

Algorithms for Decision Support

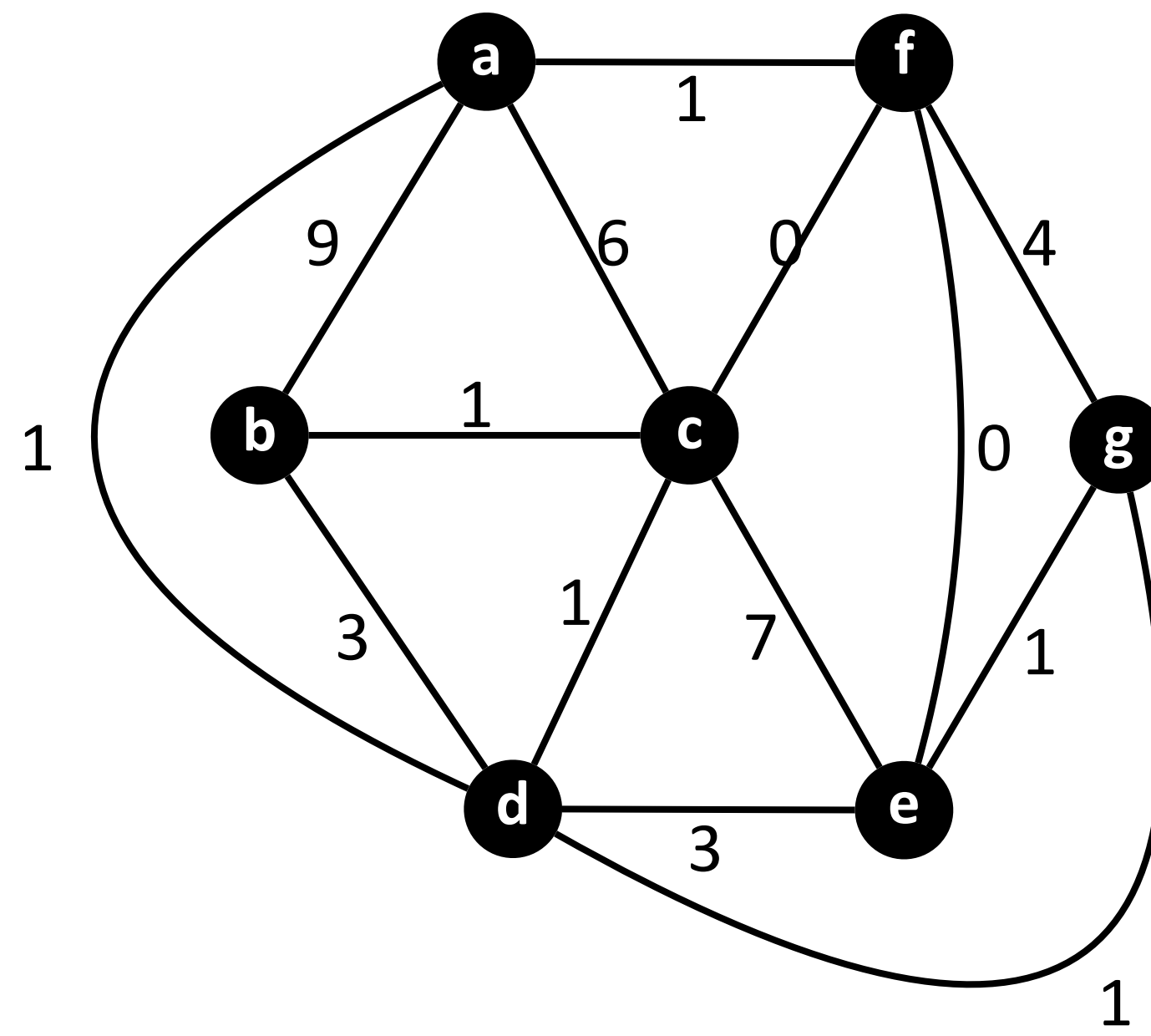
(Integer) Linear Programming (3/3)

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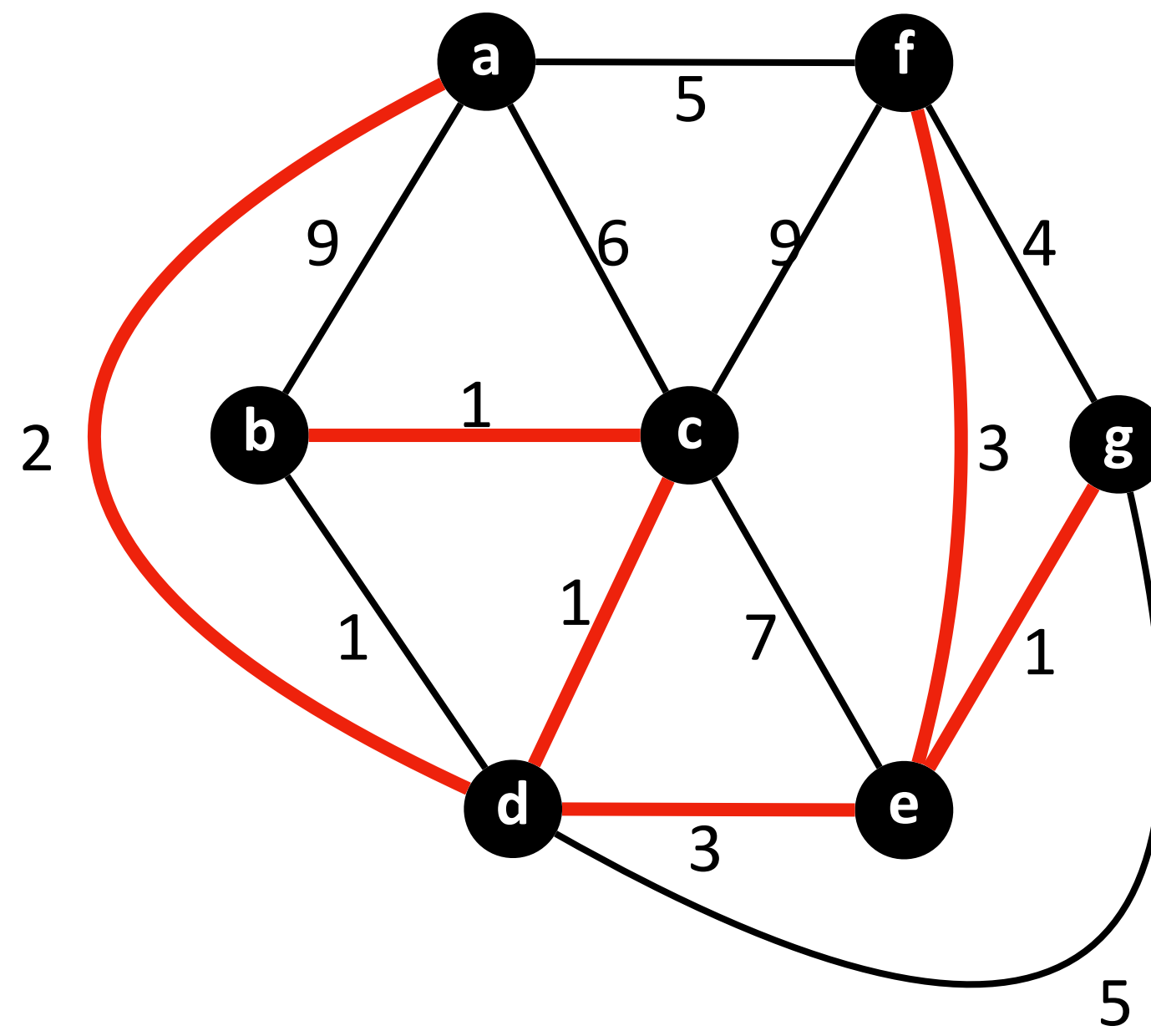
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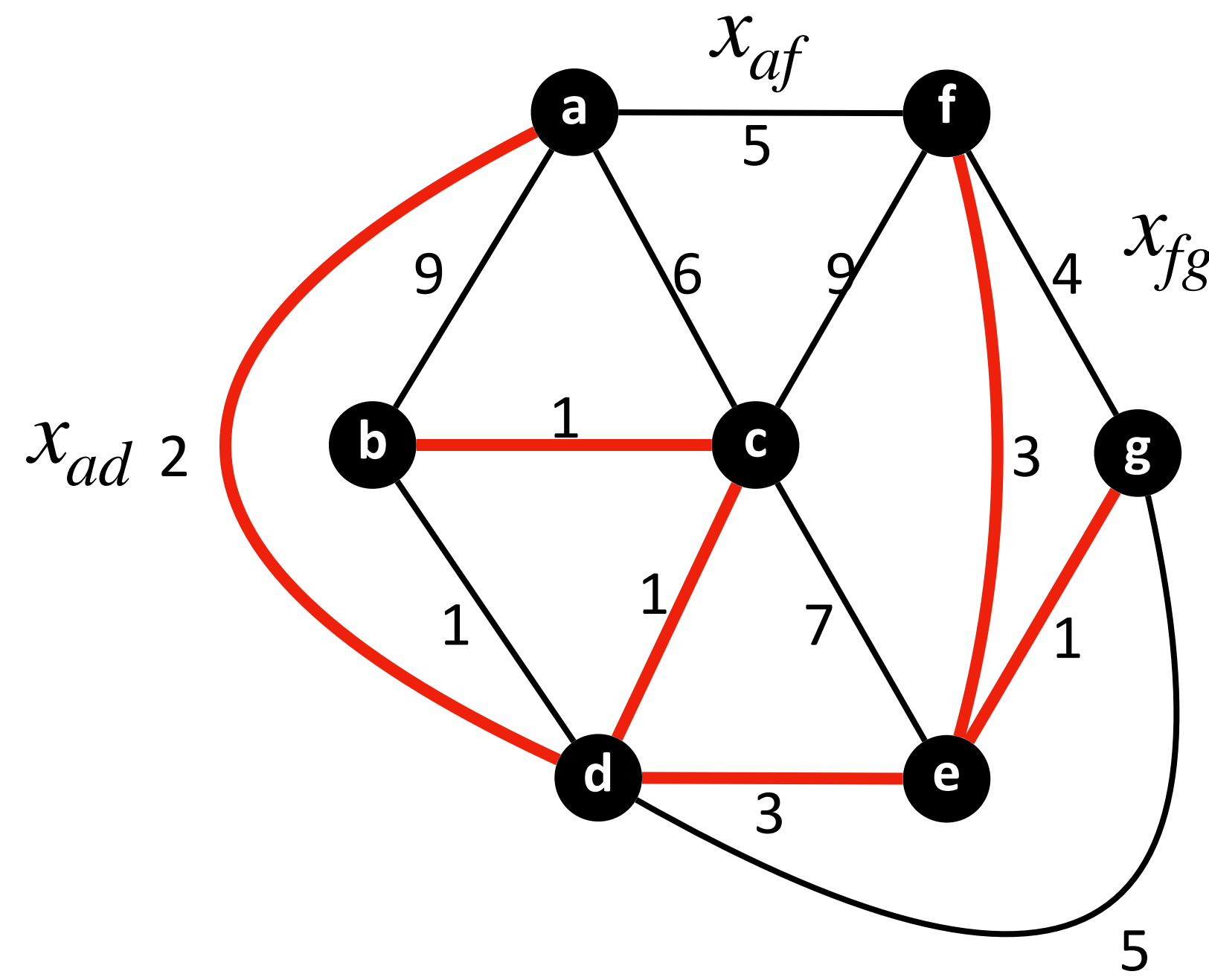
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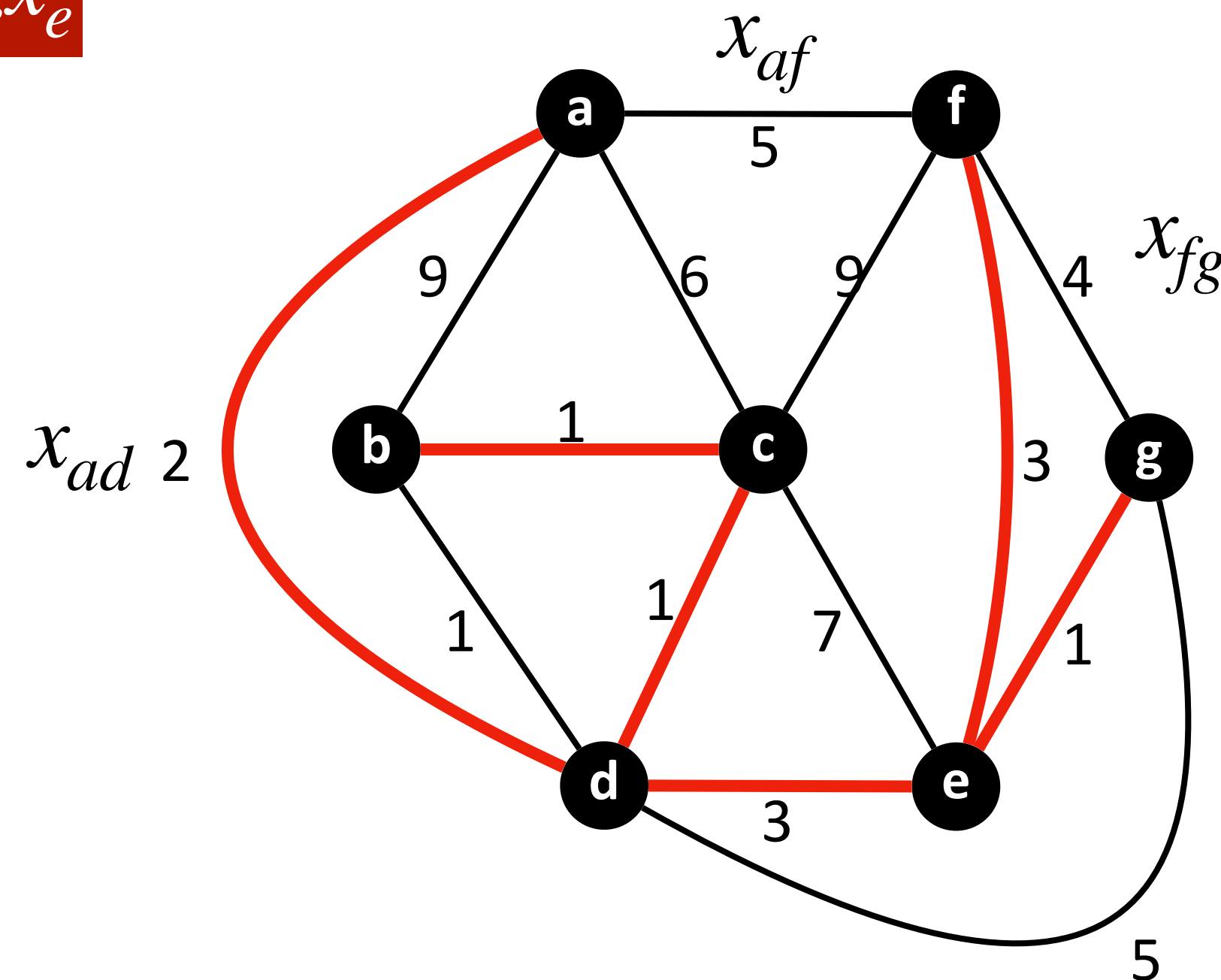
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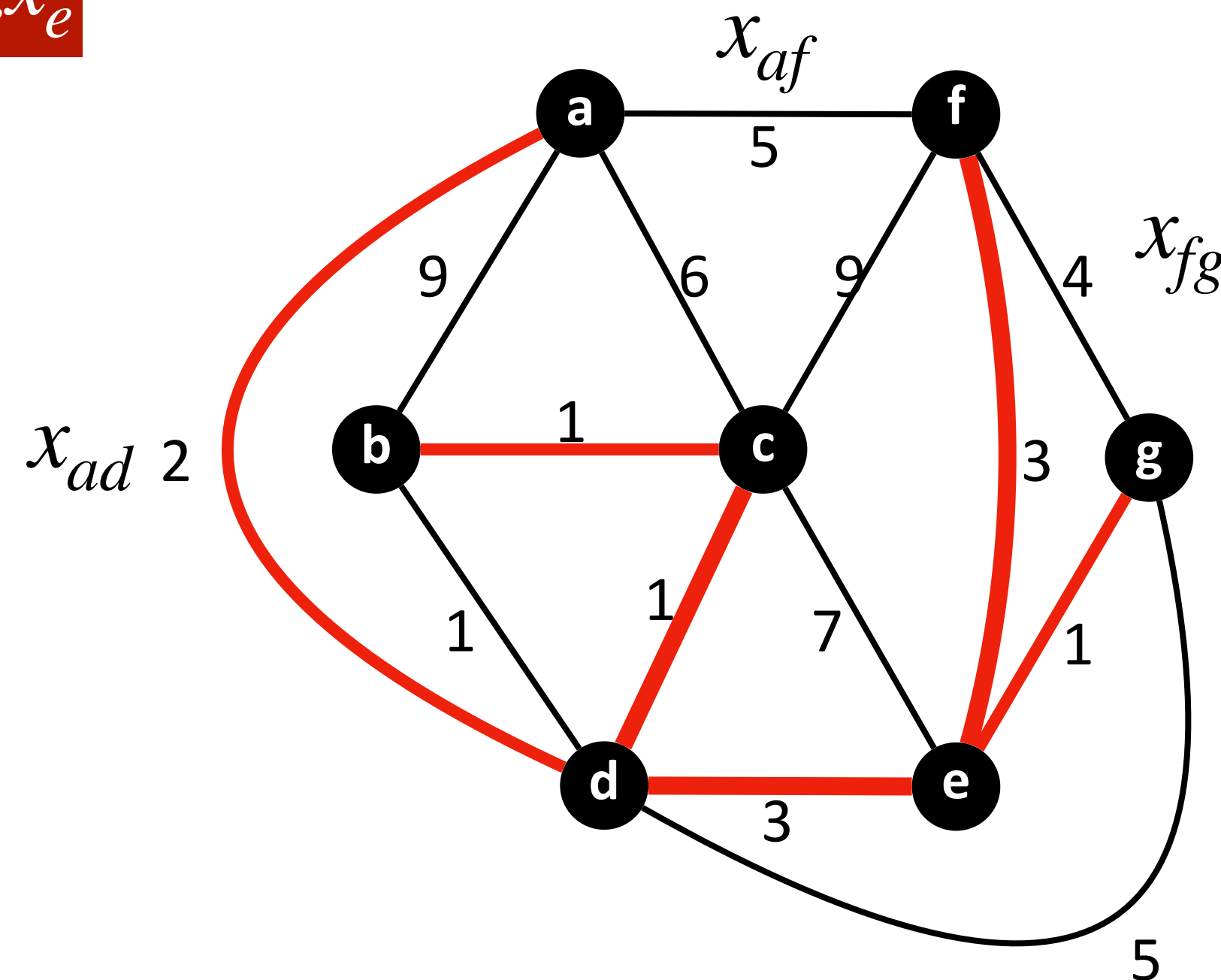


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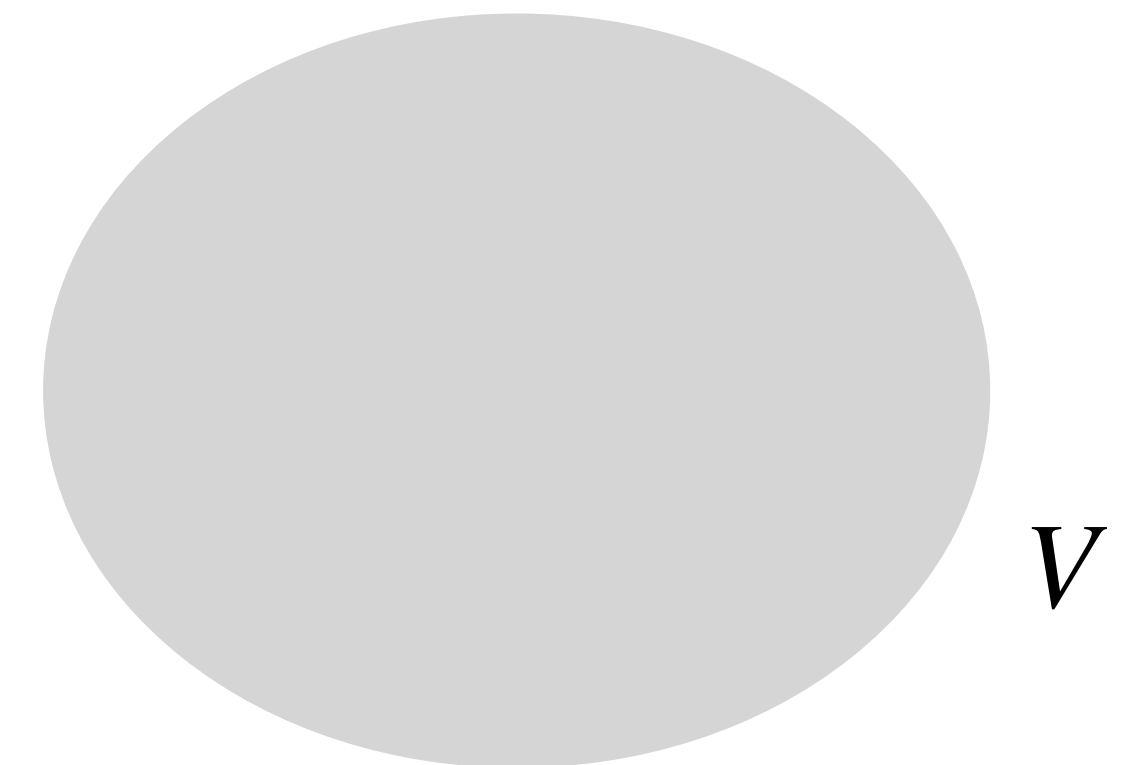
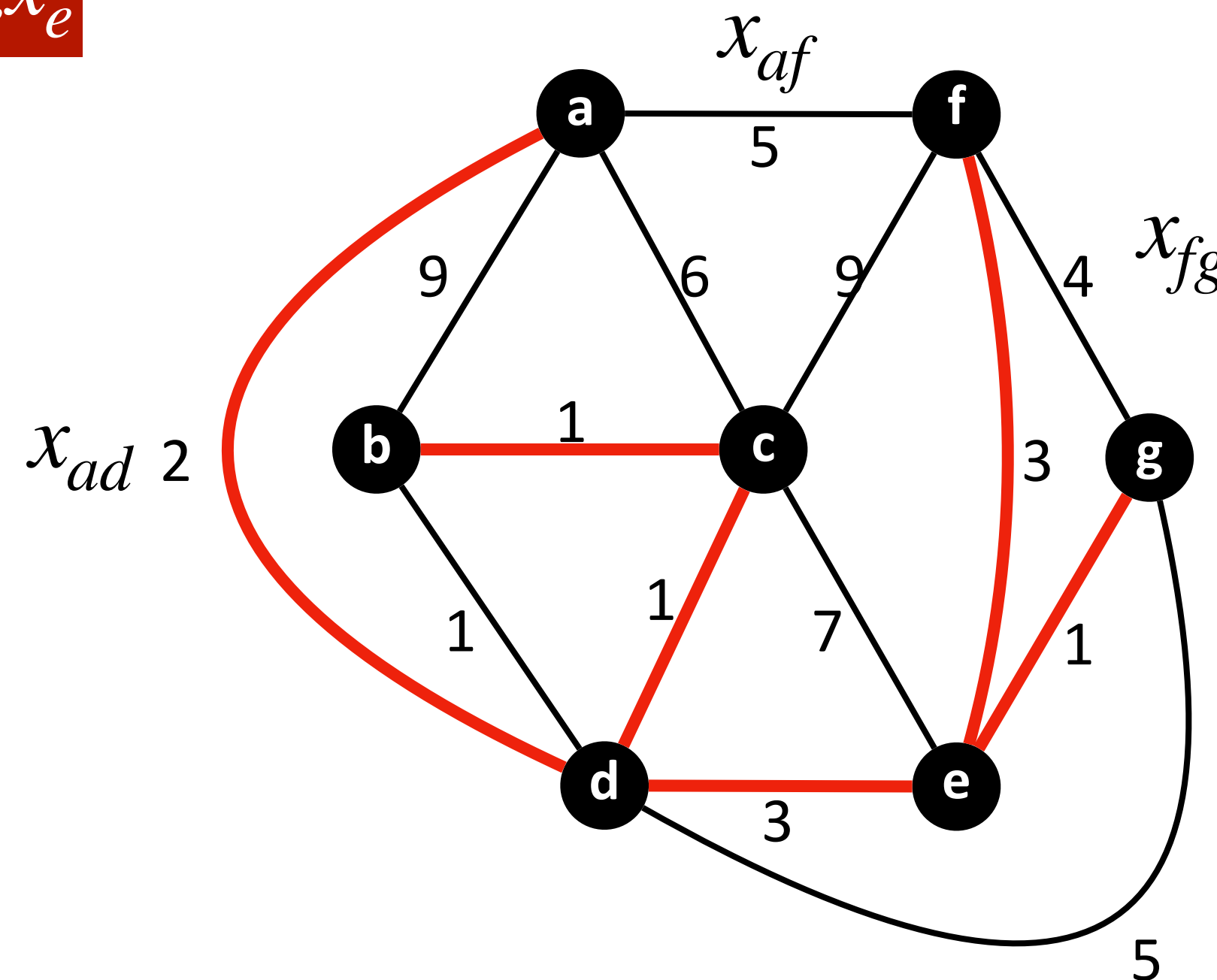
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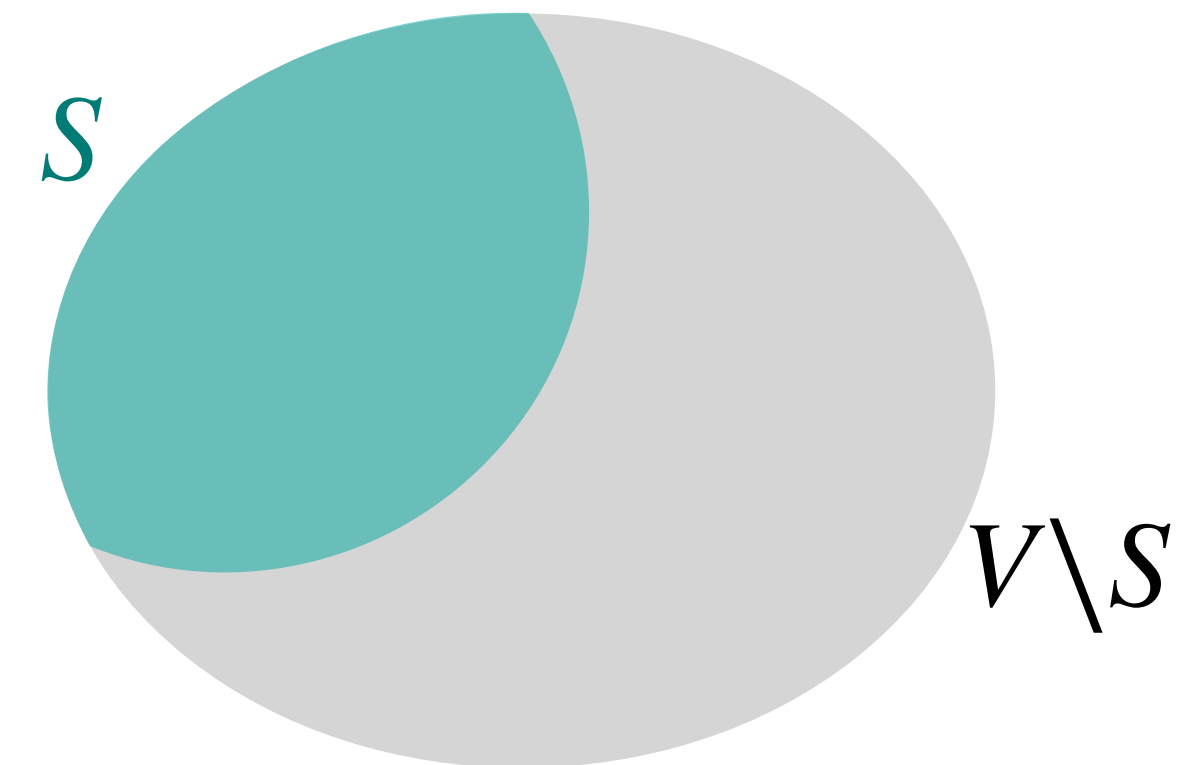
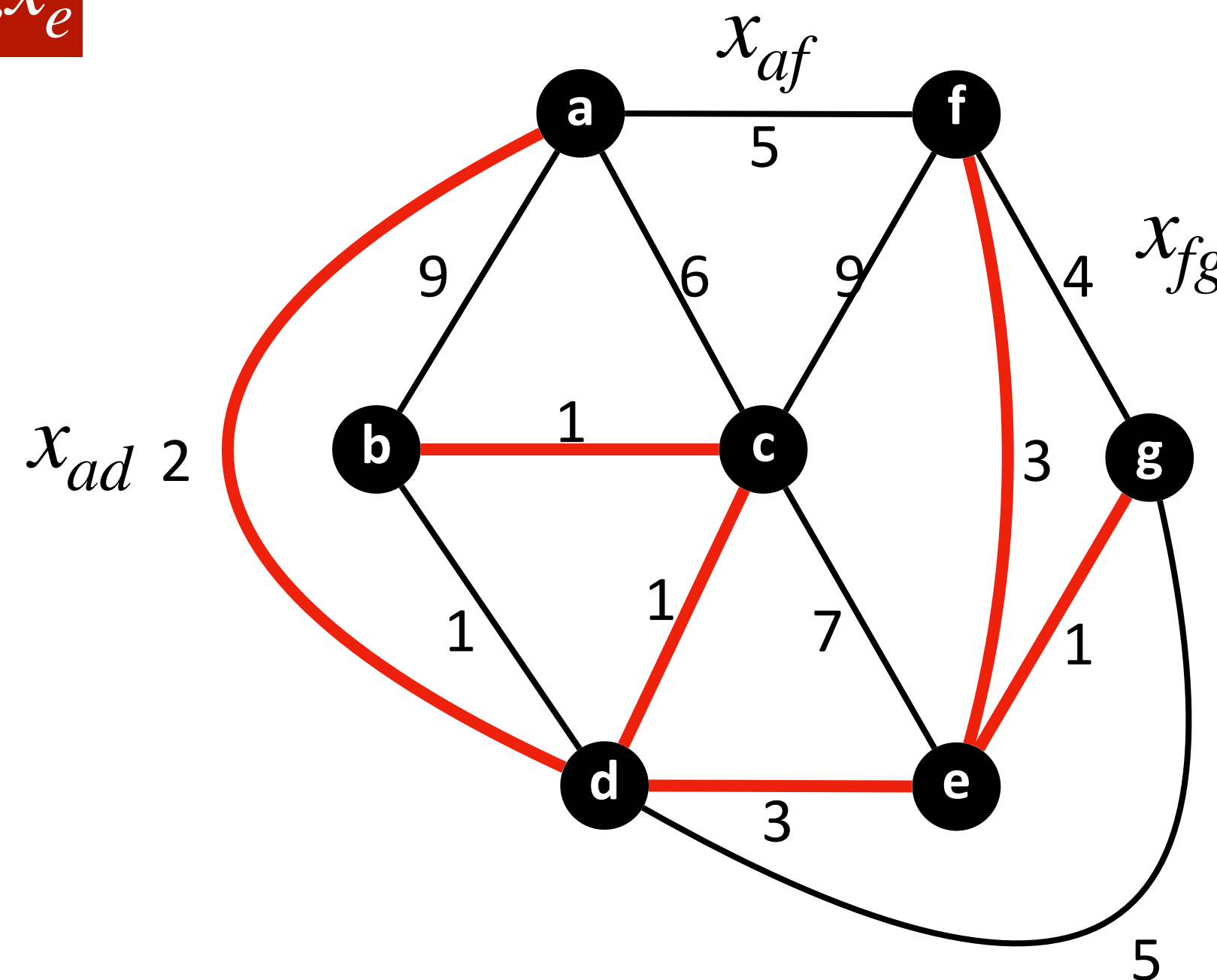
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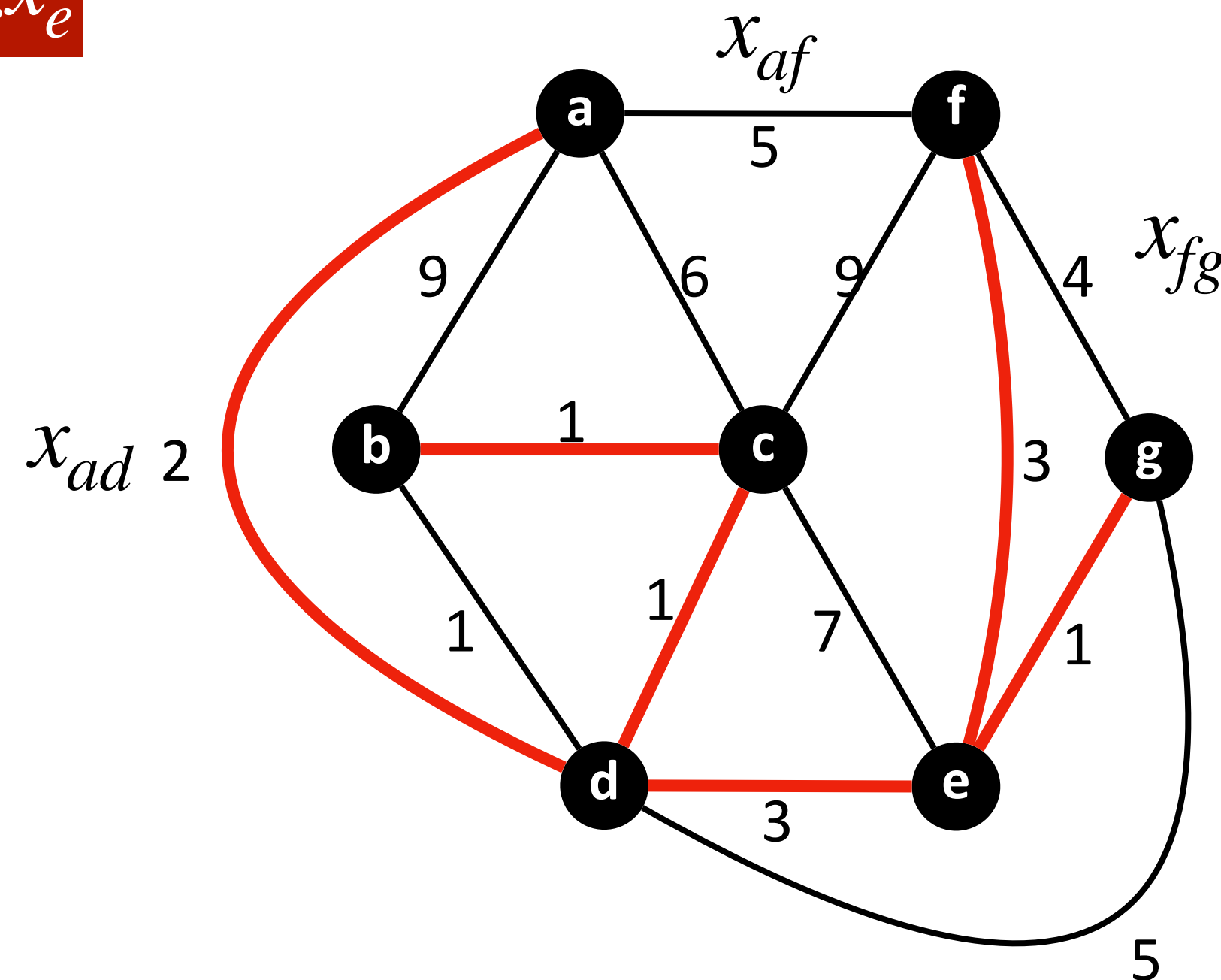
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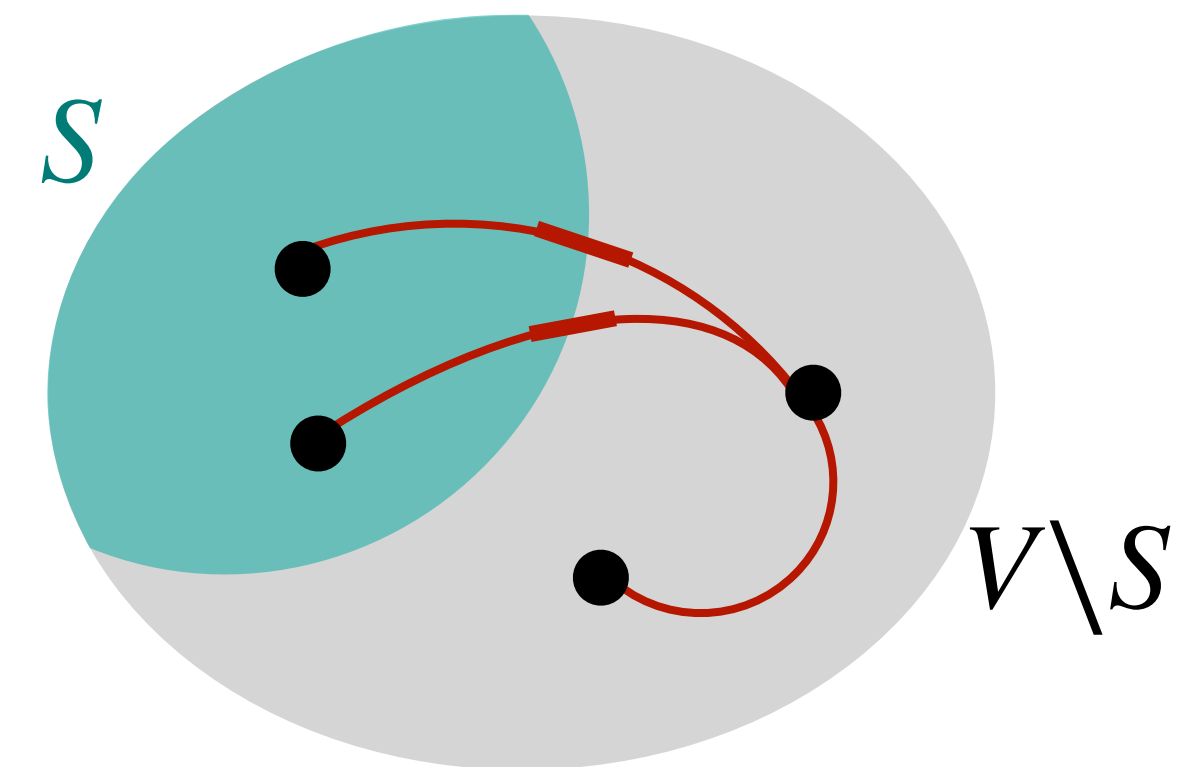
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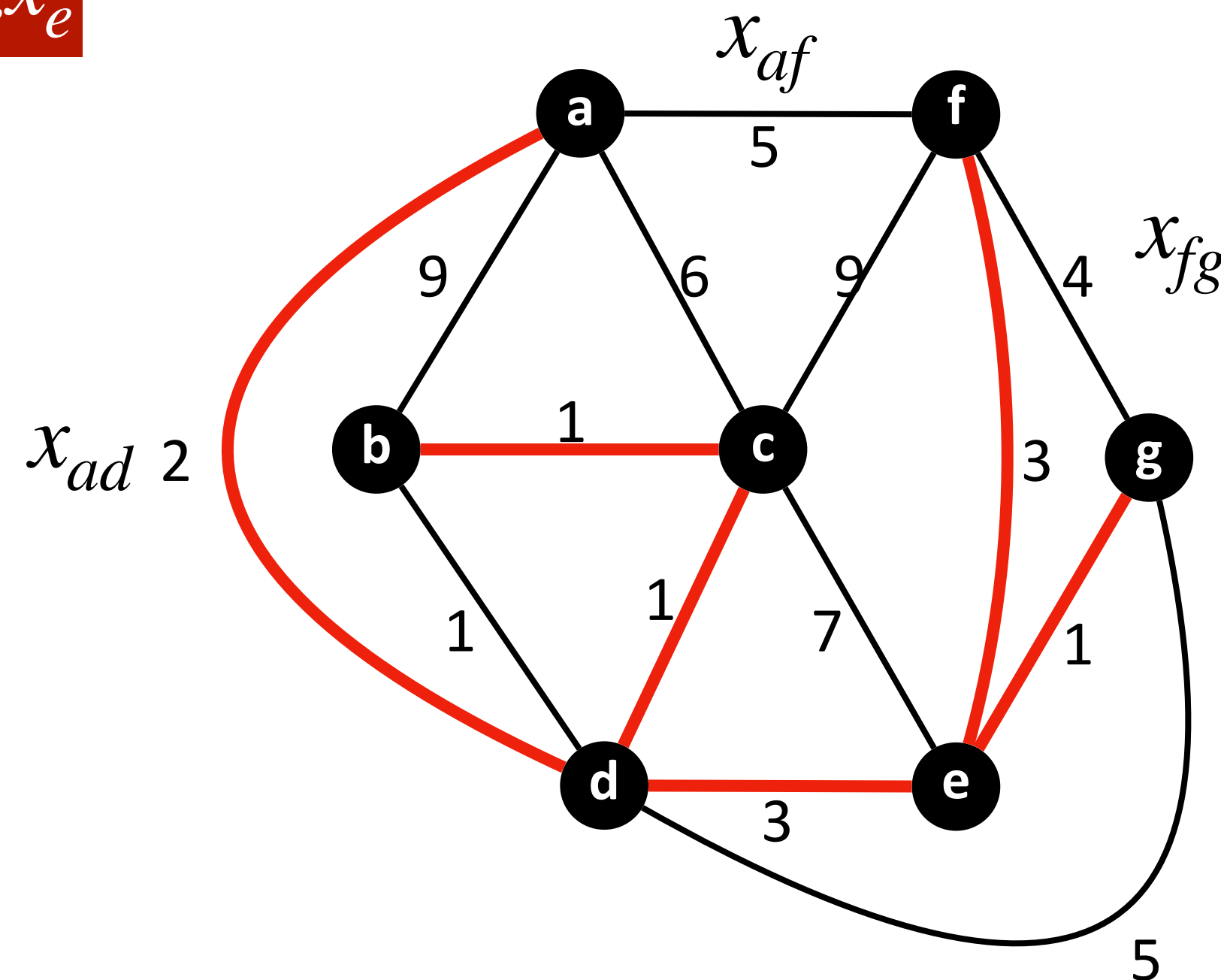
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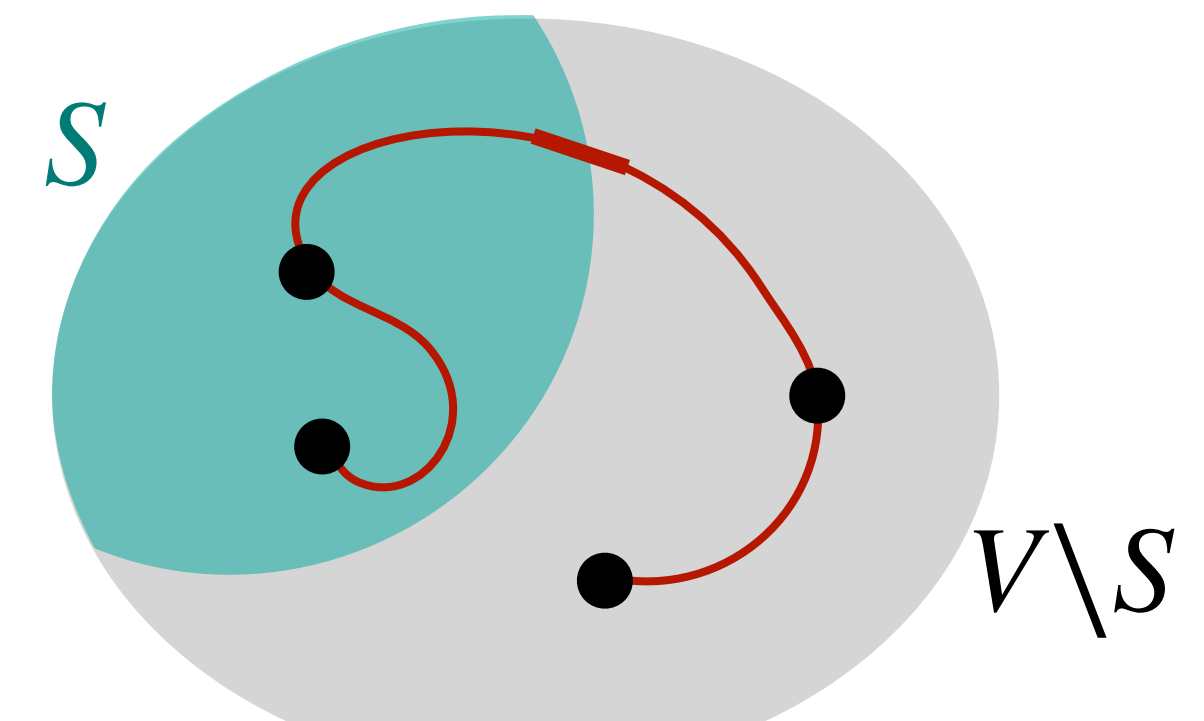
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$$\sum_{(u,v): u \in S, v \in V \setminus S} x_{uv} \geq 1 \text{ for all } S \subset V \text{ and } 1 \leq |S| < n$$

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- Variables: $x_{uv} = 1$ if the edge (u, v) is in the subgraph, and $x_{uv} = 0$ otherwise

- minimize $\sum_{(u,v) \in E} c_{uv} x_{uv}$

subject to $\sum_{(u,v): u \in S, v \in V \setminus S} x_{uv} \geq 1$ for any subset $S \subset V$ with $1 \leq |S| < n$

$$x_{uv} \in \{0, 1\} \text{ for } (u, v) \in E$$

Tips

- Observe the problem itself to get the constraints

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$$\text{Minimize } \sum_{j \in J} c_j x_j$$

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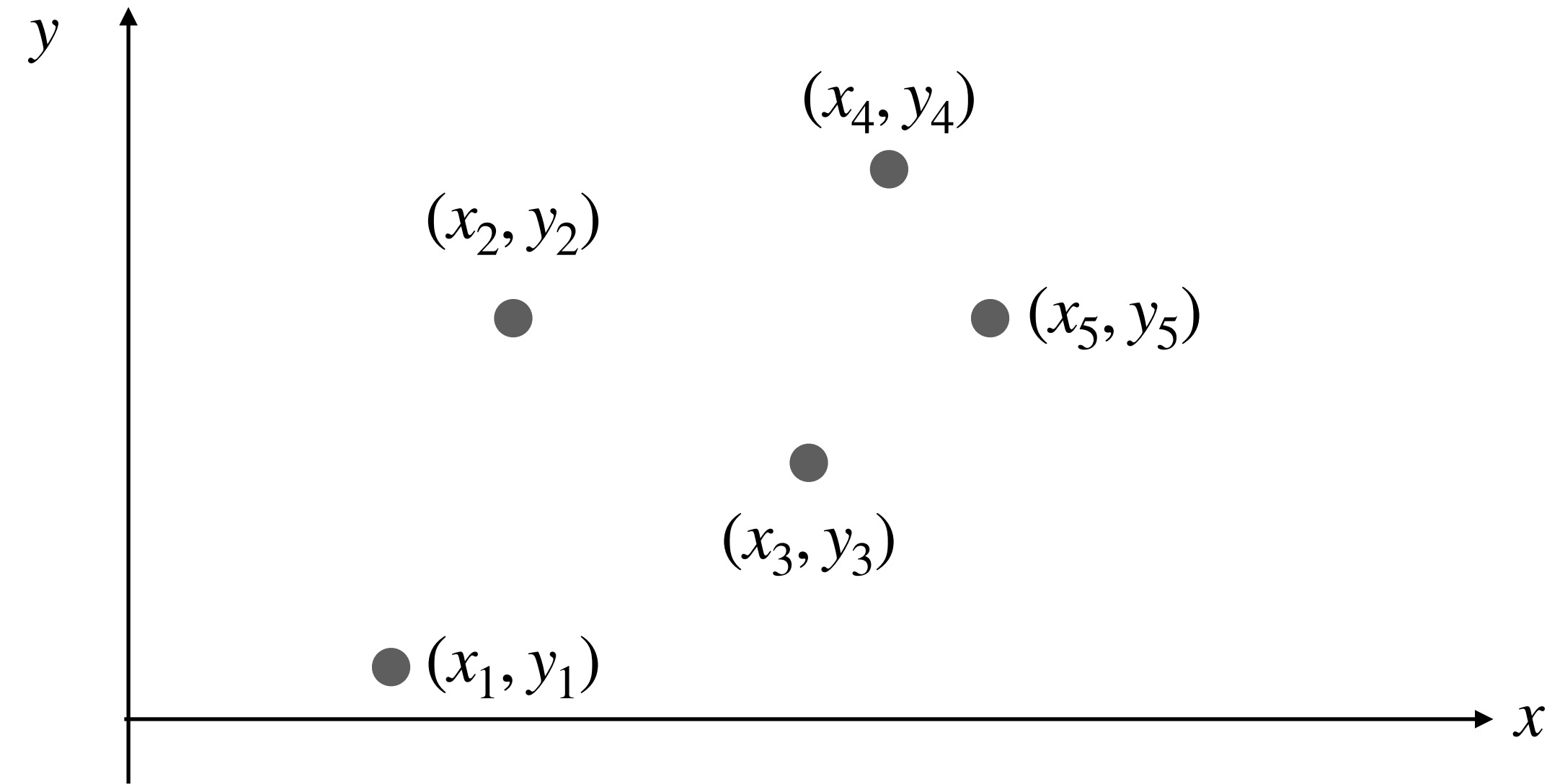
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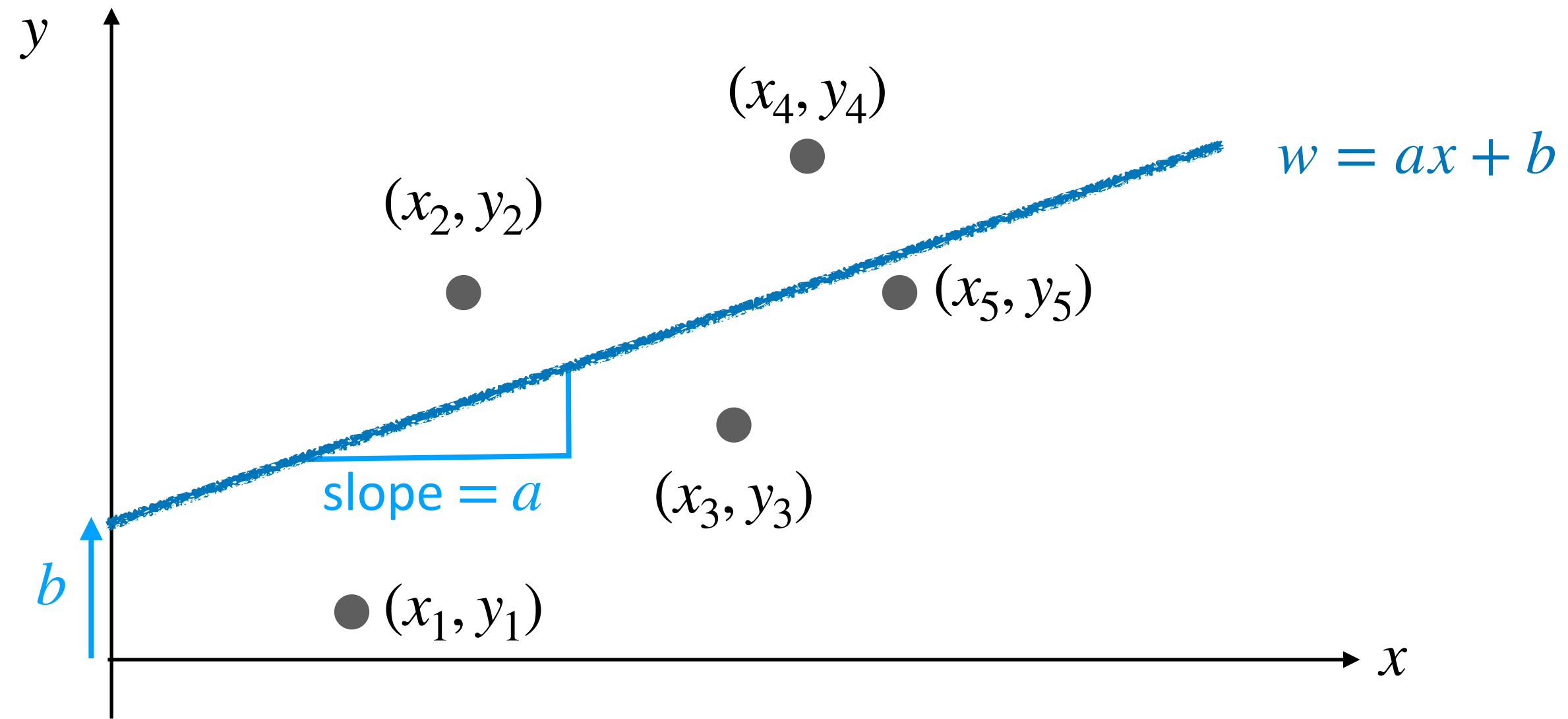
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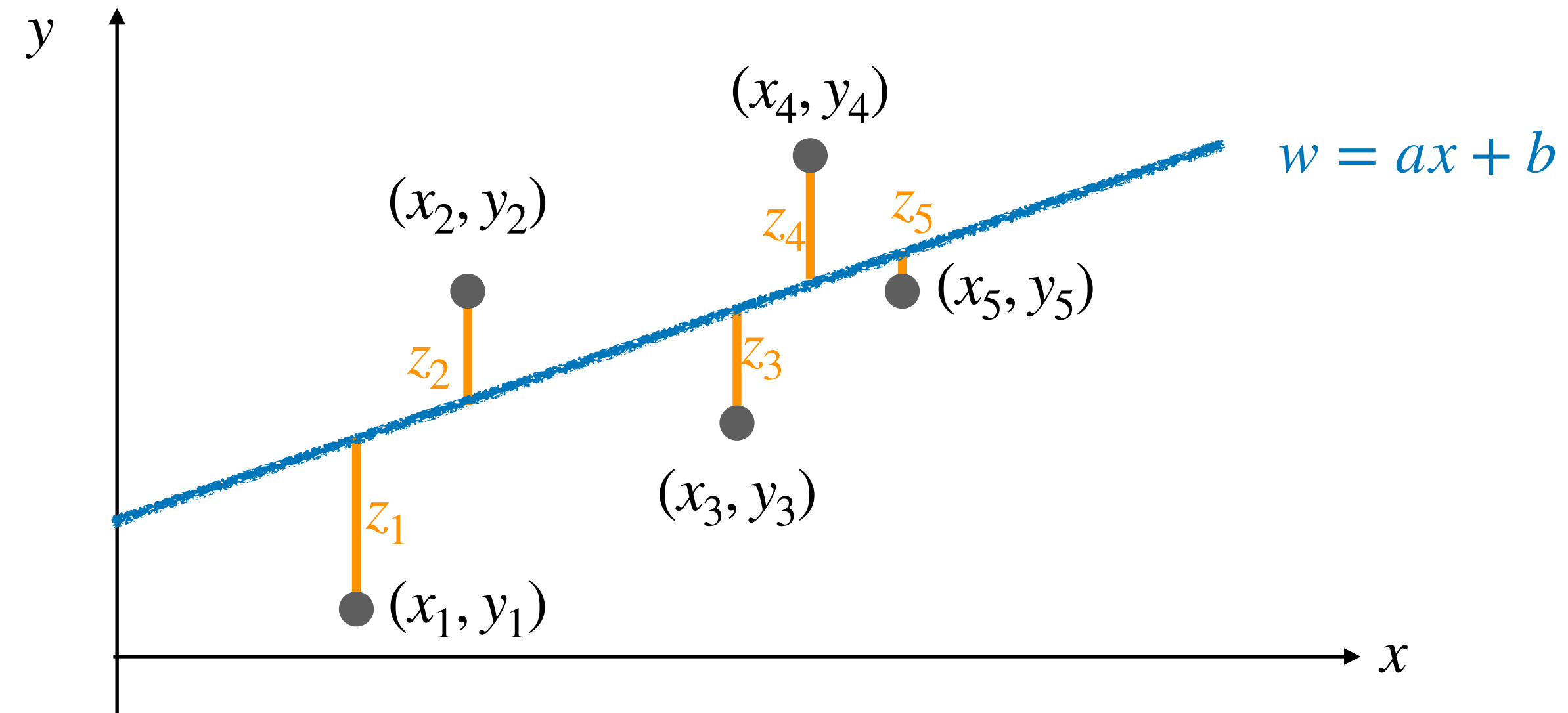
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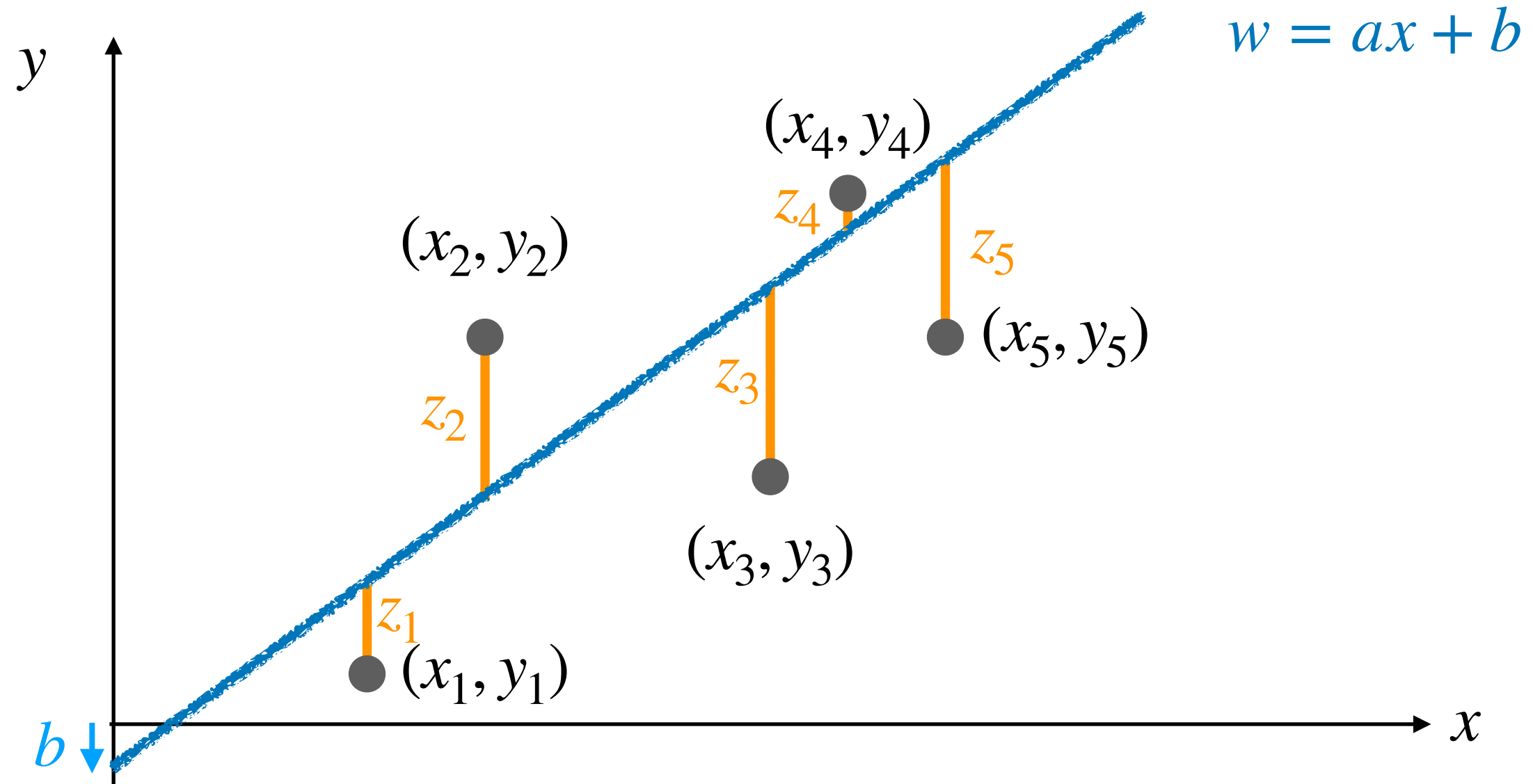
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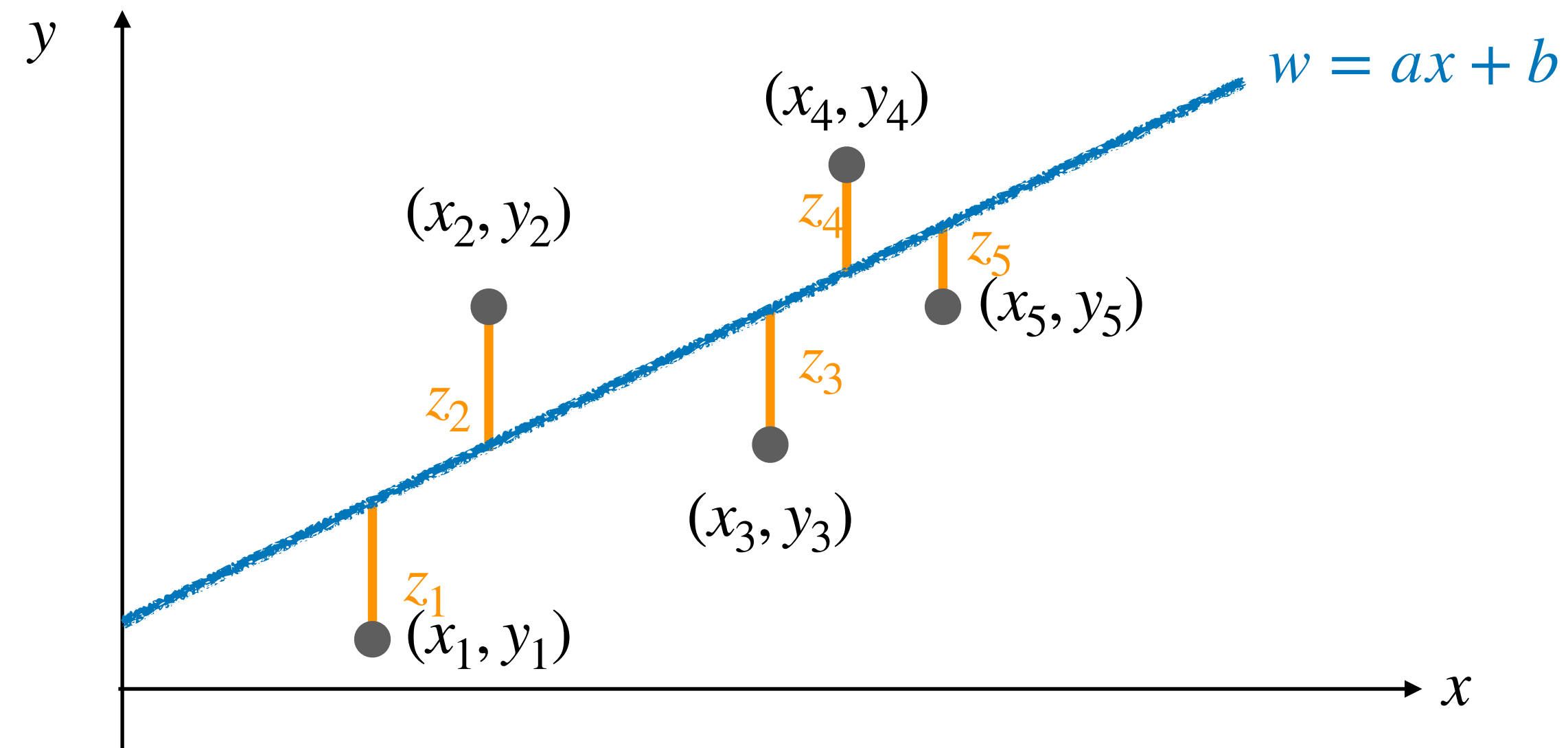
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Find a line to minimize $\sum_{i=1}^n z_i$
such that $z_i = |ax_i + b - y_i|$

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 - x^+ is the amount of positive part, and x^- the amount of negative part
 - The solution's optimality automatically forces at least one of x^+ and x^- be 0

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- Introduce a new variable z that represents the maximum value of the targeted variable x
- Relate z with all the possible value of the targeted variable x by restricting $x \leq z$ in any case

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Discontinuous-values variables

- Consider that you are a manager of a store and need to manage the amount of items in the store so the items are always available
- However, the provider of item x has a range-constraint on every purchase: whenever you buy item x , the amount must be in $[\ell, u]$
- That is, $x = 0$ or $\ell \leq x \leq u$

Discontinuous-values variables

$$\text{Minimize } \sum_{j \in J} c_j x_j$$

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$$x_j = 0 \text{ or } \ell \leq x_j \leq u \quad \forall j \in J'$$

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$$x_j \leq u \cdot y_j \text{ for all } j \in J'$$

$$x_j \geq \ell \cdot y_j \text{ for all } j \in J'$$

$$y_j \in \{0,1\} \text{ for all } j \in J'$$

- Introduce a binary *indicator variable* $y_j \in \{0,1\}$ (hope: $y_j = 0$ if $x_j = 0$ and $y_j = 1$ if $x_j > 0$)
 - Observation: $x_j \leq u \cdot y_j$ and $x_j \geq \ell \cdot y_j$ whether $y_j = 0$ or $y_j = 1$

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- Introduce a binary *indicator variable* y
 - Hopefully, the value of y indicates different scenarios of choice of x
 - Need to relate the value of y and the value of x

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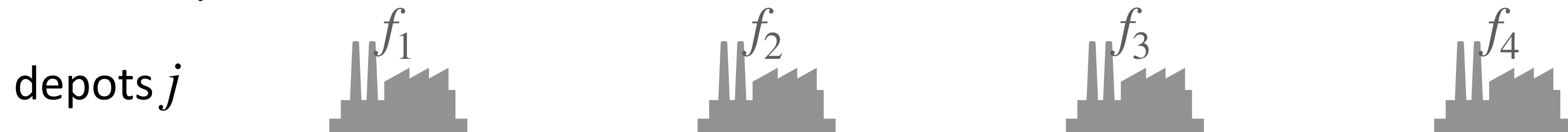
- When the objective value is discontinuous

Facility Location

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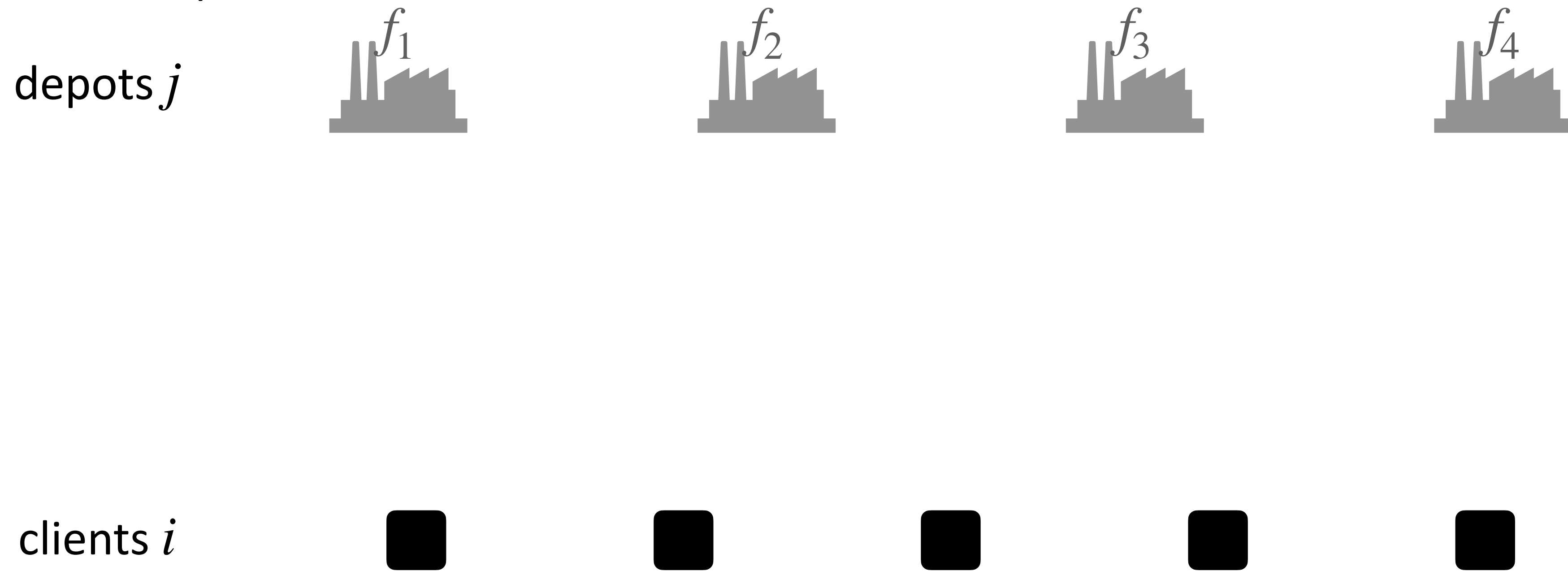
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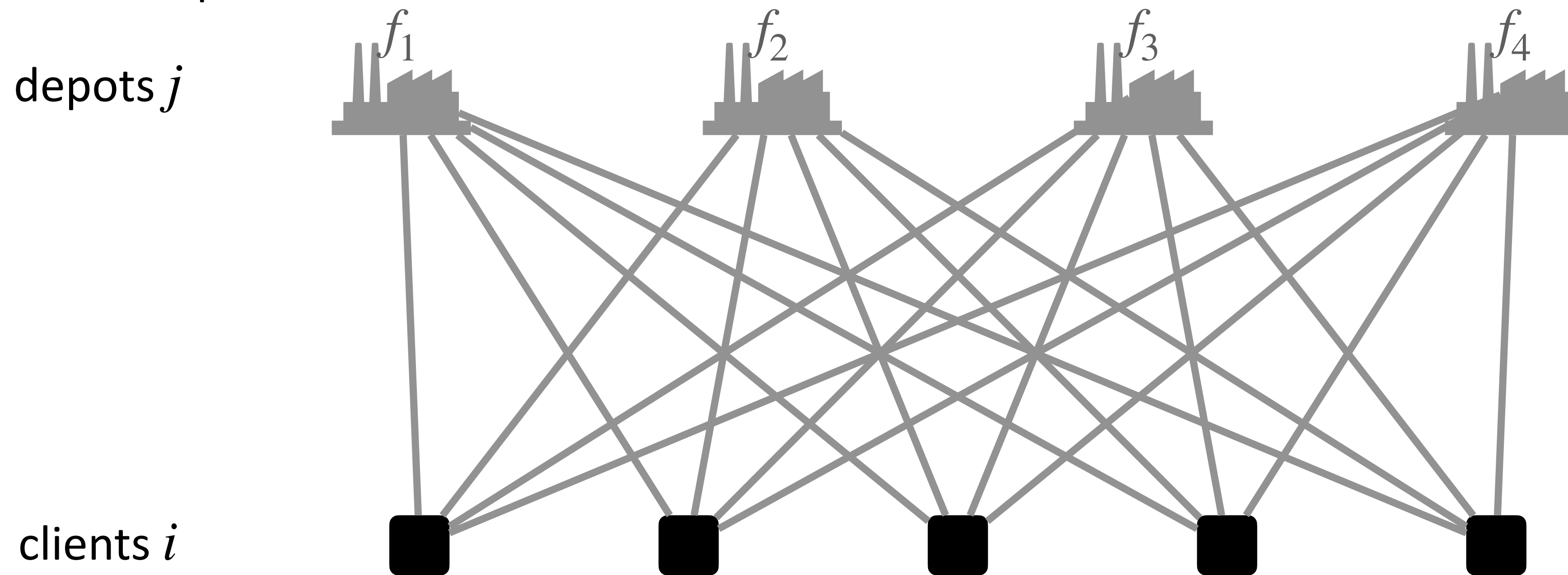
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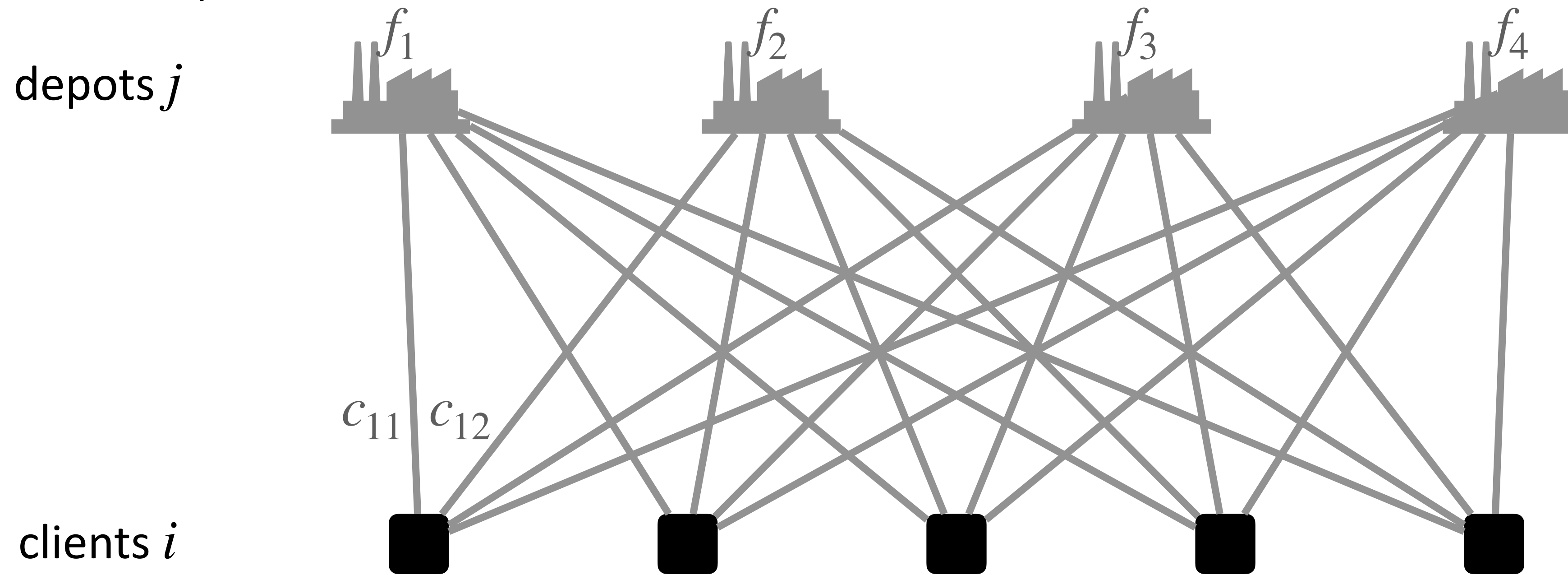
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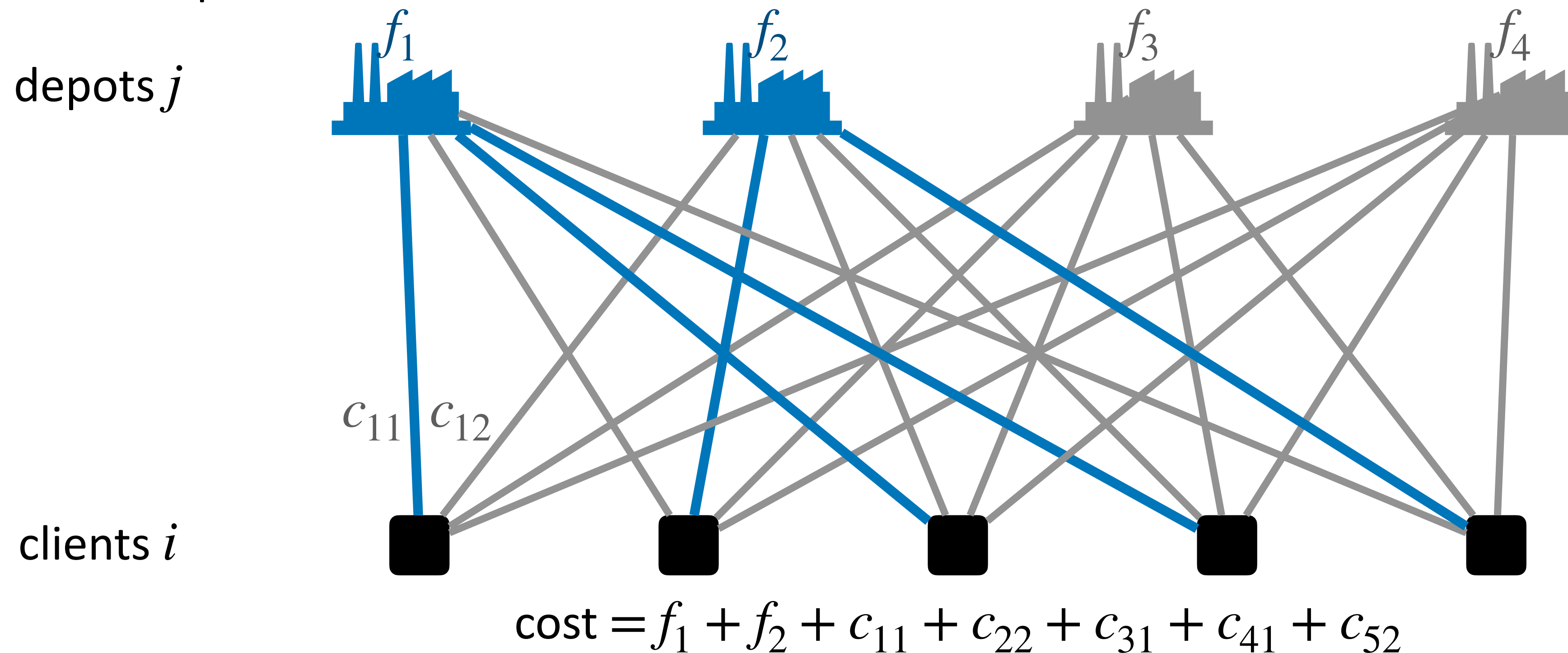
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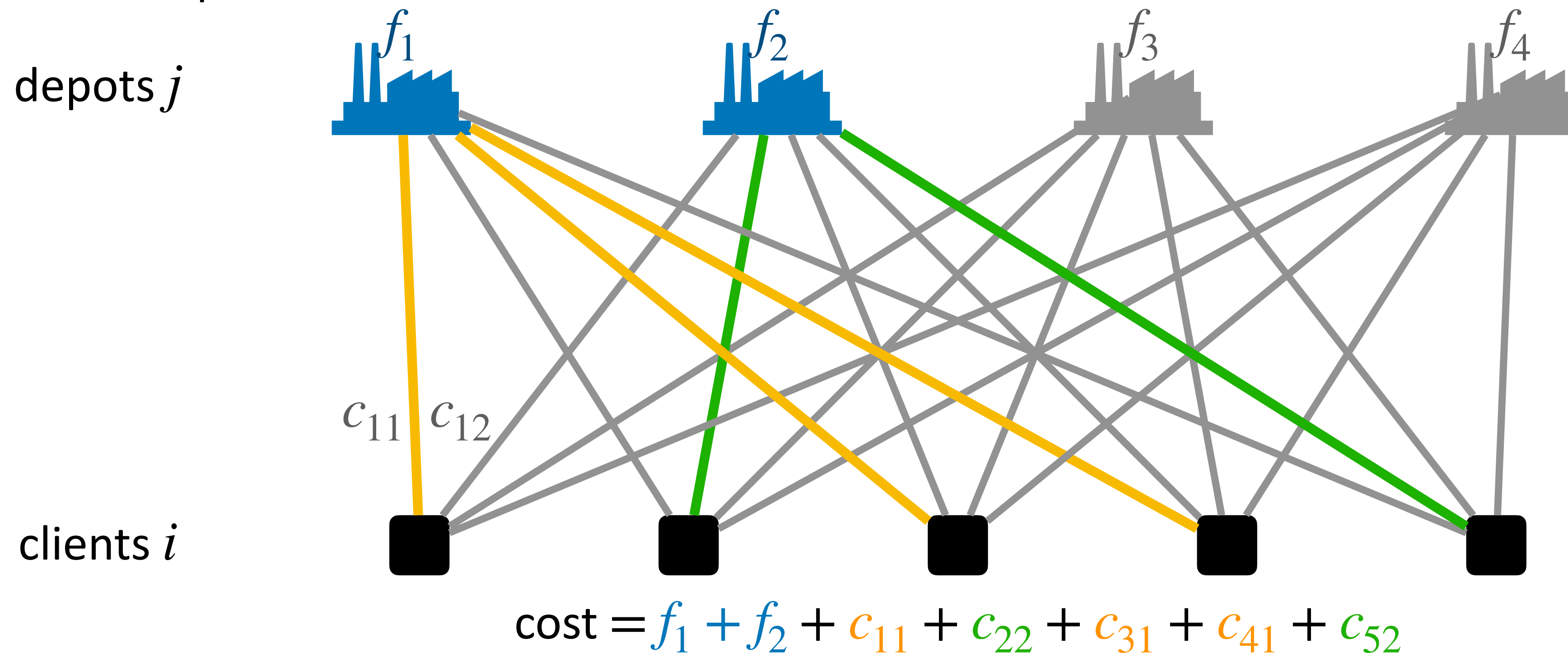
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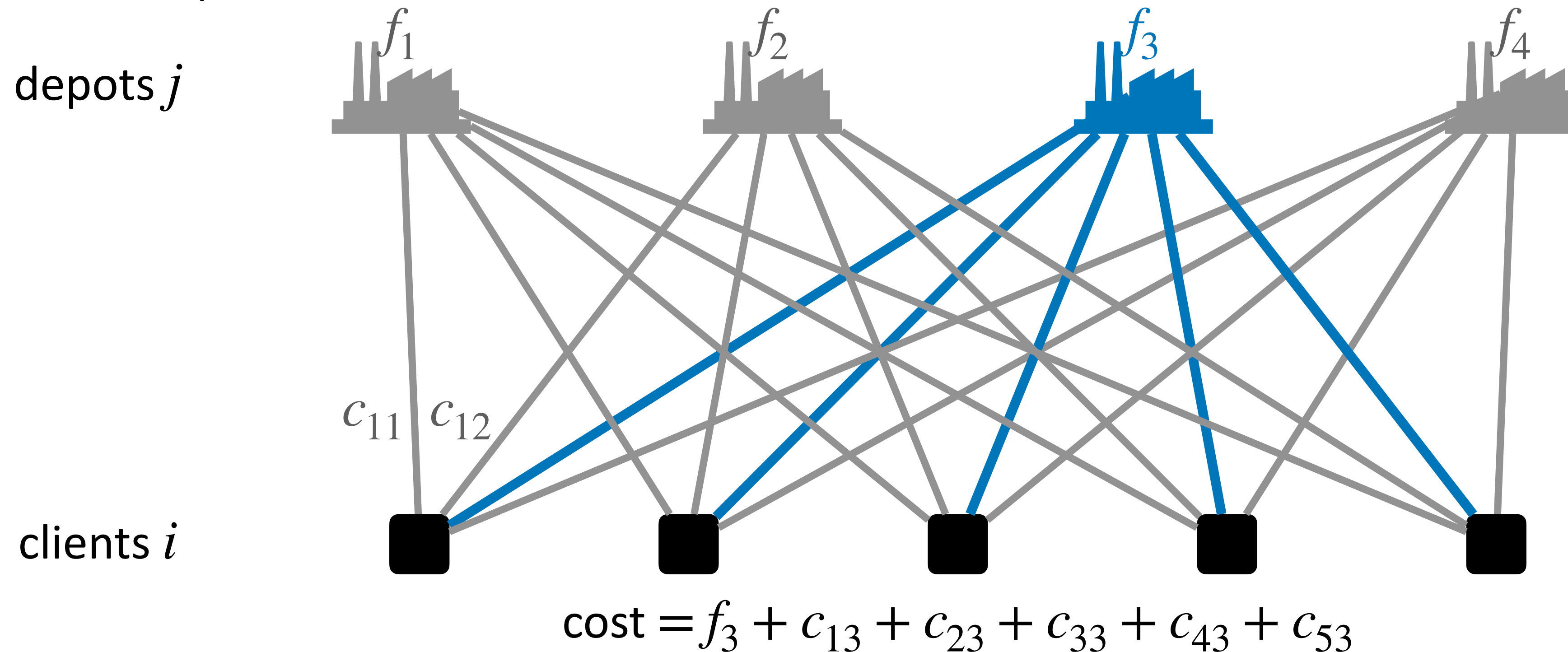
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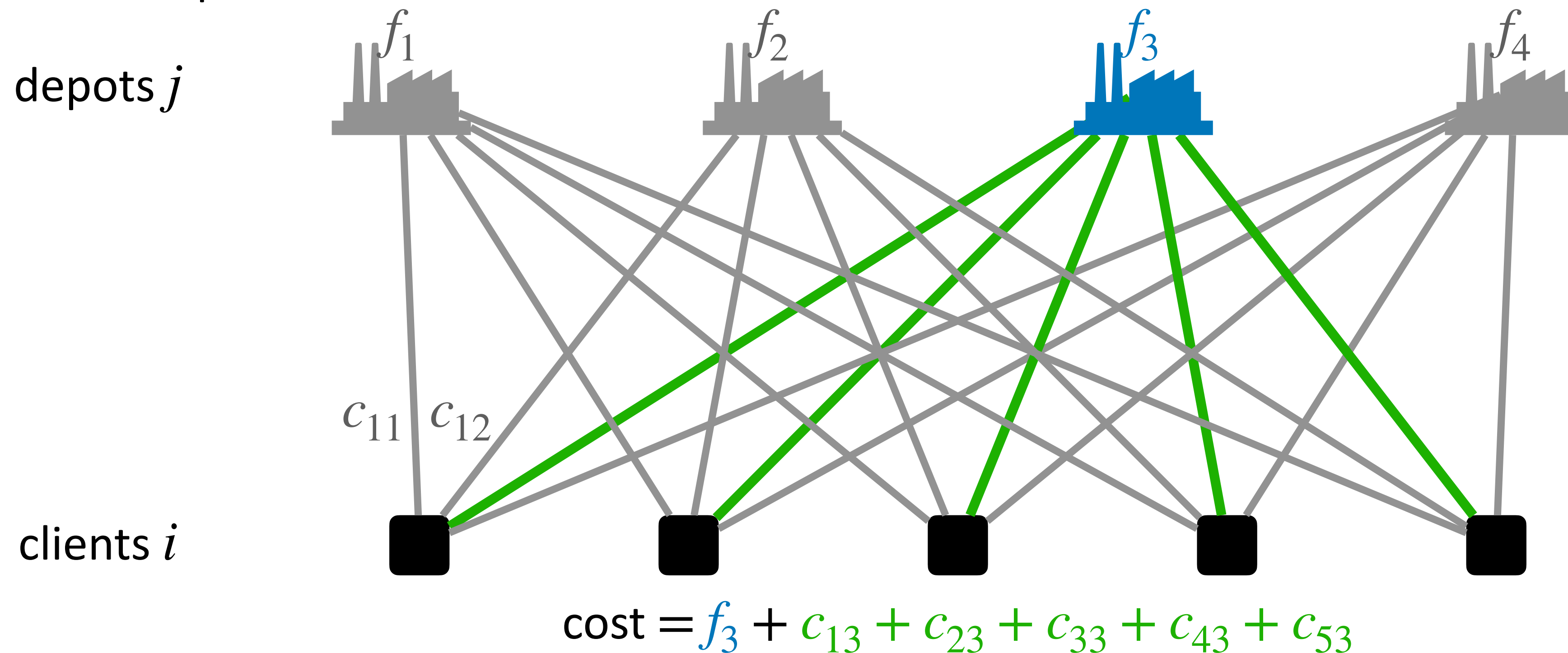
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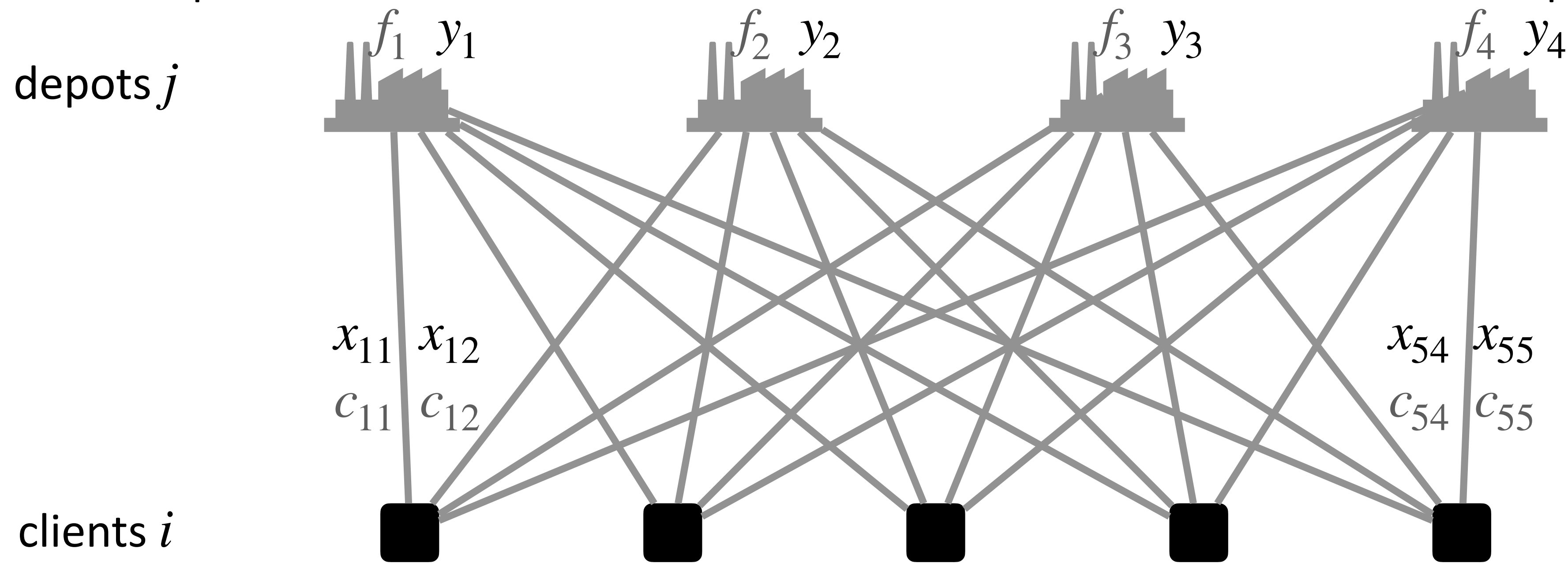
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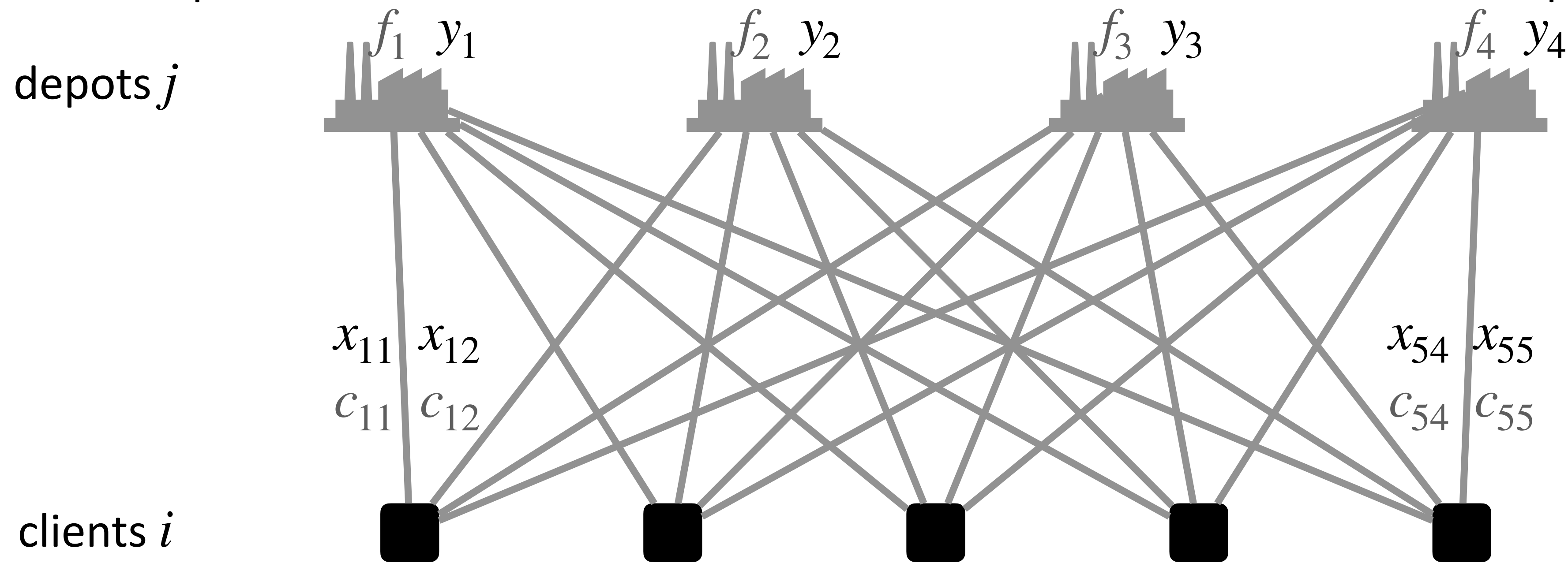
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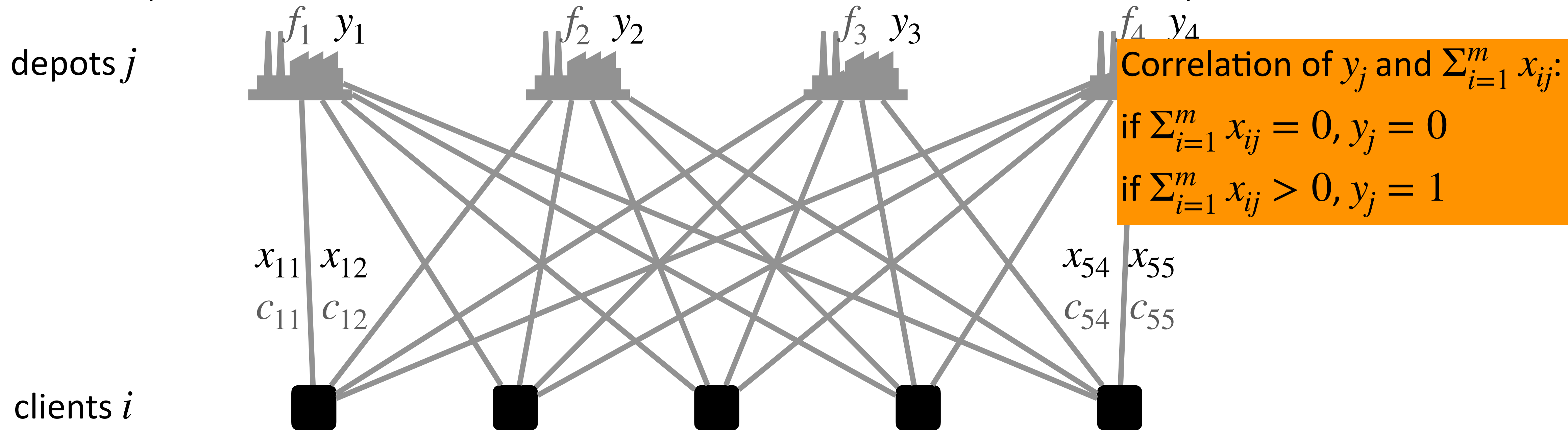
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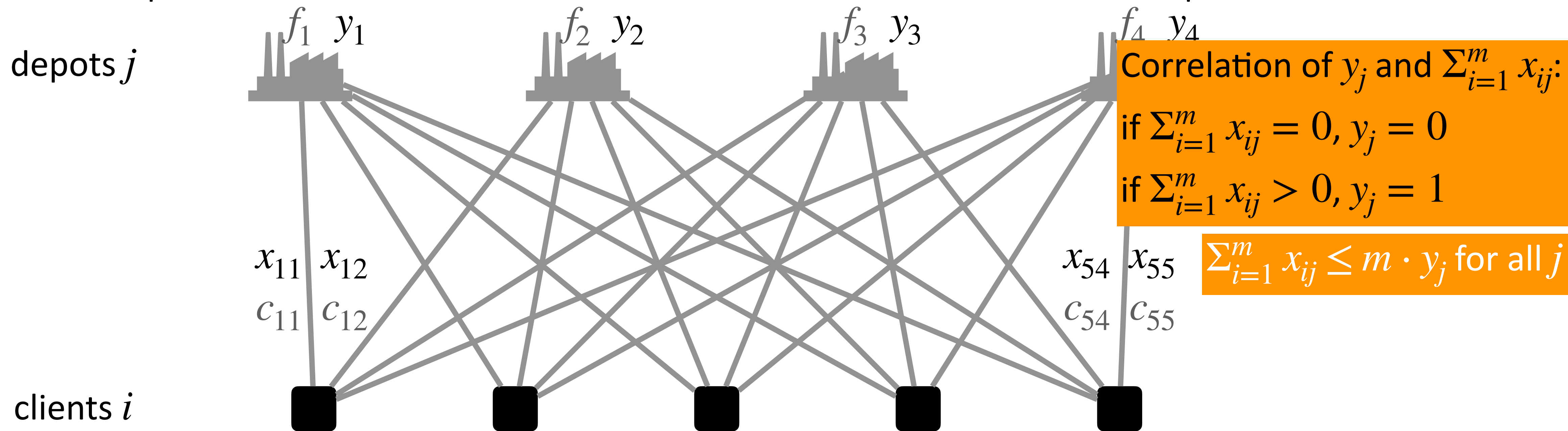
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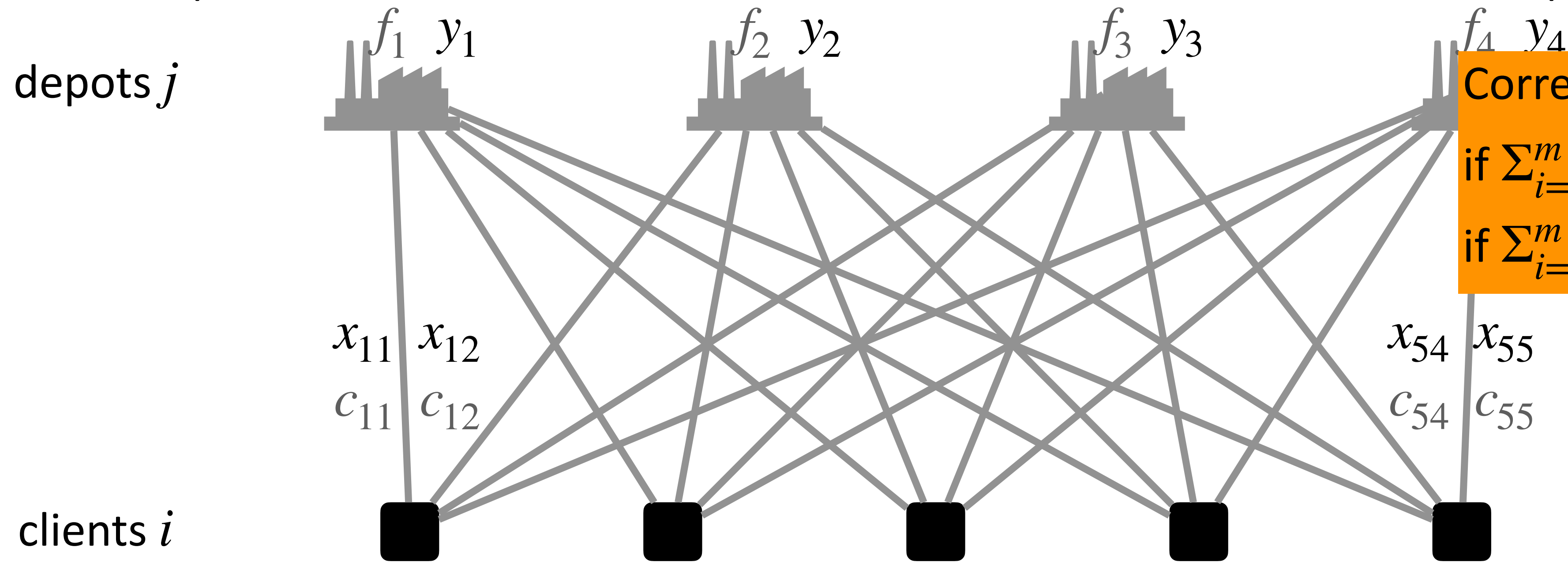
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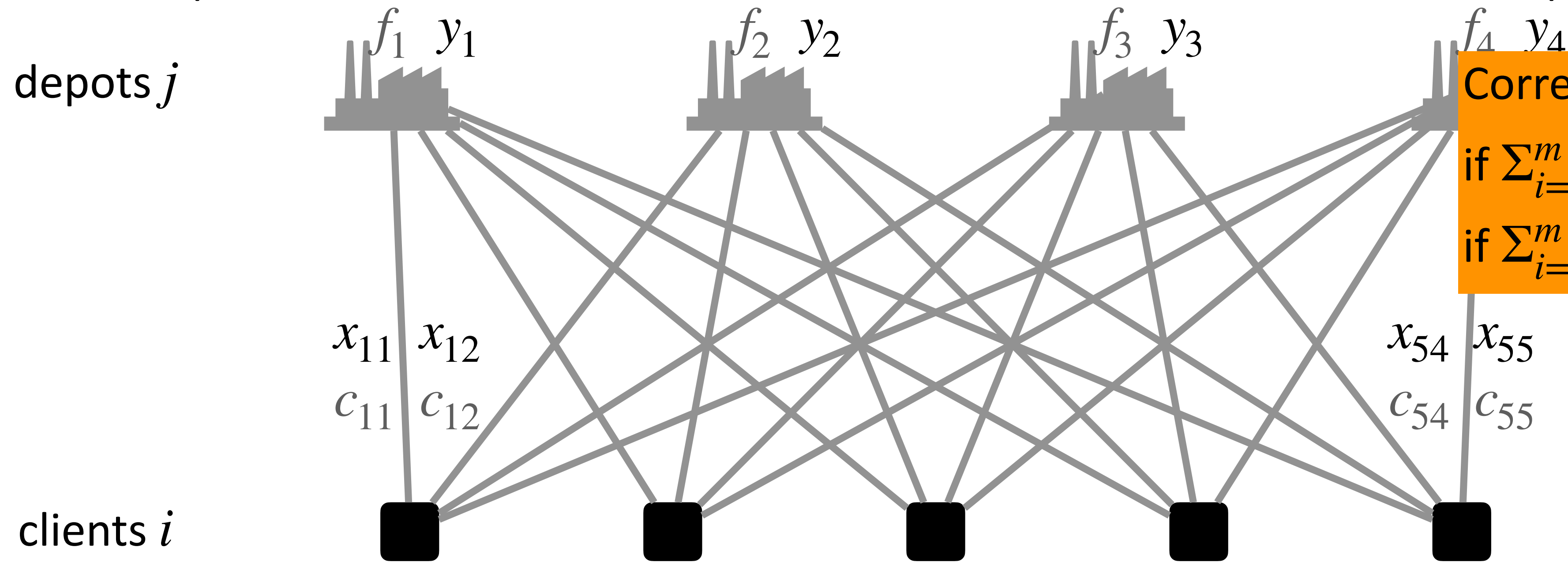
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- where $F(x) = 0$ for $x = 0$, and

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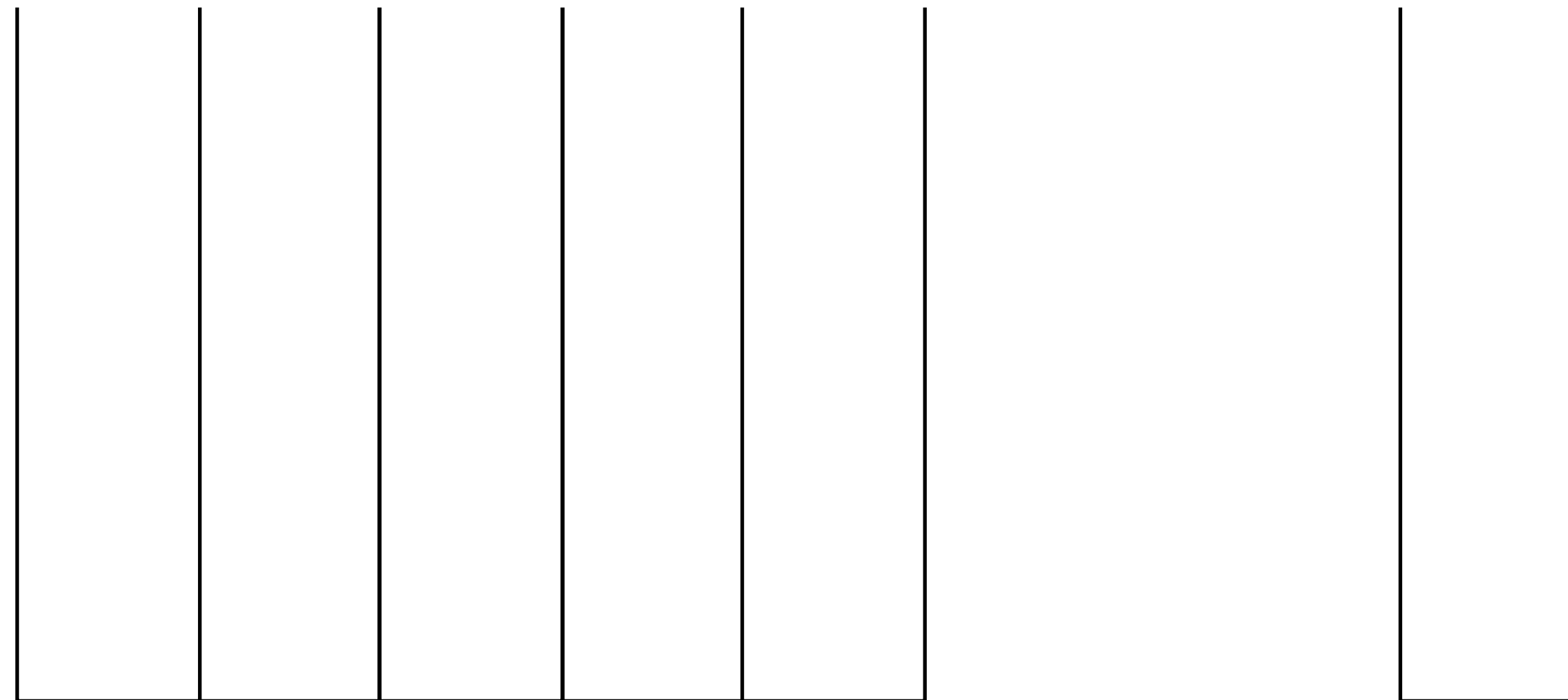
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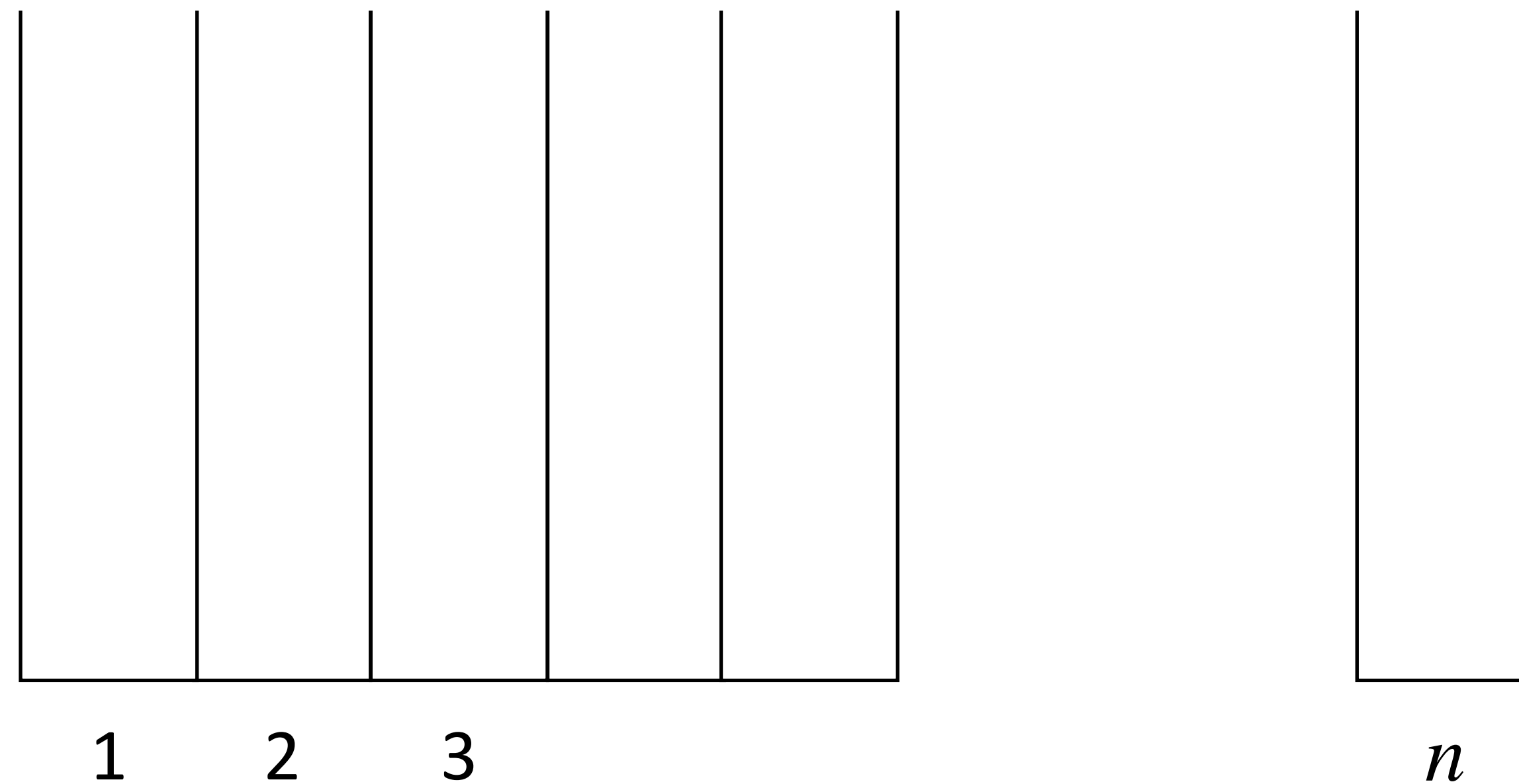
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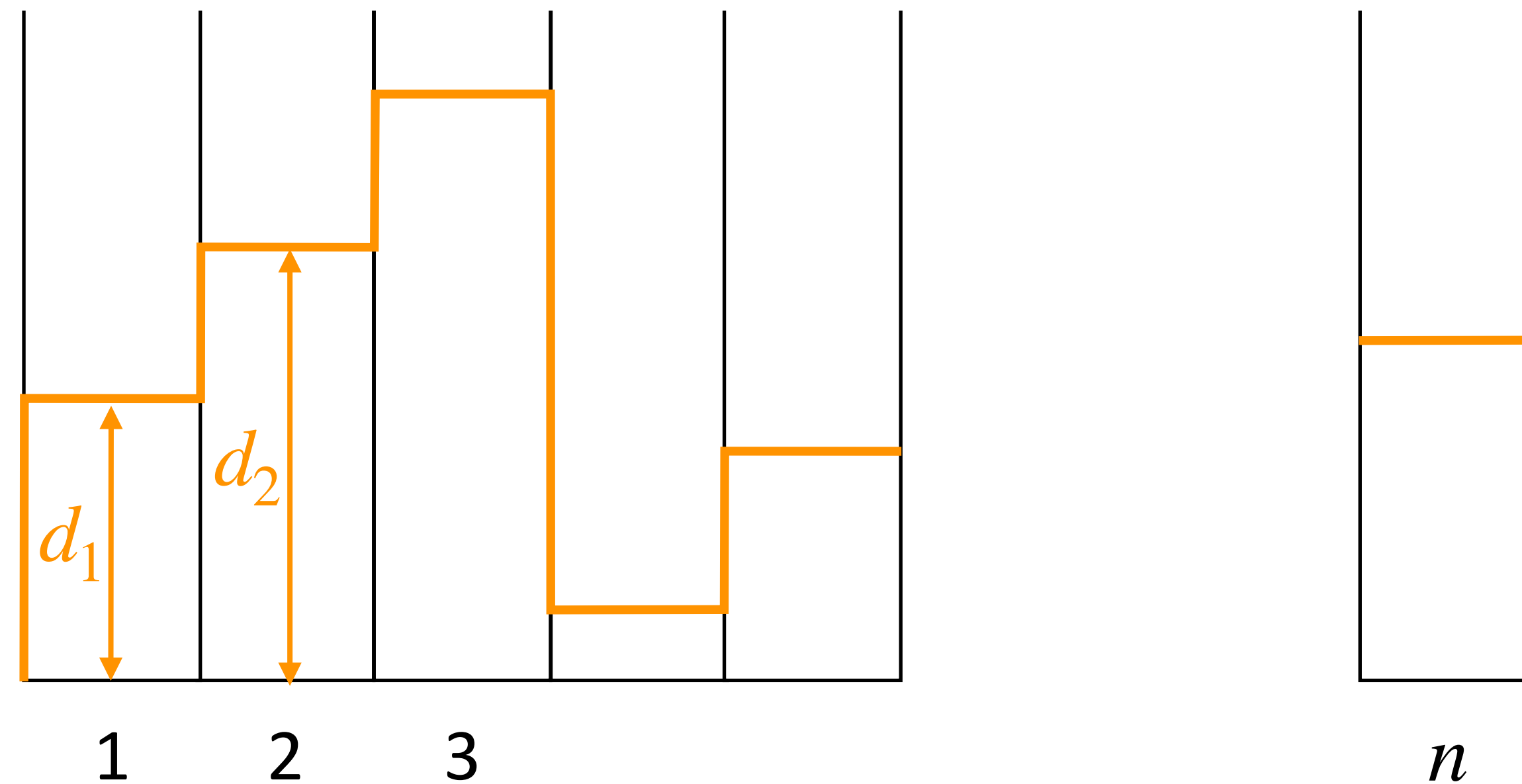
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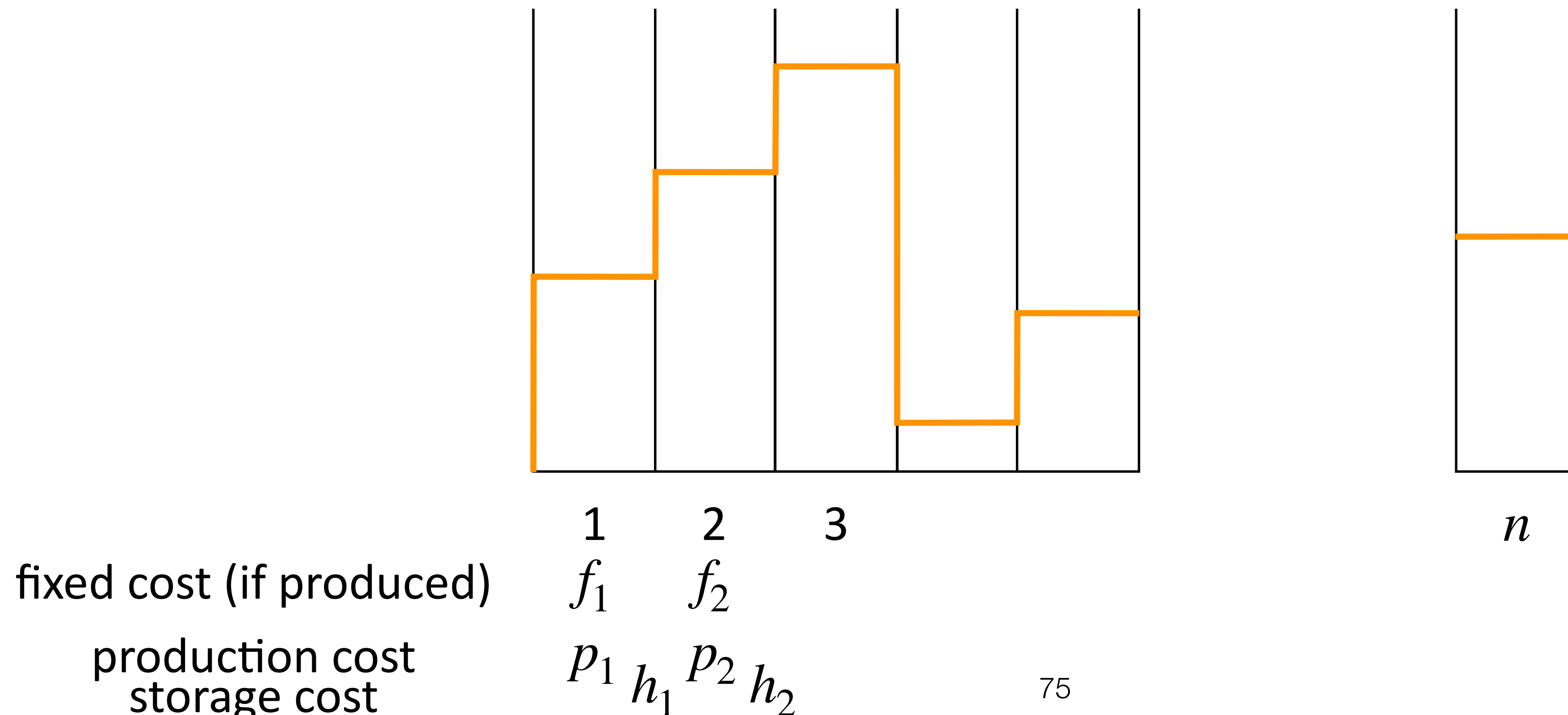
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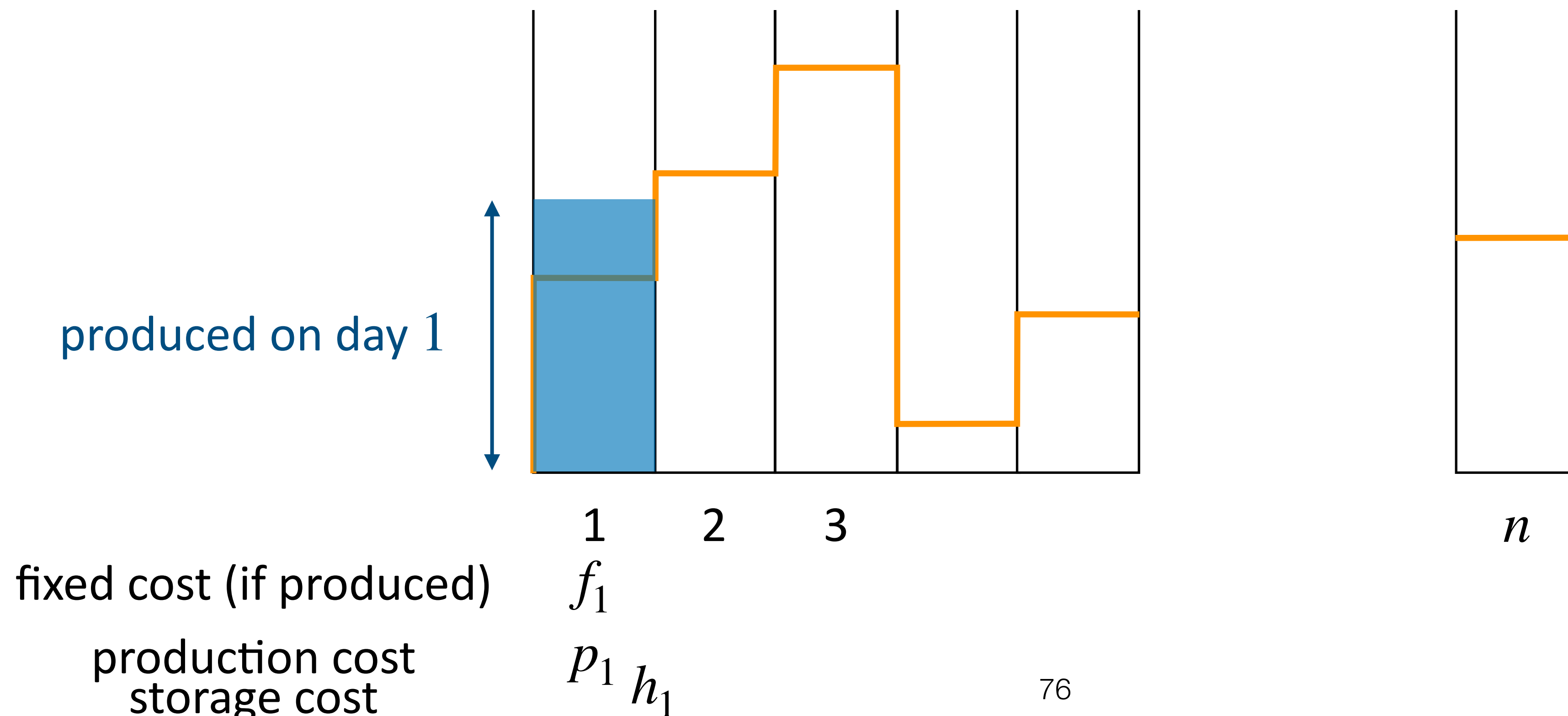
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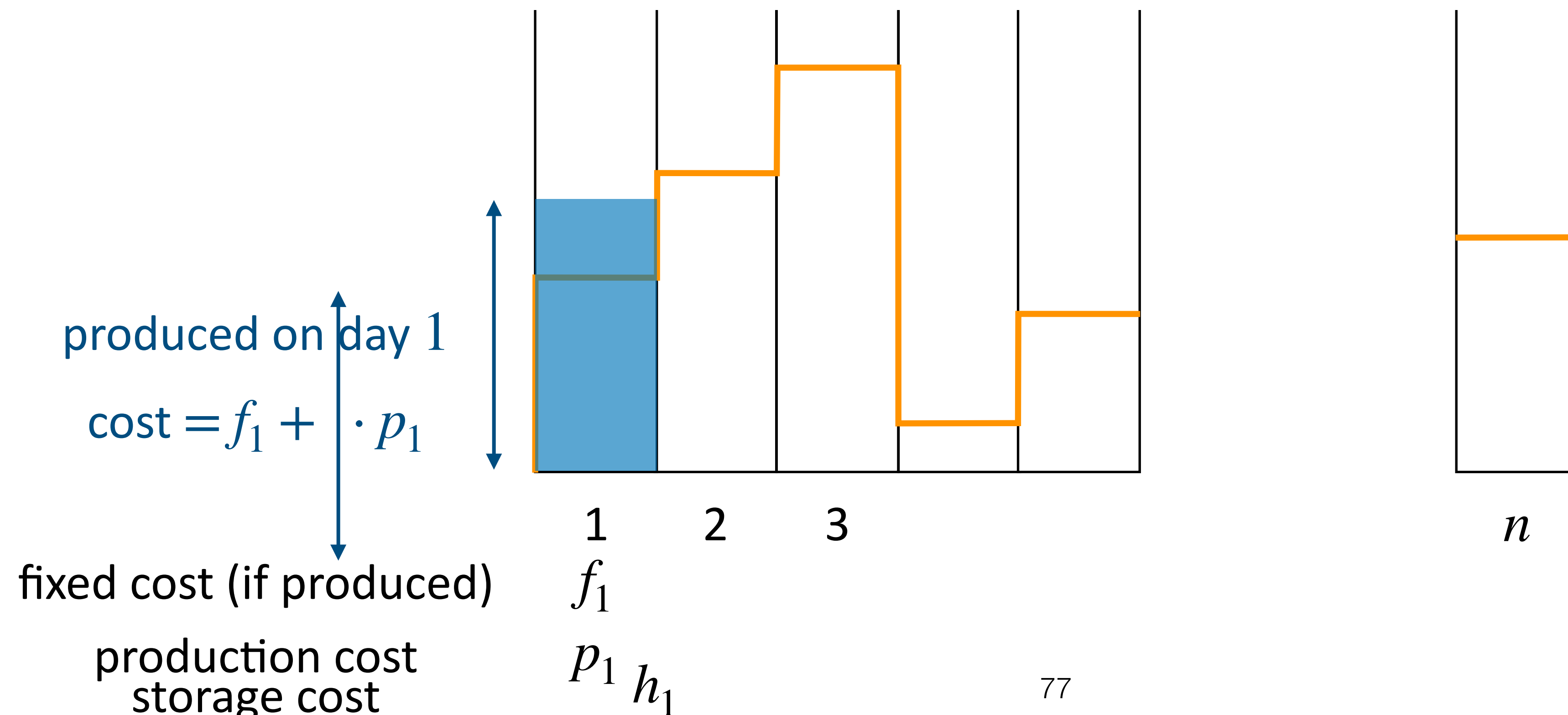
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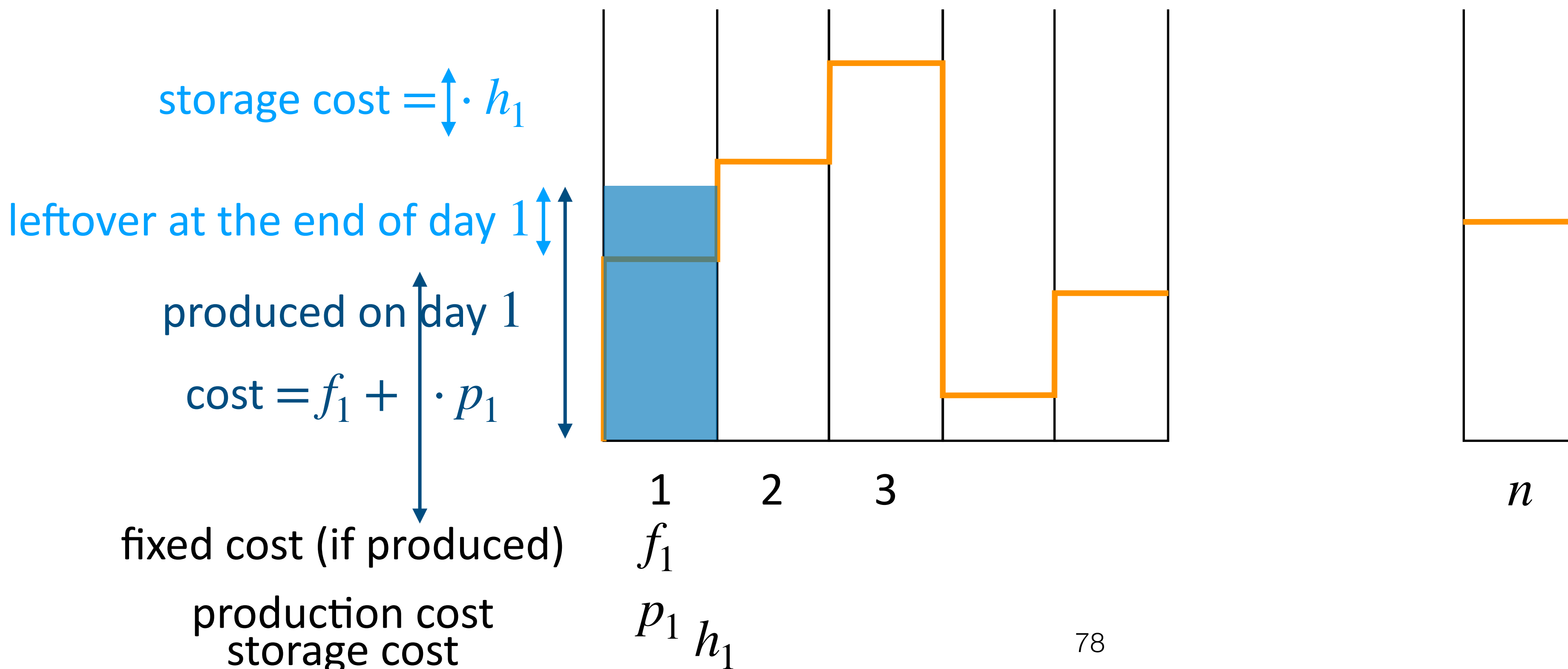
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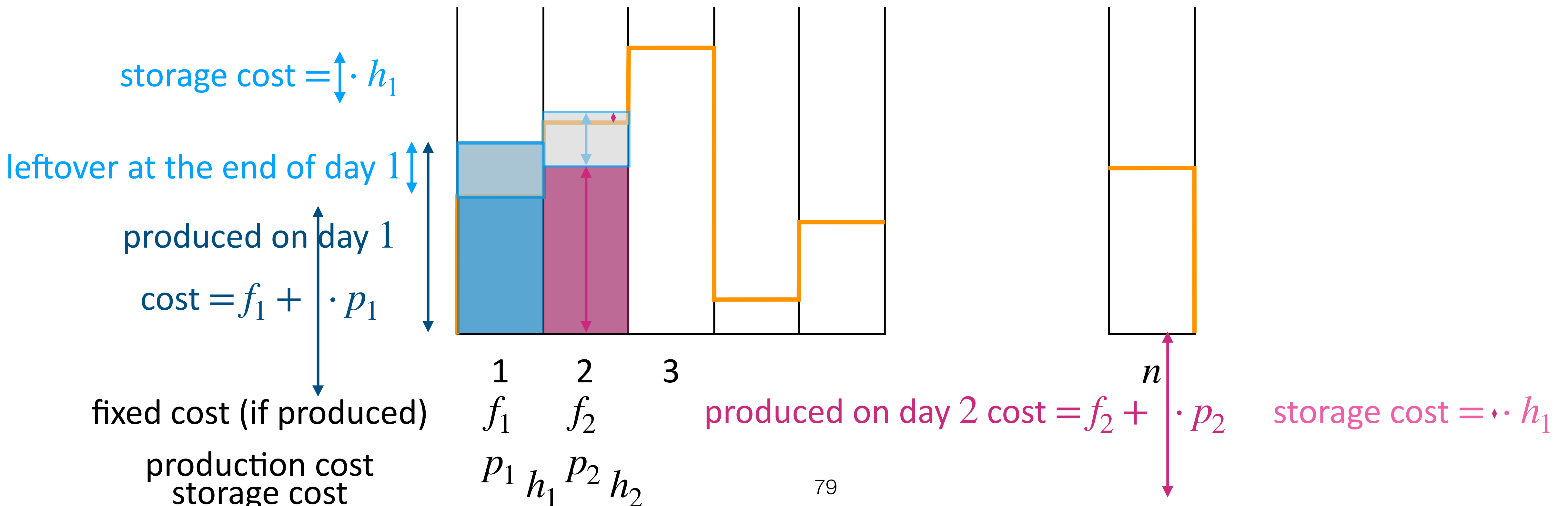
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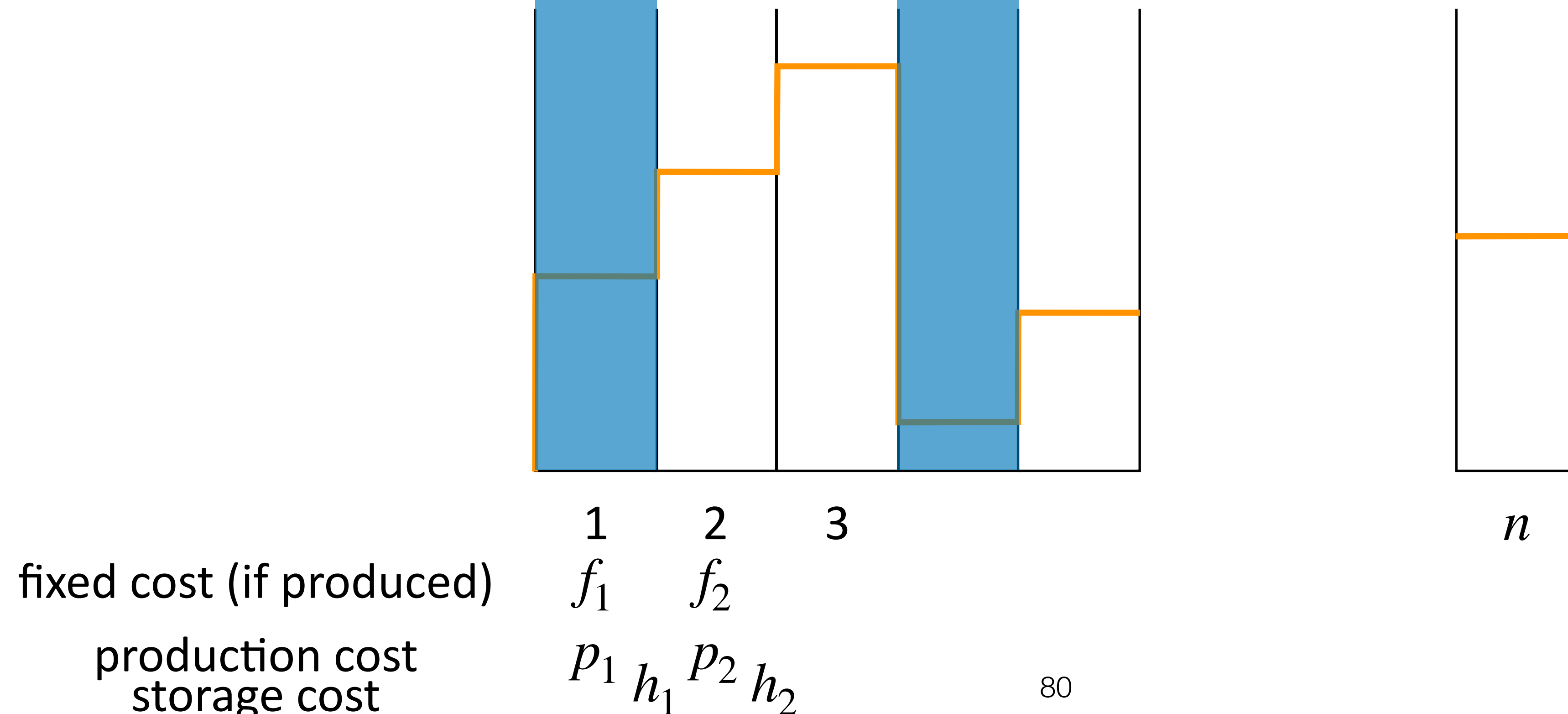
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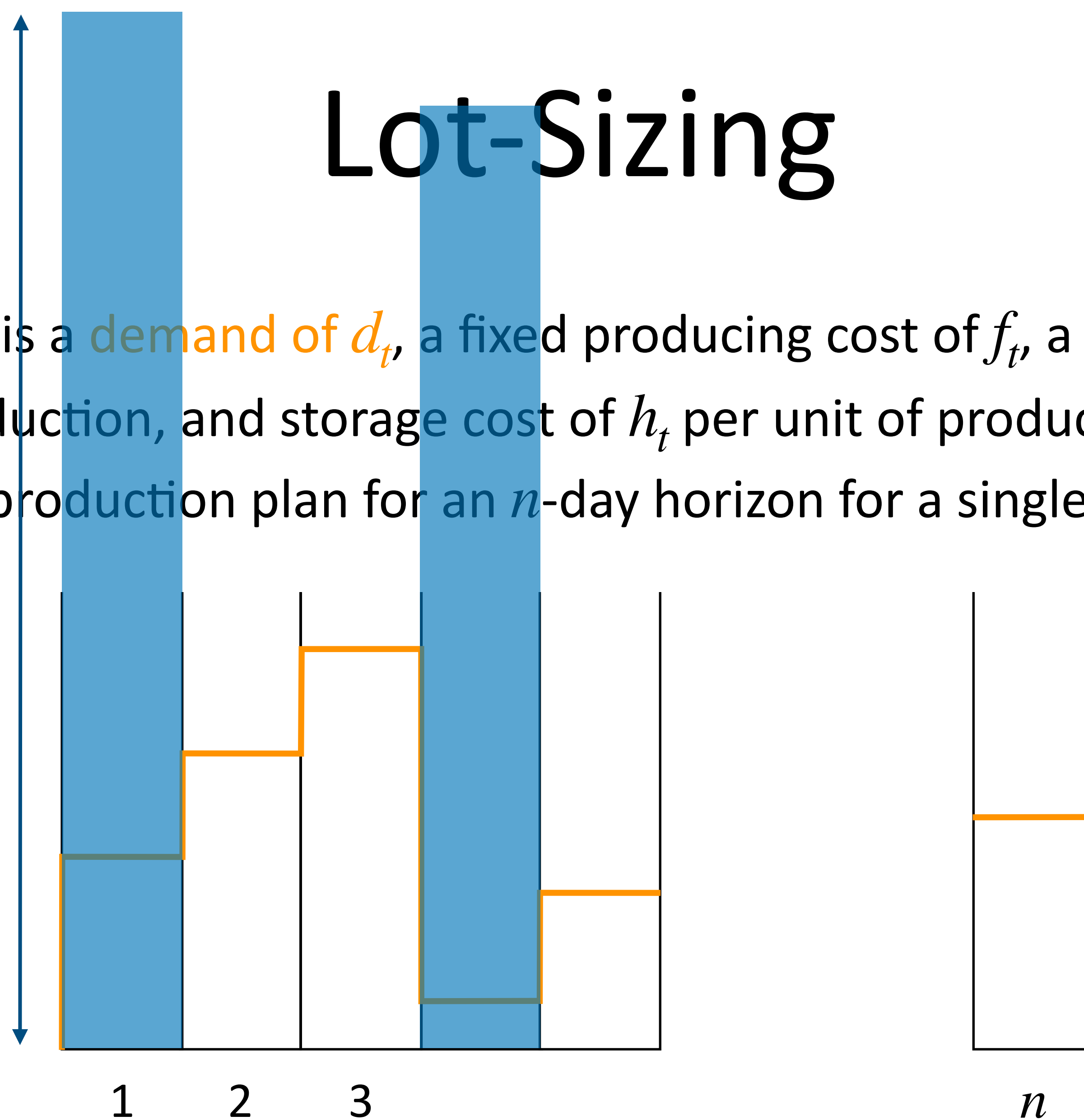
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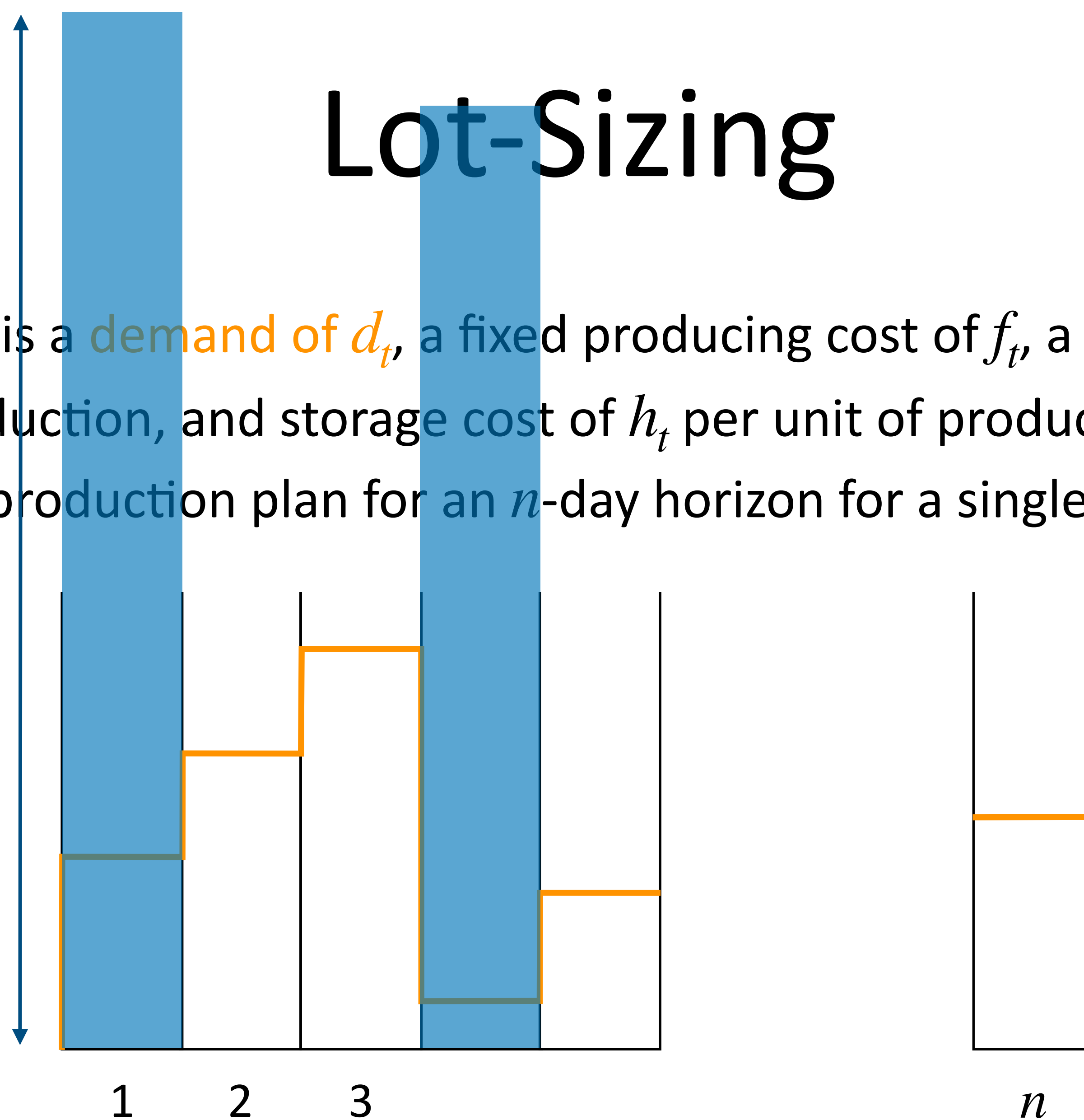
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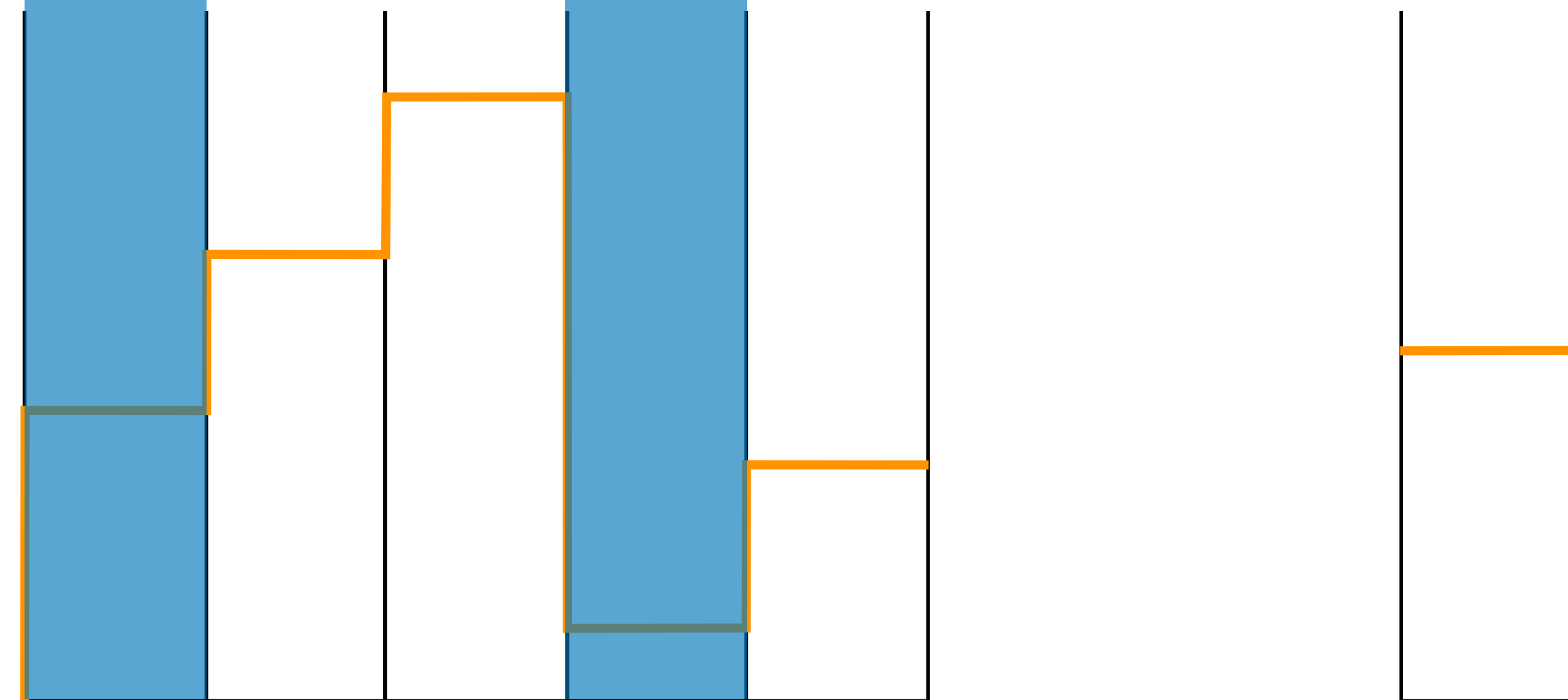
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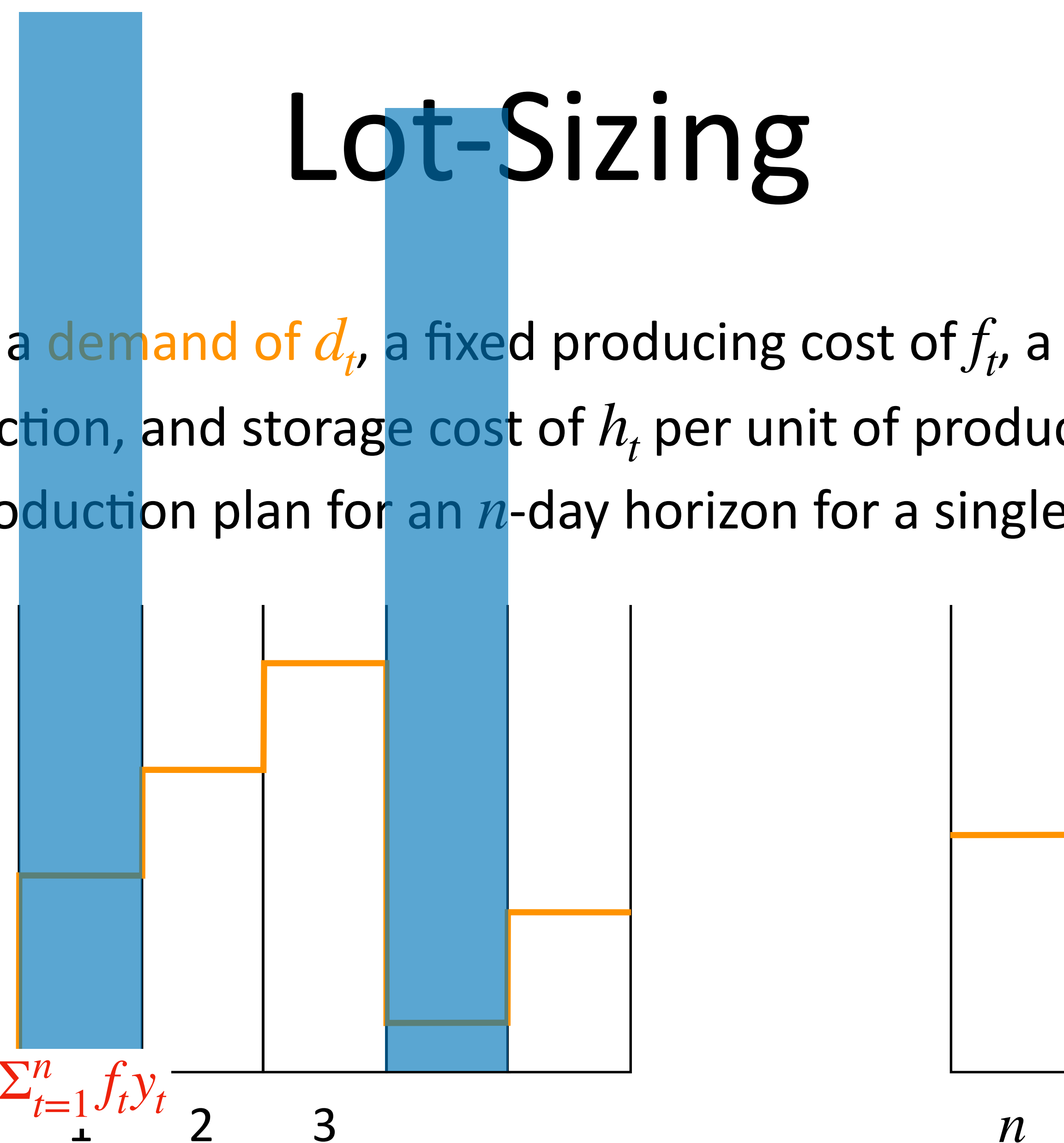
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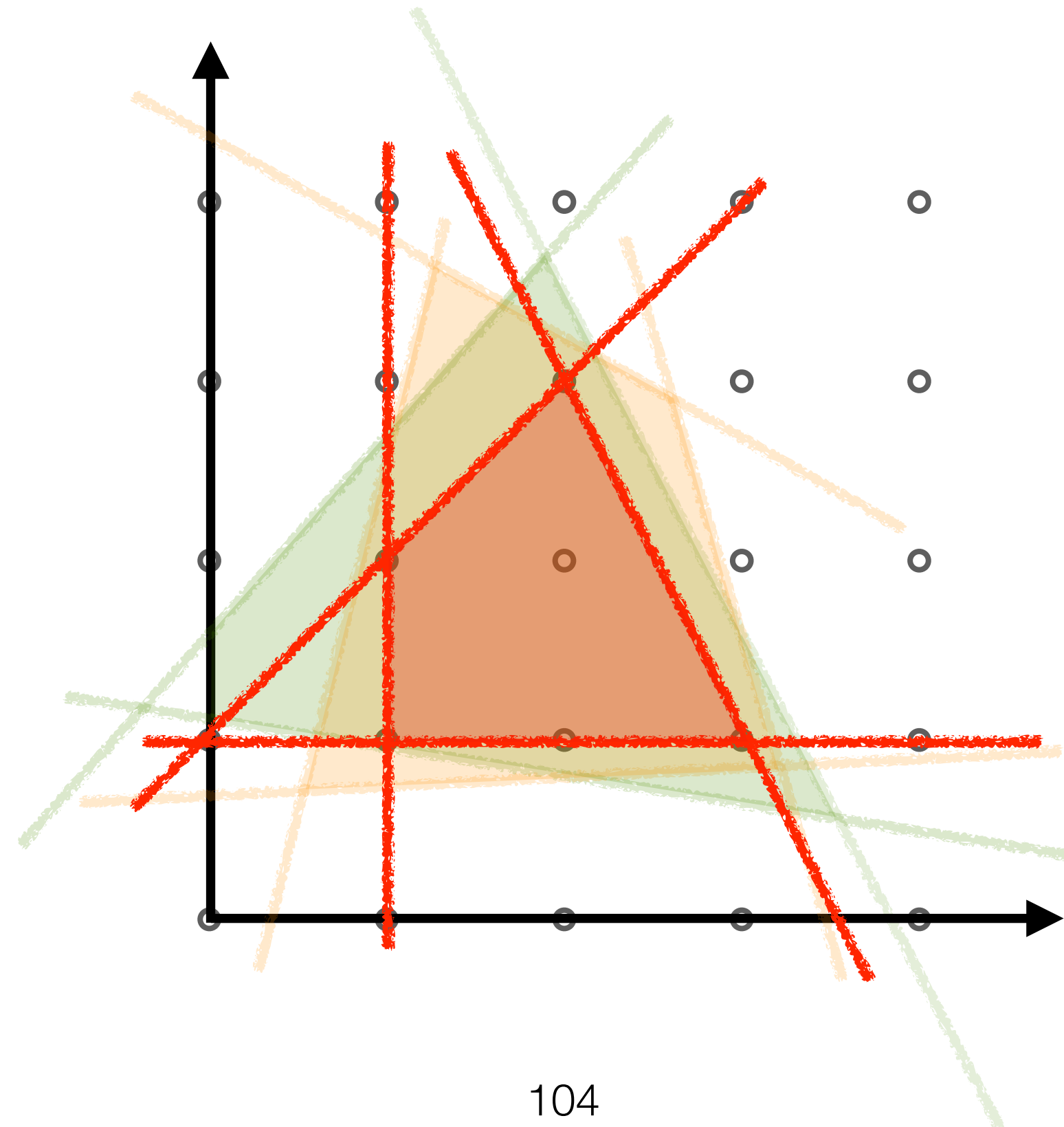
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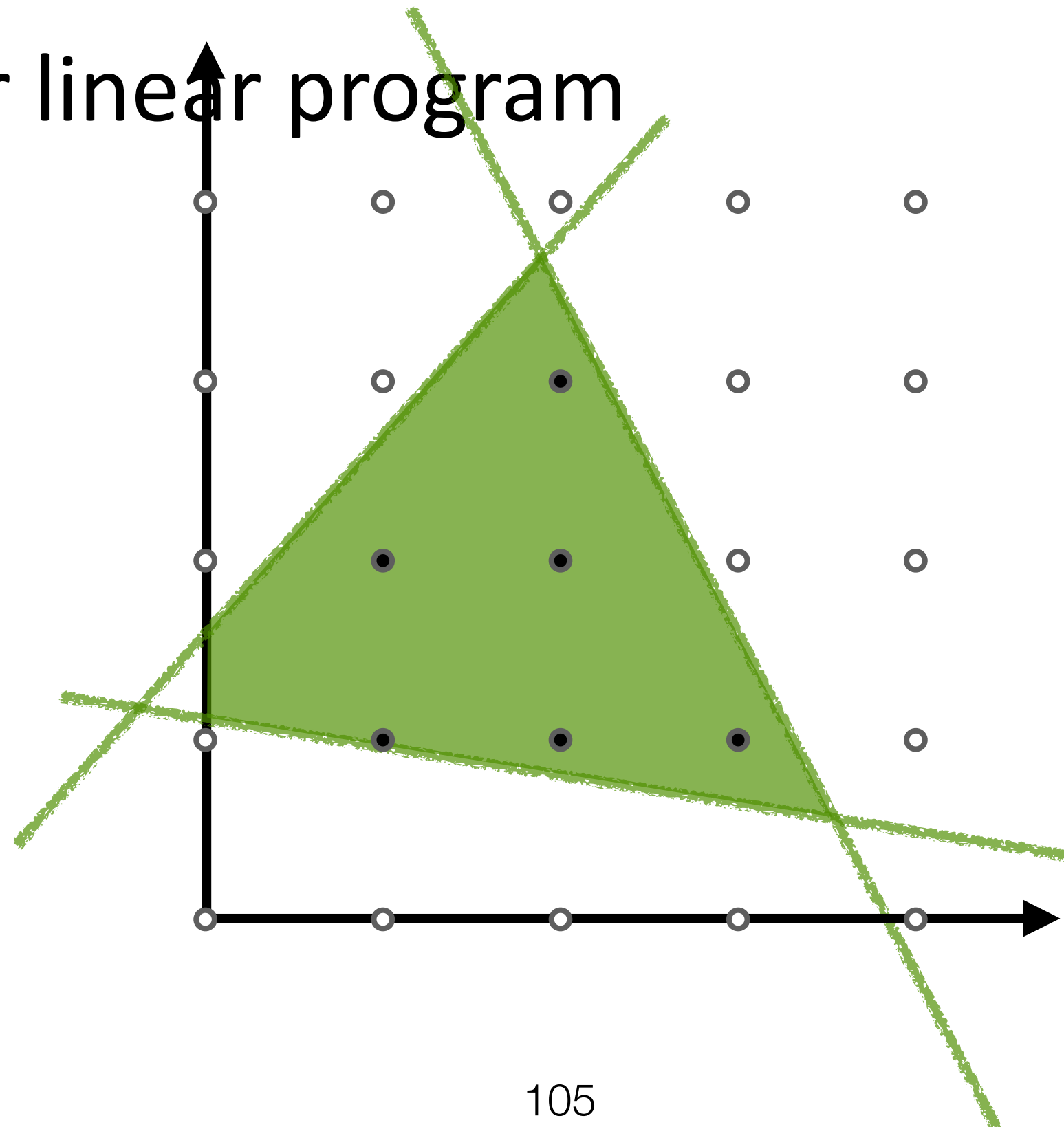
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Formulation 1
Formulation 2
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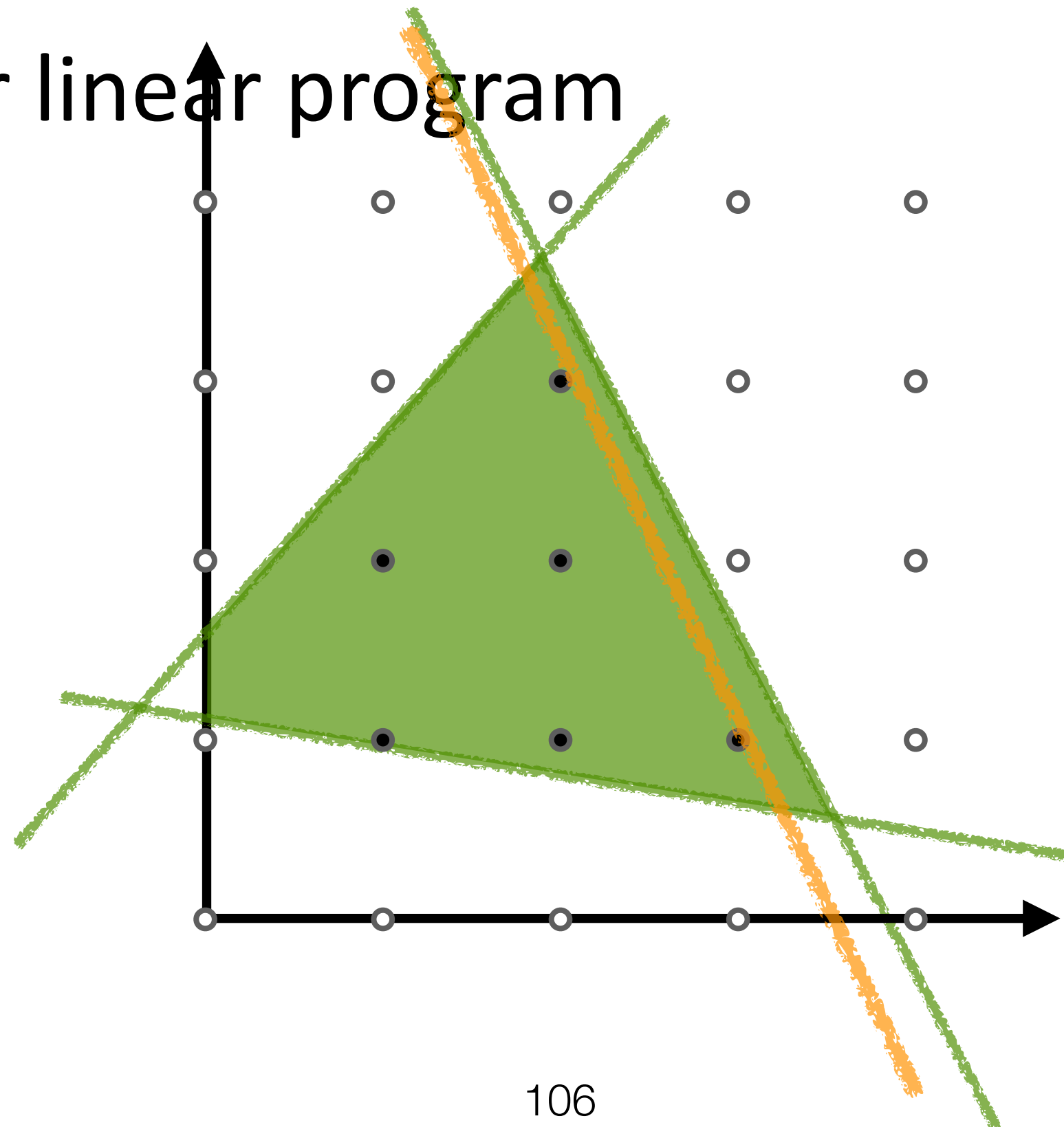
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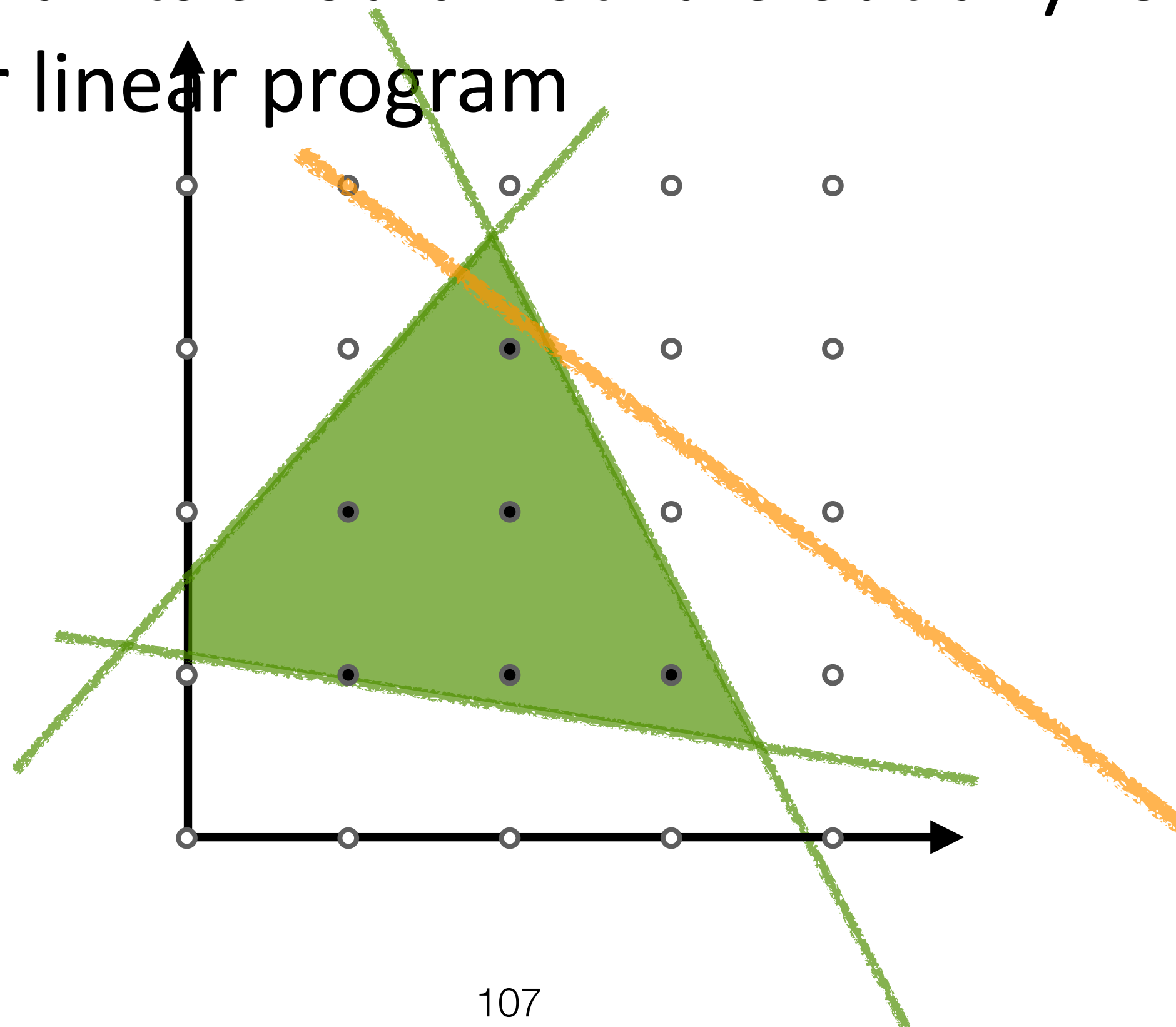
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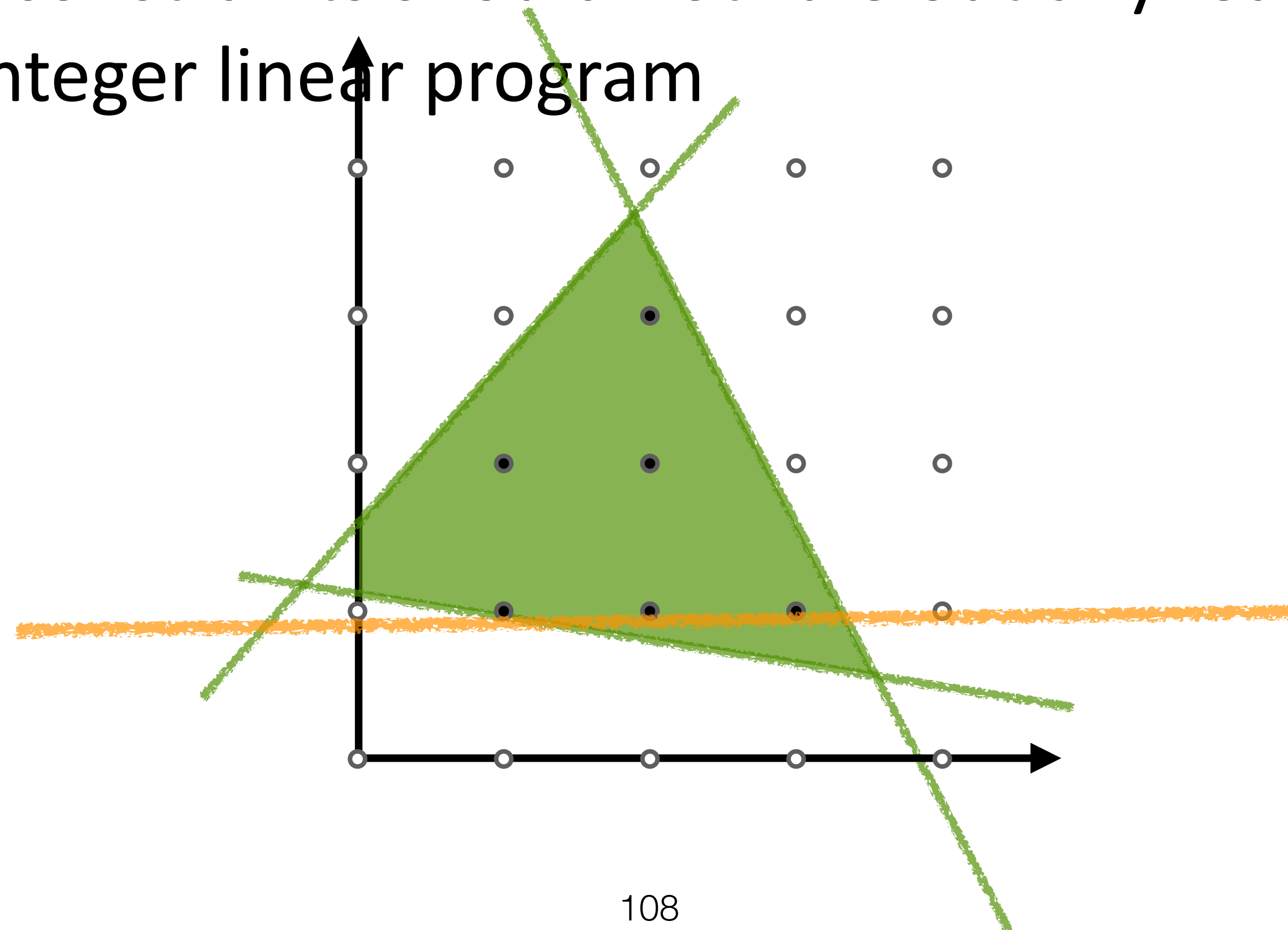
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- All feasible solutions satisfy:

- $x_{ij} \leq b_j y_j$

- $x_{ij} \leq a_i$

with $y_j \in \{0,1\}$

$$\Rightarrow x_{ij} \leq \min\{a_i, b_j\} \cdot y_j$$

Example 4: adding constraints

Minimize $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4$

$$\text{s. t. } 13x_1 + 20x_2 + 11x_3 + 6x_4 \geq 72$$

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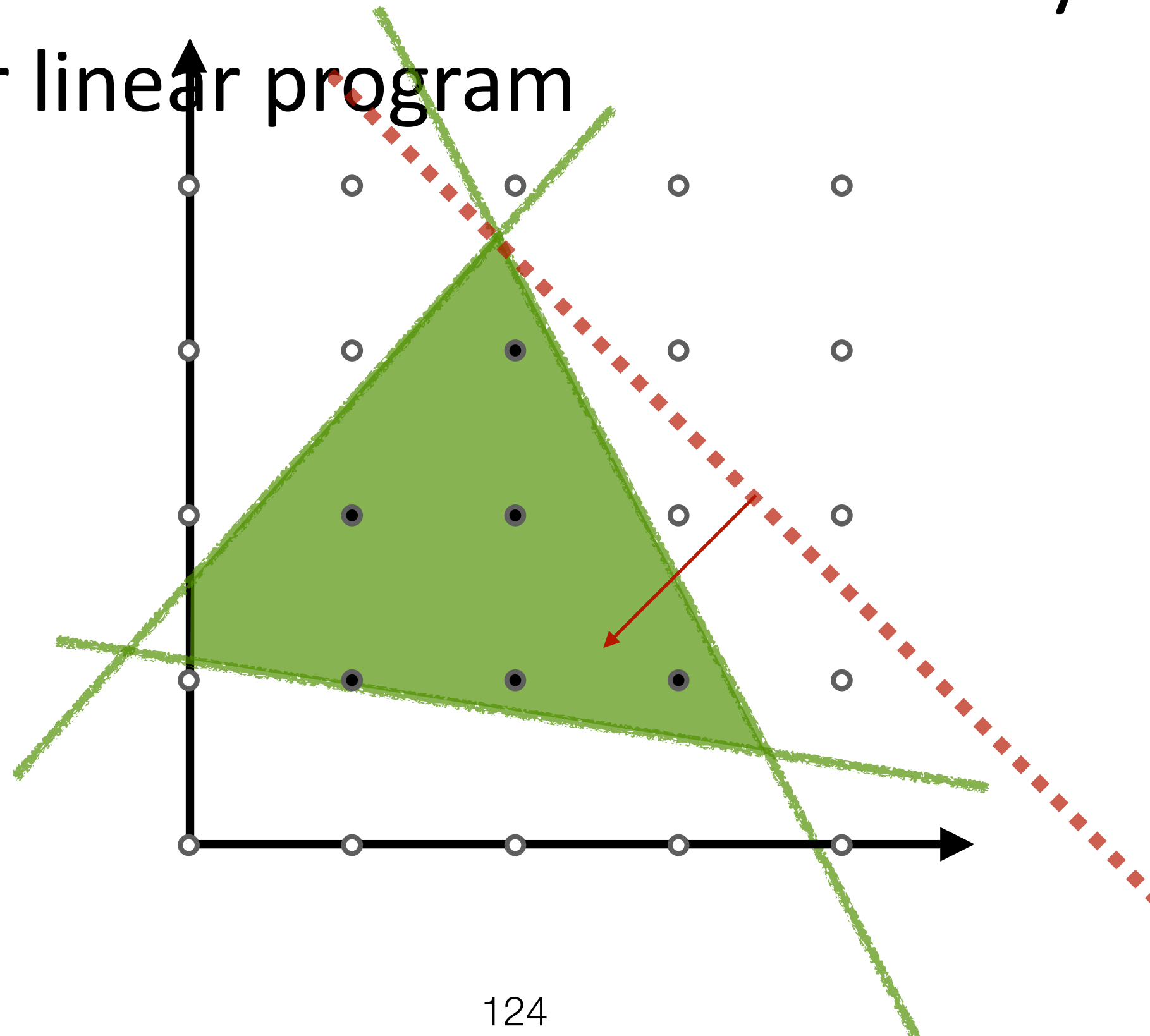
- Divide both sides of the constraint by 11:

$$\frac{13}{11}x_1 + \frac{20}{11}x_2 + x_3 + \frac{6}{11}x_4 \geq \frac{72}{11}$$

- Since $x_i \in \mathbb{N}$, $2x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 + x_4 \geq \frac{13}{11}x_1 + \frac{20}{11}x_2 + x_3 + \frac{6}{11}x_4 \geq \frac{72}{11} = 6.545 \dots$
- Since $x_i \in \mathbb{N}$, $2x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 + x_4 \geq 7$

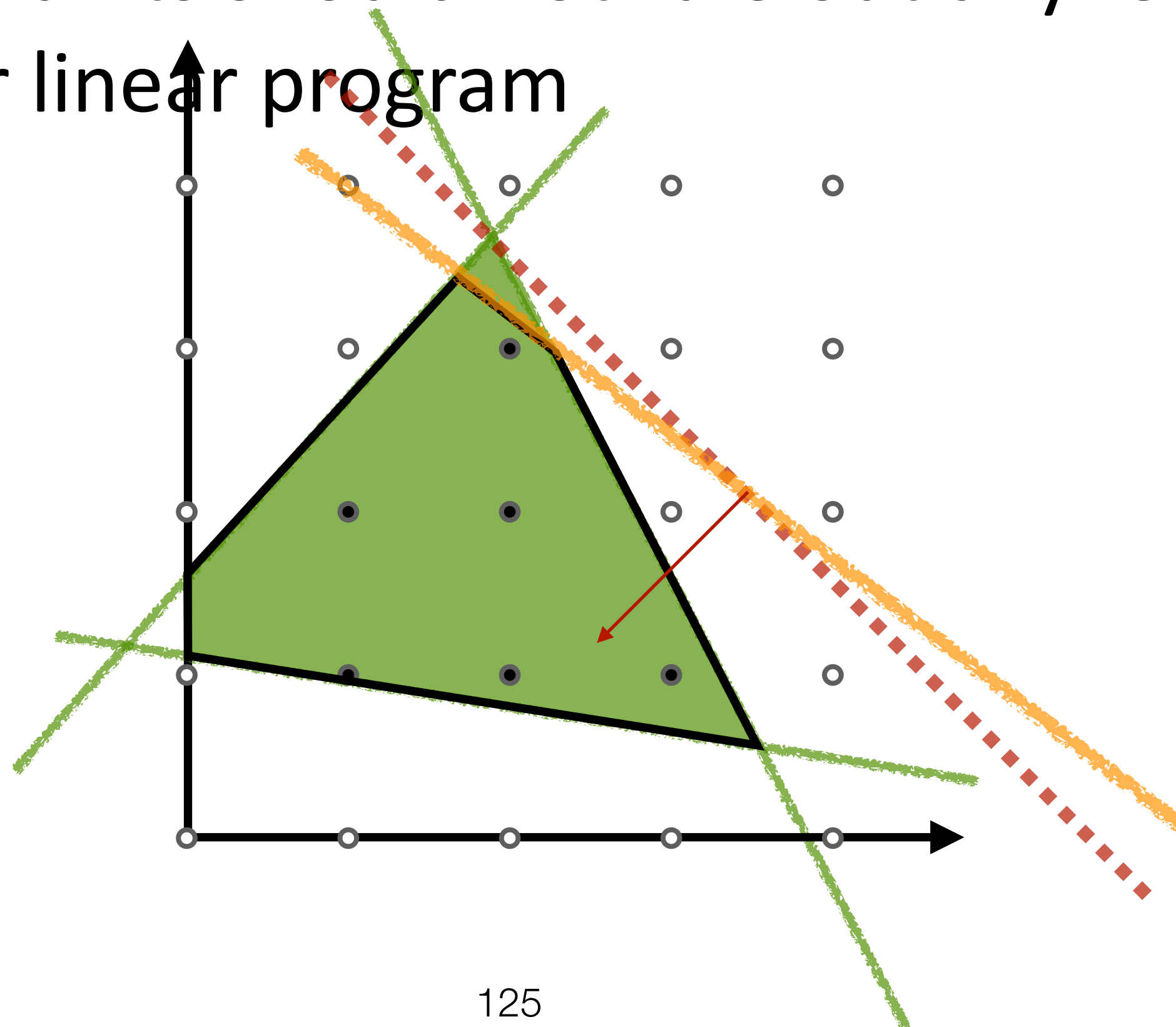
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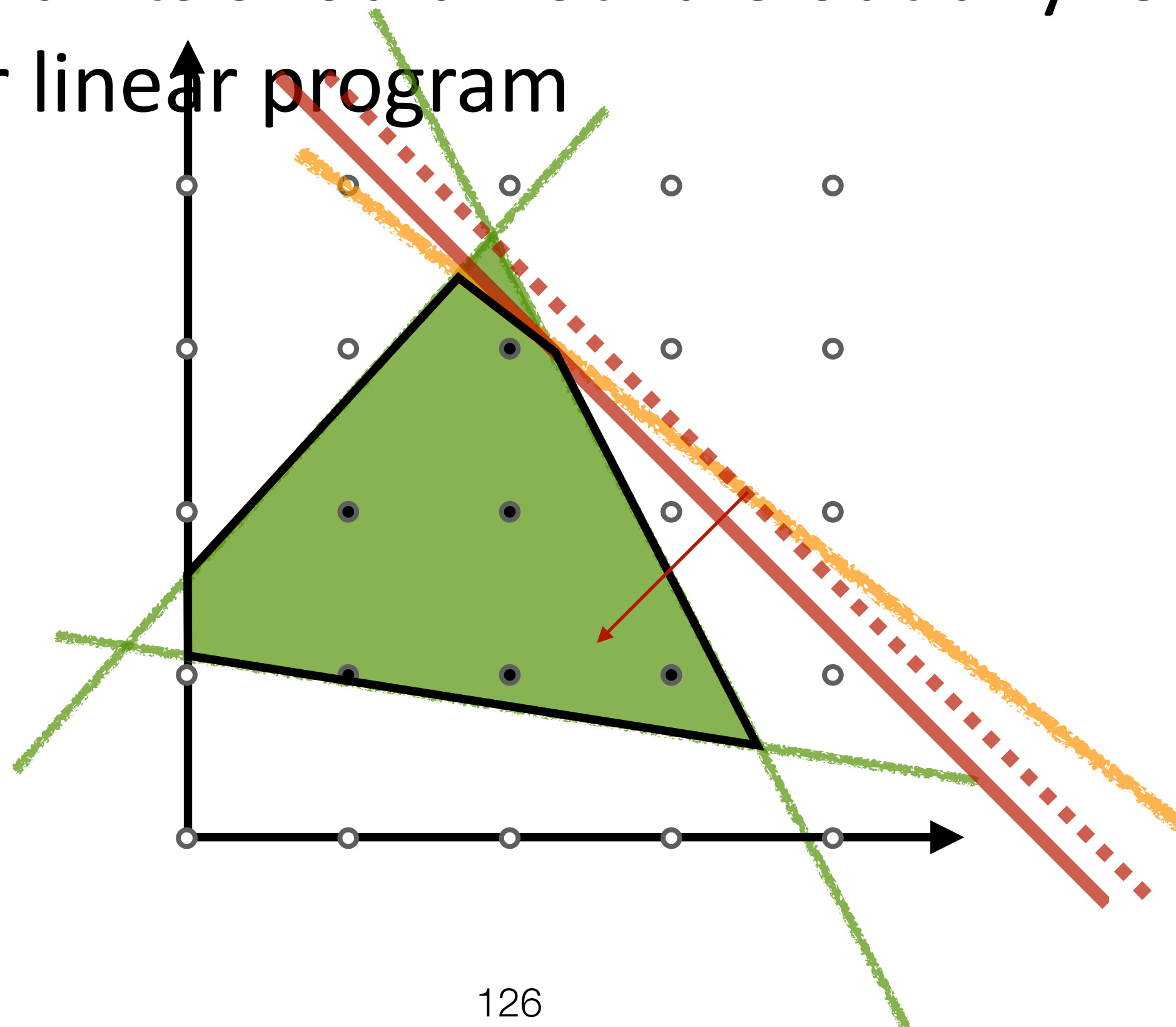
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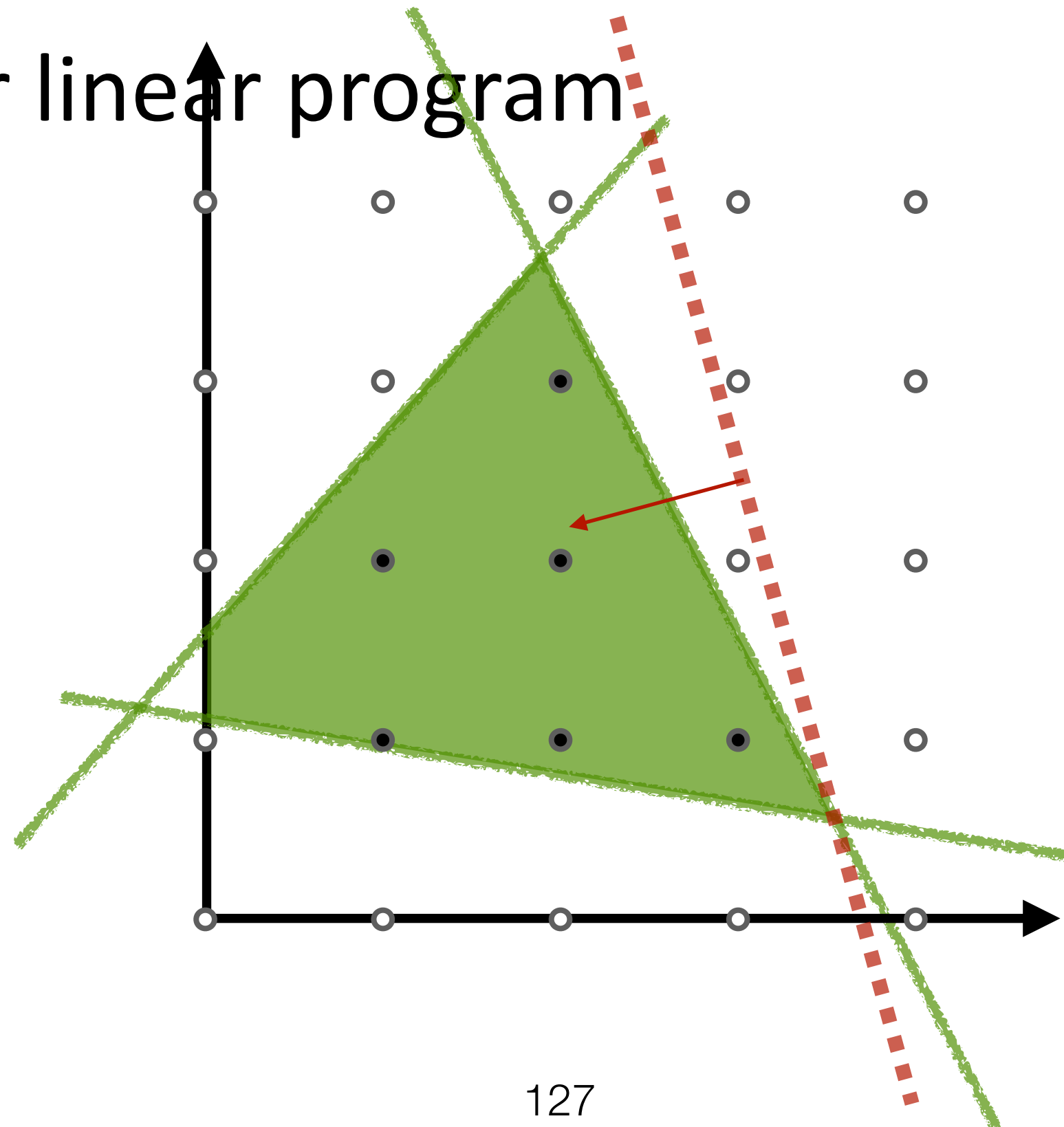
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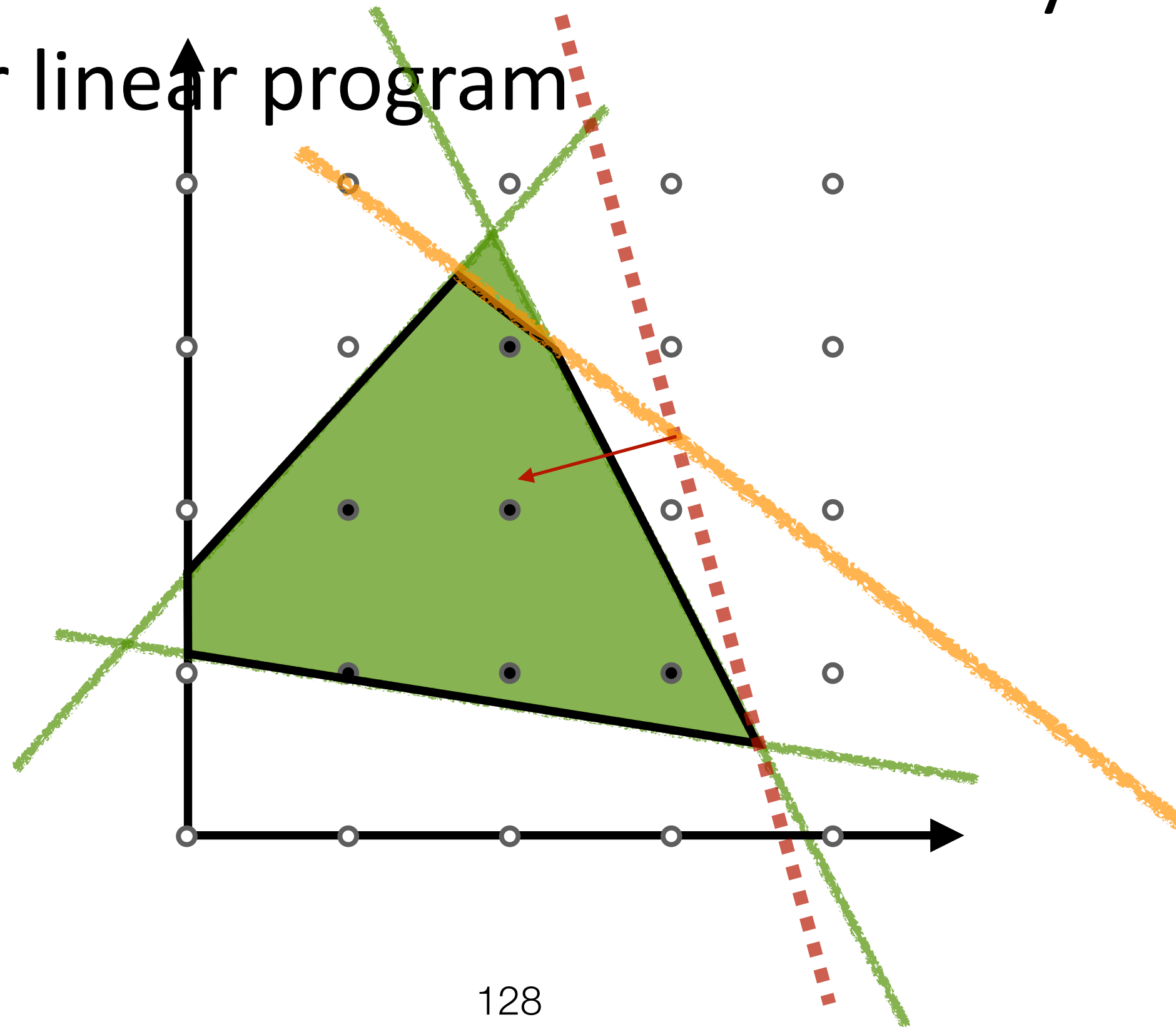
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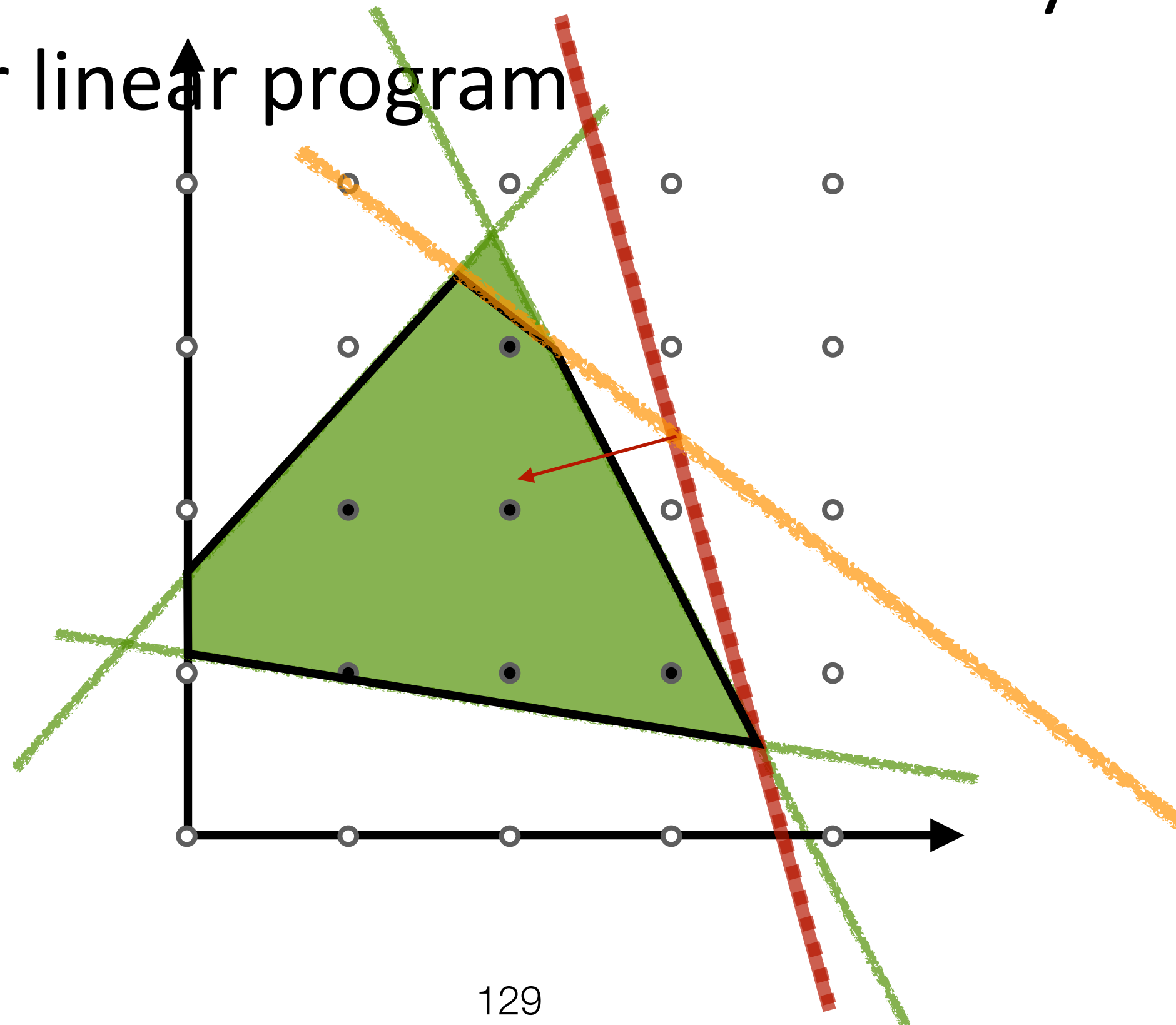
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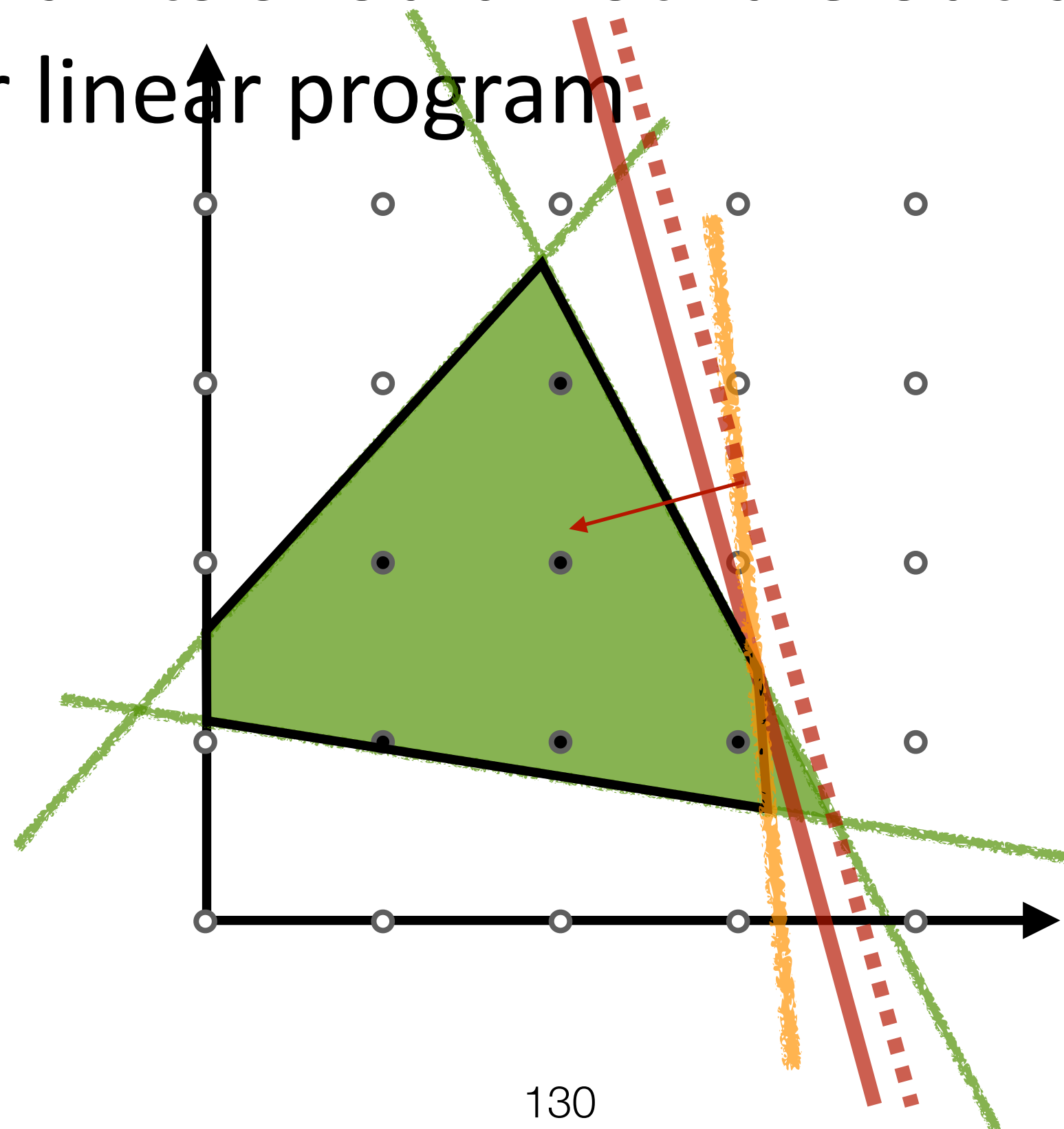
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- Recall that in a linear program, every constraint should be satisfied
- What happens if you only need (at least) one of two conditions to be true?

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$$\text{Minimize } \sum_{j \in J} c_j x_j$$

$$\text{s.t. } \sum_{j \in J} a_{1j} x_j \leq b_1 + M_1 \cdot y \quad (1^*)$$

$$\sum_{j \in J} a_{2j} x_j \leq b_2 + M_2 \cdot (1 - y) \quad (2^*)$$

$$x_j \geq 0 \text{ for all } j$$

$$y \in \{0,1\}$$

- where at least one of (1) and (2) is true

- Introduce $y \in \{0,1\}$ and large enough M_1 and M_2 to indicate if one condition is true

- If $y = 0$, $(1^*) = (1)$, and (2^*) is more relaxed than (2) \Rightarrow a solution must satisfy (1) but may not satisfy (2)
- The case where $y = 1$ is symmetrical

Or constraints

- Use an indicator variable y again
 - But this time, use y to restrict one condition and relax the other one, so it is not necessary that both the conditions are true

Conditional constraints

- Recall that in a linear program, every constraint should be satisfied
- What happens if we need condition (2) also be true if condition (1) is true?

Conditional constraints

$$\sum_{j \in J} a_{1j} x_j \leq b_1 \quad (1)$$

$$\sum_{j \in J} a_{2j} x_j \leq b_2 \quad (2)$$

- if condition (1) is satisfied, then (2) must also be satisfied

- If P then $Q \Leftrightarrow \text{not } P \text{ or } Q$

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T	T		F	
T	F		F	
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Not (1) or (2):

$$\sum_{j \in J} a_{1j} x_j \geq b_1 + \varepsilon - M_1 \cdot y$$

$$\sum_{j \in J} a_{2j} x_j \leq b_2 + M_2 \cdot (1 - y)$$

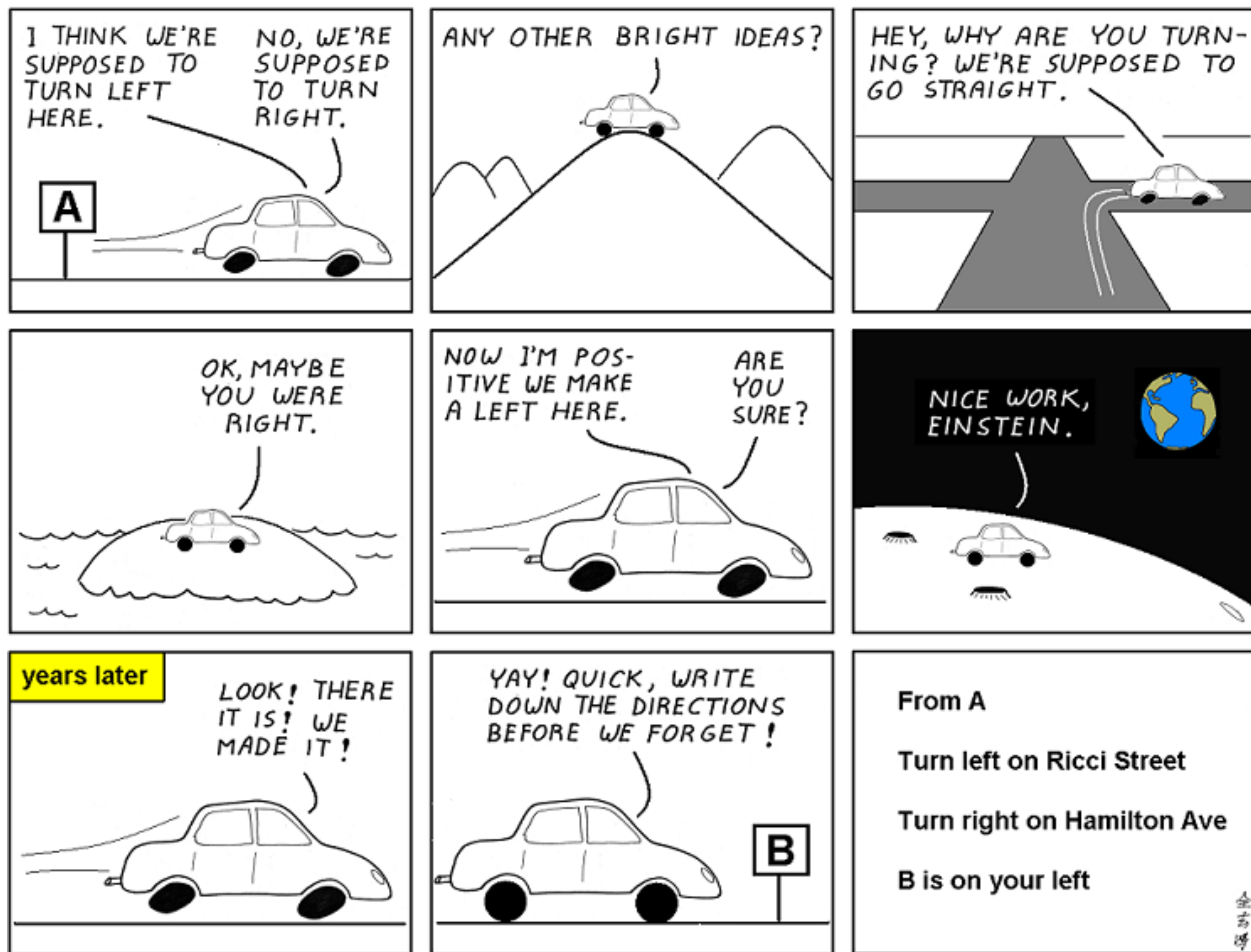
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Conditional constraints

- An application for the “or condition” method
 - If P then $Q \Leftrightarrow \text{not } P \text{ or } Q$
 - Use $+\varepsilon$ where ε is very small to deal with the strict inequality

It's obvious

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This is how most mathematical proofs are written.