



Dynamic message passing and its applications for spreading processes on networks

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Motivation



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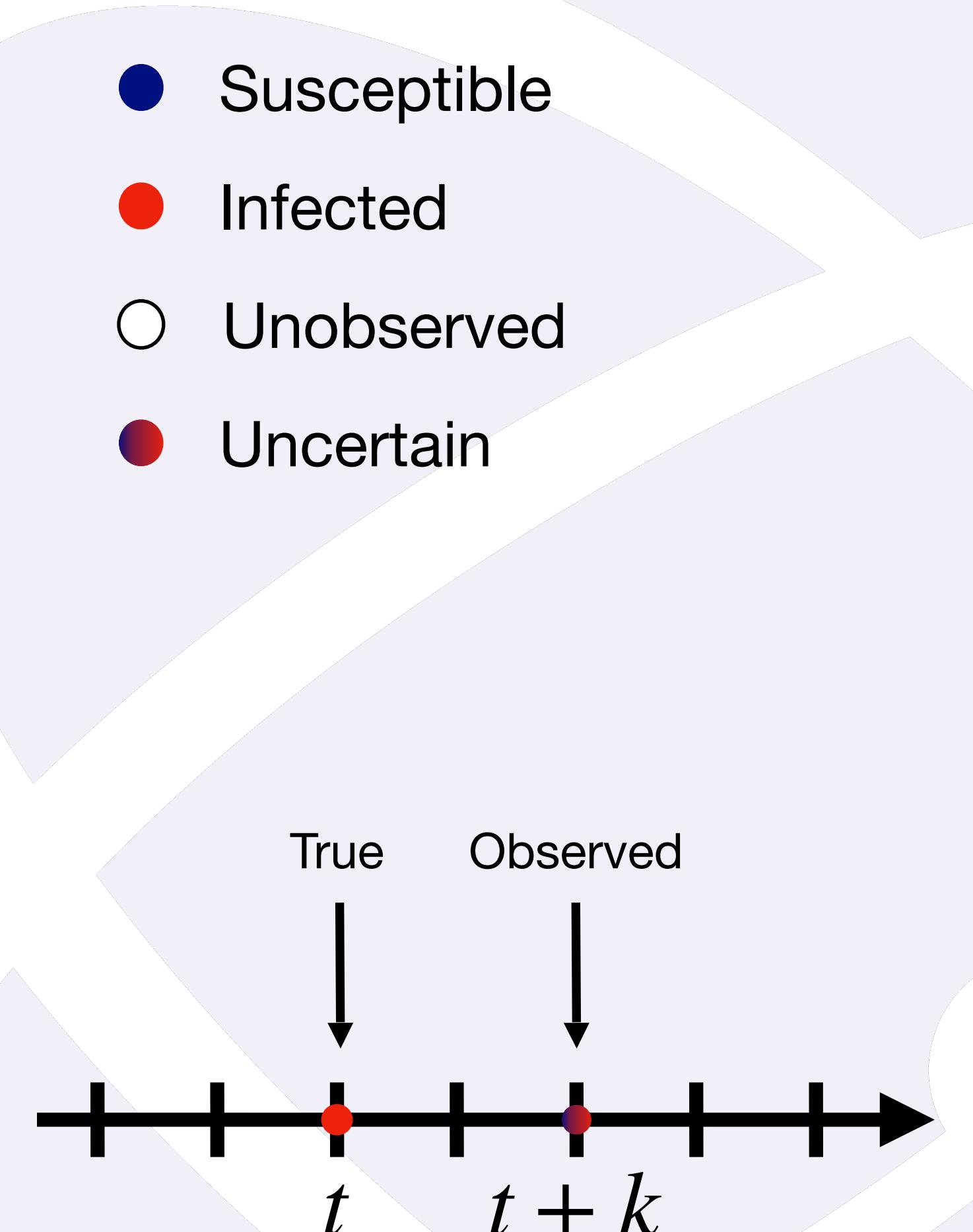
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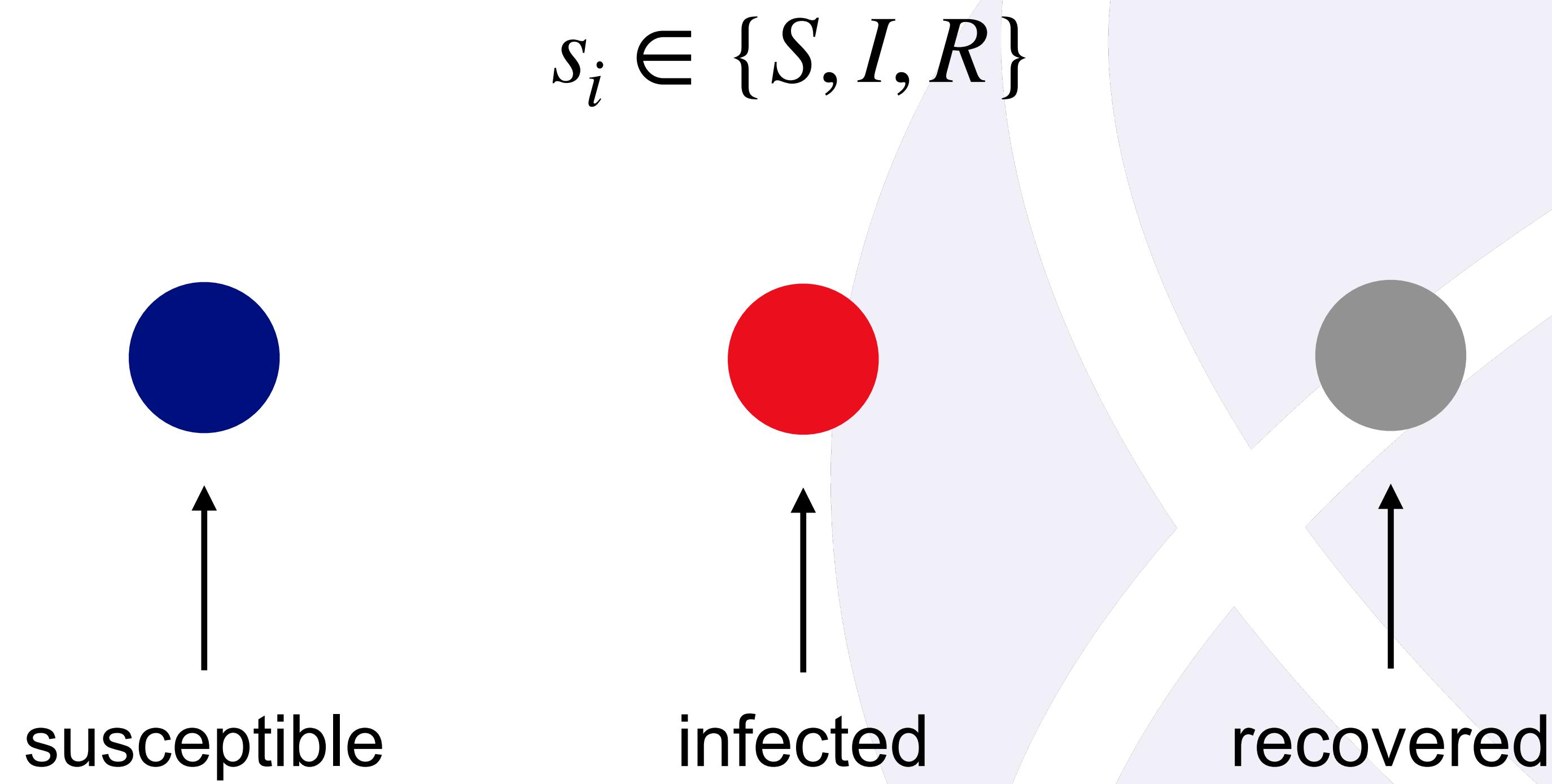
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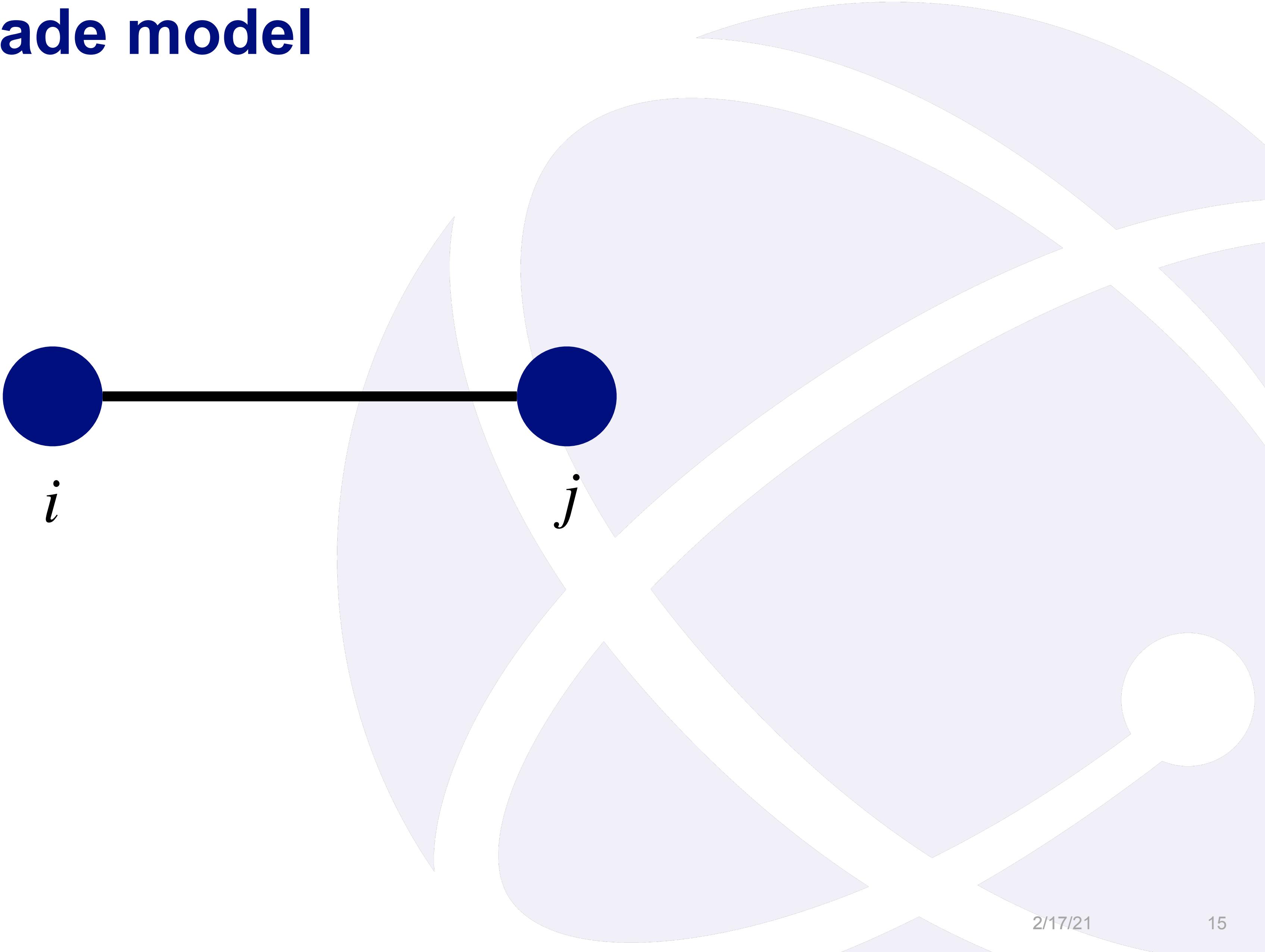
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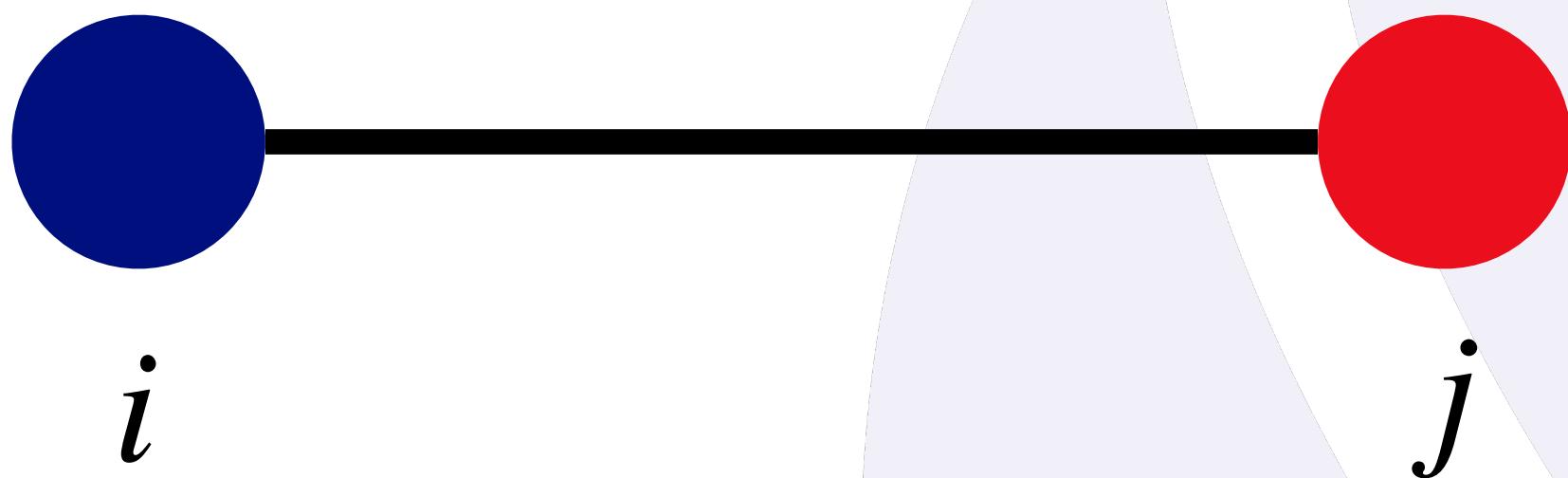
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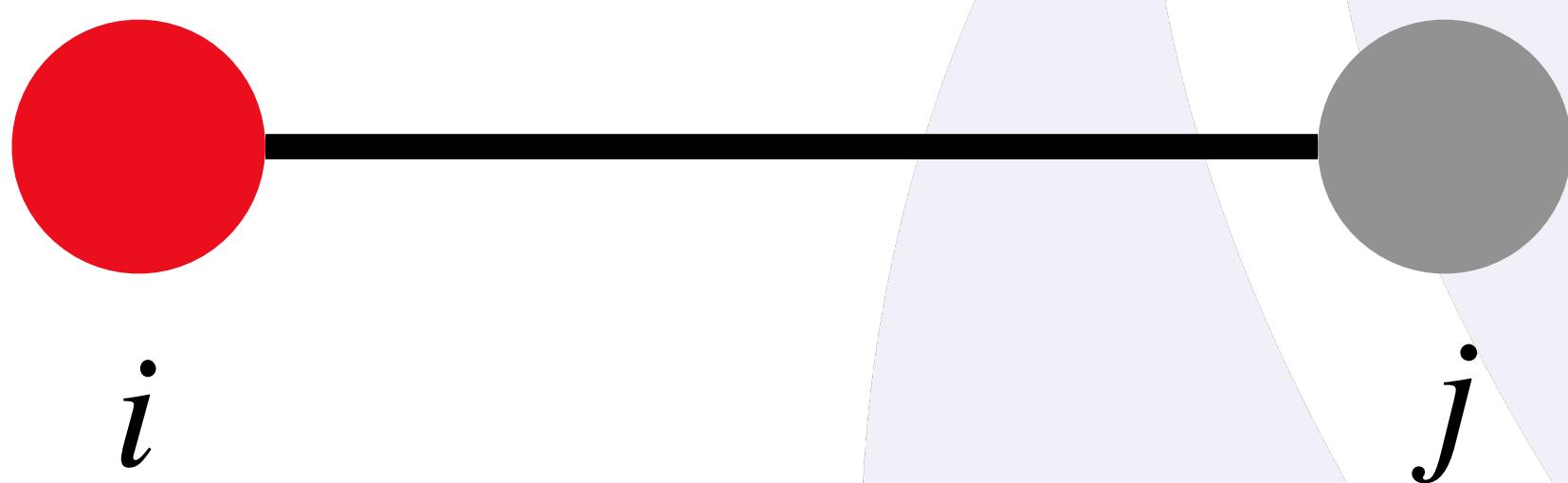
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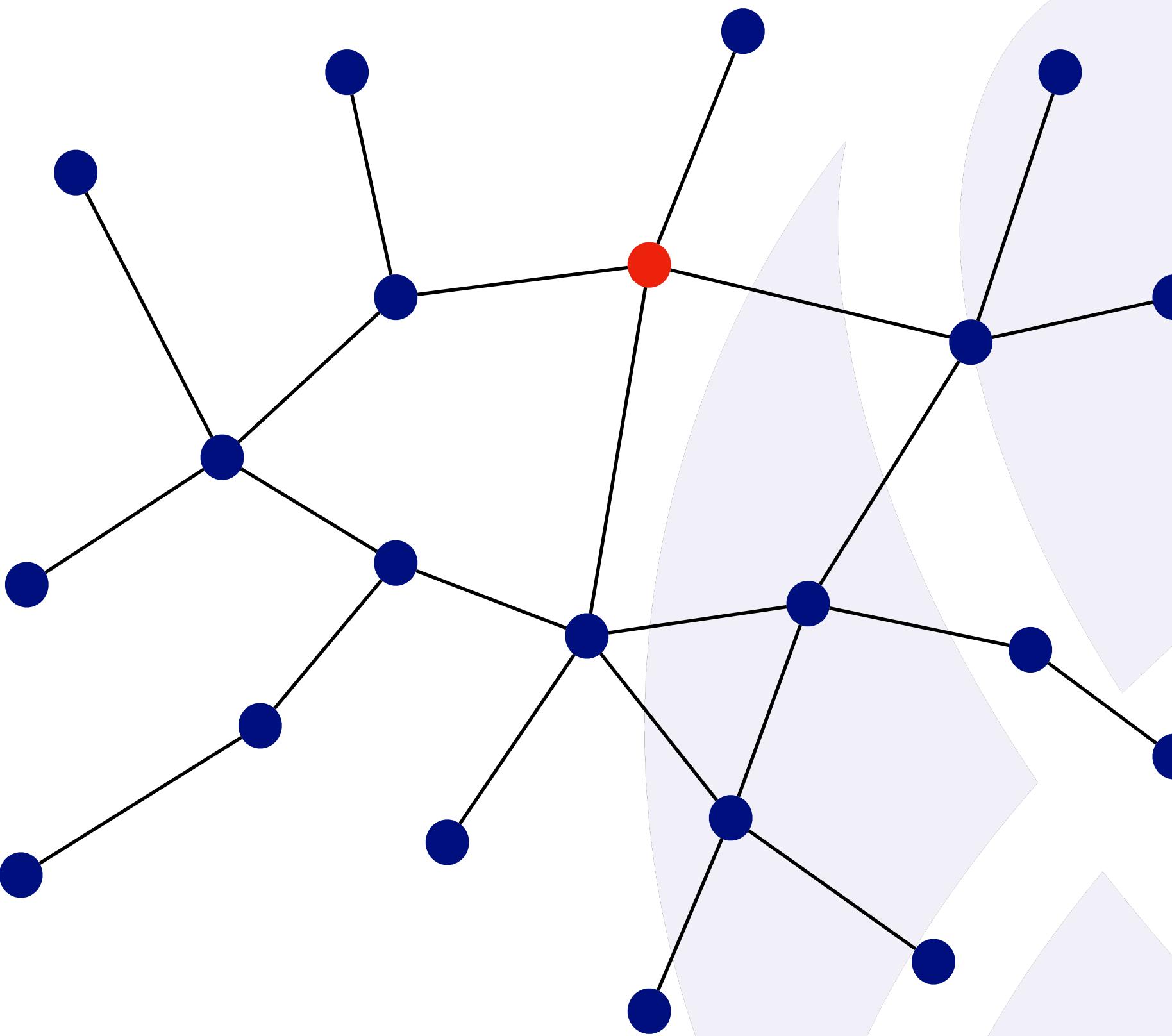
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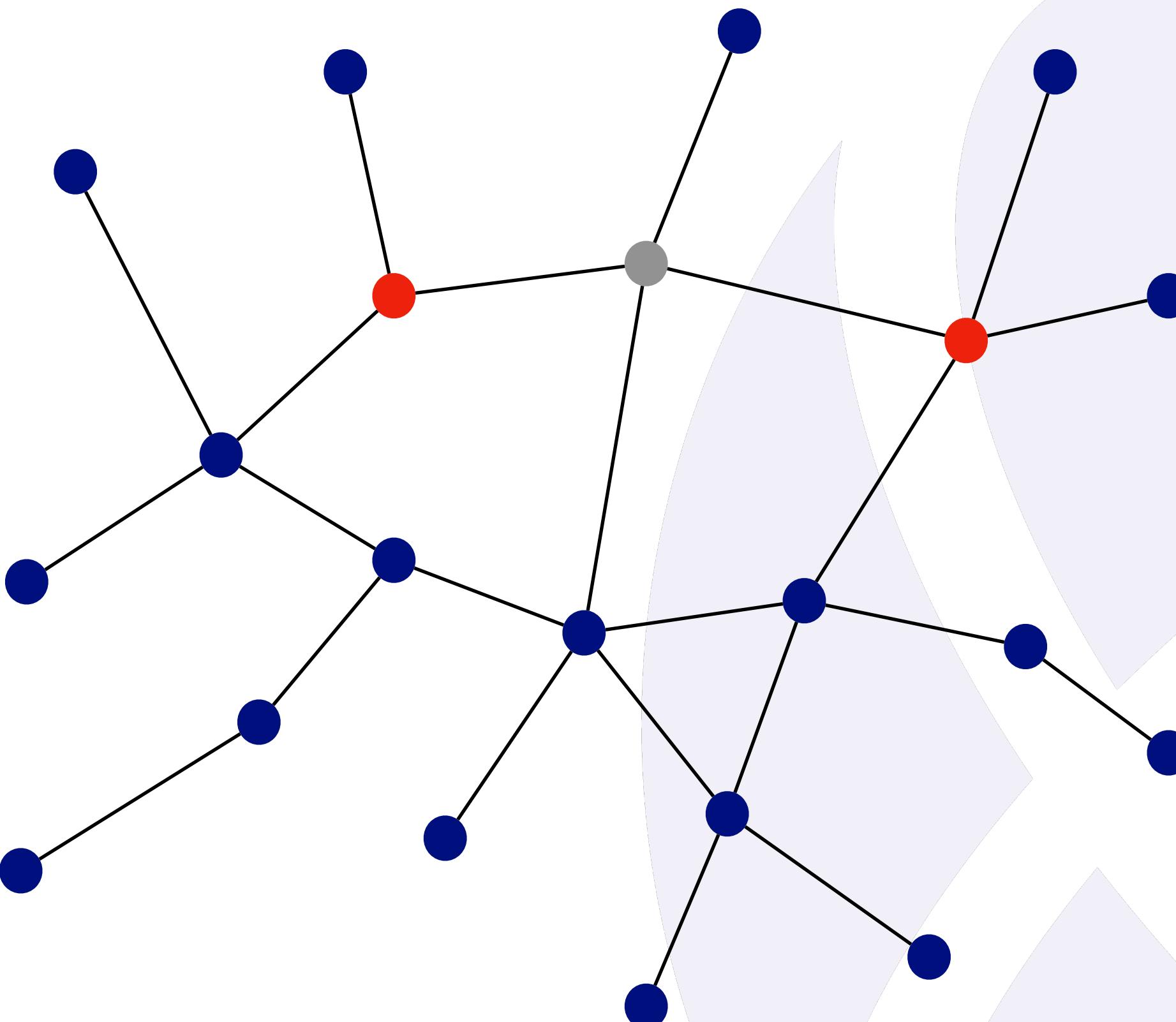
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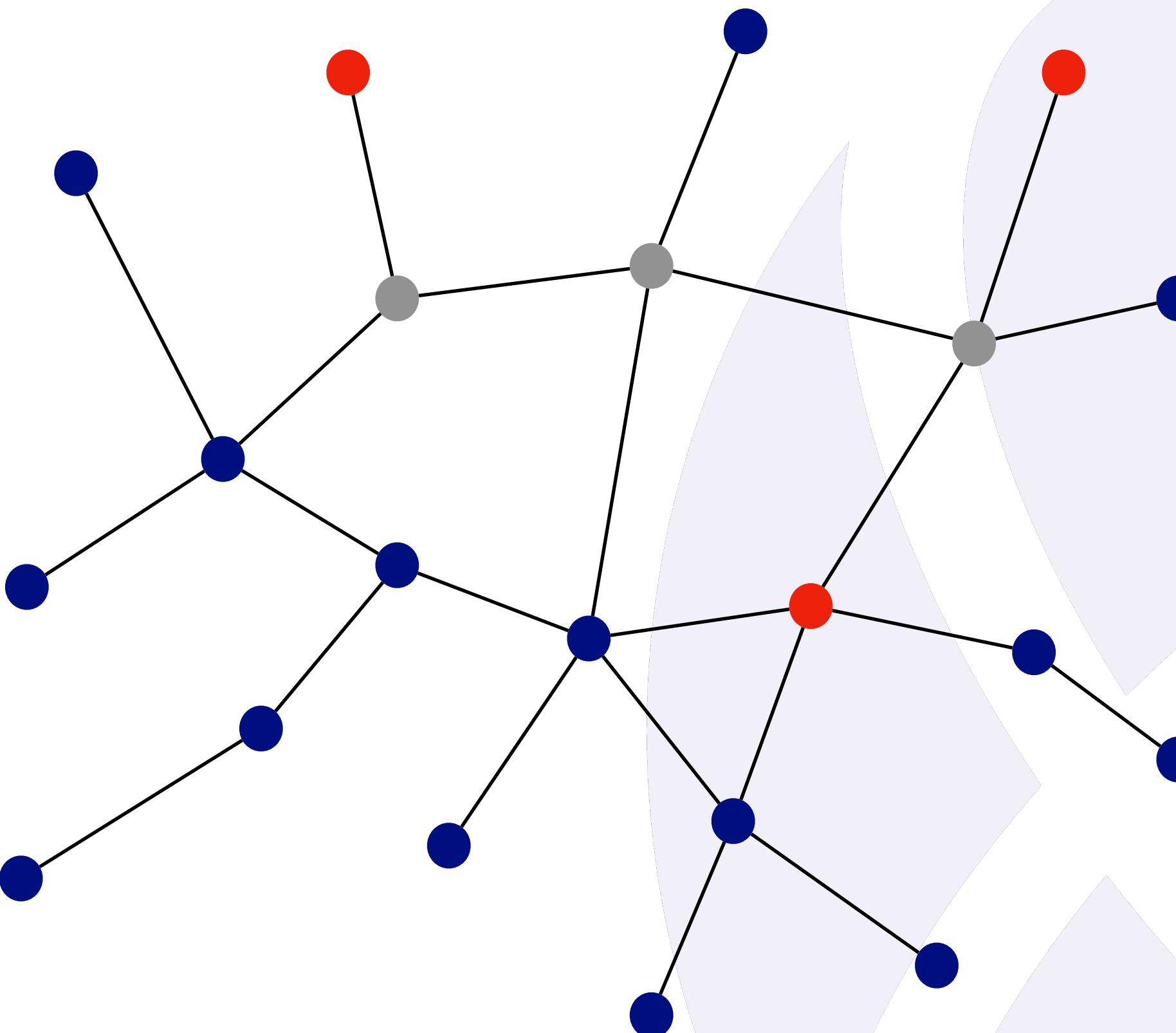
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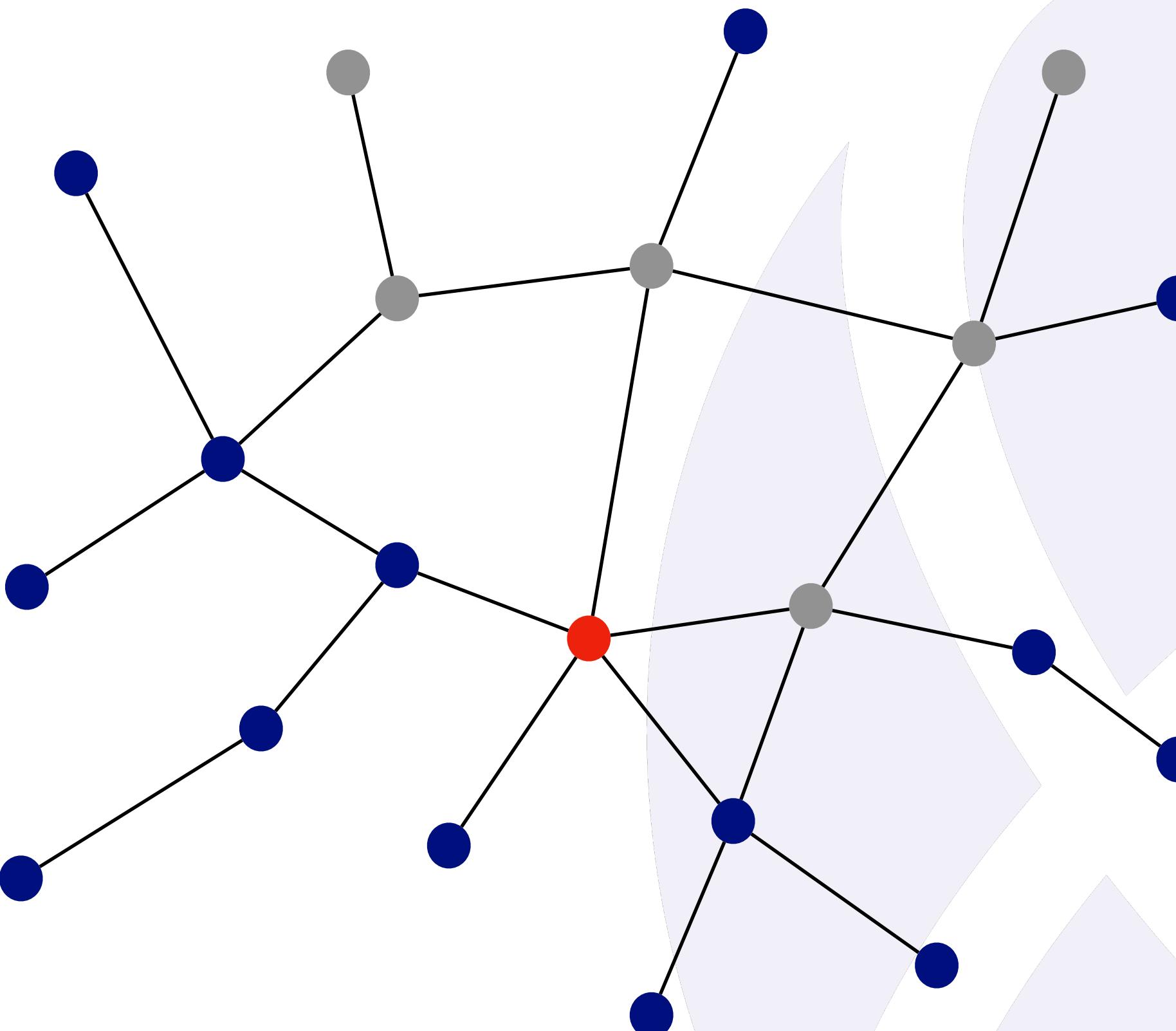
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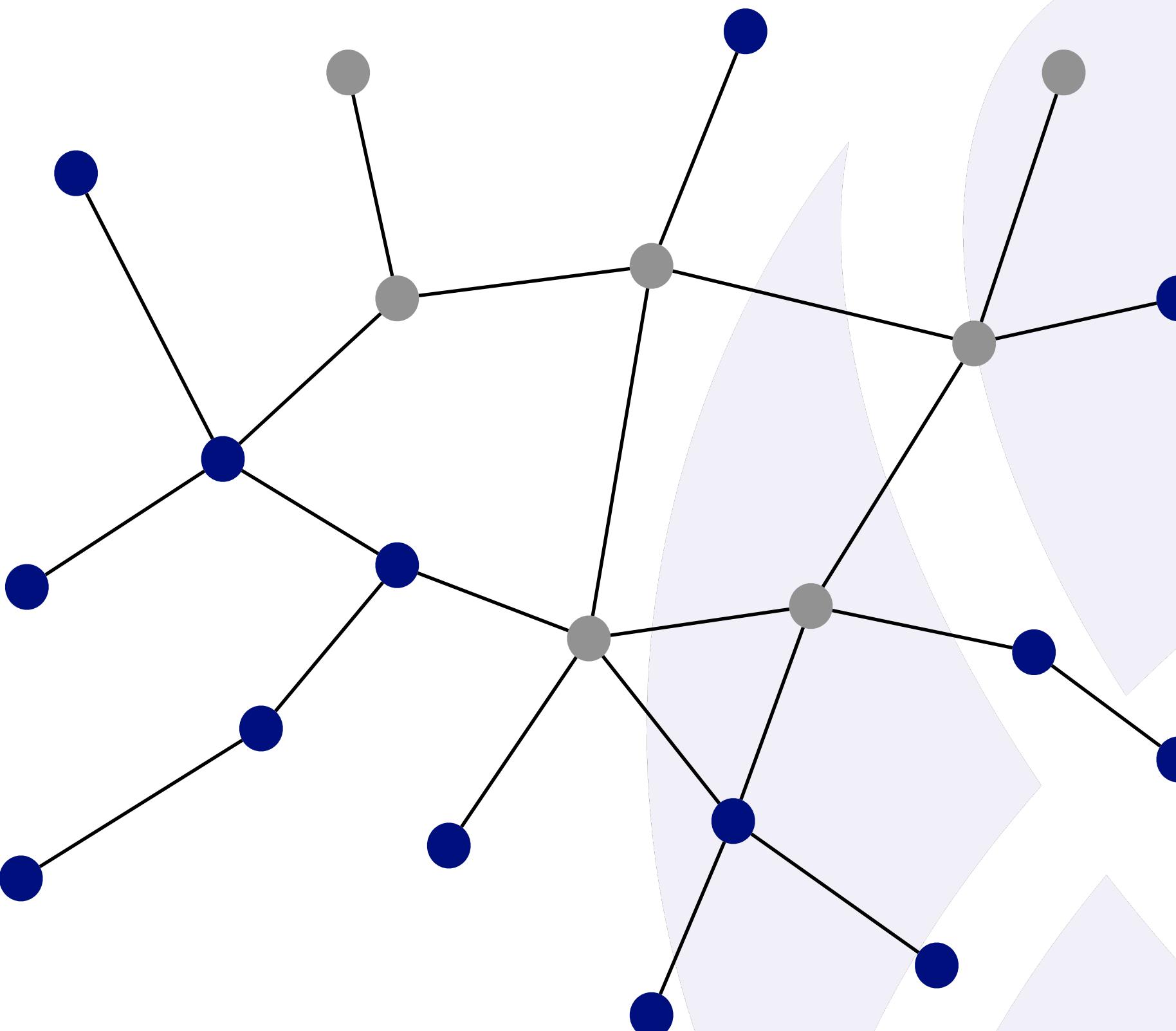
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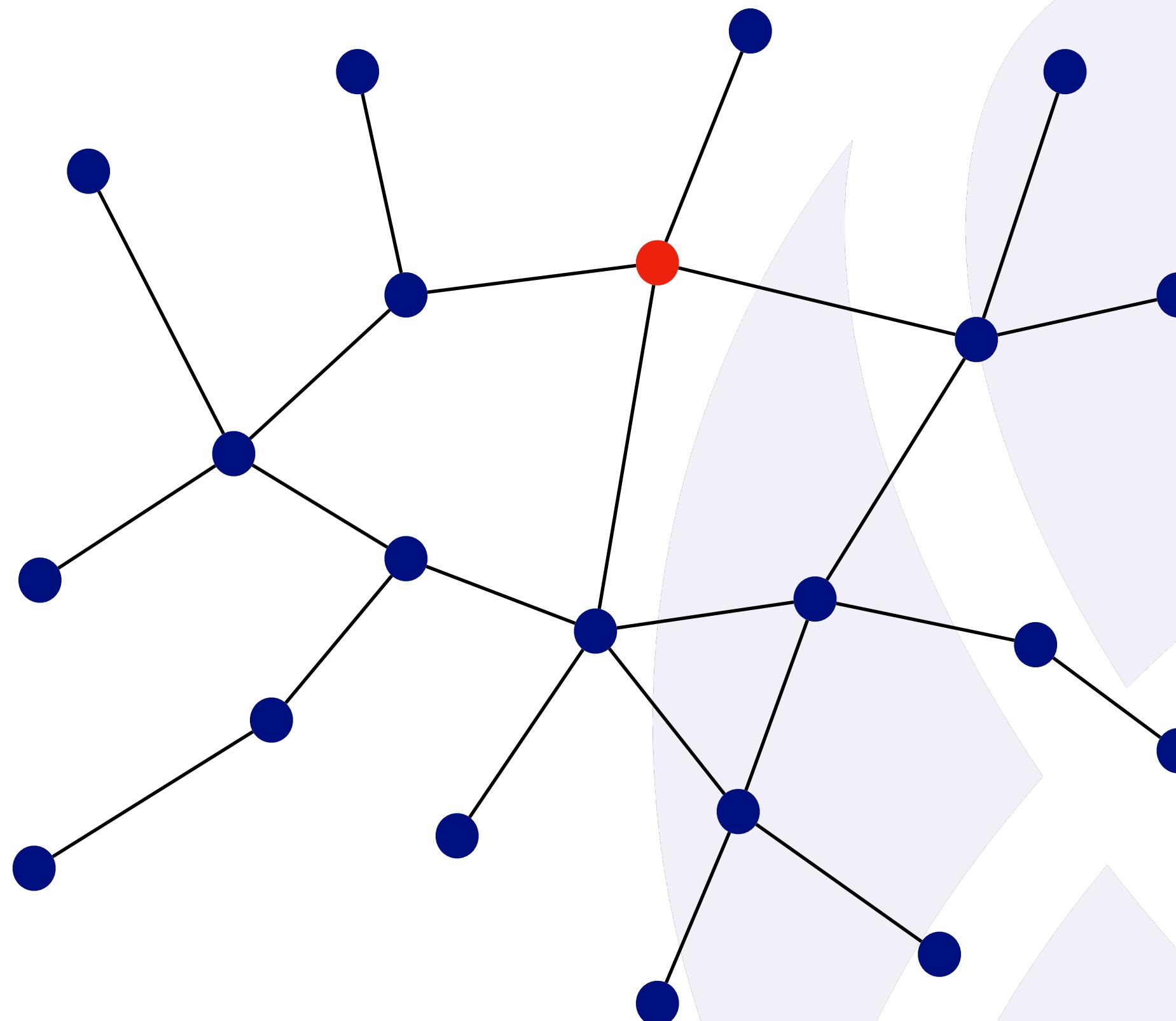
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Inference

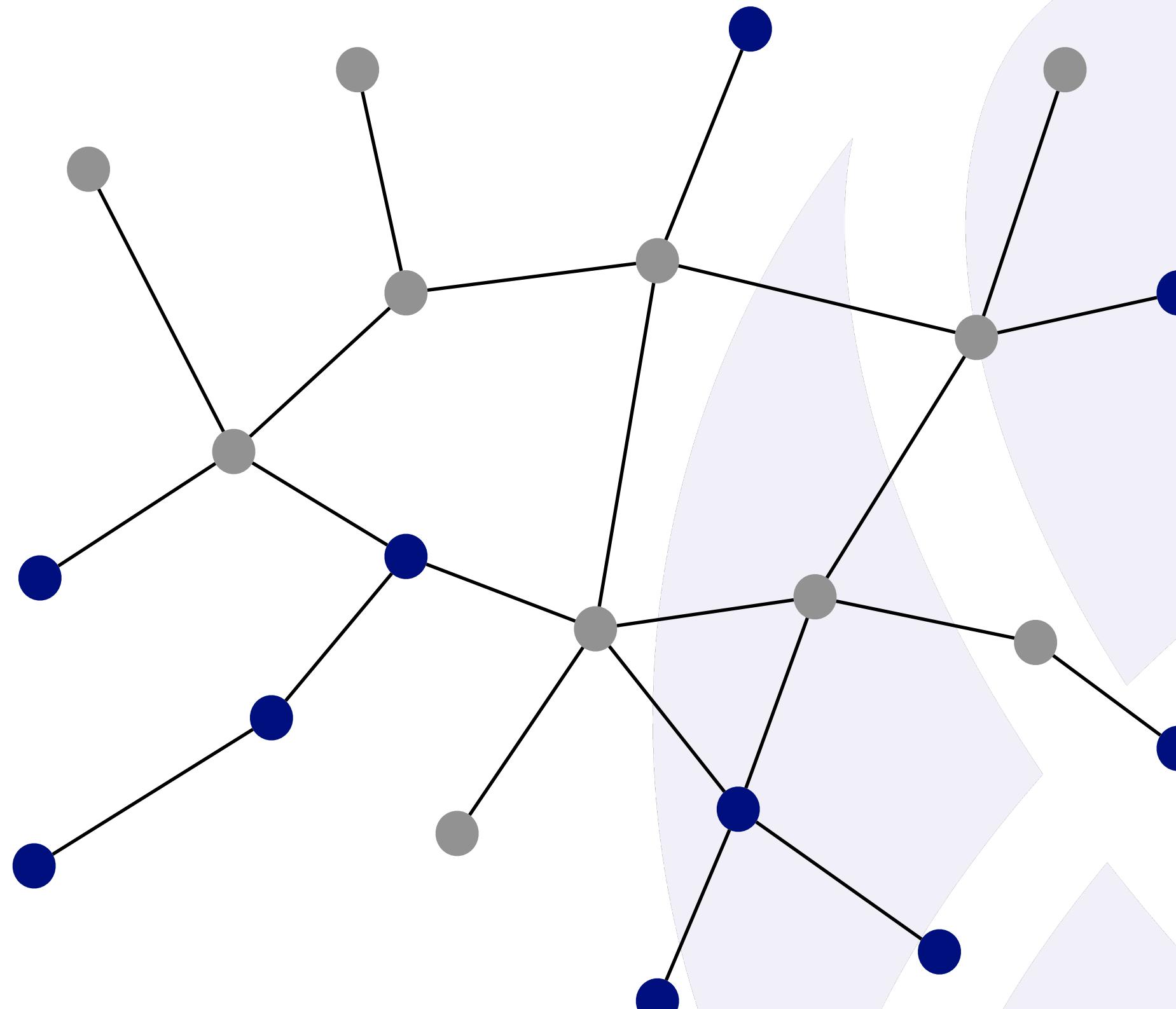


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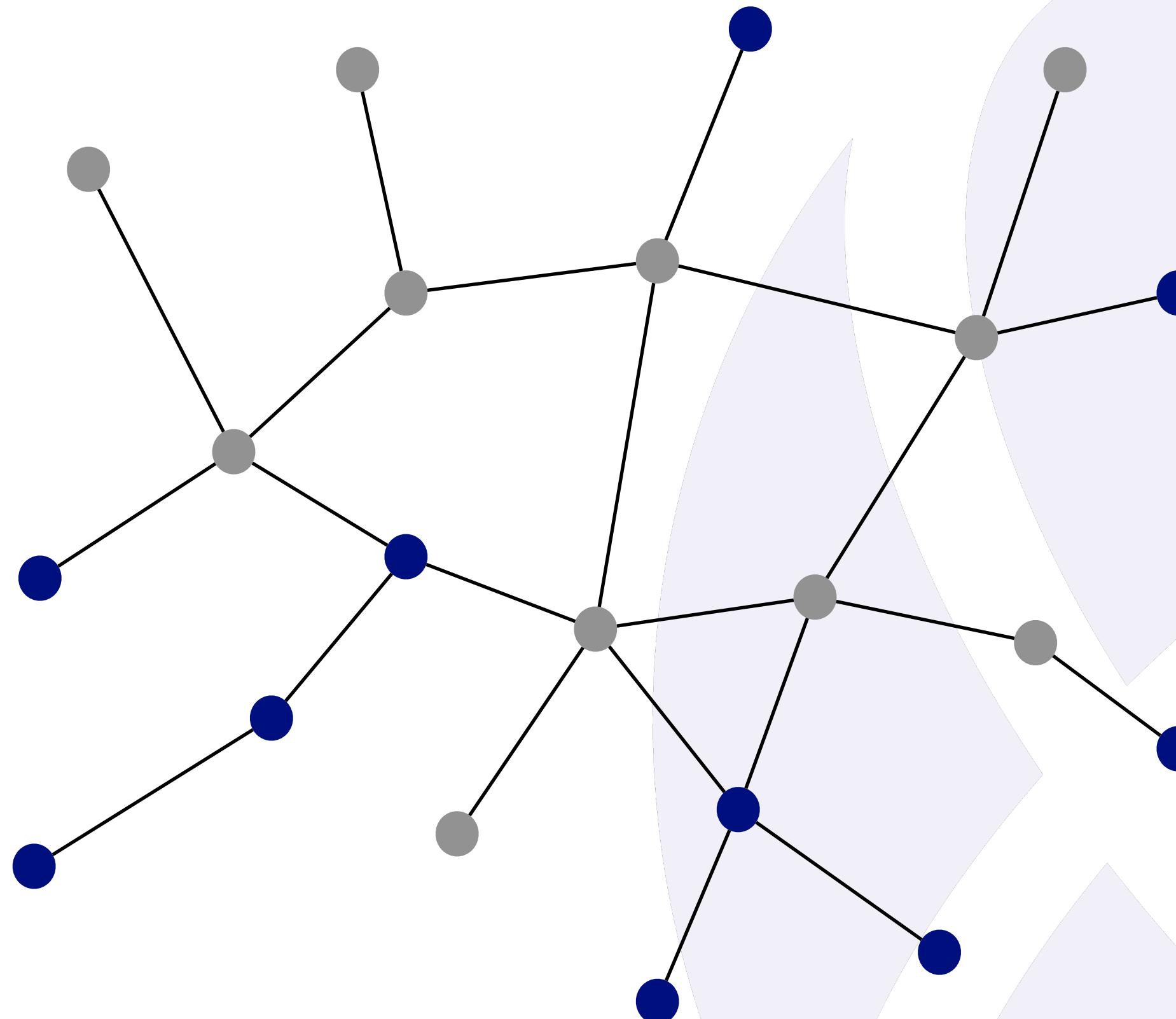
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Influence function

$$\sigma_t(p_0) = \mathbb{E} \left(\sum_{i \in V} 1_{(t_i < t)} \right) = \sum_{i \in V} p_i(t)$$



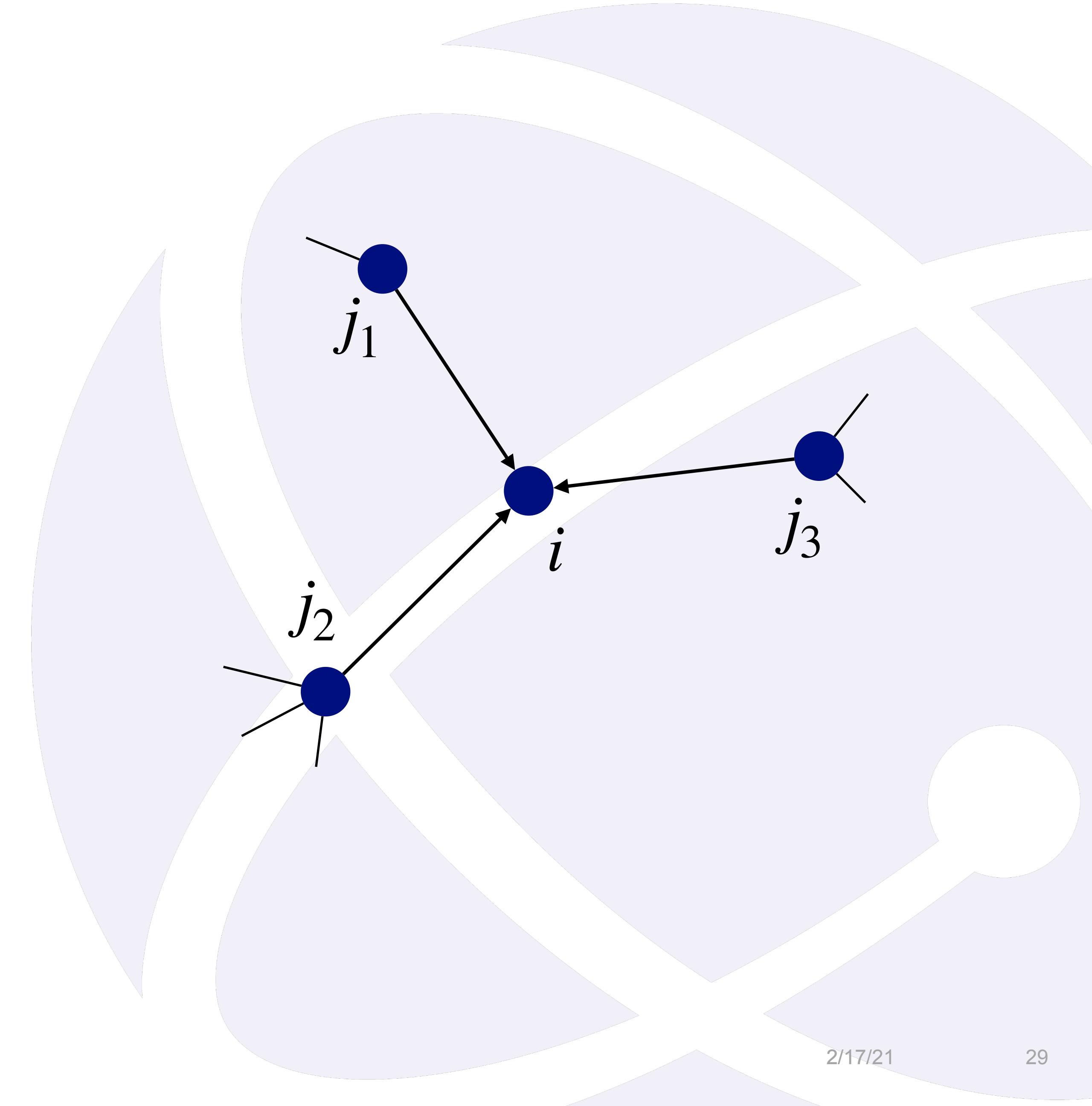
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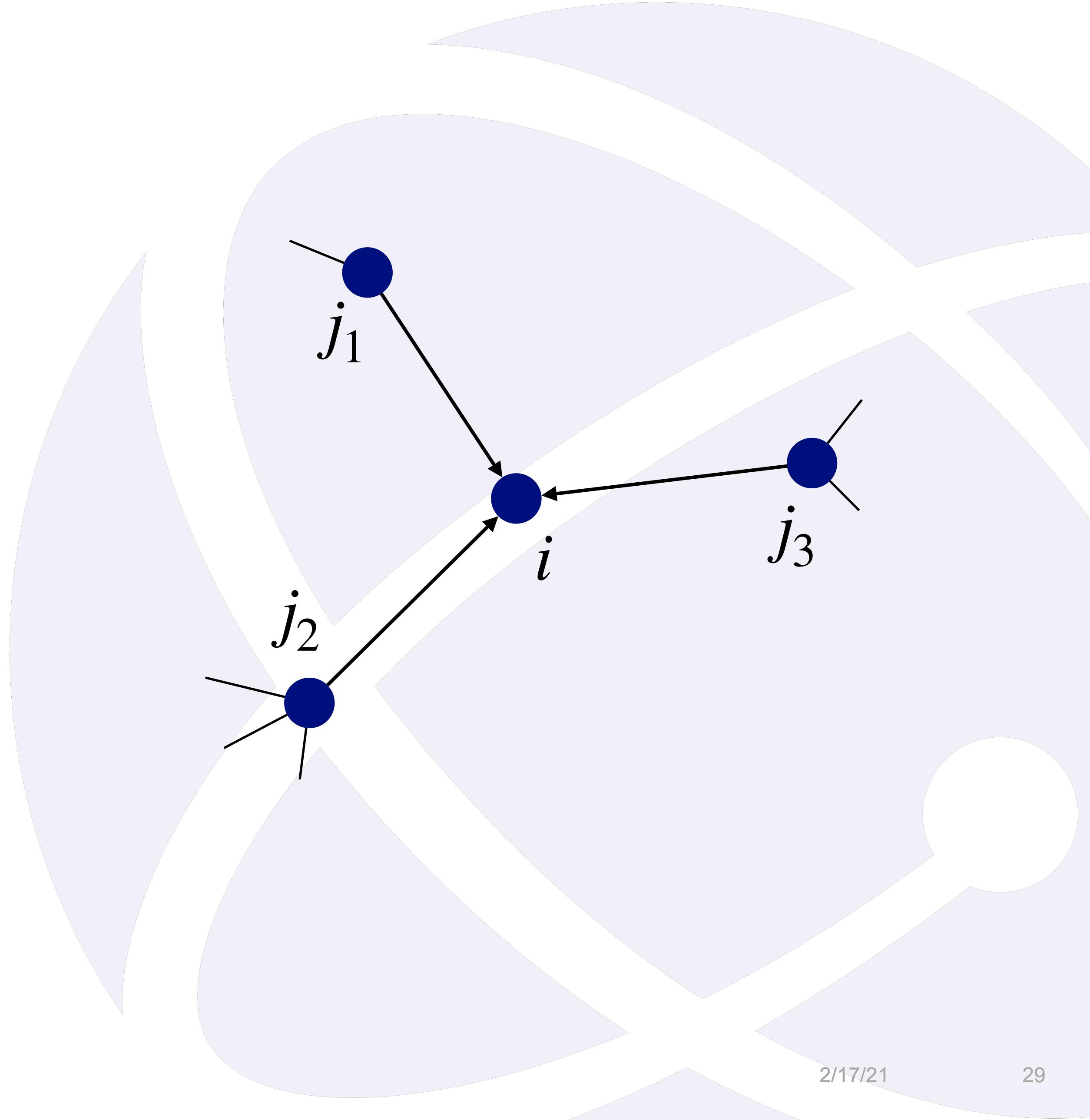
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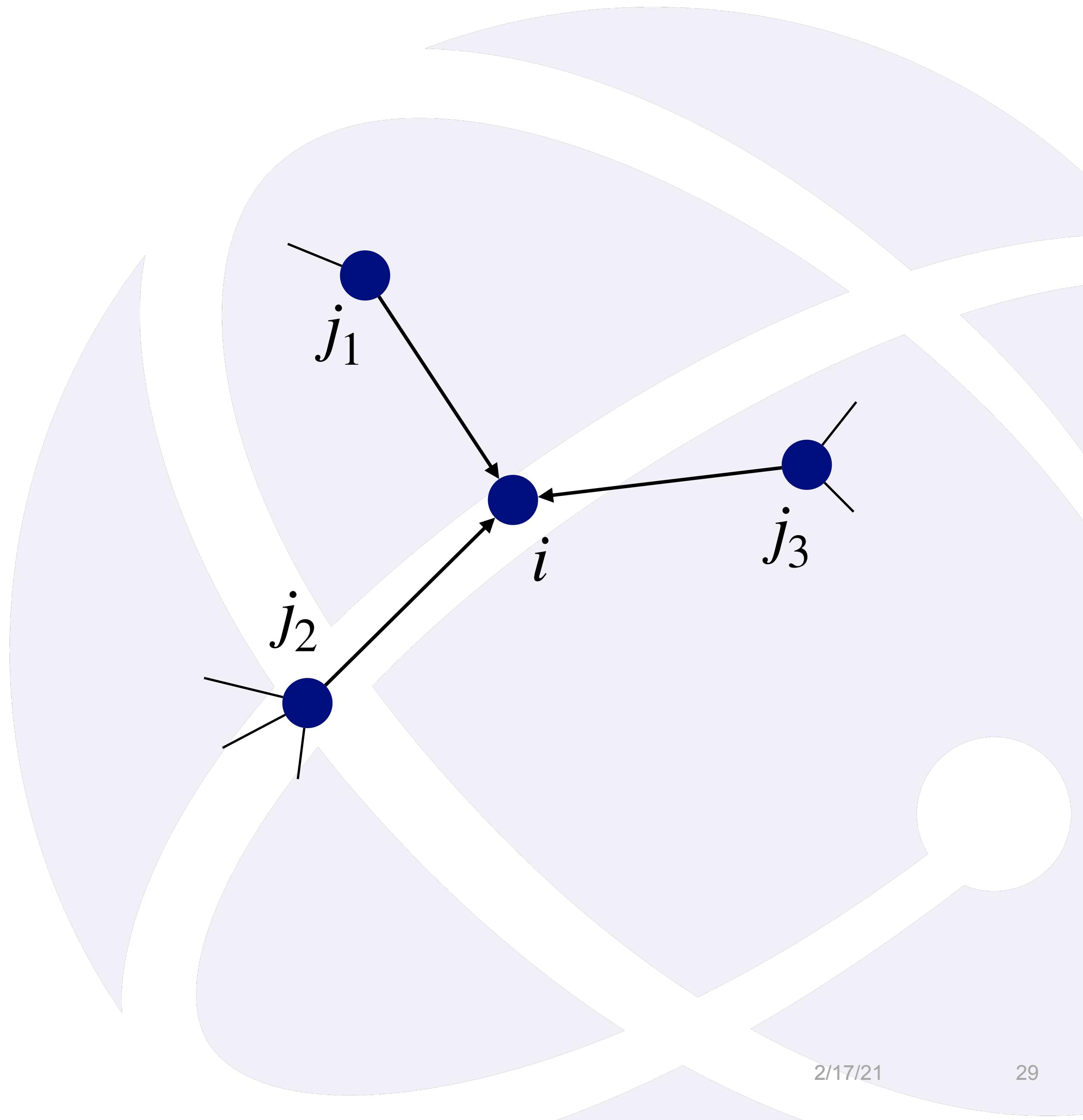
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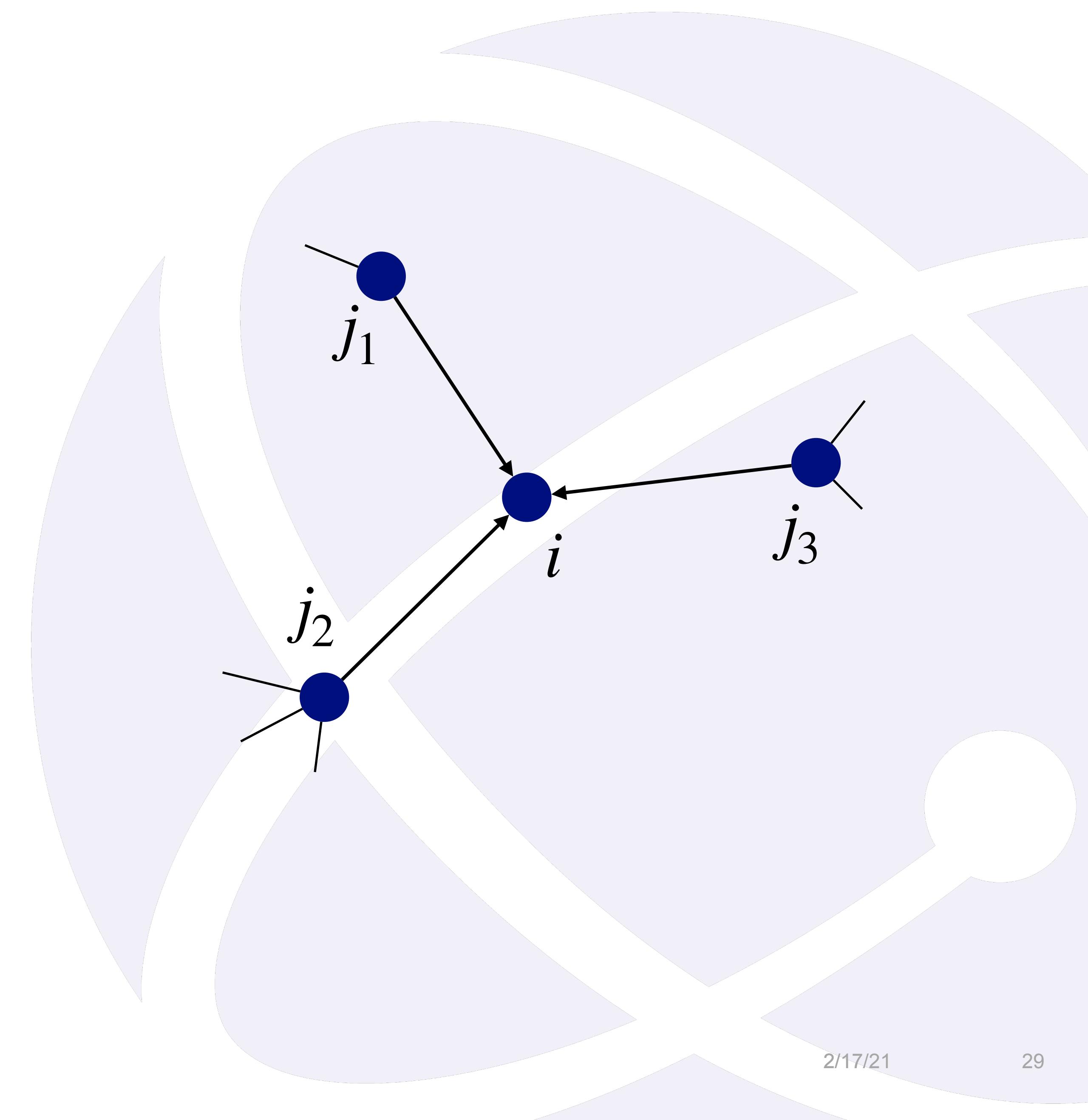
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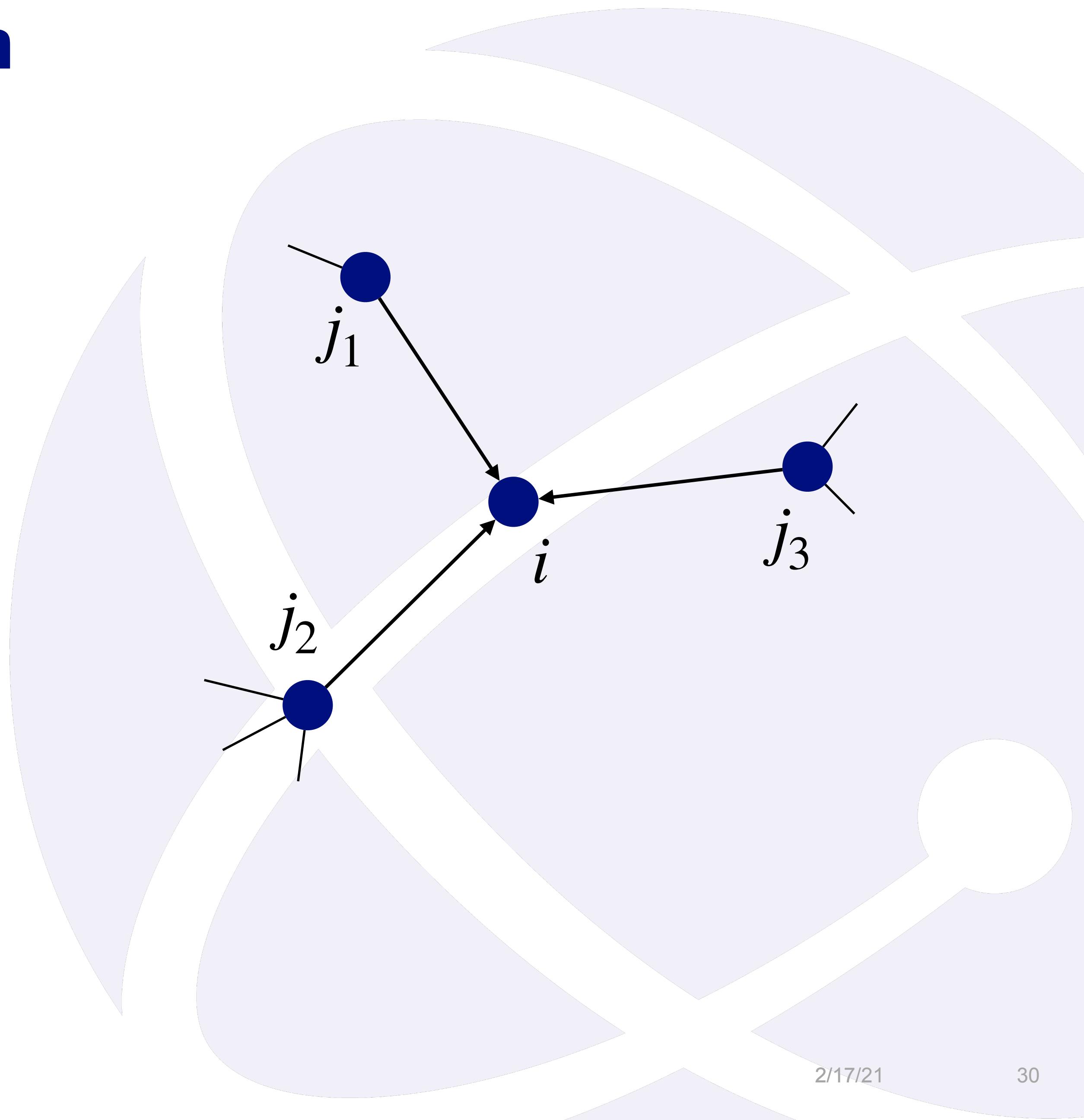
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Belief Propagation Derivation

$$\mu^{i \rightarrow j}(\sigma_i) = \prod_{k \in \partial i \setminus j} \sum_{\sigma_k} \phi_{ik}(\sigma_i, \sigma_k) \cdot \mu^{k \rightarrow i}(\sigma_k)$$

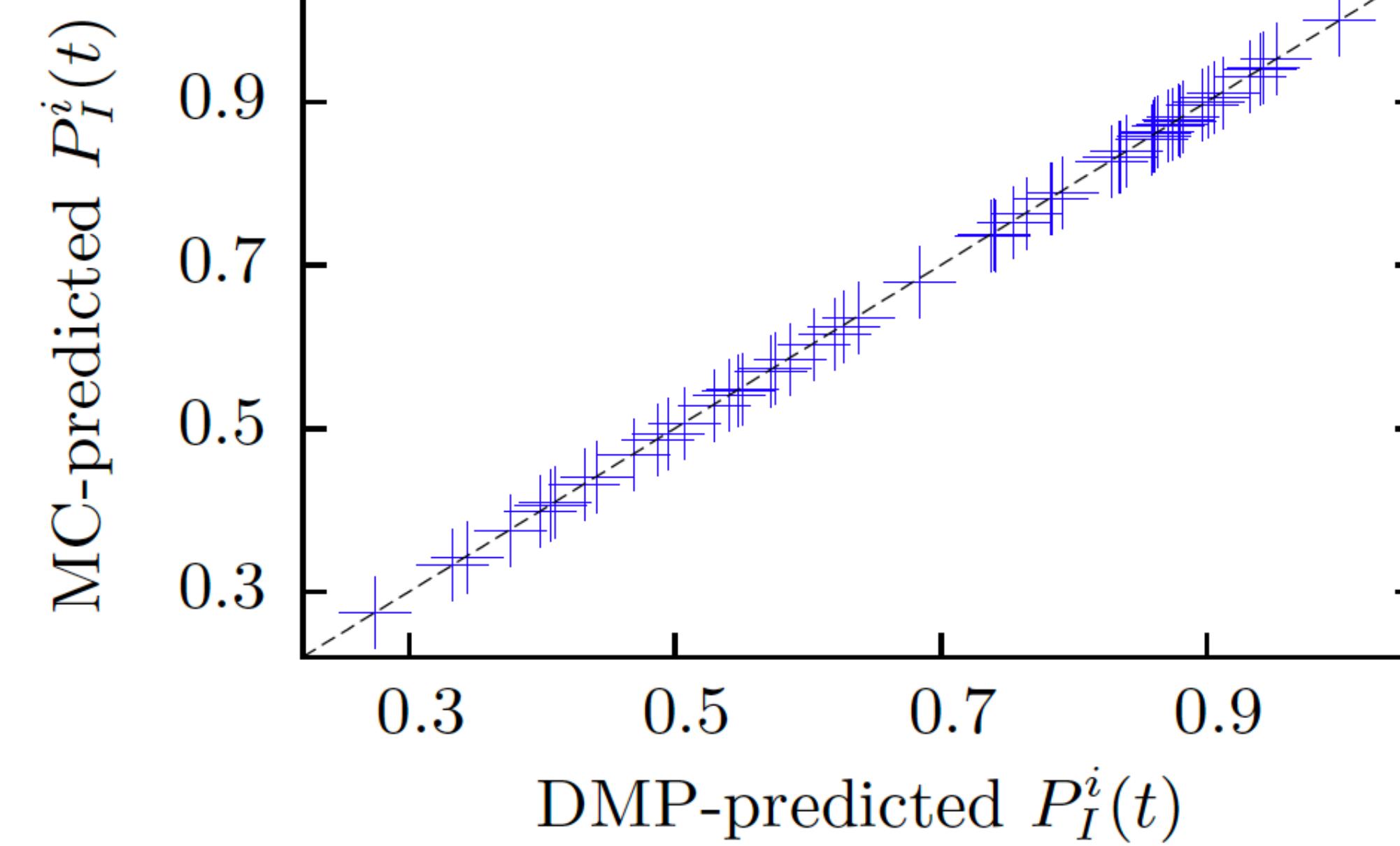
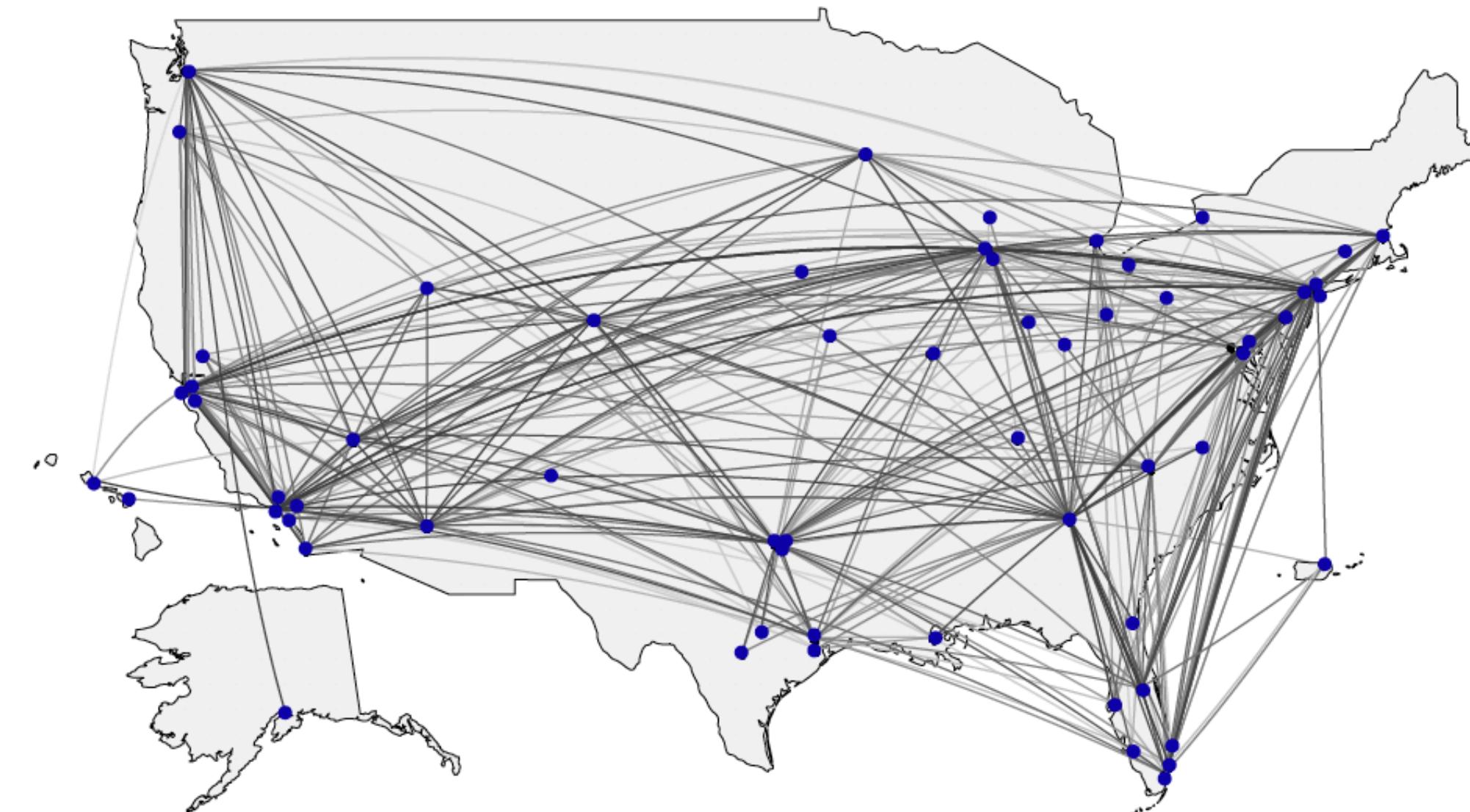
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Lokhov, Mézard, Zdeborová. *PRE* 91.1 (2015): 012811.



Real Network Example



Why not just use Monte Carlo?

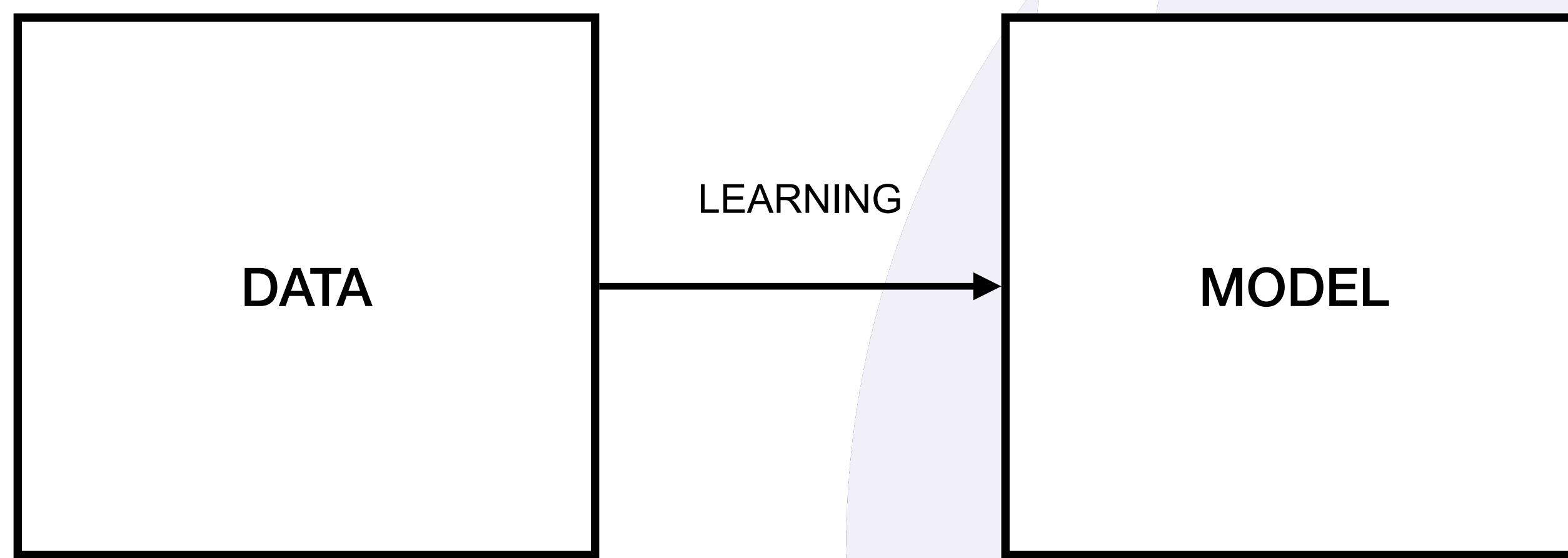
DMP has complexity of a single Monte Carlo run.



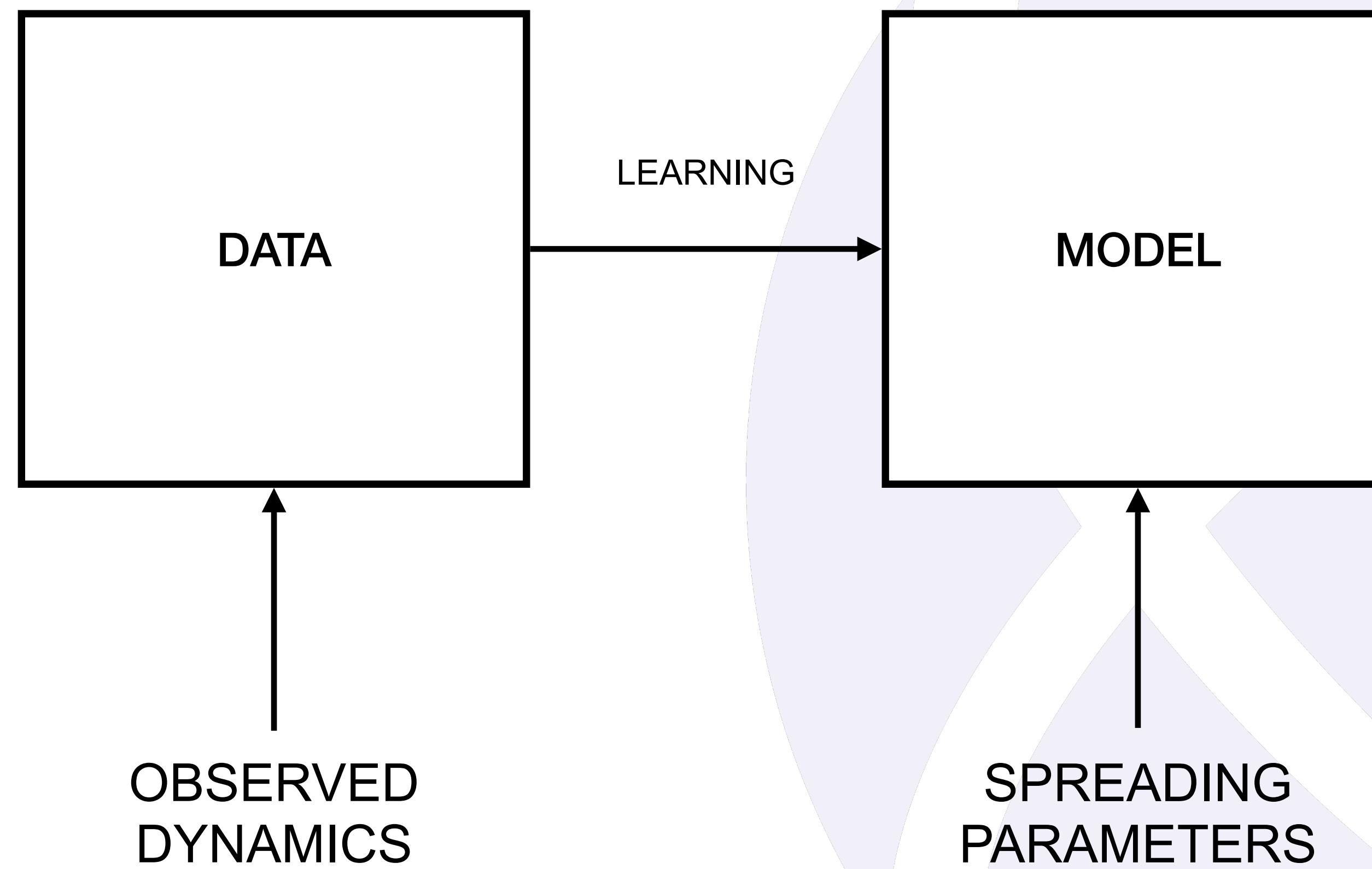
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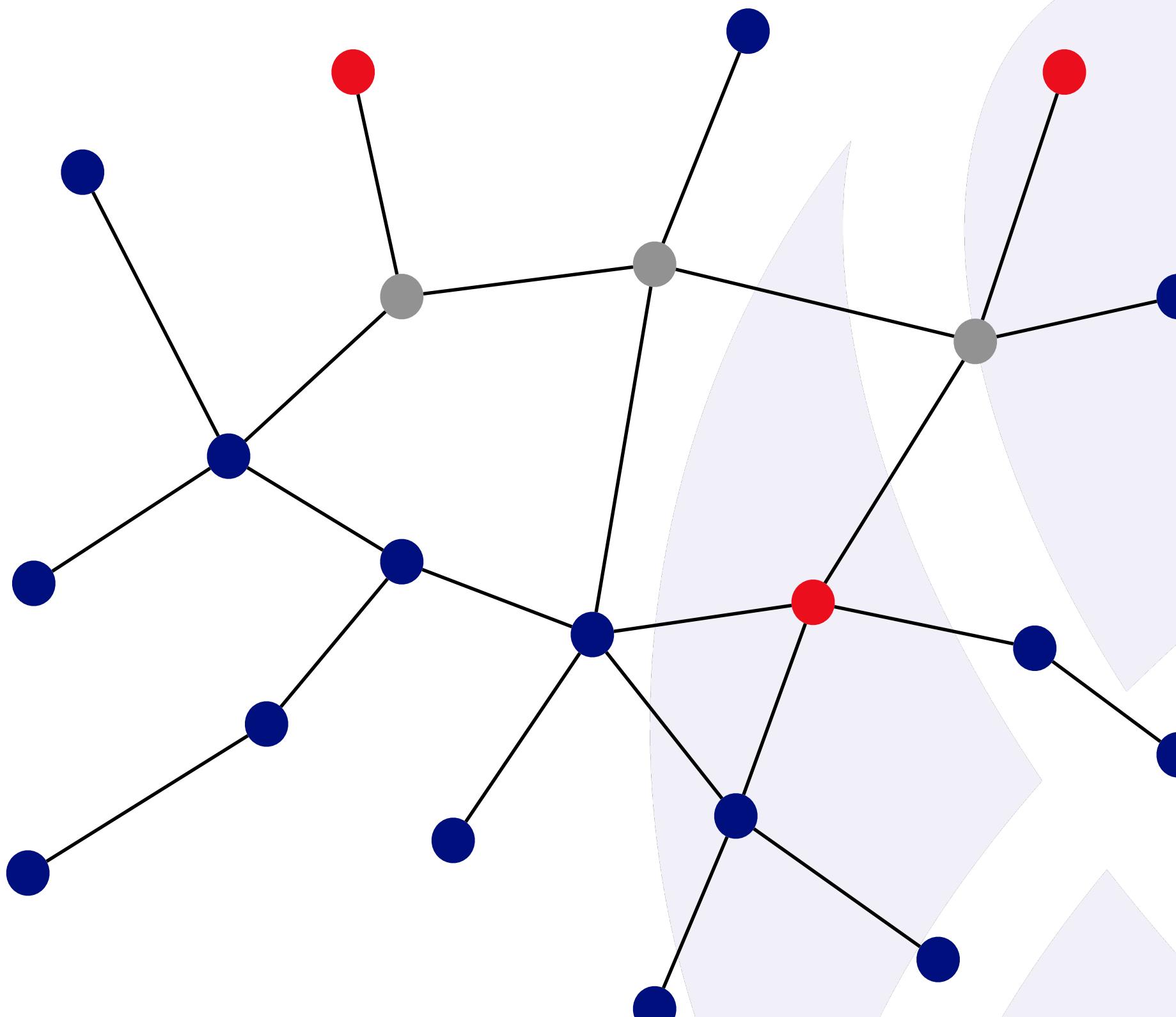
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The Problem

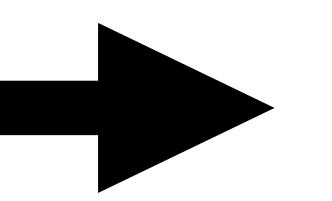
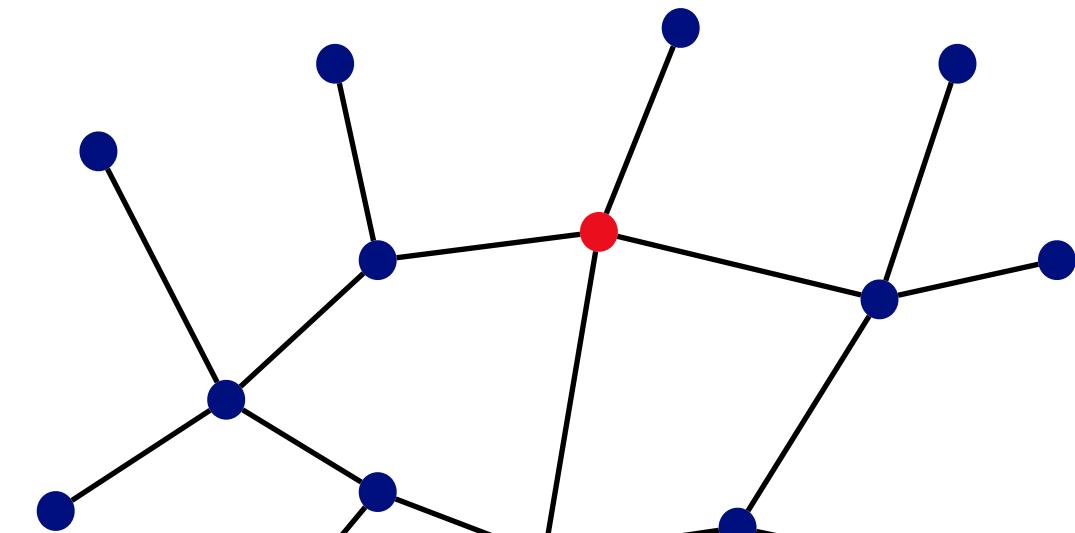


$$\forall_{(i,j) \in E} \alpha_{ij} = ?$$

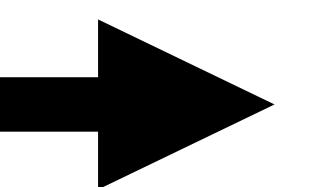
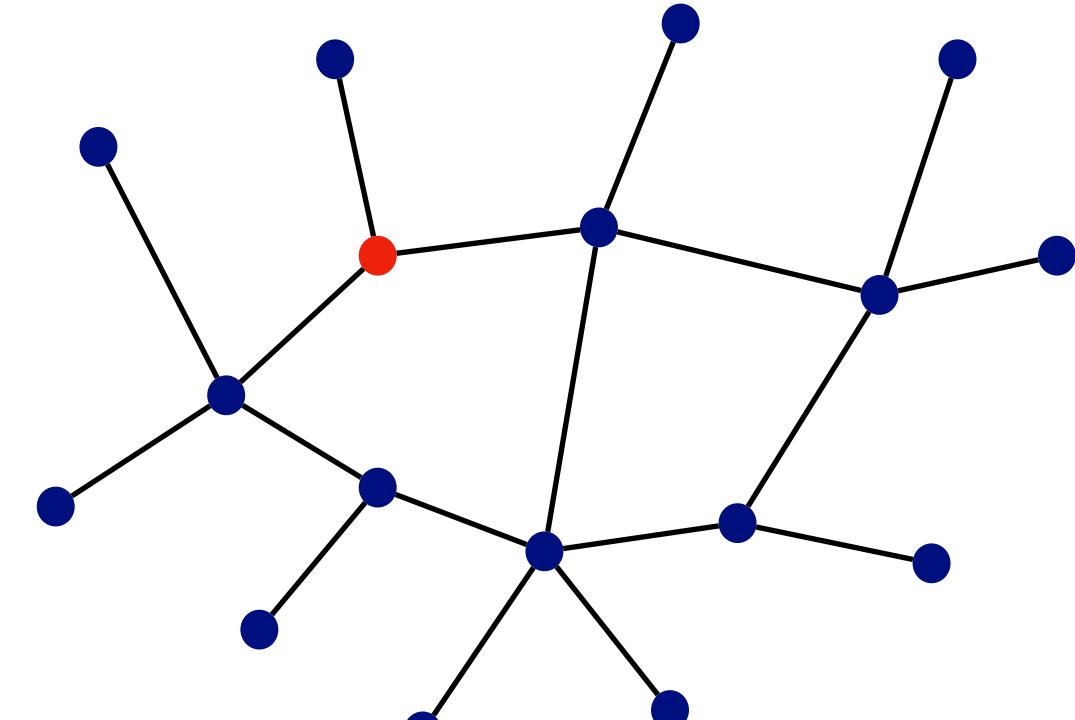


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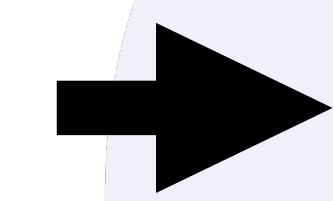
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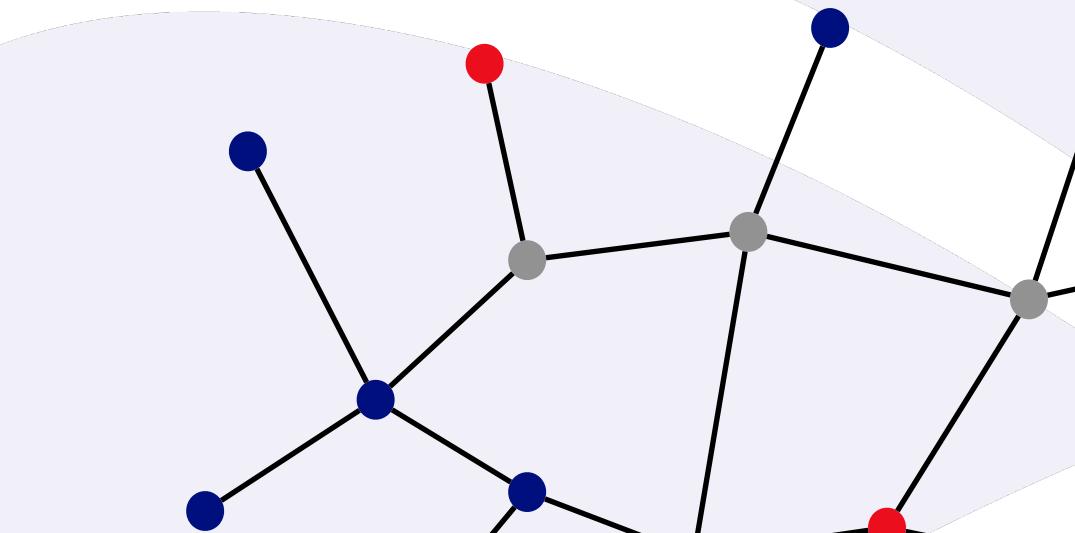
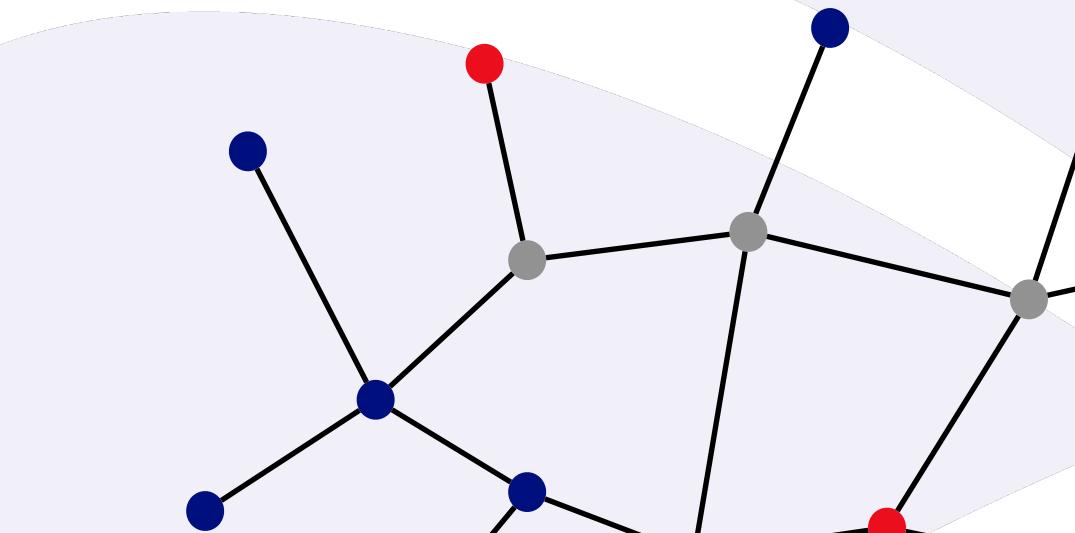
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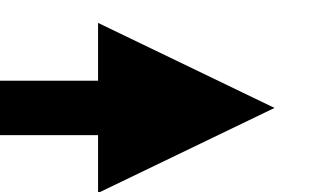
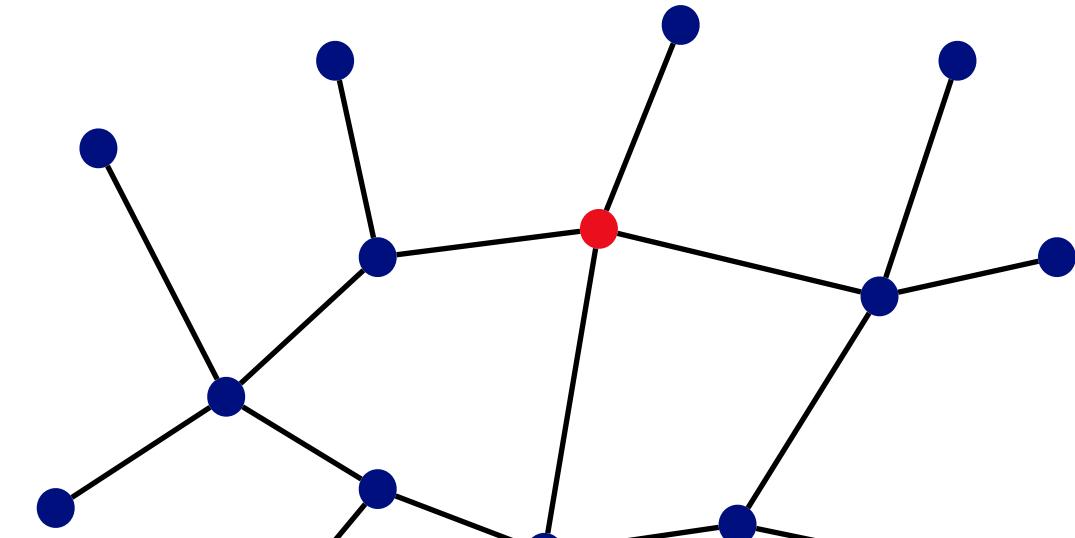


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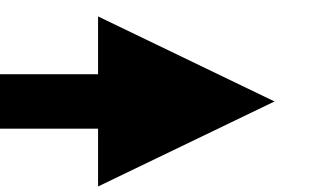
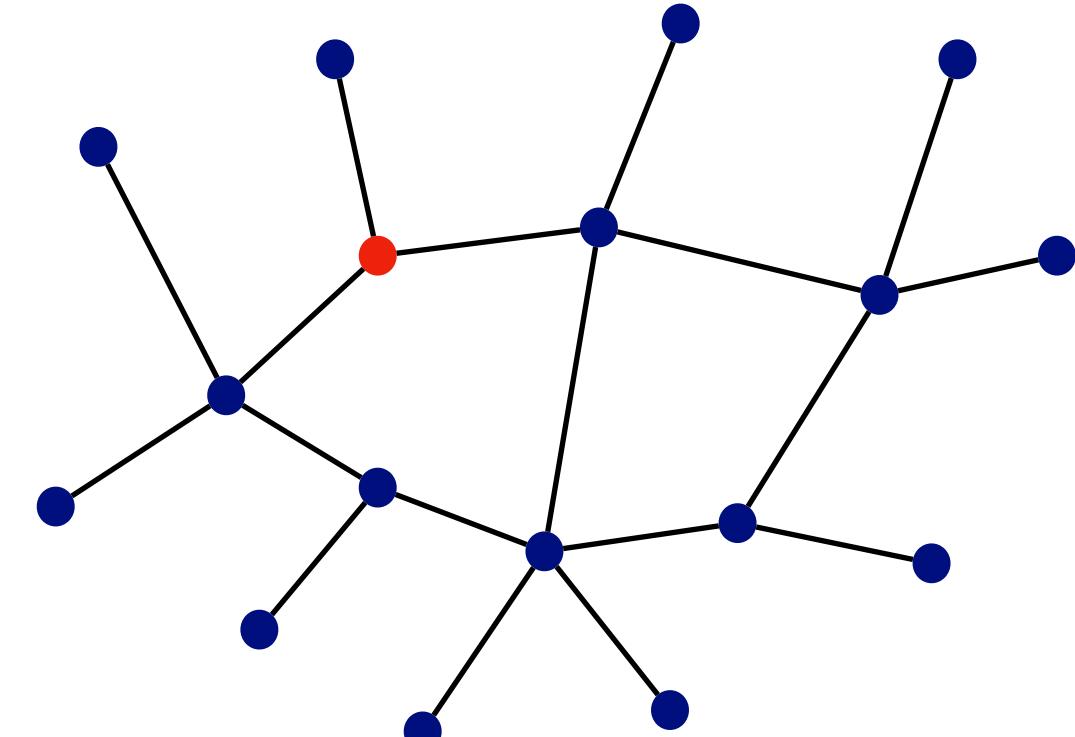


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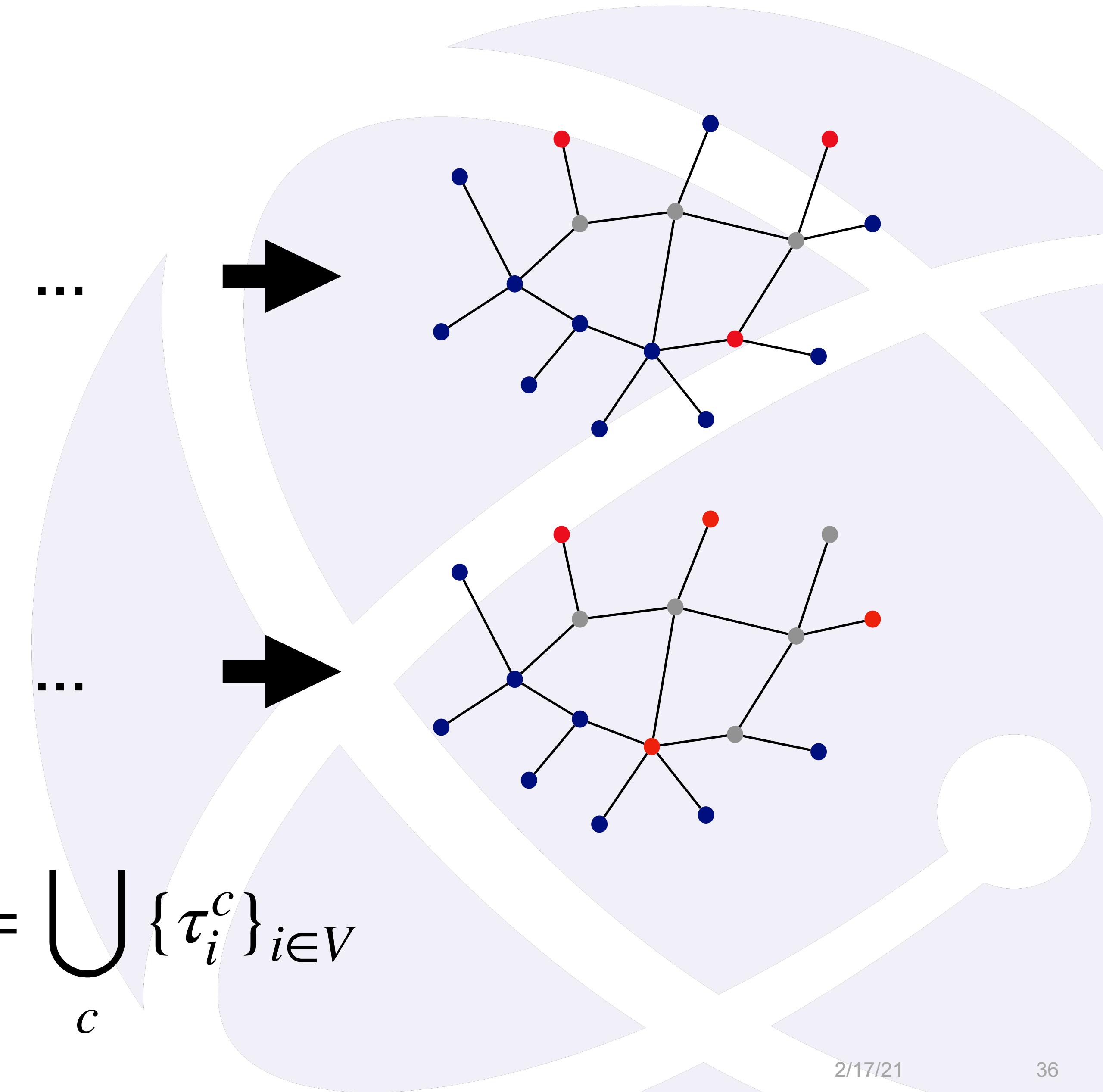
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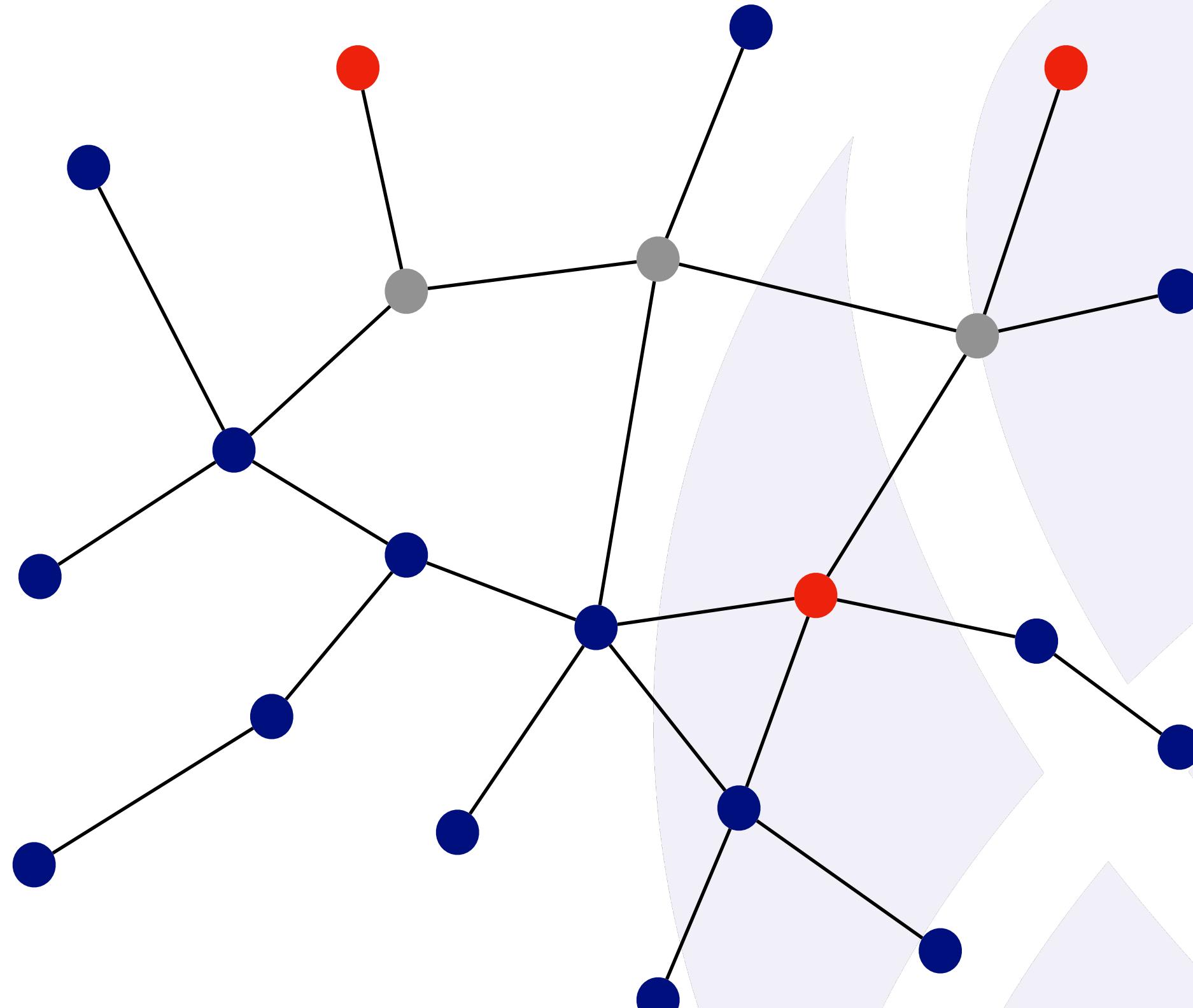


$$\Sigma = \bigcup_c \Sigma_c = \bigcup_c \{\tau_i^c\}_{i \in V}$$



Setting 1 — Full Information

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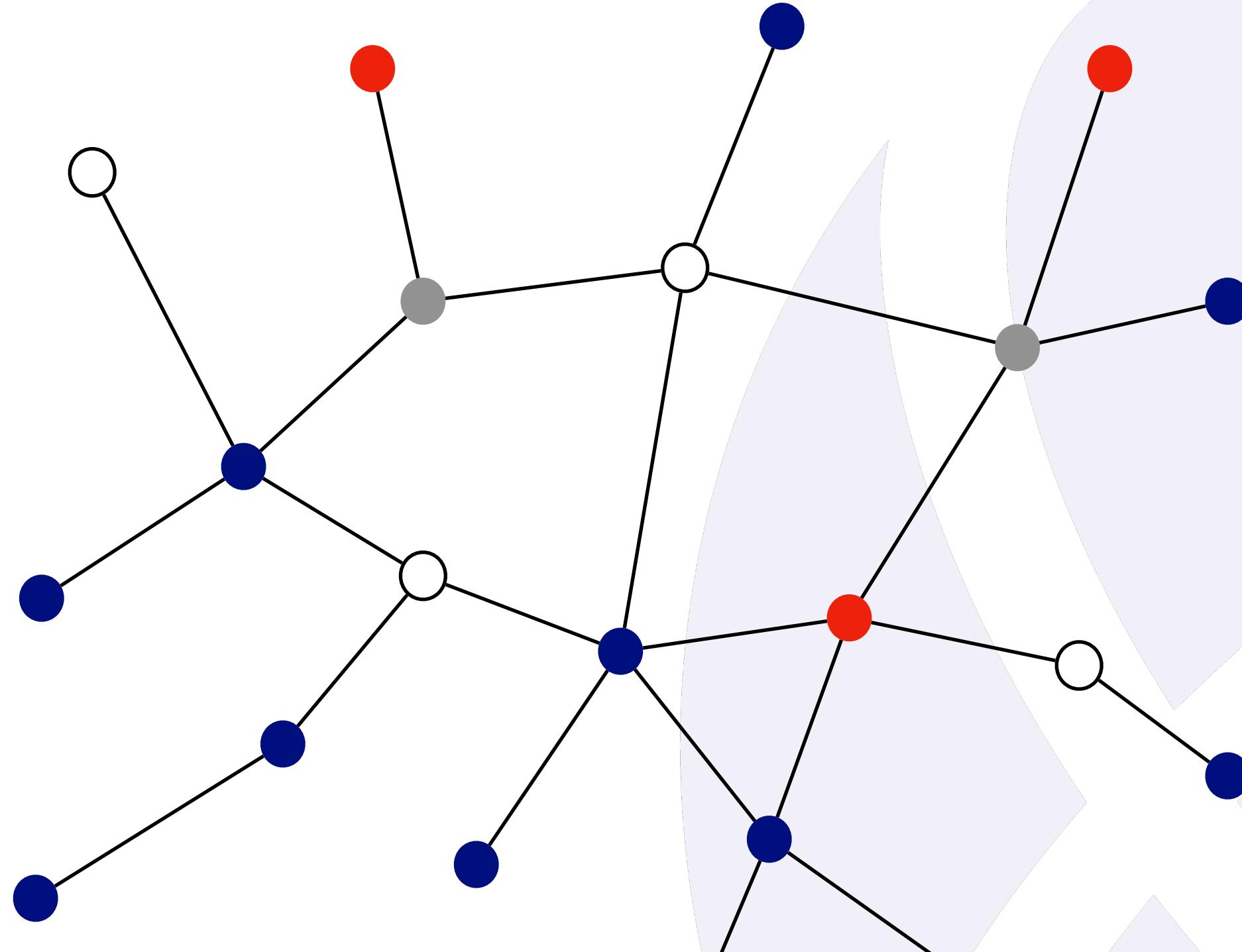
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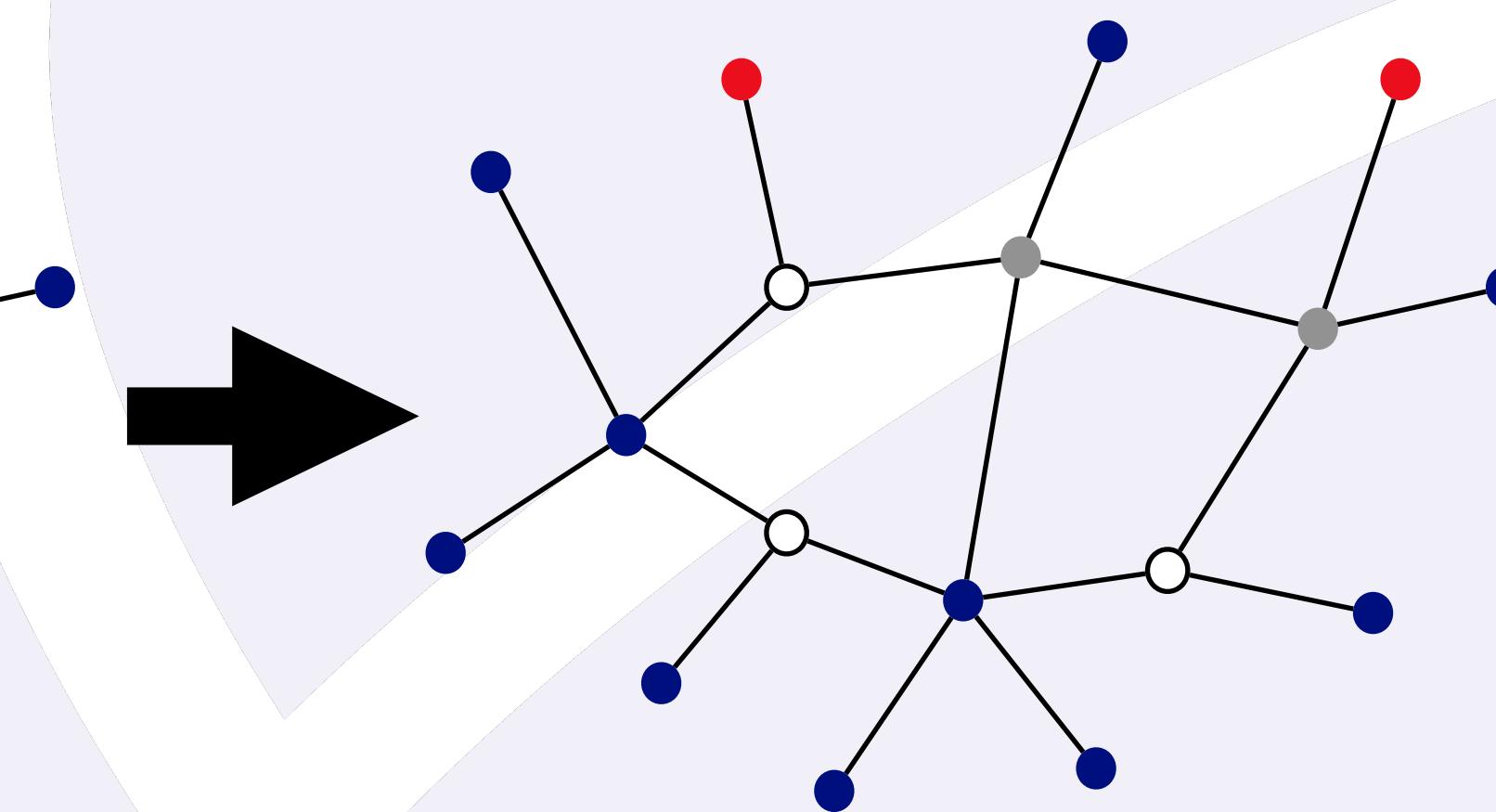
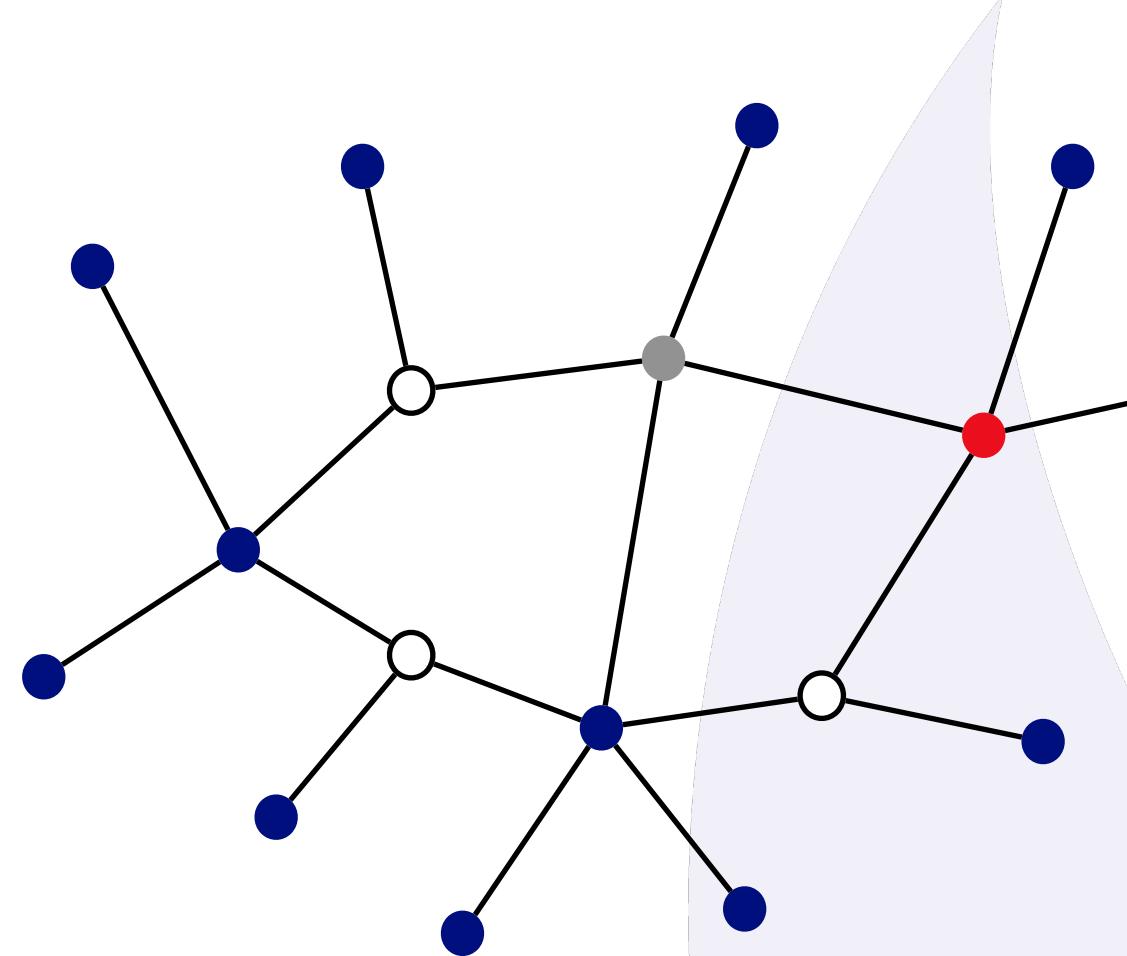
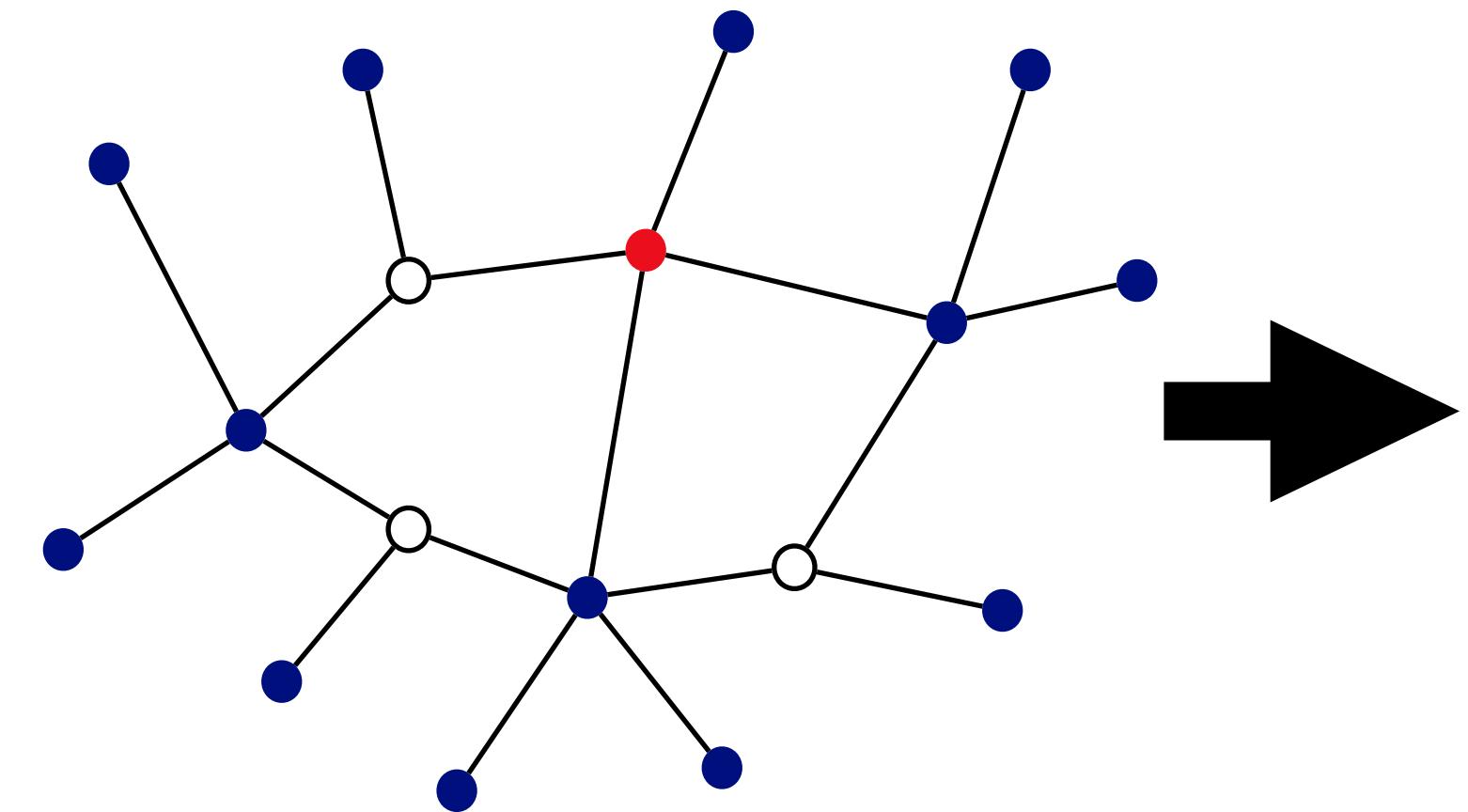


Setting 2 — Unobserved Nodes

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Partial observation

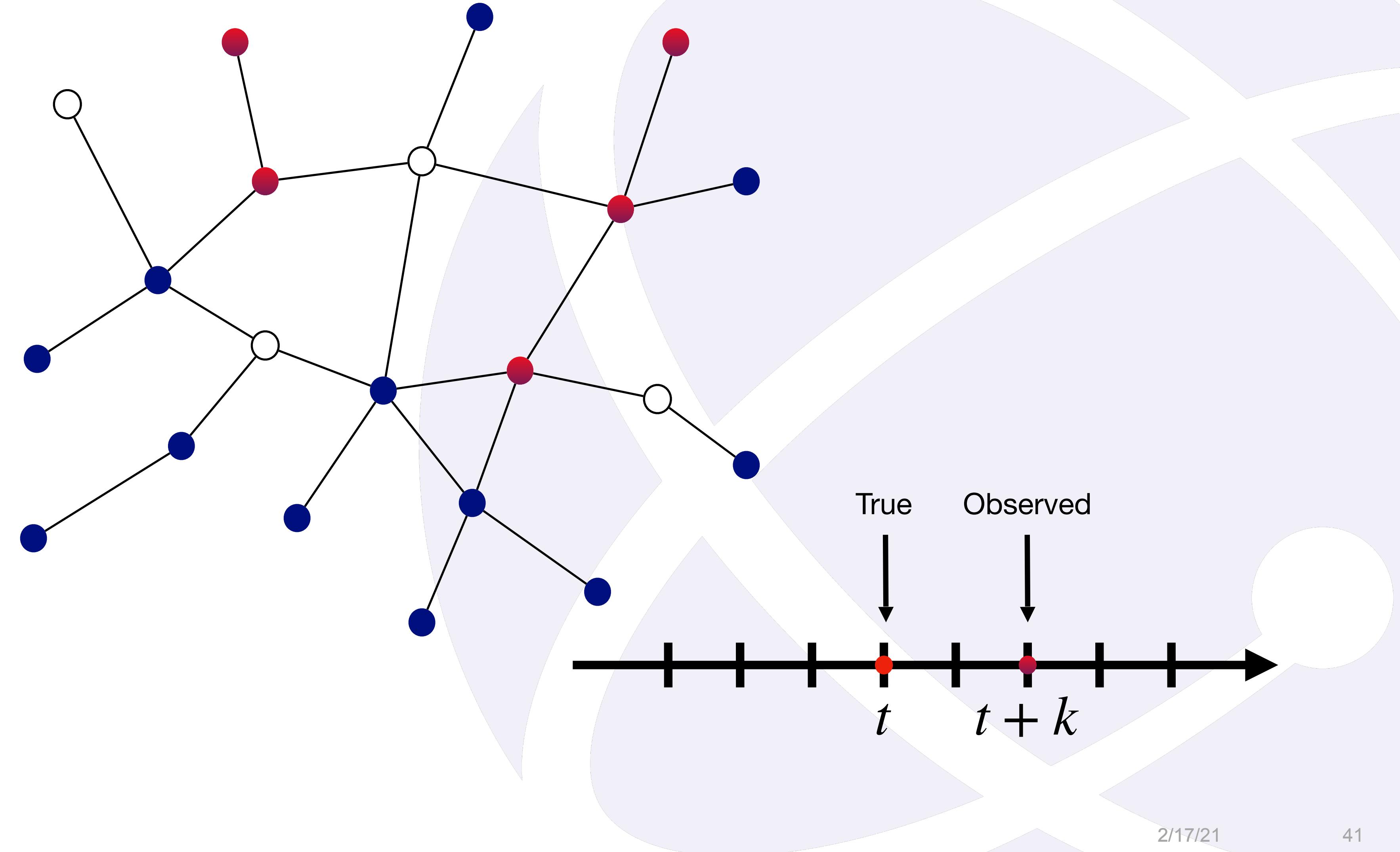


Maximum Likelihood Estimation
becomes numerically intractable!



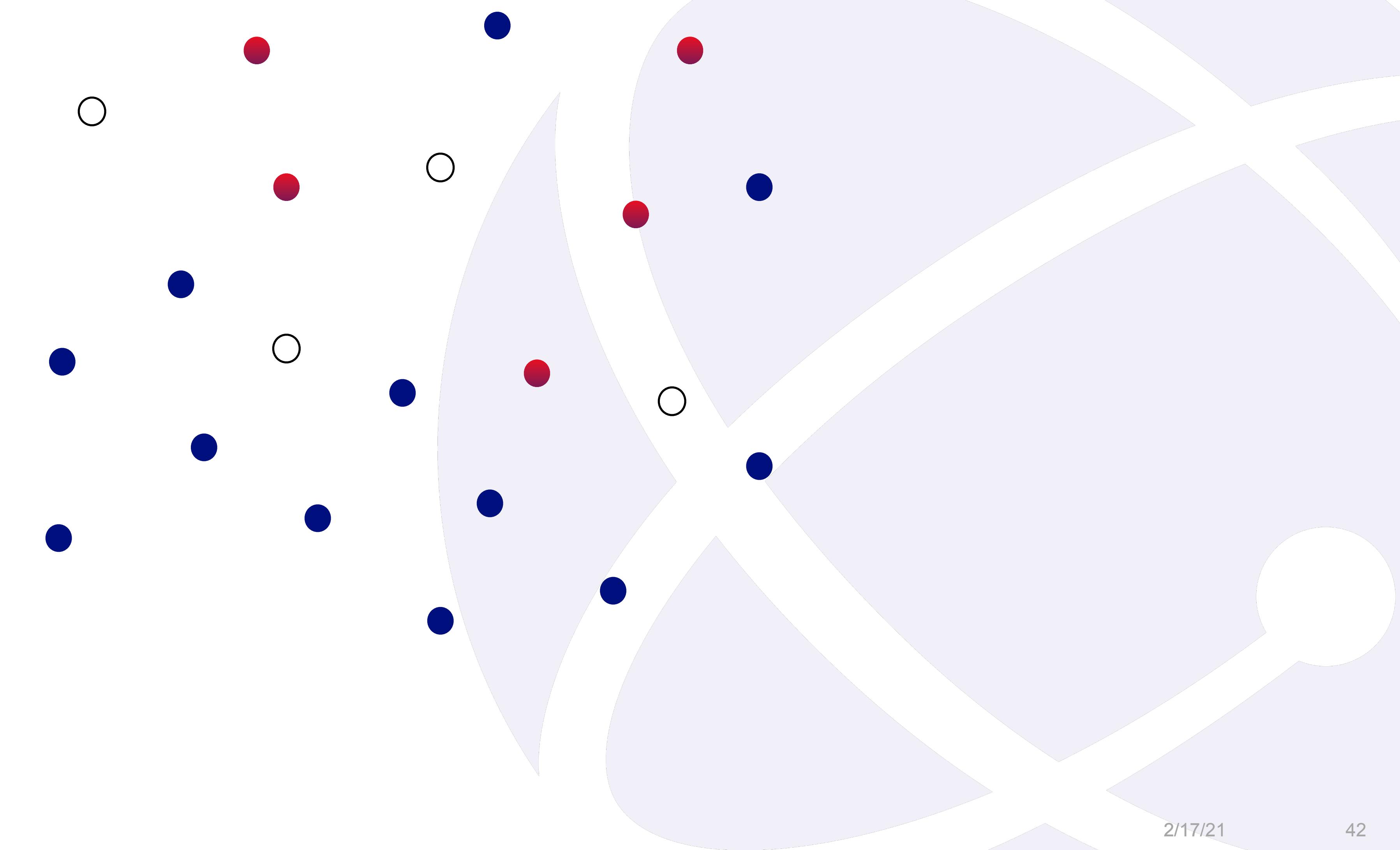
Setting 3 — Uncertainty in Activation Times

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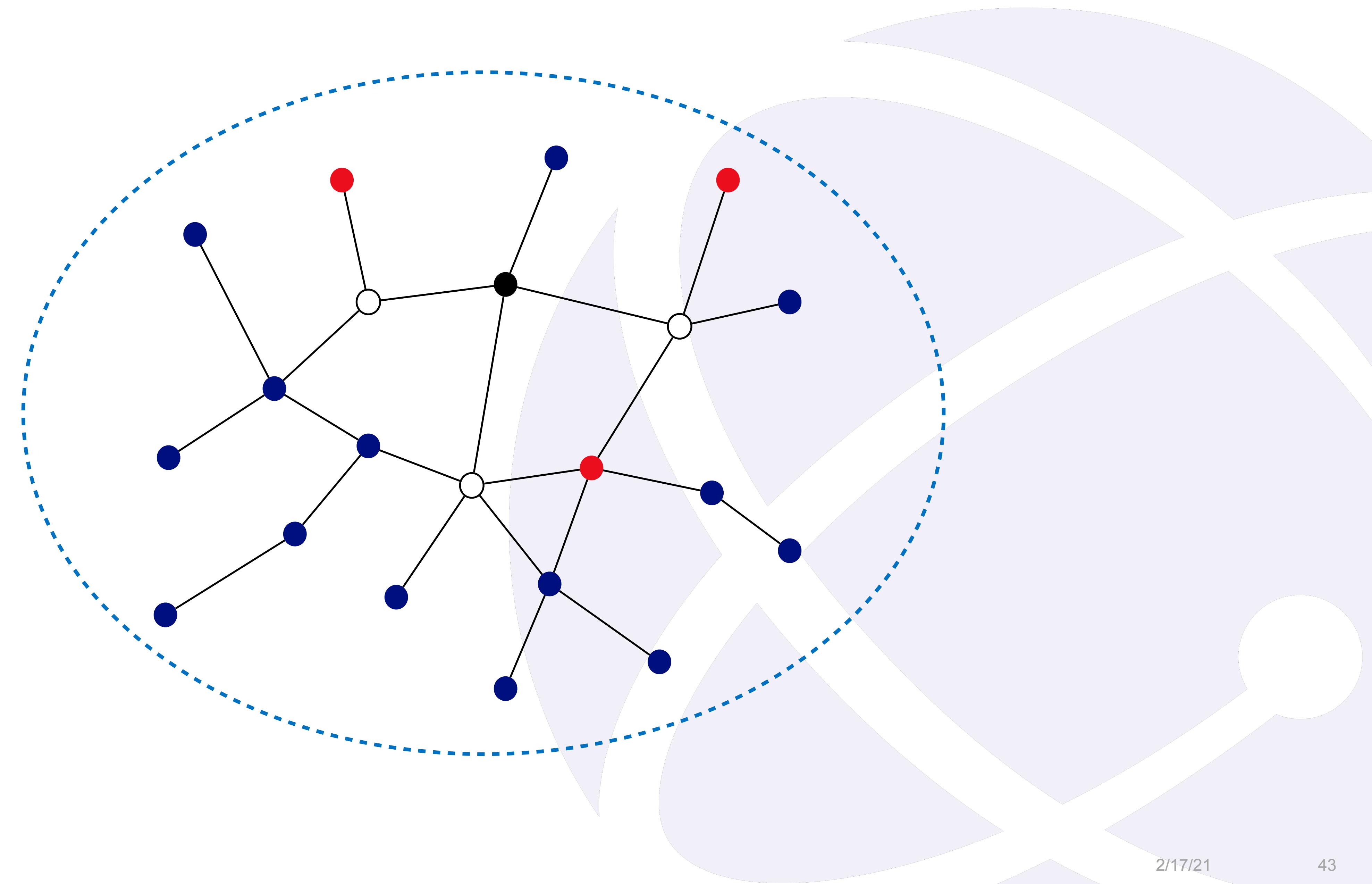


Setting 4 — Unknown Couplings and Uncertainty

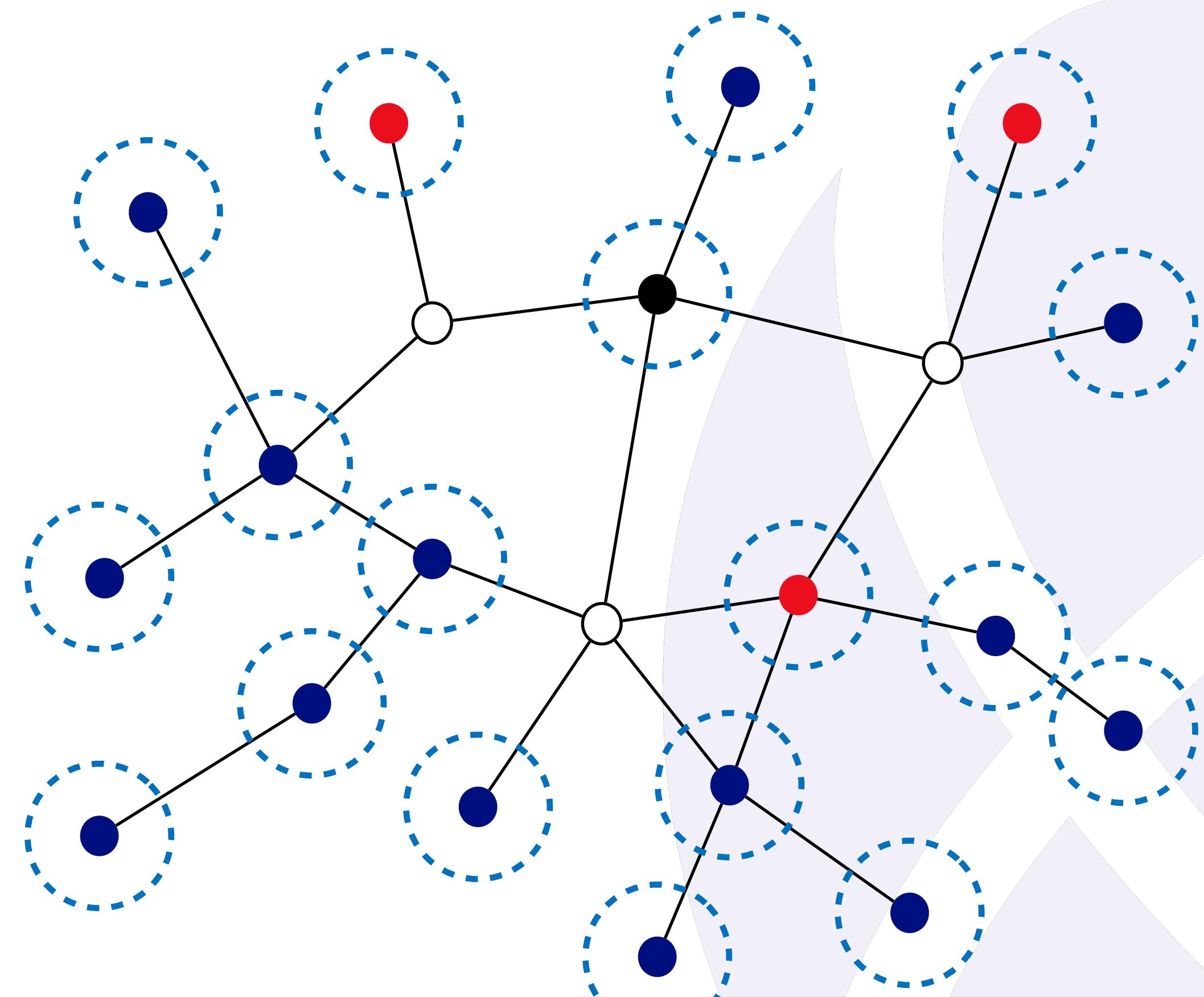
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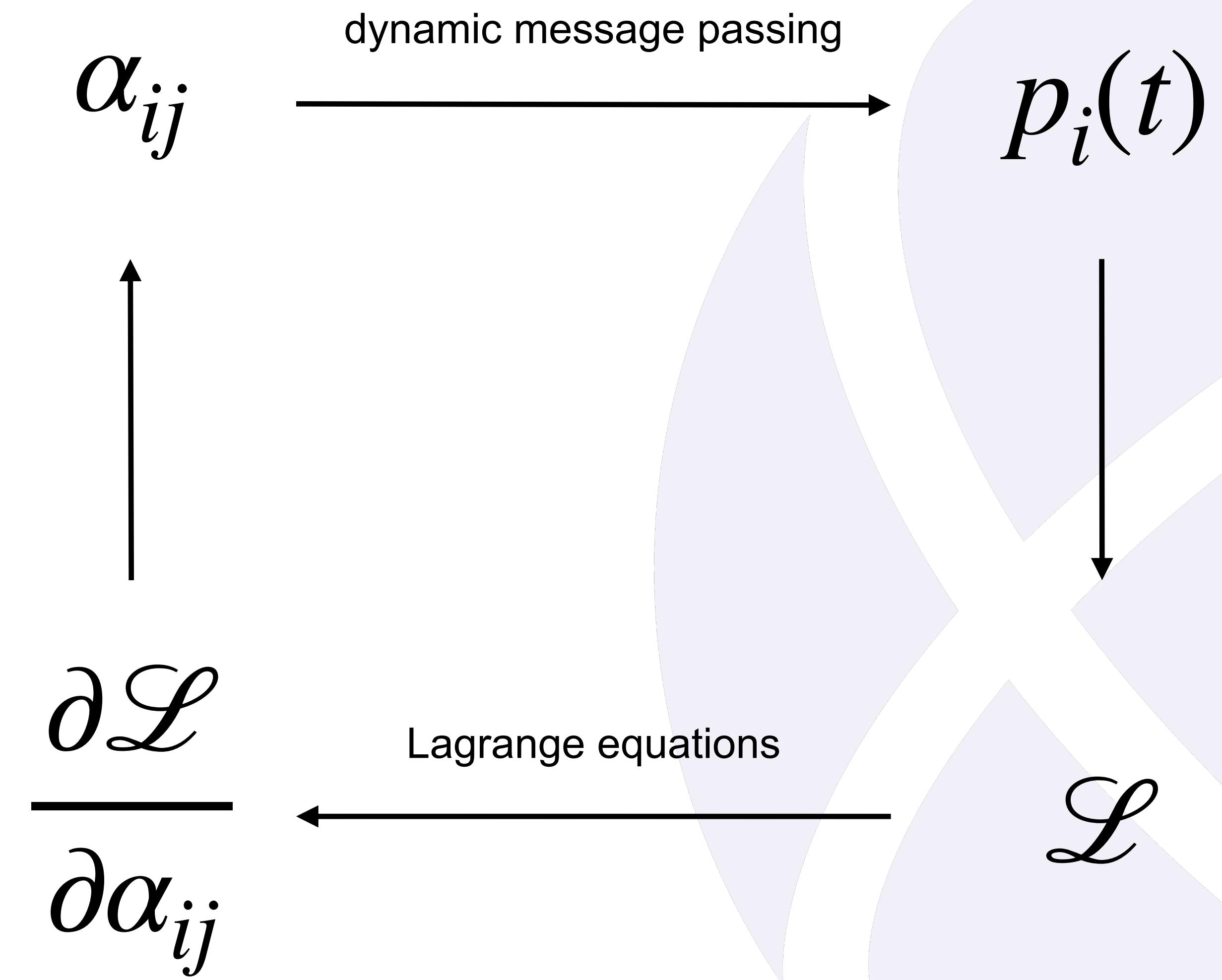
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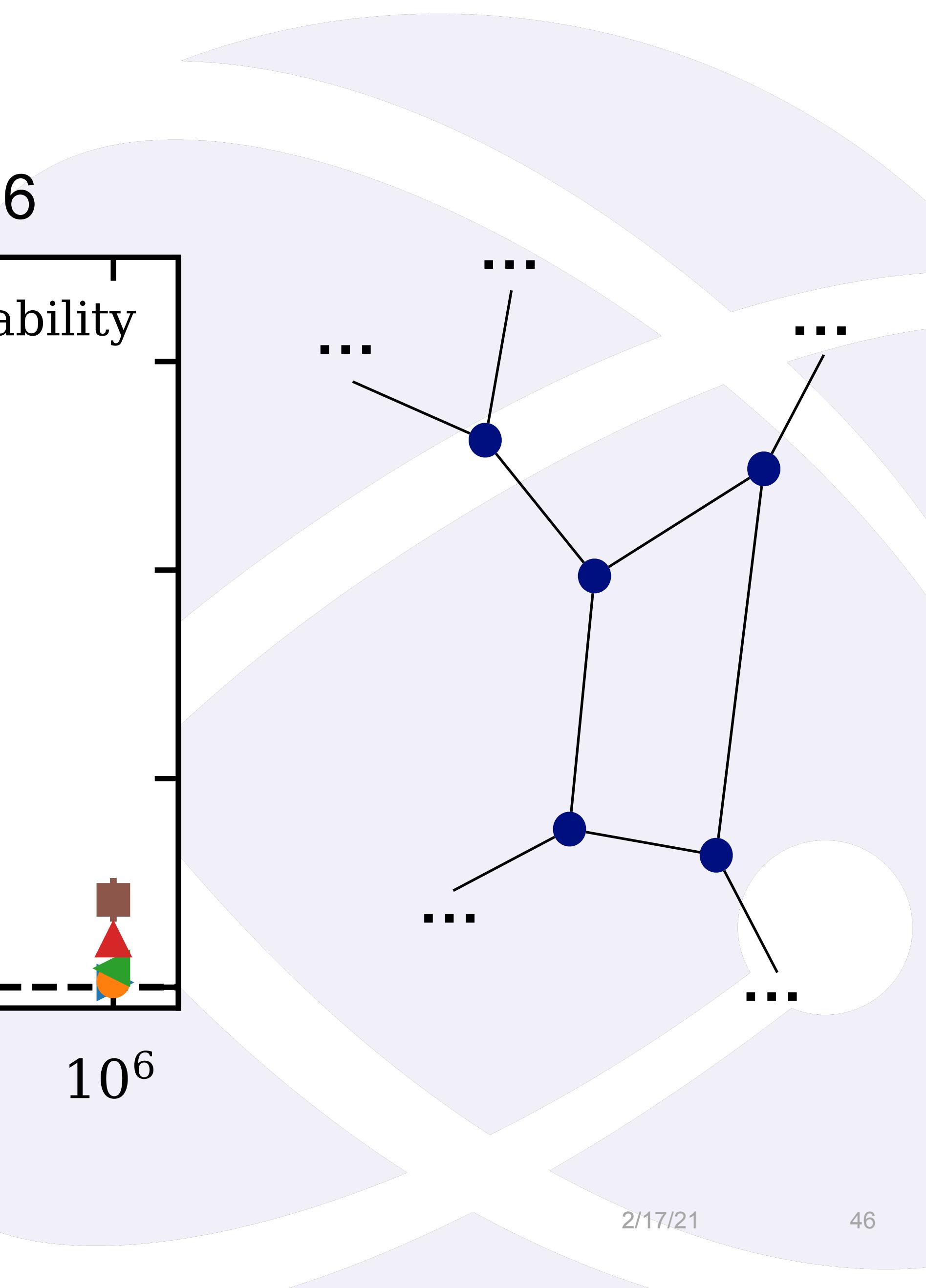
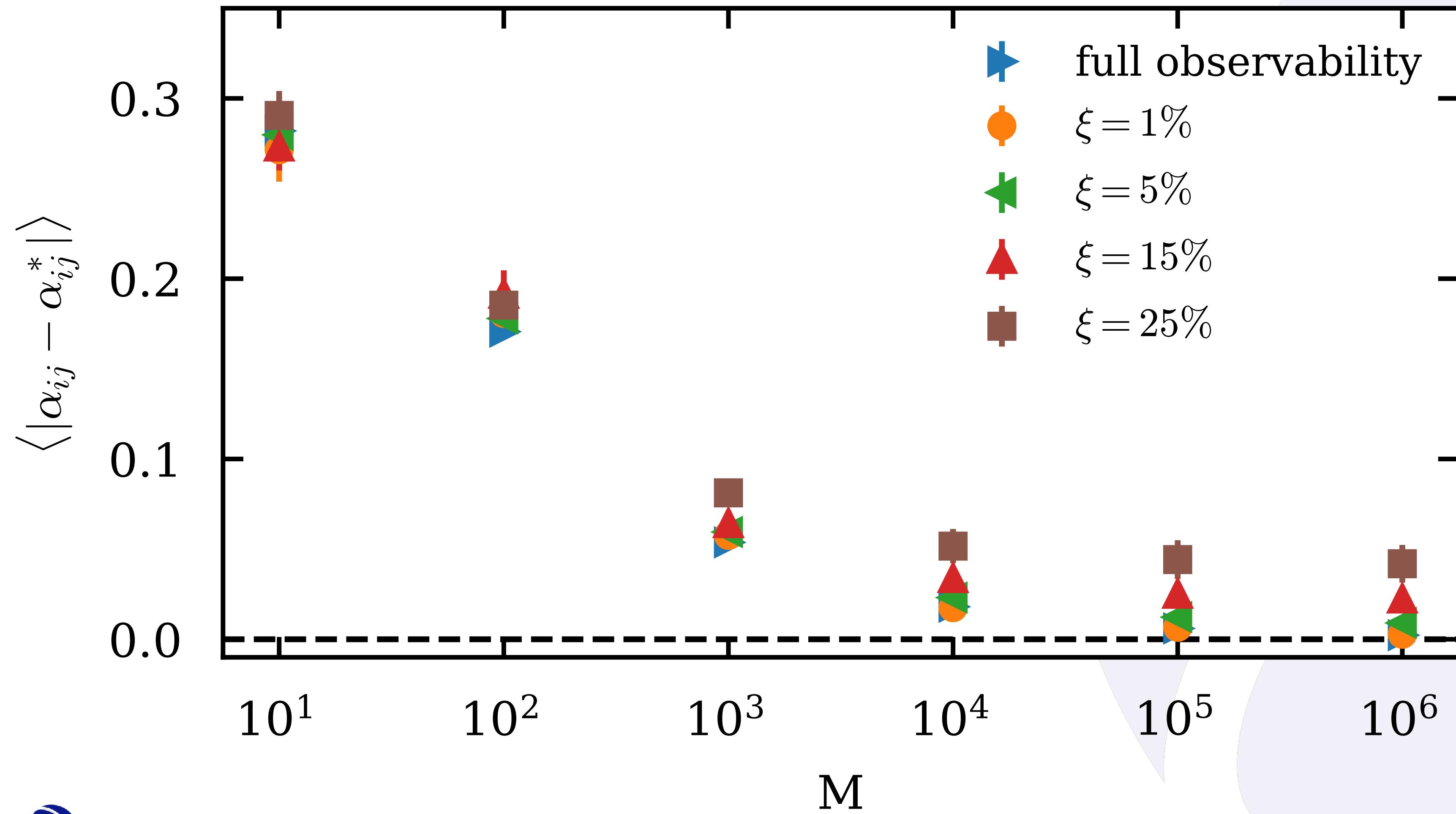


Forward – Backward Propagation



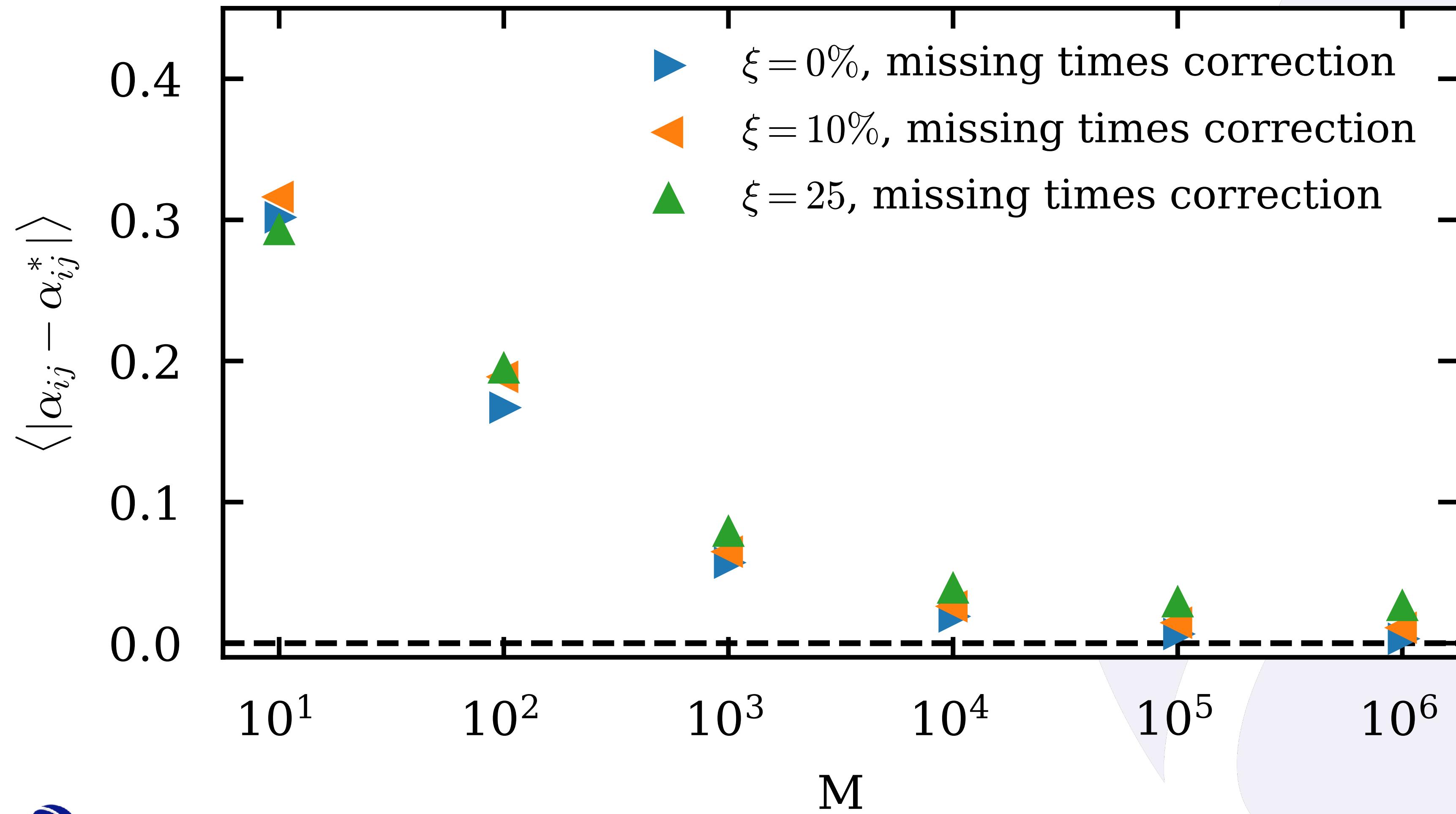
Unobserved Nodes

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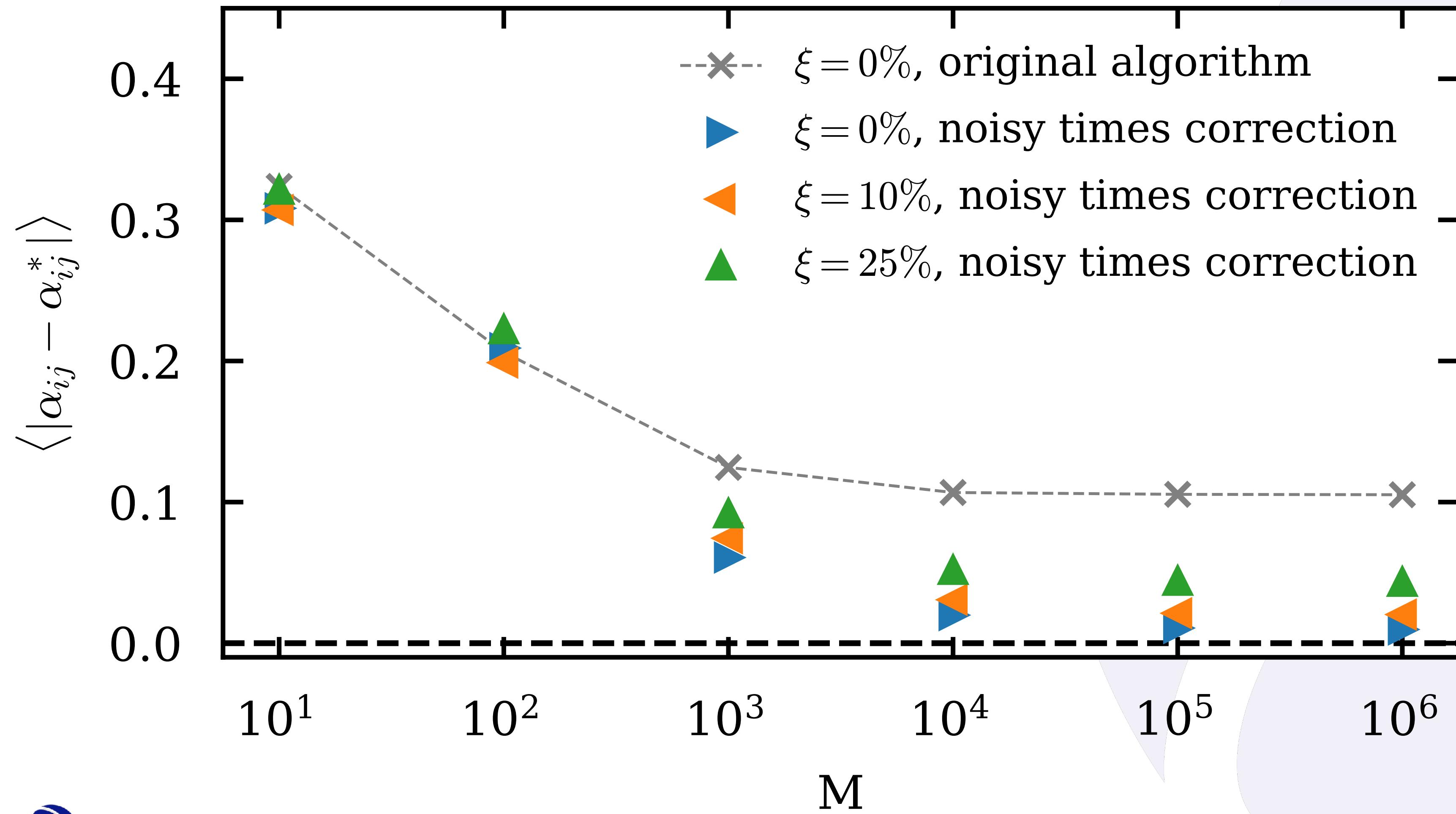
Missing Times

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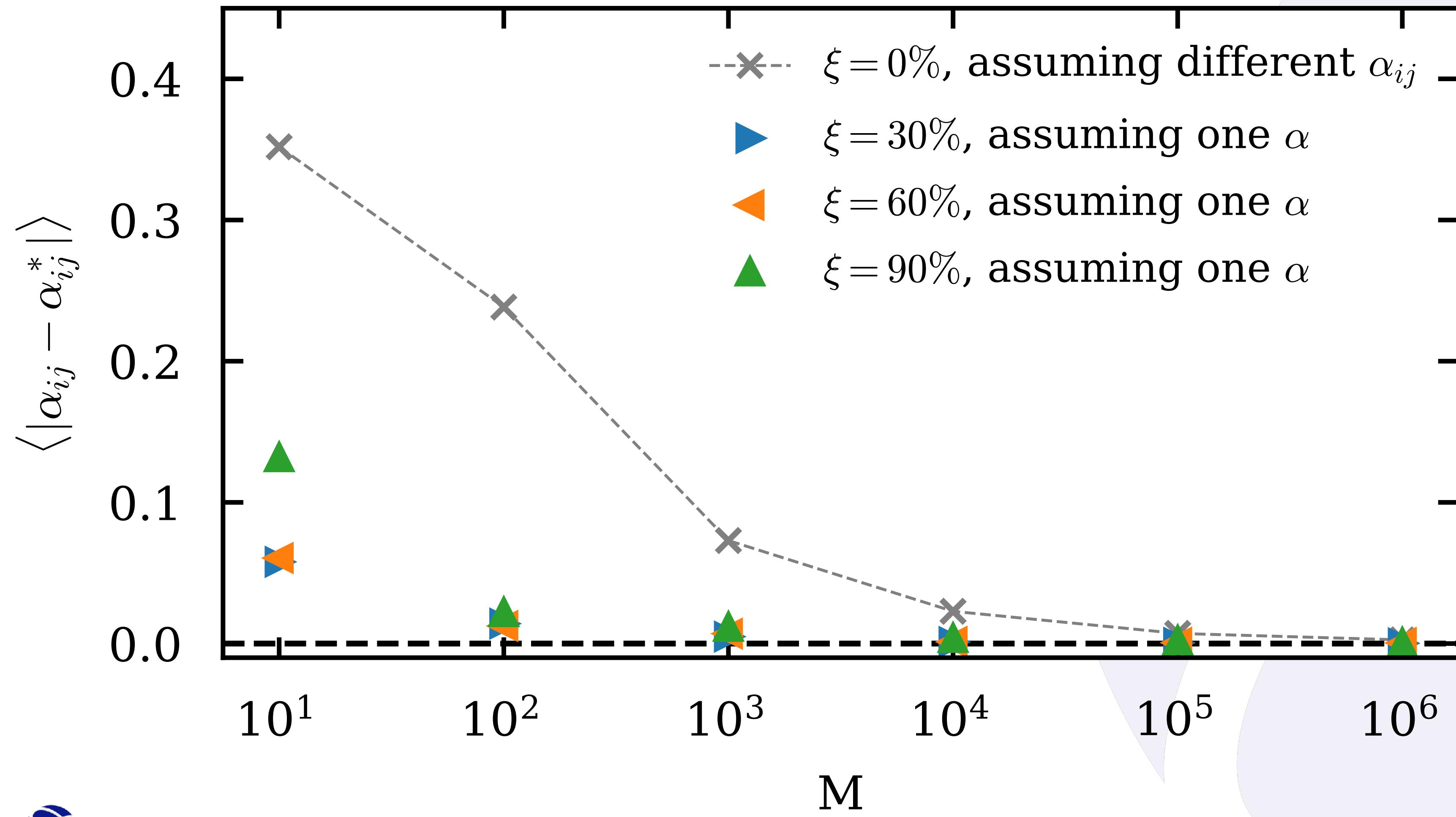
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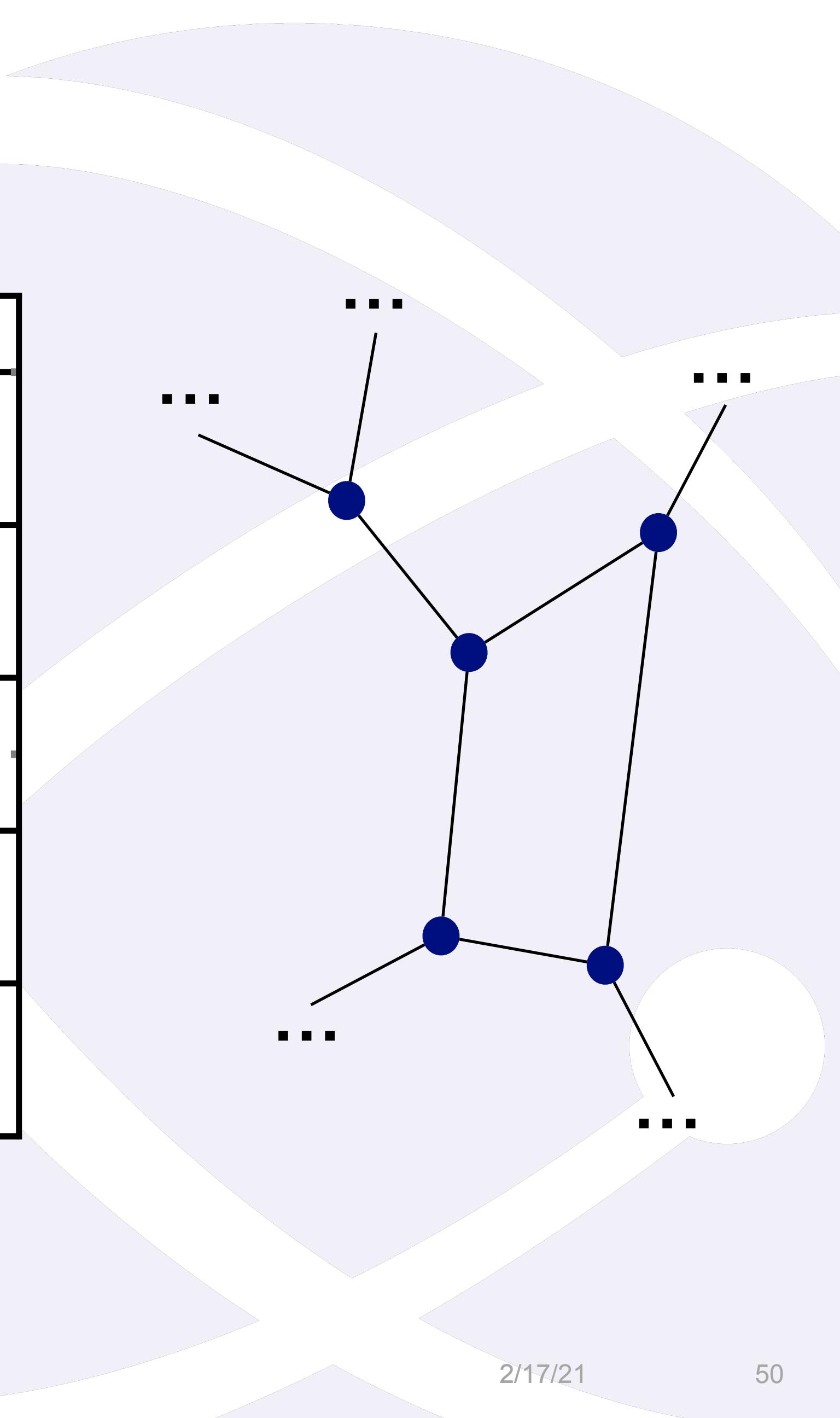
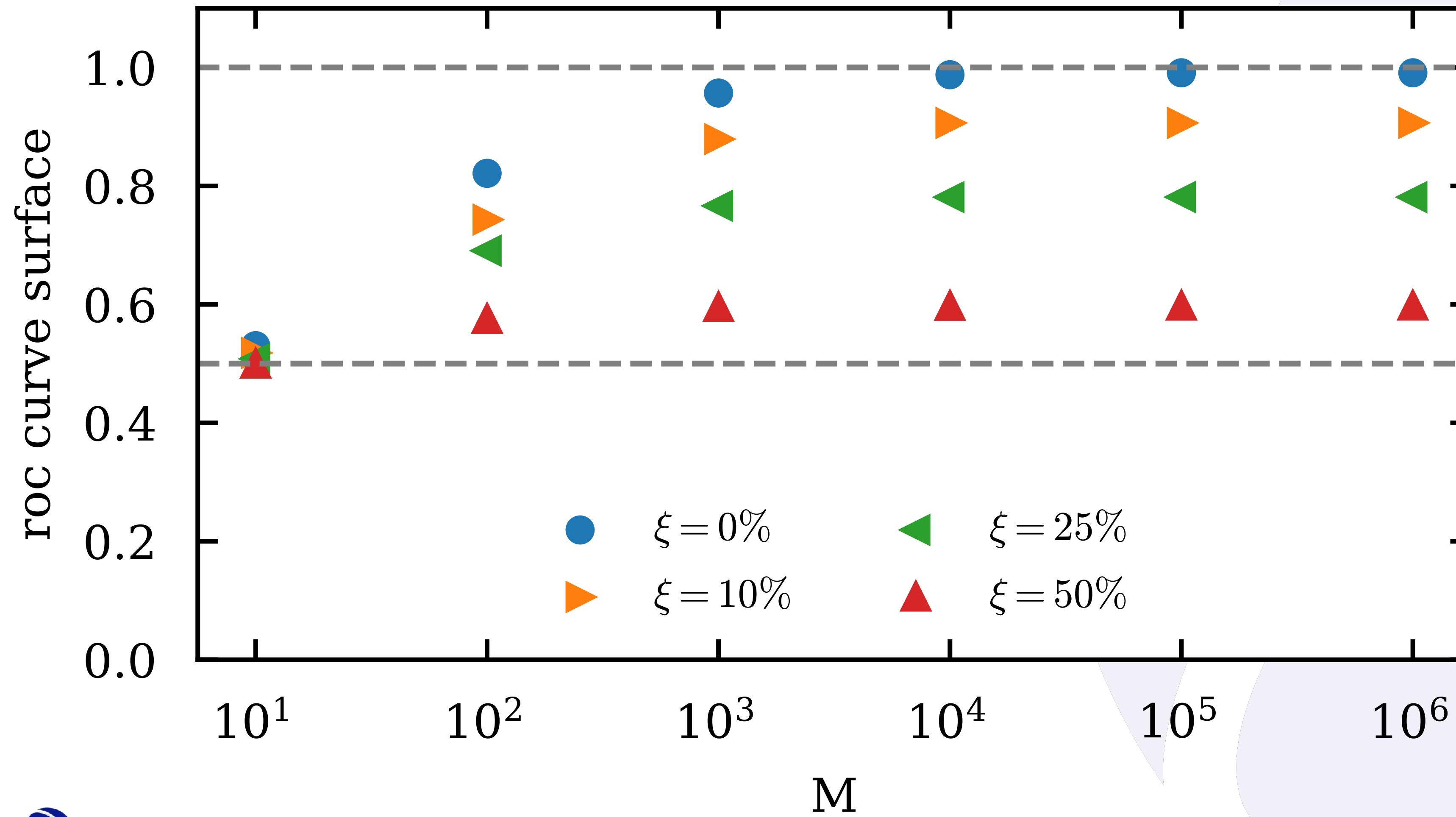
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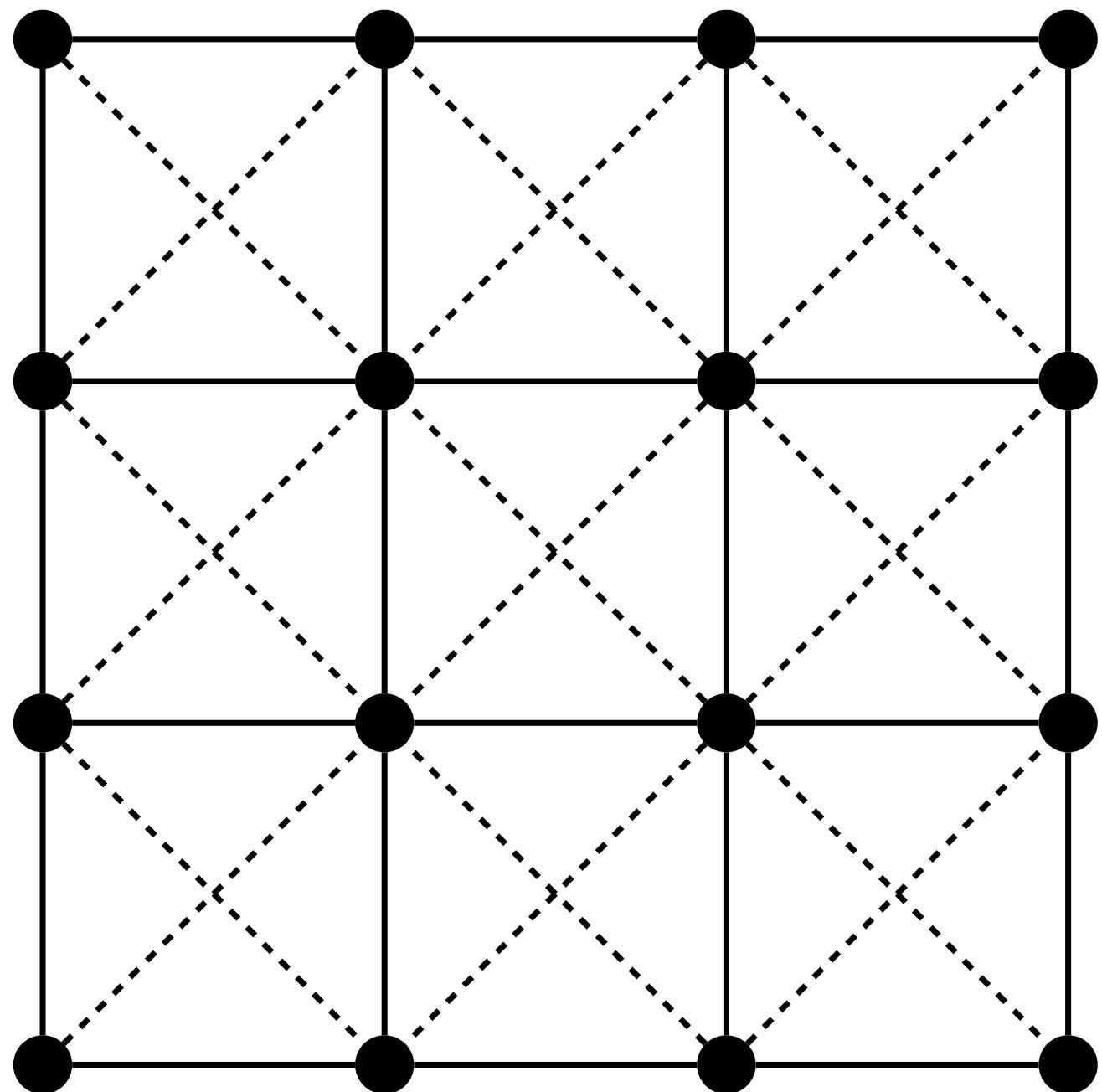


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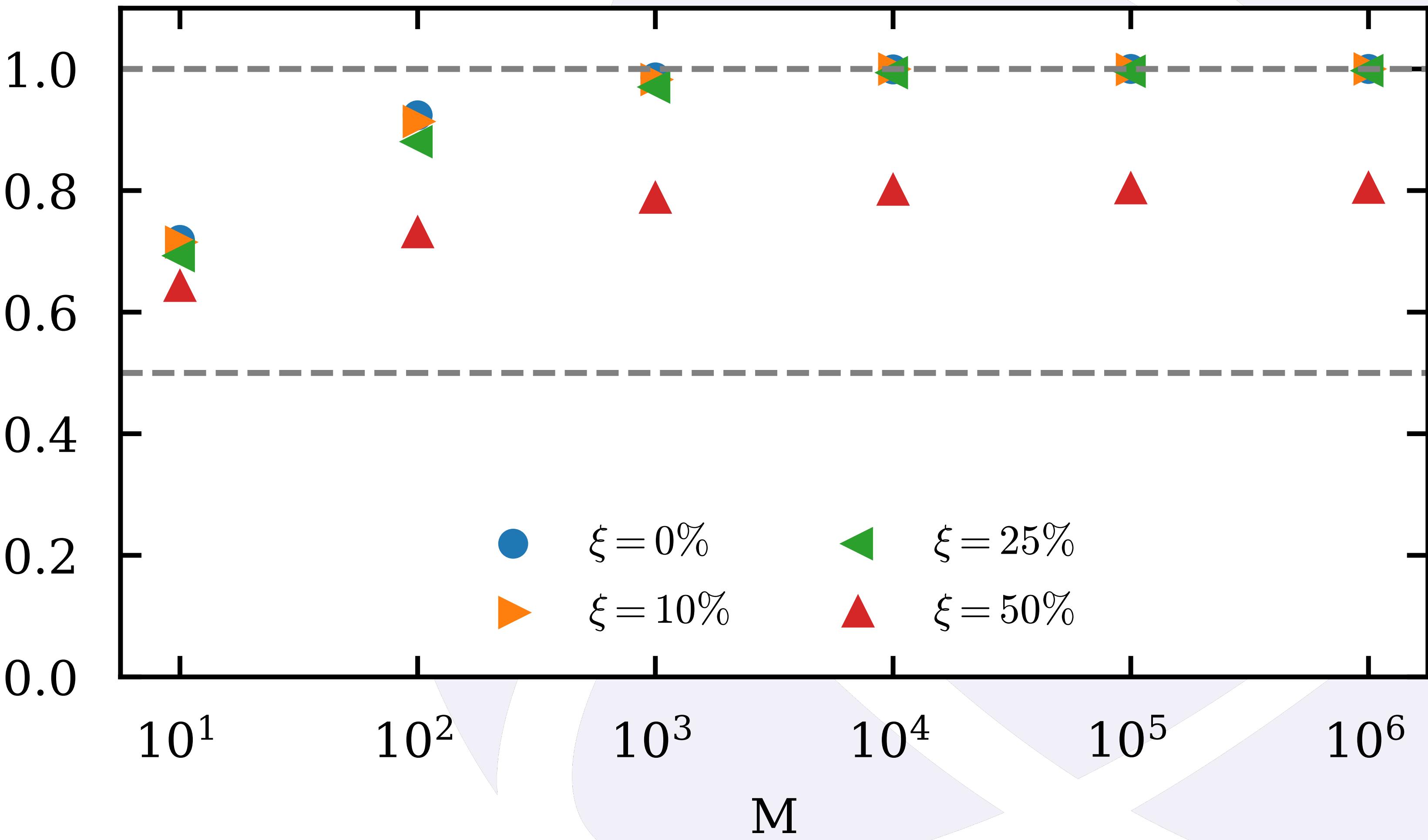
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Extended Lattice

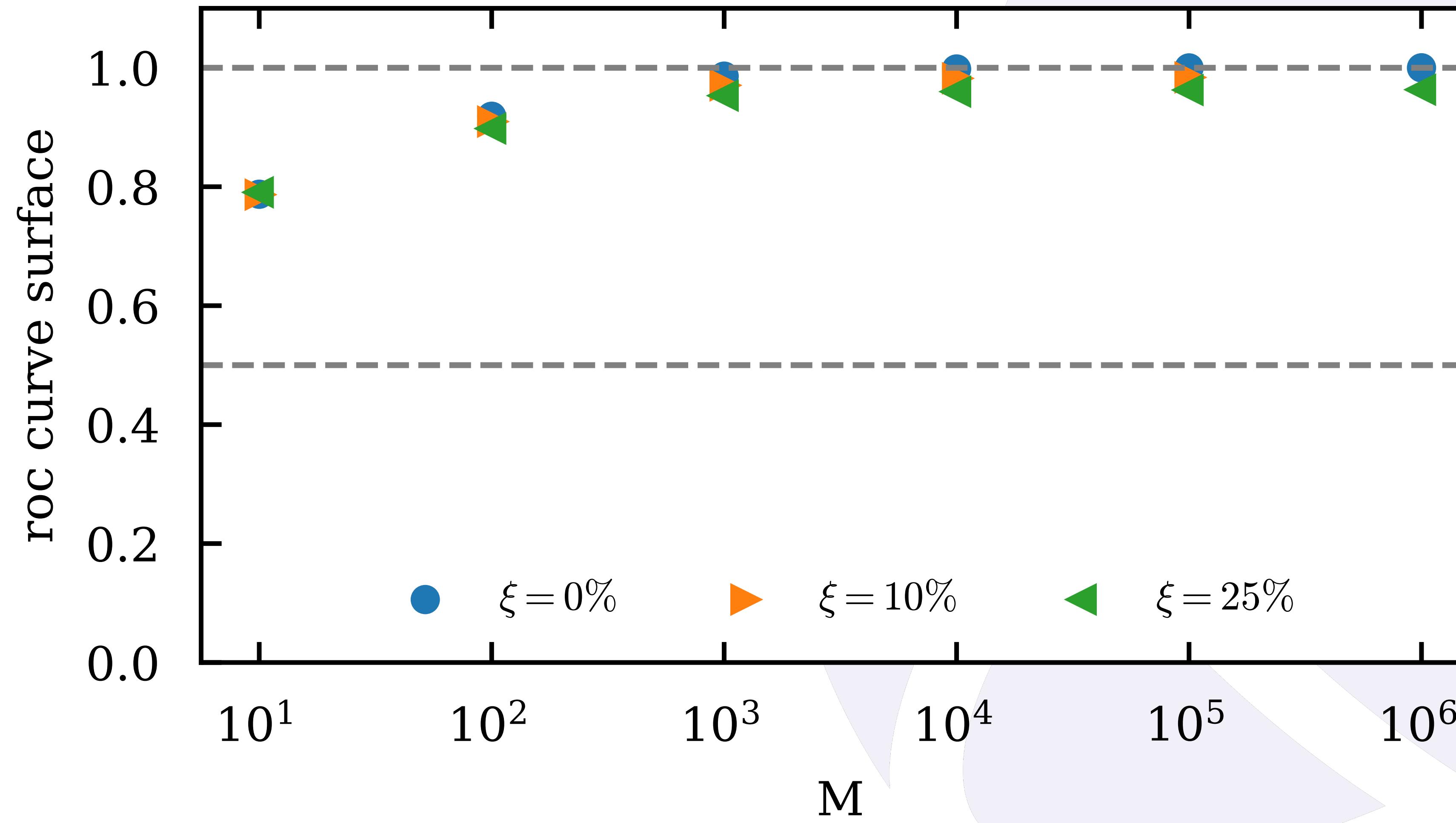


roc curve surface



Full Setting

FB subgraph, $N = 2888$, $T = 5$

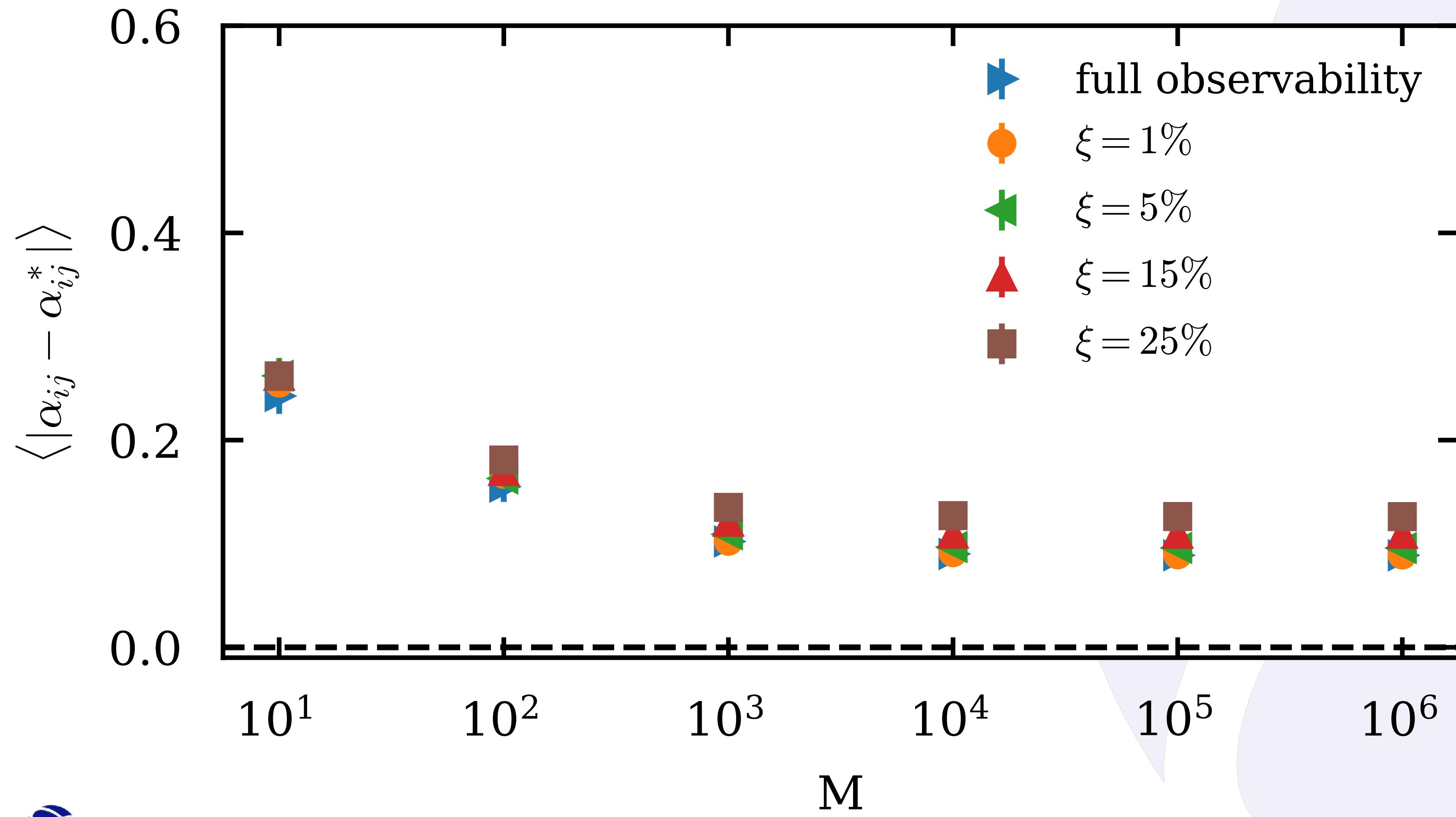


Learning for Prediction



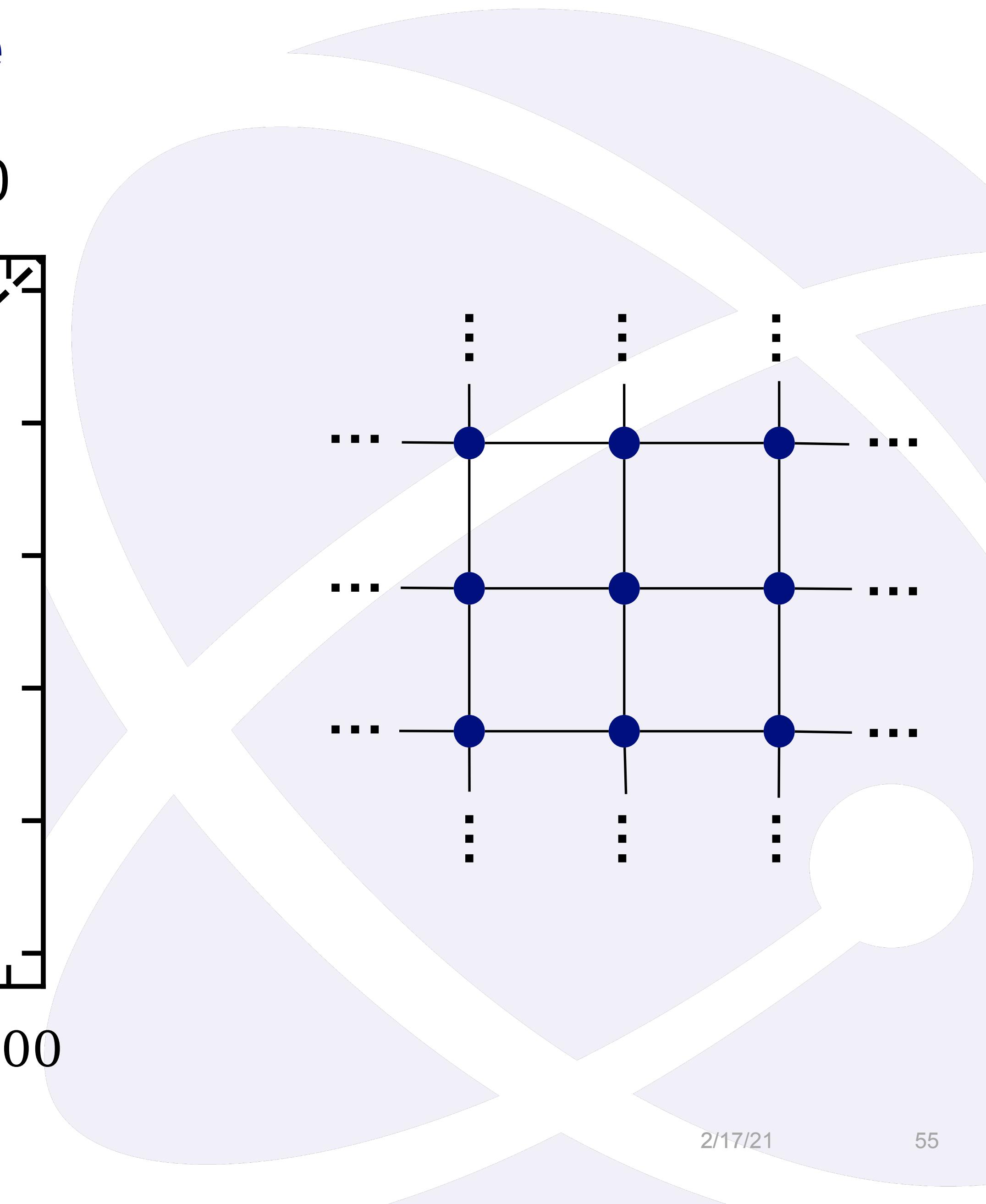
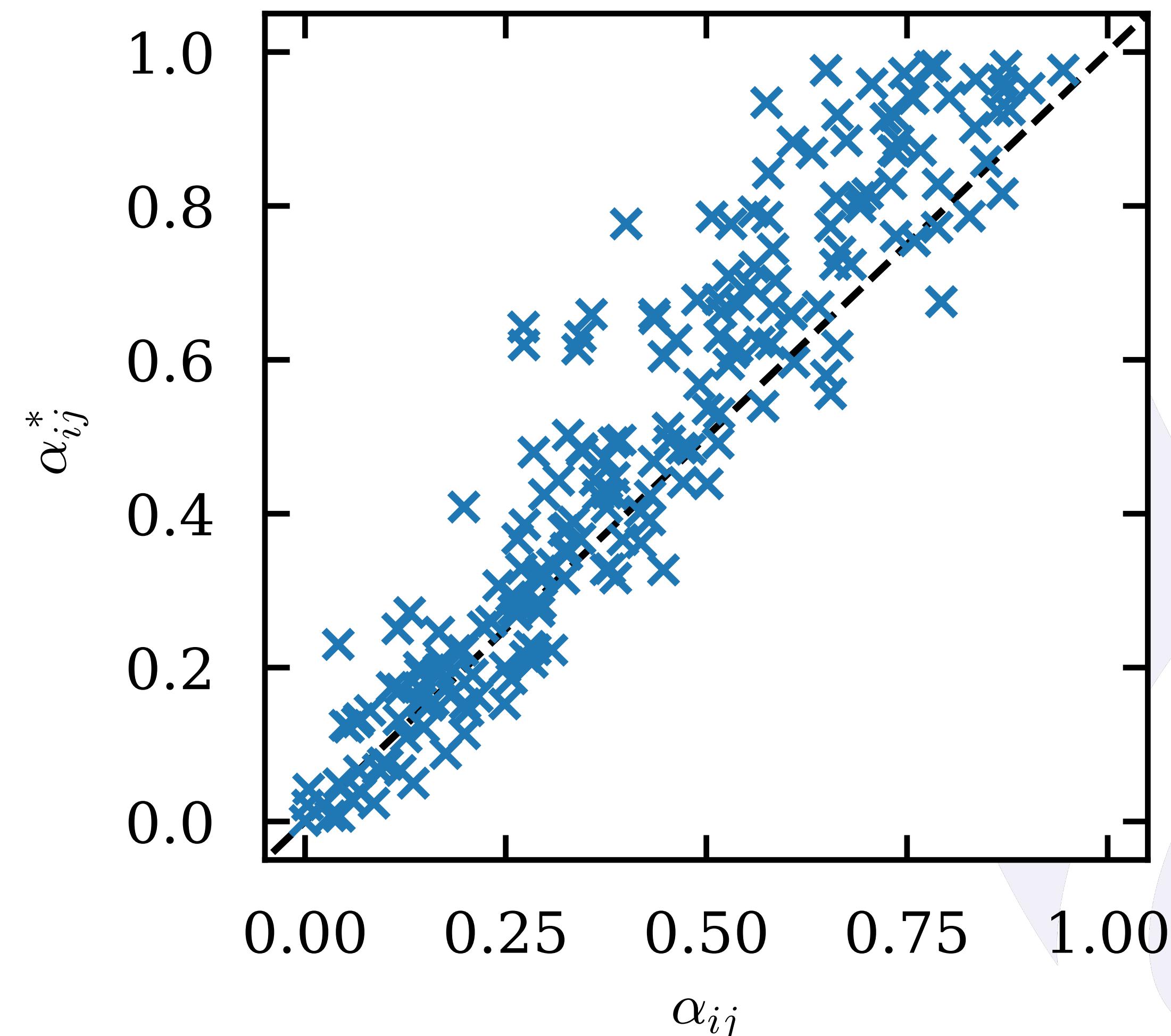
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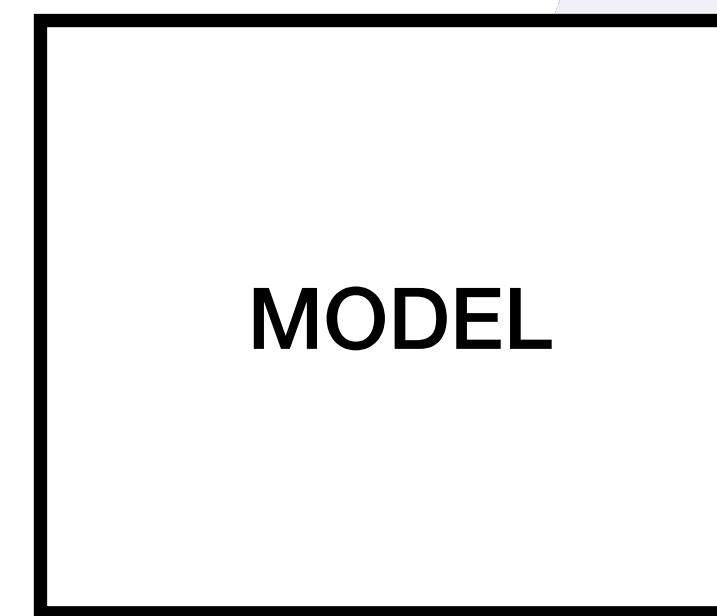
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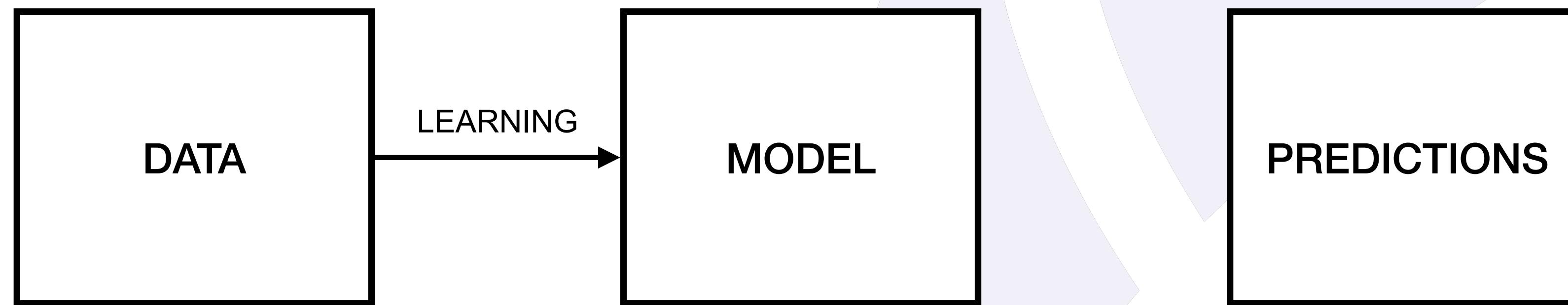
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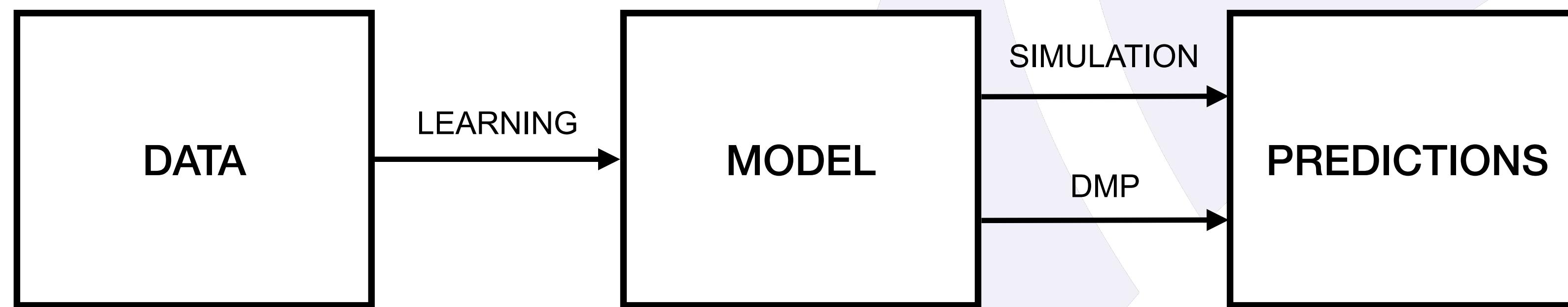
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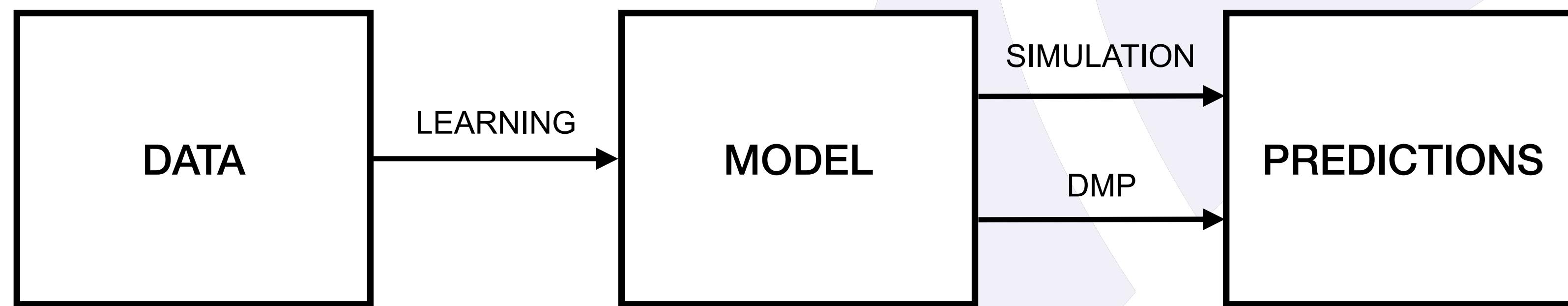
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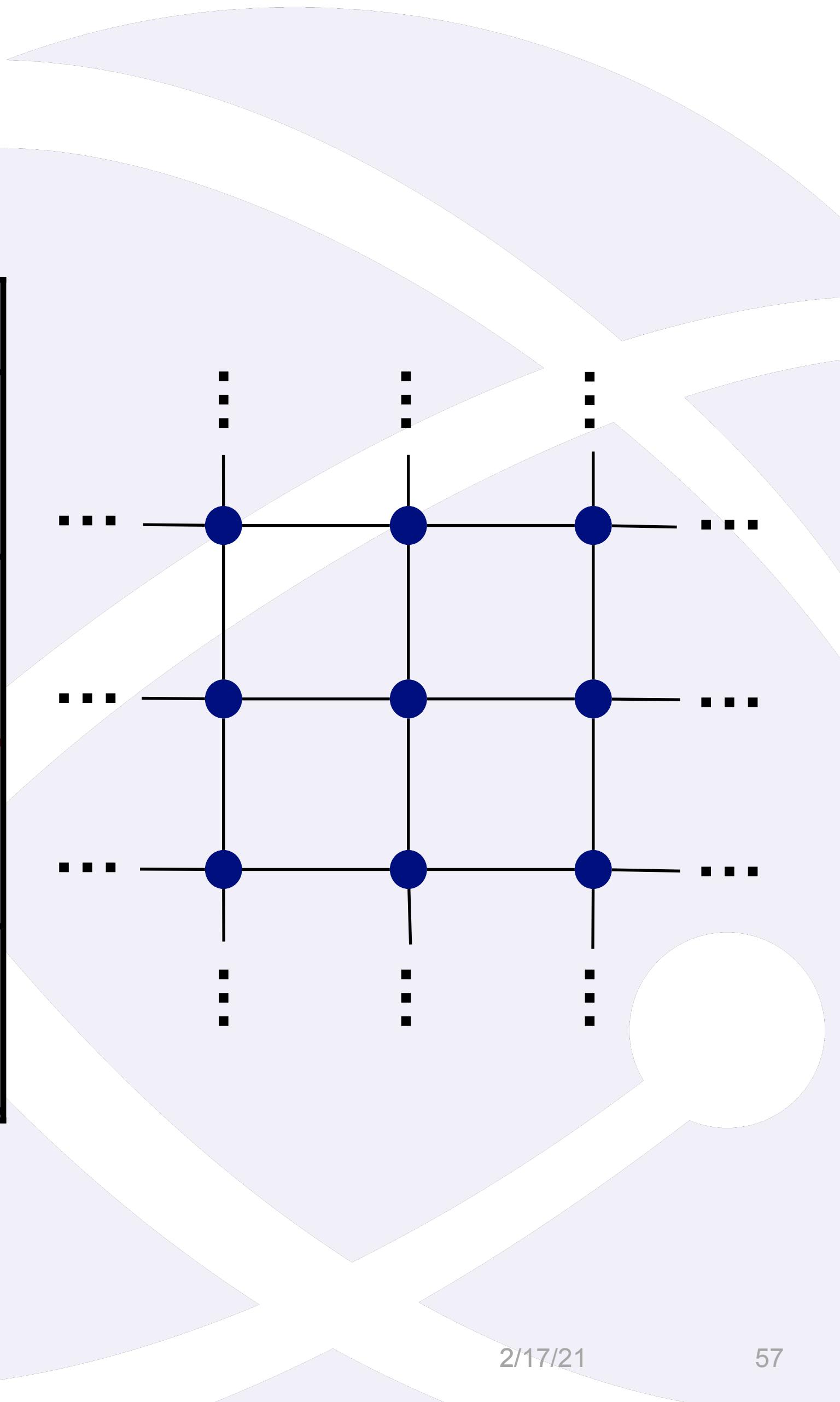
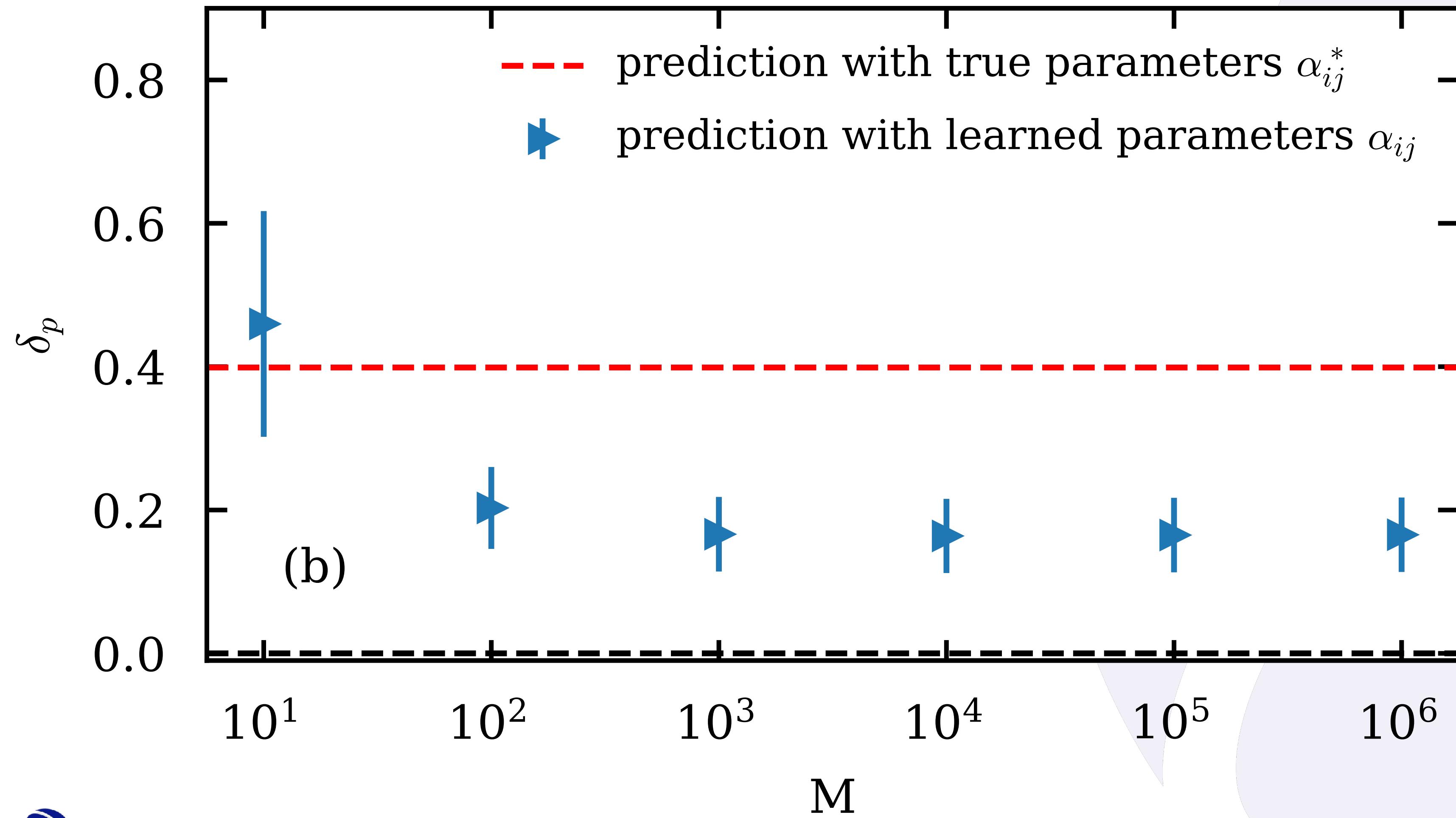


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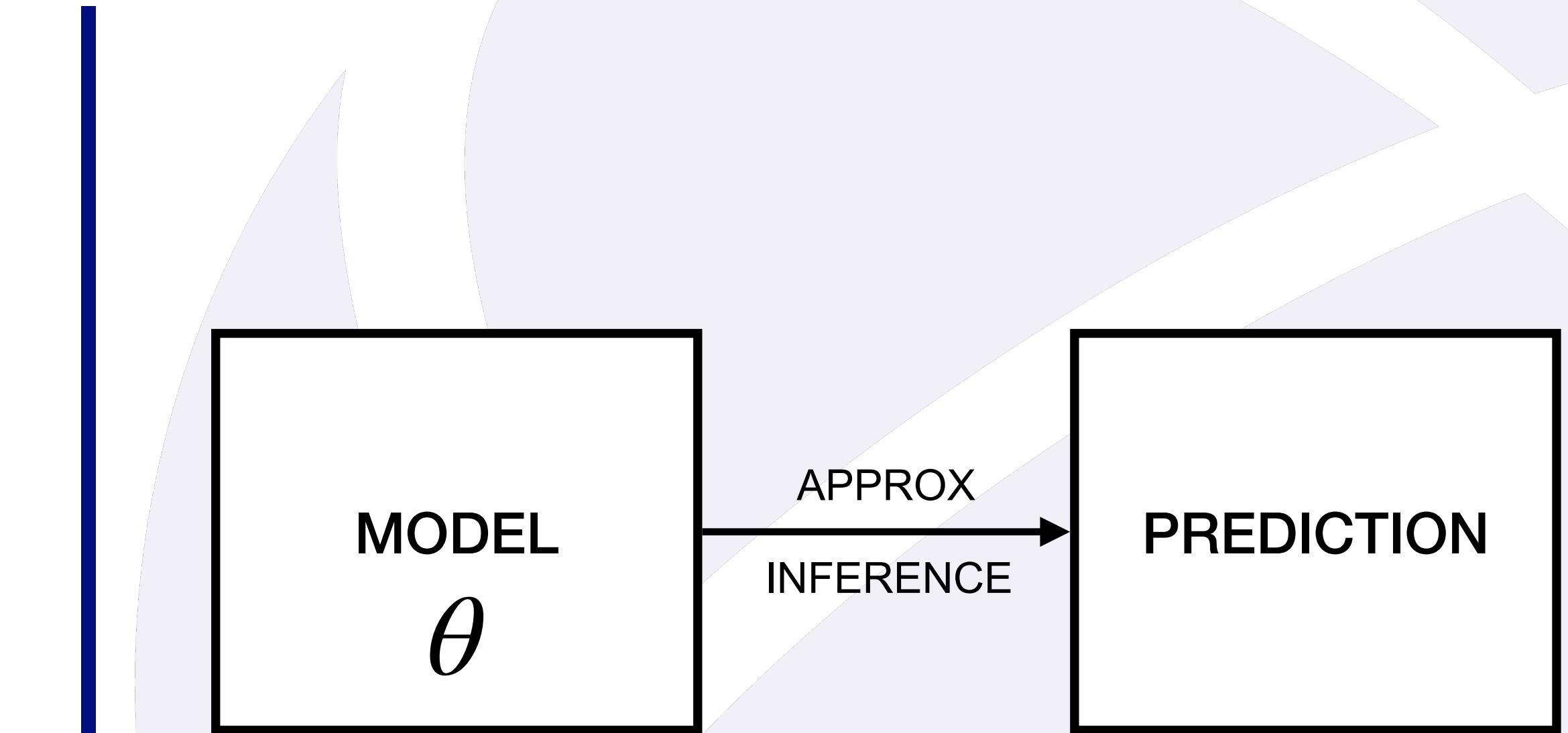
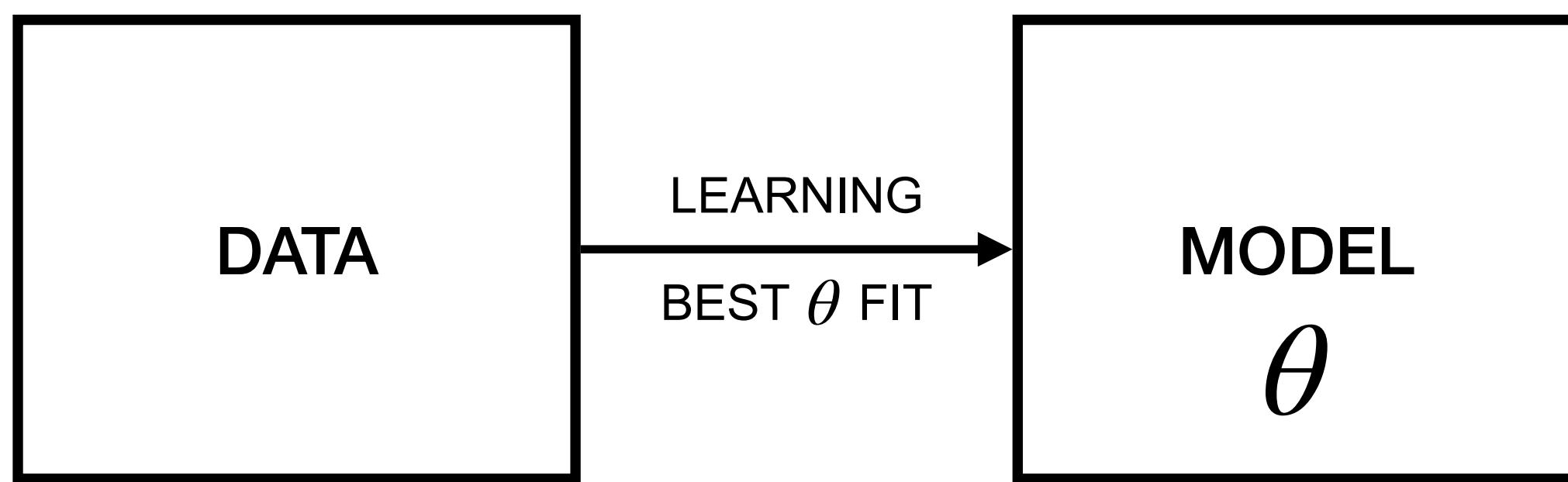


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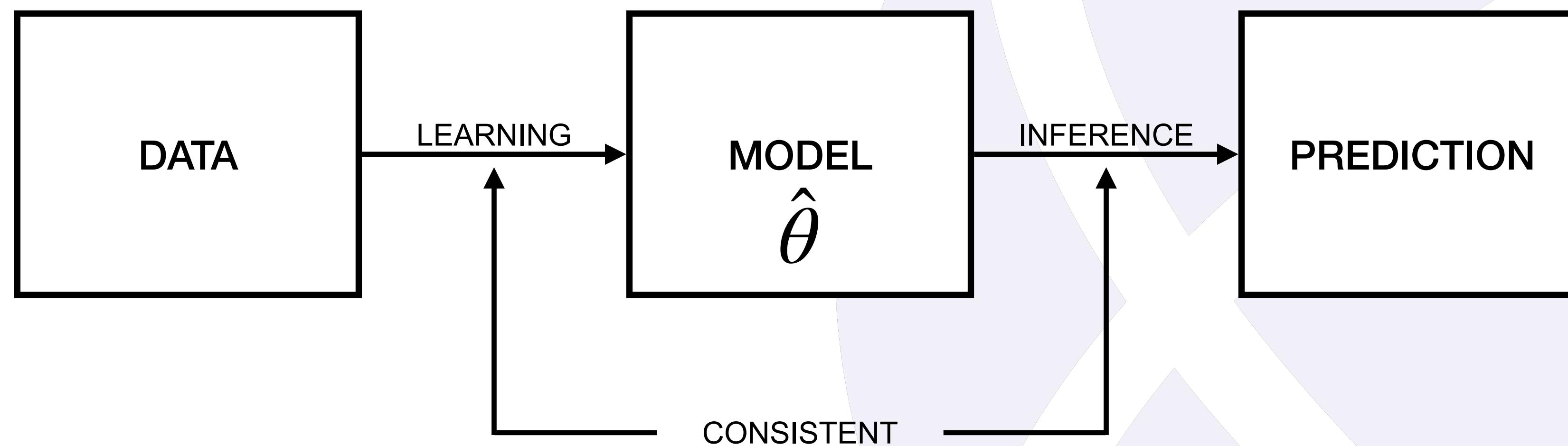
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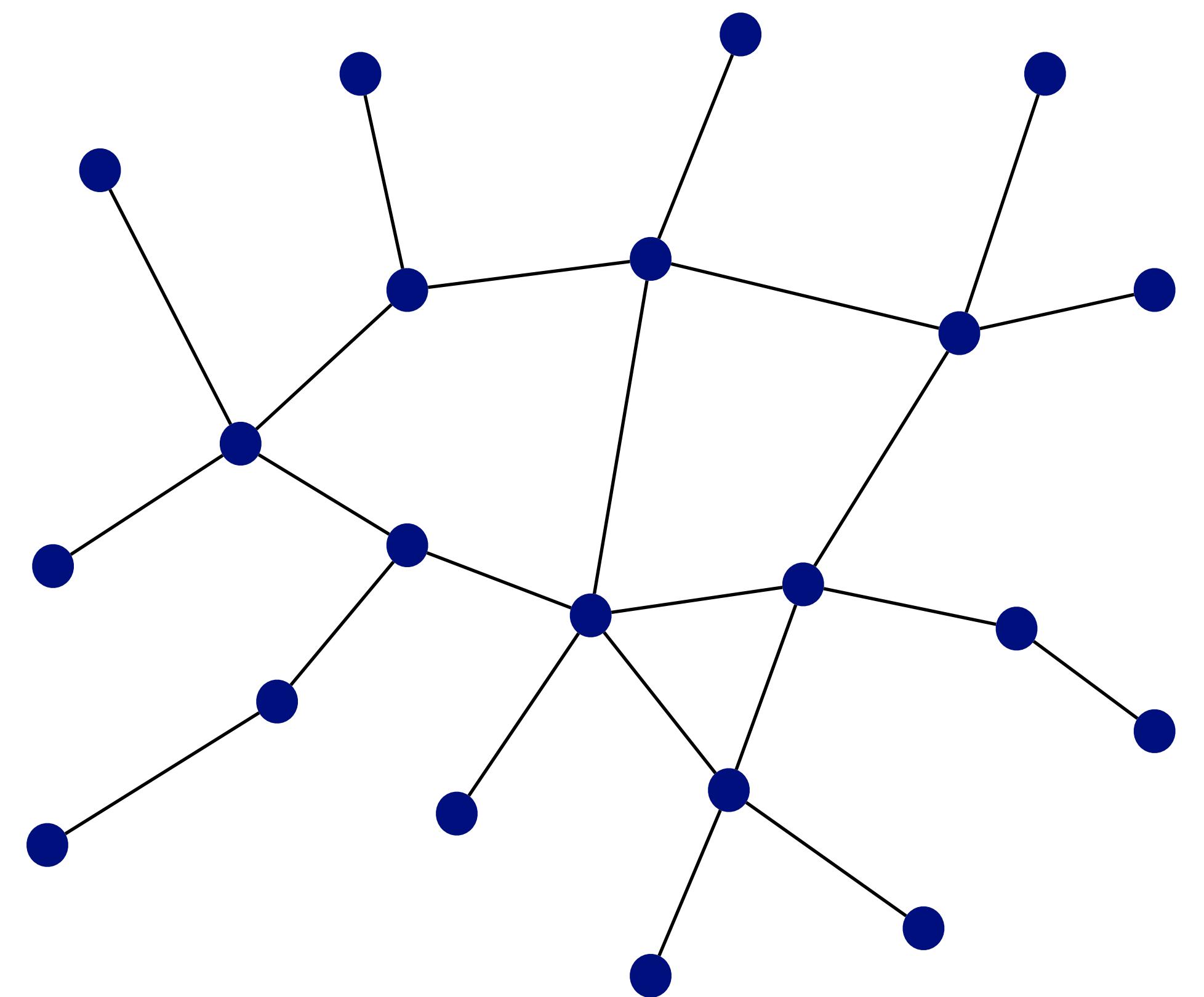
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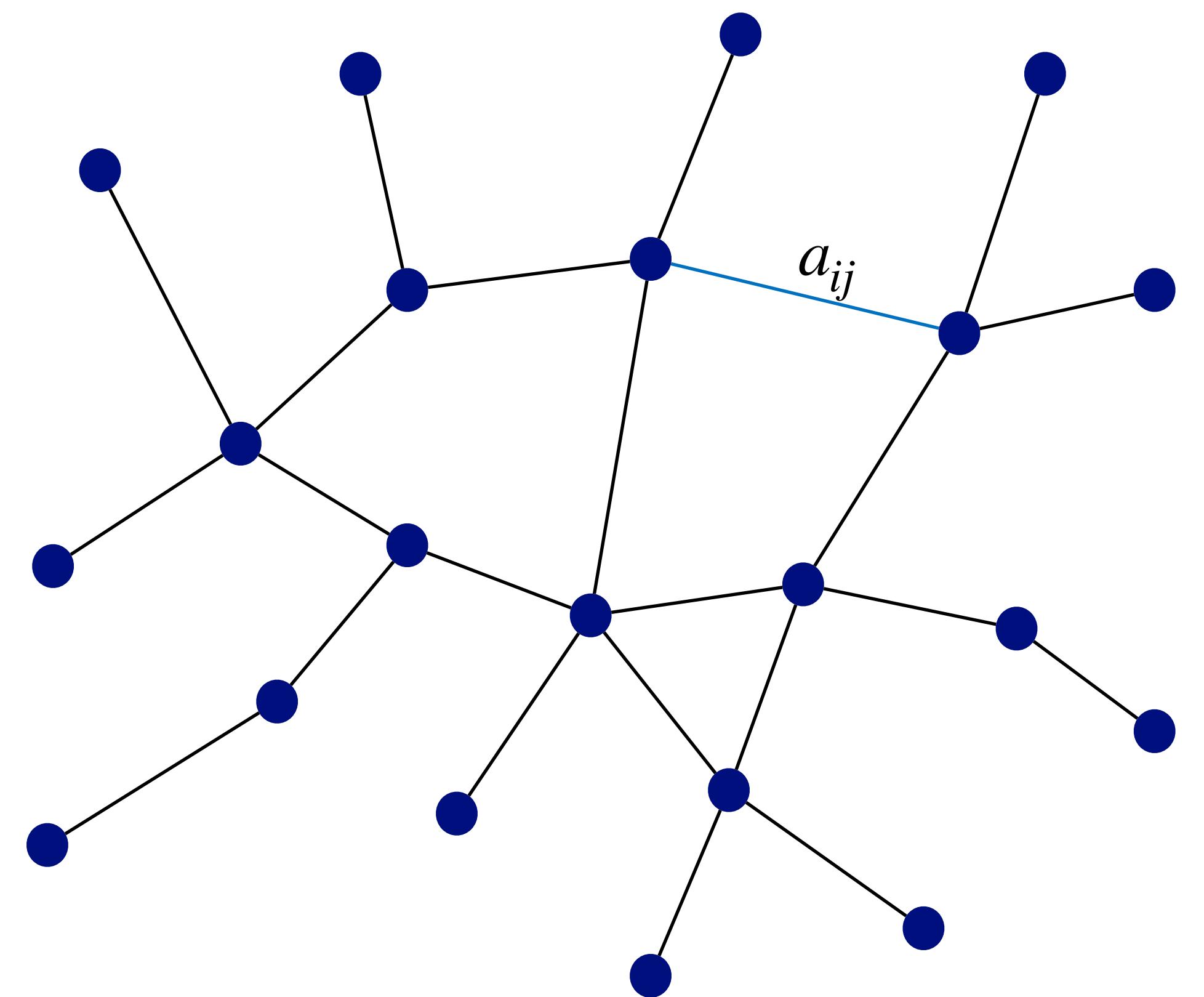
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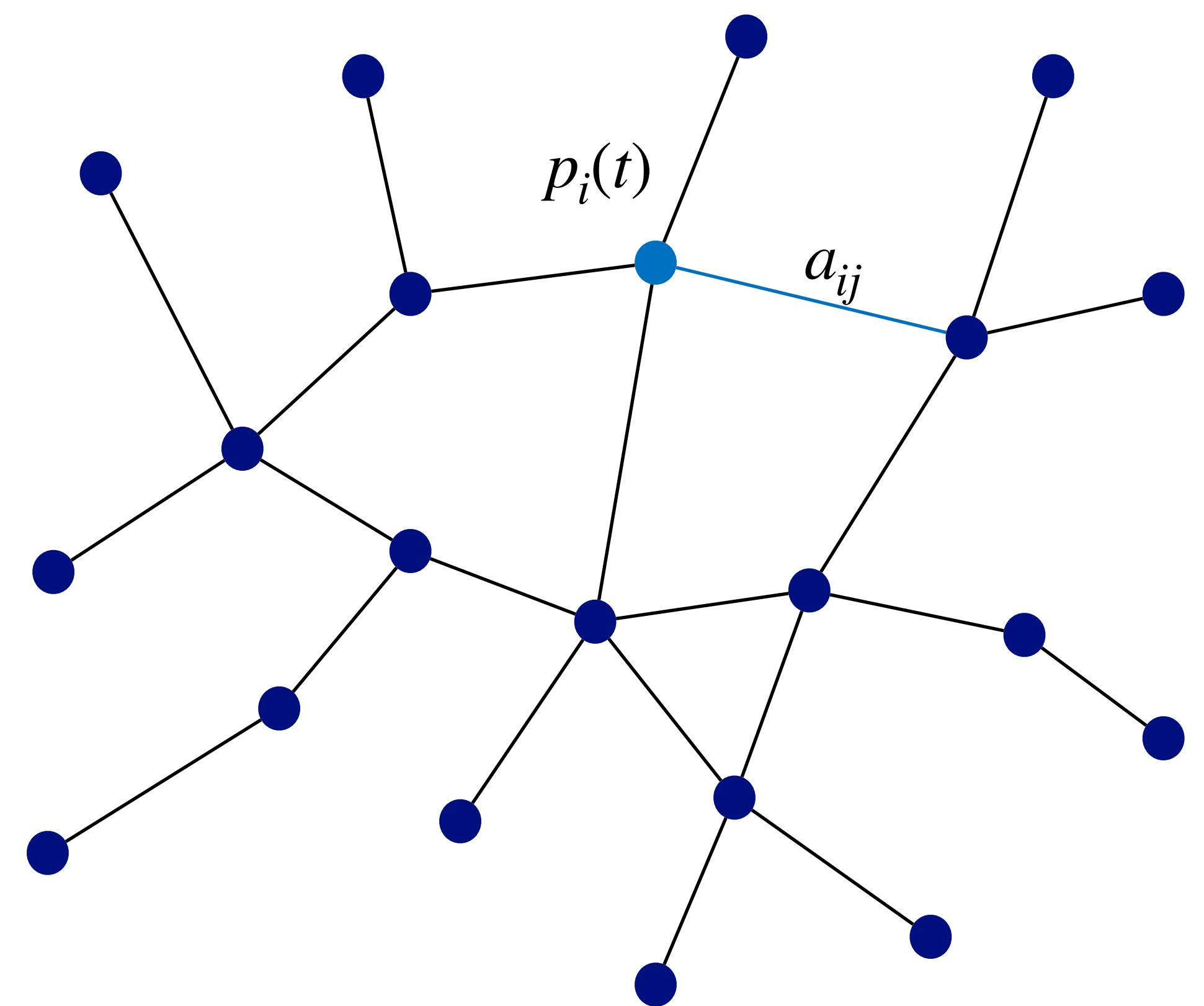
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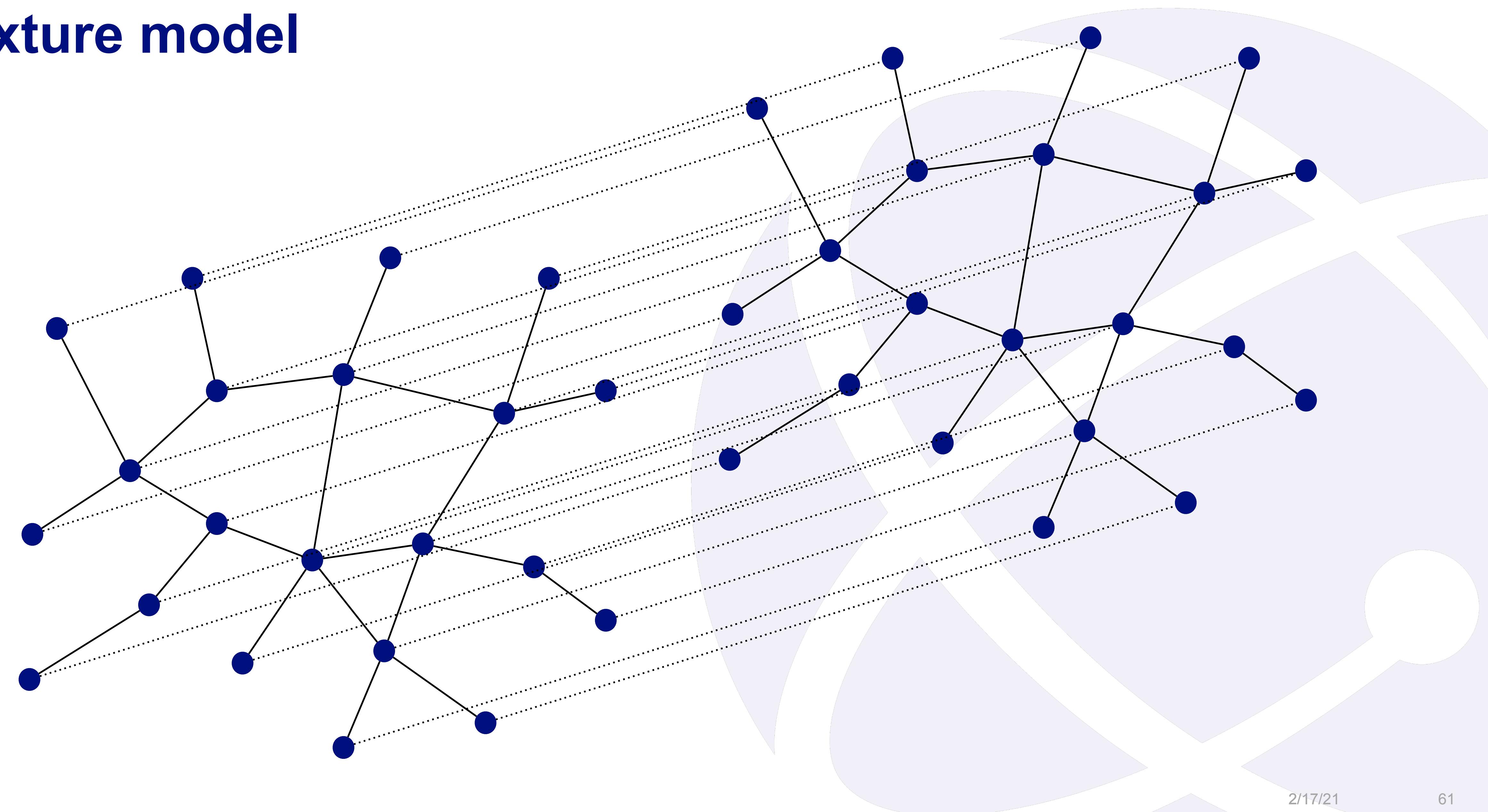
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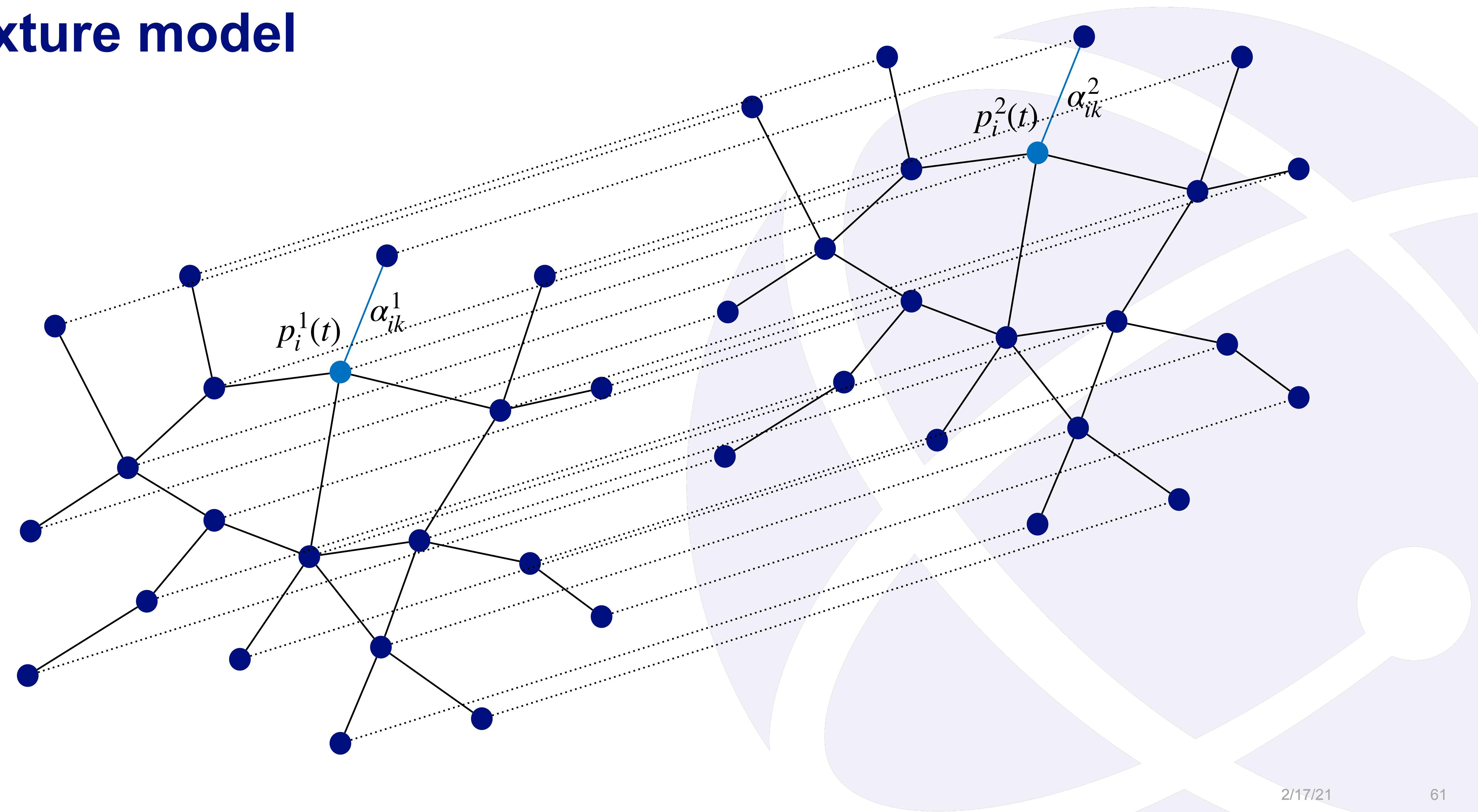
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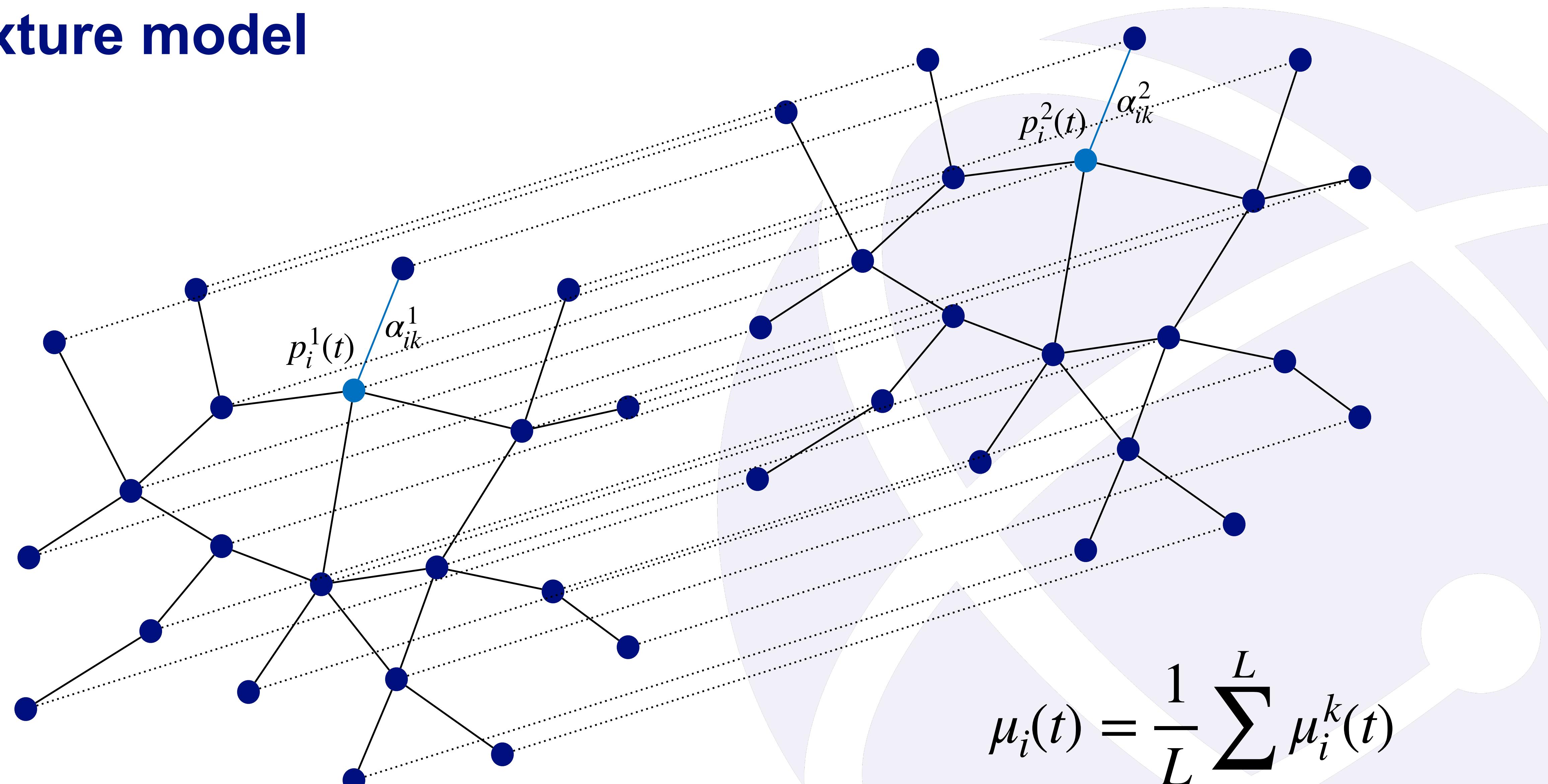
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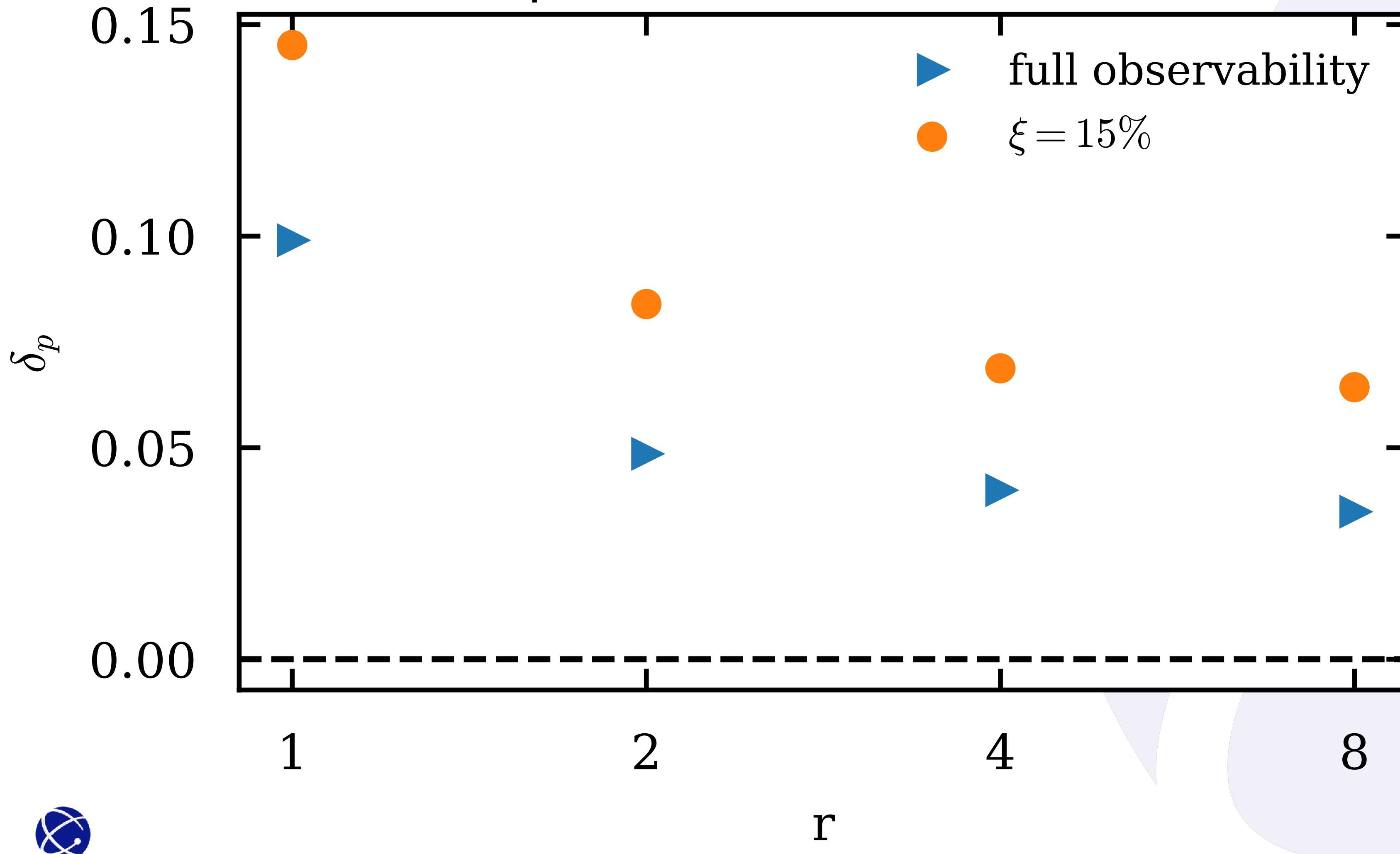


$$\mu_i(t) = \frac{1}{L} \sum_k \mu_i^k(t)$$



Mixture mode

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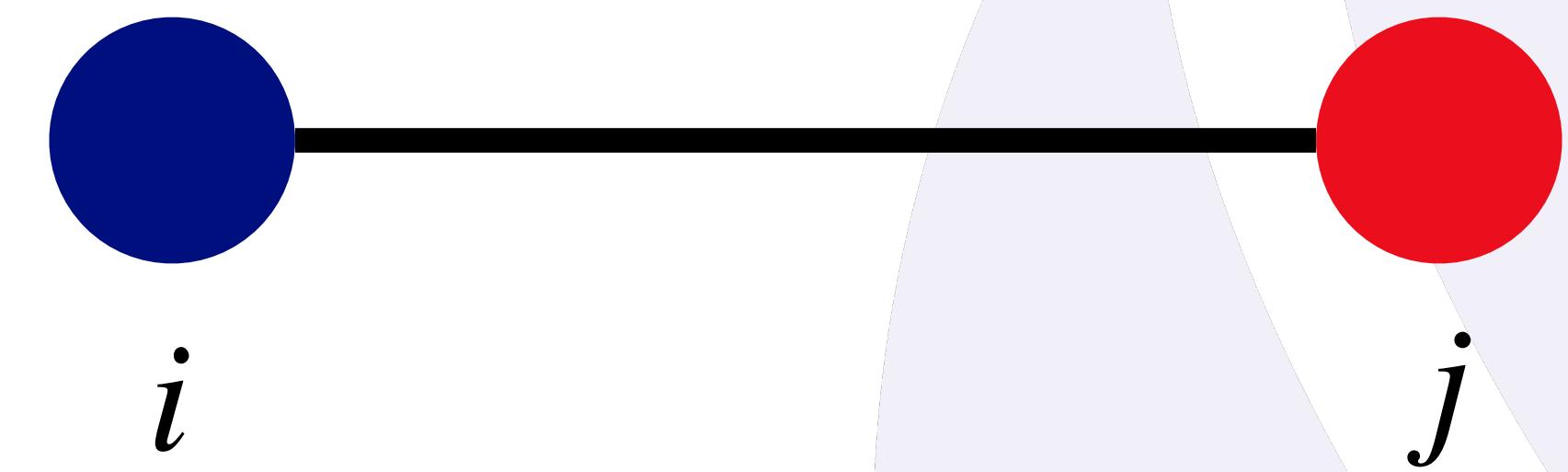


Reversible Dynamics

(future direction)



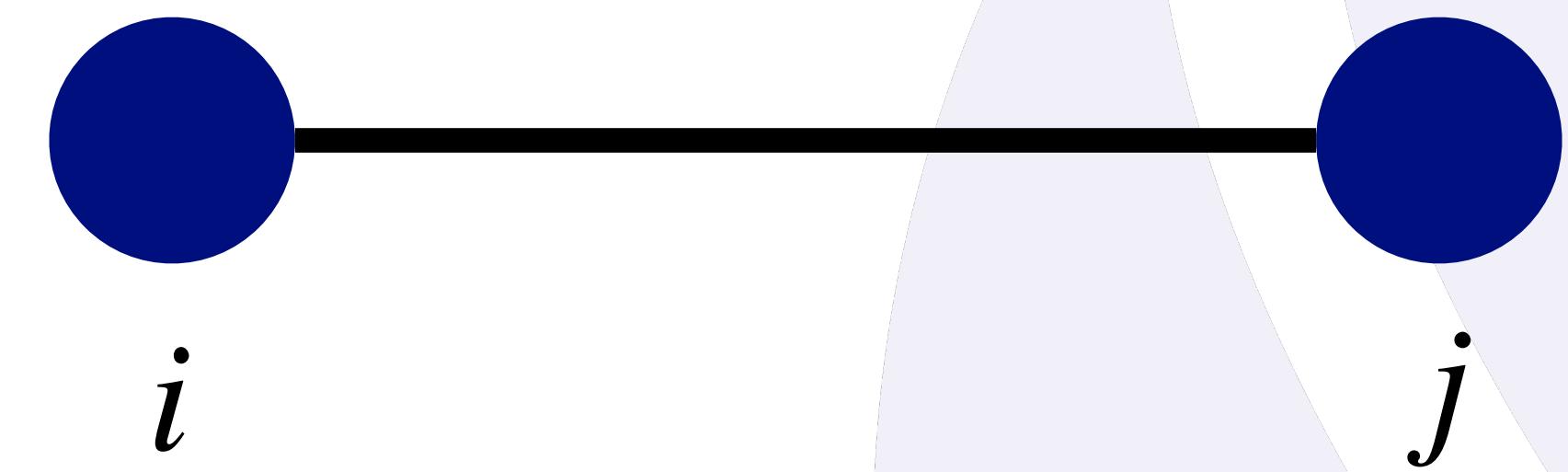
Susceptible-Infected-Susceptible model



$$P(s_i(t+1) = I \mid s_j(t) = I) = \alpha_{ij}$$



Susceptible-Infected-Susceptible model



$$P(s_j(t+1) = R \mid s_j(t) = I) = \gamma_j$$



Susceptible-Infected-Susceptible model

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Susceptible-Infected-Susceptible model

$DMP(SI)$



Susceptible-Infected-Susceptible model

$DMP(SI) \rightarrow DMP(S_1I_1) \rightarrow DMP(S_1I_1S_2I_2)$



Susceptible-Infected-Susceptible model

$DMP(SI) \rightarrow DMP(S_1I_1) \rightarrow DMP(S_1I_1S_2I_2) \rightarrow DMP(S_1I_1\dots S_kI_k)$



Thank you!

Questions?

Literature:

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My DMP github repo in Julia:

<https://github.com/mateuszwilinski/dynamic-message-passing>



Mixture Model Objective

$$\mathcal{O}^{mixture} = - \sum_{c \in C} \sum_{i \in O} \log \left(\frac{1}{L} \sum_k \mu_{i,k}^c(\tau_i^c) \right)$$

mixture marginal

$$\alpha_{ij}^{k*} = \min_{\alpha_{ij}^k} (\mathcal{O}^{mixture}) \quad \longleftarrow$$

we use the same Lagrange
scheme as for single network



Kullback - Leibler Divergence

$$D_{KL}(P || Q) = - \sum_x P(x) \log \left(\frac{Q(x)}{P(x)} \right)$$



Constrained Optimisation

$$\mathcal{O} = \sum_{i \in V} p_i(T)$$

$$\mathcal{I} = \lambda^{B_0} \left(B_0 - \sum_{i \in V} p_i(0) \right)$$

$$\mathcal{V} = \sum_{t=0}^T \lambda^{B_\mu(t)} \left(B_\mu(t) - \sum_{i \in V} \mu_i(t) \right)$$

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