

# Meta-Strategy for Learning Tuning Parameters with Guarantees

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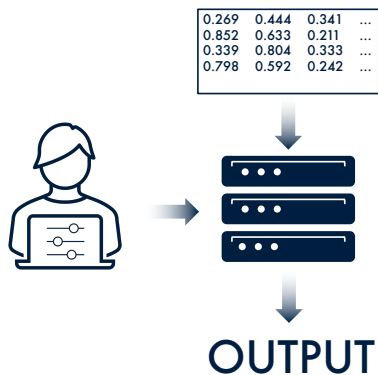
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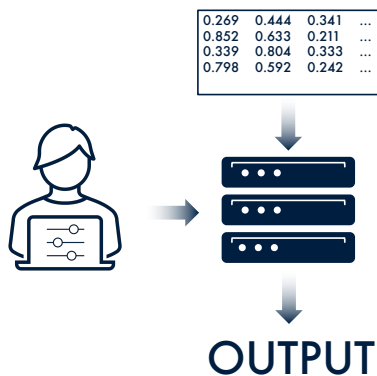
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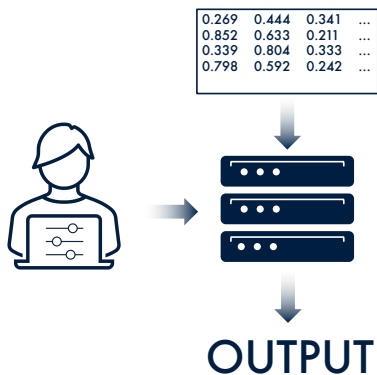


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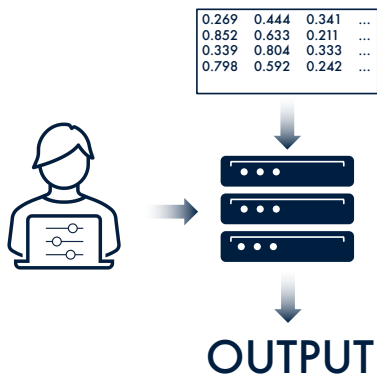


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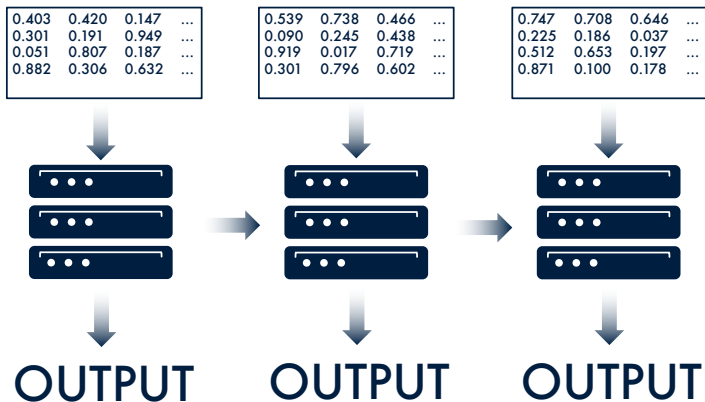
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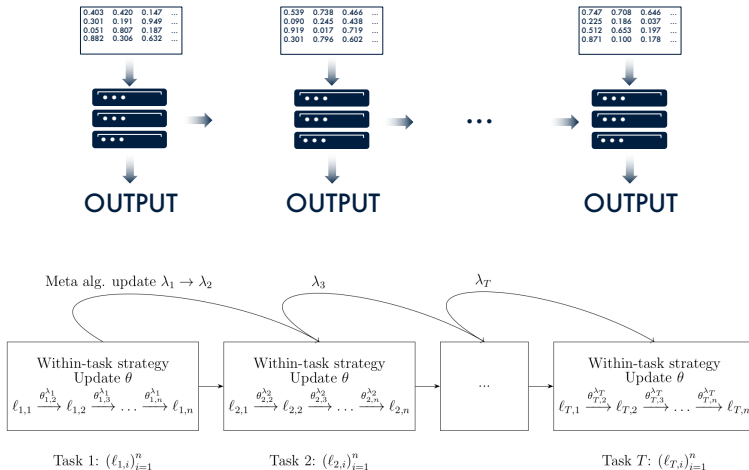
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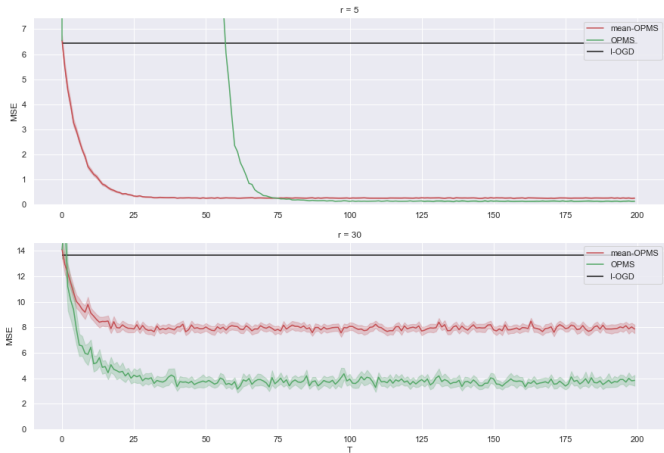
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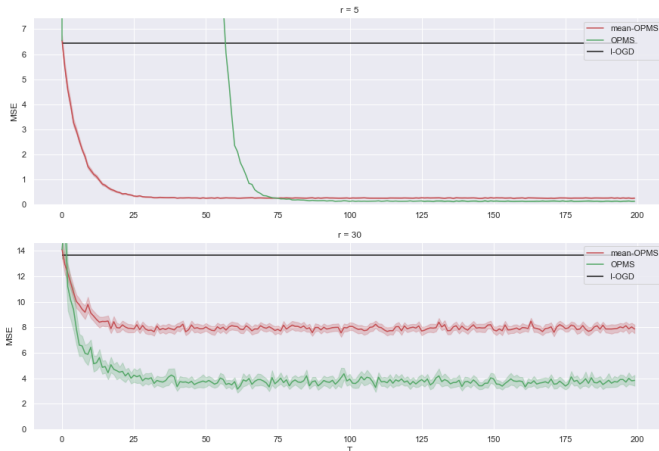
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3.72

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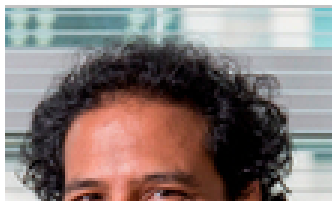
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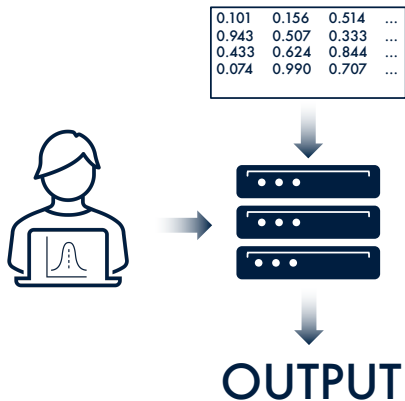
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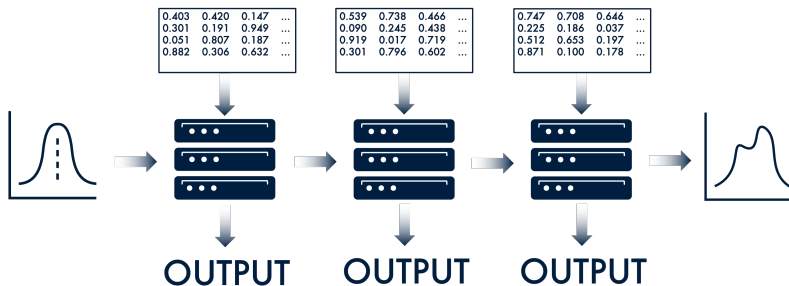
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どうも ありがとう ございました!