

# On the Maximum a Posteriori partition in nonparametric Bayesian mixture models

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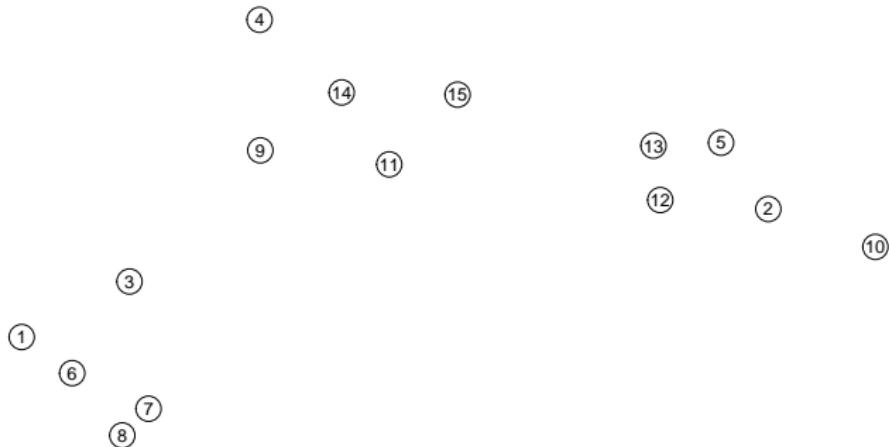
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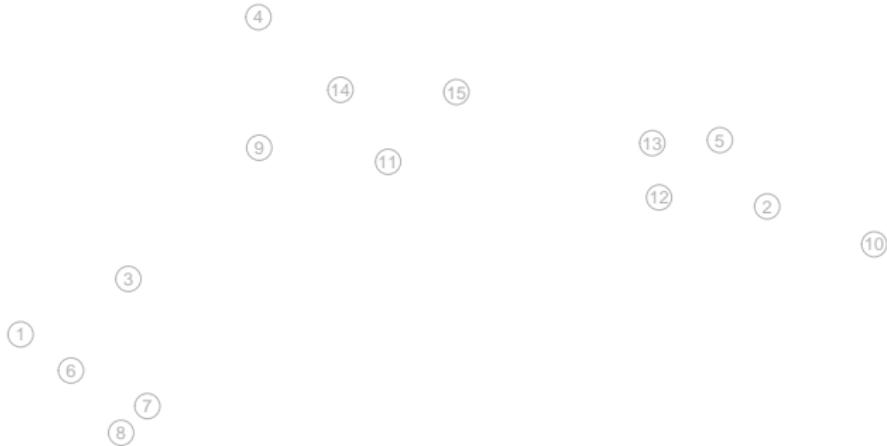
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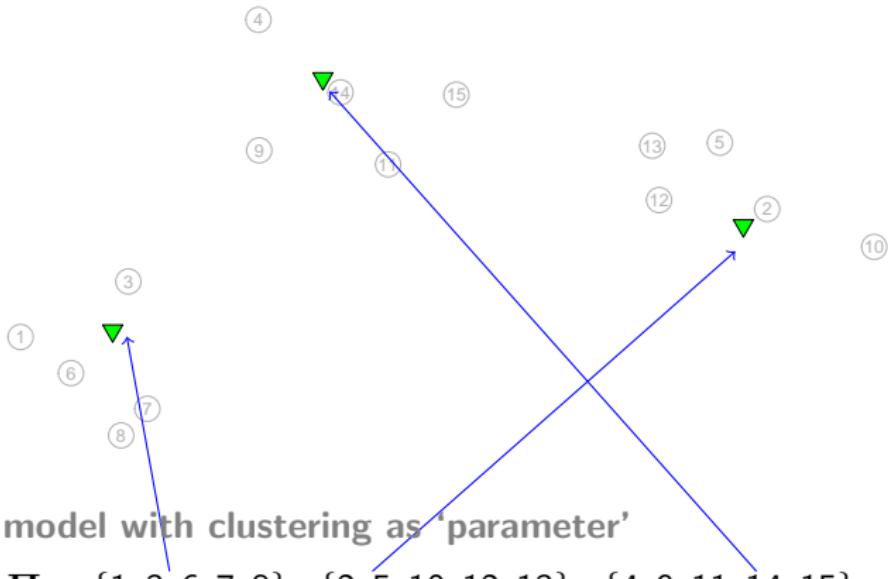


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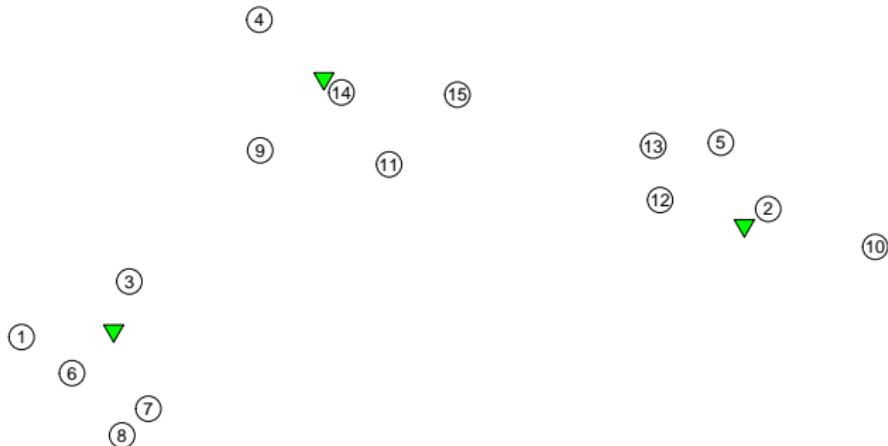


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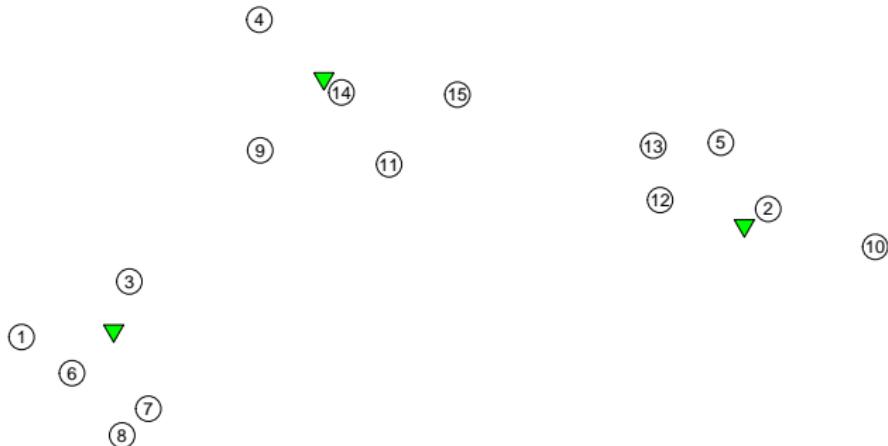


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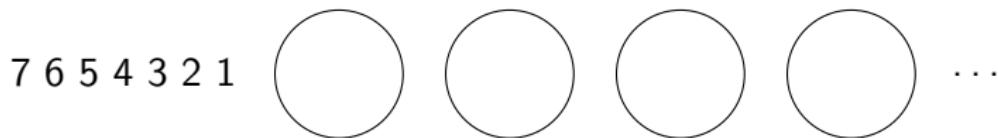
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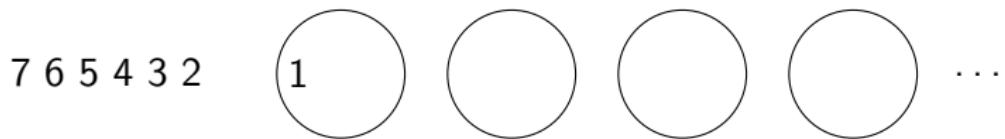


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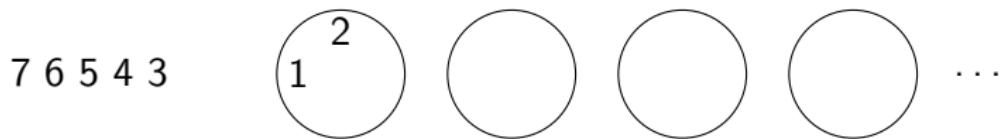
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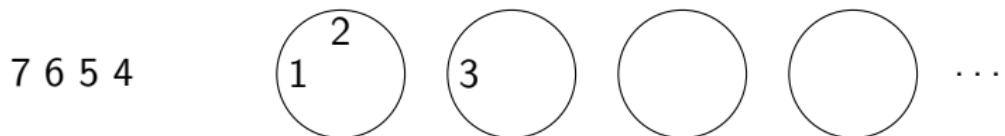
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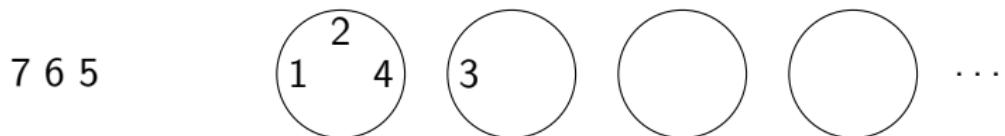
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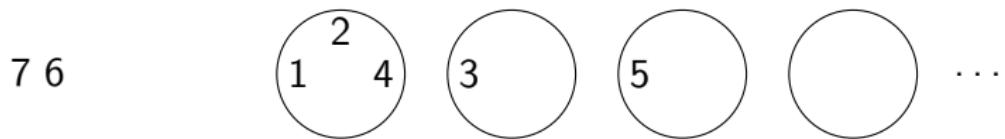
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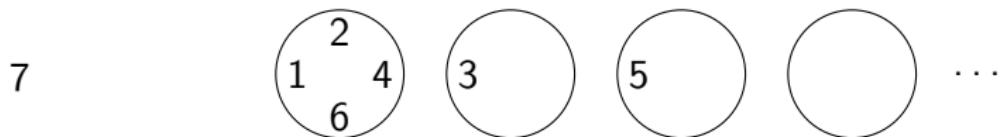
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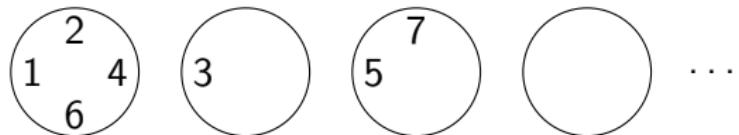
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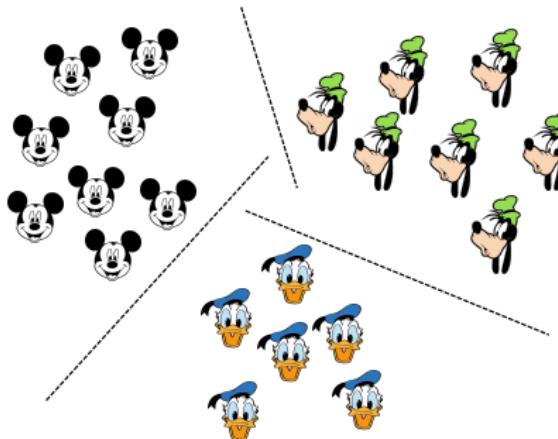
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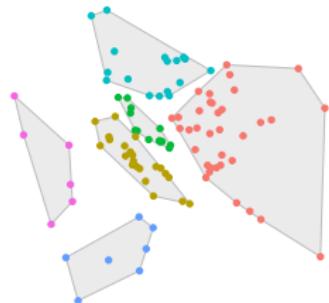
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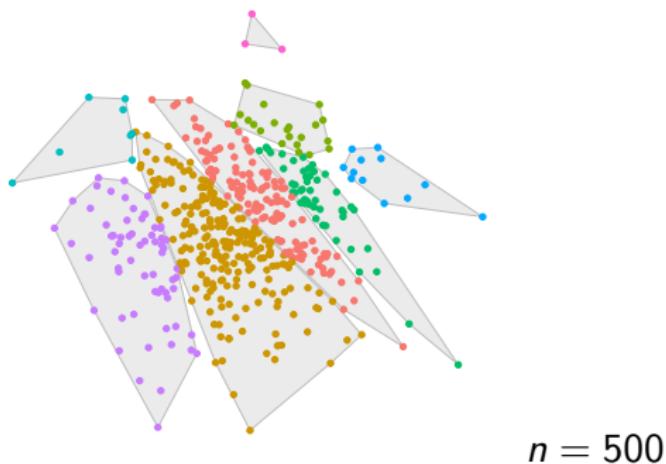
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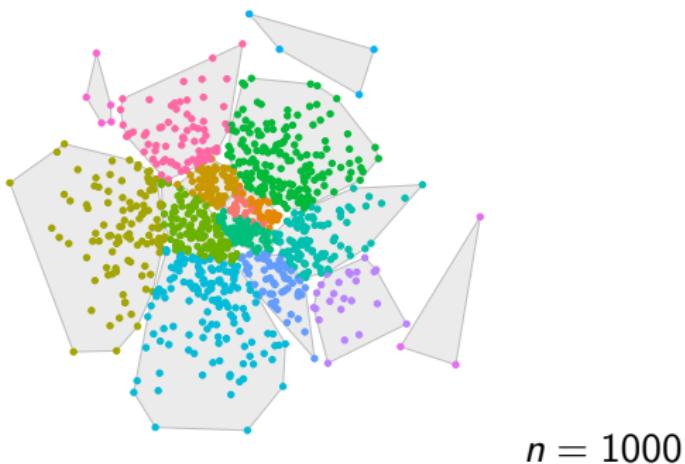


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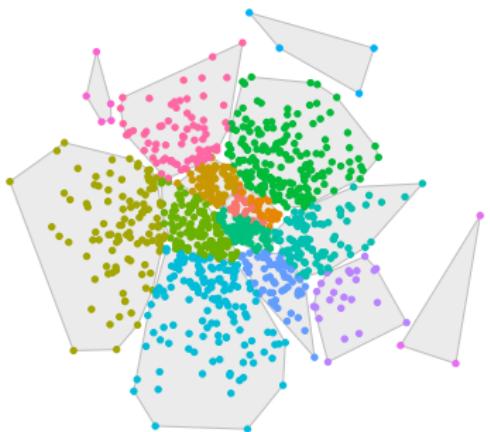


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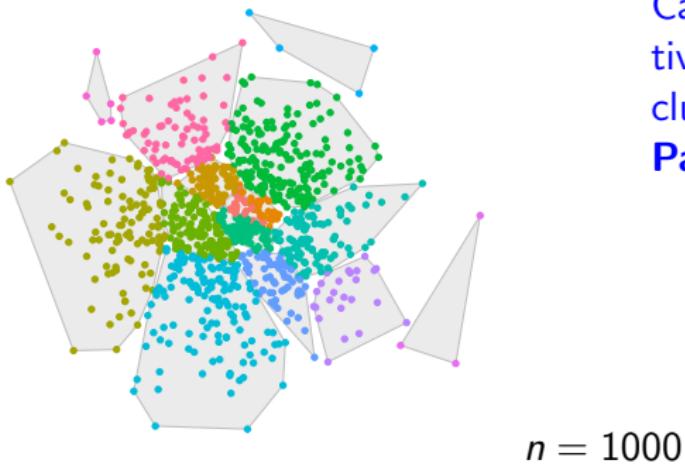
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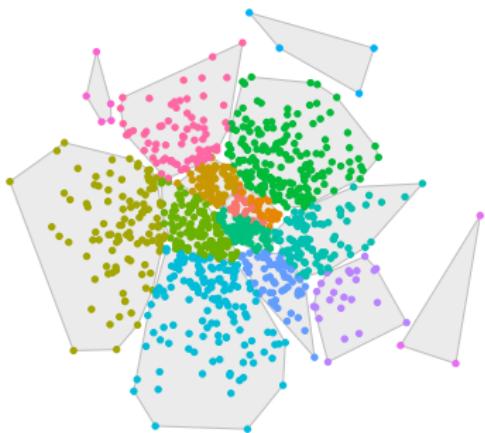
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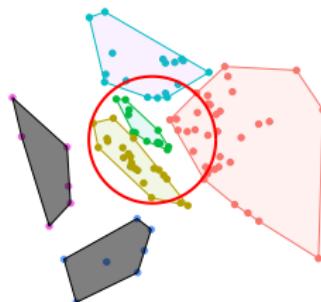
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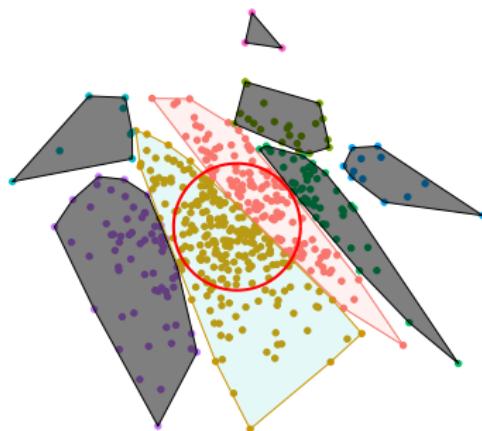
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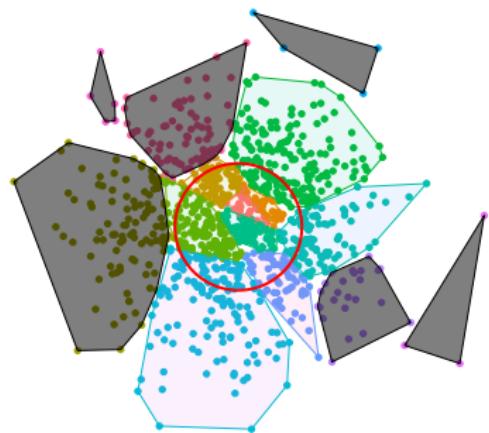
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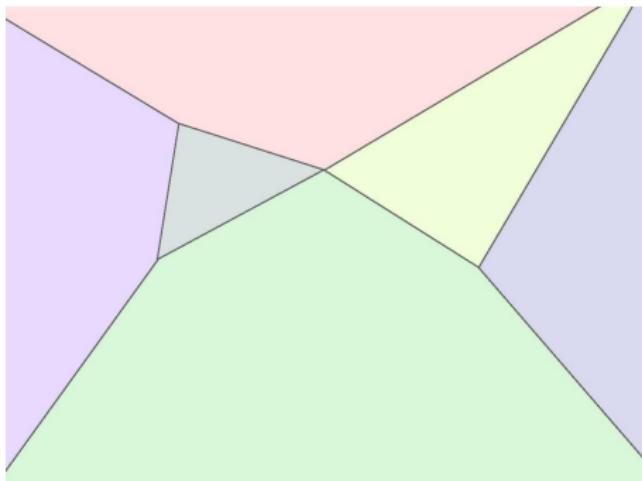
### Result (size of clusters)

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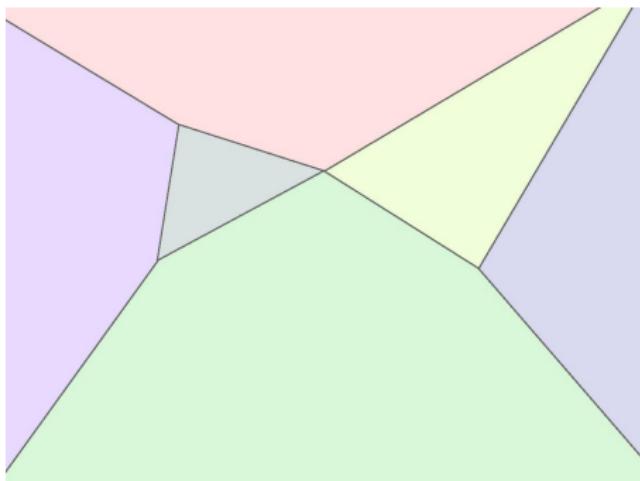
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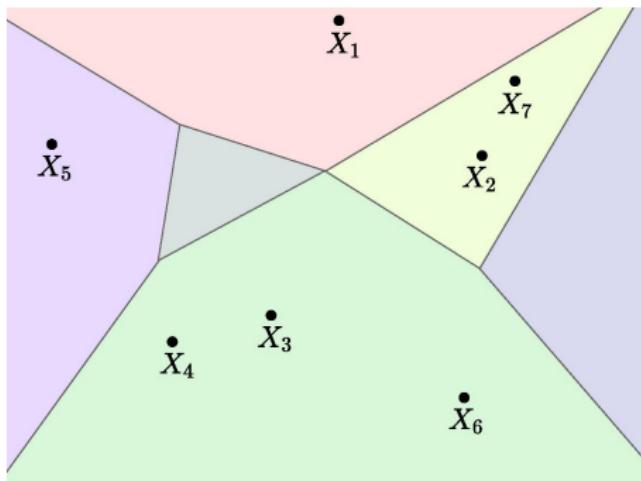
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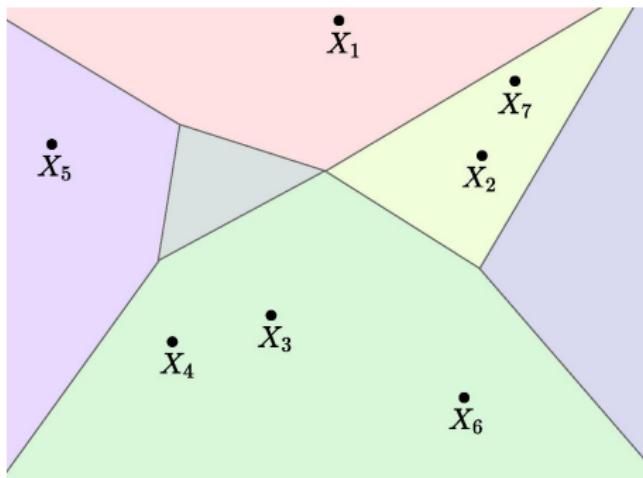
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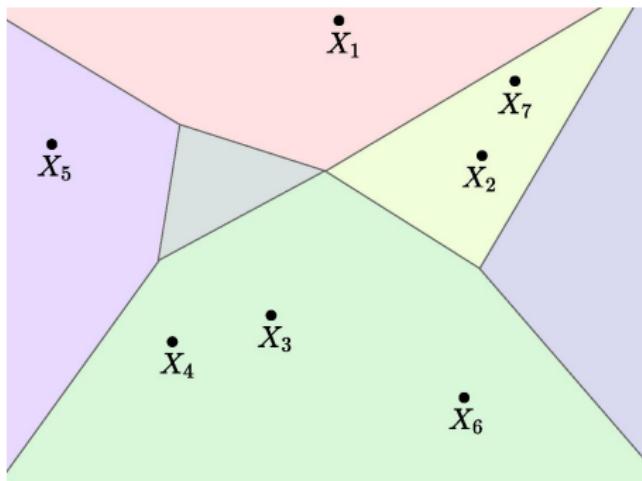


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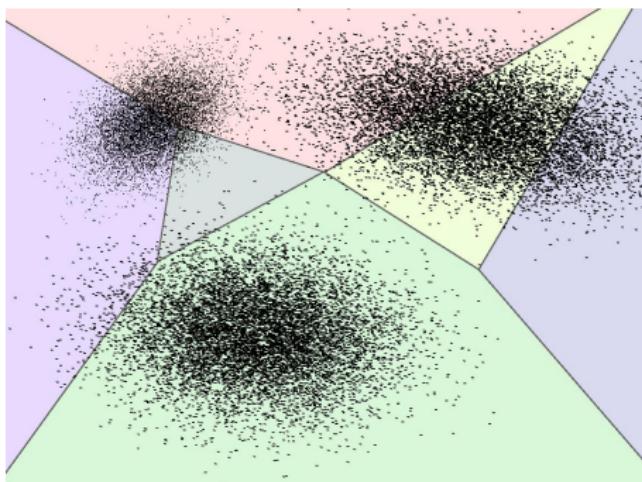
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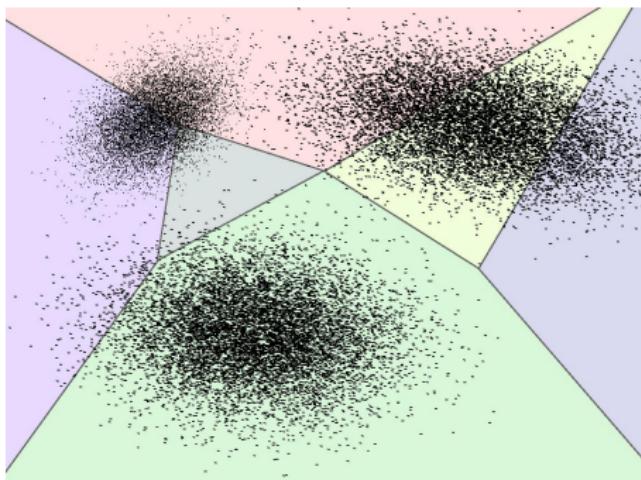
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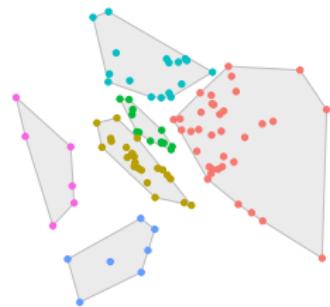
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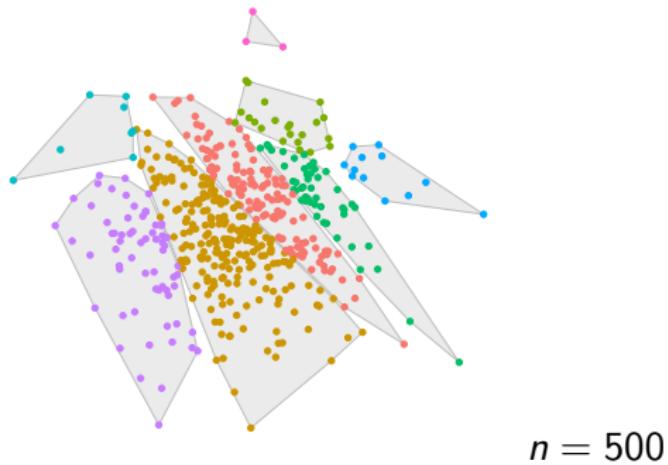
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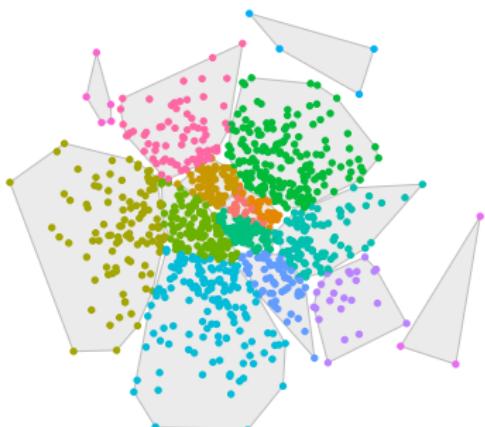


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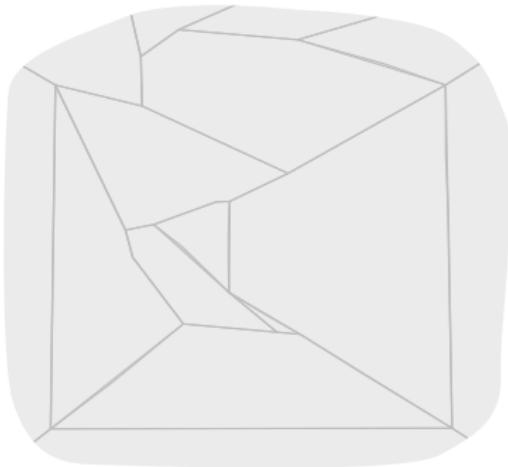
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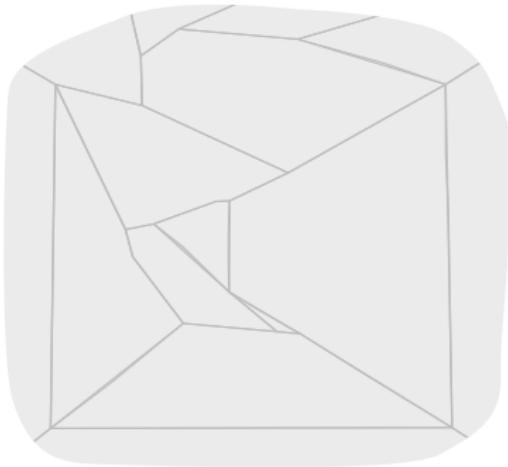
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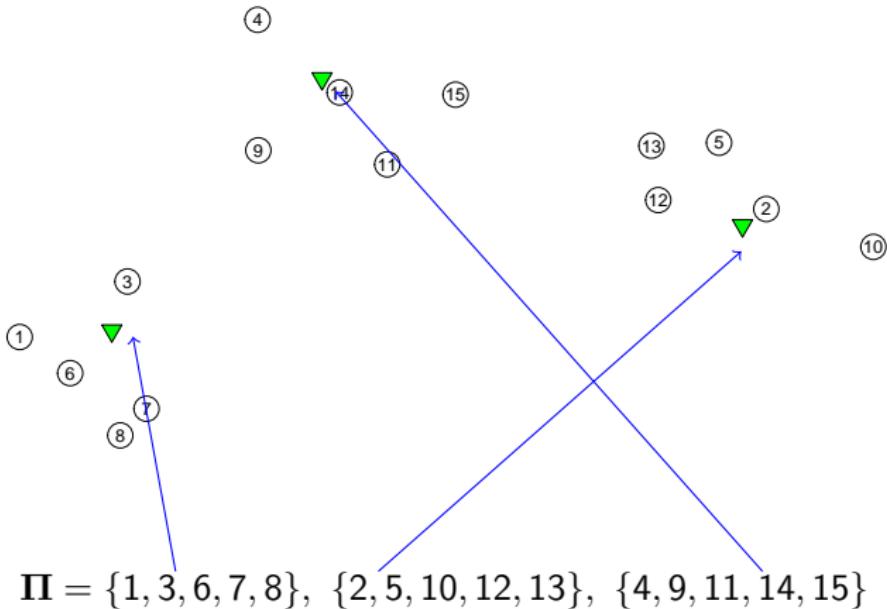
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Theorem (R. 2019)

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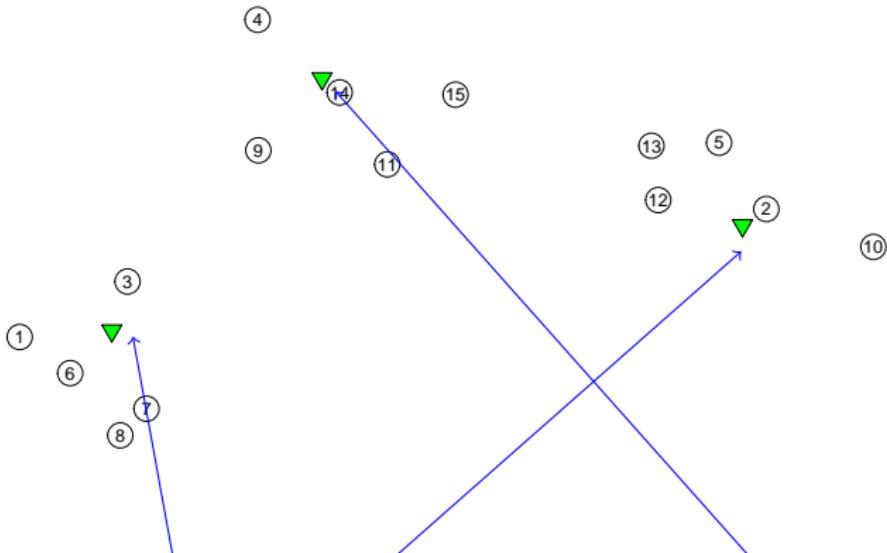


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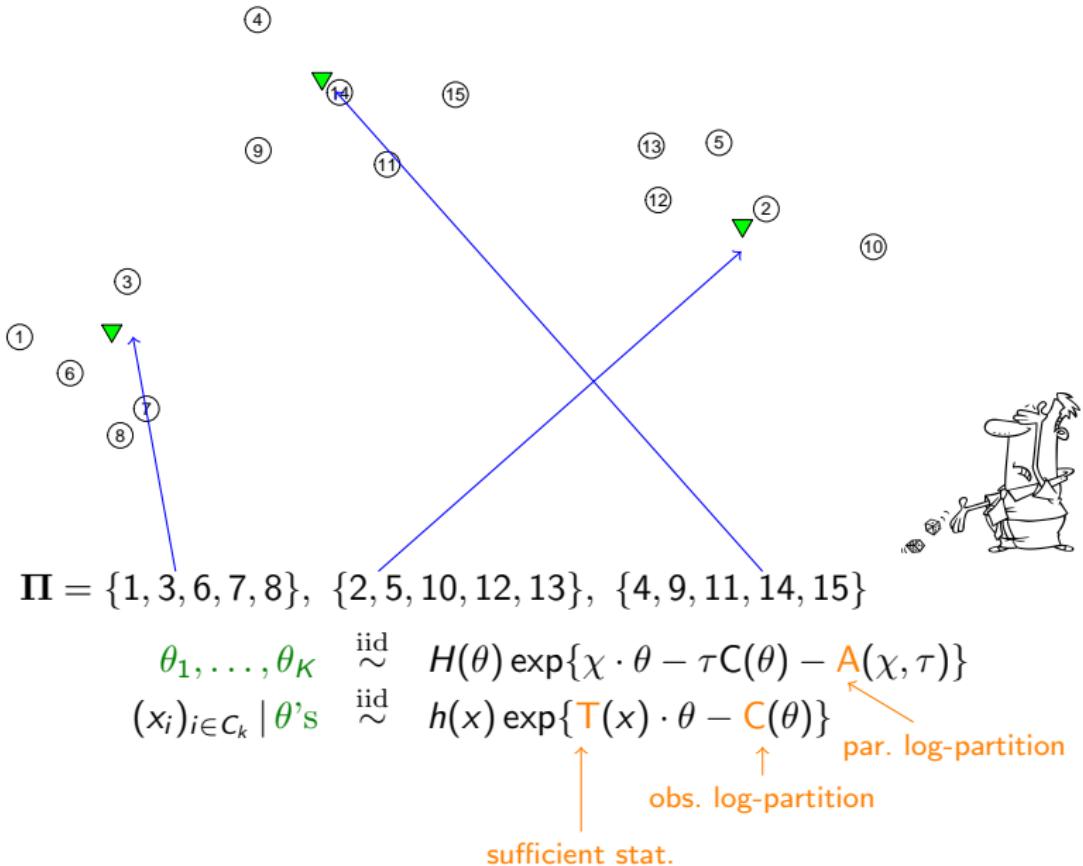
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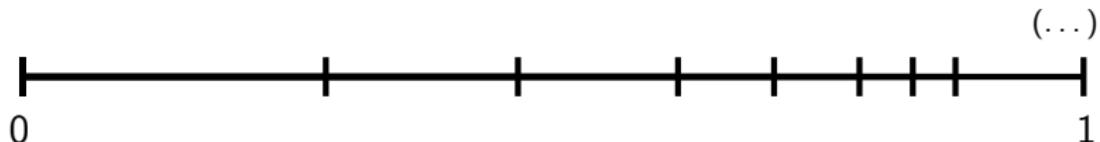
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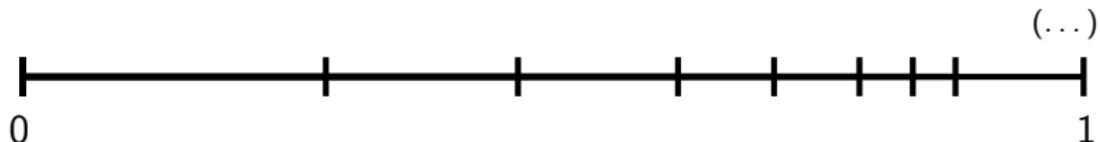
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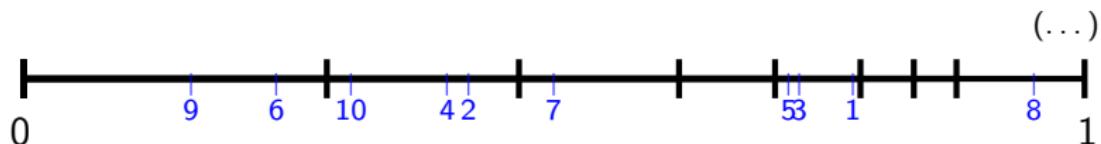
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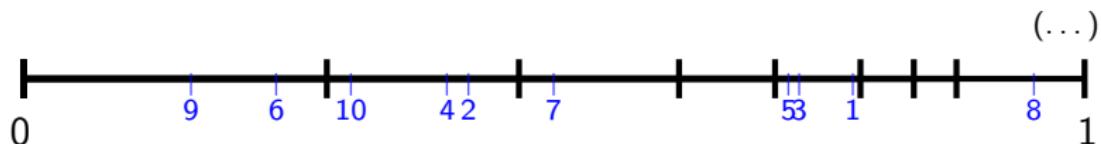
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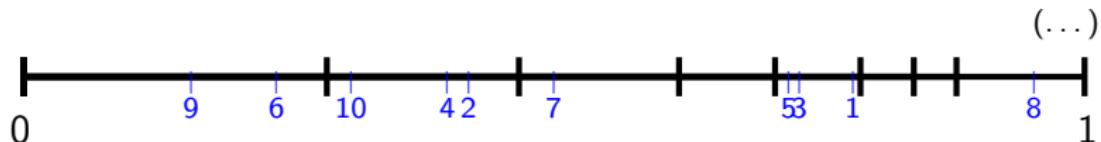


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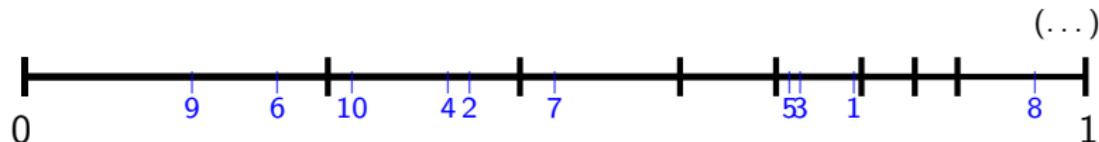
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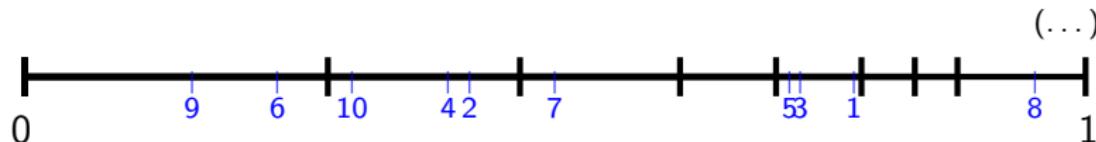
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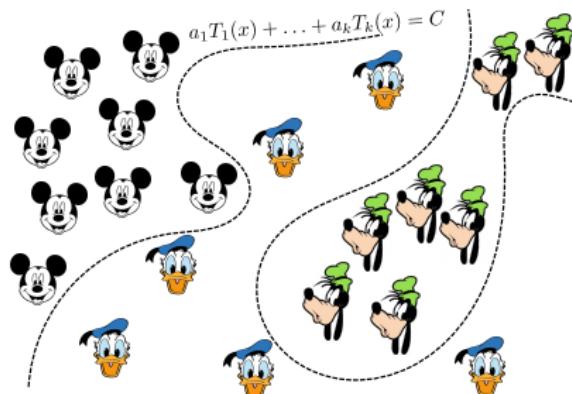
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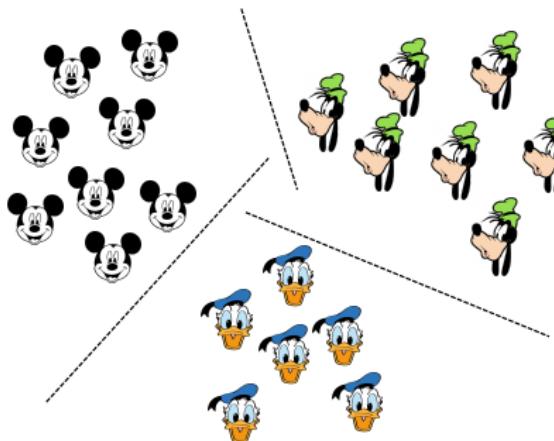
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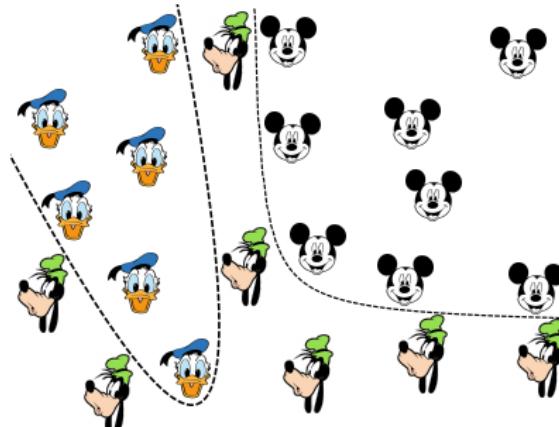
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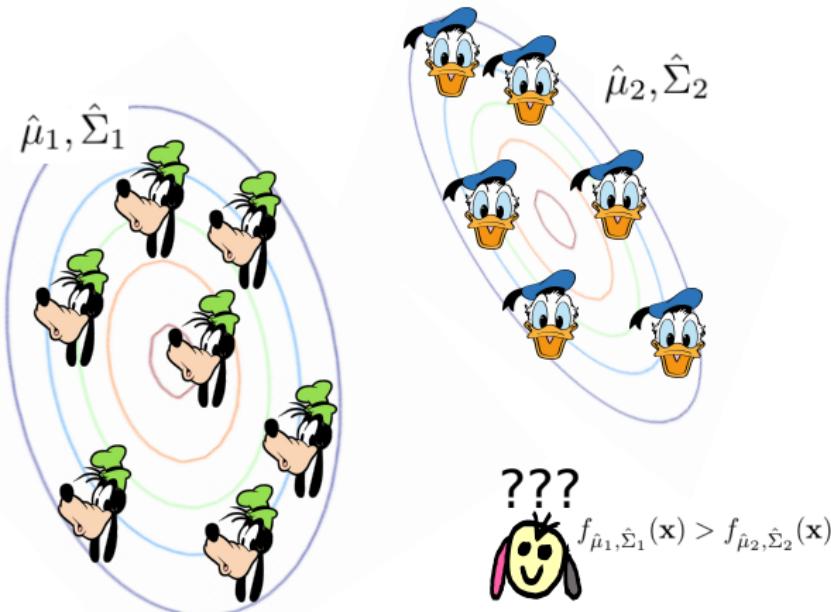
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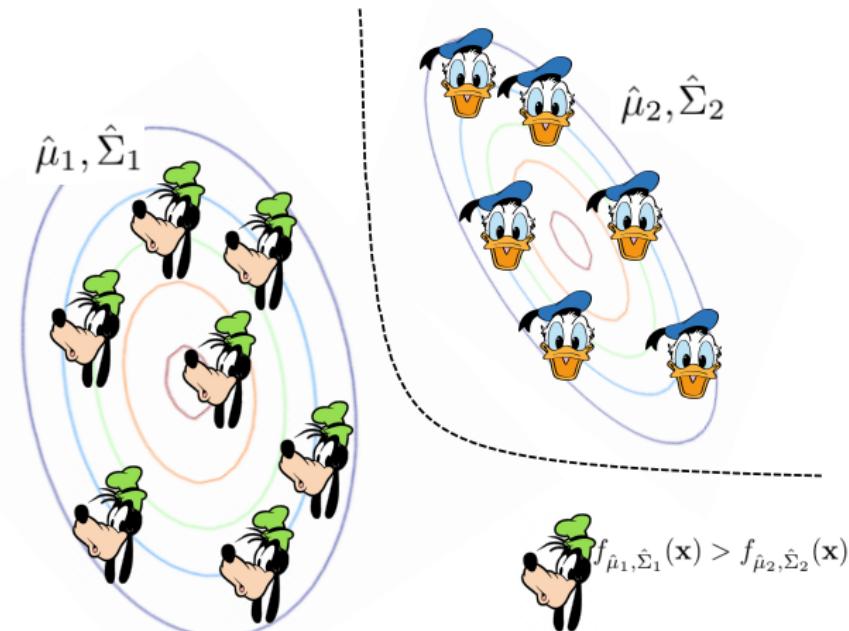
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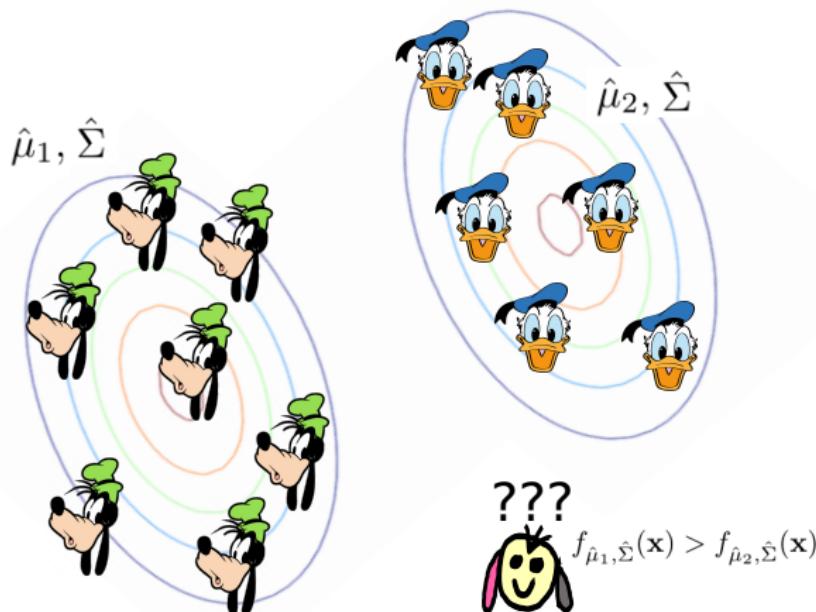
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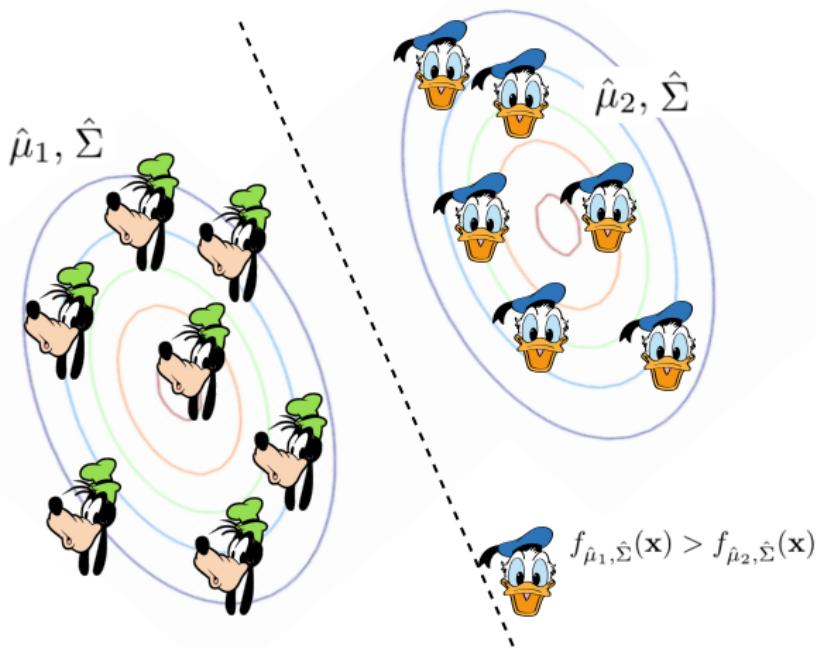
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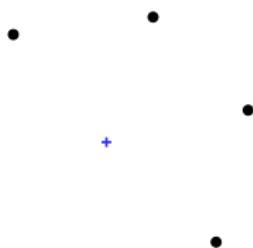
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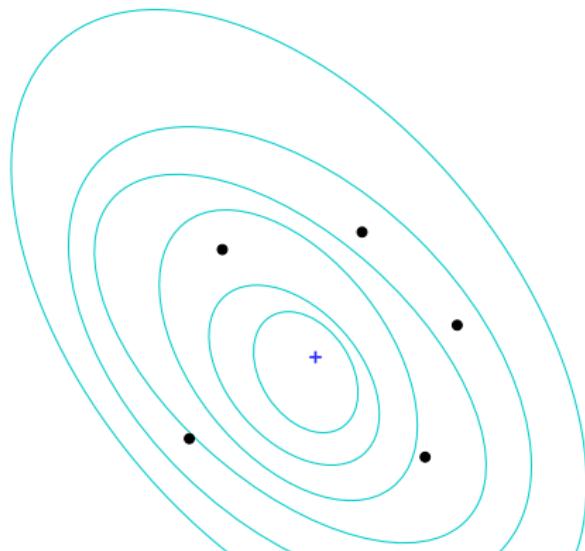
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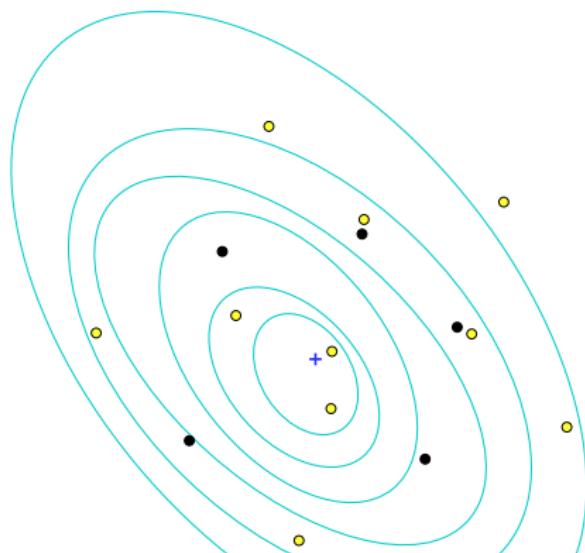
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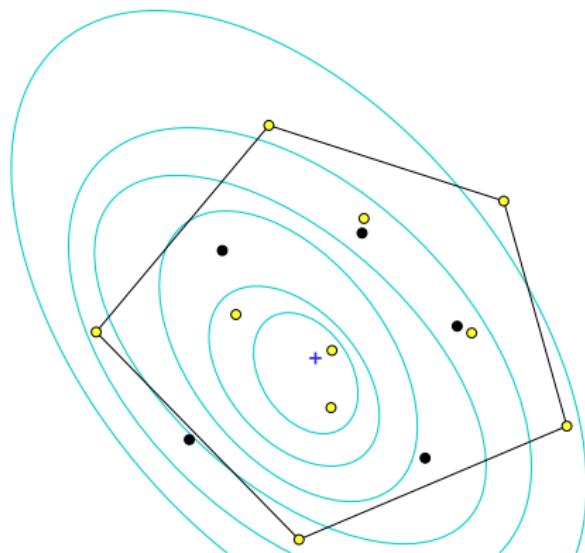
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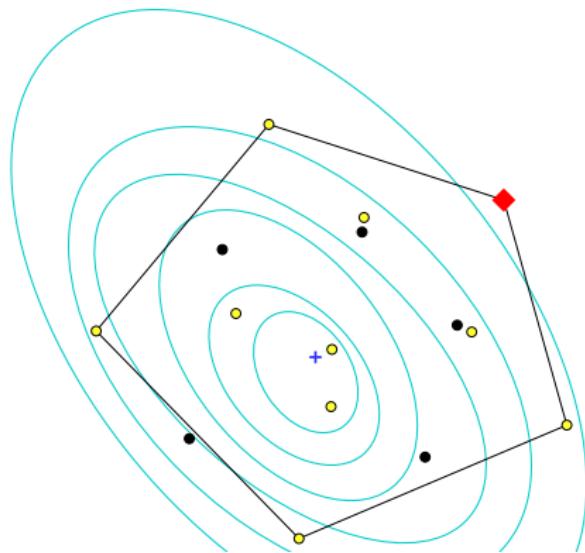
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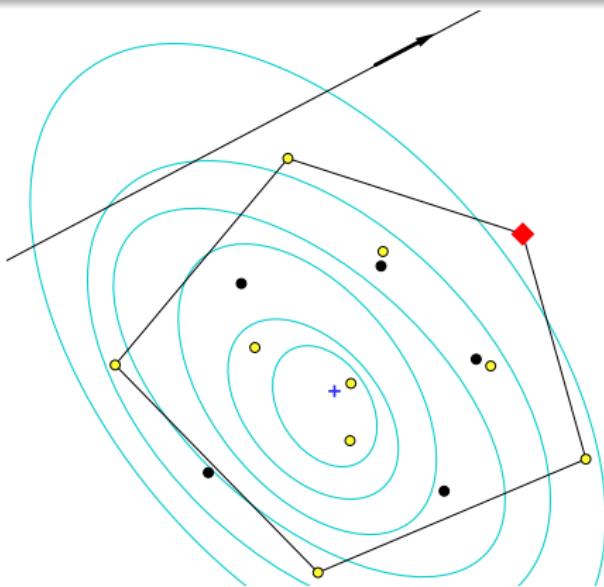
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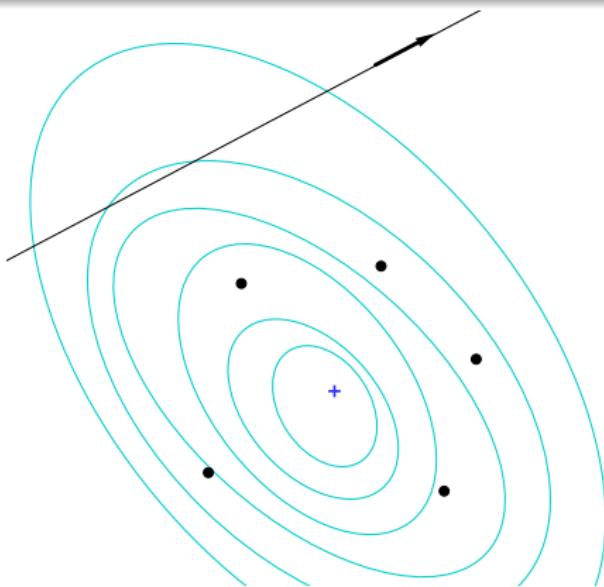
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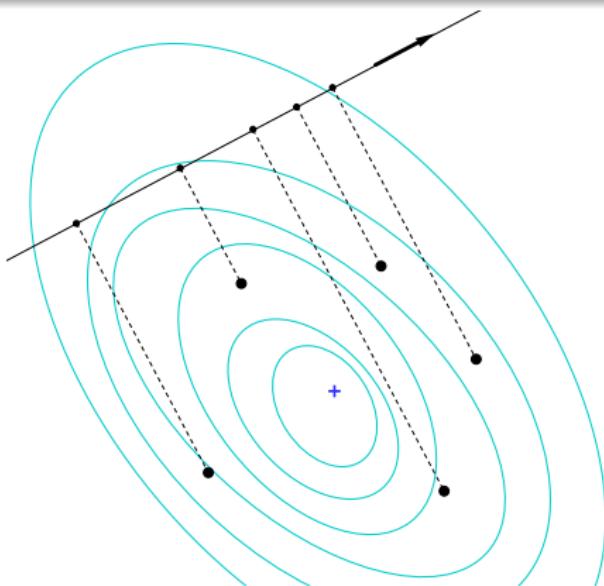
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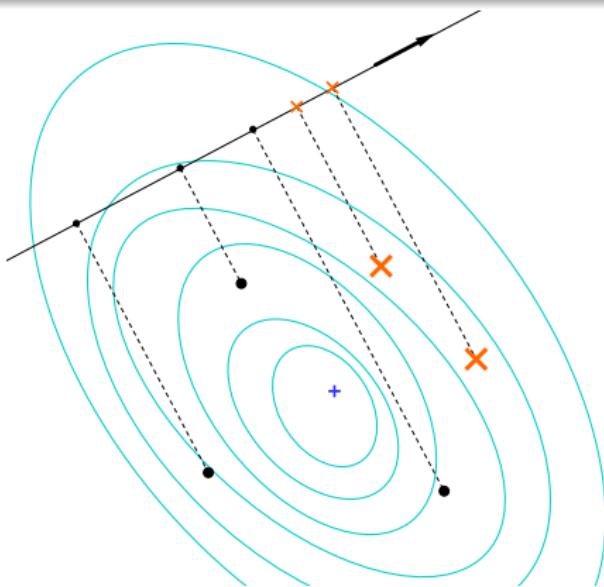
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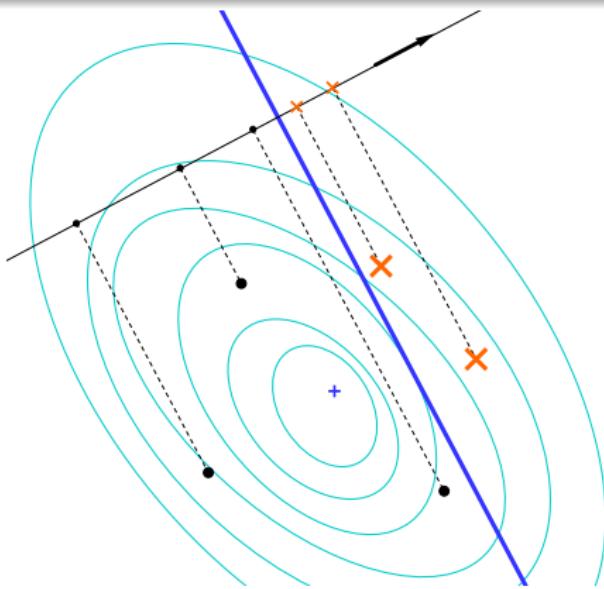
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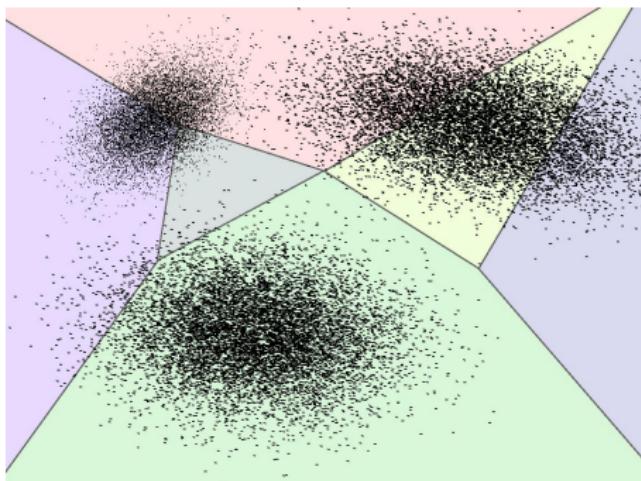
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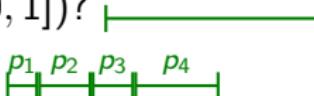
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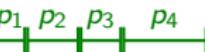
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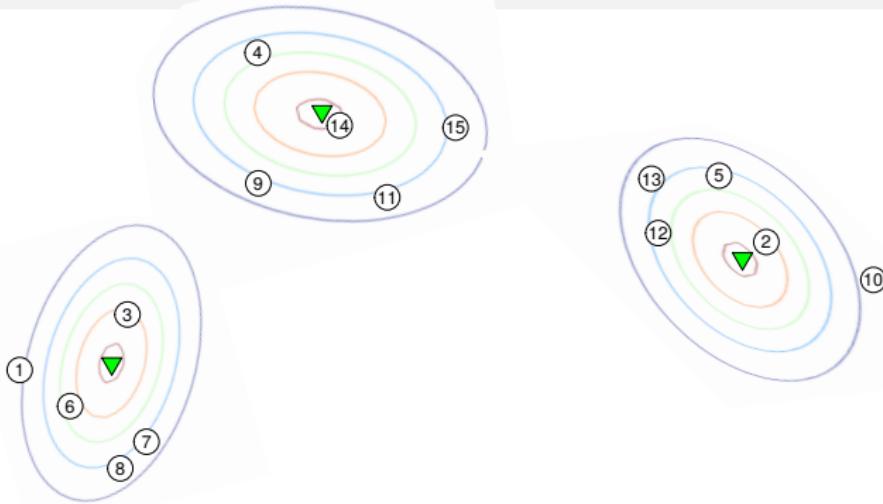
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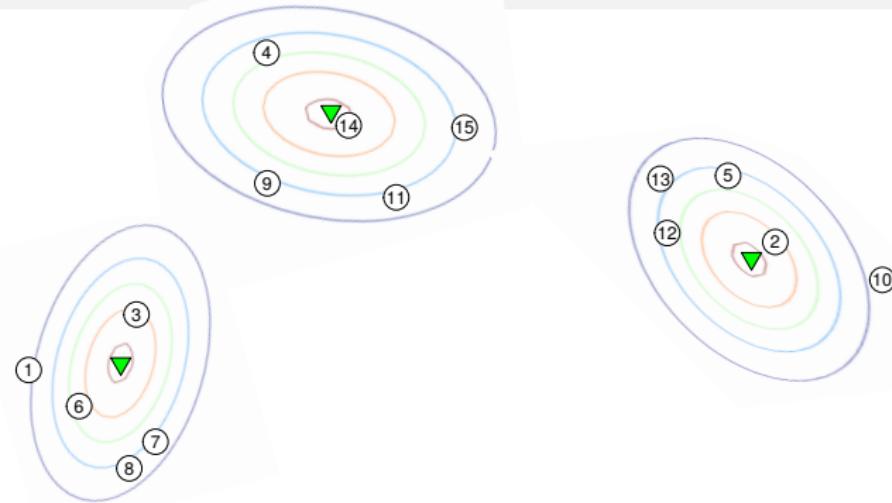
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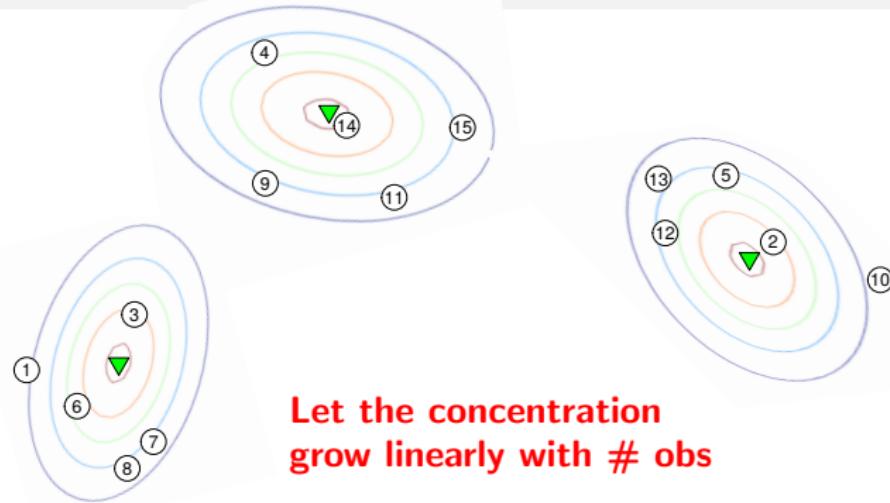
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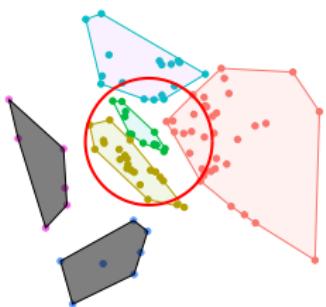
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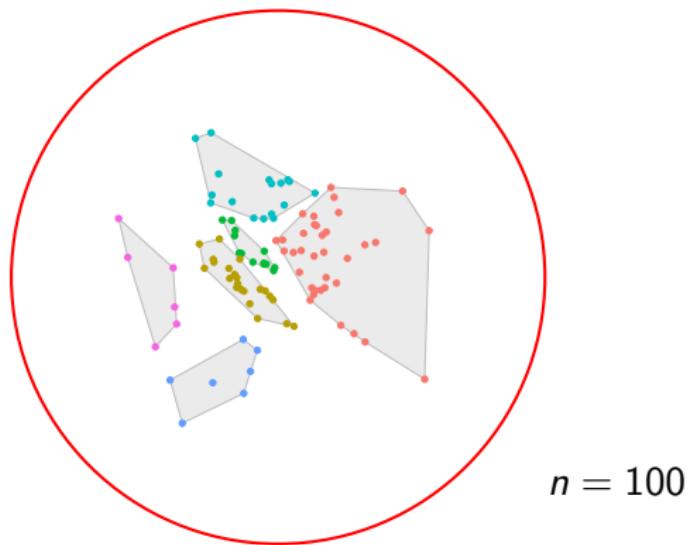
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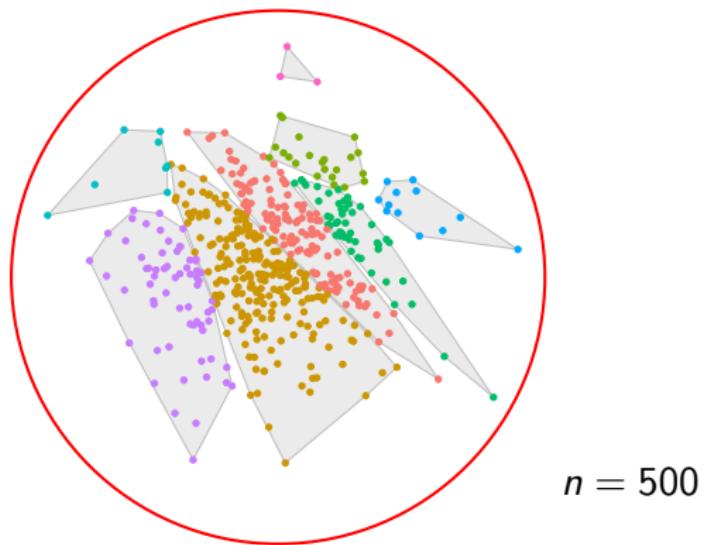


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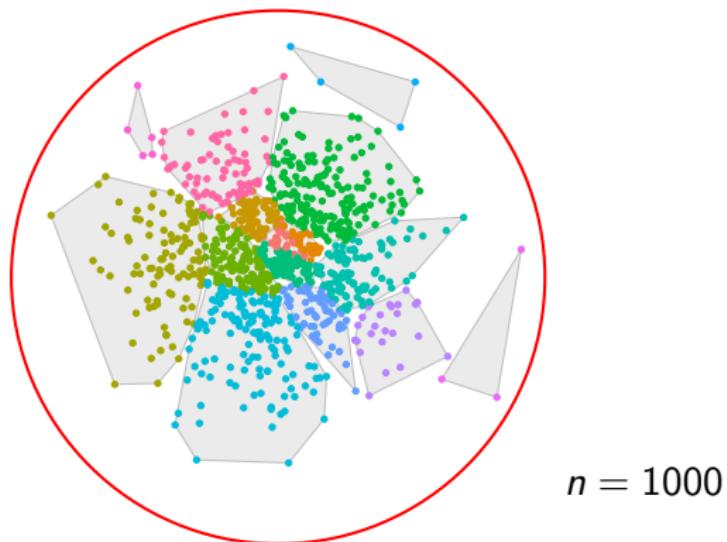
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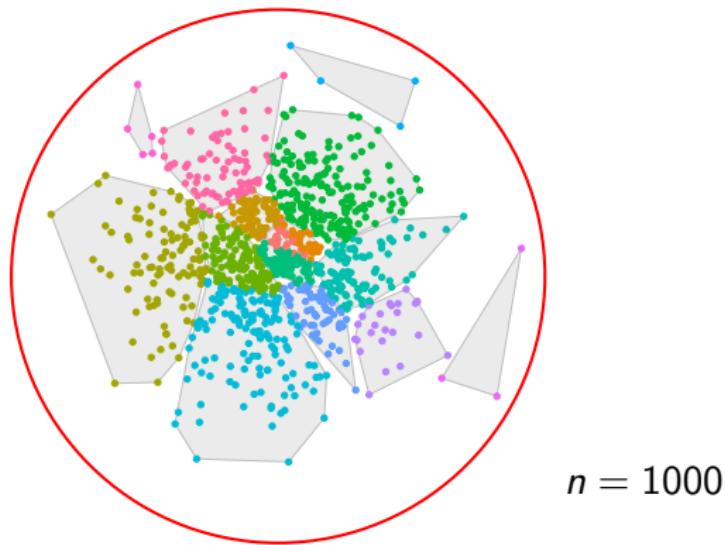
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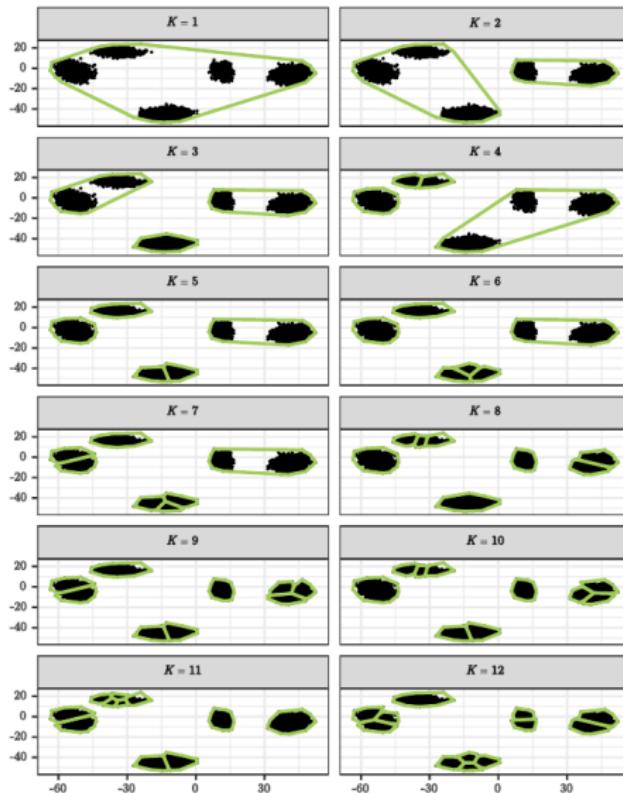
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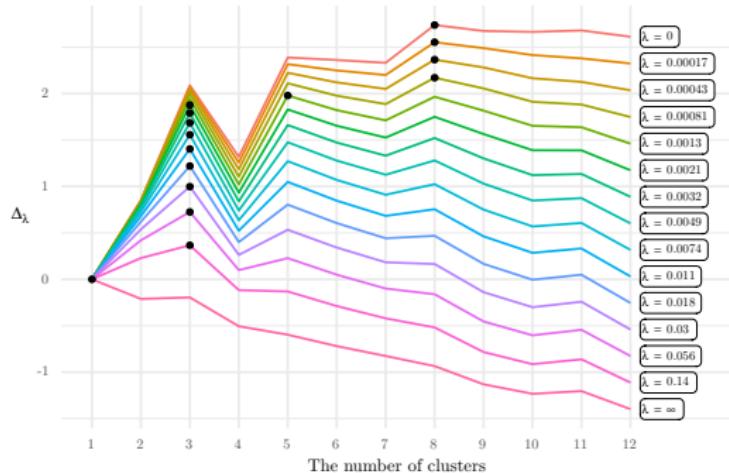
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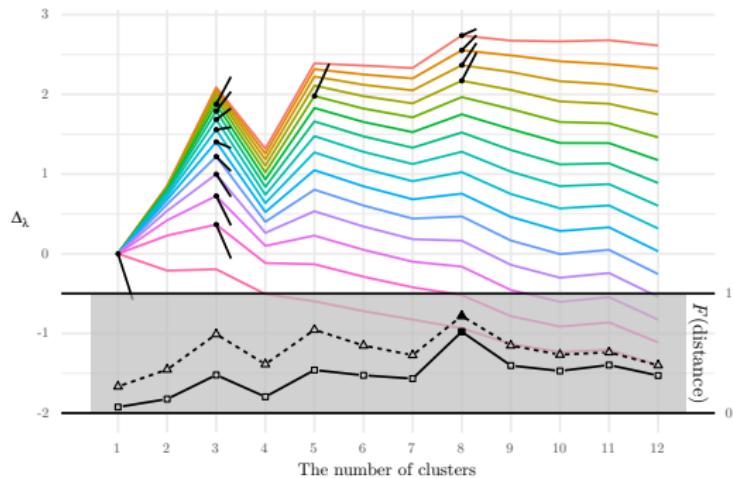


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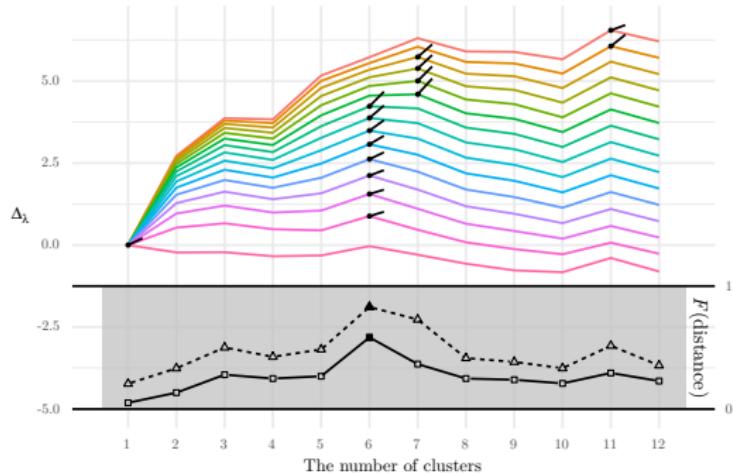
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