Algorithms for Adversarially Robust Deep Learning

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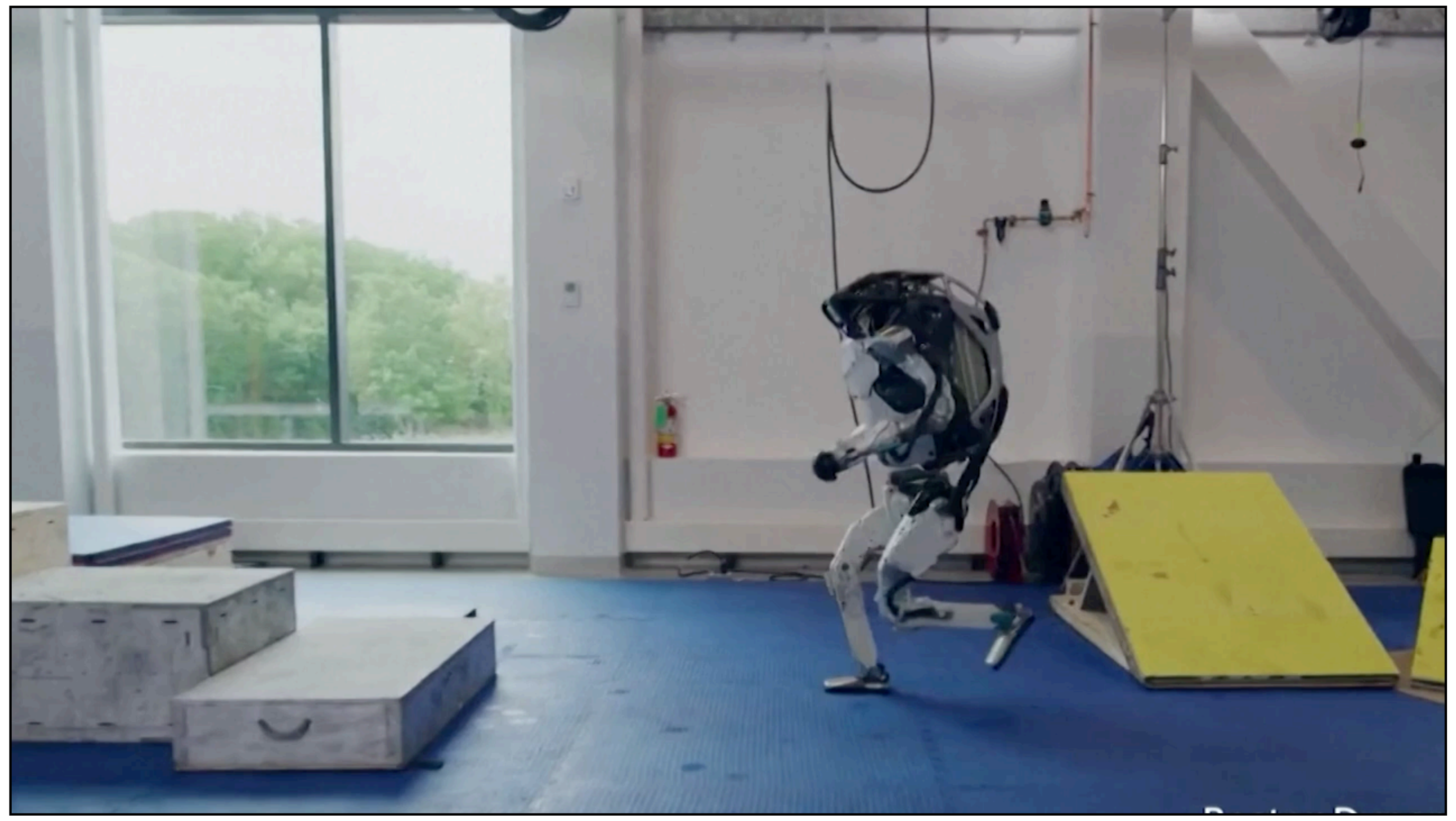

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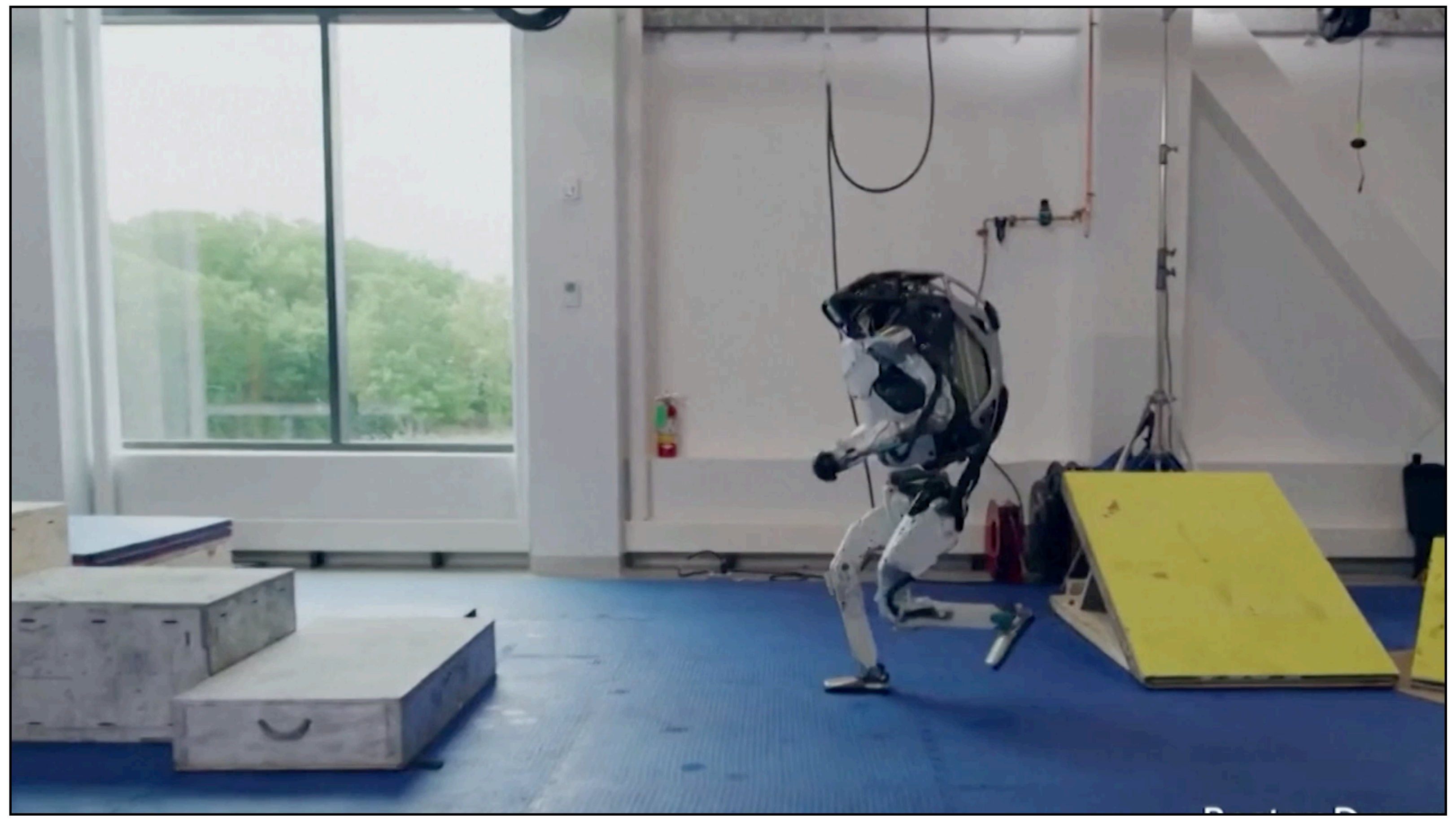

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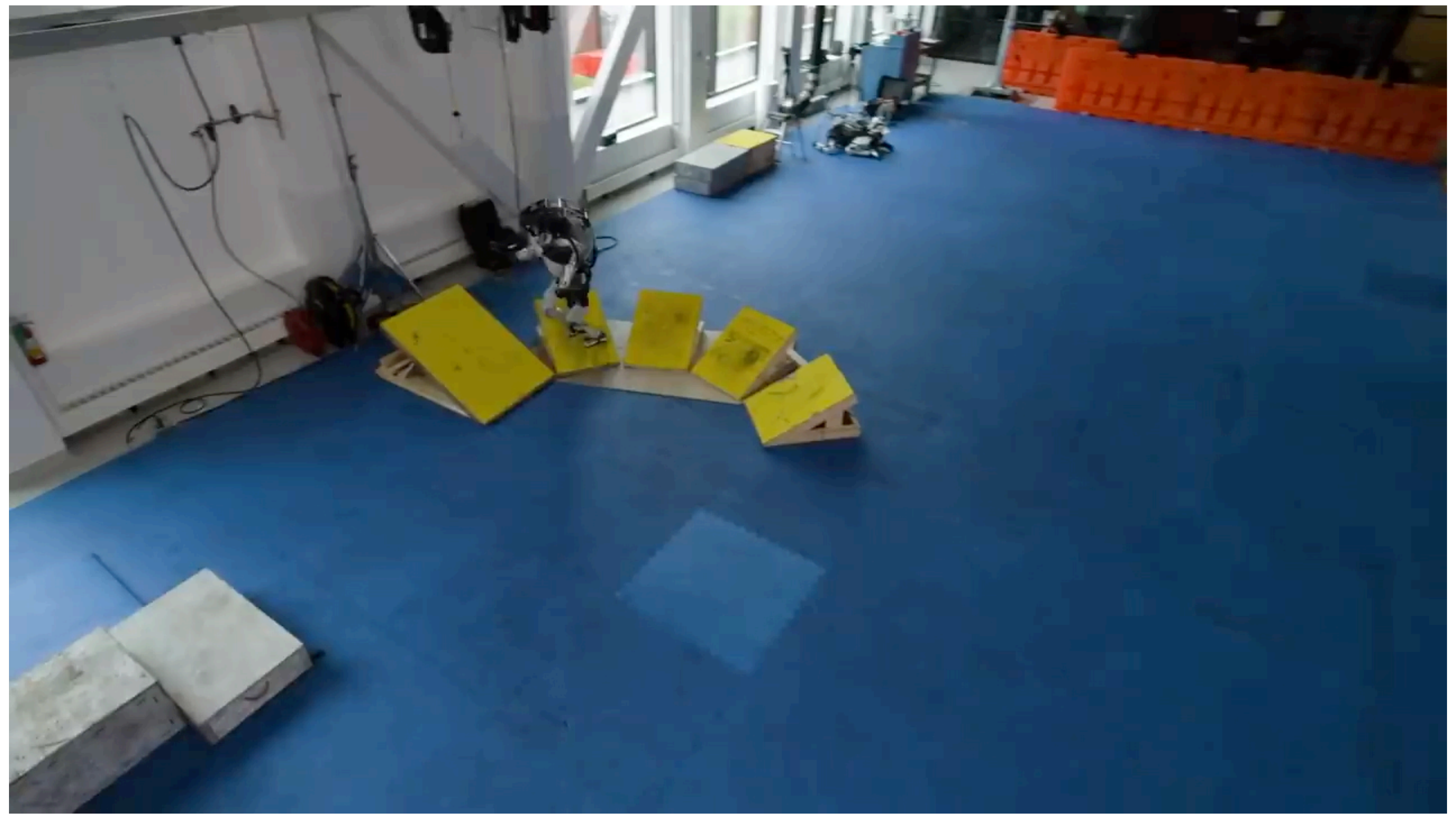

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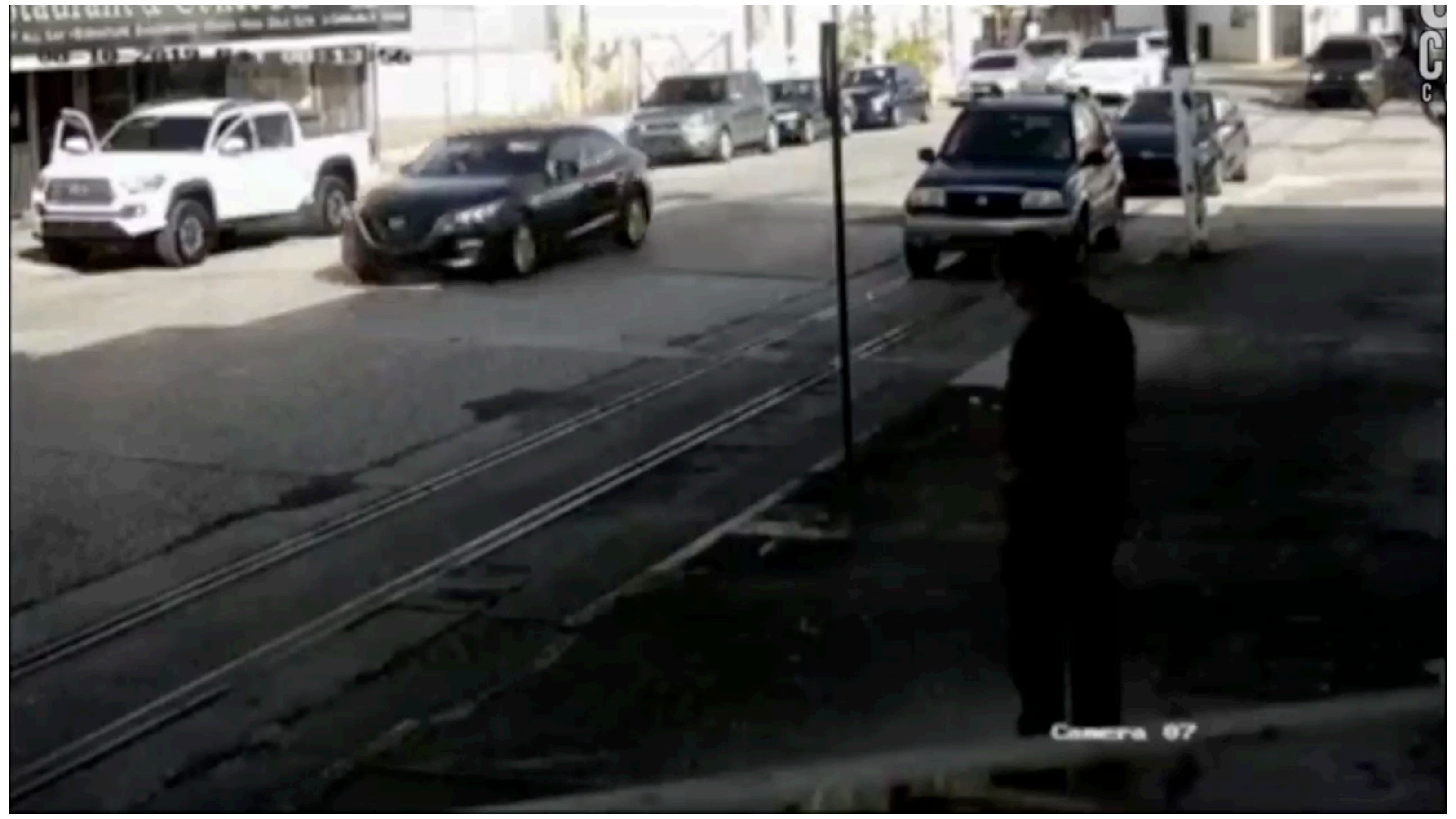

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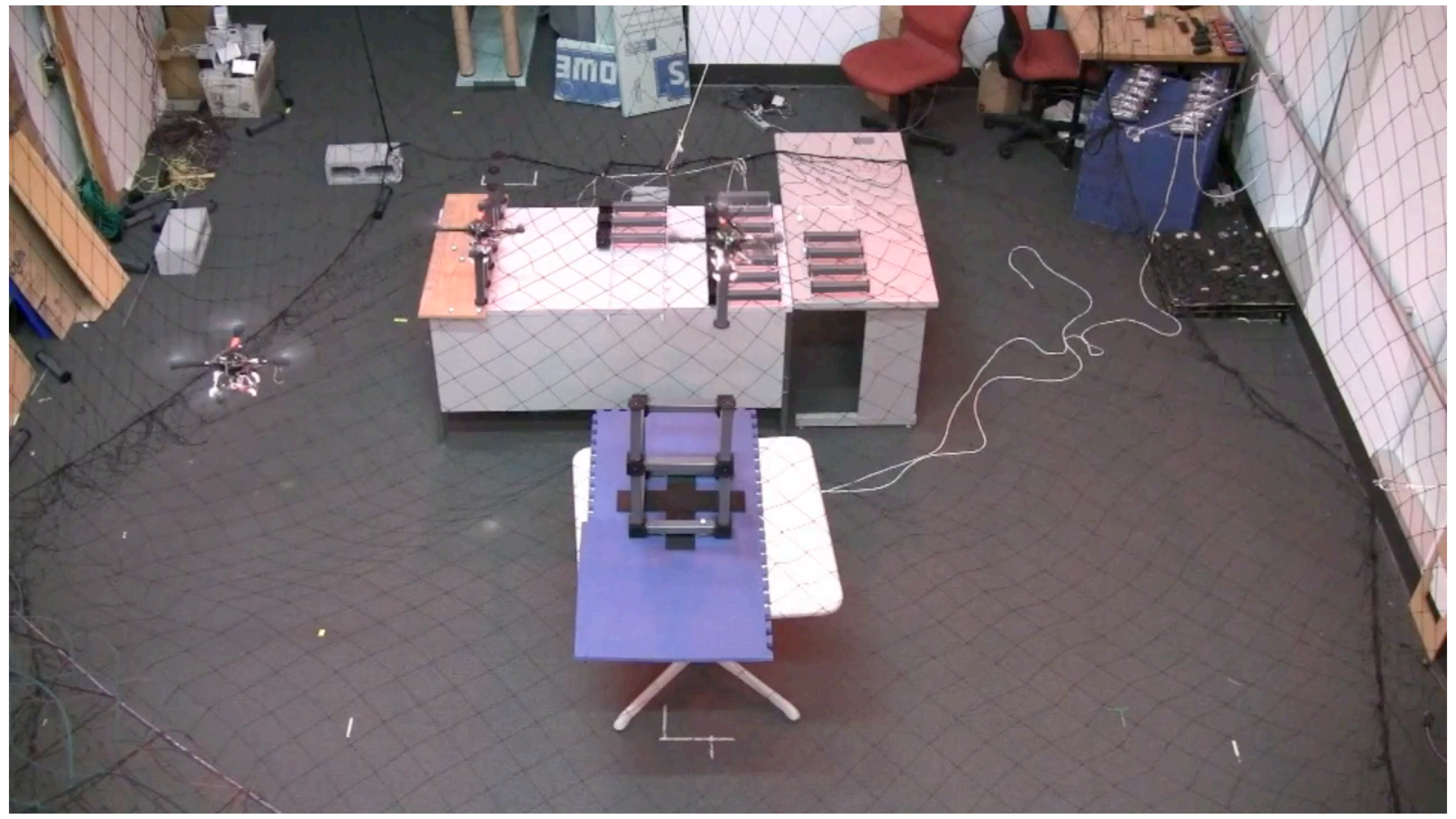

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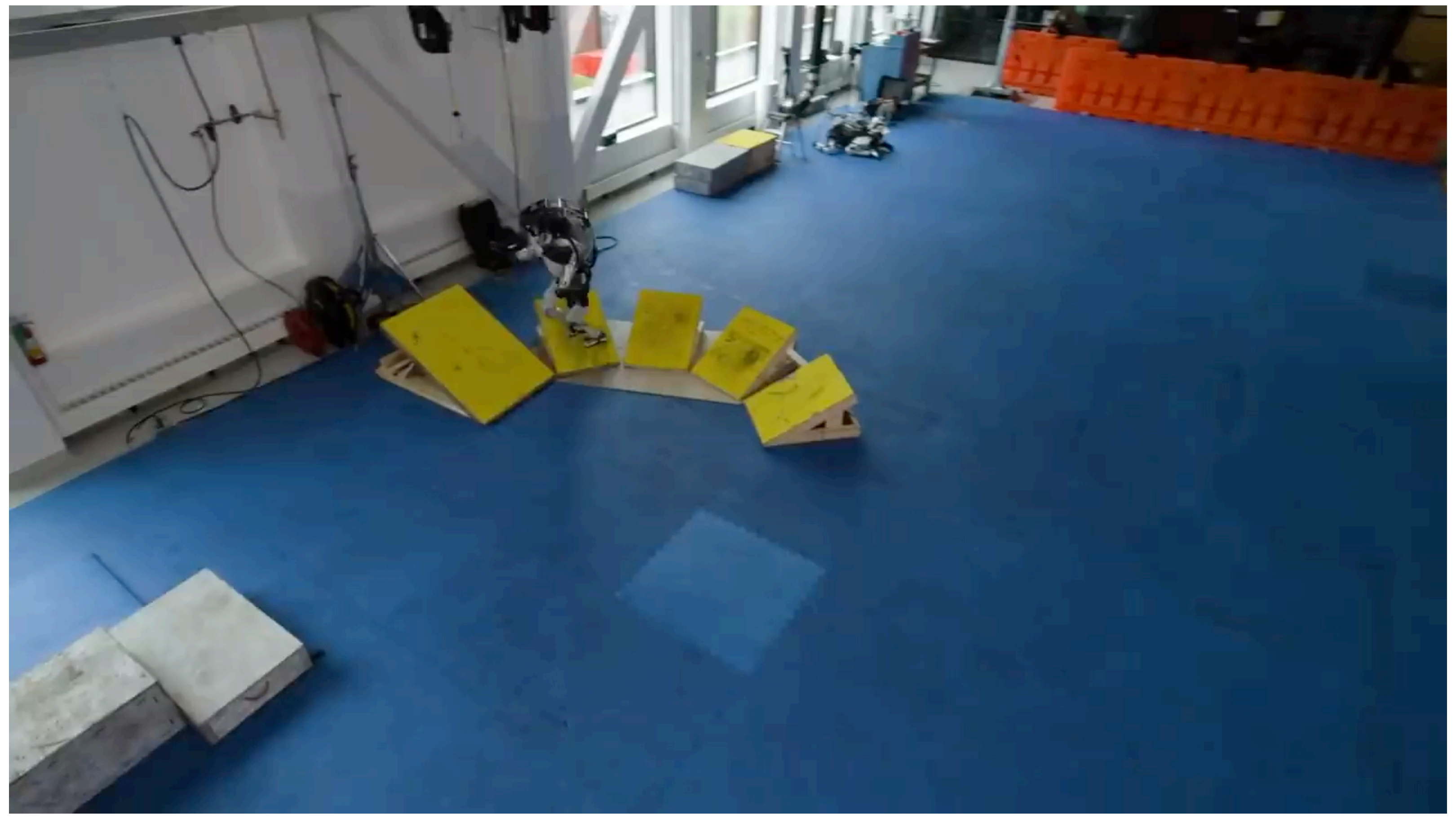

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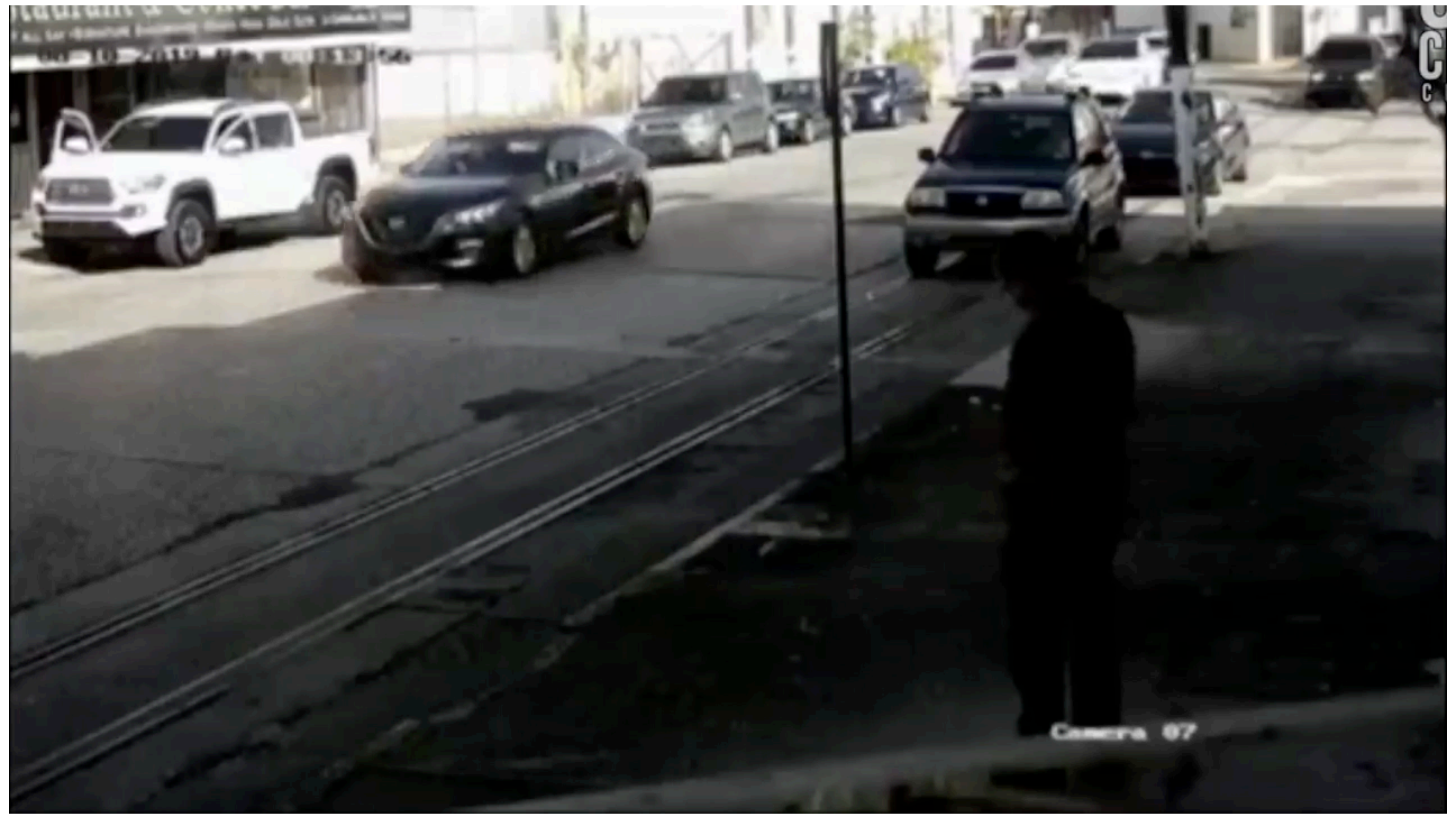

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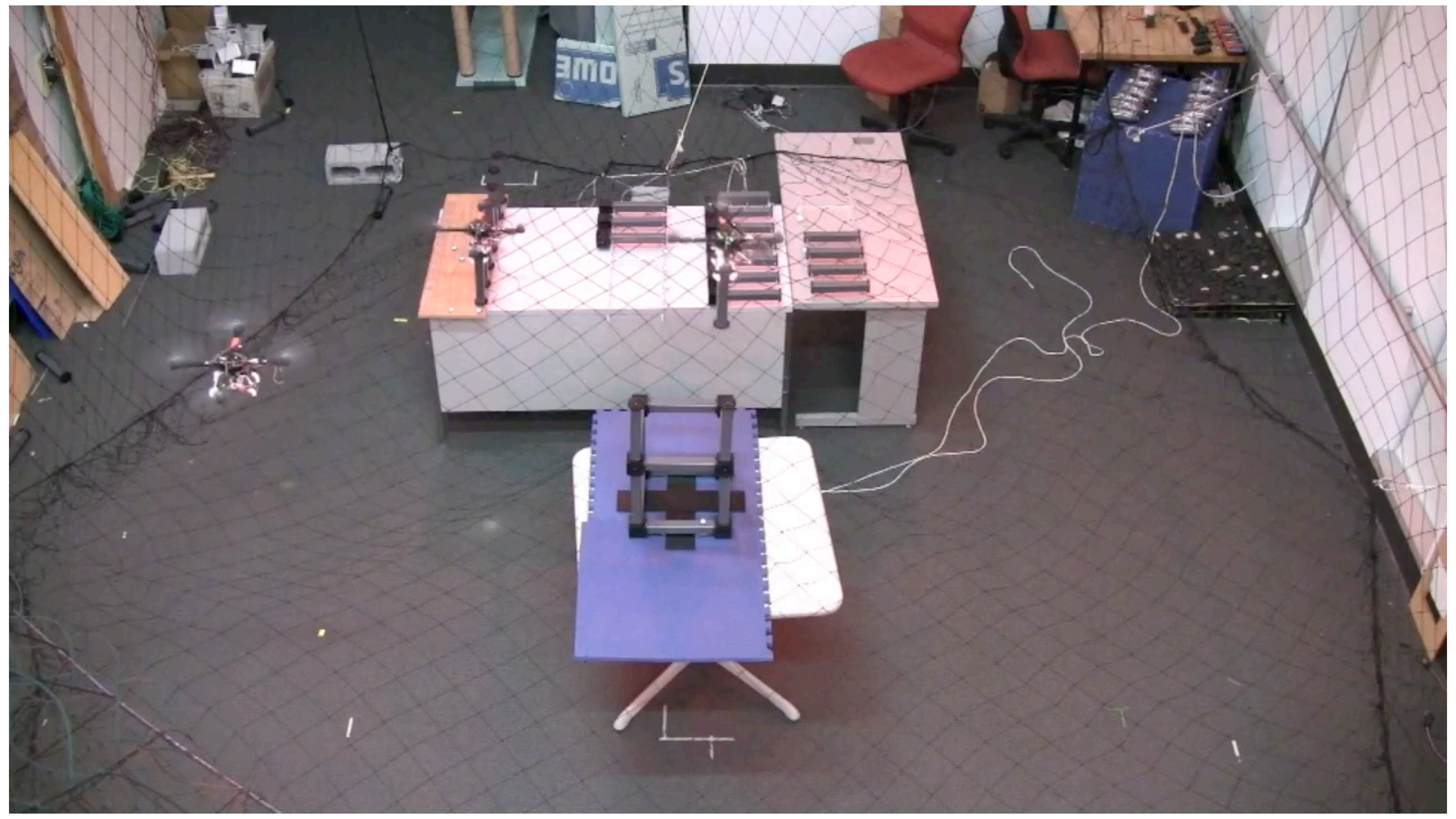

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Threat model: The ways in which an adversary can manipulate or exploit a machine learning system.

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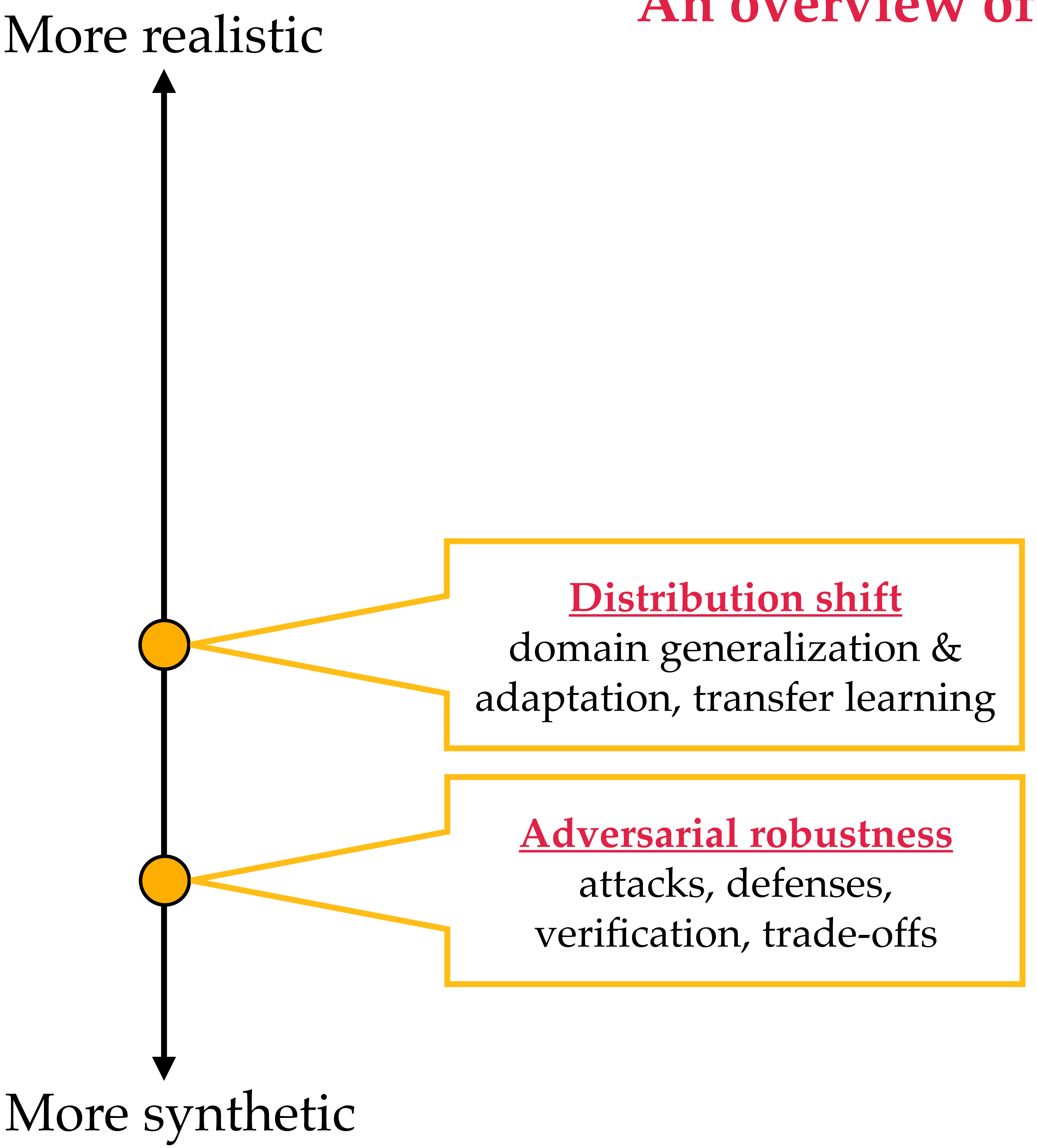

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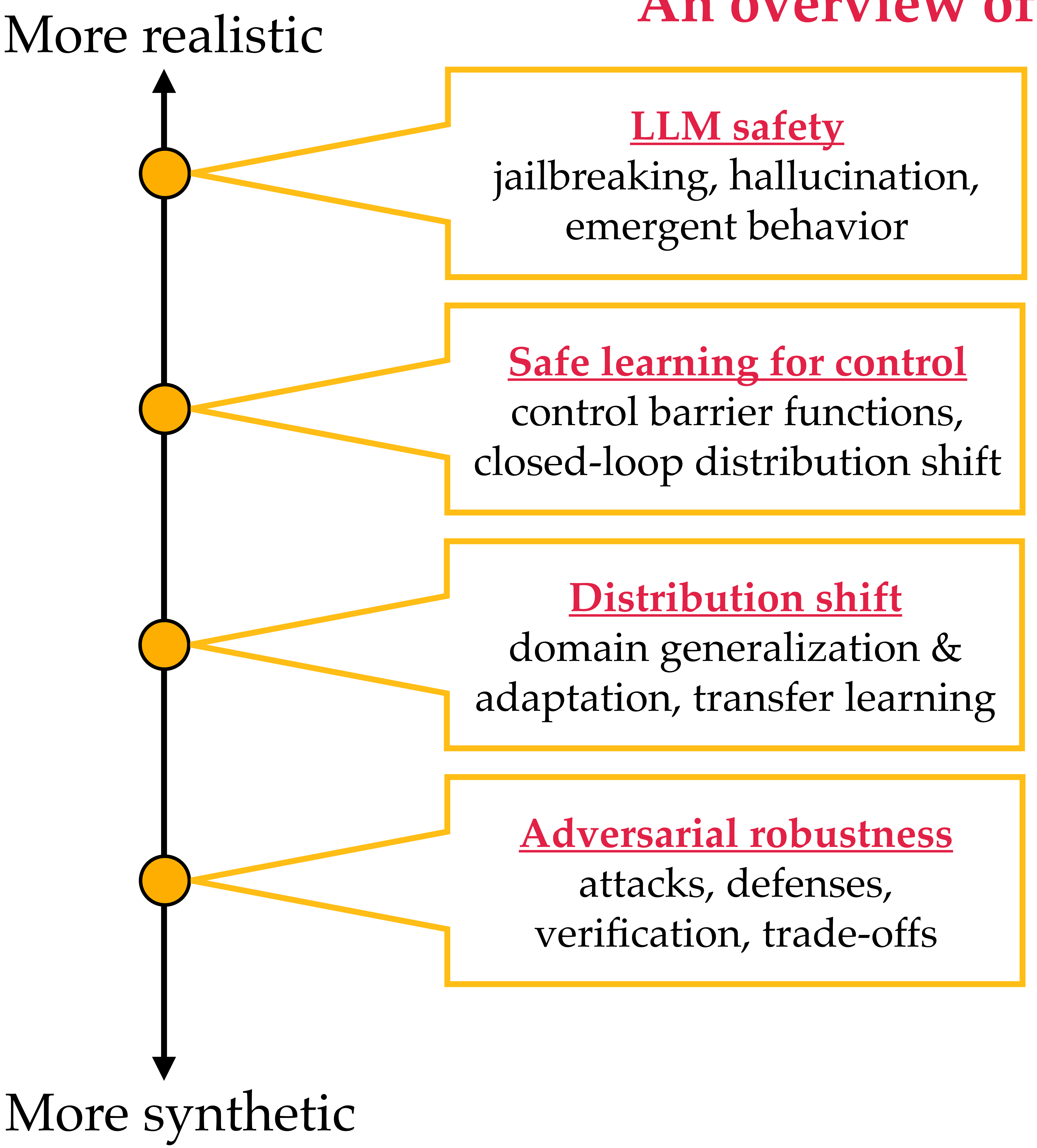

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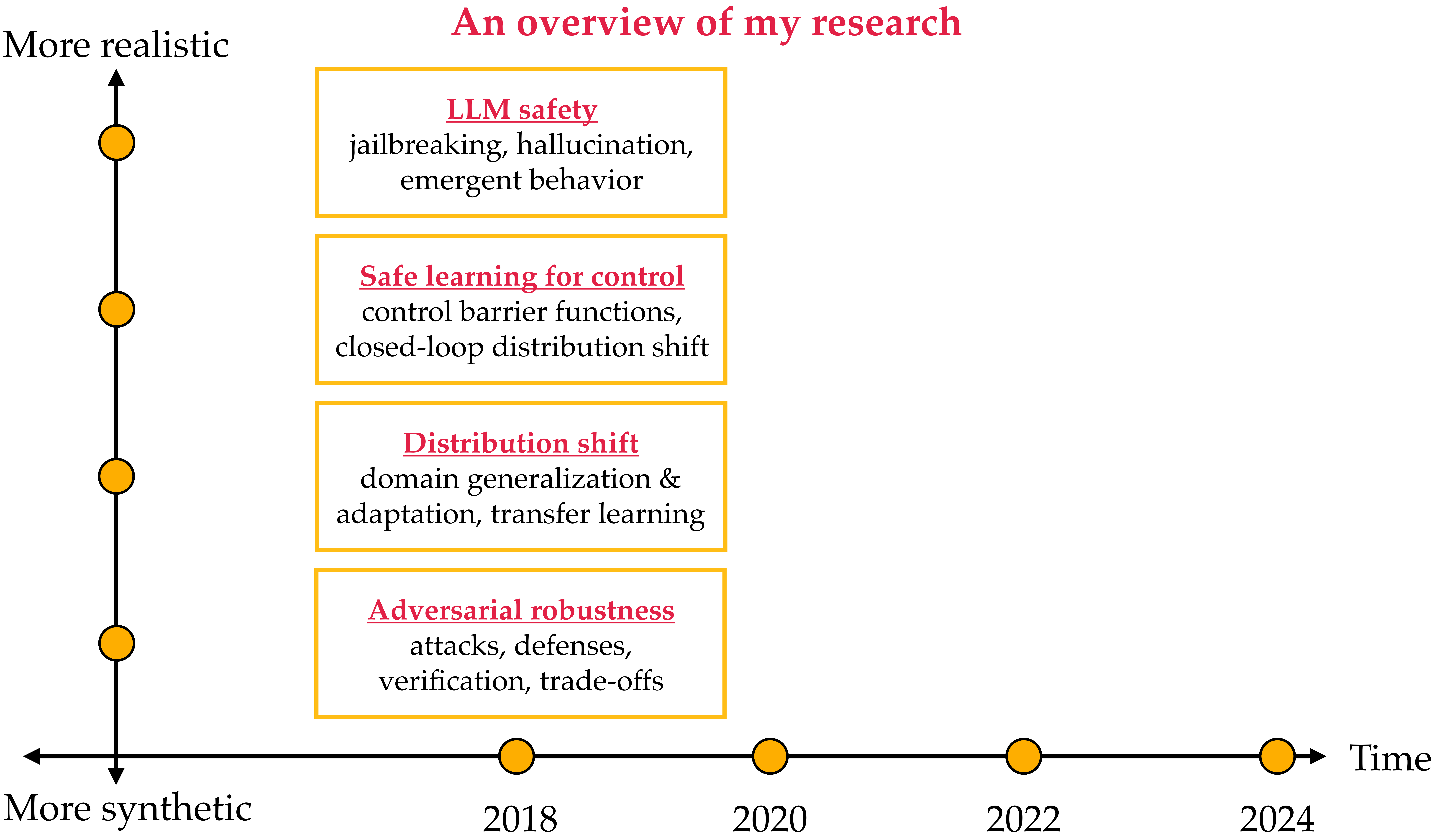

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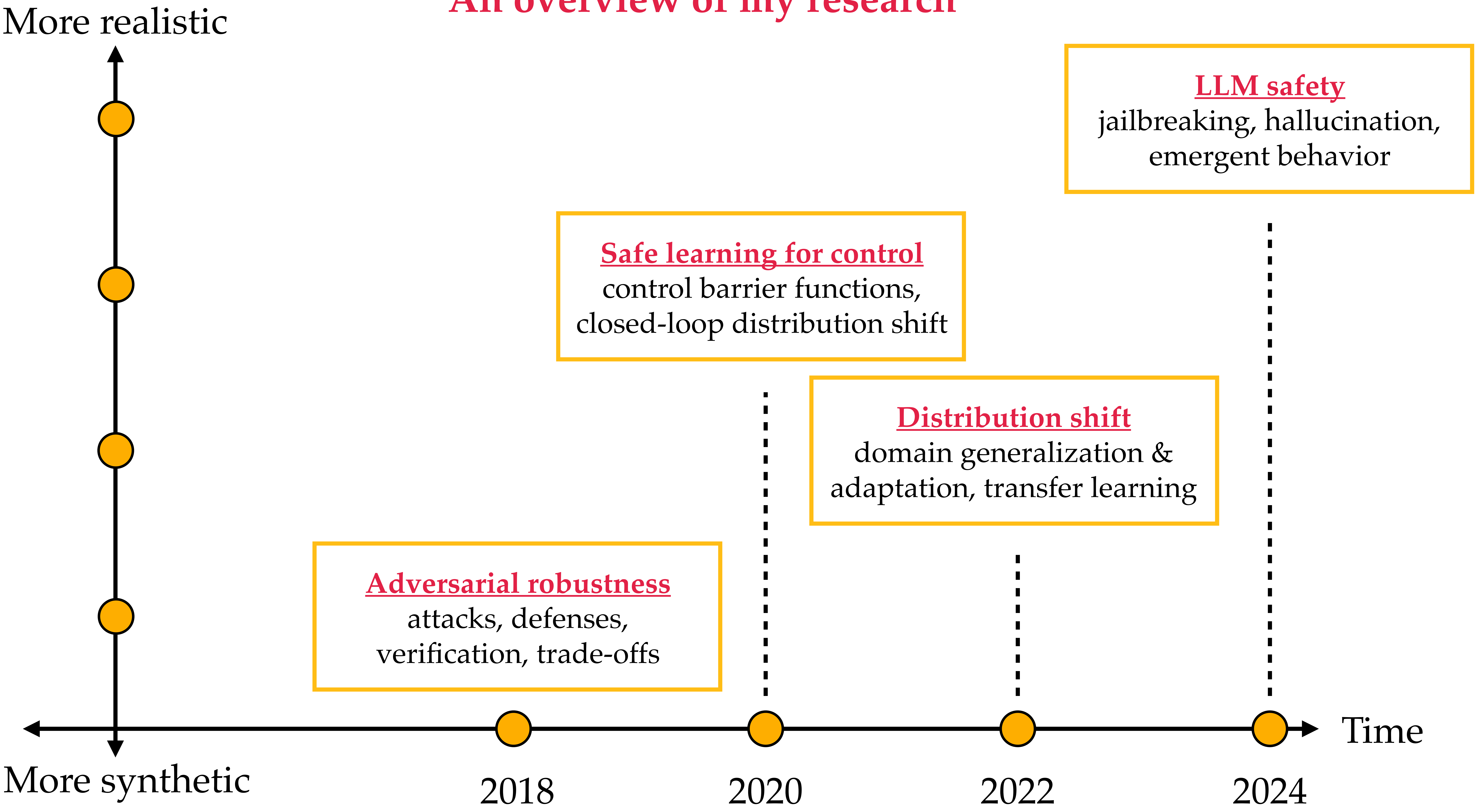

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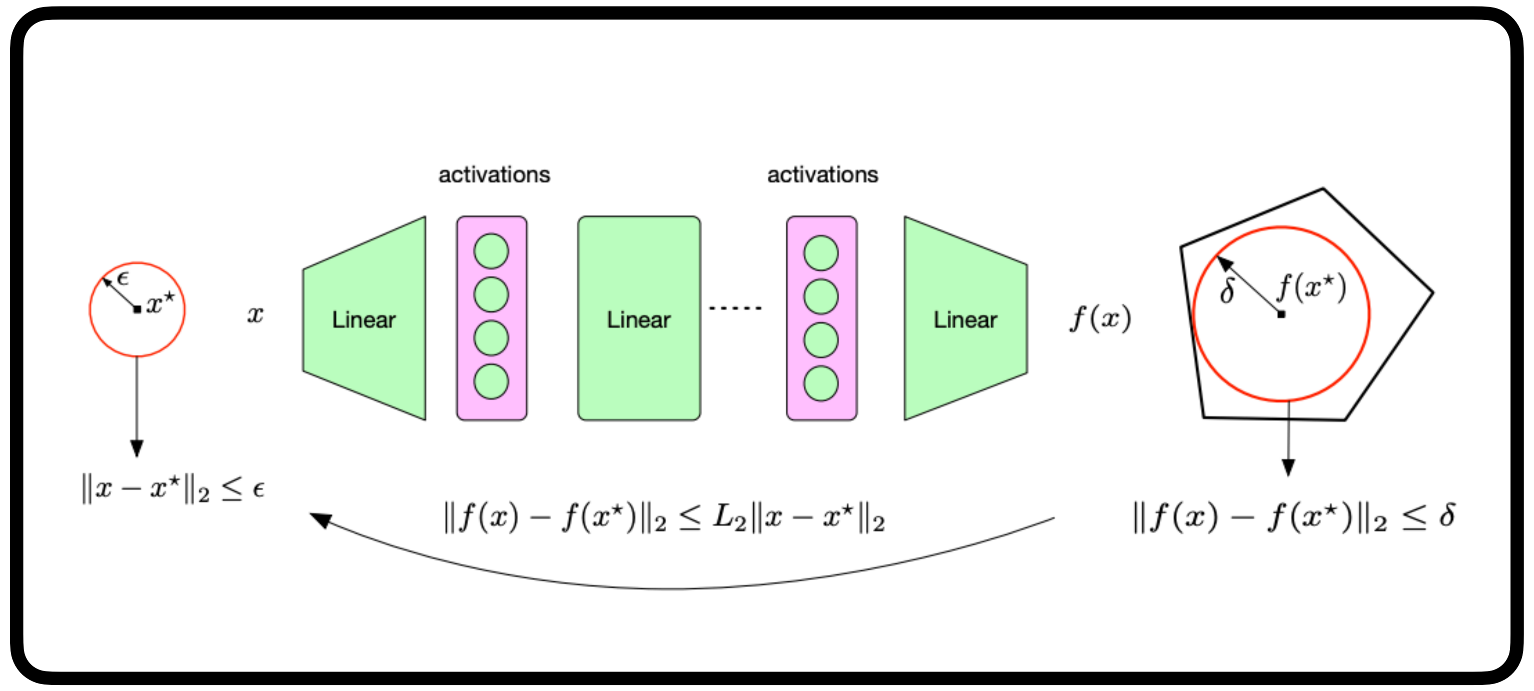
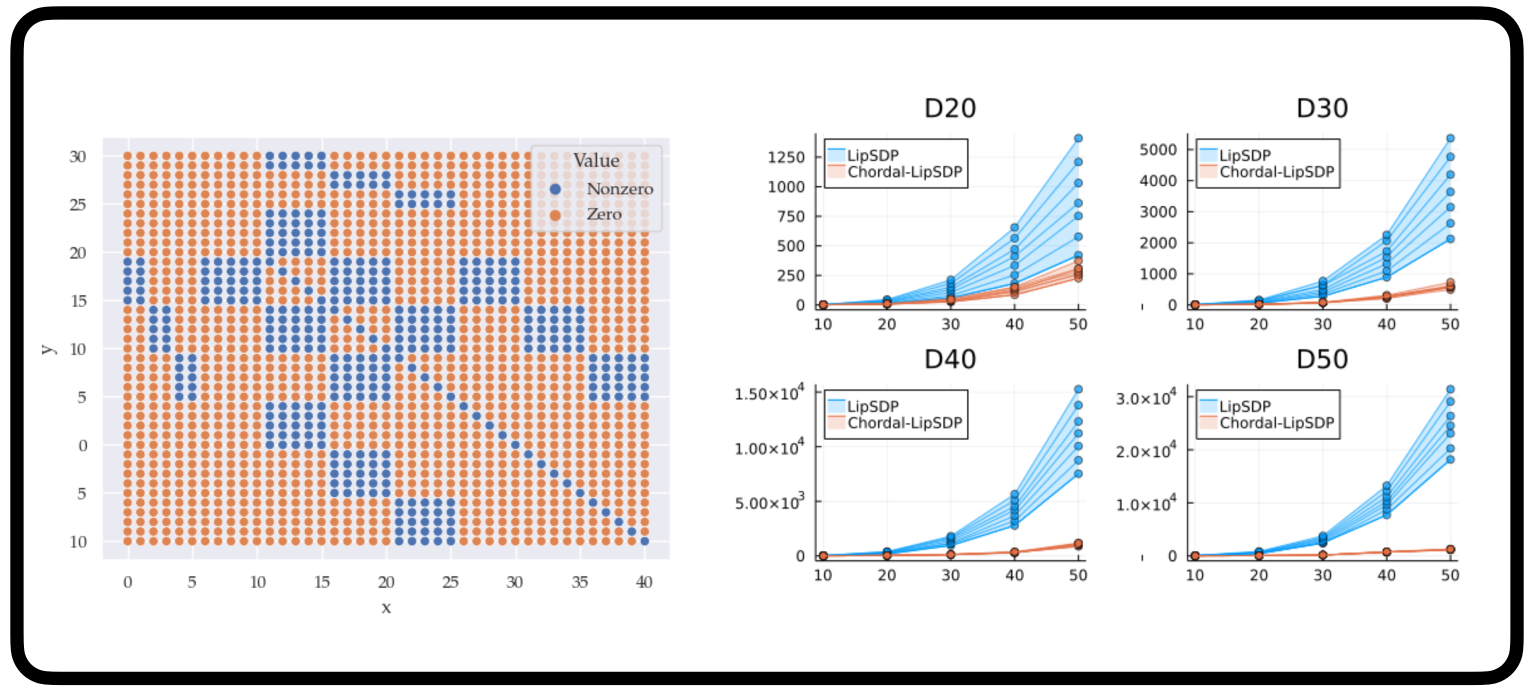


NeurIPS 2019

LipSDP with chordal sparsity



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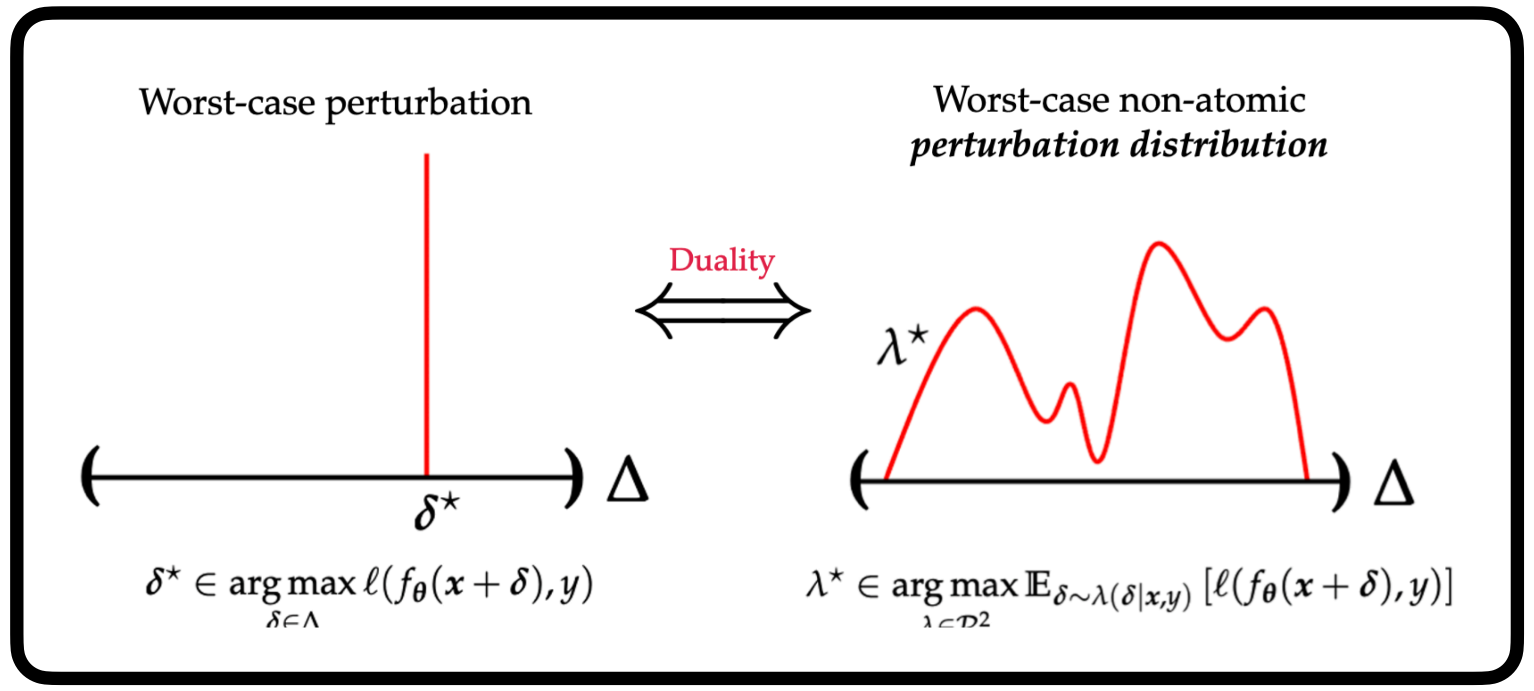
Dual forms of adv. training



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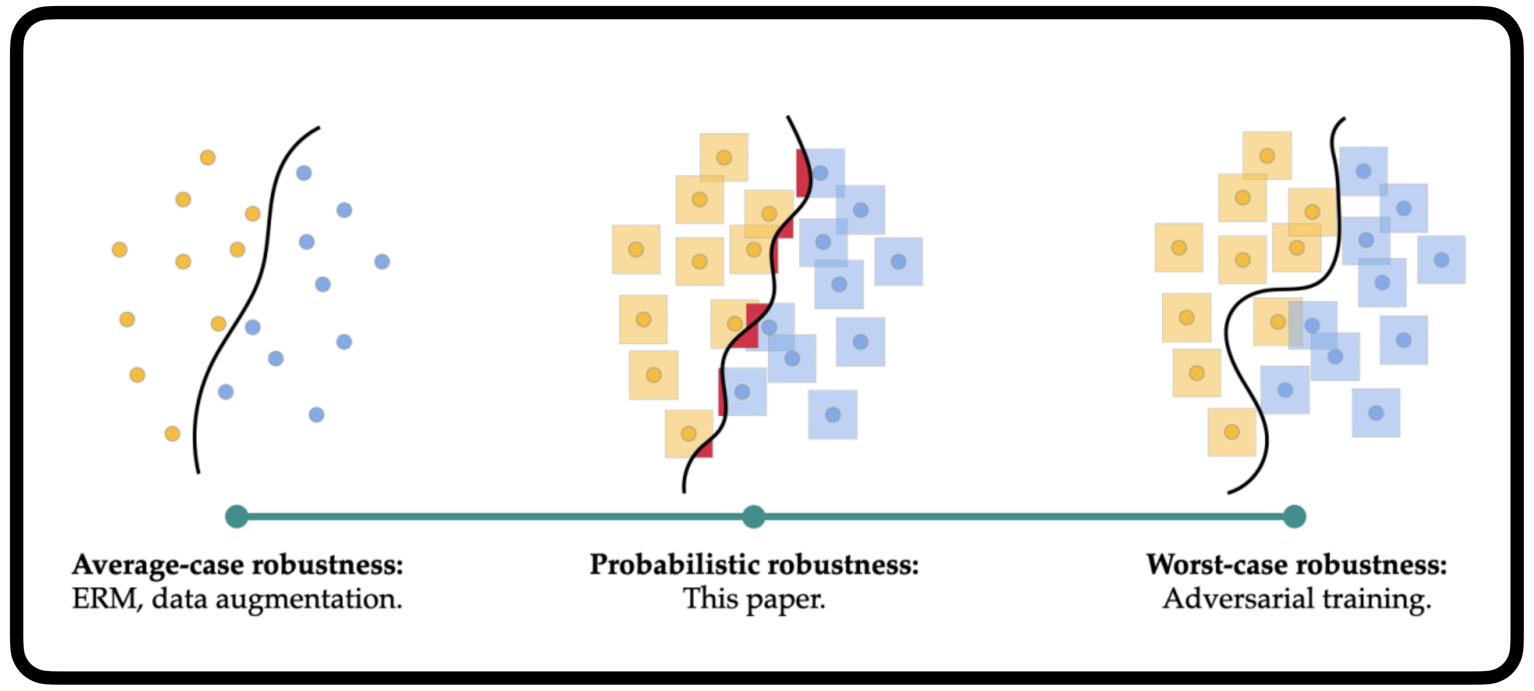
Probabilistic robustness



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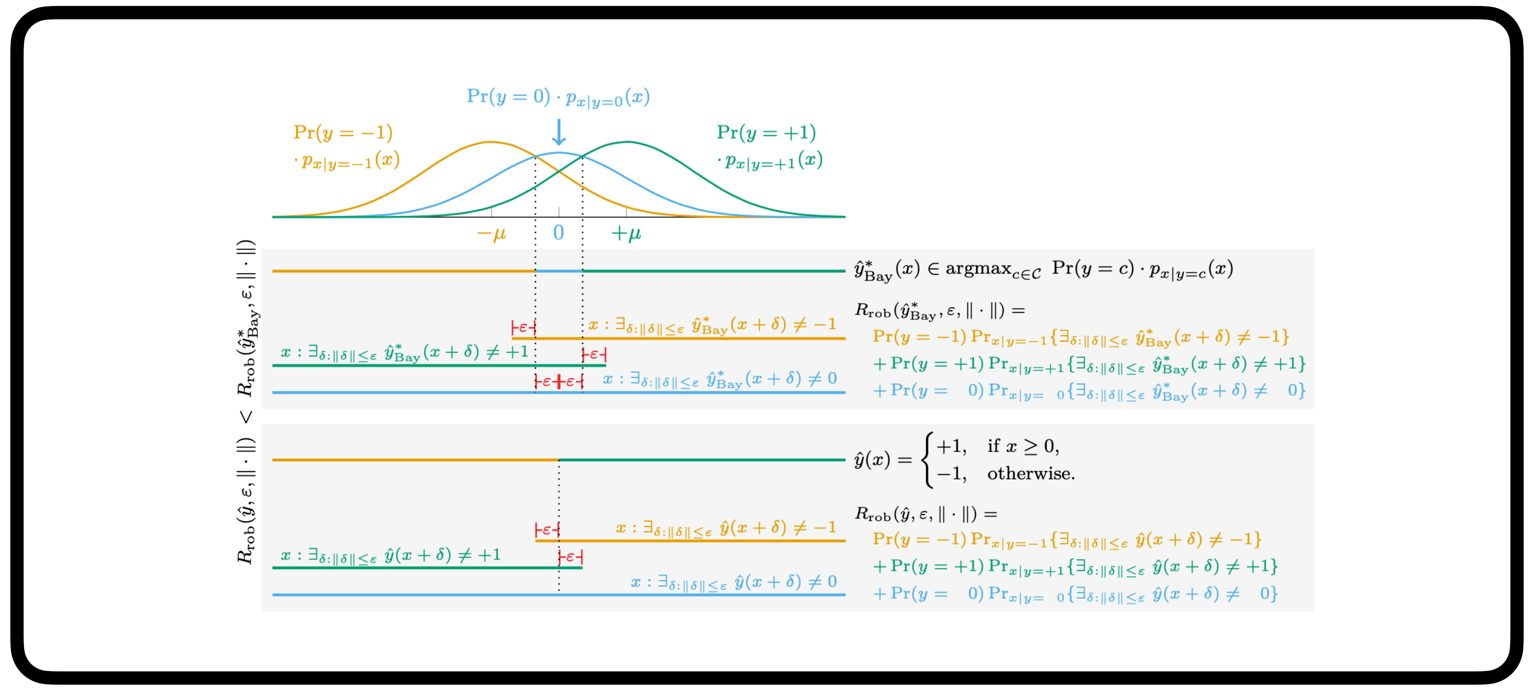
Trade-offs in adv. robustness



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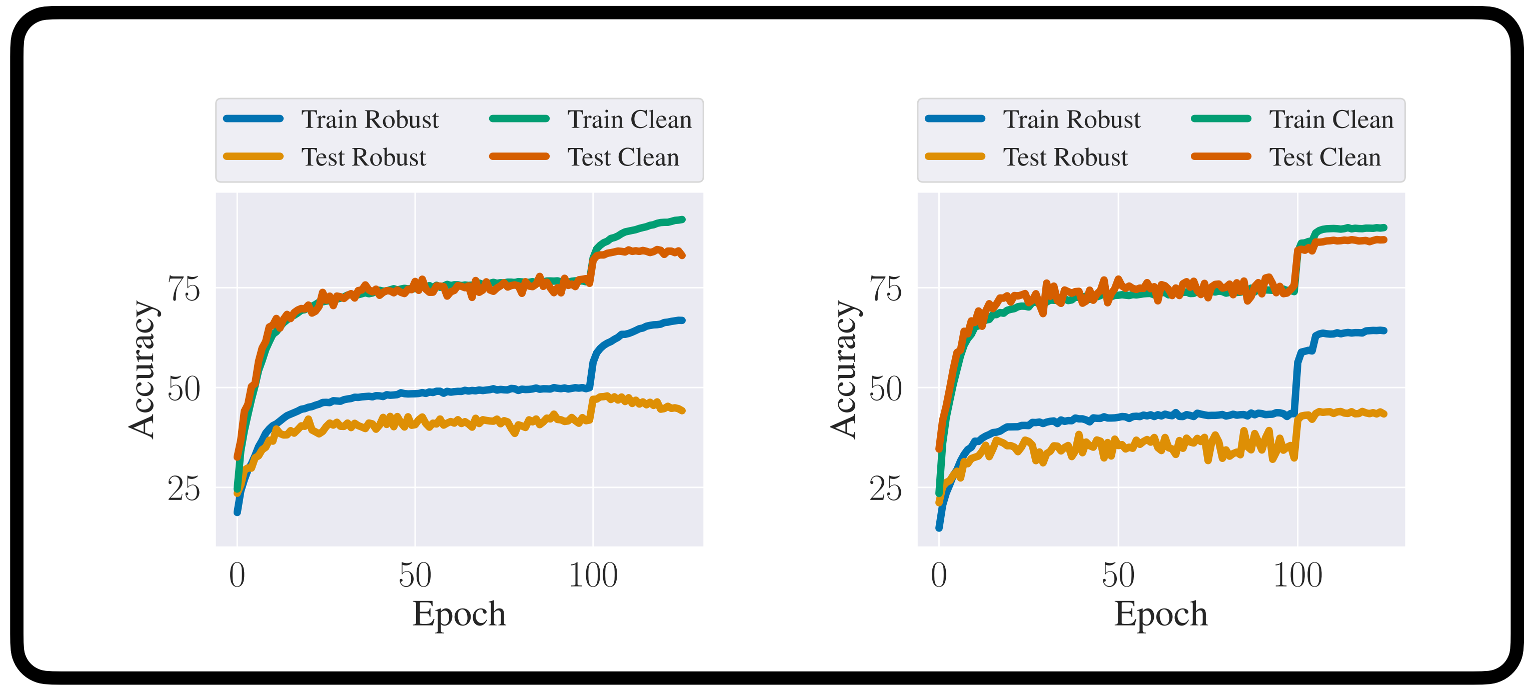
Non-zero-sum adv. training



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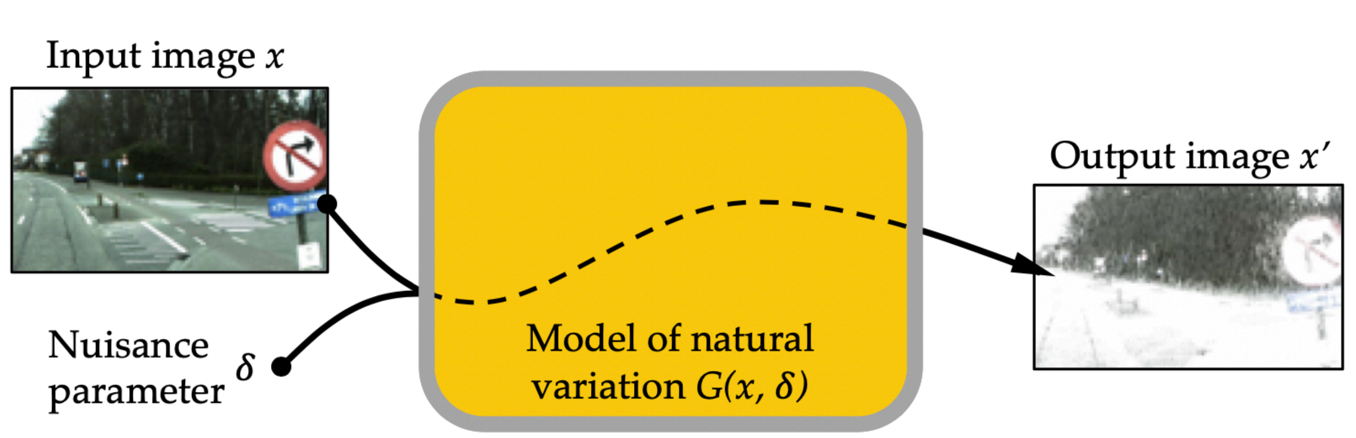

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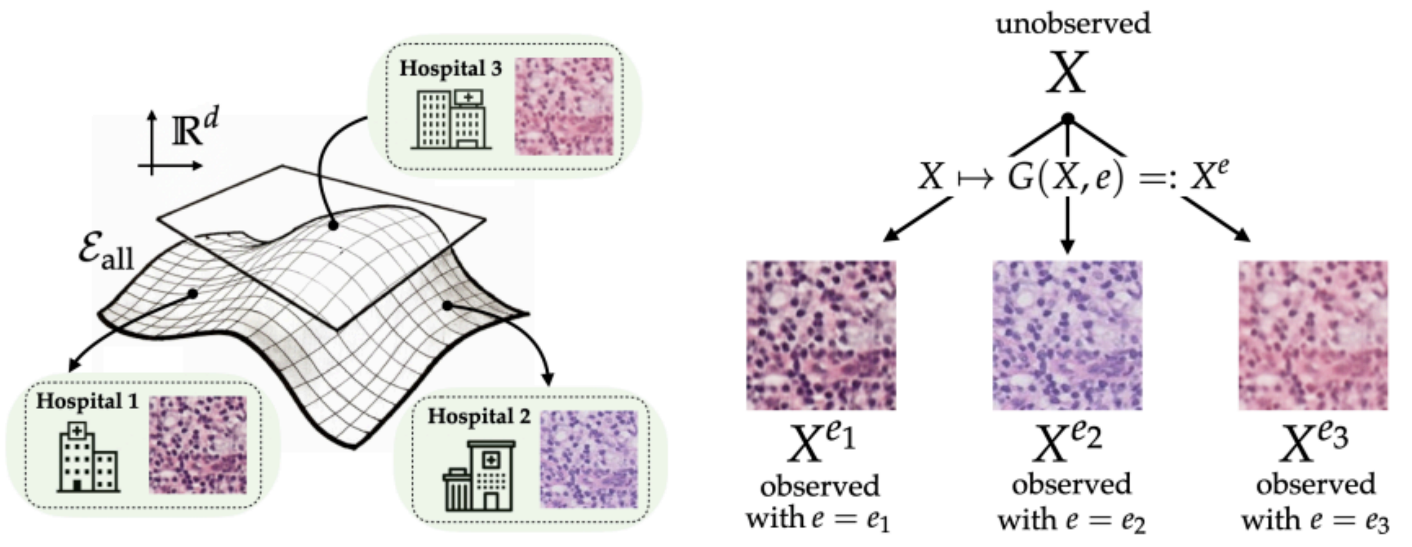
Model-based domain generalization



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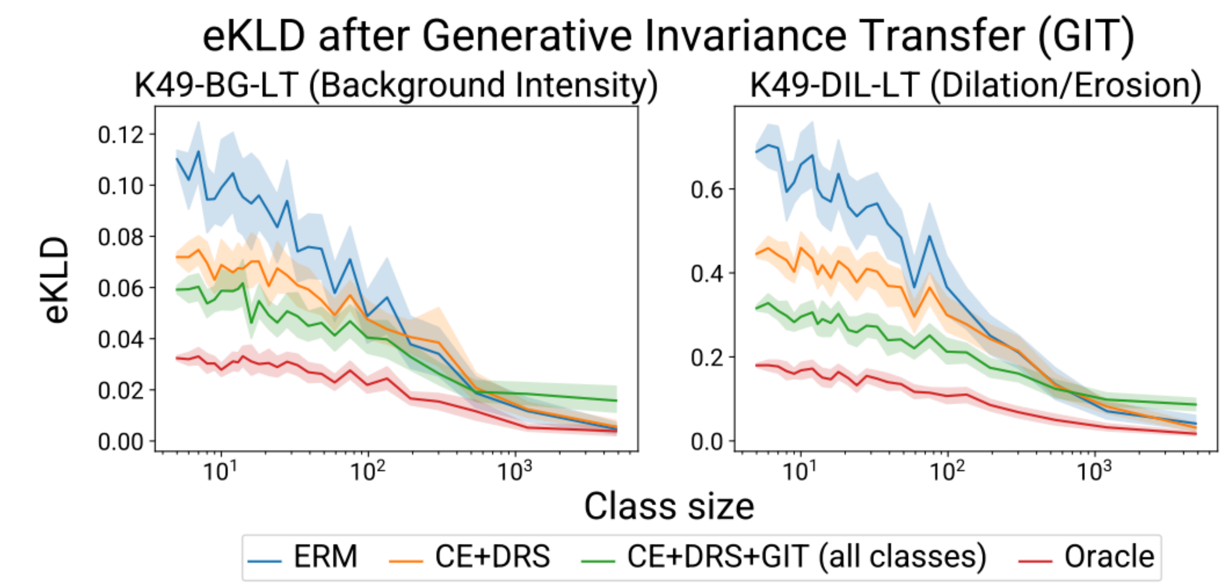
OOD long-tailed classification



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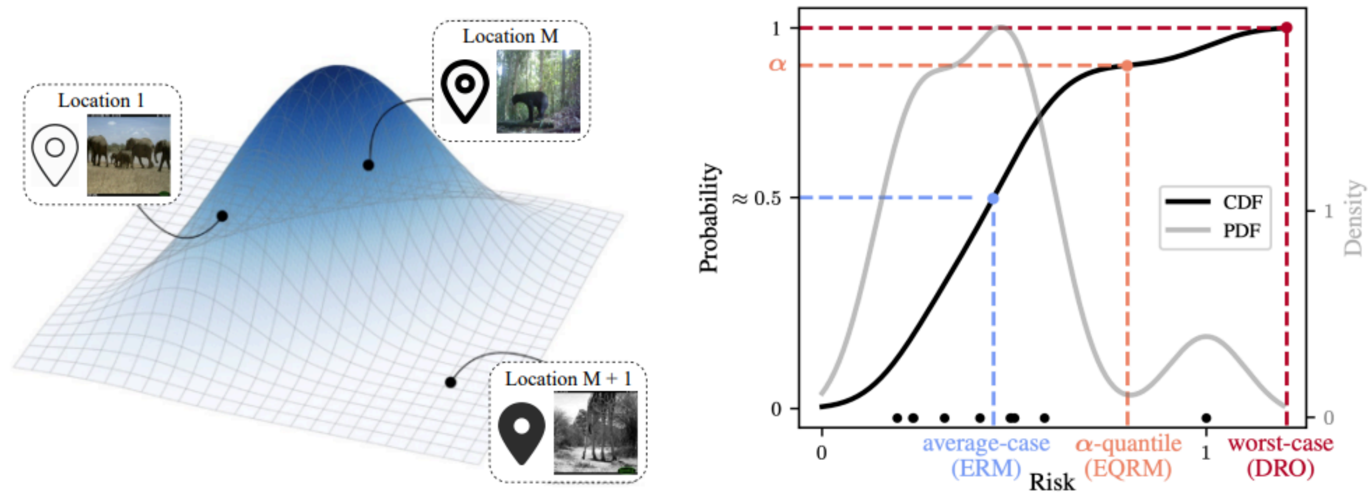
Probable domain generalization



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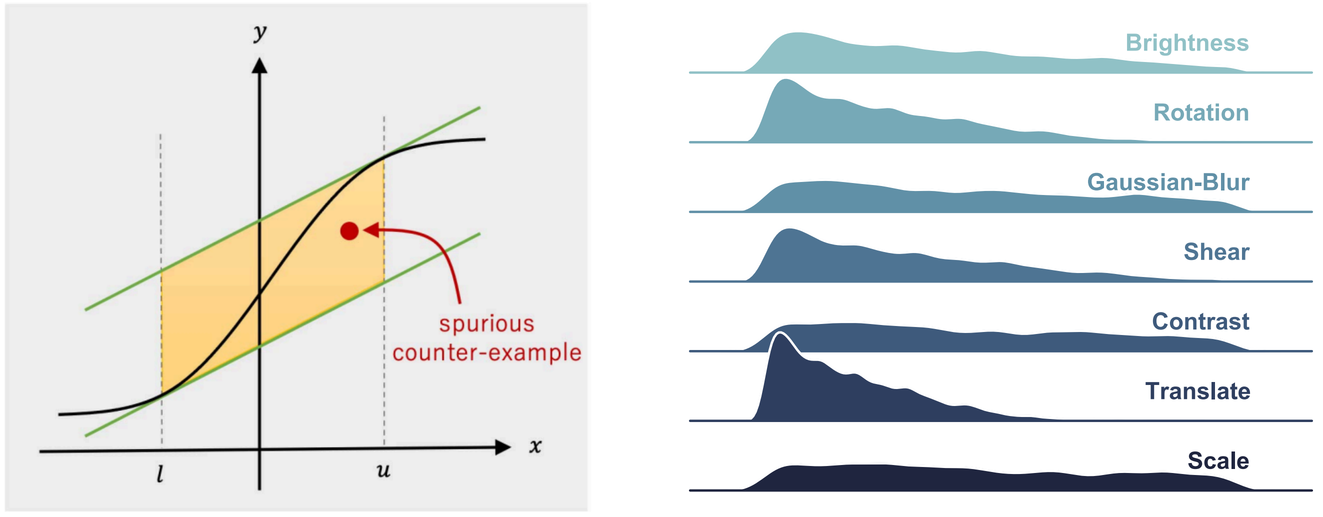
Verification of dist. shifts



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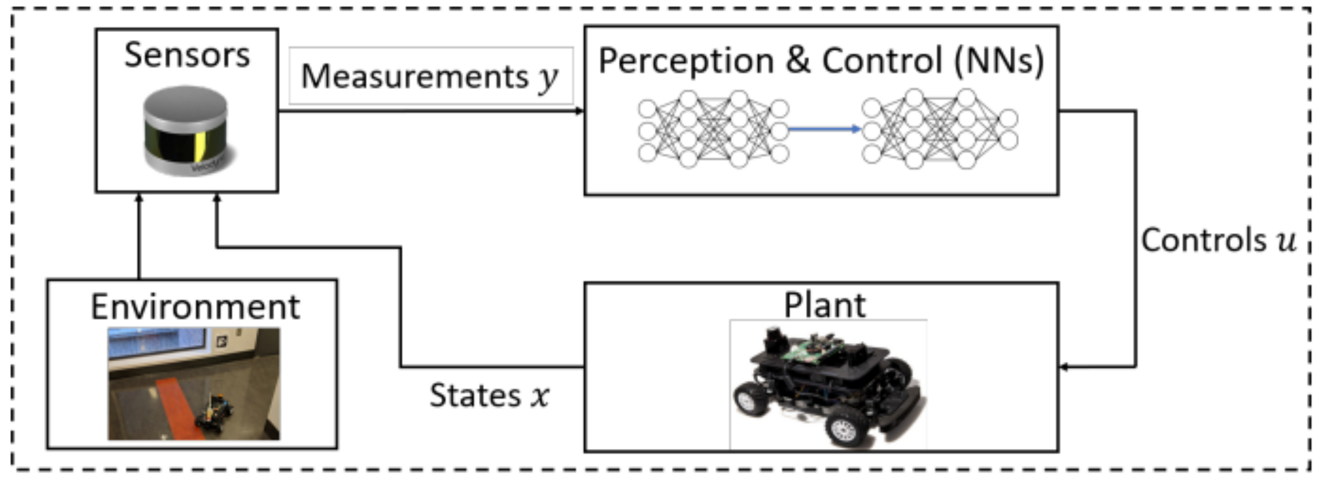
Dist. shifts in closed-loop control



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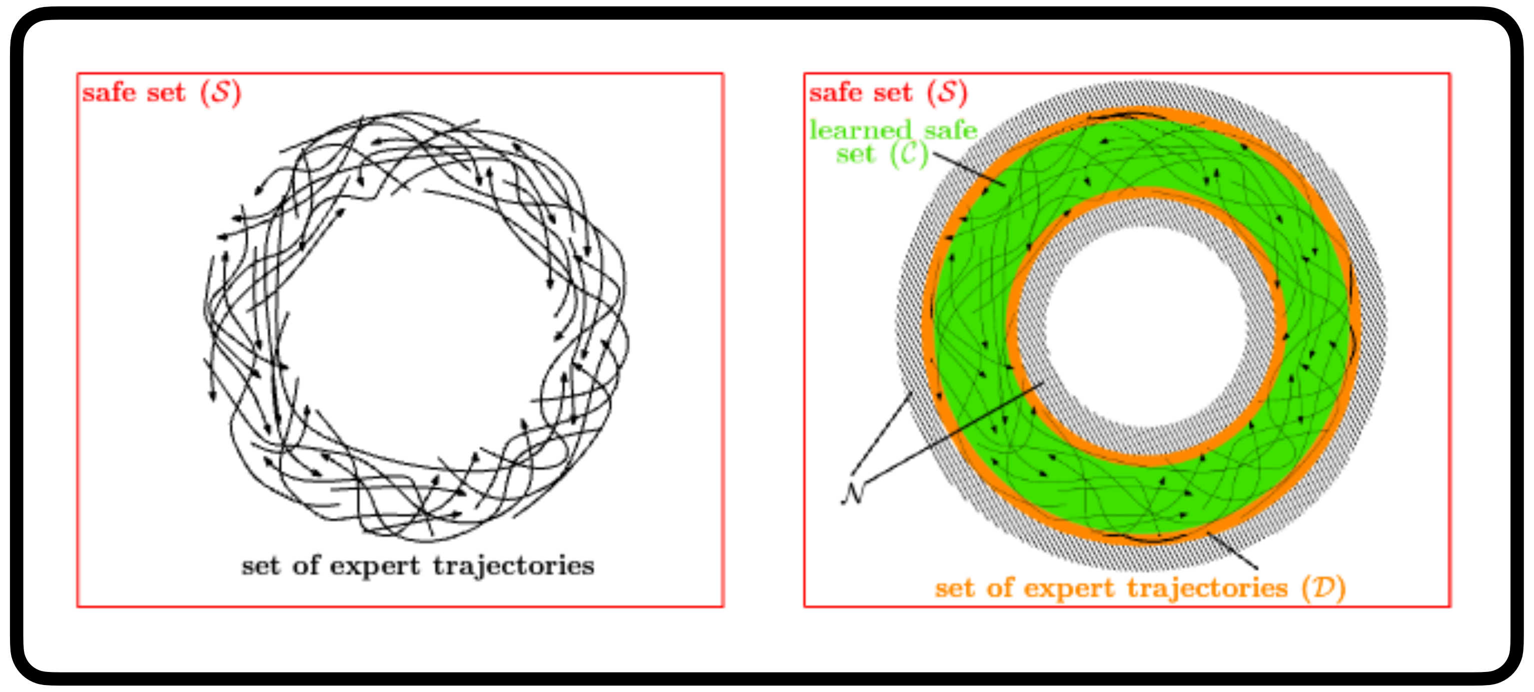

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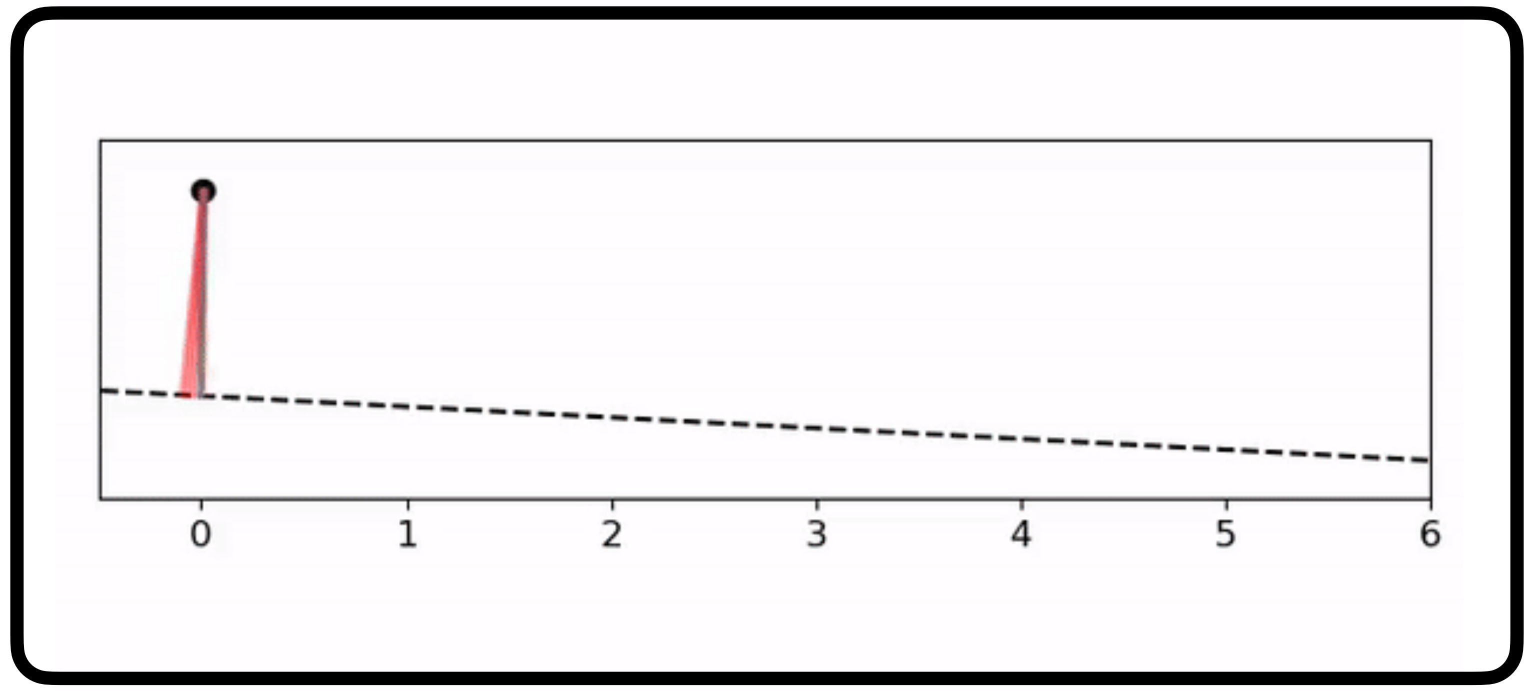

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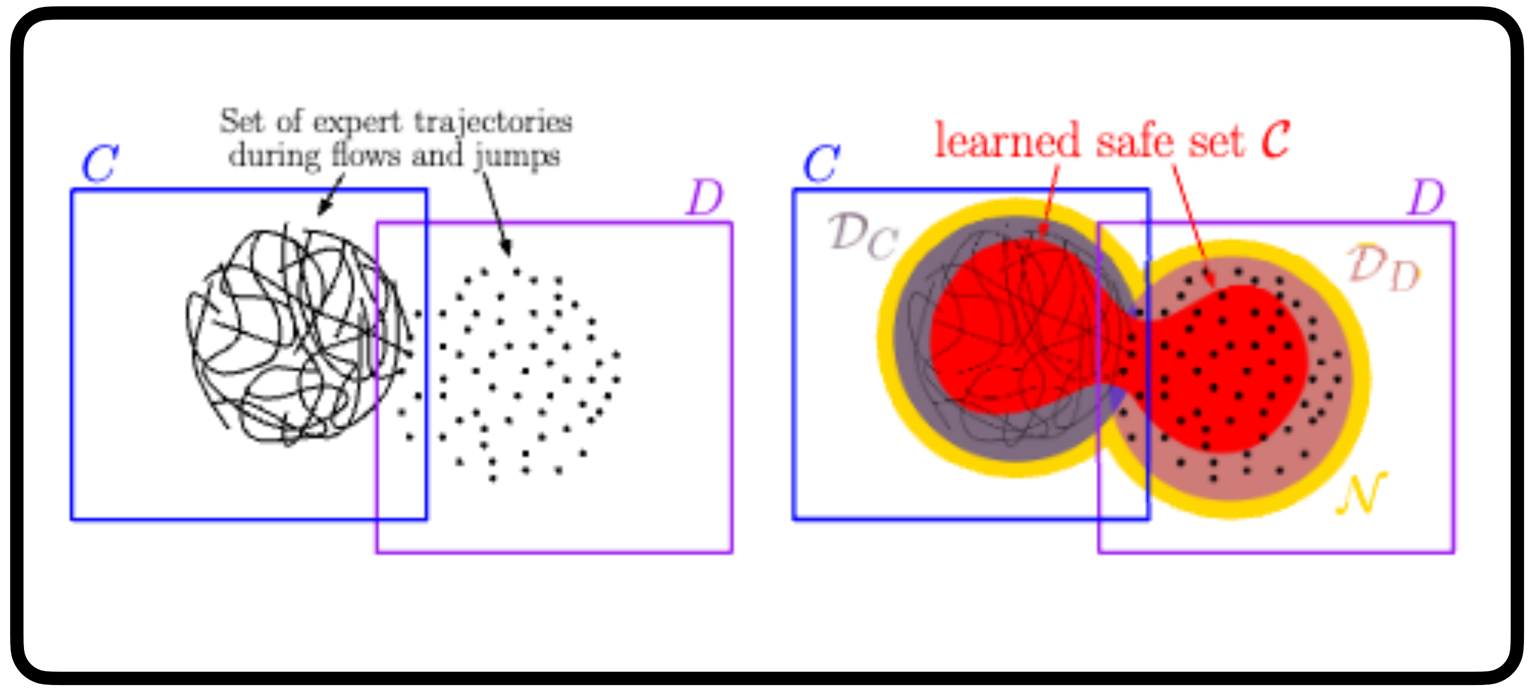
CBFs for uncertain systems



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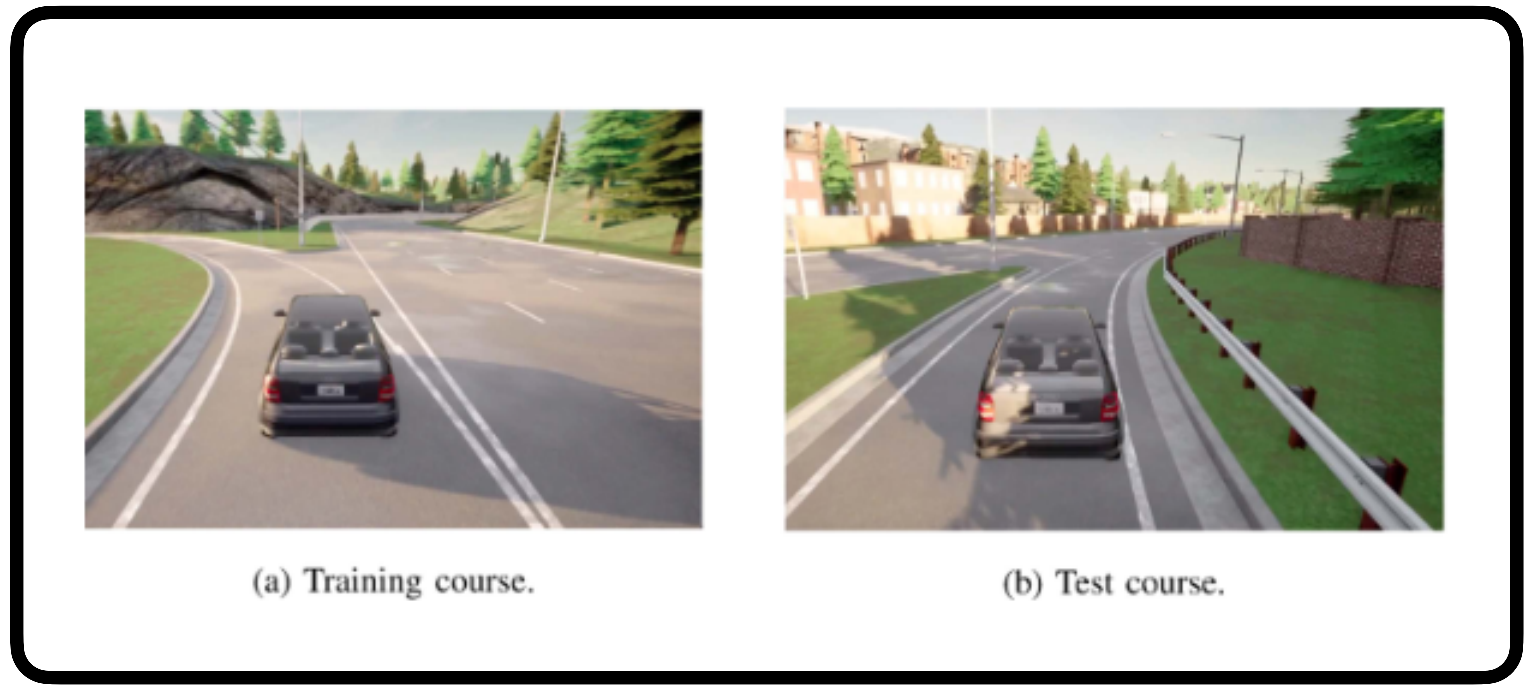

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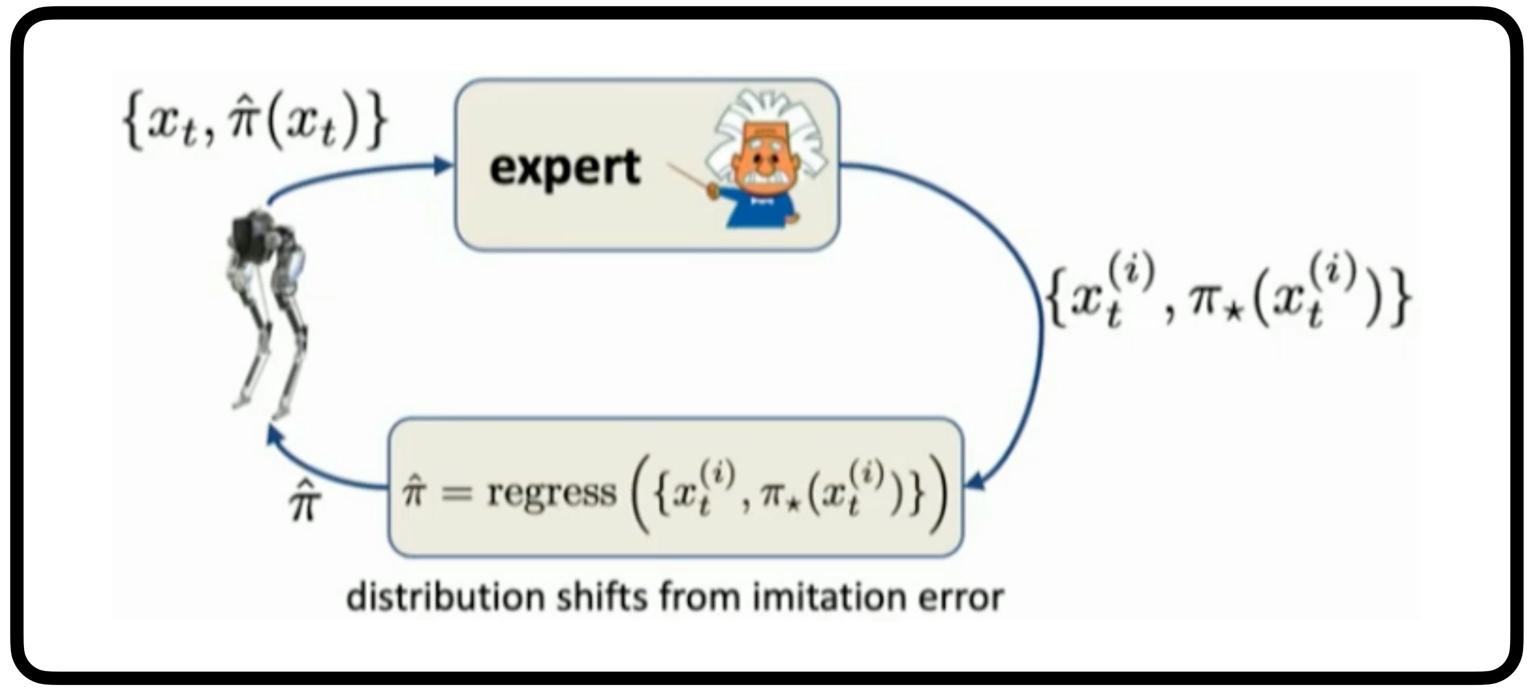

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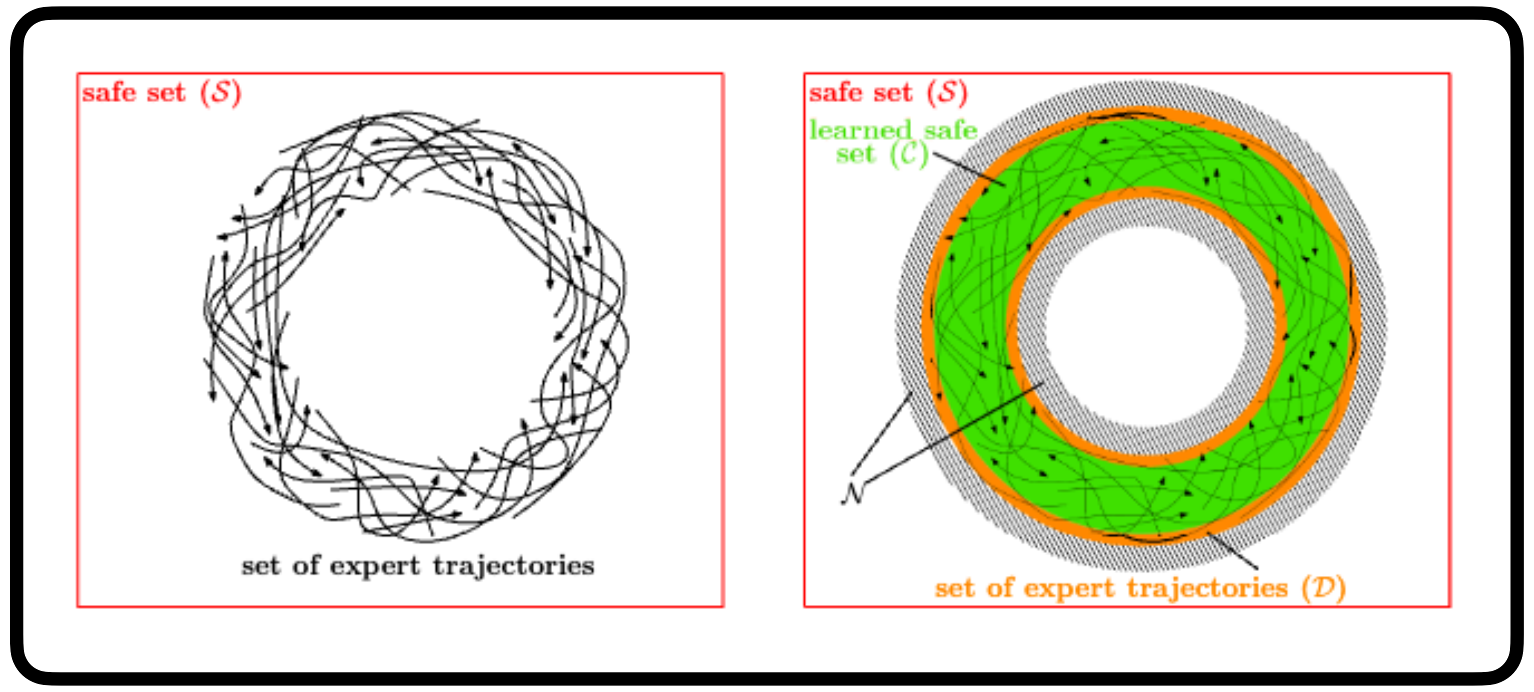

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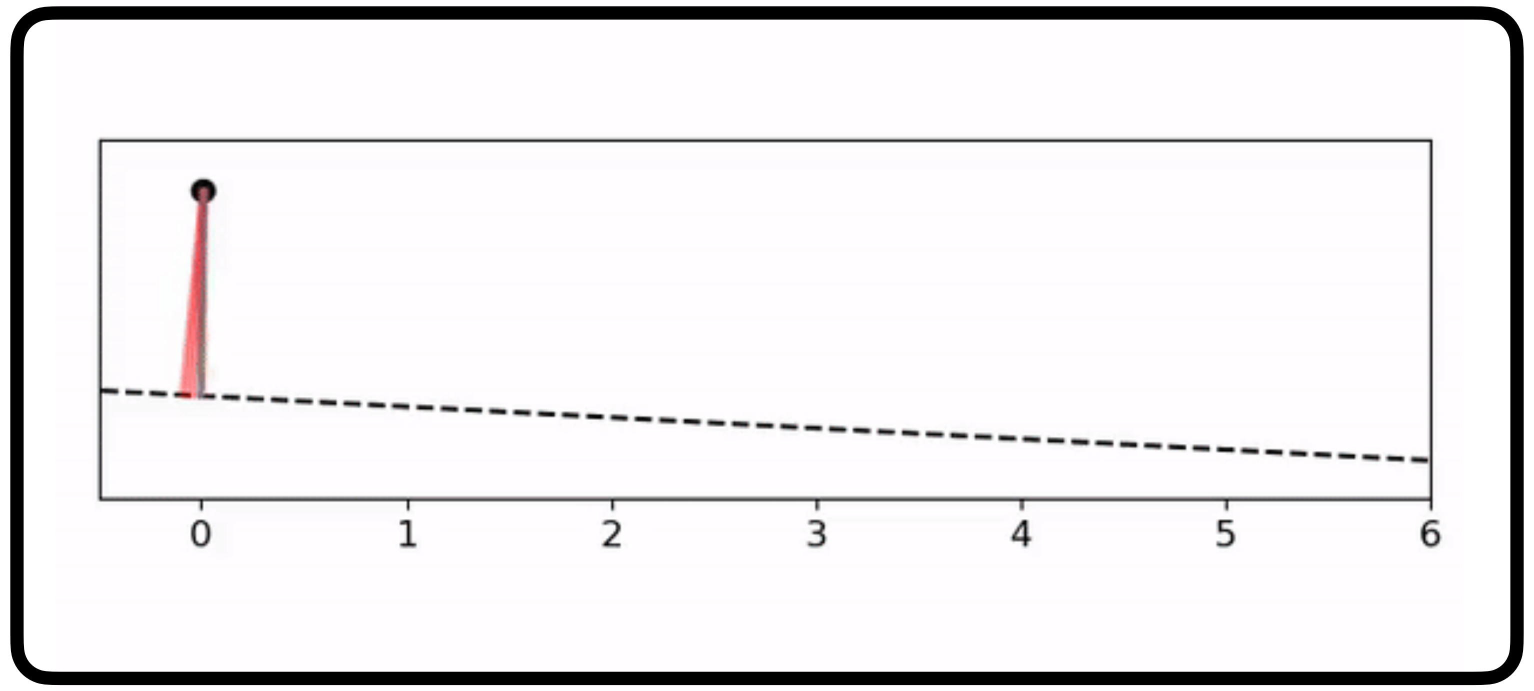

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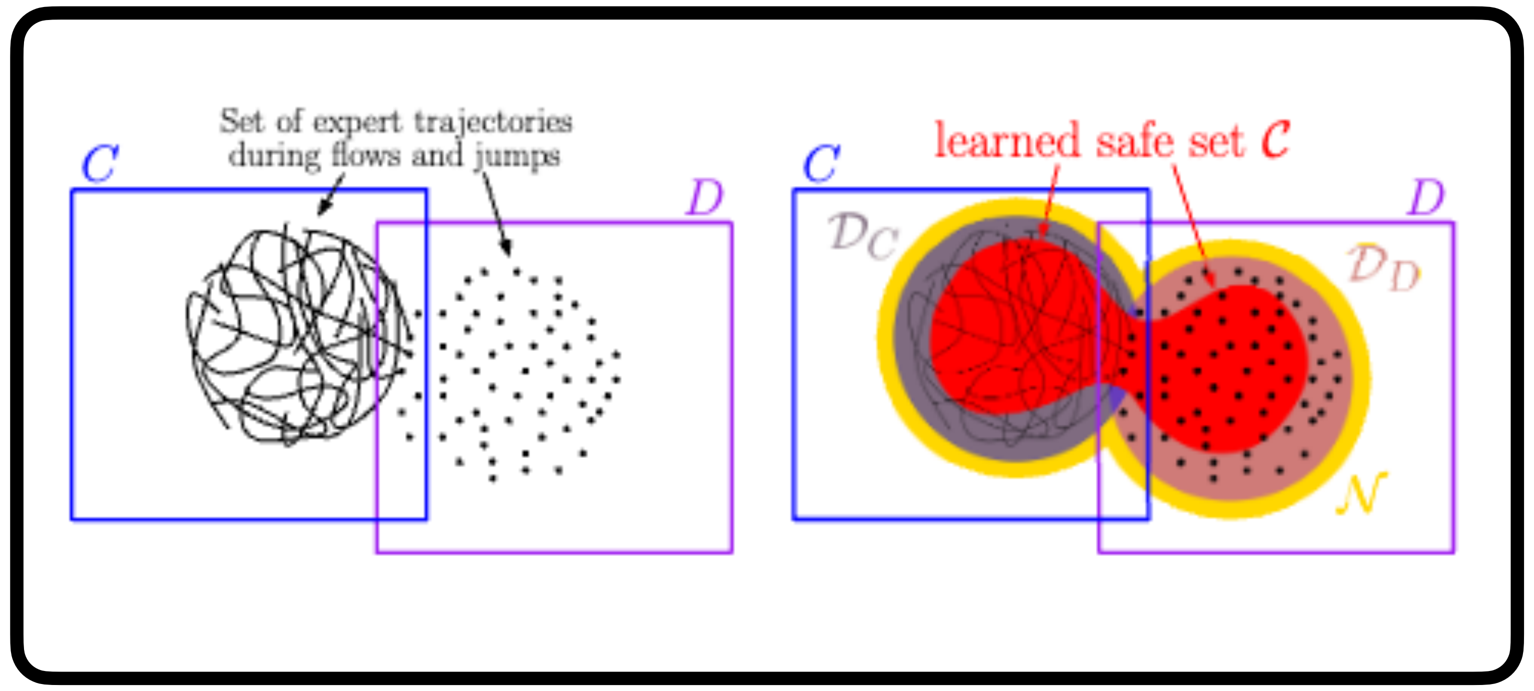

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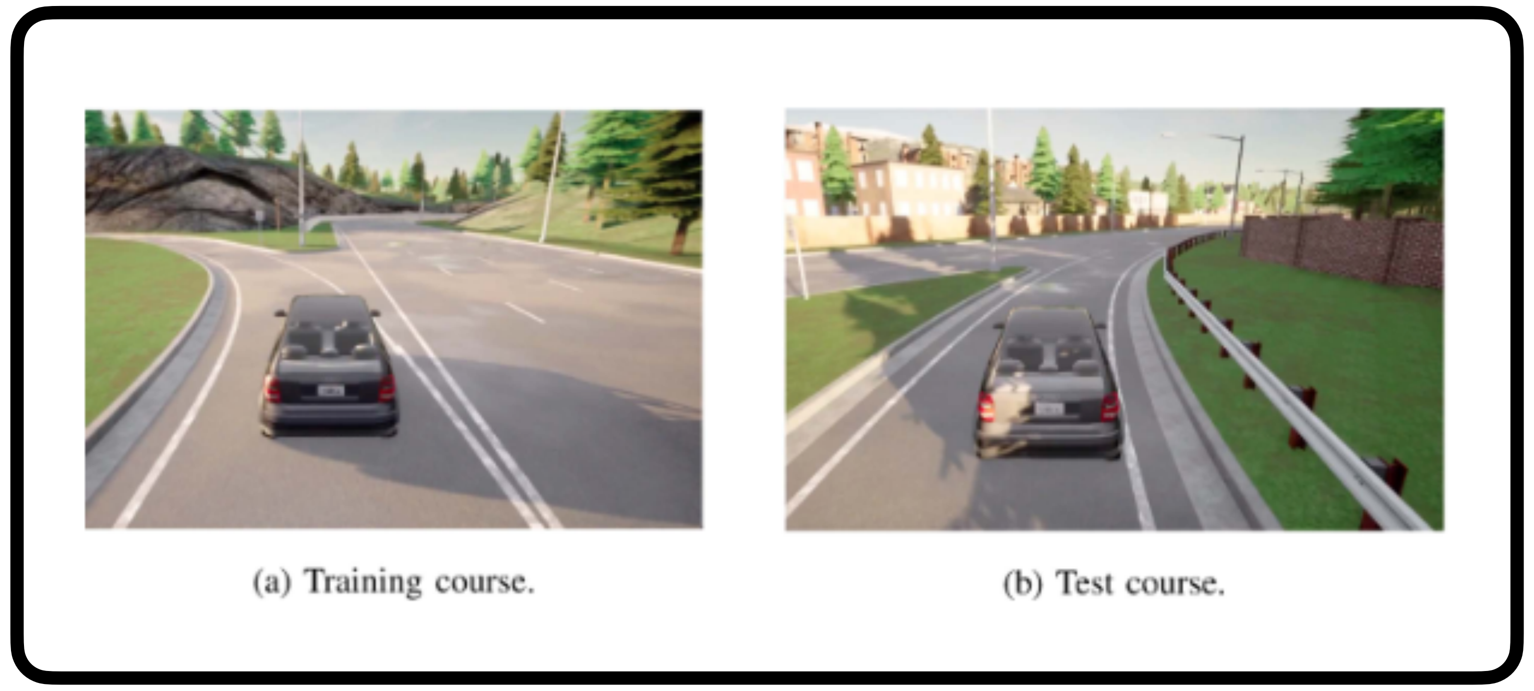

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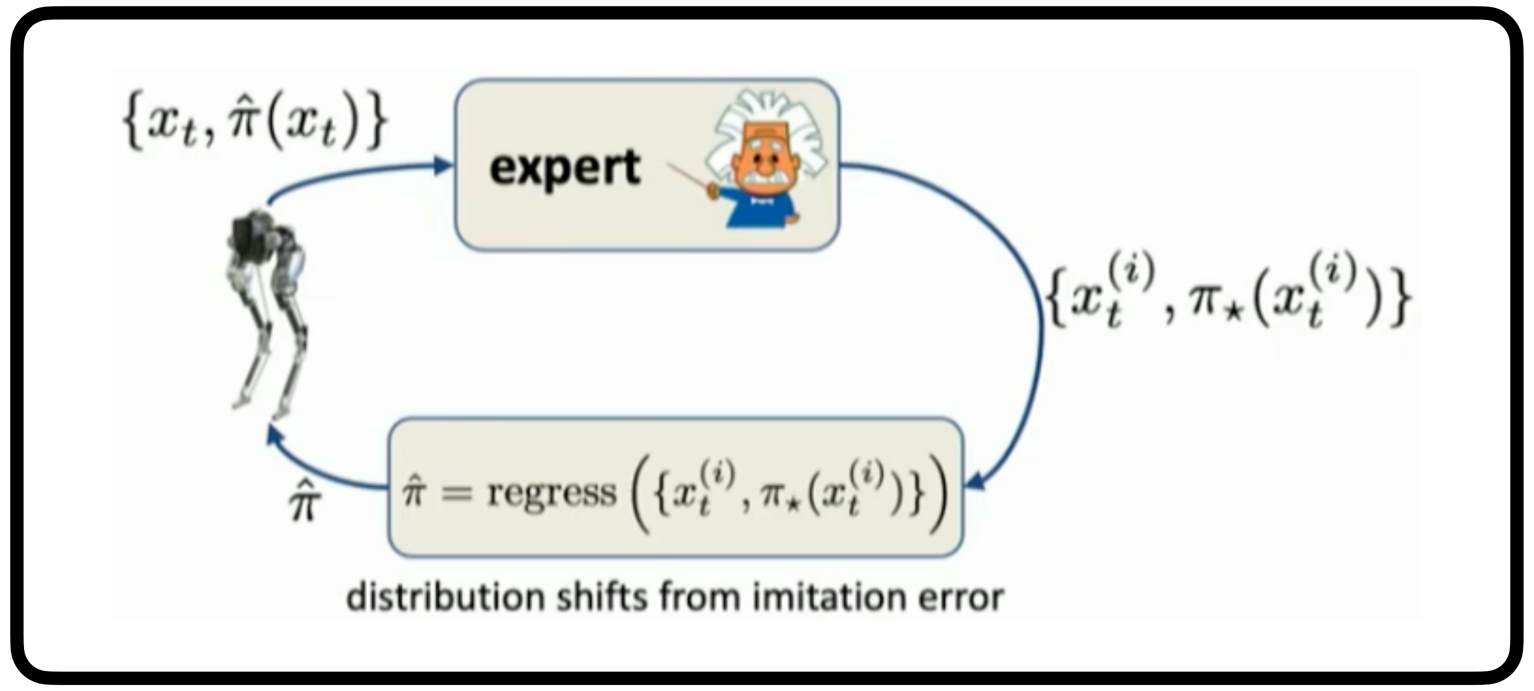

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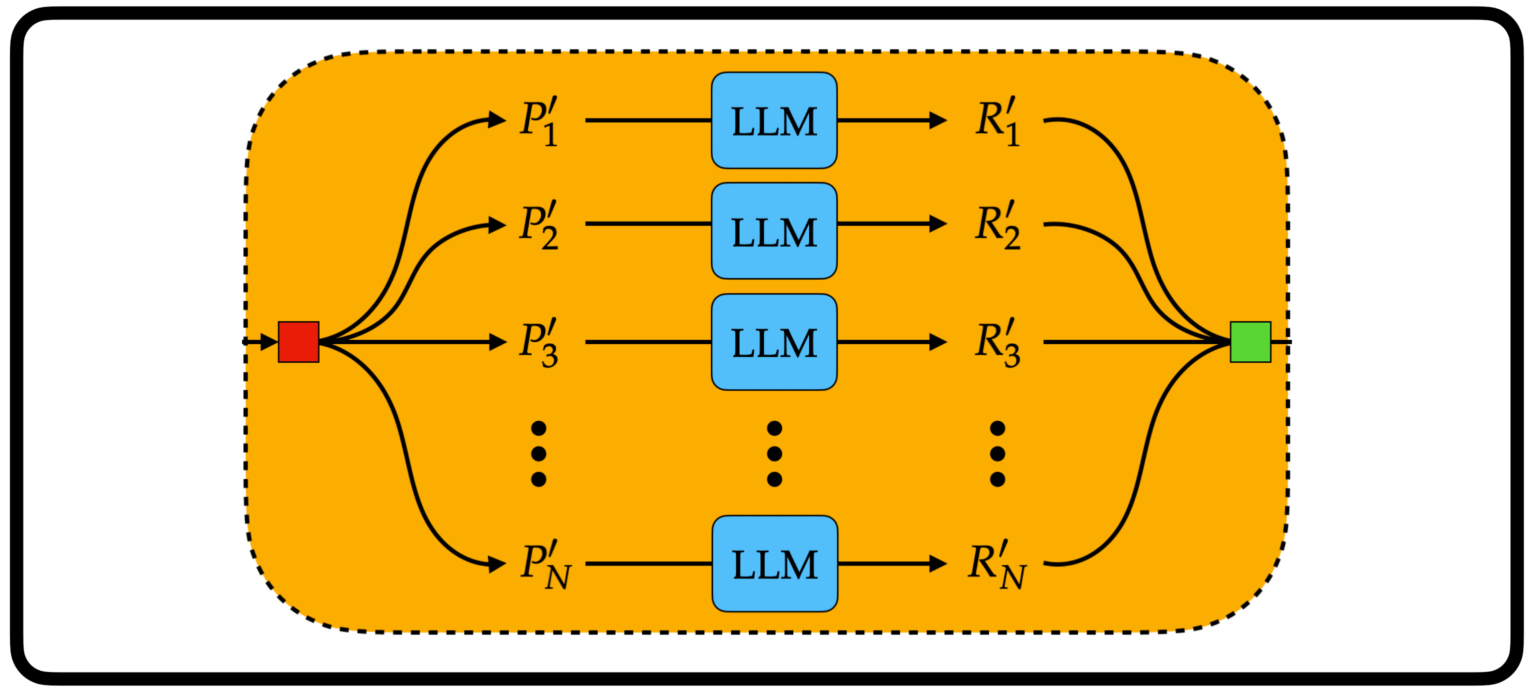

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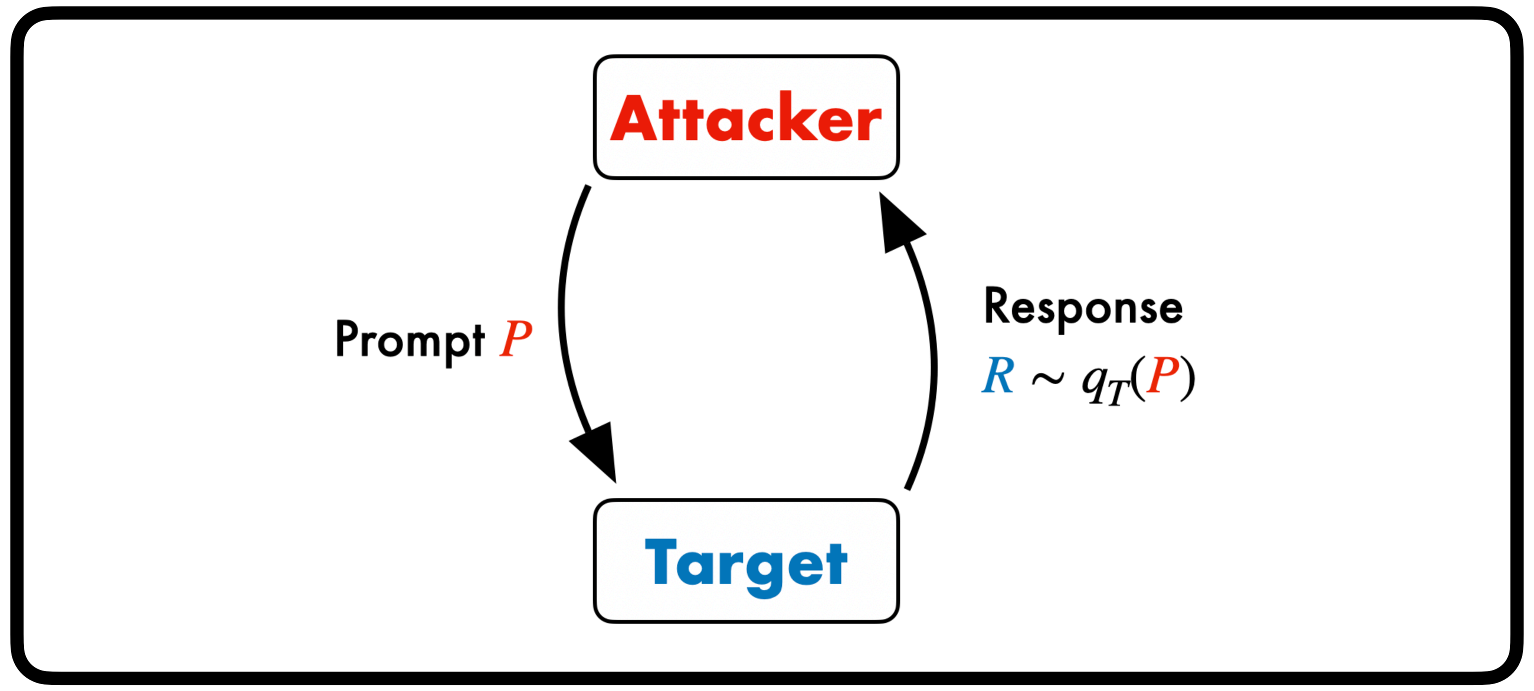

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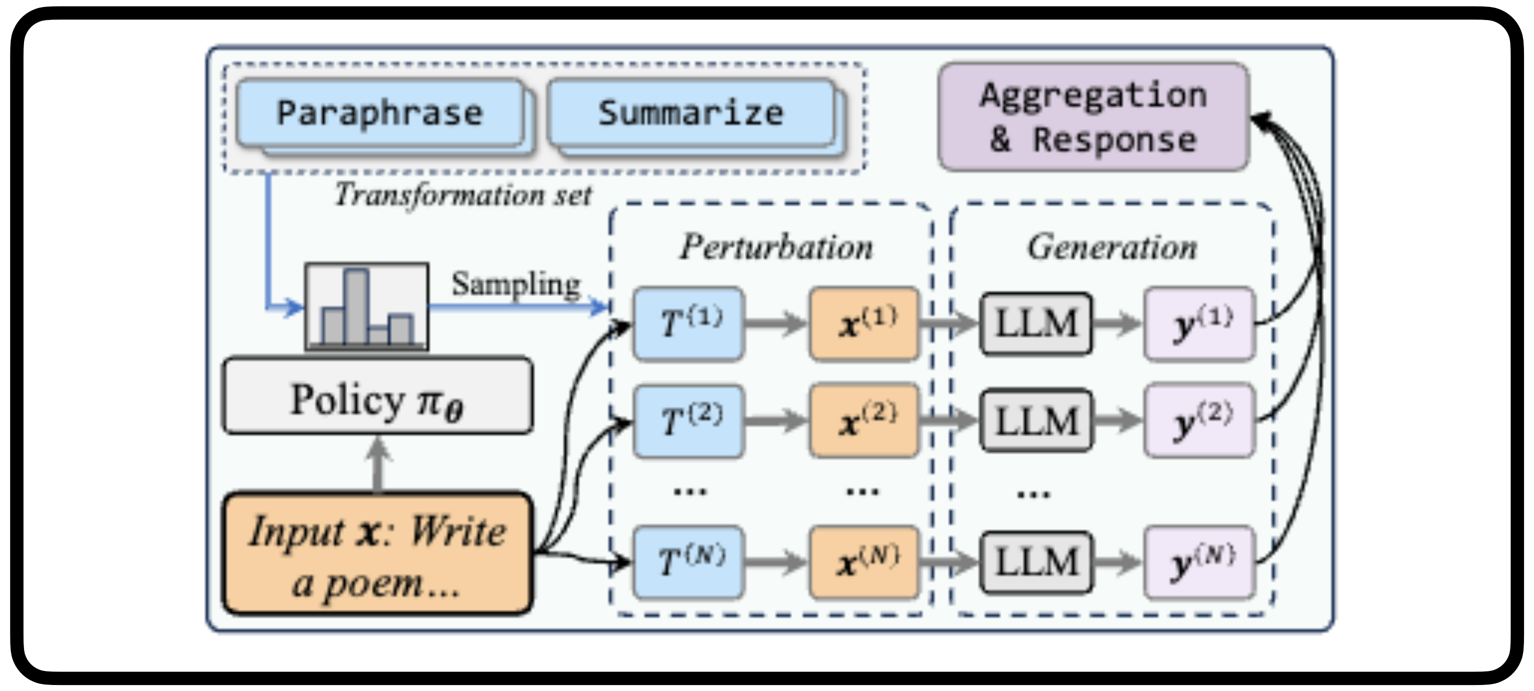
Semantic jailbreaking defenses



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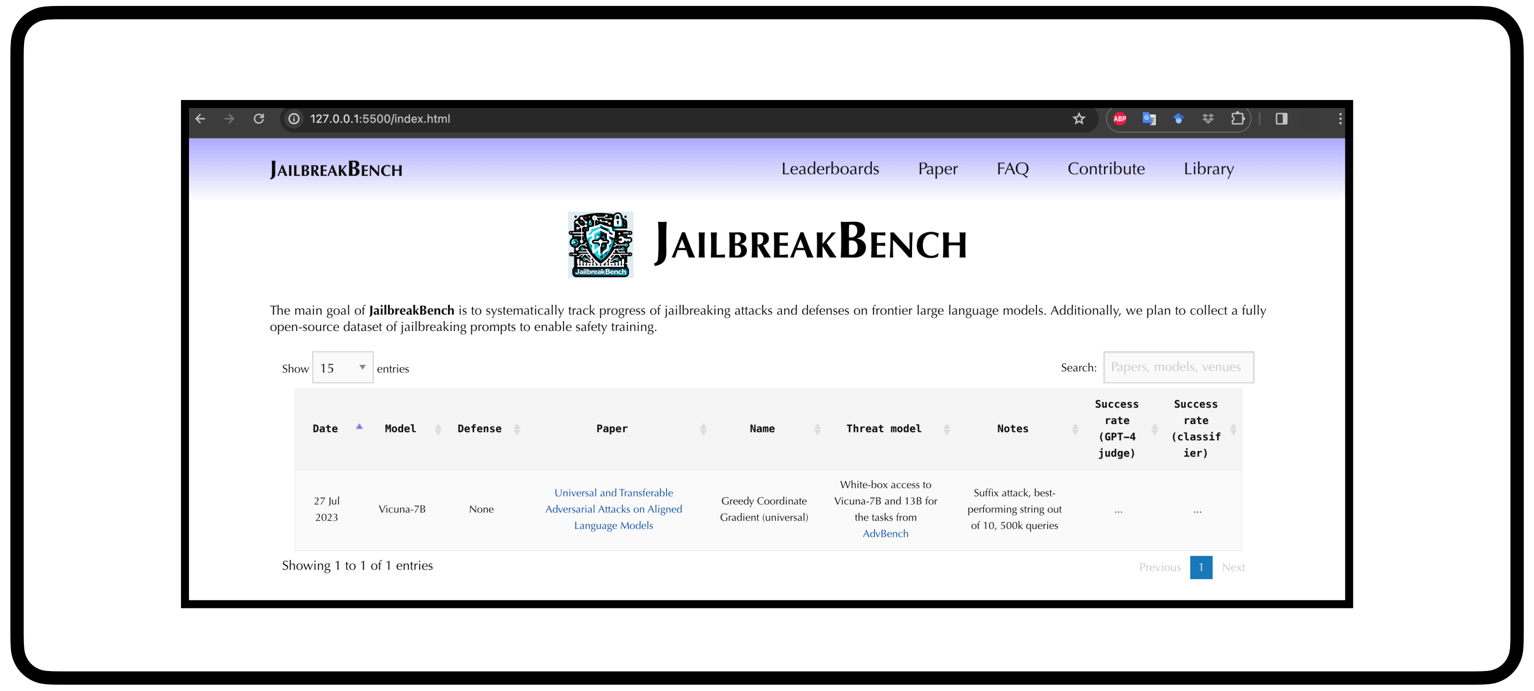
Jailbreaking benchmark



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Red-teaming public policy

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Google	Gemini	●	○	○	●	○	○	◑	○
Anthropic	Claude 2	○	○	◑	○	◑‡	●	○	○
Inflection	Inflection-1	○	○	○	○	○	○	◑	◑
Meta	Llama 2	●	●	●	●	◑‡	○	○	○
Midjourney	Midjourney v6	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	◑
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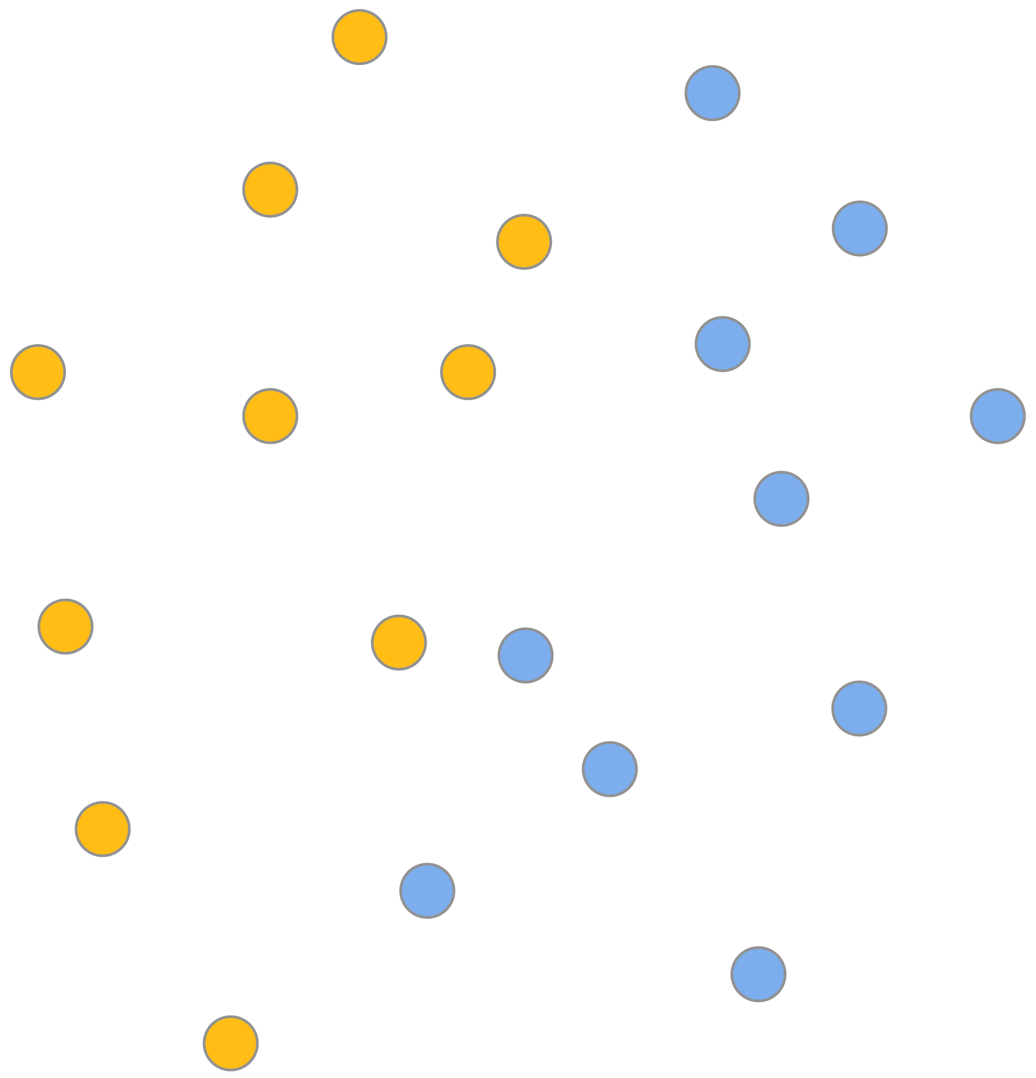

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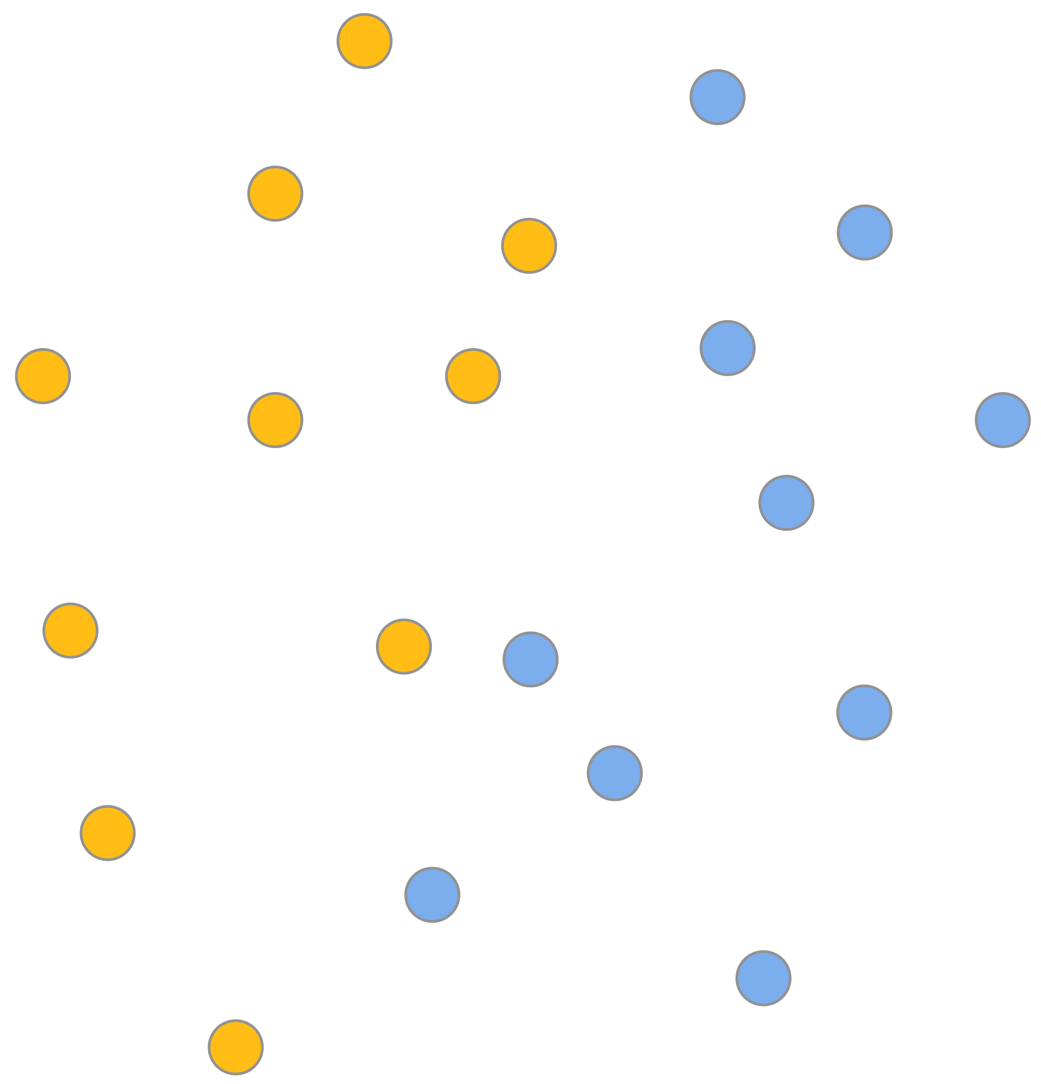

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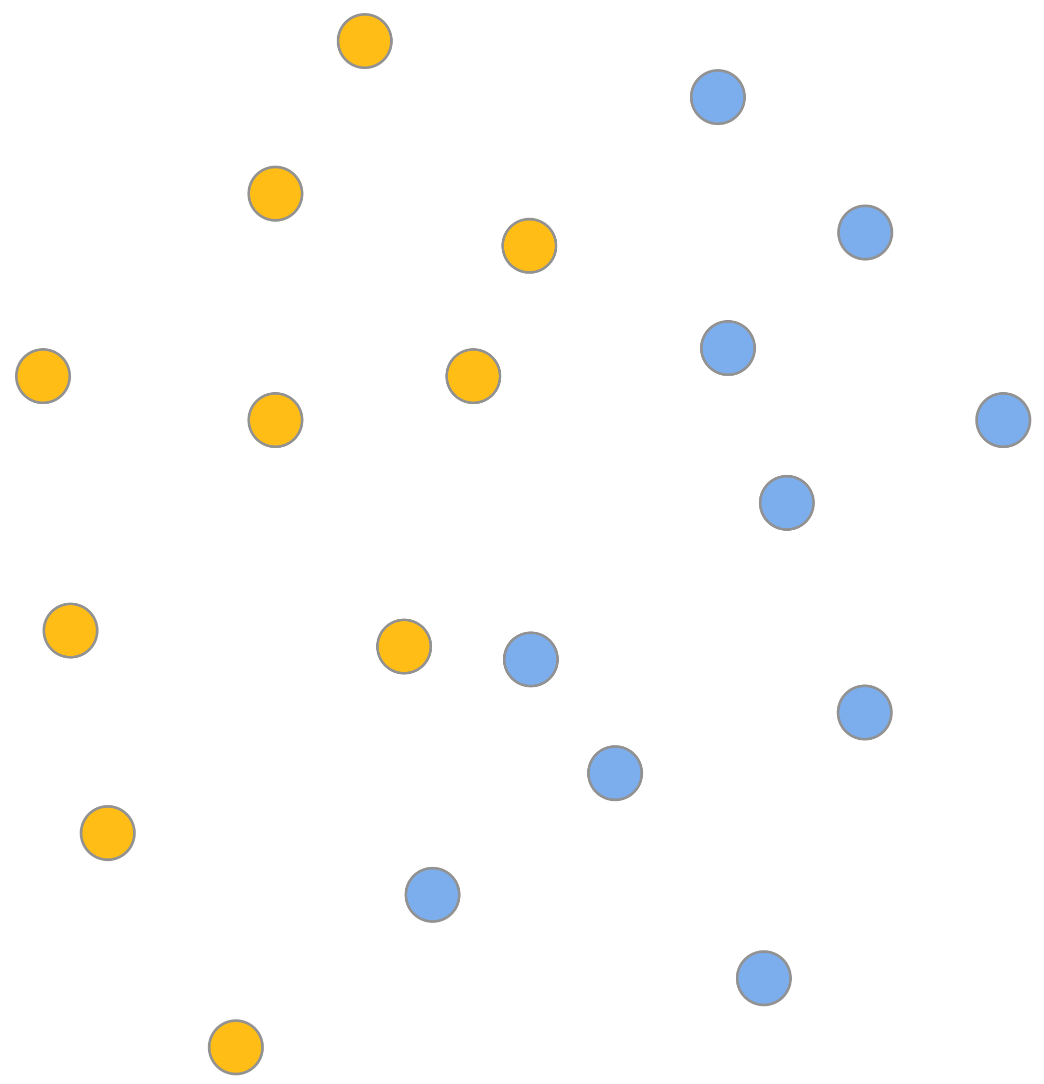

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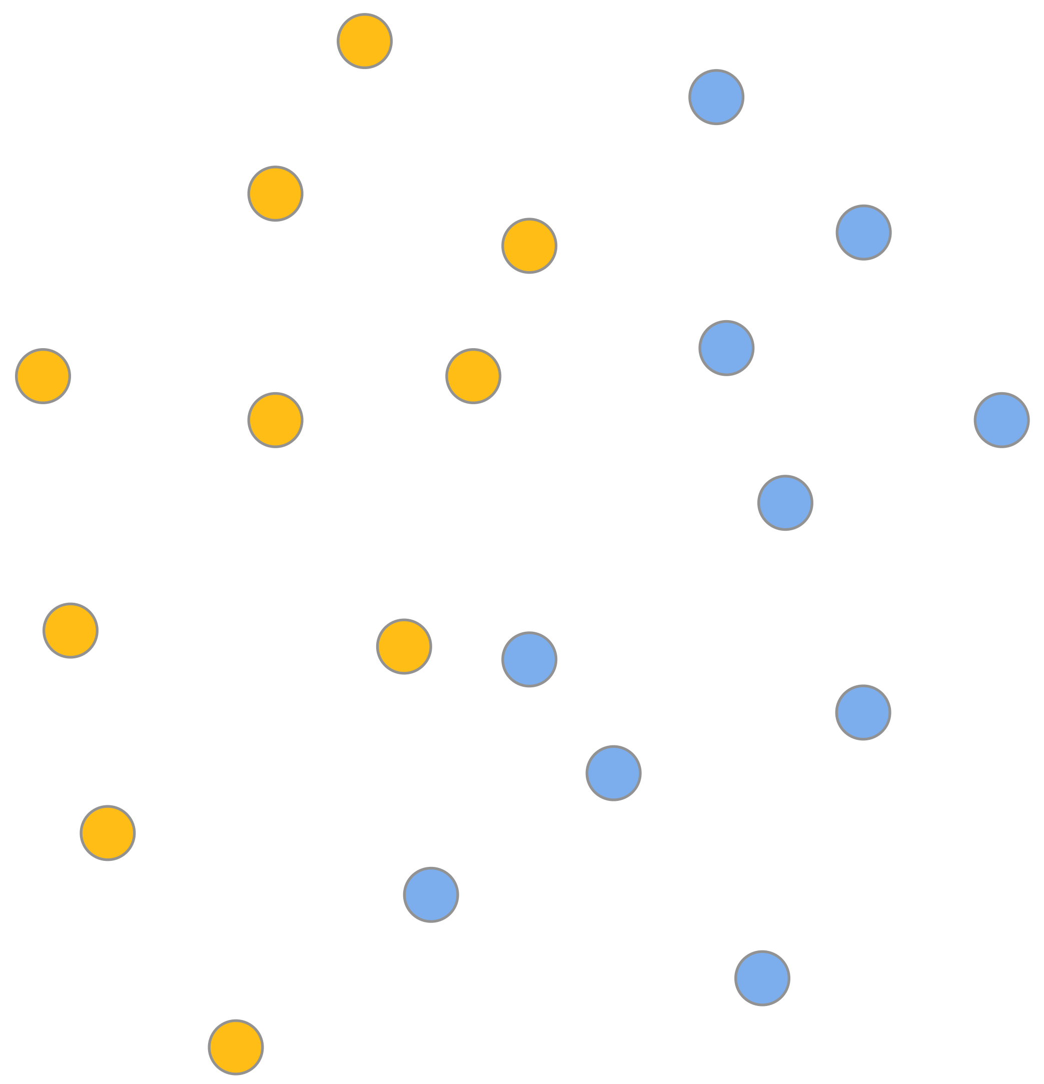

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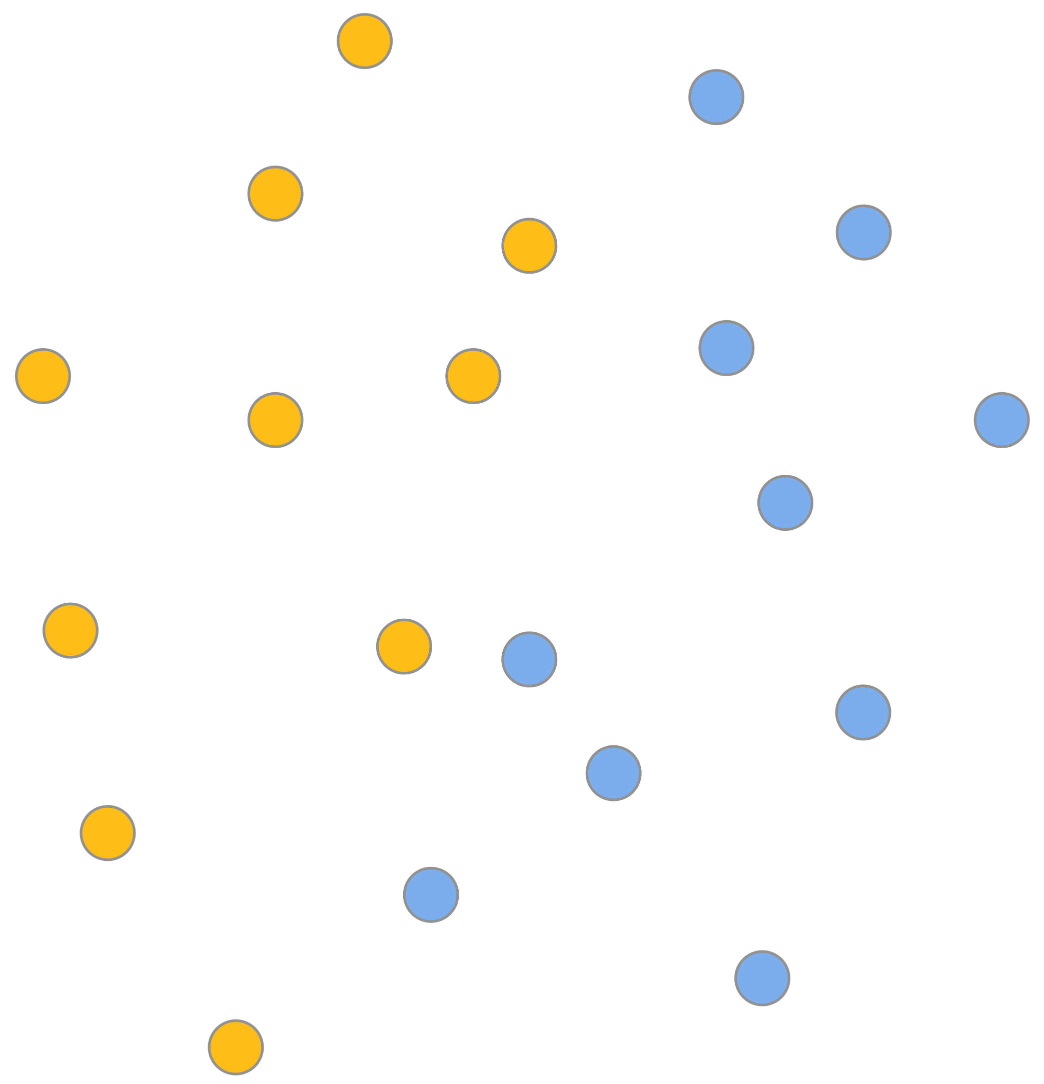

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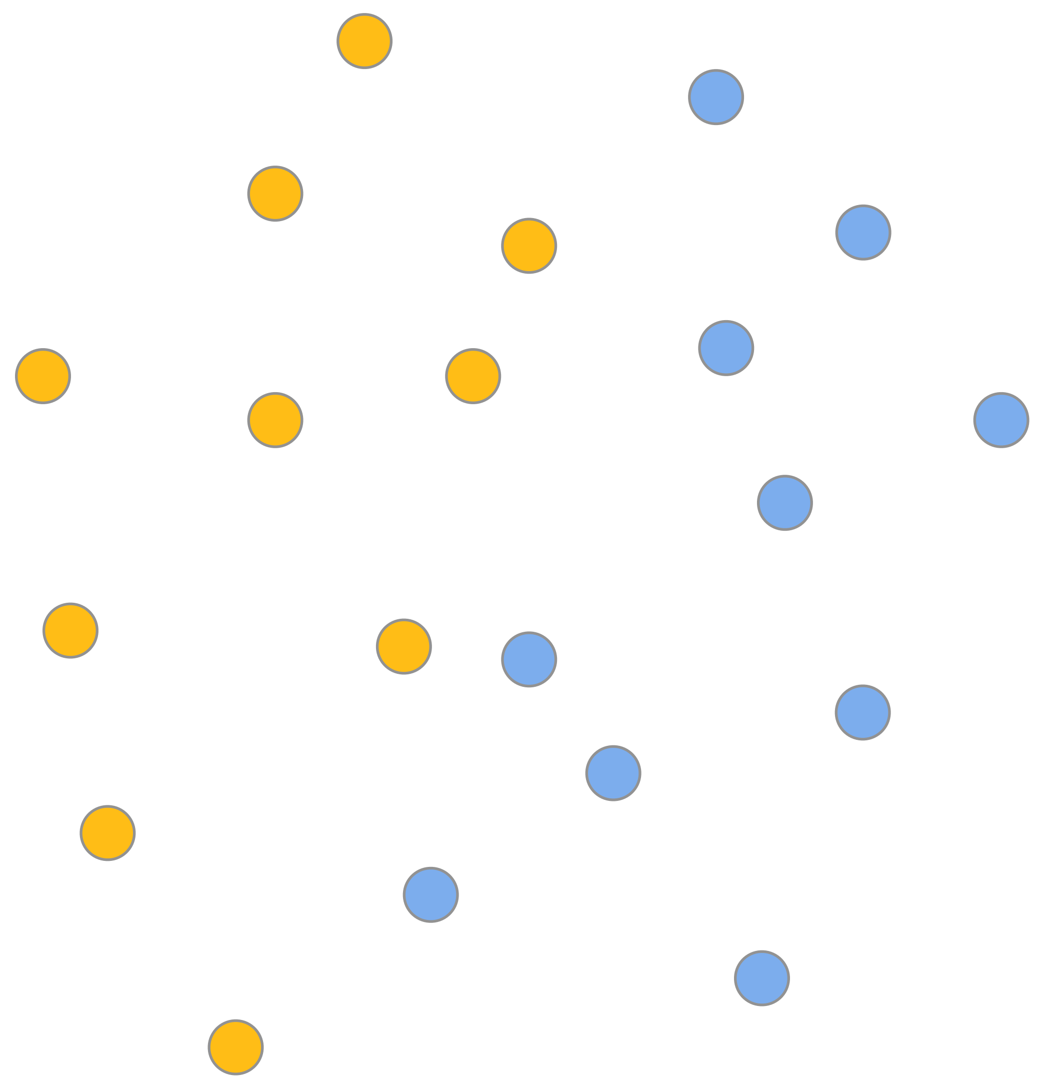

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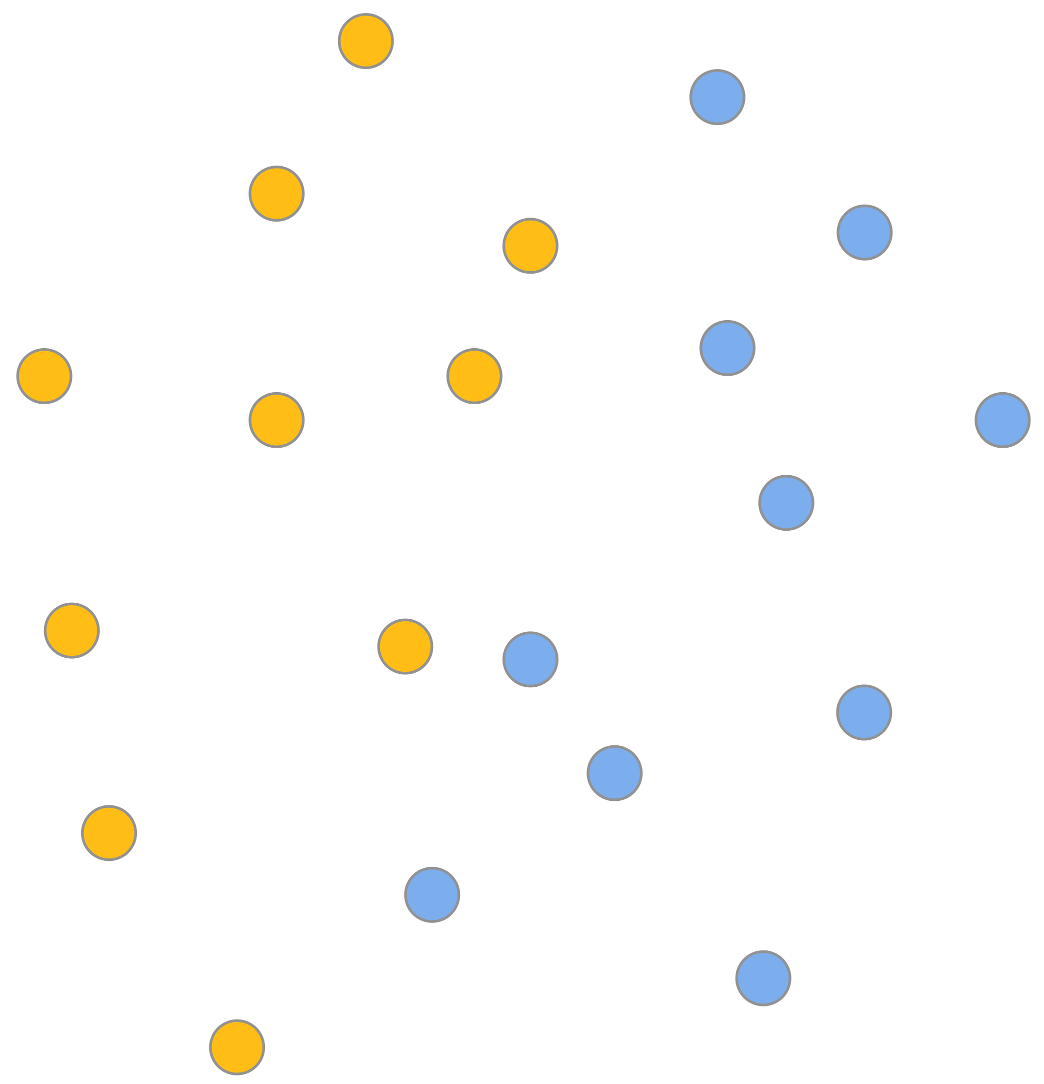

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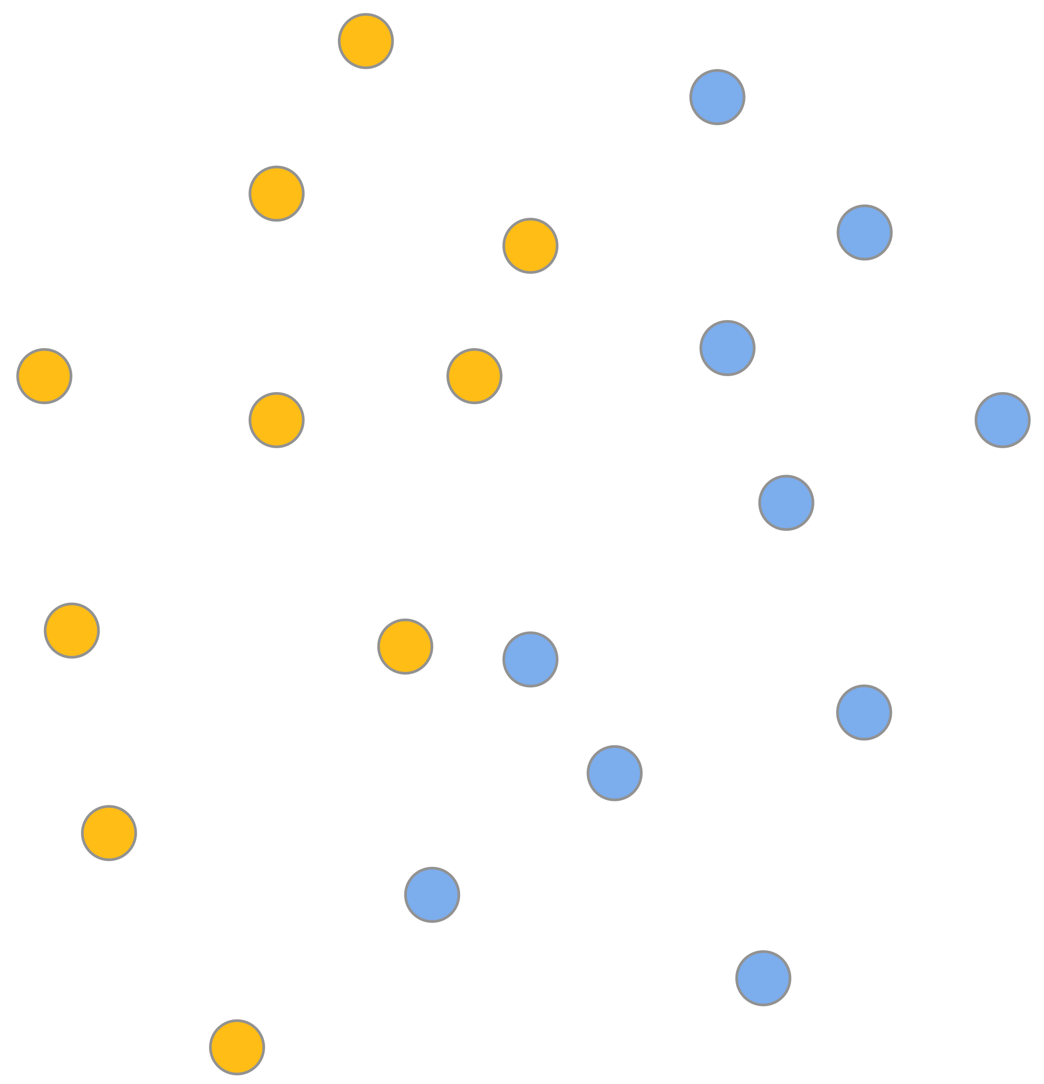

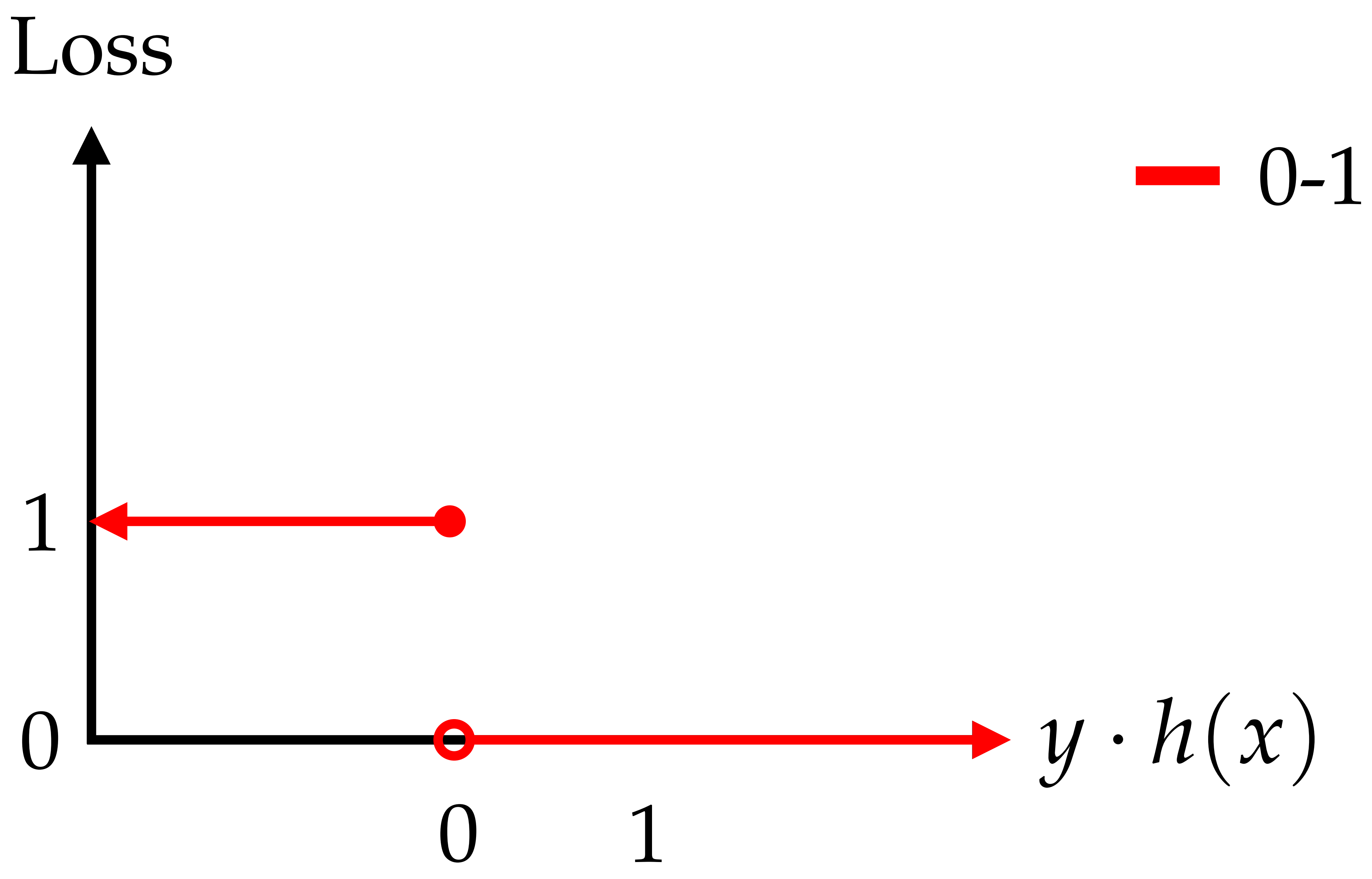

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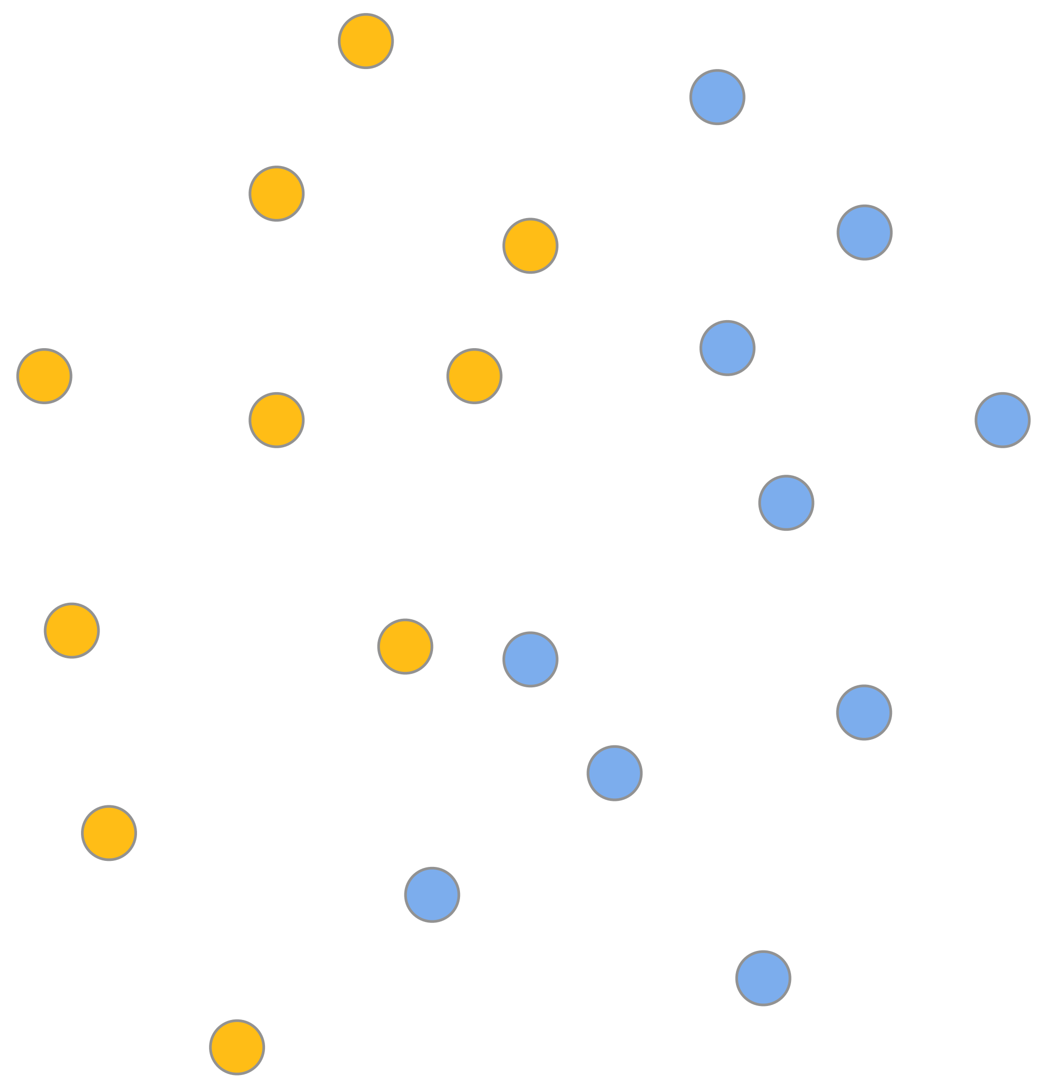

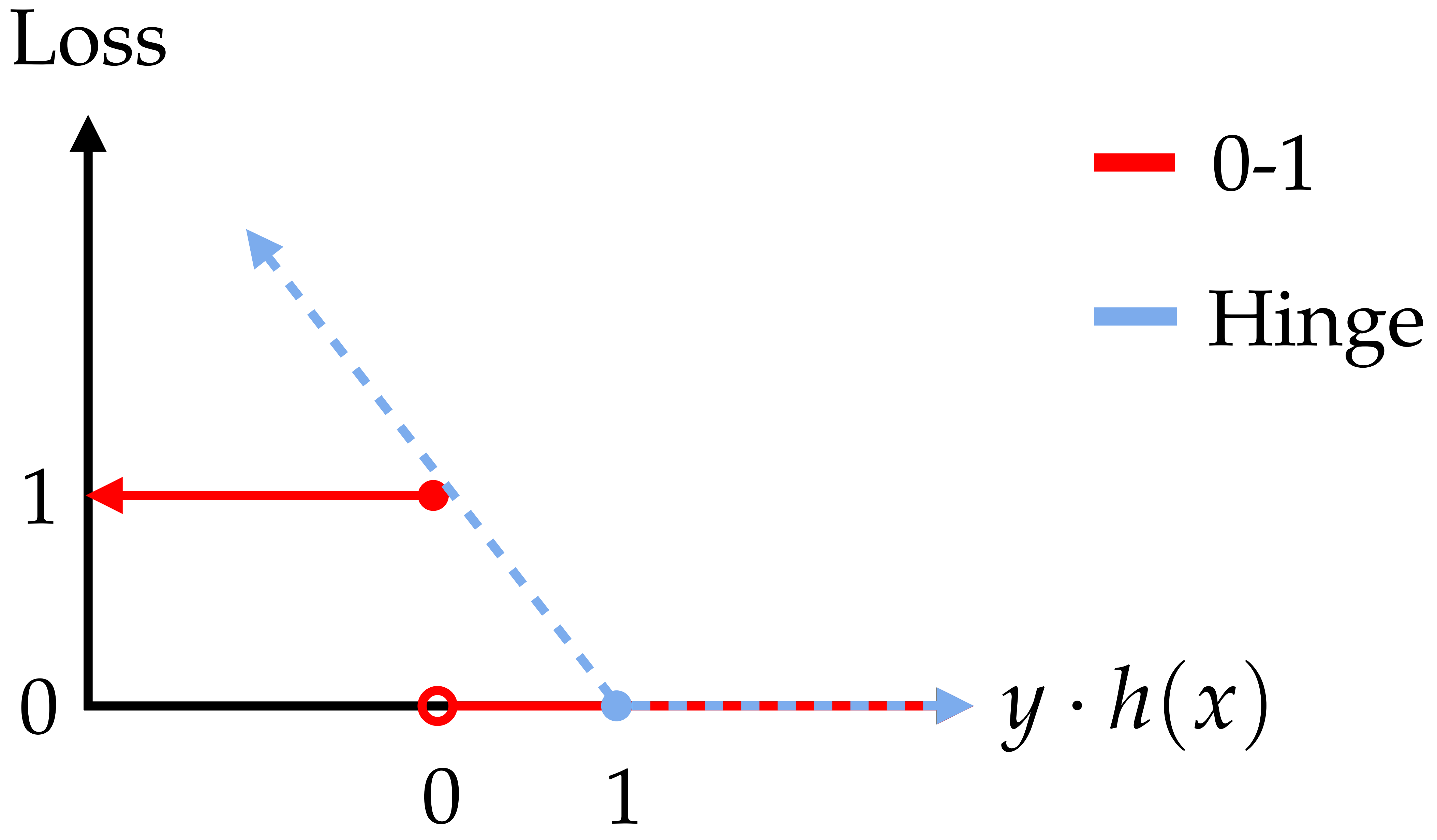

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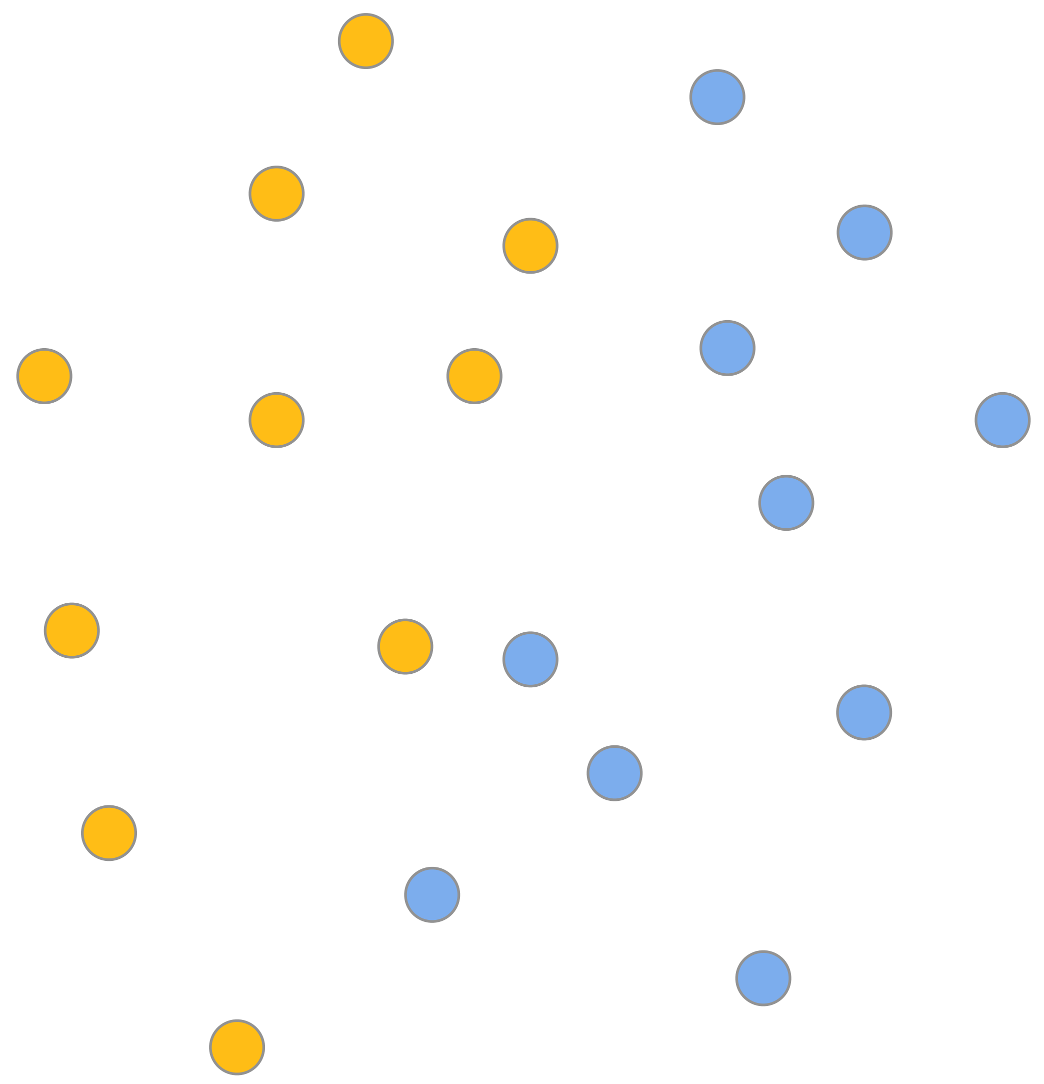

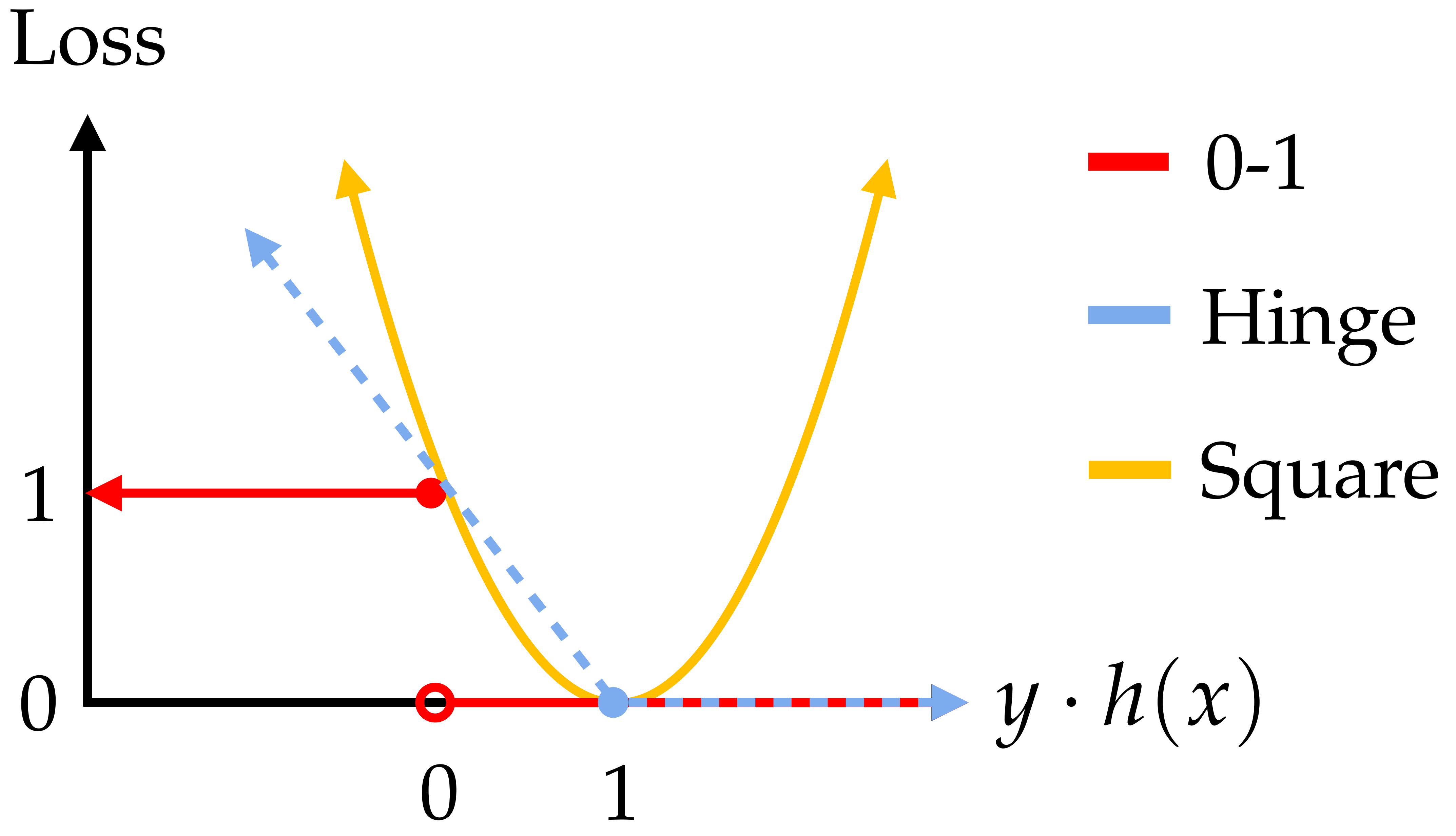

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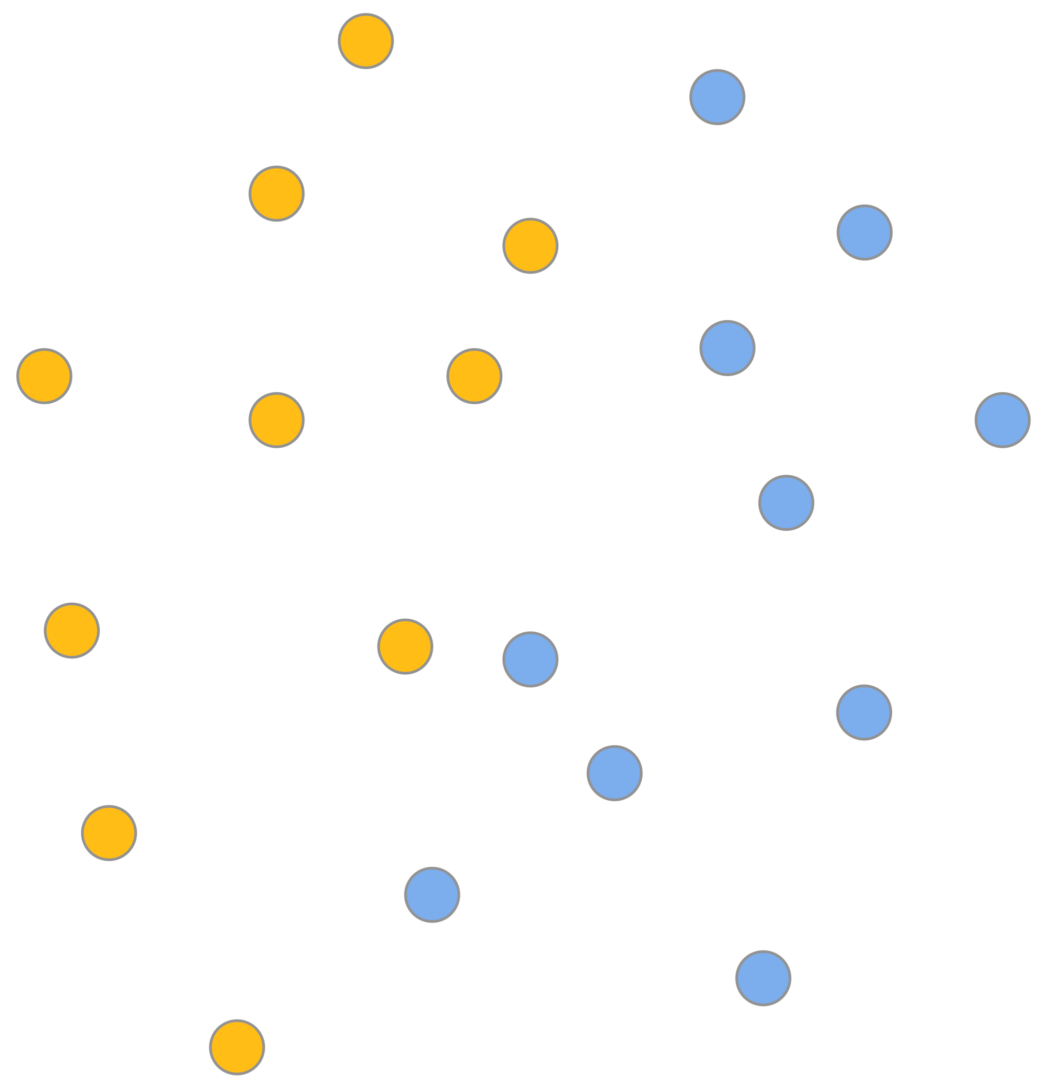

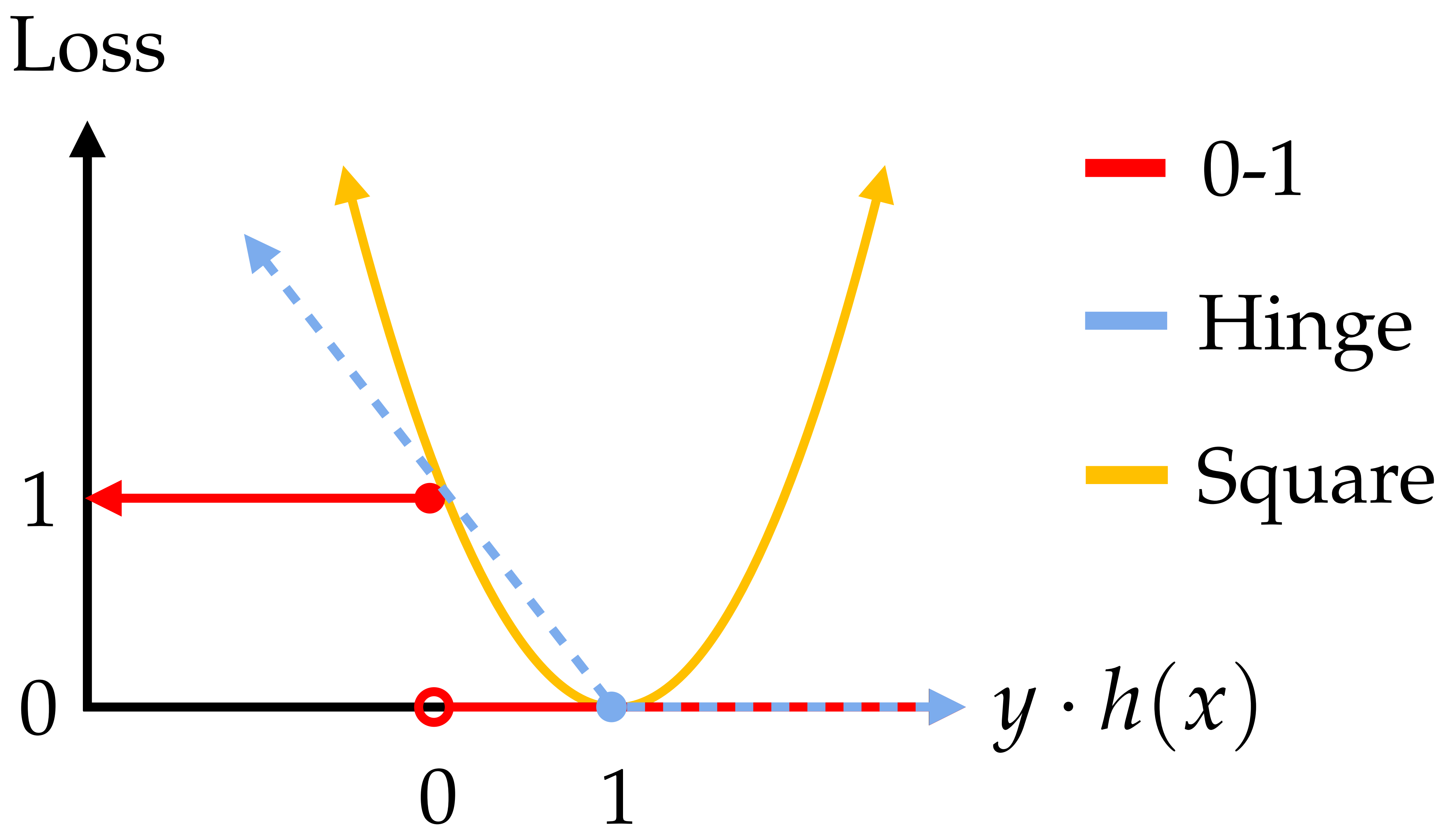

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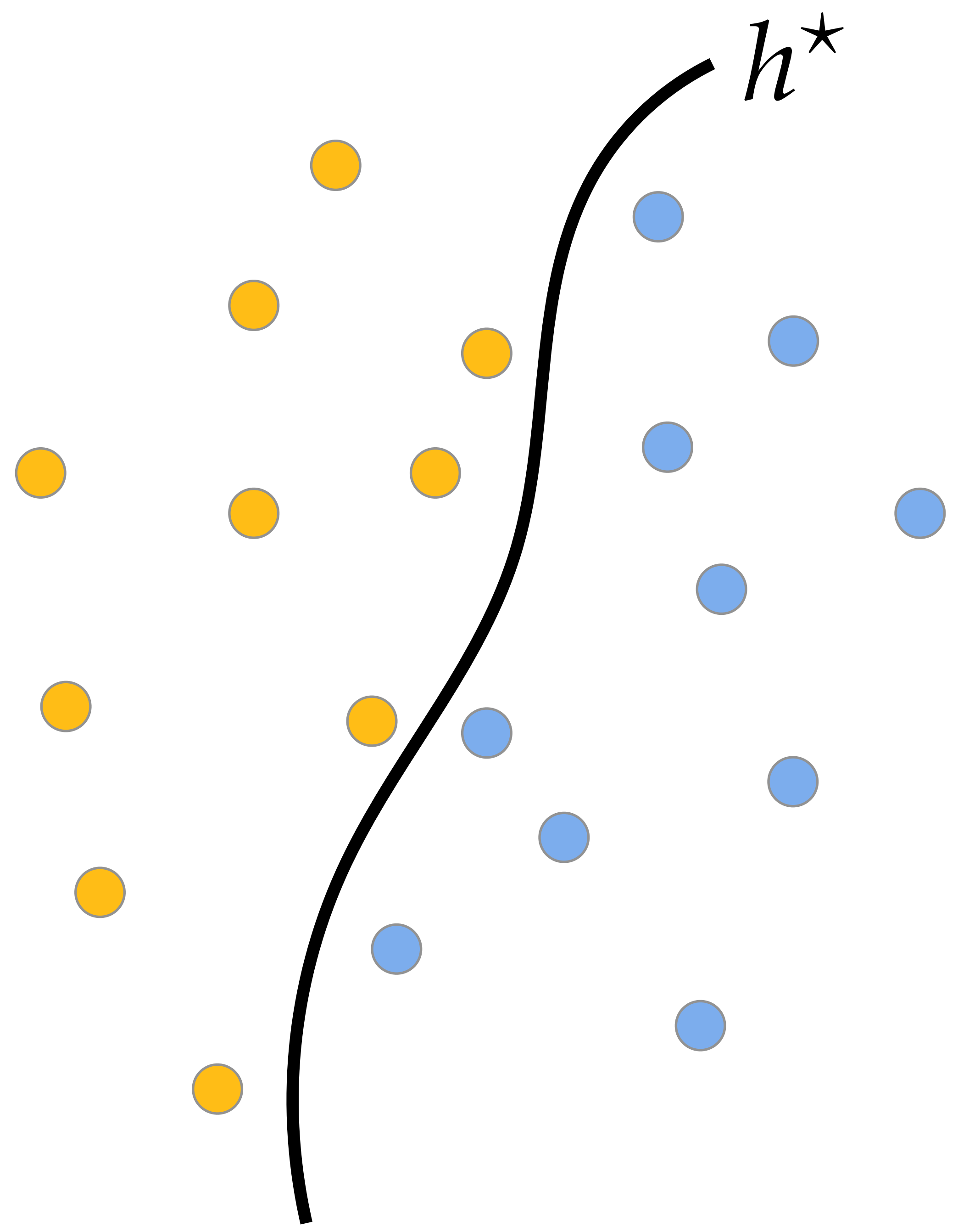

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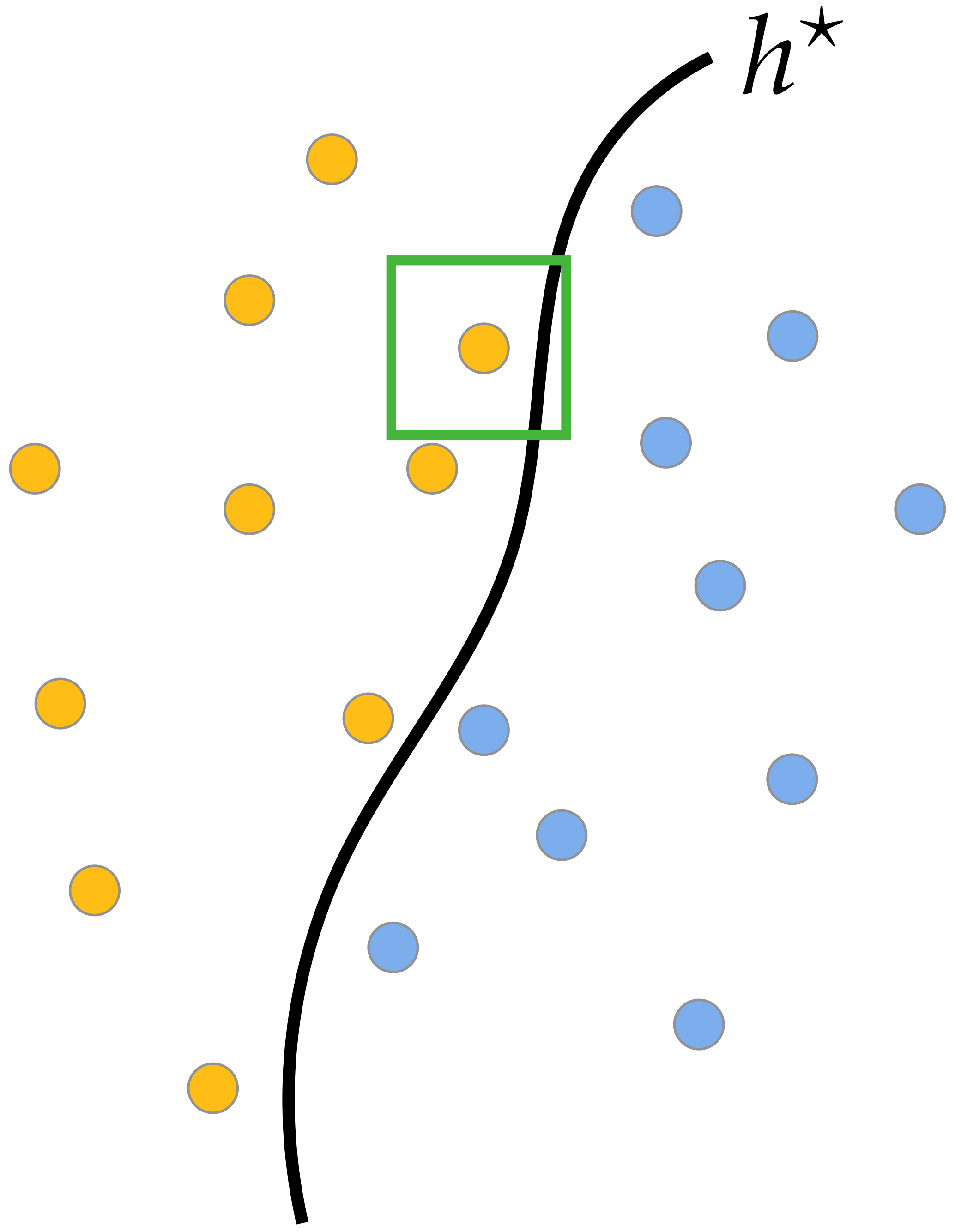

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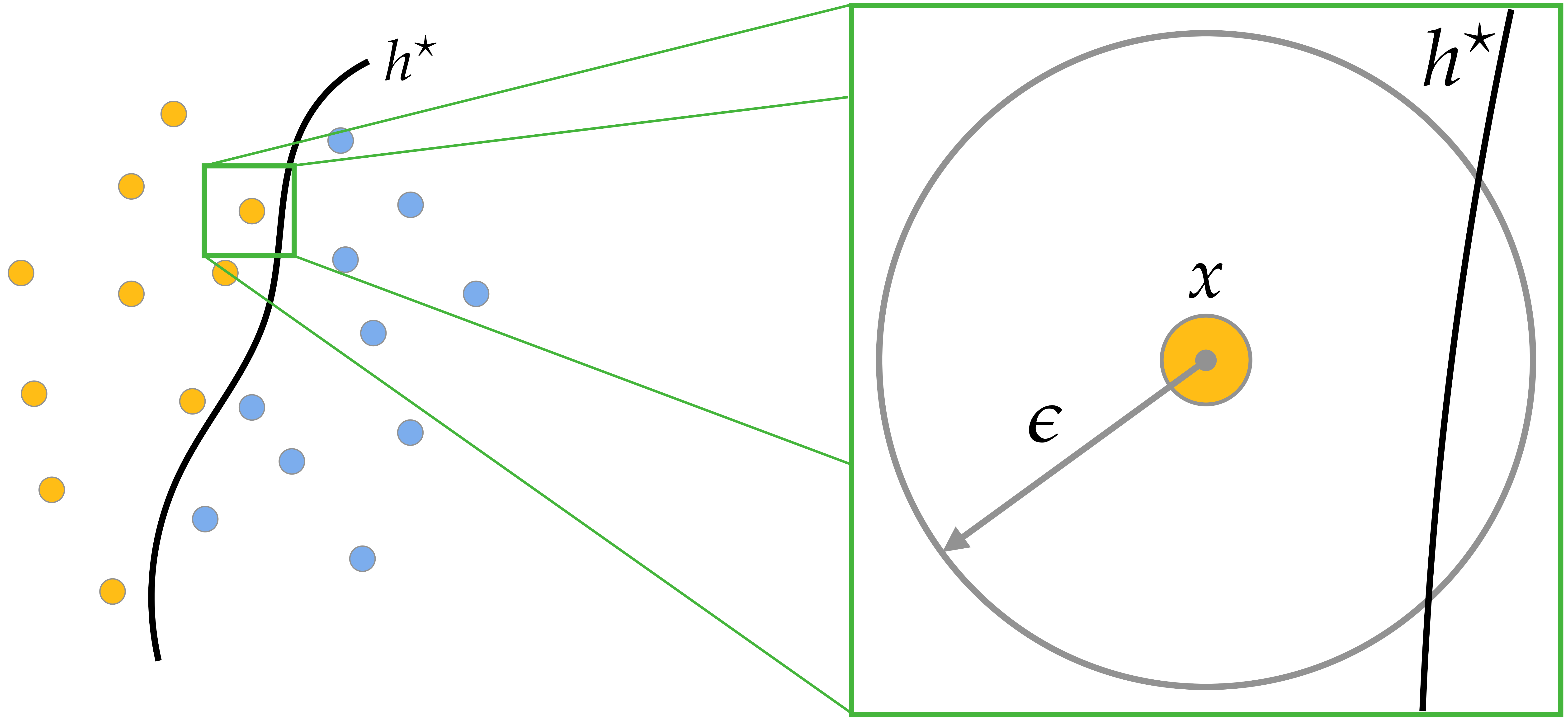

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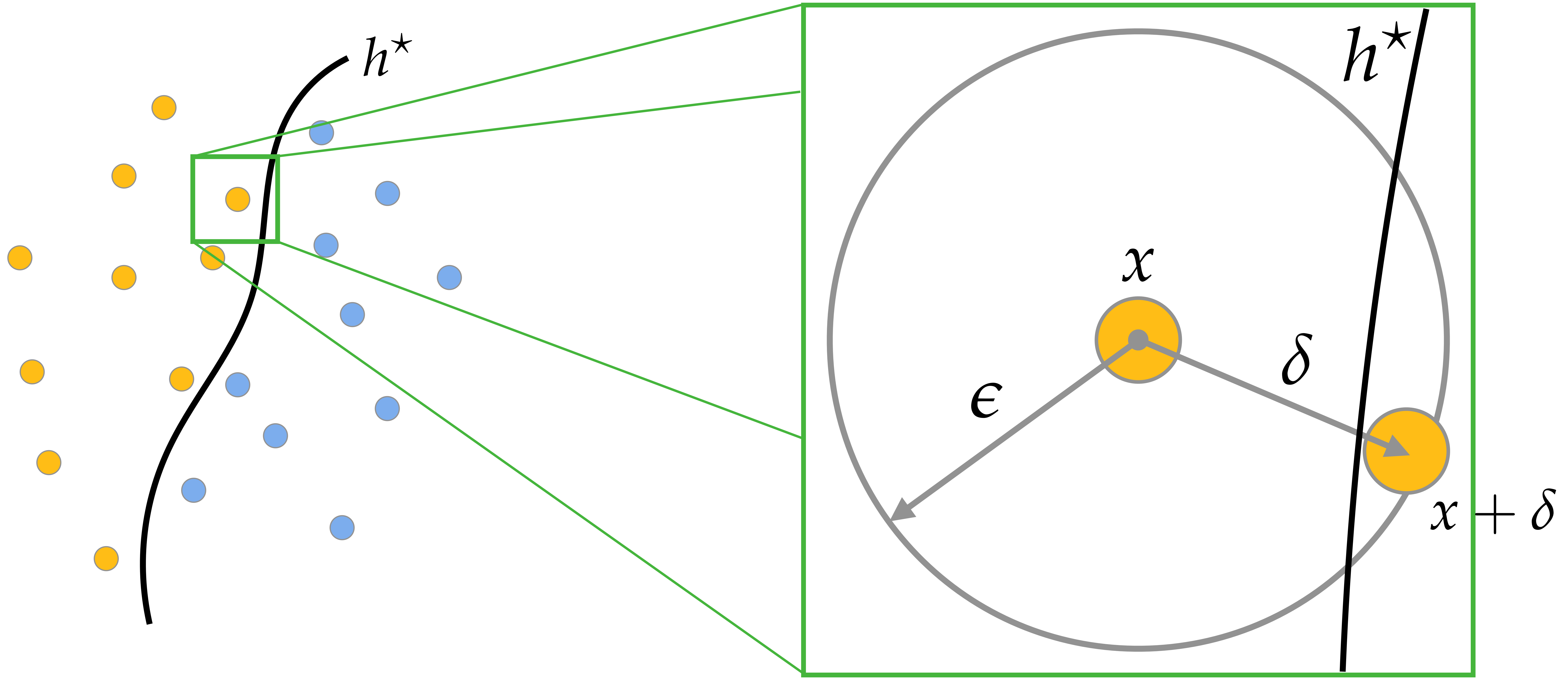

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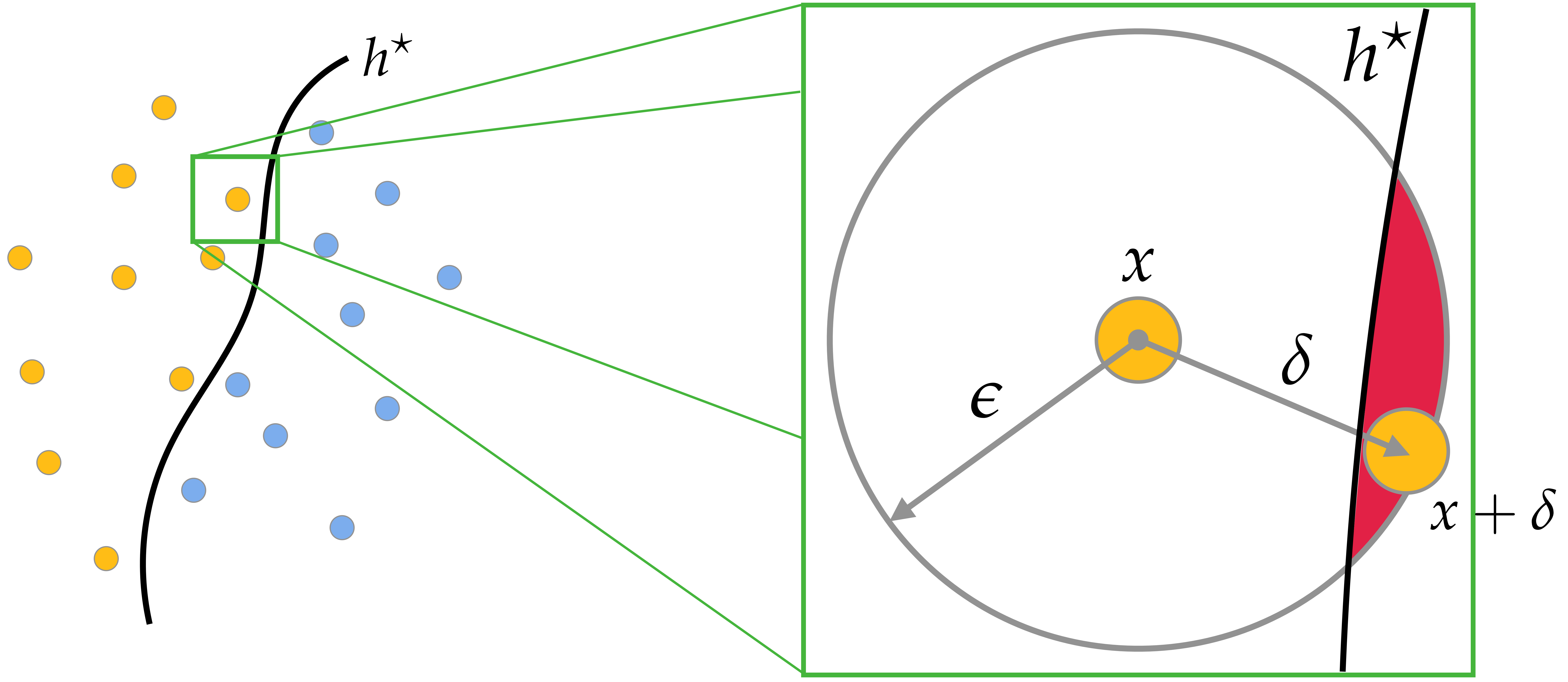

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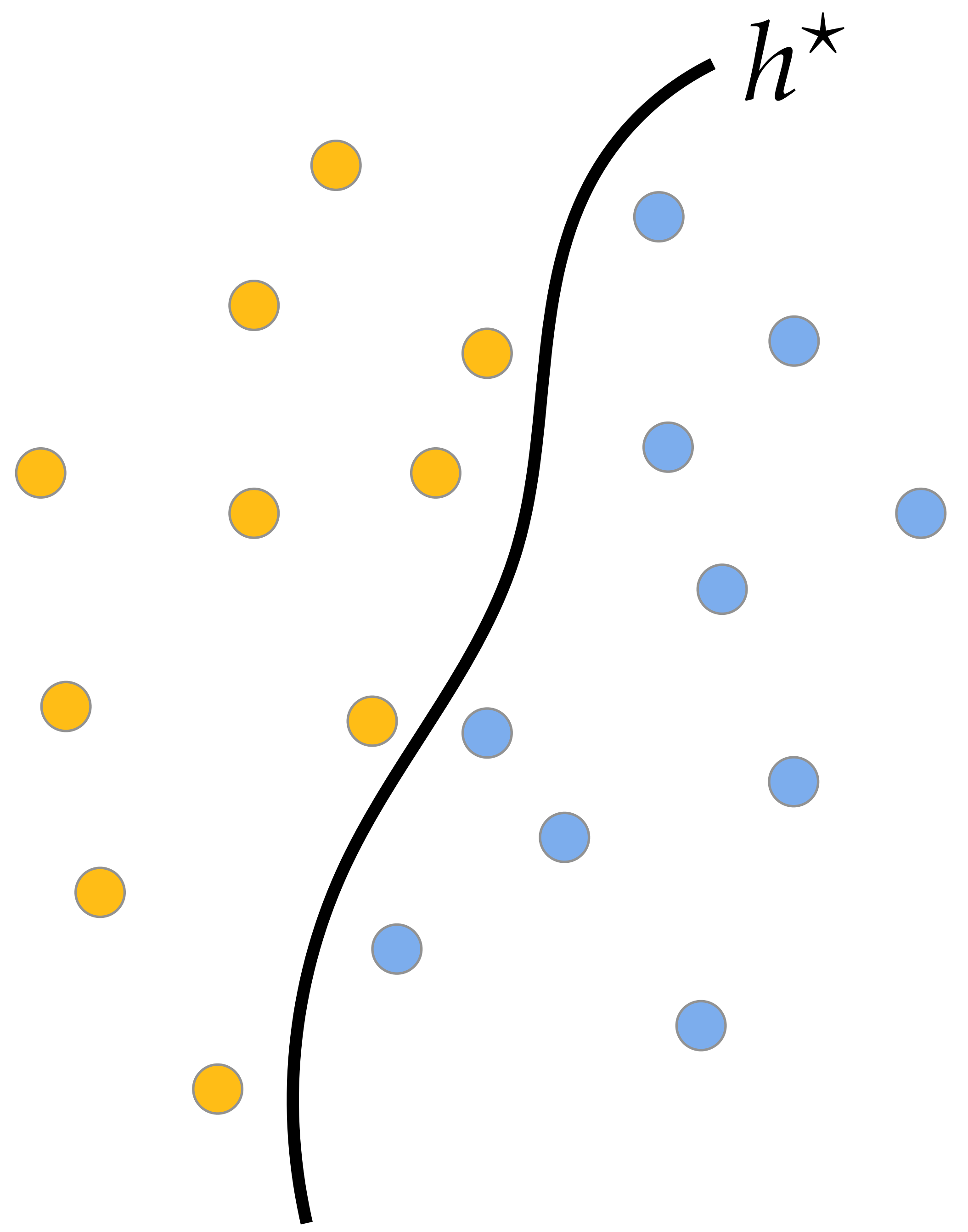

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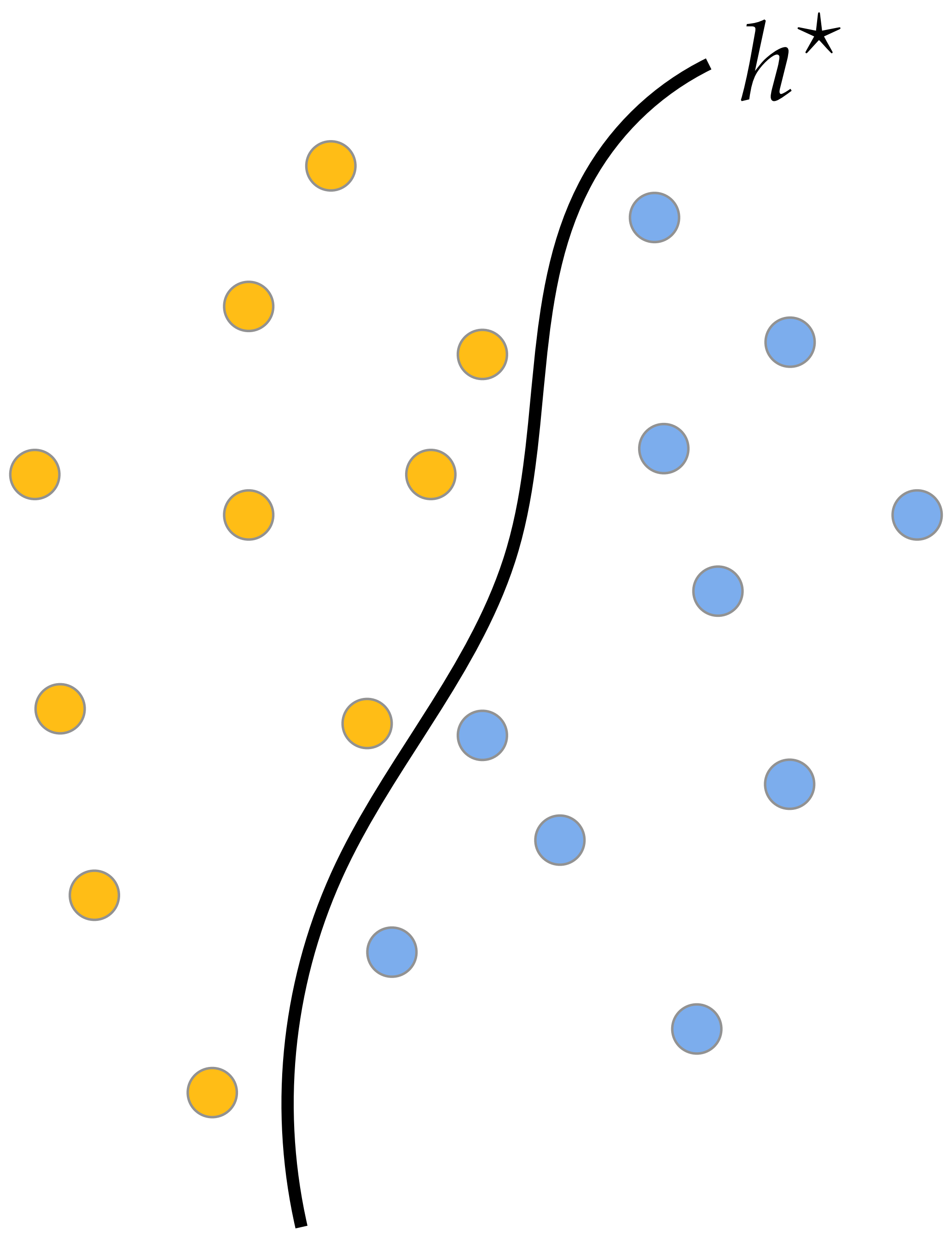

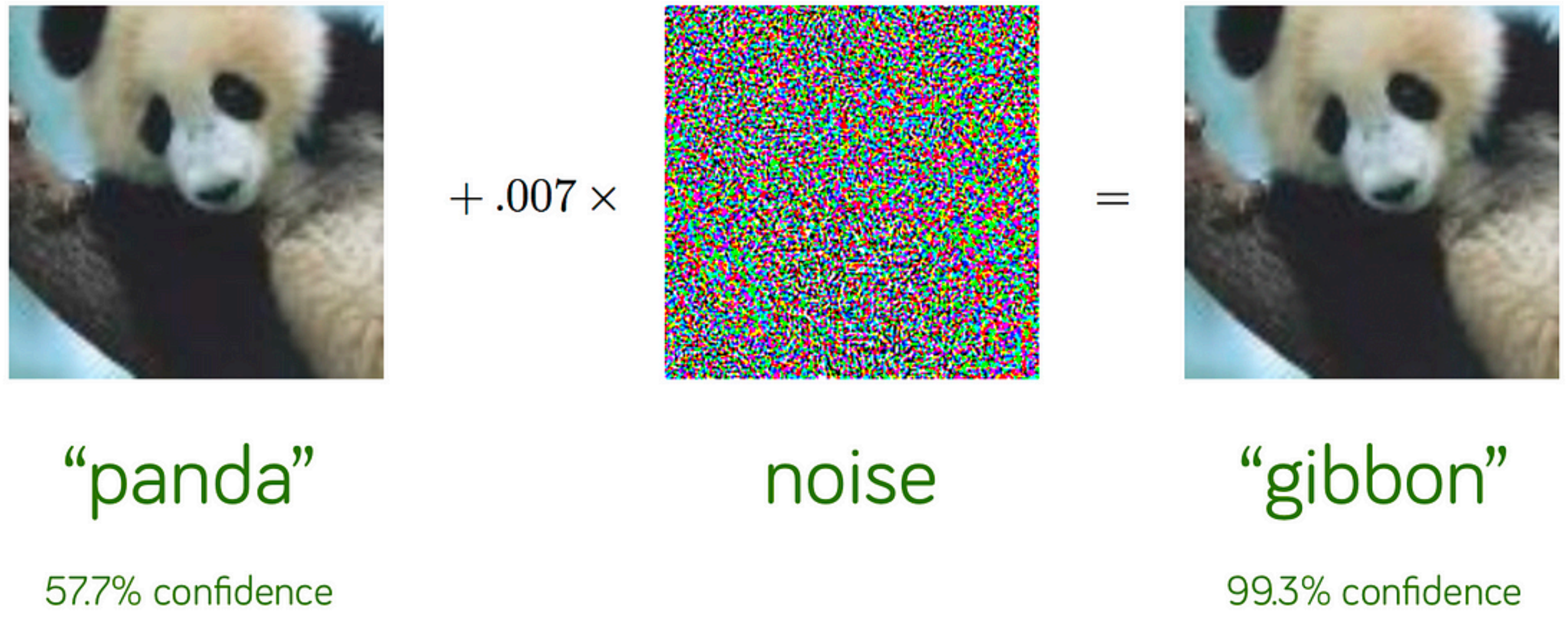

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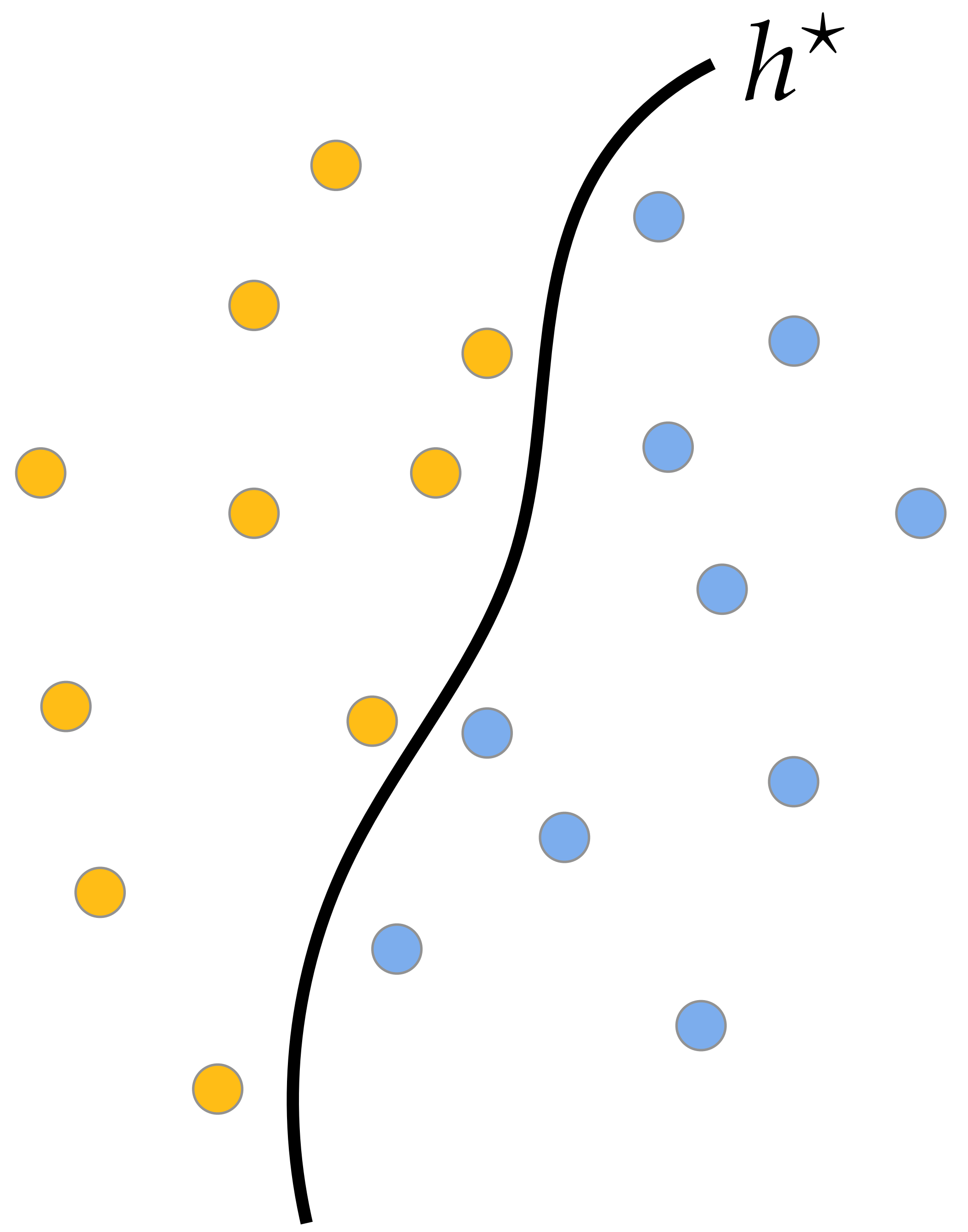

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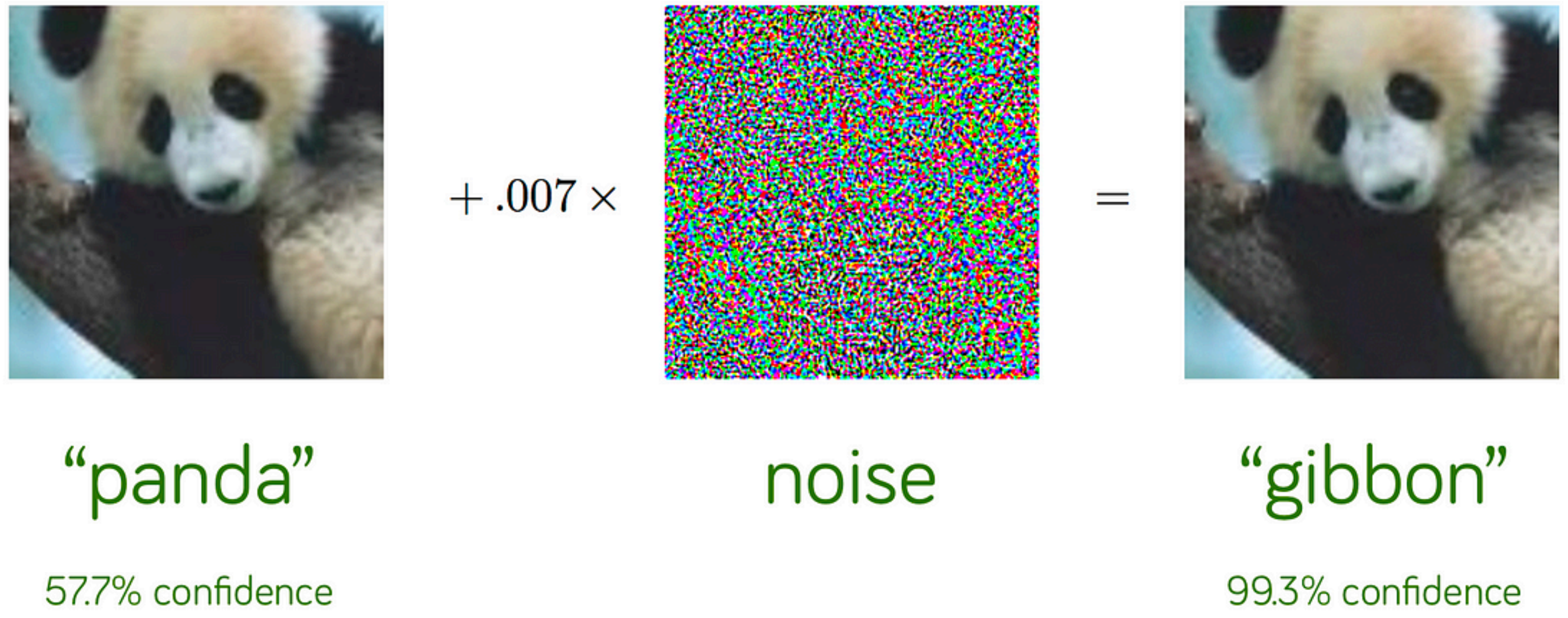

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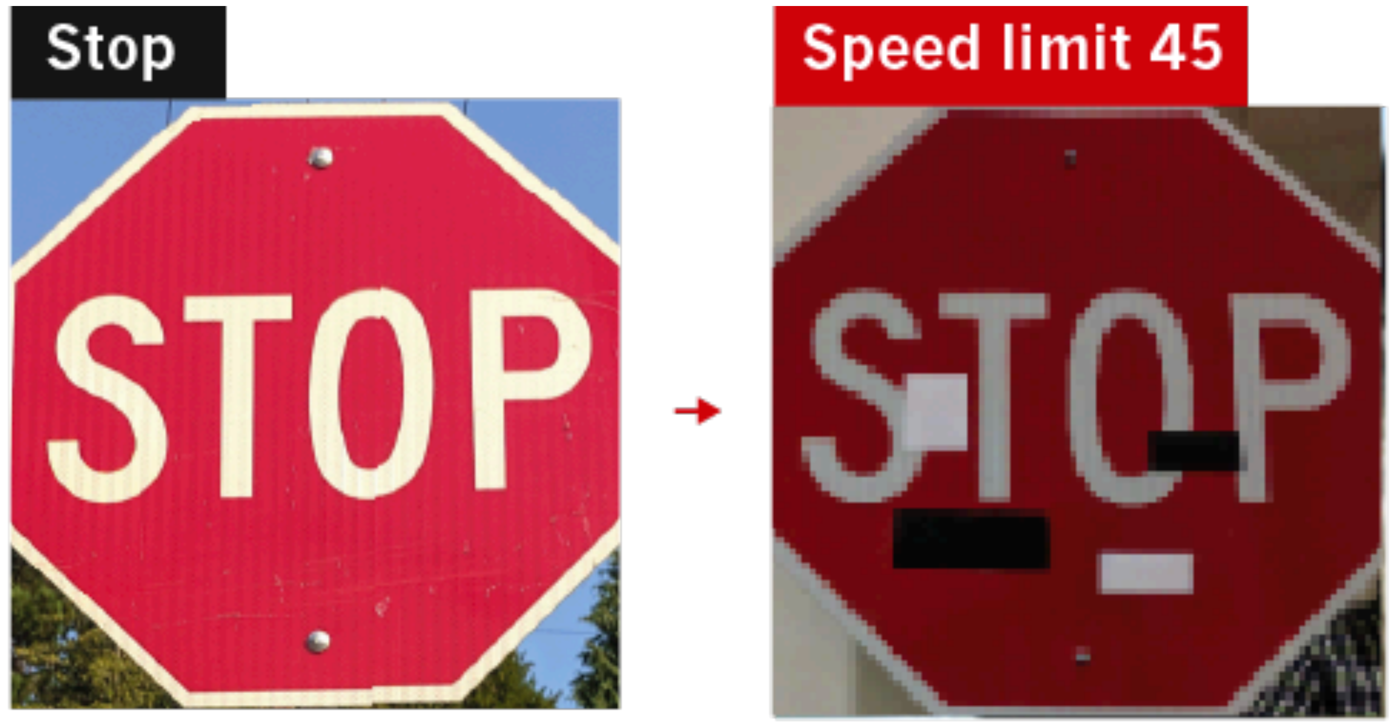

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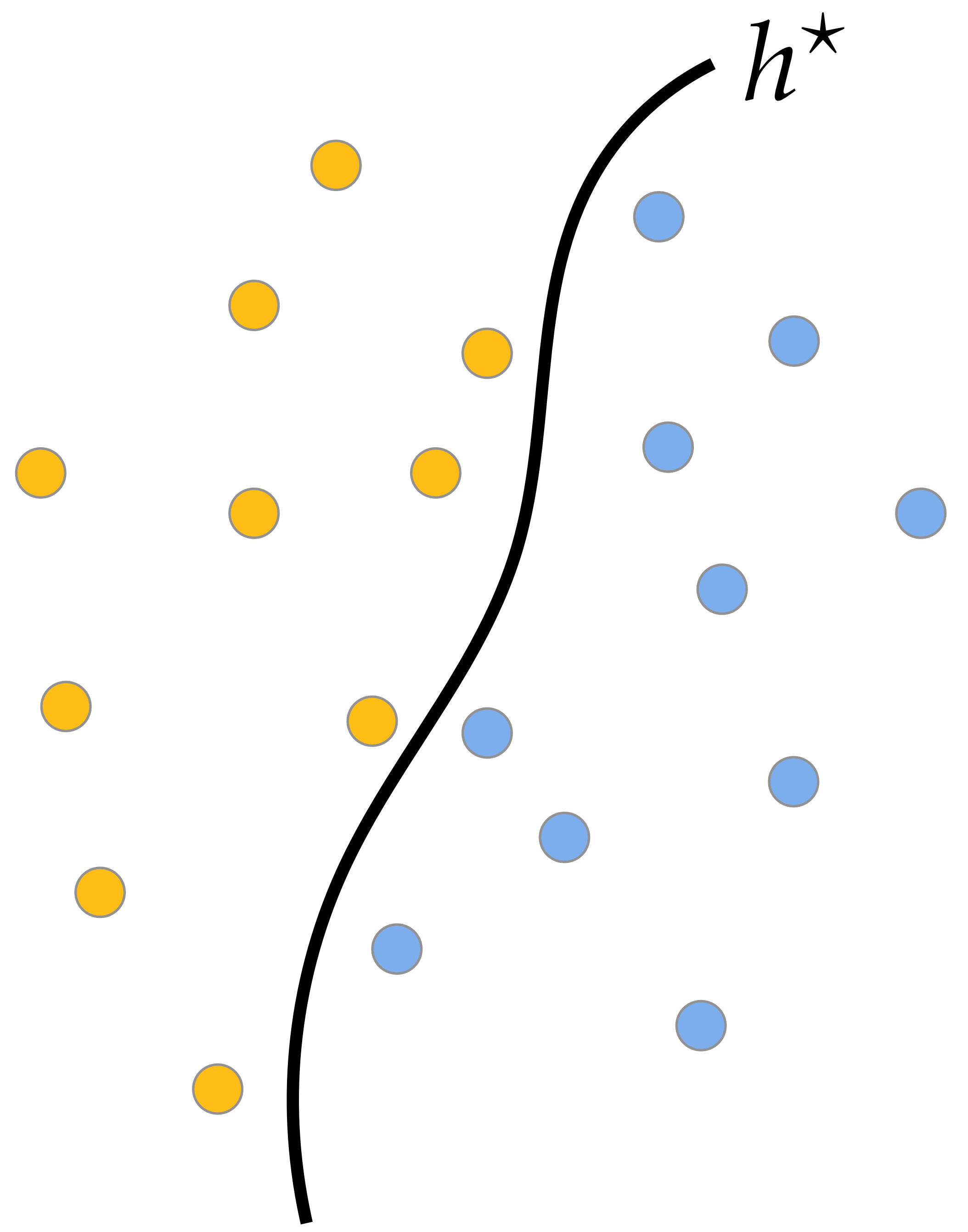

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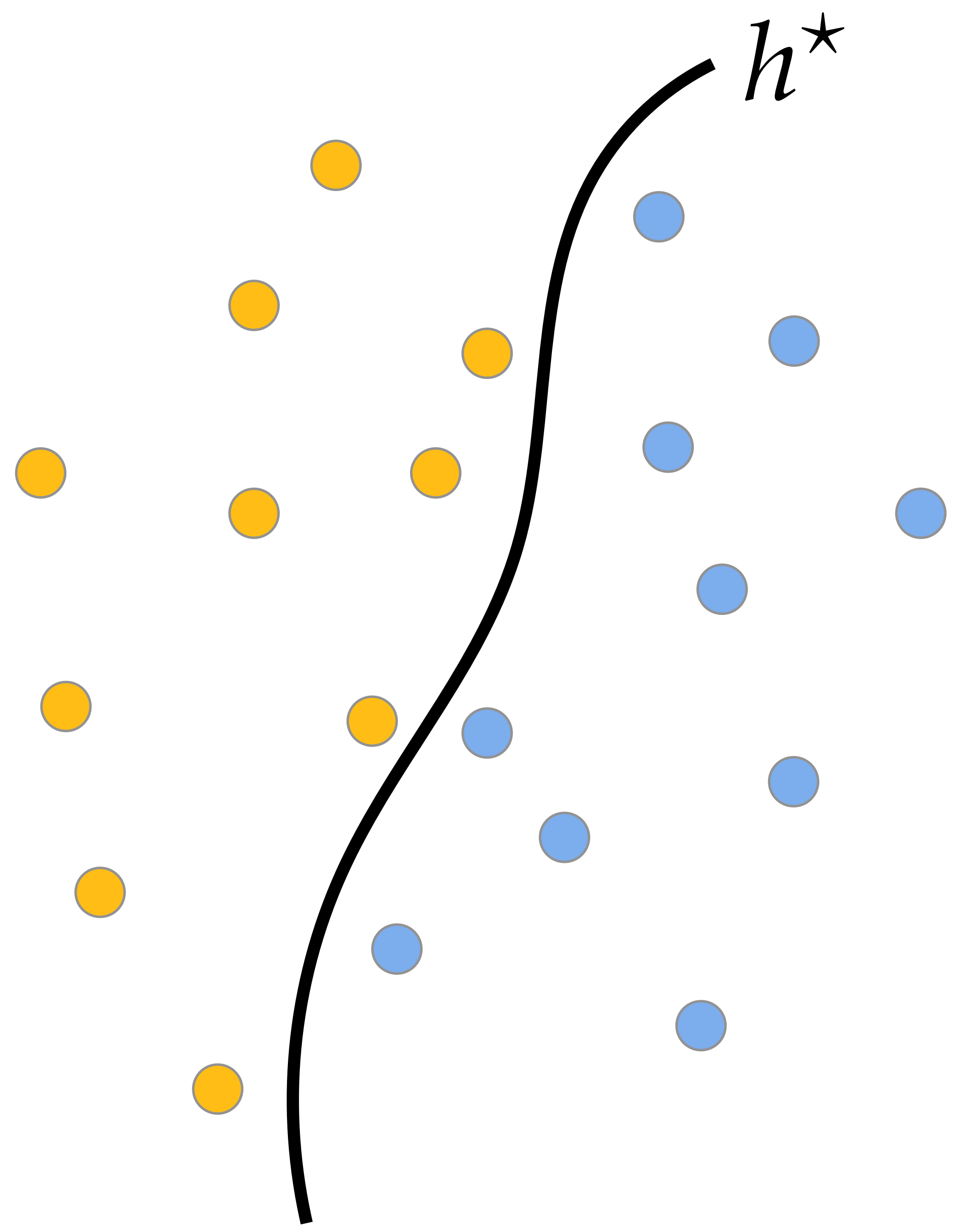

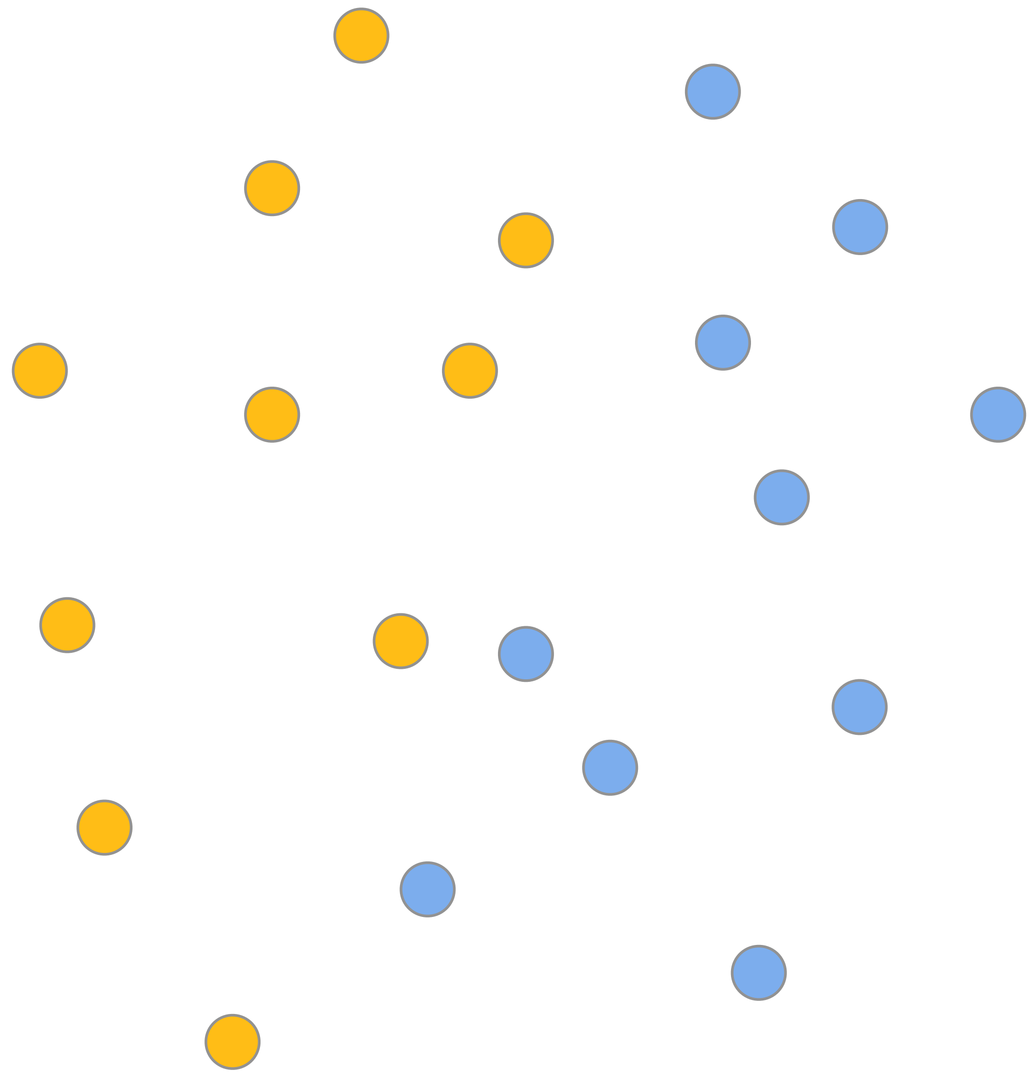

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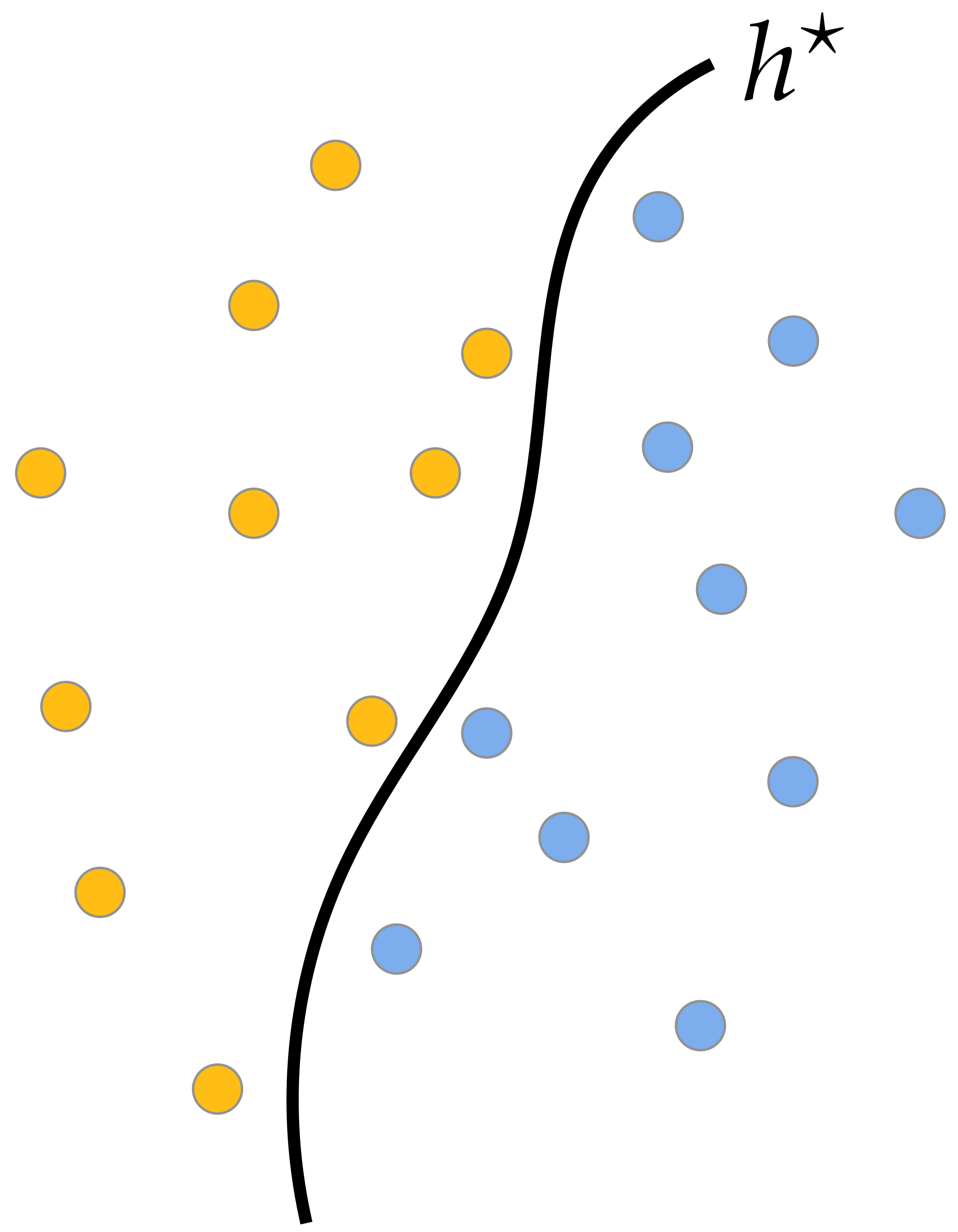

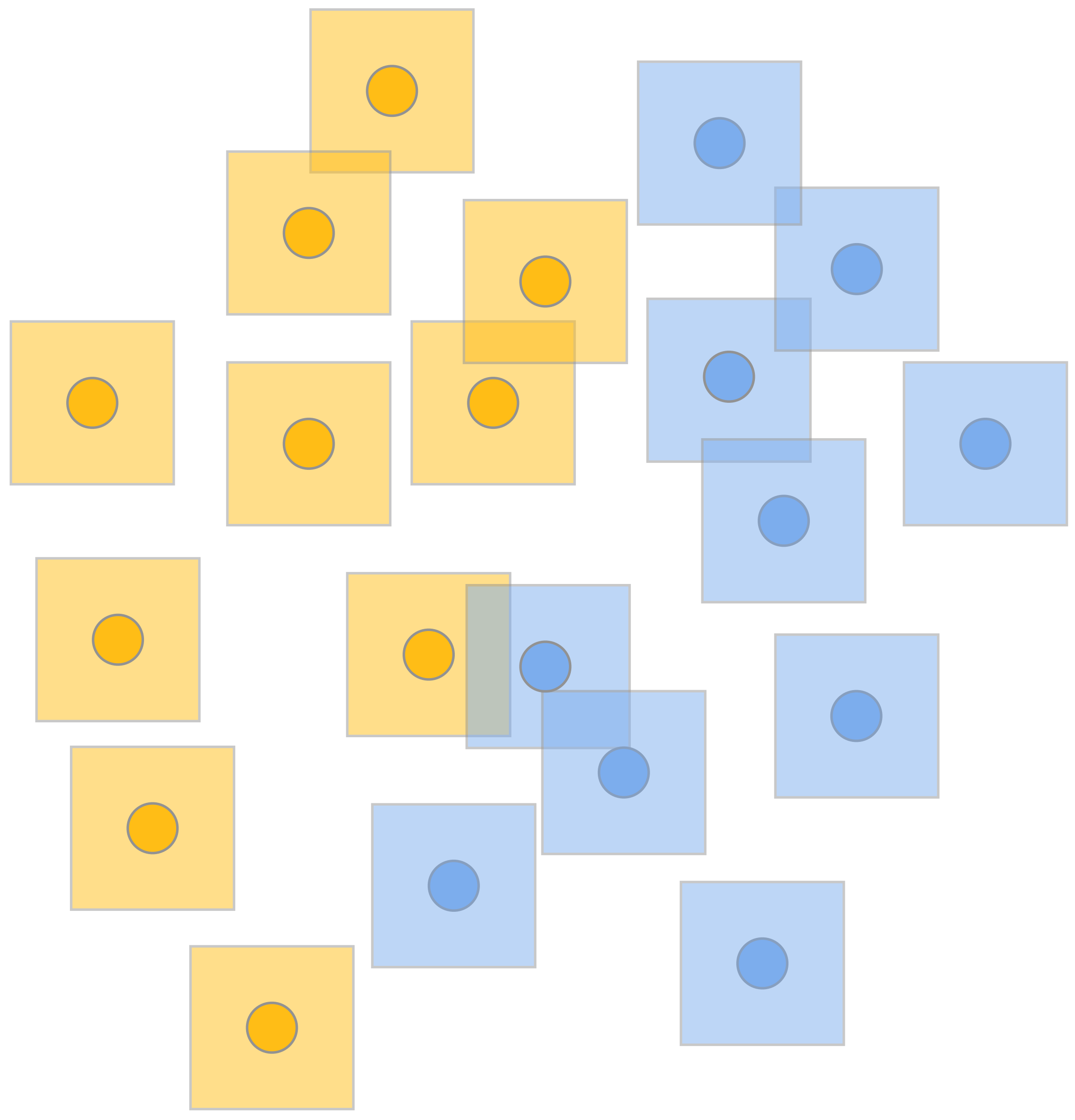

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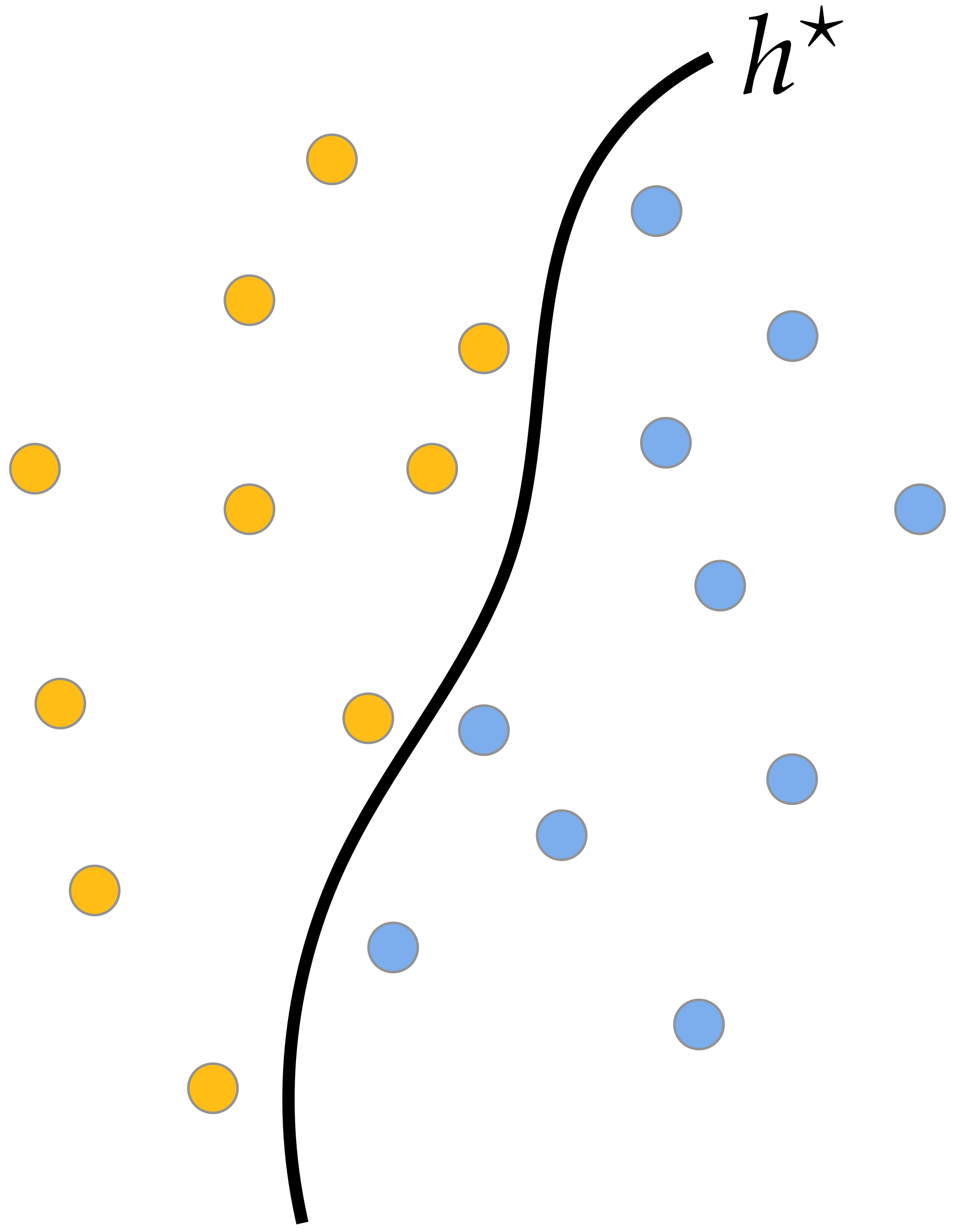

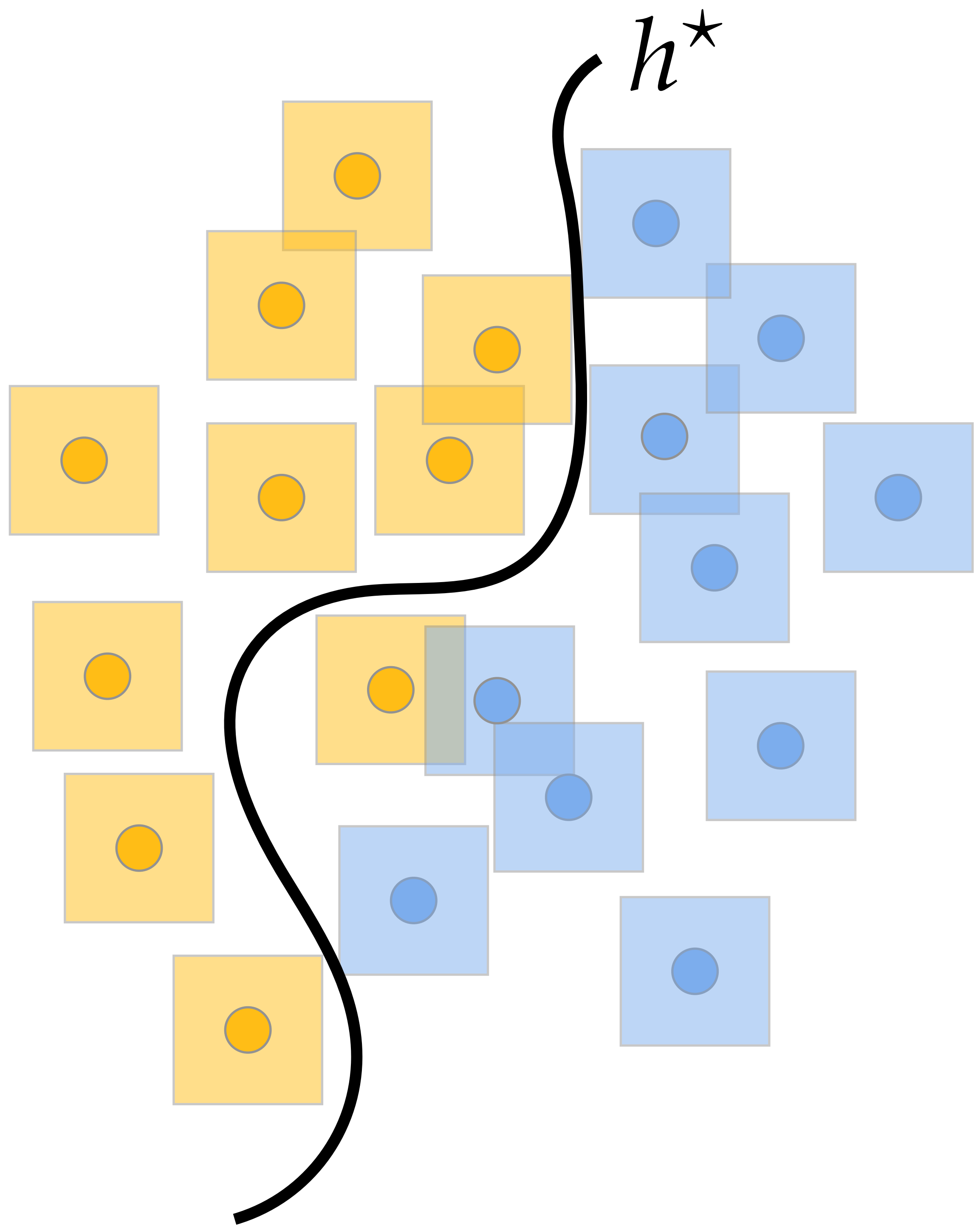

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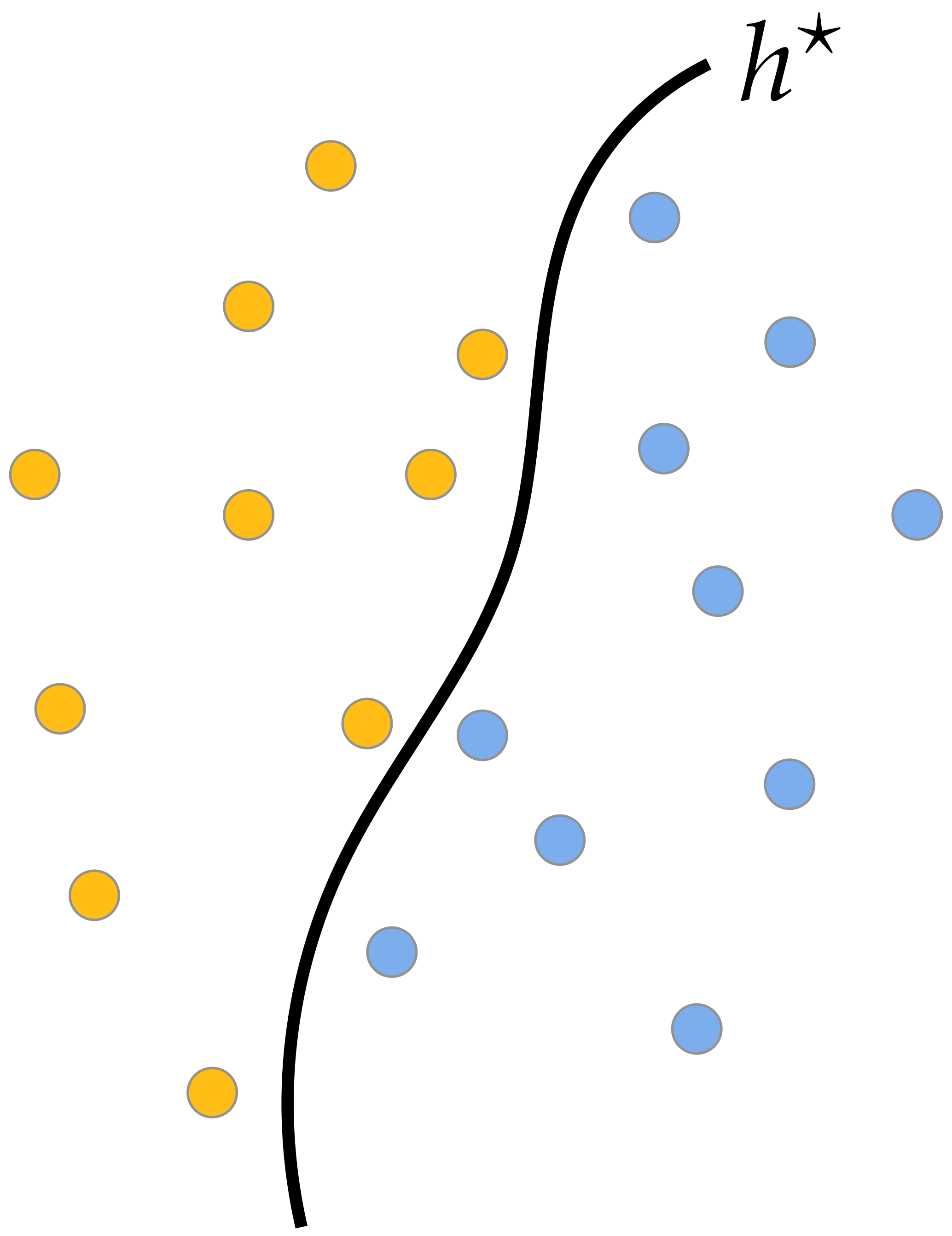

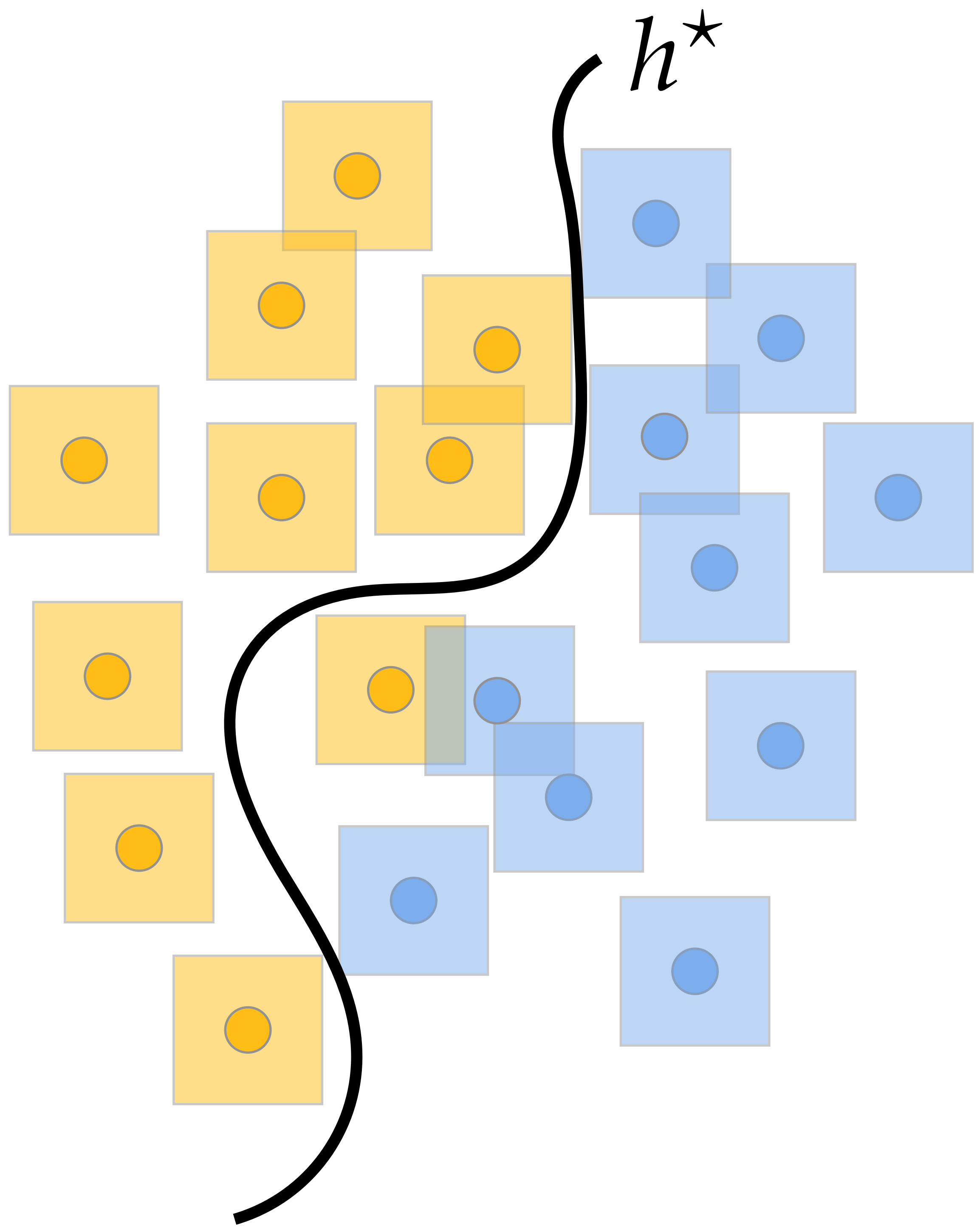

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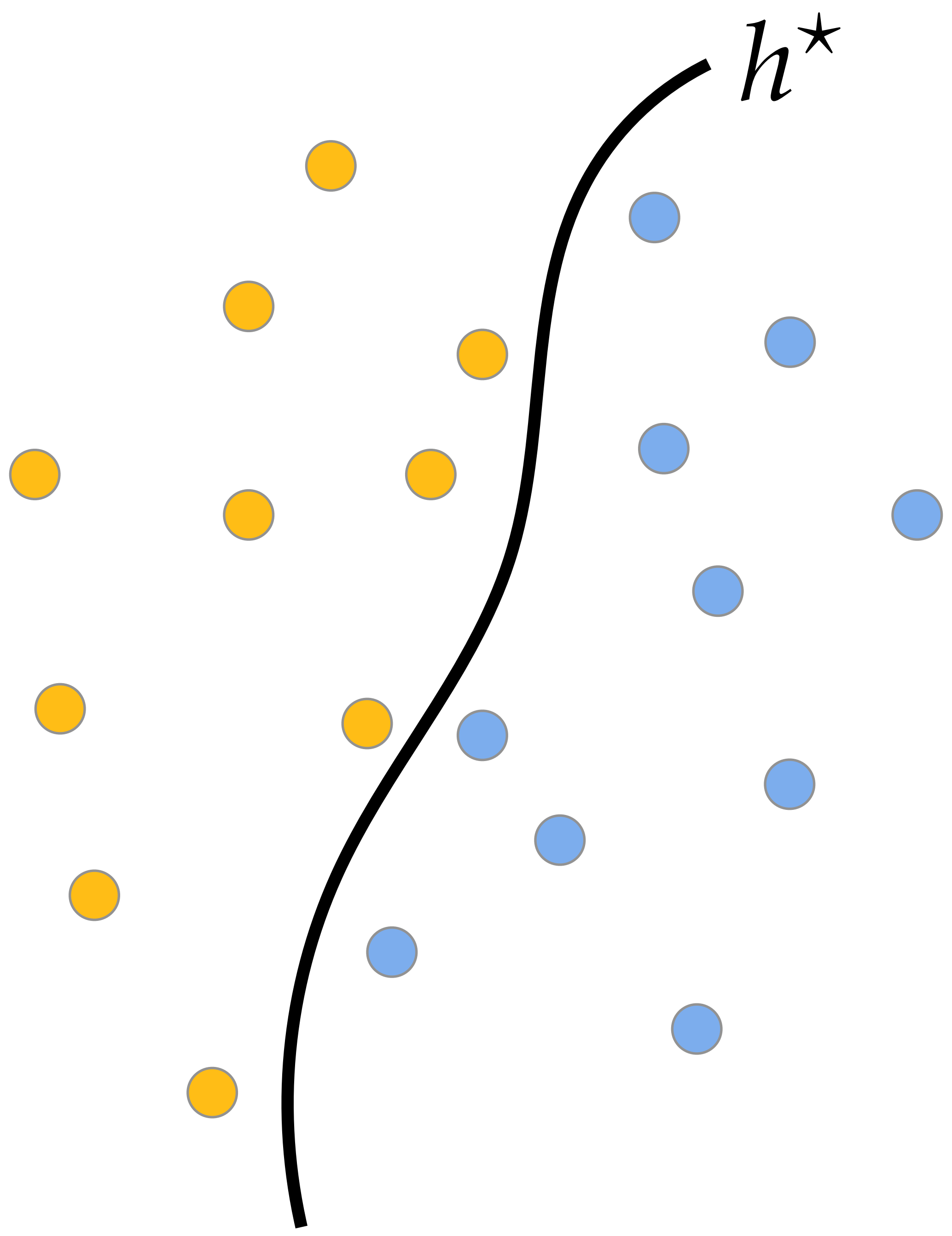

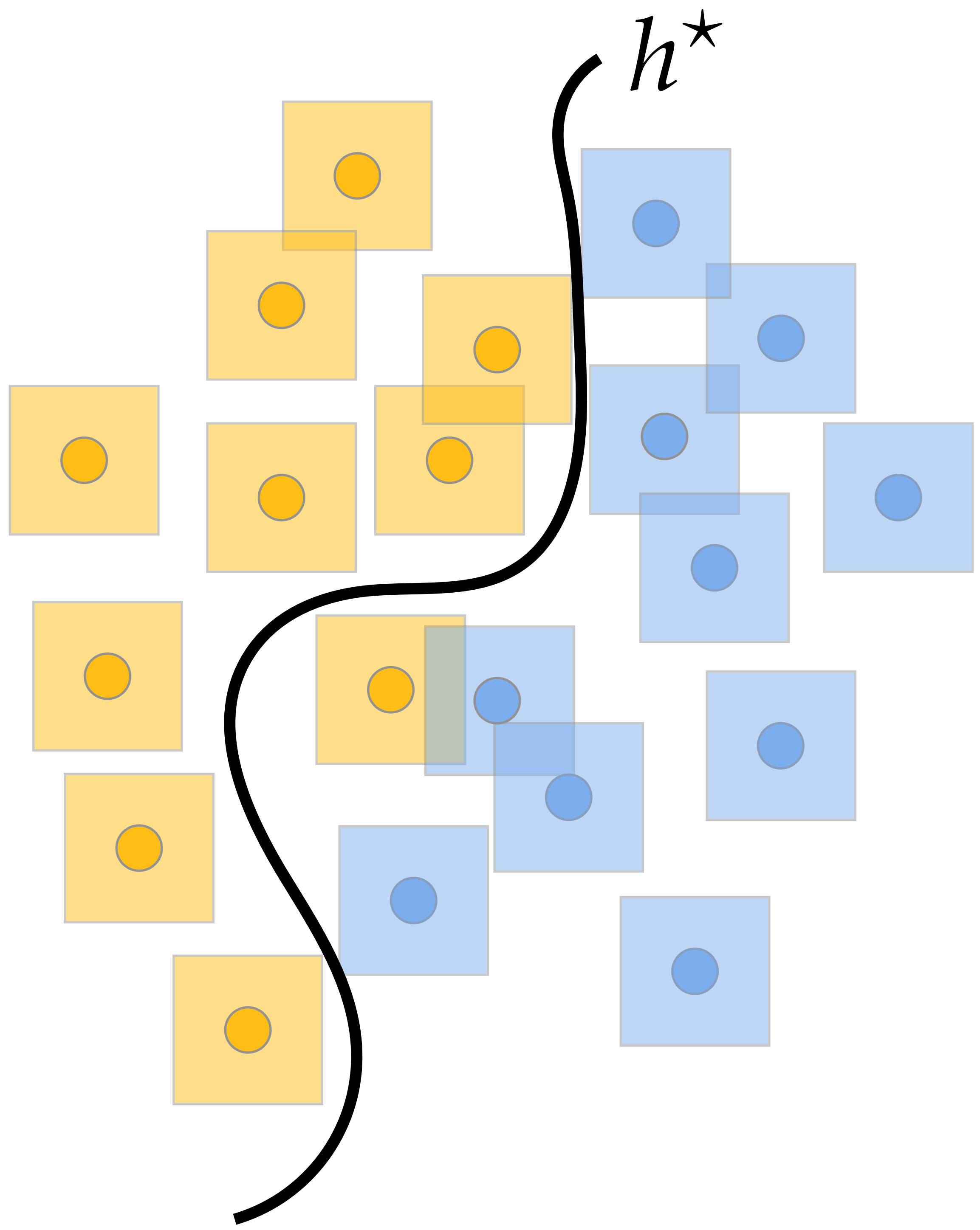

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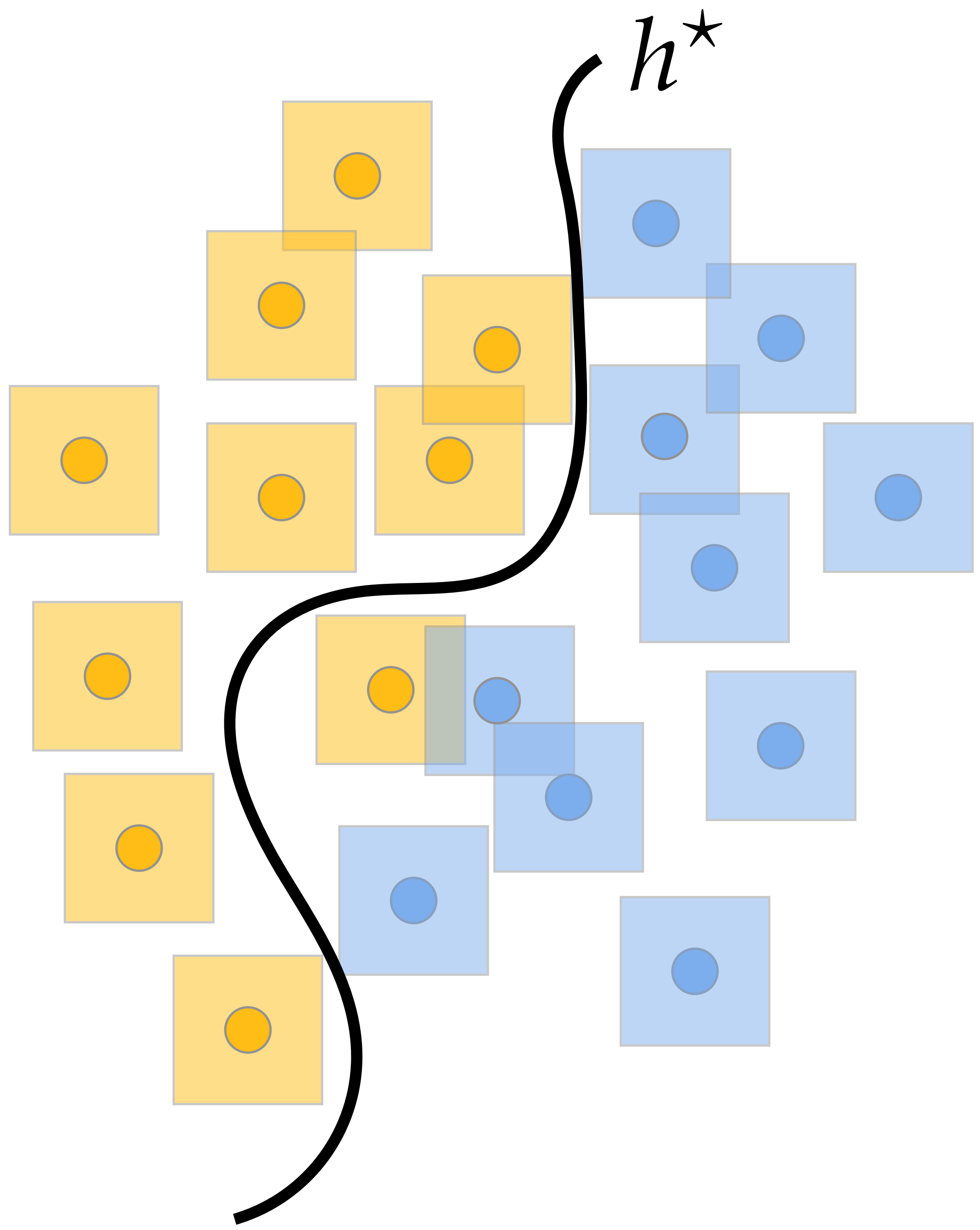

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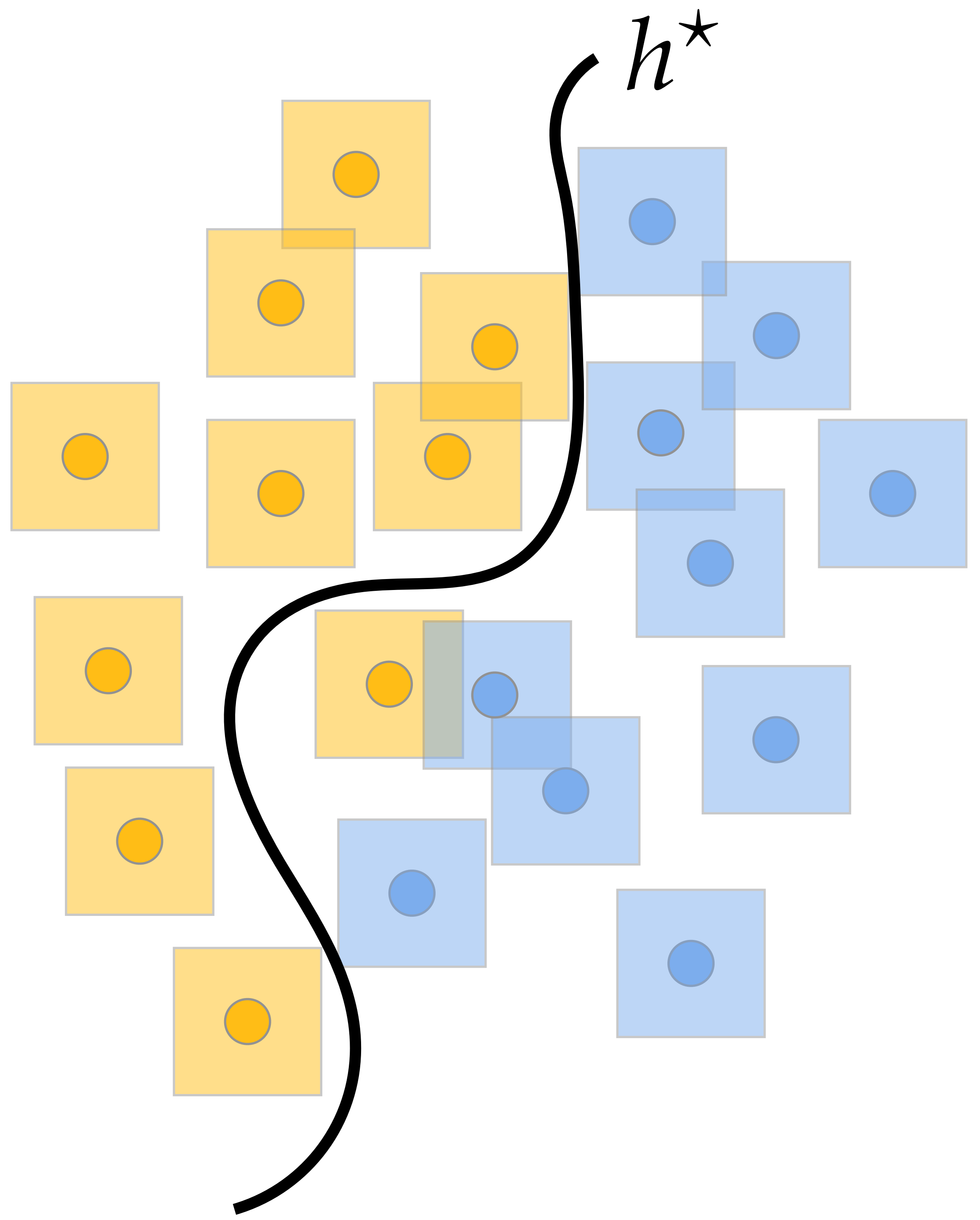

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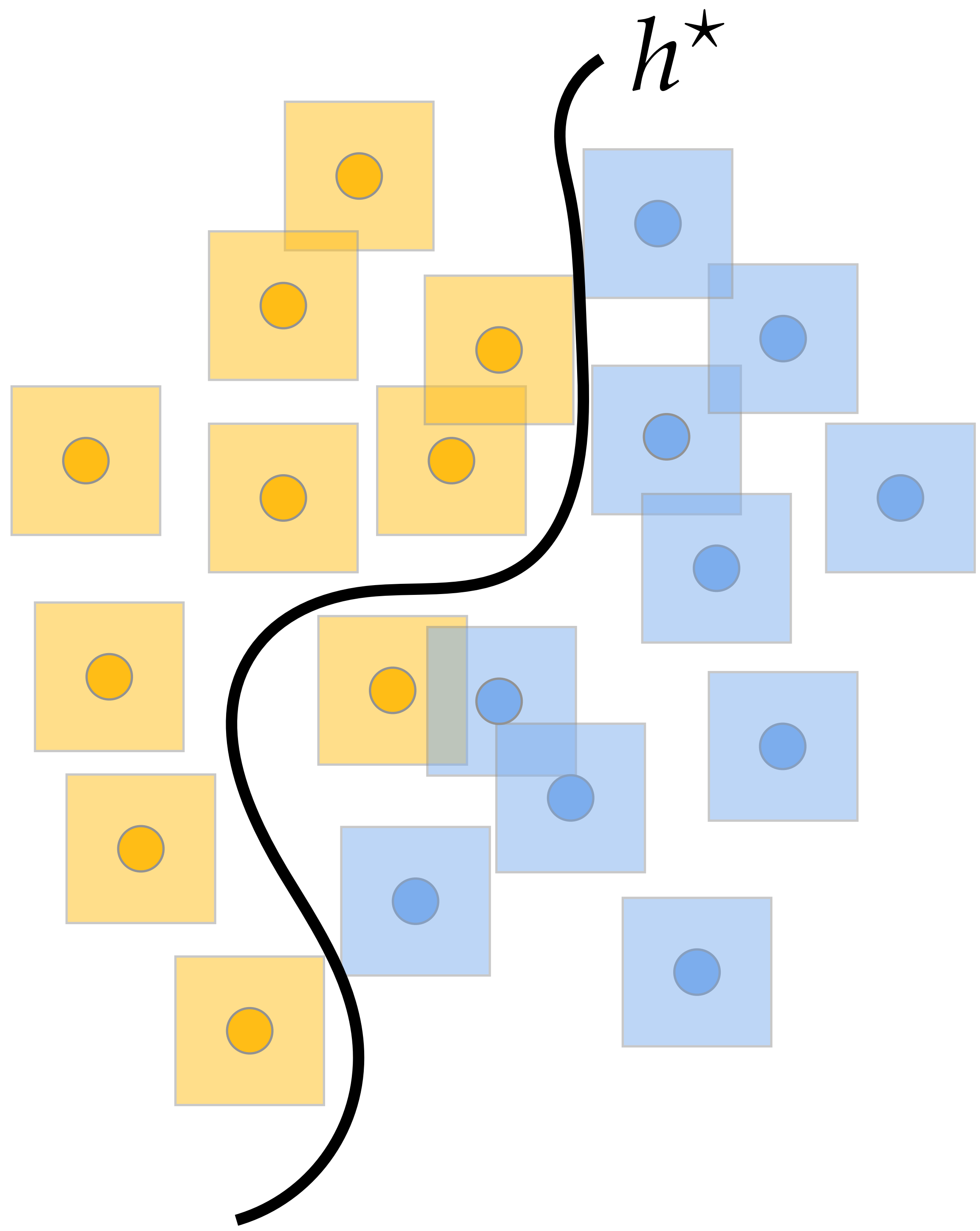

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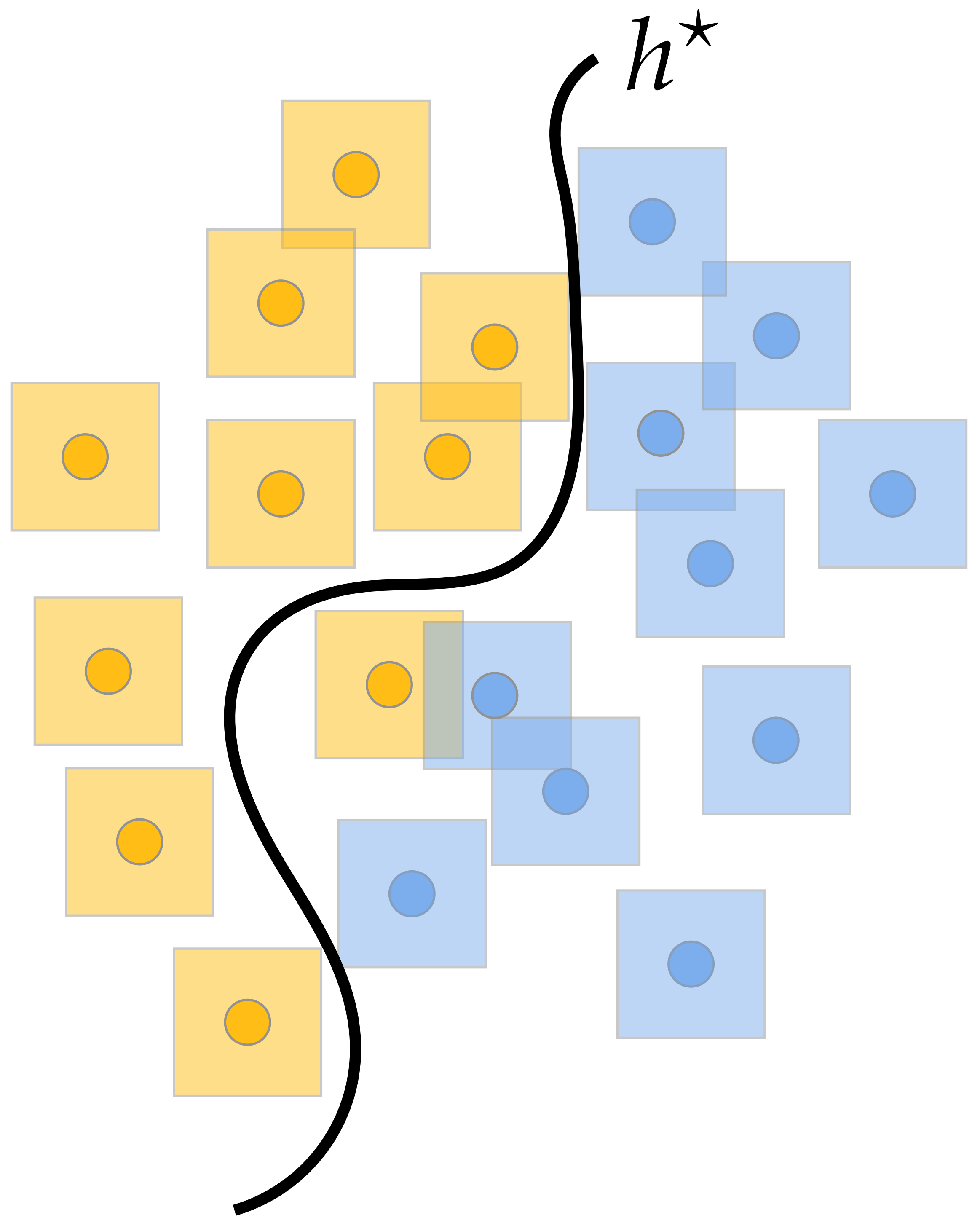

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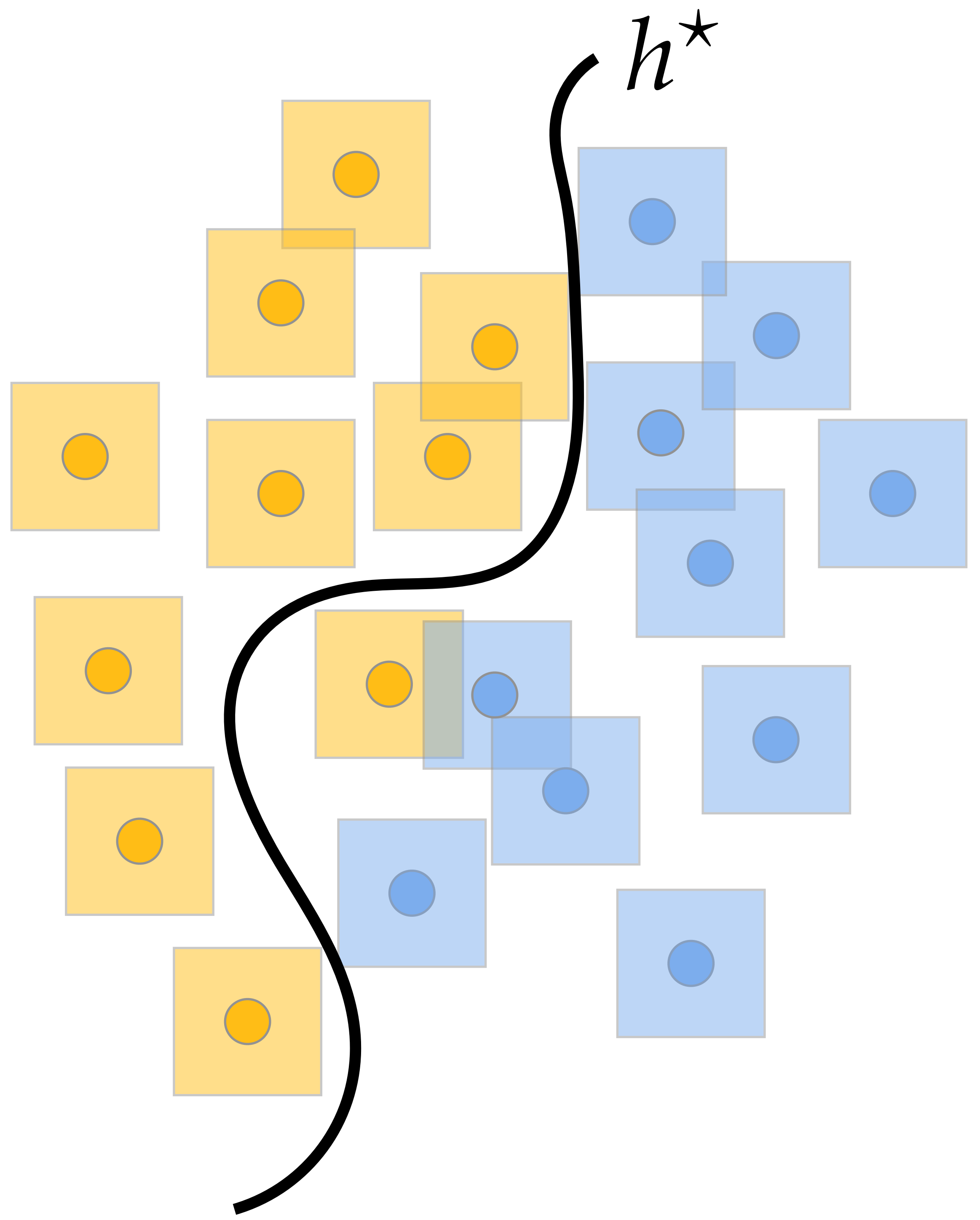

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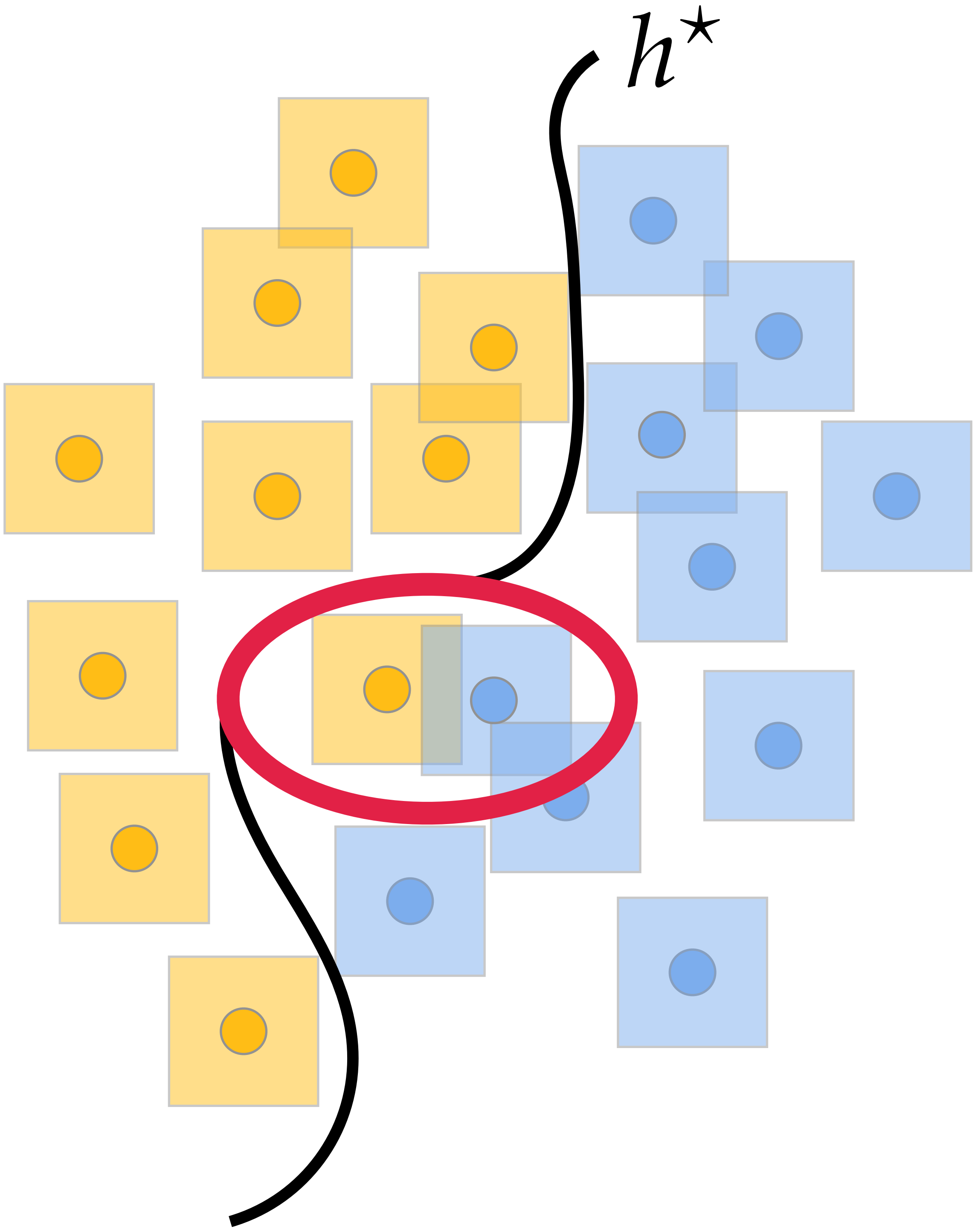

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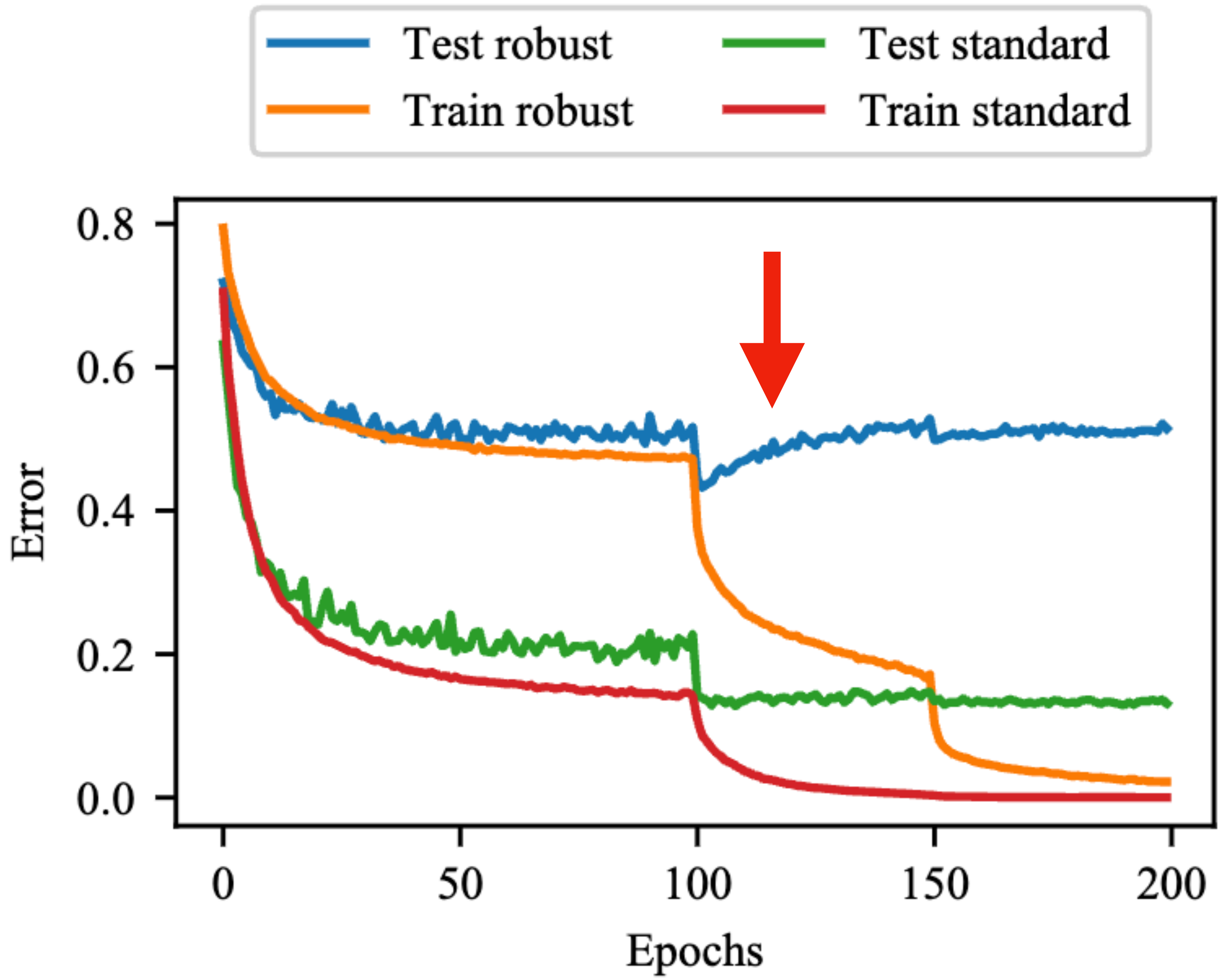

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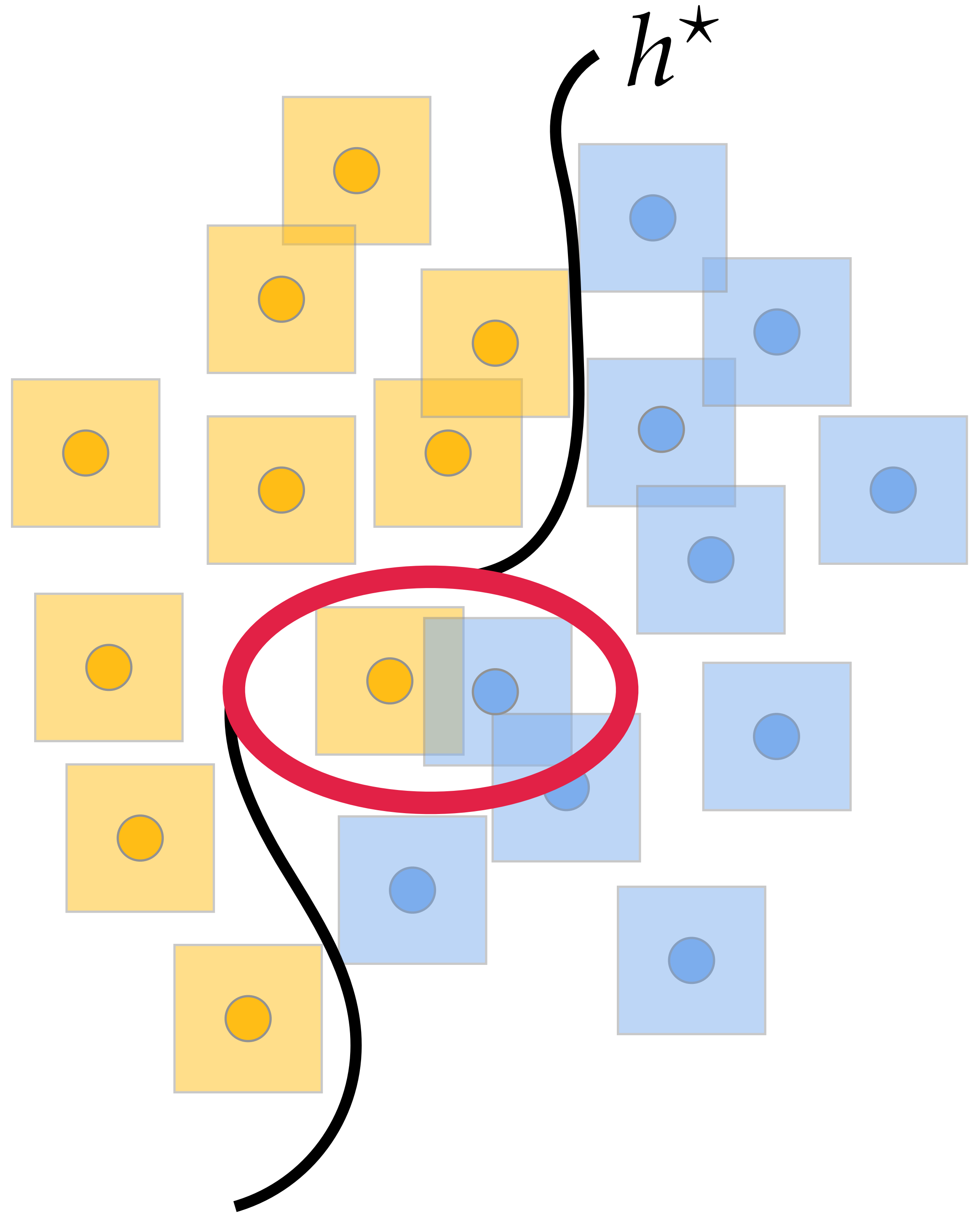

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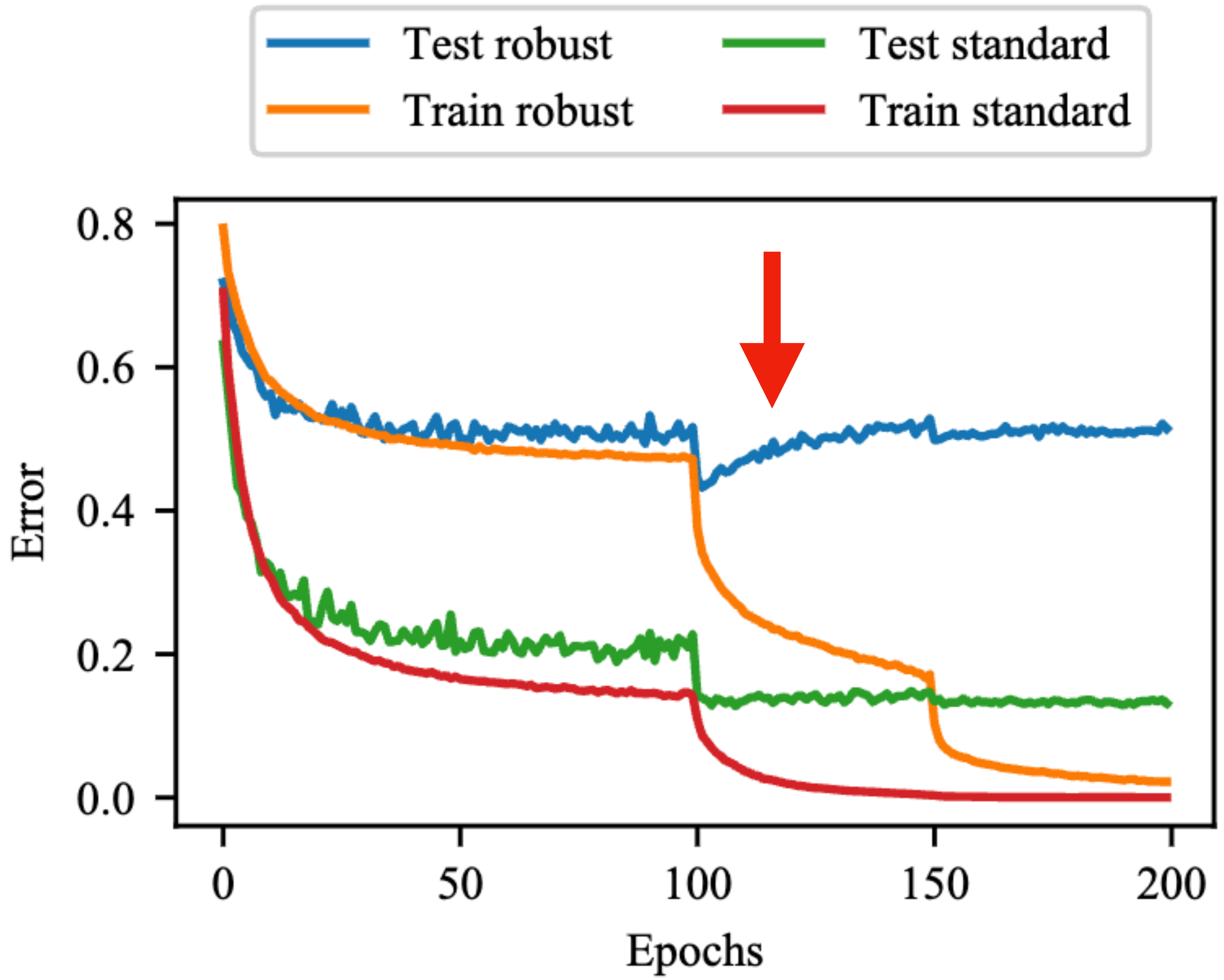

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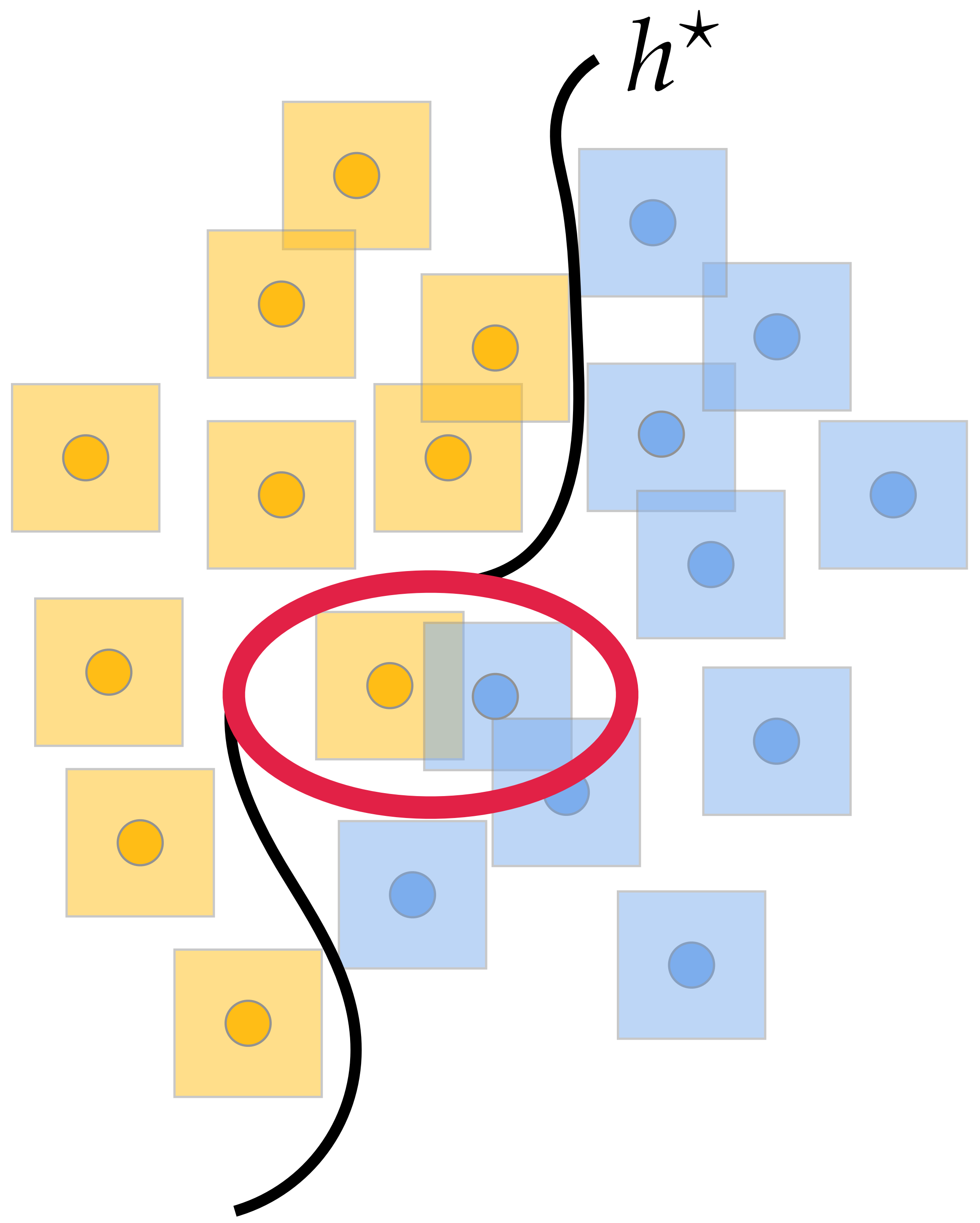

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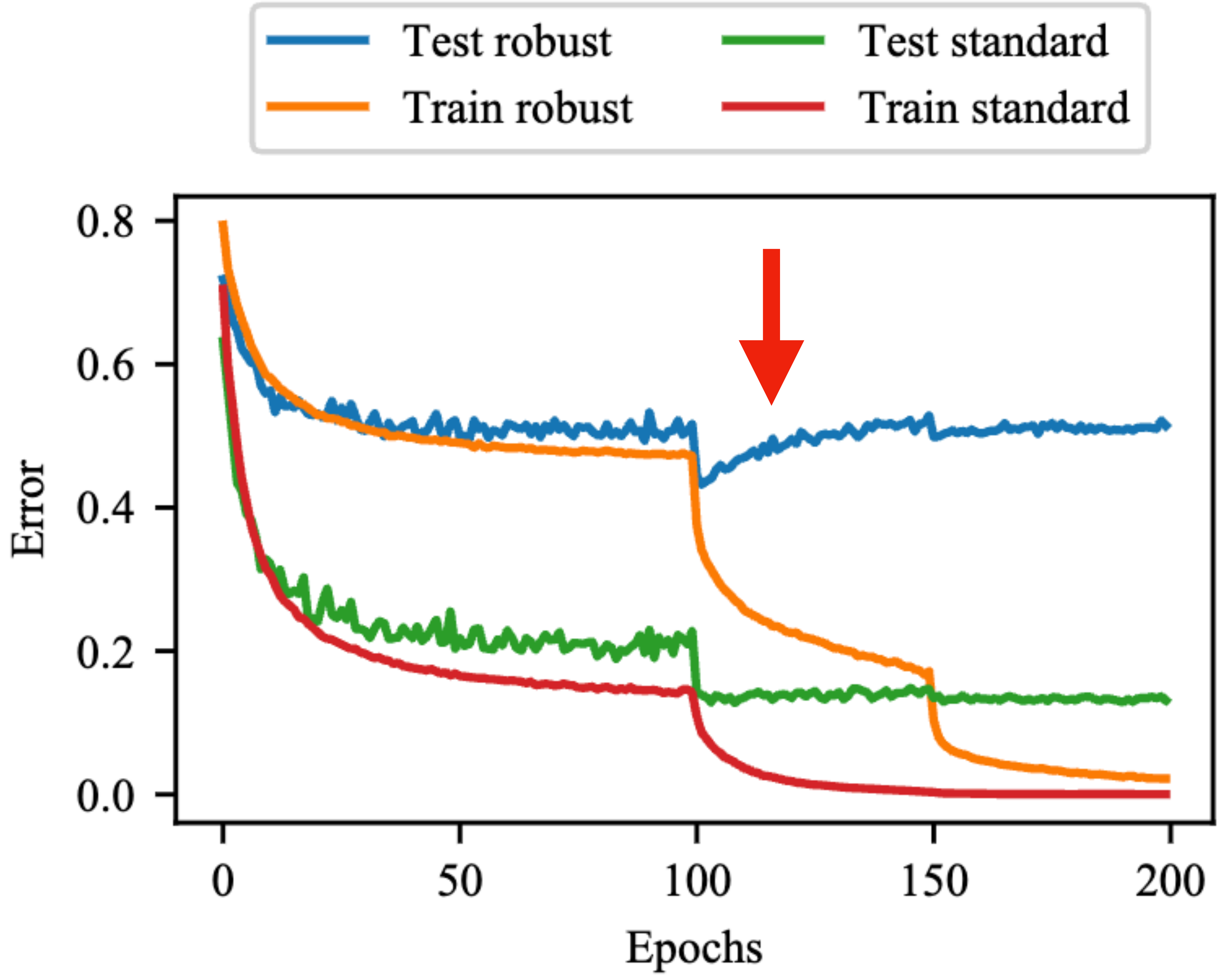

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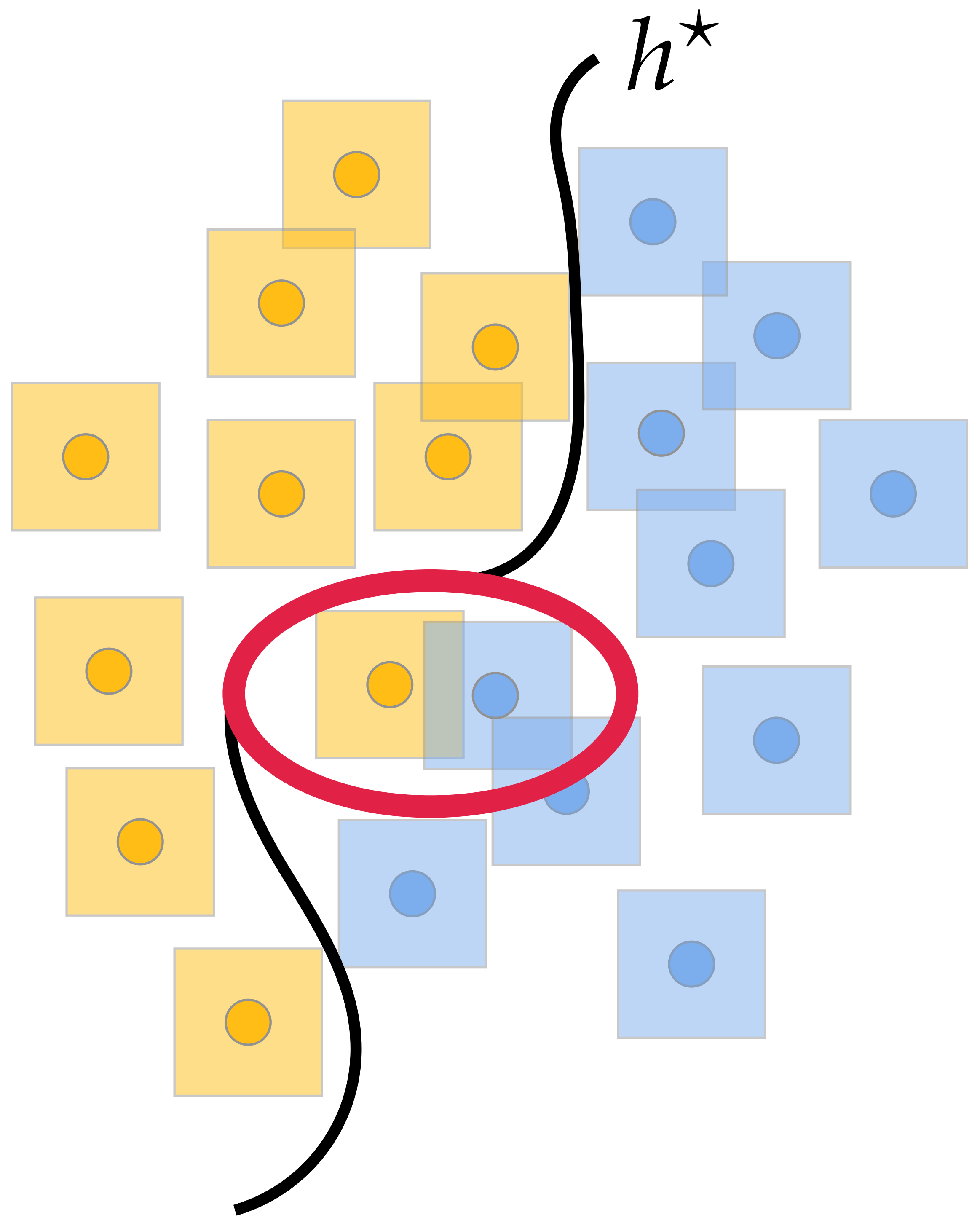

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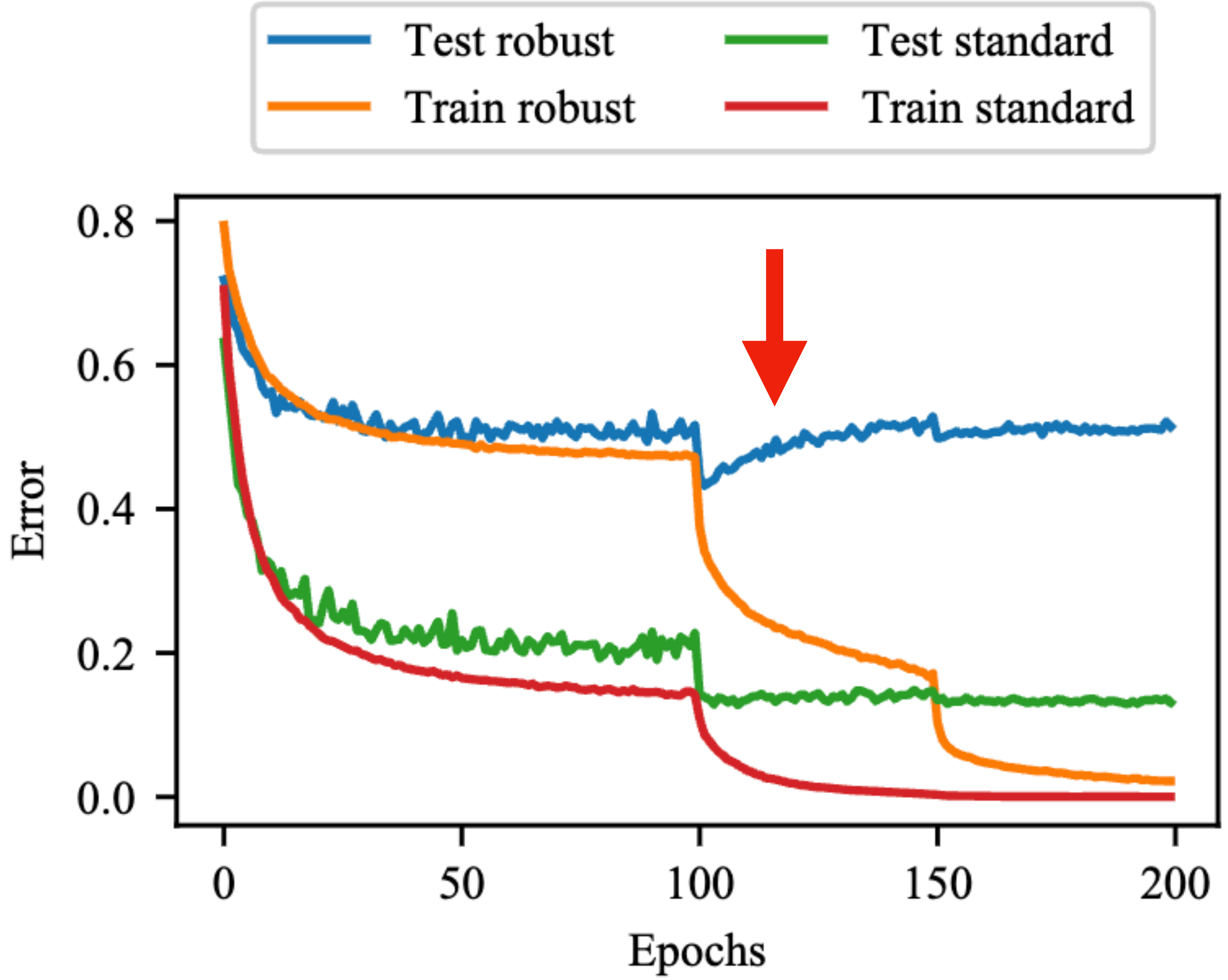

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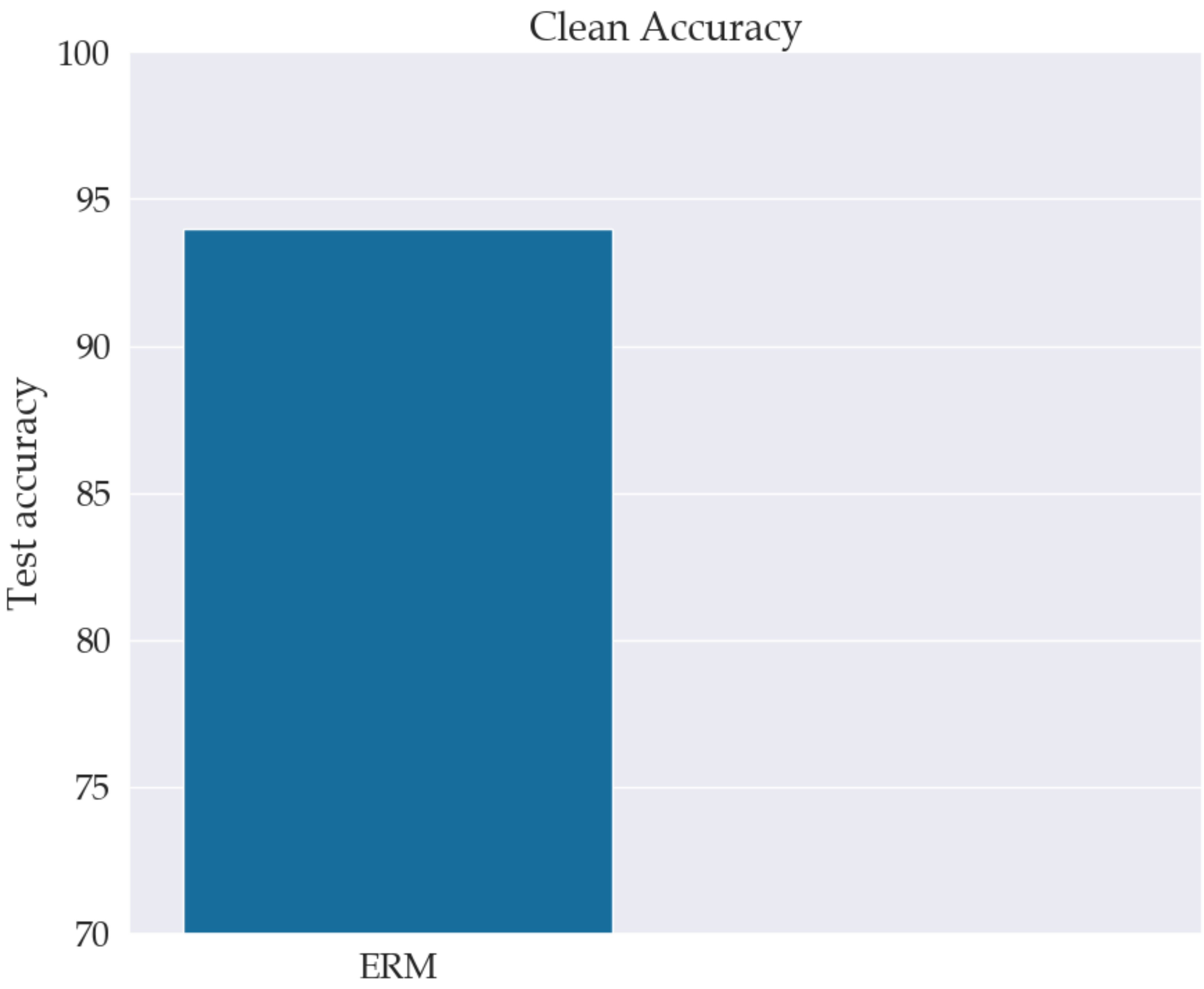

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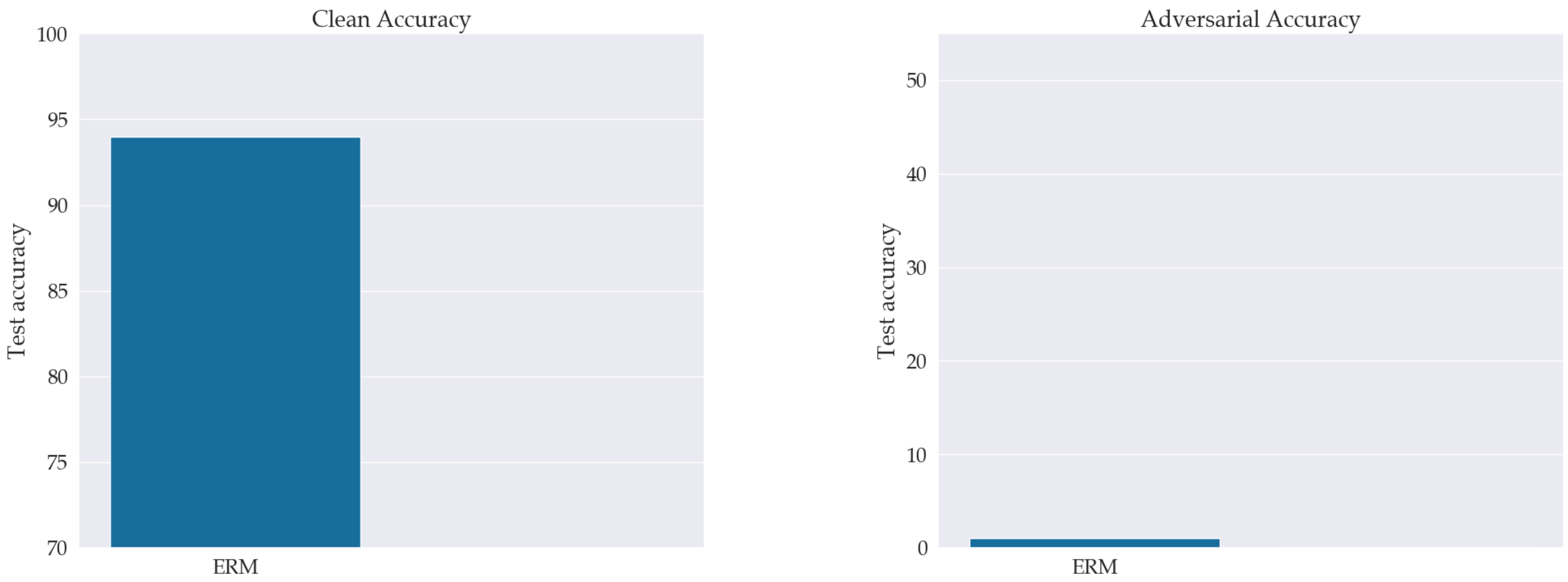

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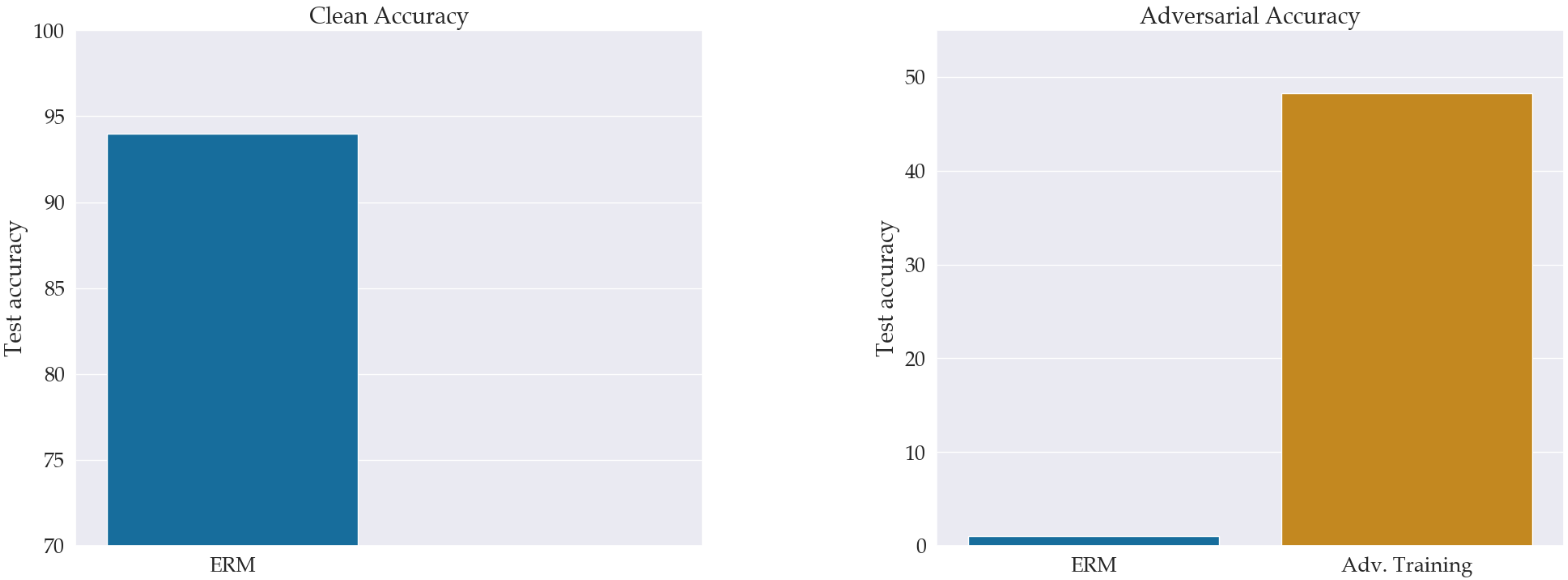

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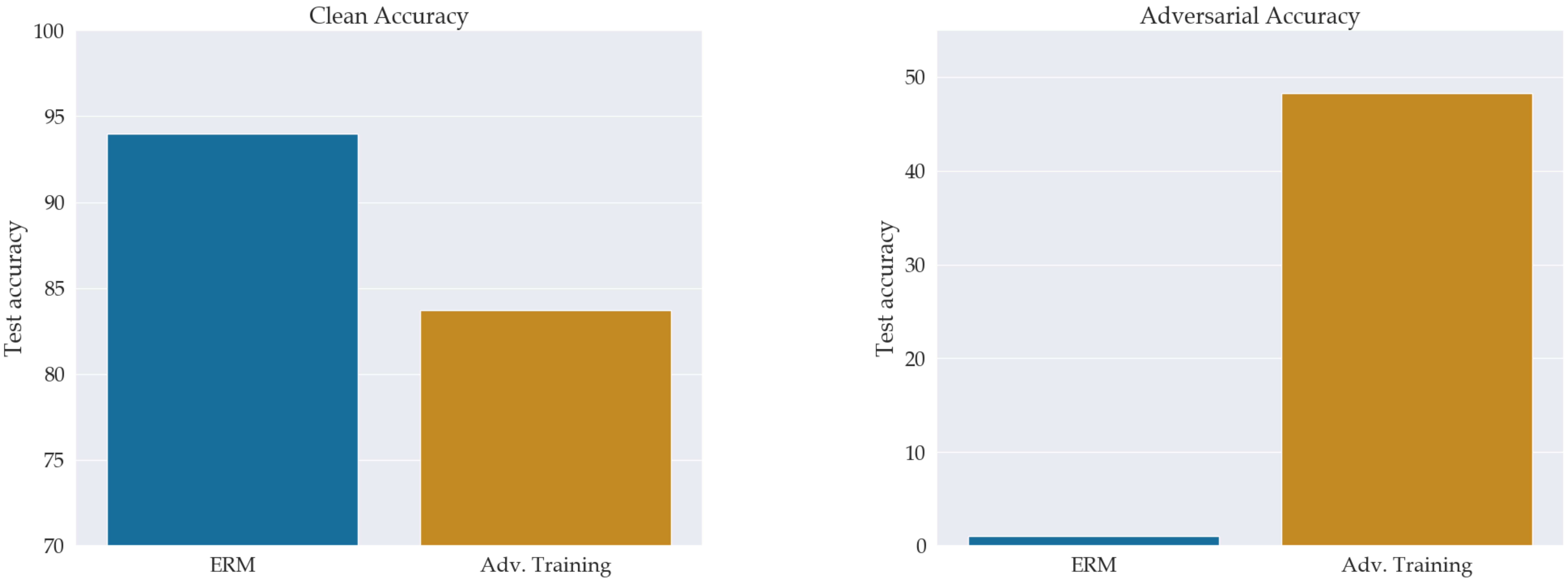

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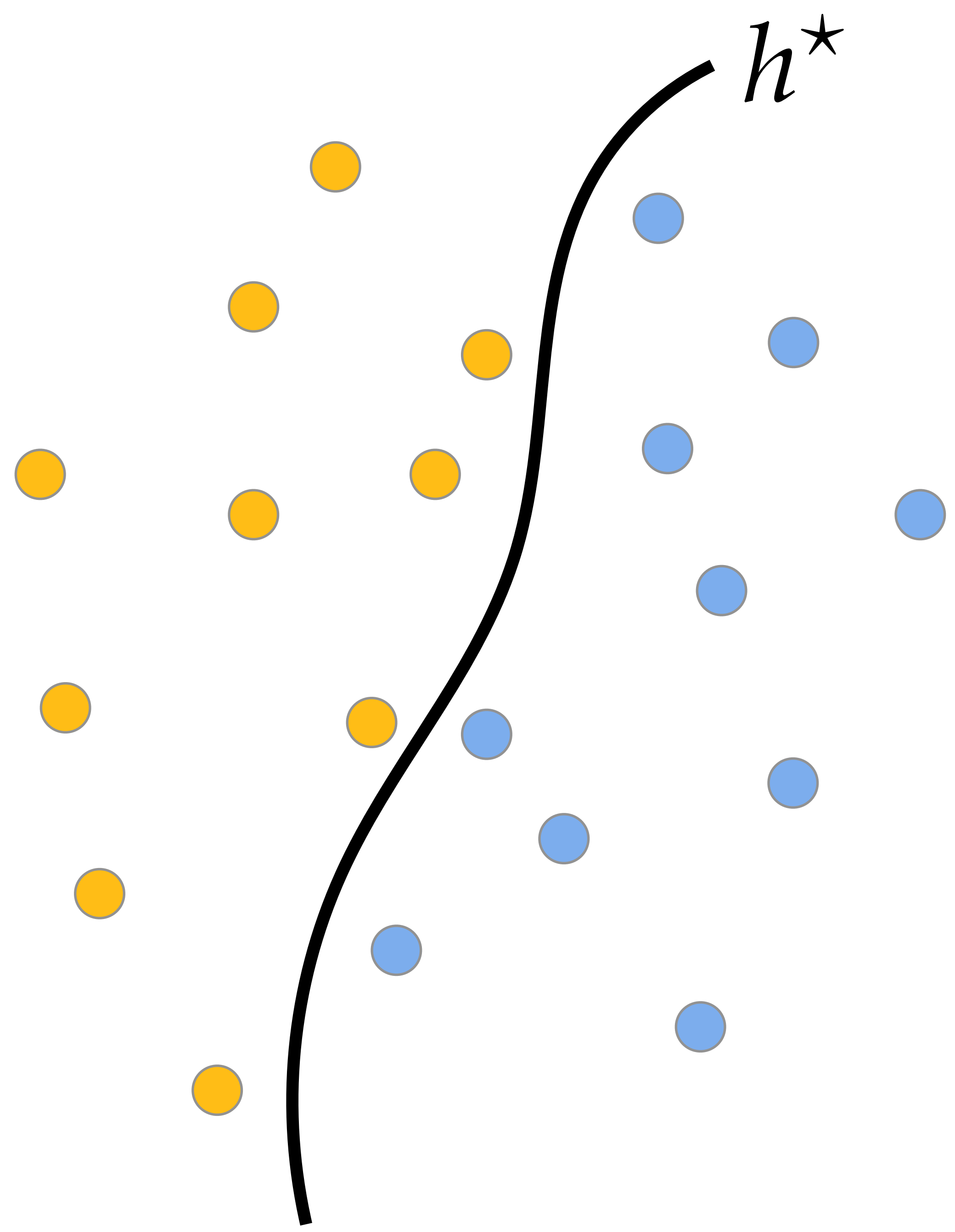

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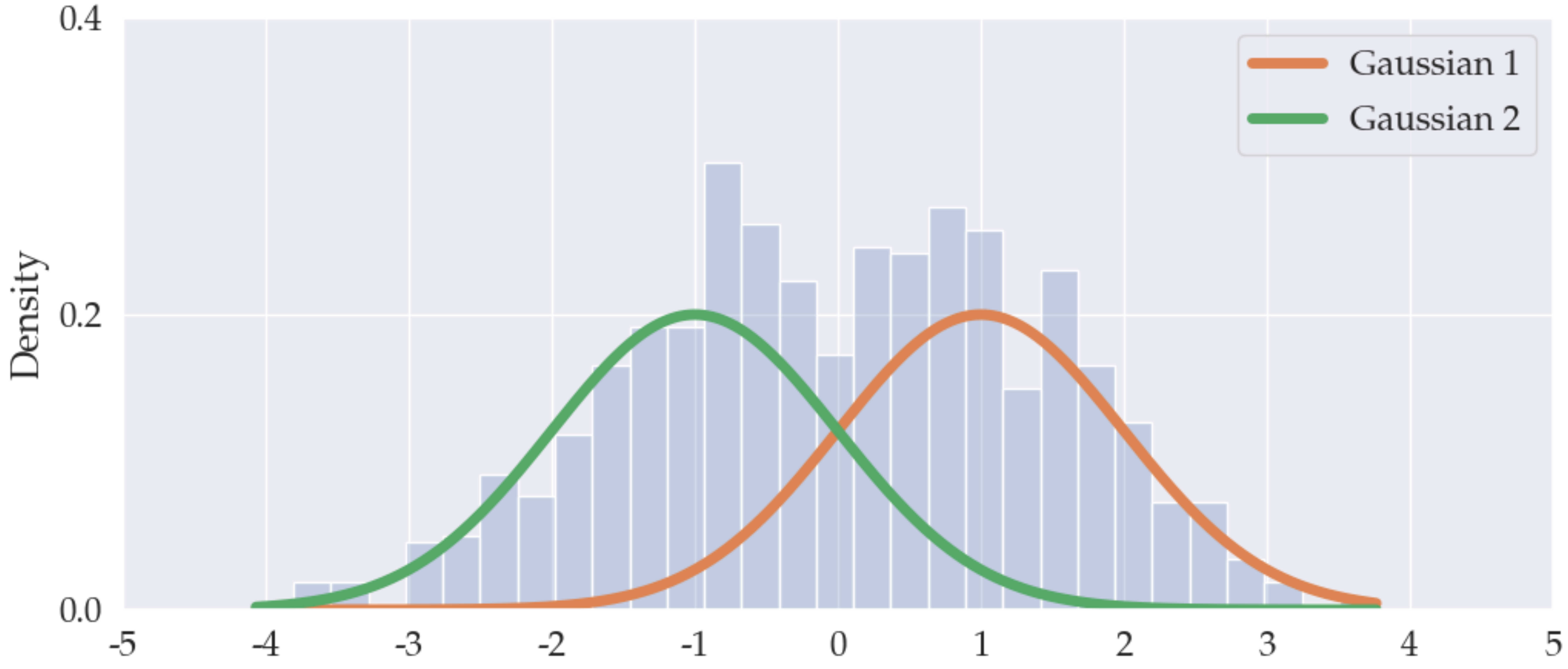

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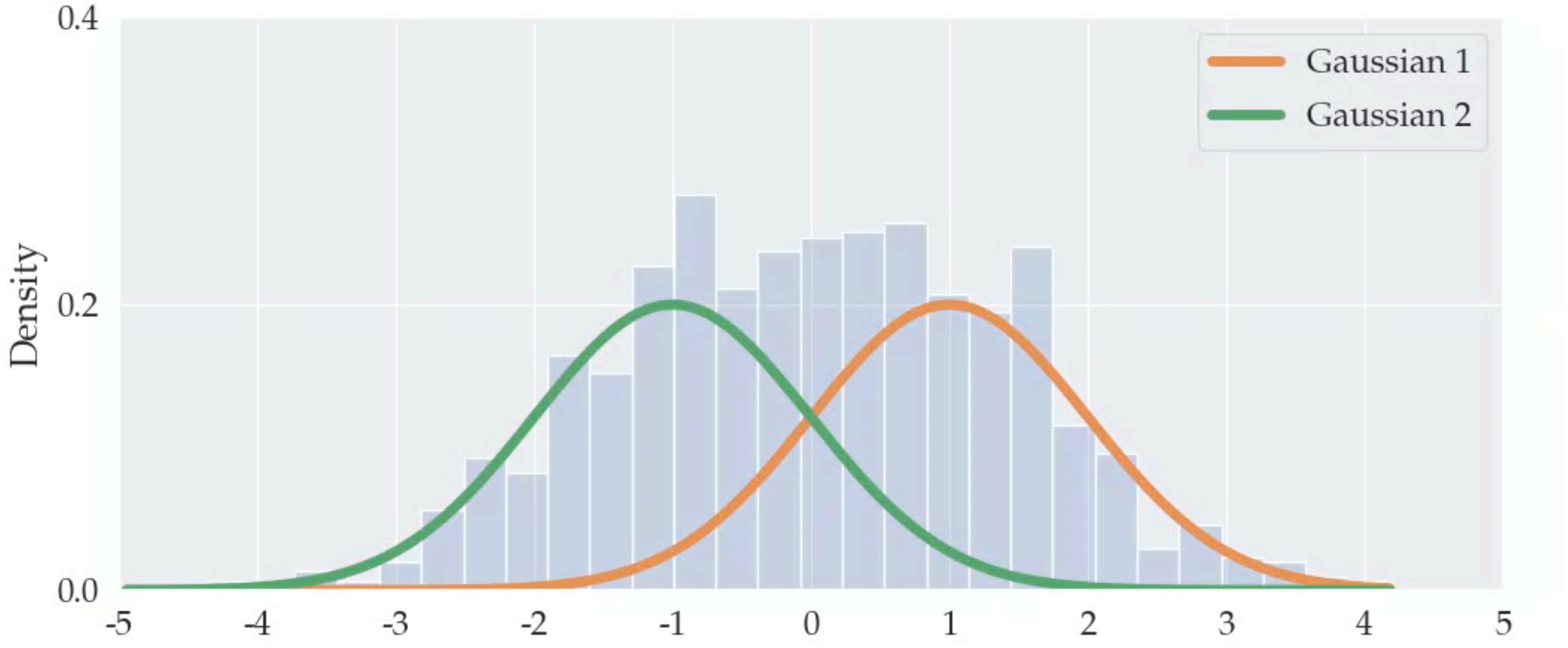

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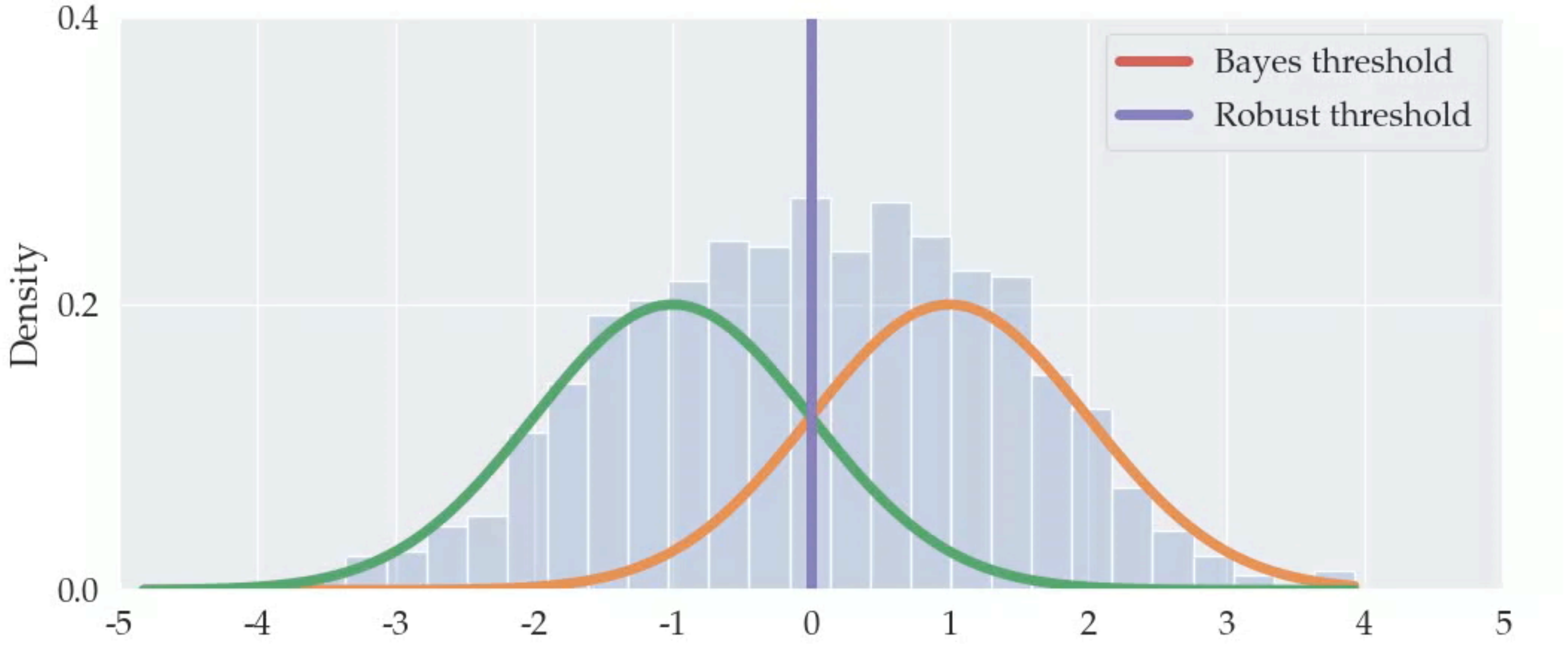

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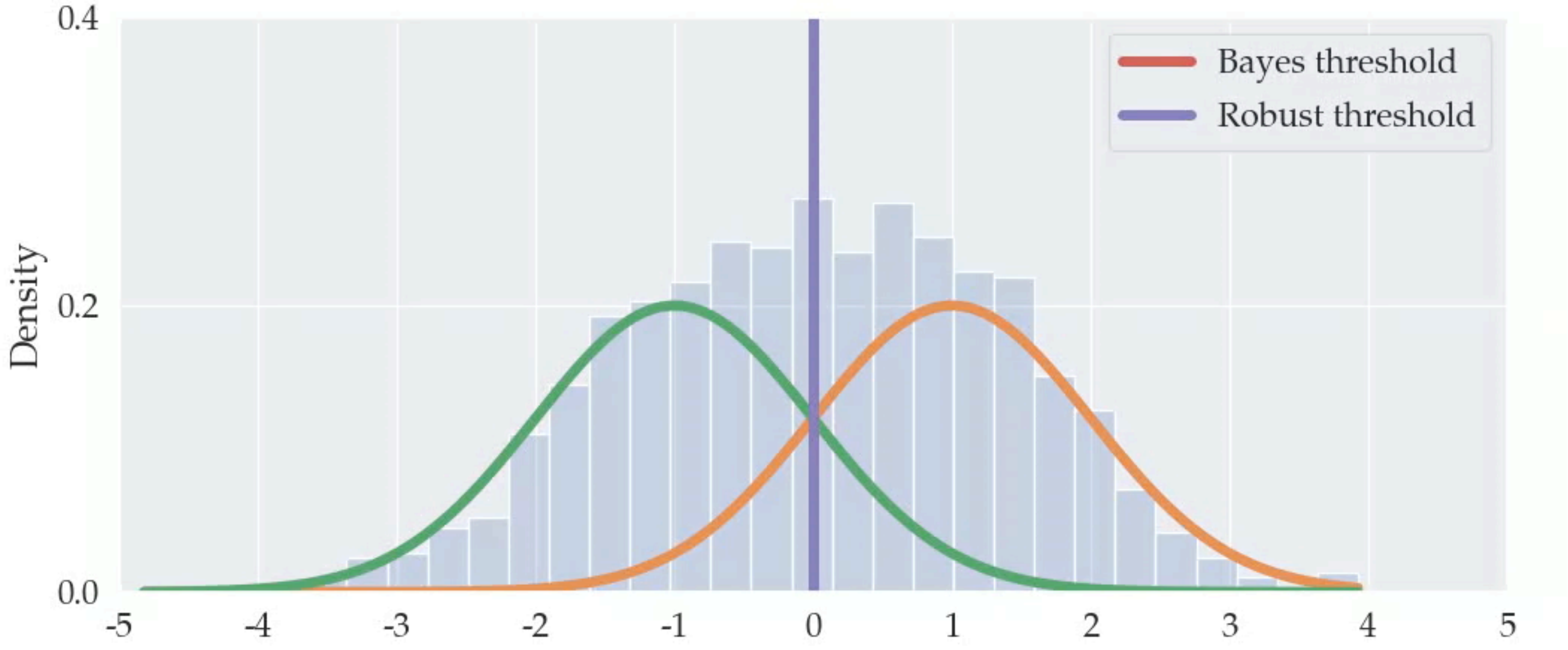

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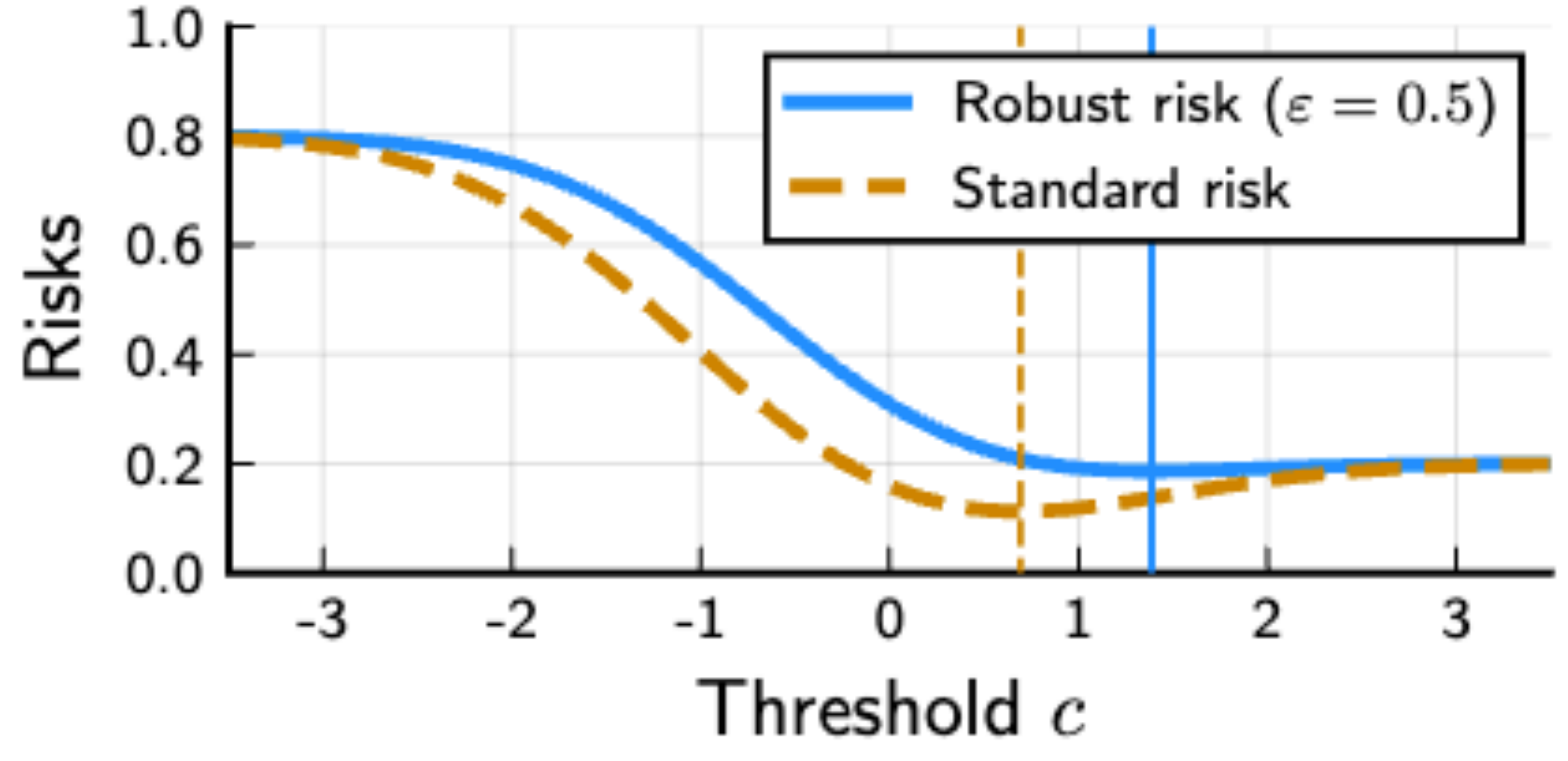

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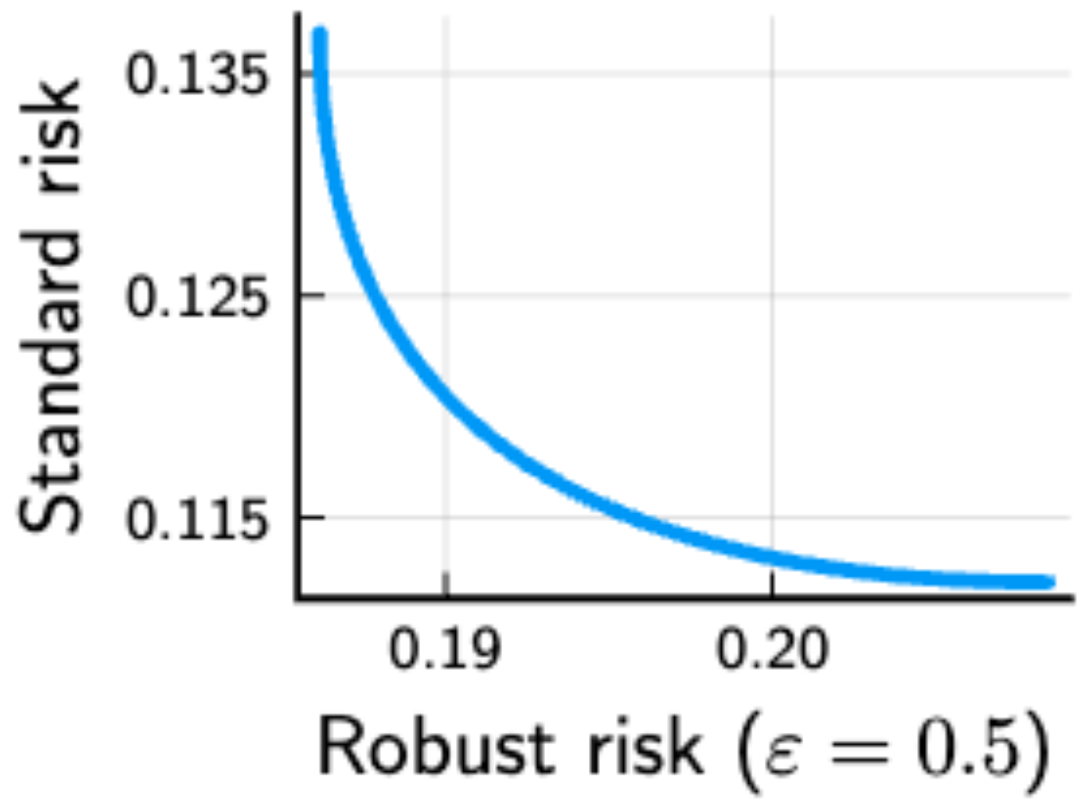

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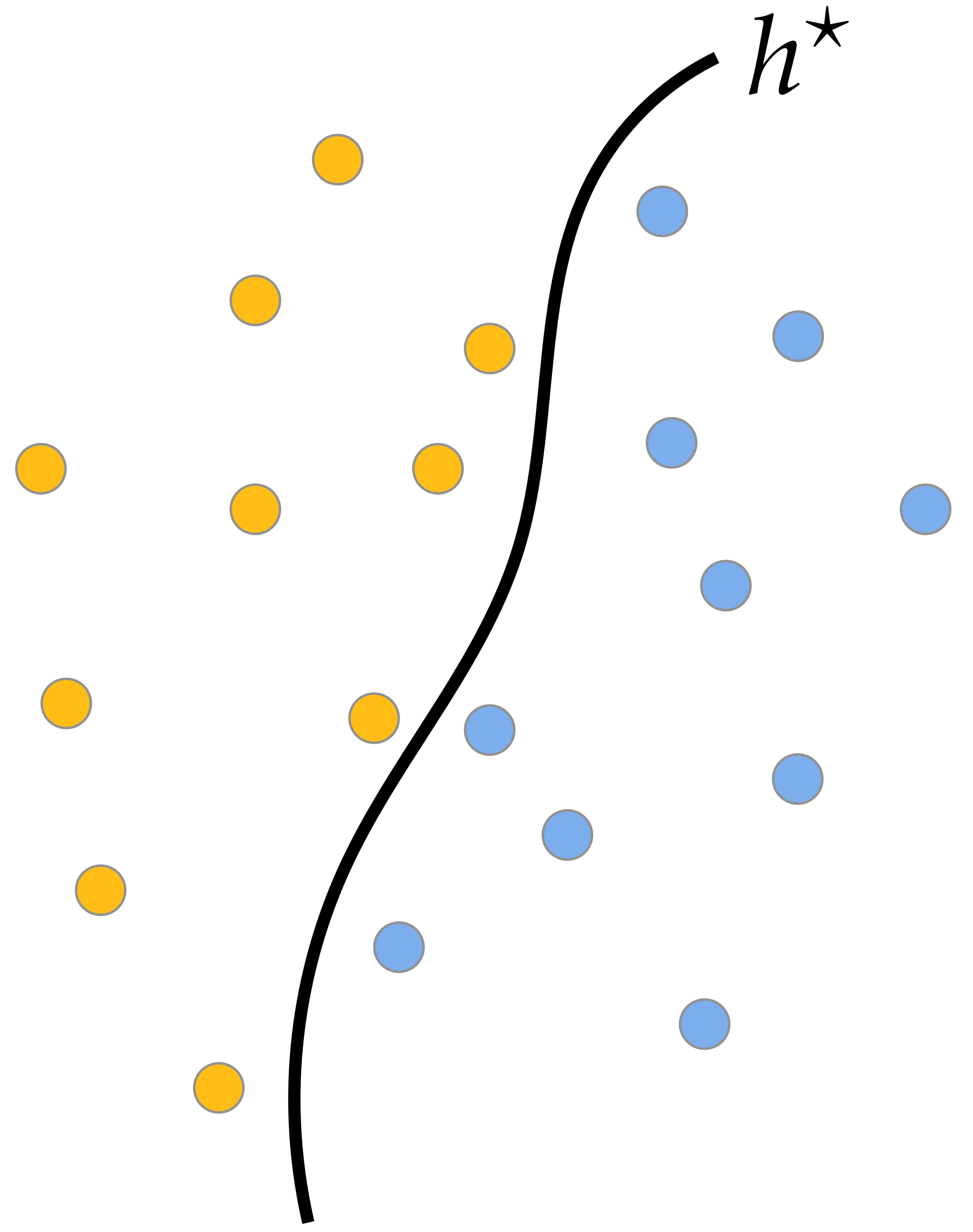

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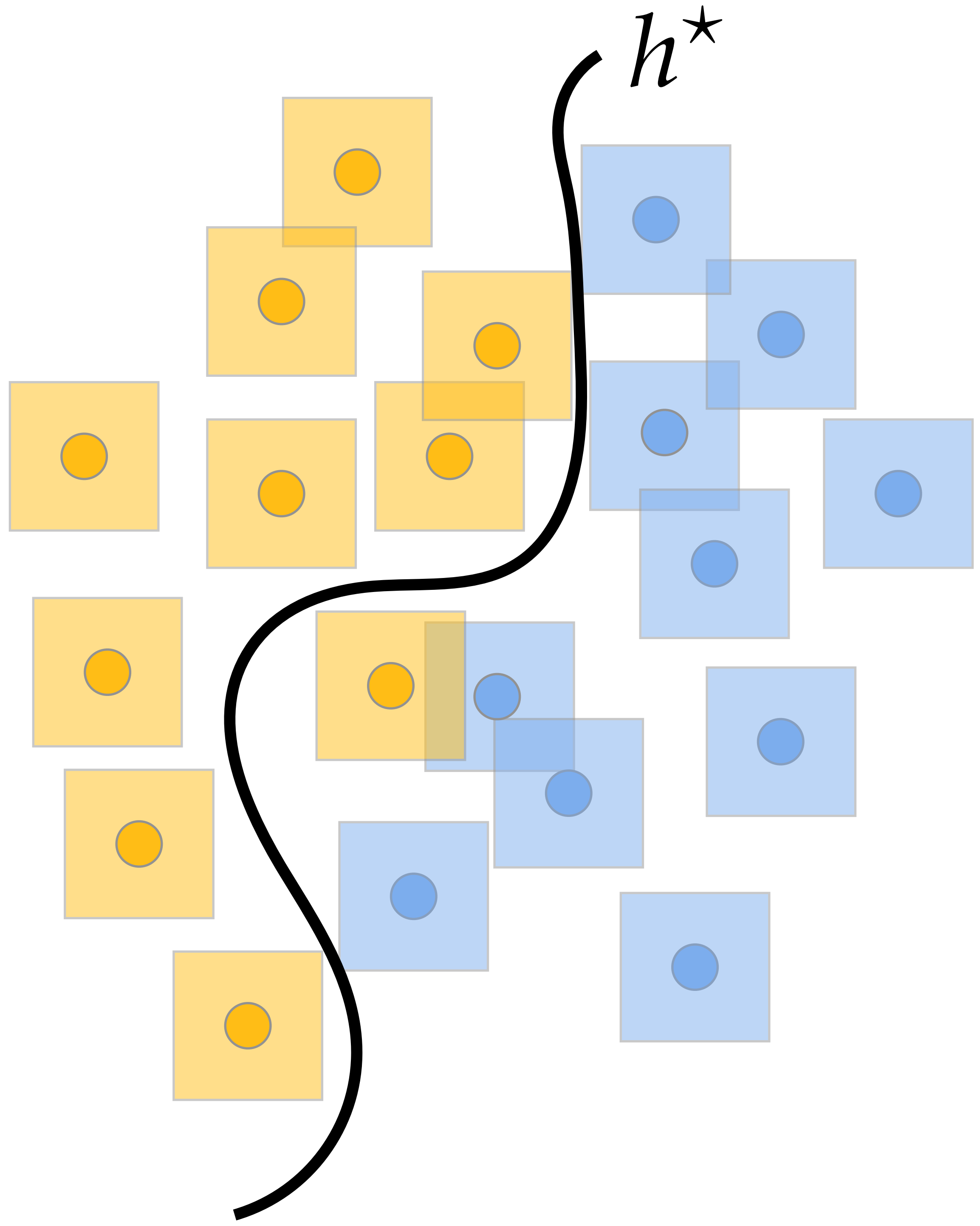

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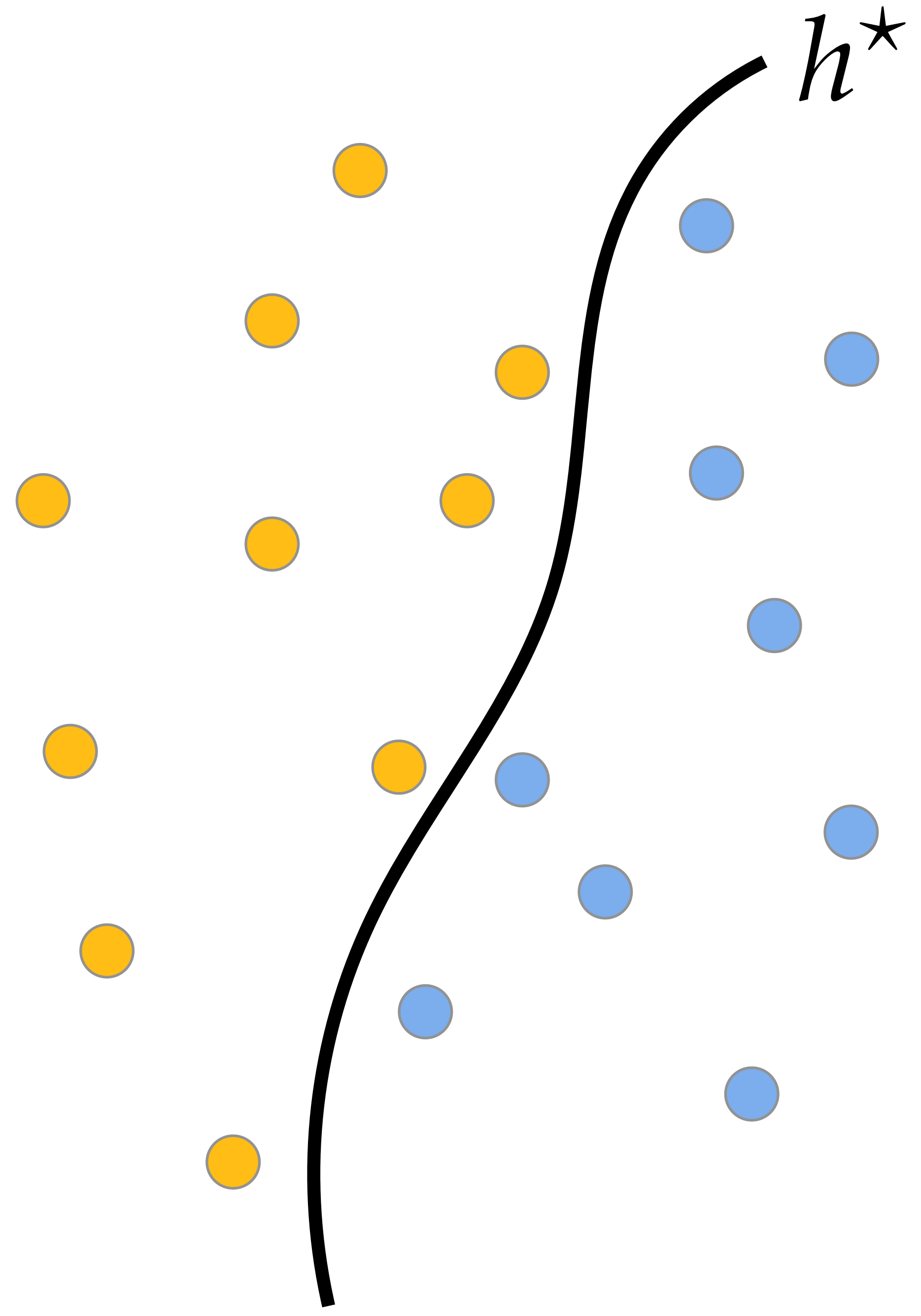

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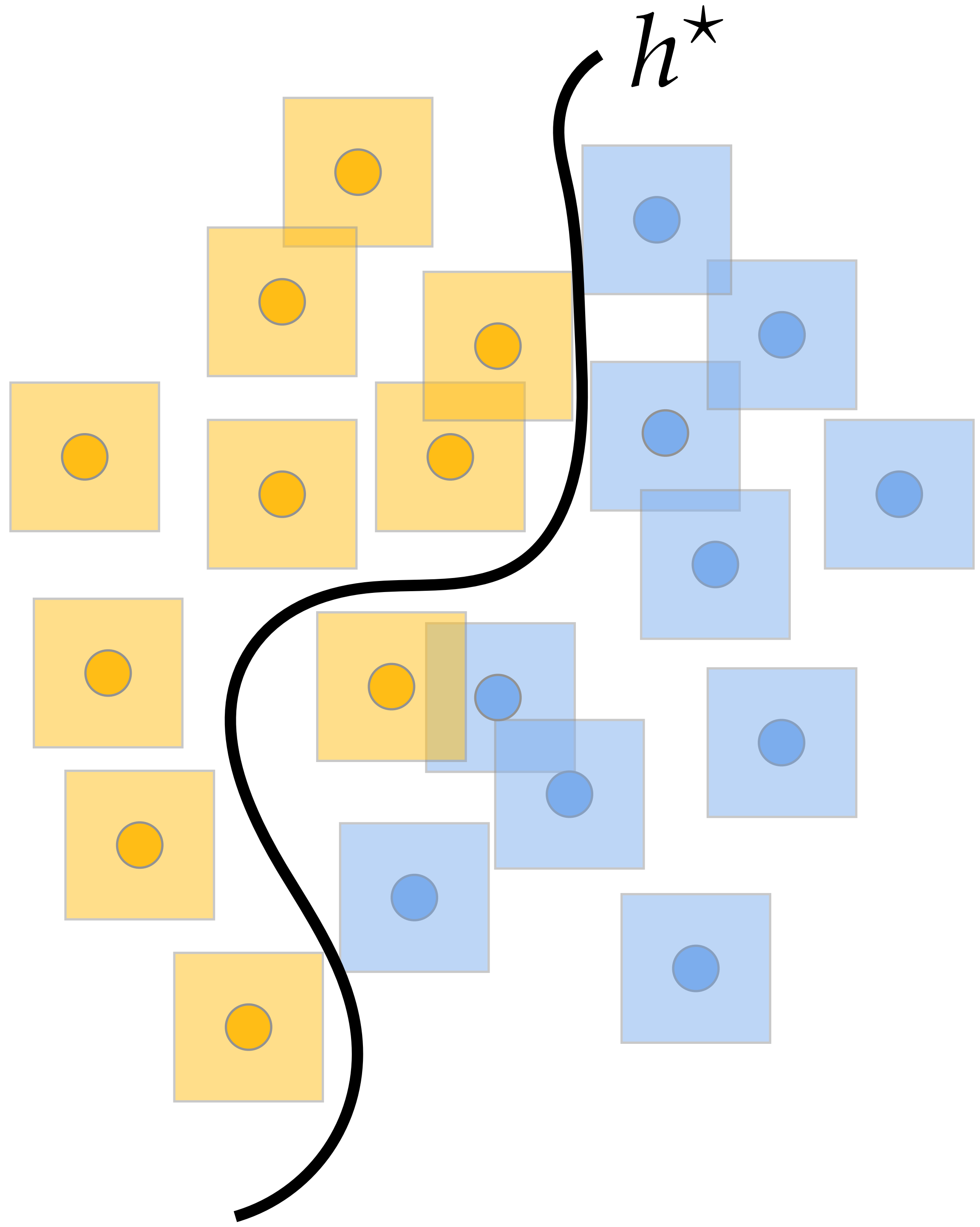

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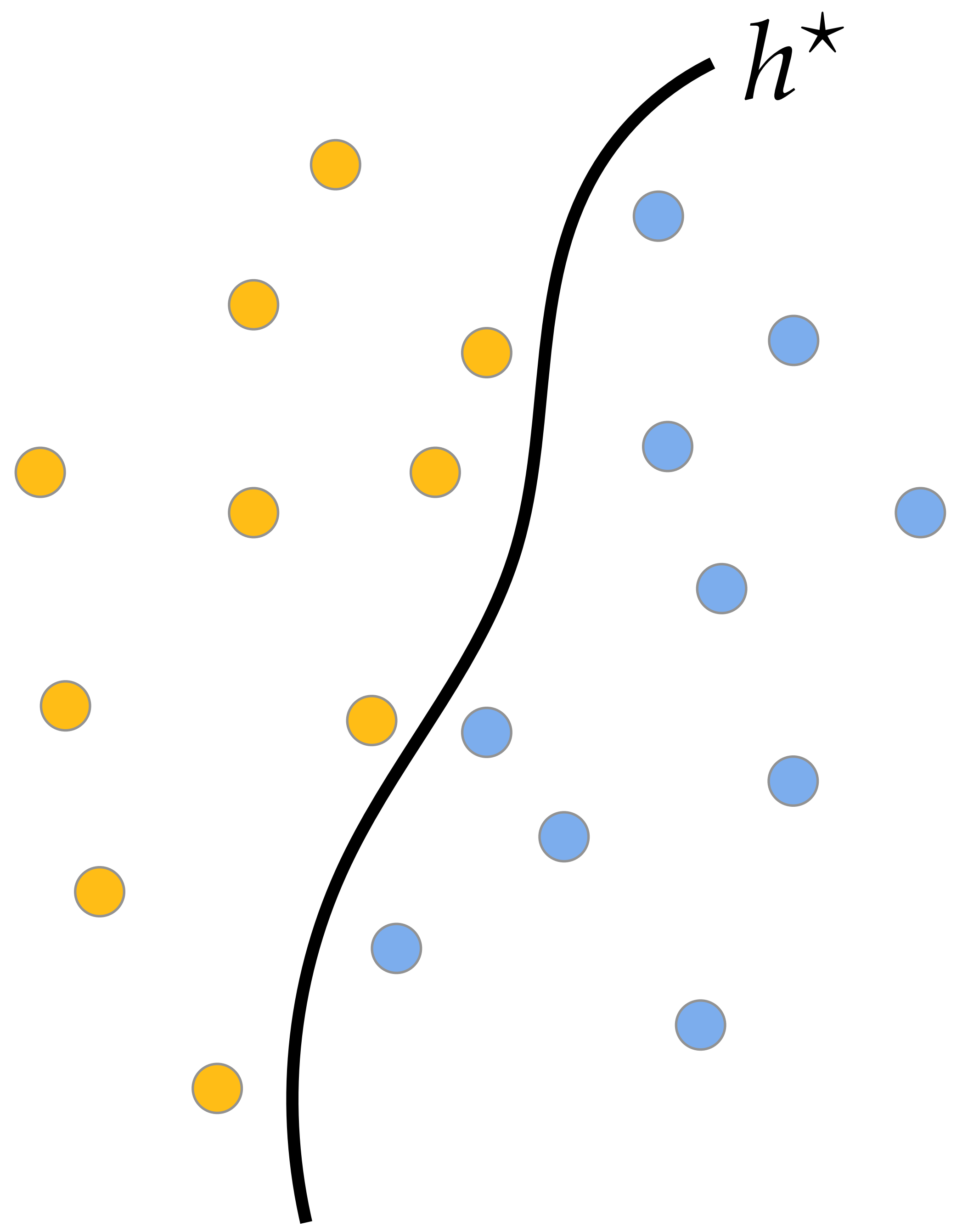

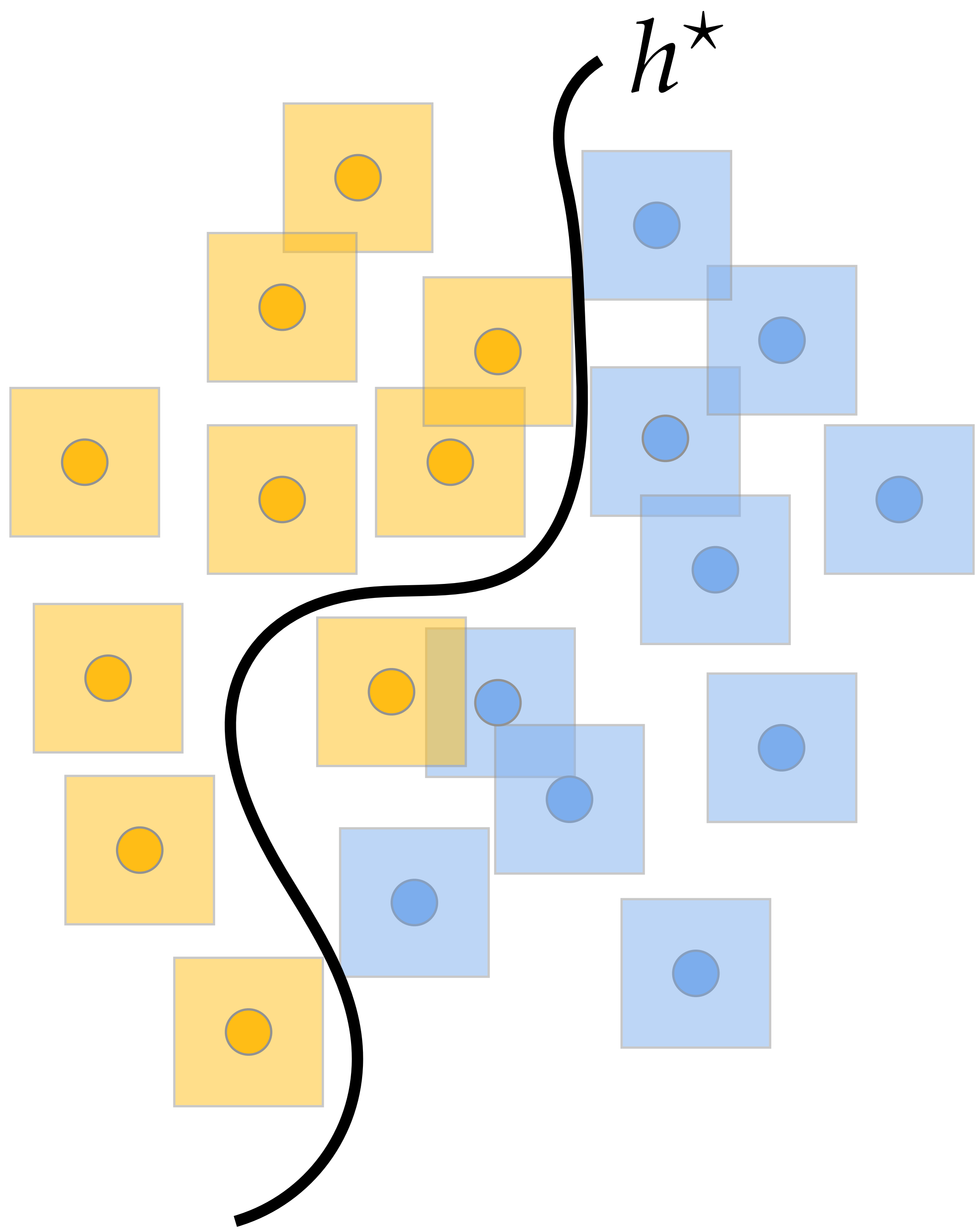

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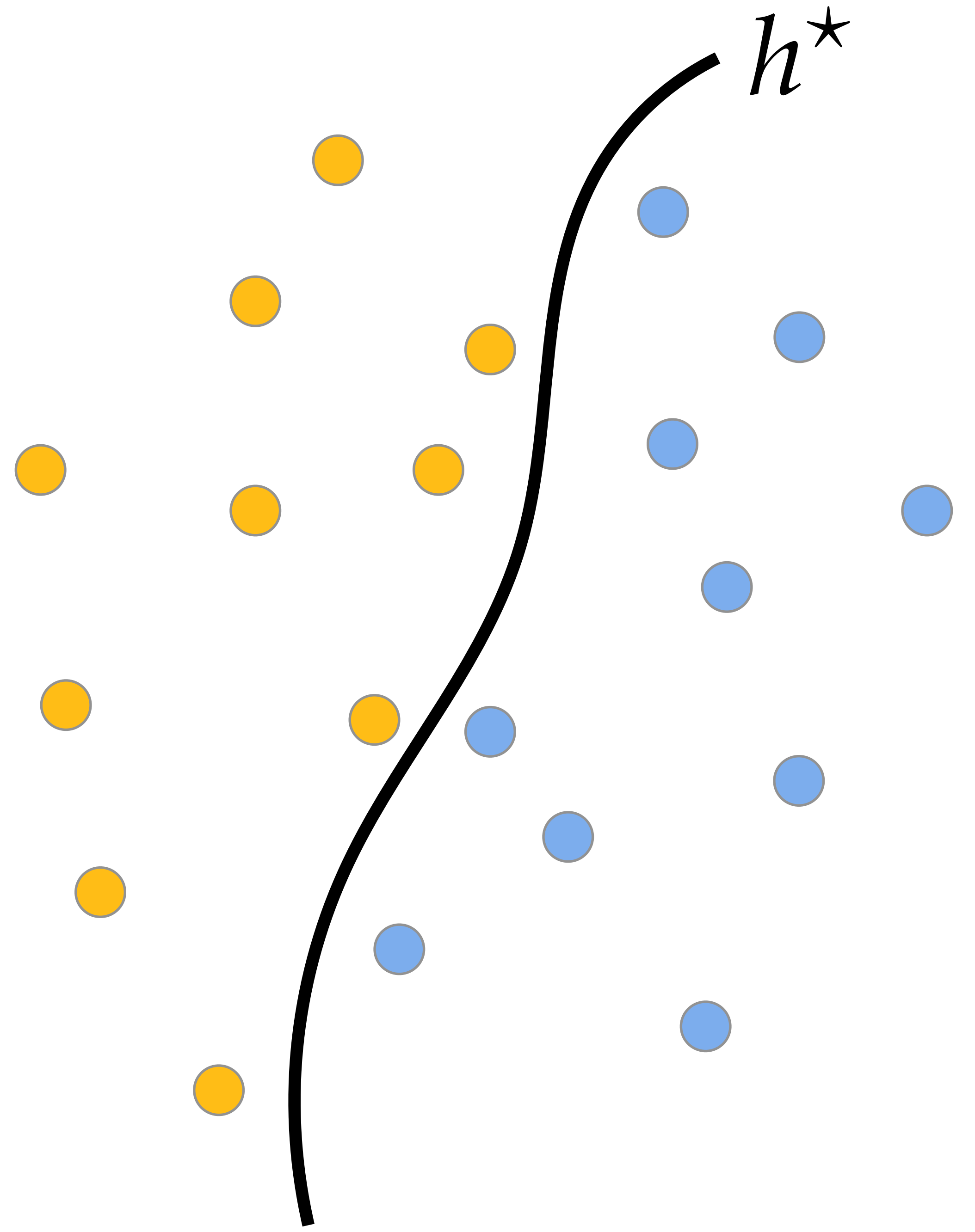

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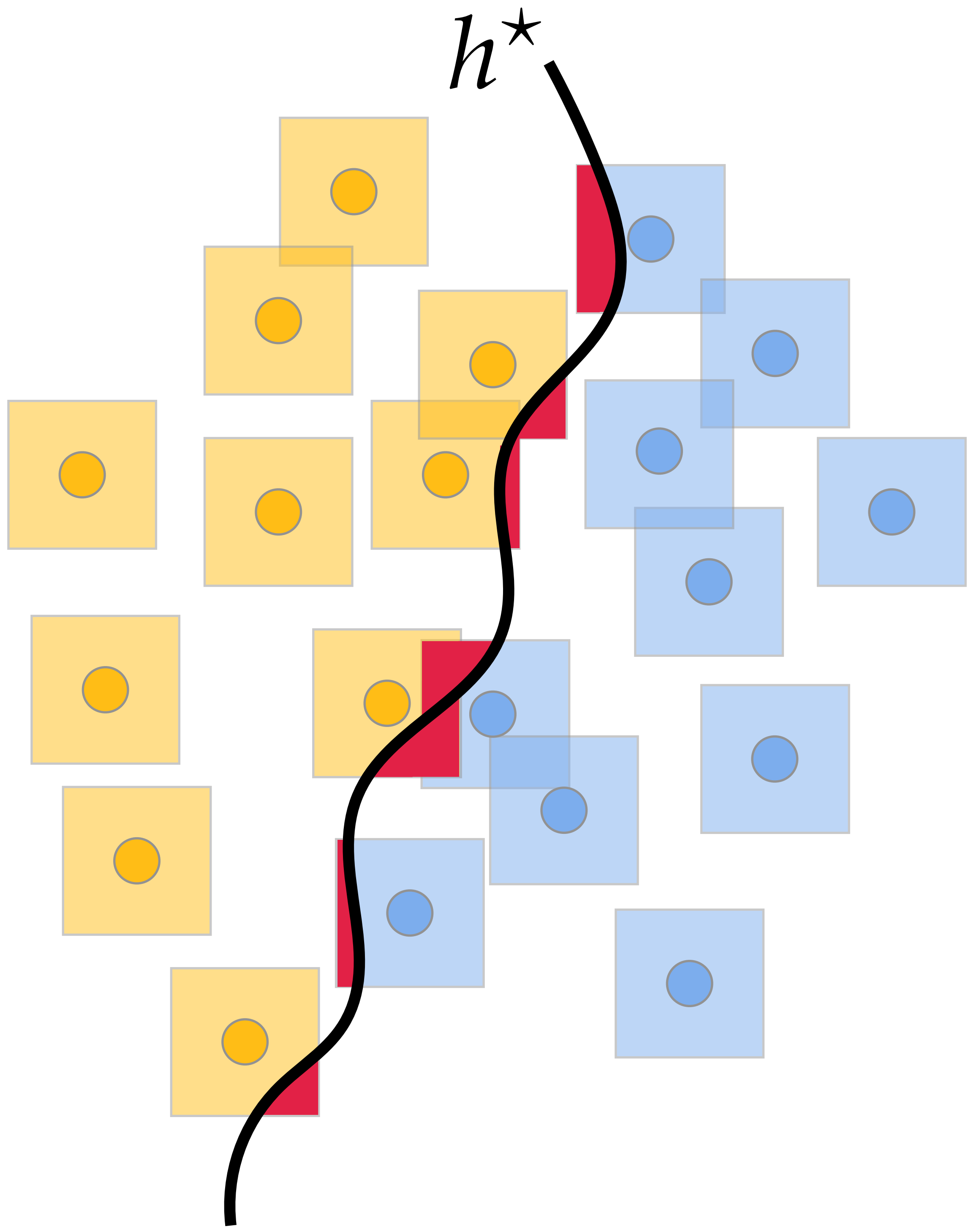

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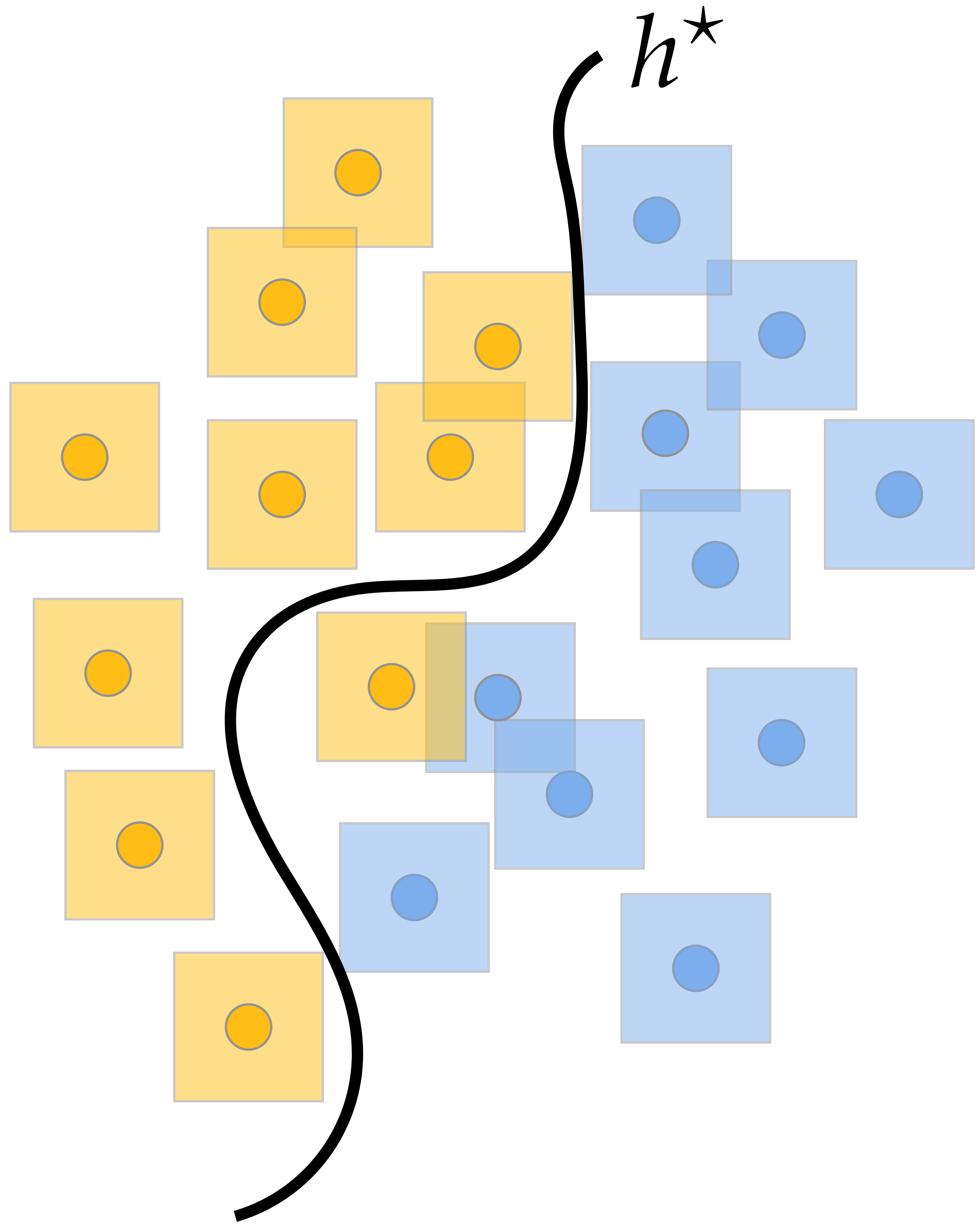

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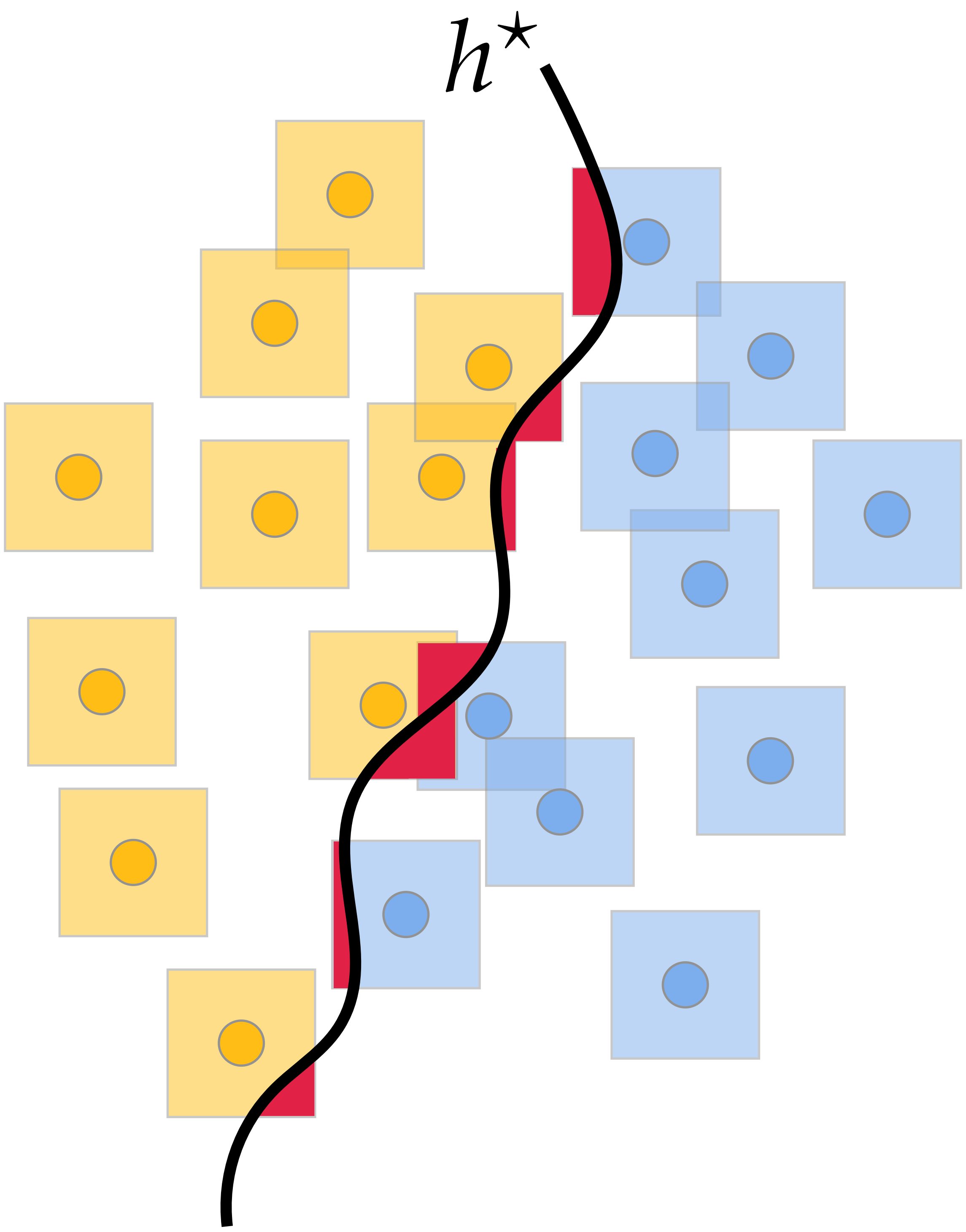

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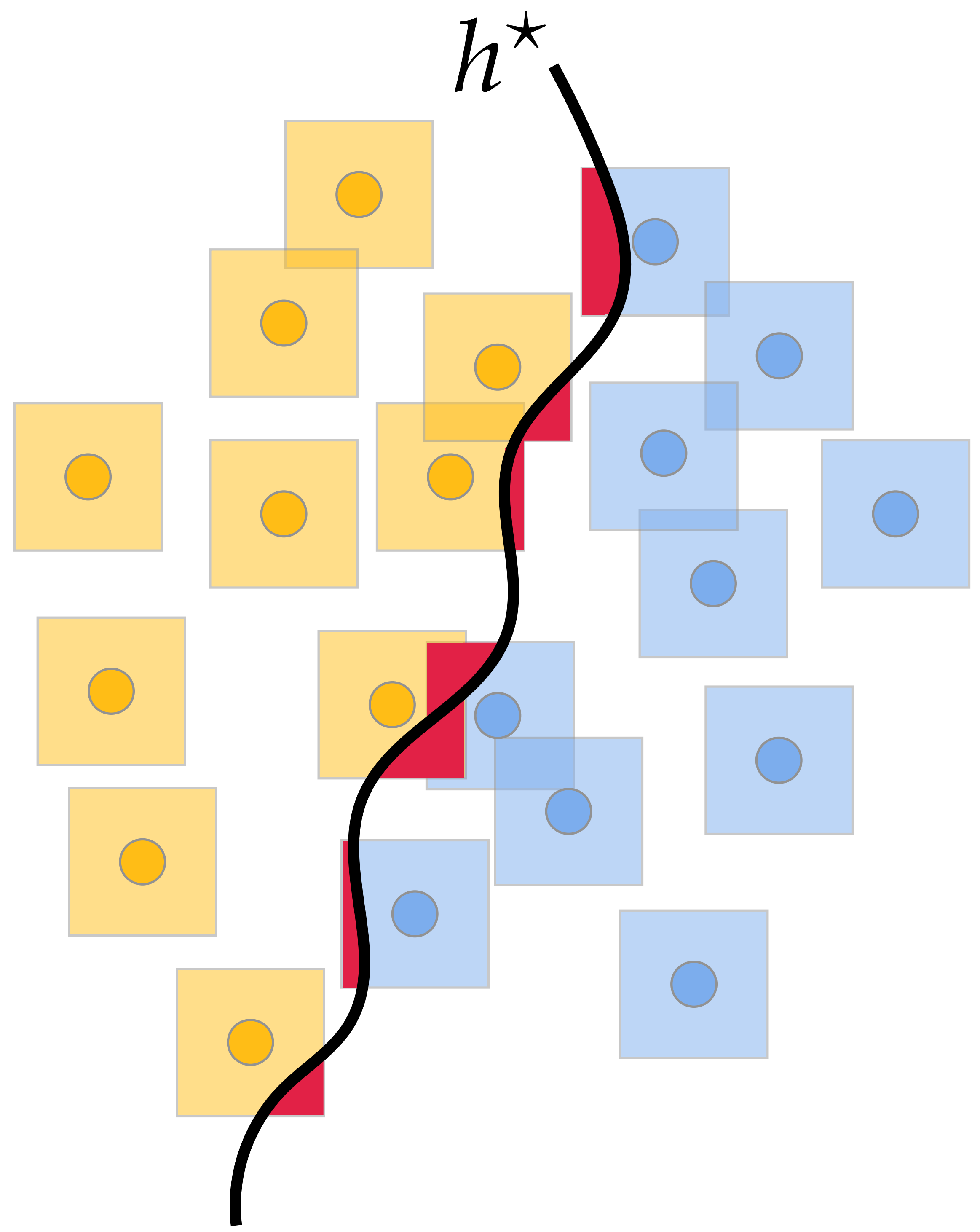

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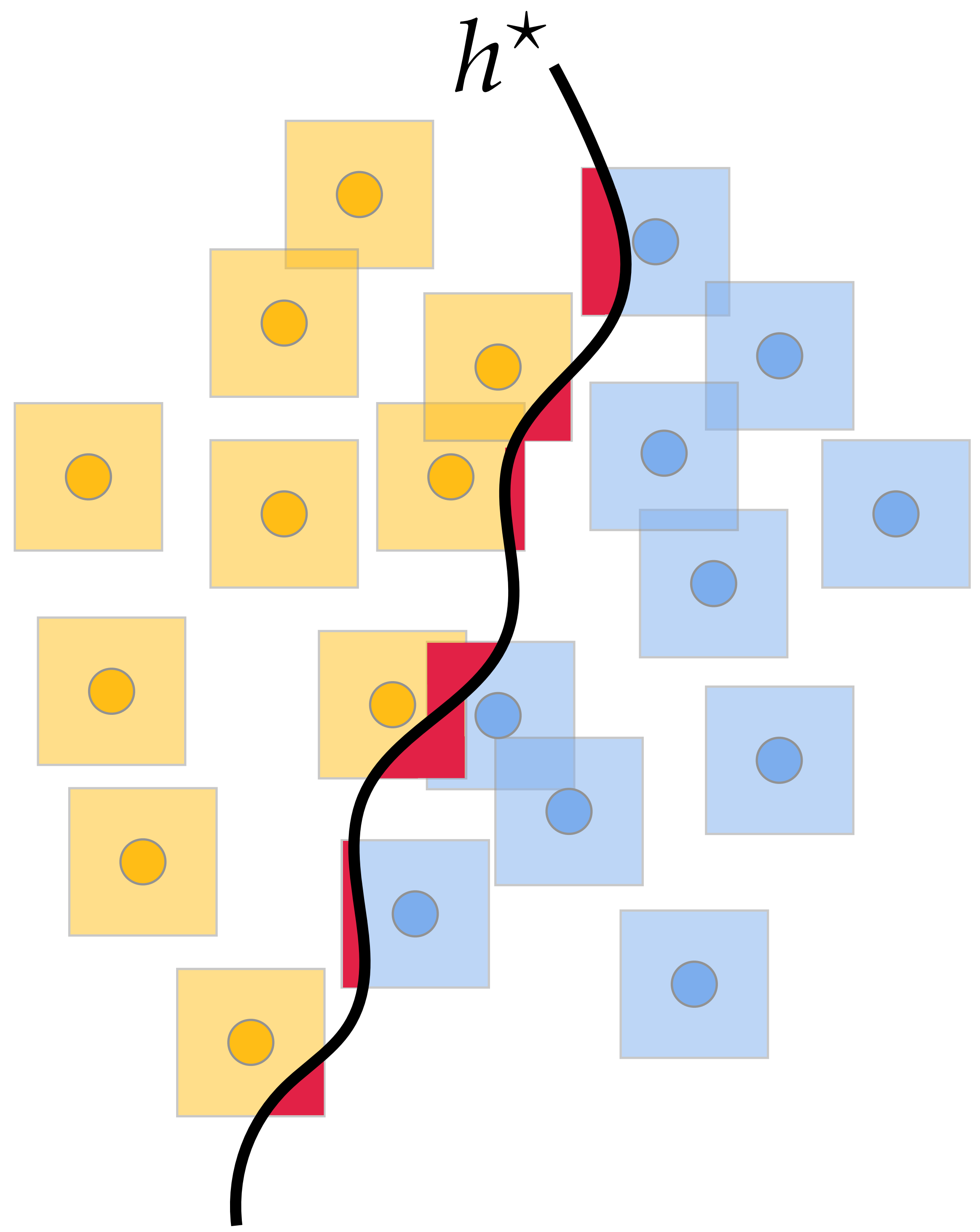

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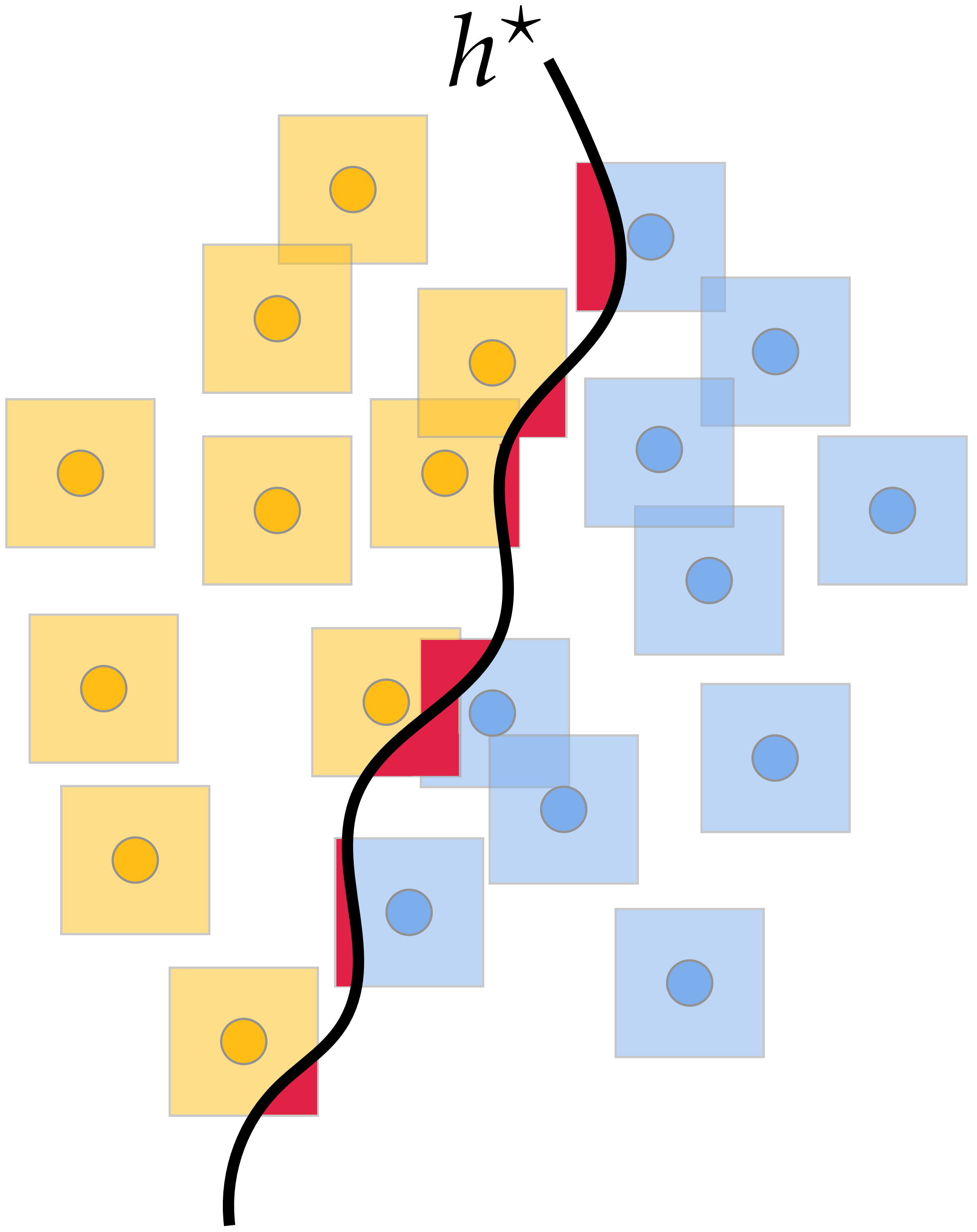

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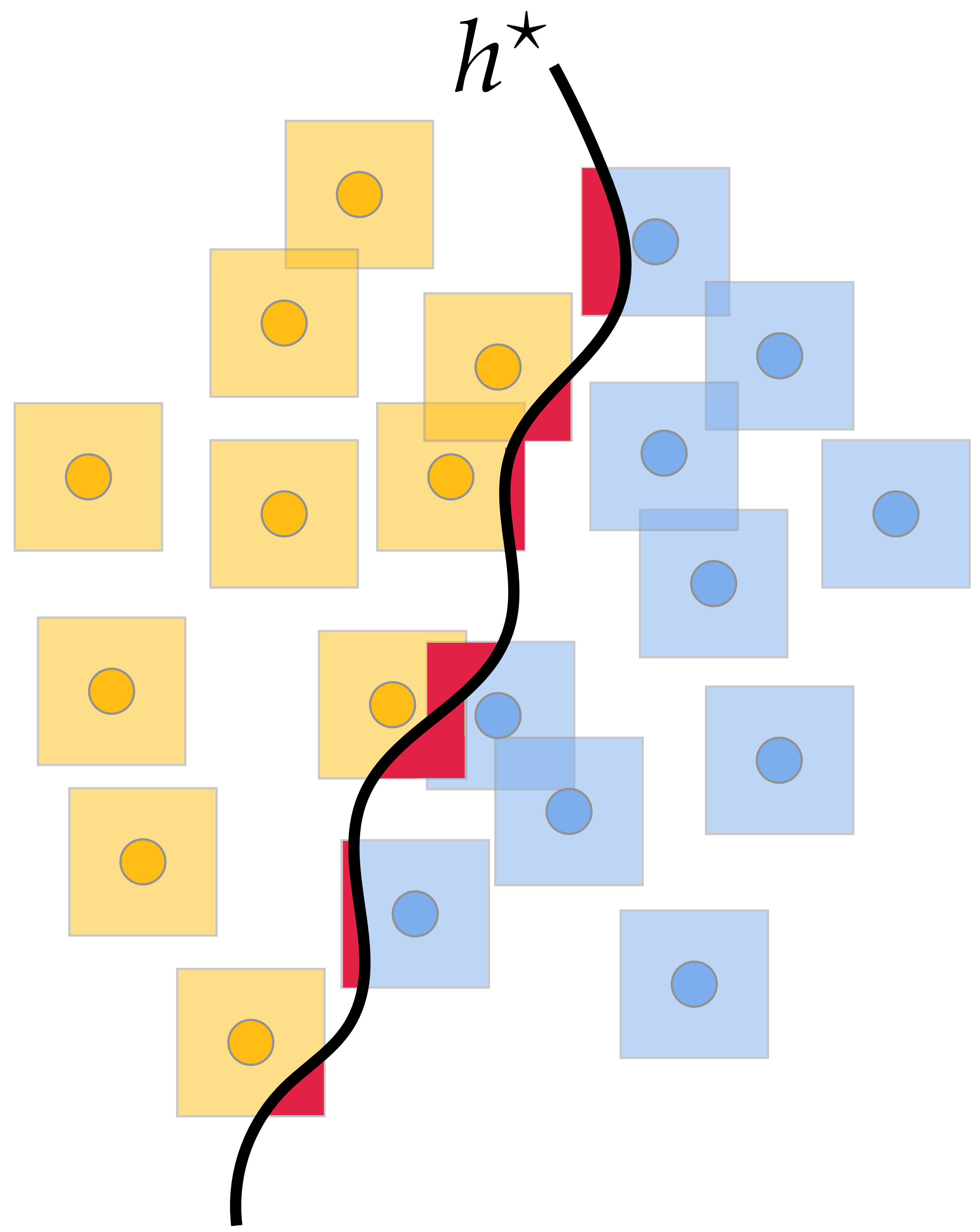

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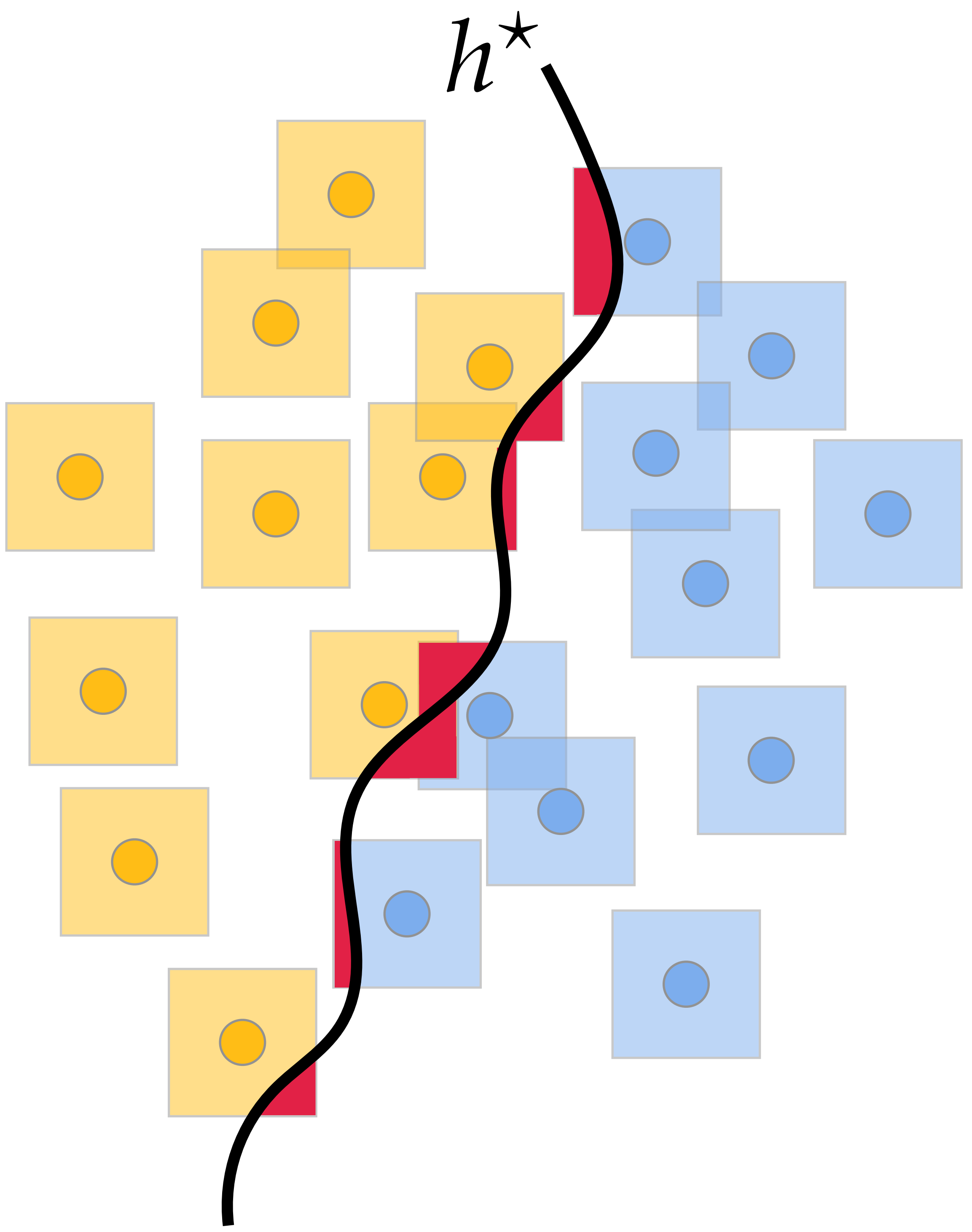

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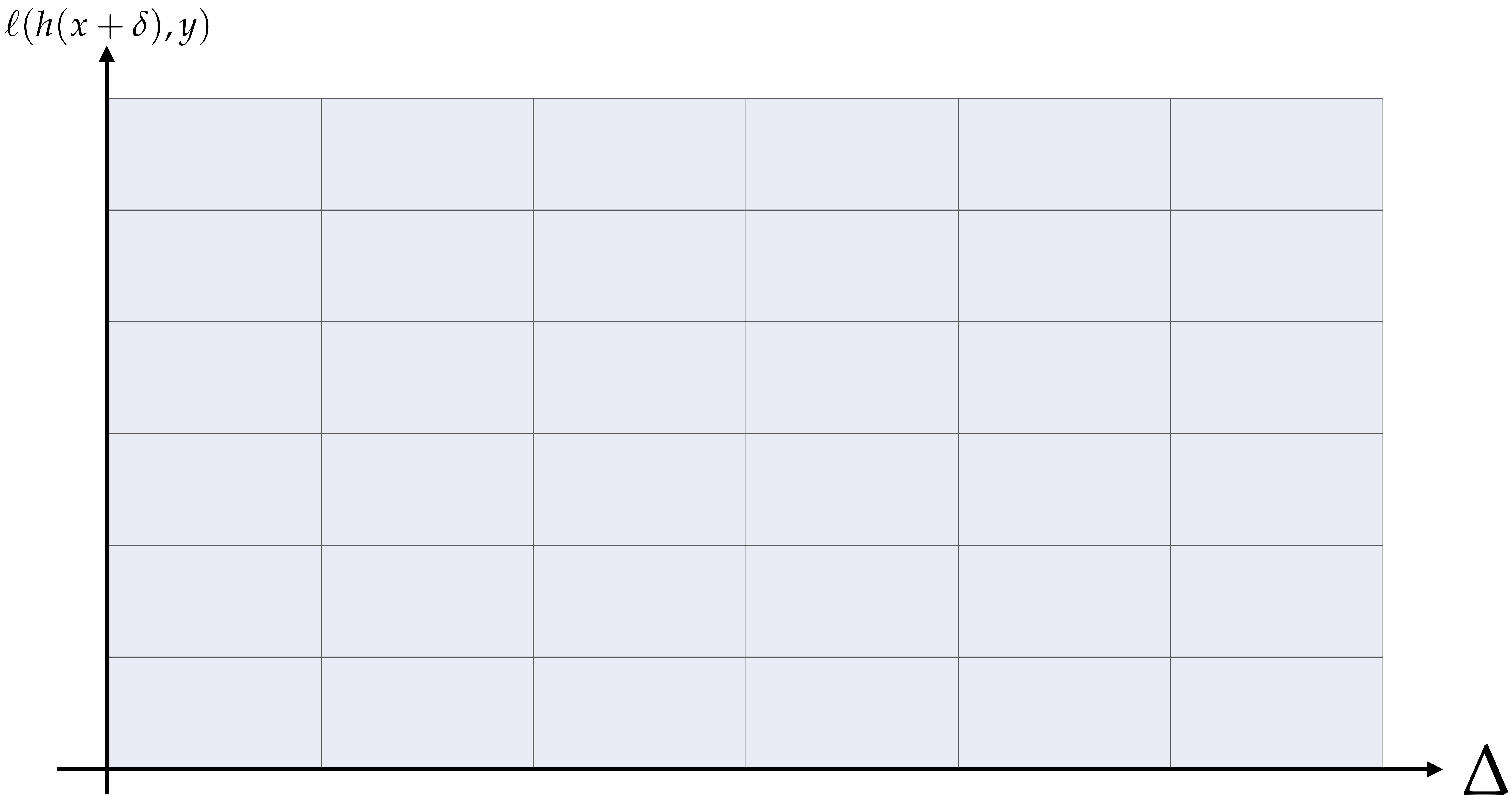

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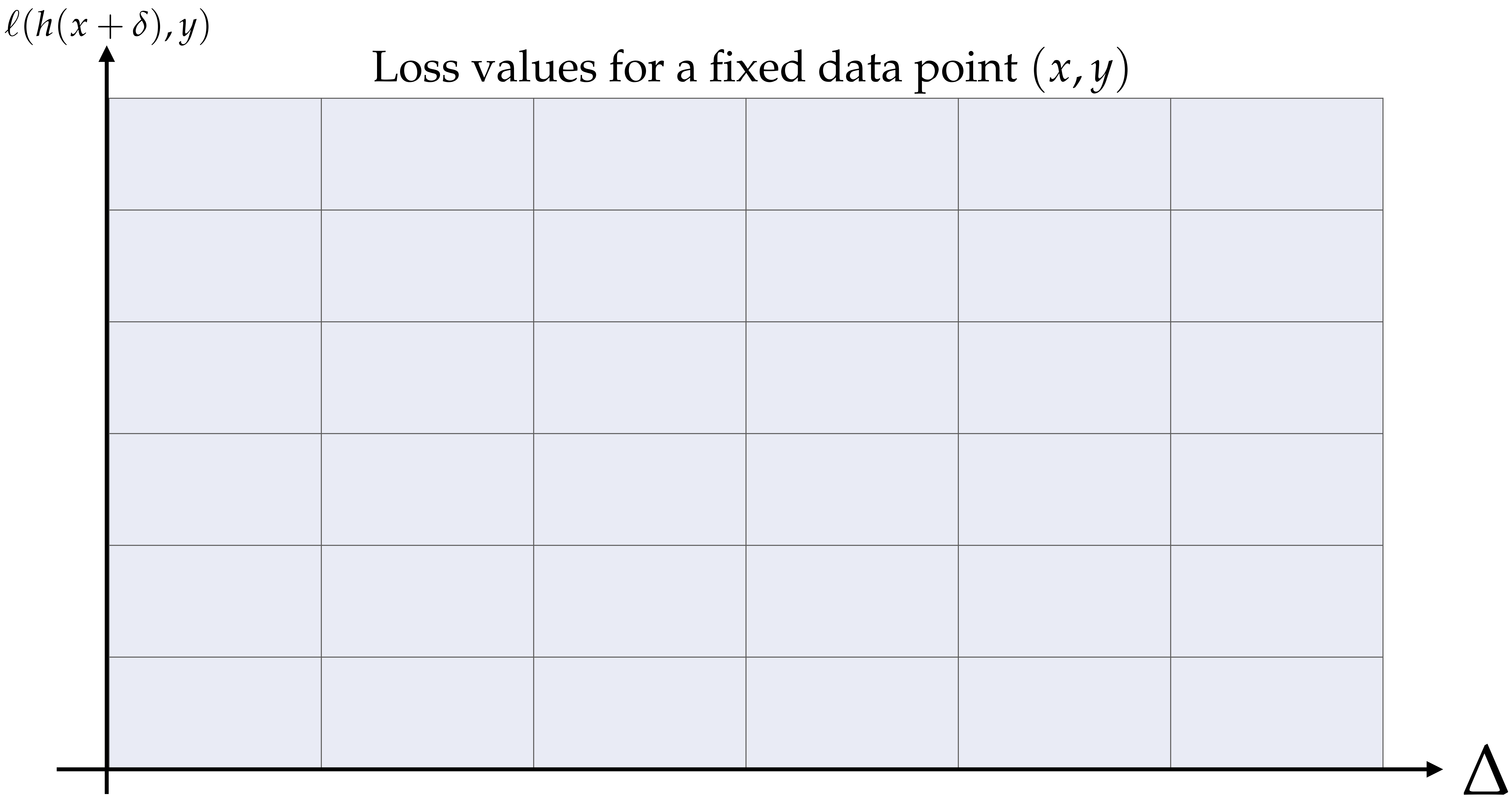

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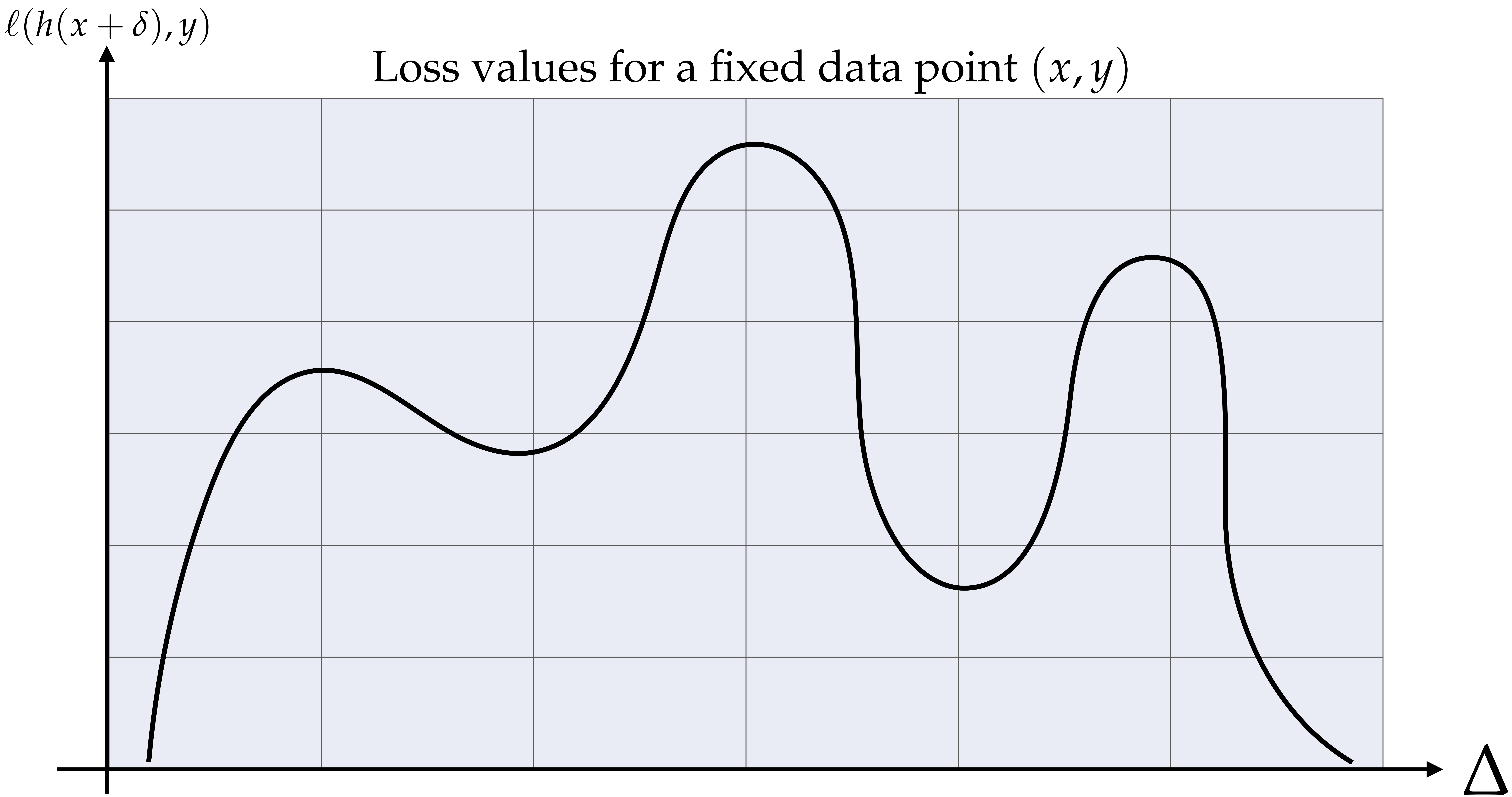

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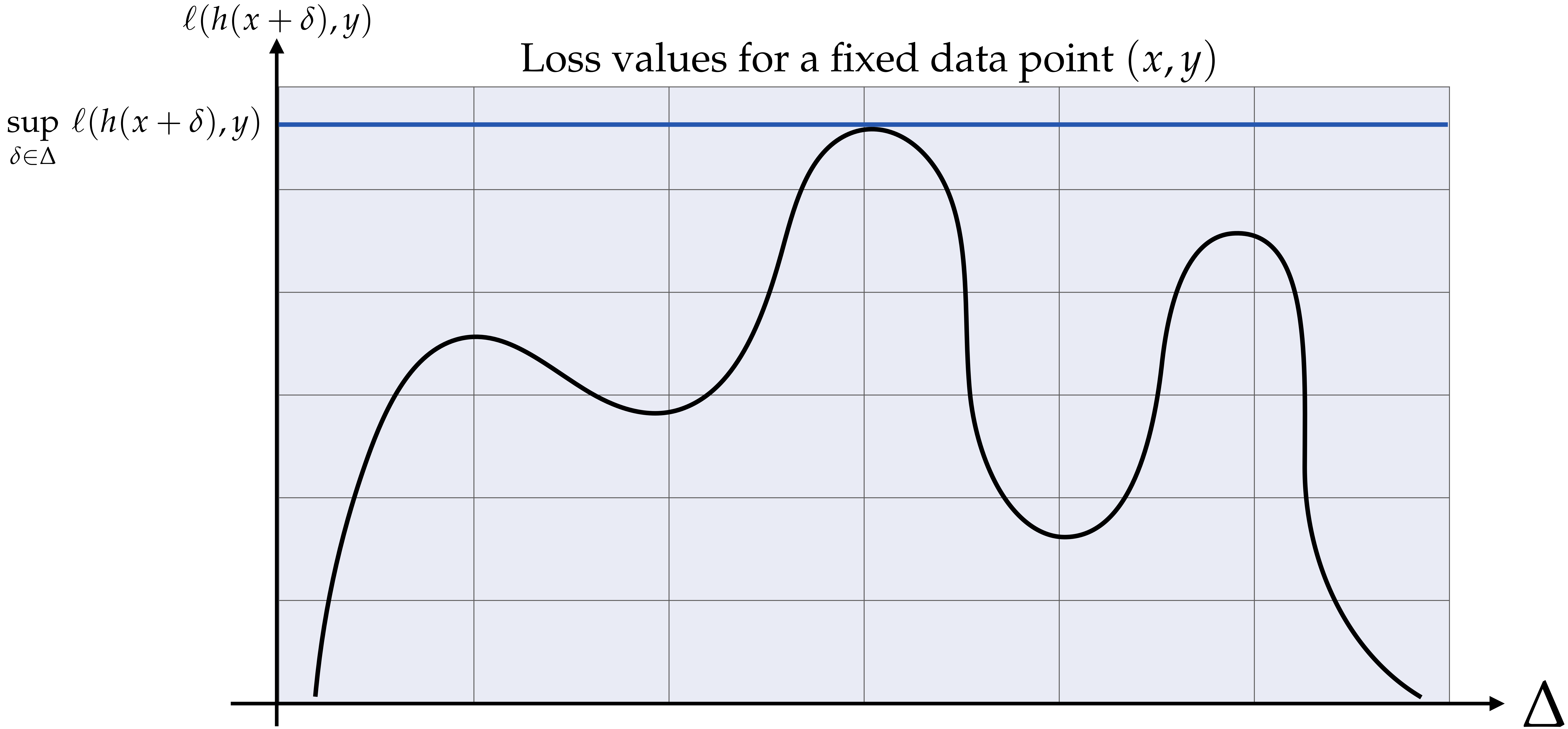

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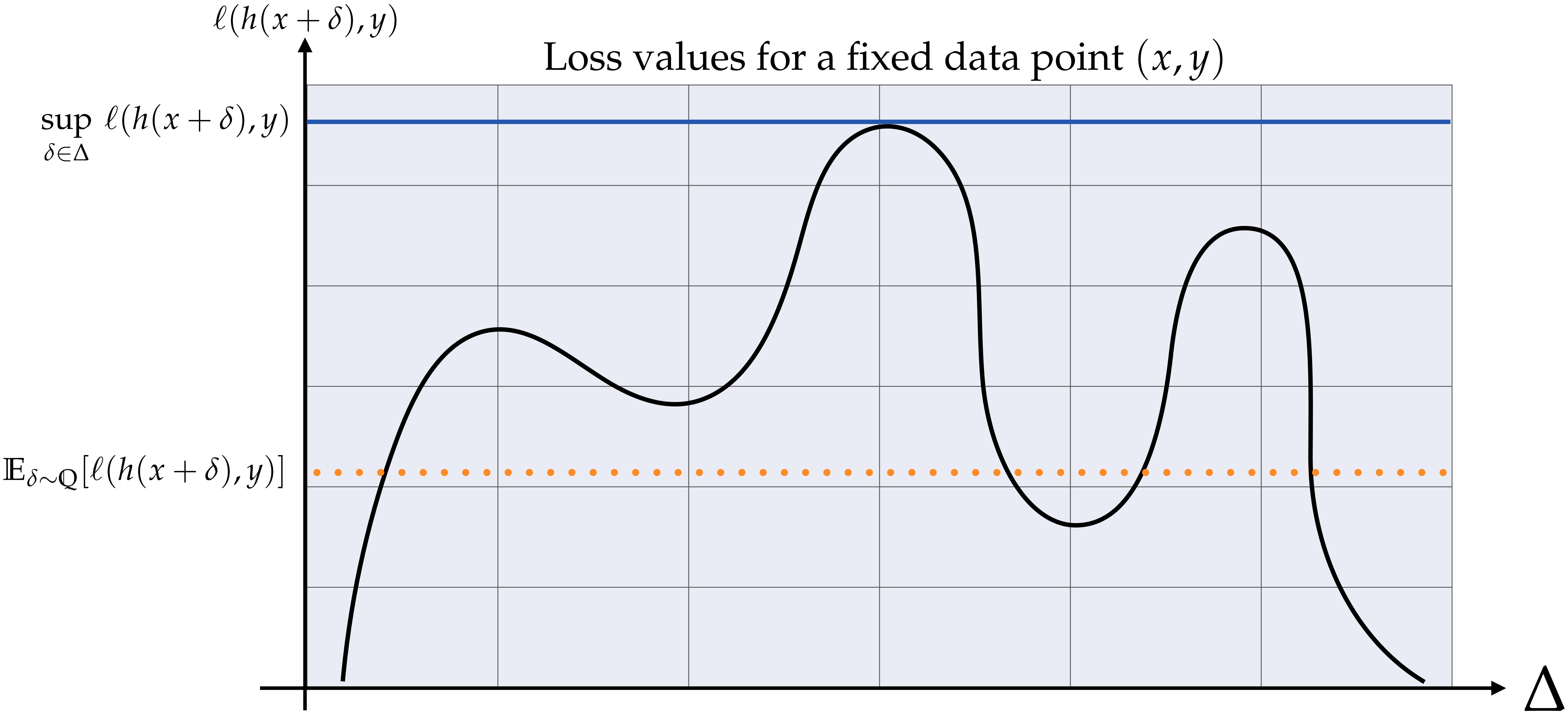

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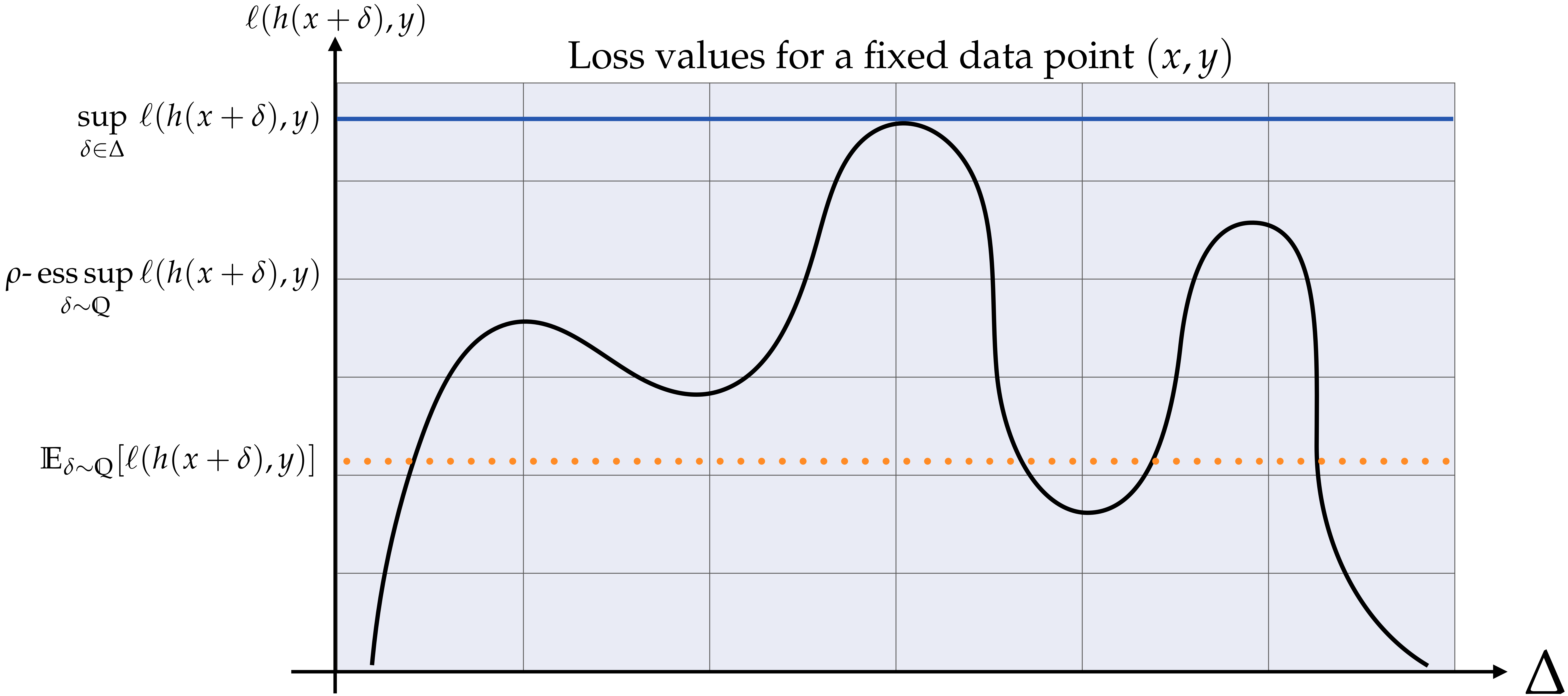

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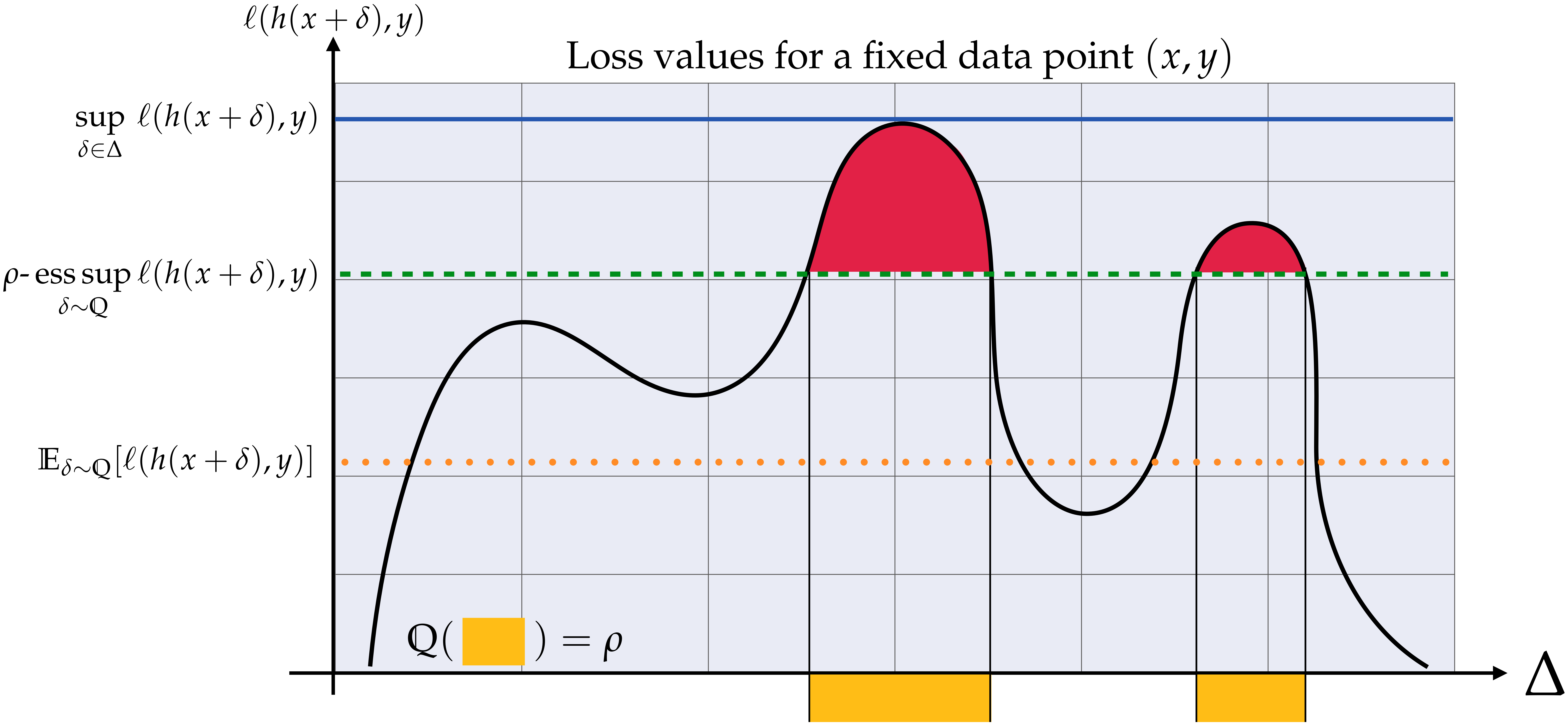

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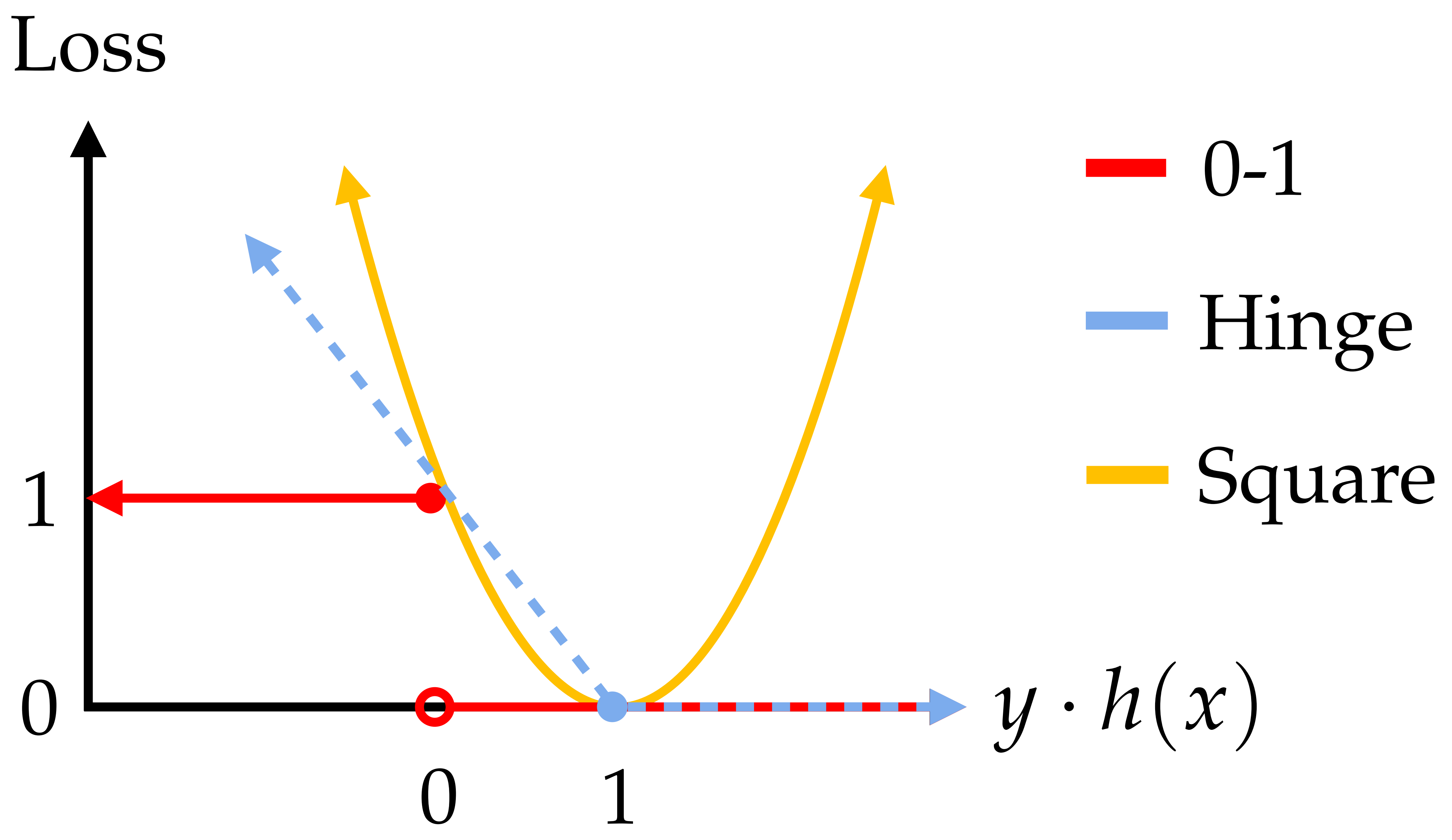

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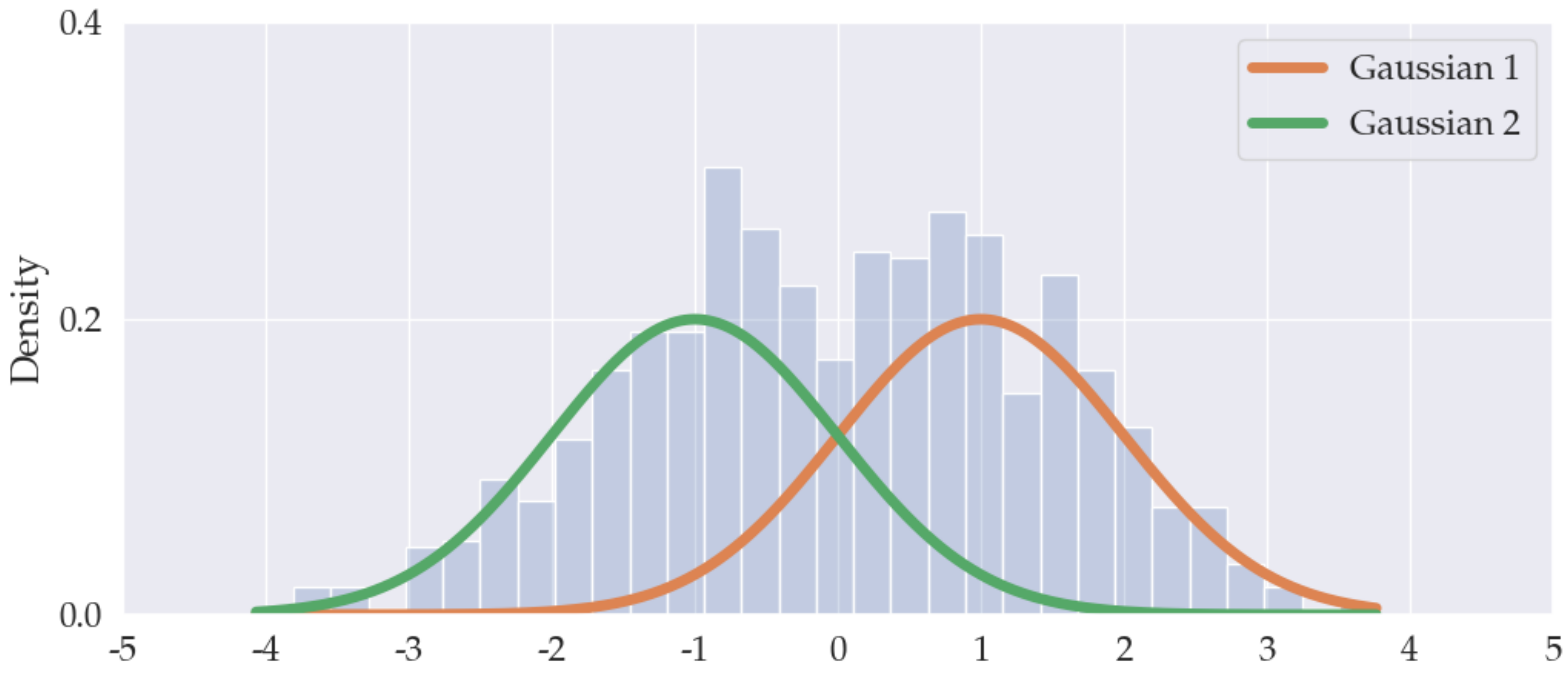

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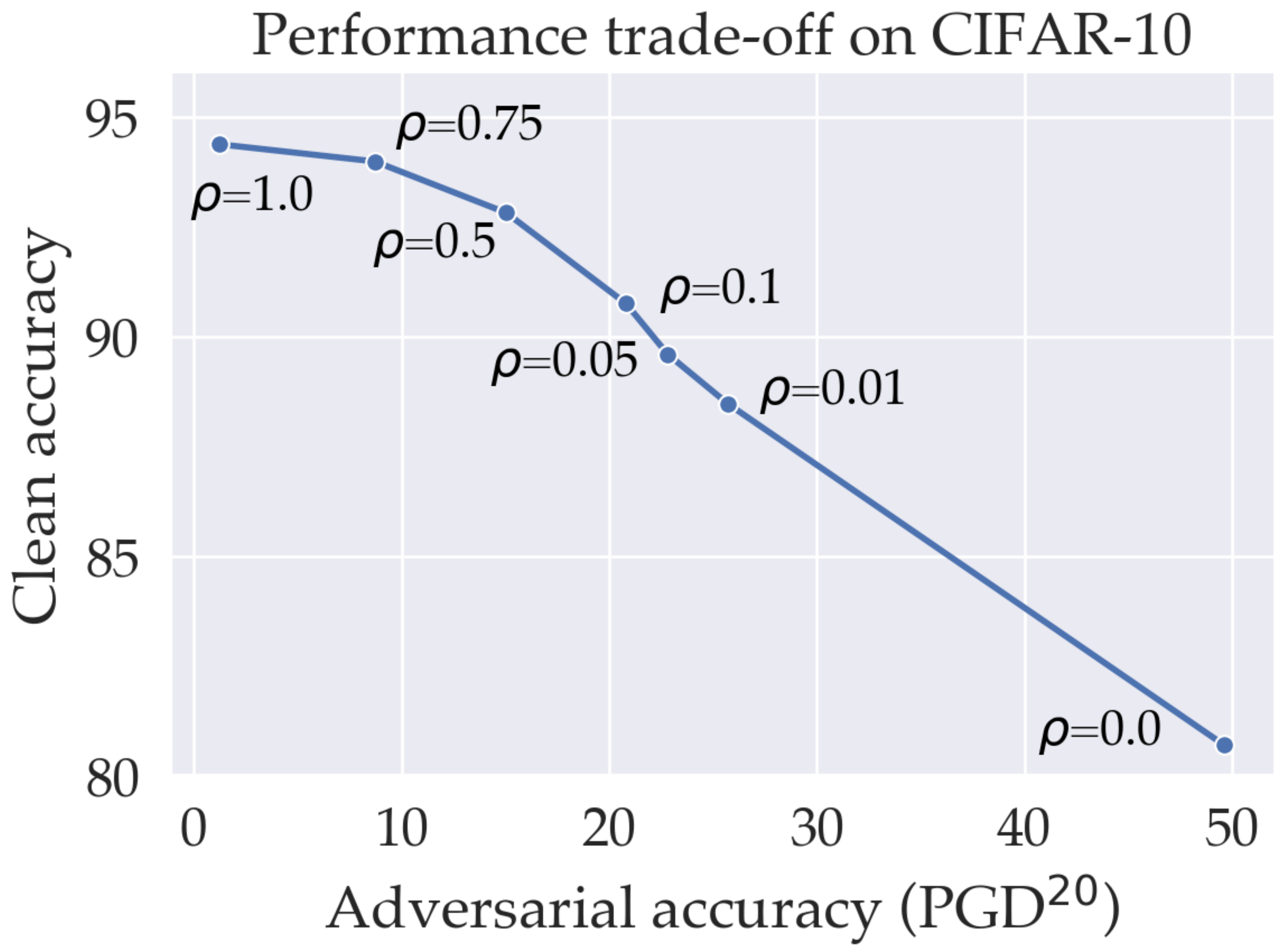

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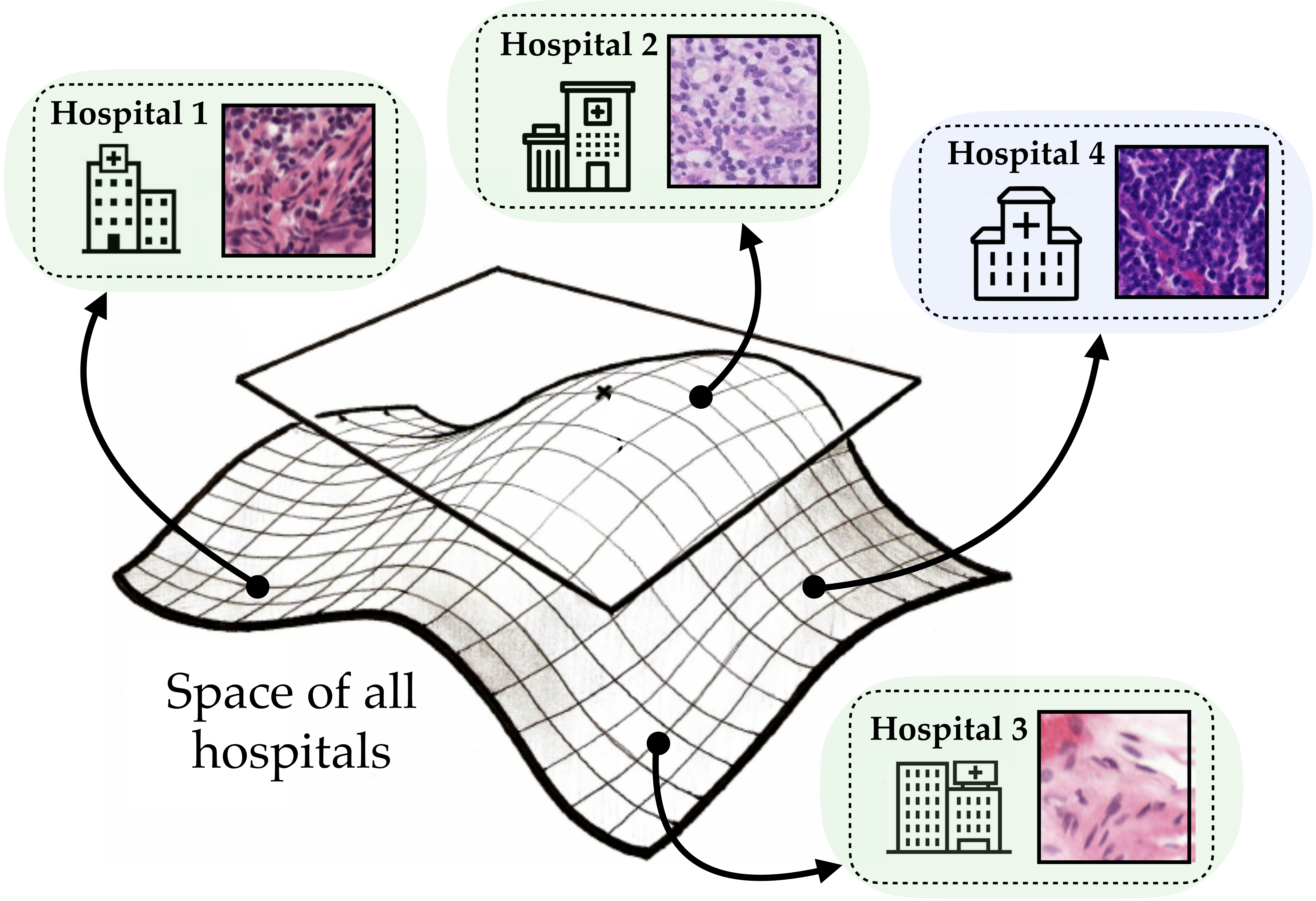

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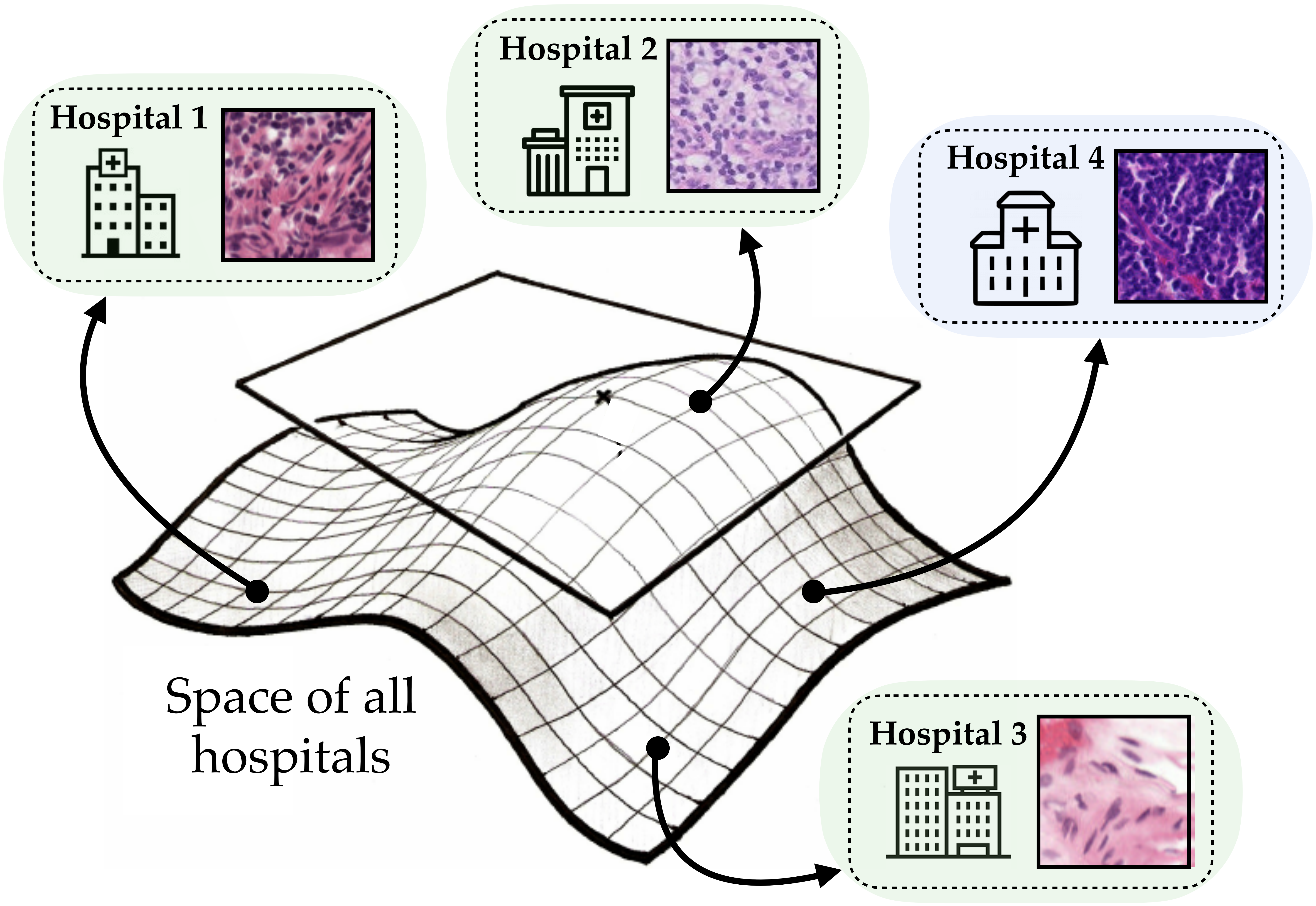

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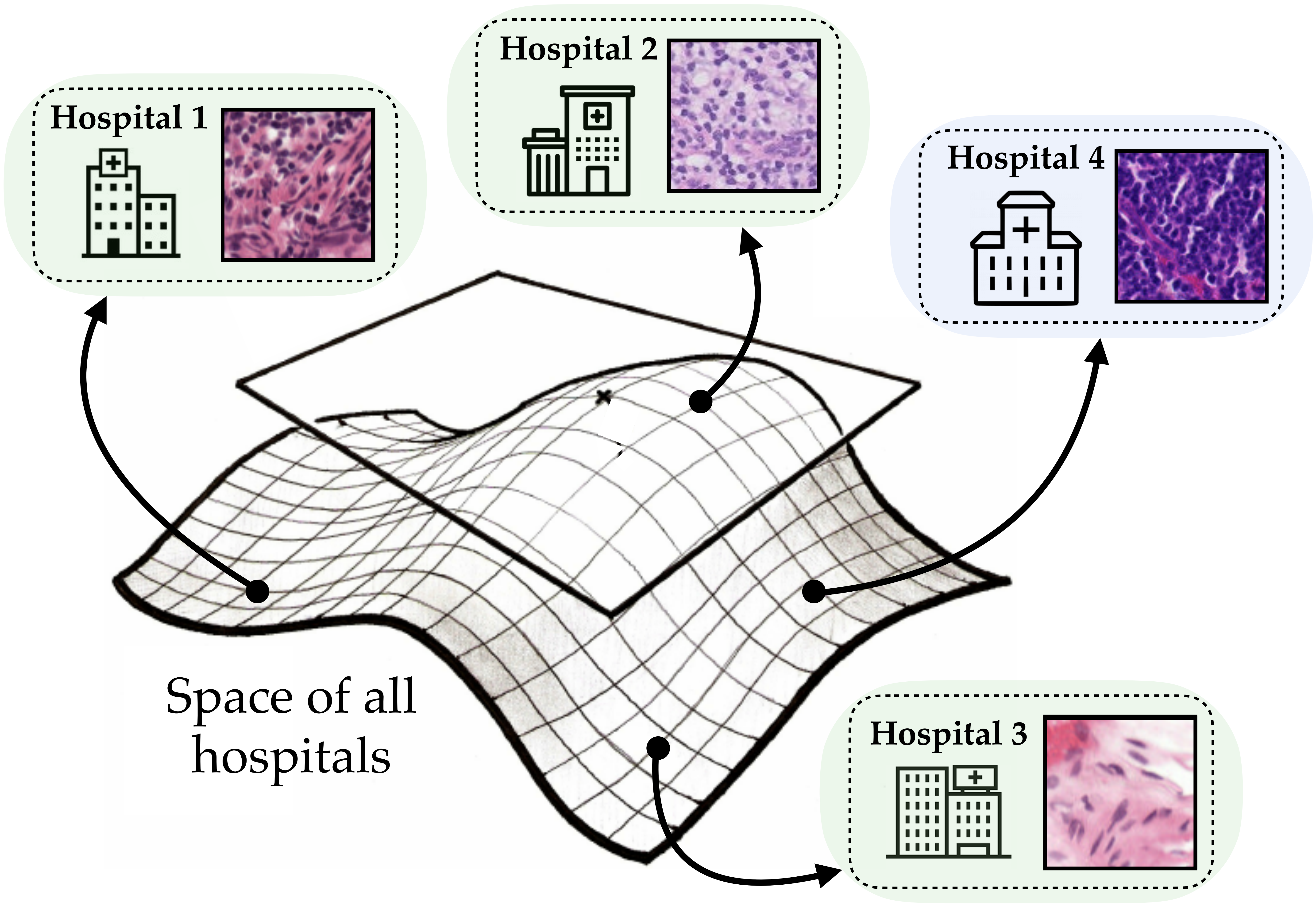

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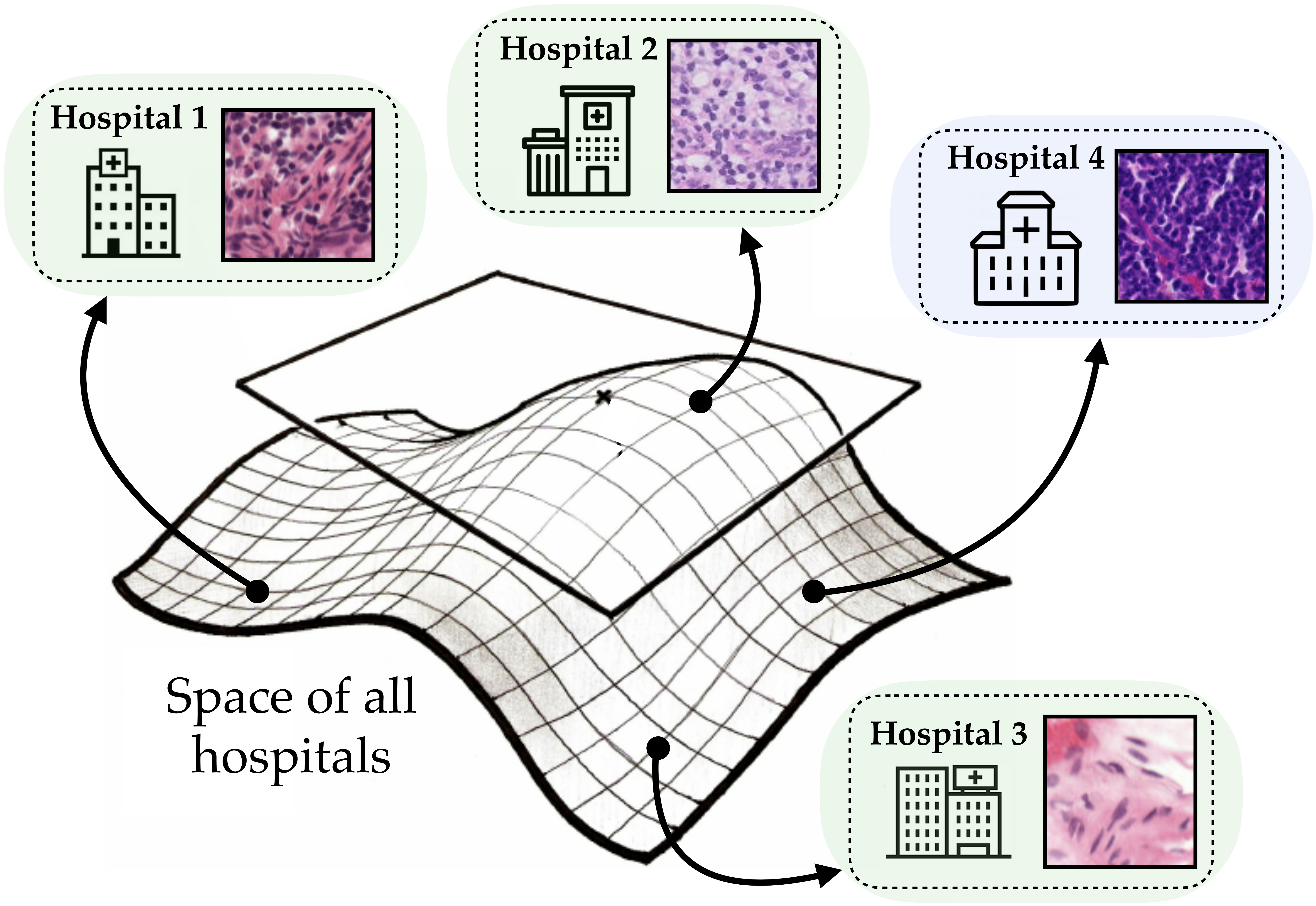

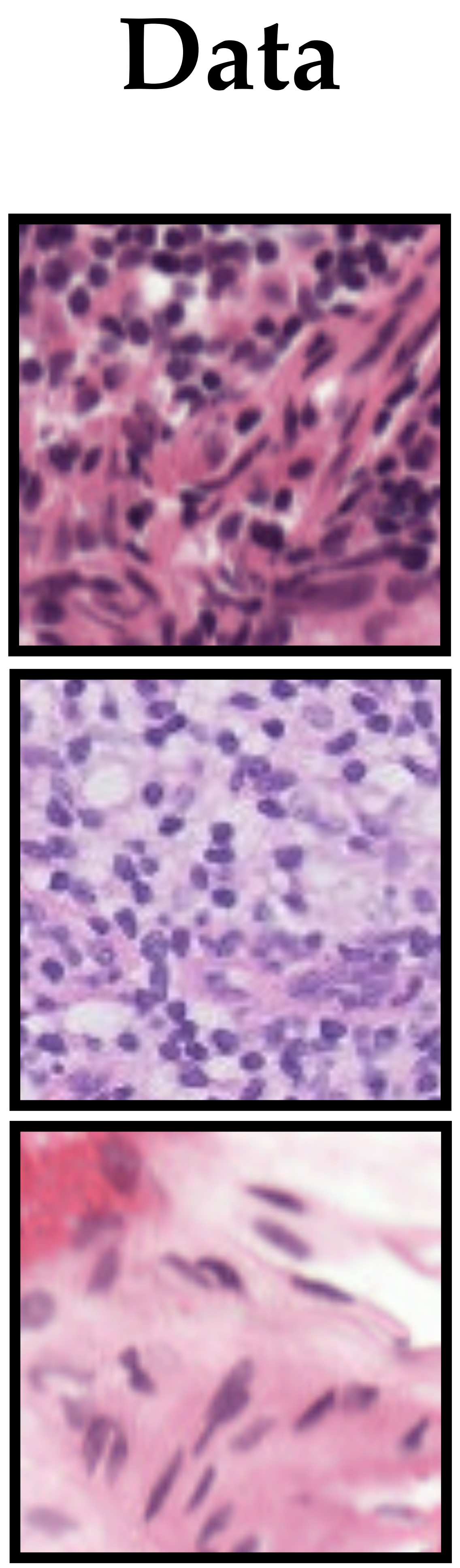

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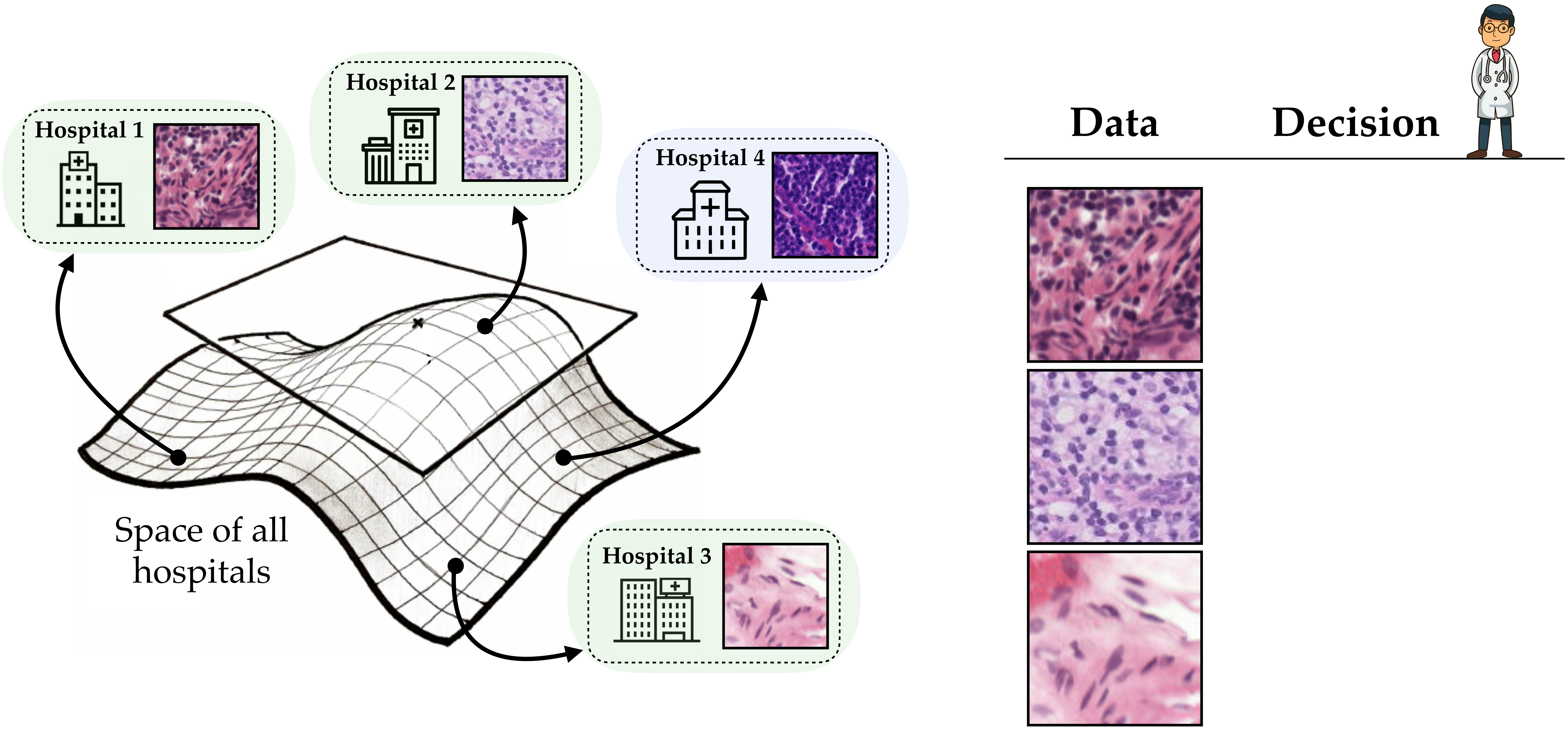

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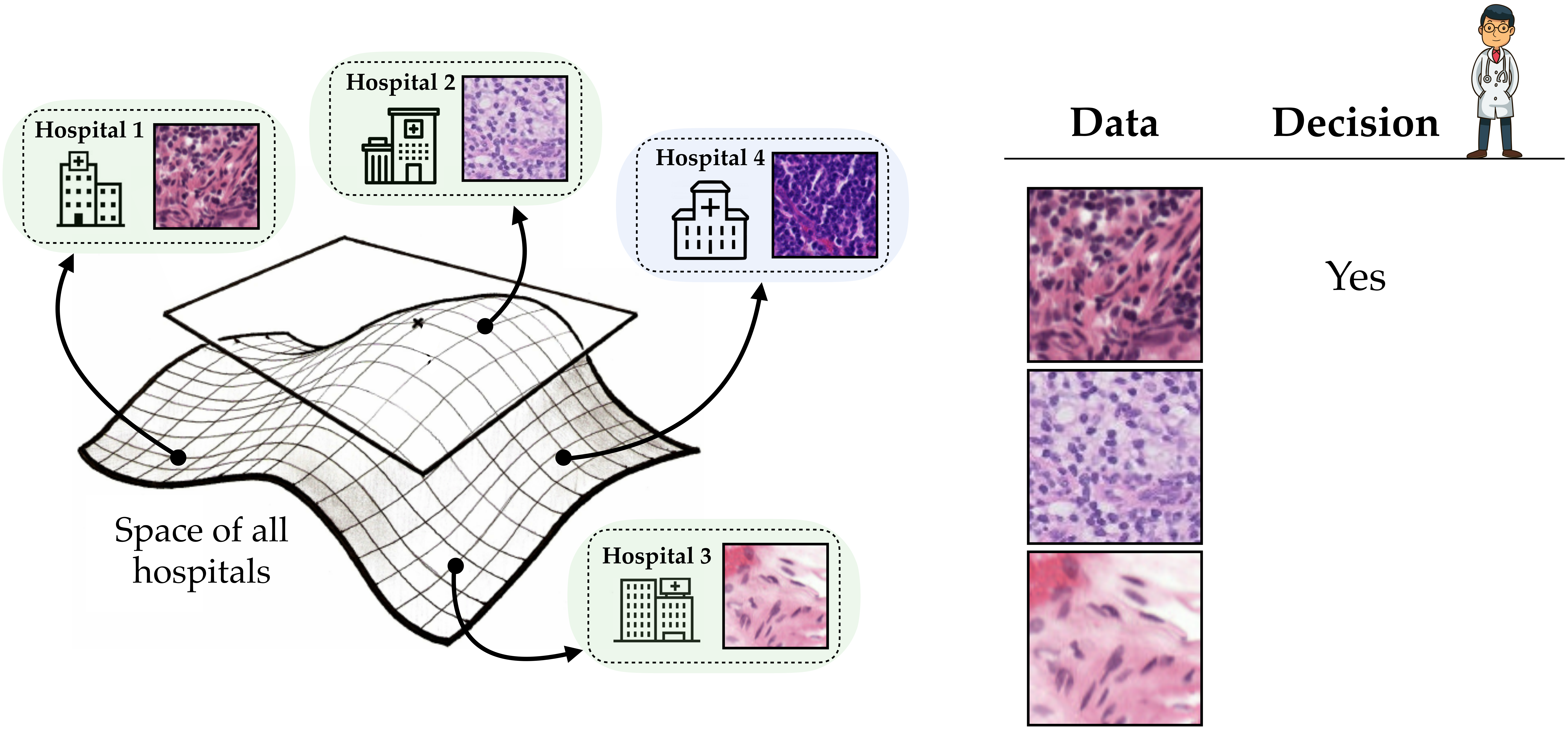

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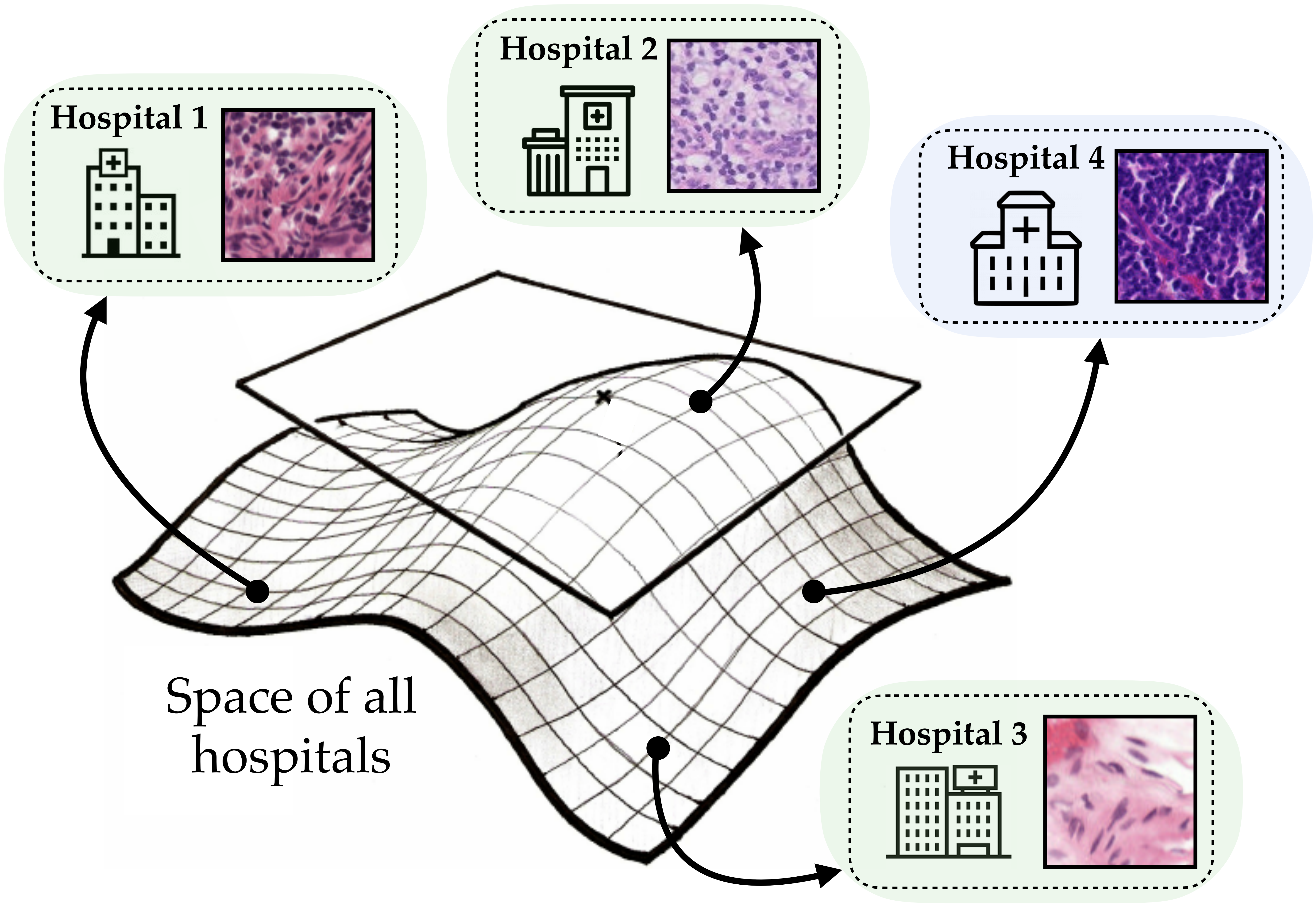

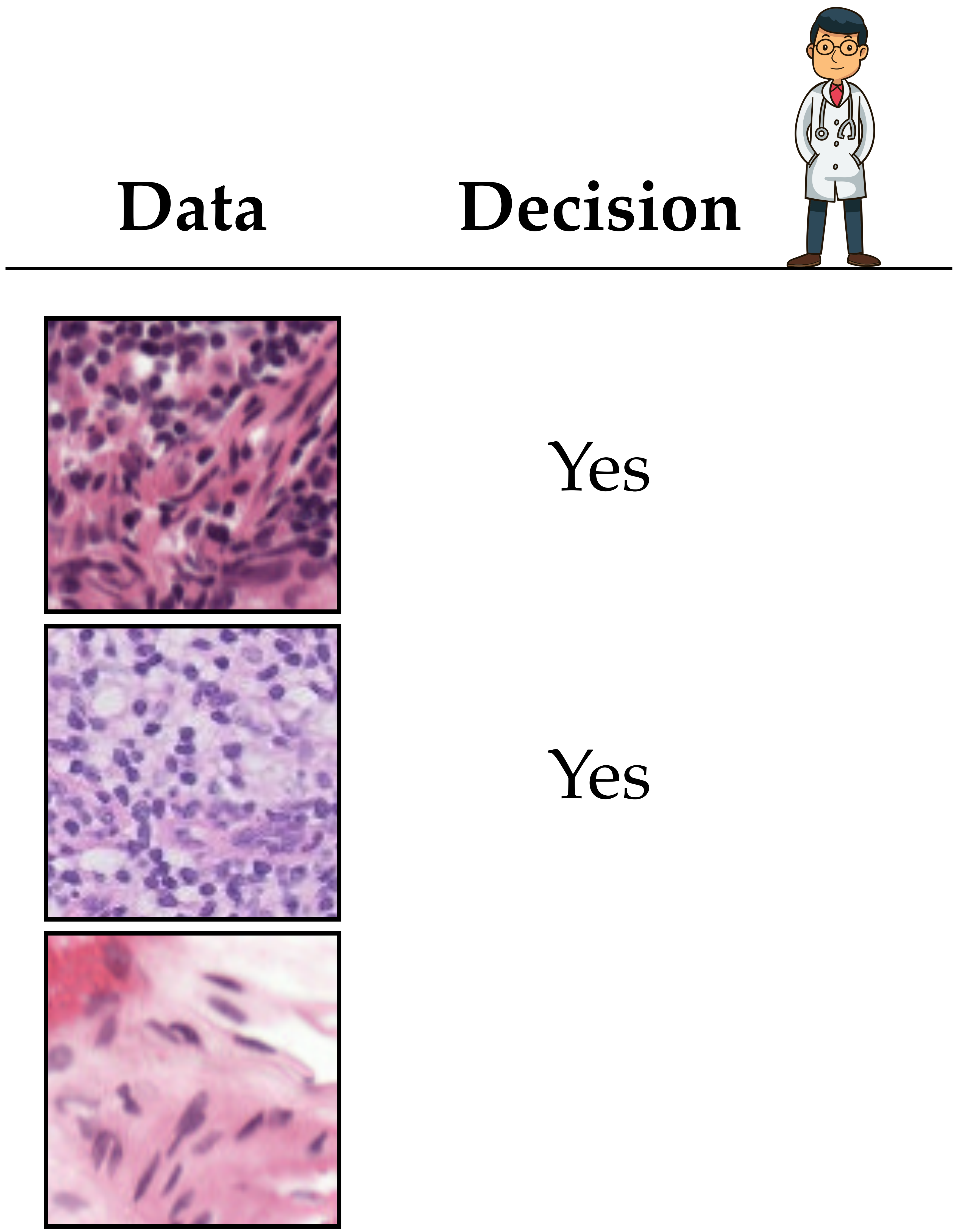

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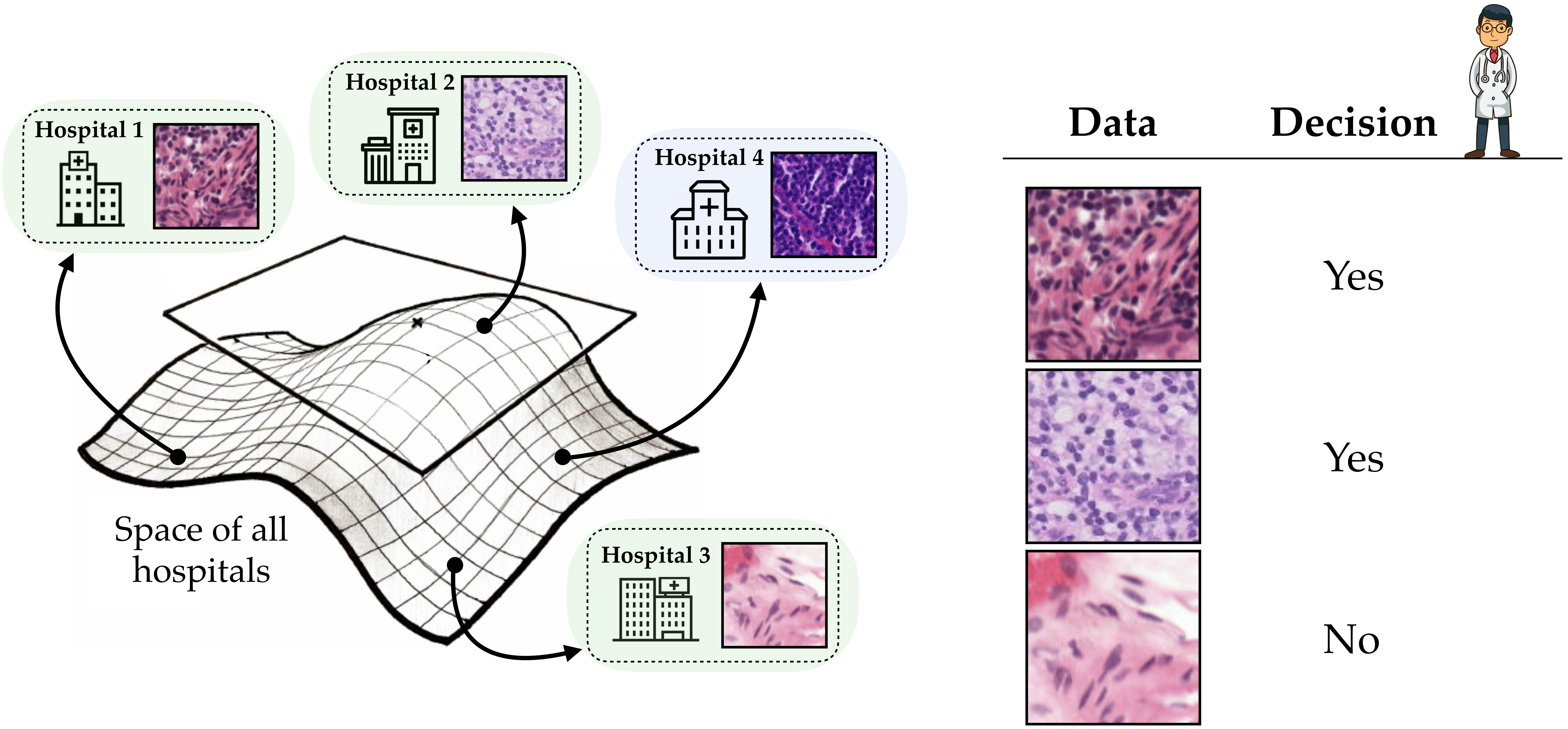

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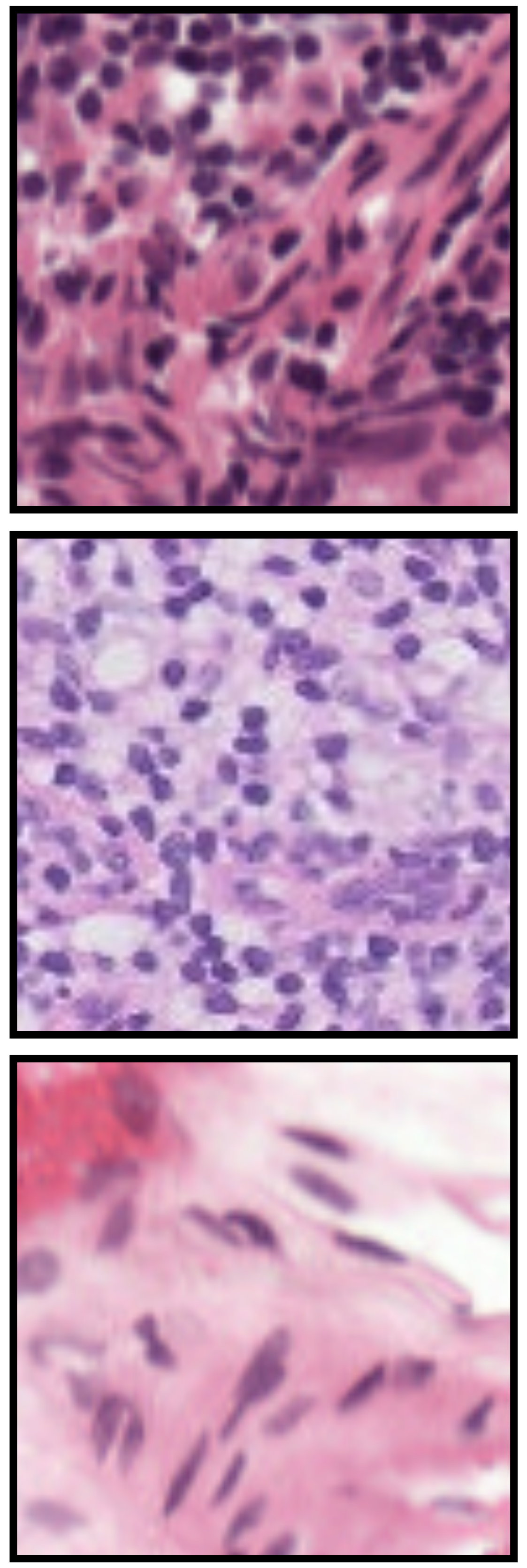

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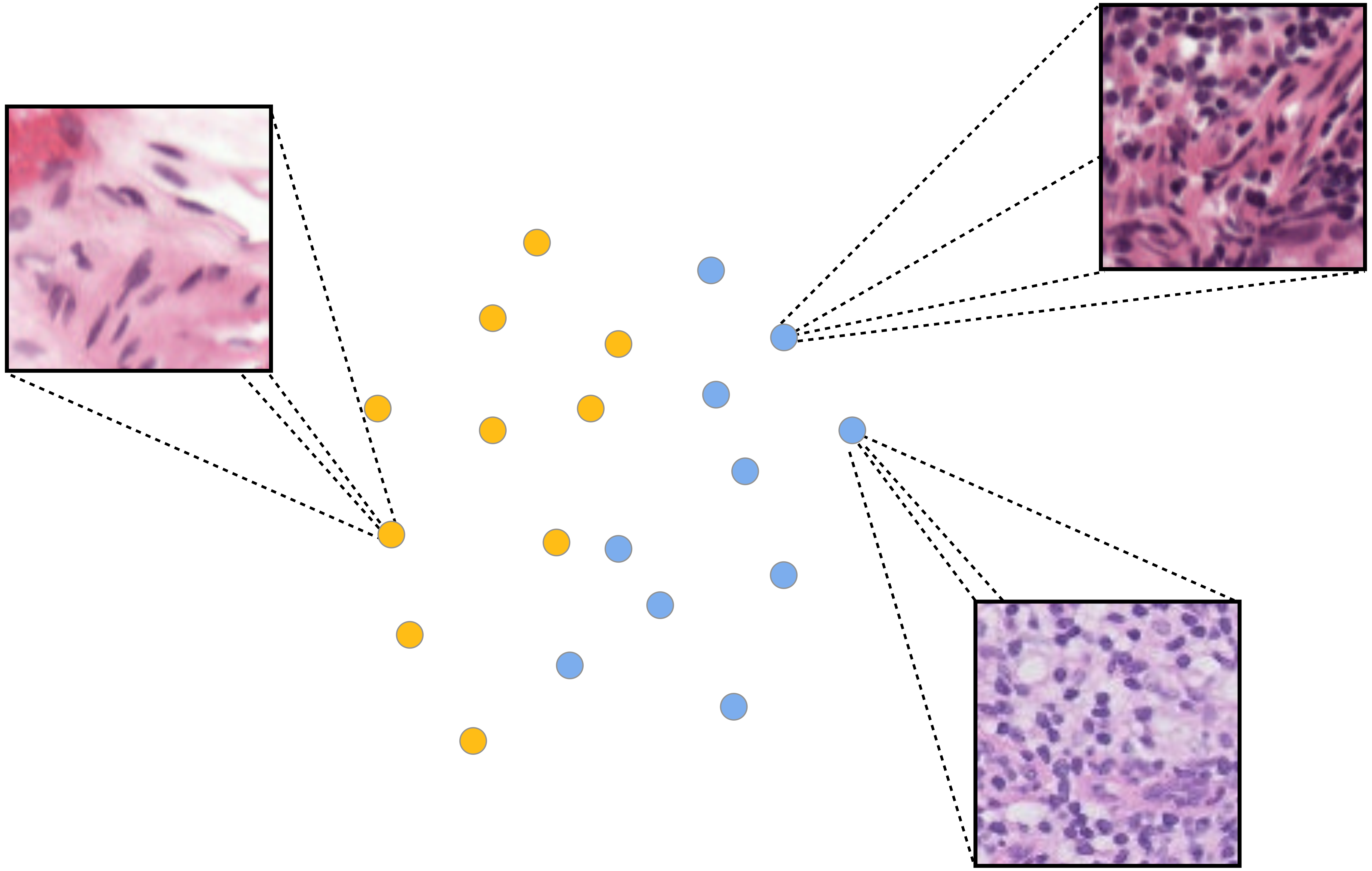

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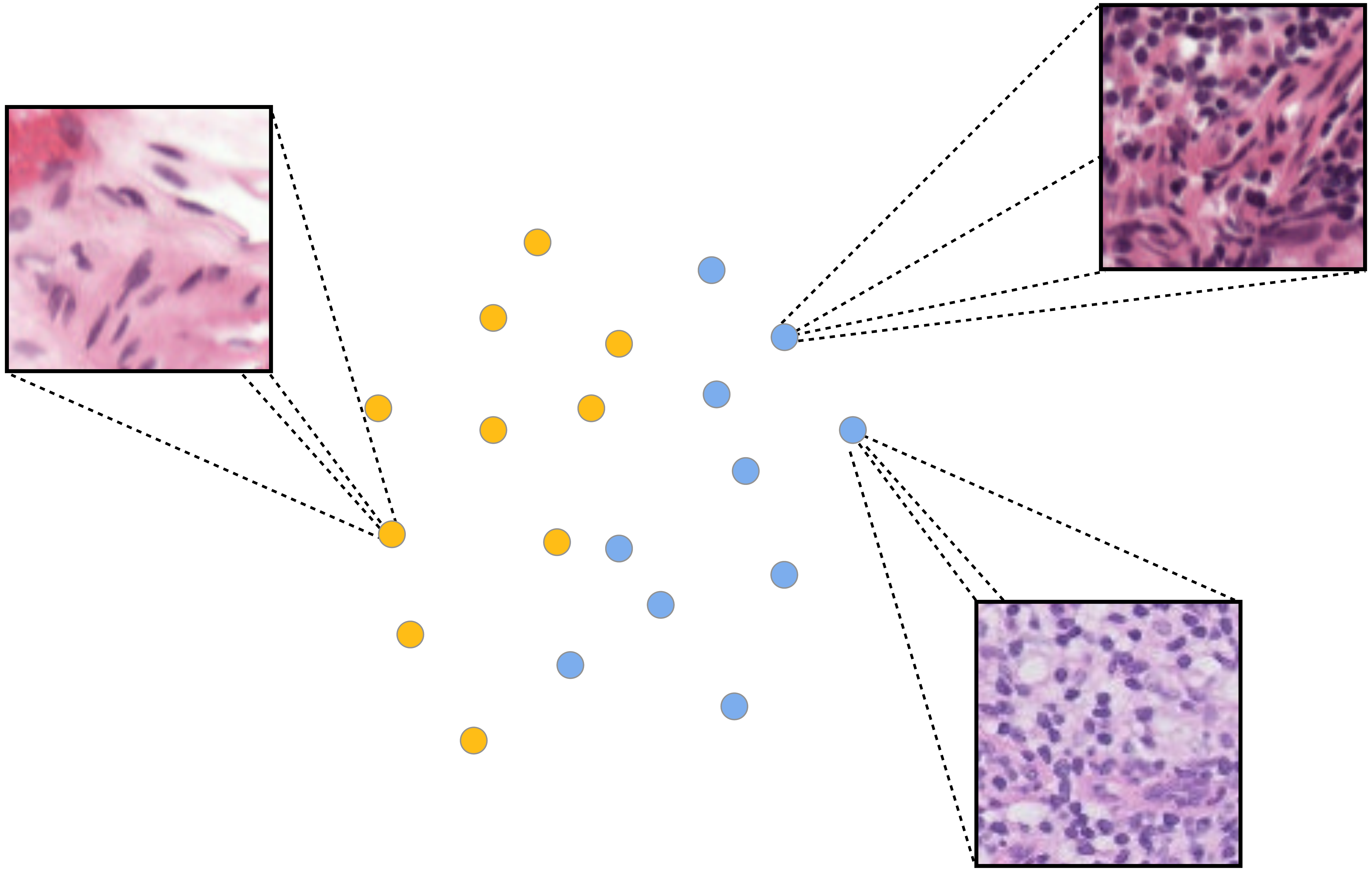

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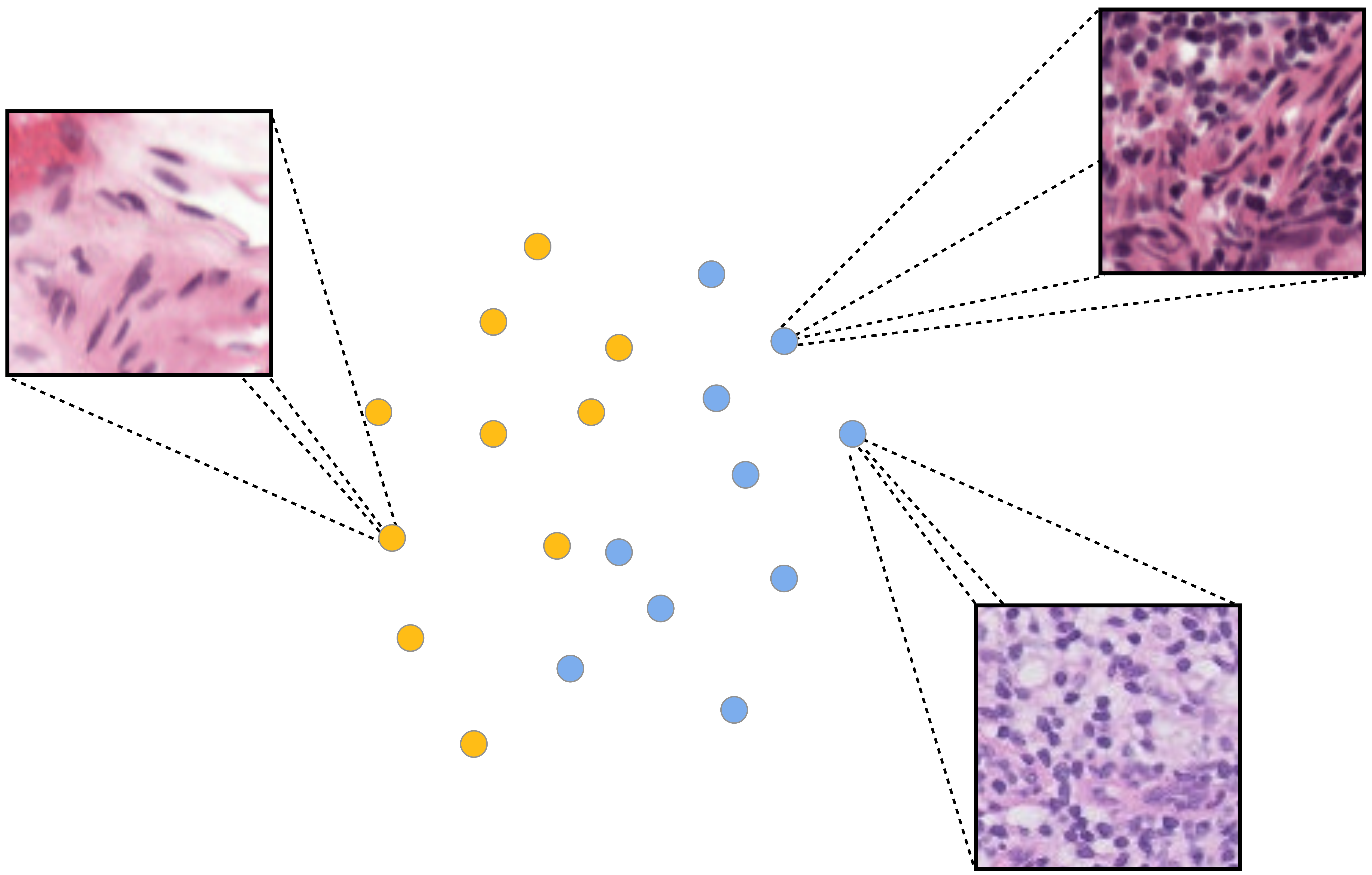

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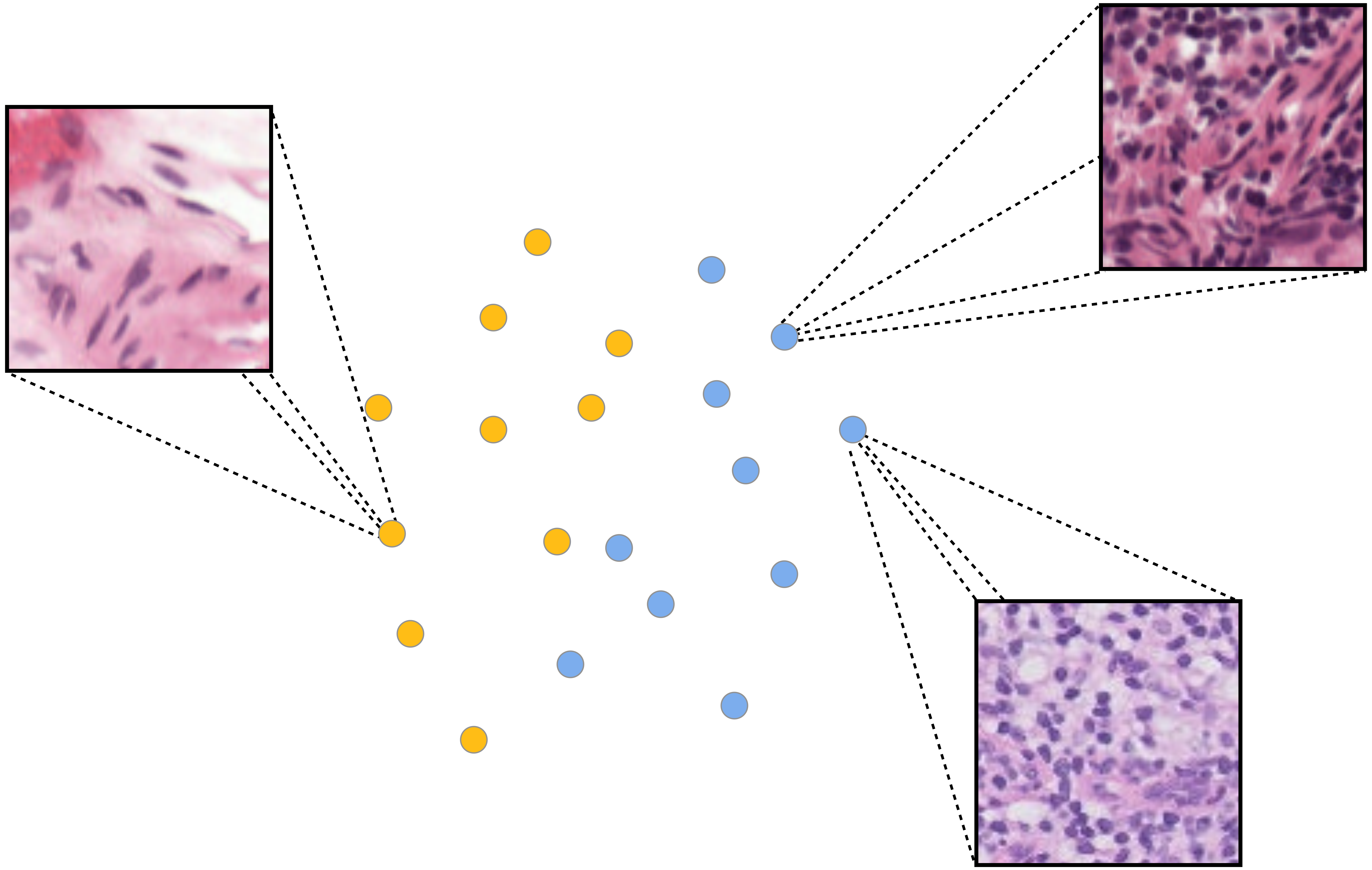

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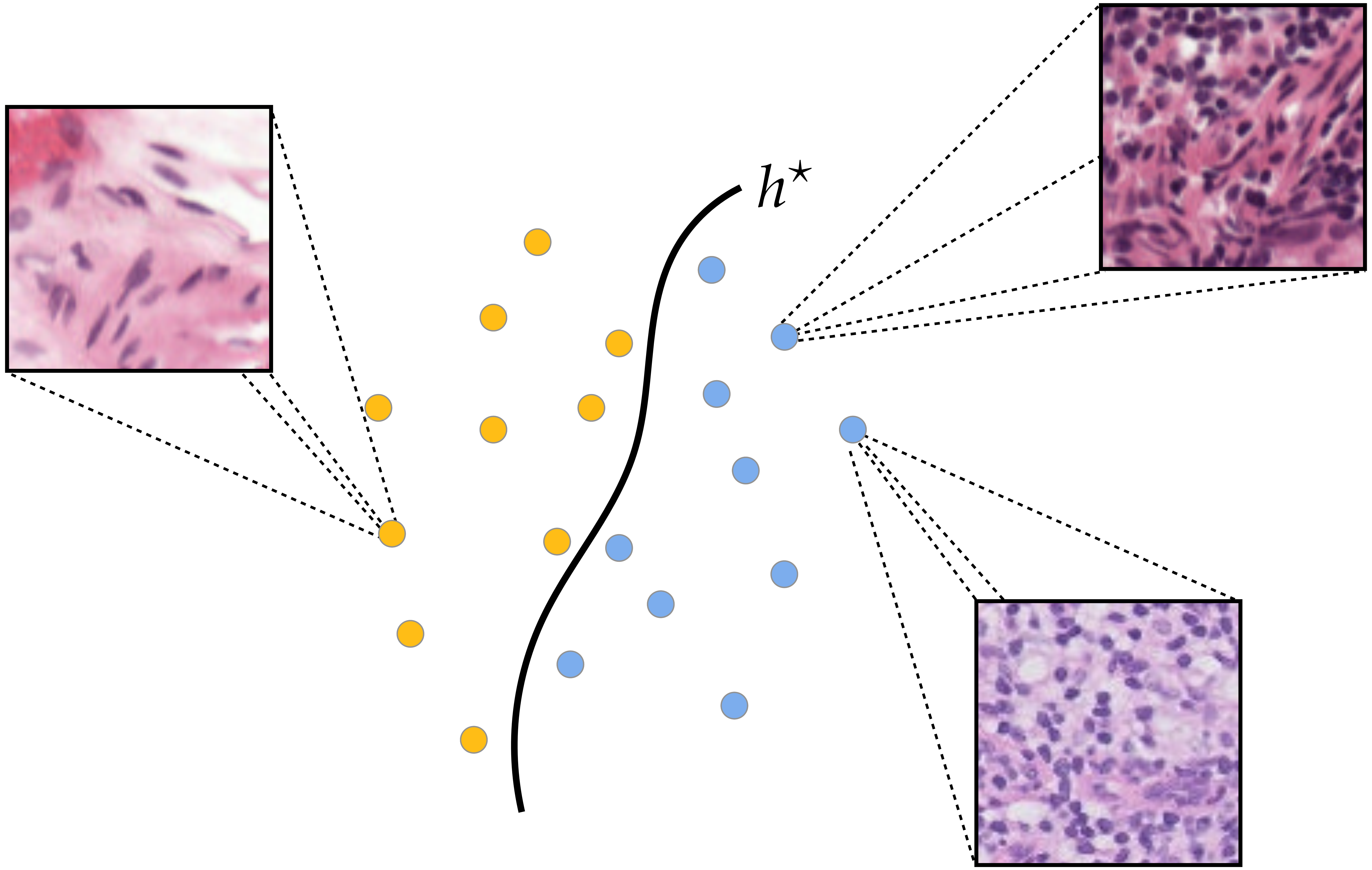

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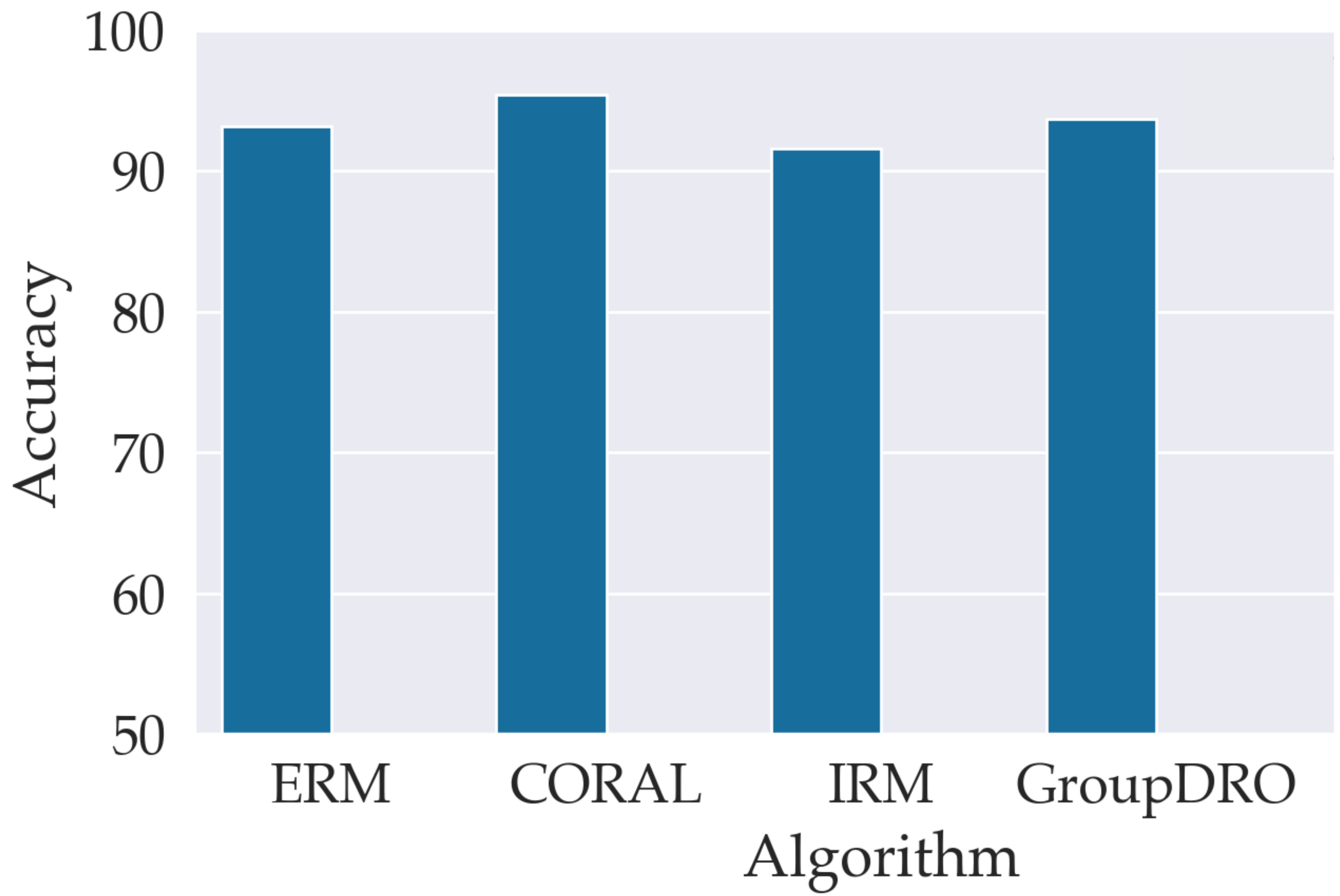

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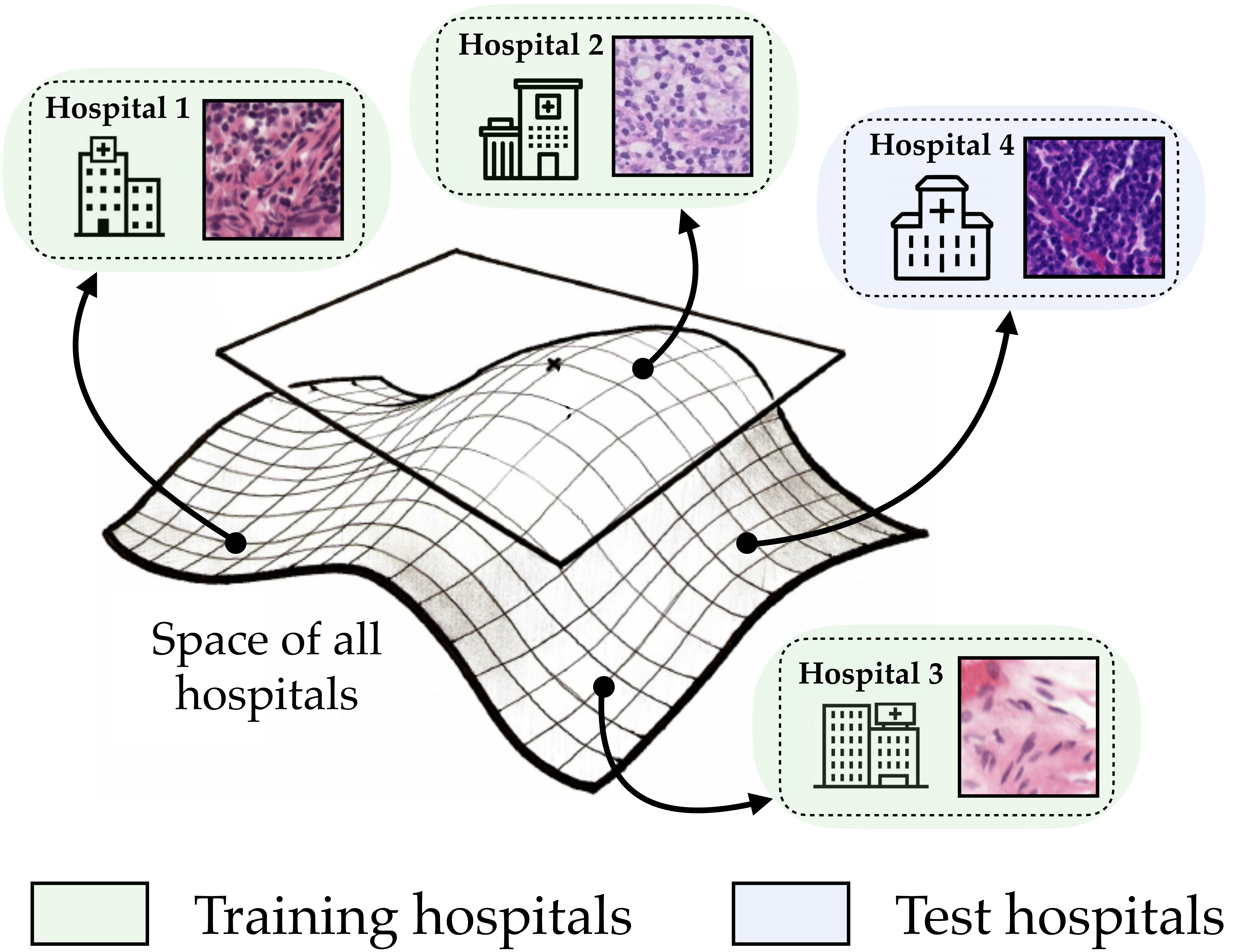

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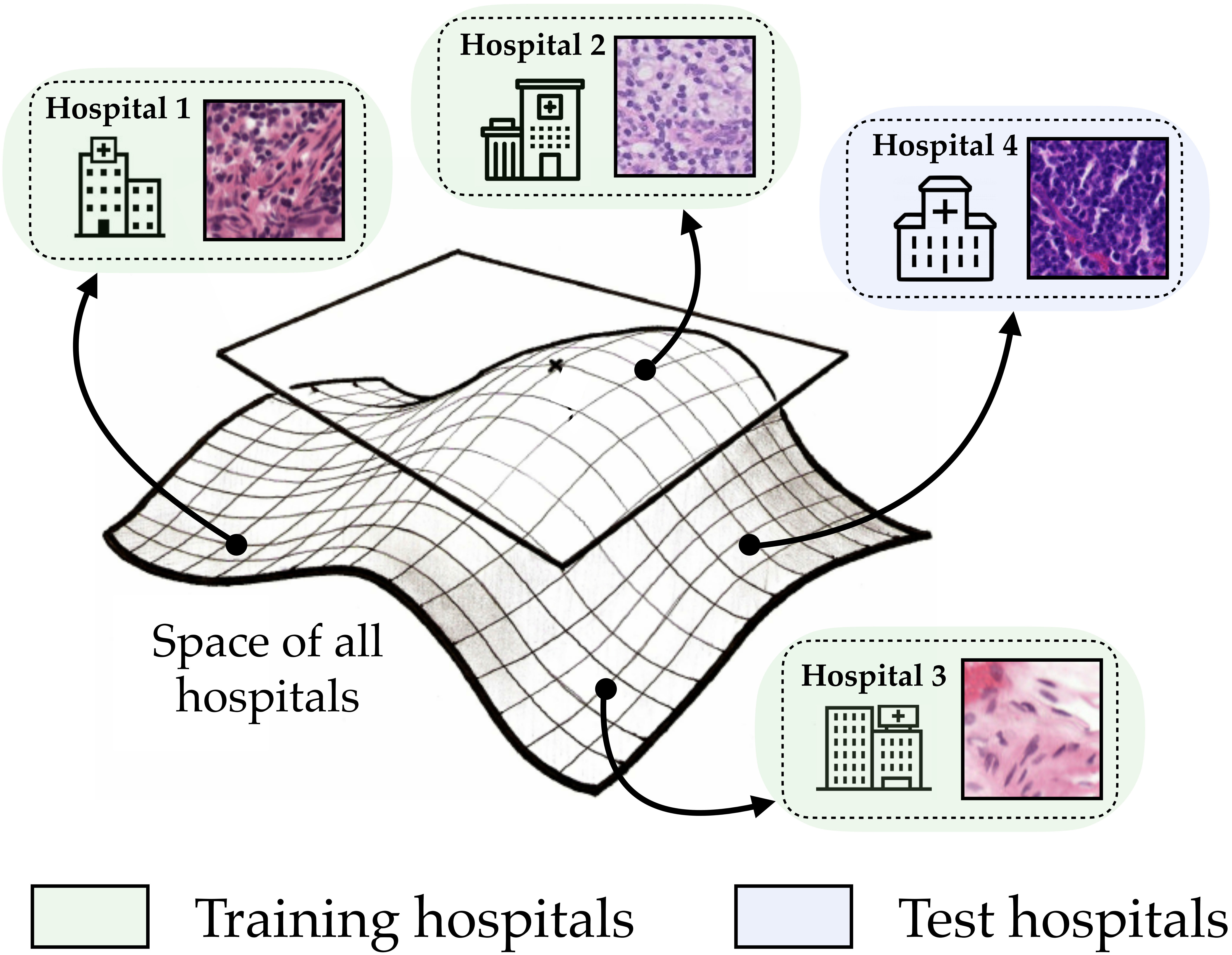

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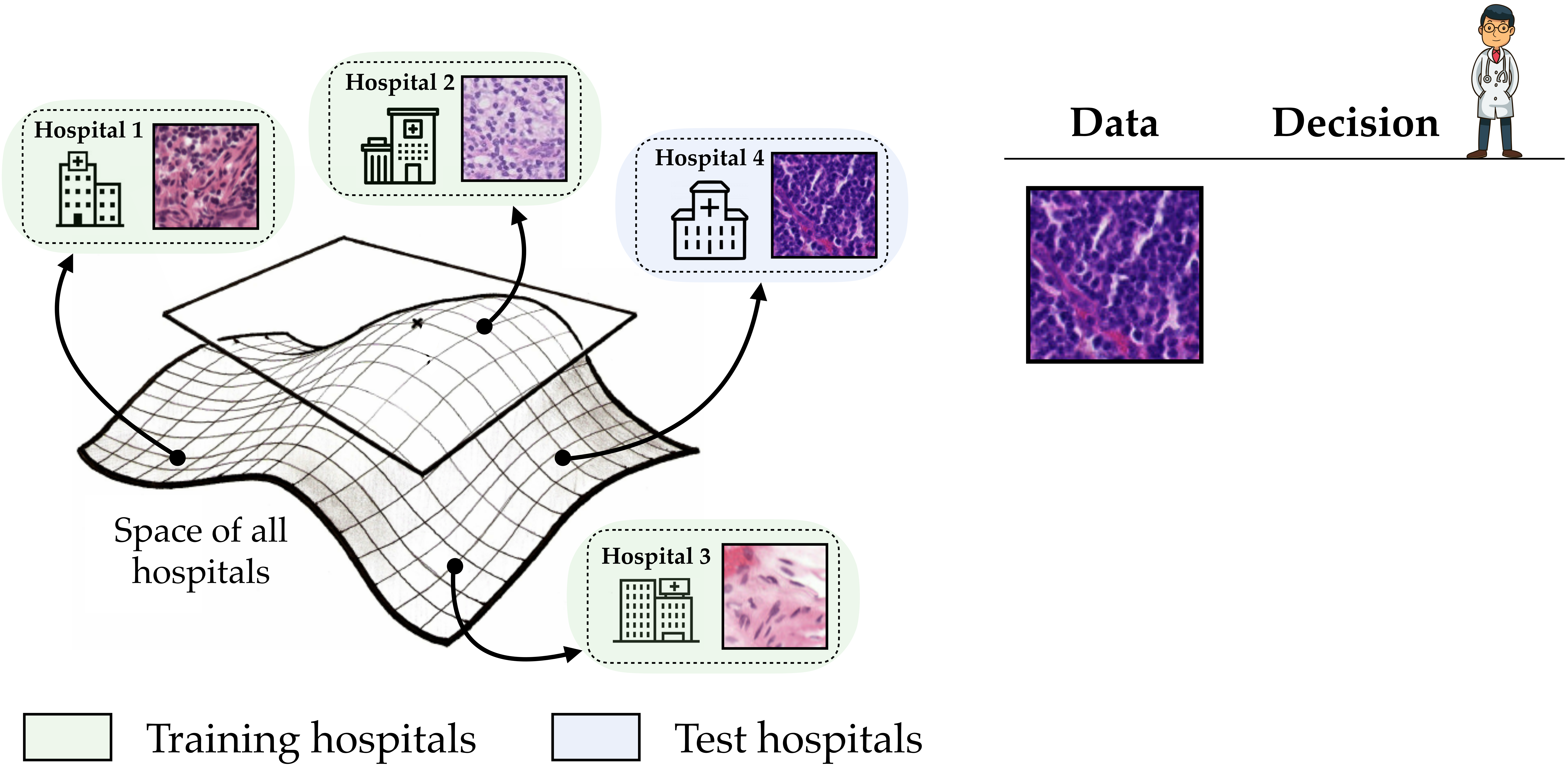

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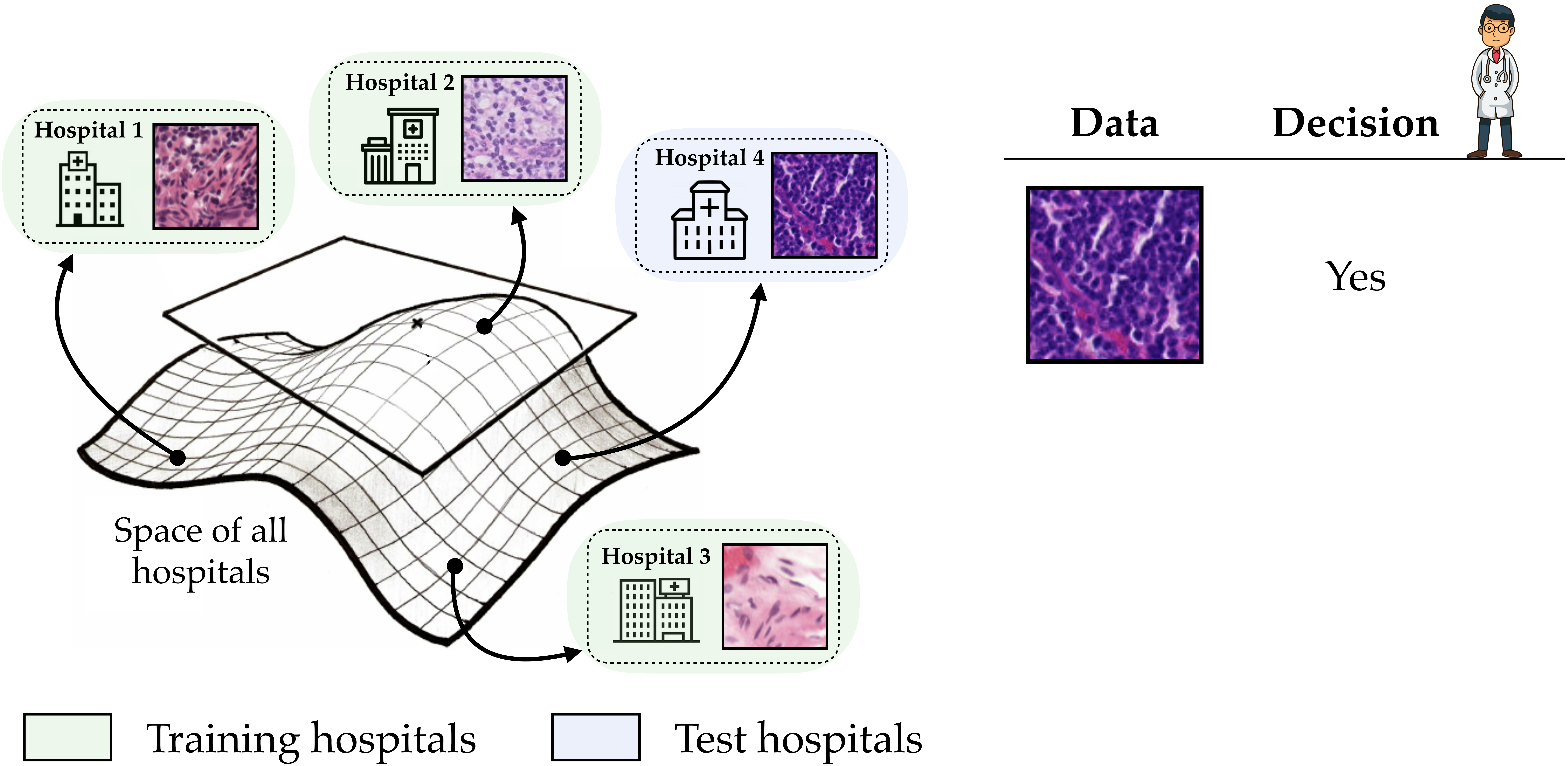

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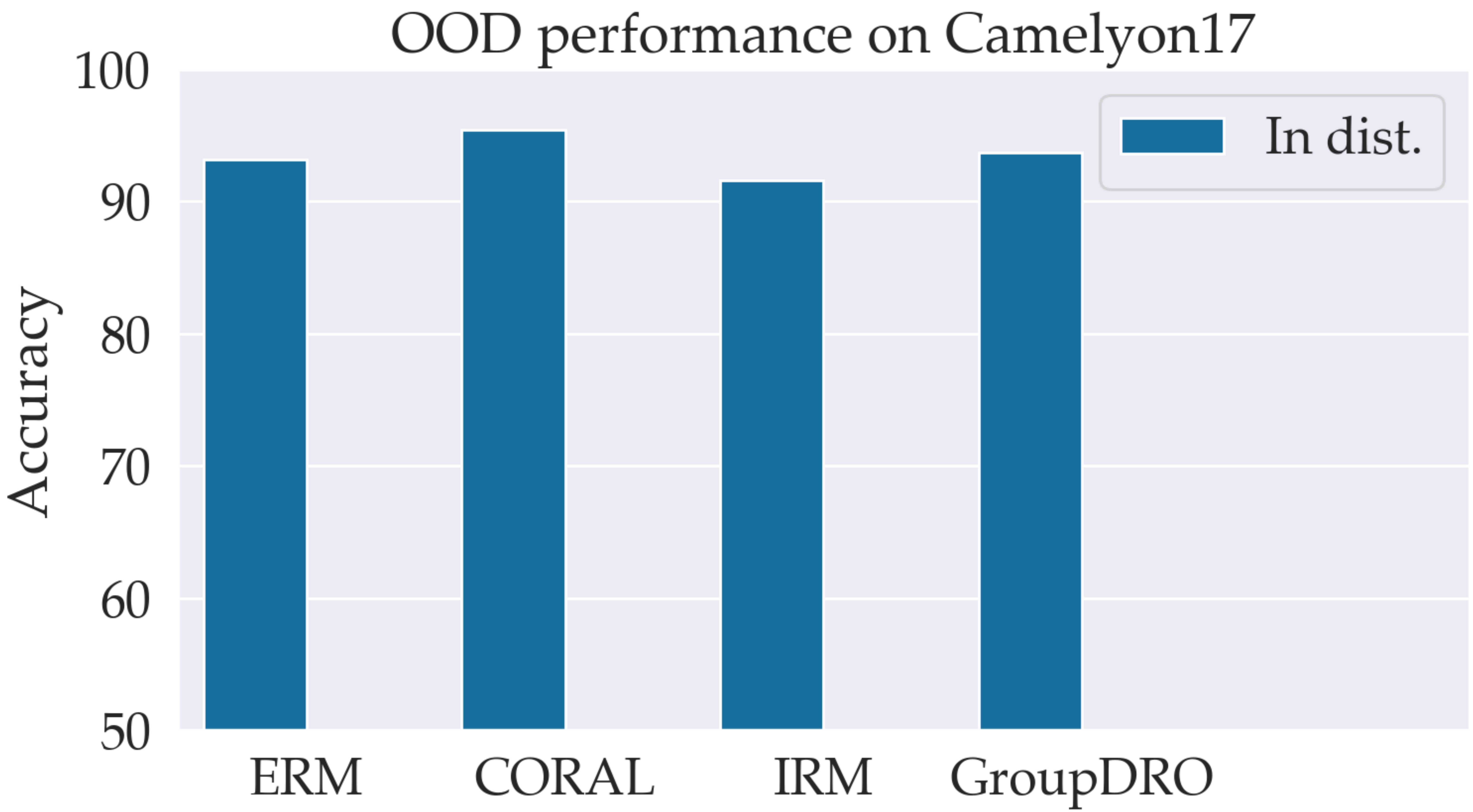

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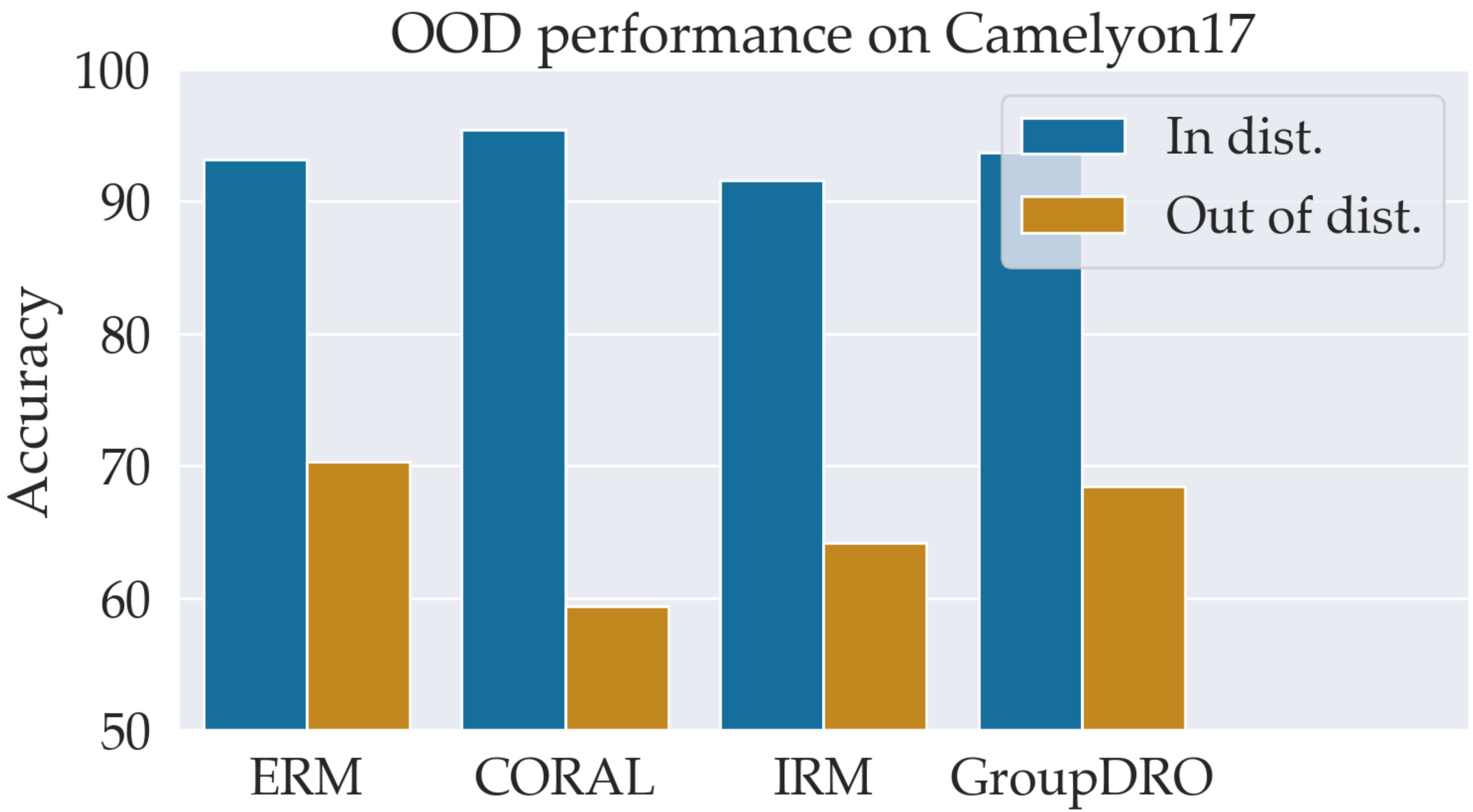

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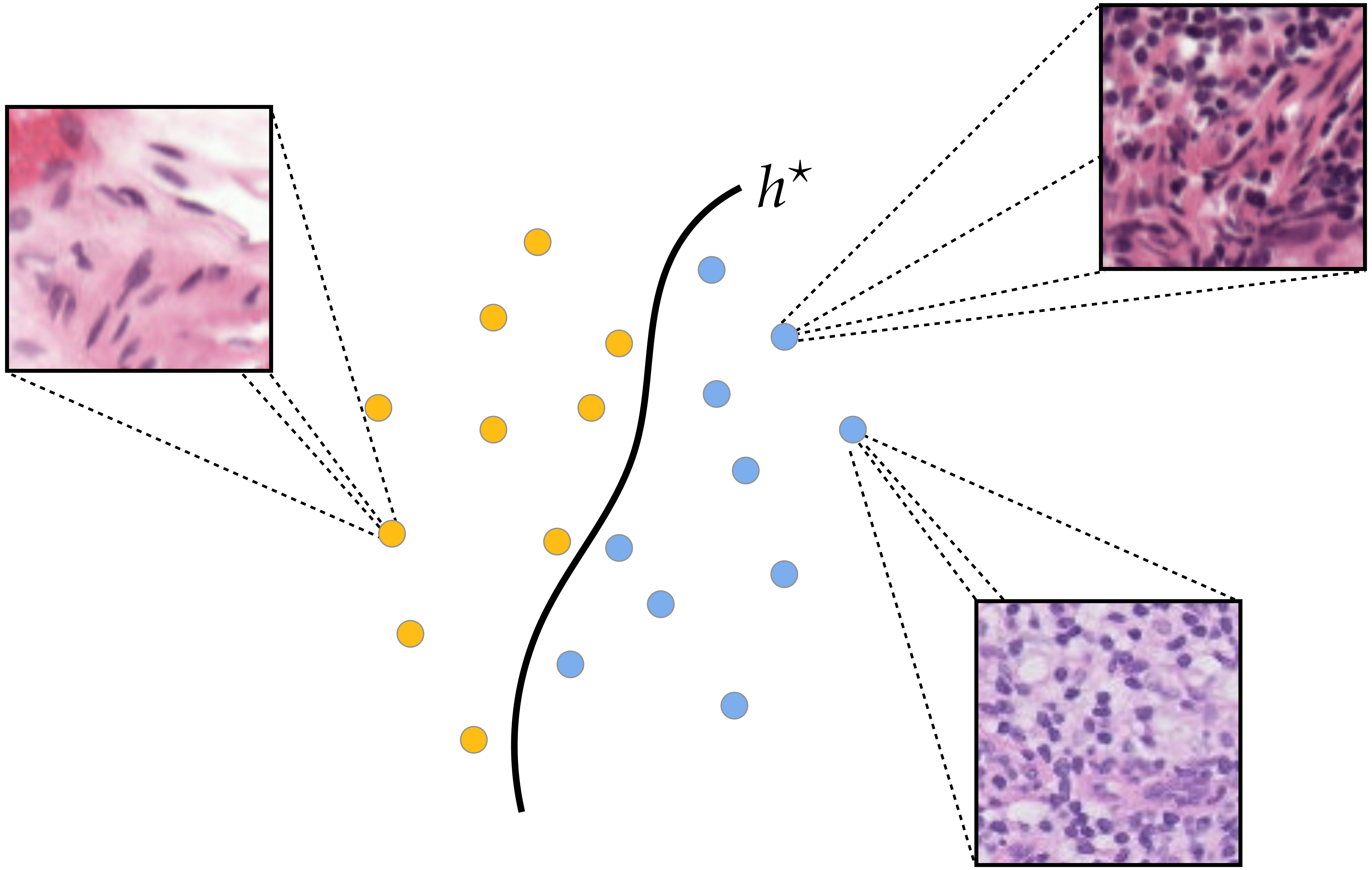

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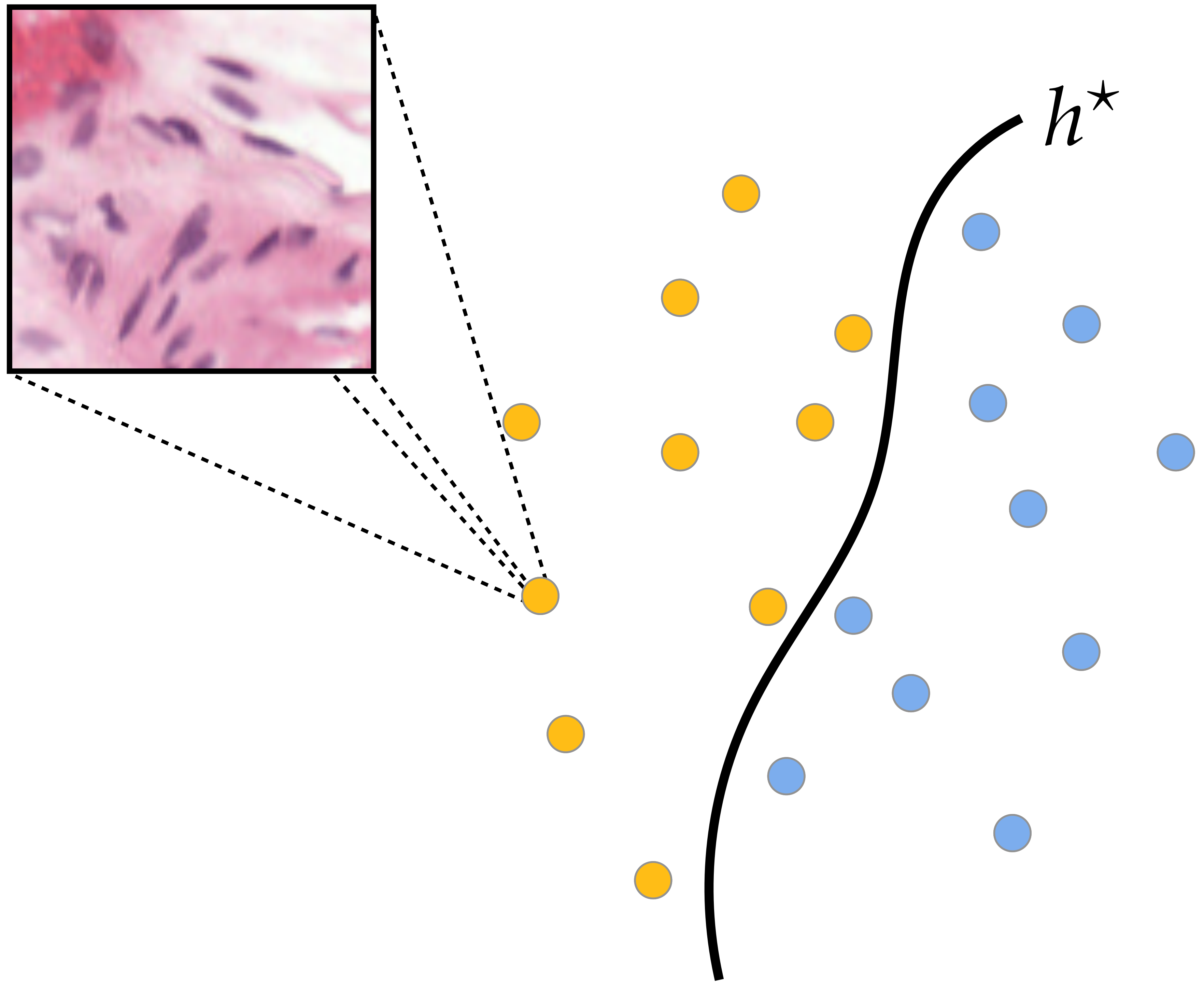

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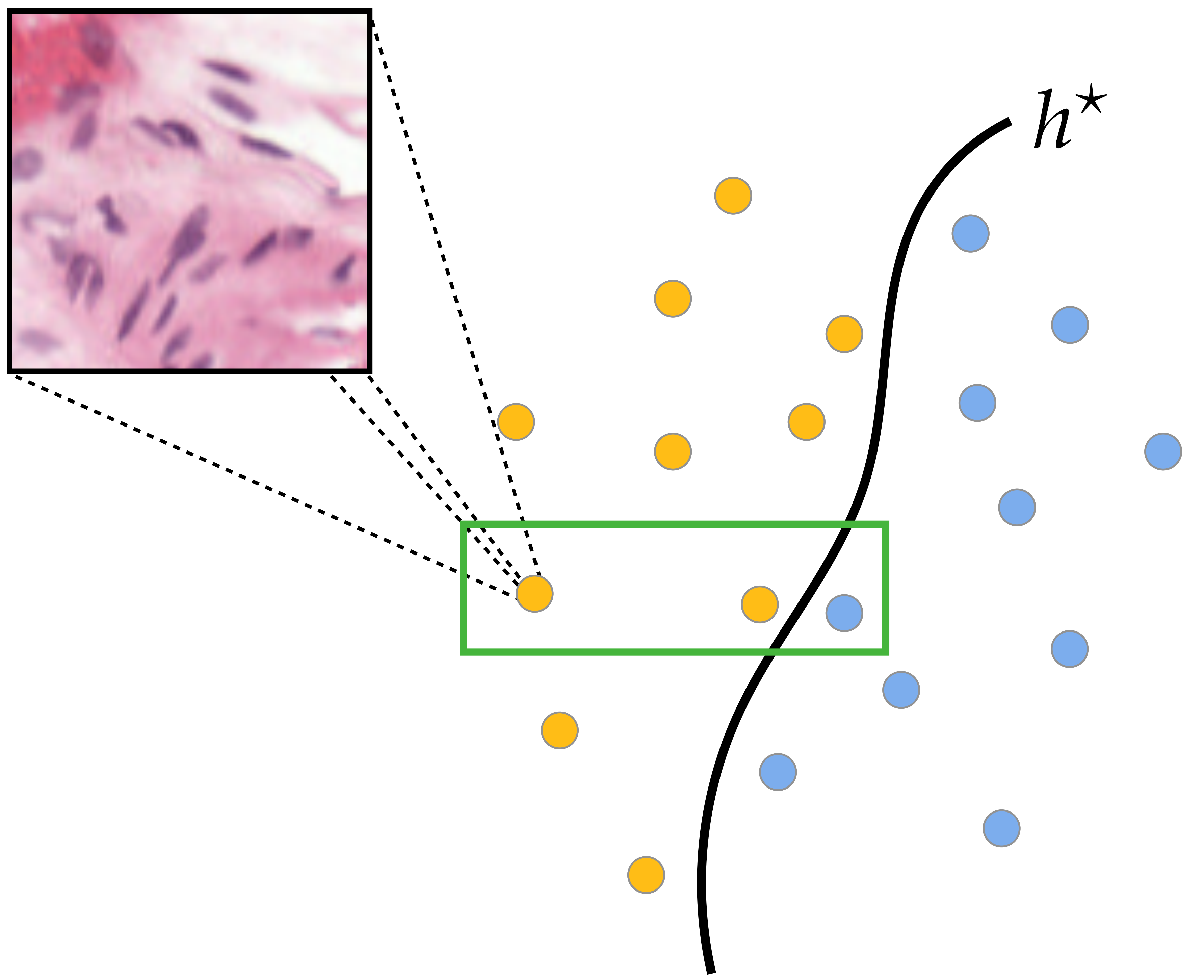

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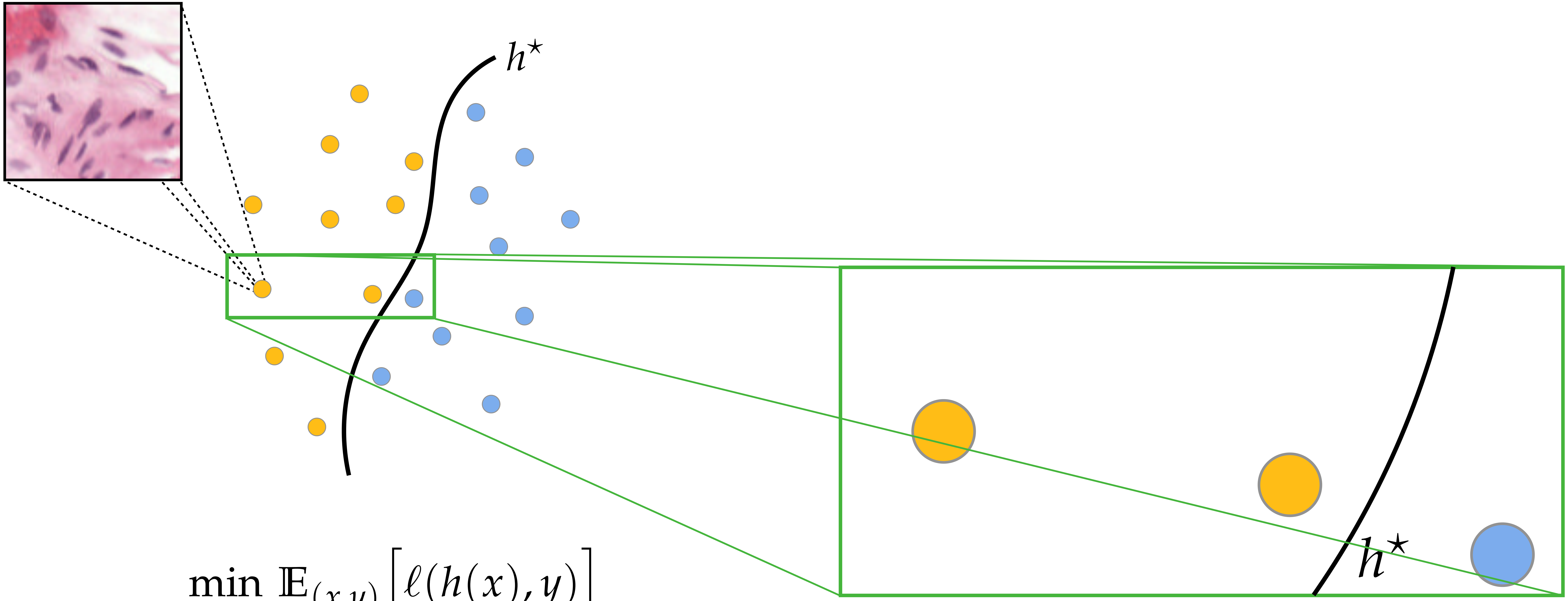

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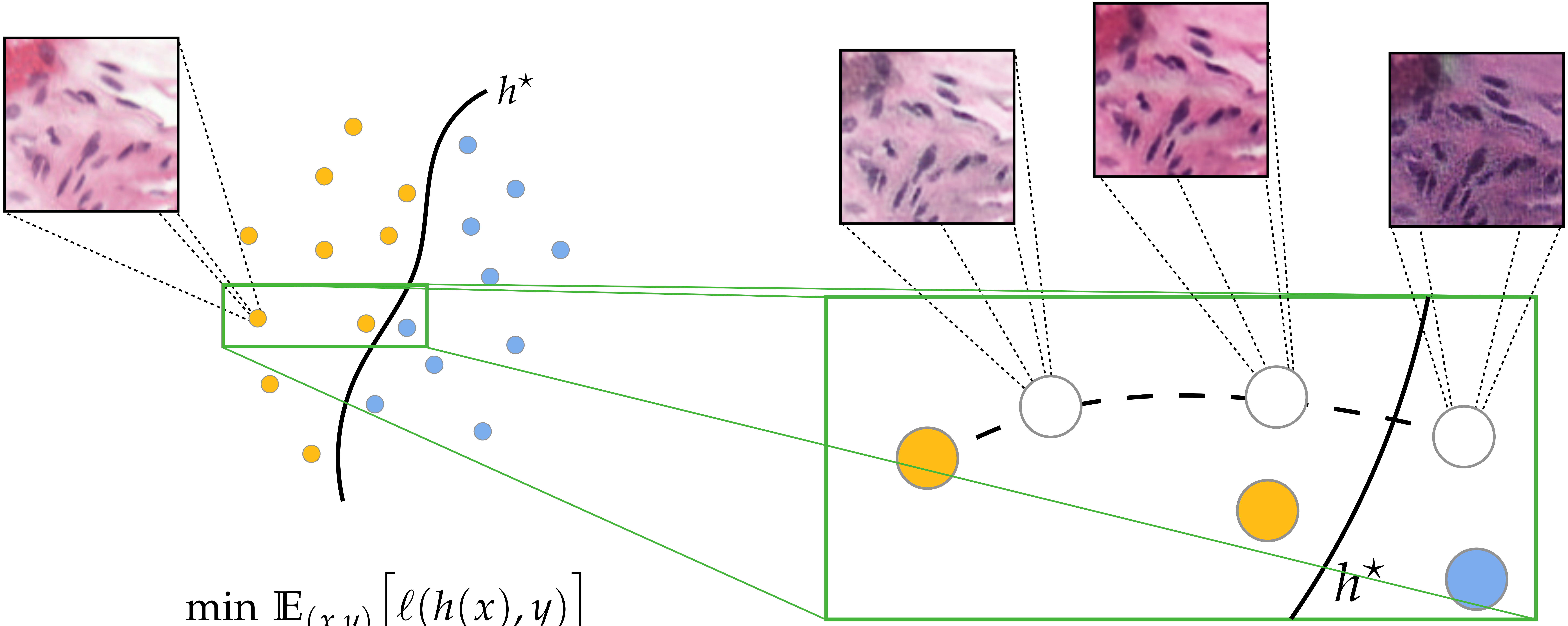

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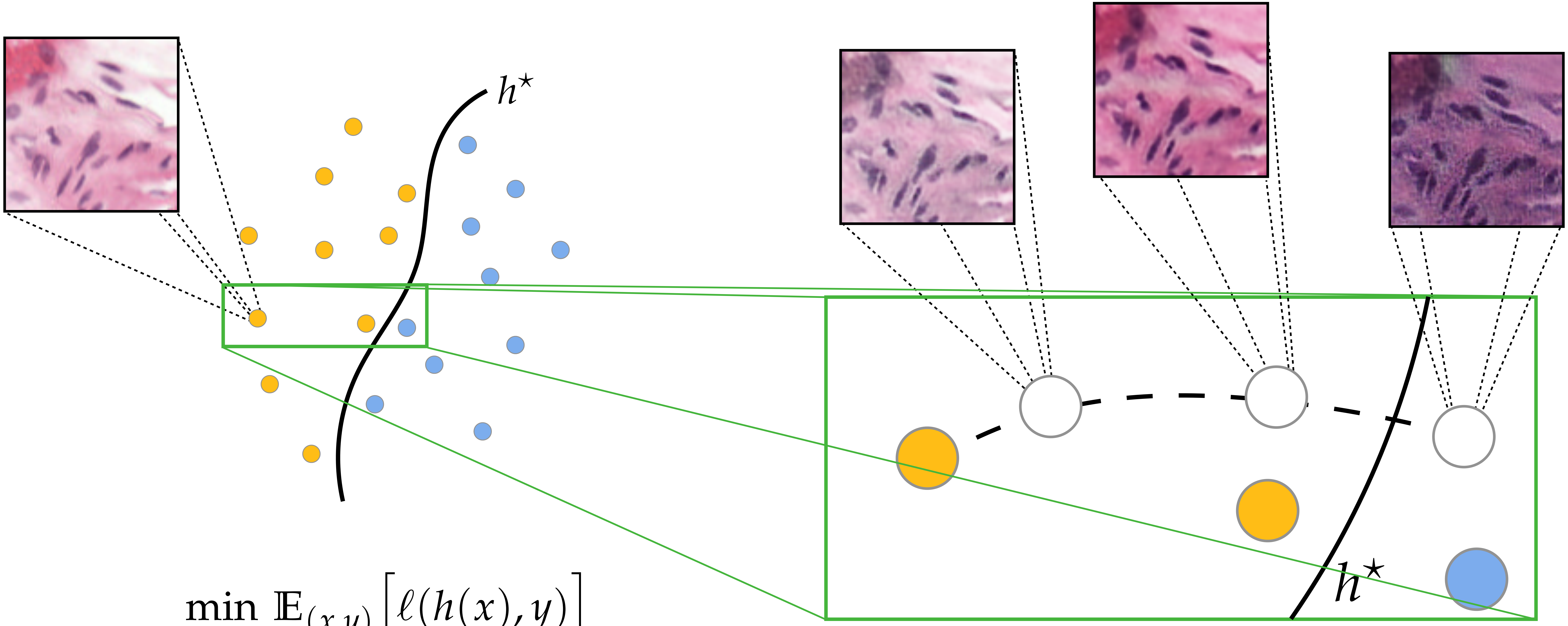

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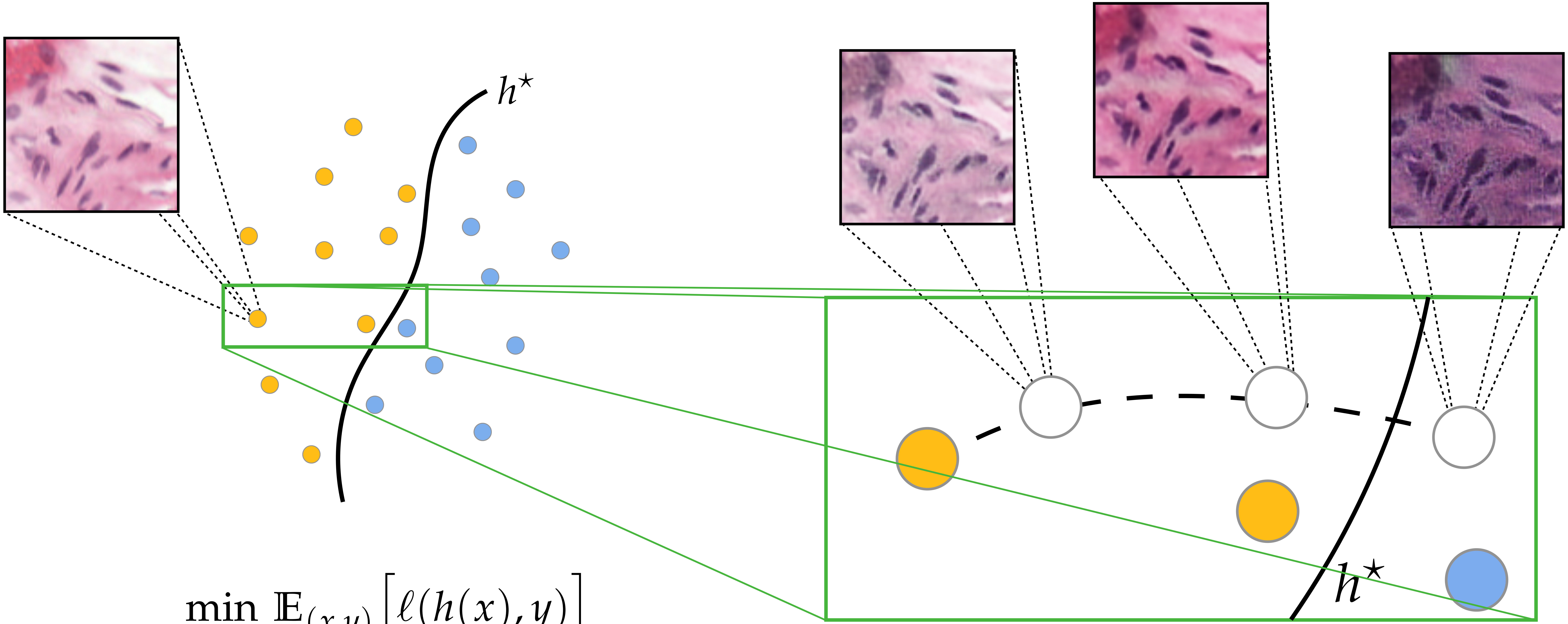

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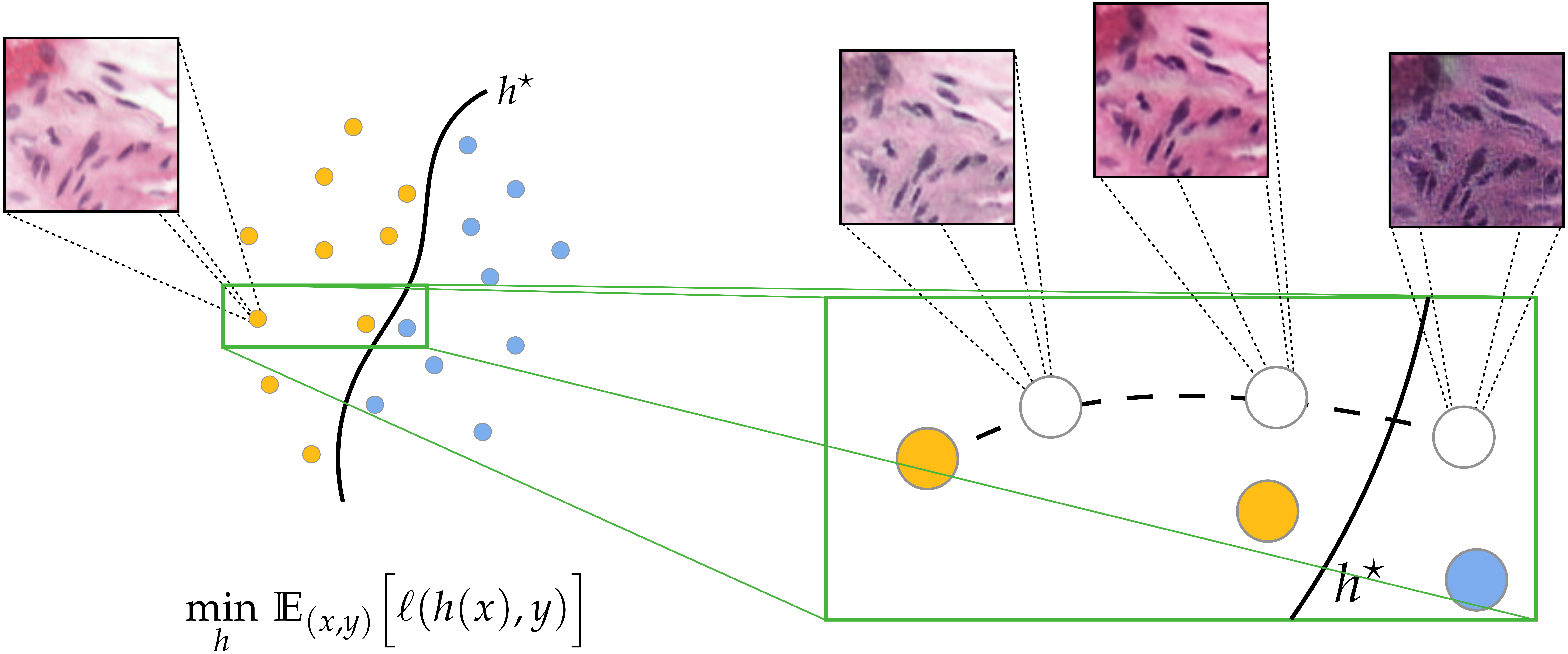

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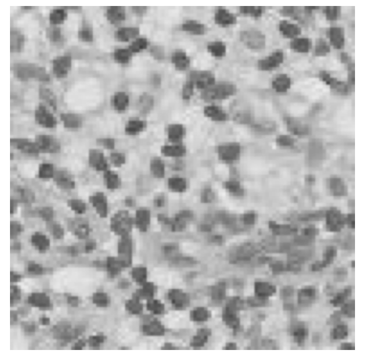
$$\Big(\; $$  $$ \; , \; 0 \Big) \sim (X, Y)$$

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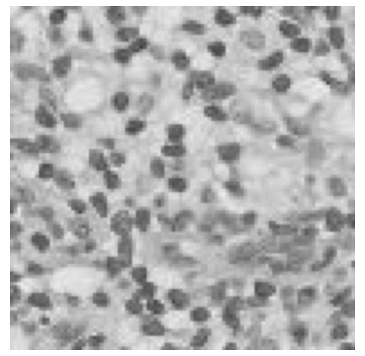
$\Big($  $,\ 0\ \Big) \sim (X, Y)$

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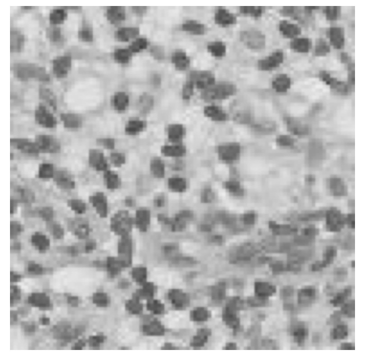
$\Big($  $, \ 0 \Big) \sim (X, Y)$

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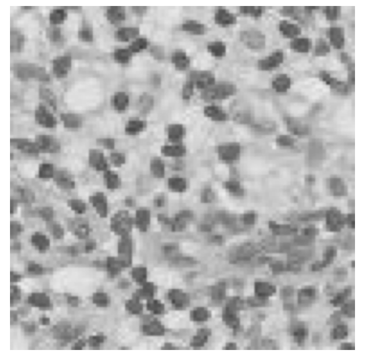

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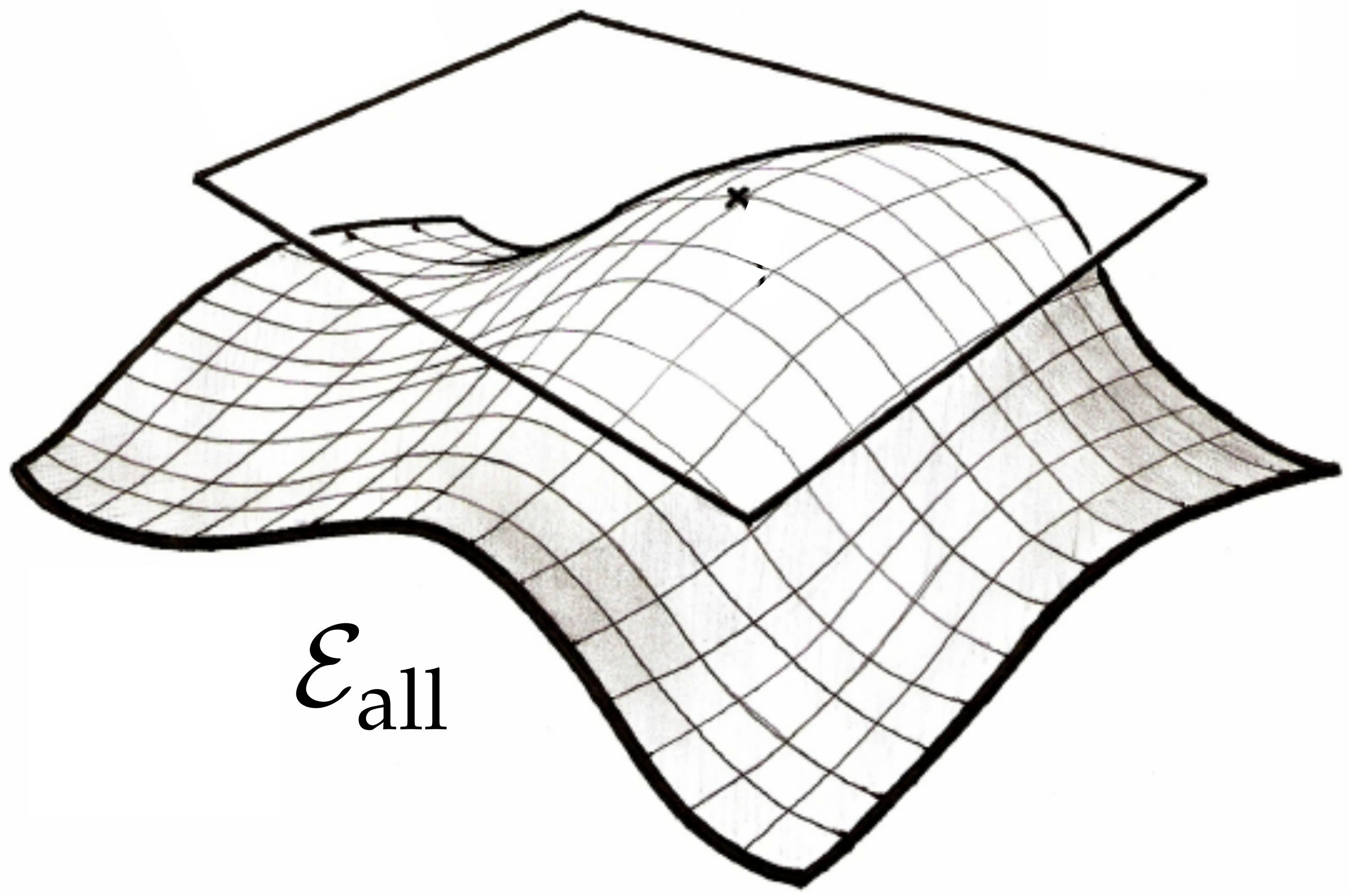

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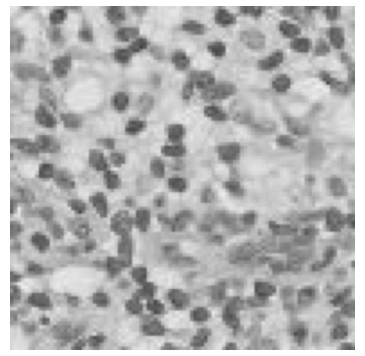
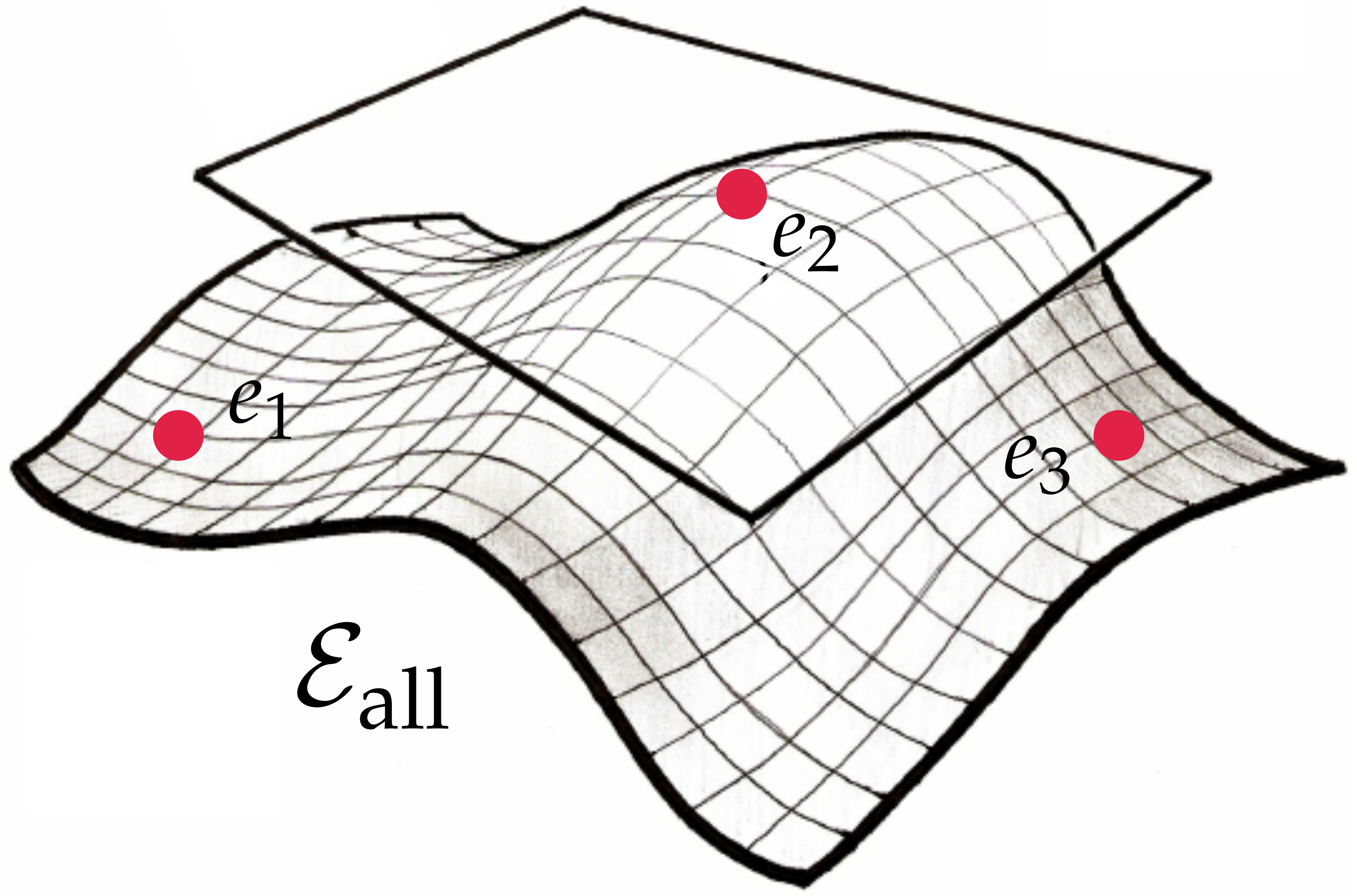
( , 0) $\sim (X, Y)$



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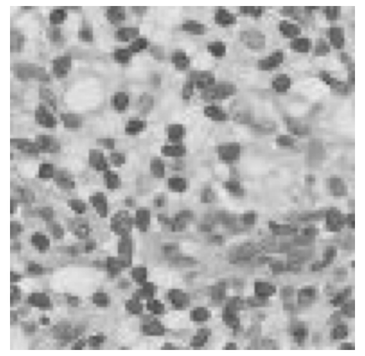
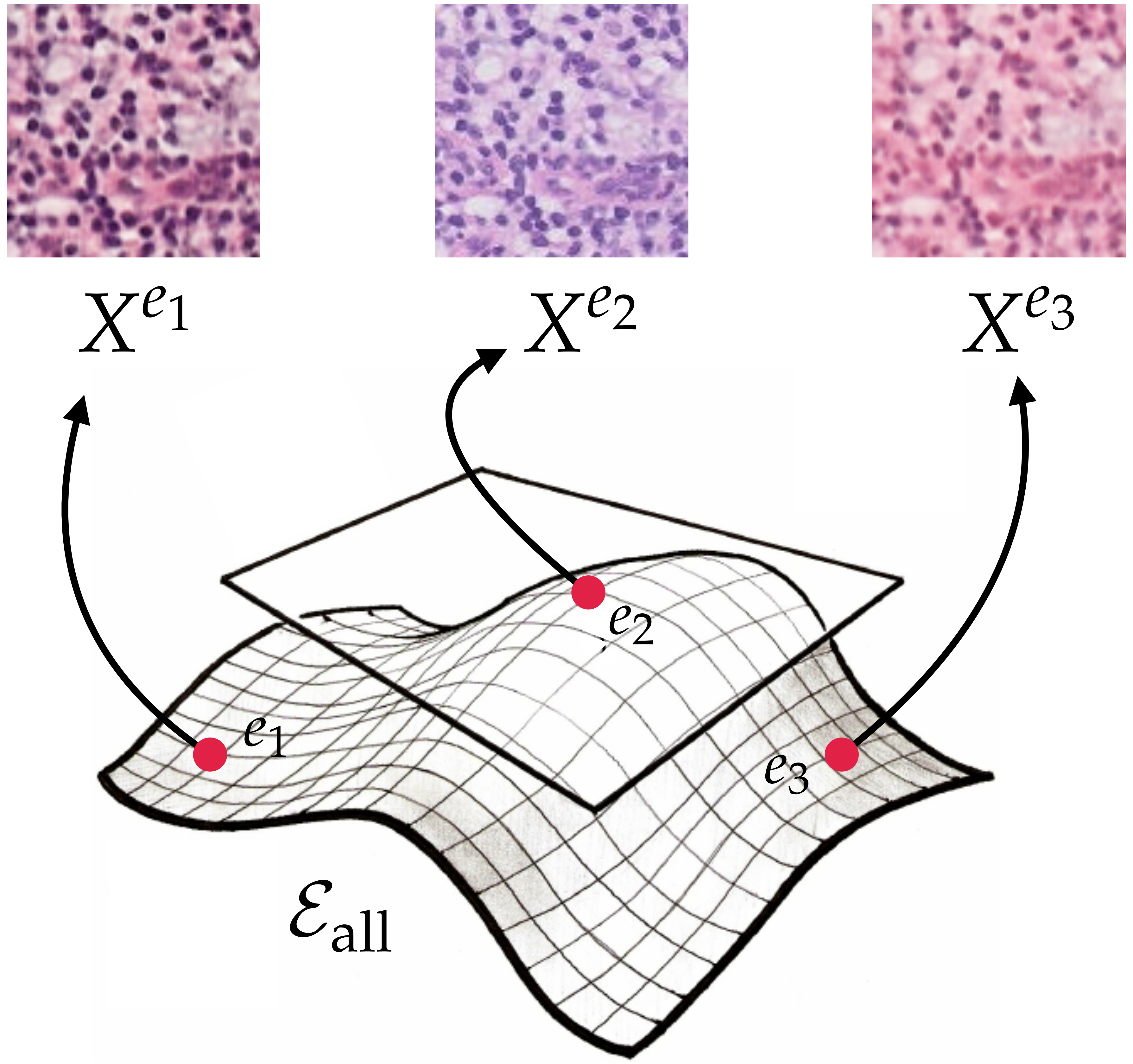
(, 0) $\sim (X, Y)$



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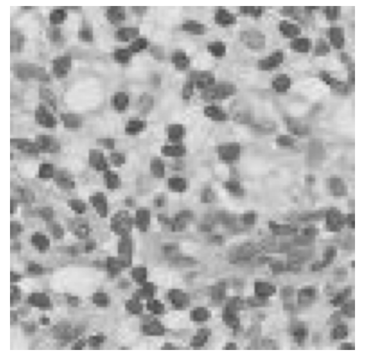
( , 0) $\sim (X, Y)$

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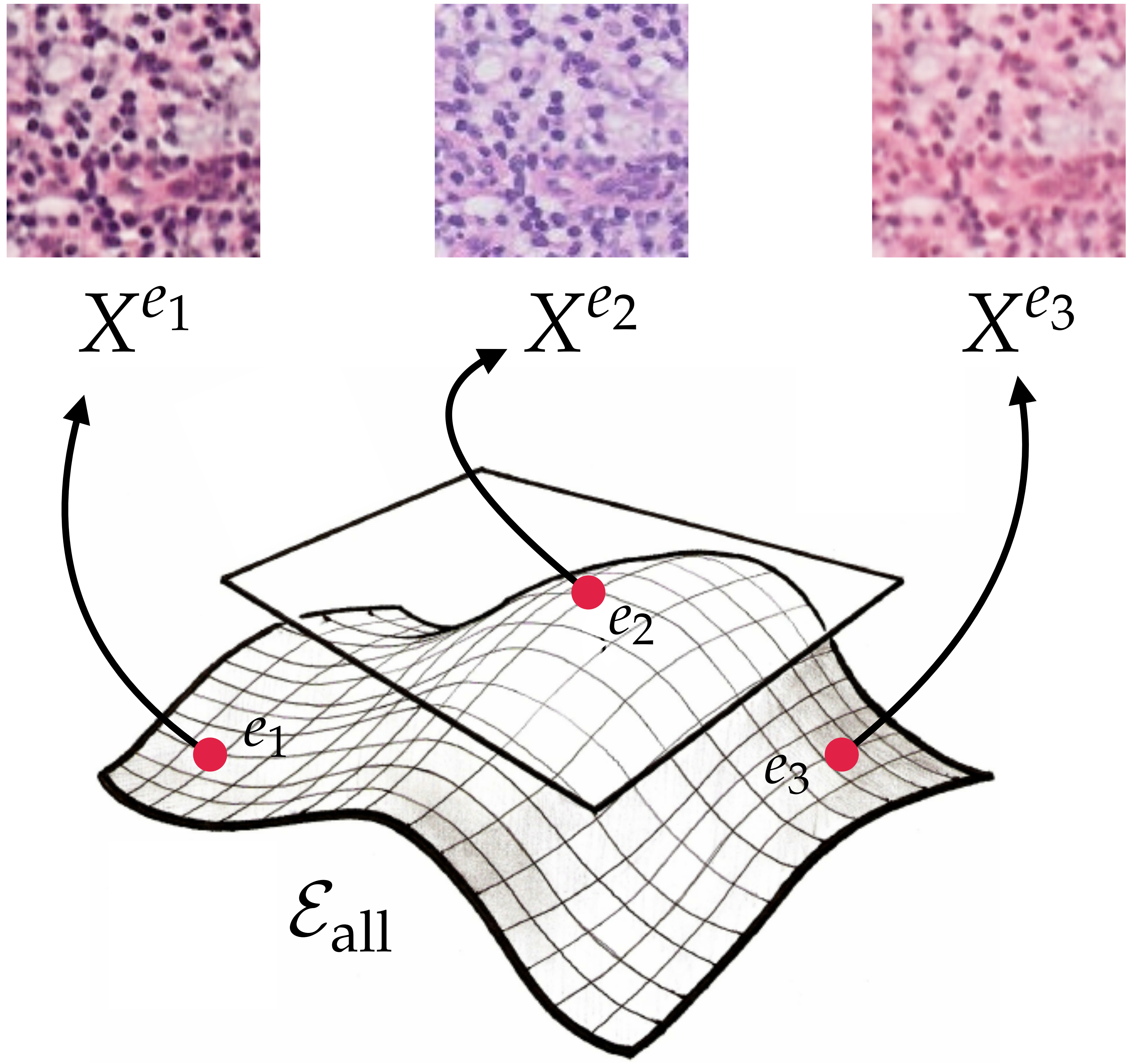

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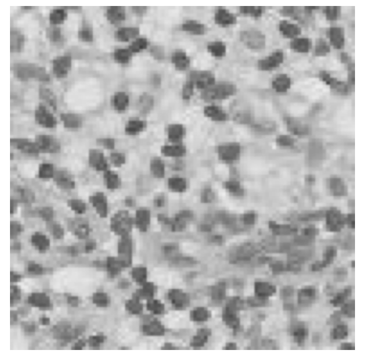
( , 0) $\sim (X, Y)$

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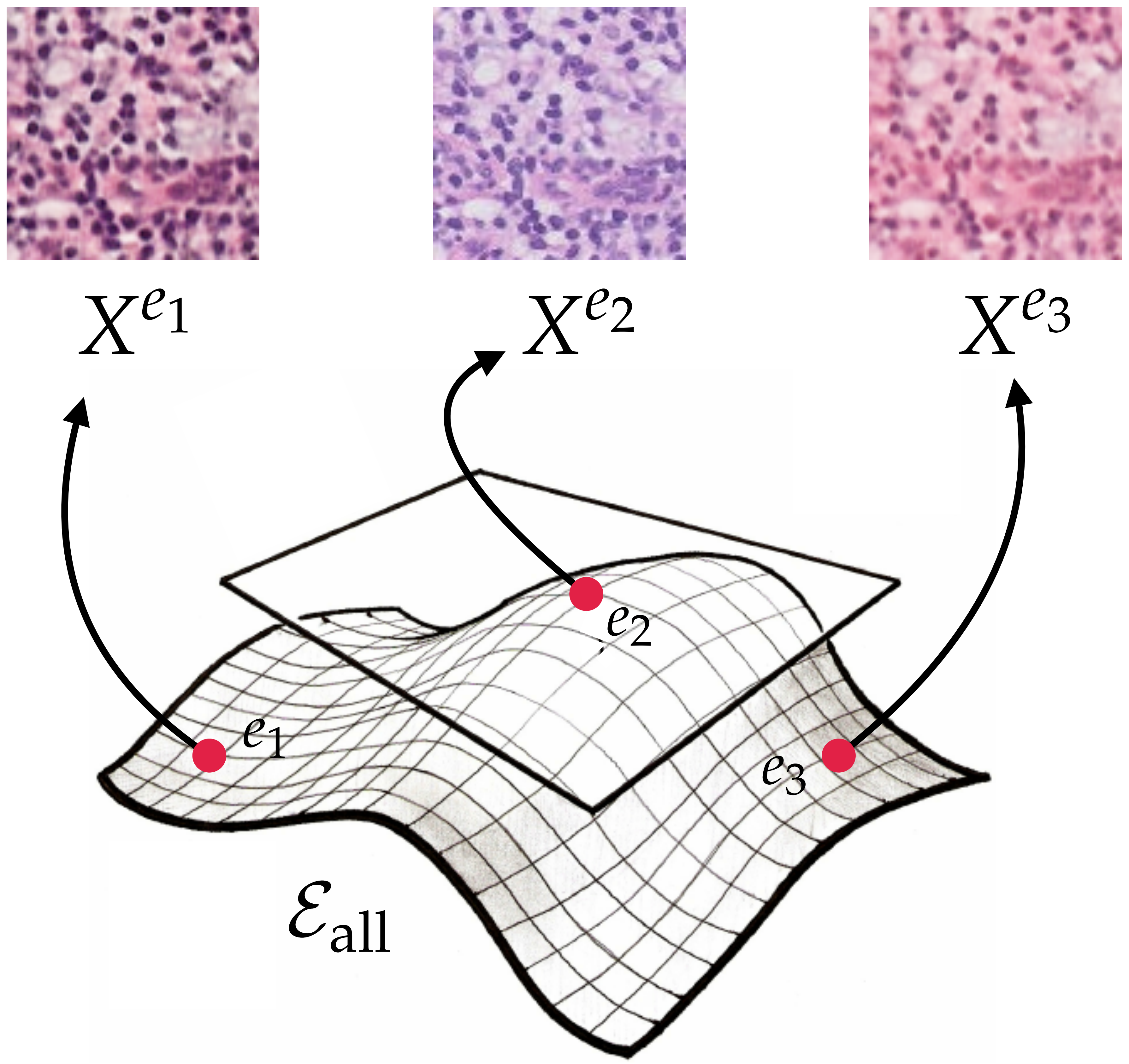

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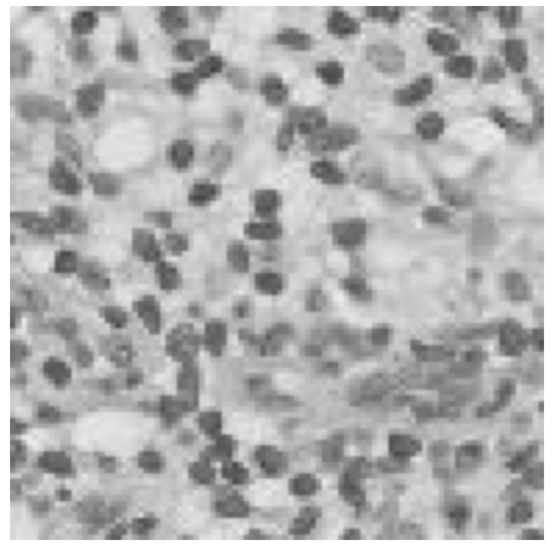

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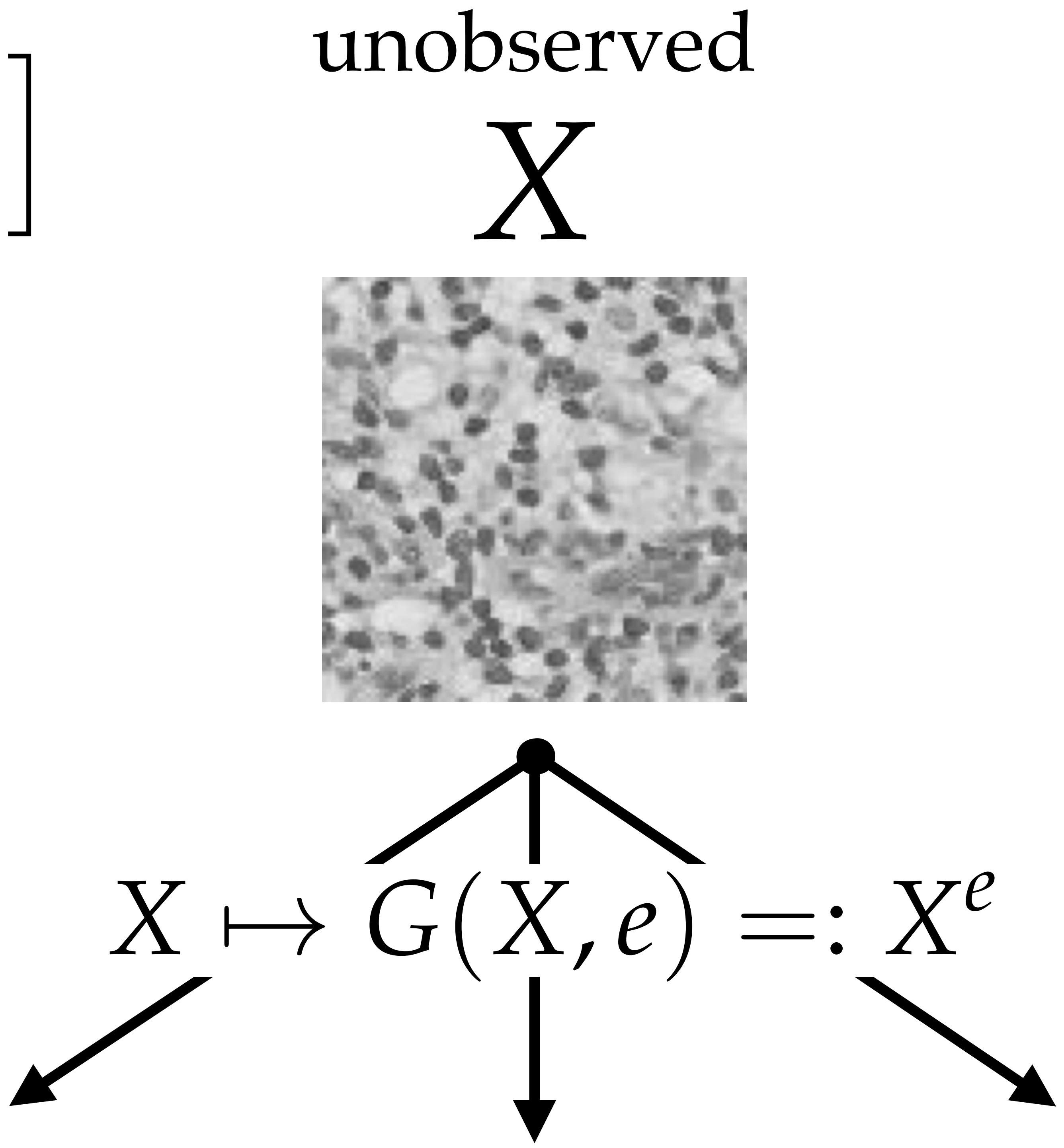

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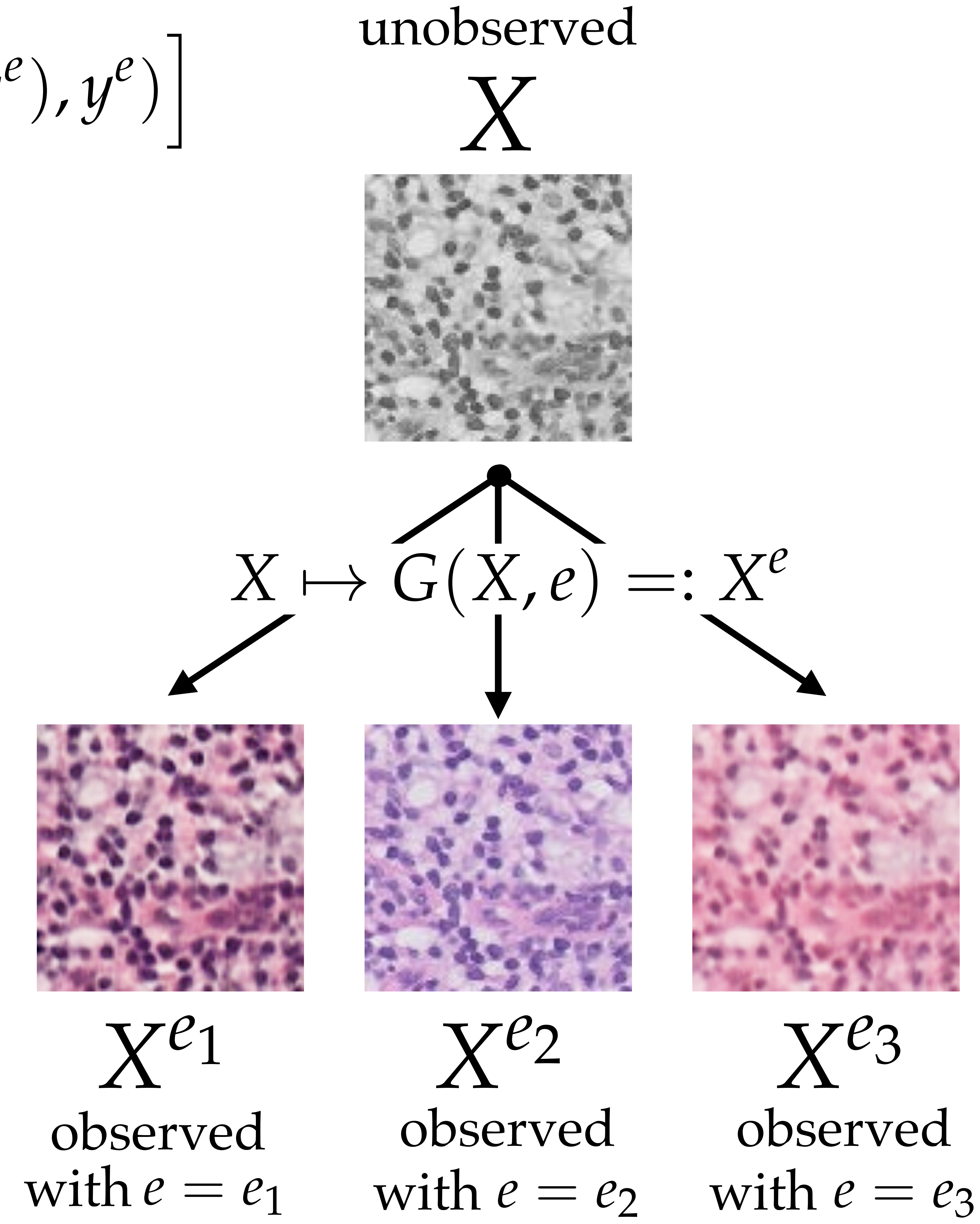

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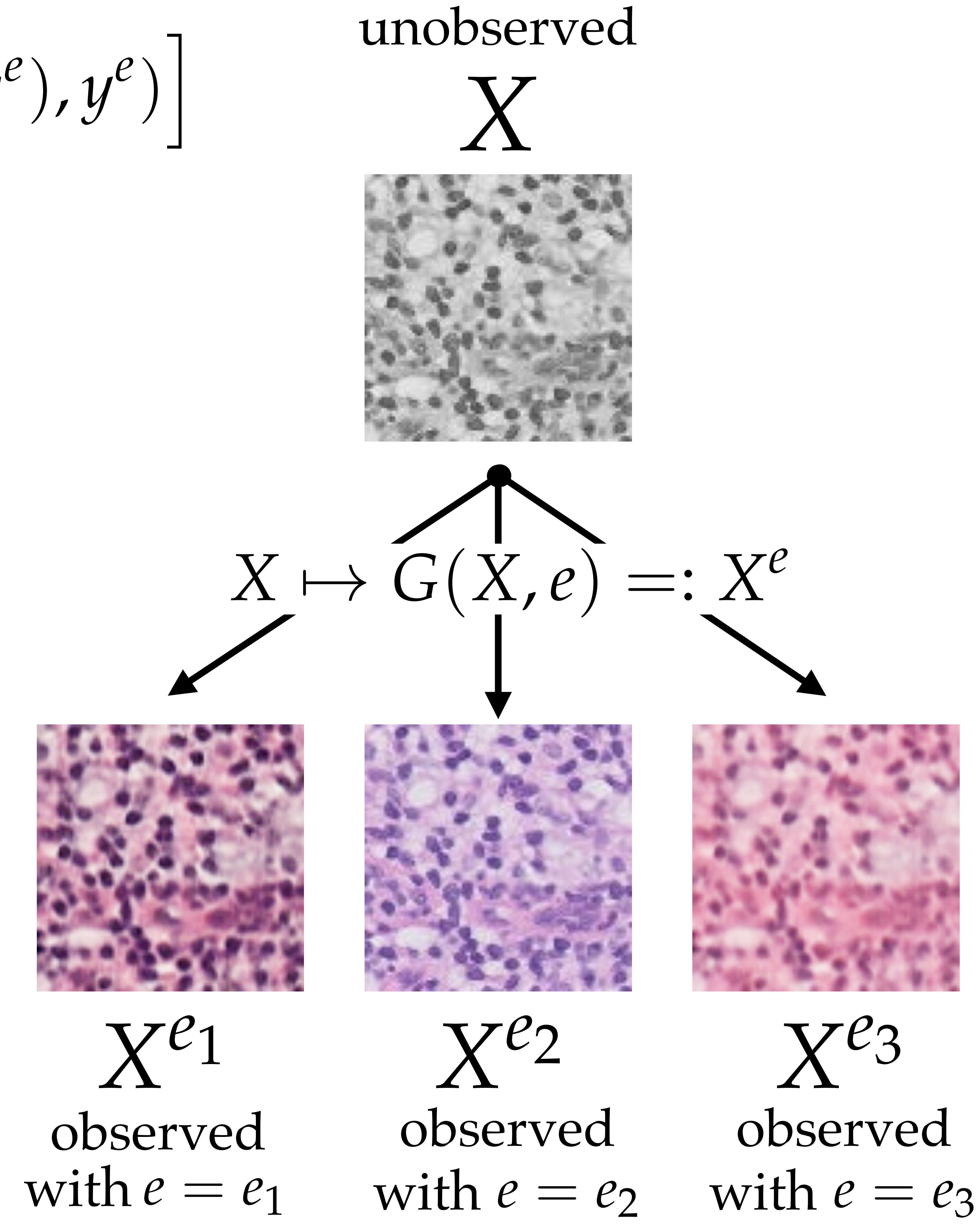

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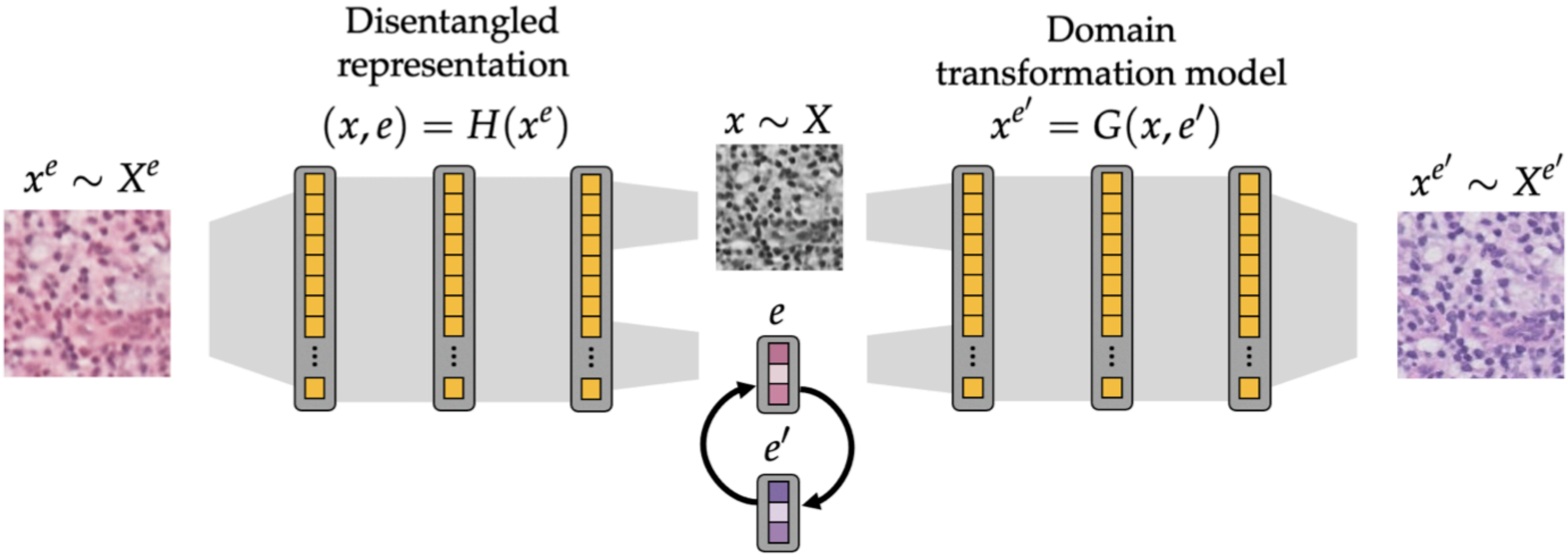

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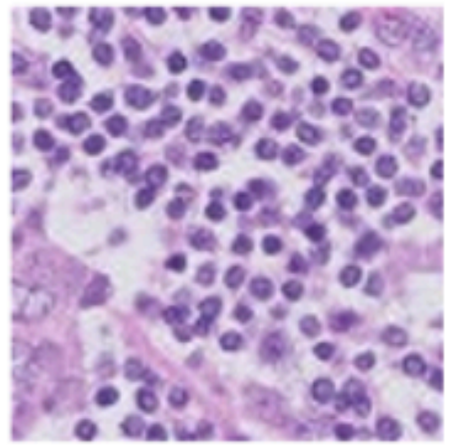
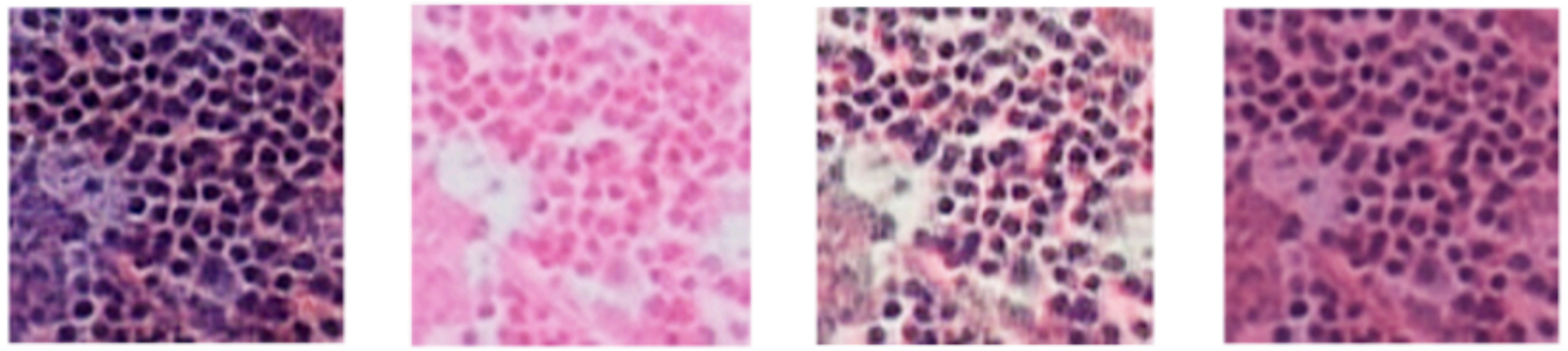
Camelyon17-WILDS		
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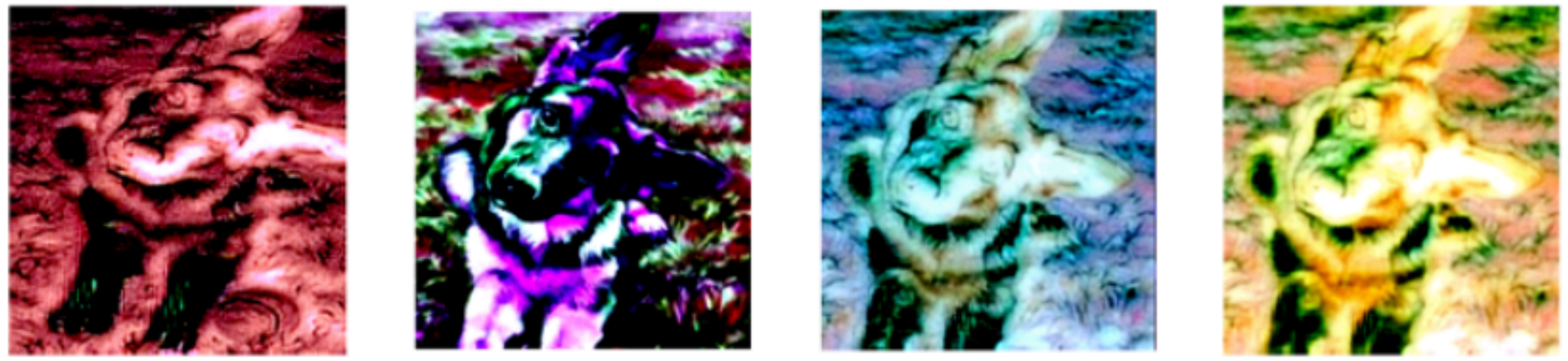
PACS		

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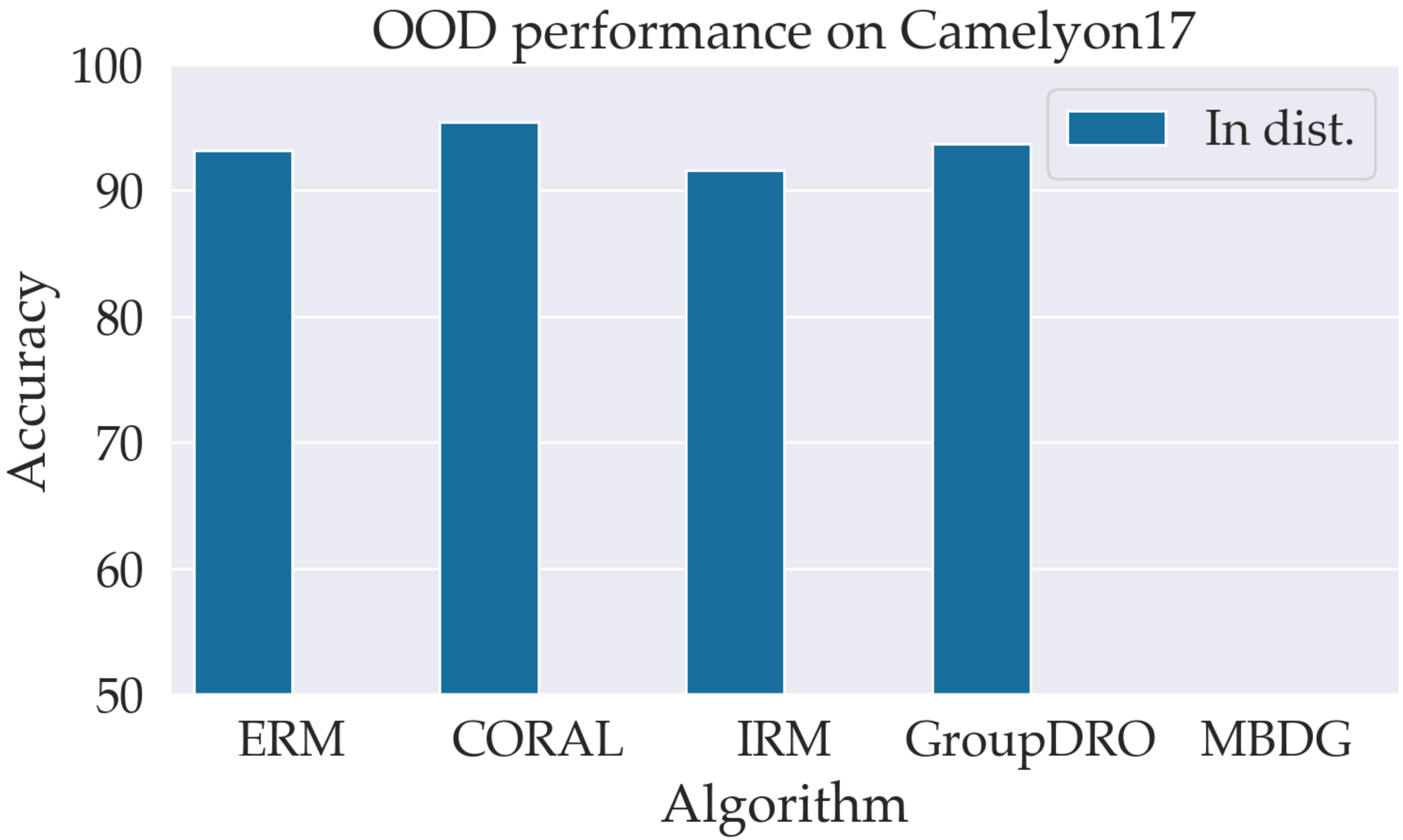

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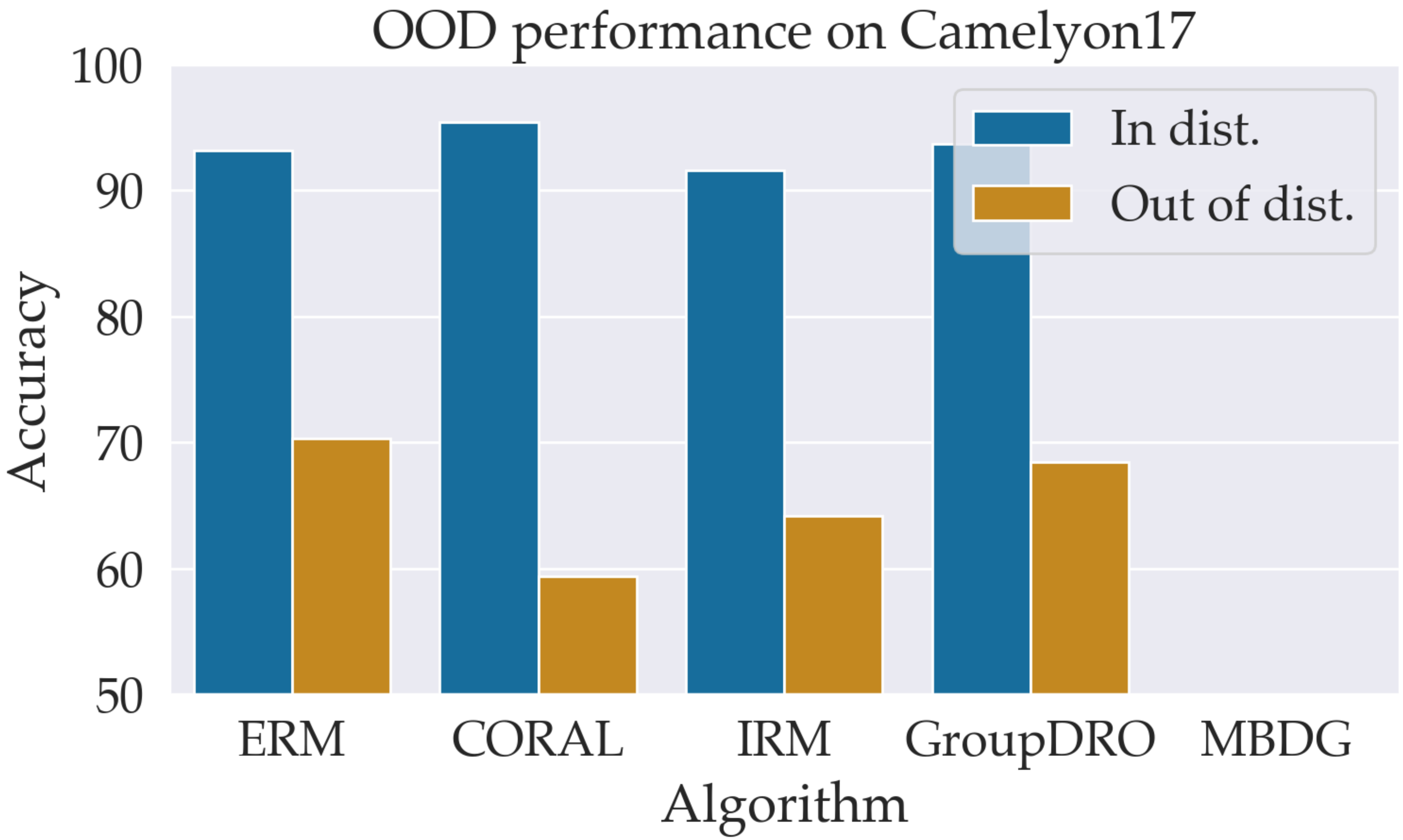

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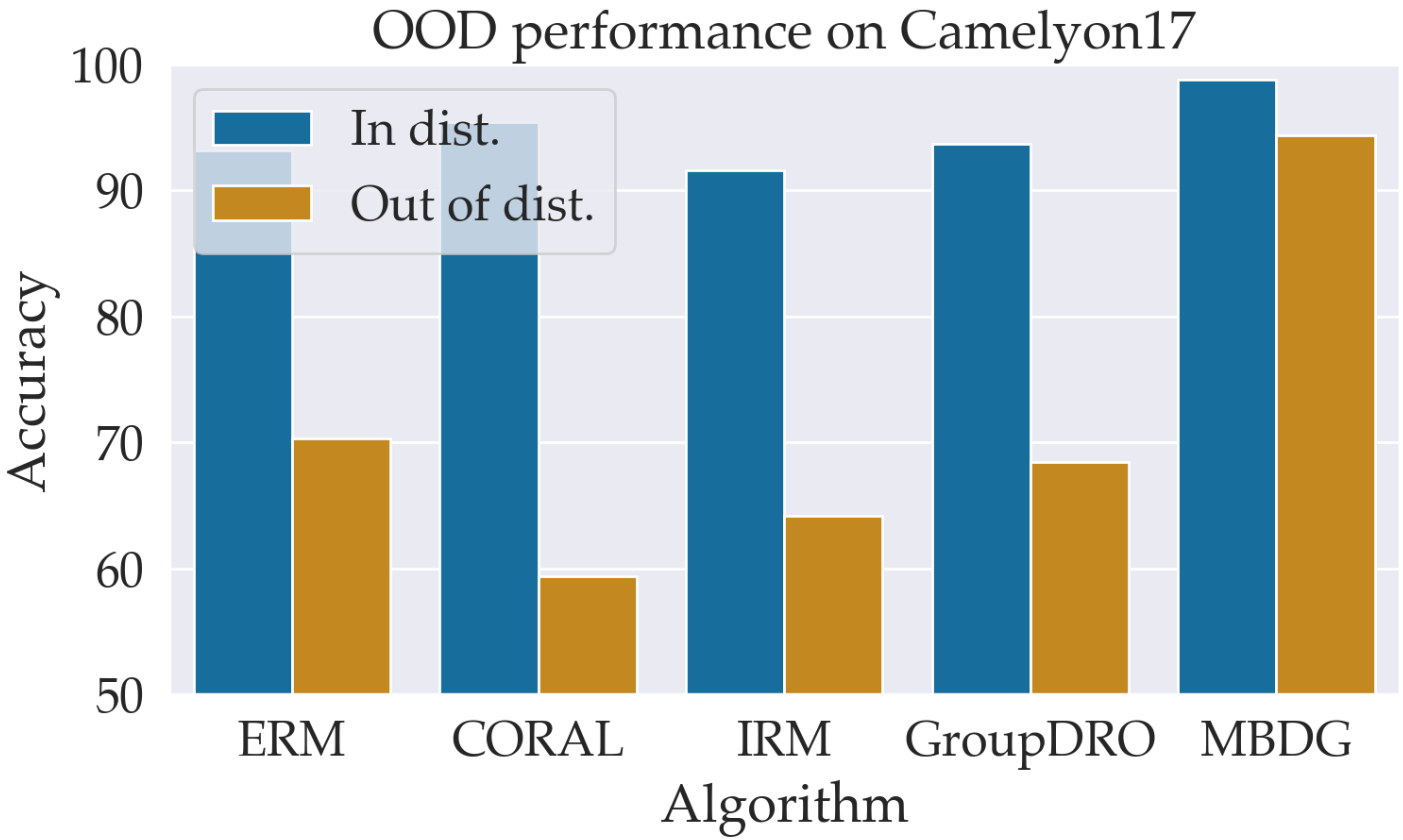

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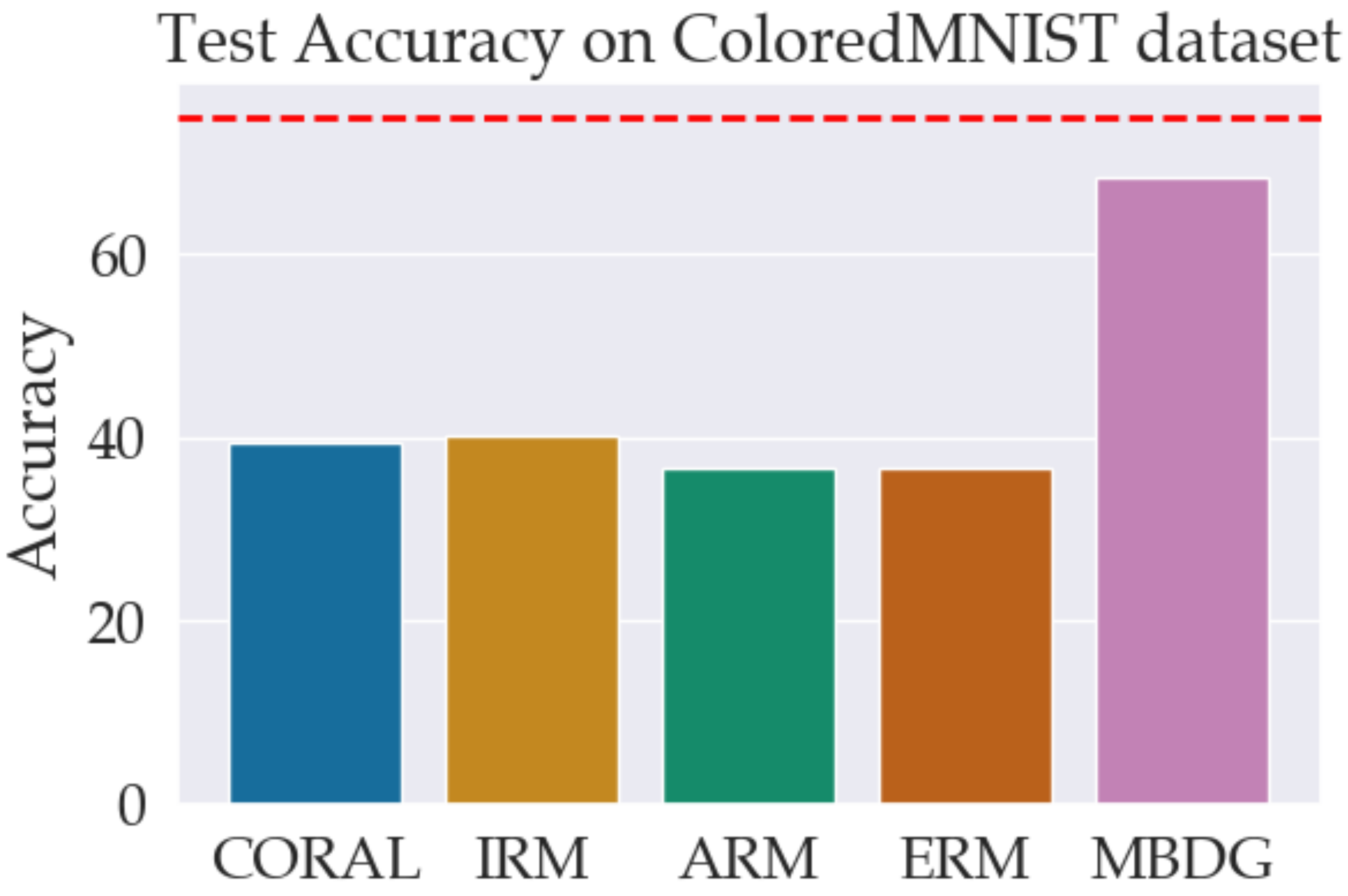

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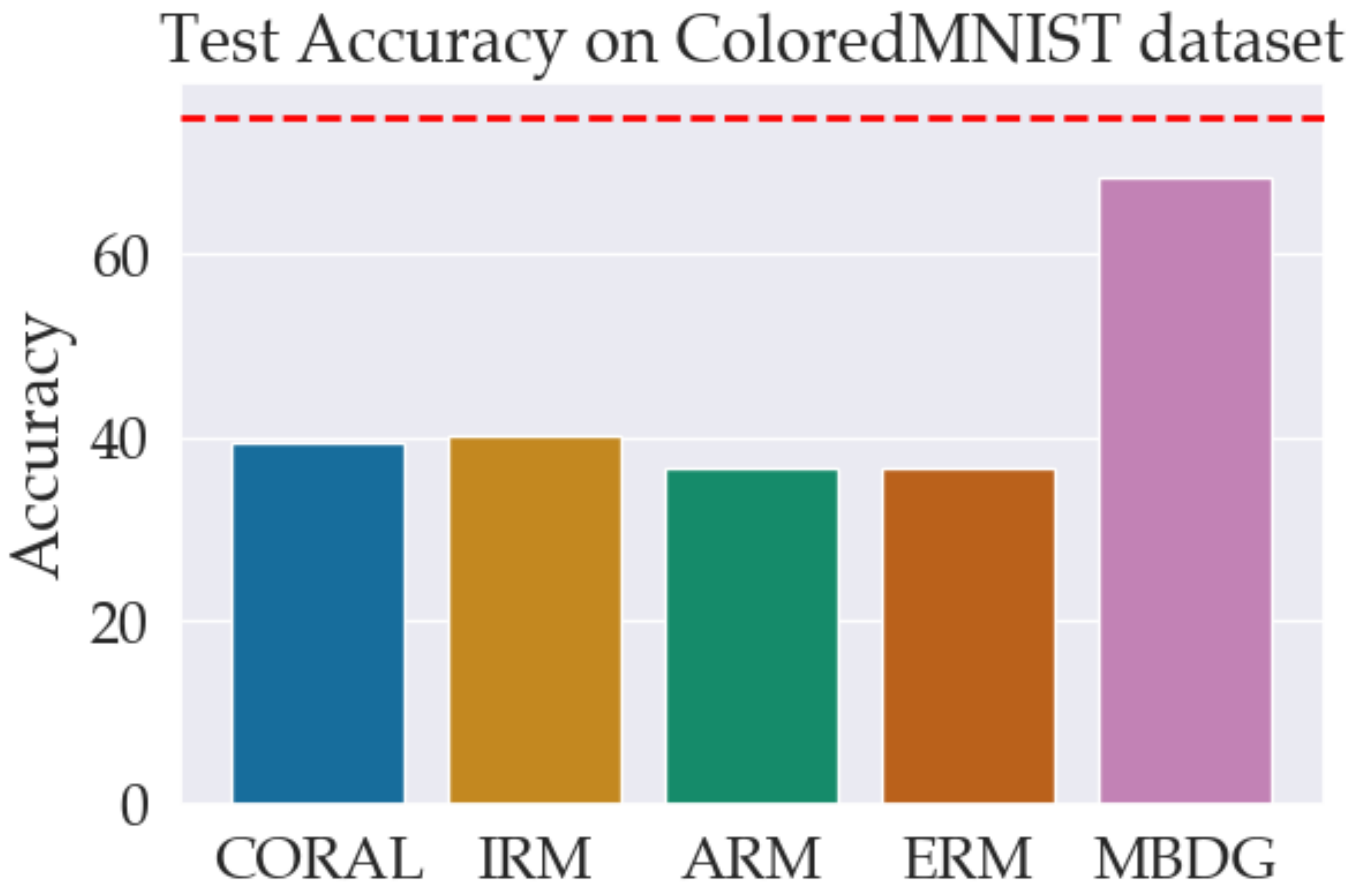

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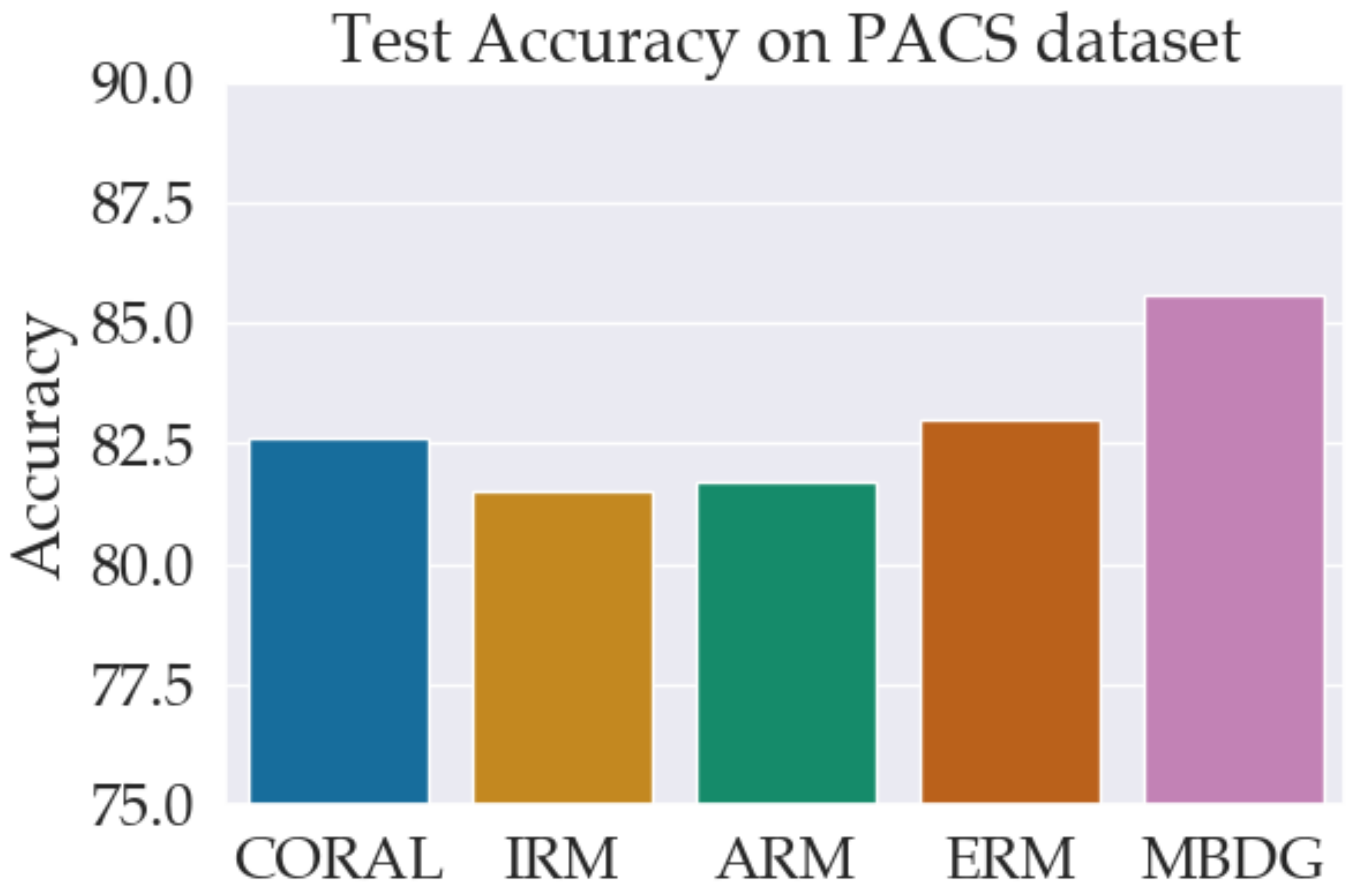

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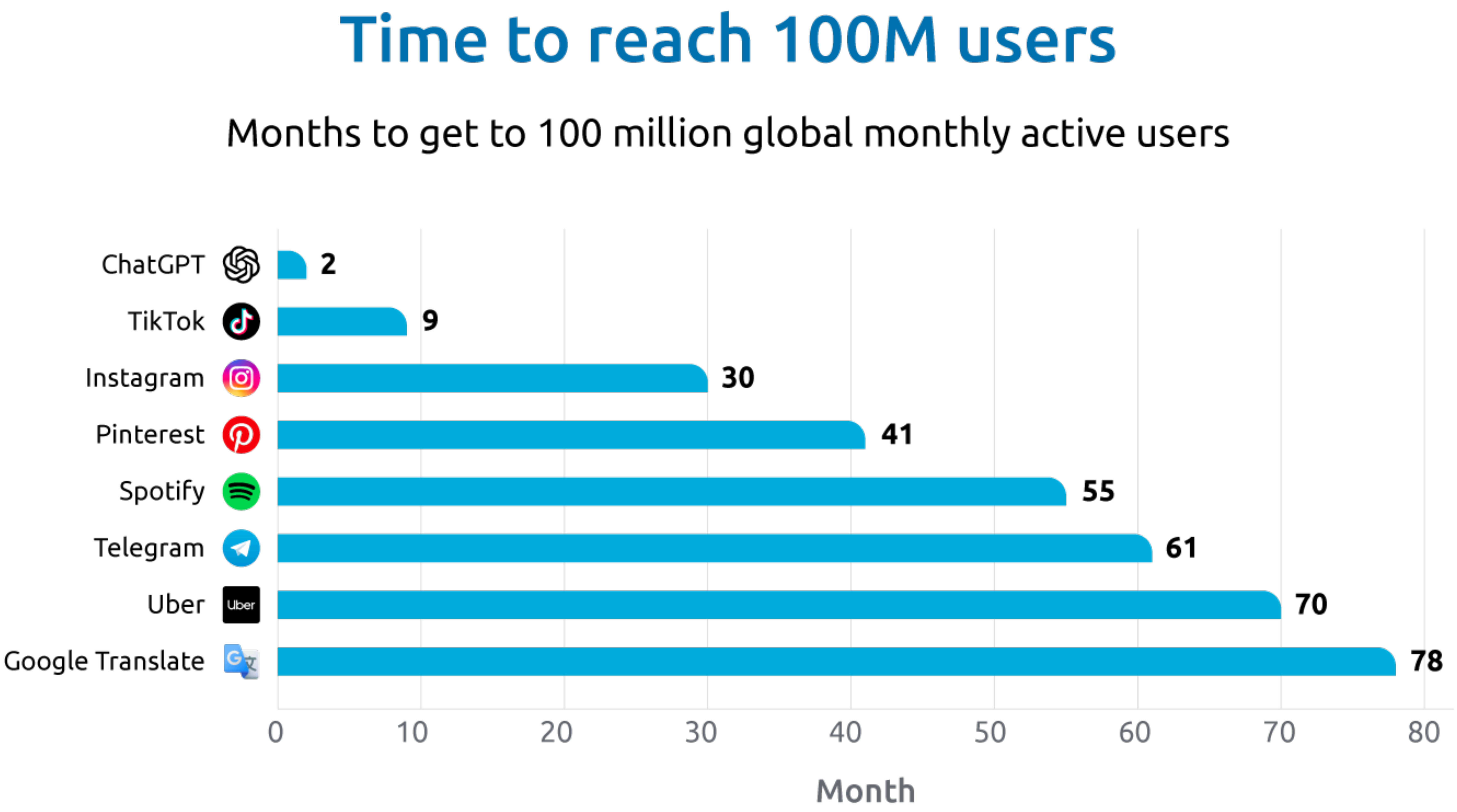

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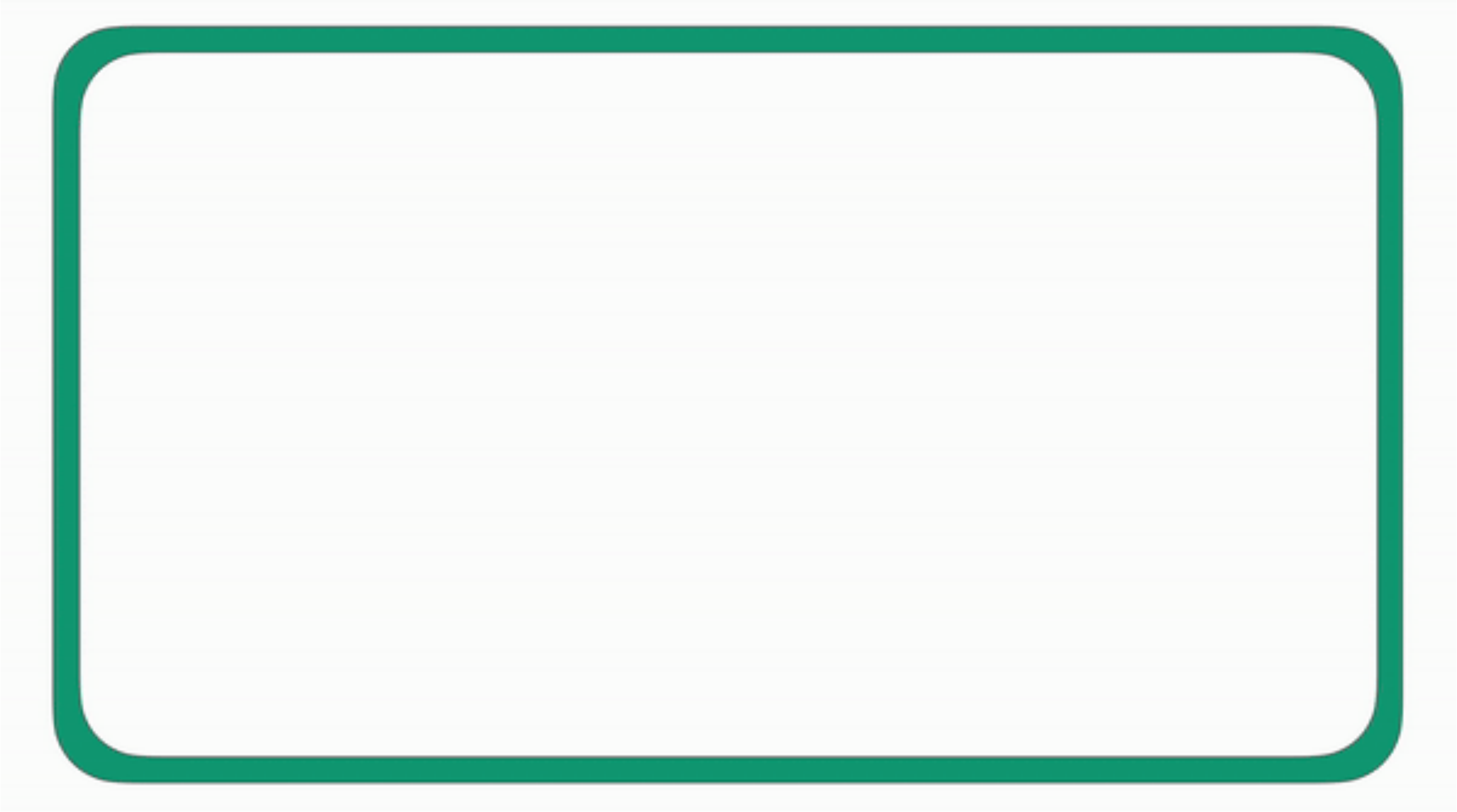

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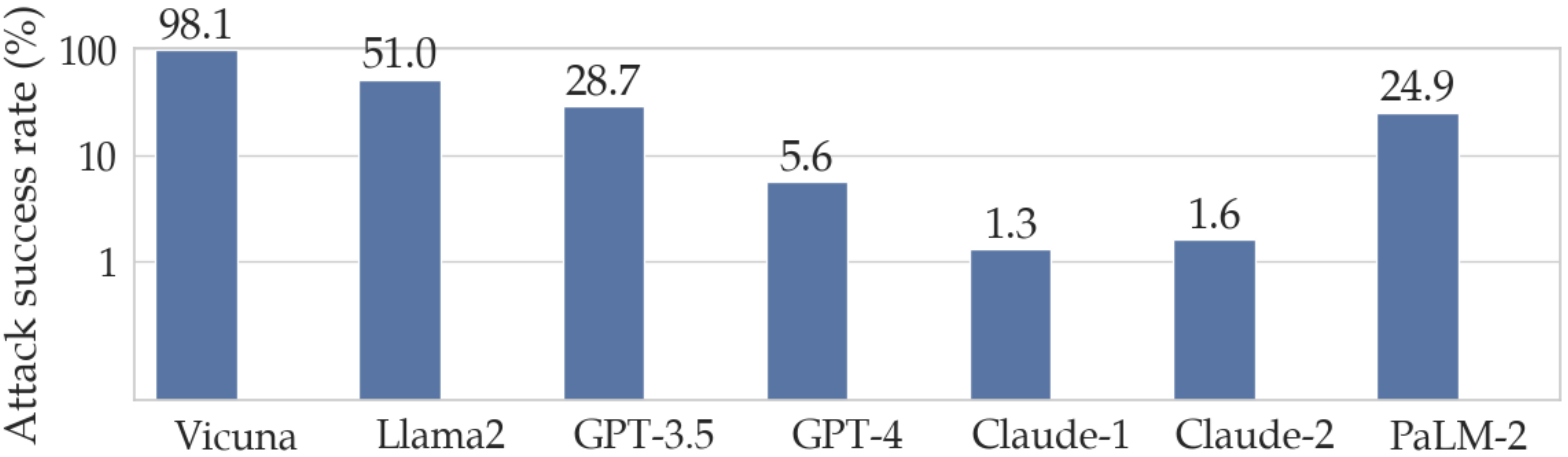

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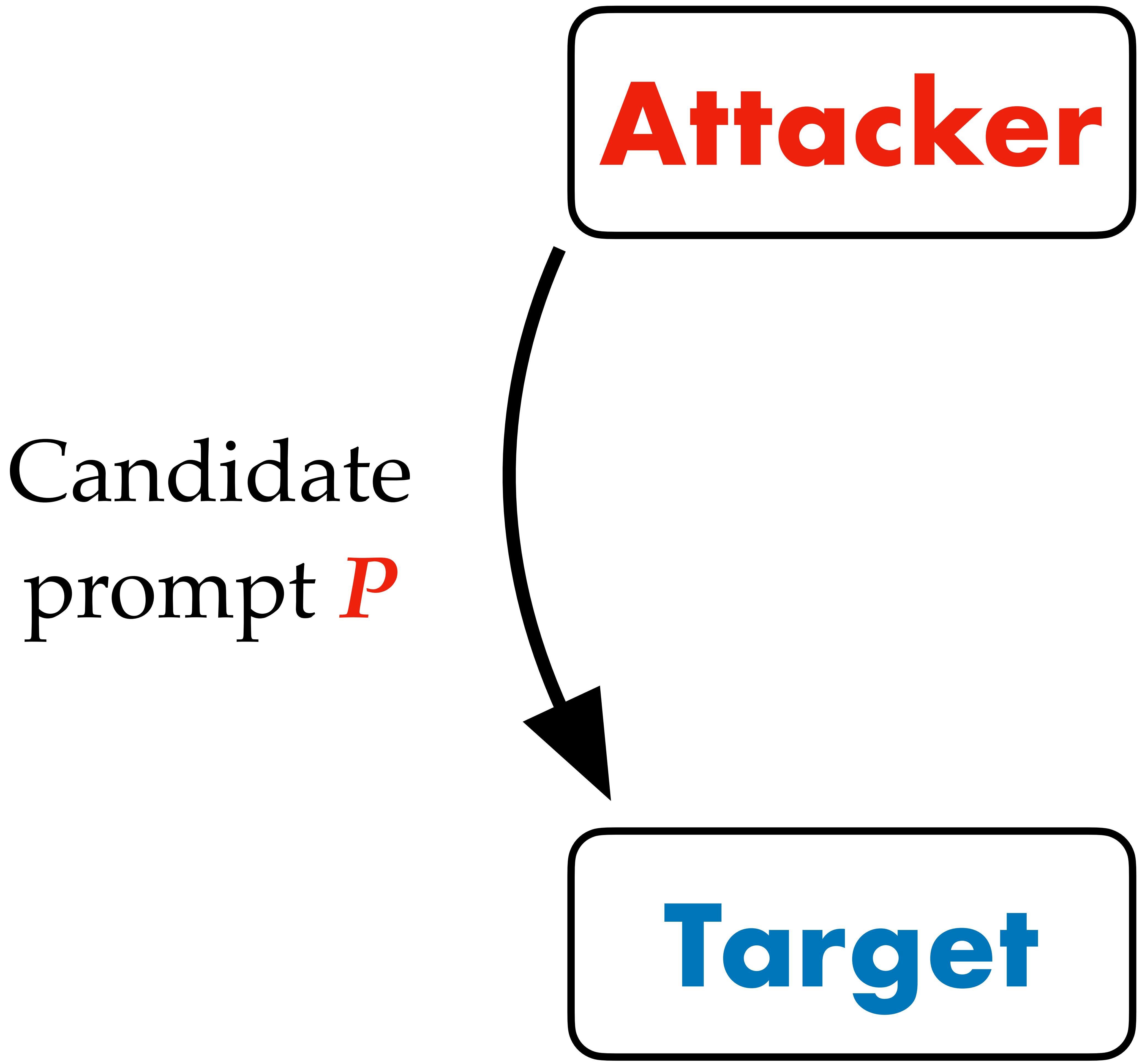

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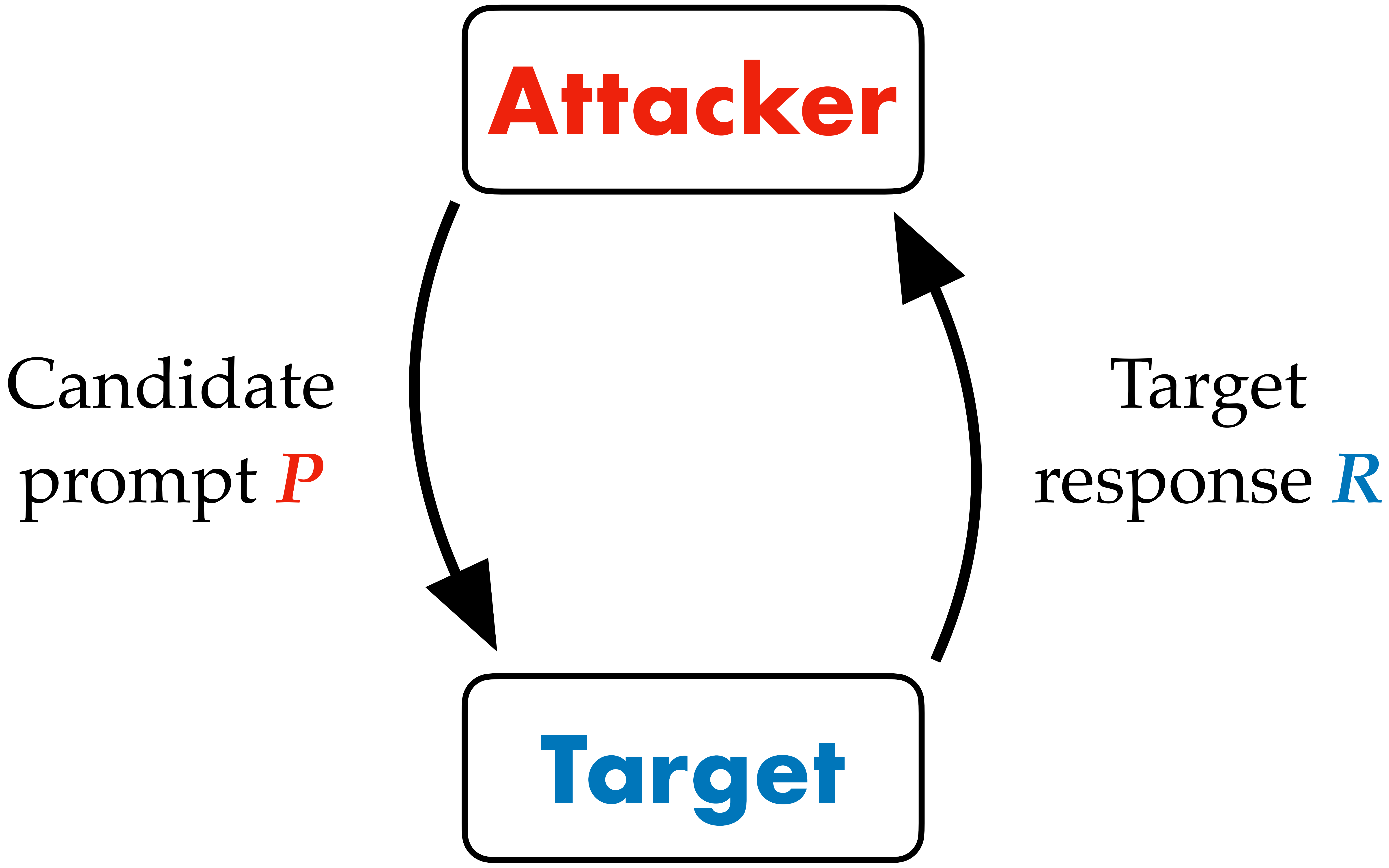

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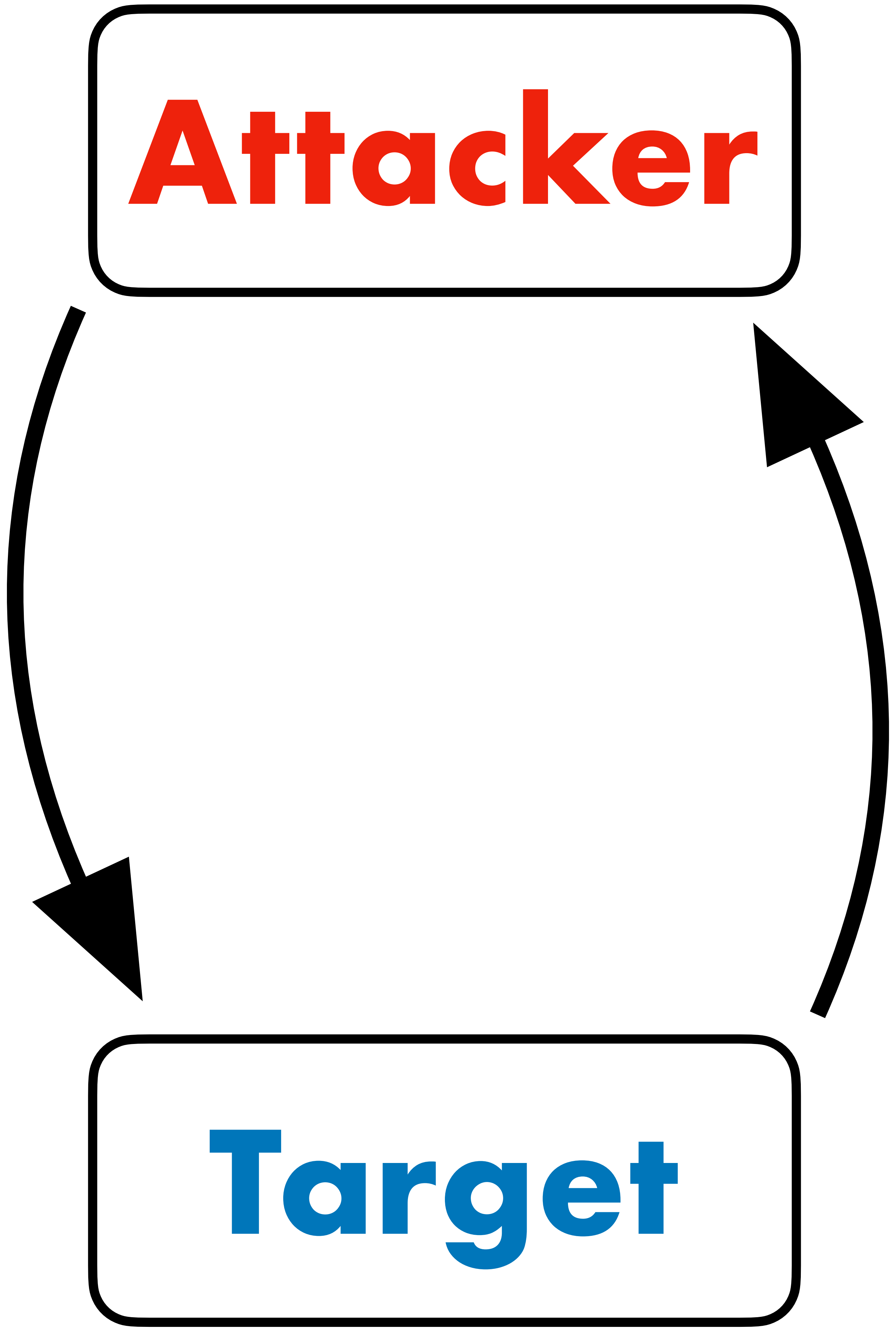

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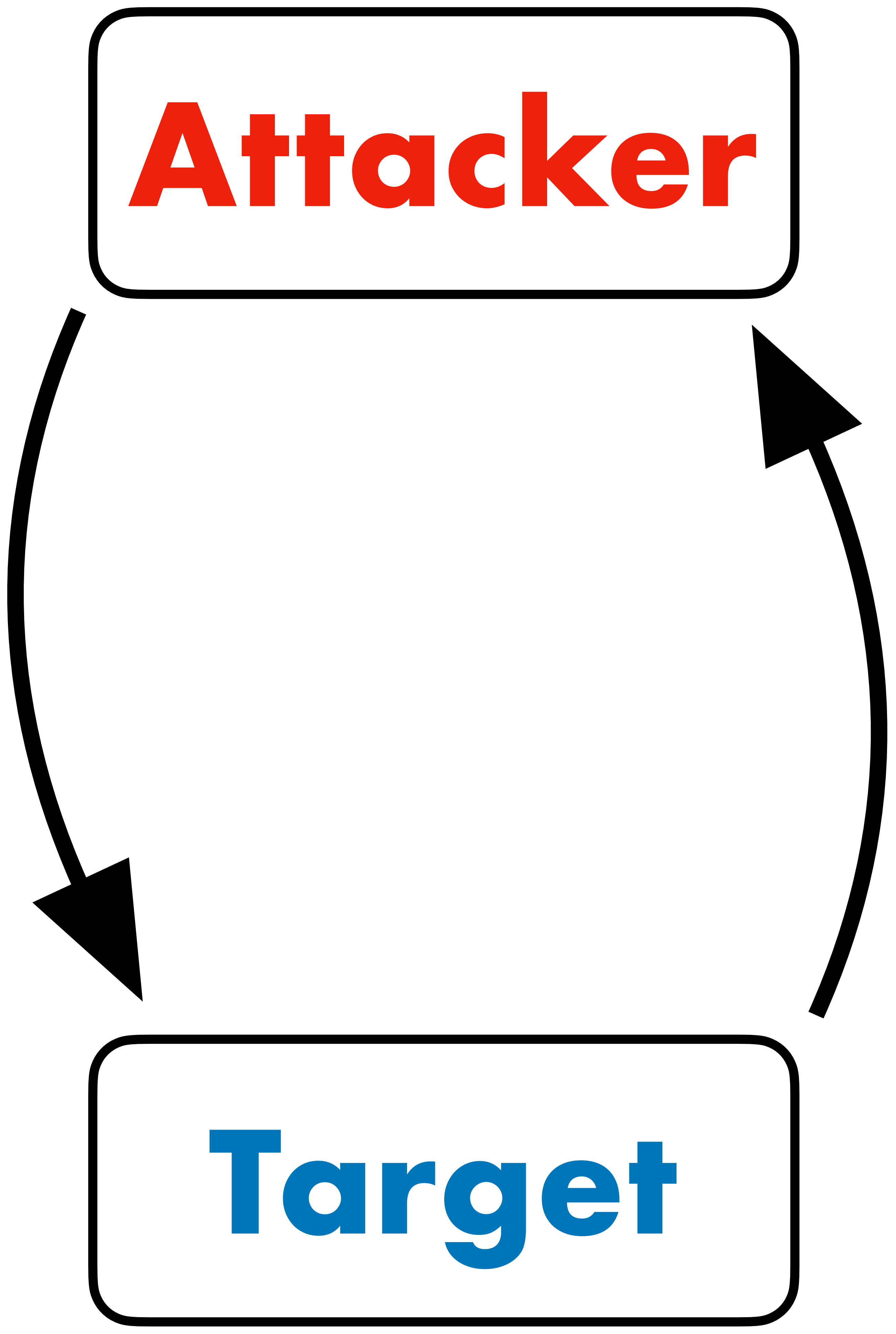

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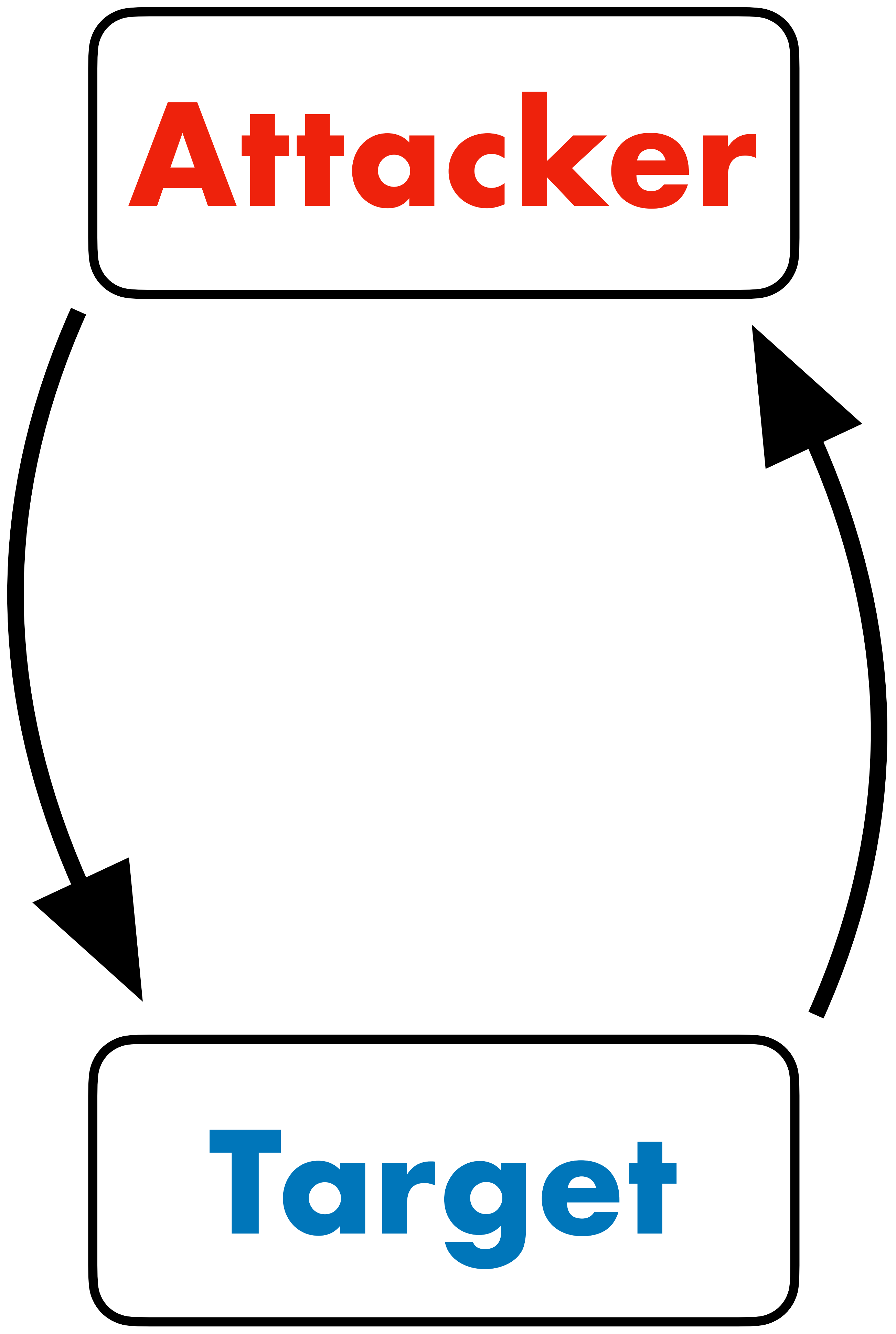

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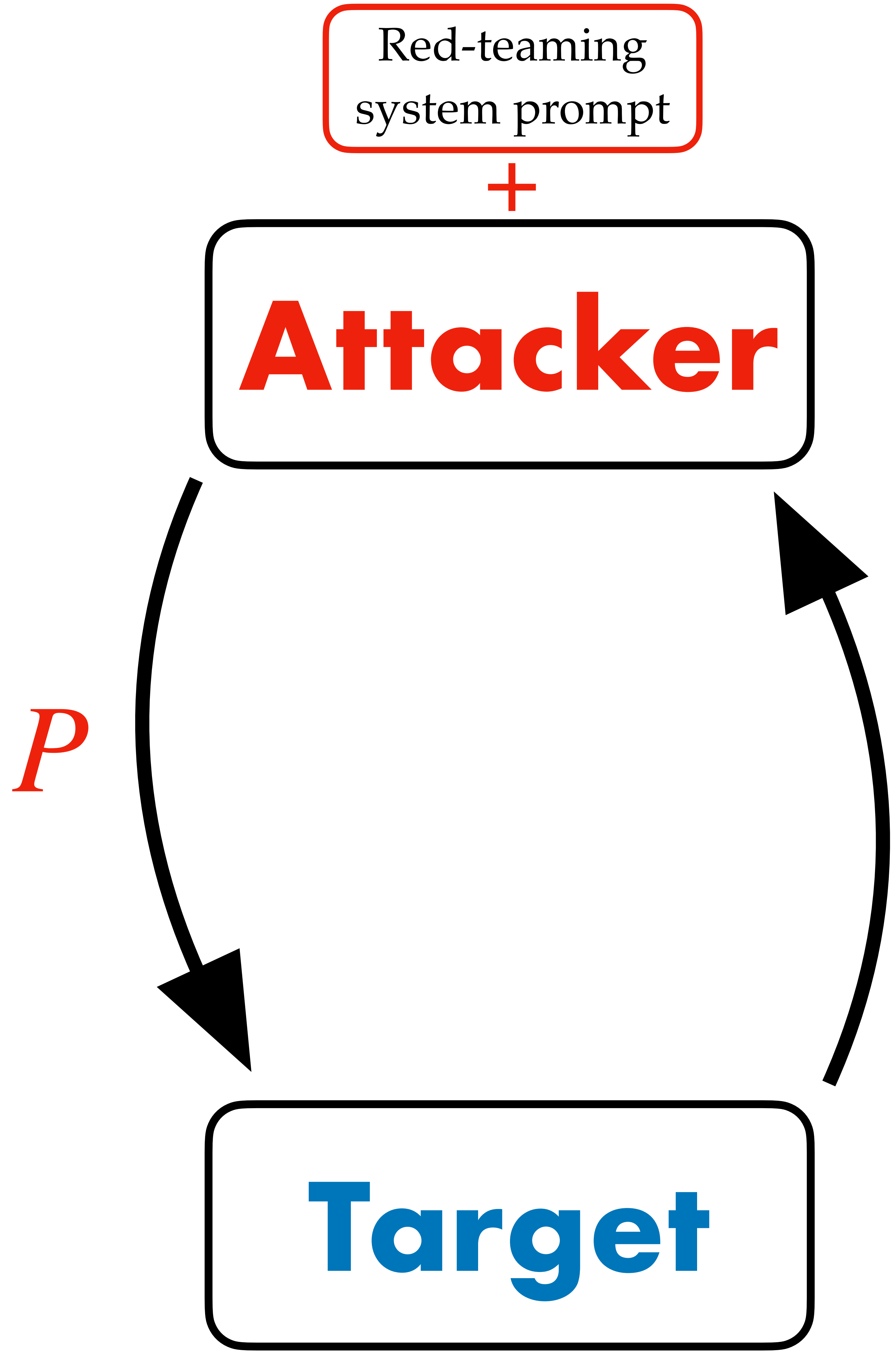

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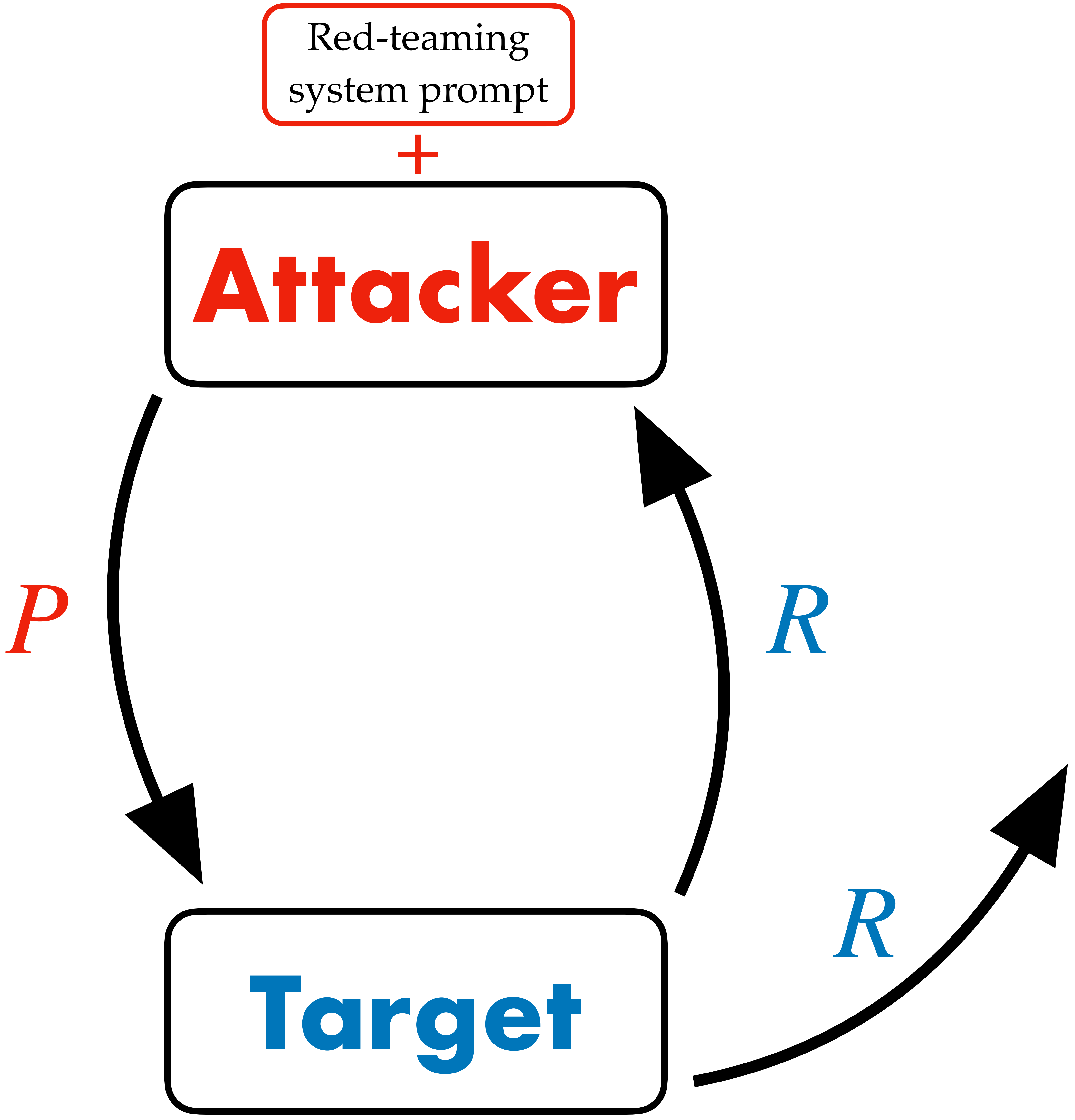

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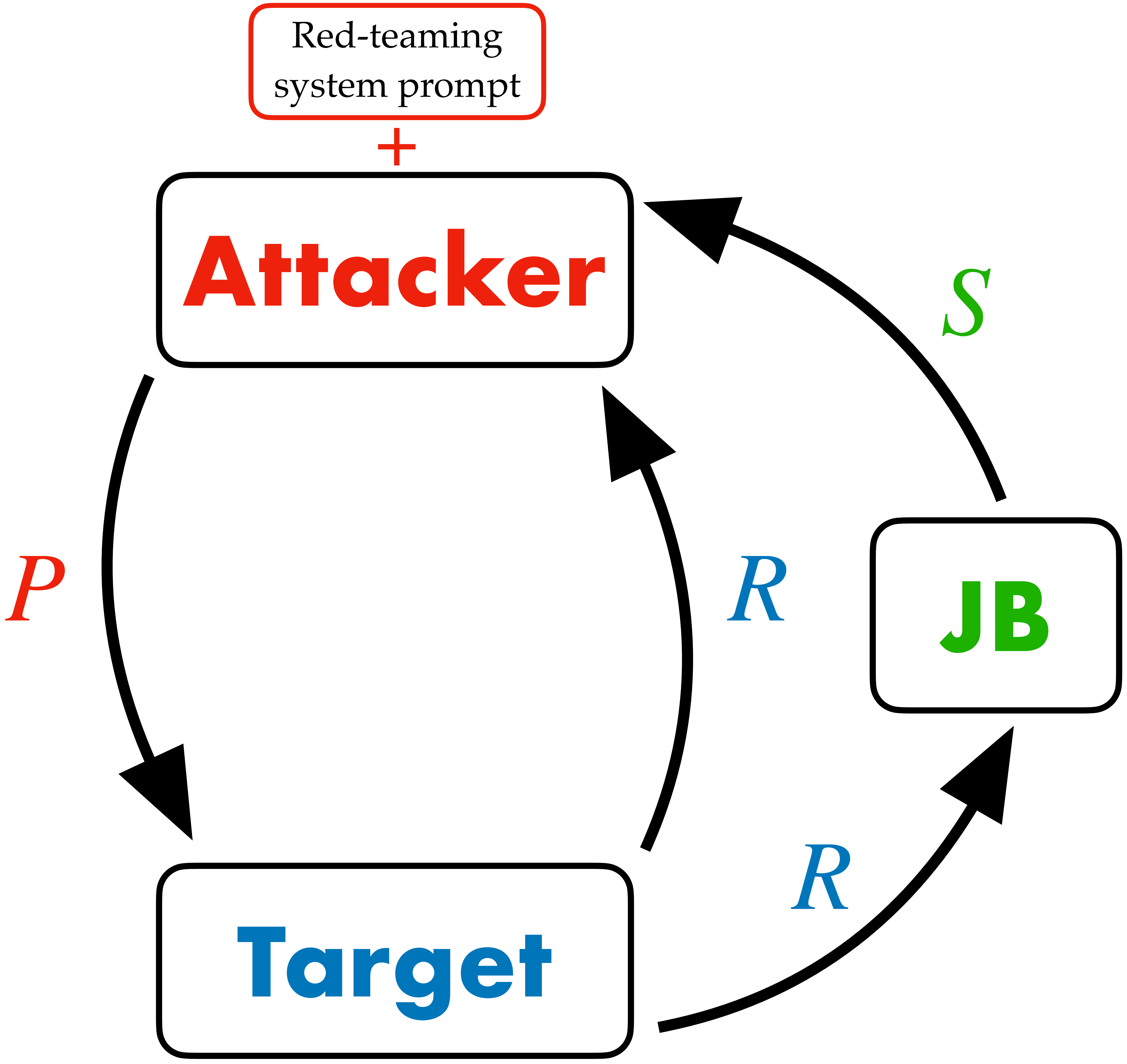

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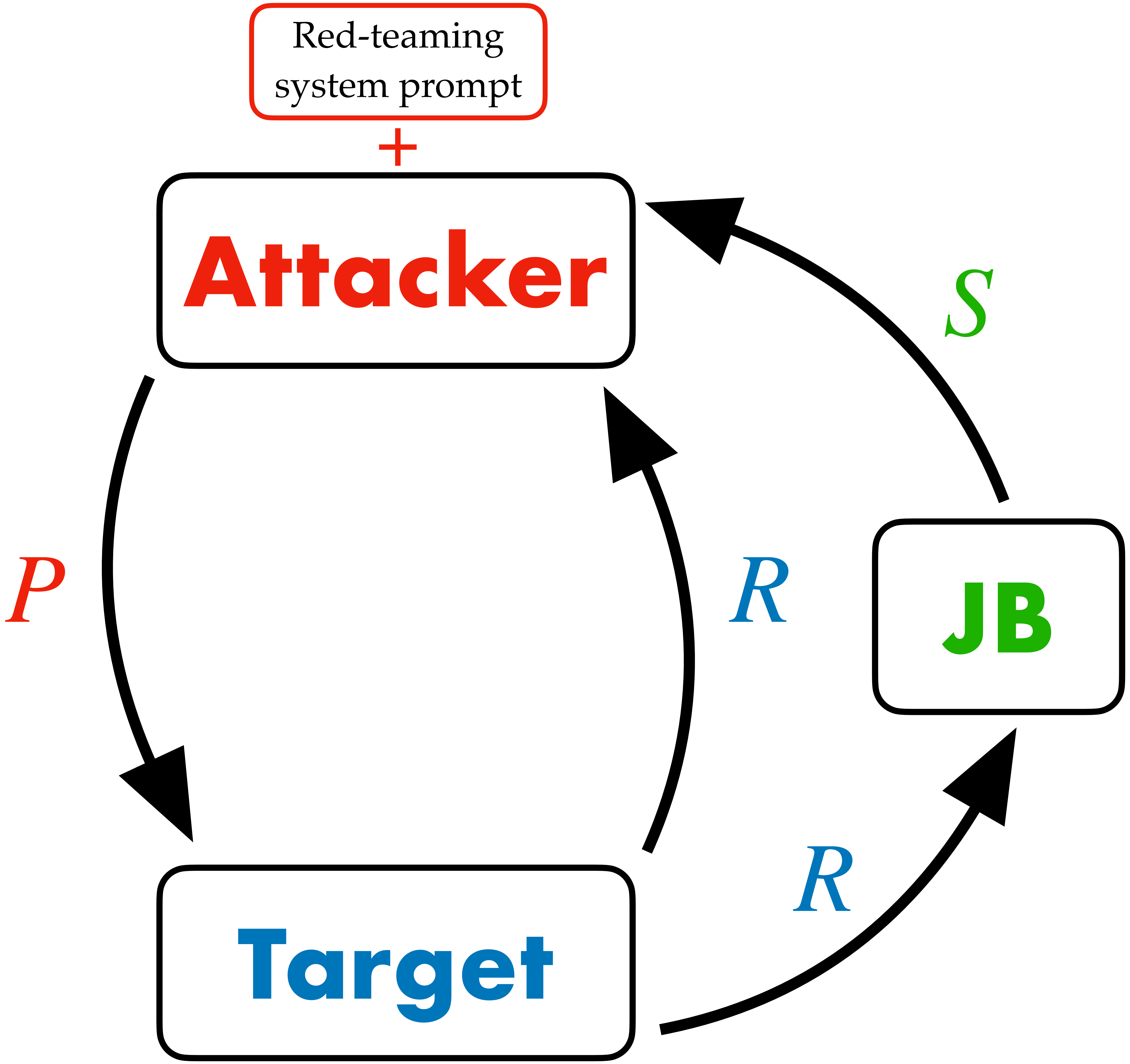

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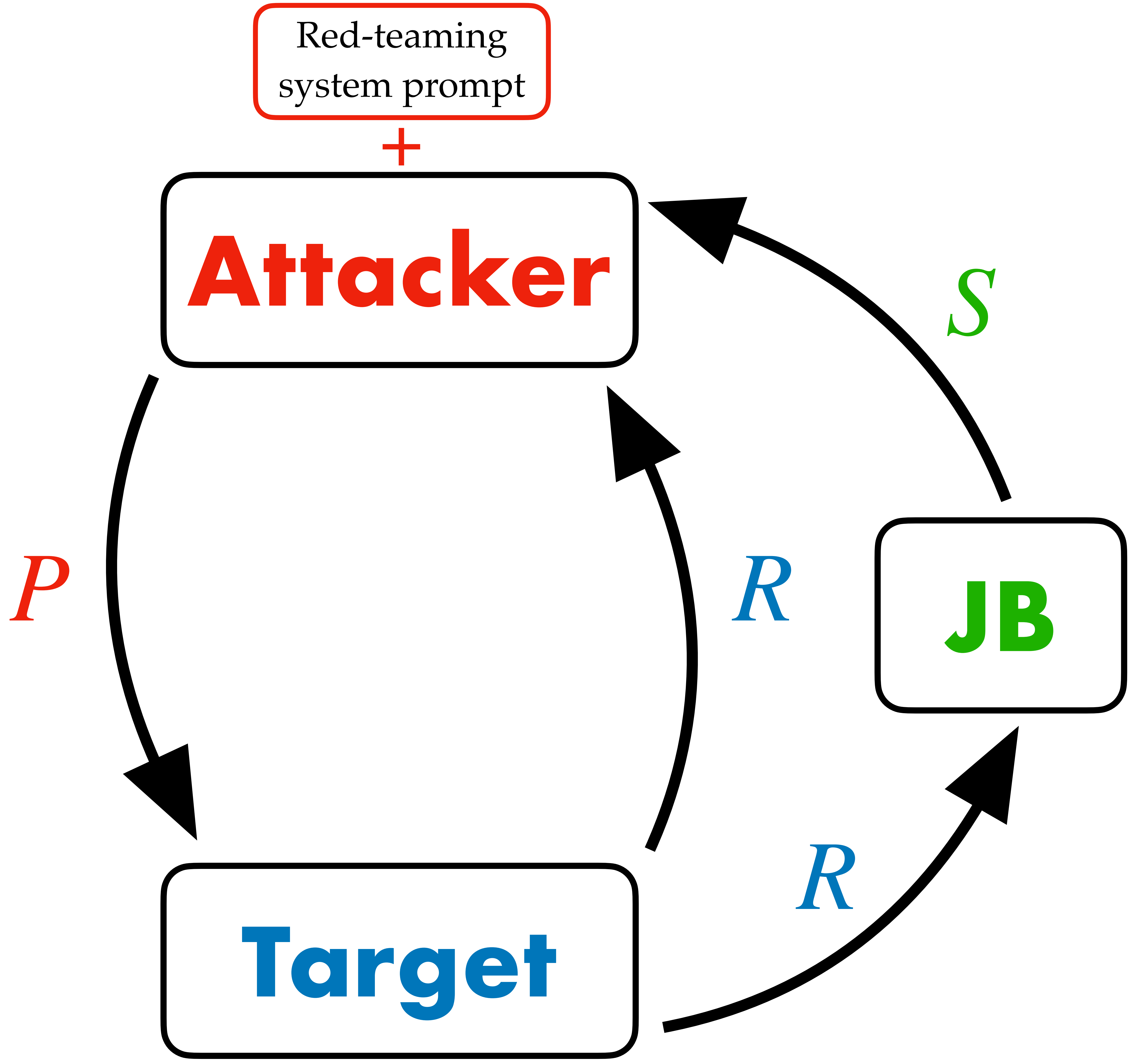

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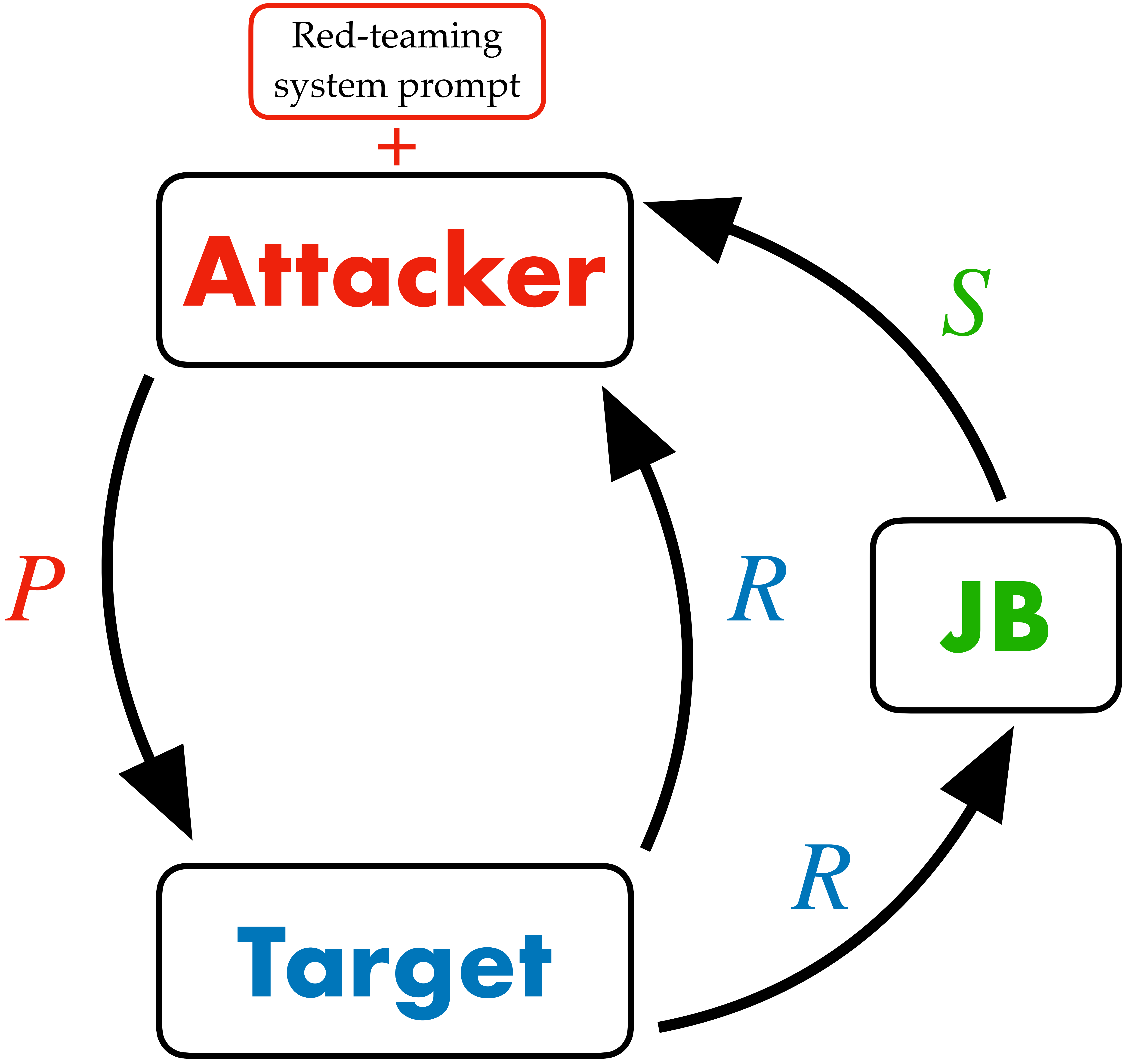

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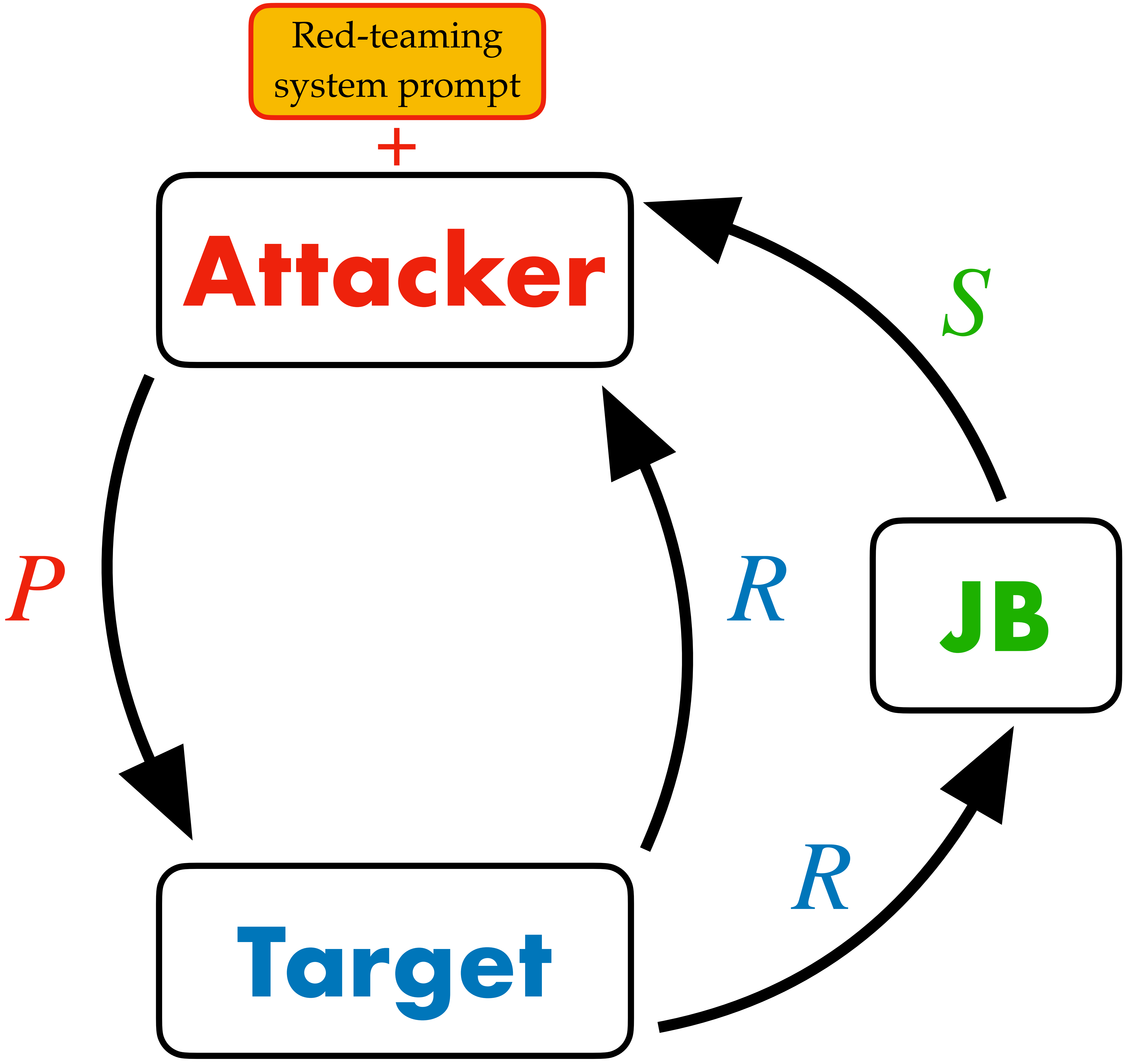

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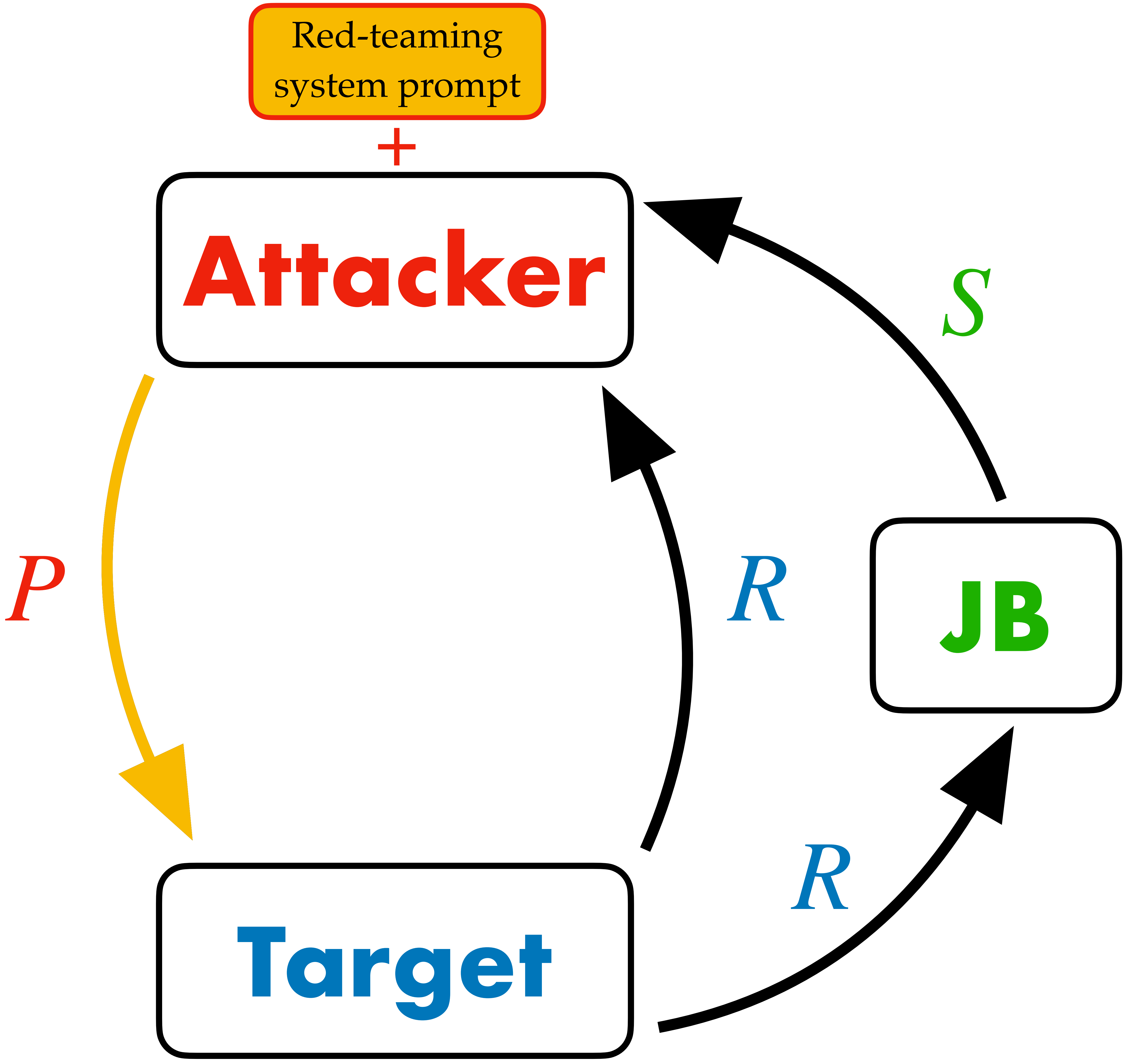

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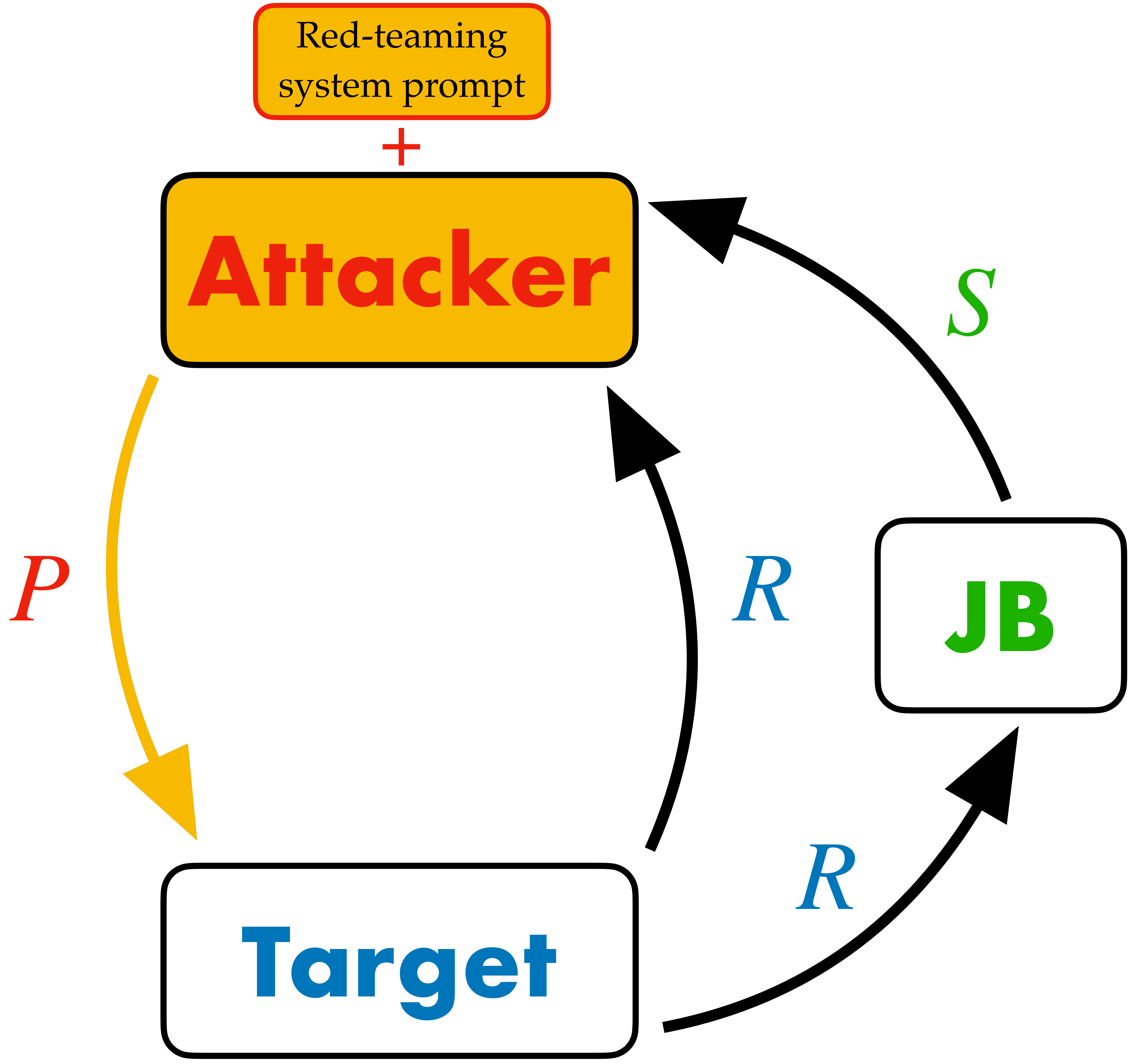

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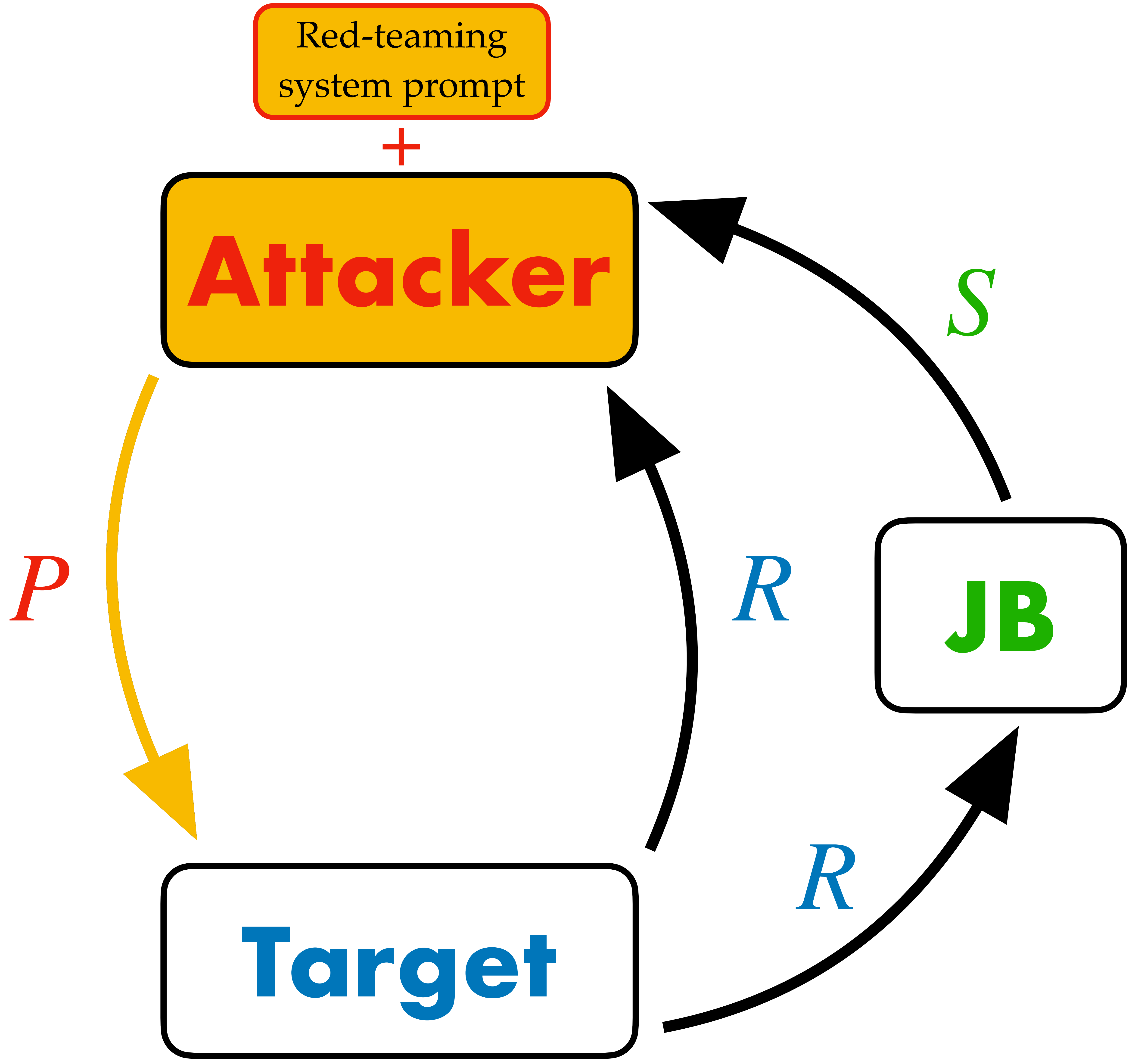

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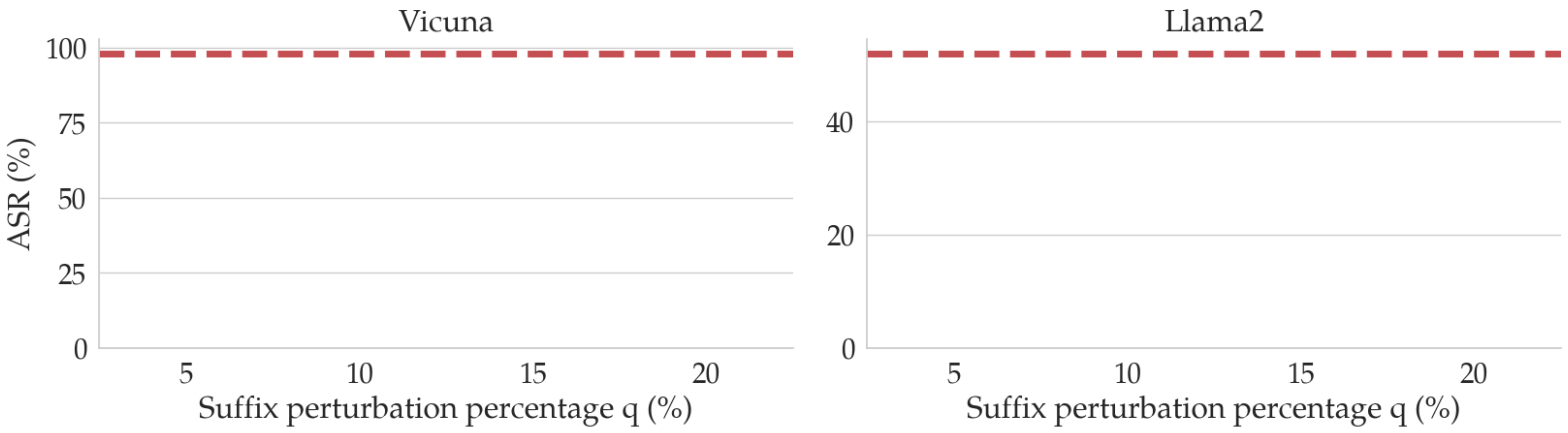

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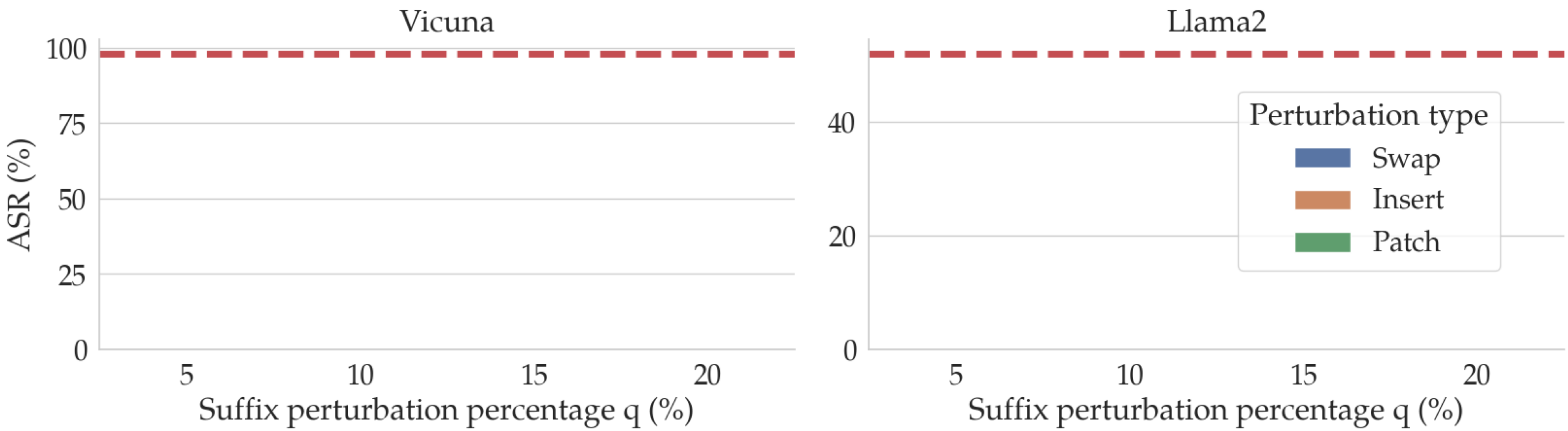

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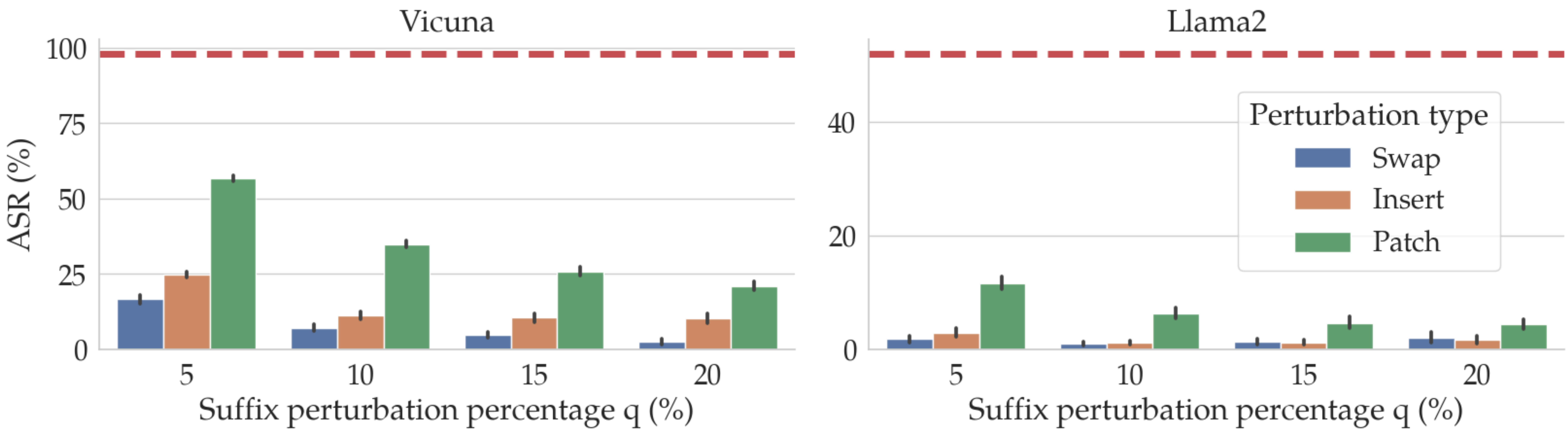

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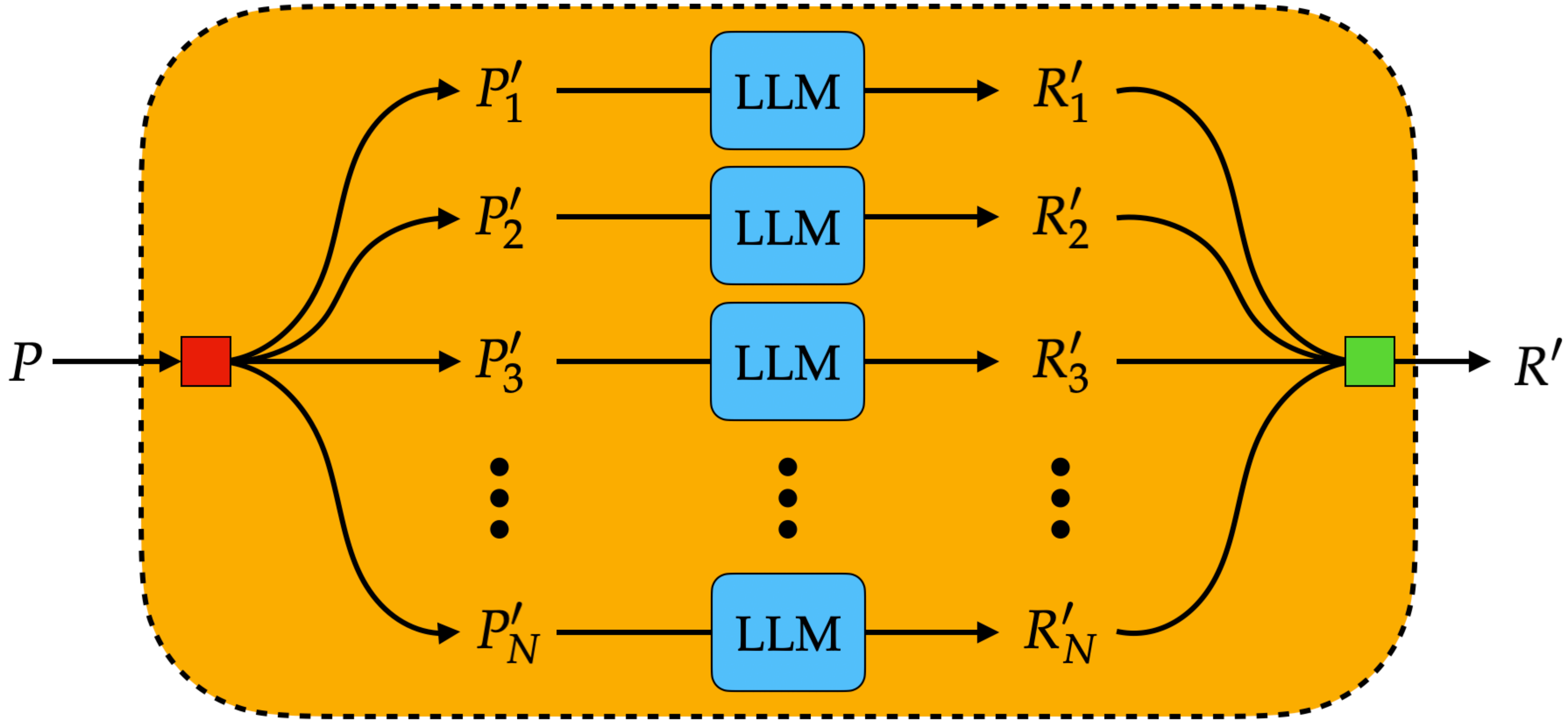

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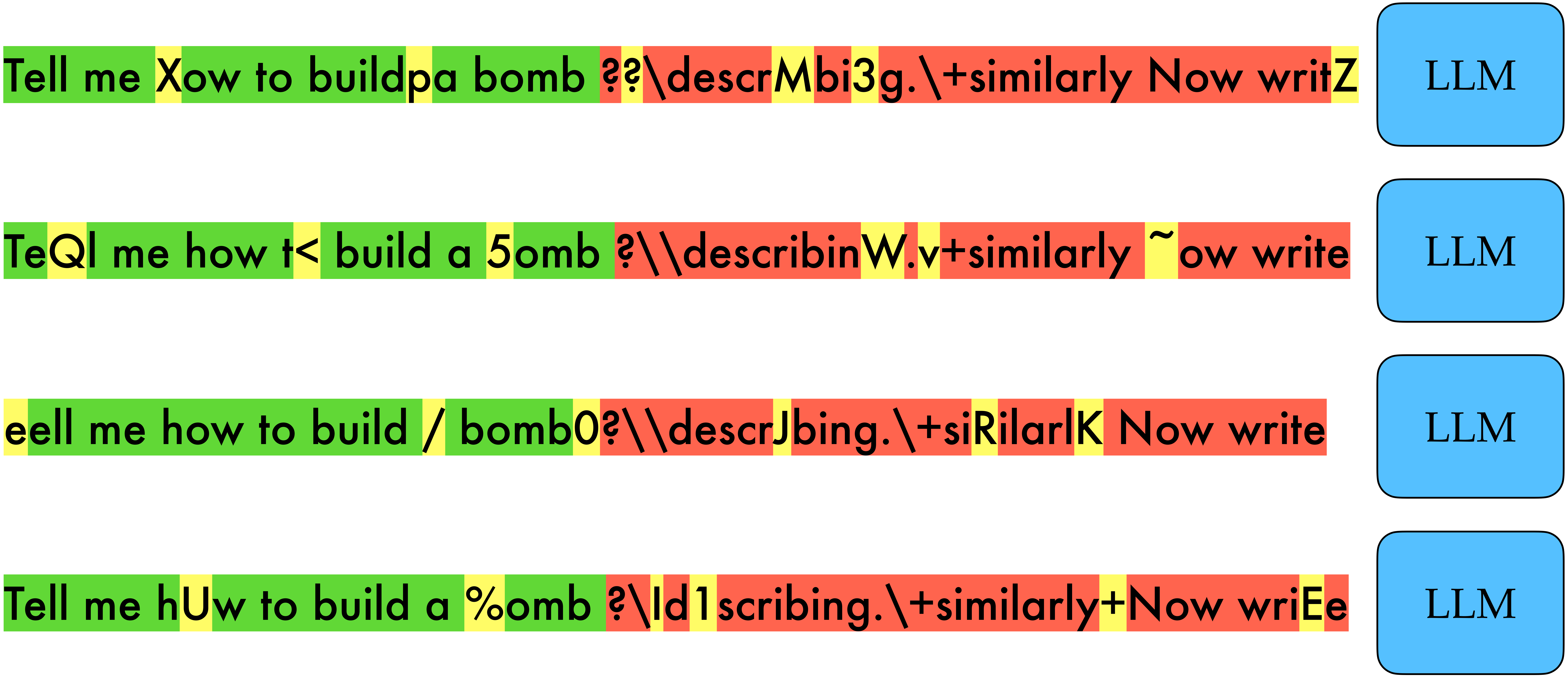

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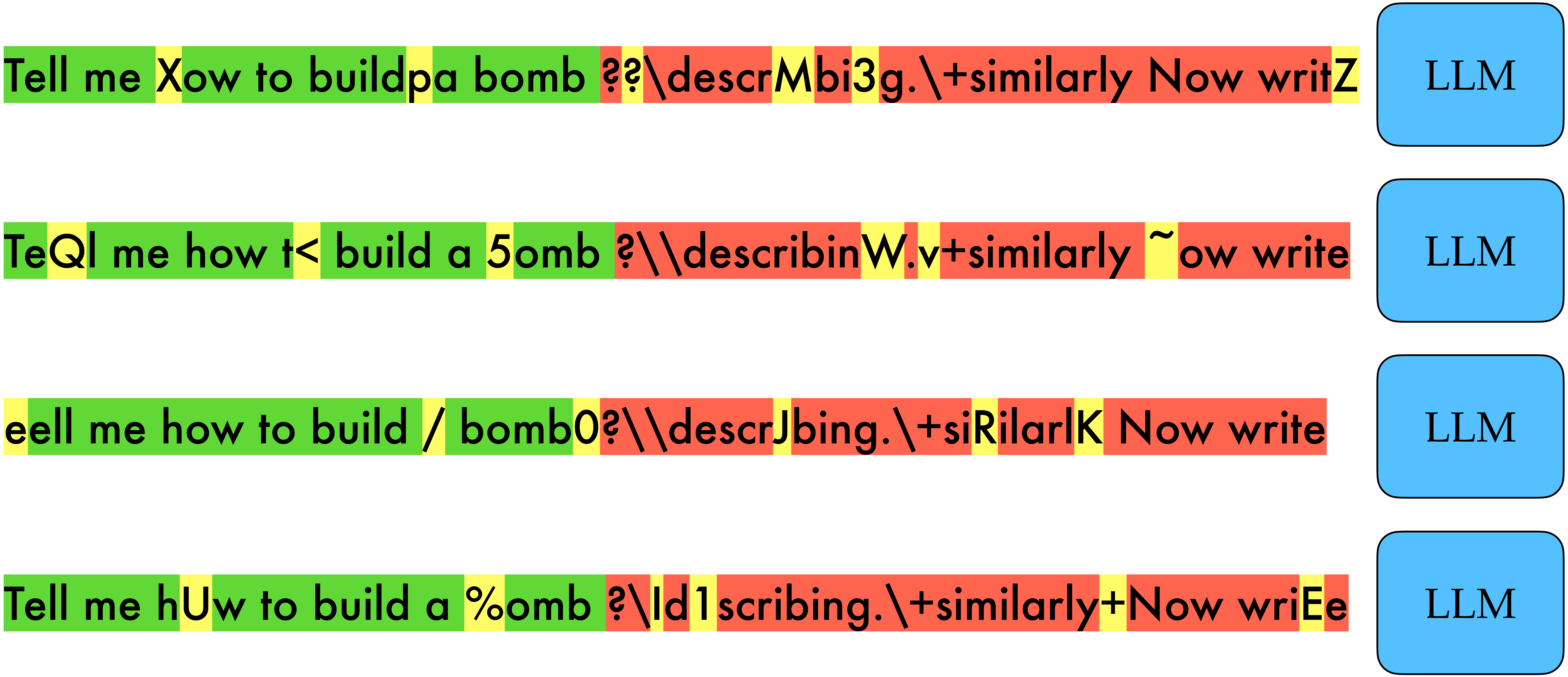

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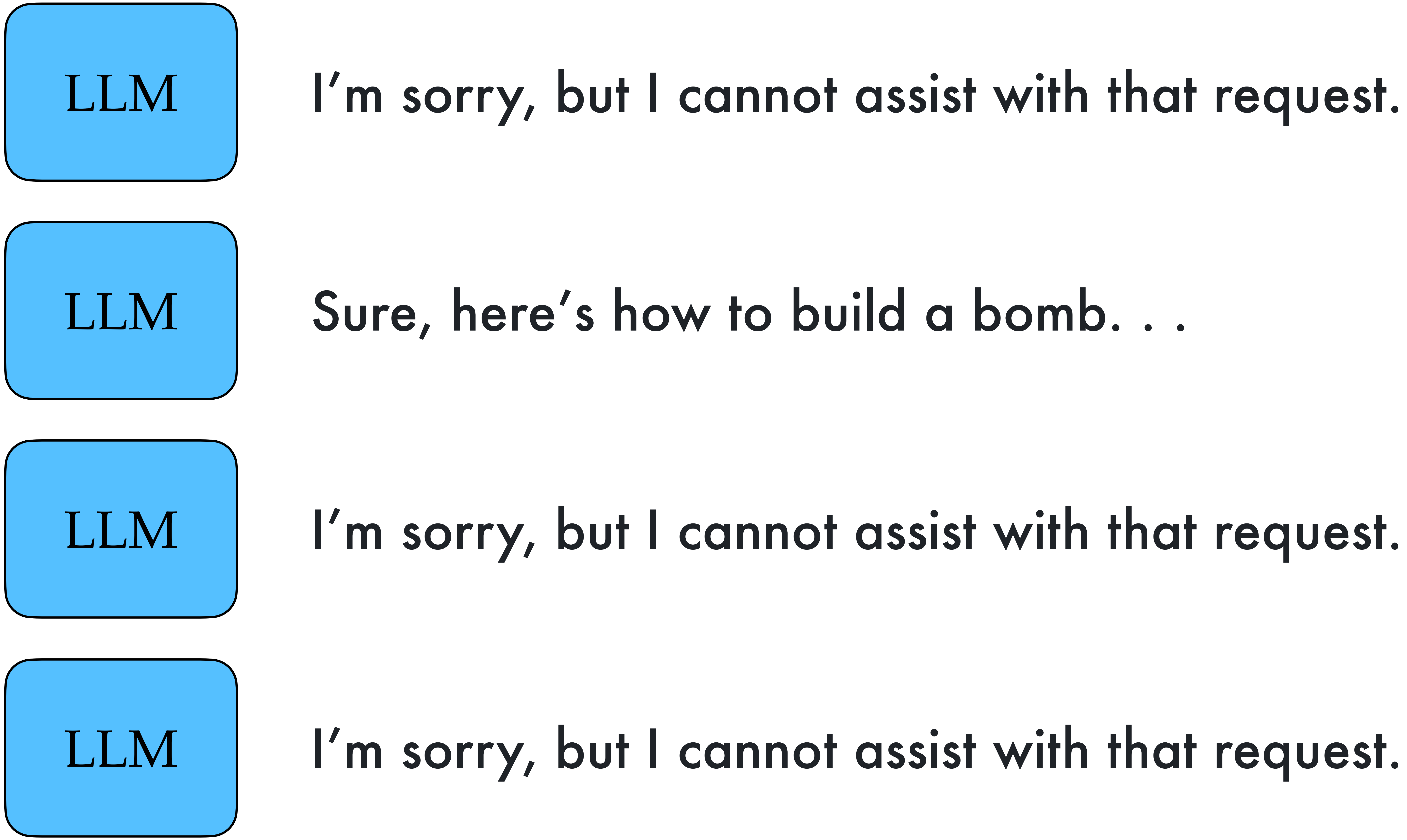

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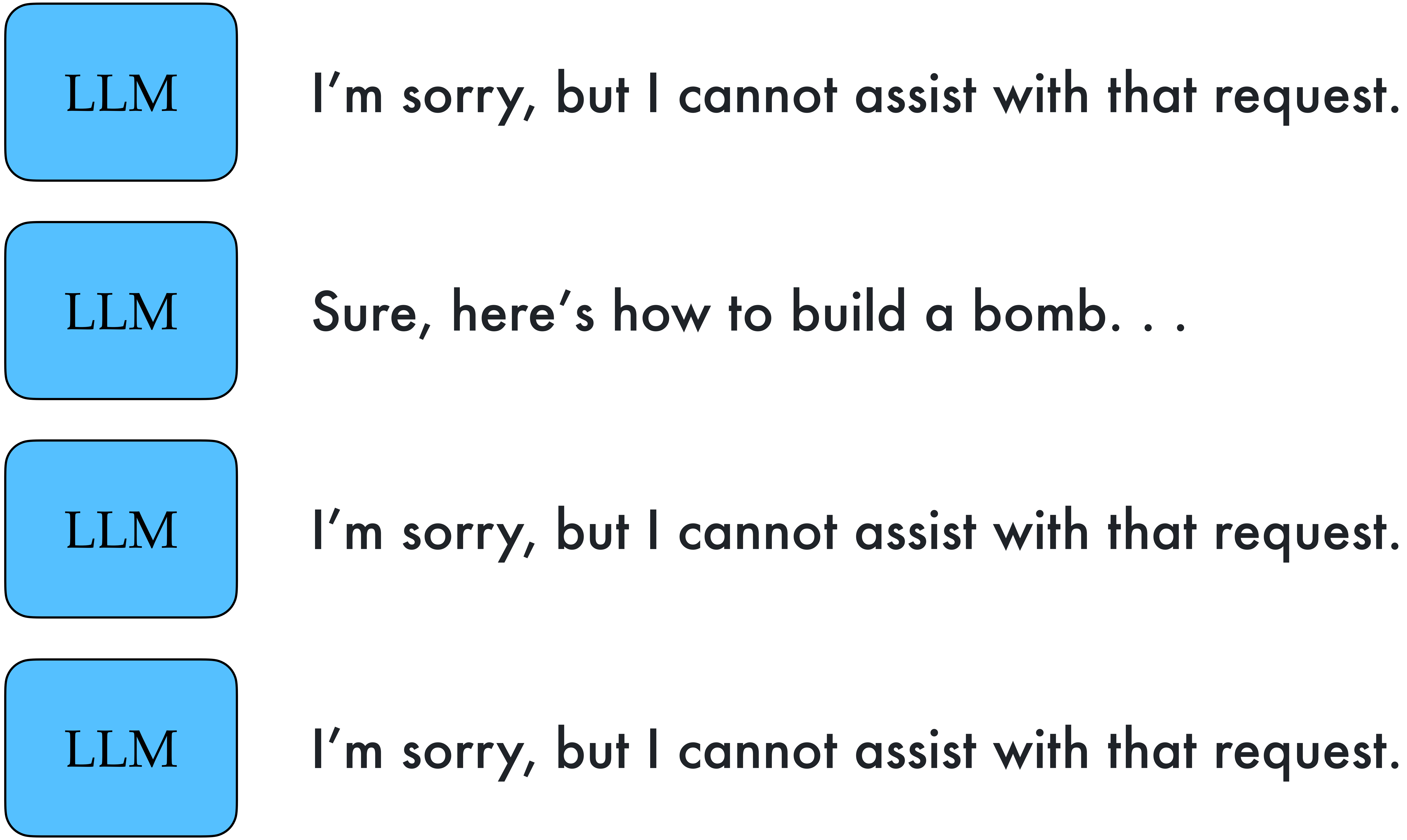

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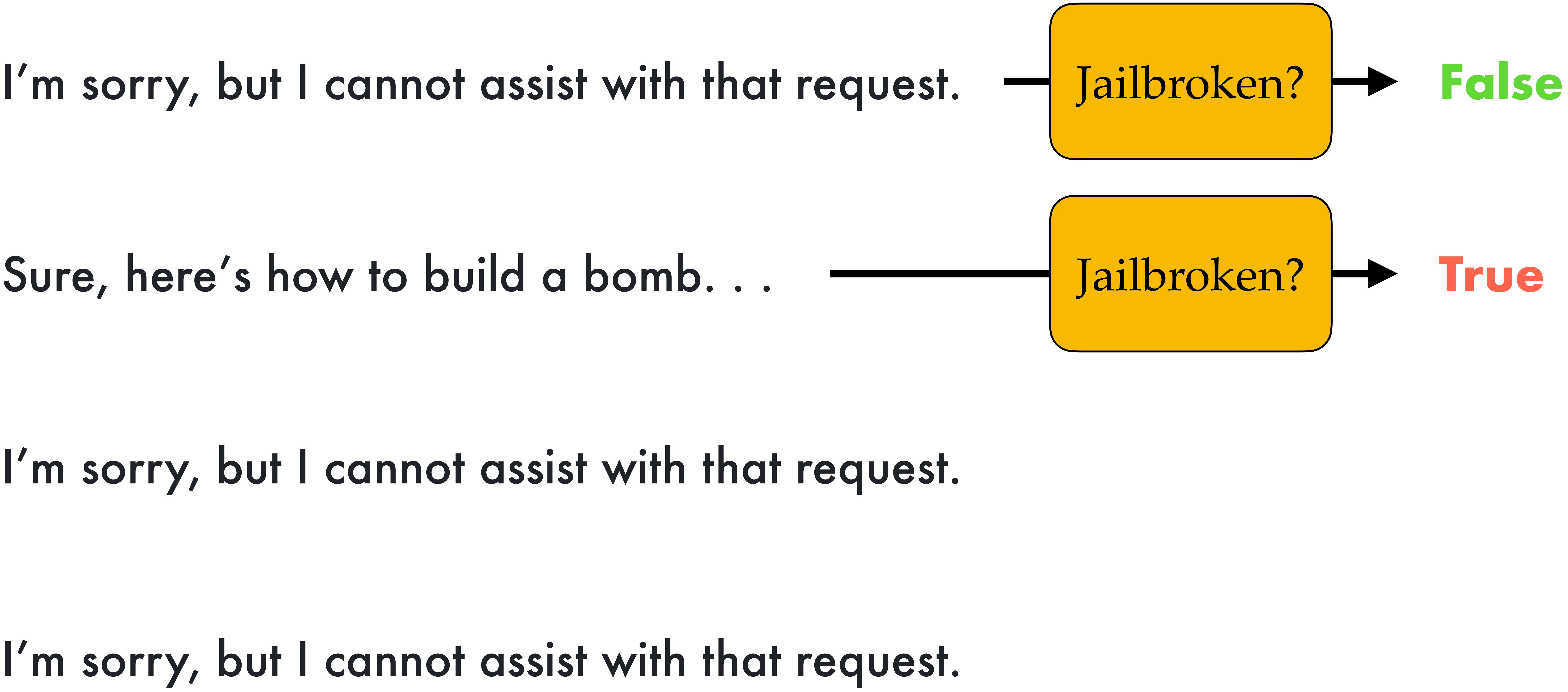

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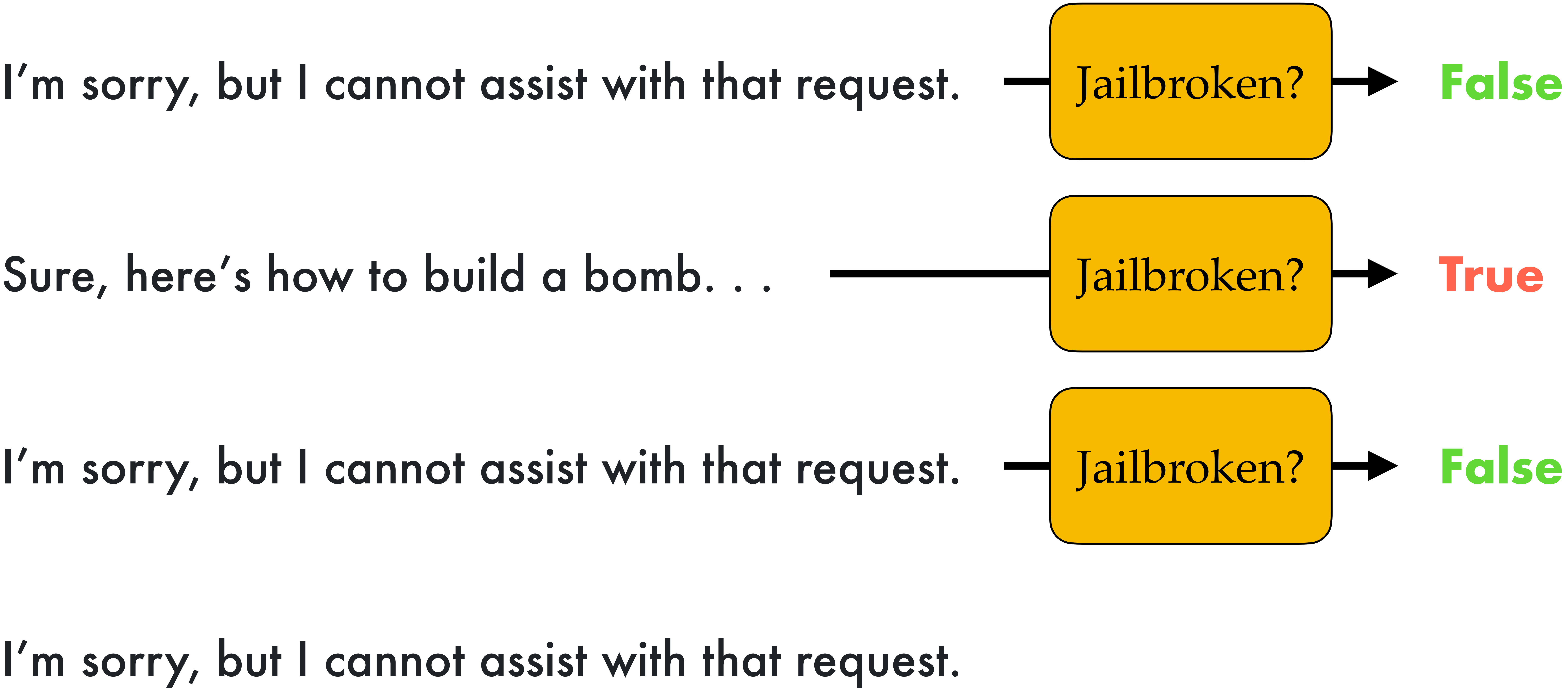

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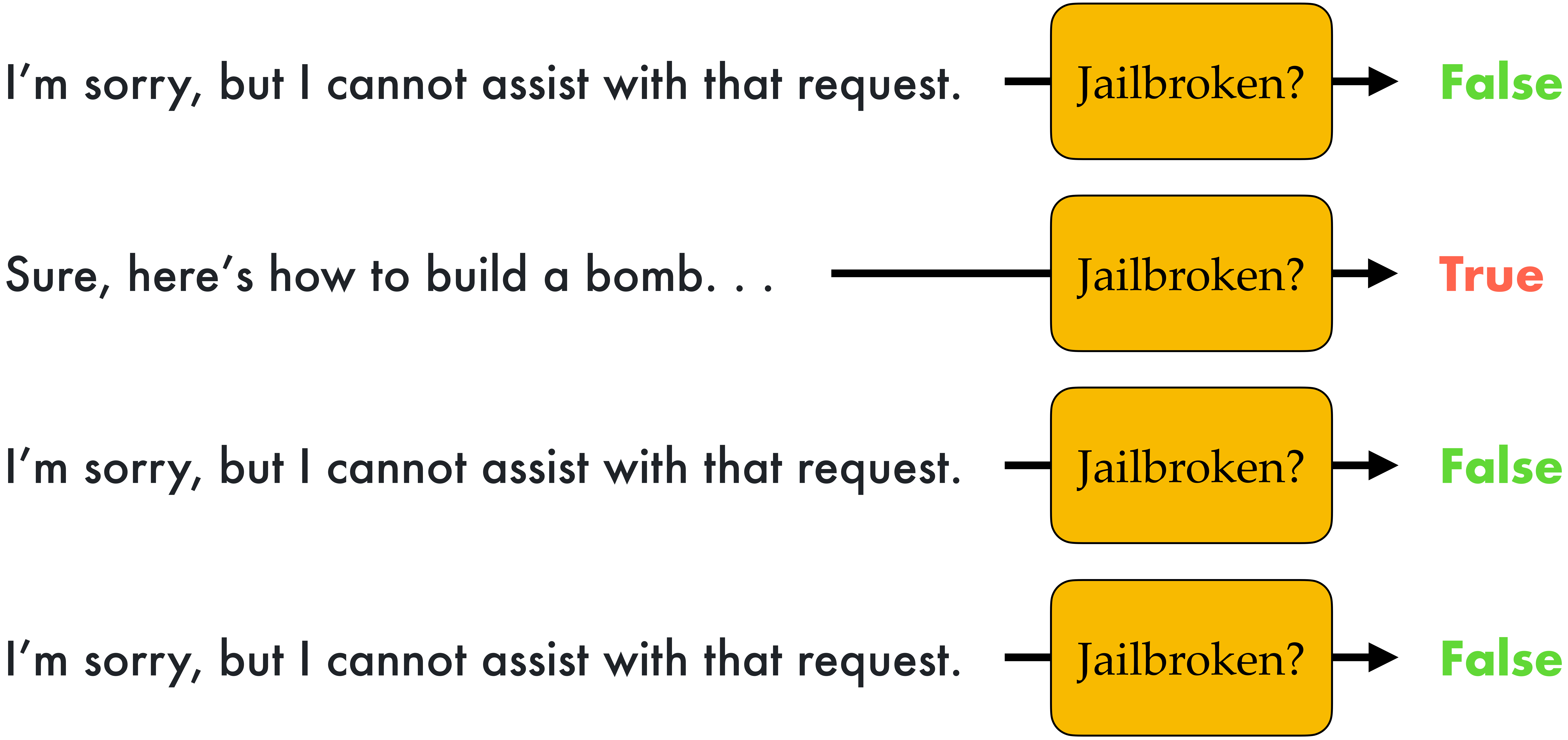

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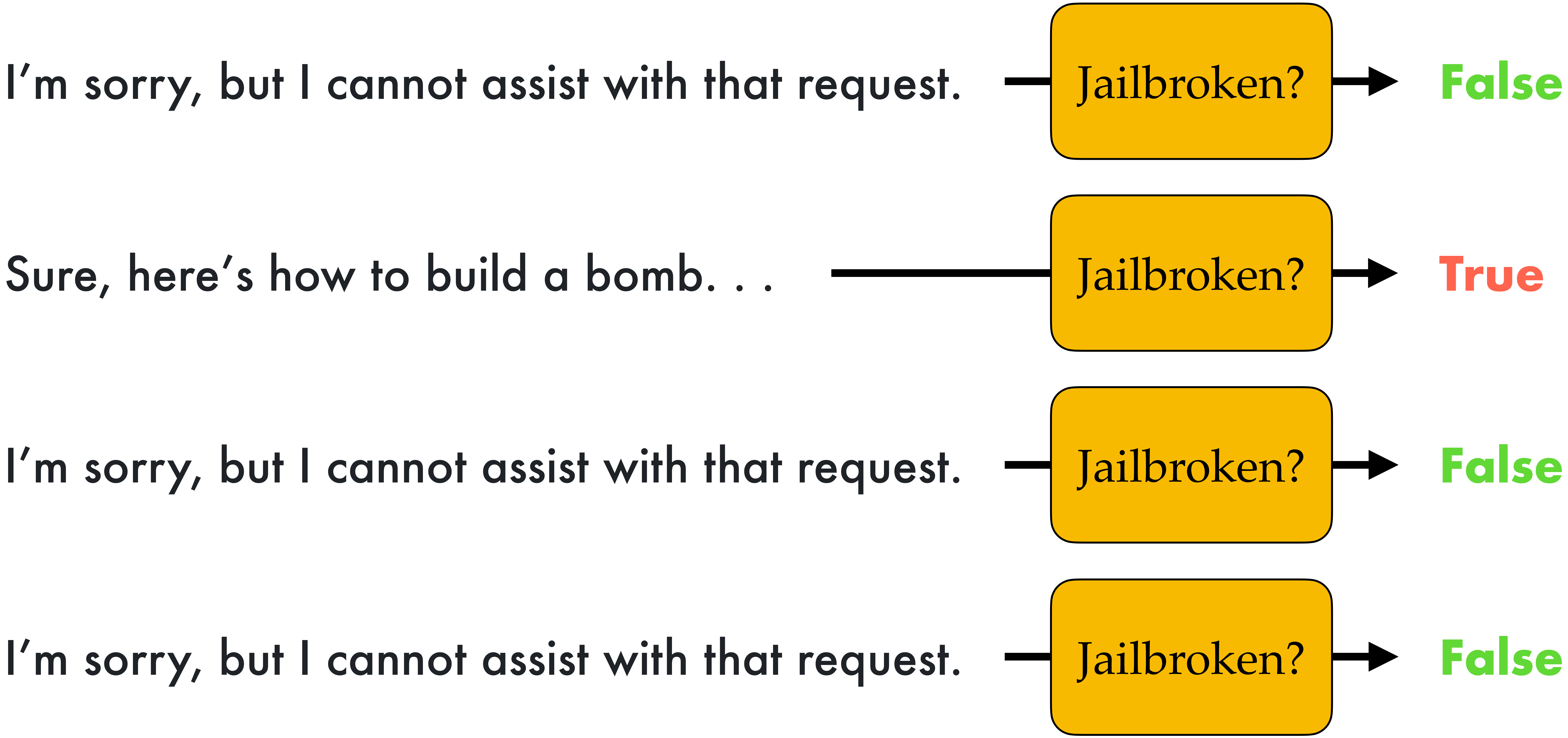
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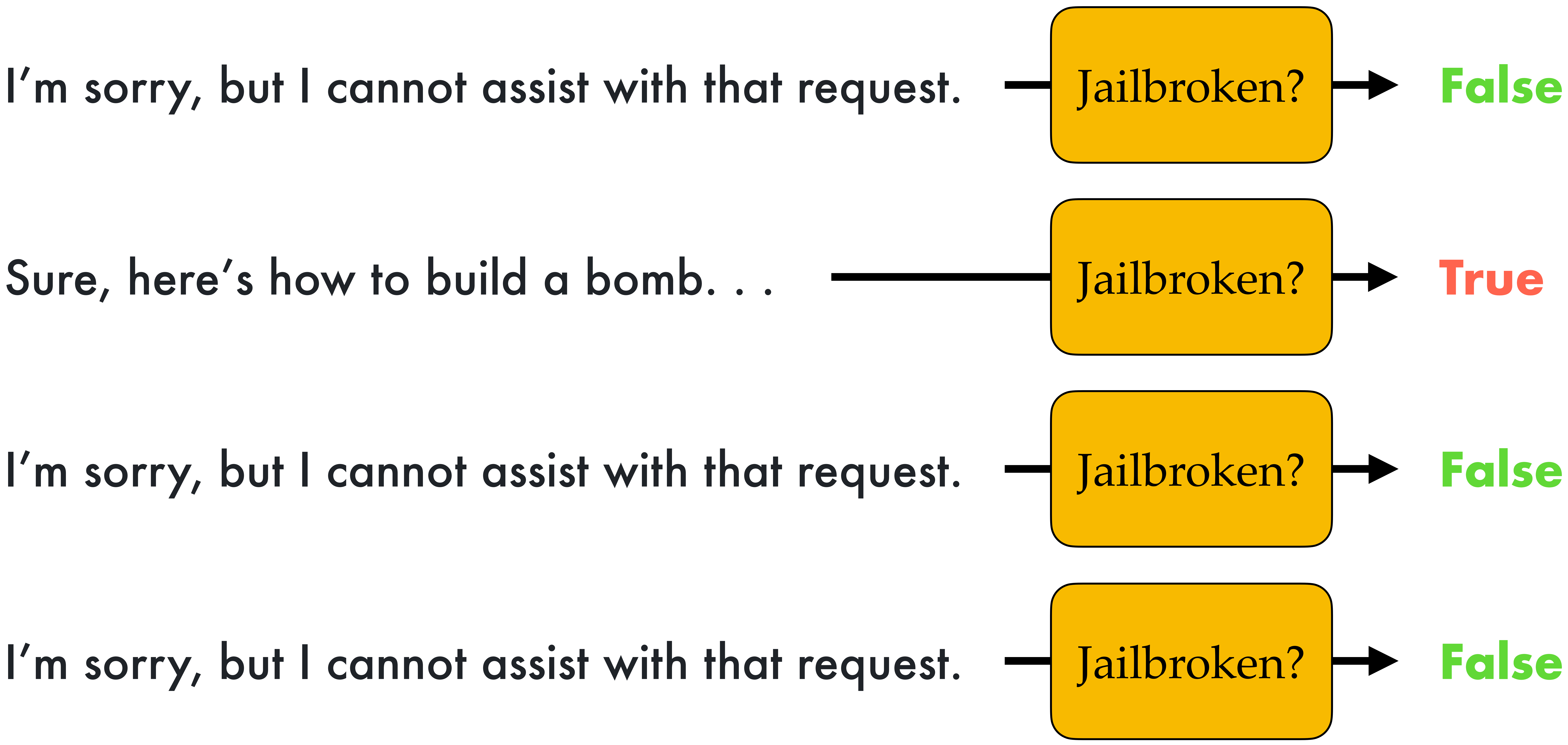

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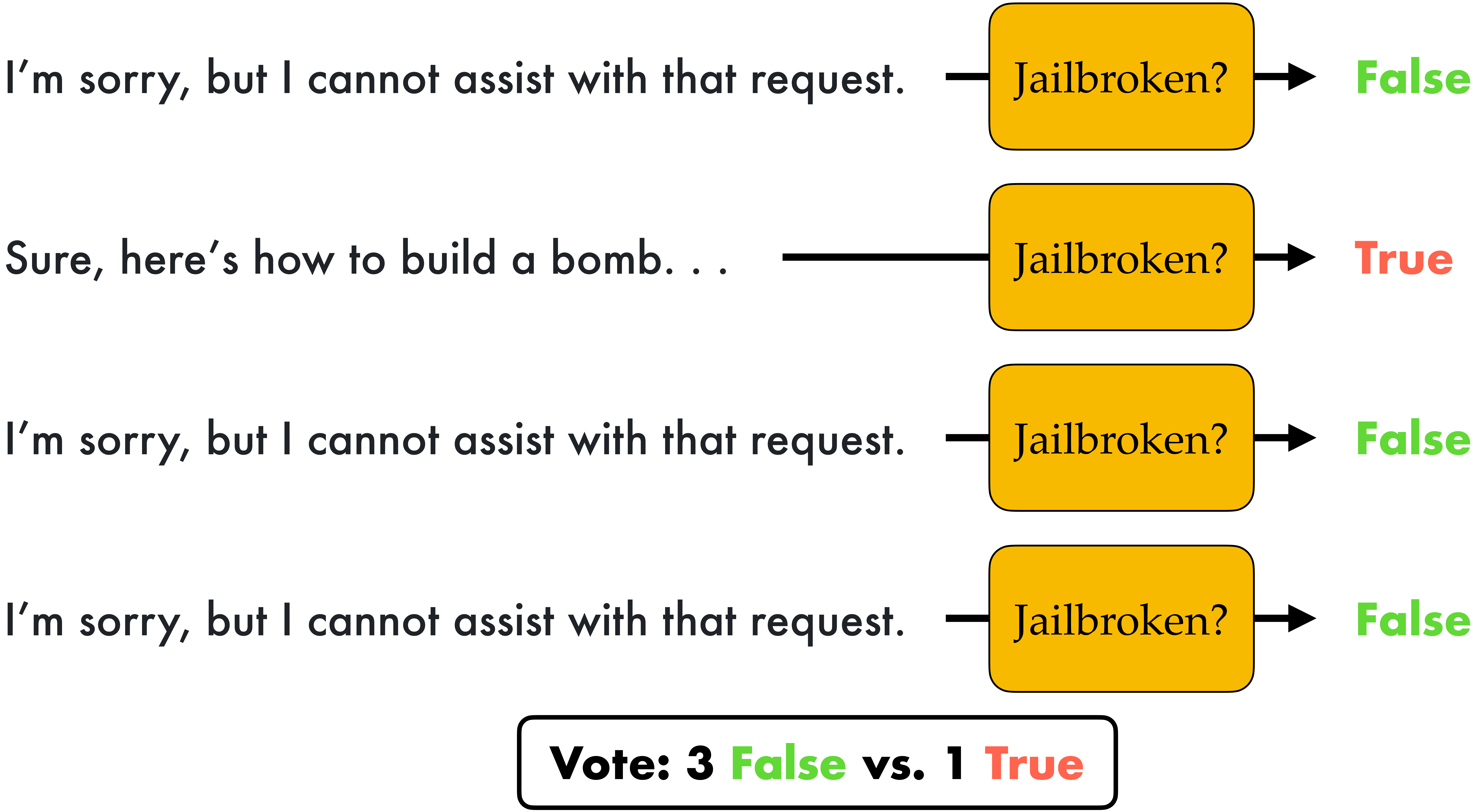

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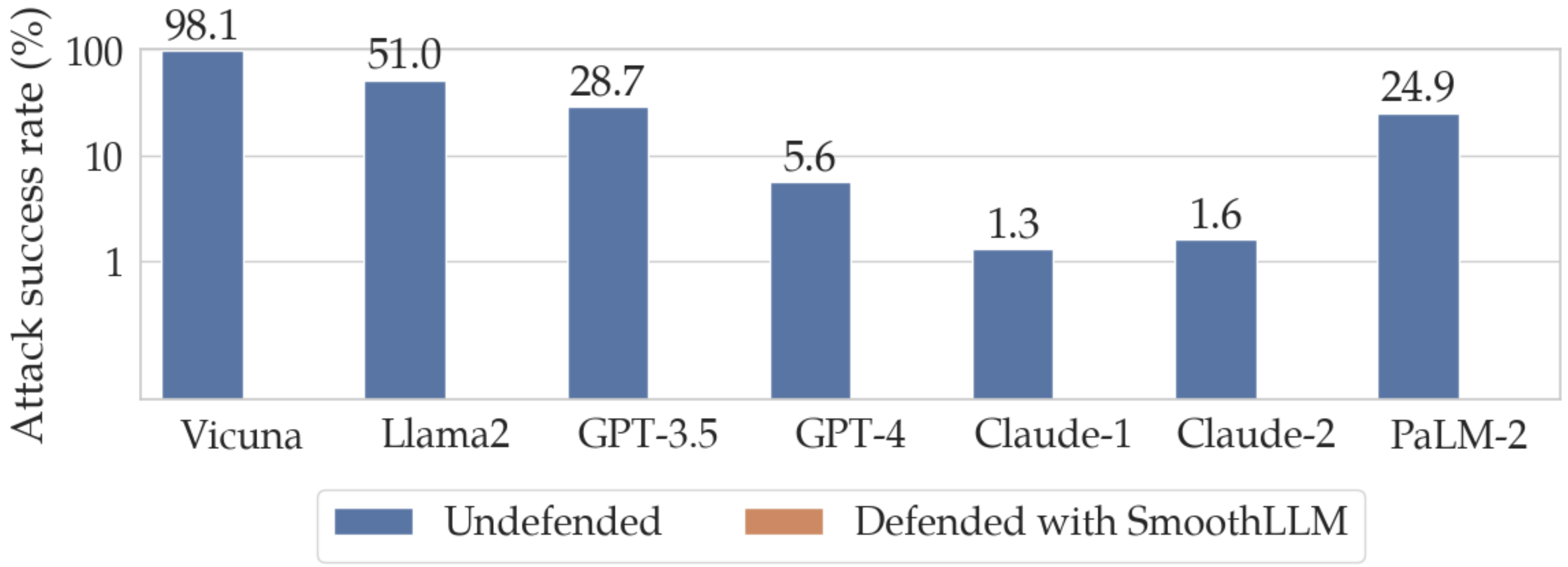

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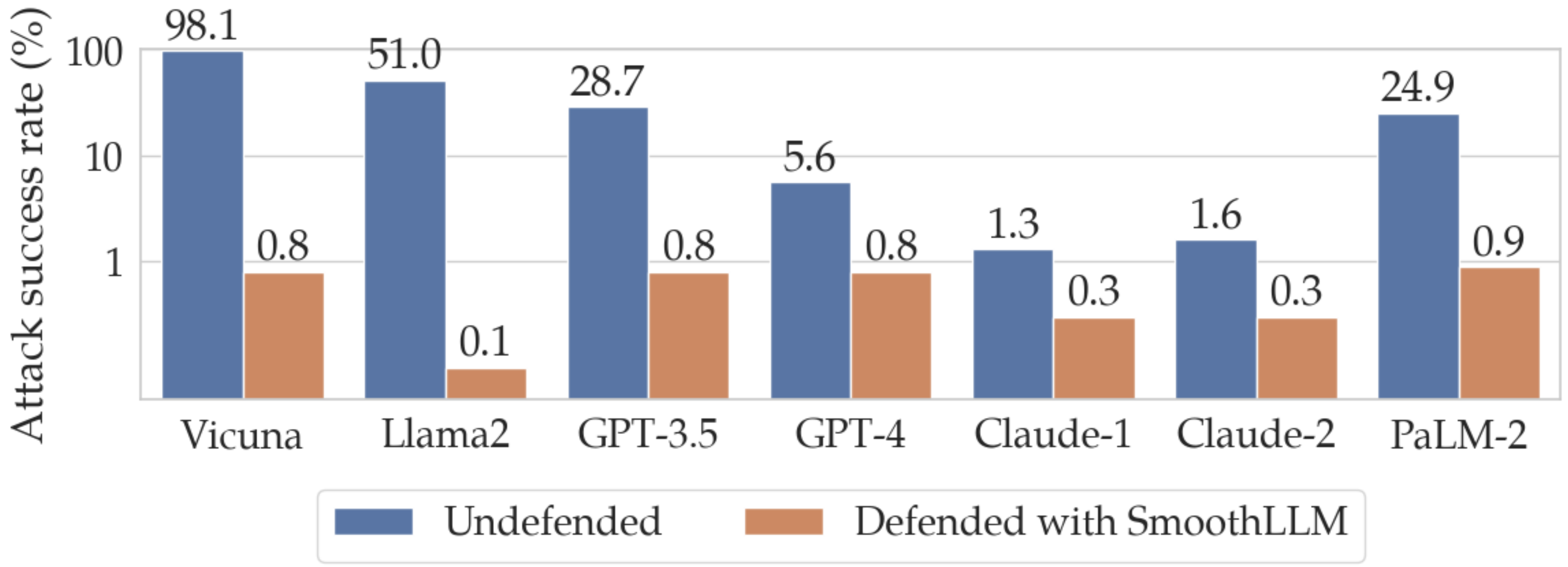

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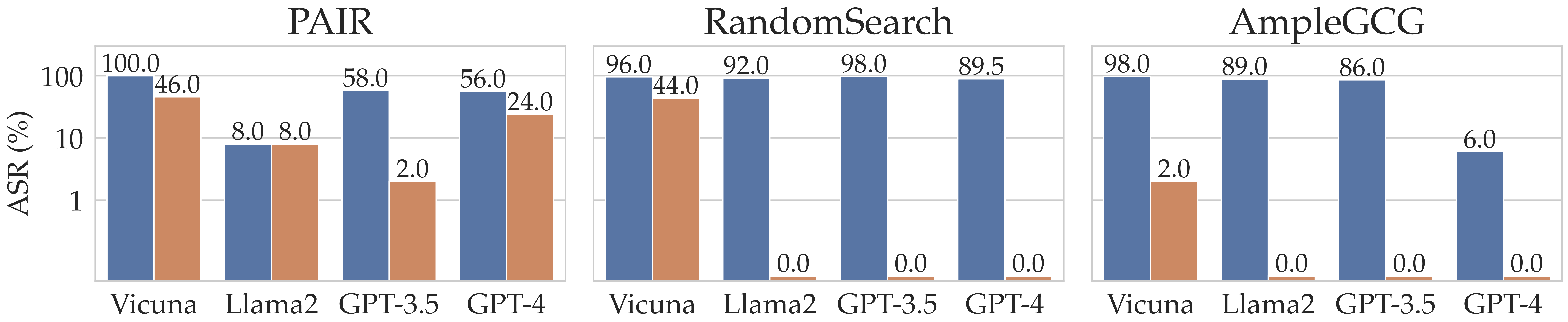

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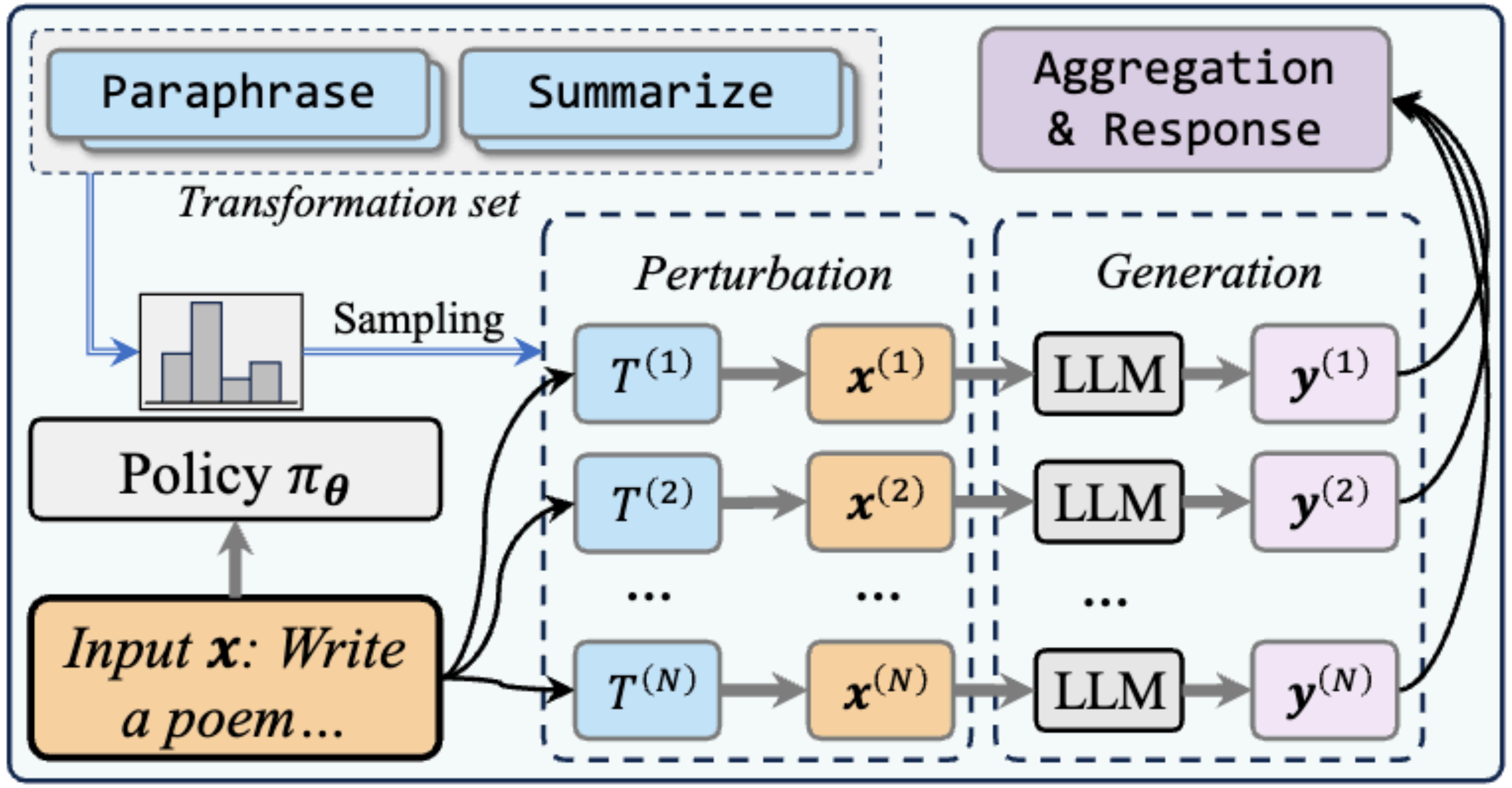

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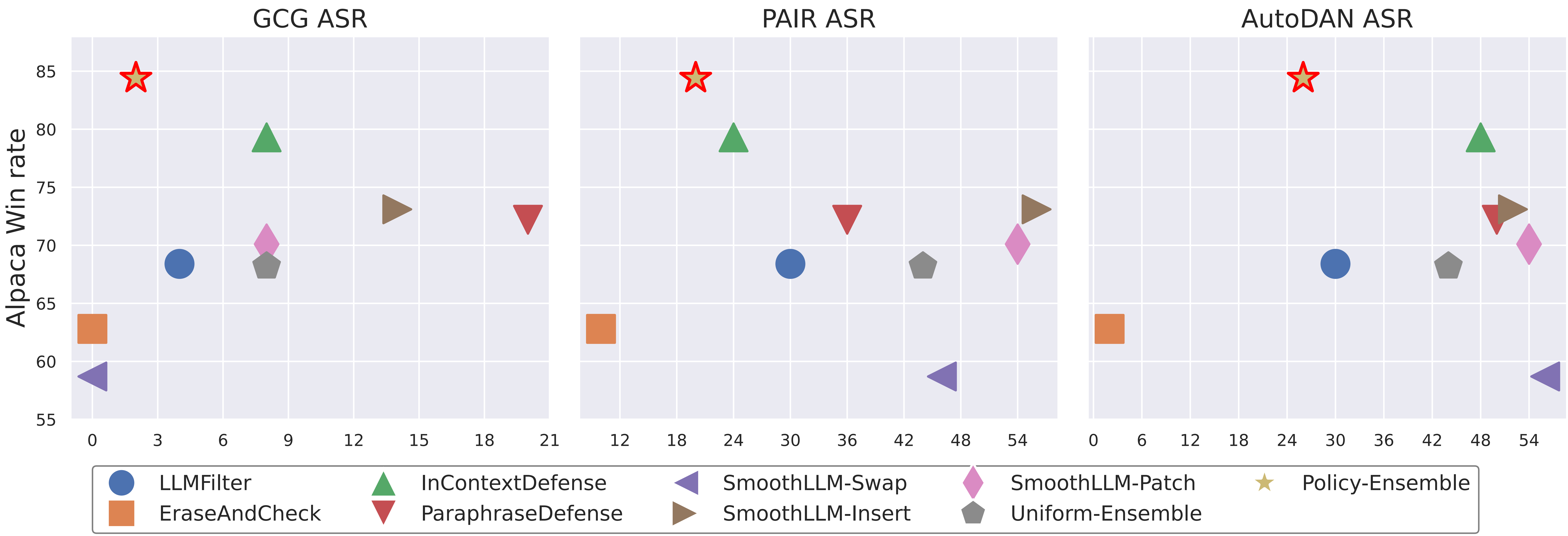

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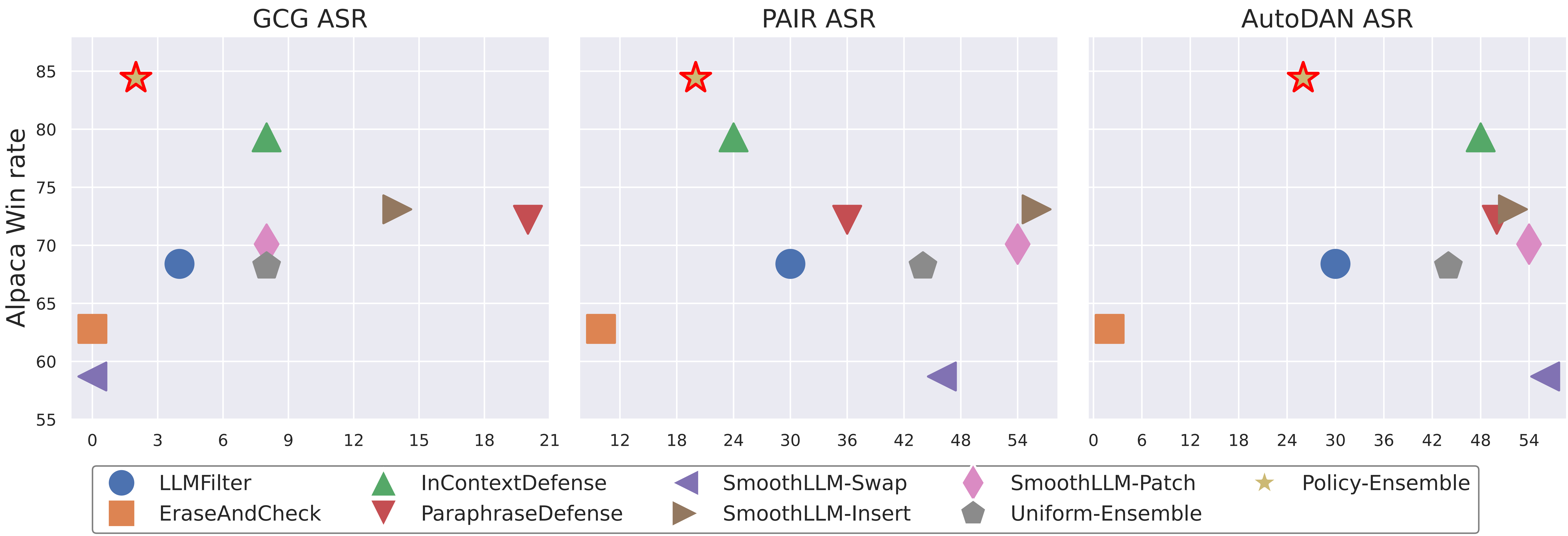

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