

# Diffusion and Flow-based Copulas: Forgetting and Remembering Dependencies

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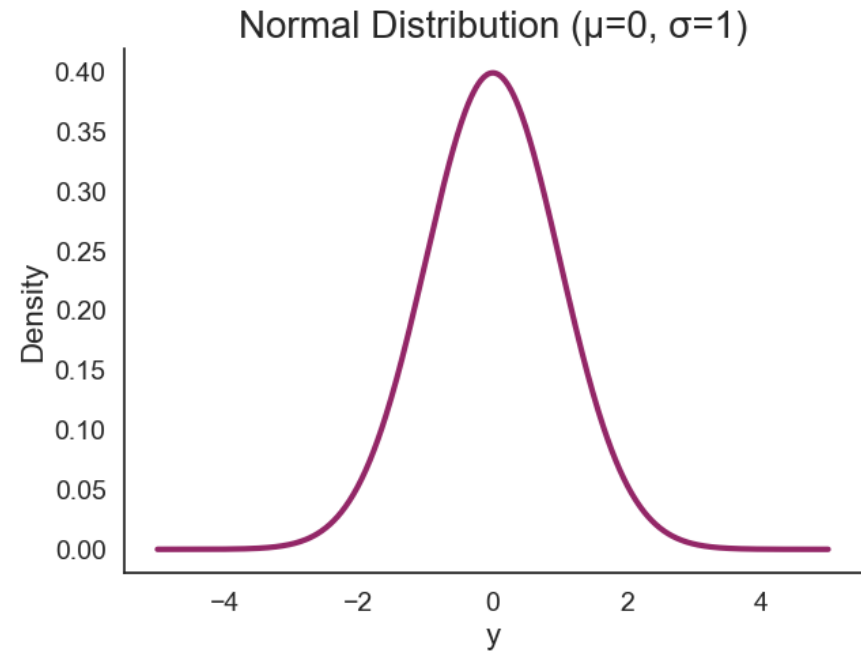
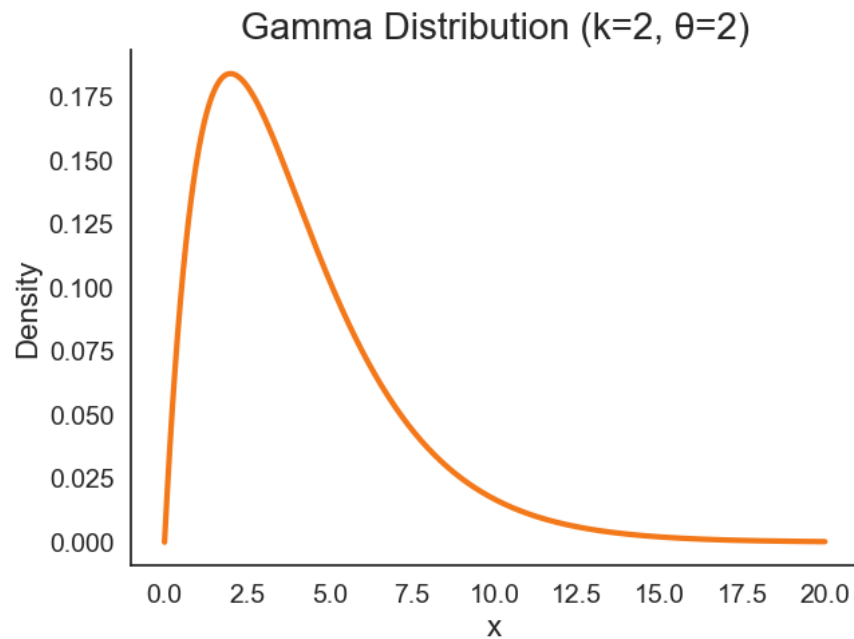
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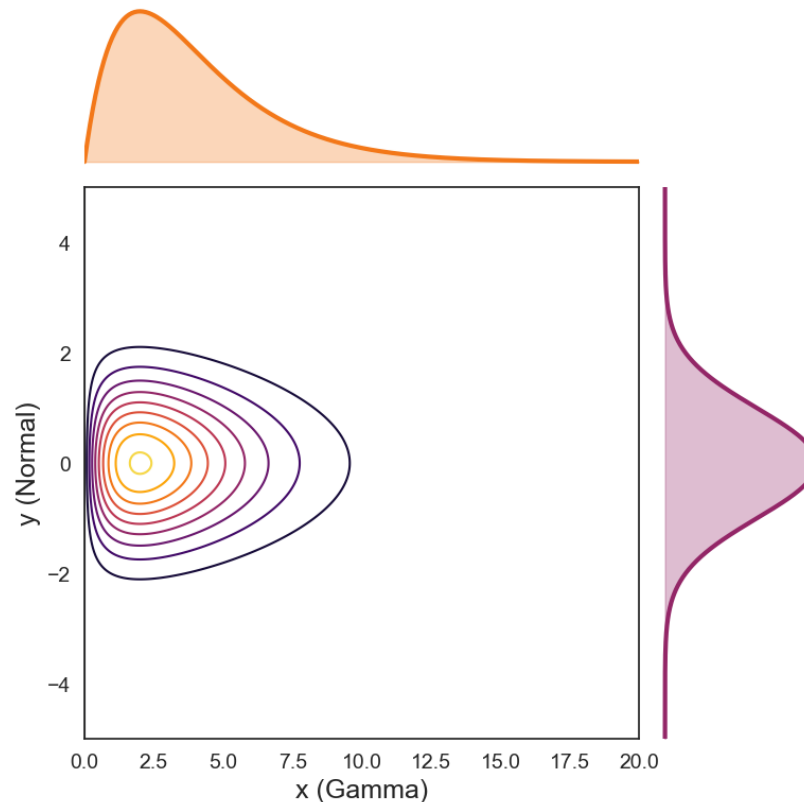
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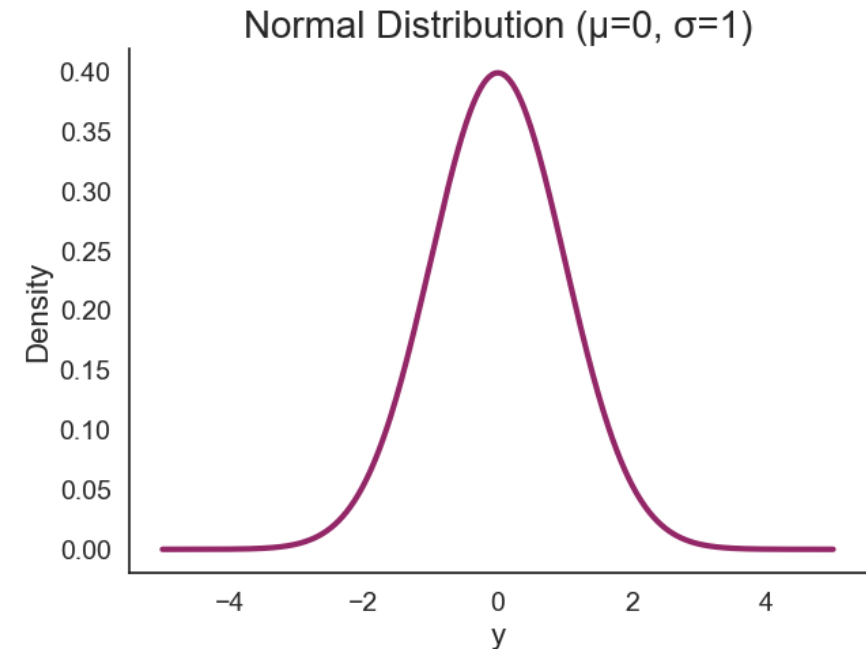
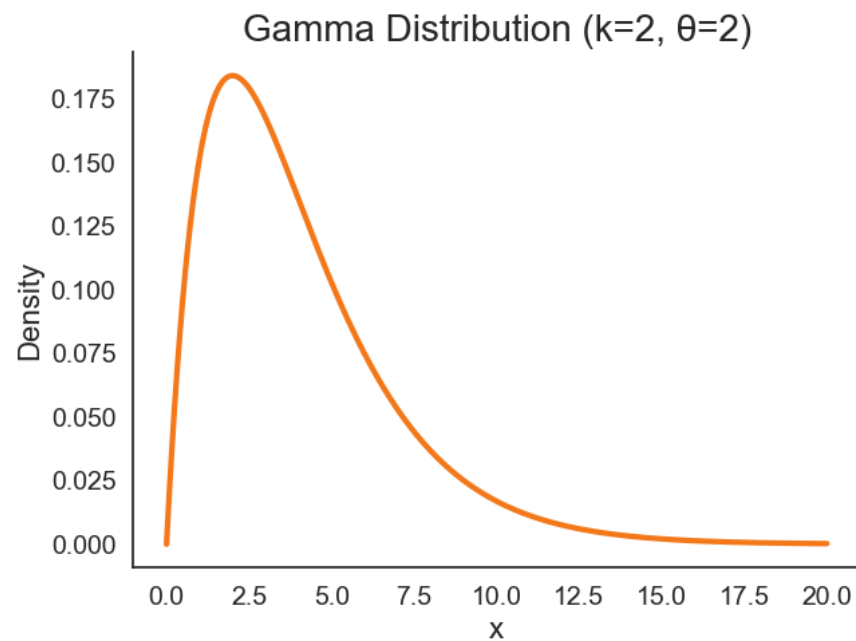


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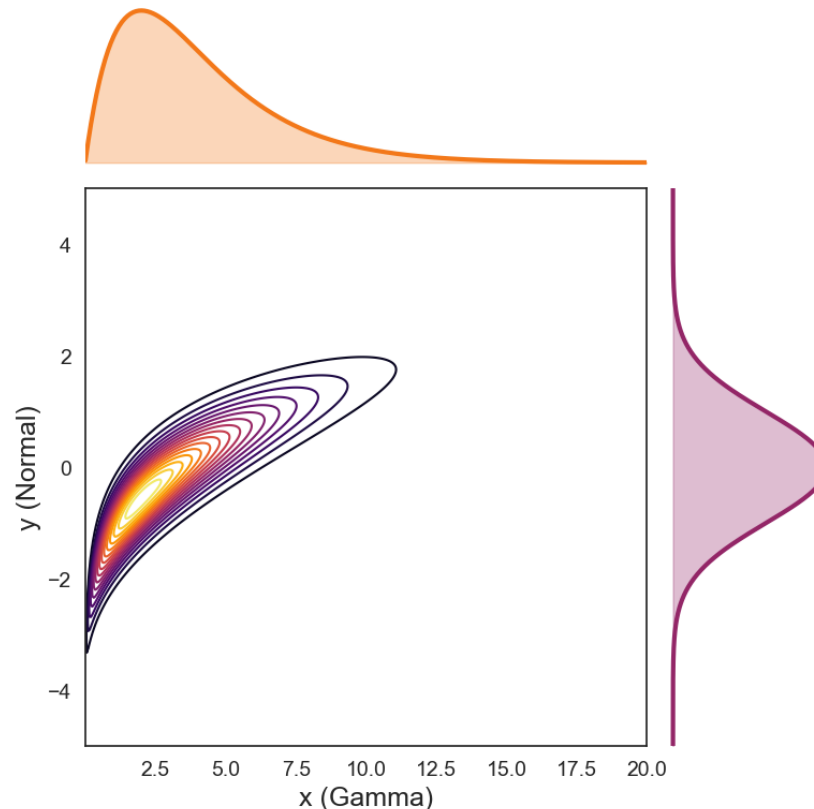
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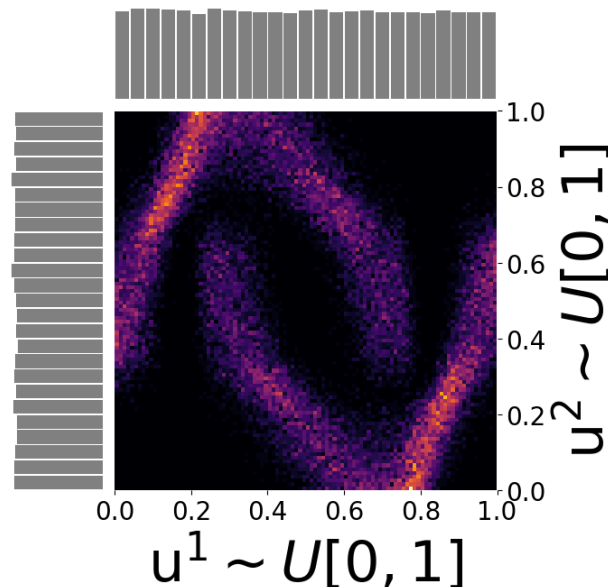
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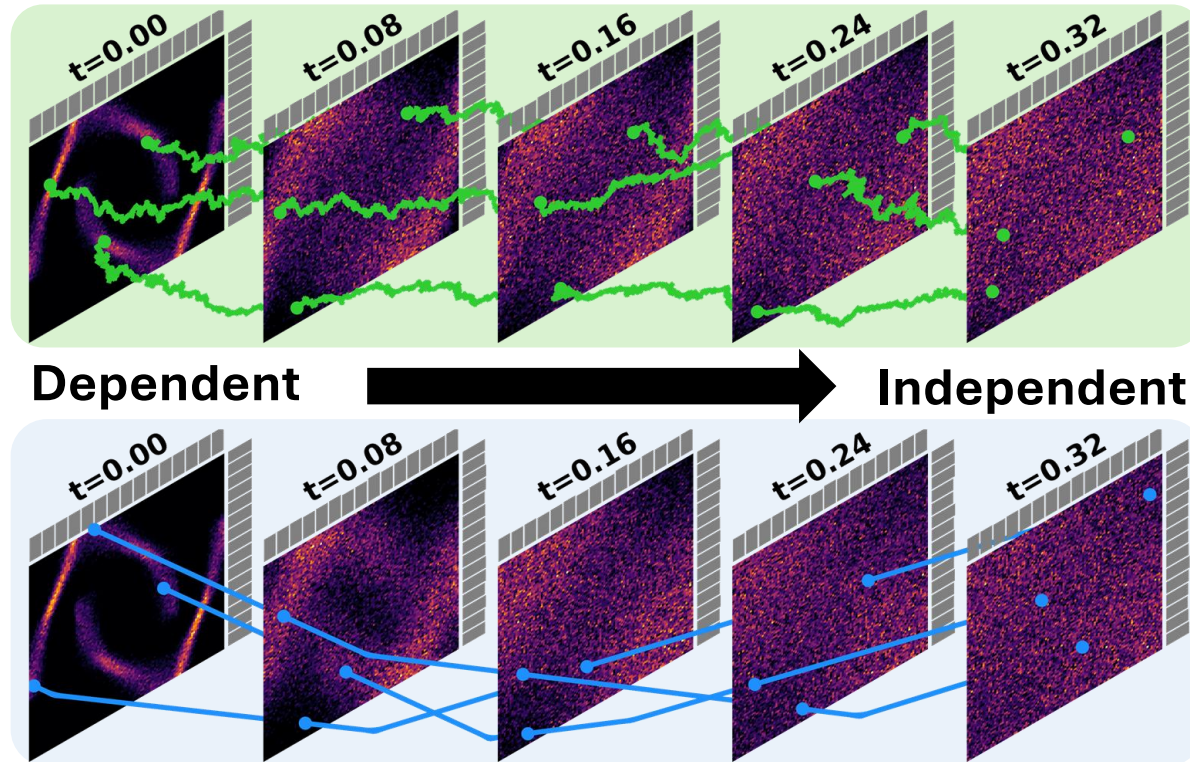
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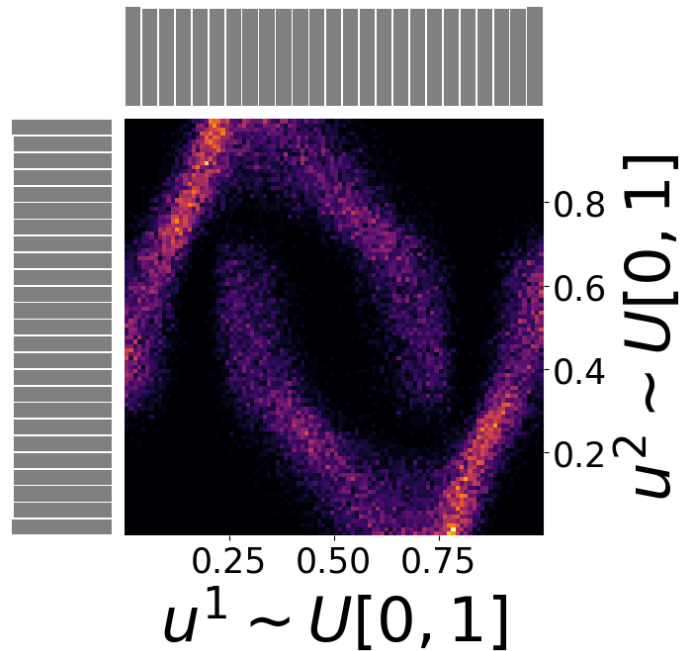
**Goal 1.** Only forget dependence but is always a **valid copula**

**Goal 2.** Remember forgotten dependencies to learn the copula.



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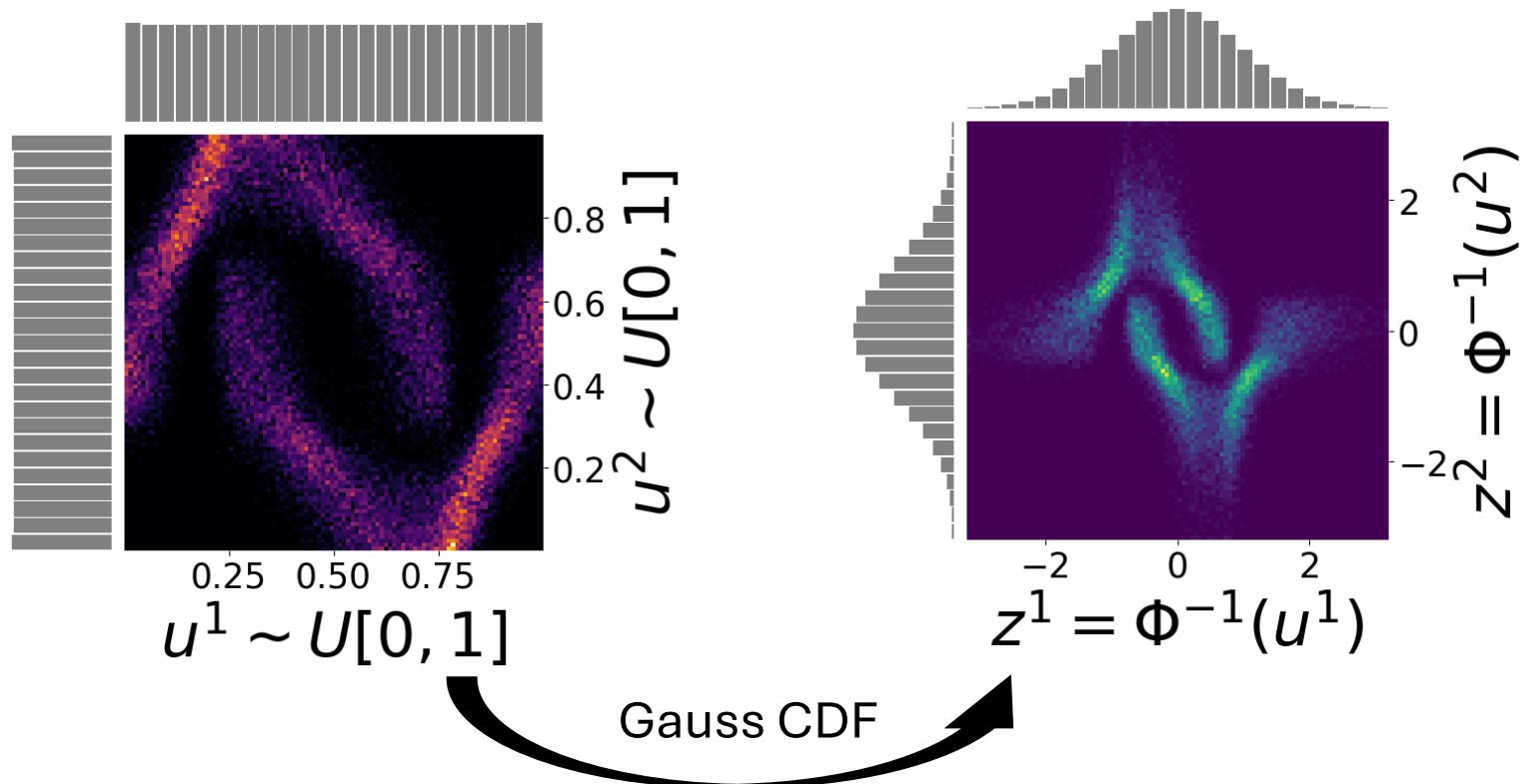
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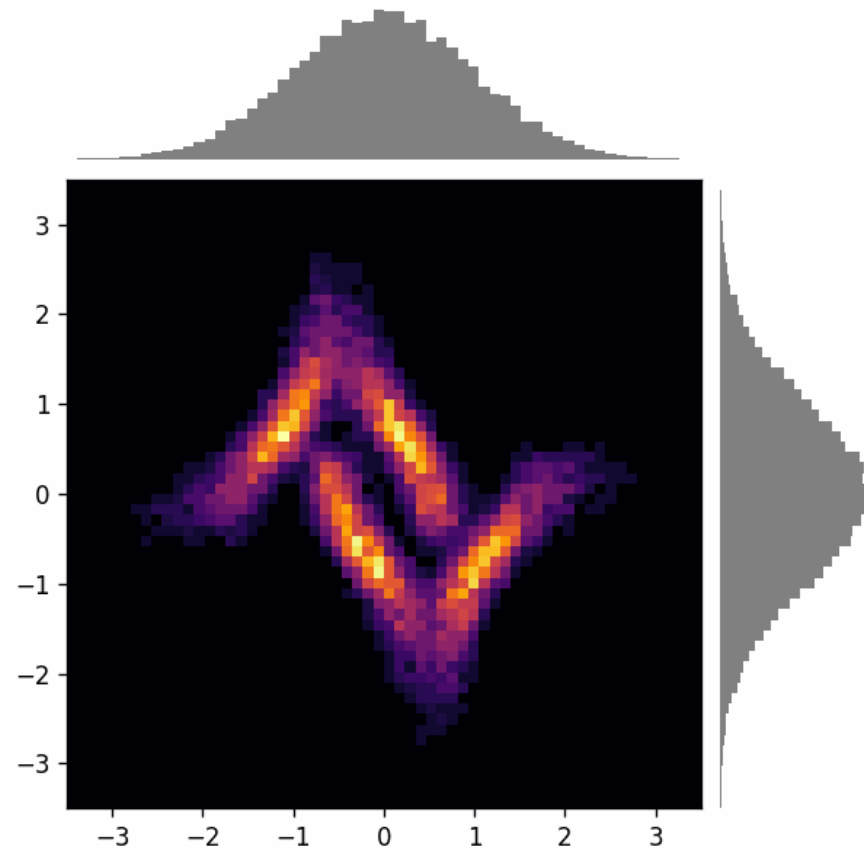
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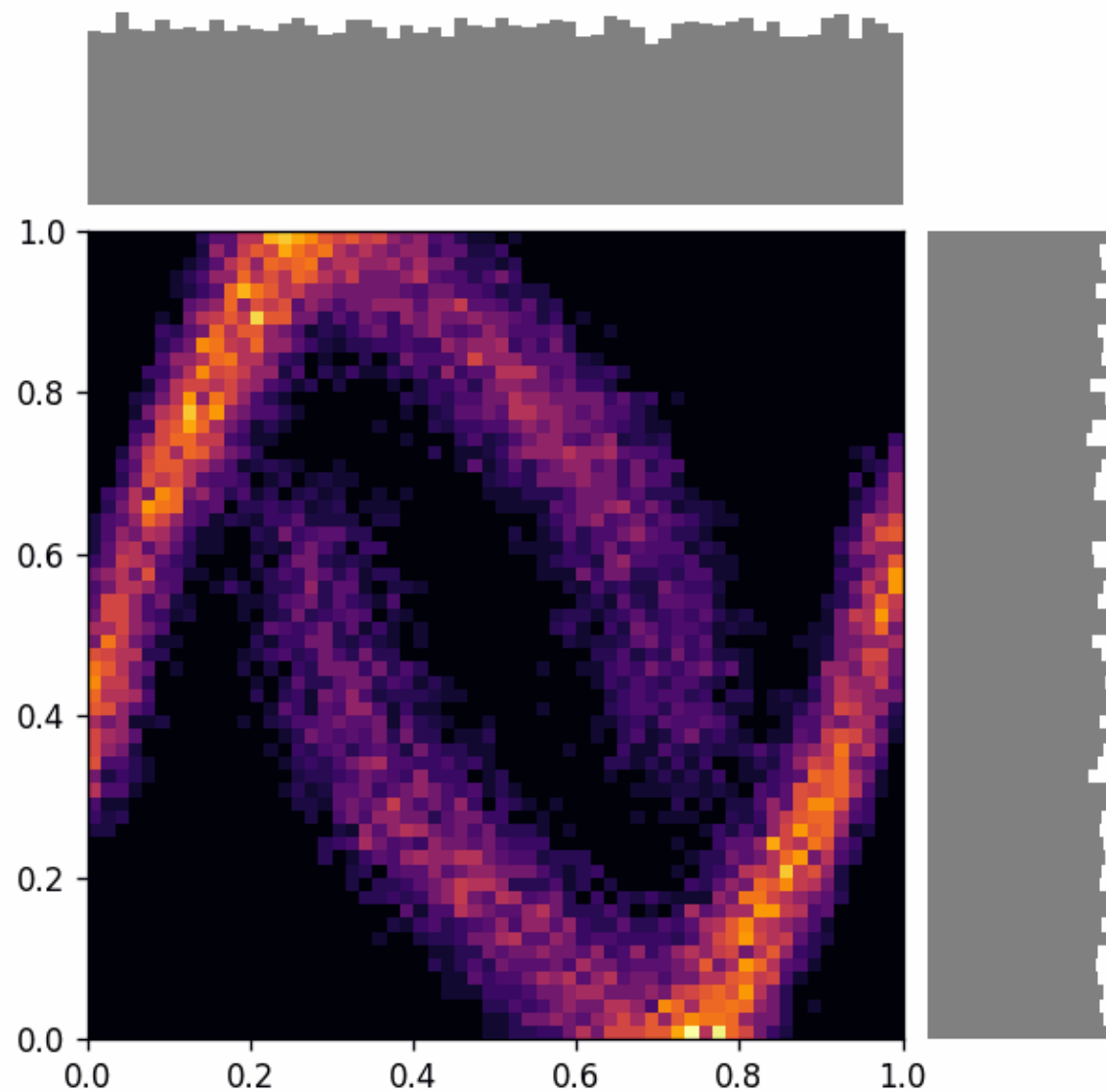
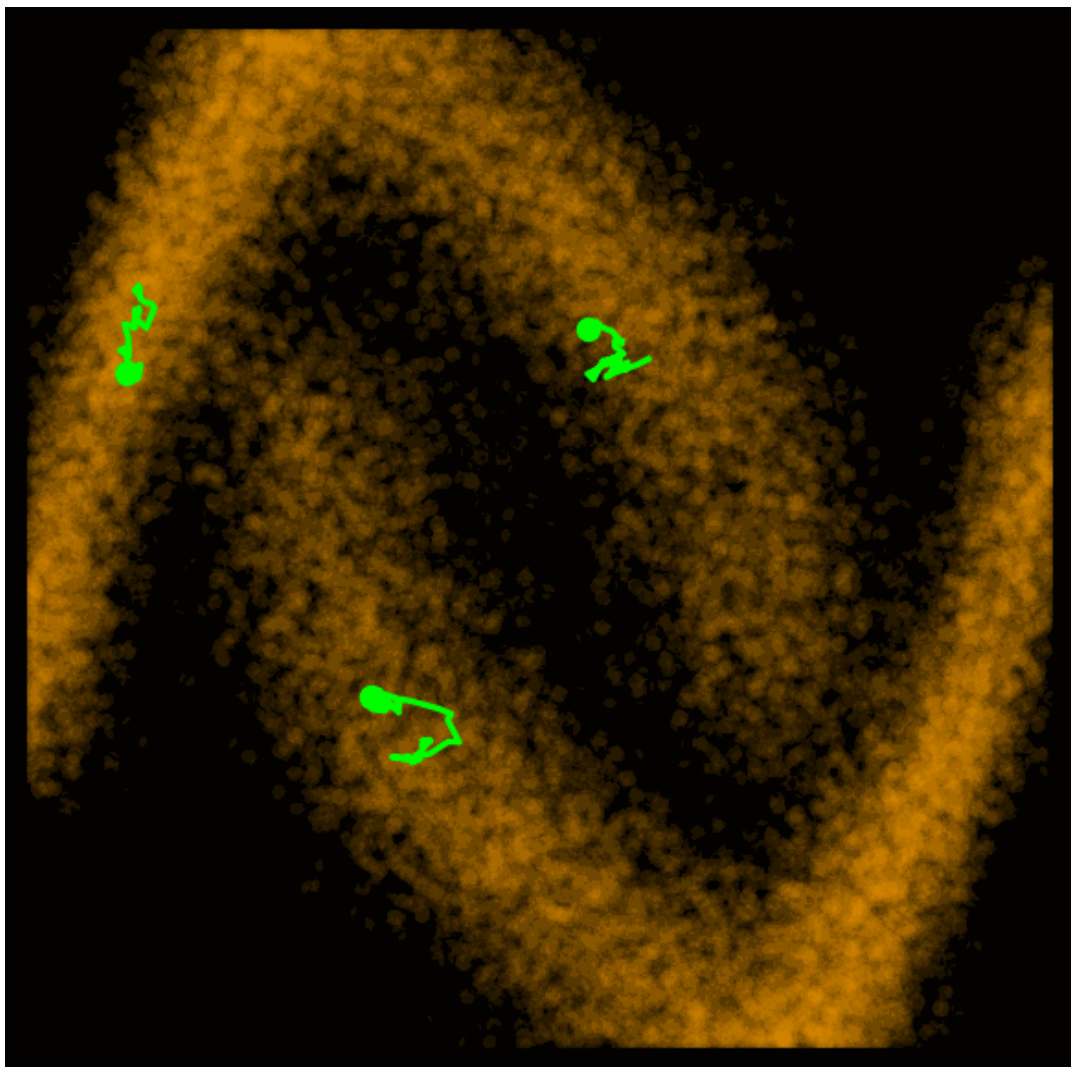
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The **copula scale**  $\mathbf{u}_t^i = \Phi(\mathbf{z}_t^i)$  is always uniform.

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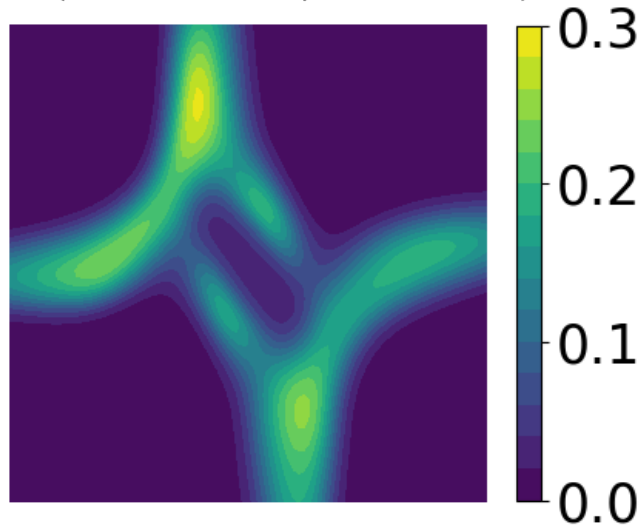
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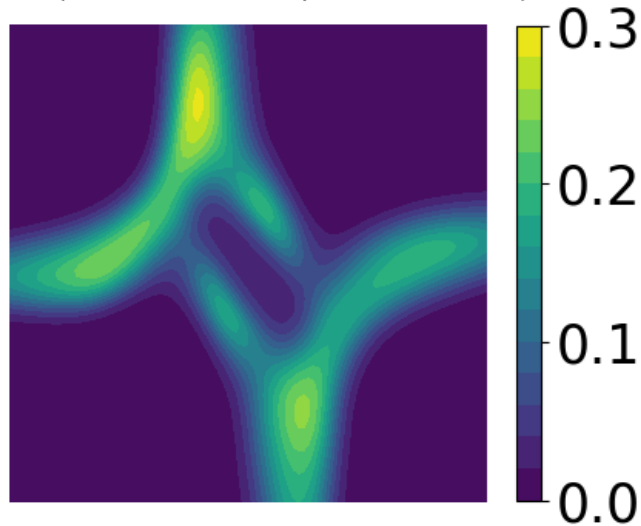


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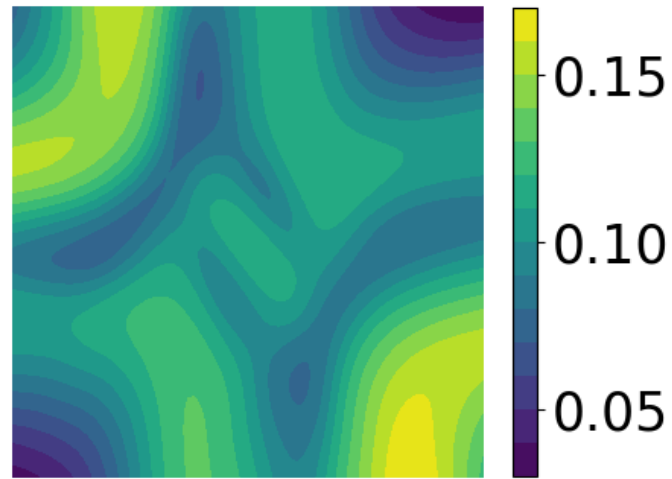
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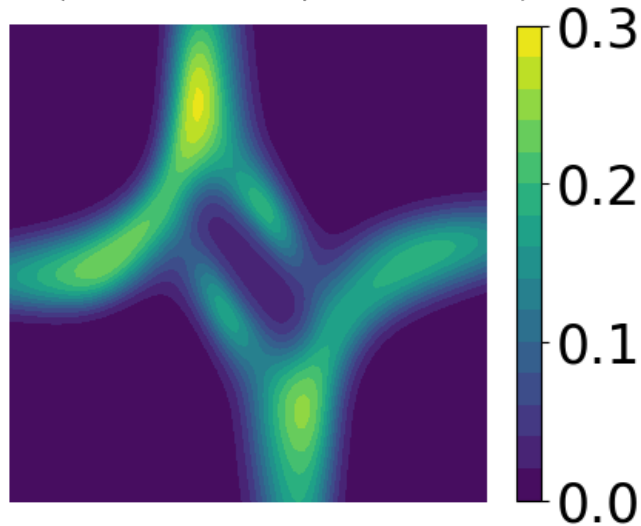


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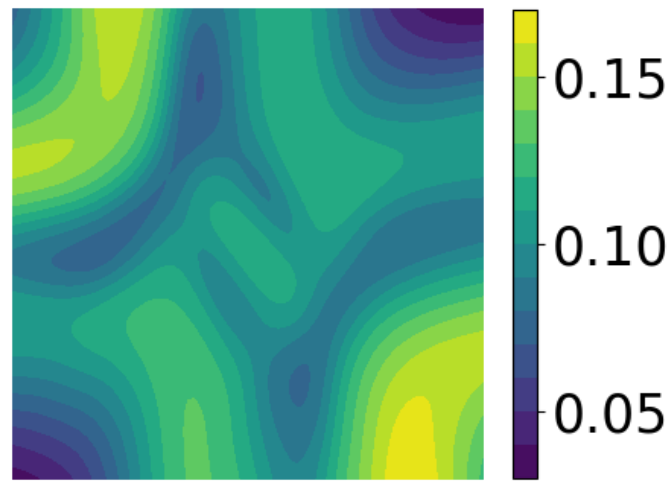
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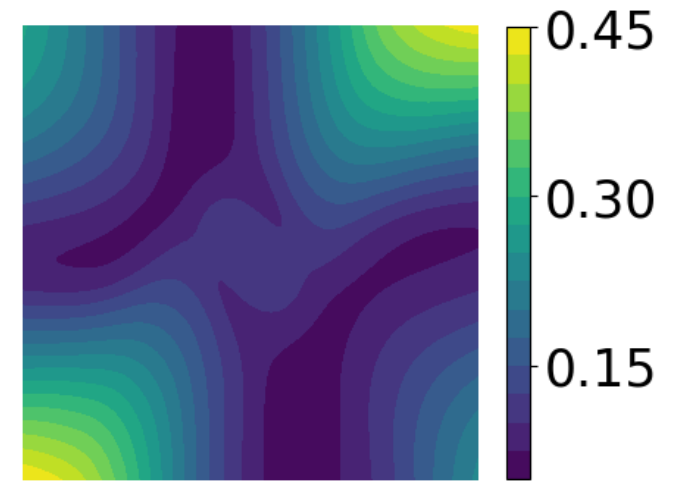
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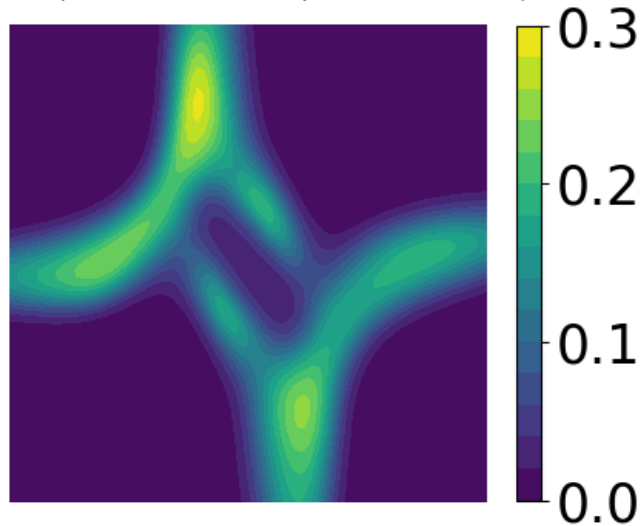
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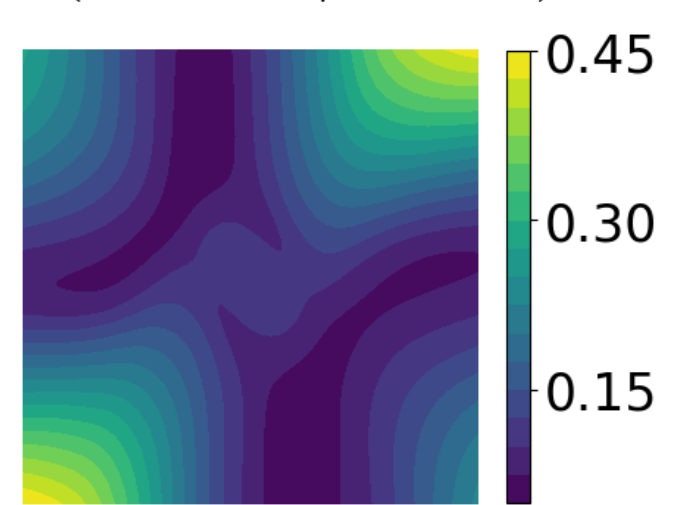
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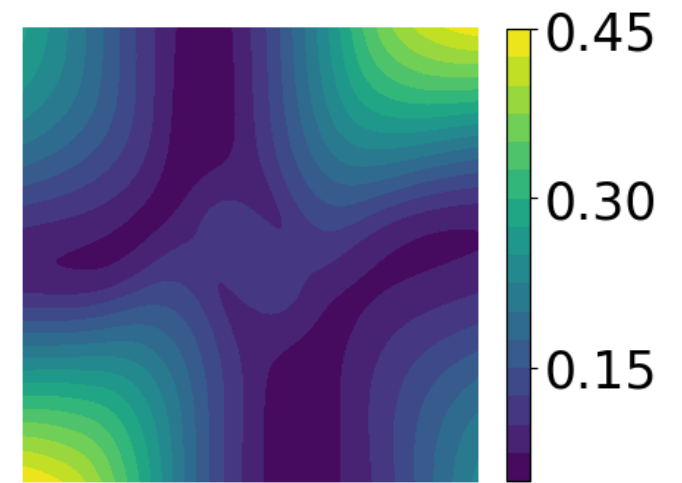
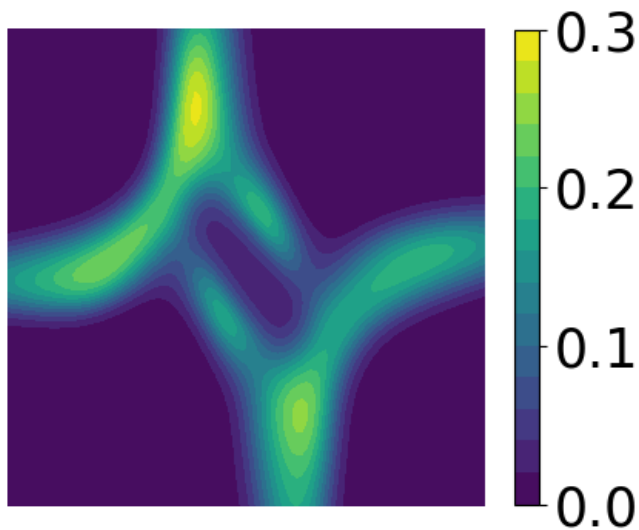


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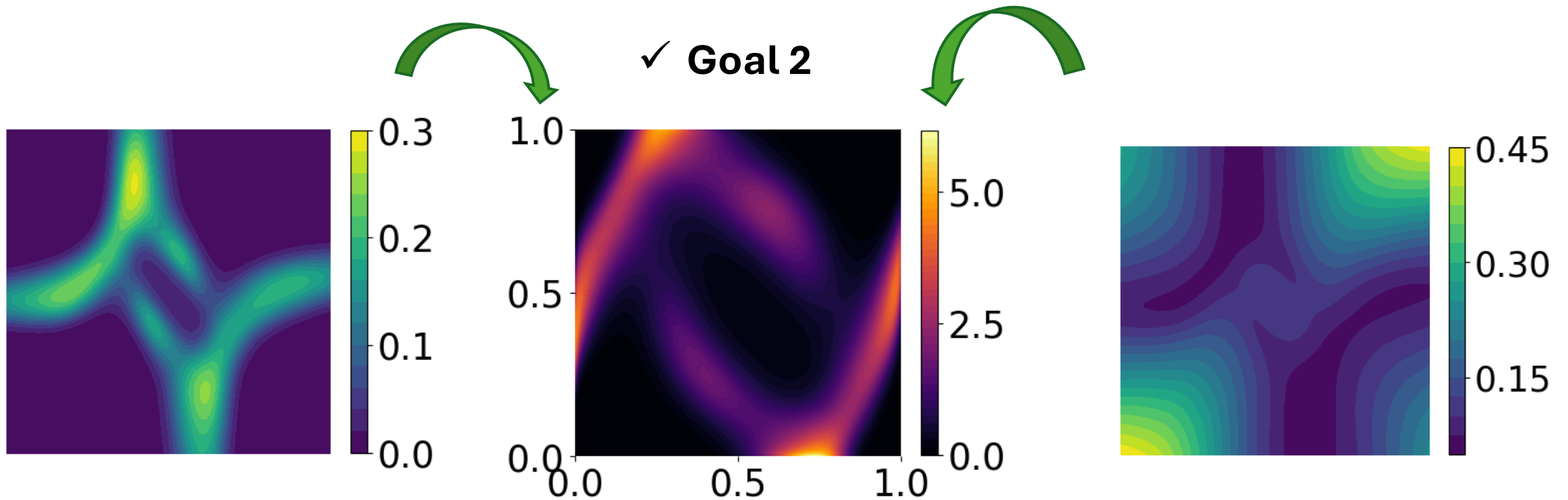
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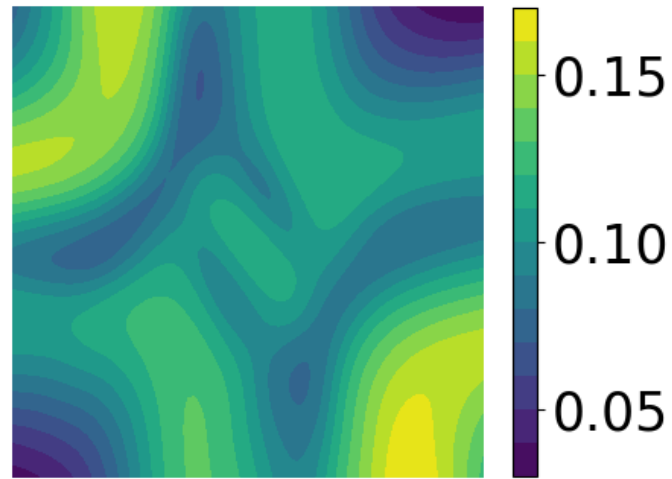


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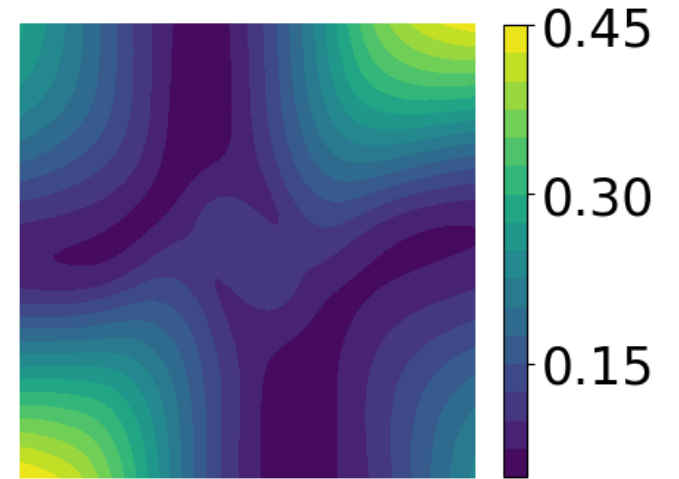
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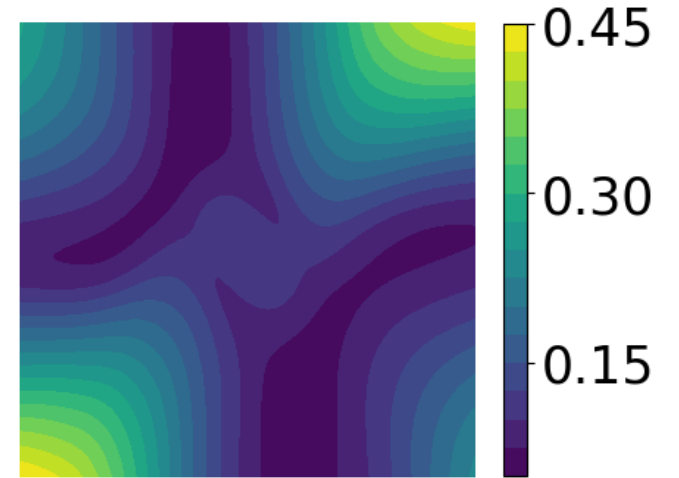
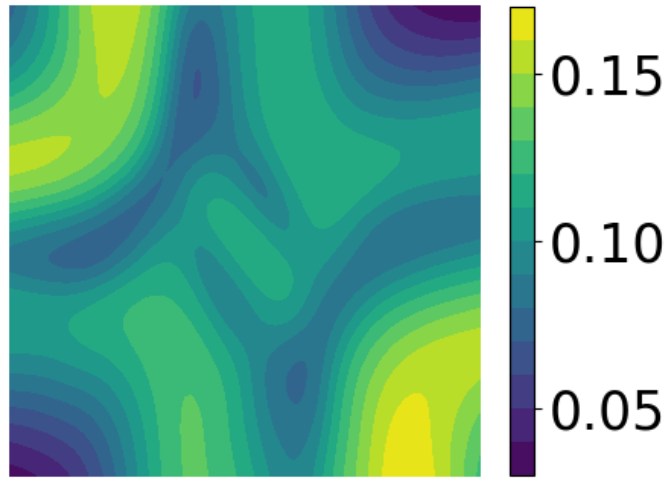
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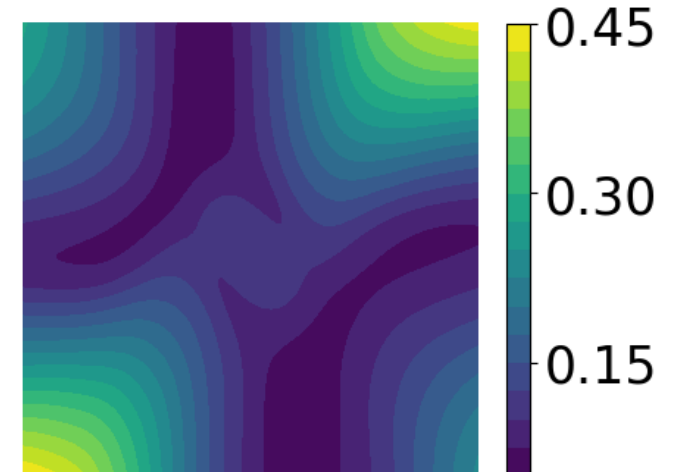
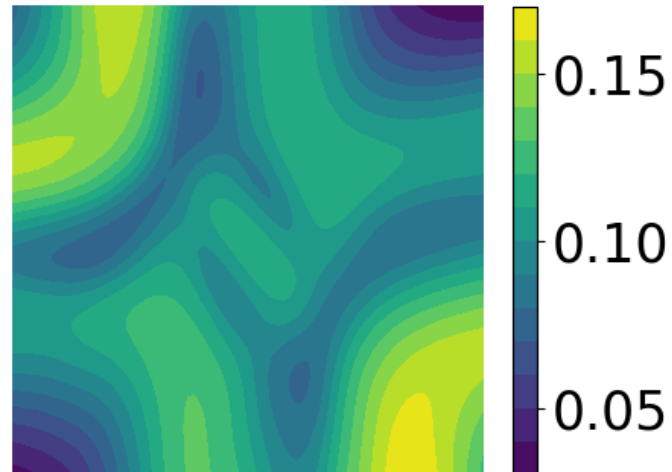
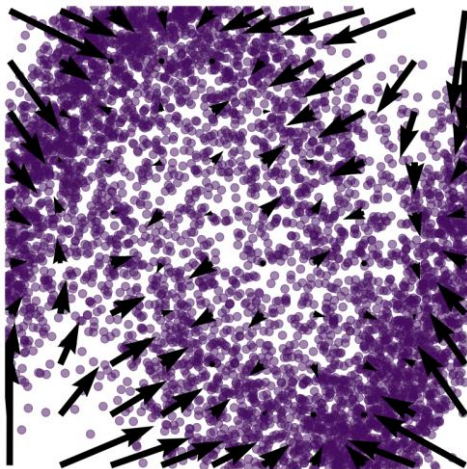


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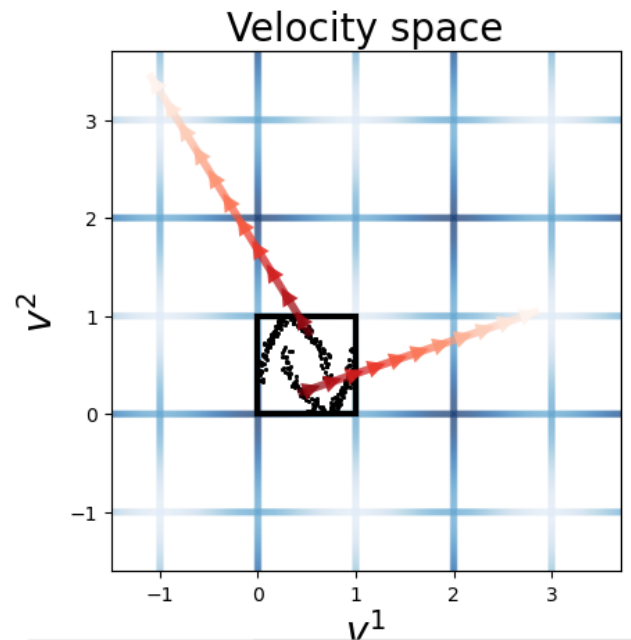
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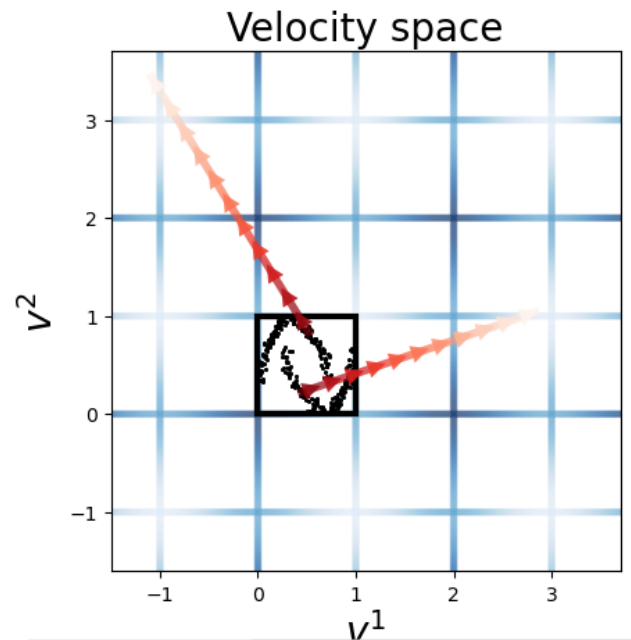
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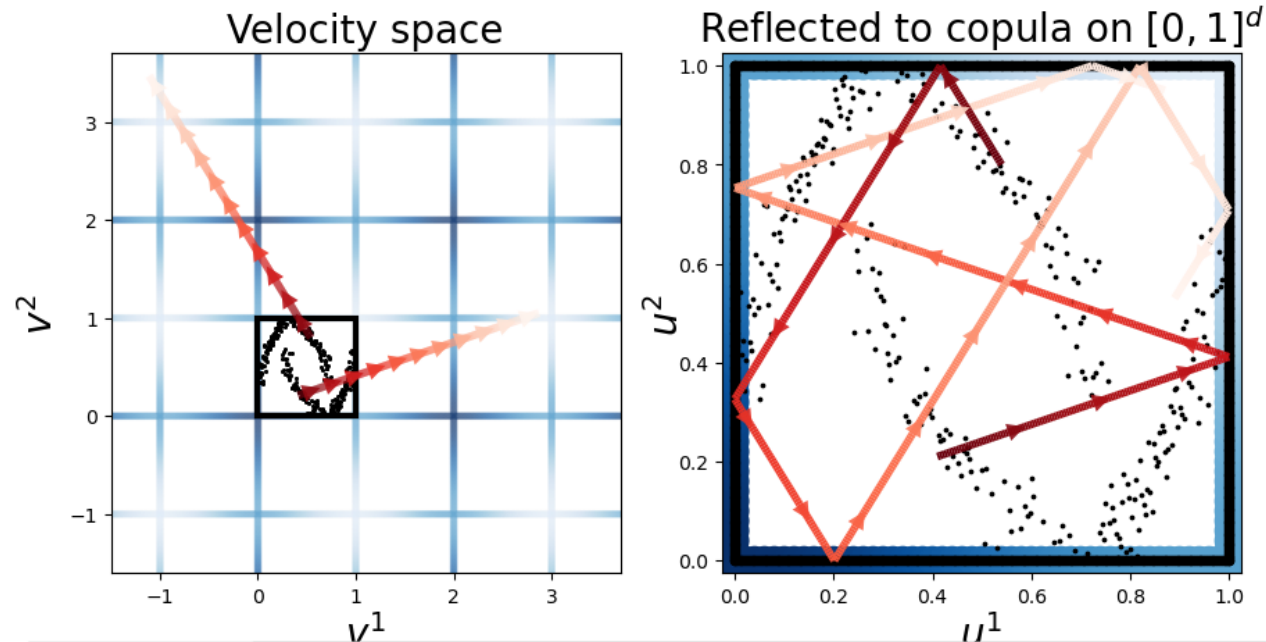
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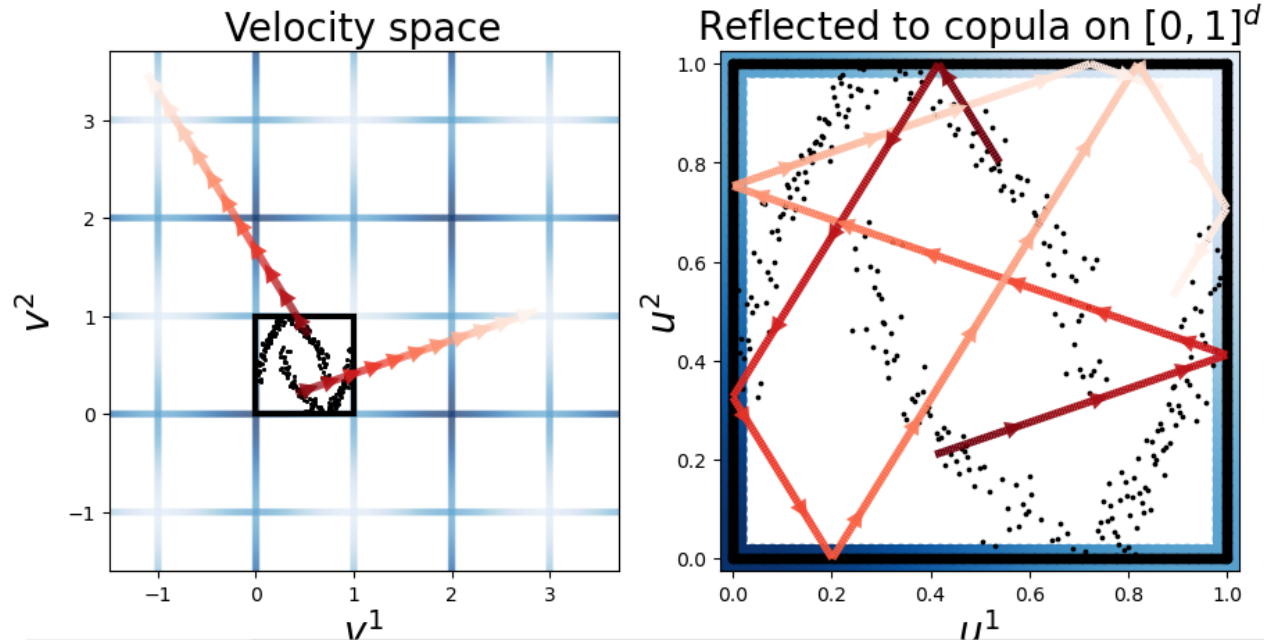
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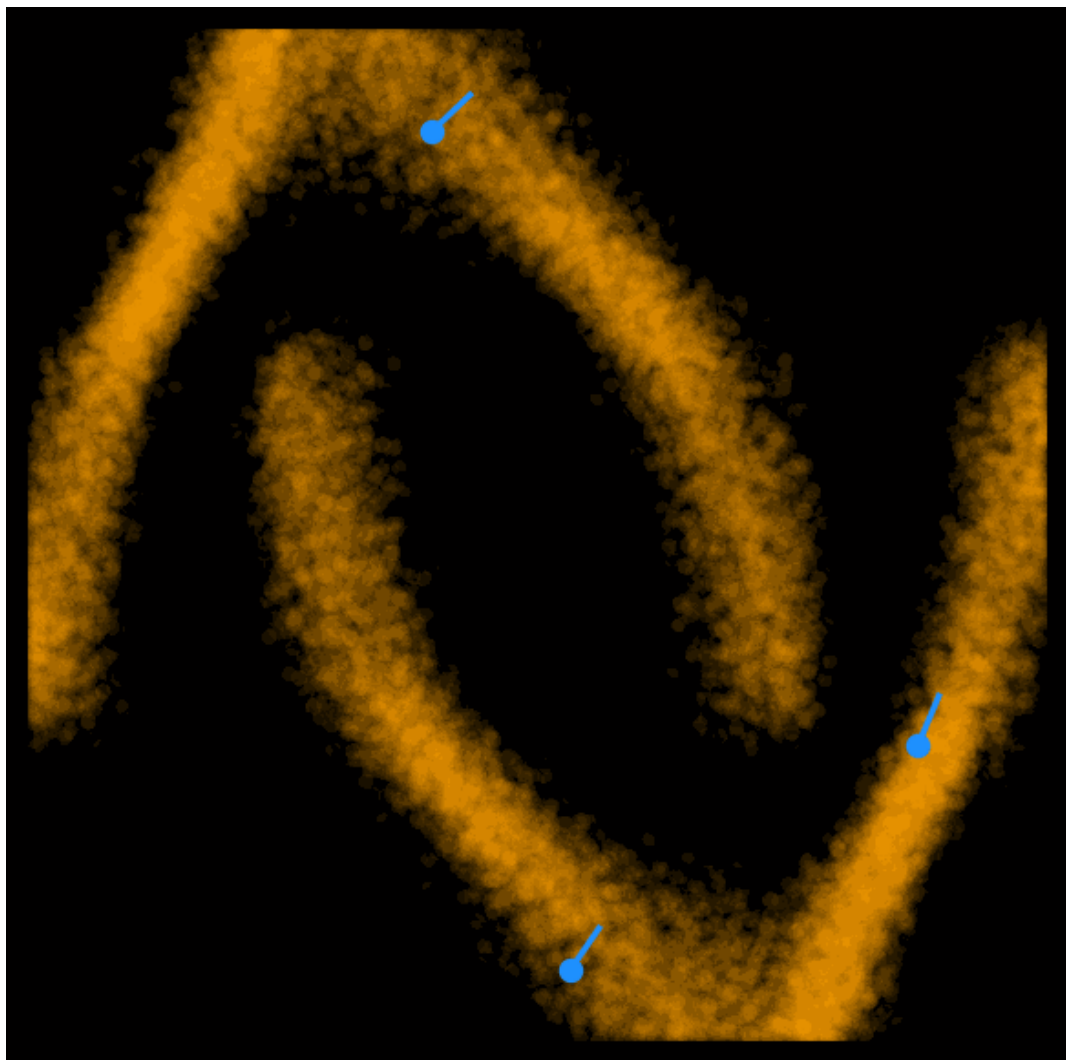
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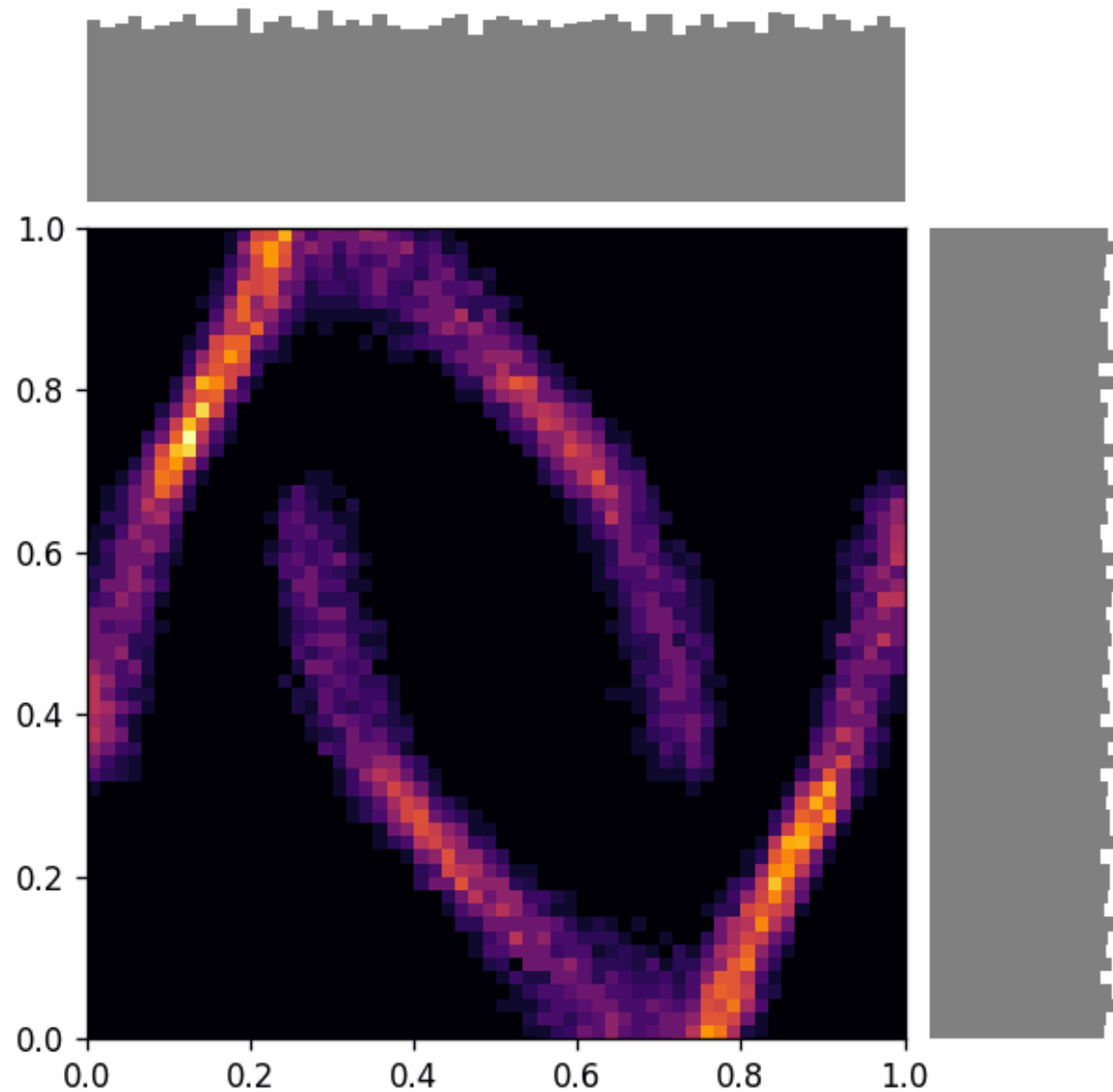
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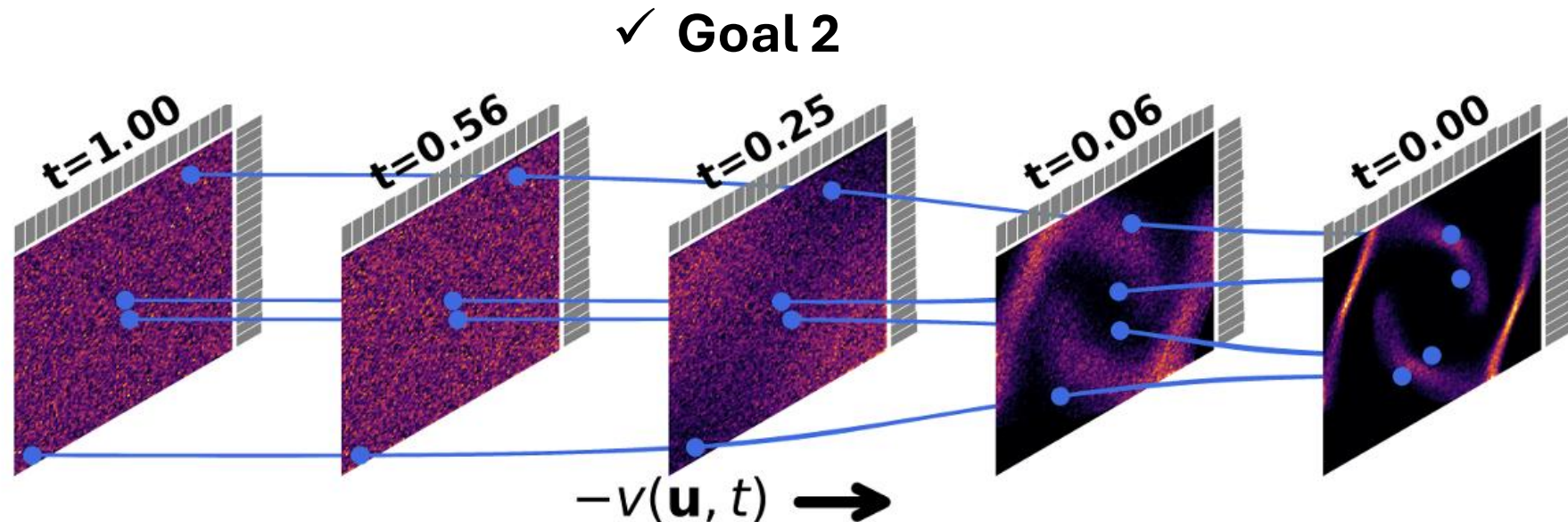
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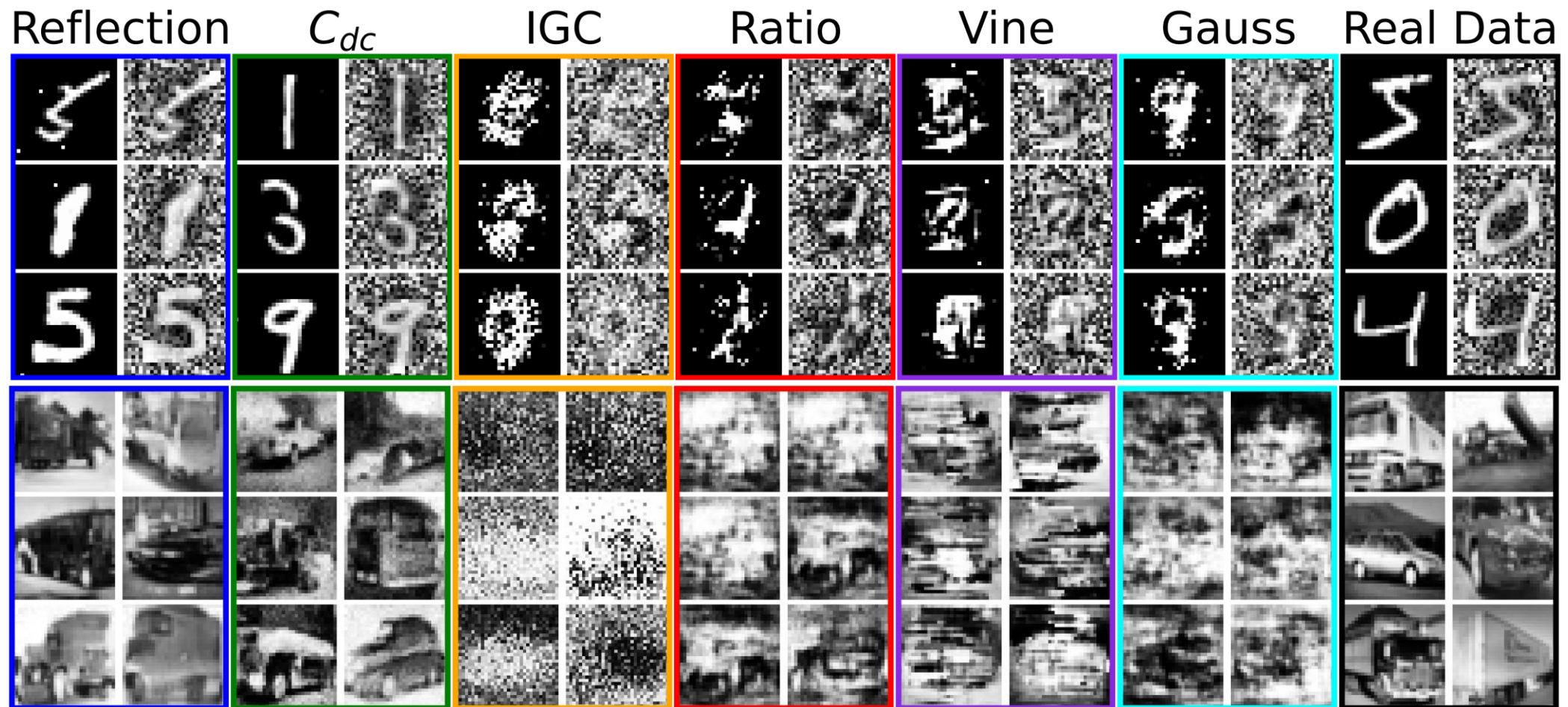
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$C_{dc}$ (ours)	<b>18.65<math>\pm</math>4.85</b>	<b>1.33<math>\pm</math>0.03</b>	<b>0.21<math>\pm</math>0.05</b>	<b>50.21<math>\pm</math>0.82</b>	<b>1.12<math>\pm</math>0.03</b>	<b>0.35<math>\pm</math>0.08</b>	<b>3.40<math>\pm</math>0.37</b>	<b>3.87<math>\pm</math>0.03</b>	0.51 $\pm$ 0.02
Reflection (ours)	–	<b>1.34<math>\pm</math>0.03</b>	<u>0.28<math>\pm</math>0.07</u>	–	<b>1.35<math>\pm</math>0.08</b>	<u>0.47<math>\pm</math>0.16</u>	–	<b>3.84<math>\pm</math>0.03</b>	<u>0.49<math>\pm</math>0.02</u>

## First copulas to scale to **1000+ dimensions**.

Model	digits ( $n = 1797, d = 64$ )			MNIST ( $n = 60000, d = 784$ )			Cifar ( $n = 10000, d = 1024$ )		
	LL $\uparrow$	W2 $\downarrow$	FID $\downarrow$	LL $\uparrow$	W2 $\downarrow$	FID $\downarrow$	LL $\uparrow$	W2 $\downarrow$	FID $\downarrow$
Gaussian	10.74 $\pm$ 0.13	8.13 $\pm$ 0.02	5.74 $\pm$ 0.71	115.84 $\pm$ 0.14	35.59 $\pm$ 0.03	102.56 $\pm$ 2.61	1258.40 $\pm$ 5.69	30.62 $\pm$ 0.08	140.12 $\pm$ 2.41
Vine	11.20 $\pm$ 0.86	8.20 $\pm$ 0.01	6.06 $\pm$ 0.73	198.10 $\pm$ 0.40	36.30 $\pm$ 0.05	86.48 $\pm$ 2.82	NaN	33.84 $\pm$ 0.15	100.04 $\pm$ 2.52
Ratio	13.29 $\pm$ 2.75	8.42 $\pm$ 0.42	6.04 $\pm$ 0.97	334.42 $\pm$ 45.91	35.98 $\pm$ 0.38	66.56 $\pm$ 17.76	1348.18 $\pm$ 12.31	49.91 $\pm$ 19.22	134.41 $\pm$ 33.99
IGC	–	9.52 $\pm$ 0.15	25.41 $\pm$ 4.35	–	36.37 $\pm$ 0.14	128.87 $\pm$ 5.31	–	33.09 $\pm$ 0.30	269.68 $\pm$ 8.03
$C_{dc}$ (ours)	<b>13.80<math>\pm</math>1.30</b>	<b>6.97<math>\pm</math>0.03</b>	15.24 $\pm$ 0.92	<b>346.70<math>\pm</math>2.52</b>	<b>33.64<math>\pm</math>0.03</b>	<b>7.38<math>\pm</math>0.19</b>	<b>1470.75<math>\pm</math>24.90</b>	<b>28.67<math>\pm</math>0.50</b>	<b>80.51<math>\pm</math>17.32</b>
Reflection (ours)	–	<b>7.86<math>\pm</math>0.07</b>	<b>5.50<math>\pm</math>1.36</b>	–	<b>35.02<math>\pm</math>0.40</b>	<b>9.13<math>\pm</math>0.90</b>	–	32.40 $\pm$ 2.08	<b>42.14<math>\pm</math>3.23</b>

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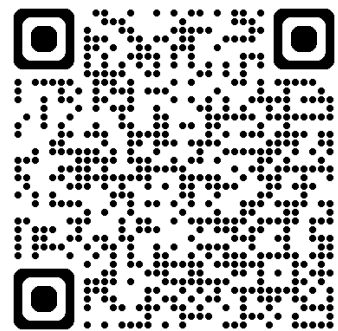
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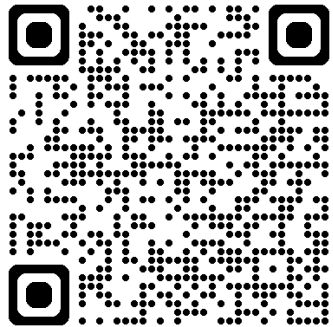
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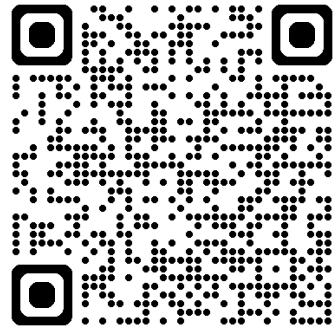
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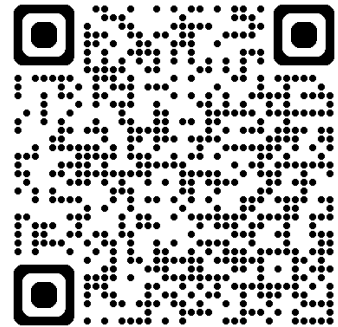
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**Drop by Poster session 4 on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>!**

**Happy chat & collaborate.**

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