

Seminar Approximation Algorithms

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

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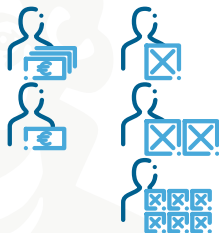


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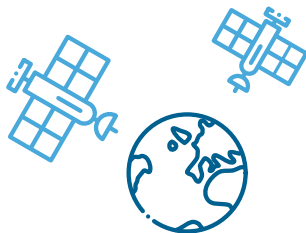
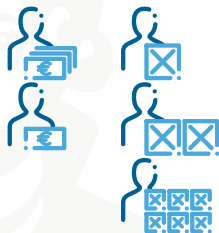


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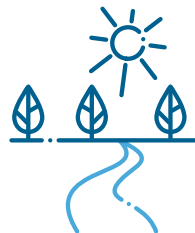
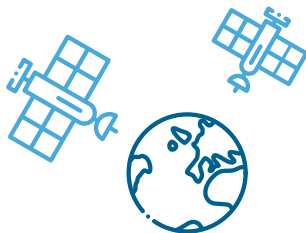
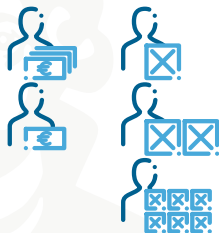


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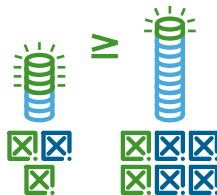
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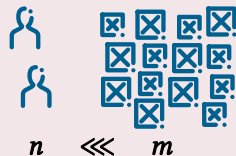
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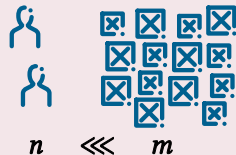
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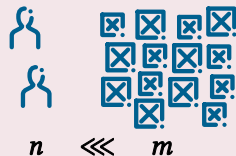
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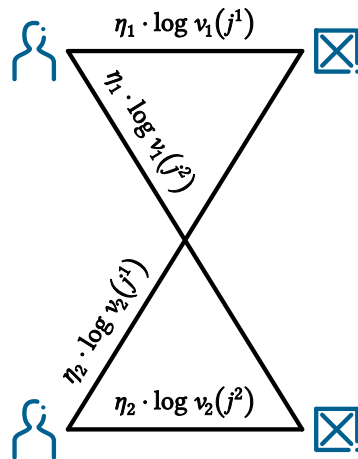
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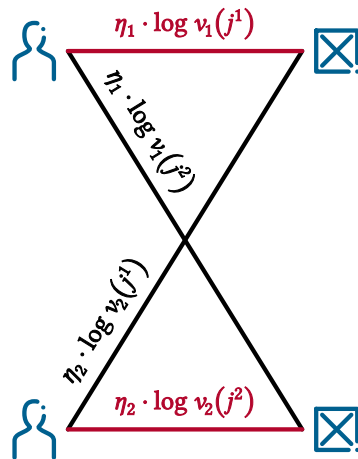
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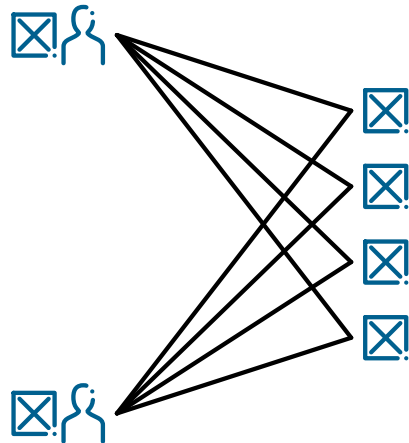
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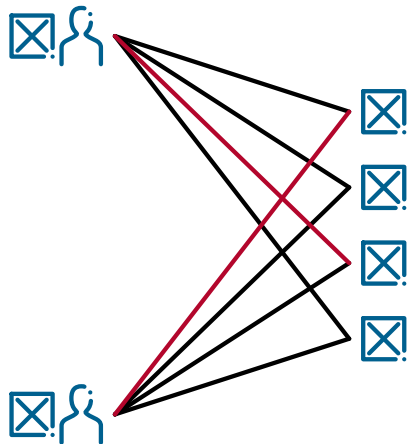
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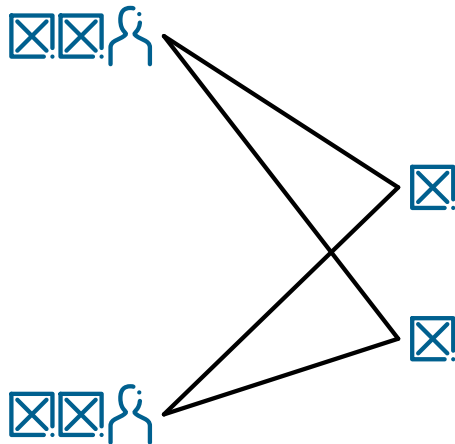
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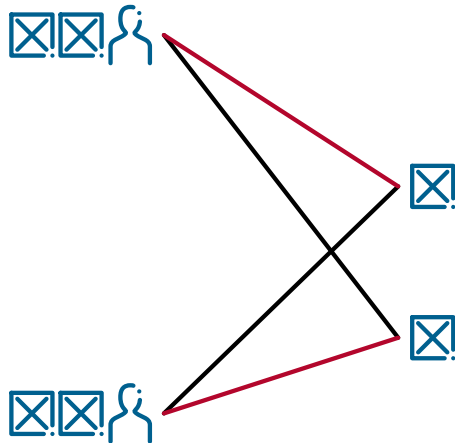
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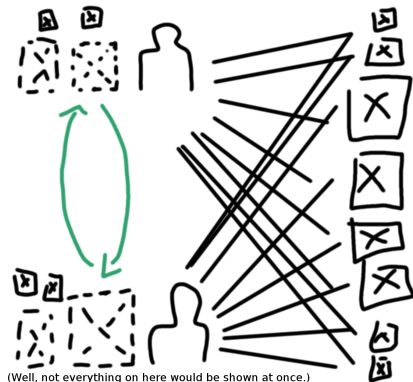
Key Ideas of the Algorithm

We need change the past in three phases:

- Phase I** Assign enough high-value items temporarily.
- Phase II** Assign the remaining items definitely.
- Phase III** Re-assign the items of phase I definitely.

Theorem

RepReMatch guarantees a $2n(\log_2 n + 3)$ -approximation under submodular valuations.



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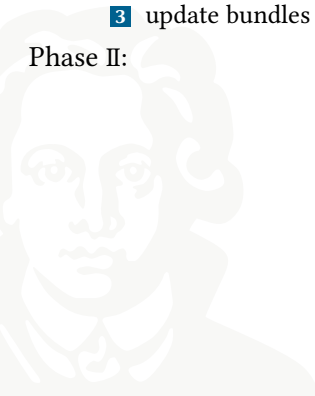


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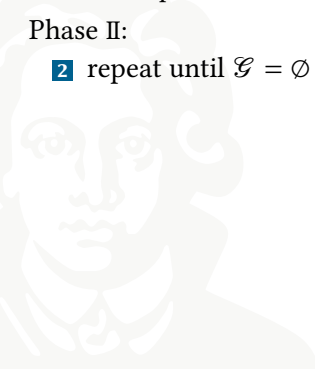
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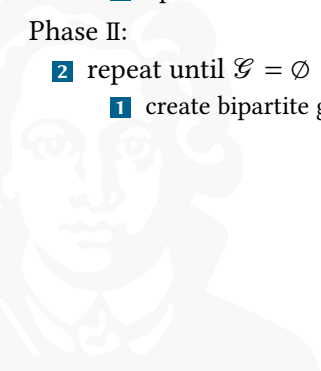
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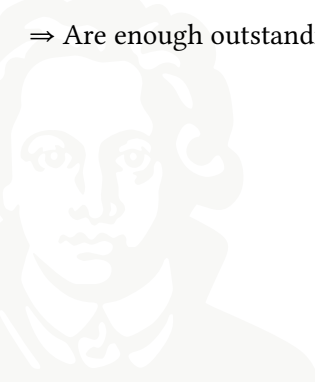
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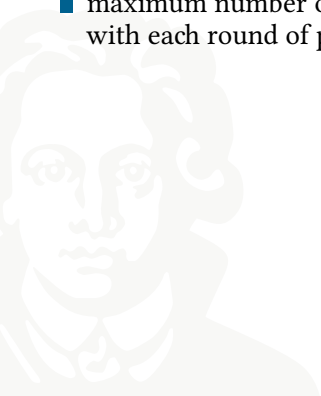


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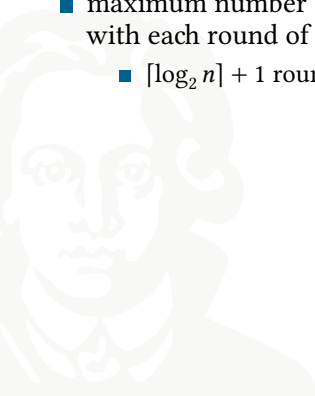


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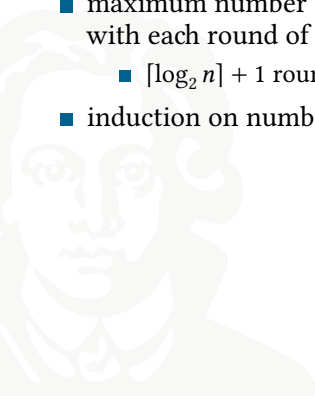


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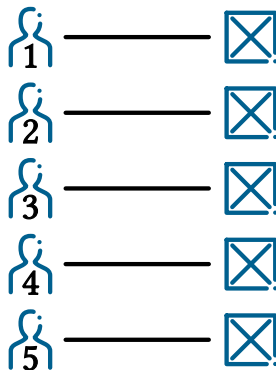
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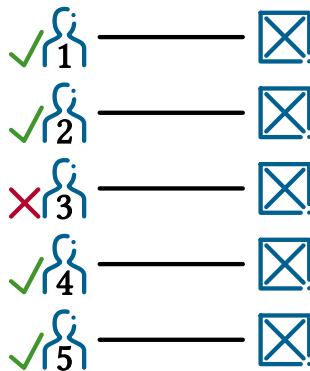
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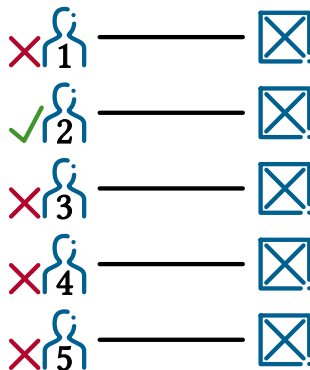
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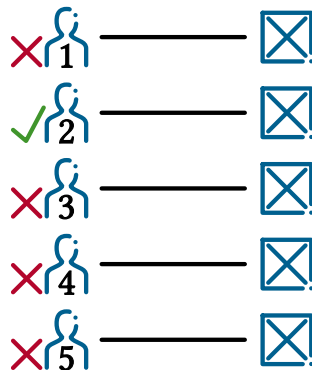
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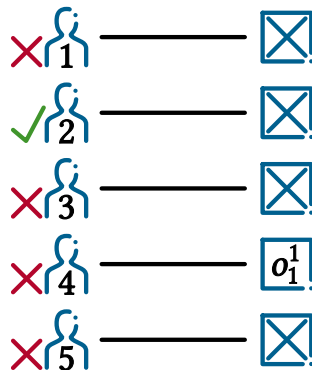
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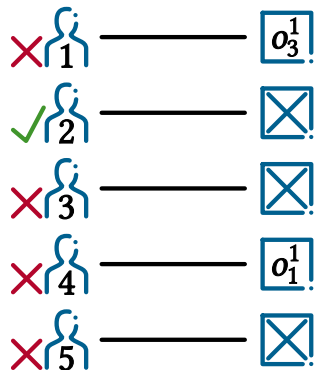
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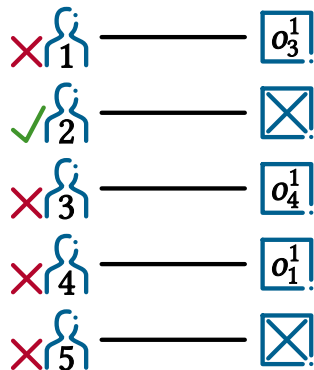
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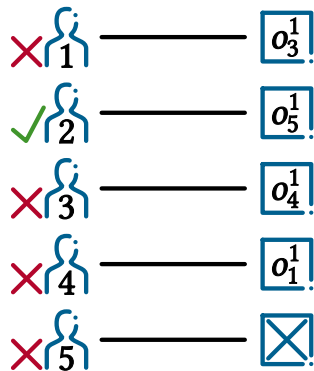
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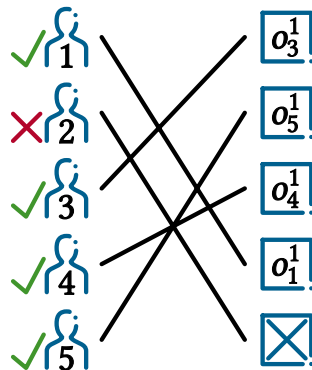
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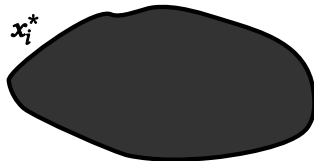
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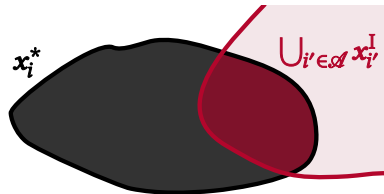
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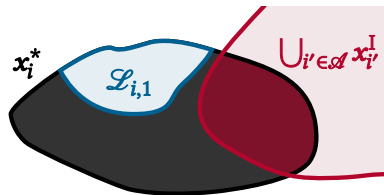
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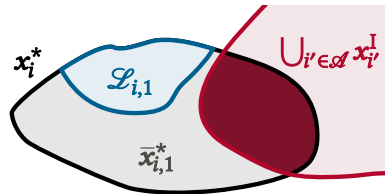
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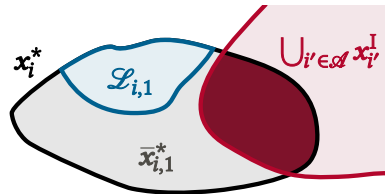
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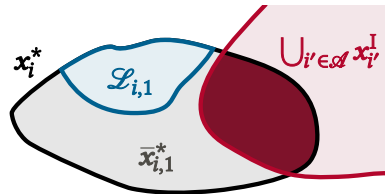
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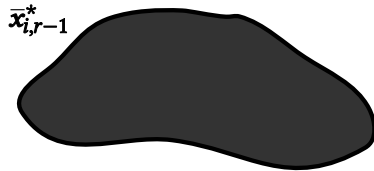
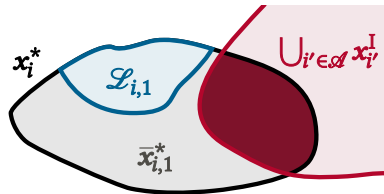
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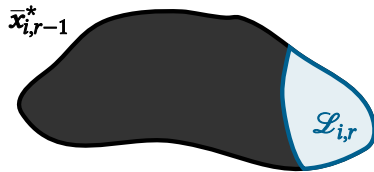
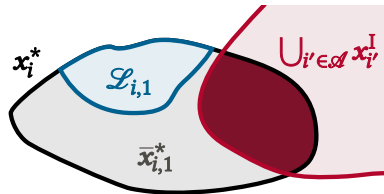
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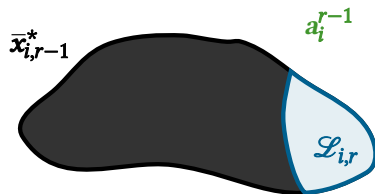
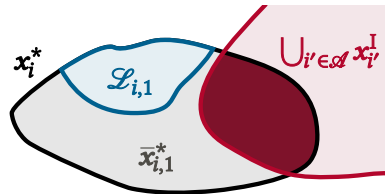
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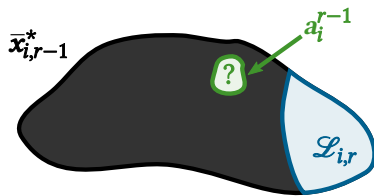
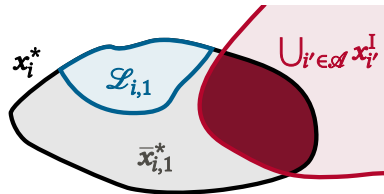
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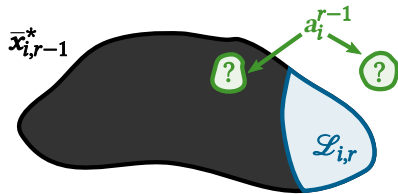
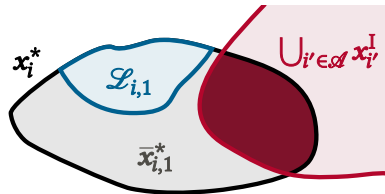
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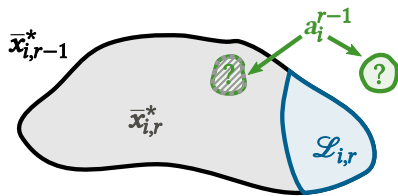
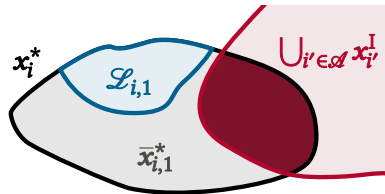
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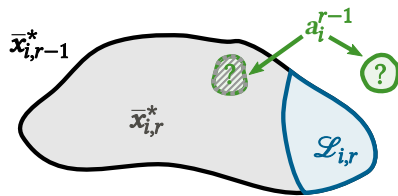
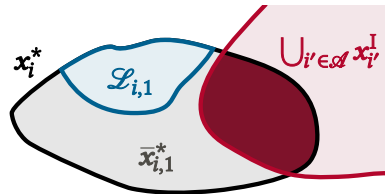
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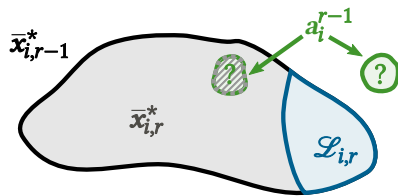
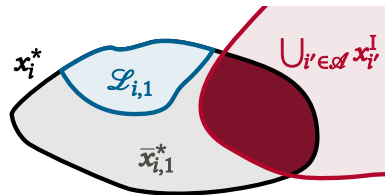
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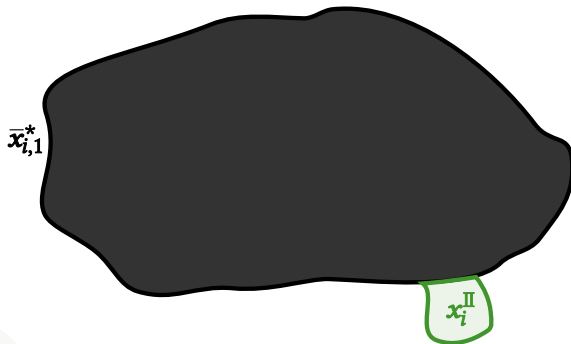
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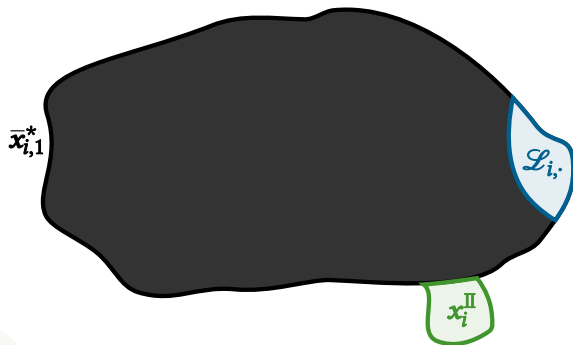
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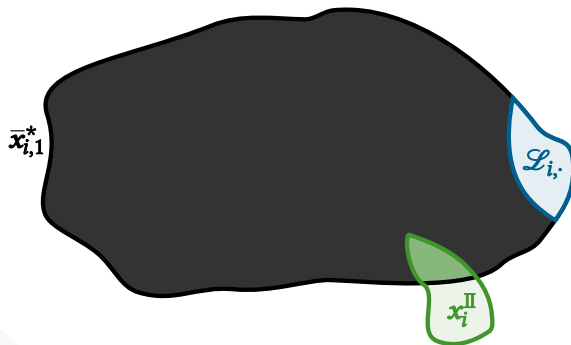
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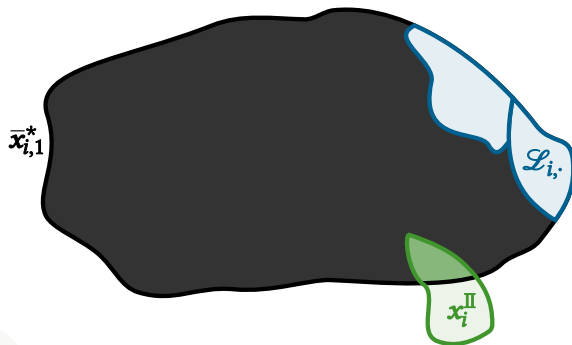
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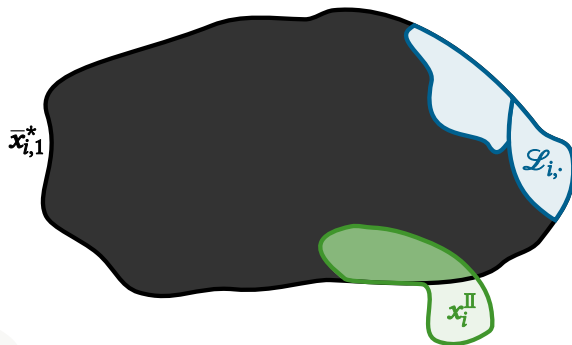
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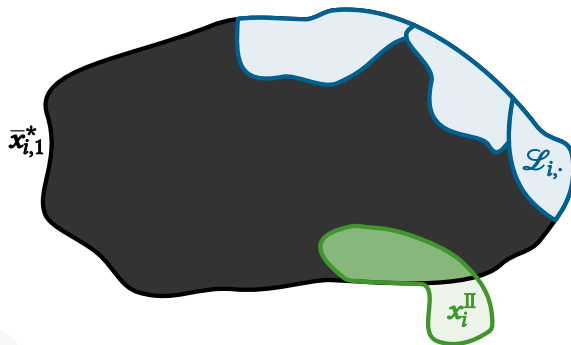
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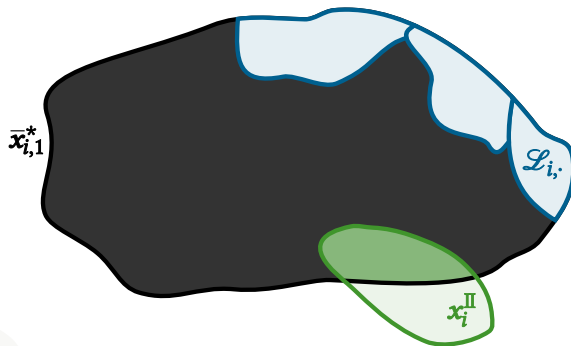
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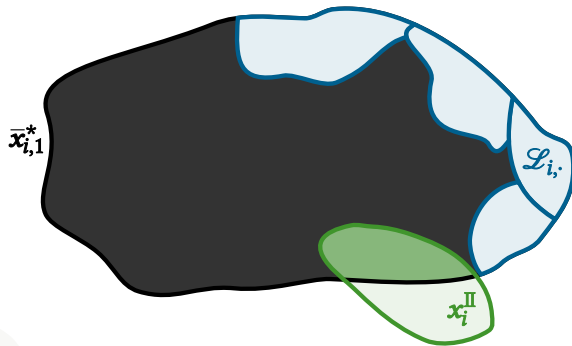
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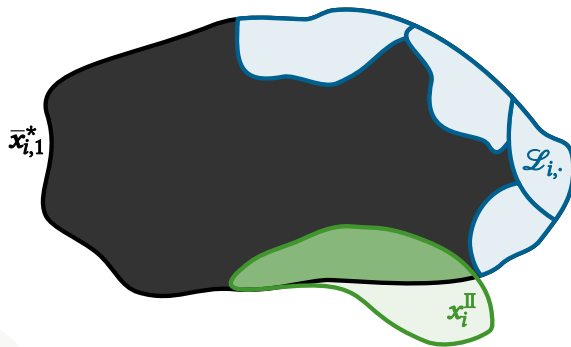
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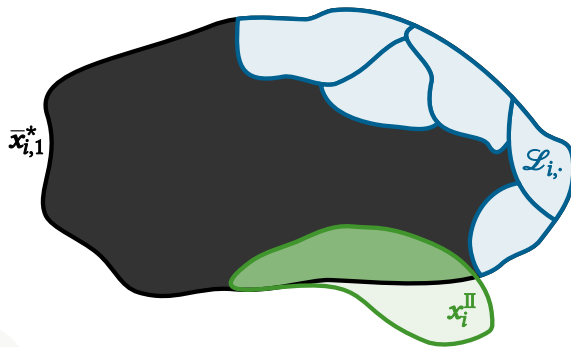
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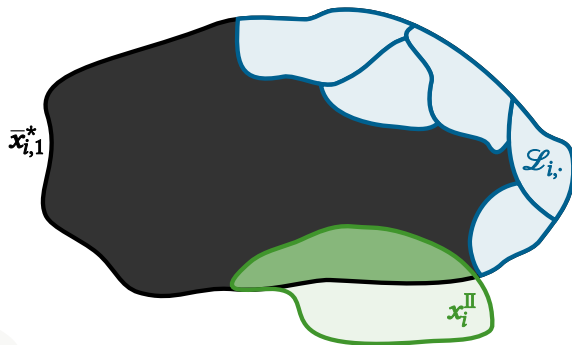
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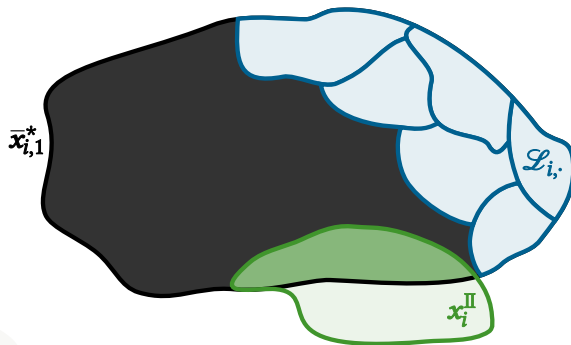
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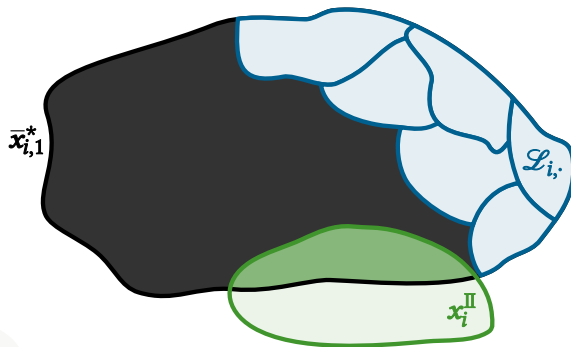
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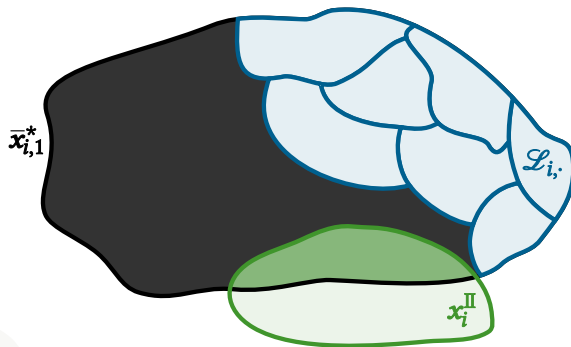
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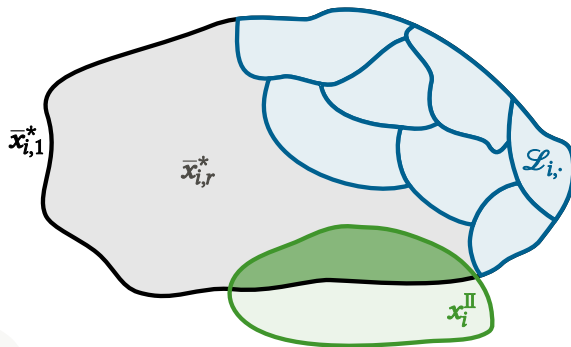
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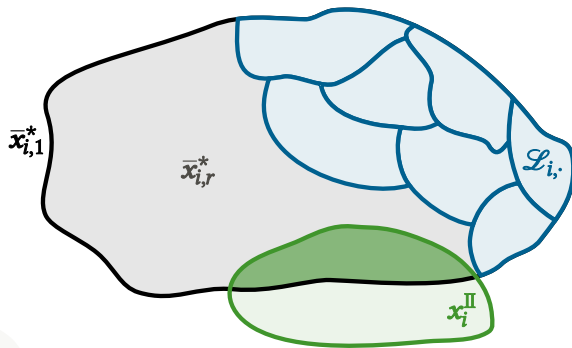
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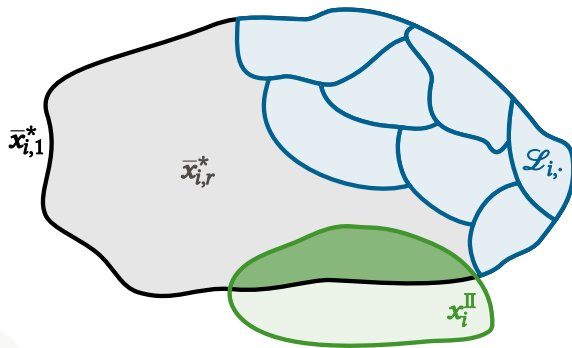
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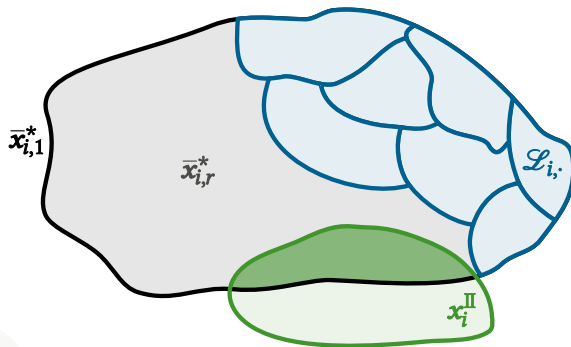
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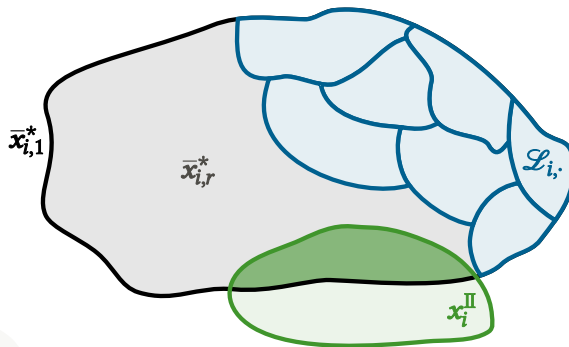
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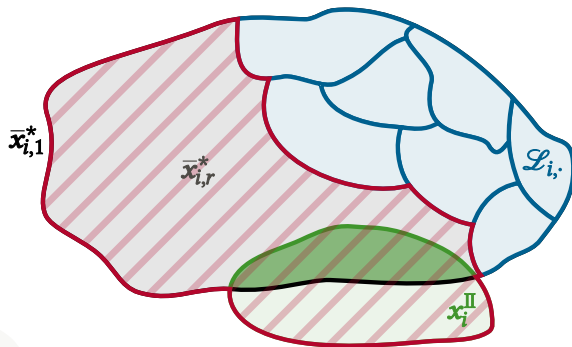
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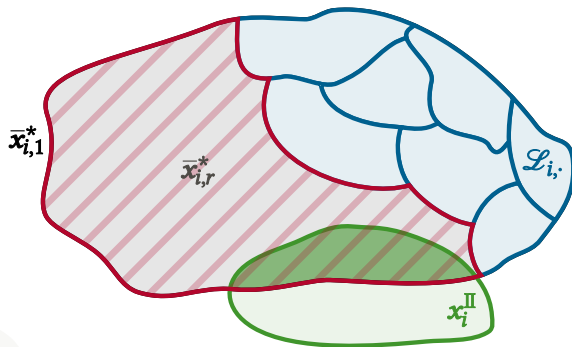
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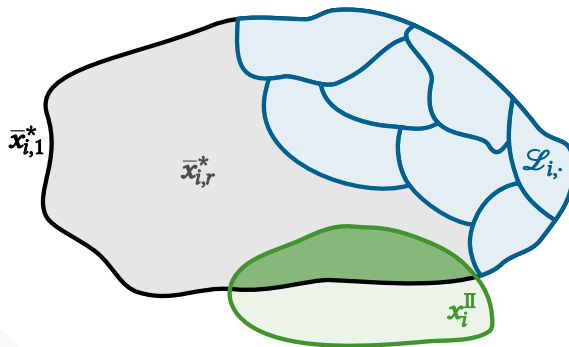
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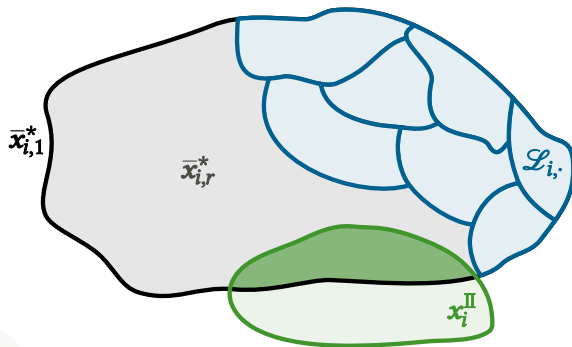
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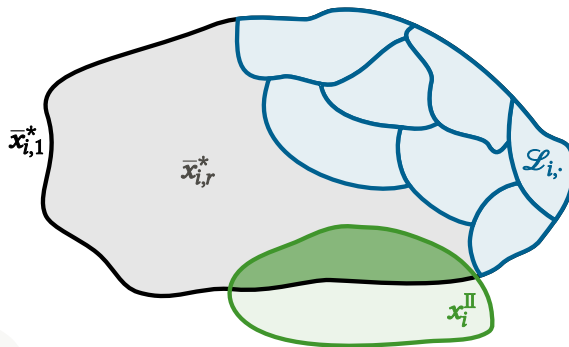
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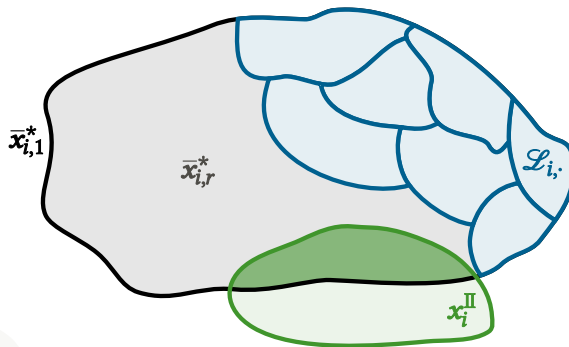
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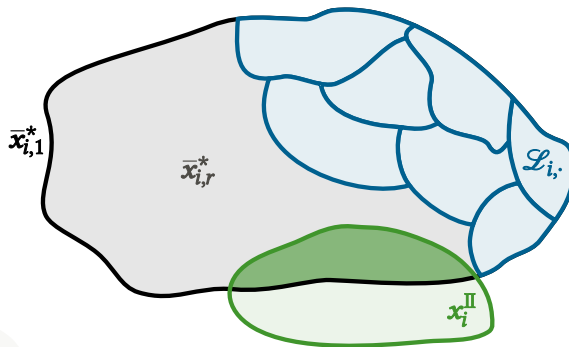
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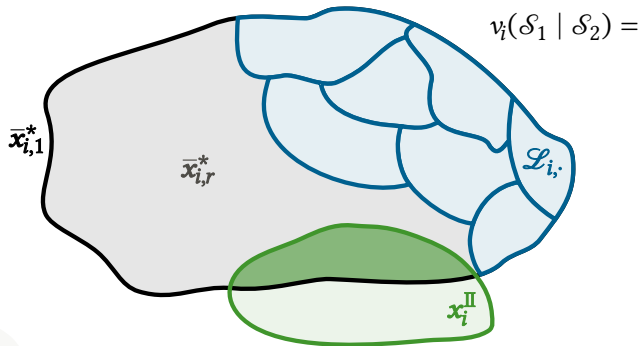
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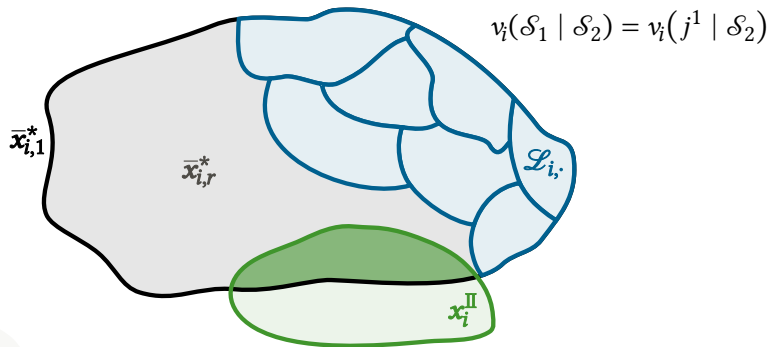
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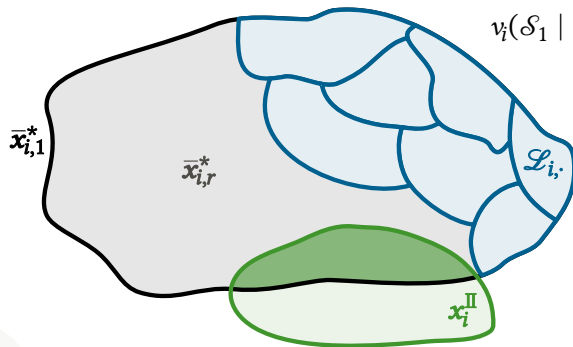
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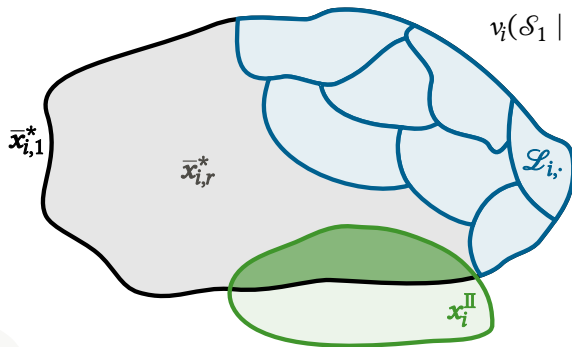


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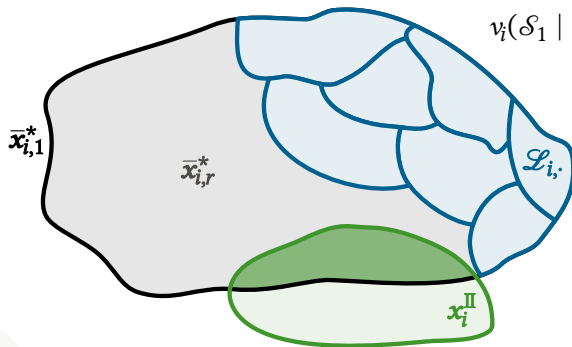


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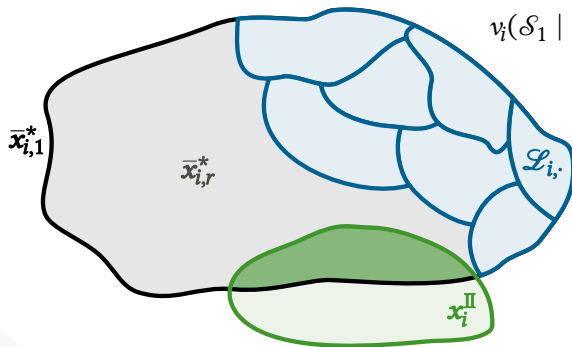


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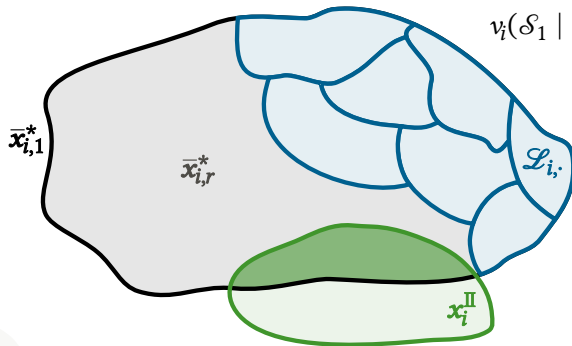
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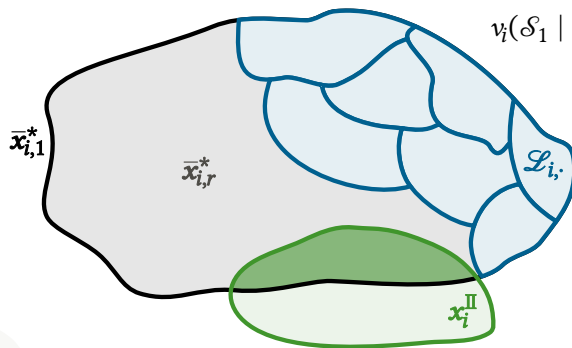
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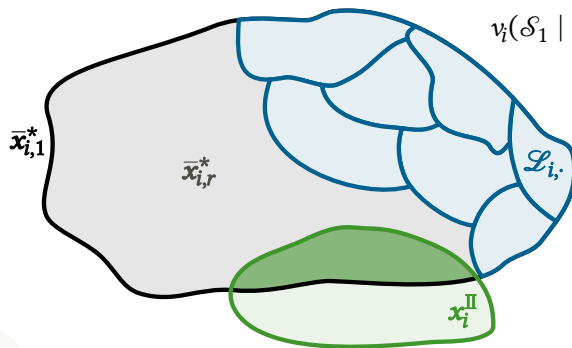


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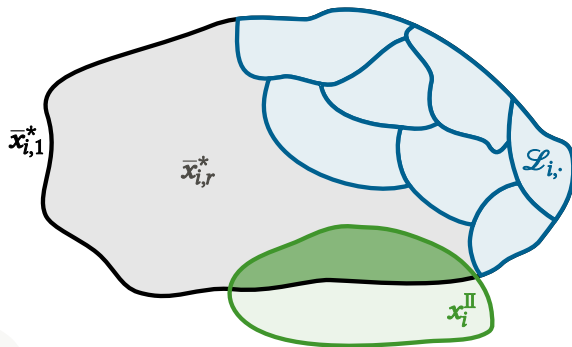


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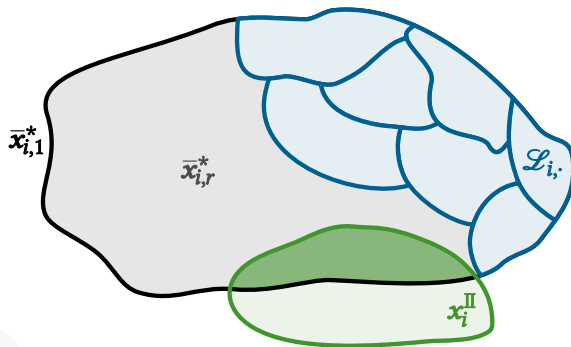
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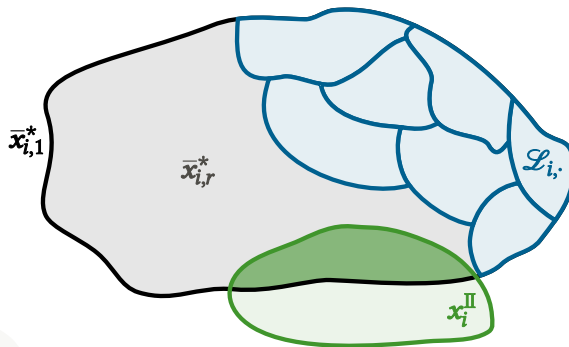
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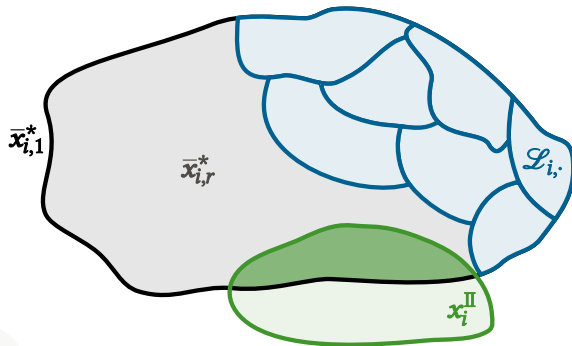
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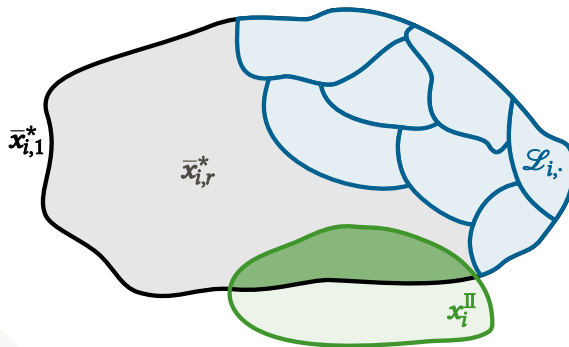
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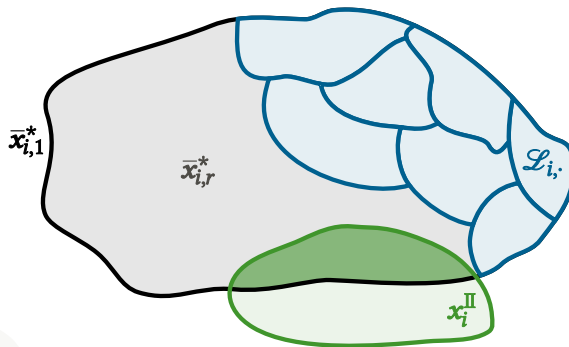
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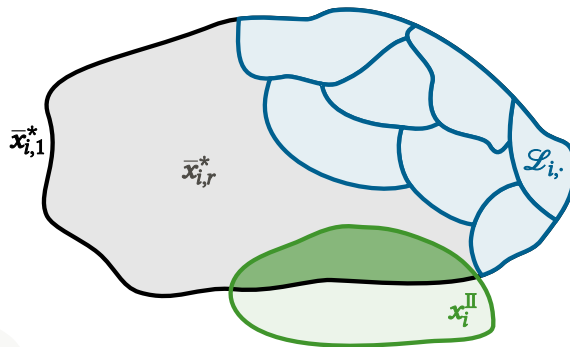
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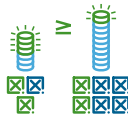
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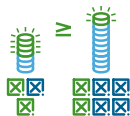
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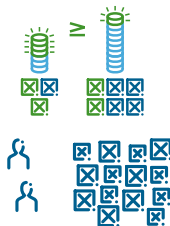
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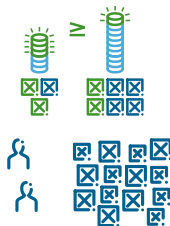
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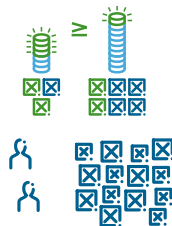
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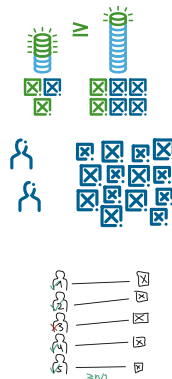
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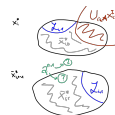
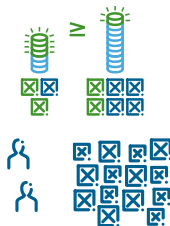


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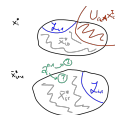
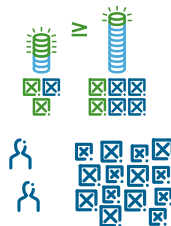
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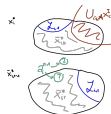
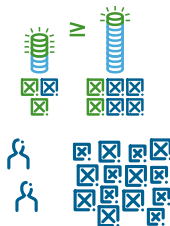
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Any Room for Improvement?

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