

I Want to Live the Gospel Maori Sticks

How to Play:

- Sing through I Want to Live the Gospel once, before introducing this activity.
- Demonstrate the pattern with the first few lines of the song. Ask the children to follow along with their hands.
- Ask the children to turn to the person beside them. Teachers may need to help to make sure everyone has a buddy. Let's try that pattern again with your hands and this time, clap your hand across to your neighbors hand for the 4th action (demonstrate).
- Are you ready to try it with me with these maori sticks? Remember – if I see children not using these appropriately we'll need to put them away and switch to a different activity!
- Pass out a canvas tote bag with maori sticks to the teachers and let them help distribute them. As an alternative, you can have one class come up front at a time to control the noise or if you have a big Primary and don't have a ton of maori sticks available!
- Sing through the song a few times with the pattern and switching up who gets to tap.

Maori Sticks Pattern:

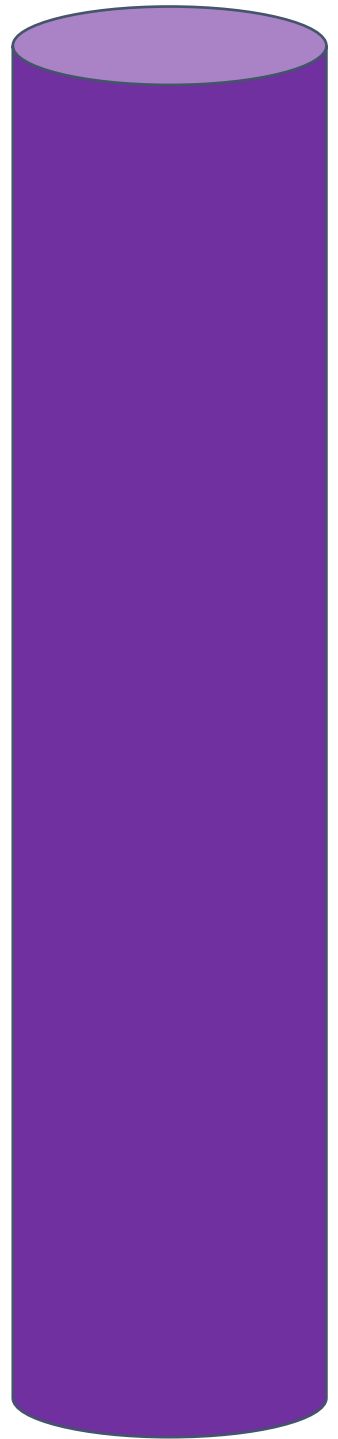
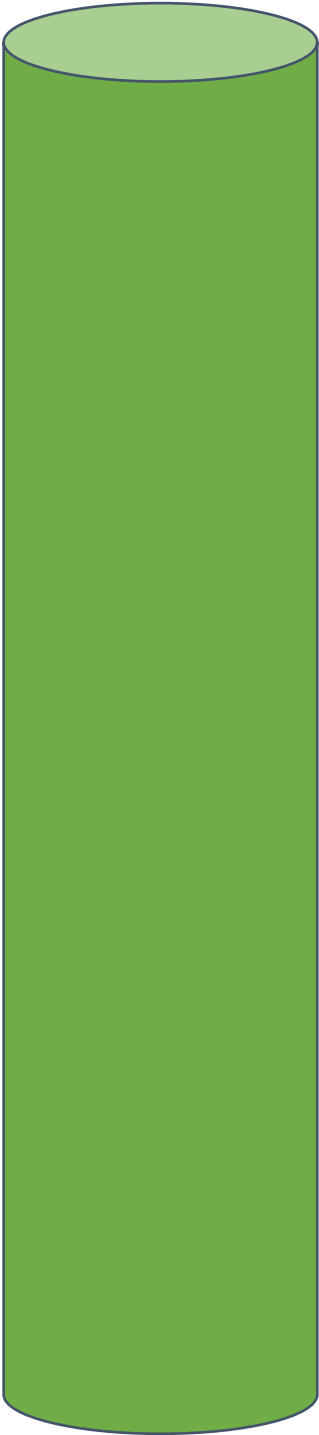
- **Clap** – Hold one Maori stick in each hand. Clap them together in front of you. You can do this by crossing them forming an “x” or by bringing them upright straight together.
- **Pat** – Bring both sticks down onto your lap or on the floor beside you if sitting on the floor. Using the floor will give you a stronger sound/beat!
- **Clap** – Repeat the clap action above.
- **Tap** – Take the Maori stick from your right hand and extend it out to your partner. Tap once on your partner's maori stick. Next time through the song, switch and hold your stick steady and let your partner tap on your maori stick!

Extension Activities:

- Switch out the final action to one of these 2 fun swaps!
 - o **Toss** – Make a small, controlled toss with the maori stick in your right hand. Try your best to catch it with the same hand!
 - o **Pass** – Toss the maori stick in your right hand in a gentle toss across to your partner. Try to catch their stick that they pass to you at the same time. For a more controlled version, just swap sticks without the toss.
- Can you try the rhythm at double speed!
- Join 2 groups (to form groups of 4) and continue the pattern in a larger group. Everyone holds both maori sticks outward. Hold the left one steady ready for your partner. Then, tap the maori stick in your right hand on the maori stick of the person to your right.



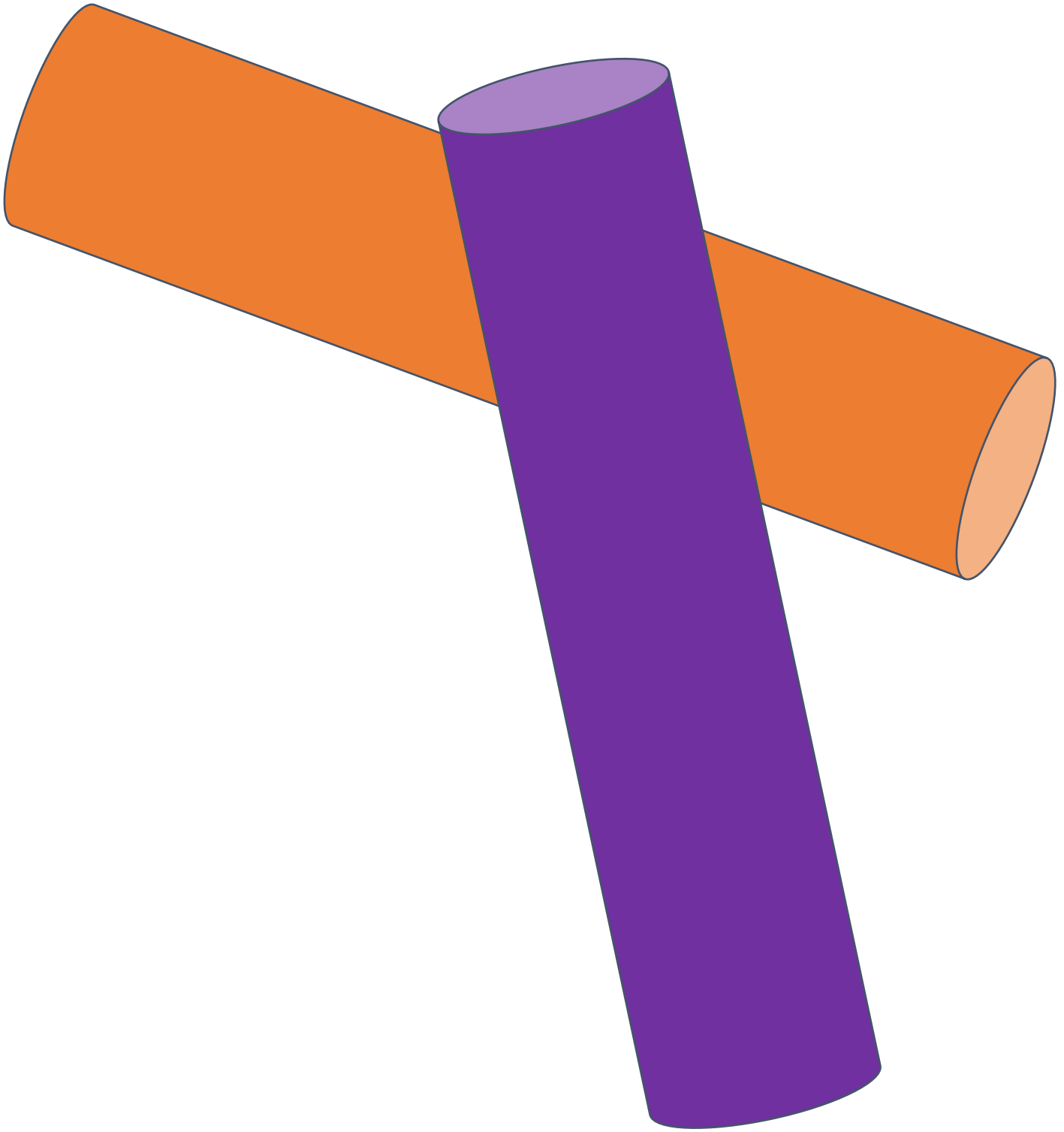
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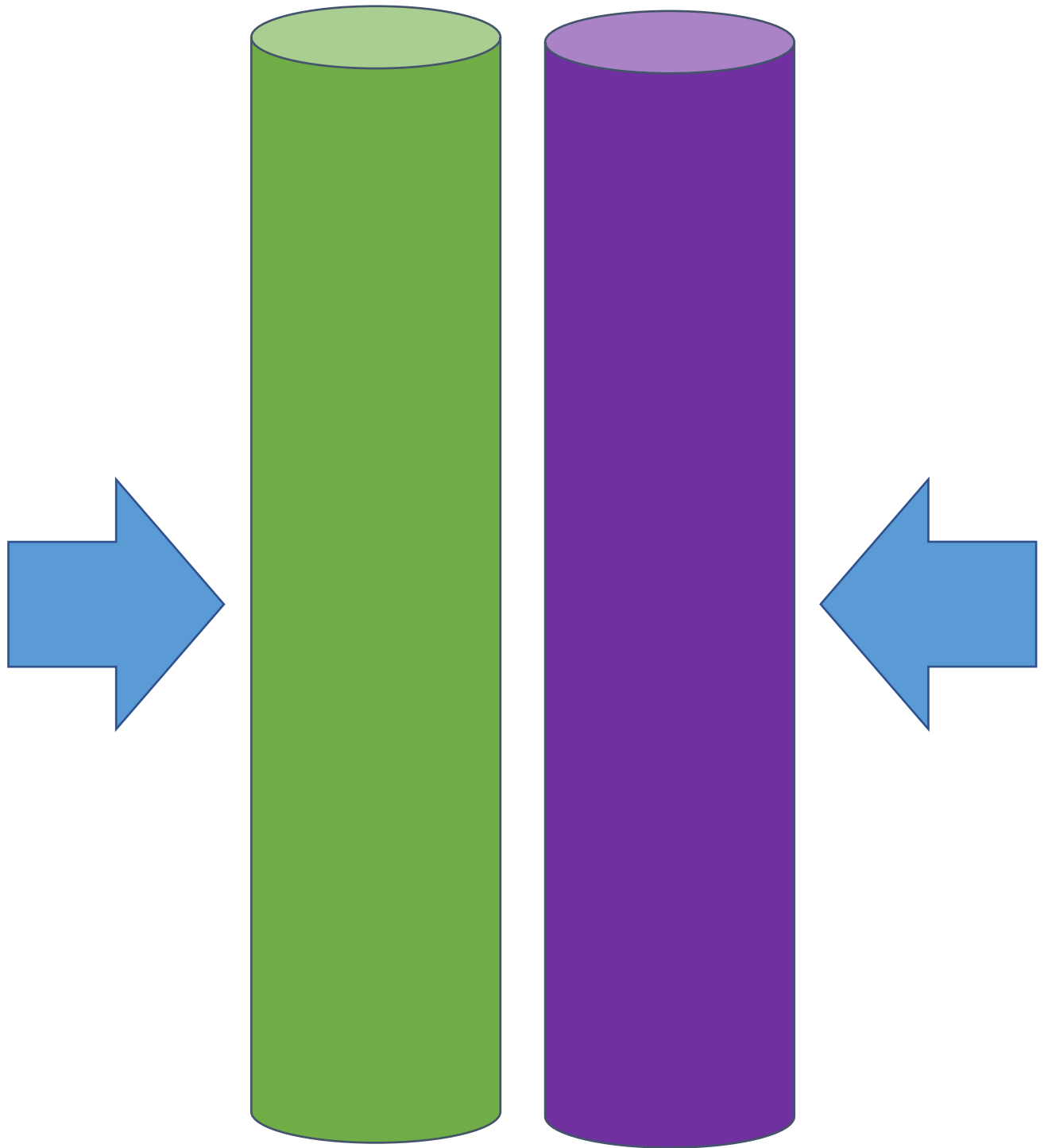
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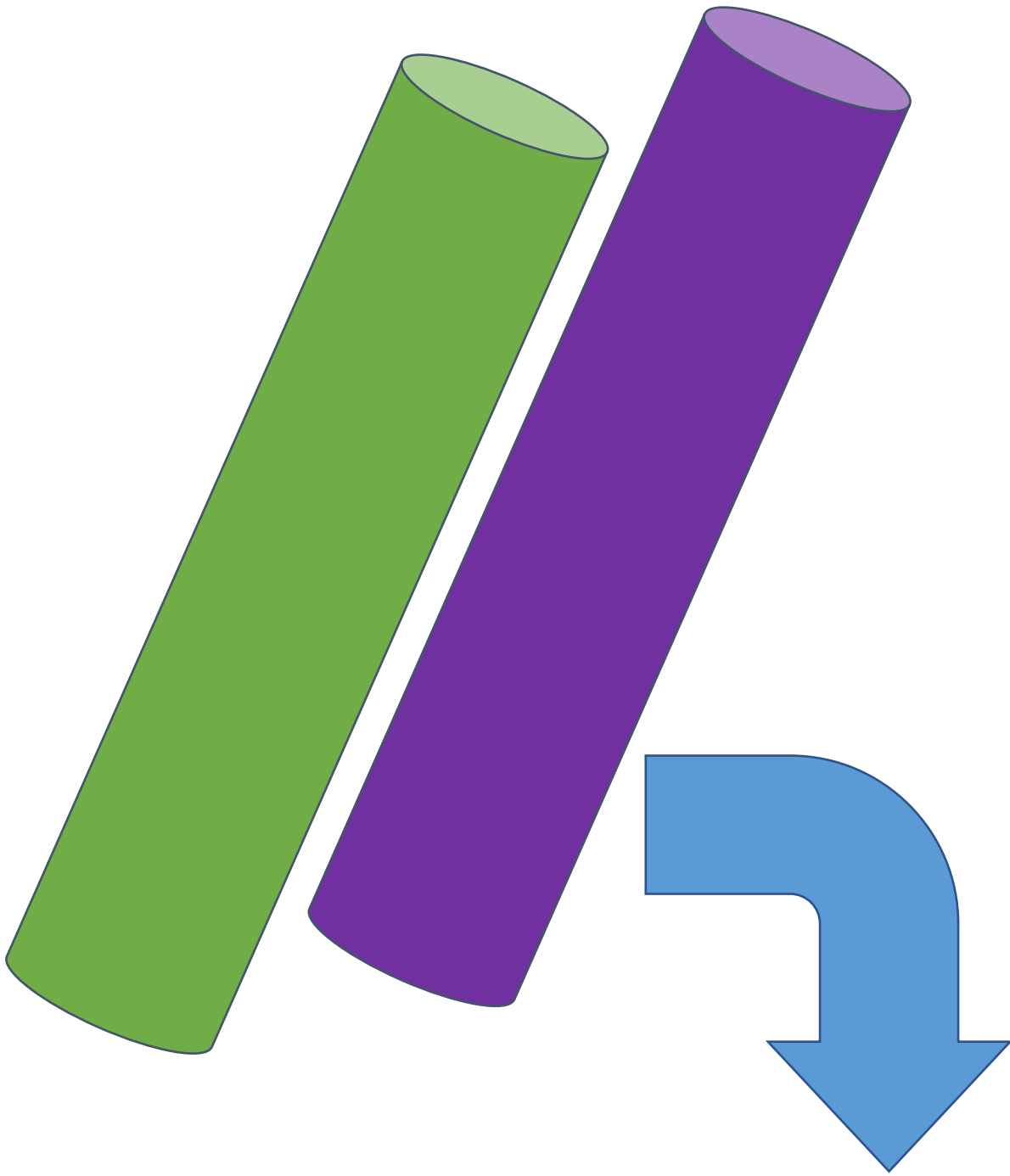
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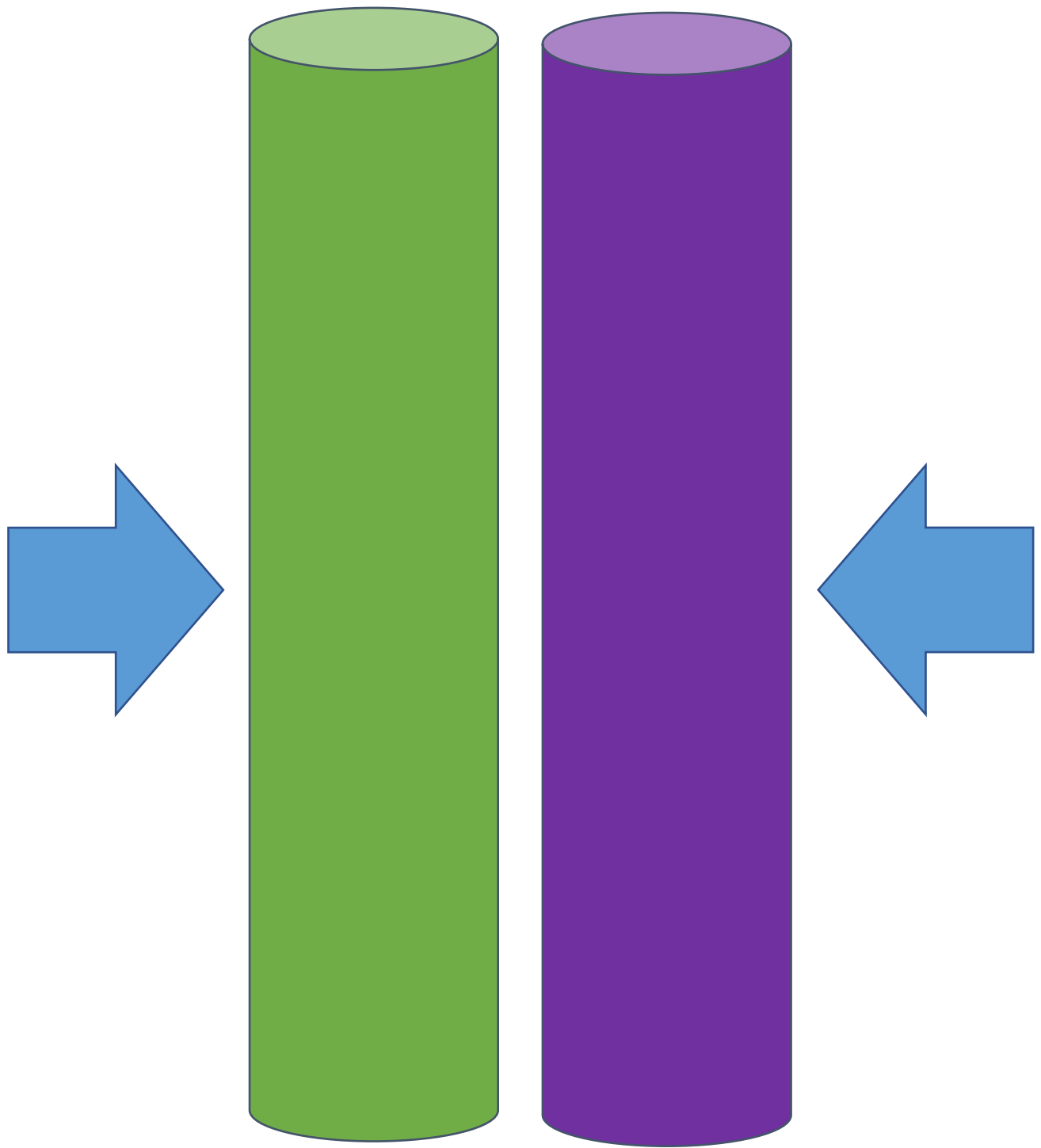
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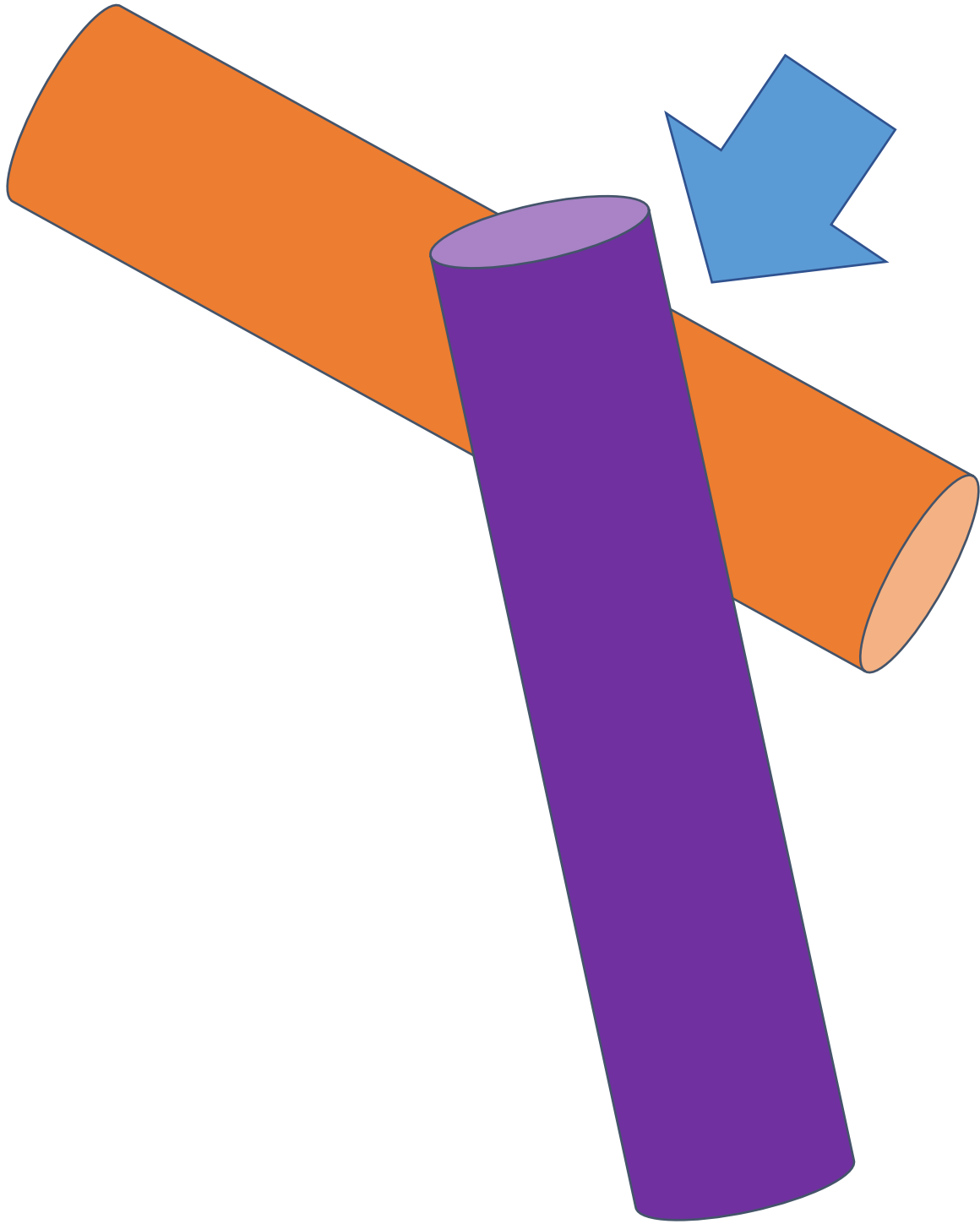
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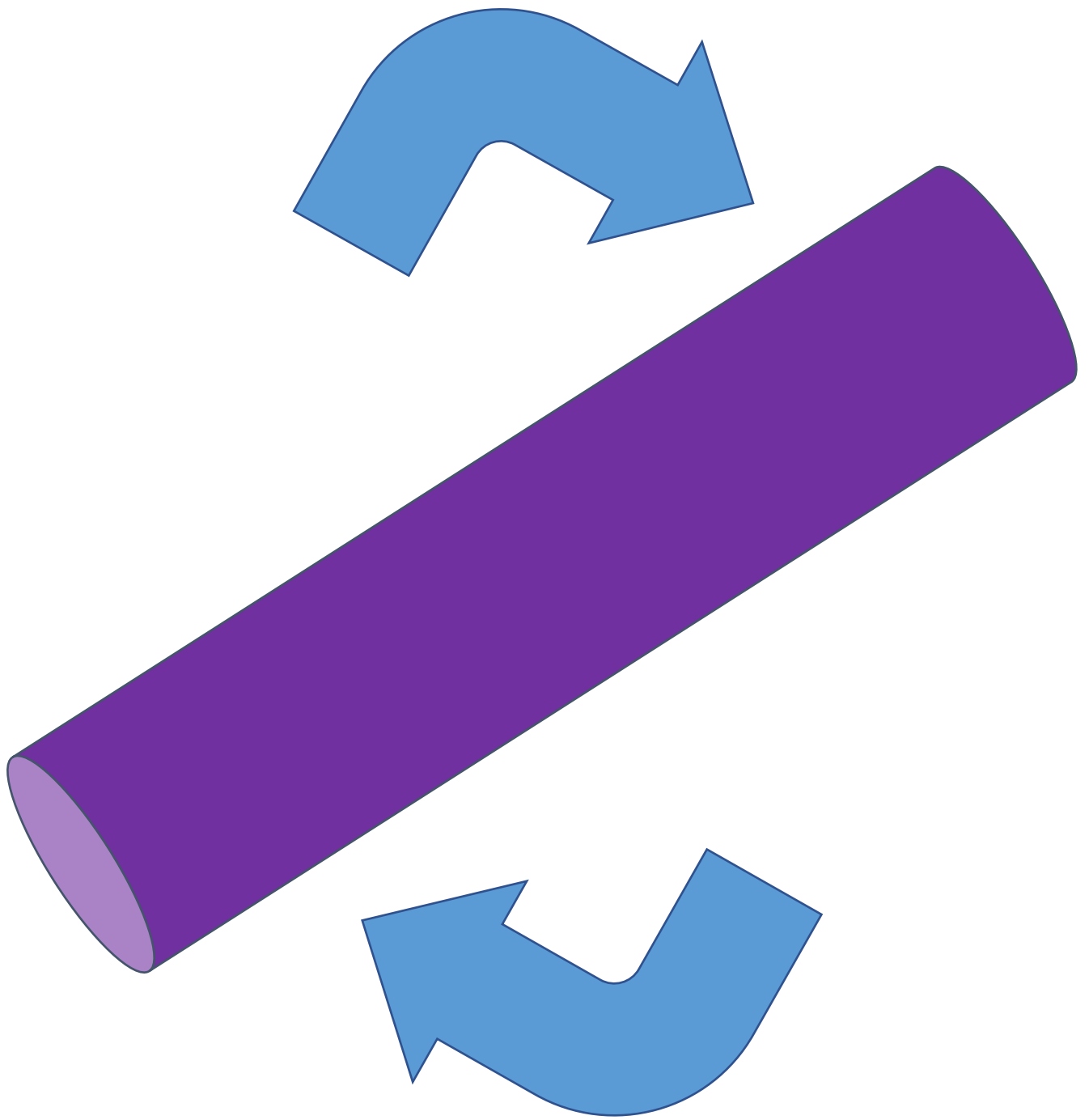
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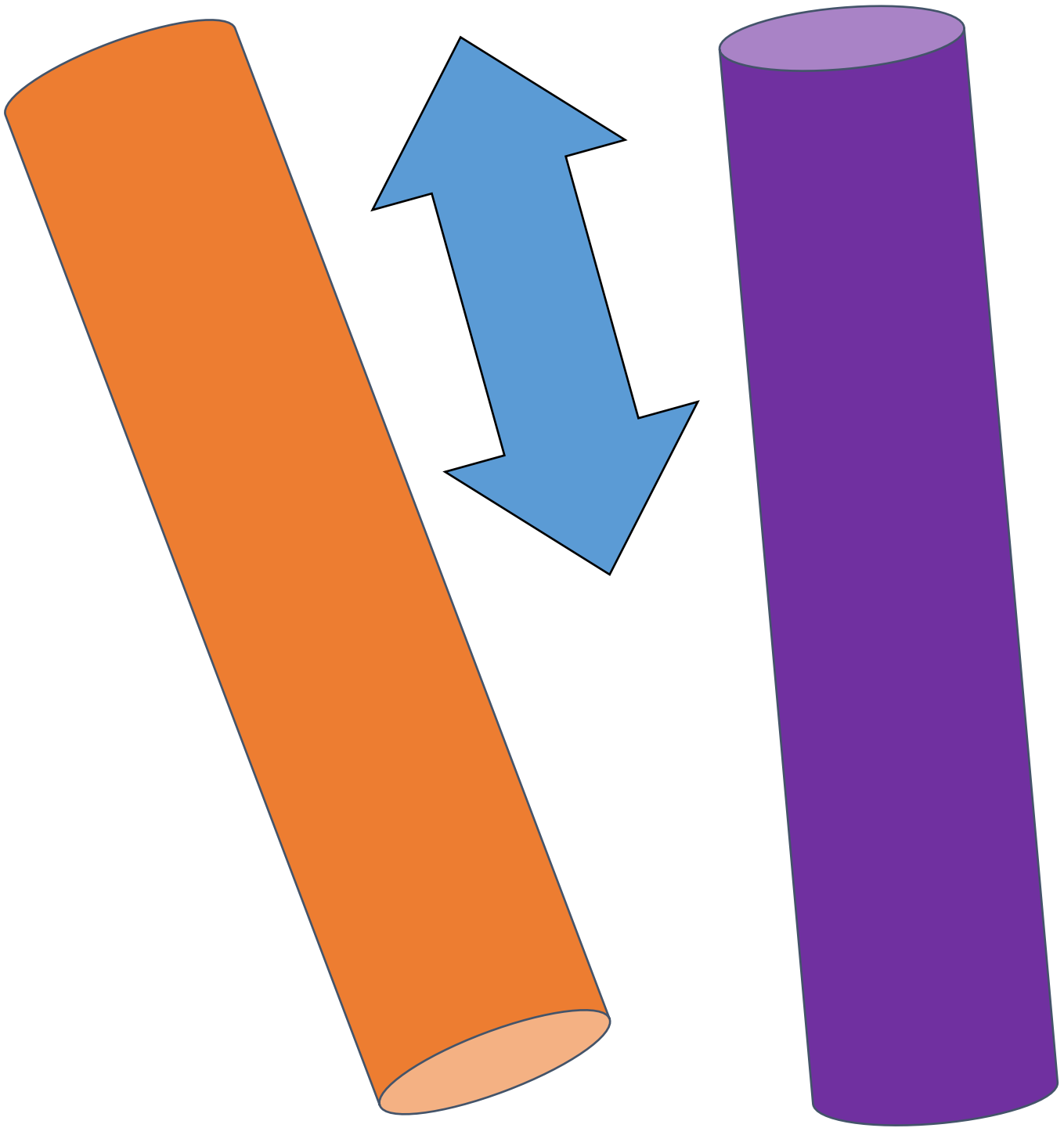
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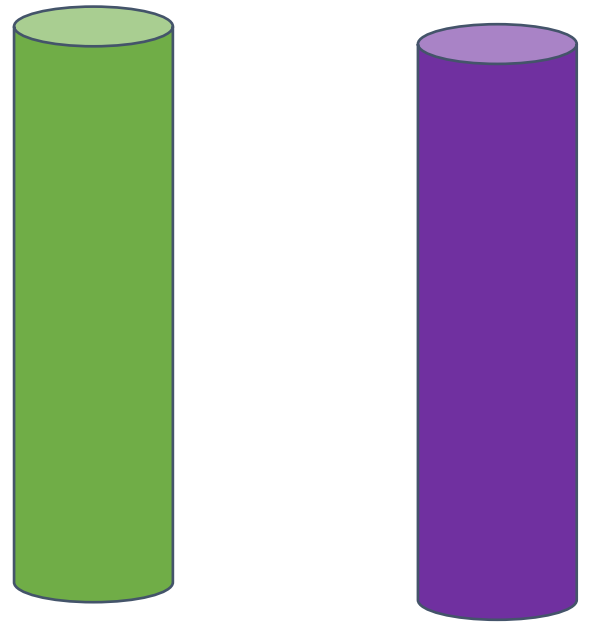
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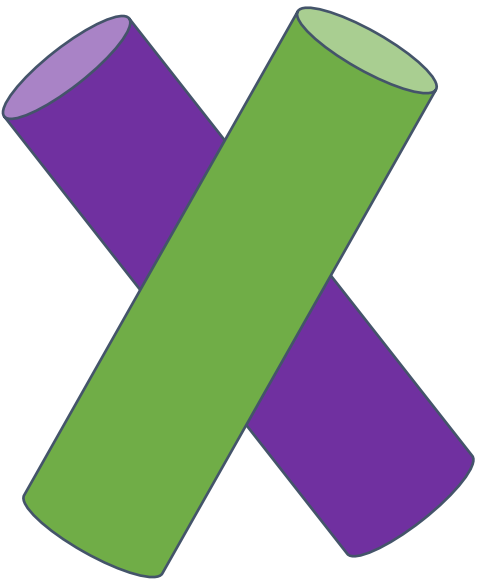
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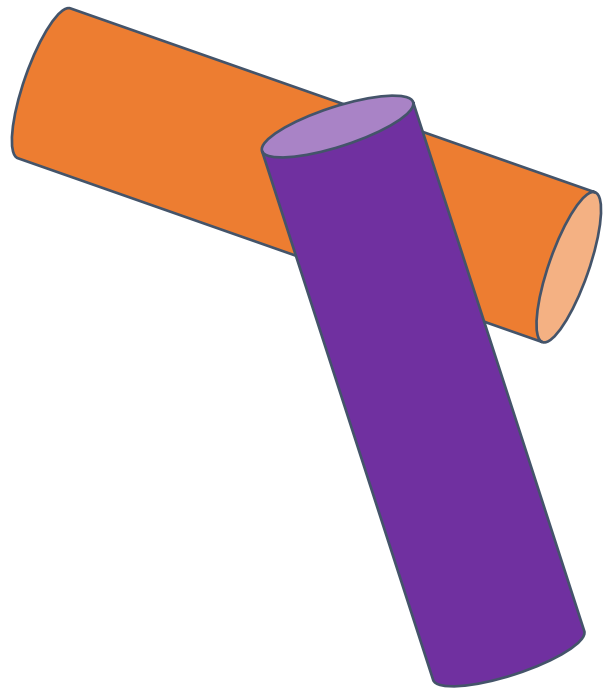
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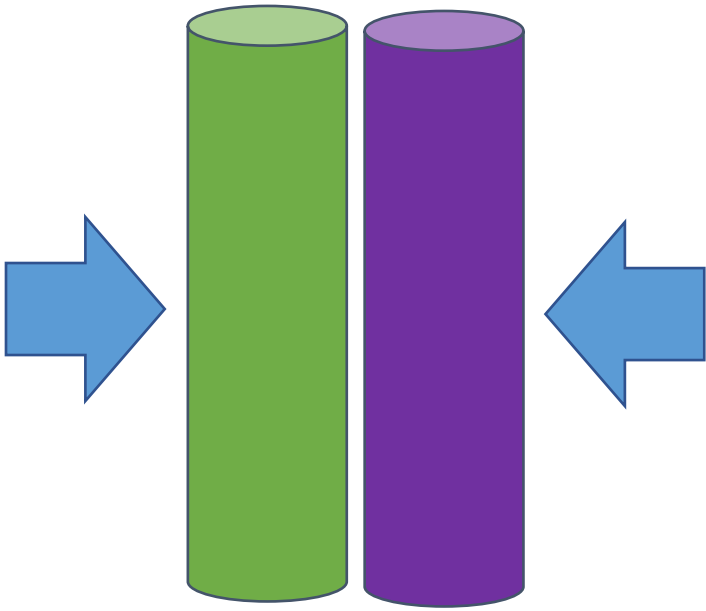
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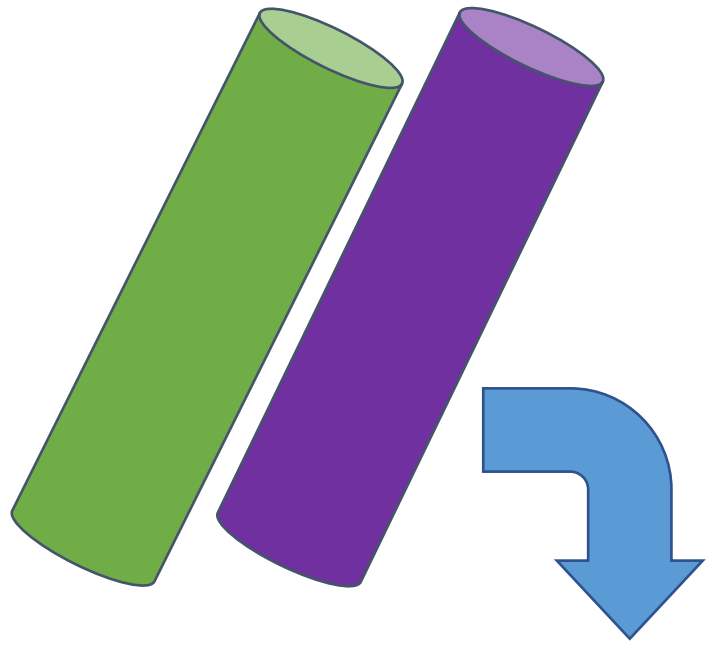
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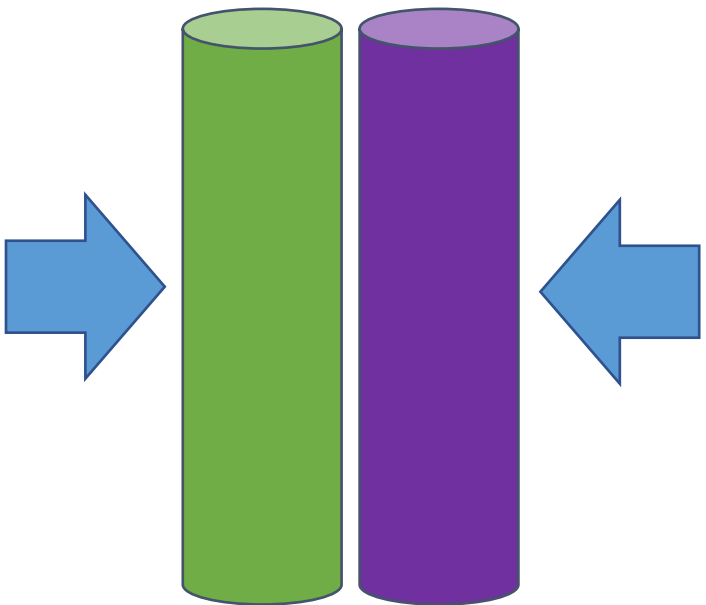
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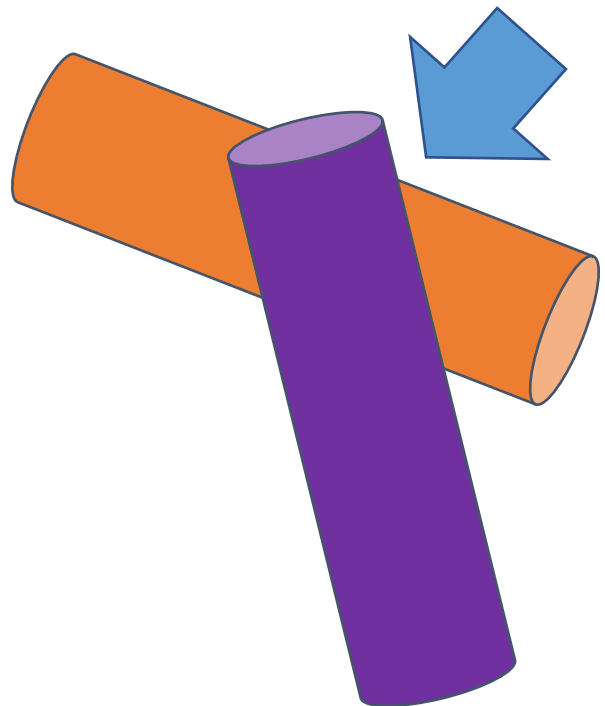
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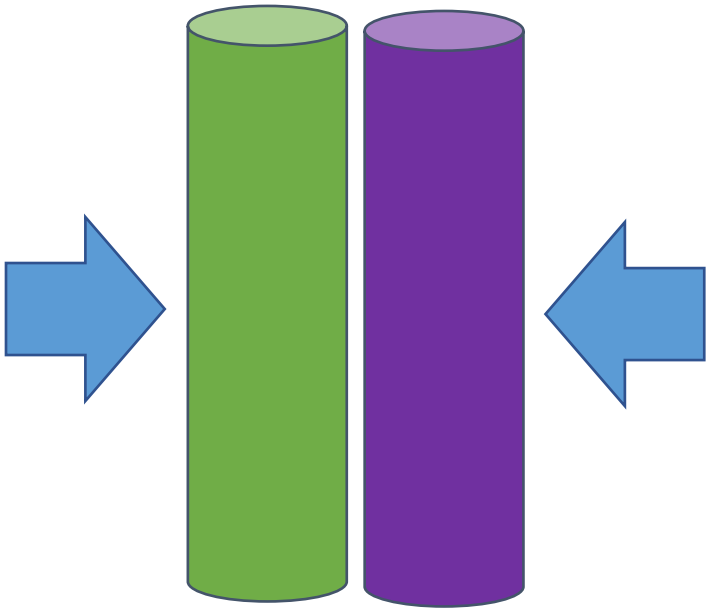
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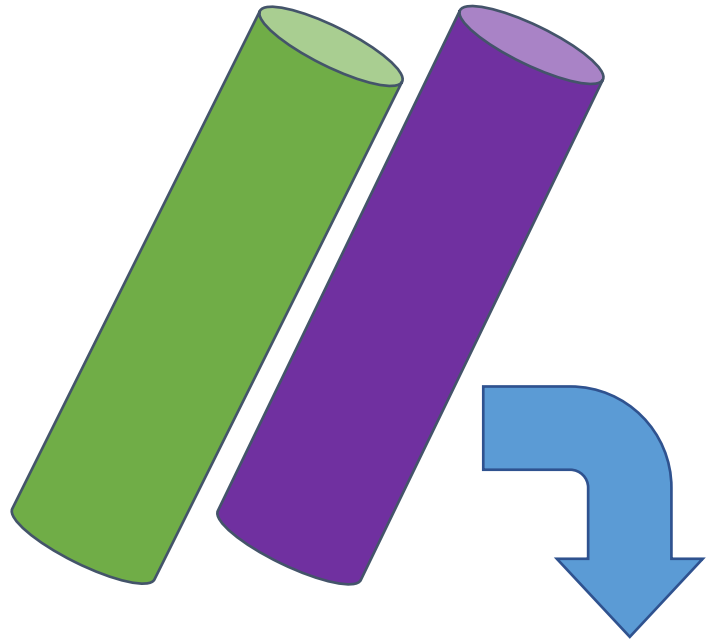
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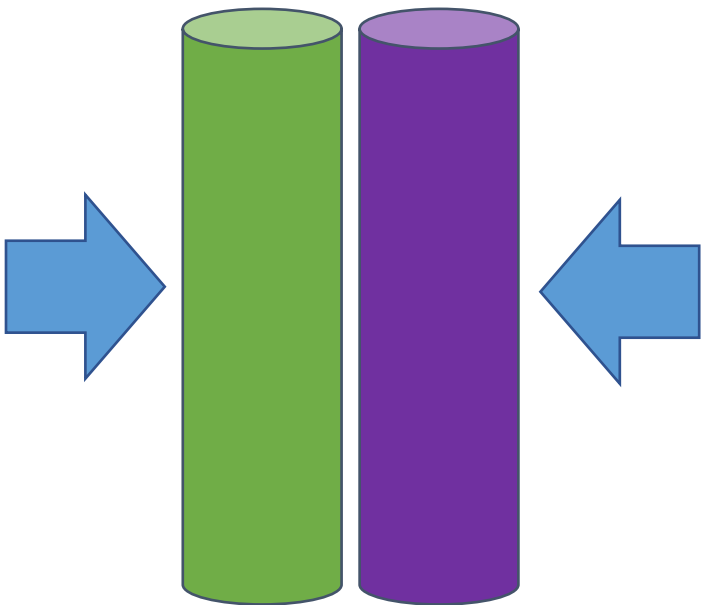
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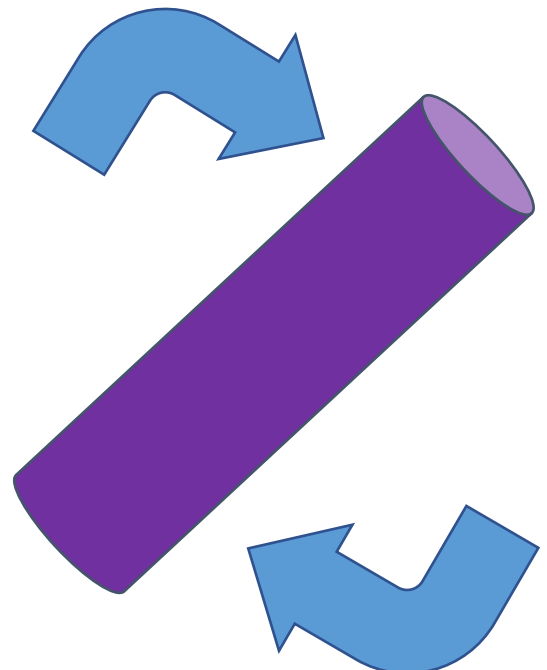
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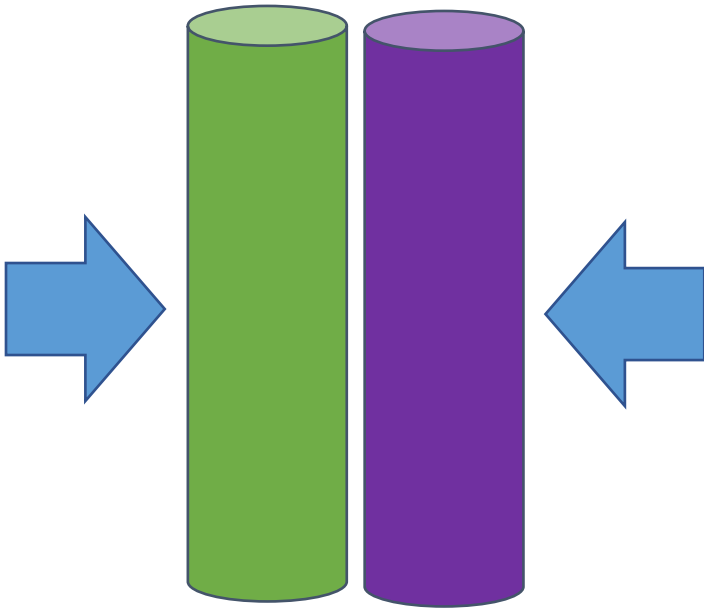
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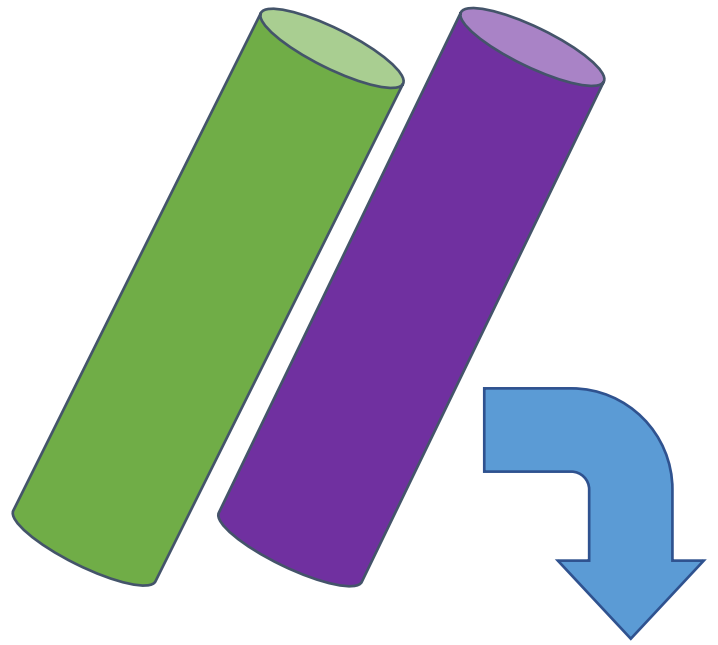
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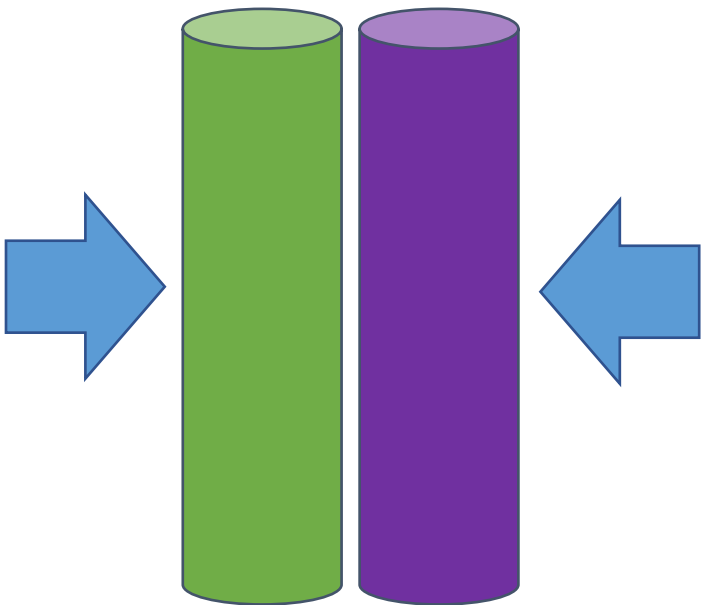
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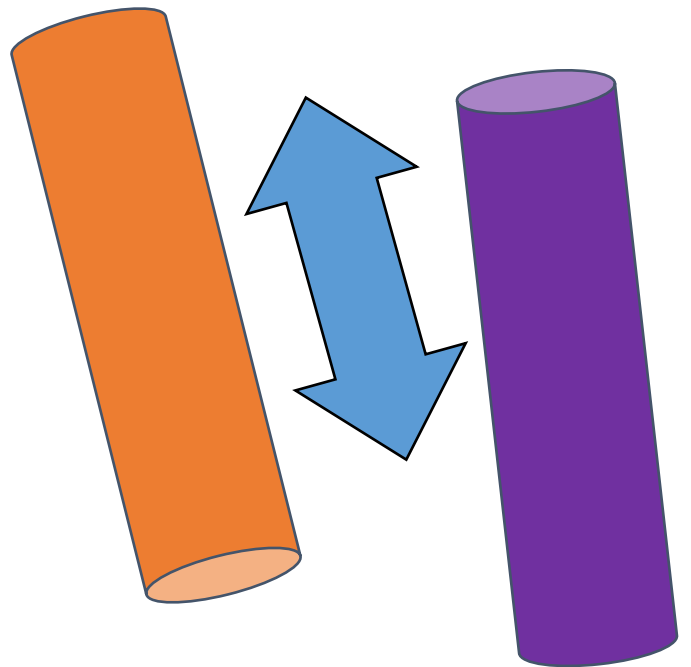
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