

Competitive Analysis via Regularization (SODA'14)

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Motivation



- ◉ Understand the model
- ◉ Understand primal-dual combined with KKT optimality conditions

Outline



- ◉ Model
- ◉ Regularization Algorithm (fractional version)
- ◉ Competitive Analysis (fractional version)
- ◉ Extensions:
 - ◉ More general constraints
 - ◉ Rounding a fractional solution to the online set cover with service cost problem

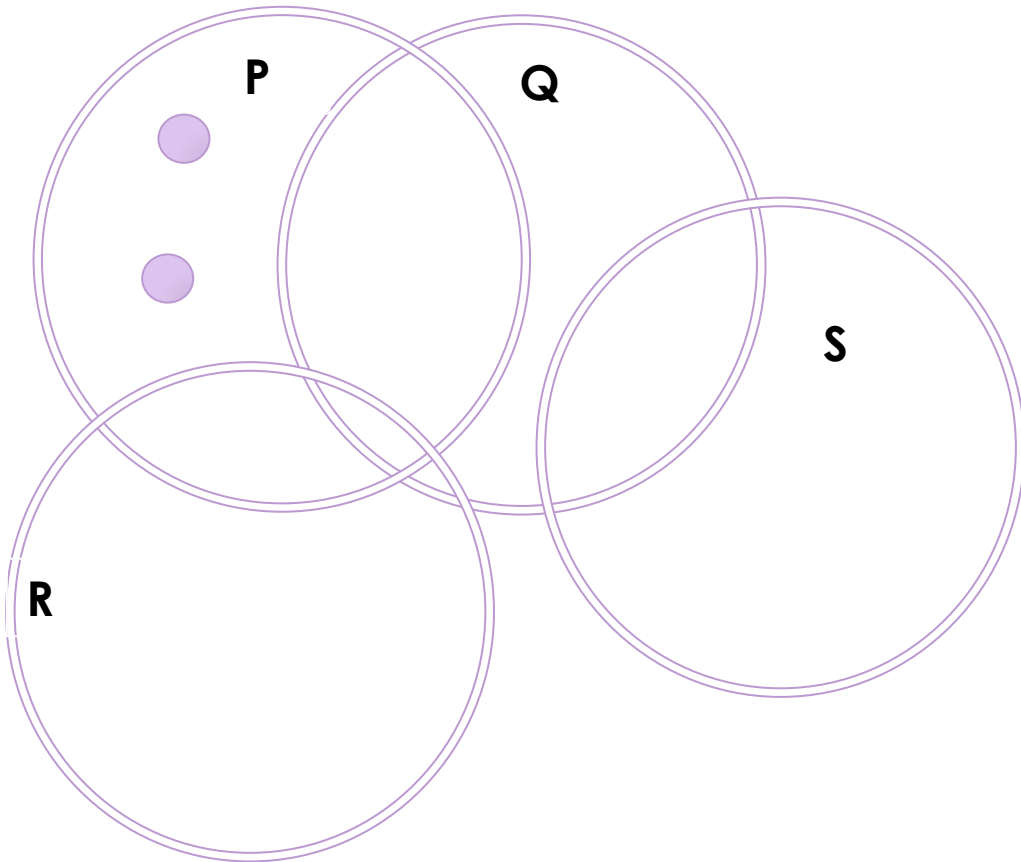
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(simple and integer version)

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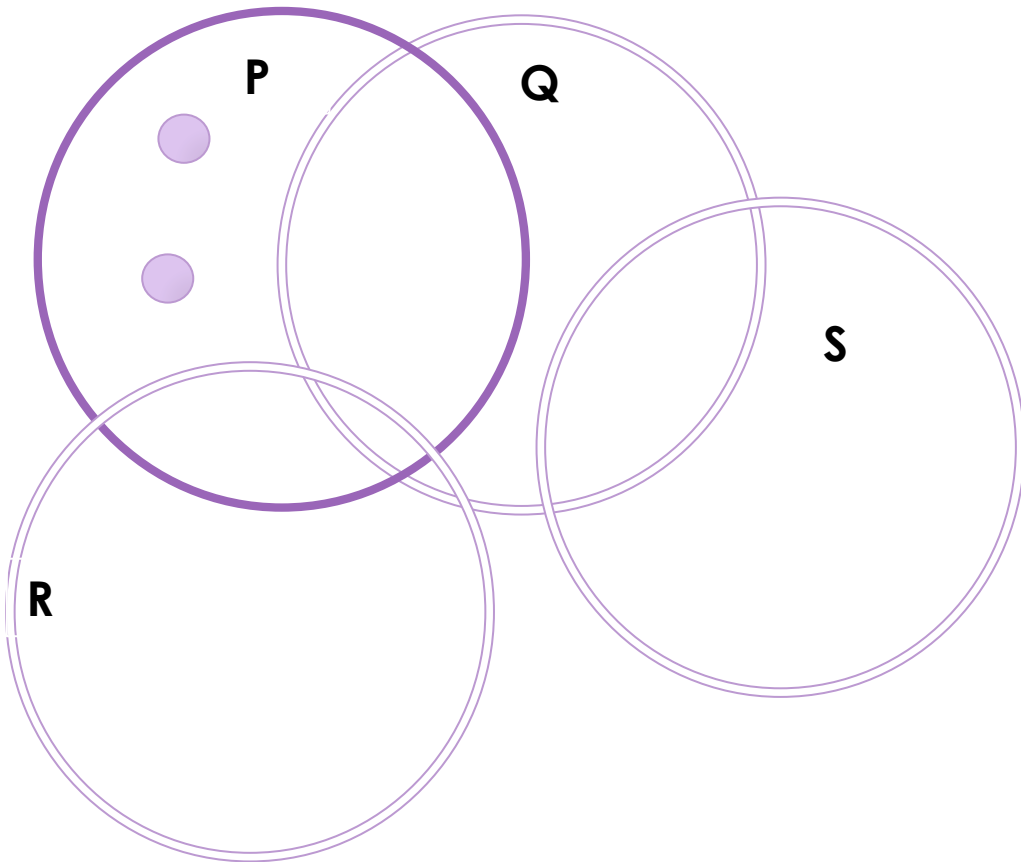
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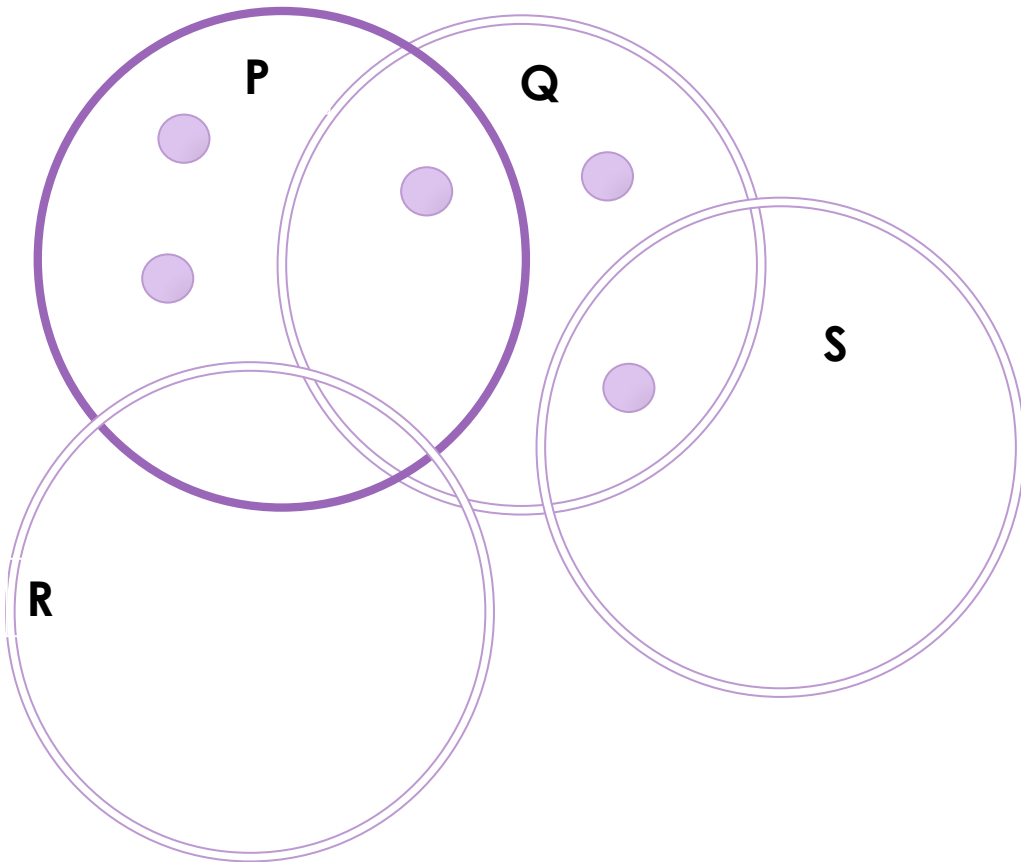
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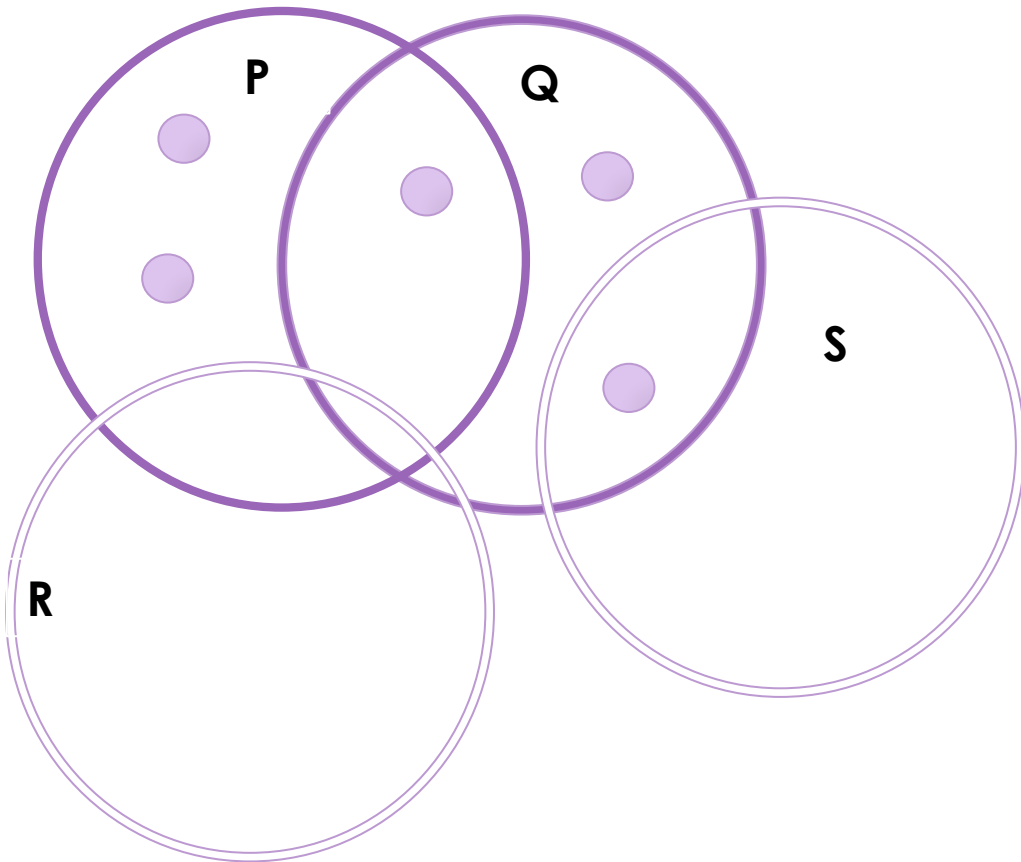
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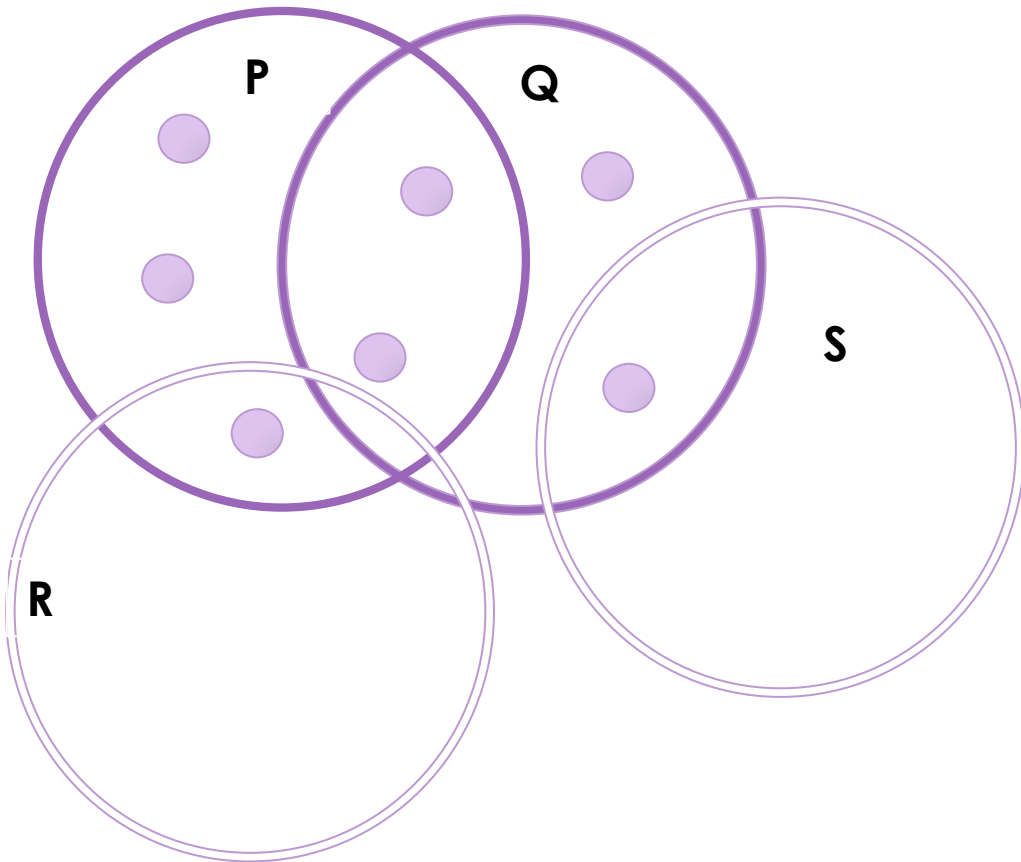
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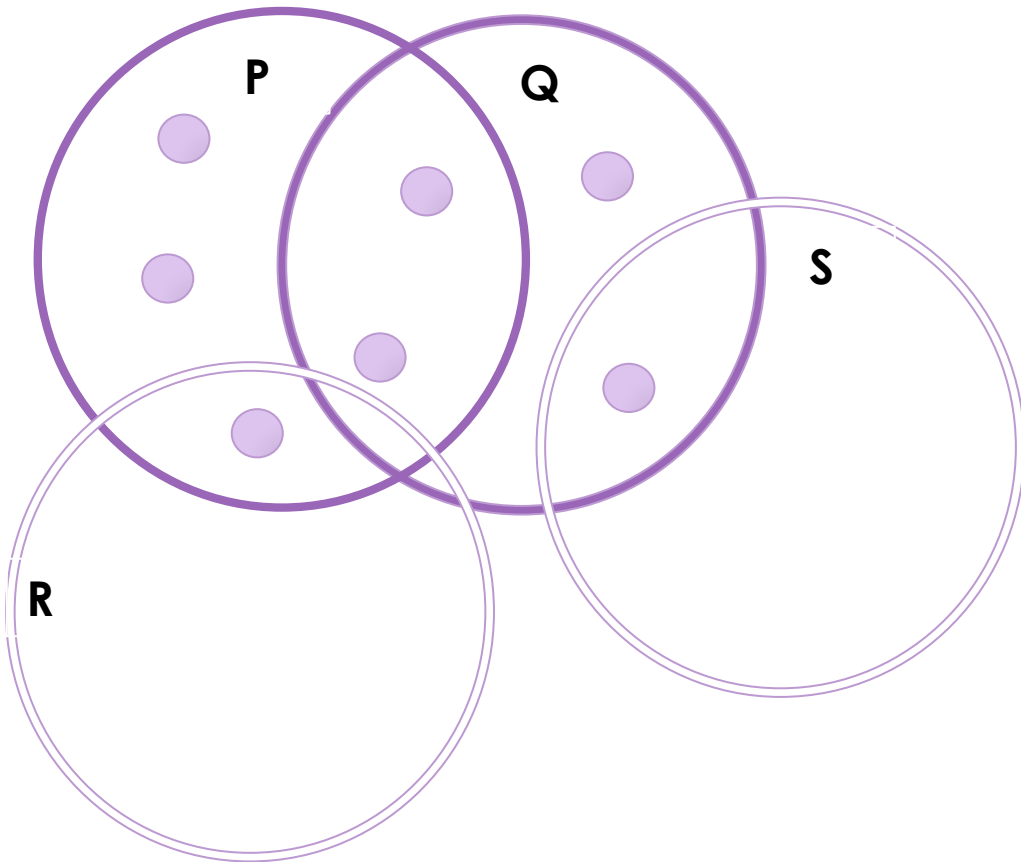
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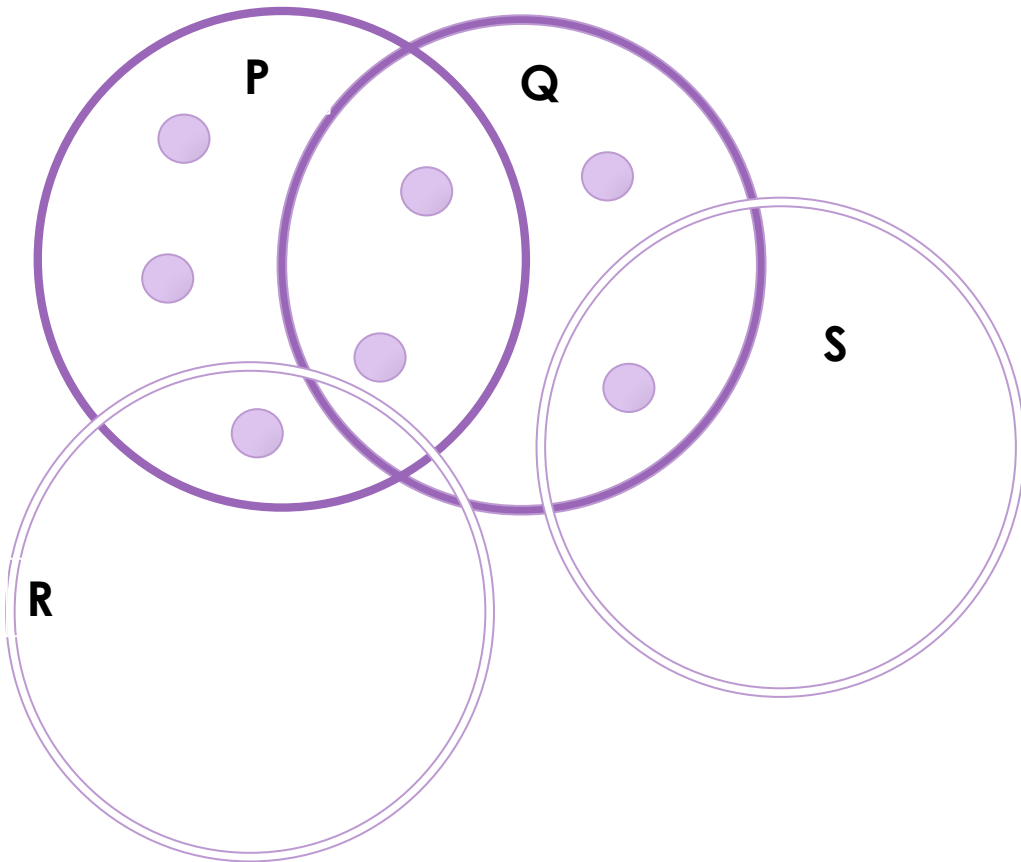
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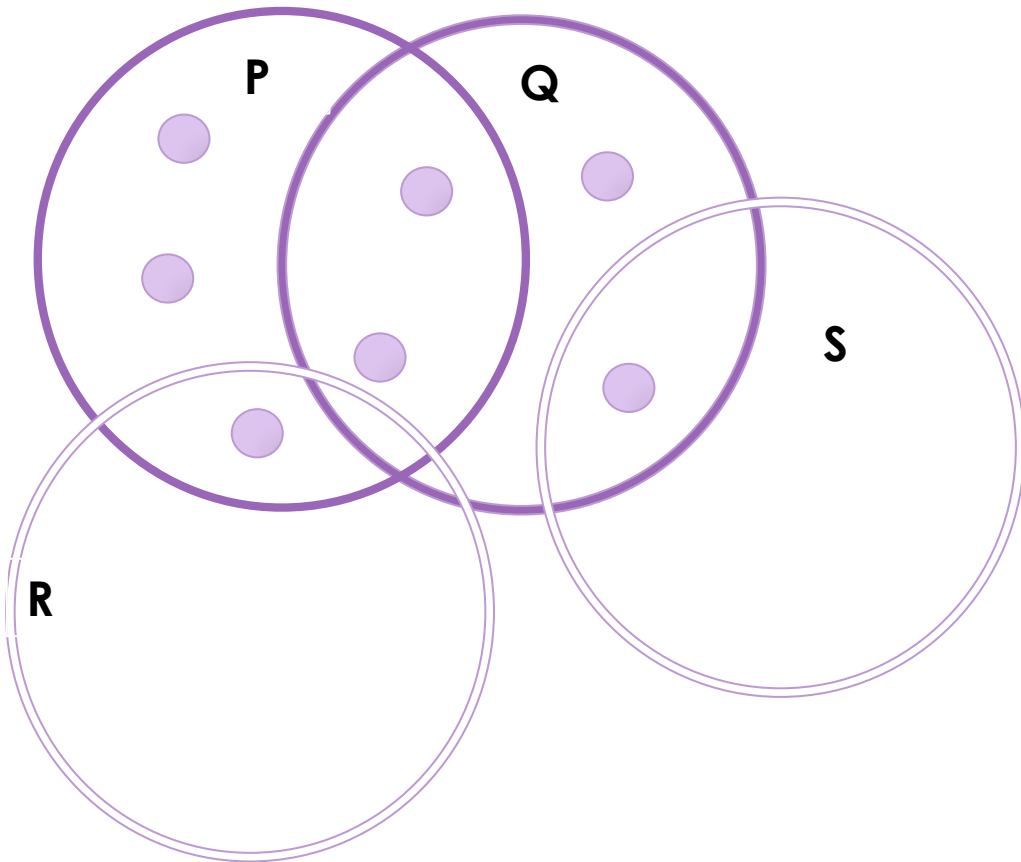
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- **How the situation will change you can think of ?**

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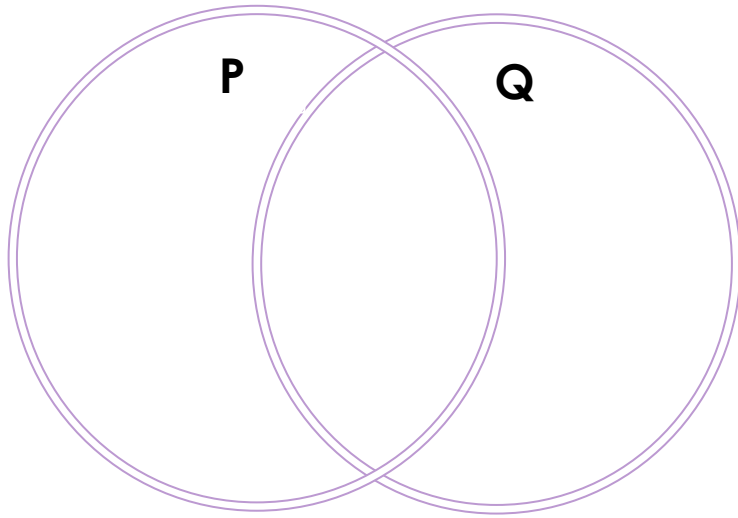
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- **Some sets may be turned off**

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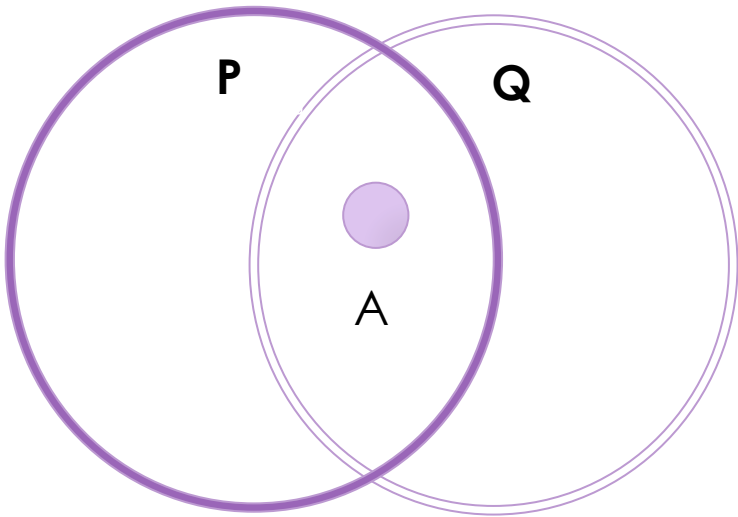


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P	3	1
Q	1	4

- Online setting: the nodes on this plane will appear and disappear gradually, reporting the set of circles(Set) which can cover them.
- The appearing time and disappearing time will not be revealed in advance
- Our goal: to minimize the sum of total serving cost and turn-on cost.

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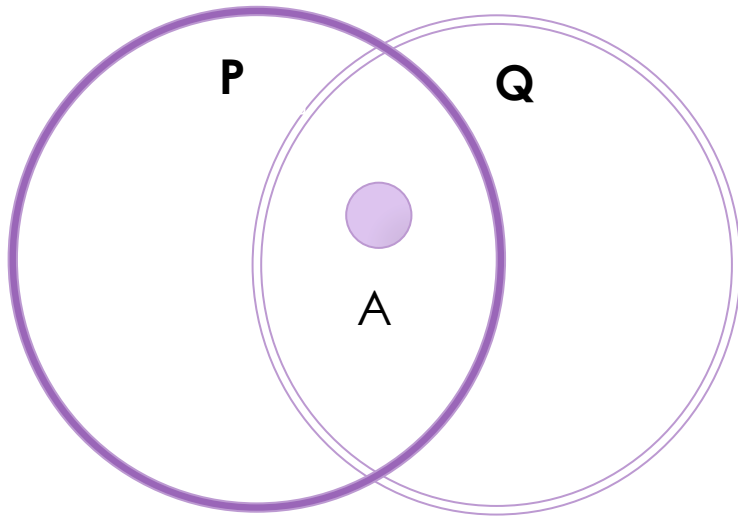


Greedy

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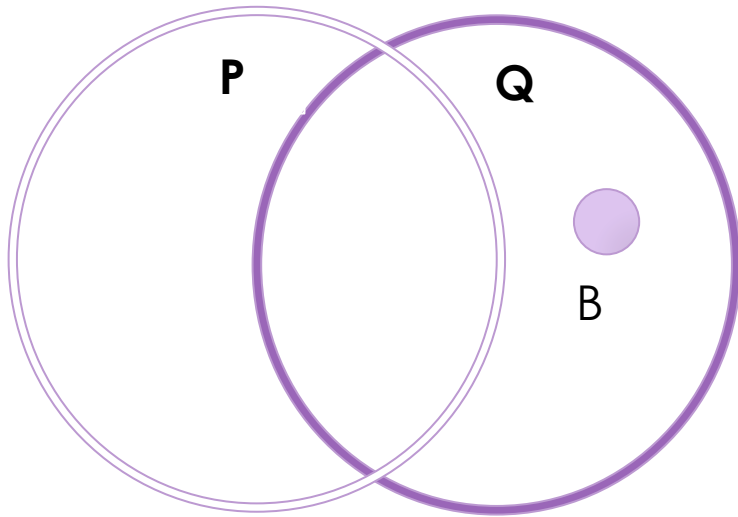


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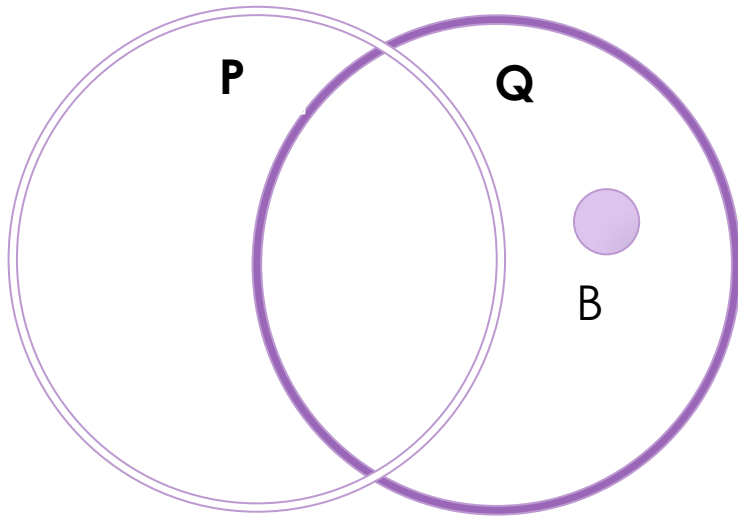


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Multiple slots in the duration of each
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Break
Ties !!!

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Actual cost

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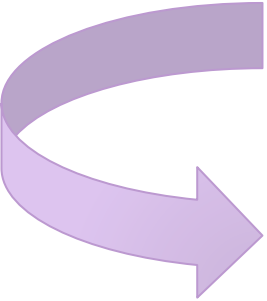
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Function for
 l_1 -norm

$$\Delta(\mathbf{w} \parallel \mathbf{u}) = \sum_i \left(\mathbf{w}_i \ln \frac{\mathbf{w}_i}{\mathbf{u}_i} + \mathbf{u}_i - \mathbf{w}_i \right)$$

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Competitive Analysis

— Primal-dual Framework

⊙ Primal $\xrightarrow{\text{KKT Condition}}$ Dual

⊙ Objective consists of two parts:

⊙ Service Cost $\sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^n c_{i,t} \cdot y_{i,t}$

⊙ Movement Cost $\sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=1} w_i \cdot \max\{0, y_{i,t} - y_{i,t-1}\}.$

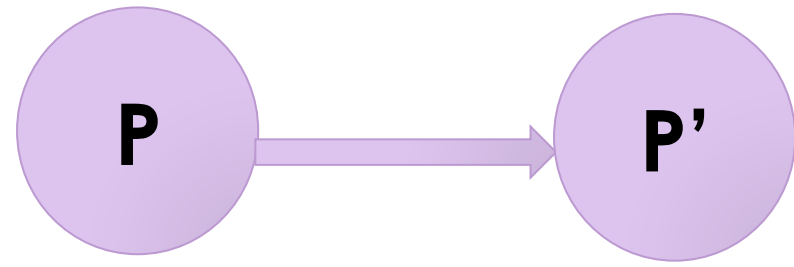
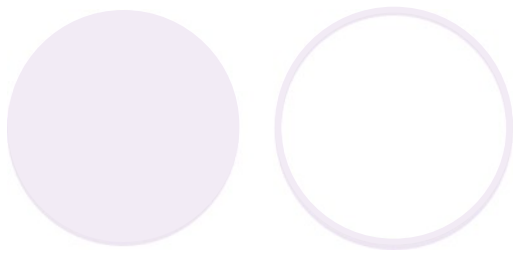
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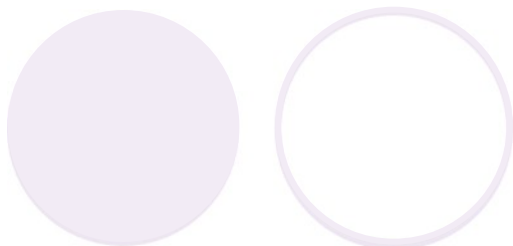
⊙ $a - b \leq a \ln(a/b)$

⊙ $\sum_i a_i \log(a_i/b_i) \geq (\sum_i a_i) \log(\frac{\sum_i a_i}{\sum_i b_i}).$

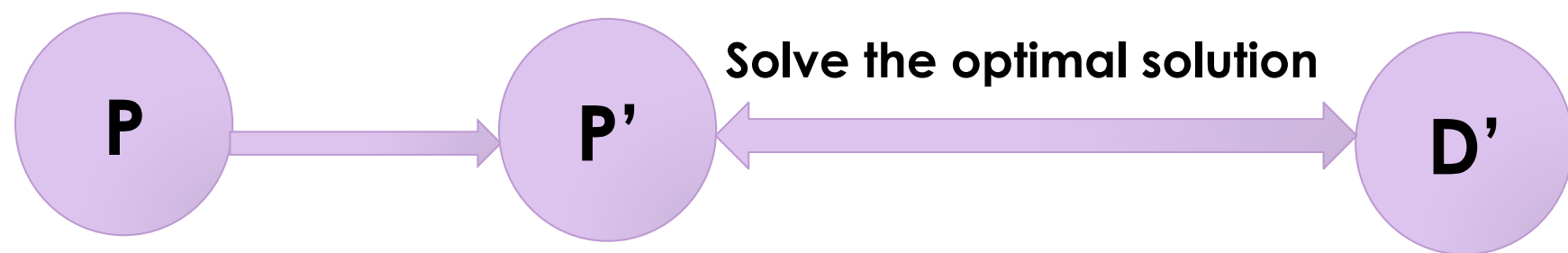
Competitive Analysis

—big picture

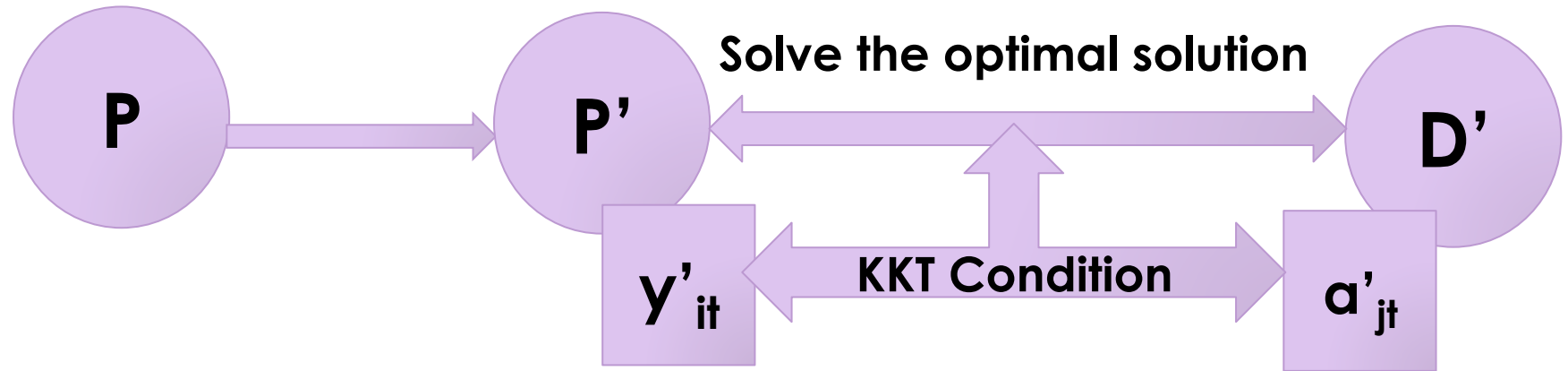




Competitive Analysis ——big picture

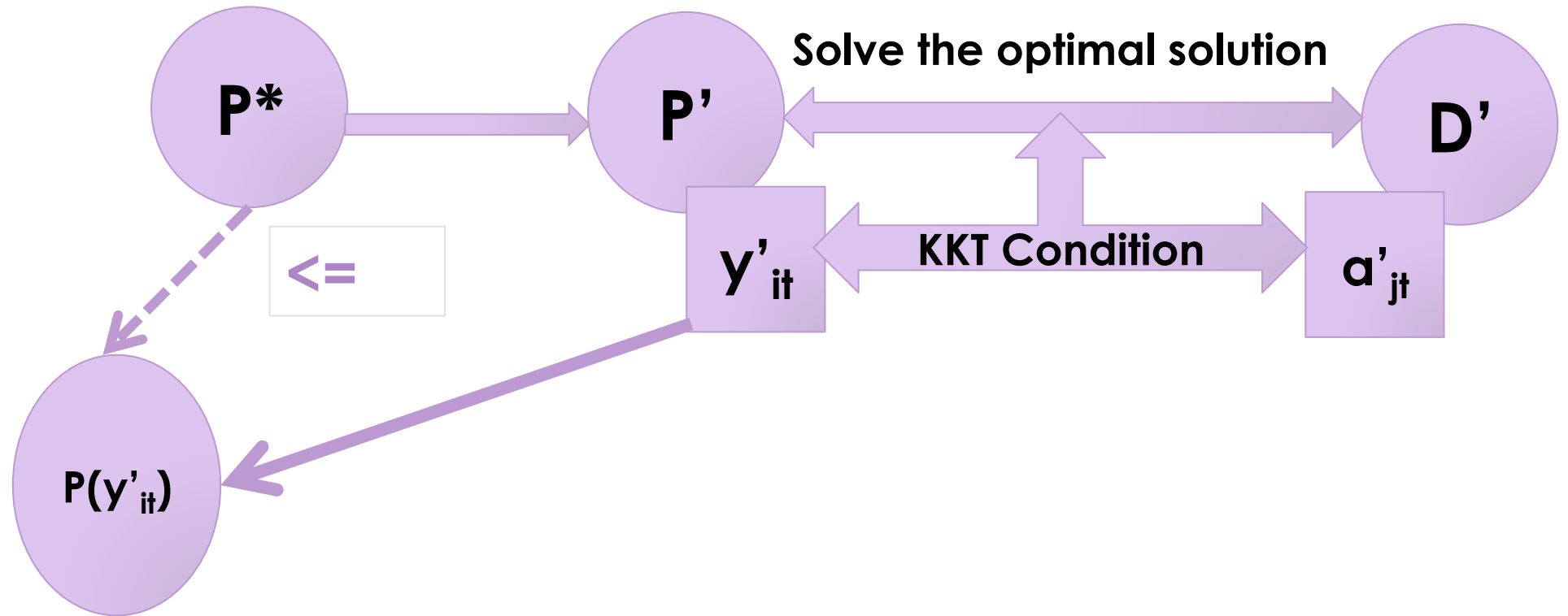


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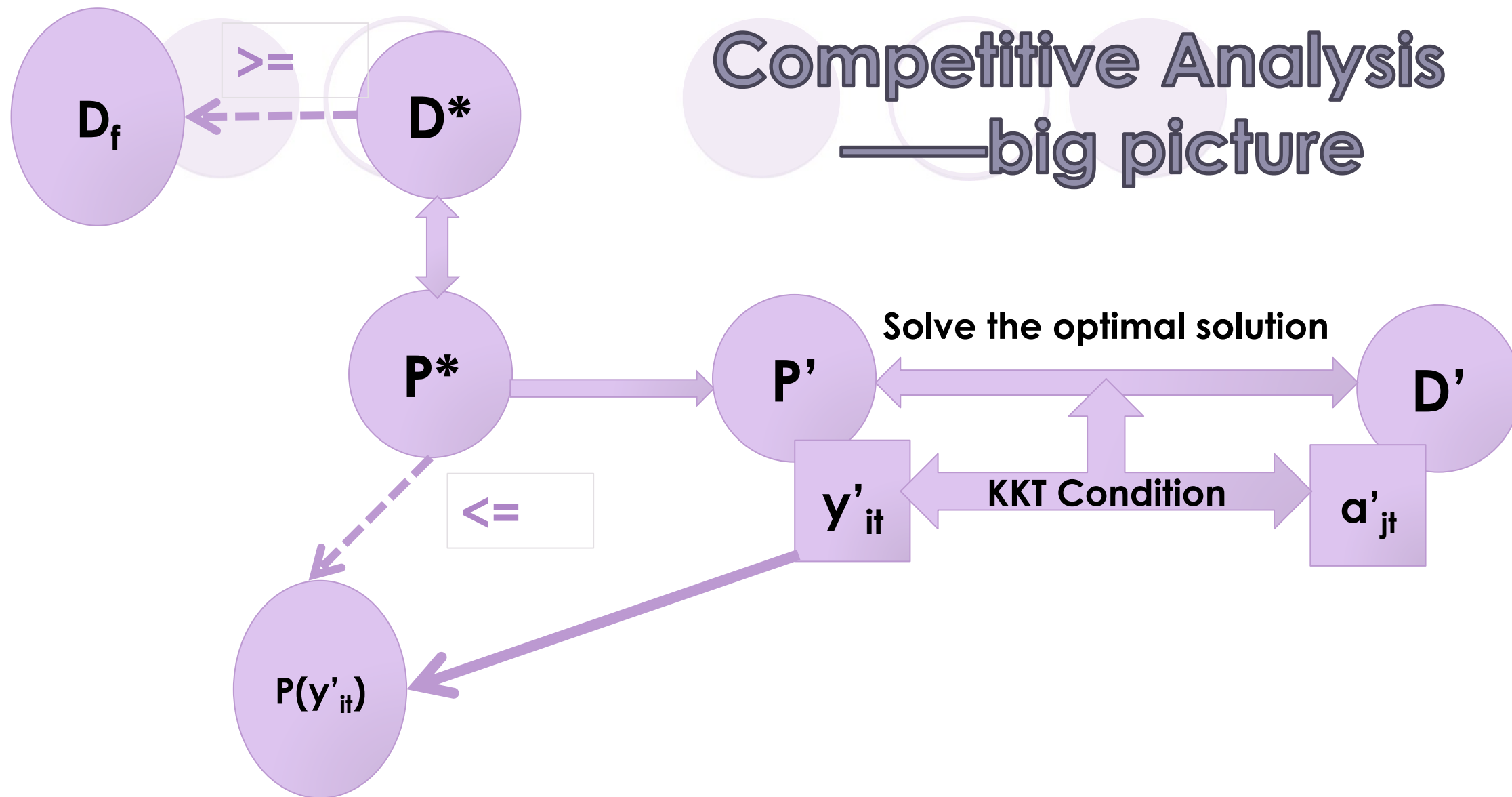
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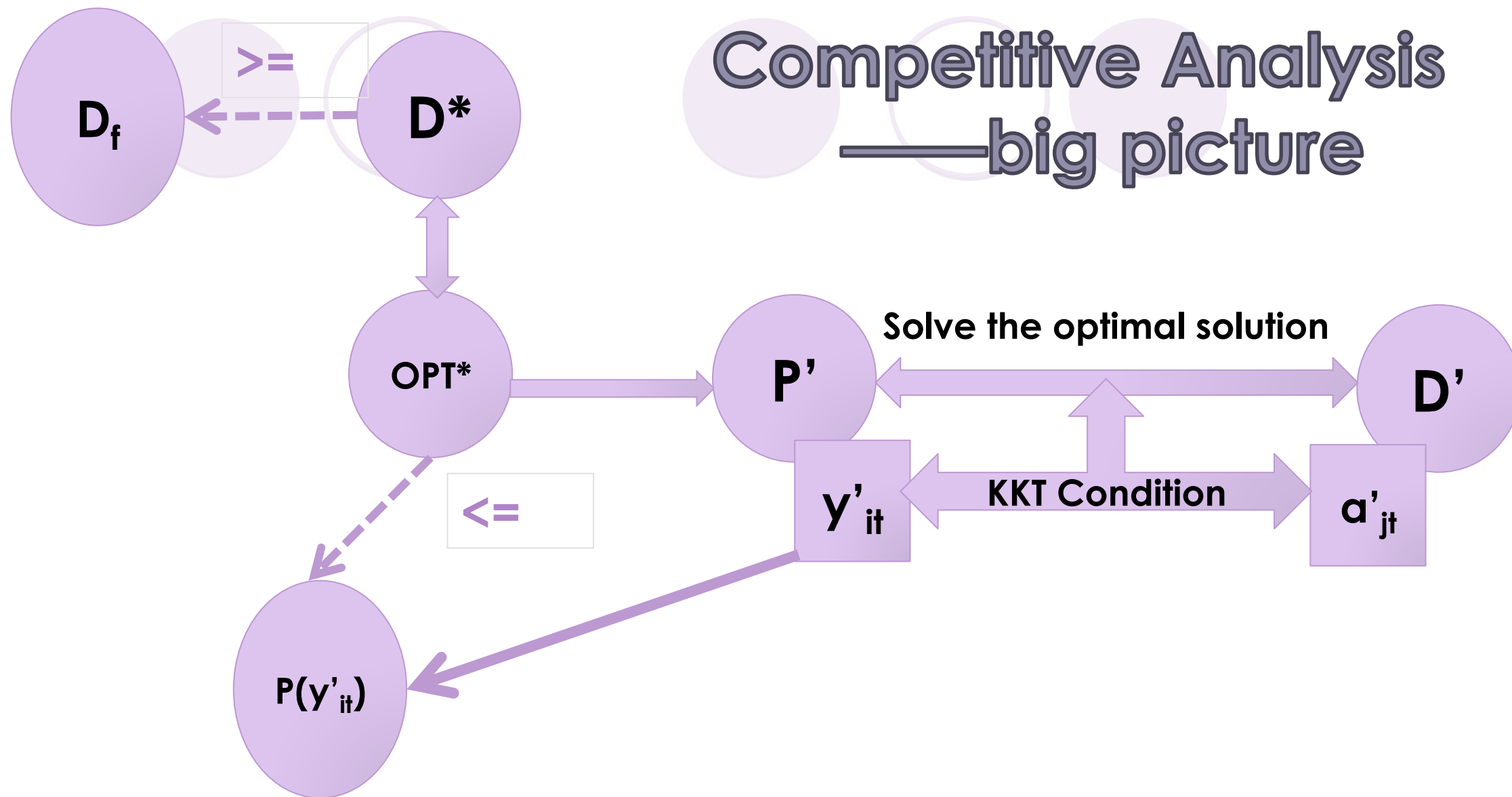
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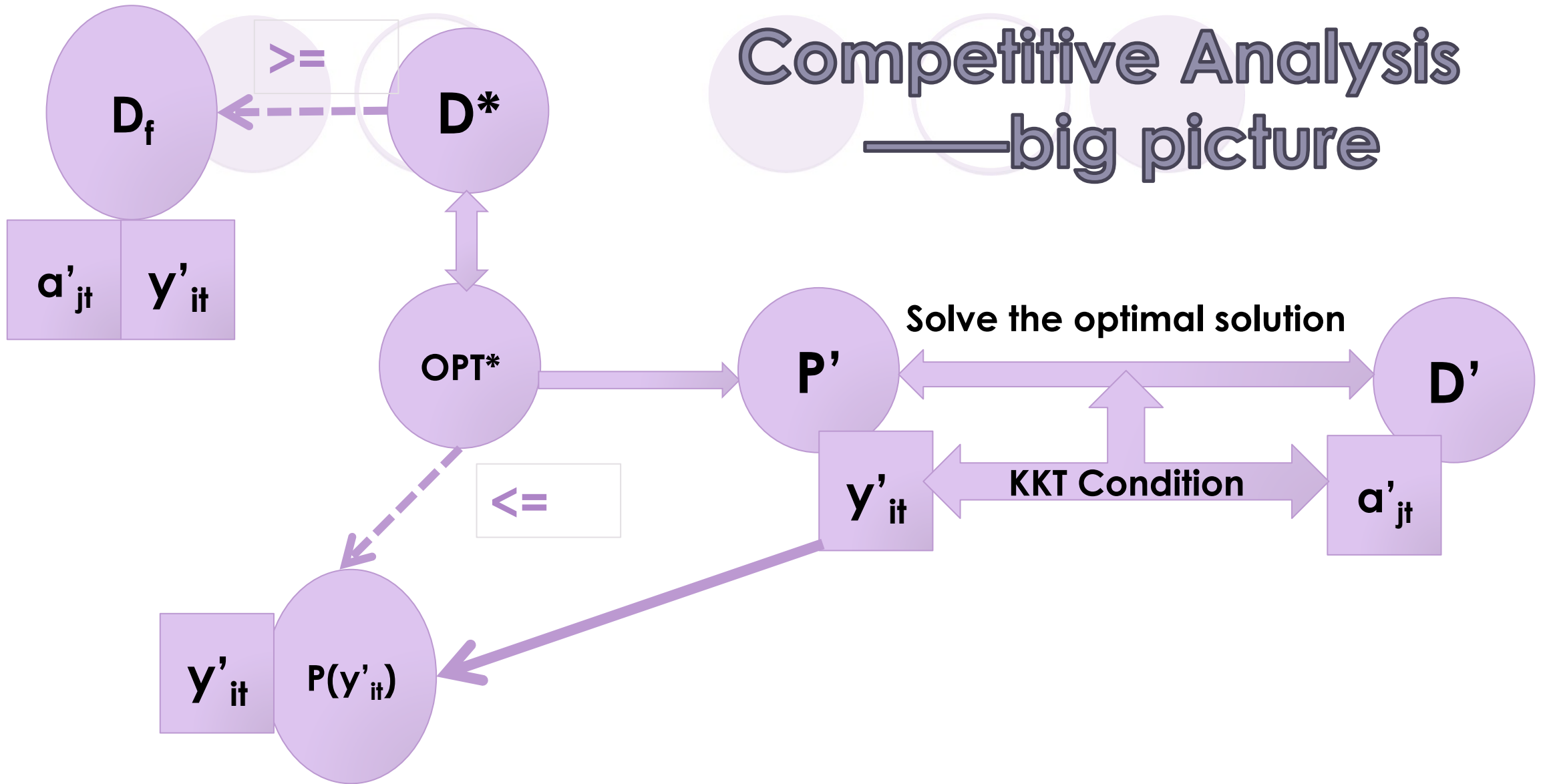
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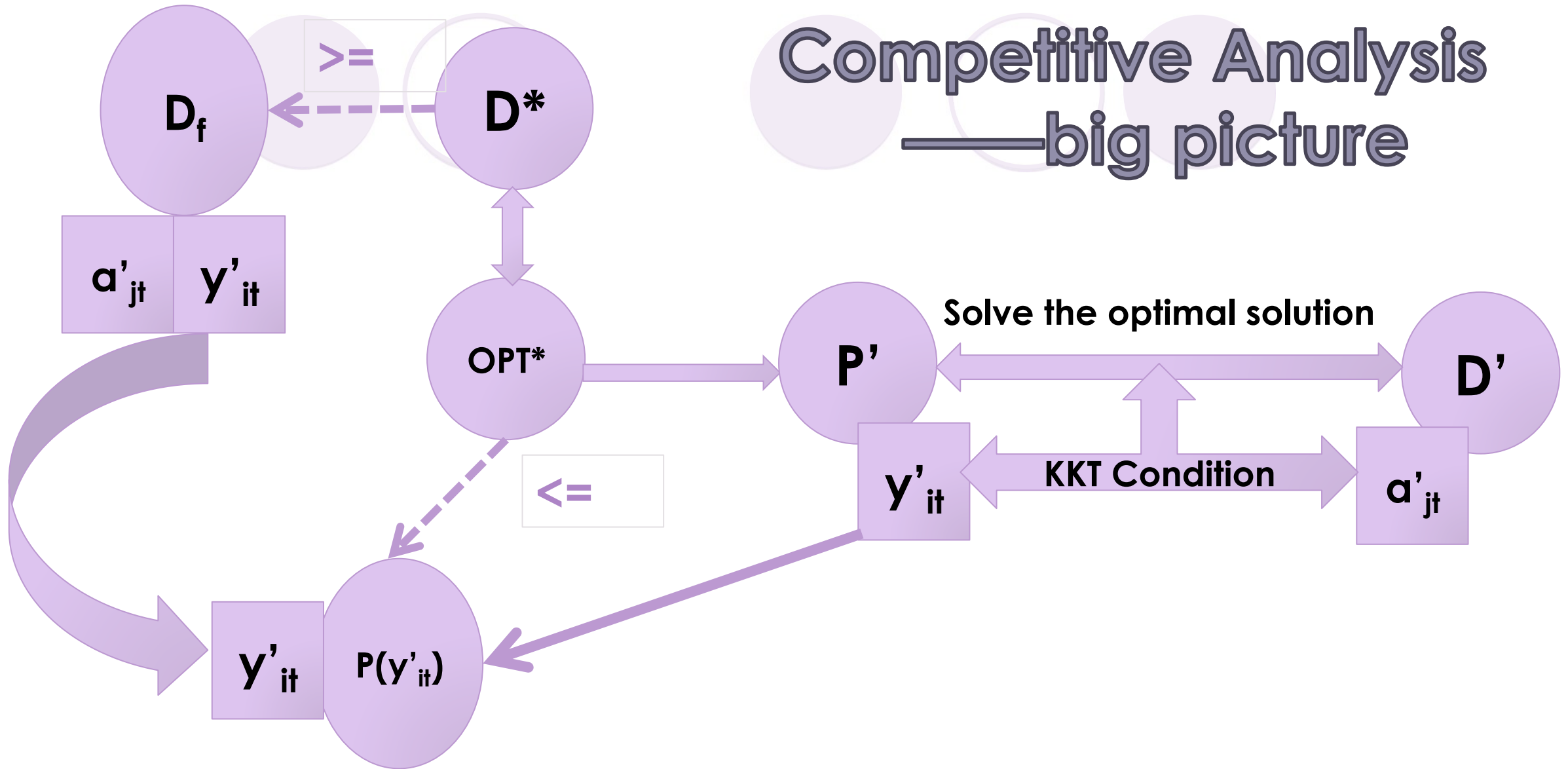
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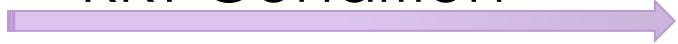

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Competitive Analysis

— Primal-dual Framework

- ◉ Primal  Dual
- ◉ Optimality
- ◉  primal and dual variables satisfy KKT Condition
- ◉ Which one we list the KKT Condition for ?
Ans: P'^* and D'^* .
Let $\overset{\text{→}}{y'}$ denote the solution of P'^* .

KKT Optimality Condition

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^n c_{i,t} \cdot y_{i,t} + \frac{1}{\eta} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \left(\left(x_i + \frac{\epsilon}{n} \right) \ln \left(\frac{x_i + \epsilon/n}{y_{i,t-1} + \epsilon/n} \right) - x_i \right) \quad \forall t$$

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Associated dual variable : a_{jt}

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In fact, we do not need to derive the specific dual program from P' . We only need to know the dual variables and list the kkt condition for P' and D' .

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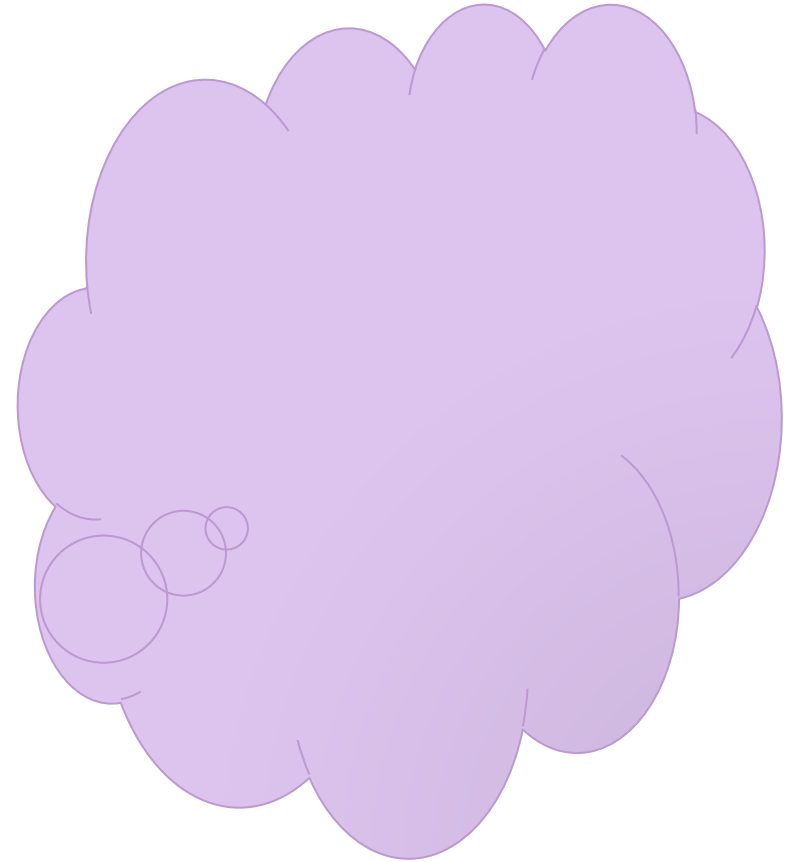
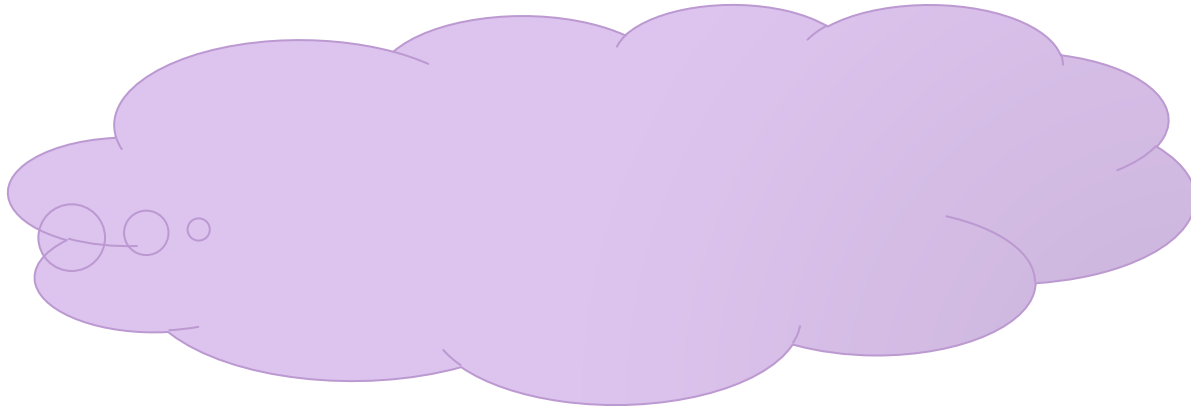
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(2.12)

$$y_{i,t} \left(c_{i,t} + \frac{w_i}{\eta} \ln \left(\frac{y_{i,t} + \frac{\epsilon}{n}}{y_{i,t-1} + \frac{\epsilon}{n}} \right) - \sum_{j: i \in S_{j,t}} a_{j,t} \right) = 0.$$

$$\mathbf{a \cdot b \leq a \ln(a/b)}$$

$$M_t = \eta \sum_{y_{i,t} > y_{i,t-1}} \frac{w_i}{\eta} (y_{i,t} - y_{i,t-1})$$

$$(2.1) \quad M_t = \eta \sum_{y_{i,t} > y_{i,t-1}} \frac{w_i}{\eta} (y_{i,t} - y_{i,t-1}) \leq \eta \sum_{y_{i,t} > y_{i,t-1}} \left(y_{i,t} + \frac{\epsilon}{n} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{w_i}{\eta} \ln \left(\frac{y_{i,t} + \frac{\epsilon}{n}}{y_{i,t-1} + \frac{\epsilon}{n}} \right) \right)$$

$$(2.2) \quad = \eta \sum_{y_{i,t} > y_{i,t-1}} \left(y_{i,t} + \frac{\epsilon}{n} \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{j: i \in S_{j,t}} a_{j,t} - c_{i,t} \right)$$

$$(2.3) \quad \leq \eta \sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_{i,t} + \frac{\epsilon}{n} \right) \sum_{j: i \in S_{j,t}} a_{j,t} = \eta \sum_{j=1}^{m_t} a_{j,t} \left(\sum_{i \in S_{j,t}} y_{i,t} + \frac{\epsilon |S_{j,t}|}{n} \right)$$

$$(2.4) \quad \leq \eta \left(1 + \frac{\epsilon k}{n} \right) \sum_{j=1}^{m_t} a_{j,t}.$$

How KKT benefits Competitive Analysis

$$b_{i,t+1} = \frac{w_i}{\eta} \ln \left(\frac{1+\epsilon/n}{y_{i,t}+\epsilon/n} \right)$$

$$a_{jt} = a'_{jt}$$

For all $1 \leq j \leq m_t$,

$$S = \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^n c_{i,t} y_{i,t}$$

(2.9)

$$\sum_{i \in S_{j,t}} y_{i,t} - 1 \geq 0,$$

$$(2.5) \quad S = \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^n c_{i,t} y_{i,t} = \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^{m_t} a_{j,t} \sum_{i \in S_{j,t}} y_{i,t} - \frac{1}{\eta} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \cdot y_{i,t} \ln \left(\frac{y_{i,t} + \frac{\epsilon}{n}}{y_{i,t-1} + \frac{\epsilon}{n}} \right)$$

(2.10)

$$a_{j,t} \left(\sum_{i \in S_{j,t}} y_{i,t} - 1 \right) = 0,$$

$$(2.6) \quad = \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^{m_t} a_{j,t} - \frac{1}{\eta} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^T \left(y_{i,t} + \frac{\epsilon}{n} \right) \ln \left(\frac{y_{i,t} + \frac{\epsilon}{n}}{y_{i,t-1} + \frac{\epsilon}{n}} \right) - \frac{\epsilon}{n} \sum_{t=1}^T \ln \left(\frac{y_{i,t} + \frac{\epsilon}{n}}{y_{i,t-1} + \frac{\epsilon}{n}} \right) \right\}$$

For all $1 \leq i \leq n$,

$$(2.7) \quad \leq \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^{m_t} a_{j,t} - \frac{1}{\eta} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \left\{ \left(\sum_{t=1}^T \left(y_{i,t} + \frac{\epsilon}{n} \right) \right) \ln \left(\frac{\sum_{t=1}^T \left(y_{i,t} + \frac{\epsilon}{n} \right)}{\sum_{t=1}^T \left(y_{i,t-1} + \frac{\epsilon}{n} \right)} \right) - \frac{\epsilon}{n} \ln \left(\frac{y_{i,T} + \frac{\epsilon}{n}}{y_{i,0} + \frac{\epsilon}{n}} \right) \right\}$$

(2.11)

$$c_{i,t} + \frac{w_i}{\eta} \ln \left(\frac{y_{i,t} + \frac{\epsilon}{n}}{y_{i,t-1} + \frac{\epsilon}{n}} \right) - \sum_{j: i \in S_{j,t}} a_{j,t} \geq 0,$$

$$(2.8) \quad \leq \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^{m_t} a_{j,t} = \text{value of } (D).$$

$$\sum_i a_i \log(a_i/b_i) \geq \left(\sum_i a_i \right) \log \left(\frac{\sum_i a_i}{\sum_i b_i} \right).$$

$$y_{i,t} \left(c_{i,t} + \frac{w_i}{\eta} \ln \left(\frac{y_{i,t} + \frac{\epsilon}{n}}{y_{i,t-1} + \frac{\epsilon}{n}} \right) - \sum_{j: i \in S_{j,t}} a_{j,t} \right) = 0.$$

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General Covering Constraints with Variable Upper Bounds

- ◆ Each node needs multiple circles to cover him $\sum_{i \in S_{j,t}} y_{i,t} \geq r_{j,t}$ (where $r_{j,t} \in \mathbb{N}$)

- ◆ Upper Bound for each variable

$$0 \leq y_{i,t} \leq 1$$

$0 \leq y_{i,t} \leq 1$ is naturally guaranteed in P'

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- ✓ $0 \leq y_{i,t} \leq 1$

Knapsack Constraints:

If we need to guarantee $\sum_{i \in S} x_i \geq r$

Then for every $S' \subset S : |S'| < r$,

we should have:

$$\sum_{i \in S \setminus S'} x_i \geq r - |S'|.$$

By adding the KC constraints, the original box constraints become redundant; consider the first round t in which a variable $y_{i,t}$ is strictly larger than 1. The KC constraints imply that for every S containing i ,

$$\sum_{\ell \in S \setminus \{i\}} y_{\ell,t} \geq r_{j,t} - 1,$$

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Rounding a fractional solution to integer solution (minor weakness: $w_i=1$)

Algorithm 2 Rounding Algorithm

- 1: parameter: $\alpha \geq 0$
 - 2: for each $S \in \mathcal{S}$, choose i.i.d random variable $Z_S \sim \exp(1)$.
 - 3: for each $e \in \mathcal{E}$, choose i.i.d random variable $Z_e \sim \exp(1)$.
 - 4: at any time t , let $y_{S,t}$ denote the current fractional value of S .
 - 5: **for** $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$ **do**
 - 6: let $A_t = \left\{ S \in \mathcal{S} \mid \frac{Z_S}{y_{S,t}} < \alpha \right\}$.
 - 7: let $B_t = \cup_{e \in \mathcal{E}} \left\{ S \mid S = \arg \min_{S' \mid e \in S'} \left\{ \frac{Z_{S'}}{y_{S',t}} \right\}, \text{ and } \frac{Z_S}{y_S} < \frac{Z_e}{\max\{0, 1 - \sum_{S' \mid e \in S'} y_{S',t}\}} \right\}$.
 - 8: output $A_t \cup B_t$.
 - 9: **end for**
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Thanks!

Q&A

The MTS Work Function Algorithm

- ◉ Let (S, d) be any MTS and let s_0 be an initial state
- ◉ Fix any task sequence $\sigma = r_1 r_2, \dots, r_n$
- ◉ Let $\sigma_i = r_1 r_2, \dots, r_i$ be the prefix of σ
- ◉ For each state $s \in S$, define $w_i(s)$ to be the minimum (offline) cost to process σ_i starting from s_0 and ending in state s

The MTS Work Function Algorithm

- For each state $s \in S$, define $w_i(s)$ to be the minimum (offline) cost to process σ_i starting from s_0 and ending in state s
- **Optimal offline cost** $\text{OPT}(\sigma) = \min_{x \in S} w_n(x)$
- To compute $w_n(s)$, we have:

$$w_{i+1}(s) = \min_{x \in S} \{w_i(x) + r_{i+1}(x) + d(x, s)\},$$

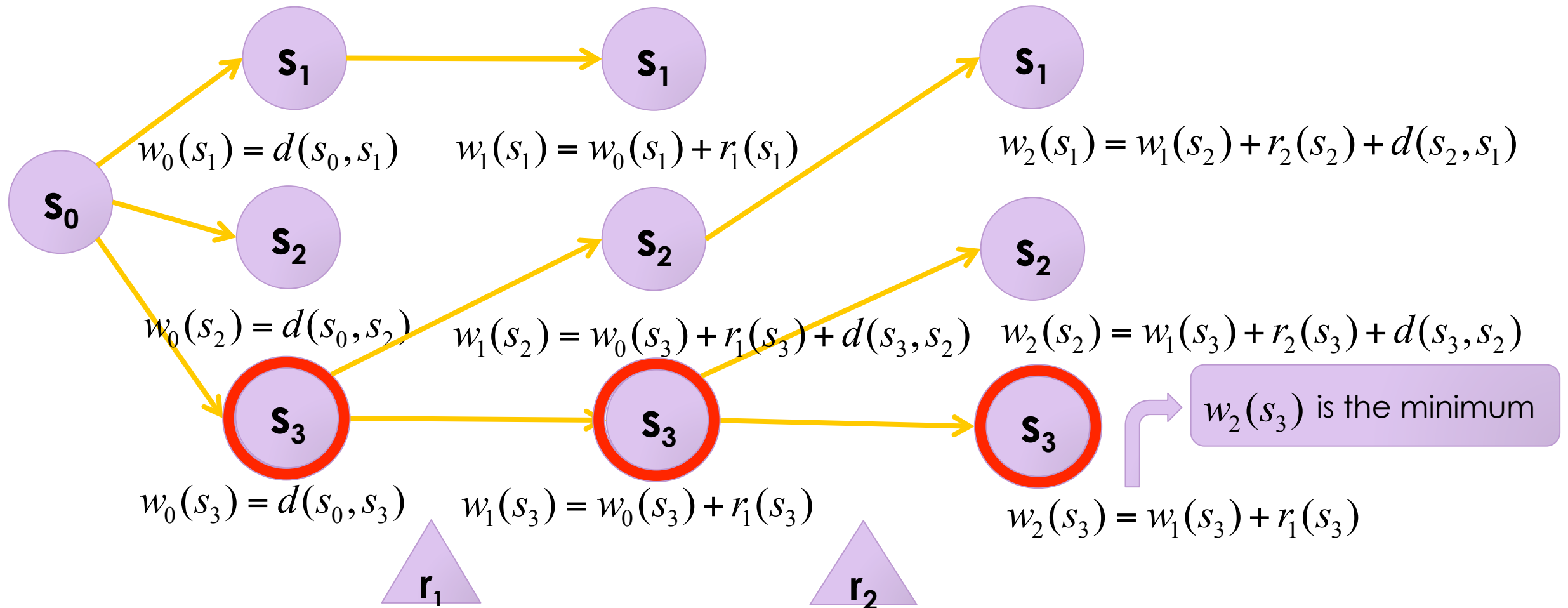
$$w_0(s) = d(s_0, s)$$



Dynamic programming

The MTS Work Function Algorithm

$$w_{i+1}(s) = \min_{x \in S} \{w_i(x) + r_{i+1}(x) + d(x, s)\}, w_0(s) = d(s_0, s)$$



The MTS Work Function Algorithm

- Online:

Algorithm WFA: Suppose that the algorithm is in state s_i after processing the i tasks in σ_i . Then to process r_i , the algorithm moves to a state

$$\begin{cases} s_{i+1} = \arg \min_{x \in S} \{w_{i+1}(x) + d(s_i, x)\}, \\ w_{i+1}(s_{i+1}) = w_i(s_{i+1}) + r_{i+1}(s_{i+1}) \end{cases}$$

WFA Can Always Choose An Appropriate State s_{i+1}

Offline: $w_{i+1}(s) = \min_{x \in S} \{w_i(x) + r_{i+1}(x) + d(x, s)\}$, $w_0(s) = d(s_0, s)$

Algorithm $\begin{cases} s_{i+1} = \arg \min_{x \in S} \{w_{i+1}(x) + d(s_i, x)\}, \end{cases} \quad (1)$

WFA: $\begin{cases} w_{i+1}(s_{i+1}) = w_i(s_{i+1}) + r_{i+1}(s_{i+1}) \end{cases} \quad (2)$

Proof: **Let A be the set of the states satisfying (1) and (2).**

We firstly define a set A' satisfying (1). Clearly, A' isn't empty.
Then we prove that there is an element of A' that satisfies (2).