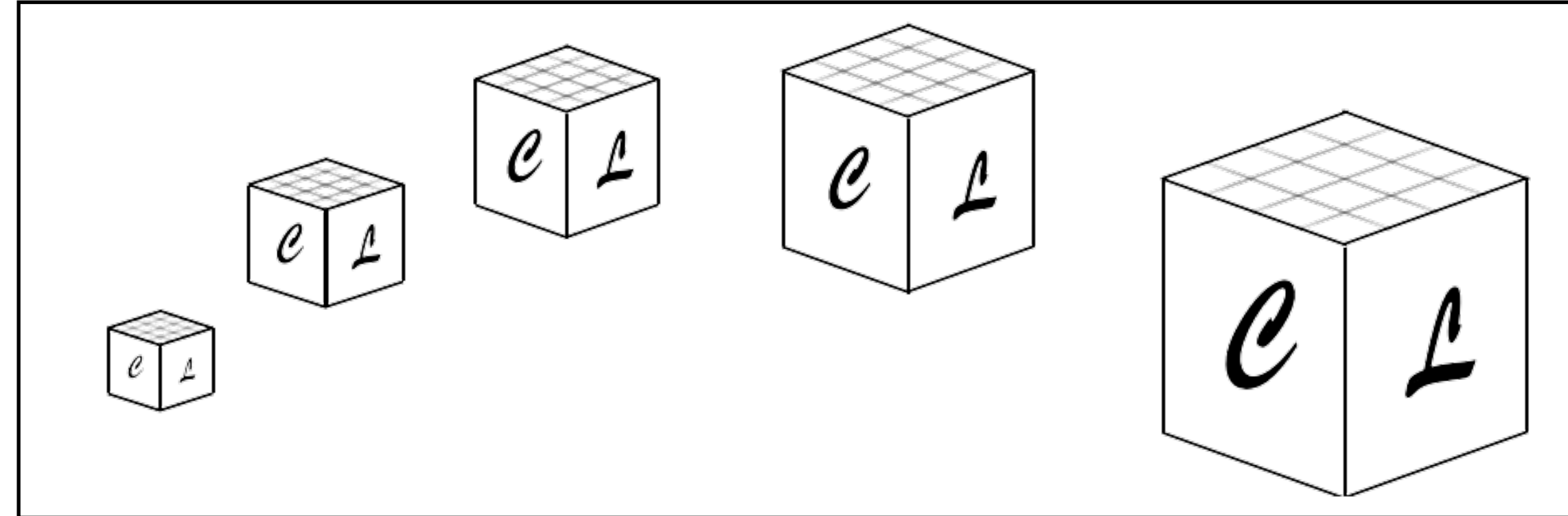


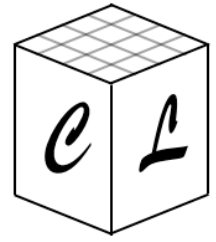


Simulating the Early Universe: CosmoLattice Workshop

Lecture 2: Introduction to Lattice Field Theory

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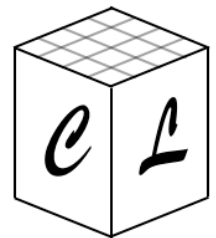


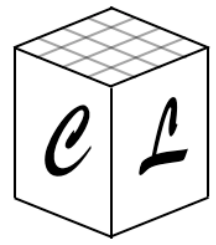
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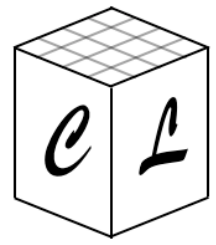
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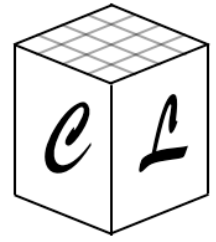




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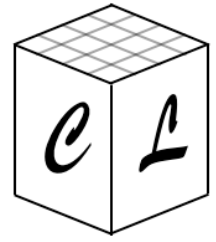


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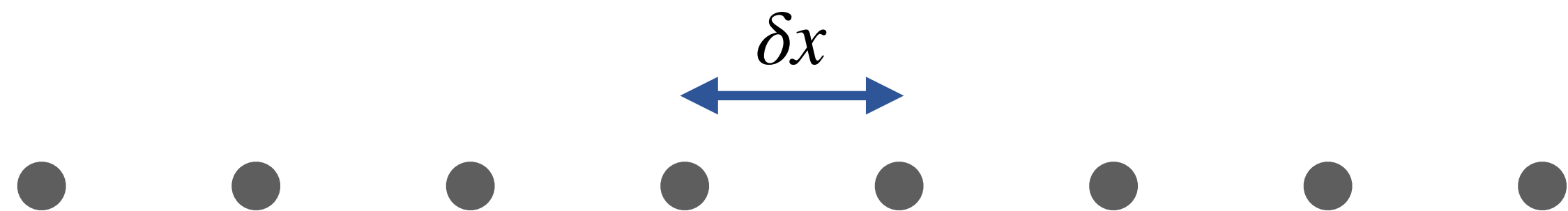
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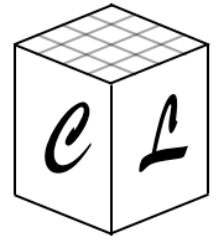
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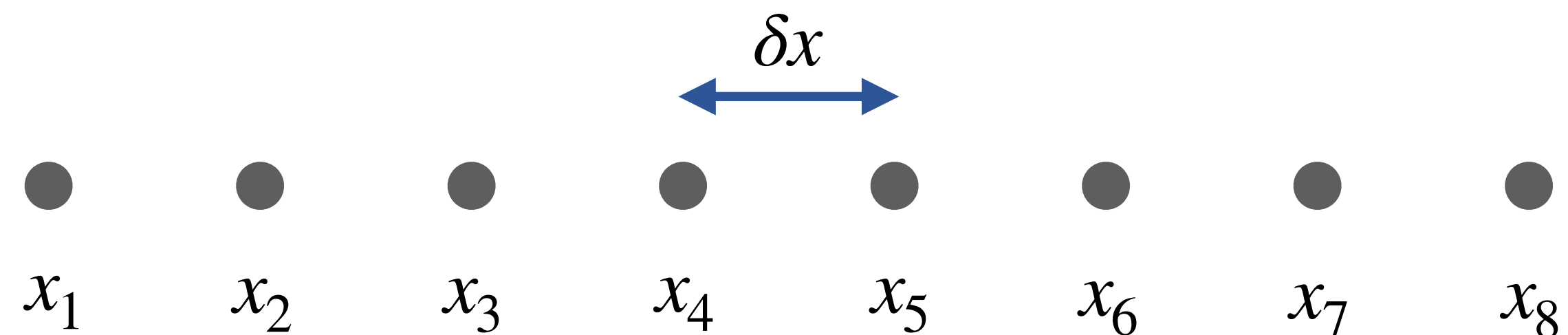
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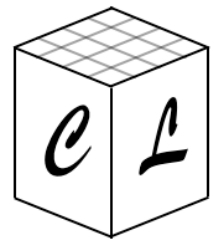
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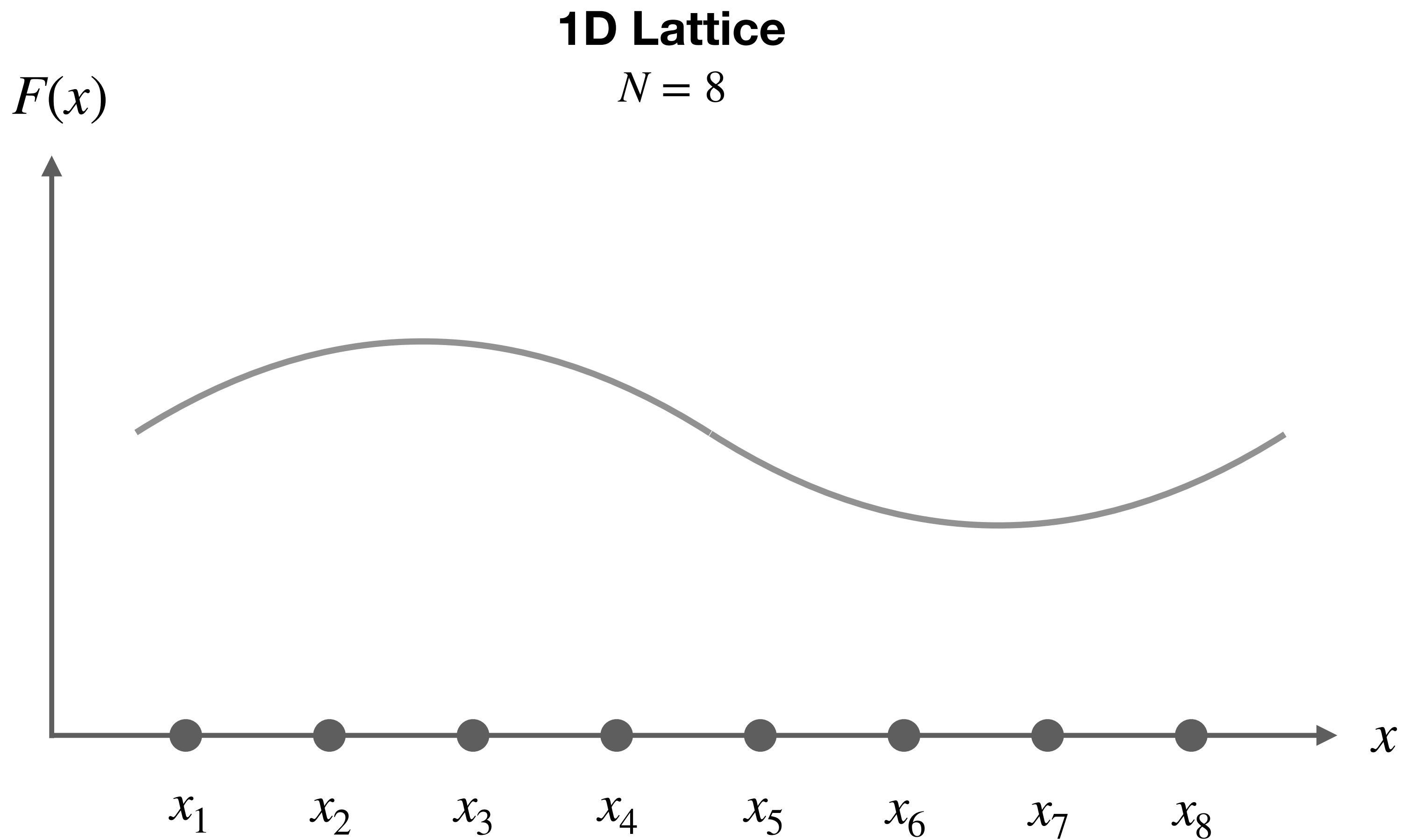
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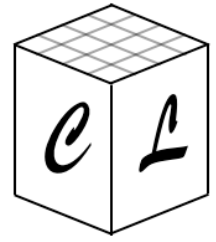




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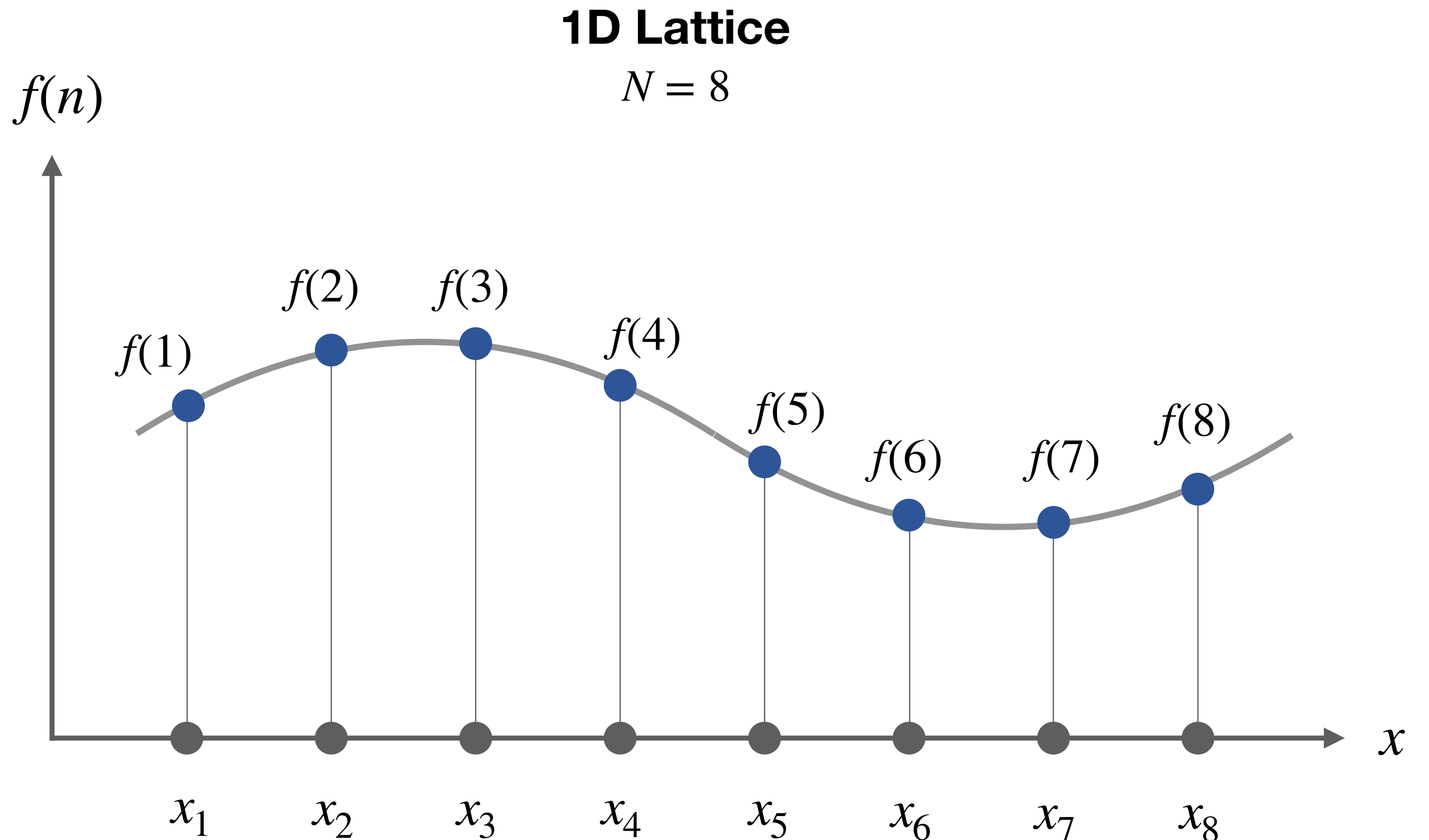
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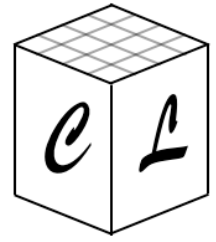
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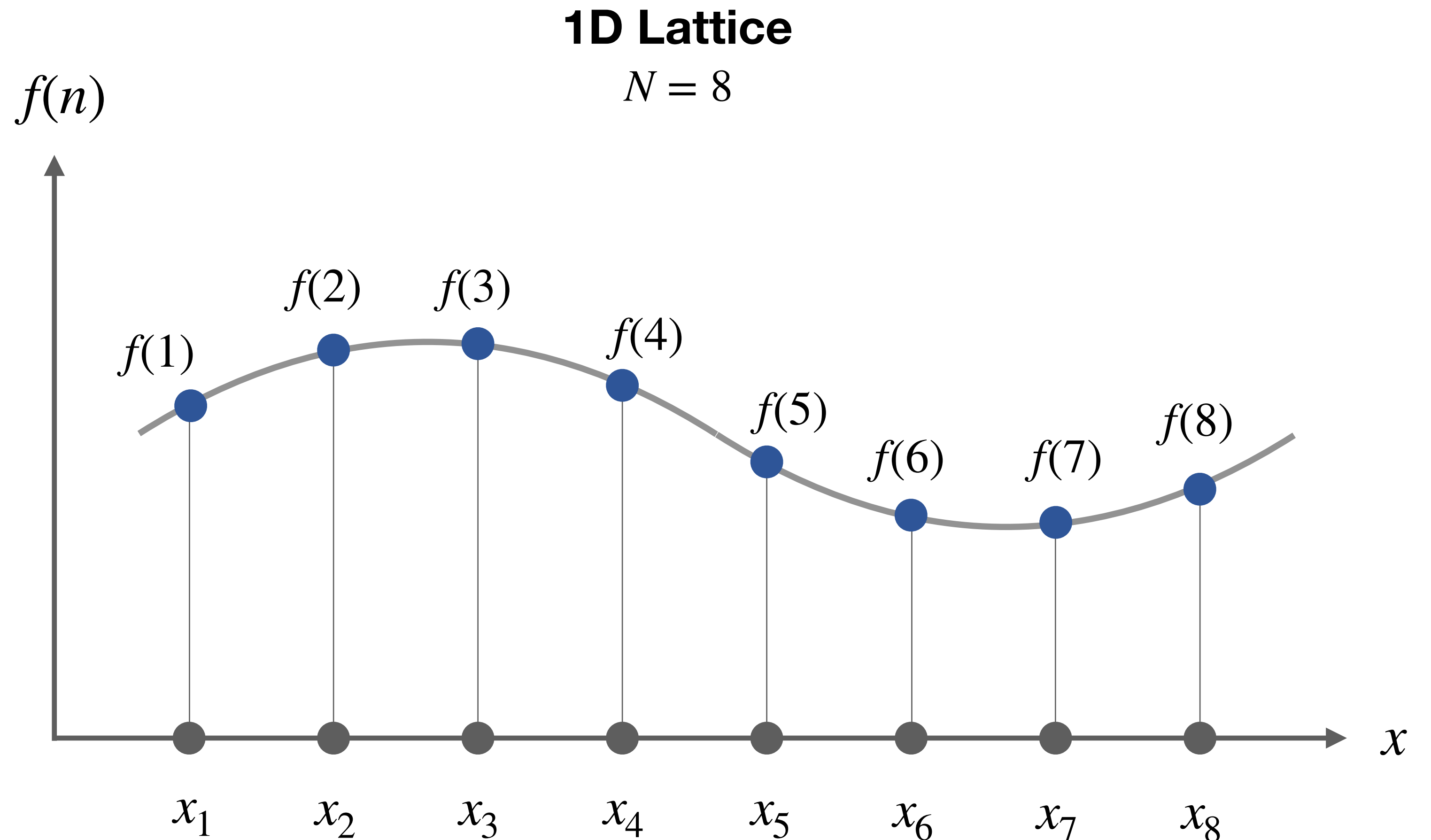
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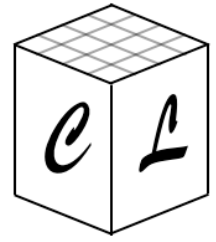
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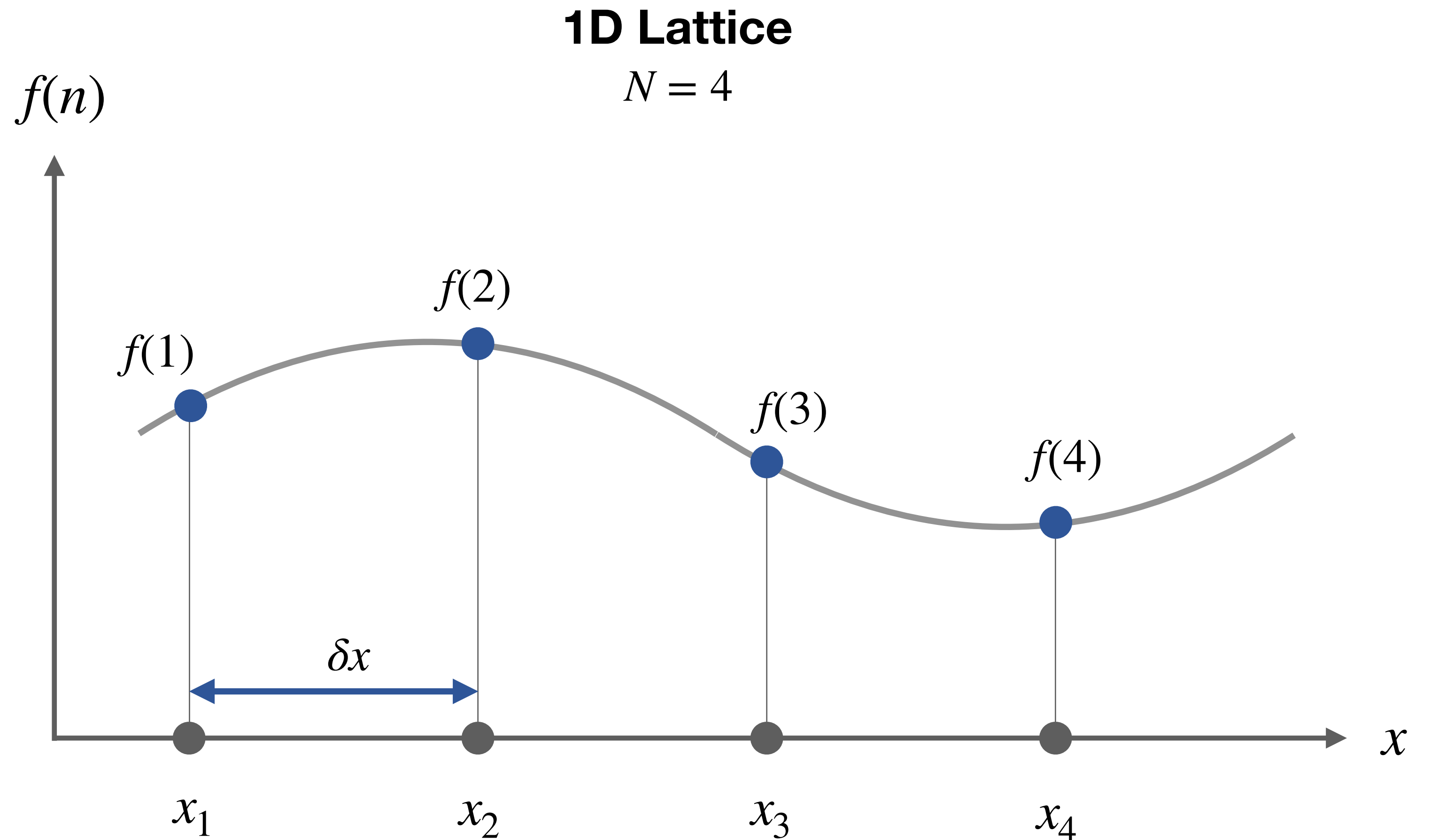
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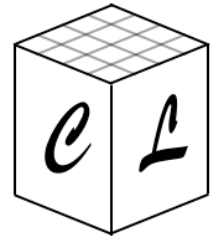
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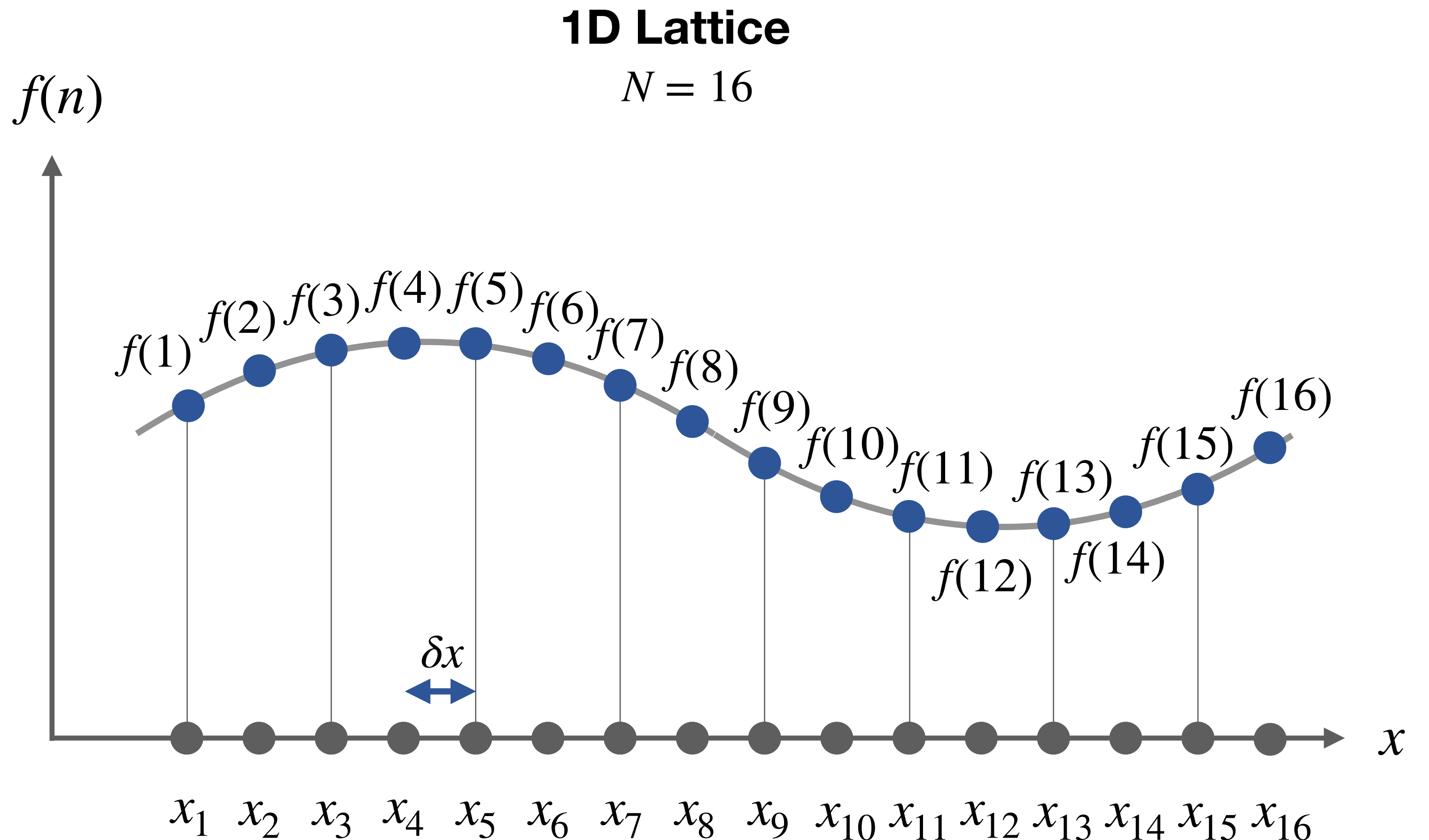
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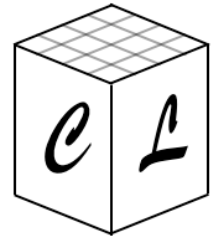
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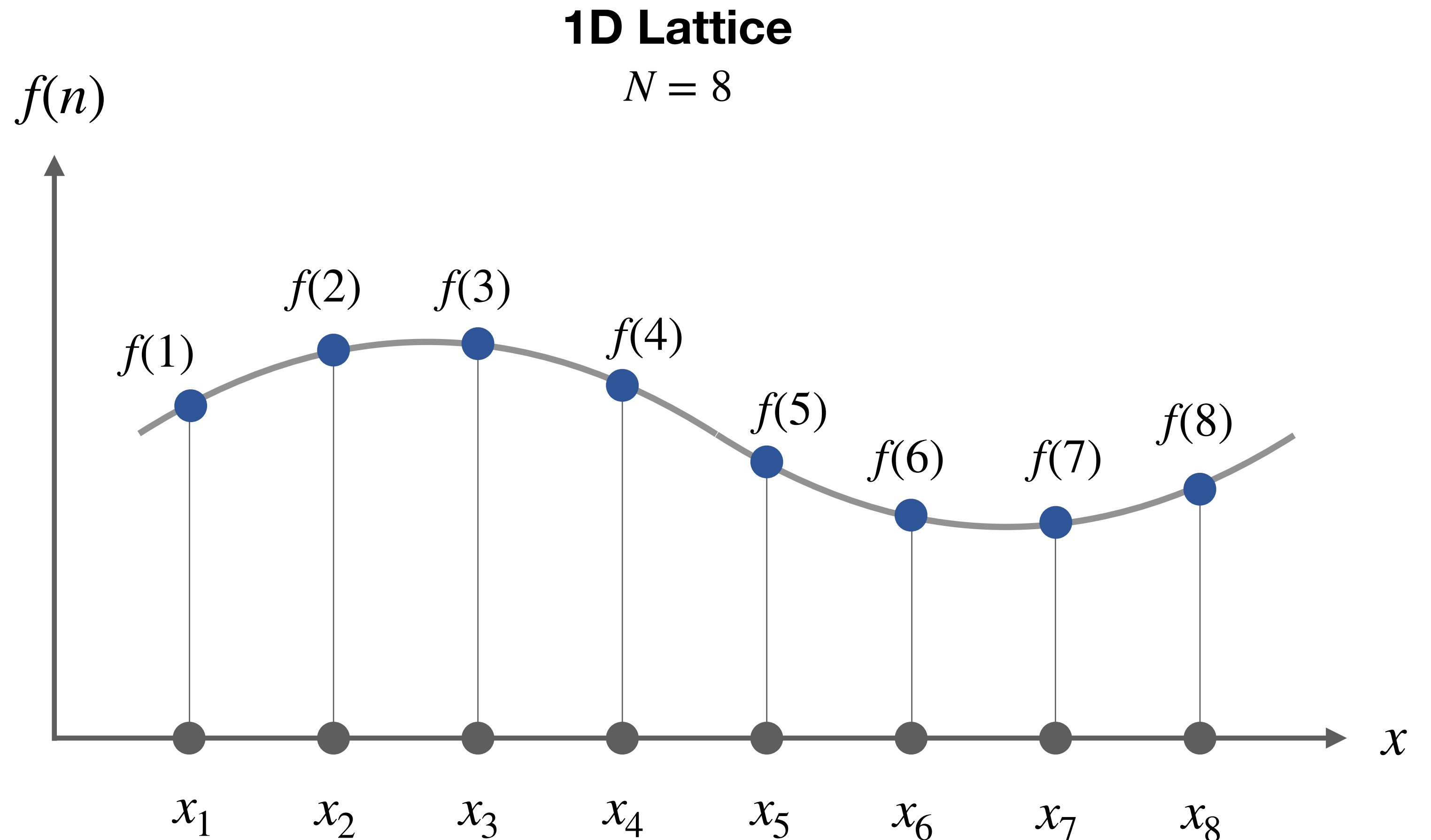
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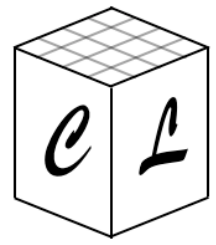
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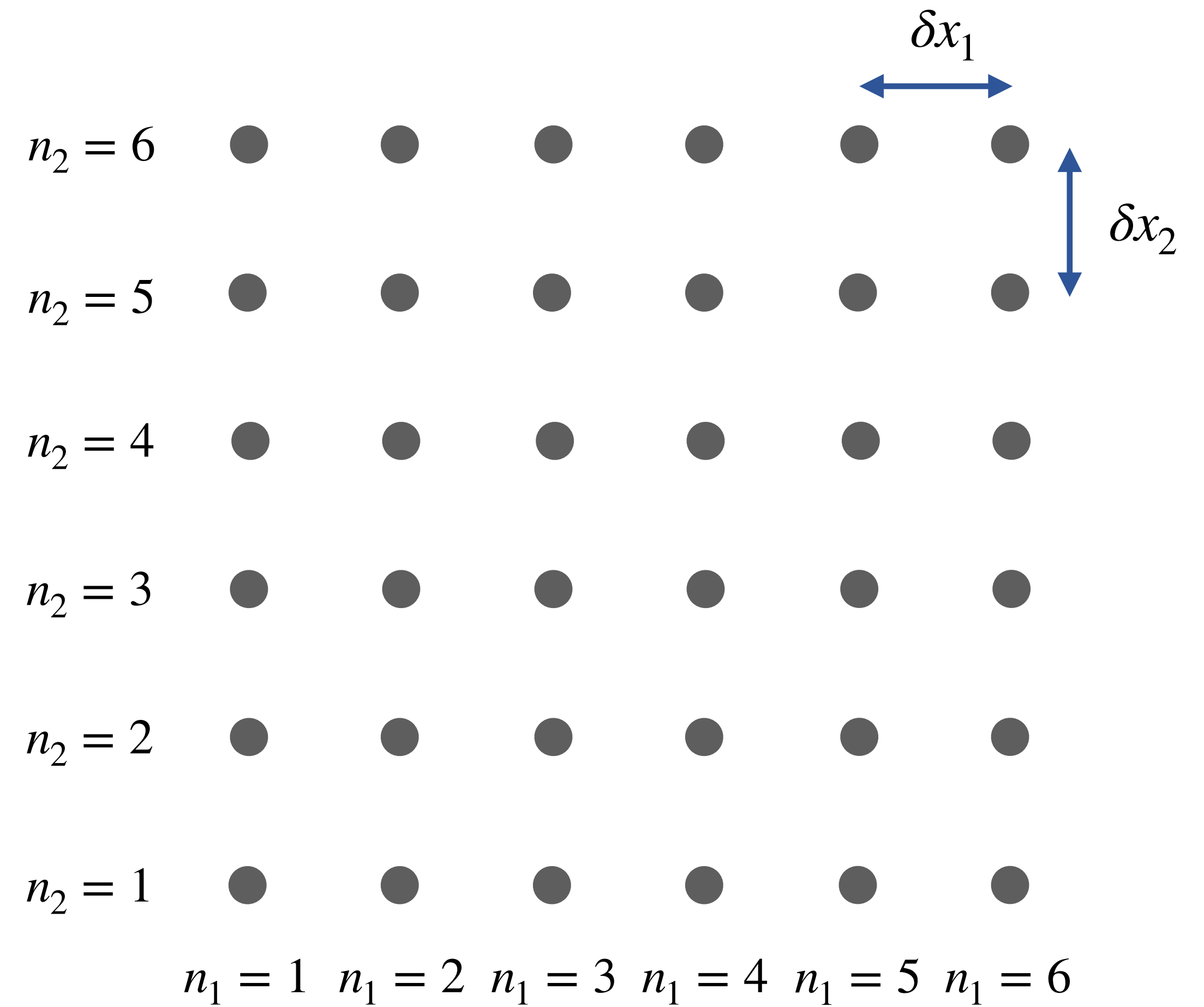
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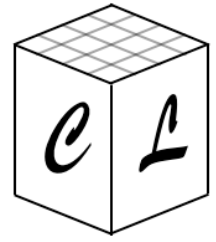




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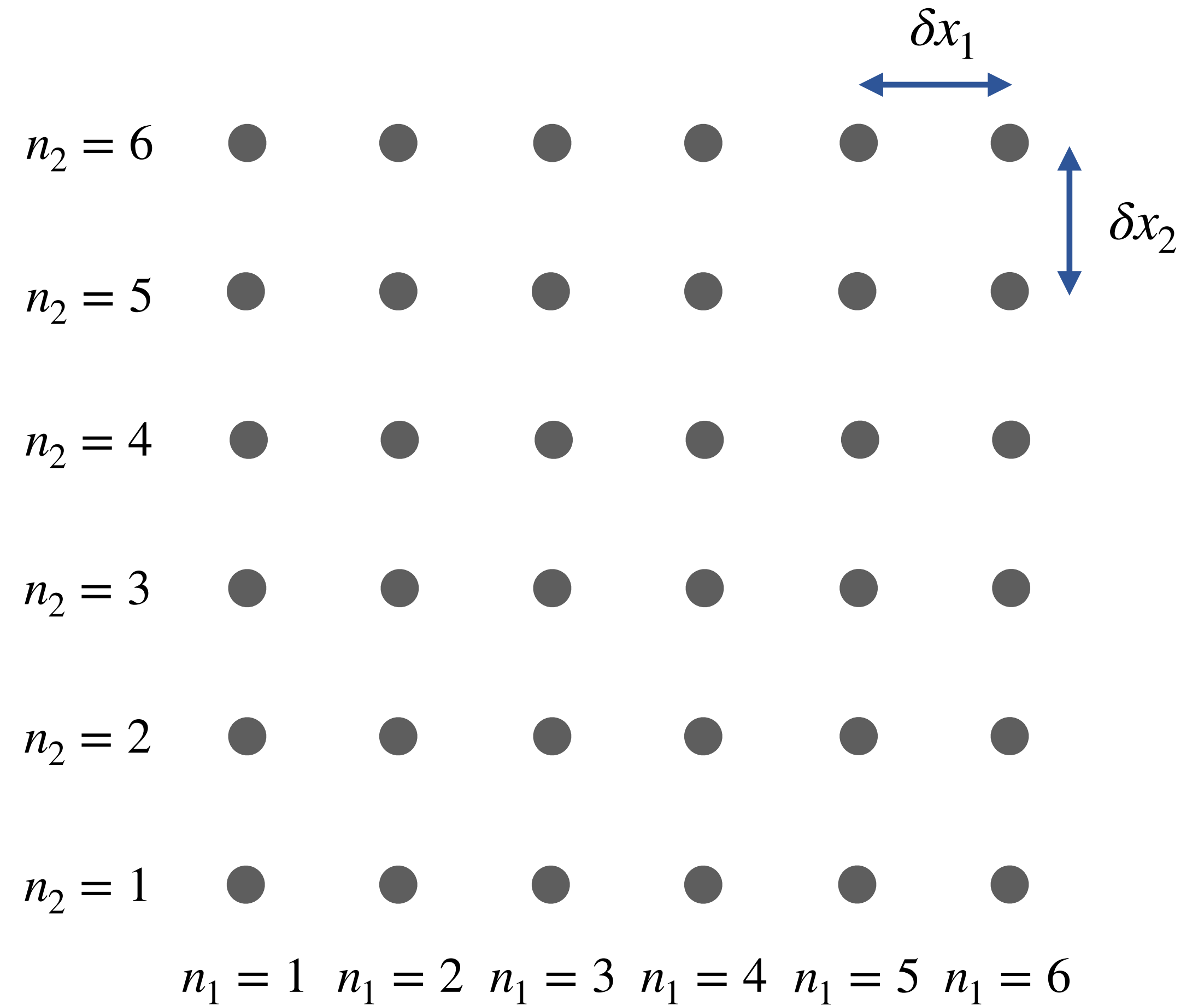
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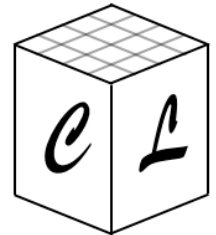
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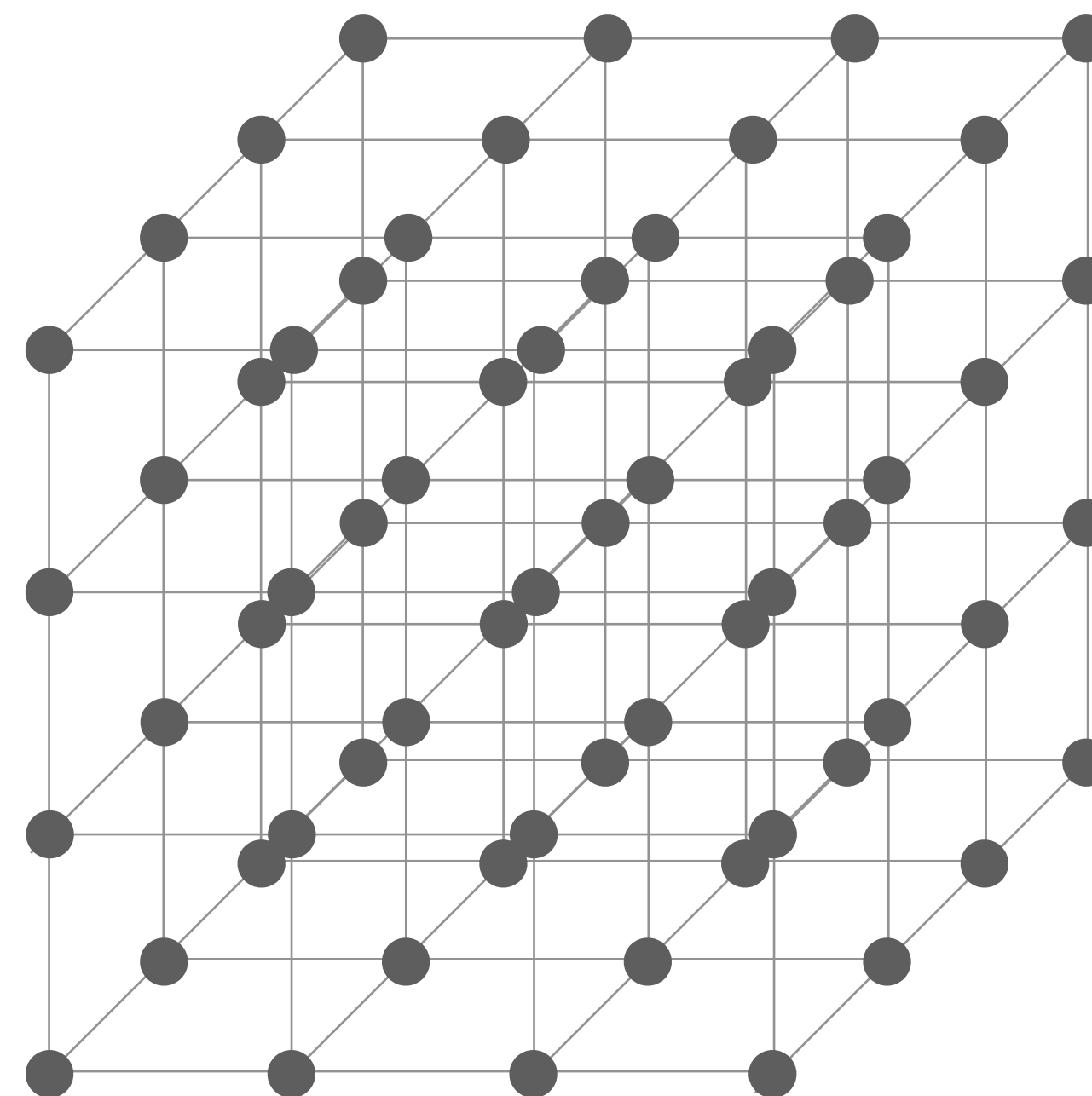
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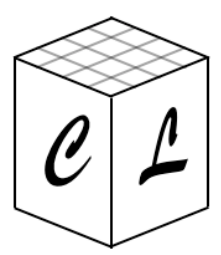




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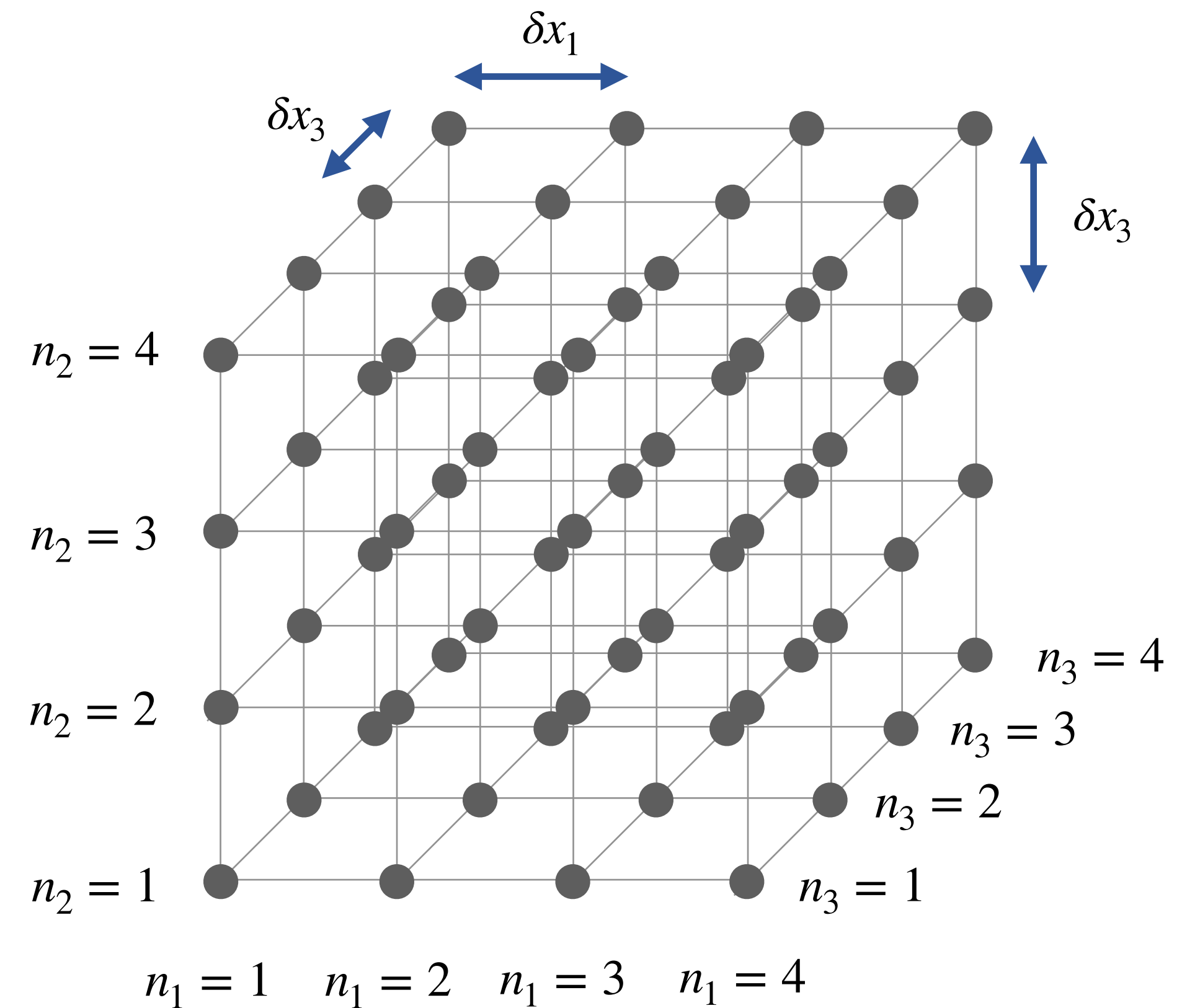
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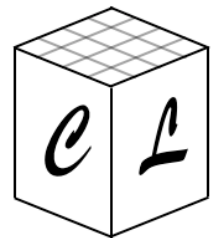
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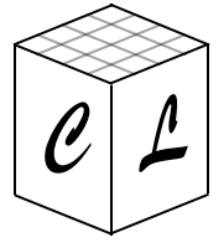
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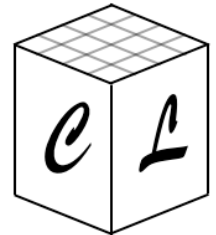
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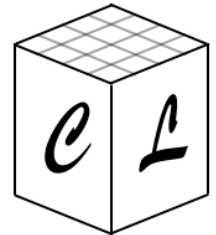


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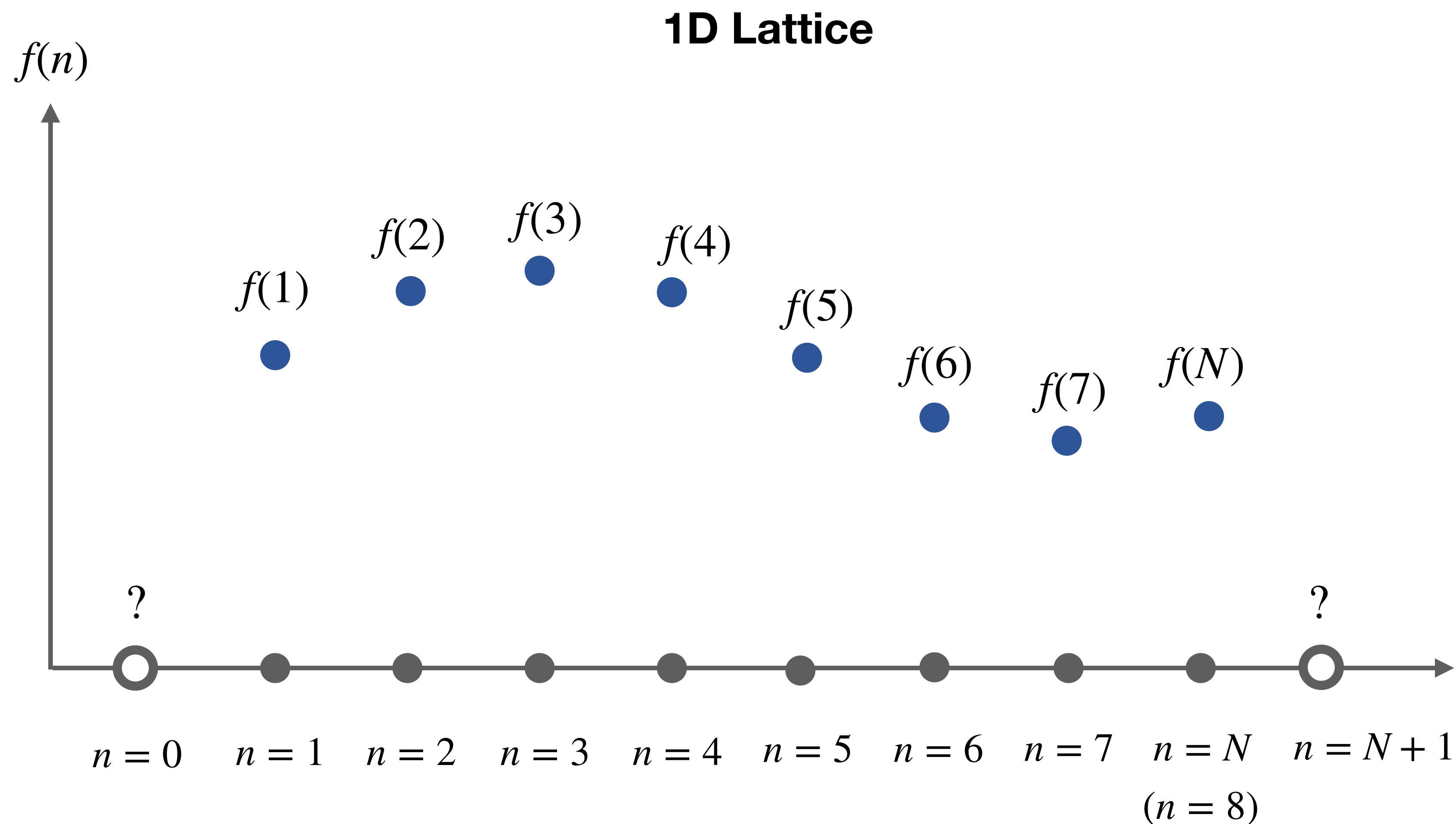
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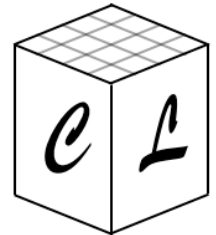
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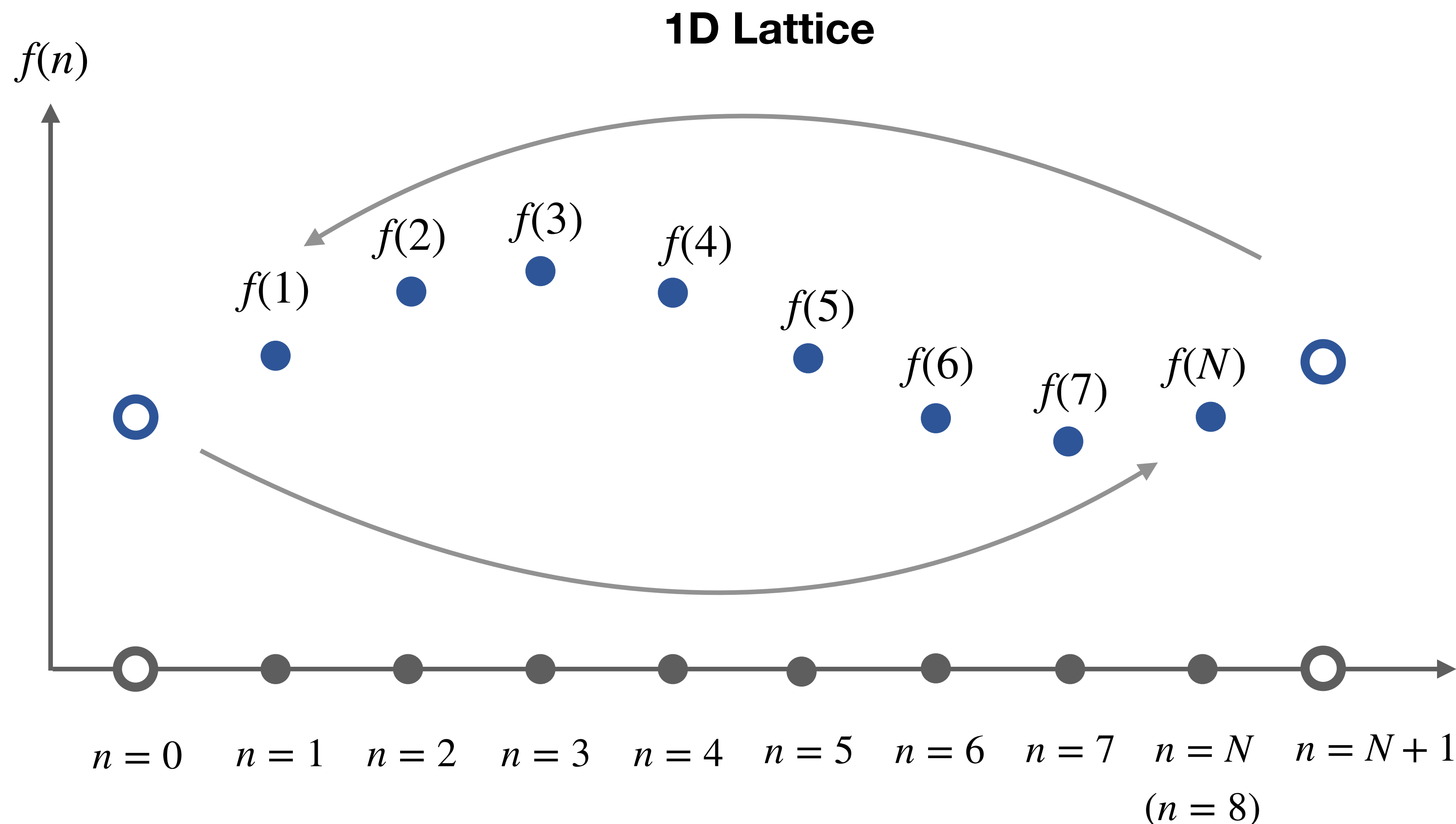


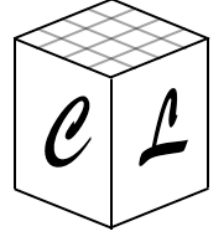
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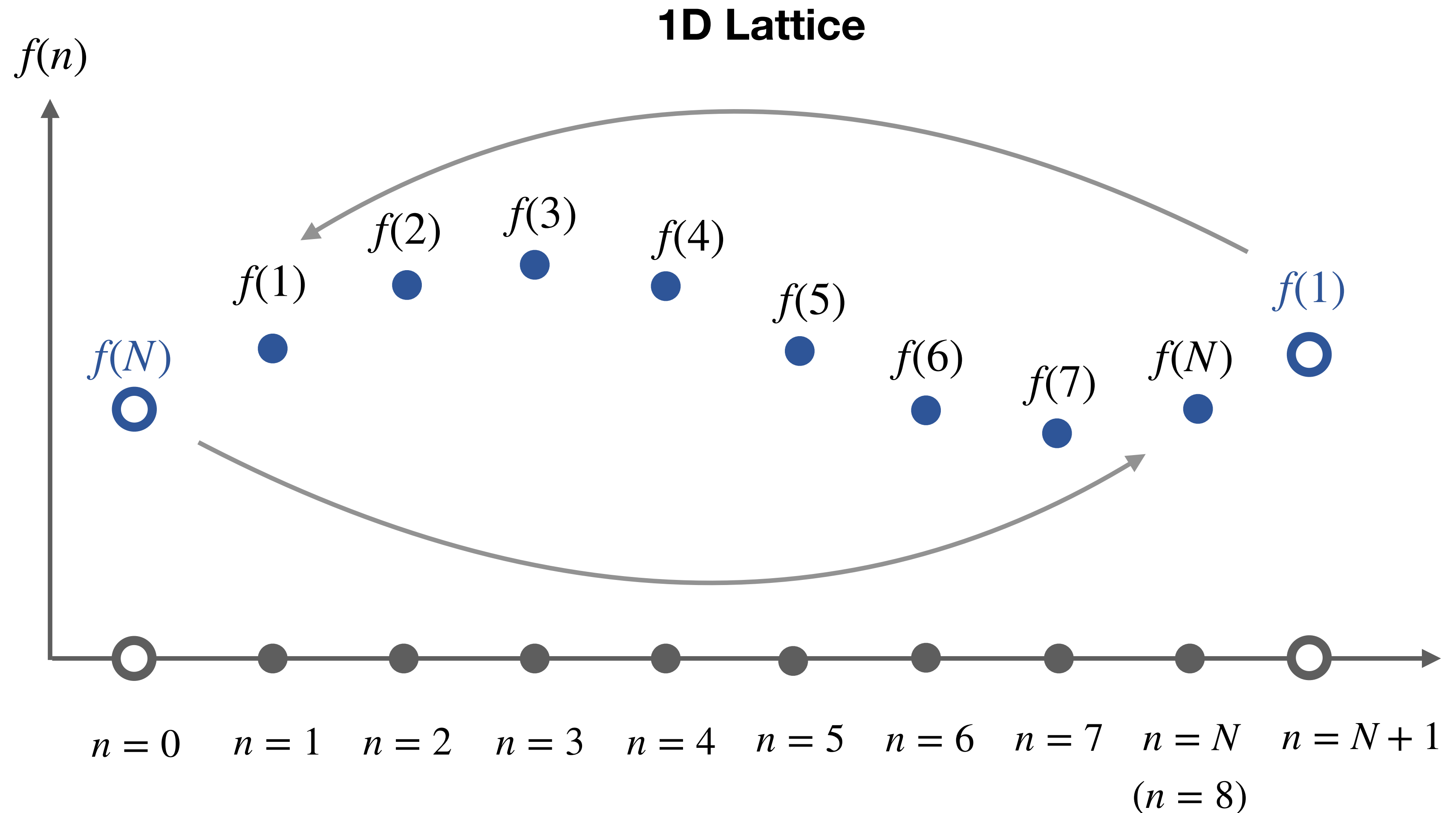
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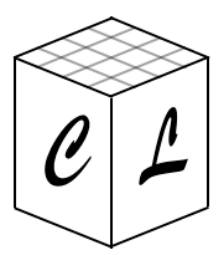
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for any $f(n, t) \equiv F(x_n, t)$
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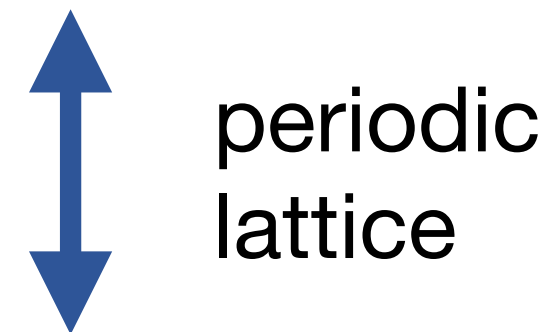


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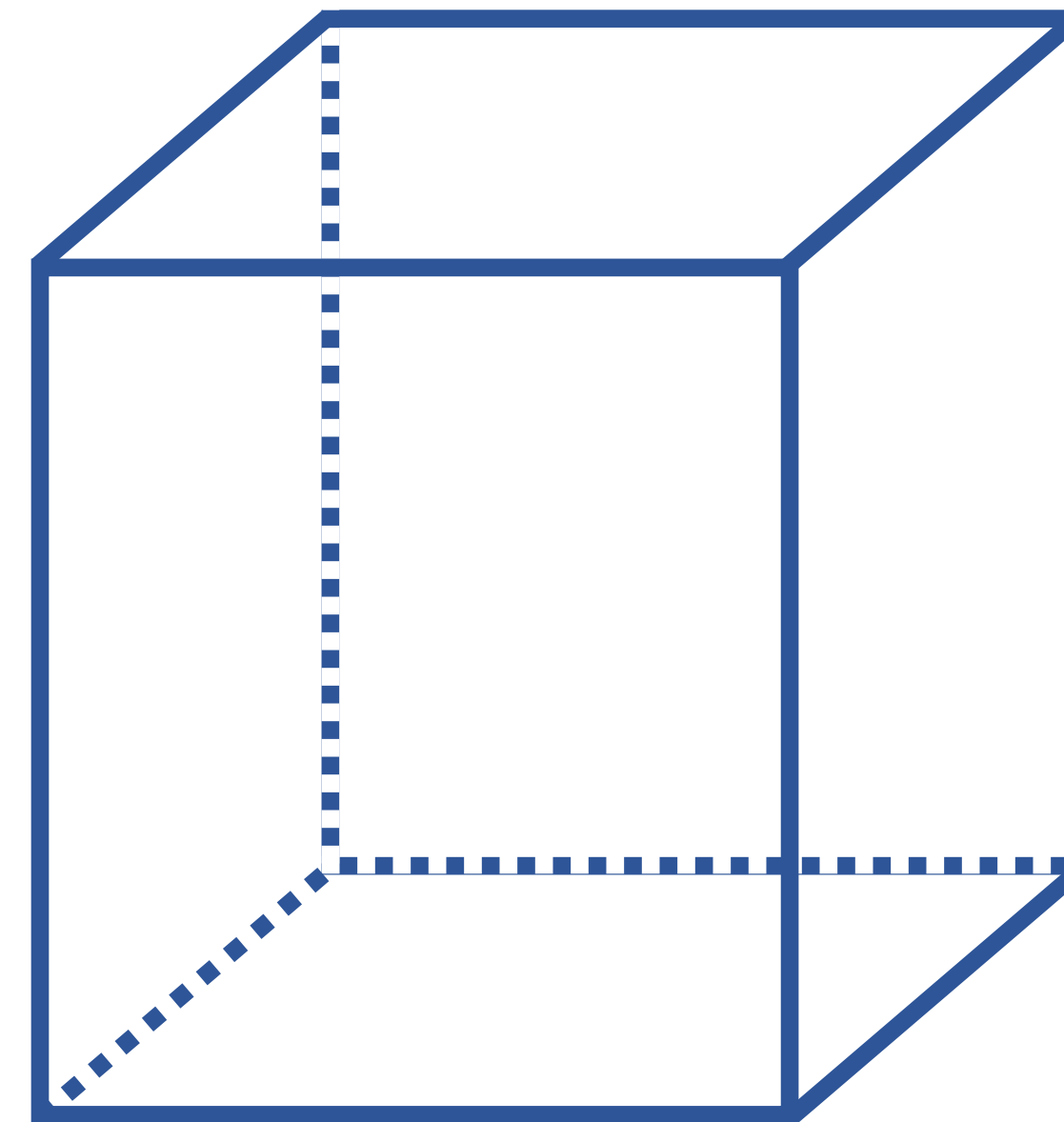
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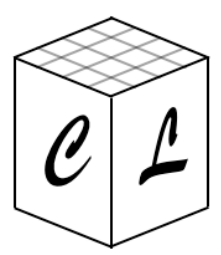
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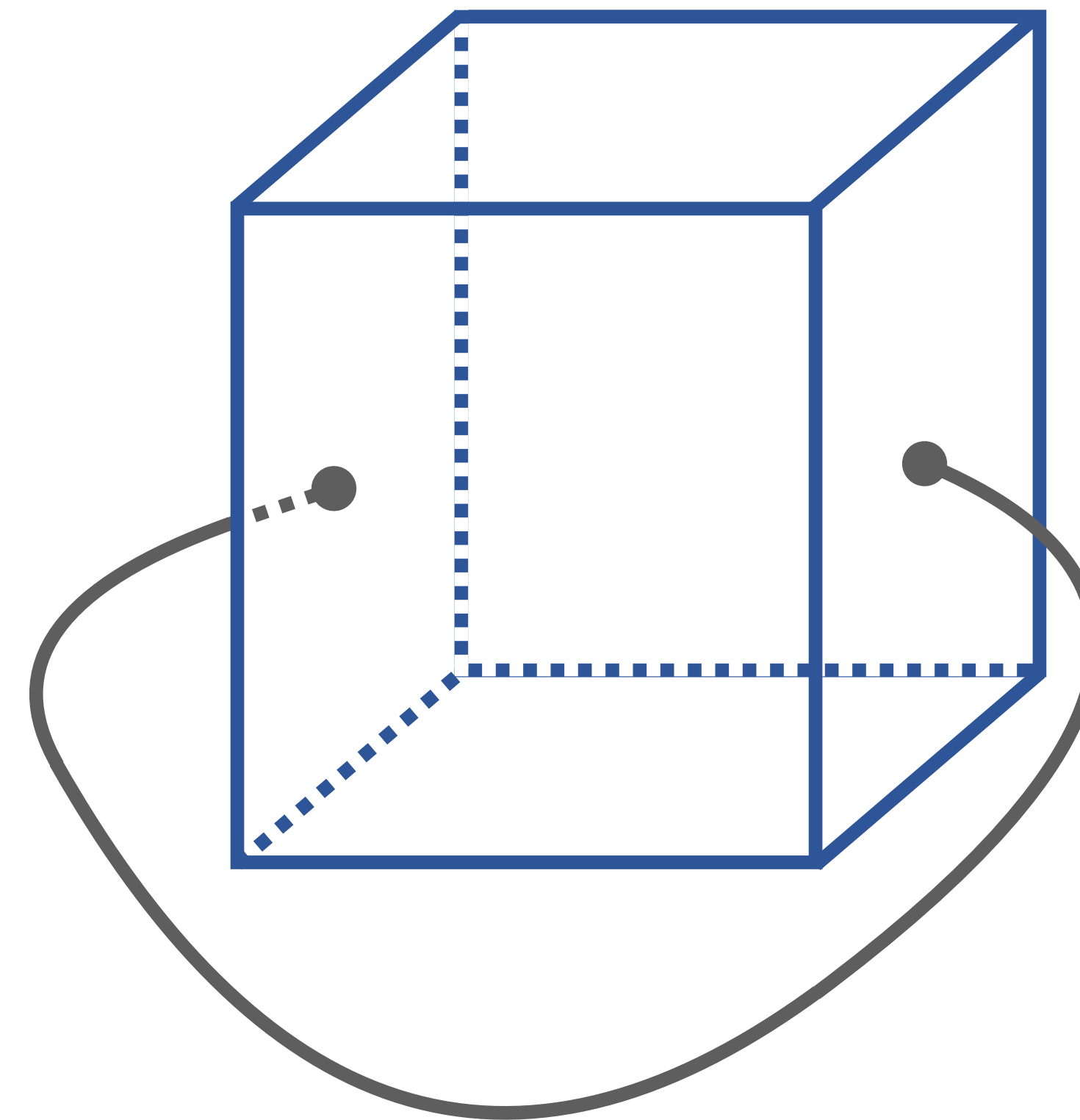
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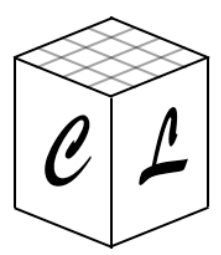
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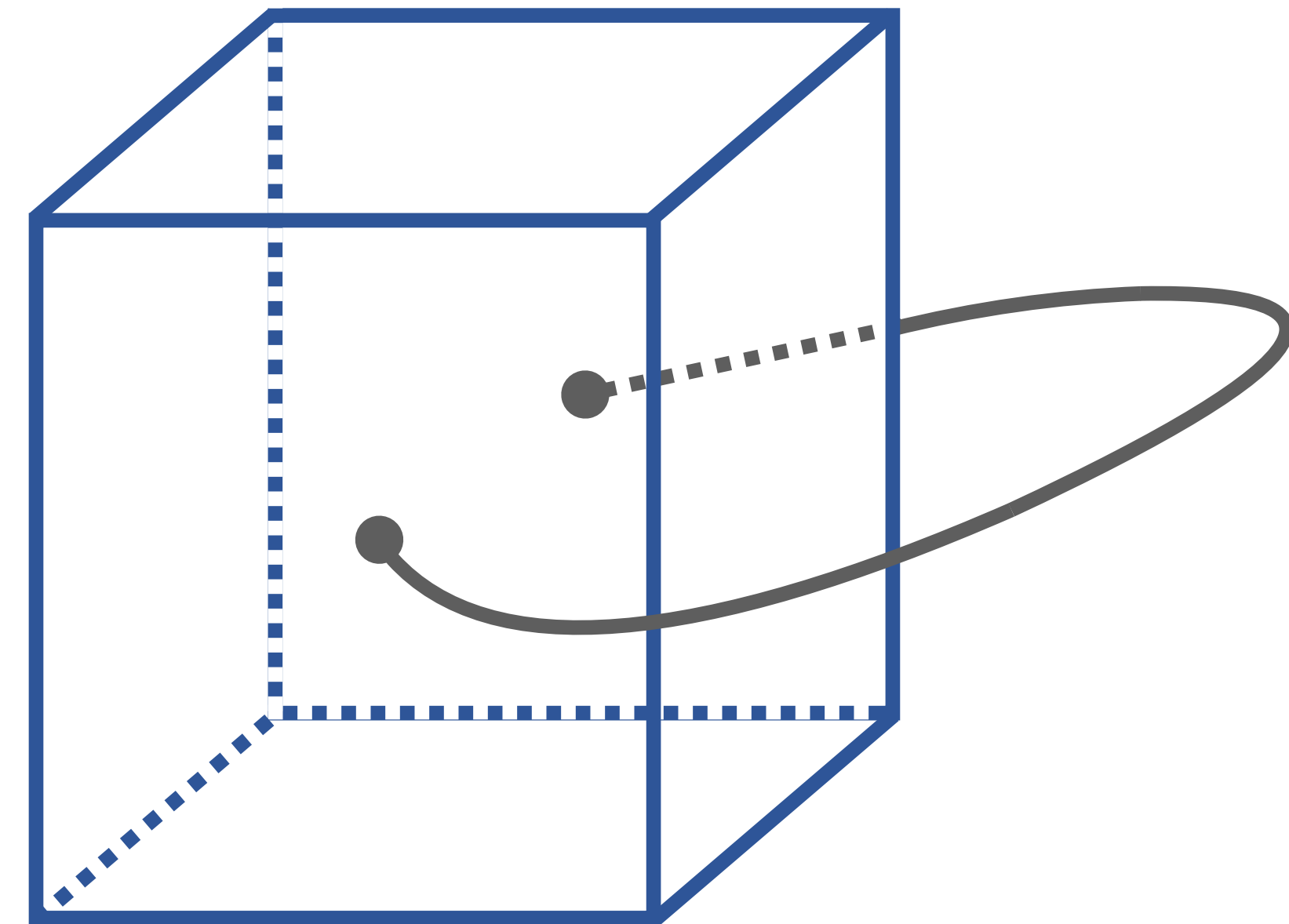
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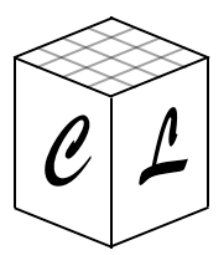
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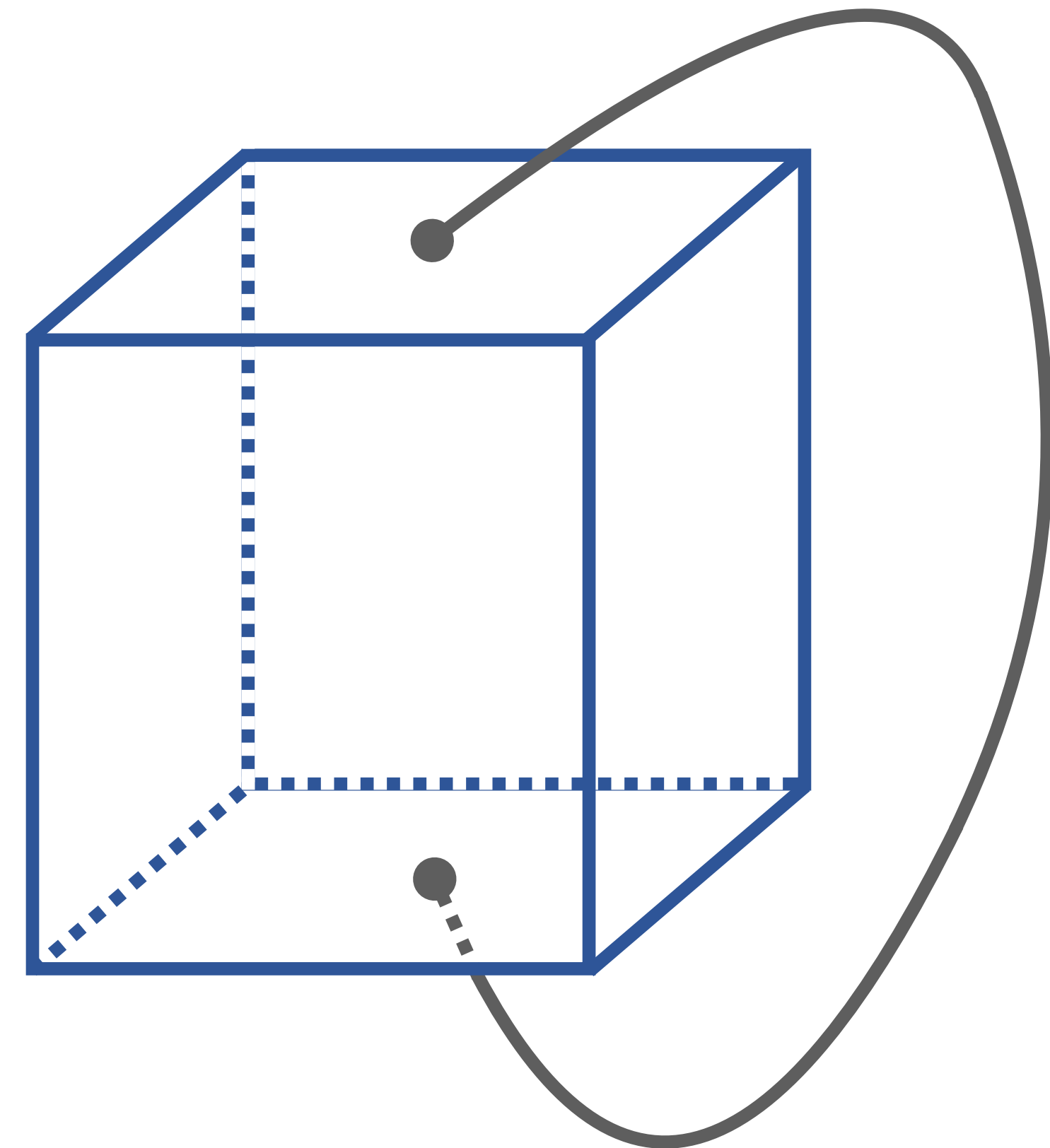
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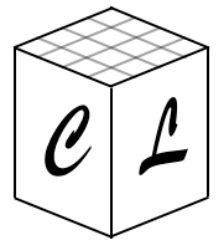
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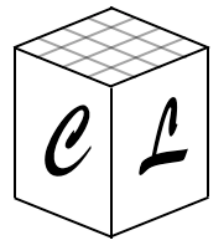
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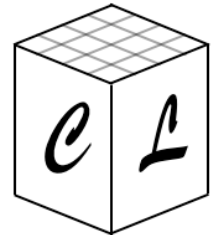
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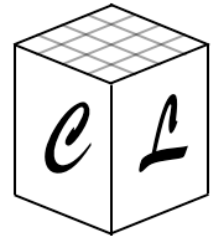
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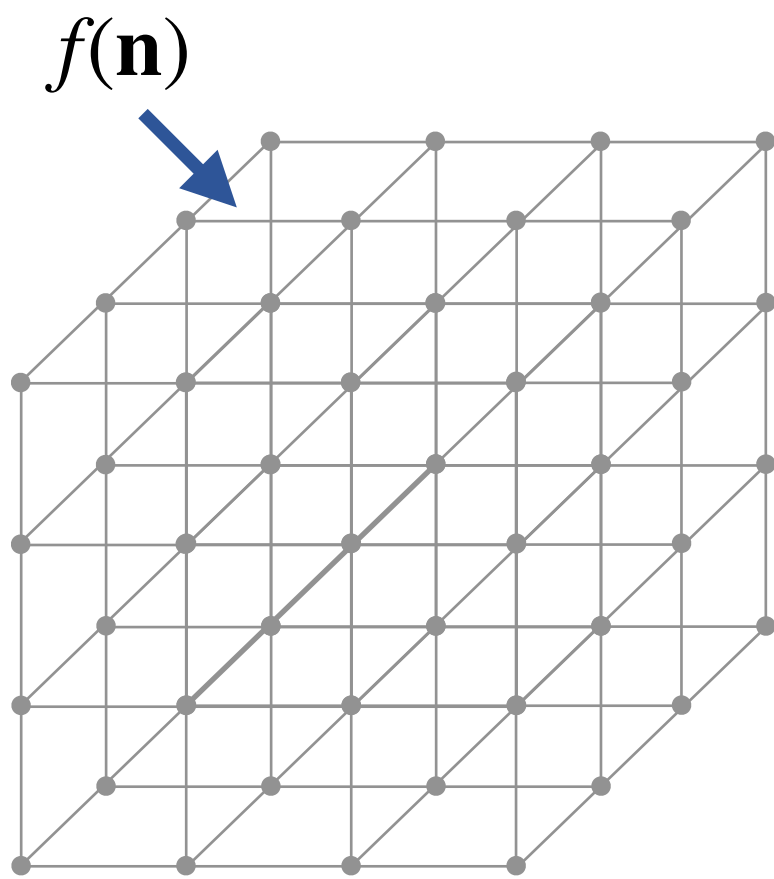


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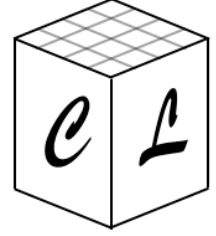
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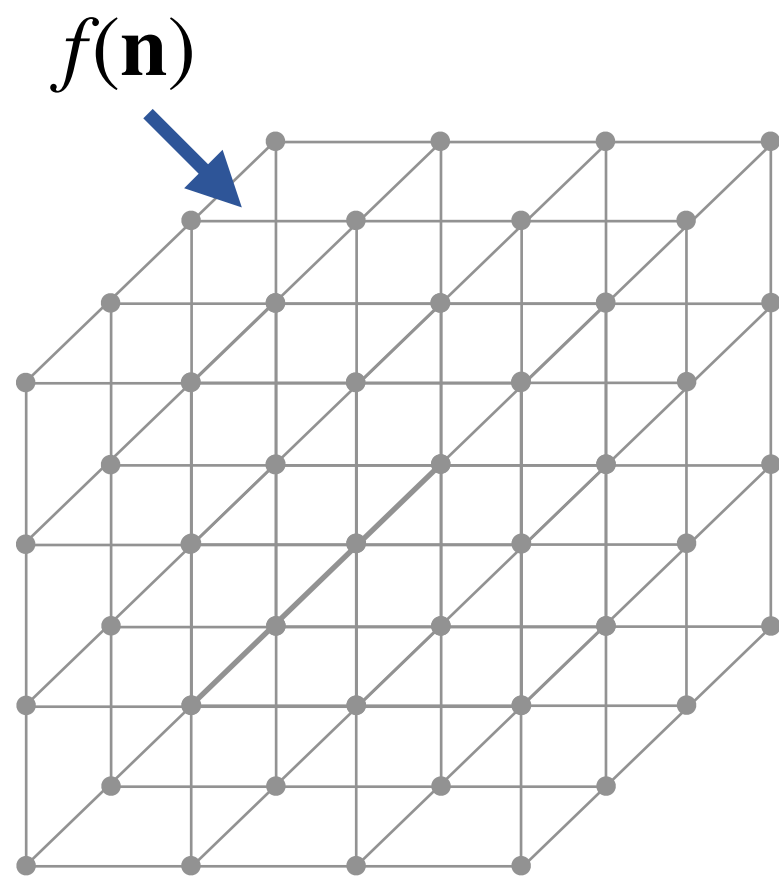


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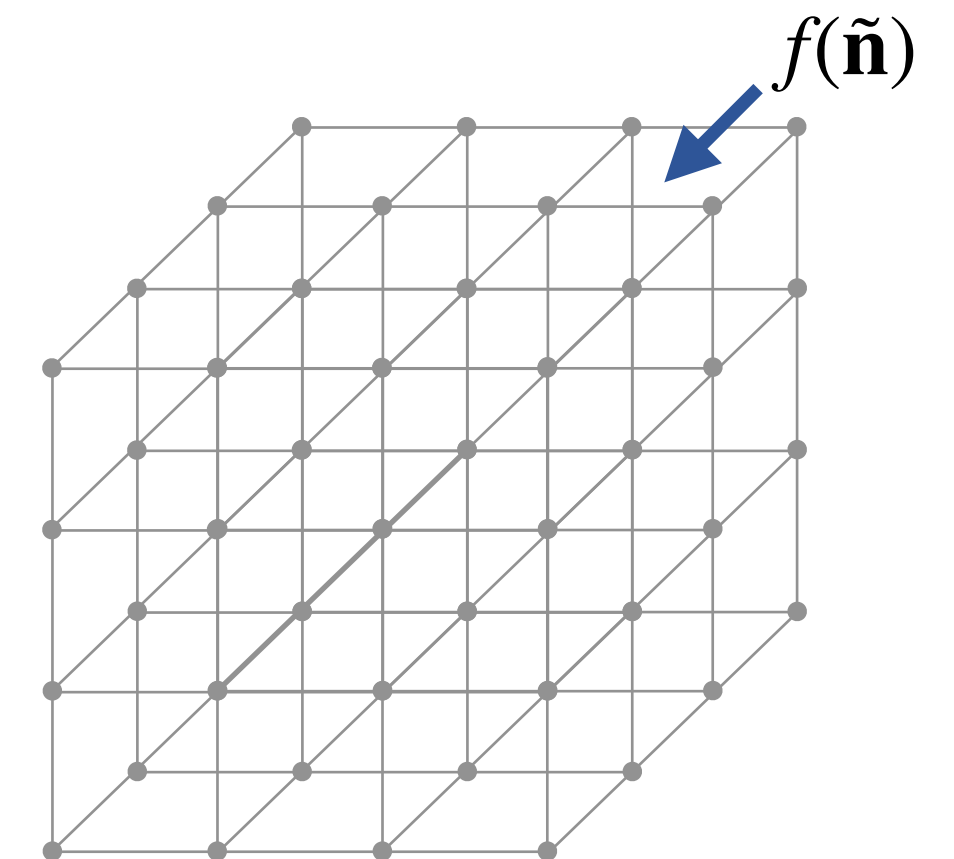


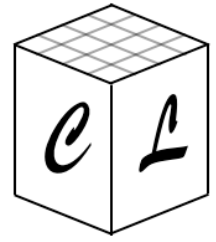
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Fourier Lattice:

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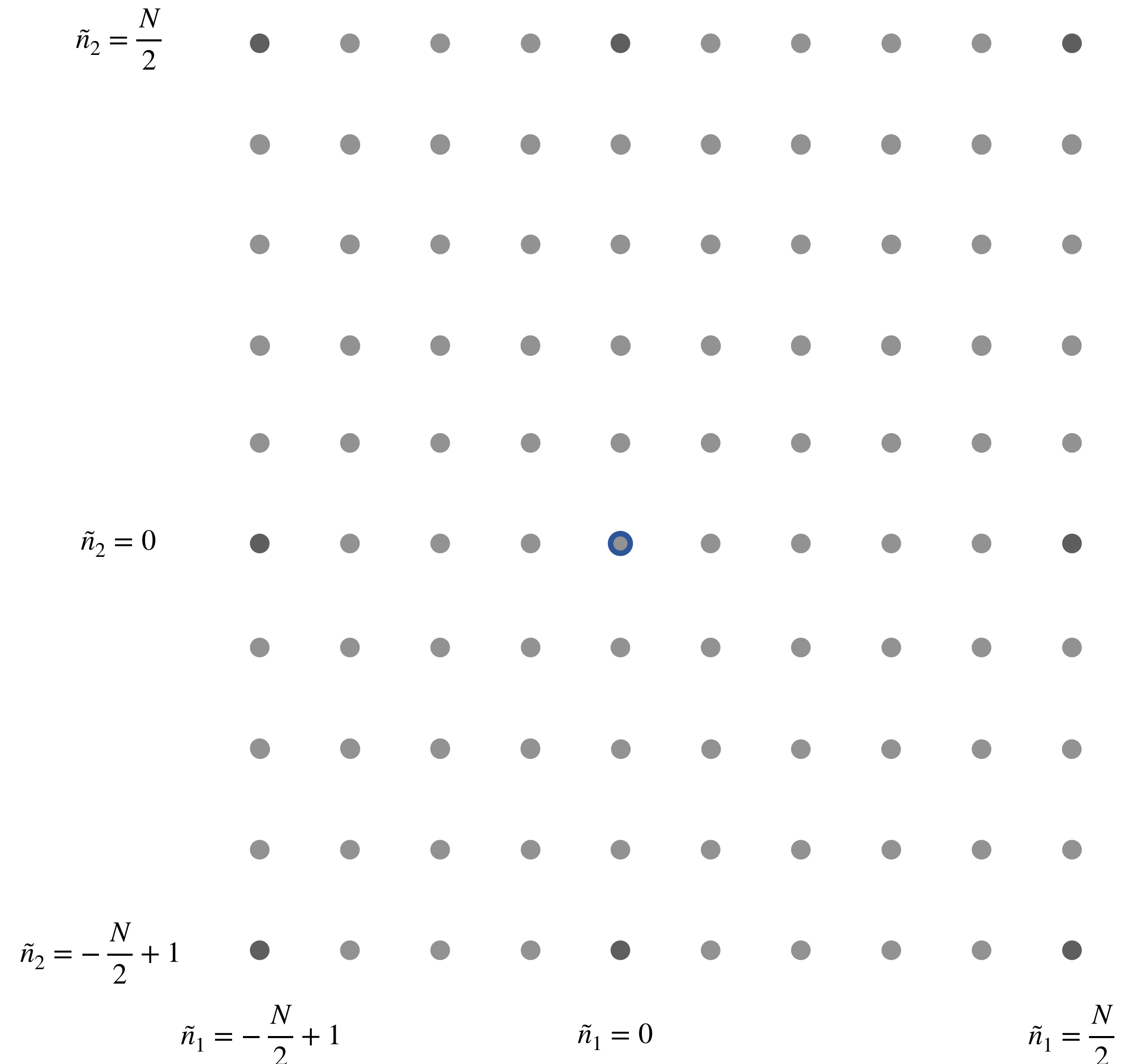
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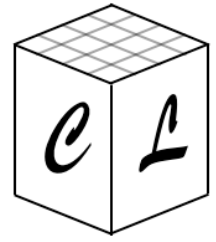
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2D Slice





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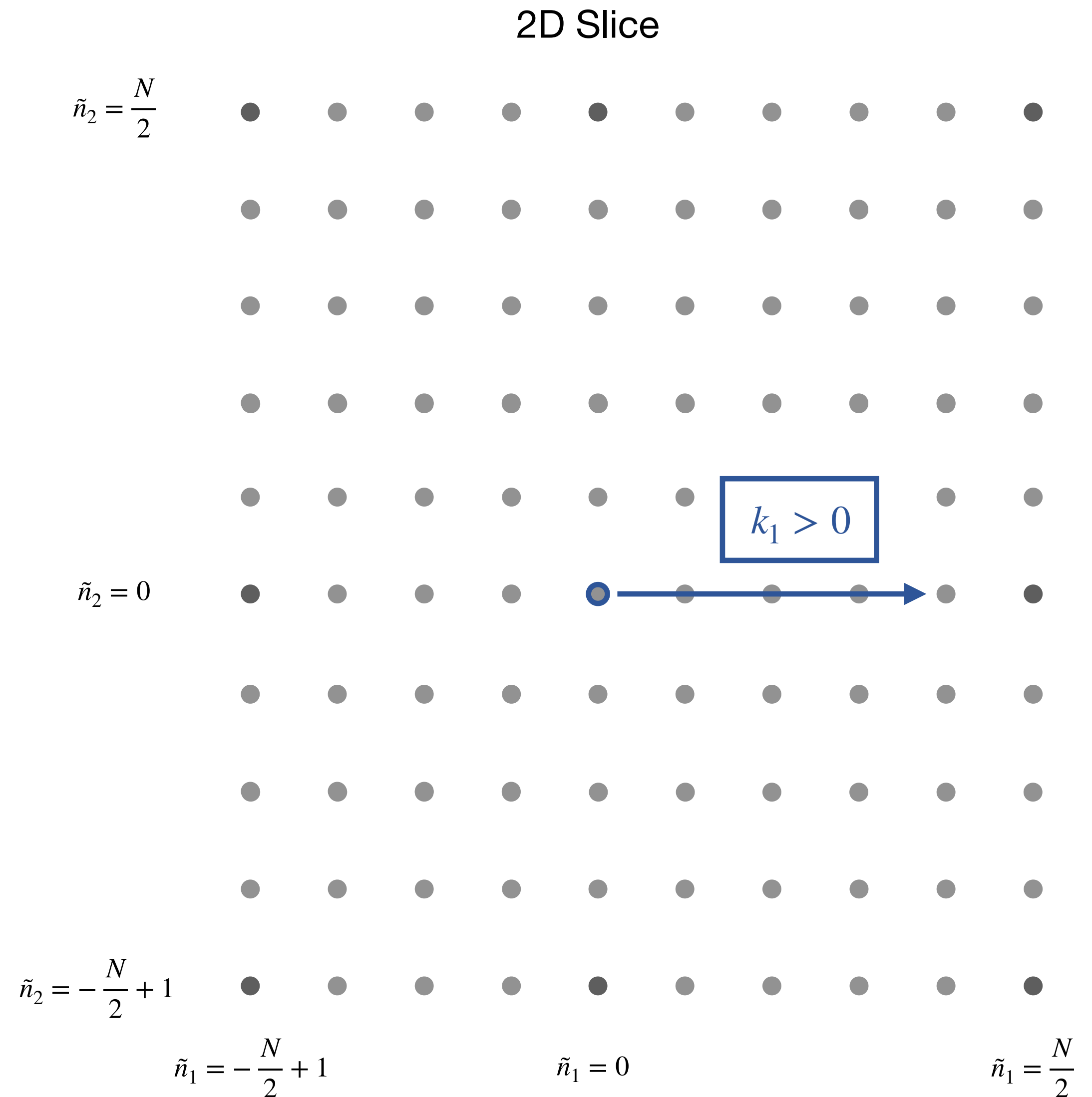
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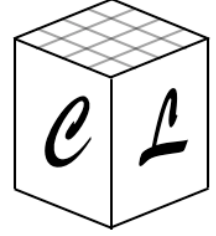
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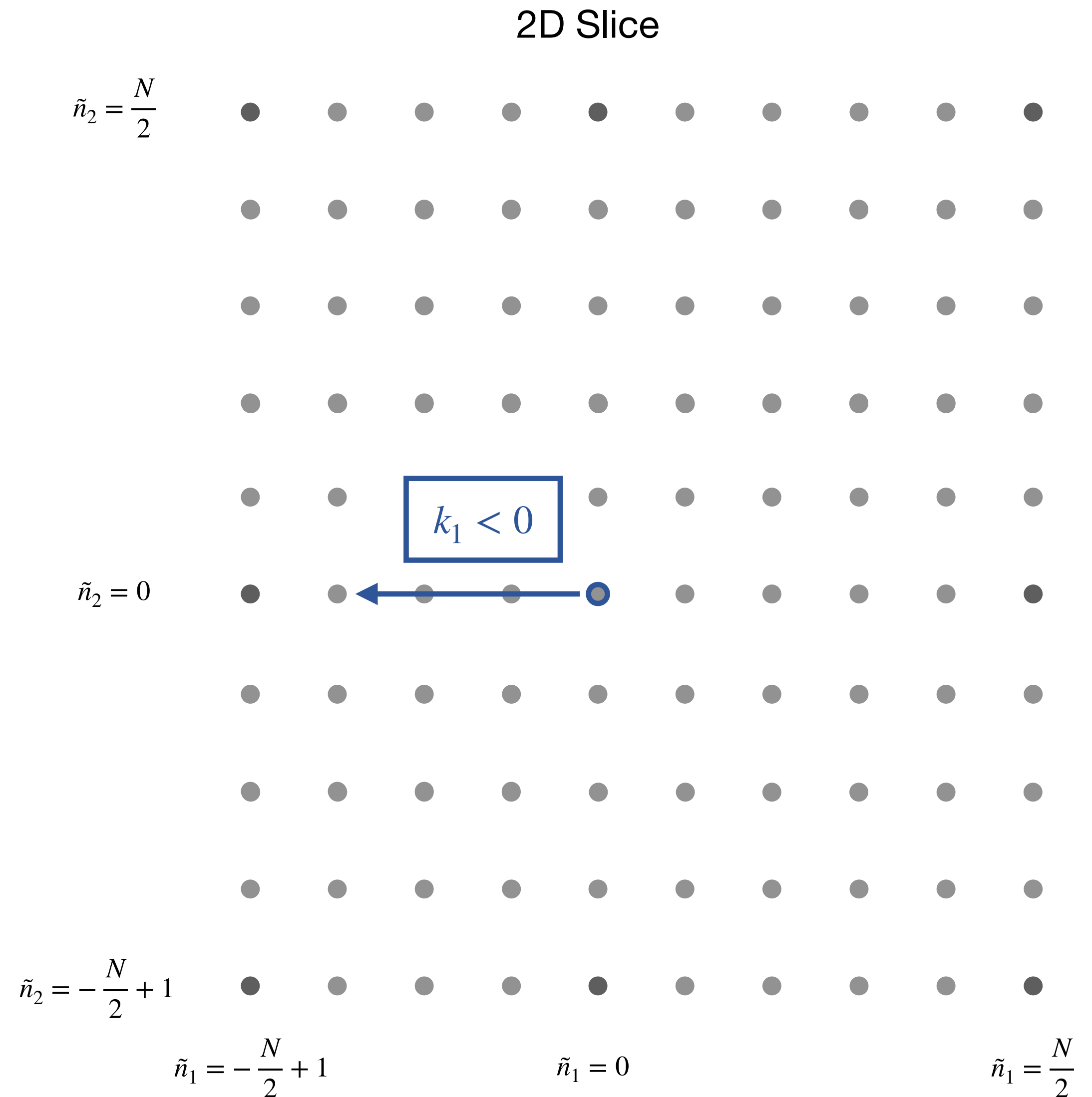
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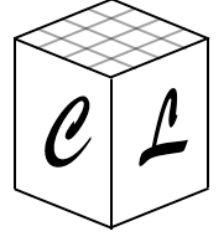
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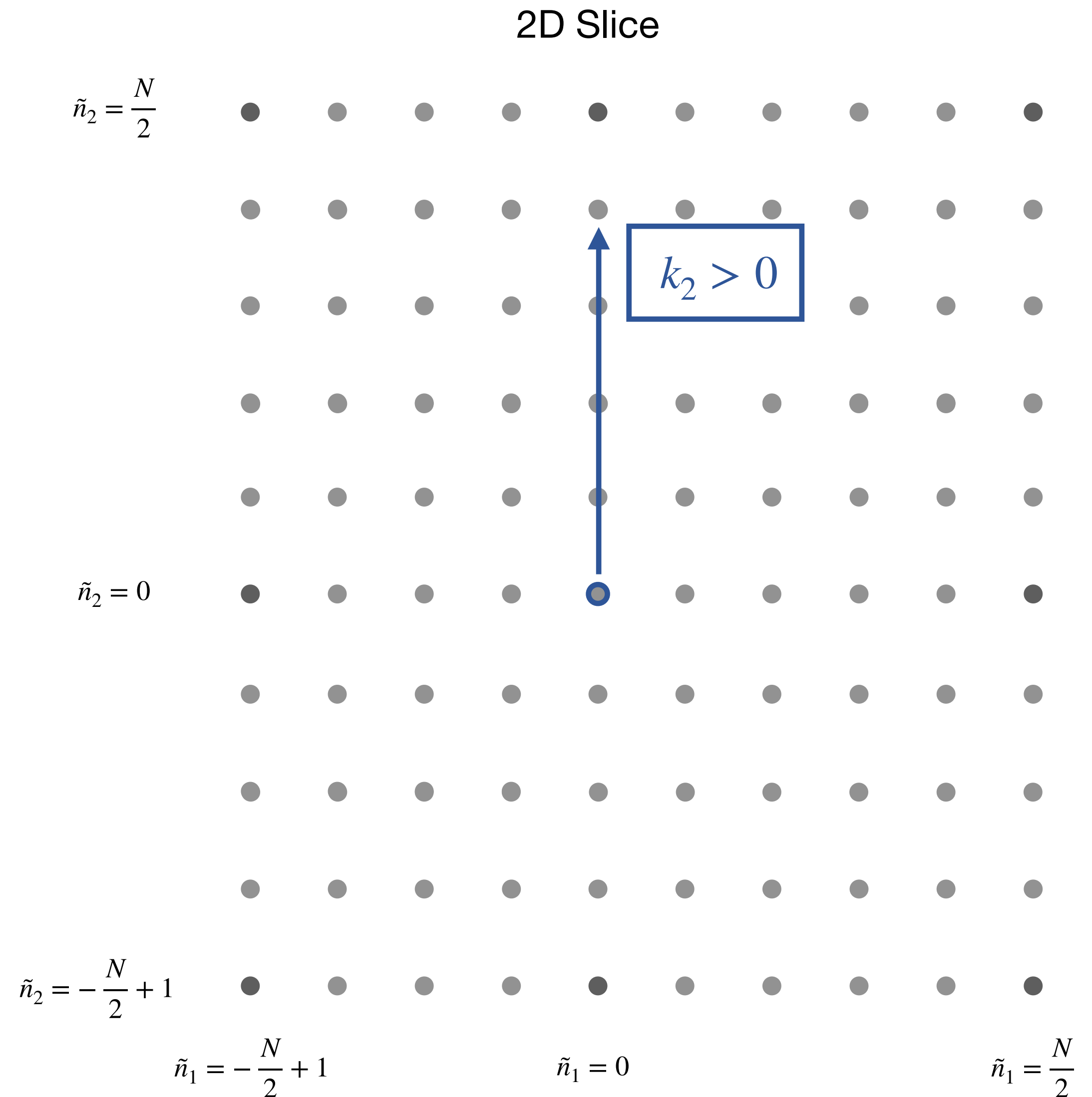
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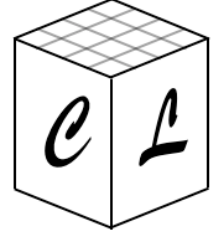
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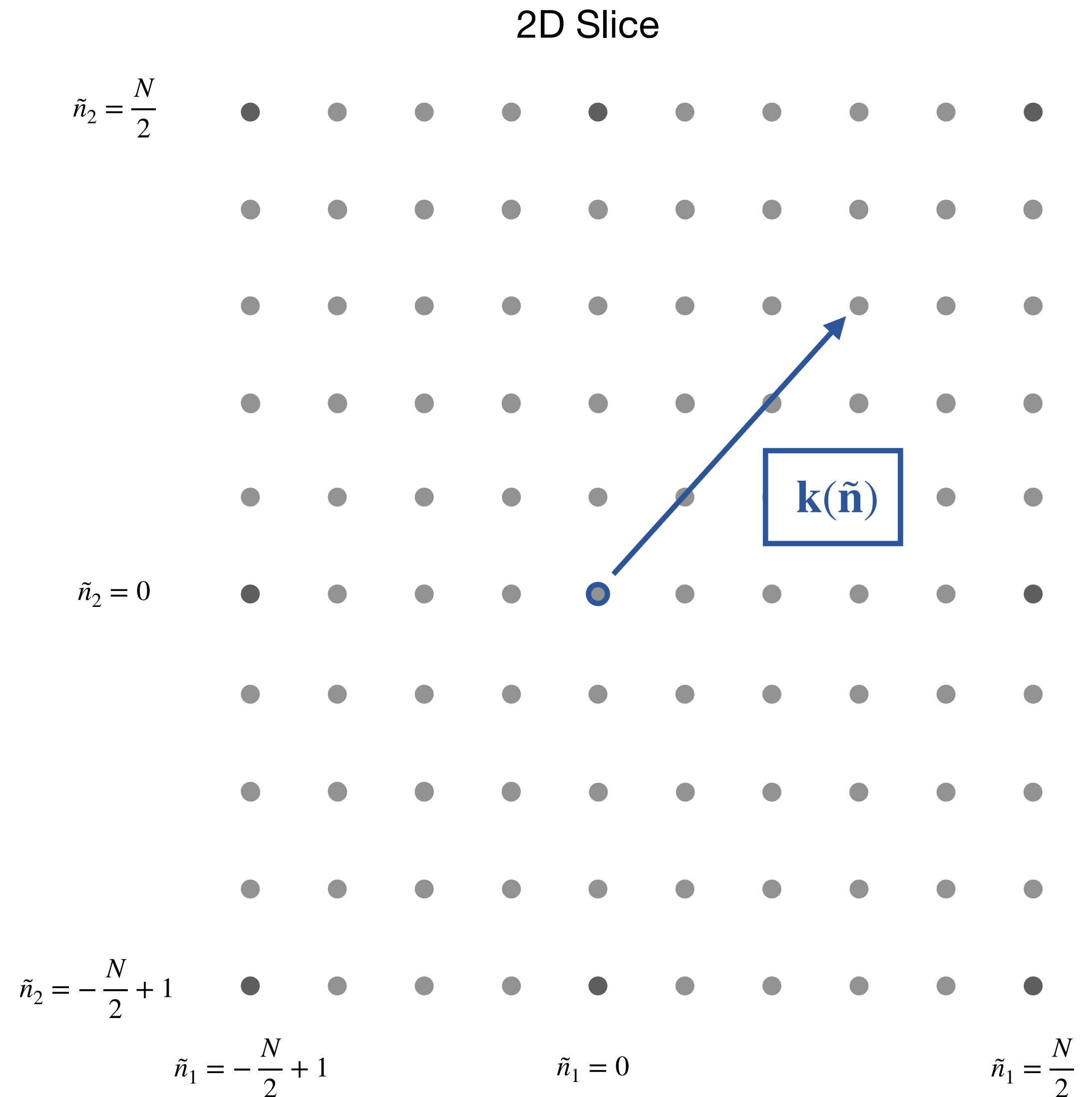
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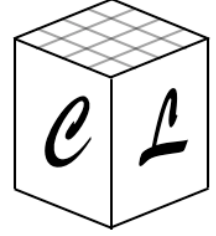
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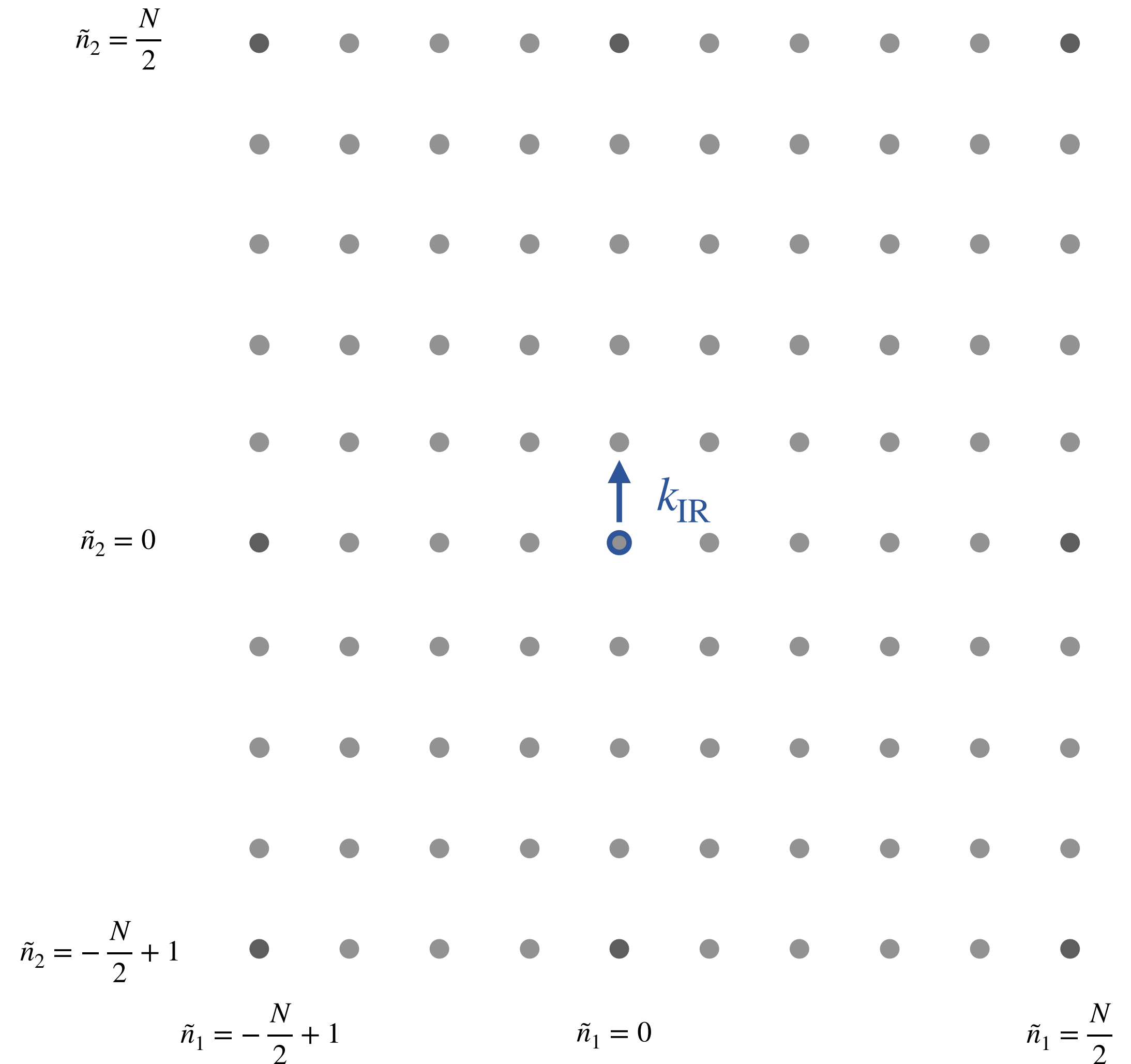
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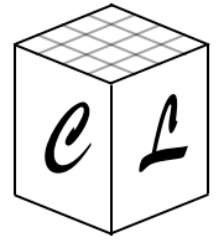
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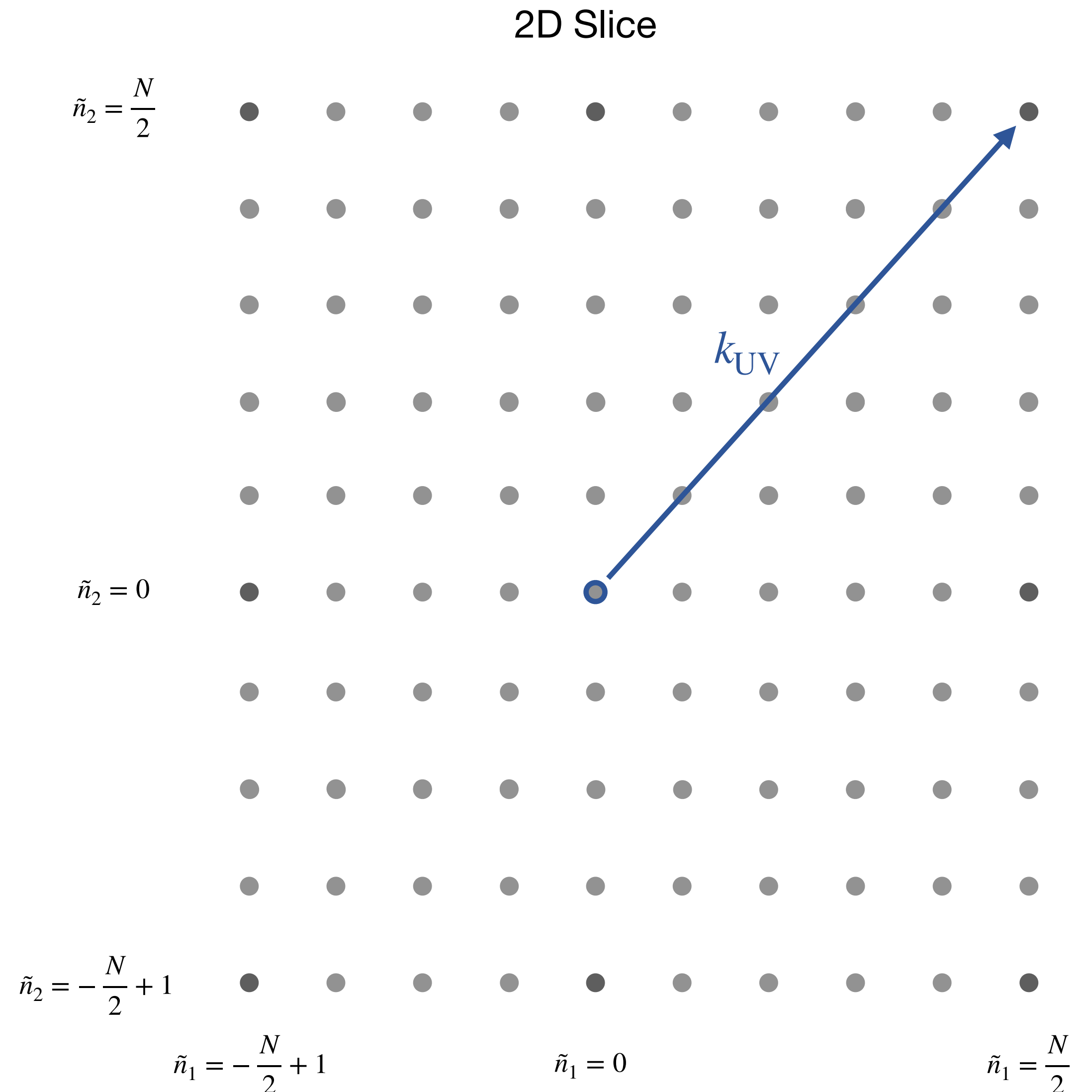
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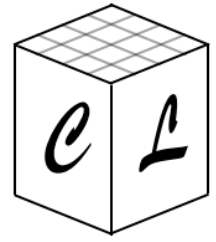
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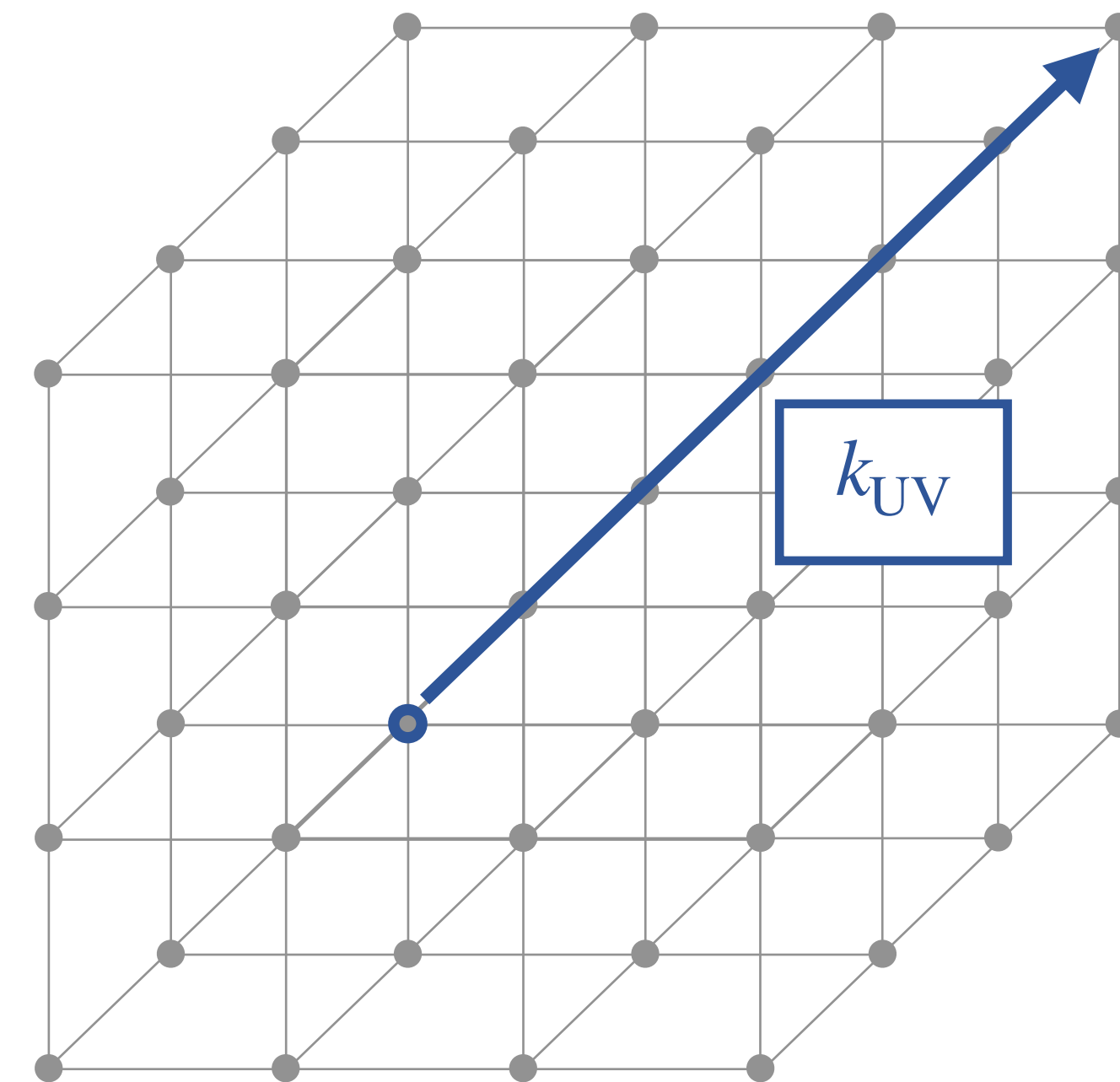
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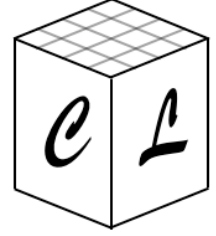
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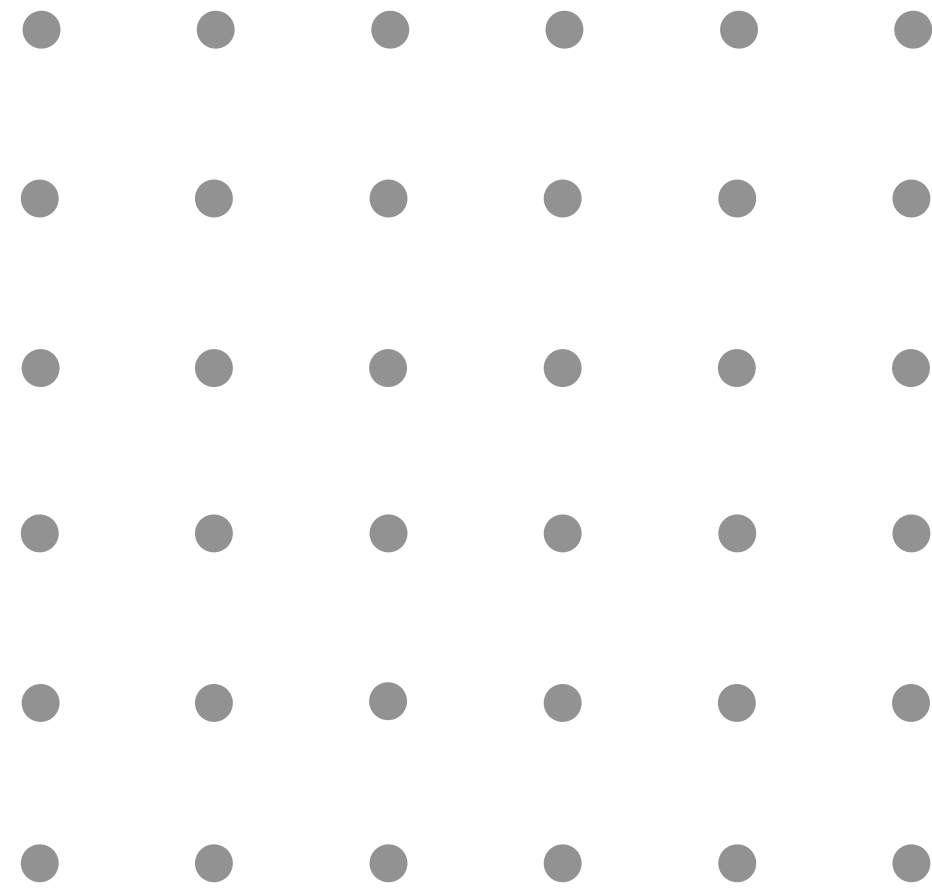


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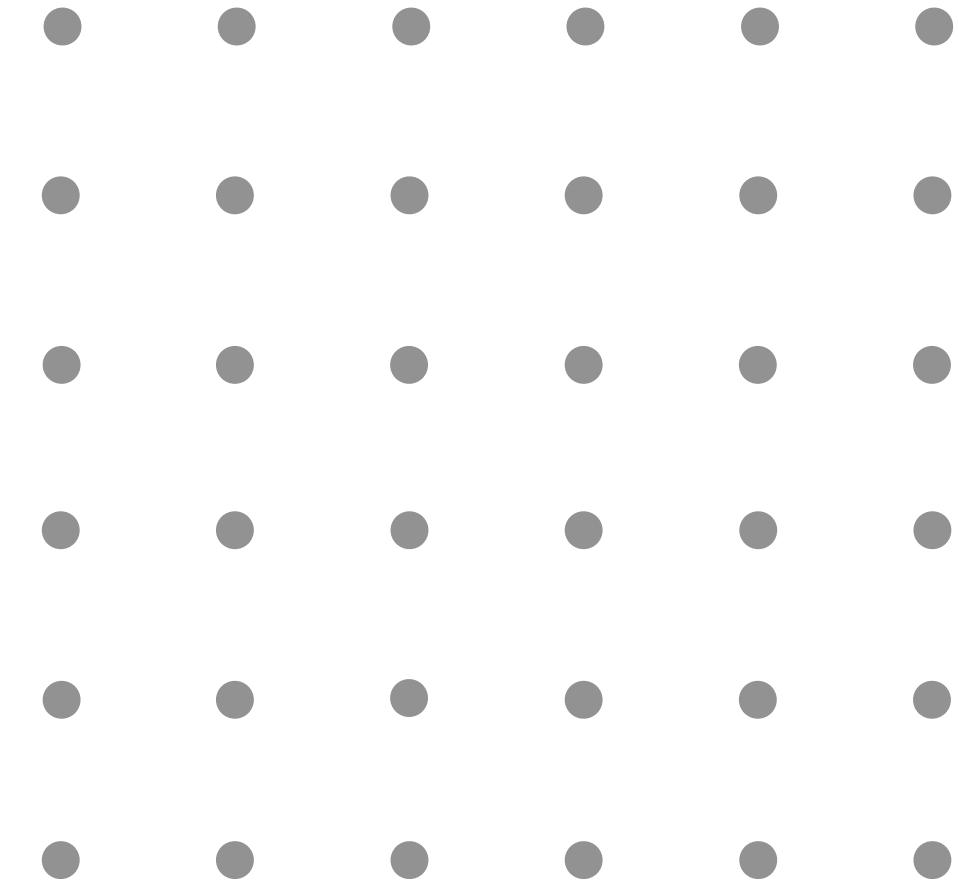
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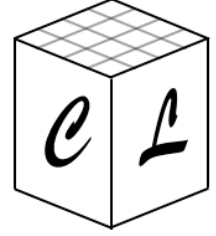


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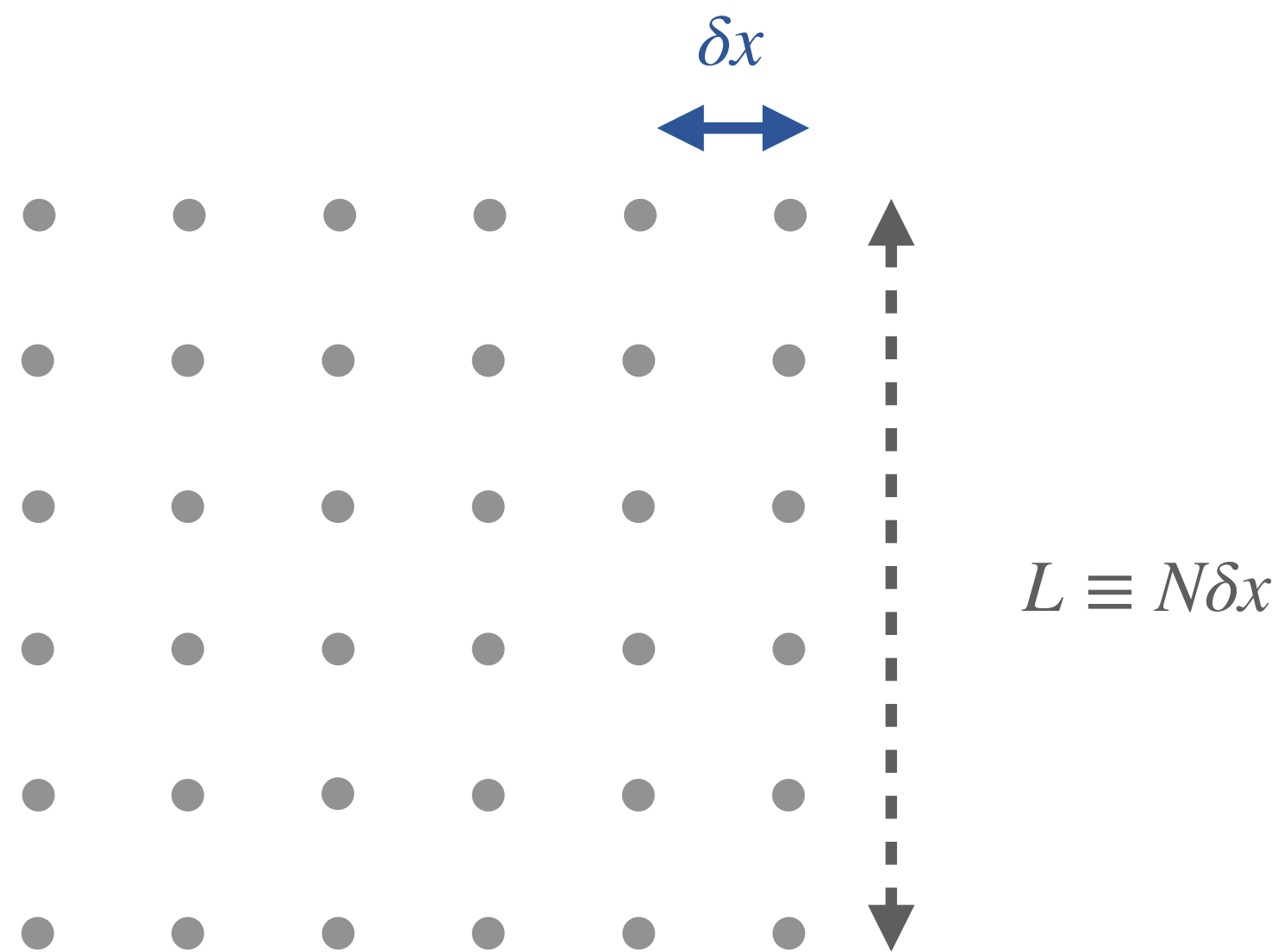


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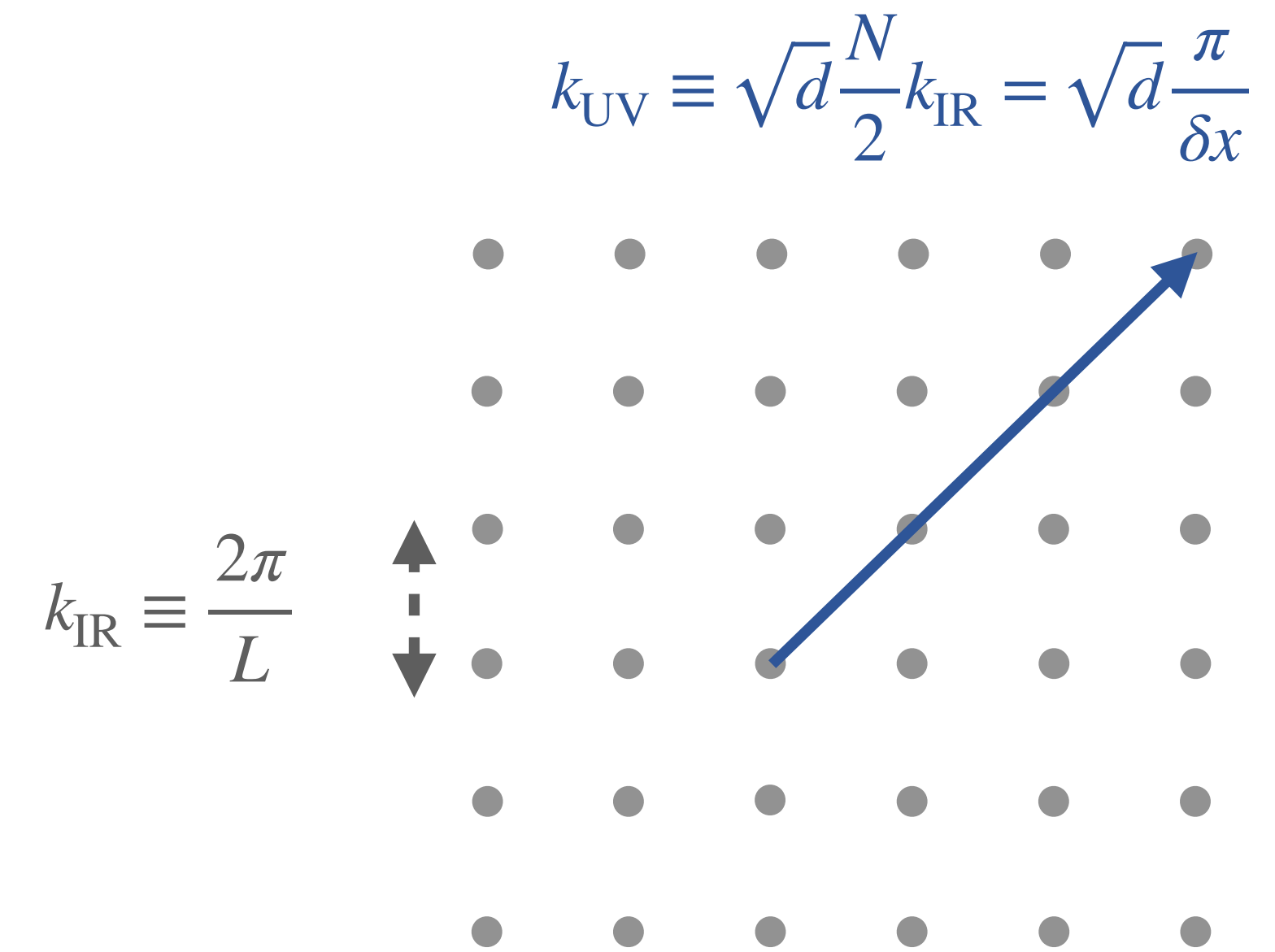
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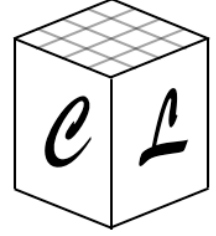


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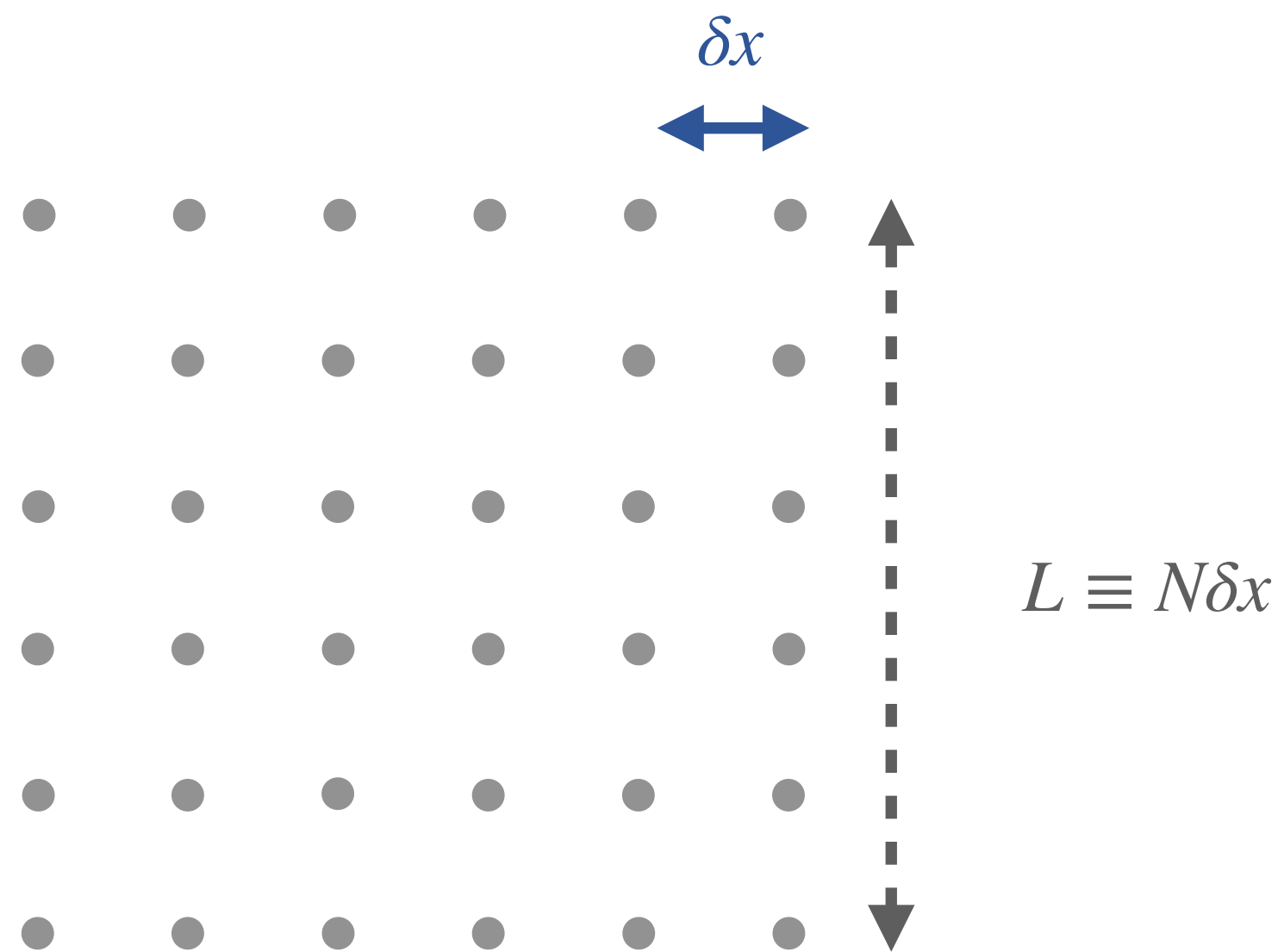


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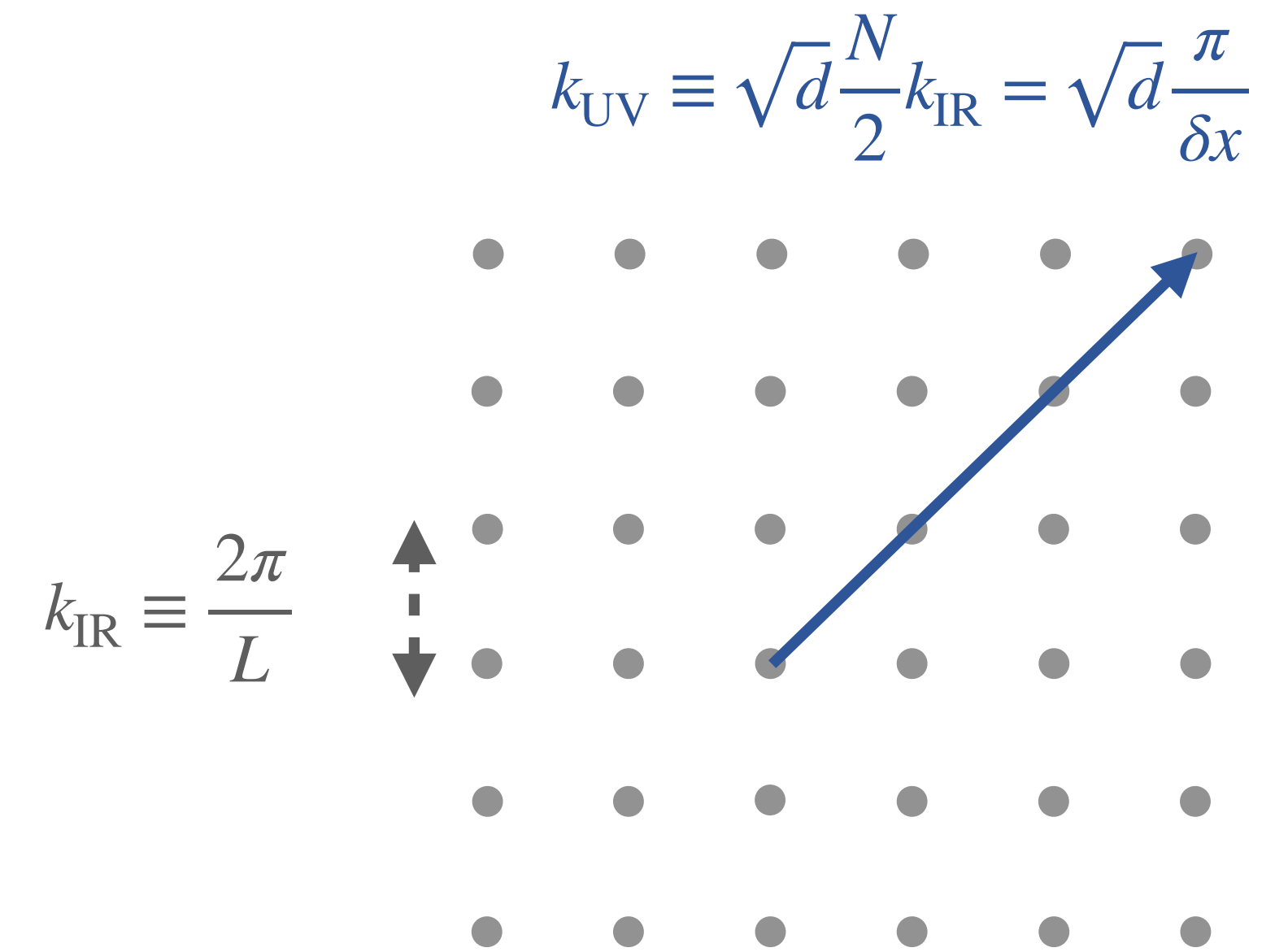
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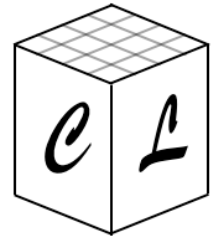


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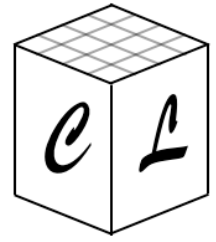
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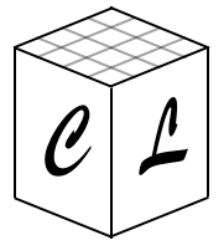
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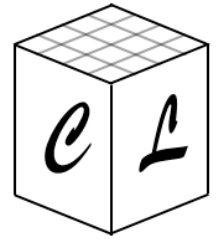
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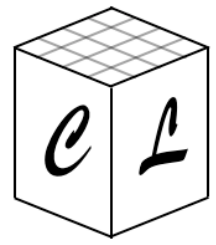
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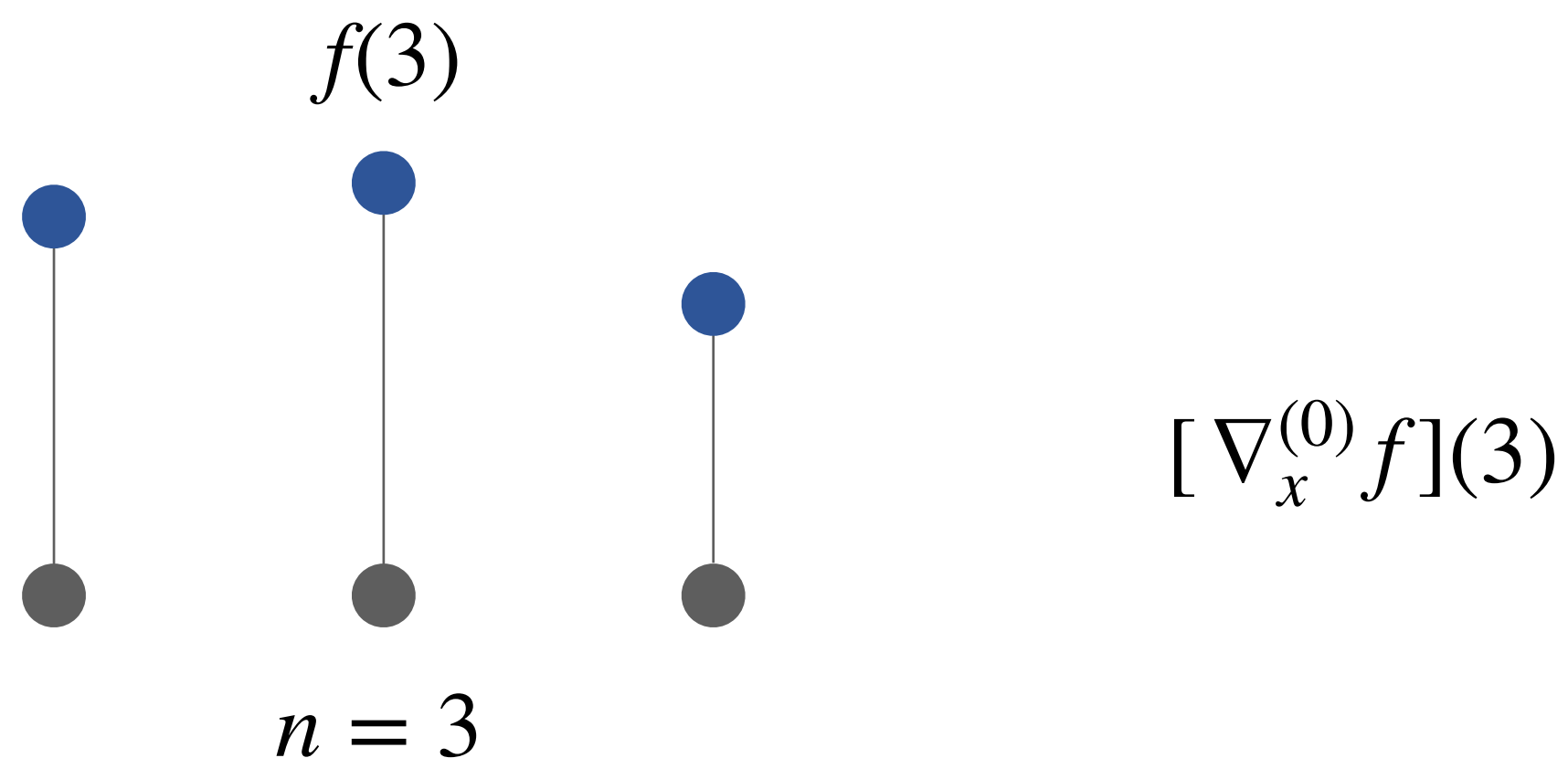
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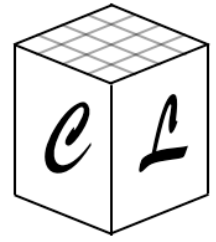
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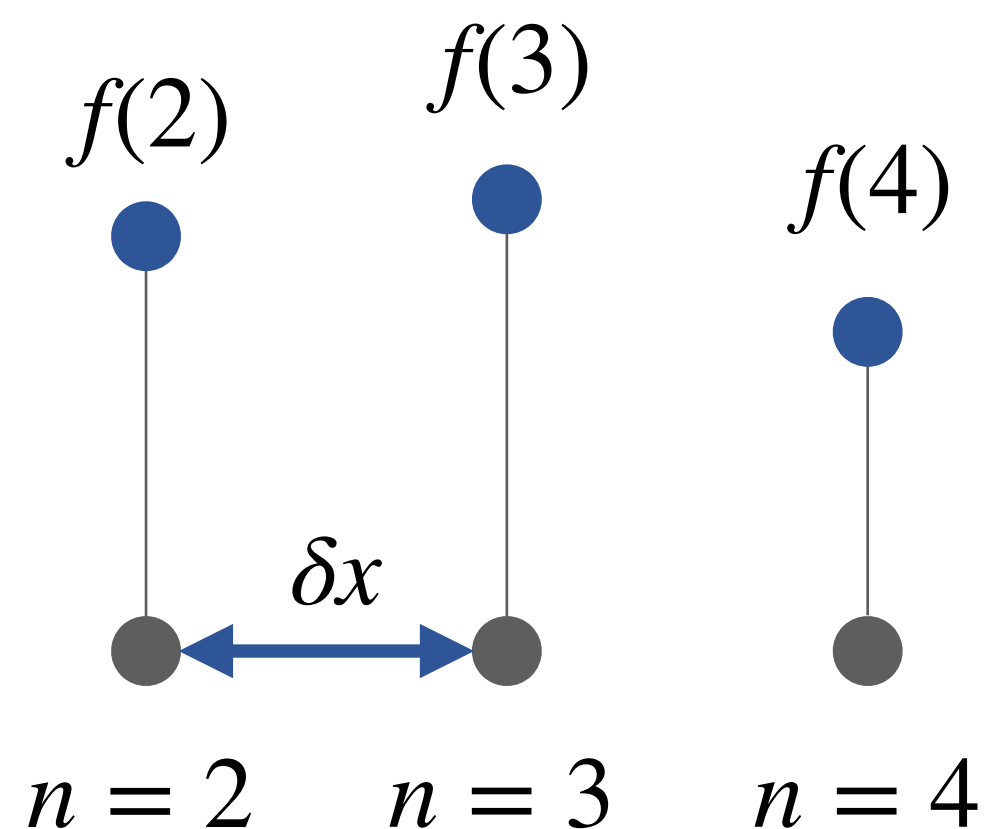
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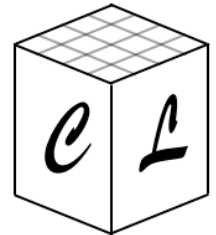
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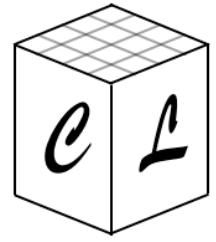
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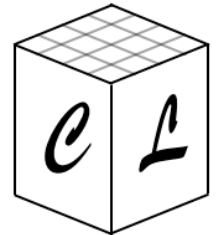


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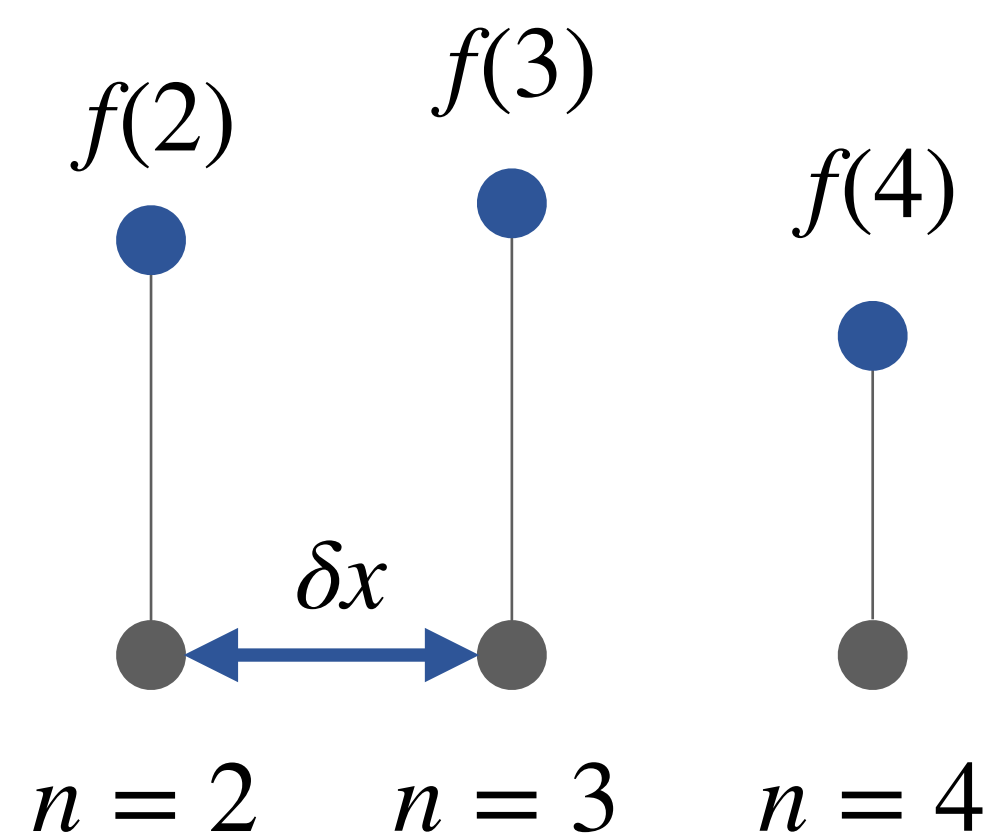


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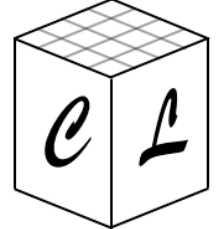
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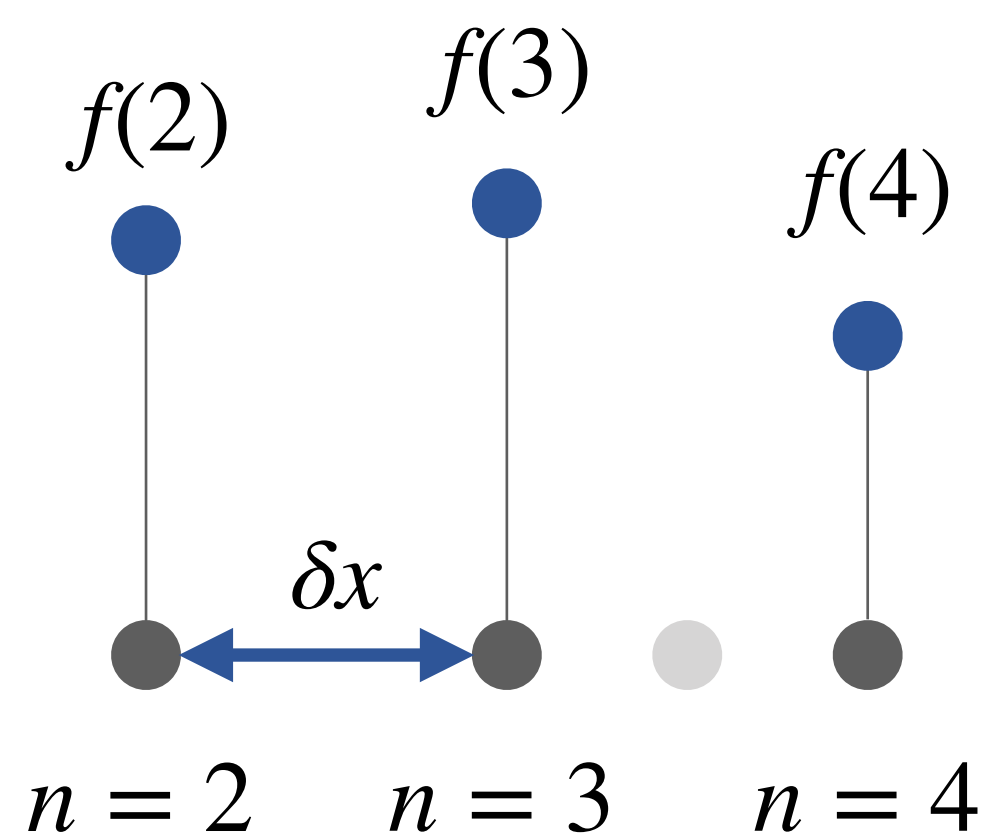


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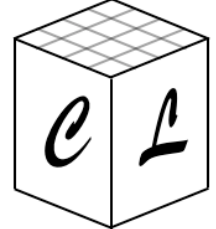
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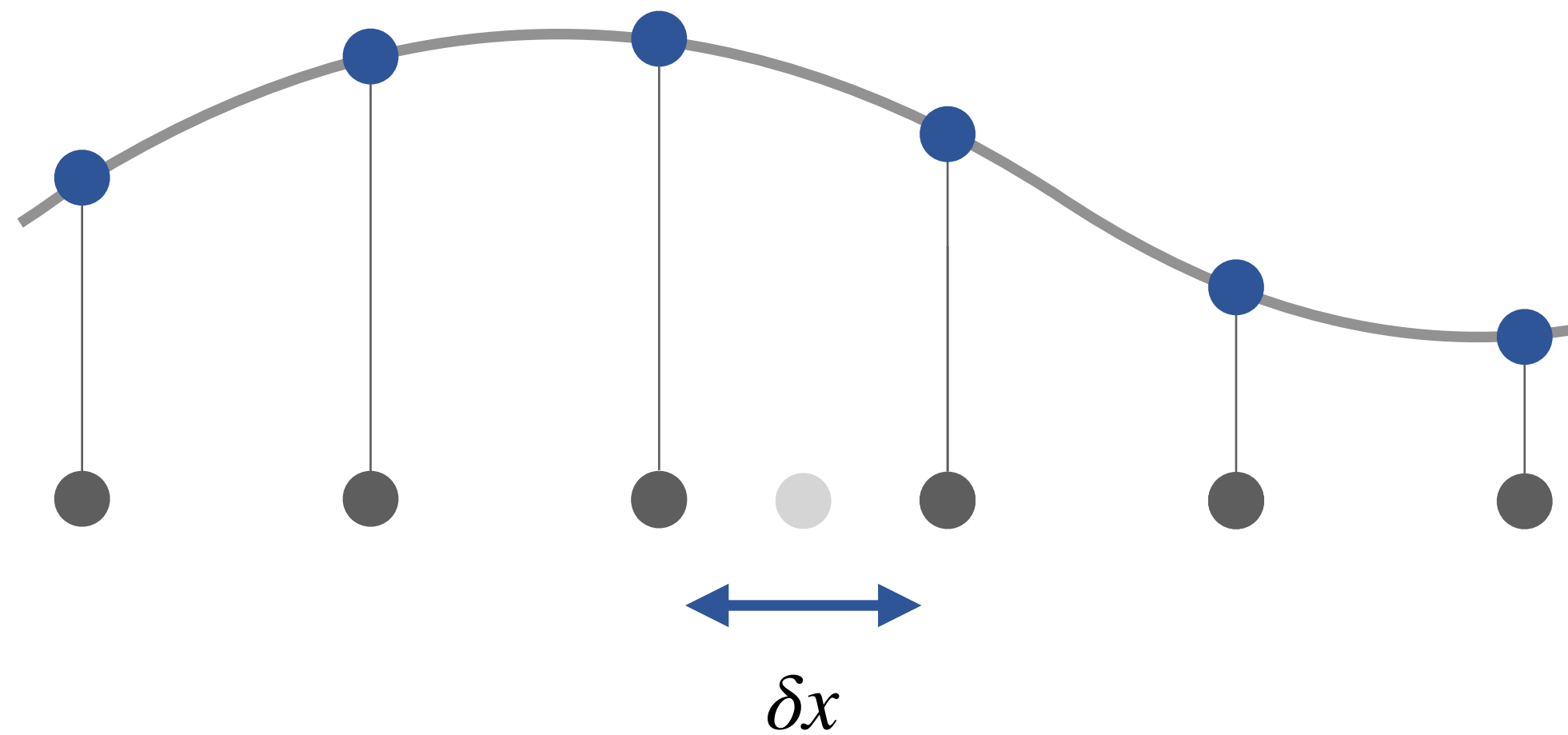


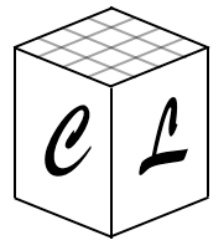
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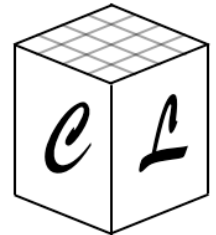
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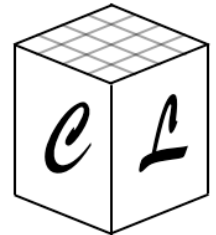
- smallness of δx
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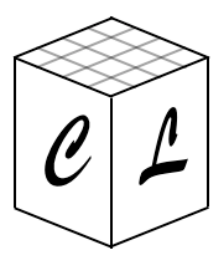
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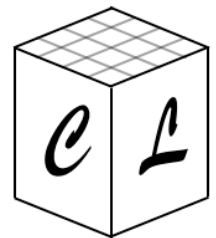
$$\langle f^2 \rangle_V = \sum_{|\tilde{\mathbf{n}}|} \Delta \log k(\tilde{\mathbf{n}}) \Delta_f^{(L)}(|\tilde{\mathbf{n}}|)$$

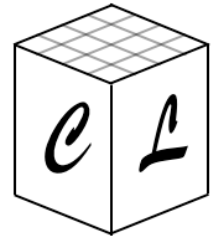
(summation over bins)

Lattice Power Spectrum

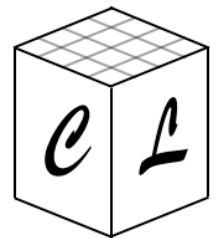
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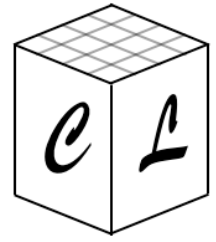
angular average over
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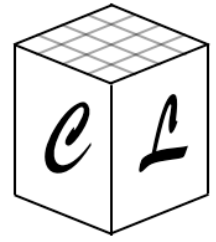


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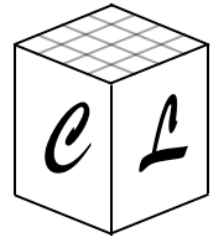
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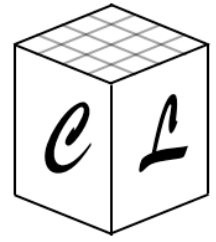
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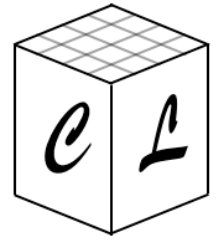
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Action in program
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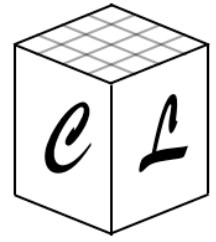
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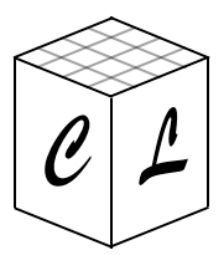


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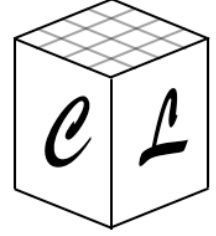
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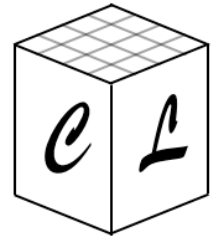
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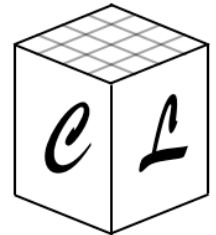
volume averaged kinetic, gradient
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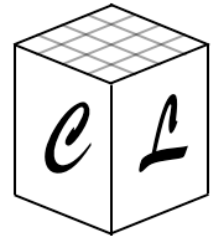
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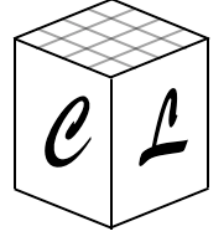


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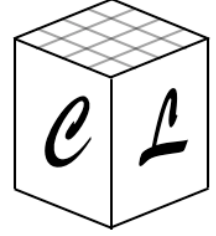
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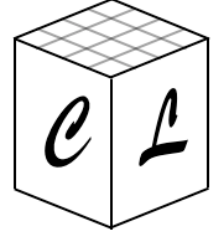
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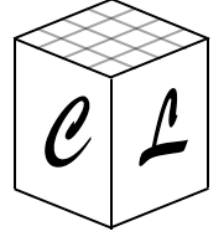
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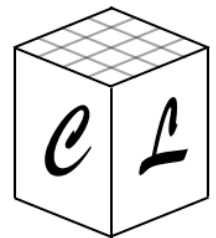
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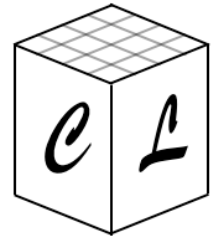
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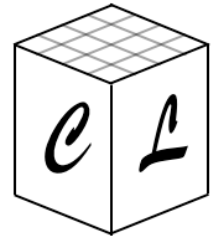
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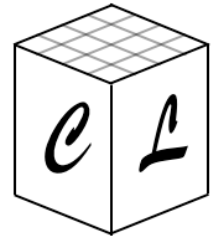


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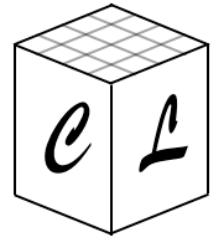
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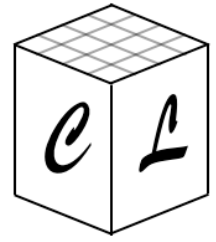


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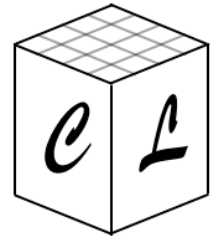
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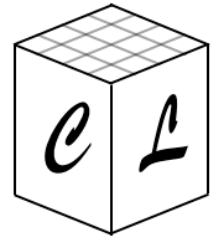
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- Solve the equations of motion by applying some evolution algorithm



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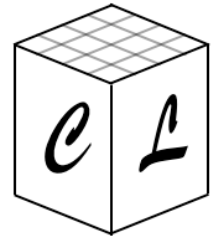
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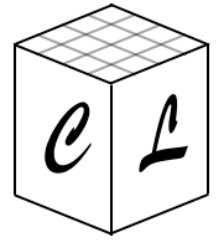


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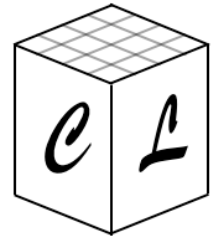


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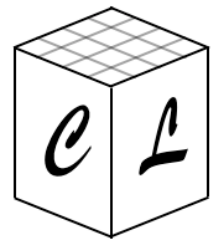
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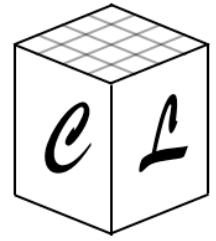
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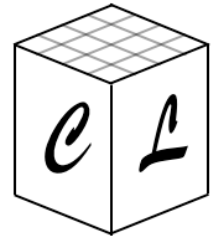
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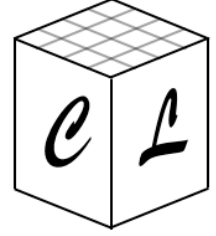
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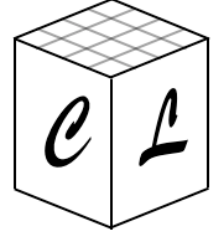
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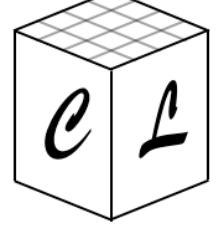
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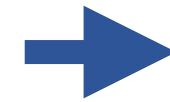
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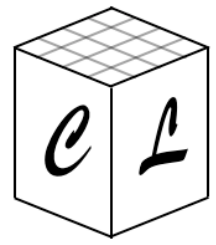
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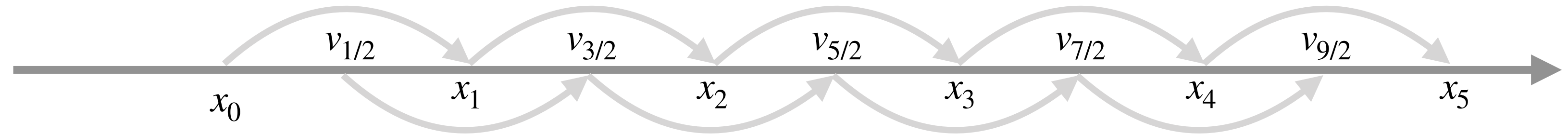


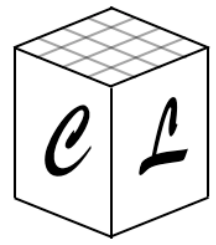
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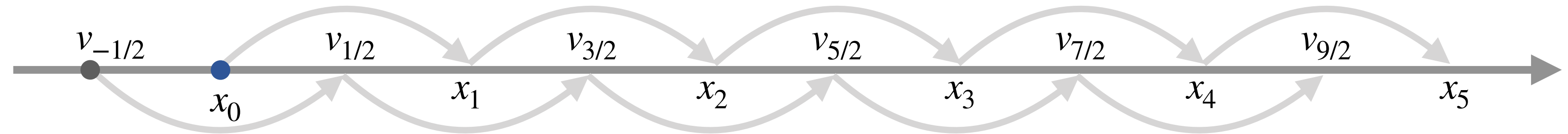
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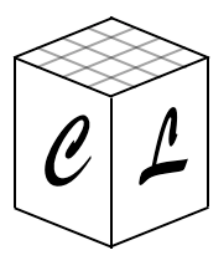


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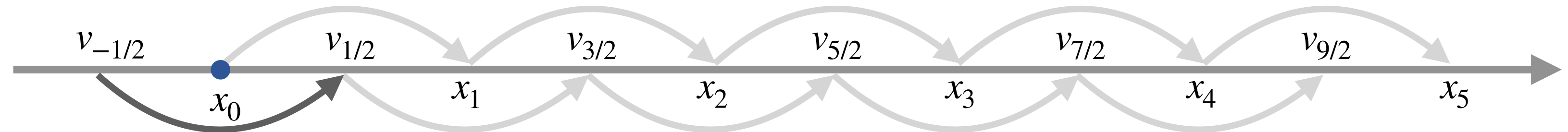


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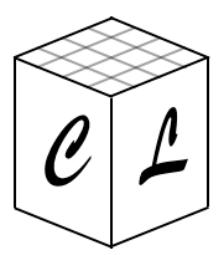
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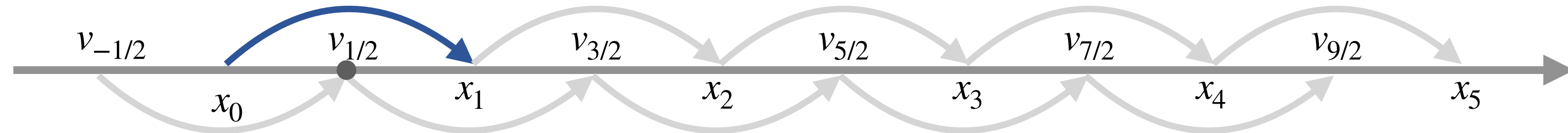
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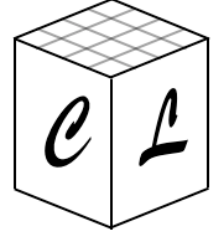
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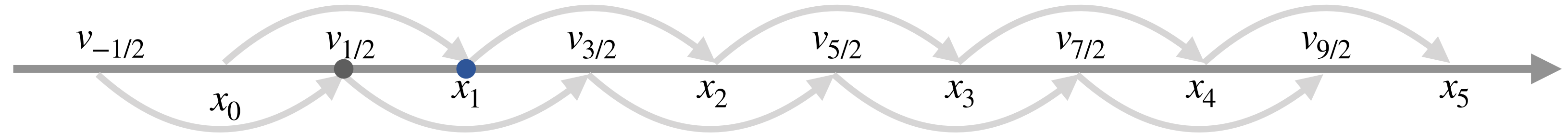
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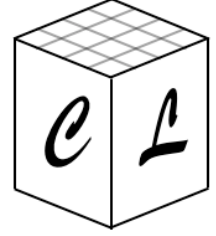
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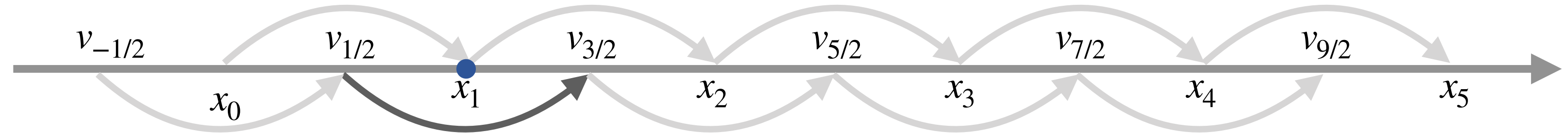
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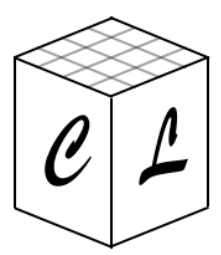
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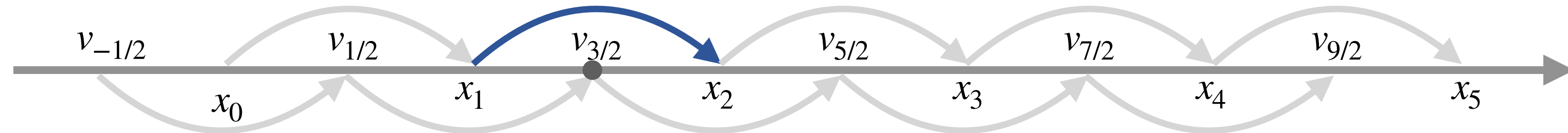
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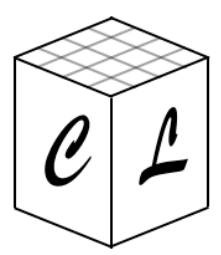
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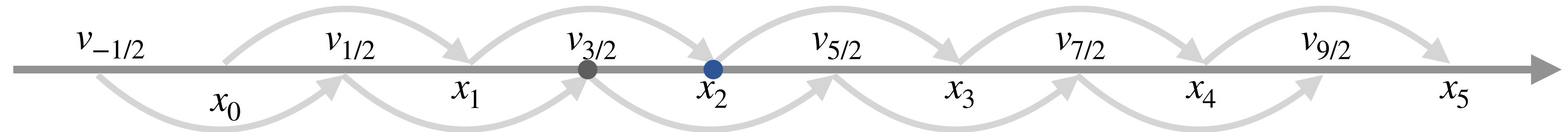
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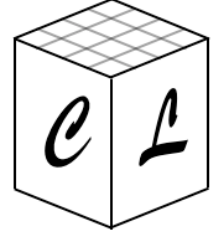
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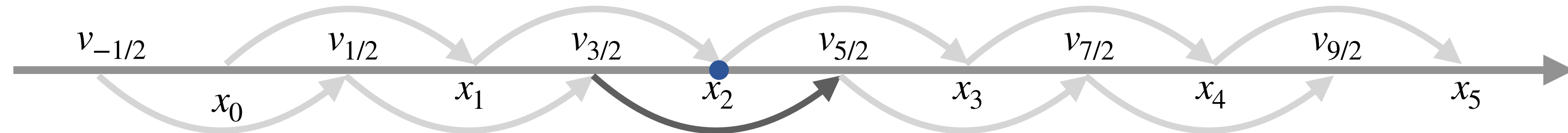
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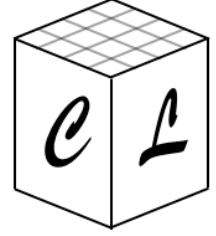
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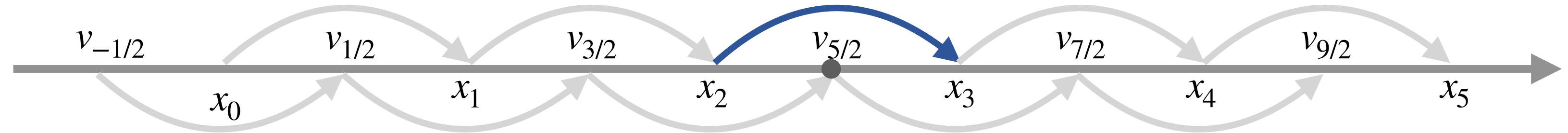
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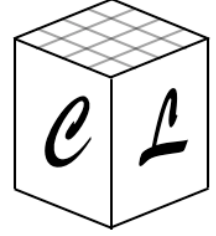
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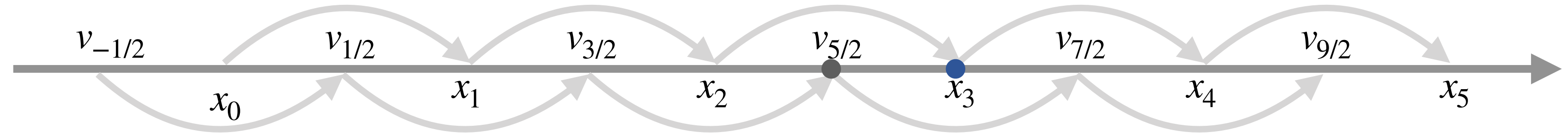
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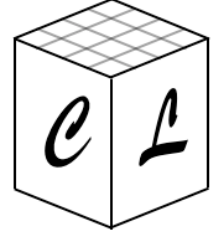
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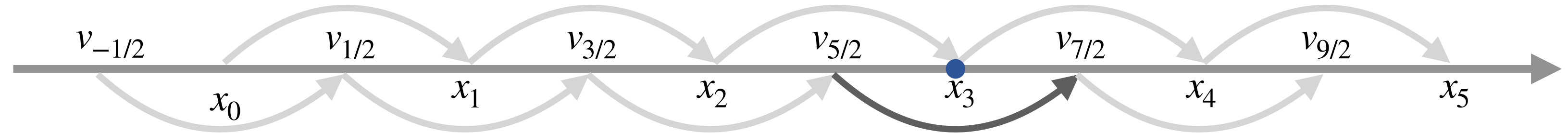
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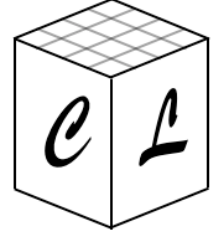
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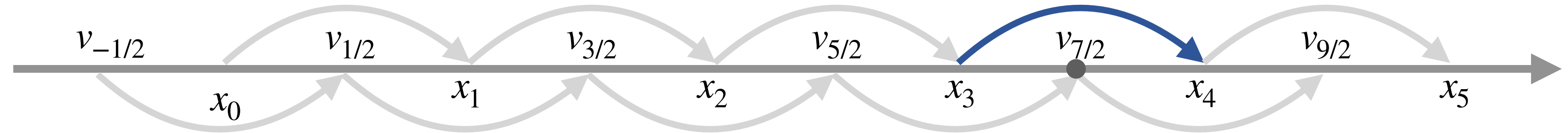
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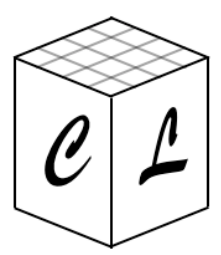
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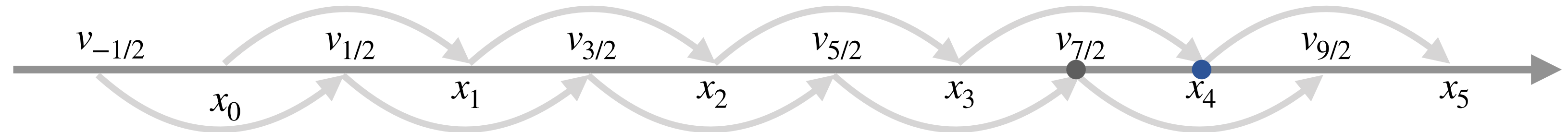
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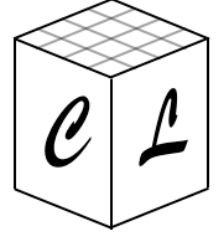
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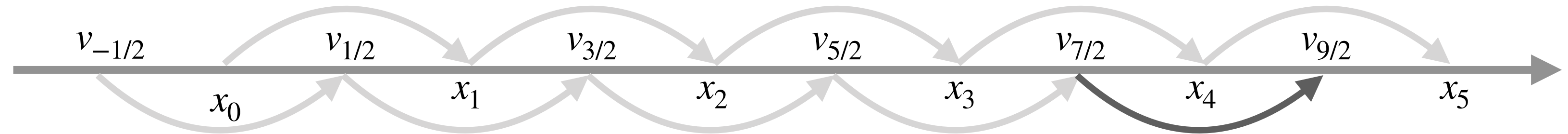
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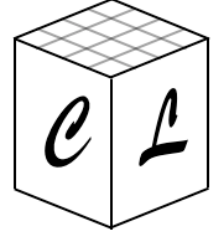
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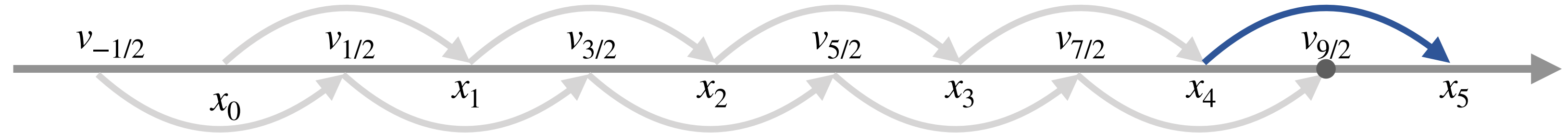
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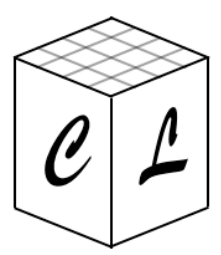
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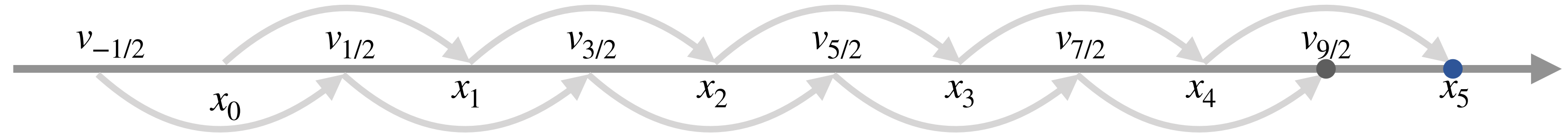
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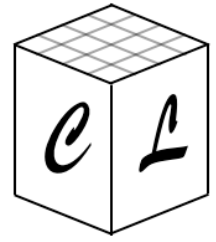
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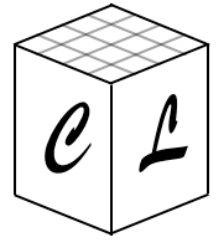
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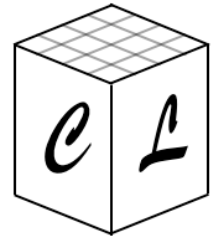
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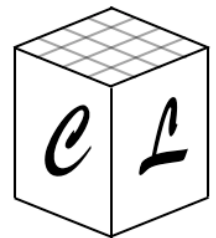


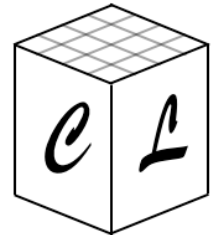
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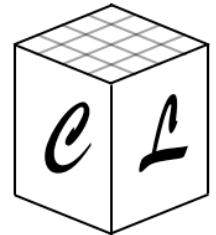
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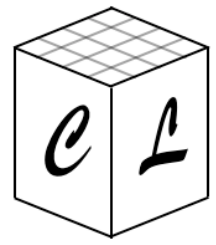


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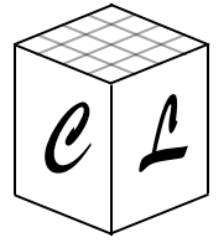
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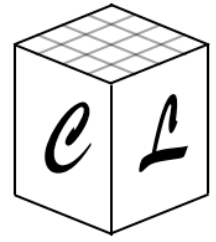
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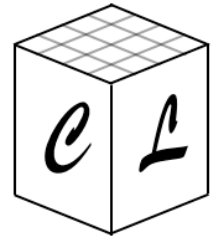
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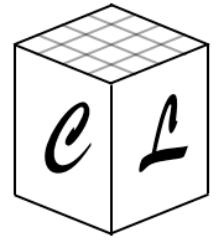
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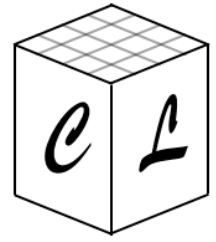
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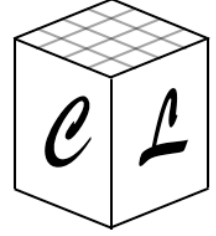
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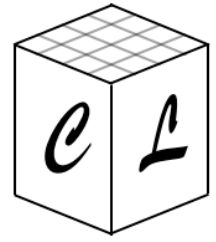
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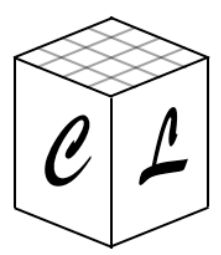


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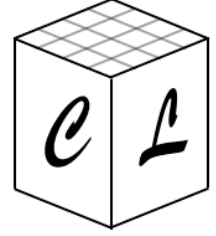
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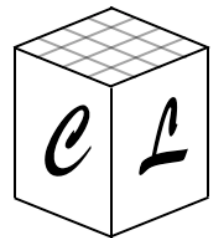
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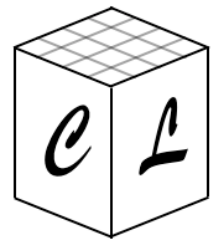
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