

## Seminar Approximation Algorithms

# Approximating Nash Social Welfare under Submodular Valuations through (Un)Matchings

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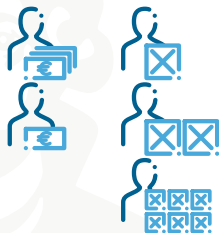


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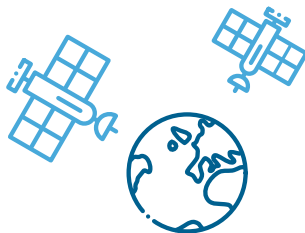
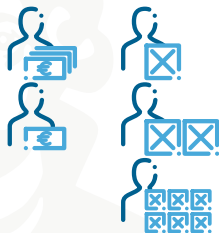


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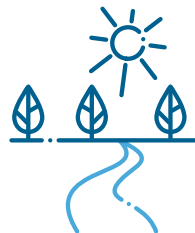
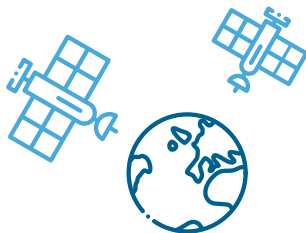
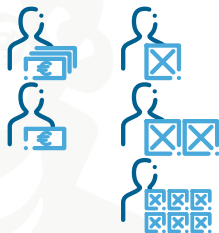


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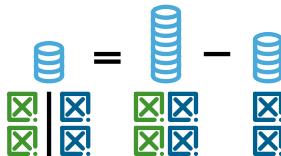
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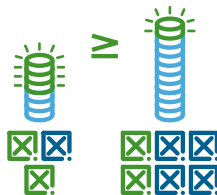
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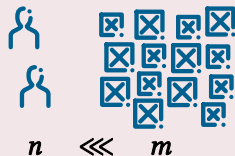
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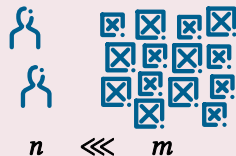
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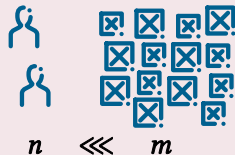
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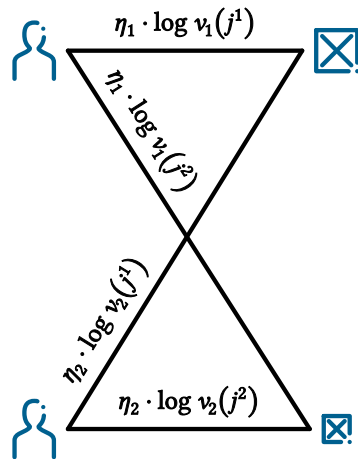
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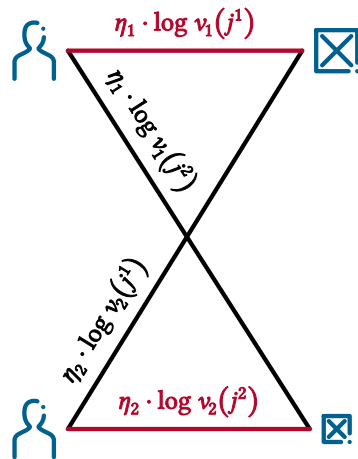
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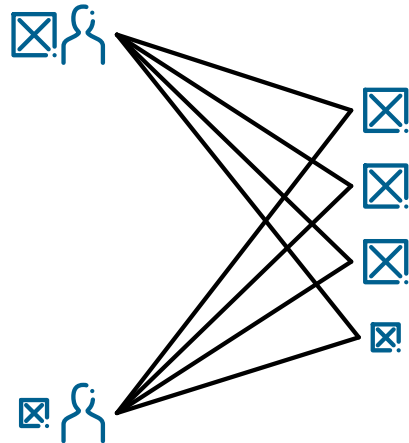
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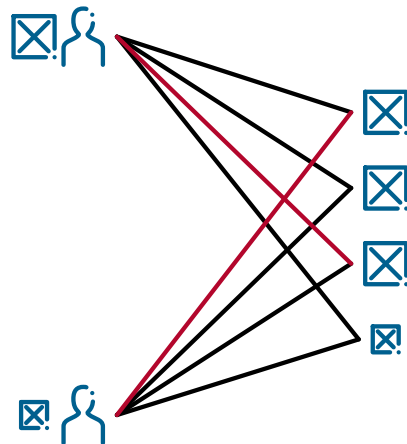
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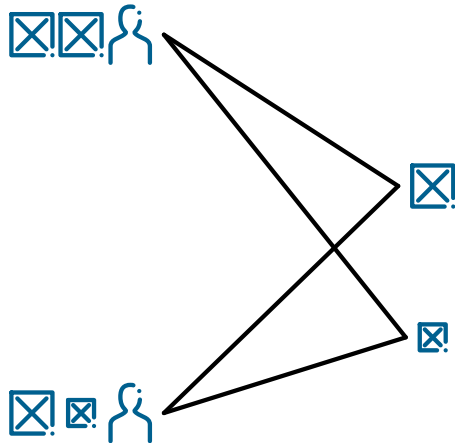
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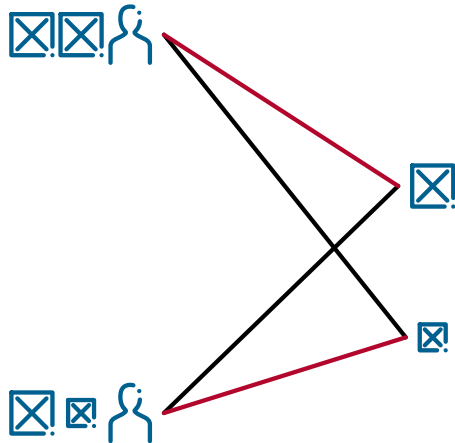
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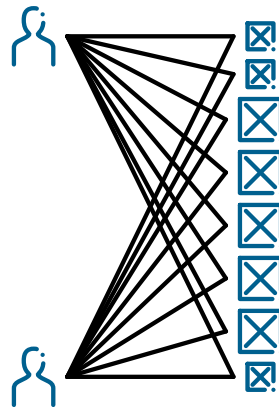
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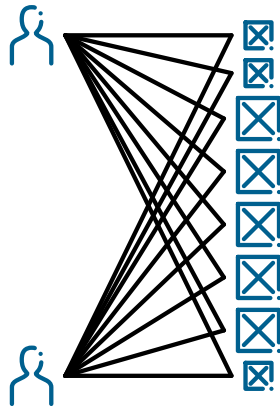
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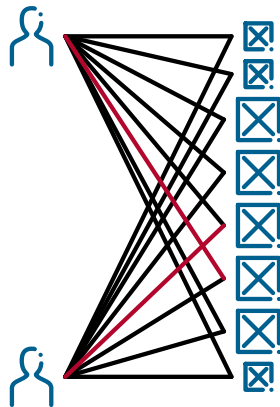
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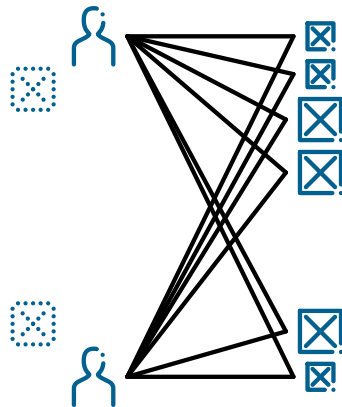
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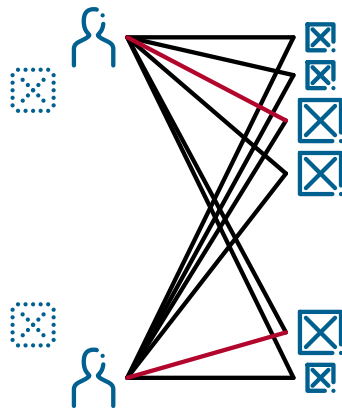
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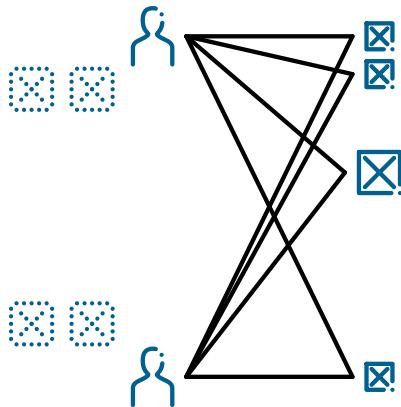




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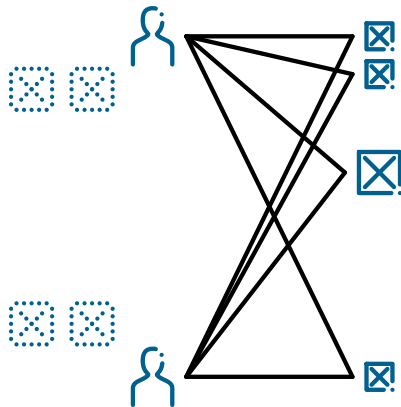


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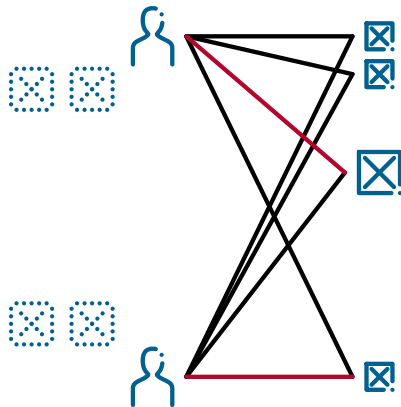


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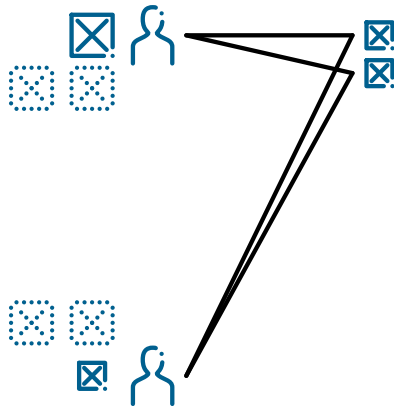


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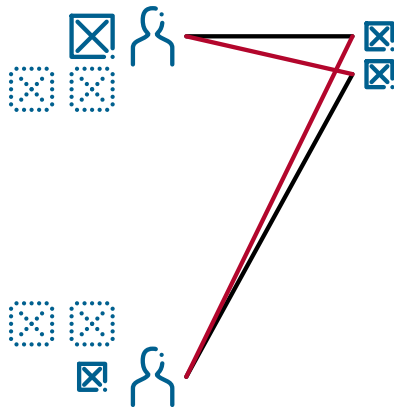


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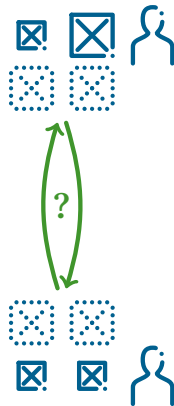
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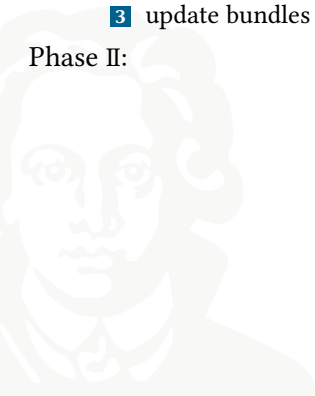


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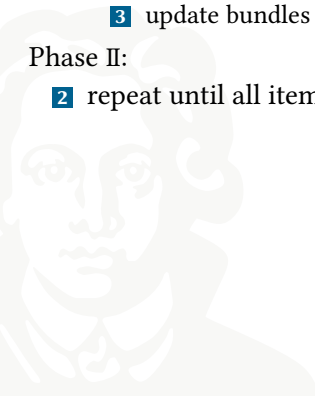
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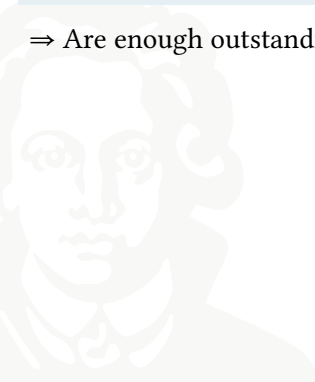
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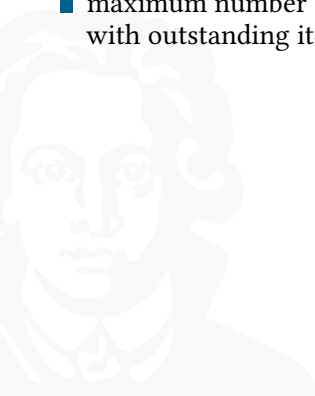


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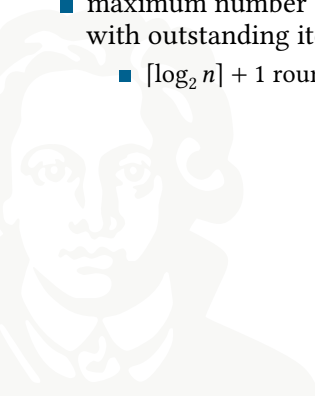


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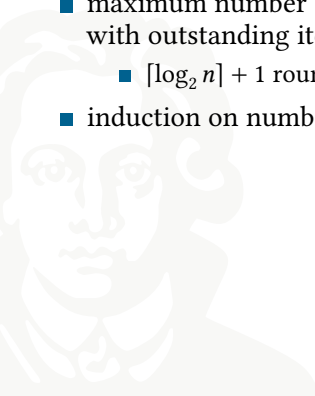


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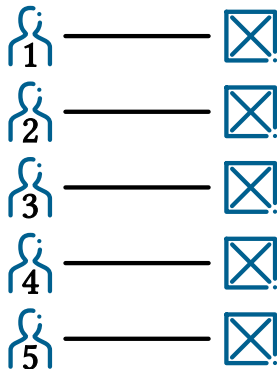
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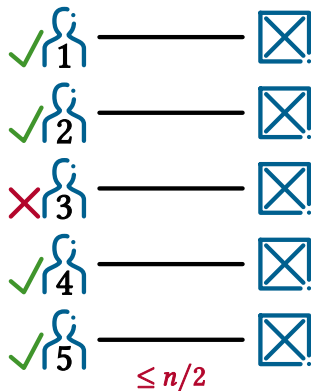
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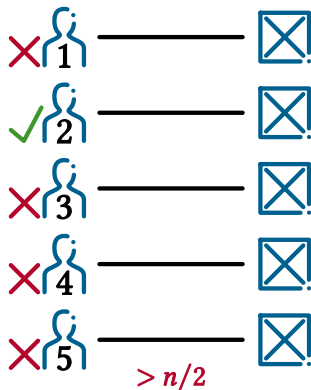
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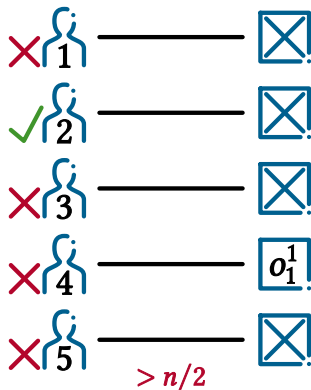
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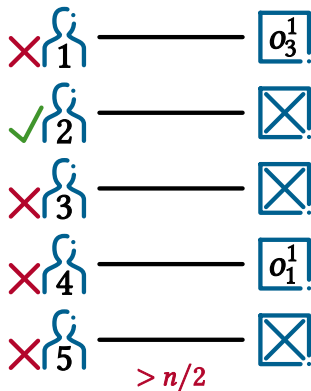
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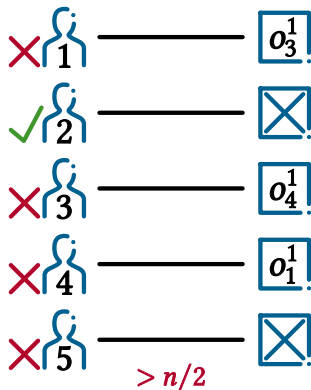
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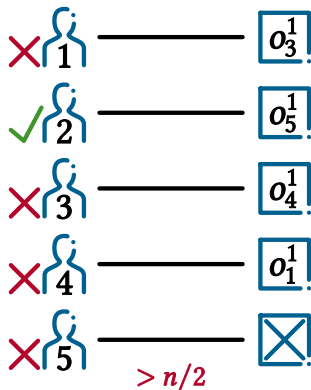
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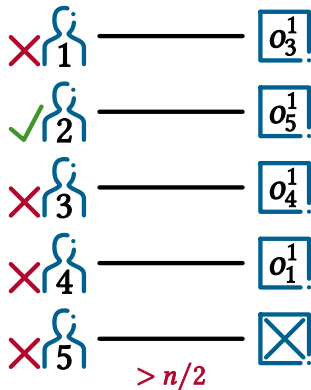
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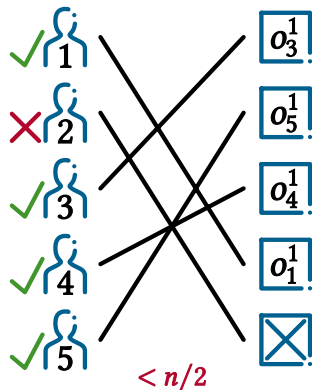
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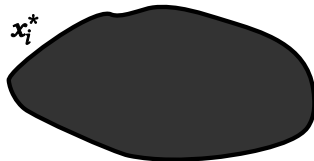
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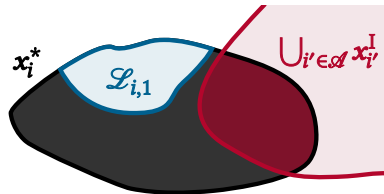
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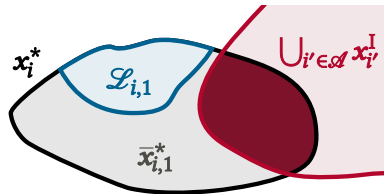
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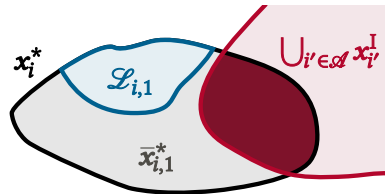
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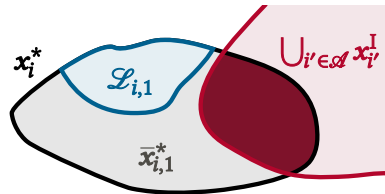
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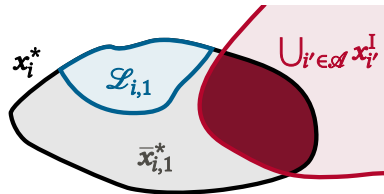
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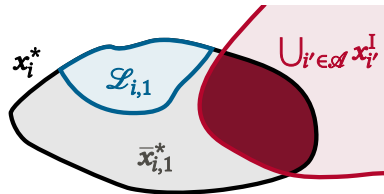
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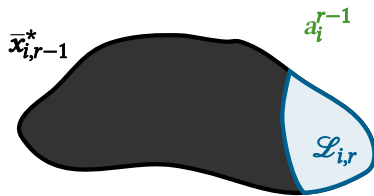
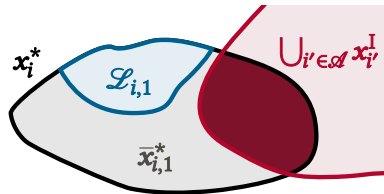
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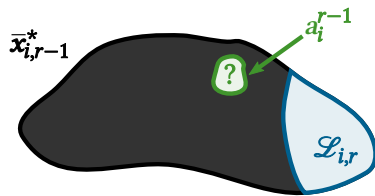
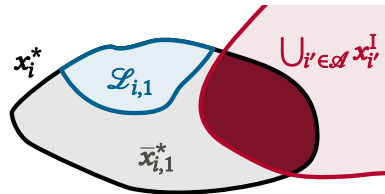
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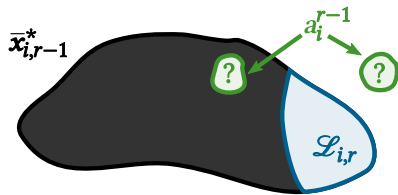
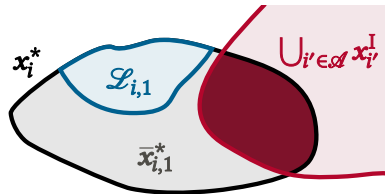
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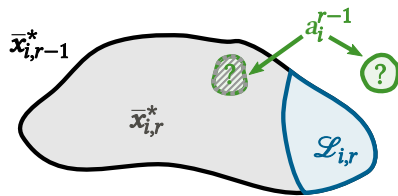
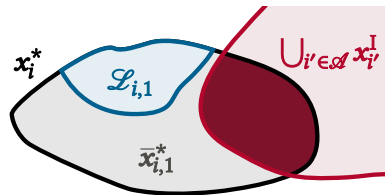
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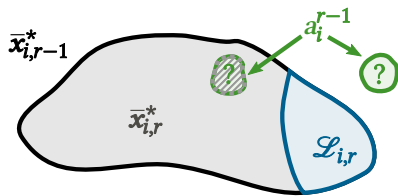
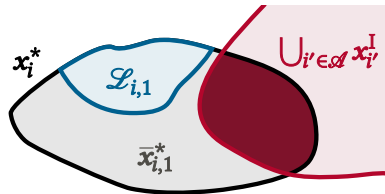
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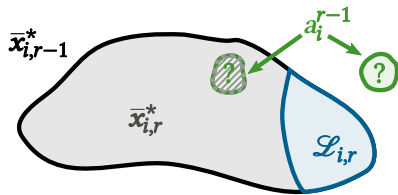
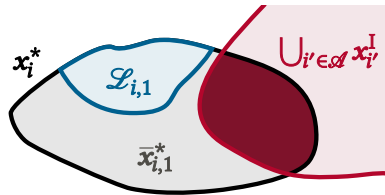
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## Definition

Let  $\mathbf{x}_i^{\text{II}} = \{a_i^1, a_i^2, \dots\}$ . The set of **optimal and attainable items** is defined as

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{i,r}^* := \begin{cases} \mathbf{x}_i^* \setminus (\bigcup_{i' \in \mathcal{A}} \mathbf{x}_{i'}^{\text{I}} \cup \mathcal{L}_{i,1}) & \text{in round } r = 1, \\ \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{i,r-1}^* \setminus (\mathcal{L}_{i,r} \cup \{a_i^{r-1}\}) & \text{in round } r \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

⇒ What is the valuation of the remaining items?





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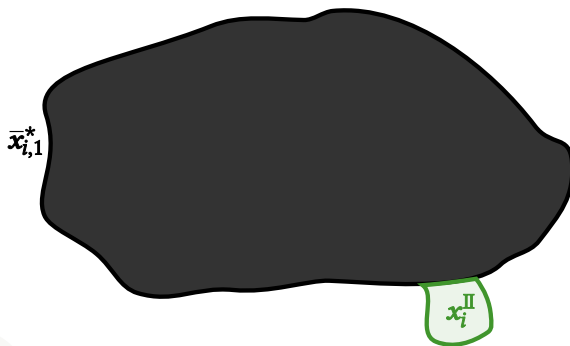
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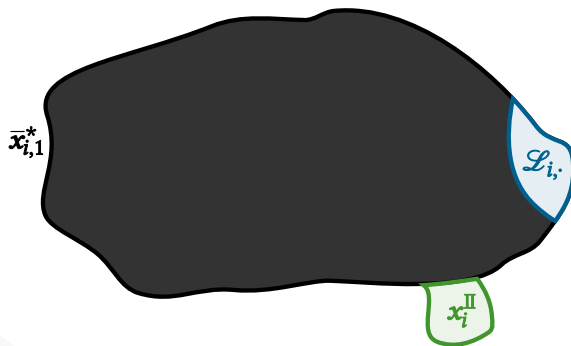
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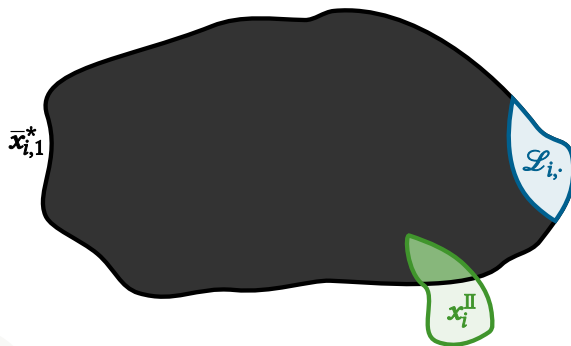
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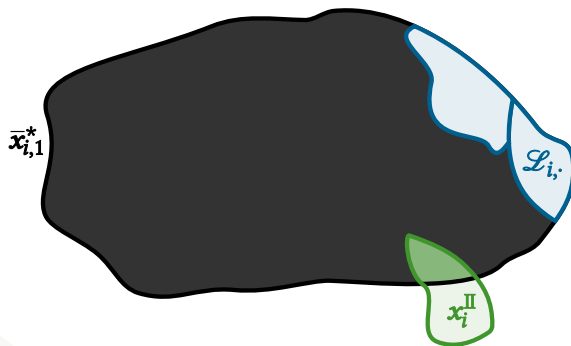
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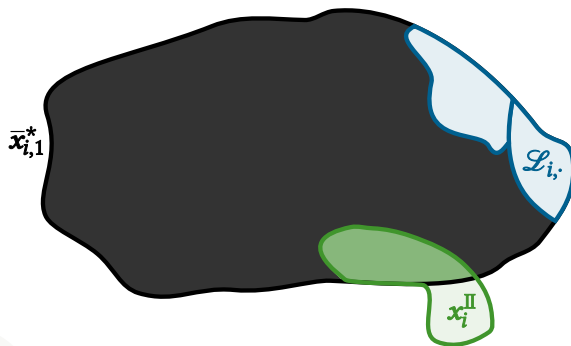
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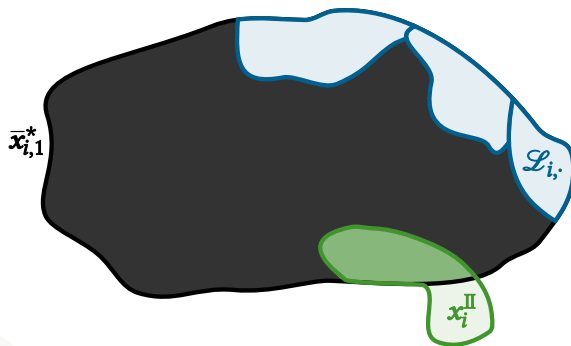
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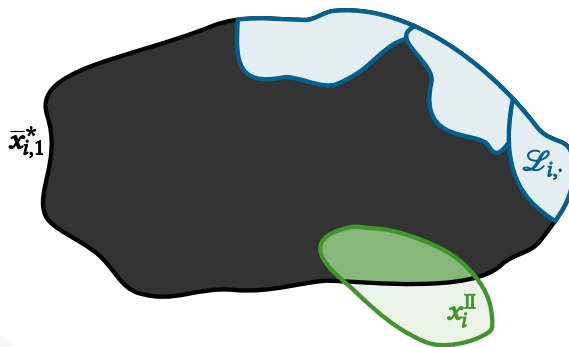


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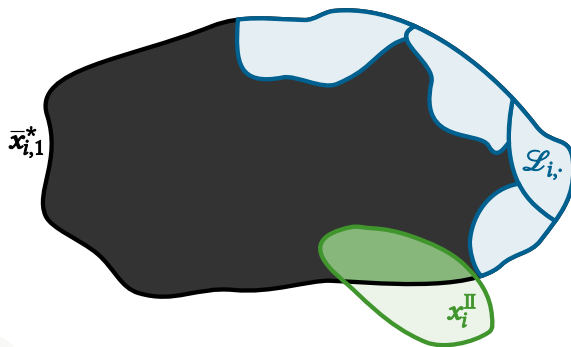


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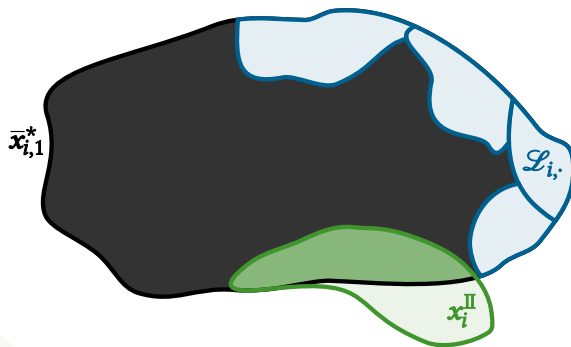


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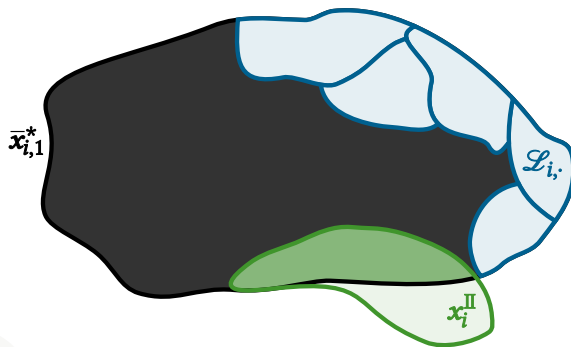


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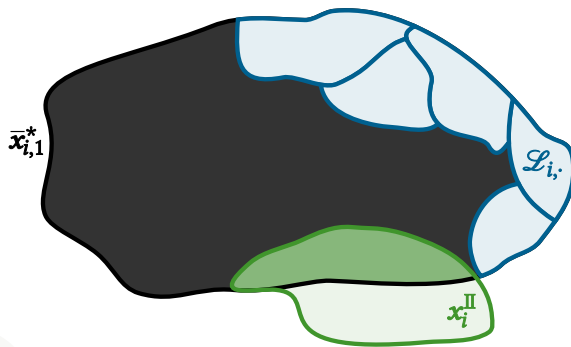


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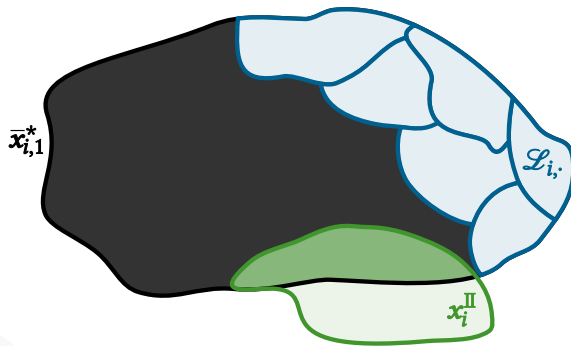


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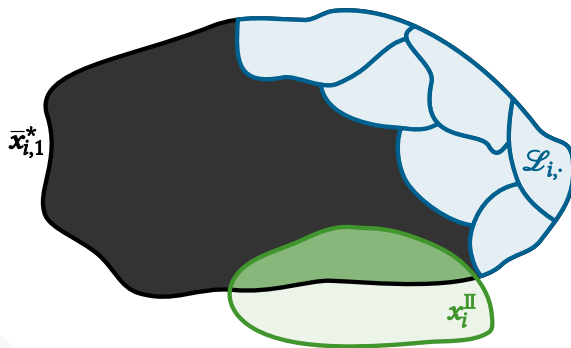


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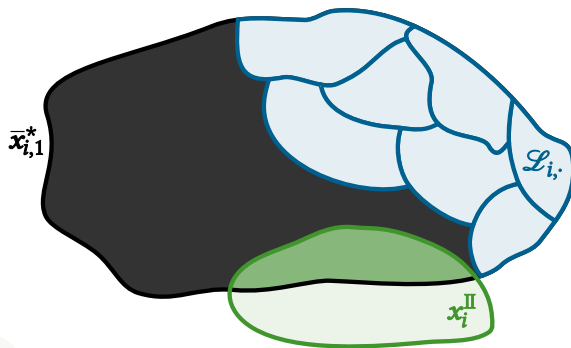


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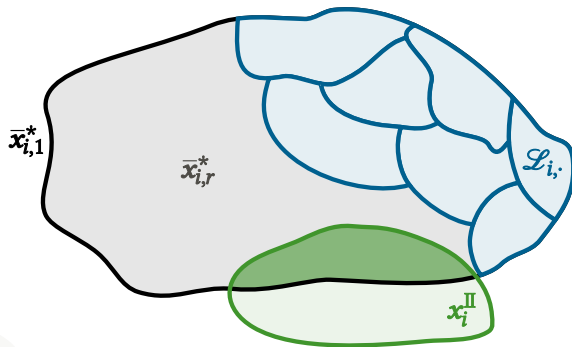


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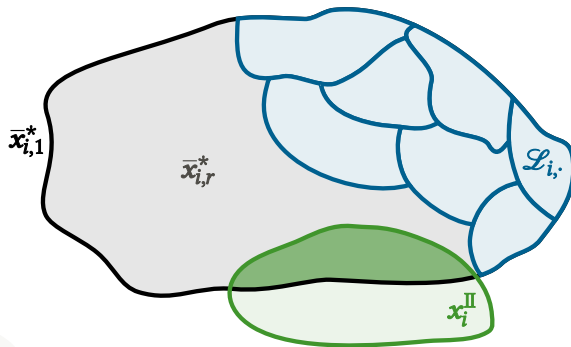
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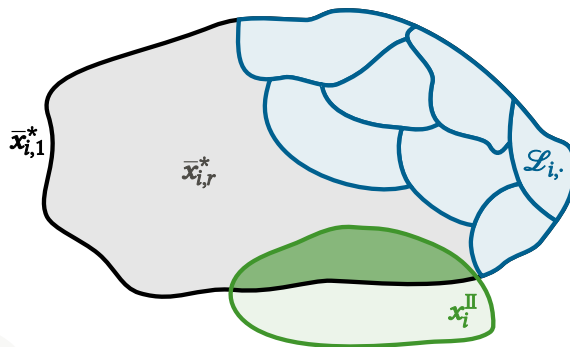
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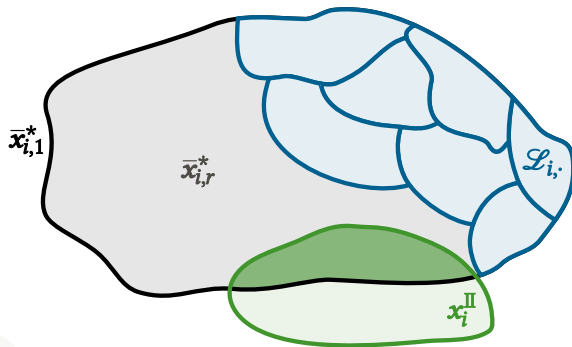
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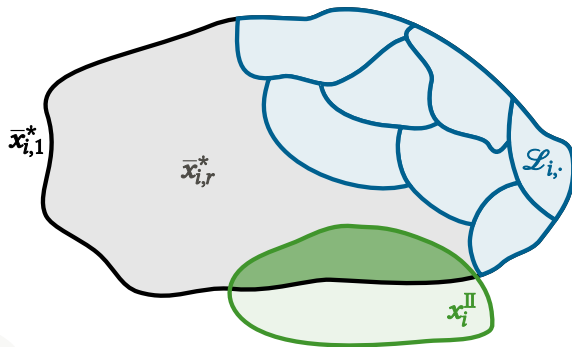
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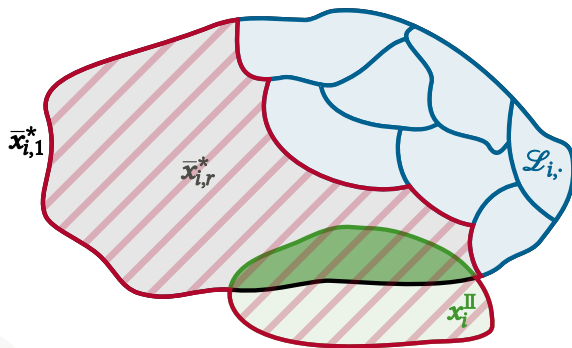
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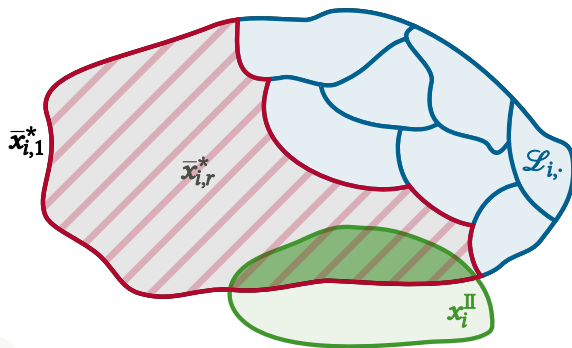
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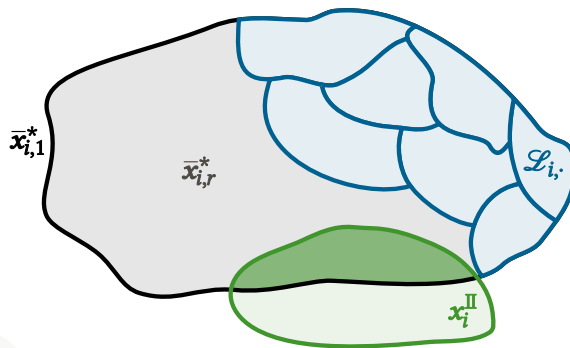


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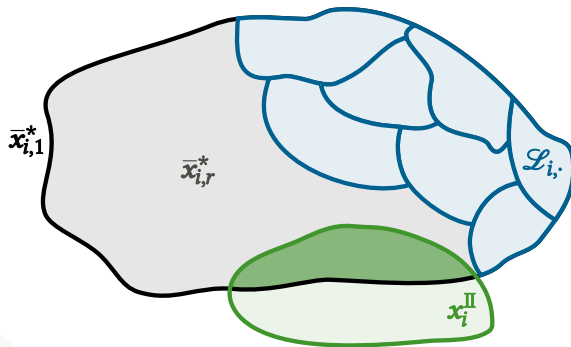


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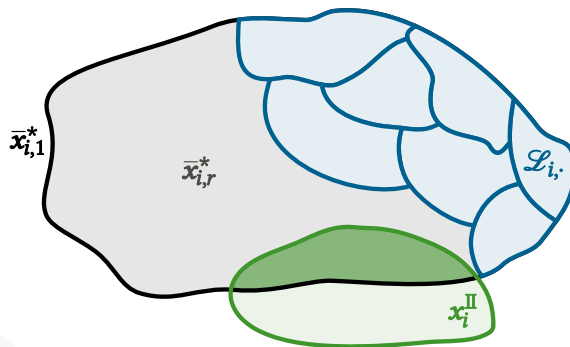
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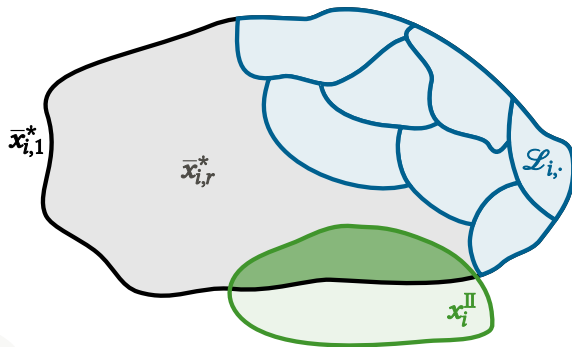
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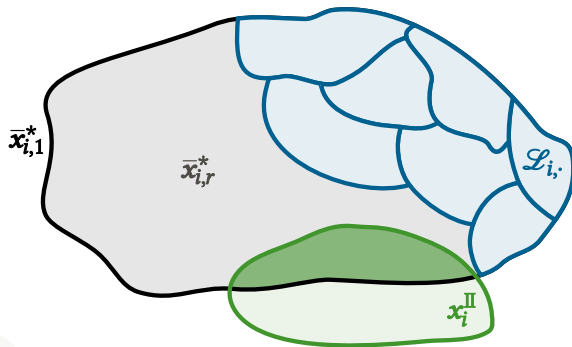
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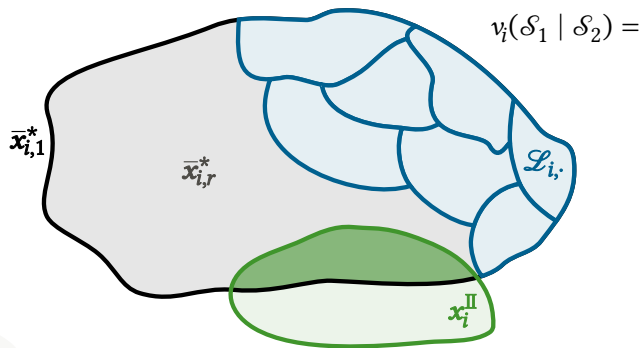
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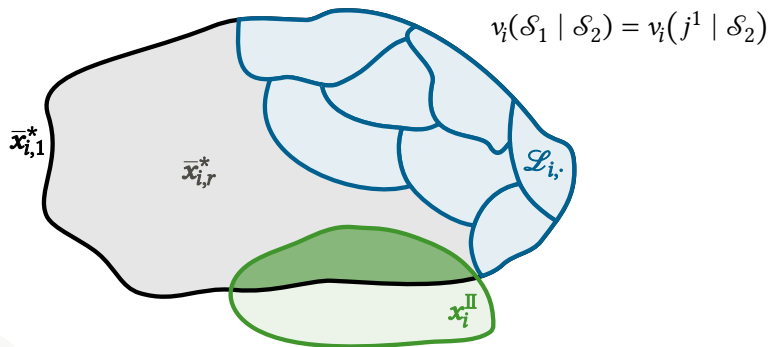
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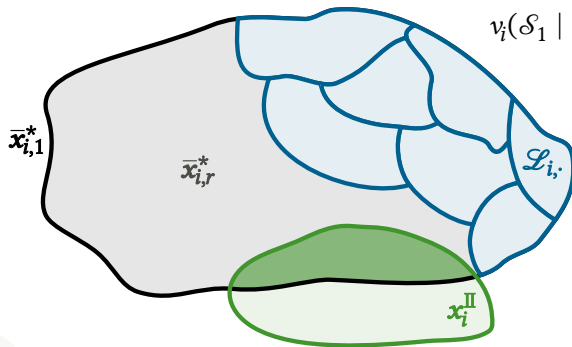
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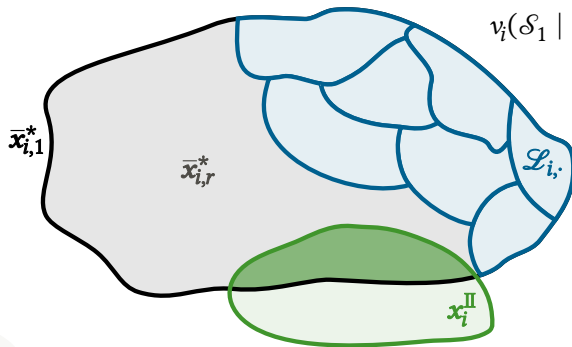


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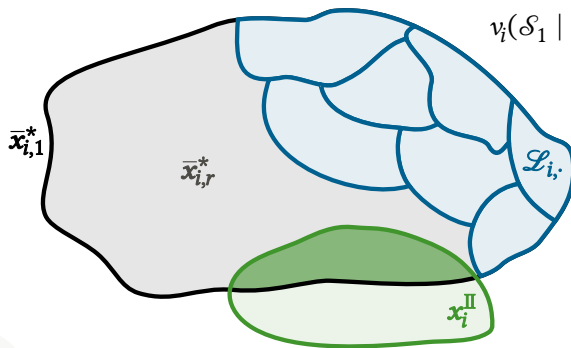
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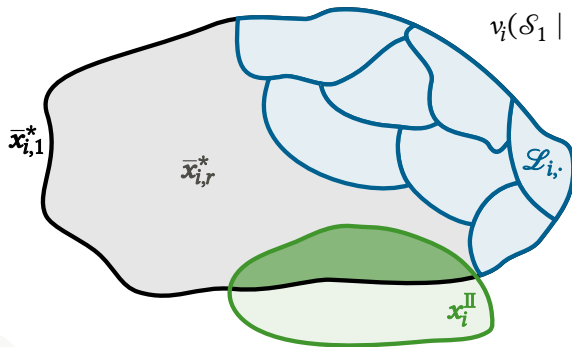


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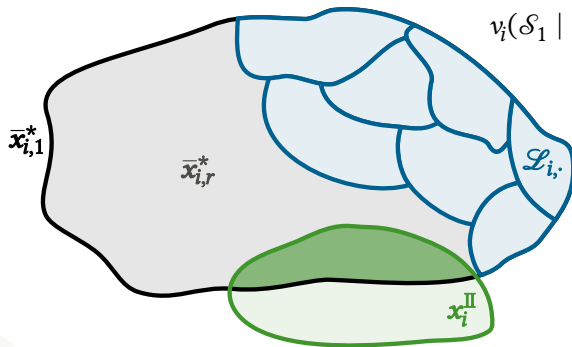


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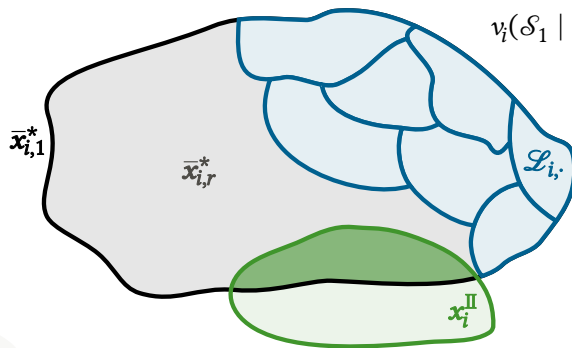
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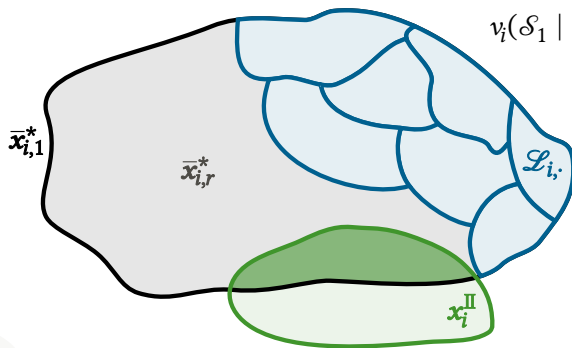


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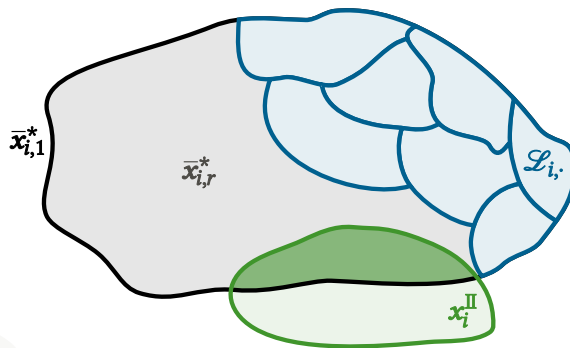


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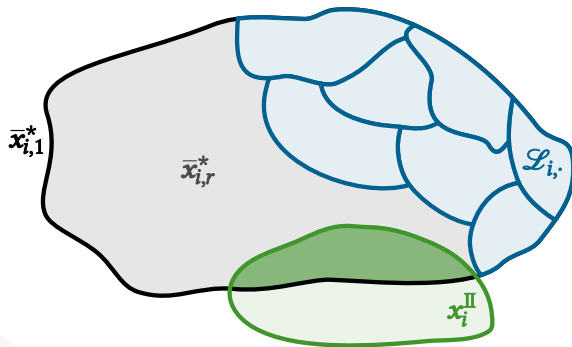
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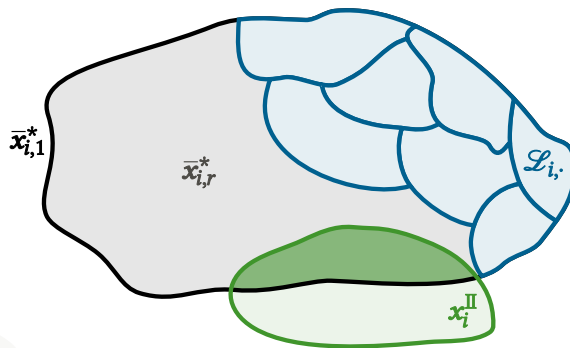
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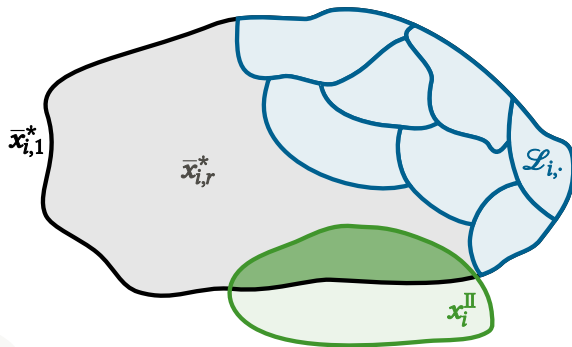




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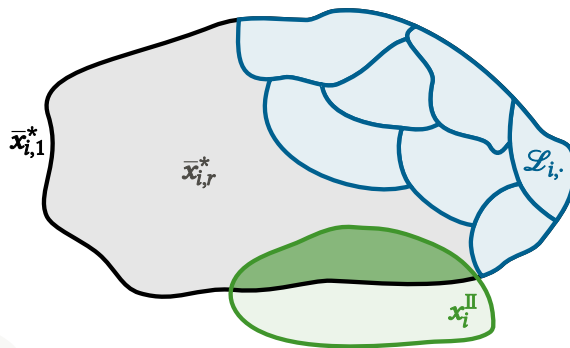
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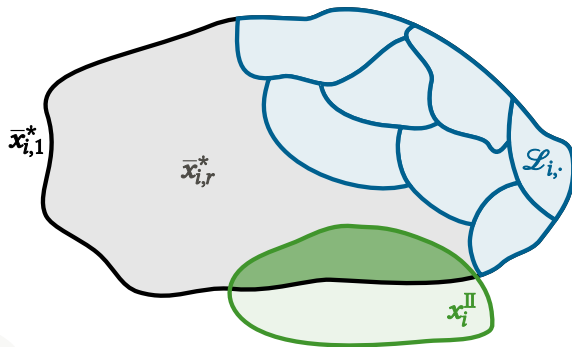
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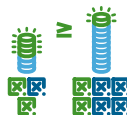
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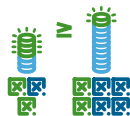
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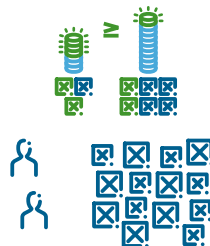
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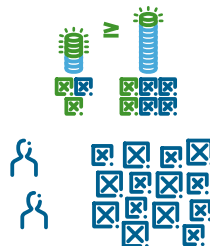
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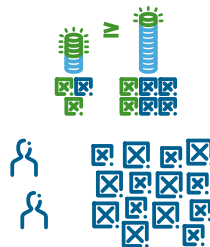
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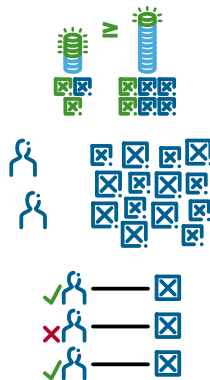
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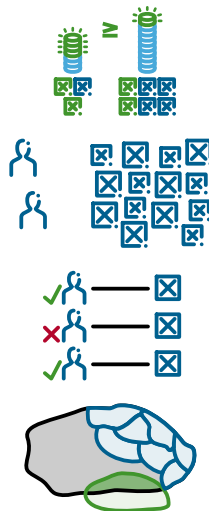


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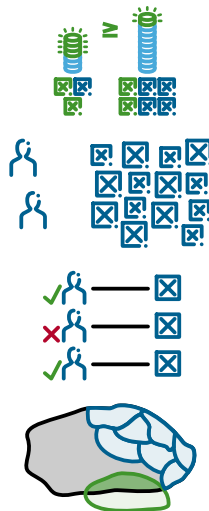
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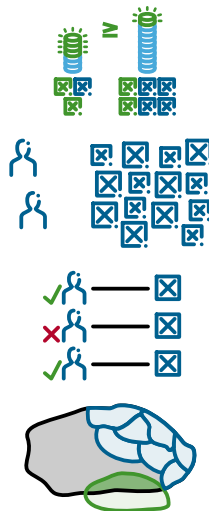
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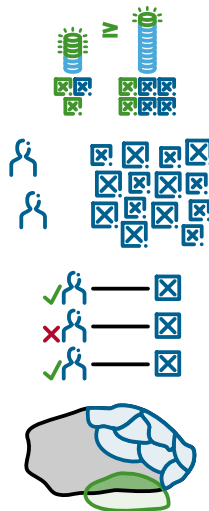
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**End of Talk**

