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- (1) f is *continuous* on $R = [t_0 - a, t_0 + a] \times [y_0 - b, y_0 + b]$;
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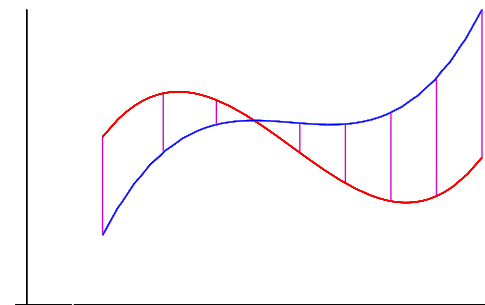
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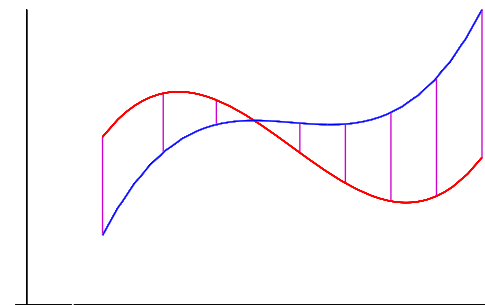
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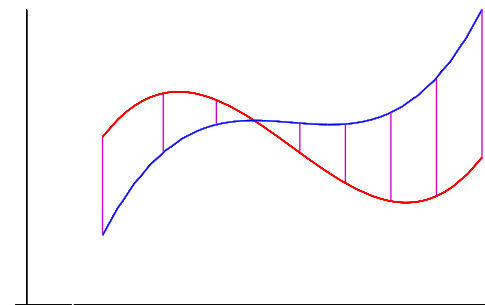
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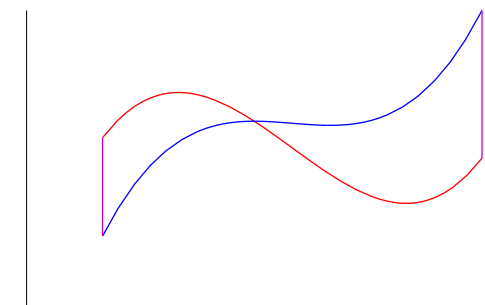
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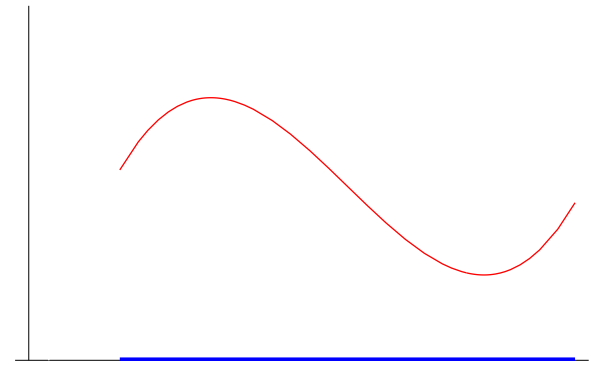
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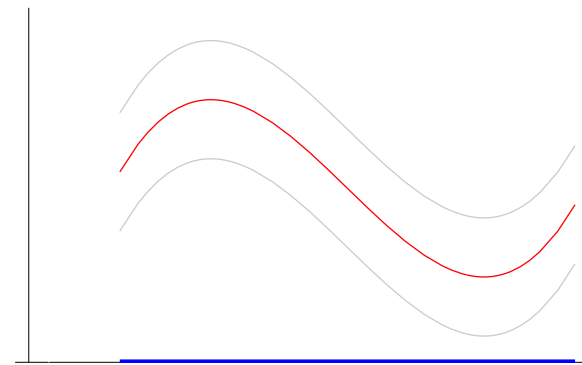
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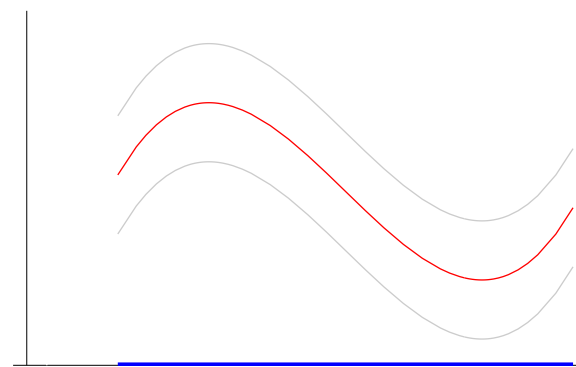
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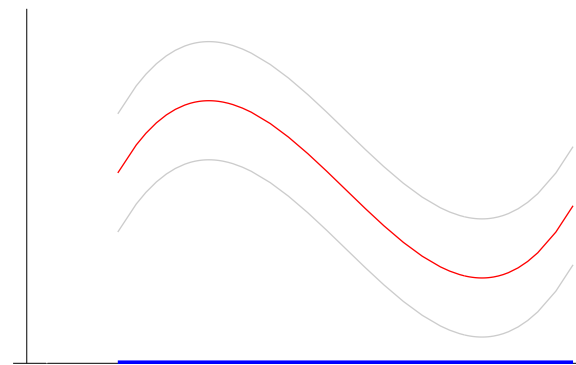
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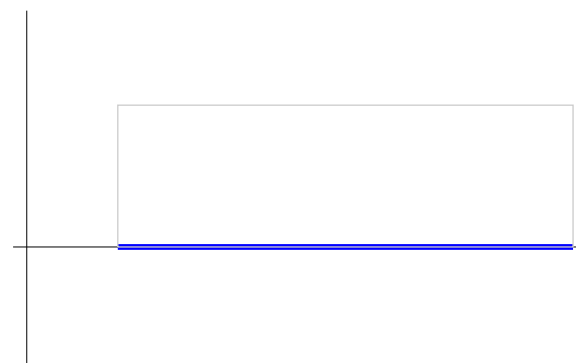
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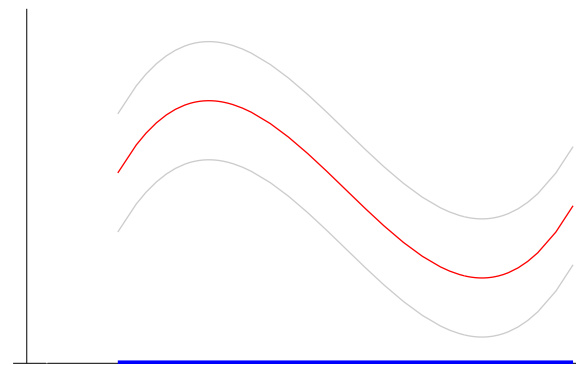
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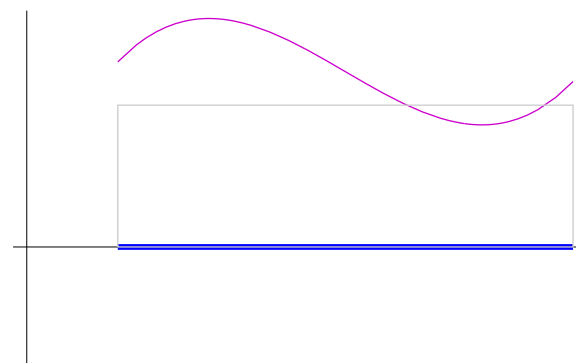
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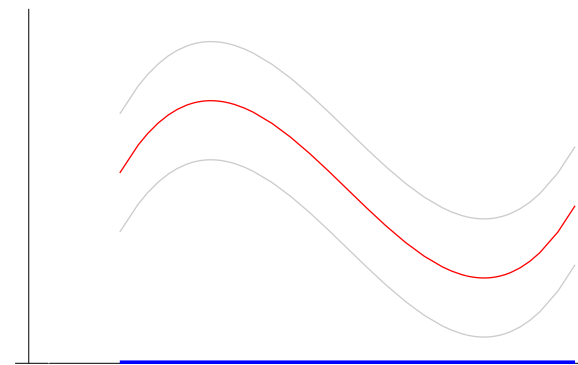
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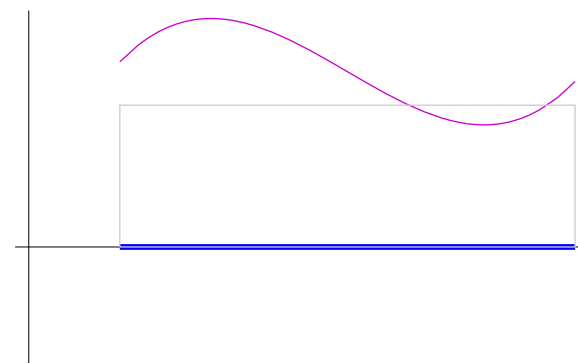
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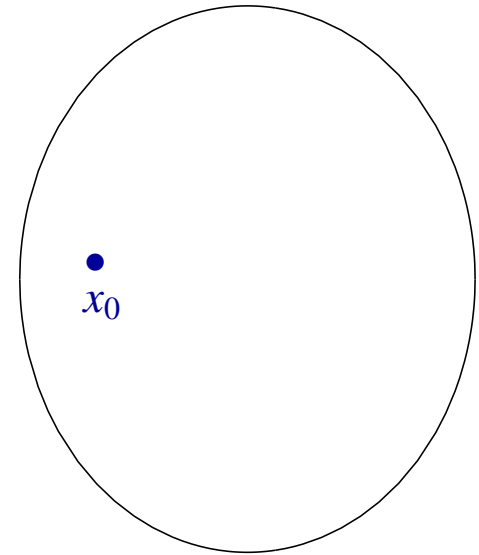
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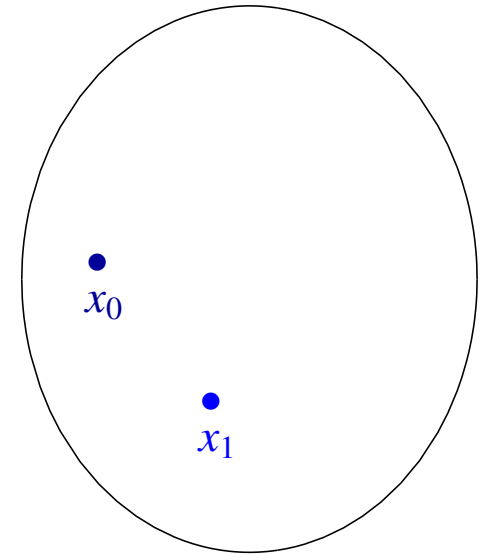


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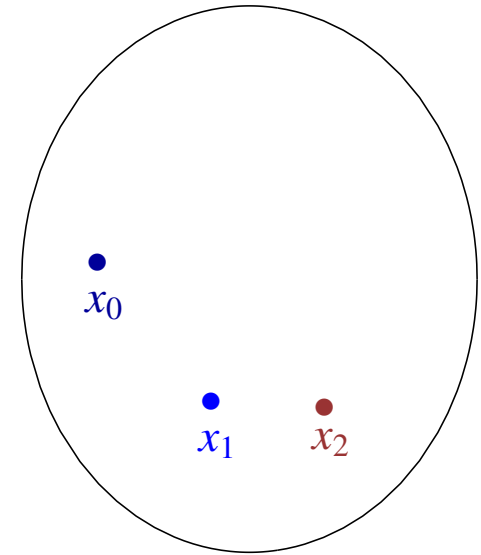
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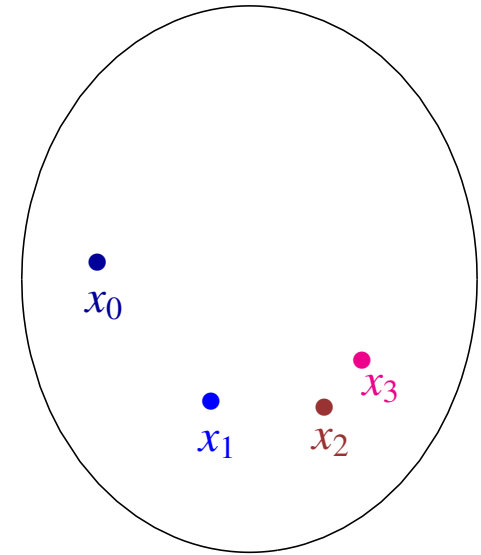
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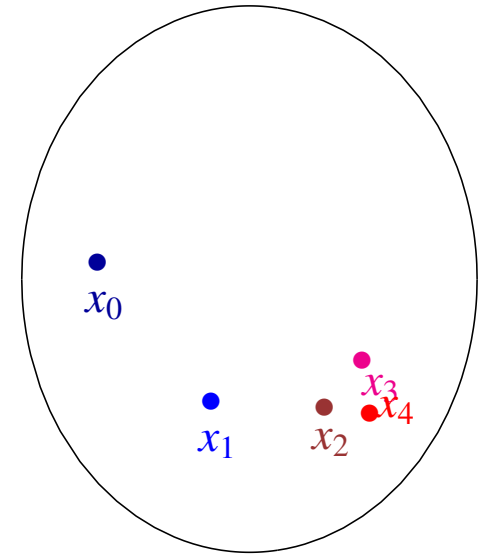
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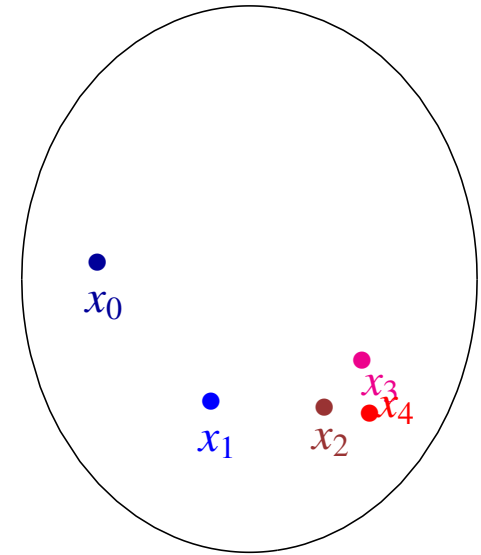


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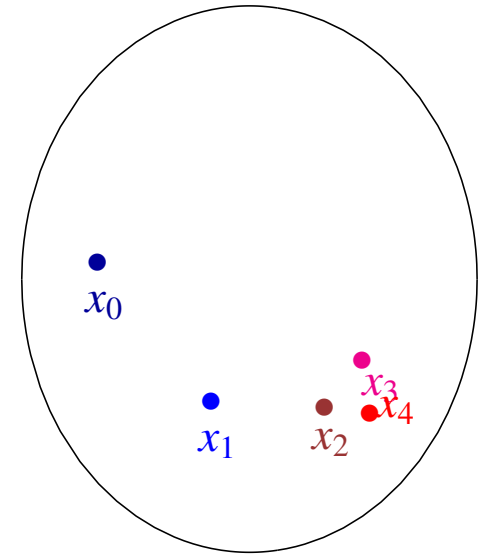
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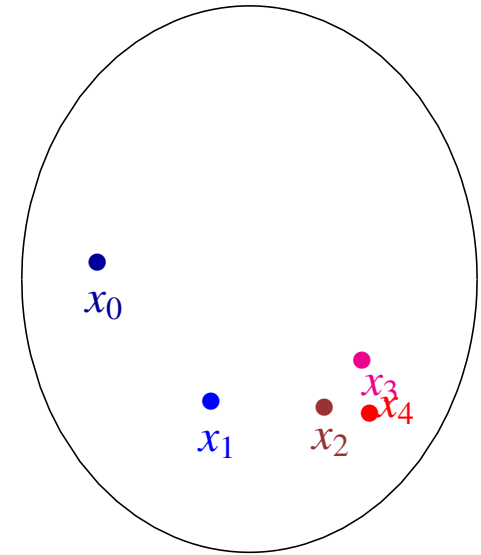
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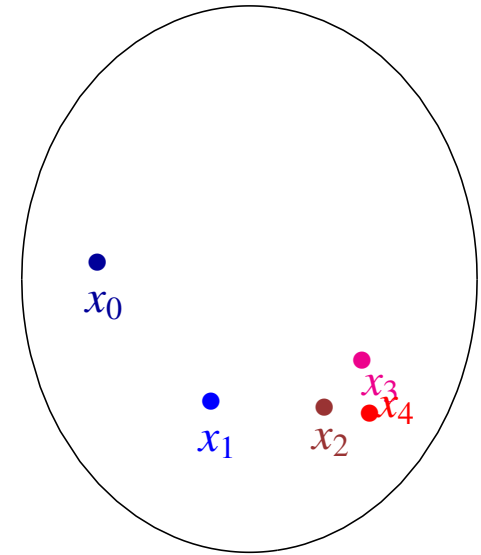
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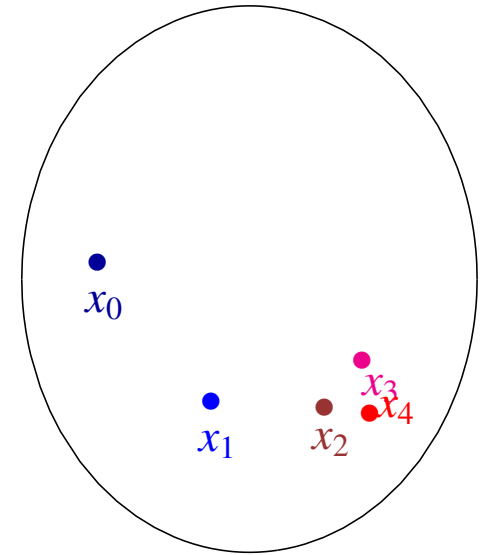
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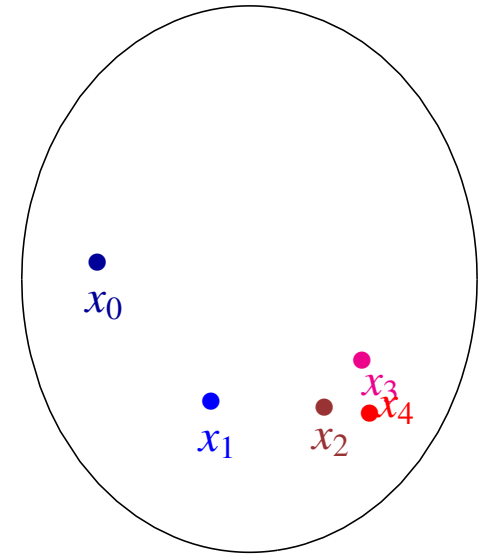
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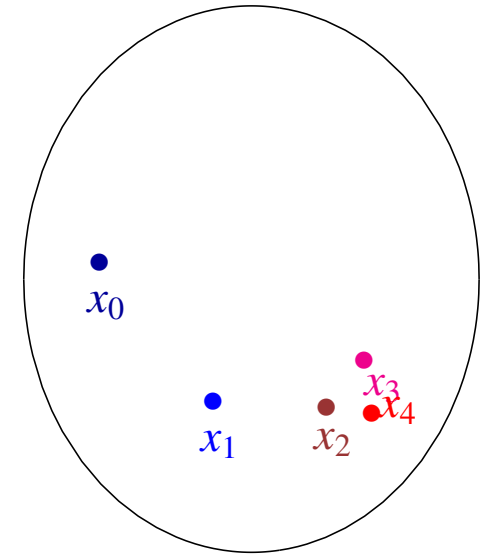
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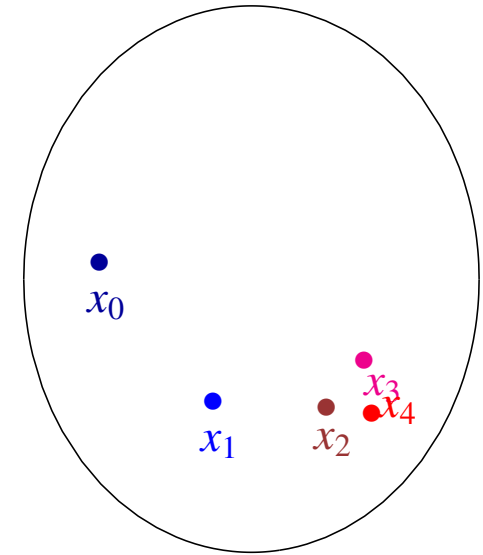
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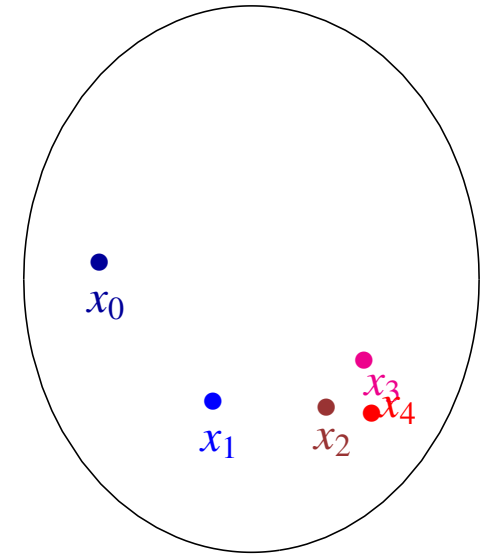
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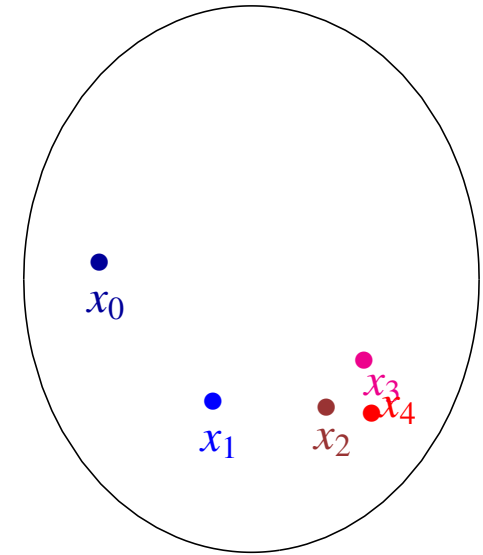
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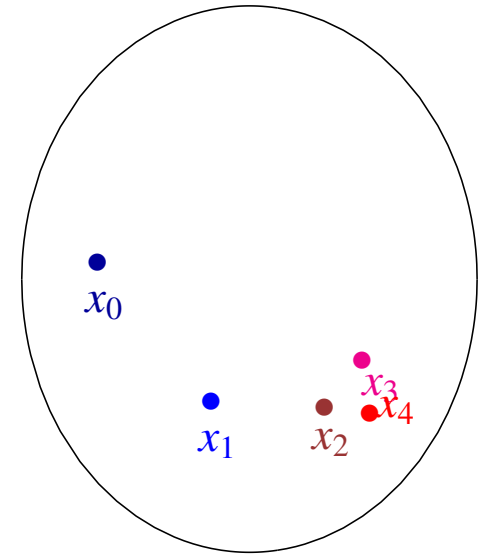
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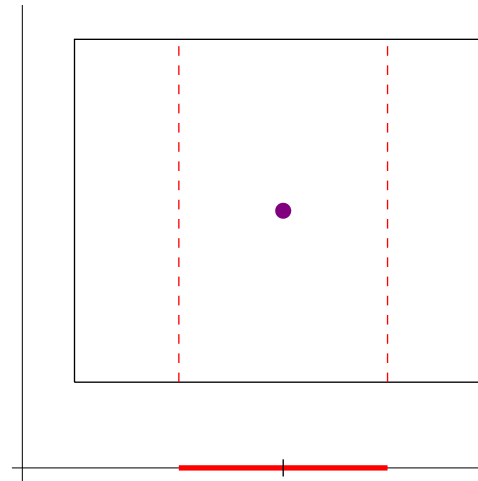
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