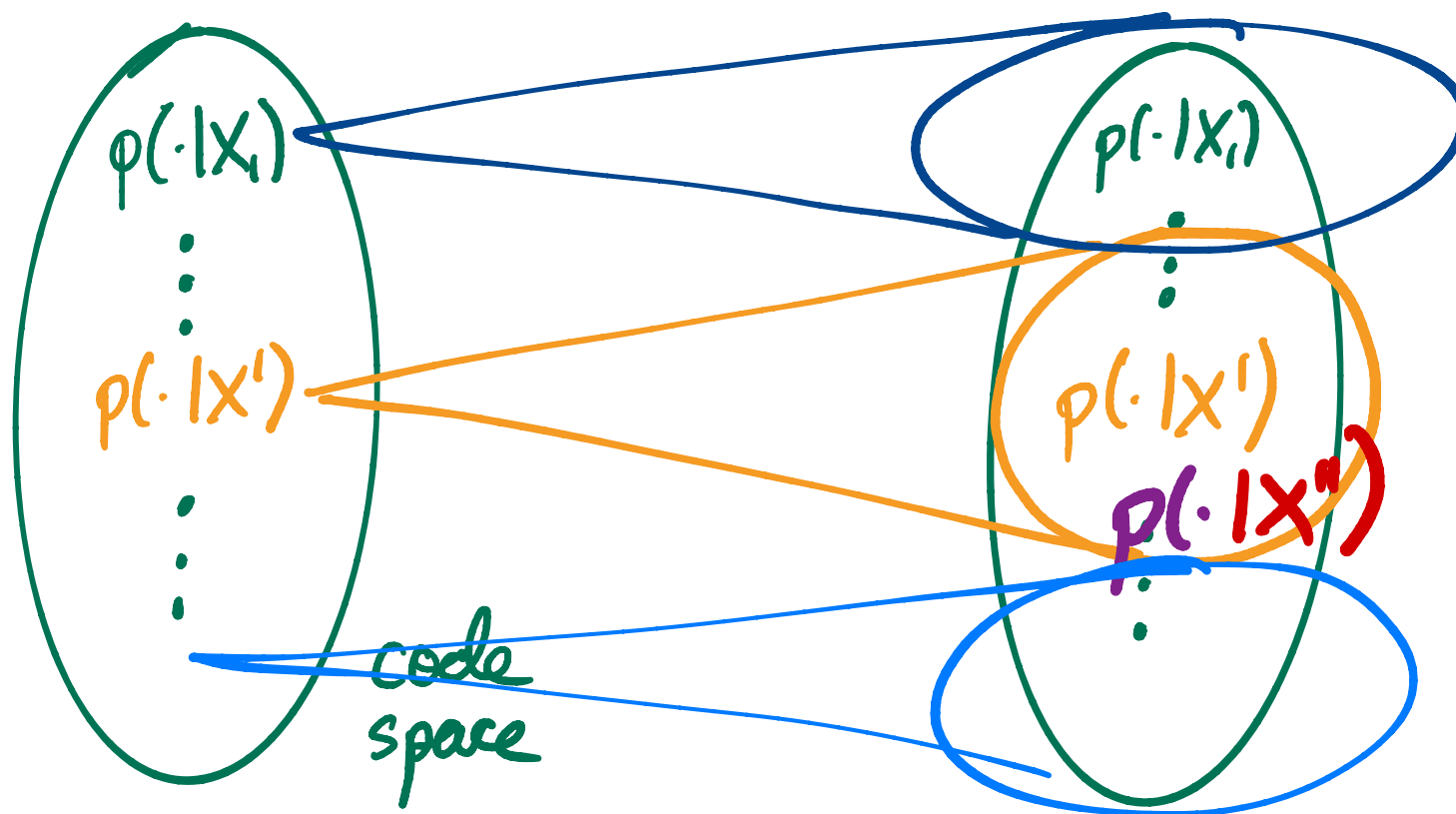
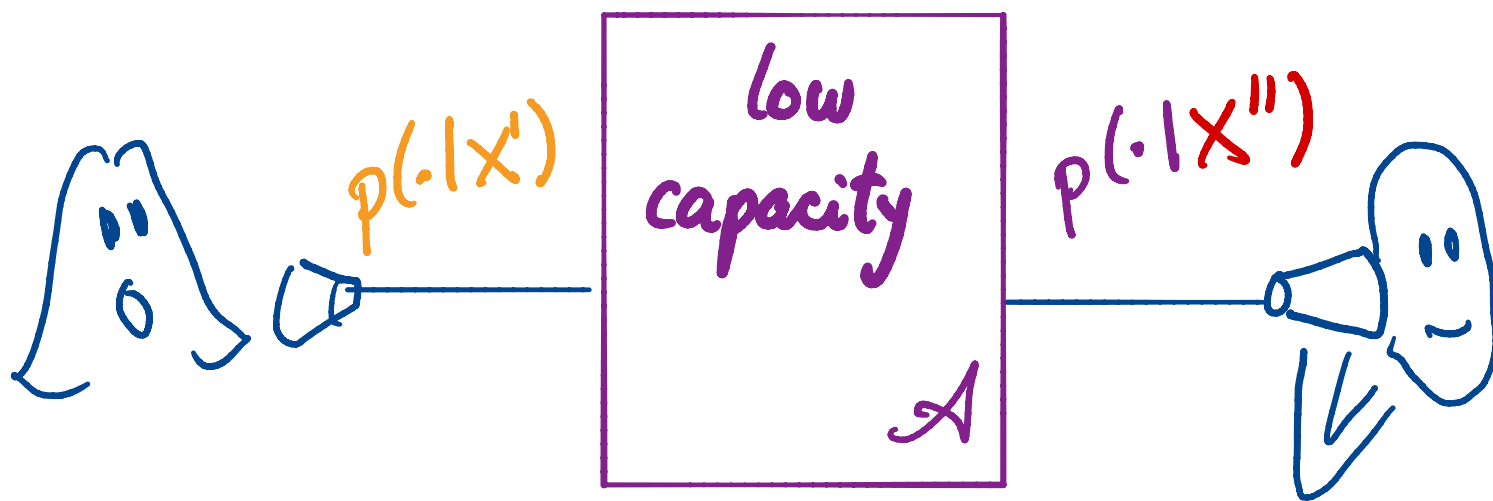
Information transmission

- * Codewords have content

- * Channel is robust

Adjust your channels
to increase capacity





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Posterior agreement

Expected log posterior agreement:

$$\frac{1}{\log |G|} \mathbb{E}_{X', X''} [\log(|G| \kappa(X', X''))]$$

In practice, emp. log PA = $\frac{1}{\log |G|} \log(|G| \kappa(X', X''))$

When comparing $\mathcal{A}_1$ and $\mathcal{A}_2$, choose the one that maximizes $\kappa(X', X'')$.

