

The Geometry of Light Transport

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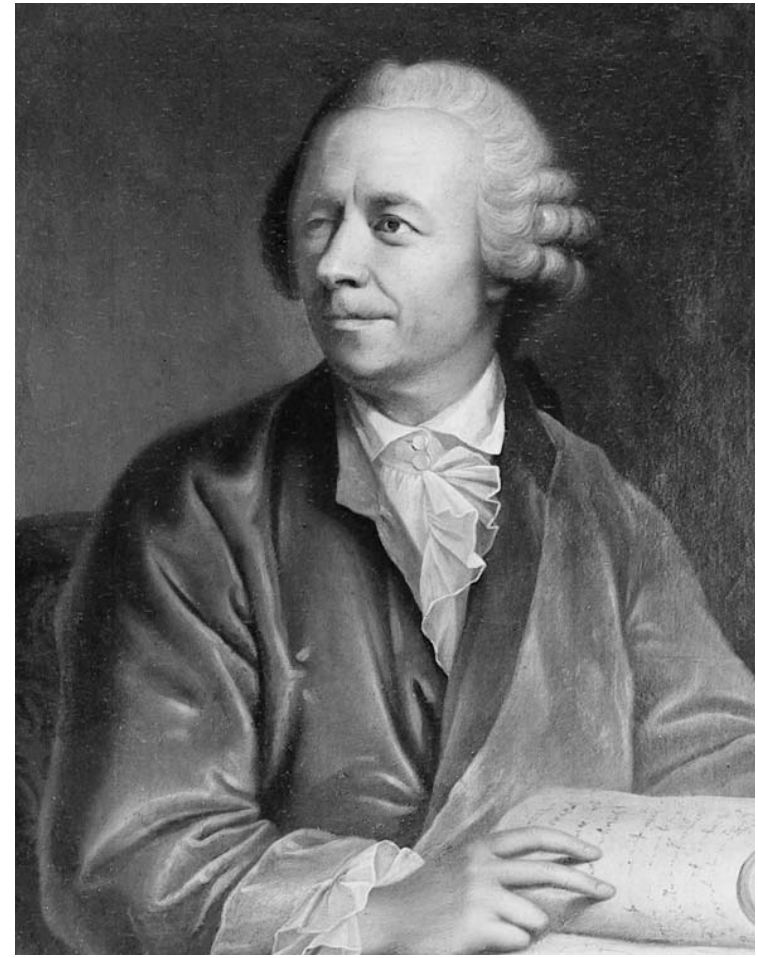
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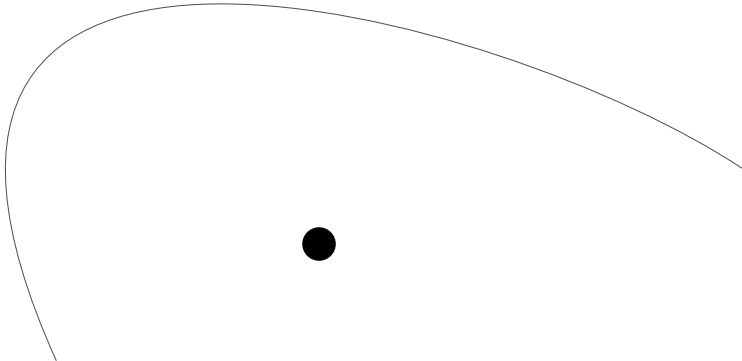
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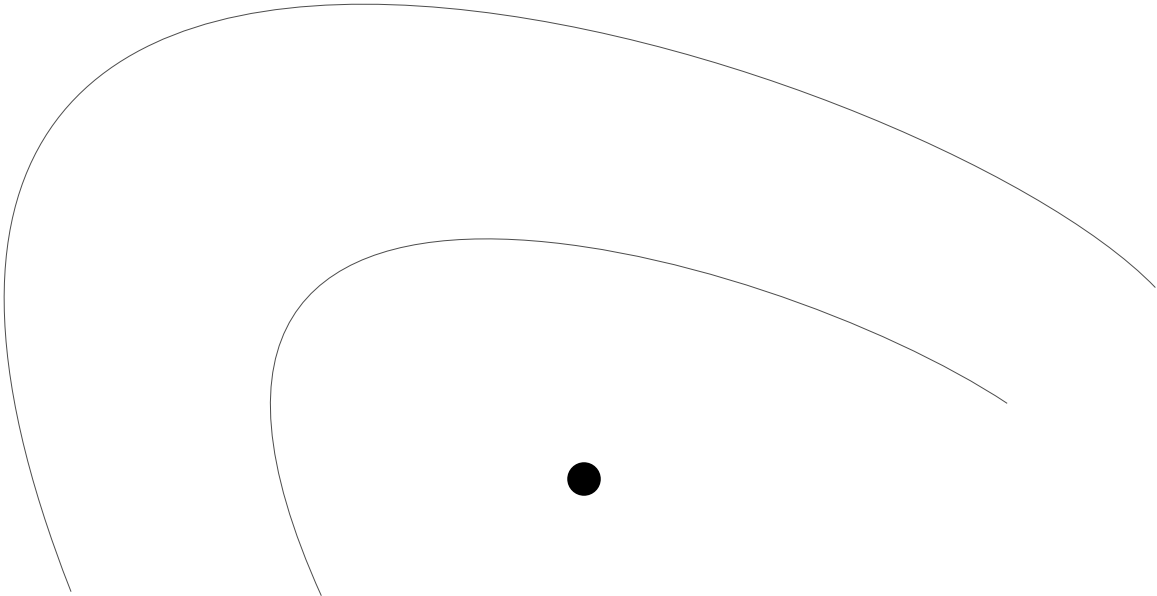
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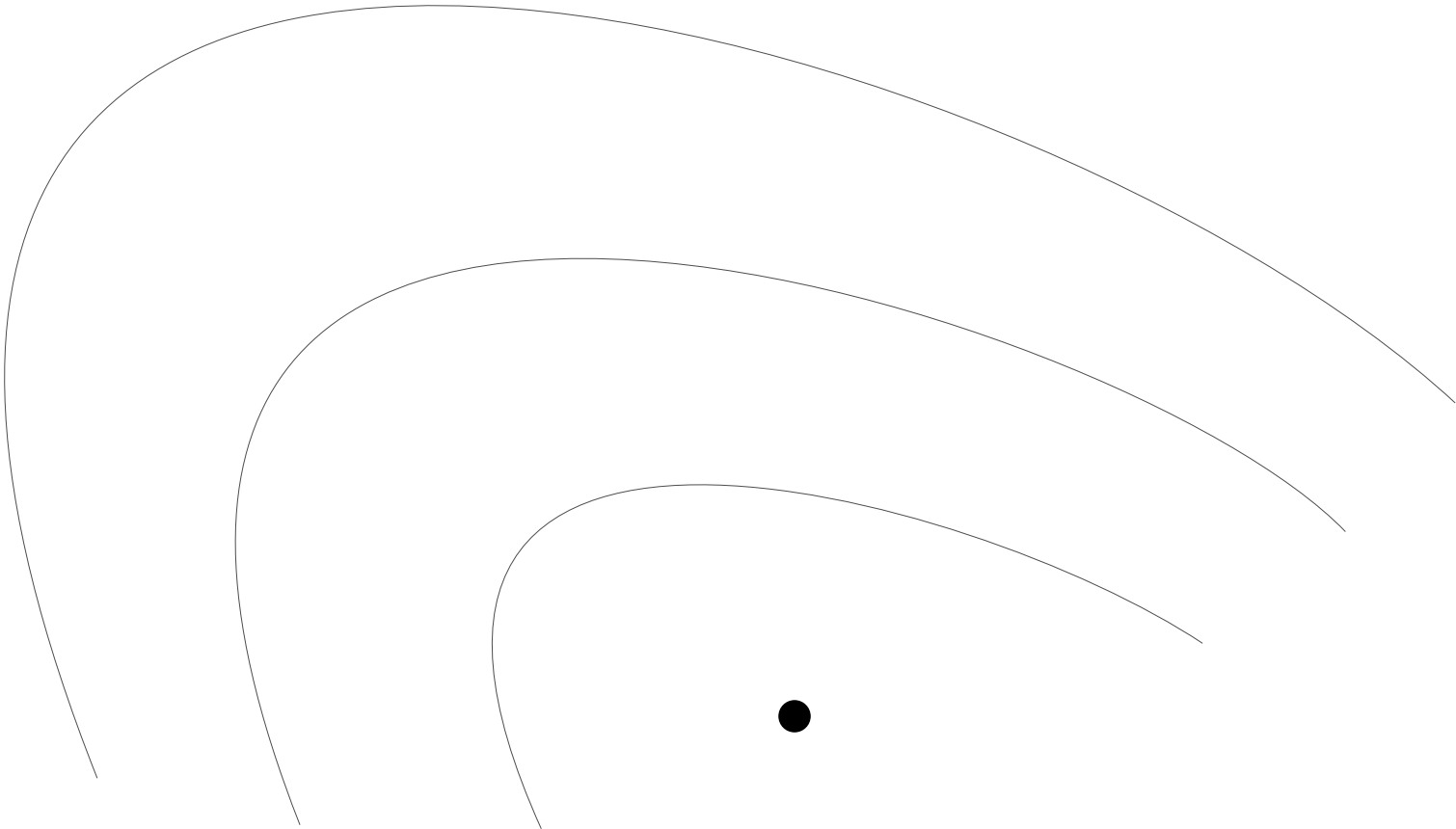
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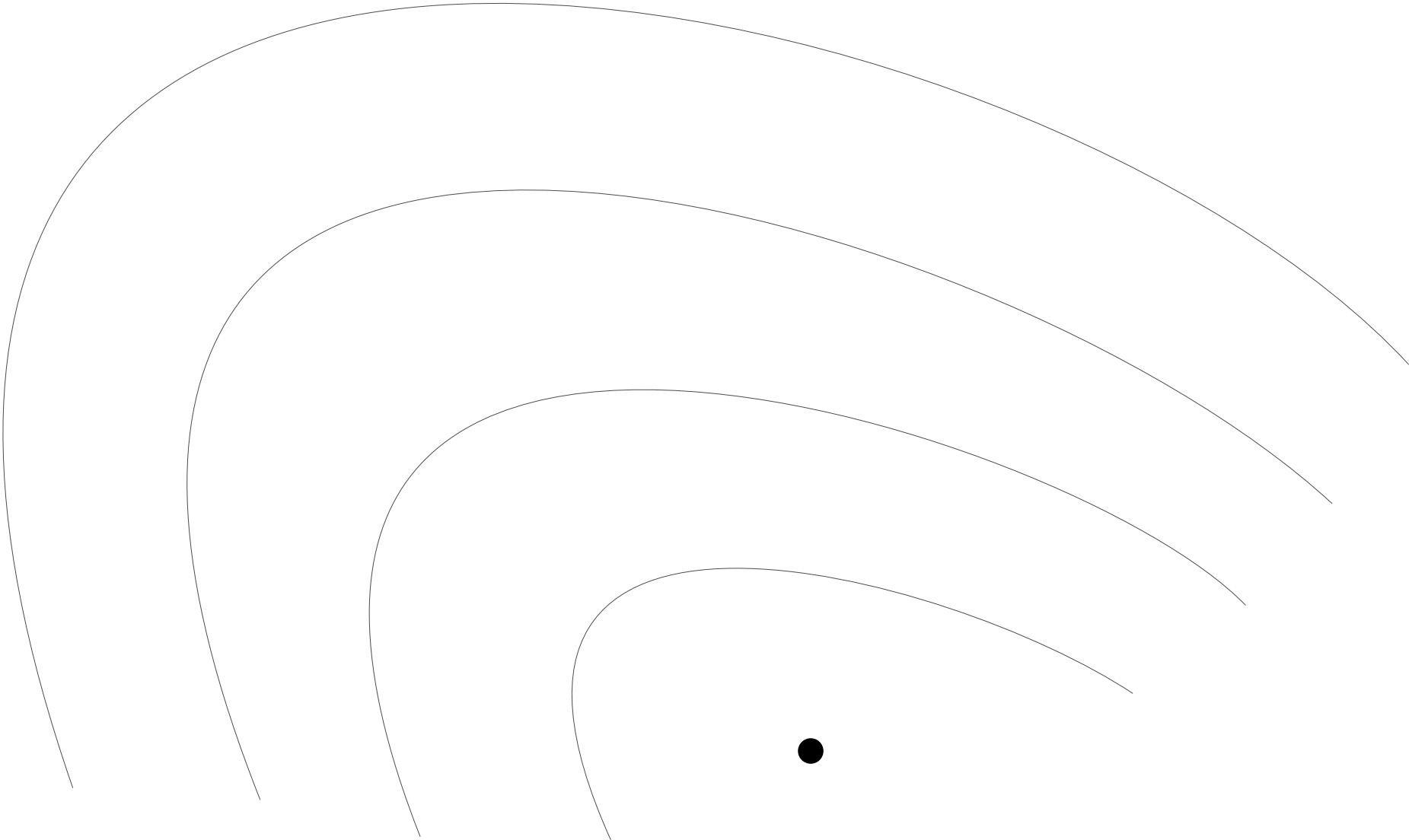
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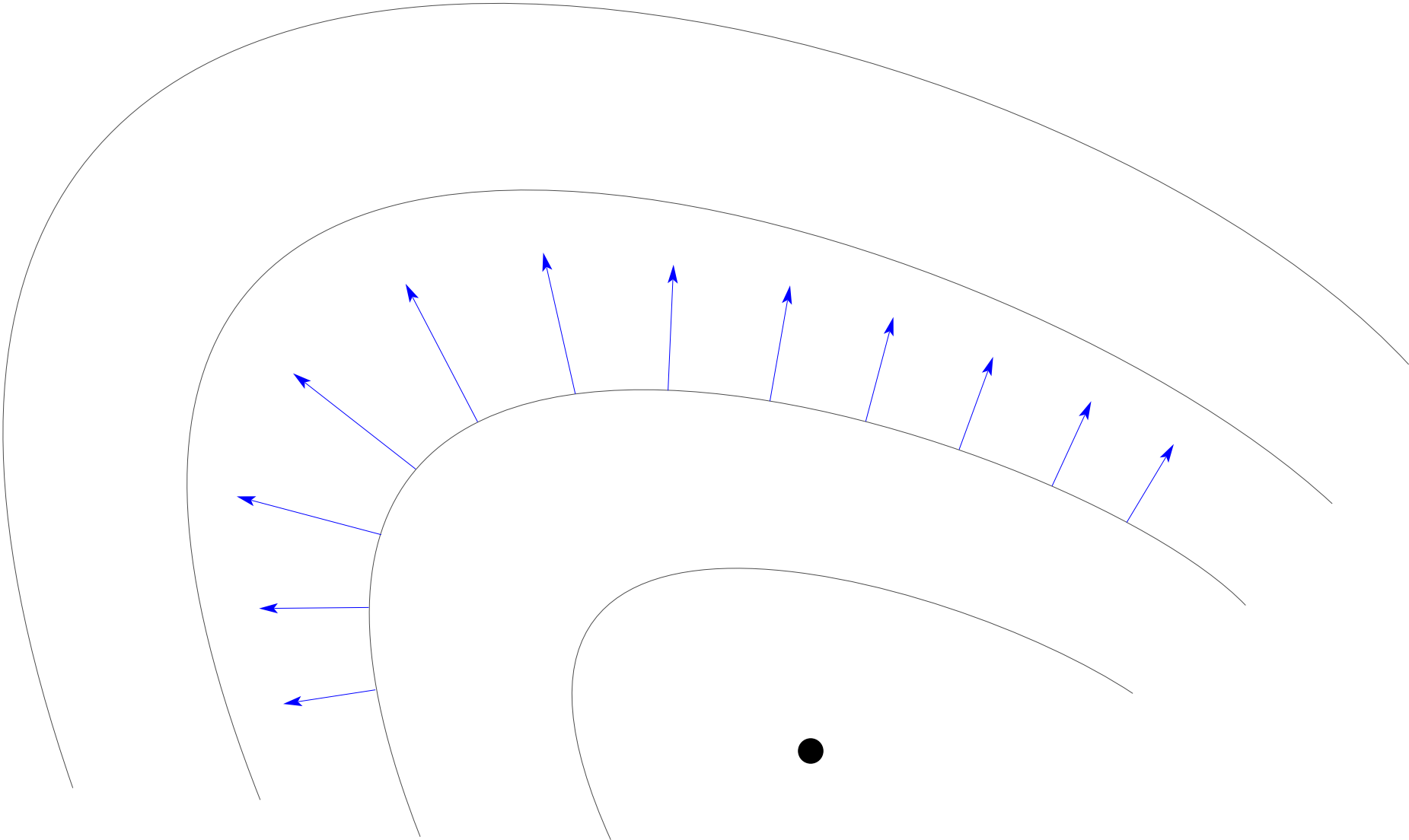
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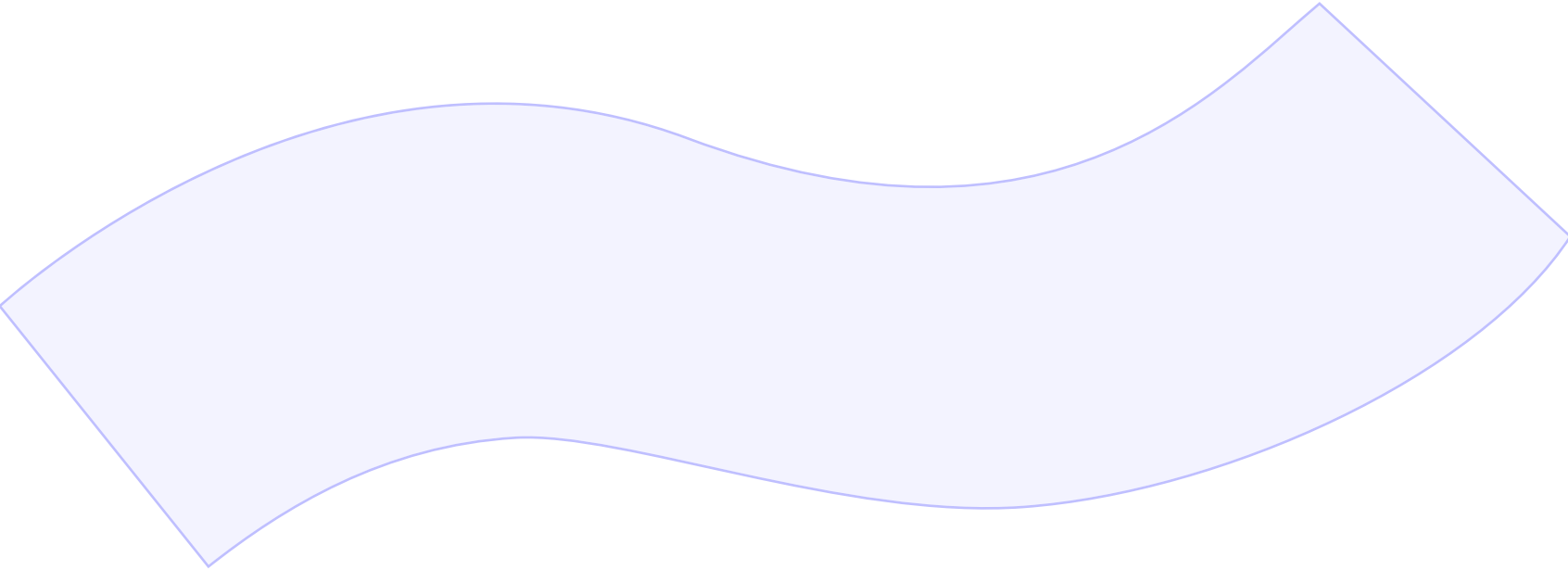


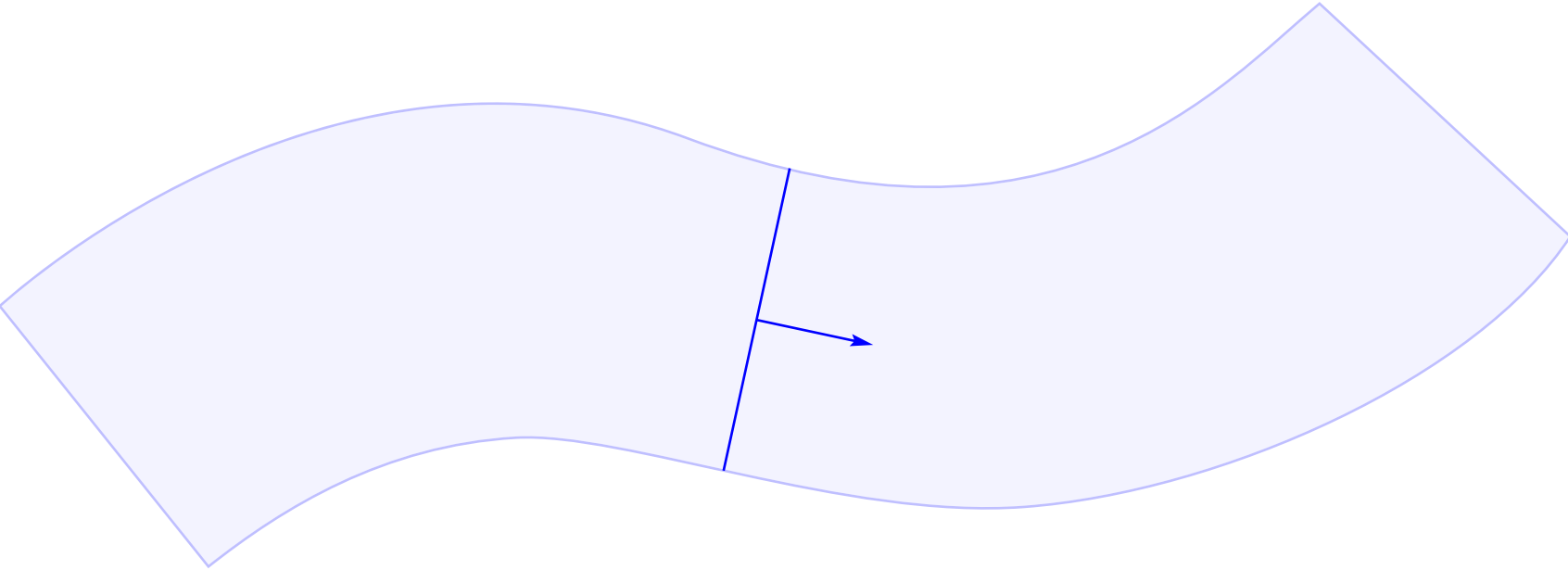


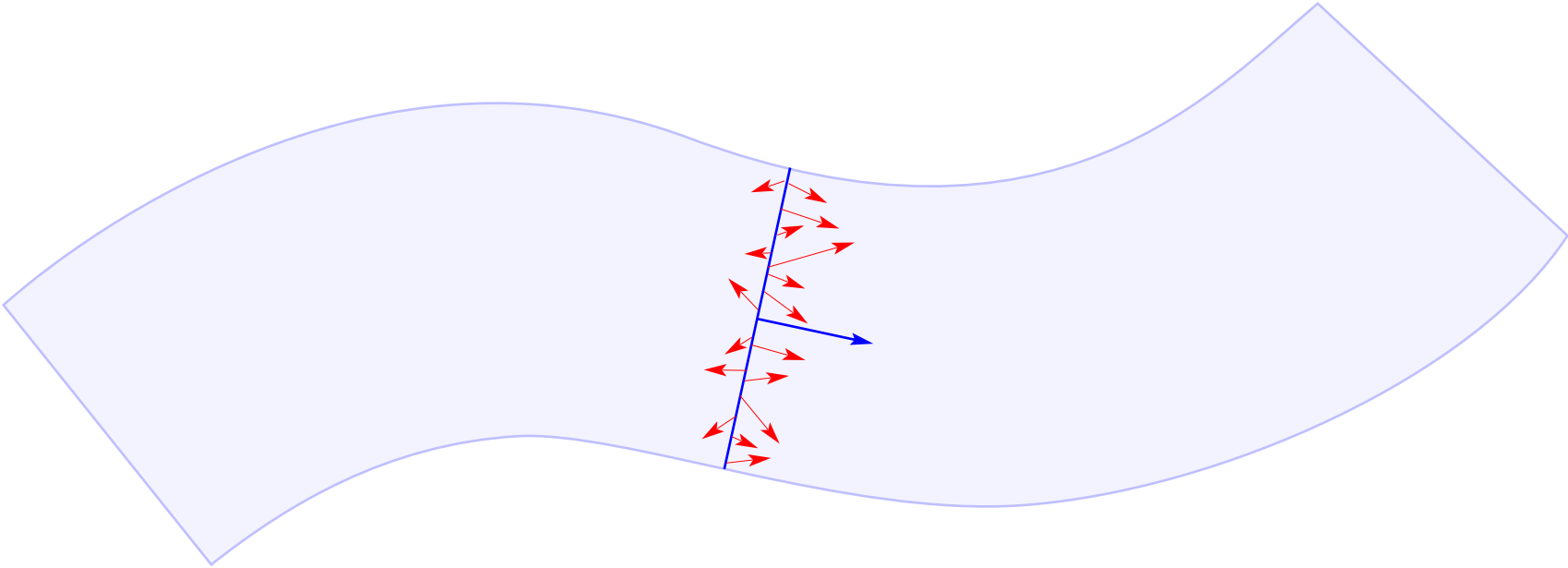


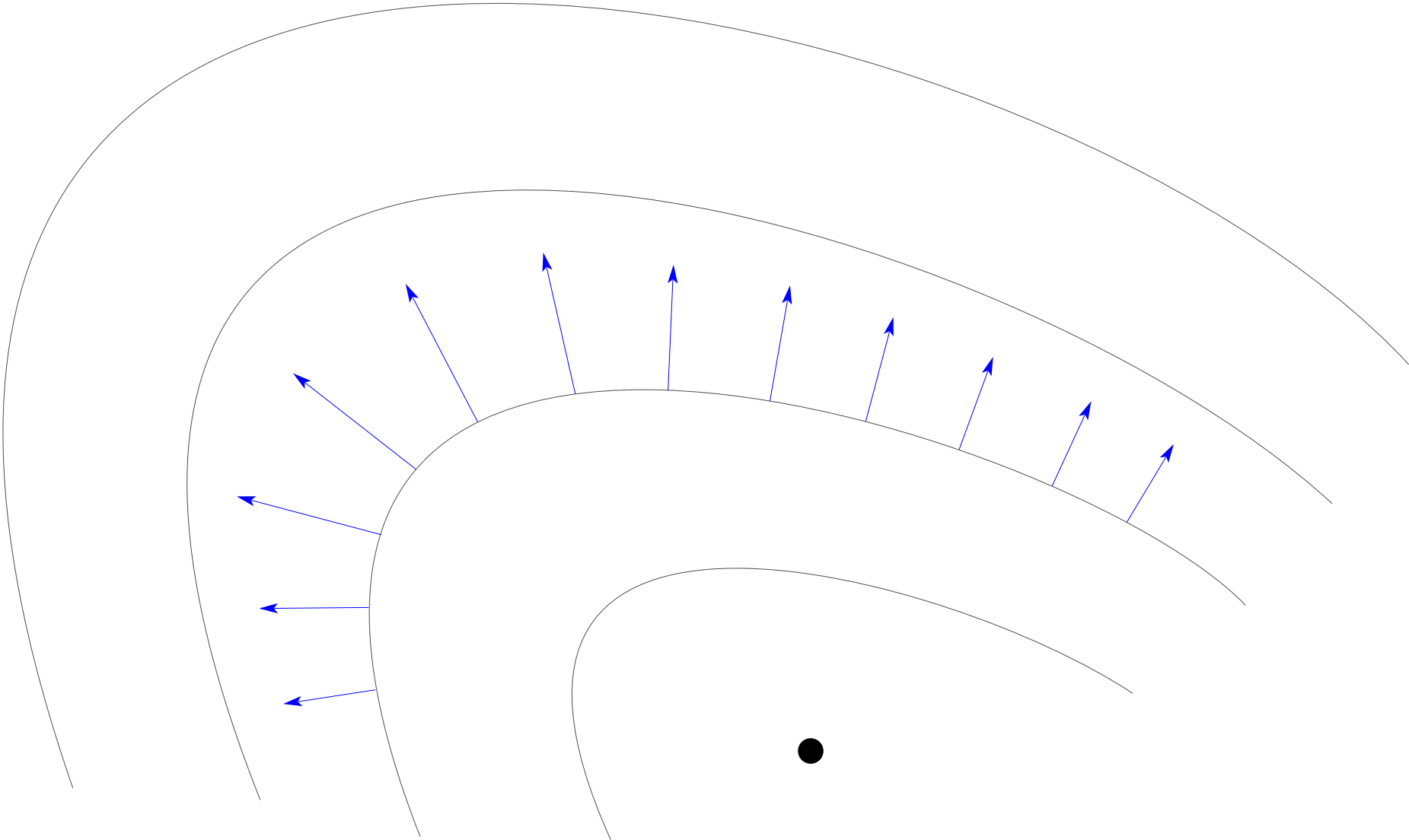


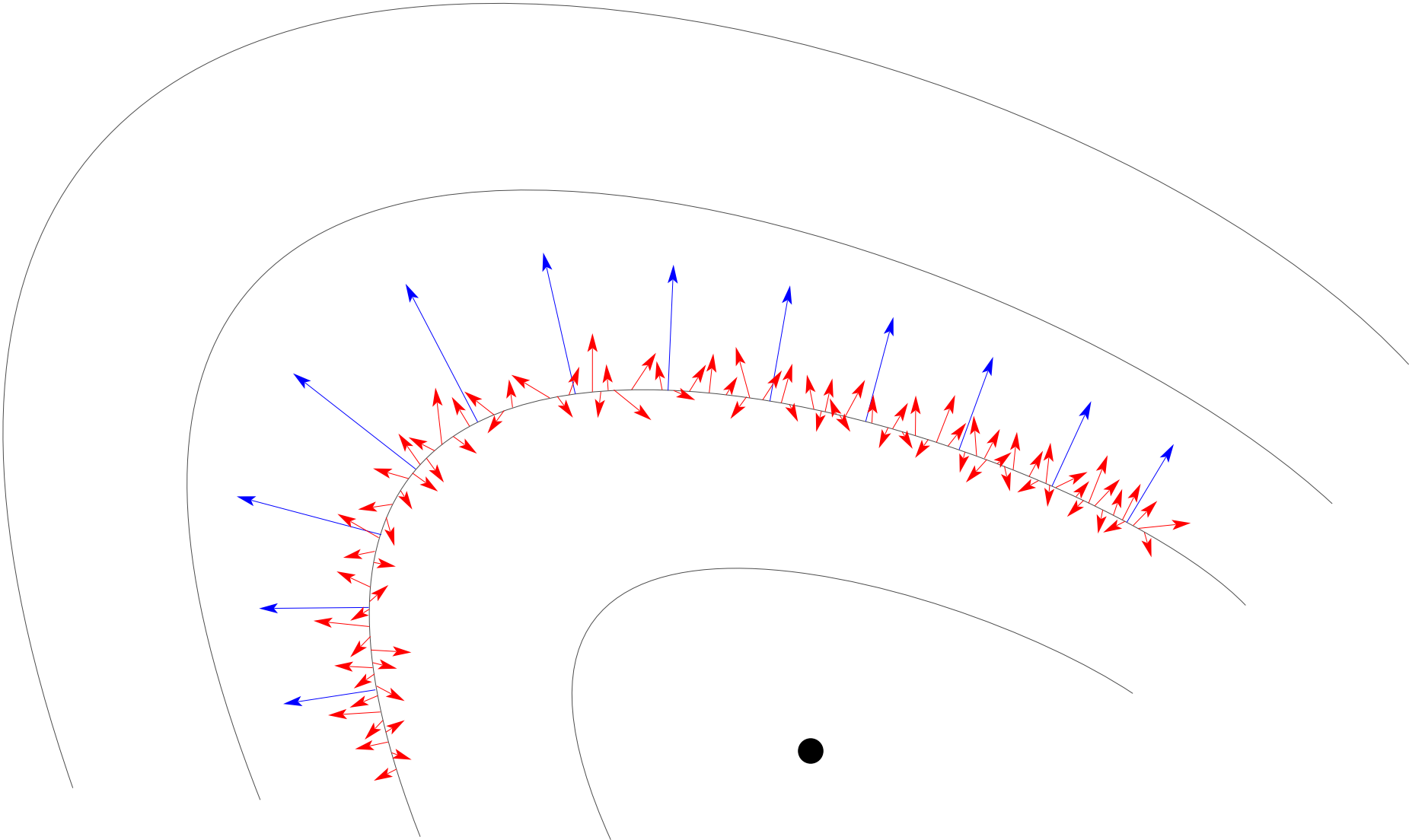


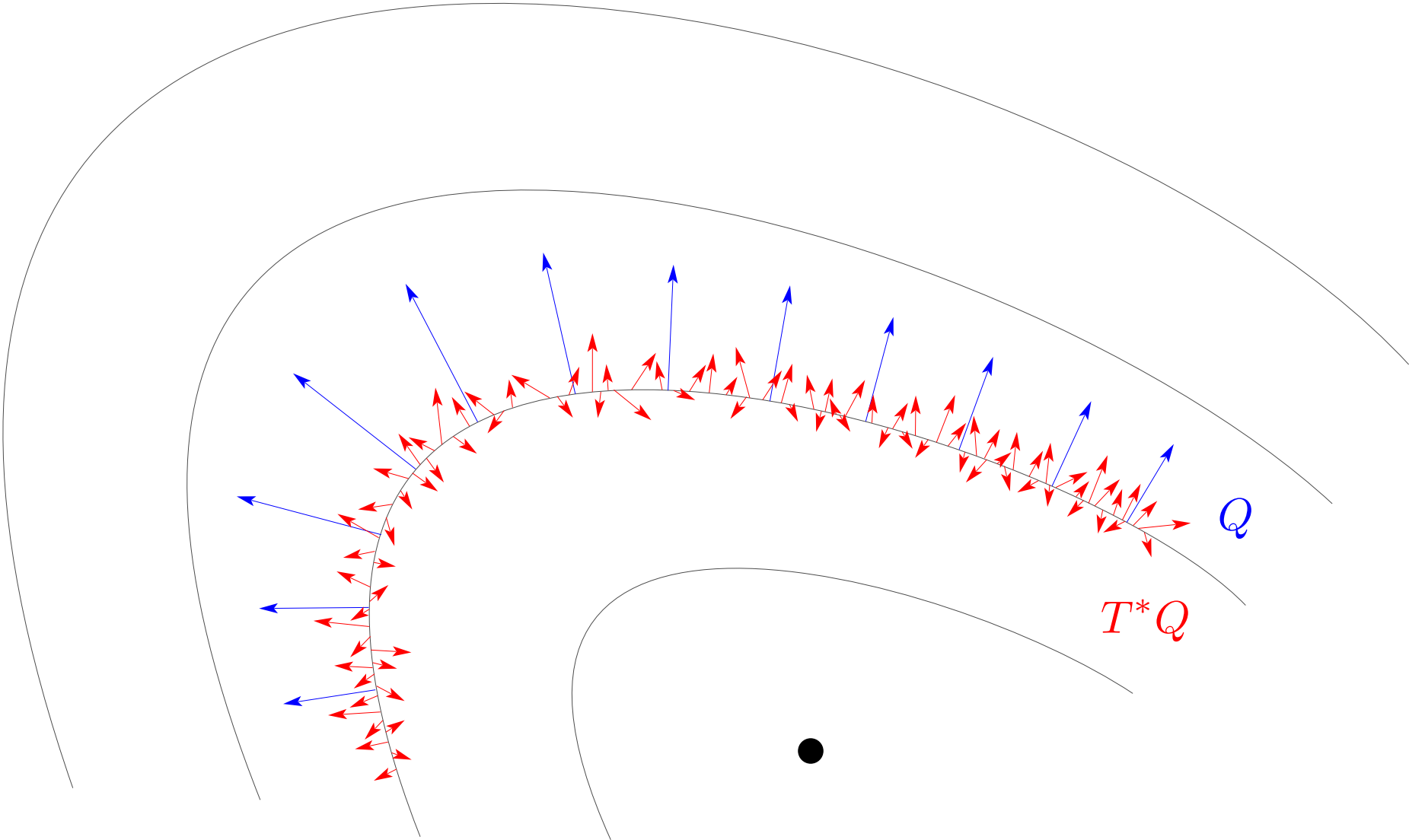












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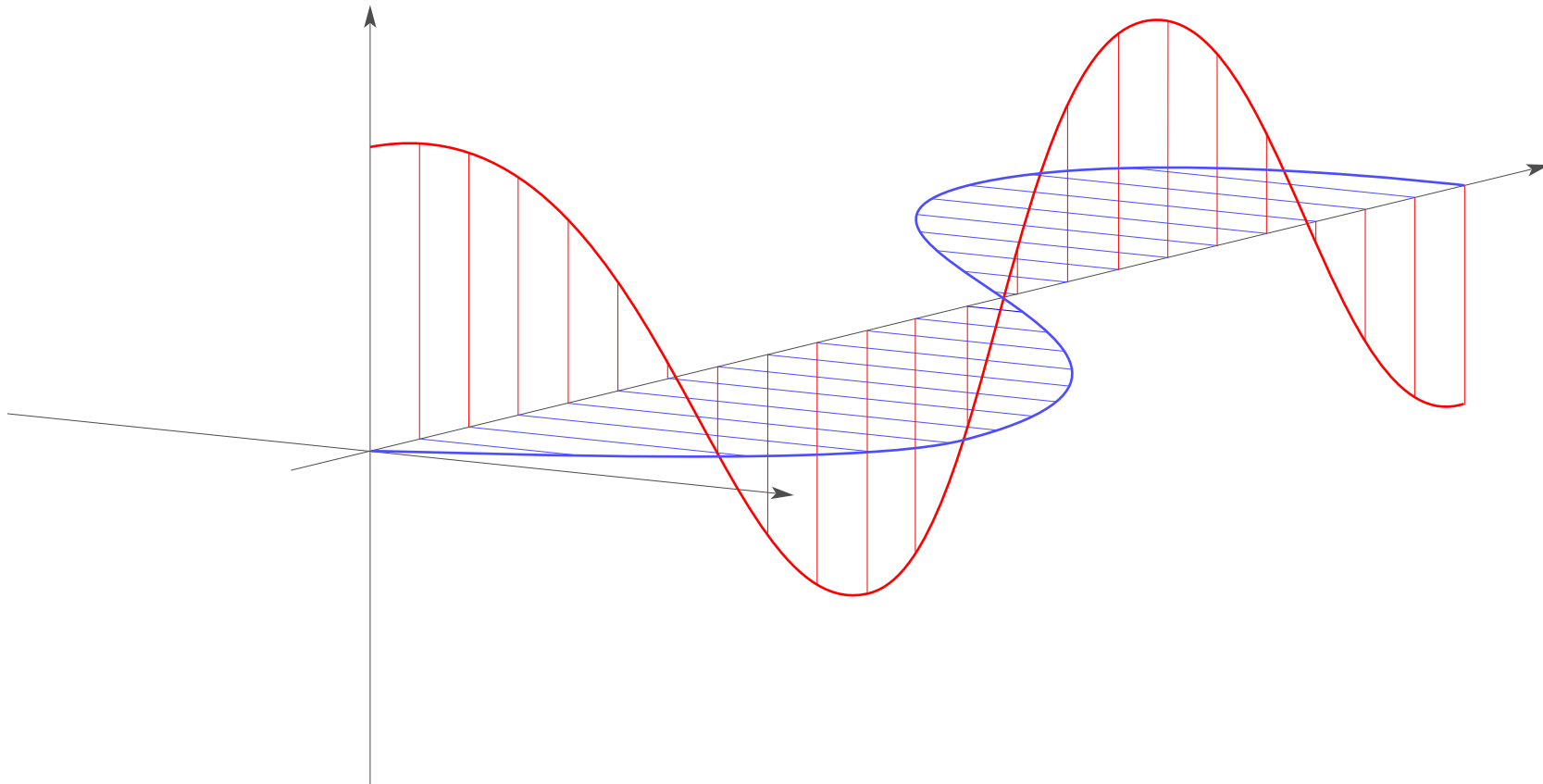
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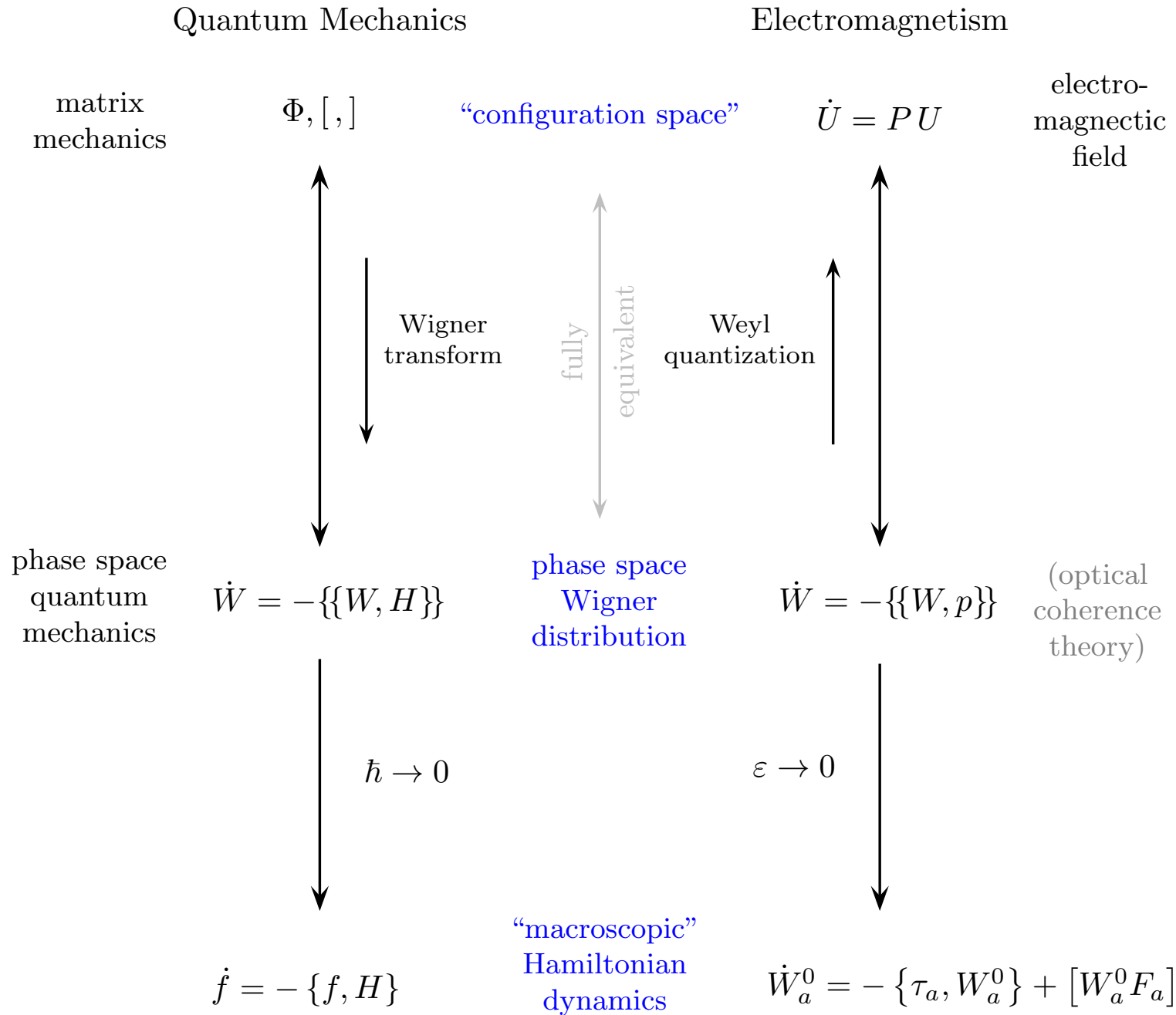
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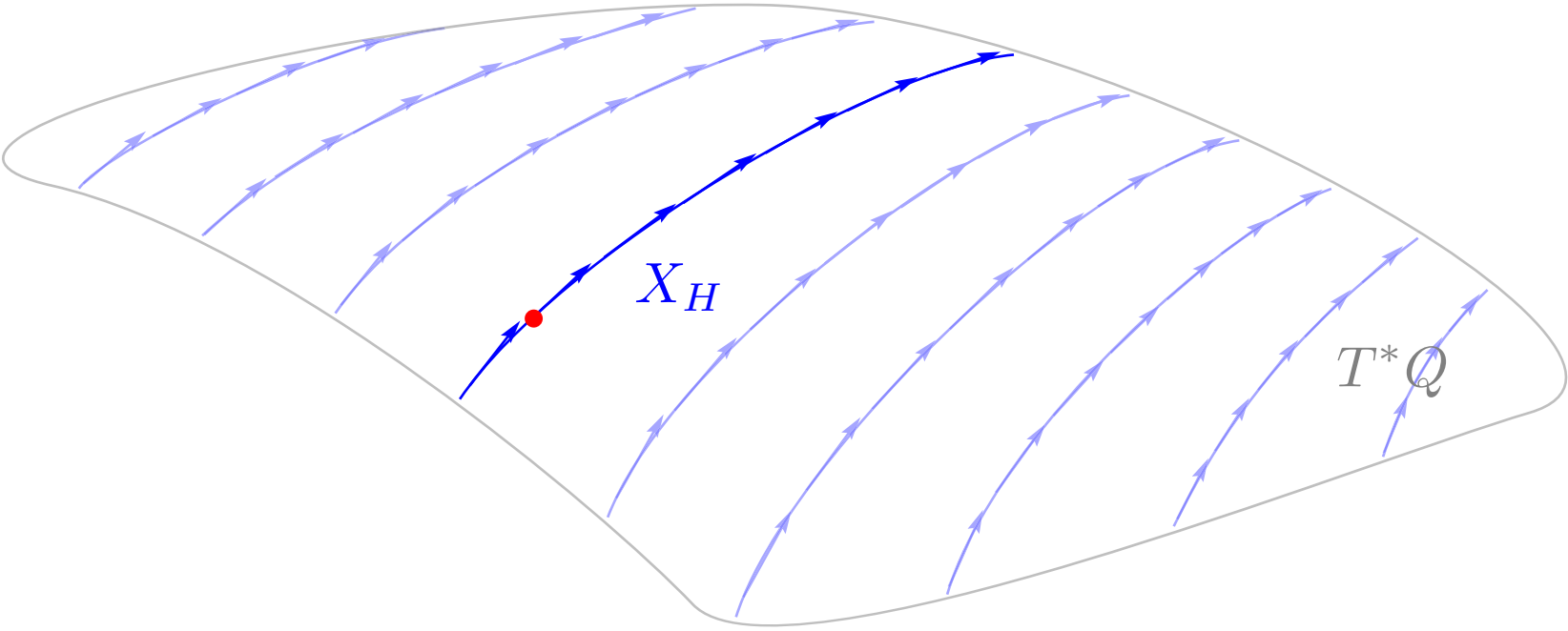
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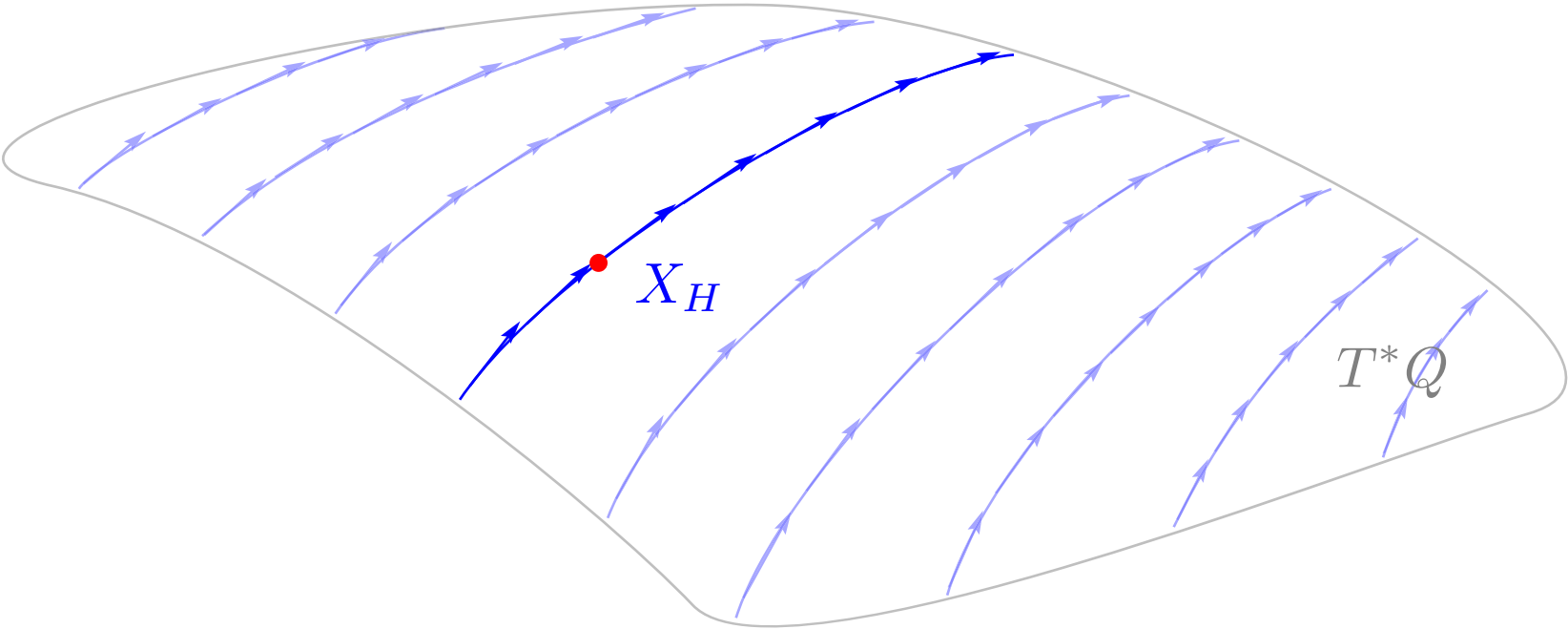
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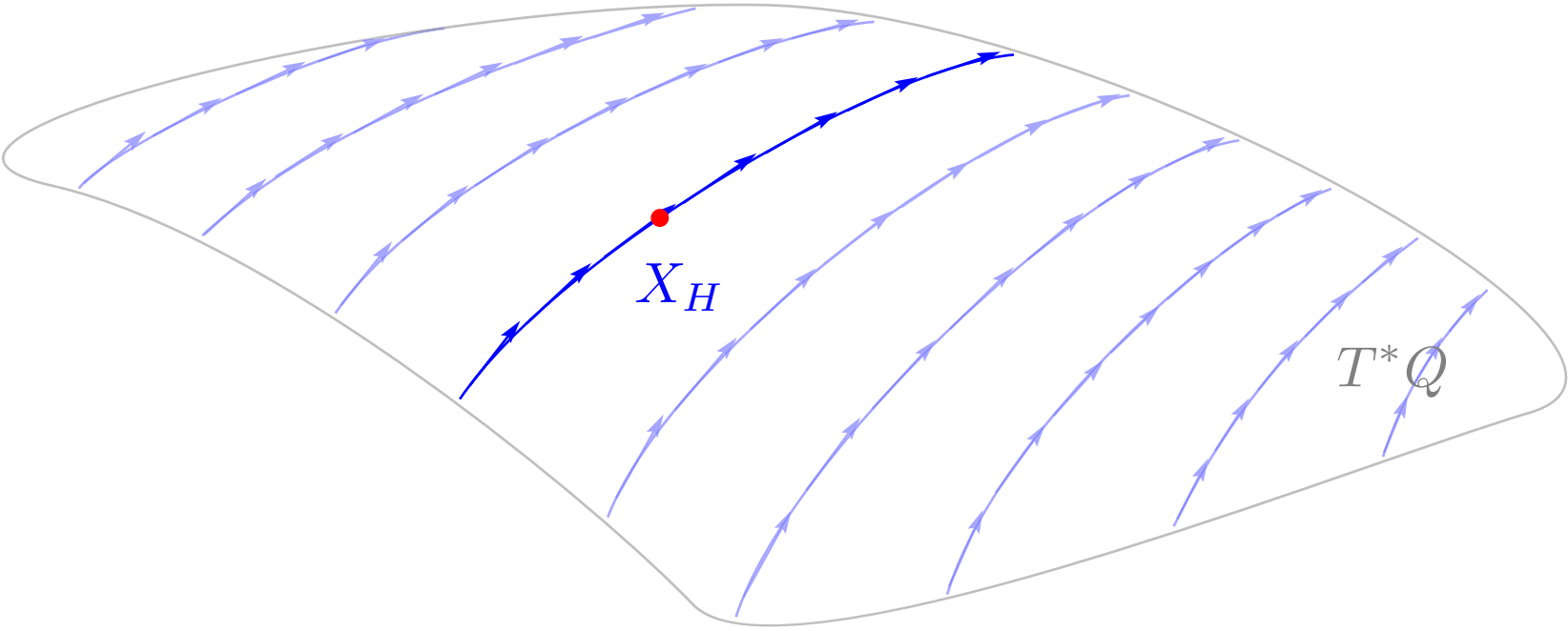
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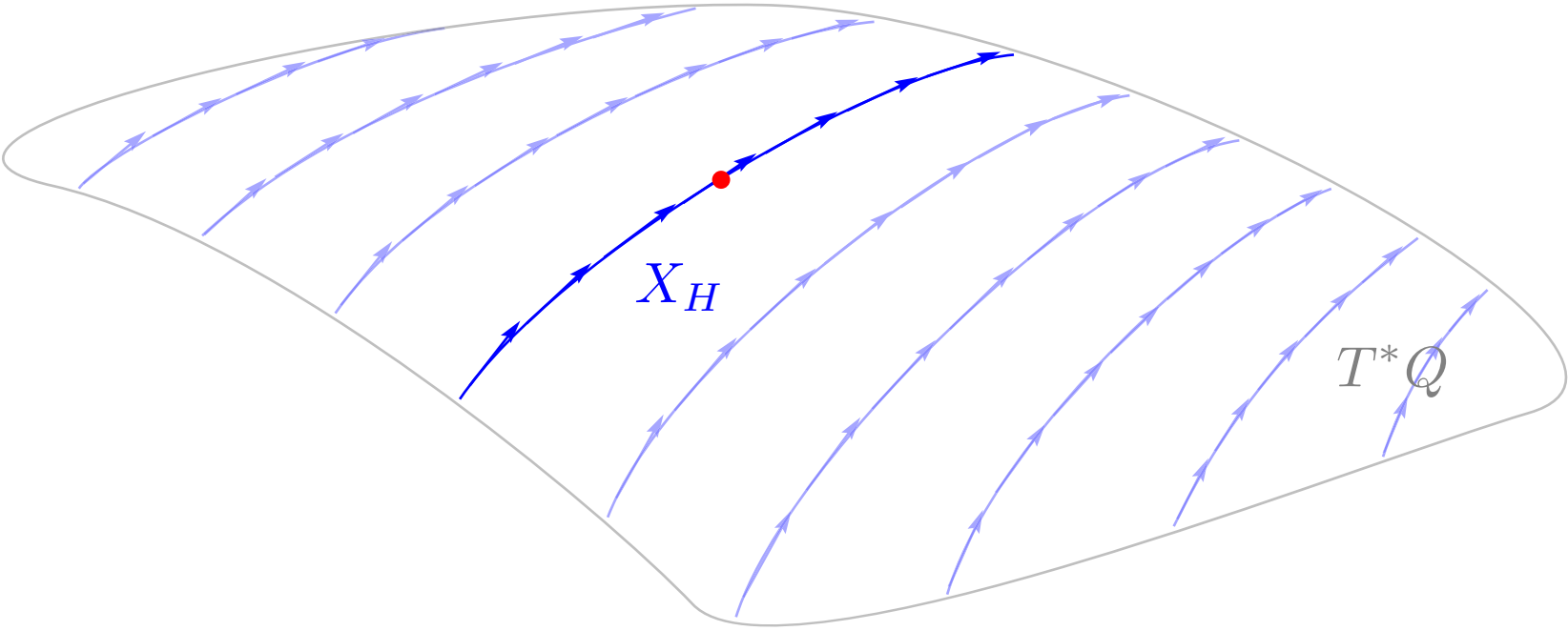
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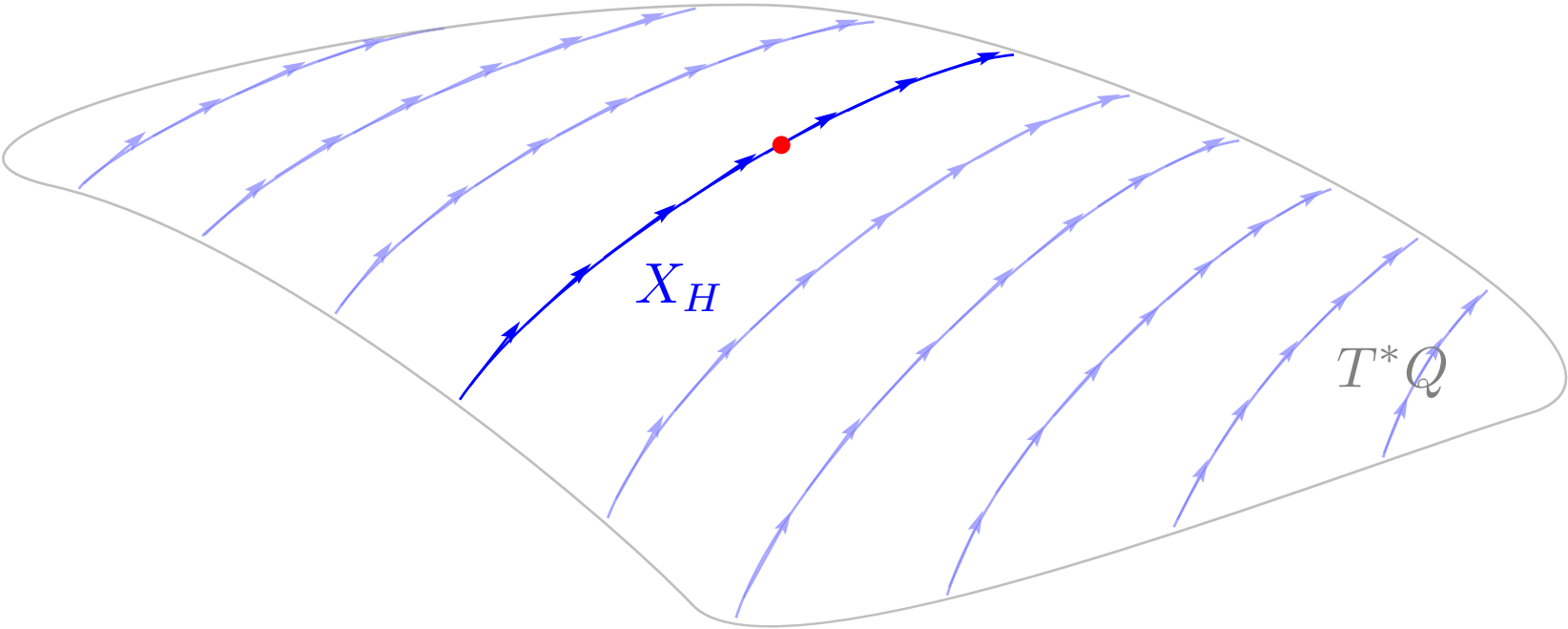
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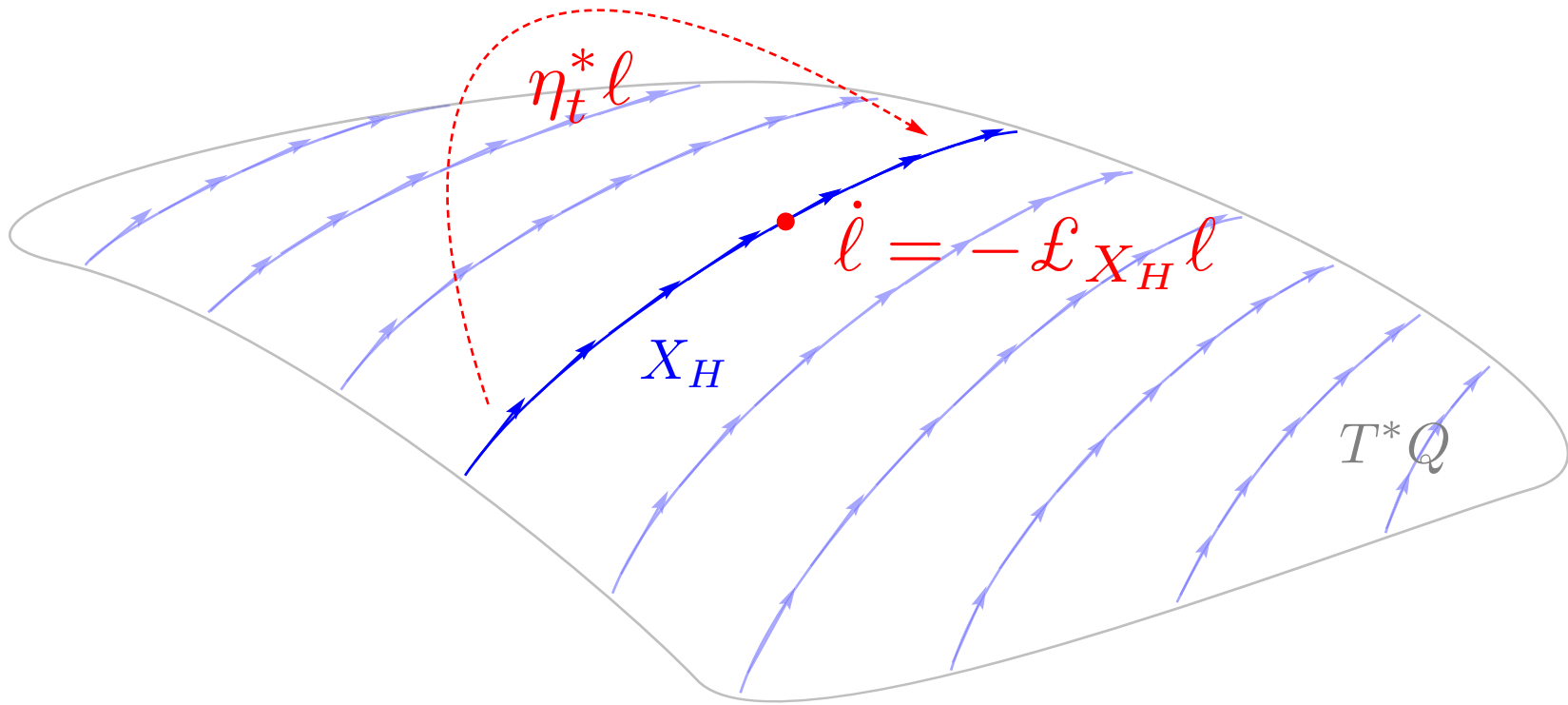












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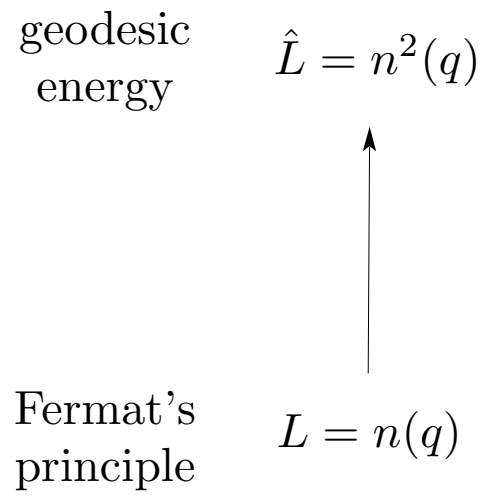
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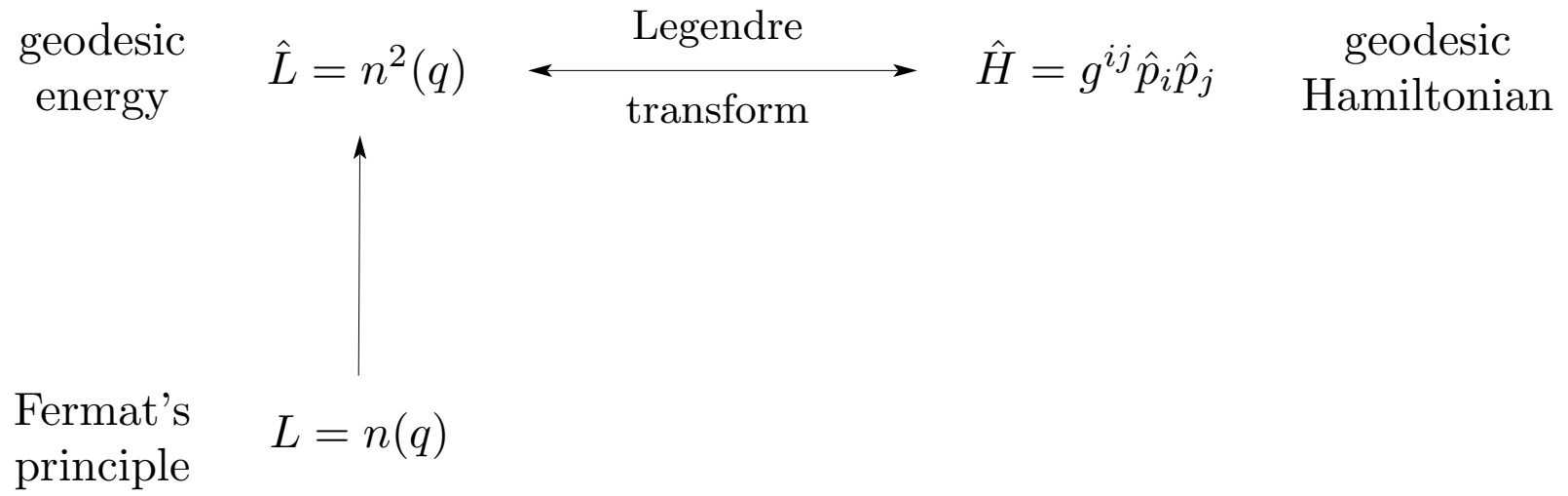
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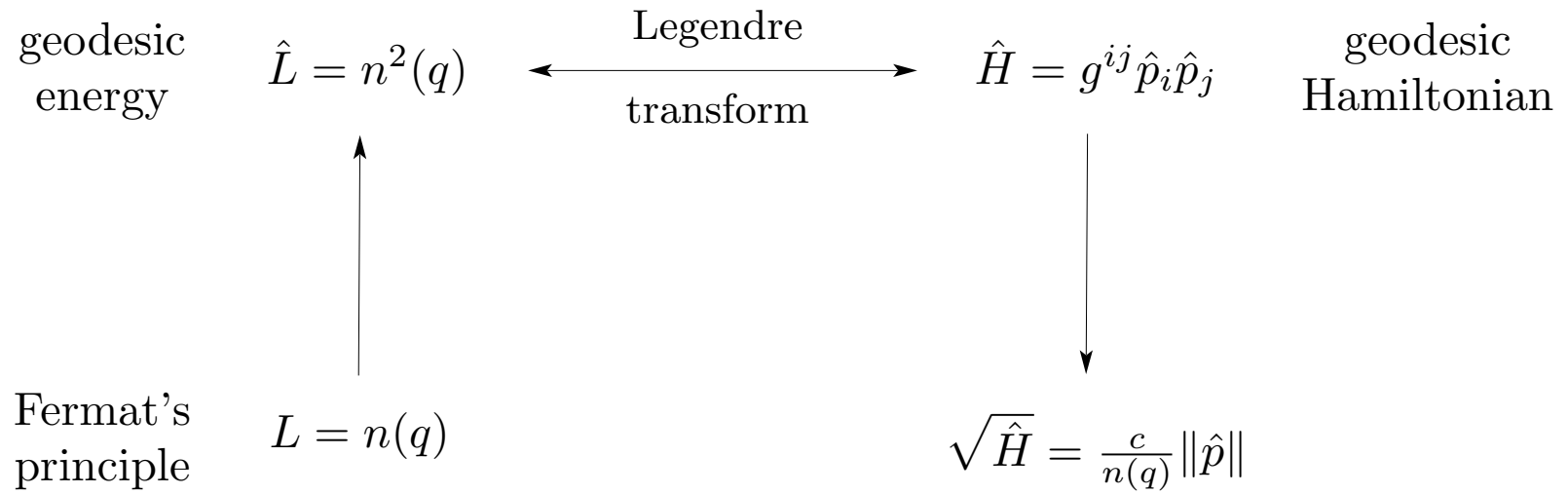
$$H(q, p) = \frac{c}{n(q)} \|p\|$$

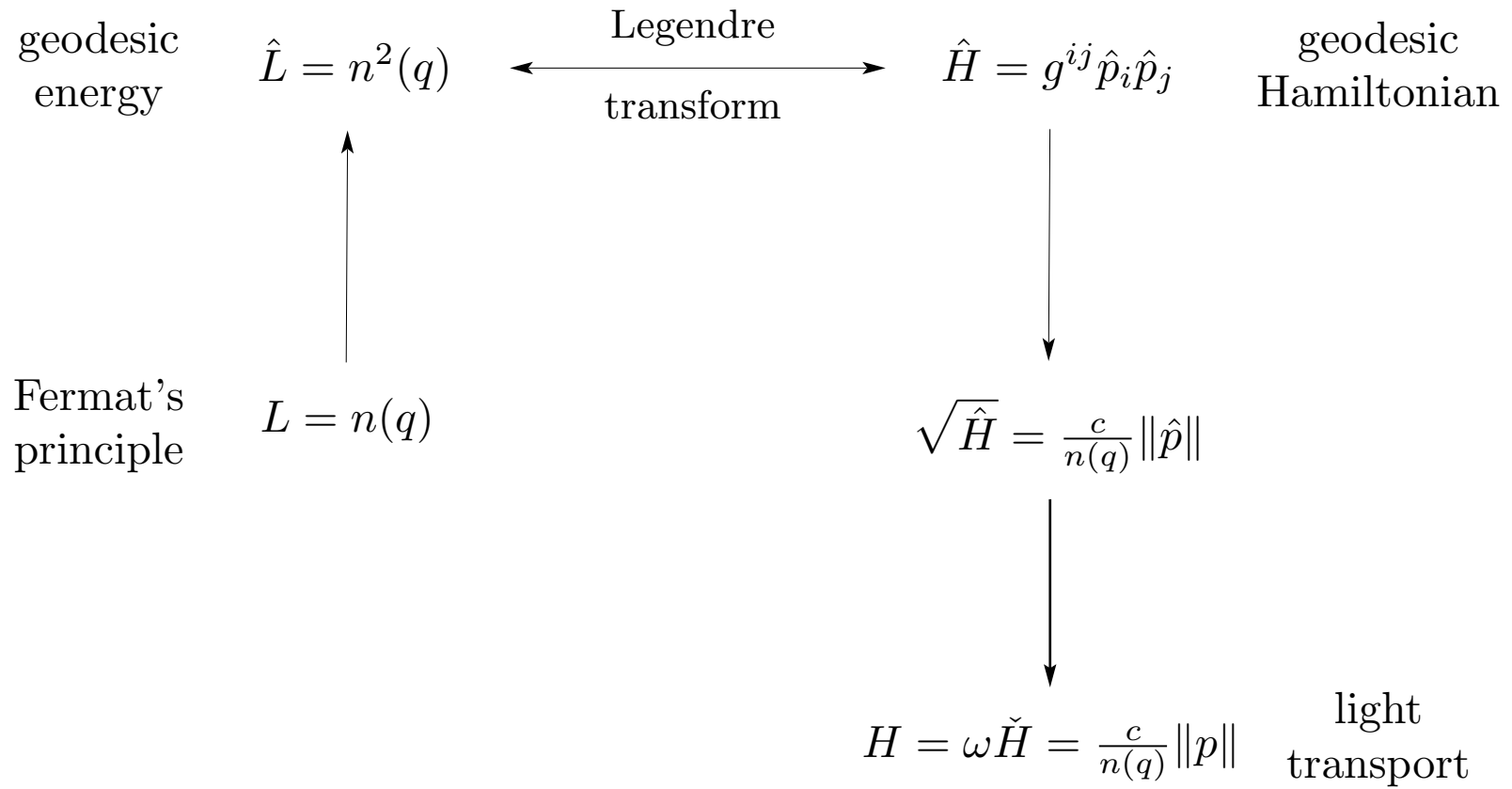
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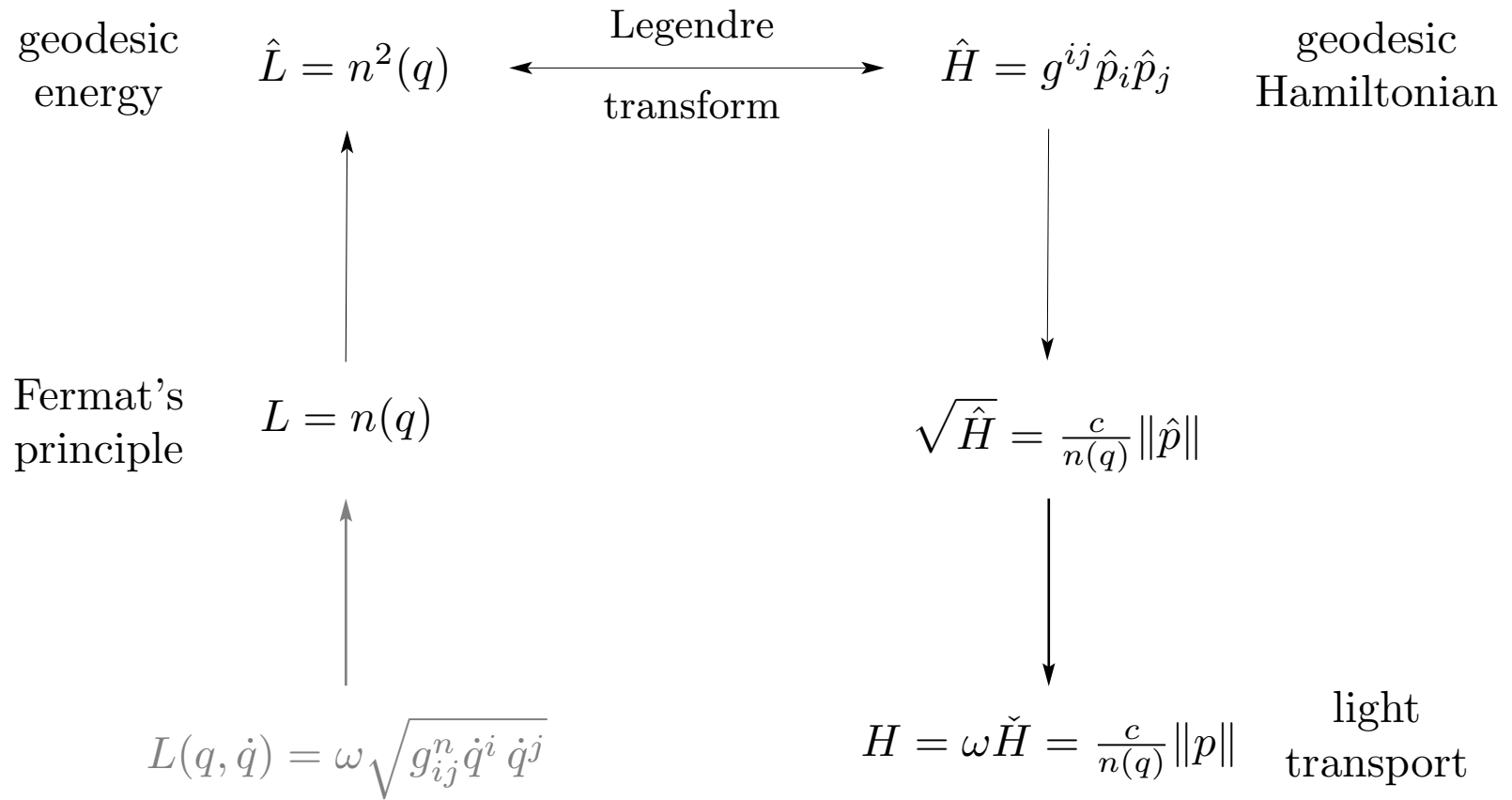
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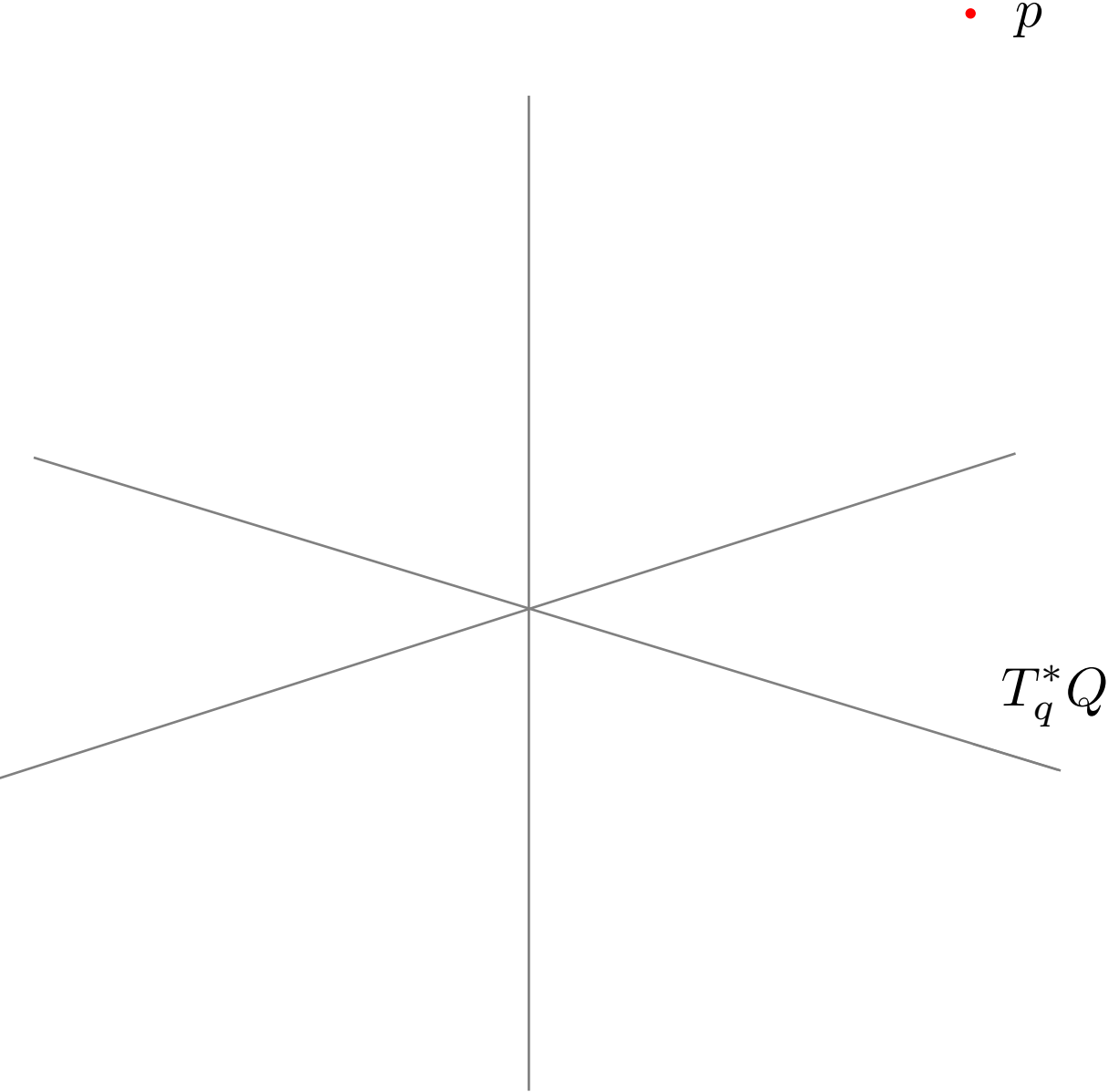
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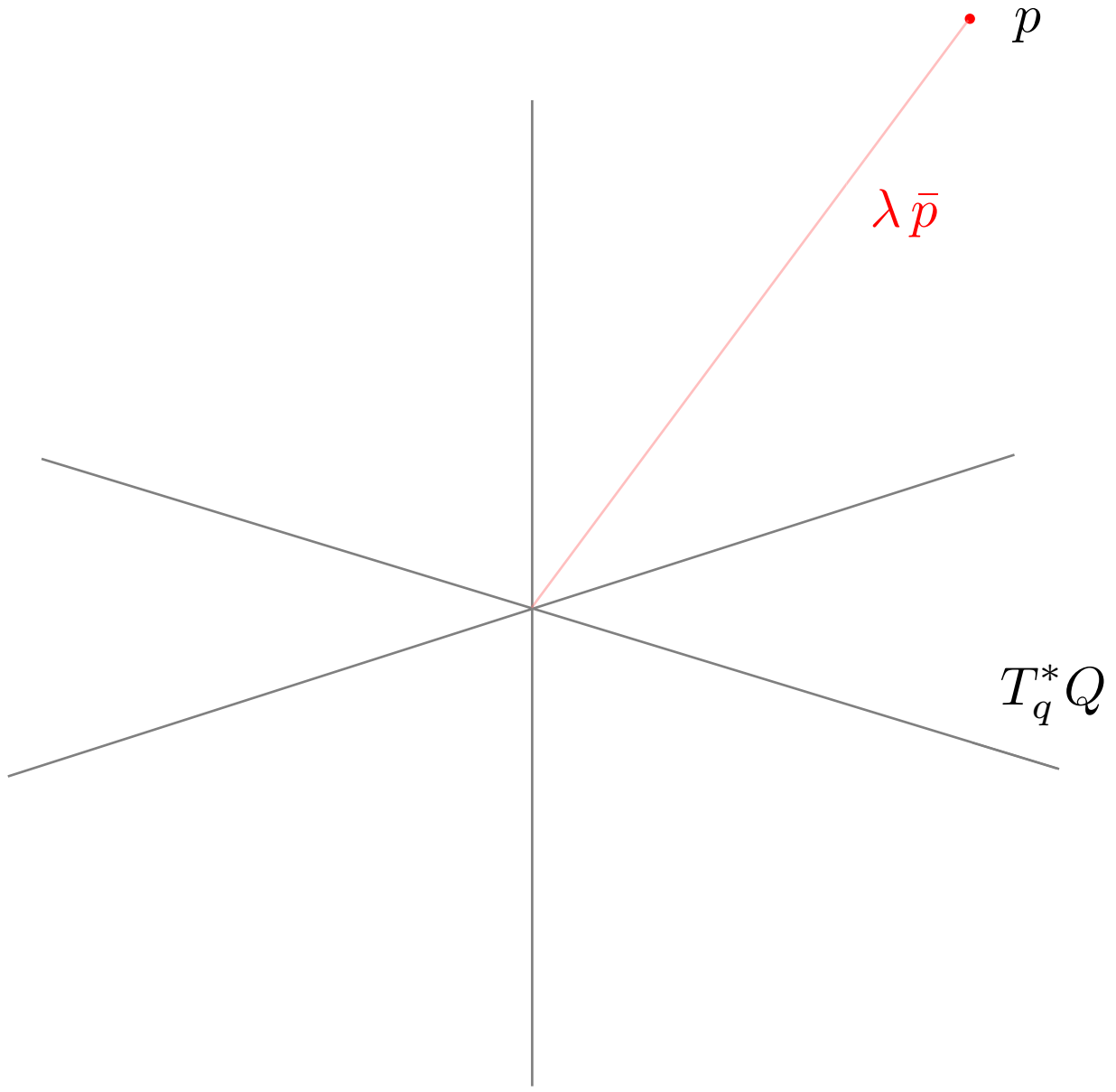
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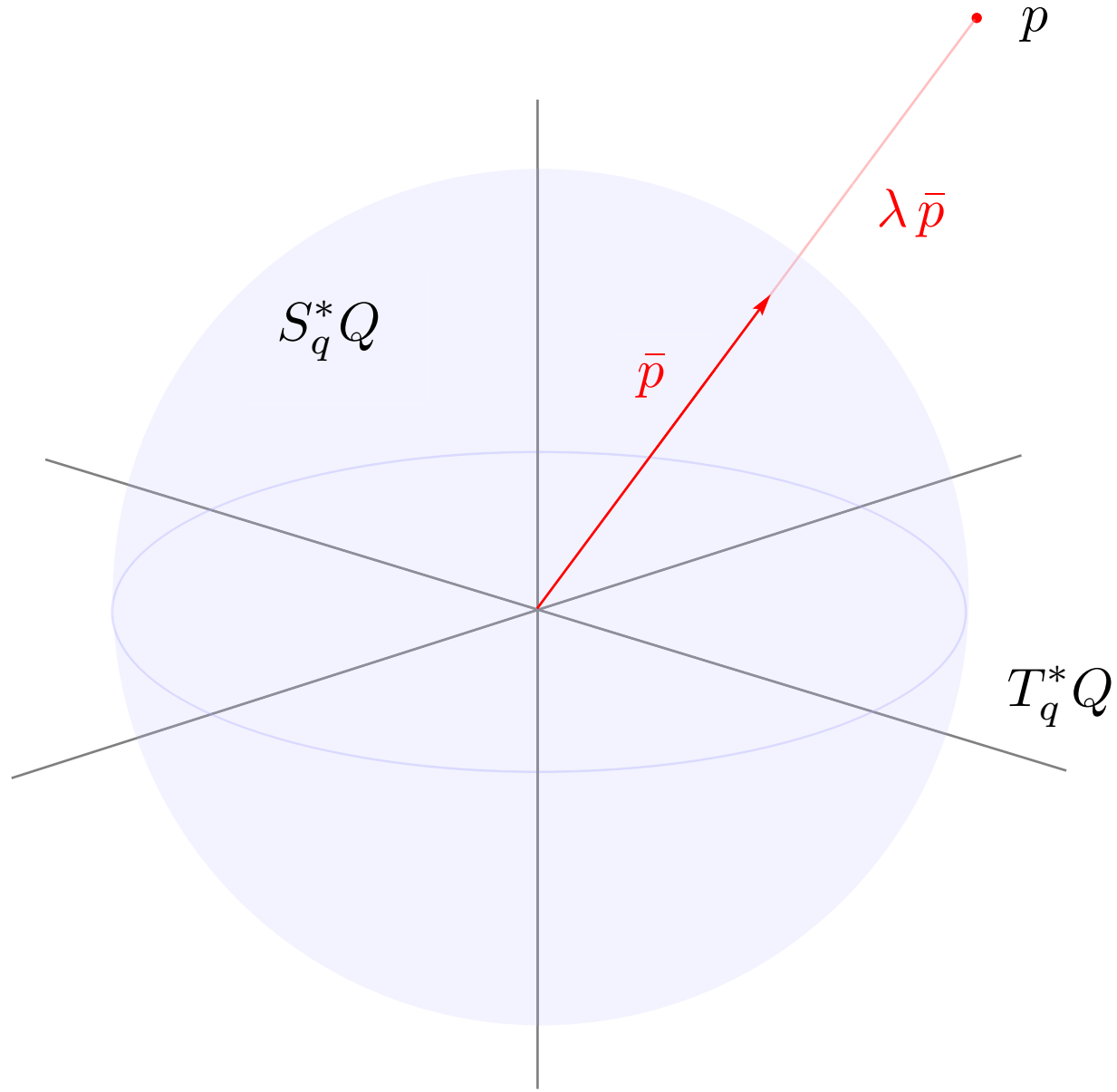
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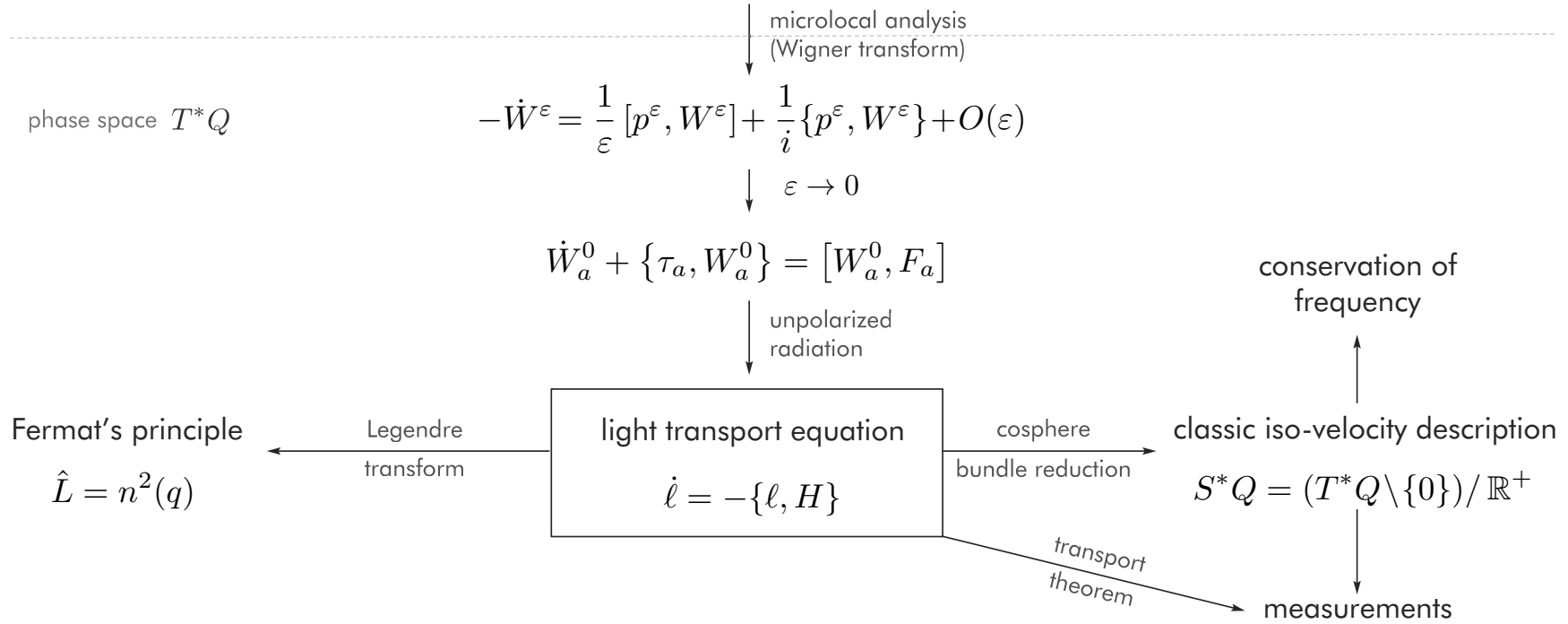
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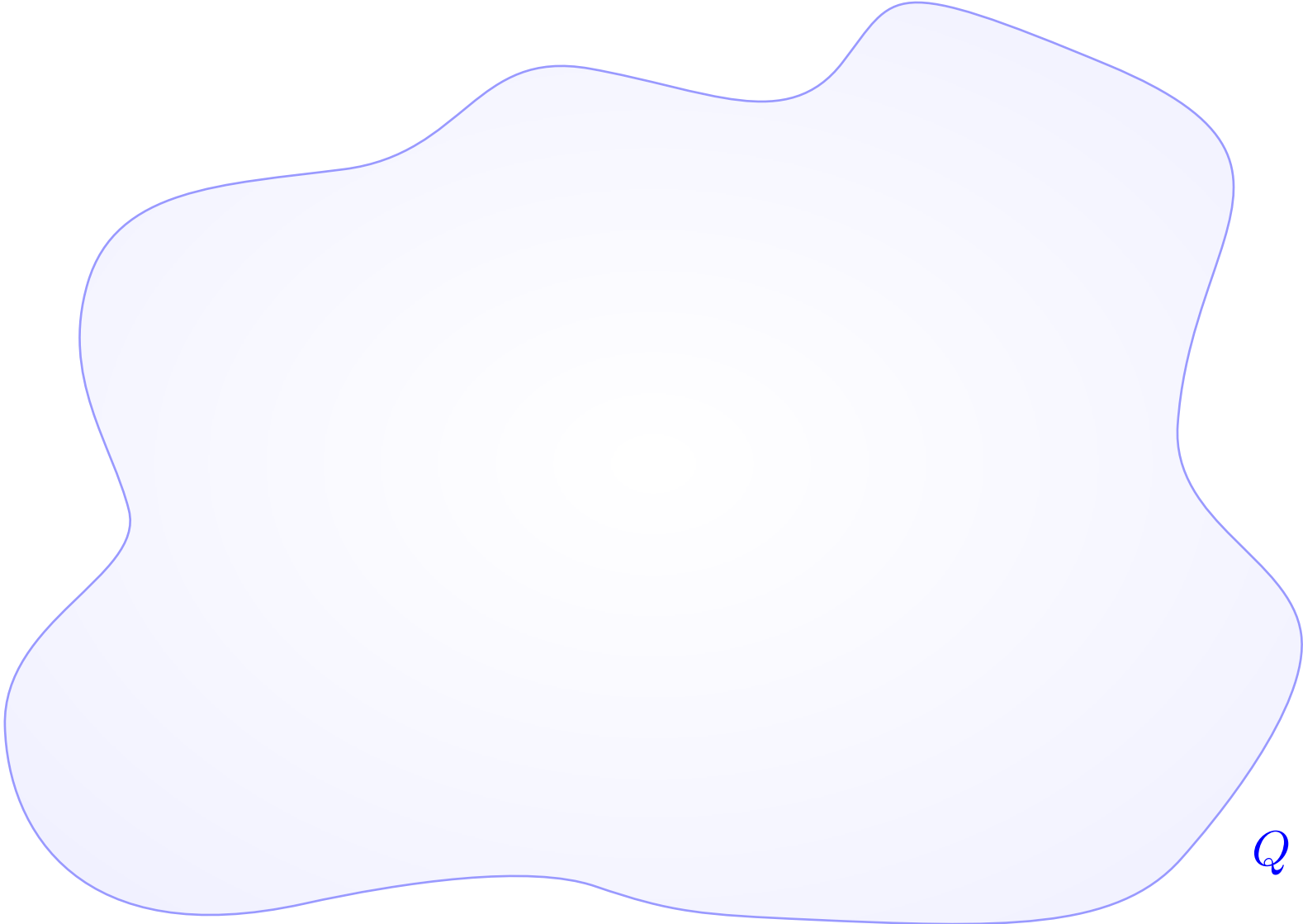
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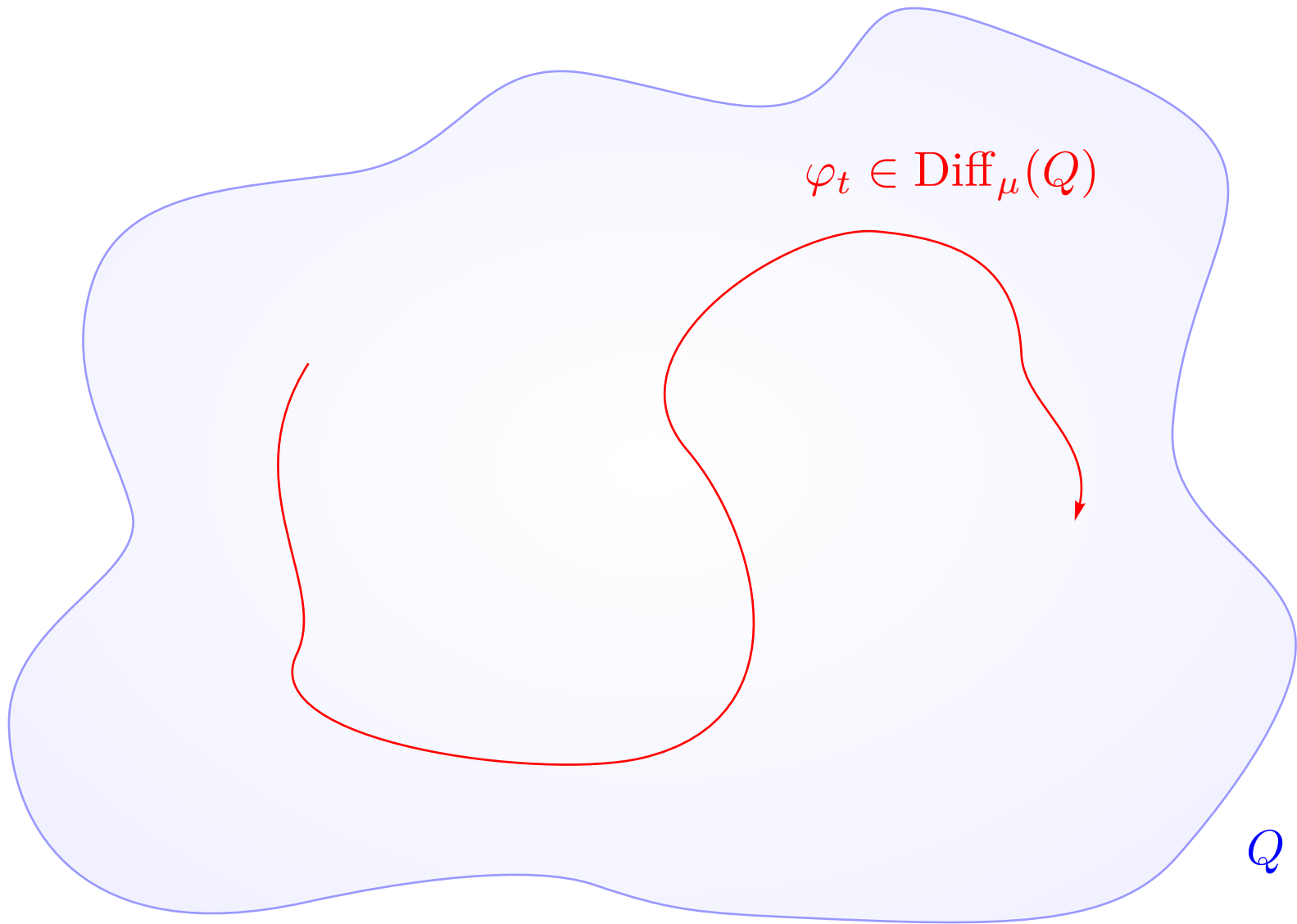
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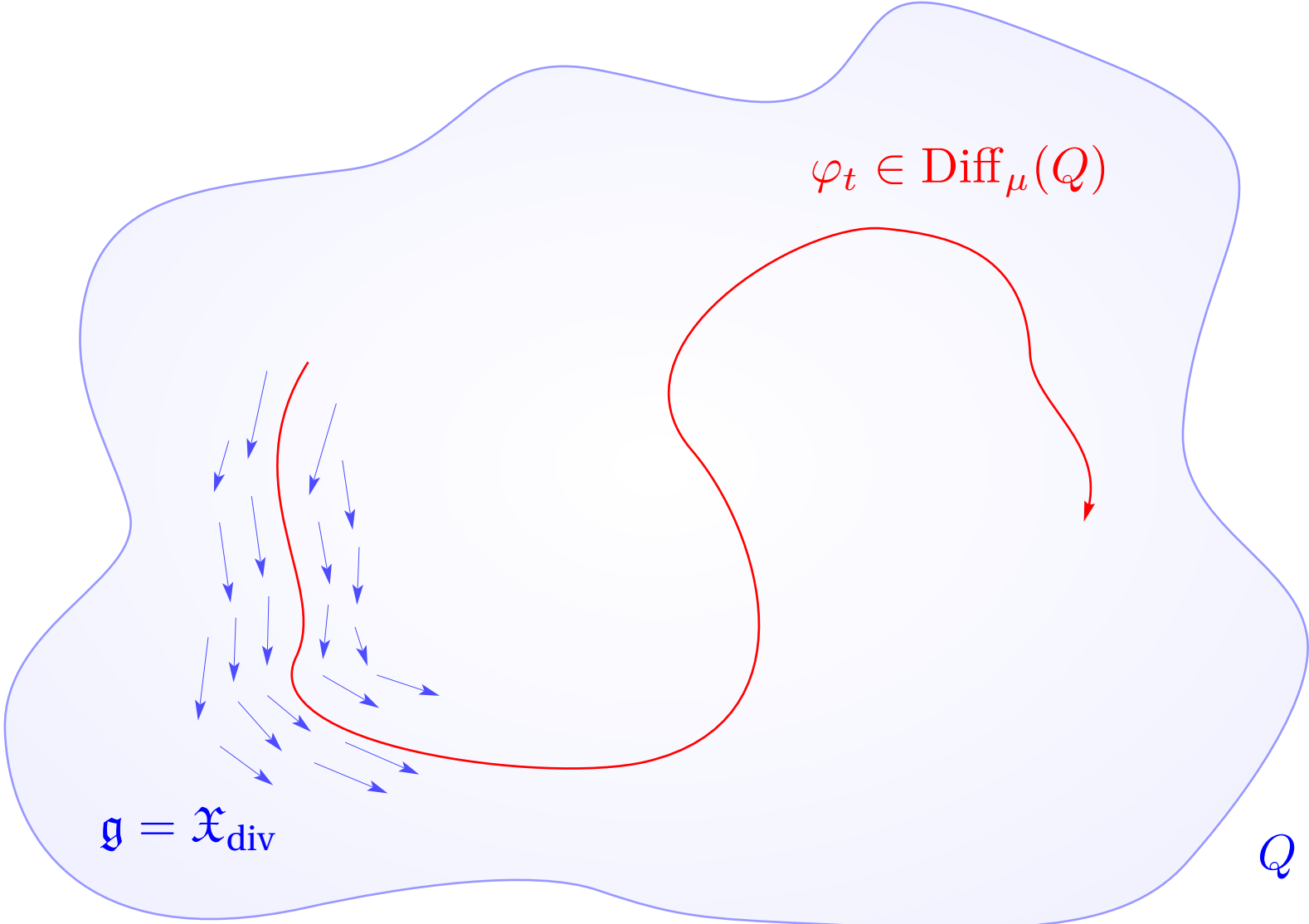
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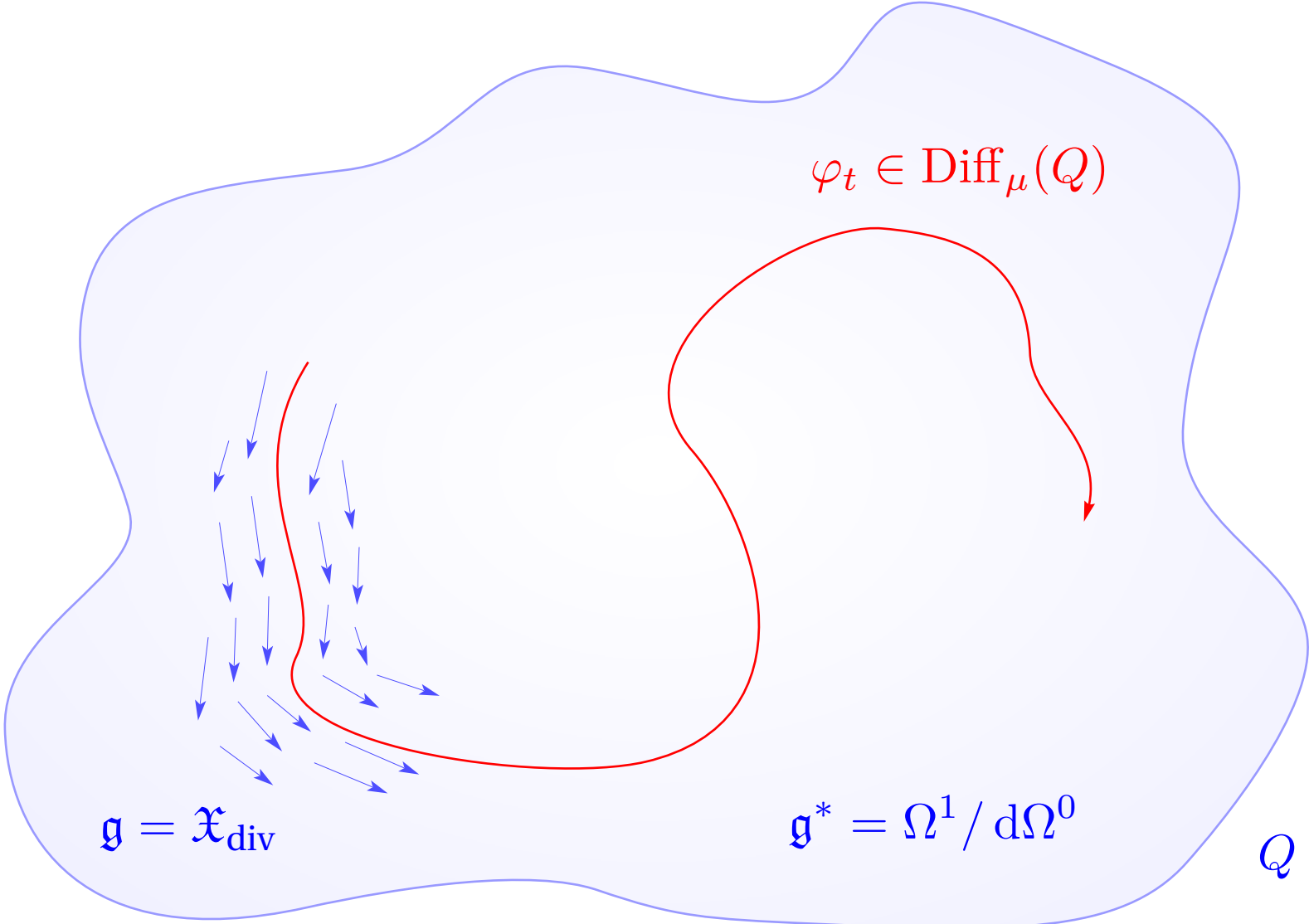
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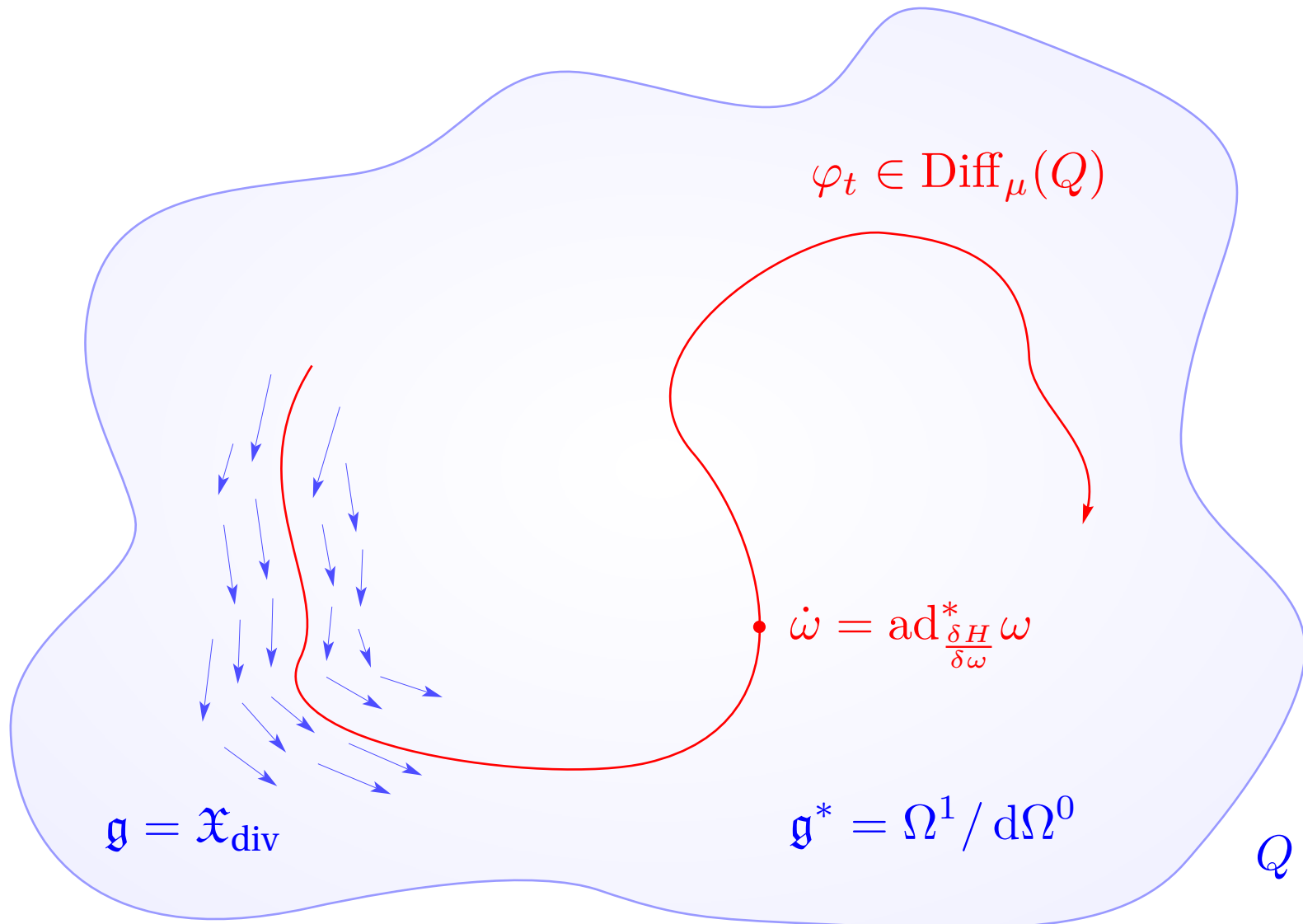


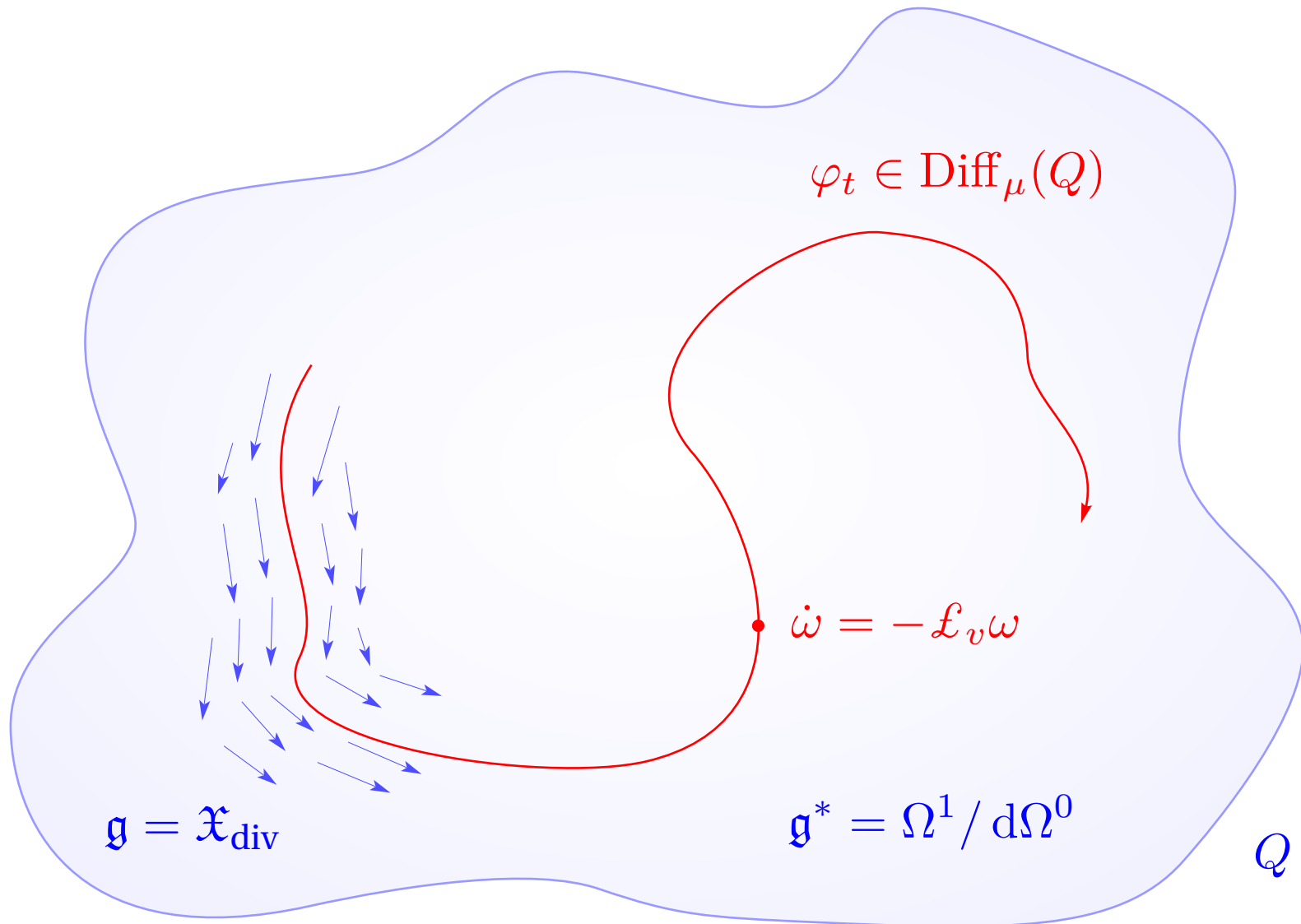












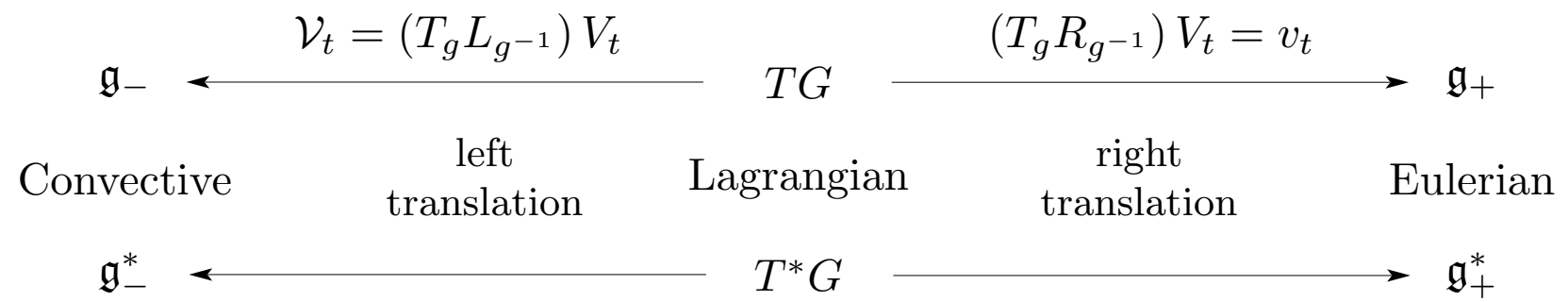
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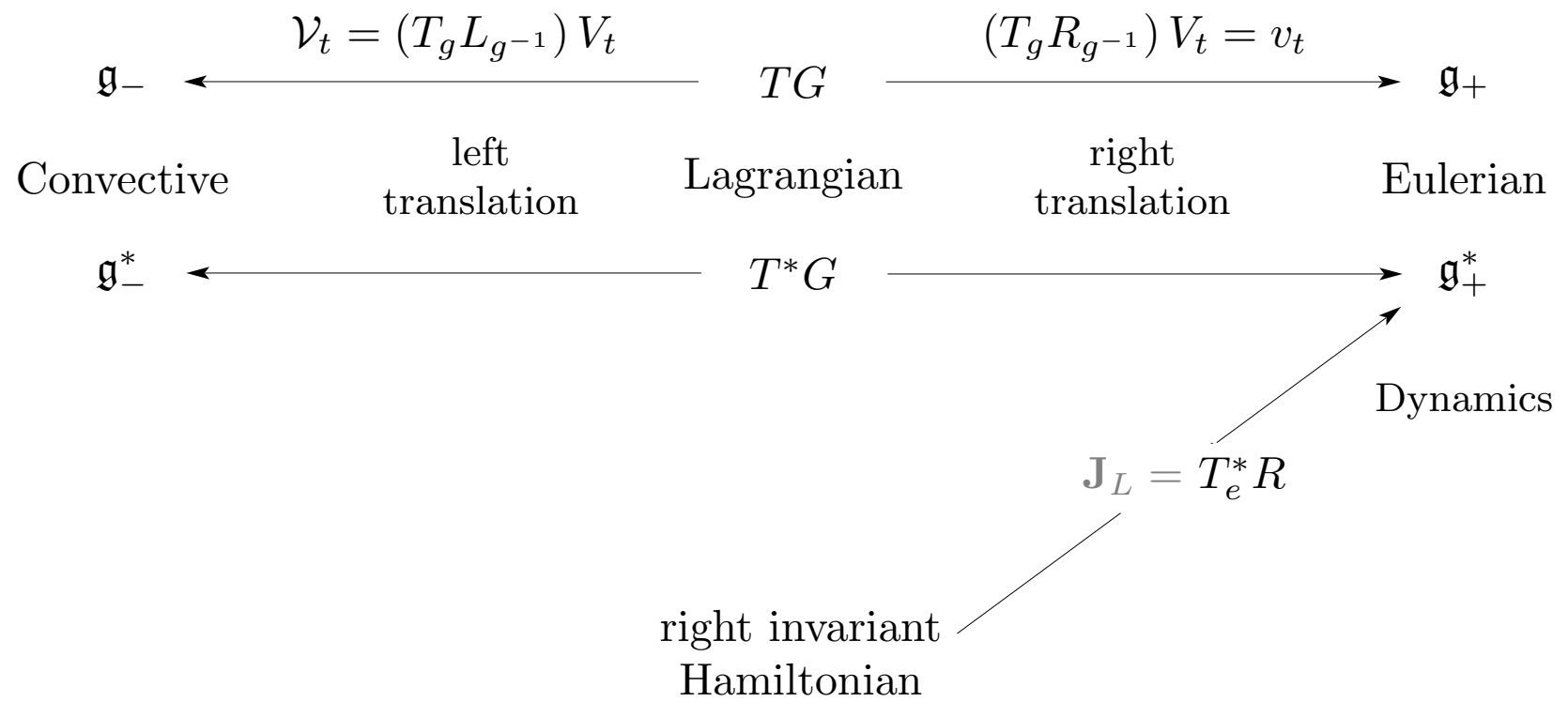
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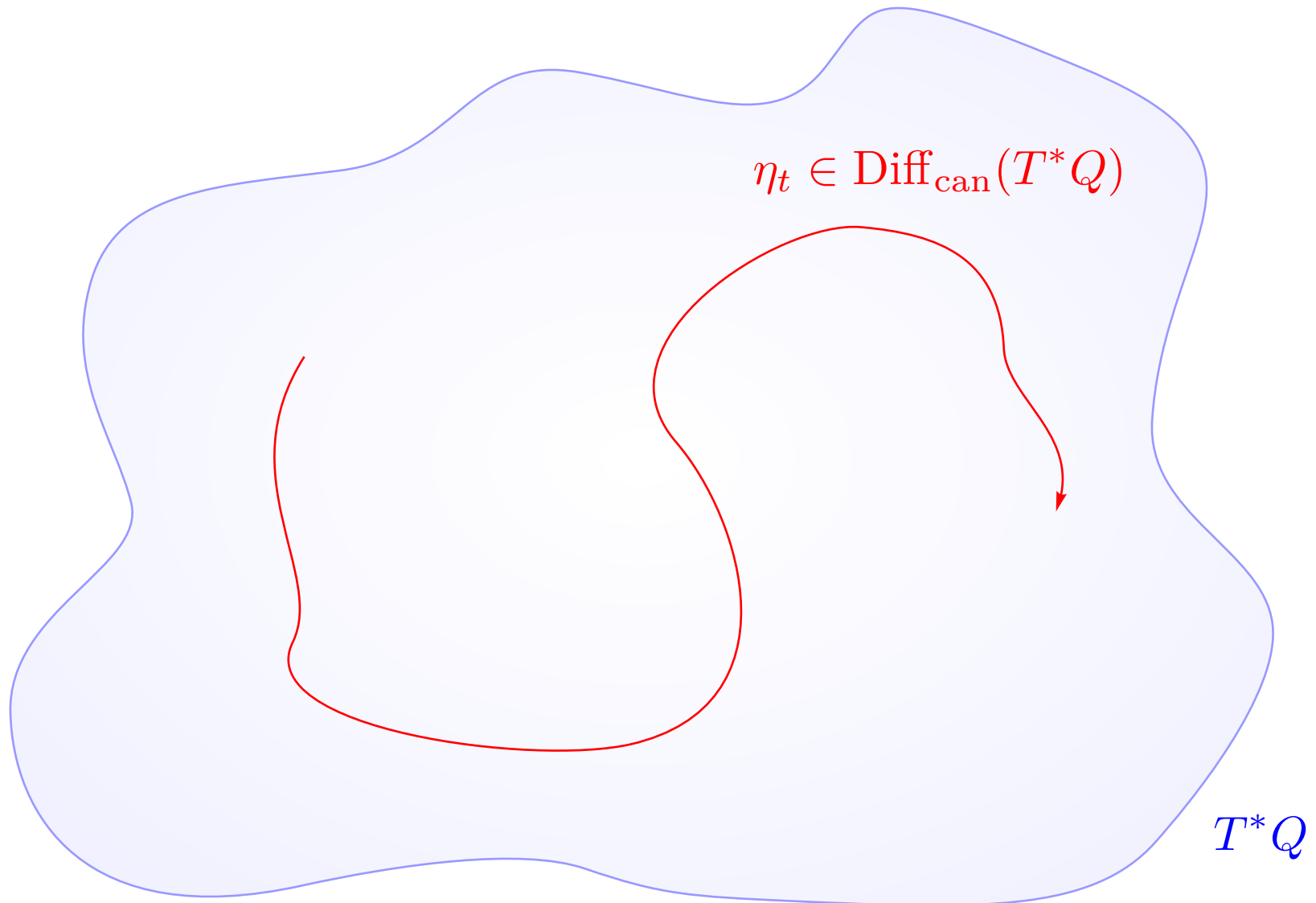
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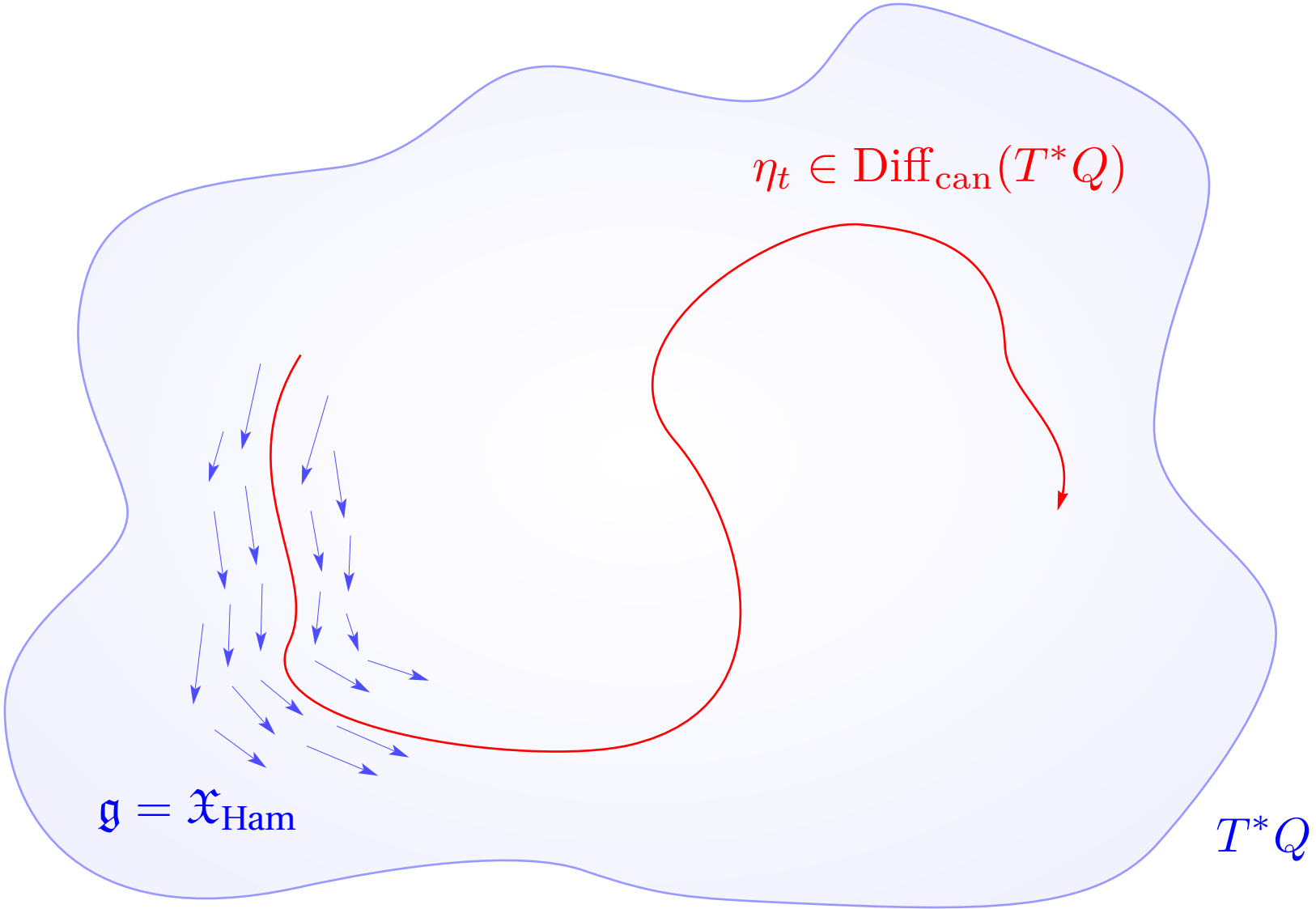
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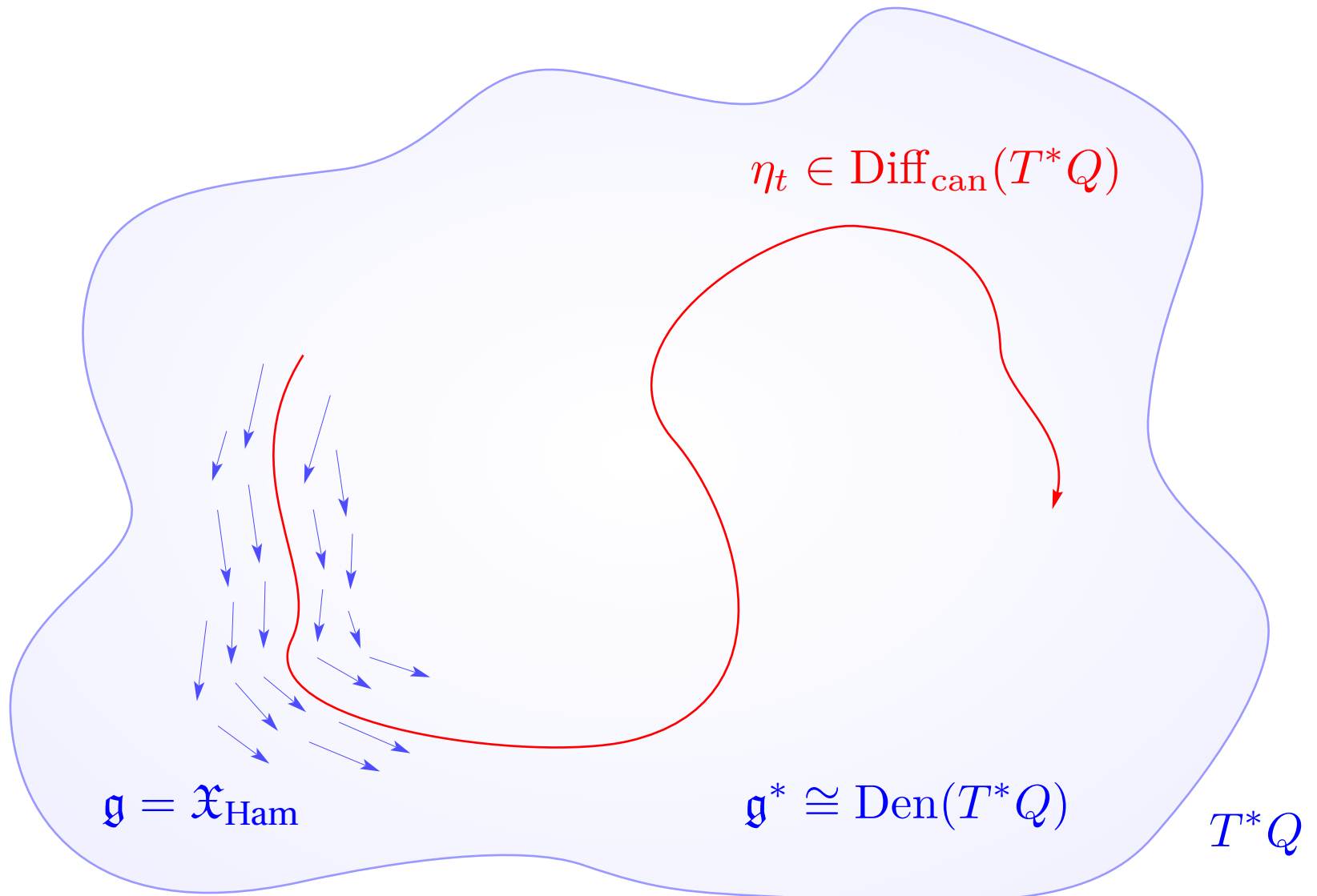


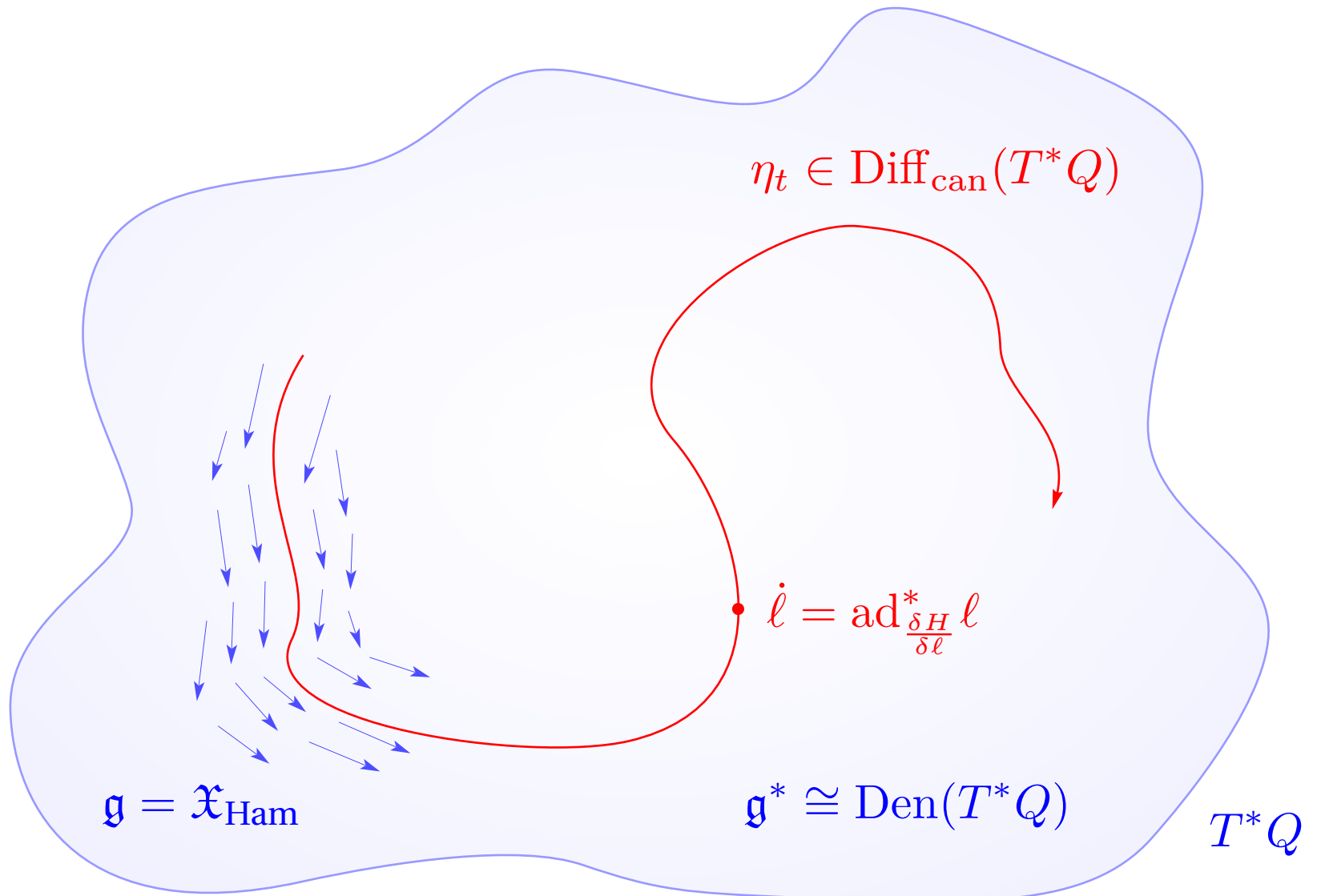
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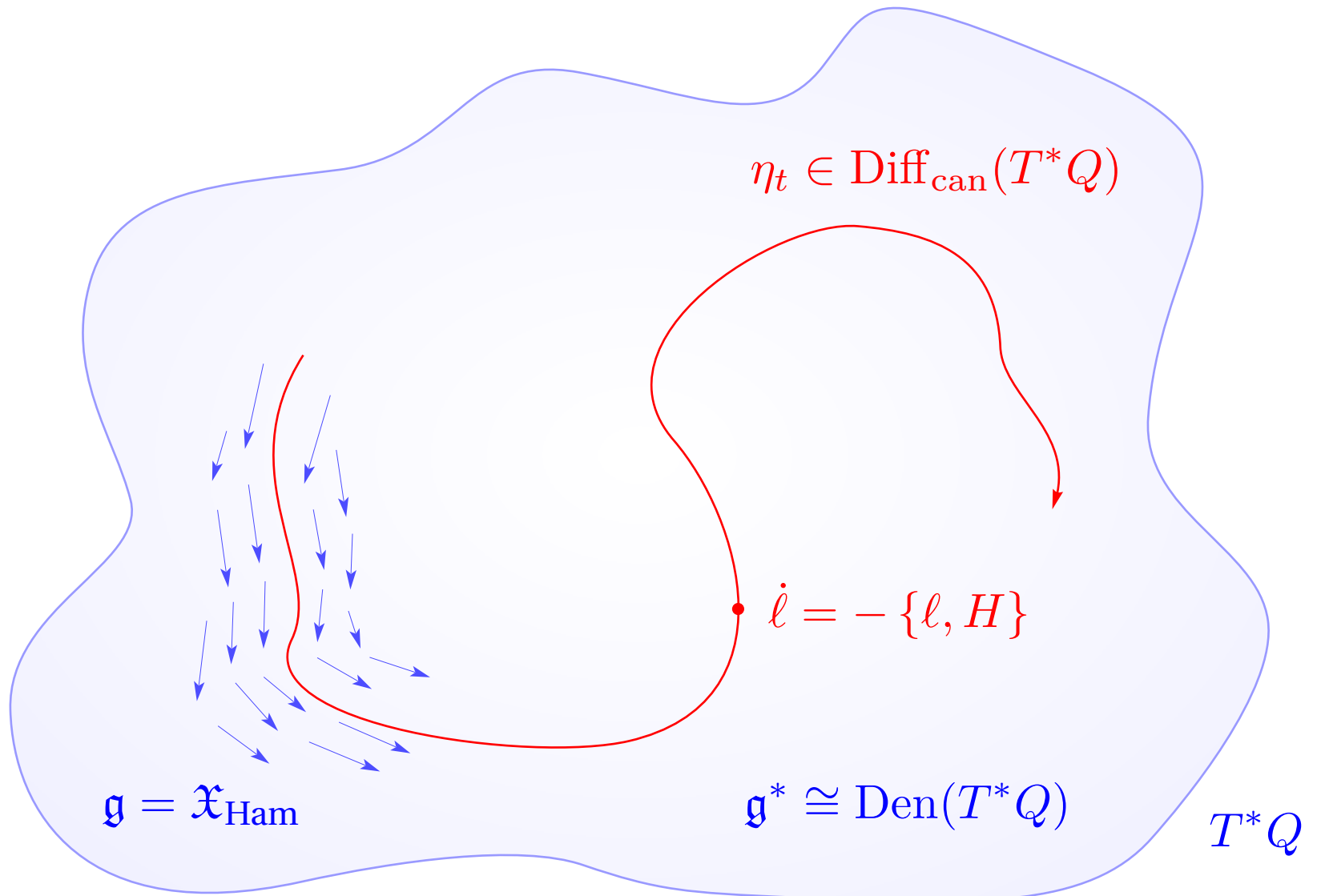












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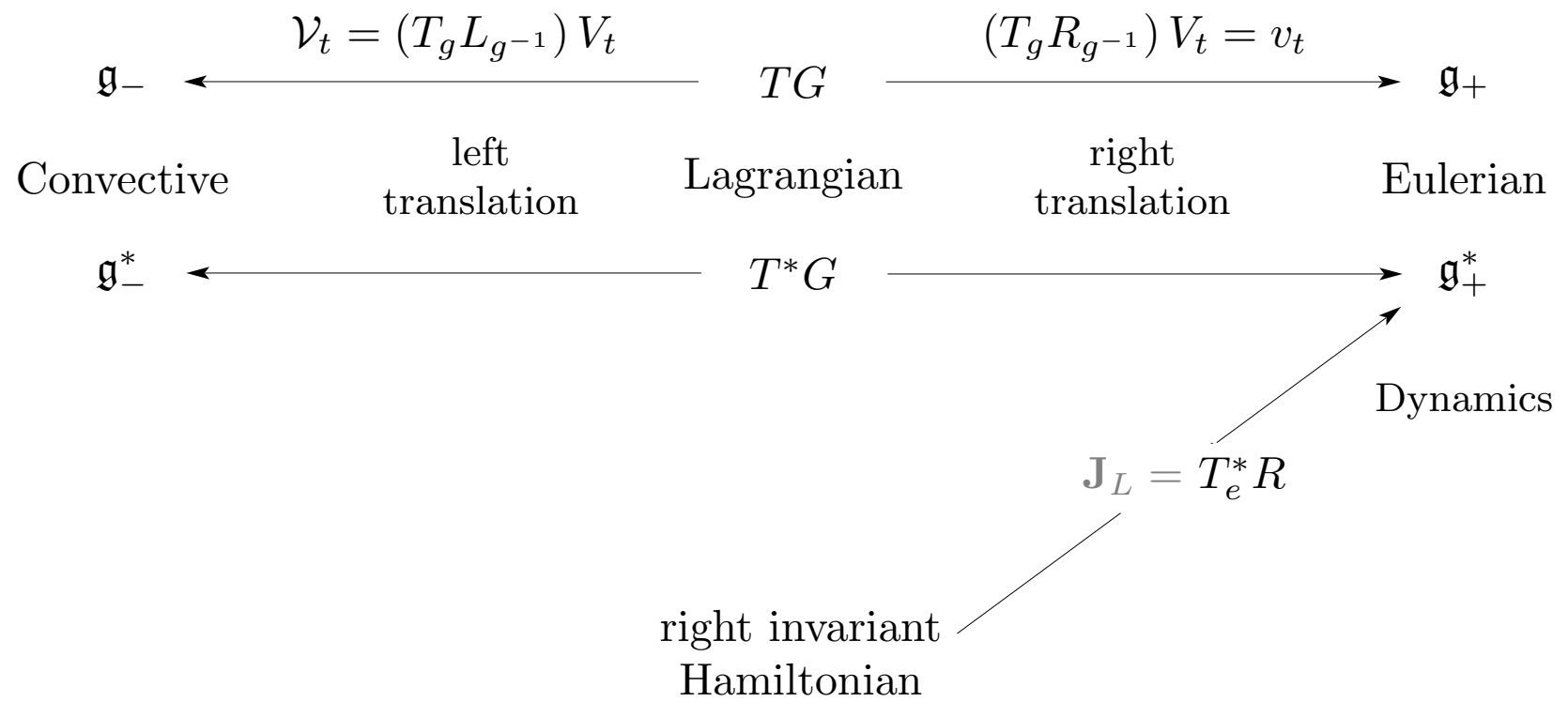
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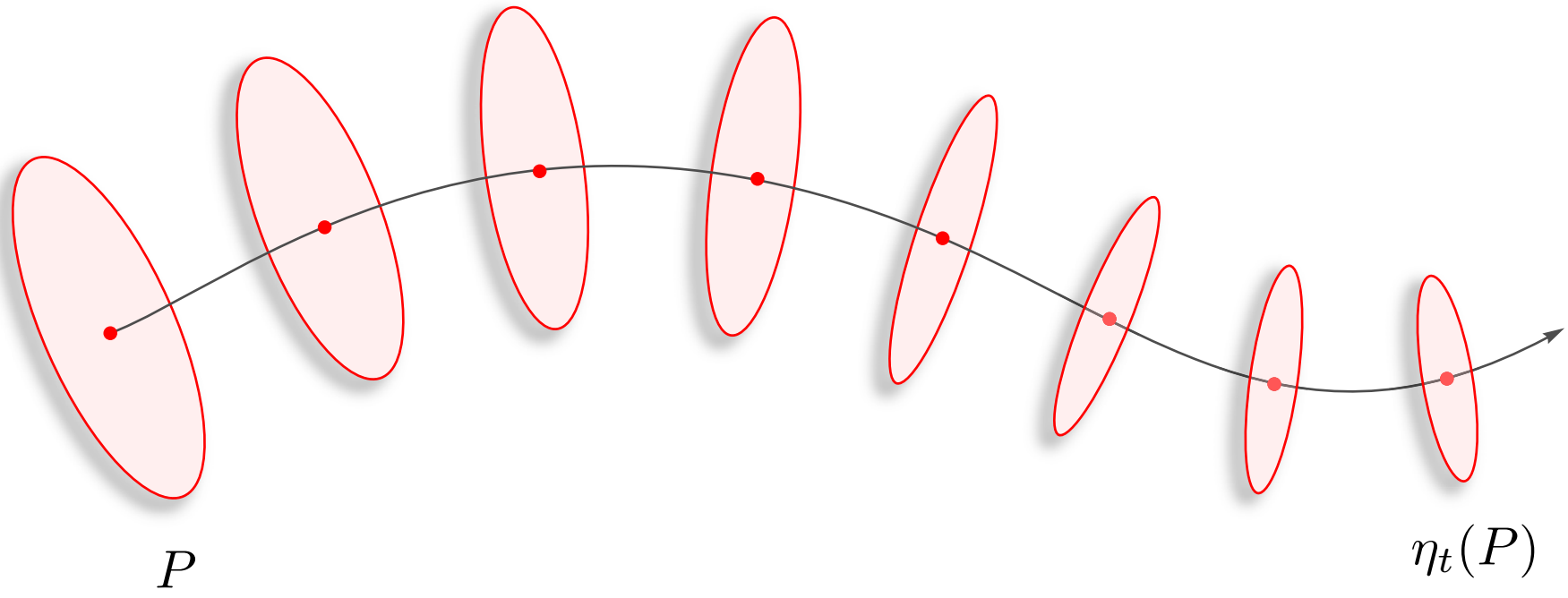
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