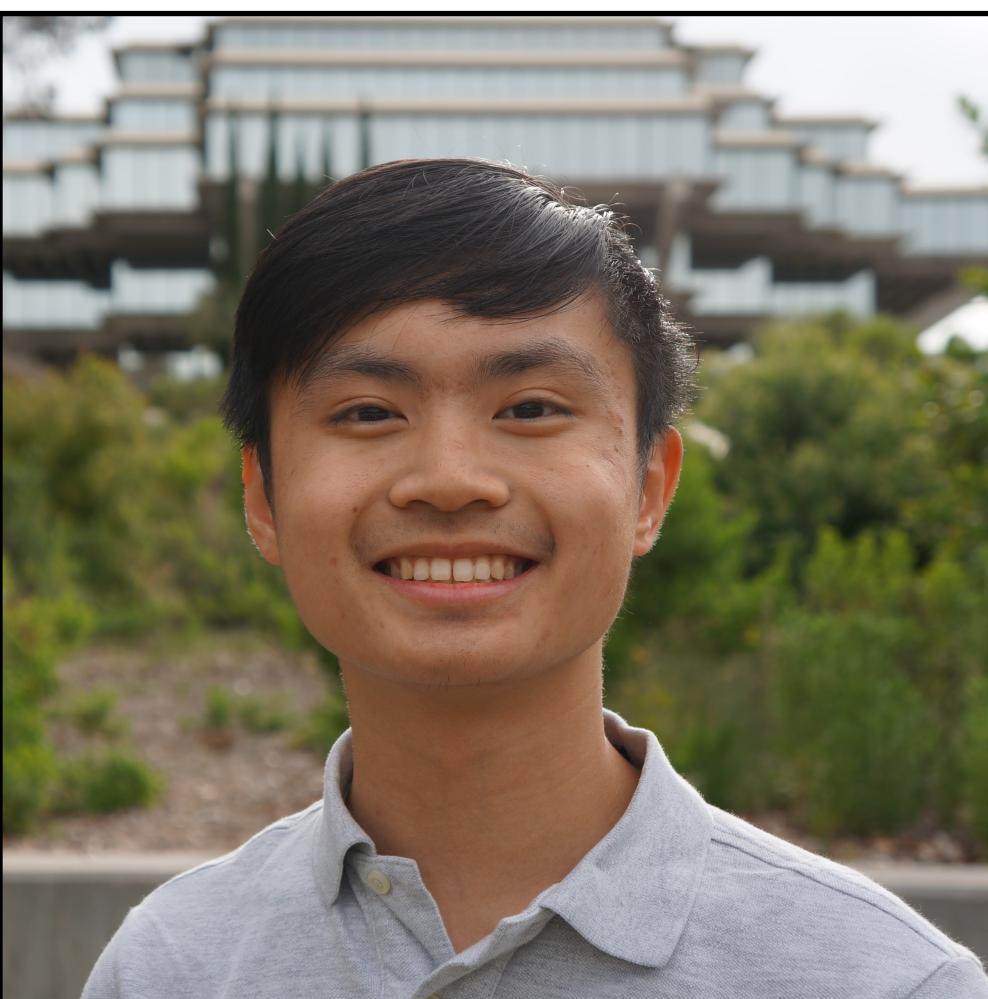


# *Efficient Algorithm for Sparse Fourier Transform of Generalized $q$ -ary Functions*

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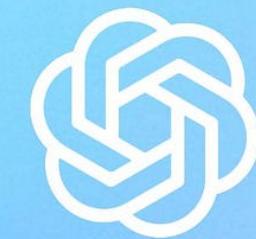
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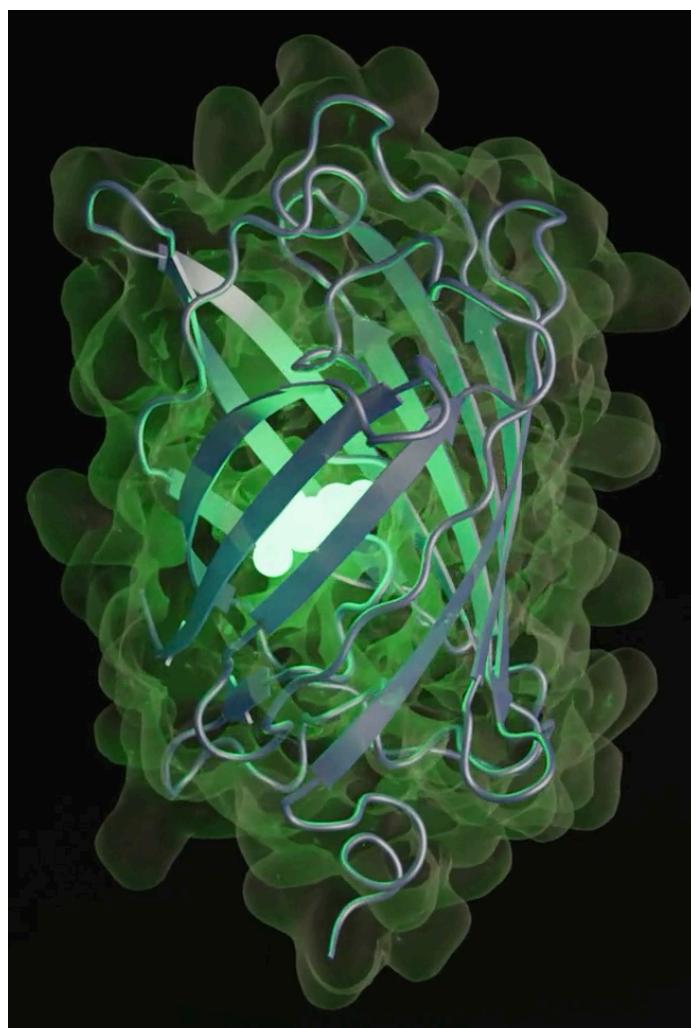


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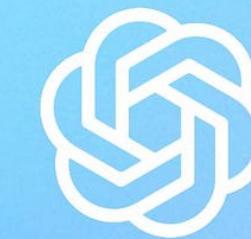
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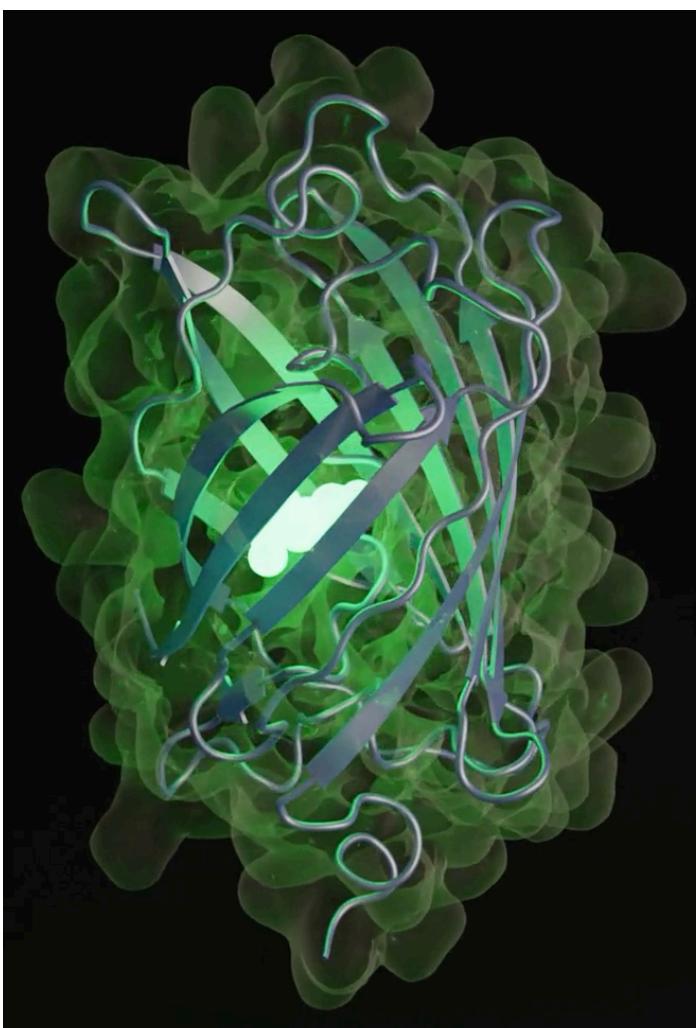


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But does our power to **explain** them also **scale**?

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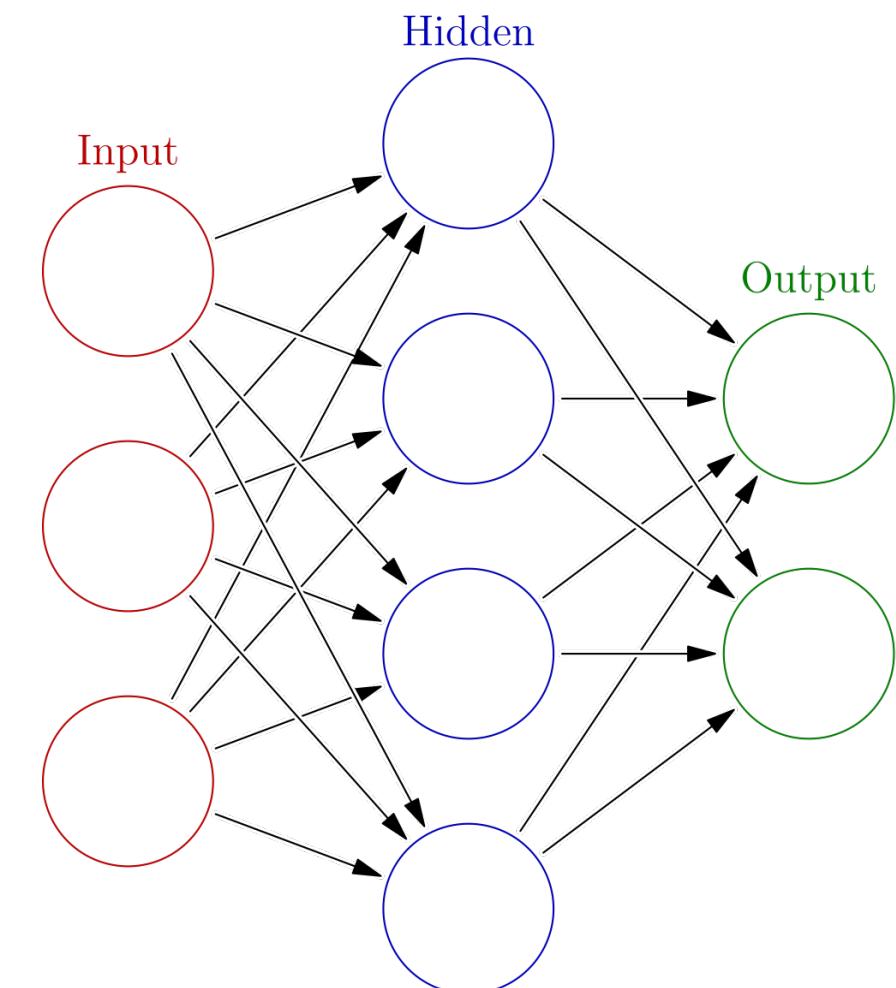
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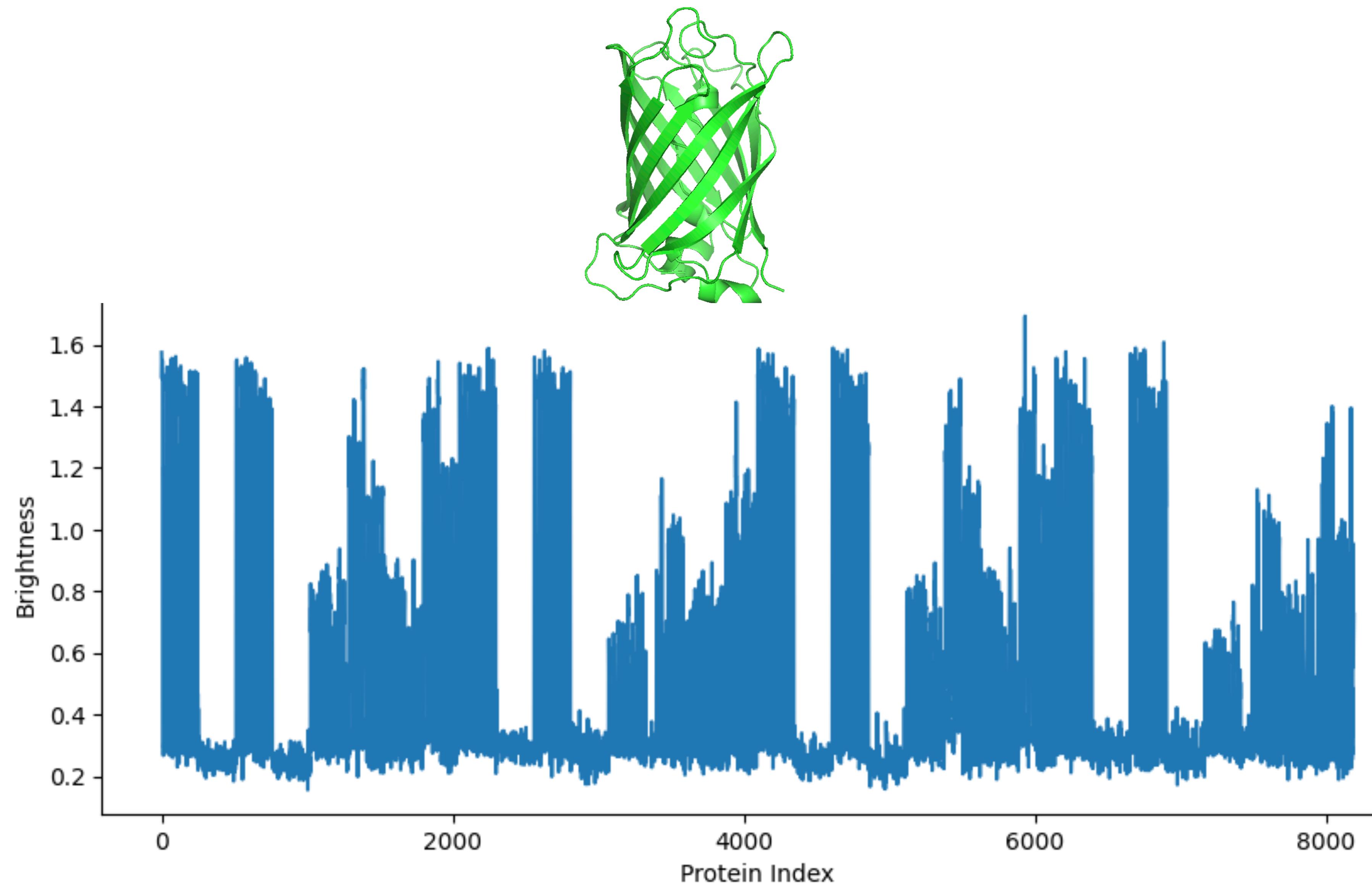
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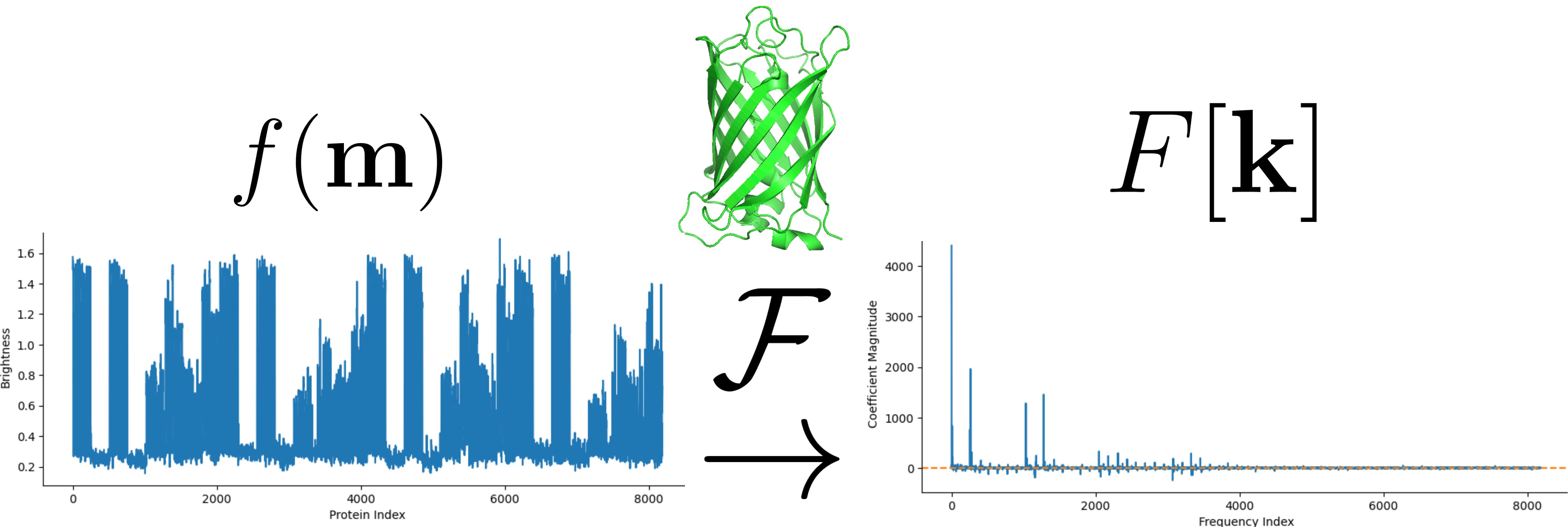


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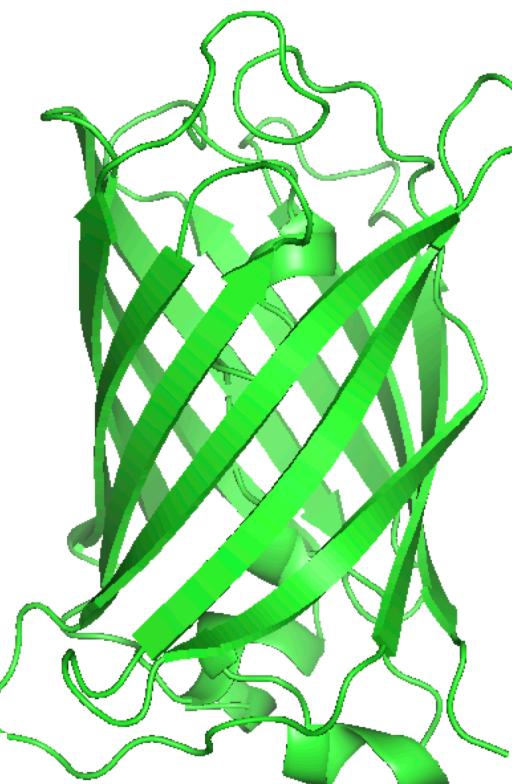
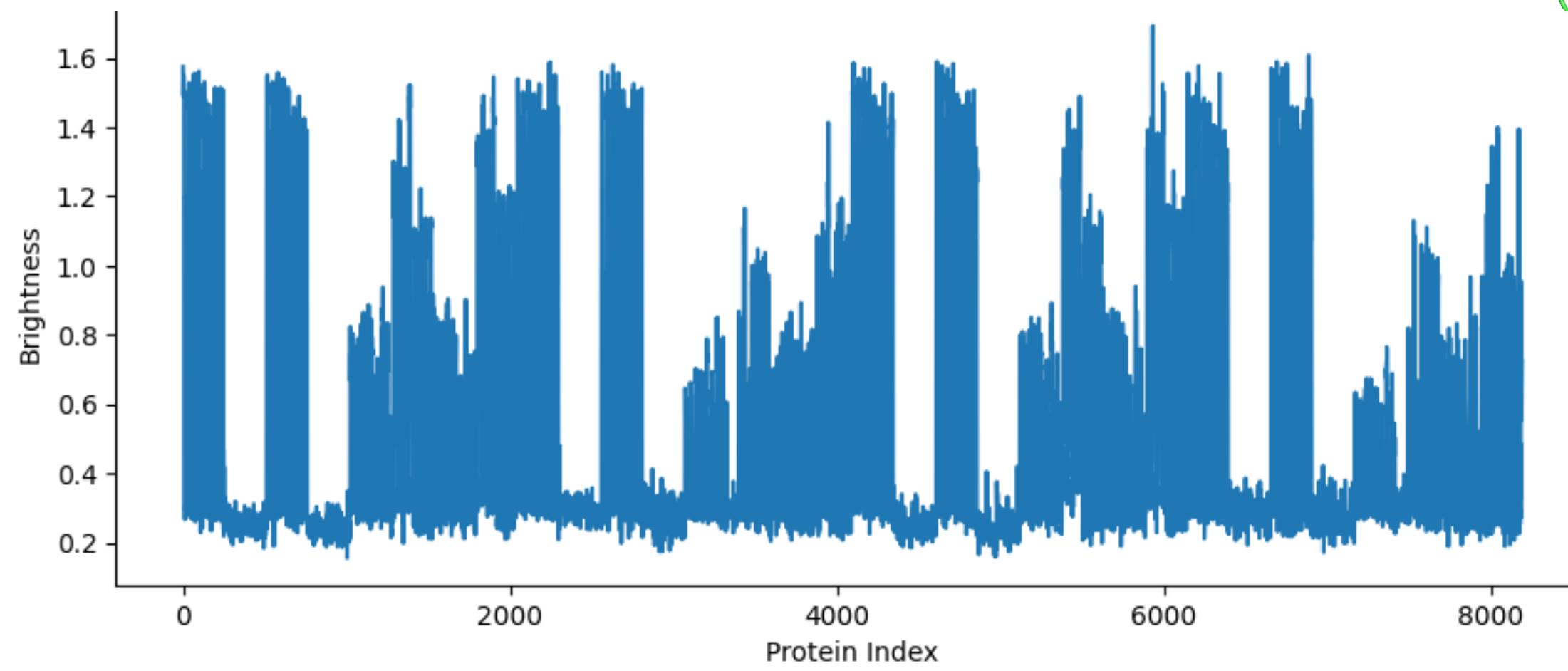


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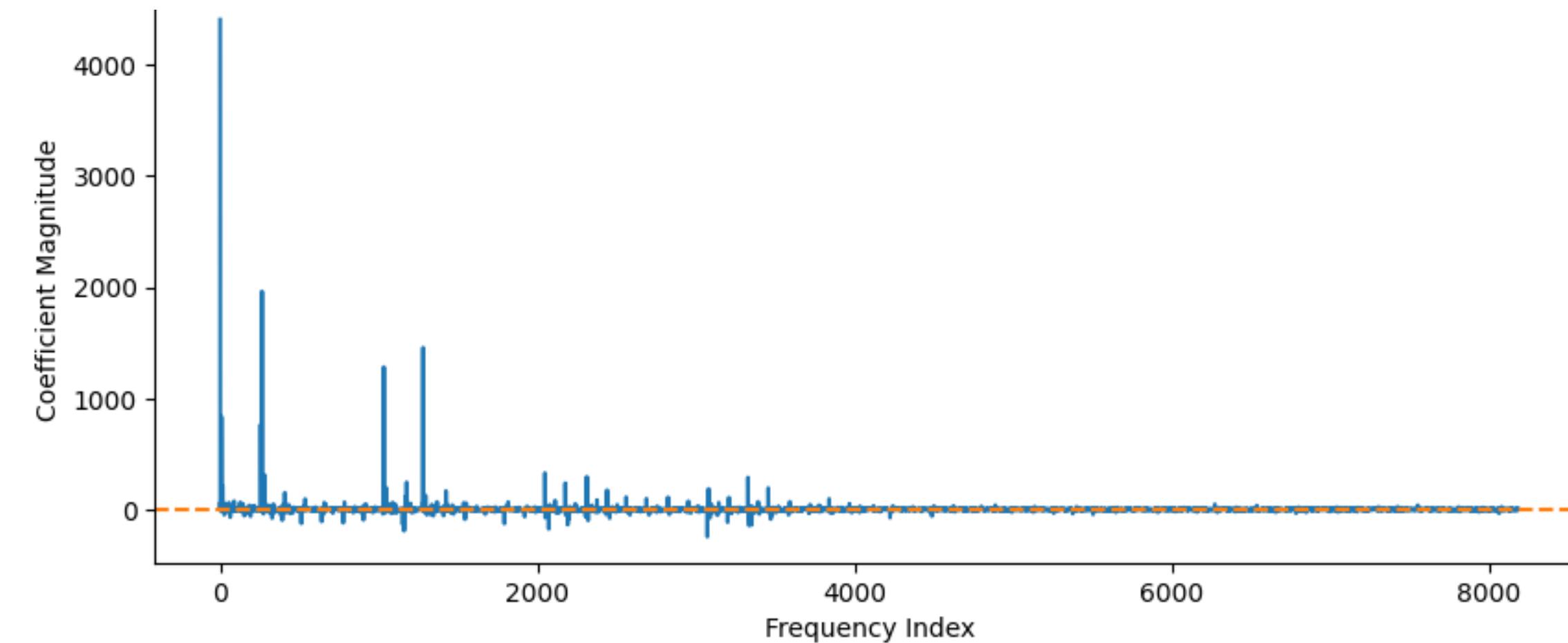
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$f(m)$



$$\mathcal{F} \rightarrow$$

$F[k]$



Top 40 Fourier coefficients explain 99% of energy

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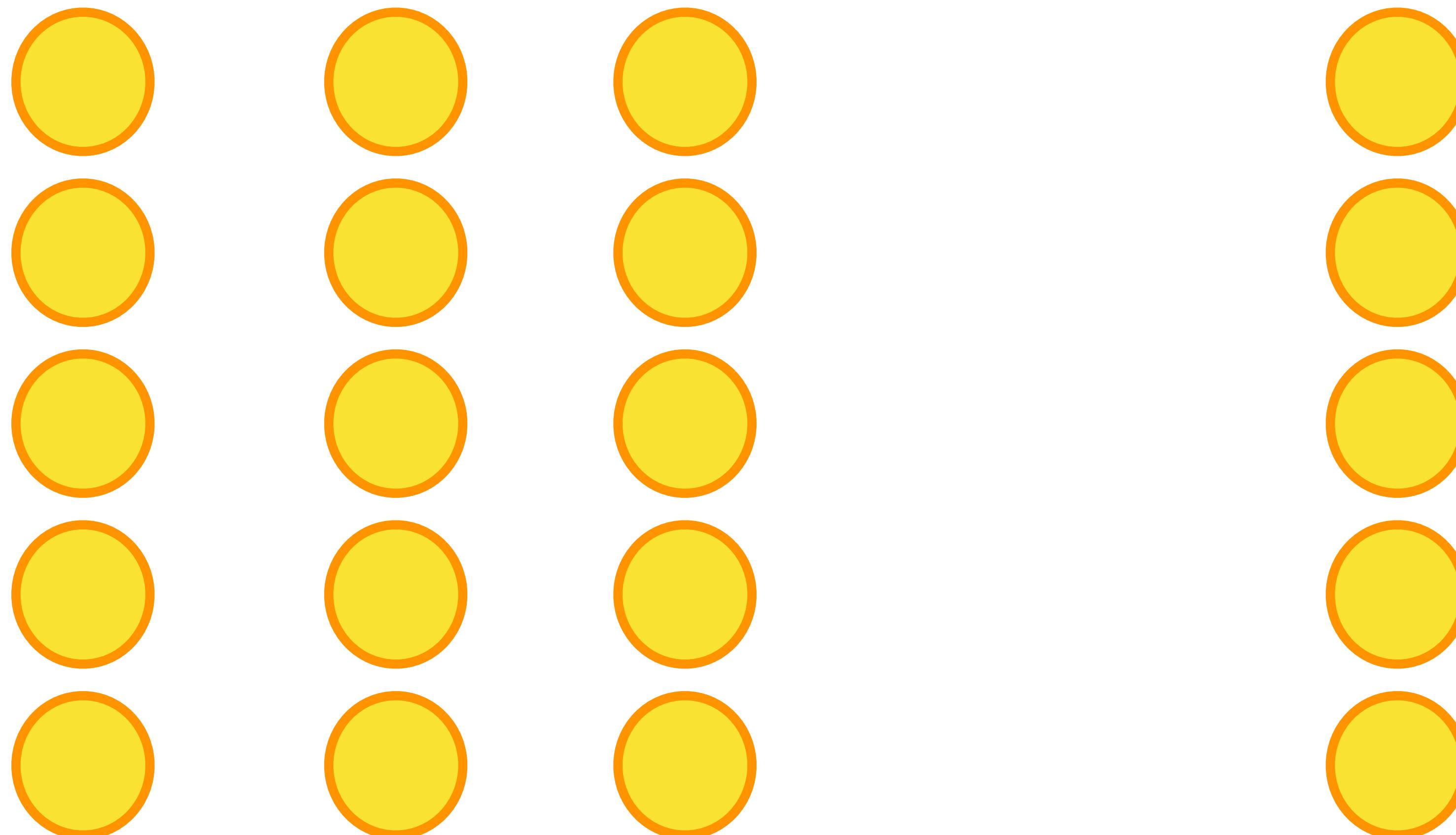
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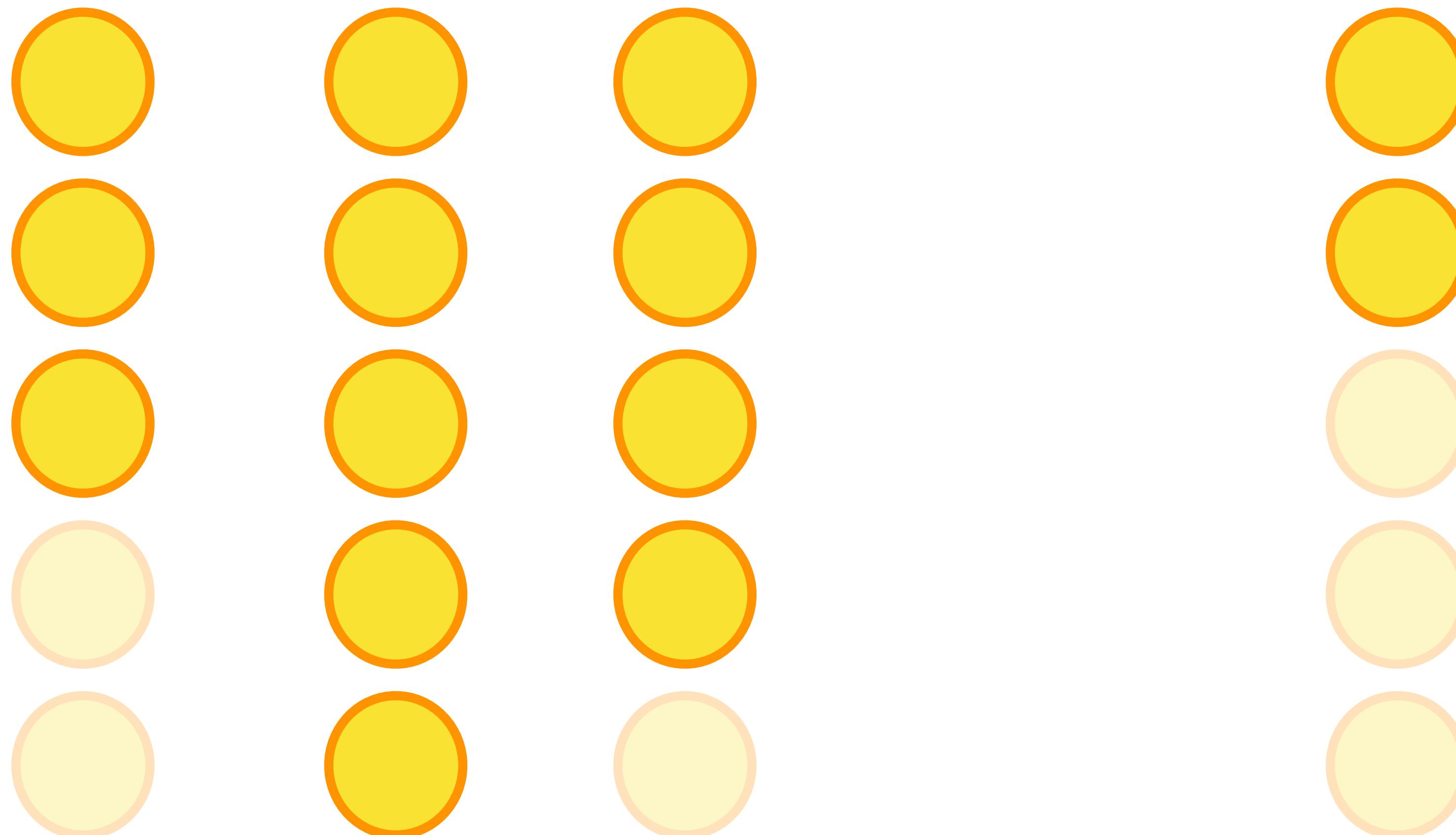
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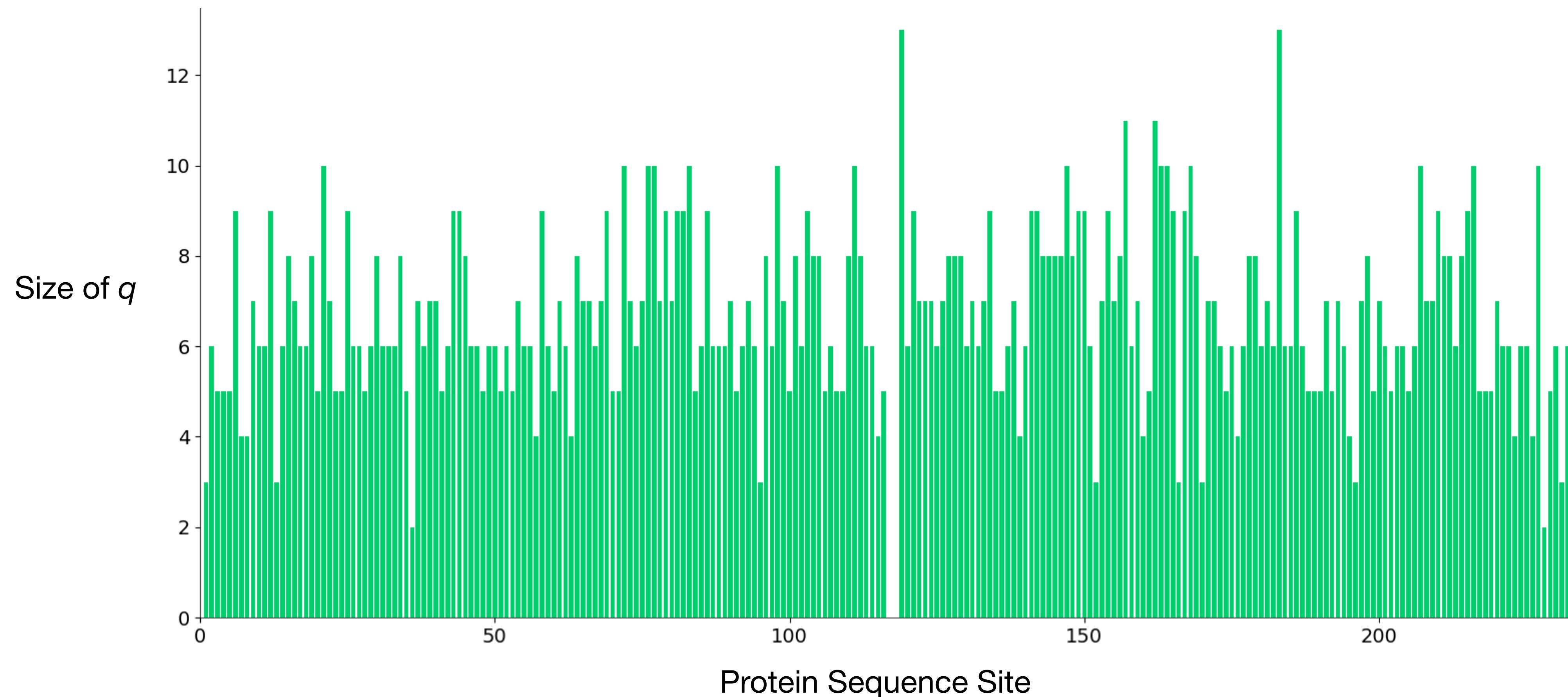
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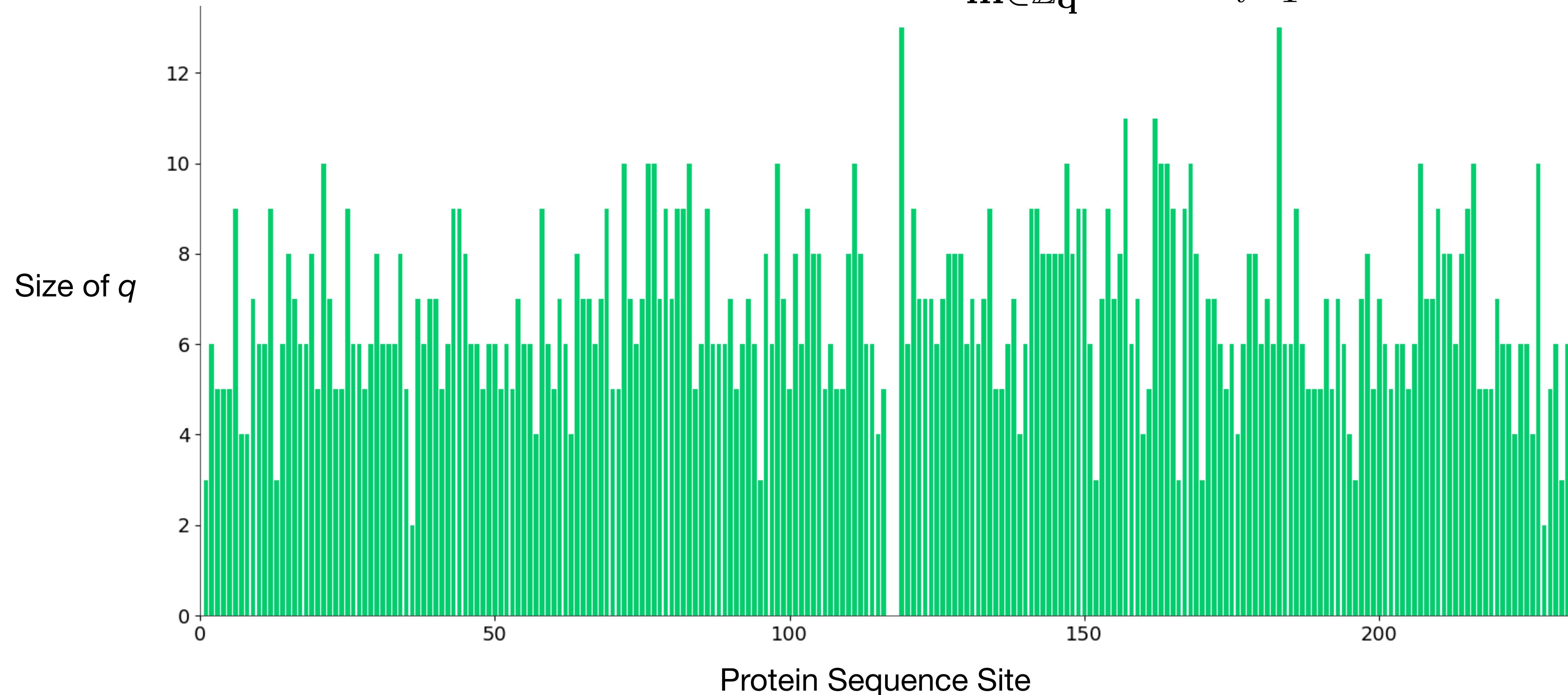
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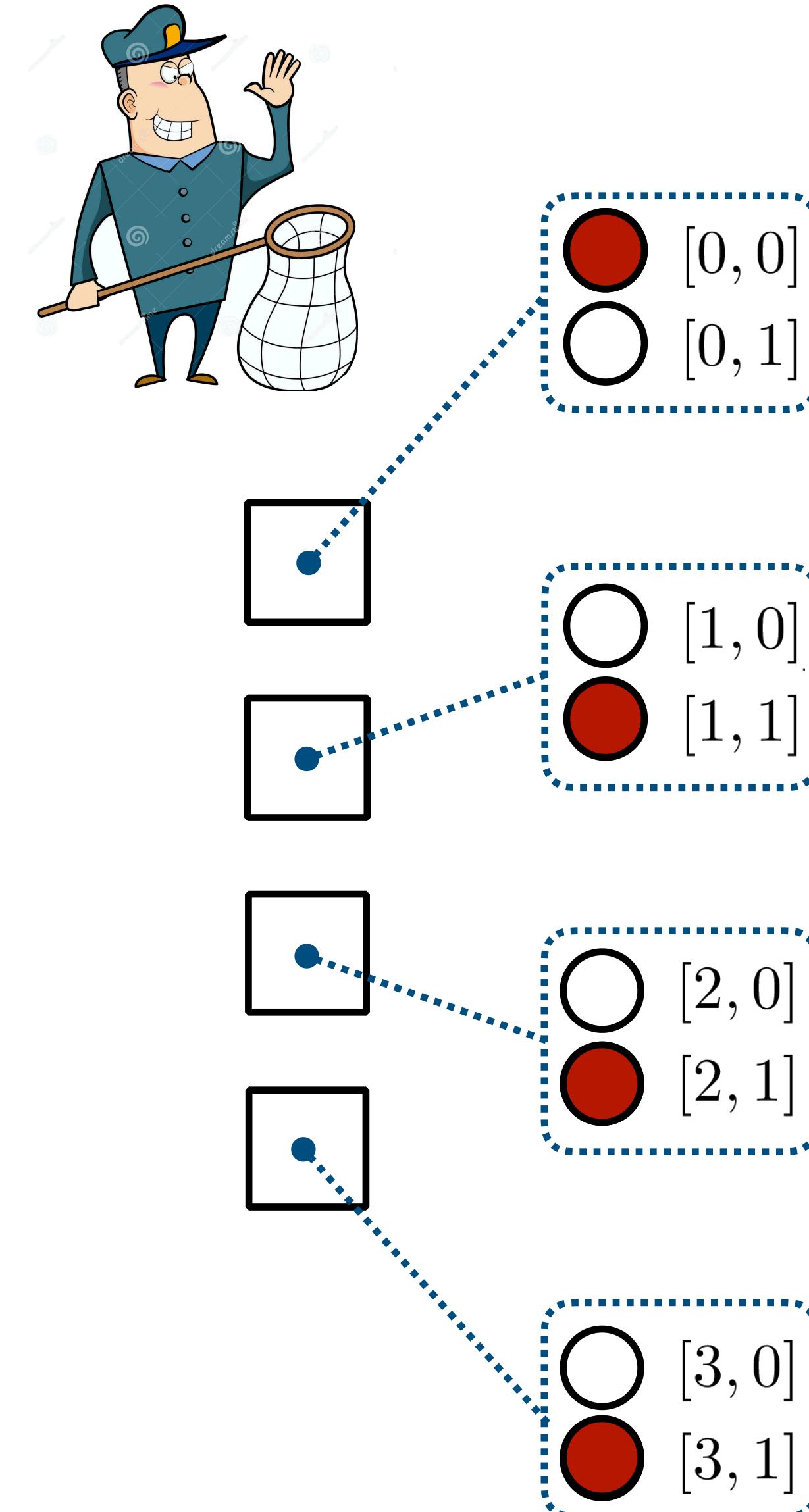
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# GFast: Efficiently computing generalized $q$ -ary Fourier transforms

**Theorem.** We can recover a  $N = \prod_{i=1}^n q_i$ -dimensional generalized  $q$ -ary function whose Fourier is  $s$ -sparse

- with **sample complexity**  $O(sn^2)$
- with **computational complexity**  $O(sn^2 \log N)$
- assumption: interactions chosen **uniformly** at random
- high probability guarantee + robust to noise
- Key strategy
  - smart subsampling
  - small Fourier transform
  - sparse graph codes



# fix one position, enumerate the rest

$q_1 \ q_2$

$\mathbf{q} = [4, 2]$

$n = 2$  sites

$N = 4 \times 2 = 8$

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{W} \mathbf{x}$$

**W**

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generalized  $q$ -ary Fourier transform matrix

$$\omega_{q_i} = e^{\frac{2\pi j}{q_i}}$$

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regularly subsampled FT matrix

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# take small Fourier transform

$$\mathbf{y}_T = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & w_4 & w_4^2 & w_4^3 \\ 1 & w_4^2 & 1 & w_4^2 \\ 1 & w_4^3 & w_4^2 & w_4 \end{bmatrix} \times \mathbf{W}_T$$

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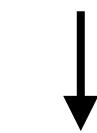
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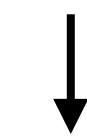
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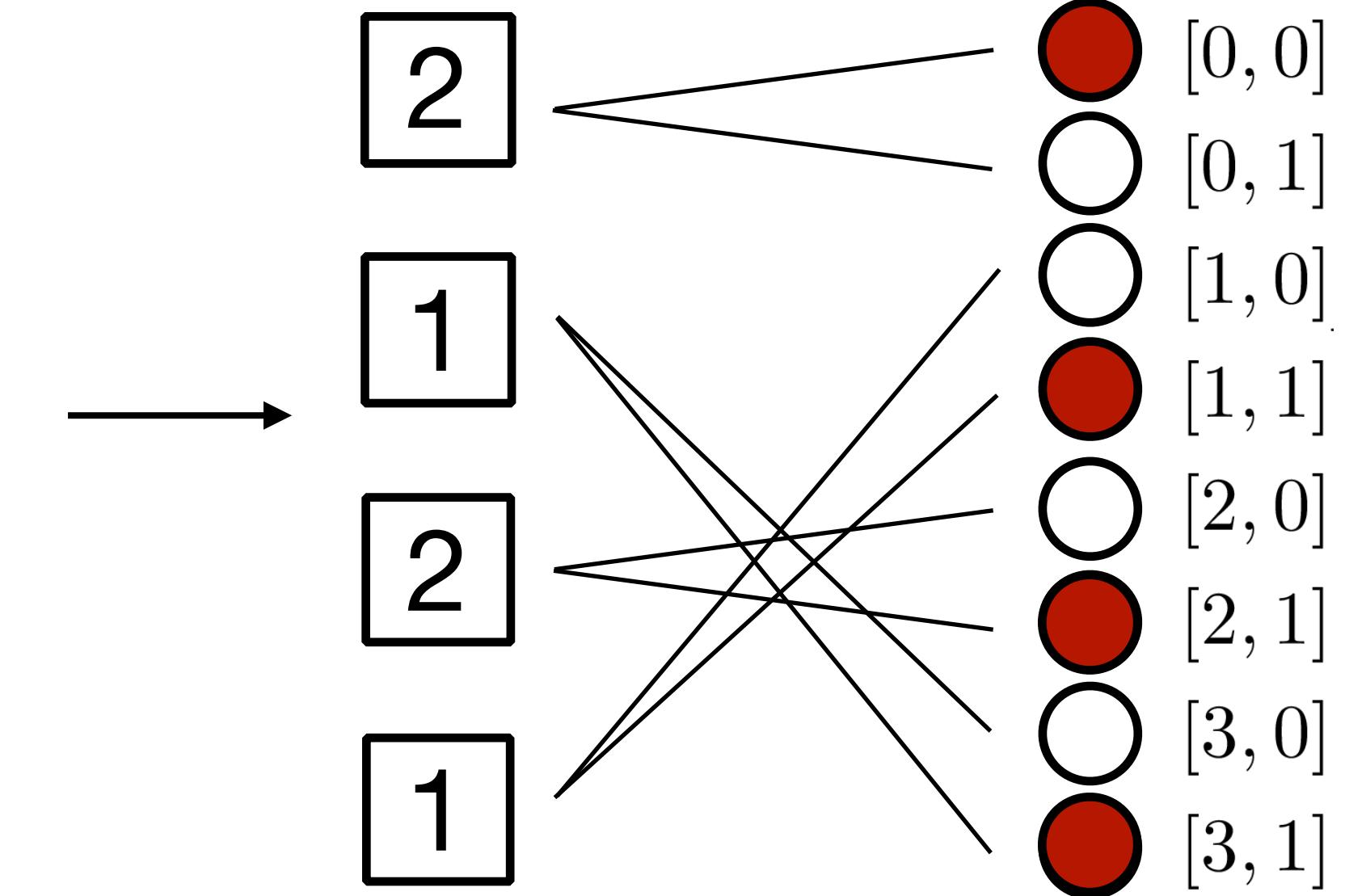
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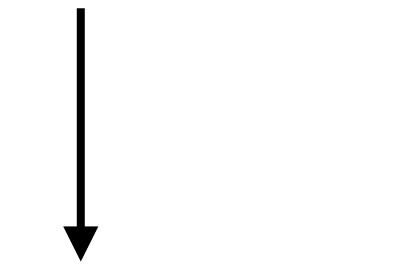
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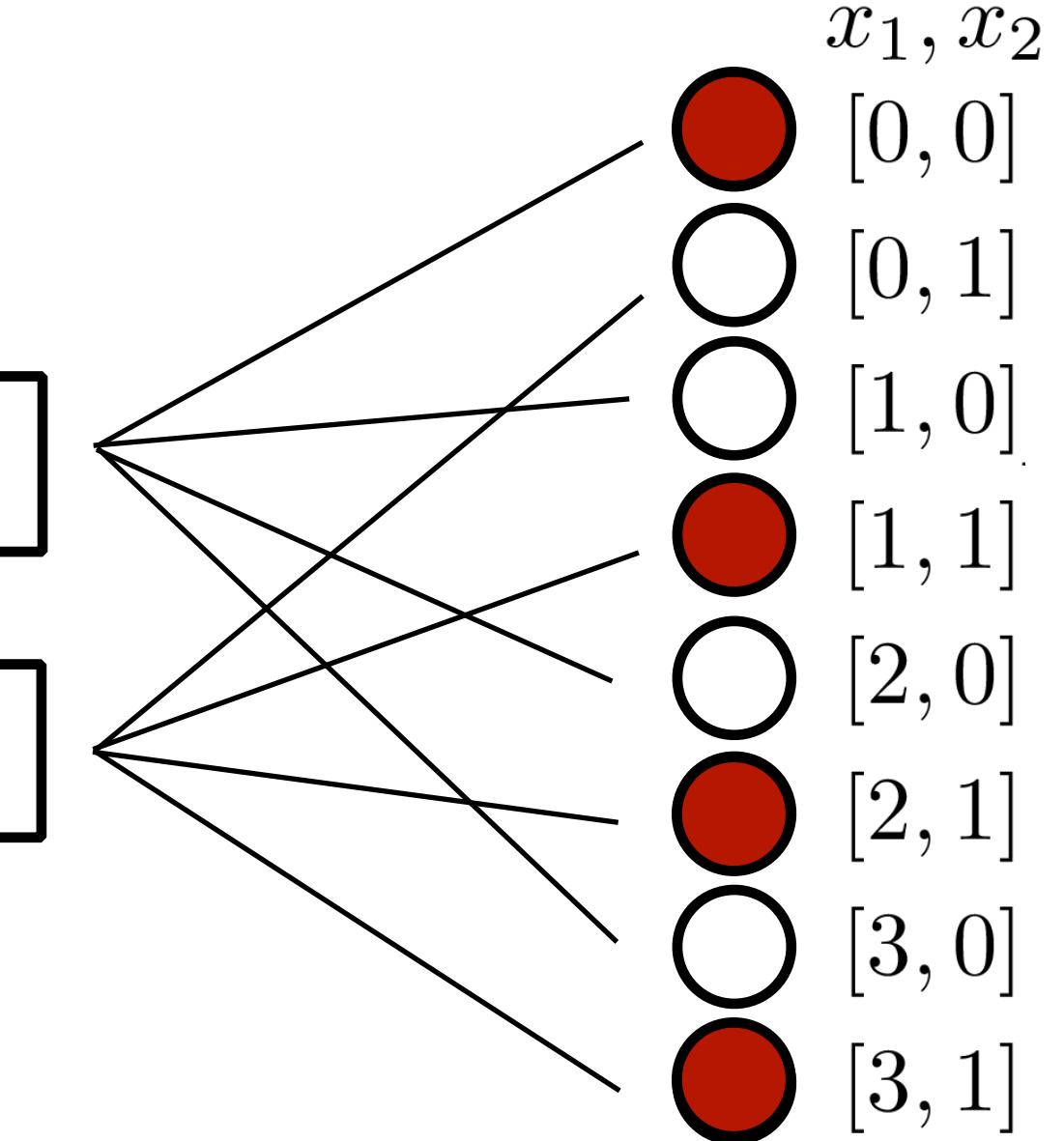
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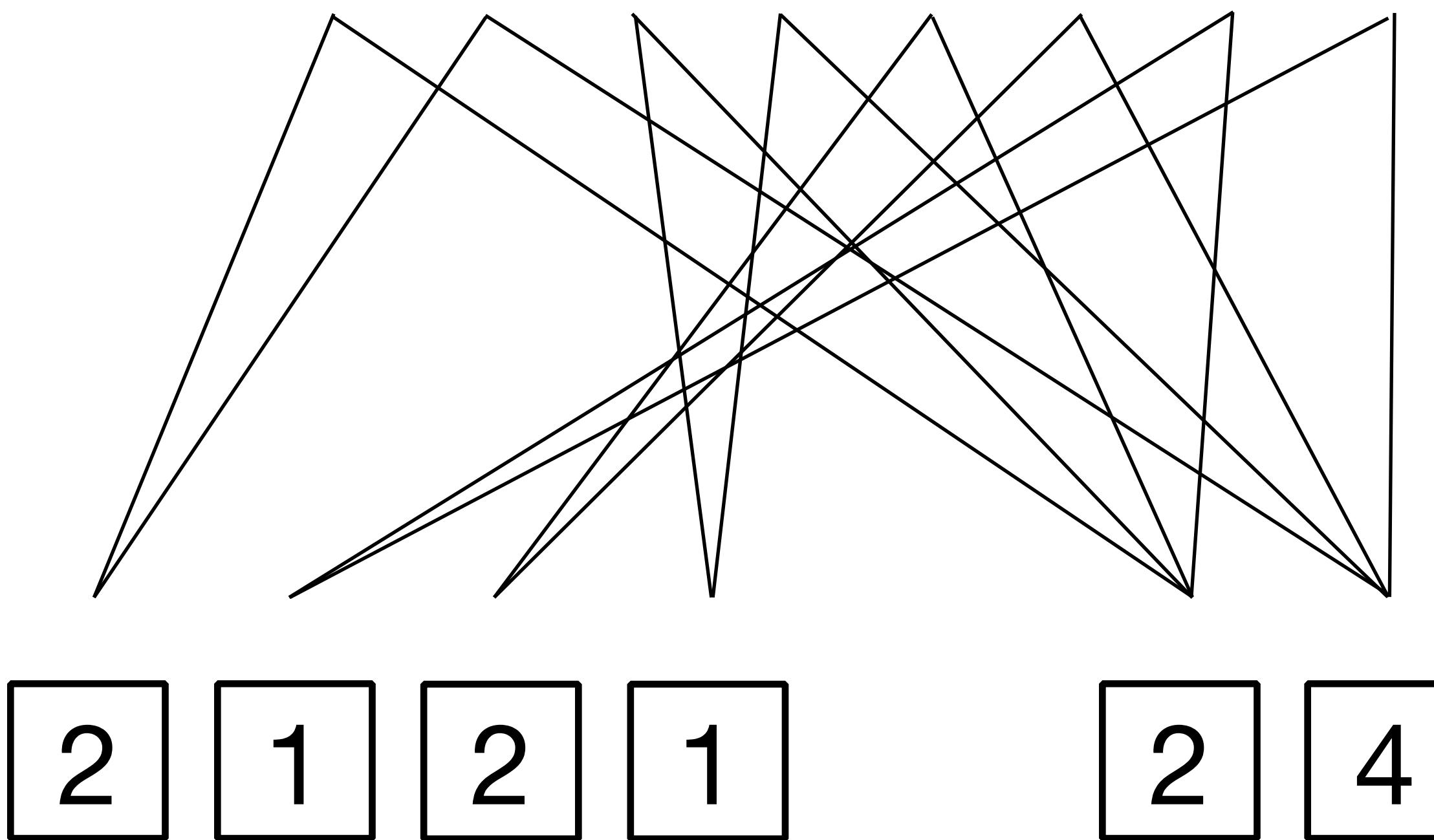
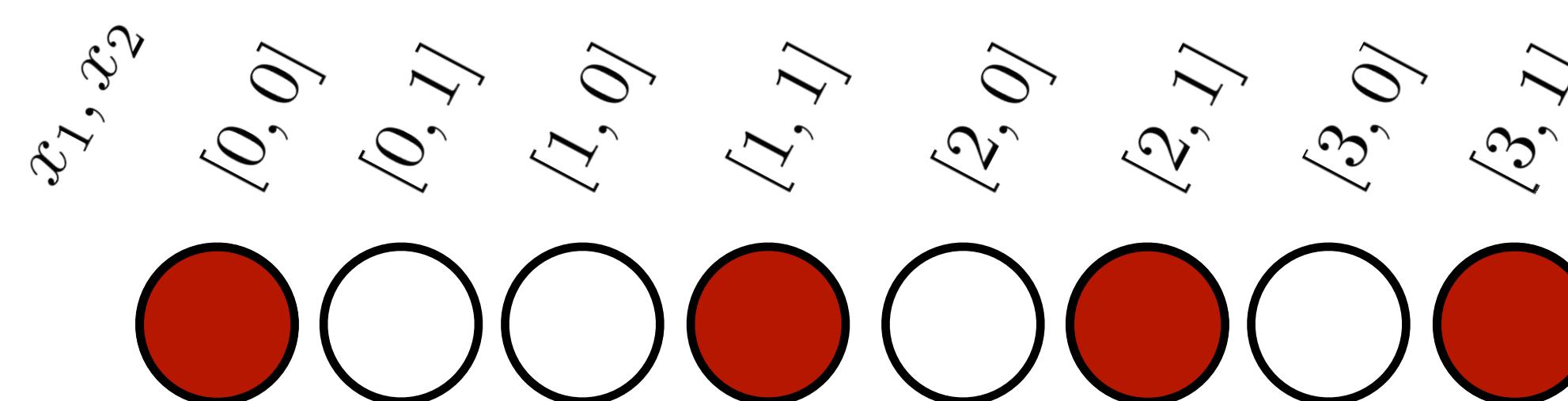


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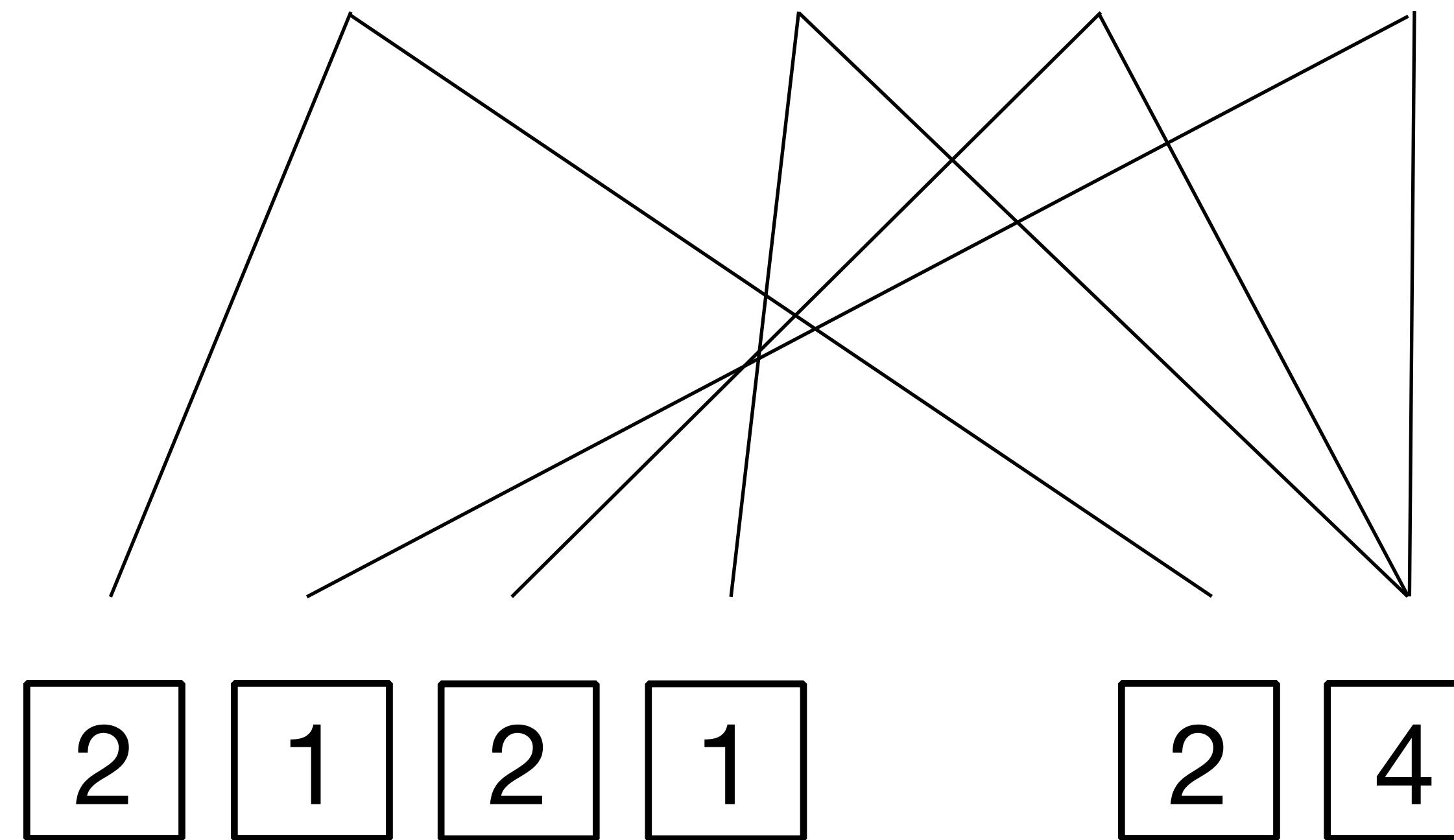
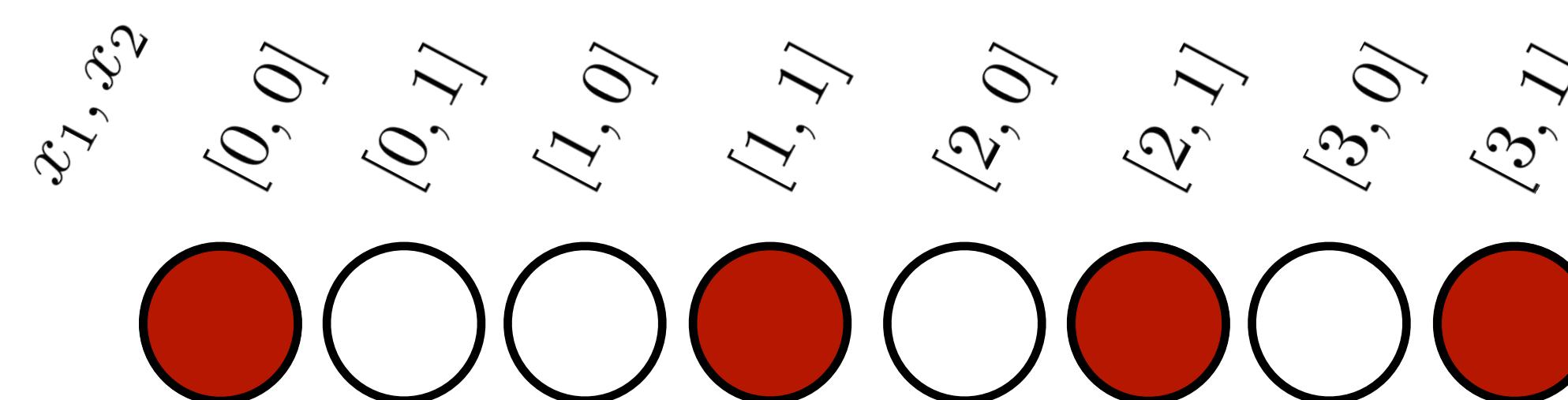


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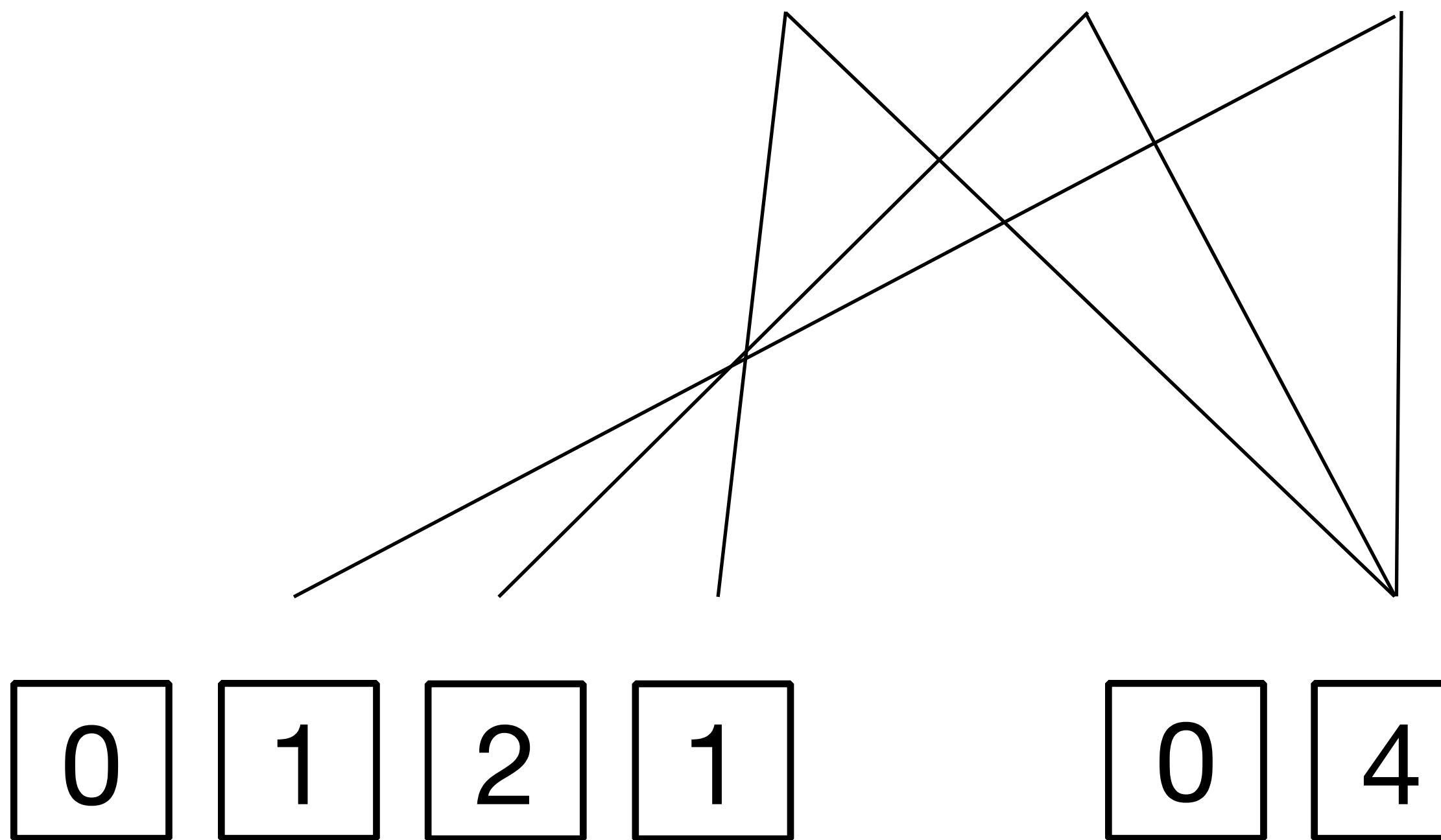
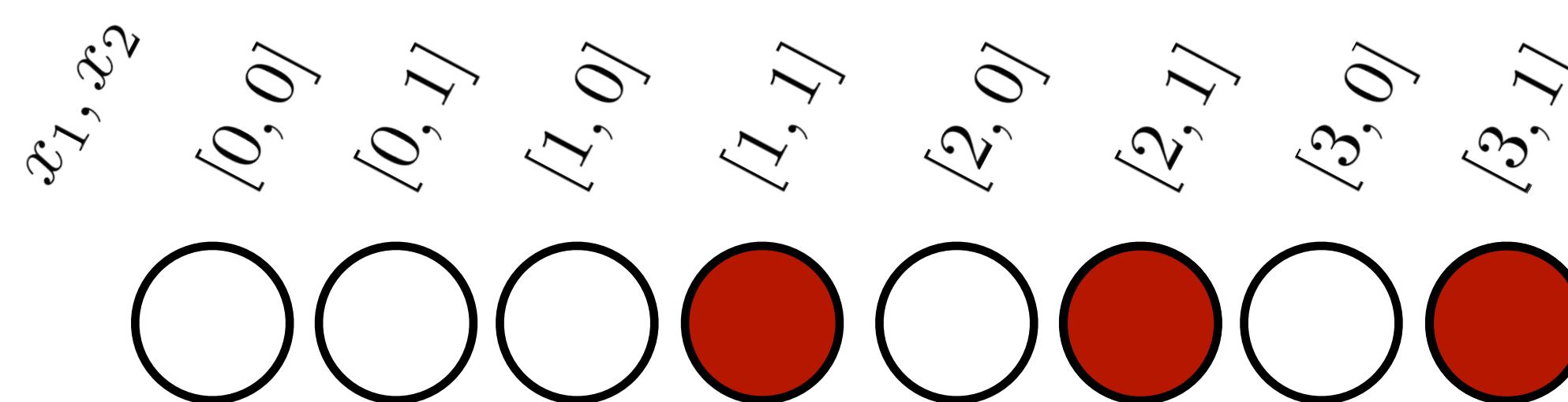
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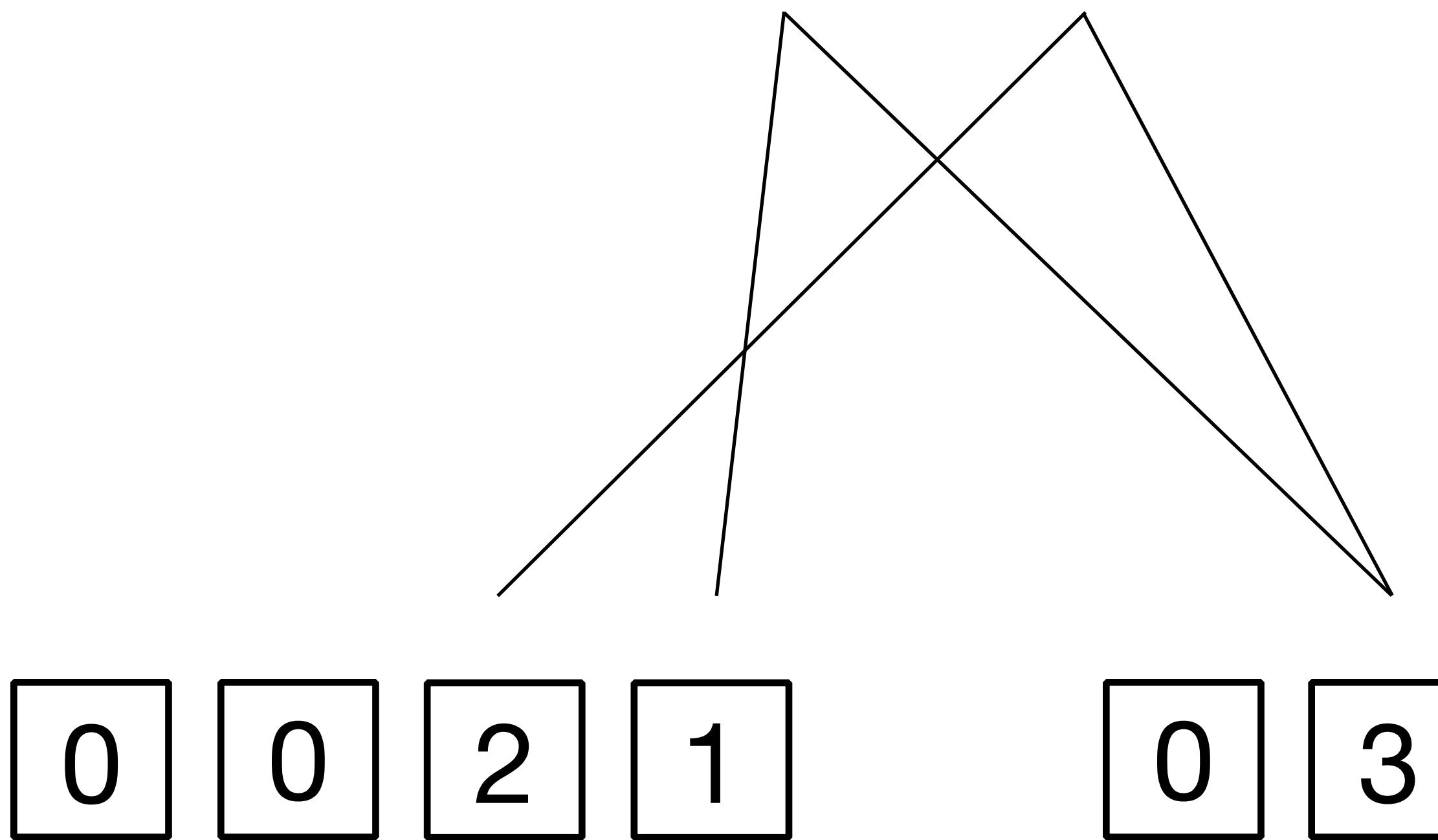
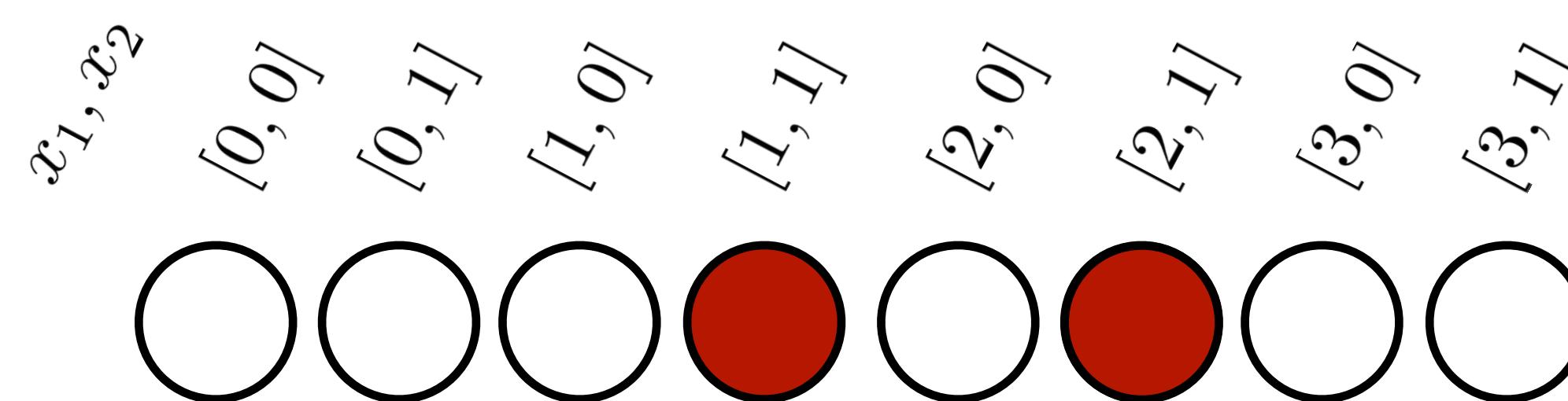
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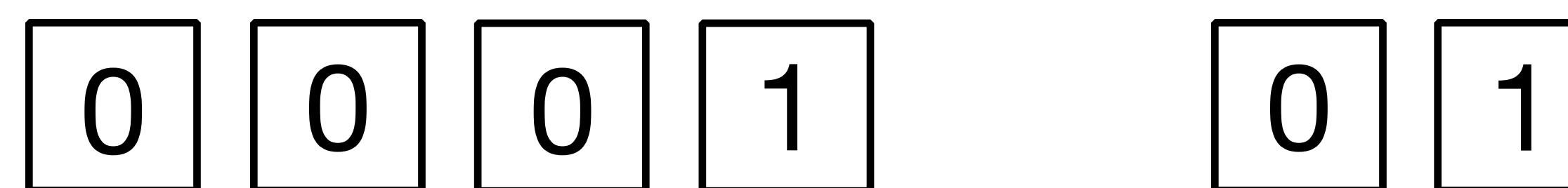
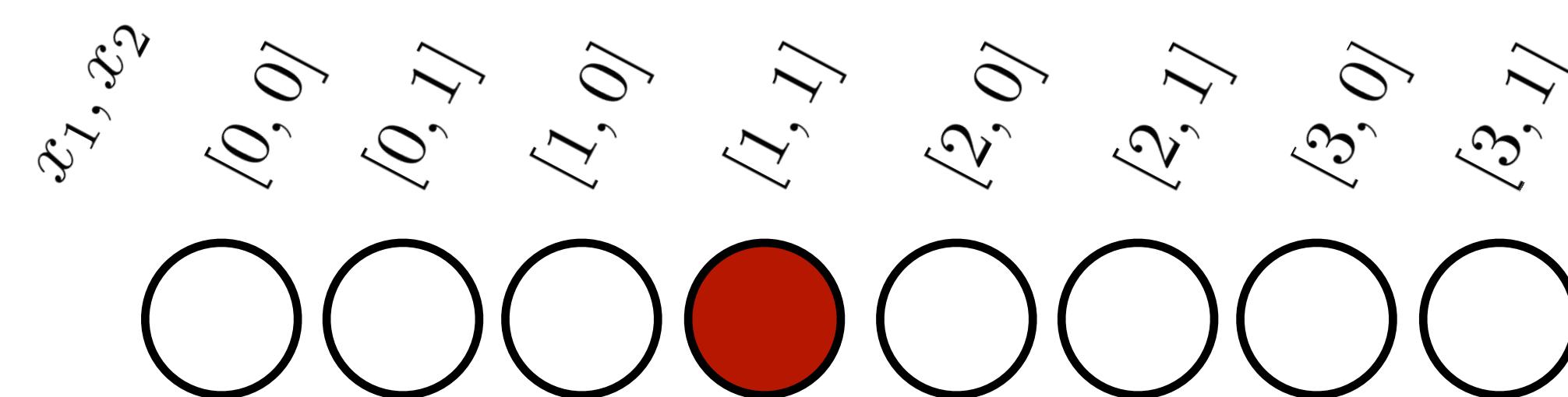
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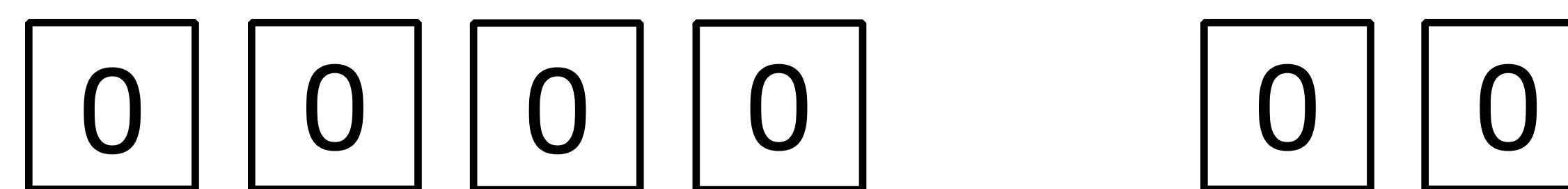
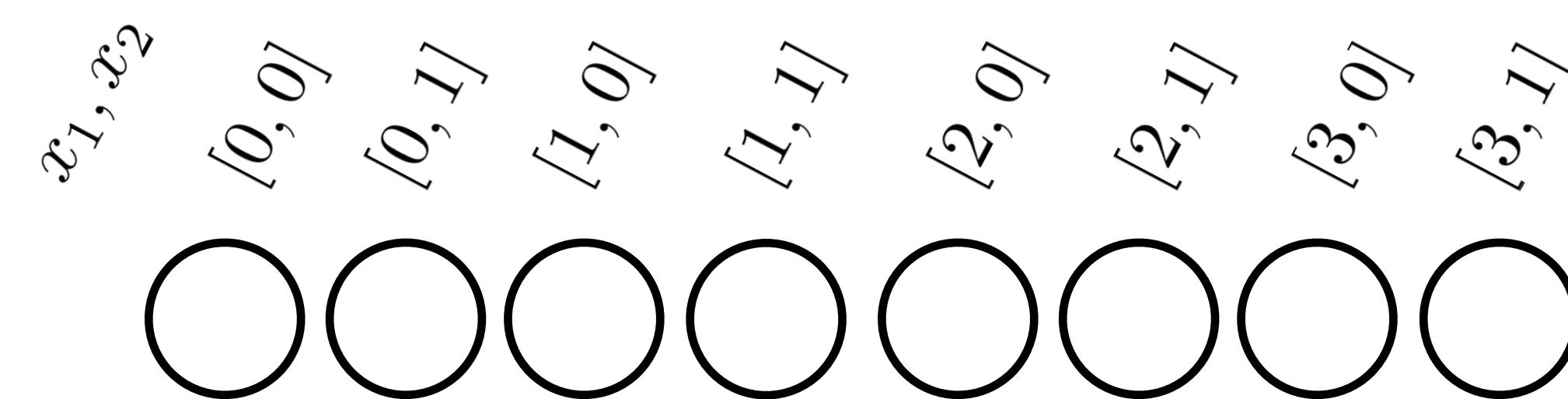
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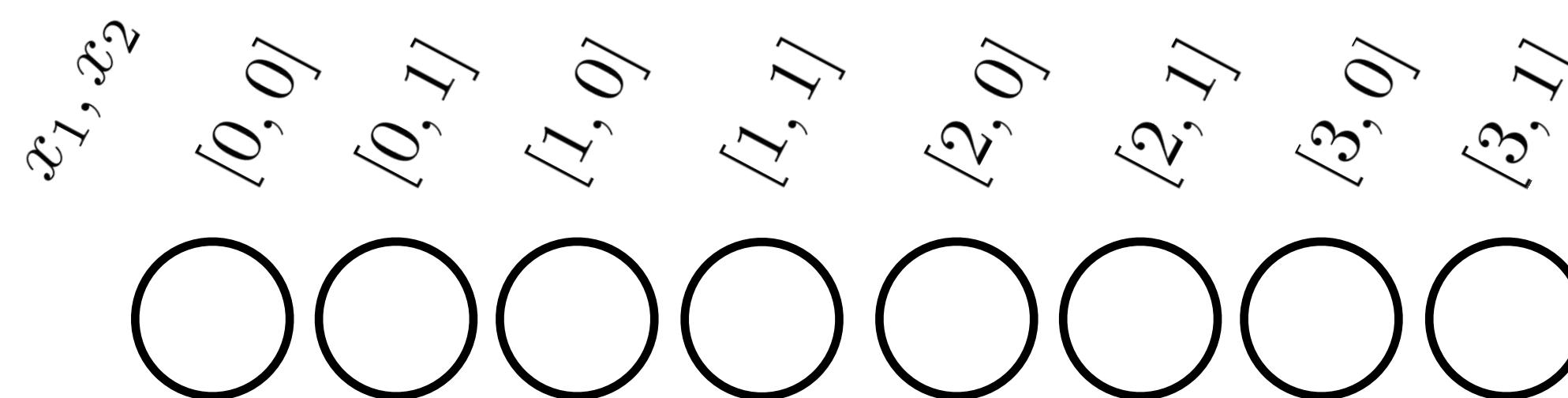
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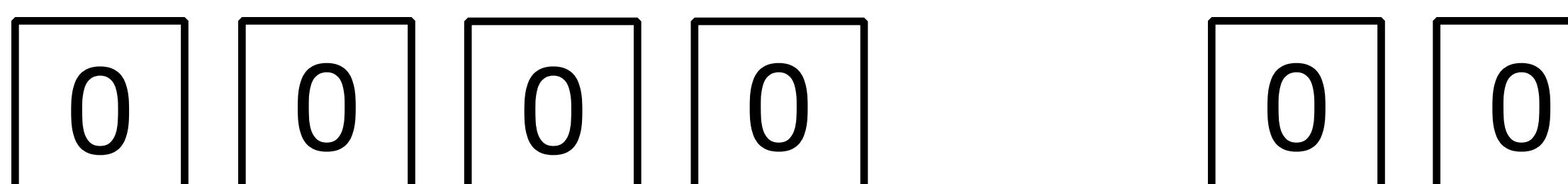
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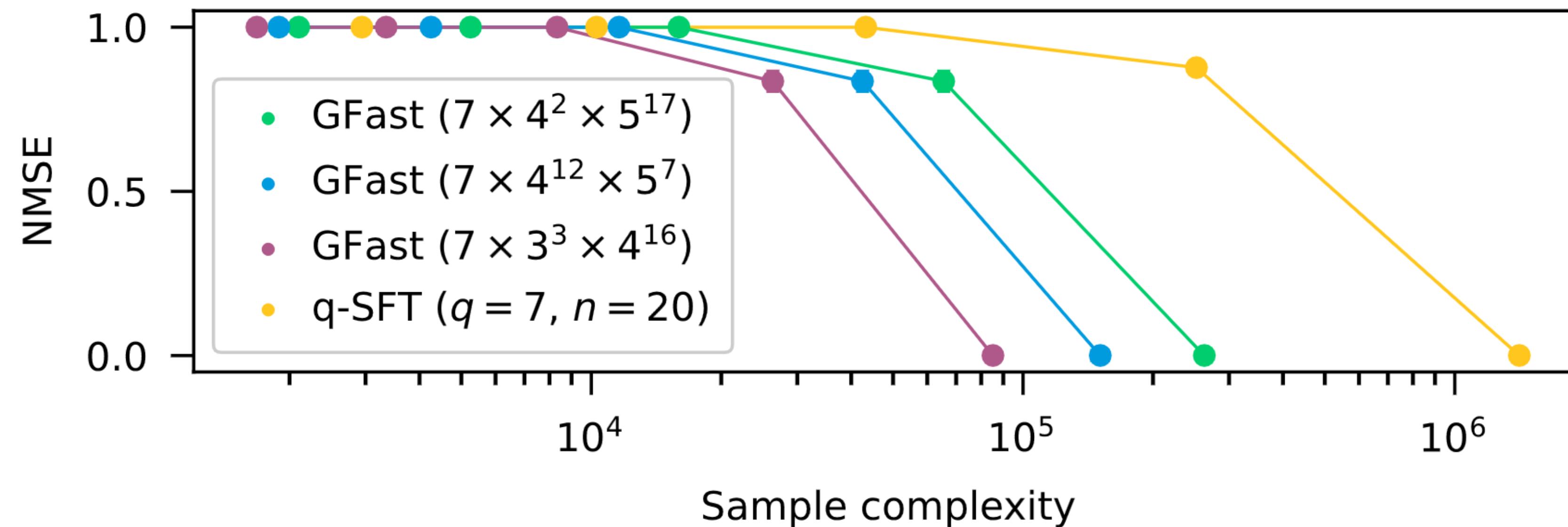
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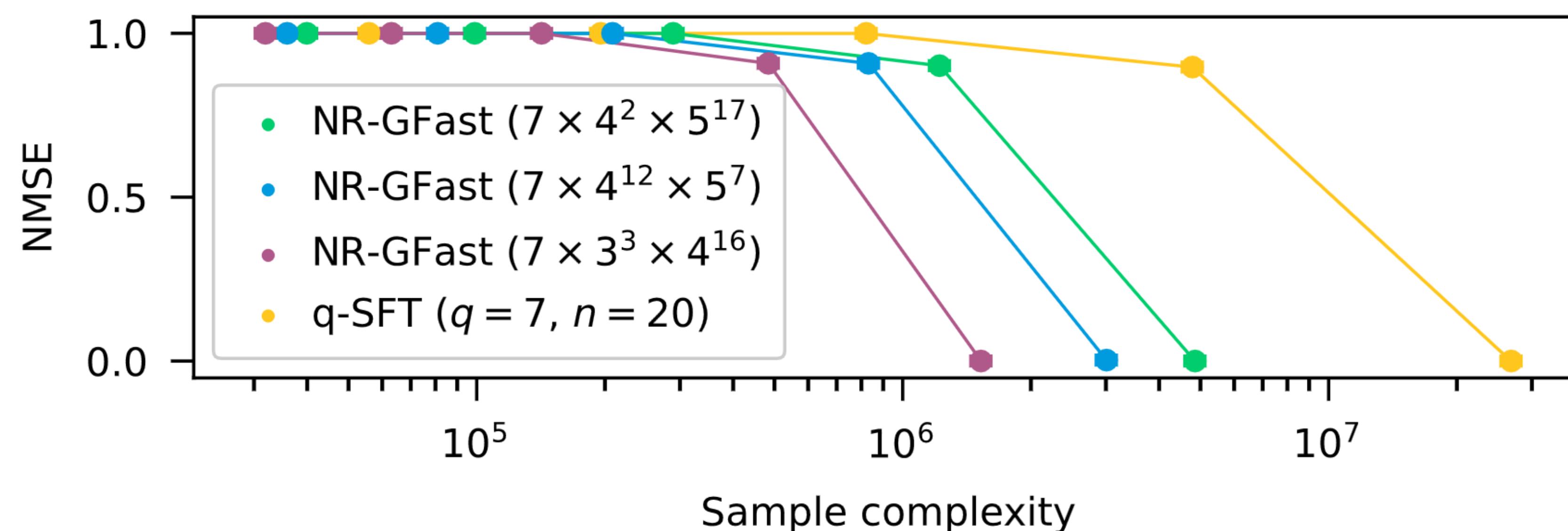
- High probability guarantees using density evolution
- Each small transform group has check node degrees that are Poisson distributed



# We can save a lot if you know a bit about the model

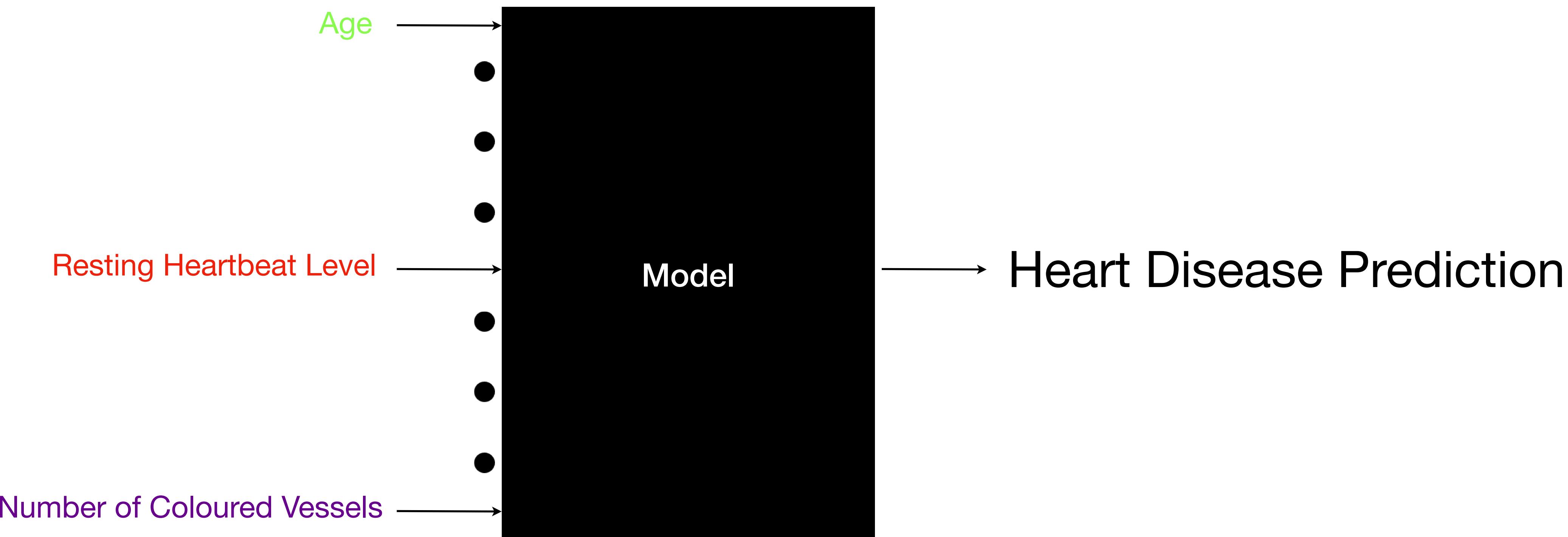


Noise-less



Noise-robust

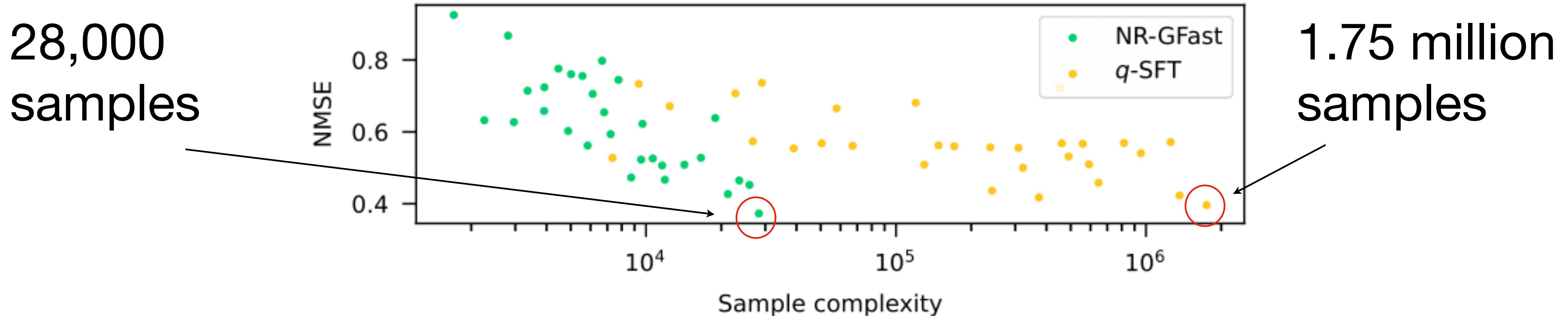
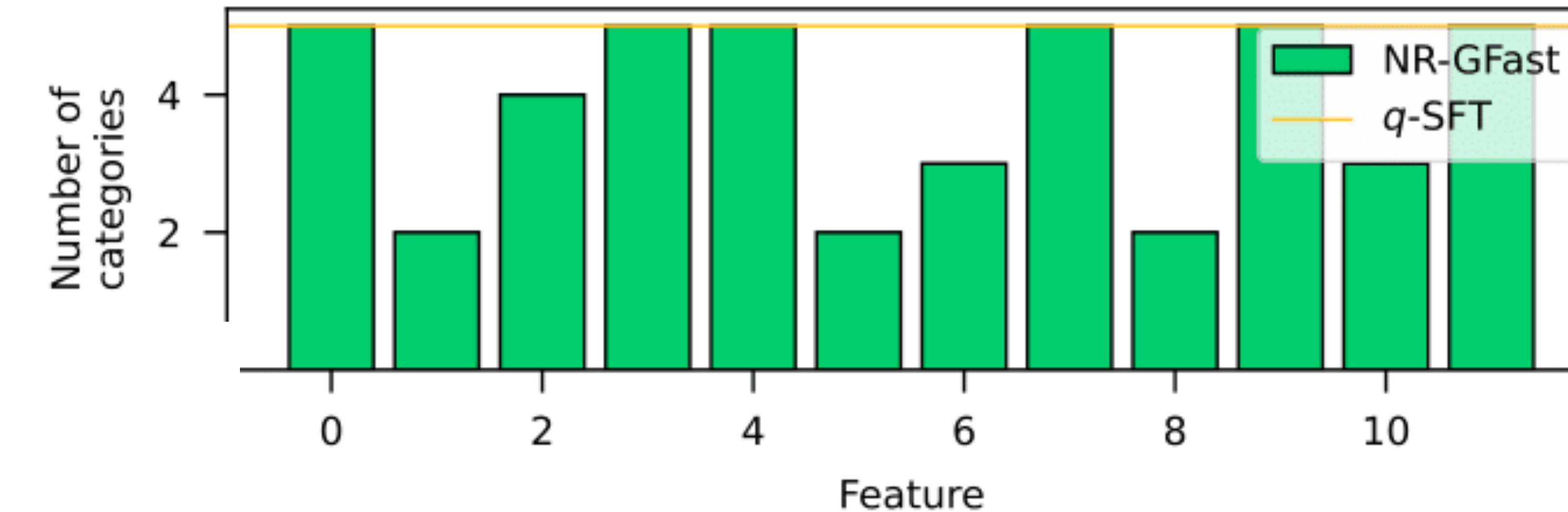
# Machine learning example



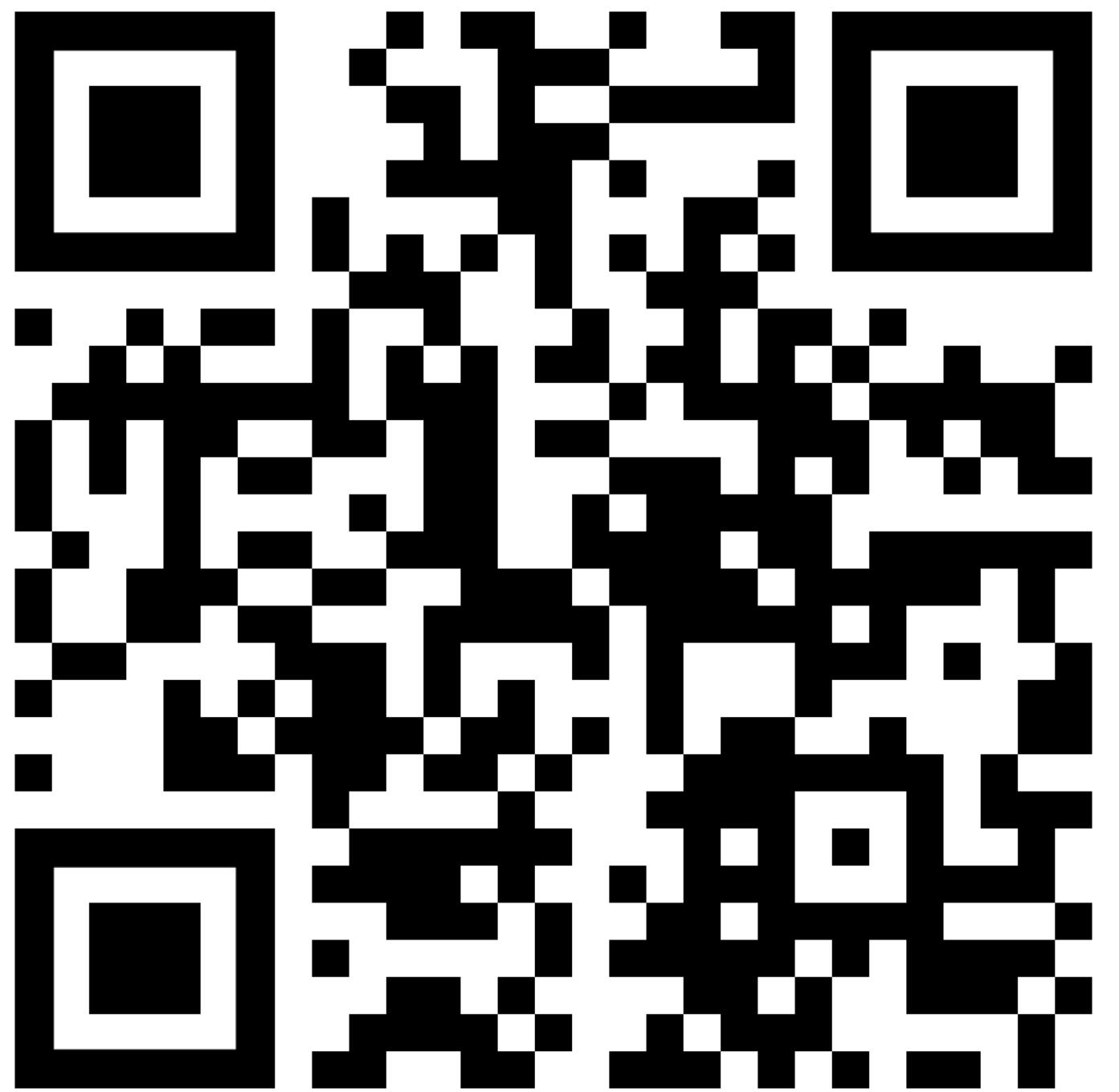
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*q*-ary:  $\mathbb{Z}_5^{12}$

# Treating the function as $q$ -ary requires $61x$ more samples to achieve similar accuracy



# Thanks!



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