



# Deep Generative Quantile Bayes

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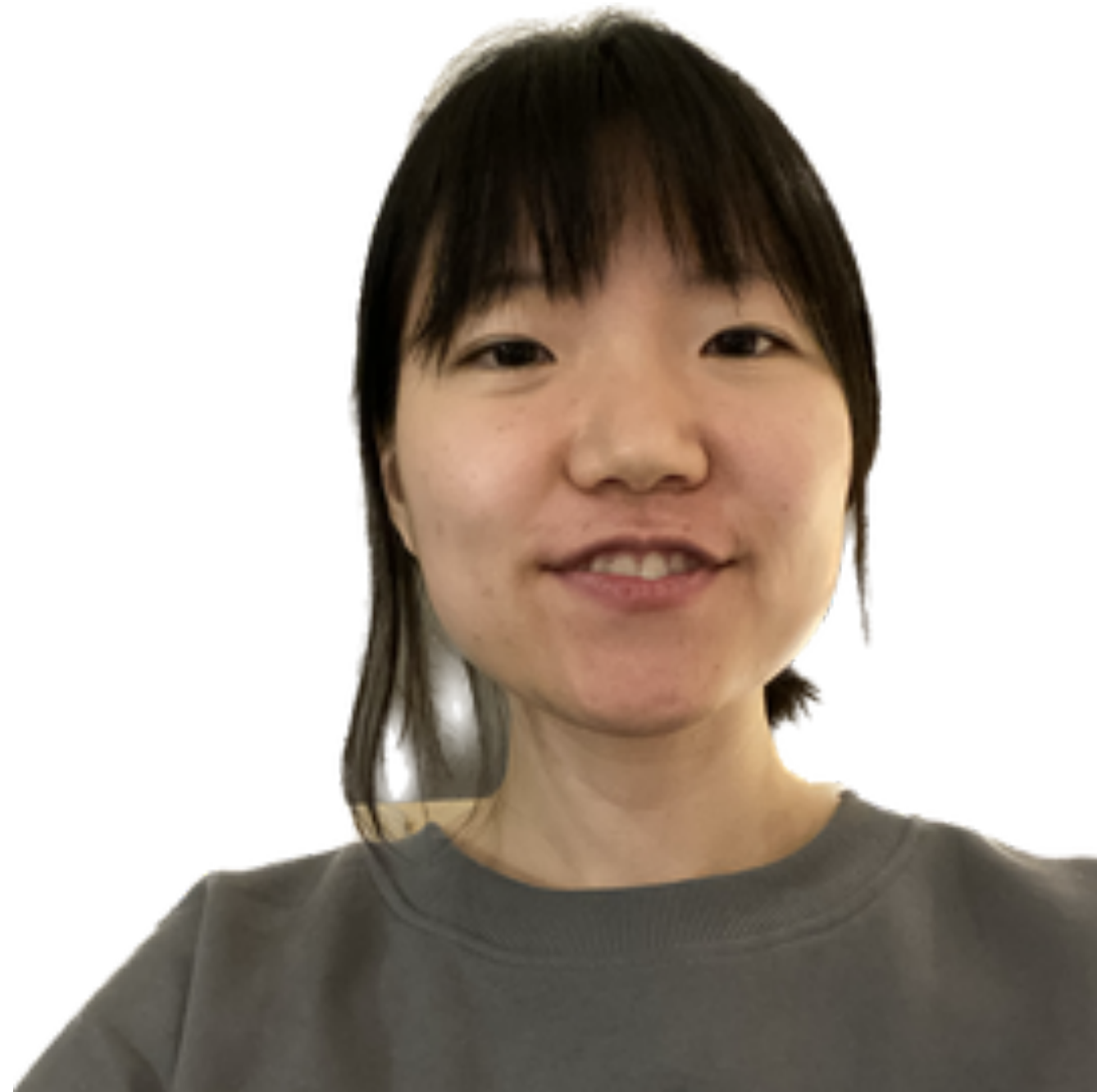


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# Short Introduction

## Multi-dimensional Posterior Sampling with Likelihood-Free (simulation based) Models

Computational Physics, Mechanical Engineering, Bio Engineering,...

### Challenge in Posterior Sampling

Through MCMC: Need likelihood

Through ABC (Approximate Bayesian Computation): Sampling Efficiency (low acceptance rate)

Through Deep Generative Models

Variational Approaches:

[Maceda et al. \(2024\), ...](#)

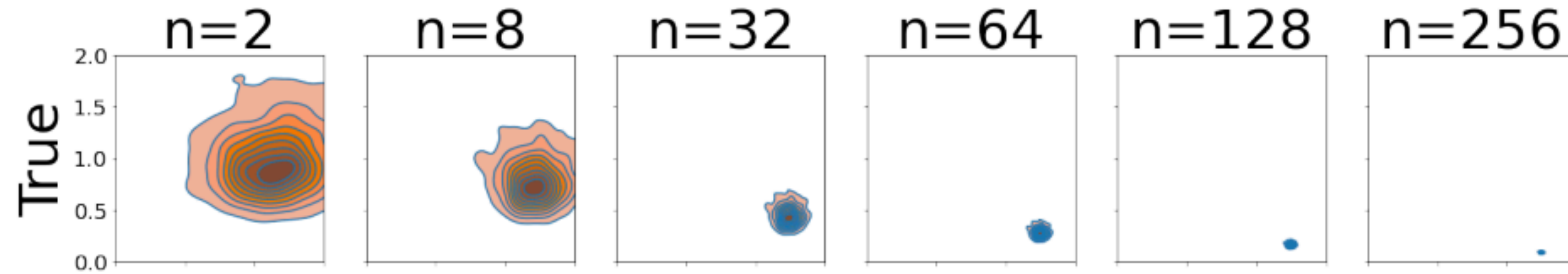
Direct Approaches:

[Wang and Rockova \(2022\)](#): W-1 GAN framework with **adversarial training**

[Polson and Sokolov \(2023\)](#): Quantile modeling for **one dimensional setting**

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## Support Shrinkage (Posterior Contraction)



iid Model:  $X | \mu, \sigma \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$$\mu | \sigma^2 \sim N(\mu_0, \sigma^2 / \kappa)$$

$$\nu_0 \sigma_0^2 / \sigma^2 \sim \chi^2(\nu_0)$$

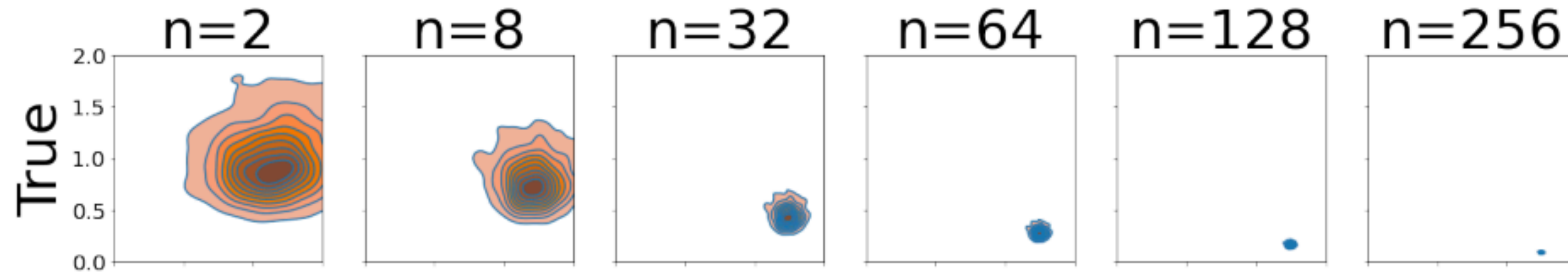
$$\mu_0 = 0, \sigma_0 = 1, \kappa = 2, \nu_0 = 25$$

$n$ : sample size

$$data = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$$

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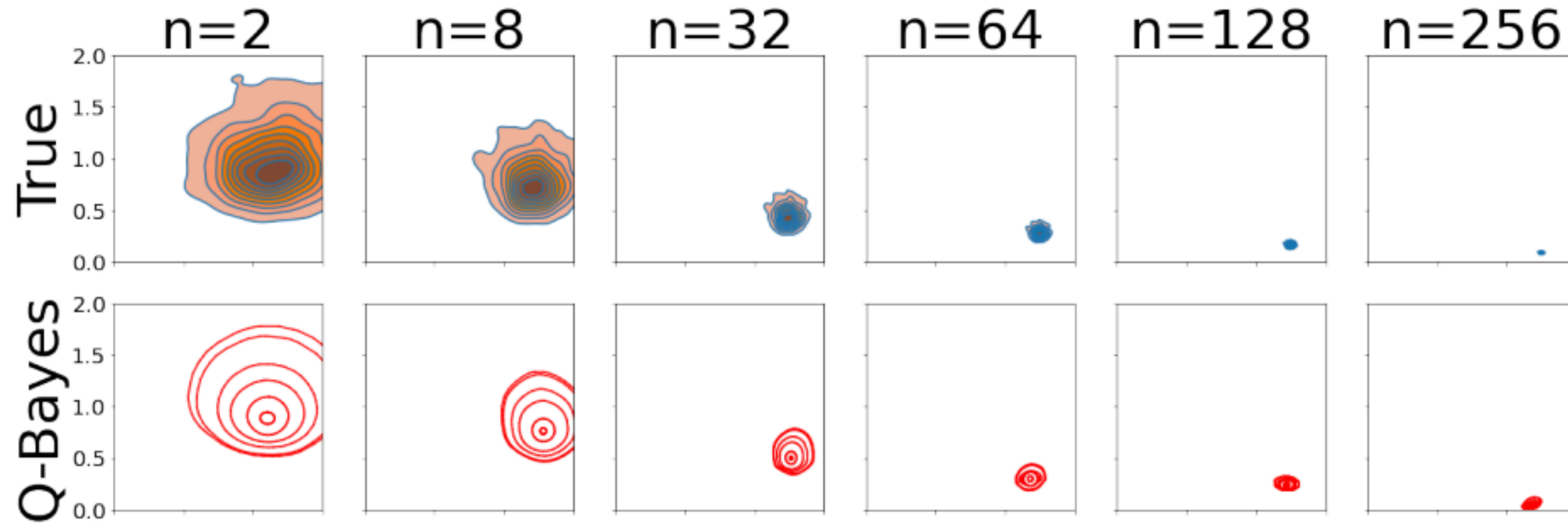


Challenge:

- 🤔 Stable Learning
- 🤔 Automatic Summary Statistics

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## Support Shrinkage (Posterior Contraction)



Our method: **Posterior Quantile Learning**

✓ Stable Learning (No adversarial training)

✓ Automatic Summary Statistics

Byproduct:

🧐 Credible Set Sampling (red lines: convex hull)



# Deep Generative Modeling

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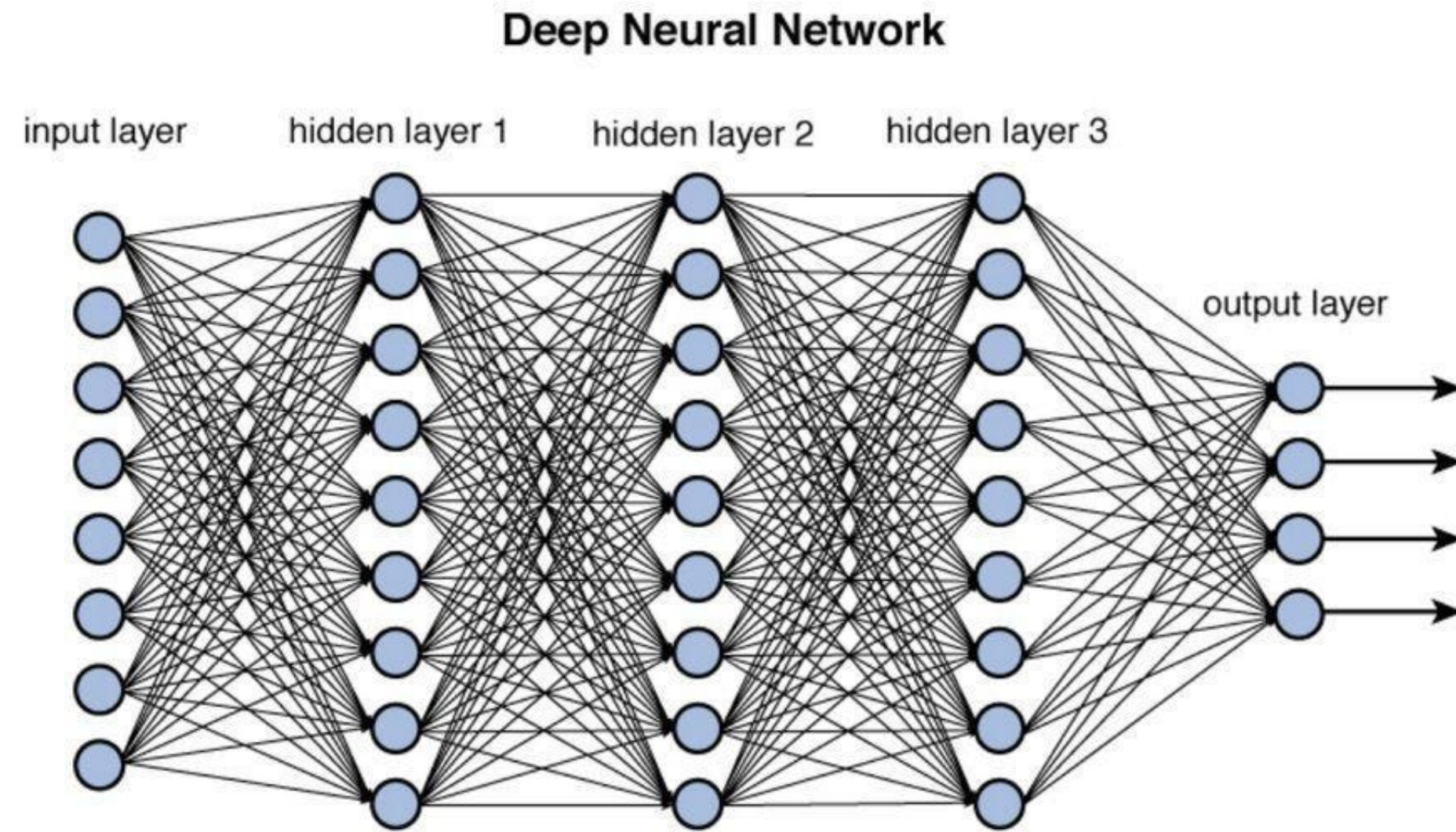


Figure 12.2 Deep network architecture with multiple layers.

Image: <https://botpenguin.com/glossary/deep-neural-network>

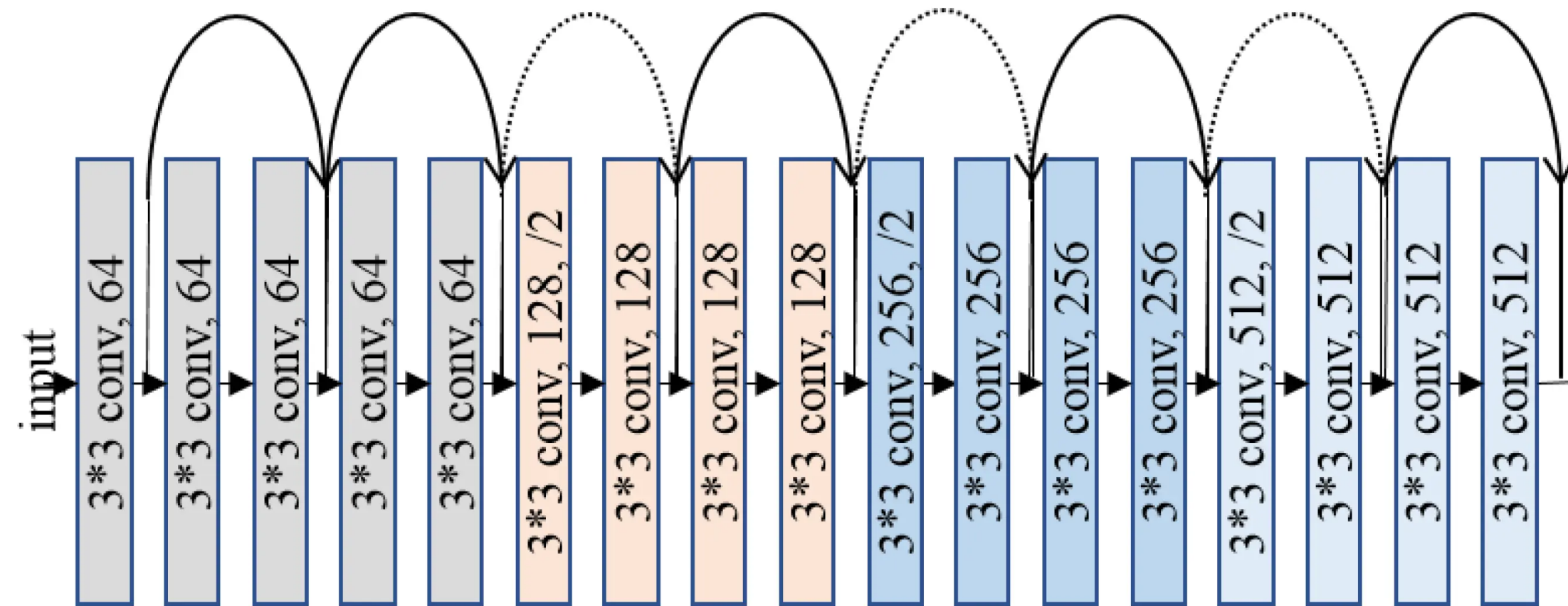
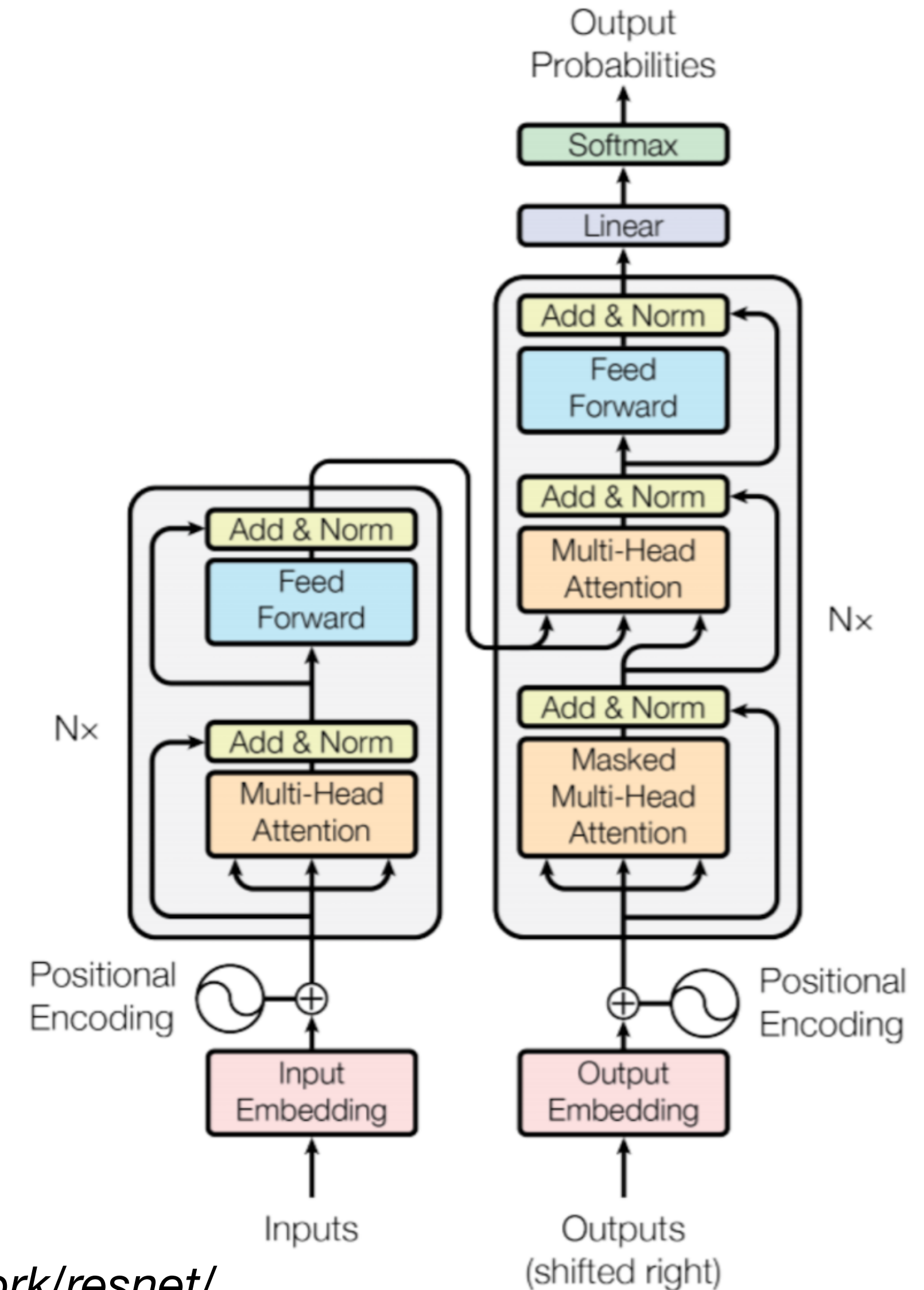
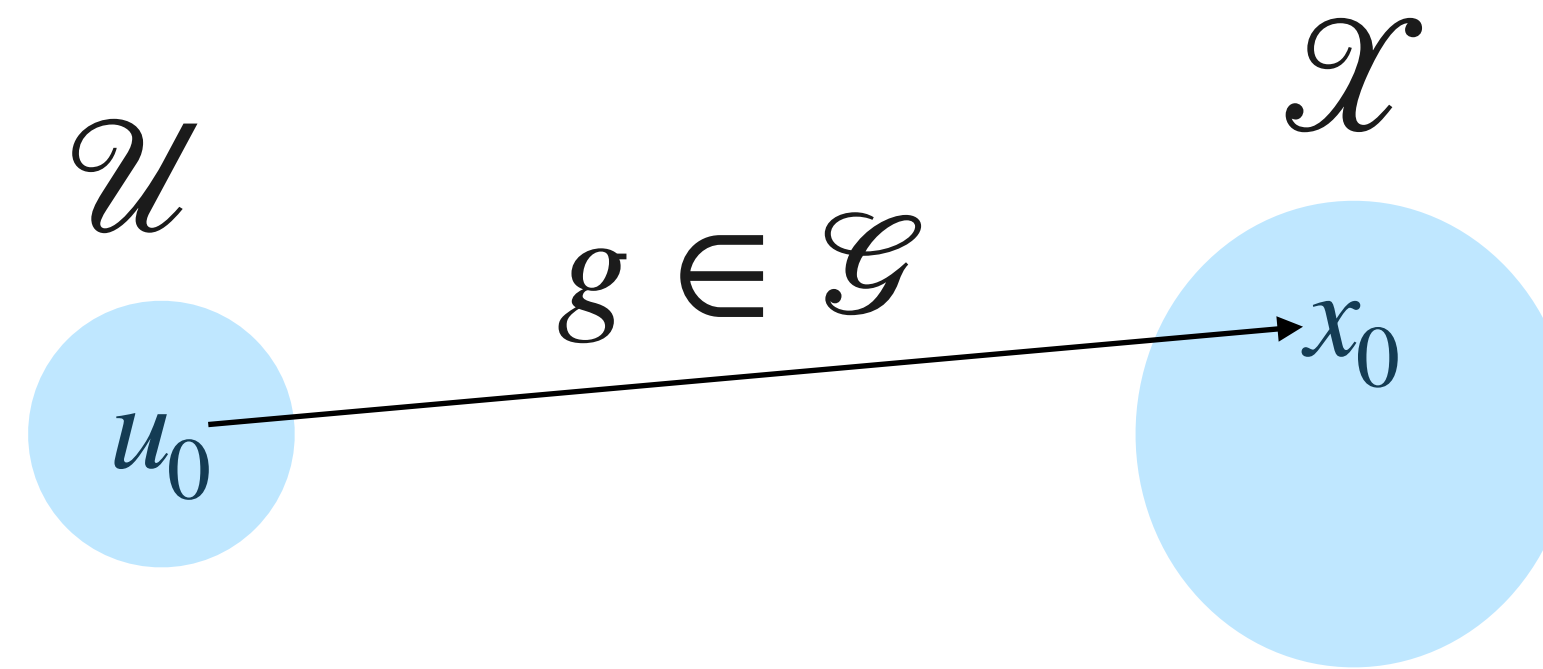


Image: <https://insightfulscript.com/collections/programming/neural-network/resnet/>



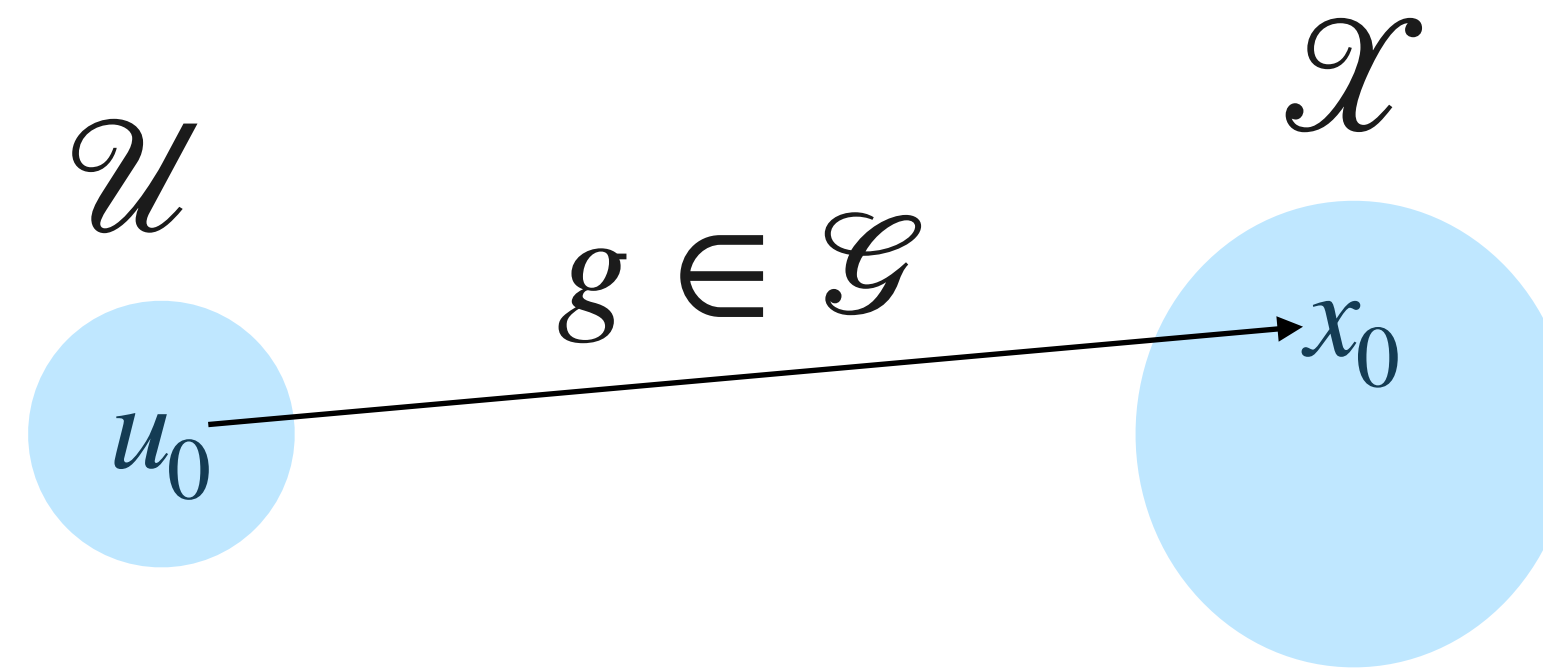
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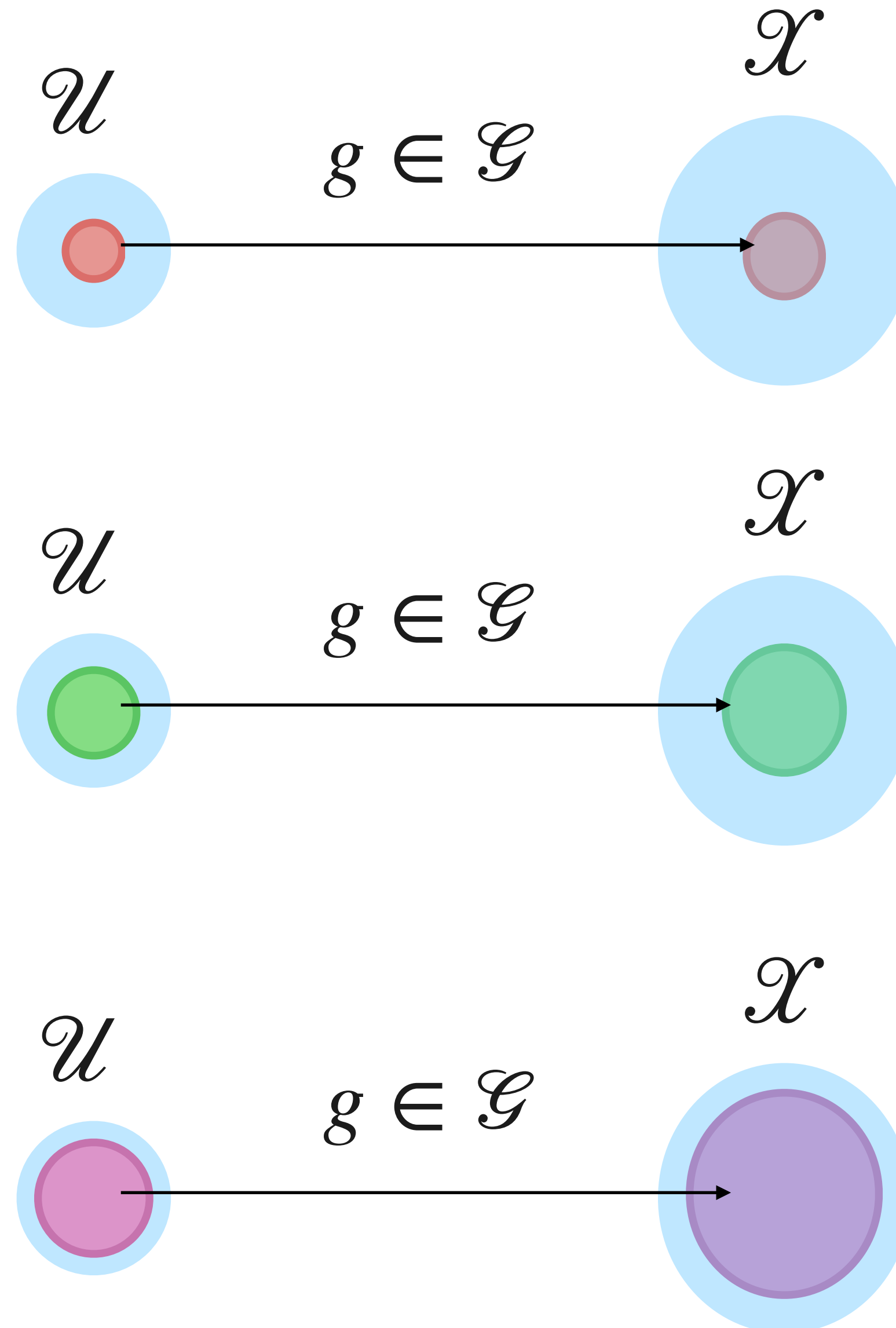
**Goal**  $P_{\tilde{X}} \stackrel{d}{=} P_{\text{data}}$

**Training**  $\mathcal{D}_{\text{train}} = \{x_i\}_{i=1}^N \subset \mathcal{X}, x_i \sim P_{\text{data}}$

$$g^* = \min_{g \in \mathcal{G}} \mathcal{L}(g, \mathcal{D}_{\text{train}})$$

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2)  $Q(U) \stackrel{d}{=} X$ , for  $U \sim Unif(0,1)$

**is**  $F_X^{-1}$  *a.e.*

Generation:

$X^{(j)} = F_x^{-1}(U^{(j)})$ , for  $U^{(j)} \sim Unif(0,1)$

$$F_X^{-1} \# P_U = P_X$$

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→ Such a map uniquely exists almost everywhere w.r.t  $S^d(1)$

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$Q_P$  as a gradient of a convex function implies:

$$[Q_P(u) - Q_P(u')]^T (u - u') \geq 0 \text{ for all } u, u' \in \mathcal{U}$$

It can be seen as a generalization of the monotonicity requirement

# Generative Quantile Modeling

When  $P$  has finite second moments,  $Q_P$  is the **Monge-Kantorovich** optimal transport map,

$$Q_P = \arg \min_{Q: Q\#F_U=P} \mathbb{E}_{U \sim F_U} \|Q(U) - U\|^2$$

**Dual problem:**

$$\psi = \arg \inf_{\varphi: \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}} \left( \int \varphi dF_U + \int \varphi^* dP \right)$$

where  $\varphi^*(x) := \sup_{u \in \mathcal{U}} [x^T u - \varphi(u)]$  is the convex conjugate

By Brenier Theorem (1991), we know  $\nabla \psi(u) = Q_P(u)$

It is known that this optimal  $\psi(u)$  is convex

# Generative Quantile Modeling

## Extension to the conditional case

For a fixed  $X = x$ , the conditional quantile map is a gradient of a convex function with respect to  $u$ ,

$$Q_{\theta|X=x}(u) = \nabla_u \psi(u, x)$$

**Primal problem:**

$$\min_U \mathbb{E} \|\theta - U\|^2 : U \sim F_U, U \perp X$$

**Dual problem:**

$$\psi = \arg \inf_{\varphi} \left( \int \varphi(x, u) F_X(dx) F_U(du) + \int \varphi^*(x, \theta) F_{X,\theta}(dx, d\theta) \right)$$

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# Deep Generative **Quantile** Bayes

Bayes

# Vector Quantile for Generative Bayes

Assumption 1 : We assume that the quantile map  $Q_p$  is affine  $f(X)$

There exists some summary statistics  $f(X)$  that satisfies  $X \perp \theta \mid f(X)$  and

$$\psi(u, x) = \varphi(u) + b(u)^\top f(x)$$

Relaxation of the condition: from  $f(X) \perp U$  to  $\mathbb{E}[f(X) \mid U] = \mathbb{E}[f(X)]$

-> Dual: 
$$\inf_{b, \varphi} \left( \int \varphi(u) F_U(du) + \int \tilde{\varphi}(f(x), \theta) F_{X, \theta}(dx, d\theta) \right)$$

$$\tilde{\varphi}(f(x), \theta) := \max_{u \in \mathcal{U}} [u^\top \theta - \varphi(u) - b(u)^\top f(x)]$$

$$\varphi : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$b : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$$

# Deep Generative Quantile Bayes

The Objective:

$$\mathcal{L}_1(\varphi, b, f \mid X, \theta, U) = \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \varphi(U_i) + \max_{j \in \{1, \dots, N\}} \{ U_j^\top \theta_i - \varphi(U_j) - b(U_j)^\top f(X_i) \} \right),$$

where the data is generated by  $\theta_i \sim \pi(\theta)$ ,  $X_i \sim P(x \mid \theta_i)$   
and independently,  $U_j \sim S^d(1)$

We optimize the summary statistics  $f$  and the transport  $\varphi, b$  together

# Automatic Learning for Summary Statistics

Summary Statistics design:

**Deep Set :**

A neural network design for permutation invariance among the observations

**LSTM:**

A neural network design to reflect dependence among the observations

# Credible Set Computation

## Credible Set Computation:

Monge-Kantorovich Data Depth: the Tukey depth on the reversed distribution  $Q_p^{-1}(X)$

the MK-depth region with probability content  $\tau \in (0,1)$  is identical to  $Q_p(S^d(\tau))$ .

Nested structure:  $\tau \leq \tau', Q_p(S^d(\tau)) \subset Q_p(S^d(\tau'))$ .

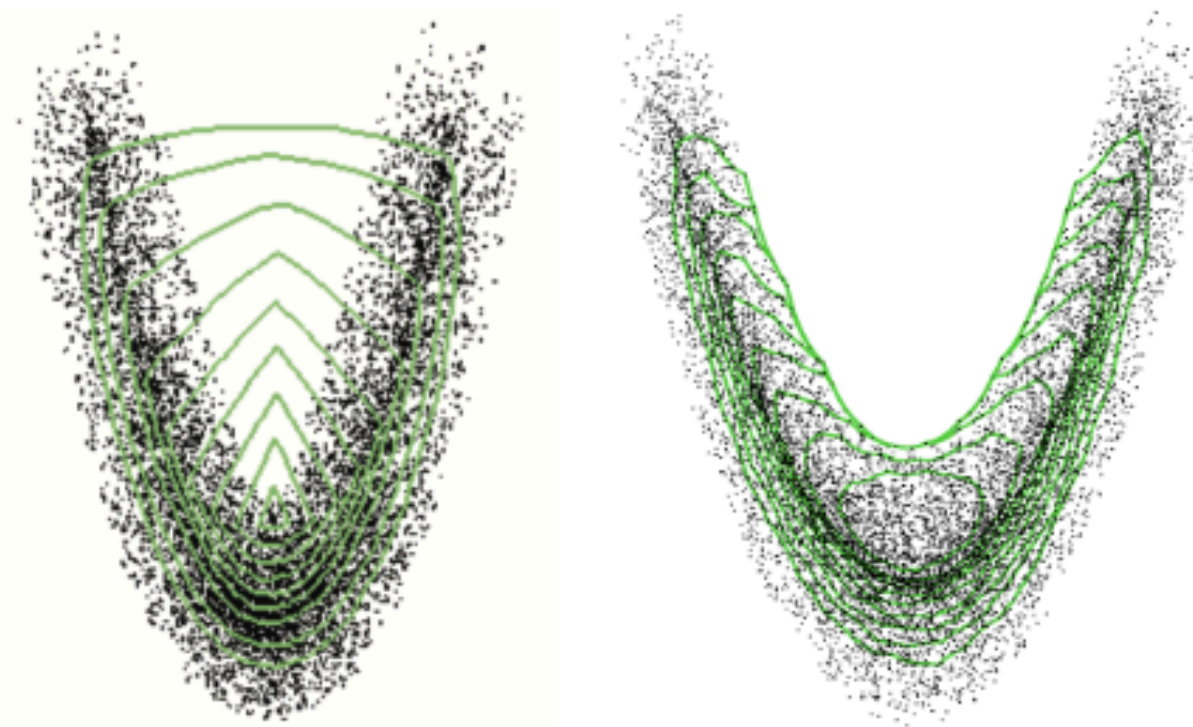
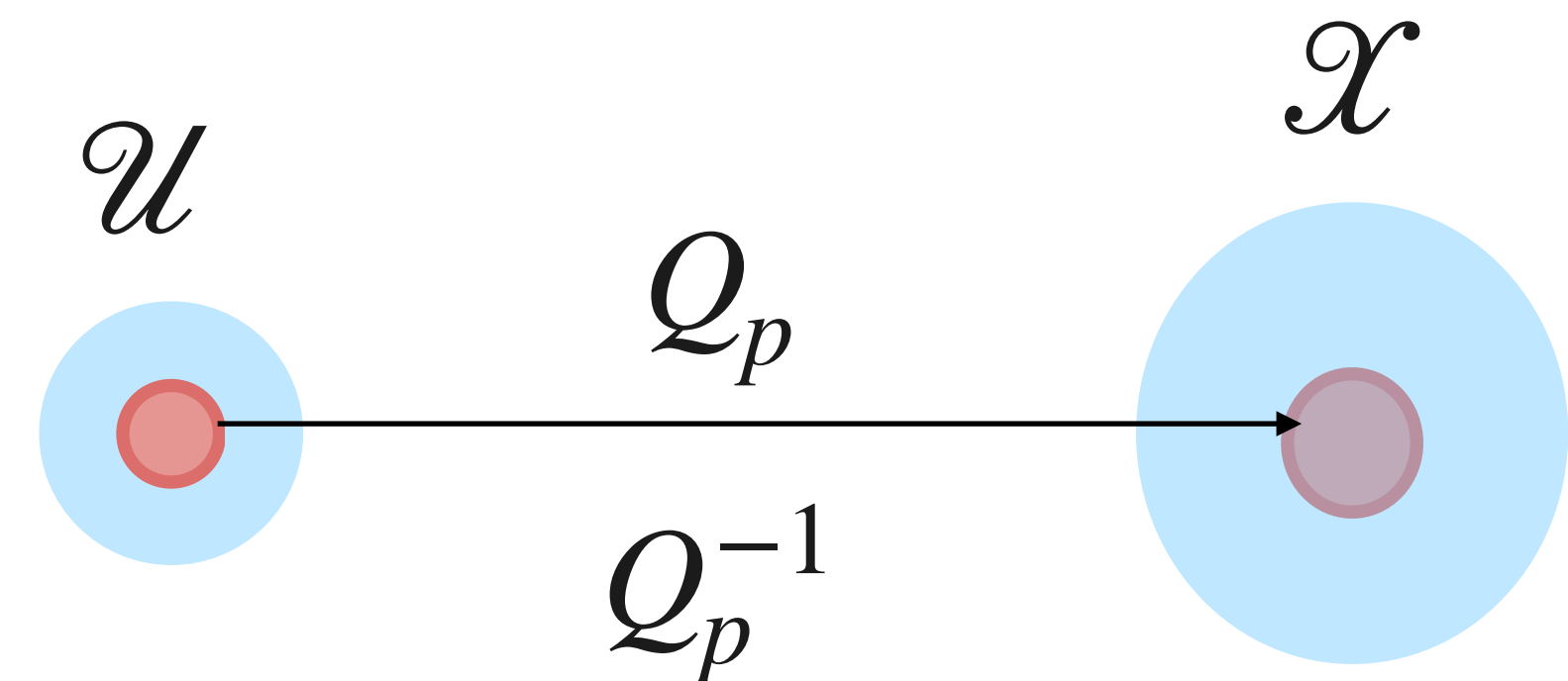


Figure 1: The data depth on a banana shaped distribution. Left: Halfspace depth (Tukey, 1975). Right: Monge-Kantorovich depth (Chernozhukov et al., 2017). The right one aligns more with our natural idea of credible set. Copied from Chernozhukov et al. (2017).



# Convergence Theorem

Under mild regularity conditions and Assumption 1,

For any closed subset  $K_U \subset \mathcal{U}$  and  $K'_X \subset \mathcal{X}$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\sup_{u \in K_U, x \in K'_X} \|\hat{Q}_{\theta|X=x}^N(u) - Q_{\theta|X=x}(u)\| \rightarrow 0$$

Furthermore, for any closed subset  $K_X \subset \mathcal{X}$ ,

$$\sup_{x \in K_X} W_2(\hat{\pi}^N(\theta | X = x), \pi(\theta | X = x)) \rightarrow 0.$$

Similar convergence results for the credible set.

# Experiment

**Brock and Hommes (1998):**

$$x_{t+1} = \frac{1}{R} \sum_{h=1}^H n_{h,t+1} (g_h x_t + b_h) + \epsilon_{t+1},$$

$$n_{h,t+1} = \frac{\exp(\beta U_{h,t})}{\sum_{h=1}^H \exp(\beta U_{h,t})}$$

$$U_{h,t} = (x_t - R x_{t-1})(g_h x_{t-2} + b_h - R x_{t-1})$$

$$\epsilon_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$\beta = 120, H = 4, R = 1.01, \sigma = 0.04, g_1 = b_1 = b_4 = 0, \text{ and } g_4 = 1.01$$

$\theta = (g_2, b_2, g_3, b_3)$ ,  $\mathbf{y} := (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_T) \sim p(\mathbf{x} \mid \theta^*)$  represents the pseudo-observation, with  $T = 100$ , and  $\theta^* = (g_2^*, b_2^*, g_3^*, b_3^*) = (0.9, 0.2, 0.9, -0.2)$  as the parameters used to generate  $\mathbf{y}$ . The priors are specified as  $g_2, b_2, g_3 \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$ , while  $b_3 \sim \mathcal{U}(-1, 0)$ .

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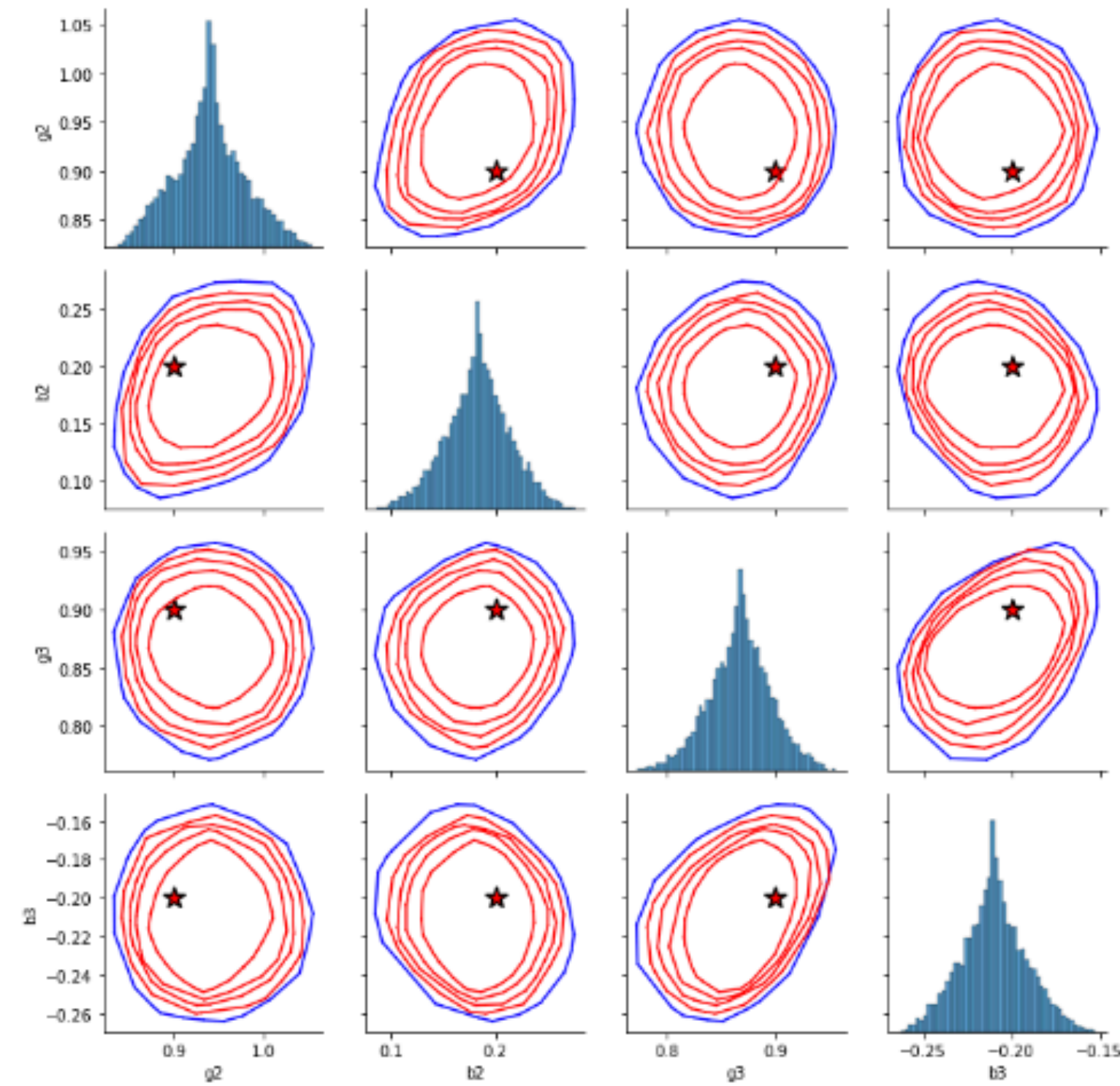


Figure 3: The Brier map results on Brock Hommes Model, with convex hull corresponding to  $\tau \in [0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9]$  (red) and  $\tau = 1$  (blue). Red stars: the true parameters.

# Comparison with Existing Works

Wang and Rockova (2022) :

The first work that applies deep generative models to likelihood-free posterior sampling

It learns the joint distribution of  $(\theta, X)$

It optimizes W-1 distance through adversarial training

Our work optimizes W-2 distance: no adversarial training

Once the distance is computed we instantly obtain the optimal generator

Polson and Sokolov (2023): Training of the quantile map  $\rightarrow$  One dimensional case

# Limitations

**Efficiency: issues common in deep learning based posterior sampling**

**Not learning  $P(\theta | X_0)$  but  $P(\theta | X)$  for any generic  $X \sim P_X$**

**When  $P(\theta | X)$  is very complex in  $X$ , we invest too much computational power and memory to learn  $P(\theta | \tilde{X})$ ,  $\tilde{X} \neq X_0$  that will not be used**

**Need for a large number of training data**

**When simulation takes long time (one point generation takes five days), generating sufficient amount of data for training is not plausible**

**Credible Set:**

**Not the standard credible set if the posterior is not unimodal and symmetric**

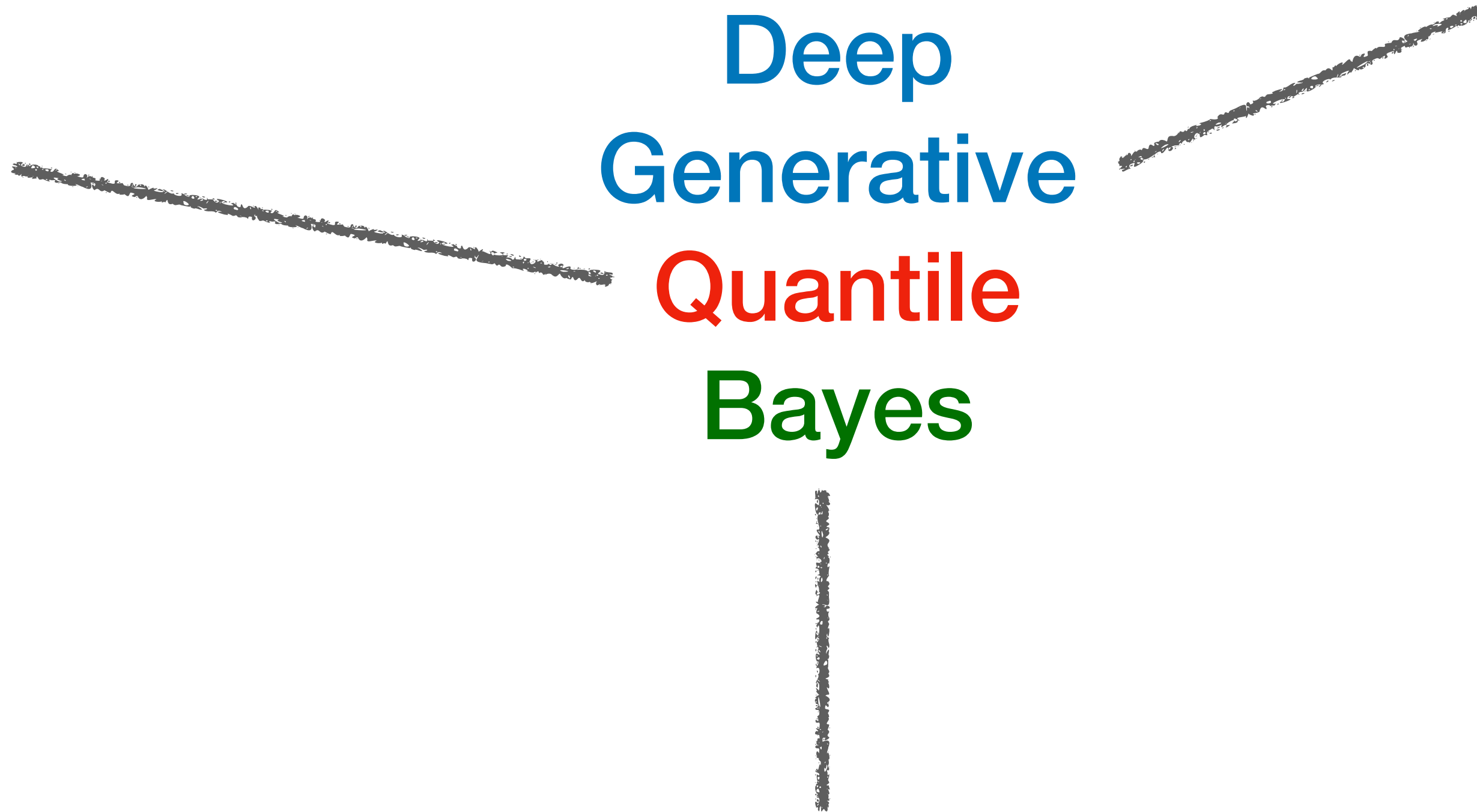
# Summary

**Generative  
Bayes  
Through  
Quantiles**

**Deep  
Generative  
Quantile  
Bayes**

**Deep  
Generative  
Modeling**

**Posterior Sampling  
Without  
Likelihood**



# Summary

## Our Deep Generative Quantile Bayes

Vector Quantile Formulation (Monge-Kantorovich Data Depth): push-forward from spherical distribution

Optimizing 2-Wasserstein distance

-> No adversarial training: Stable Optimization

Sampling from the Credible Set (estimation: convex hull)

Automatic Summary Statistics Learning

-> No need to manually choose summary statistics

-> Achieves Support Shrinkage

-> Scalable Learning

# Thank you!

**For more theoretical/numerical results:**

**Please check out <https://arxiv.org/abs/2312.05411>**

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