

Linear-Work **Parallel Set Cover** and Variants Using MaNIS

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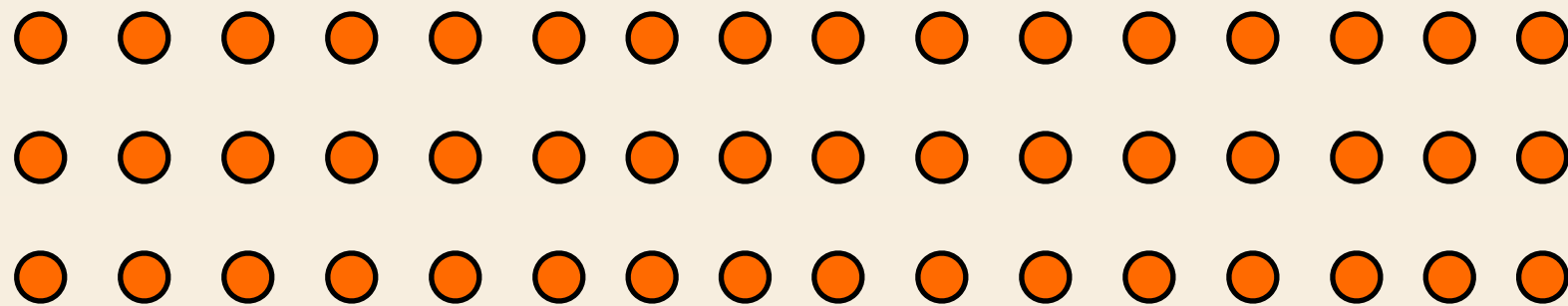
This Talk: MaNIS: Maximal Nearly Independent Set
techniques for parallel approximate greedy algorithms

How to select a *maximal* collection of *nearly* non-overlapping sets
in linear work and polylog depth?

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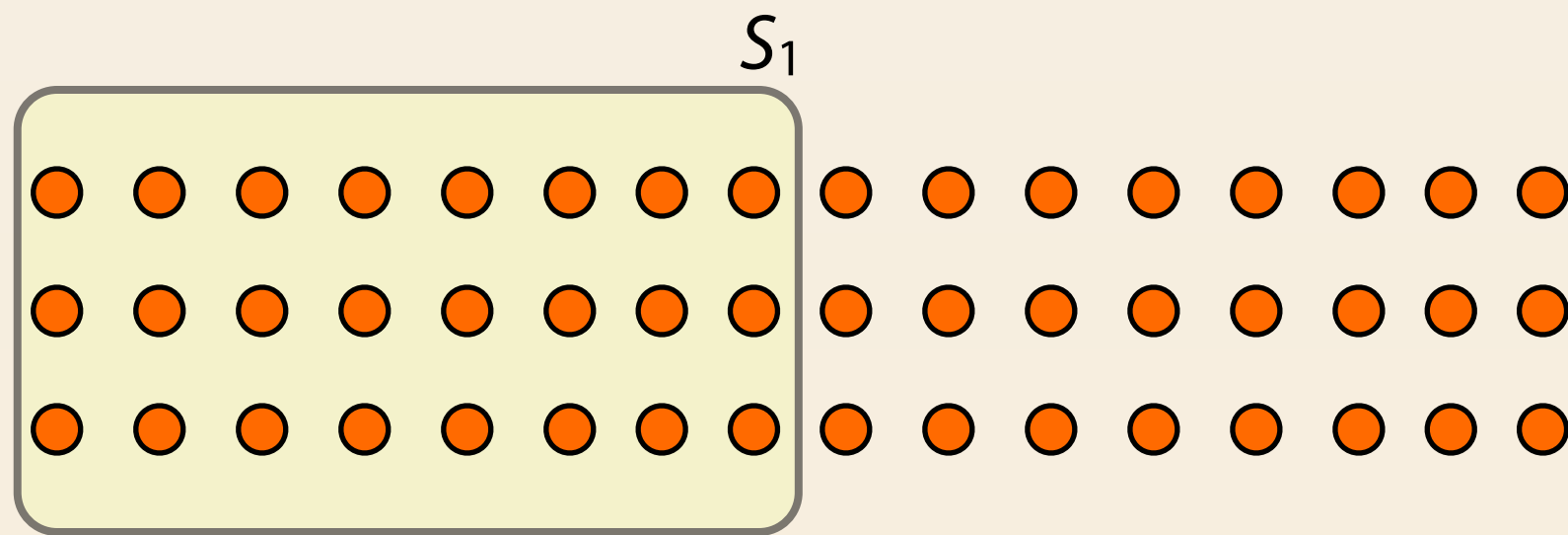
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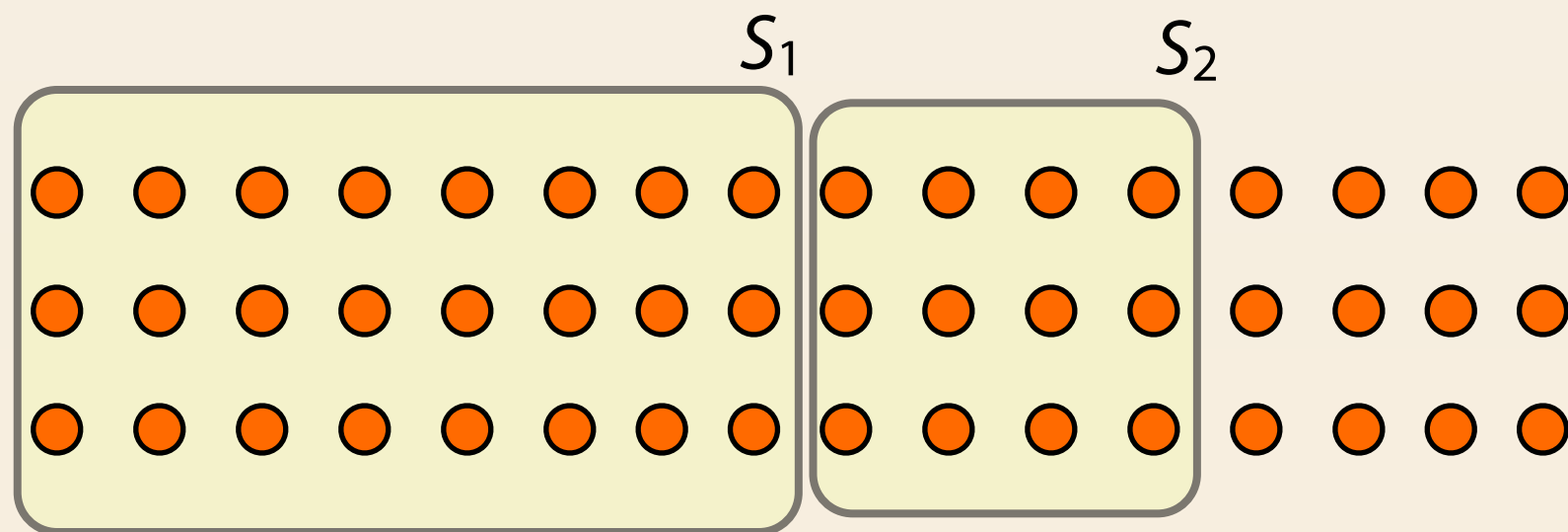
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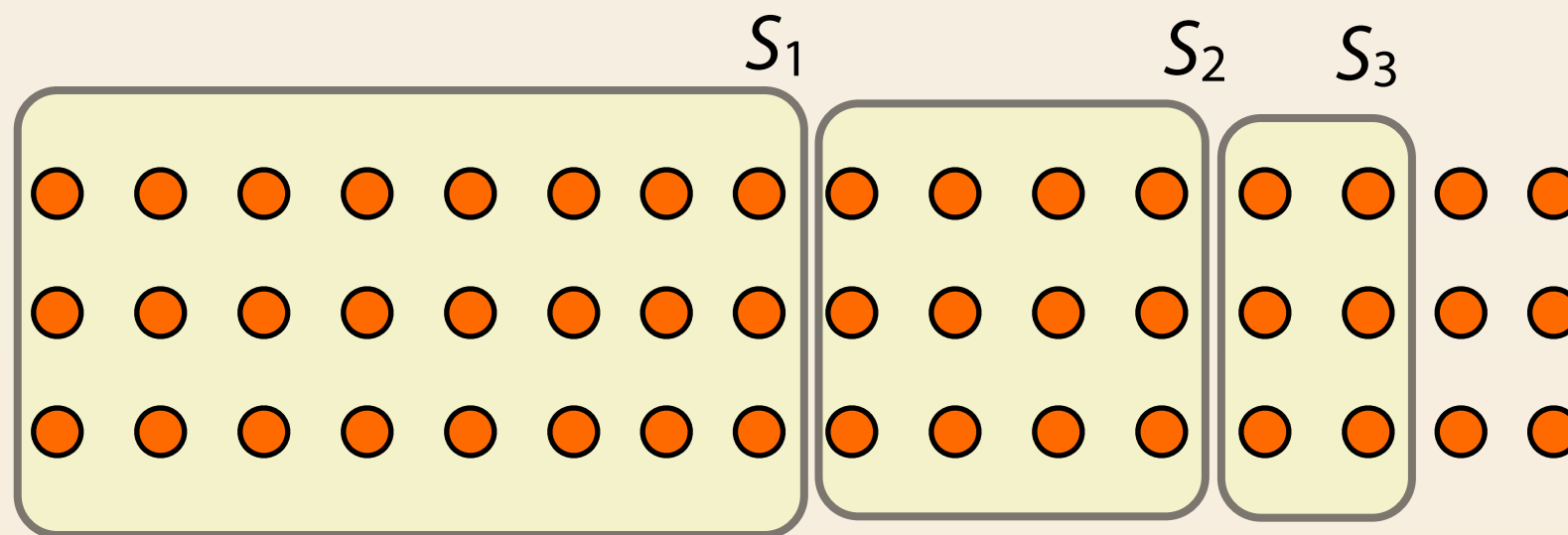
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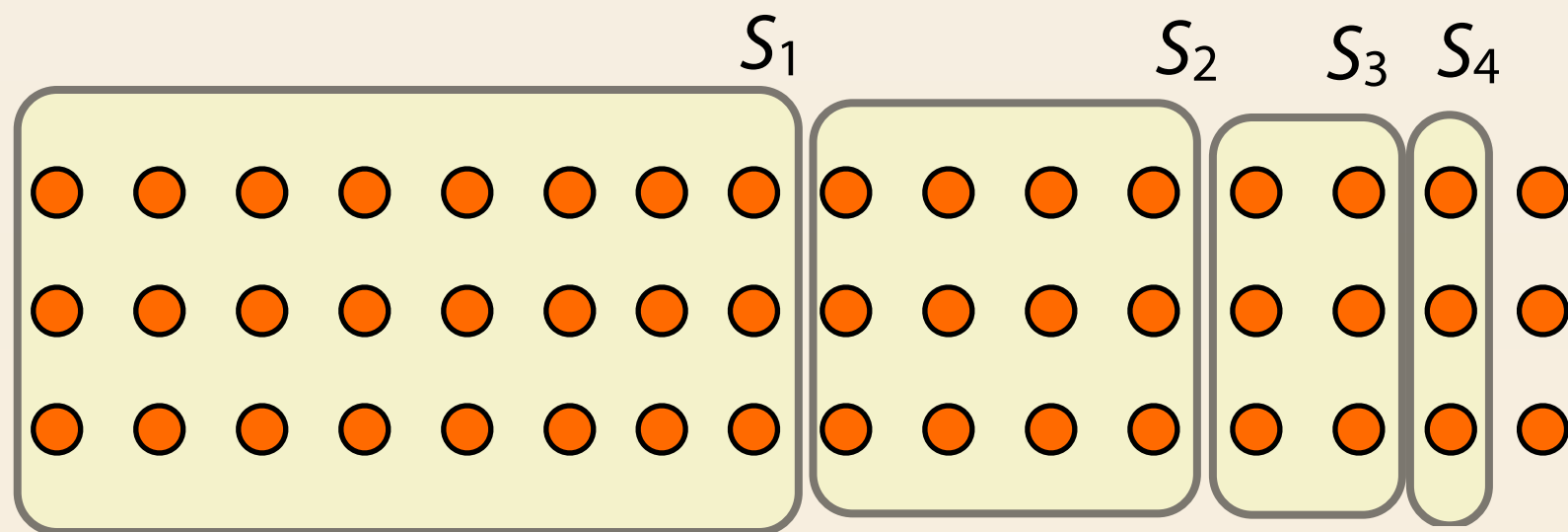
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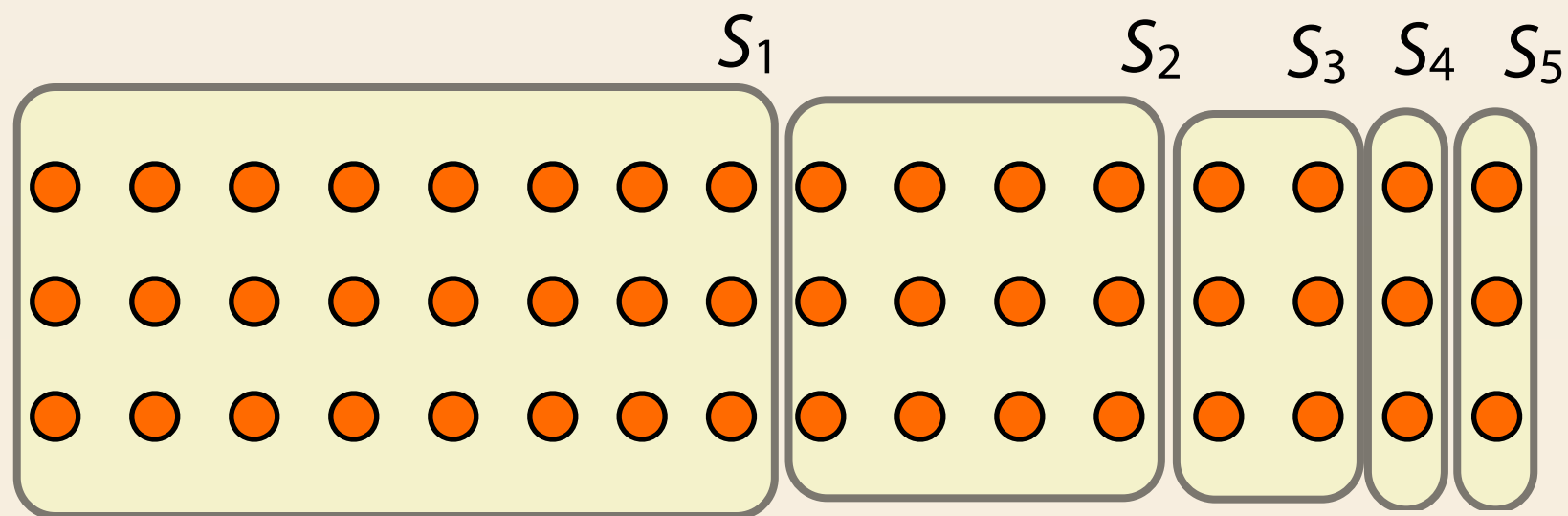
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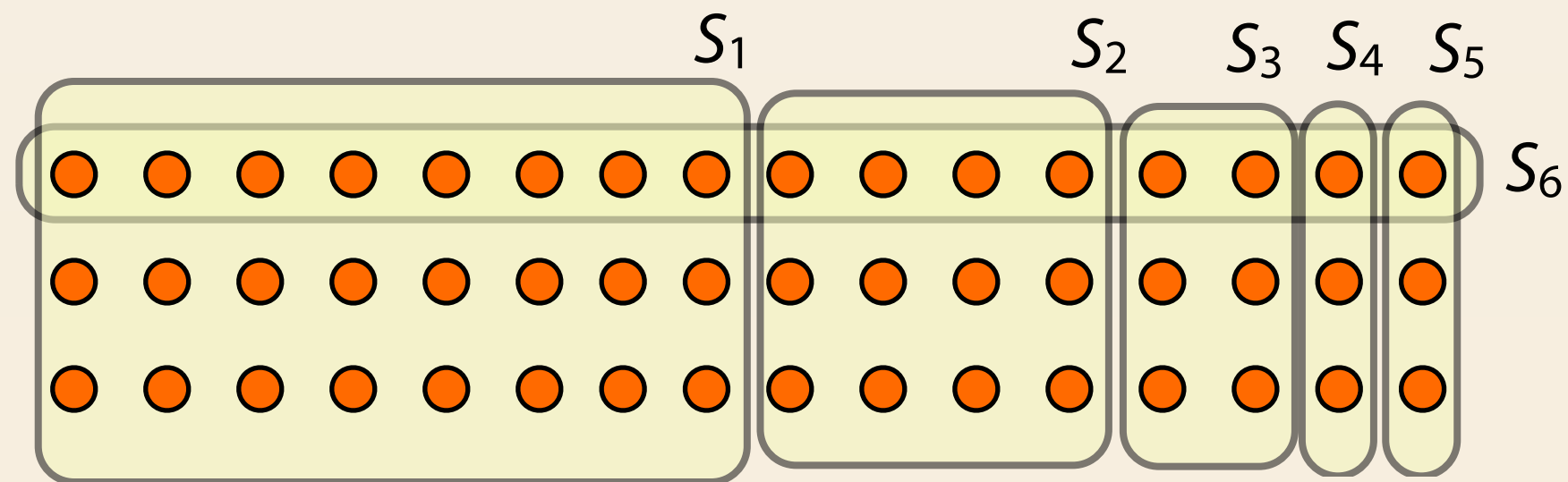
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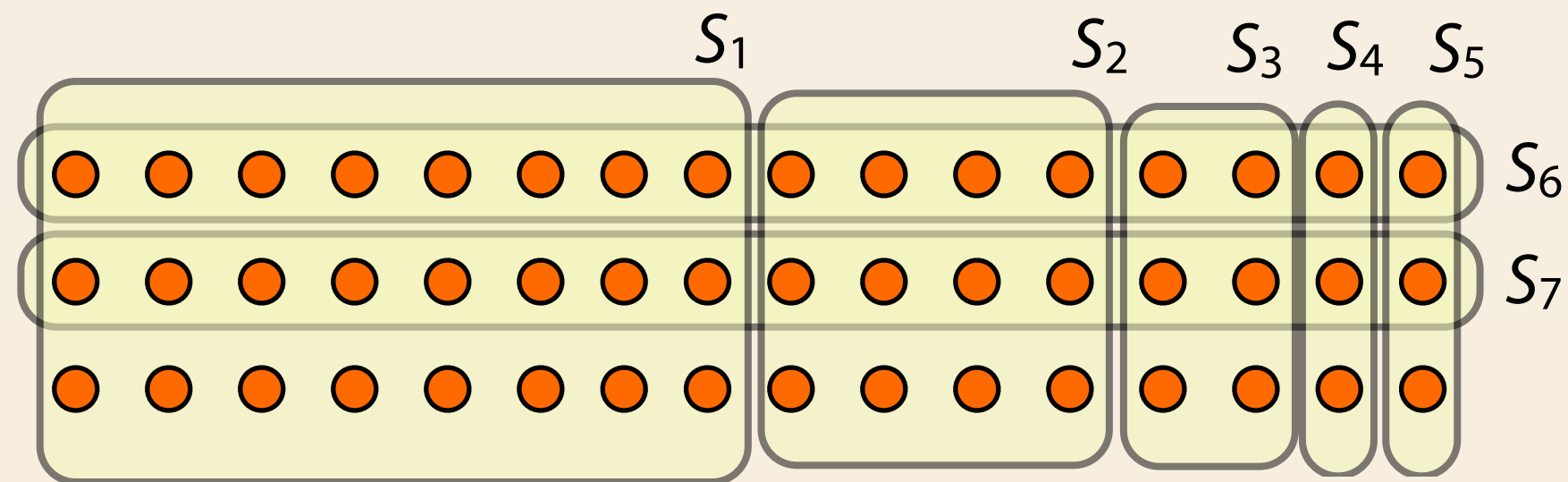
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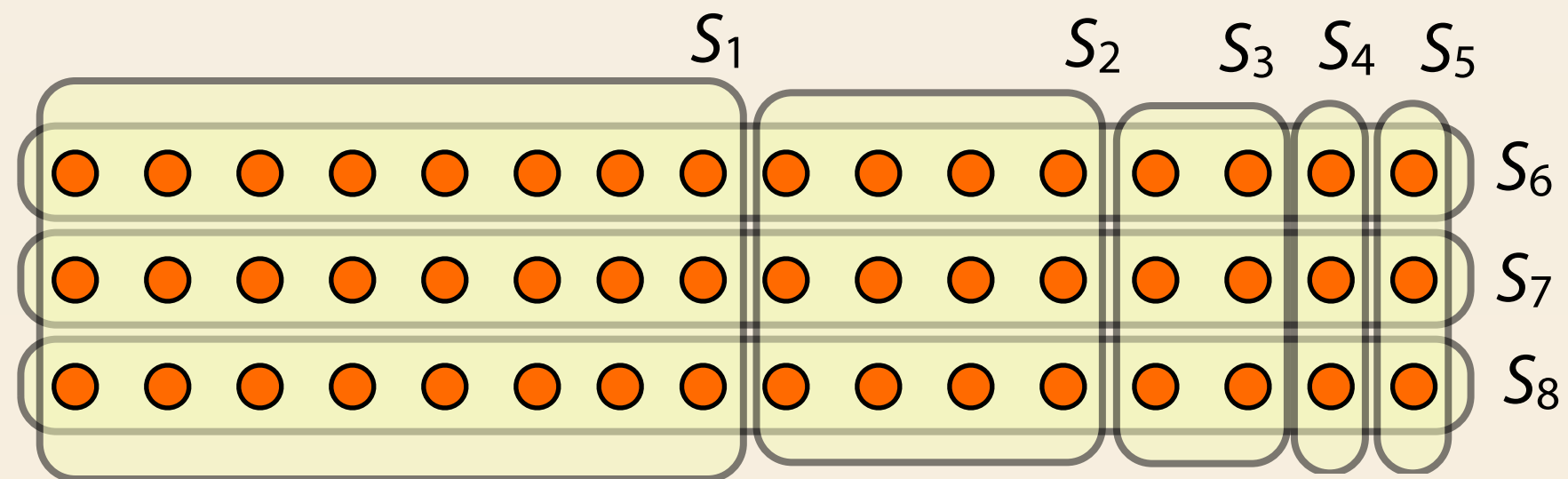
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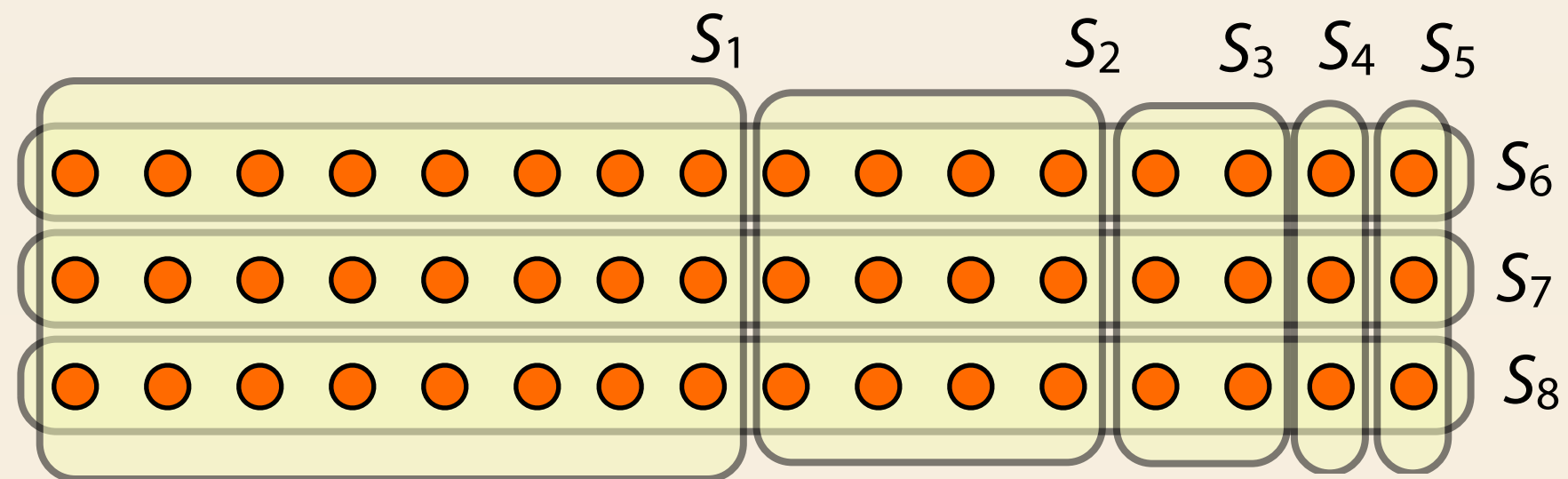
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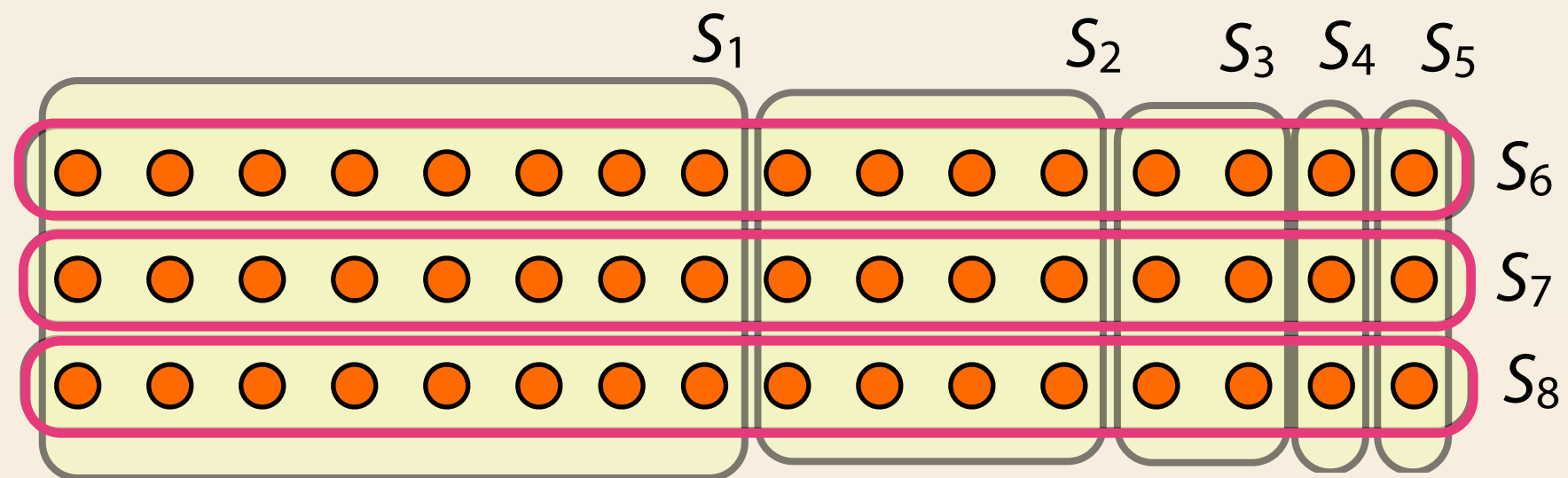
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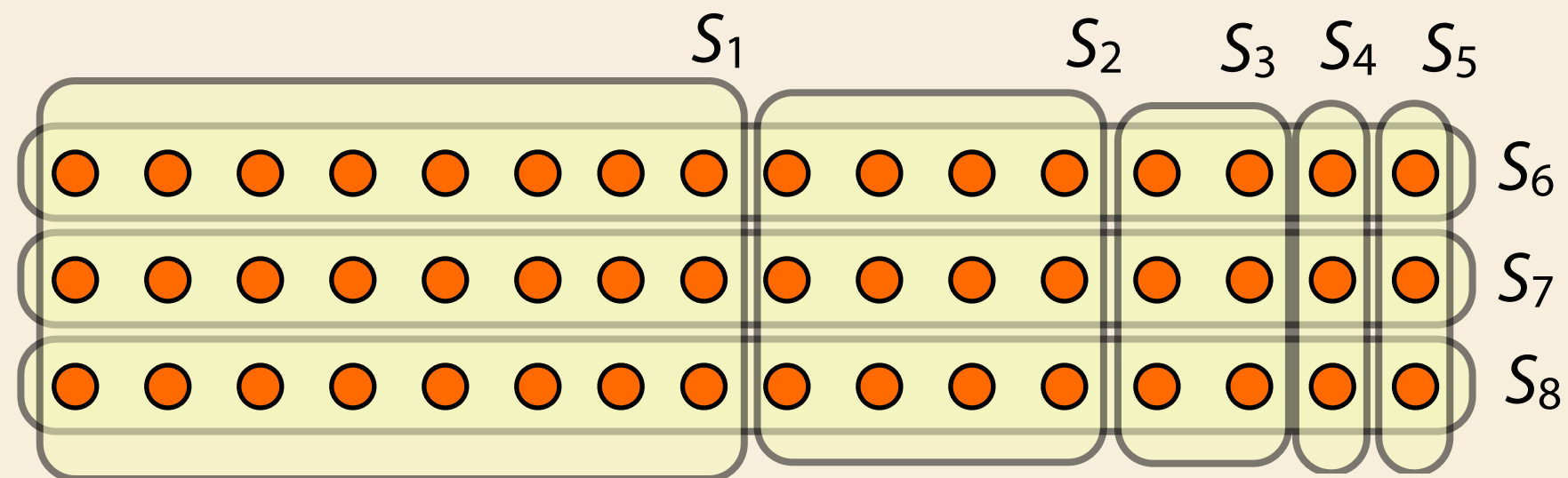
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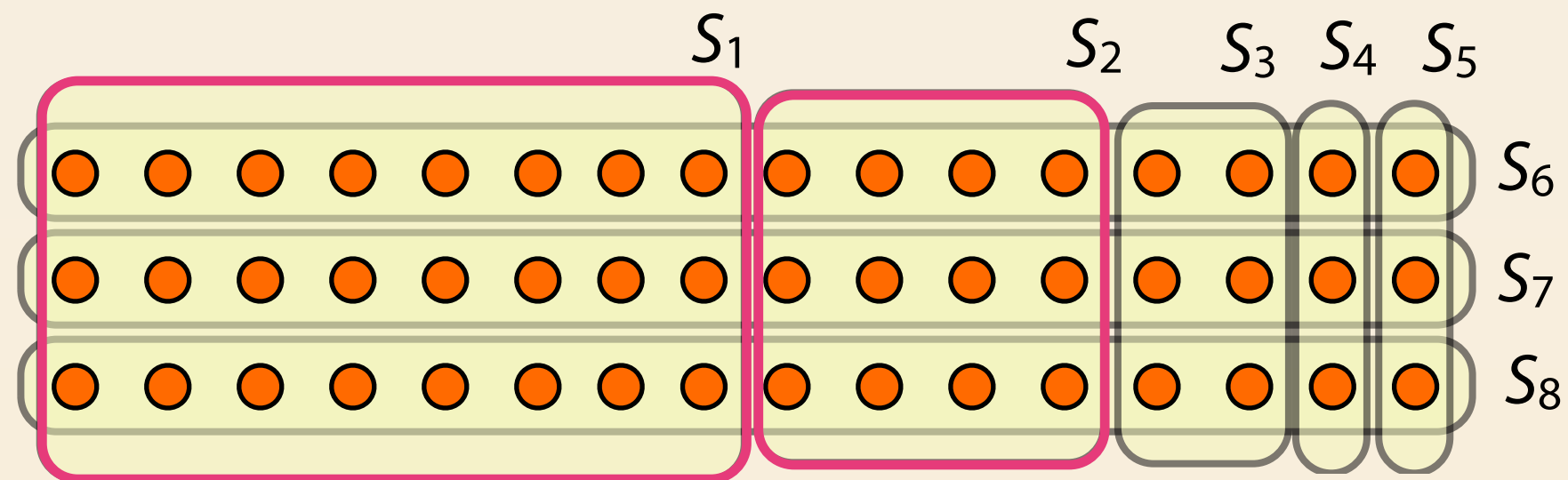
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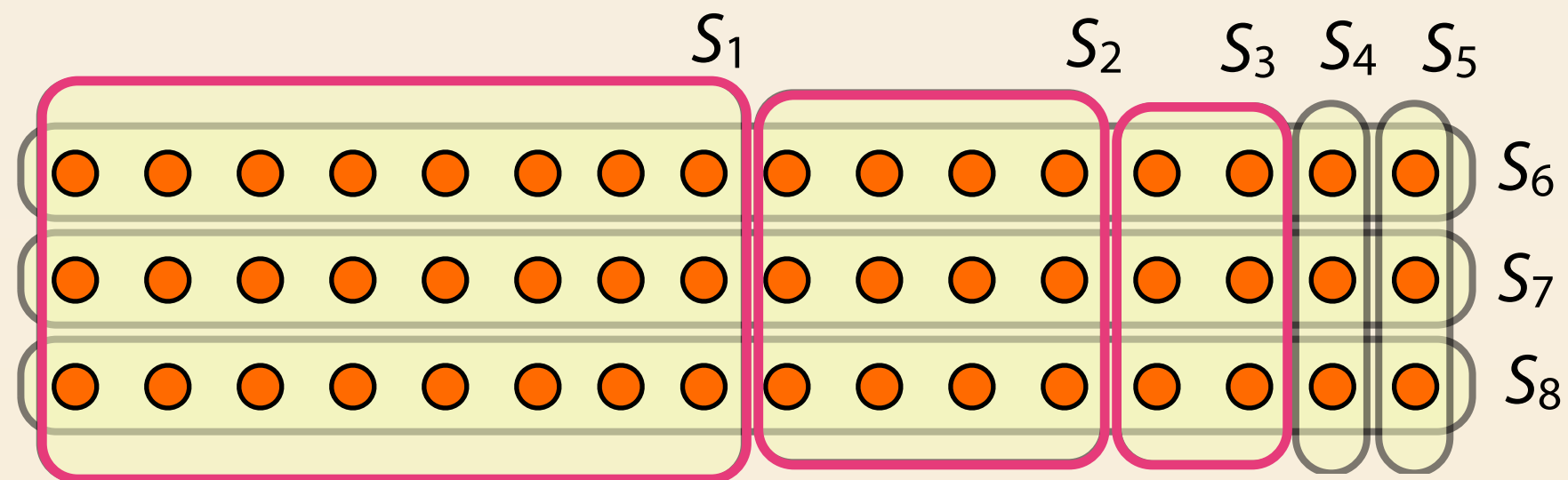
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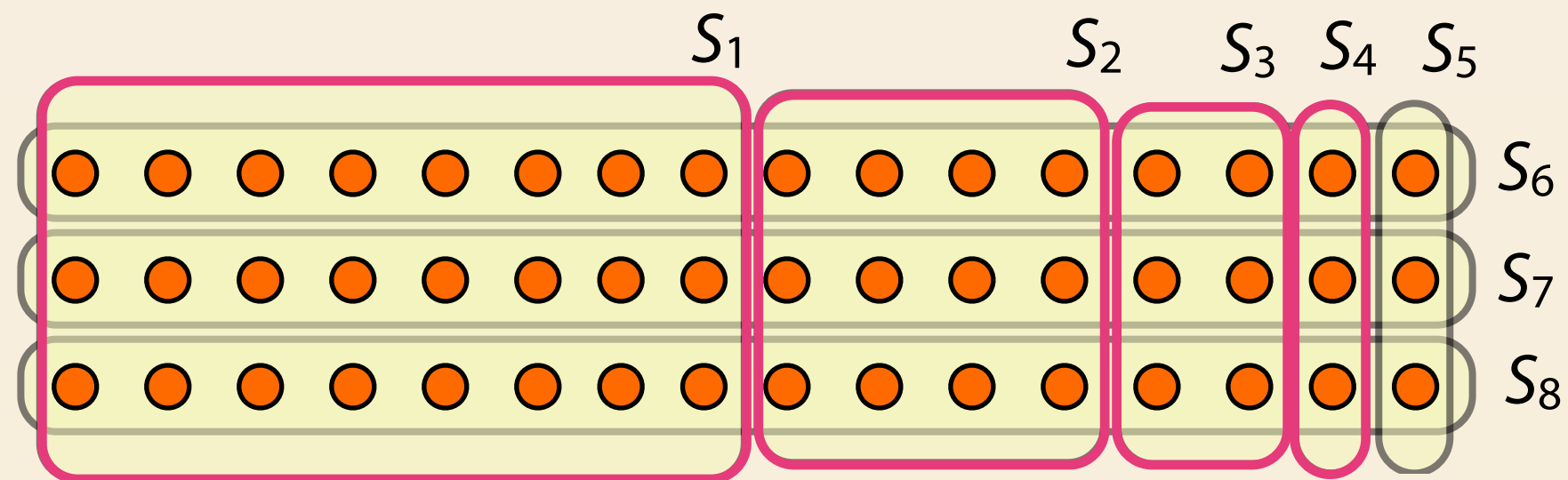
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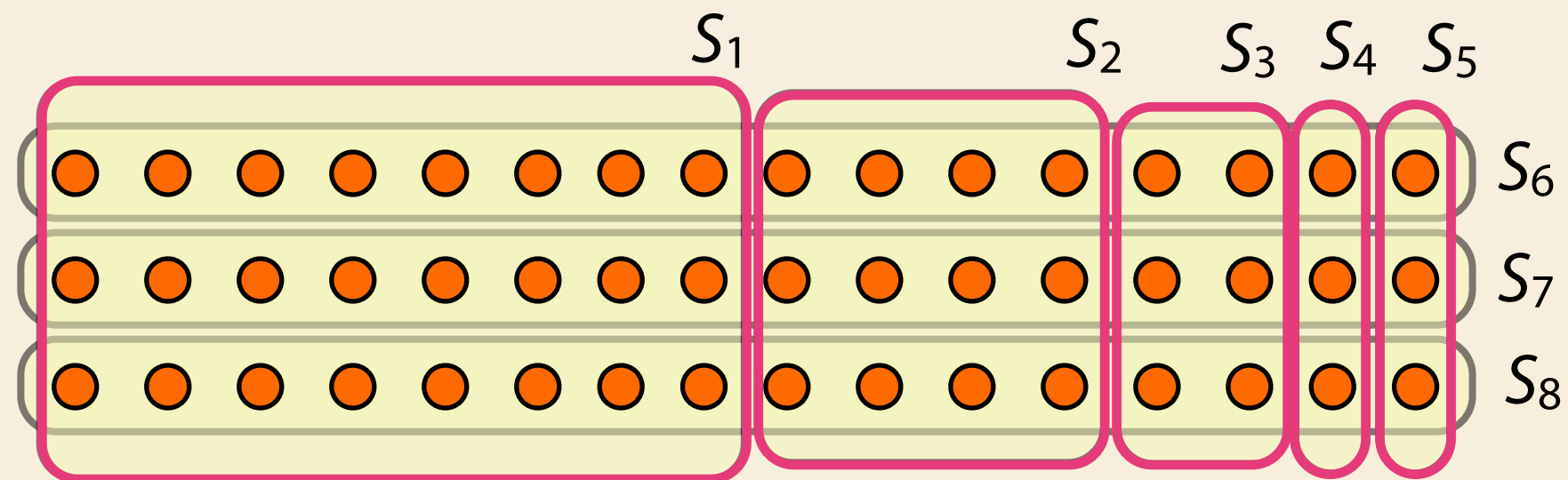
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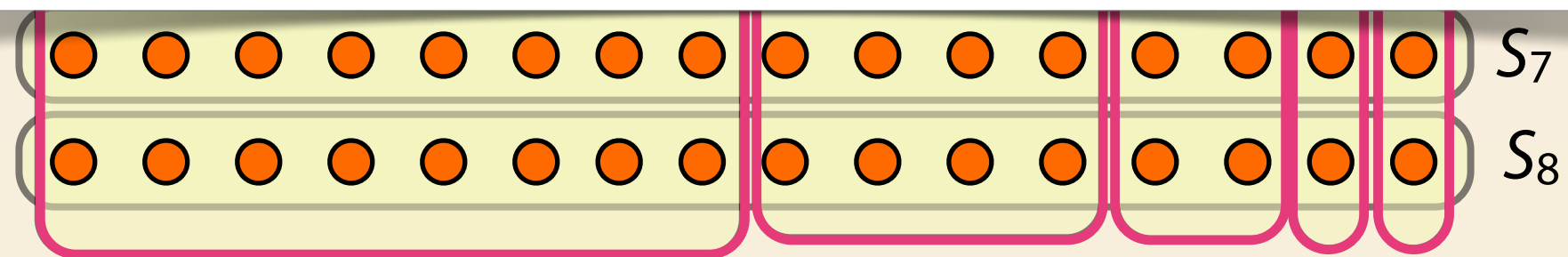
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[Raz-Safra'97, Feige'98, Alon et al.'06]

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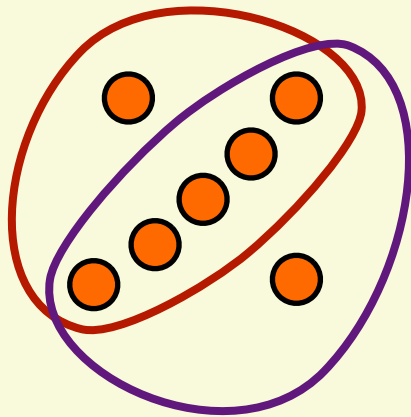
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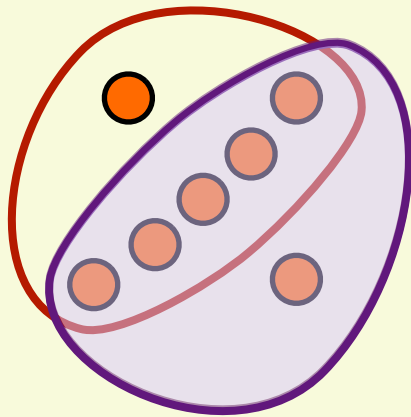
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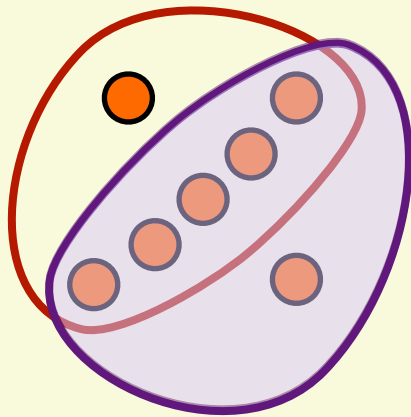
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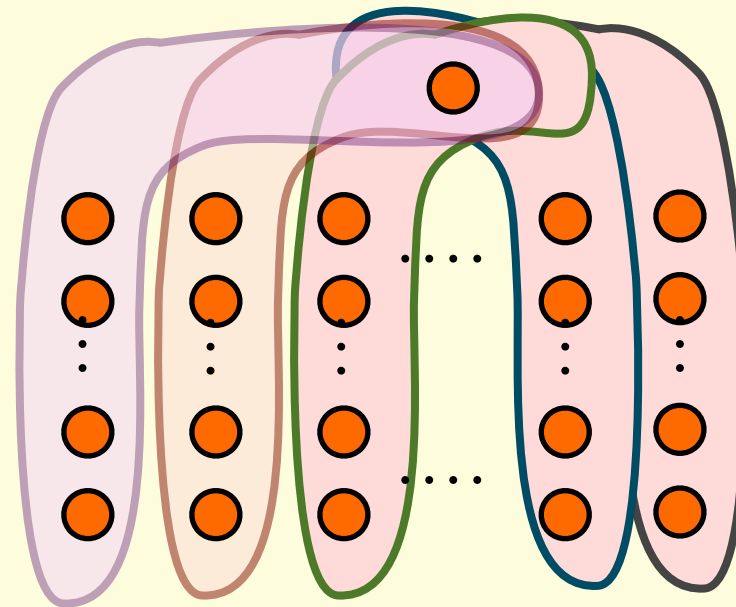
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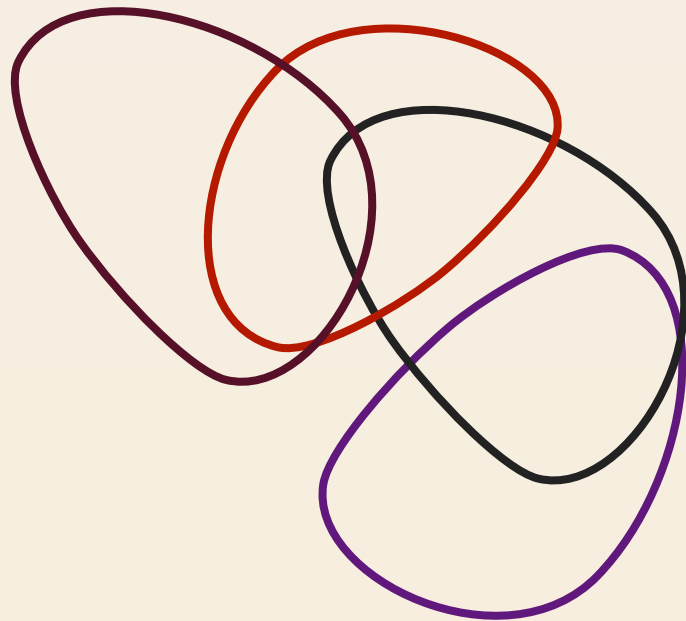
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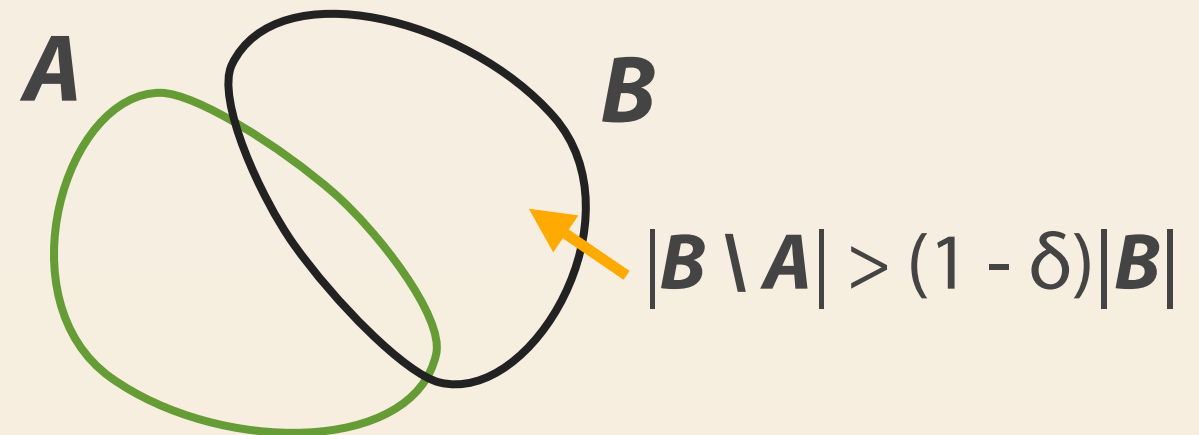
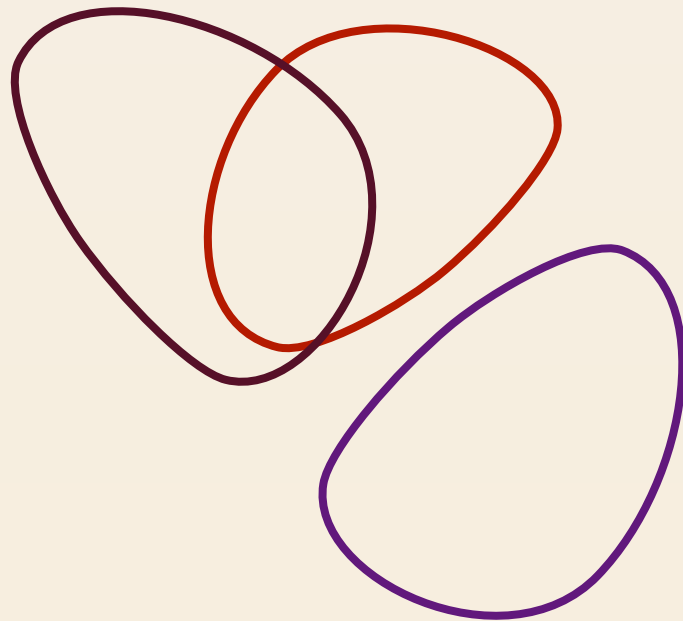
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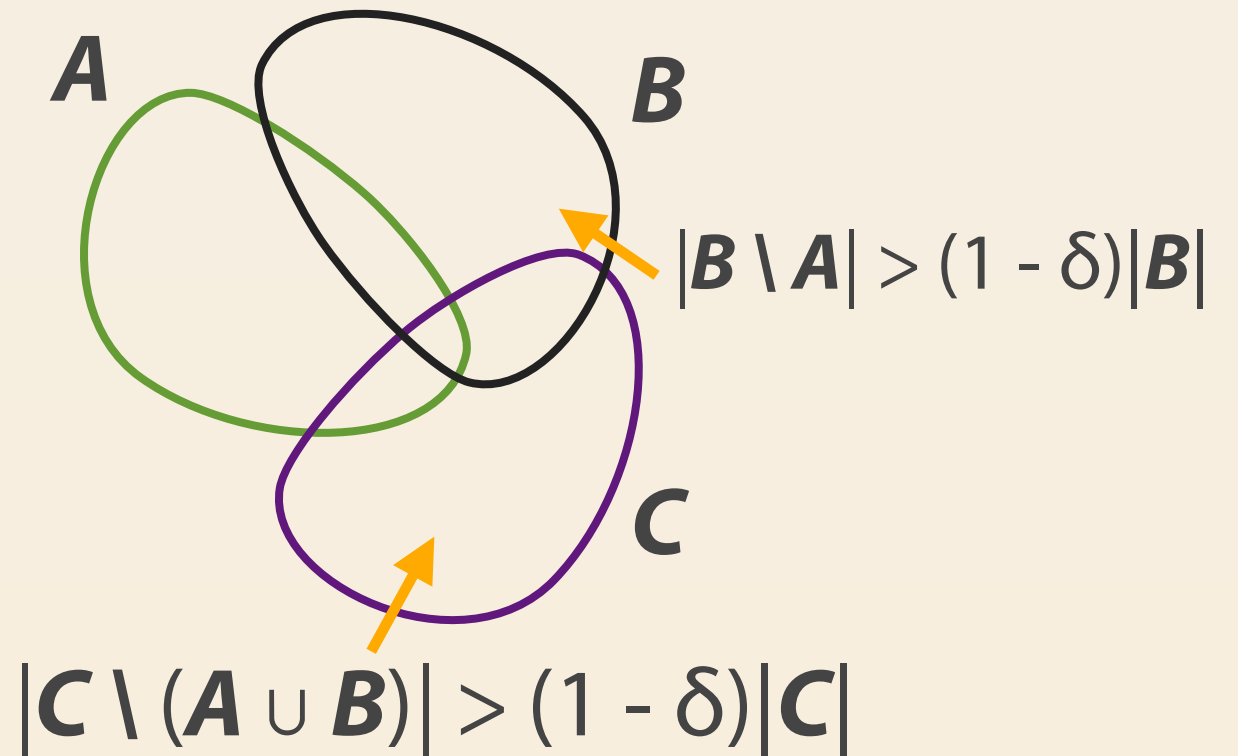
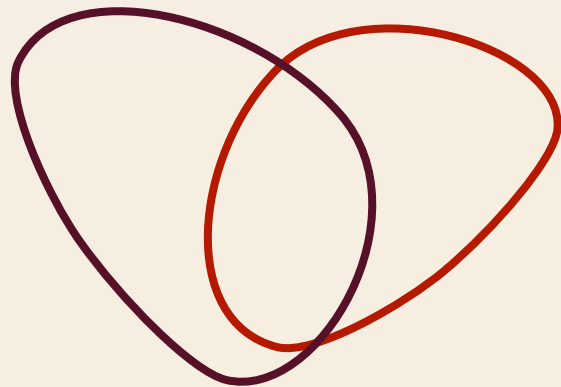
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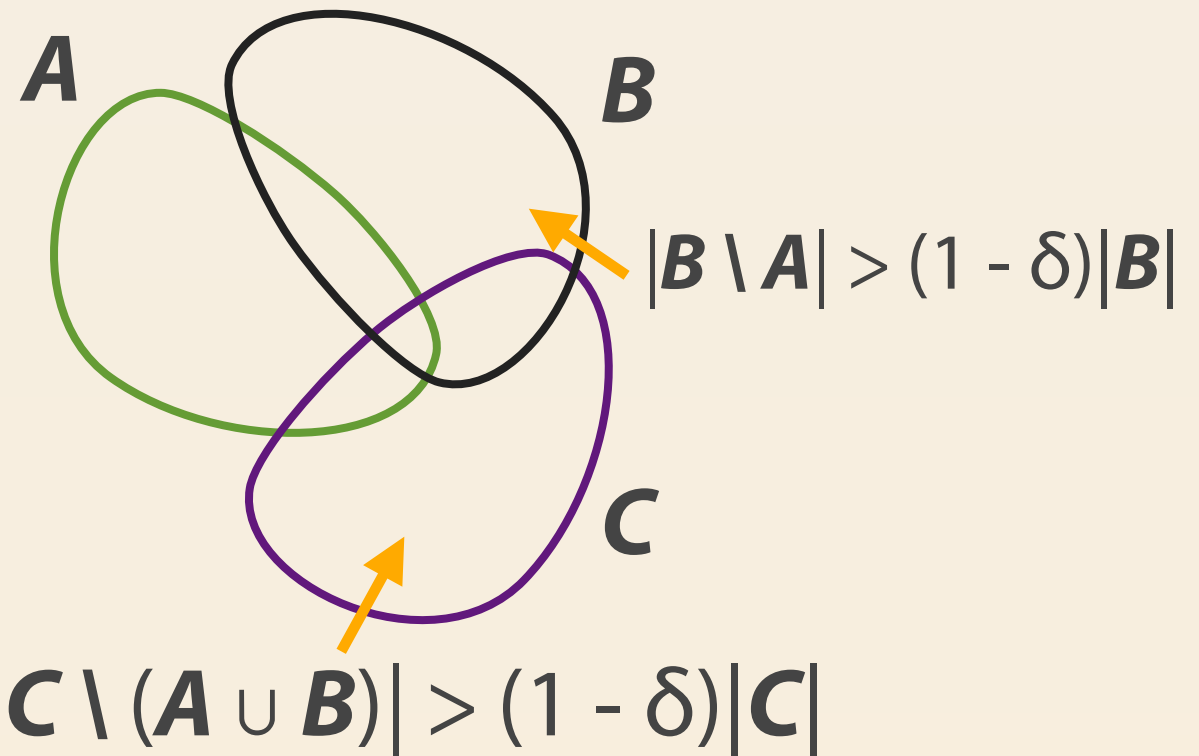
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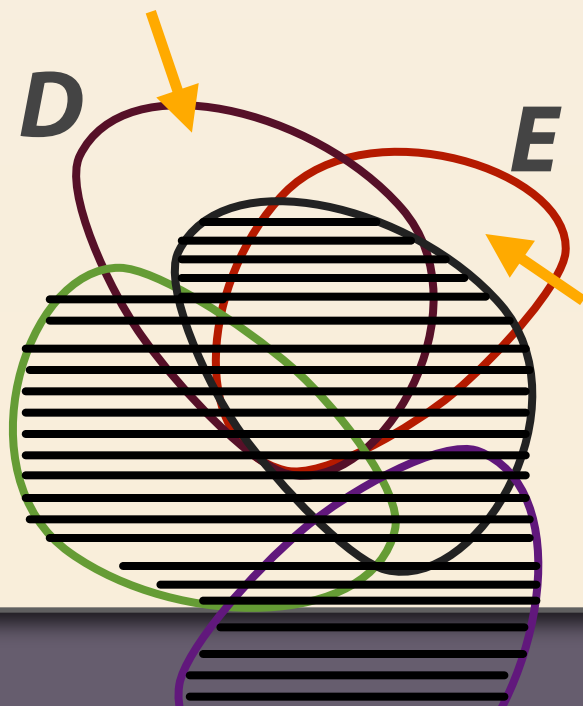
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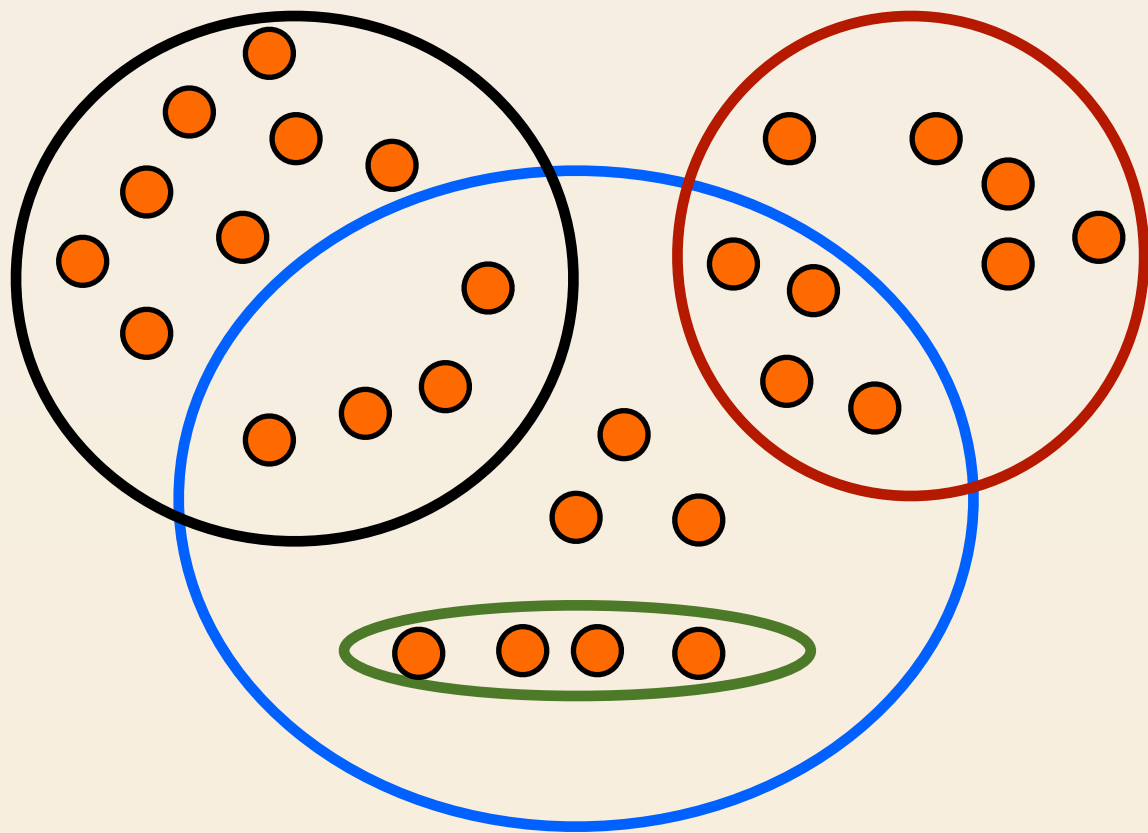
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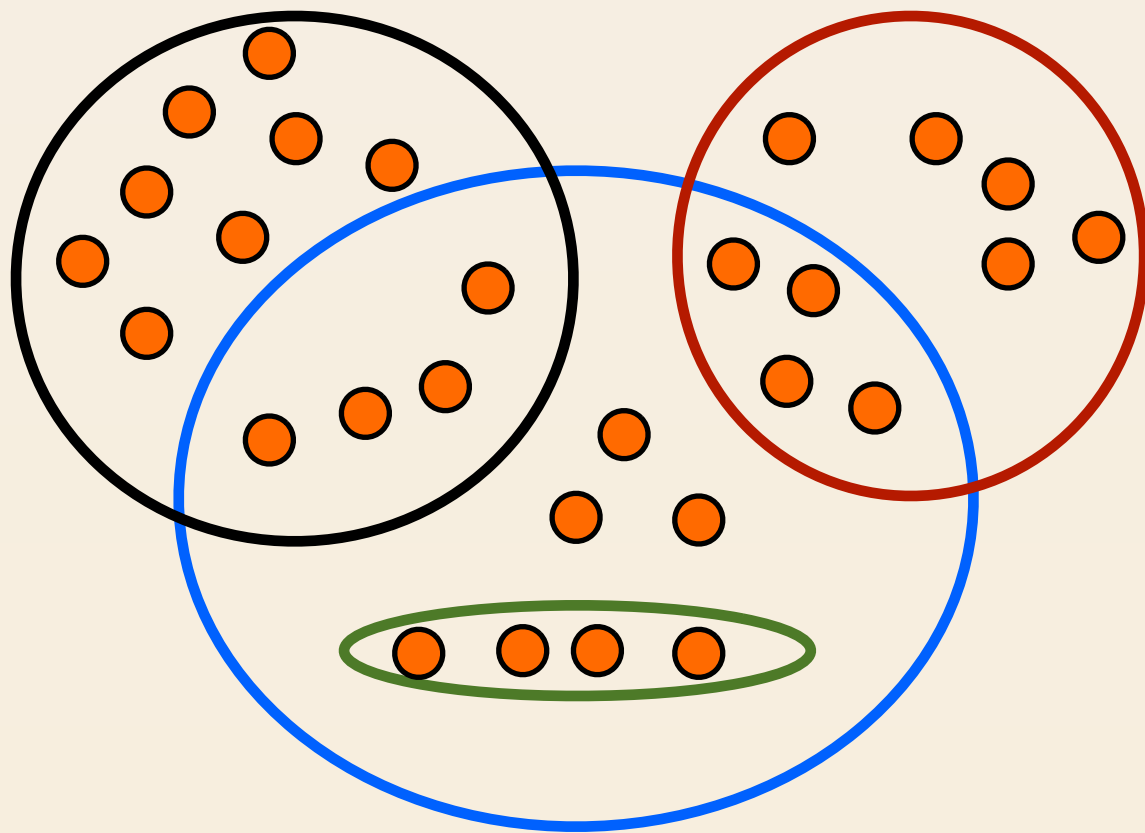
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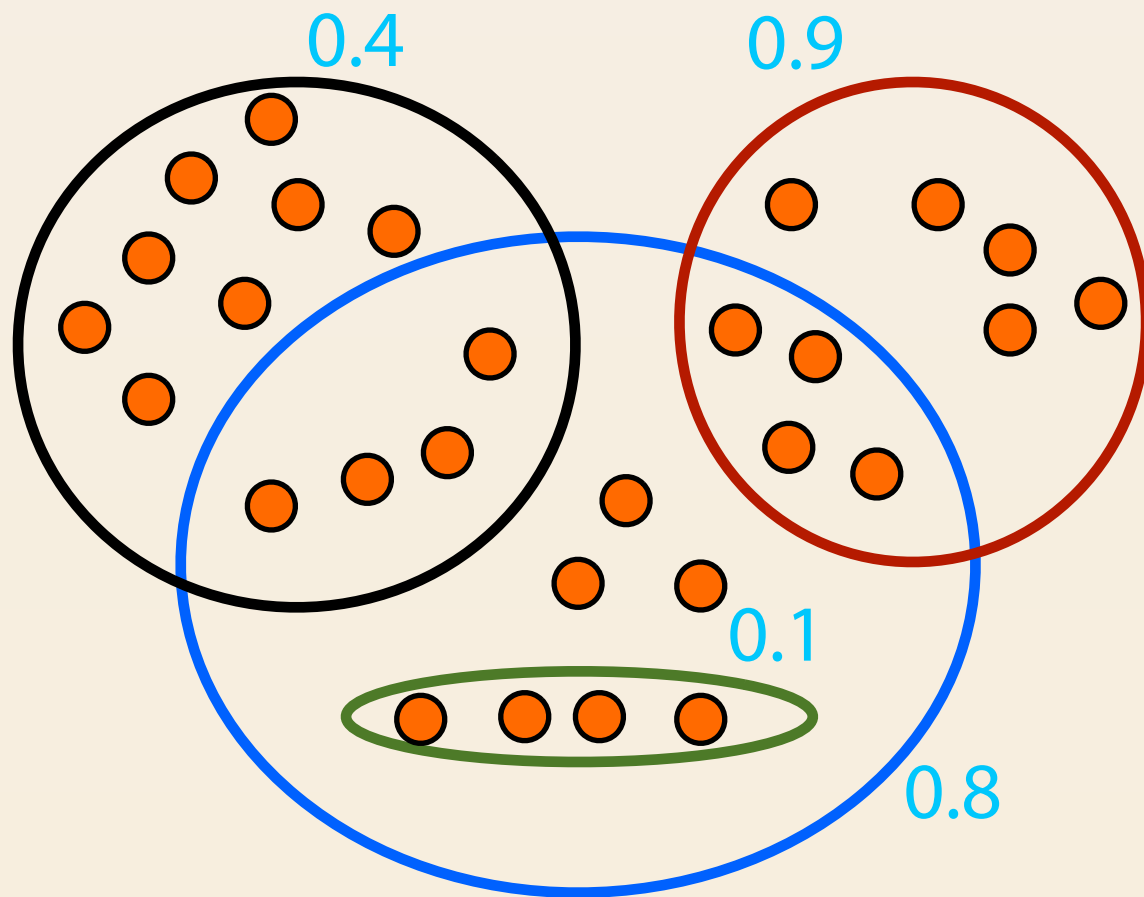
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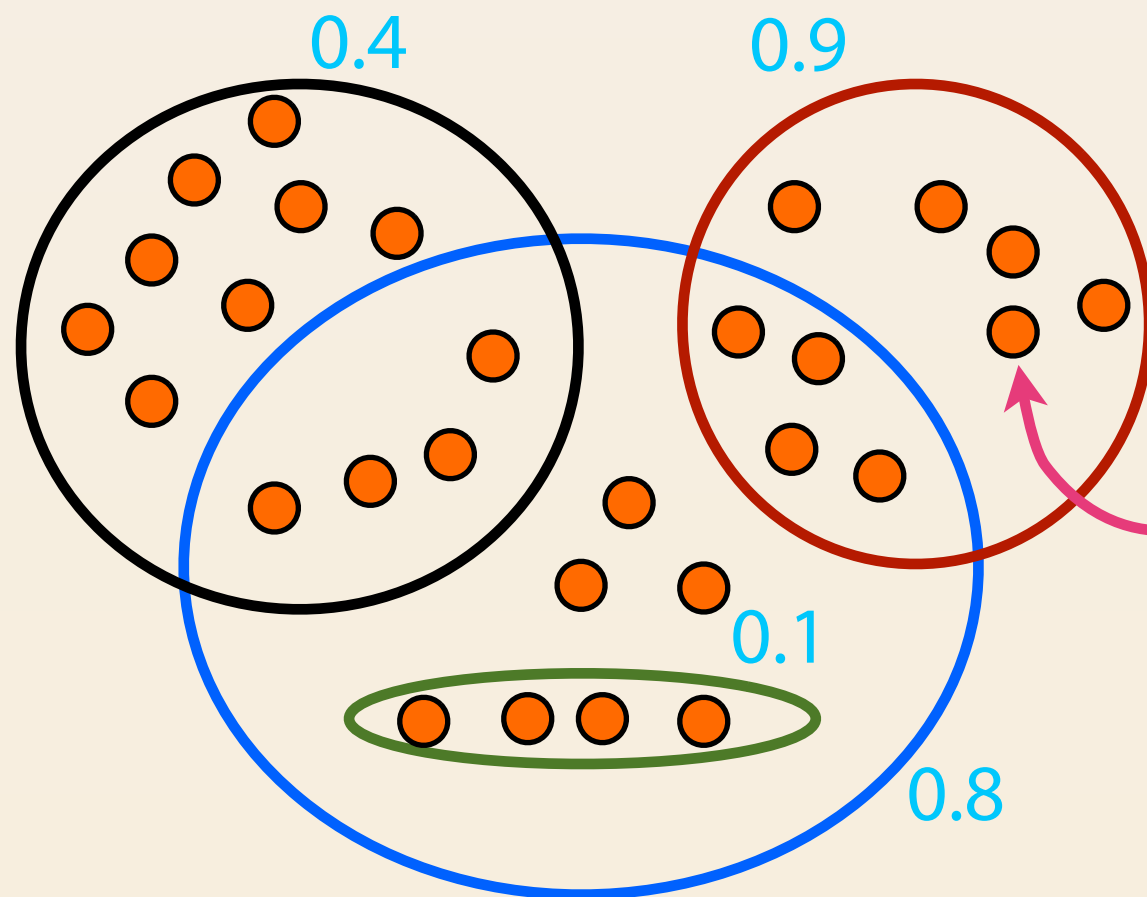
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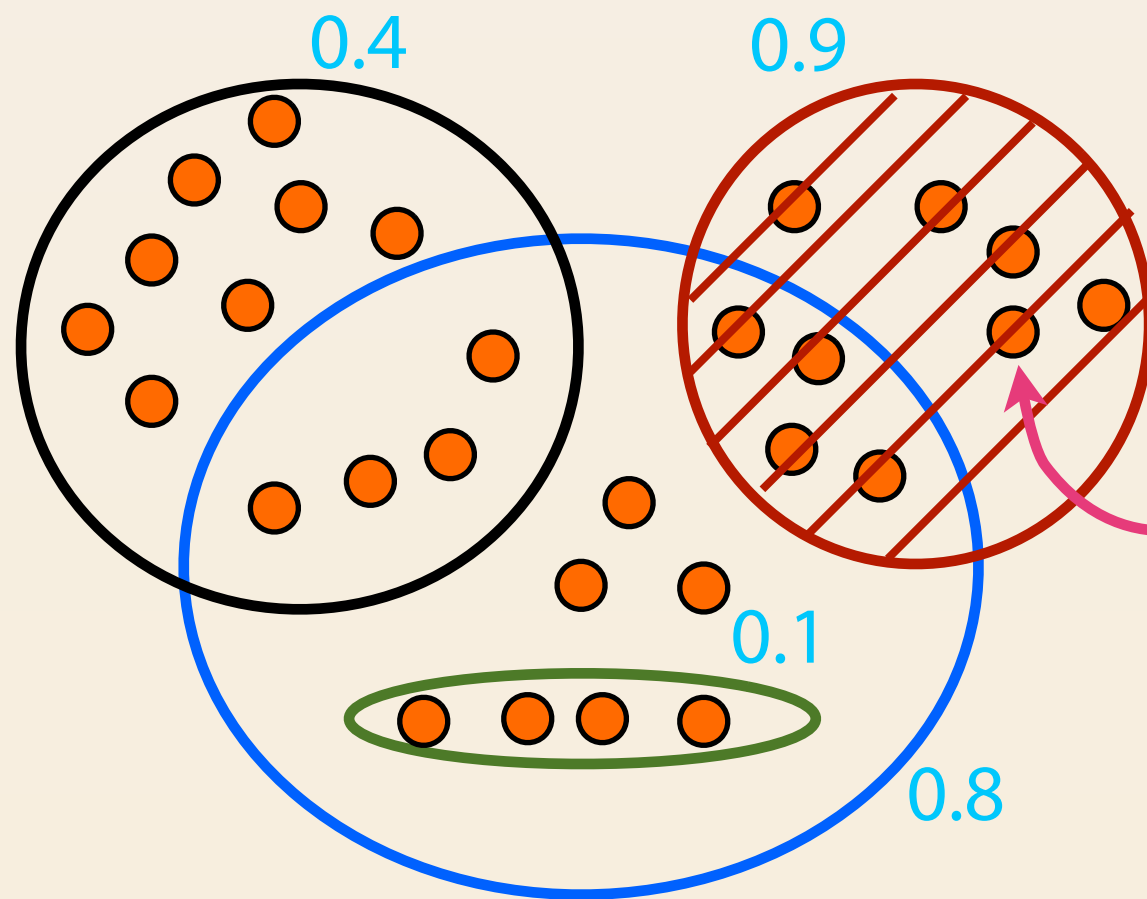
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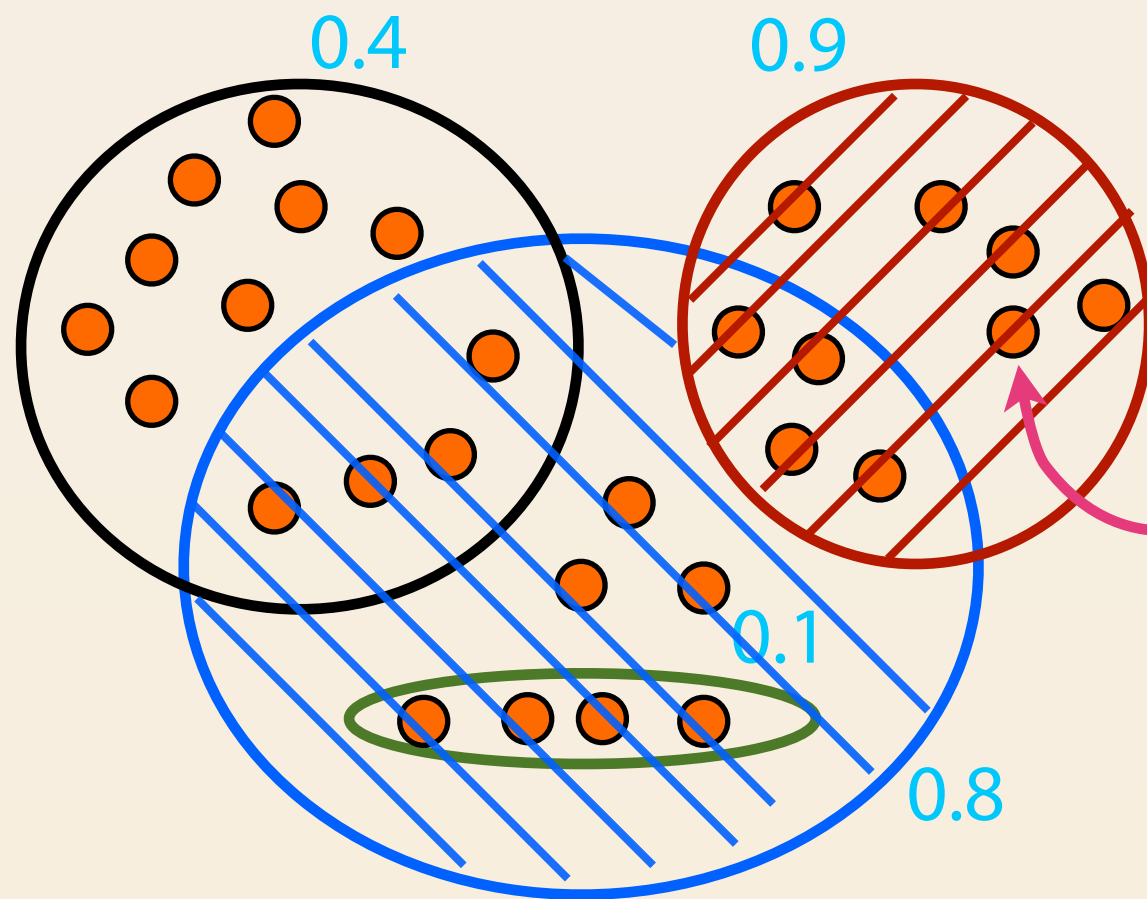
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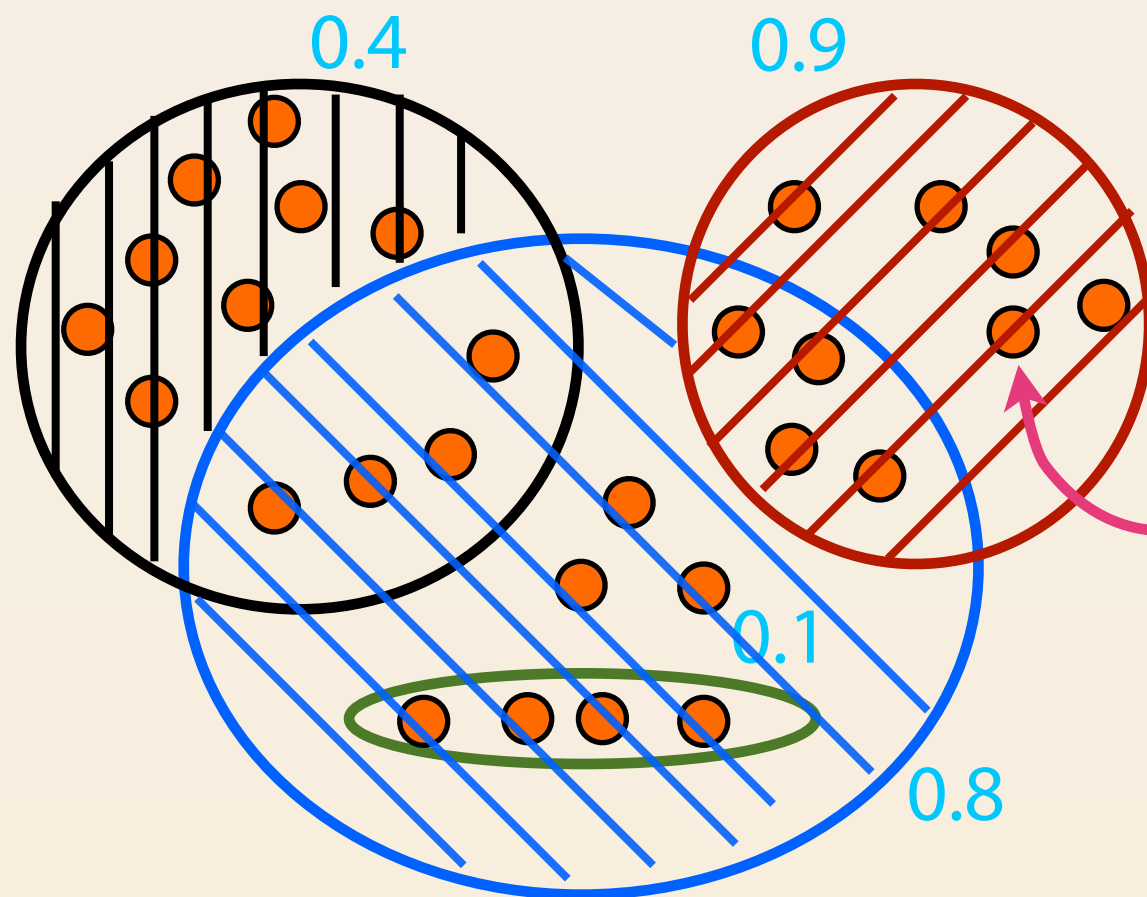
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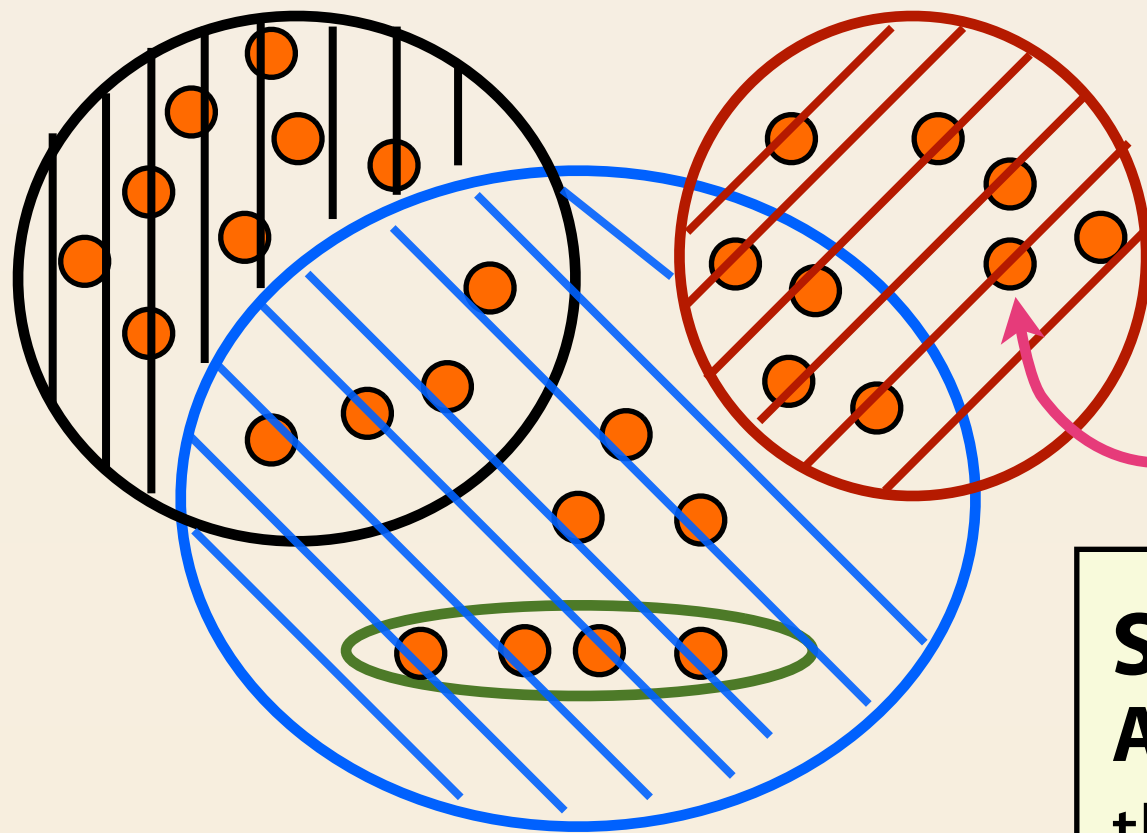
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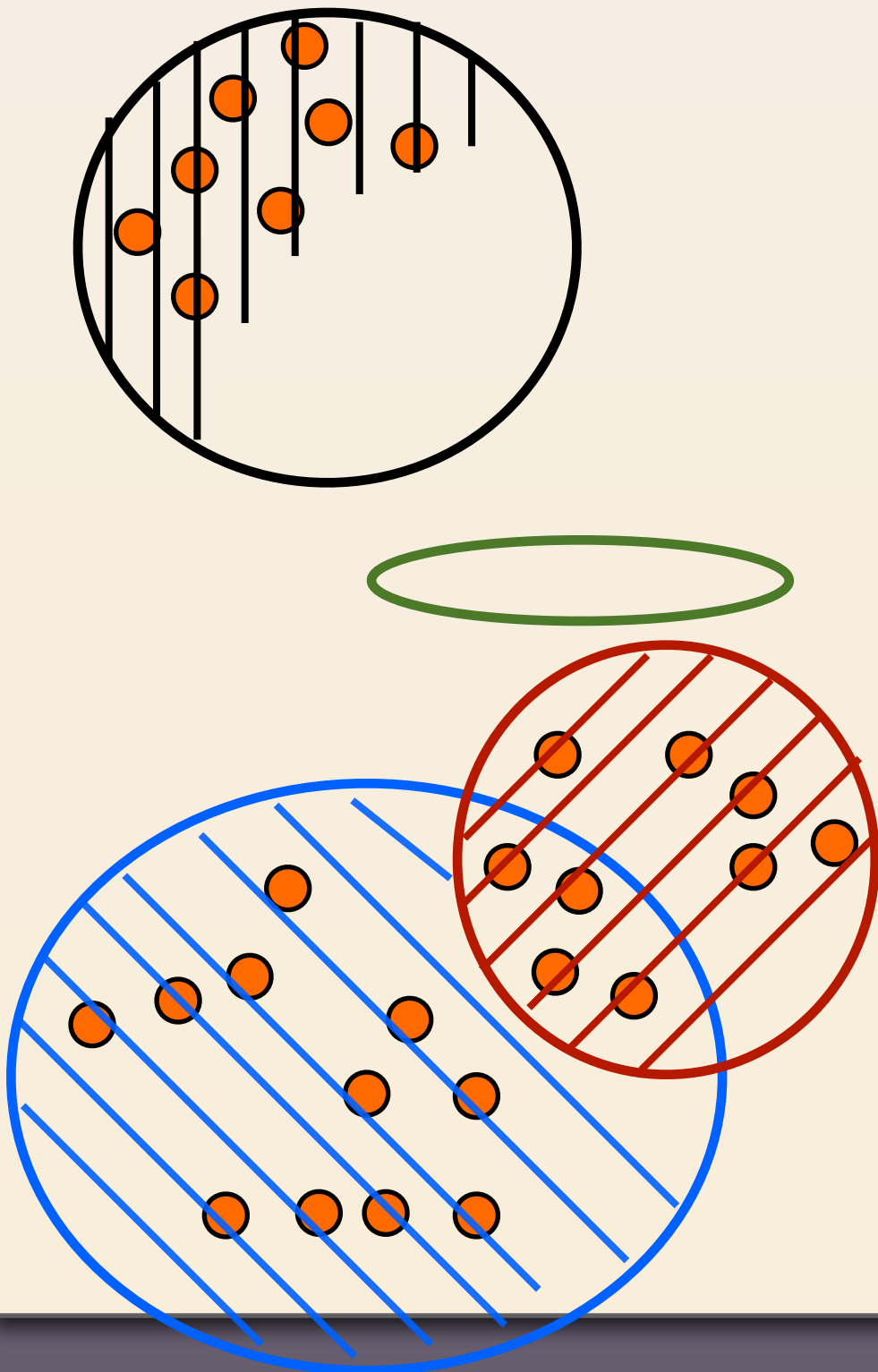
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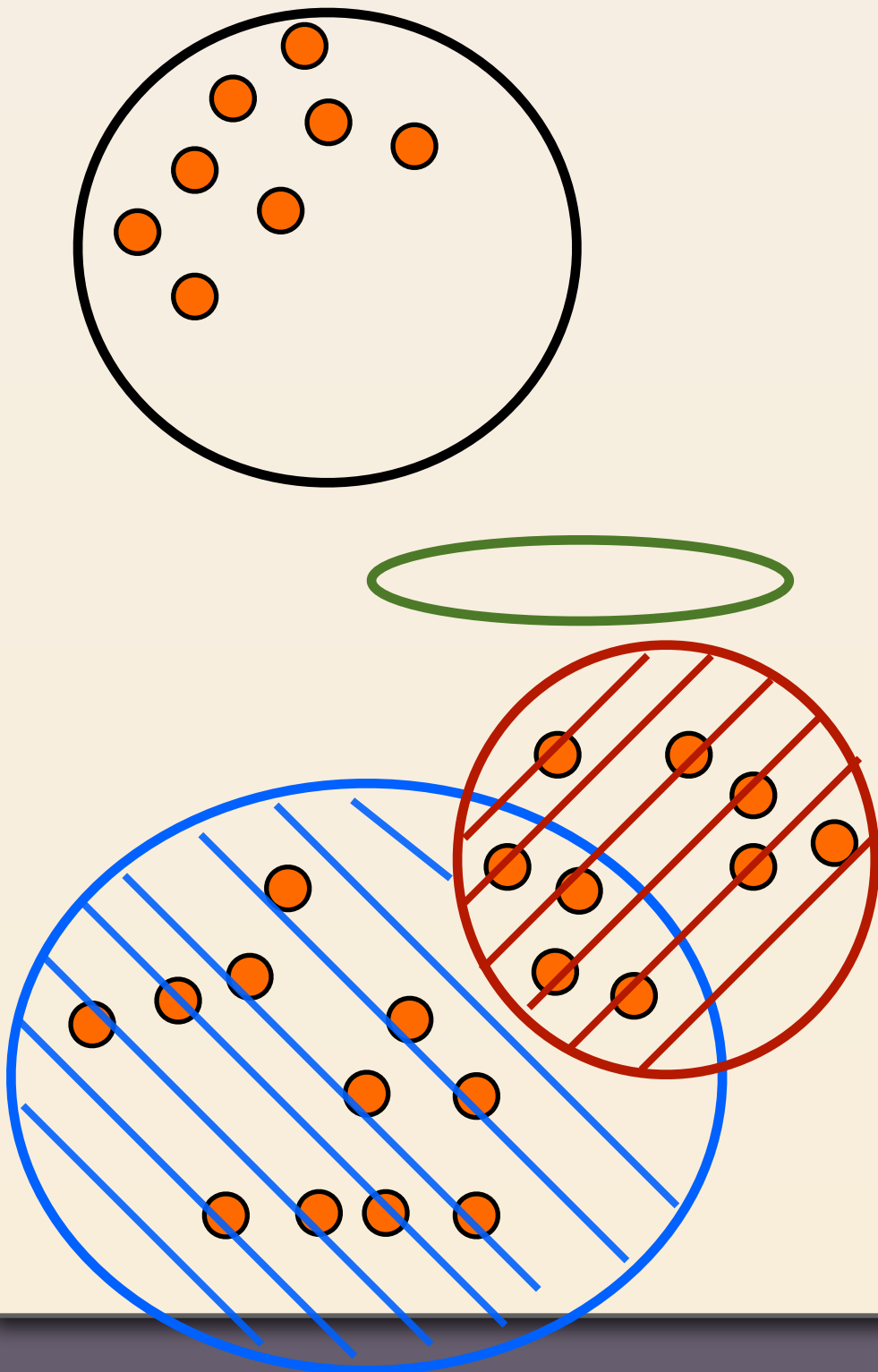
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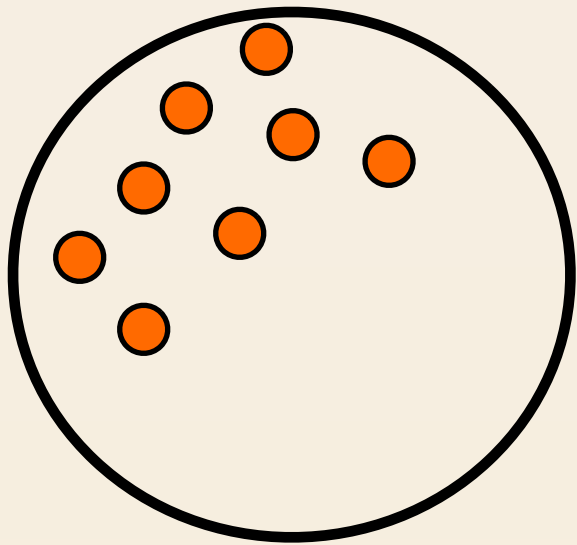
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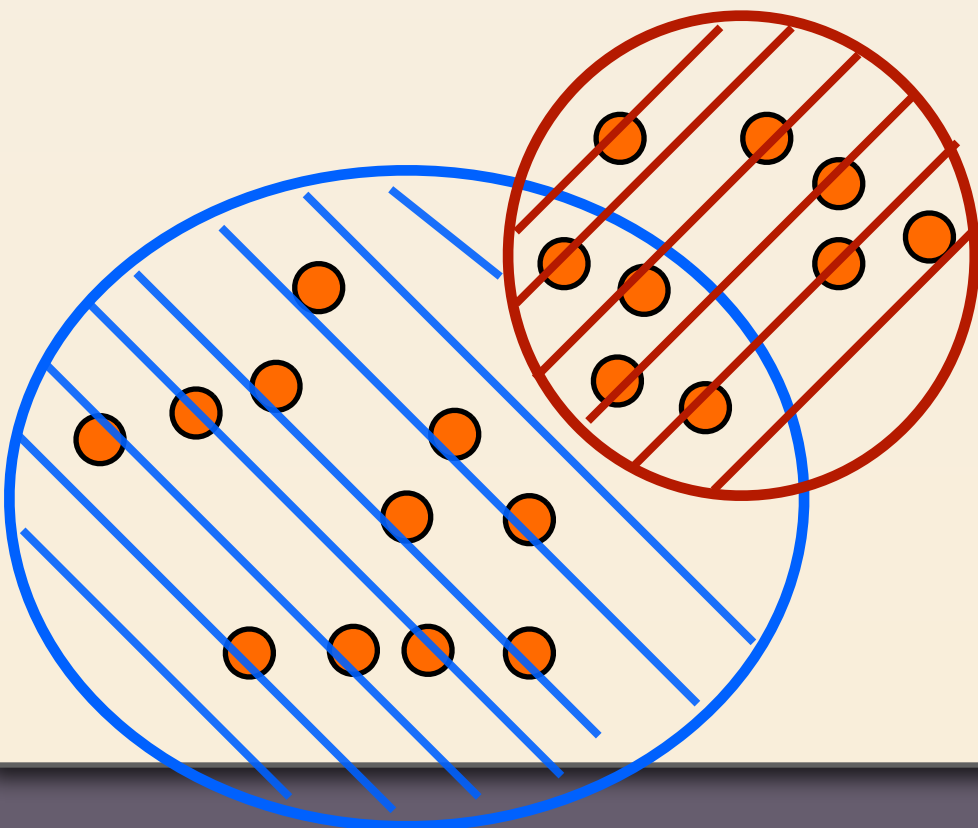
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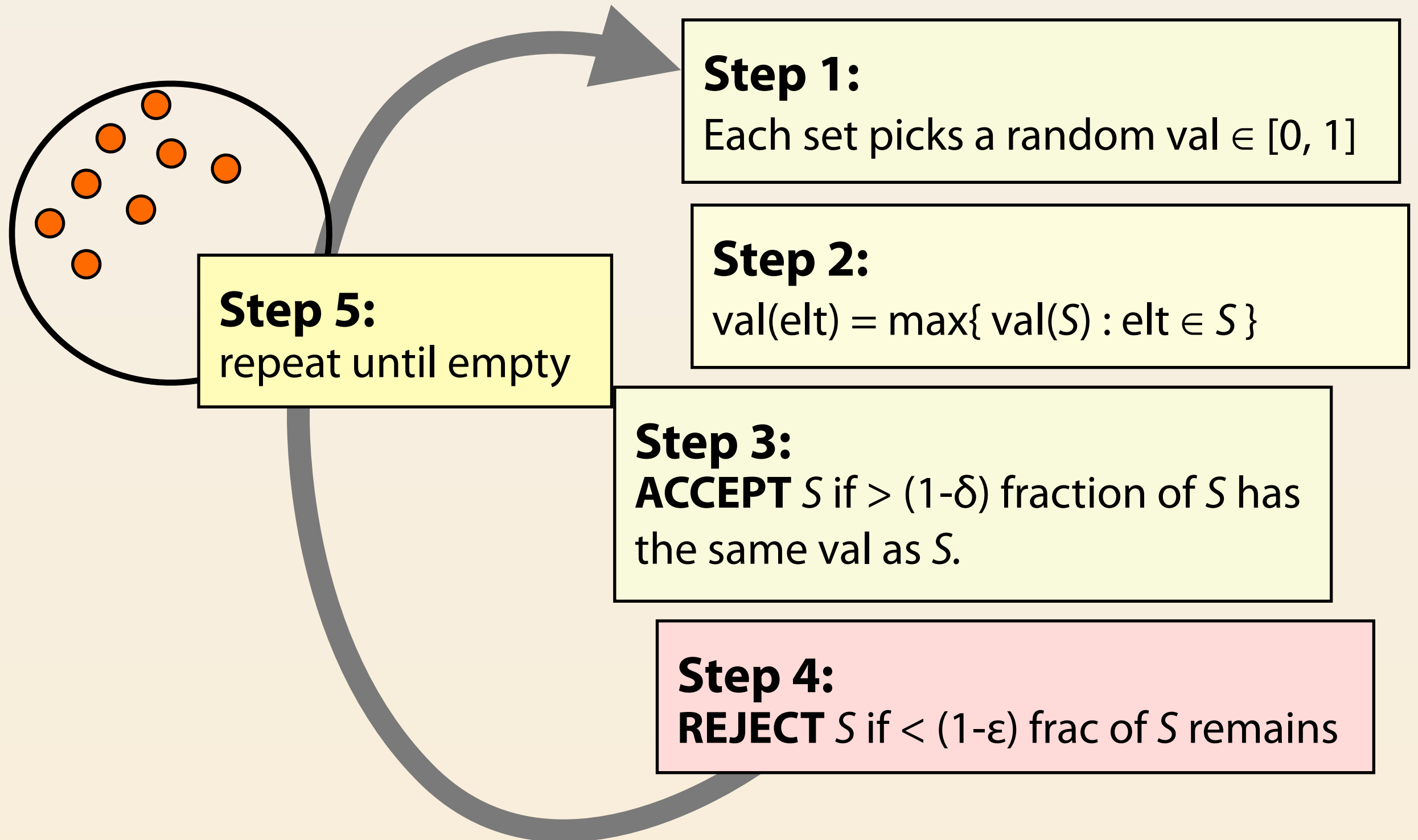
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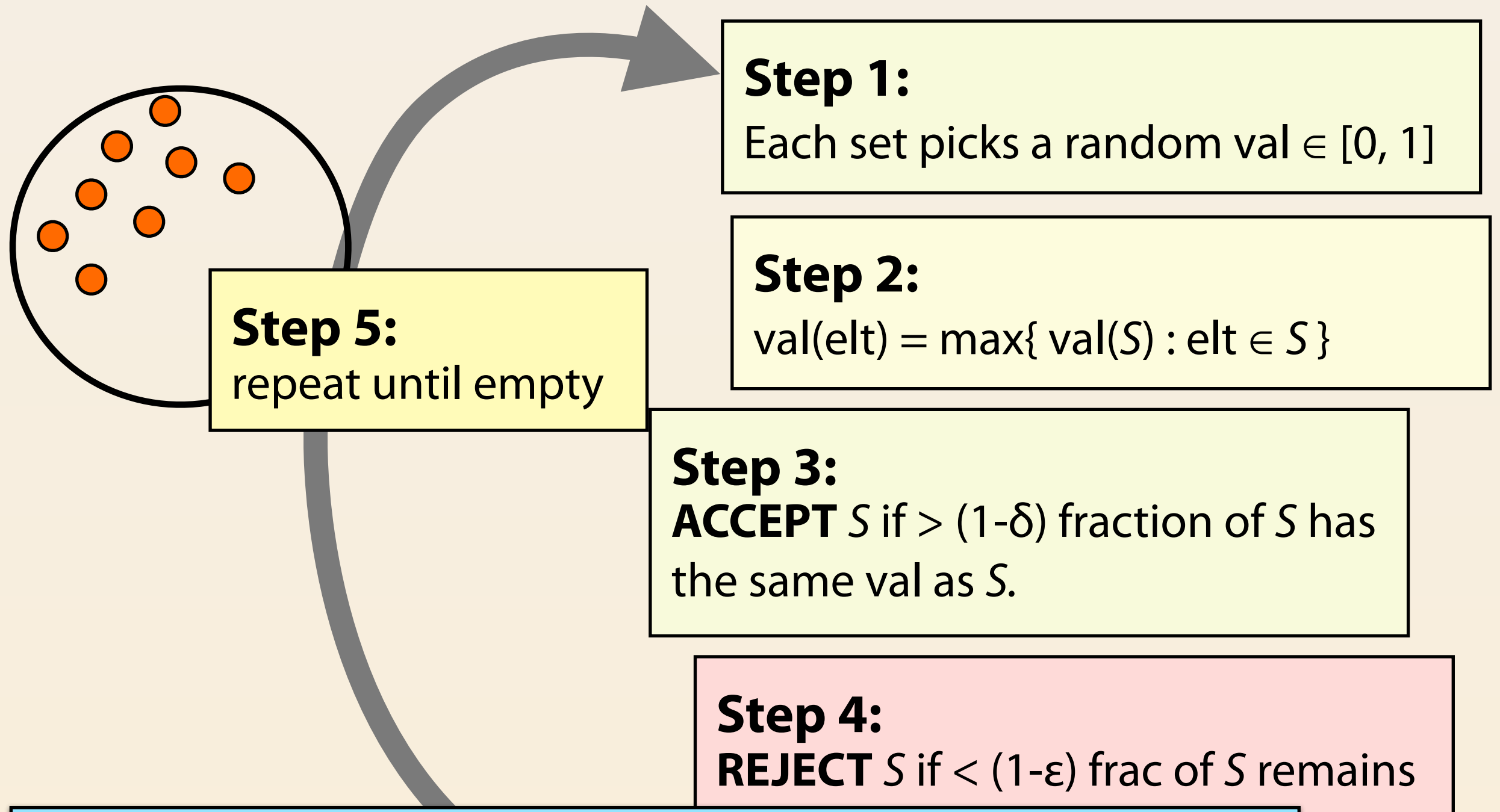
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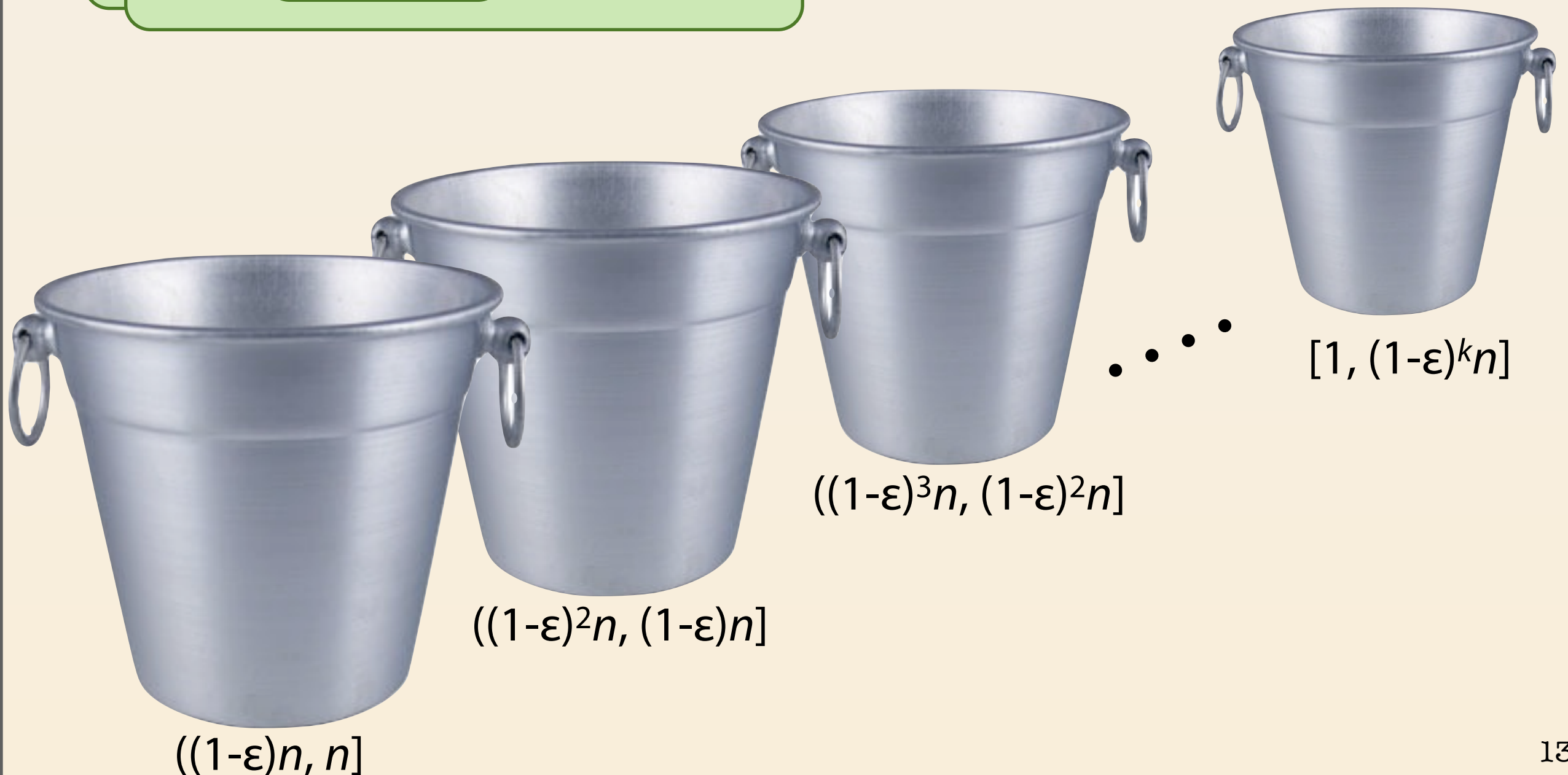
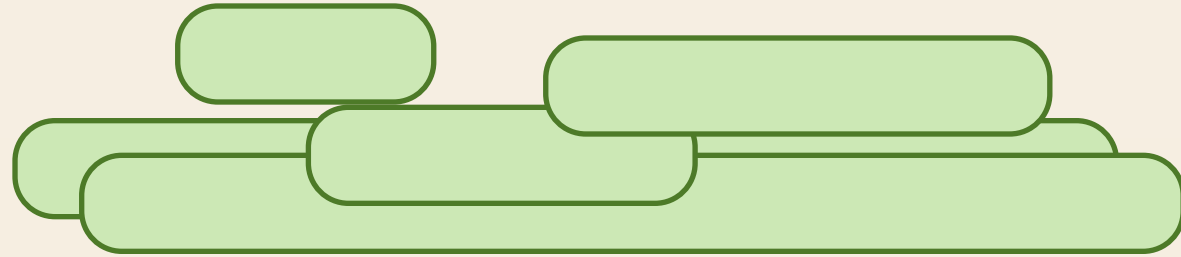


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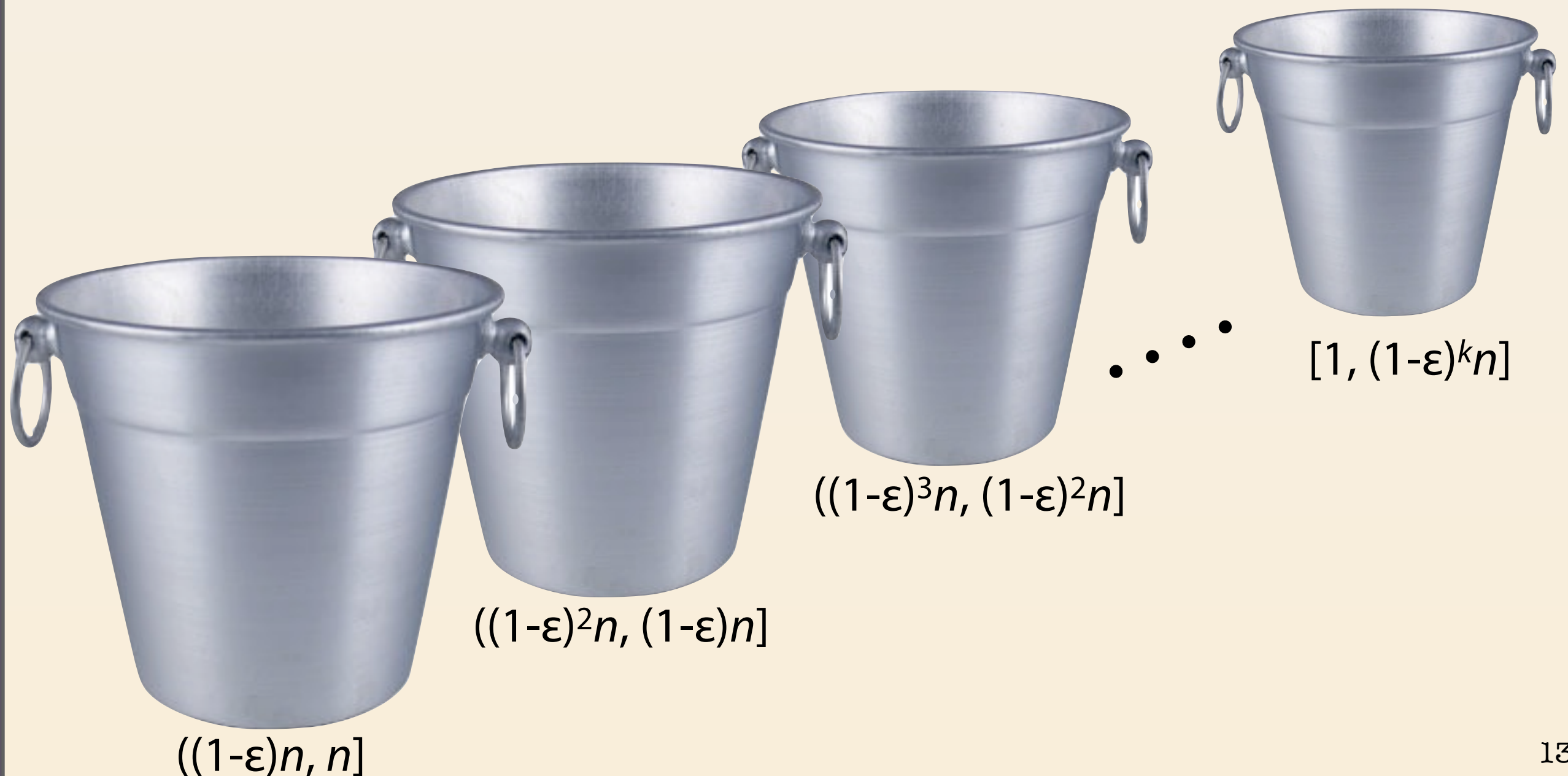
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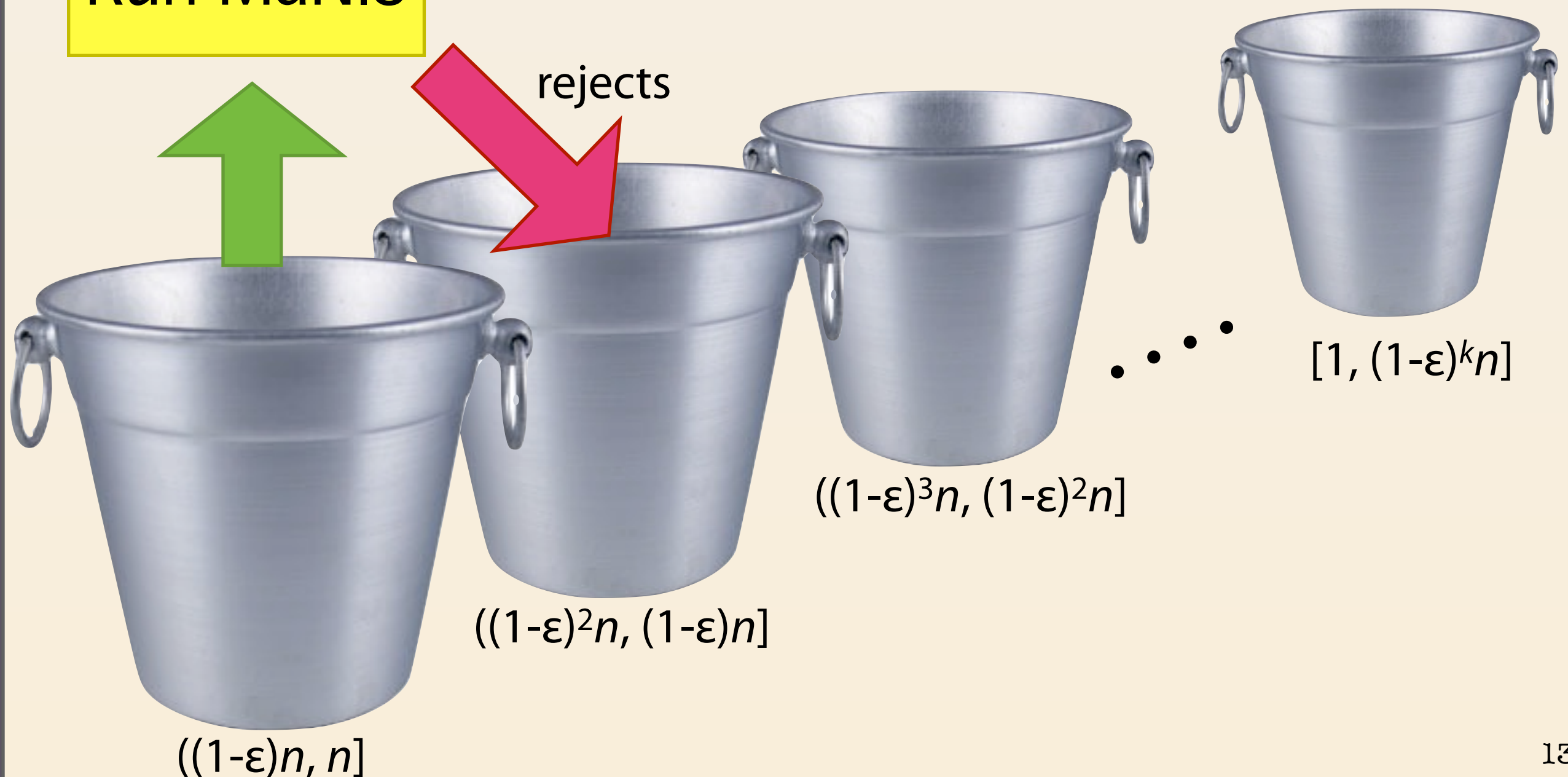
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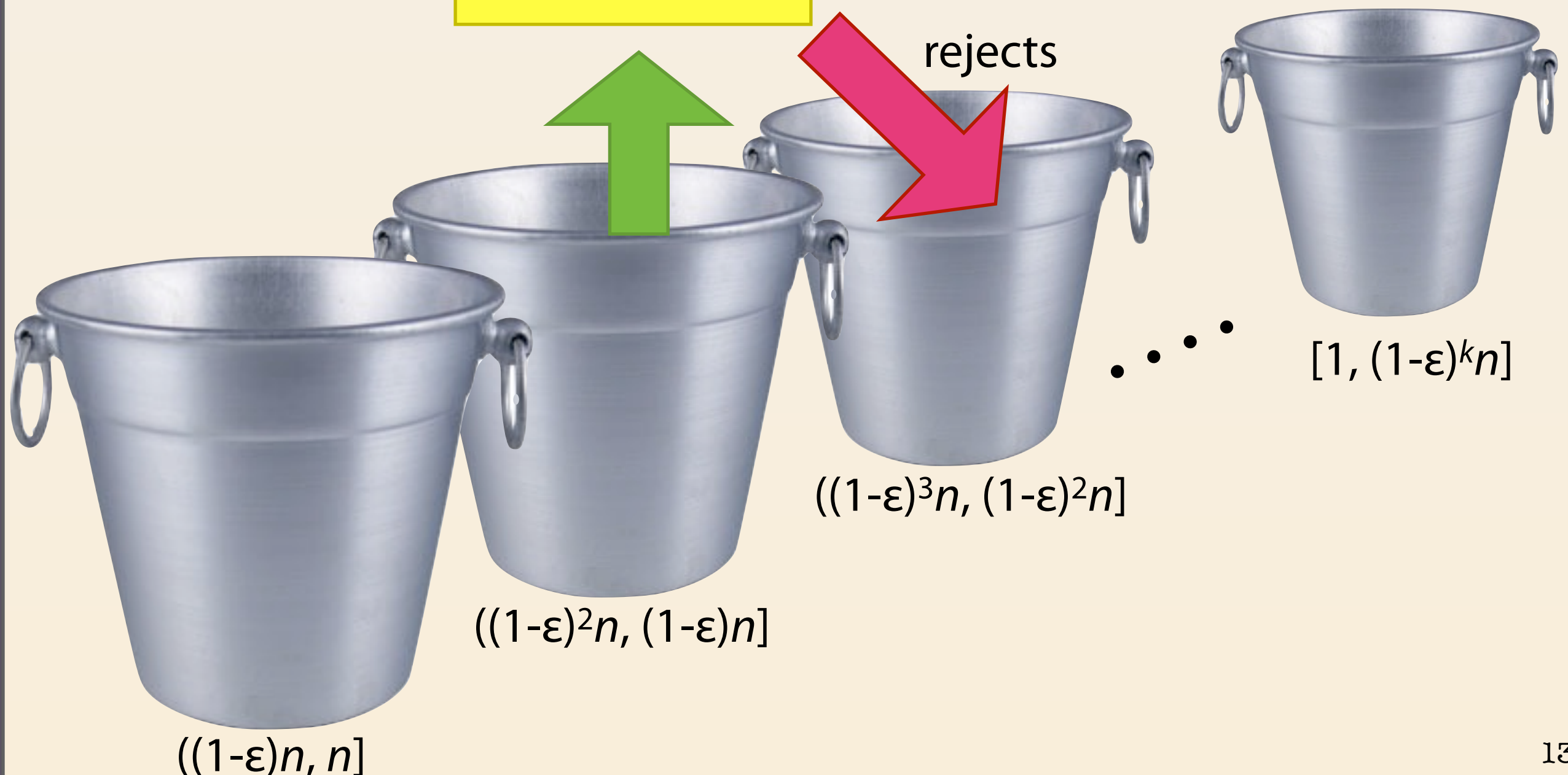
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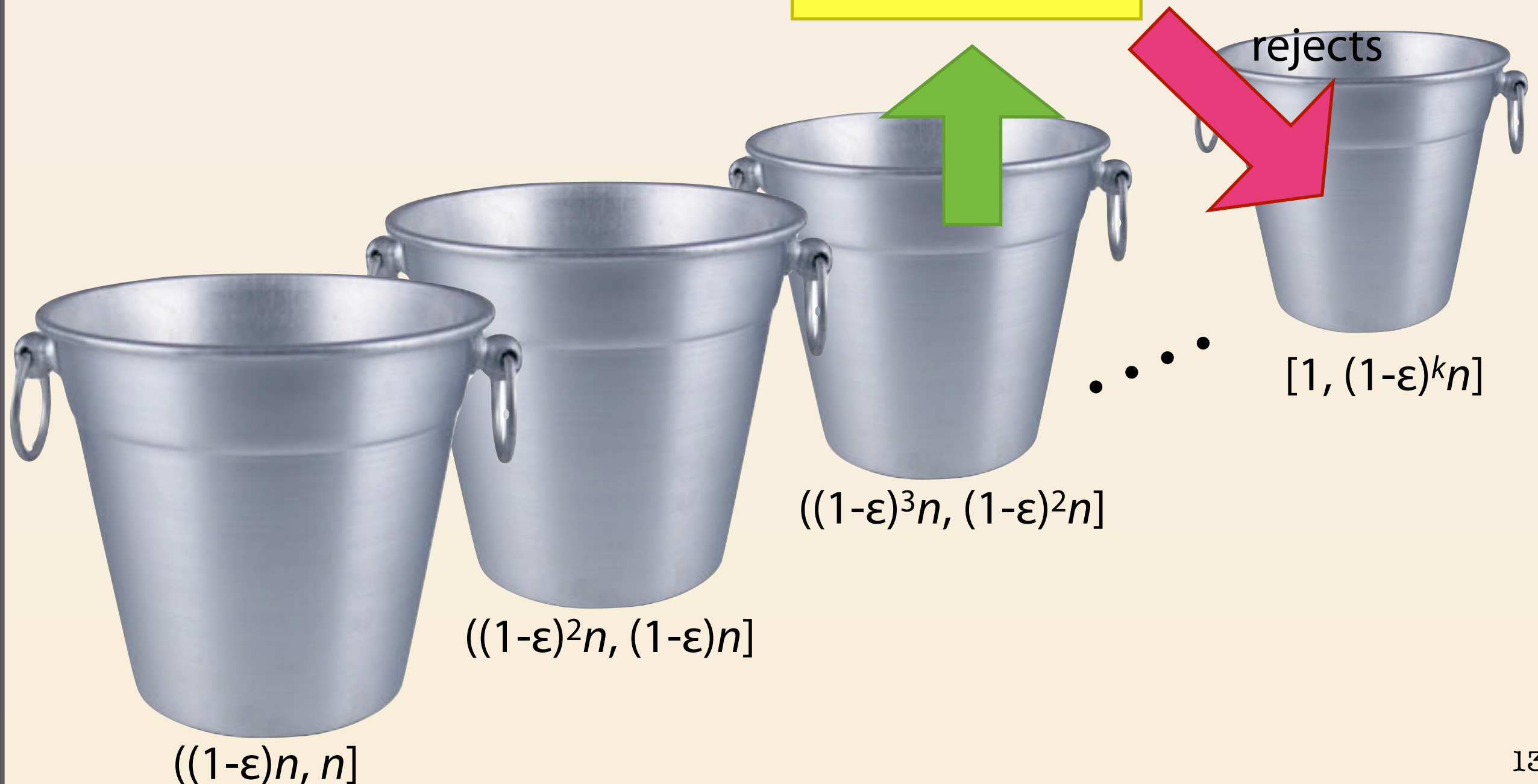
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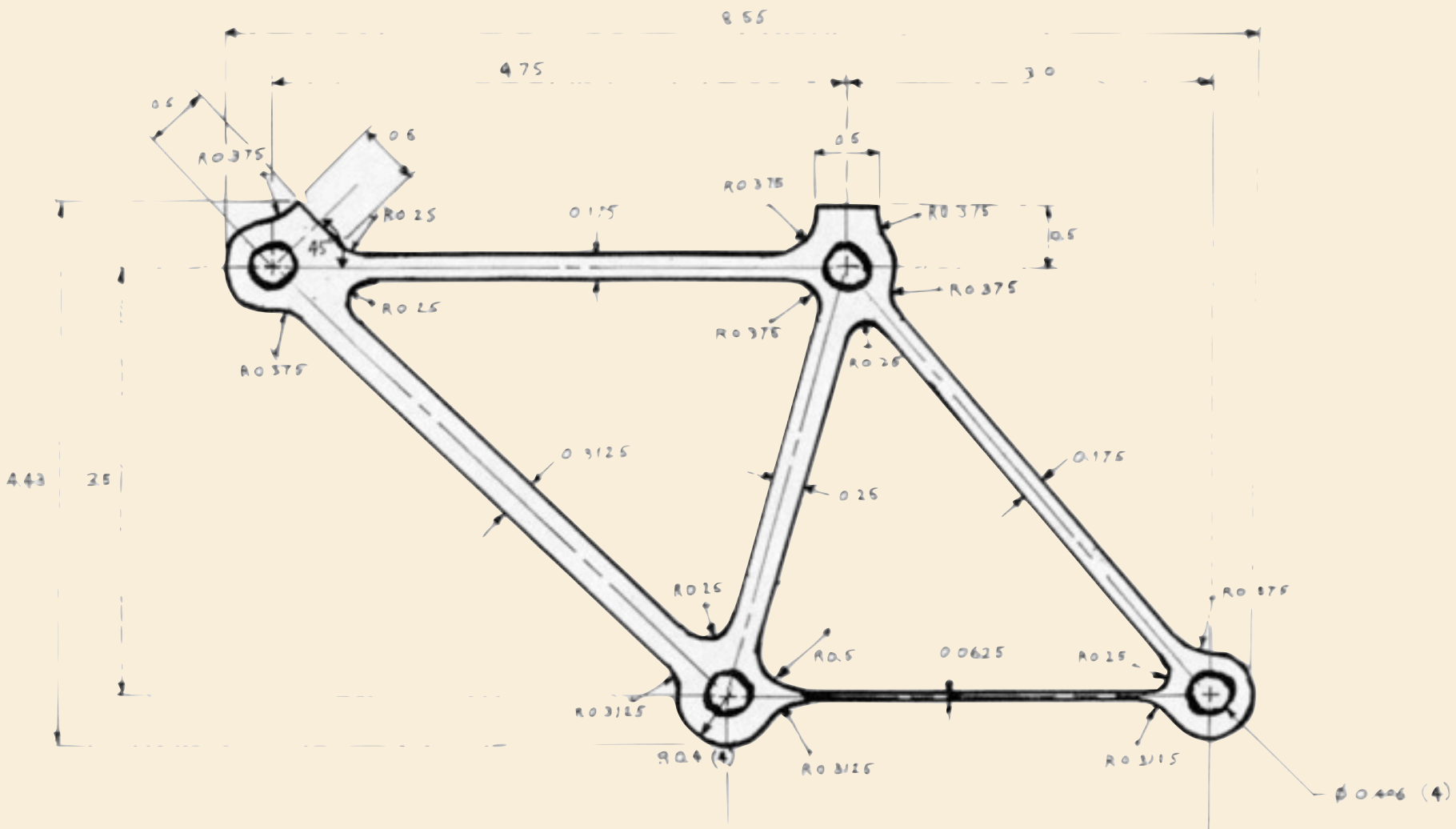
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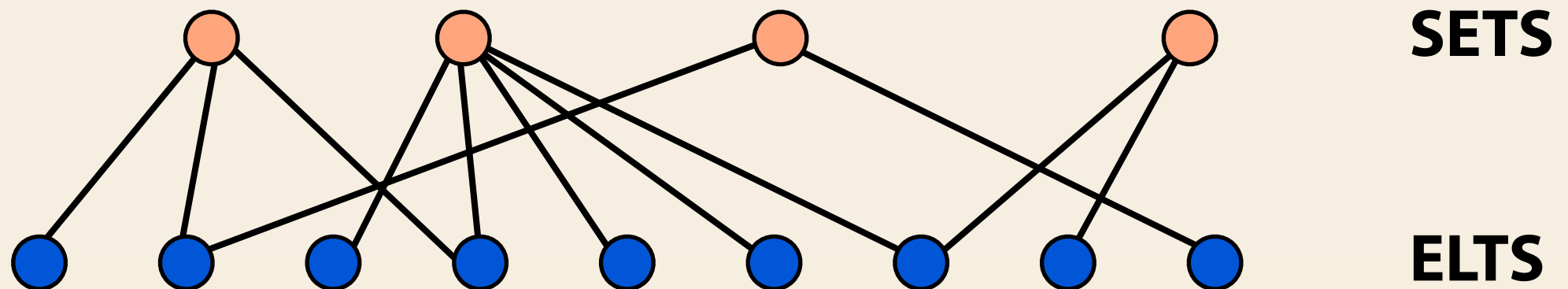
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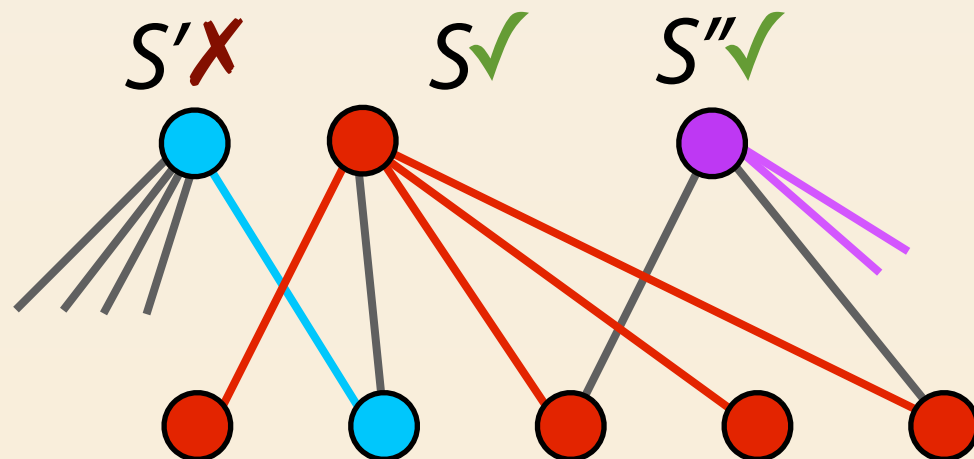
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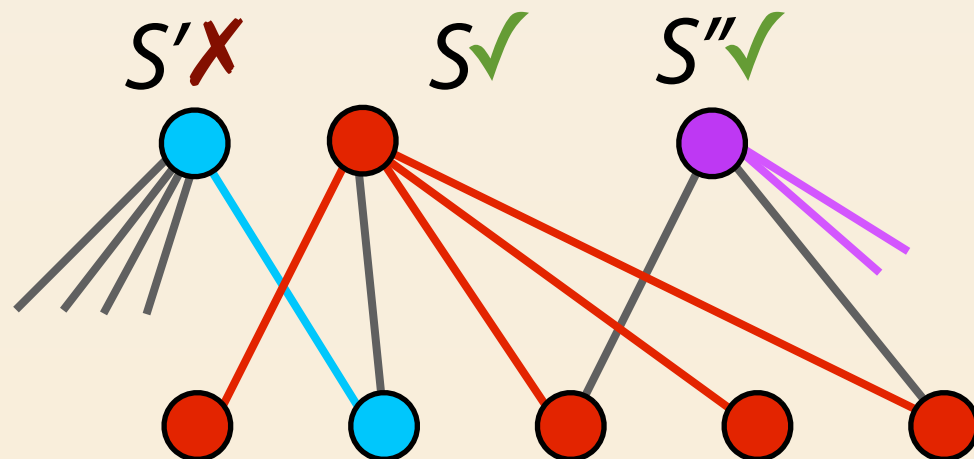
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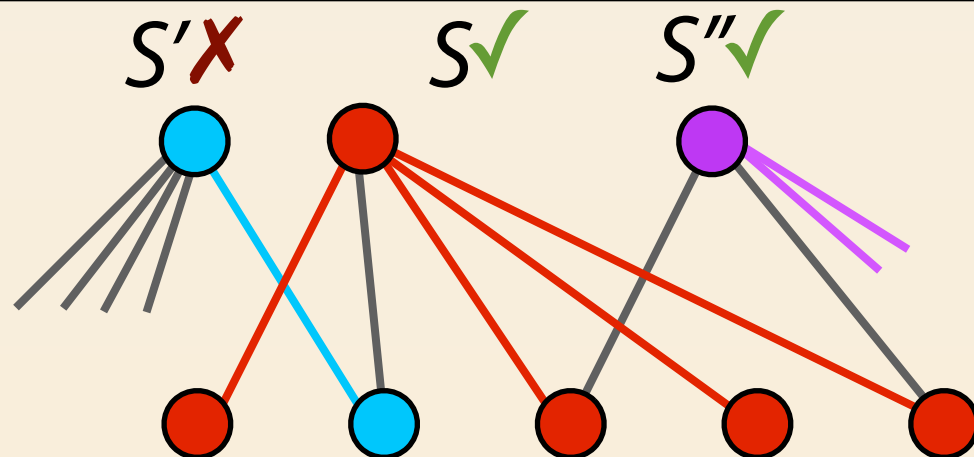
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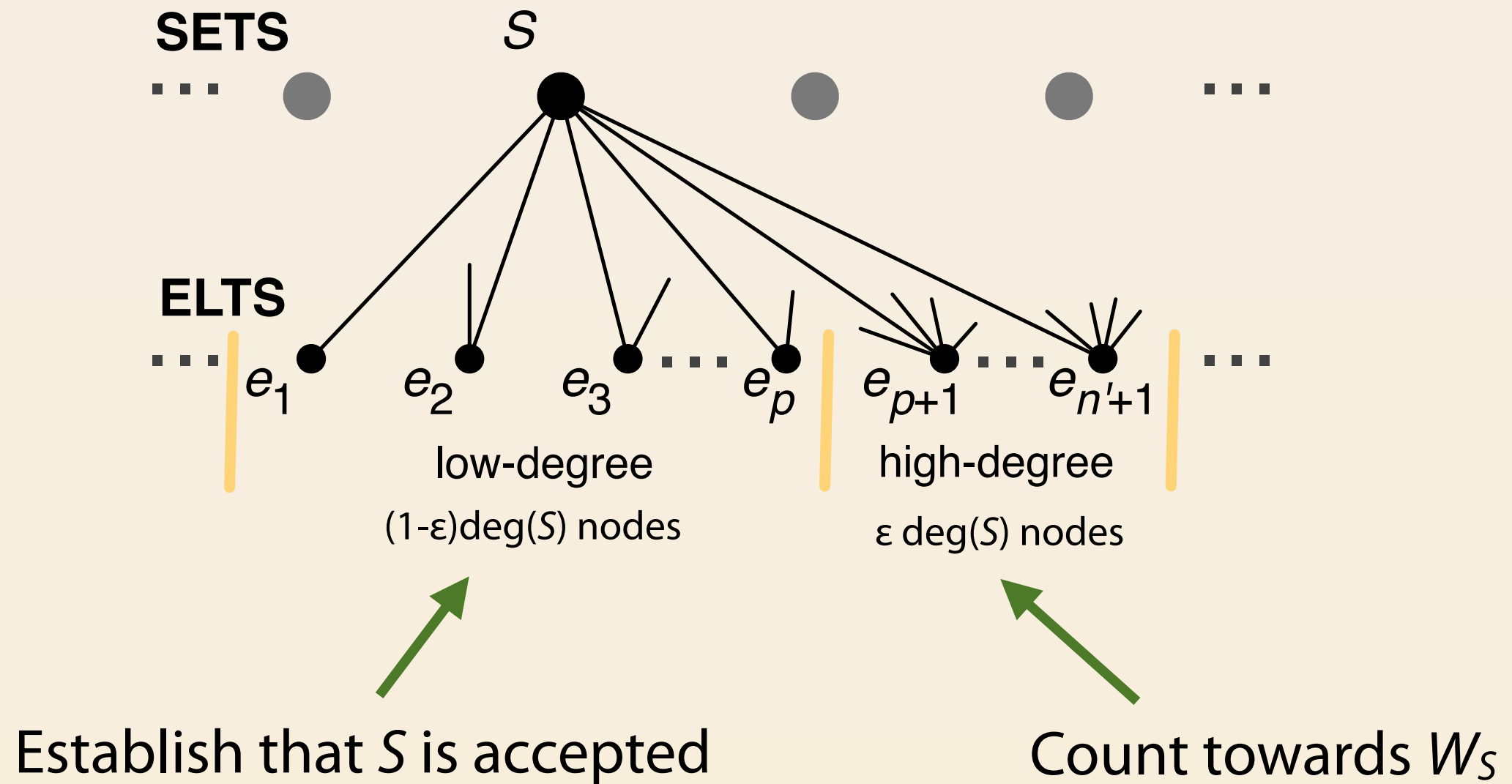


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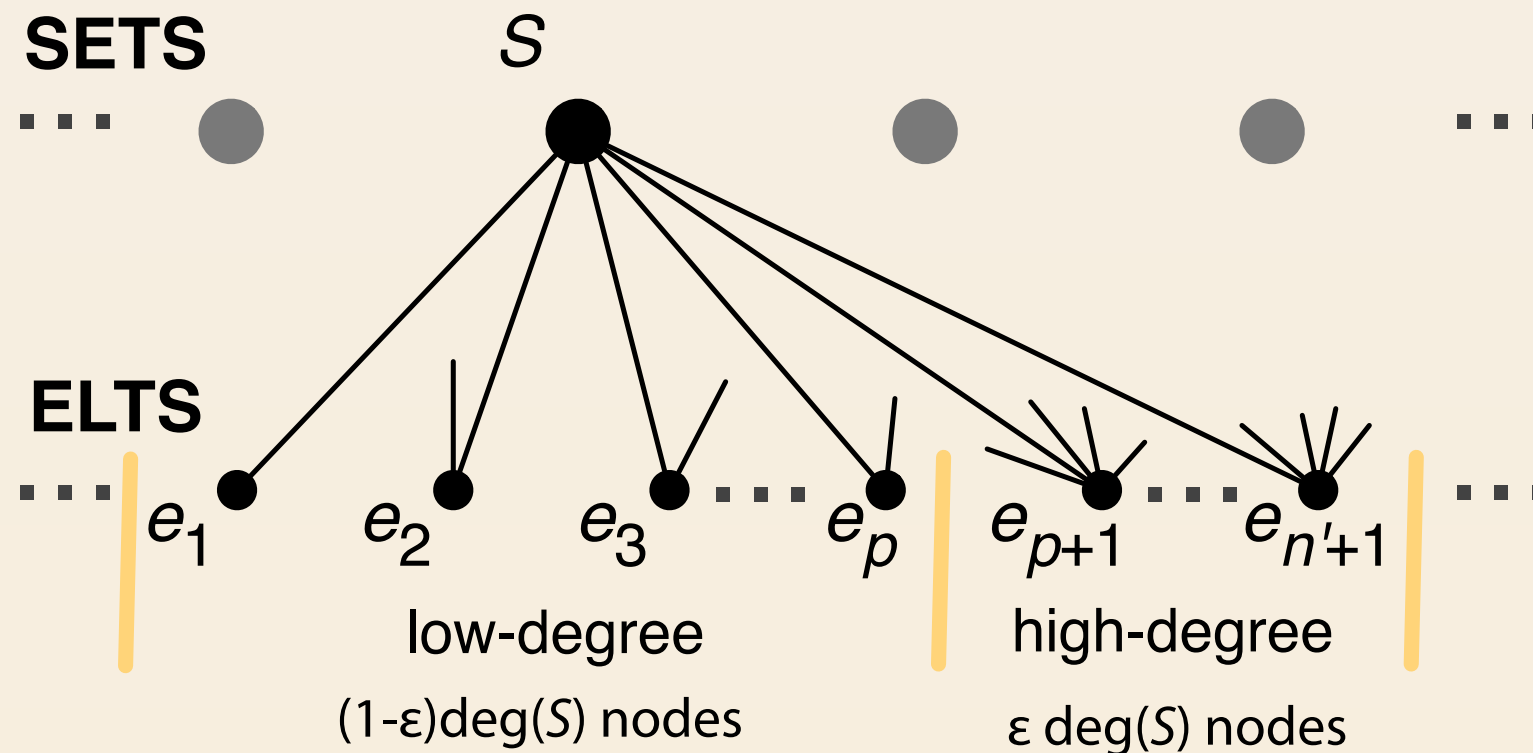
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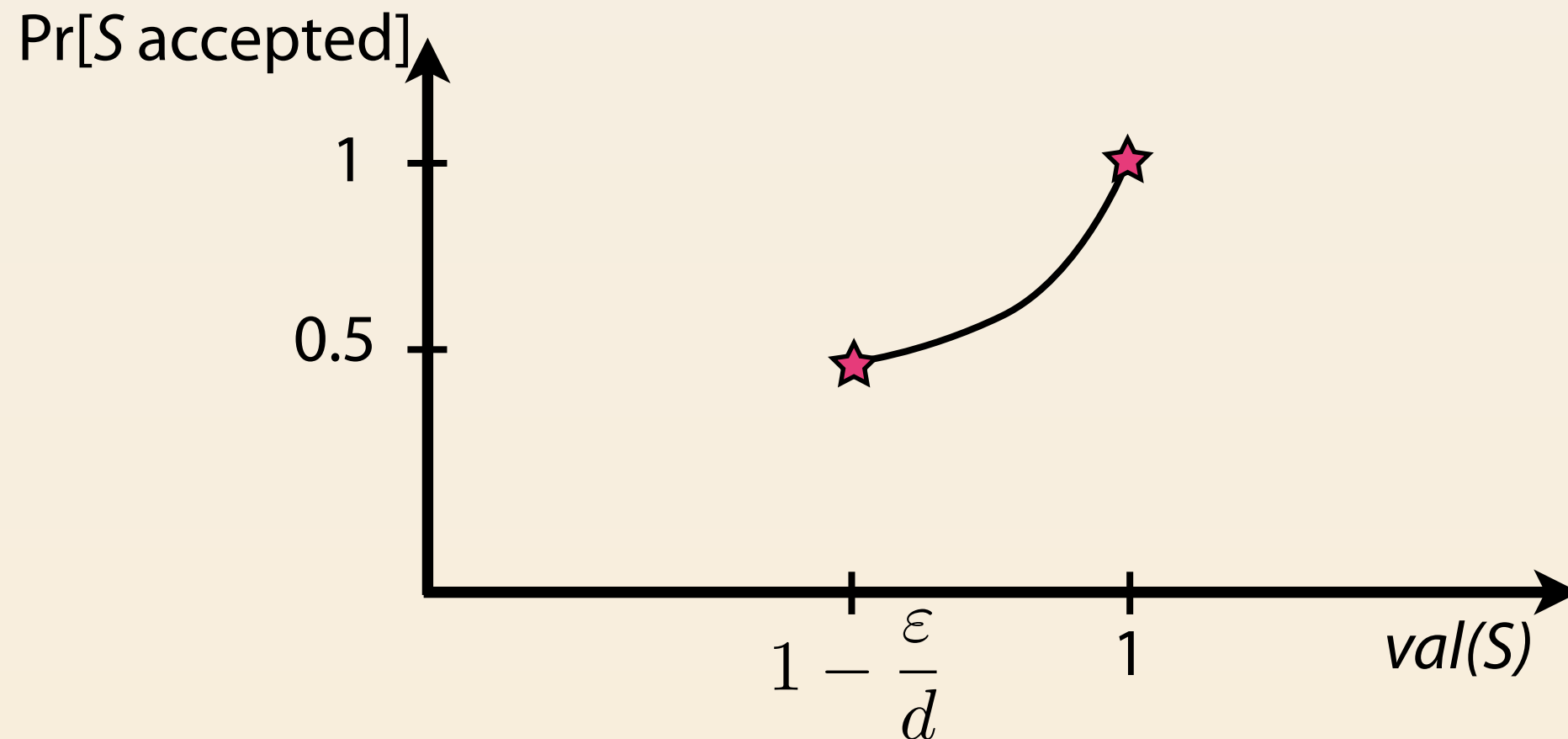
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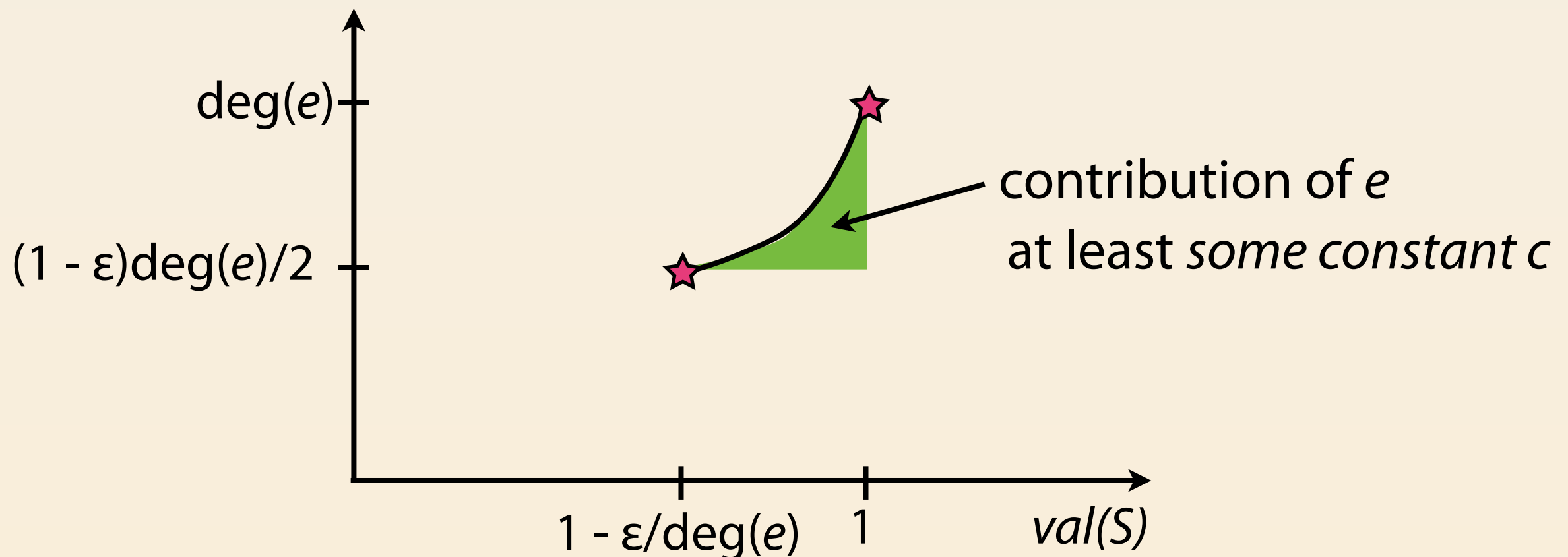
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