

Diversity Maximization over Large Data Sets

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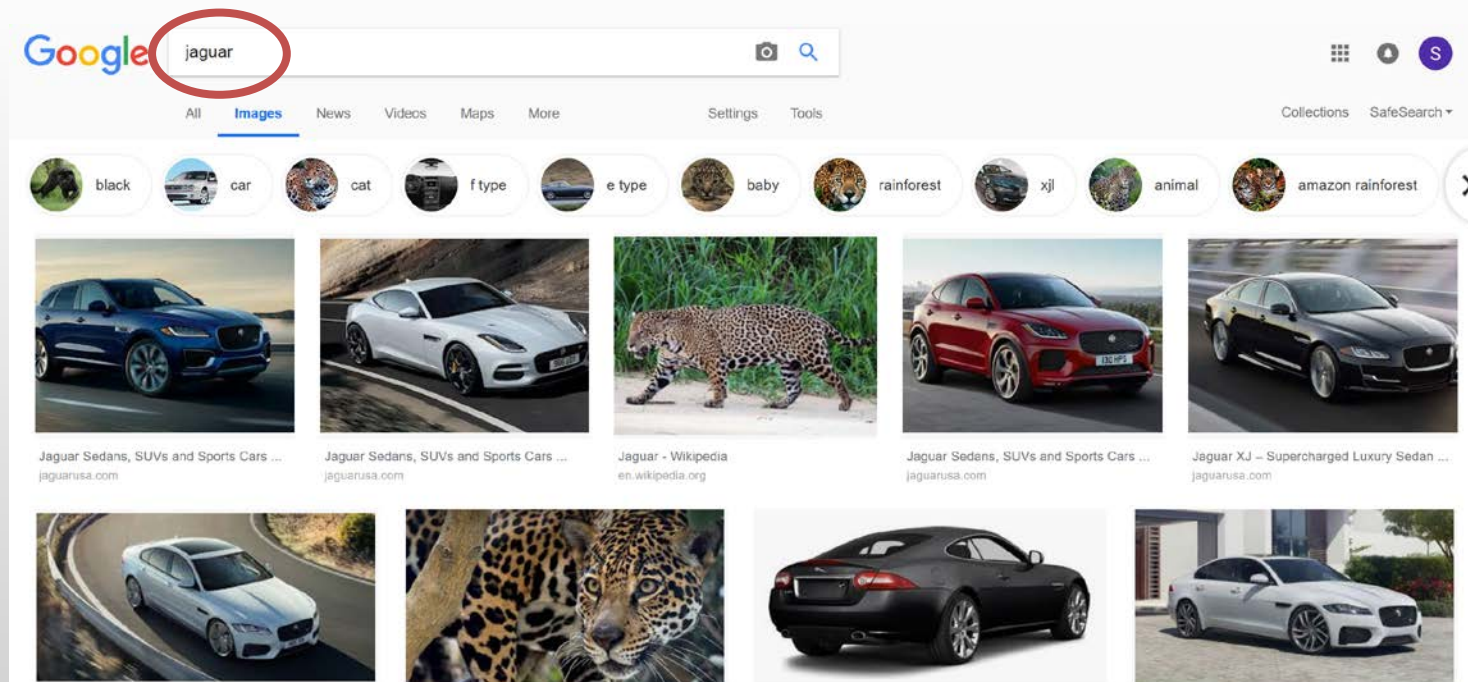
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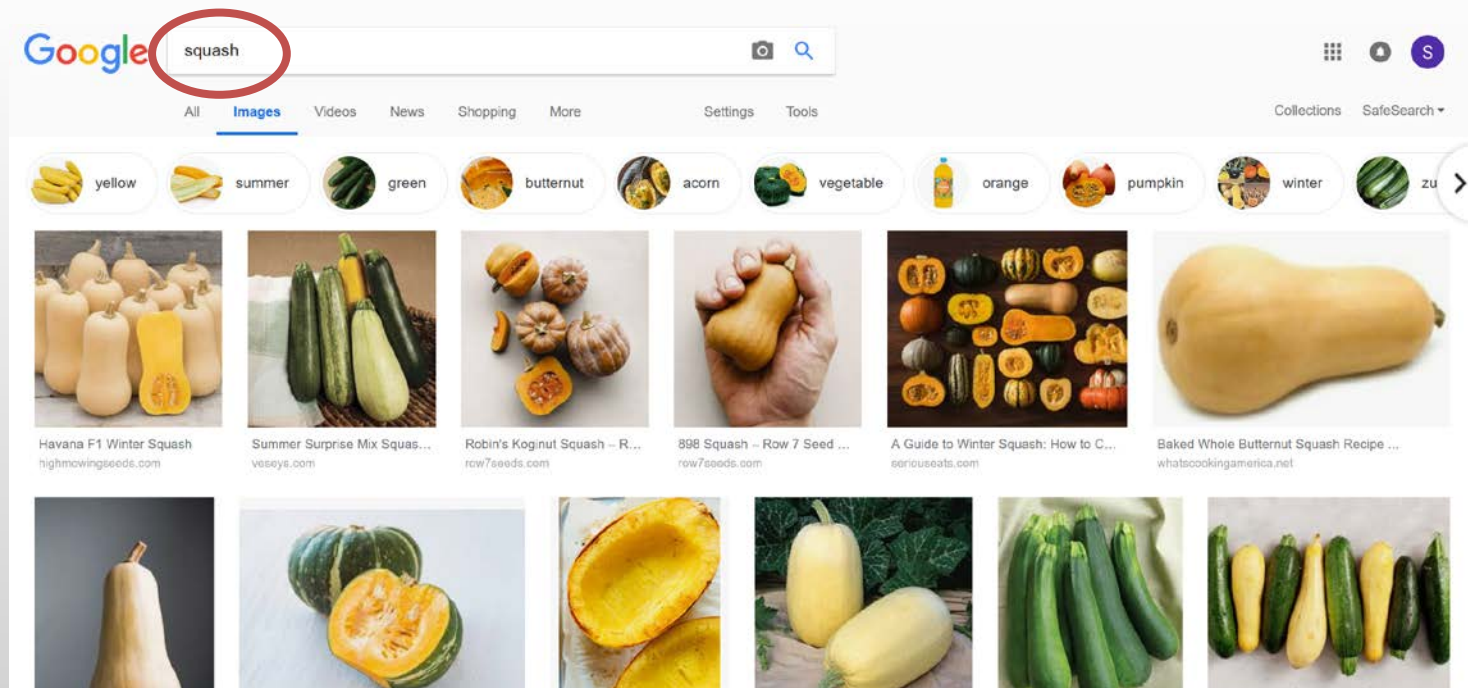
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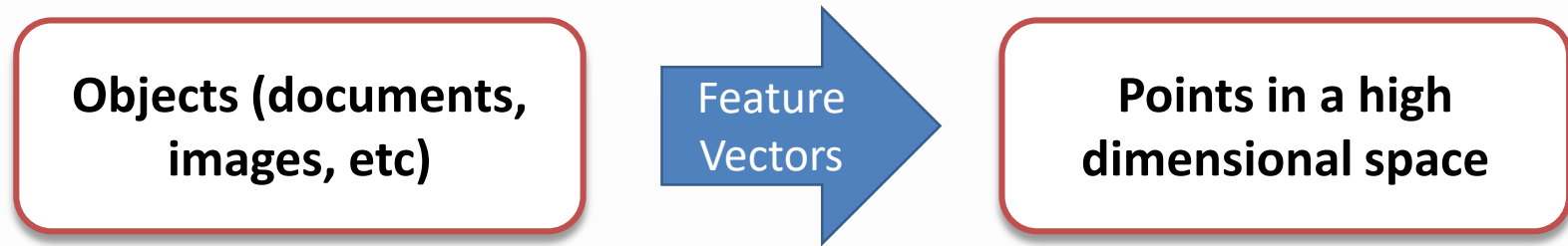
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- Summarization
- Object detection, ...

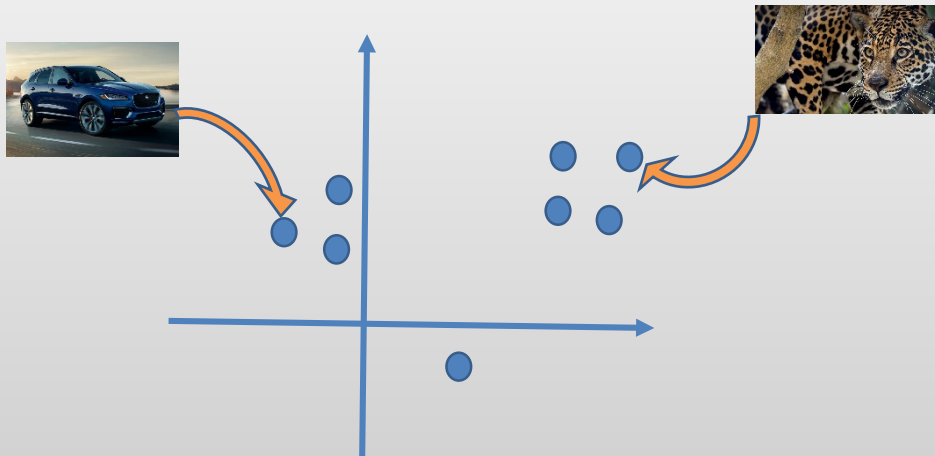
➤ **A small subset of items must be selected to represent the larger population**

Diversity Maximization: The Model



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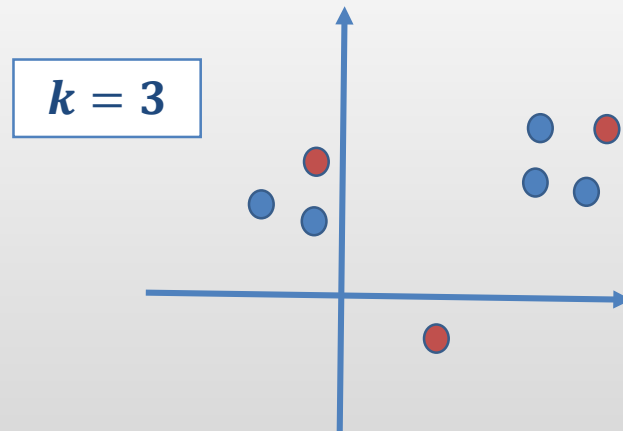
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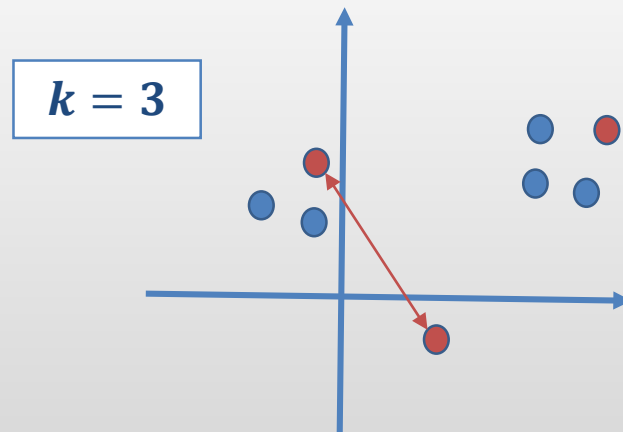


What is Diversity?

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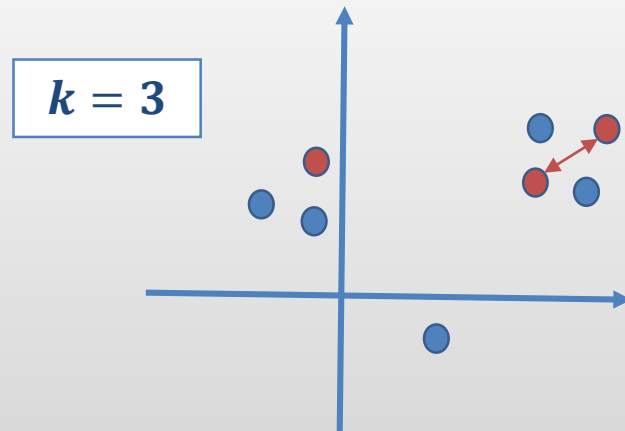
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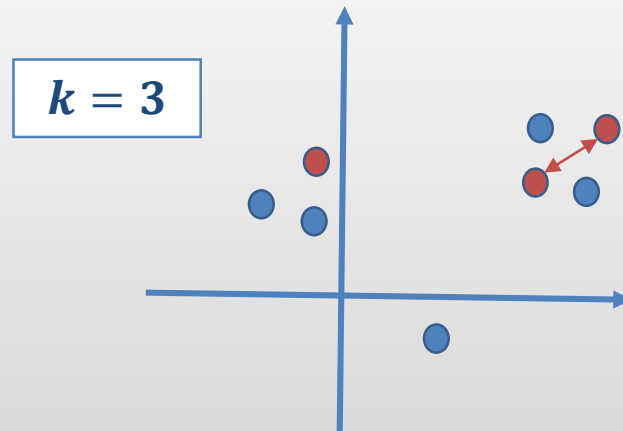


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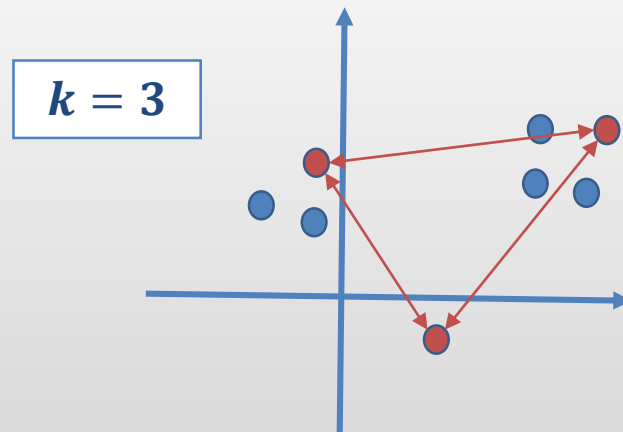
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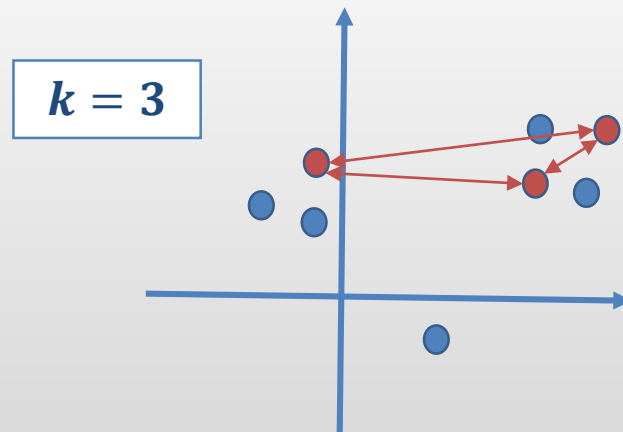
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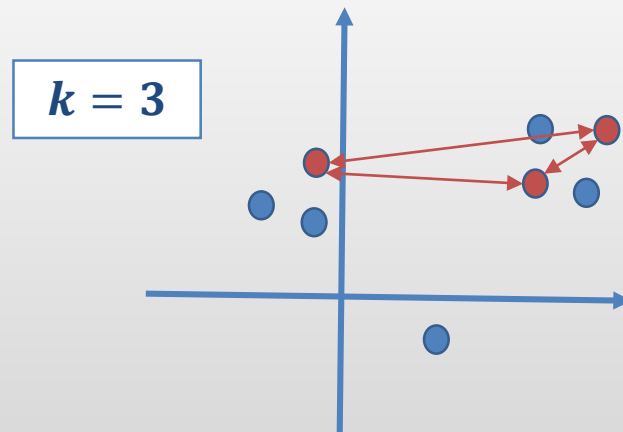


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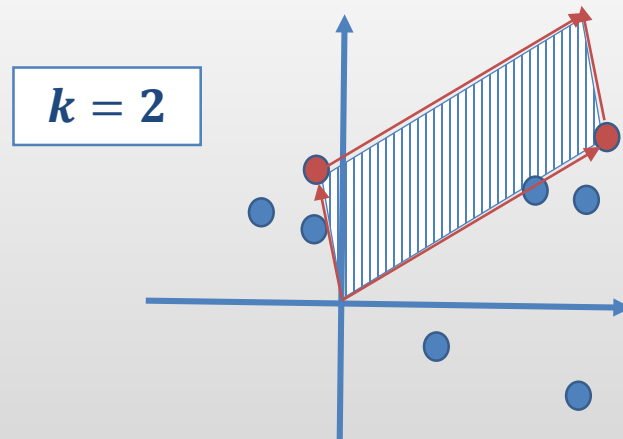
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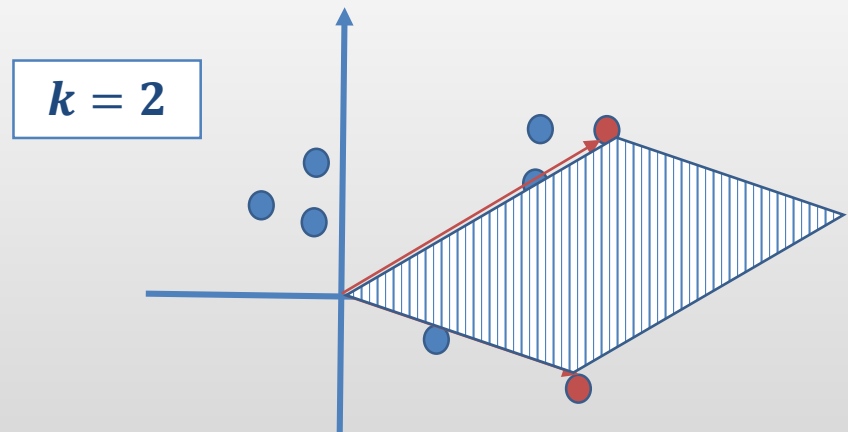
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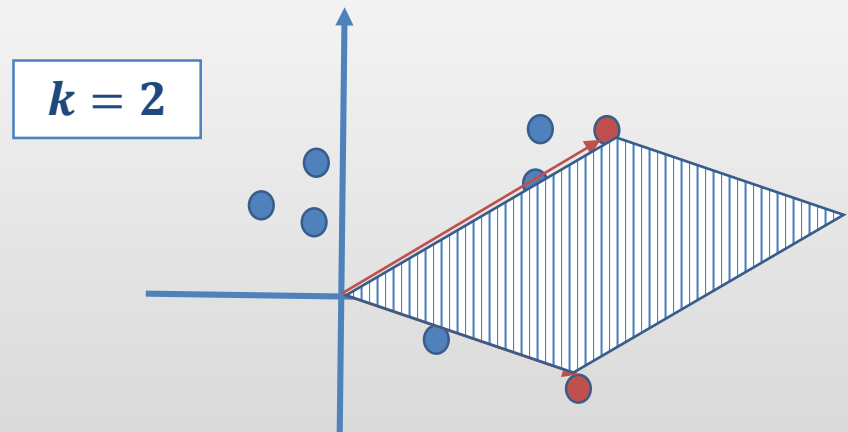


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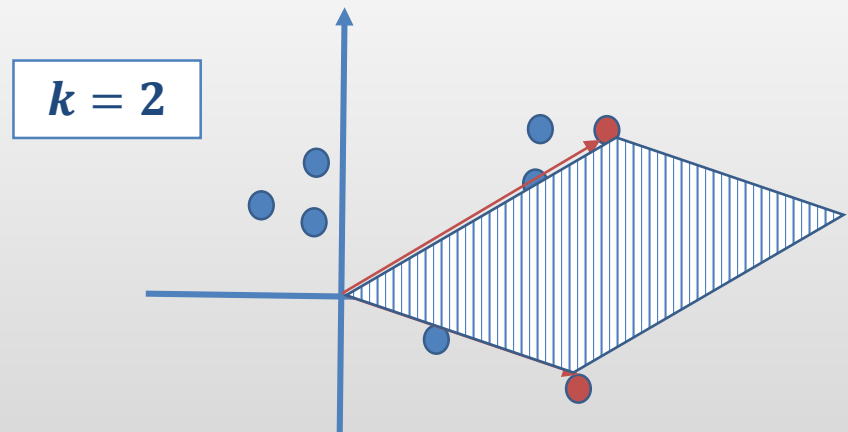


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□ Higher order notion of diversity (not based on pairwise distances only)

Existing Results on Diversity Maximization

Diversity maximization in the offline setting

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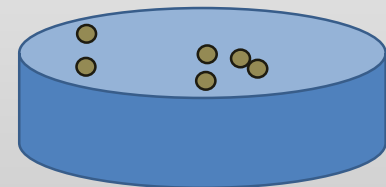
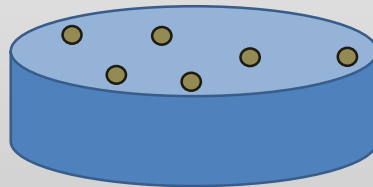
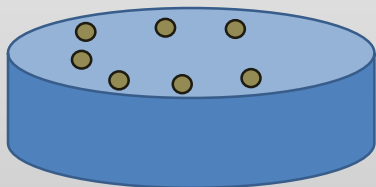
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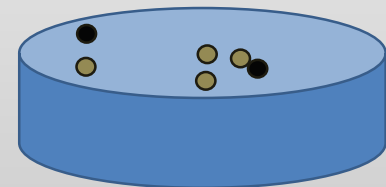
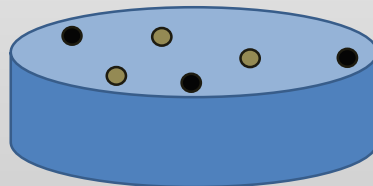
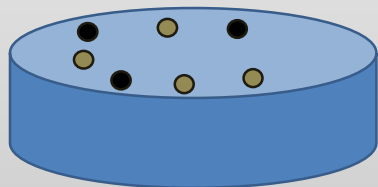
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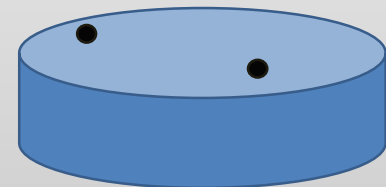
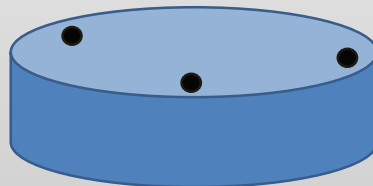
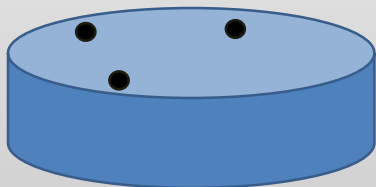
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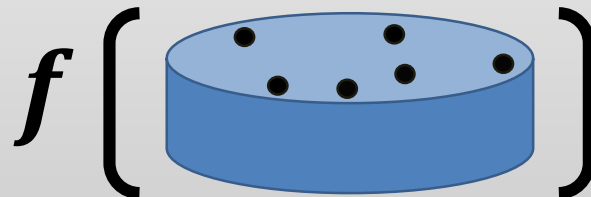
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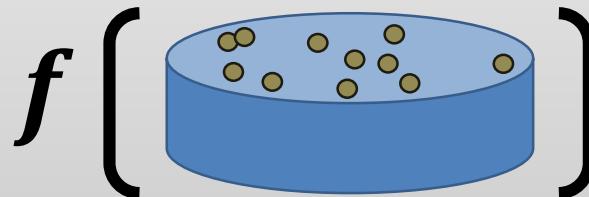
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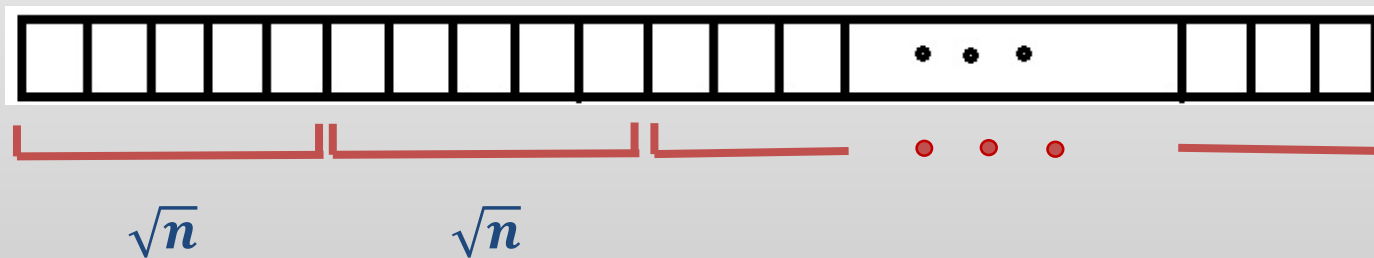
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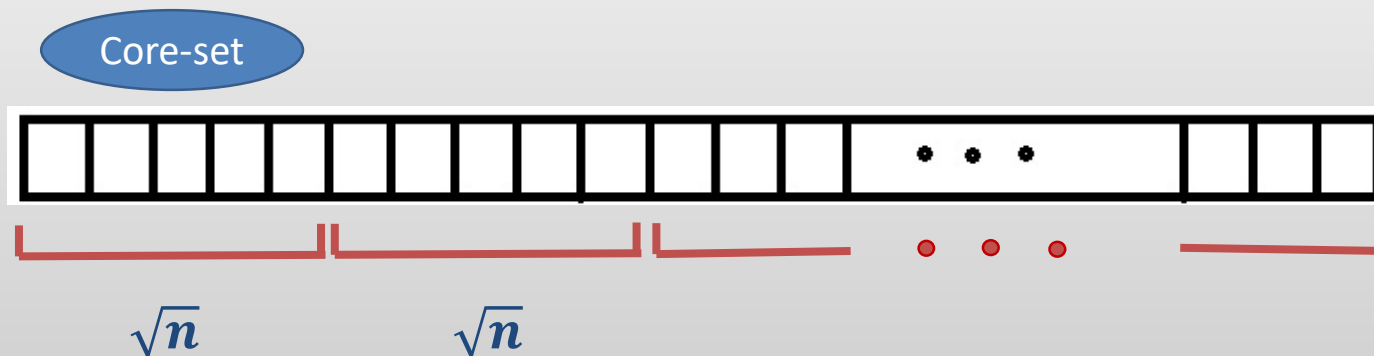
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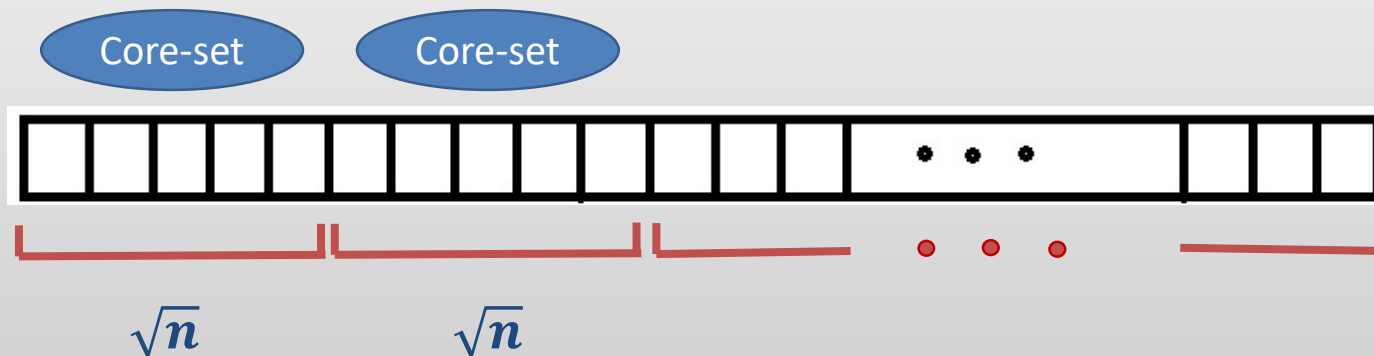
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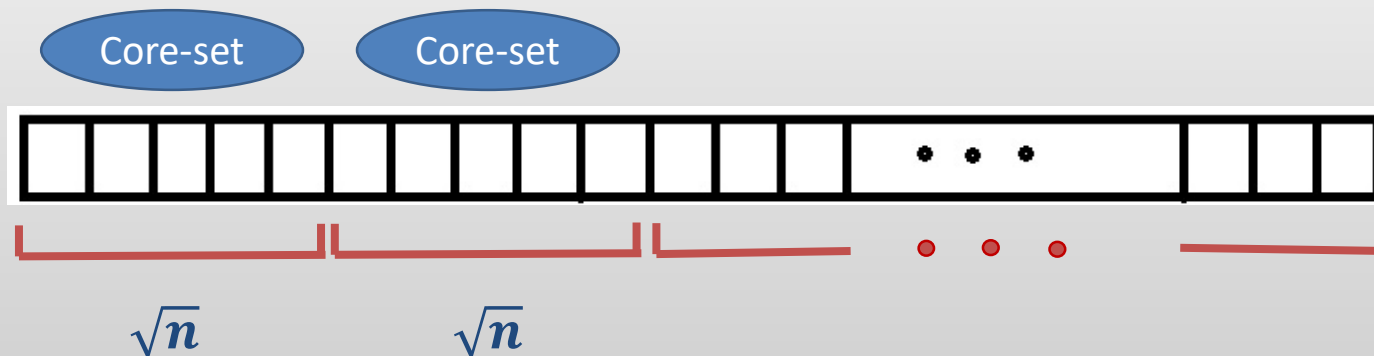
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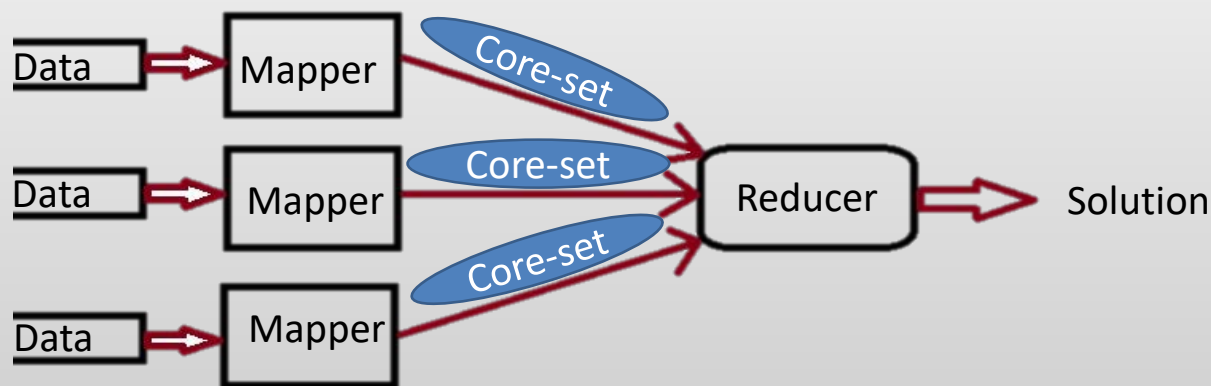
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Applications: Distributed Computation

- Streaming Computation
- **Distributed System:**
 - Each machine holds a block of data.
 - A composable core-set is computed and sent to the server
- **Map-Reduce Model:**
 - One round of Map-Reduce
 - \sqrt{n} mappers each getting \sqrt{n} points
 - Mapper computes a composable core-set of size k
 - Will be passed to a single reducer



Applications: Improving Runtime

- Streaming Computation
- Distributed System
- **Similar framework for improving the runtime**

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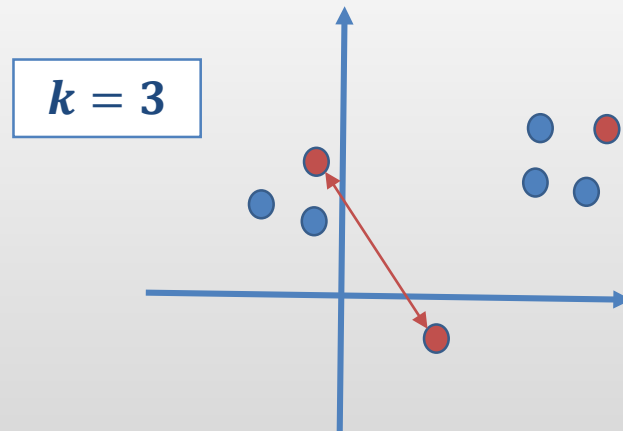
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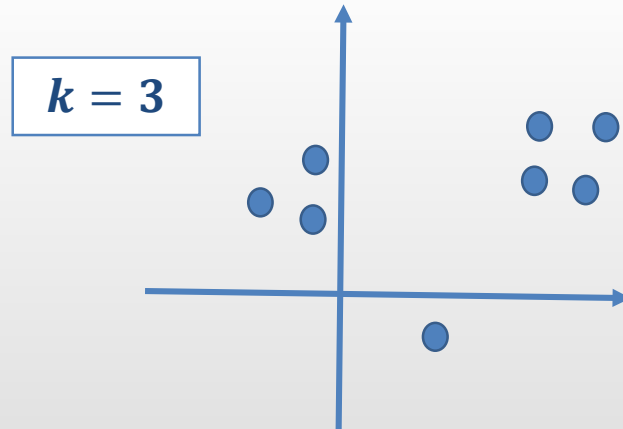
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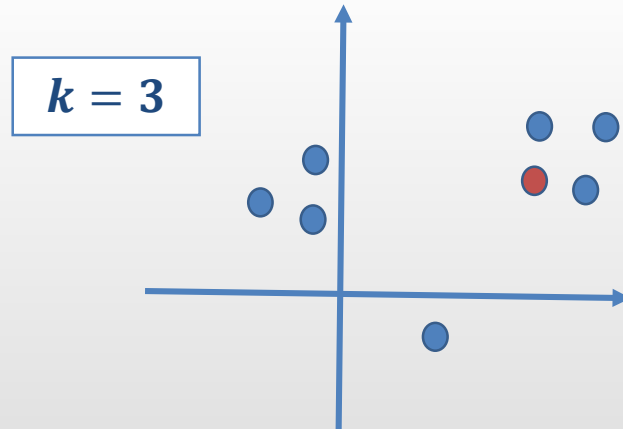
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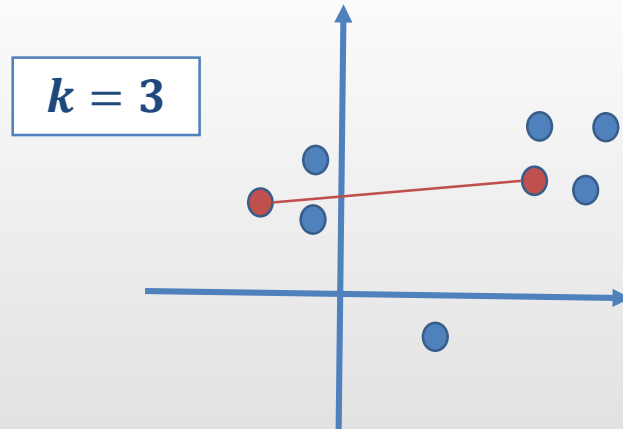
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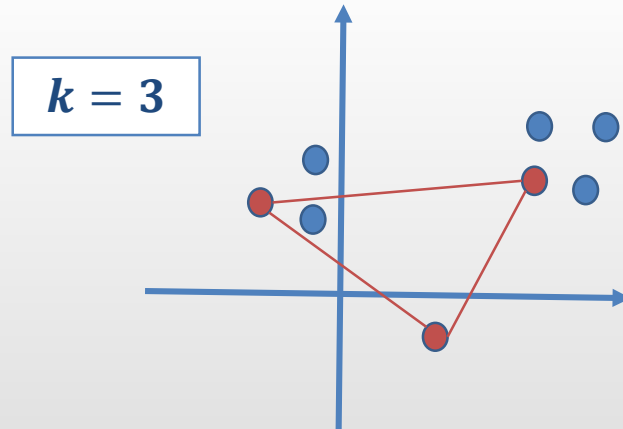
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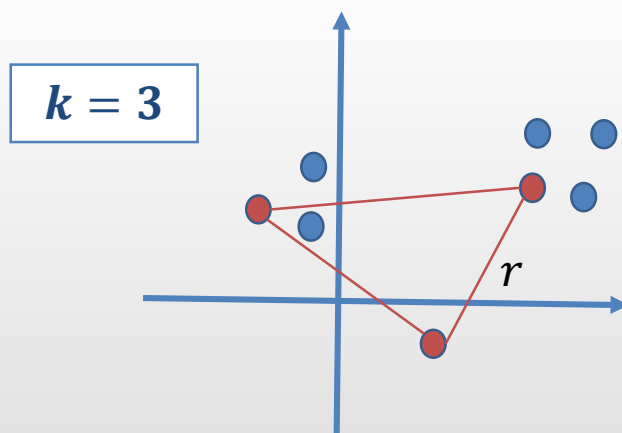


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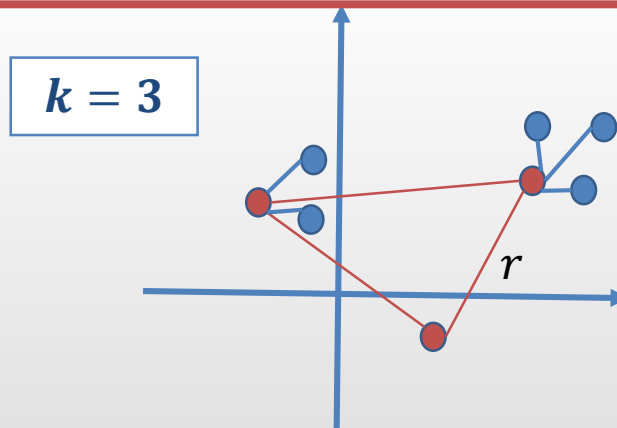


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- $\exists q \in S$ such that $\text{dist}(p, q) \leq r$

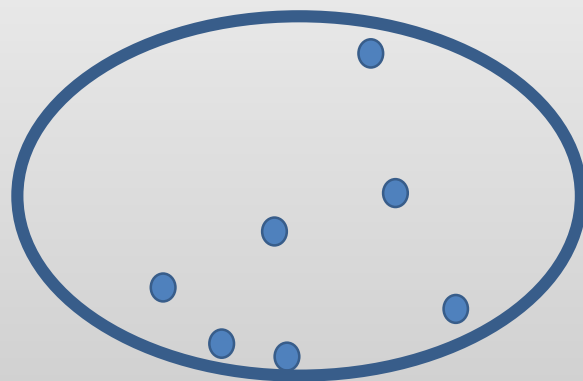
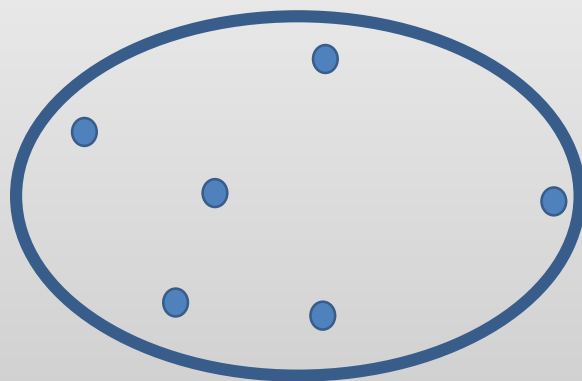
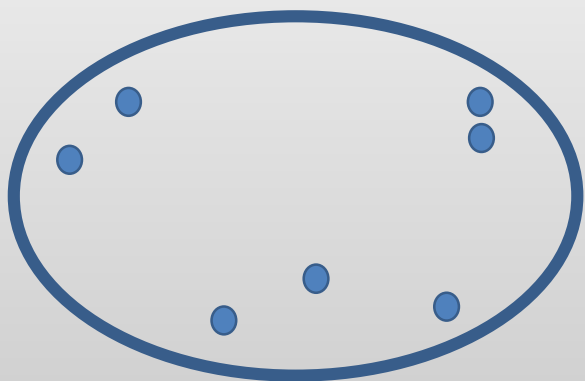


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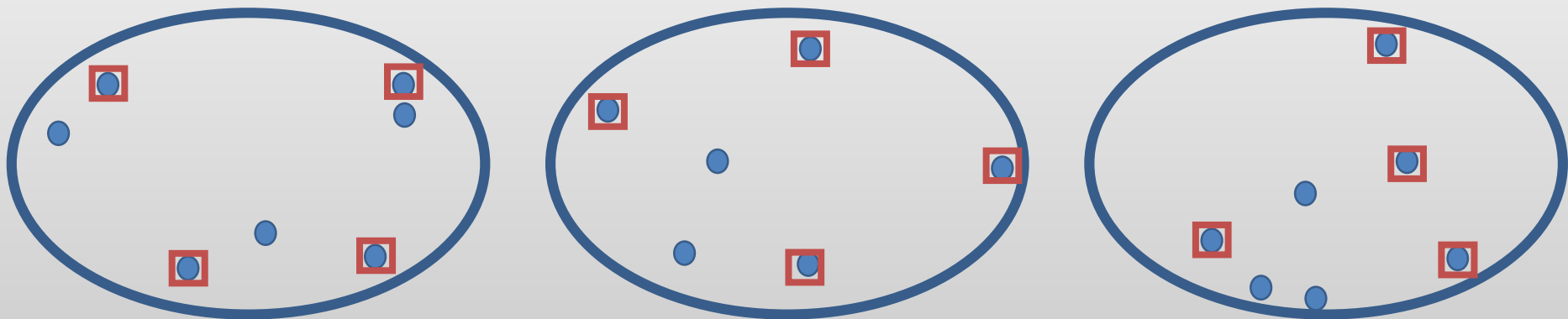


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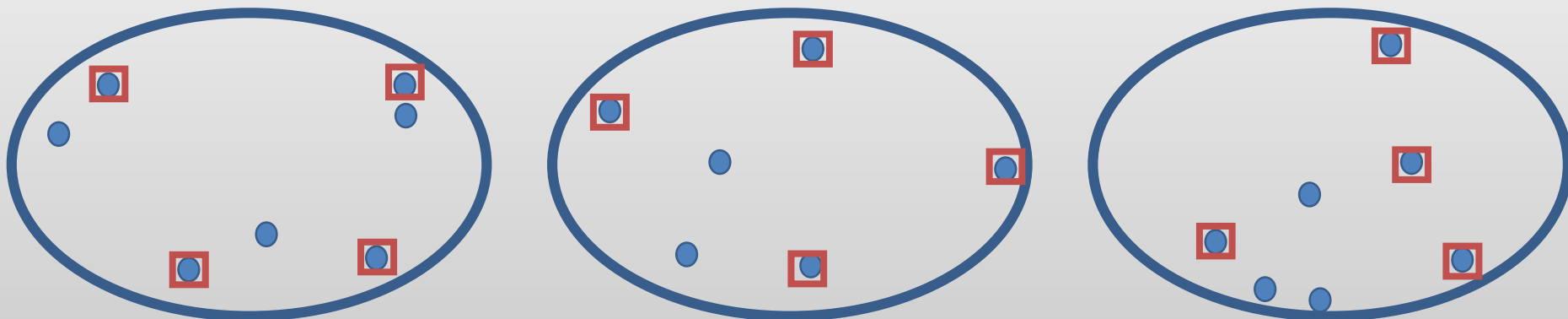
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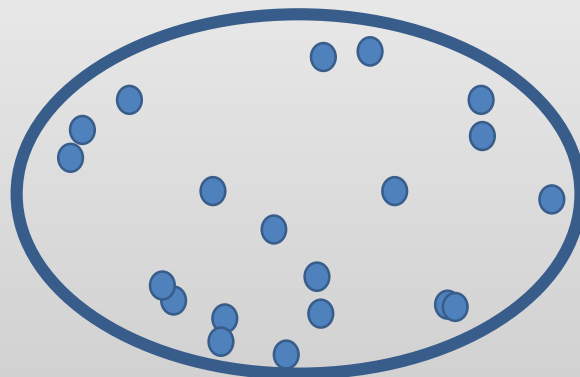


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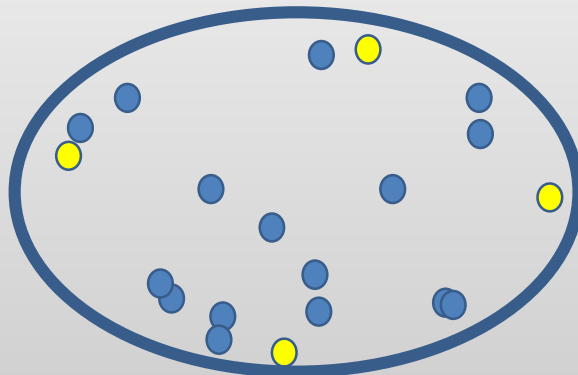
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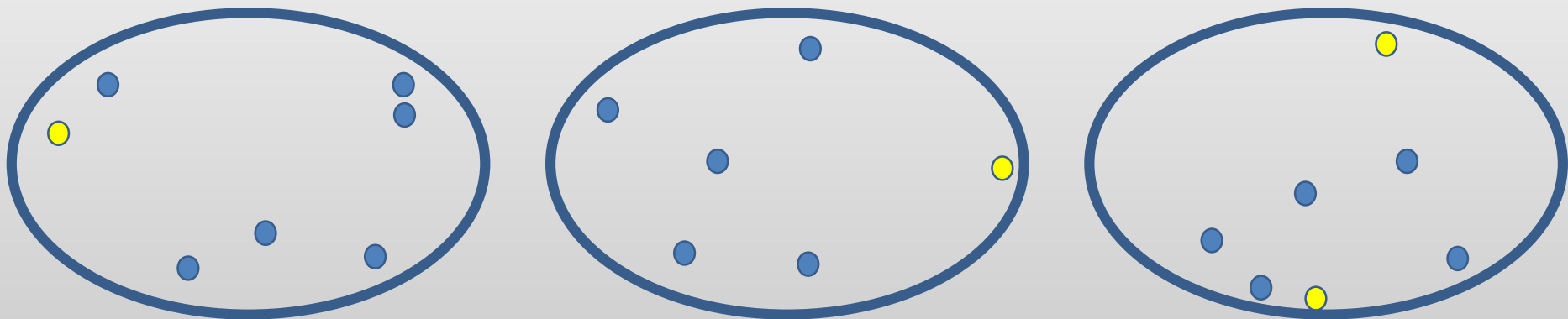
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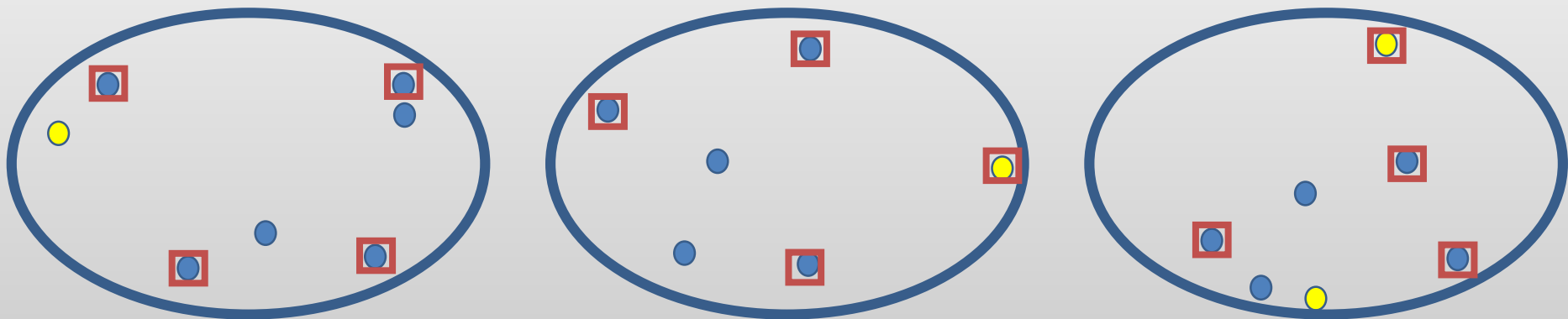
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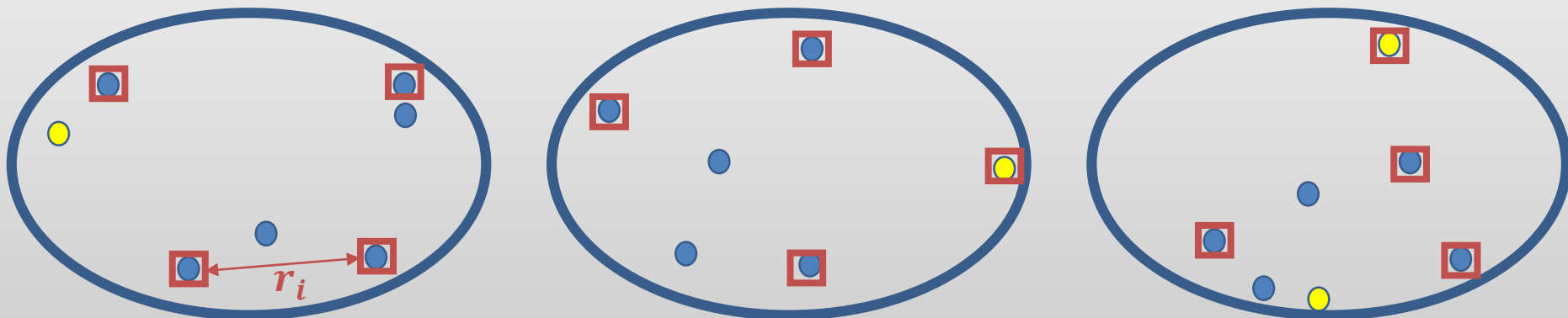


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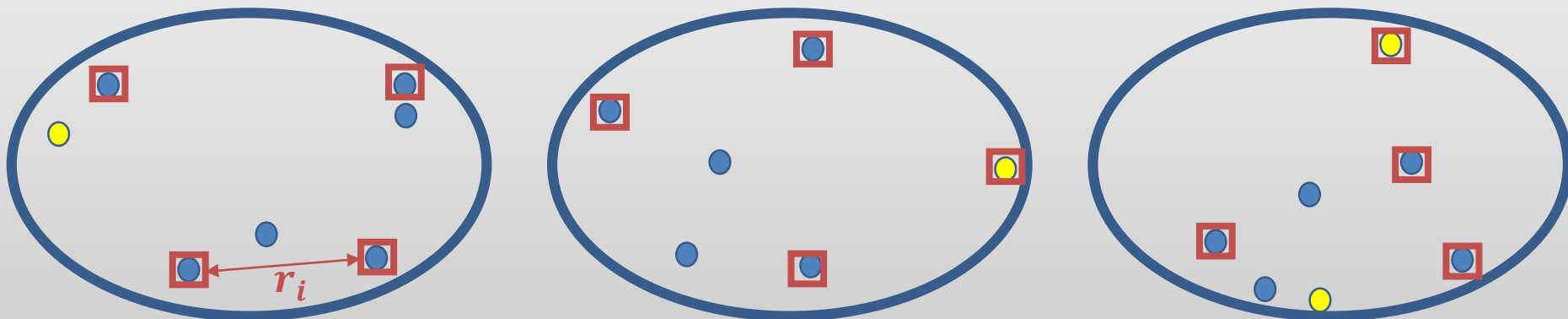
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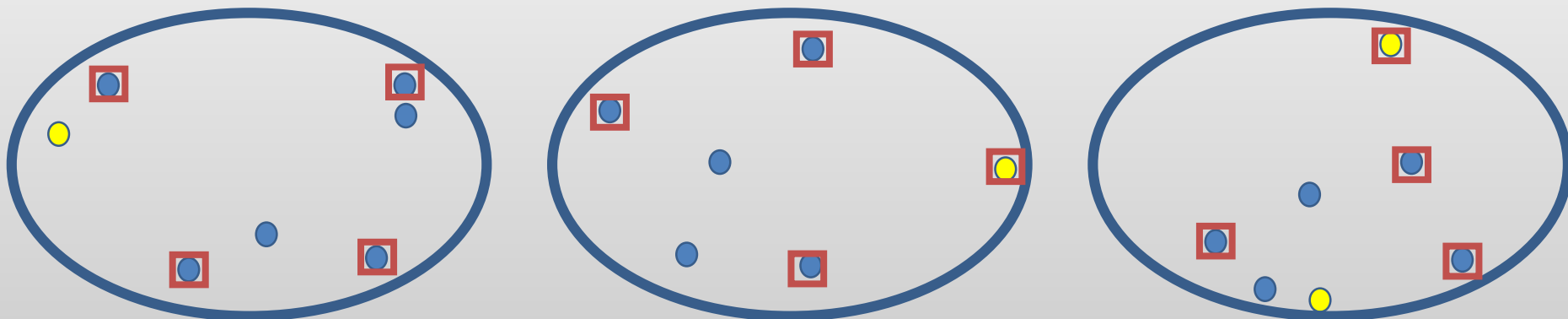
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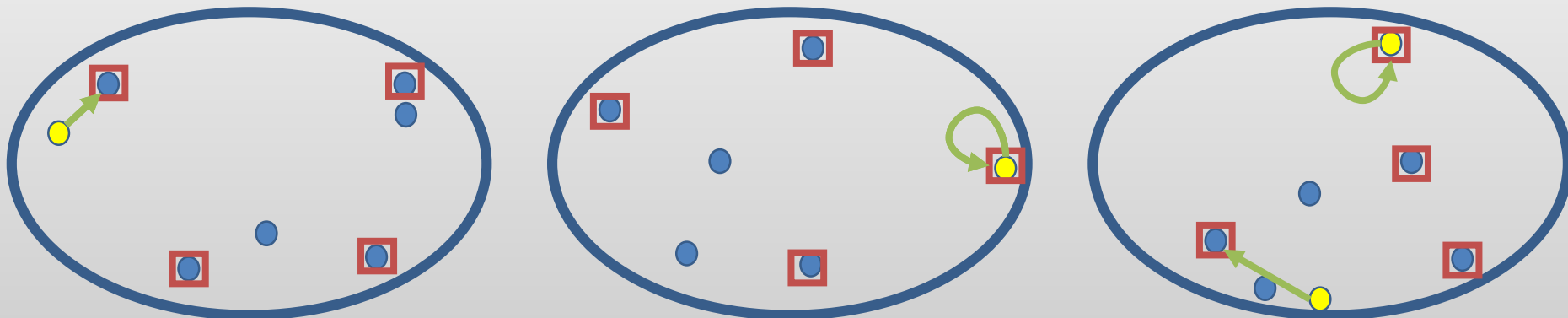
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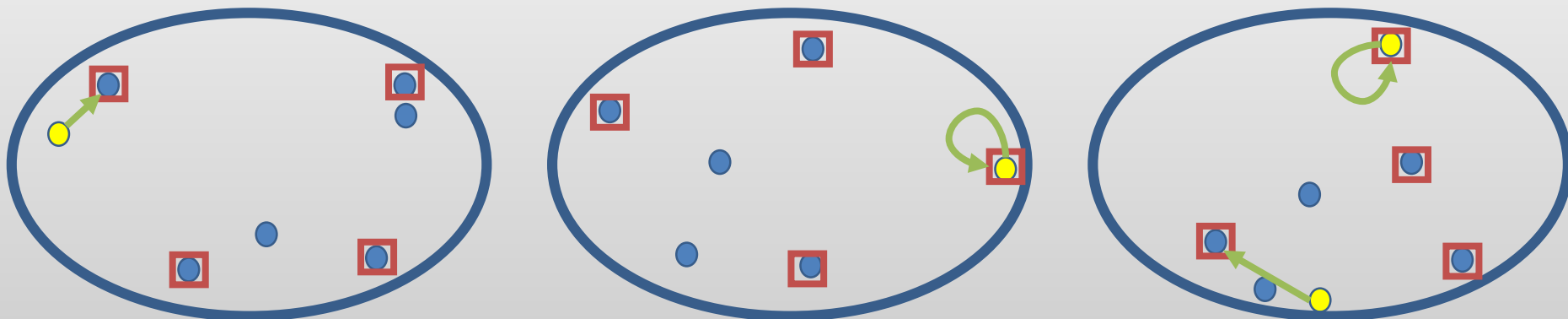
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Composable Core-sets for Diversity Maximization:

Diversity Notion	Coreset Size	Approx.	Reference	Offline
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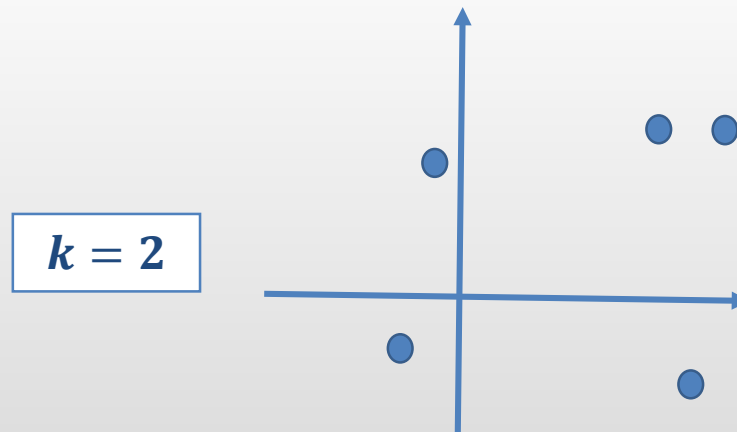
Diversity: Volume of the points

Joint work with P. Indyk, S. Oveis Gharan, A. Rezaei

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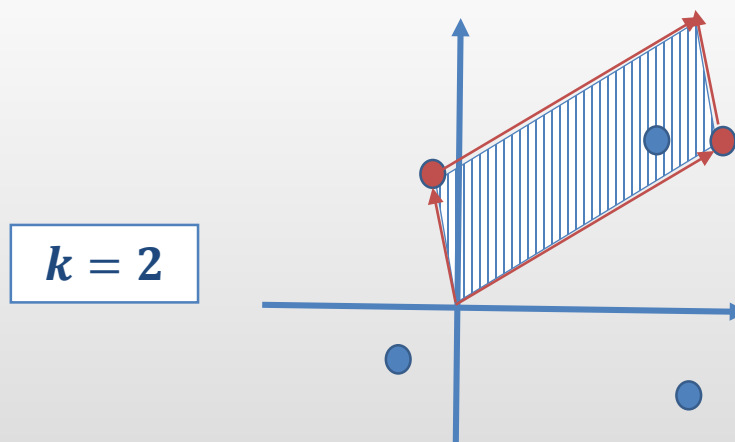


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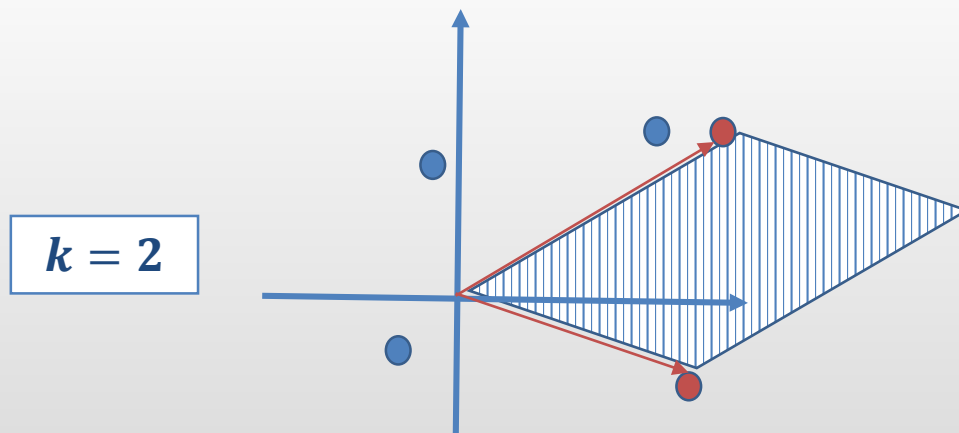


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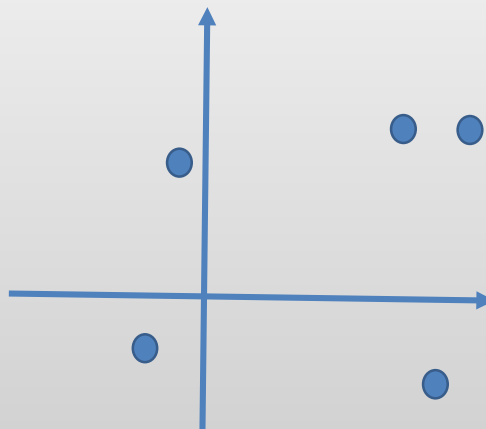
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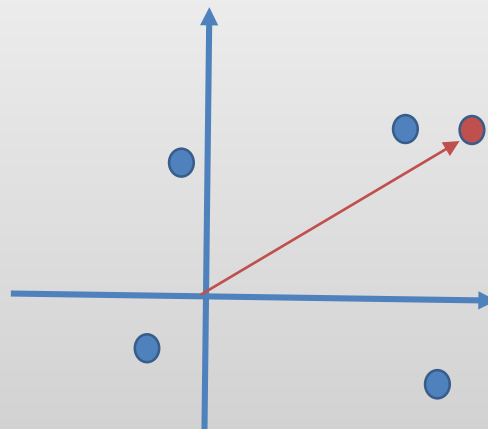
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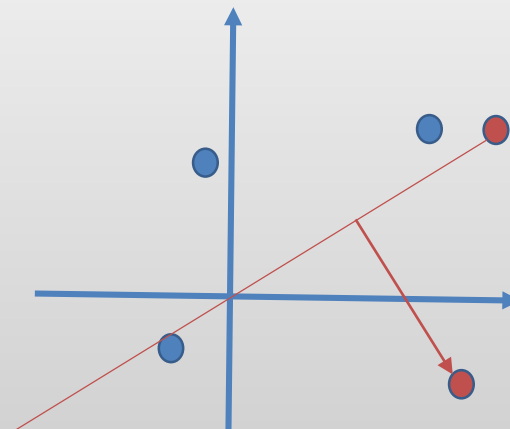
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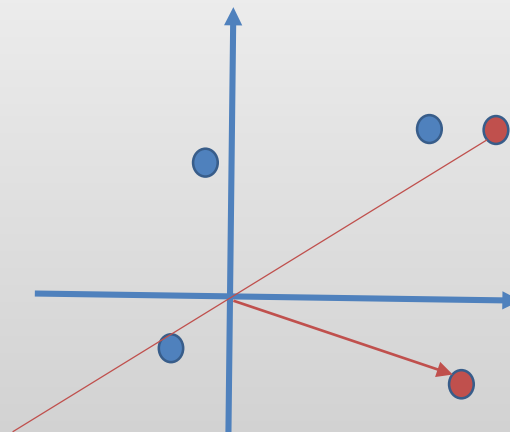
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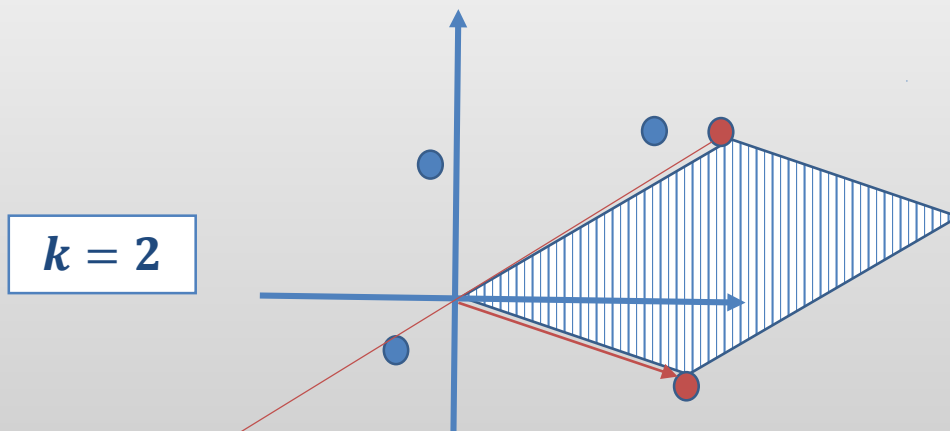
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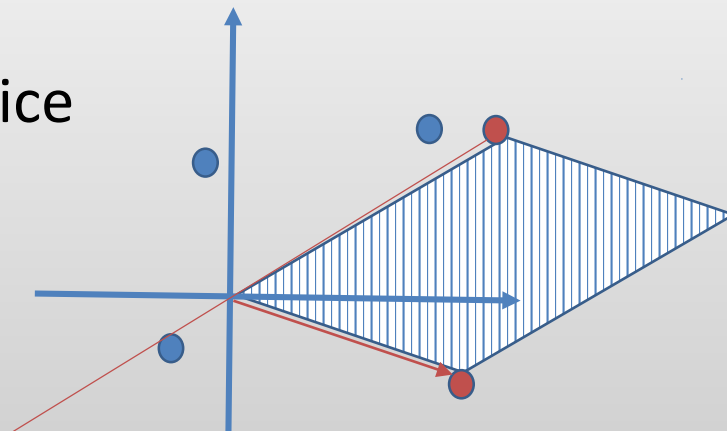


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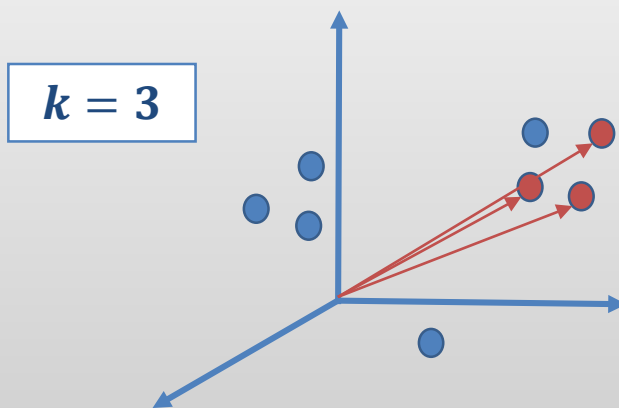
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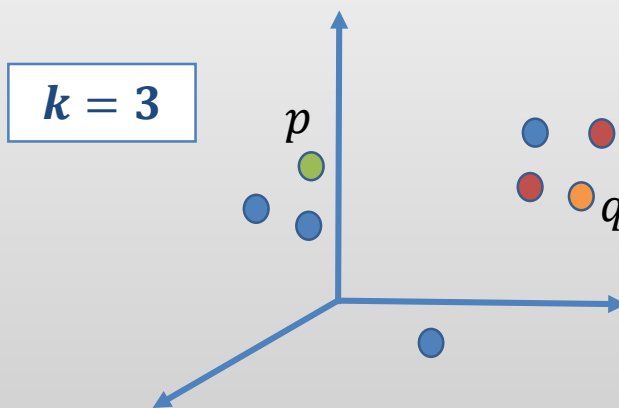
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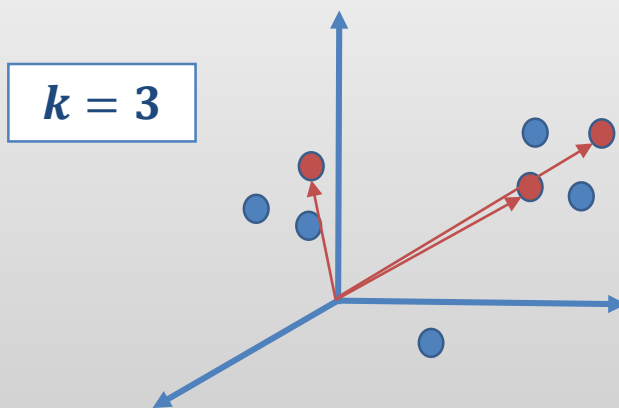
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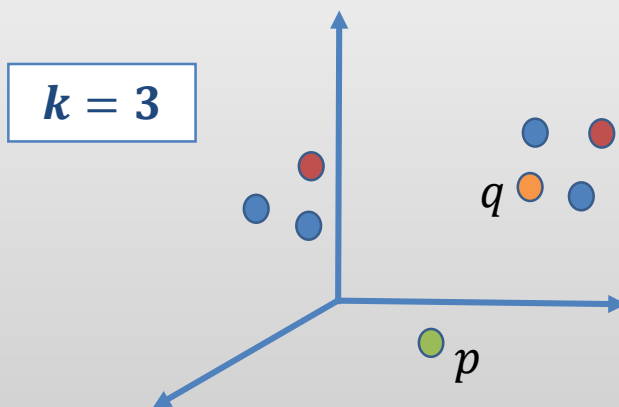
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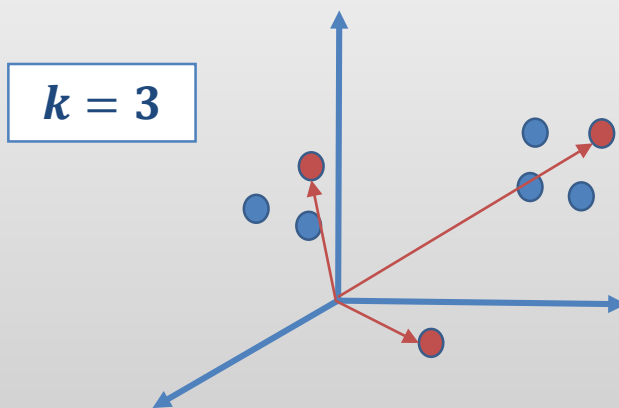
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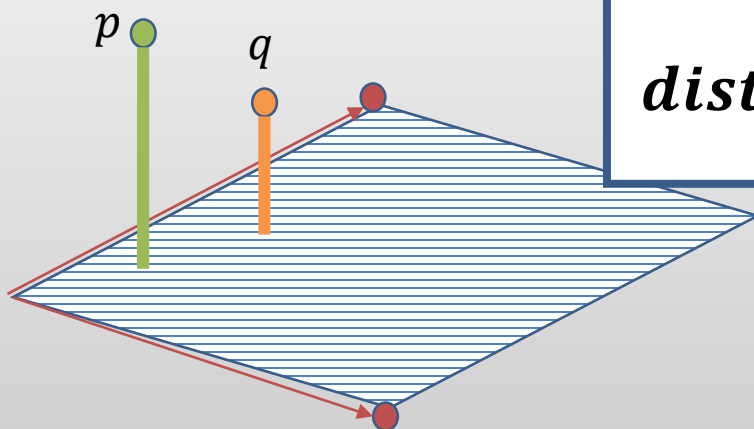
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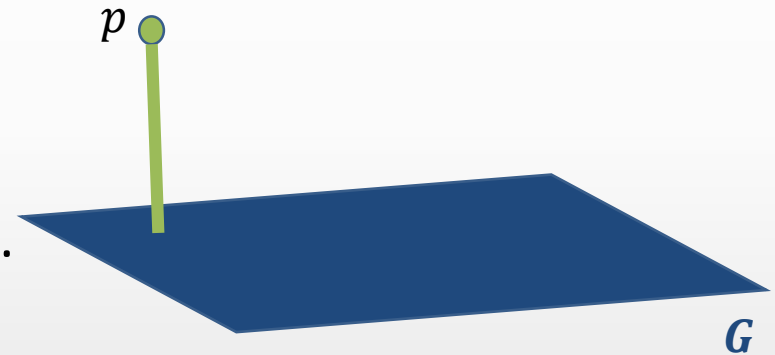
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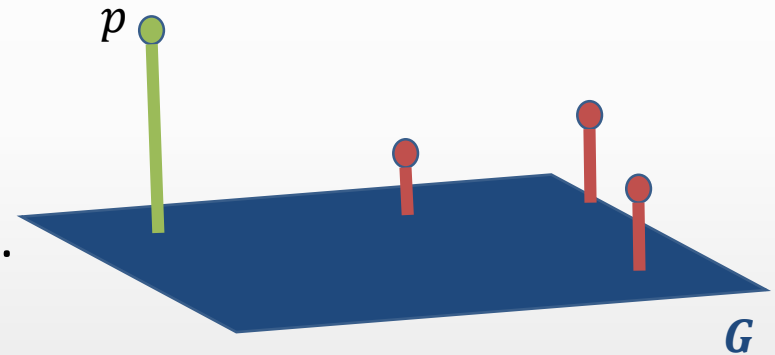
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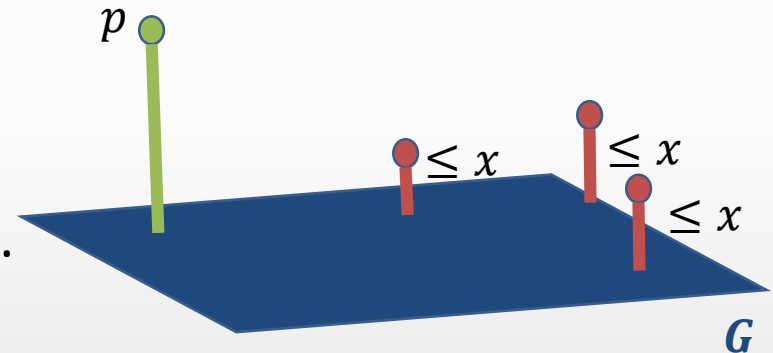
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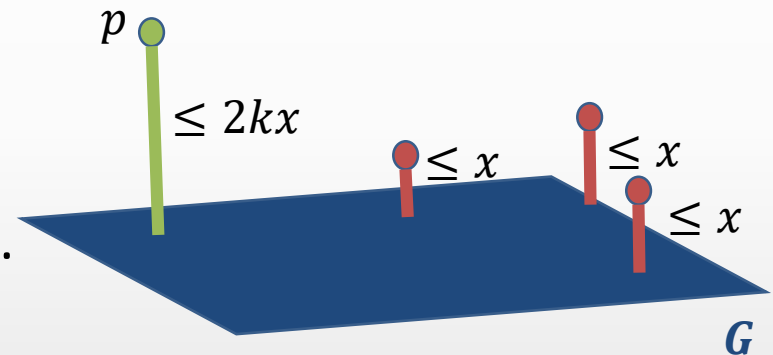
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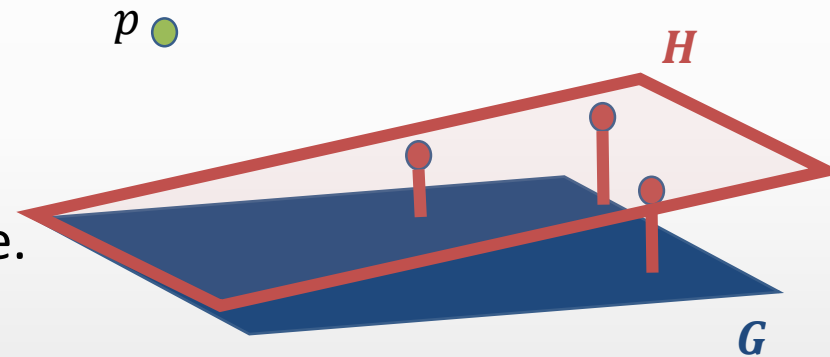
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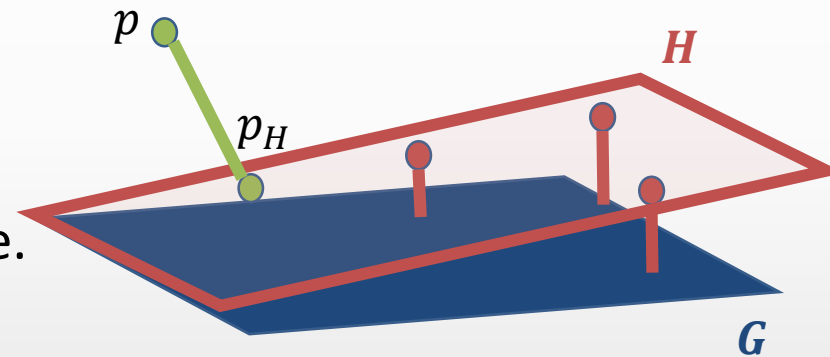
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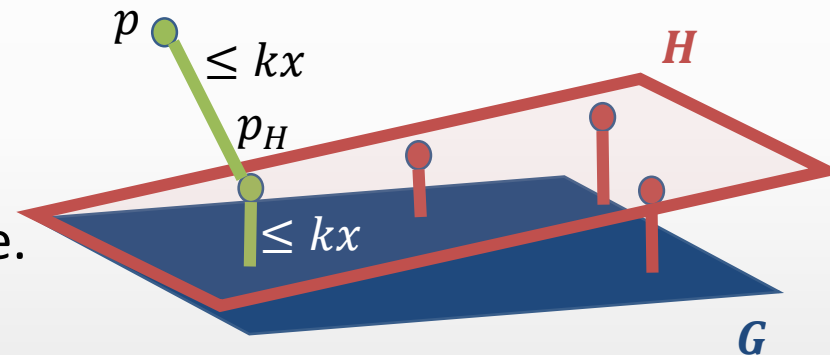
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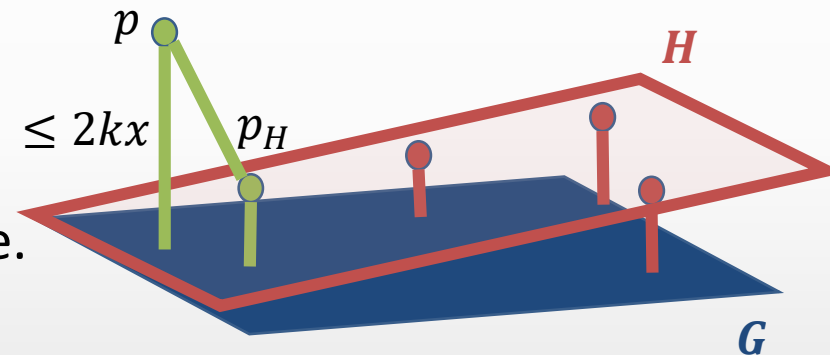
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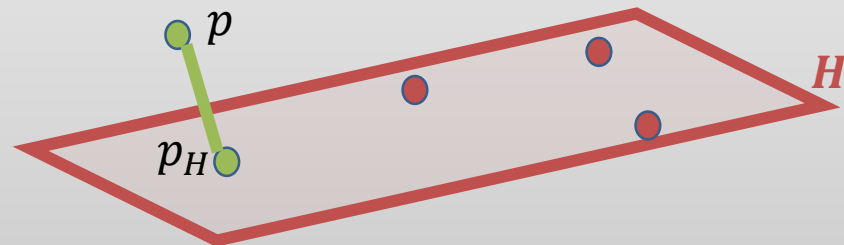
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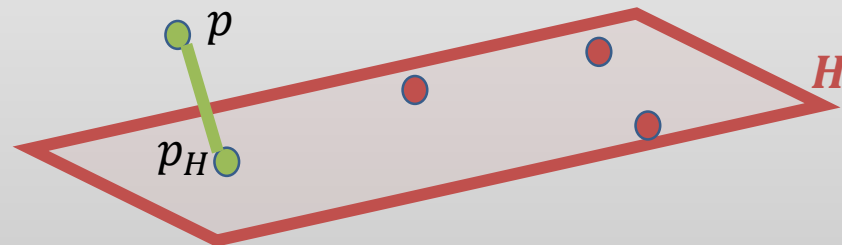
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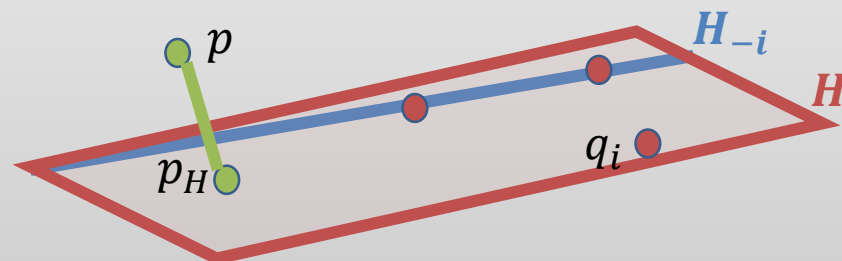
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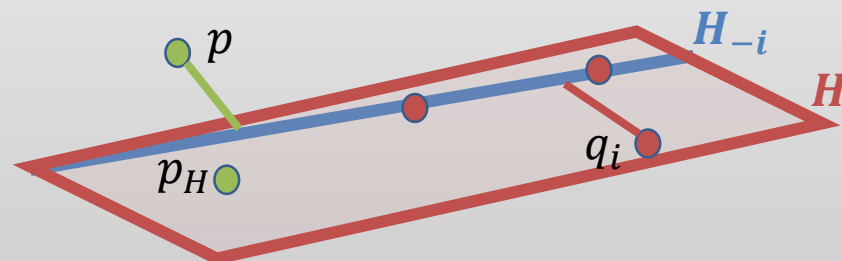
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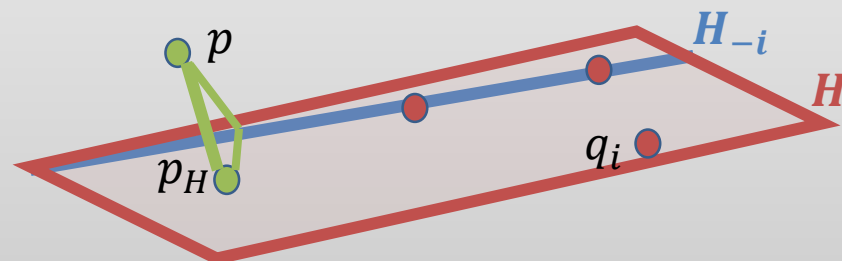
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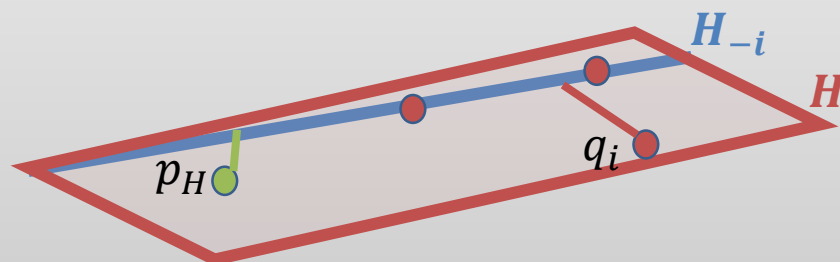
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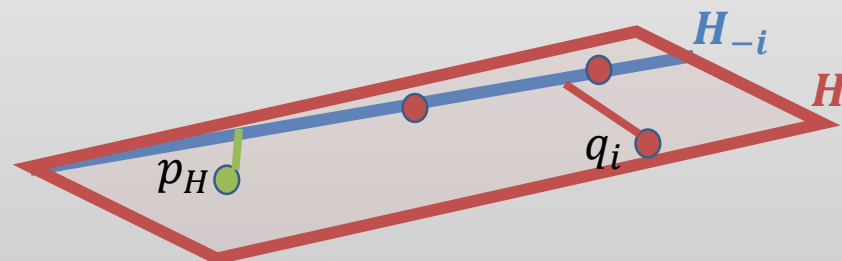
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