

Expanding the Horizons of Finite-Precision Analysis

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Programming with Finite-Precision

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- Introduces roundoff errors at potentially every operation

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Does it even affect real-world systems?

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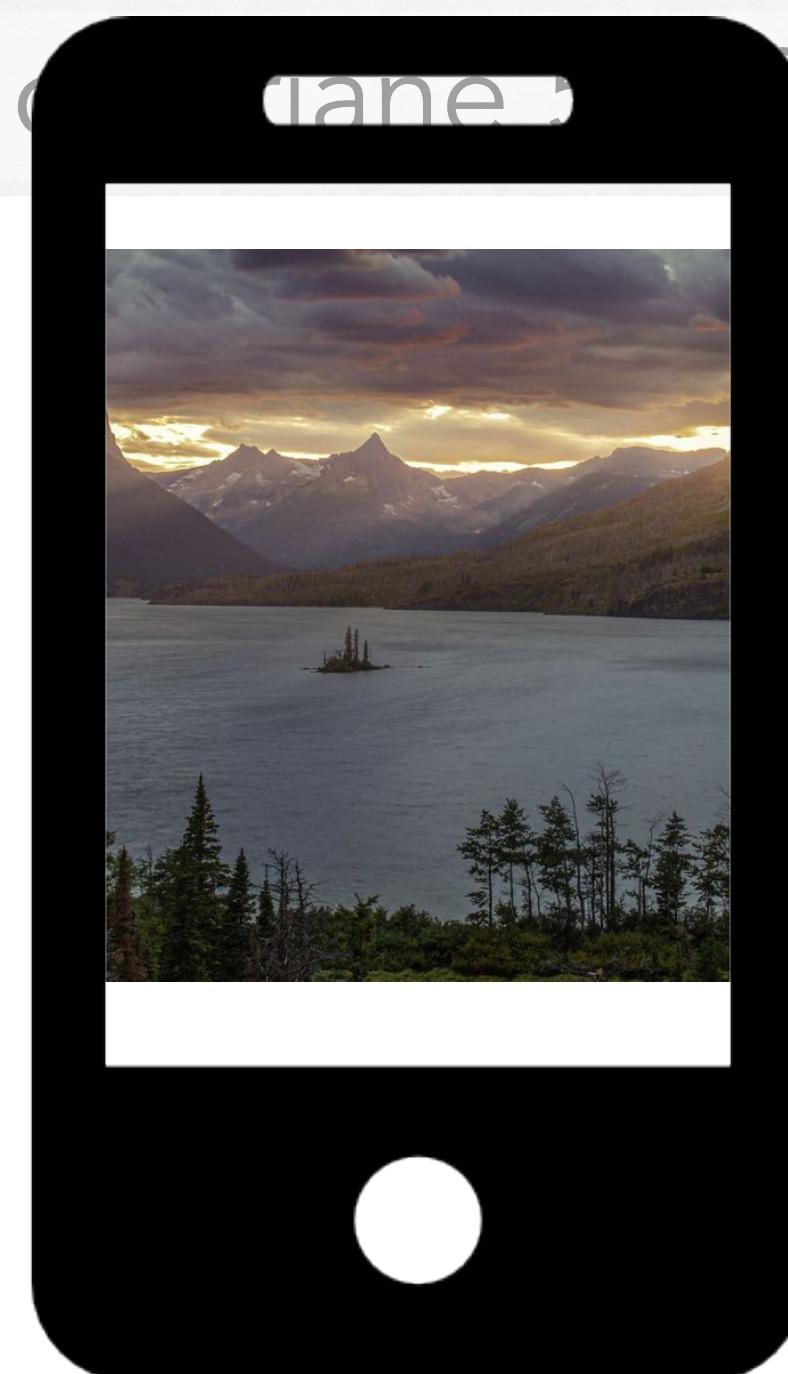
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How do we compute the errors?

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compute a bound on the **error**

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absolute error:

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worst-case error analysis for small programs

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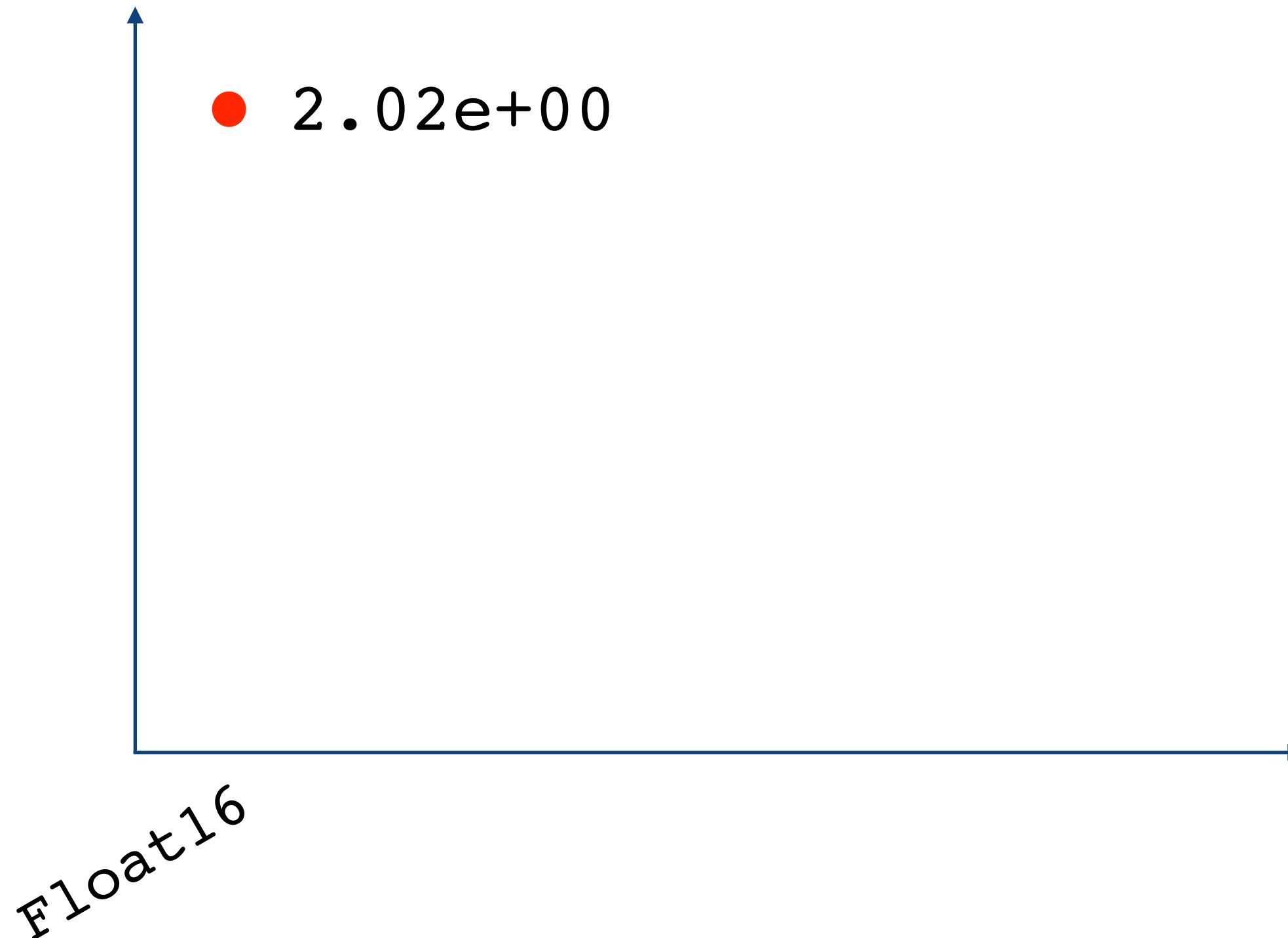
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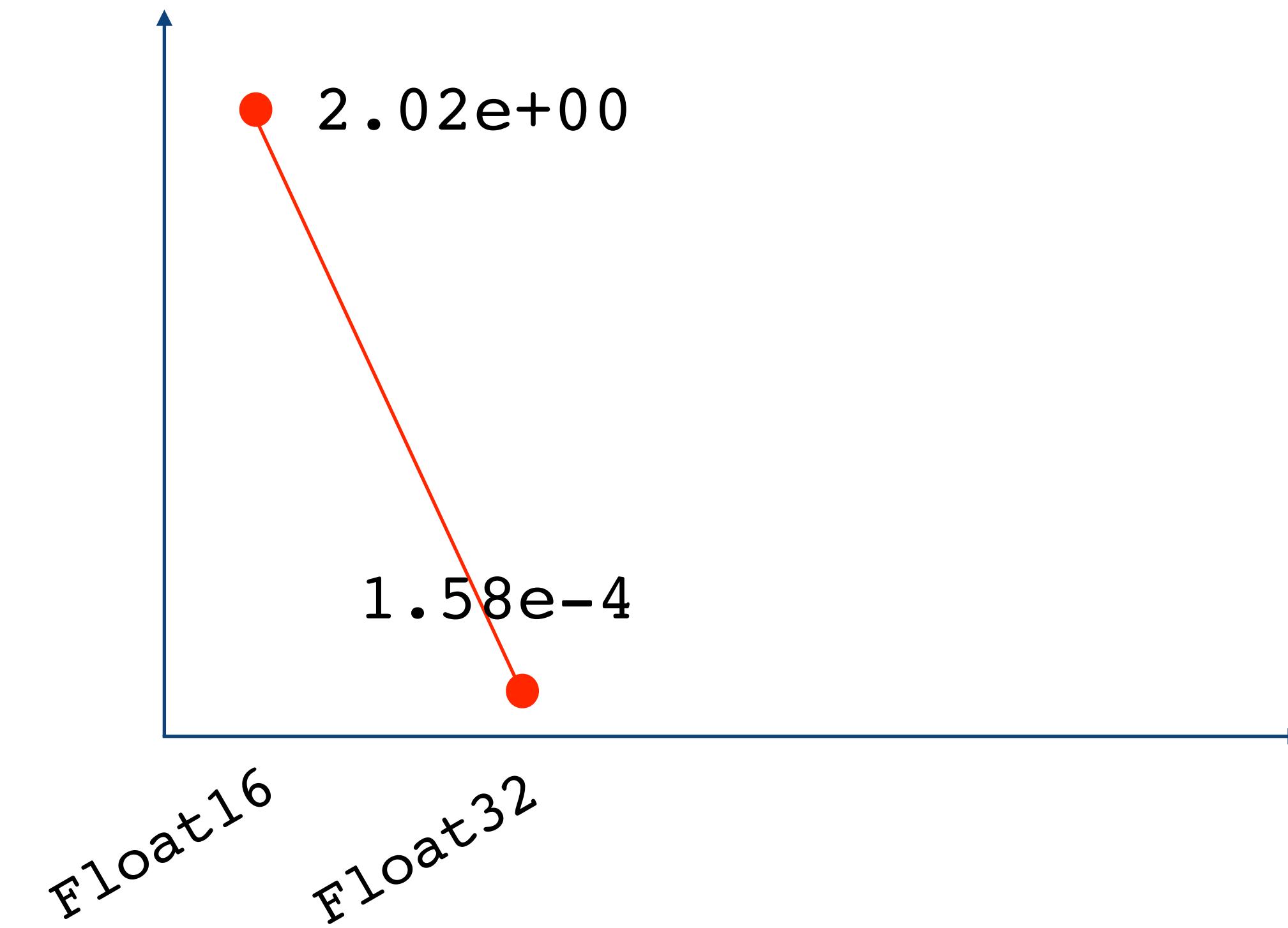
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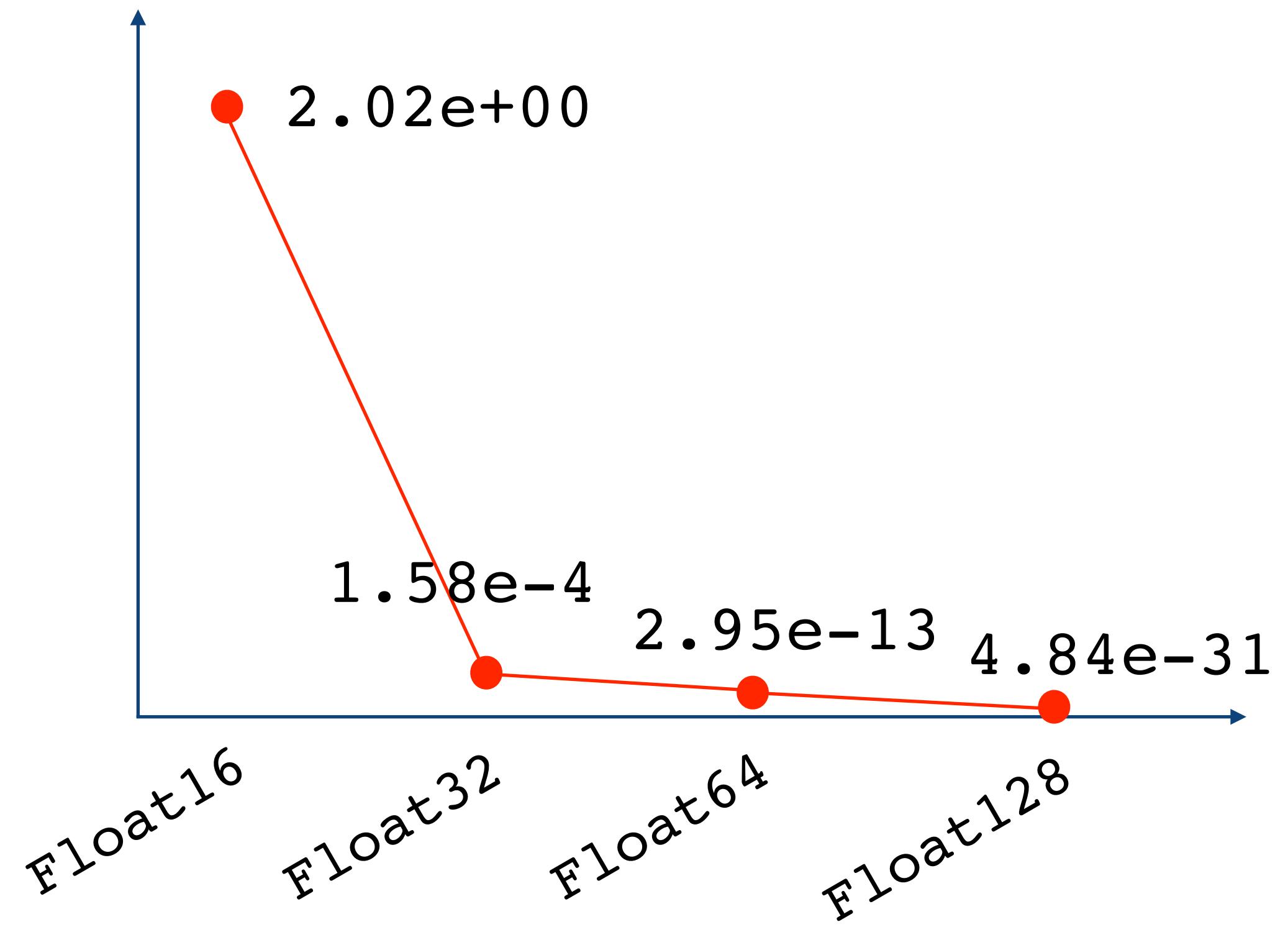
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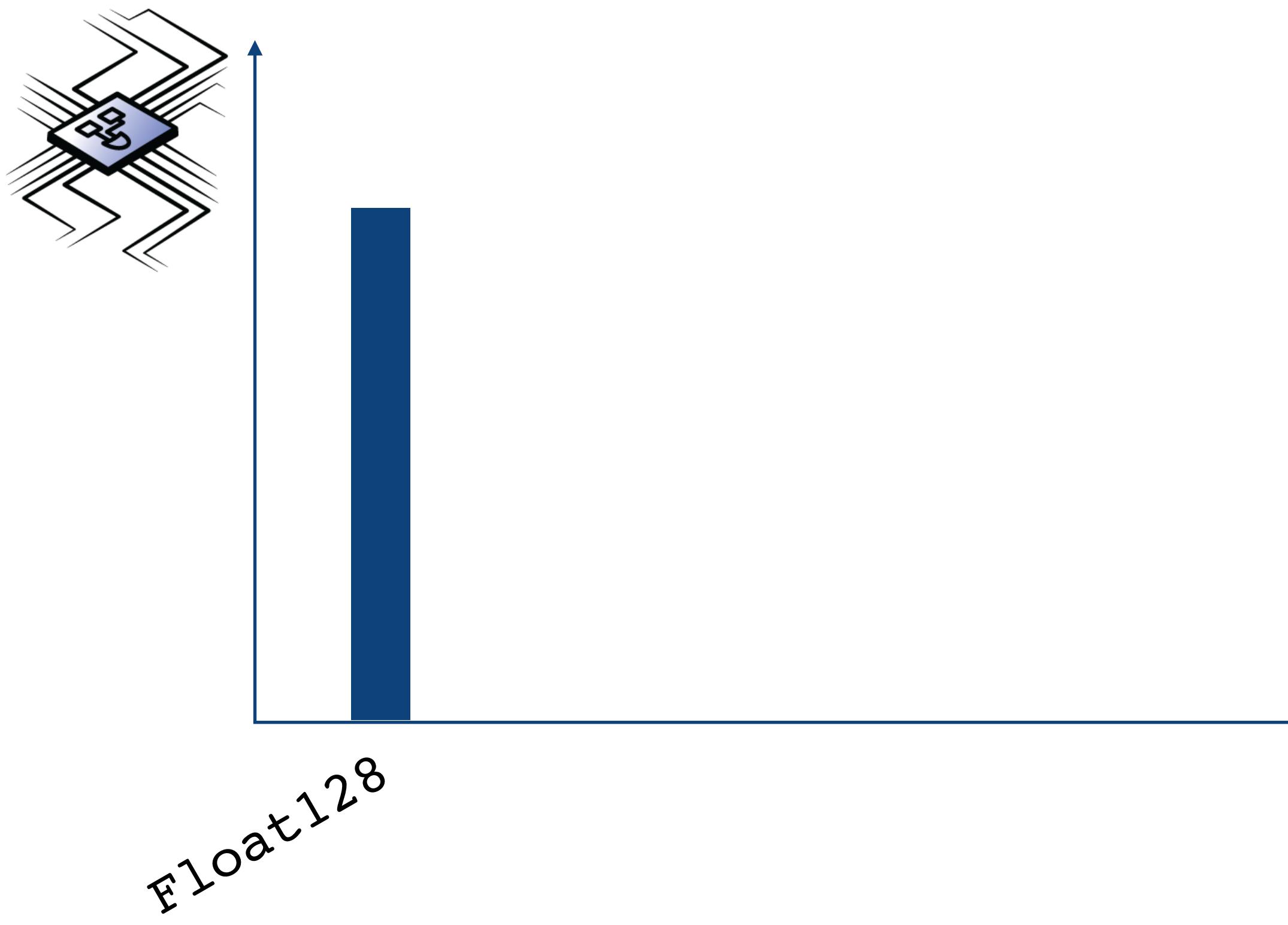
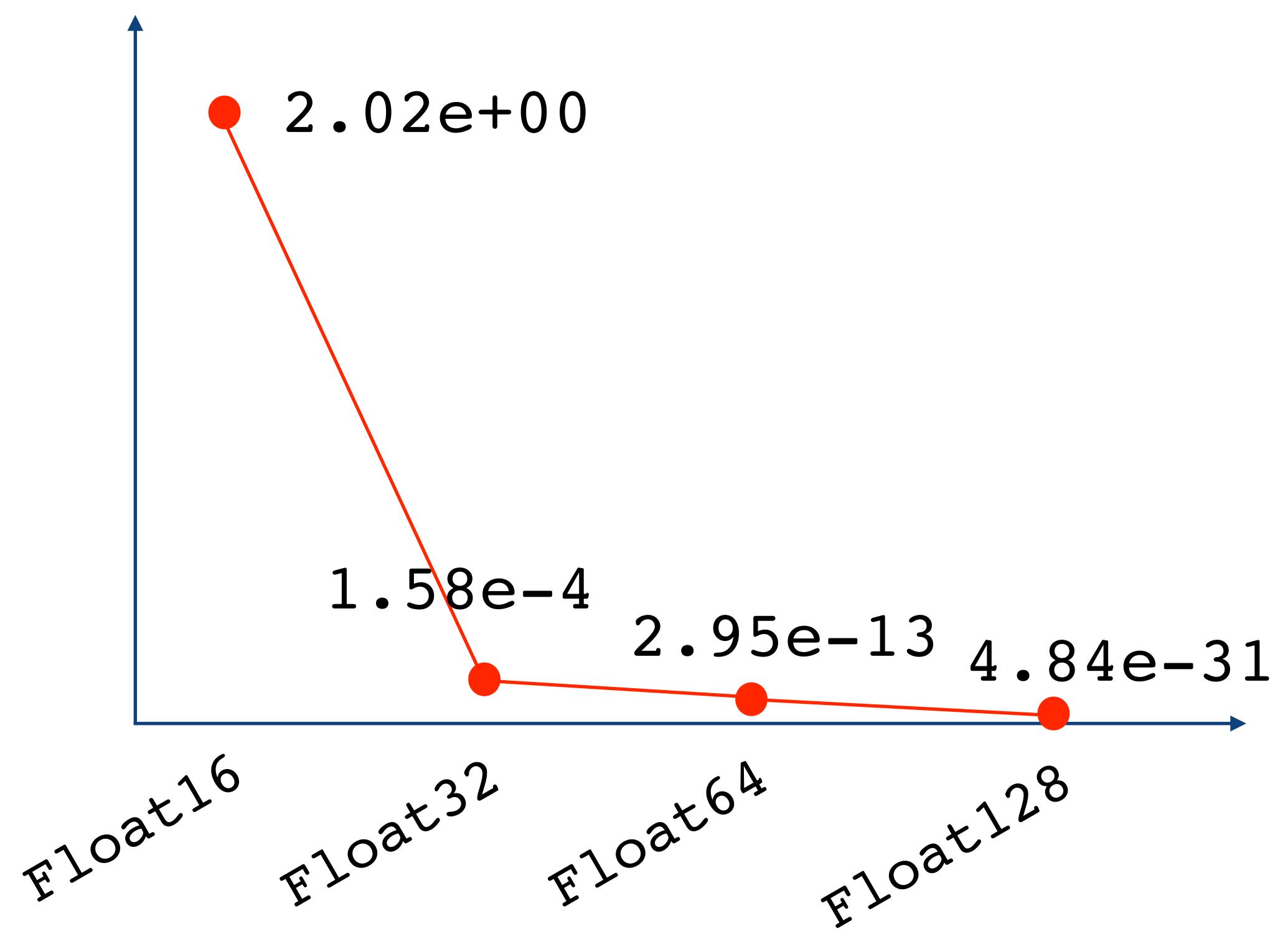
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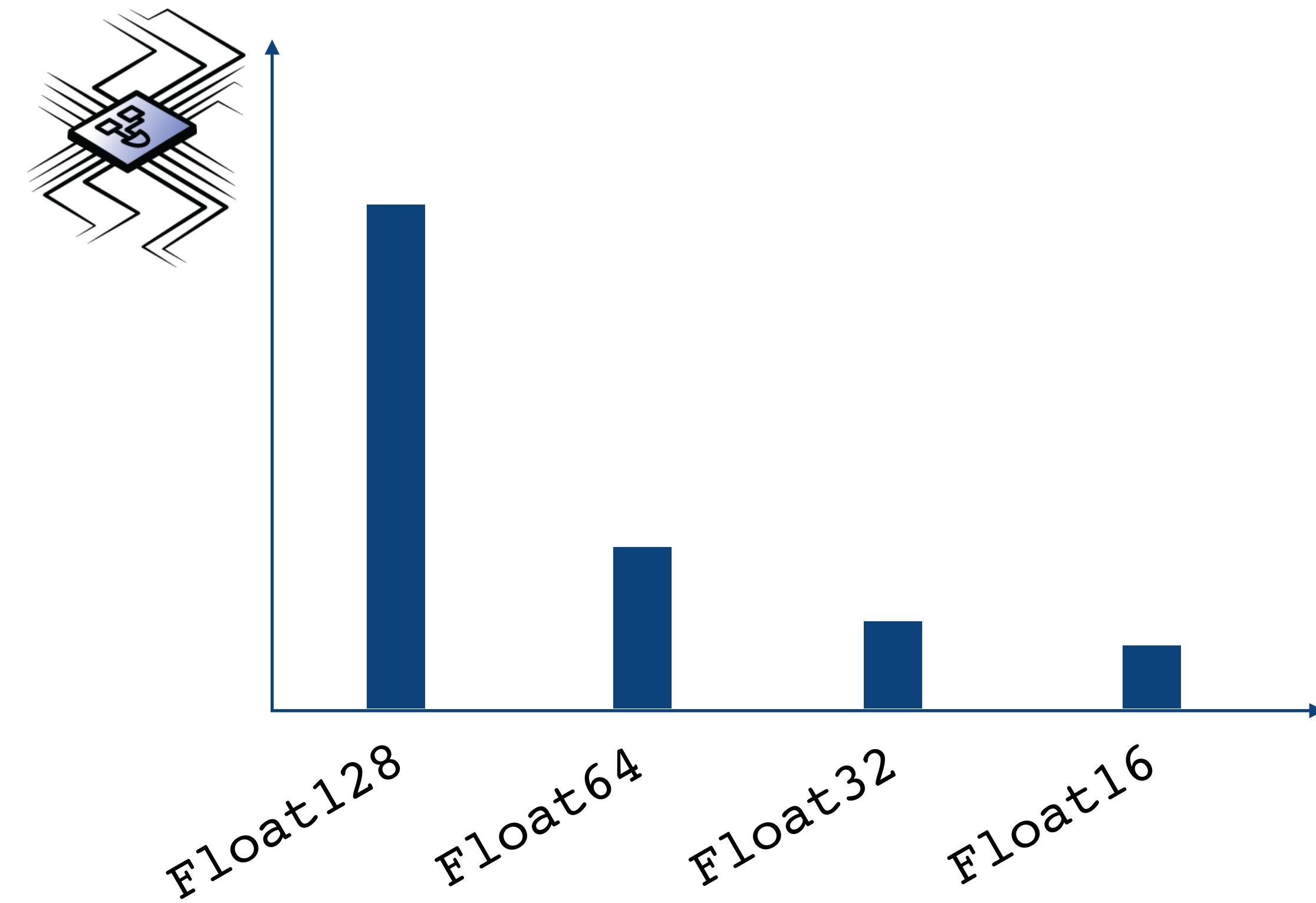
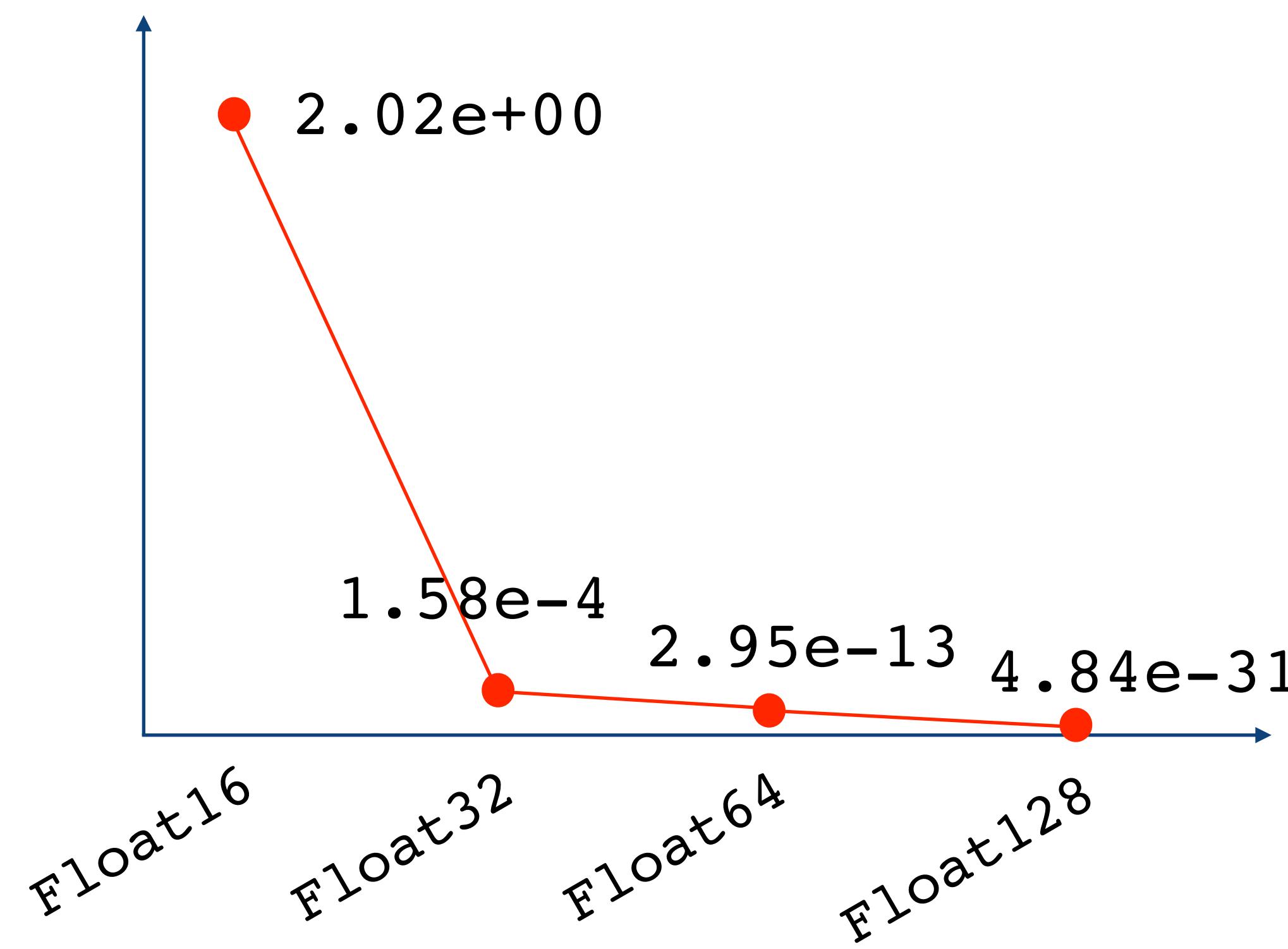
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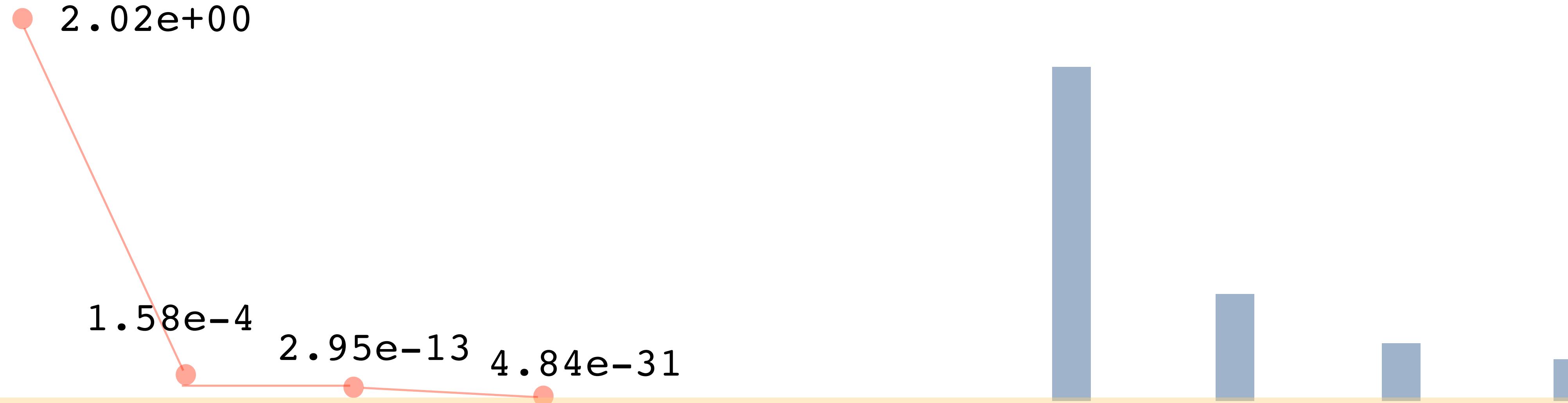
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We need to find a tradeoff between accuracy and resources!

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def controller(x: ?, y: ?, z: ?): ? = {
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find the lowest precision satisfying **error** bound

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mixed-precision optimization

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The Horizons of Finite-Precision Analysis

Accuracy Analysis

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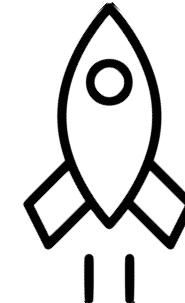
Our Work: Extending the Horizon of Finite-Precision Analysis

Accuracy Analysis

considering probability distribution of inputs

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Probabilistic Analysis



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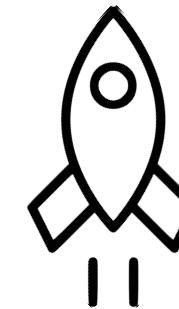


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handling larger programs

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Static + Dynamic Analysis



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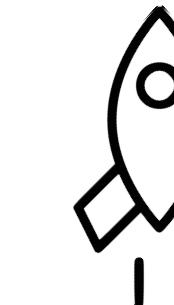
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specializing mixed fixed tuning for NNs

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NN Quantization



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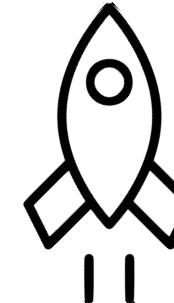
Today's Talk: Probabilistic Error Analysis and NN Quantization

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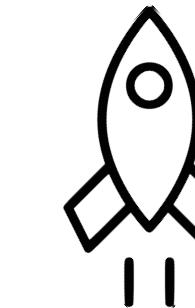


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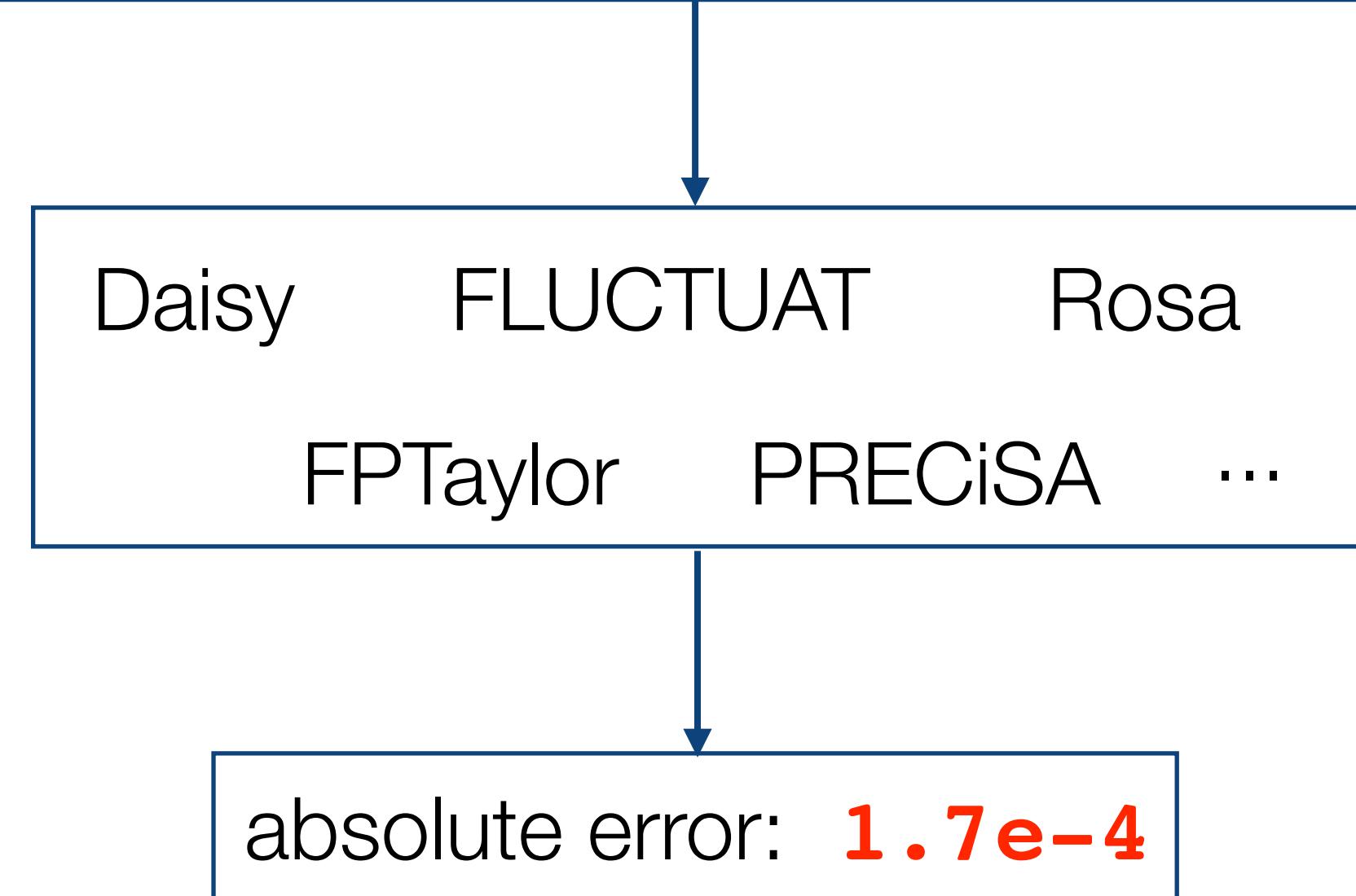
Probabilistic Roundoff Error Analysis

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How do we take into account uncertainties in the inputs and compute
the distribution of errors at the output?

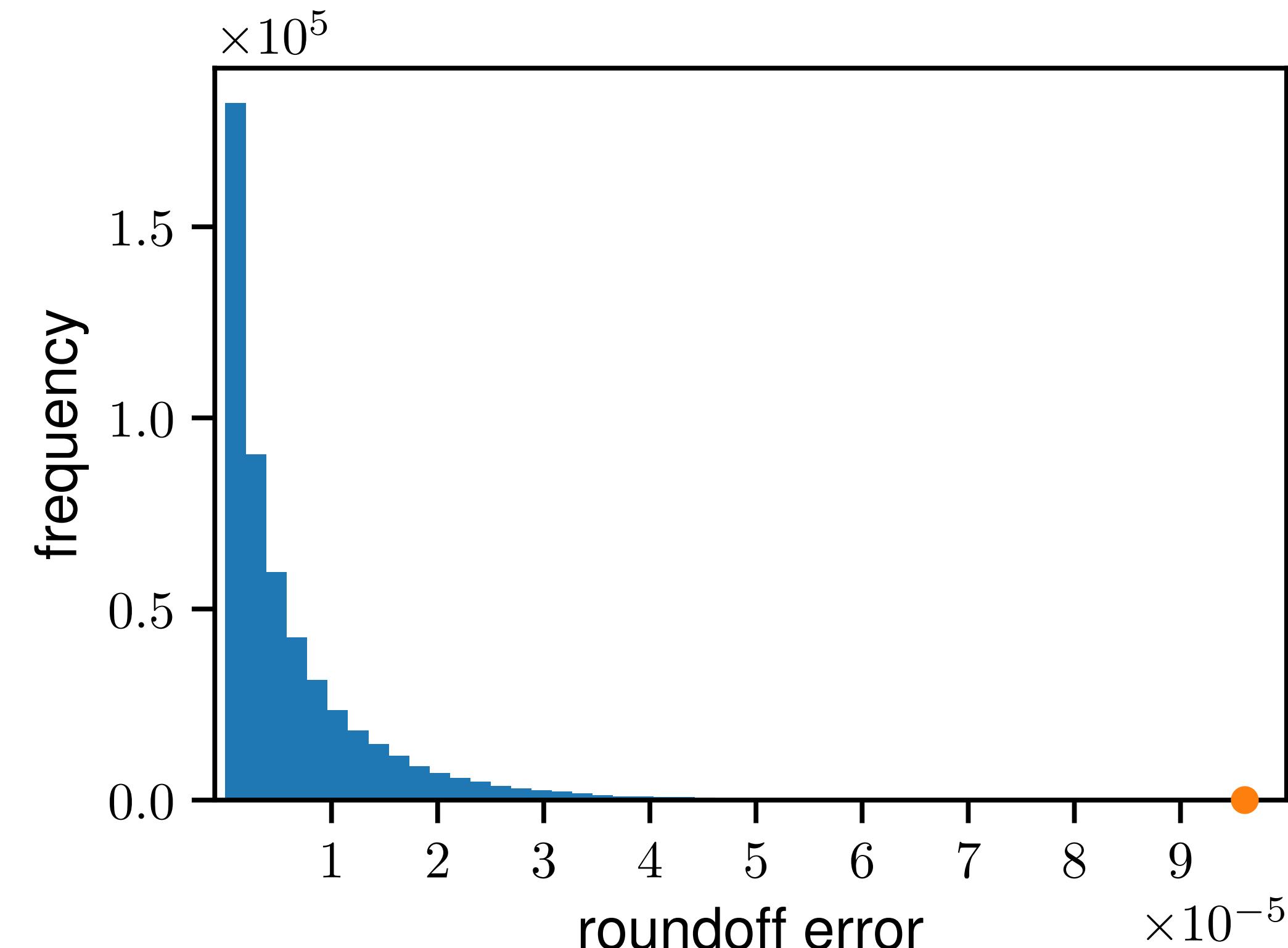
State-of-the-Art: Worst-Case Error Analysis

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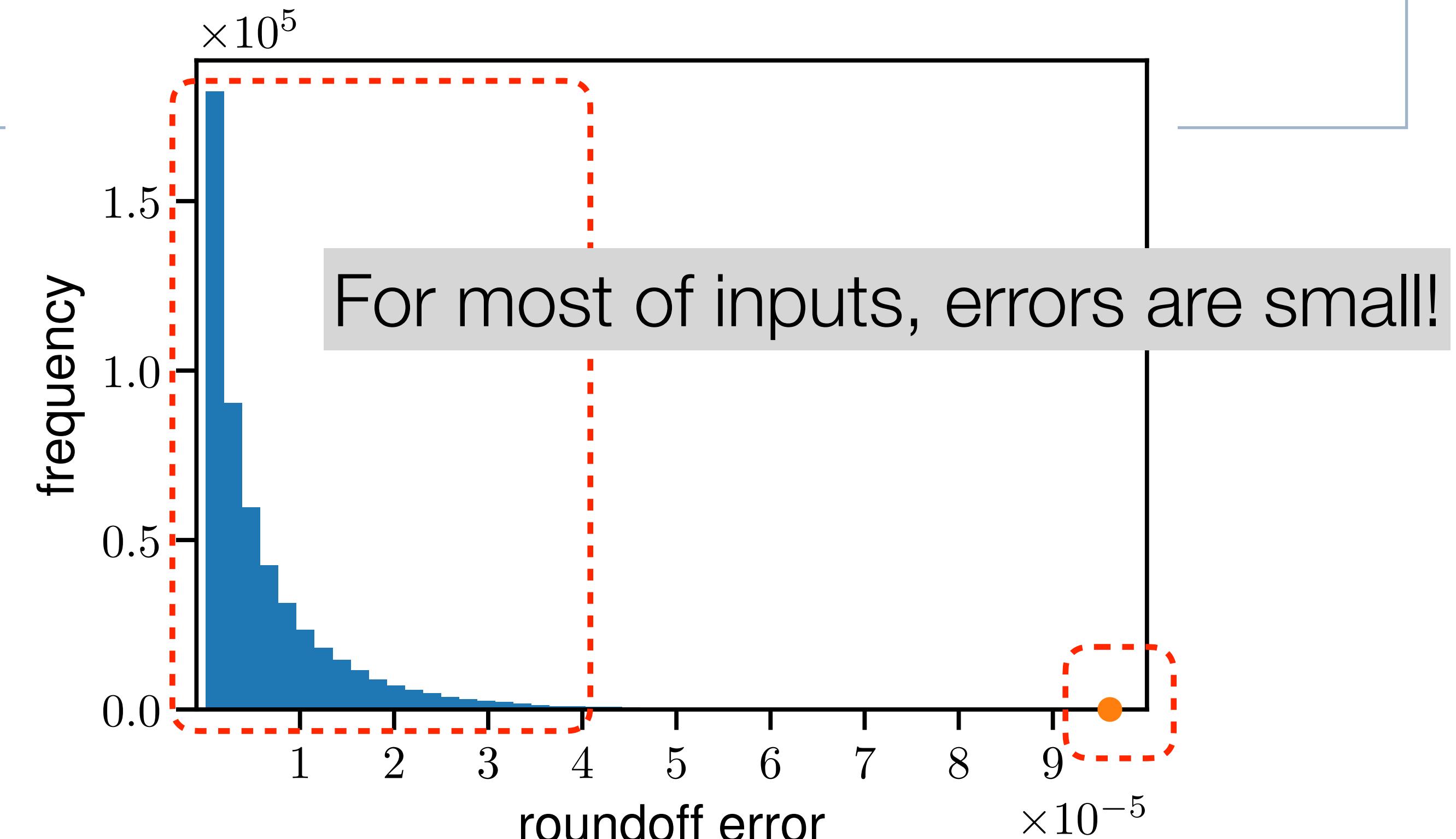
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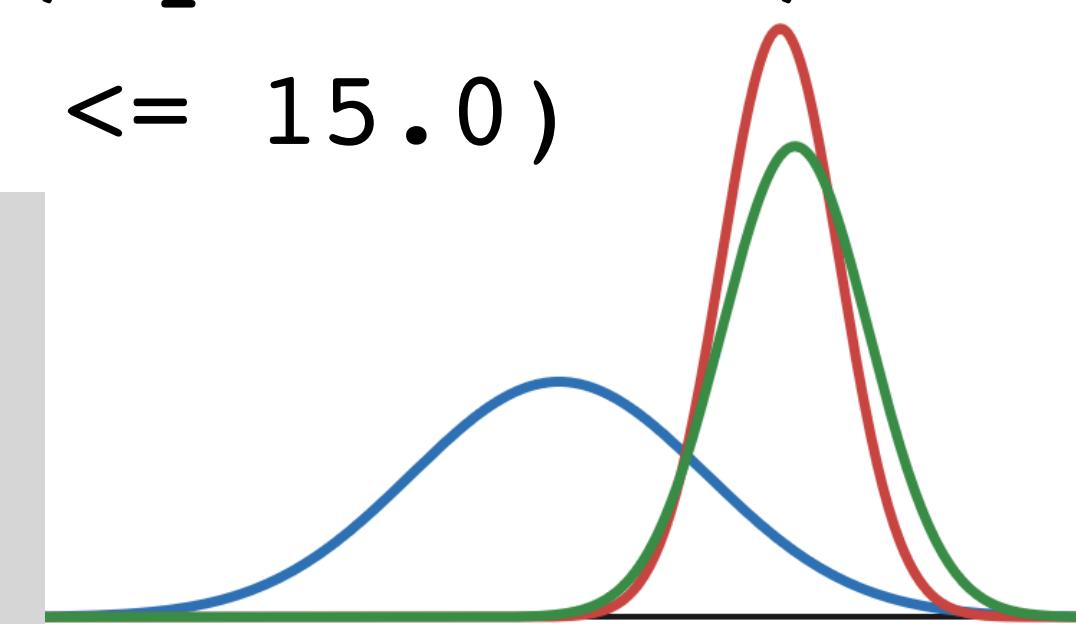
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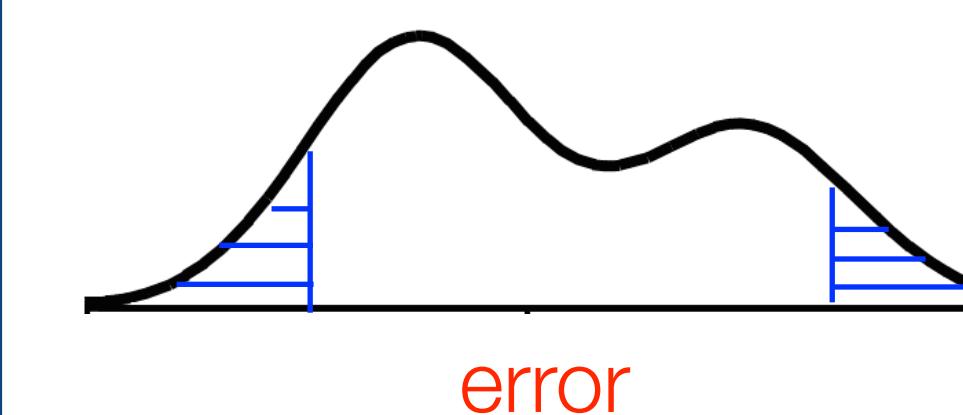
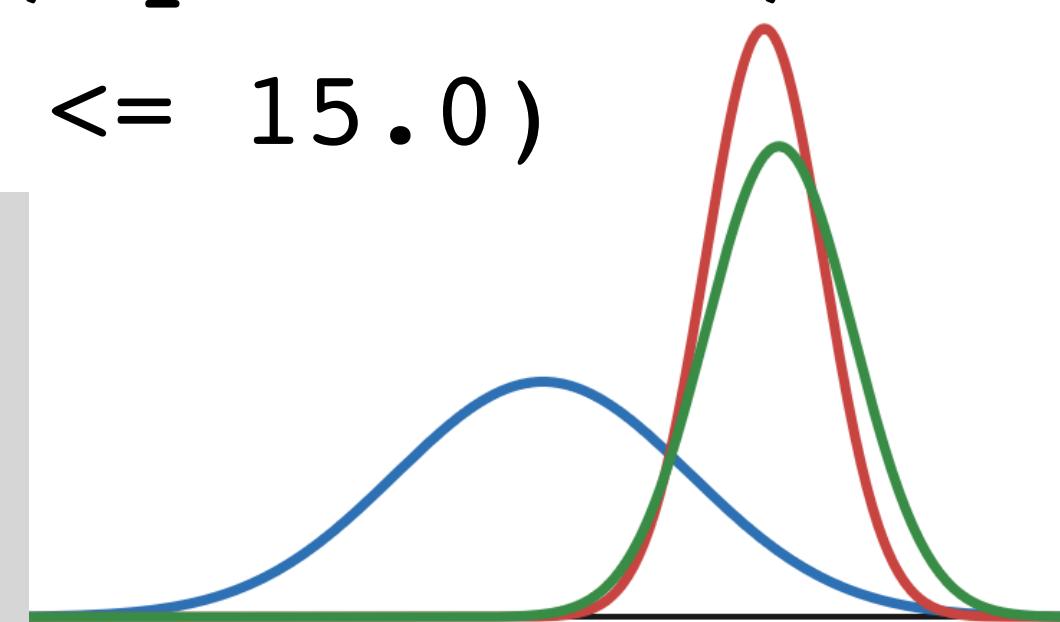
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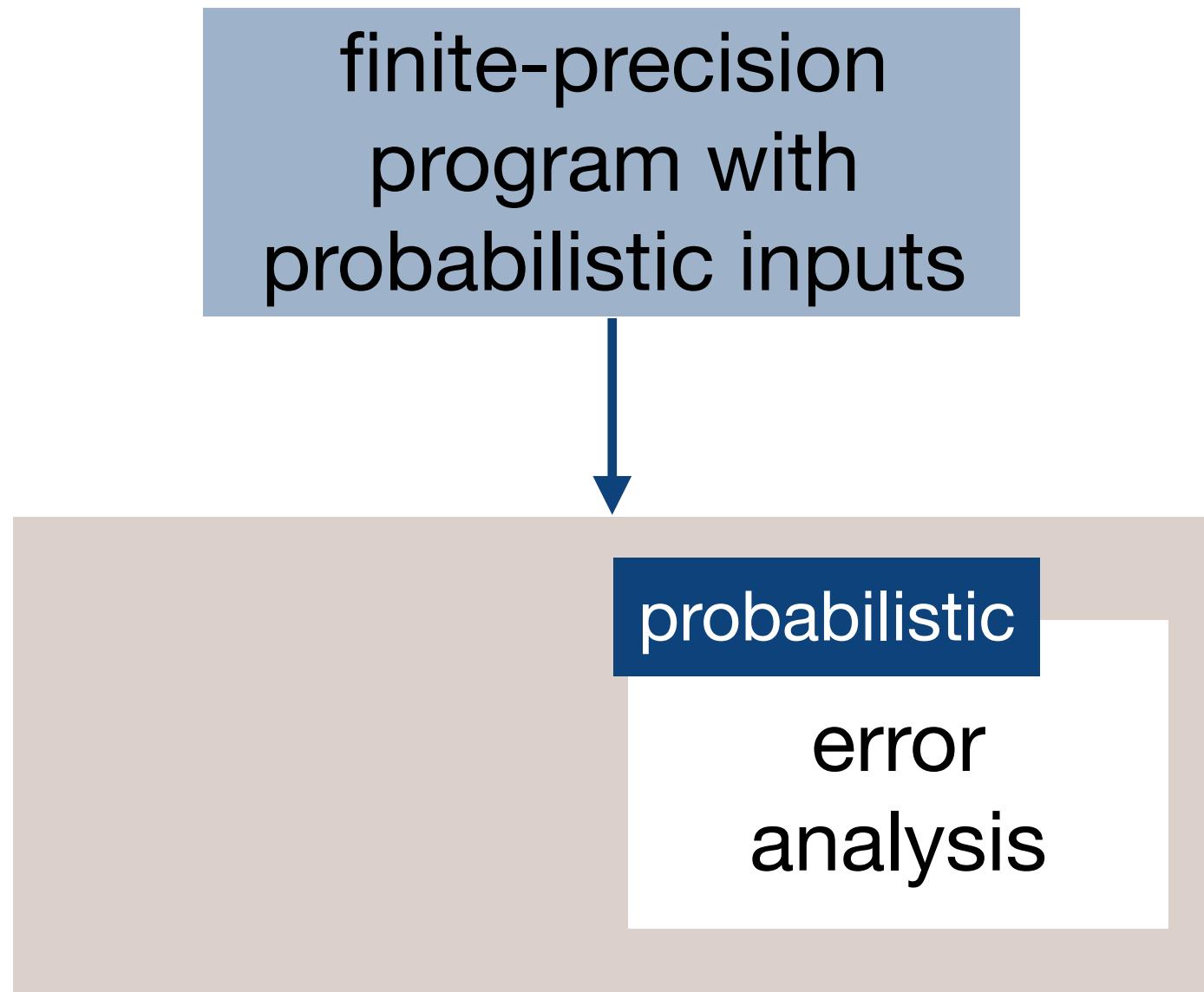
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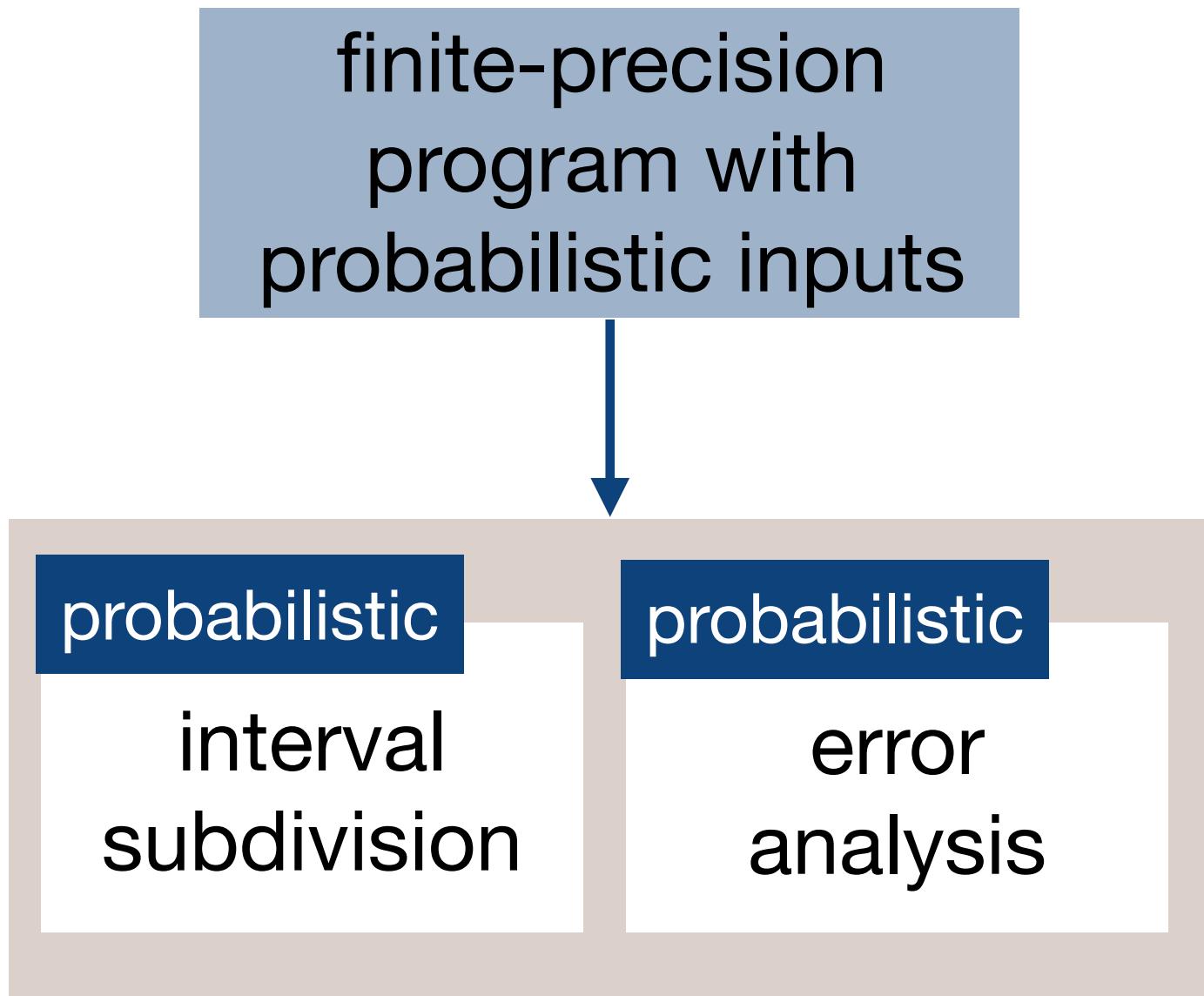


- ✓ probability distribution of **errors**
- ✓ a refined **error** that occurs with the threshold probability

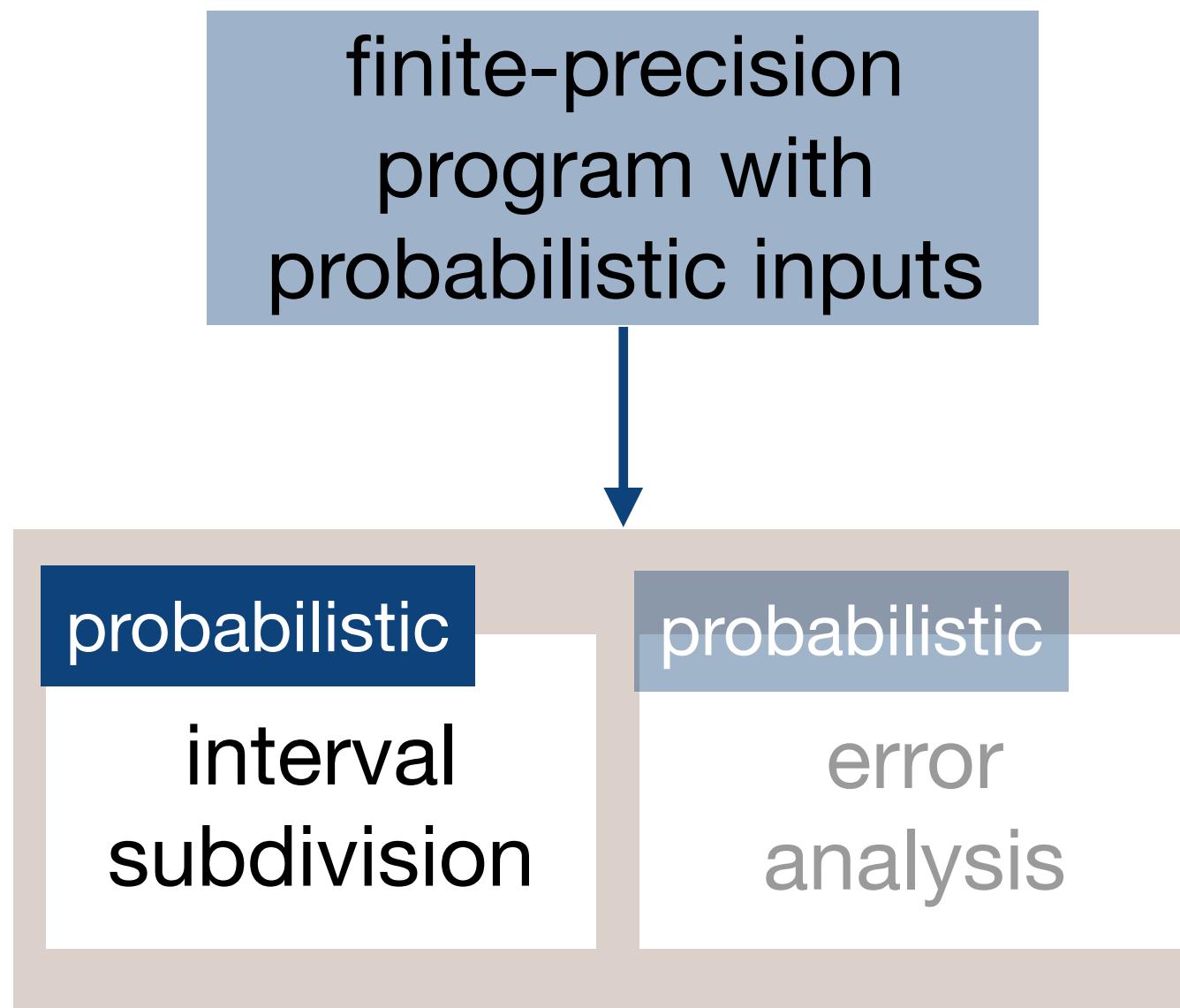
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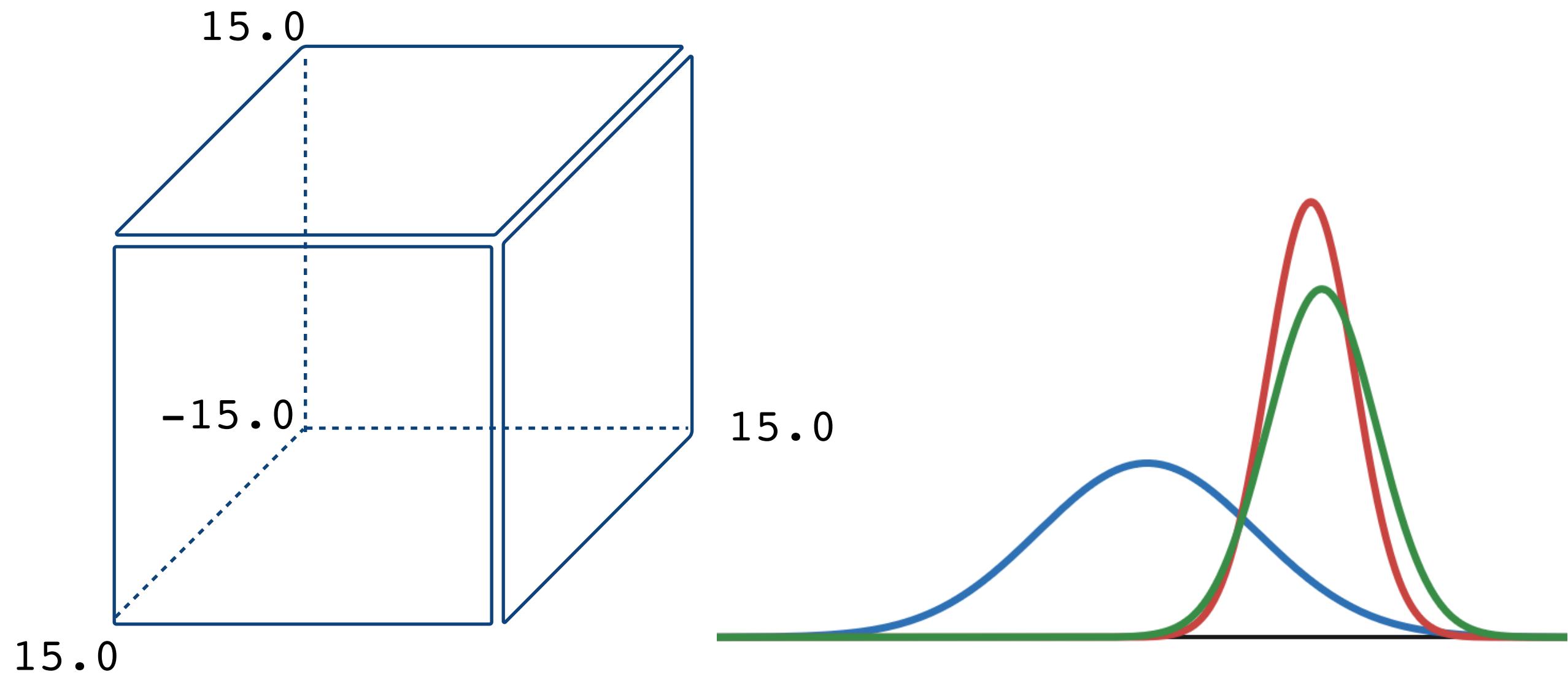
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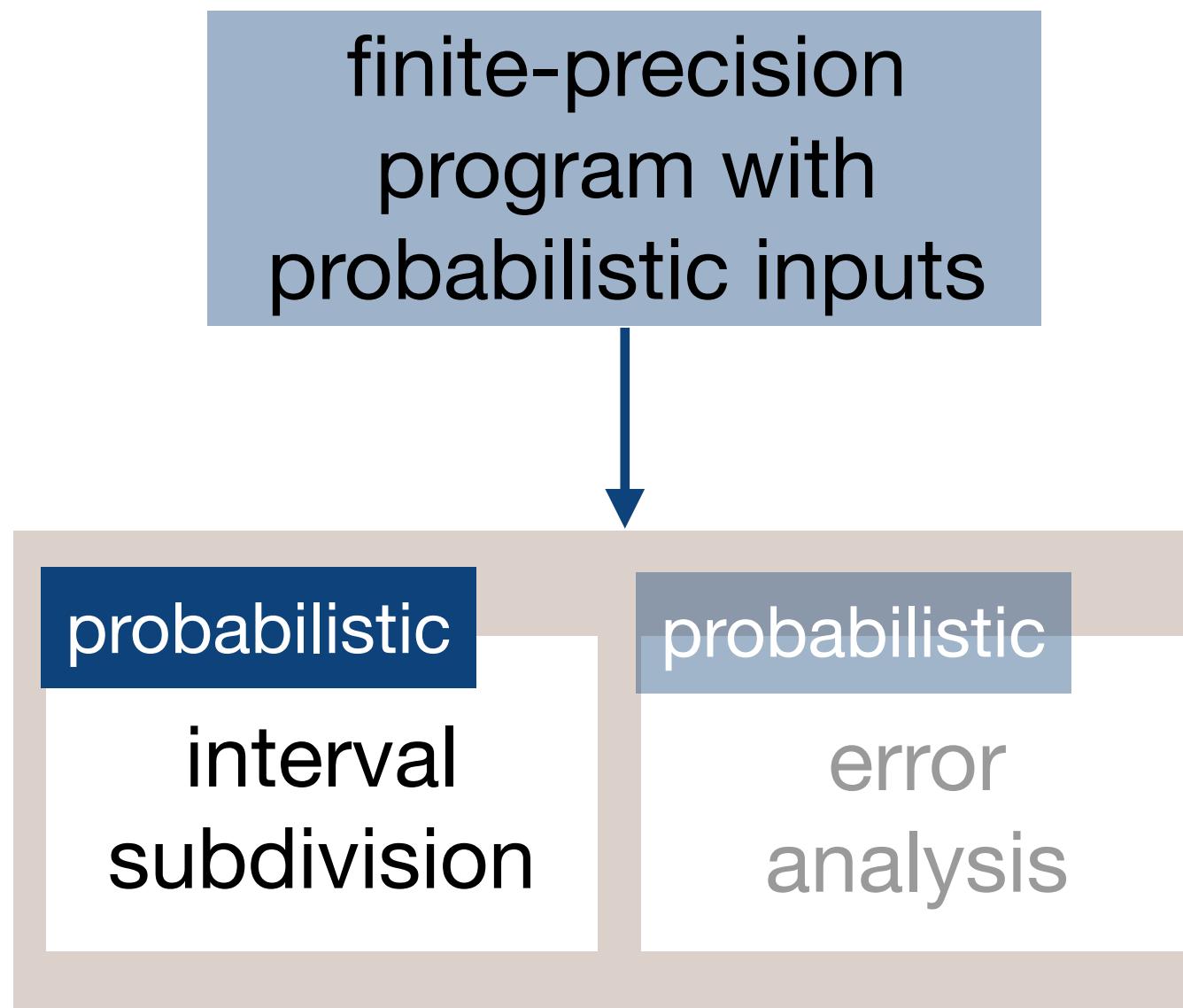
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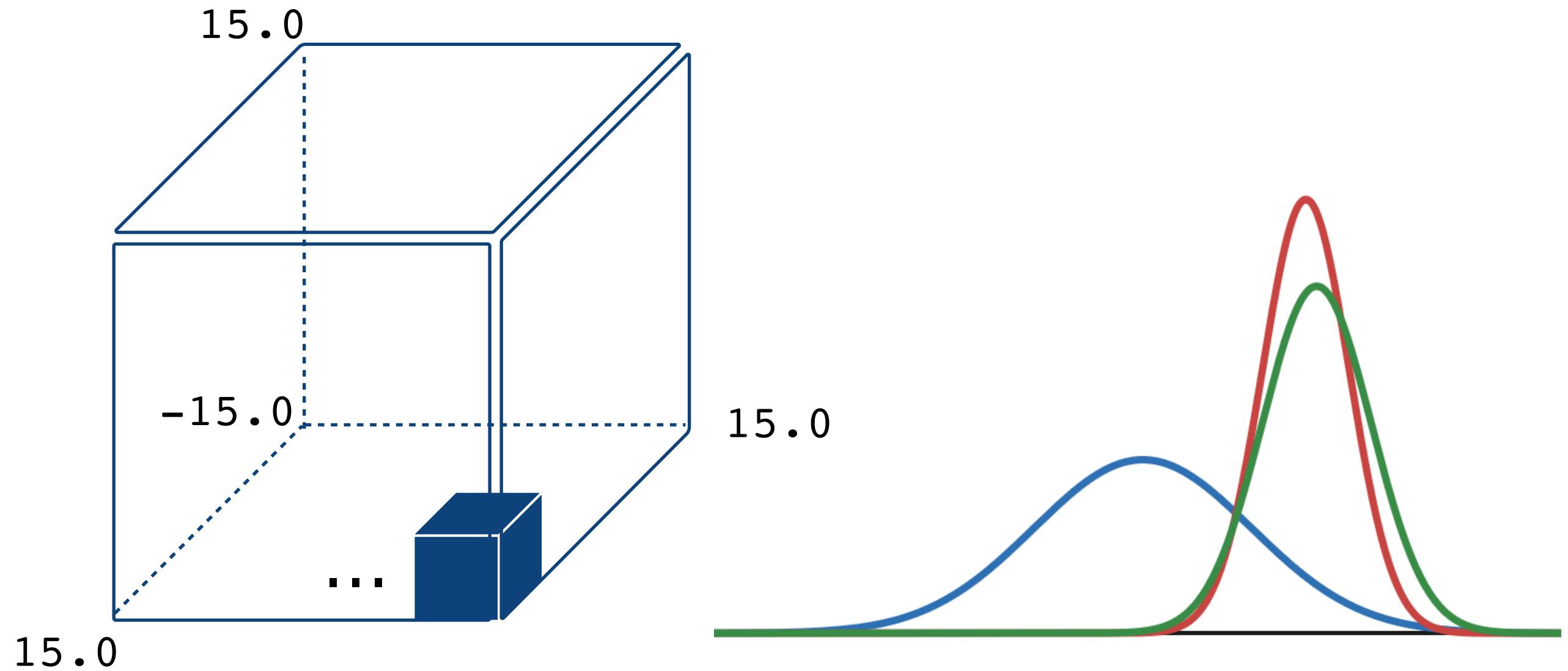
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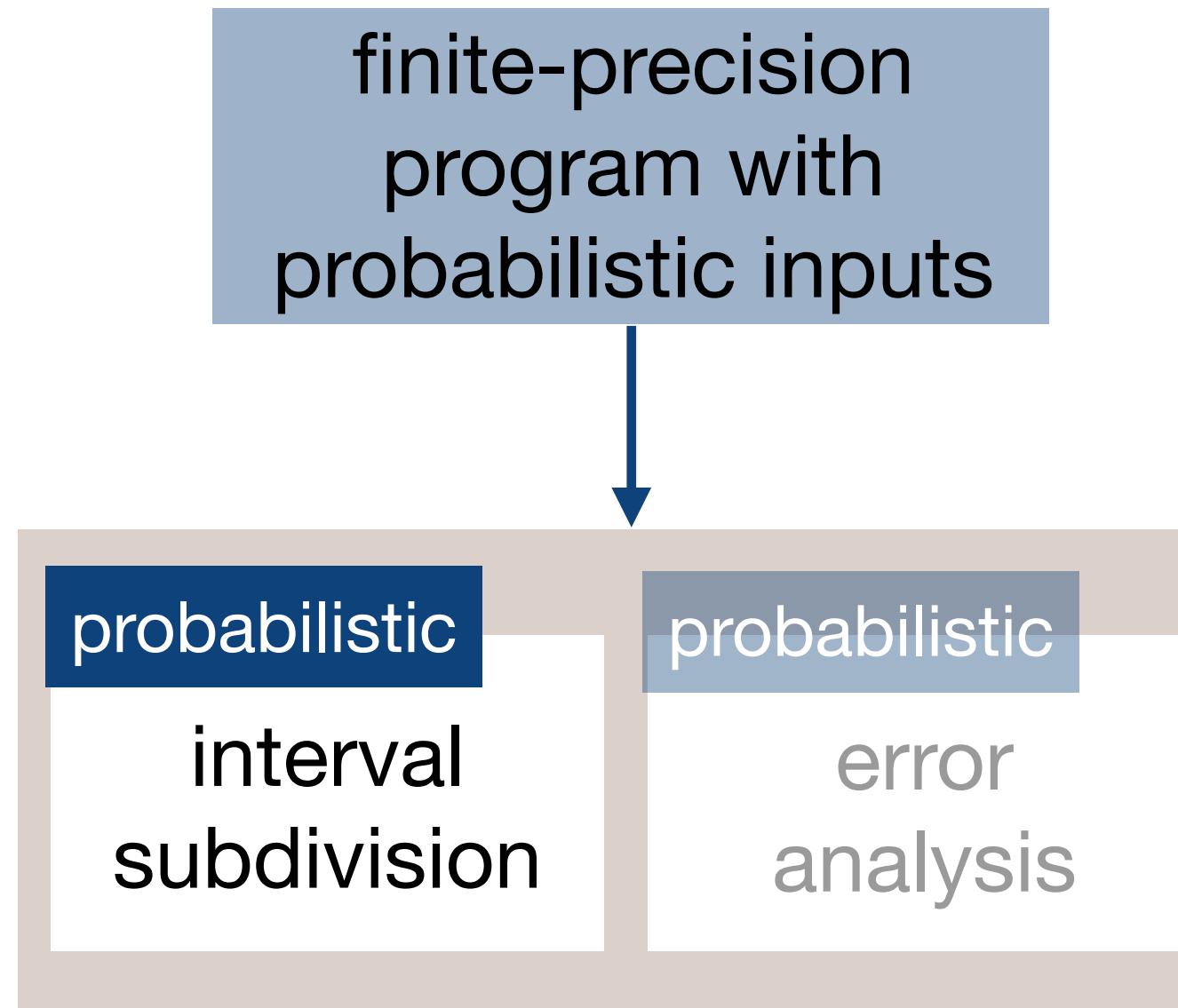
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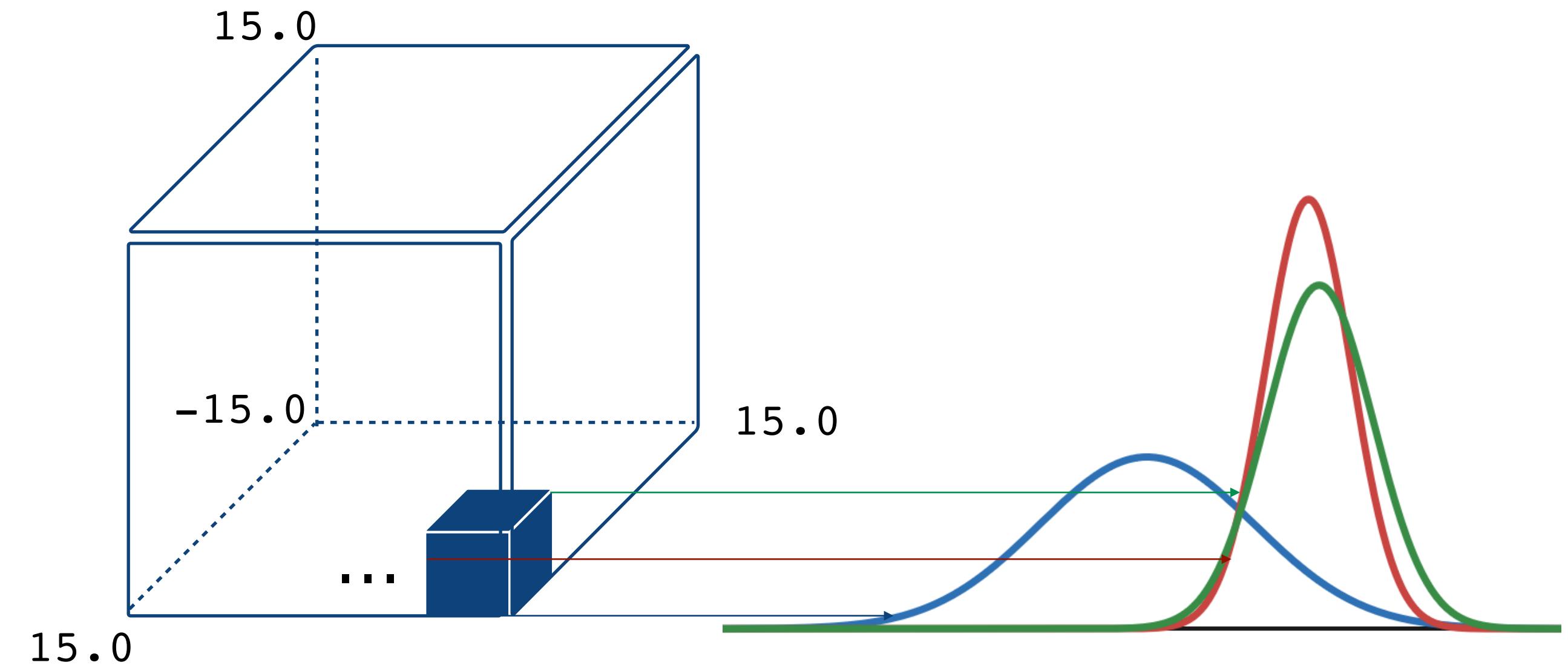
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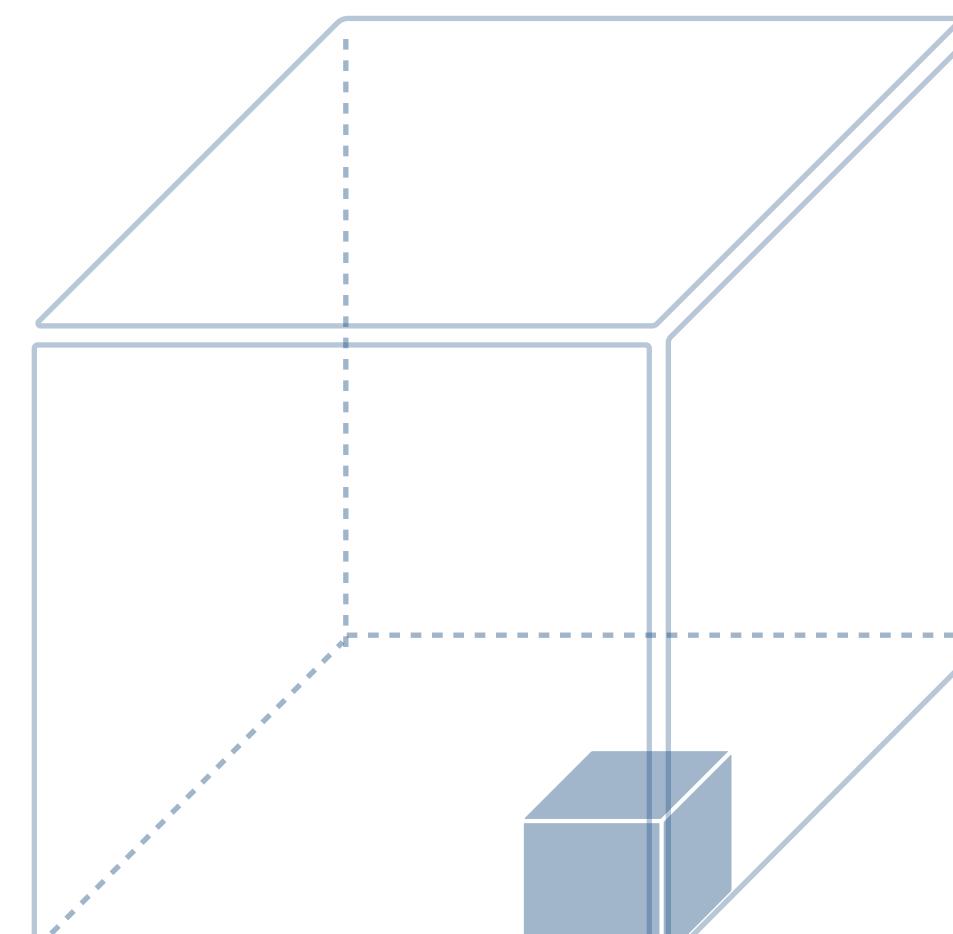
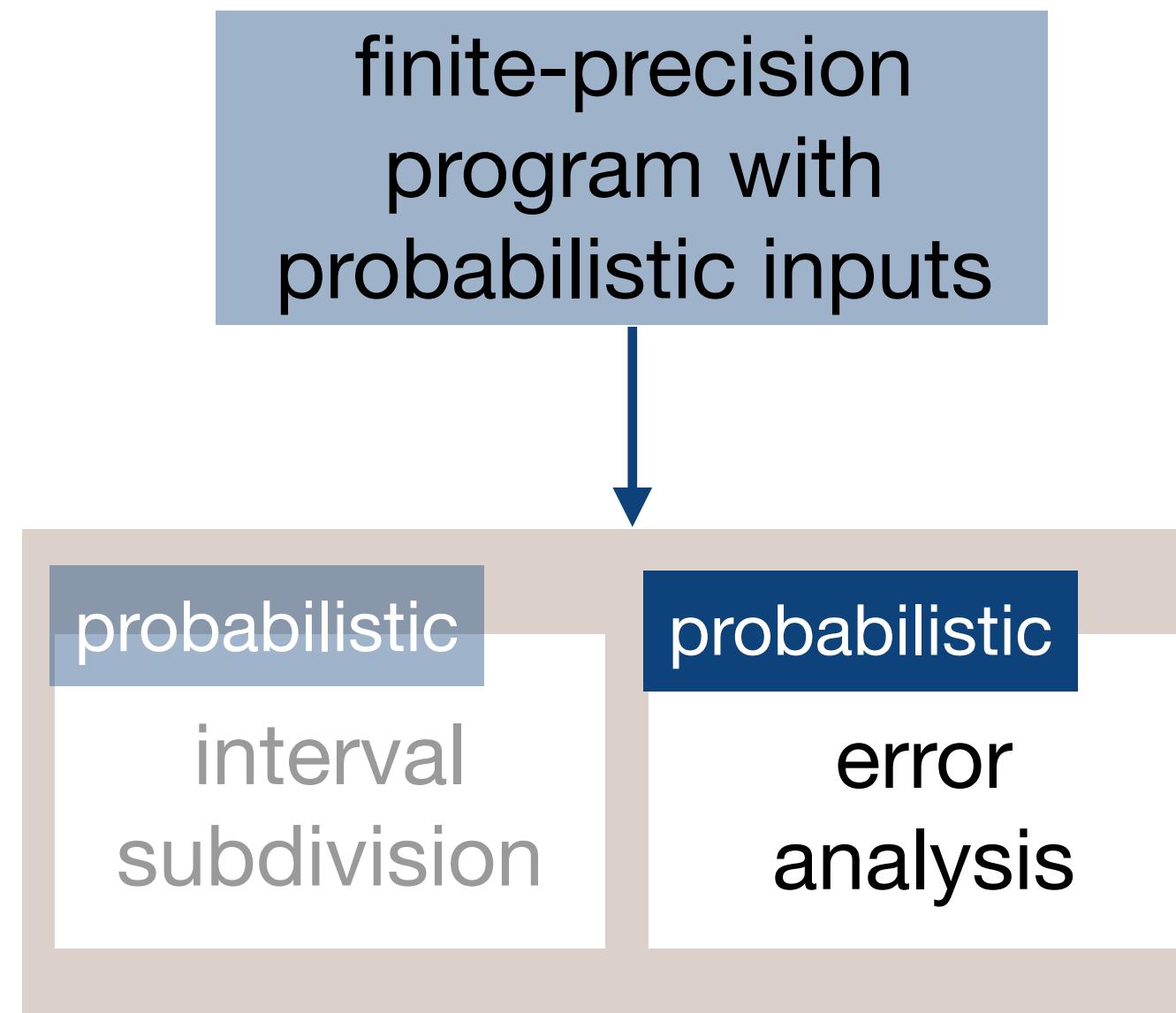
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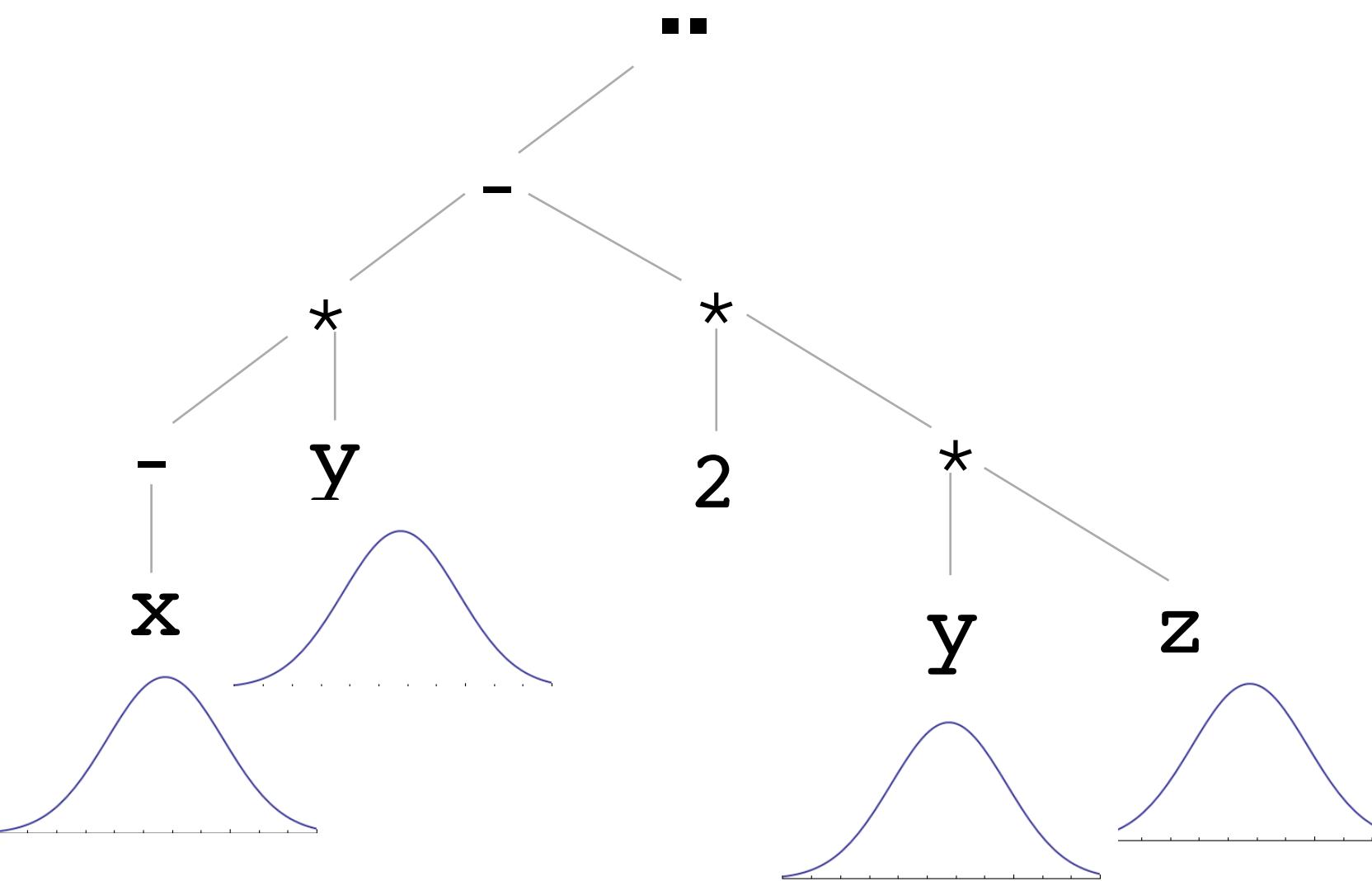
subdomain with a probability taking **Cartesian Product**:

$$\forall i \in x, \forall j \in y, \forall k \in z, p_{ijk} = x_i \times y_j \times z_k$$

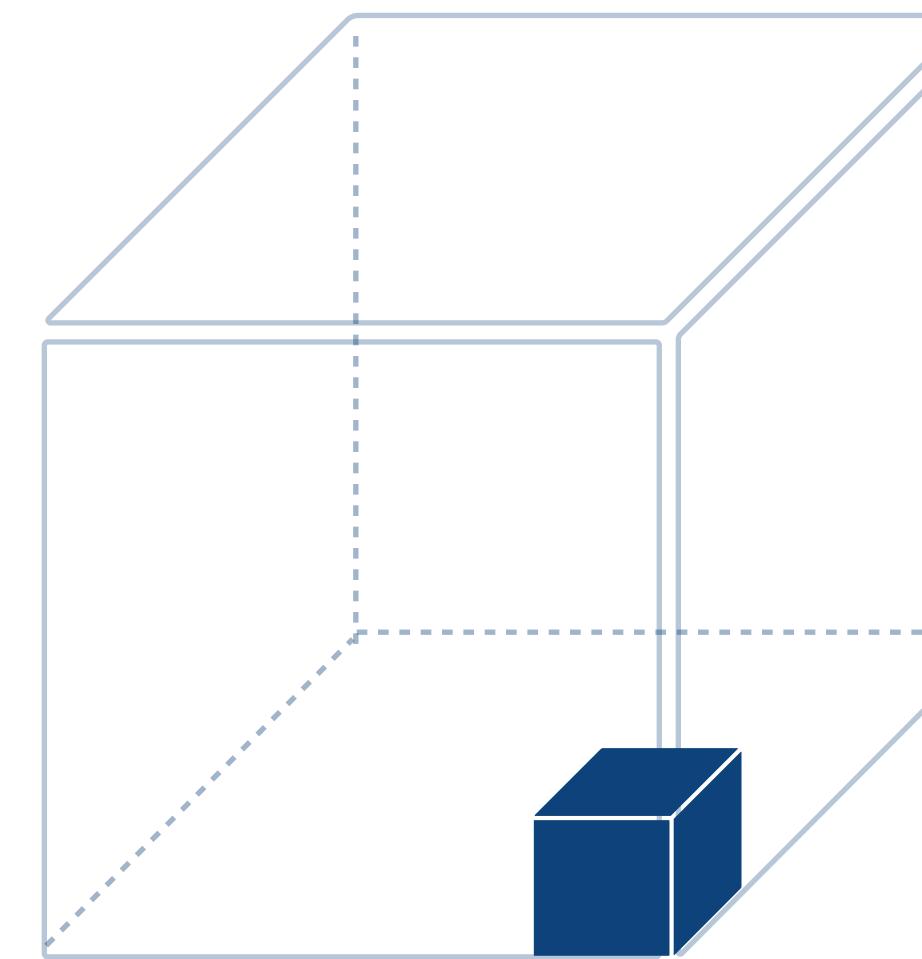
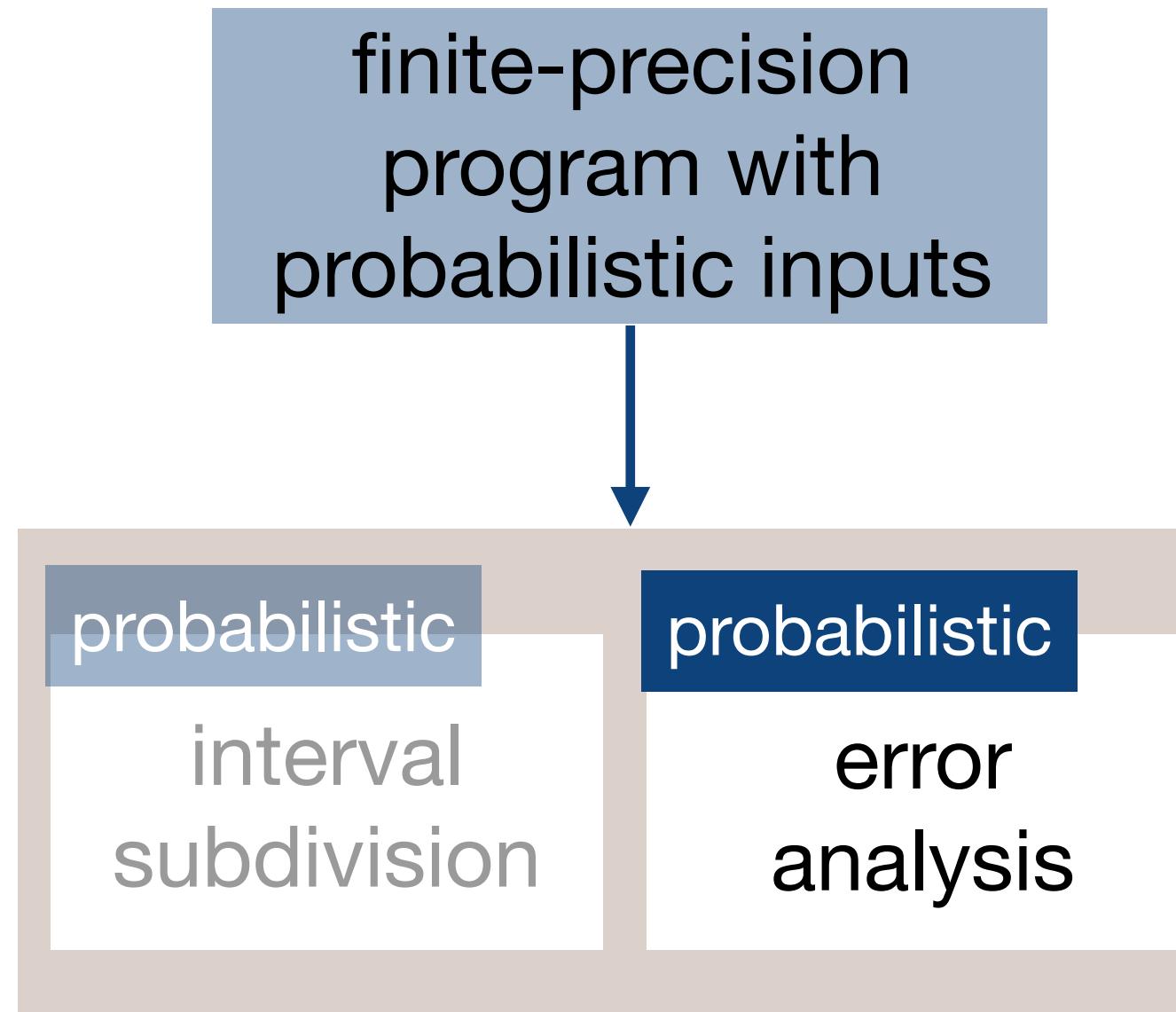
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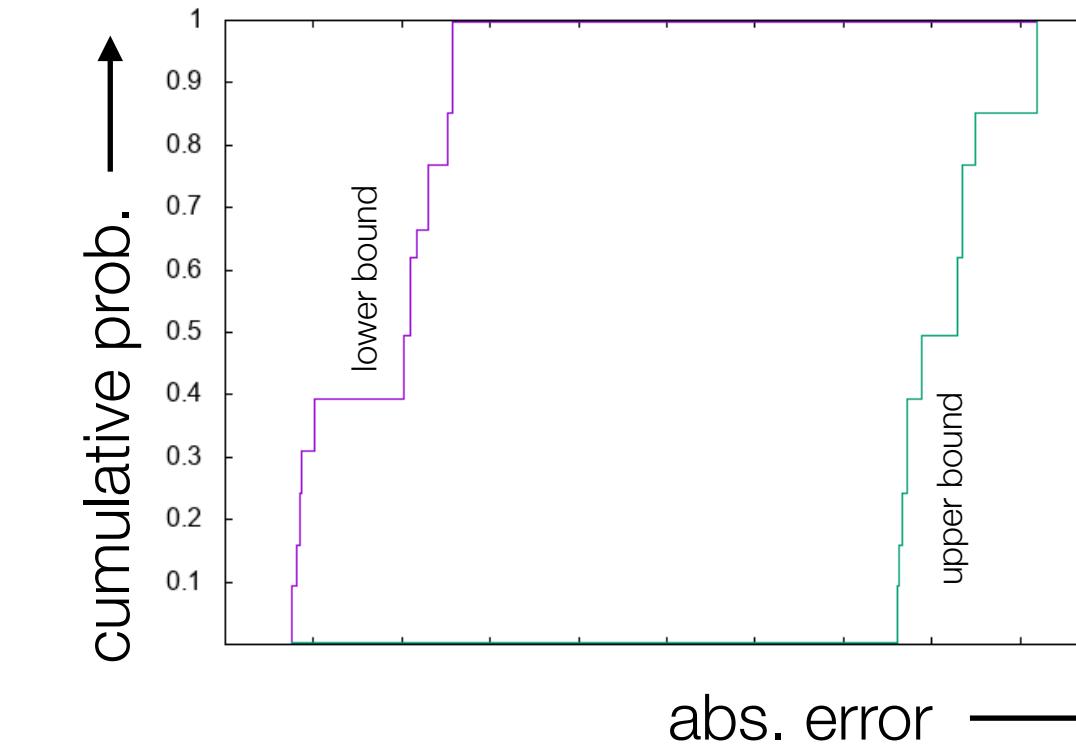
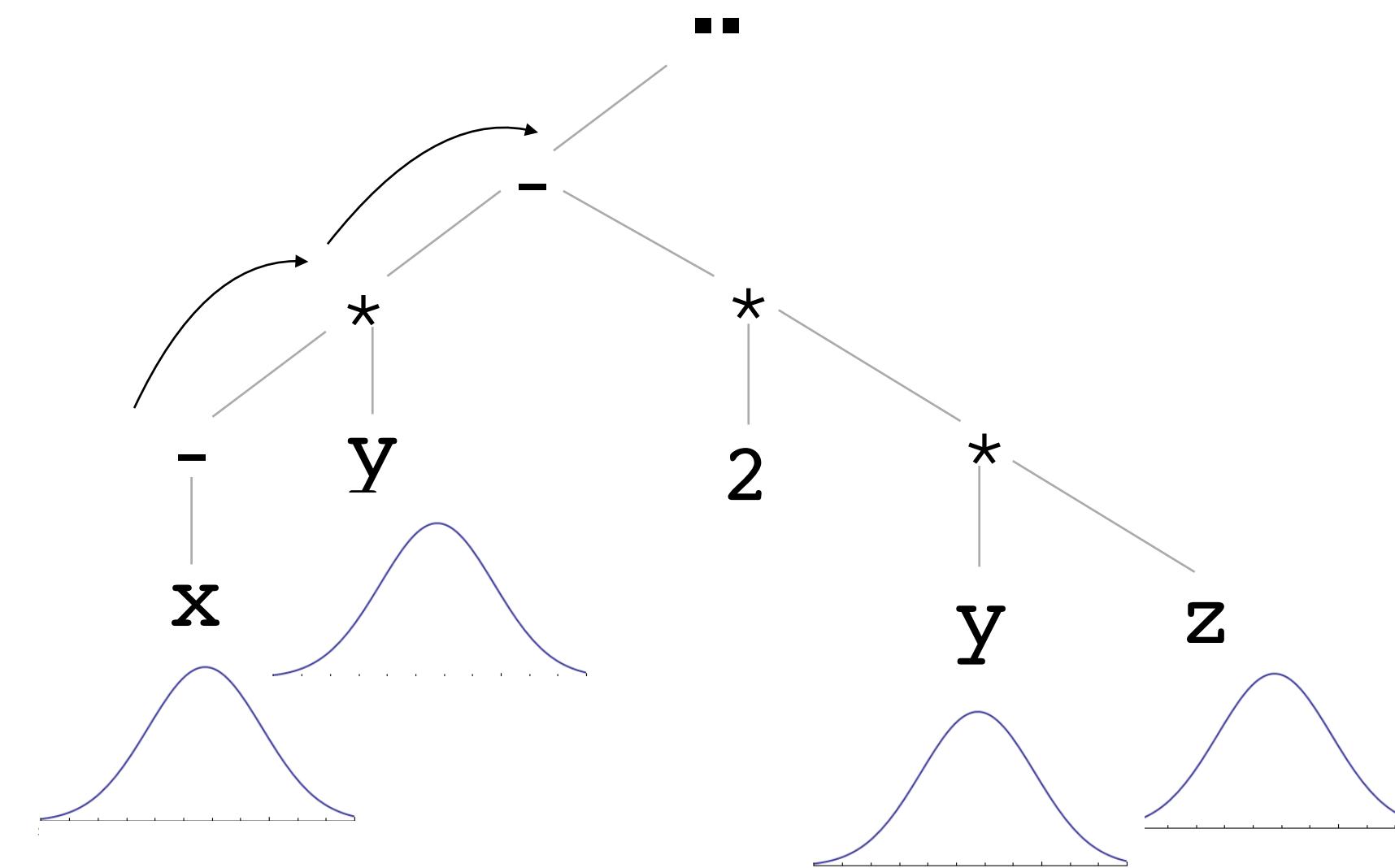
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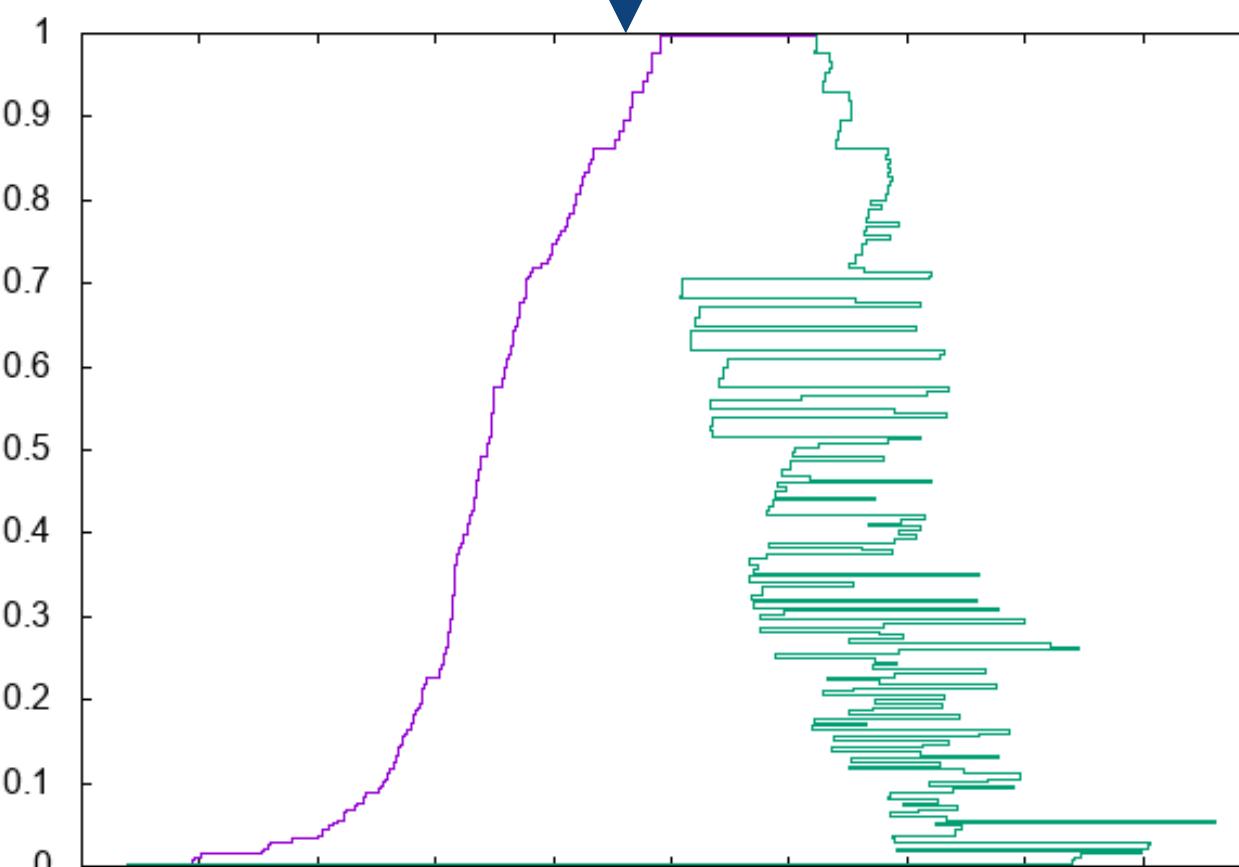
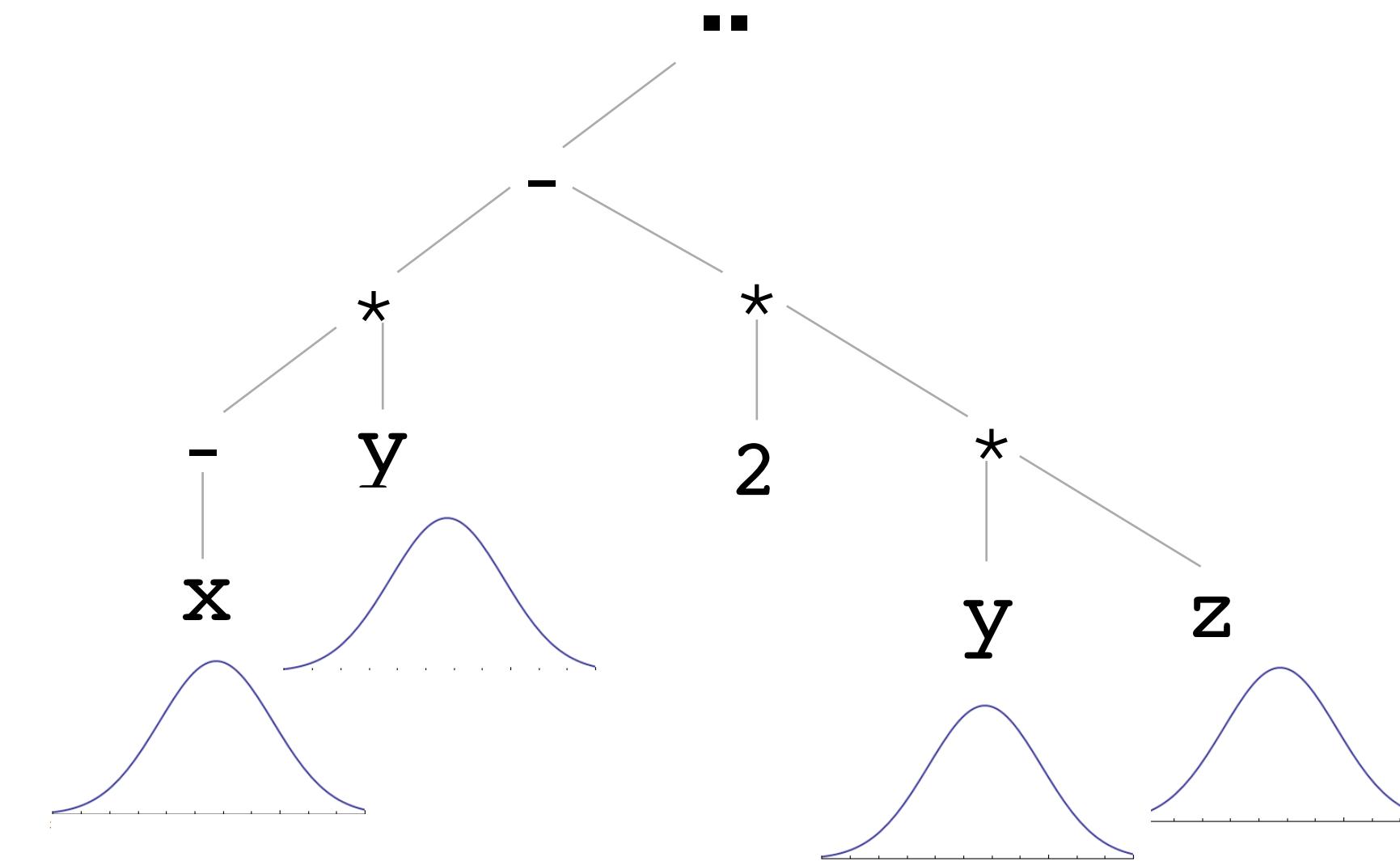
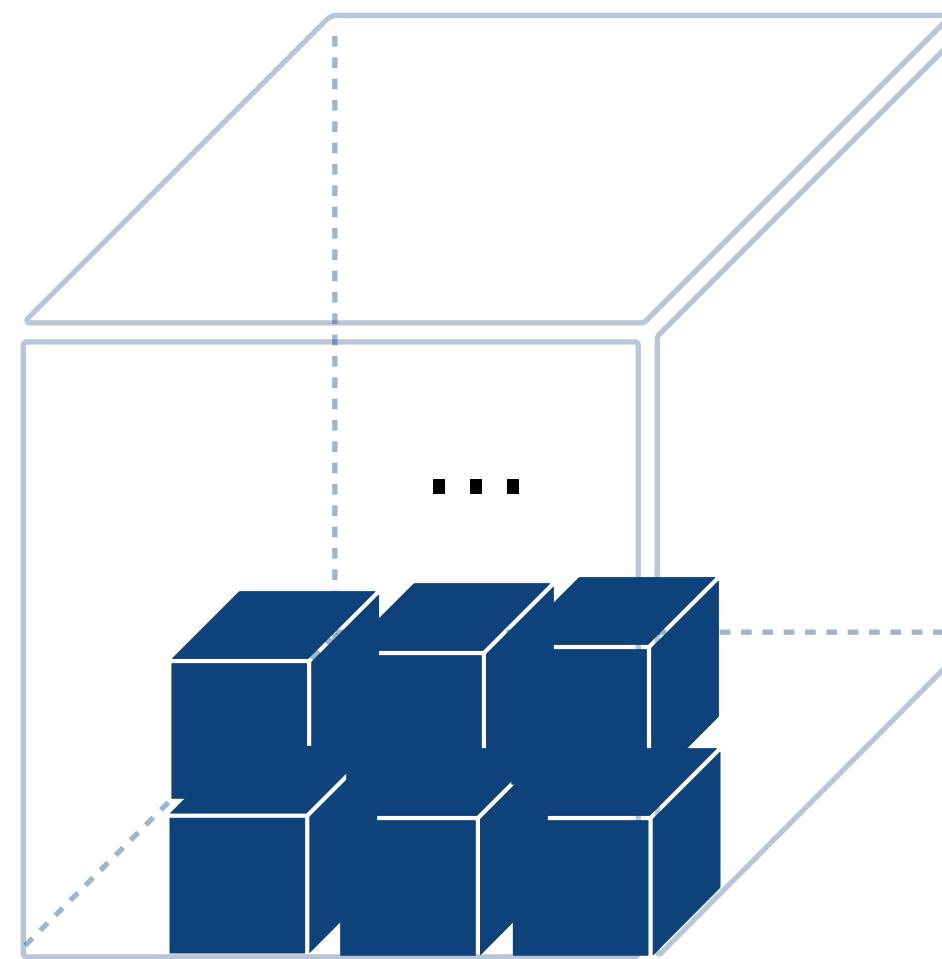
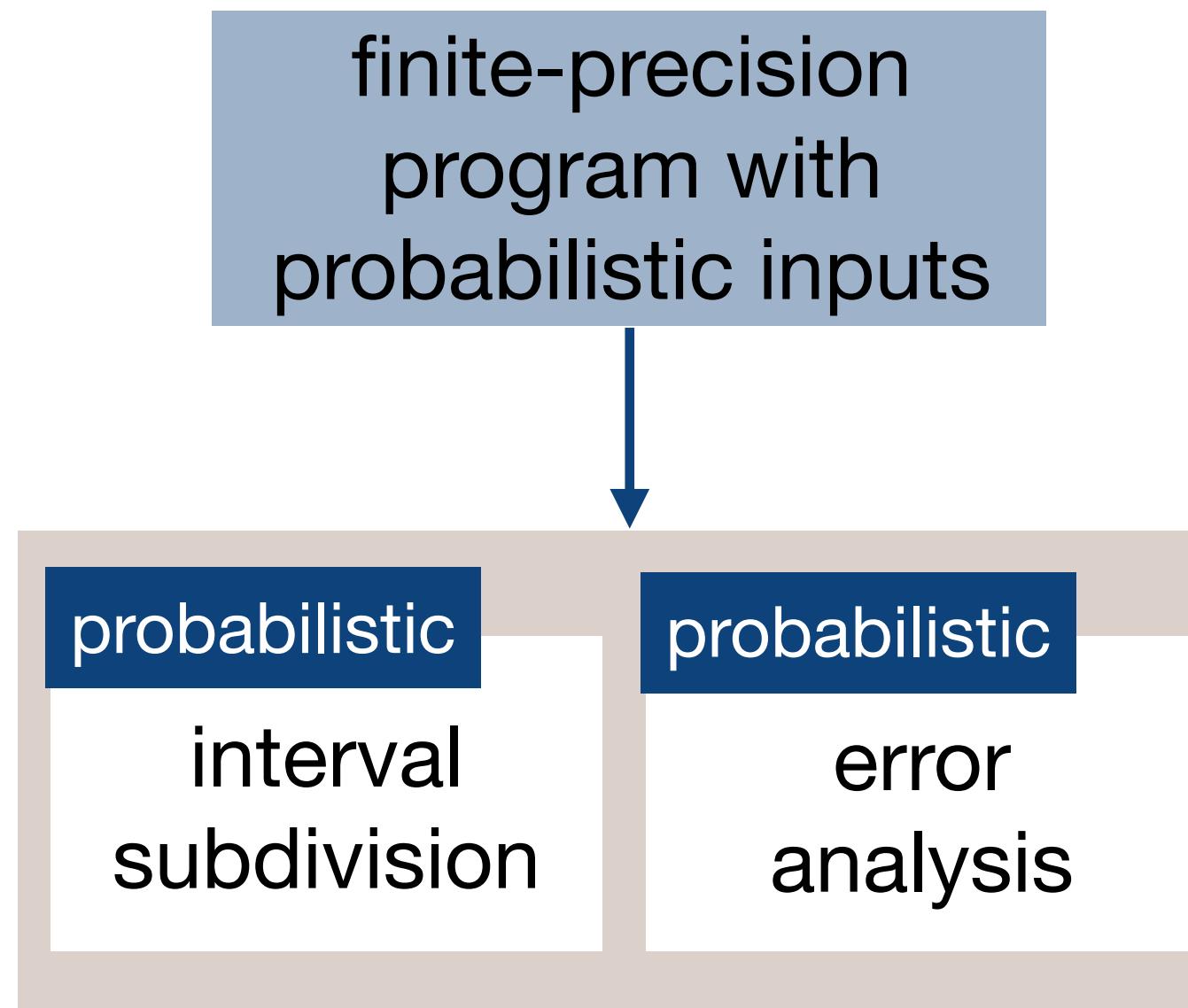
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error distribution:

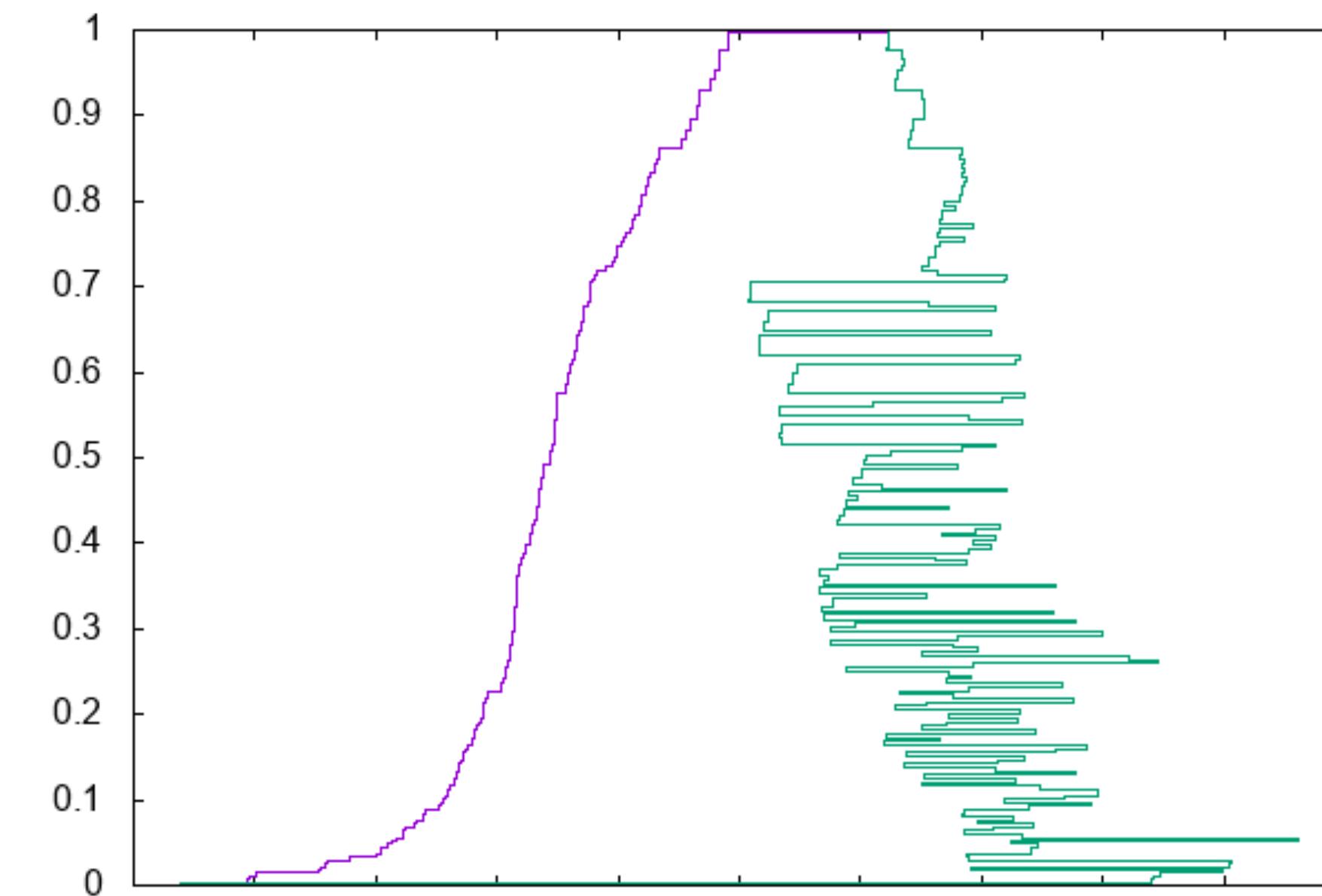
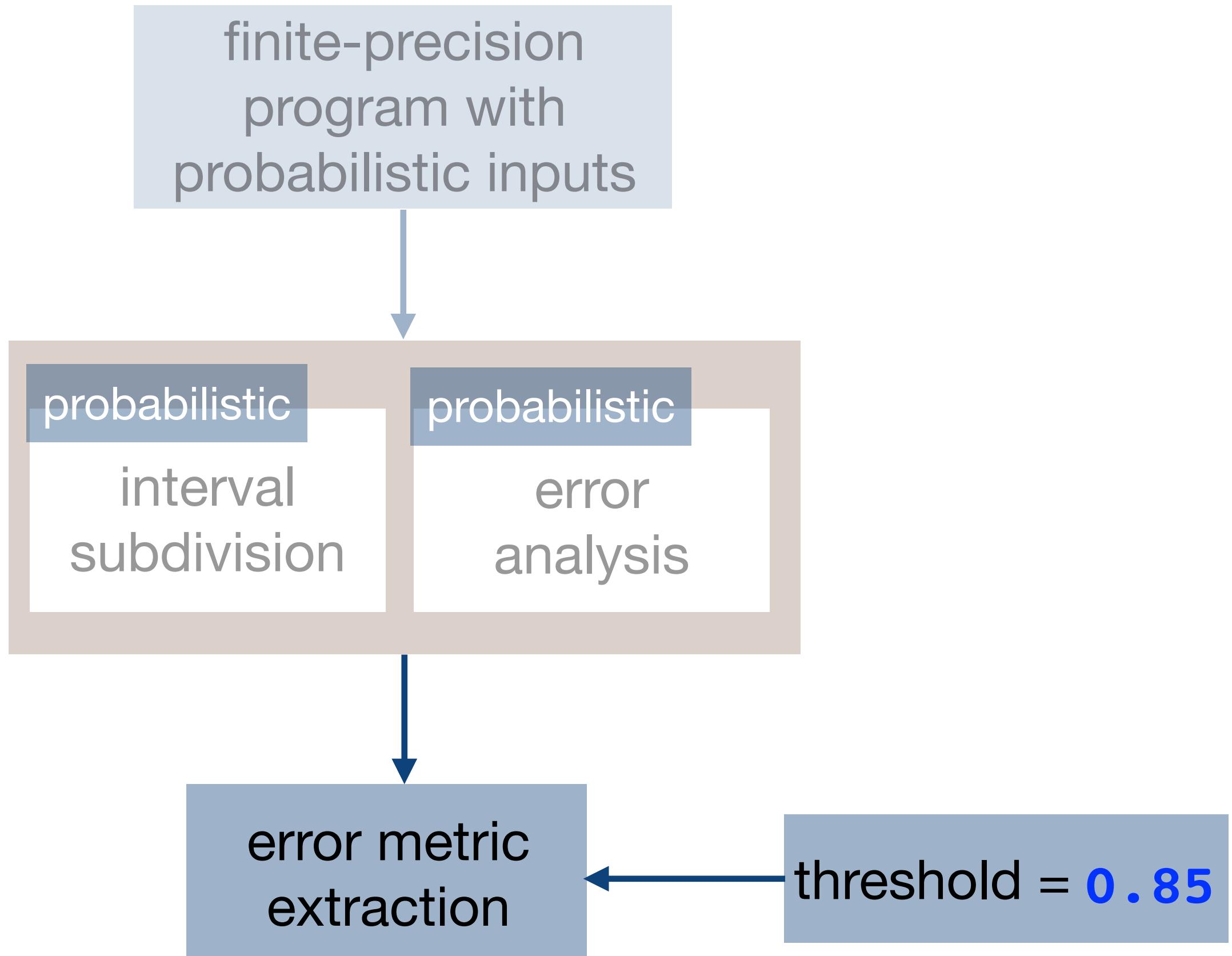
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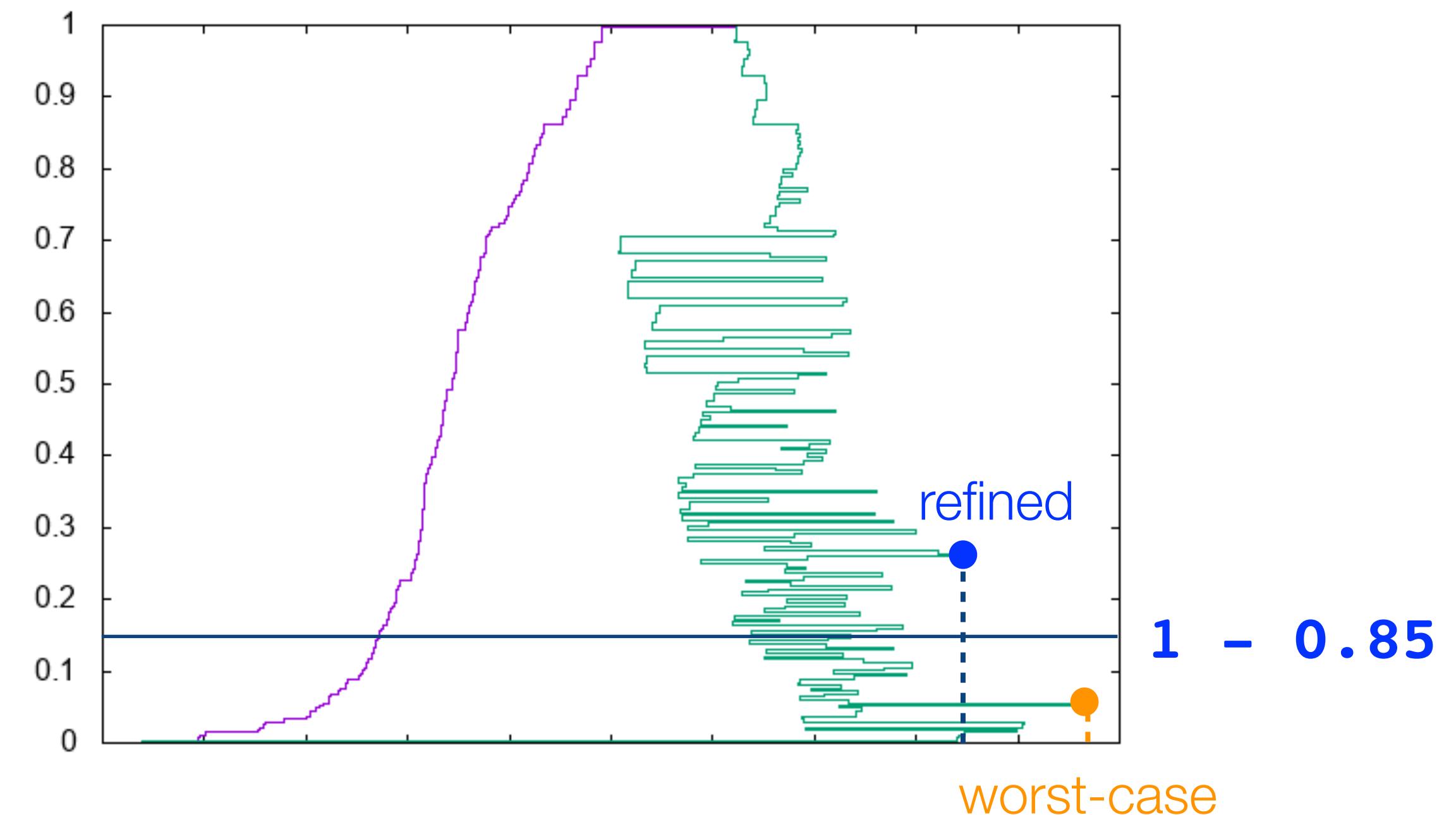
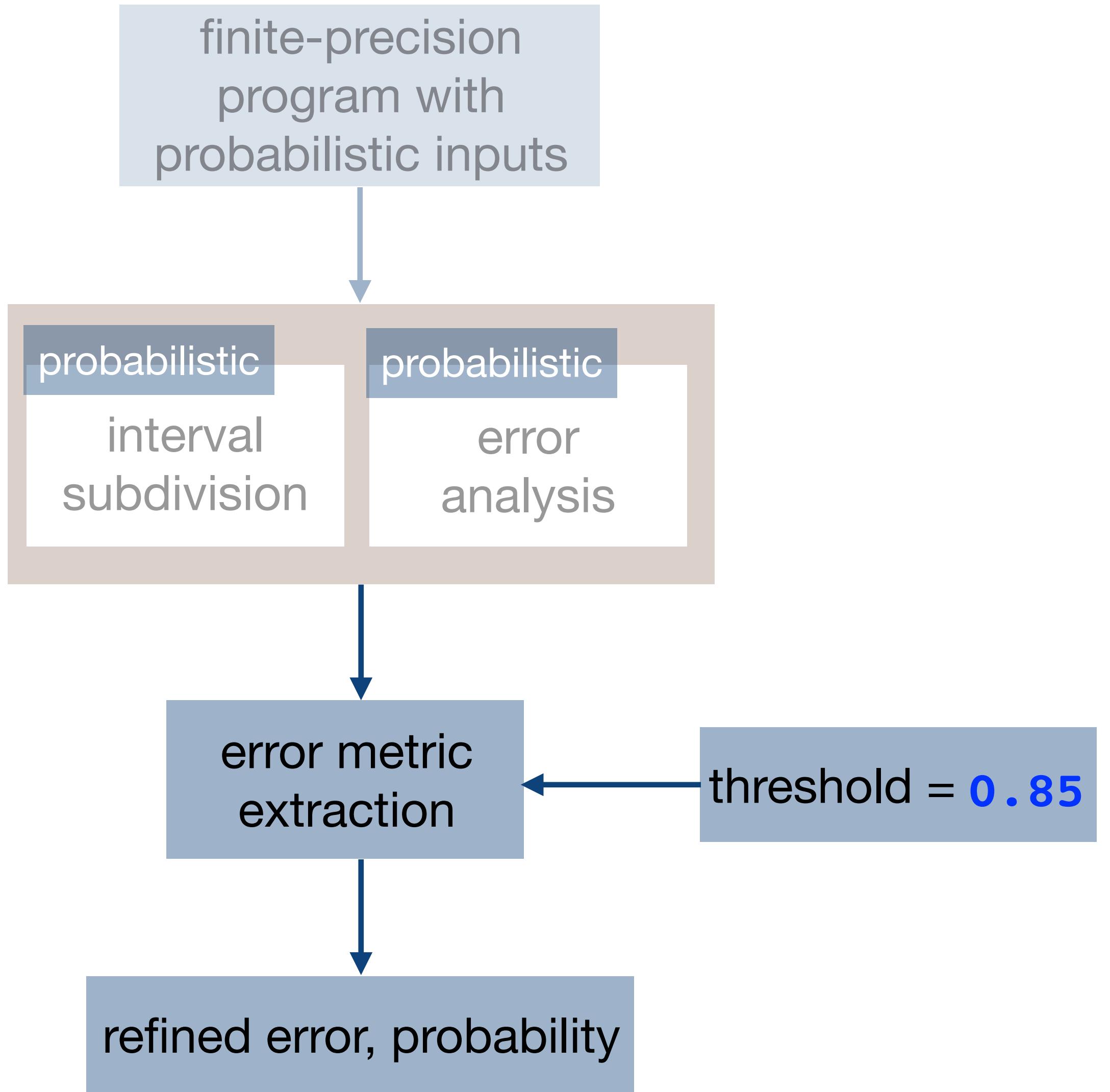
Probability Distribution of Errors



Refined Error Bounds



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Summary of Results: Probabilistic Error Analysis

threshold probability: 0.85 , 32-bit floating-point error

#benchmarks	#inputs	#arith-ops
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#benchmarks	#inputs	#arith-ops	error reduction (%) from worst-case to the largest frequent			
			gaussian	average	max gaussian	uniform
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Summary of Results: Probabilistic Error Analysis

threshold probability: 0.85 , 32-bit floating-point error

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			gaussian	average	max gaussian	uniform
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Reductions up to 73.1%
with approximate hardware specifications!

Takeaways

- Not all applications need worst-case guarantees
- Providing bounds on most frequent errors can be resource-efficient
- An automated probabilistic error analyzer: PrAn 
 - strikes a balance between accuracy and complexity
 - handles different distributions, dependencies, and thresholds

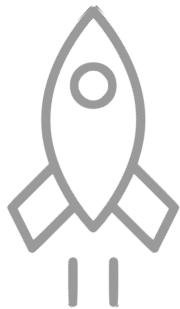
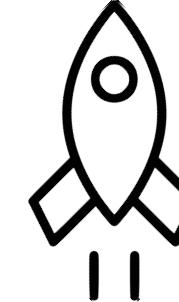
Today's Talk: Probabilistic Error Analysis and NN Quantization

Accuracy Analysis



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Probabilistic Analysis



~~worst case error analysis for small programs~~

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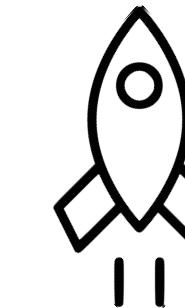
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NN Quantization



worst-case tuning for ~~small (floating-point) programs~~

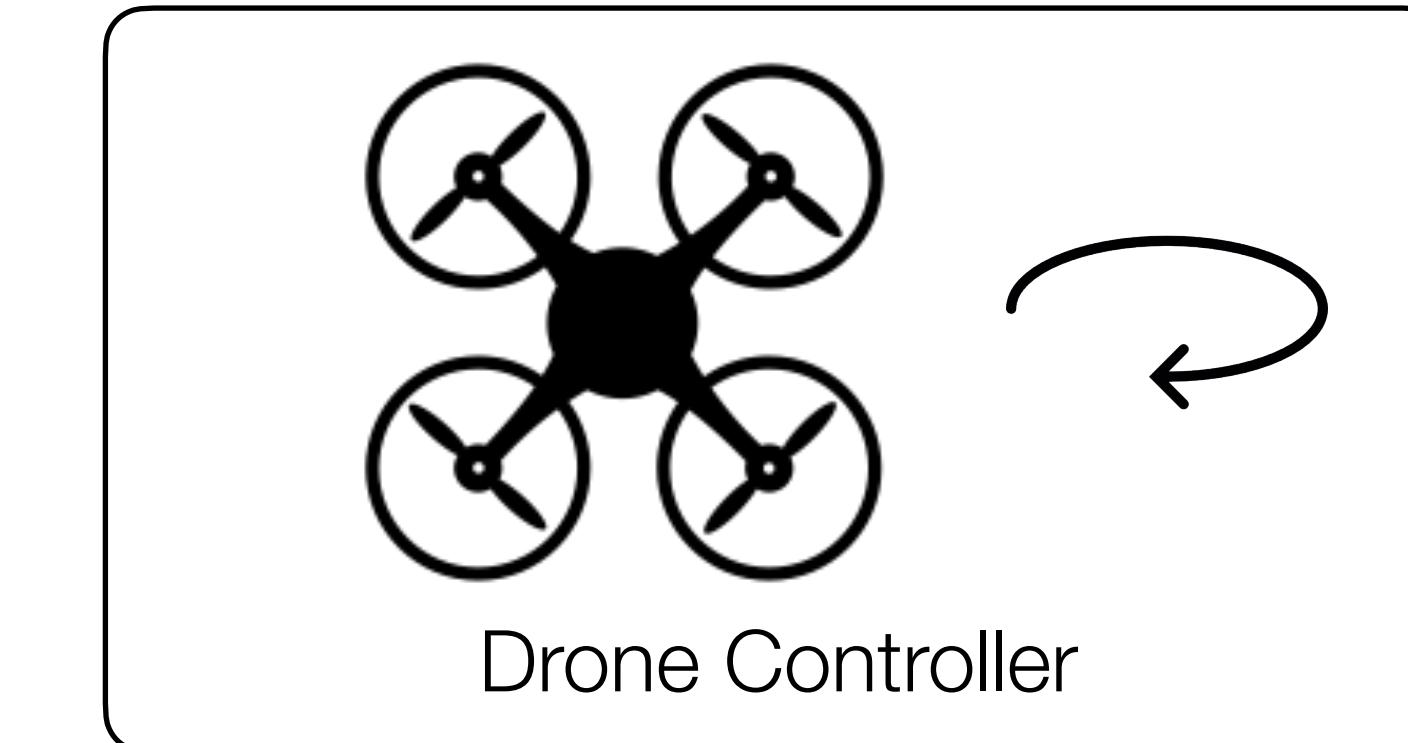
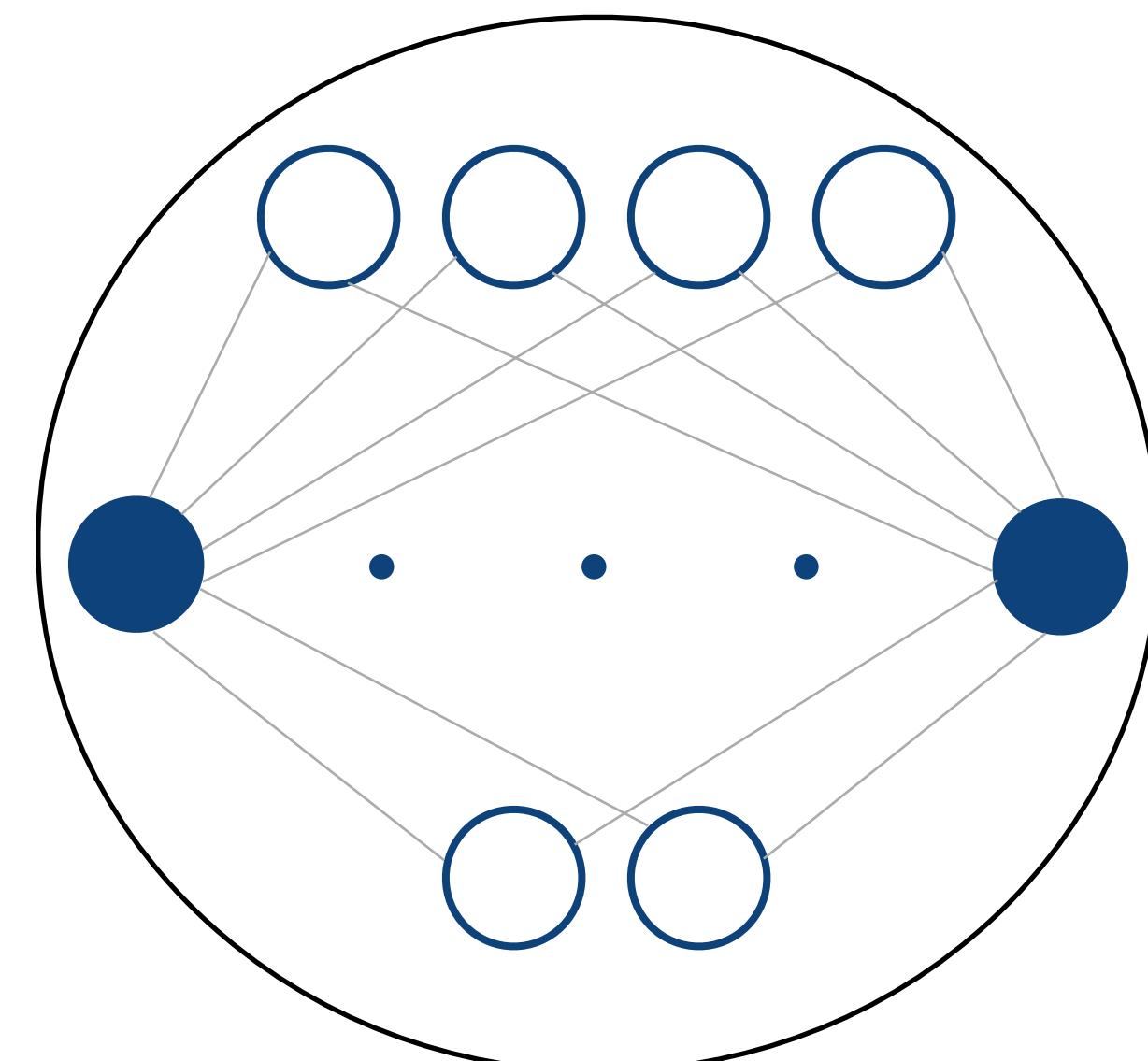
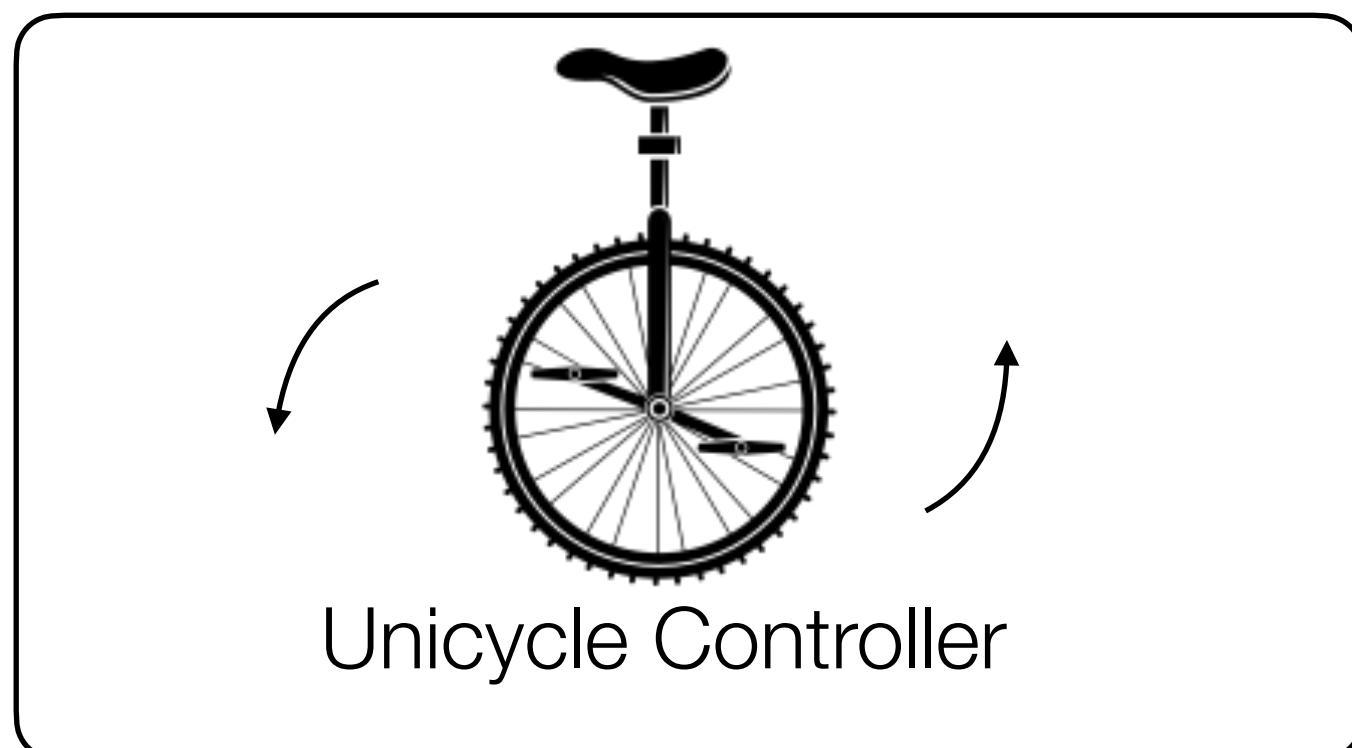
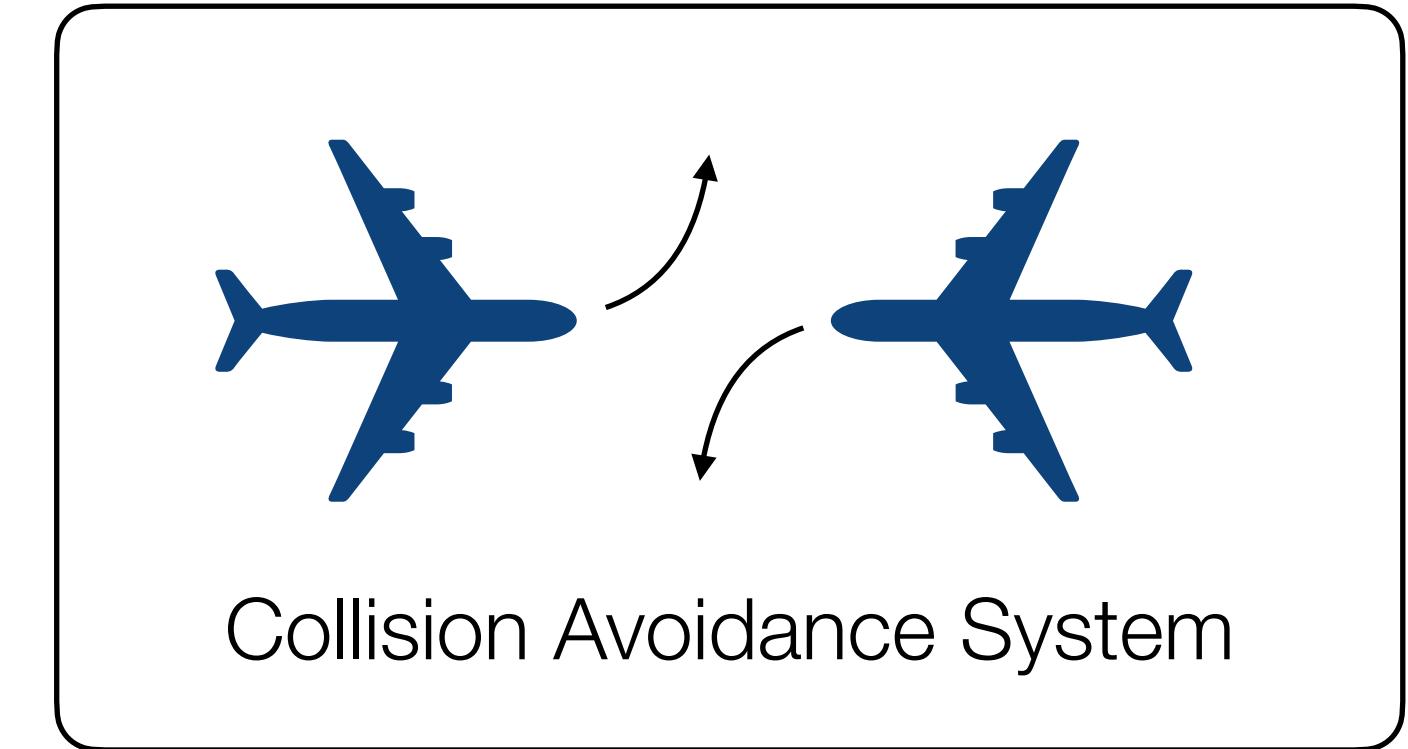
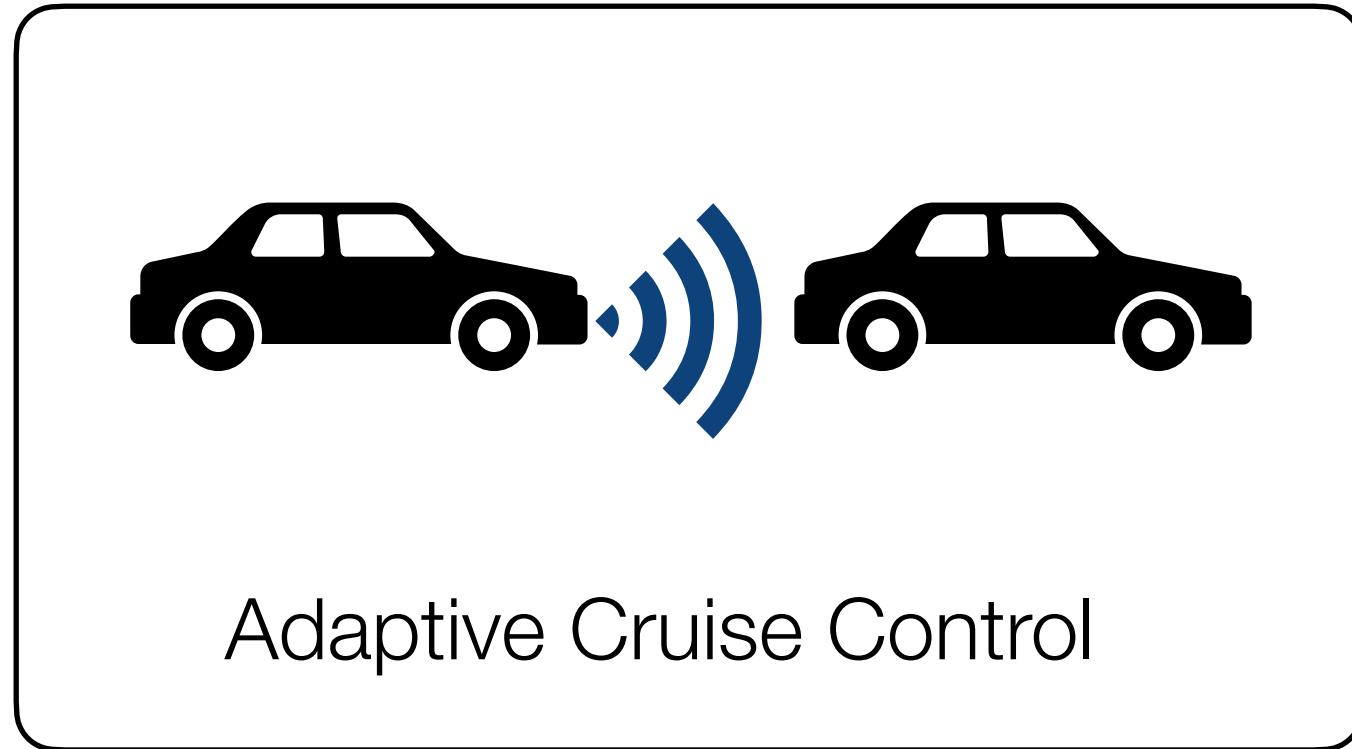
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Sound Mixed Fixed-Point Quantization of Neural Networks

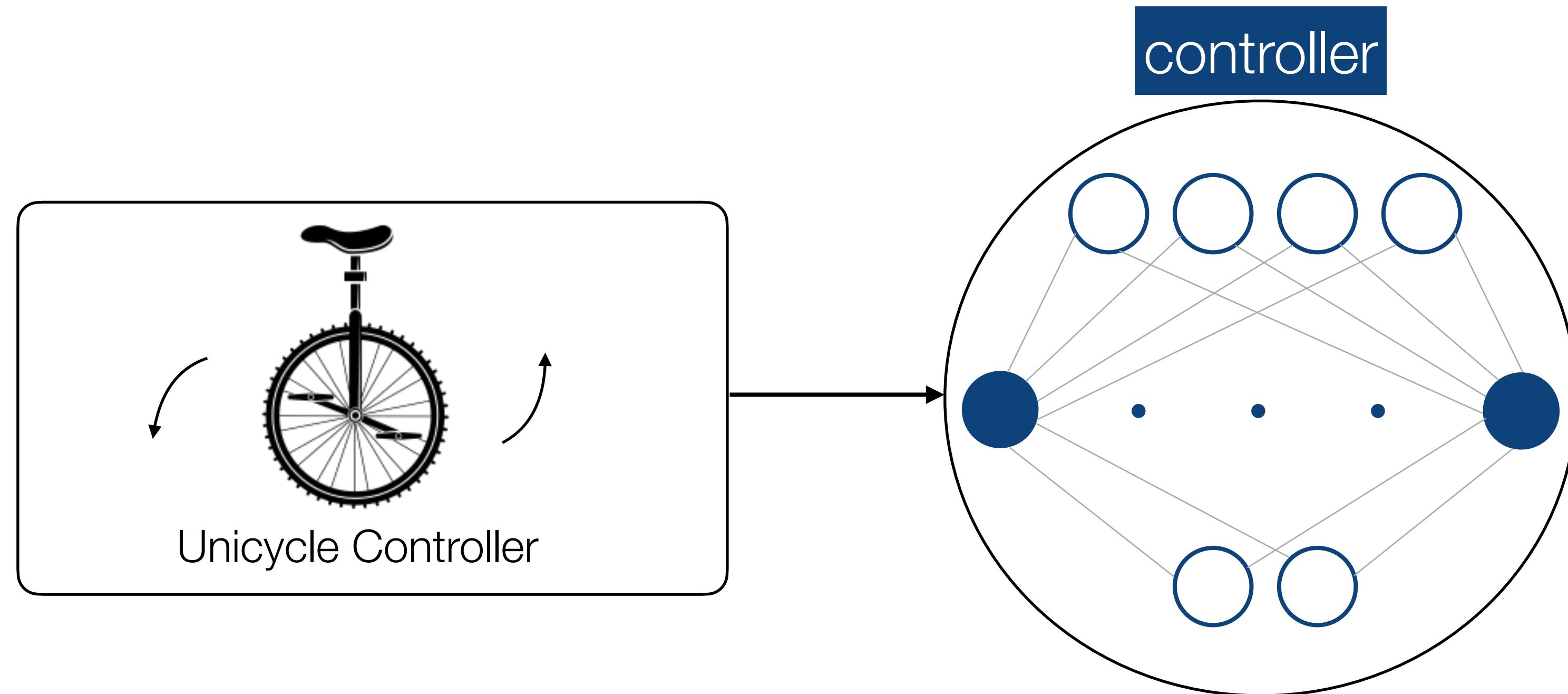
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How do we generate quantized implementations for neural networks
that meet specified worst-case error bounds?

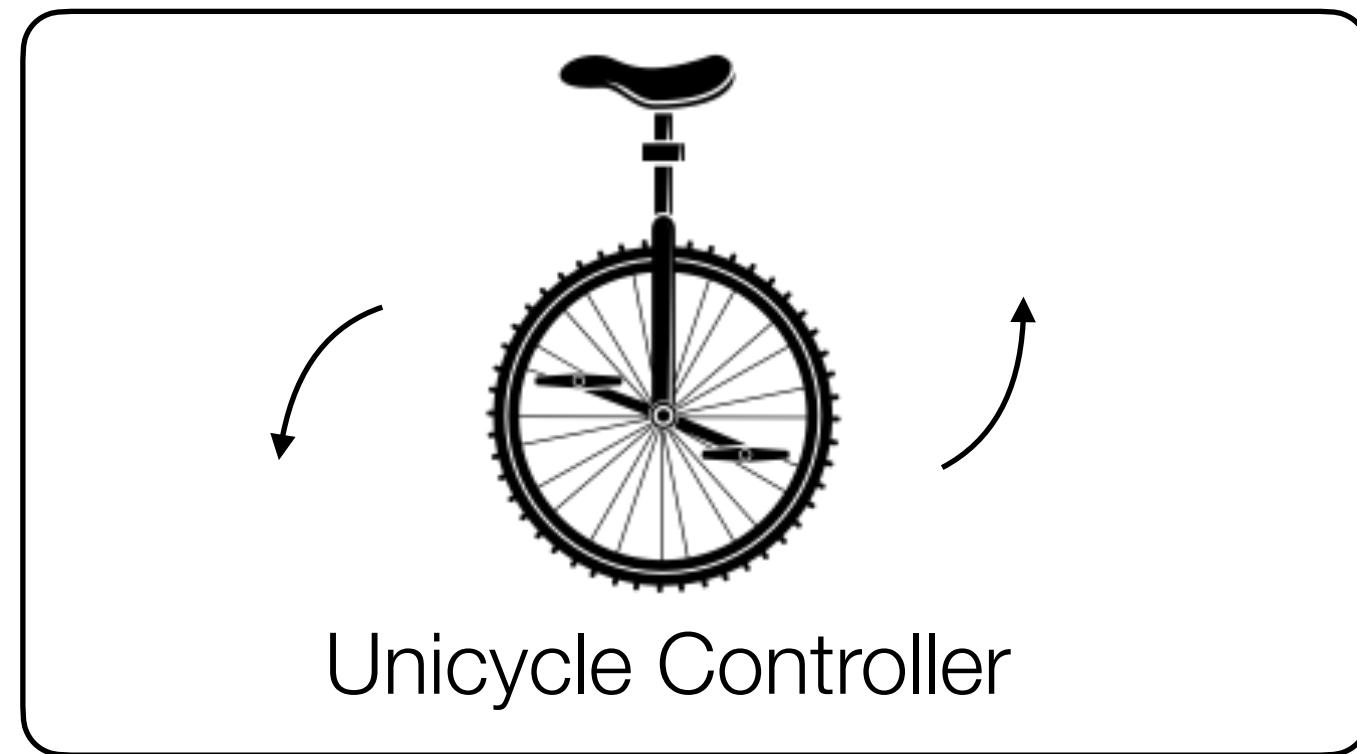
Neural networks are ubiquitous in safety-critical systems!



Neural Networks as Controllers



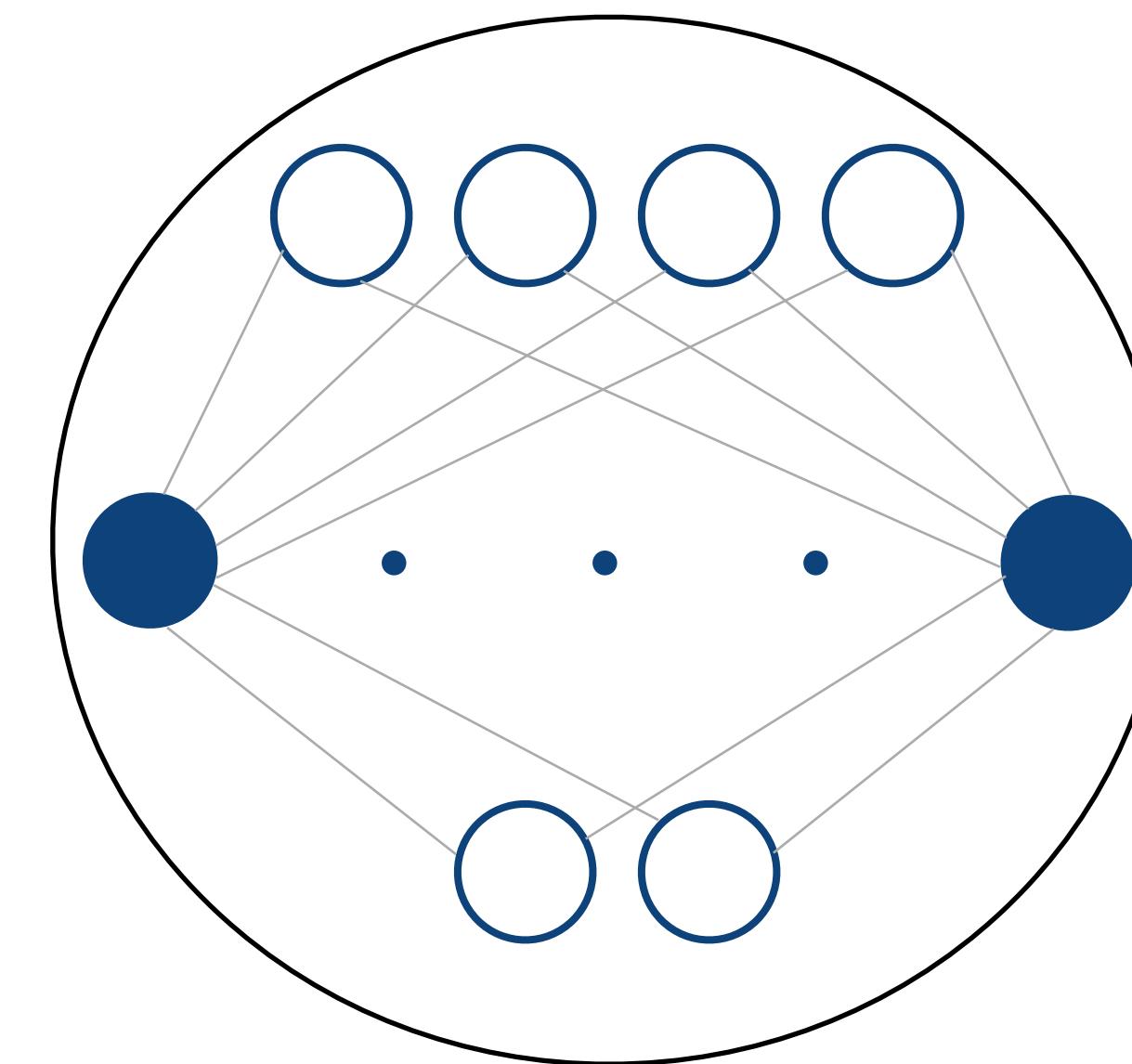
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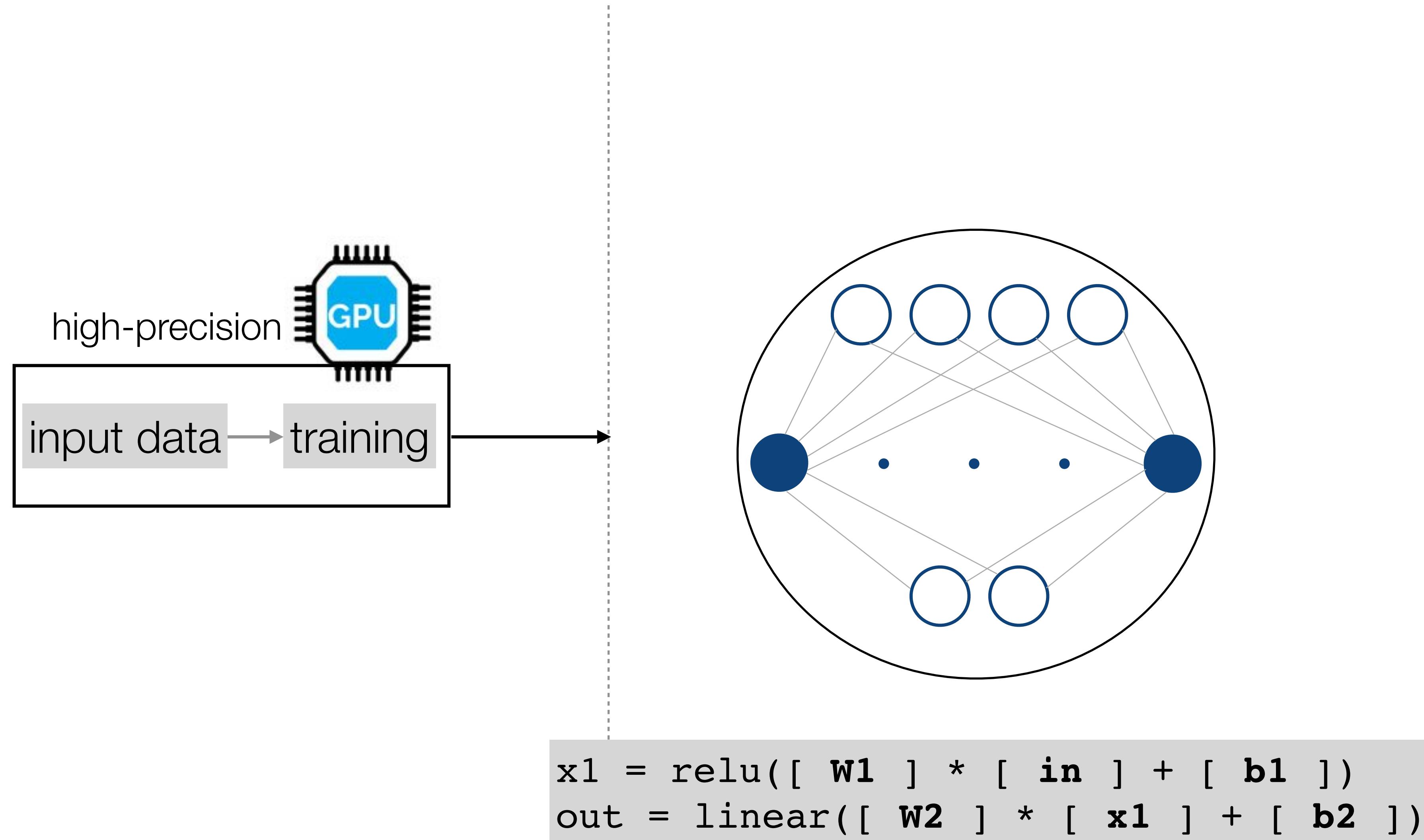
feed-forward regression models

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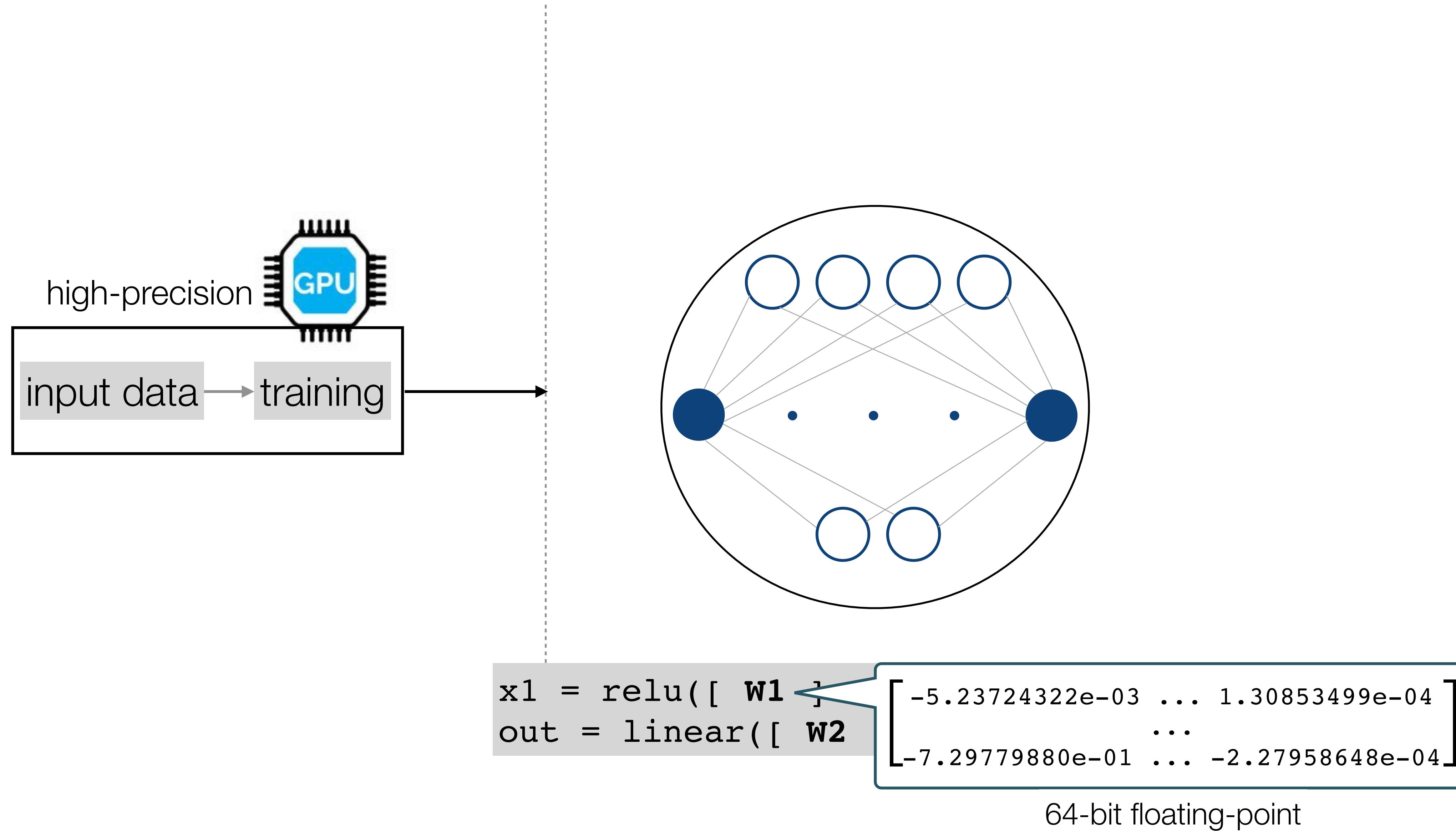


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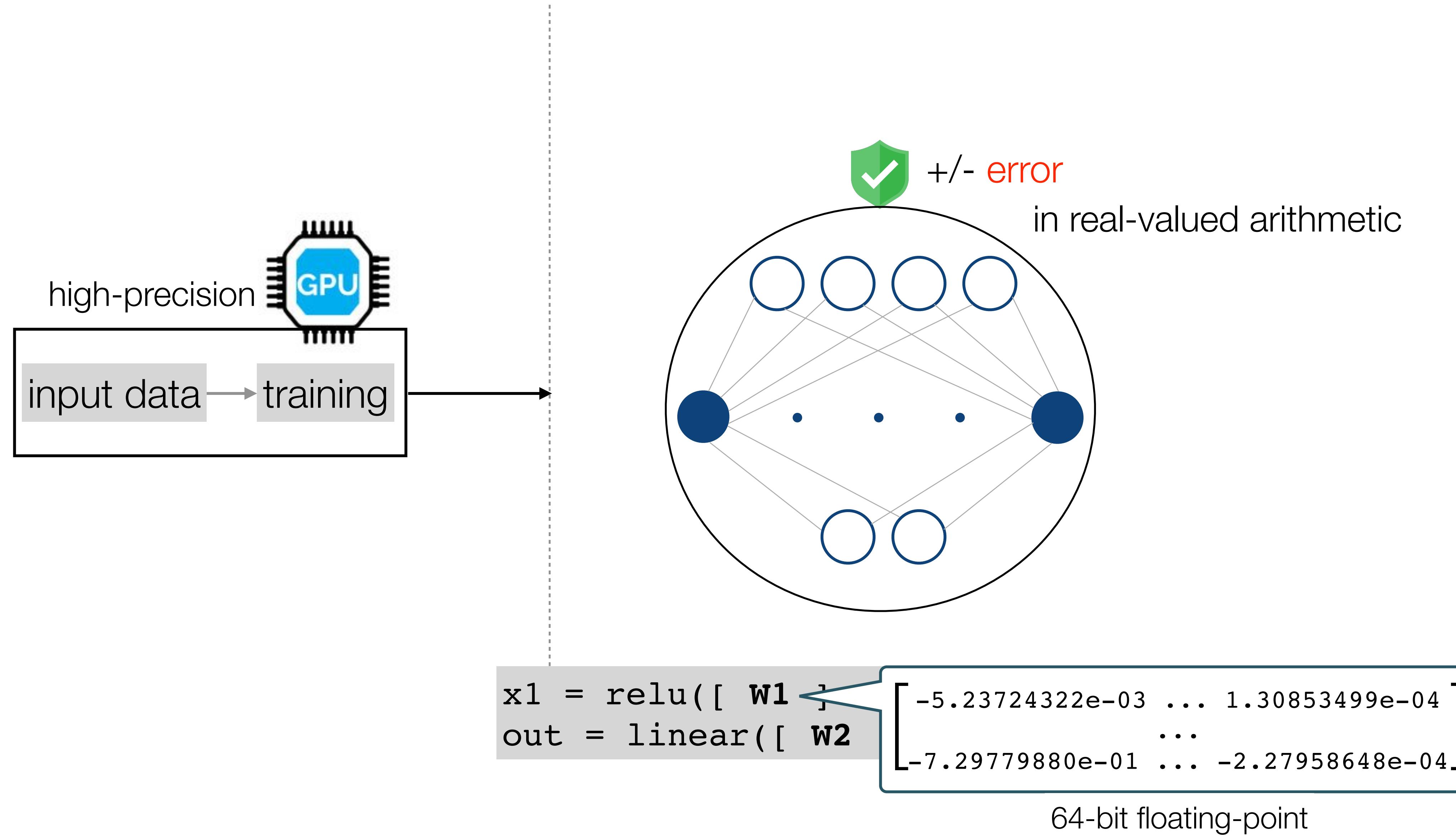
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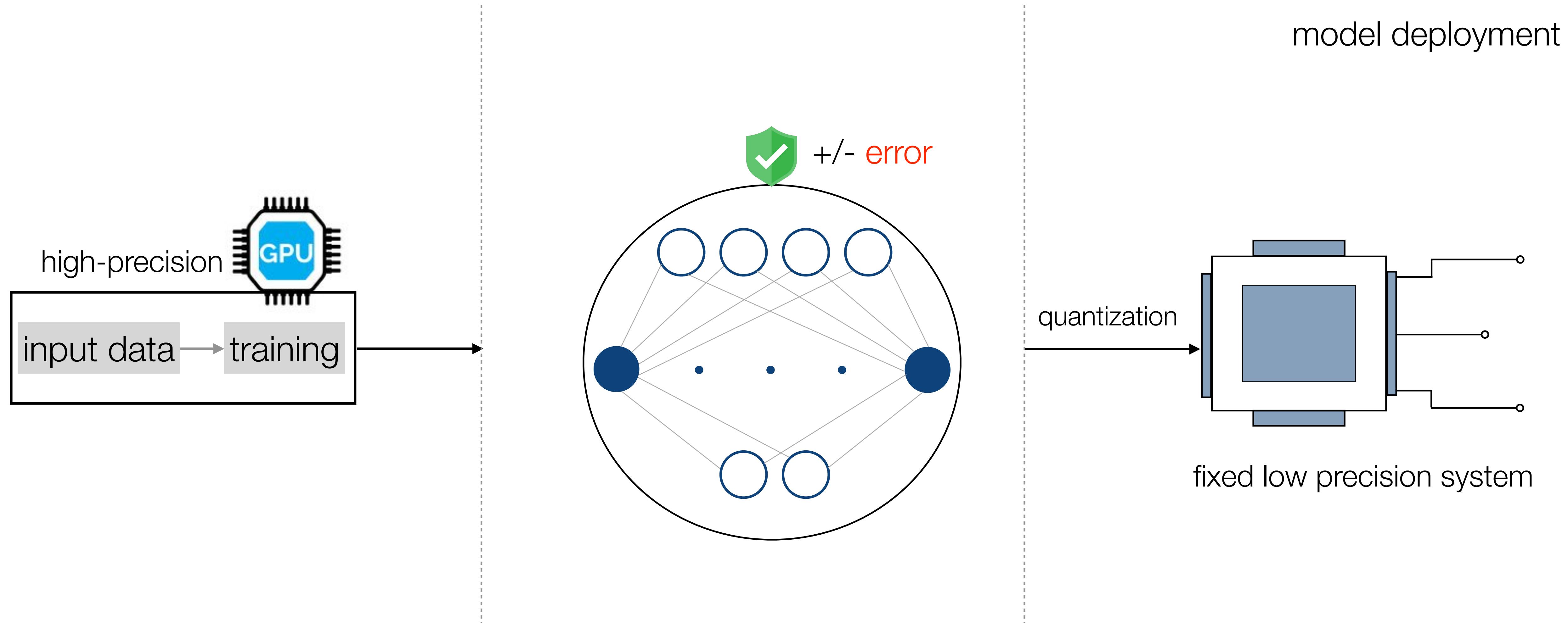
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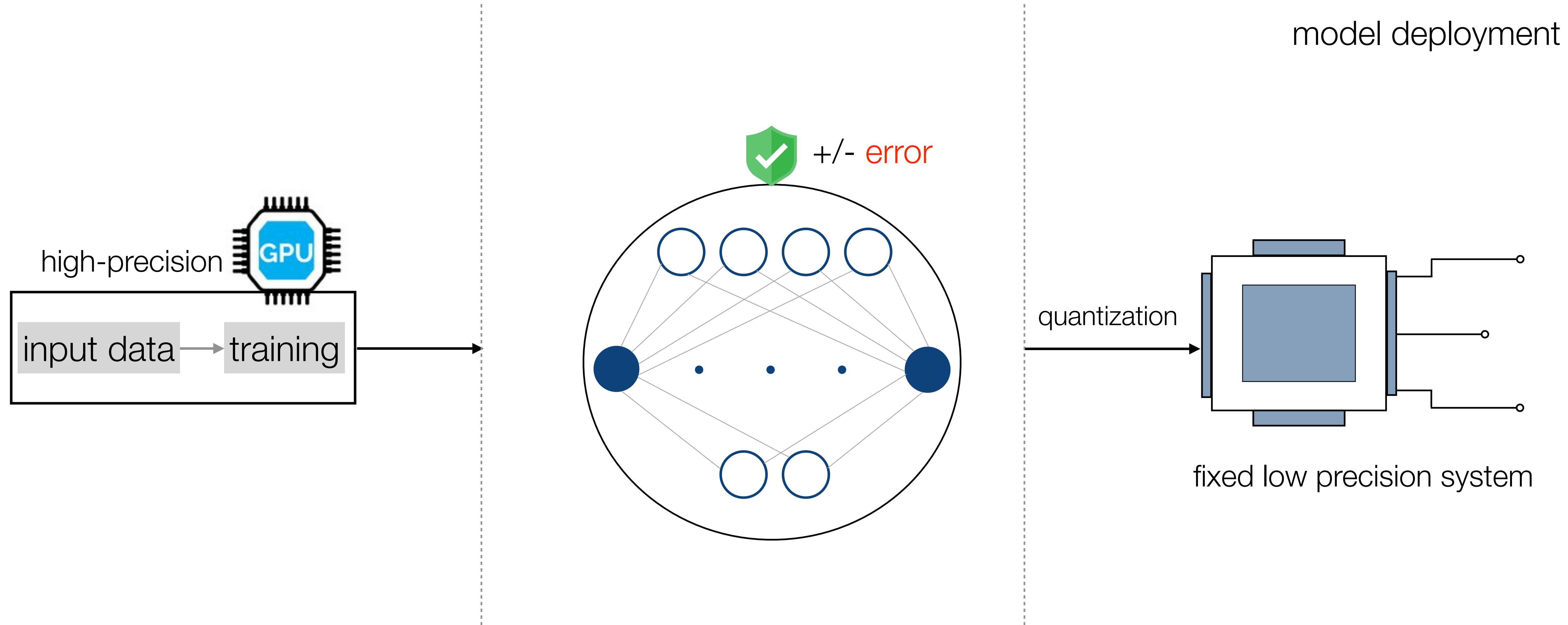
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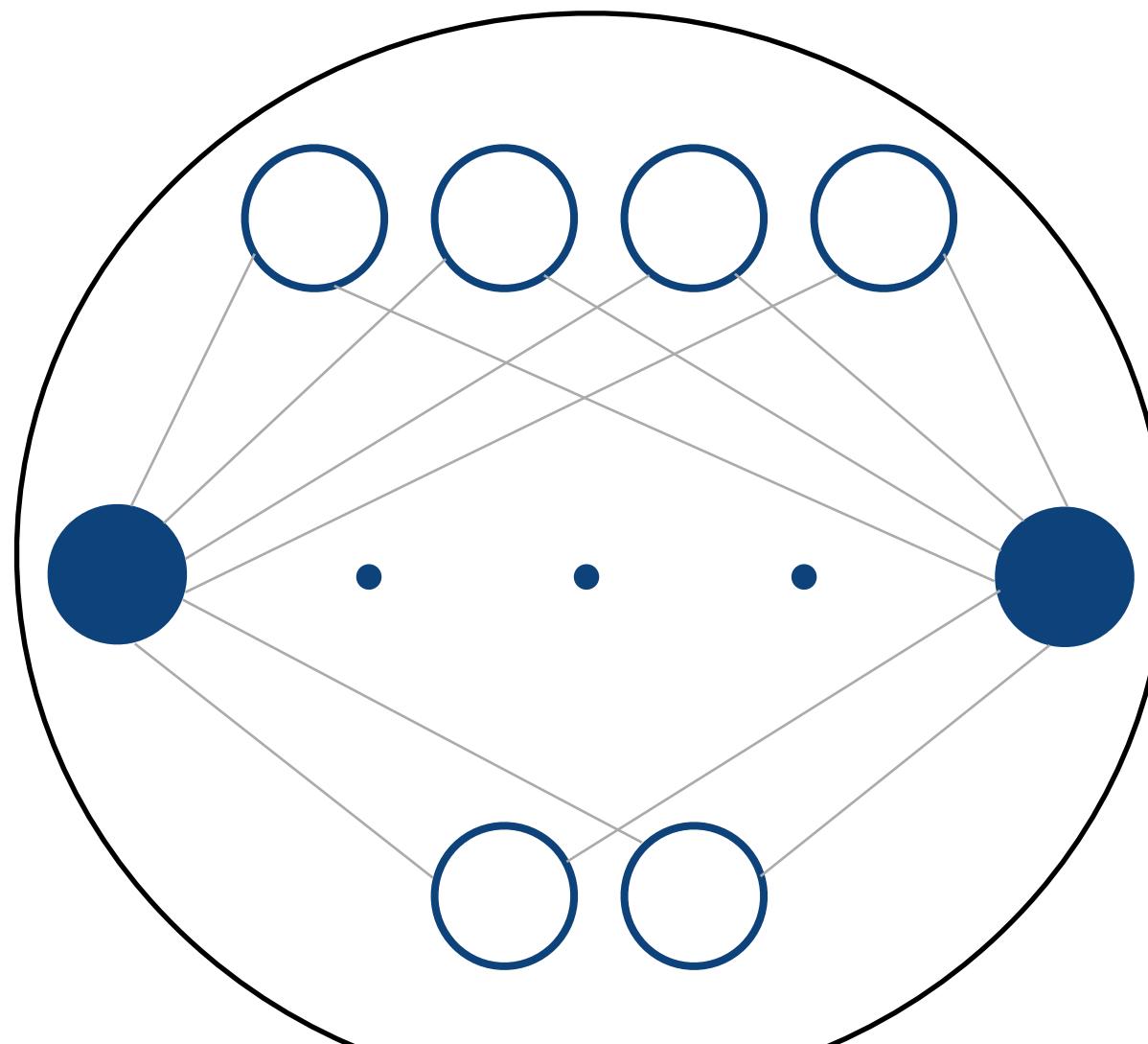


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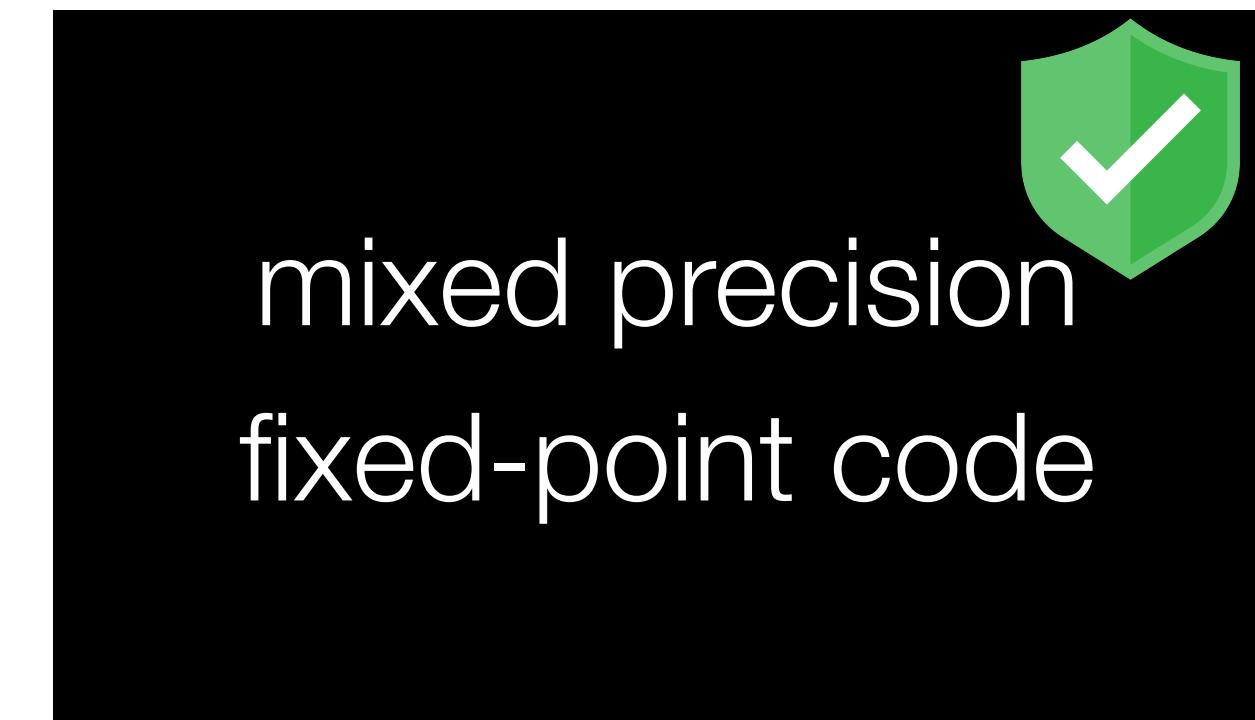
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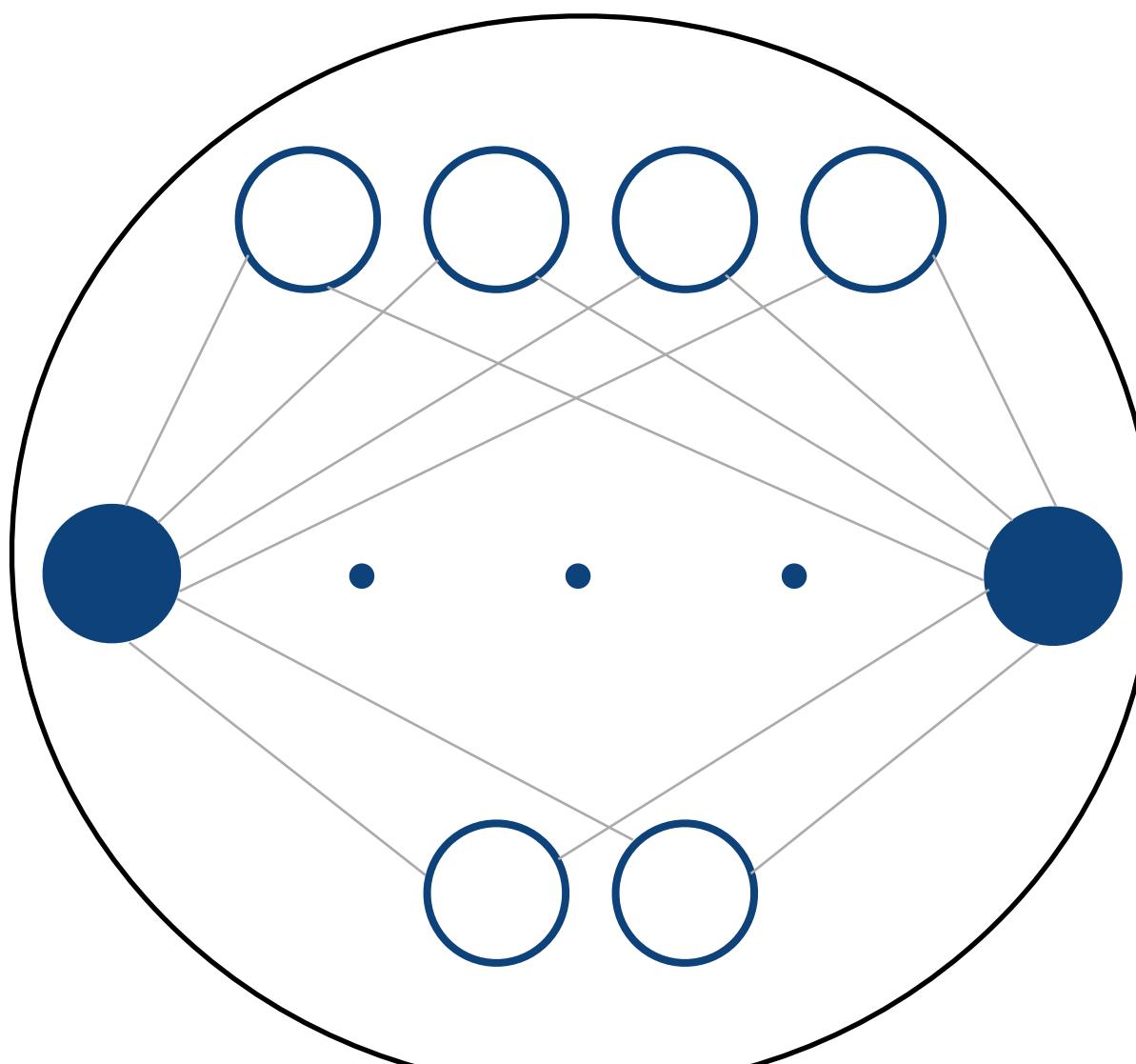
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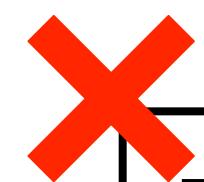
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FPTuner



Daisy

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- over-approximates a lot

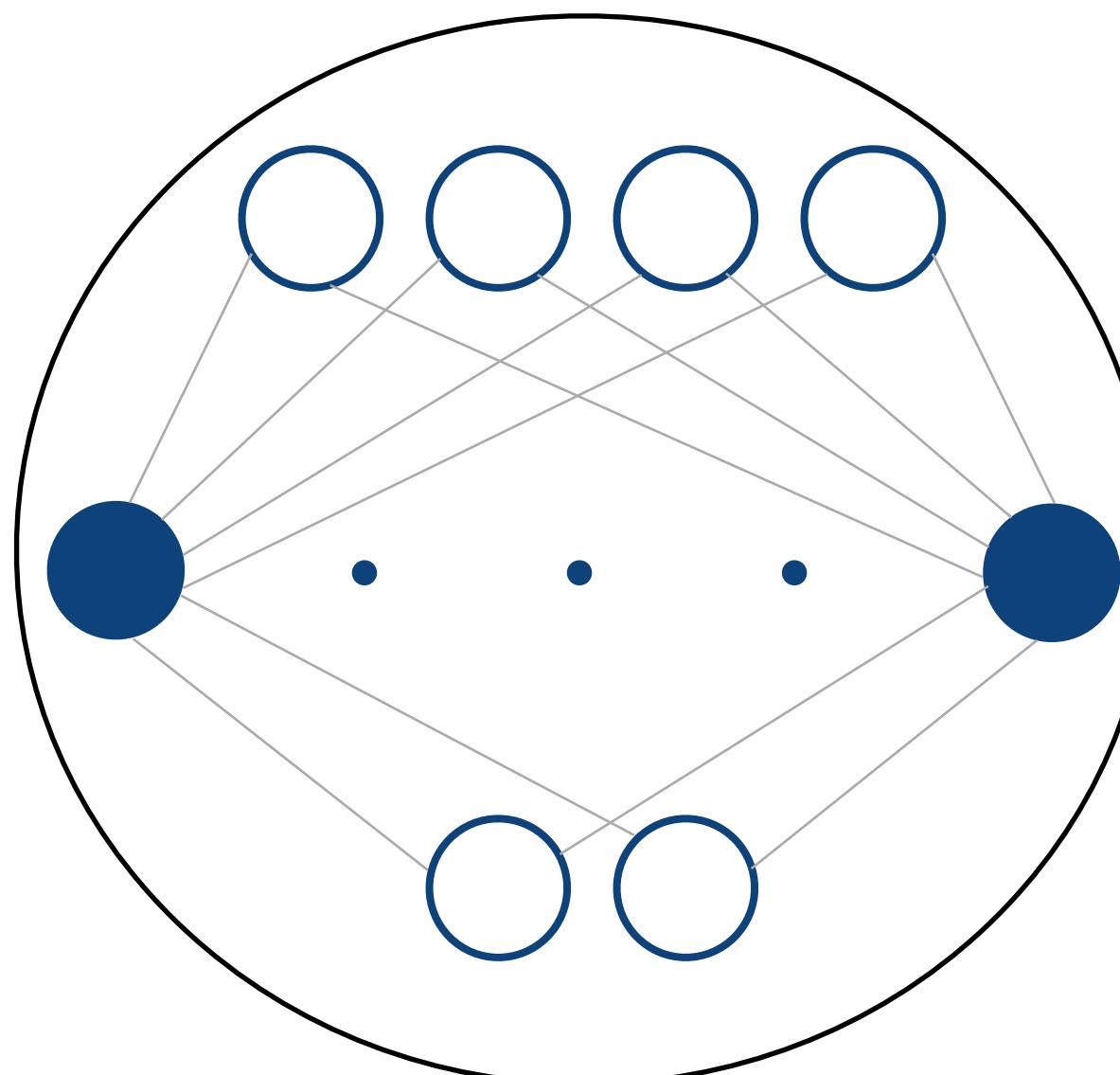
mixed precision
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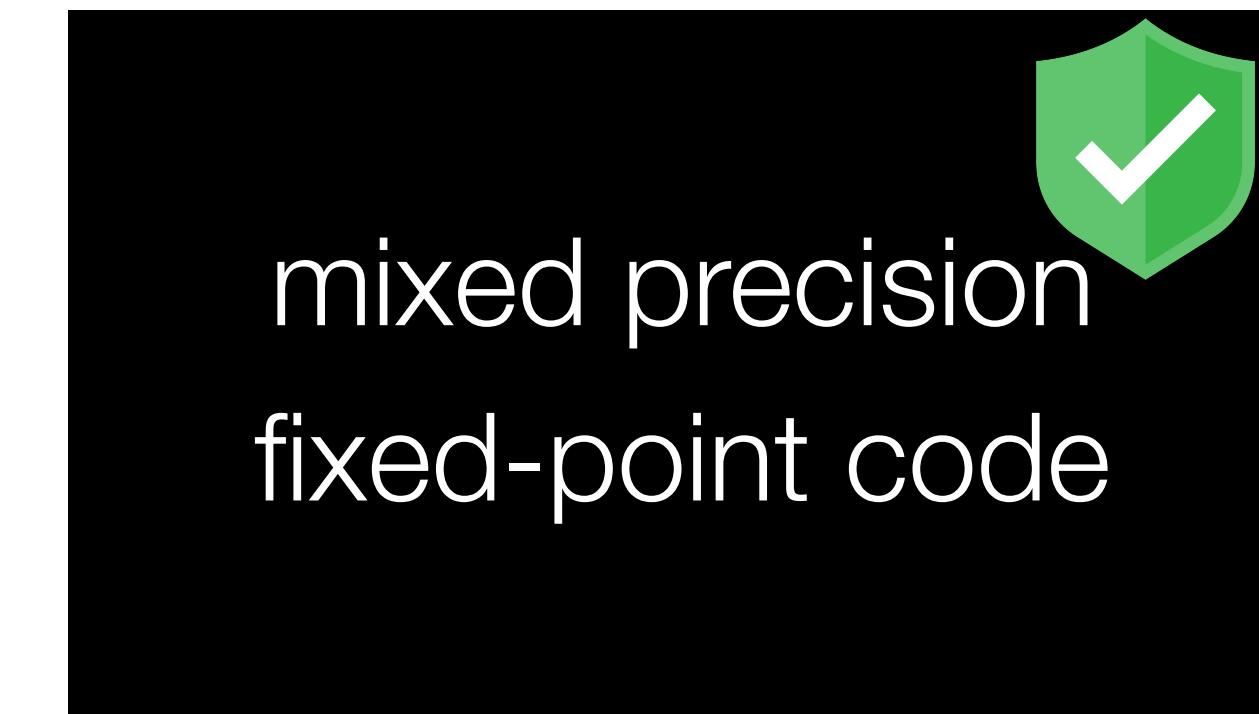
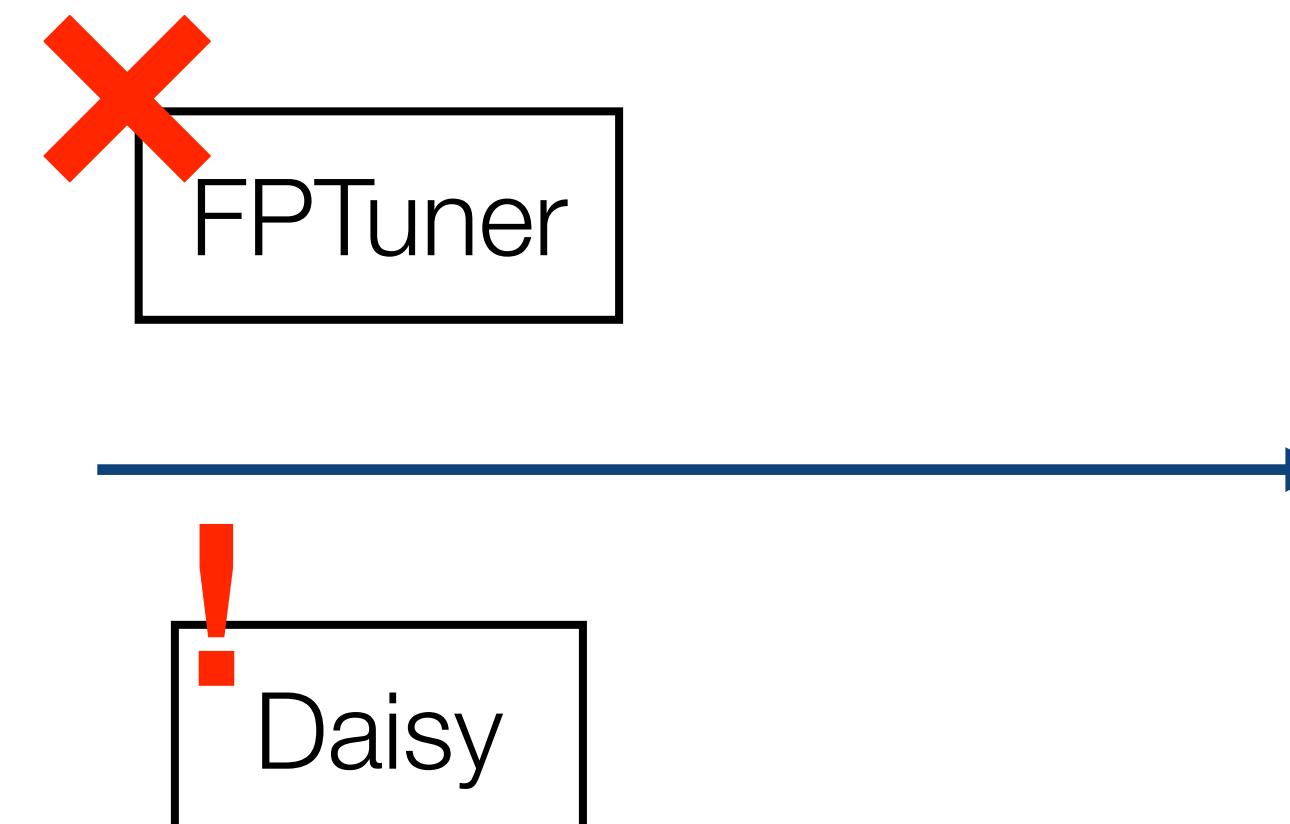
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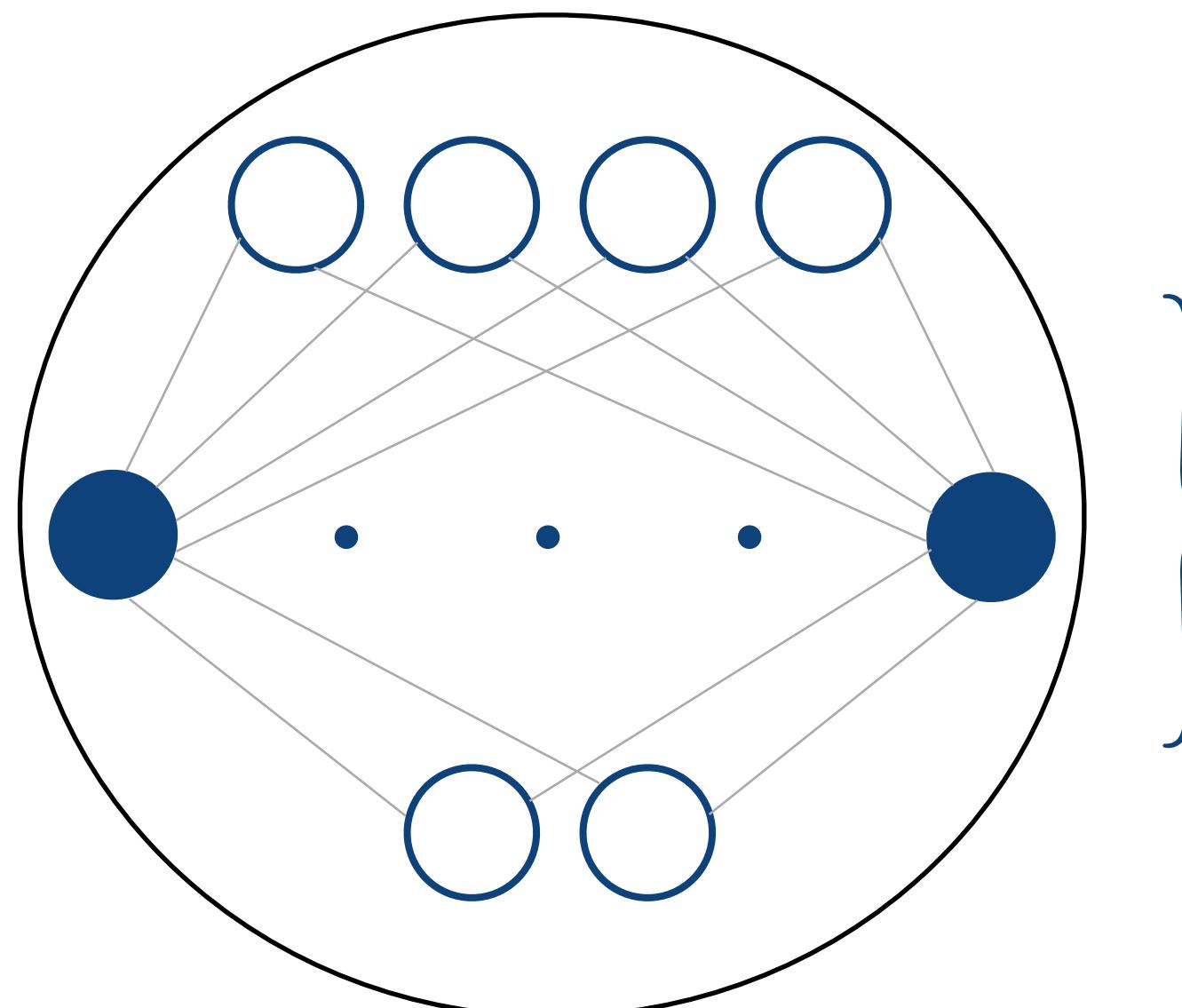
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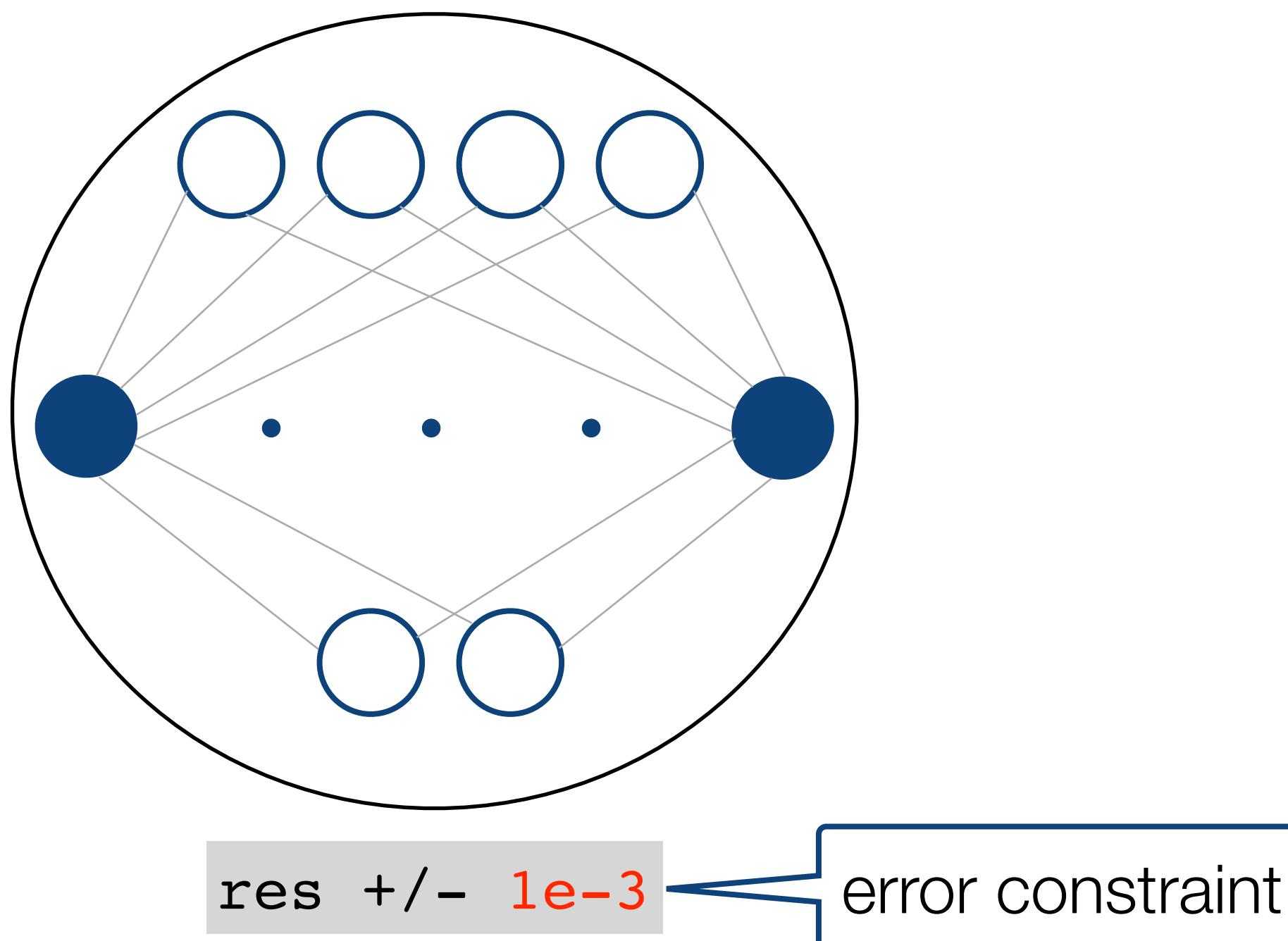
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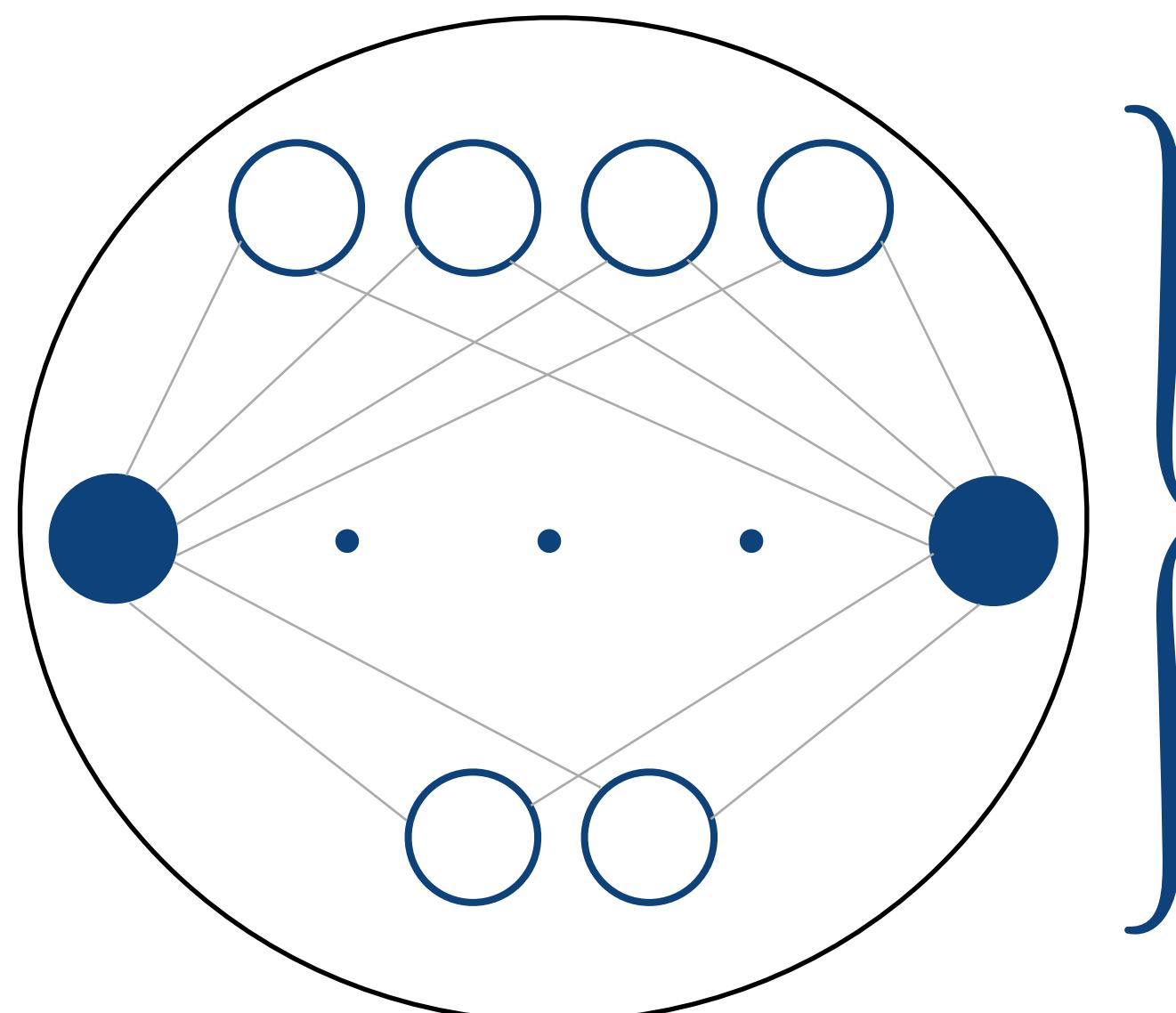
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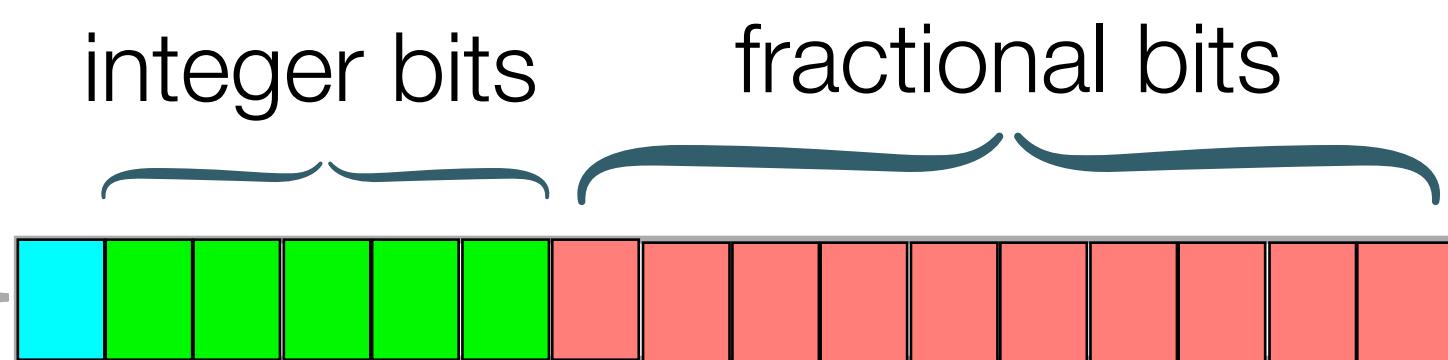
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Sound Mixed Fixed-Point Quantization

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Our Solution: Reduce to Mixed Integer Linear Programming (MILP) Problem!

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quantization

mixed-precision fixed-point code

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void nnl(ap_fixed<24,5> x_0, ap_fixed<24,4> x_1, ap_fixed<24,3> x_2,  
ap_fixed<24,2> x_3, ap_fixed<27,8> _result[2]) {  
    ap_fixed<24,1> weights1_0_0 = -0.036691424;  
  
    ...  
  
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Aster is more precise than Daisy –
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Takeaways

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- Optimization with linearizations and abstractions is effective for NNs
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 - is precise and scalable

Expanding the Horizons of Finite-Precision Analysis

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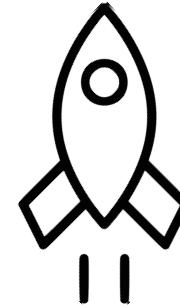
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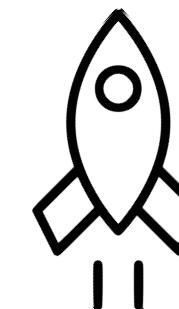
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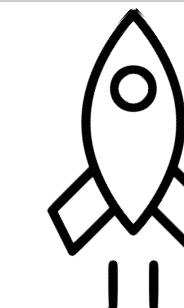
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... and others!

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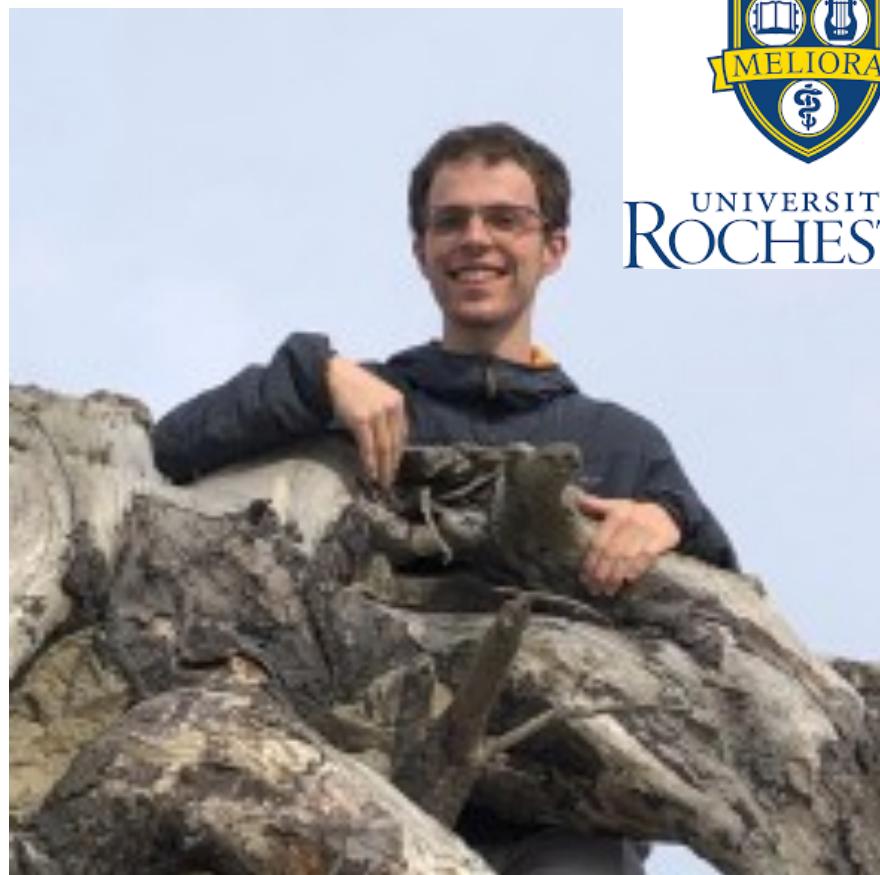
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Probabilistic Error Analysis

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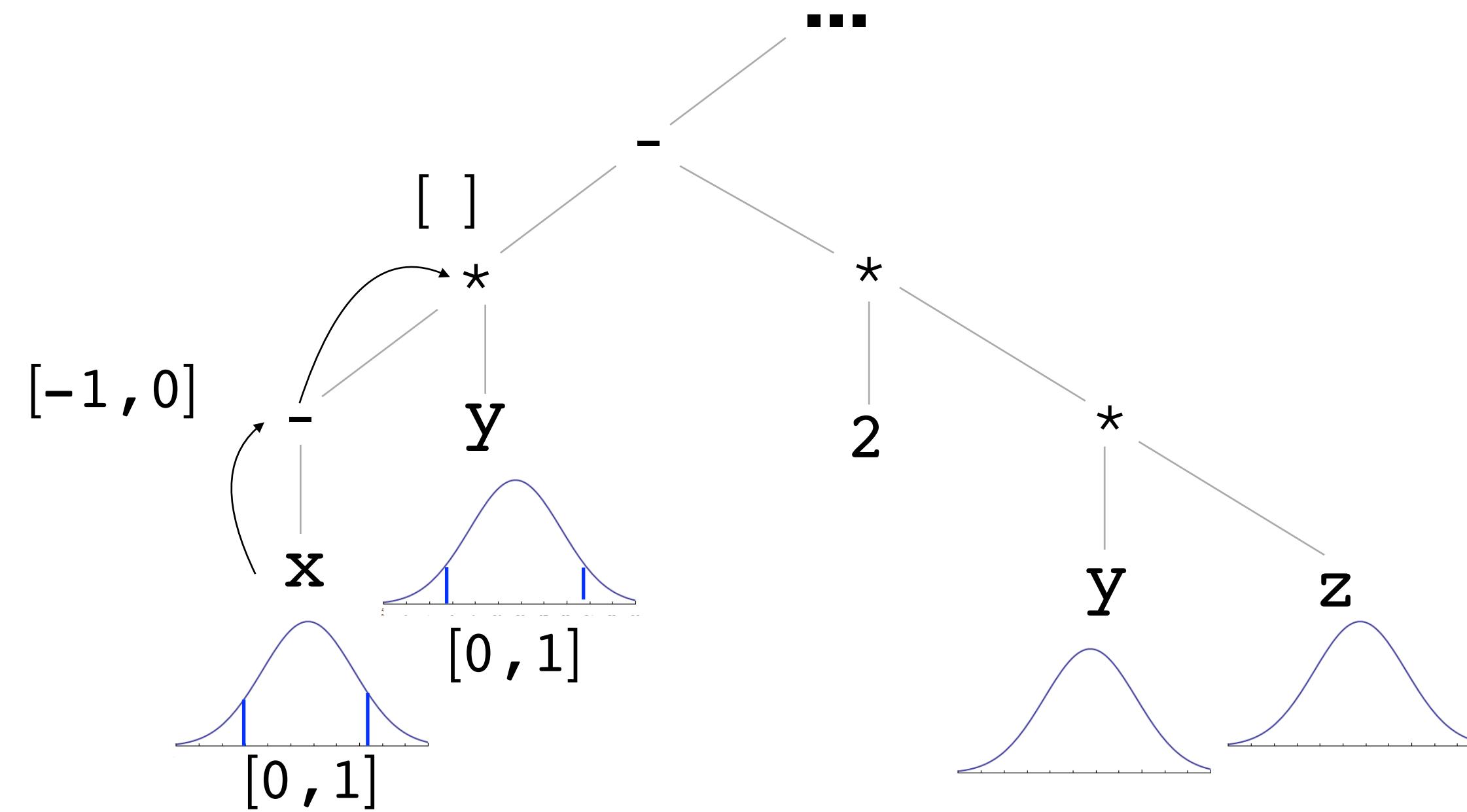
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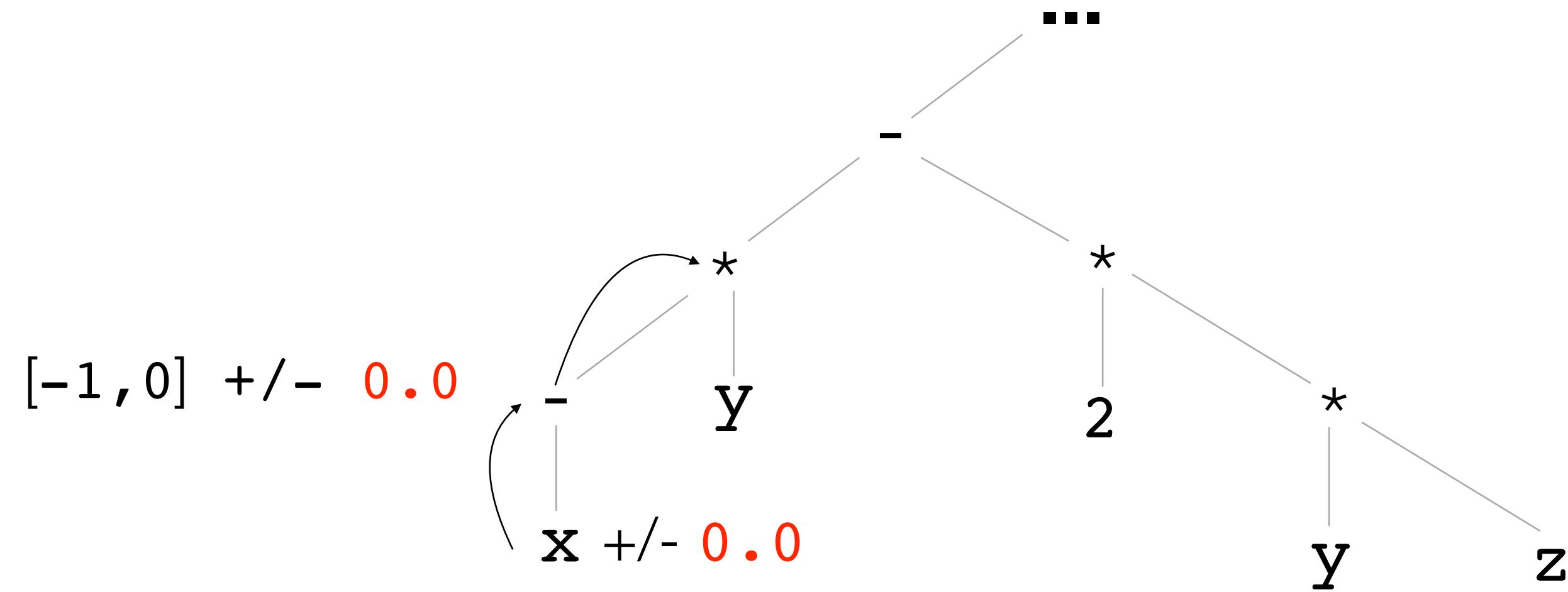
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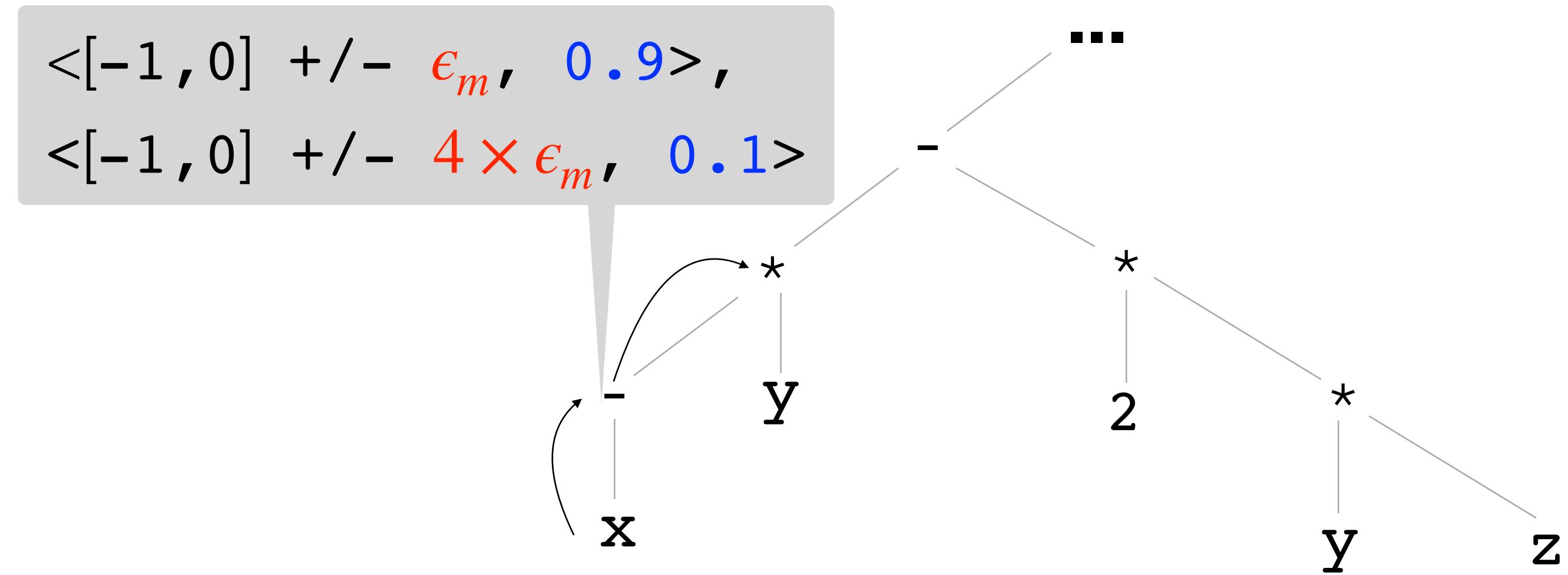


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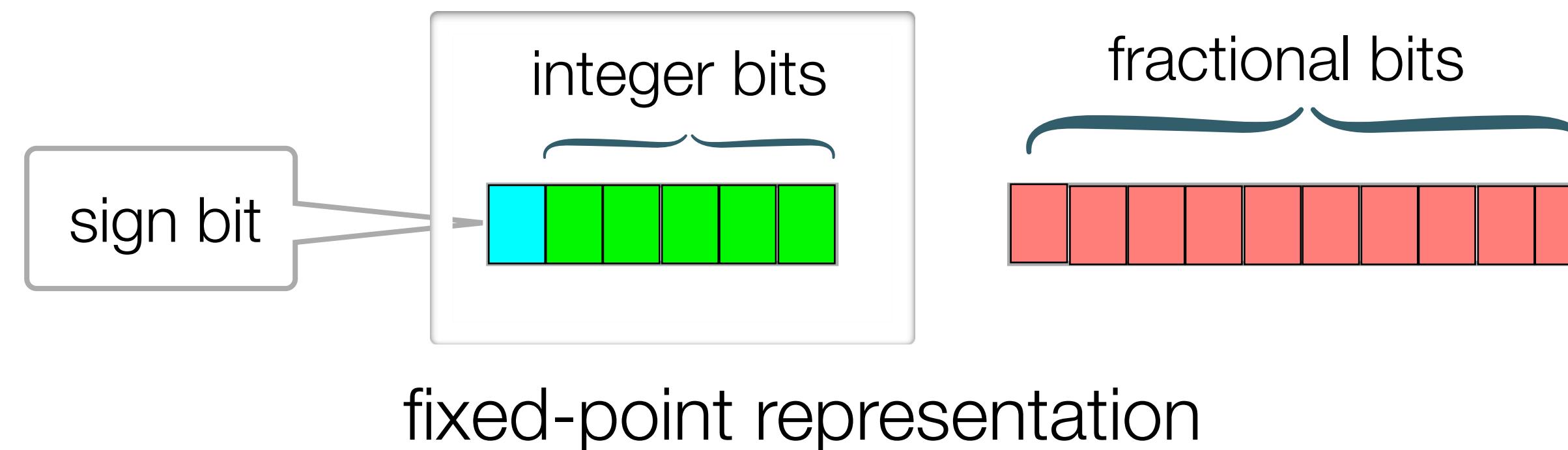
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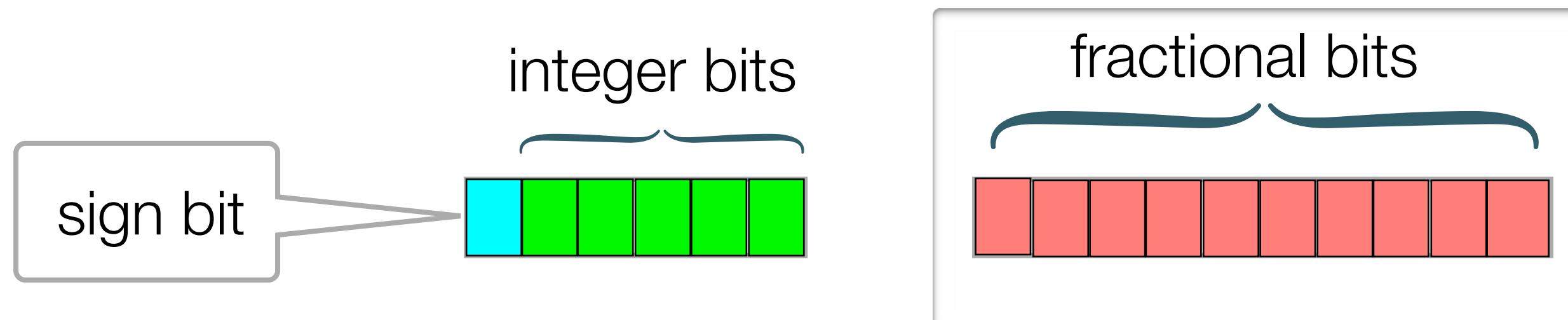
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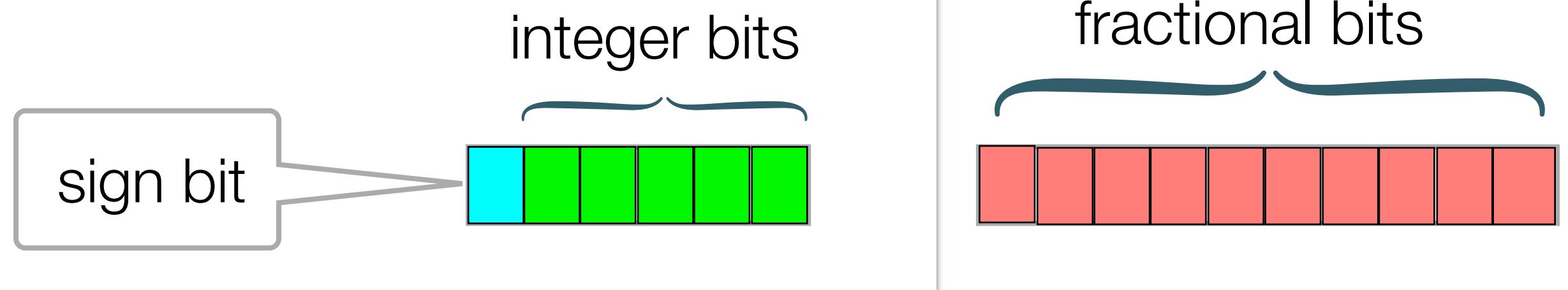
subject to:

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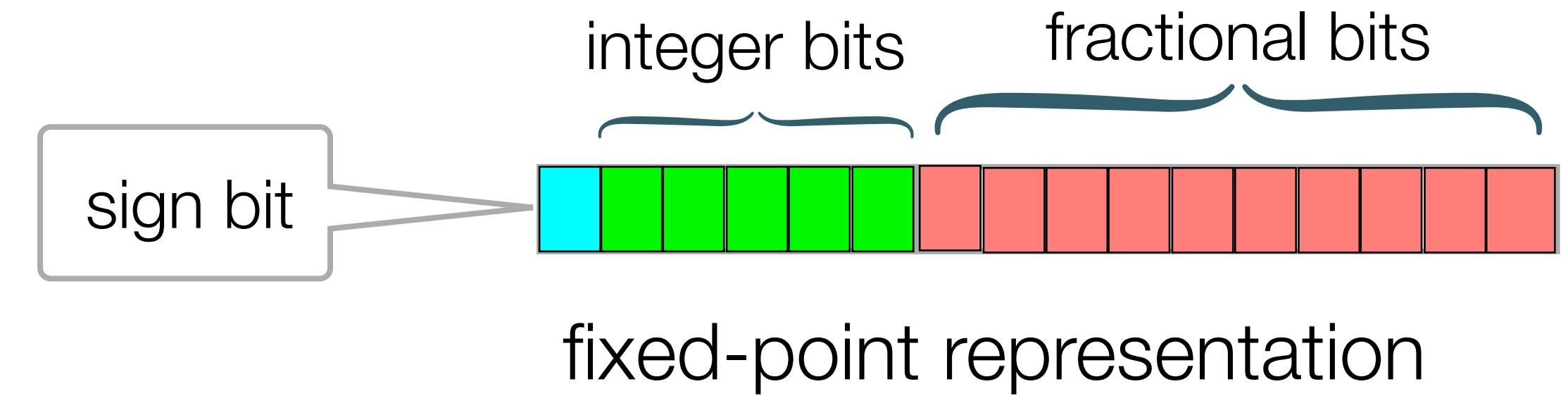
$$I_i^{op} \geq \text{intBits}\left(R_i^{op} + \epsilon_i\right)$$



MILP solver

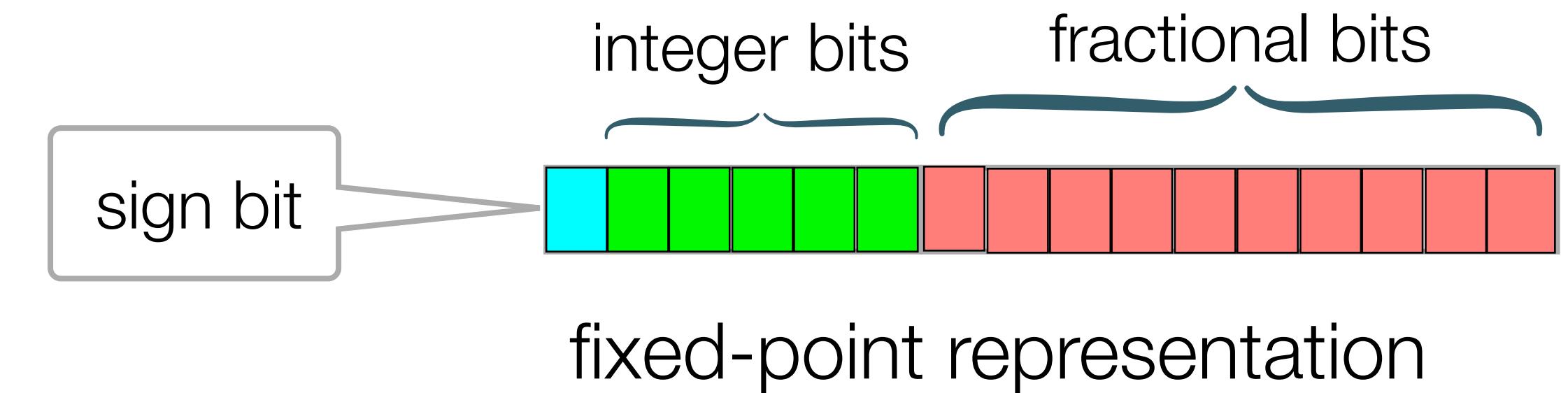


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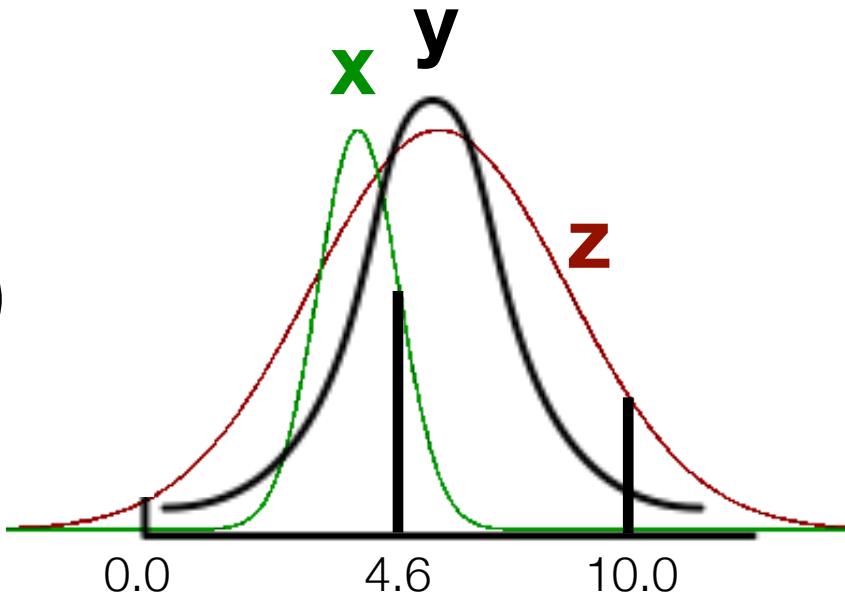
using fixed-point sum of products by constants*

* A Correctly-Rounded Fixed-Point-Arithmetic DotProduct Algorithm, Sylvie Boldo, Diane Gallois-Wong, and Thibault Hilaire, ARITH 2020

Discrete Choice in the Presence of Numerical Uncertainties

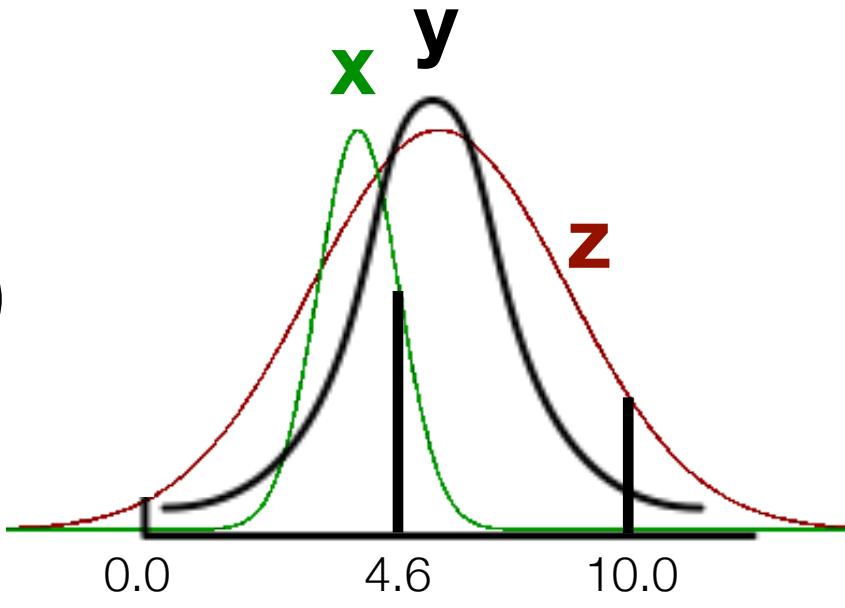
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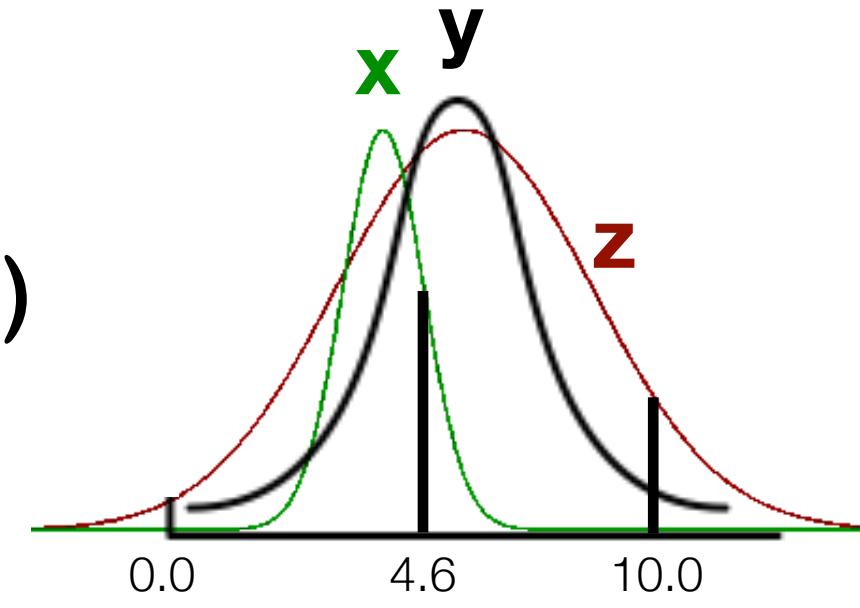
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Two-Phase Approach for Conditional Floating-Point Verification

Large Floating-Point Applications

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int i, info, *ipvt, j, job;
double t1, t2, time[6], total, *x;
...
dgesl ( a, LDA, N, ipvt, b, job );
...
a = r8mat_gen ( LDA, N, init );
...
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void dgesl ( double a[], int lda, int n, int ipvt[], double b[], int job ) {
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}
else {
for ( k = 1; k <= n; k++ ) {
t = ddot ( k-1, a+0+(k-1)*lda, 1, b, 1 );
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return dttemp;
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if ( 0 <= incx ) {
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Numerical analyzers do not scale!

Kernels in Large Floating-Point Applications

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...
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    ...
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if ( job == 0 ) {
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        ...
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