Systems Thinking

Systems Analysis

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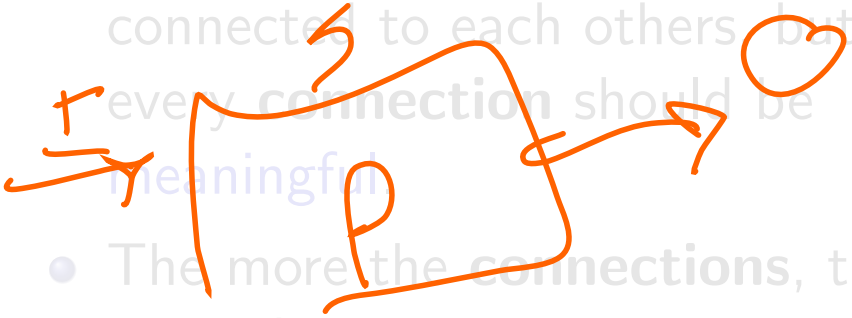

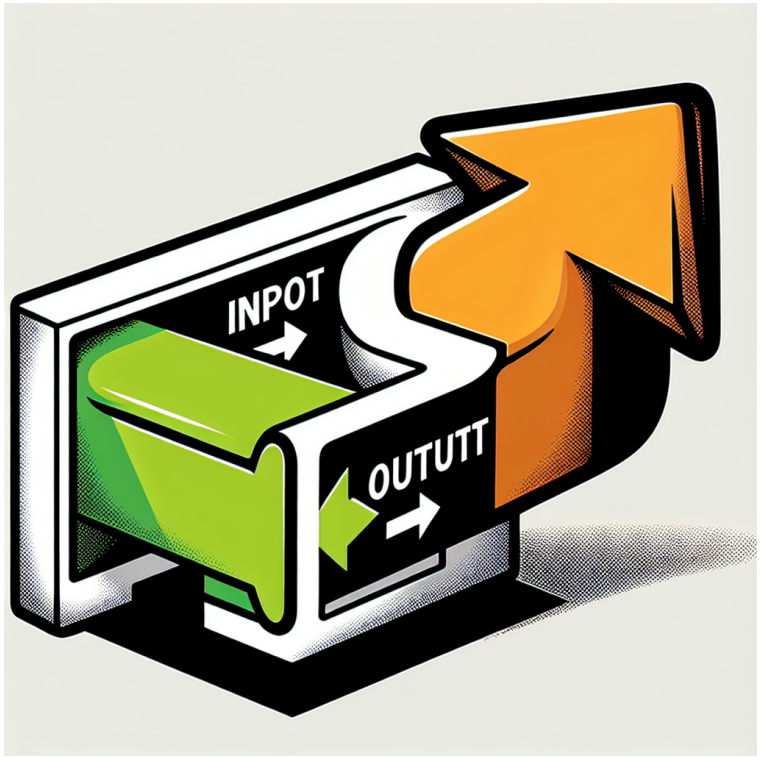

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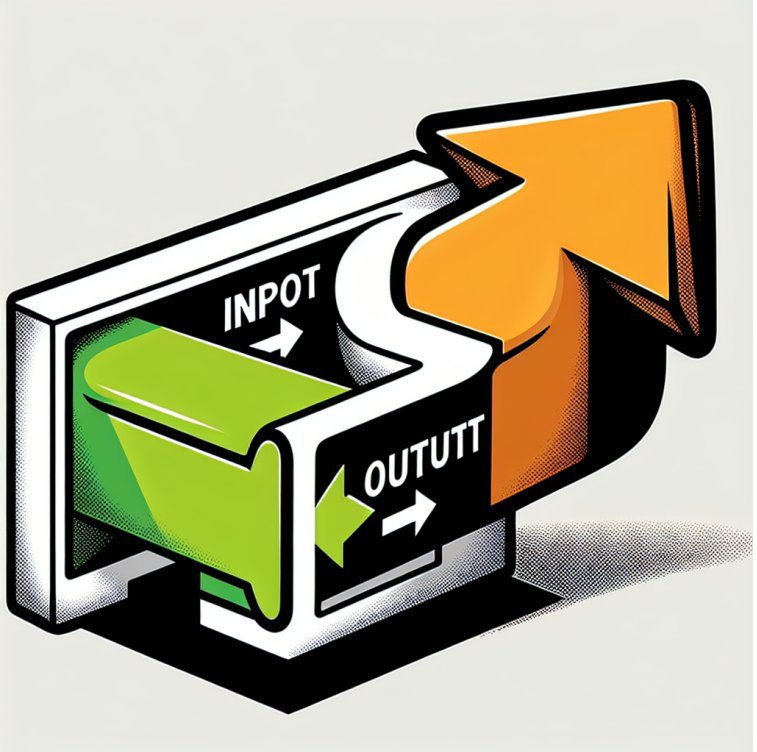

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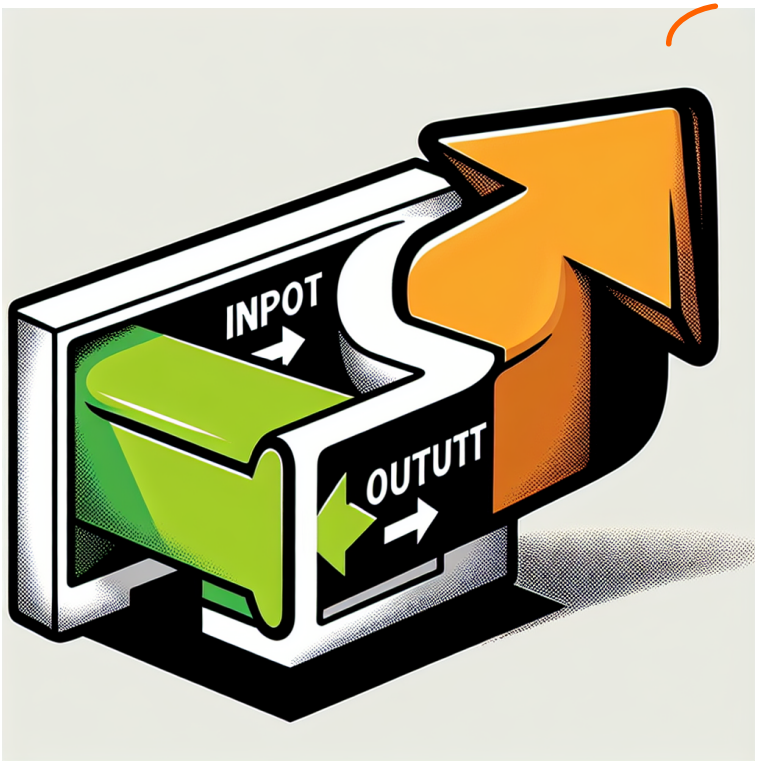

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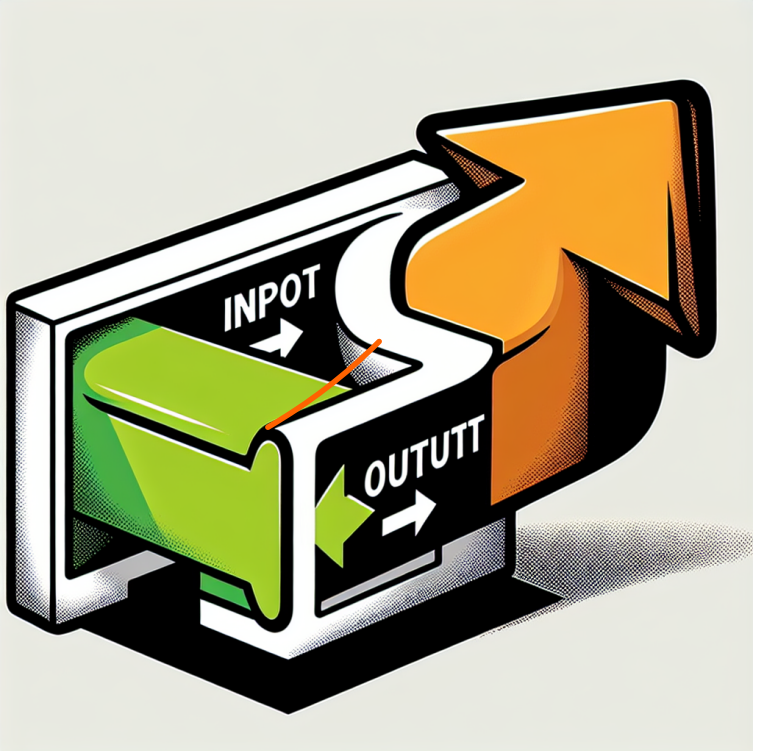

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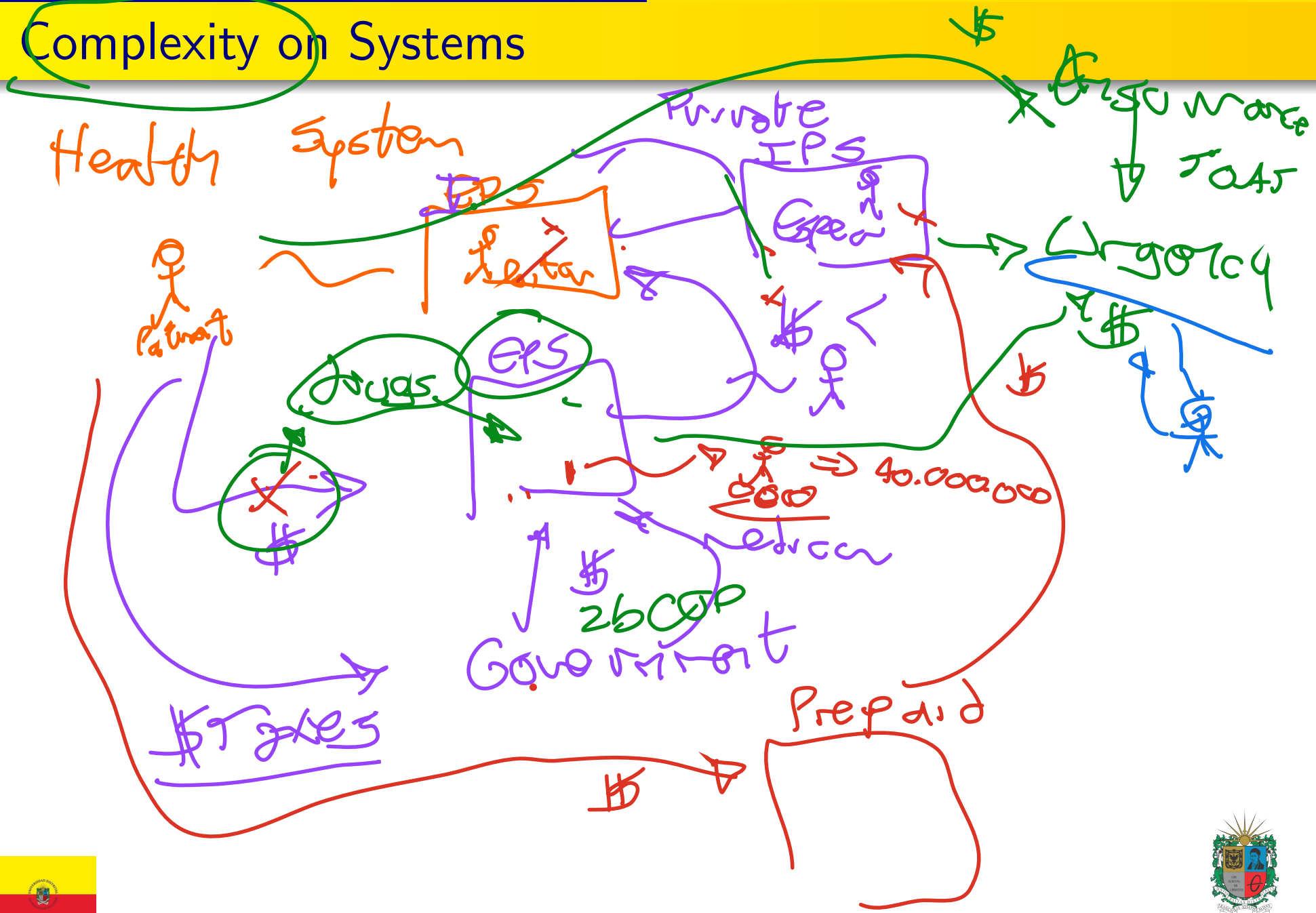

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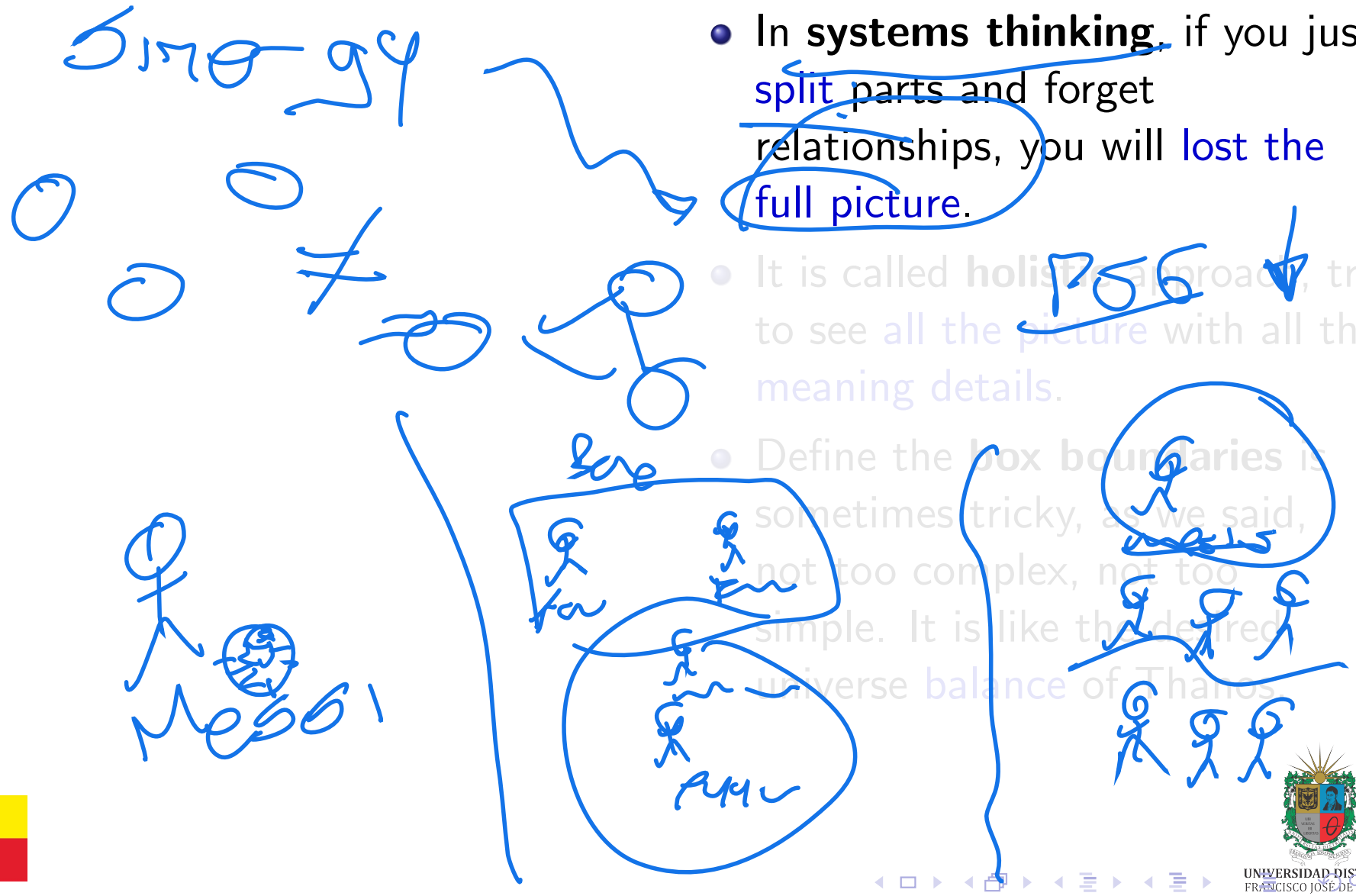

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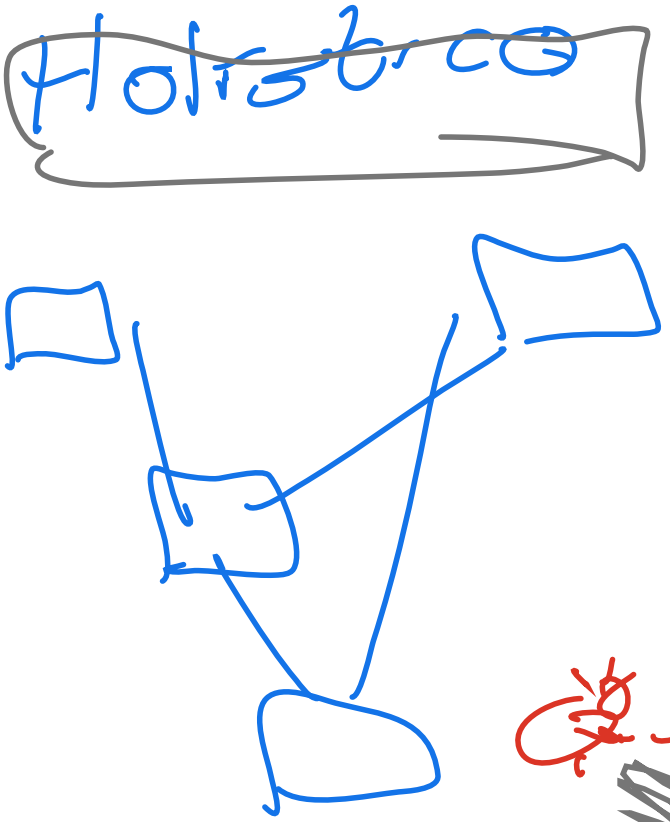

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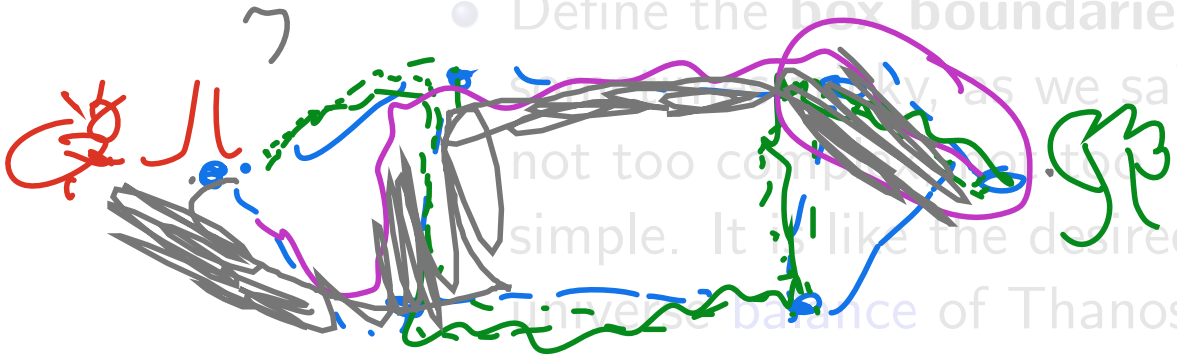

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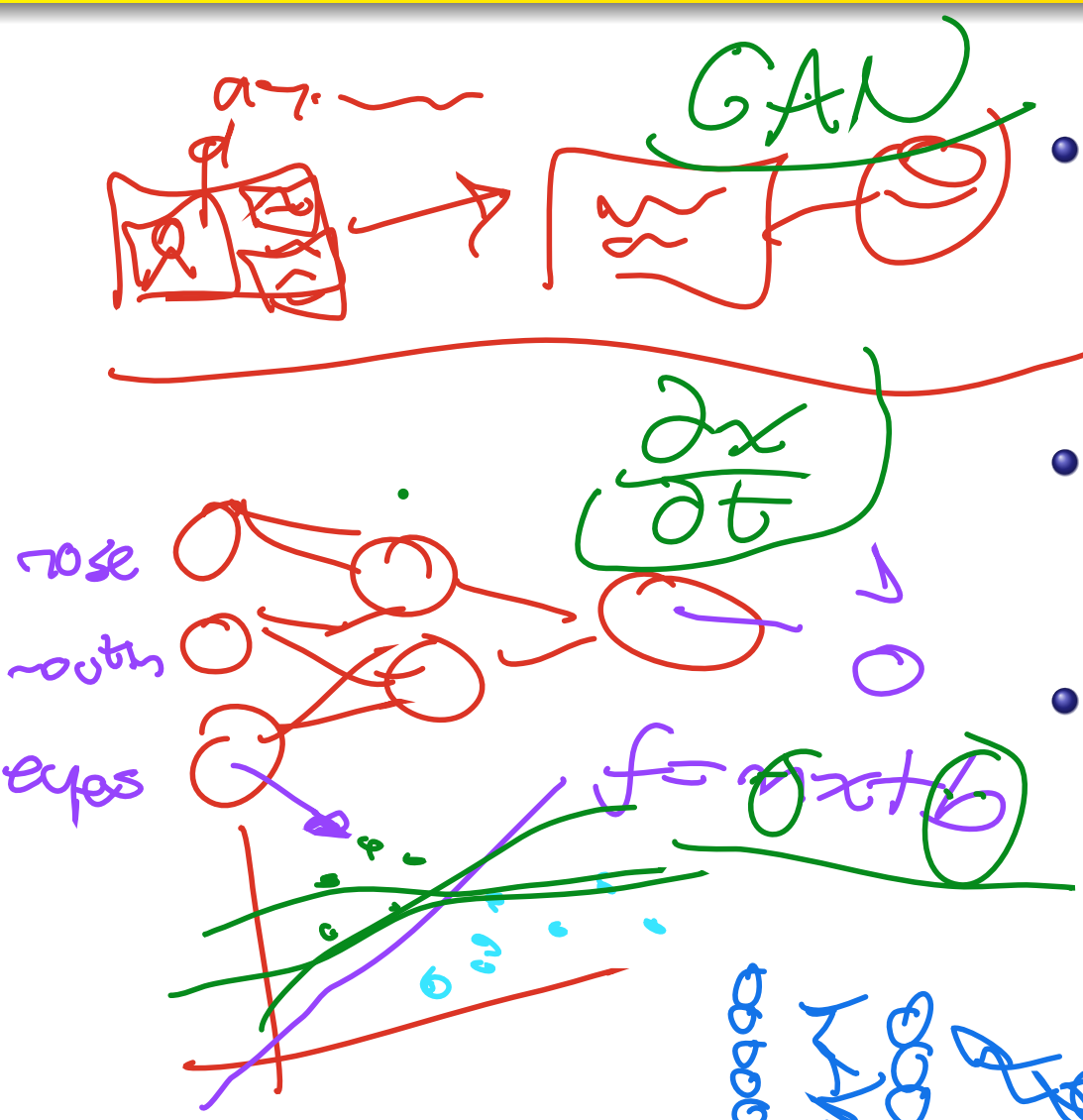

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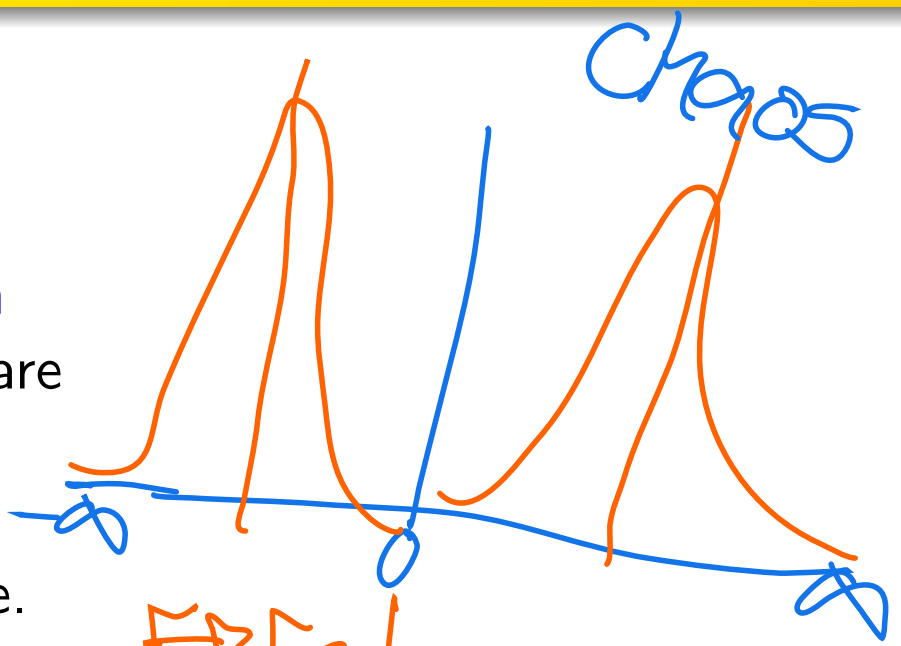

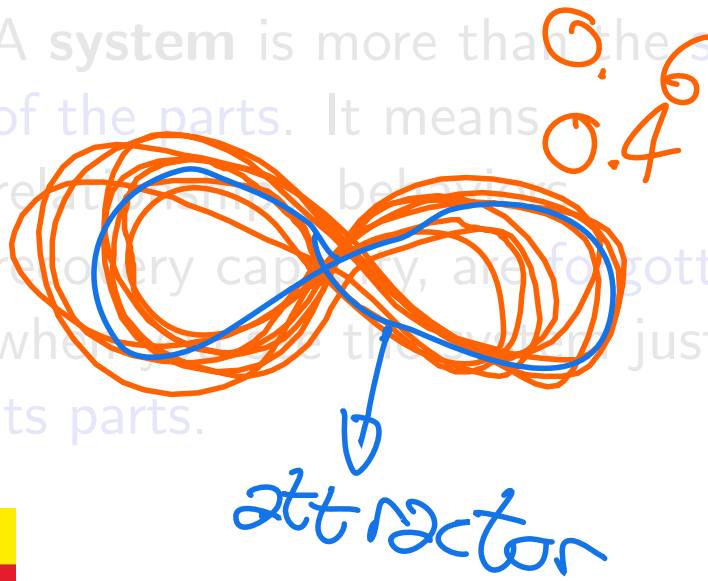

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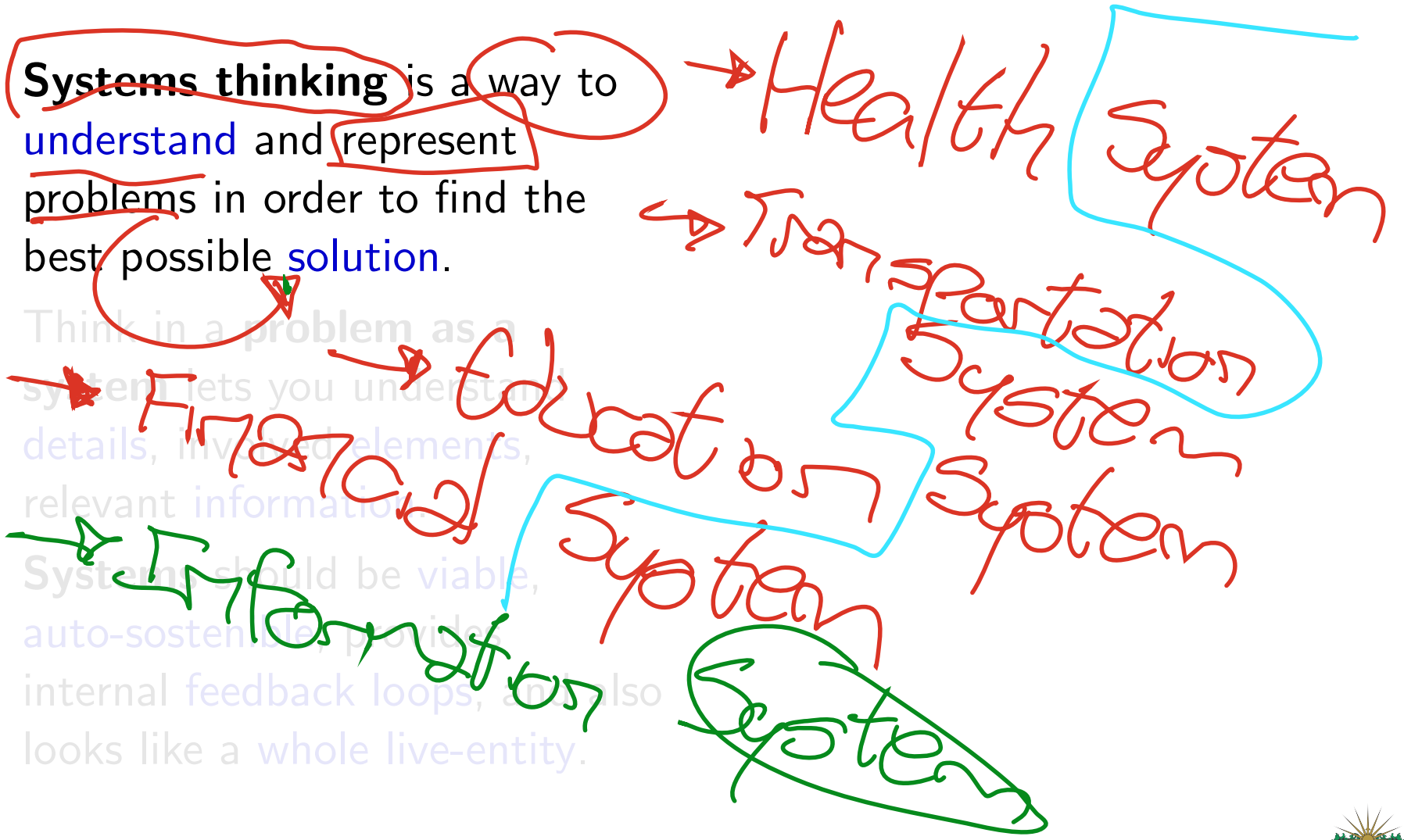

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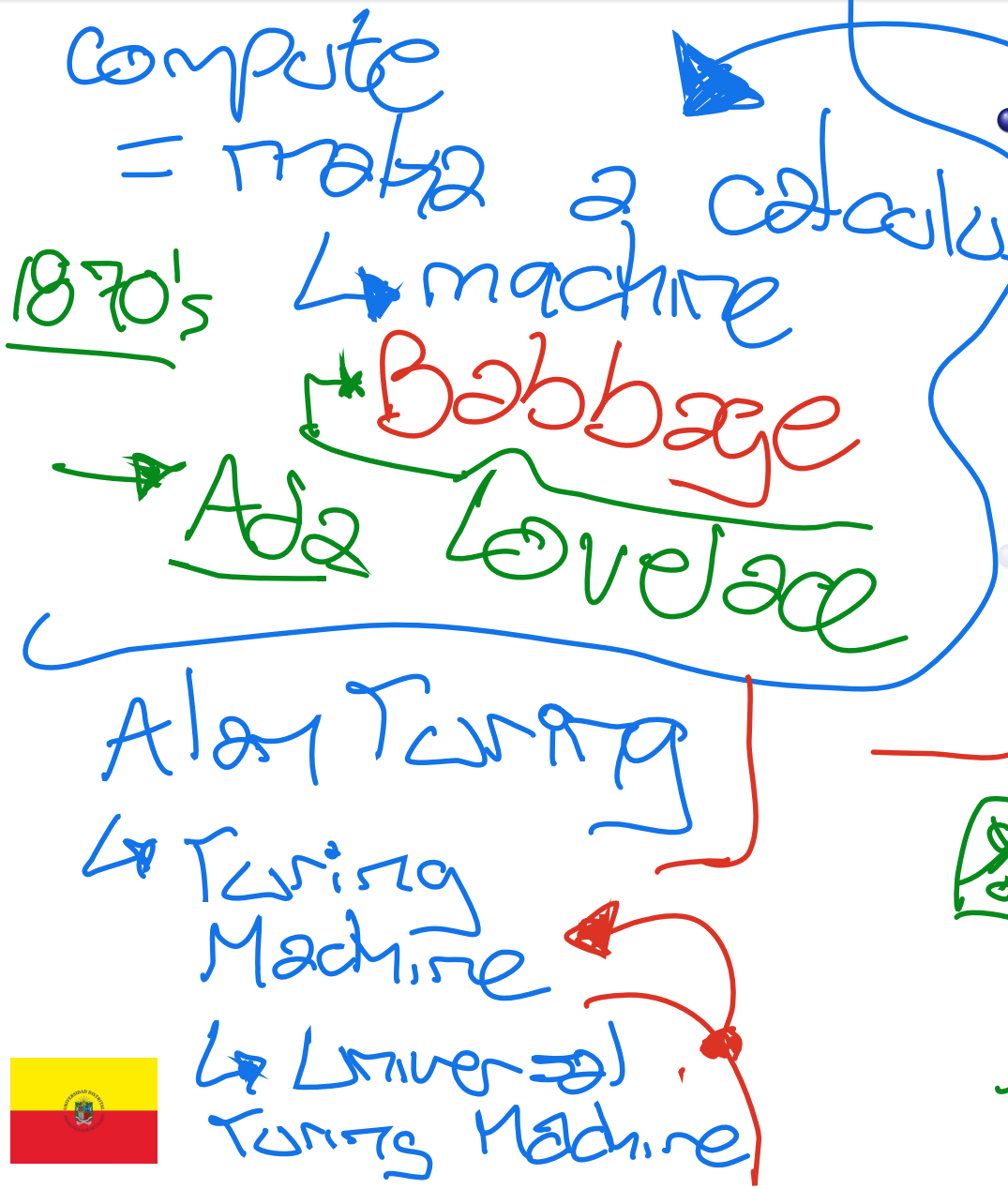

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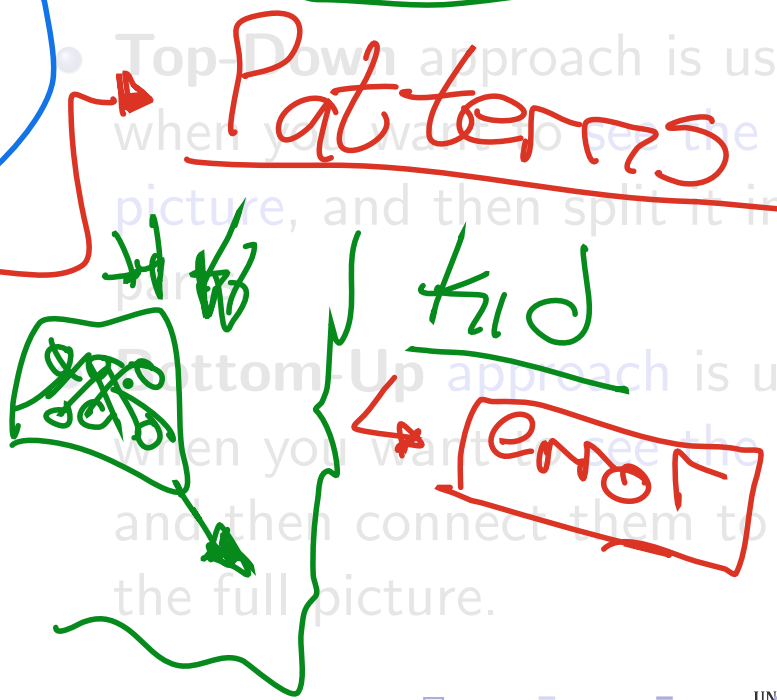

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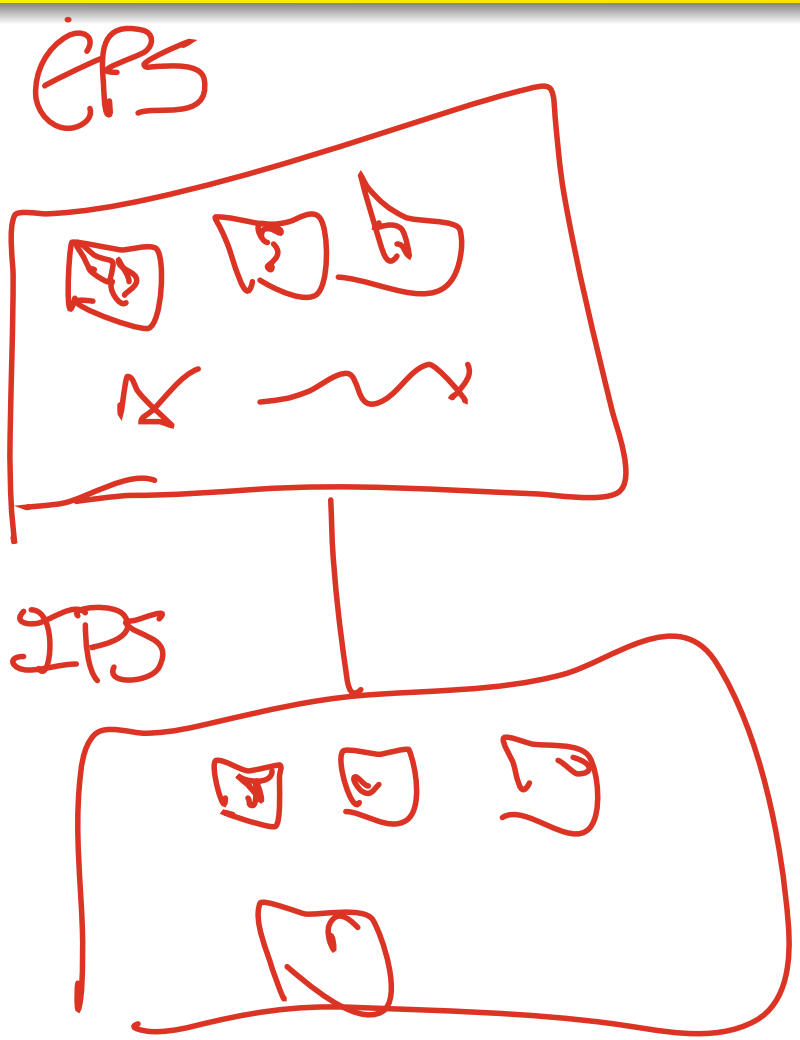

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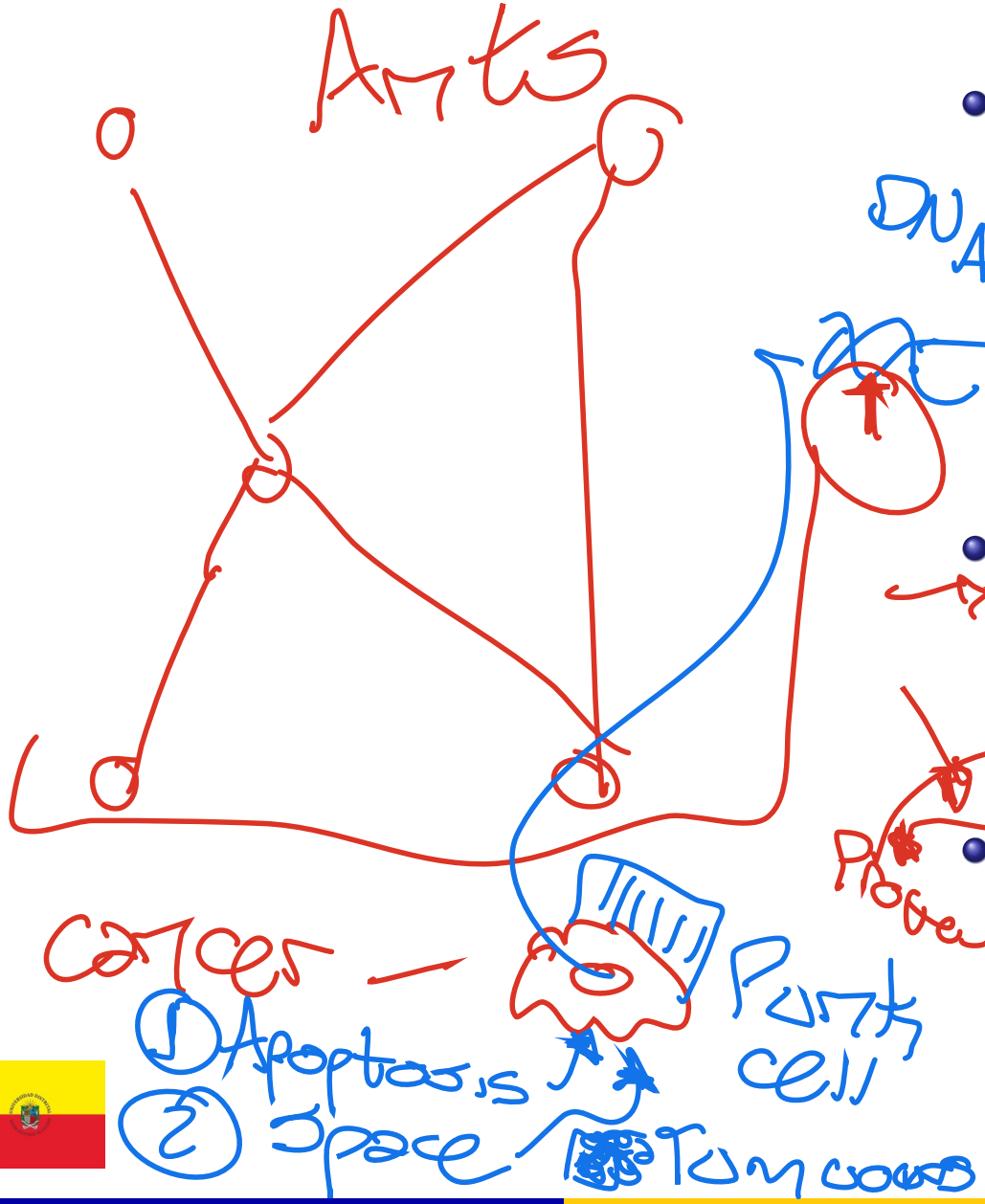

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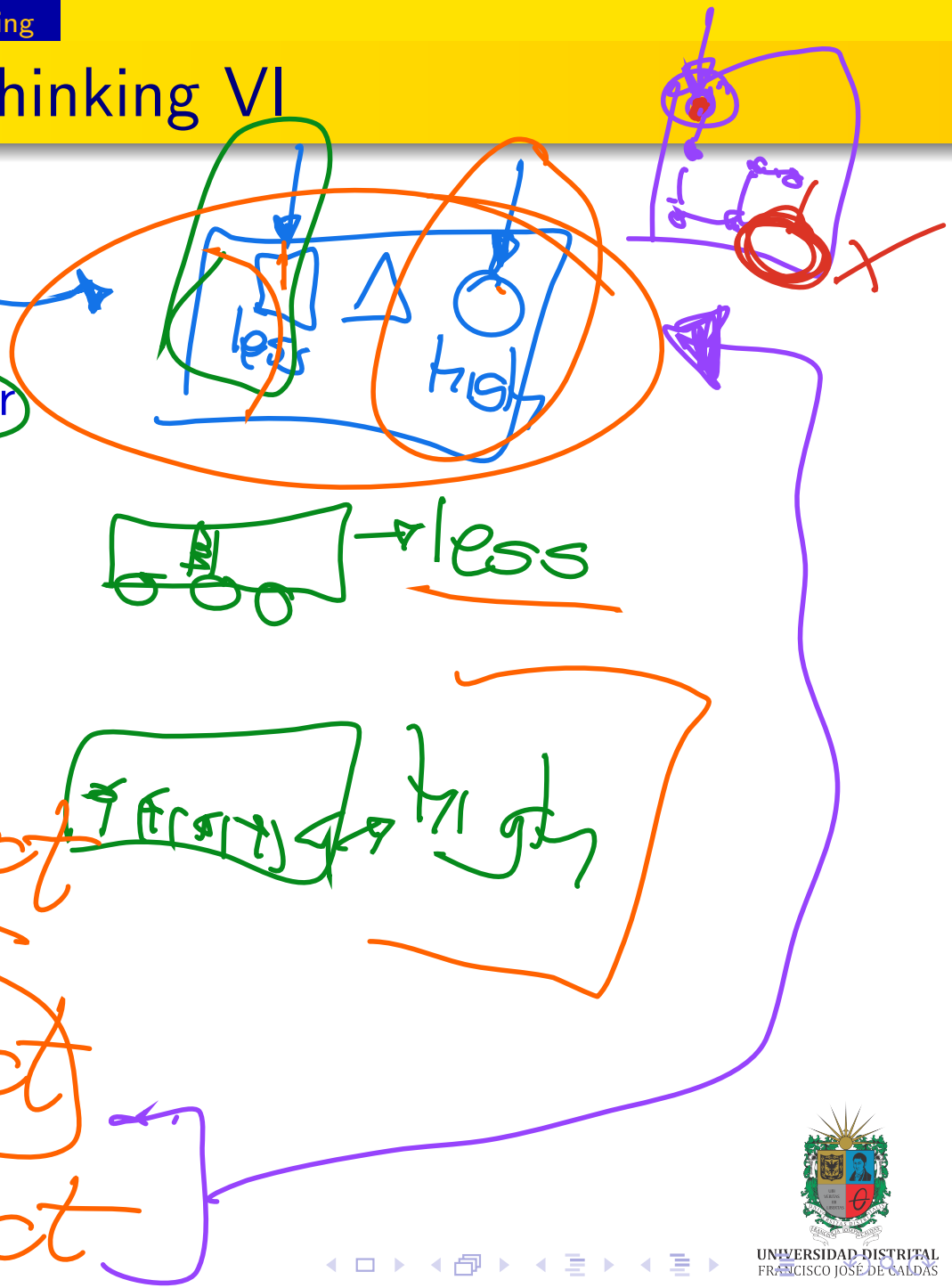

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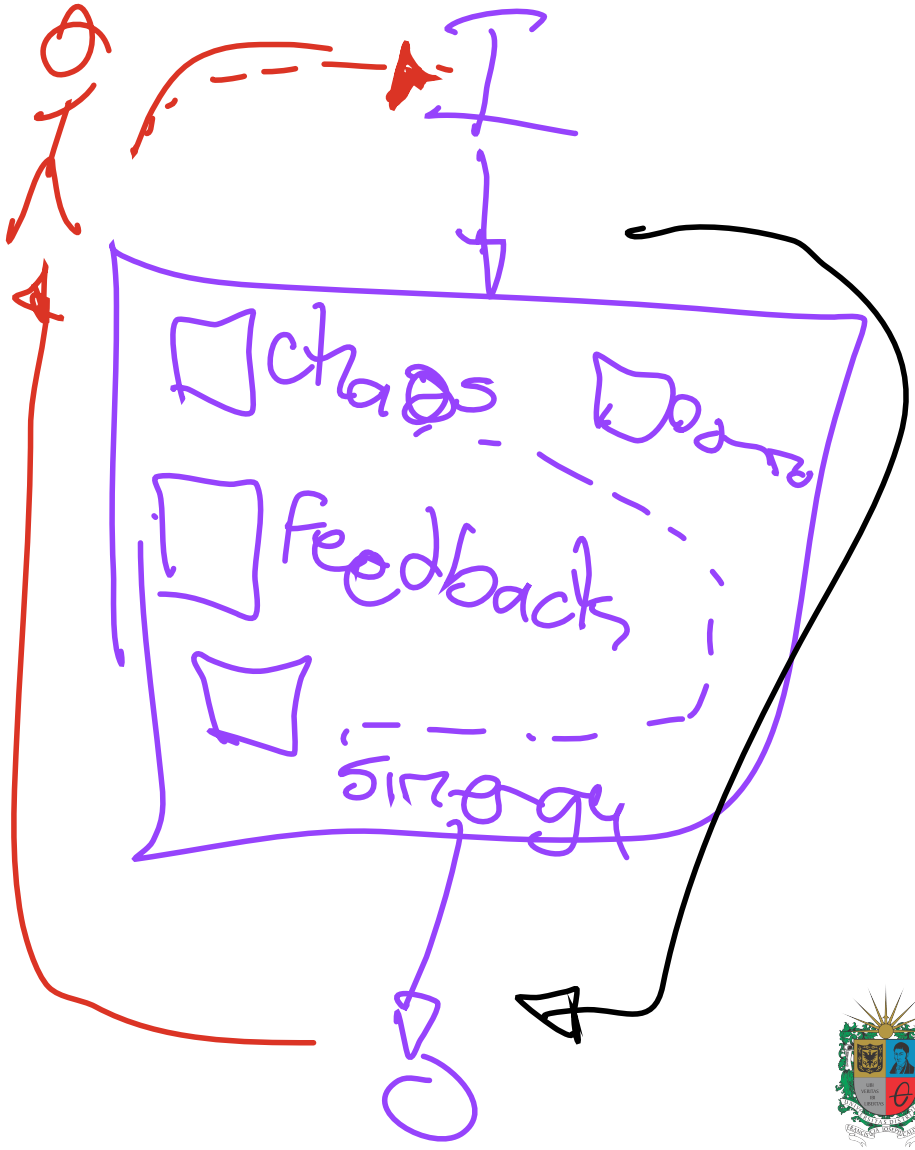

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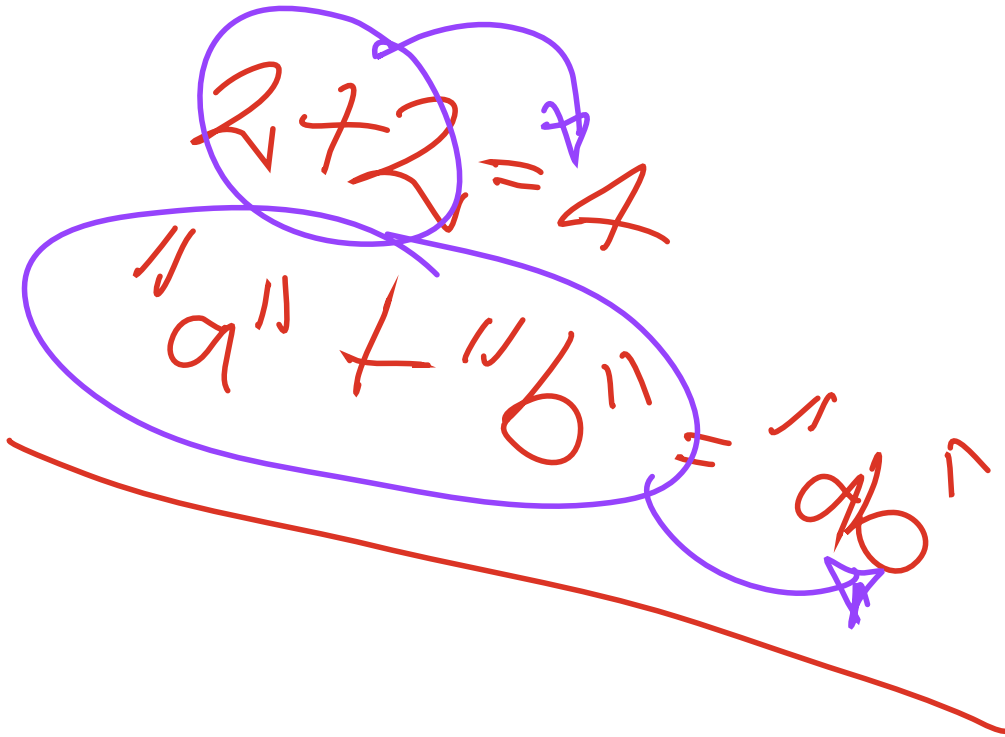

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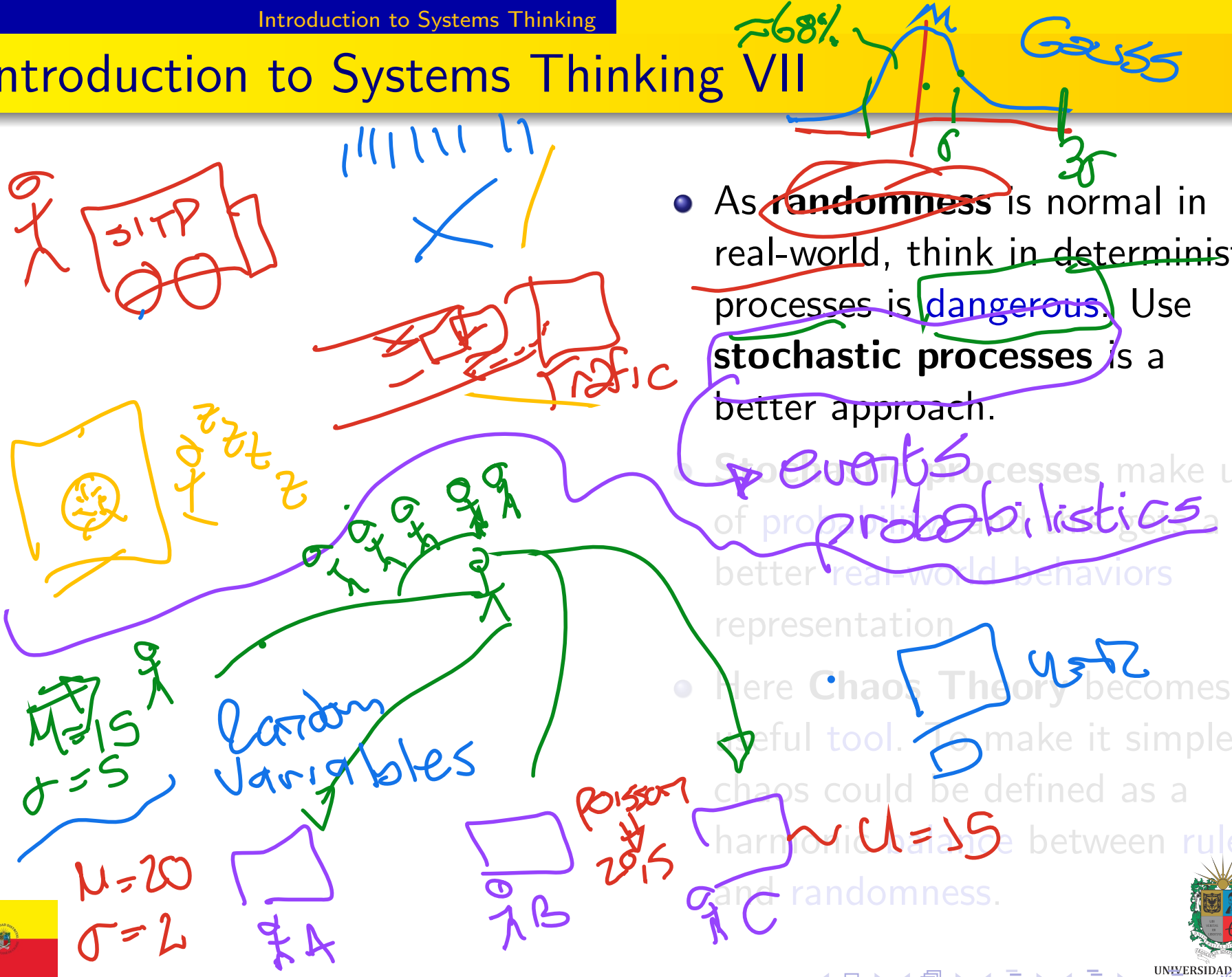

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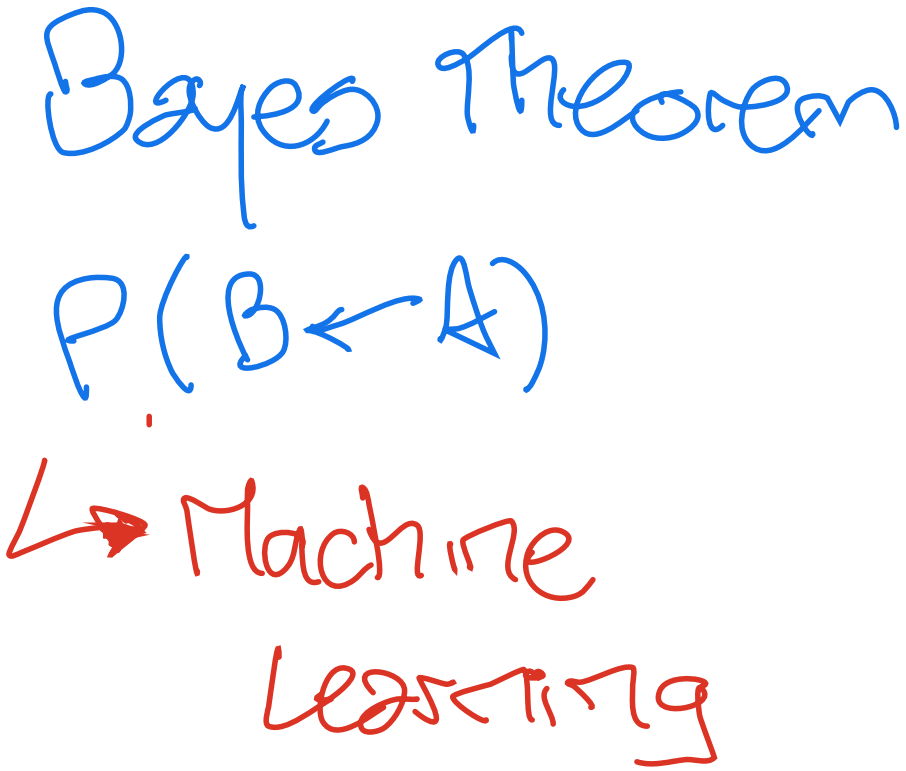

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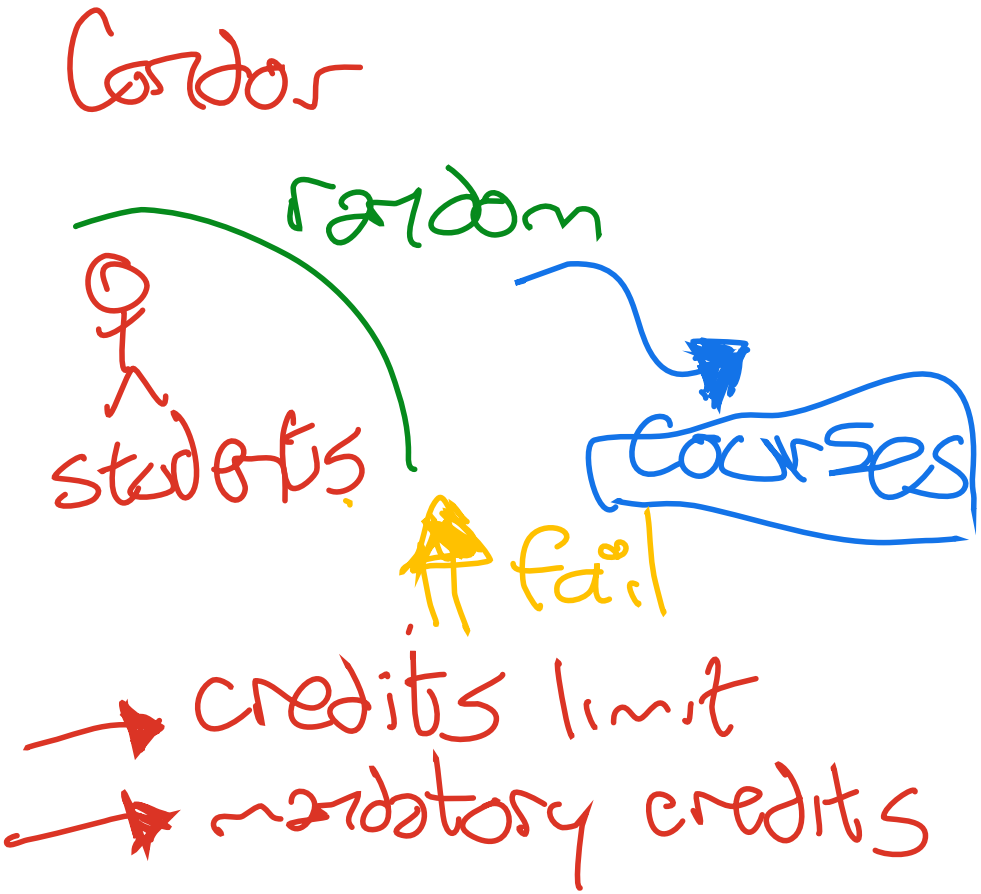

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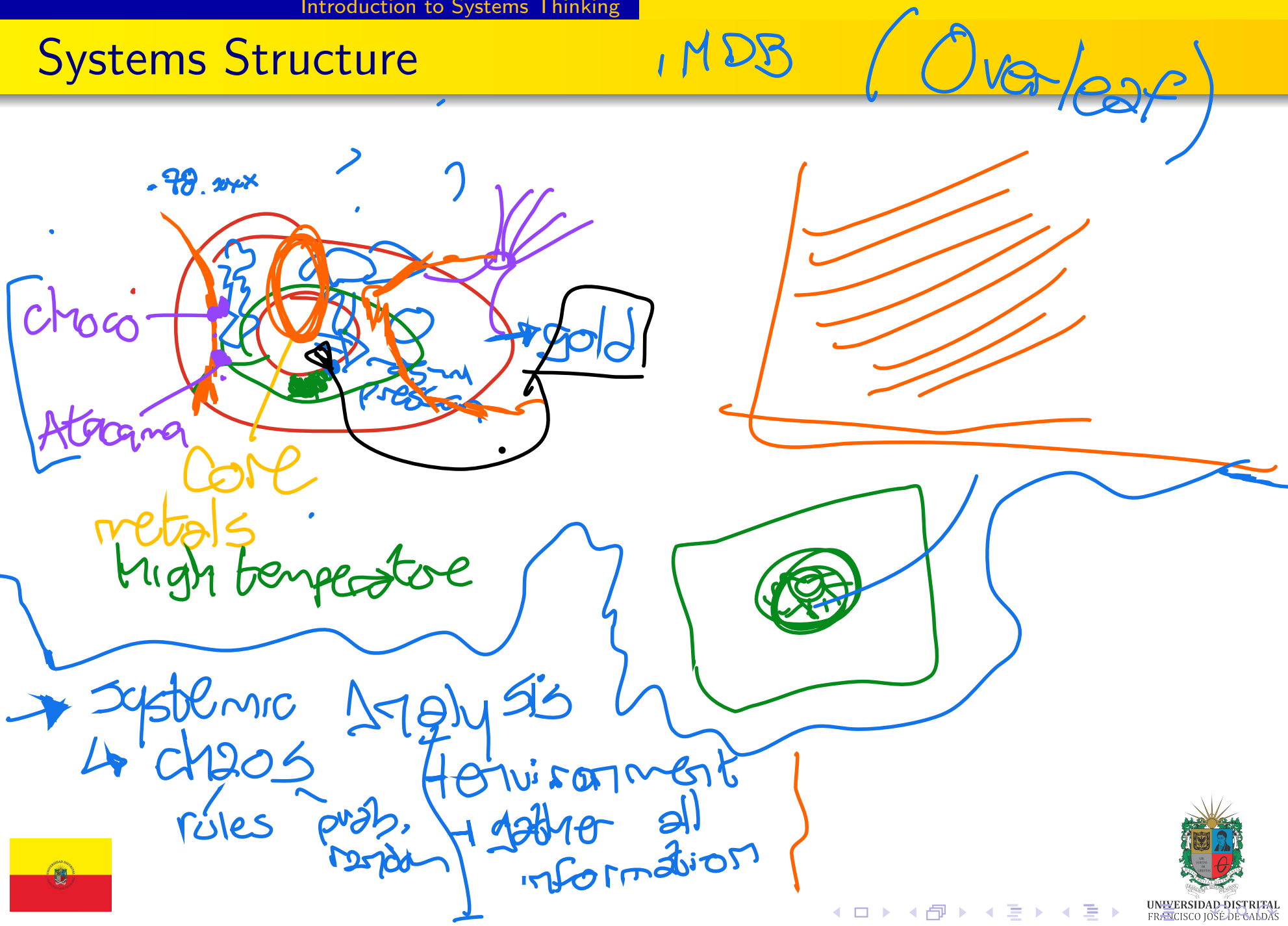

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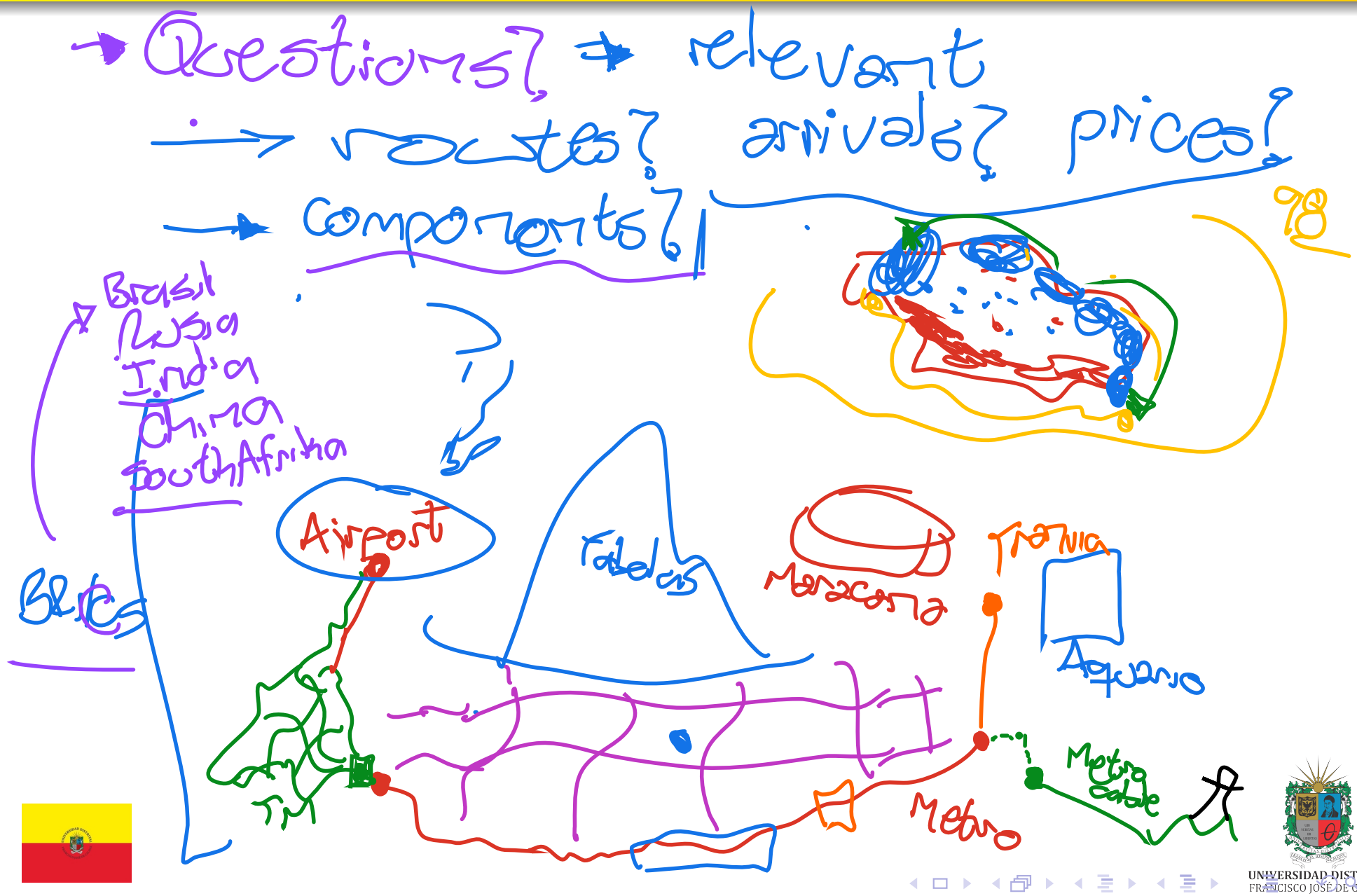

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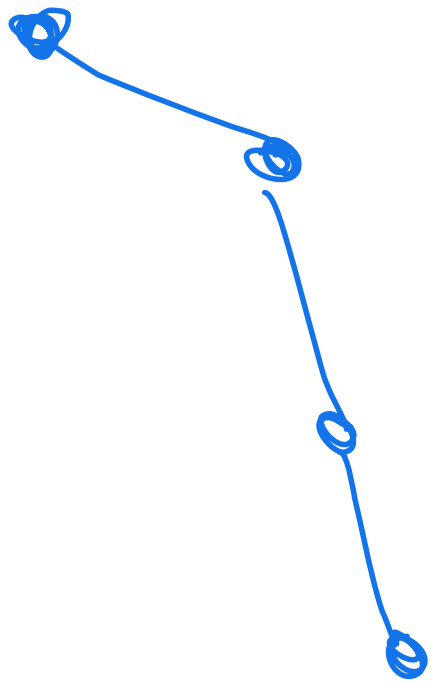

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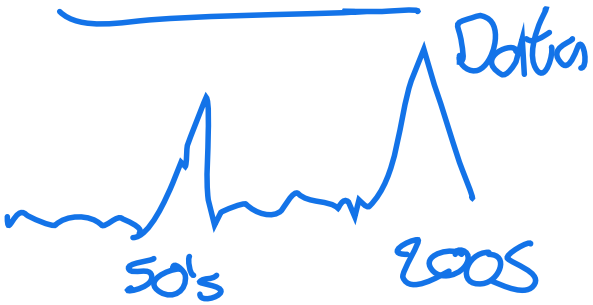

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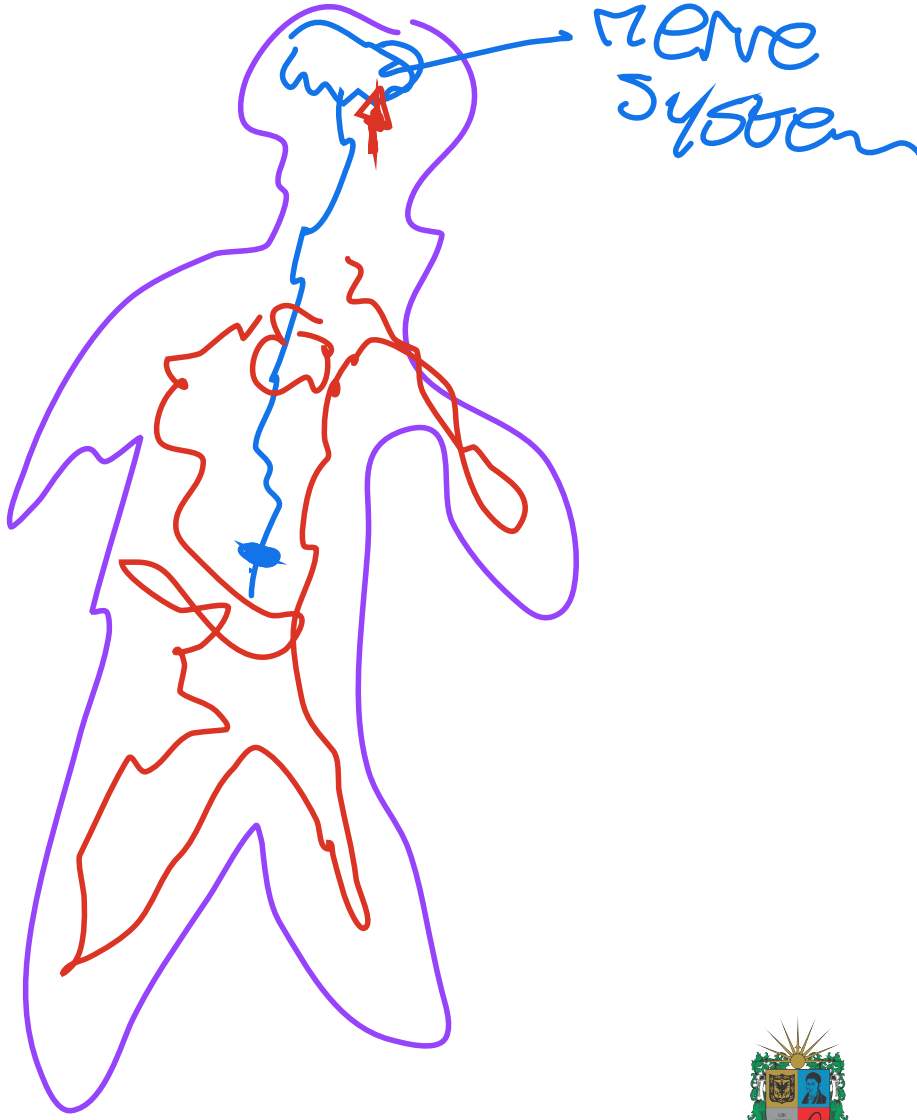

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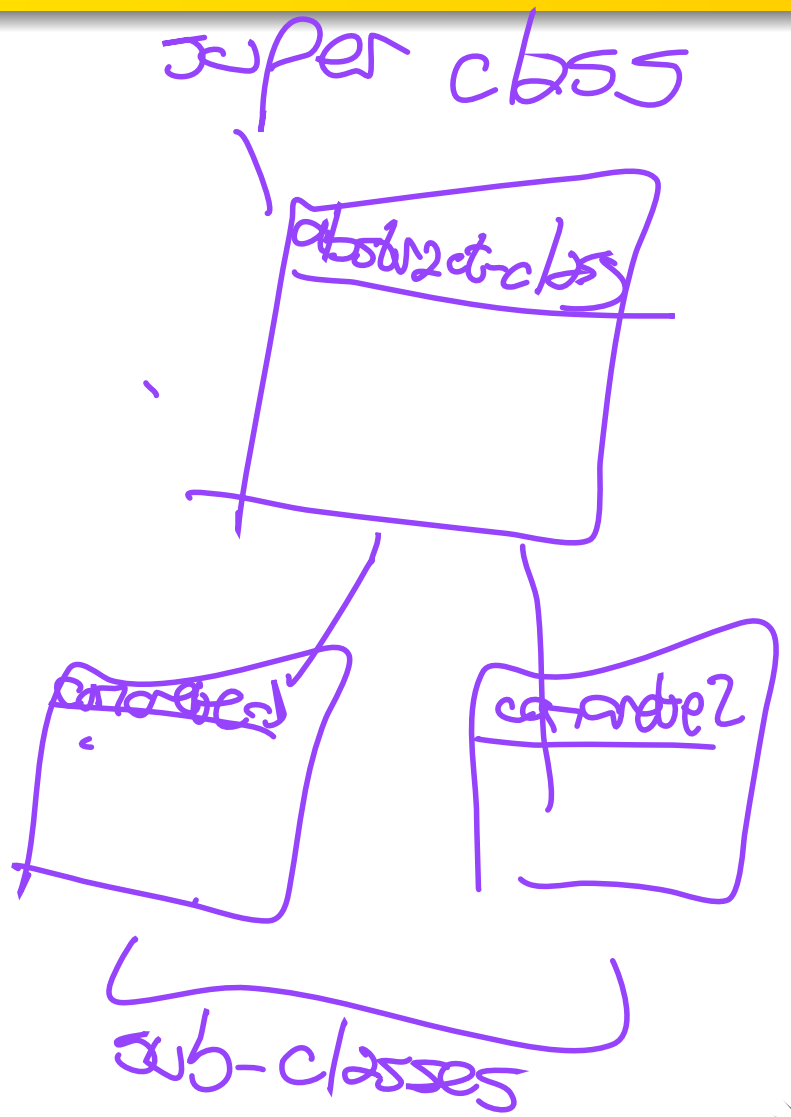

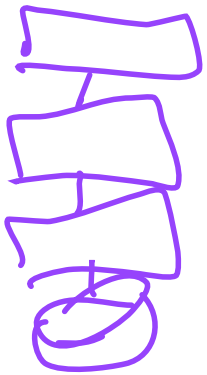

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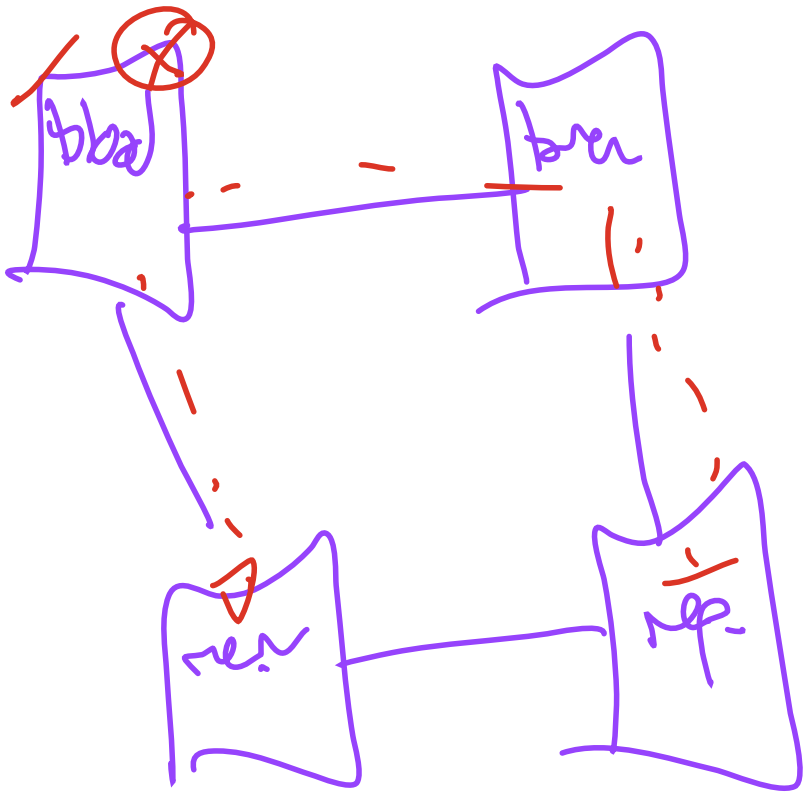

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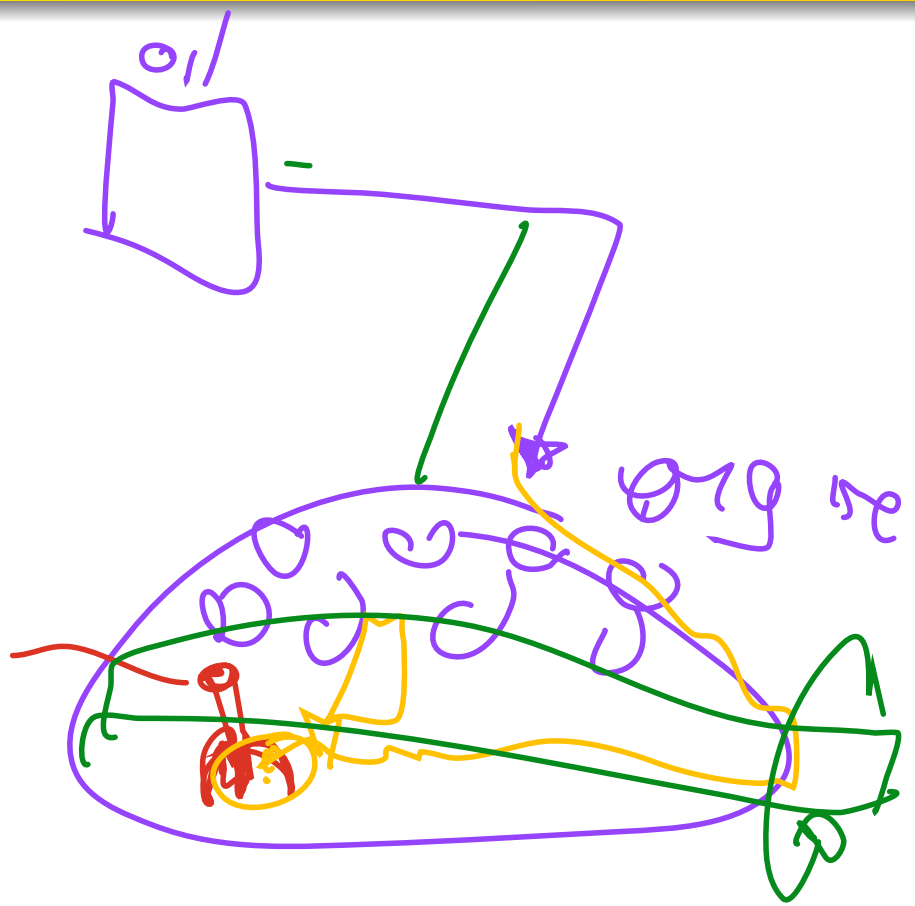

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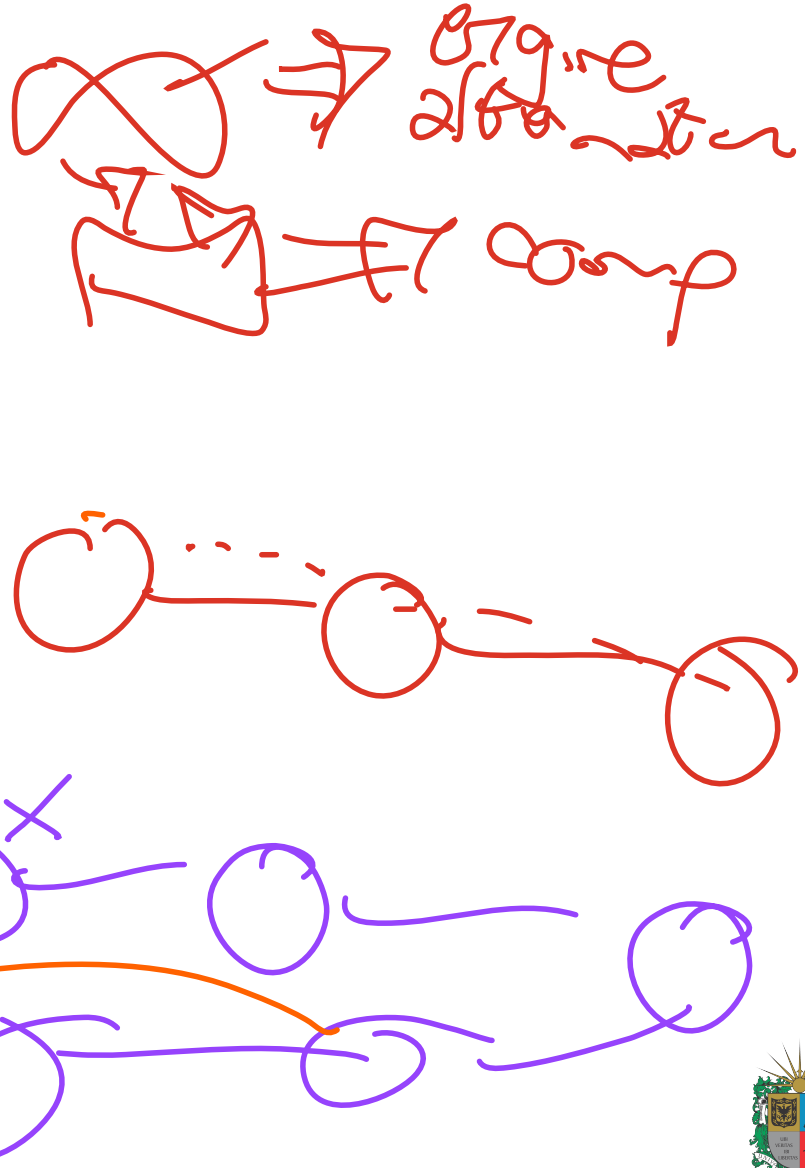

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- **Sinergy** is a simple but powerful concept: the aim of the parts is more than the parts itself.
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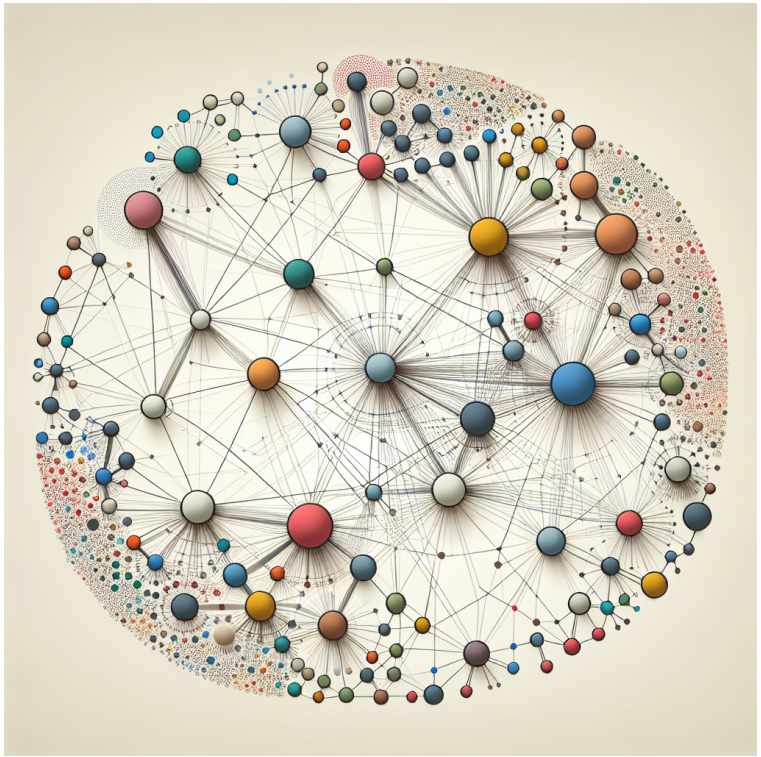

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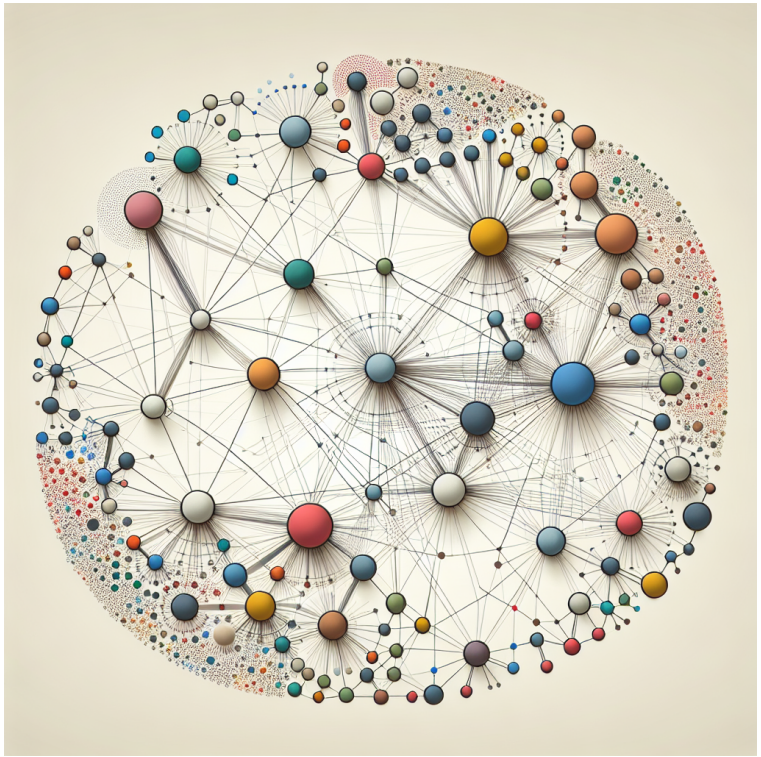

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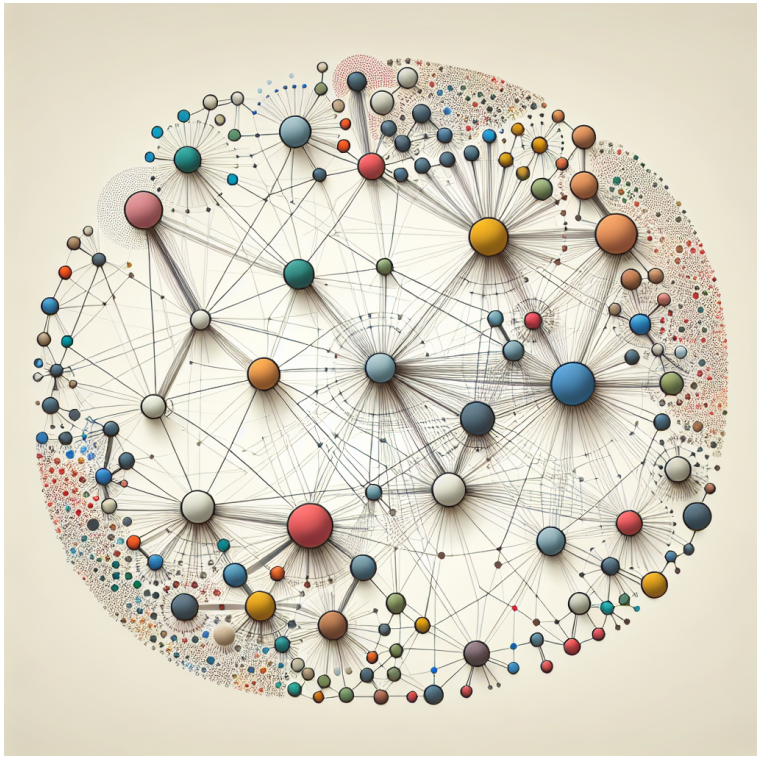

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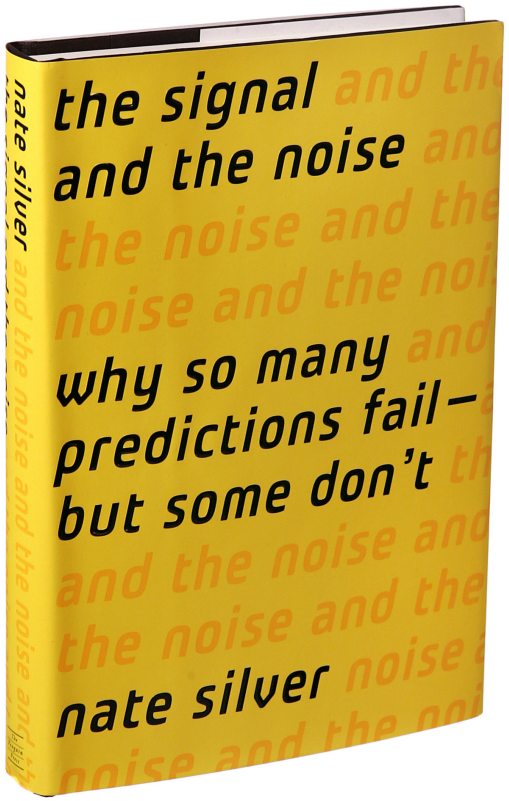

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