On the speed in transportation costs of heat distributions

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$$\mathcal{T}_c(\mu, \nu) := \inf \left\{ \int_{M \times M} c \, d\pi \;\middle|\; \begin{array}{c} \pi\text{: coupling of} \\ \mu \text{ and } \nu \end{array} \right\}$$

(Optimal transportation cost for a cost function c)

Q.2 Applications?

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$$\overline{\lim_{s \downarrow t}} \left(\frac{W_2(\mu_s, \mu_t)}{s - t} \right)^2 = \int_M \frac{|\nabla \rho_t|^2}{\rho_t} dv =: I(\mu_t)$$

(Fisher information)

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$$\boxed{I(\mu_t) \leq e^{-2Kt} I(\mu_0)}$$

($\Rightarrow$ log Sobolev ineq. (when $K > 0$))

Remark on backgrounds

★ $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text{Q1}\\ \text{Q2}\end{array}\right\}$ $\leftrightsquigarrow$ grad. flow "$\dot{\mu}_t = -\nabla U(\mu_t)$" on $\mathcal{P}(M)$

[Ambrosio, Gigli & Savaré '05]

- Q1 $\leftrightsquigarrow$ Energy dissipation equality

$$-\frac{d}{dt}U(\mu_t) = \frac{1}{2}|\dot{\mu}_t|^2 + \frac{1}{2}|\nabla_- U|(\mu_t)^2$$

- Q2 $\leftrightsquigarrow$ (K-)Evolution variational ineqaulity

$$\frac{1}{2}\mathrm{e}^{-Kt}\frac{d}{dt}\left(\mathrm{e}^{Kt}W_2(\mu_t,\nu)^2\right) \le U(\nu) - U(\mu_t)$$

$$(\forall \nu \in \mathcal{P}_2(M))$$

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Framework

- $(M, g(t))$: m-dim. cpl. Riem. mfds., $t \in [0, T]$

  $\partial_t g(t) = 2\,\mathrm{Ric}_t$ (backward Ricci flow)

- $((X(t))_{t \ge 0}, (\mathbb{P}_x)_{x \in M})$: $g(t)$-Brownian motion

  $\leftrightsquigarrow \Delta_{g(t)}$: generator

  $\mu_t = \mathbb{P}_{\mu_0} \circ X(t)^{-1}$: heat dist.

- v_t: $g(t)$-volume meas., $\mu_t = \rho_t v_t$

  ★ $\partial_t v_t = R_t v_t \quad (R_t$: $g(t)$-scalar curv.)

<u>Ass.</u> $\sup_t |\mathrm{Rm}_t|_{g(t)} < \infty \quad (\mathrm{Rm}_t$: $g(t)$-curv. tensor)

$$\partial_t \mu_t \neq -\nabla \mathrm{Ent}_{v_t}(\mu_t)$$

$$\boxed{\mathrm{Ent}_{v_t}(\mu_t) := \int_M \rho_t \log \rho_t \, dv_t = \int_M \log \rho_t \, d\mu_t}$$

★ $\partial_t \mu_t = \Delta_t \mu_t$ (weakly)

$$\Rightarrow \partial_t \mathrm{Ent}_{v_t}(\mu_t) = -\int_M \left(\frac{|\nabla \rho_t|^2}{\rho_t^2} + R_t \right) d\mu_t$$

$$=: -\mathcal{F}(\mu_t) \qquad (\mathcal{F}\text{-functional})$$

$\Rightarrow$ No monotonicity of $\mathrm{Ent}_{v_t}(\mu_t)$!

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Recall:

Ass. $\sup_t |\mathrm{Rm}_t|_{g(t)} < \infty$ (Rm_t: $g(t)$-curv. tensor)

Monotonicity of $\mathcal{F}$

Theorem 3

Suppose $\mathrm{Ent}_{v_0}(\mu_0) < \infty$ *and* $\mathcal{F}(\mu_0) < \infty$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{s \downarrow 0} \frac{\mathcal{T}_{L_0^{t,t+s}}(\mu_t, \mu_{t+s})}{s} = \mathcal{F}(\mu_t) \text{ a.e. } t \in [0, T]$$

Corollary 4

$\mathcal{F}(\mu_t) \searrow$

- Rem: $g(t) \equiv g$, $\mathrm{Ric} \geq 0 \Rightarrow I(\mu_t) \searrow$
- [Lott '09] when M: cpt.
  by Eulerian calculus (requires smoothness)

Monotonicity of $\mathcal{W}$-entropy

Theorem 5

Suppose $\mathrm{Ent}_{v_0}(\mu_0) < \infty$ *and* $\mathcal{F}(\mu_0) < \infty$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{s \downarrow 0} \frac{\mathcal{T}_{L_1^{t,t+s}}(\mu_t, \mu_{t+s})}{s} = \sqrt{t}\mathcal{F}(\mu_t) \text{ a.e. } t \in (0, T]$$

Corollary 6

$t^2 \mathcal{F}(\mu_t) - \frac{mt}{2} \searrow$. *In particular,* $\mathcal{W}(\mu_t) \searrow$

$$\mathcal{W}(t) := t\mathcal{F}(\mu_t) - \mathrm{Ent}(\mu_t) - \frac{m \log t}{2} + \text{const.}$$

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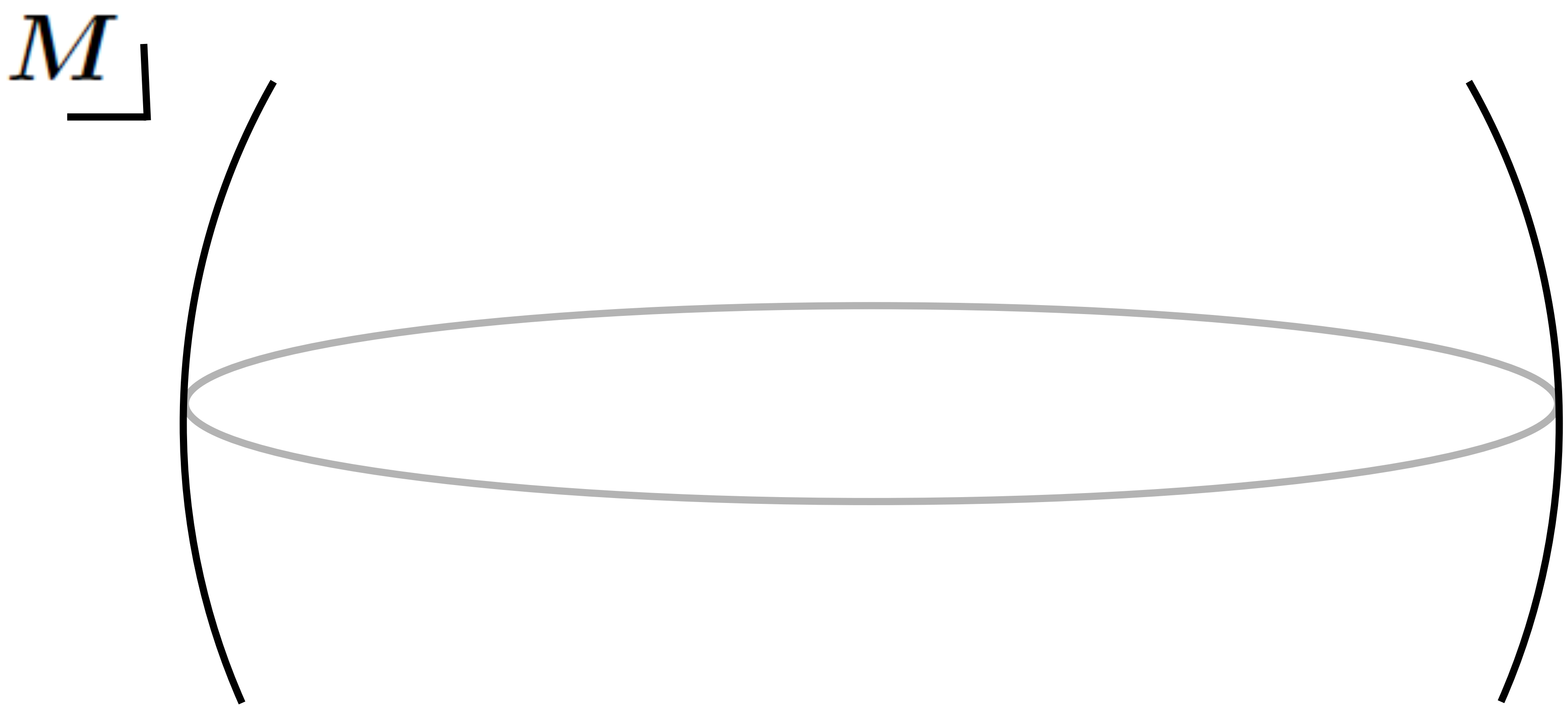

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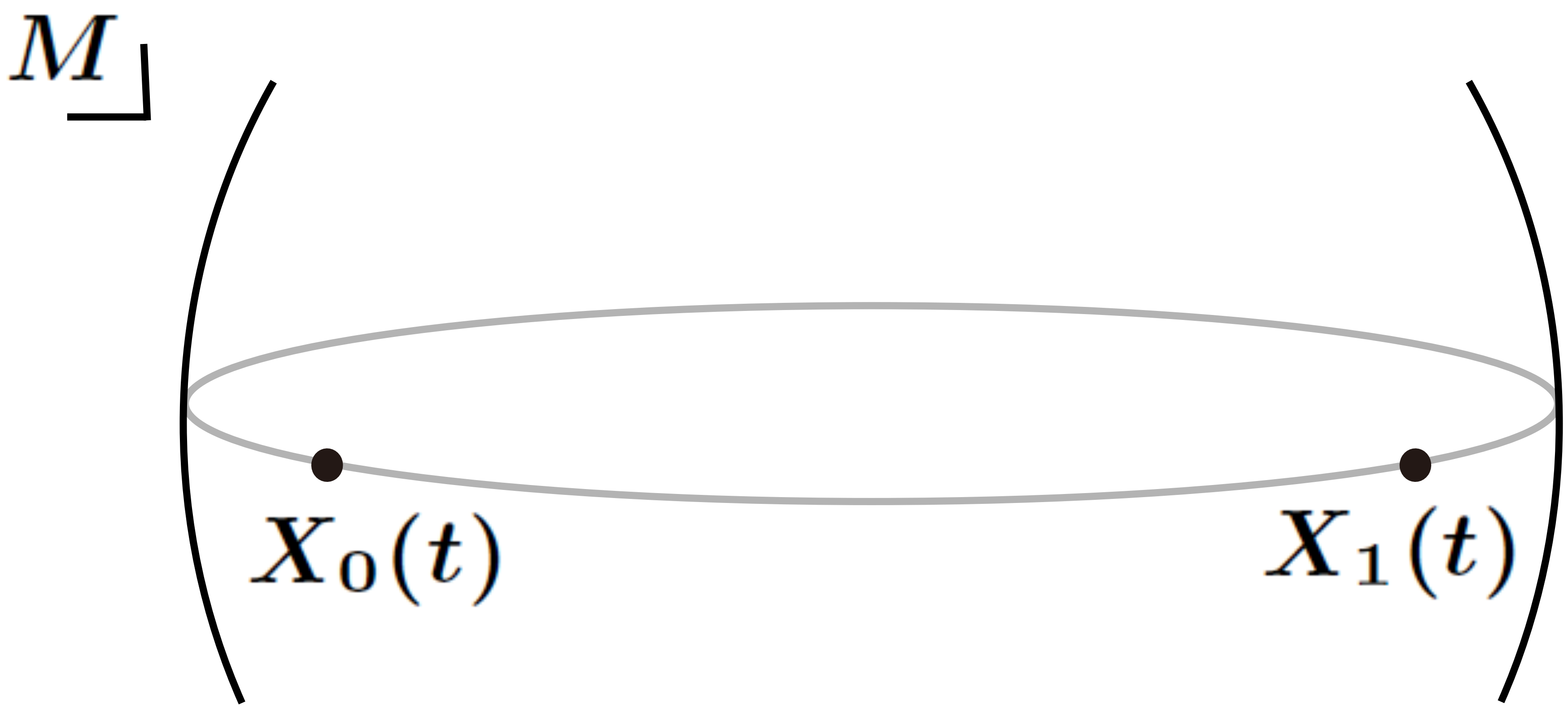

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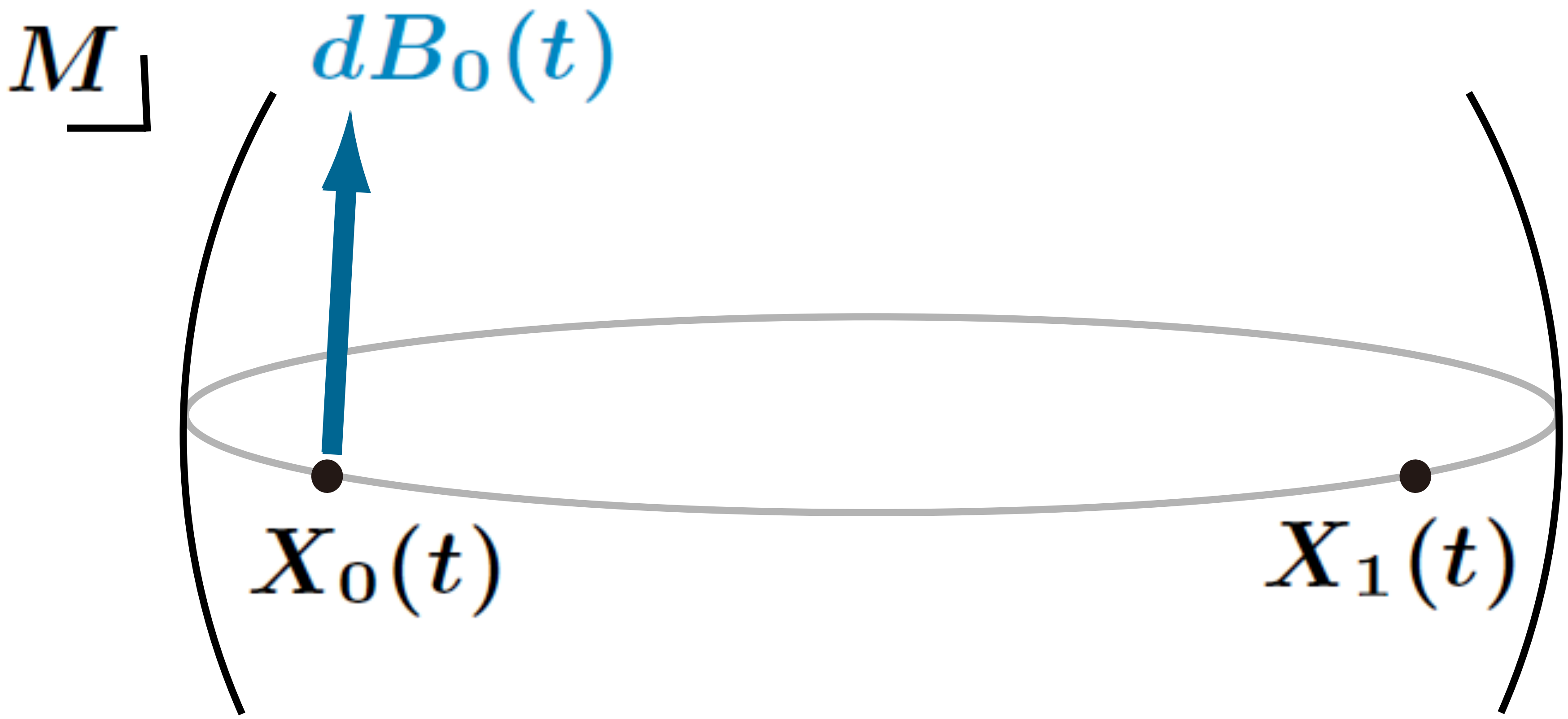

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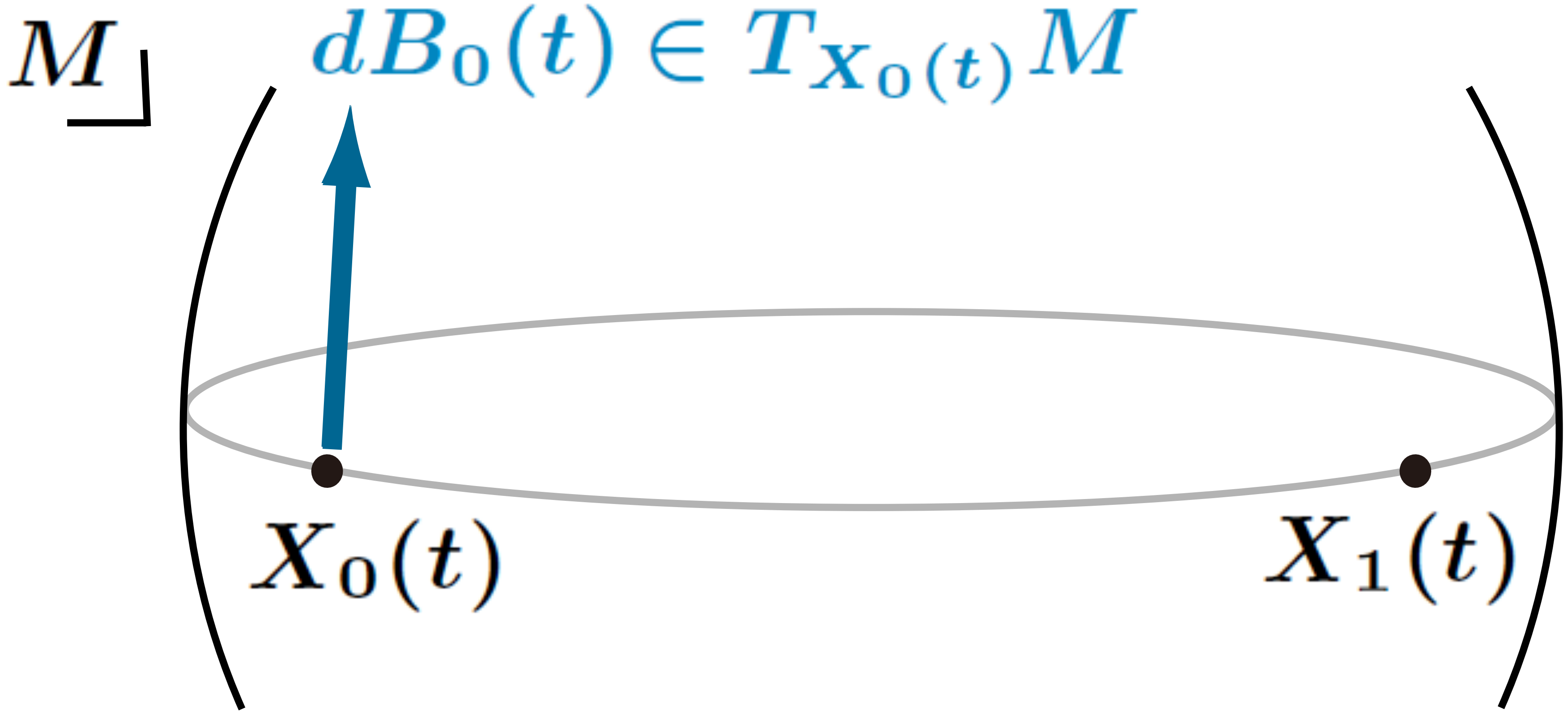

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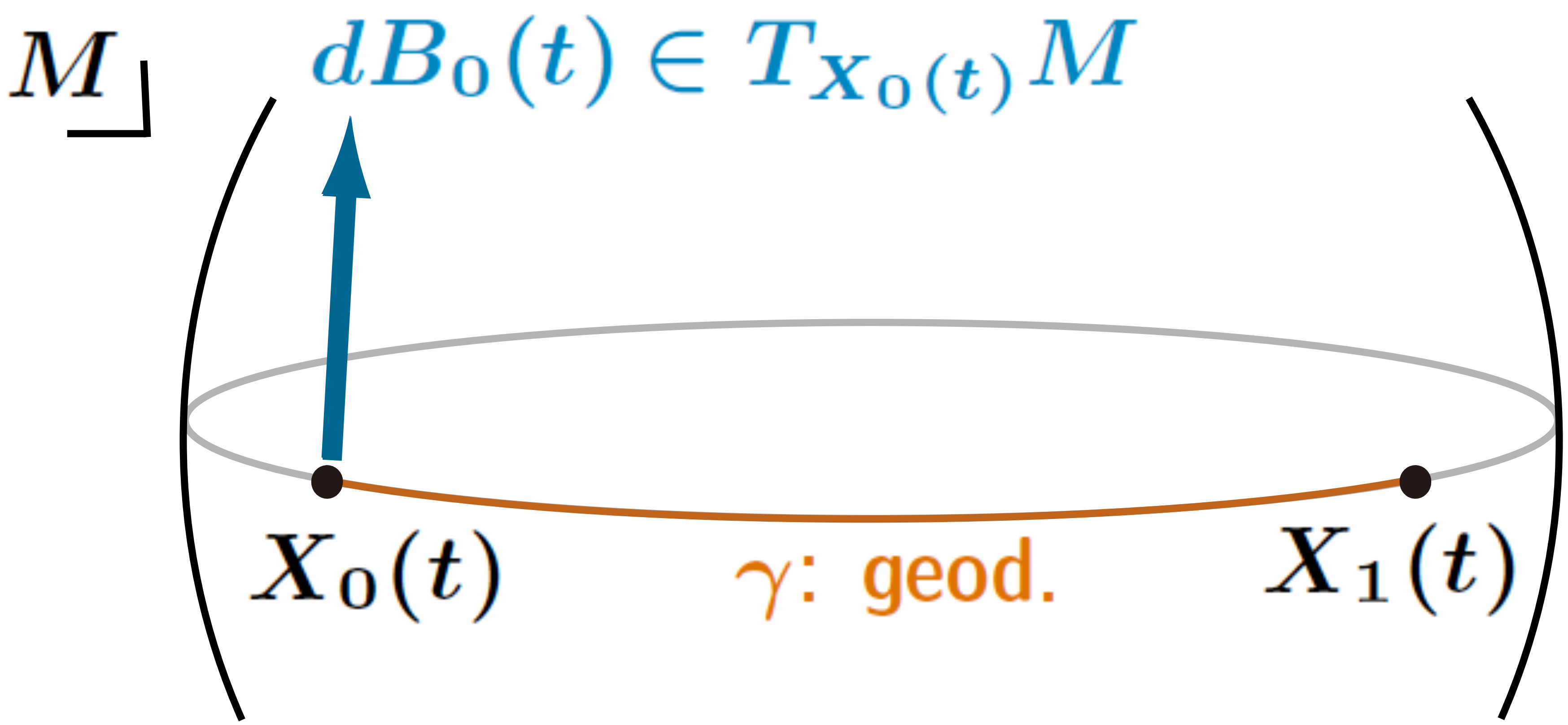

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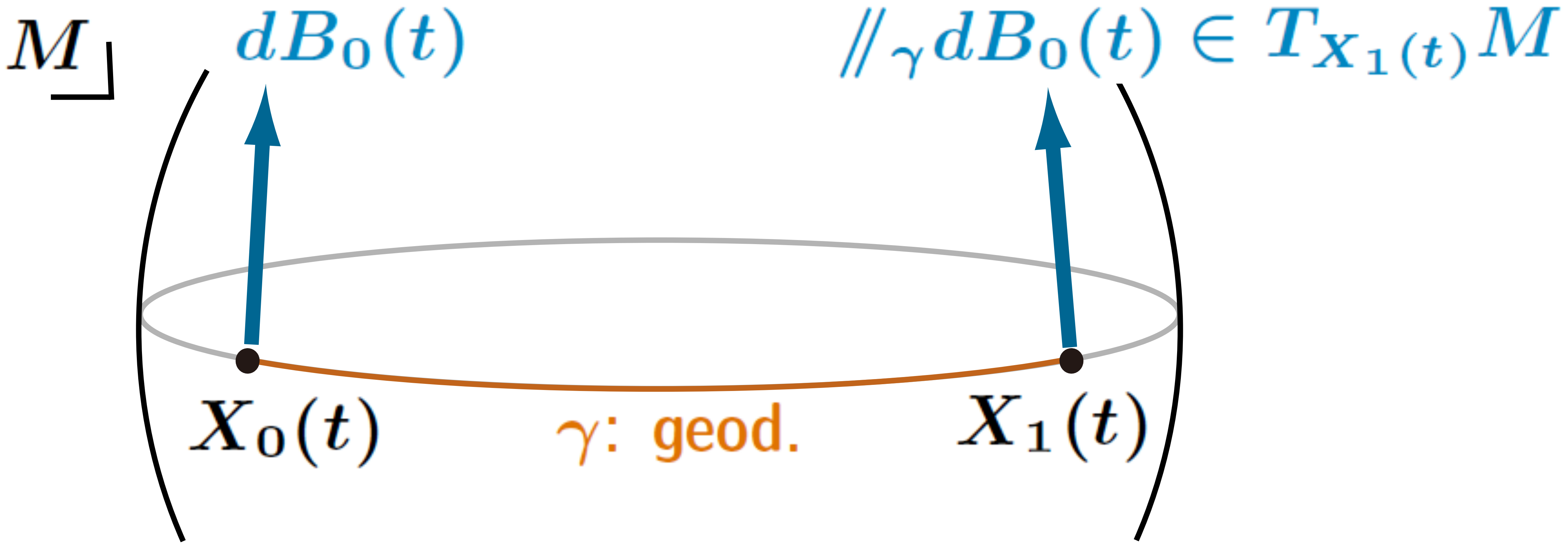

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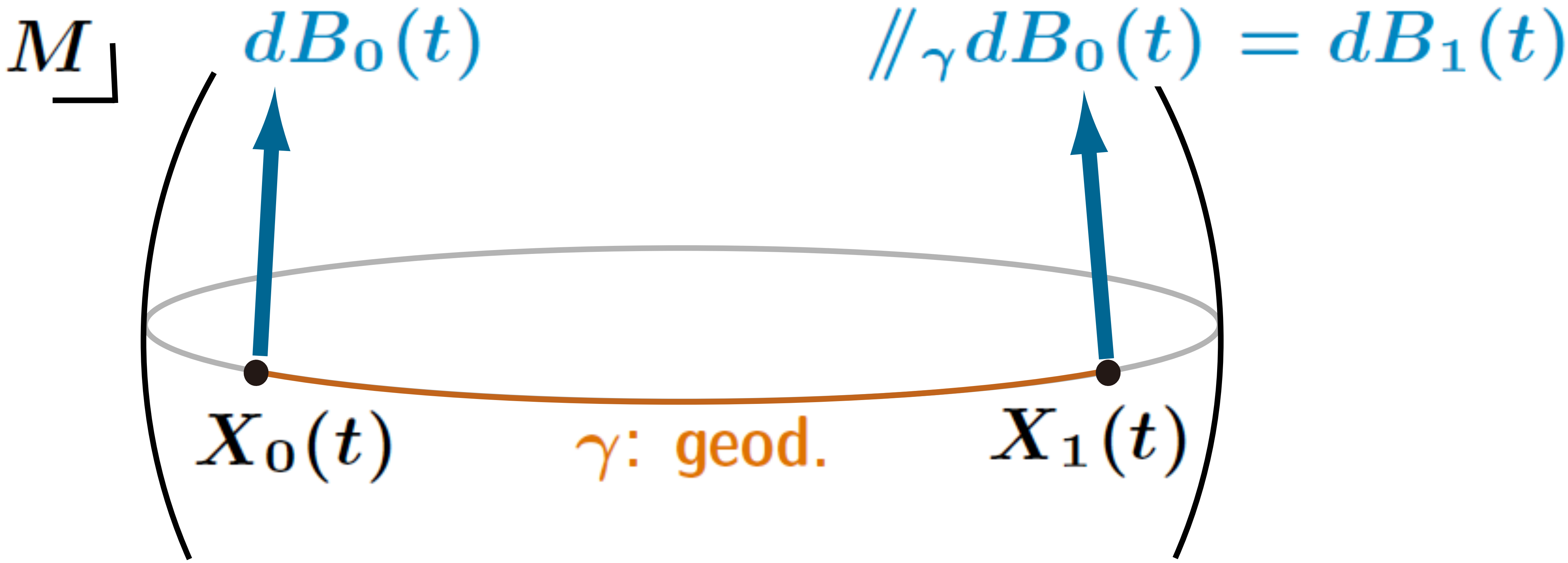

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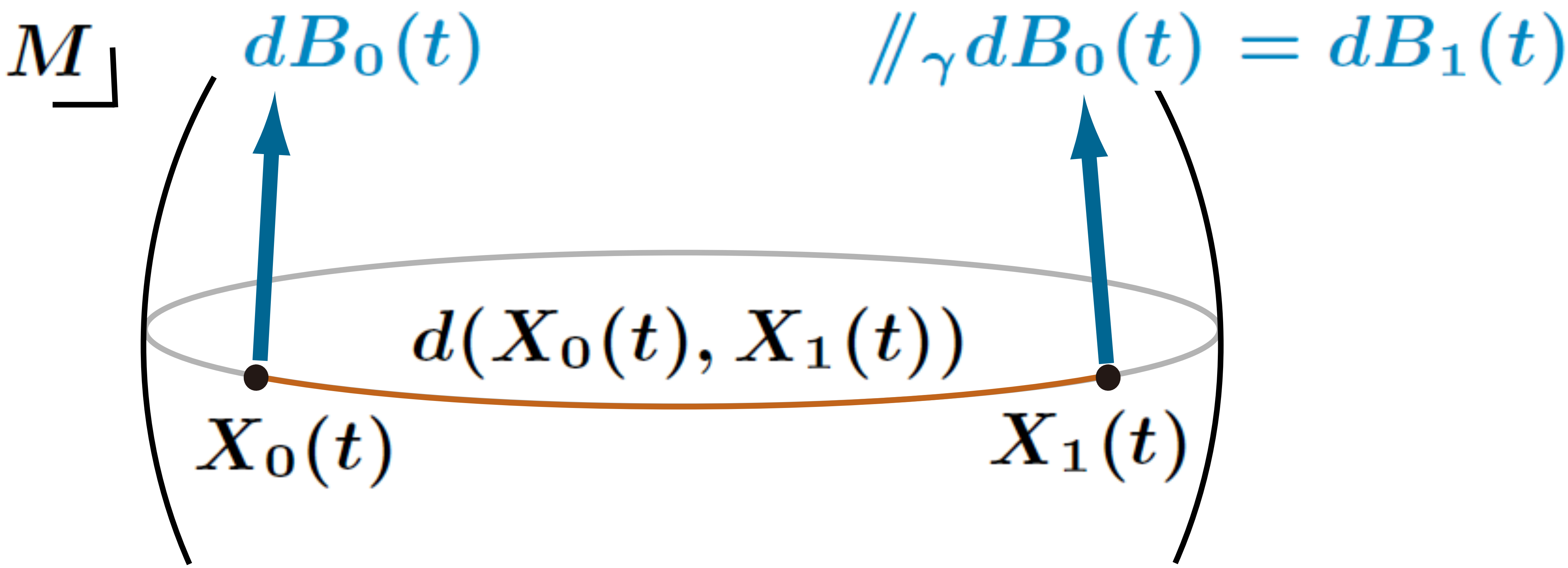

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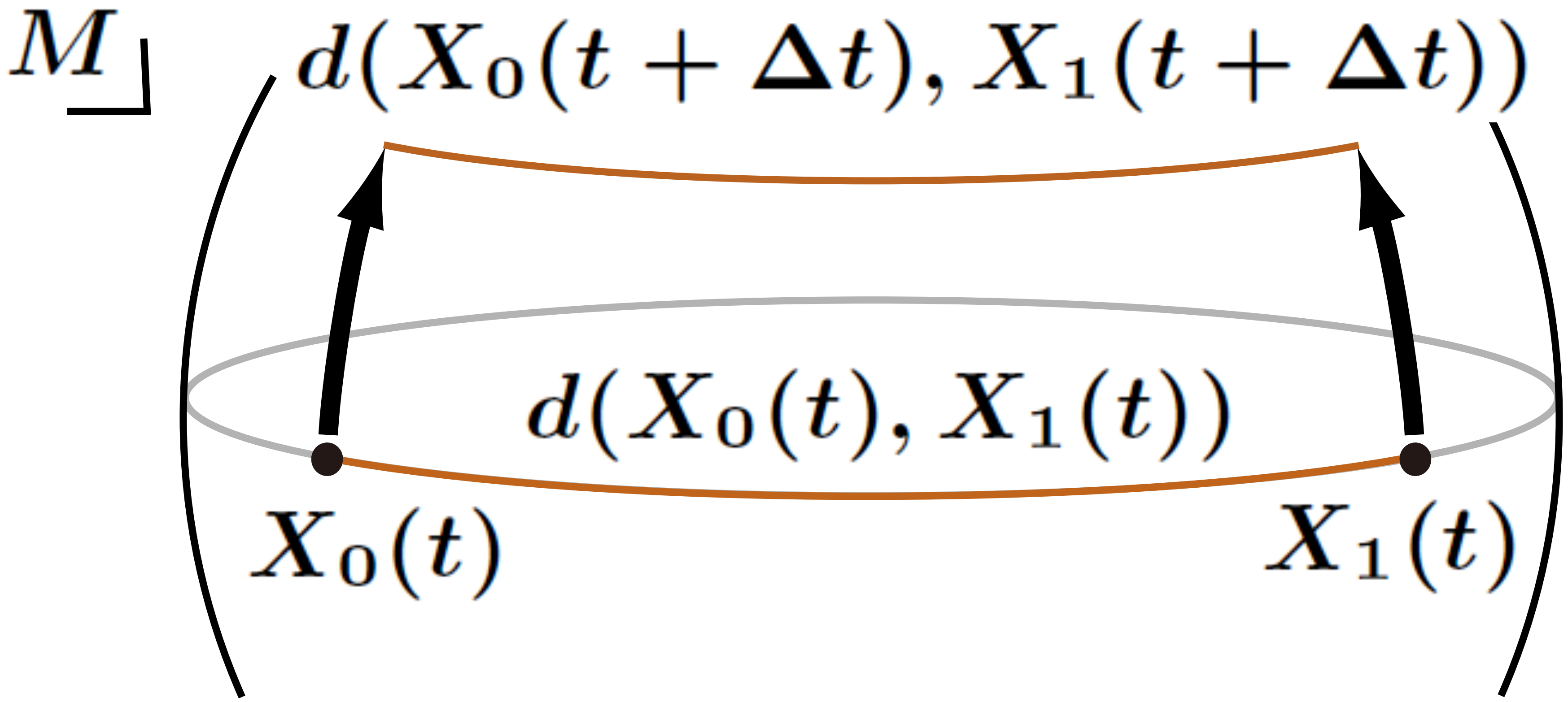

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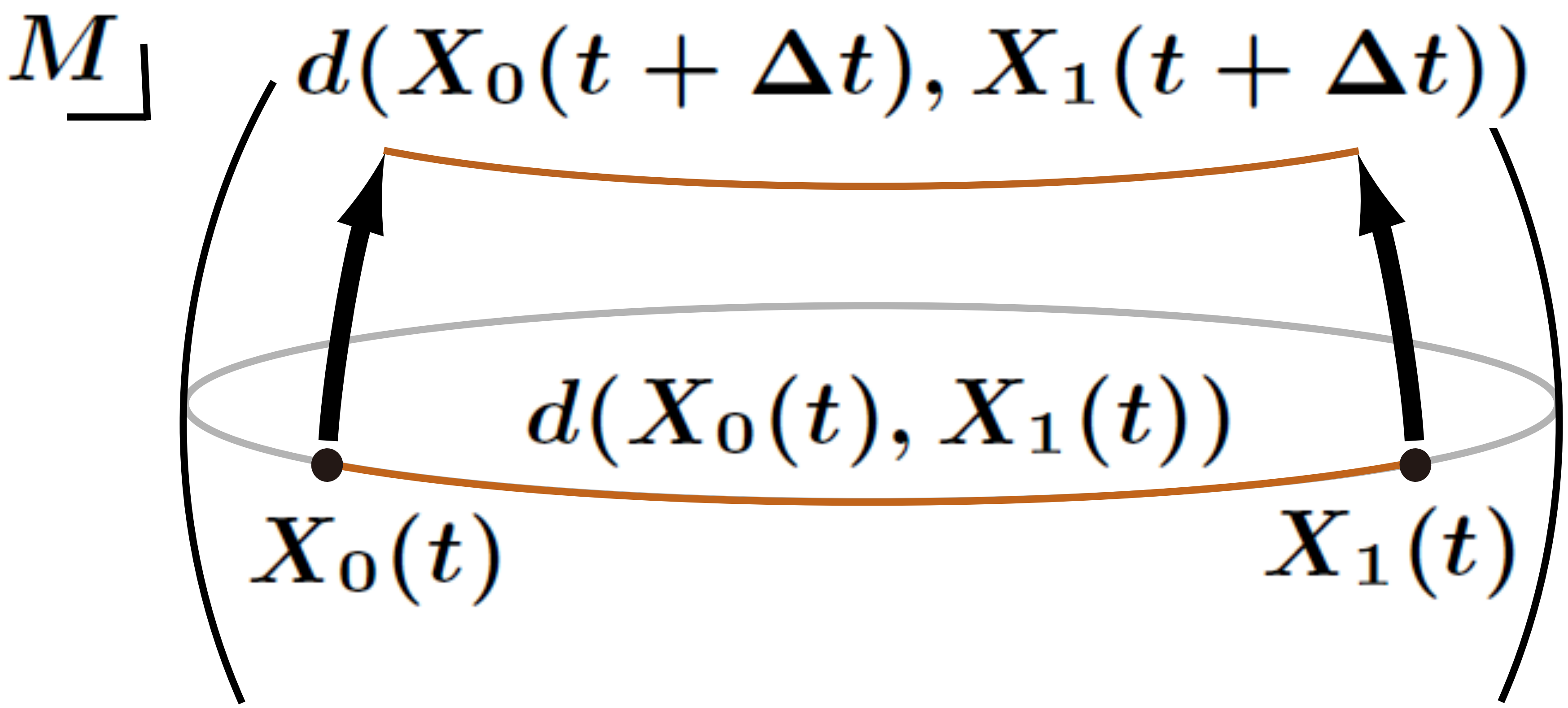

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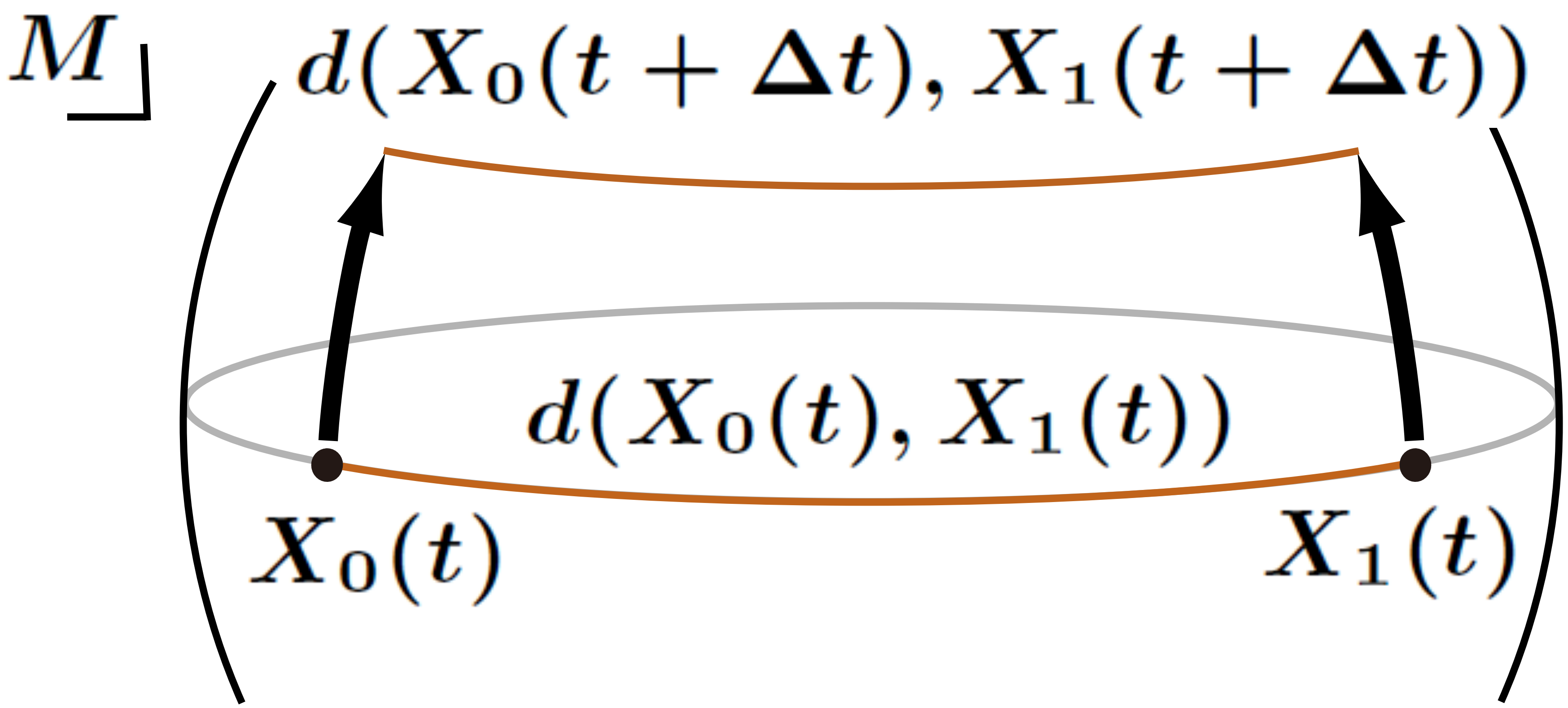

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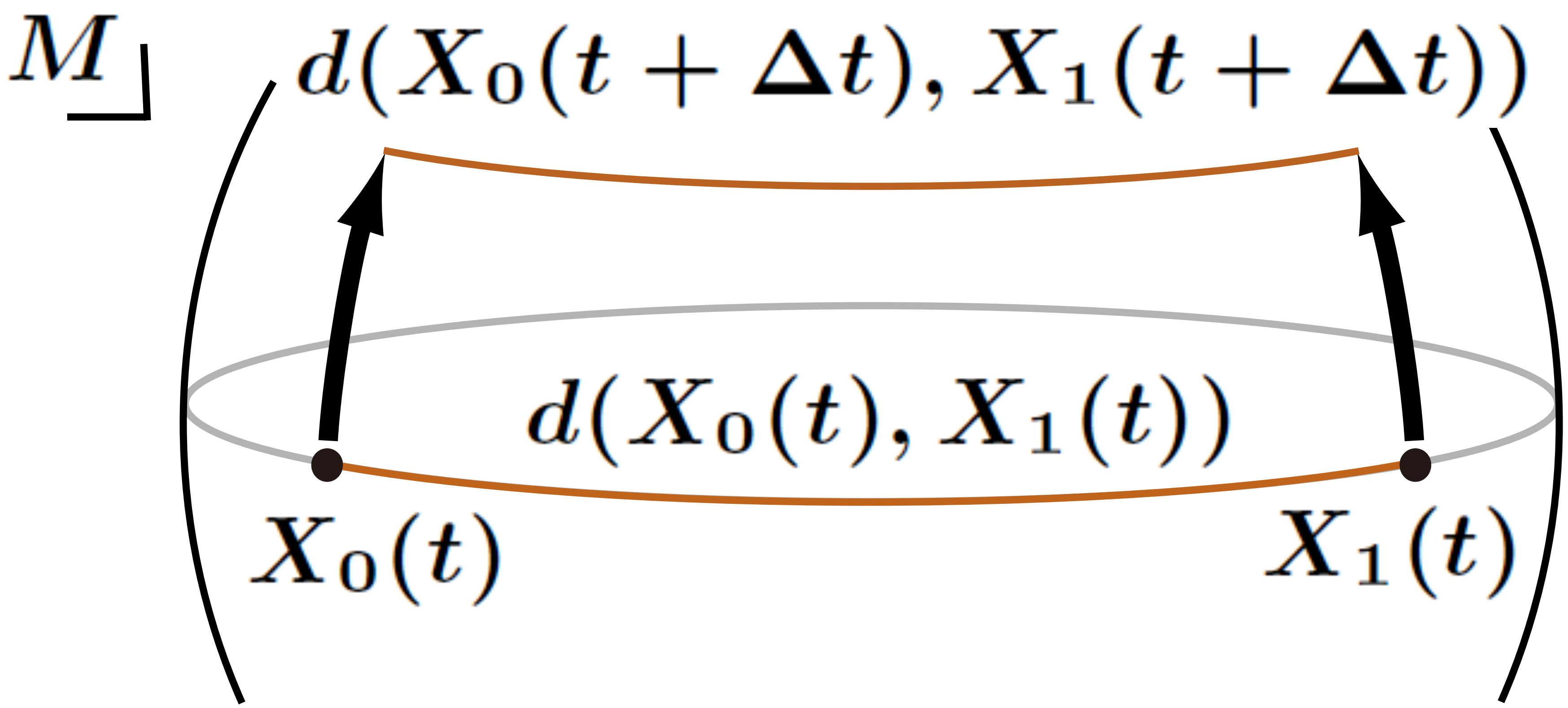

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$$\text{“}\frac{\partial}{\partial t} d(X_0(t), X_1(t)) \leq -K d(X_0(t), X_1(t))\text{”}$$

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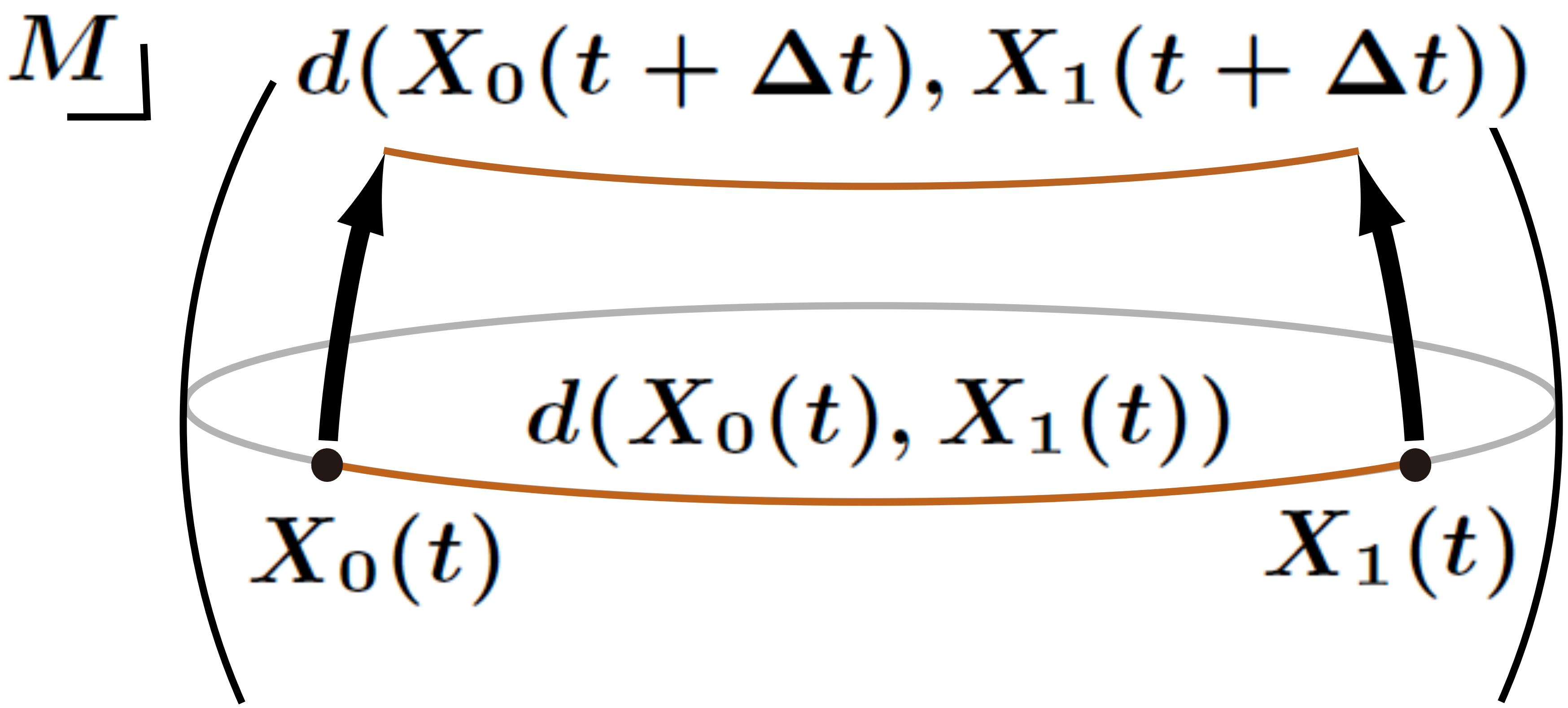

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Remark

- Many other approaches in time-homogeneous case
- A method in [Arnaudon, Coulibaly & Thalmaier '09] does not seem to work

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$$= \inf_{\substack{\gamma:[t,t+s]\to M \\ \gamma(t+s)=x}} \left(\varphi(\gamma(t)) + \frac{1}{2} \int_t^{t+s} |\dot{\gamma}(r)|^2 \, dr \right)$$

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$$\Downarrow \alpha = 3/2$$

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(False on Finsler mfds with $p = 2$)

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Facts

- Monotonicity of $\mathcal{W}$-entropy

  $$\mathcal{W}(t) := tI(\mu_t) - \mathrm{Ent}(\mu_t) - \frac{N}{2}\log t + (\text{const.})$$

  on N-dim. Riem. mfds with $\mathbf{Ric} \geq 0$

- Rigidity: $\mathcal{W}$-entropy is constant iff $M \simeq \mathbb{R}^n$

  [L. Ni '04], [X.-D. Li '11], ...

Q. (X.-D. Li) The same for $\mathsf{RCD}^*(0, N)$ spaces?
(The proof on smooth spaces relies on differential calc.)

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