

# NEAR-OPTIMAL MAP INFERENCE FOR DETERMINANTAL POINT PROCESSES

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# IMAGE SEARCH: “JAGUAR”

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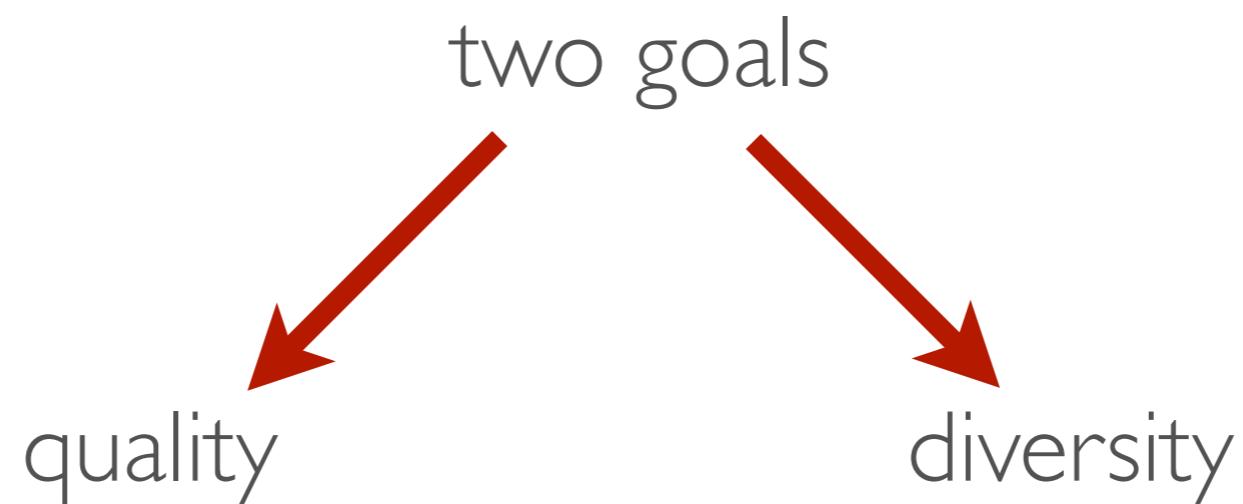
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# TASK: SUBSET SELECTION



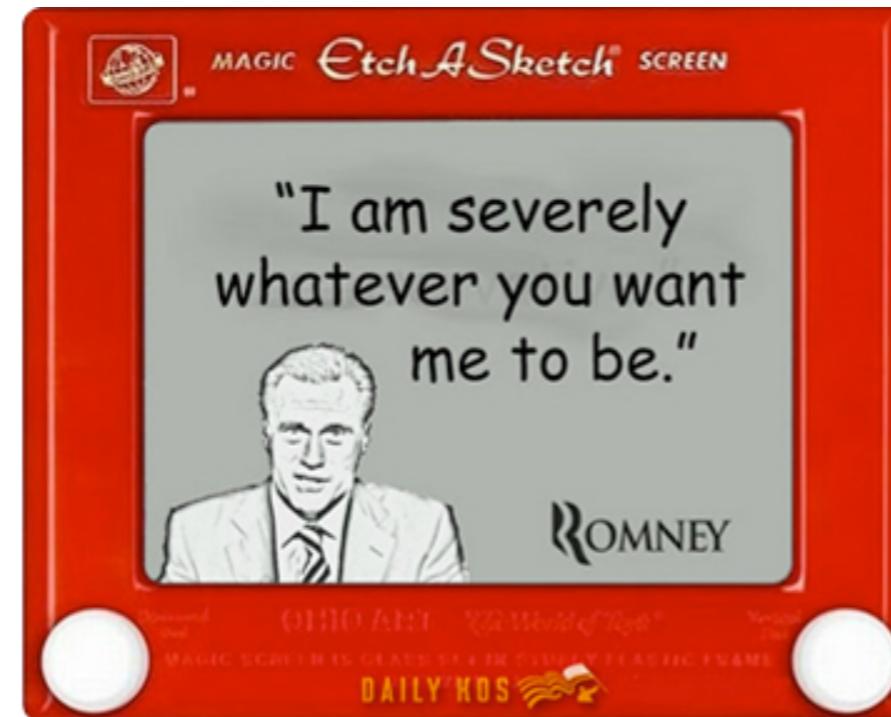
# MATCHED SUMMARIZATION

## **Task:**

Given a set of documents, select a set of doc pairs such that:

- 1) the pairs are high-quality (docs within a pair are similar), and
- 2) the overall set of pairs is diverse.

# MATCHED SUMMARIZATION



Ground set: All possible (old, new) pairs.

- **Old (topic = bailout): Let Detroit go bankrupt.**
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- **Old (topic = bailout): Let Detroit go bankrupt.**
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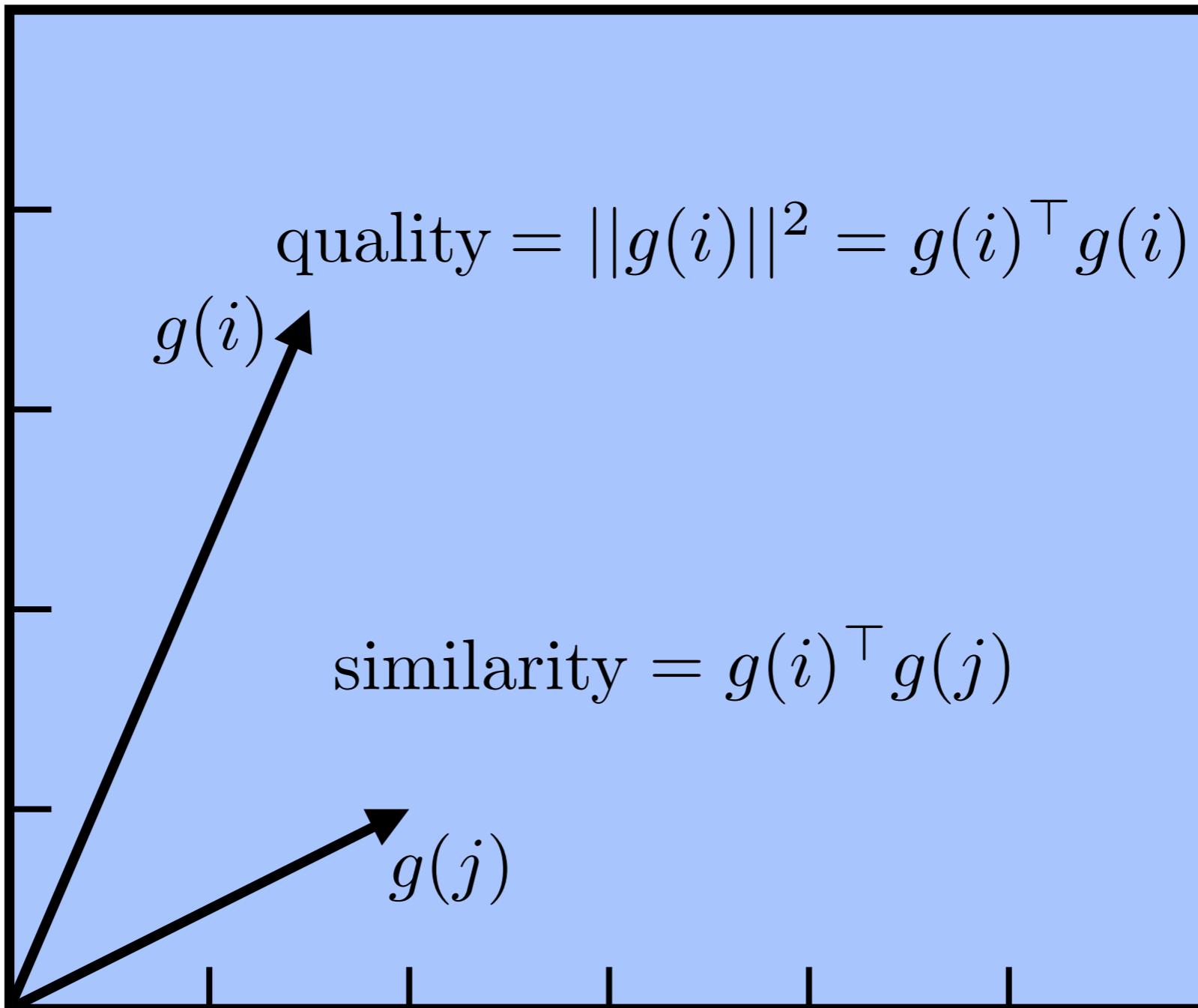
Quality only:

- **Old (topic = bailout): Let Detroit go bankrupt.**
- **New (topic = bailout): I'm not willing to sit back and say 'Too bad for Michigan'.**
  
- **Old (topic = bailout): I think there is need for economic stimulus.**
- **Old (topic = bailout): I have never supported the President's recovery act.**
  
- **Old (topic = bailout): TARP ought to be ended.**
- **New (topic = bailout): TARP got paid back and it kept the financial system from collapsing.**

Quality + diversity:

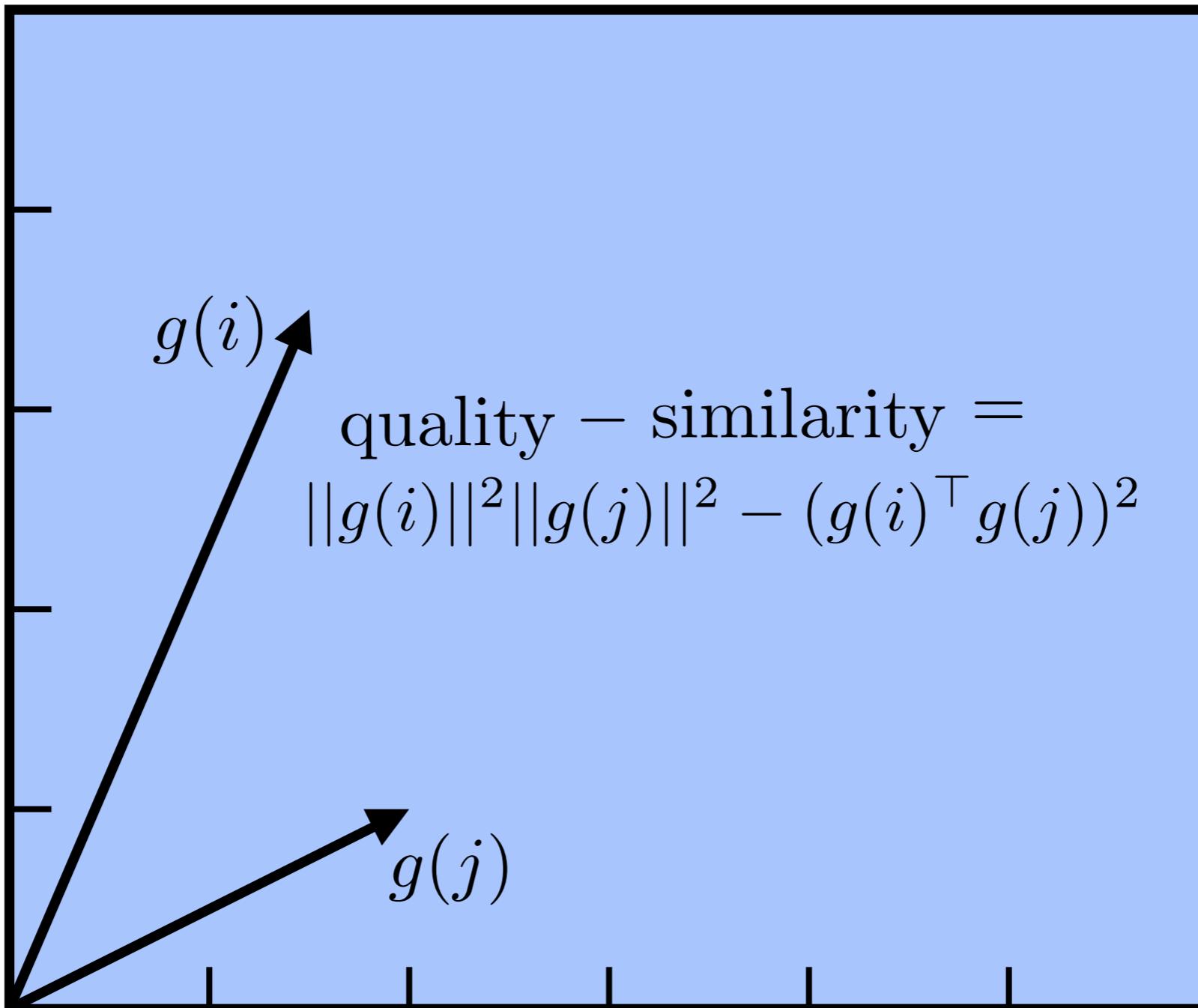
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- **Old (topic = gun control): I just signed a major piece of legislation extending the ban on certain assault weapons.**
- **New (topic = gun control): I do not support any new legislation of an assault weapon ban nature.**

# FORMALIZING



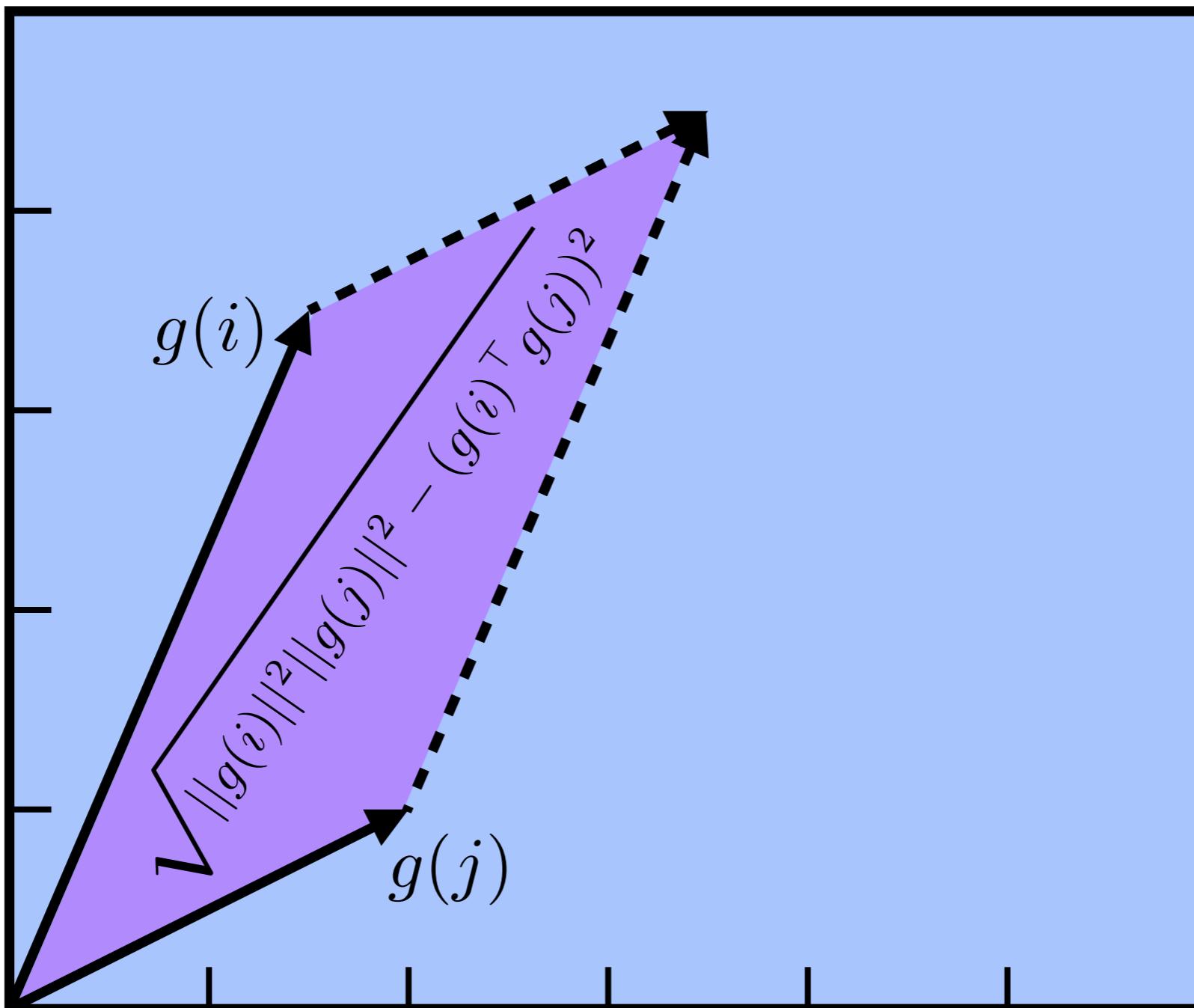
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 $\propto \text{area}(\{i, j\})^2$

volume<sub>1</sub> = length  
volume<sub>2</sub> = area  
volume<sub>3</sub> = 3D-volume

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Point  
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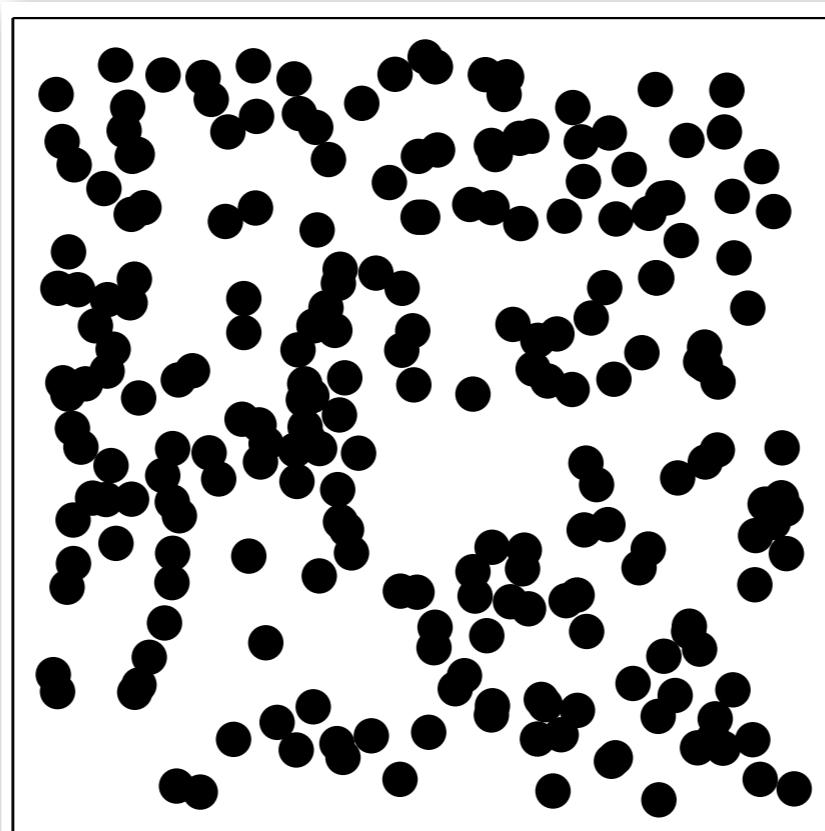
# DPP INFERENCE

- Exact and efficient  $O(N^3)$ 
  - normalization:  $\sum_Y \det(L_Y) = \det(L + I)$
  - marginalization:  $\mathcal{P}(A \subseteq Y)$
  - conditioning:  $\mathcal{P}(A \mid B \subseteq Y)$
  - sampling:  $Y \sim \mathcal{P}(Y) \propto \det(L_Y)$

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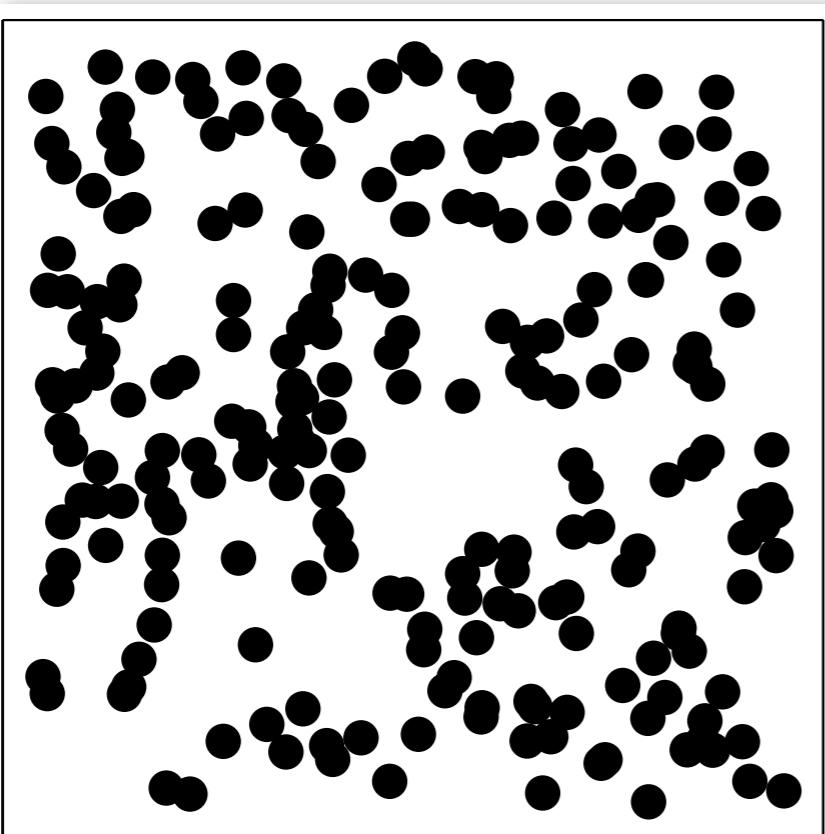
What about DPP MAP?

$$\arg \max_Y \det(L_Y)$$

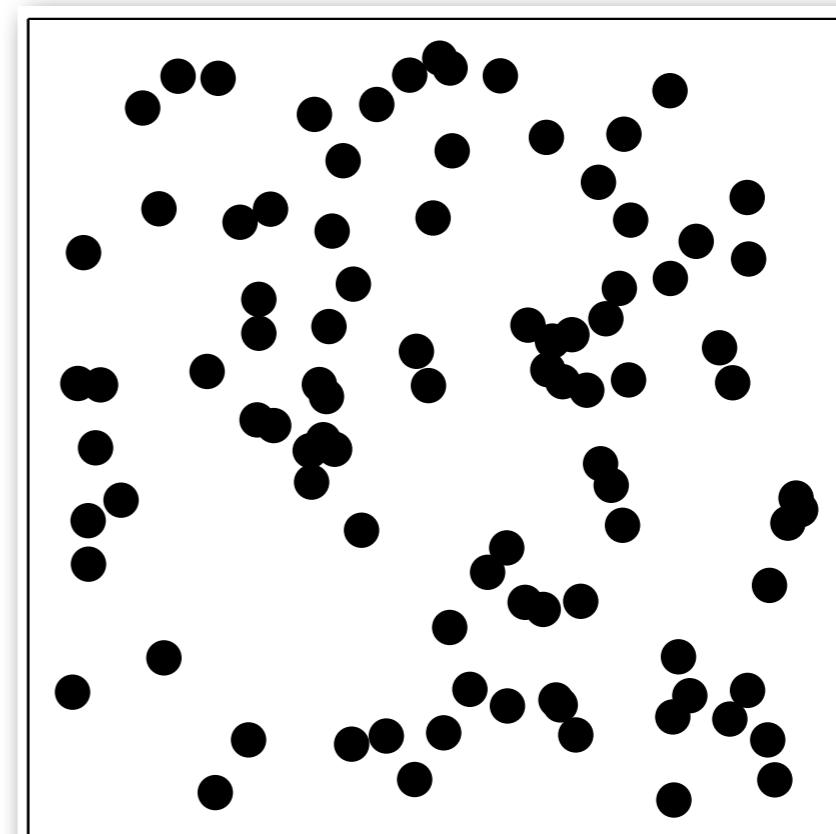


All points

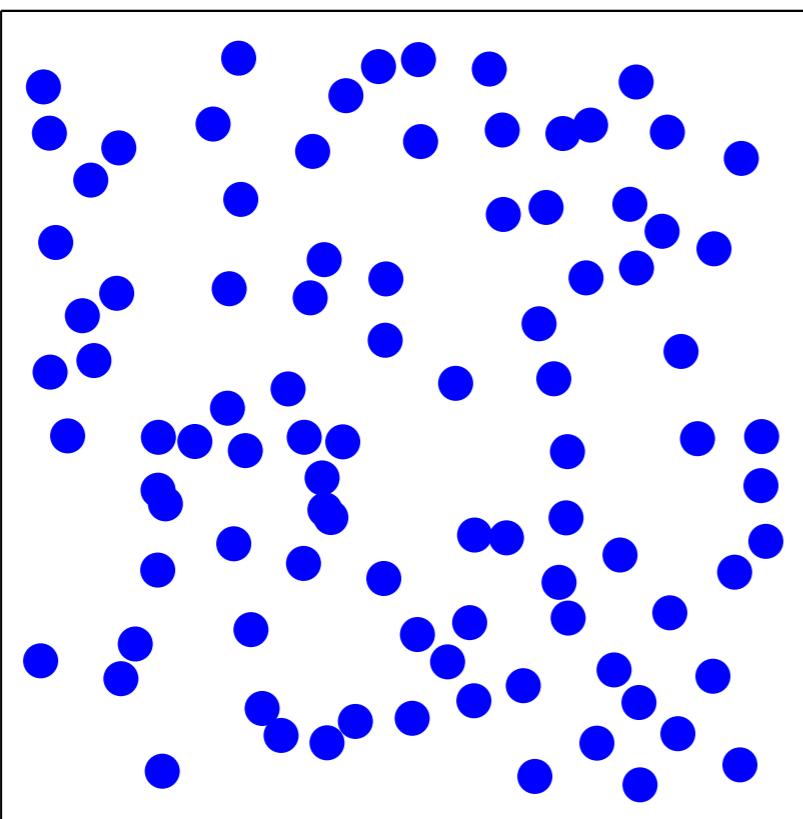
$$g(i)^\top g(j) = L_{ij} = \exp(-\|p_i - p_j\|^2)$$



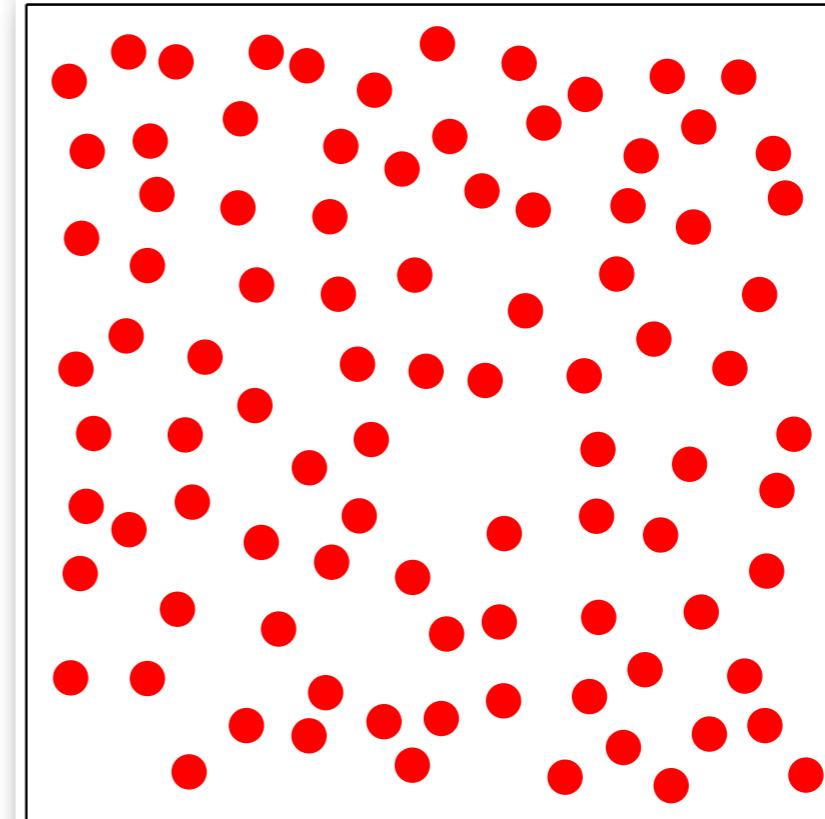
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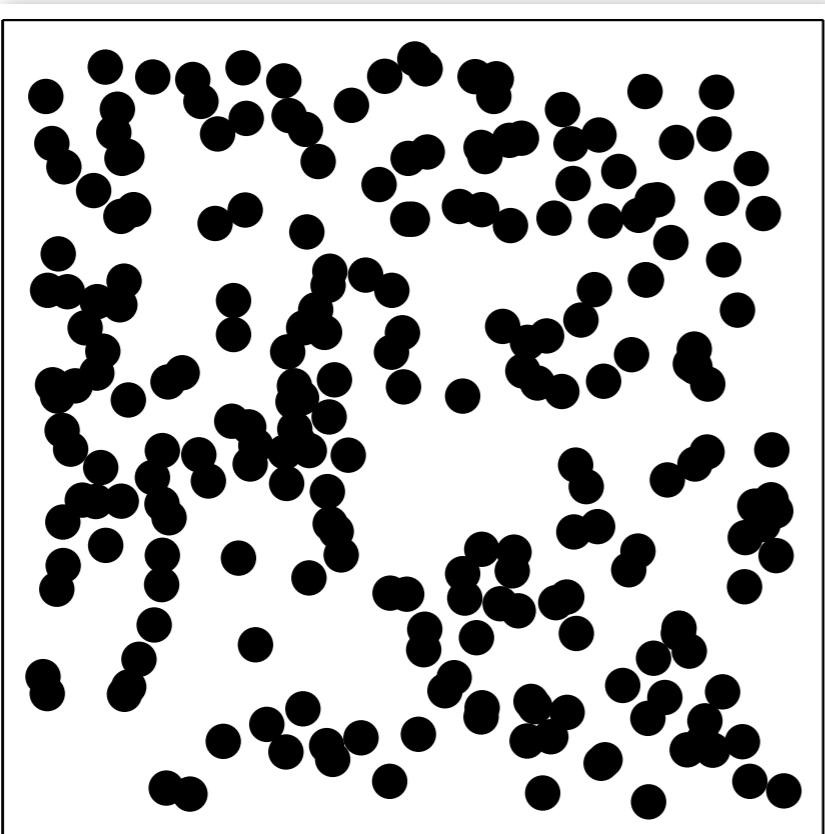
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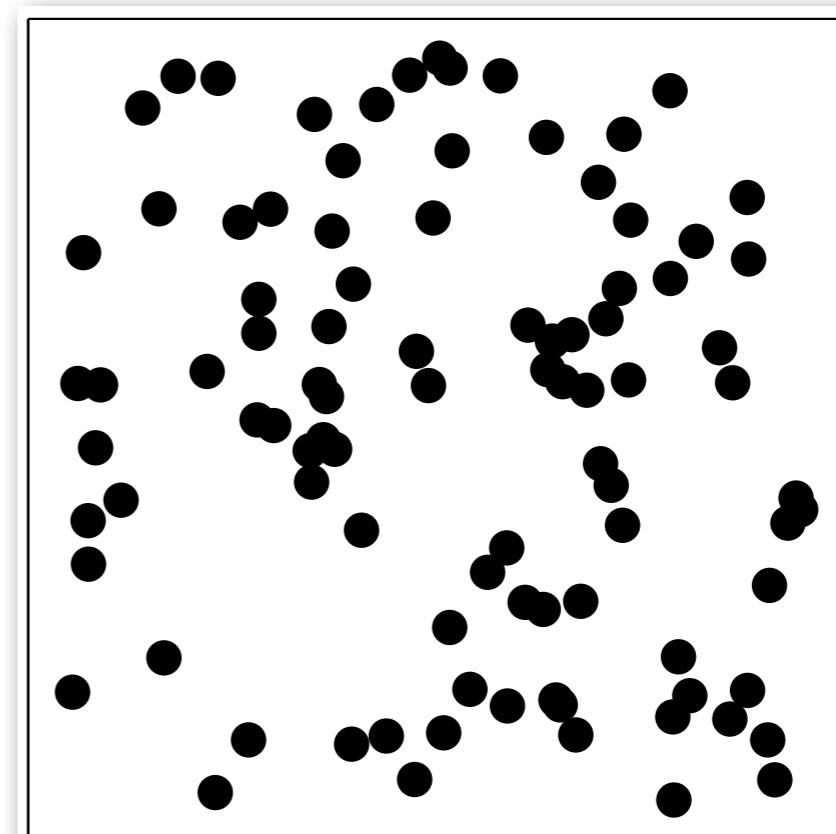
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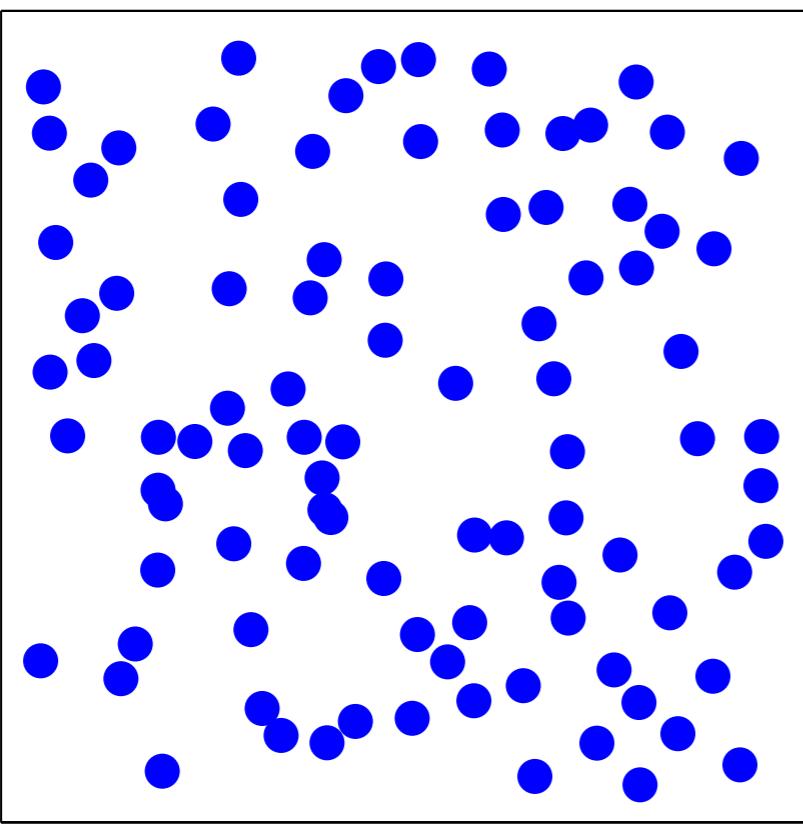
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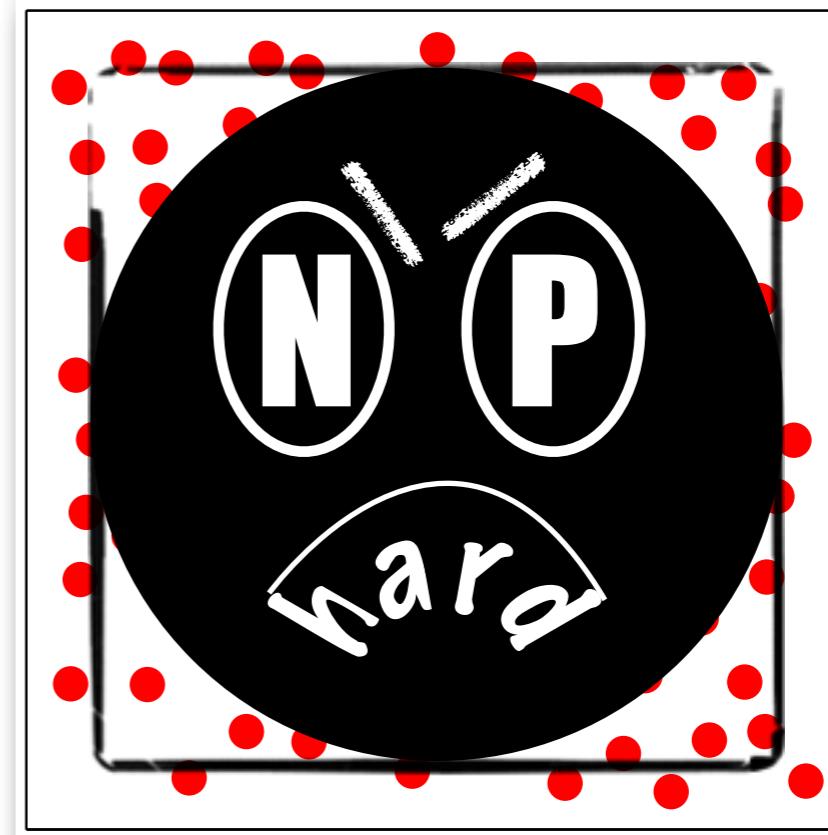
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# SUBMODULARITY TO THE RESCUE

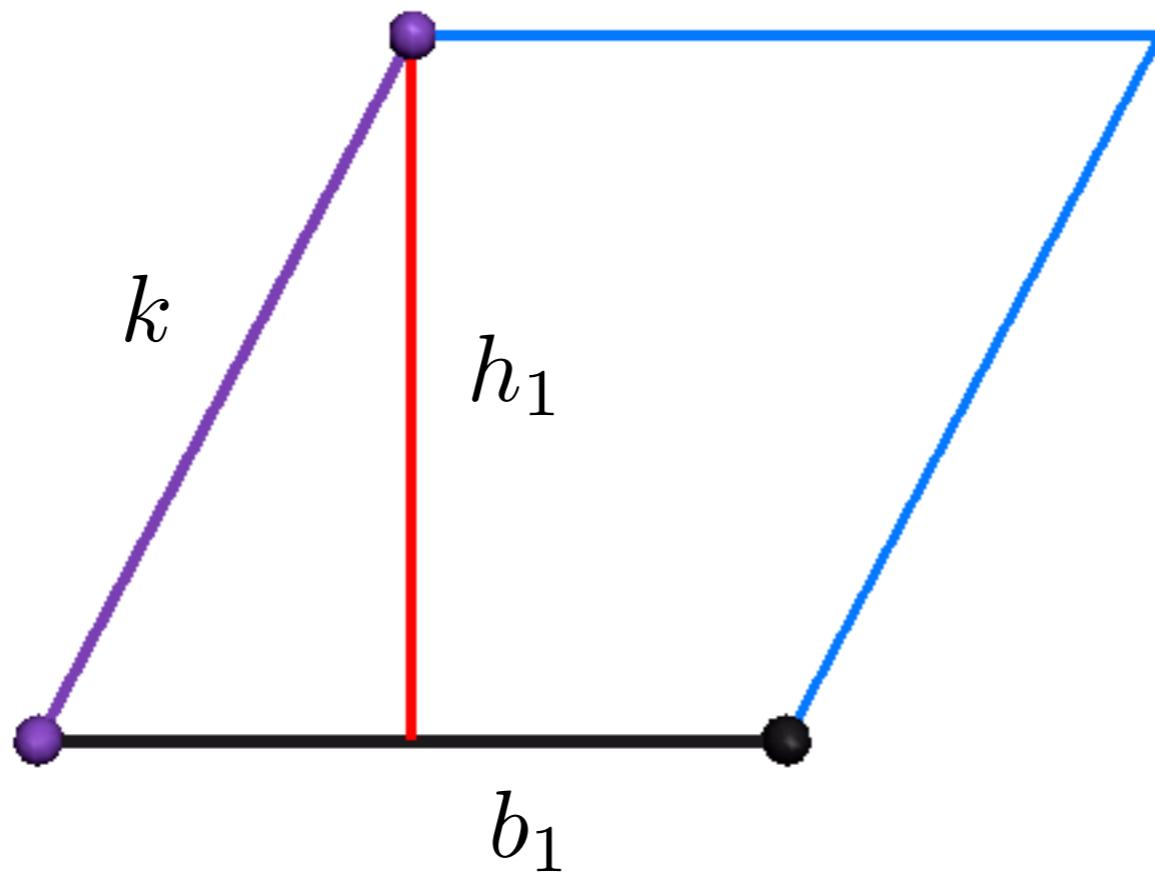
$f(Y) = \det(L_Y)$  is log-submodular

Diminishing returns:

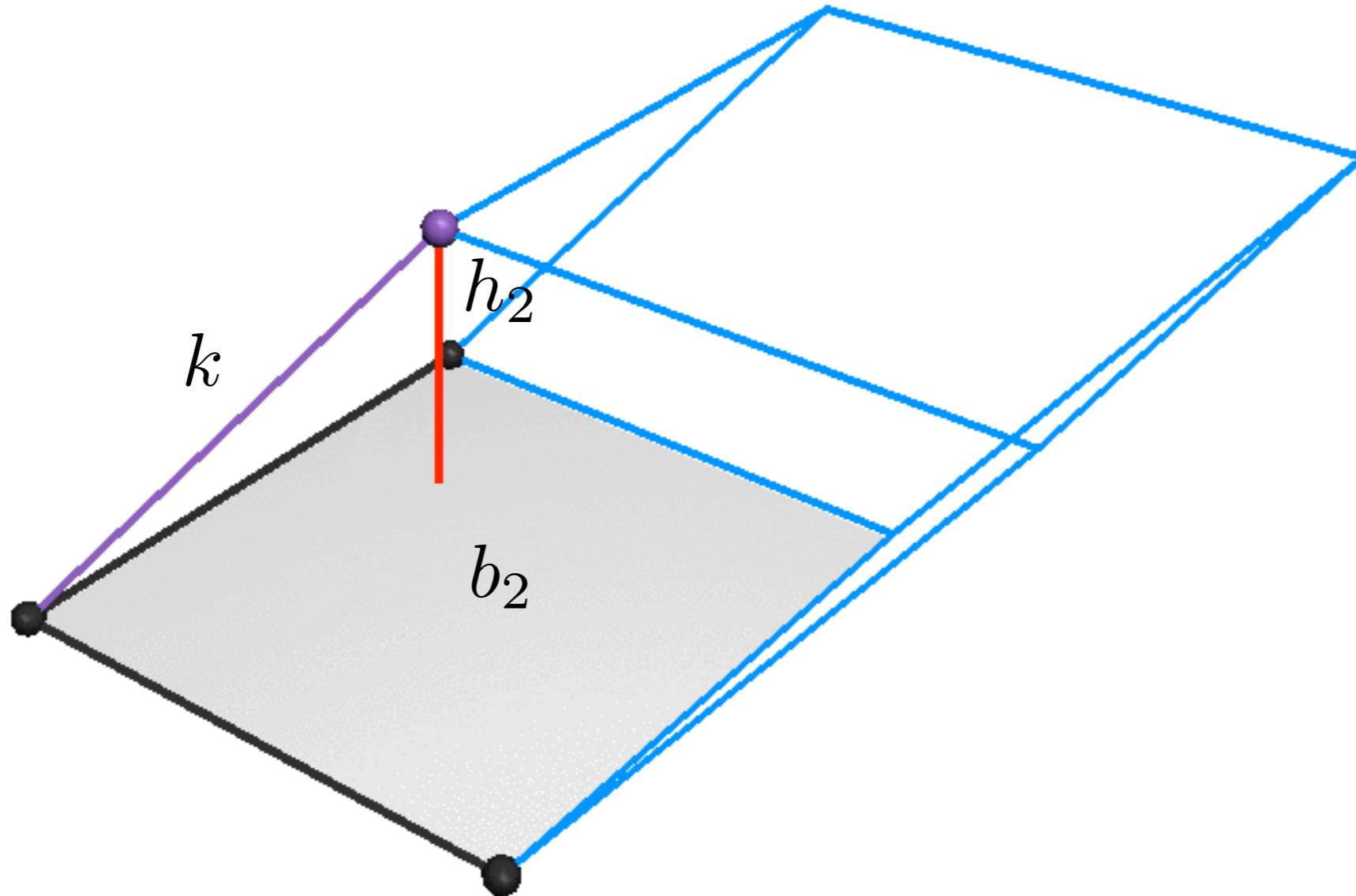
$$\frac{f(Y \cup \{k\})}{f(Y)} \leq \frac{f(X \cup \{k\})}{f(X)}$$

$$X \subseteq Y, k \notin Y$$

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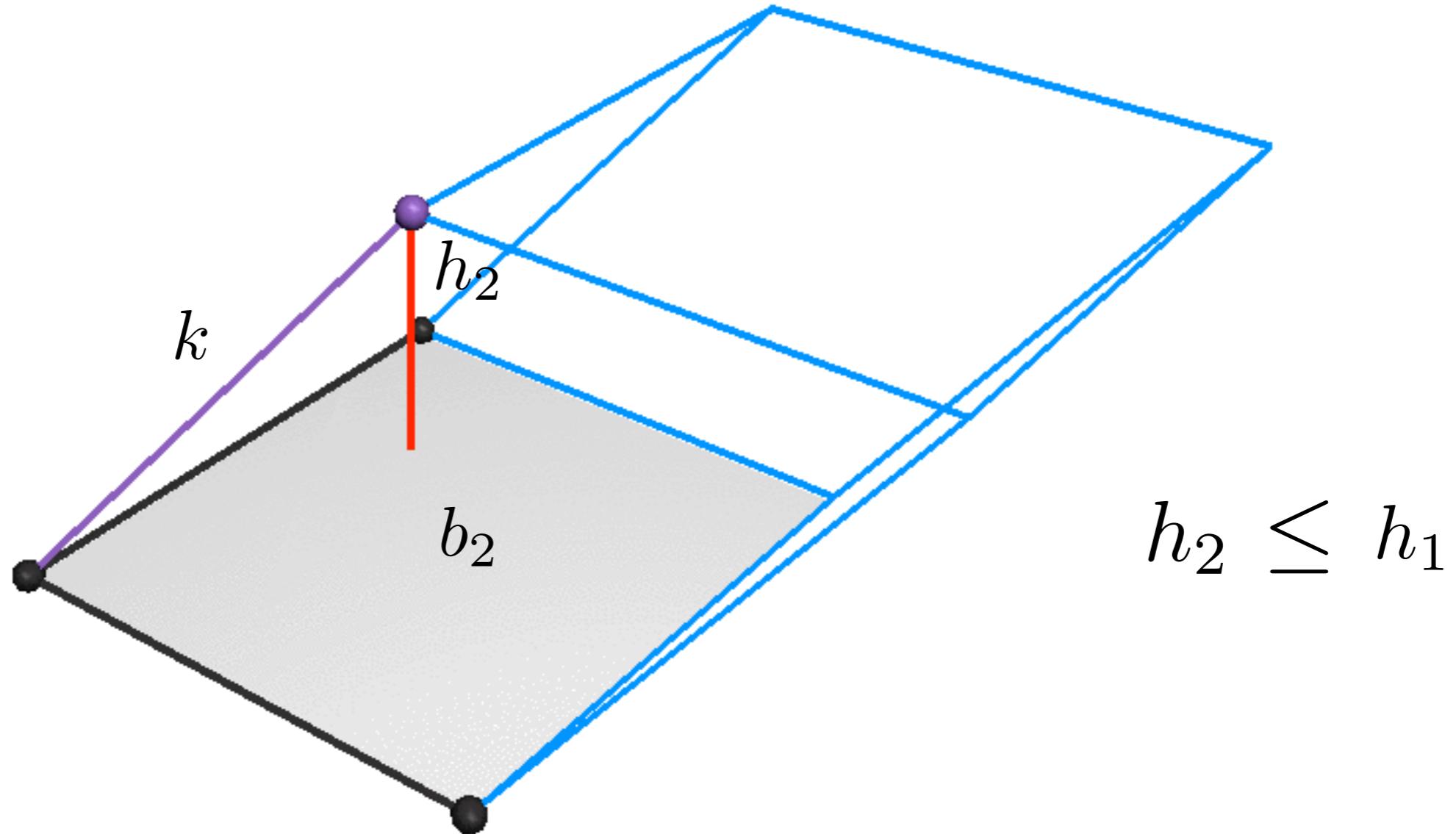


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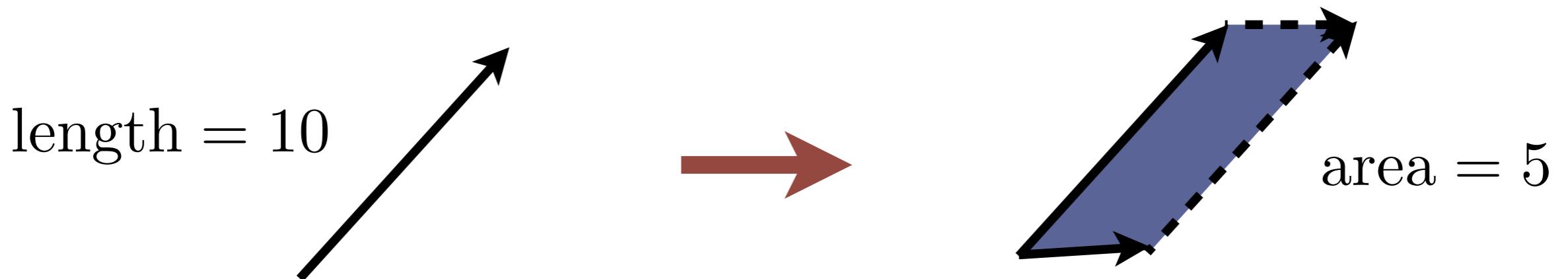


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# MONOTONICITY

$$X \subseteq Y \implies f(X) \leq f(Y)$$

Det is non-monotone:  $\det(L_X) > \det(L_Y)$  for some  $X, Y$



# PRIOR WORK

## Monotone:

“greedy”  $(1 - 1/e)$ -approx  
Nemhauser and Wolsey (1978)

## Non-monotone:

“symmetric greedy”  $1/2$ -approx  
Buchbinder et al. (2012)



Performs poorly in practice

## Non-monotone + constraints:

“multilinear”  $1/4$ -approx sans constraints,  
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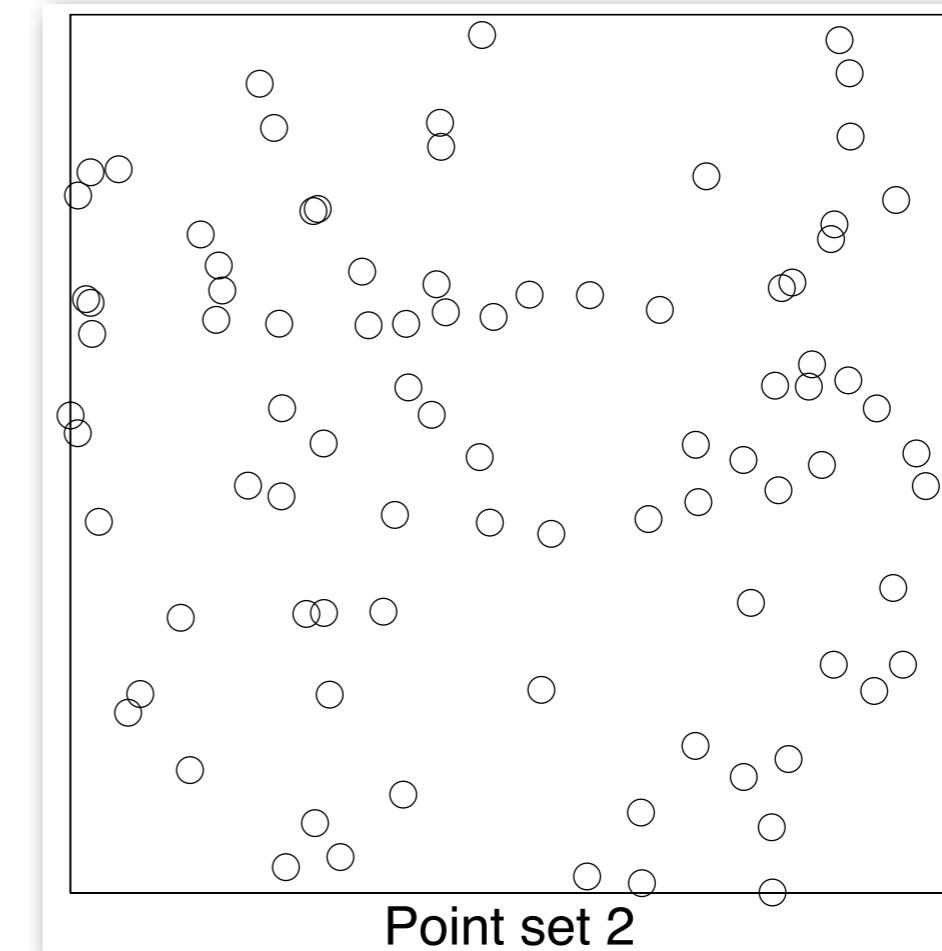
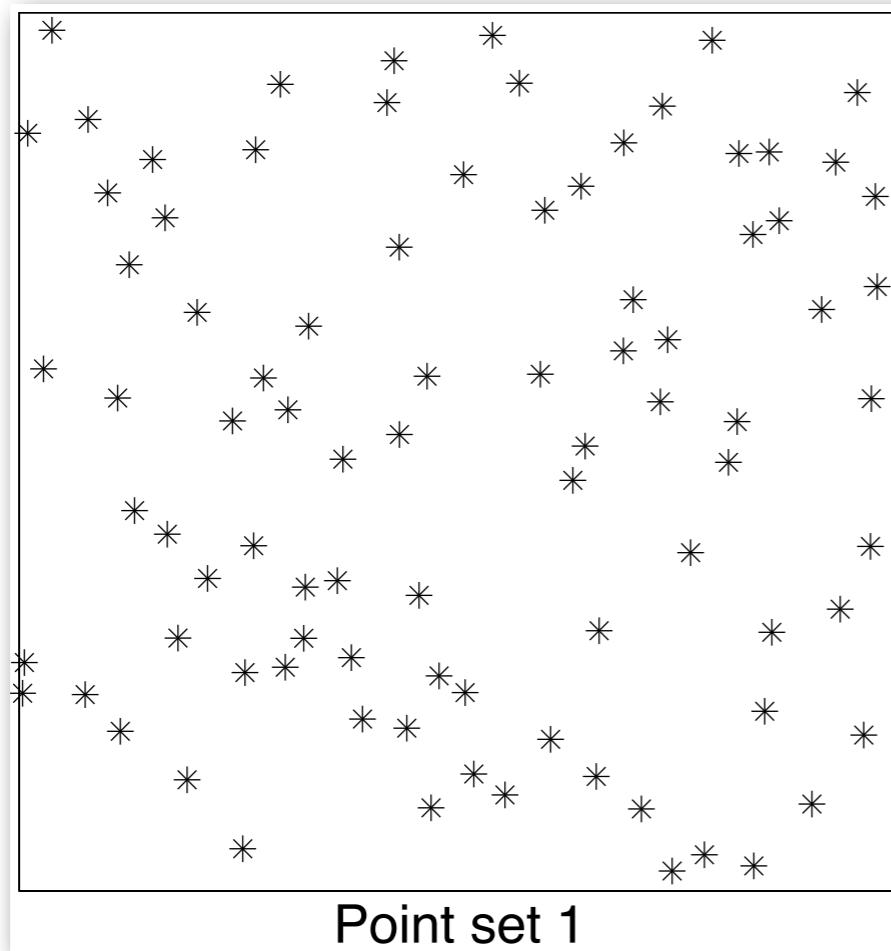
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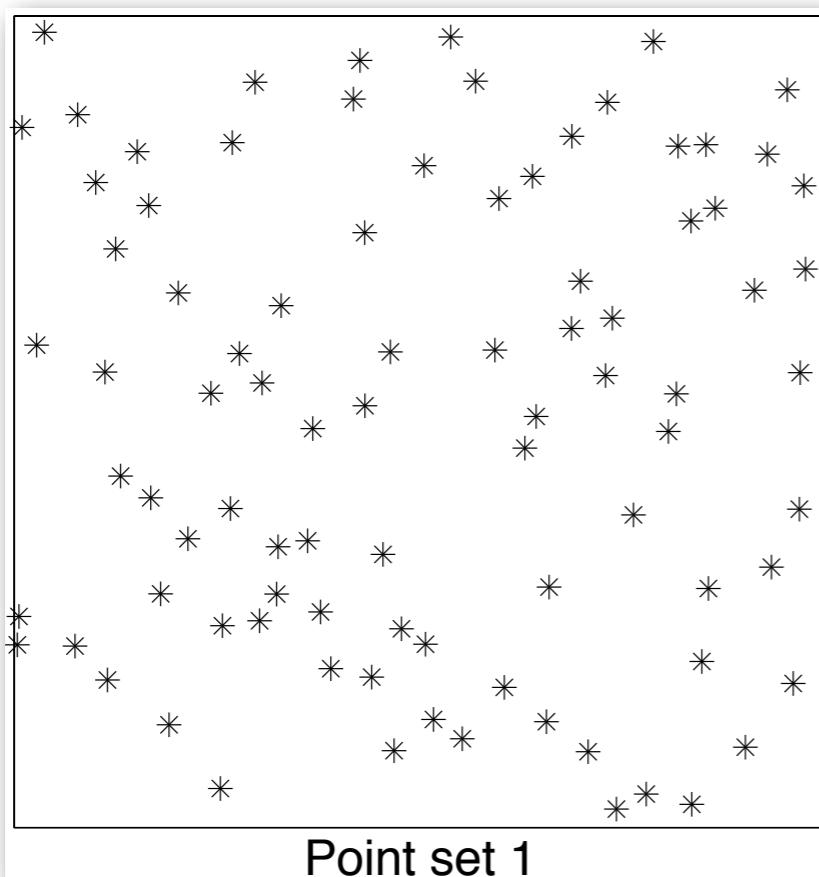
$$\arg \max_Y \det(L_Y) \longrightarrow$$

$$\arg \max_{Y \in S} \det(L_Y)$$

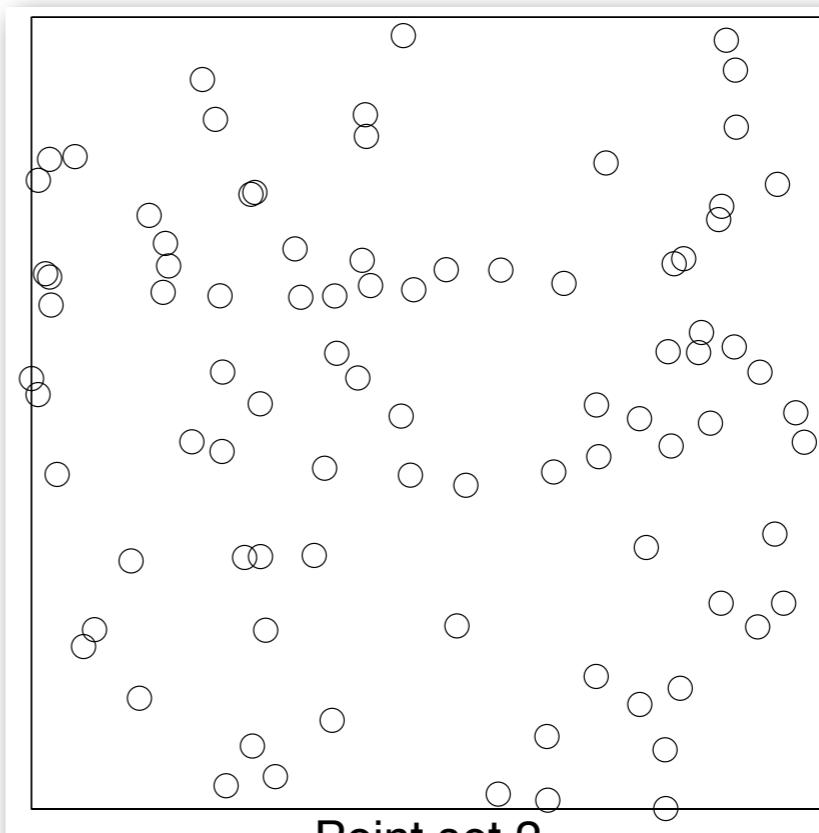
where  $S$  is a solvable polytope

# IMAGE COMPARISON WITH CONSTRAINTS

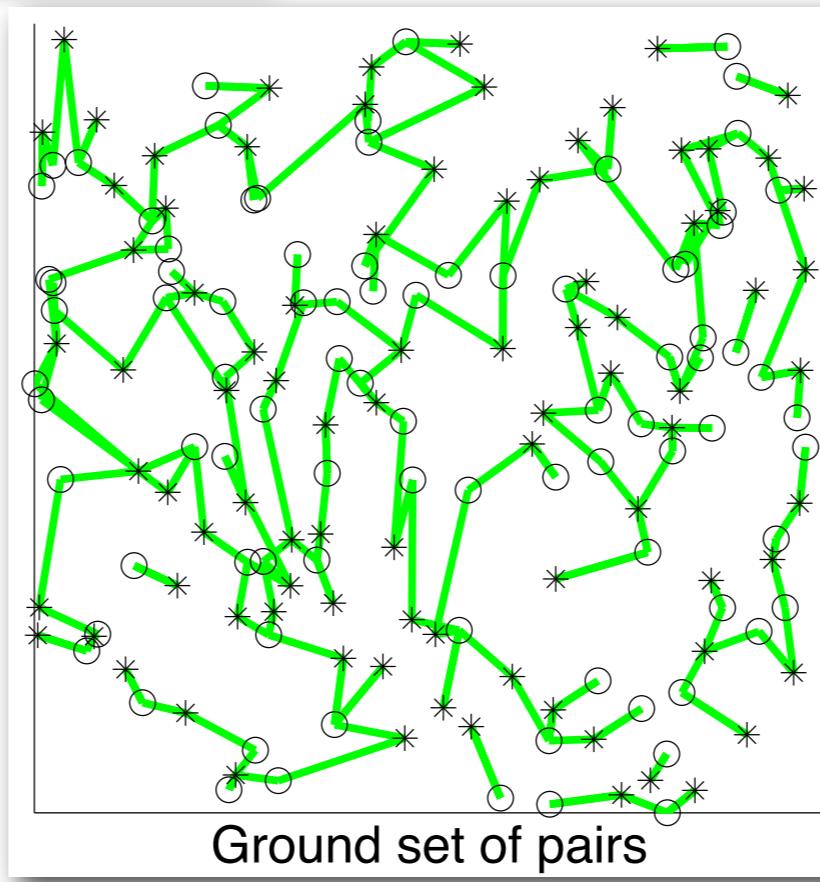




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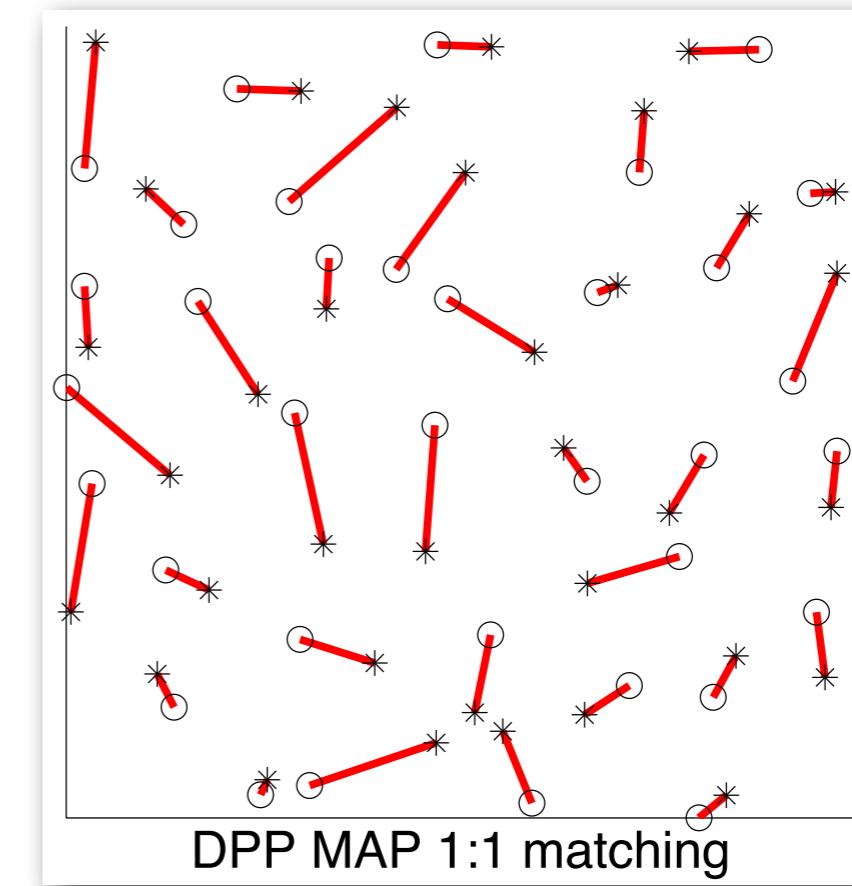
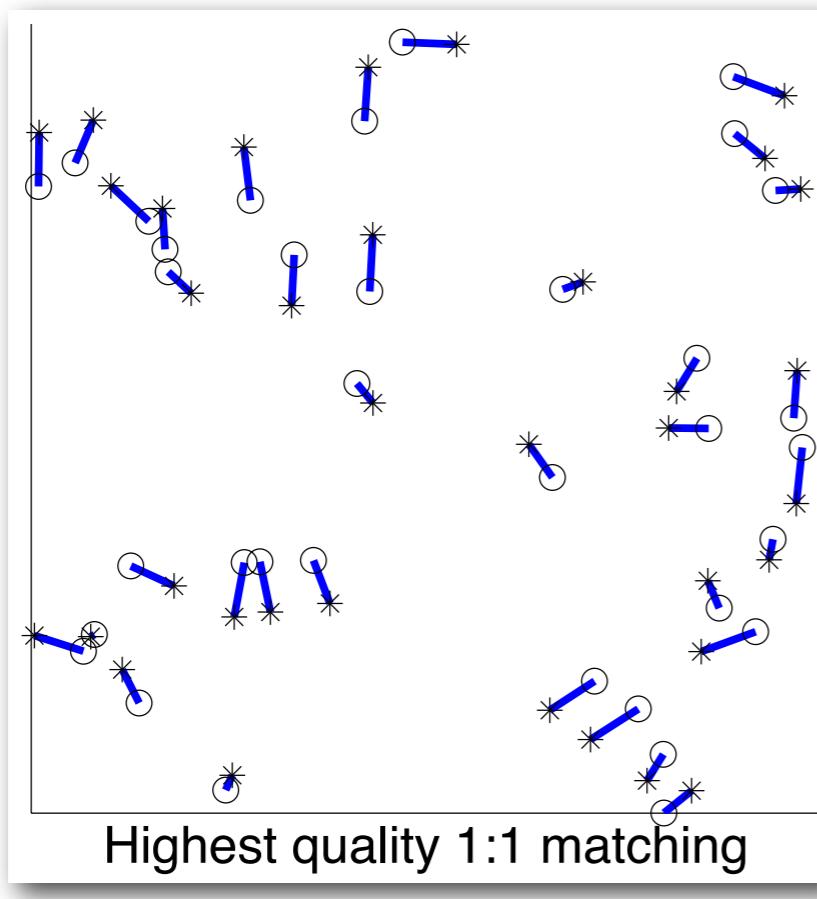
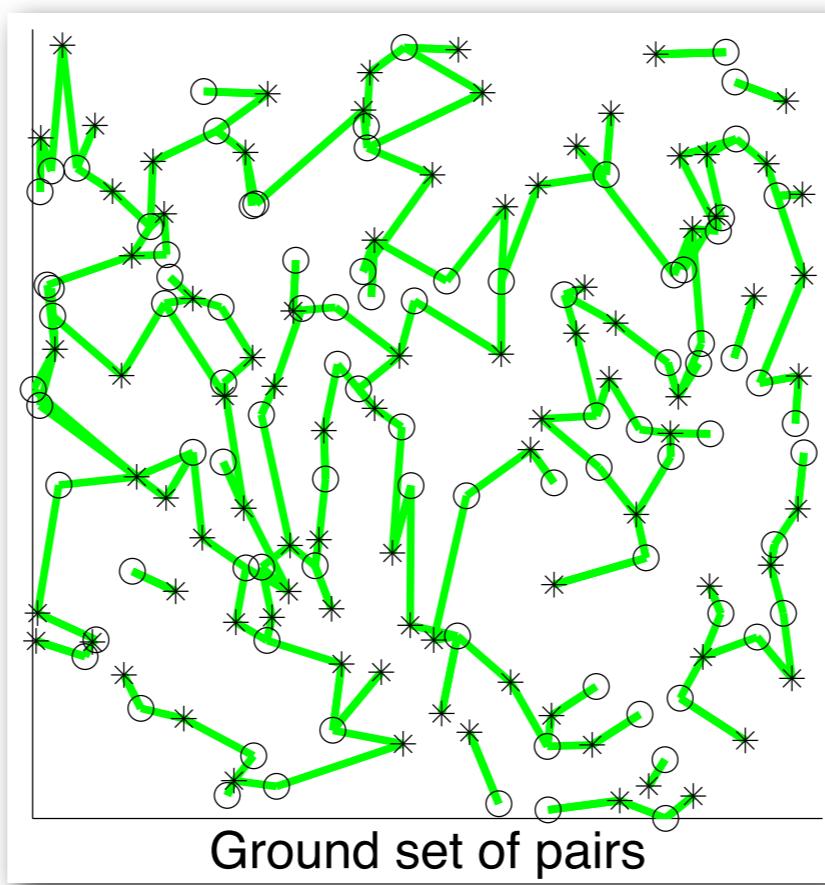


Point set 2

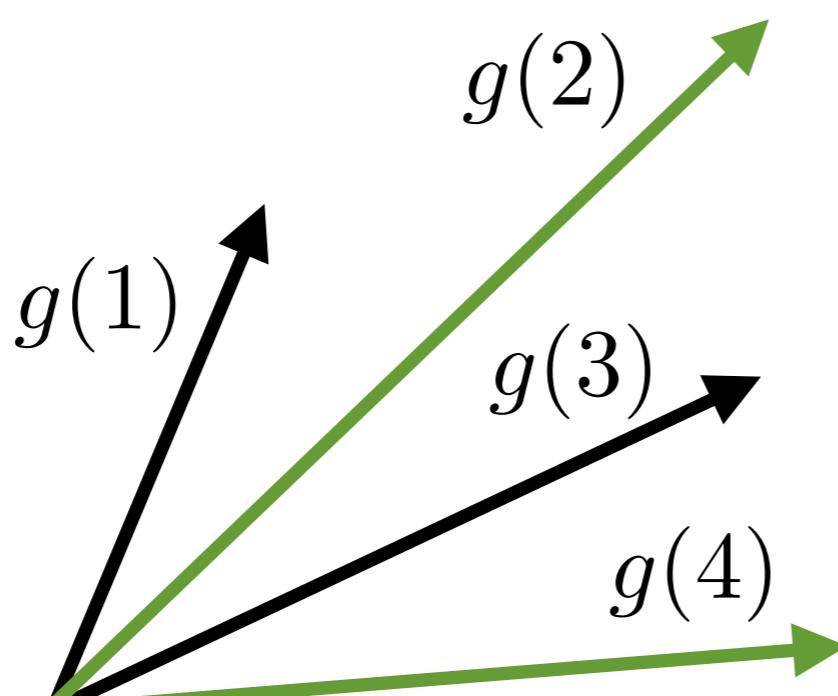


Ground set of pairs

$Y \in \text{matching polytope}$



## Step 1: Relax inclusion-exclusion



$$\begin{aligned} Y &= \{2, 4\} \\ \mathbf{x} &= [0, 1, 0, 1] \\ x_i &\in [0, 1] \end{aligned}$$

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$$\downarrow \\ p_Y$$

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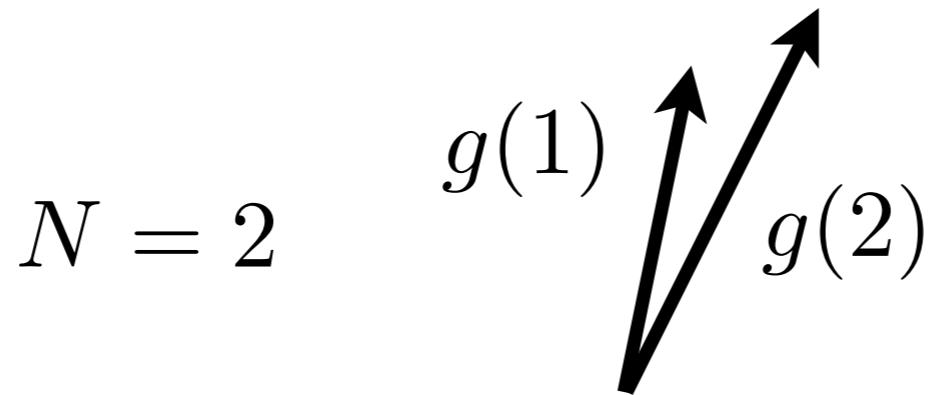
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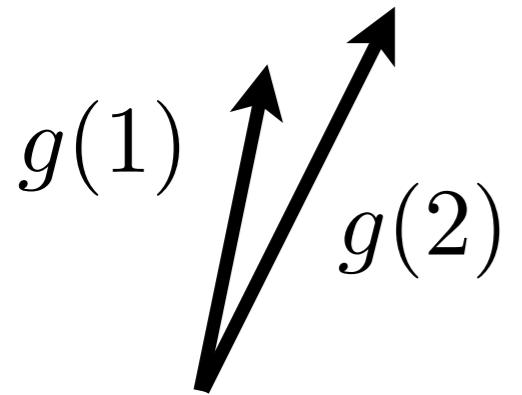
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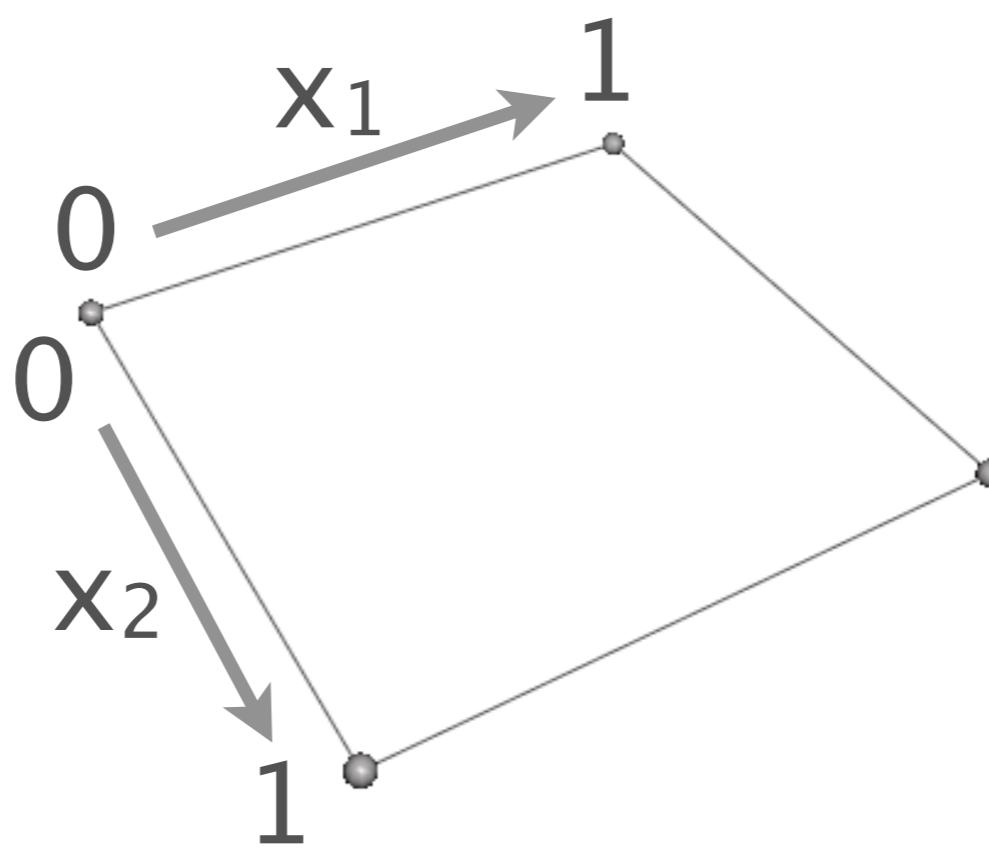
Multilinear:  $F(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_Y \prod_{i \in Y} x_i \prod_{i \notin Y} (1 - x_i) \log f(Y)$

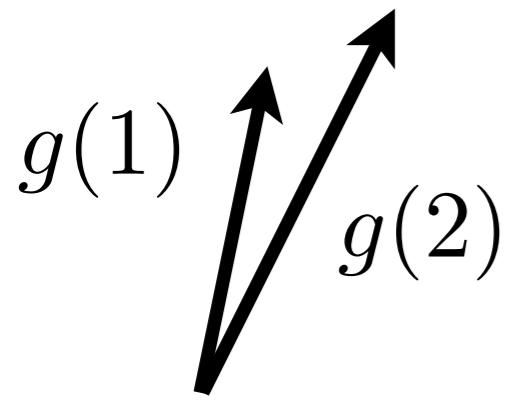
Softmax:  $\tilde{F}(\mathbf{x}) = \log \sum_Y \prod_{i \in Y} x_i \prod_{i \notin Y} (1 - x_i) f(Y)$



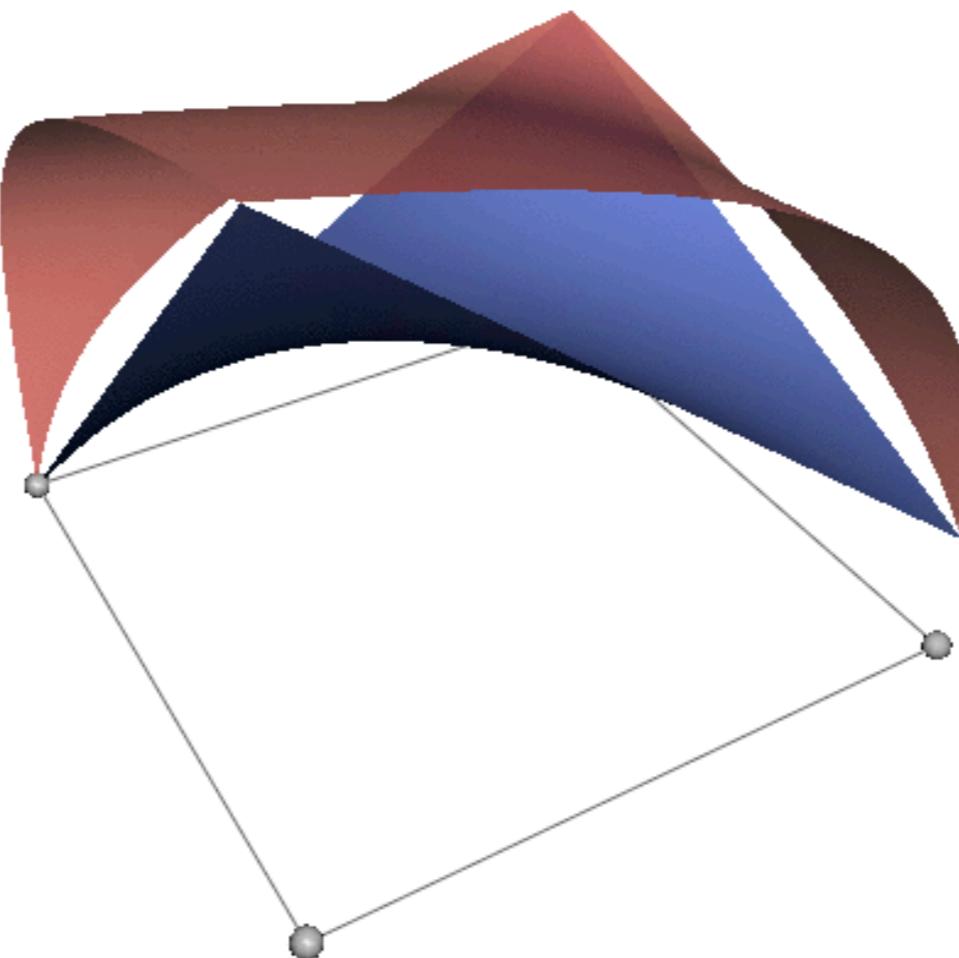


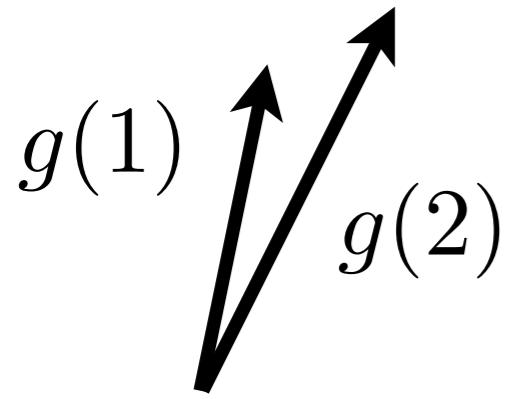
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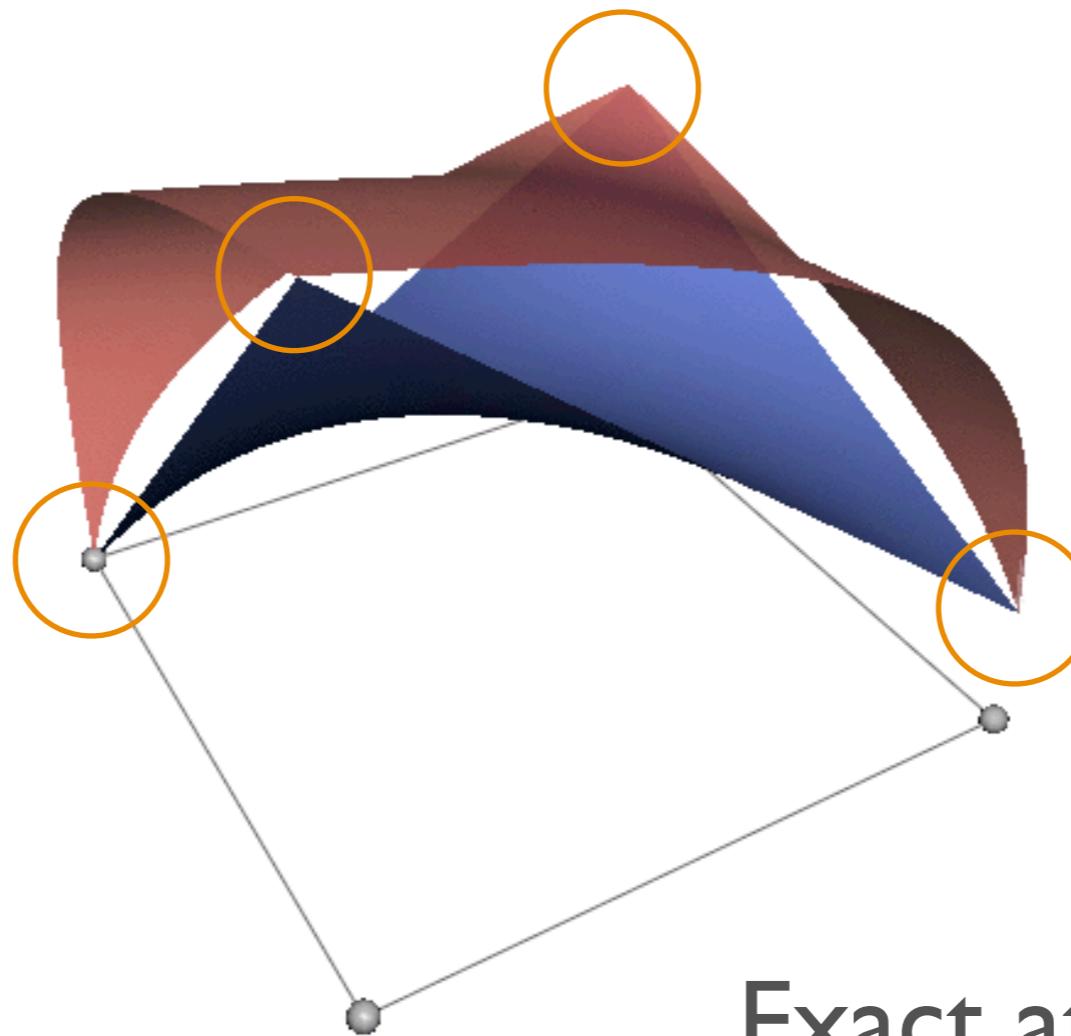


Softmax extension  
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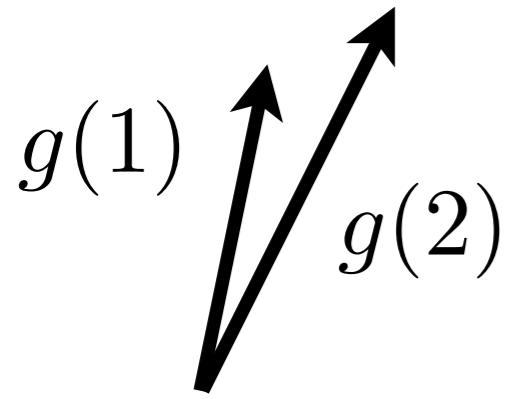




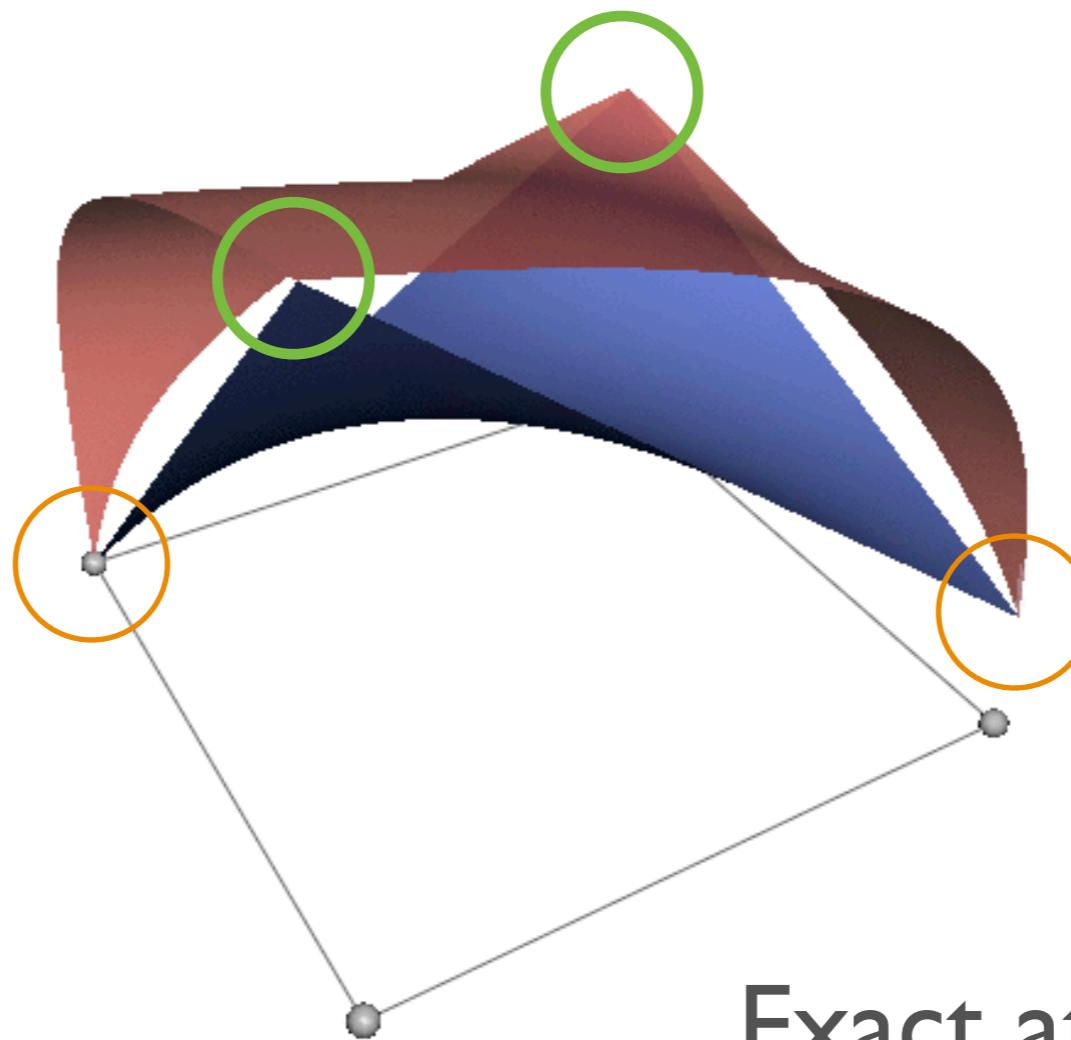
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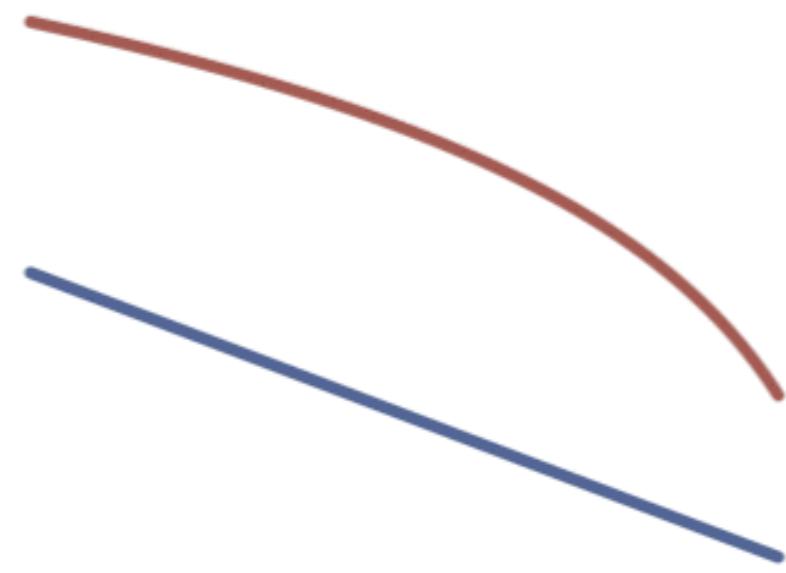
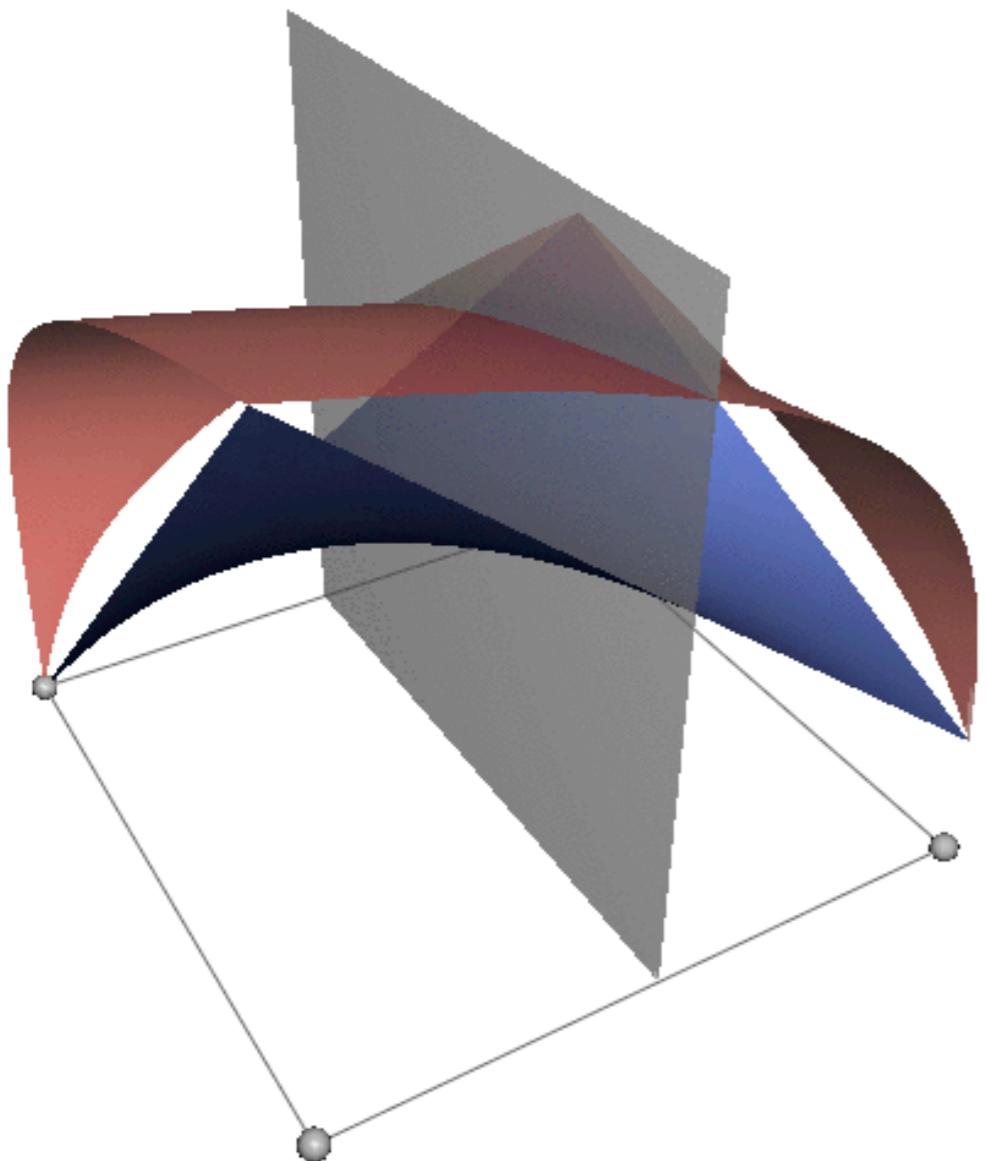
**Theorem:**

Efficiently computable for  $f(Y) = \det(L_Y)$

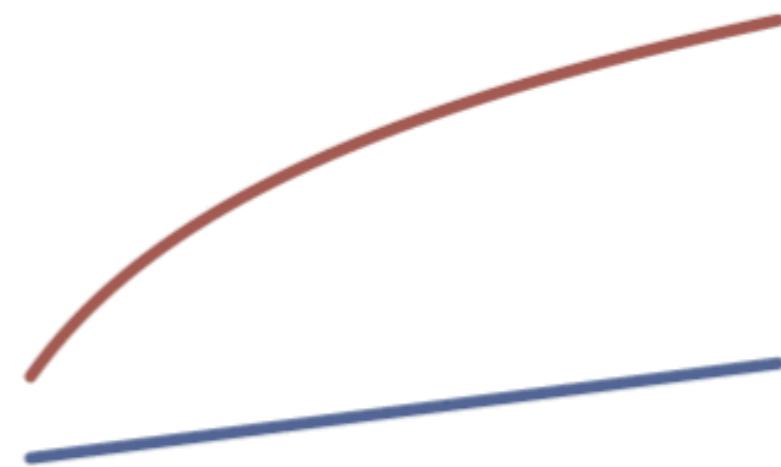
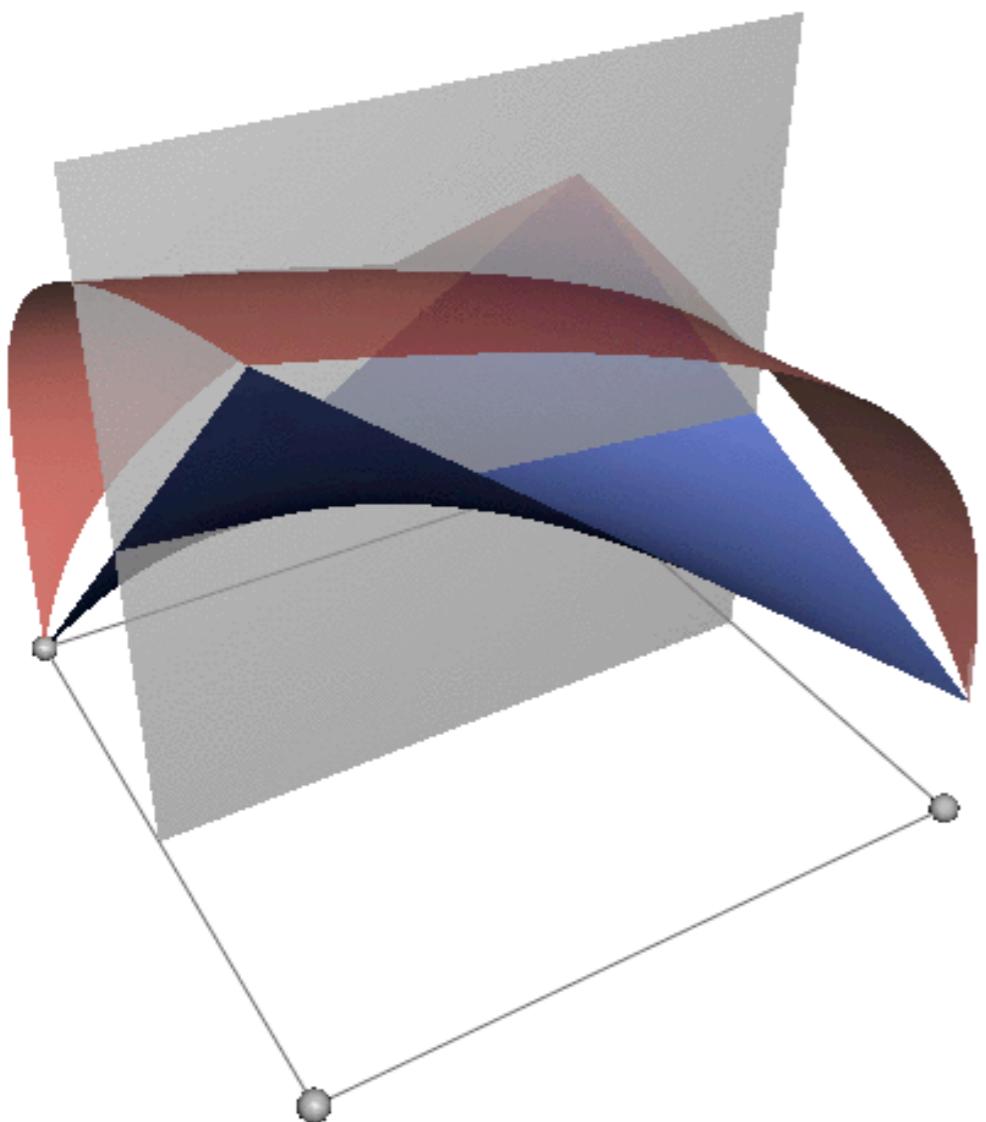
$$O(N^3)$$

$$\tilde{F}(\mathbf{x}) = \det(\text{diag}(\mathbf{x})(L - I) + I)$$

Concave in all-positive/all-negative directions



Not necessarily concave in other directions



# APPROXIMATION GUARANTEE

**Theorem:** Concavity in all-positive directions

+ Submodularity  $\implies$

$$\text{LOCAL OPT of } \tilde{F} \geq \frac{1}{4} \max_{\mathbf{x}} \tilde{F}(\mathbf{x}) \geq \frac{1}{4} \max_Y \log \det(L_Y)$$

**Theorem:** In the unconstrained case, LOCAL OPT will be integer (no rounding necessary).

Constrained: No guarantees, but in practice pipage  
 $\max_{Y \in S}$  rounding and thresholding work well.

# BASELINE

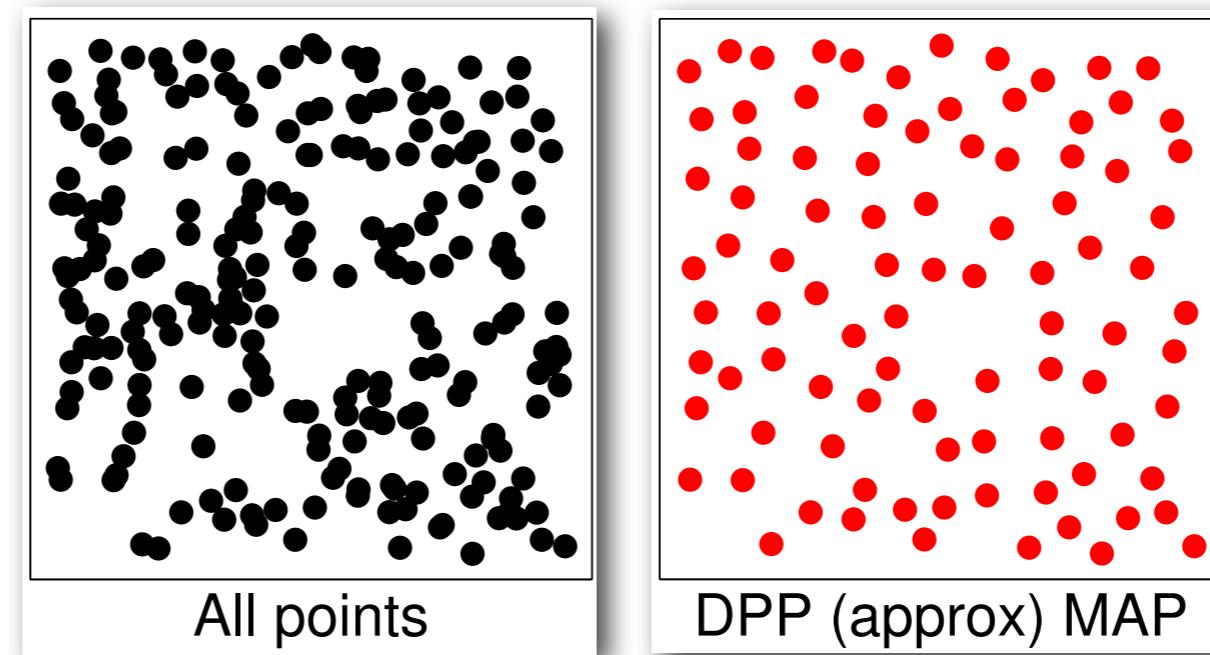
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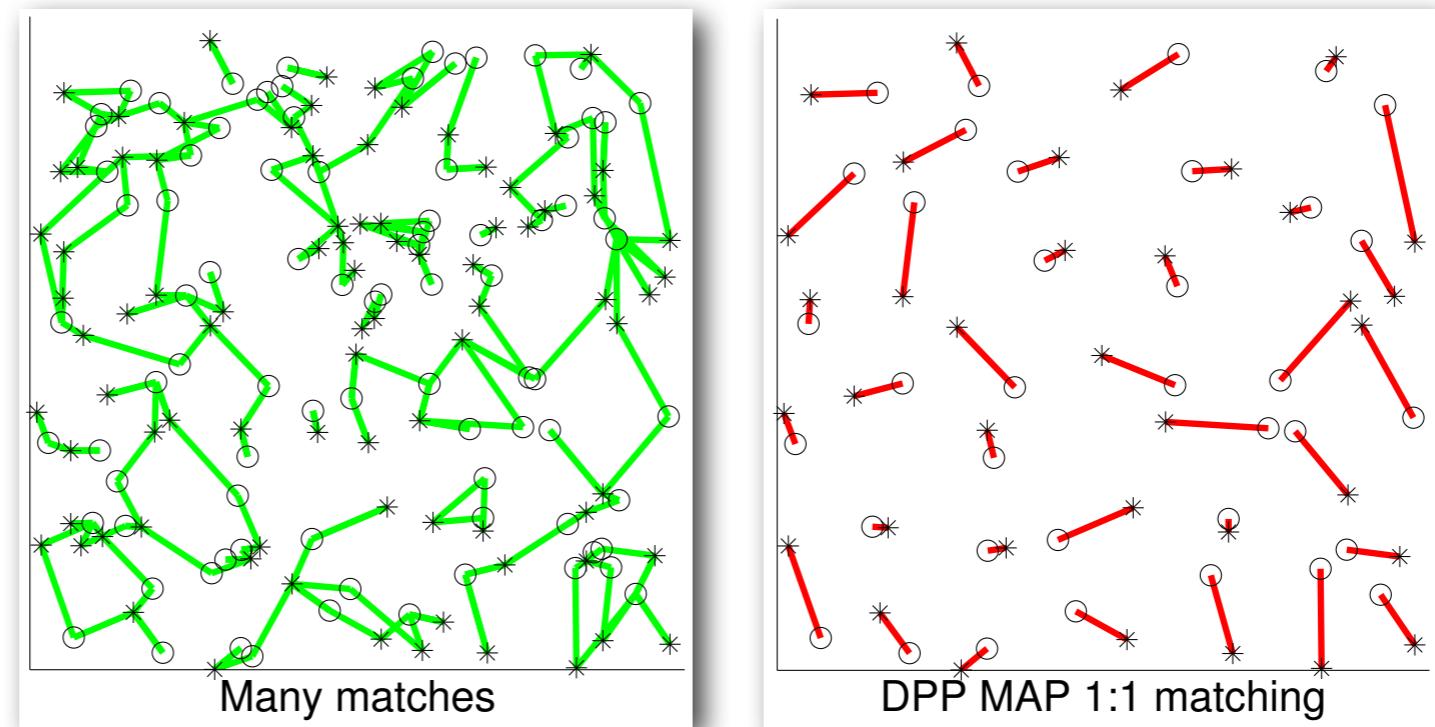
Basic idea: Start from  $Y = \{\}$  and find the single item to add that most increases the score. Iterate until no remaining item increases the score.

# SYNTHETIC EXPERIMENTS

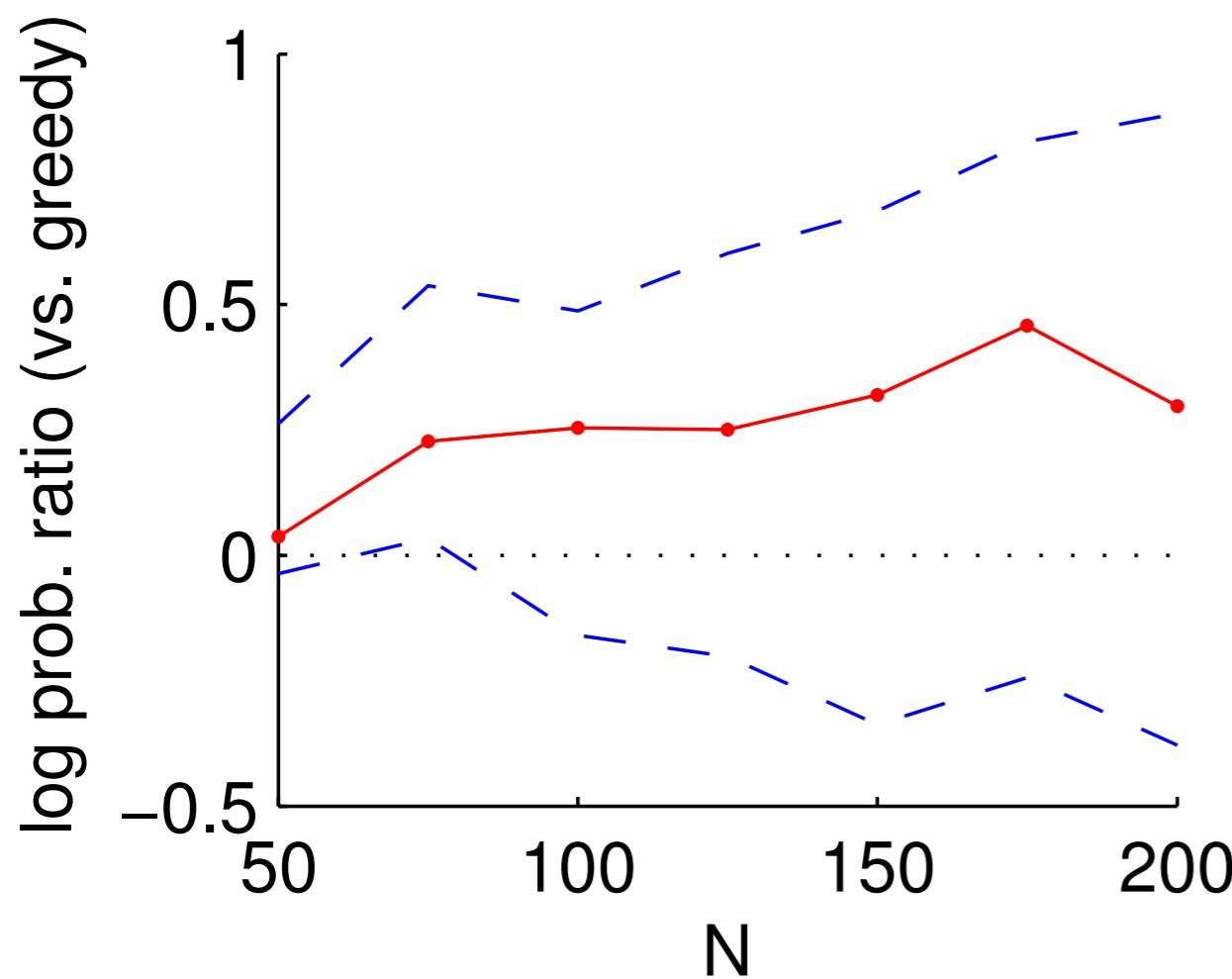
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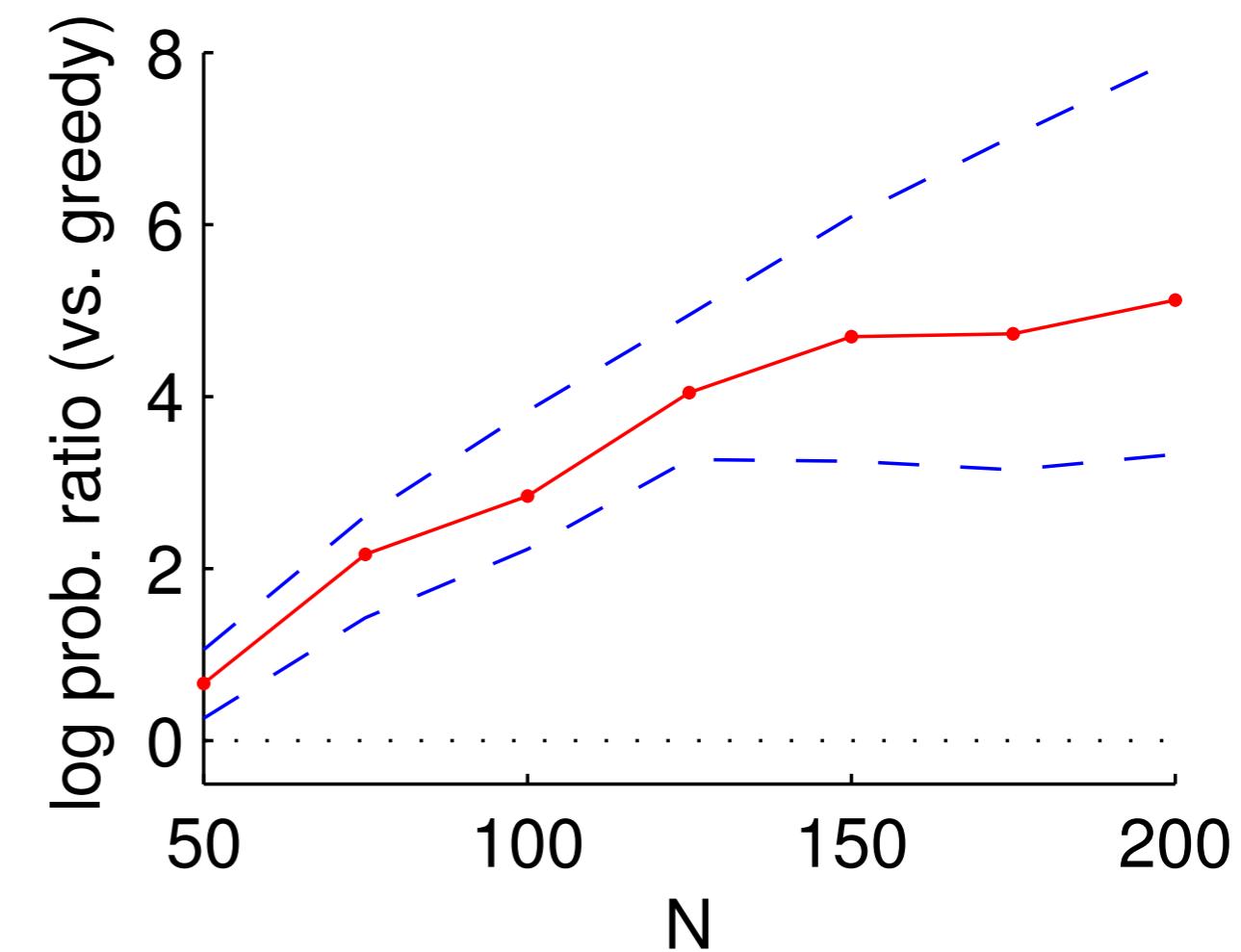
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# EFFECTIVENESS EVAL



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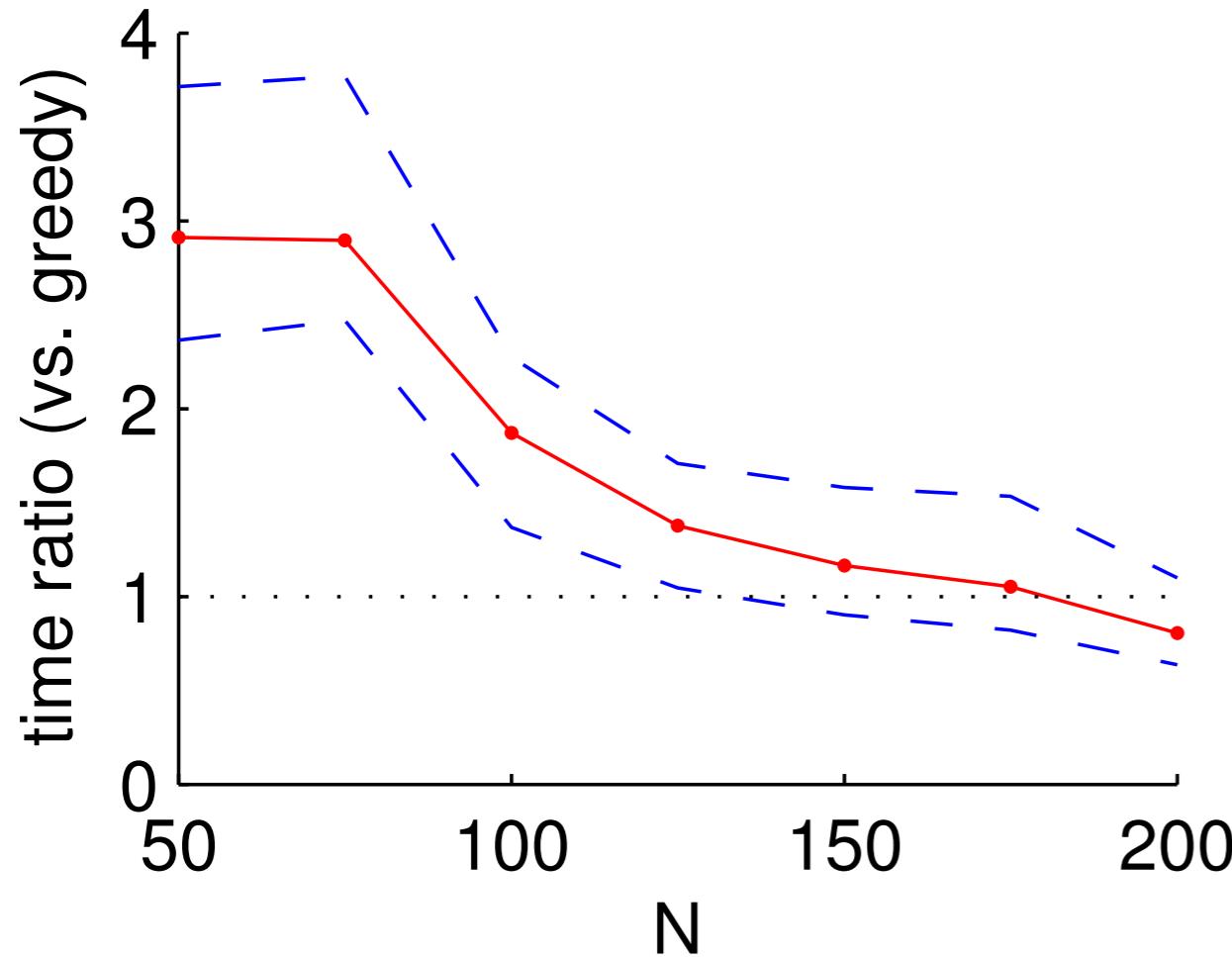
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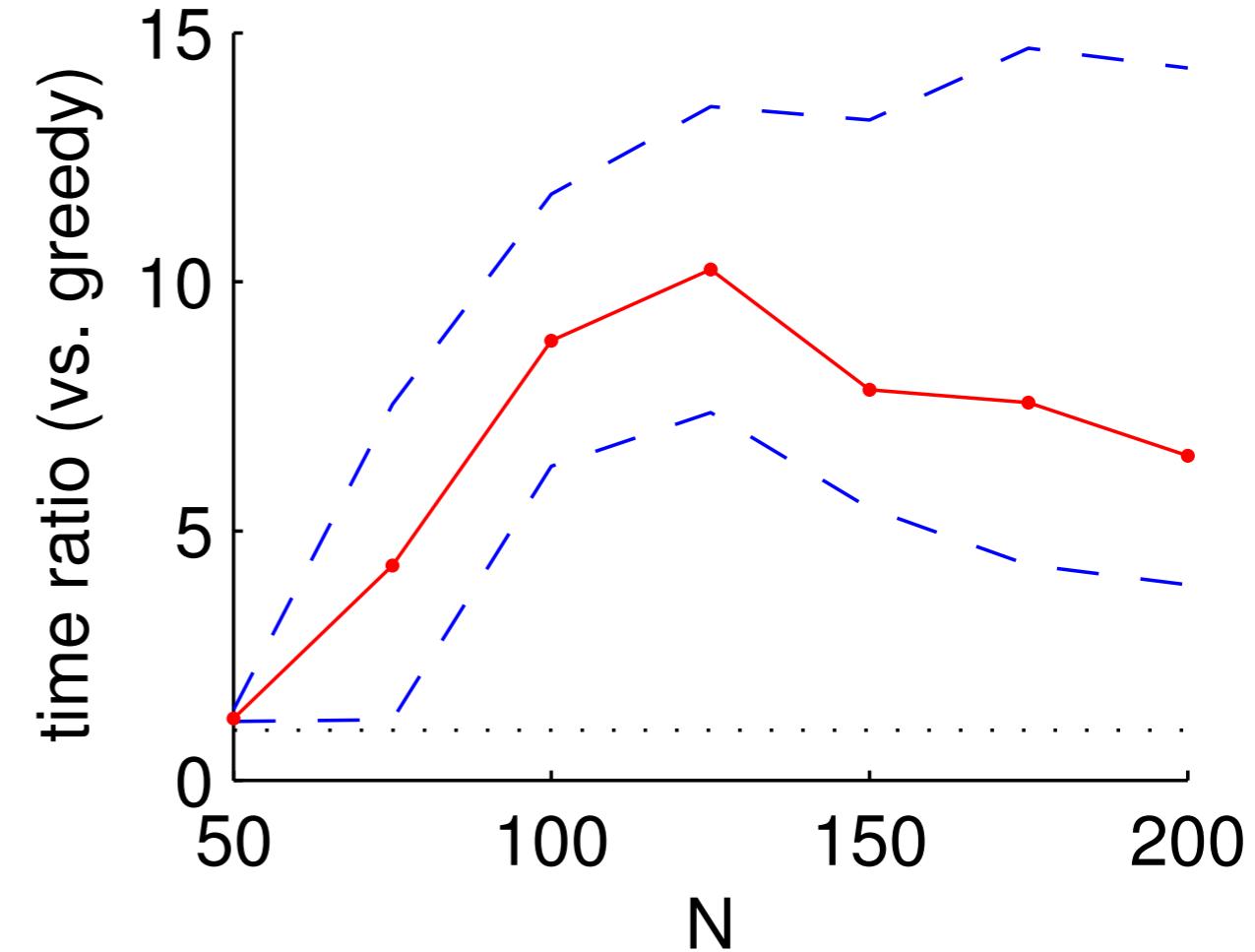
Naive greedy algorithm:  $O(N^5)$

Optimized version:  $O(N^4)$

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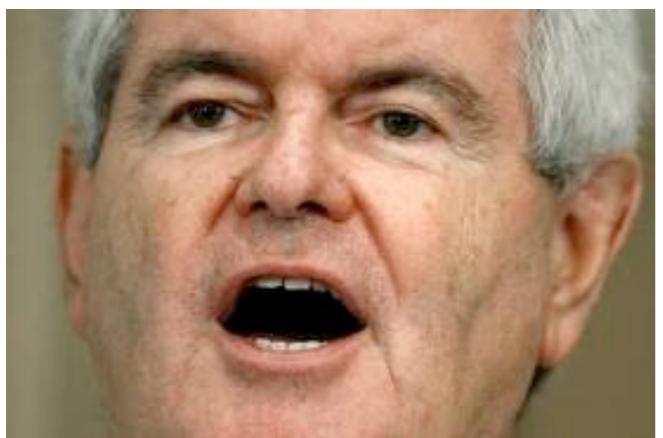
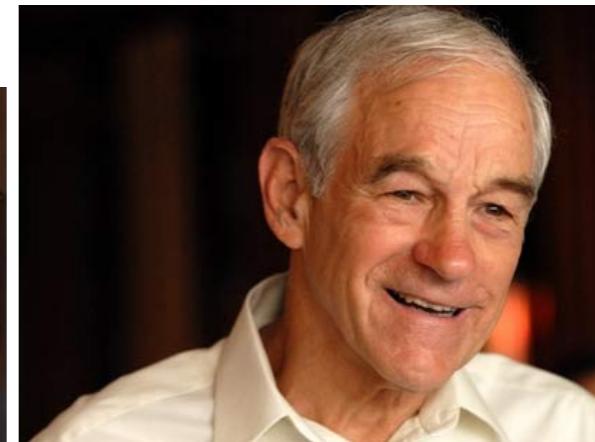
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# MATCHED SUMMARIZATION

20 Republican primary debates



Average of 179 quotes per candidate

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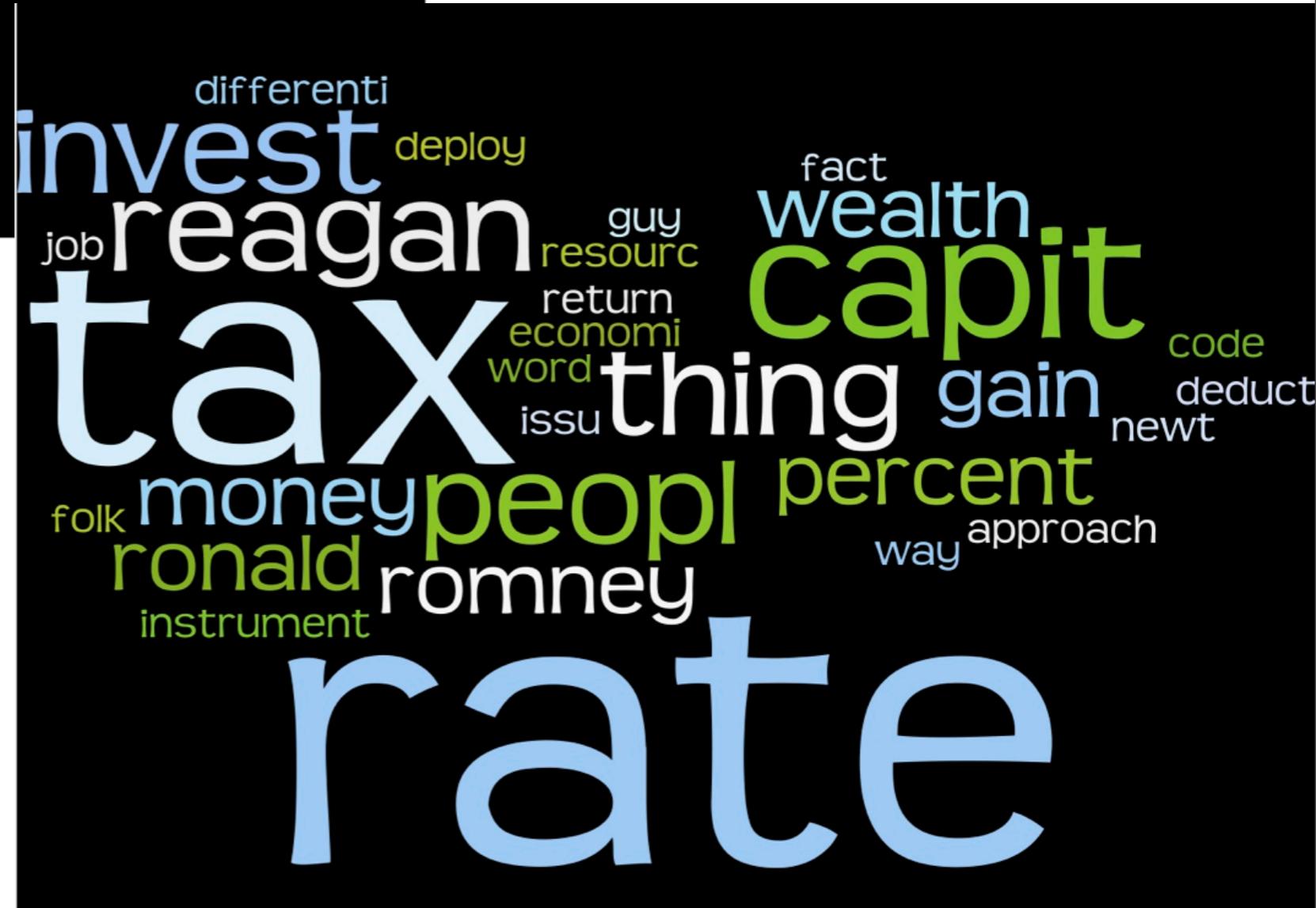




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- R1 (taxes): No tax on interest, dividends, or capital gains.
- R2 (law): We're not going to have Sharia law applied in U.S. courts.
- R3 (healthcare): I will ... grant a waiver from Obamacare to all 50 states.
- R4 (aid): We're spending more on foreign aid than we ought to.
- R5 (healthcare): If you think what we did in Massachusetts and what President Obama did are the same, boy, take a closer look.

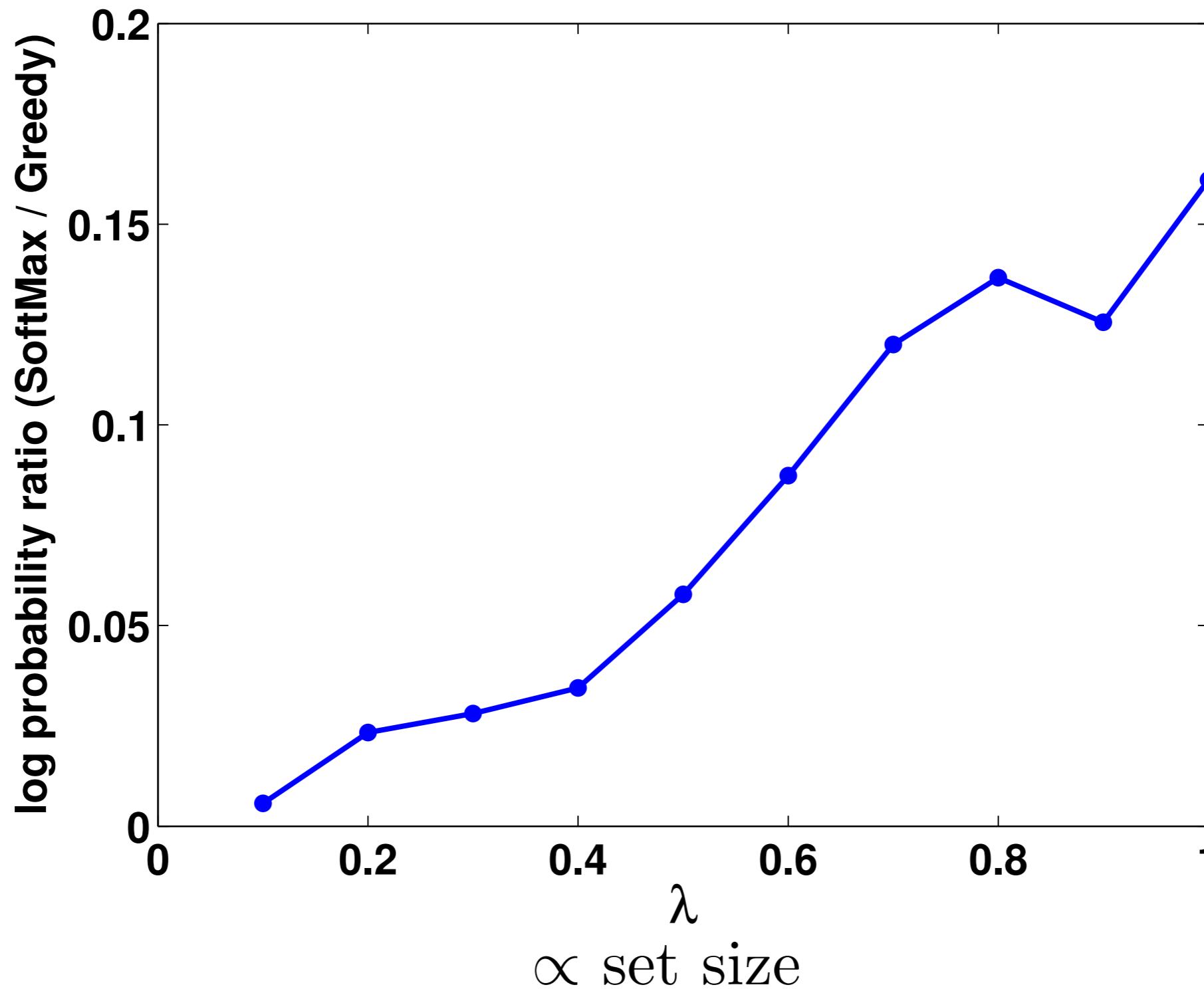


- S1 (taxes): I don't believe in a zero capital gains tax rate.
- S2 (taxes): Manufacture in America, you aren't going to pay any taxes.
- S3 (aid): Zeroing out foreign aid ... that's absolutely the wrong course.
- S4 (ethanol): I voted against ethanol subsidies my entire time in Congress.
- S5 (healthcare): Obamacare ... is going to blow a hole in the budget.

## Matched summary

- **R1 (taxes): No tax on interest, dividends, or capital gains.**
- **S1 (taxes): I don't believe in a zero capital gains tax rate.**
  
- **R3 (healthcare): I will ... grant a waiver from Obamacare to all 50 states.**
- **S5 (healthcare): Obamacare ... is going to blow a hole in the budget.**
  
- **R4 (aid): We're spending more on foreign aid than we ought to.**
- **S3 (aid): Zeroing out foreign aid ... that's absolutely the wrong course.**

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## **Future work:**

- Other applications:
  - sensor selection  
[A. Krause, A. Singh, and C. Guestrin. Near-Optimal Sensor Placements in Gaussian Processes, 2008.]
  - text summarization  
[H. Lin and J. Bilmes. Multi-Document Summarization via Budgeted Maximization of Submodular Functions, 2010.]
- Other submodular functions for which the softmax extension is efficiently computable?

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