

Exact POMDP Solutions: α -vectors

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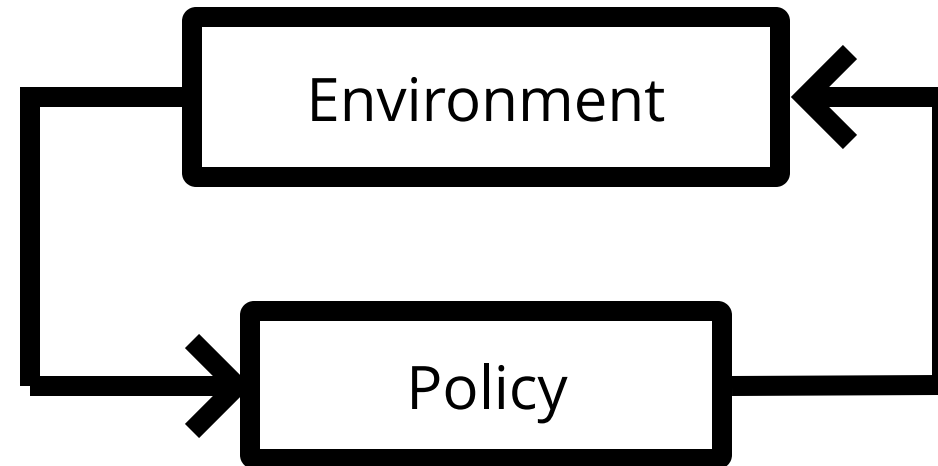
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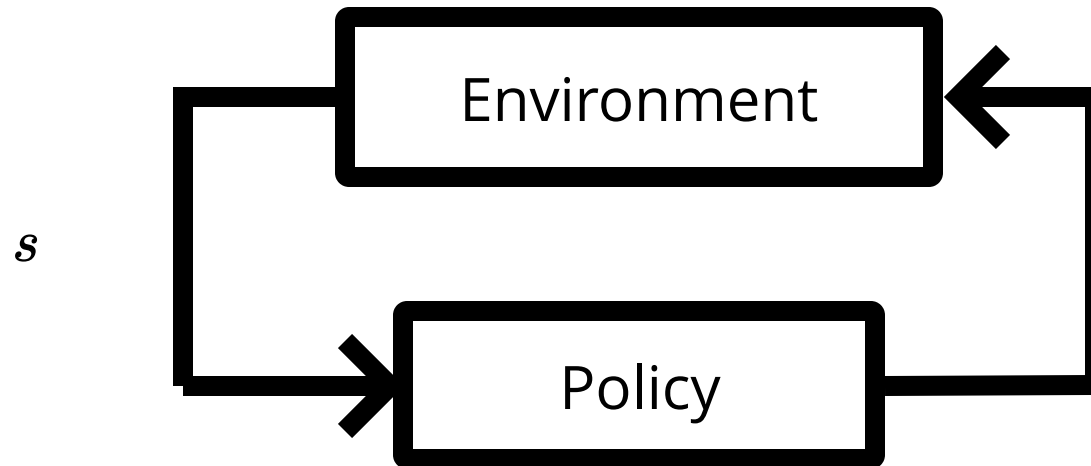
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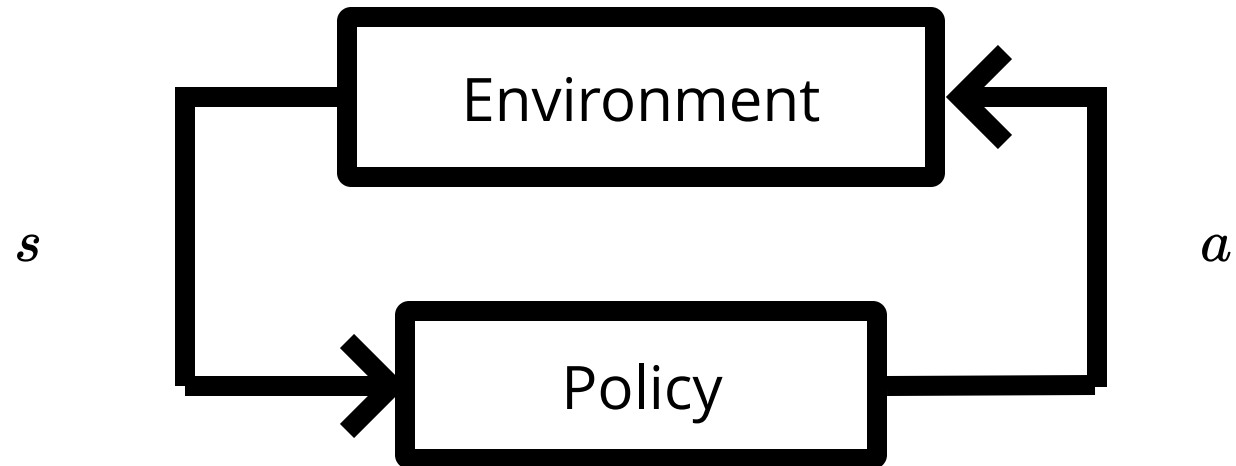
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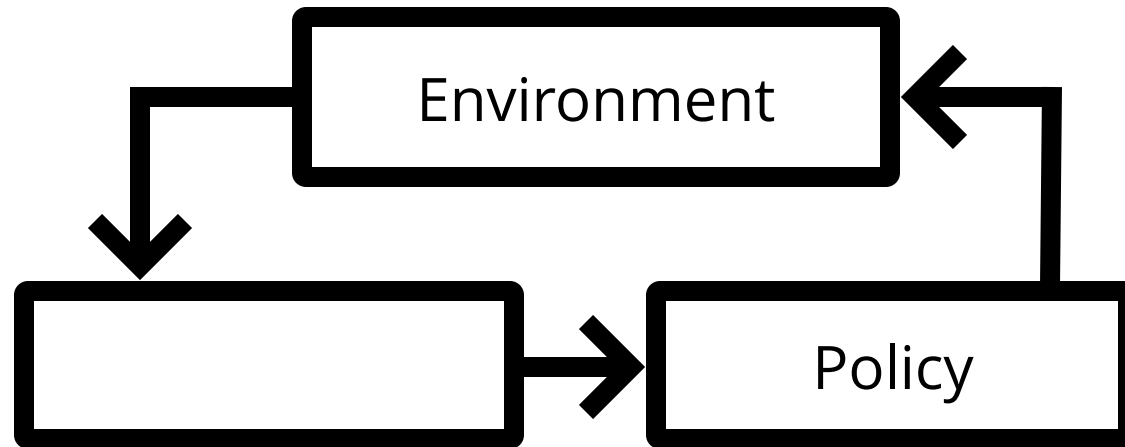
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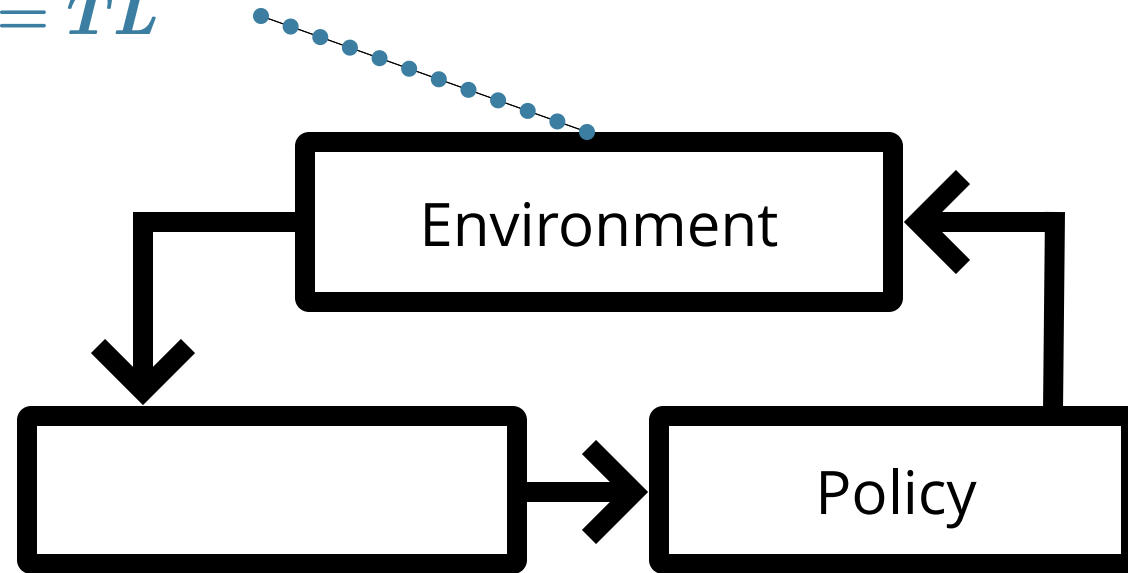
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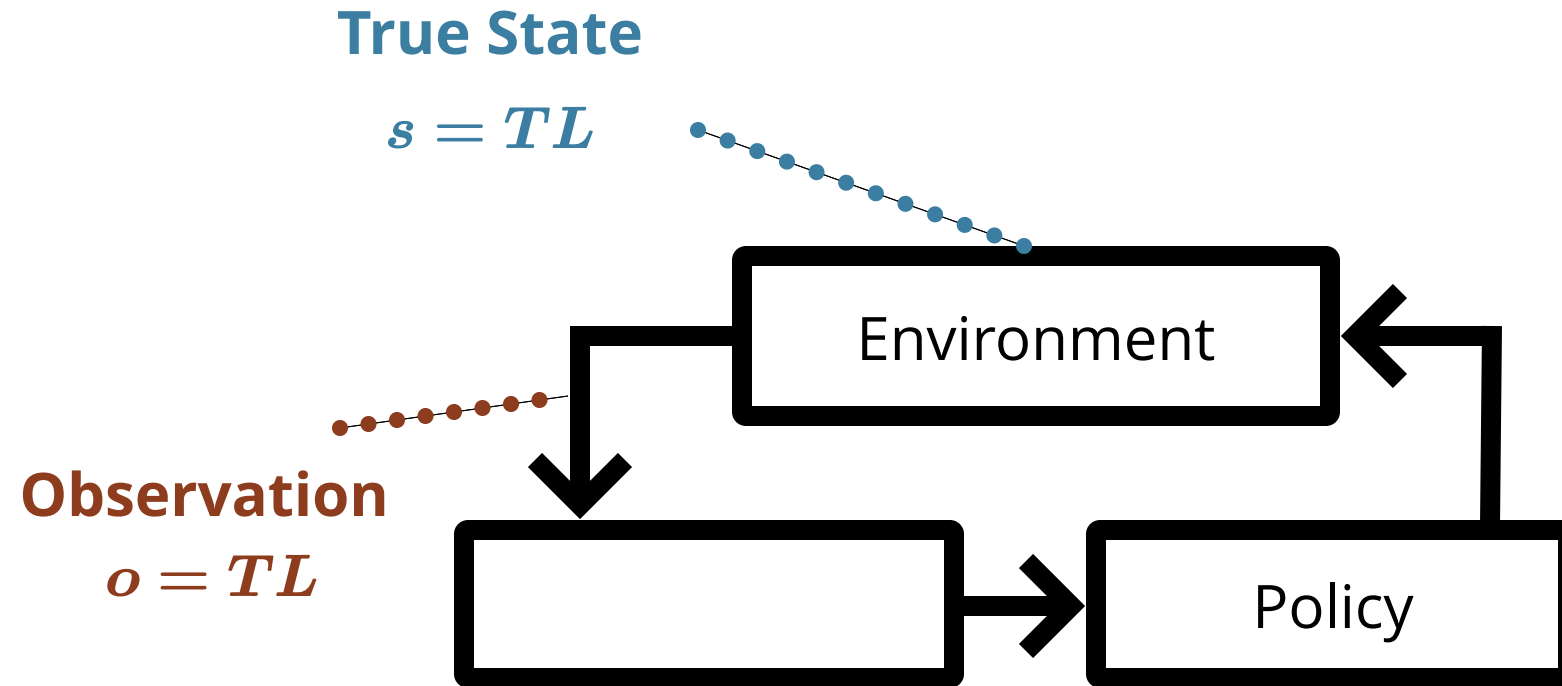
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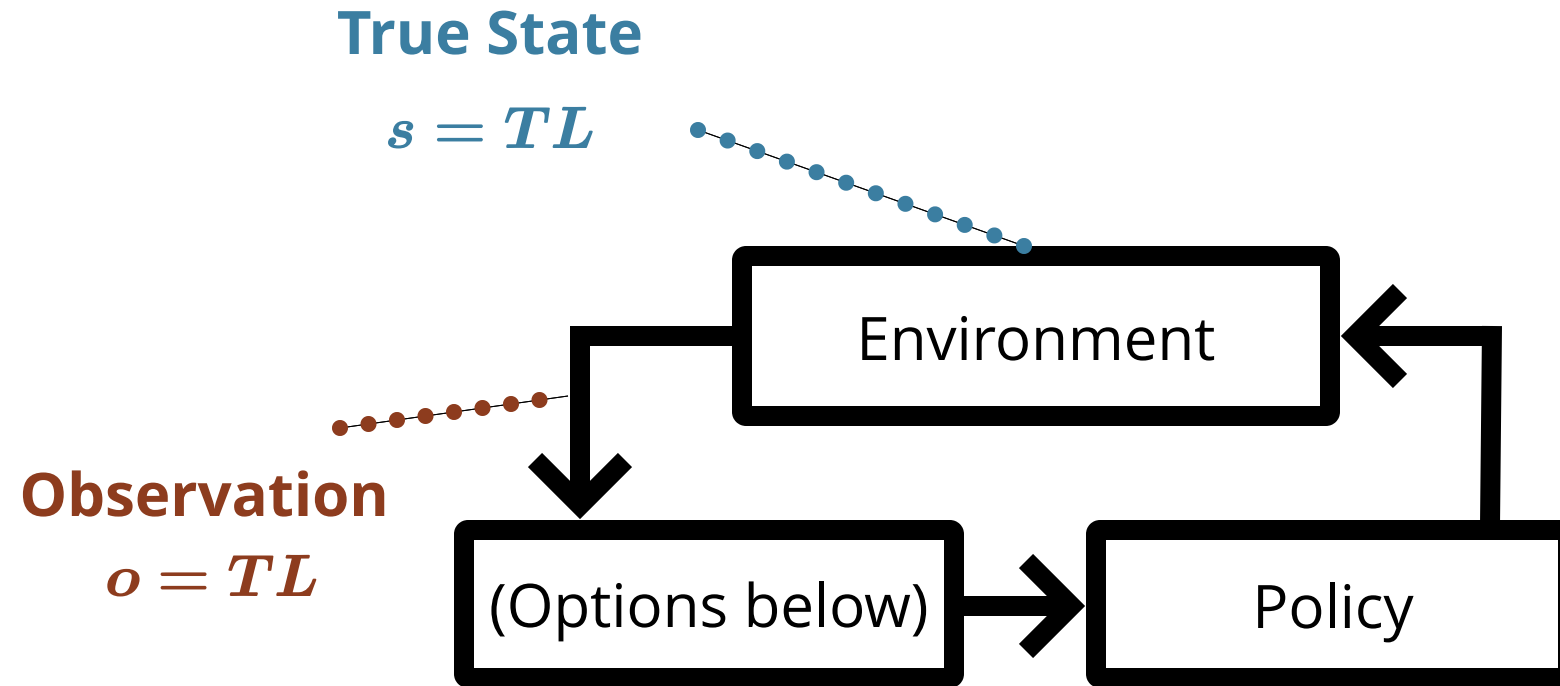
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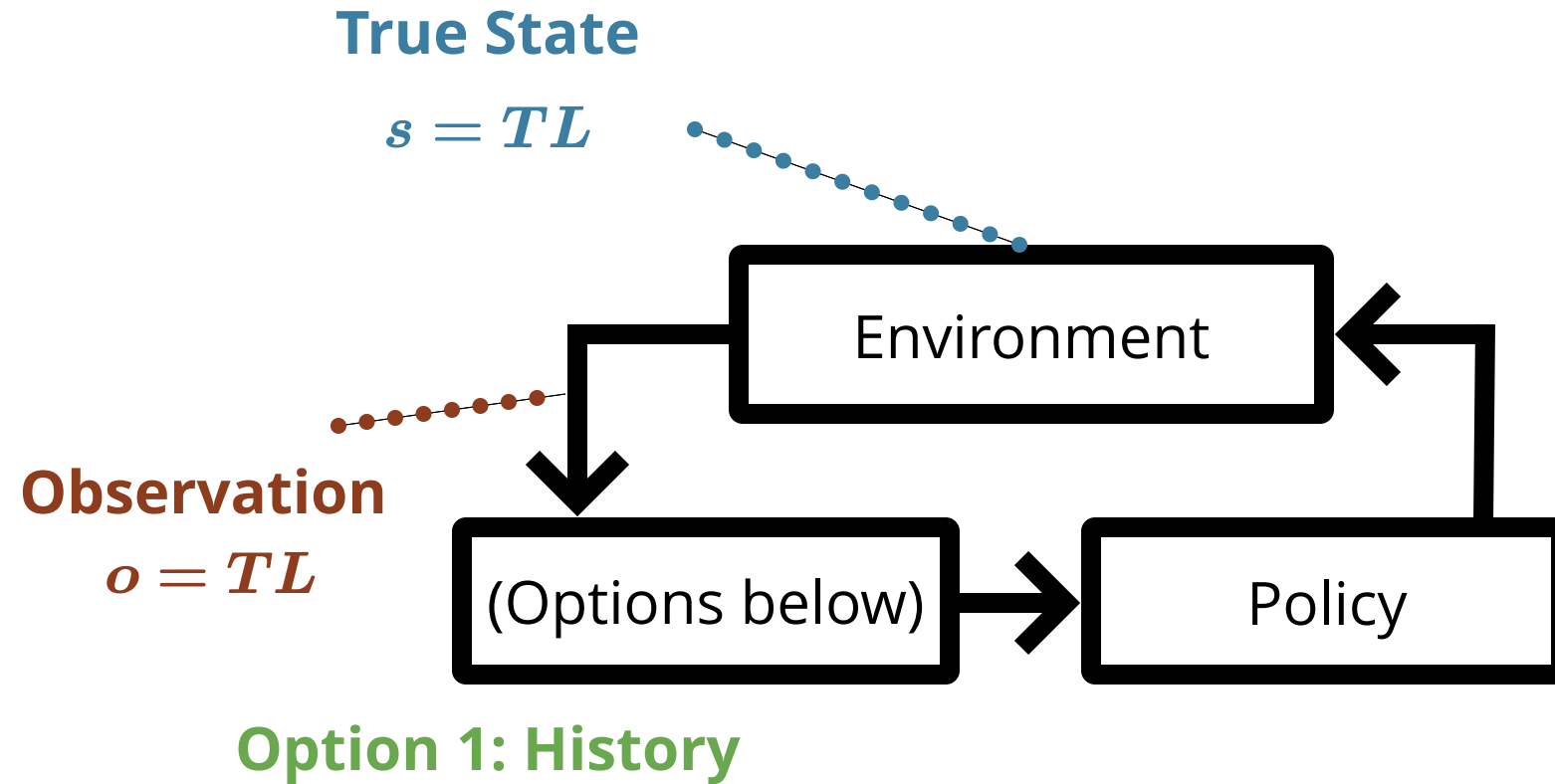
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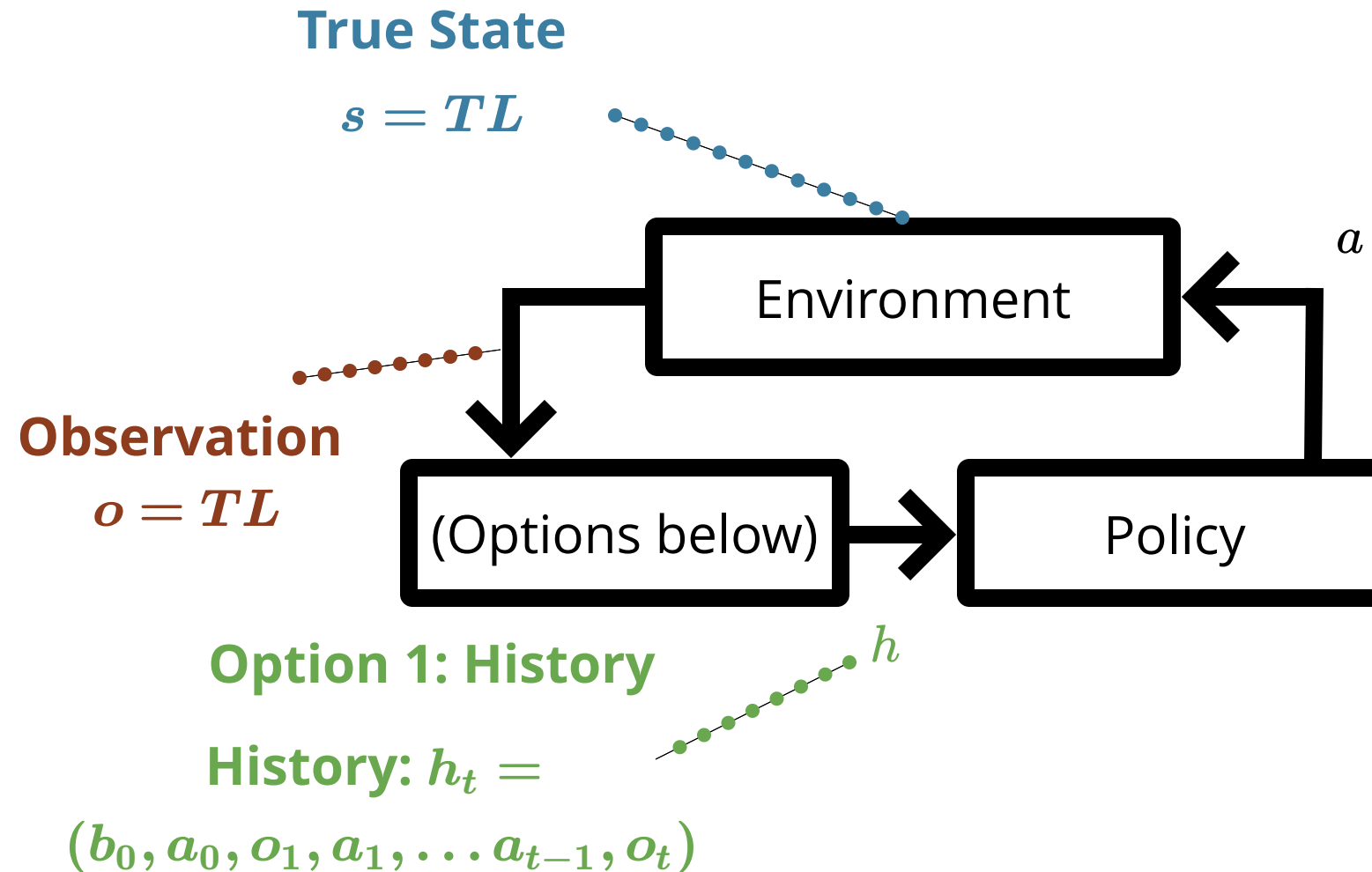
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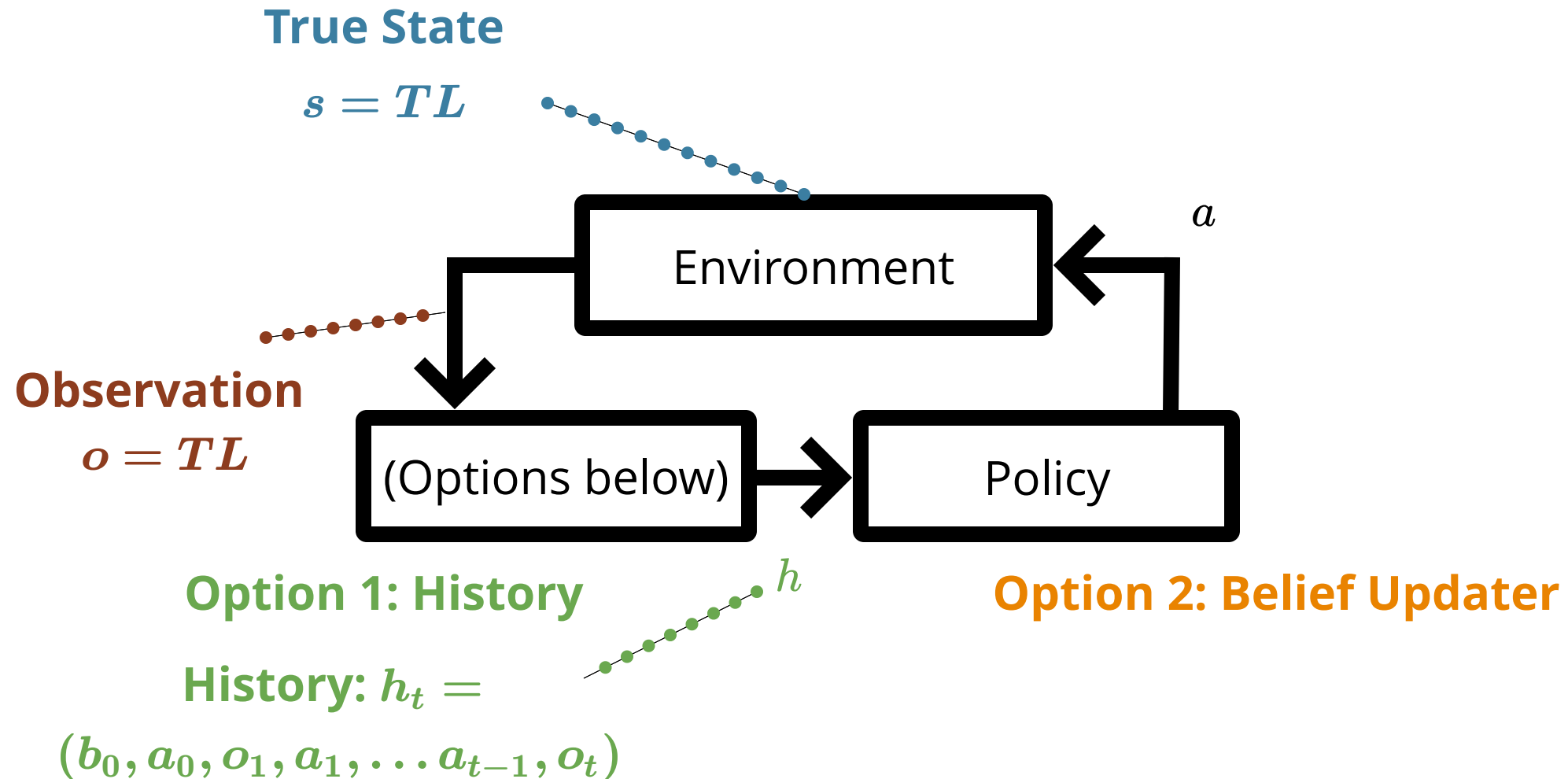
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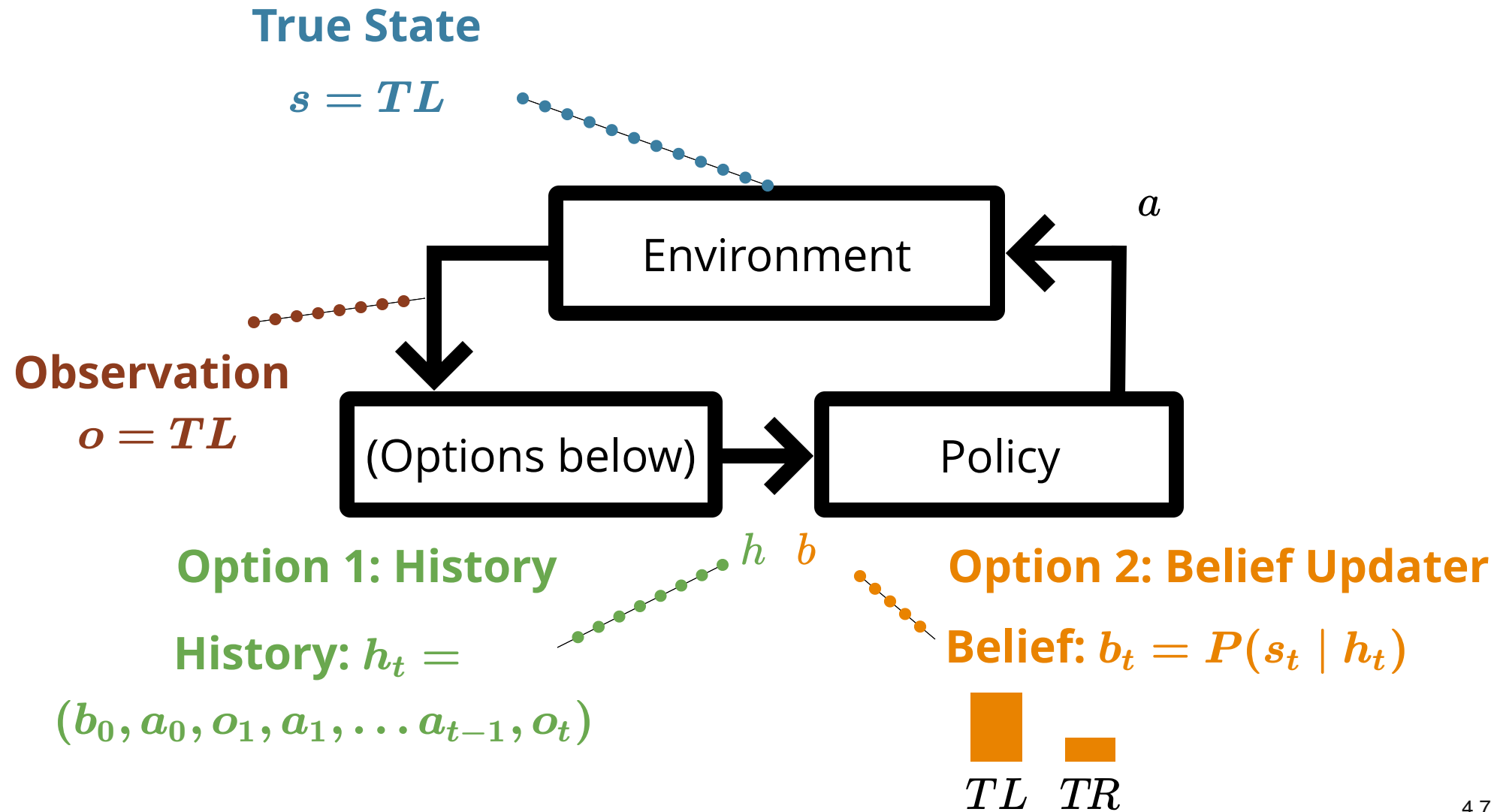
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Starting at a $\underline{b(h)} = 0$, calculate

b' with $a = \neg f$ and $o = c$.

$$b'(h) \propto Z(c \mid \neg f, h) T(h \mid \neg h, \neg f) \overset{b(\neg h)}{\underset{\uparrow}{0.1}} + Z(c \mid \neg f, \neg h) T(\neg h \mid h, \neg f) \overset{b(h)}{\underset{\uparrow}{0}} \propto 0.8 + (0.1(1) + 1.0(0))$$

$$b'(h) \propto 0.08$$

$$b'(\neg h) \propto 0.09$$

$$b'(h) = 0.08 / (0.08 + 0.09) = 47\%$$

$$b'(\neg h) = 53\%$$

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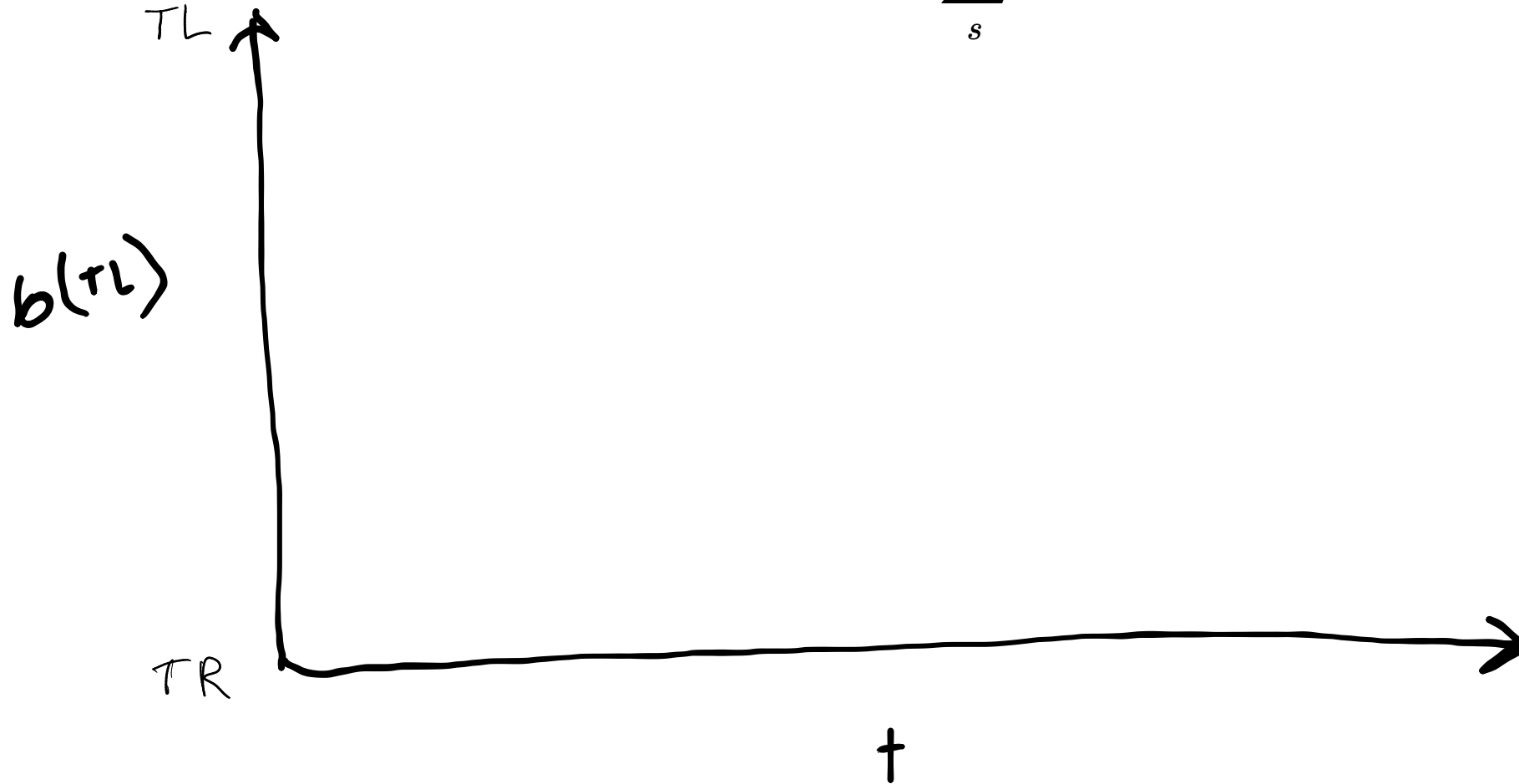
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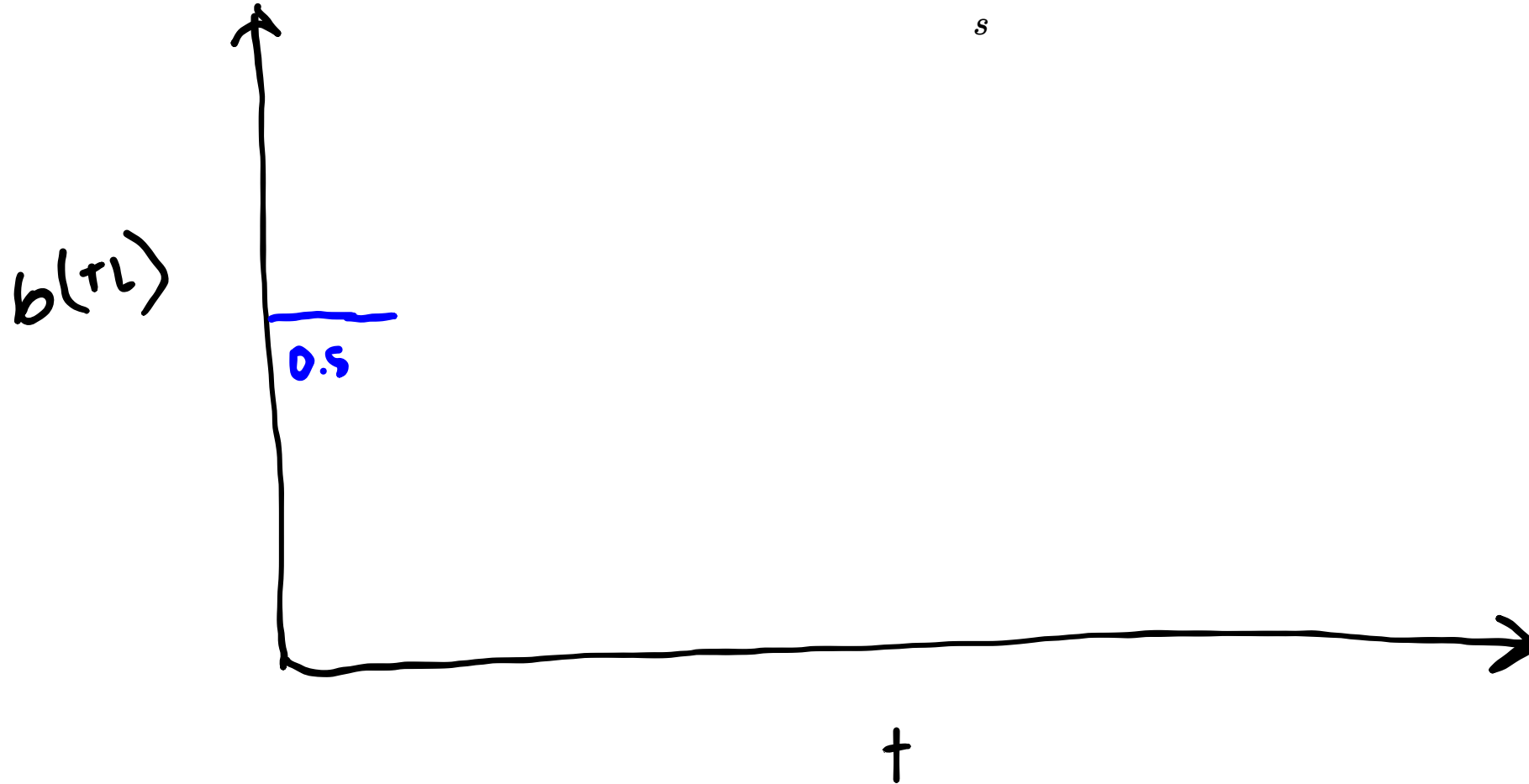
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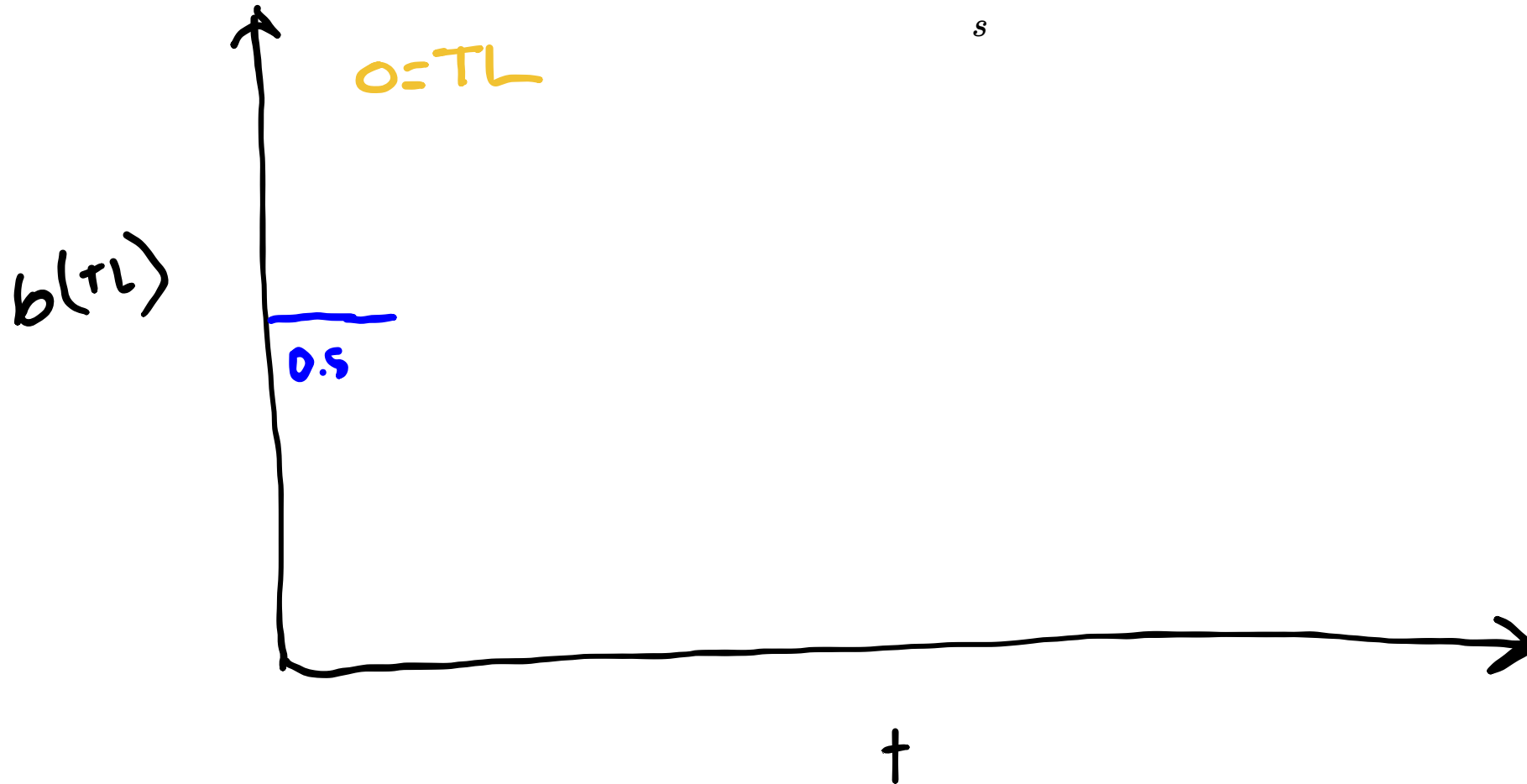
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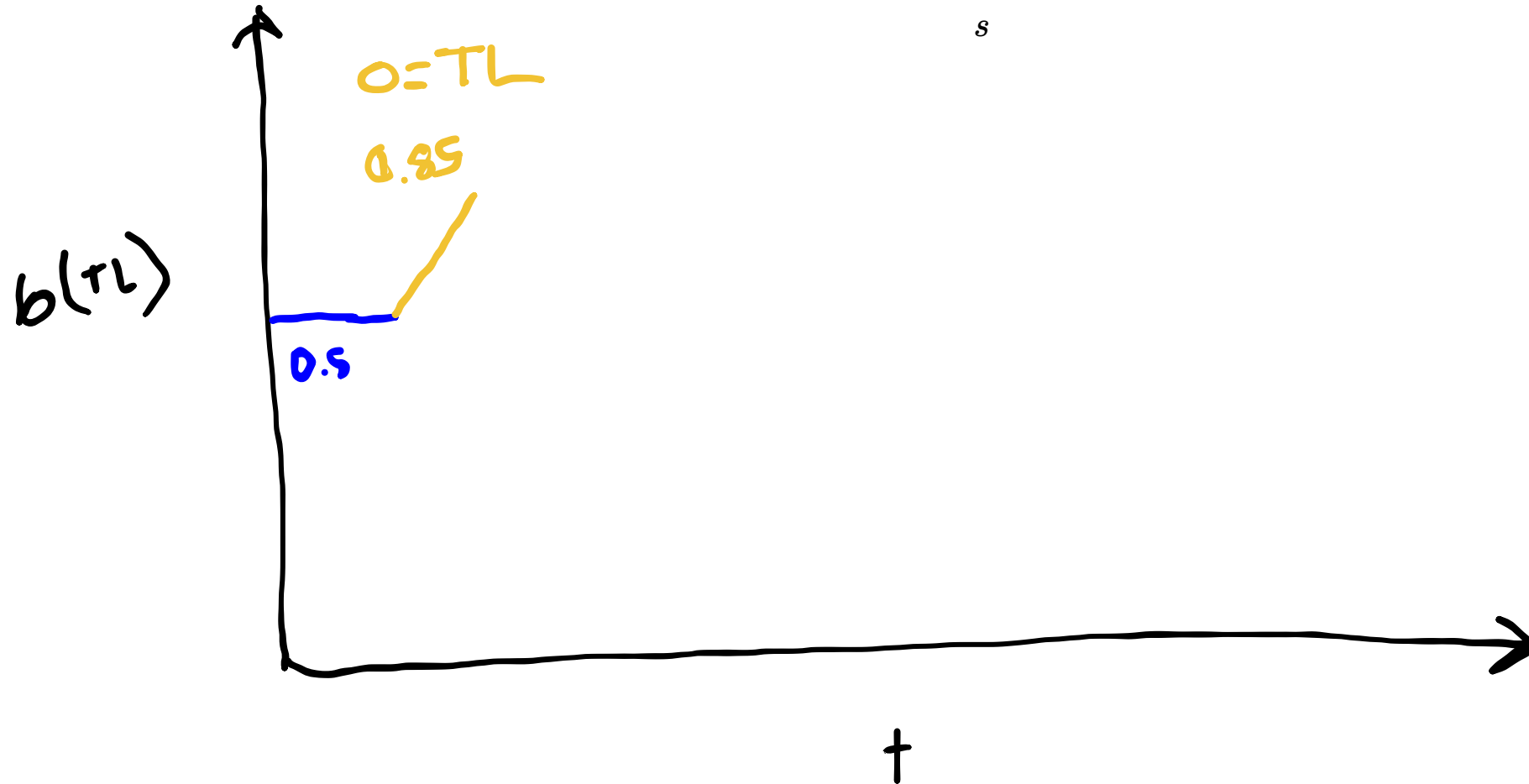
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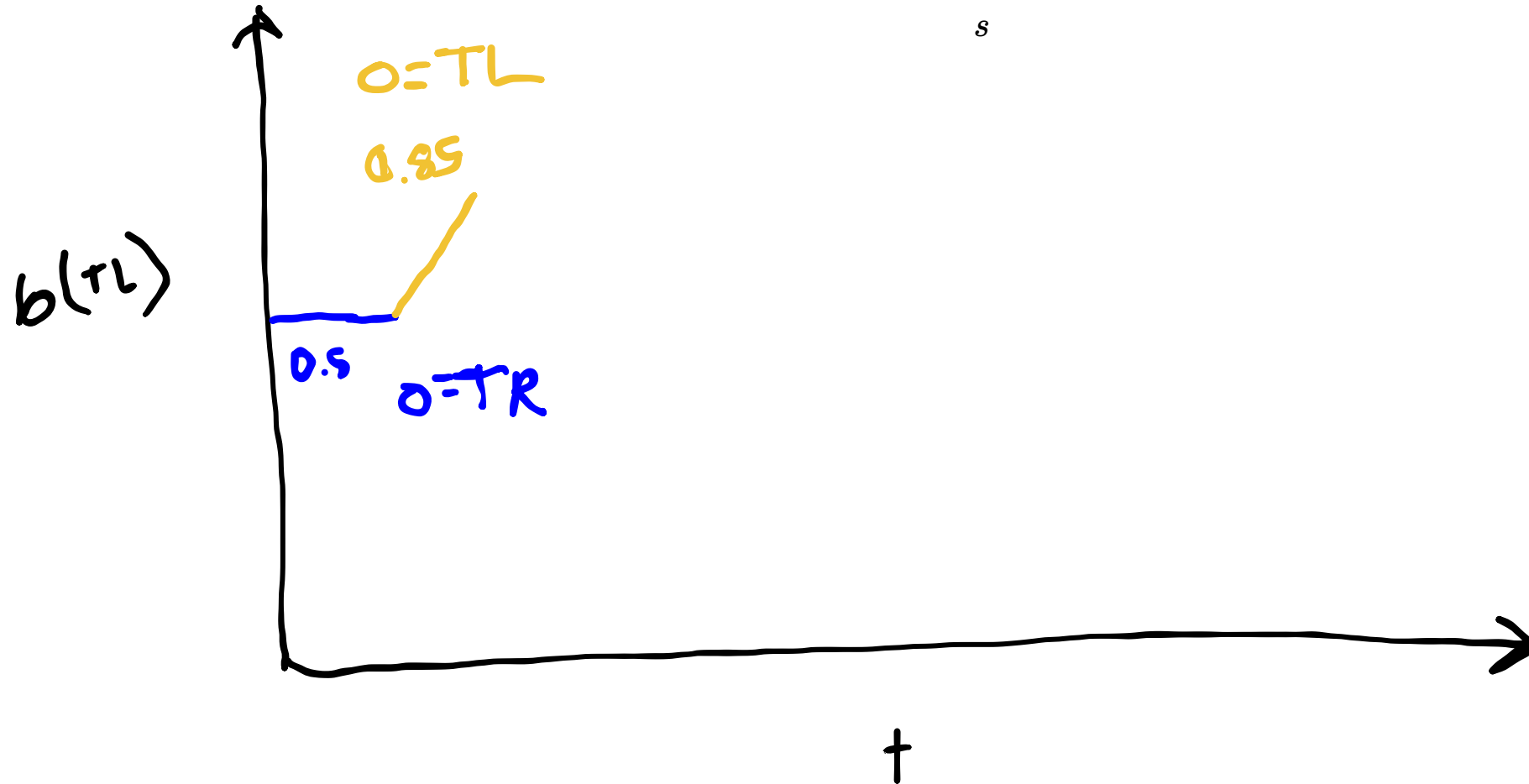
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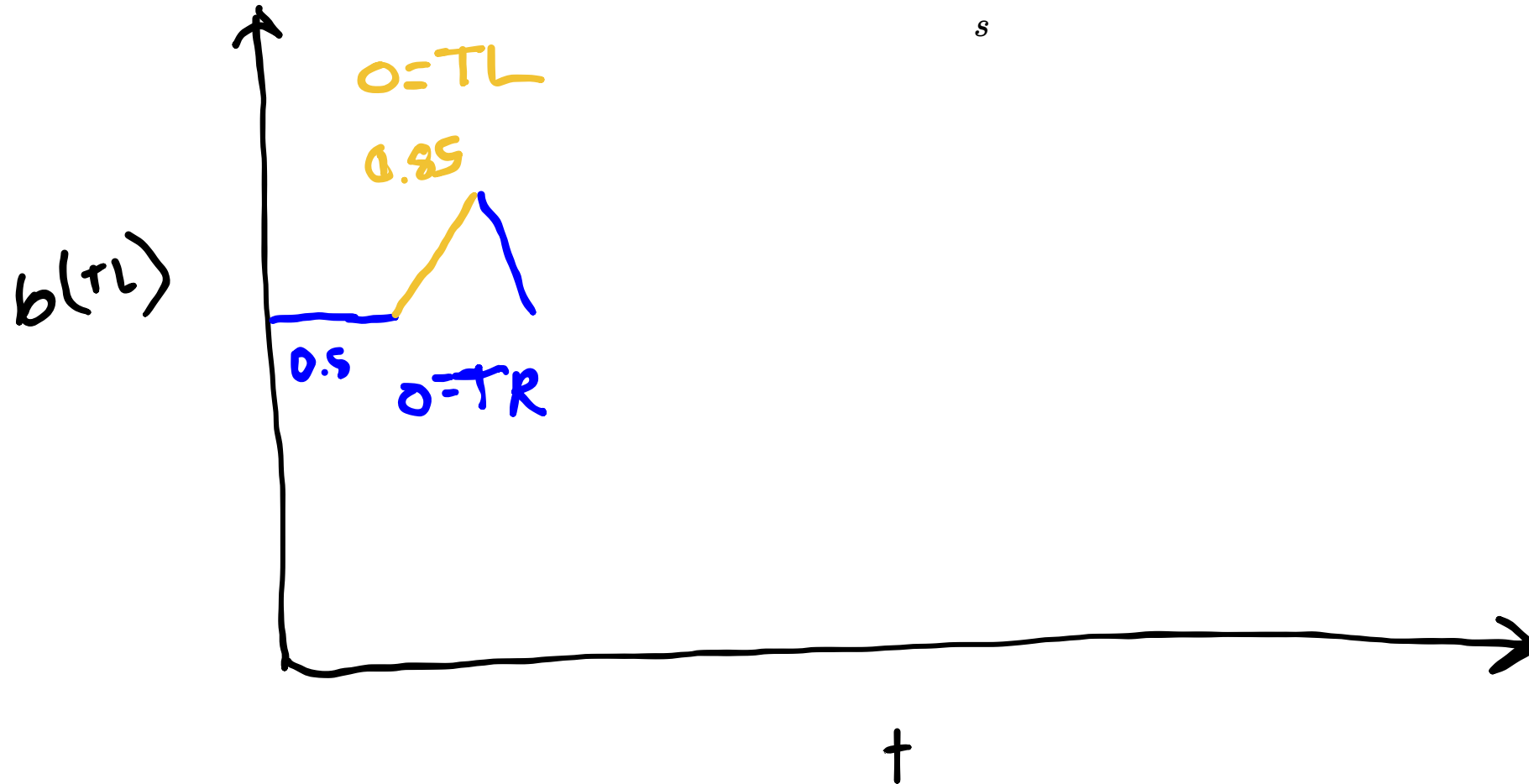
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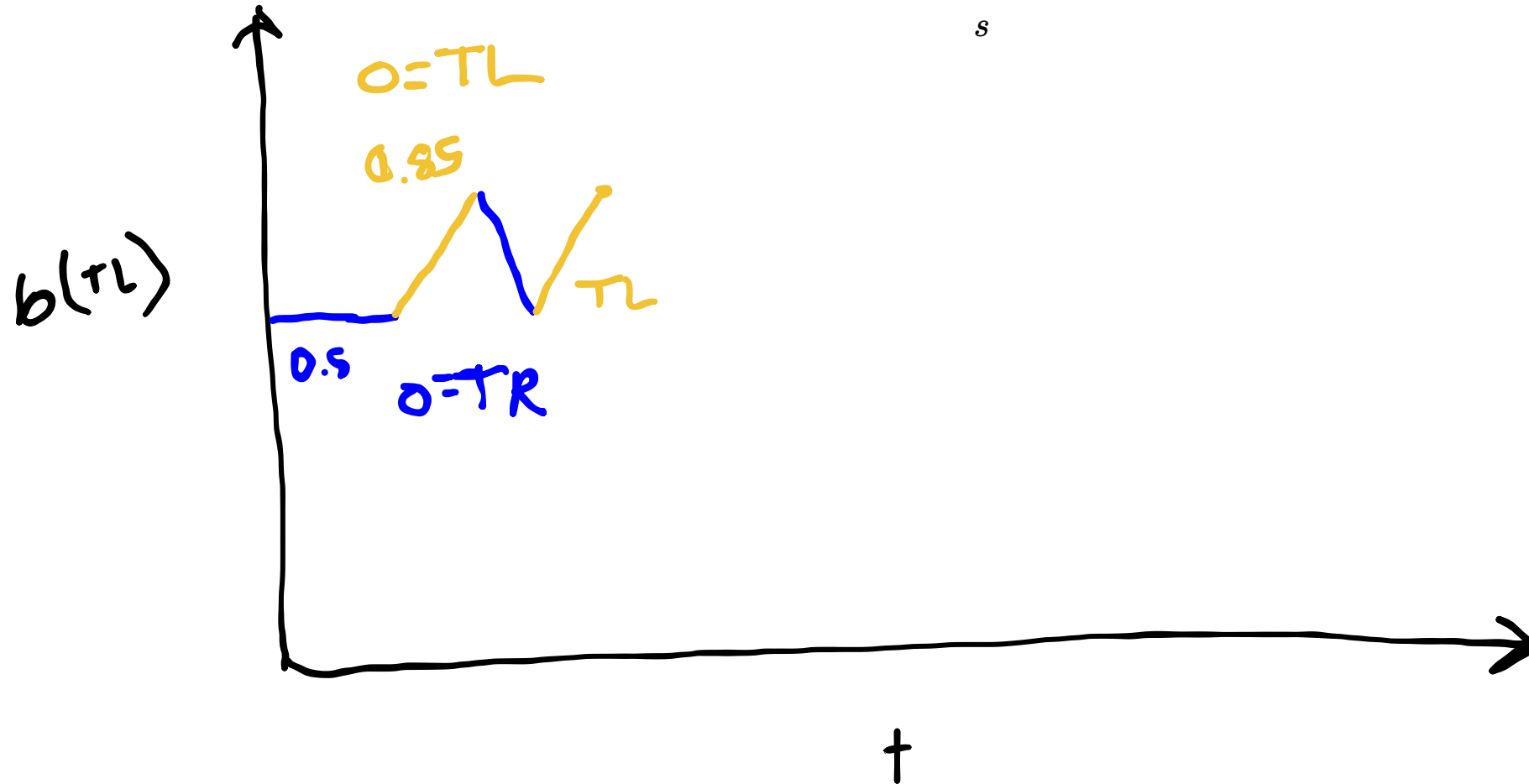
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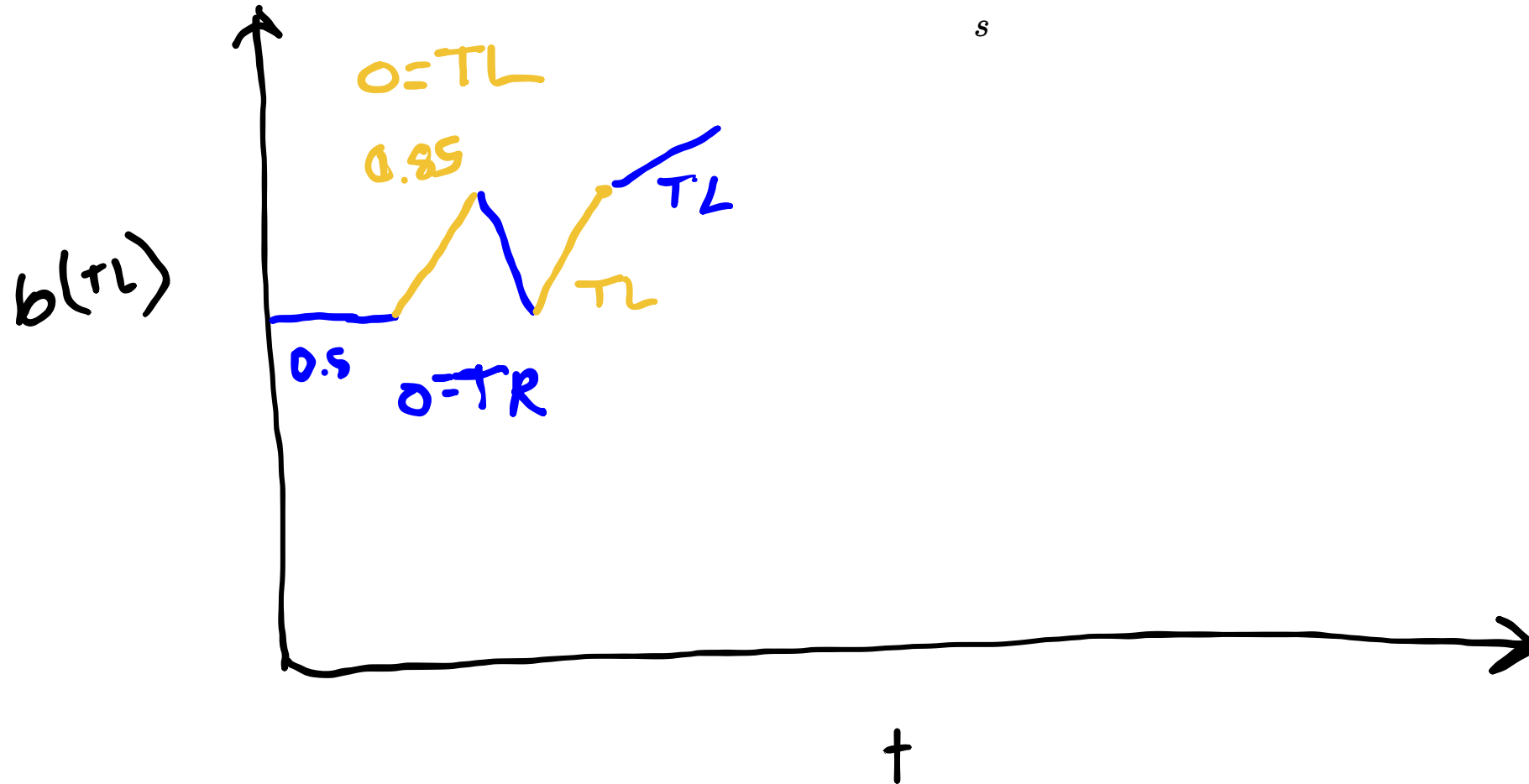
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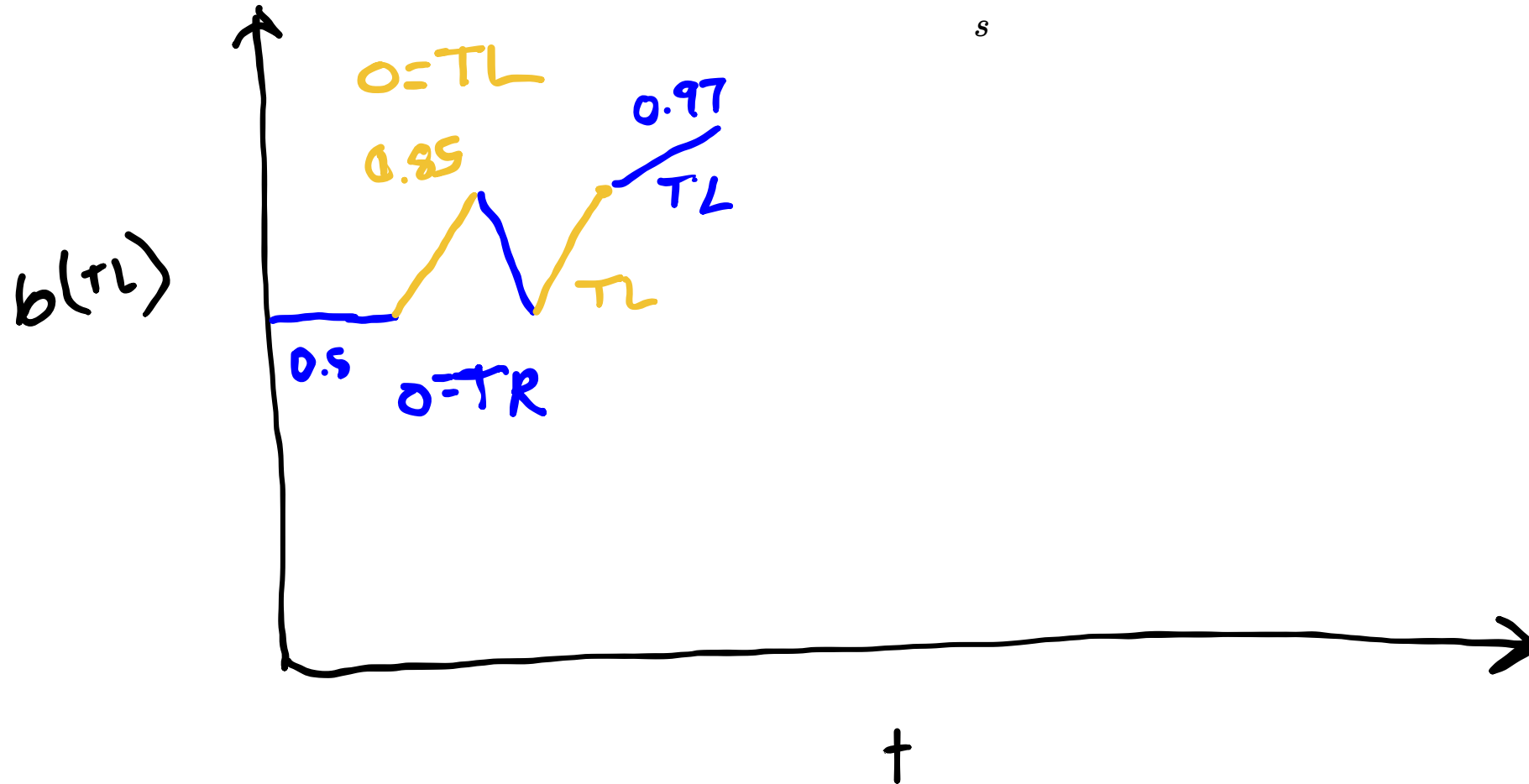
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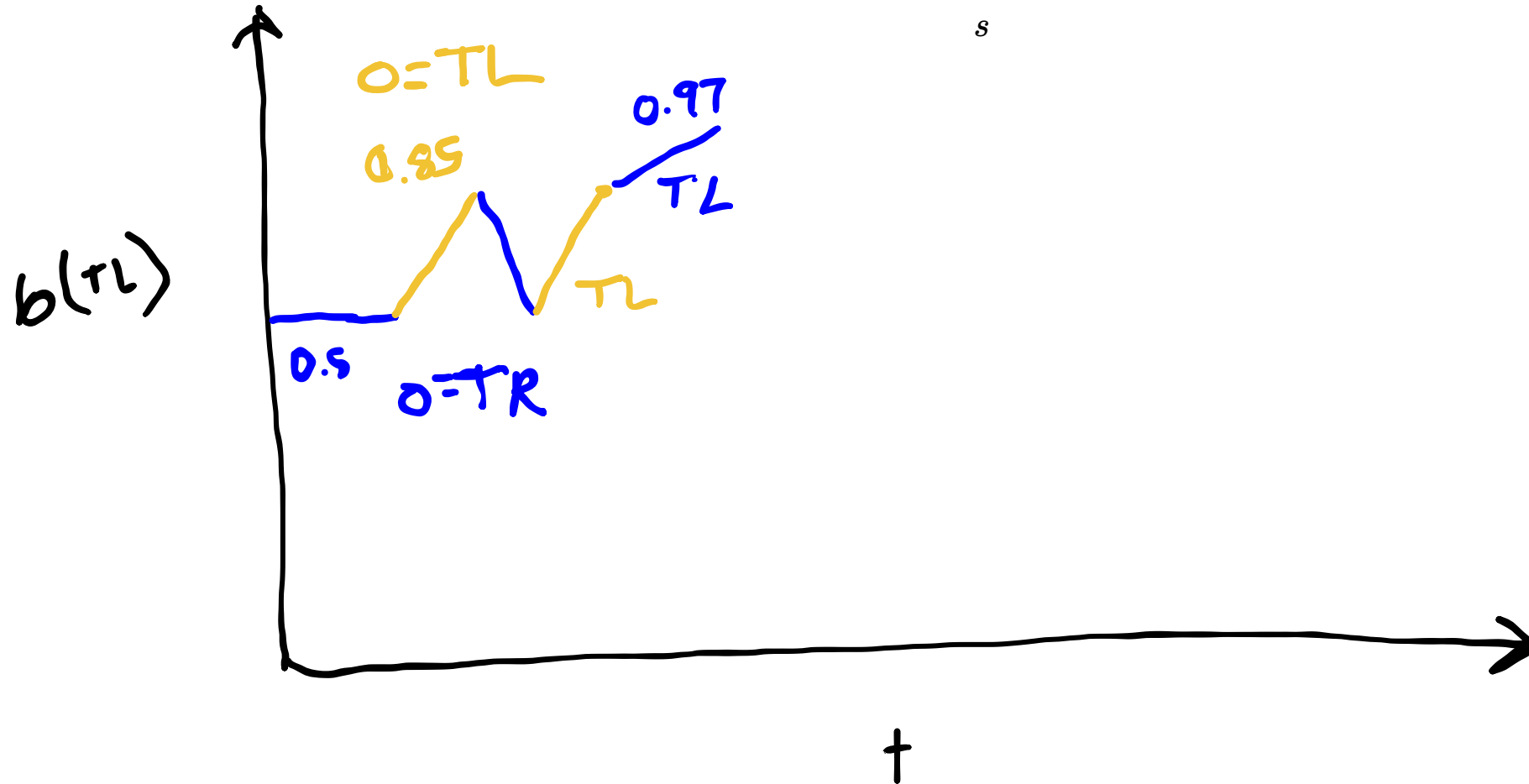
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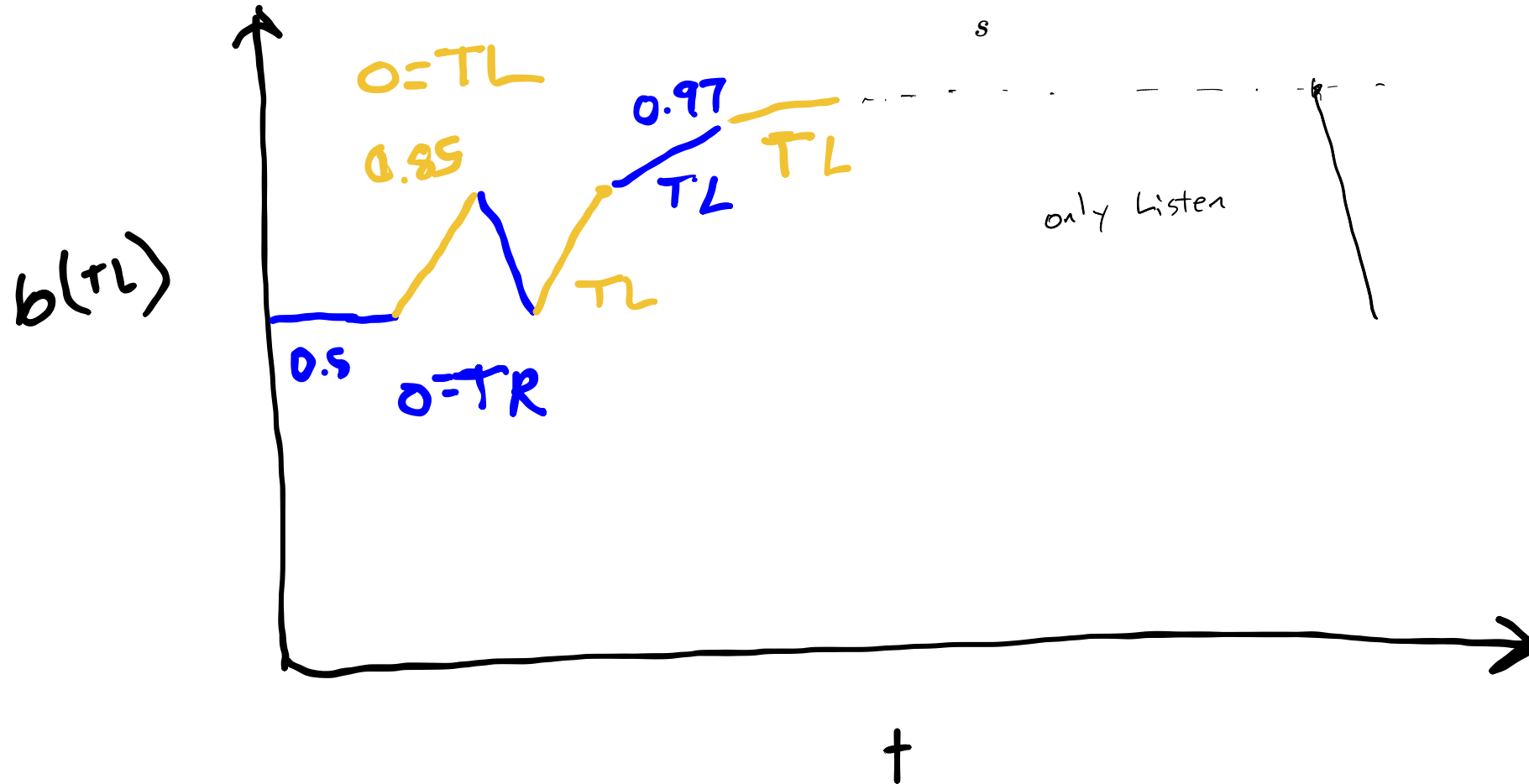
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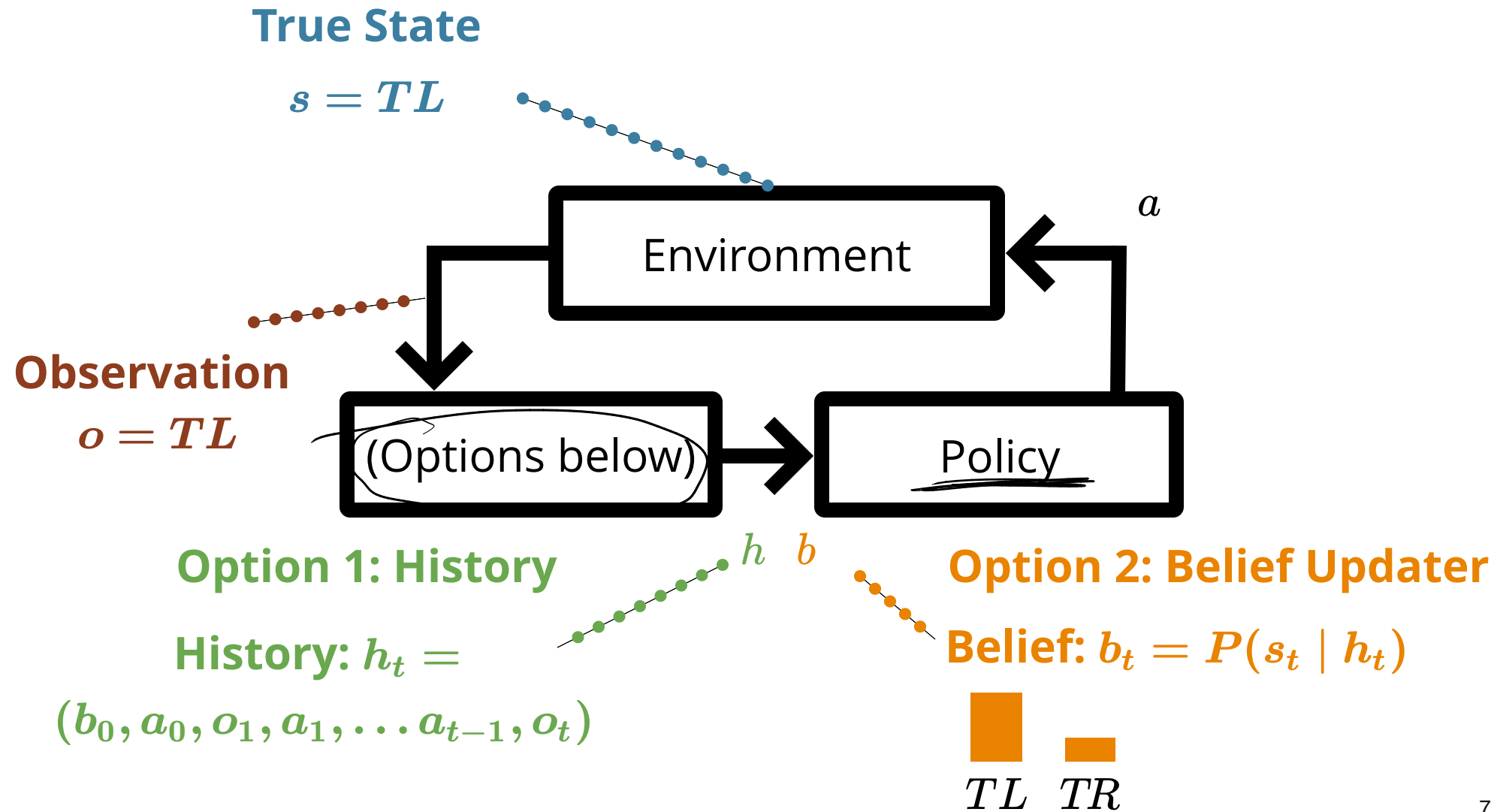


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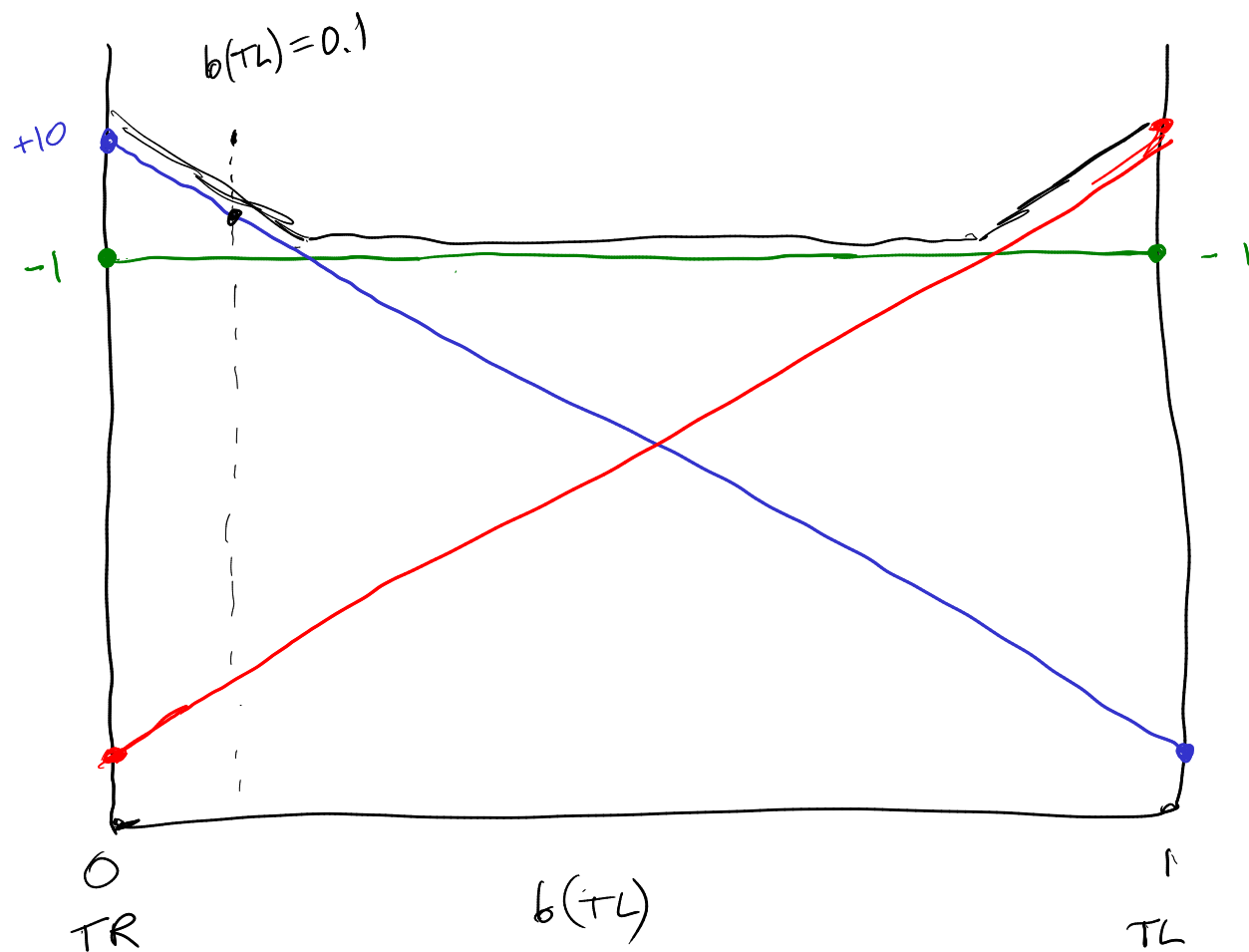


Guiding Question

How do we calculate the optimal action in a POMDP?

Reward +10 empty
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 -100 tiger

One-step utility



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one-step α -vector

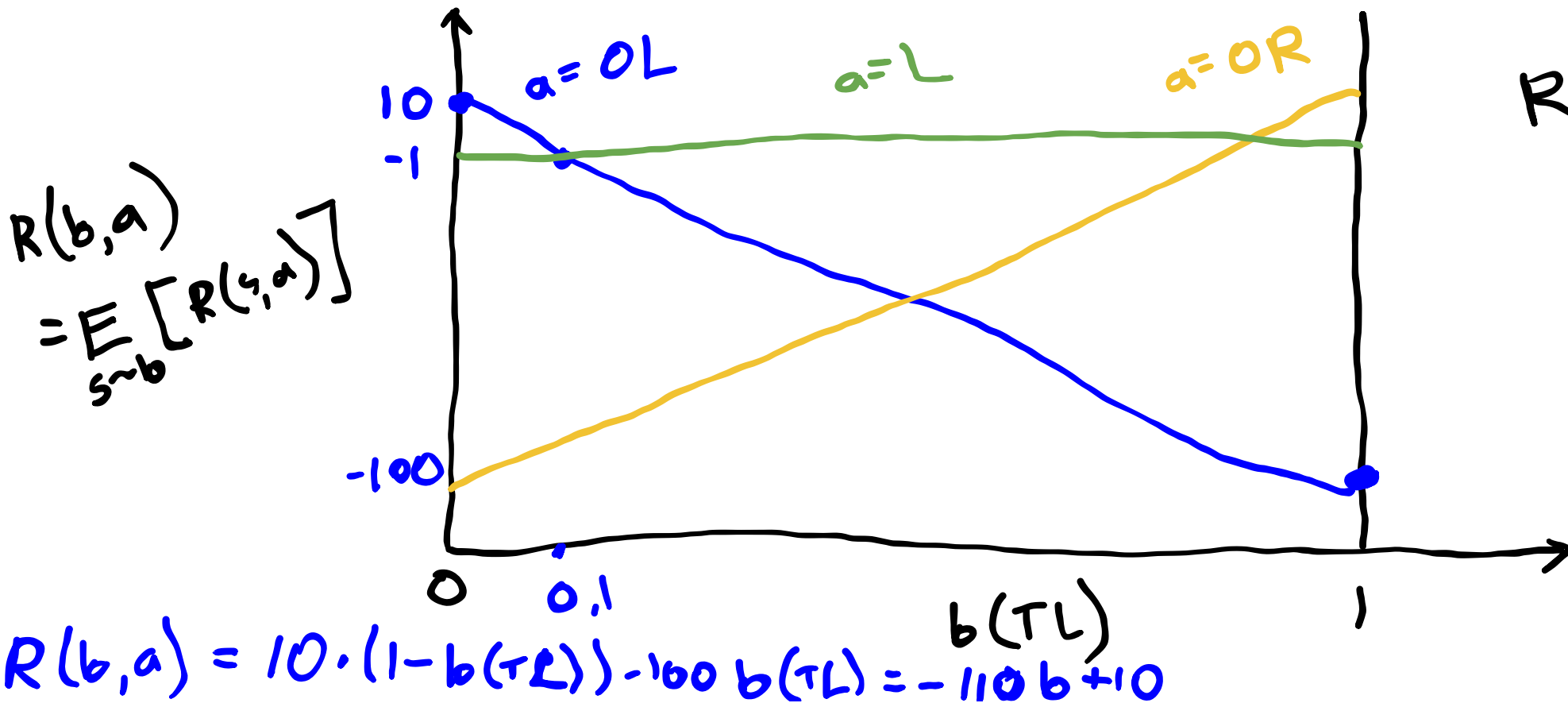
Annotations:

- $[R(s^1, a), R(s^2, a) \dots]$ points to \bar{r}^a
- $[b(s^1), b(s^2) \dots b(s^S)]$ points to b

$$R(b, a) = \sum b(s) R(s, a) = \underline{b(TL) R(TL, a) + (1 - b(TL)) R(TR, a)}$$

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Exercise 2: Crying Baby 1-Step Utility

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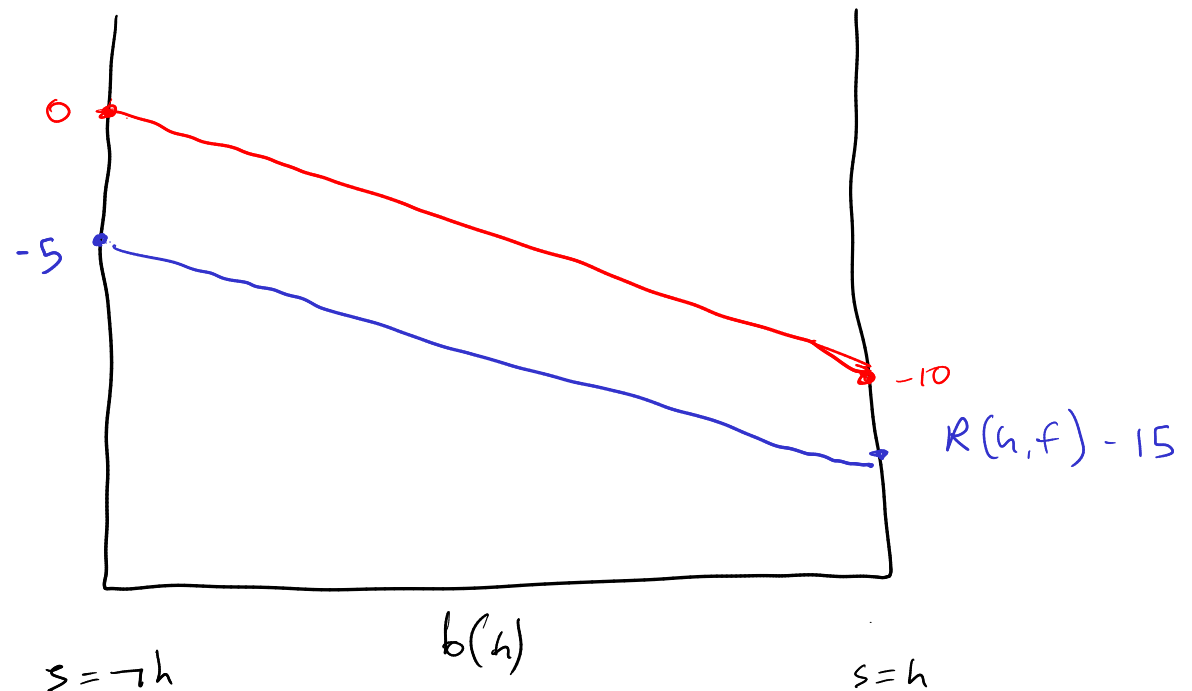
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Draw the 1-step utility α -vectors for the Crying Baby problem.

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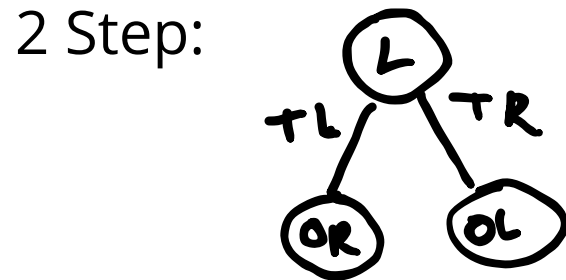
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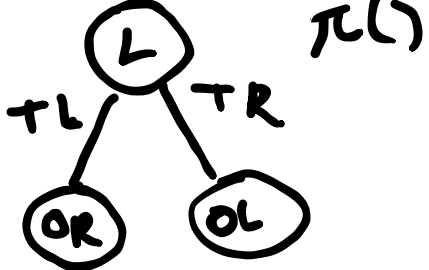
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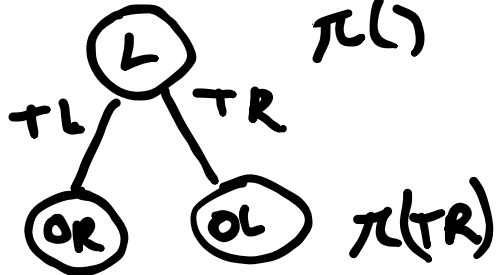
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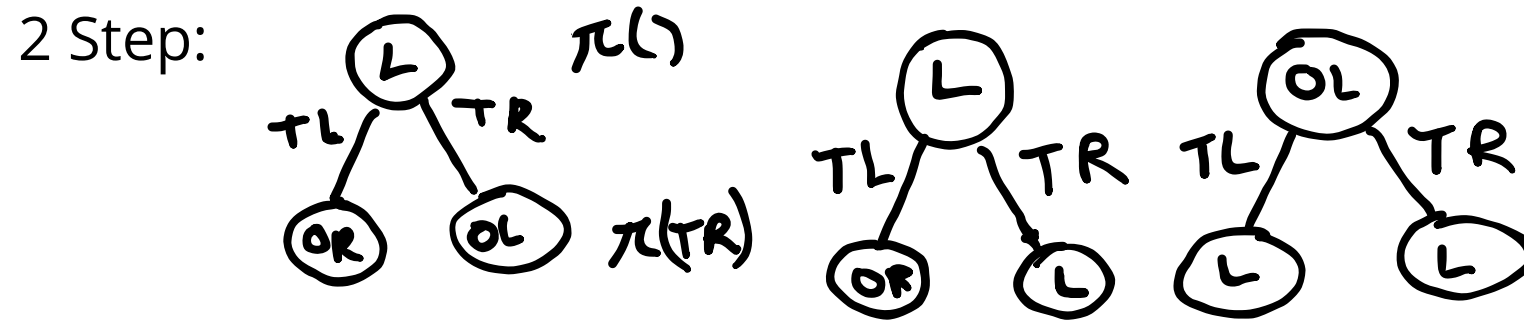
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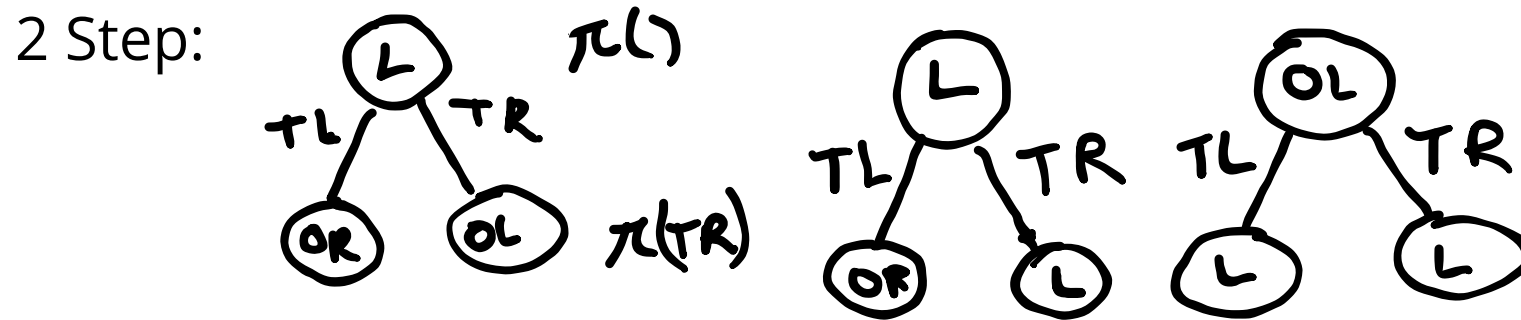
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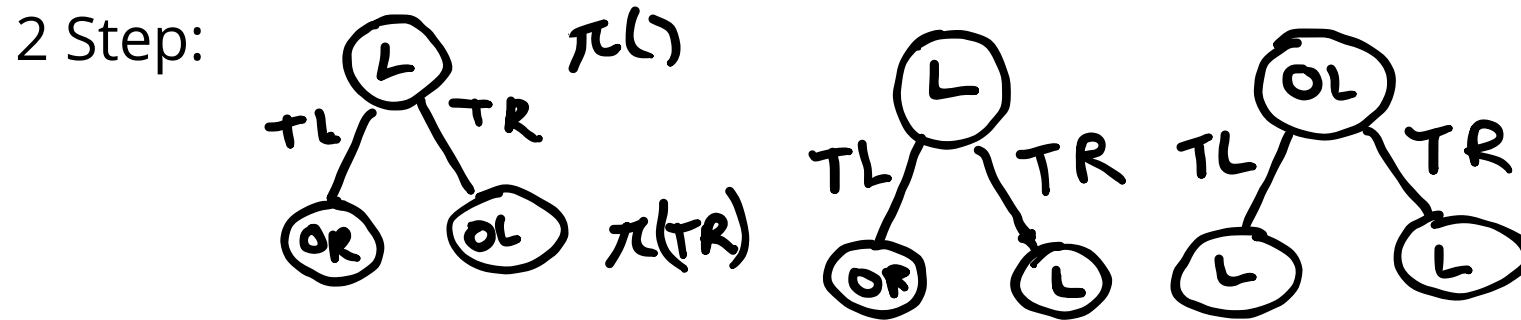


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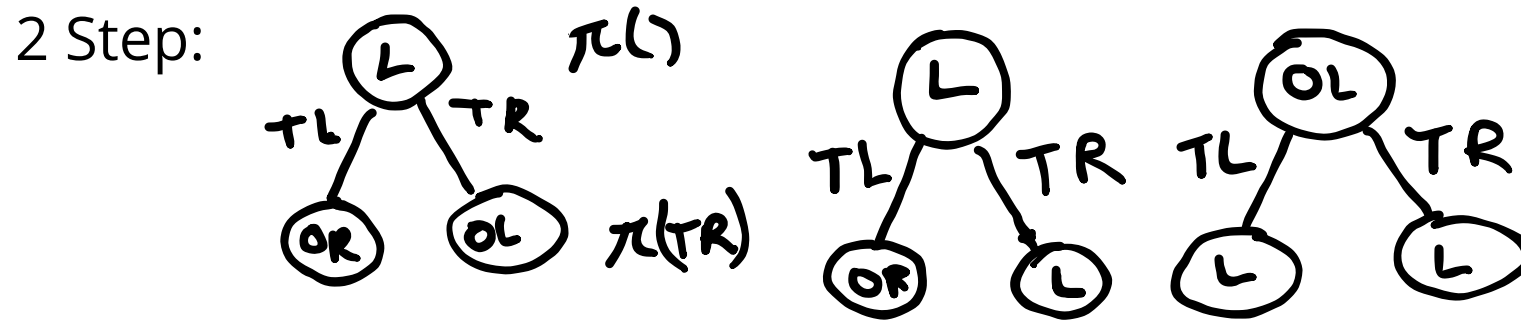
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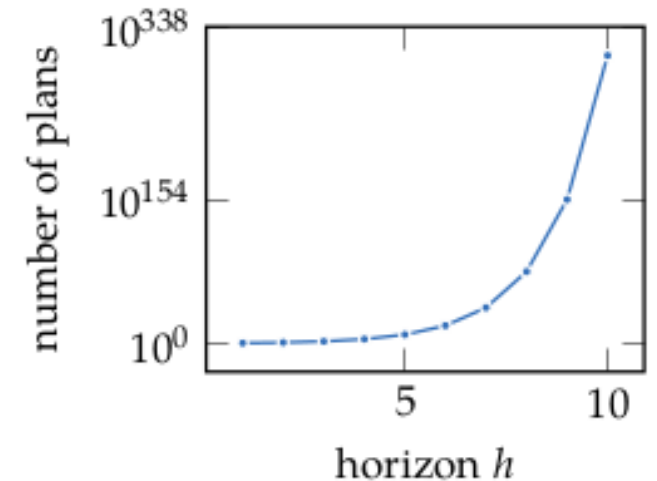
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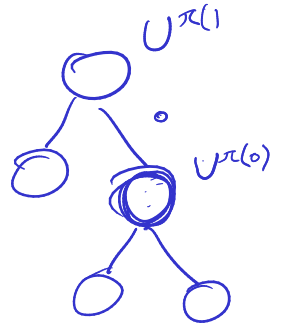
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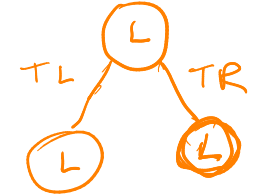
$$U^\pi(s) = R(s, \pi()) + \gamma \left[\sum_{s'} T(s' | s, \pi()) \sum_o \pi(o | \pi(), s') U^{\pi(o)}(s') \right]$$



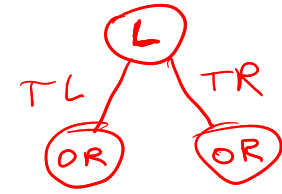
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$\textcircled{OL} \pi_{OL}$
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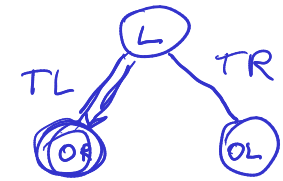
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$U^{\pi_L}(\cdot) = -1 + \gamma(-1)$

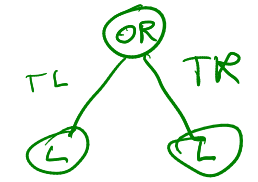


$U^\pi(TL) = -1 + \gamma 10 = 8.5$
 $U^\pi(TR) = -1 + \gamma(-100) = -96$

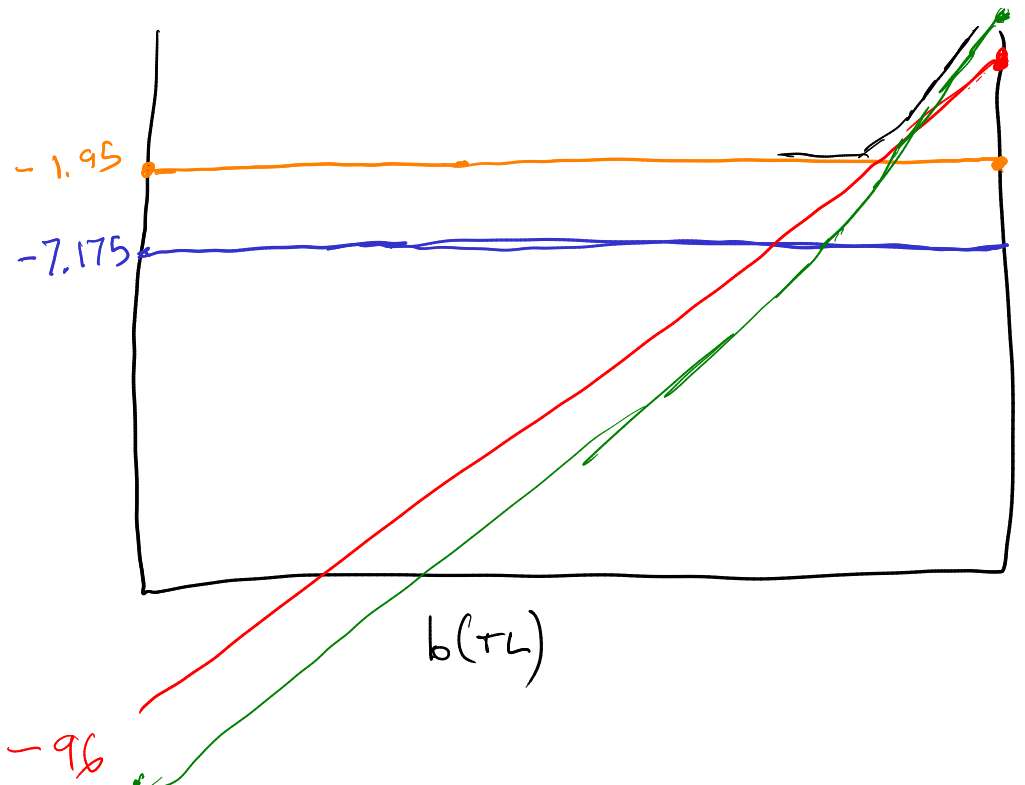


$U^{\pi^0}(TL) = -1 + \gamma(0.85 \cdot 10 + 0.15 \cdot (-100))$
 $U^{\pi^1}(TL) = -7.175$
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$\uparrow z(TL|L, TL) \uparrow U^{\pi^1}(TL)$

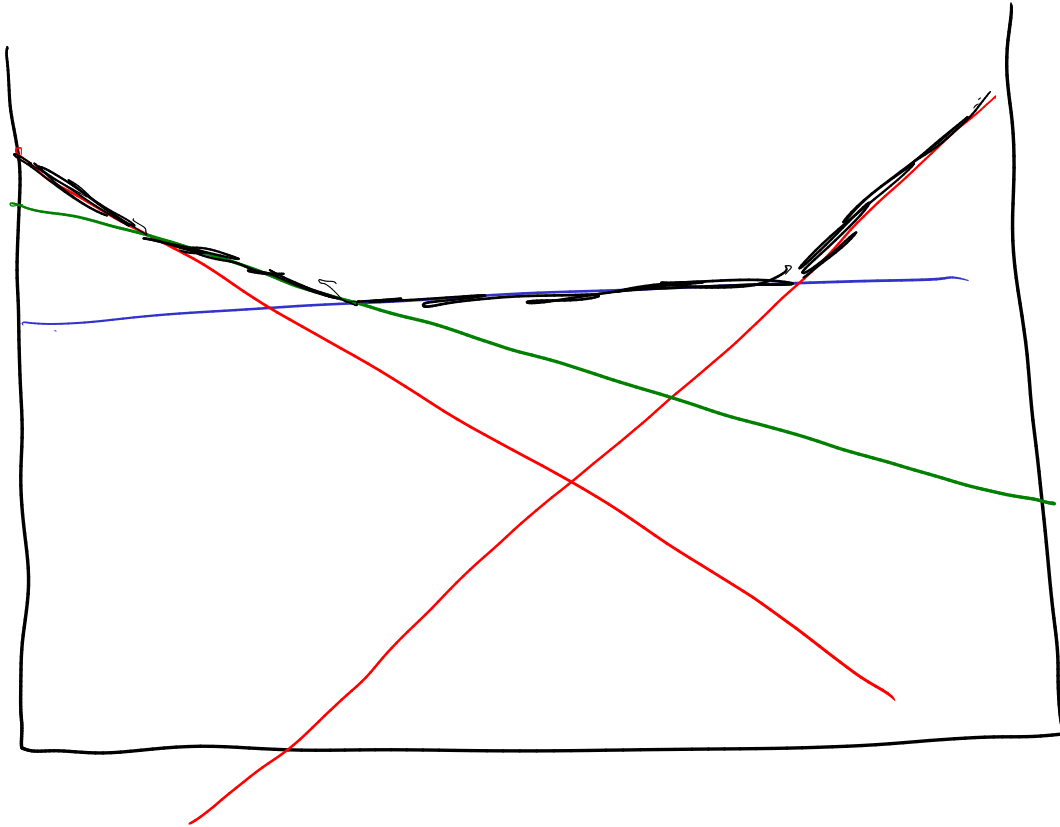


$U^\pi(TL) = 9.5$
 $U^\pi(TR) = -100.95$



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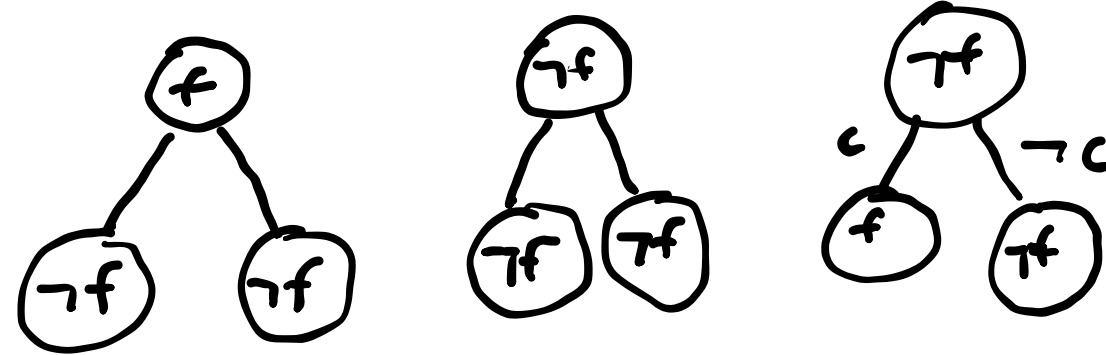
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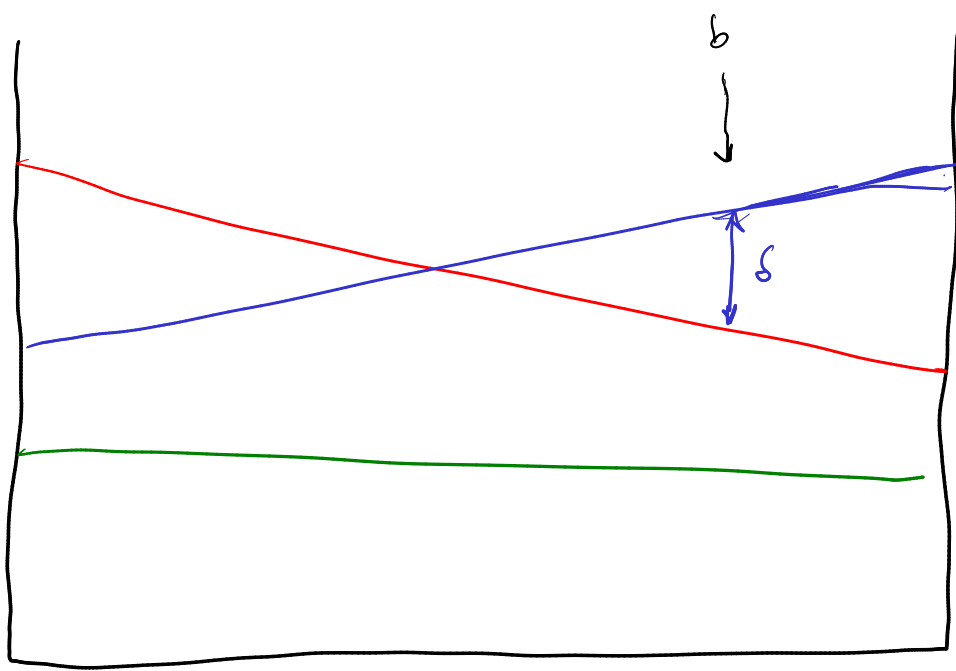
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$$U^\pi(s) = R(s, \pi()) + \gamma \left[\sum_{s'} T(s' \mid s, \pi()) \sum_o O(o \mid \pi(), s') U^{\pi(o)}(s') \right]$$

α -Vector Pruning




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 \text{maximize } \delta \\
 \delta b \\
 \text{Subject to } b \geq 0 \\
 1^T b = 1 \\
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- If there is a positive δ solution then α is not dominated
- b is sometimes called the "witness"

Alpha Vector Expansion

POMDP Value Iteration (horizon d)

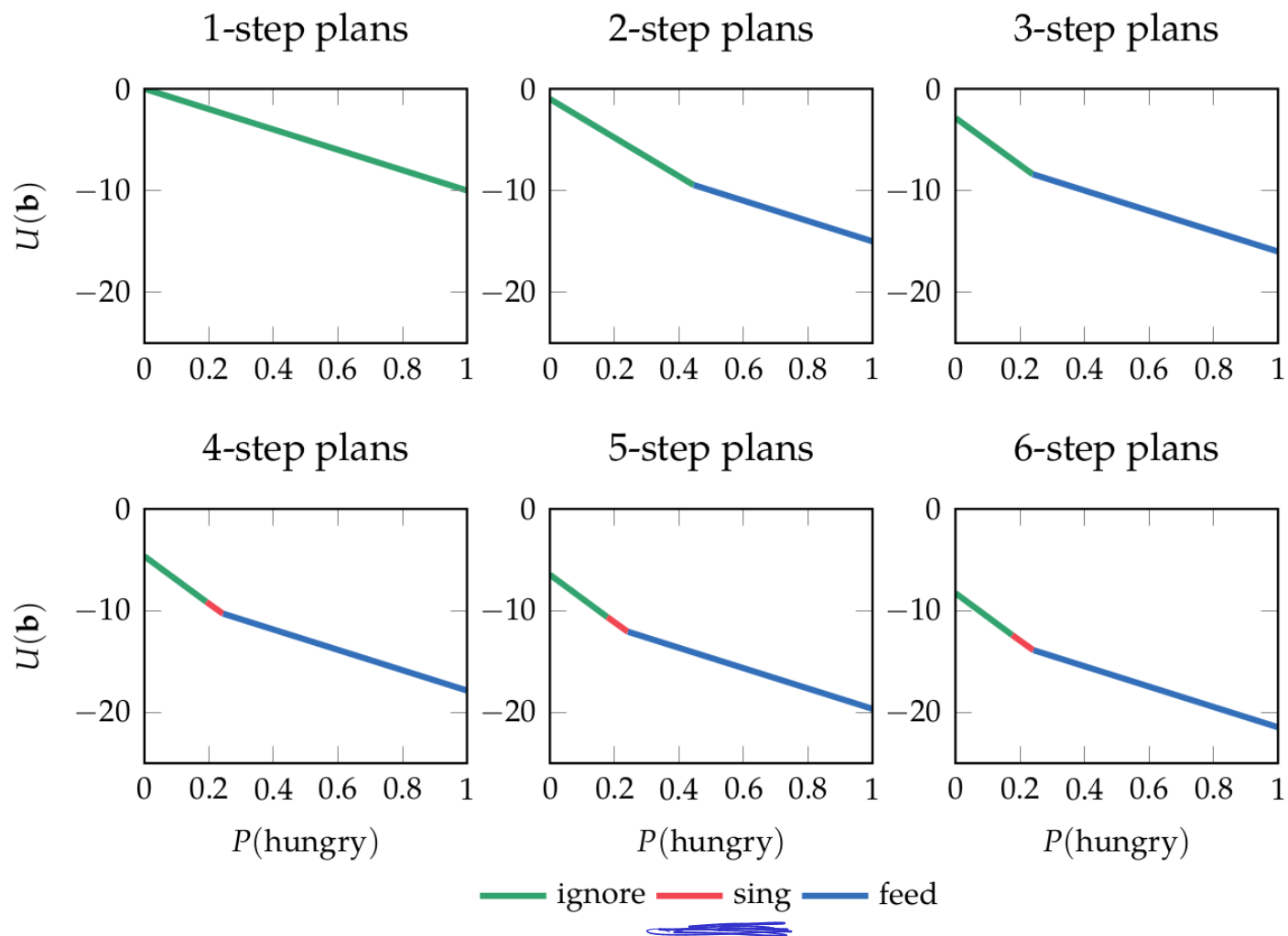

 $\Gamma^0 \leftarrow \emptyset$

for $n \in 1 \dots d$

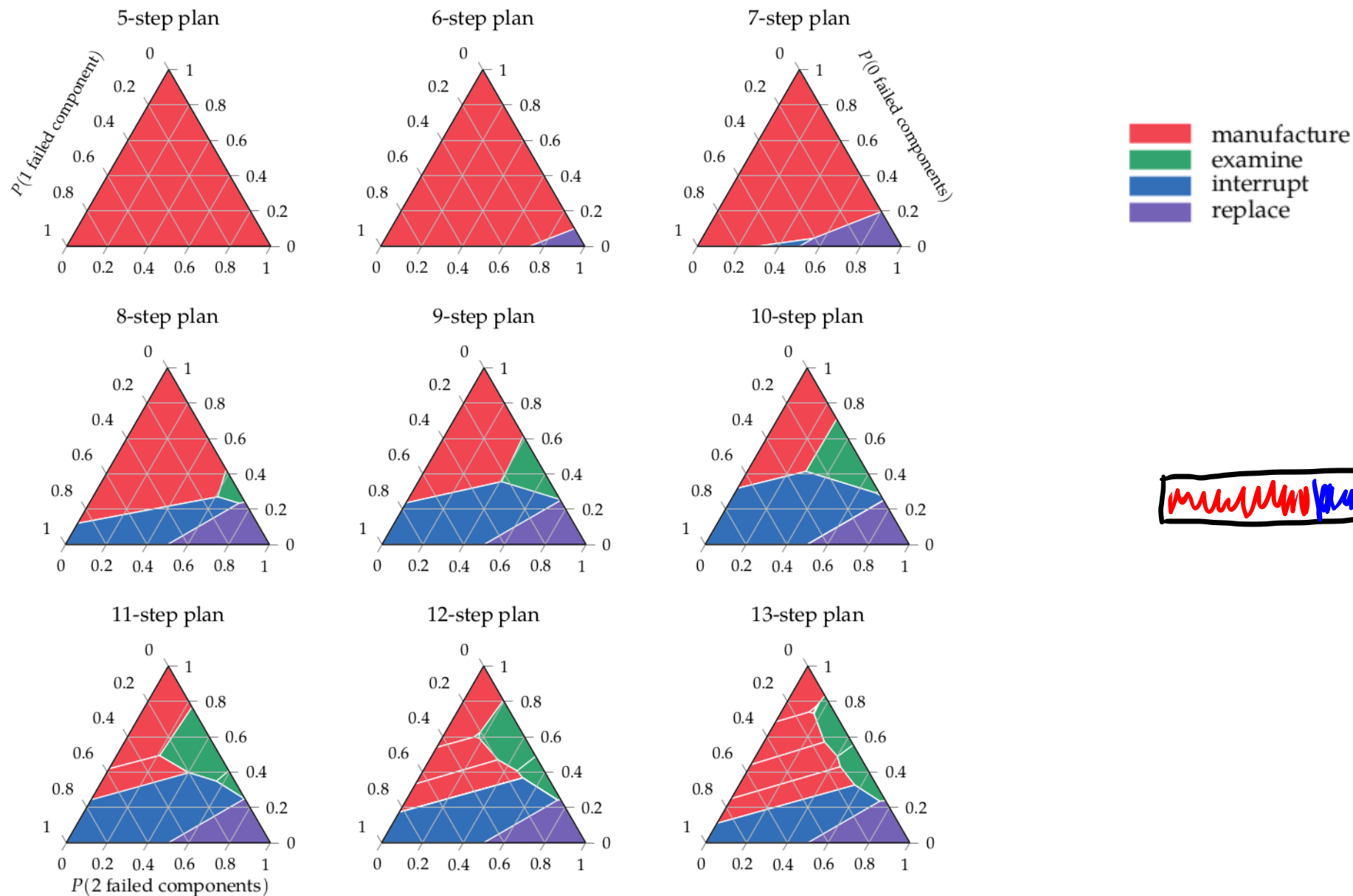

Construct Γ^n by expanding with Γ^{n-1}

Prune Γ^n

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