

Submodular Optimization Under Uncertainty

Online, Dynamic and Streaming Algorithms

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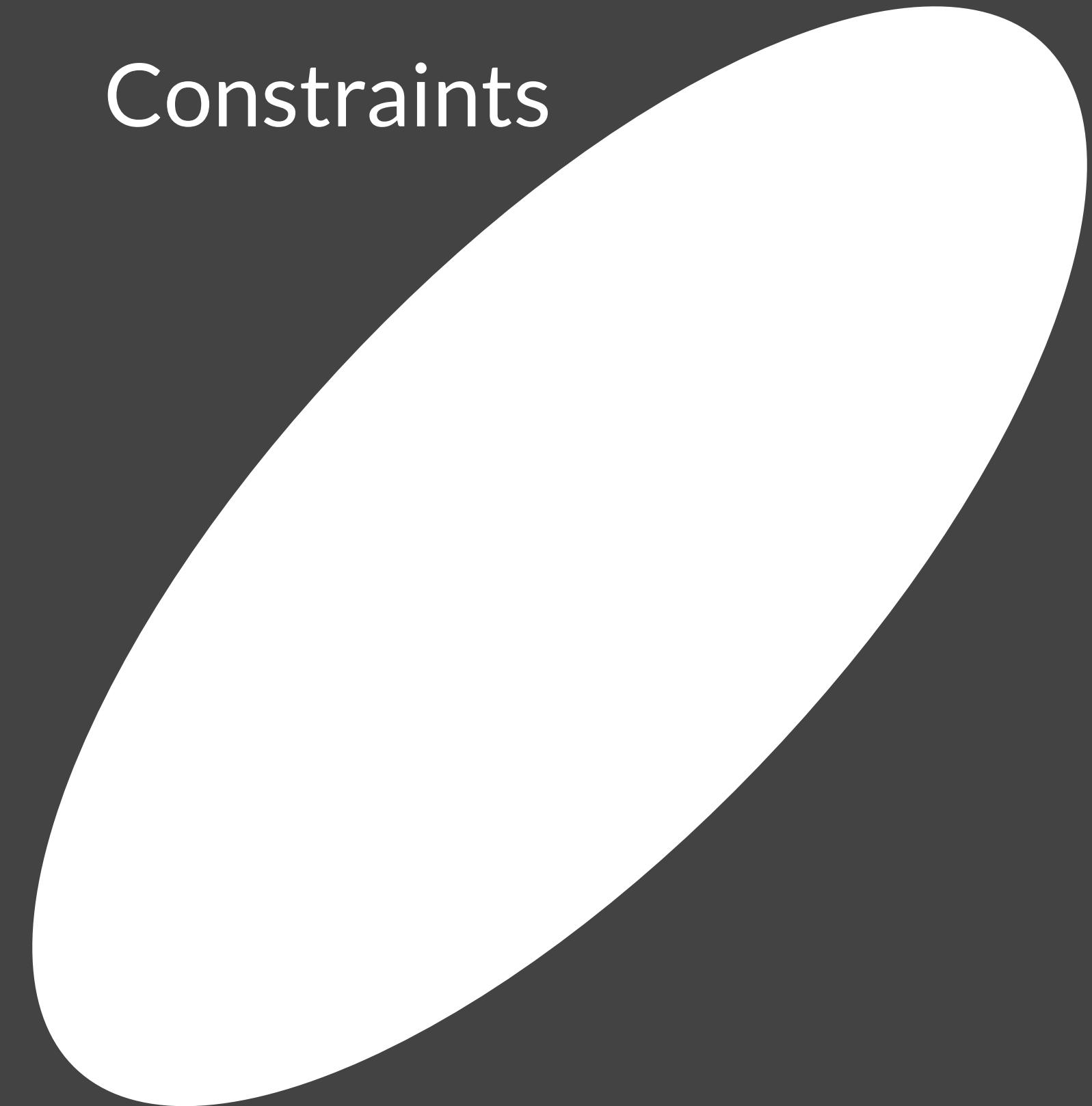
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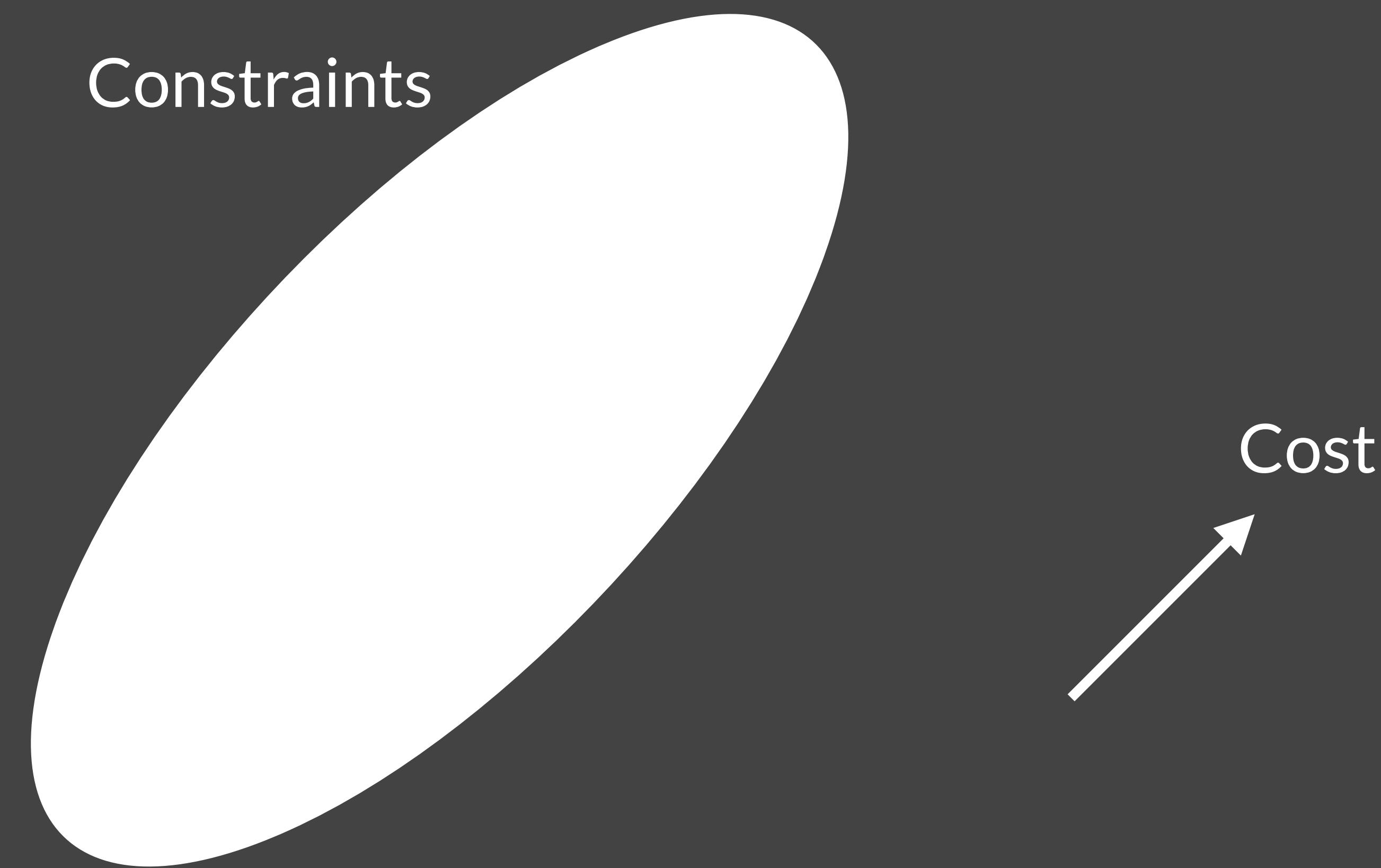
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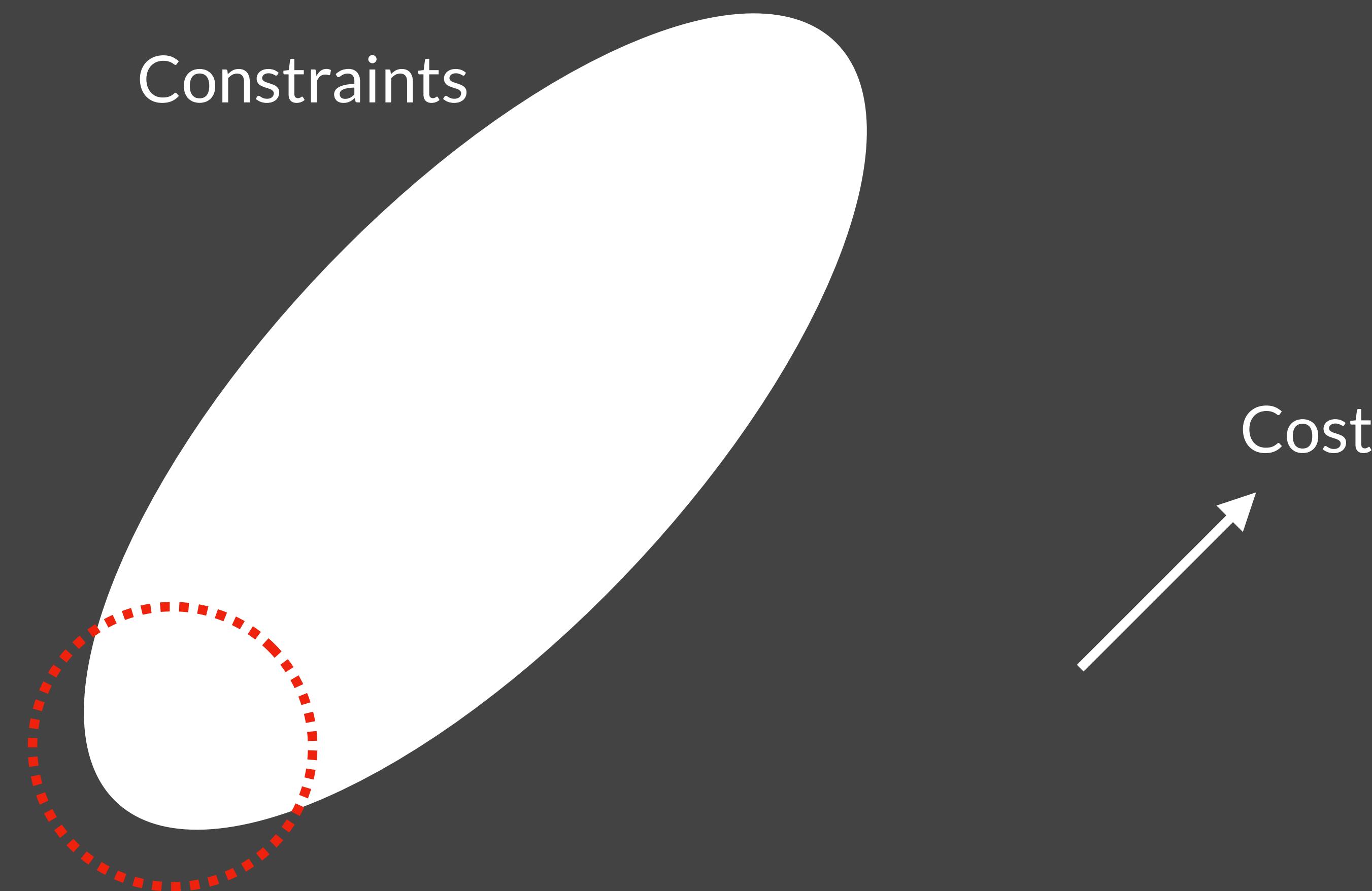
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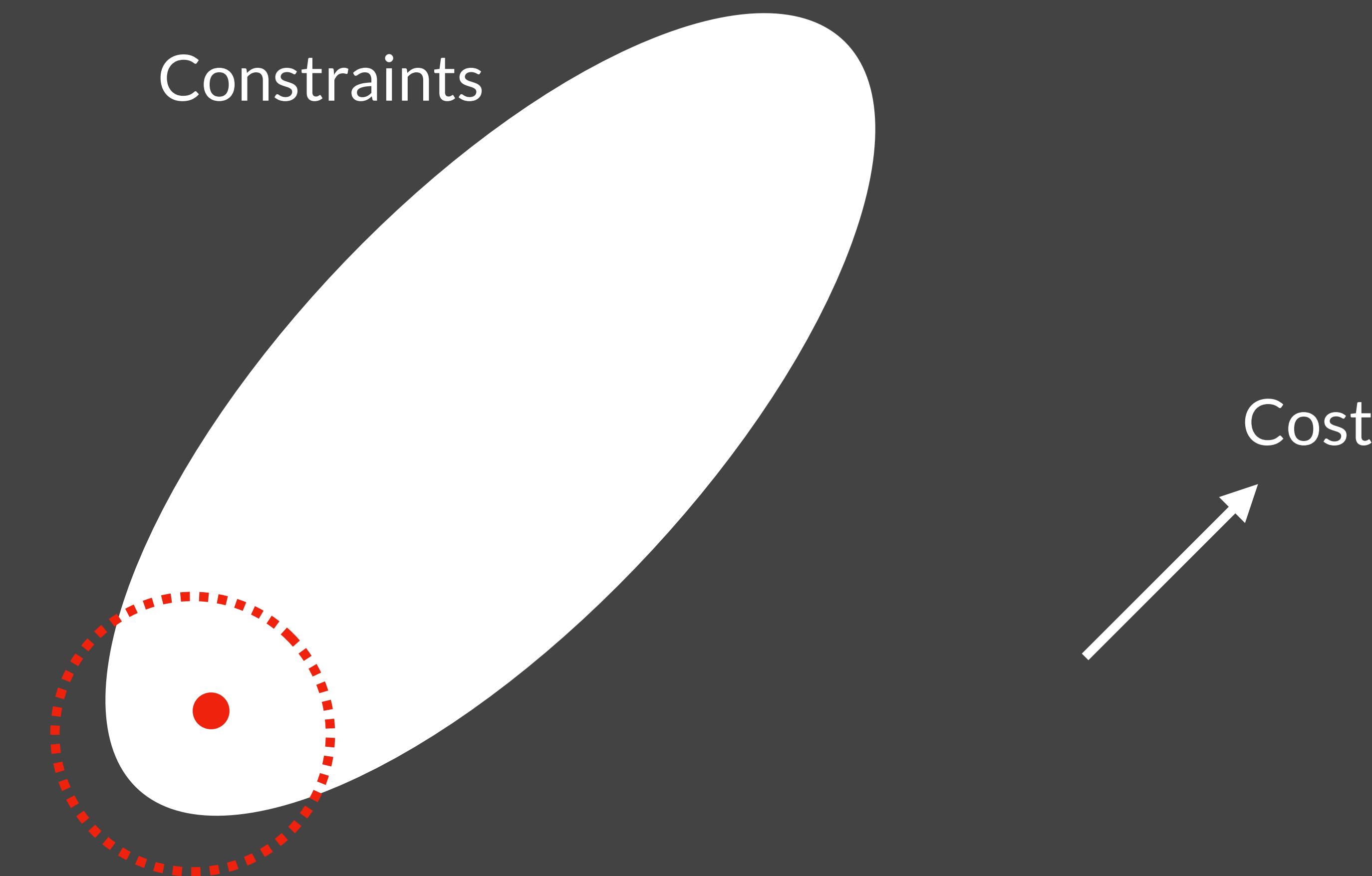
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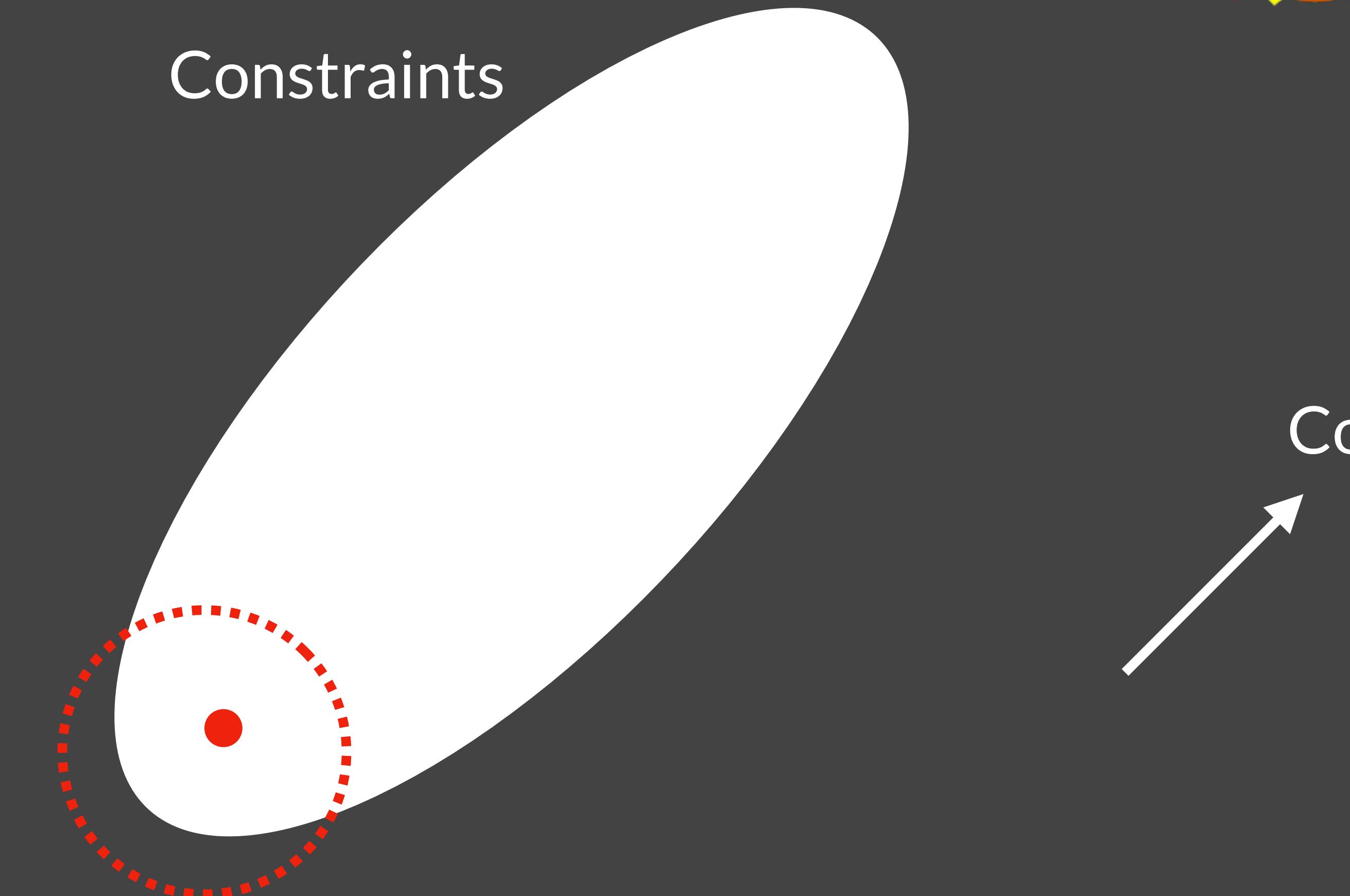


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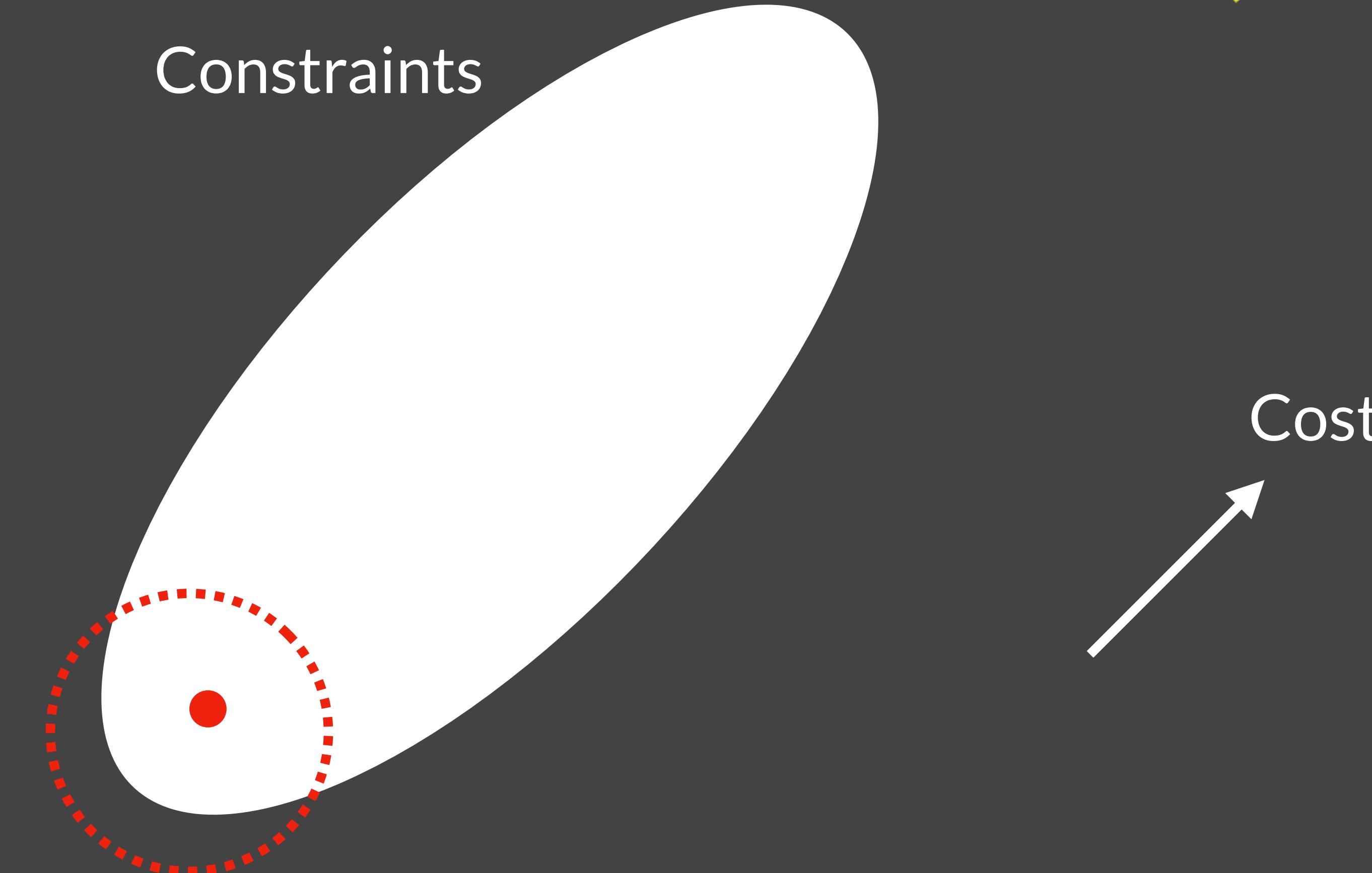


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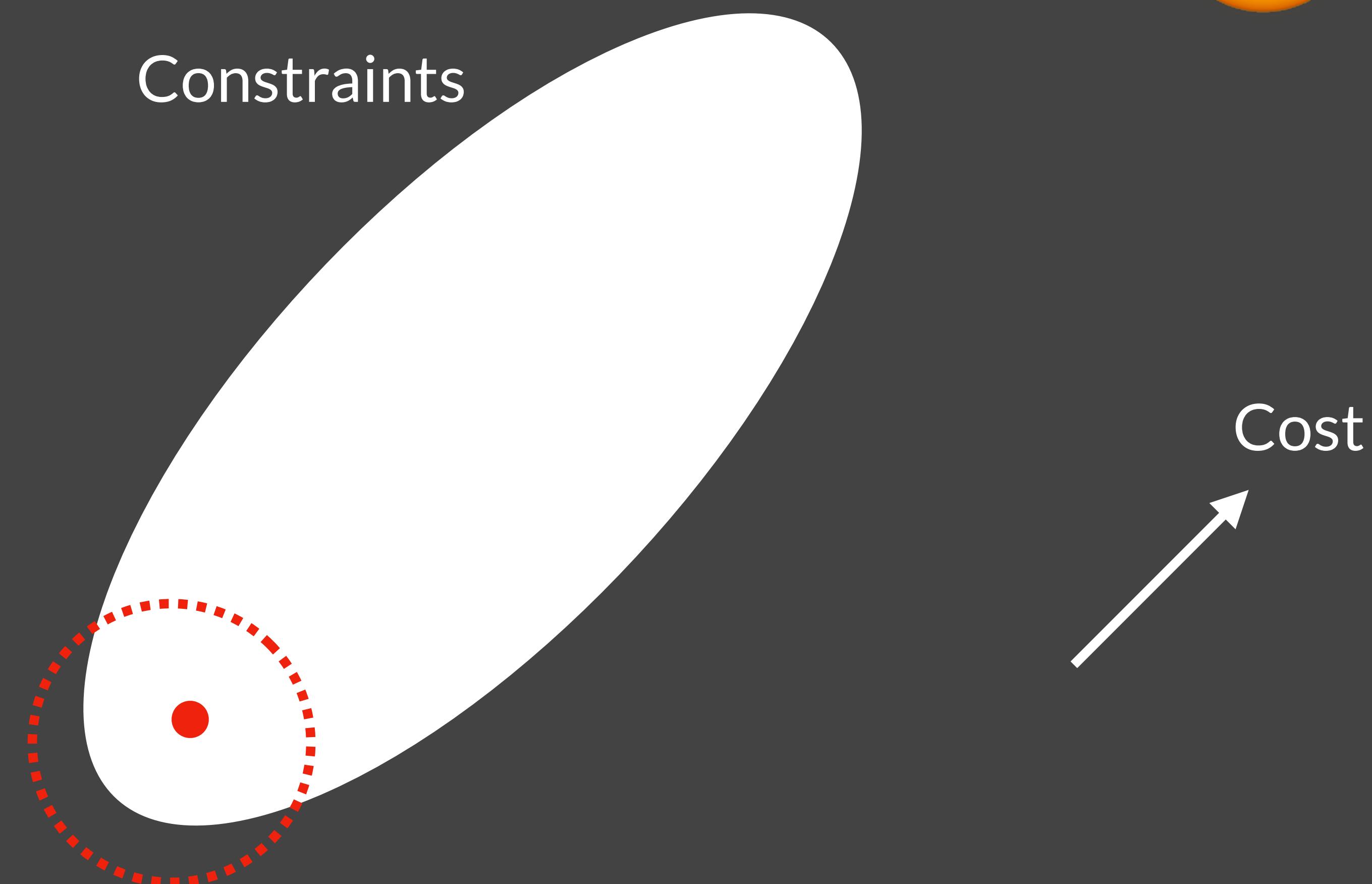
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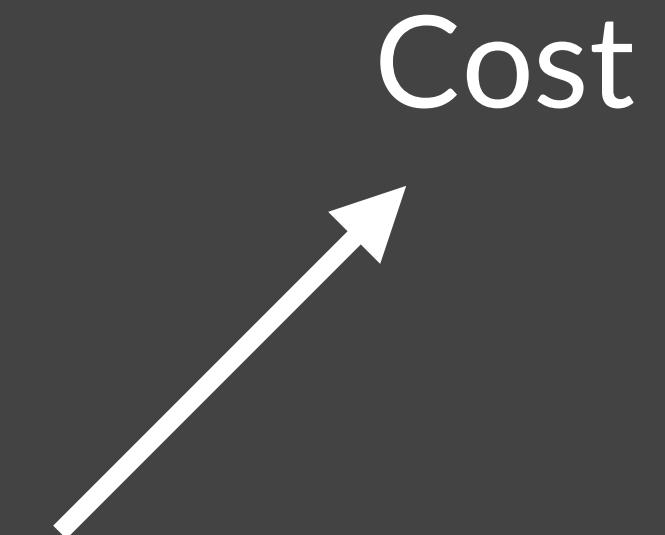


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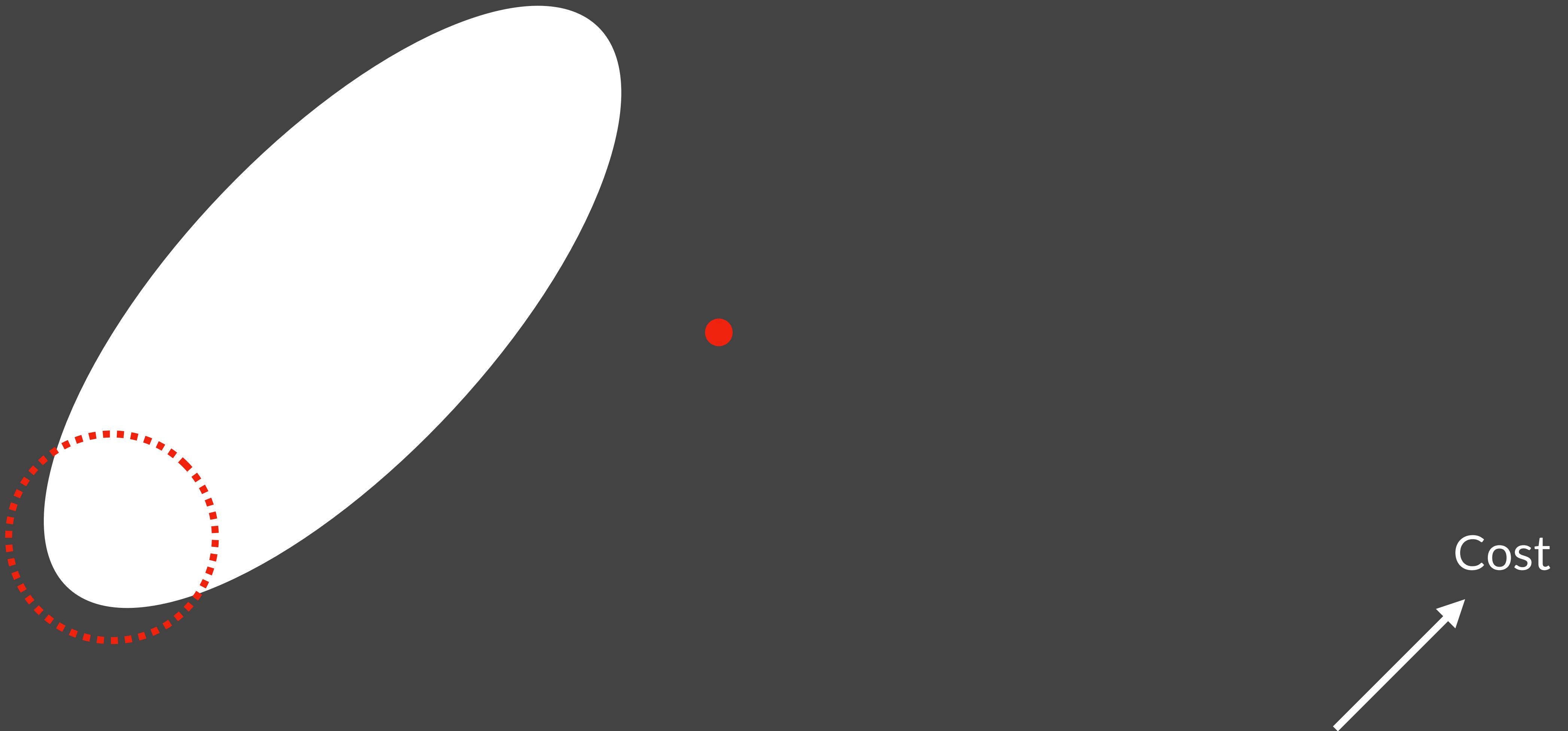
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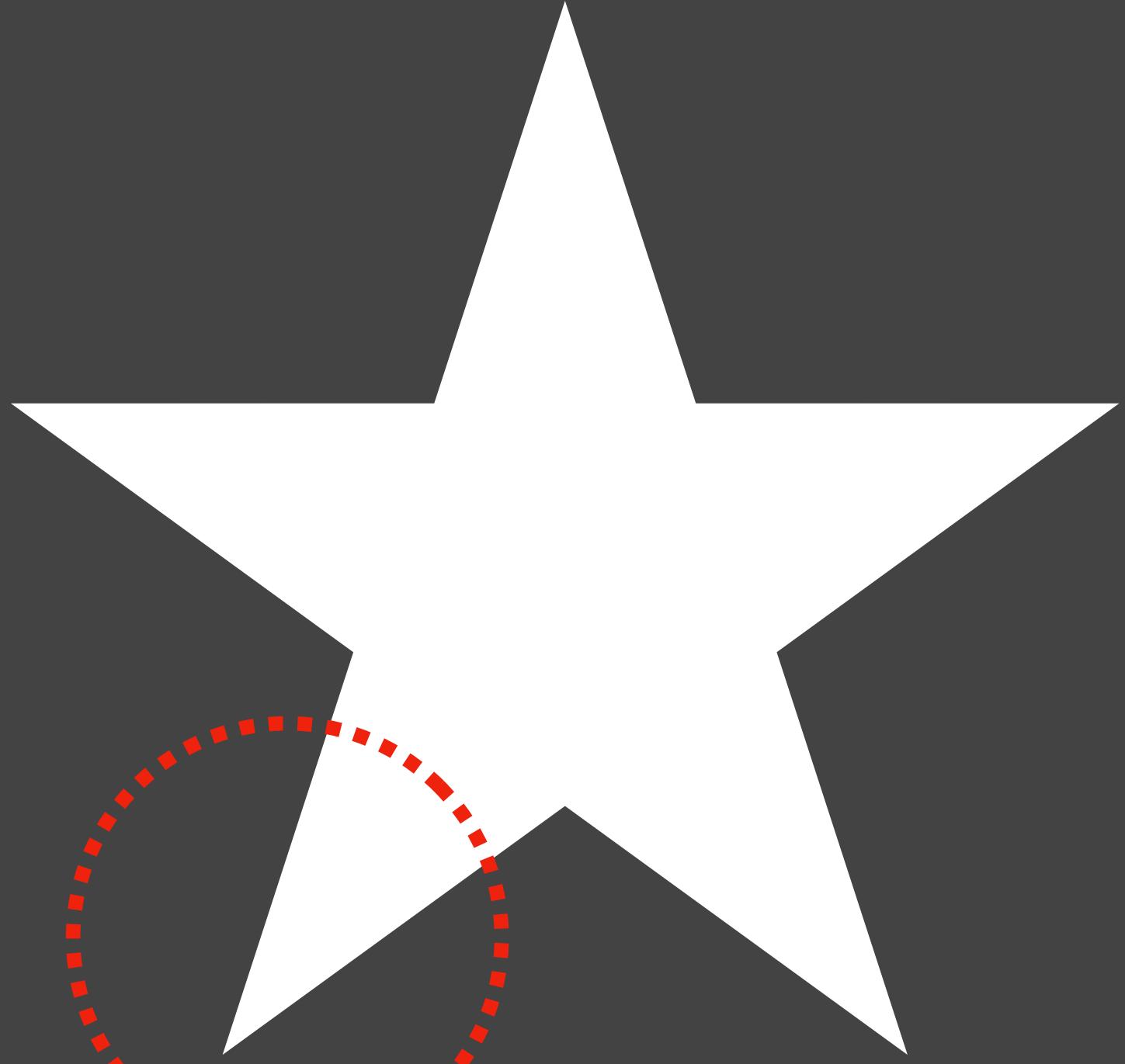
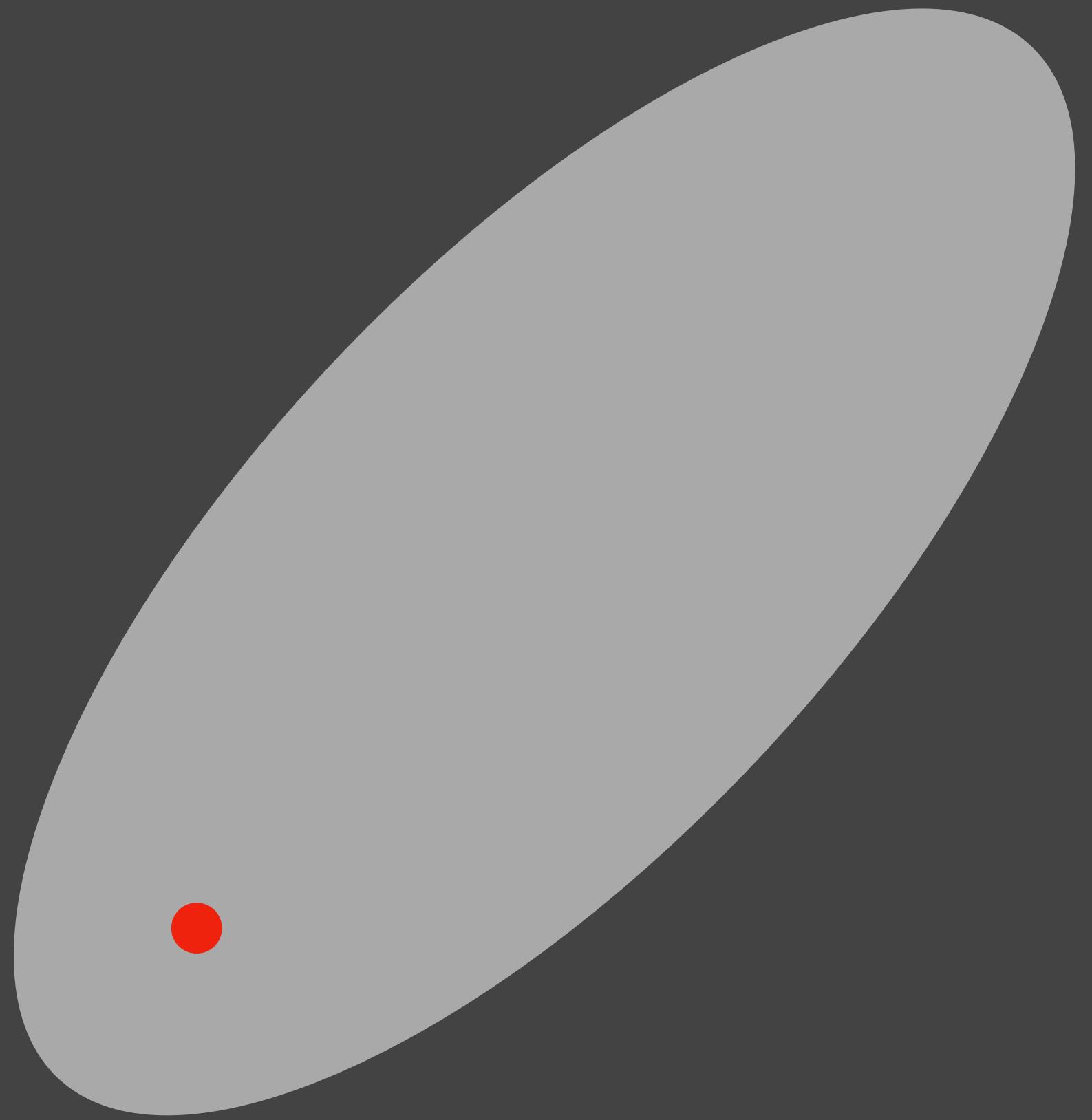
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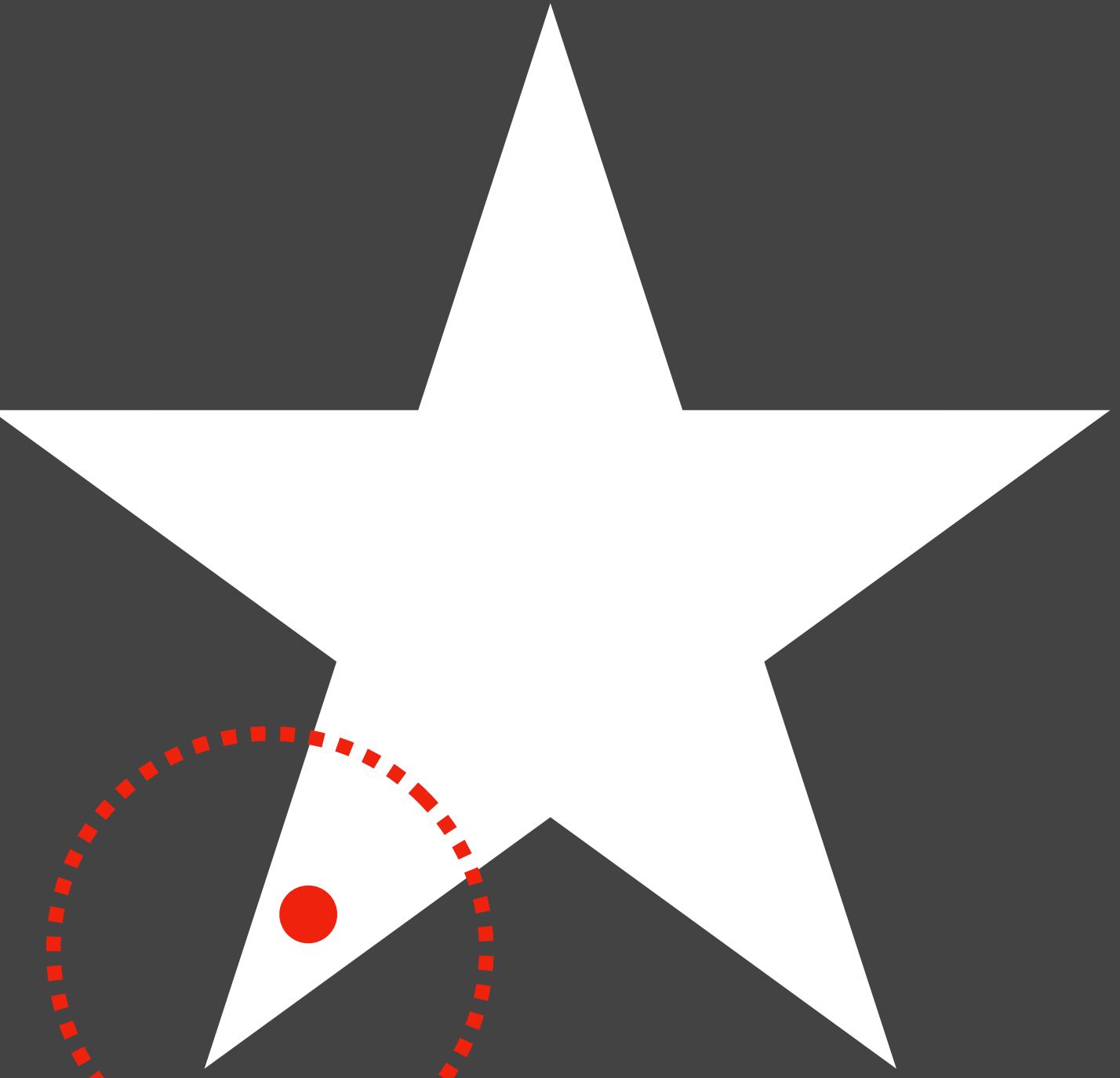
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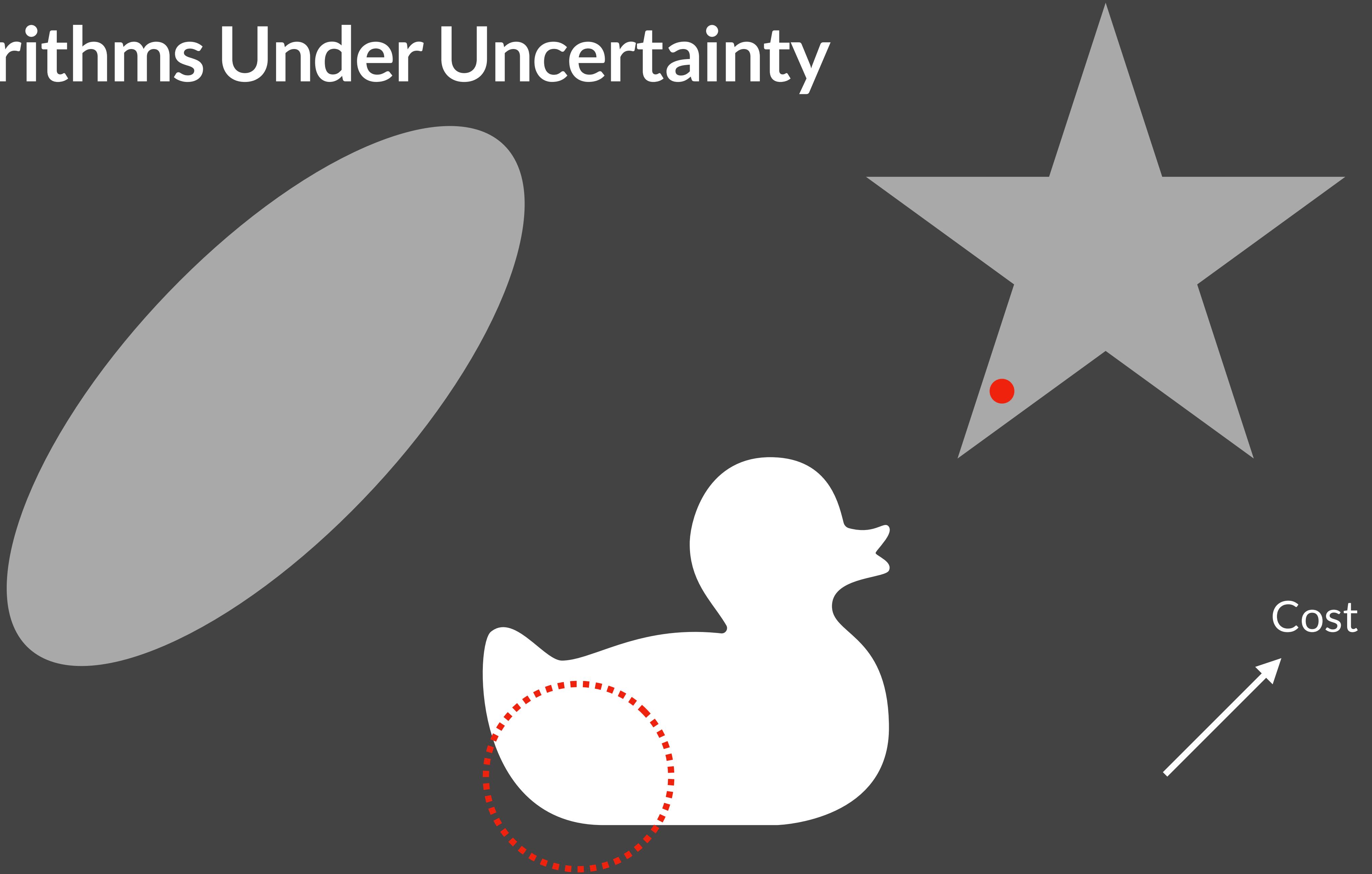
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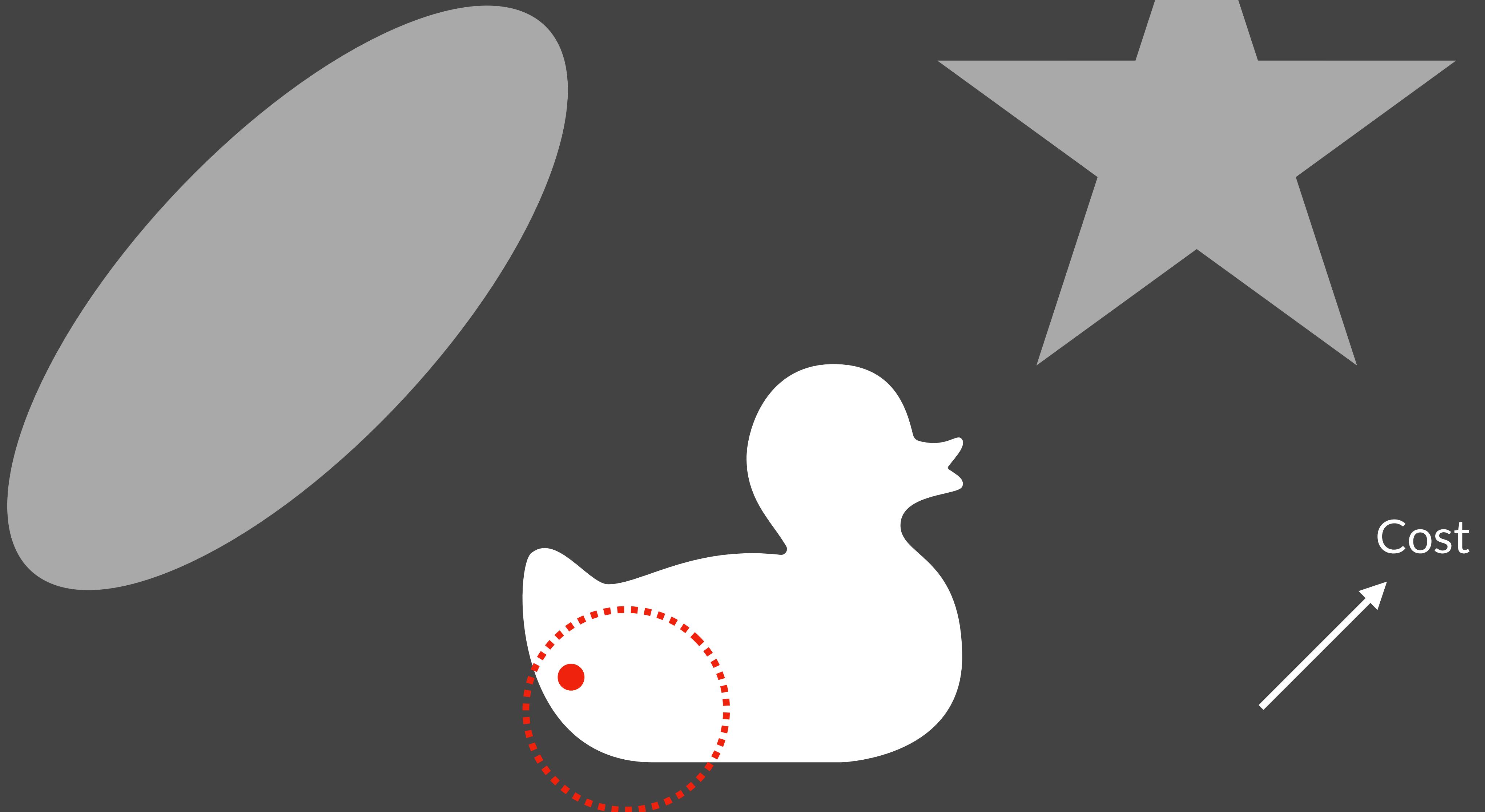
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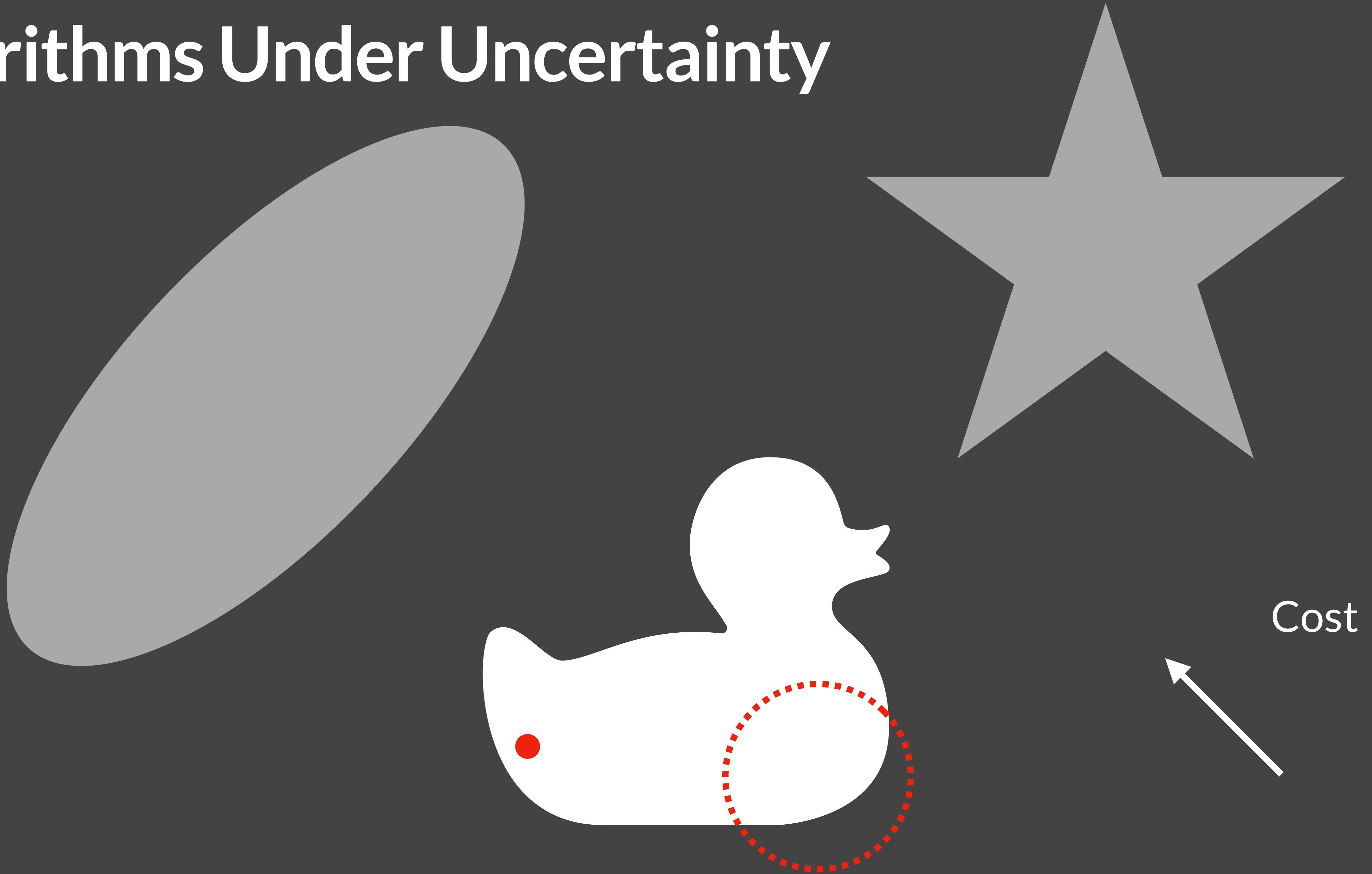
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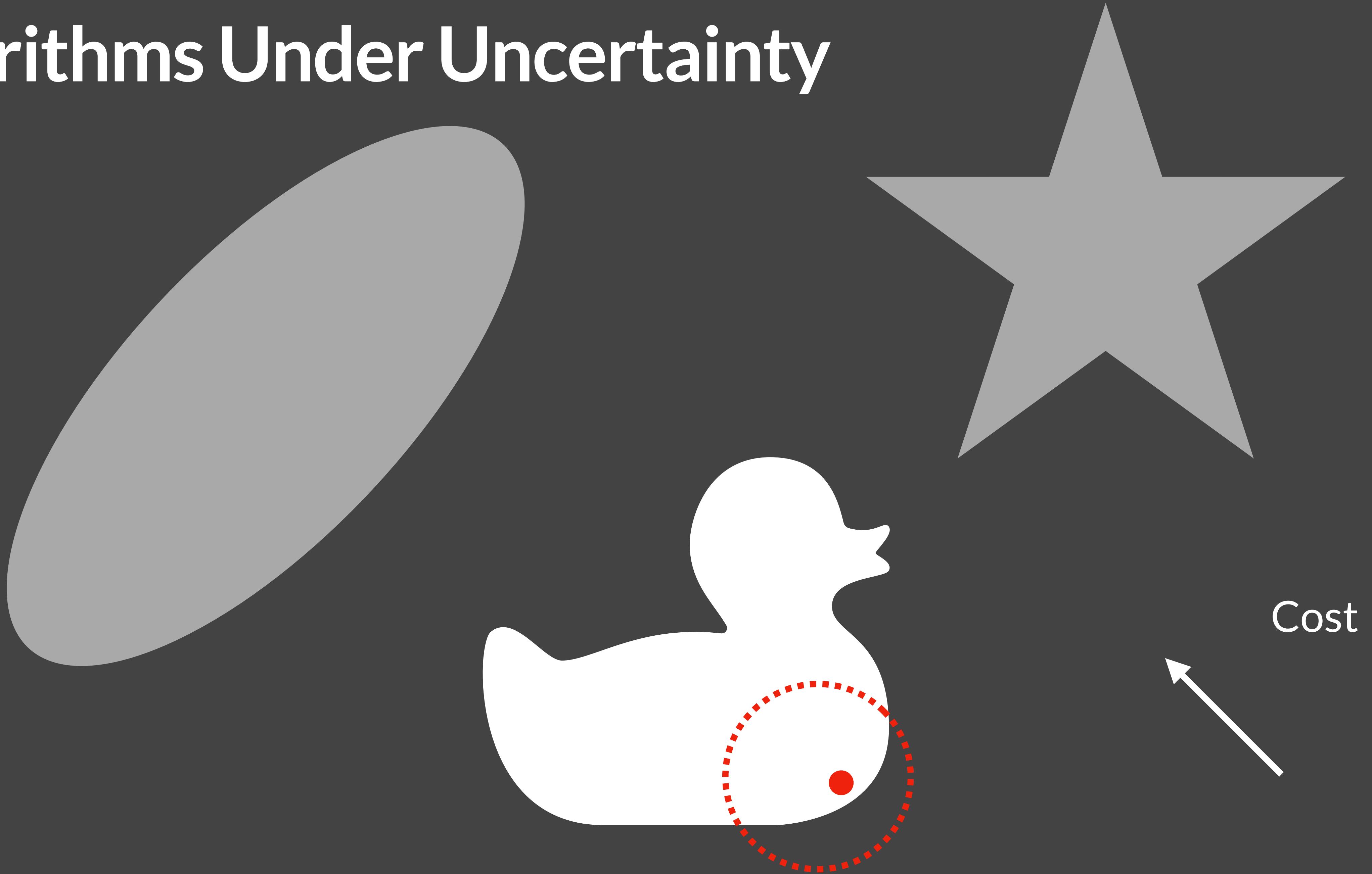
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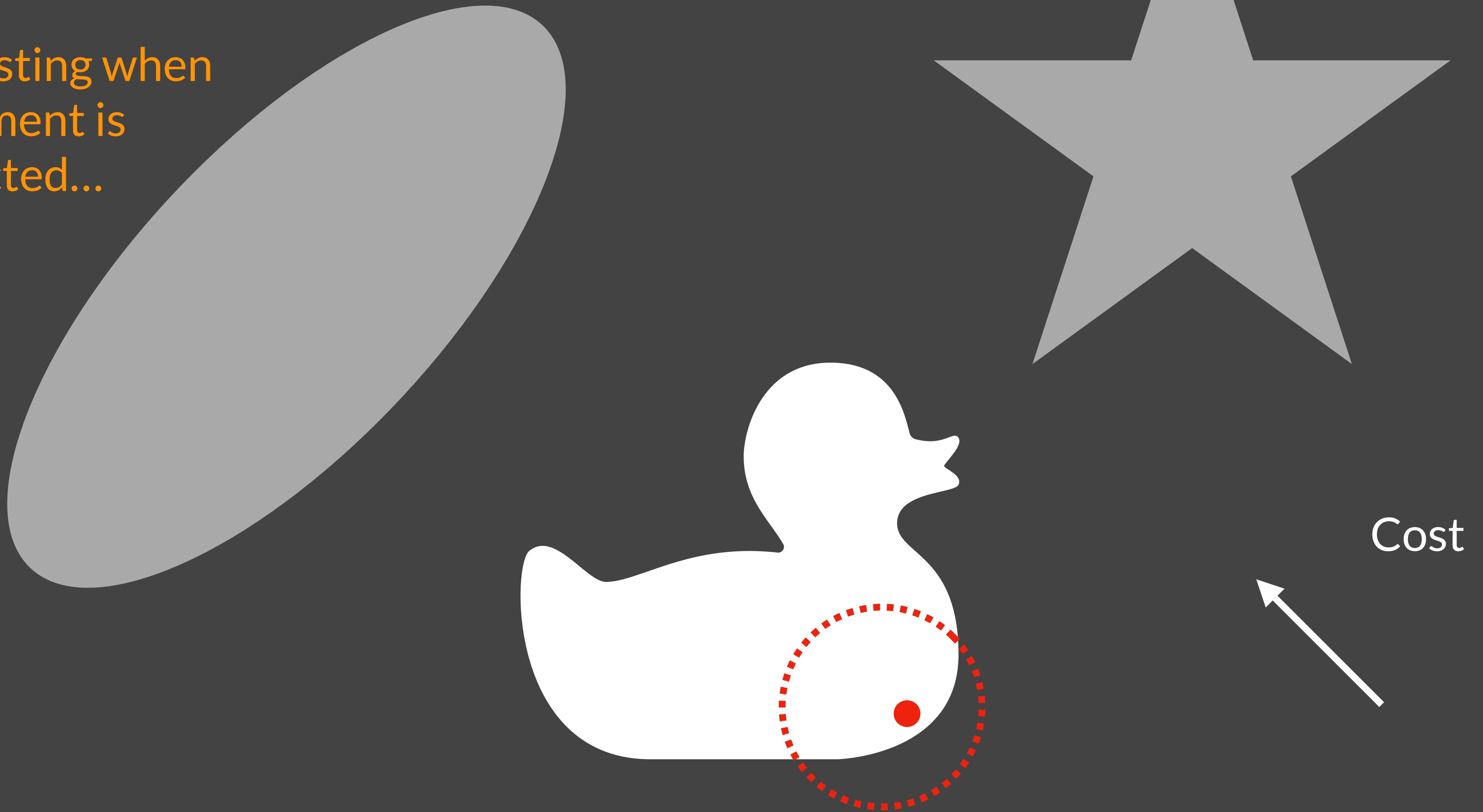


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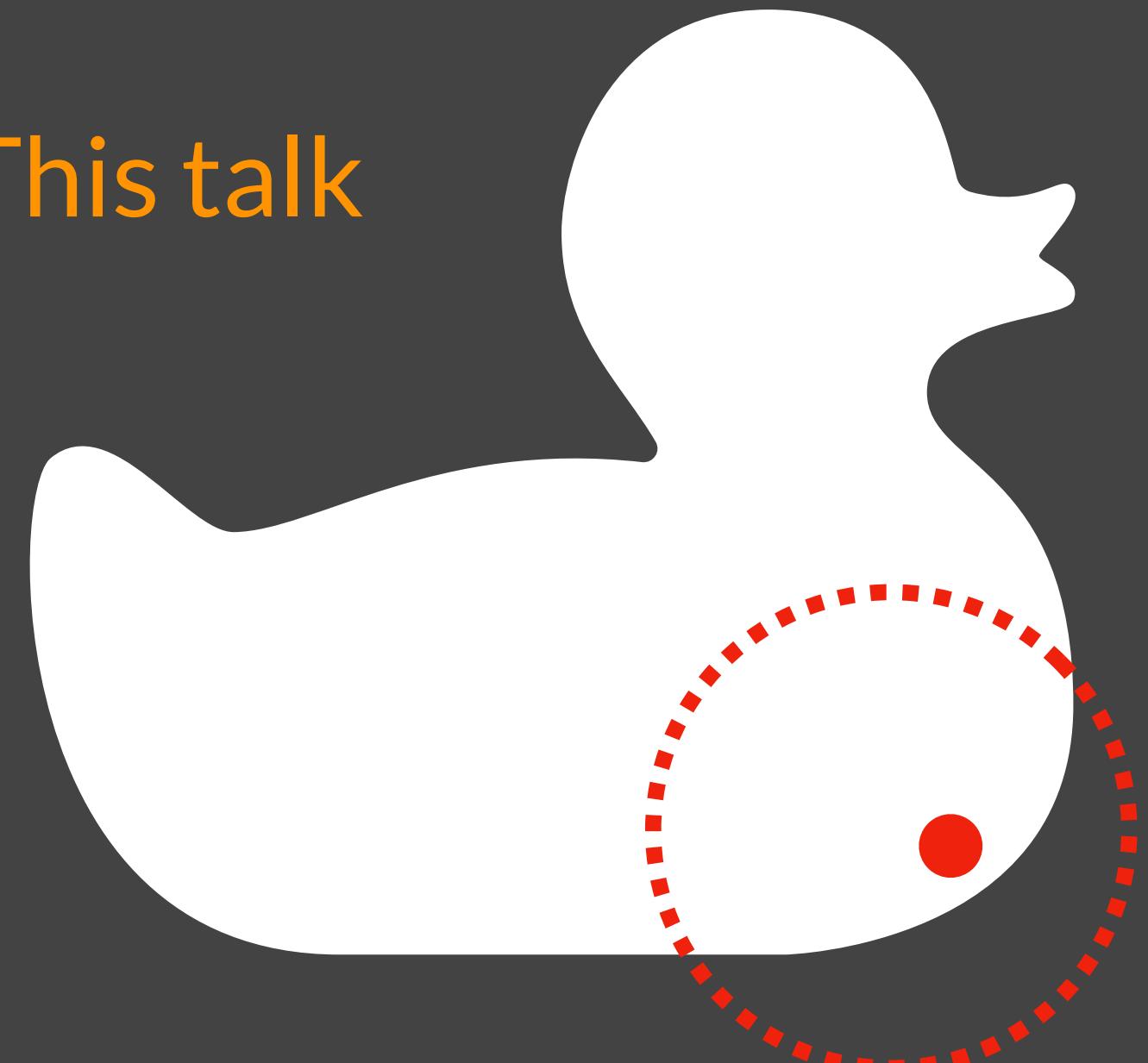
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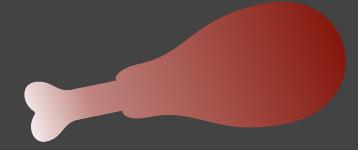
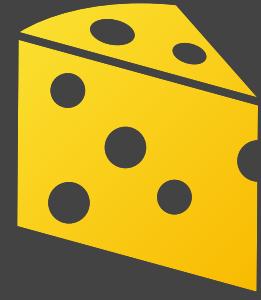
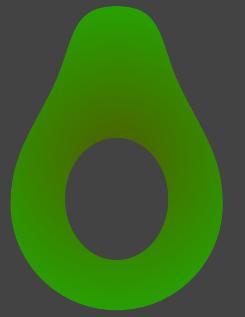
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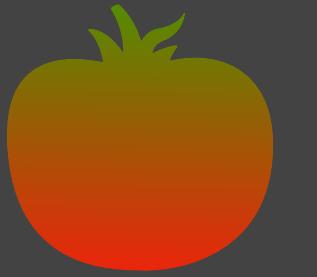
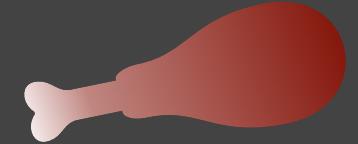
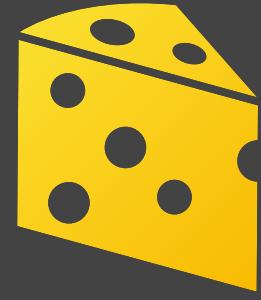
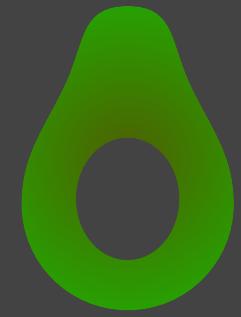
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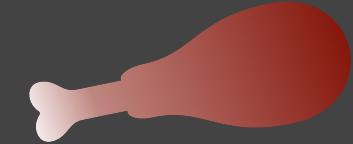
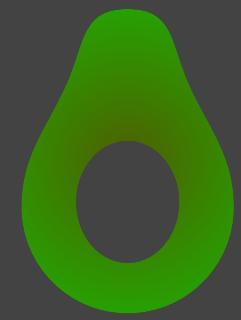
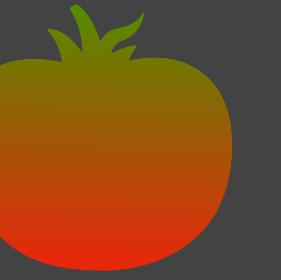
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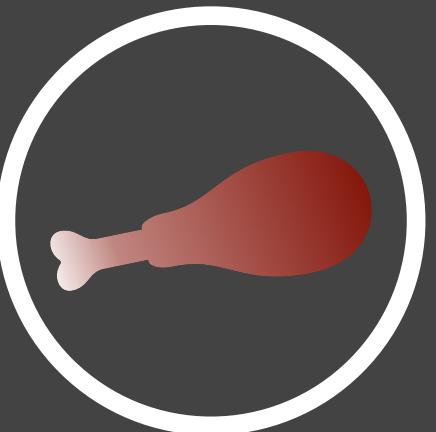
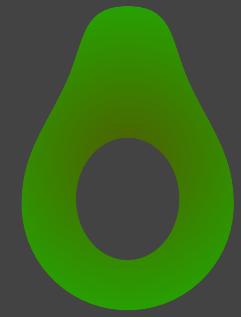
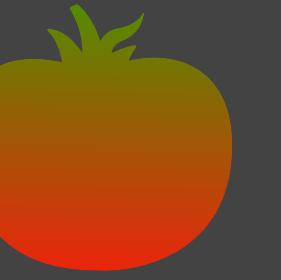
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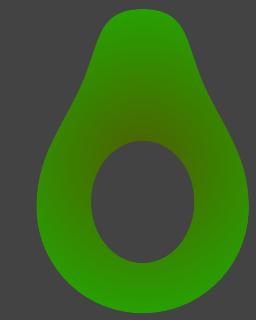
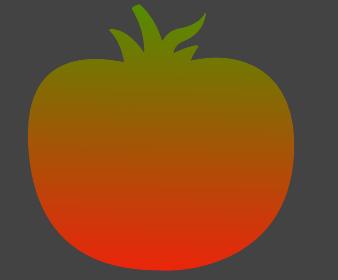
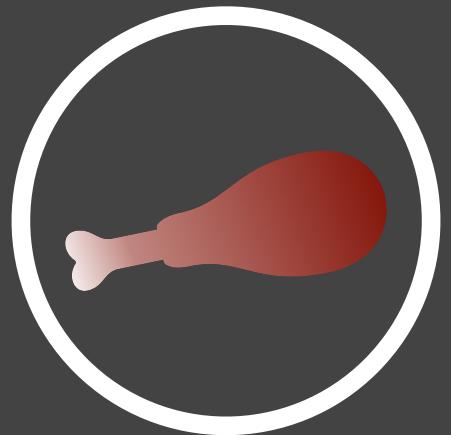
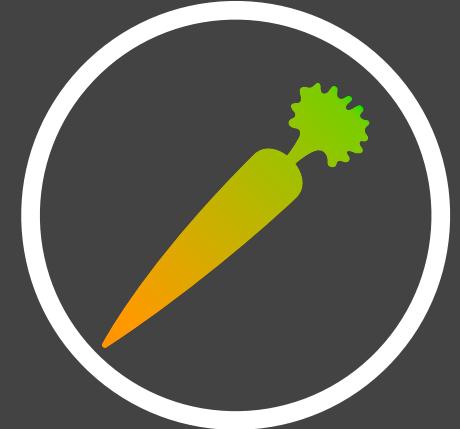
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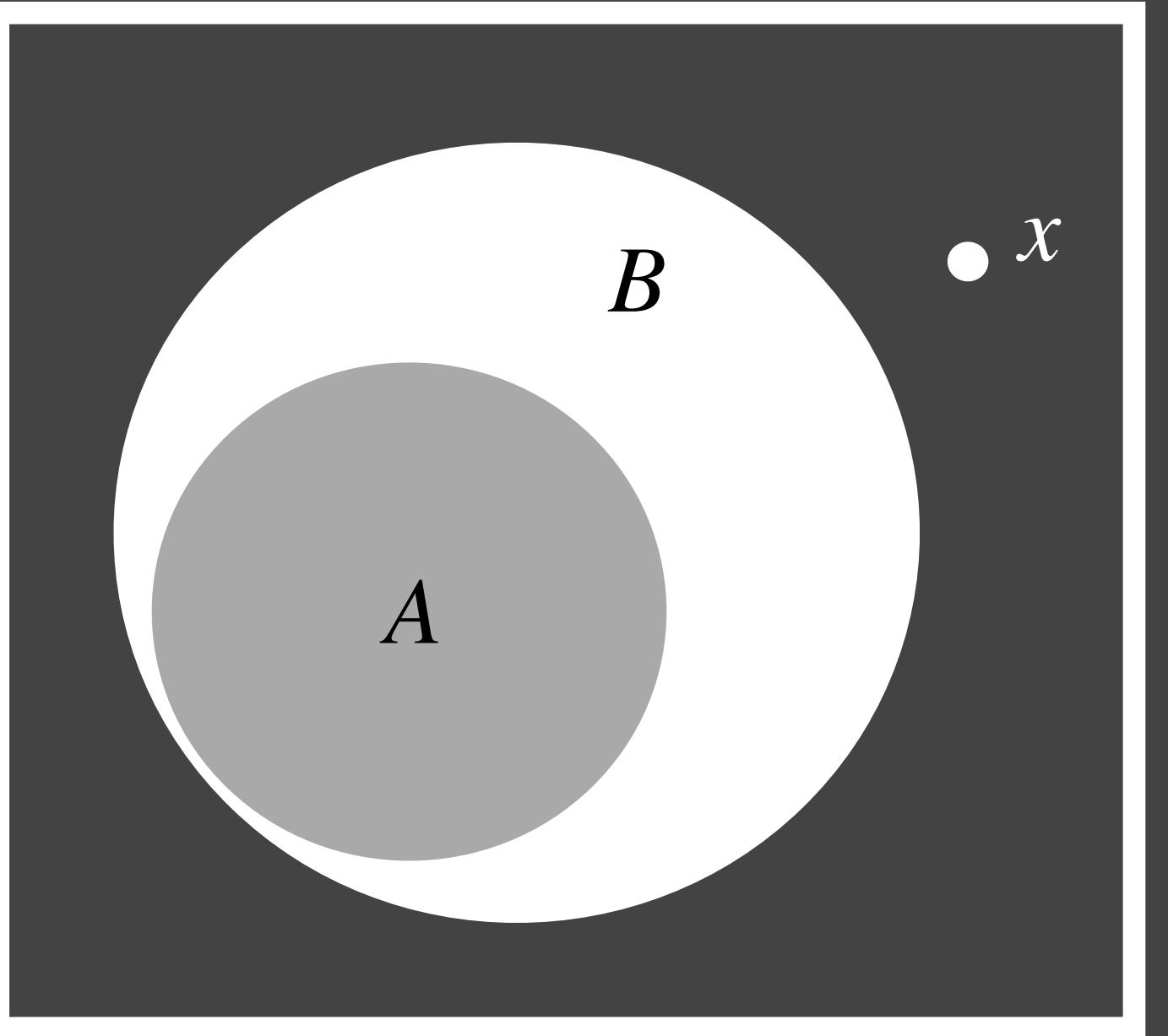
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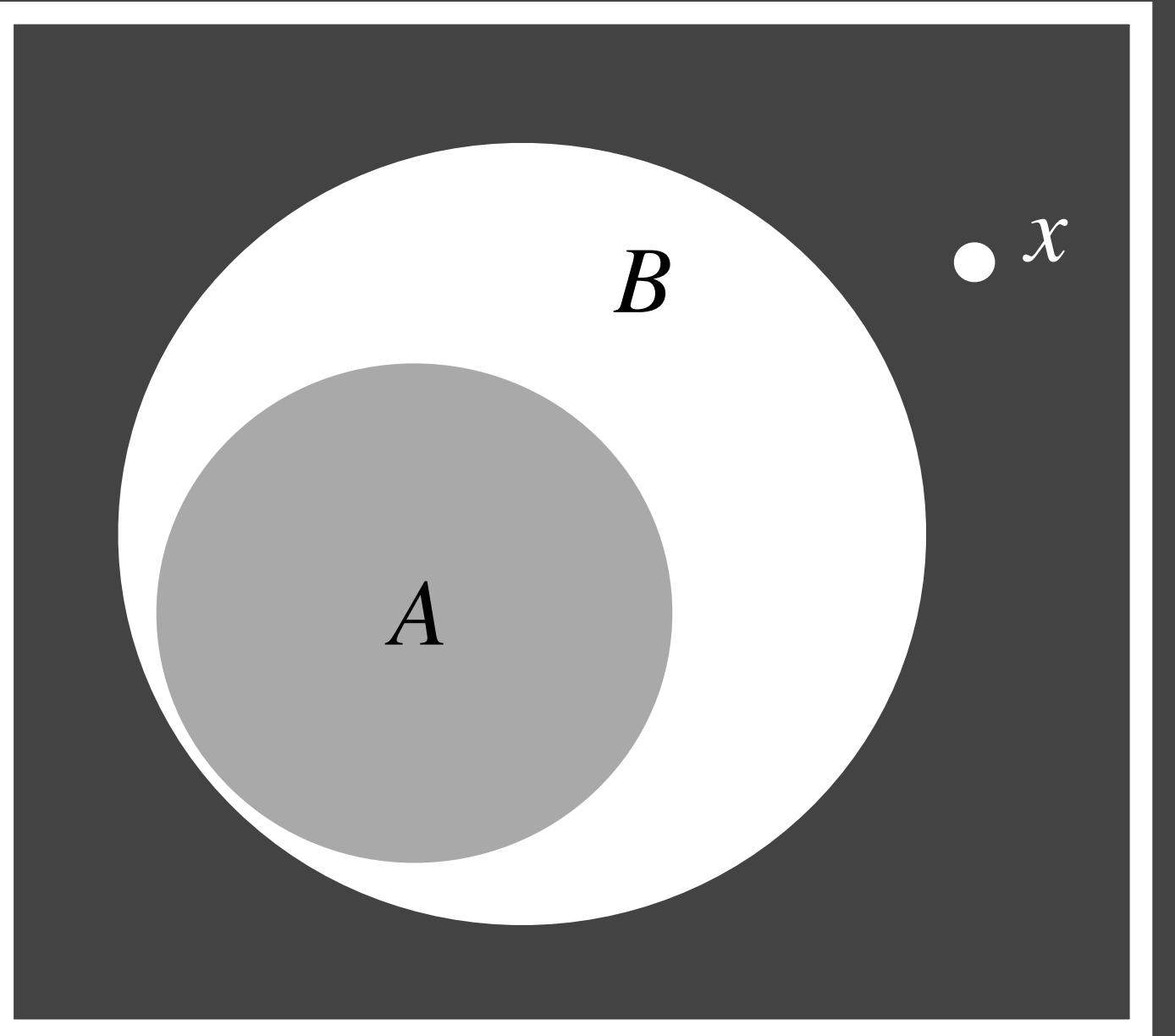
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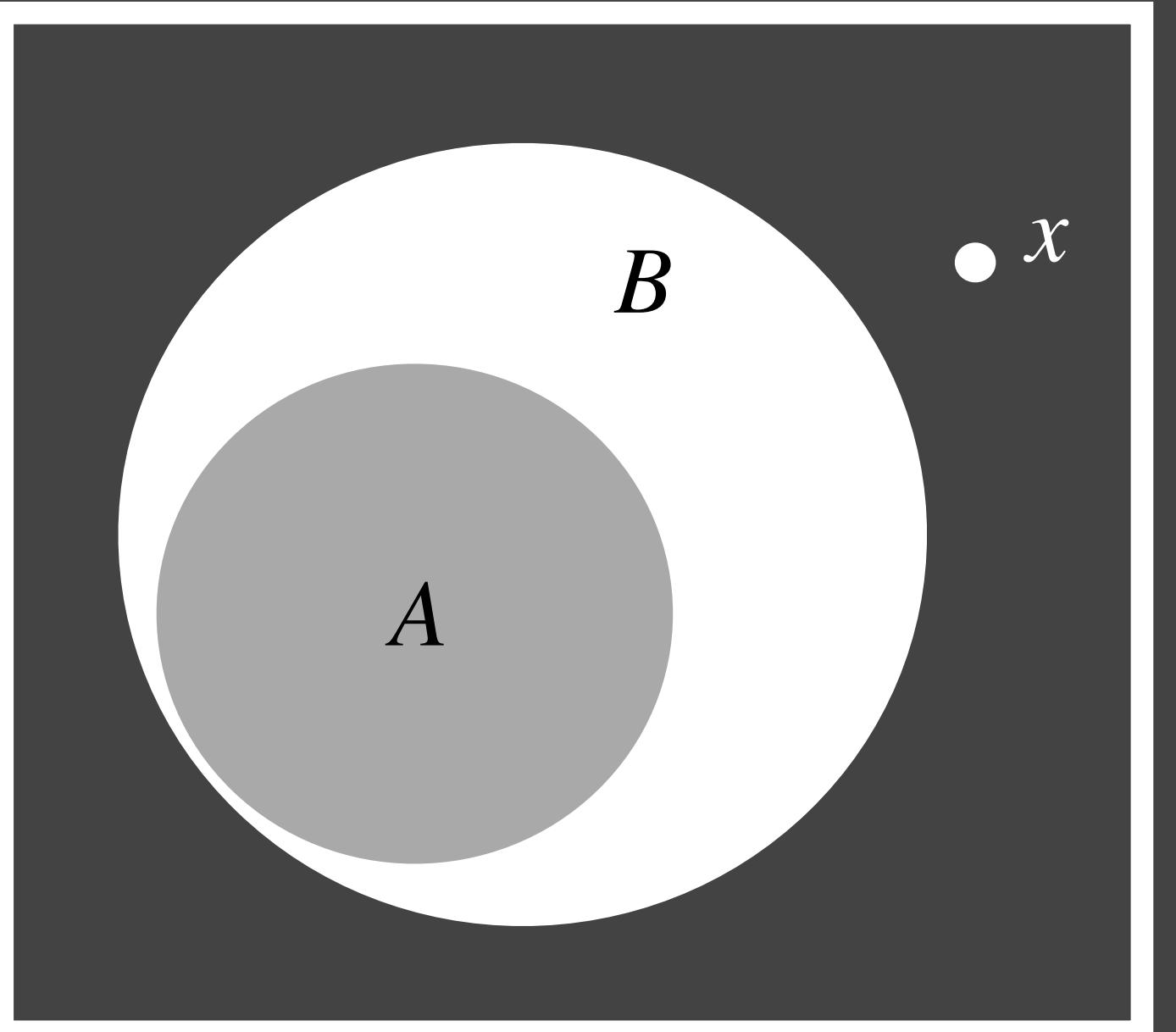


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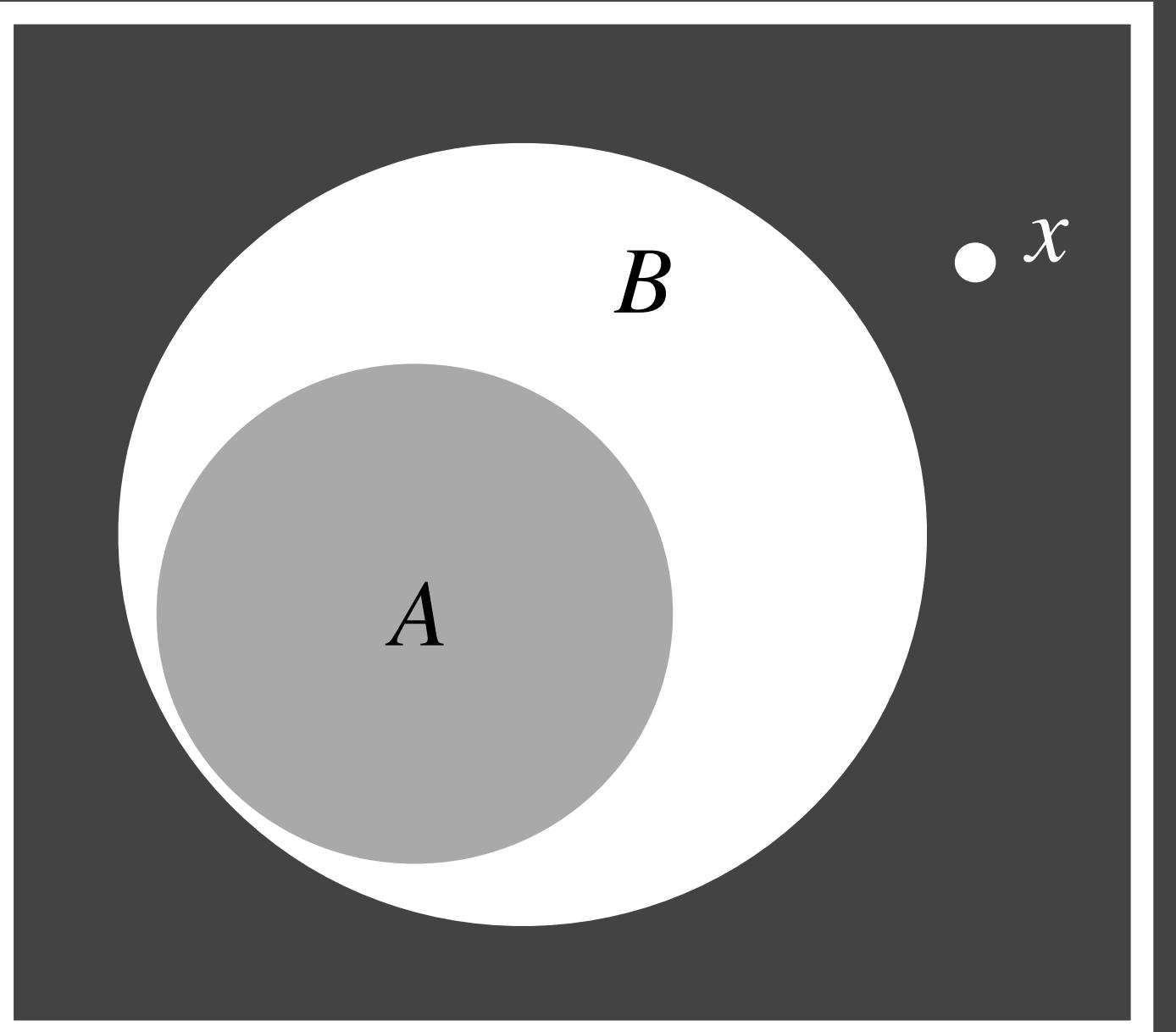


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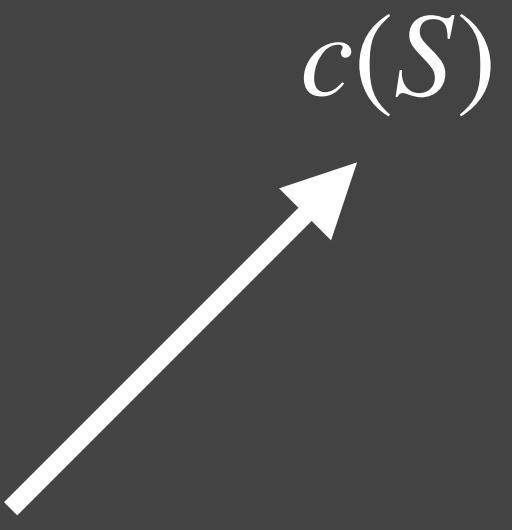
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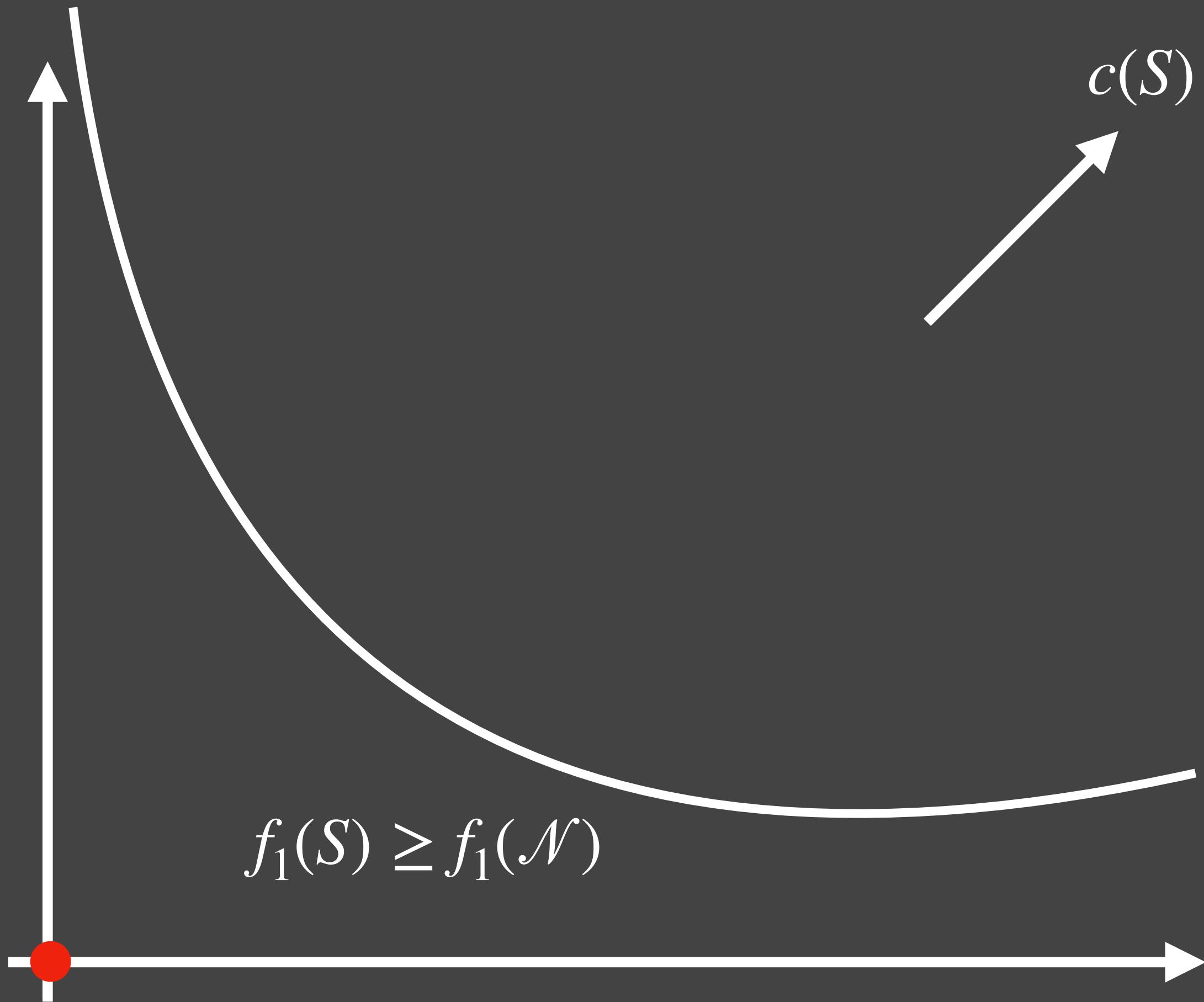
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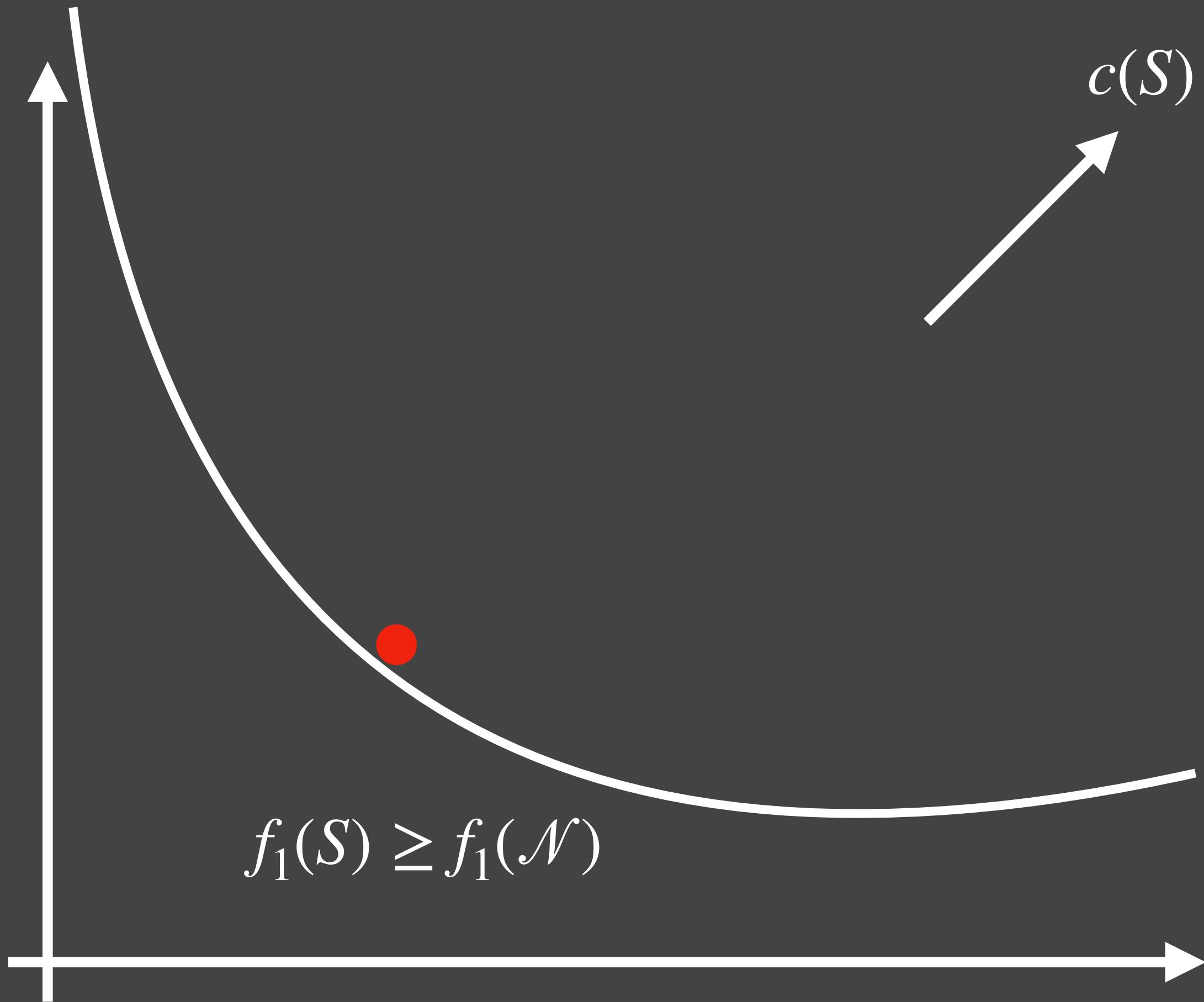
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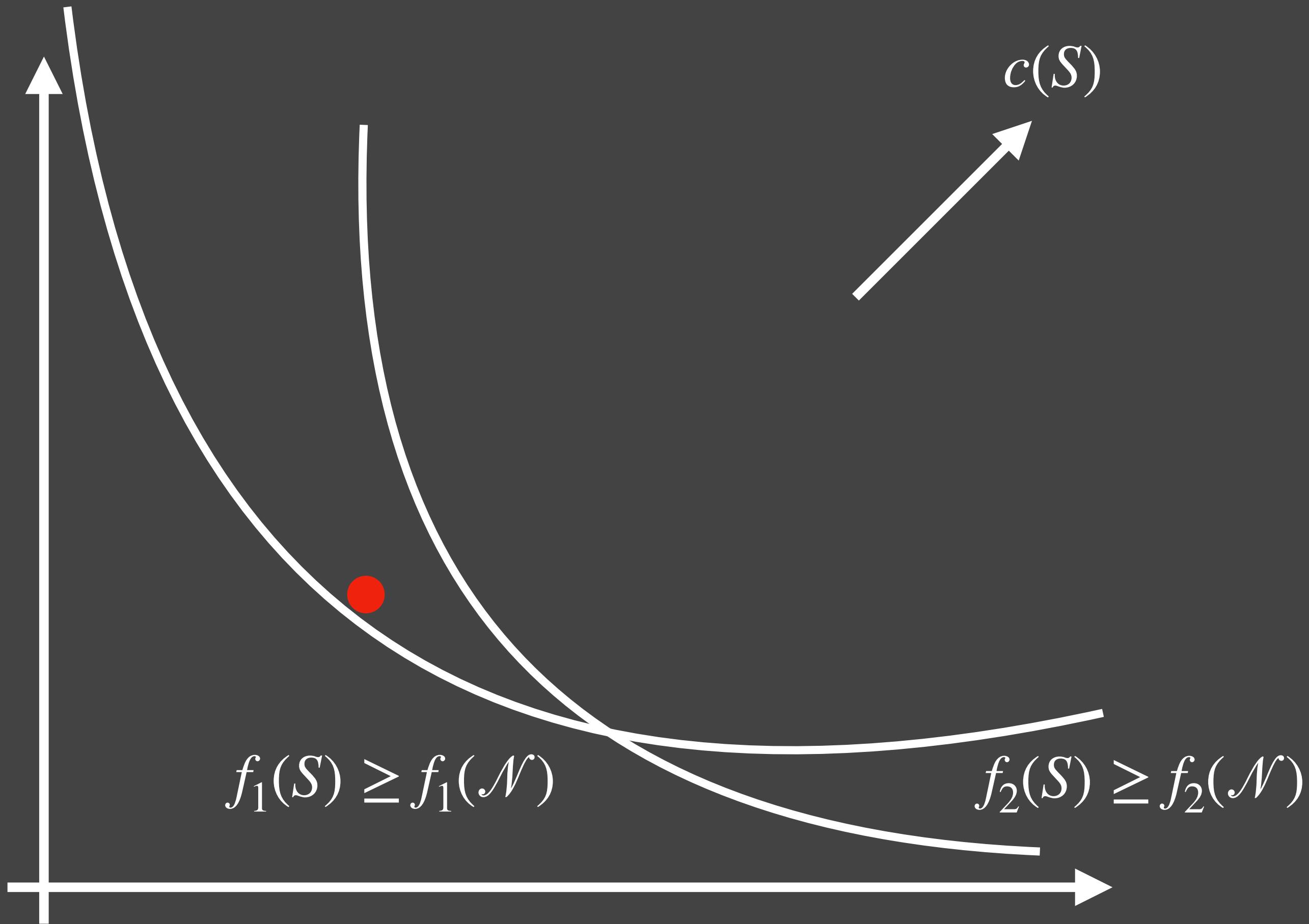
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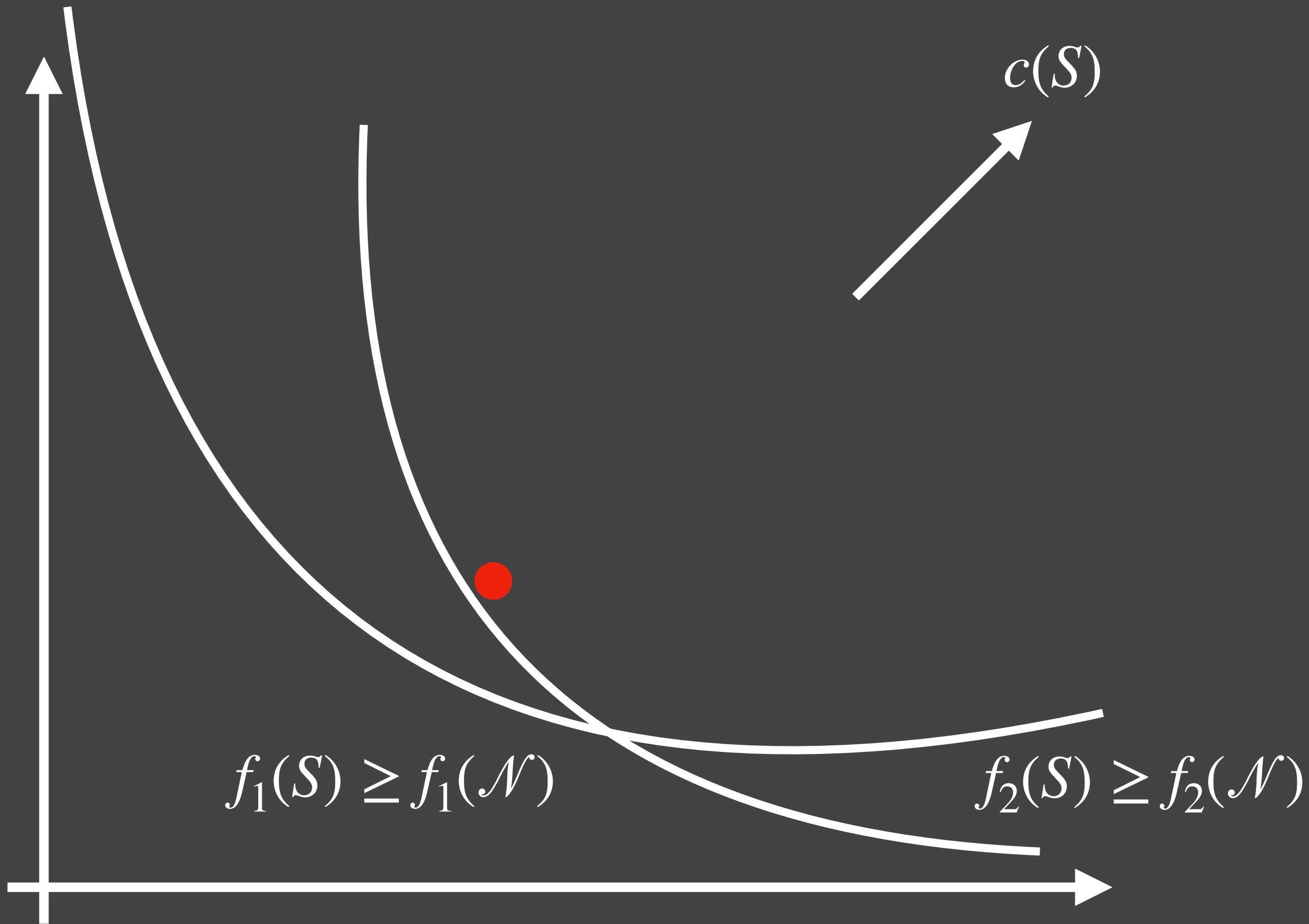
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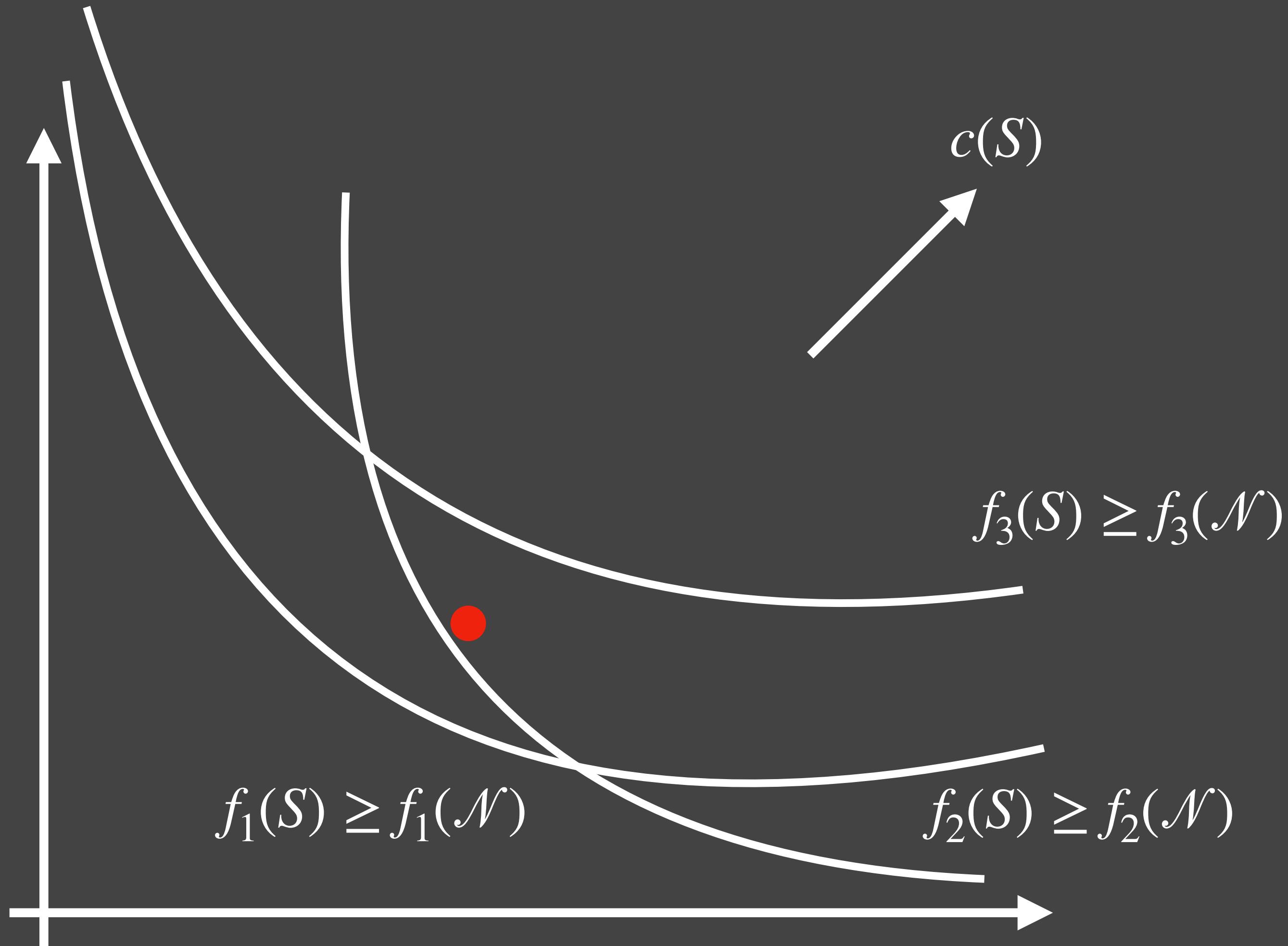
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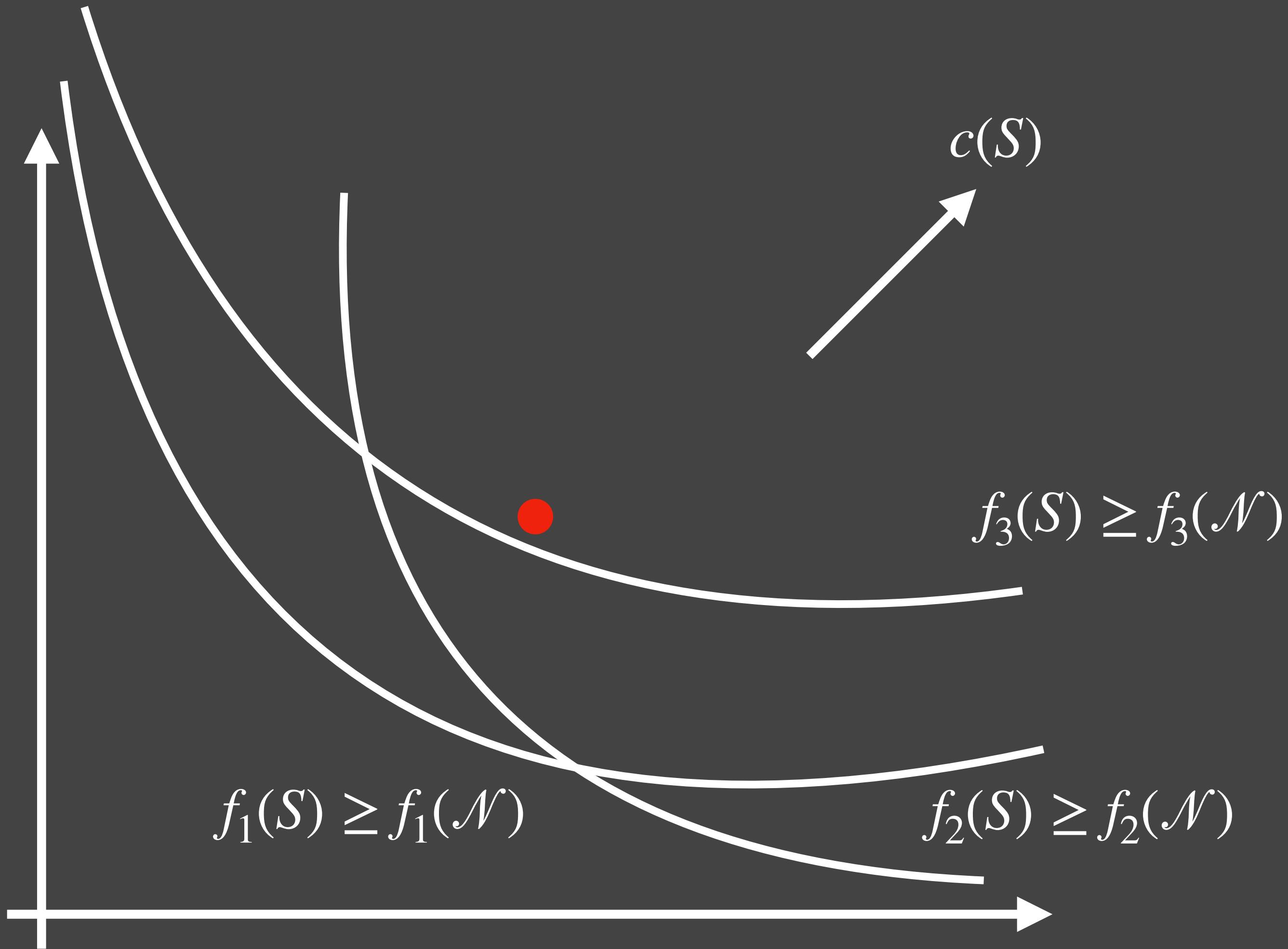
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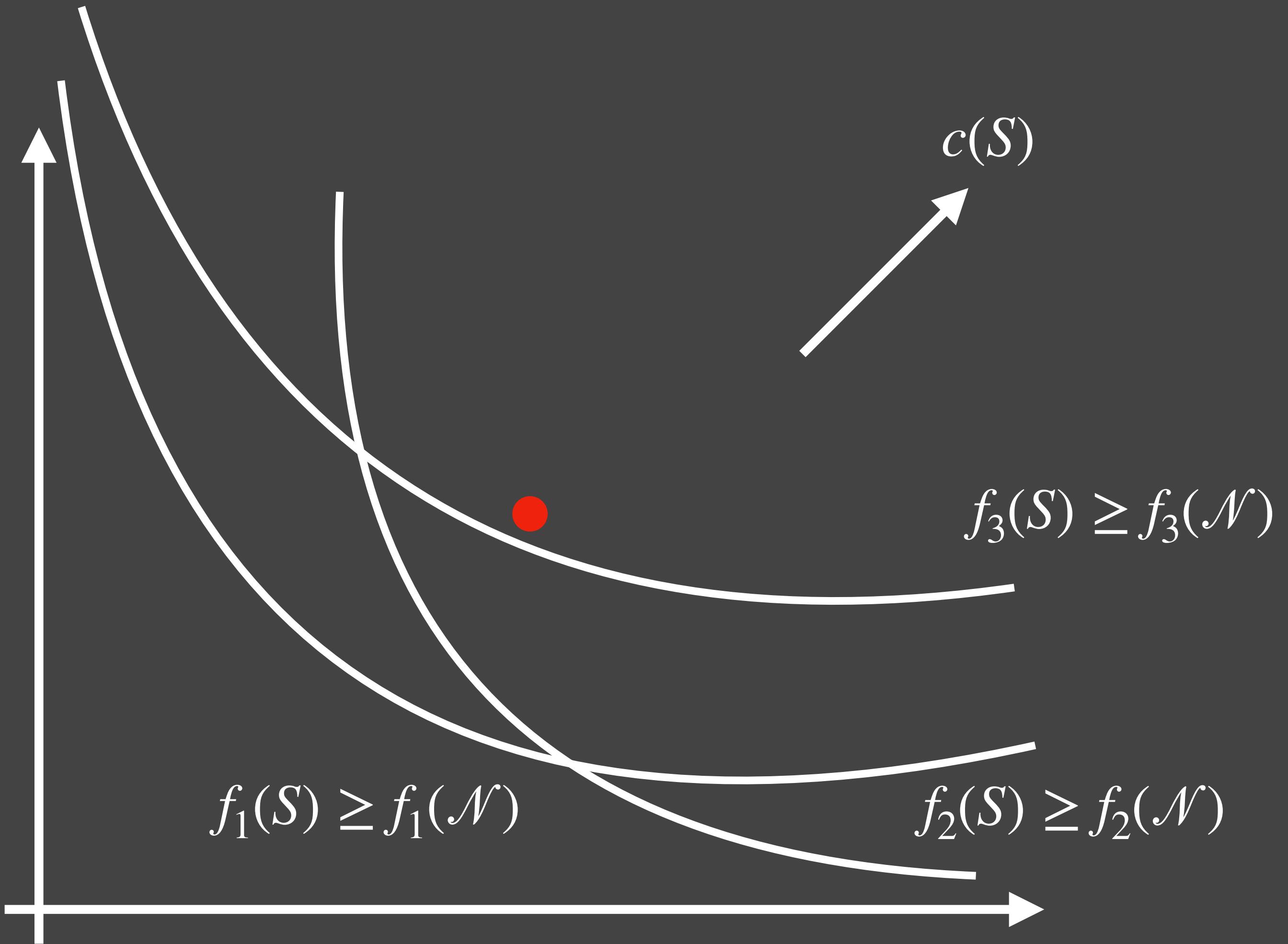
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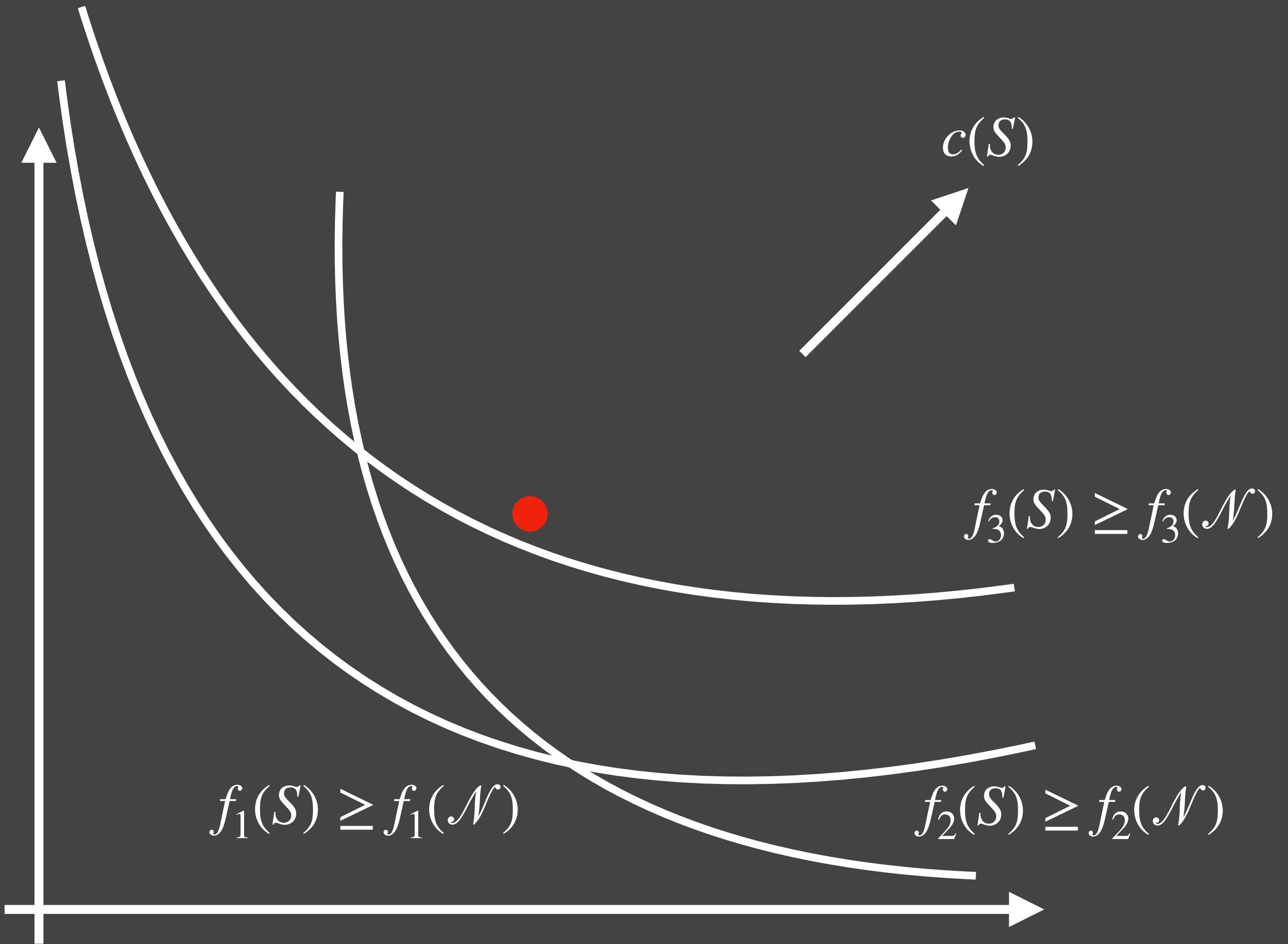


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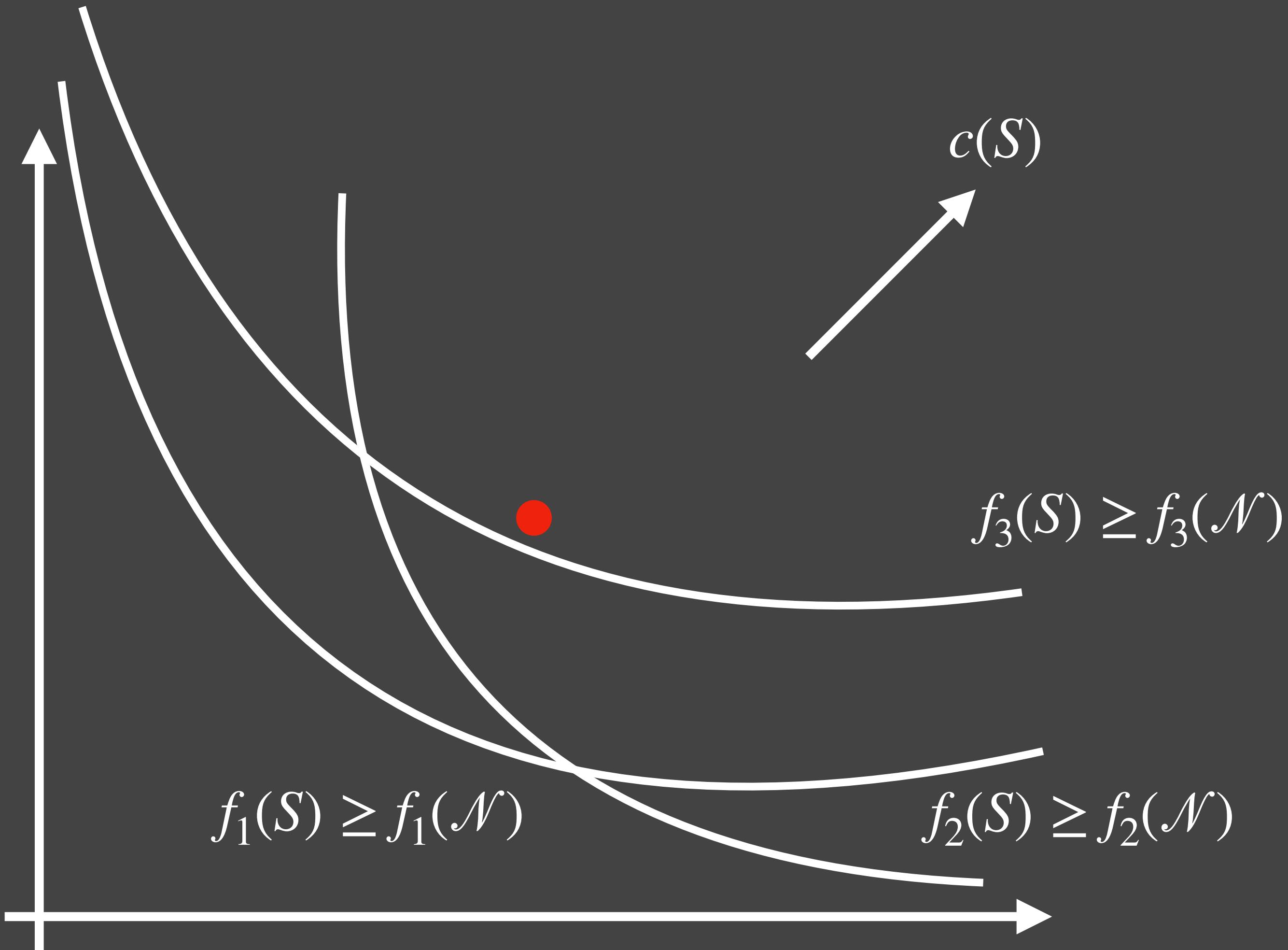
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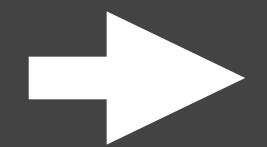


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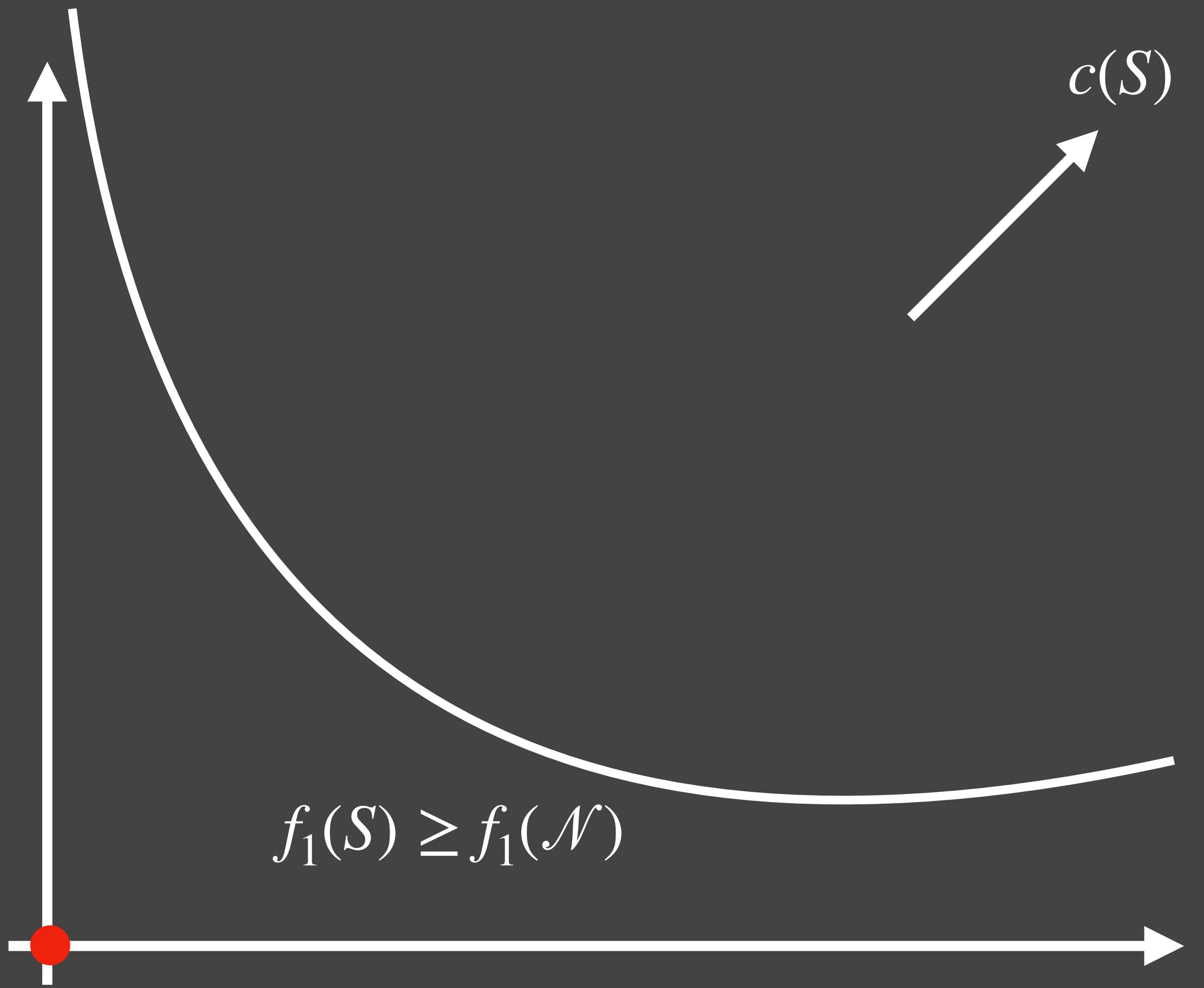
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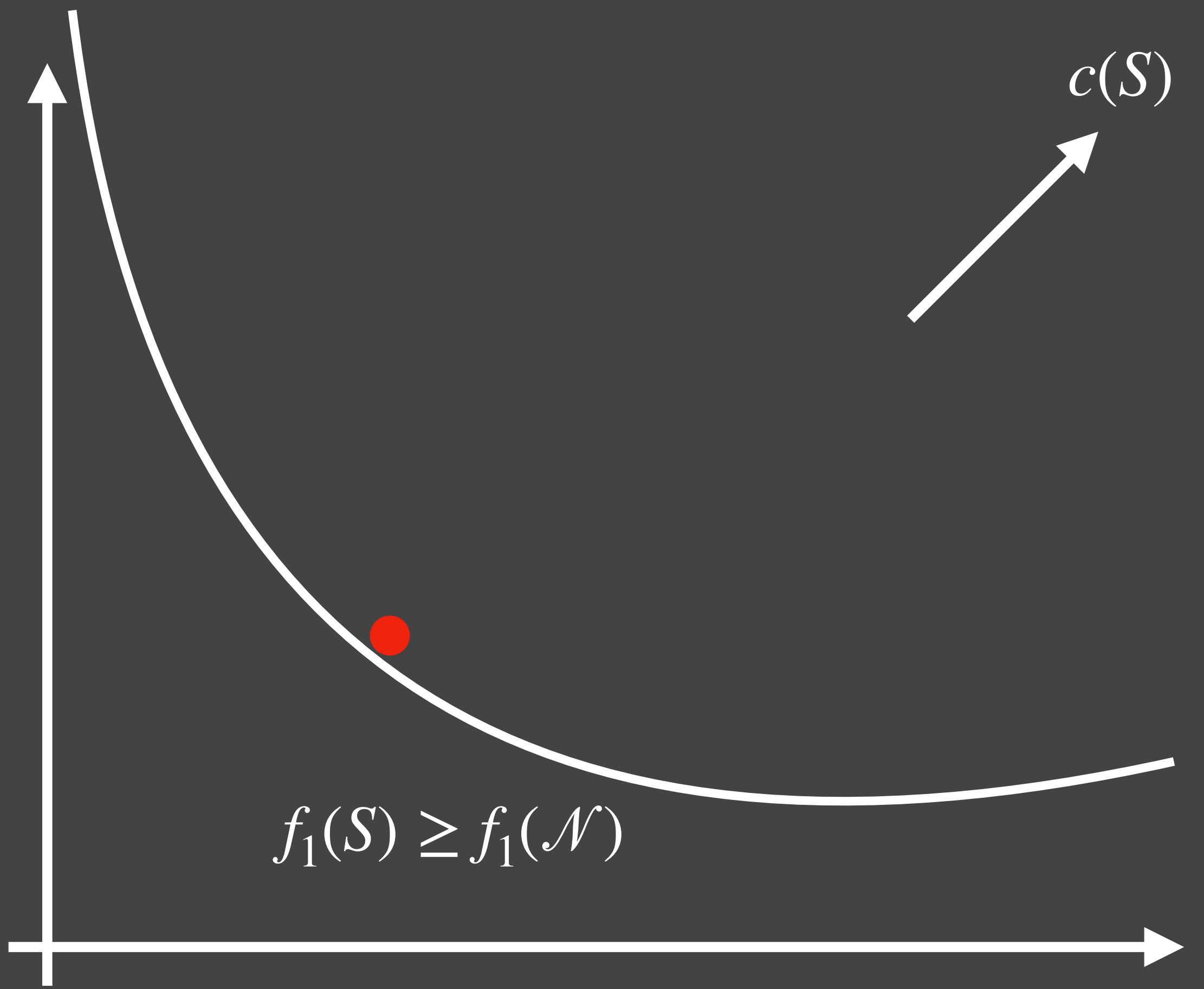
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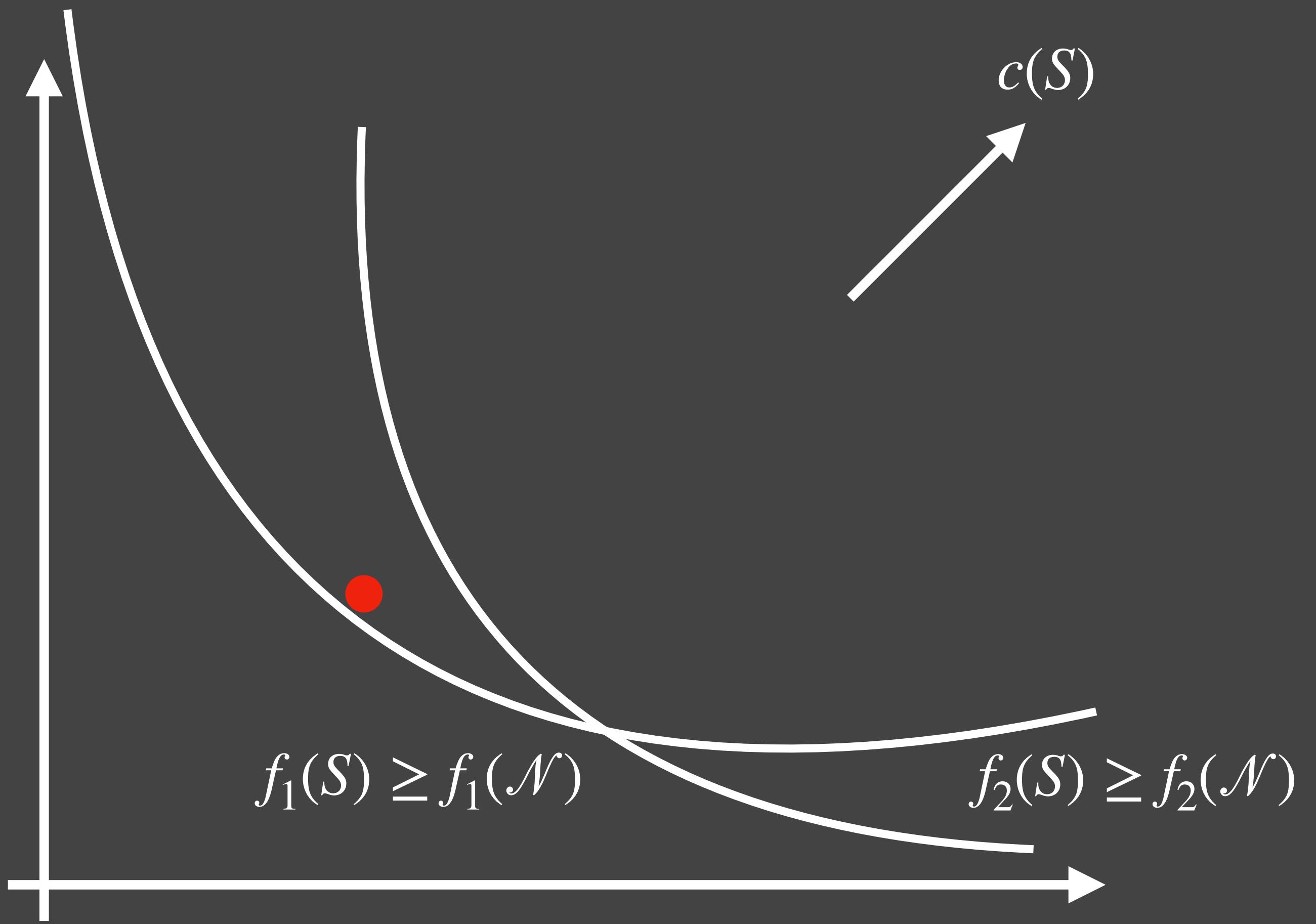
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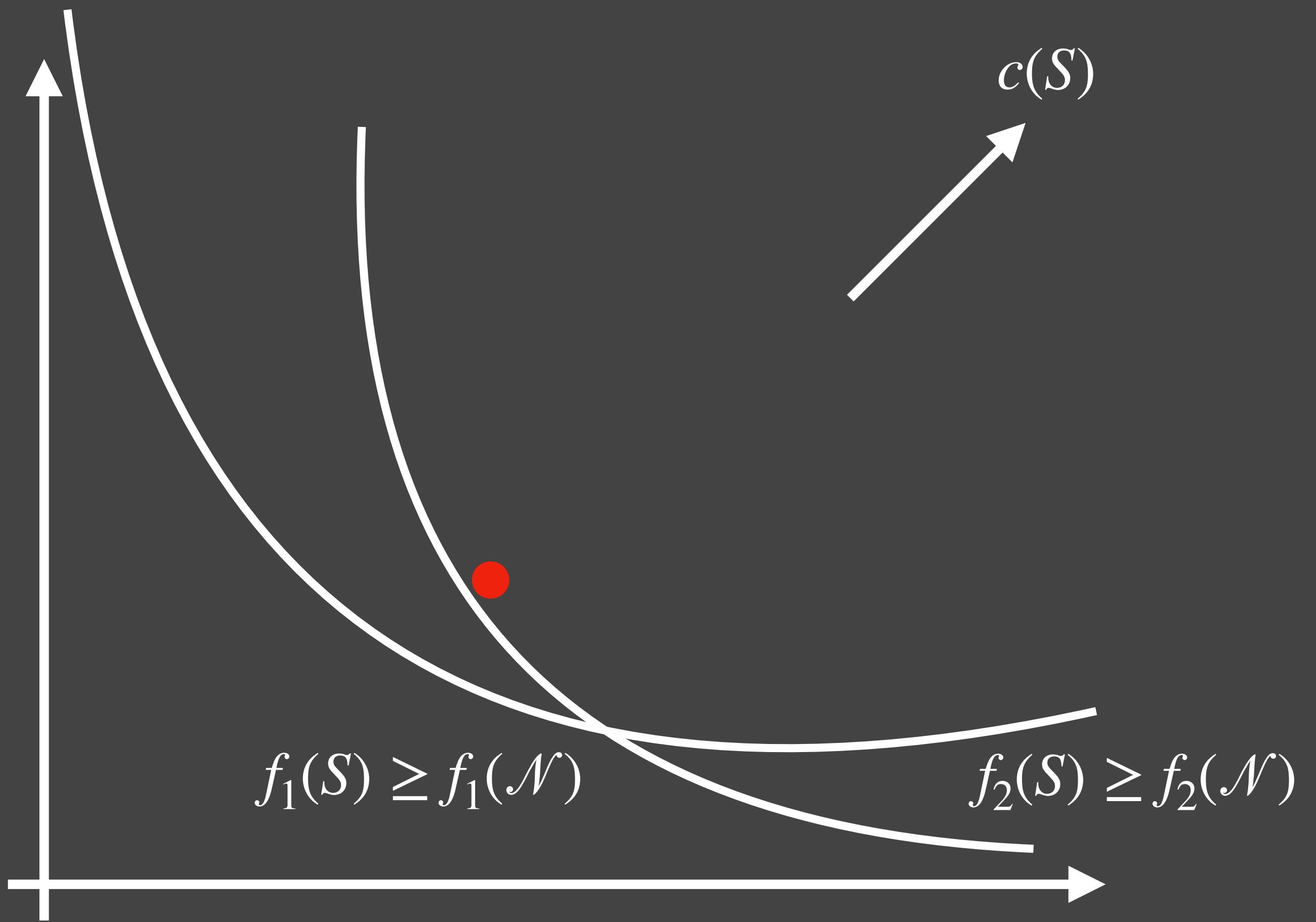
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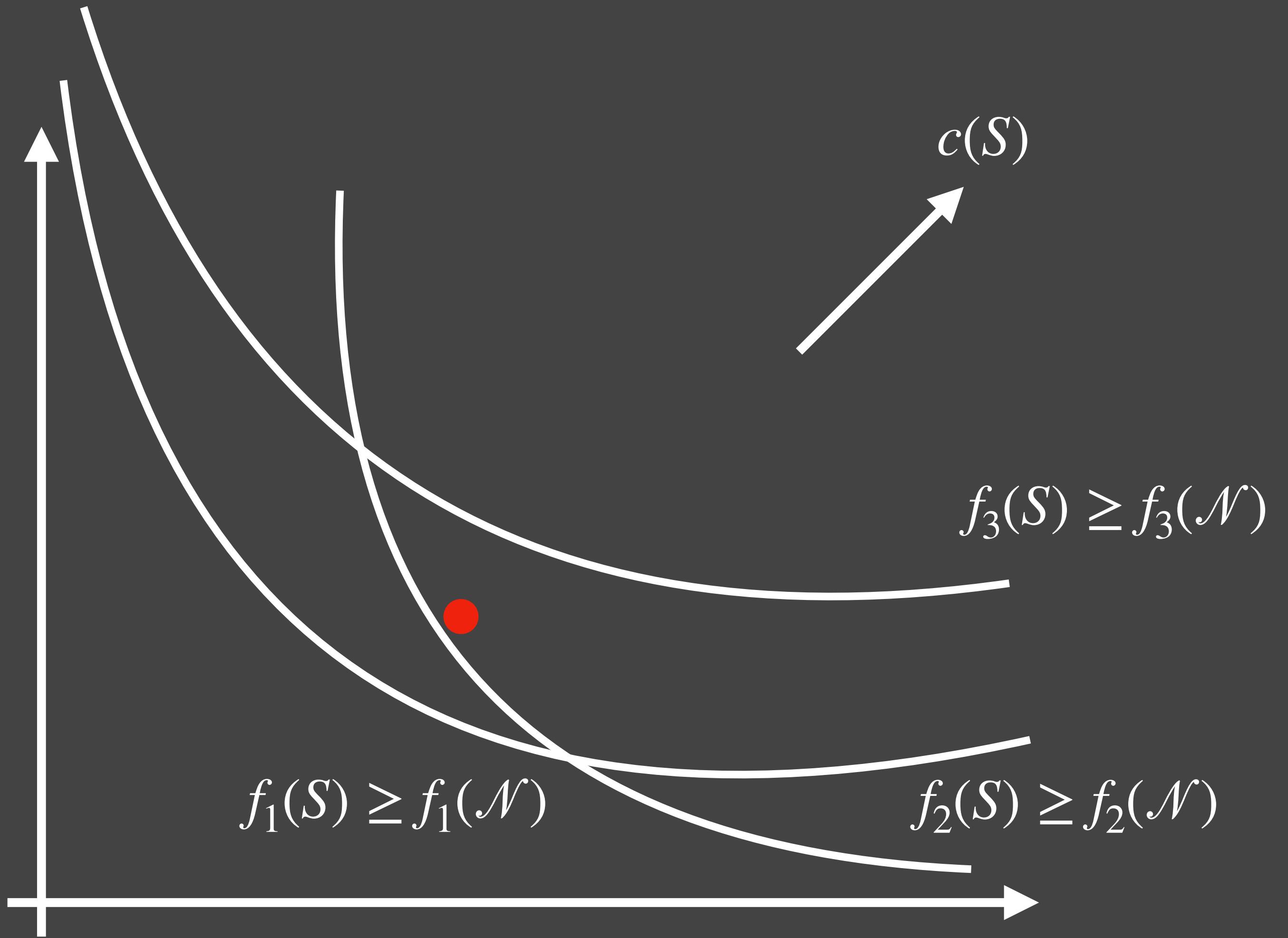
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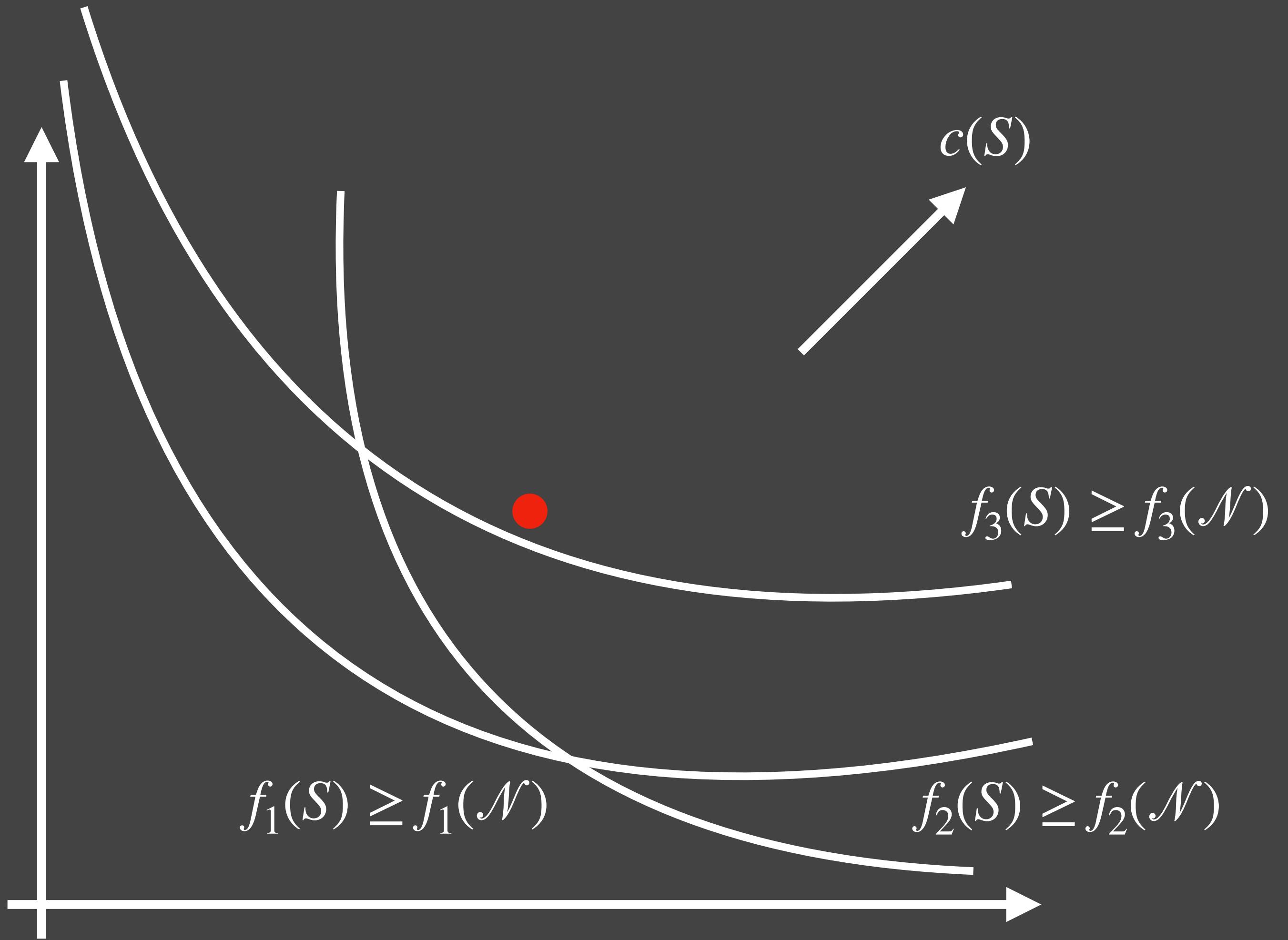
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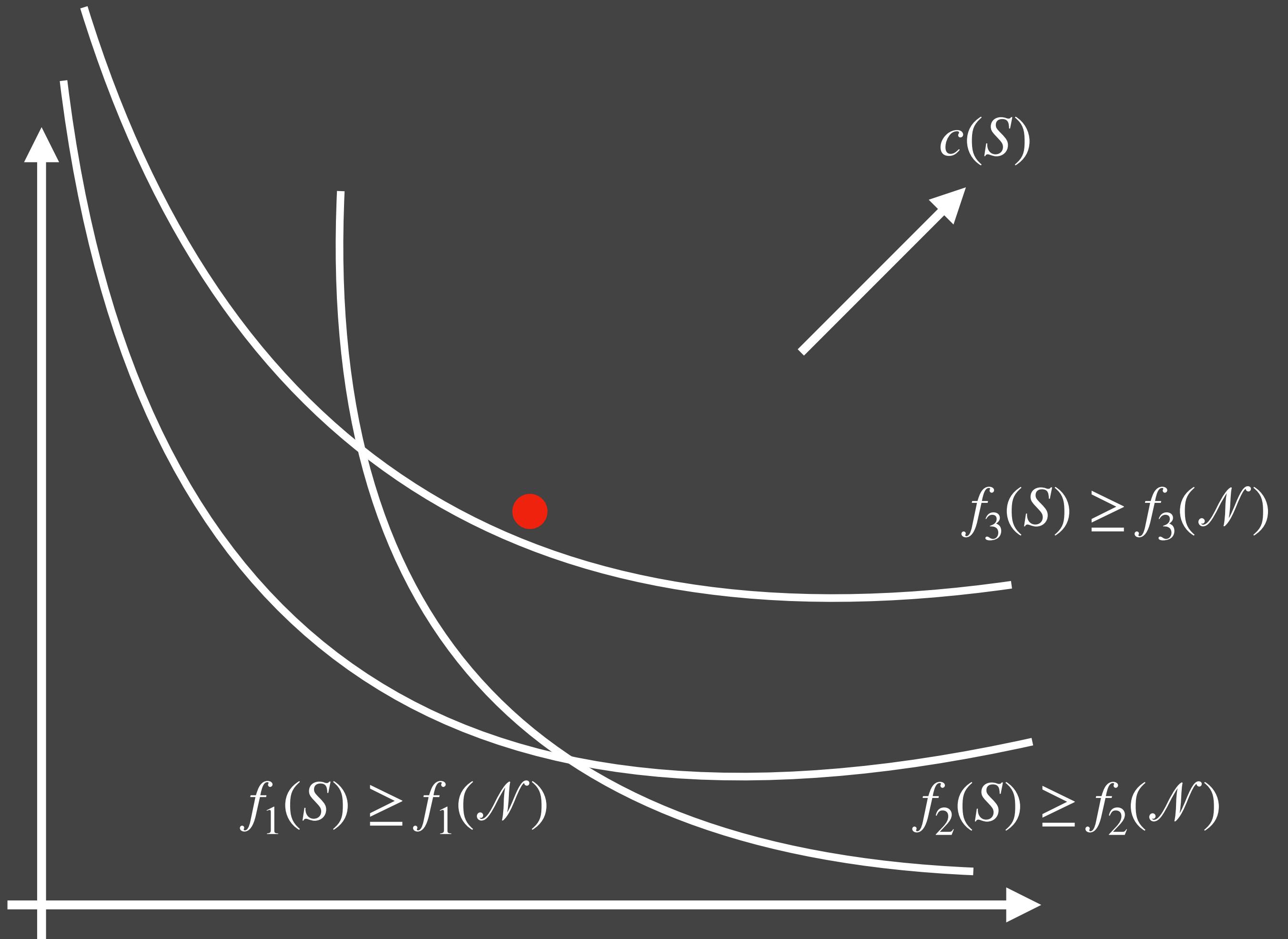
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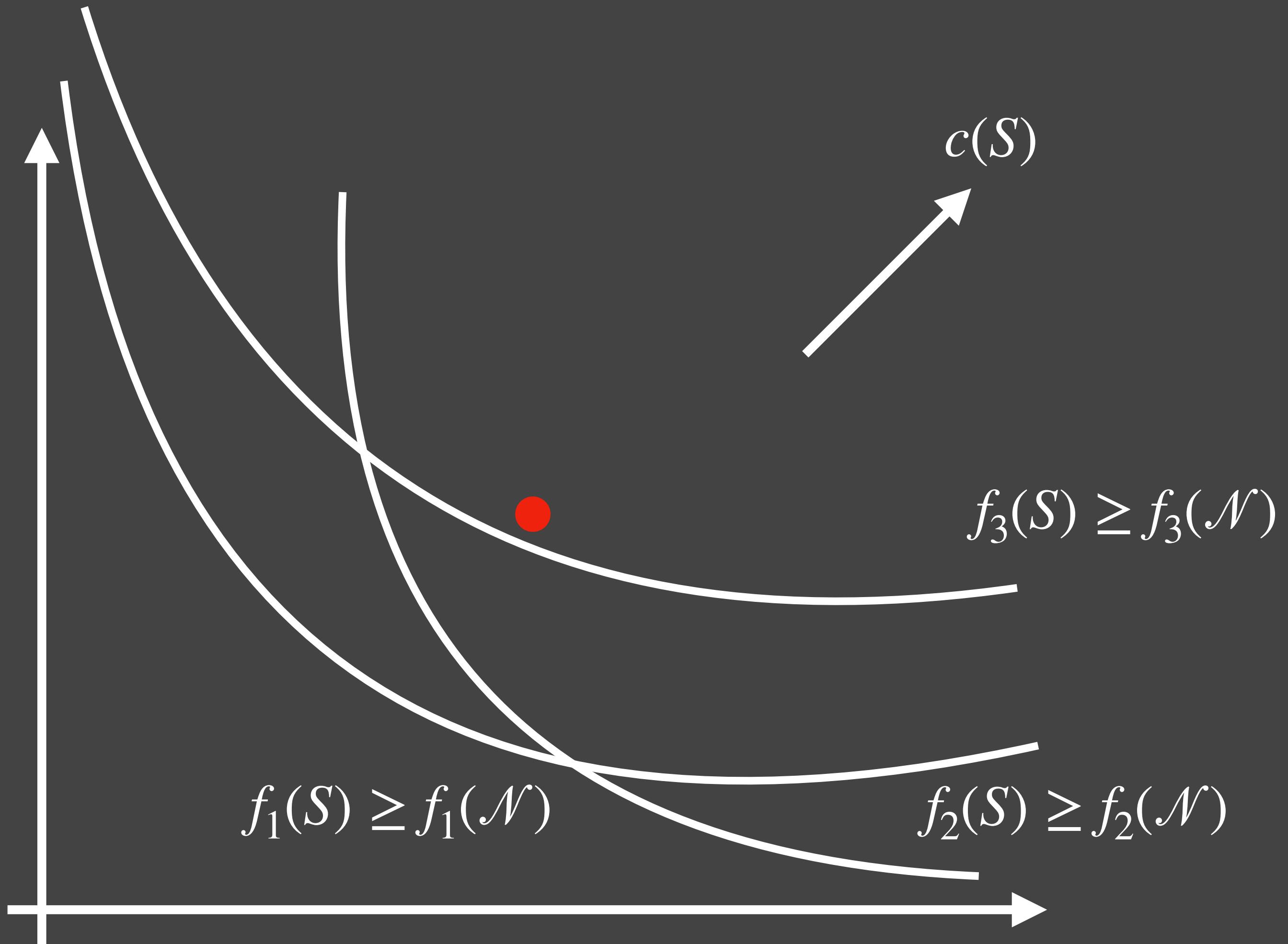
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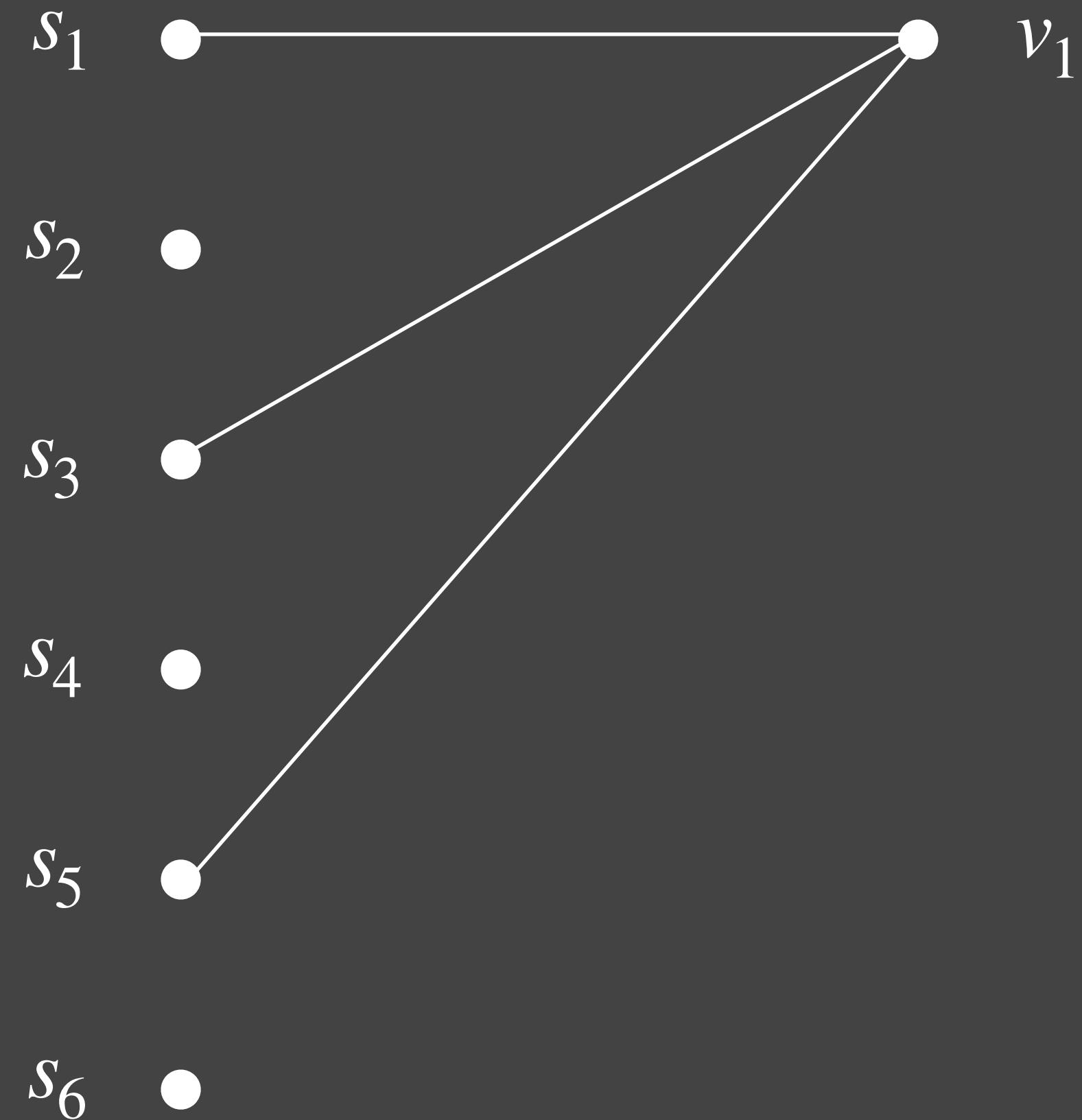
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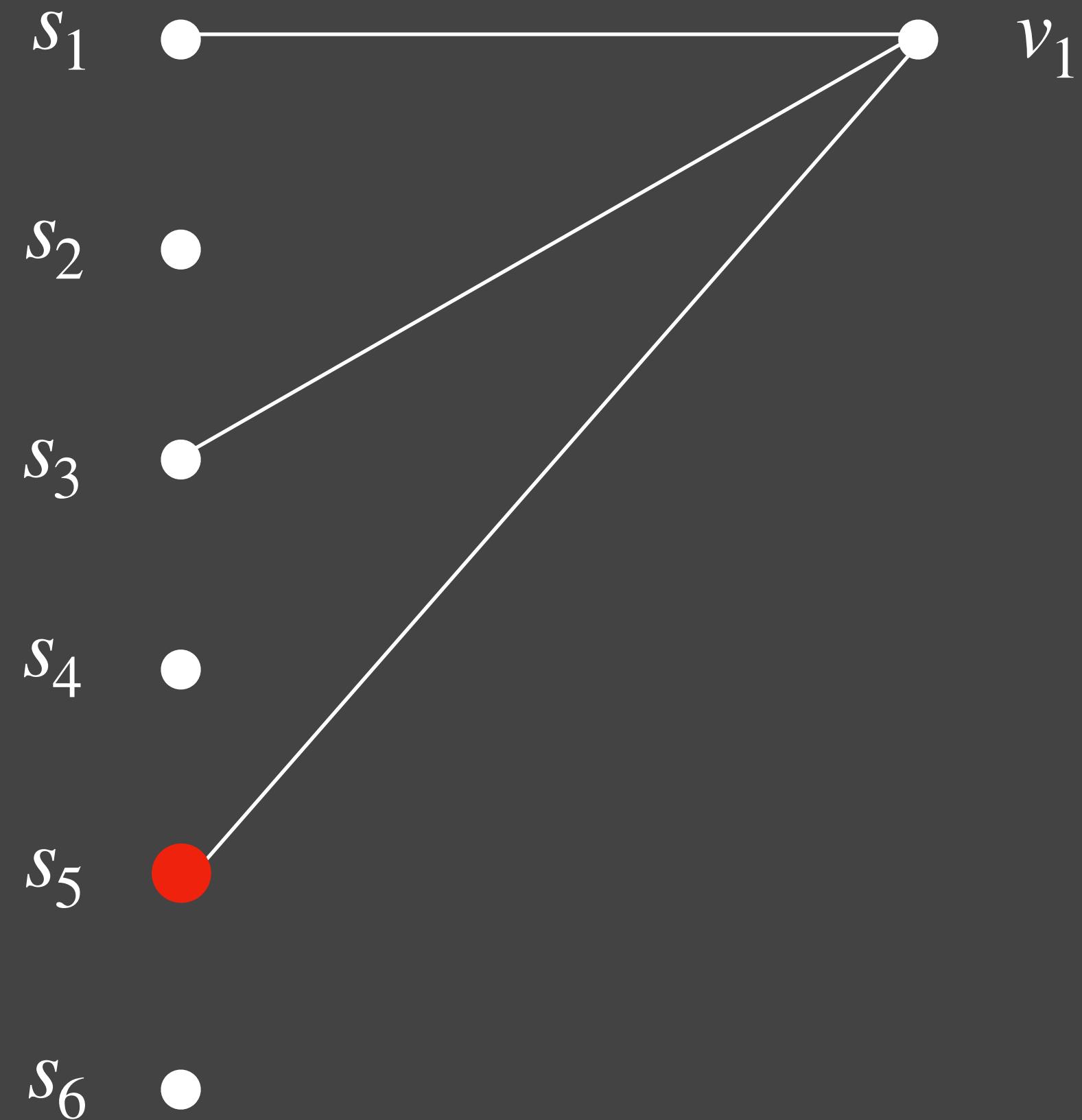
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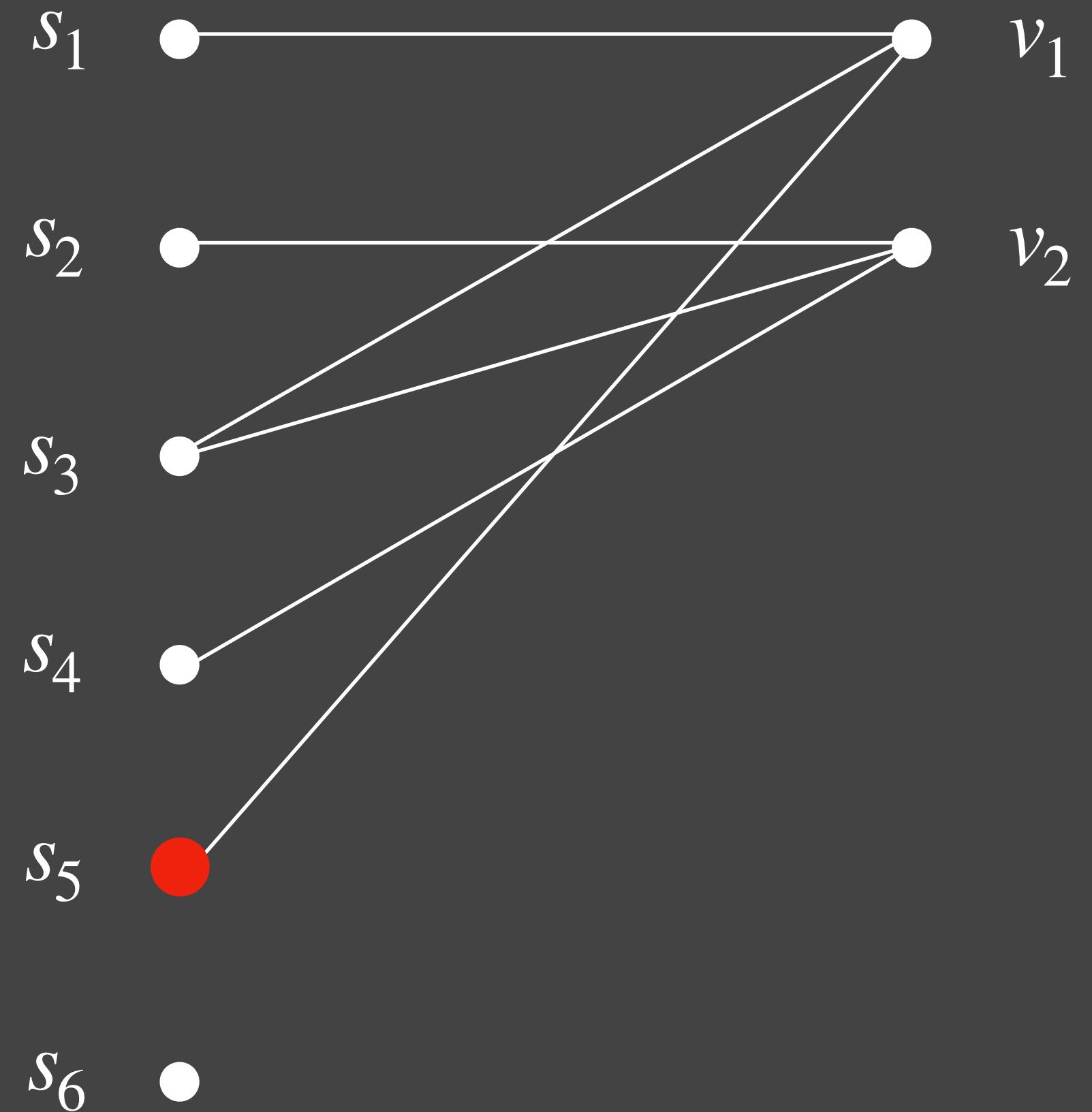
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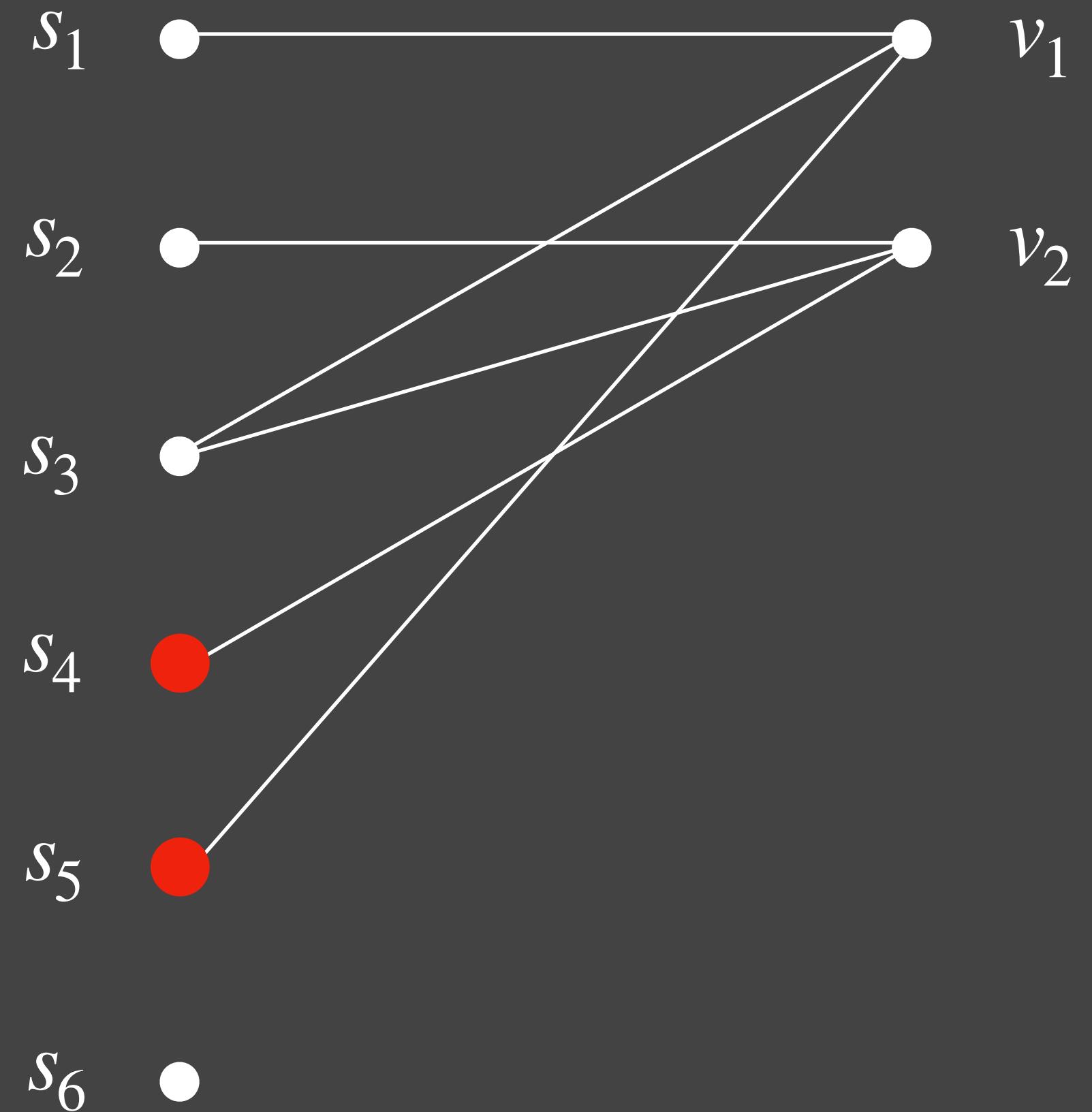
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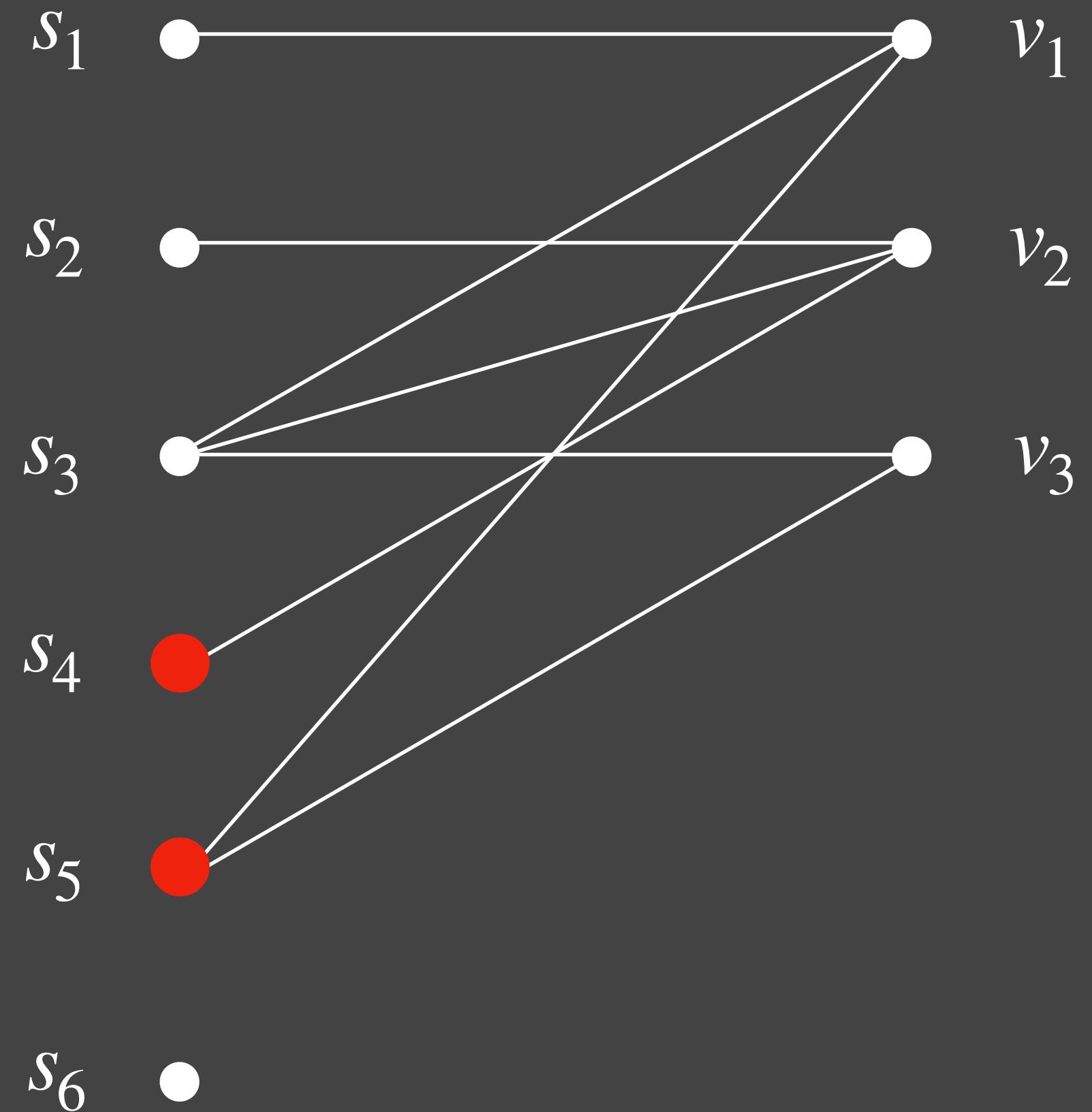
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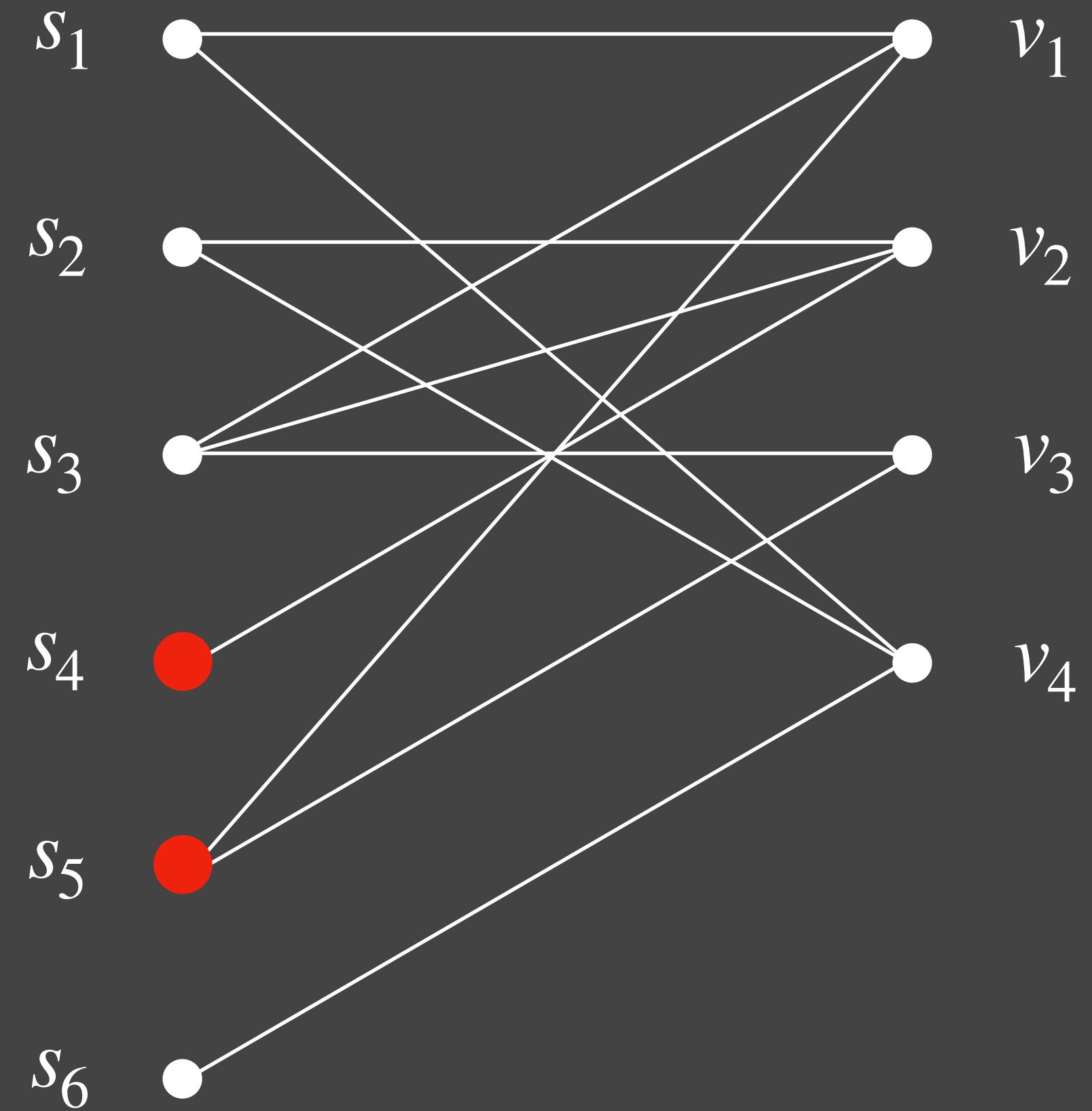
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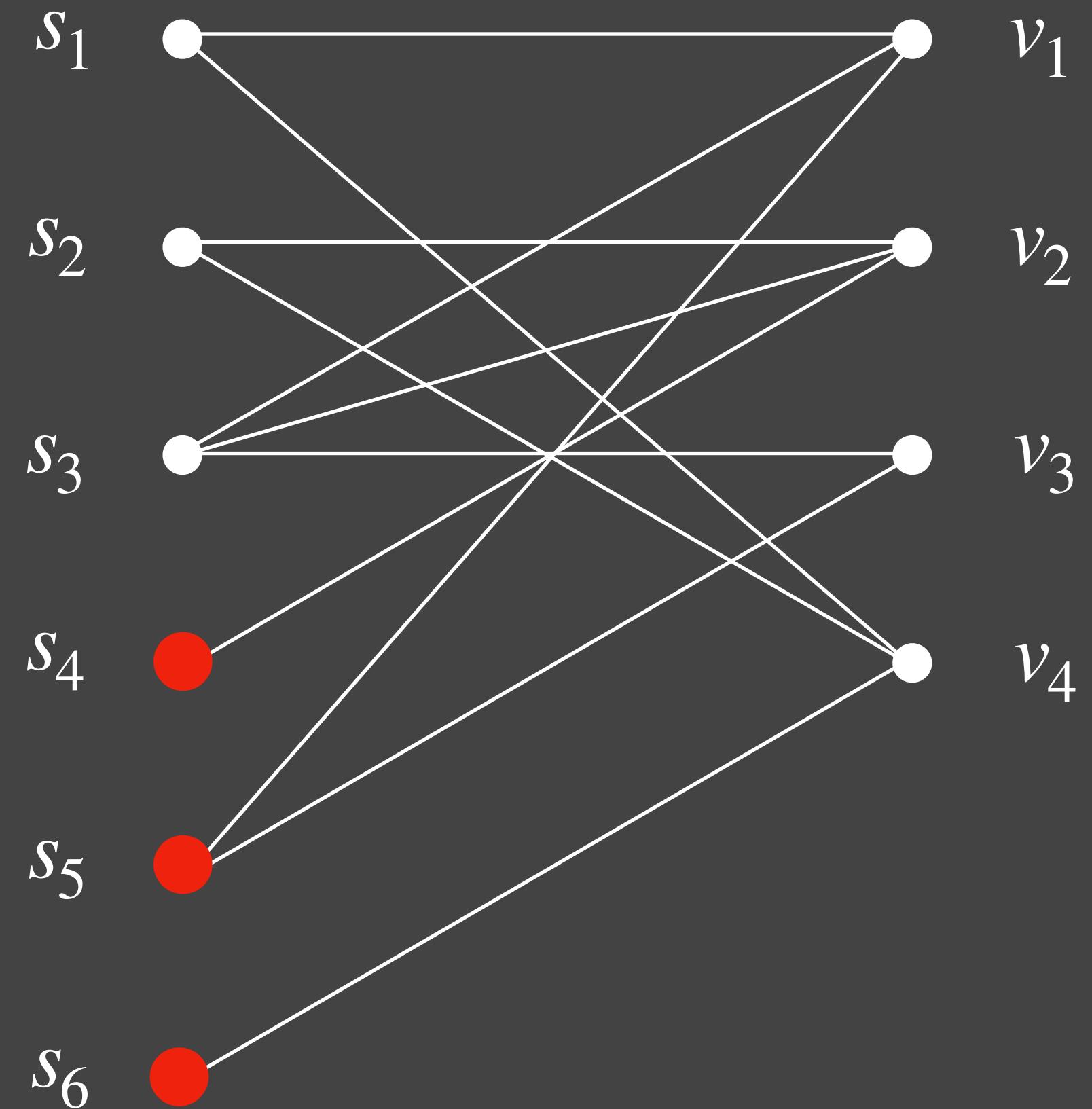
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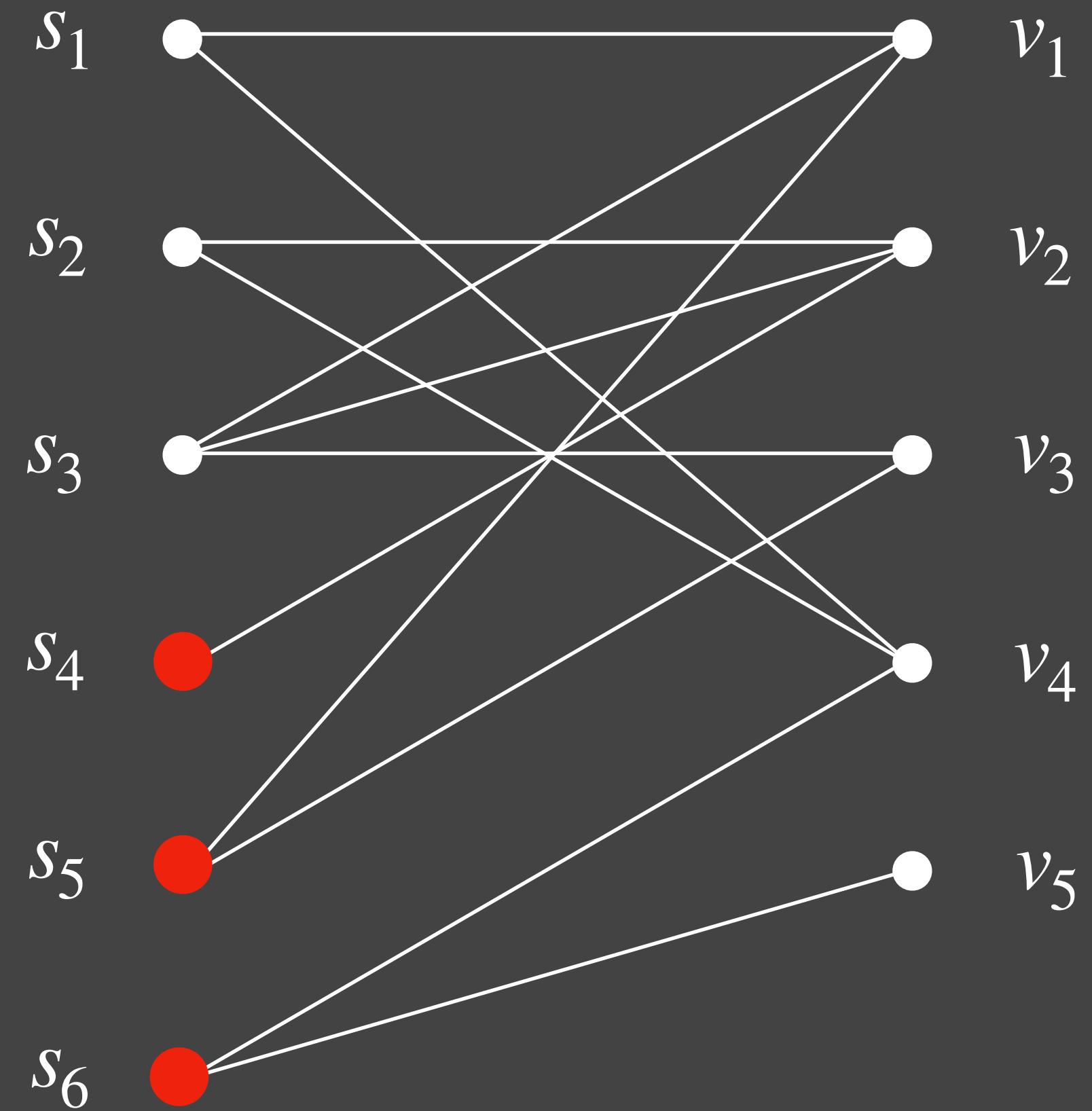
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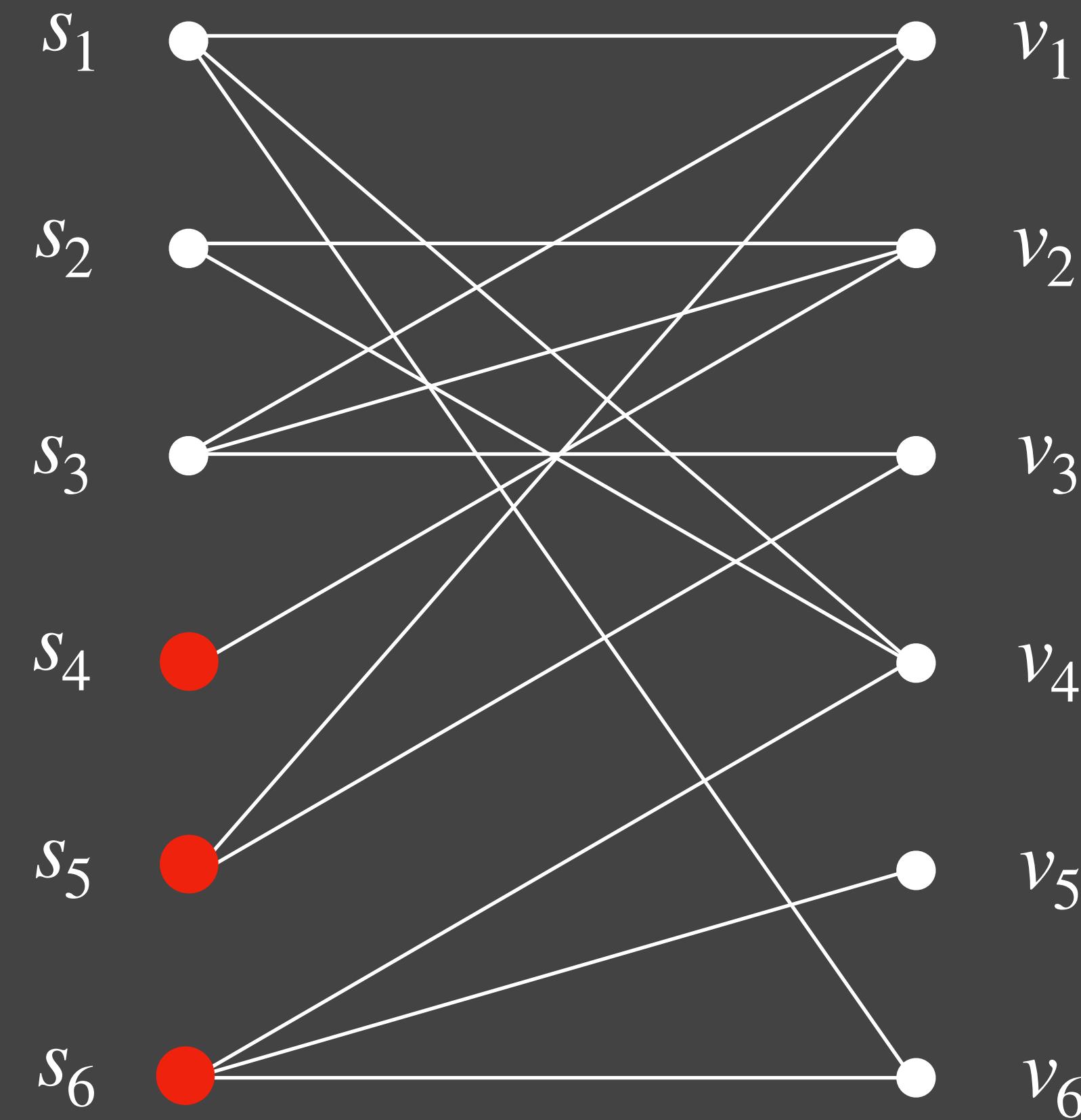
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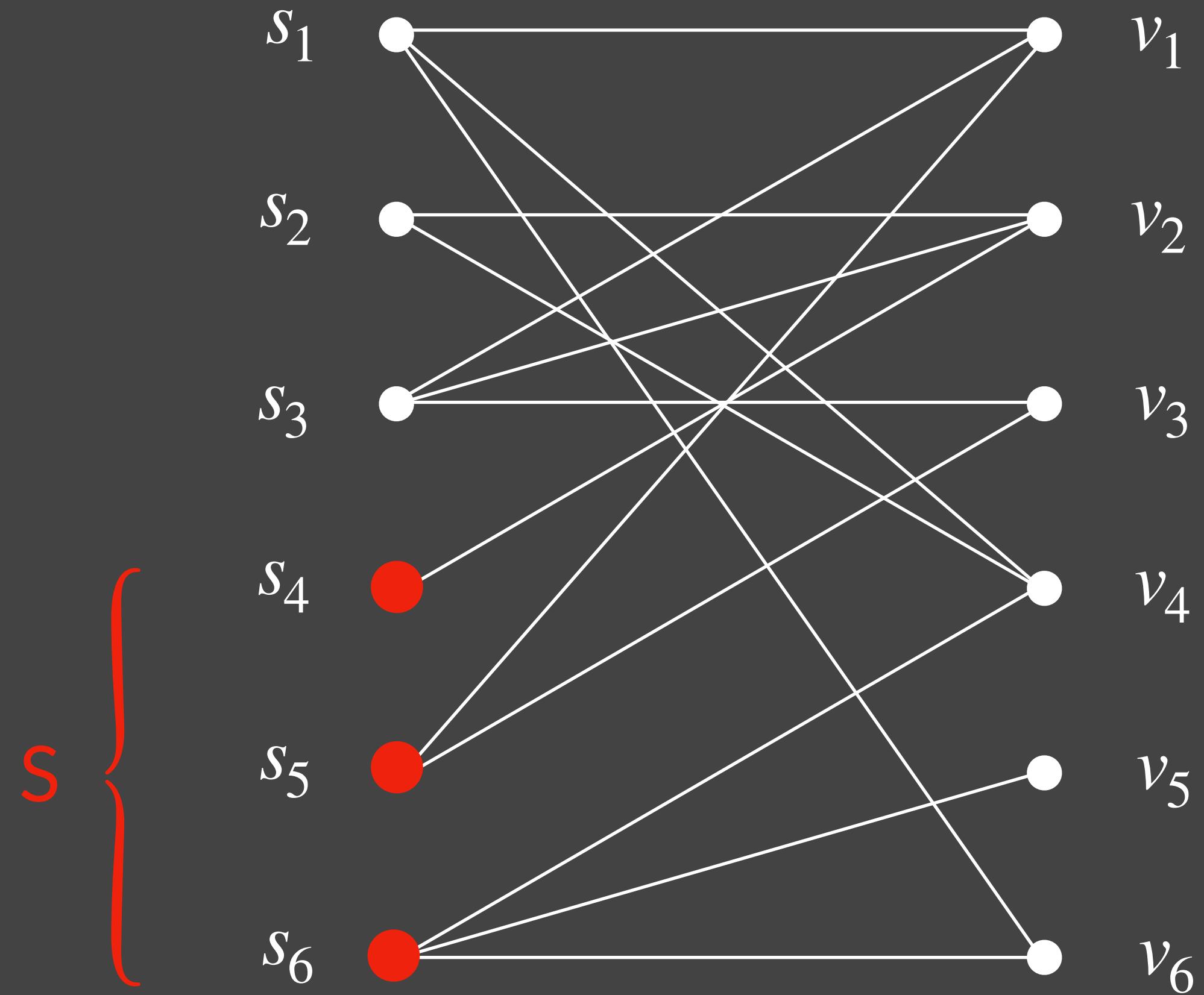
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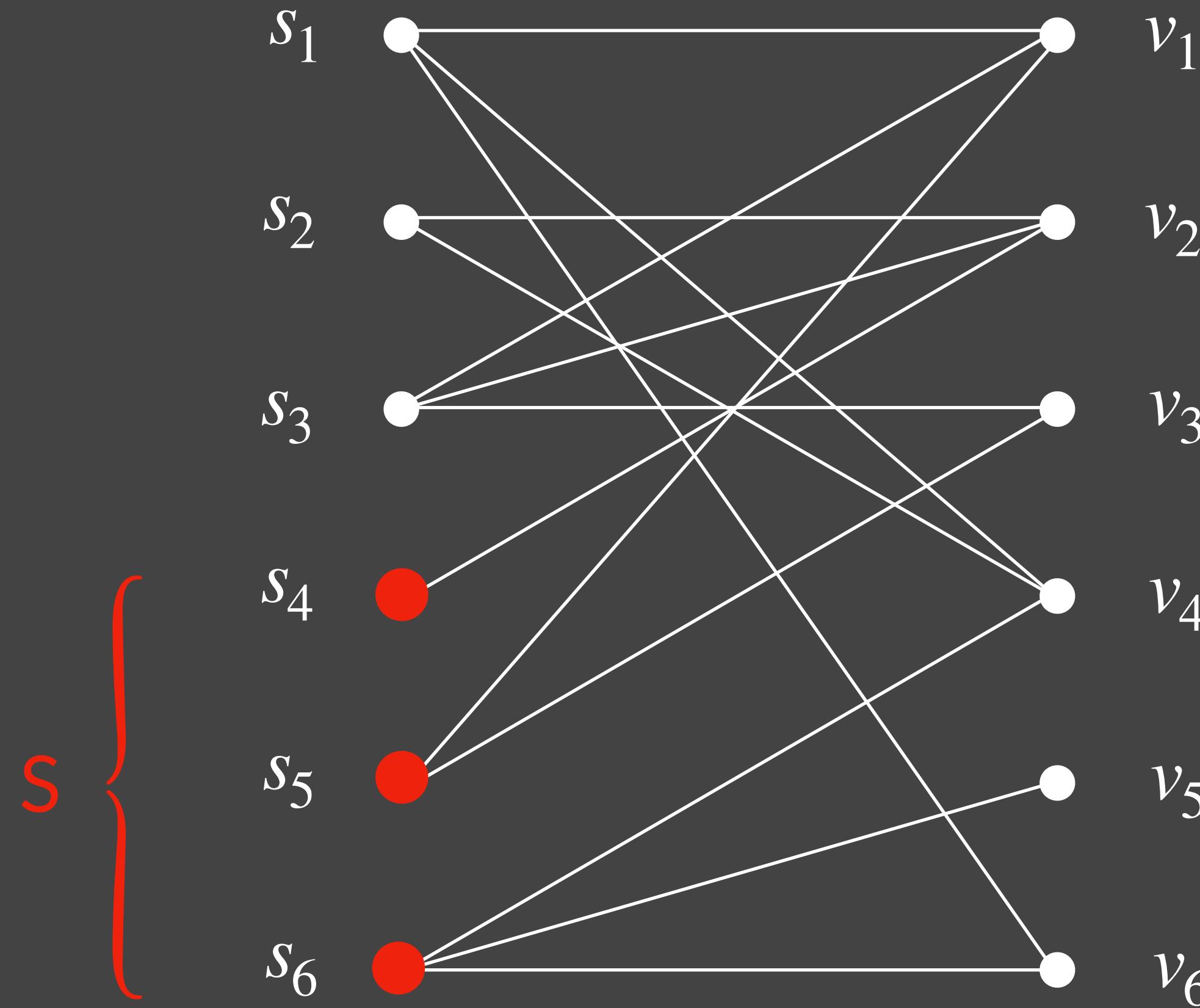
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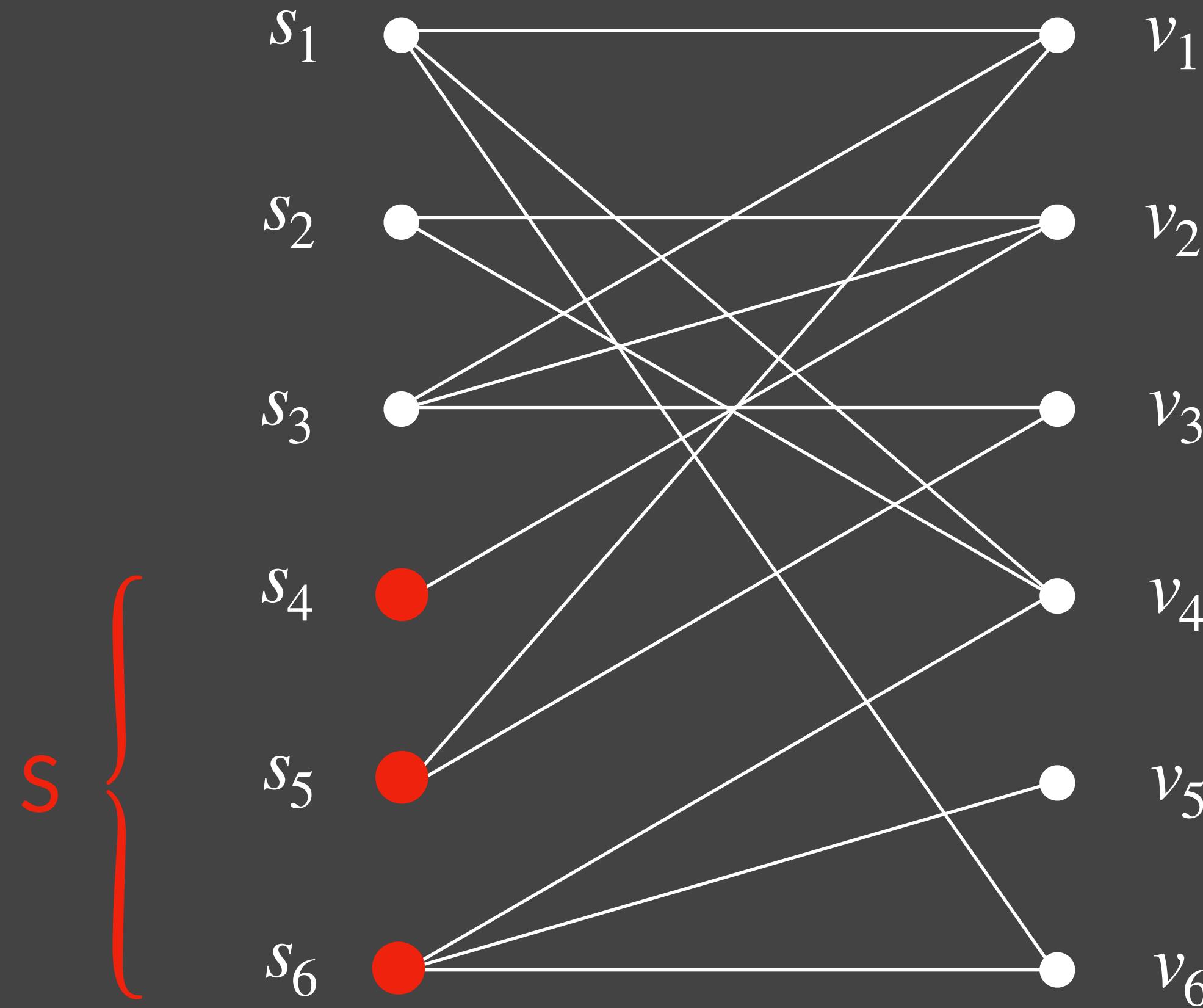
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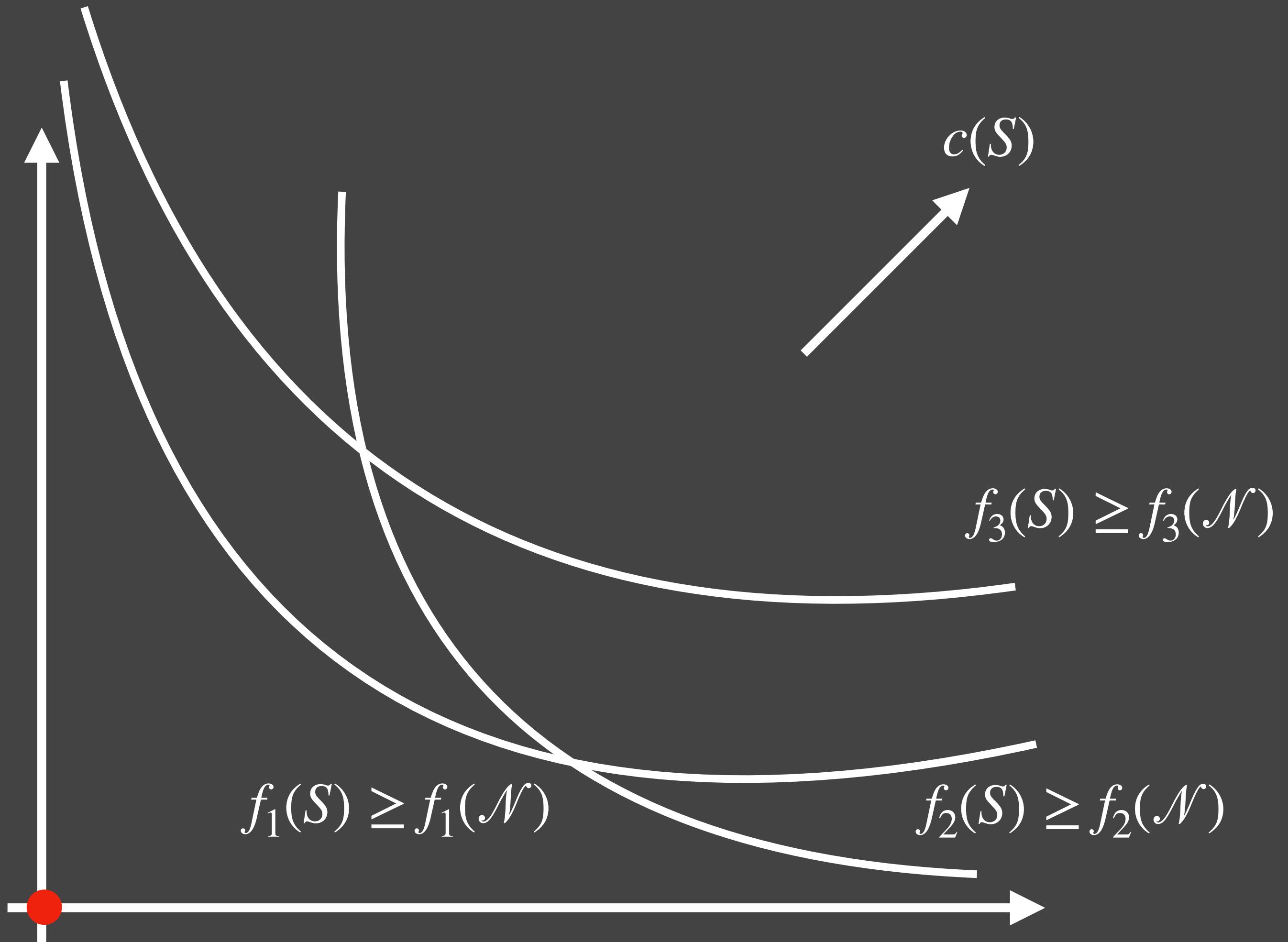
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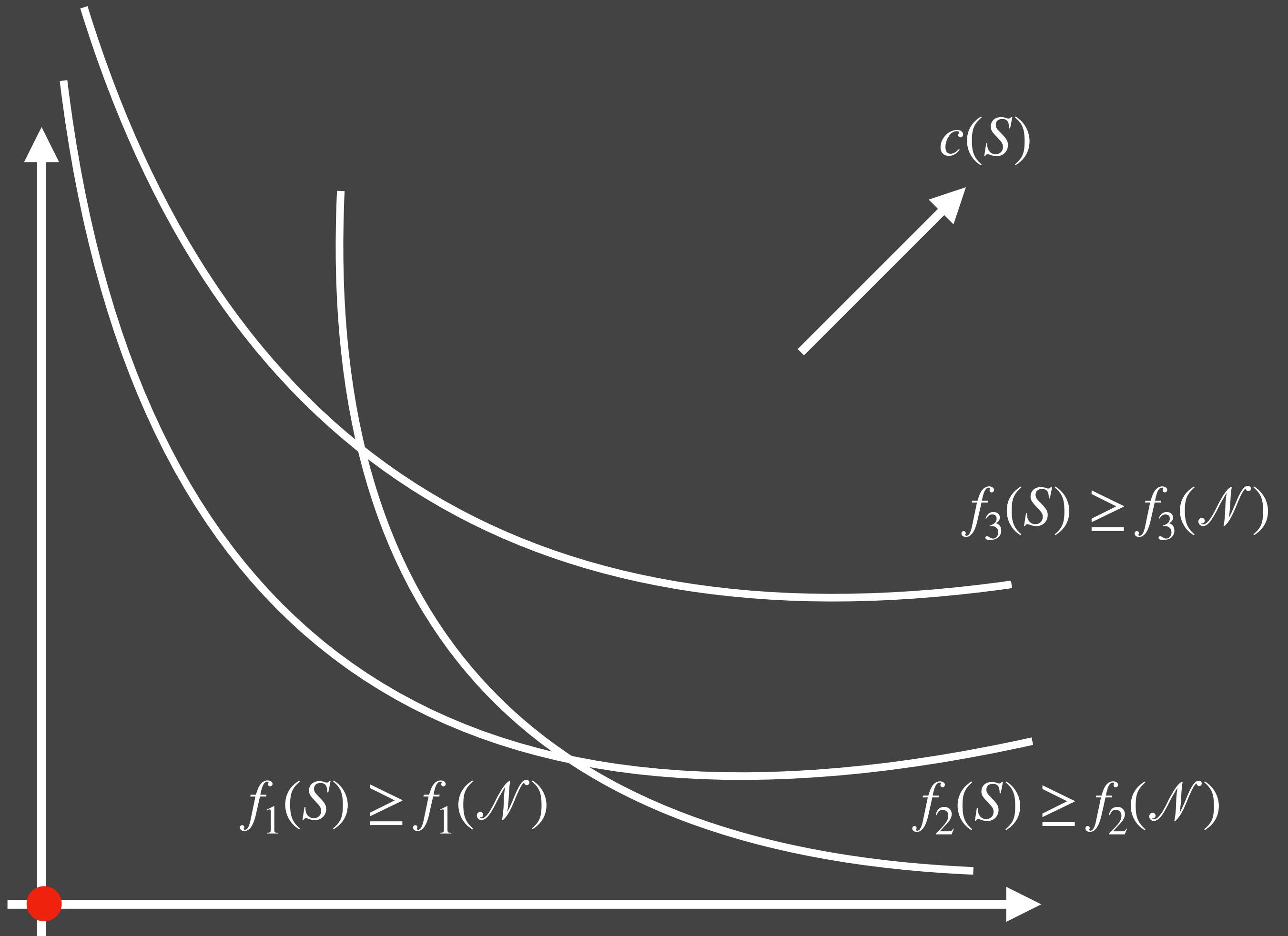
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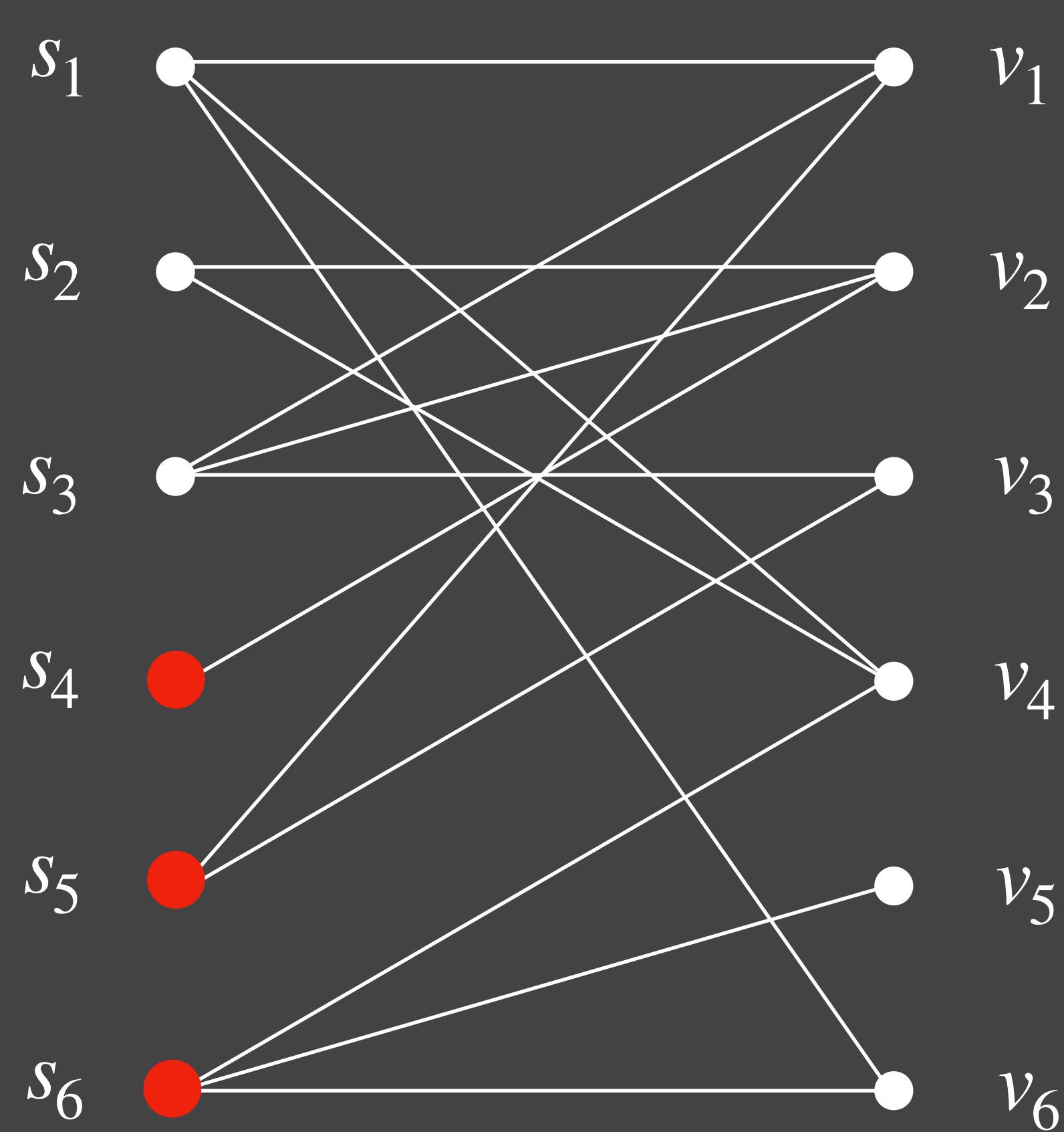


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Theorem [Gupta L. SODA20]:
*There is a randomized poly time algo for **Online Submod Cover** with expected competitive ratio:*

$$O(\log m \cdot \log F(\mathcal{N})).$$

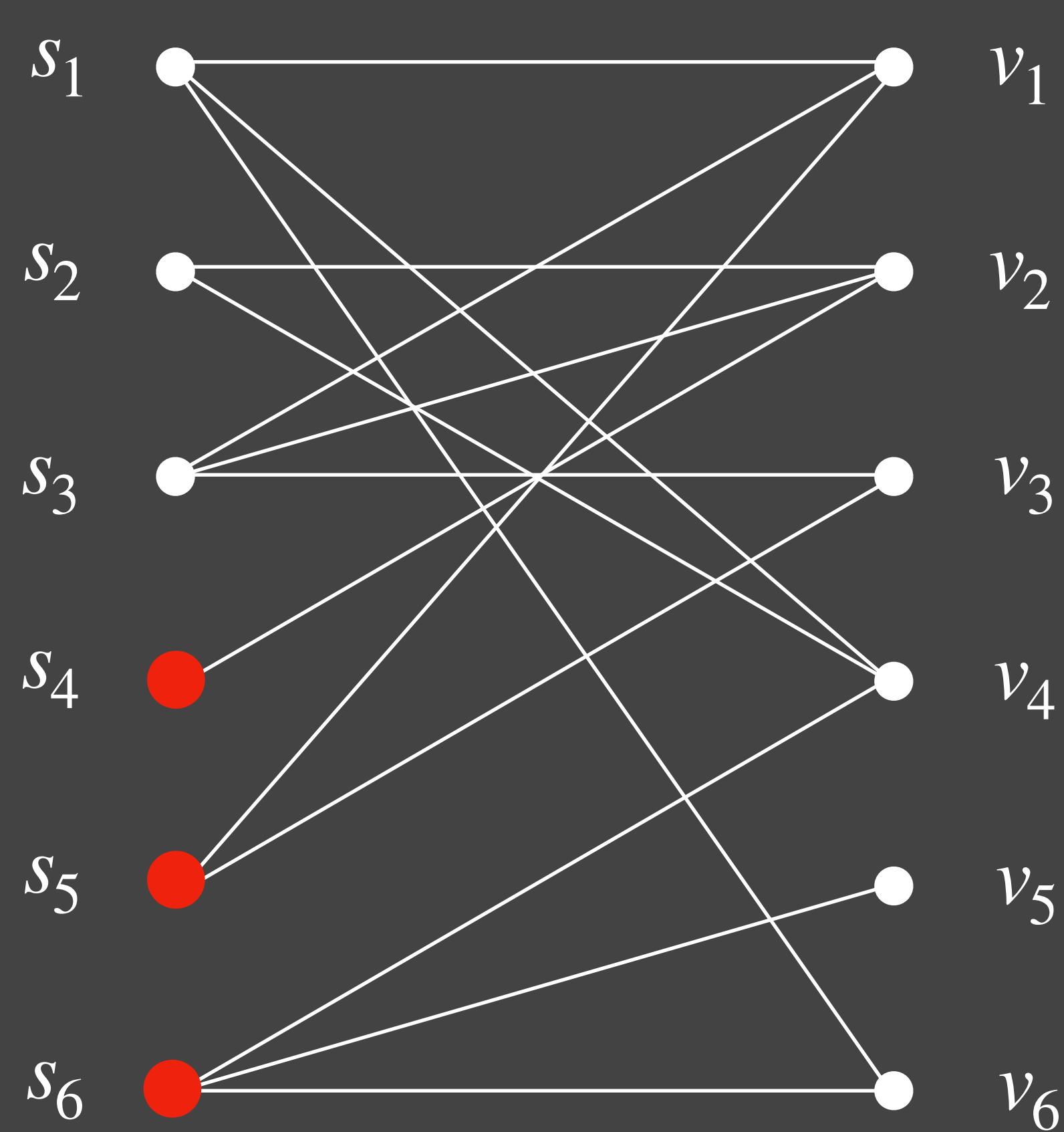
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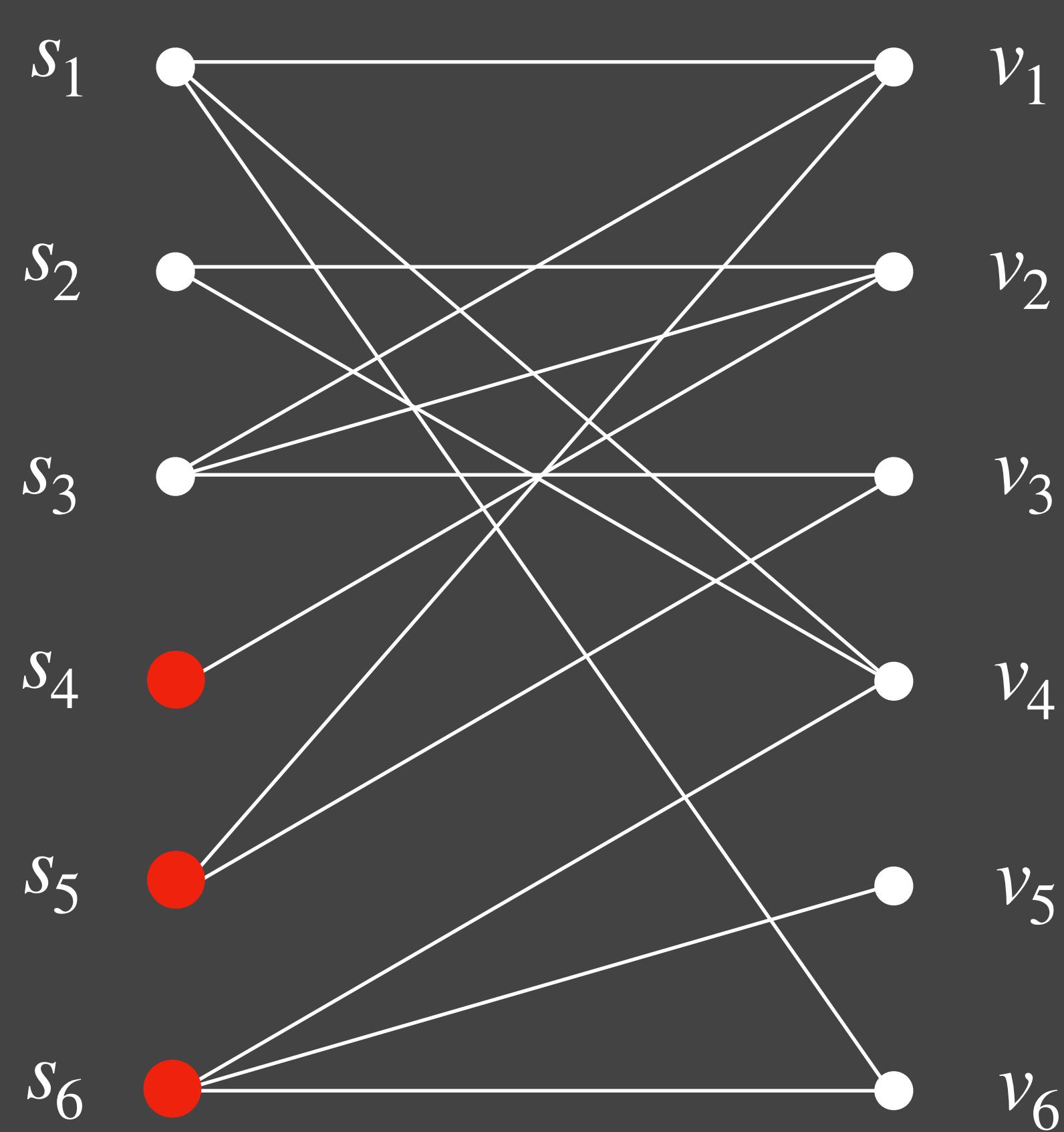
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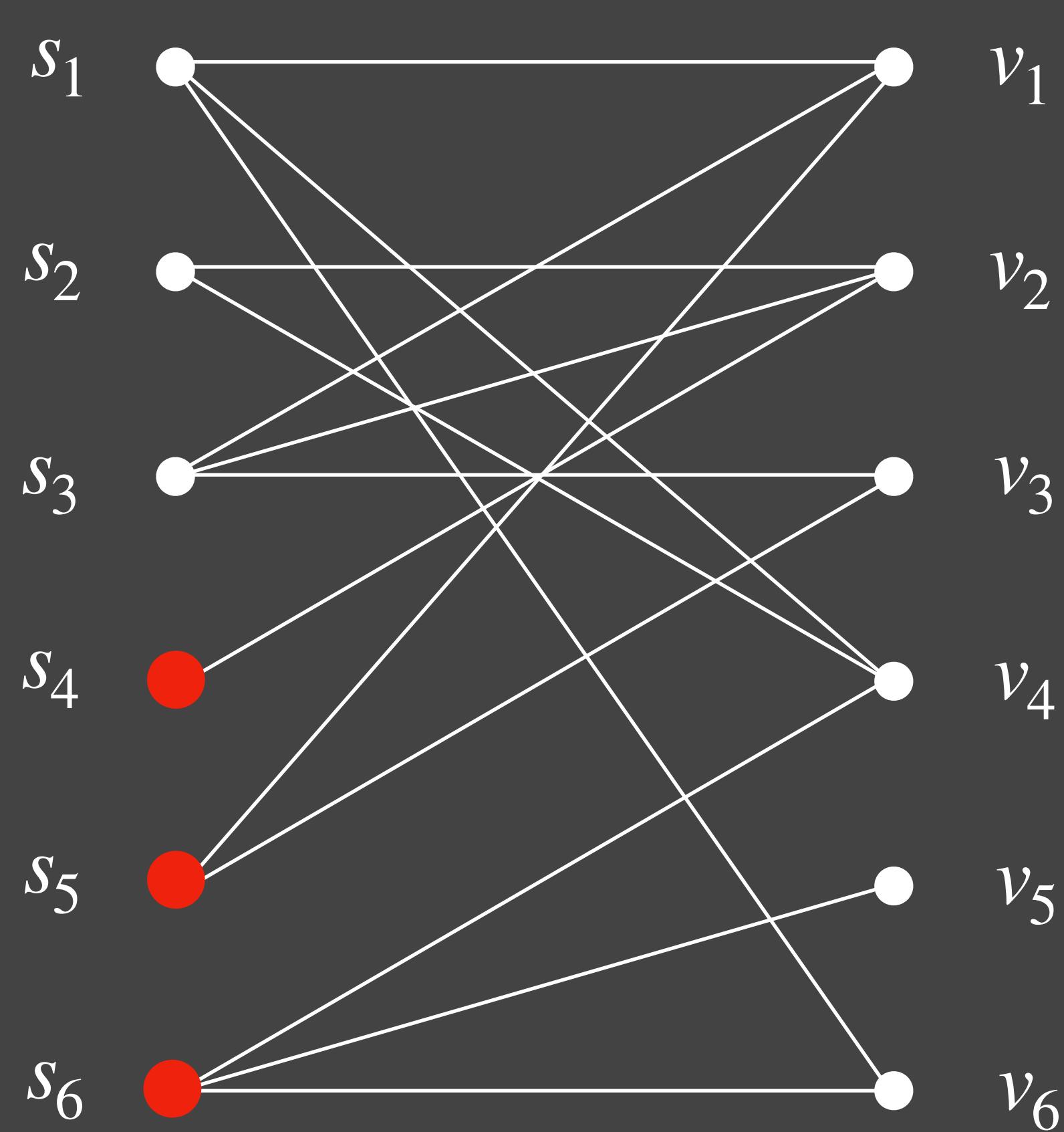


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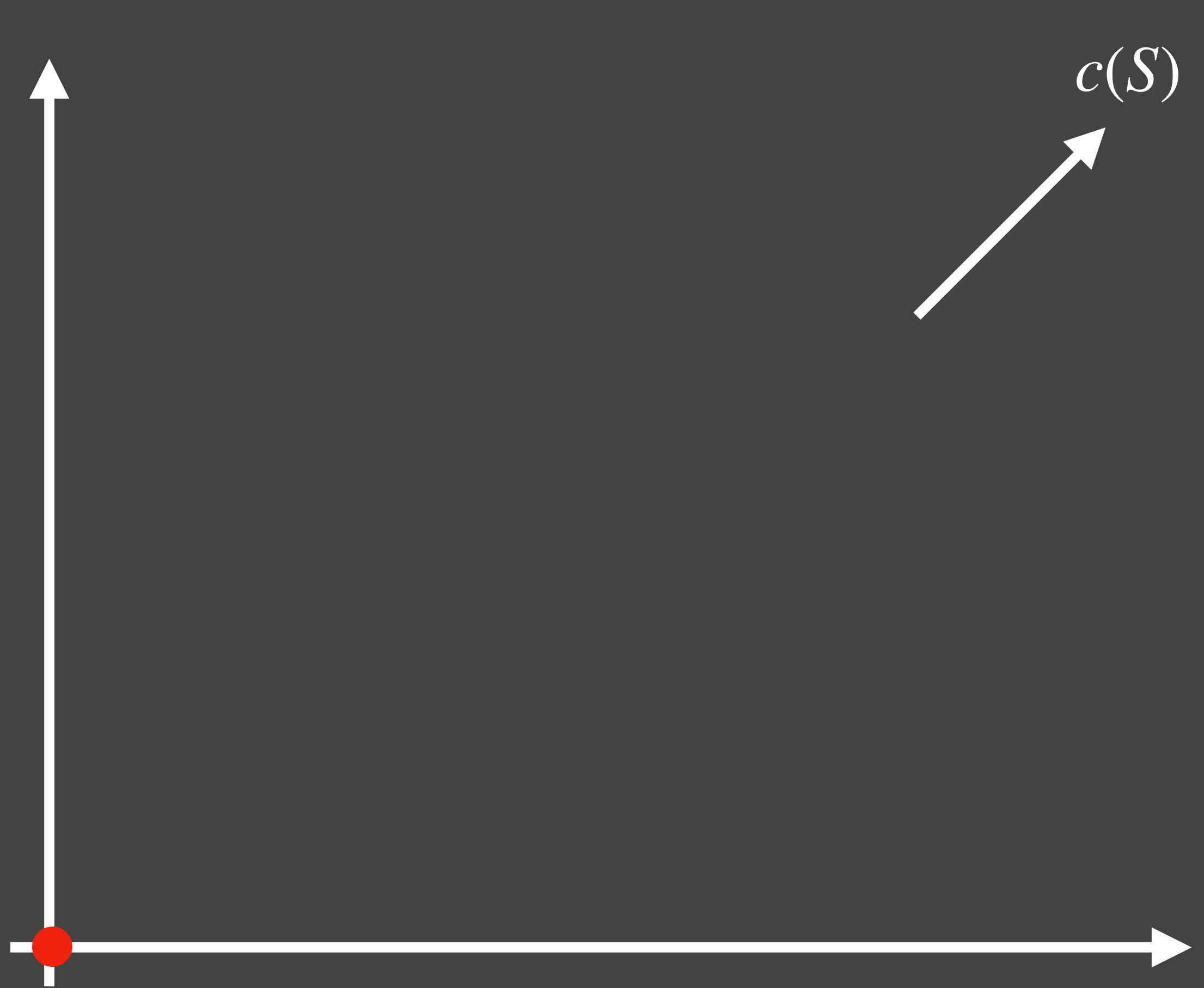
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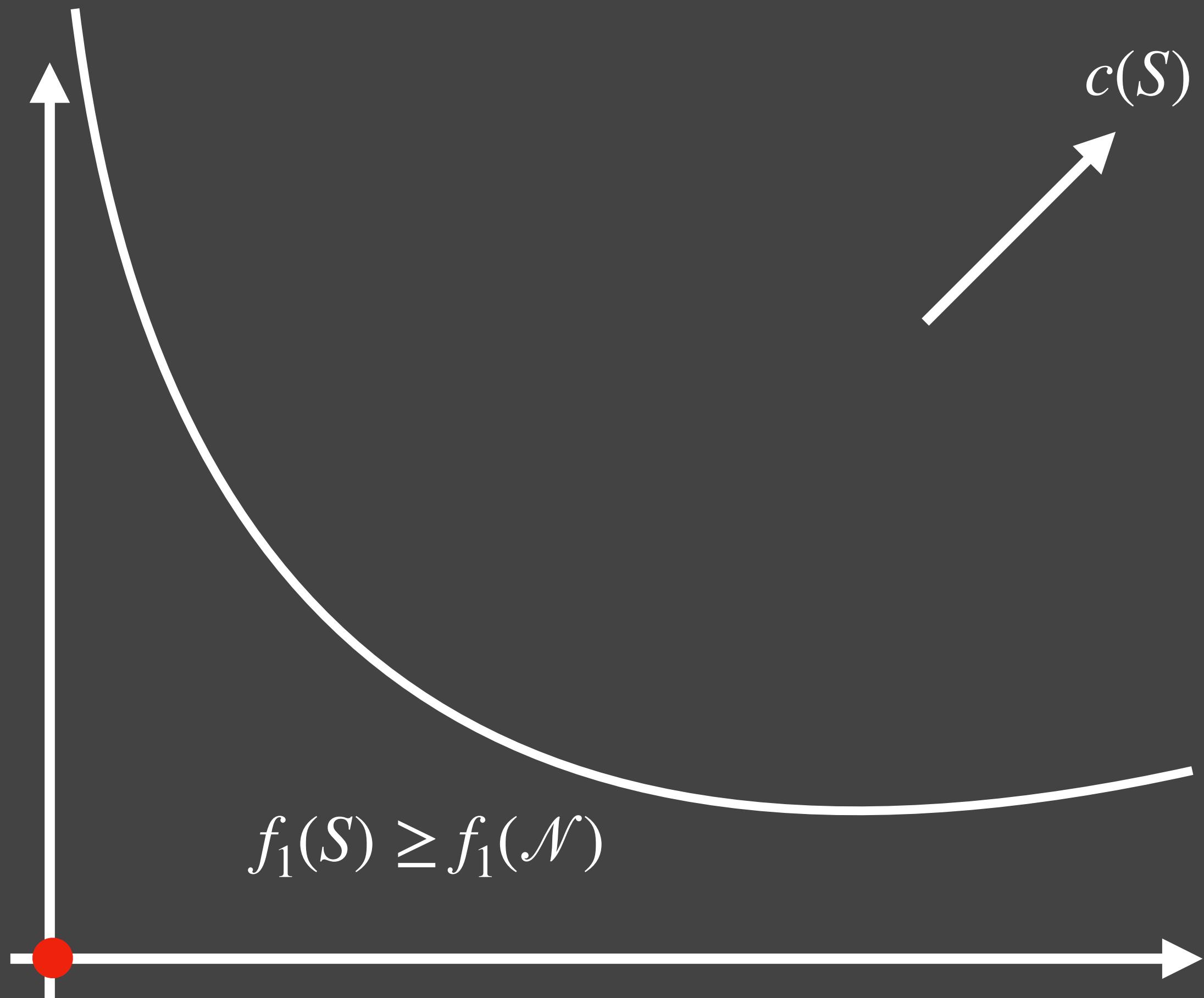
Generalizes [Alon+ 03]

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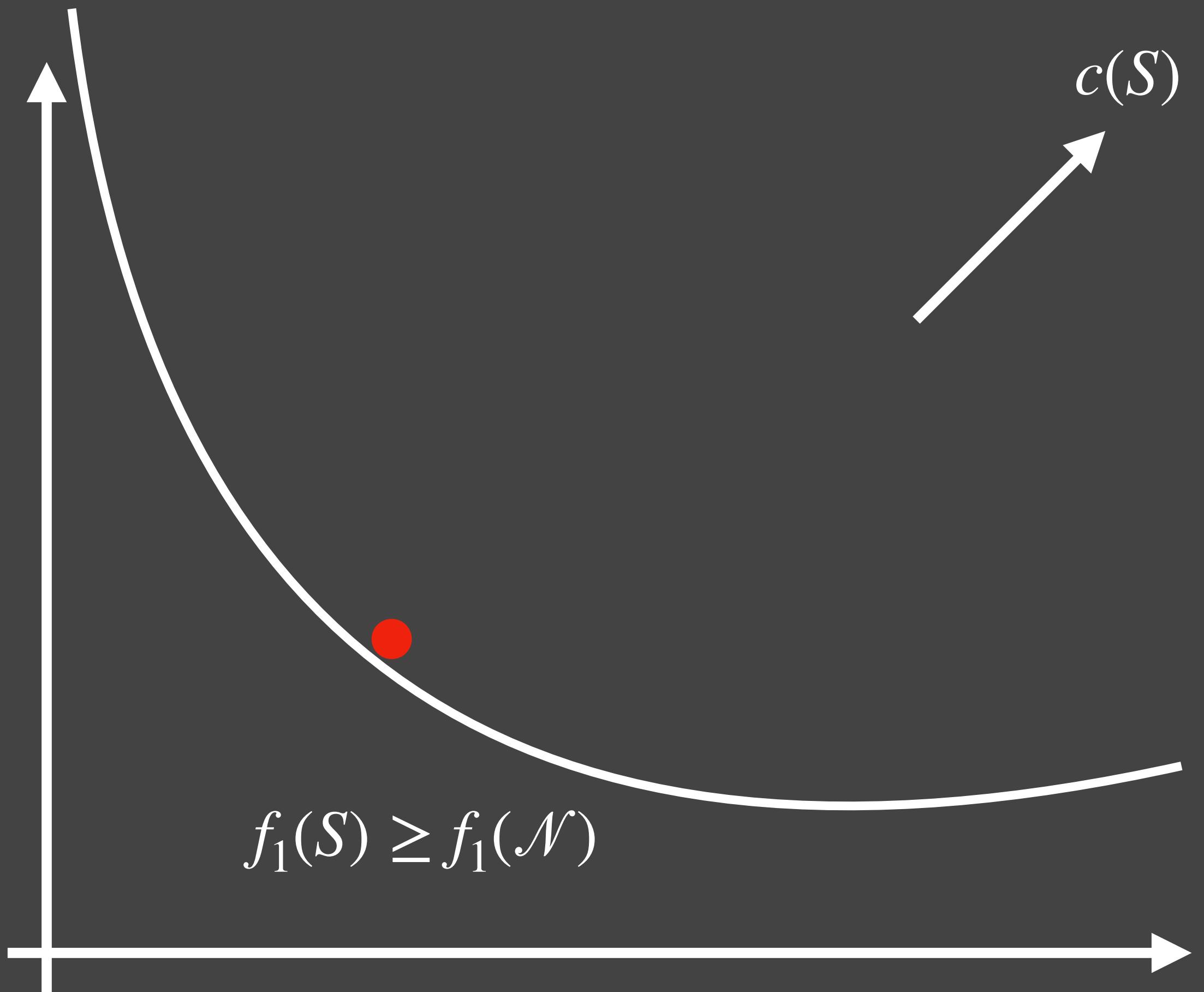
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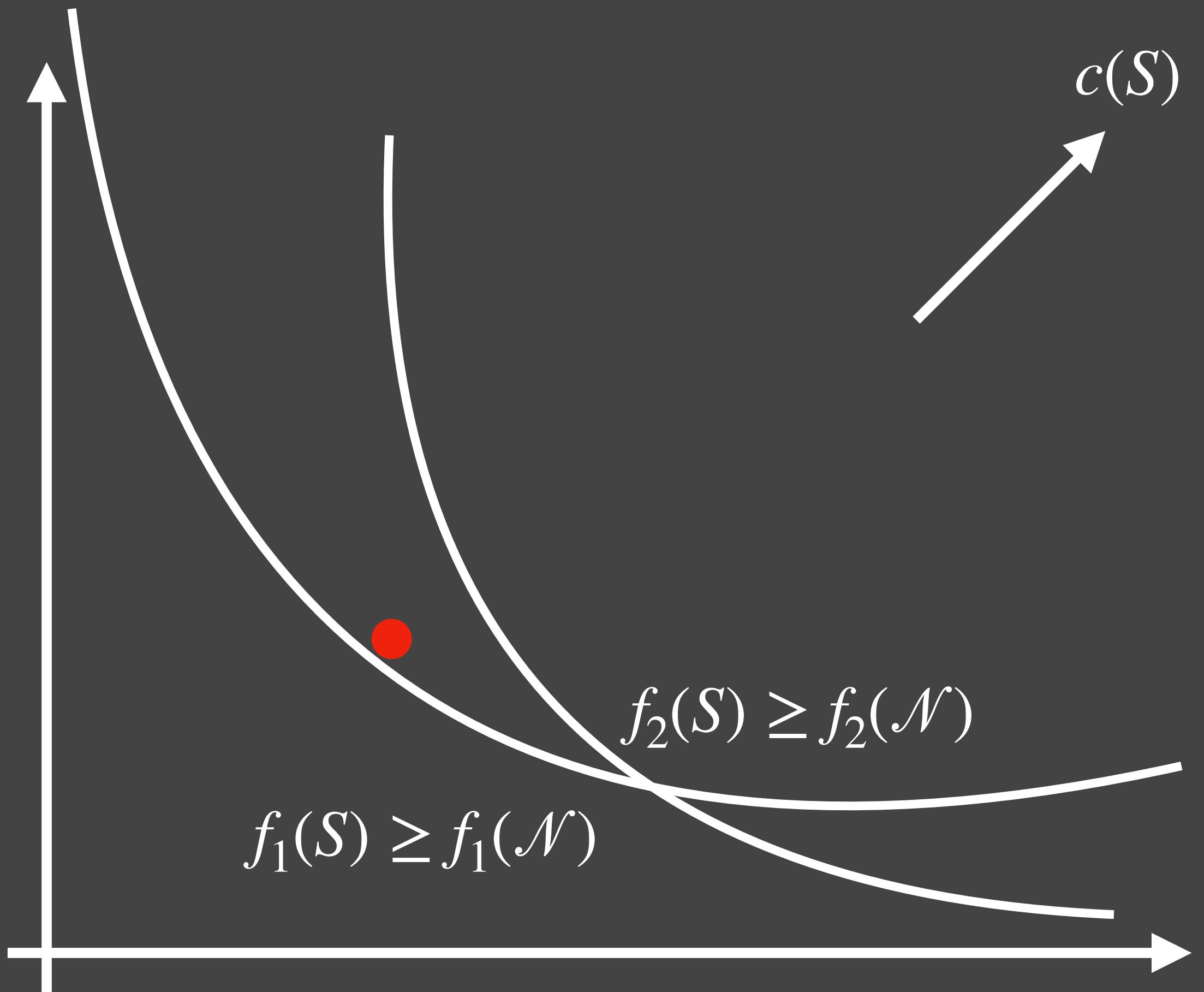
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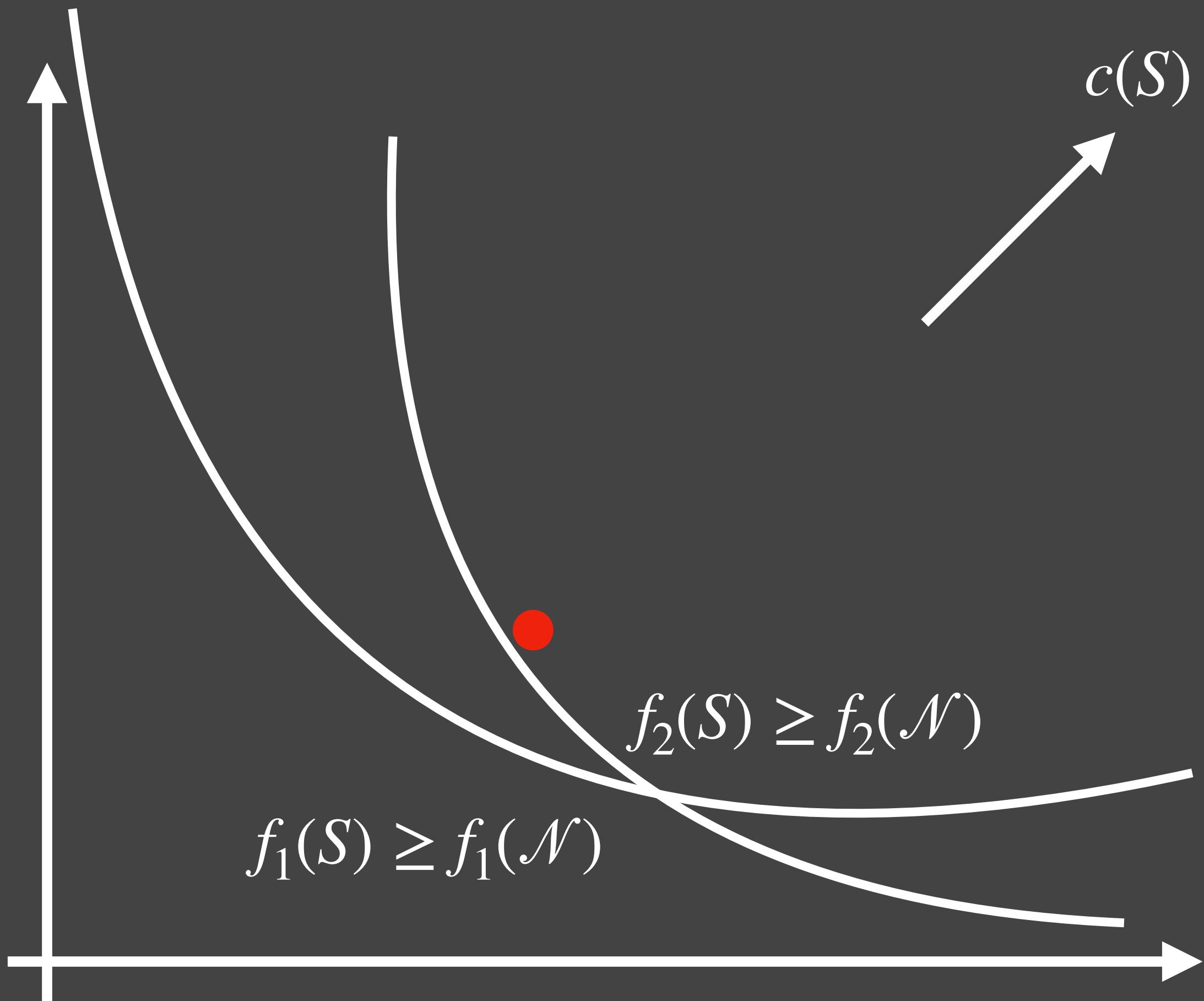
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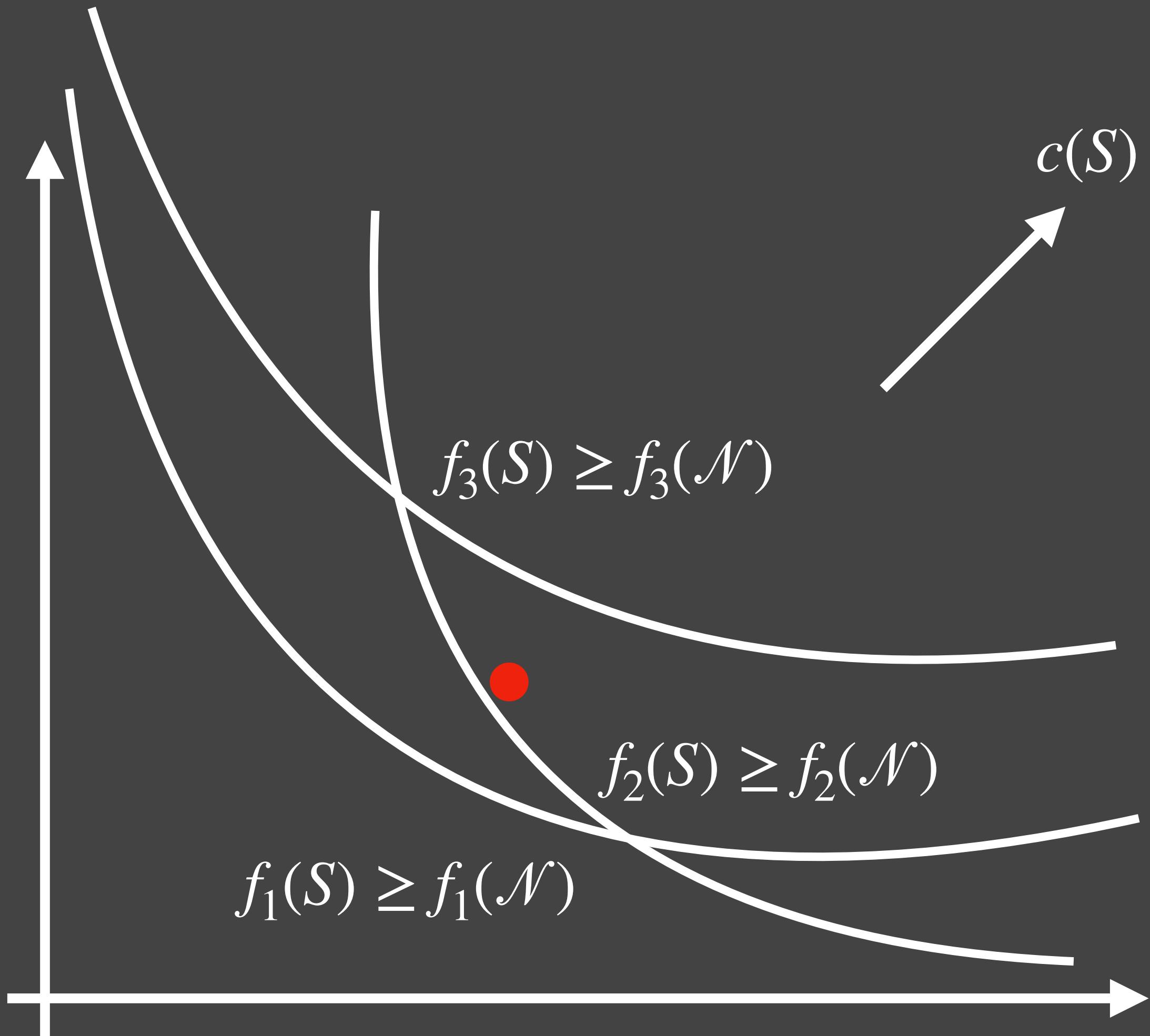


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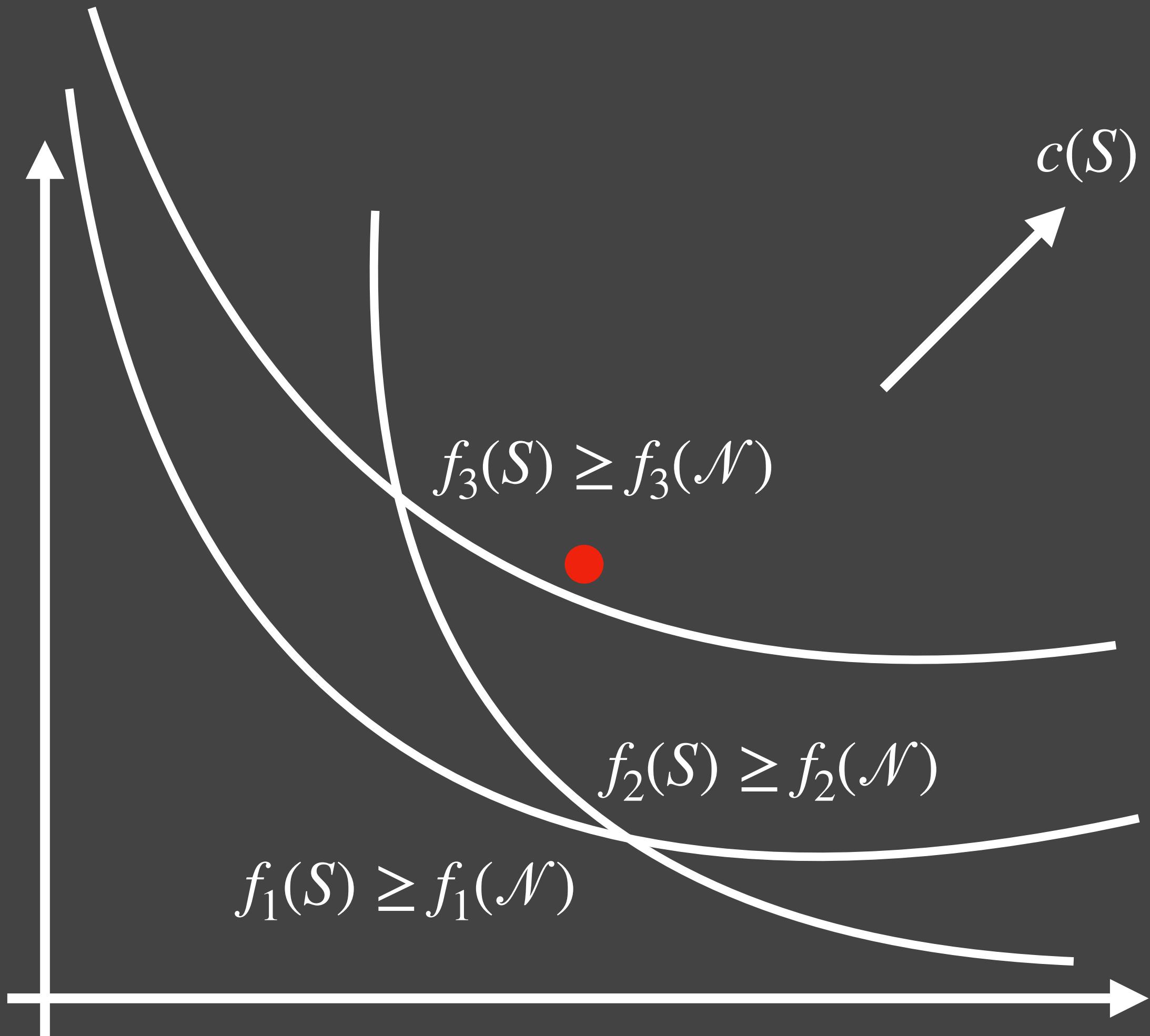
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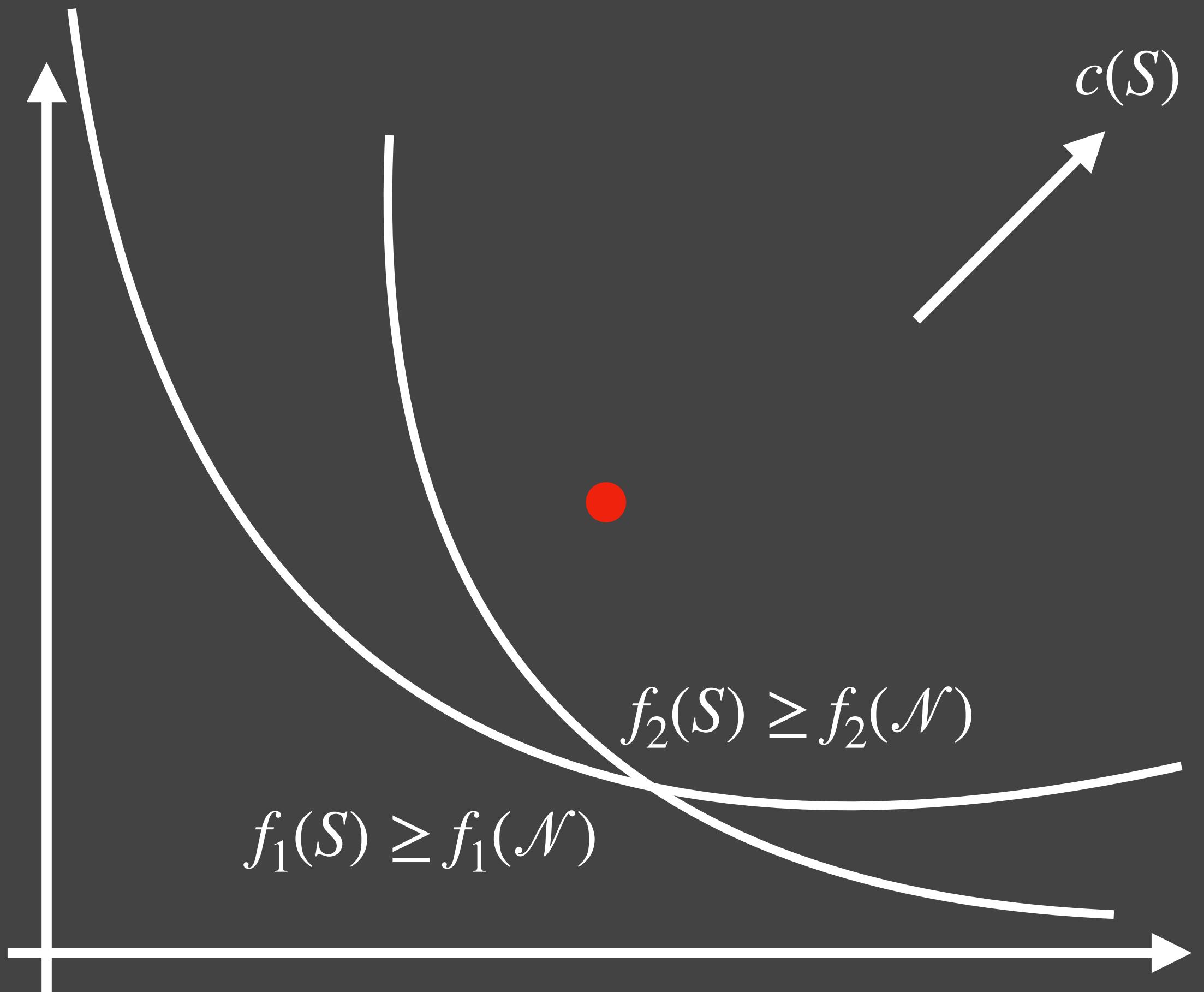


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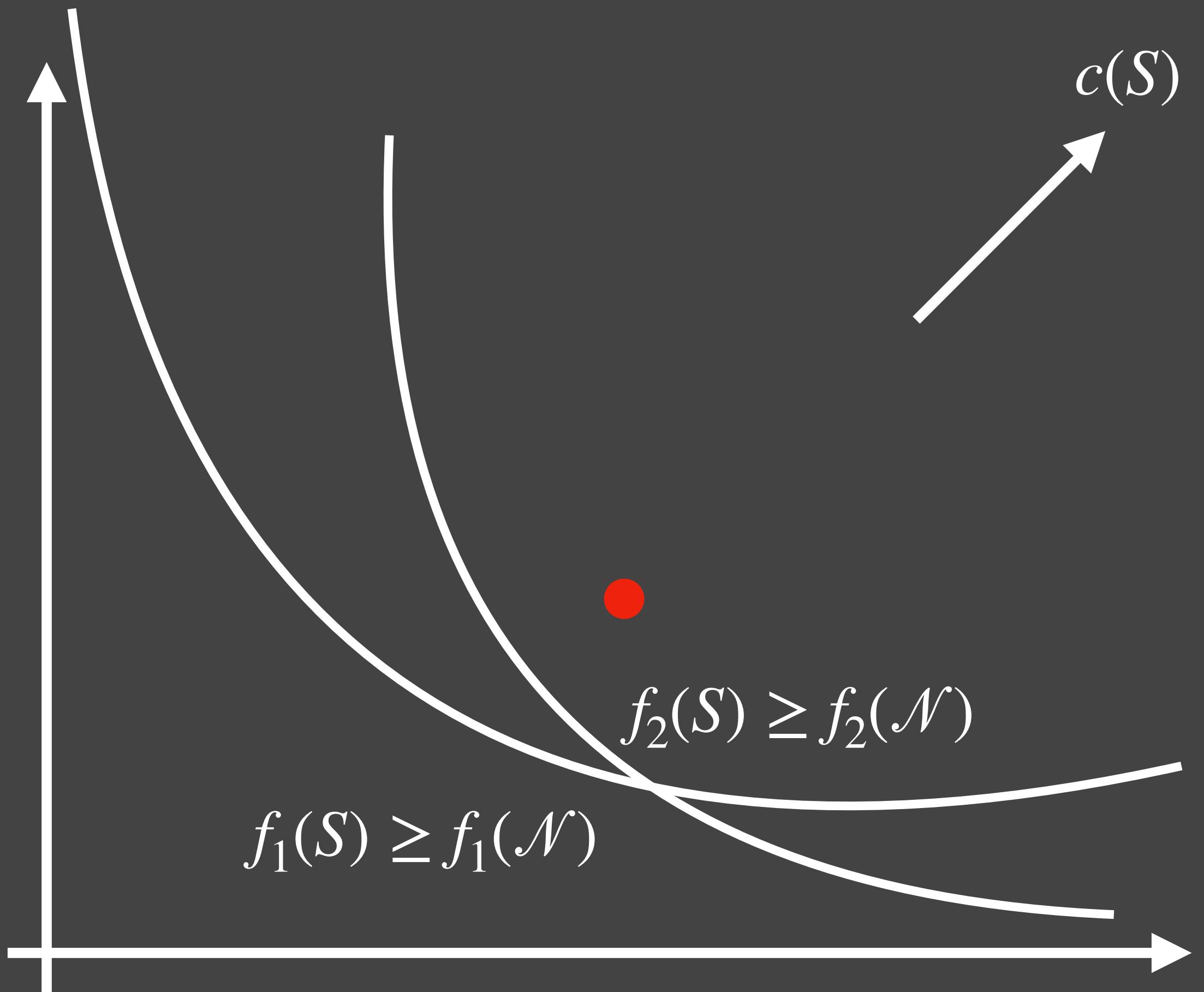
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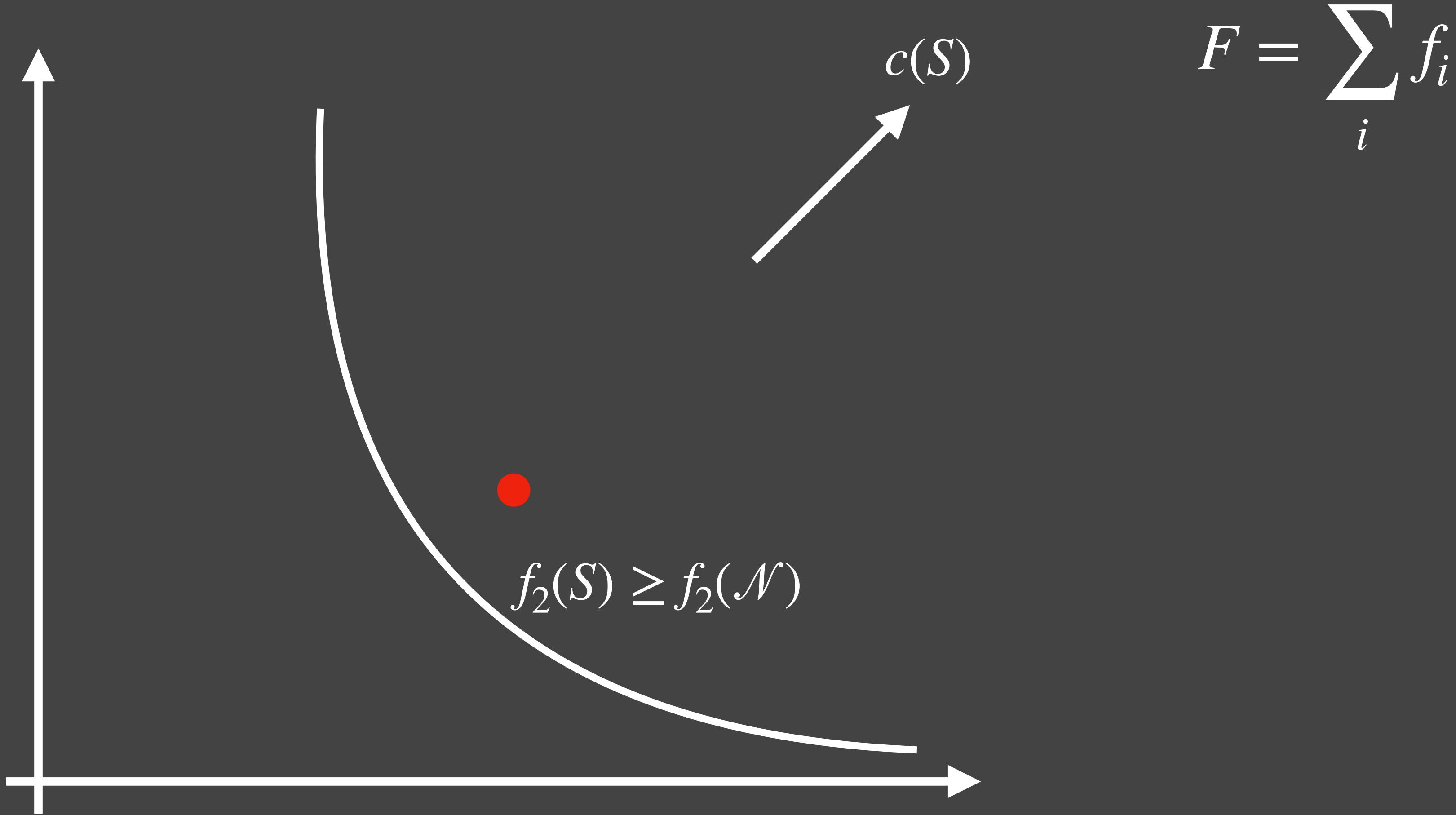


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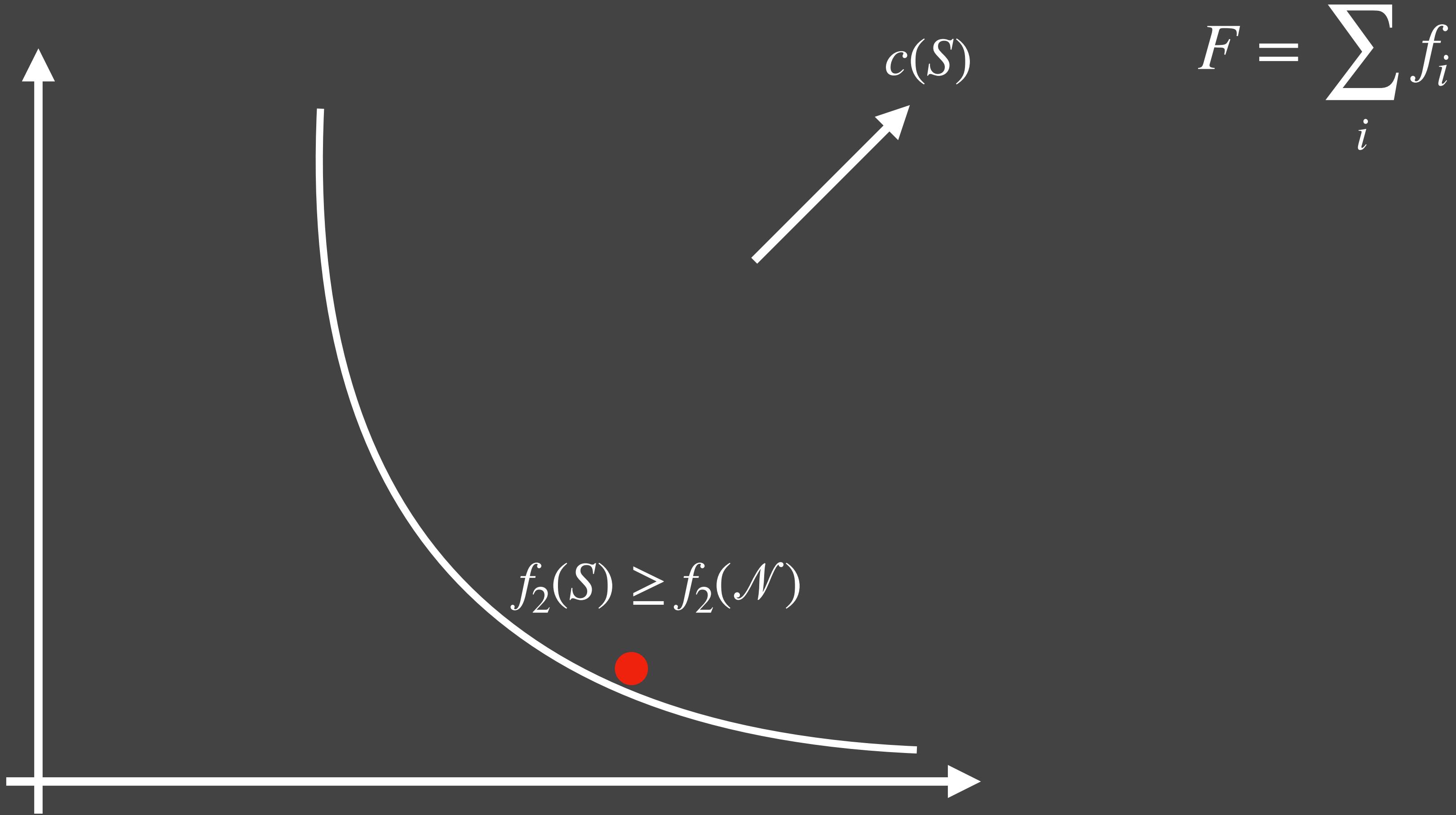
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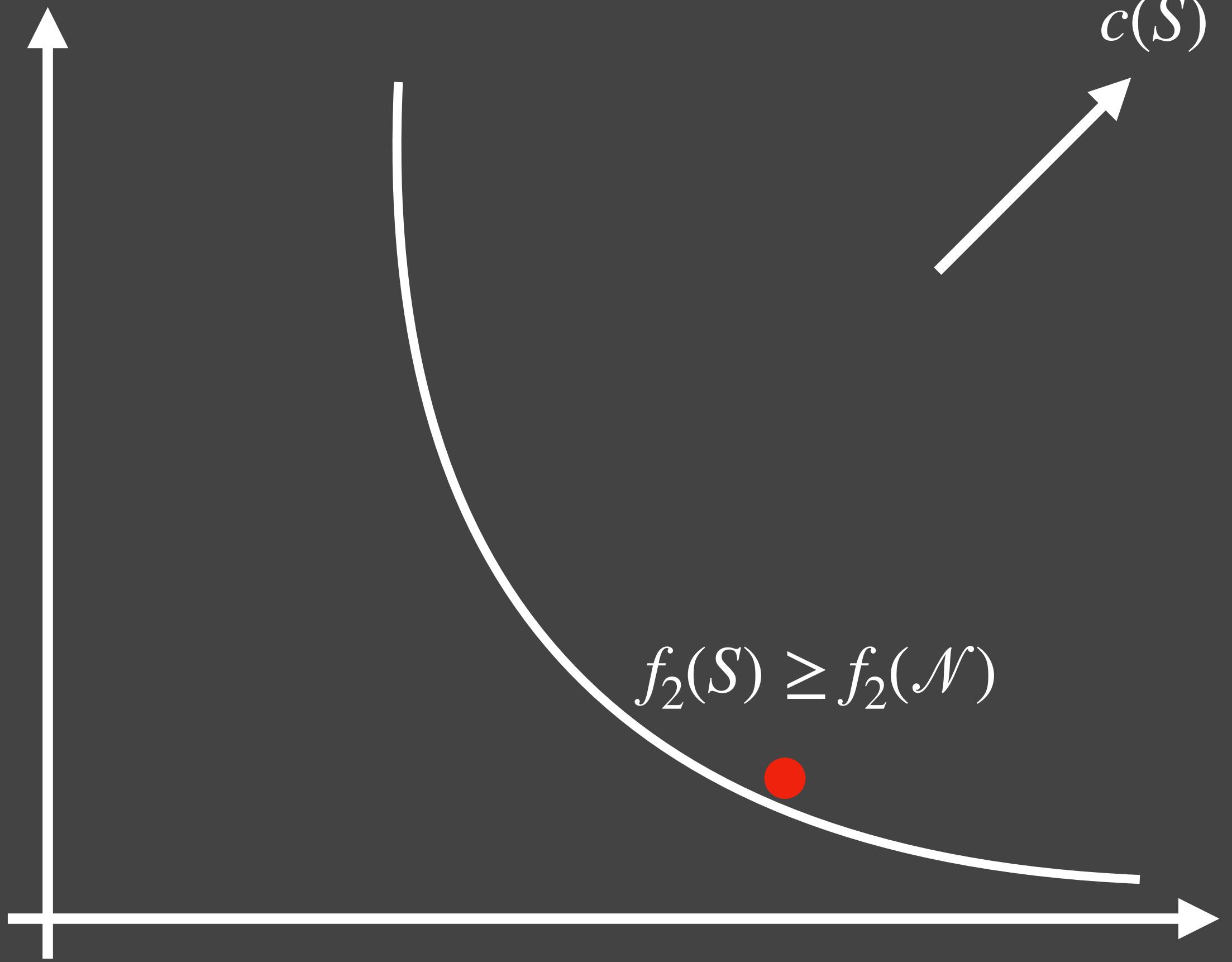
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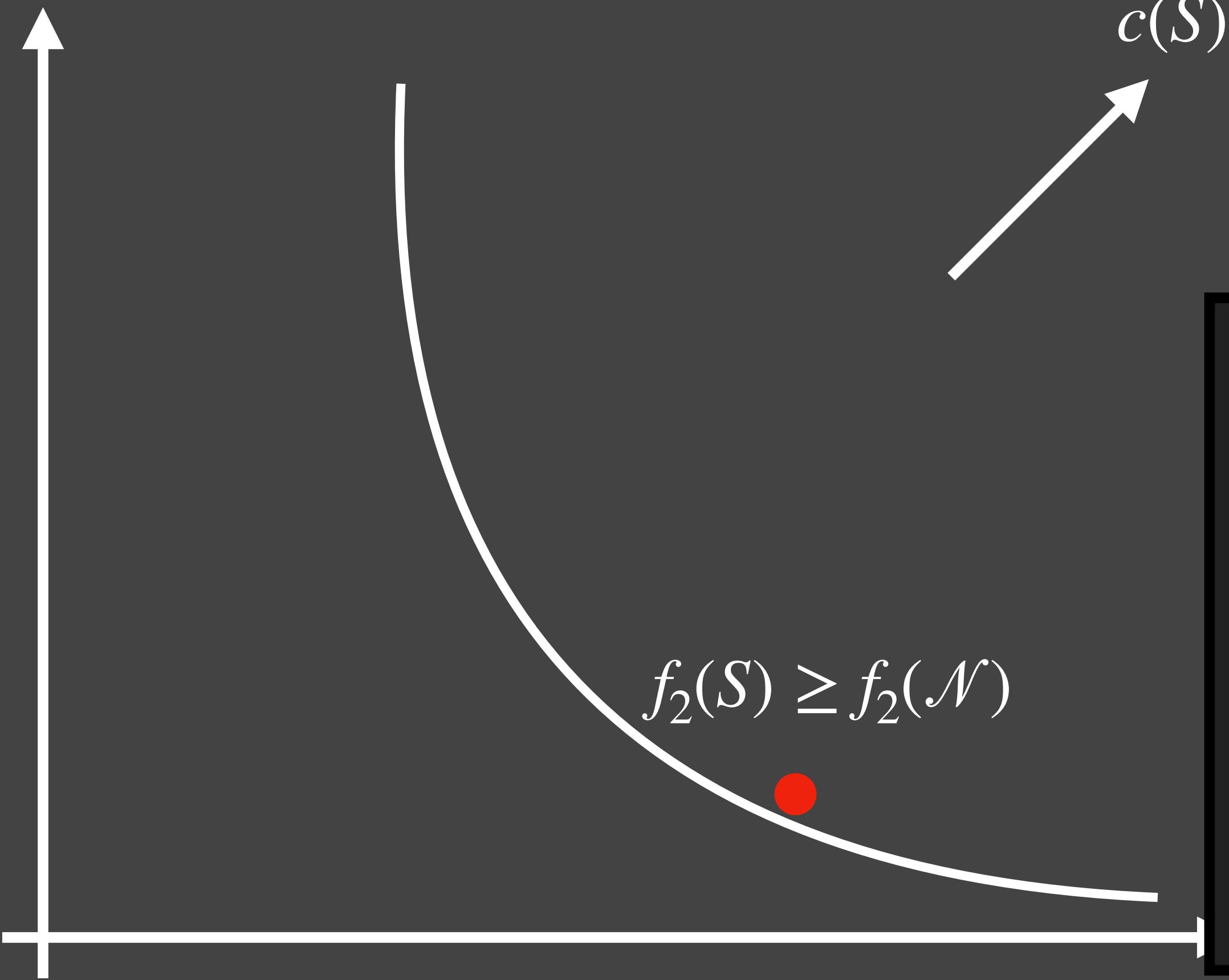


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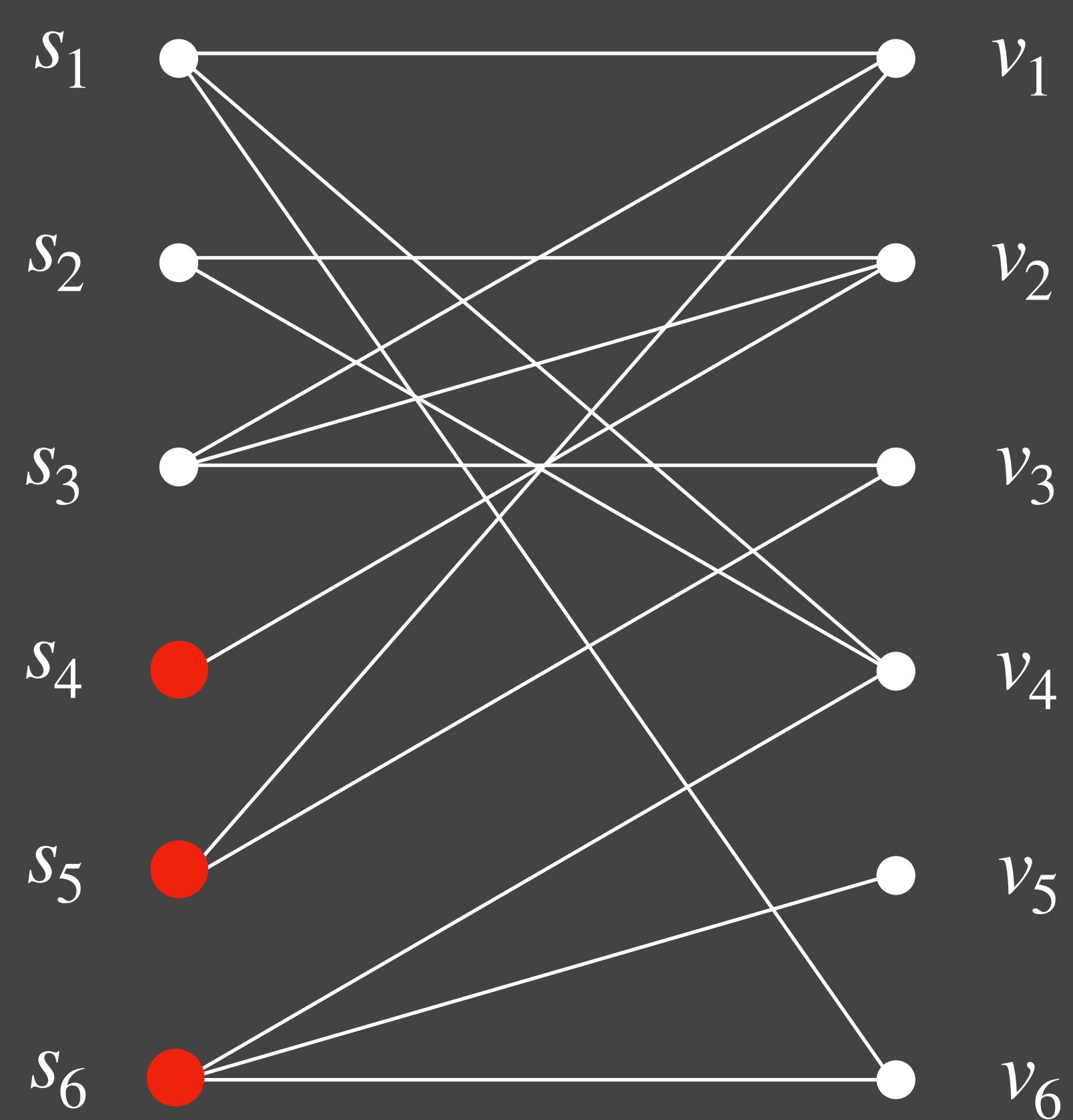
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Theorem [Gupta L. FOCS 20]:

There is a deterministic poly time algorithm for Fully-Dynamic Submodular Cover with:

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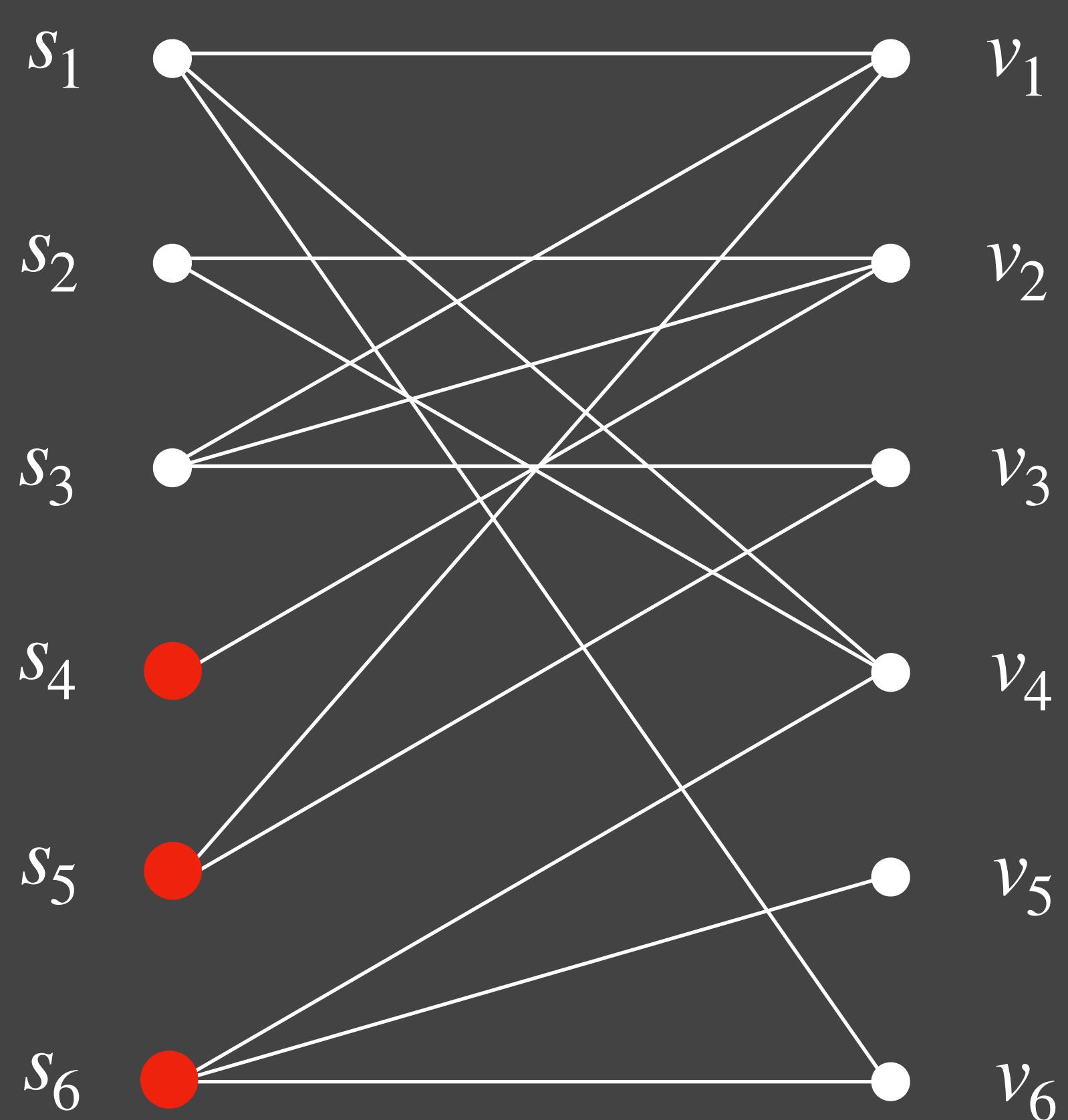
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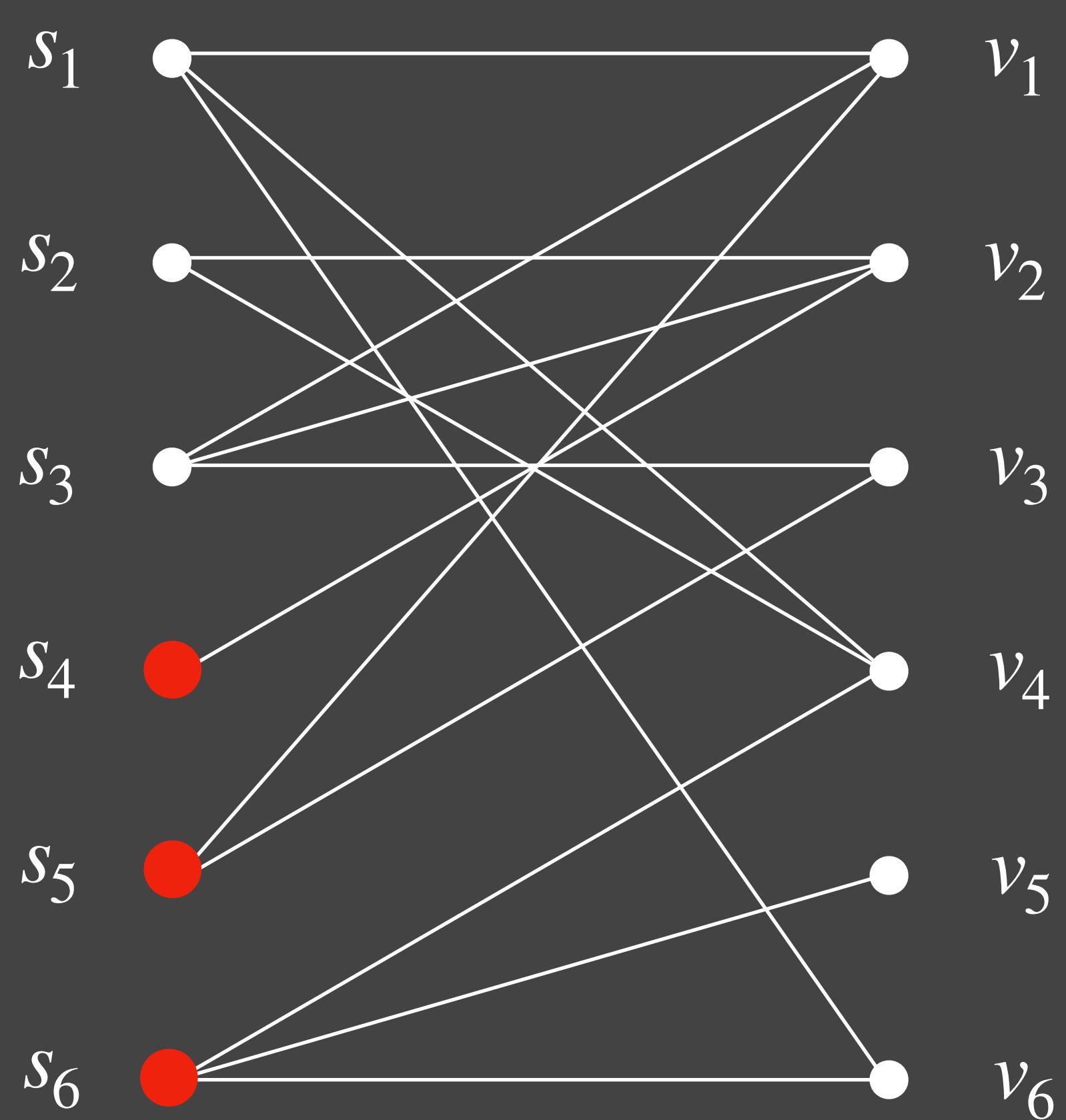
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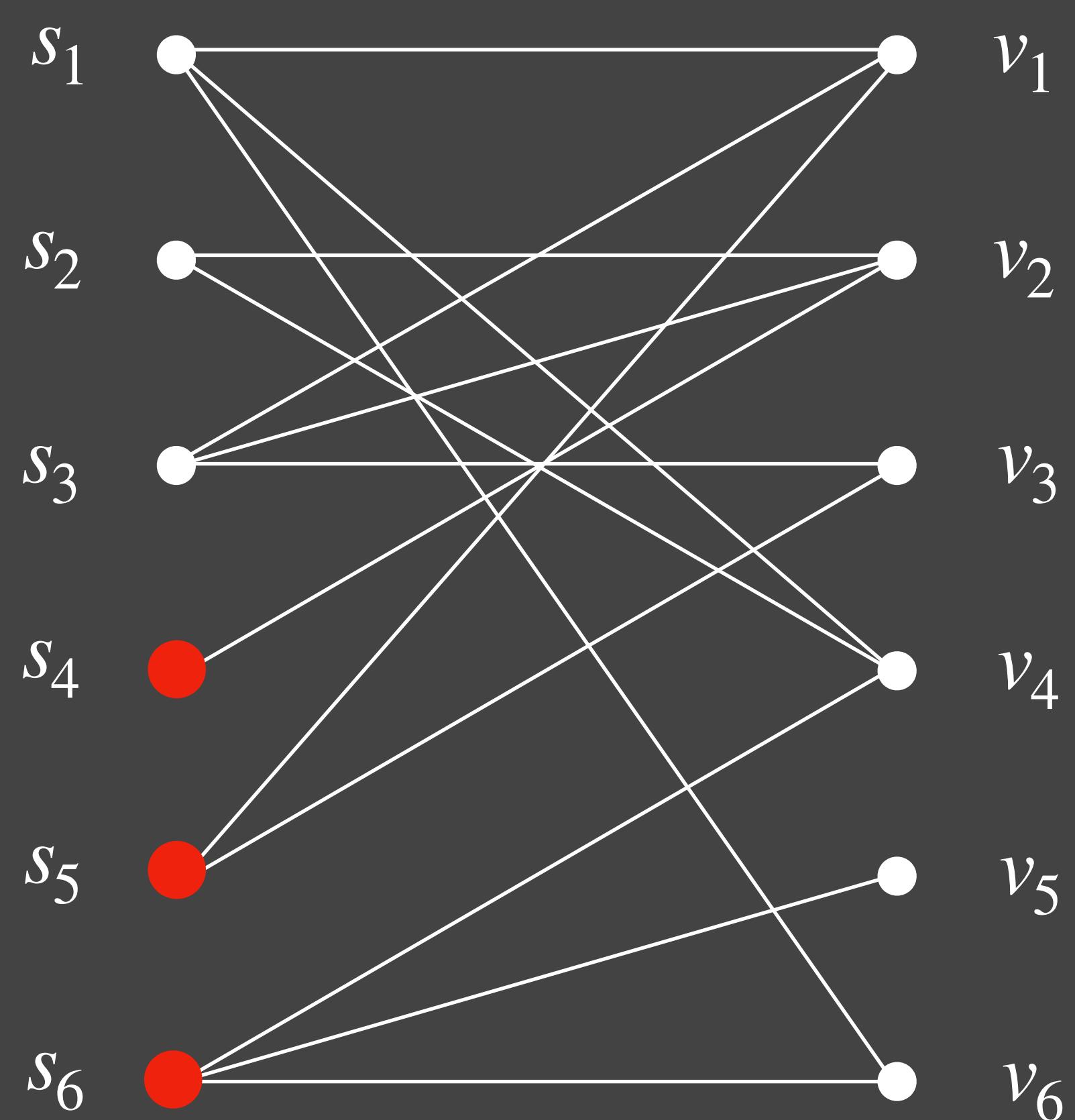
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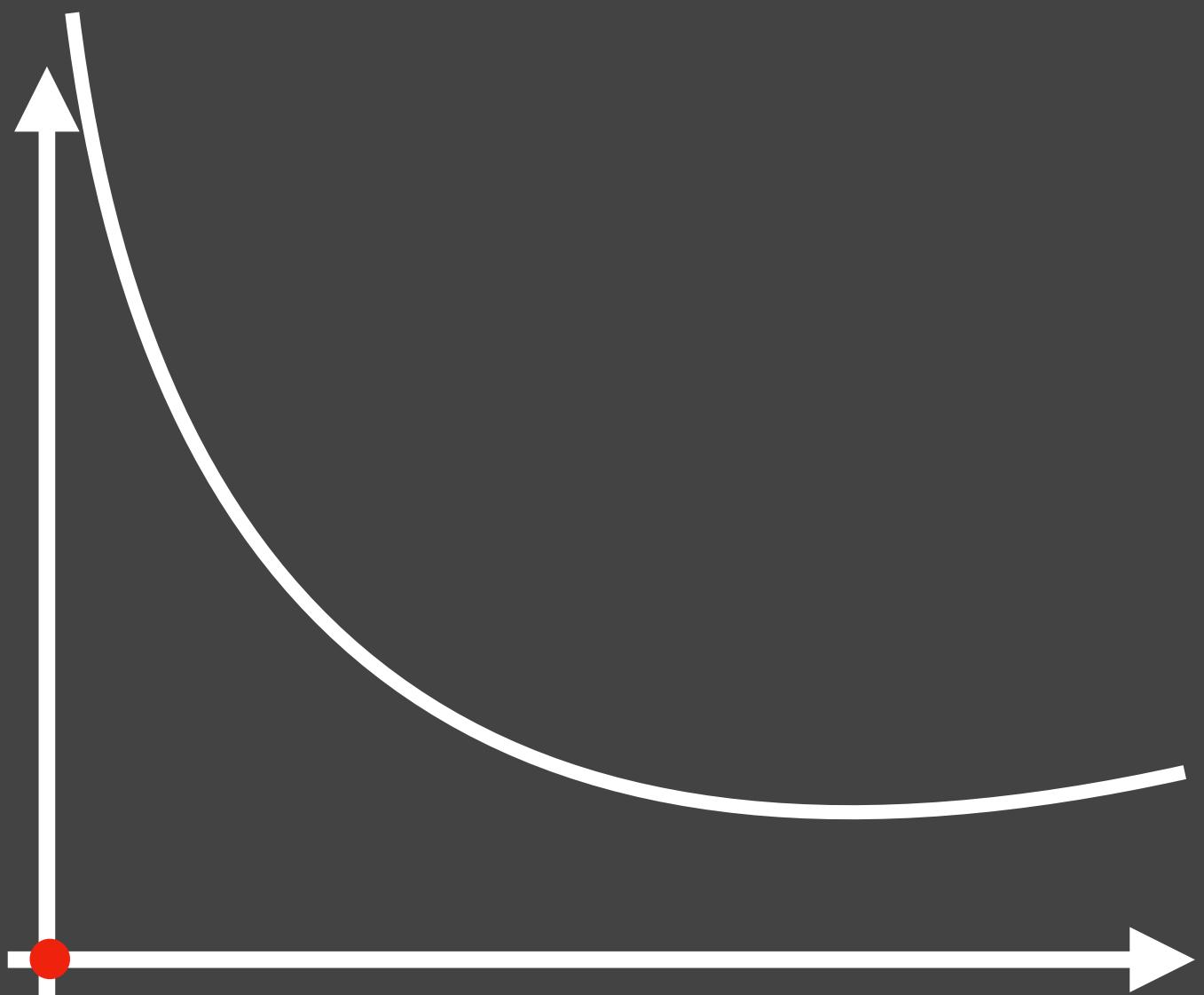
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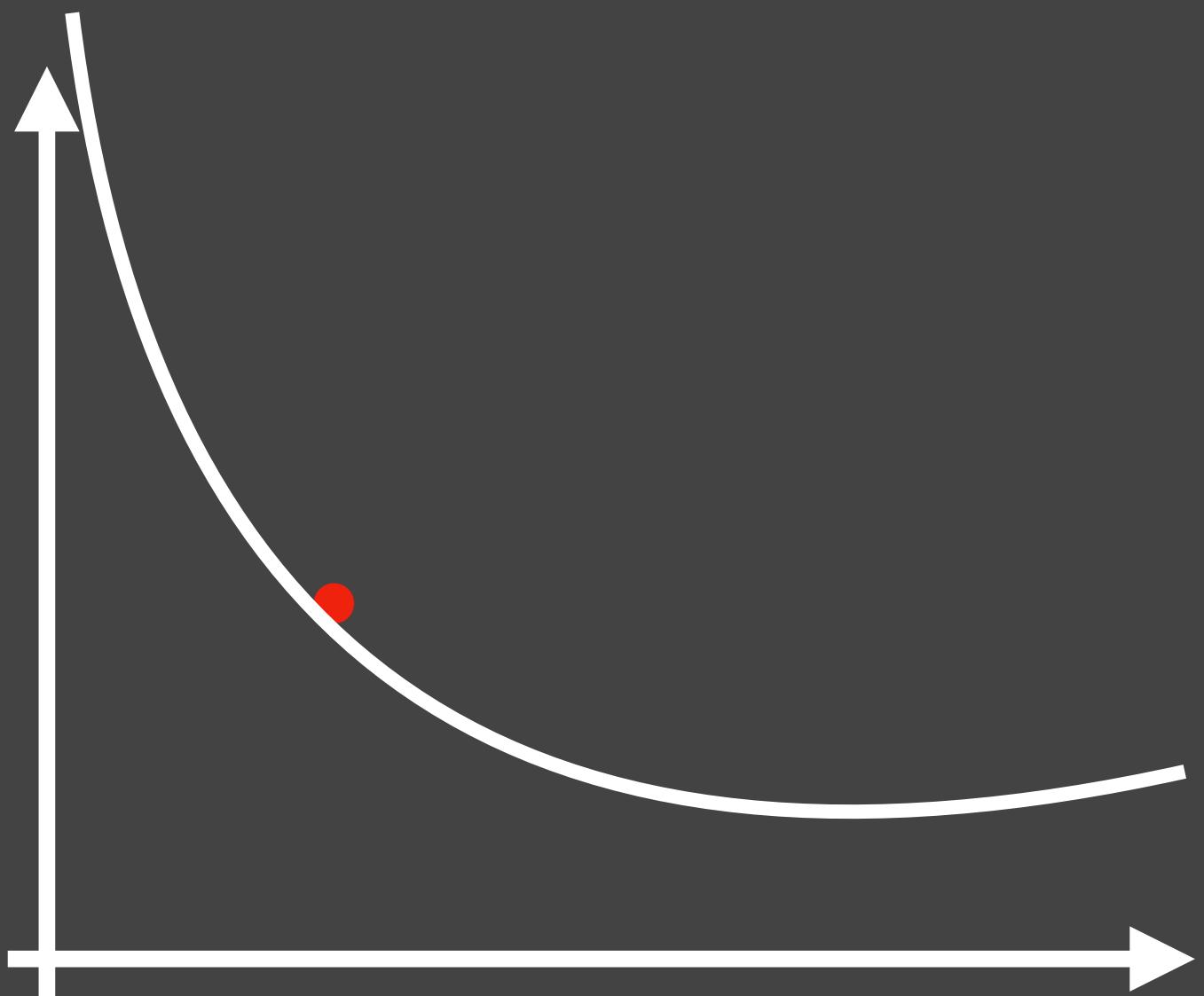
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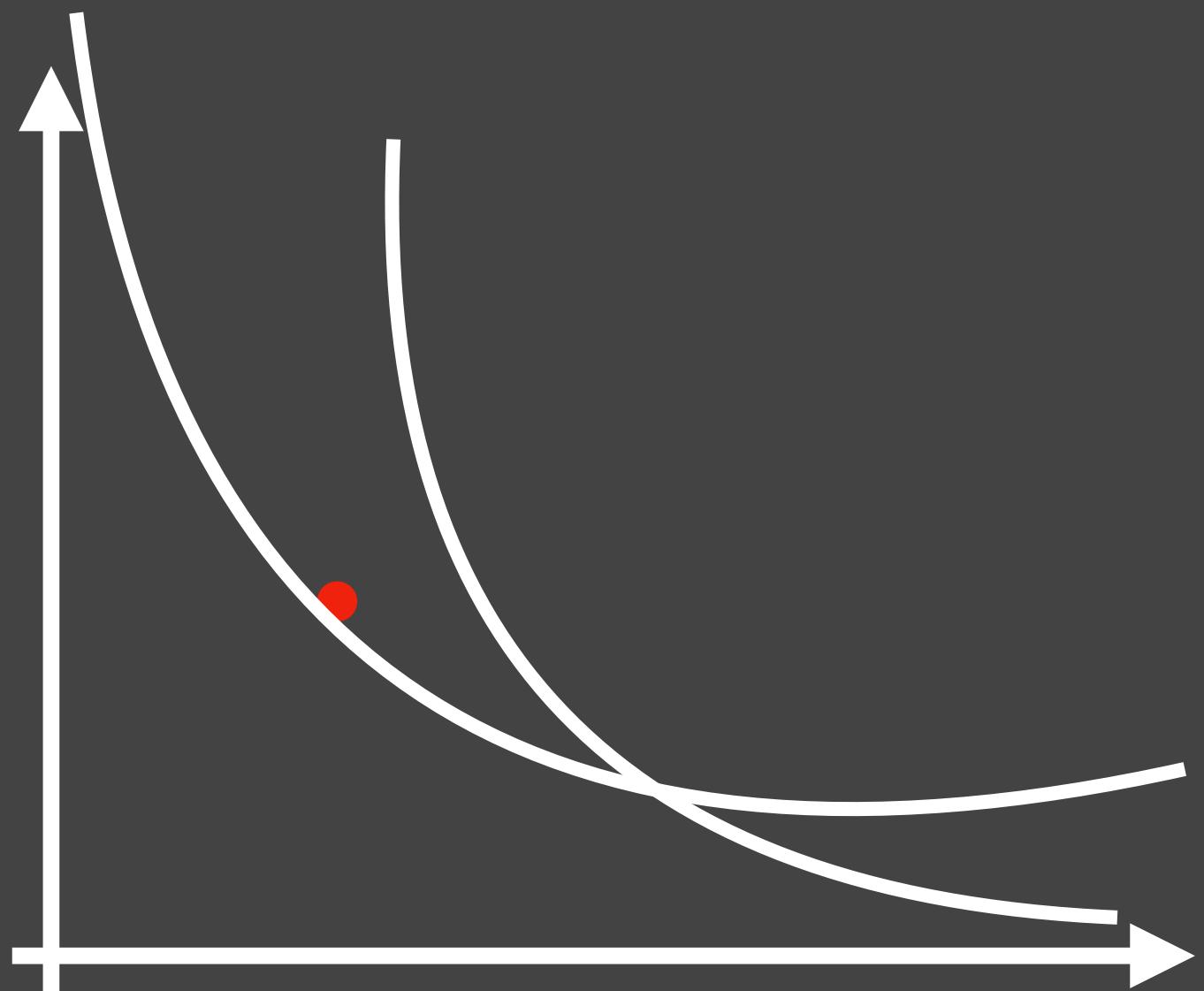
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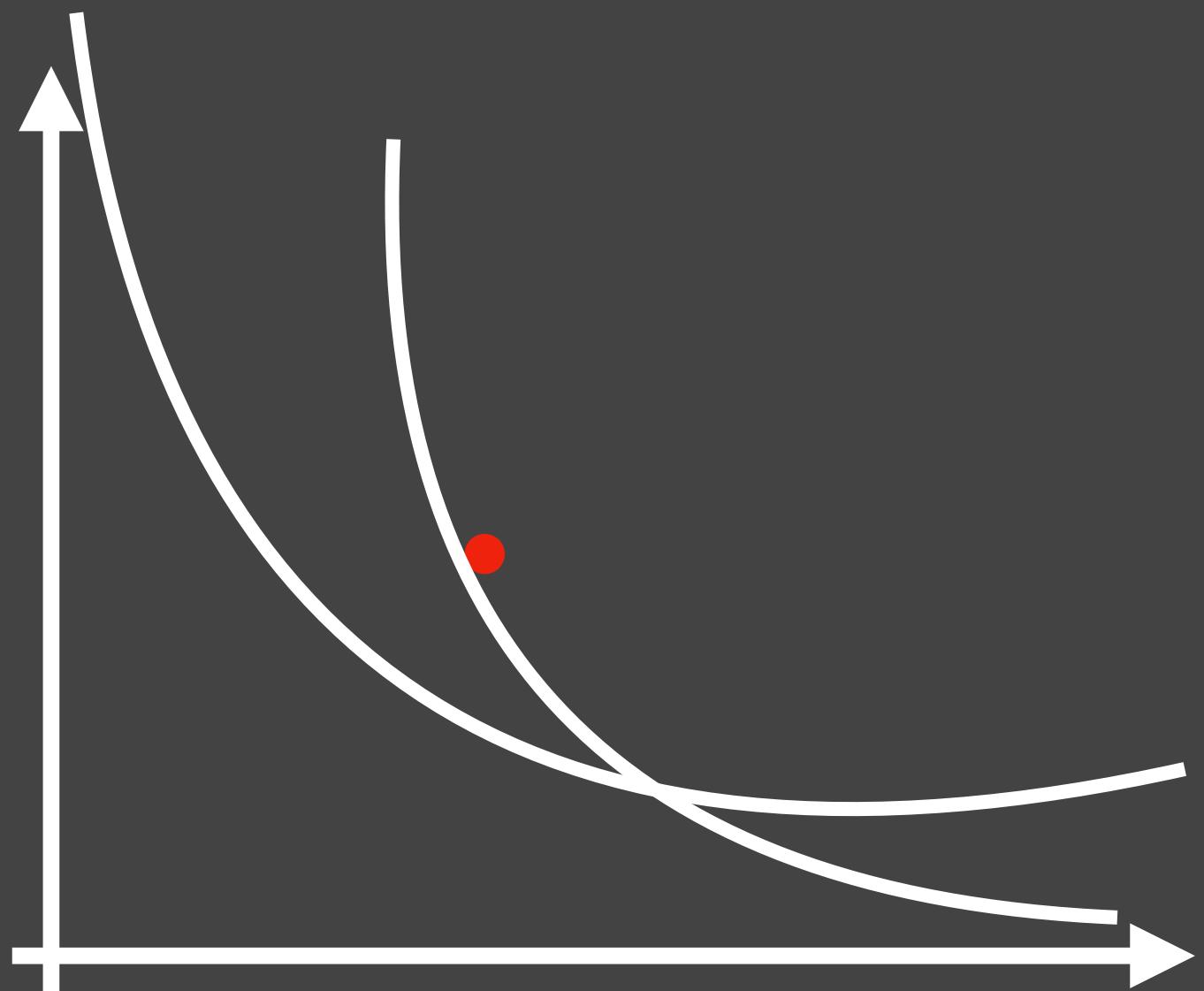
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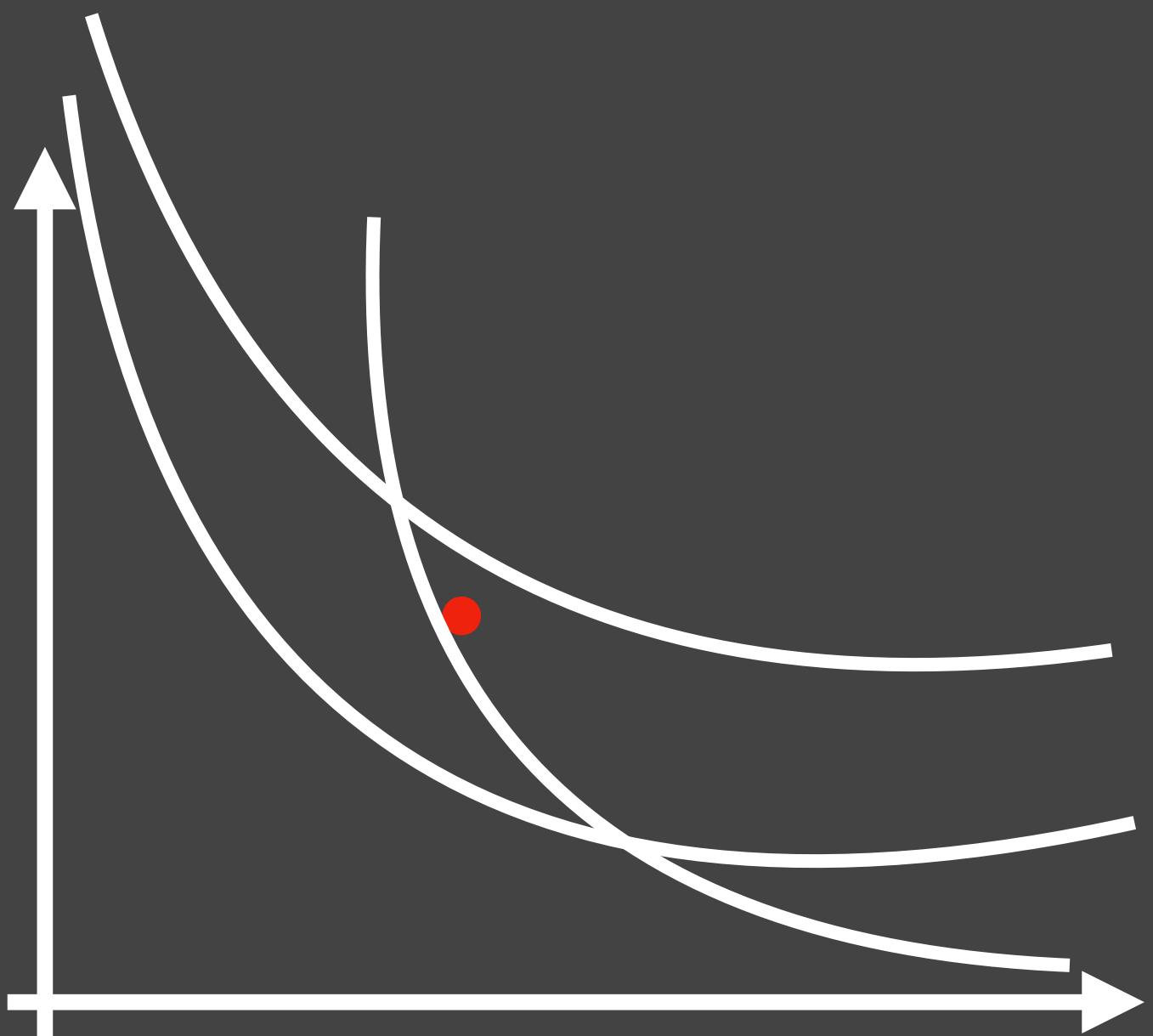
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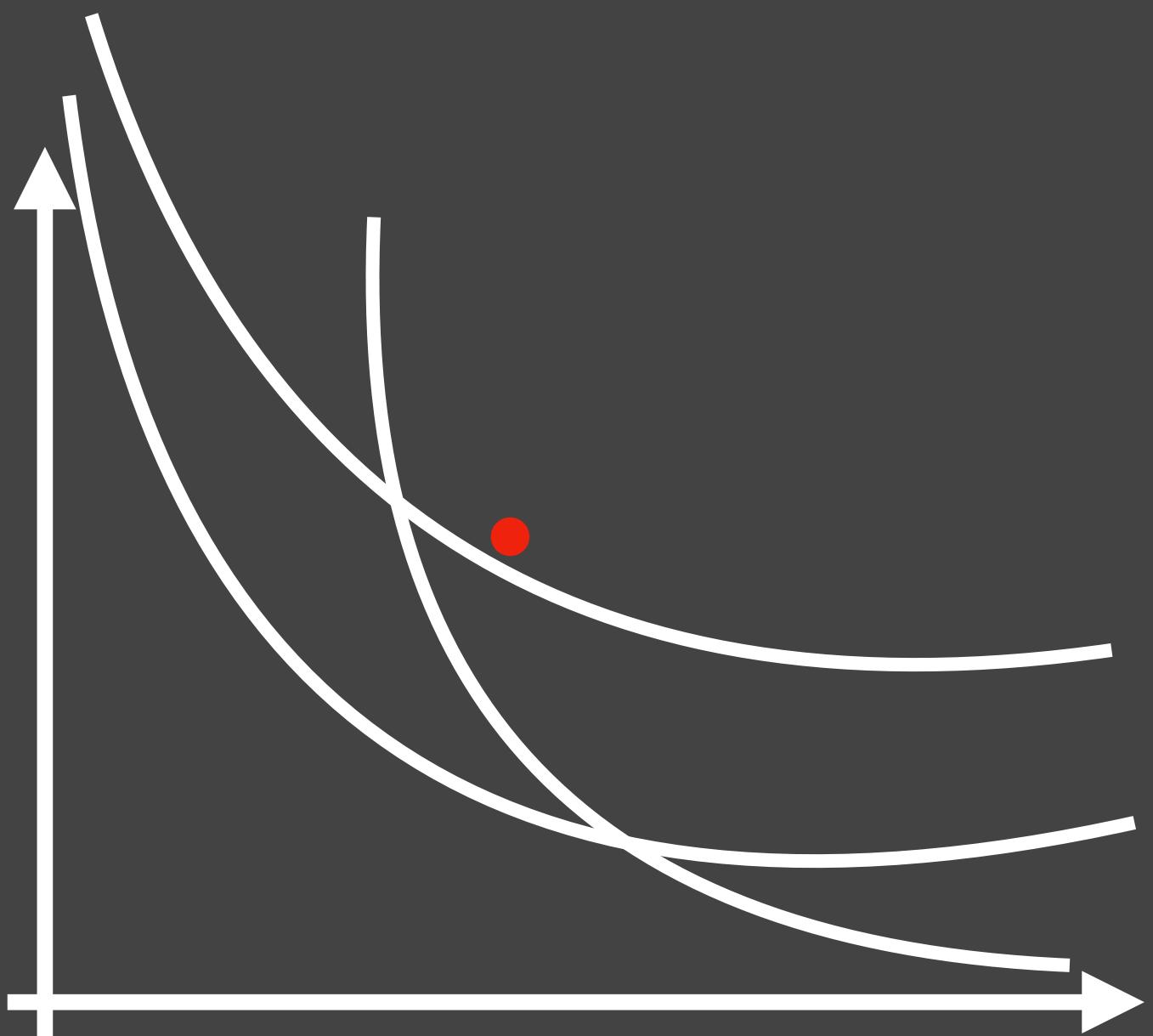
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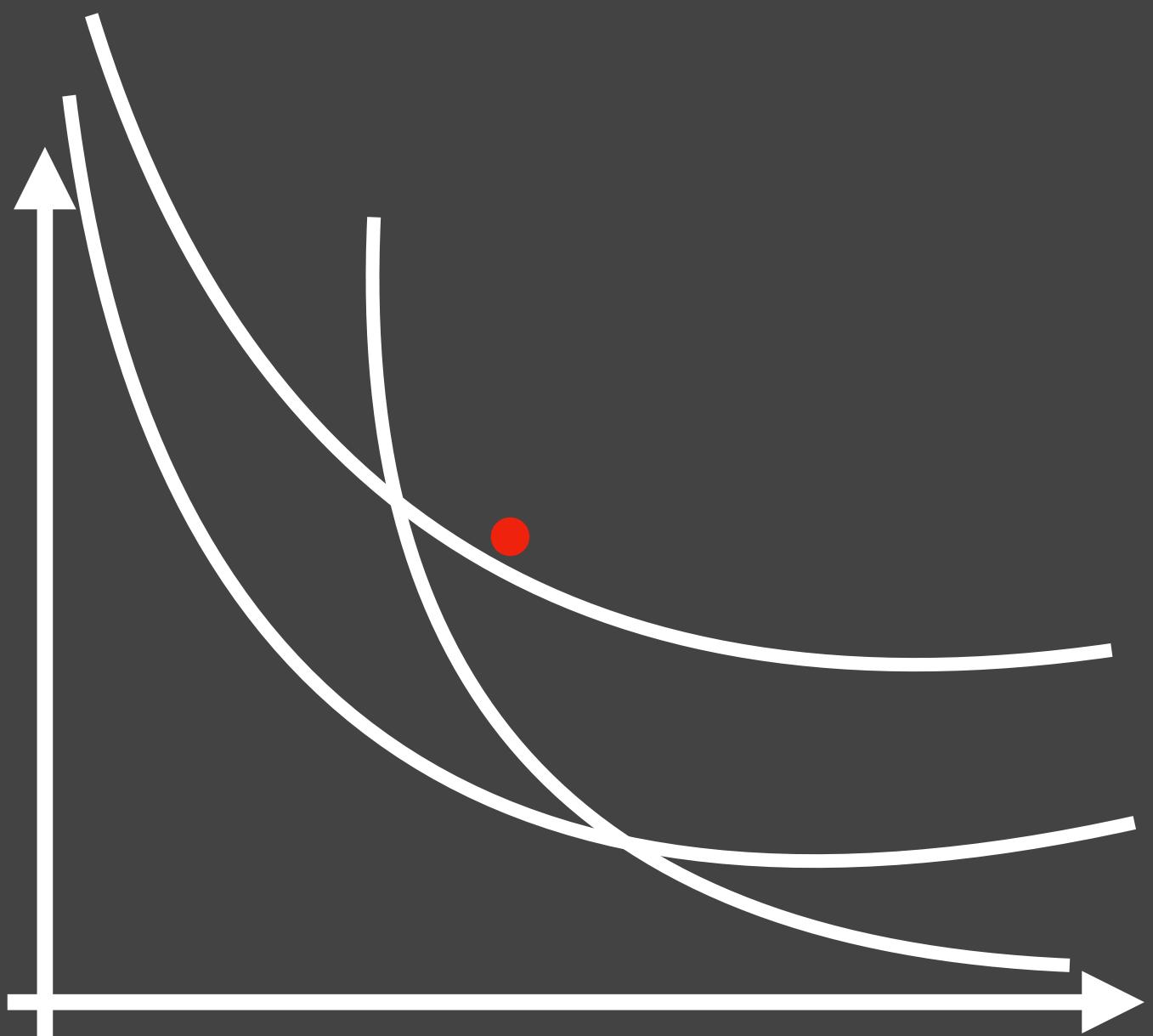
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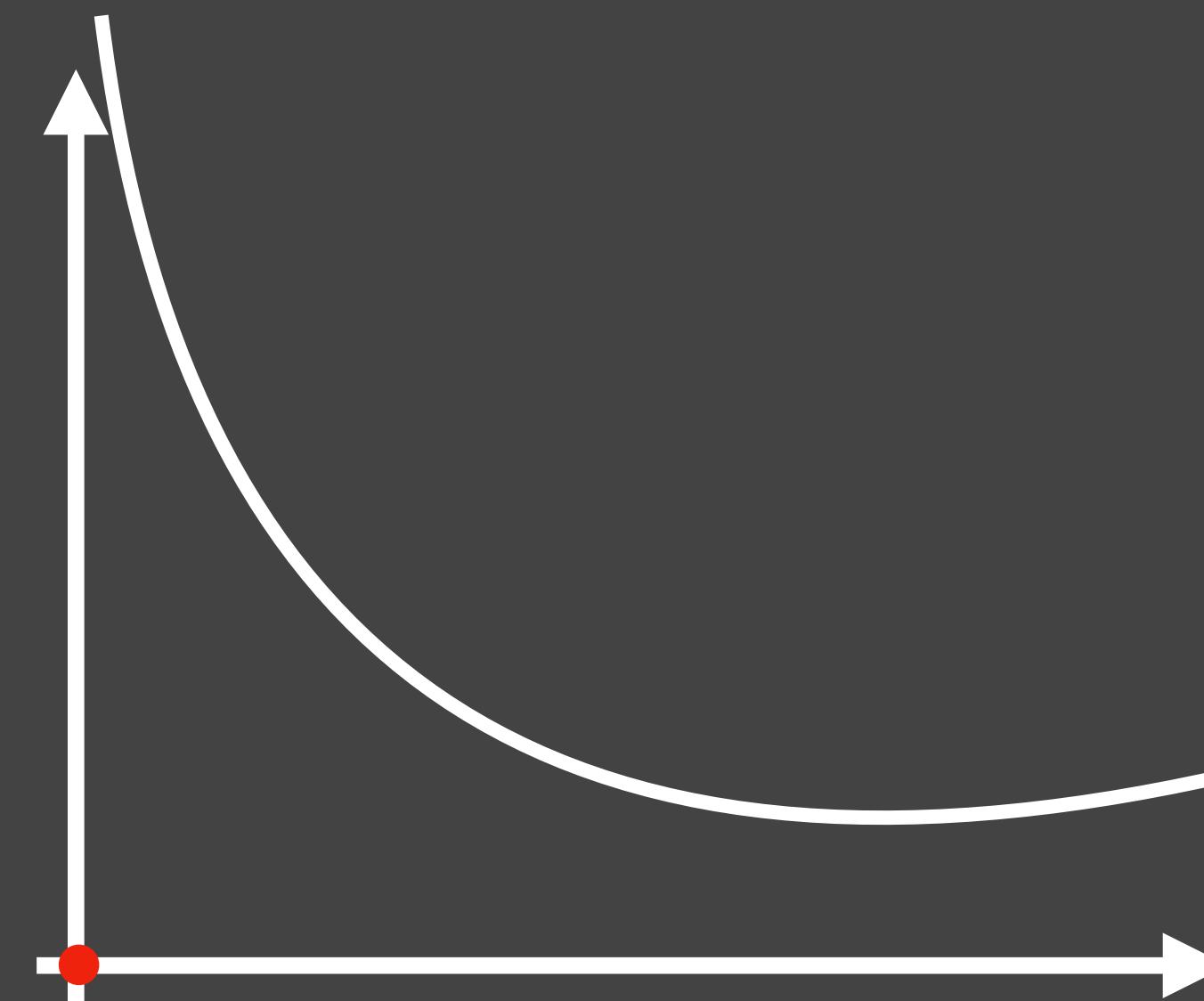
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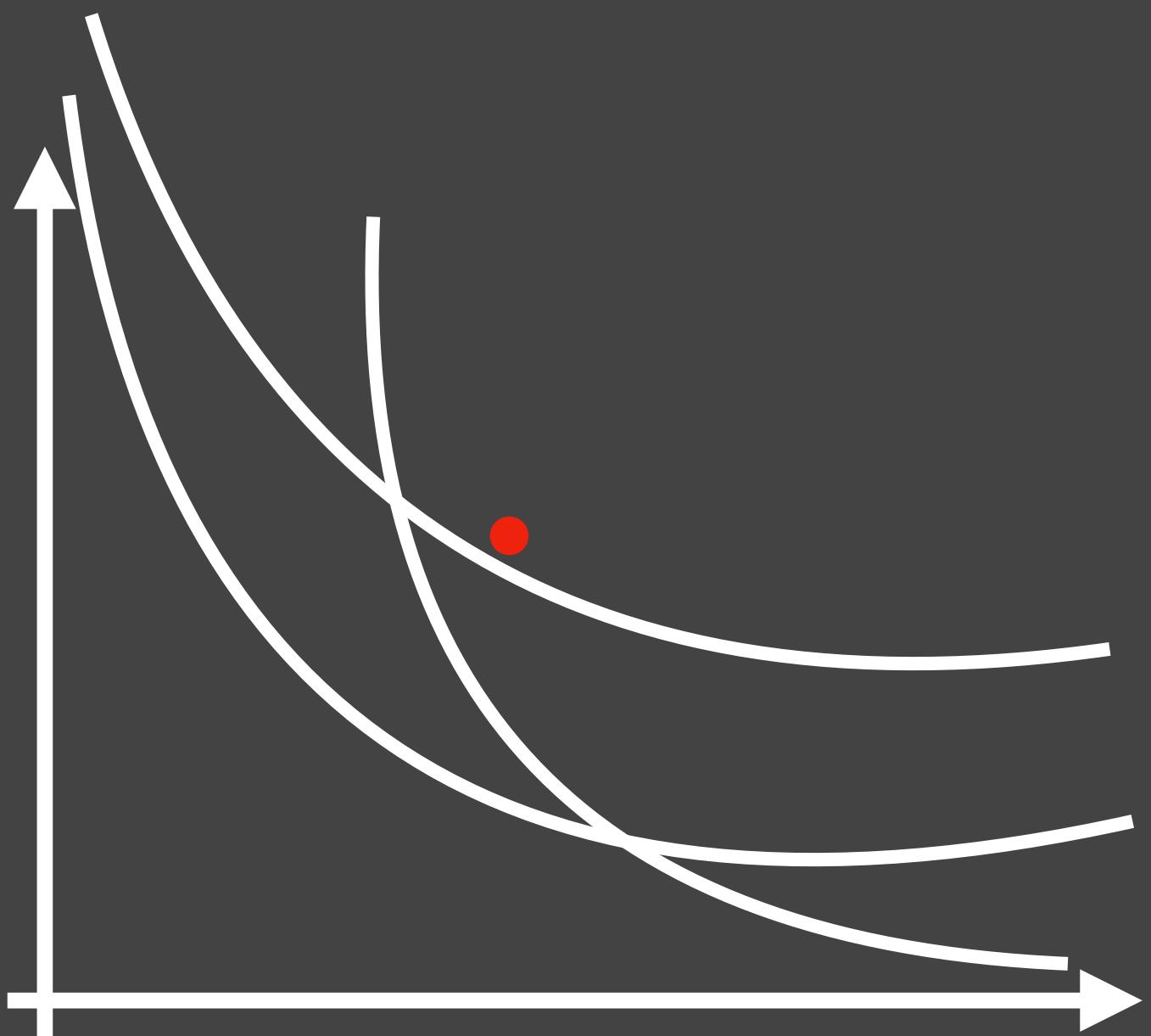
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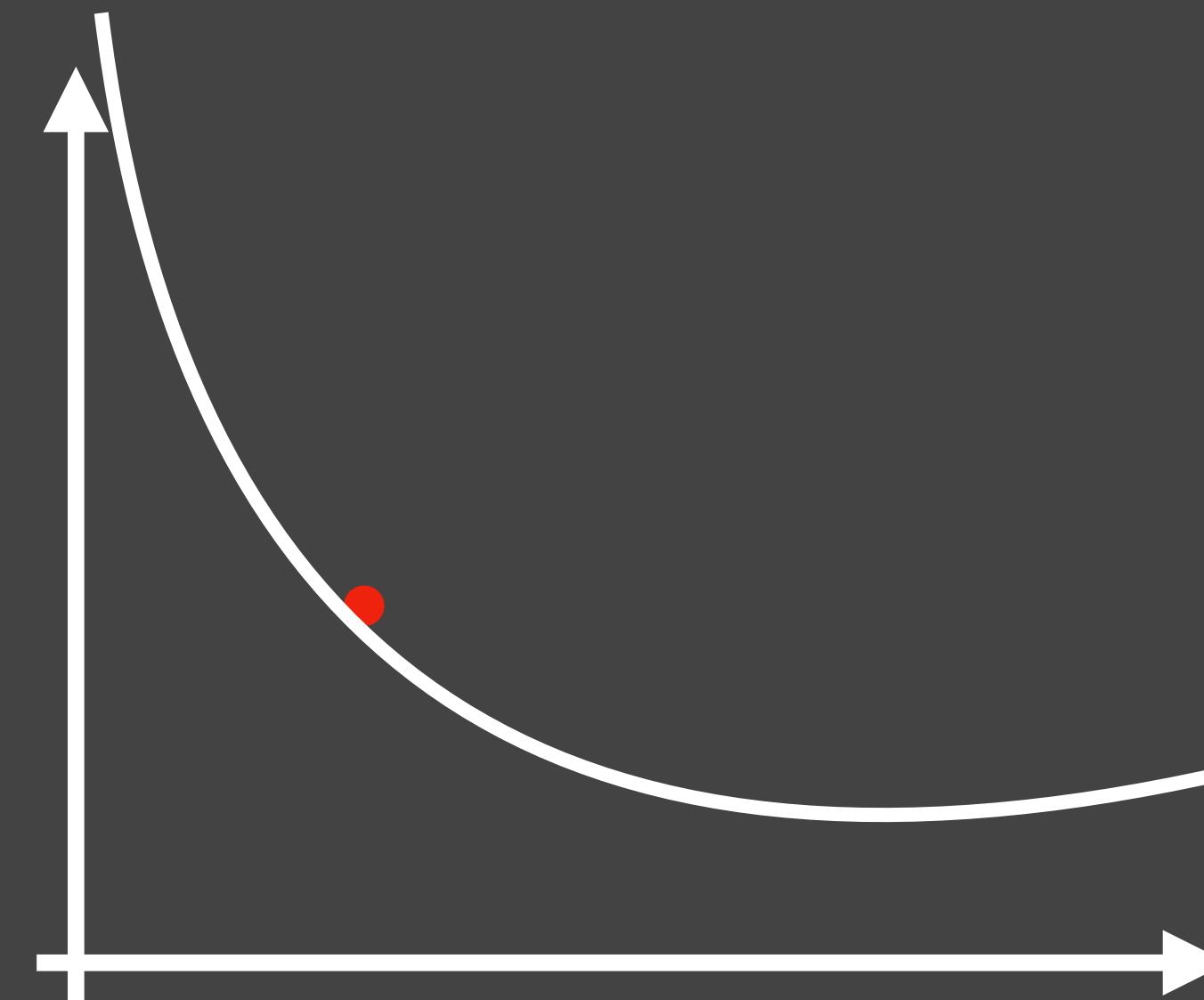
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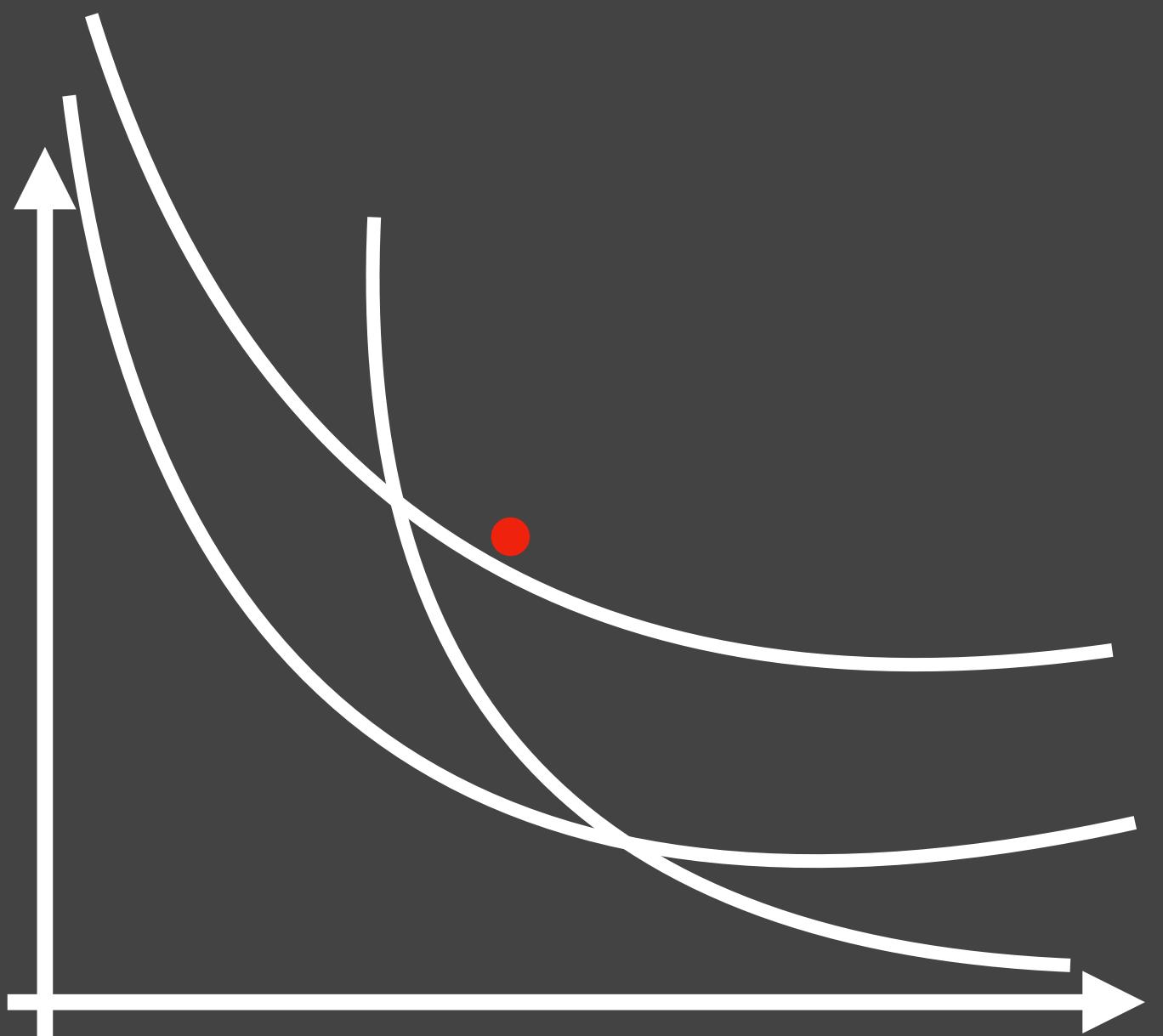
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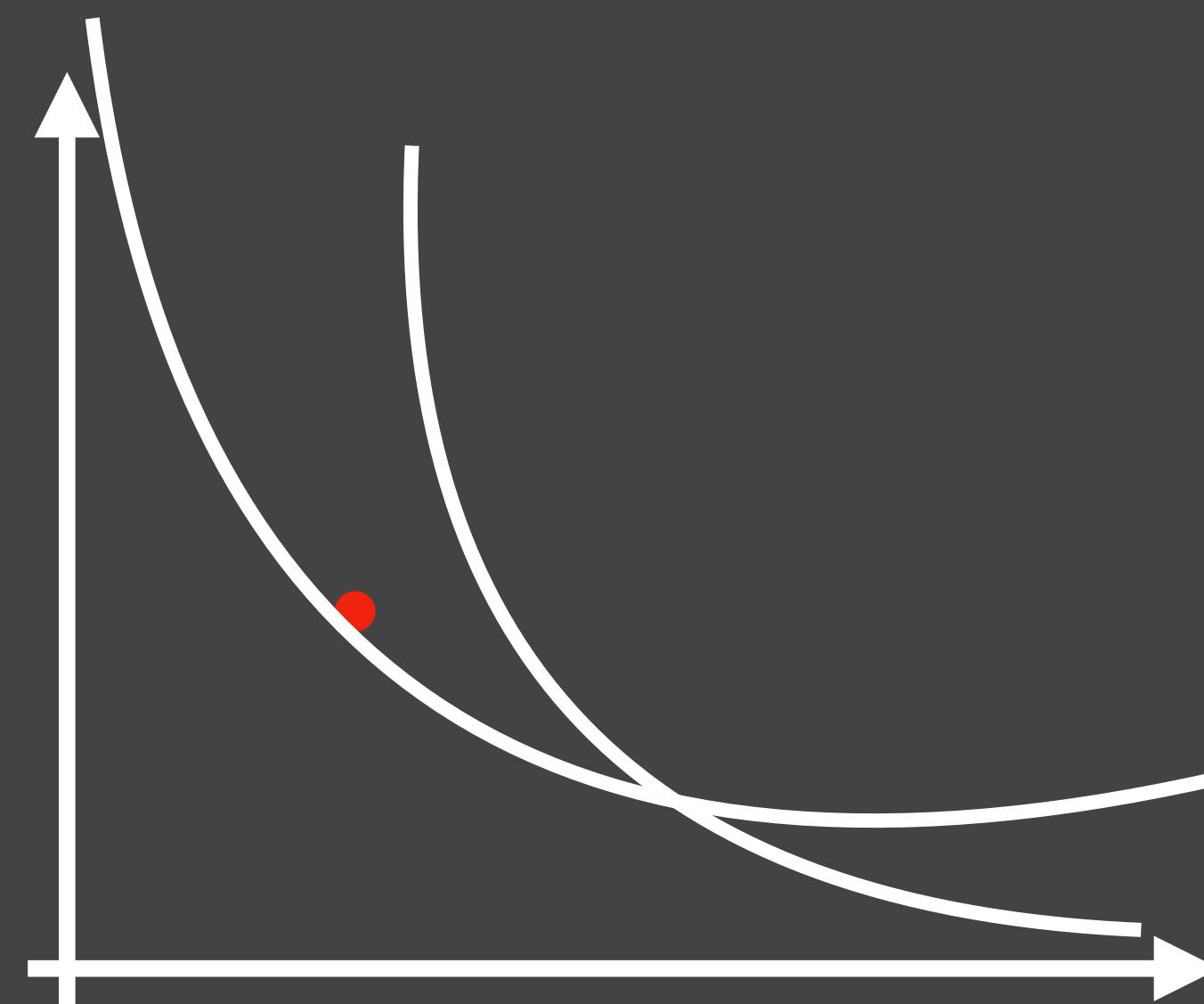
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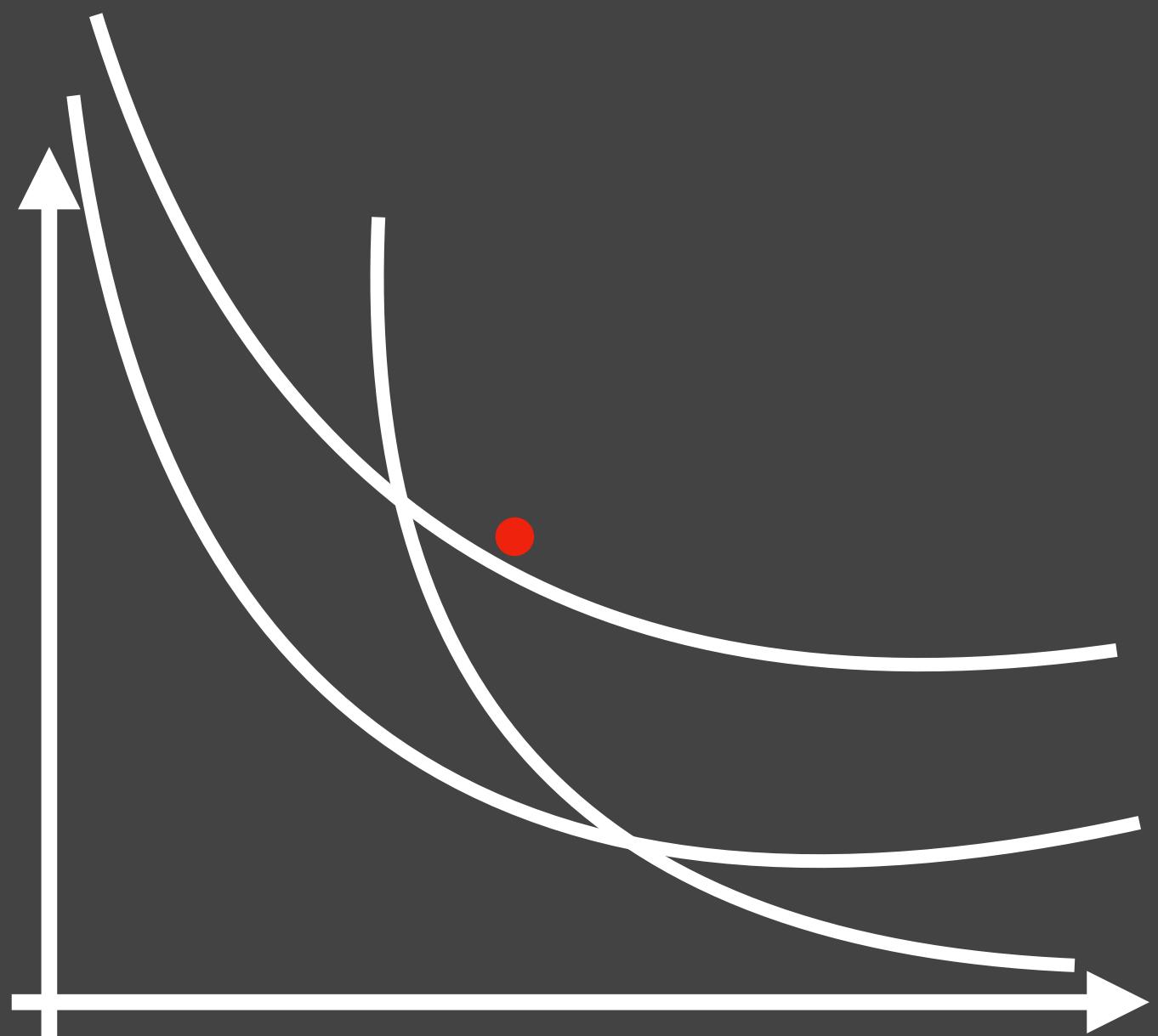
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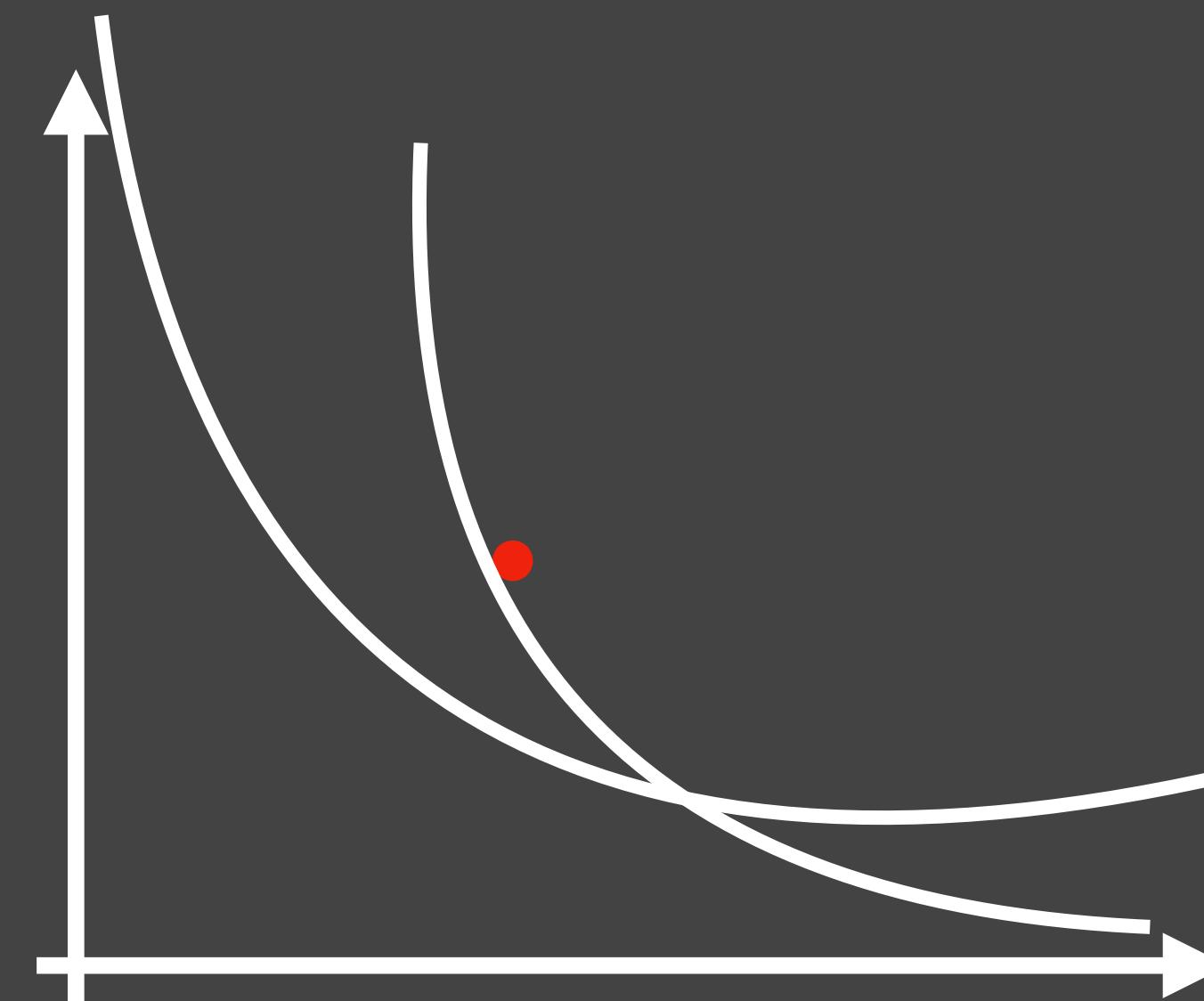
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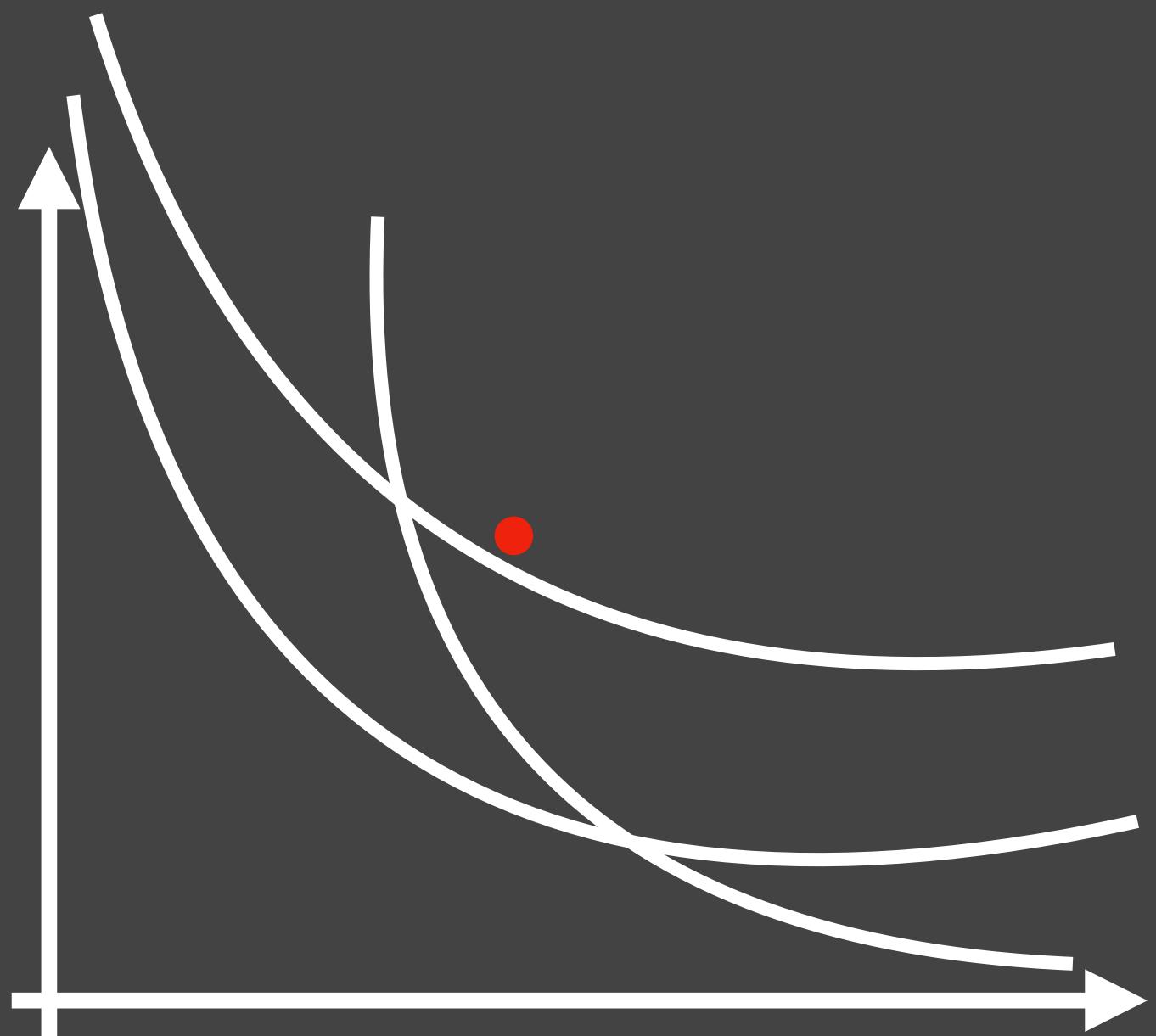
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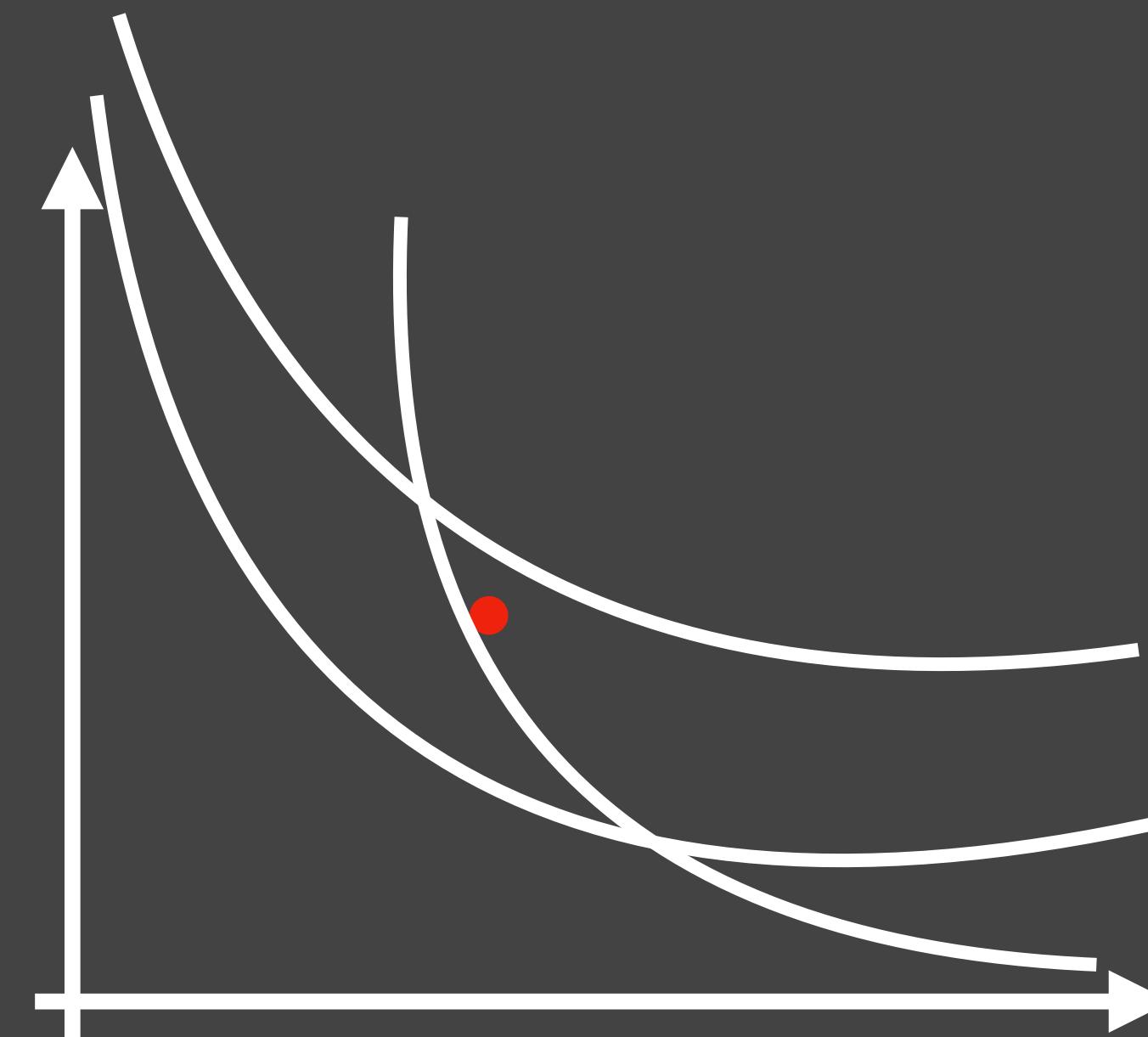
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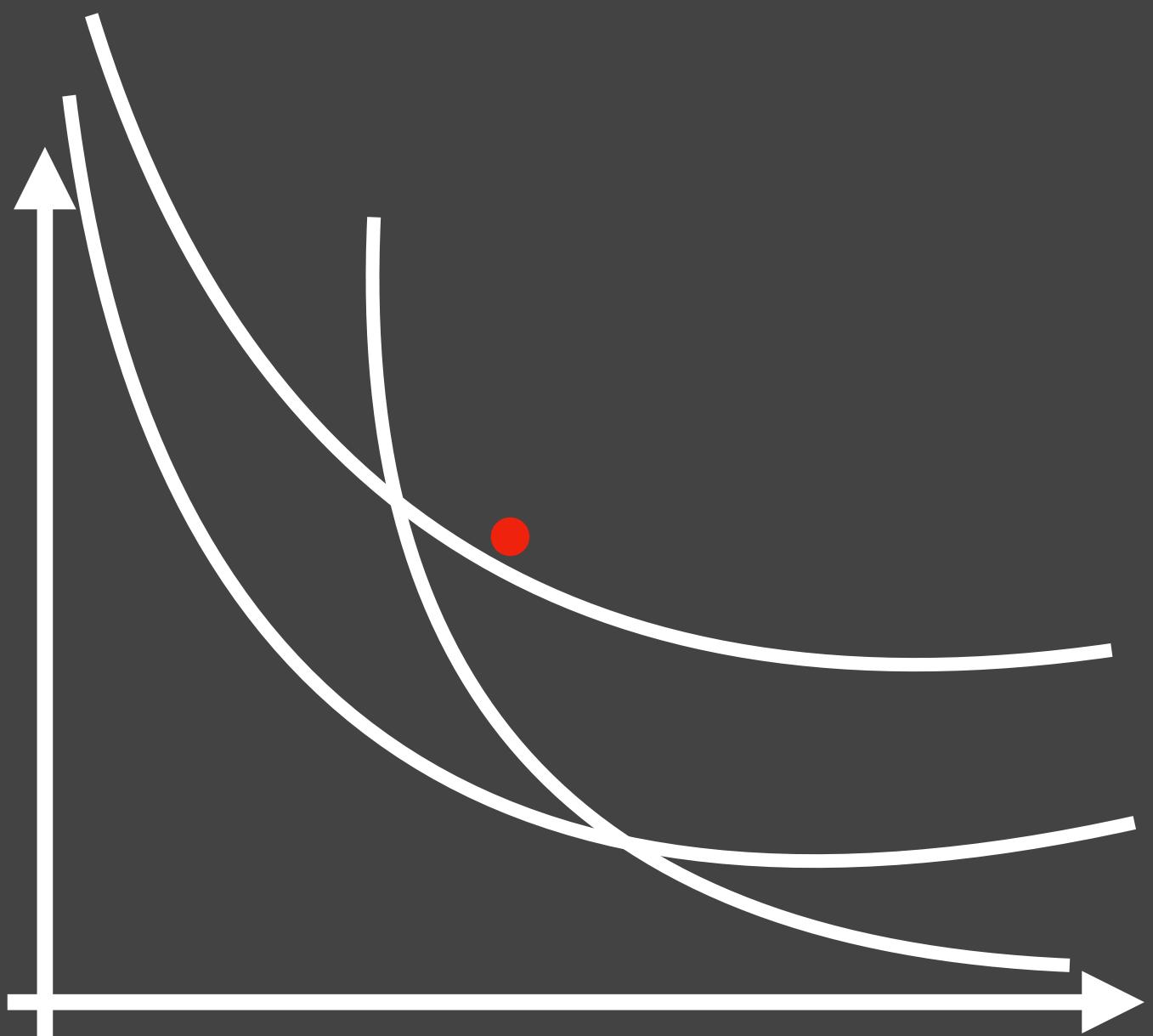
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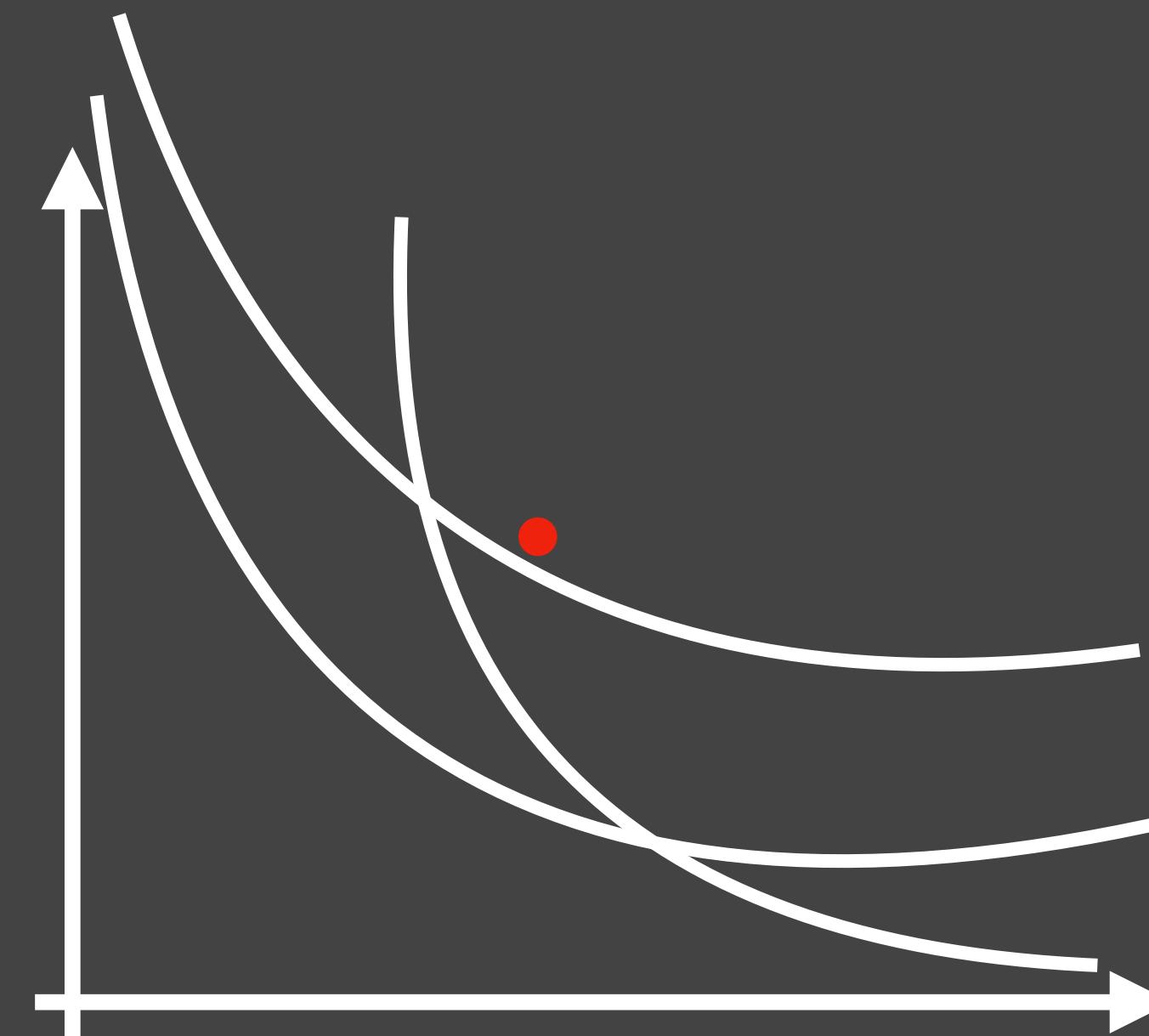
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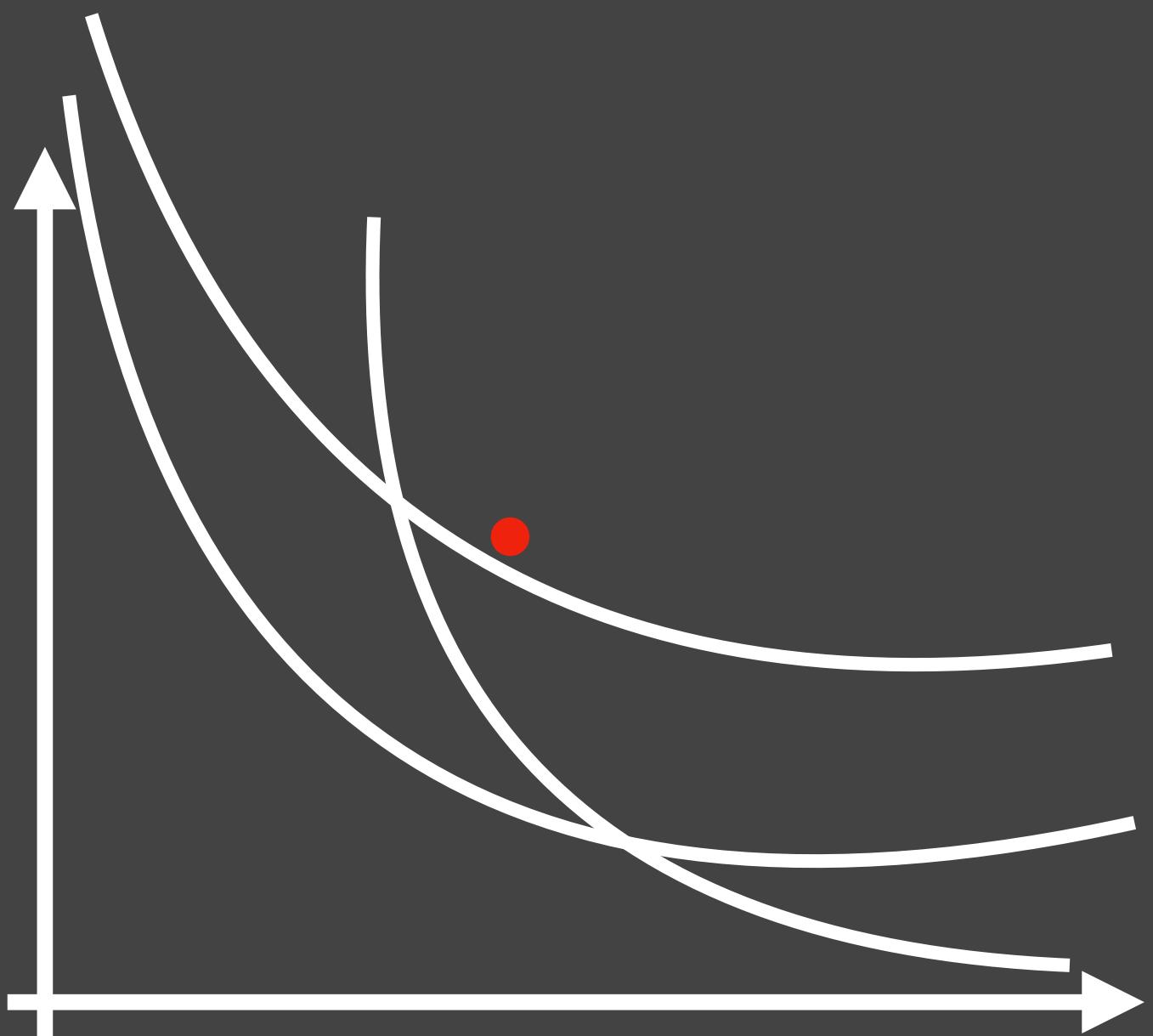
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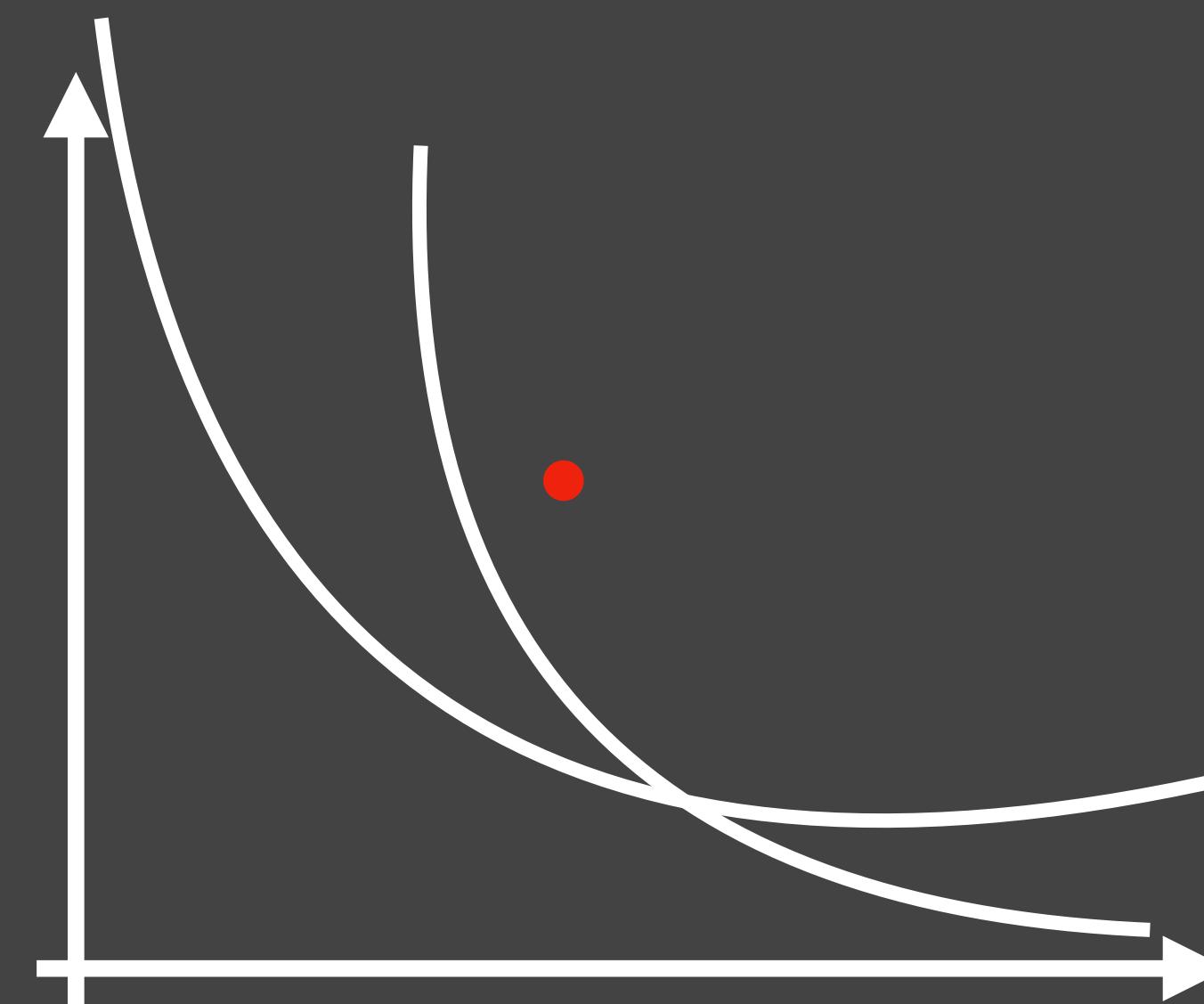
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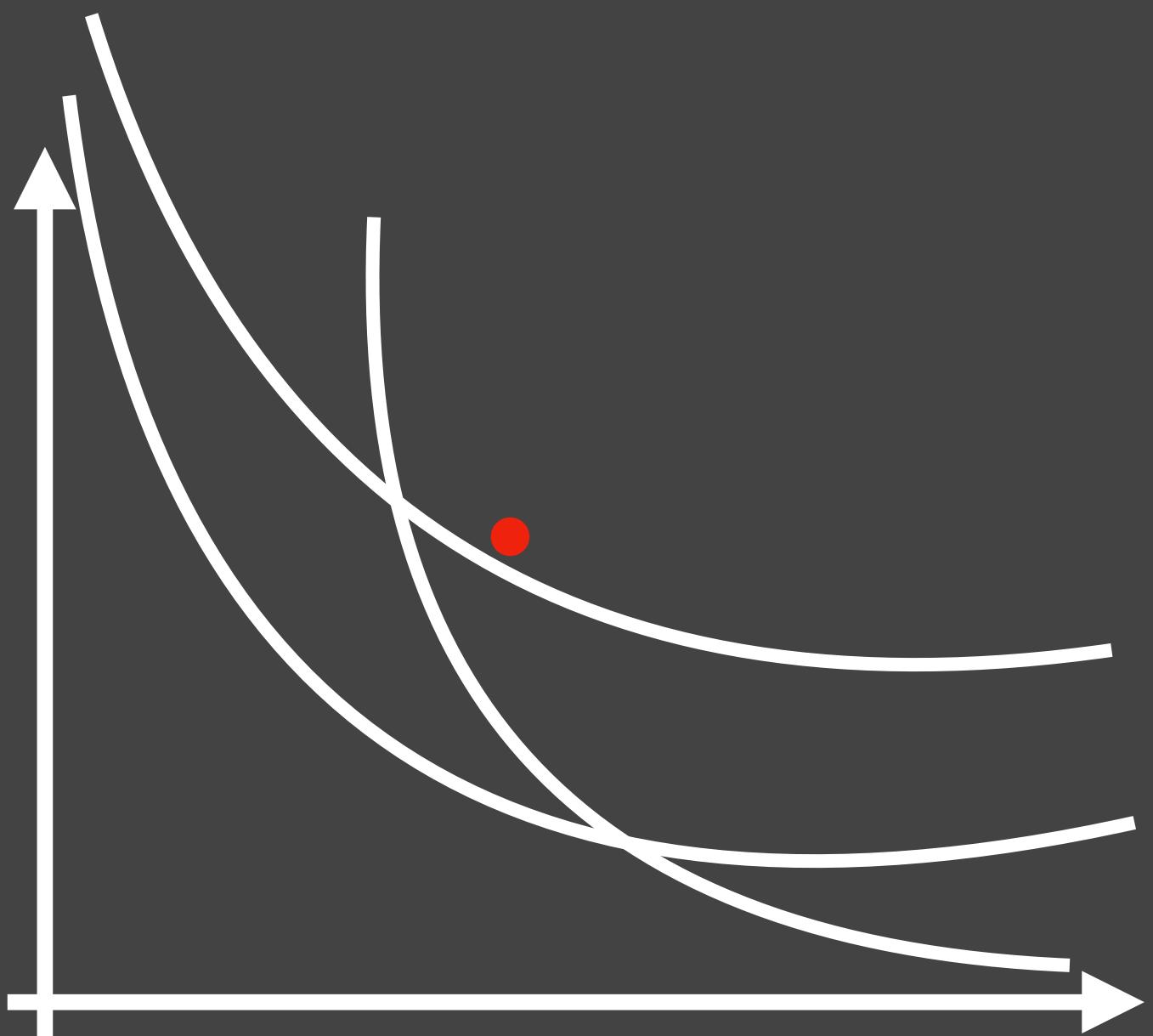
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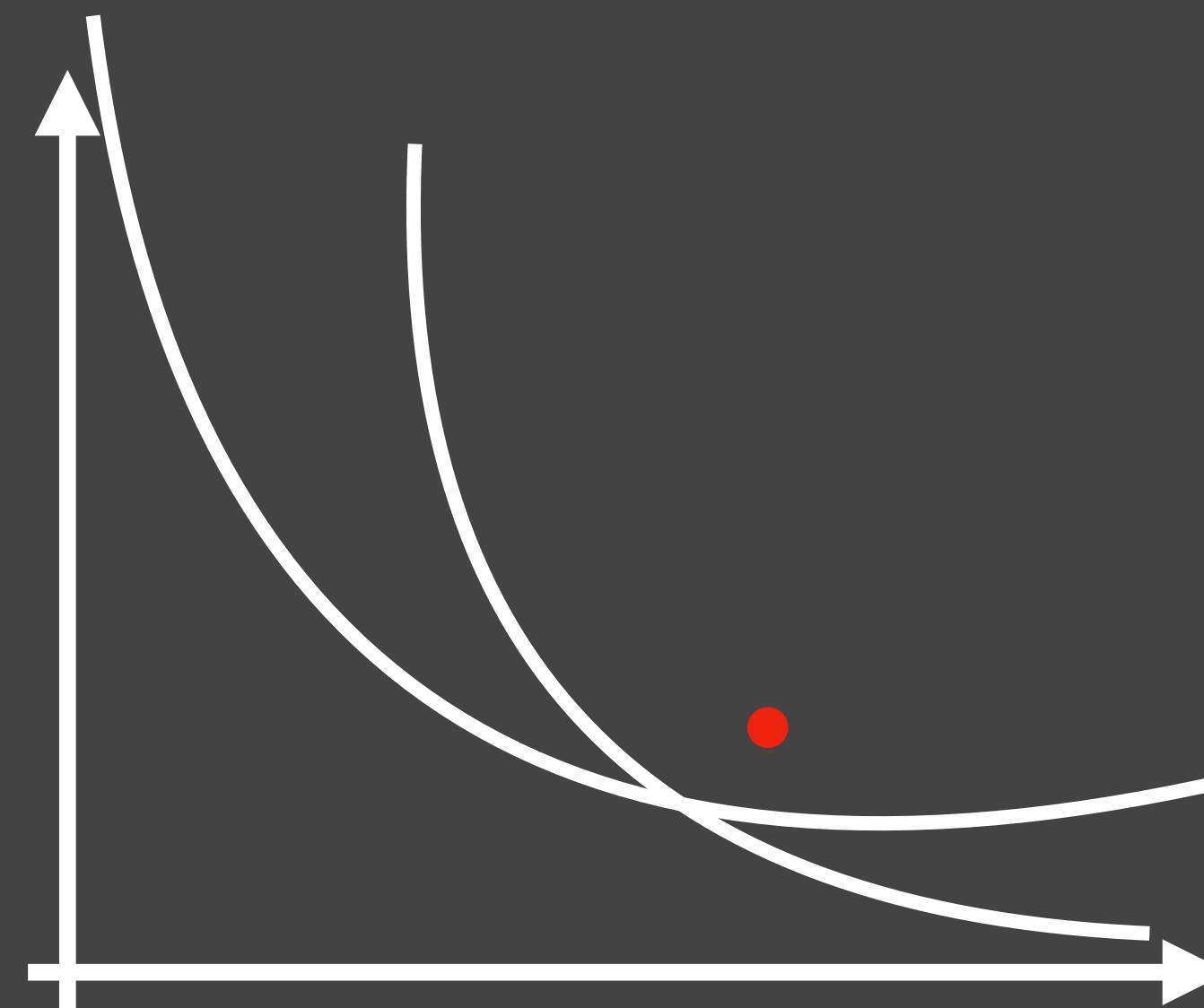
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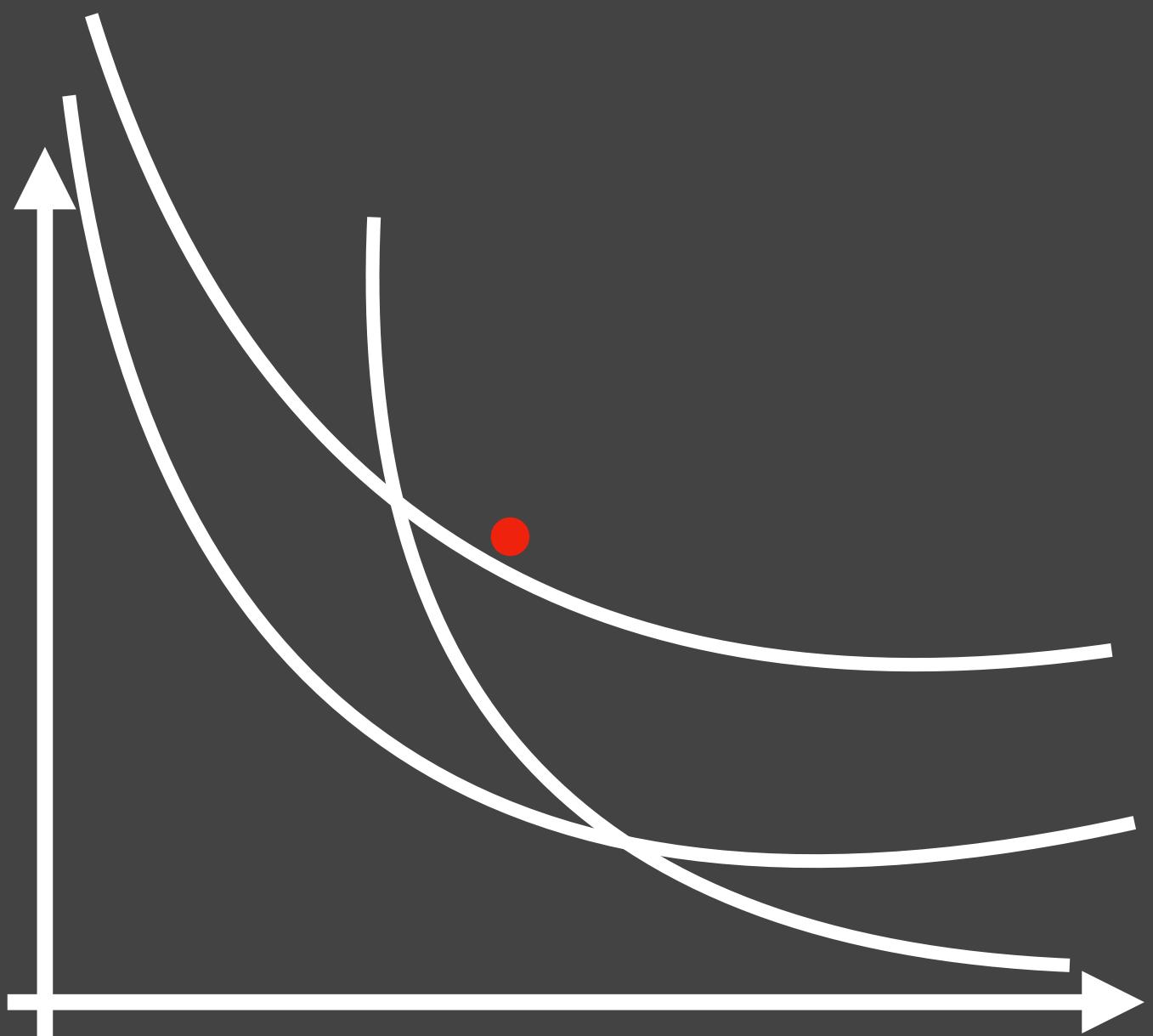
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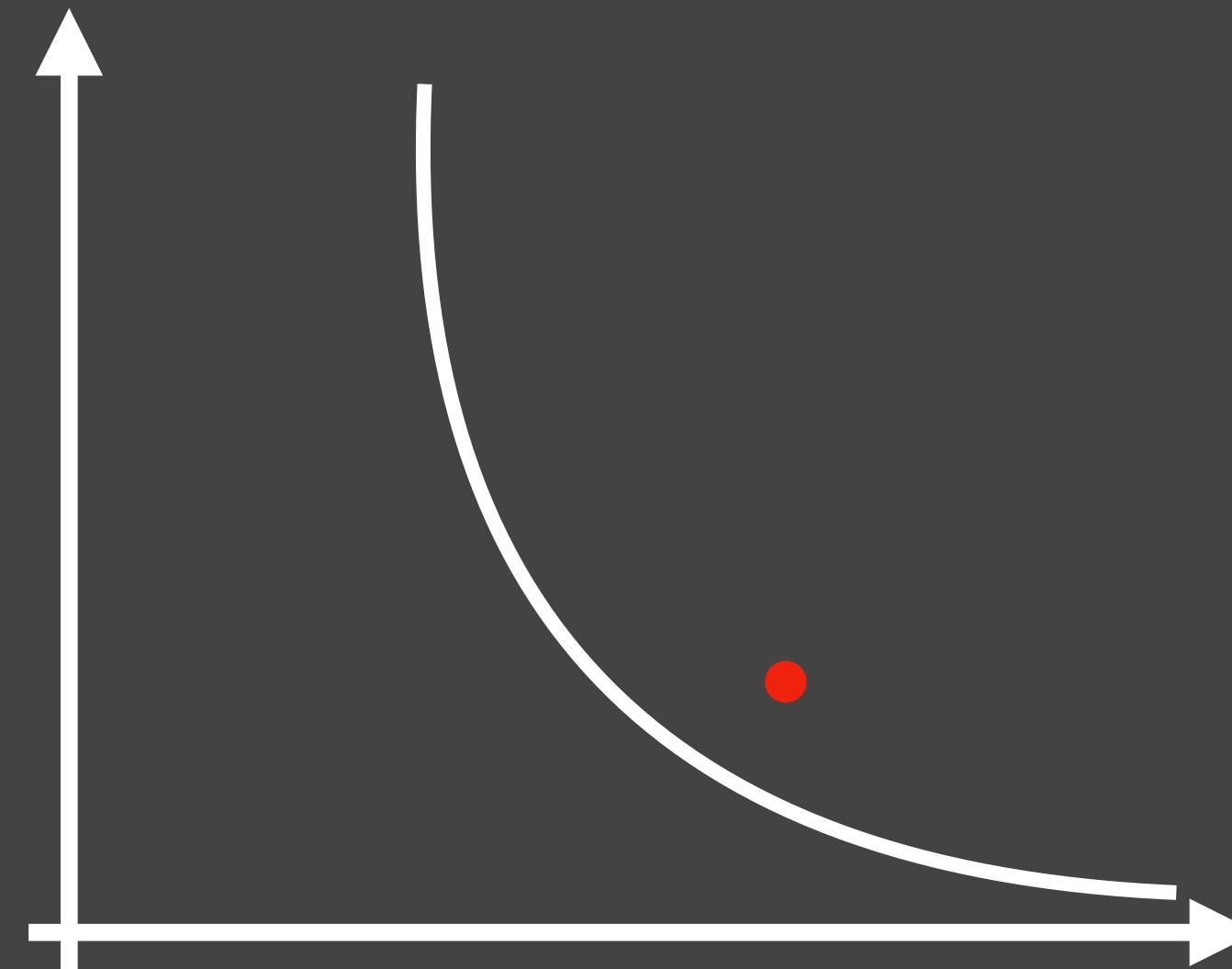
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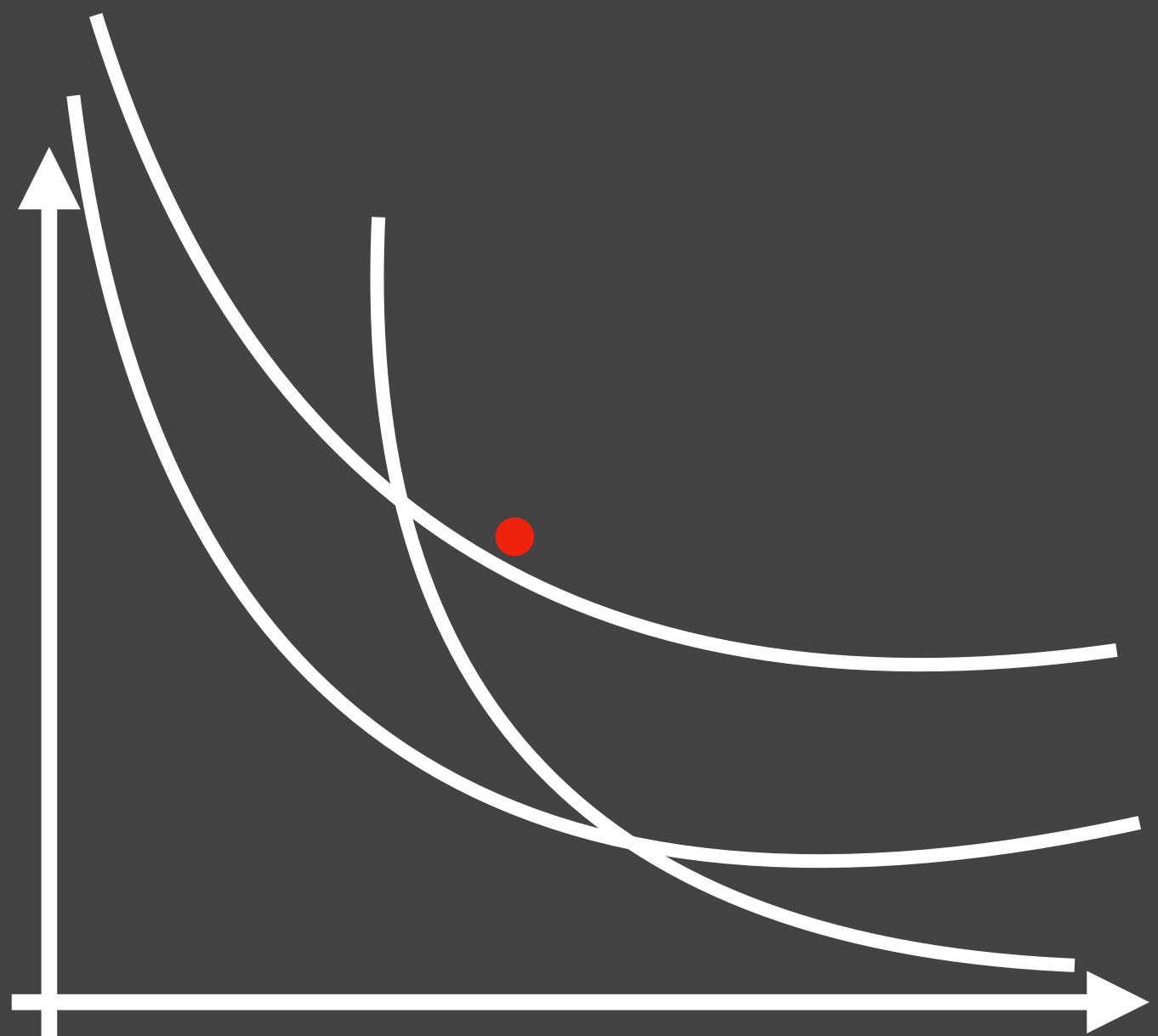
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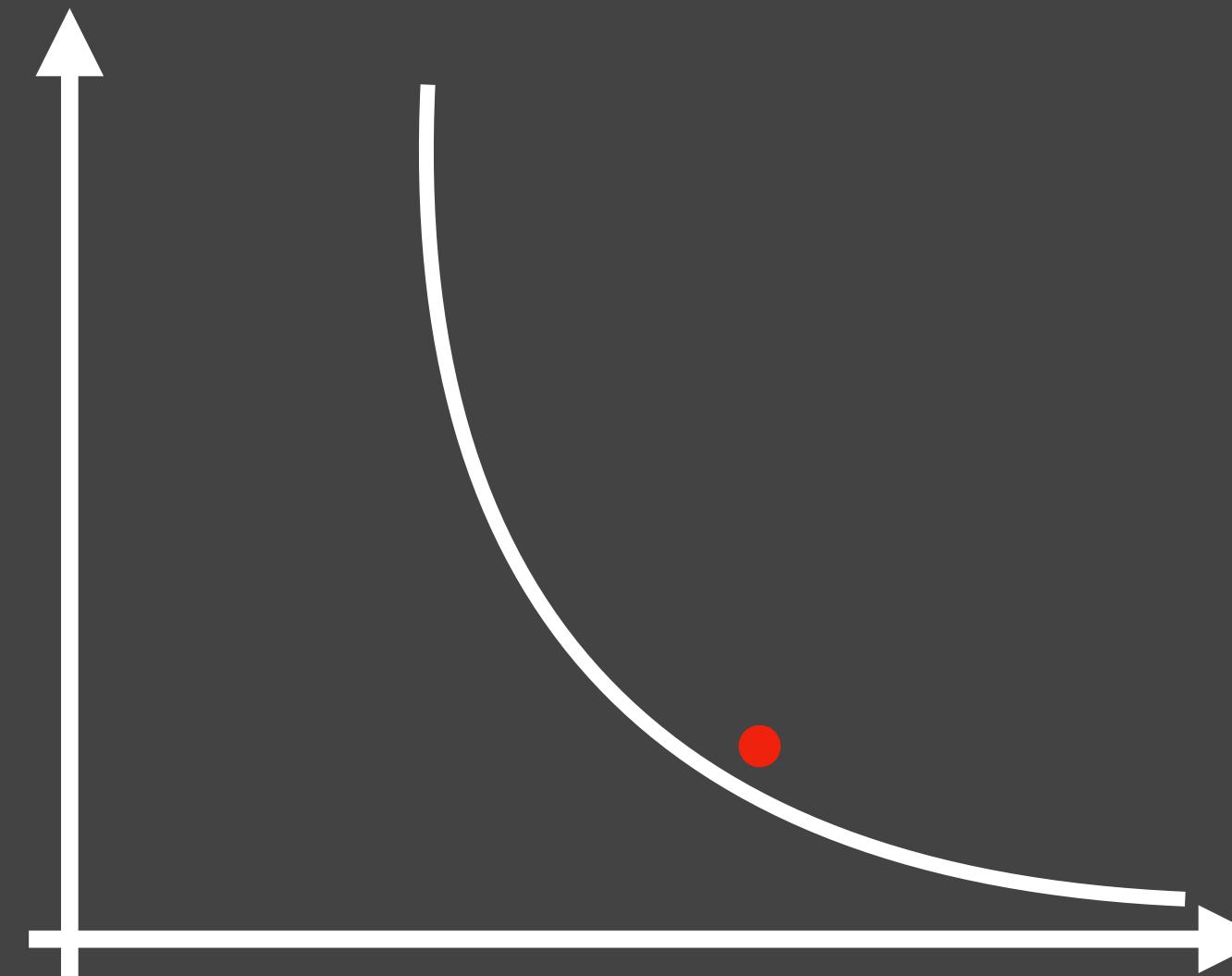
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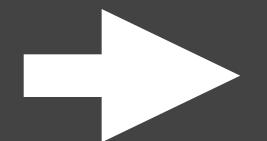
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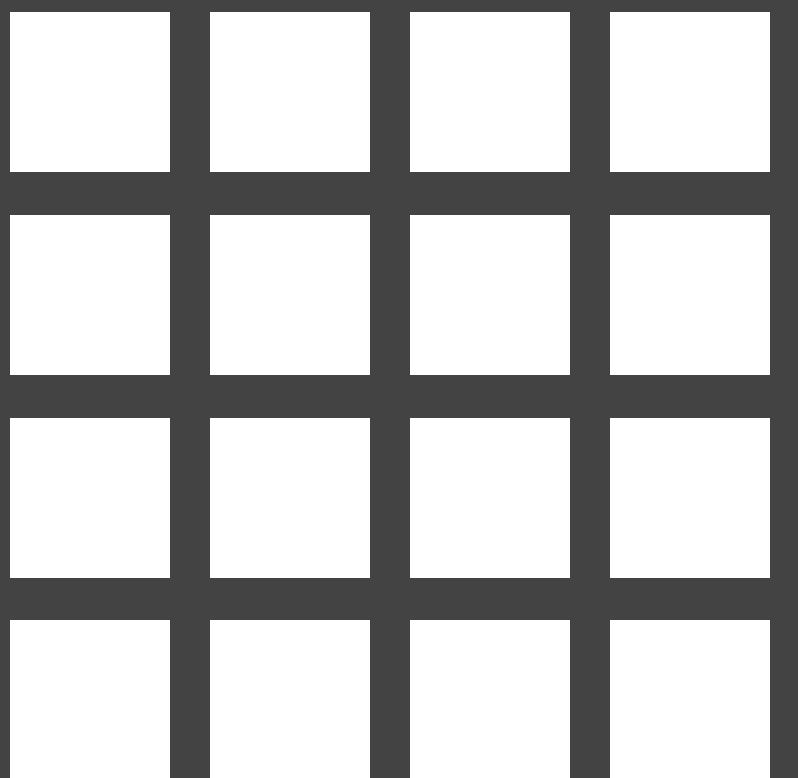
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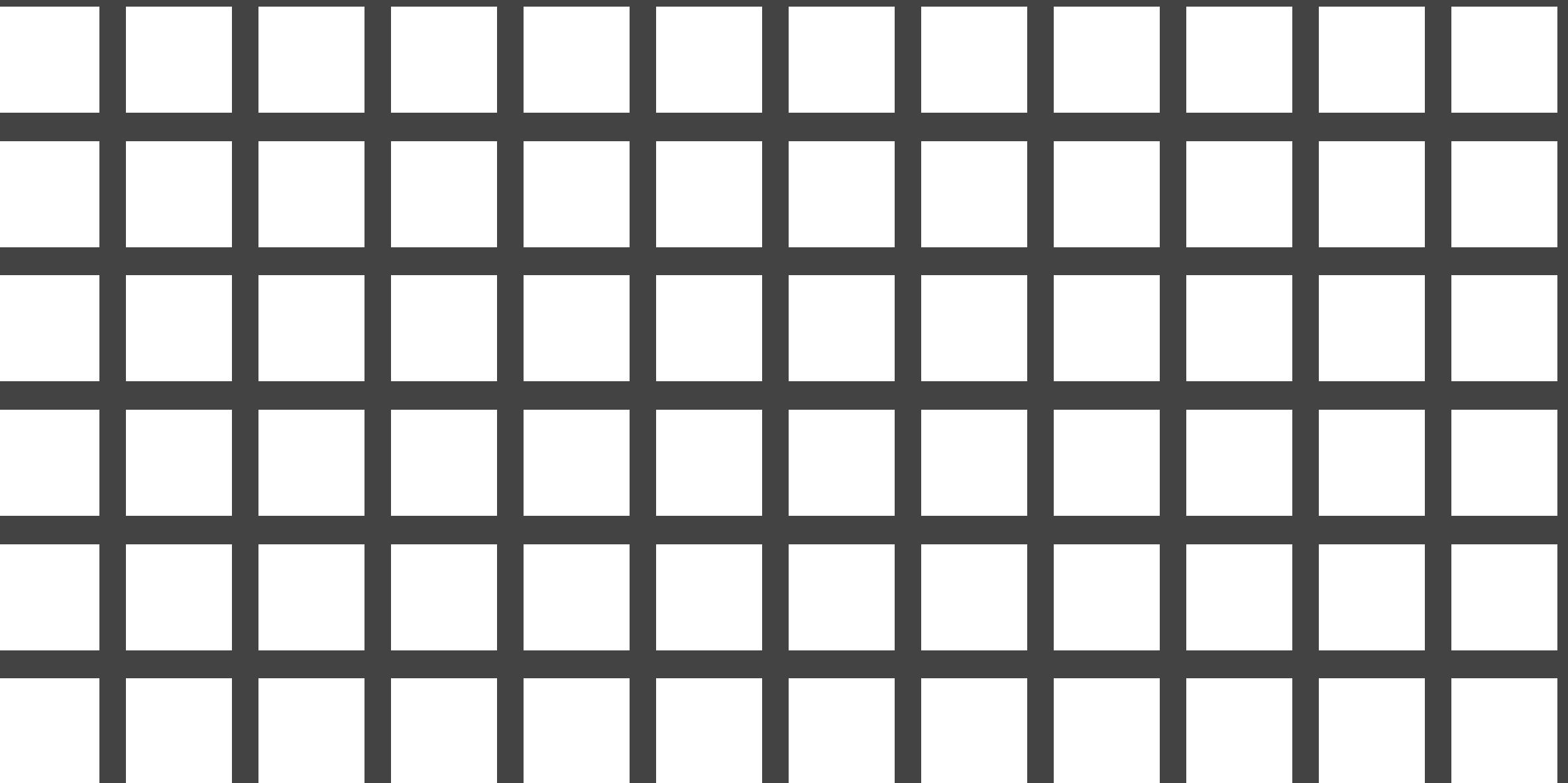
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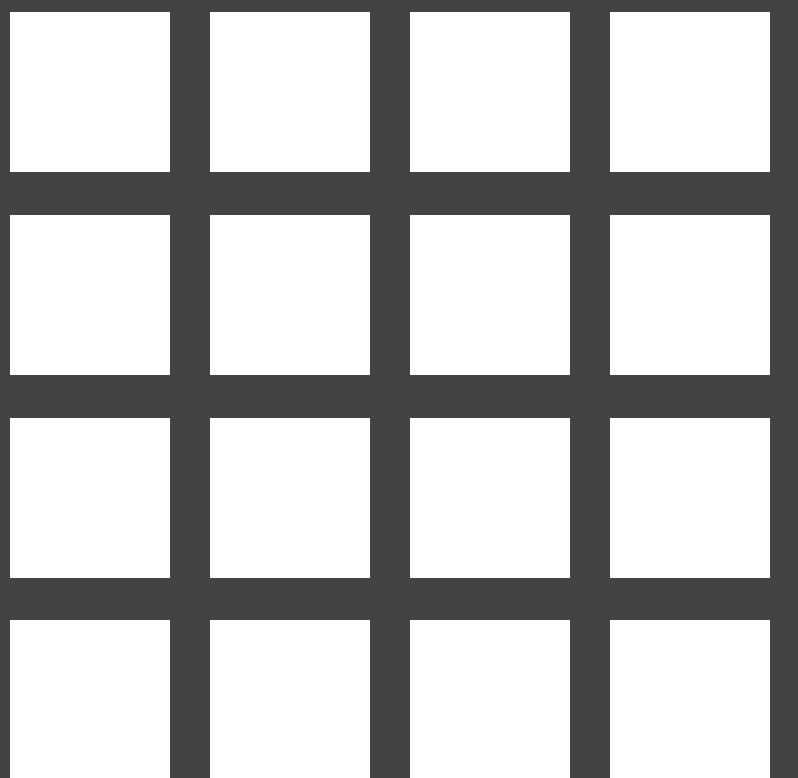


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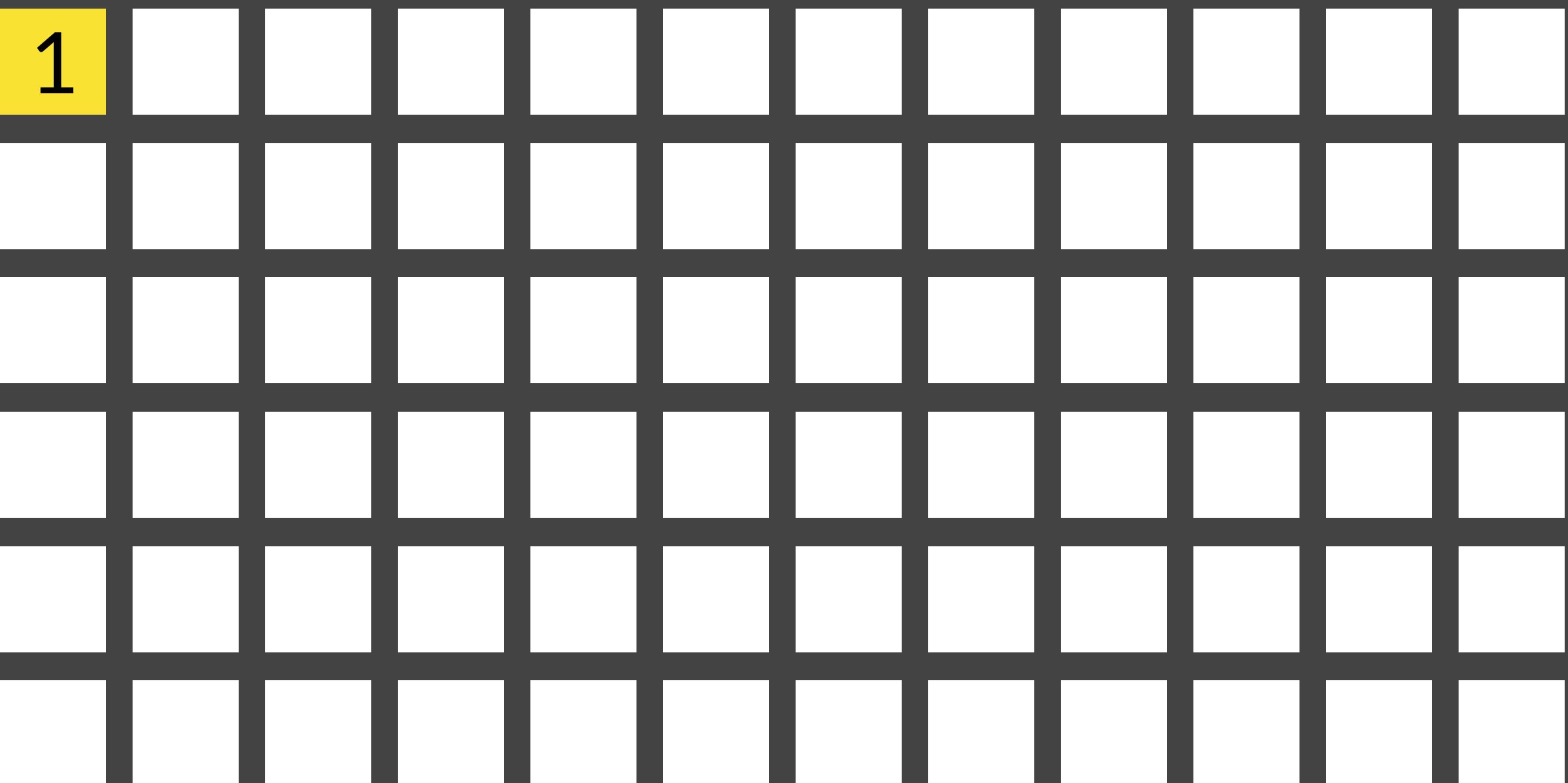


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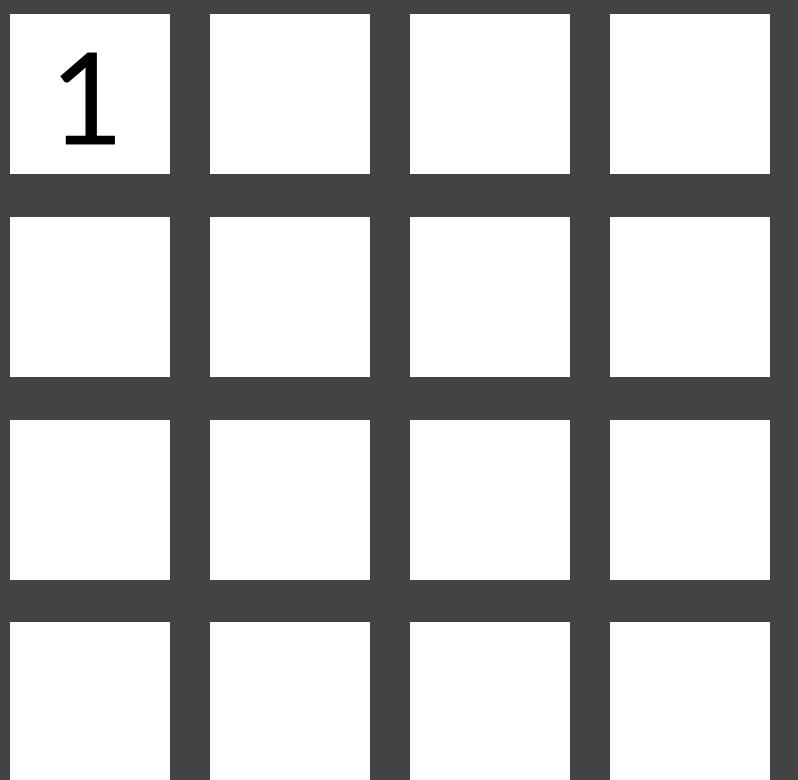


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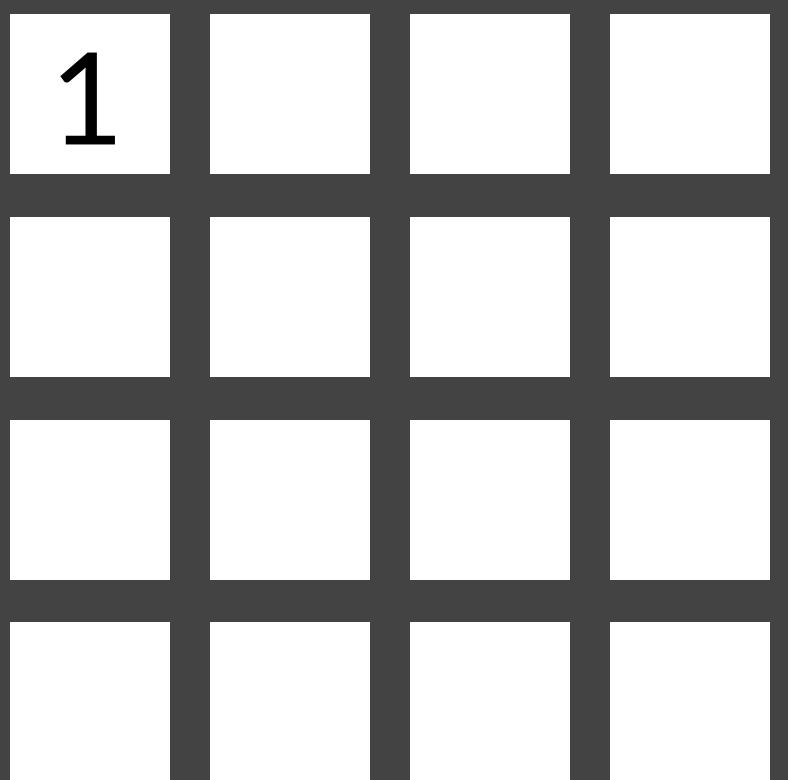
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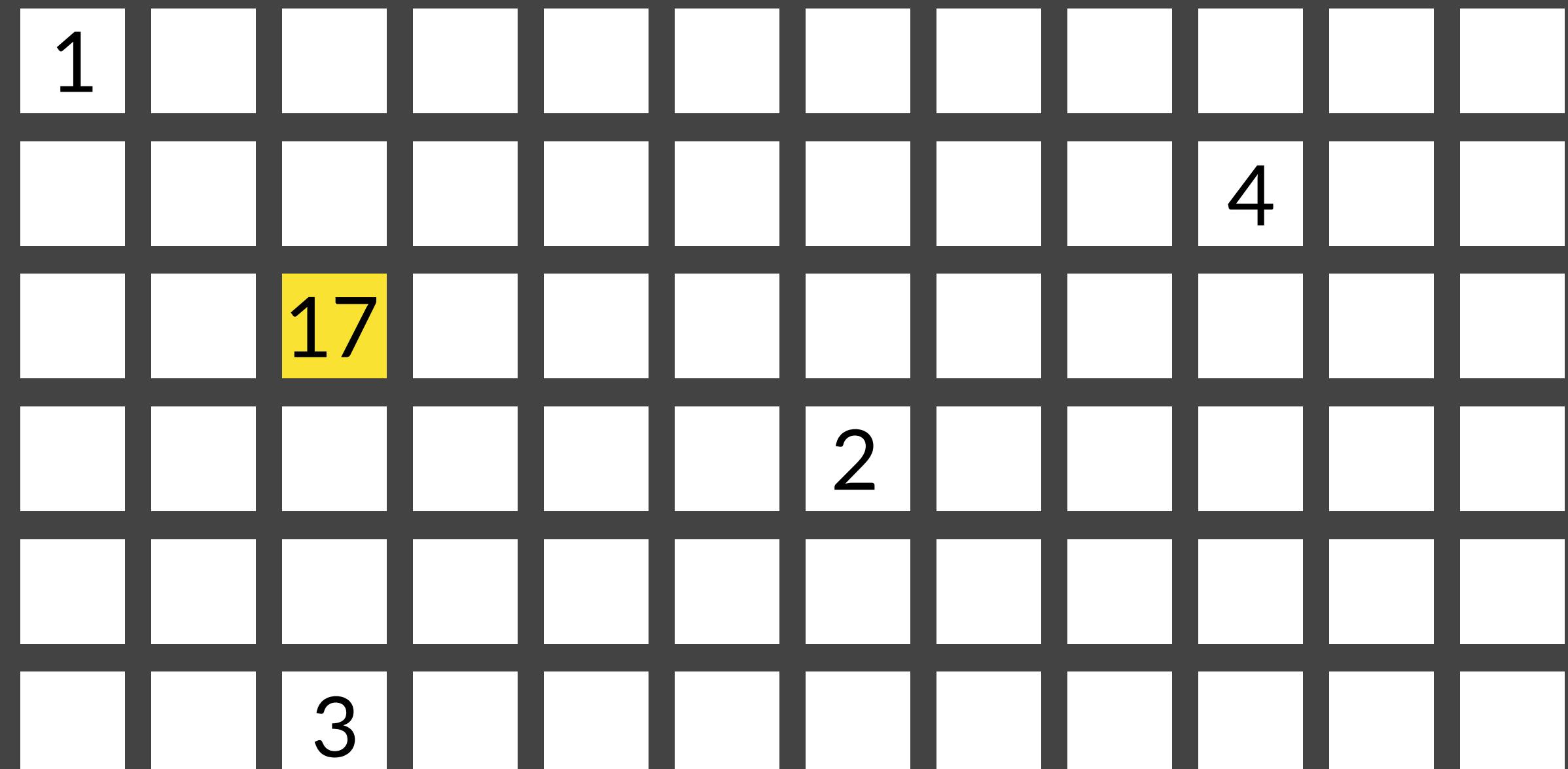
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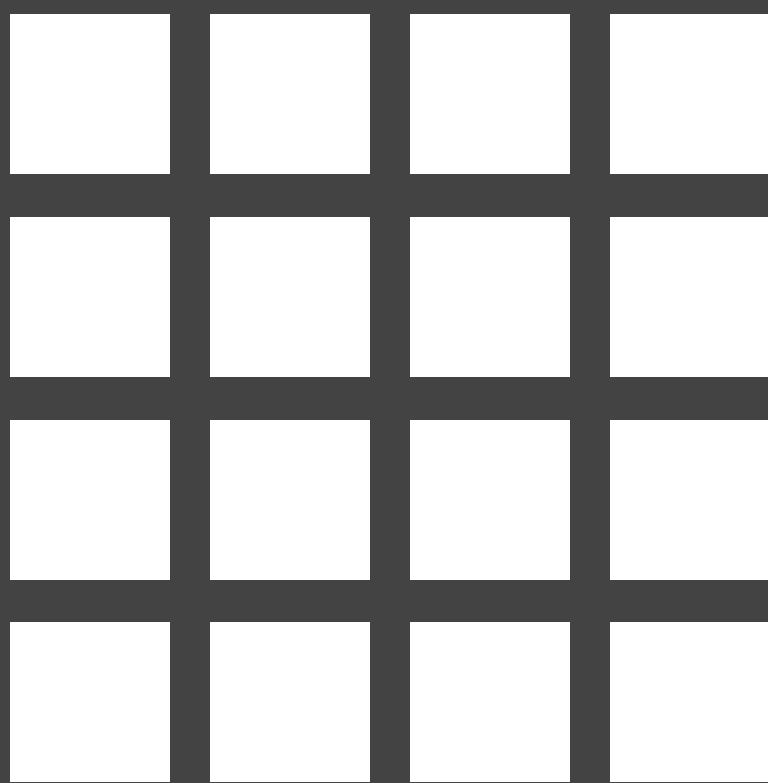
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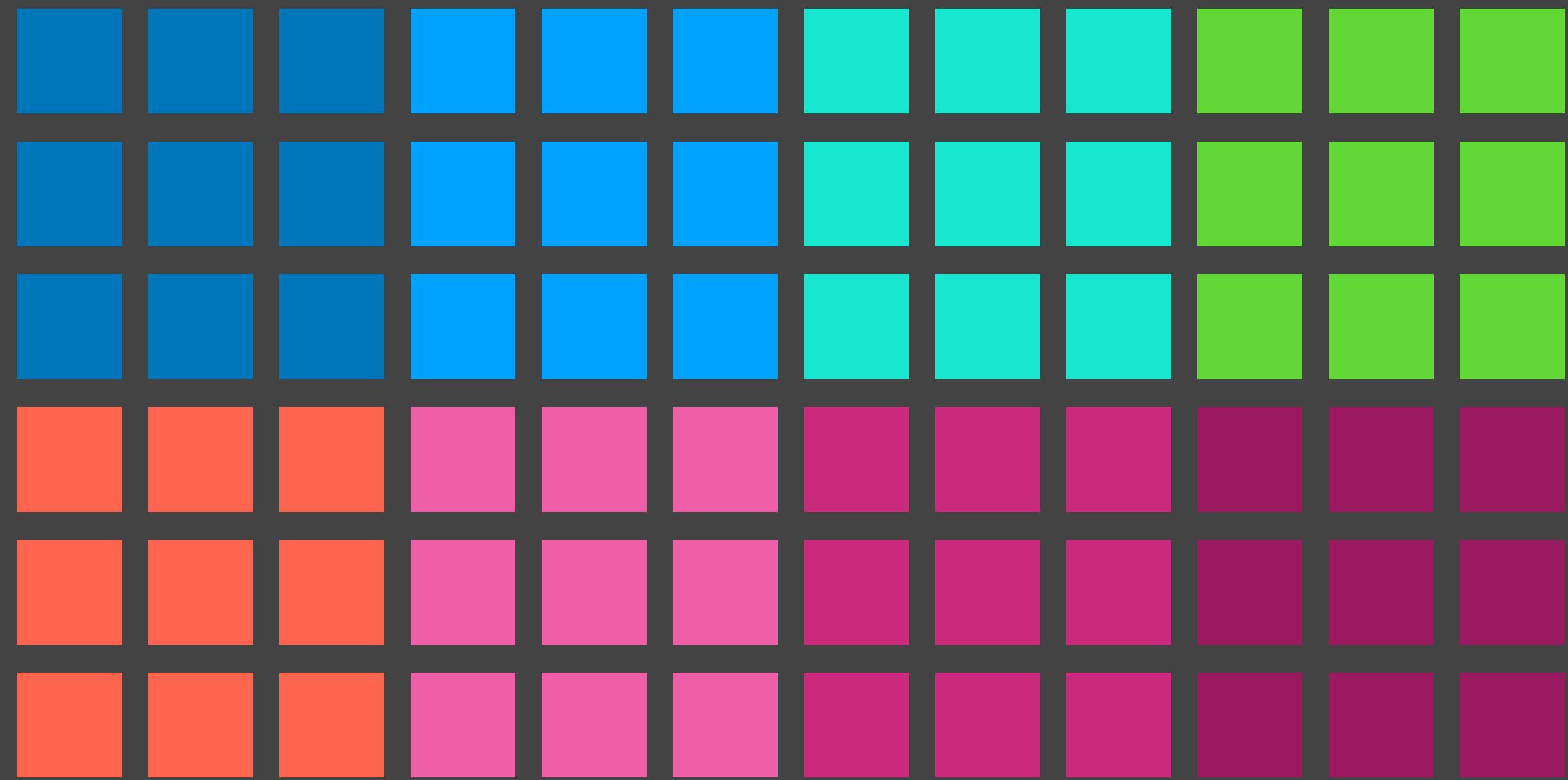
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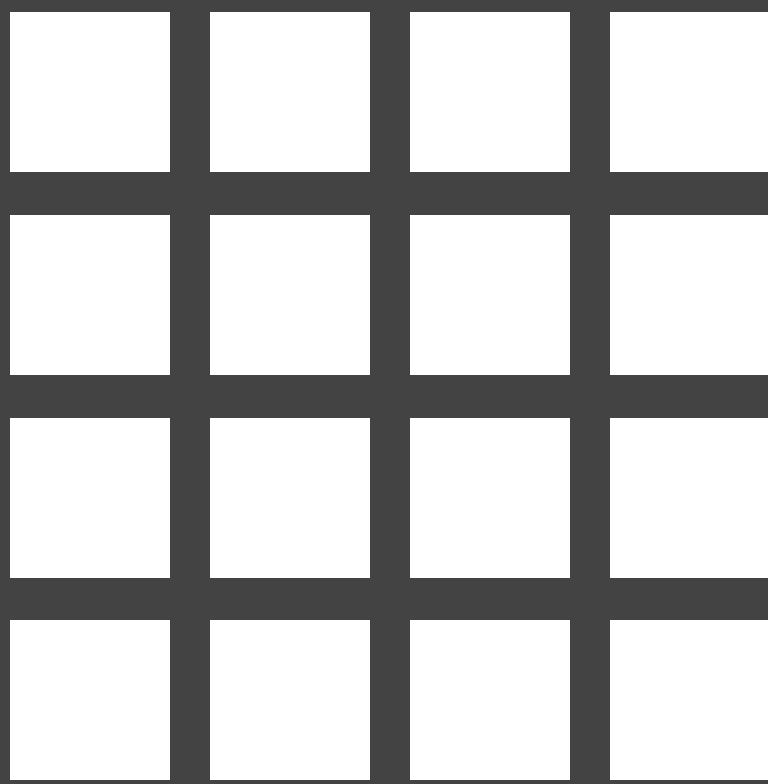


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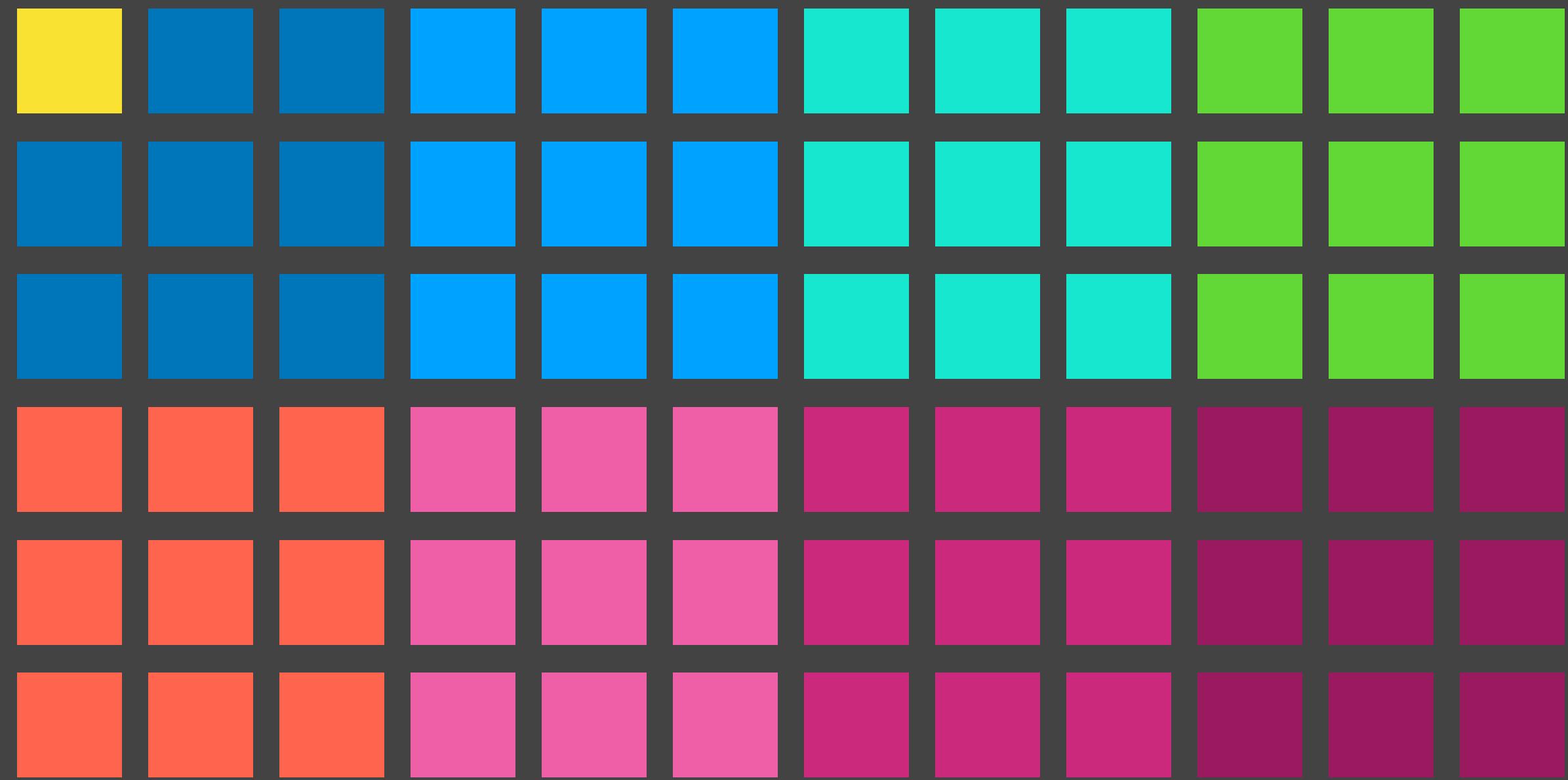


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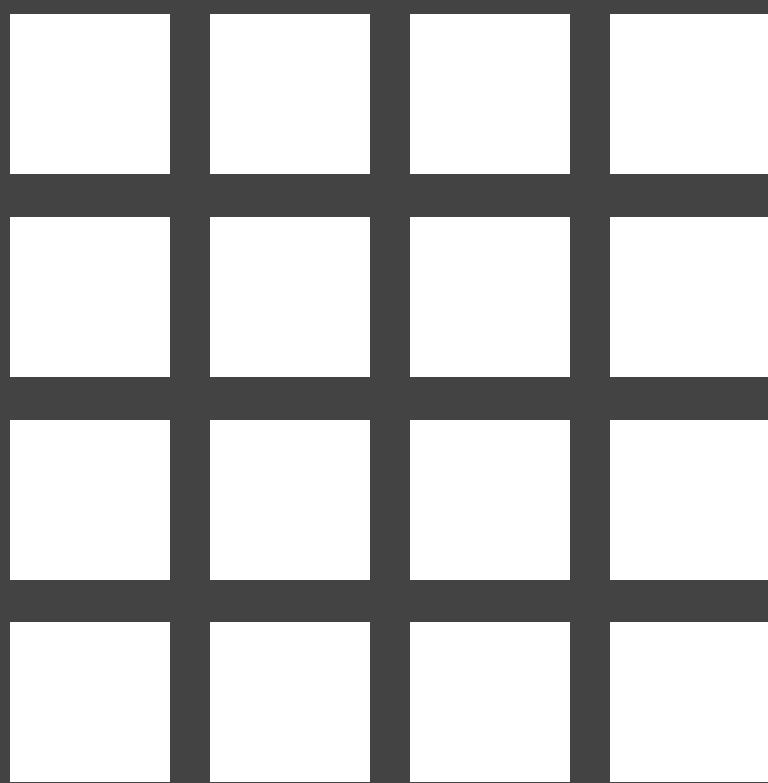


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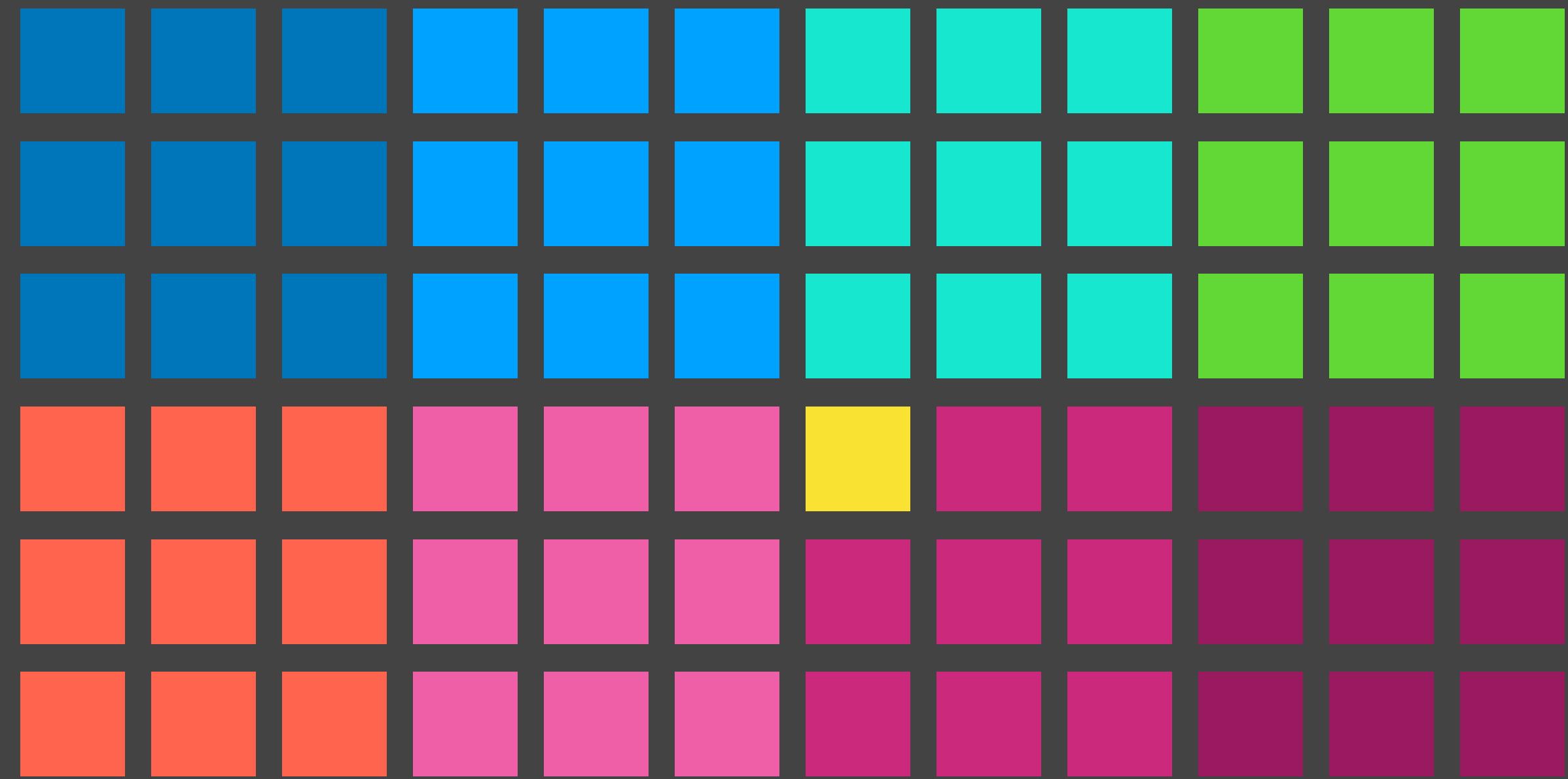


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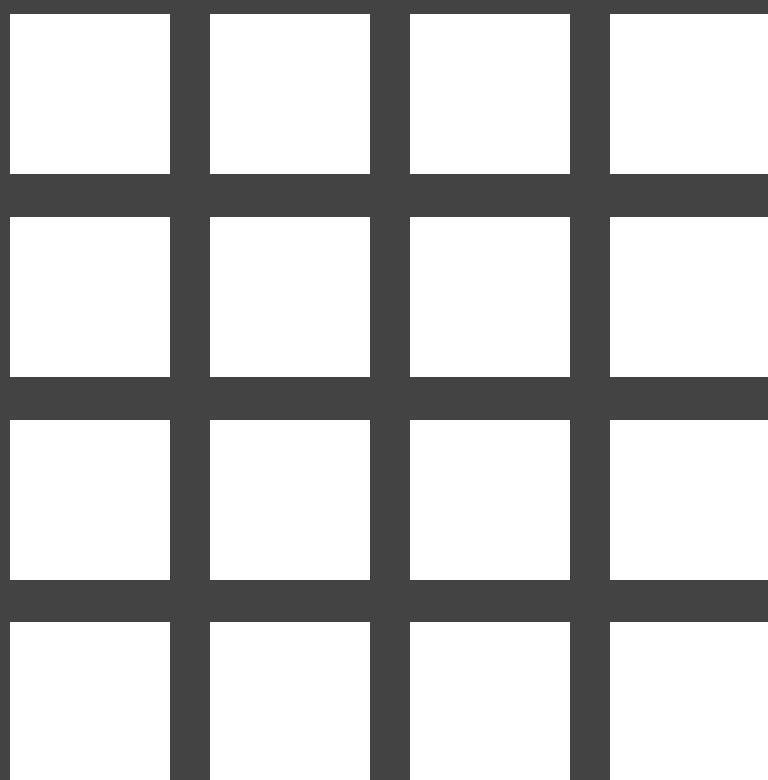


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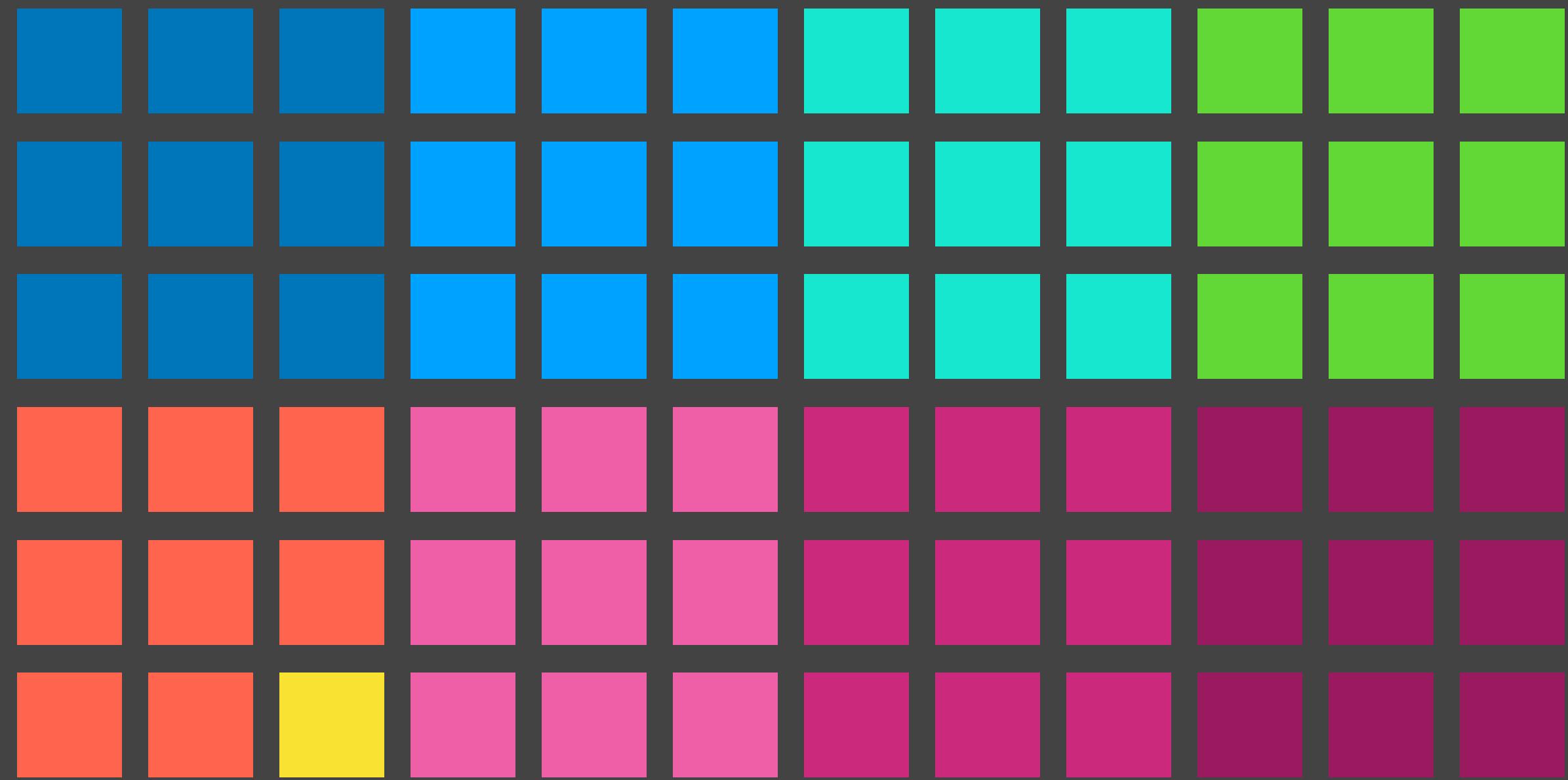


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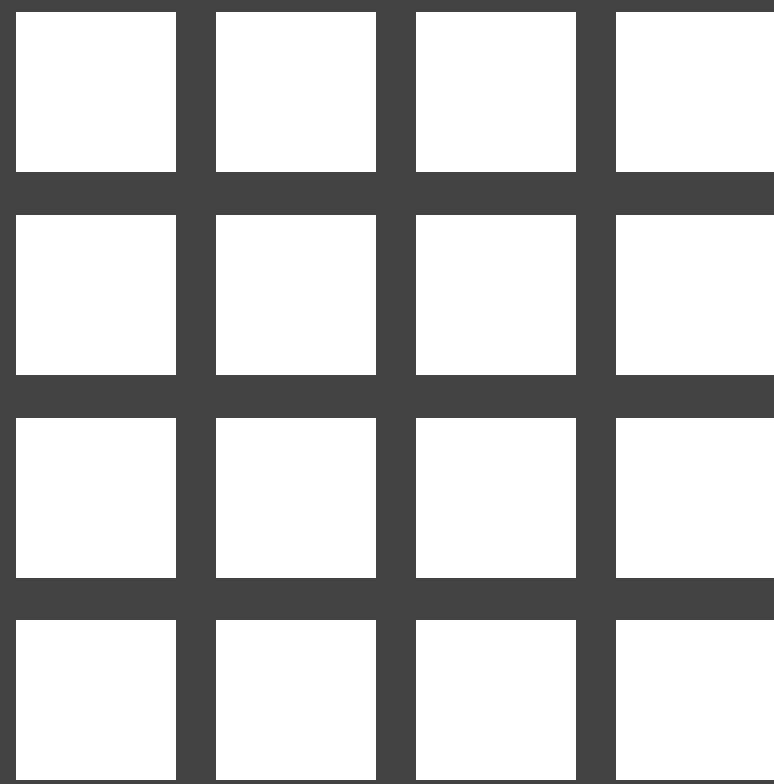


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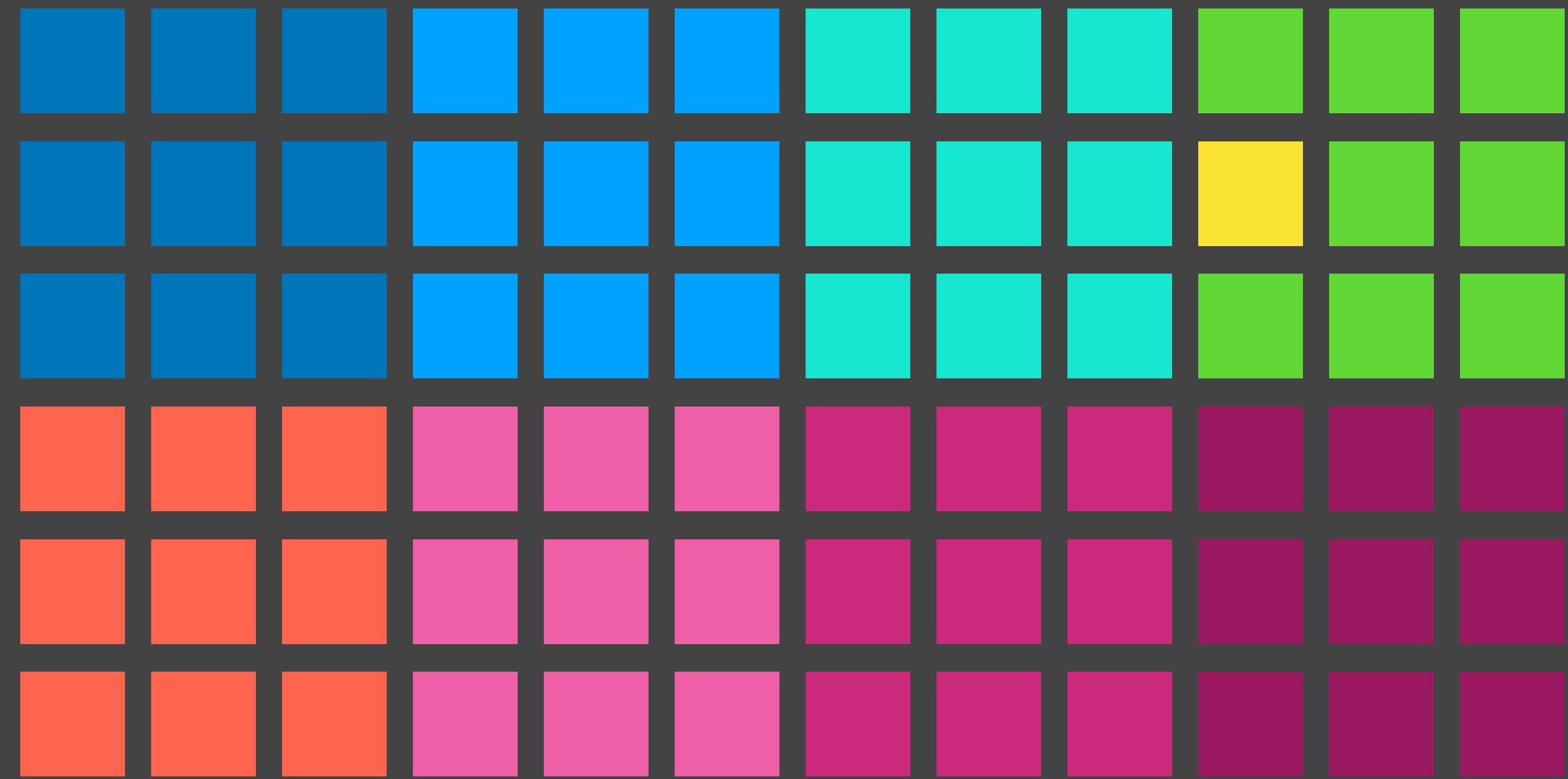


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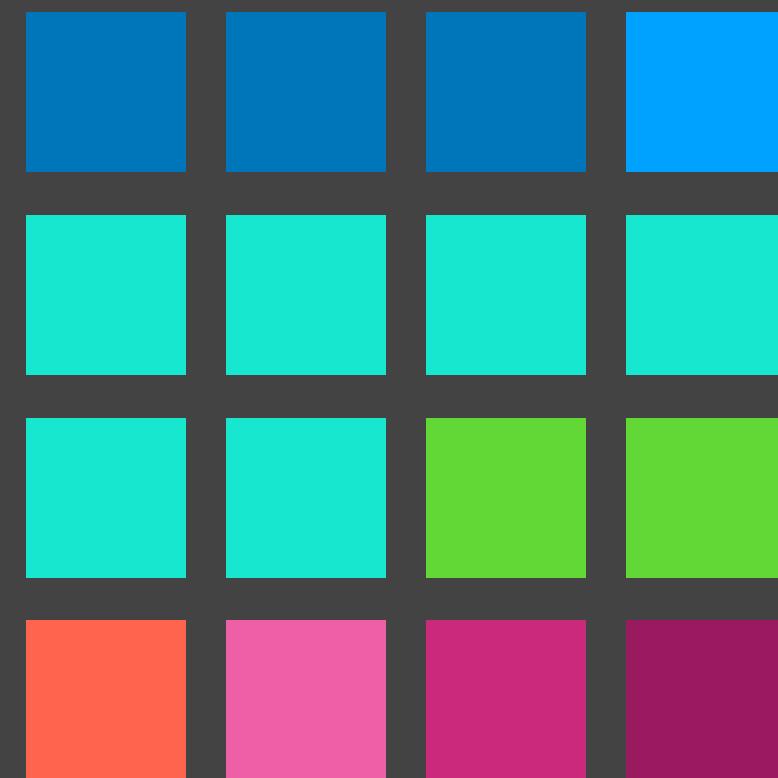


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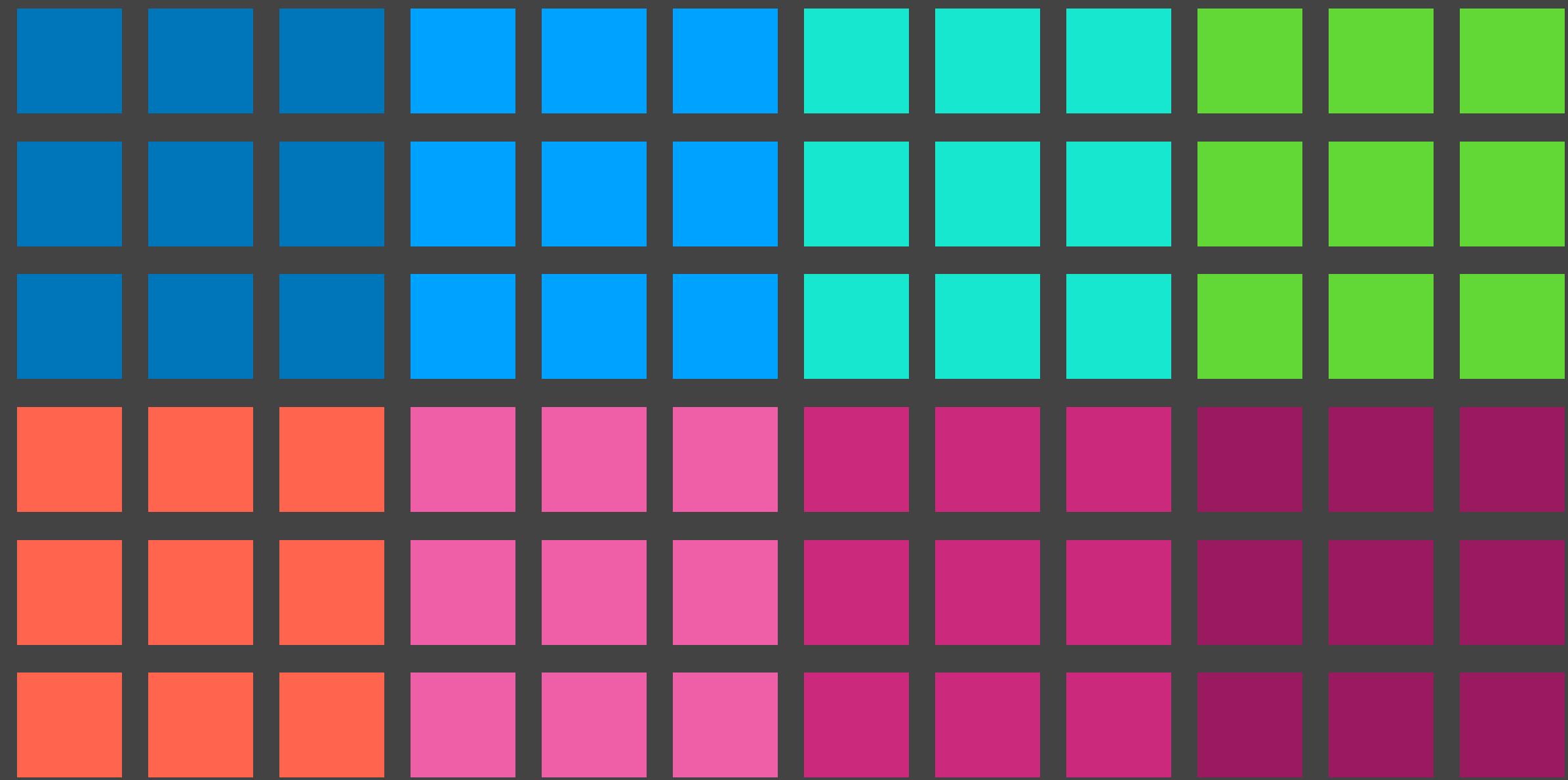


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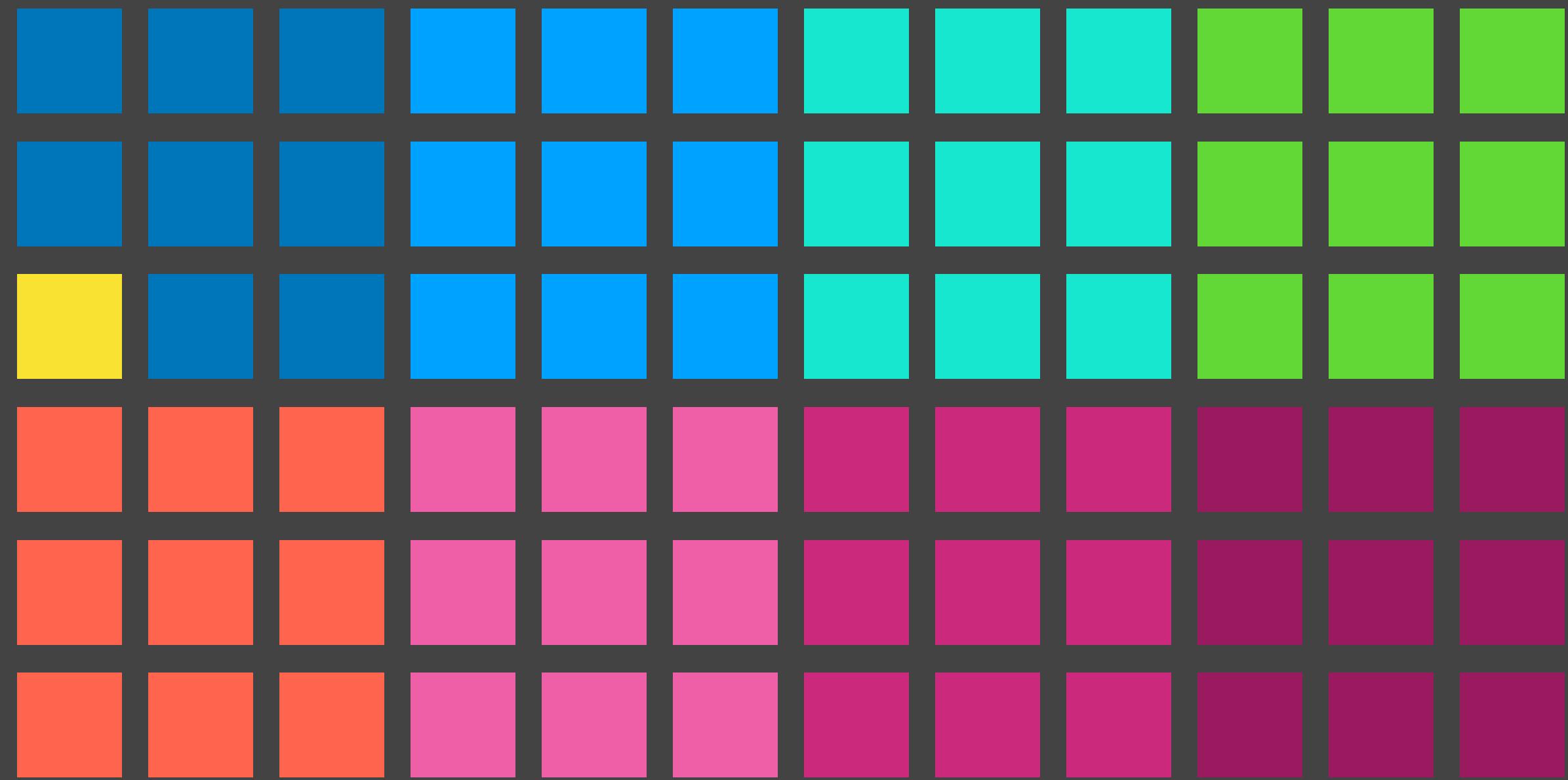


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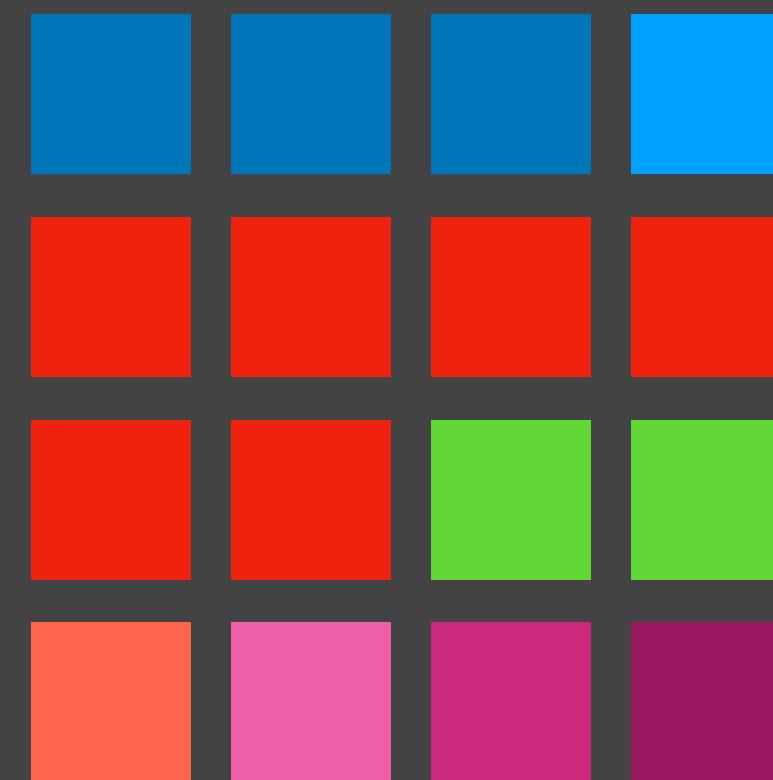


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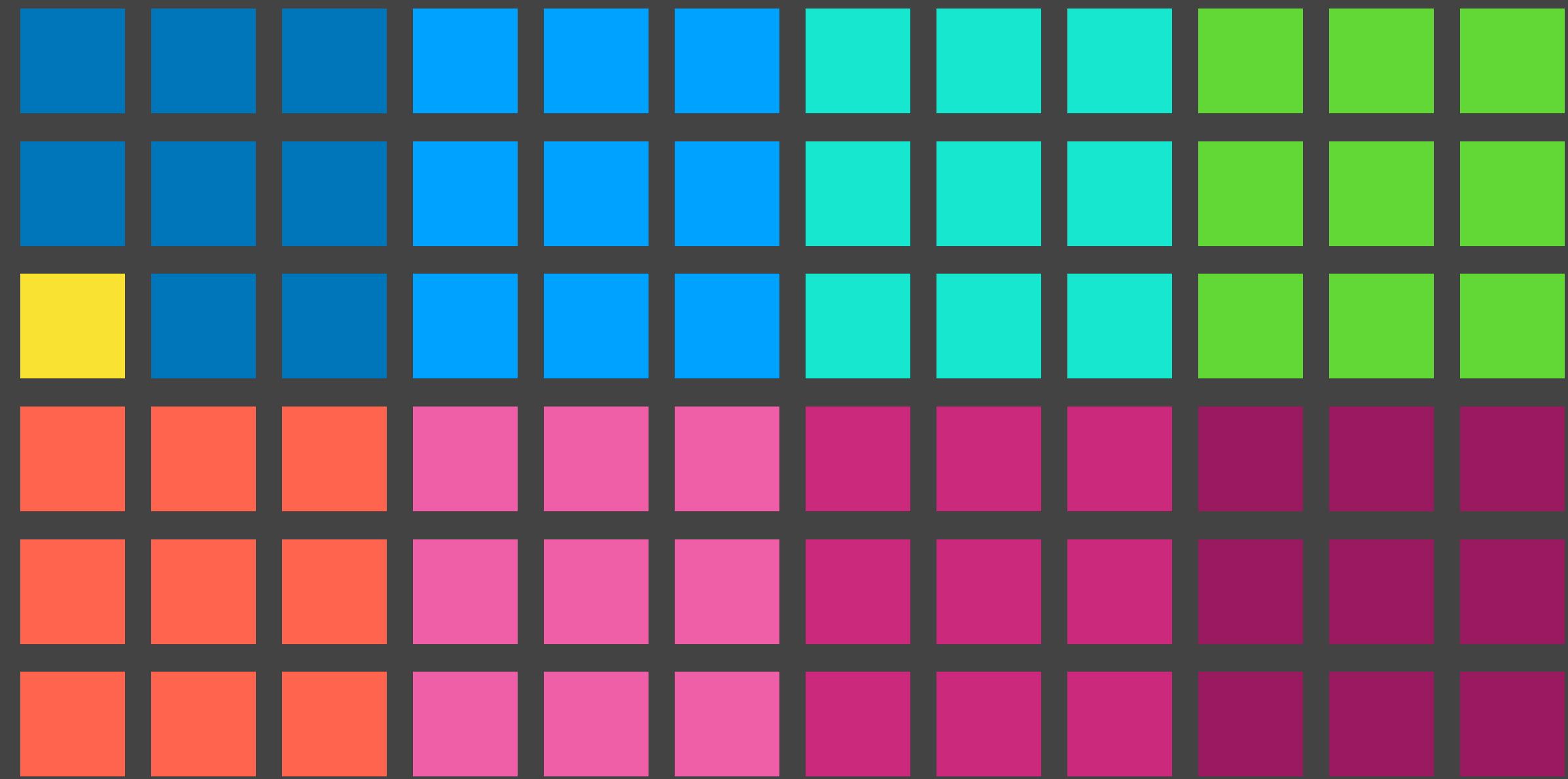


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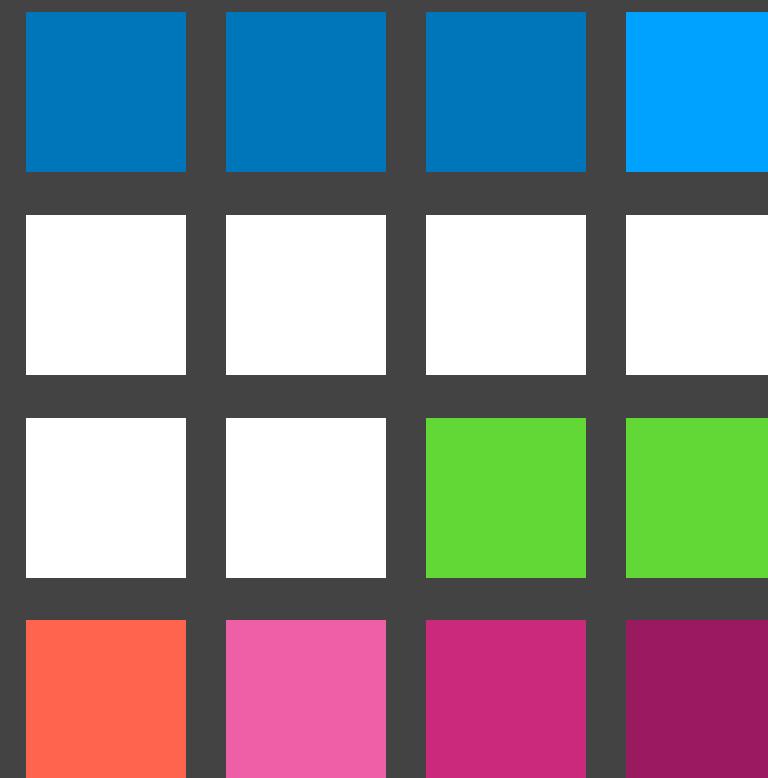


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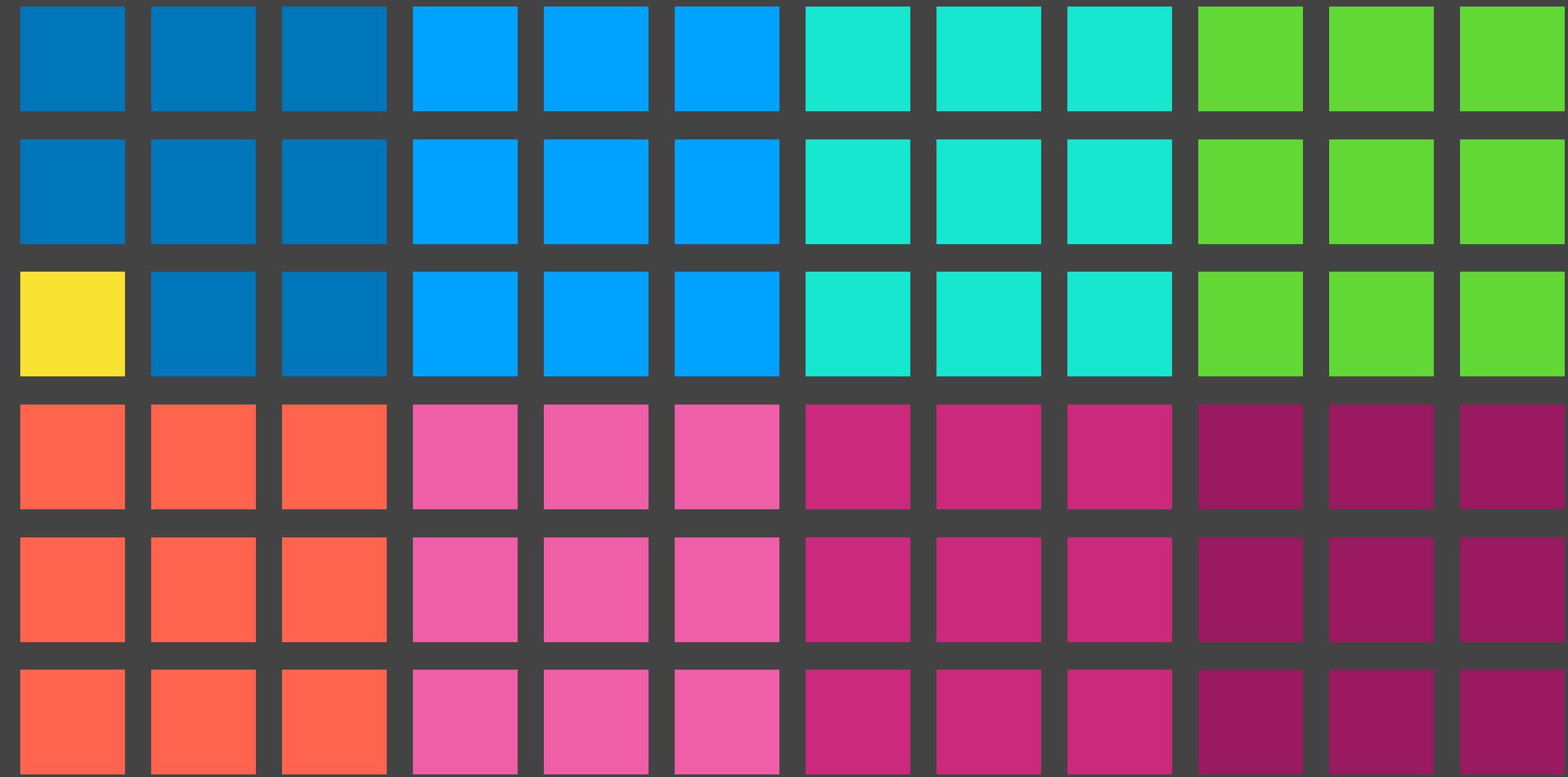


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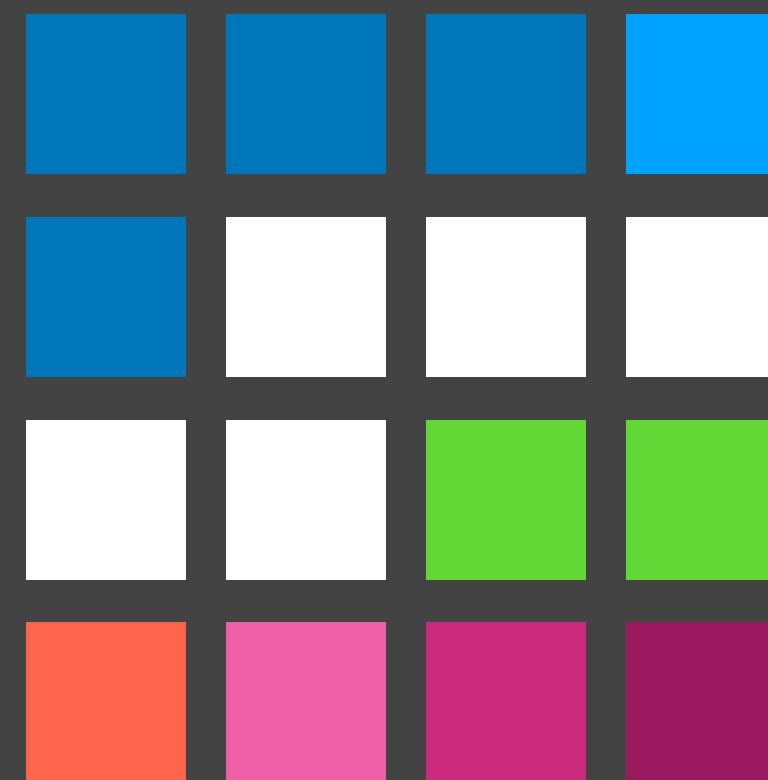


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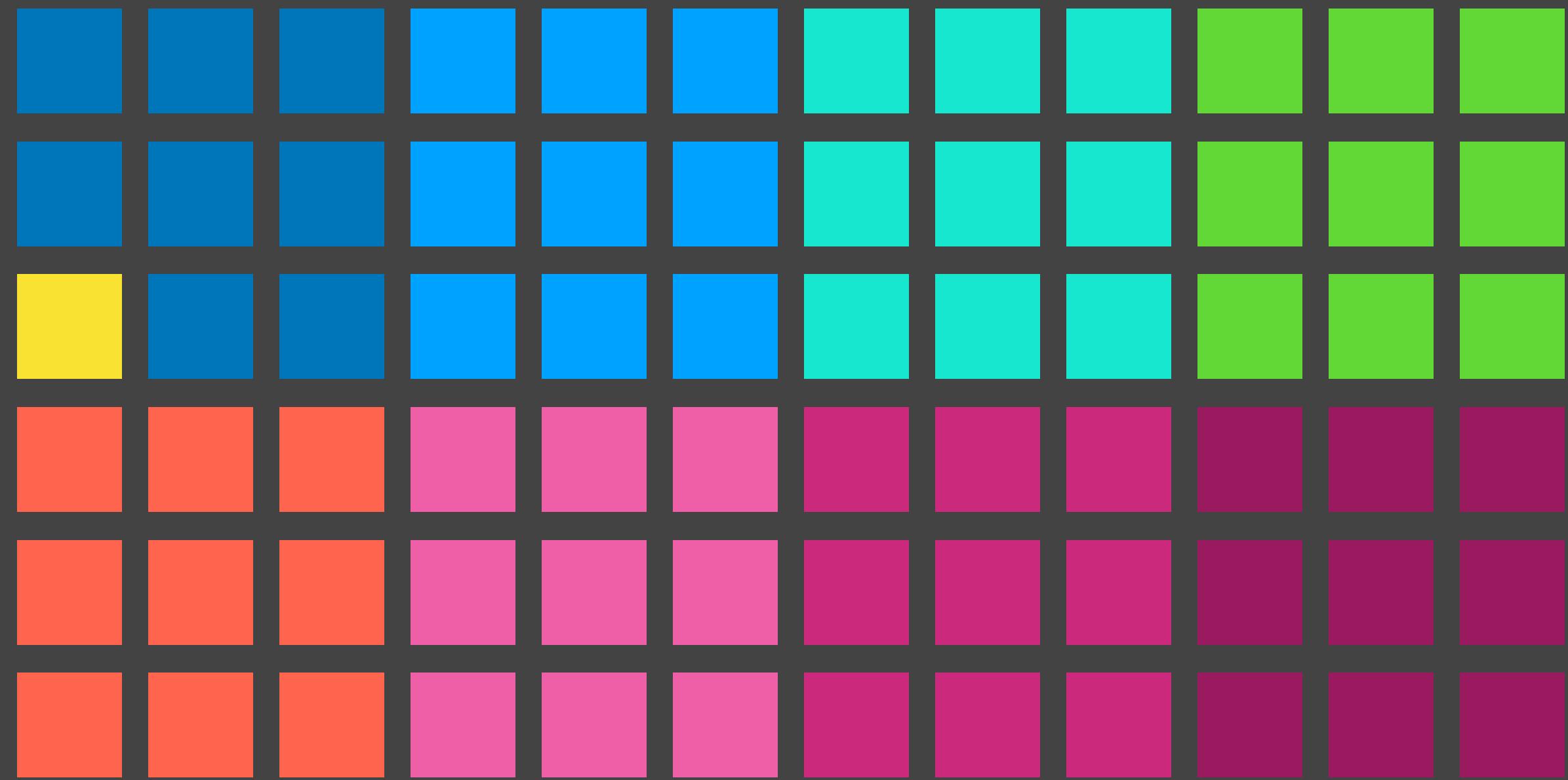


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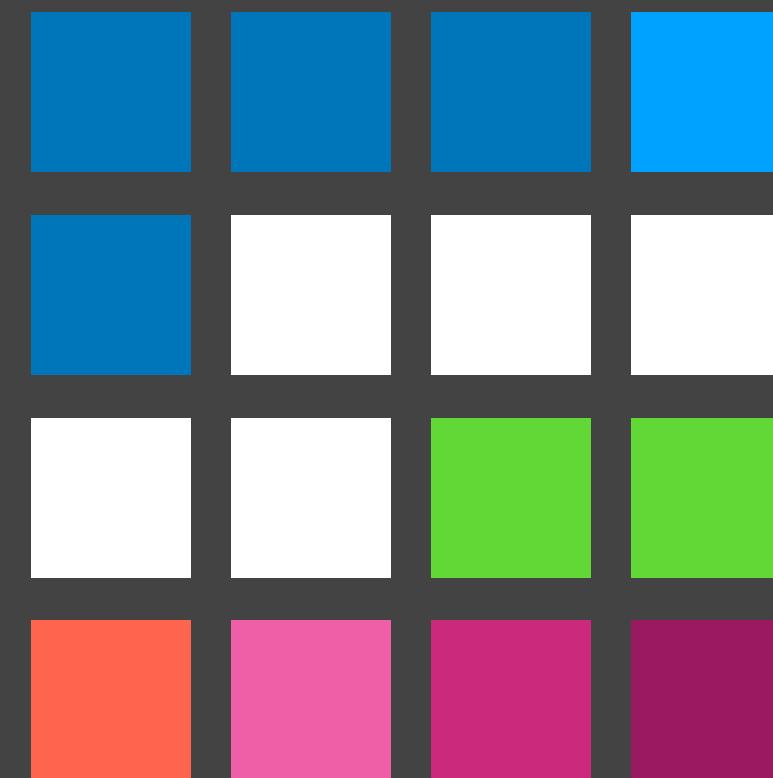


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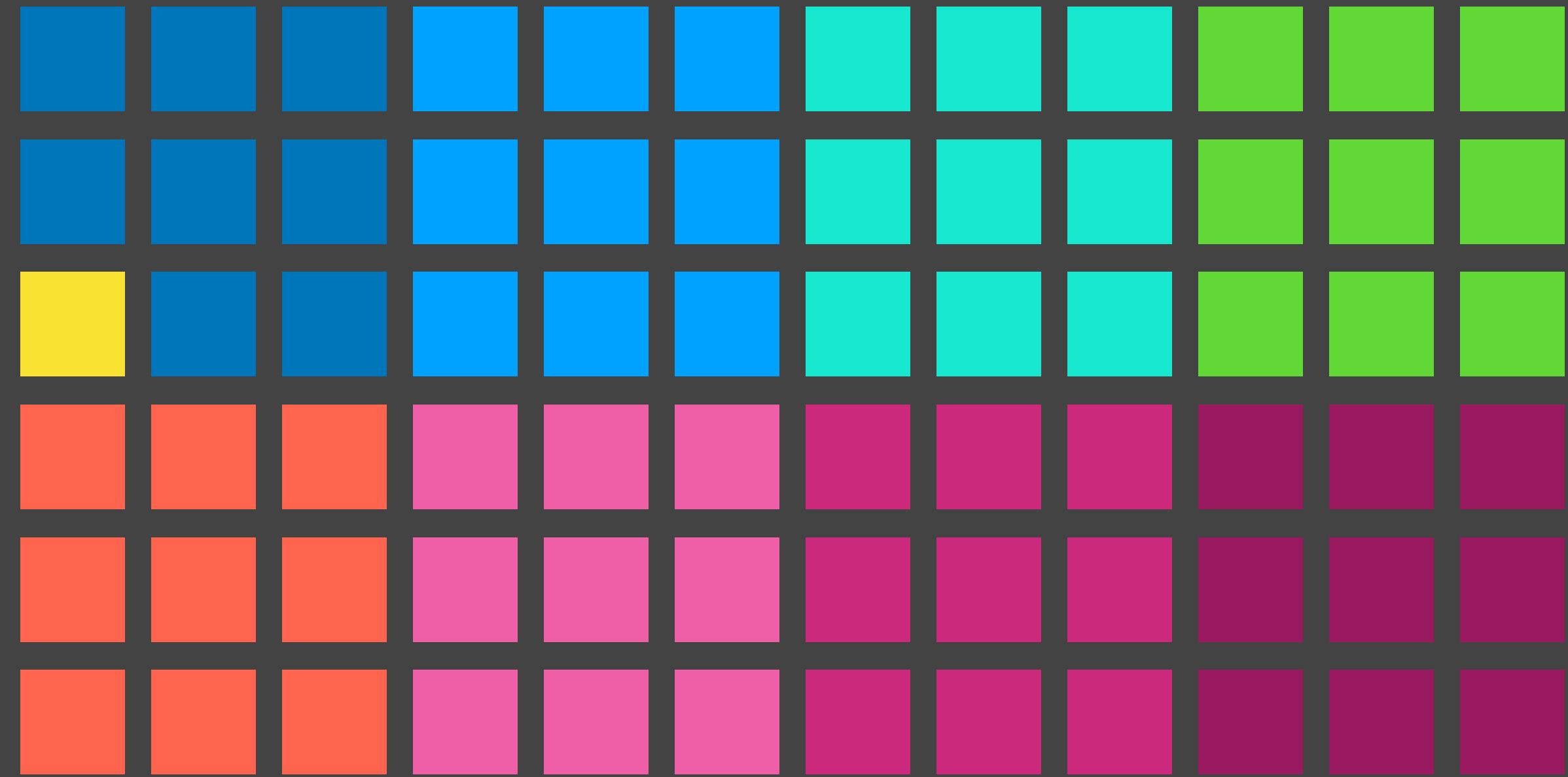


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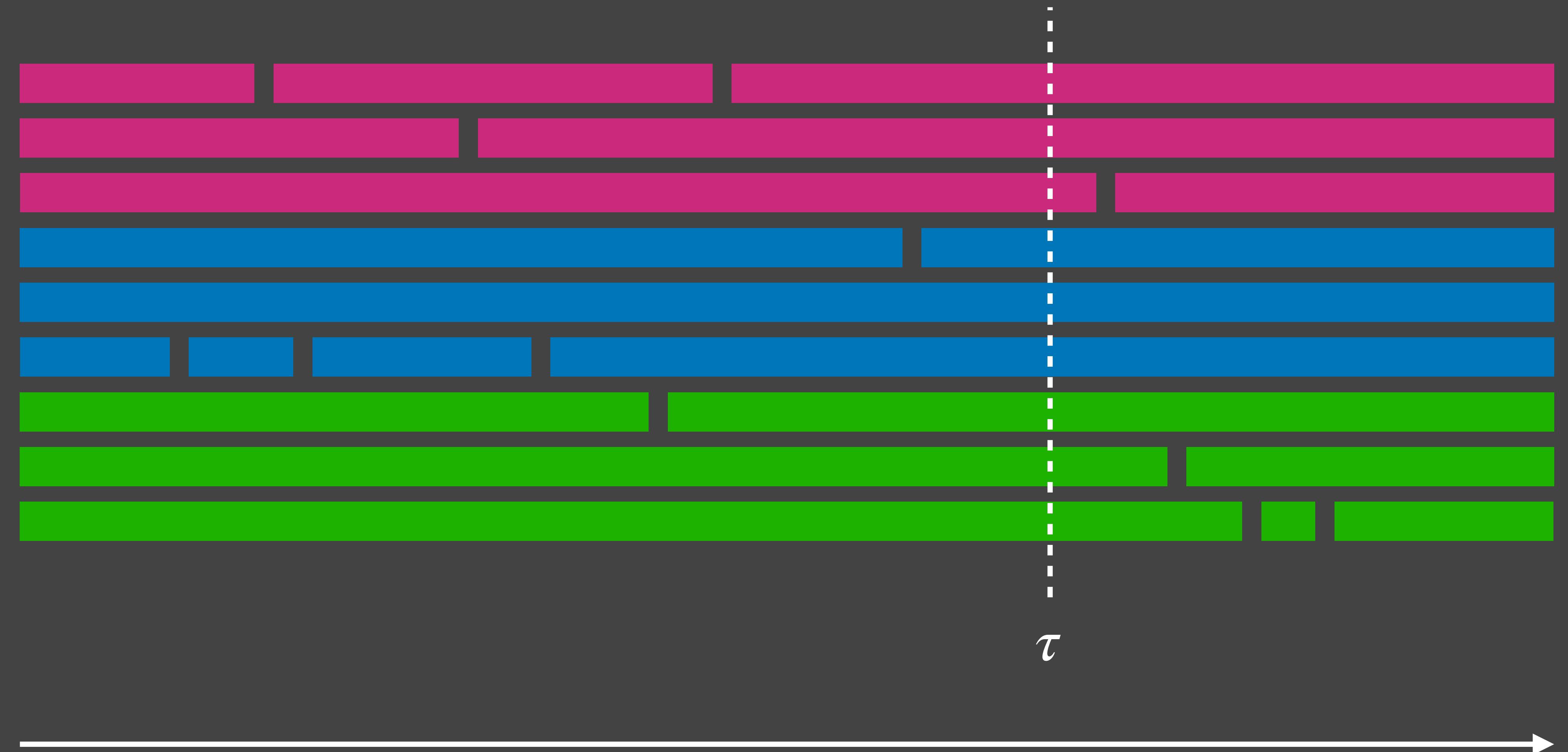
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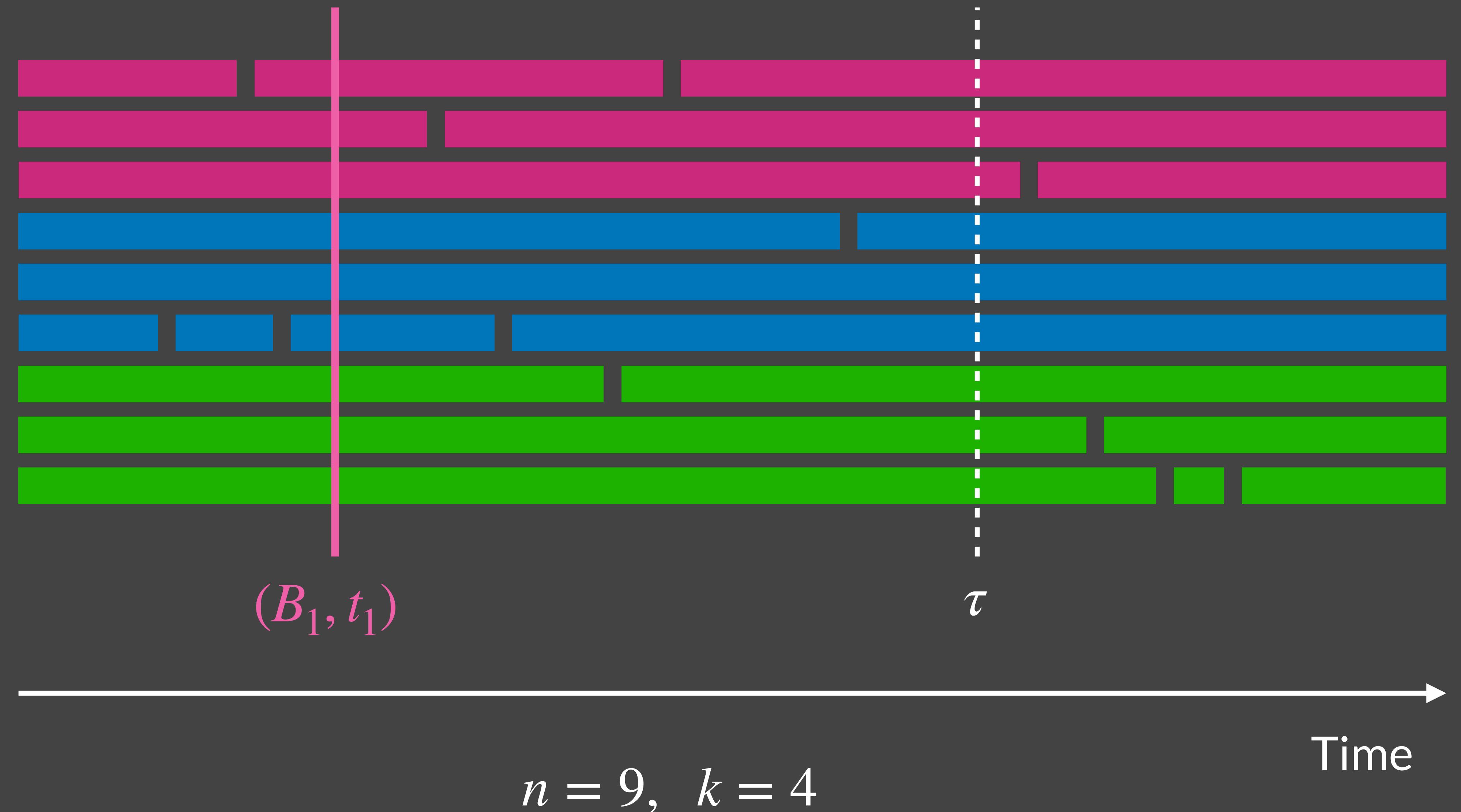
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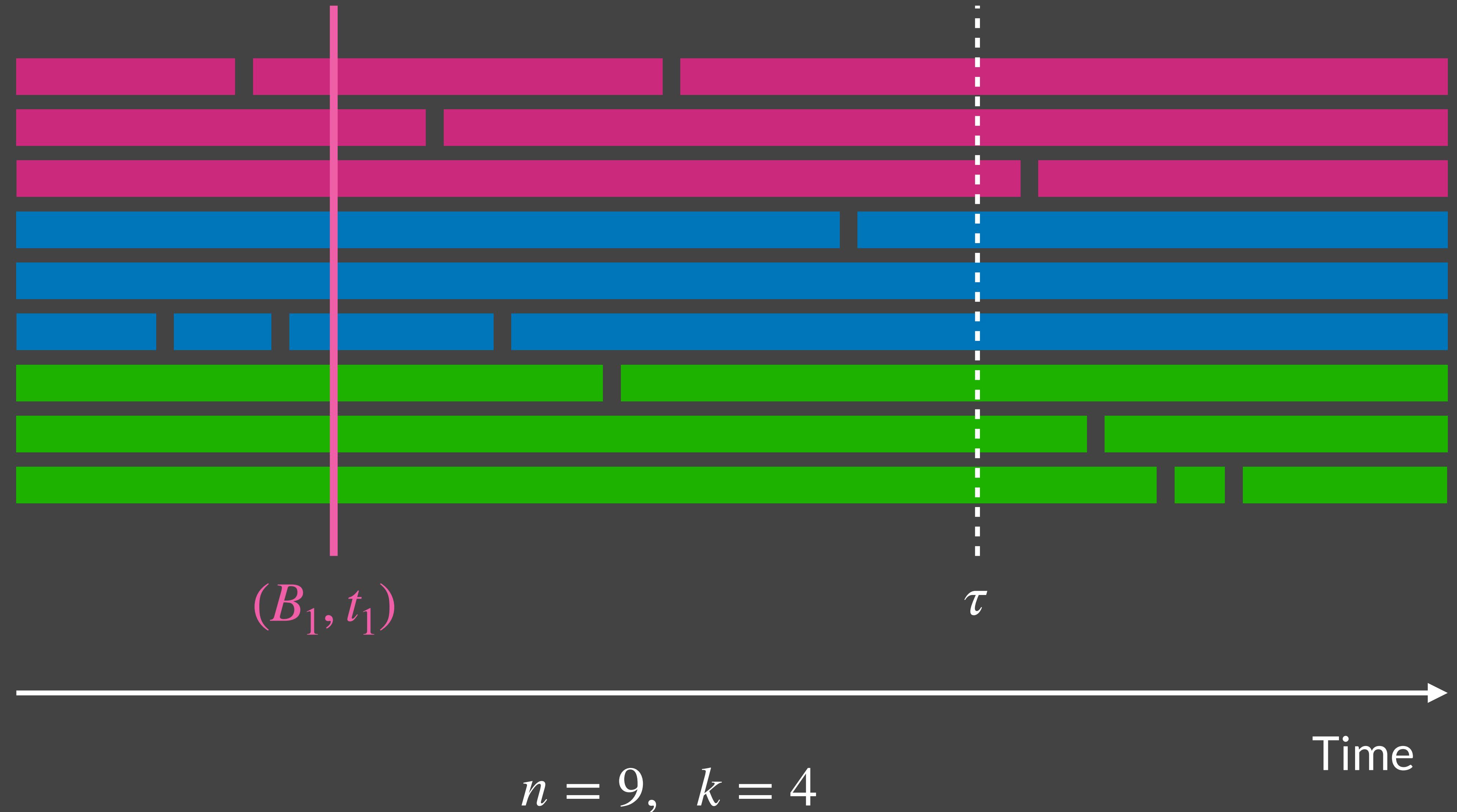
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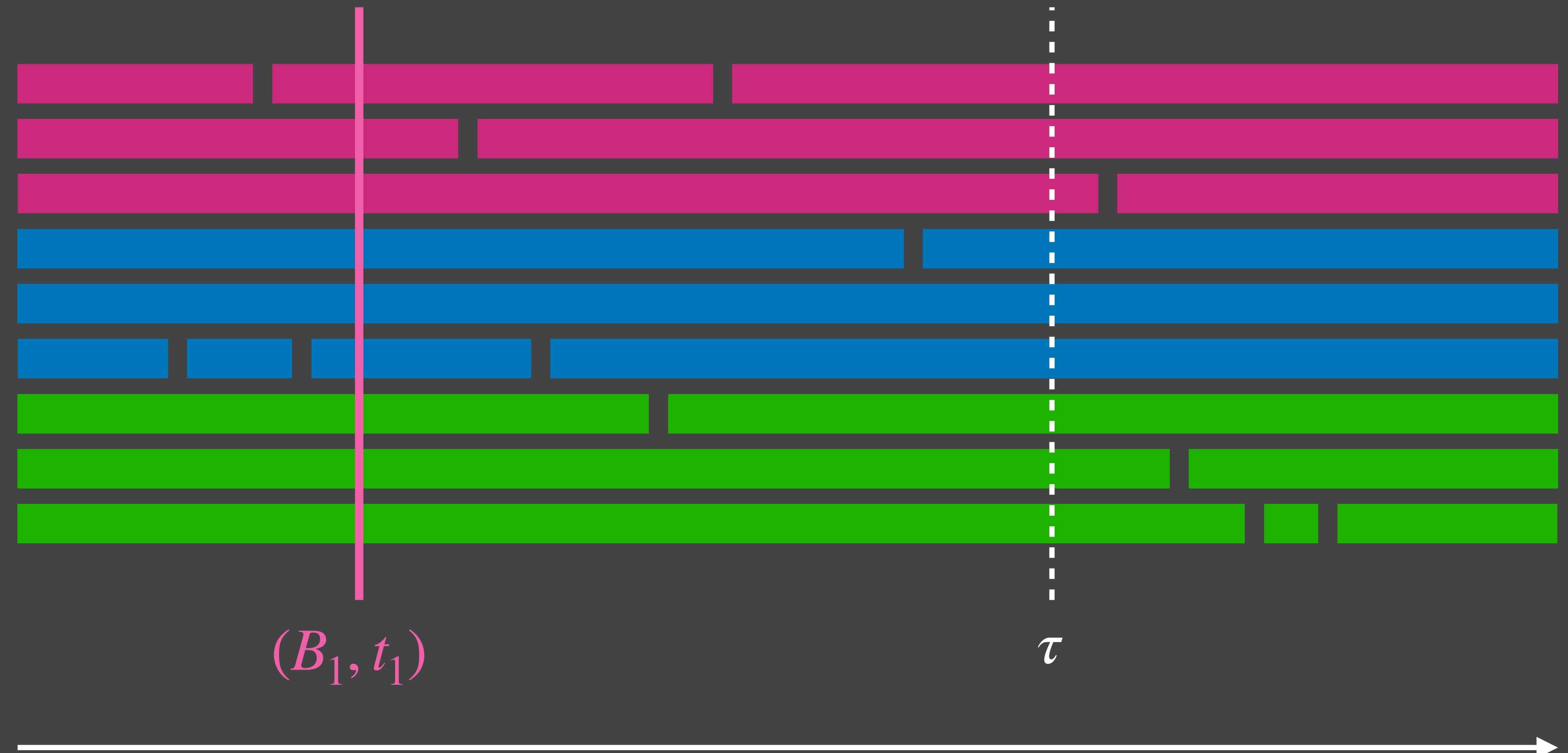
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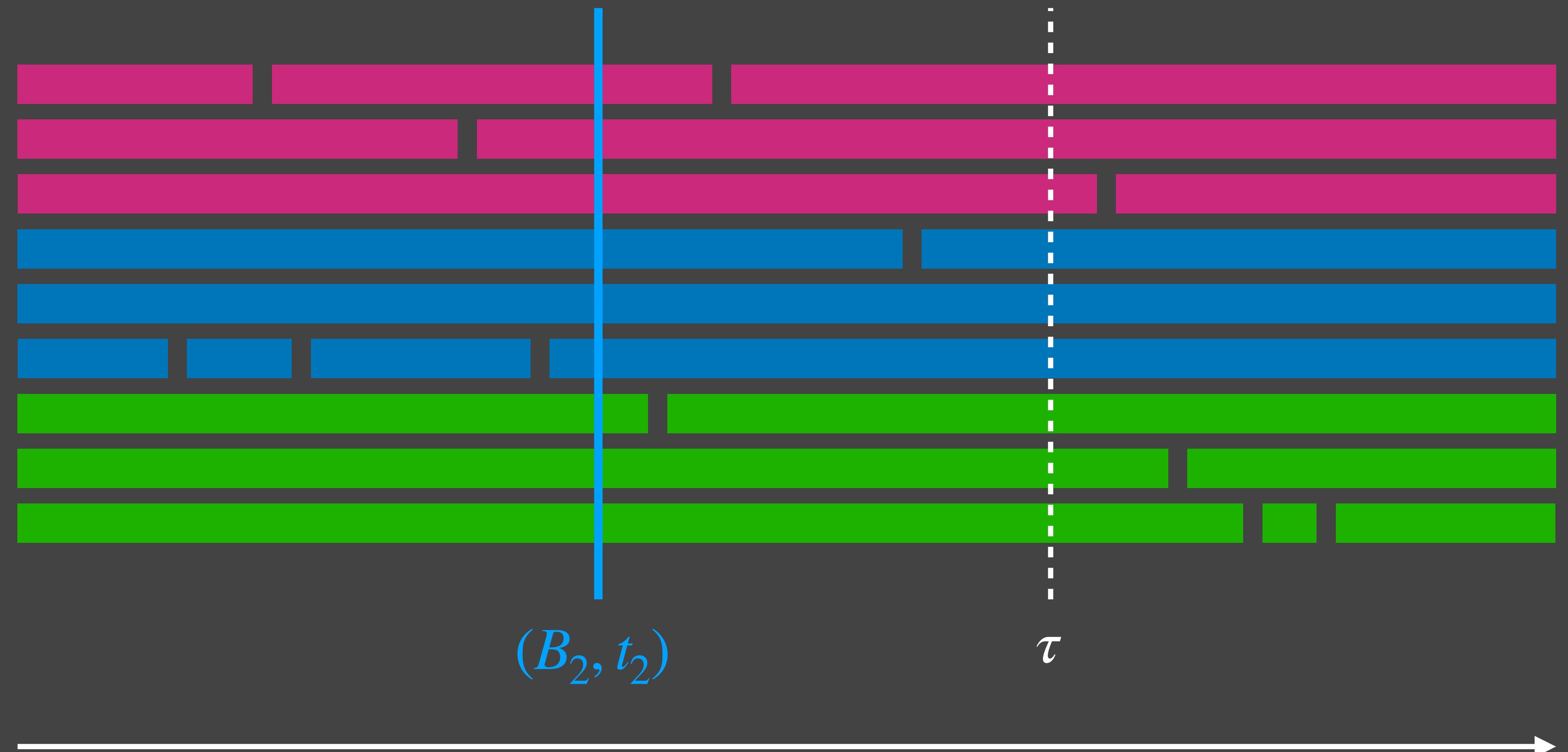
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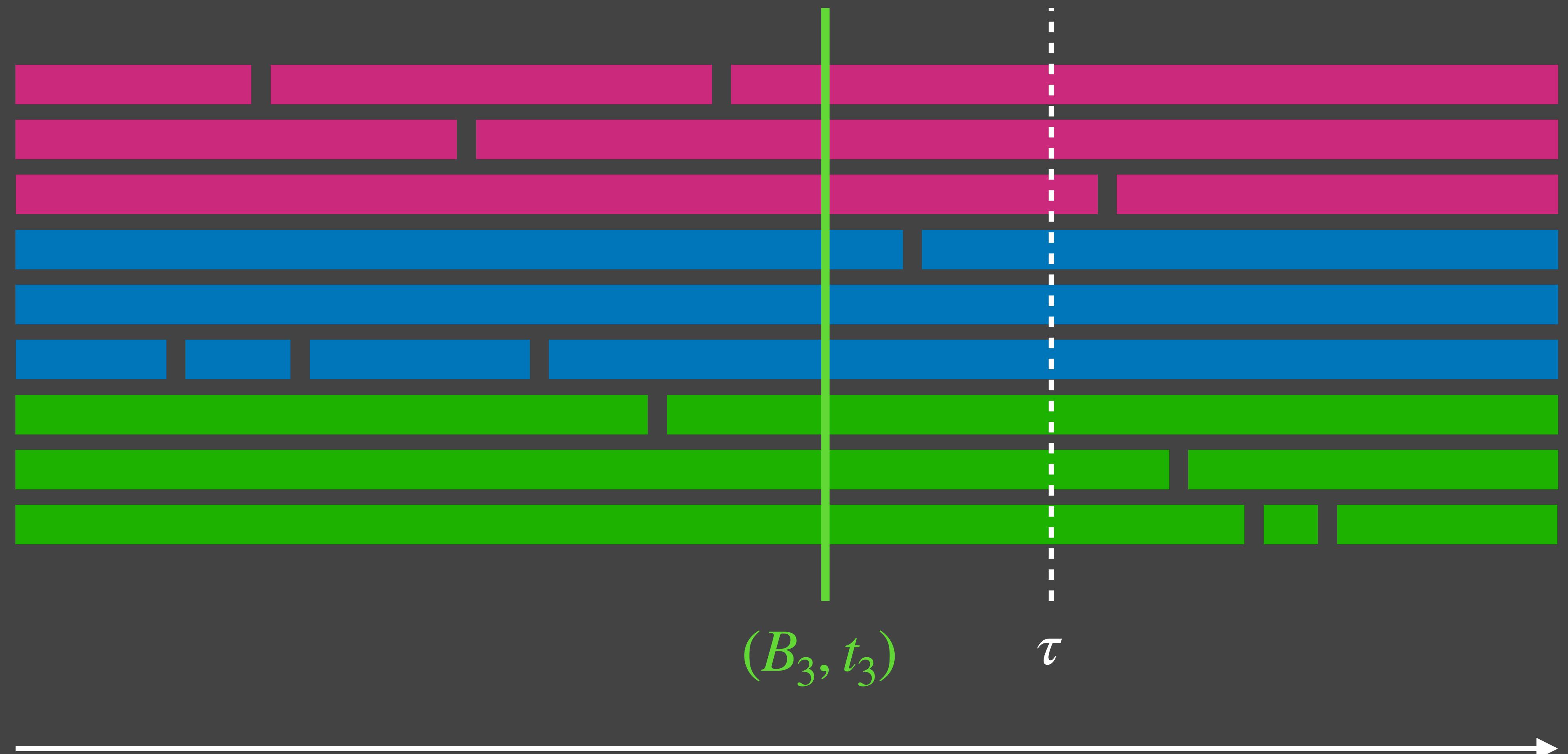
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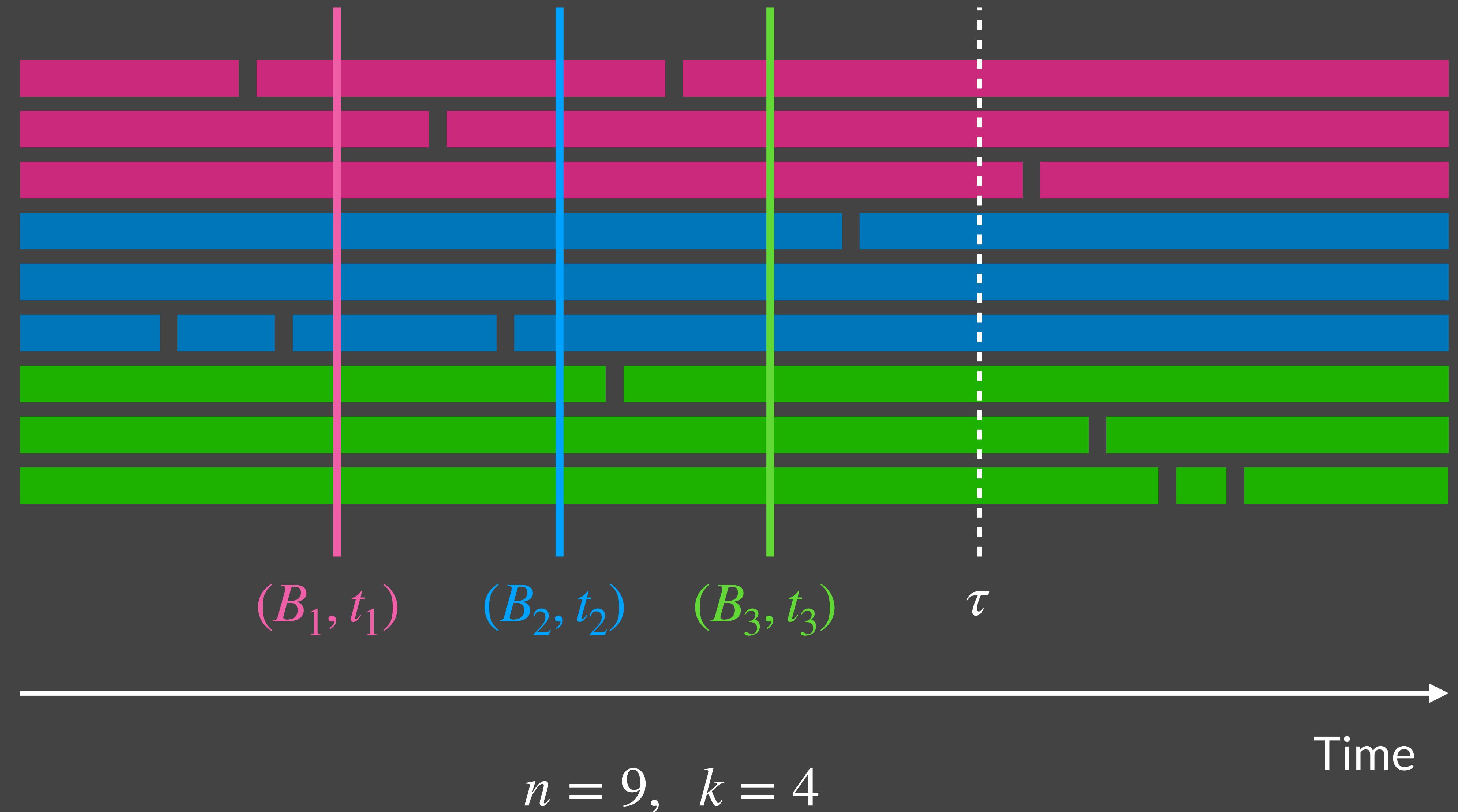
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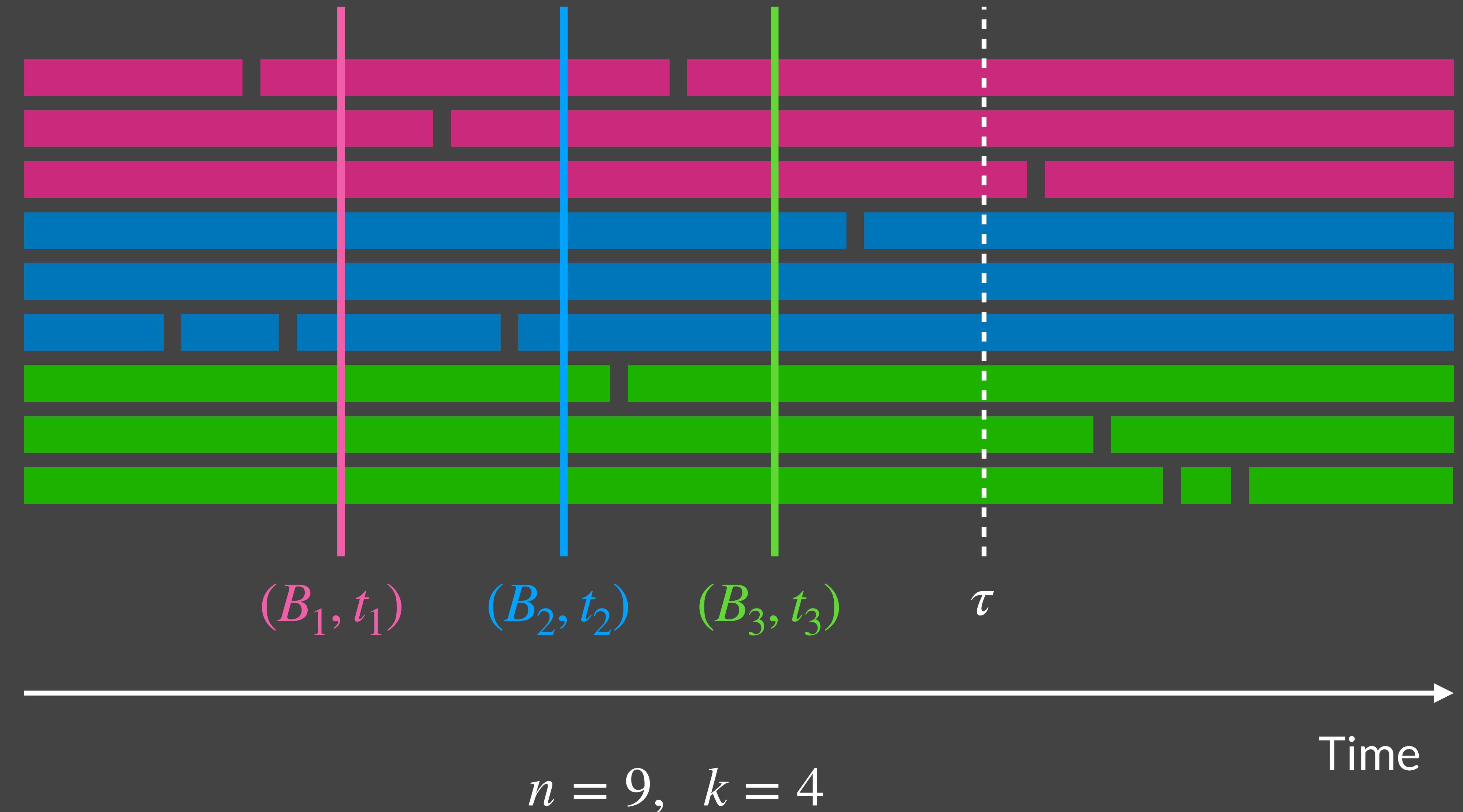
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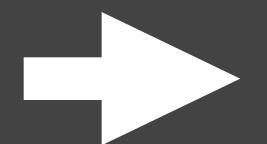
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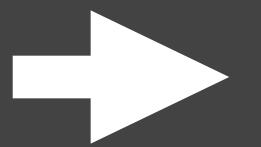
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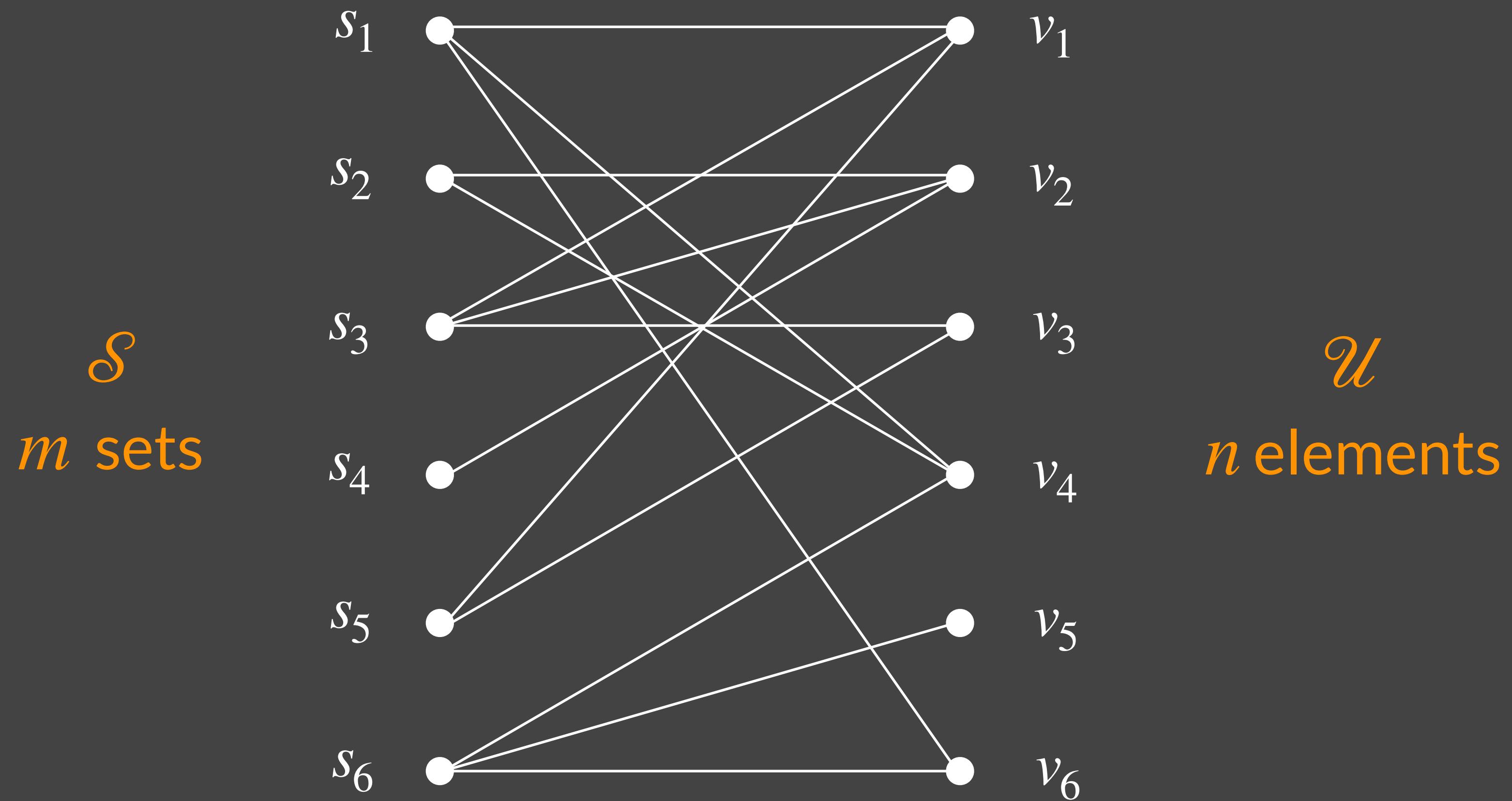
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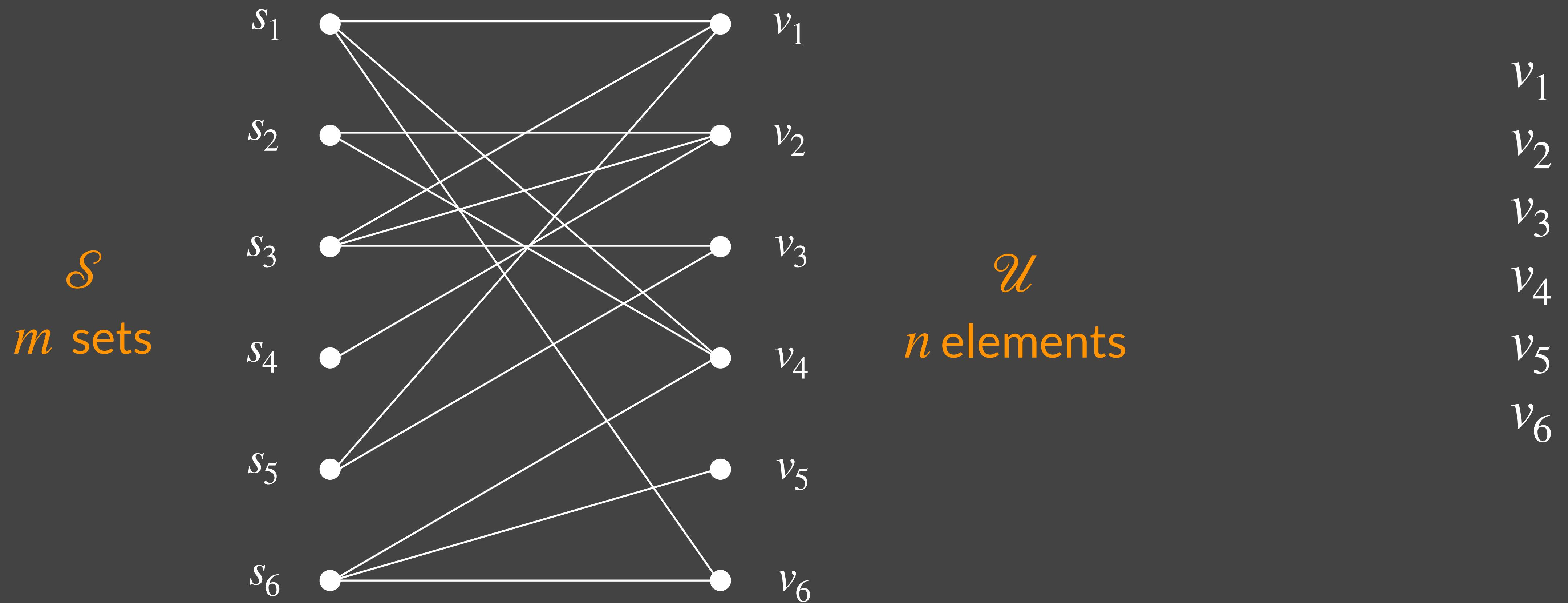
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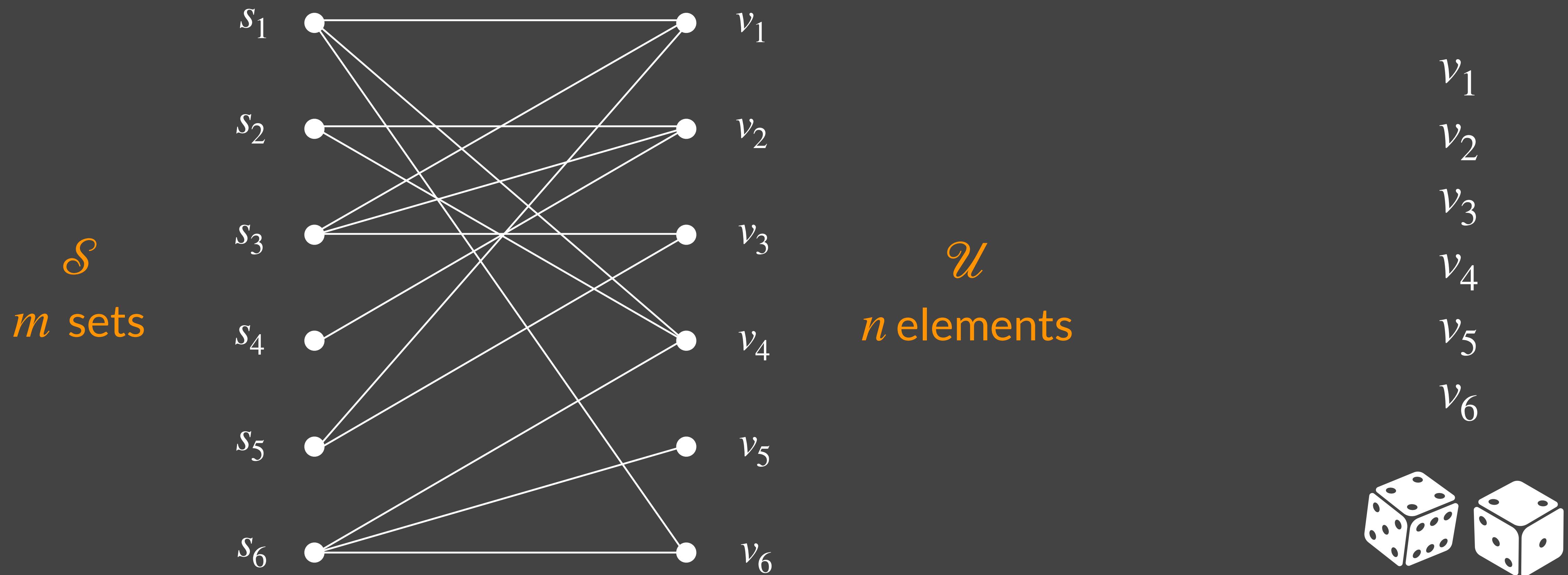
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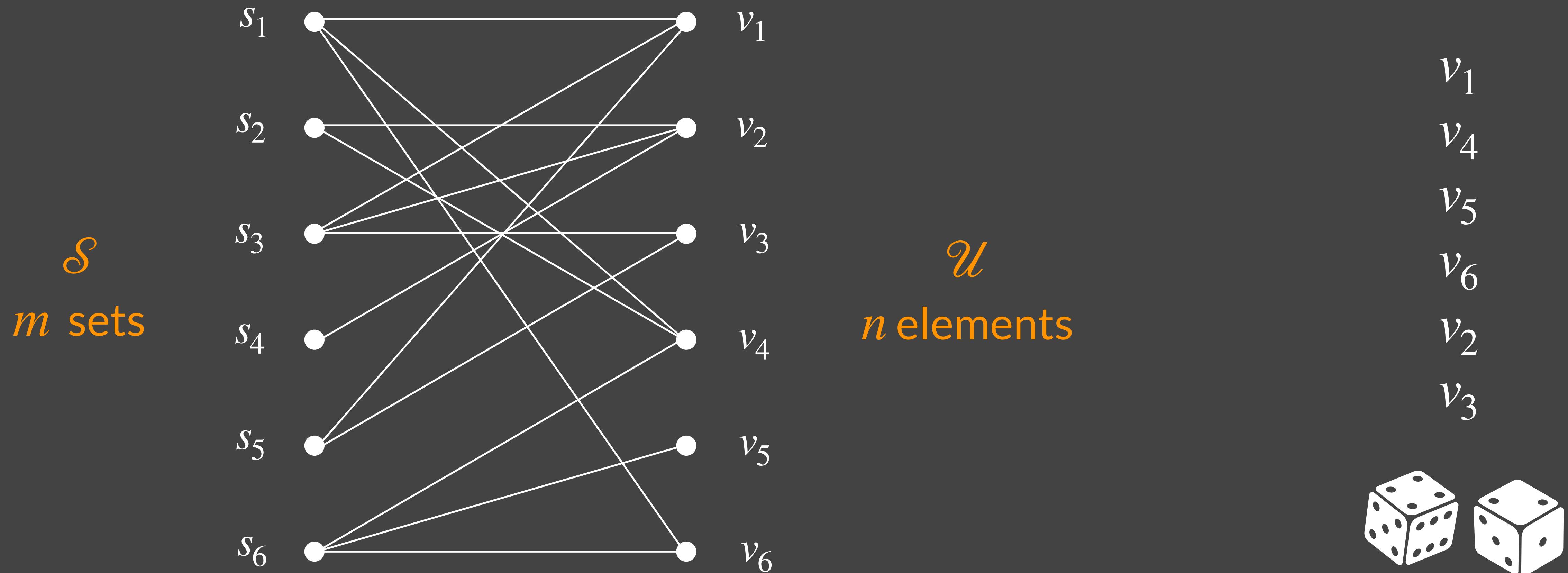
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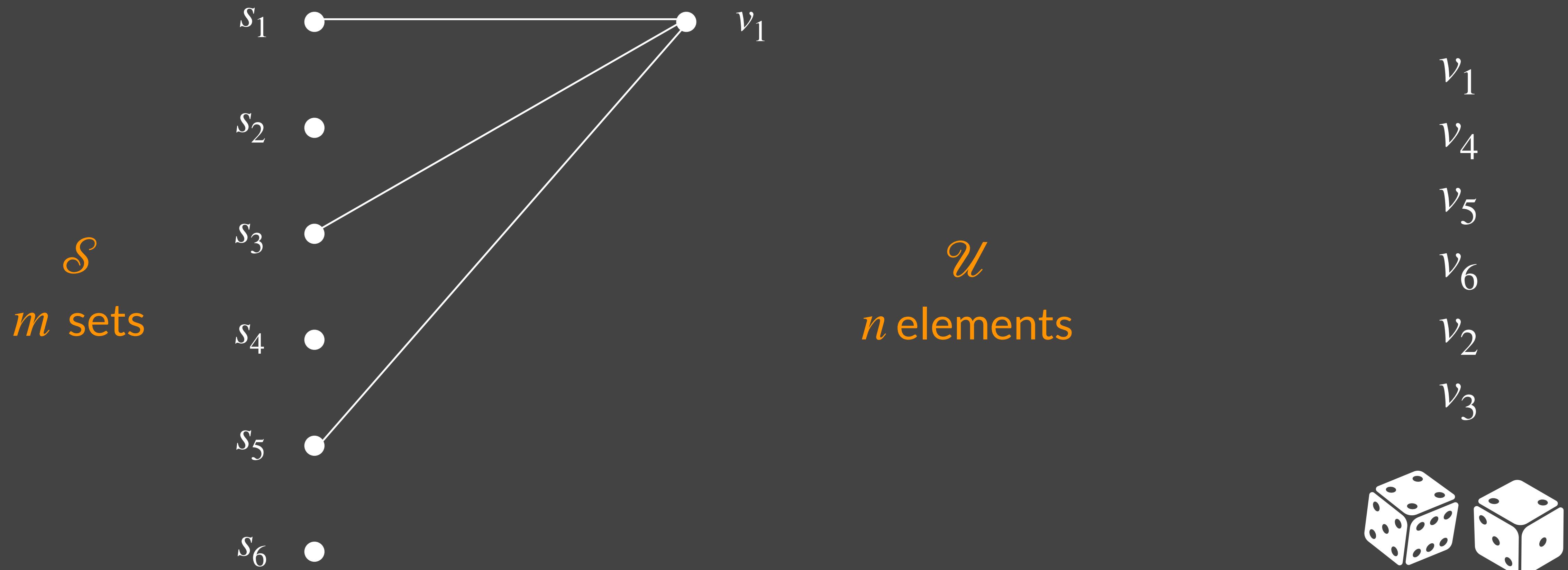
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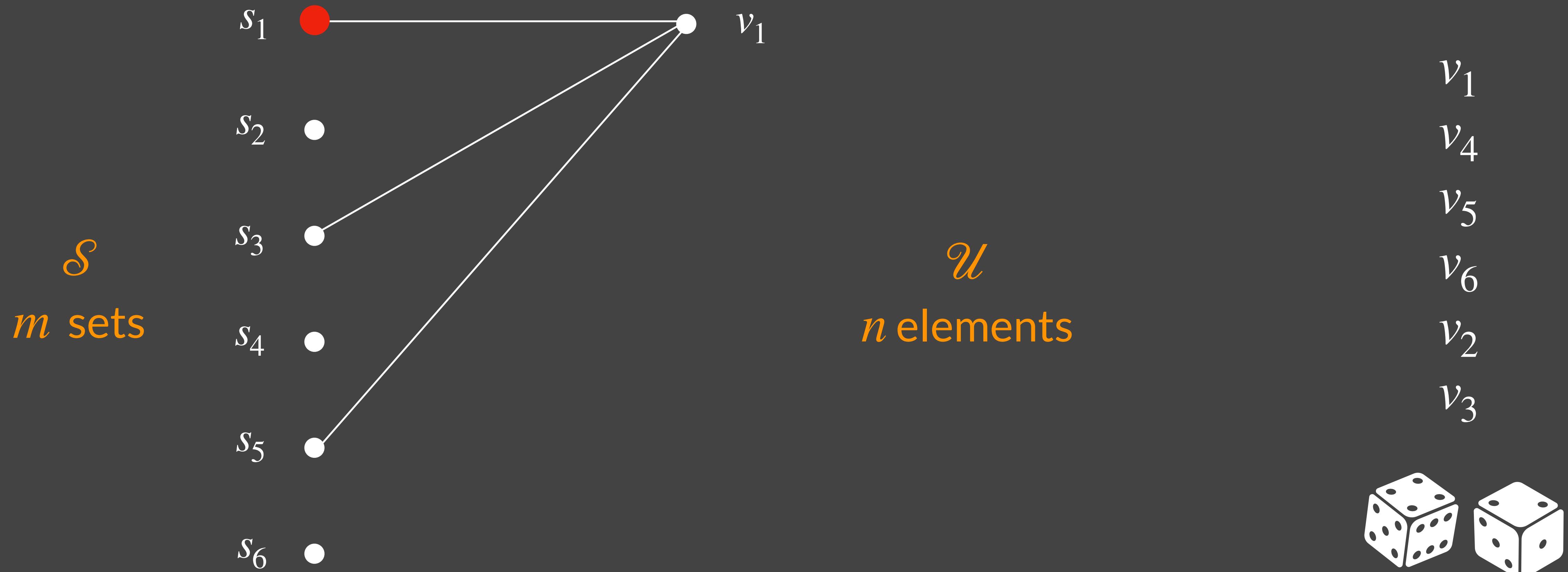
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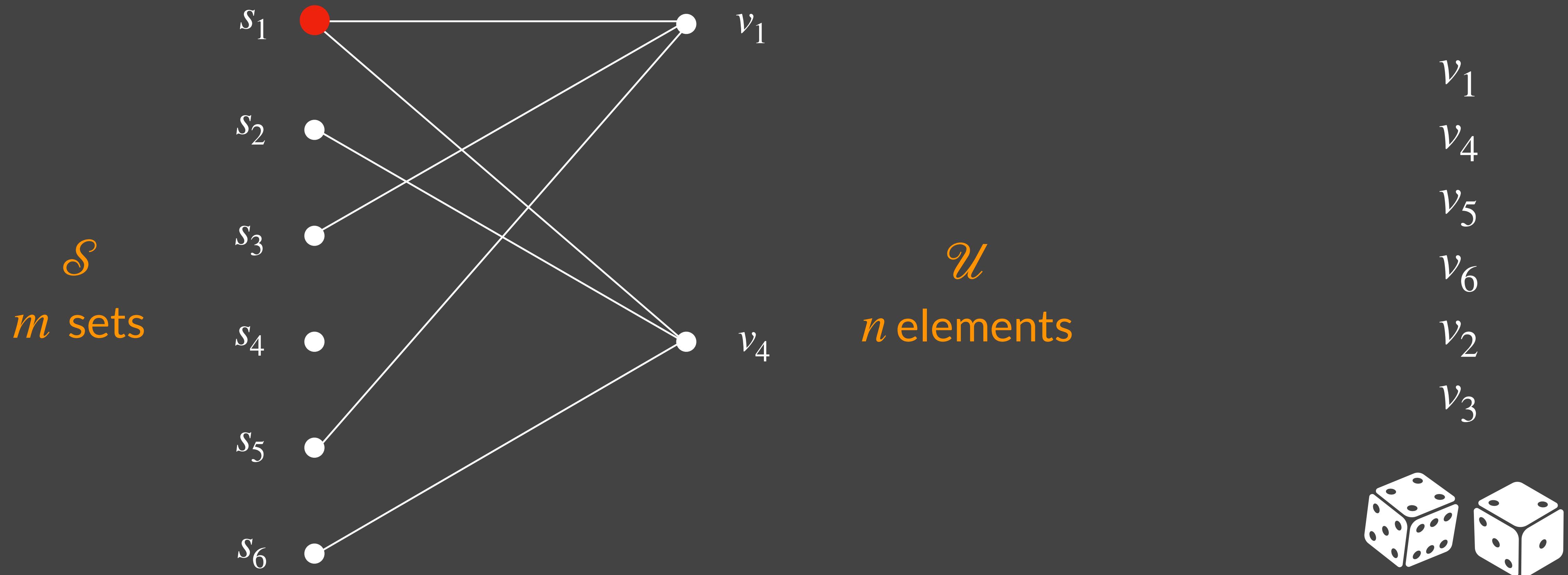
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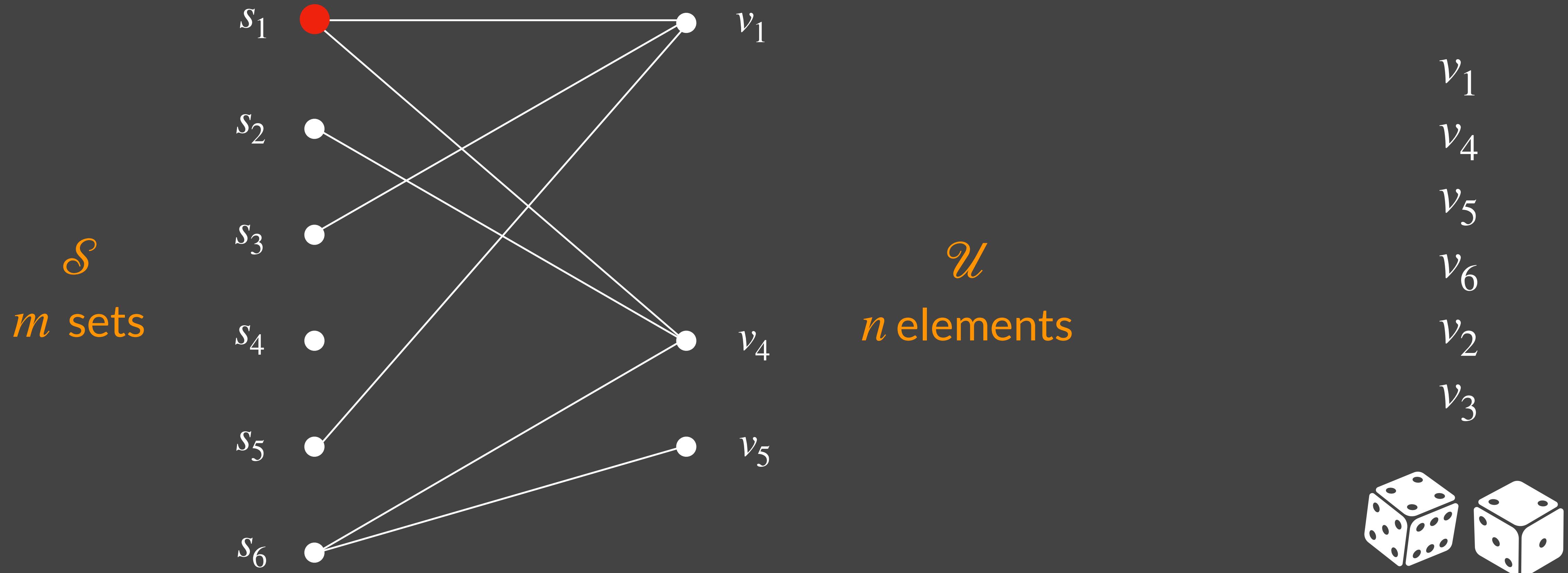
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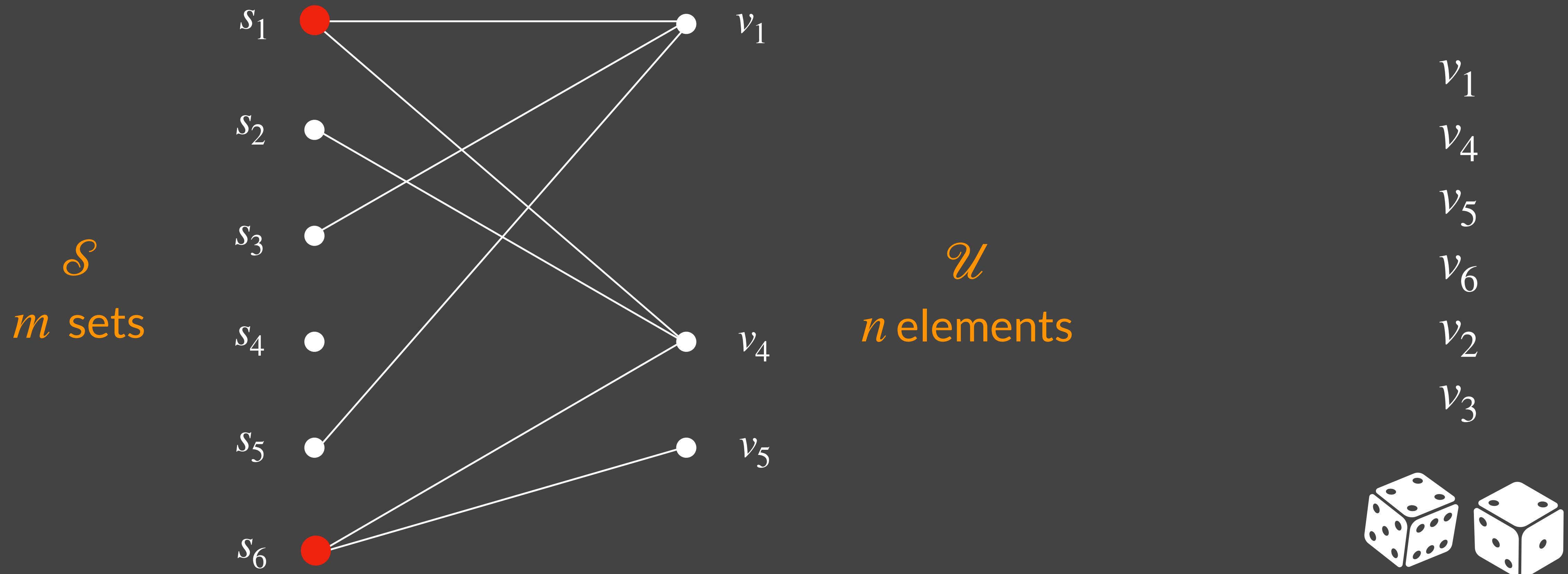
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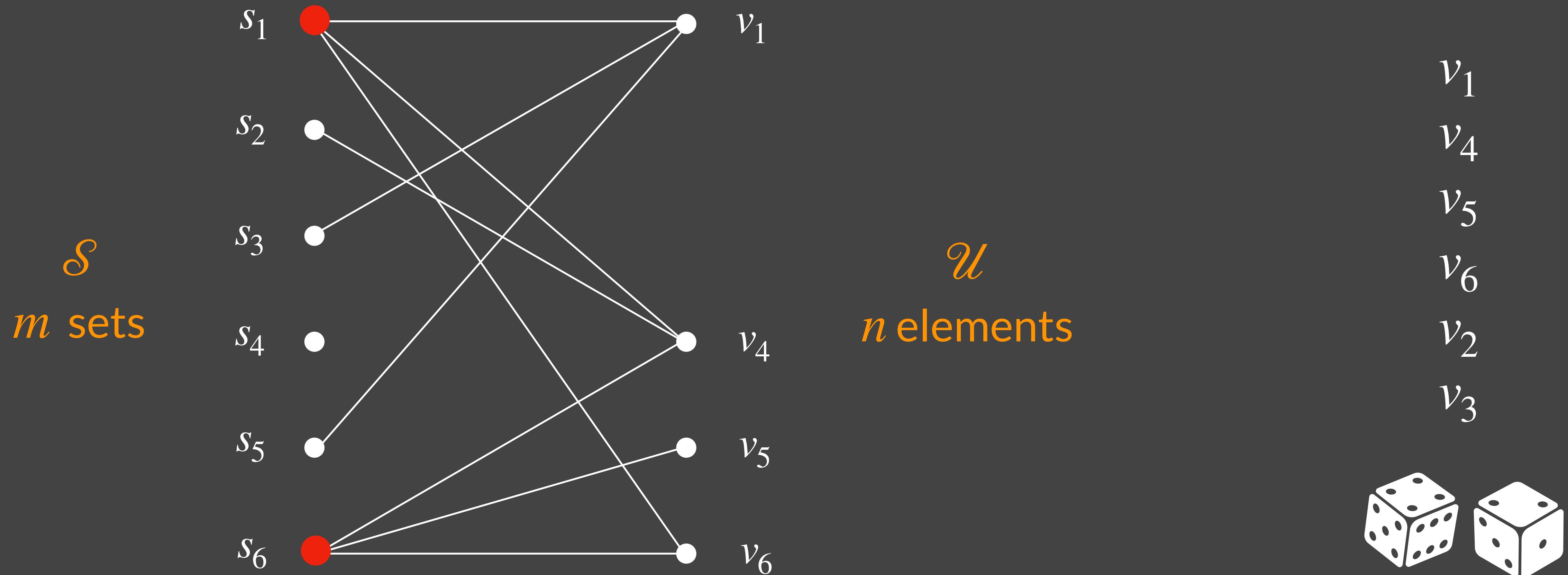
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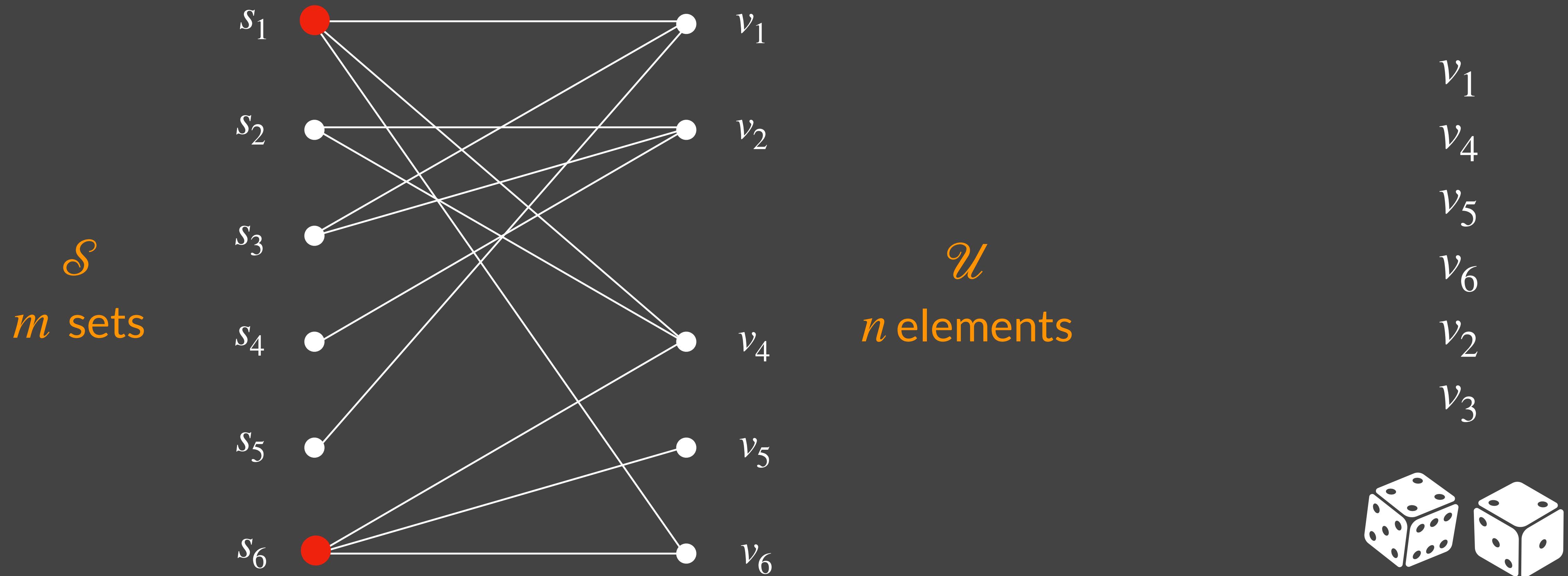
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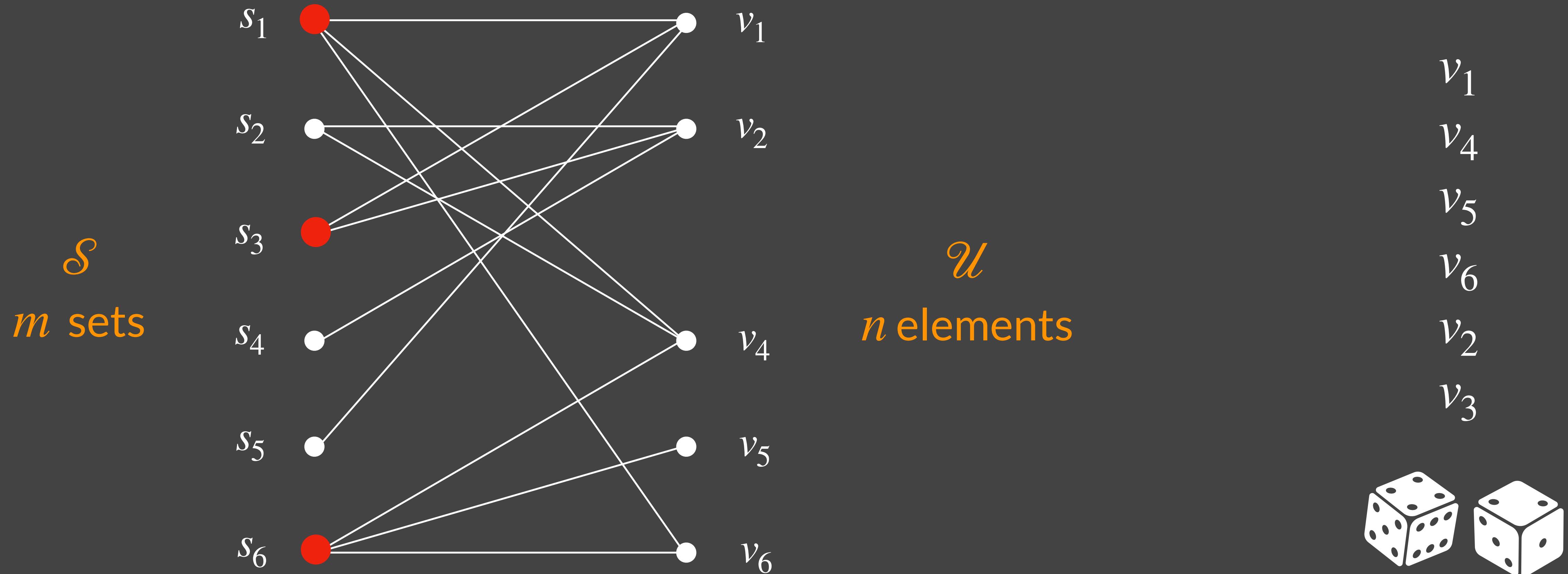
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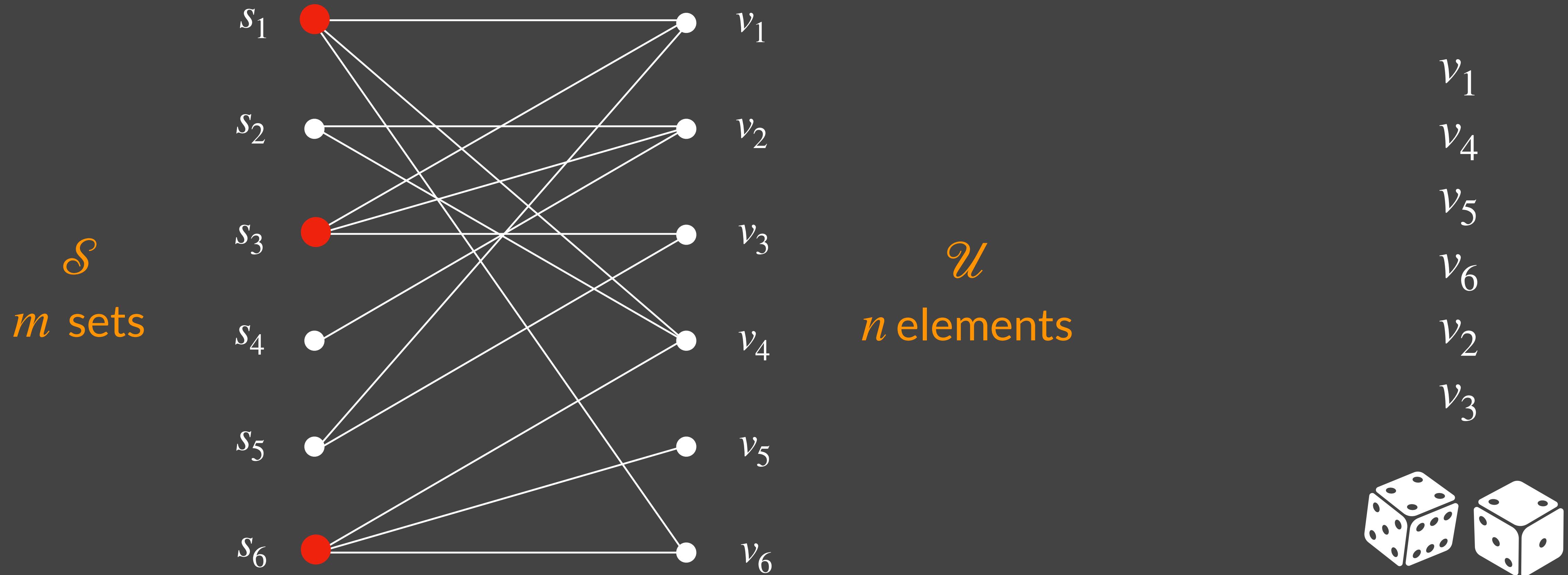
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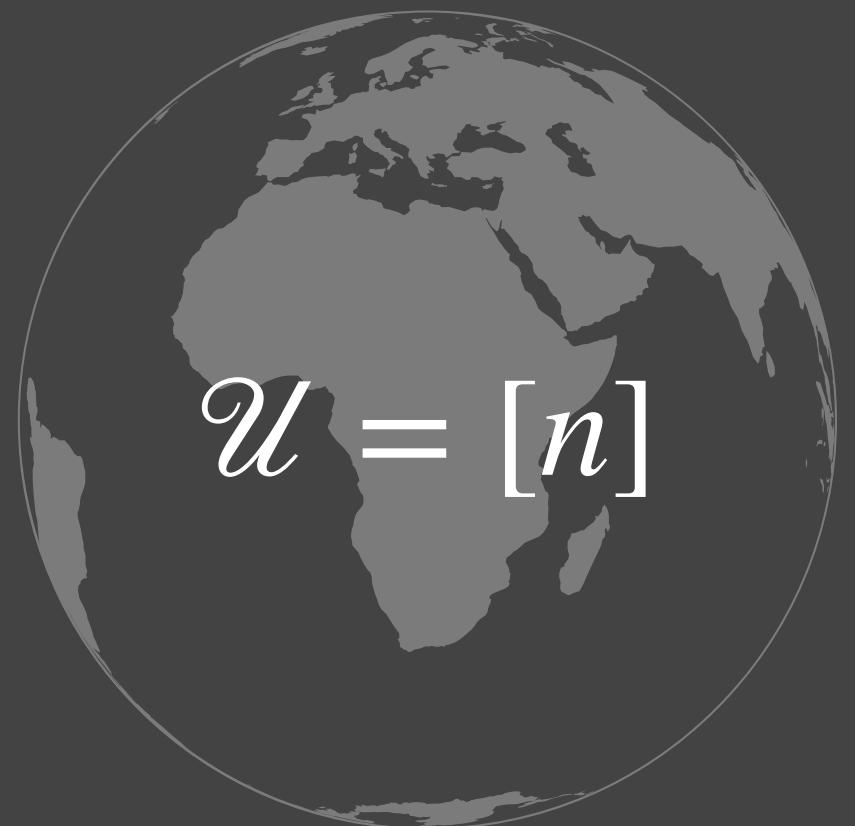
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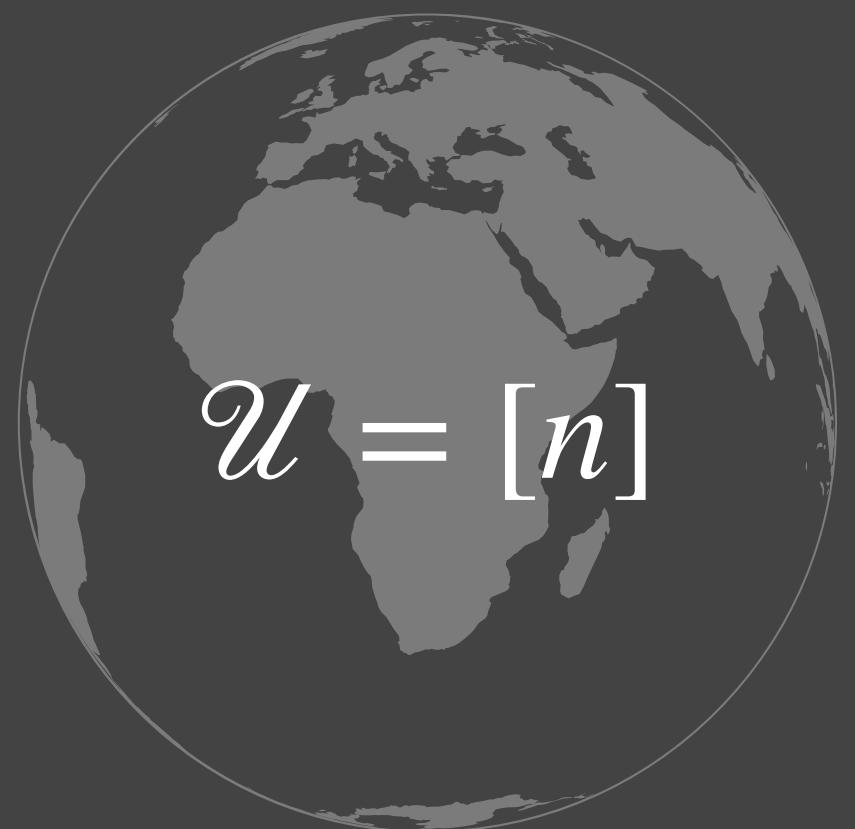
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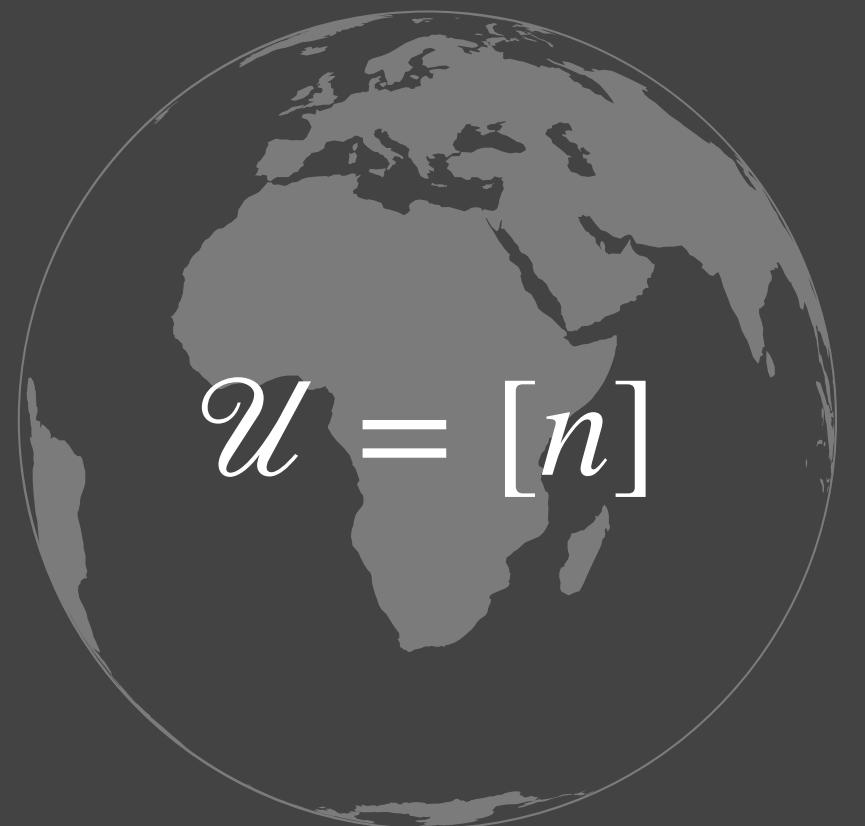
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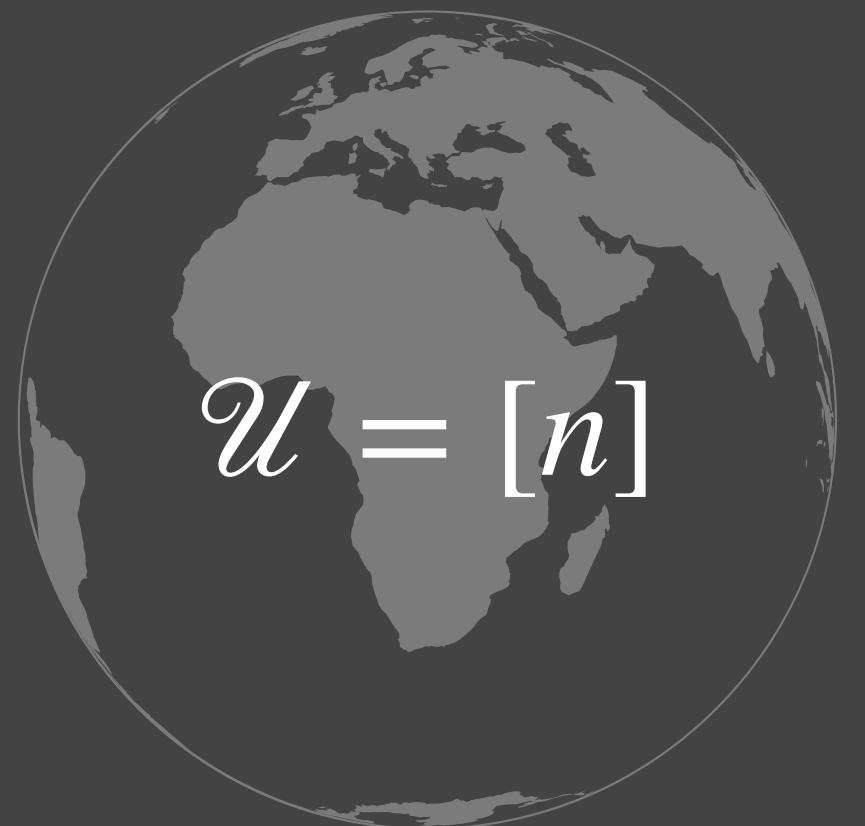
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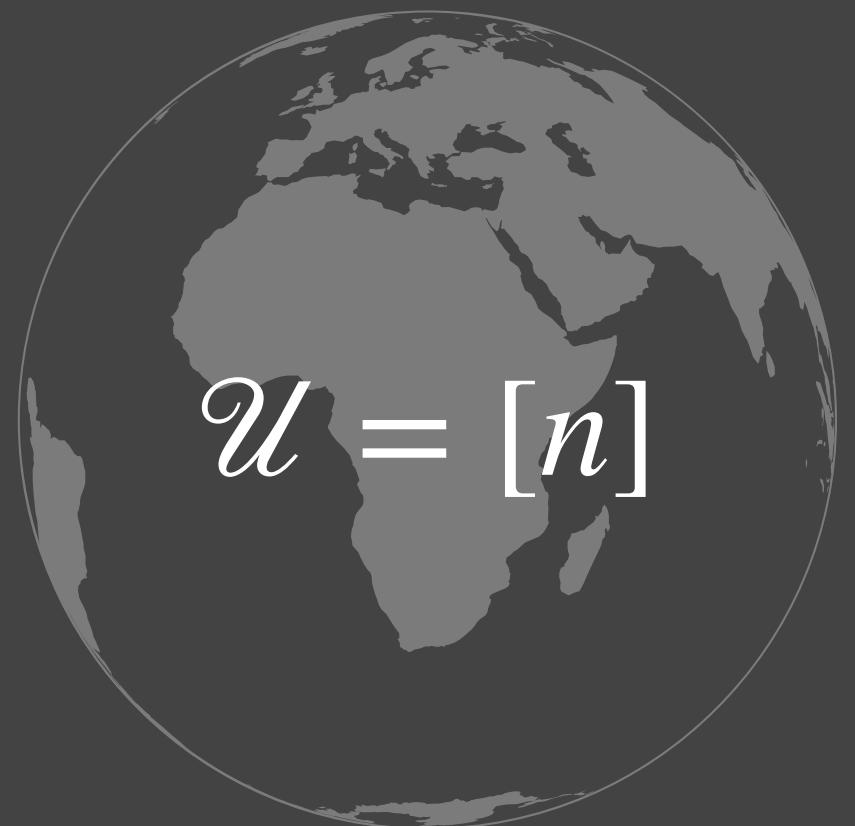
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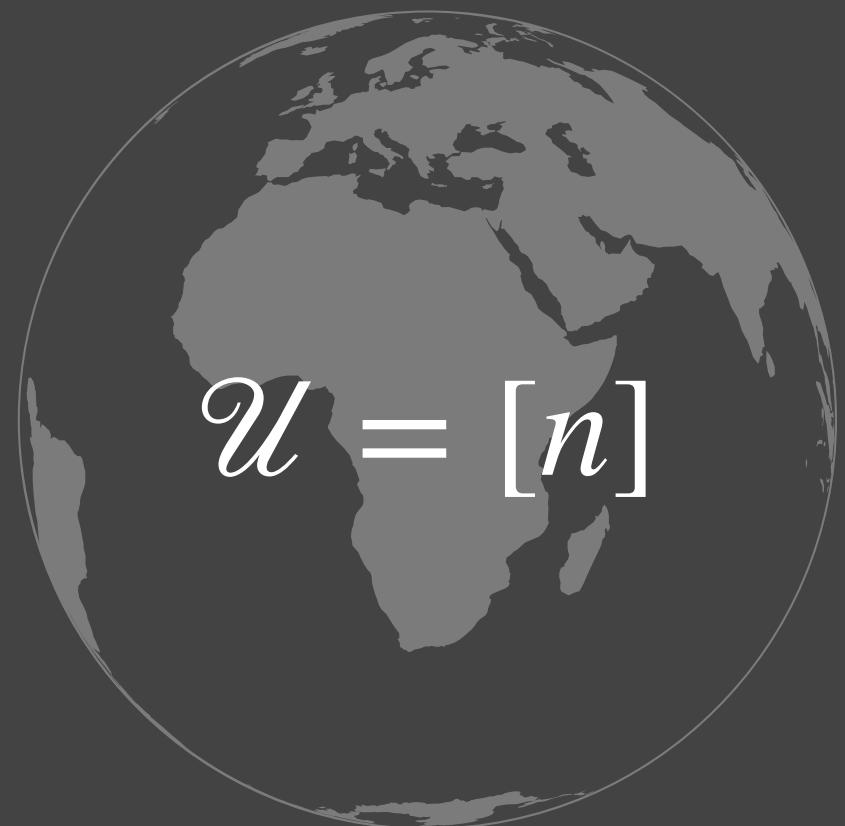
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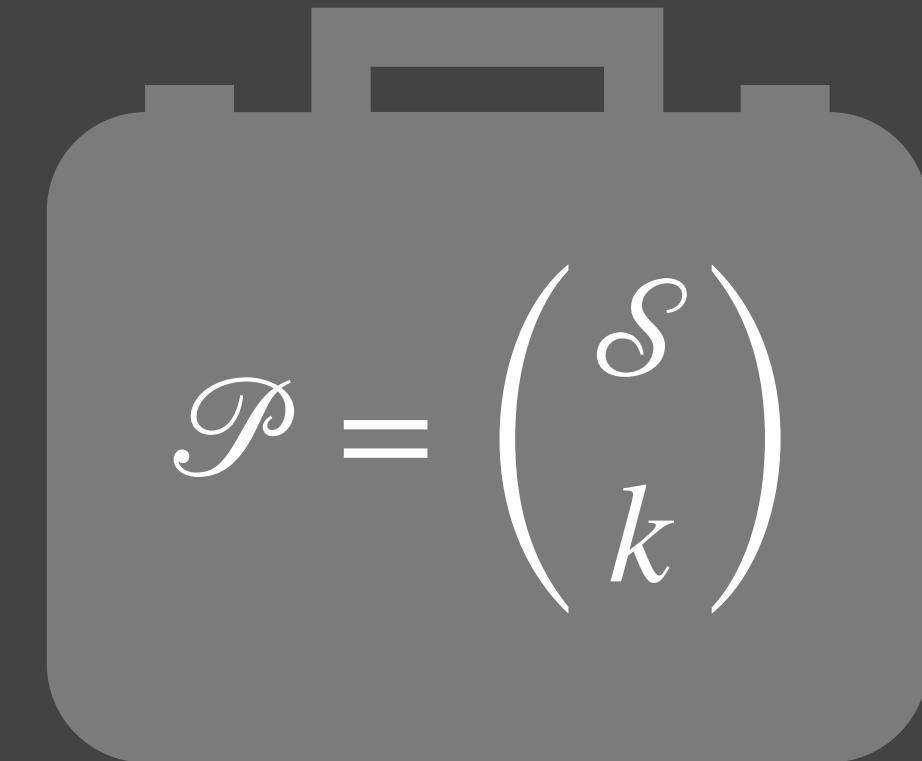
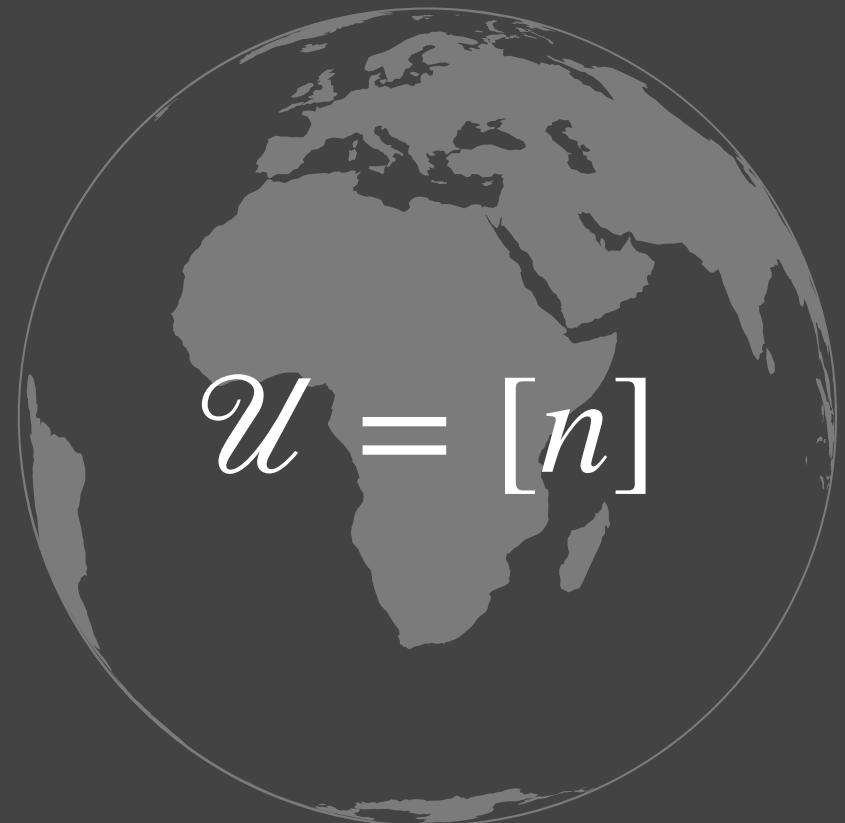
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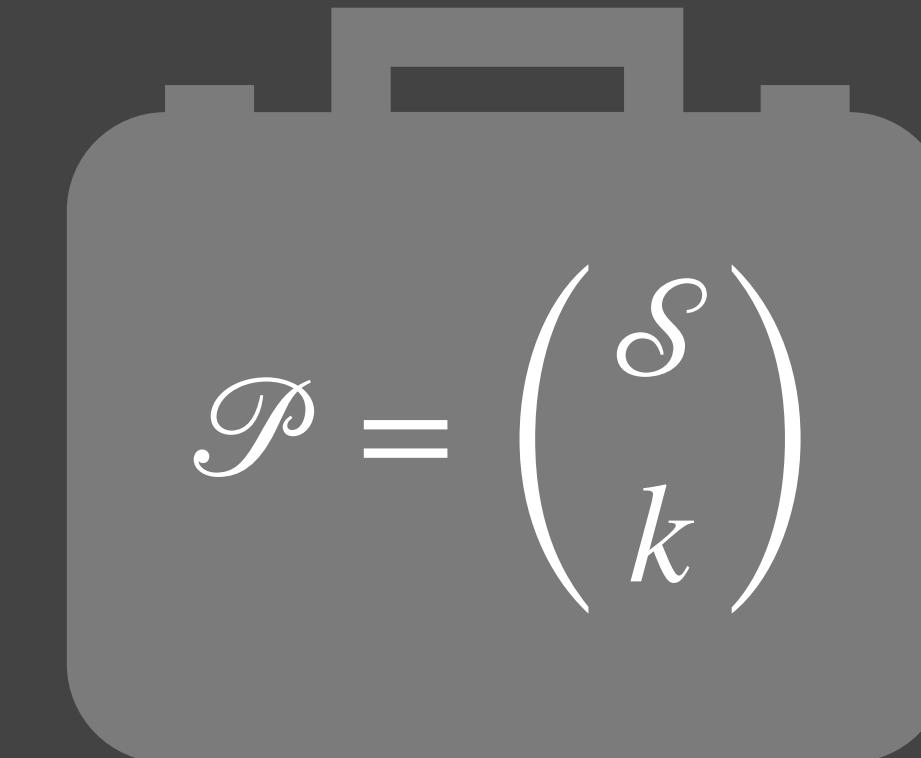
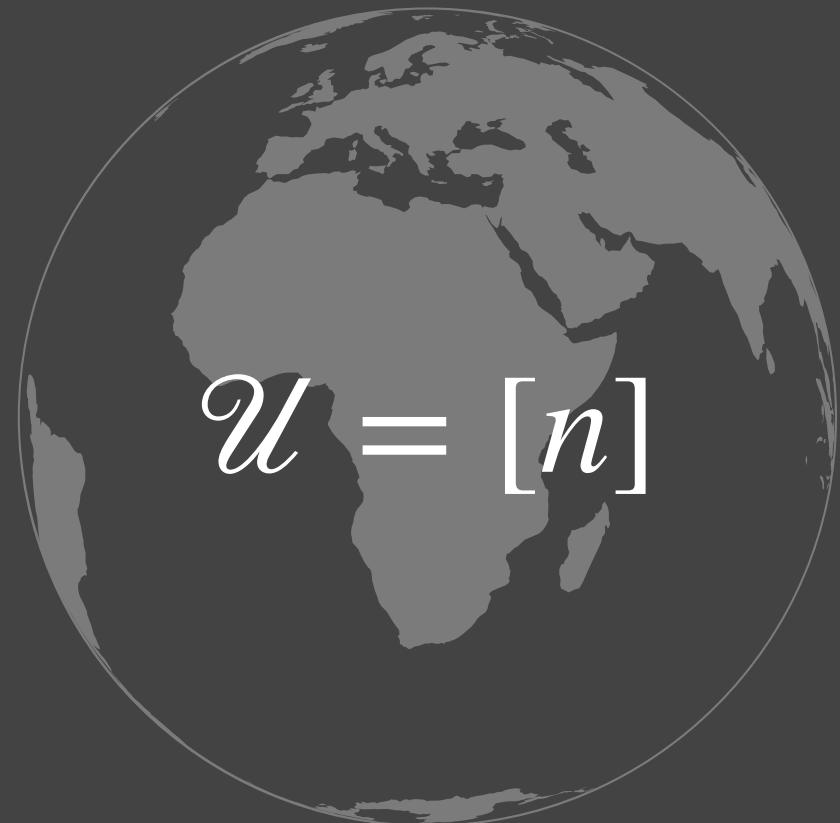
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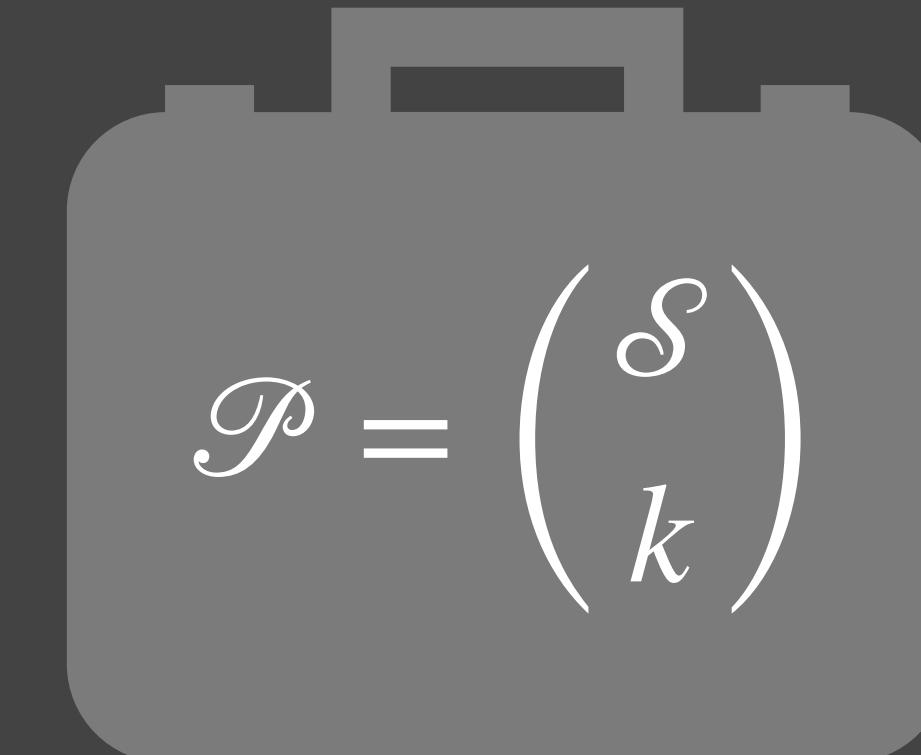
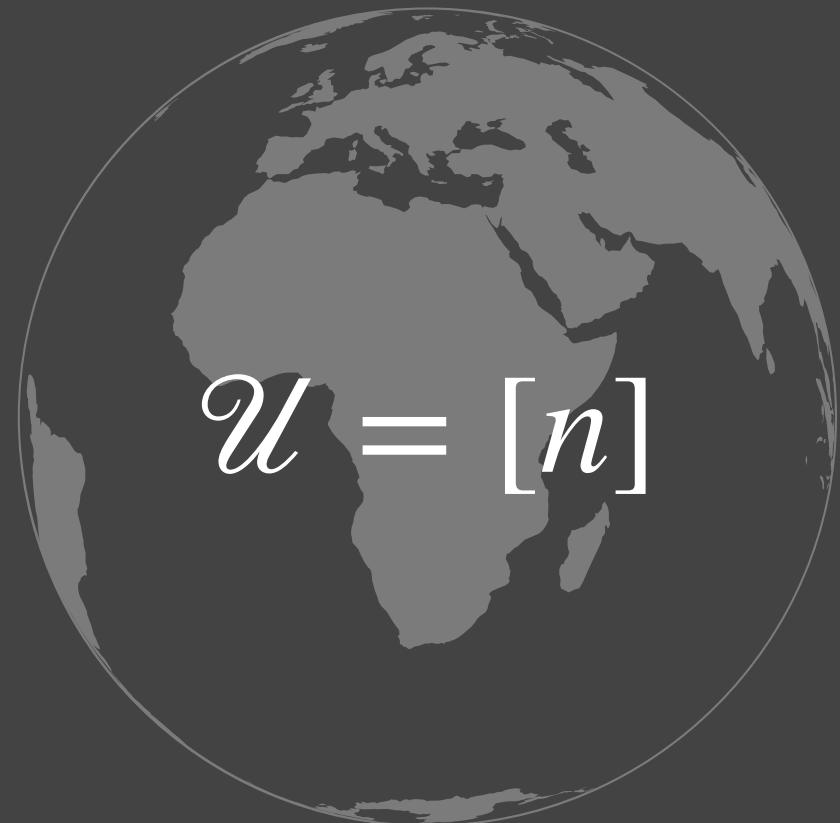
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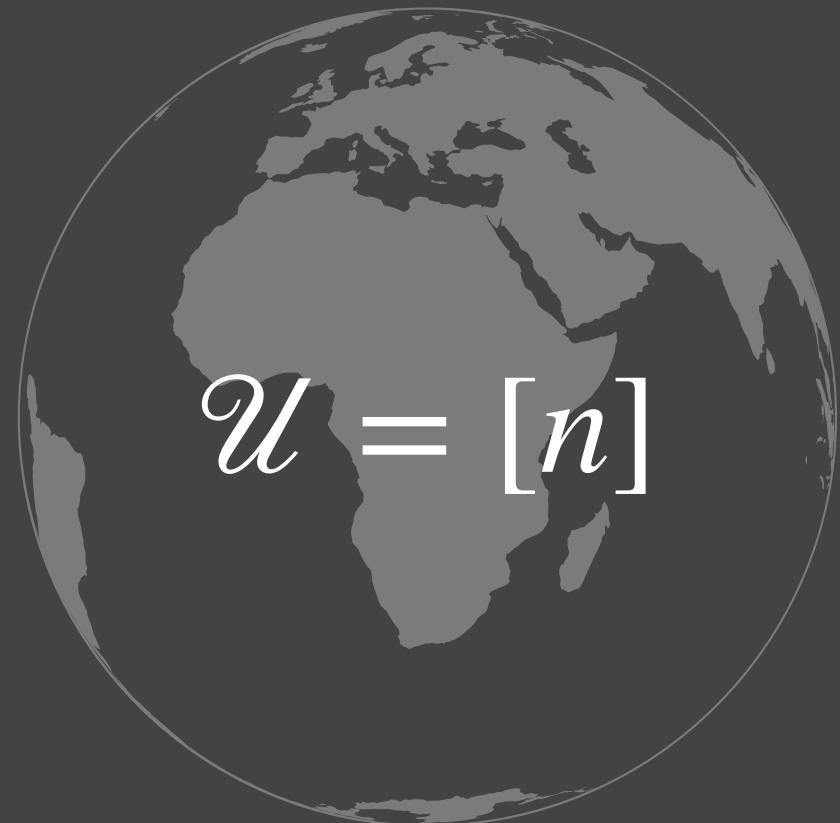
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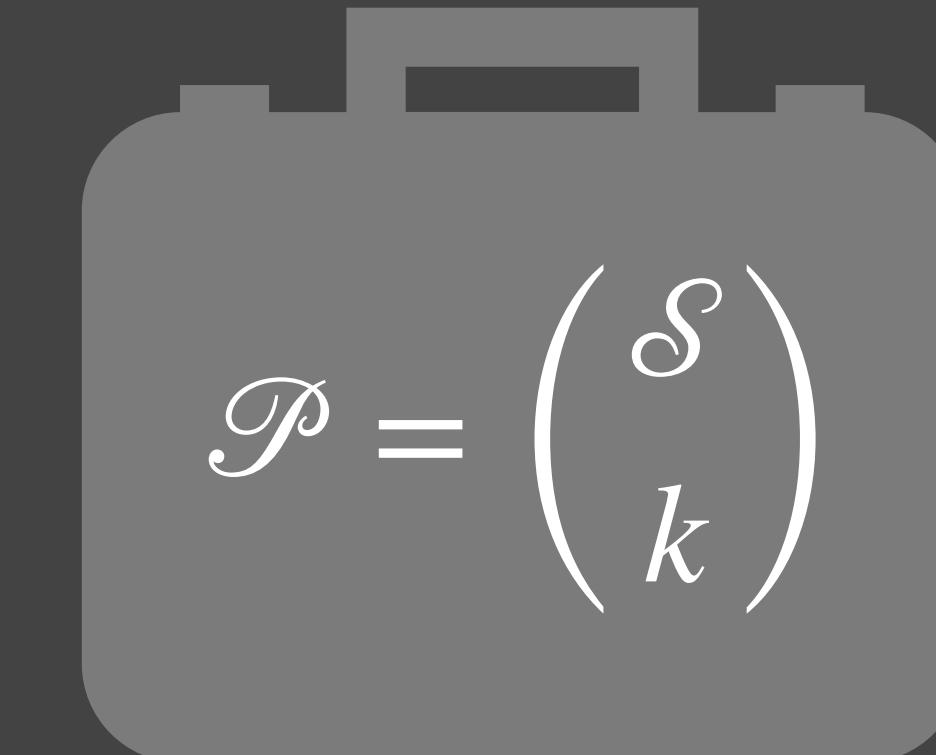
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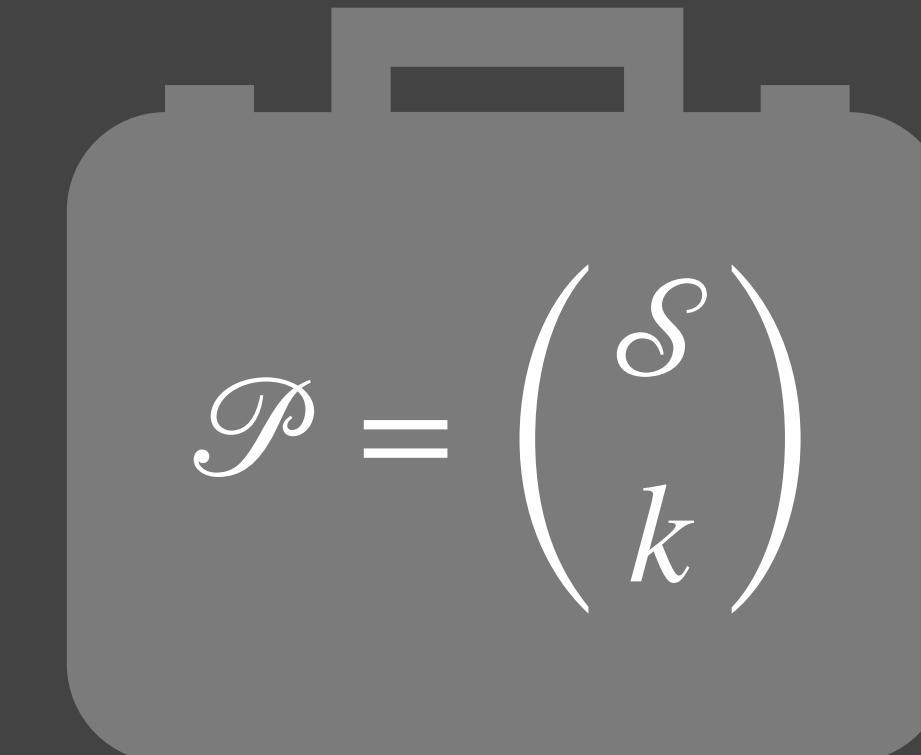
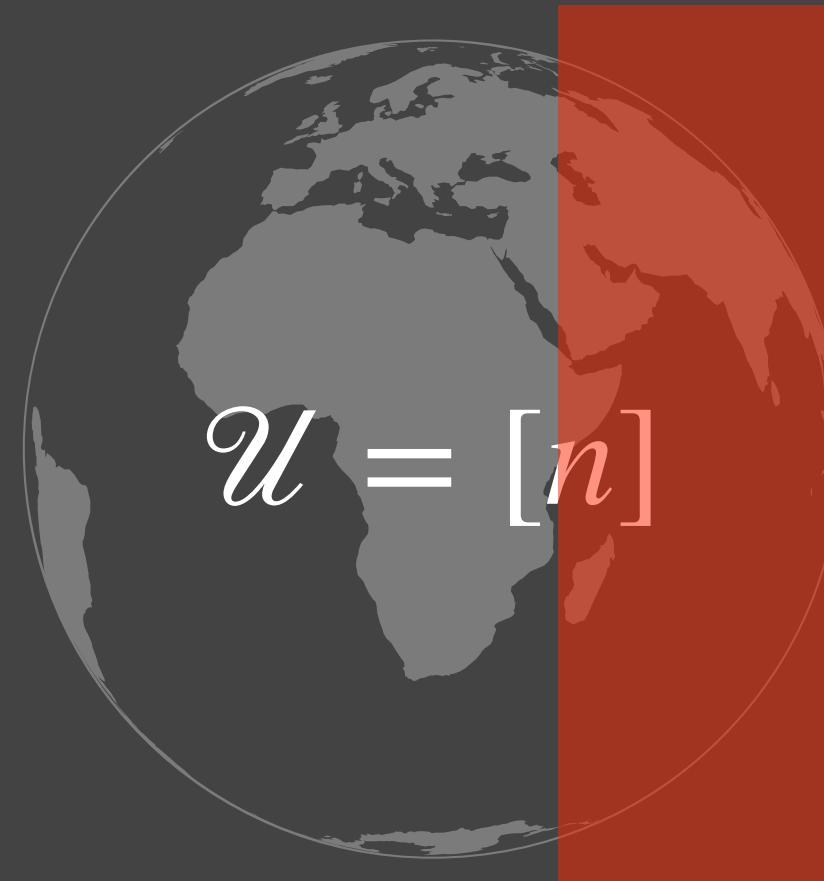
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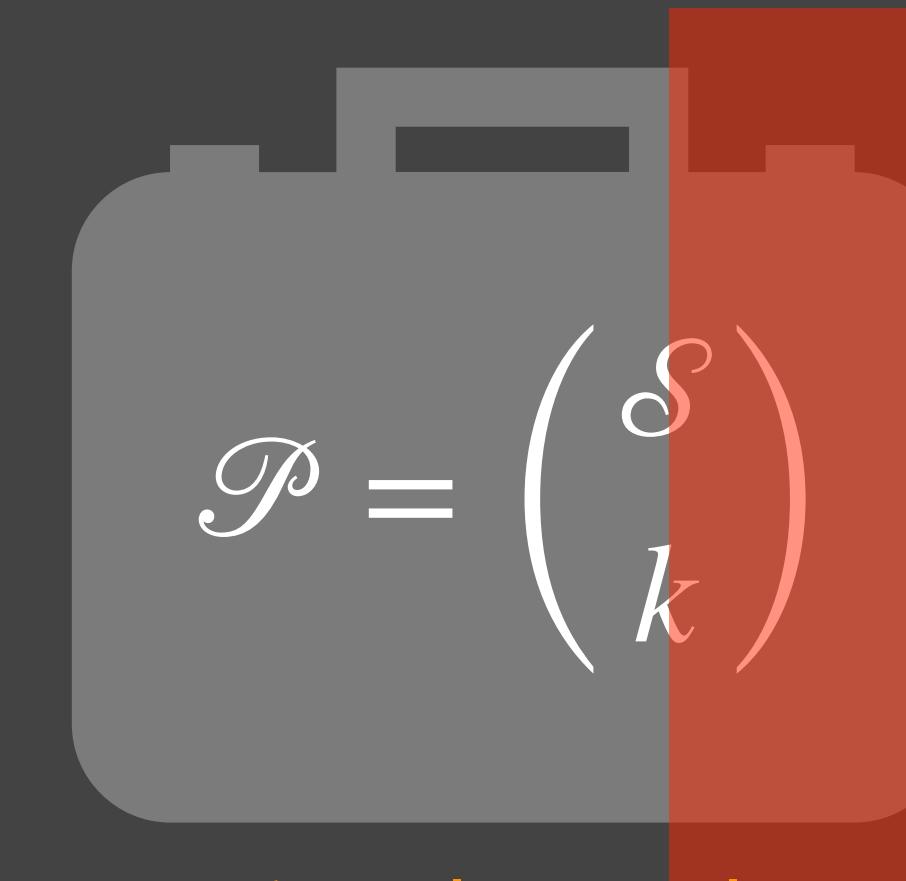
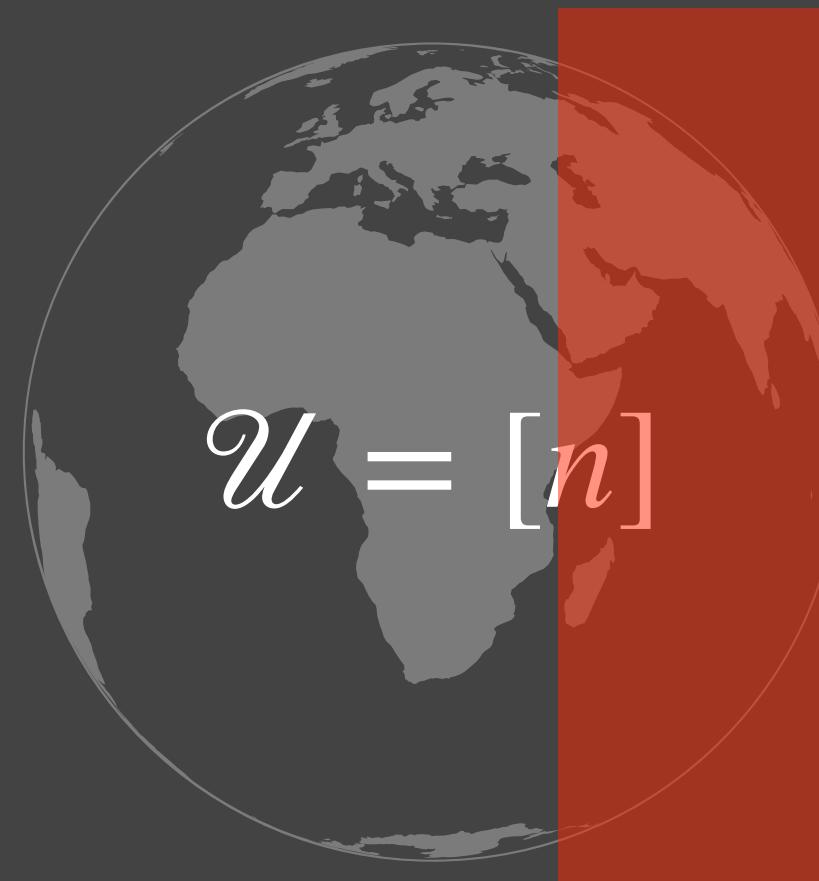
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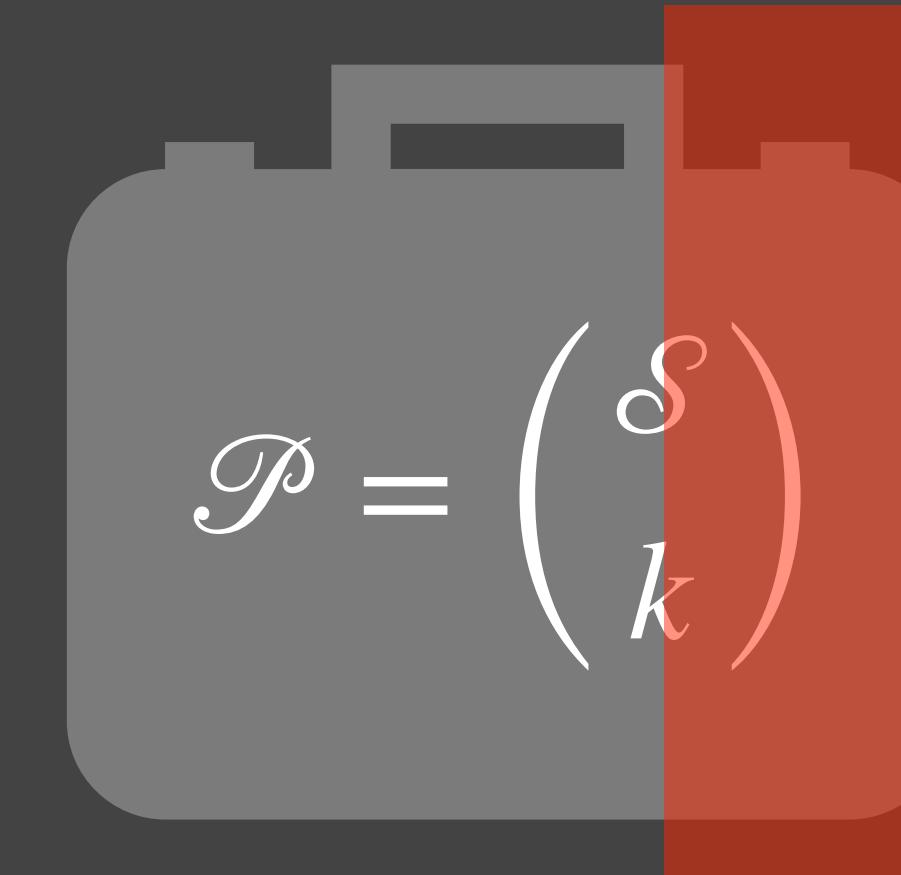
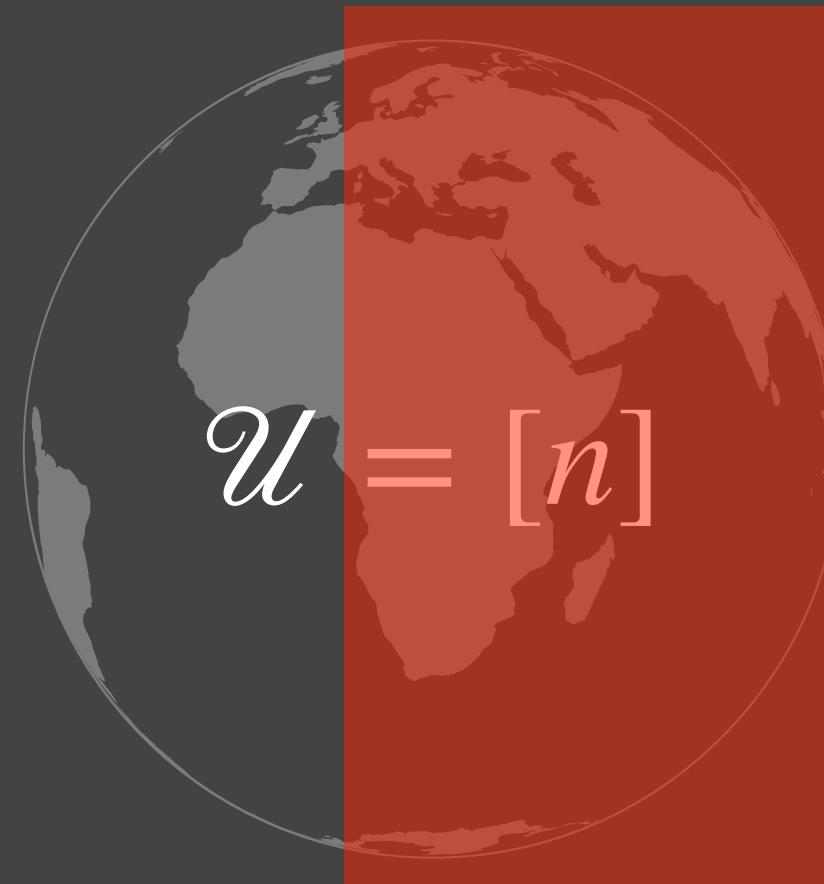
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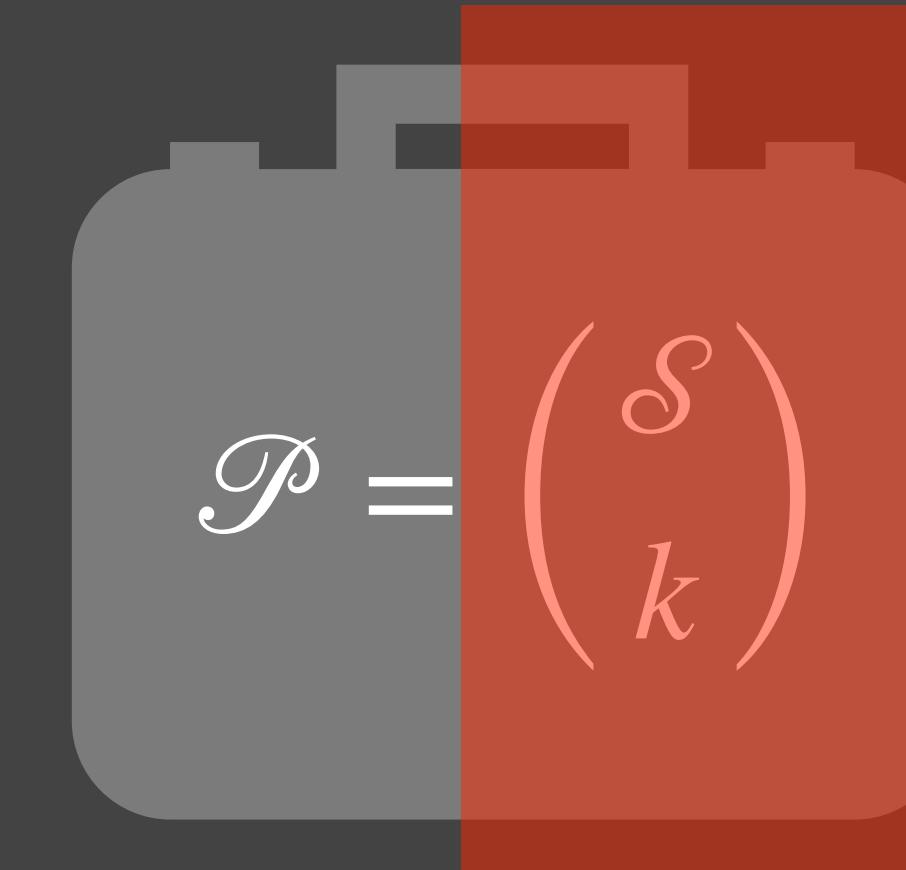
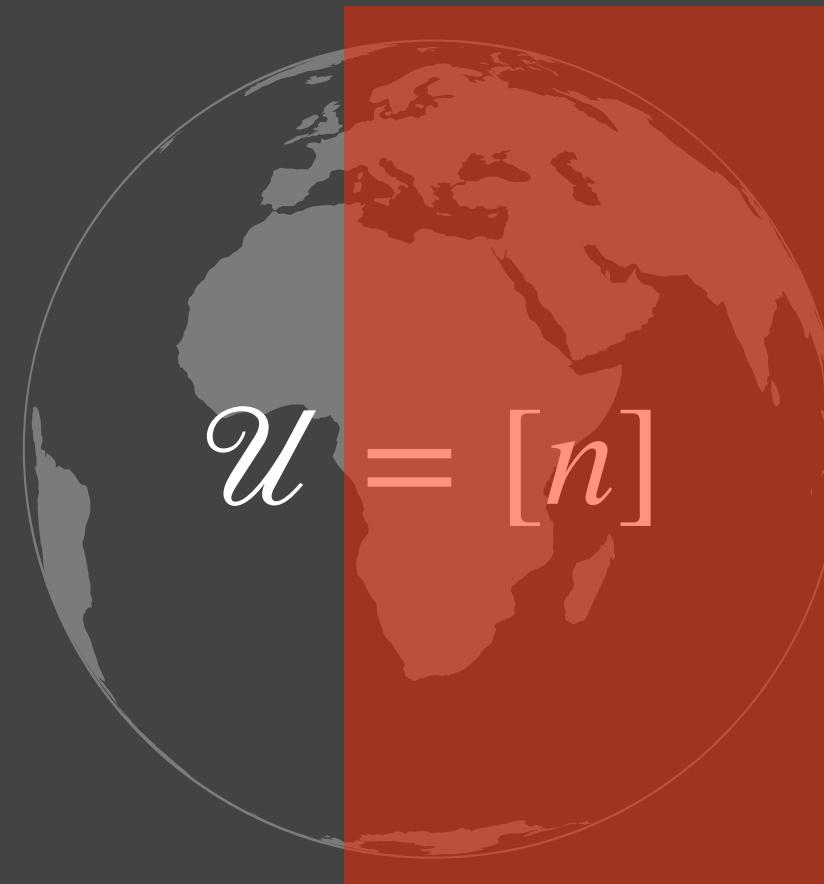
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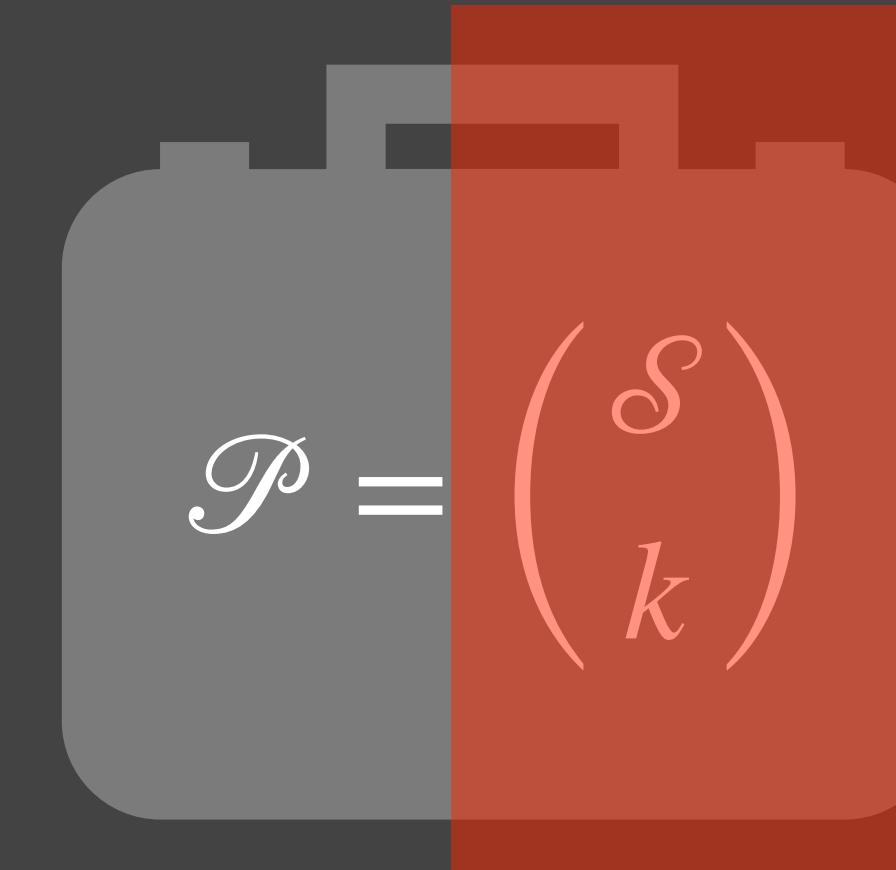
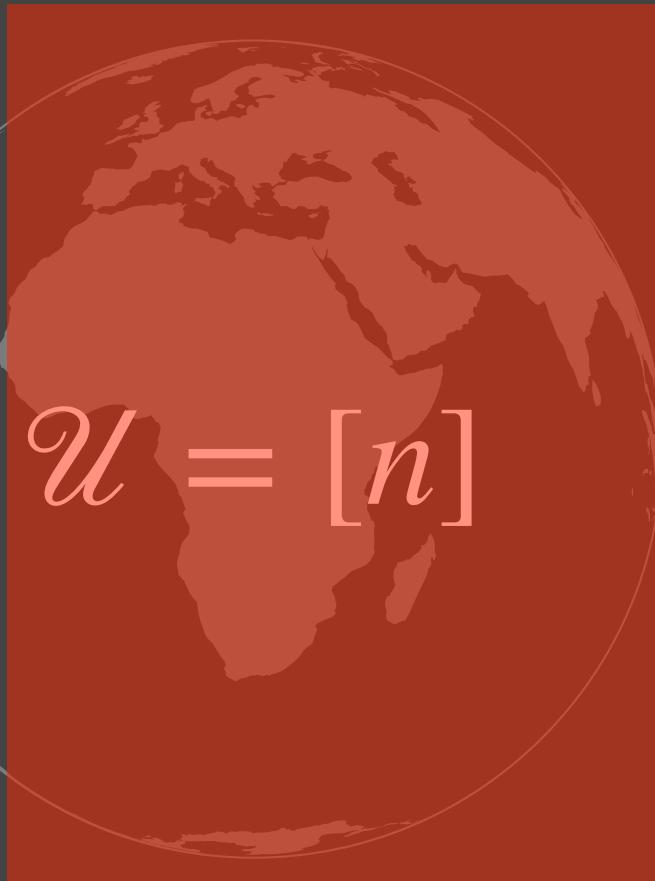
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$$\Phi(t) = c_1 \text{KL}(x^* || x^t) + c_2 \log |\mathcal{U}^t|$$

\mathcal{U}^t := uncovered elements @ time t

x^* := uniform distribution on OPT

Claim 1: $\Phi(0) = O(\log mn)$, and $\Phi(t) \geq 0$.

Claim 2: If v uncovered, then $E[\Delta\Phi] \leq -\frac{1}{k}$.

(Recall $k = |\text{OPT}|$)

Bound $E_R[\Delta \log |\mathcal{U}^t|]$ over randomness of R .

Bound $E_v[\Delta \text{KL}]$ over randomness of v . ← This is where we use RO!

$$\sum_S x_S^* \log \frac{x_S^*}{x_S^t}$$

Claim 2a: If v^t uncovered,

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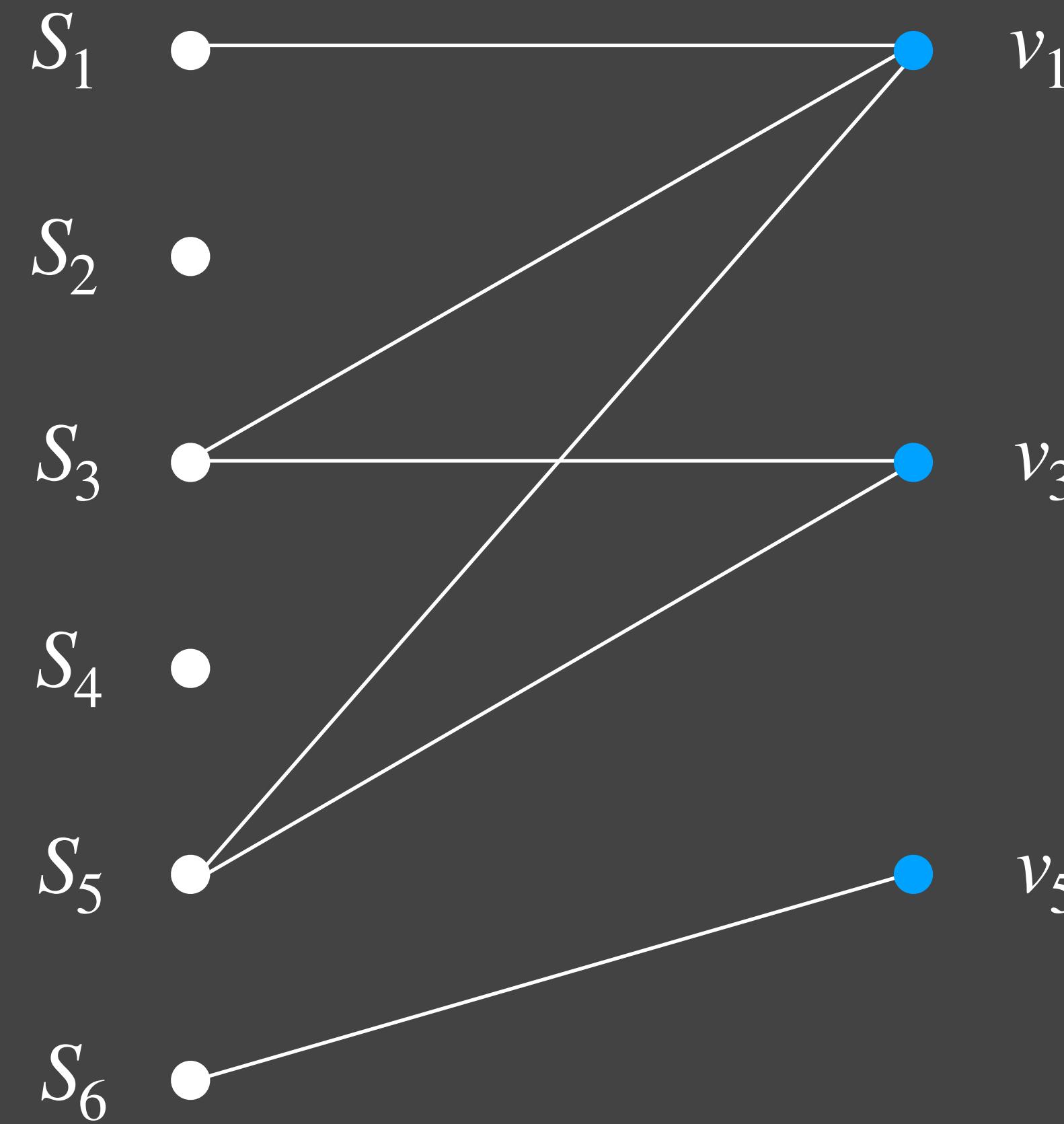
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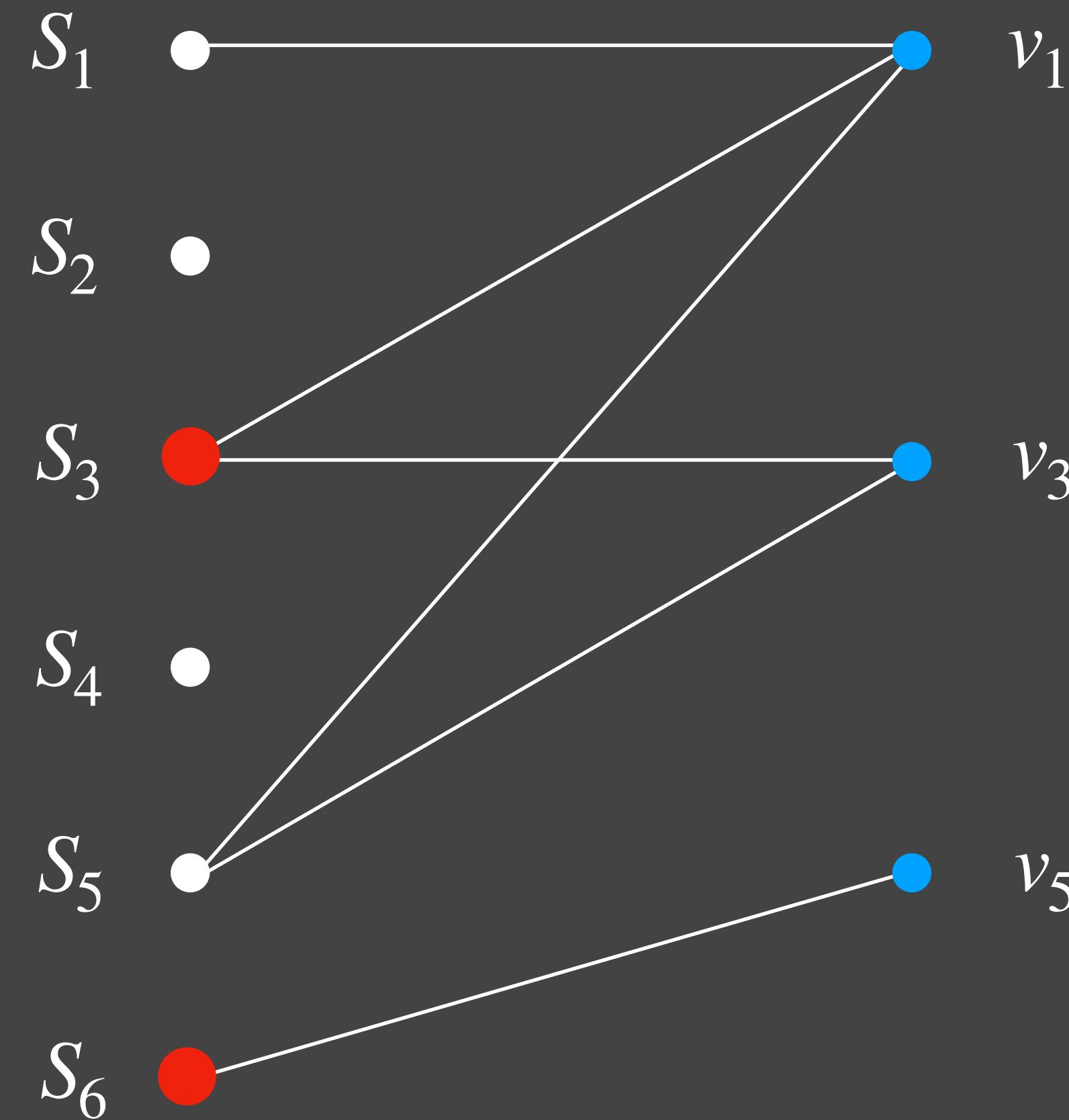




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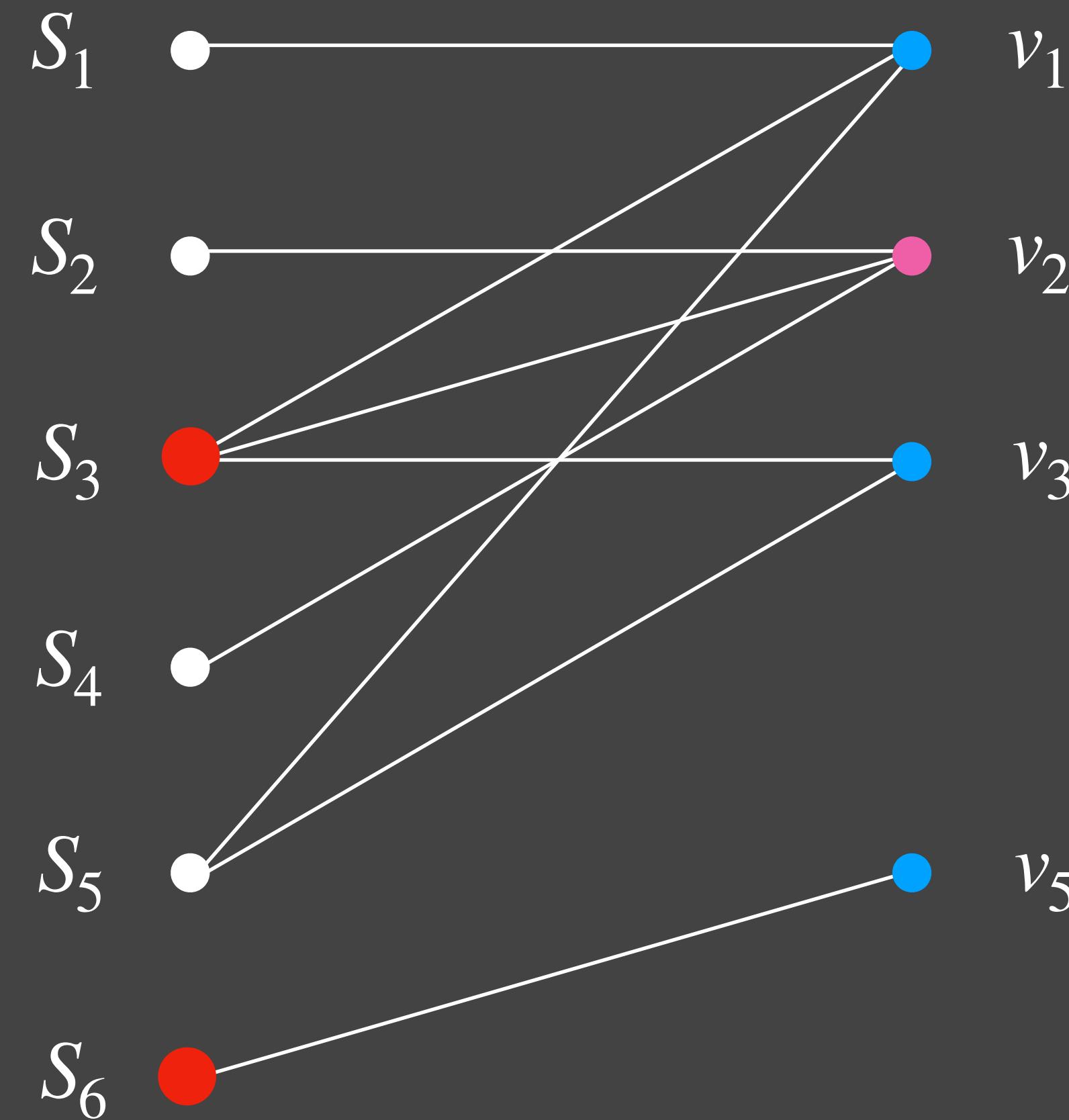




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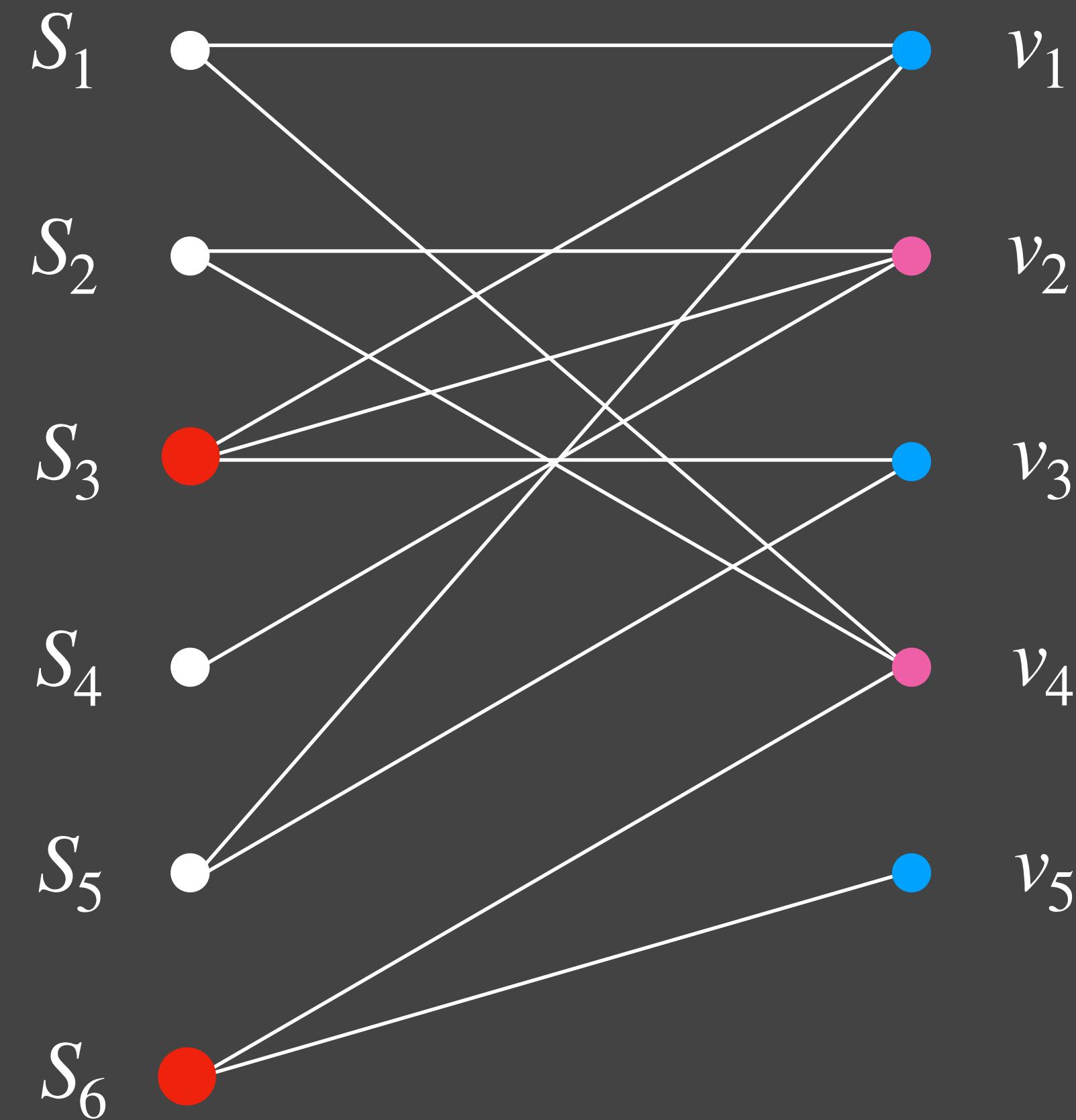




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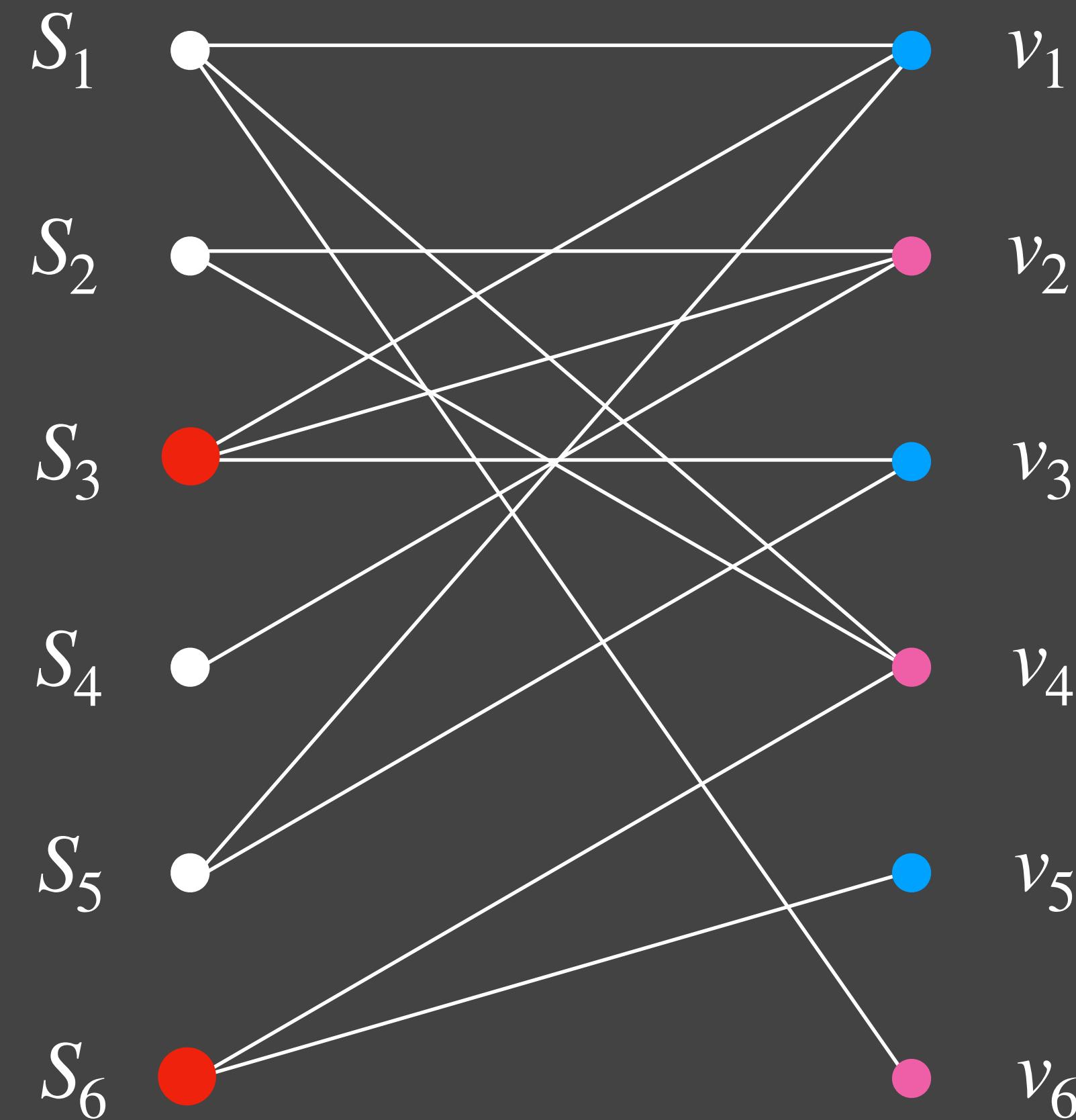




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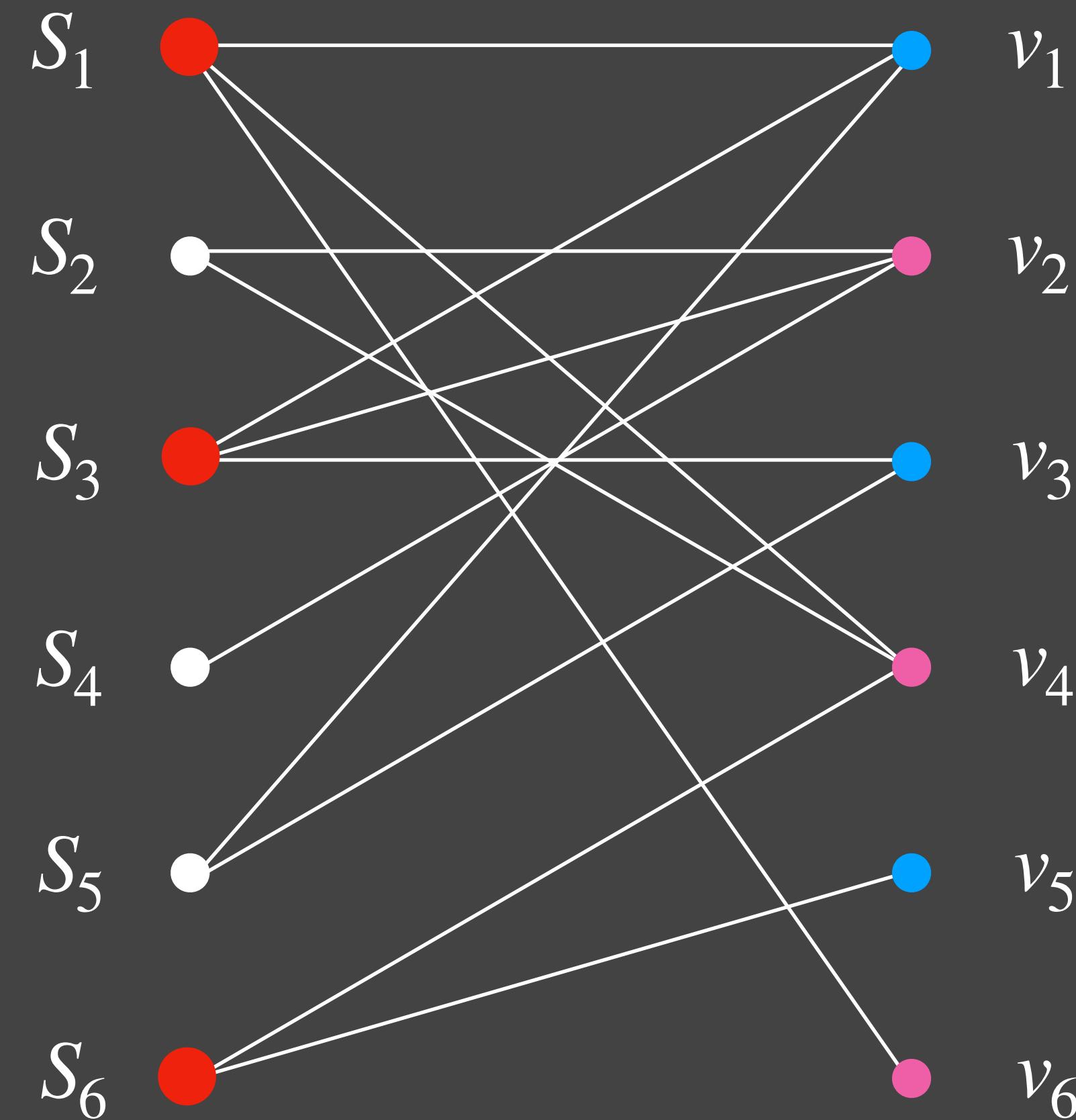




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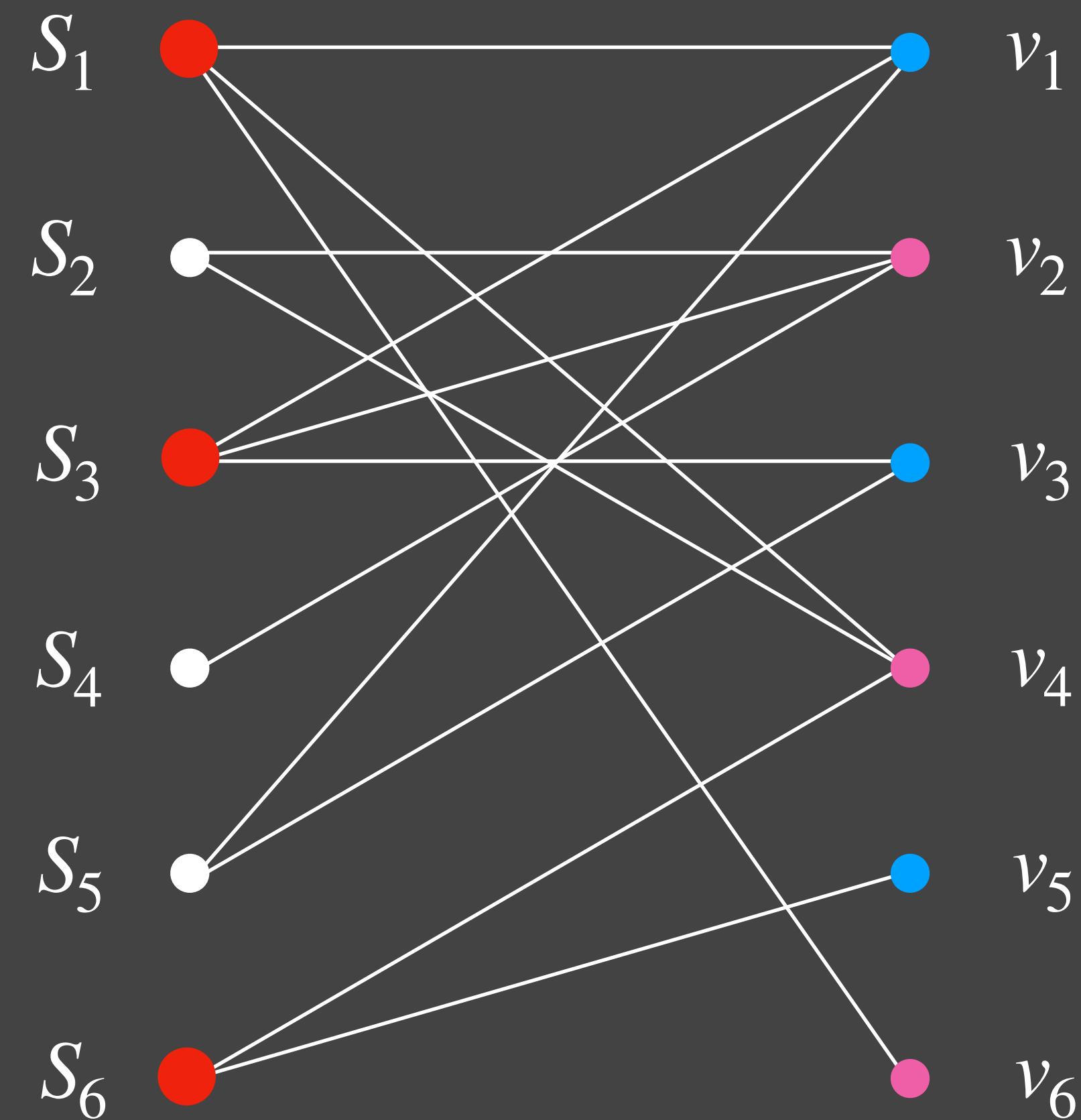




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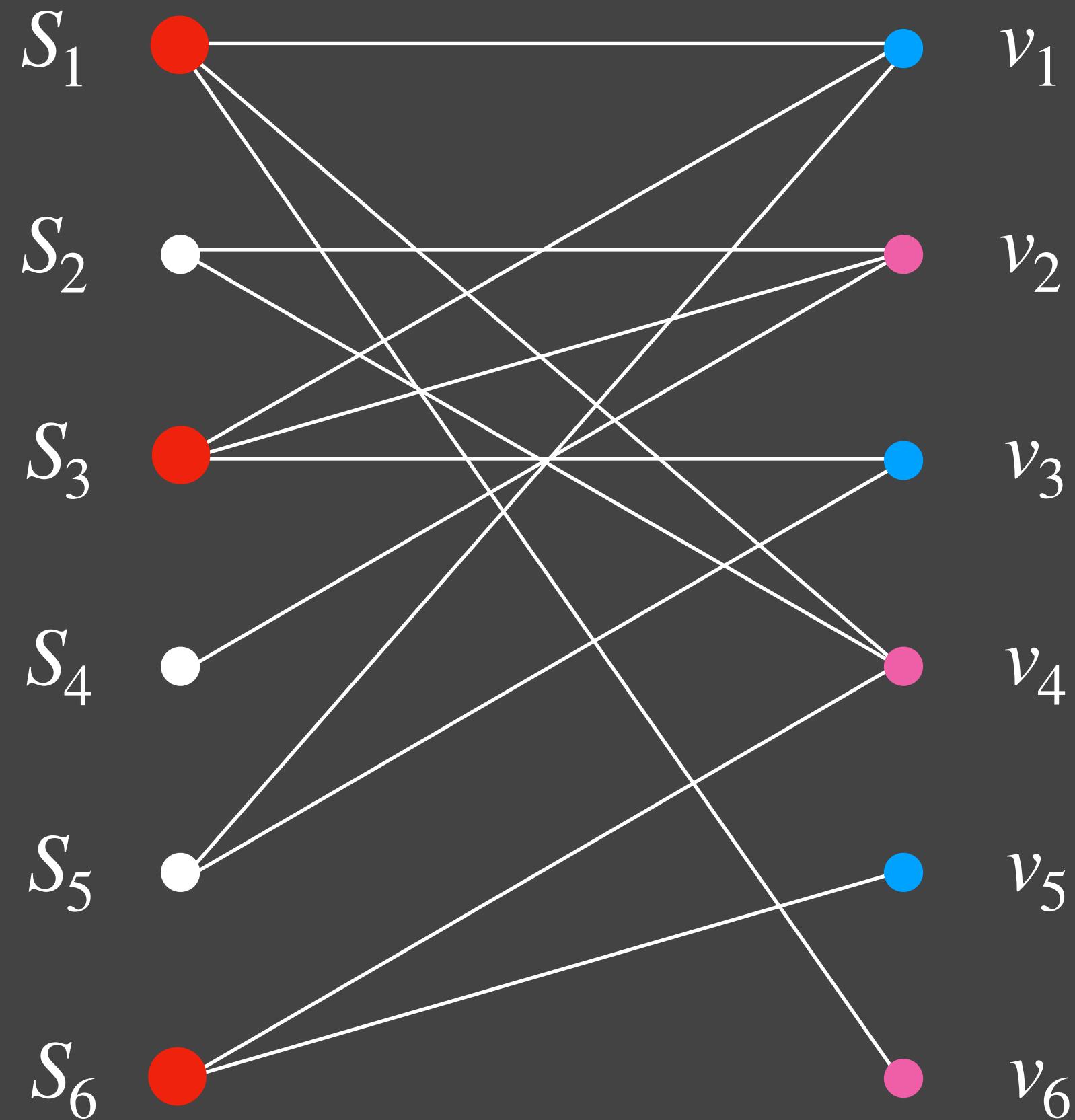
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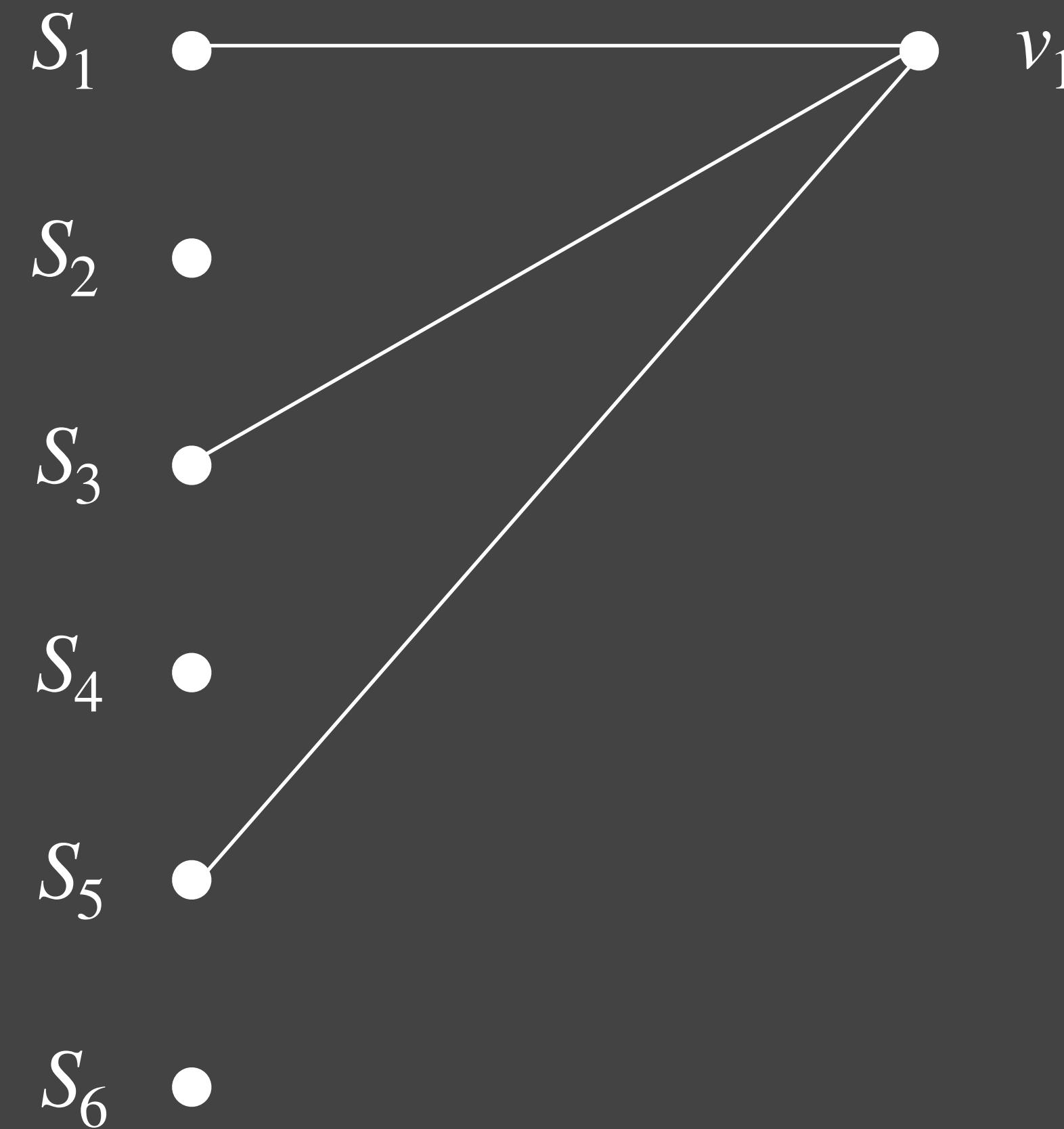
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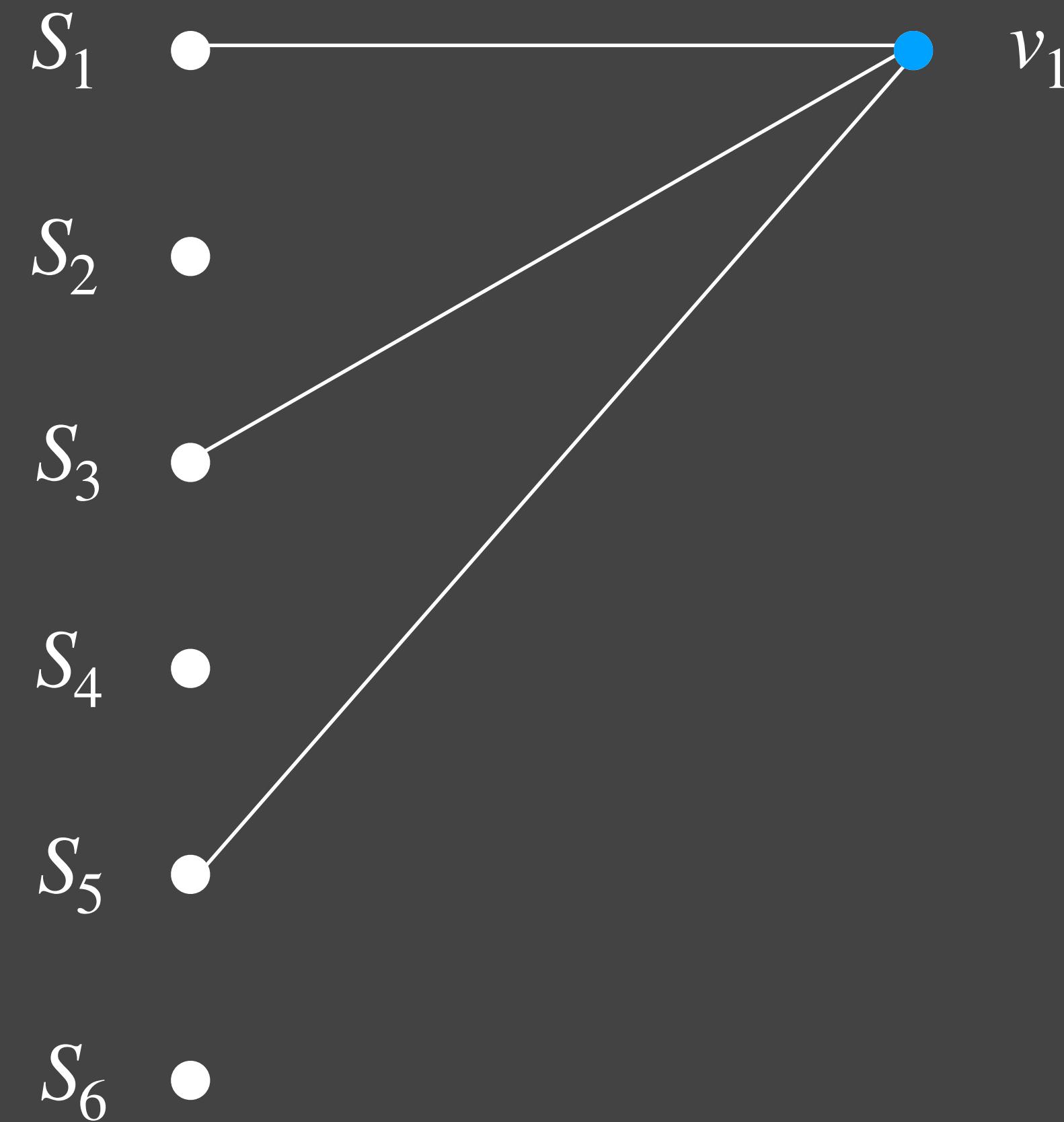
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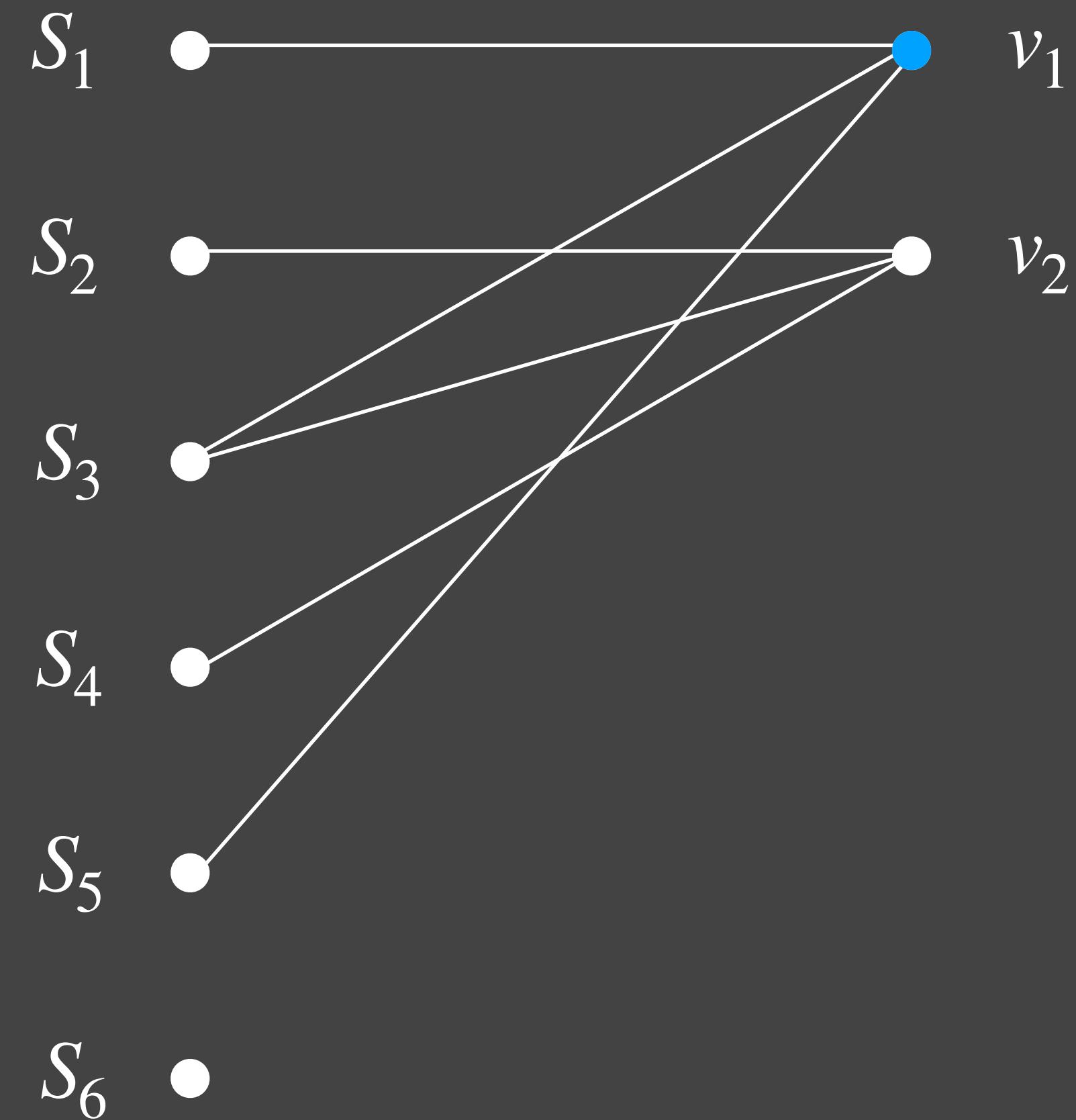
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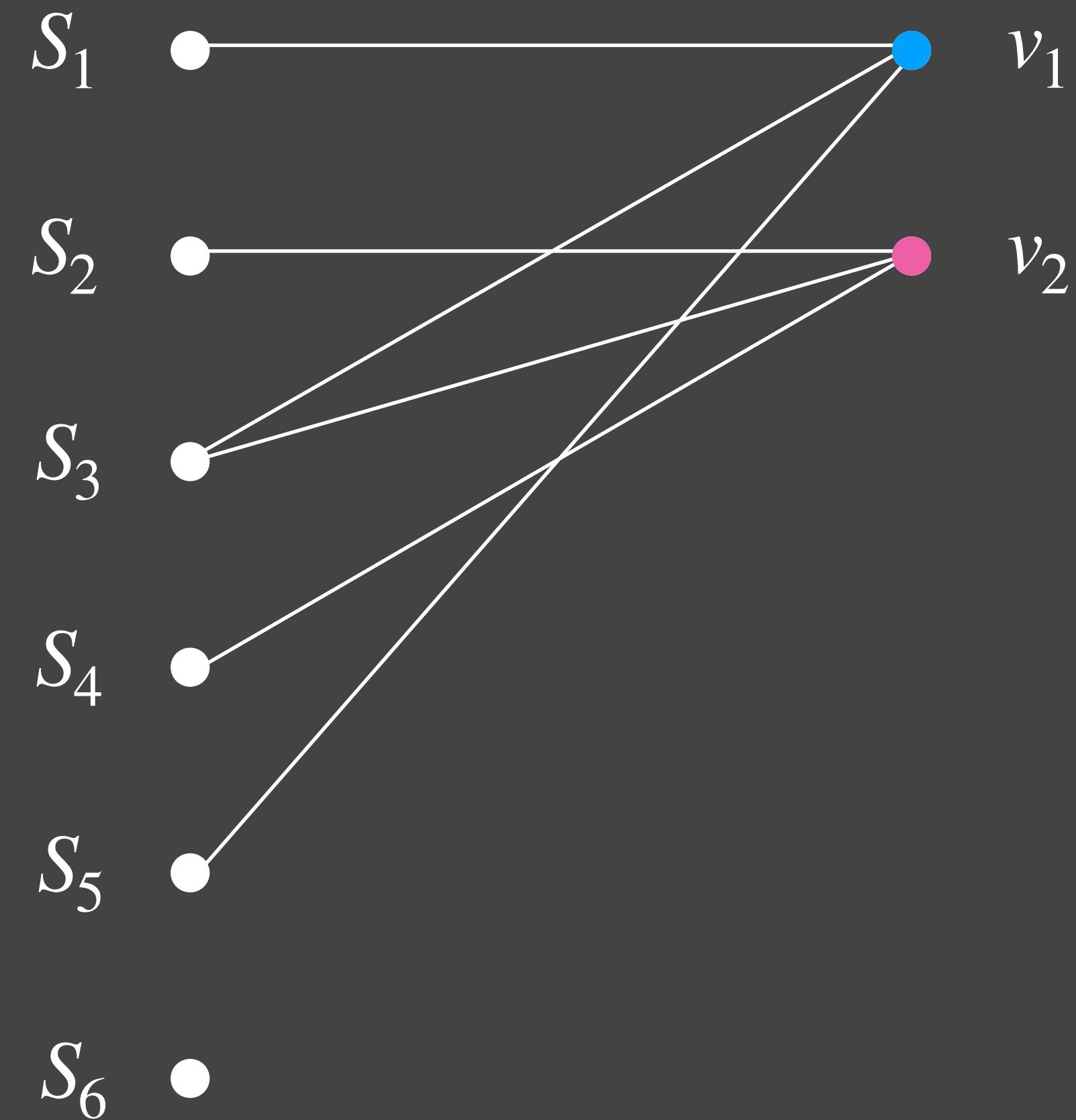
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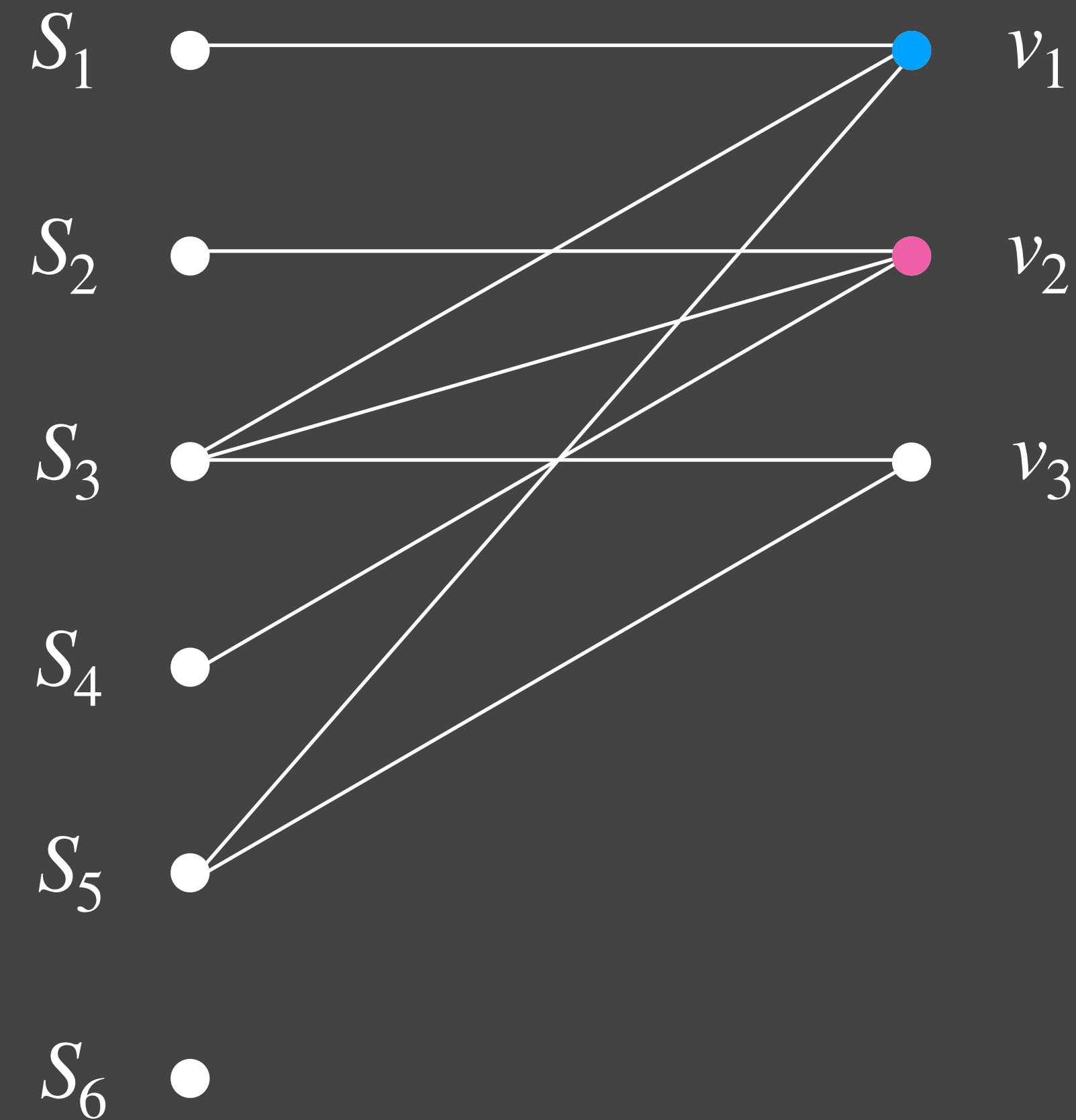
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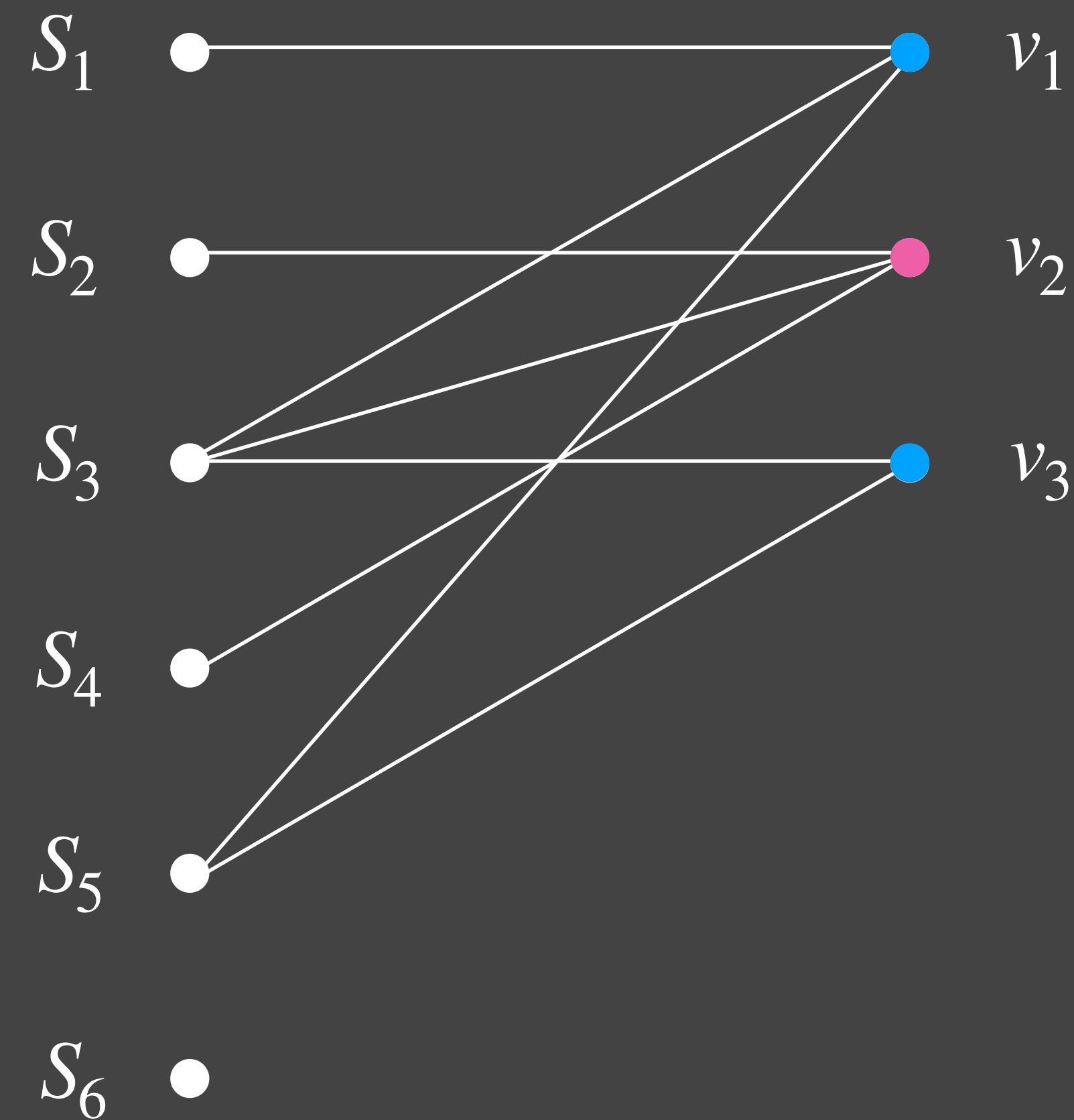
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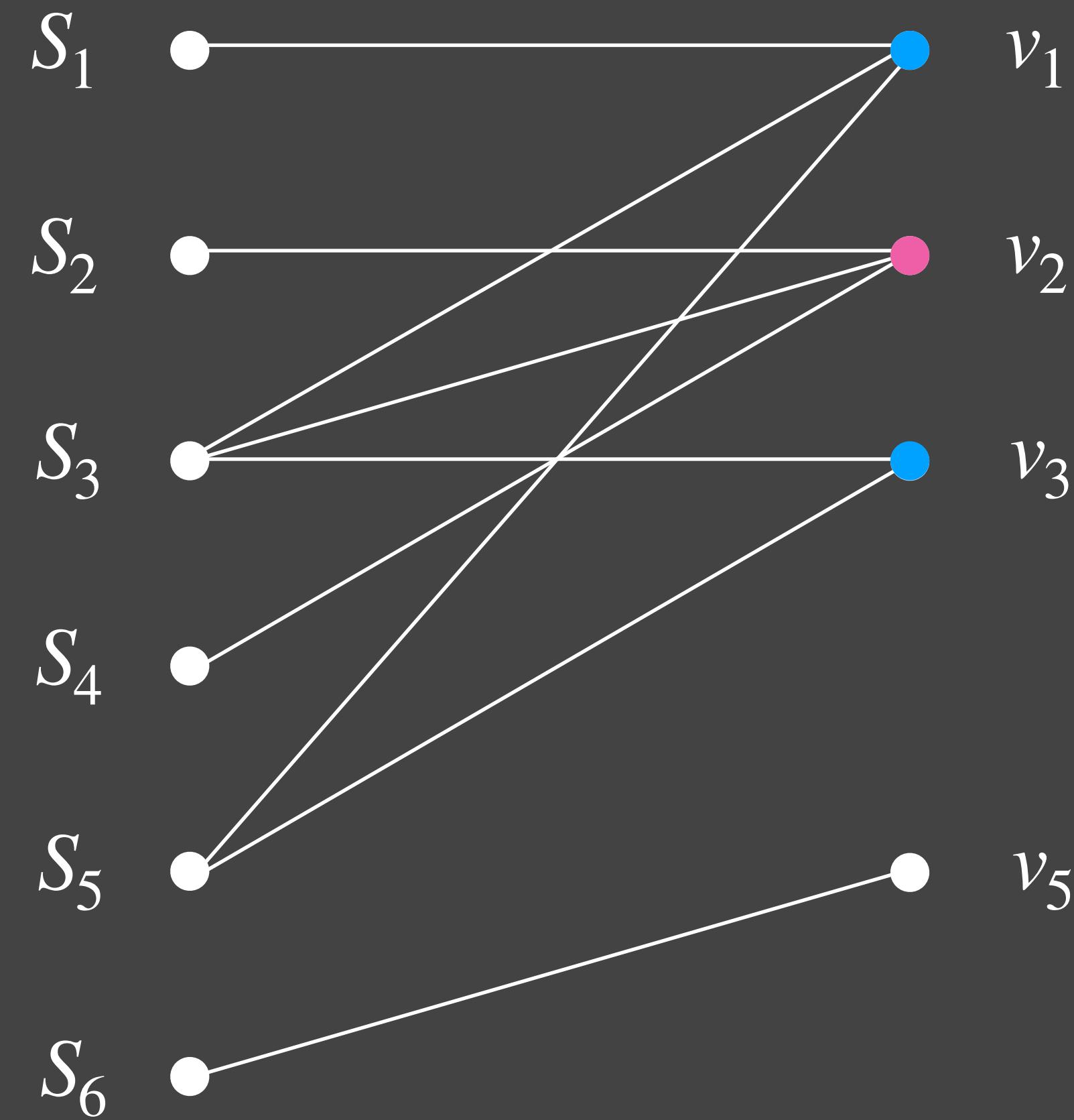
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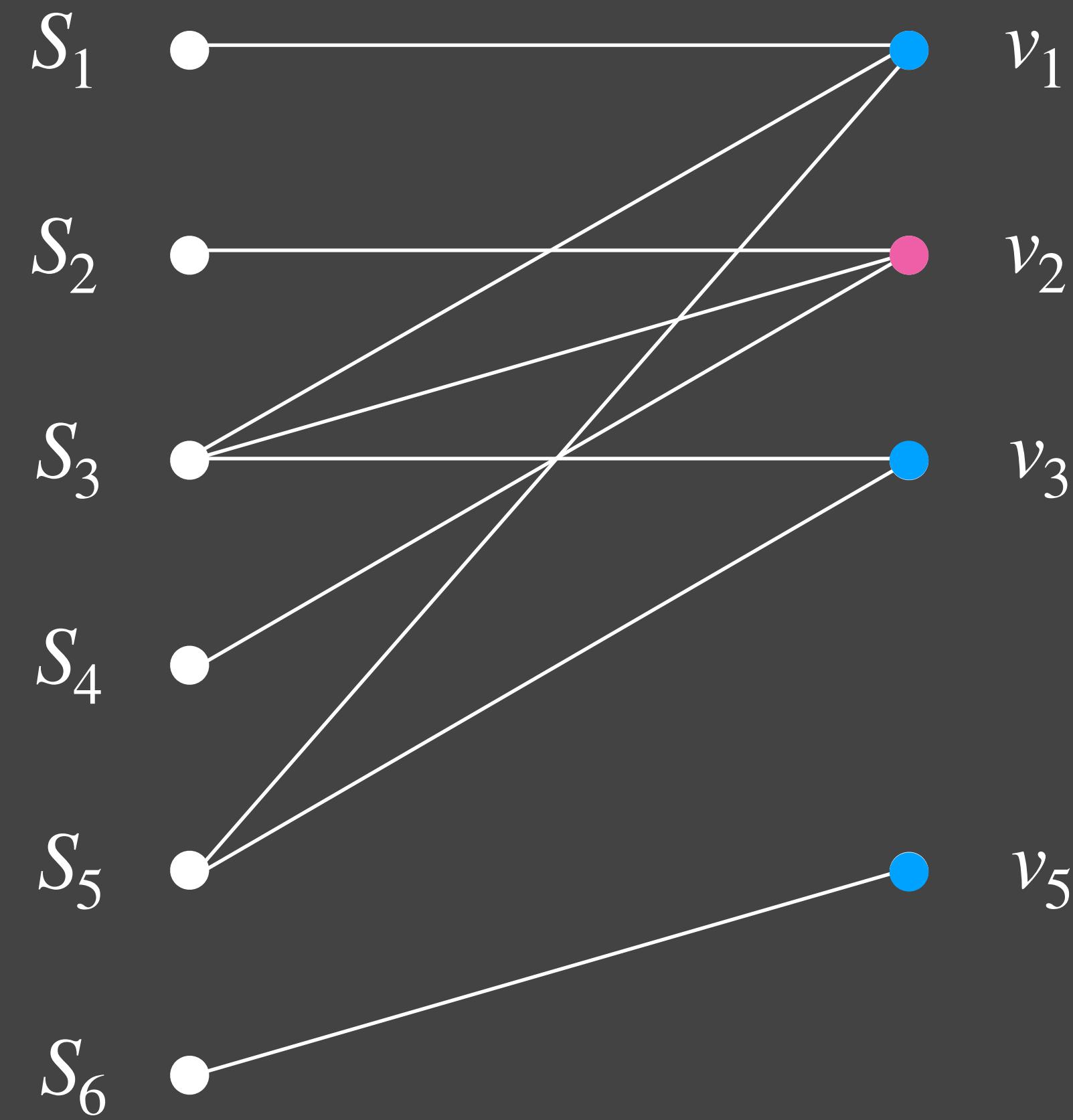
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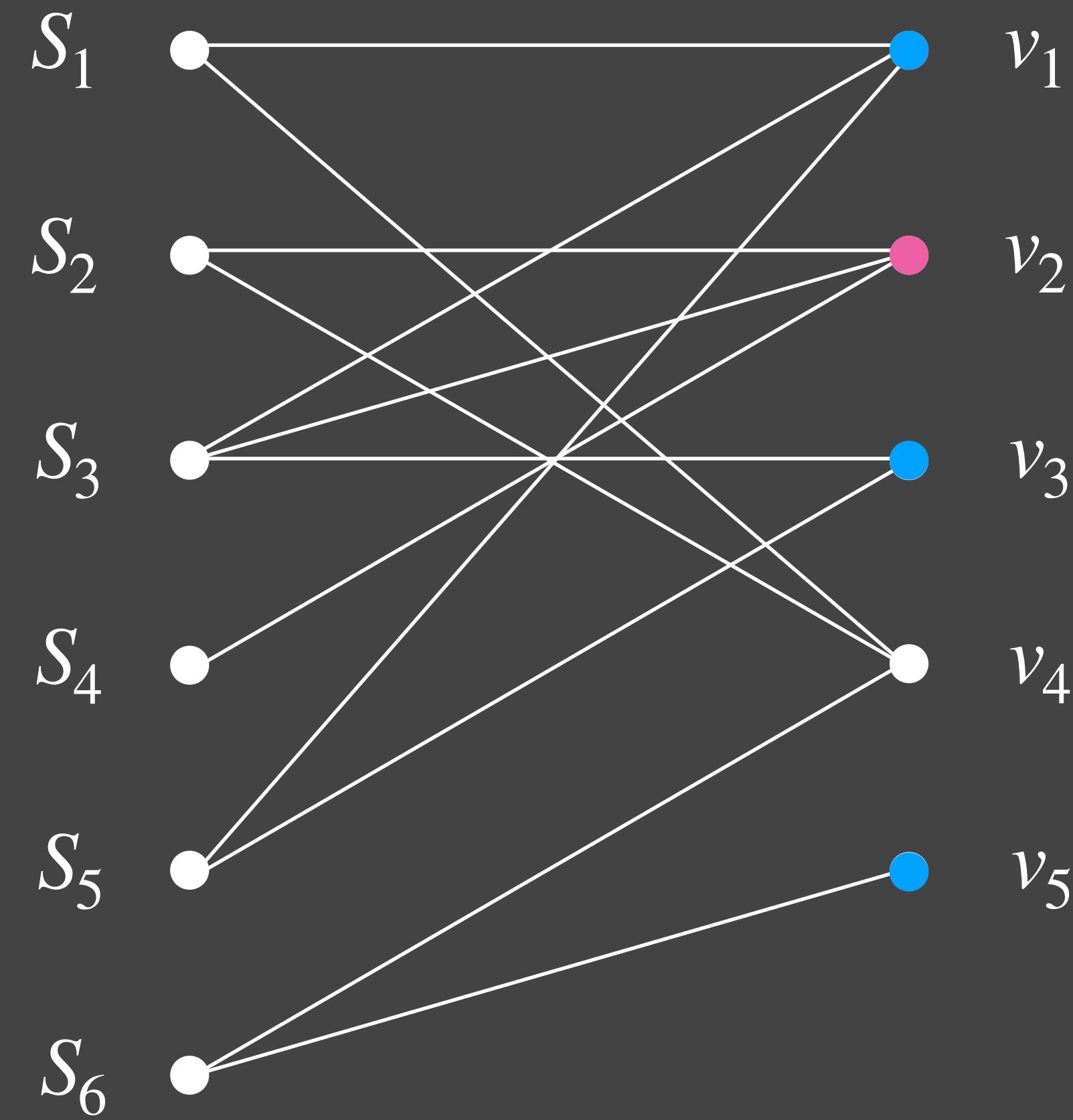
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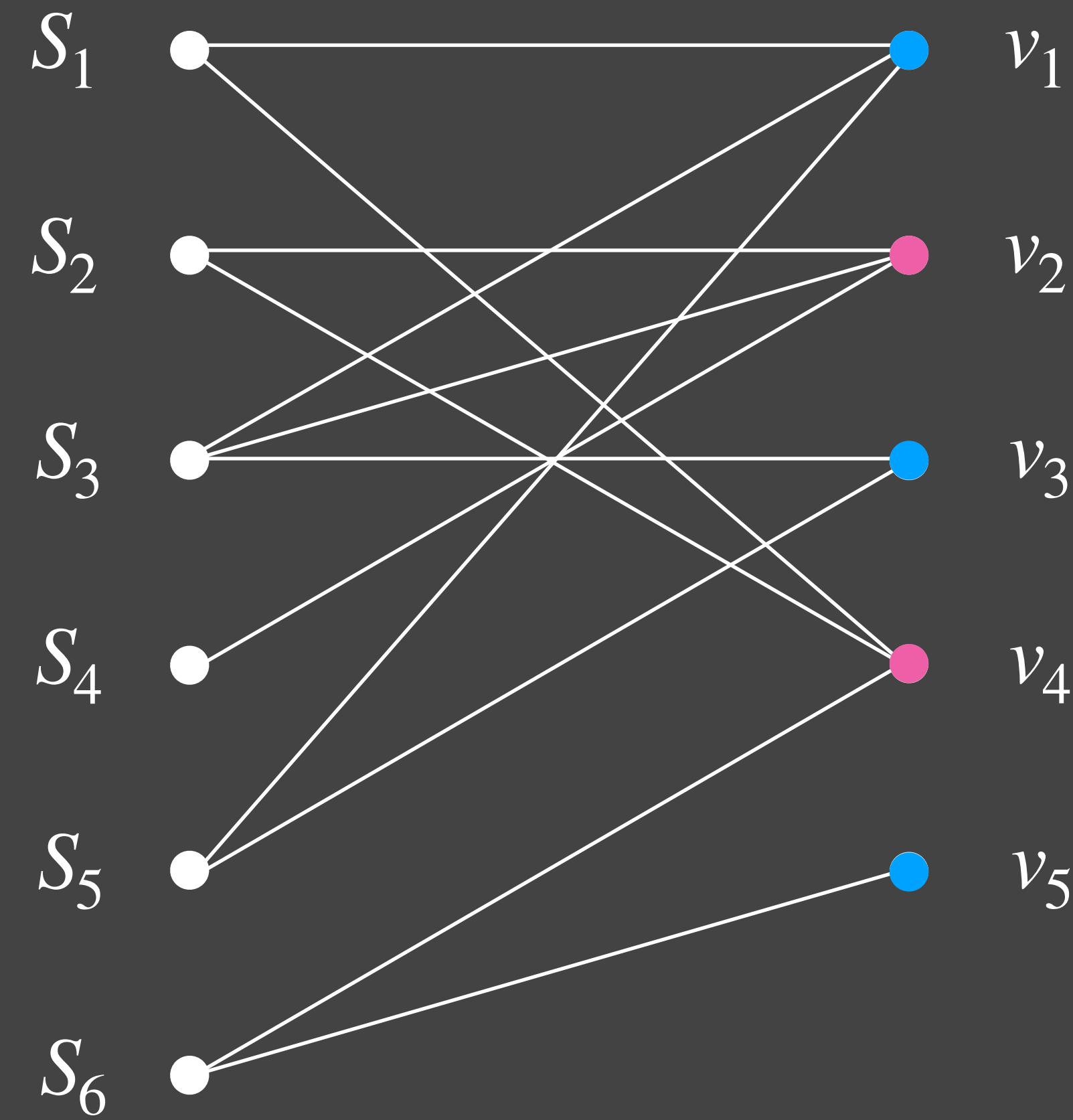
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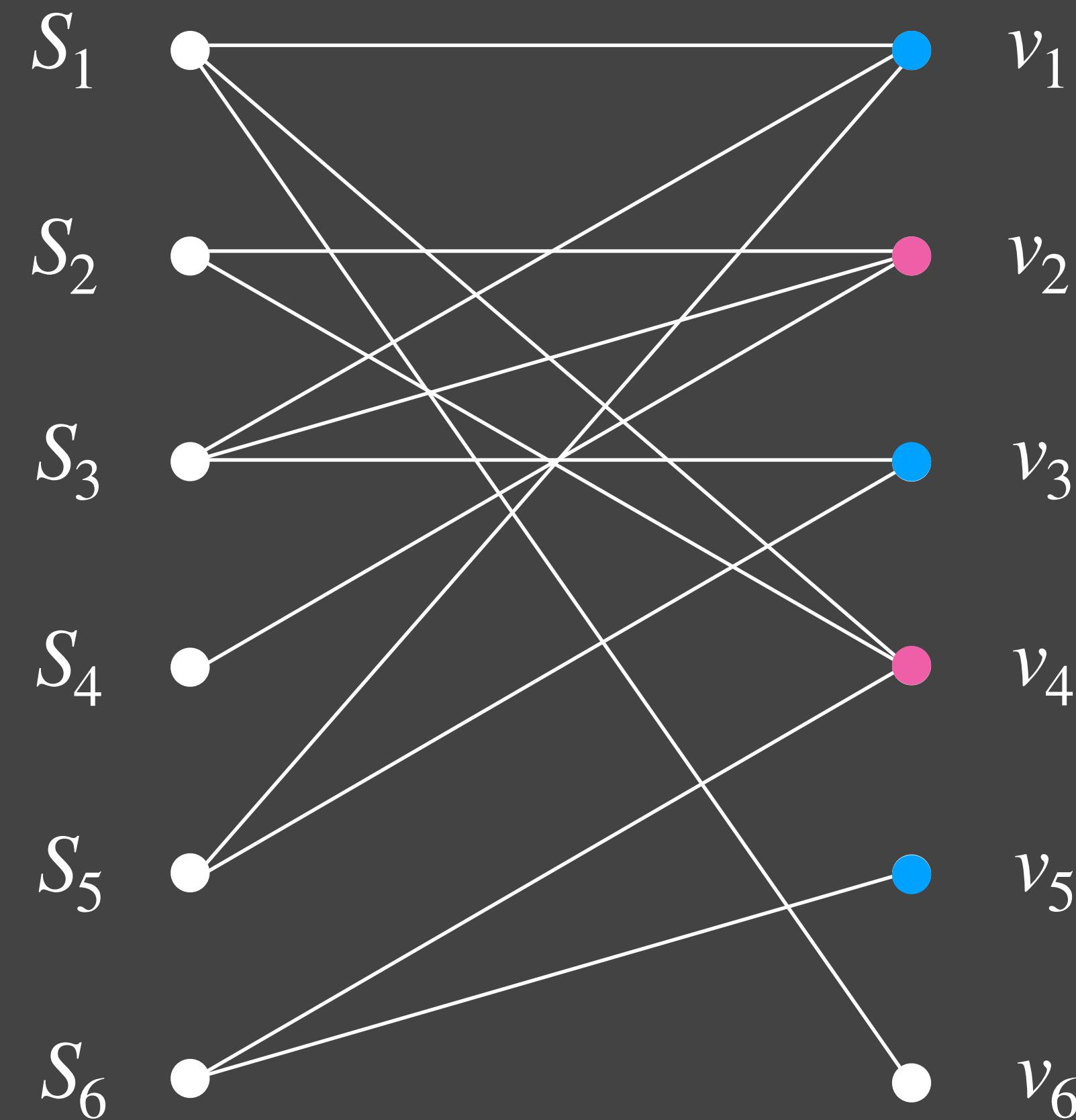
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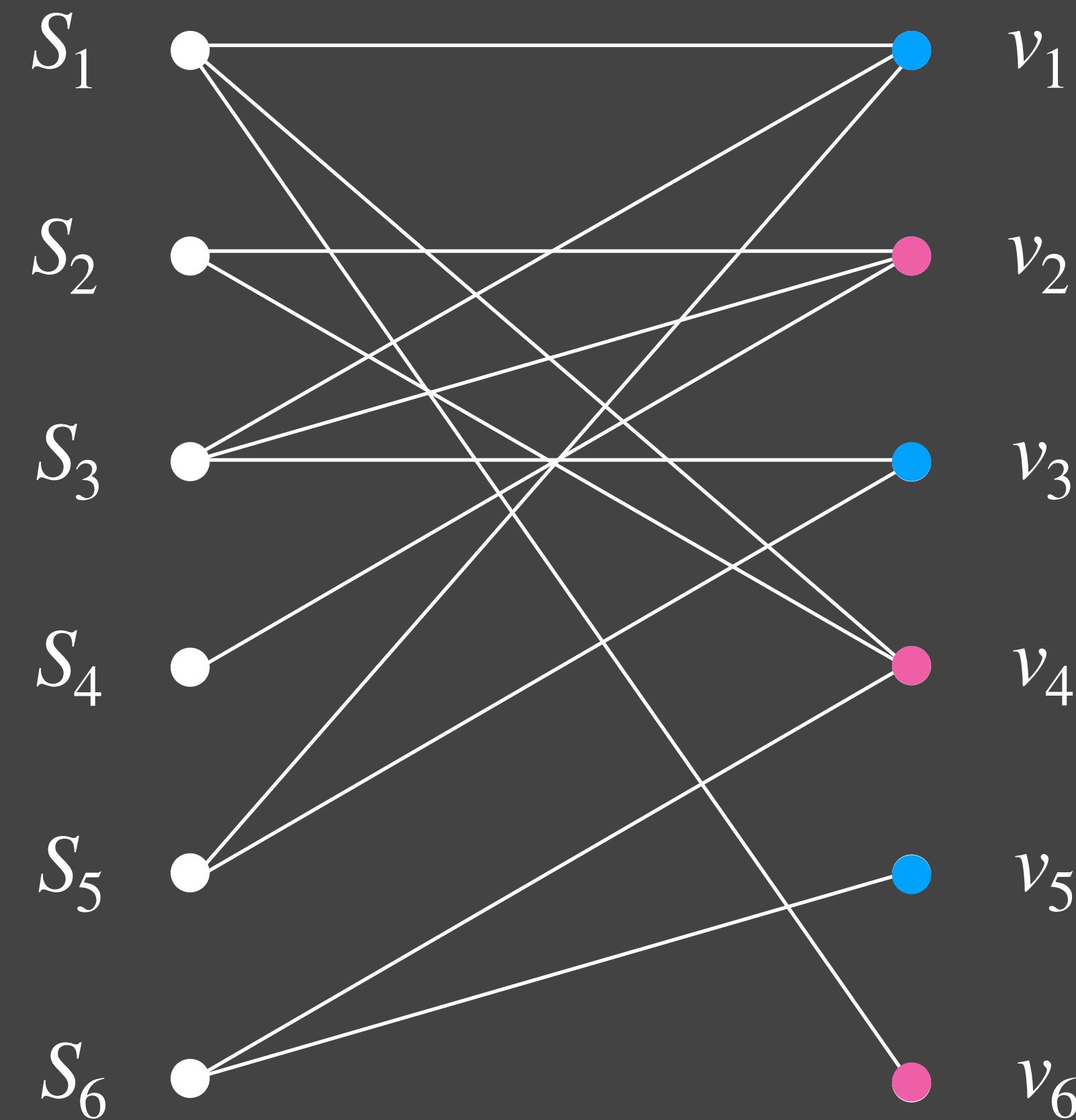
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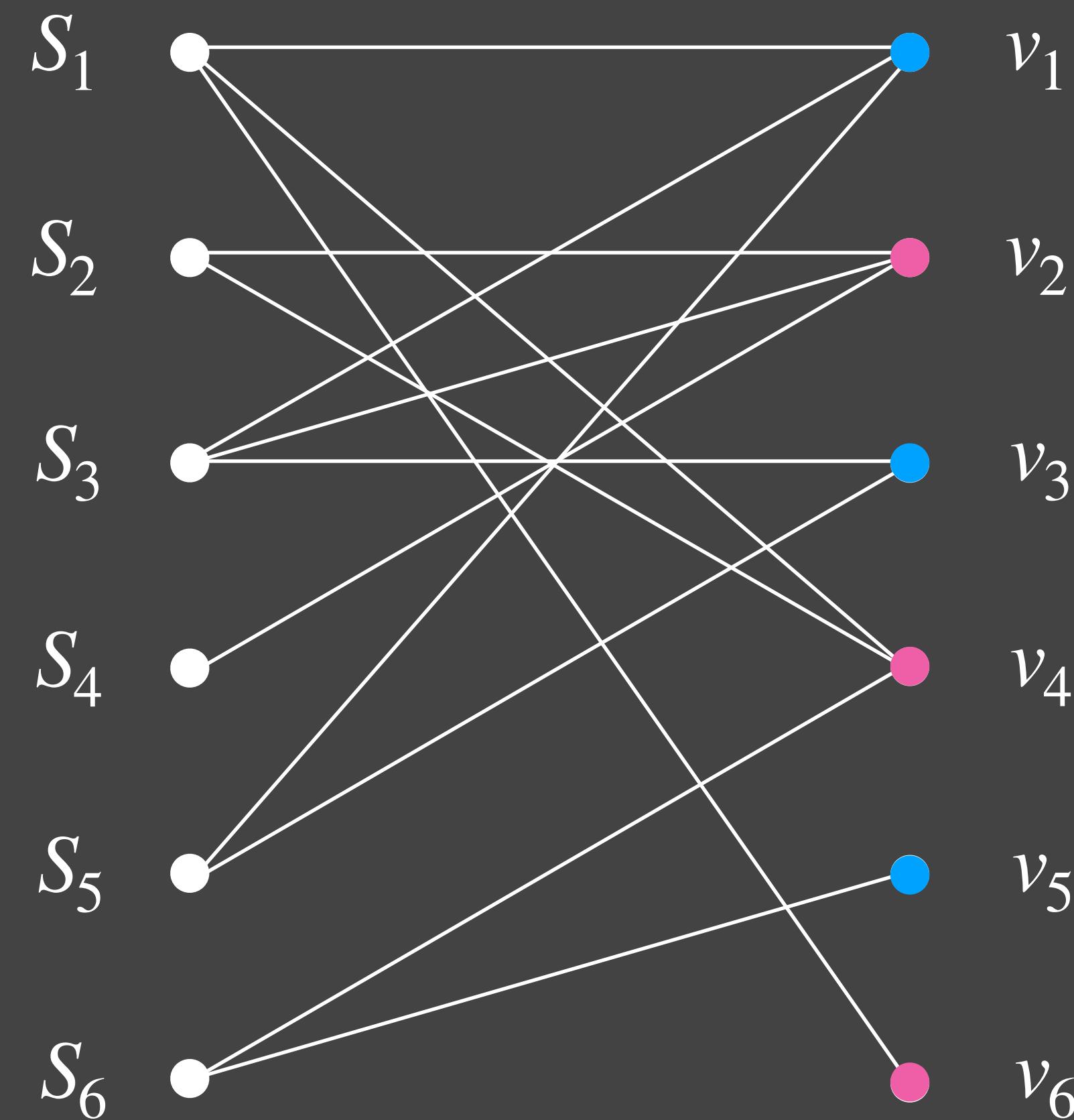
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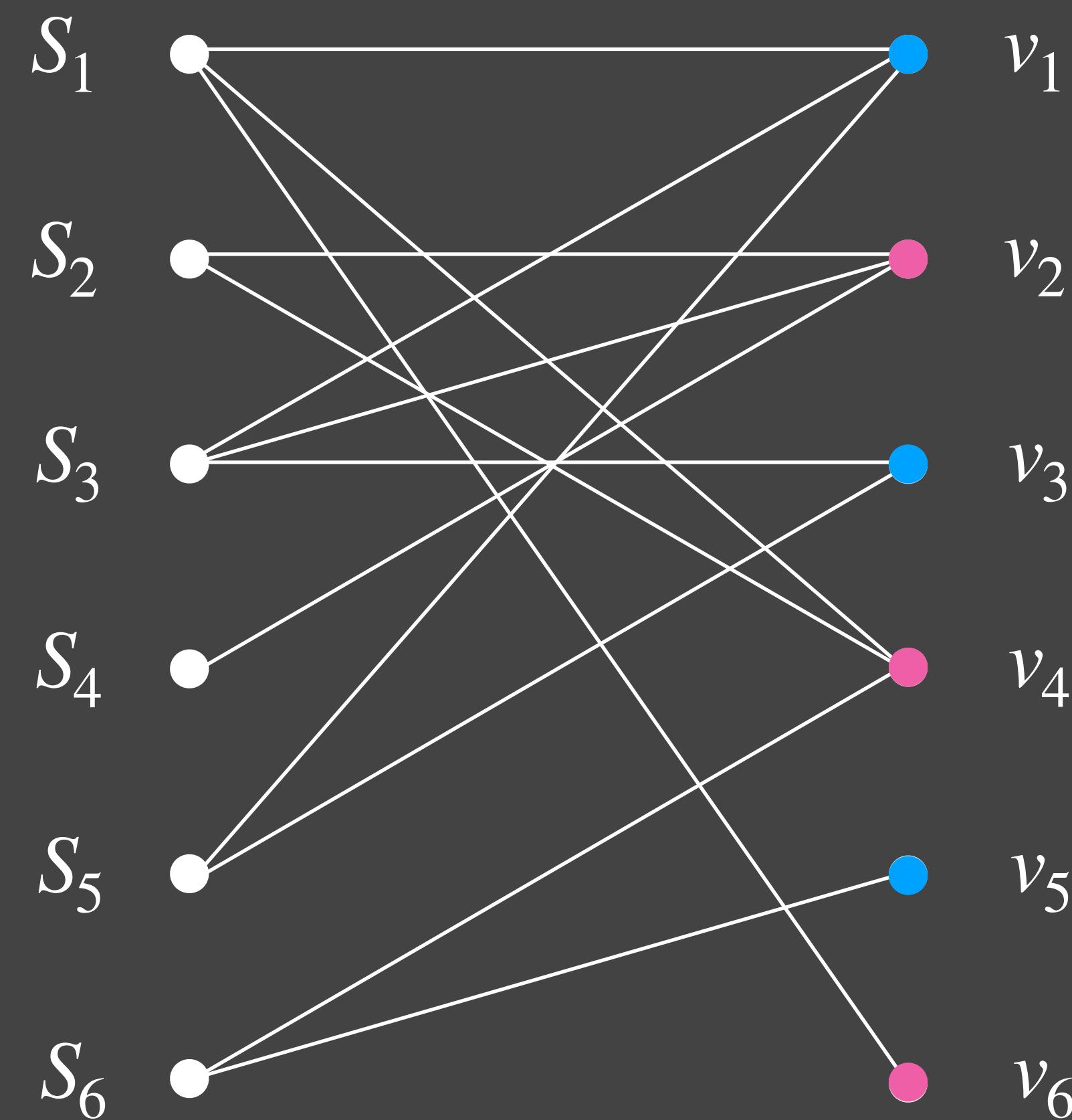
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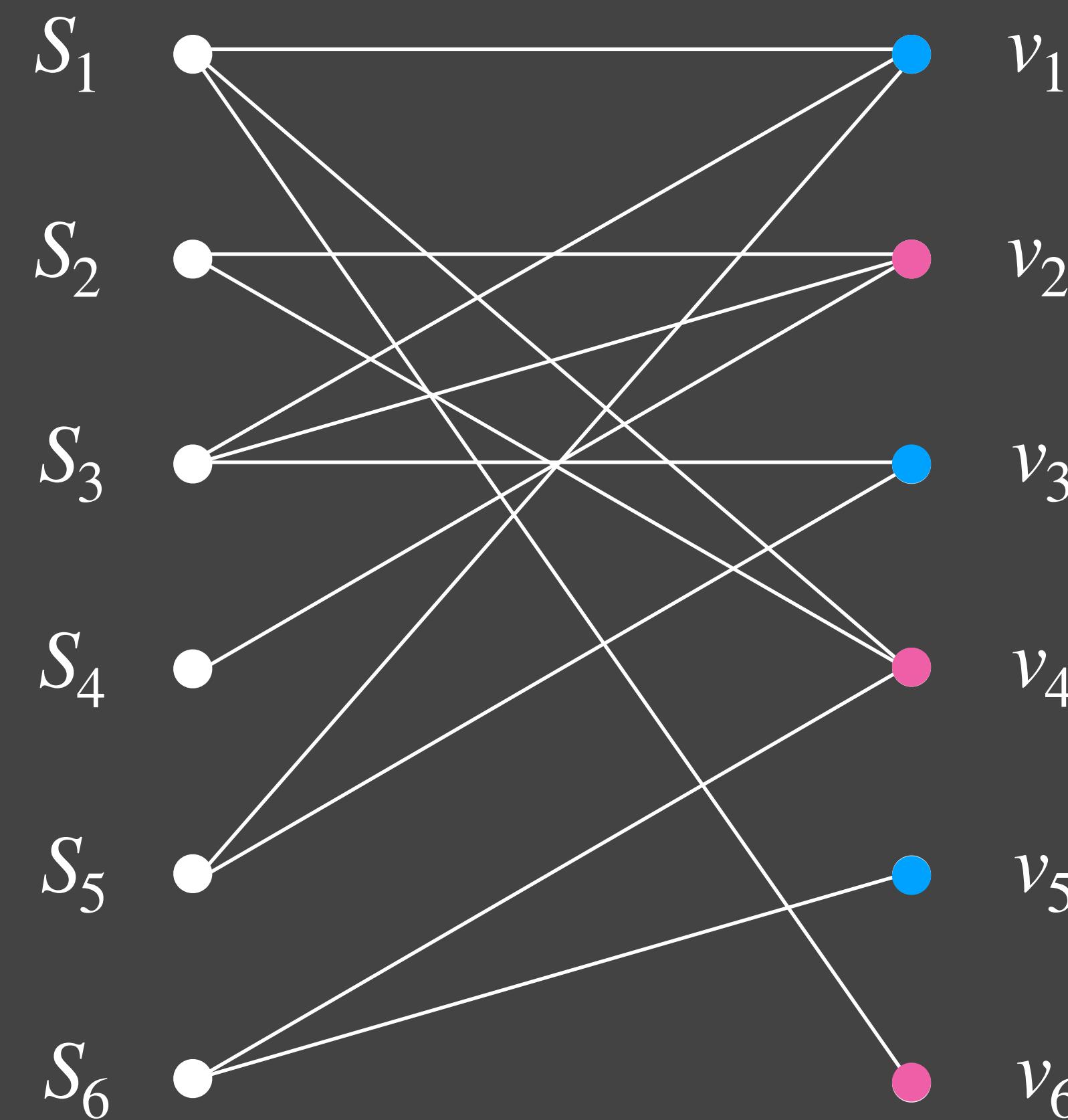


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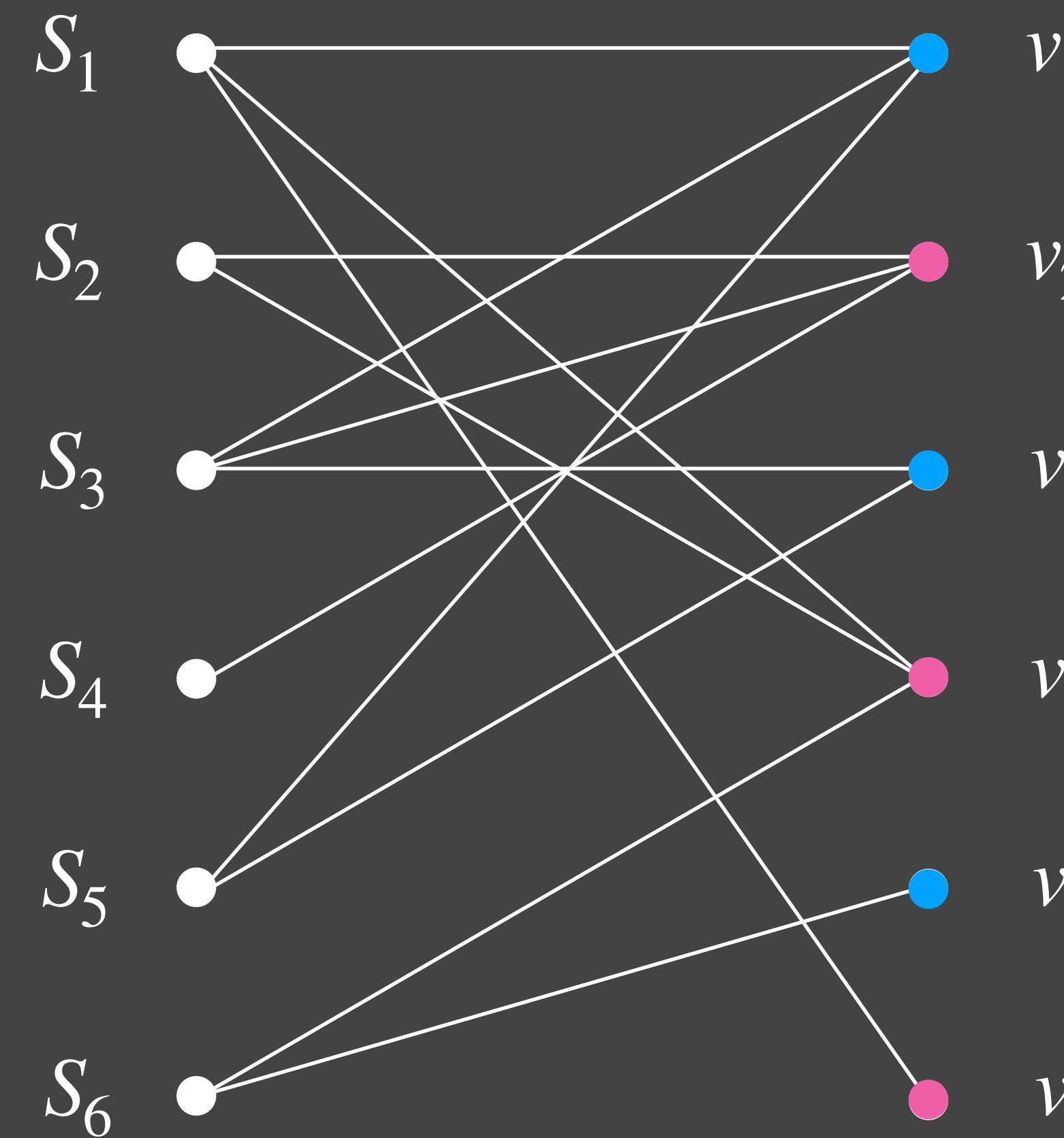
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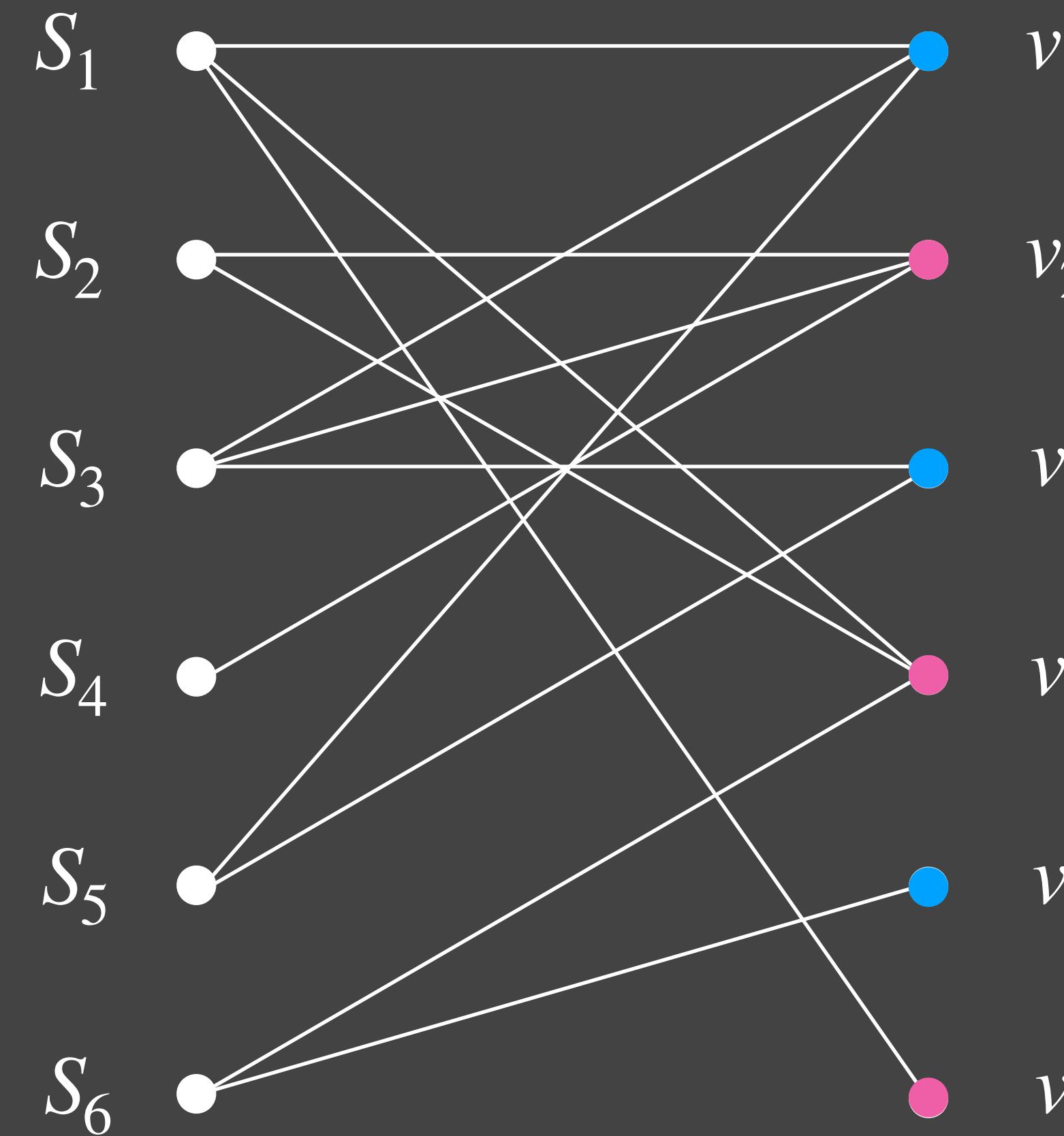


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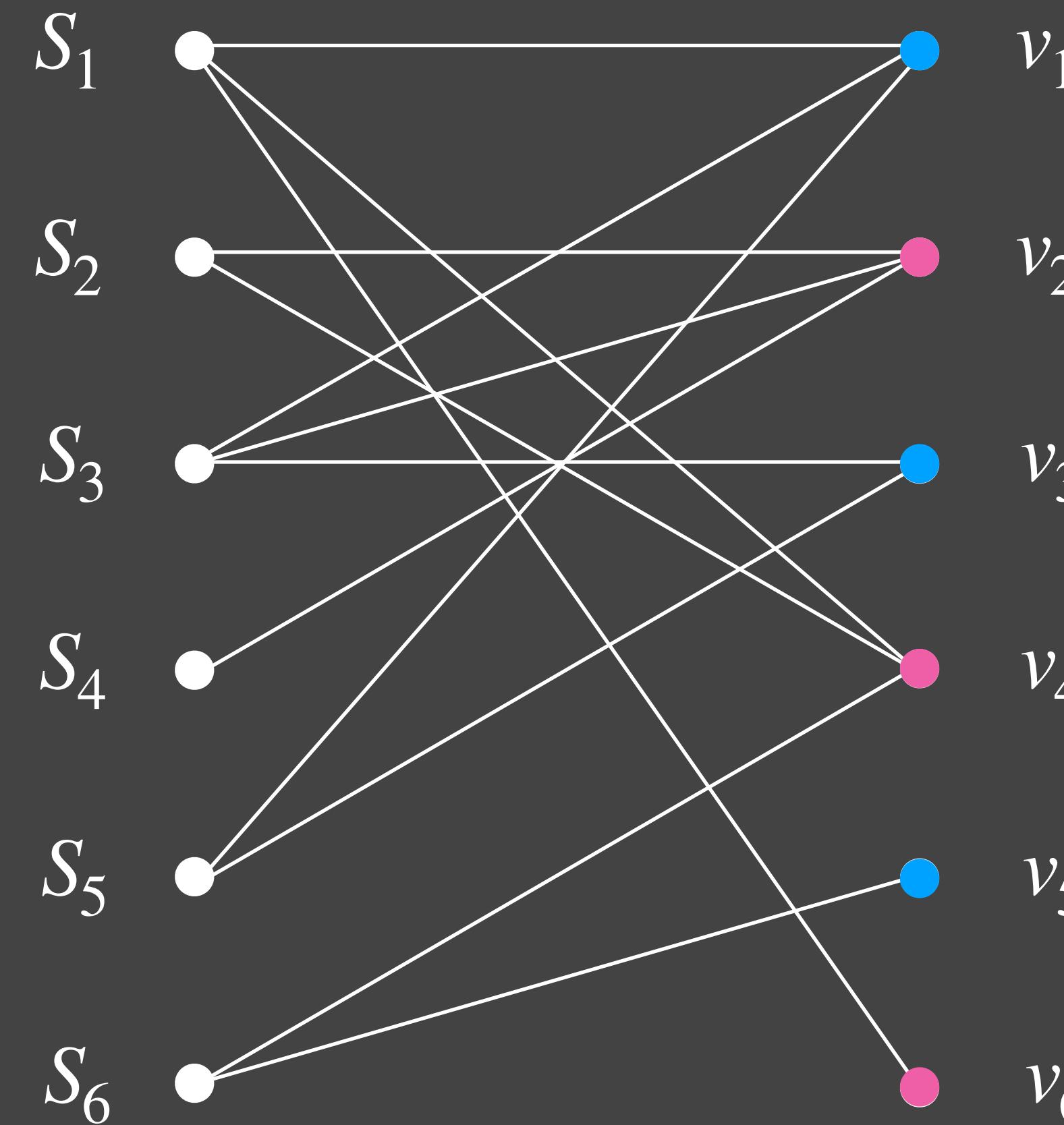
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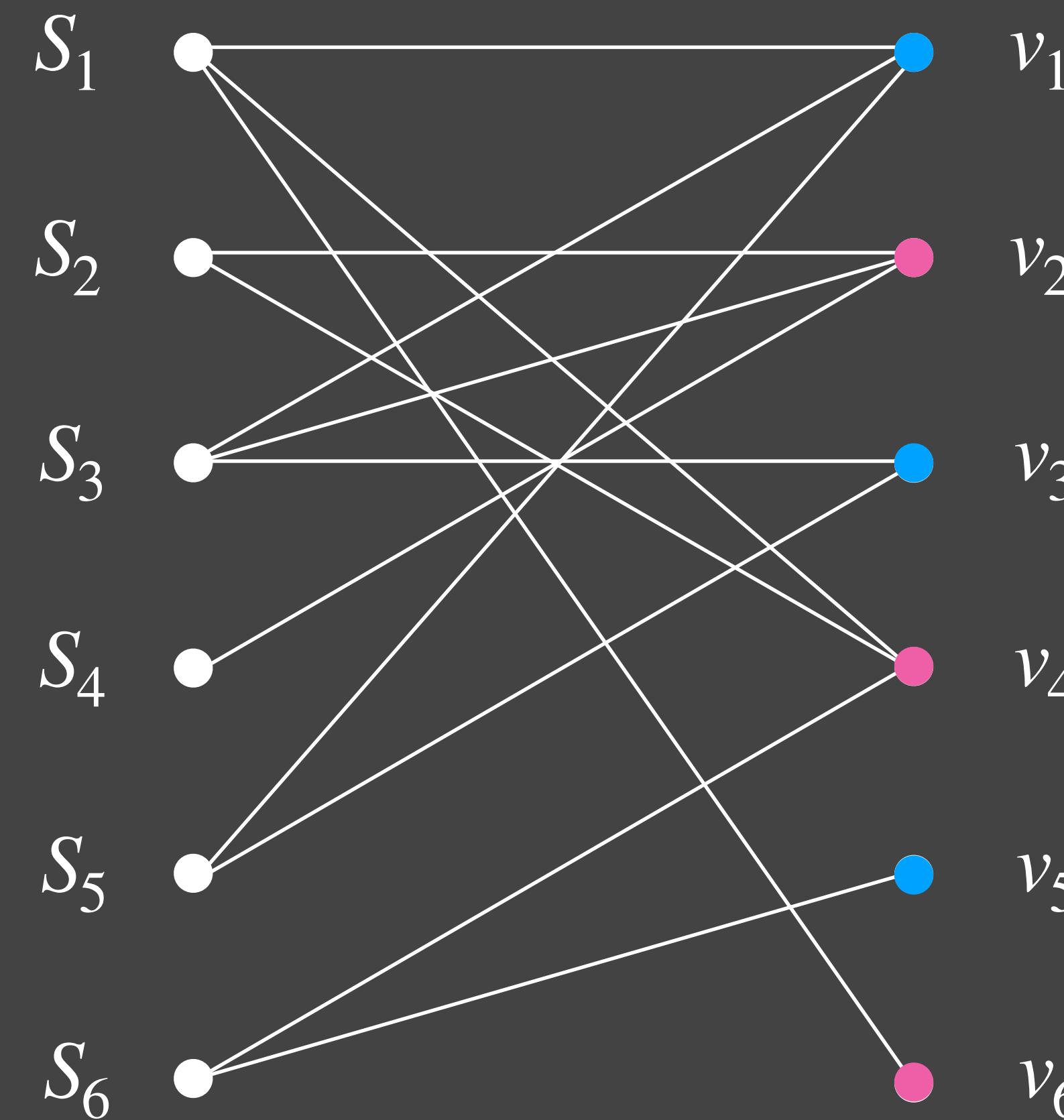
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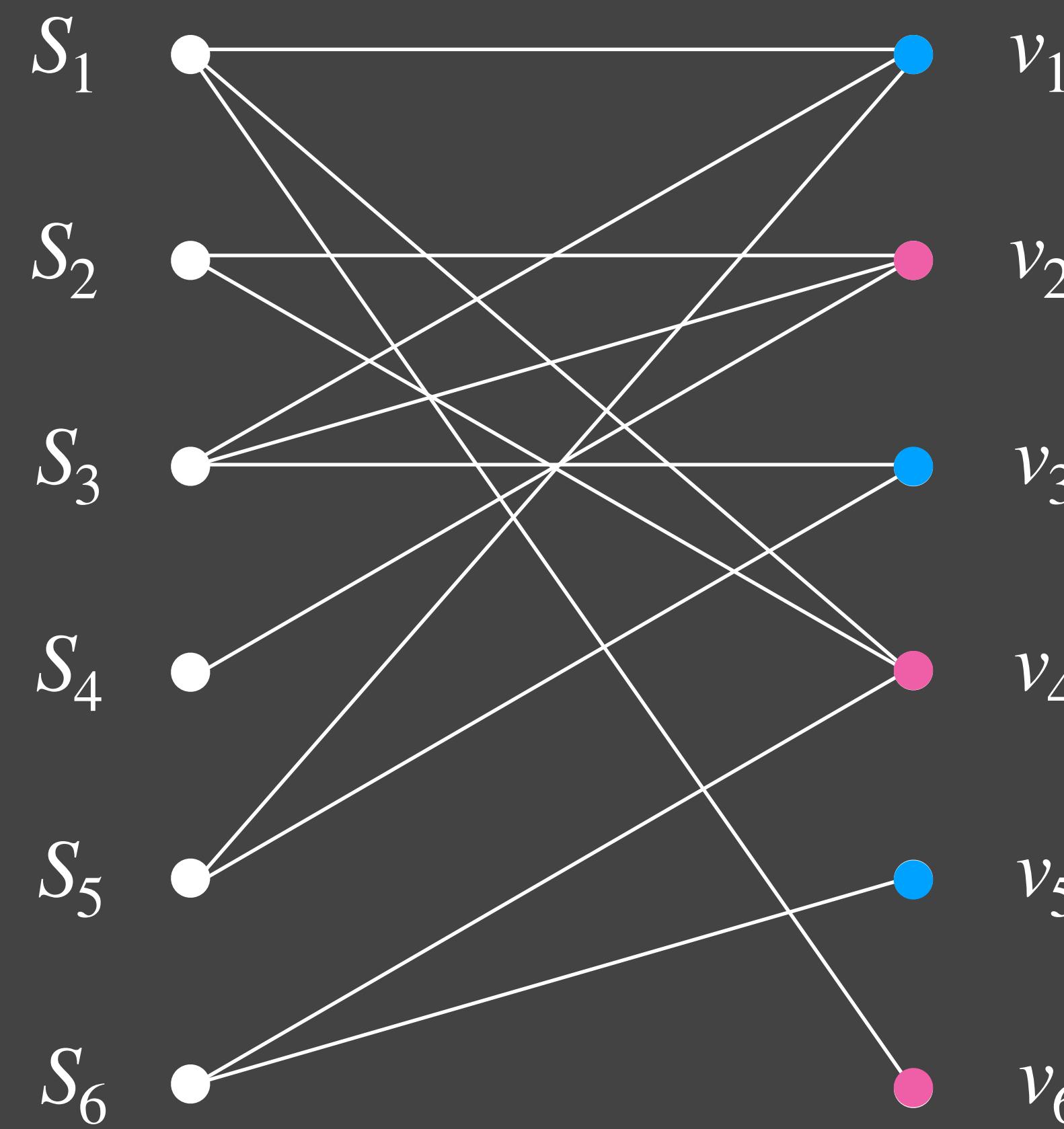
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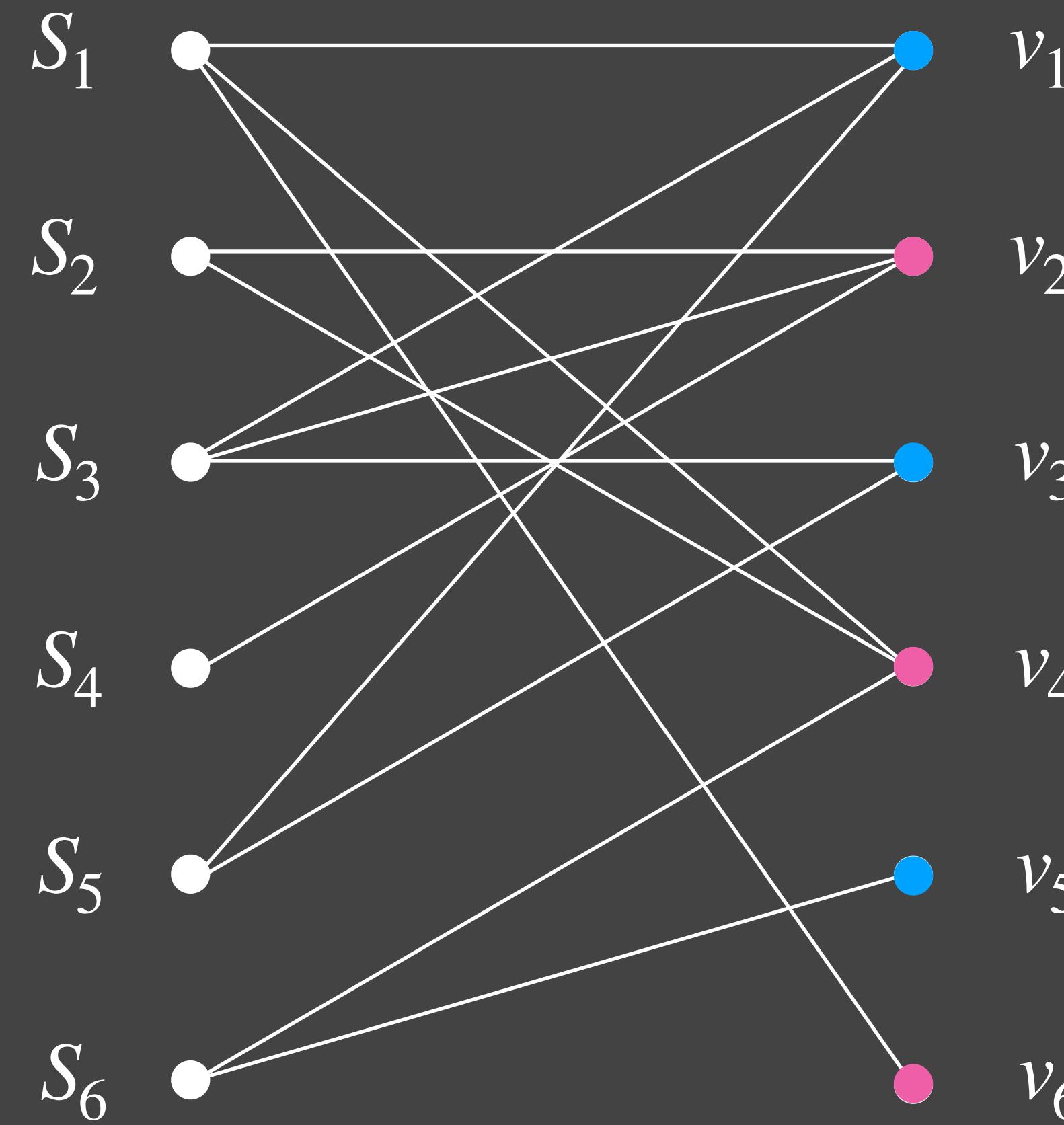
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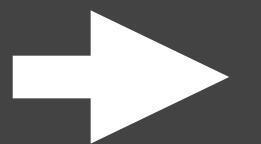


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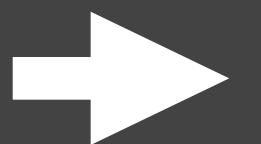
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