

# Nonparametric Bayesian Statistics: Part II

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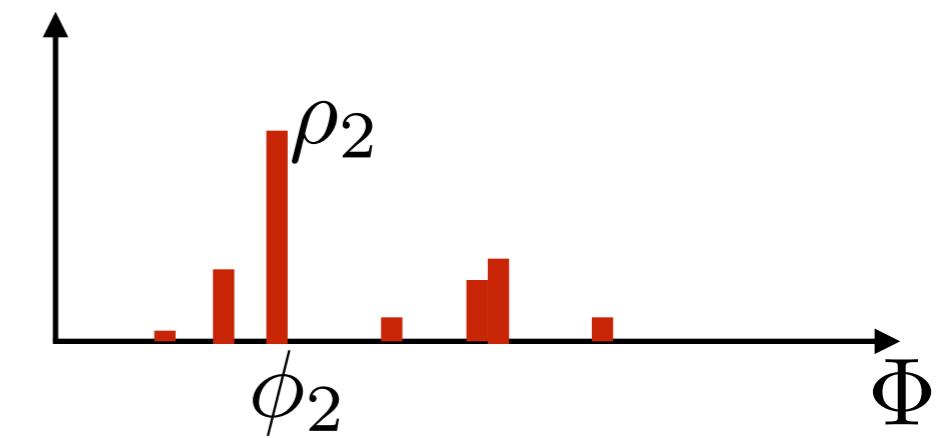
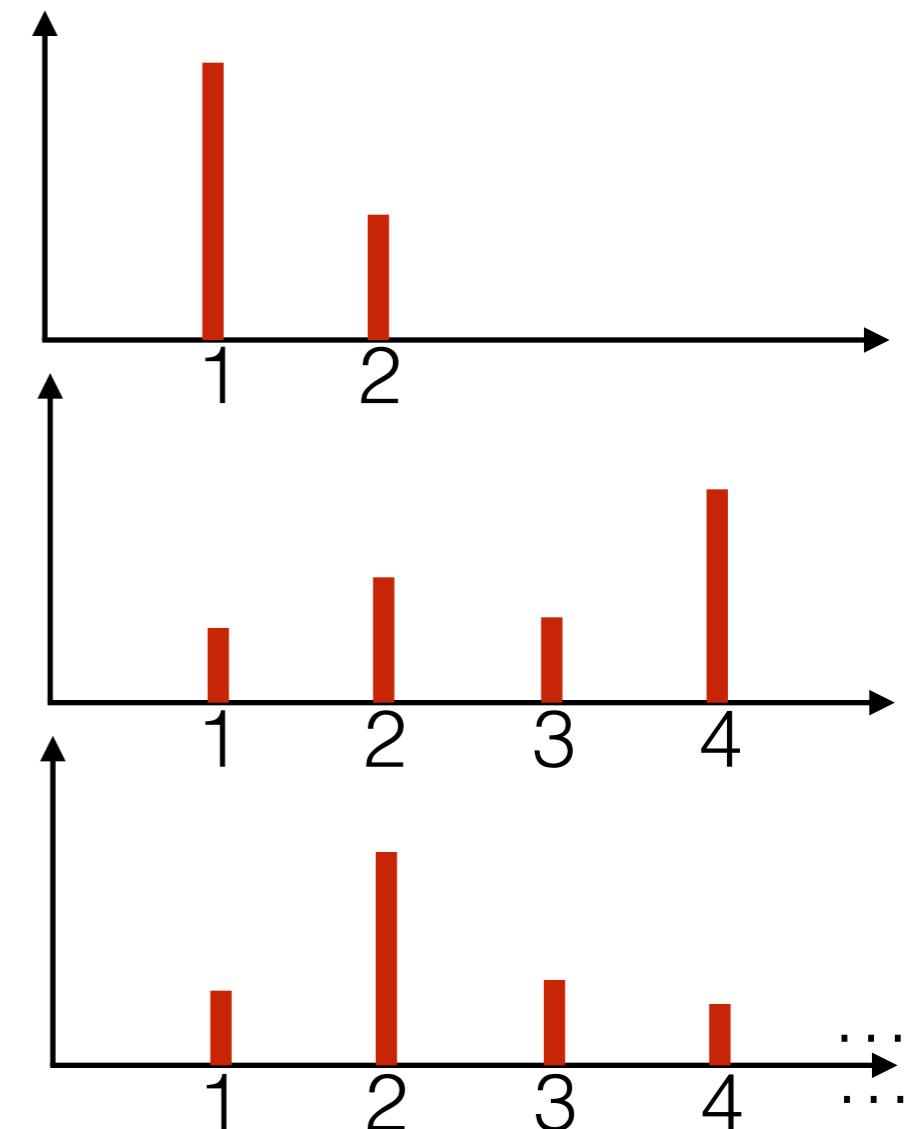
# Outline

- Dirichlet process
  - Background for intuition
  - Generative model
  - What does a growing/infinite number of parameters really mean (in Nonparametric Bayes)?
- Chinese restaurant process
- Inference
- Venture further into the wild world of Nonparametric Bayesian statistics

[slides, code: [www.tamarabroderick.com/tutorials.html](http://www.tamarabroderick.com/tutorials.html)]

# Distributions

- Beta → random distribution over 1, 2
- Dirichlet → random distribution over  $1, 2, \dots, K$
- GEM / Dirichlet process stick-breaking → random distribution over  $1, 2, \dots$
- **Dirichlet process** → random distribution over  $\Phi$ :  
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[Ferguson 1973]

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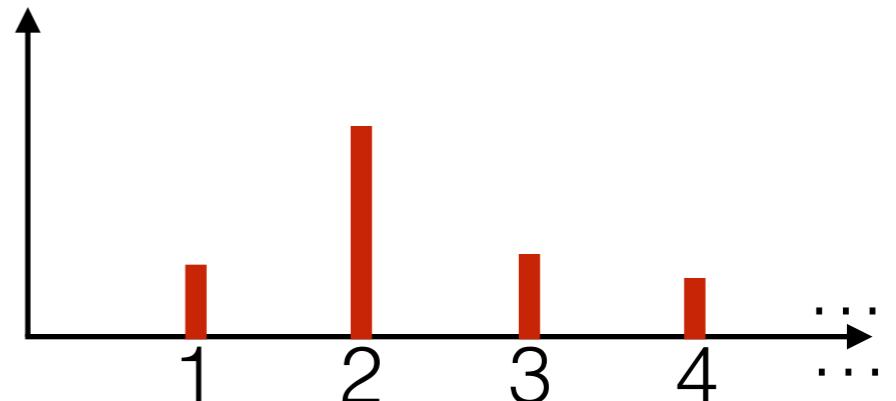
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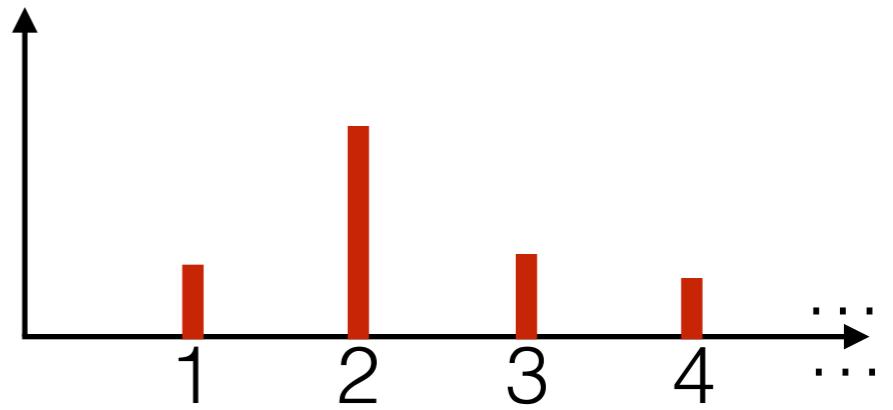


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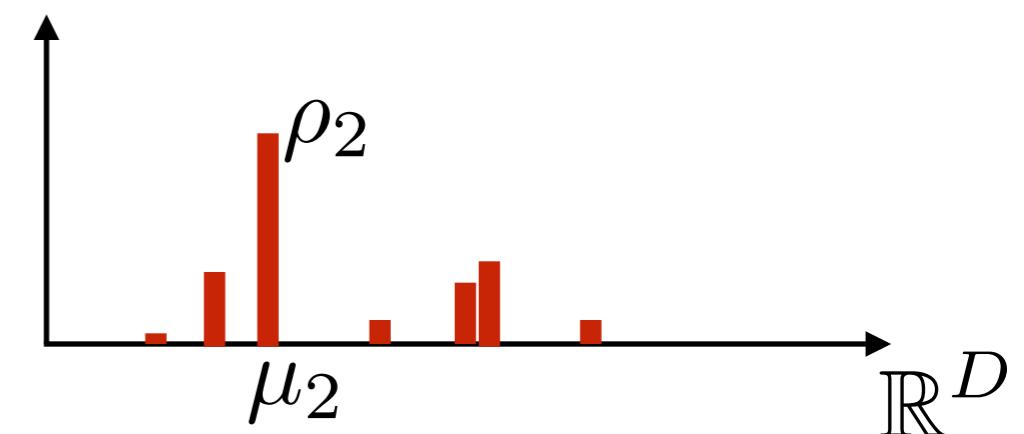
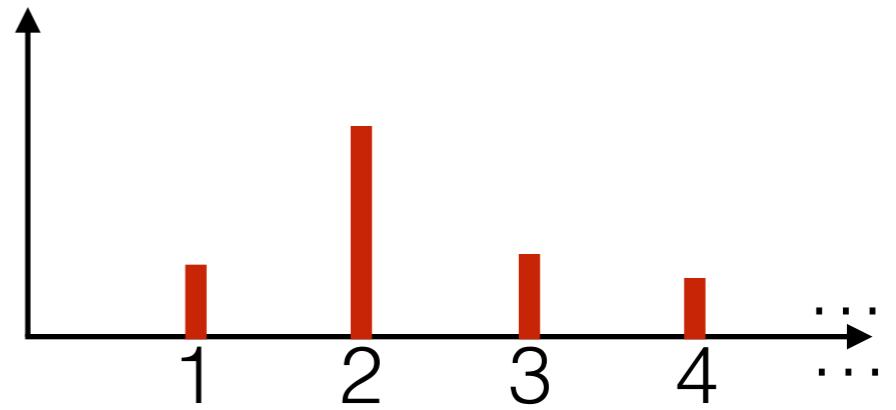


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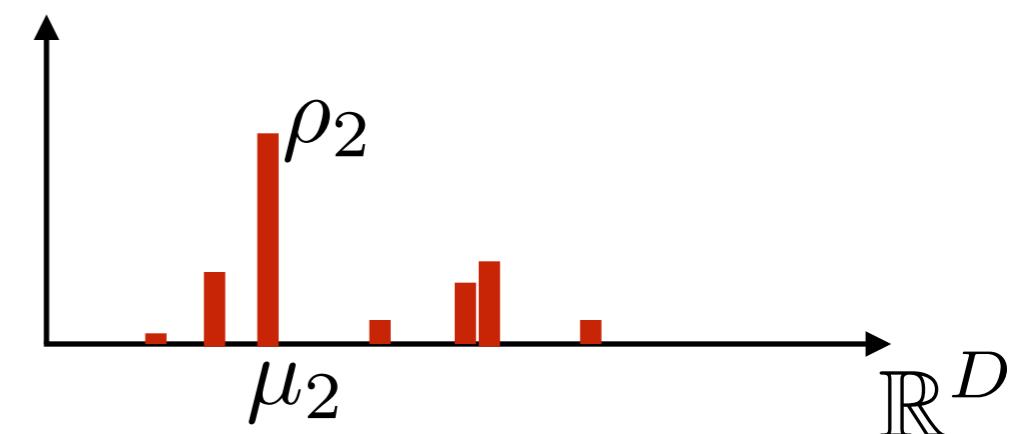
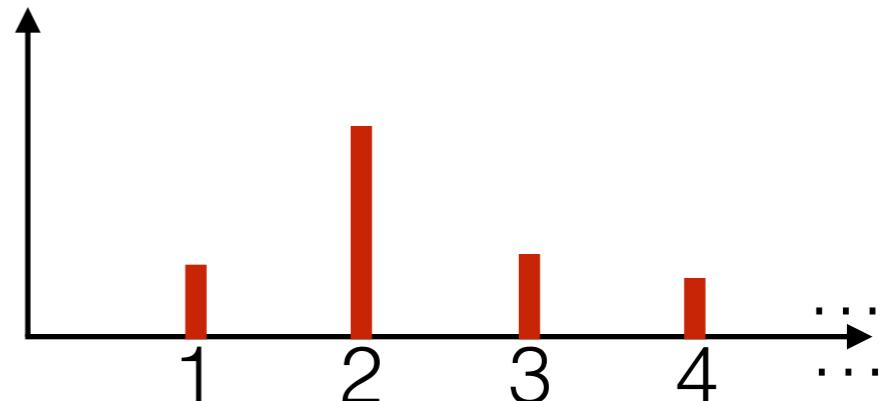
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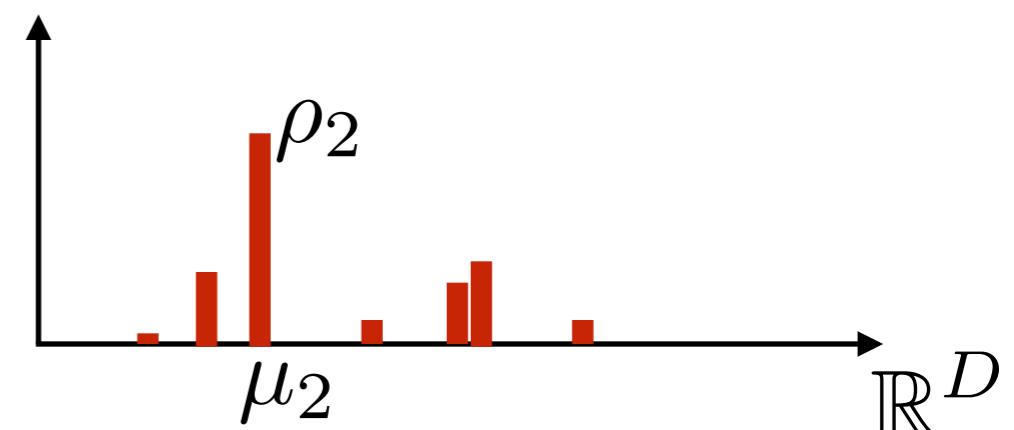
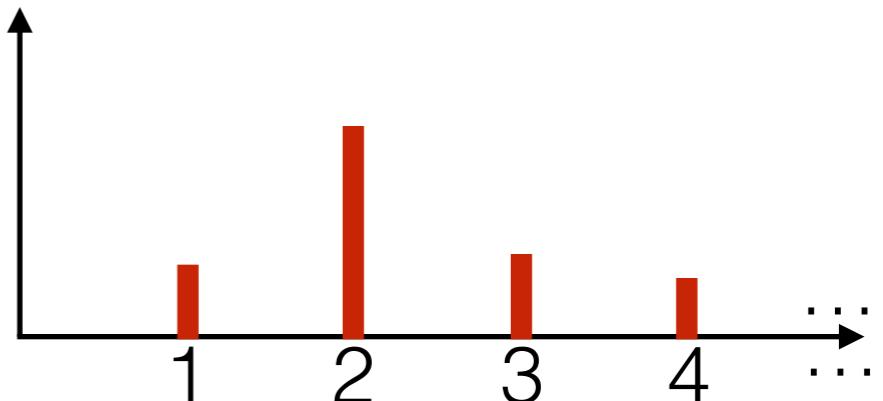
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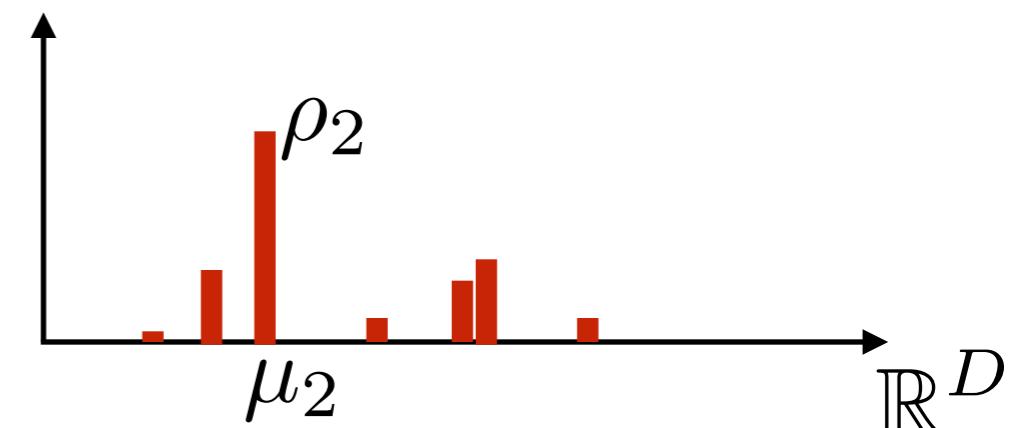
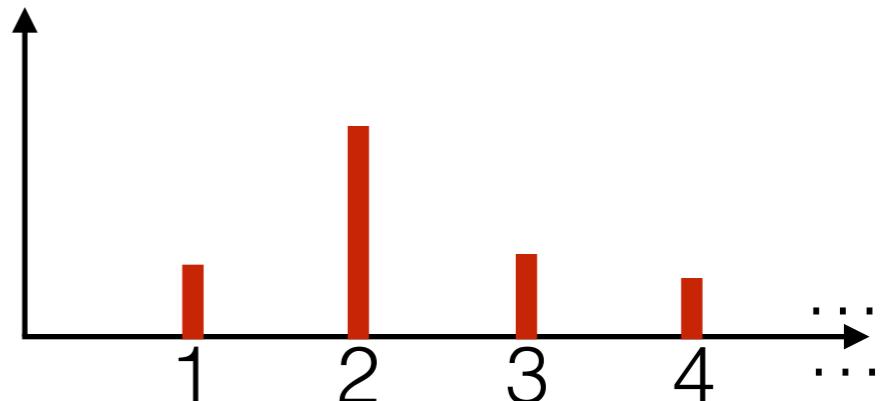
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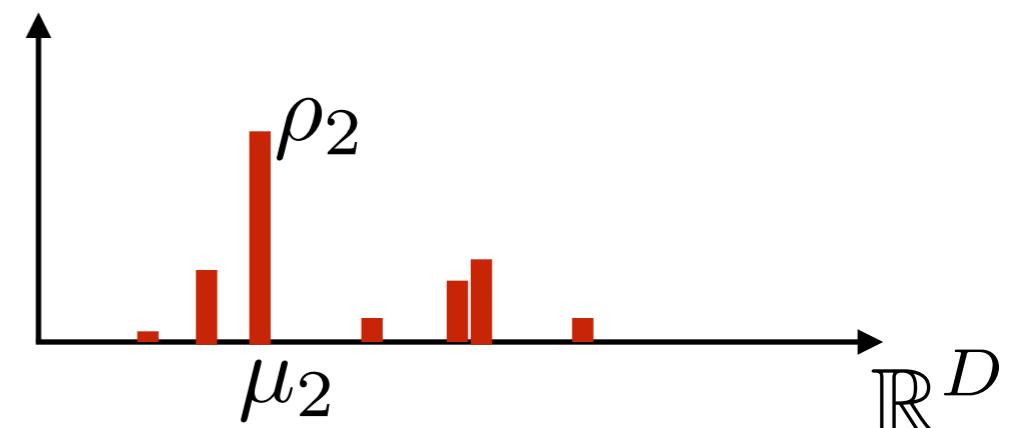
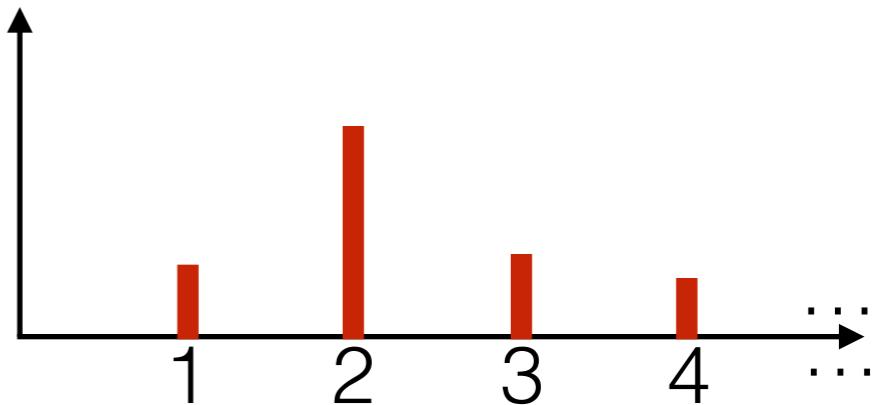
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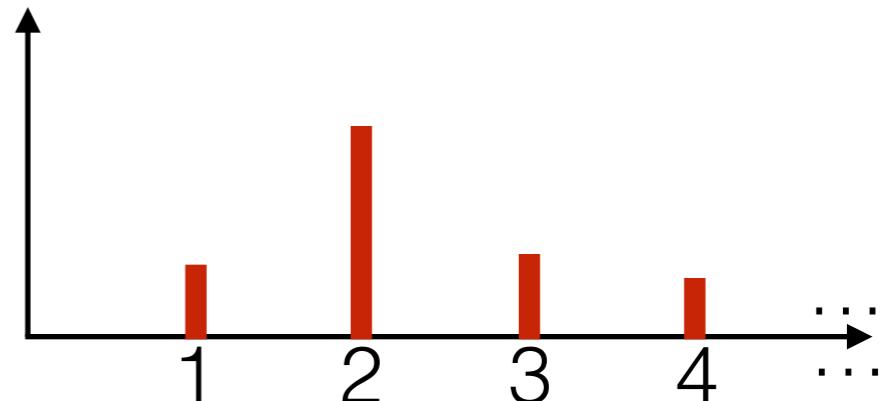
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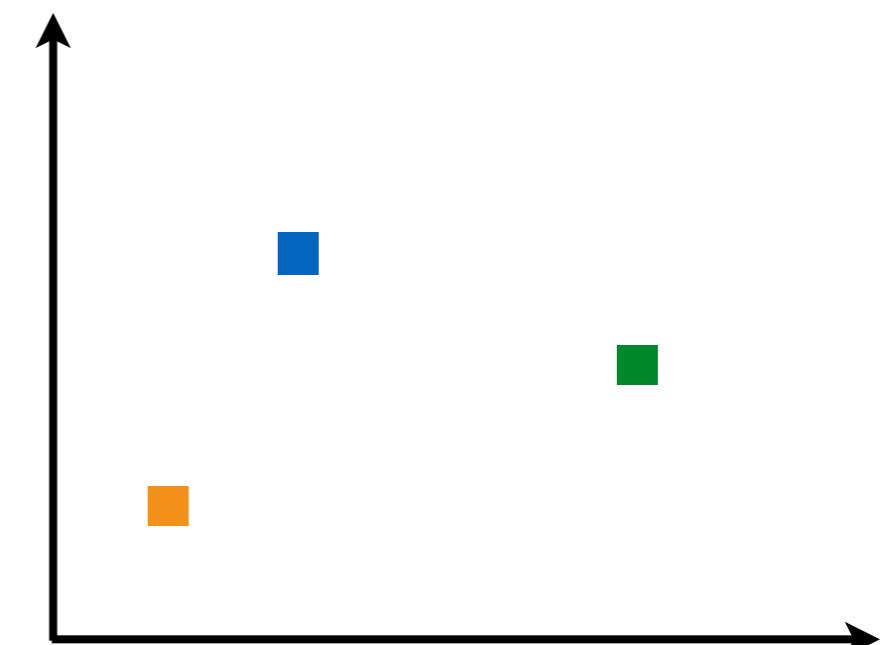
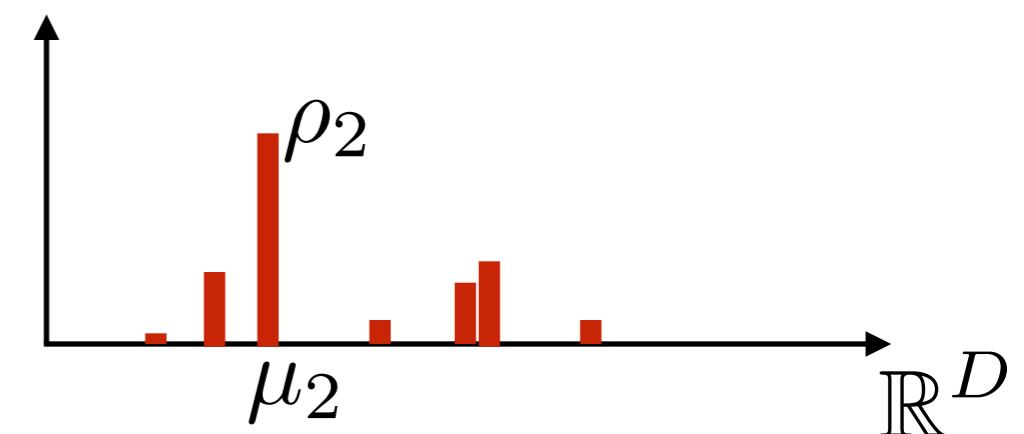
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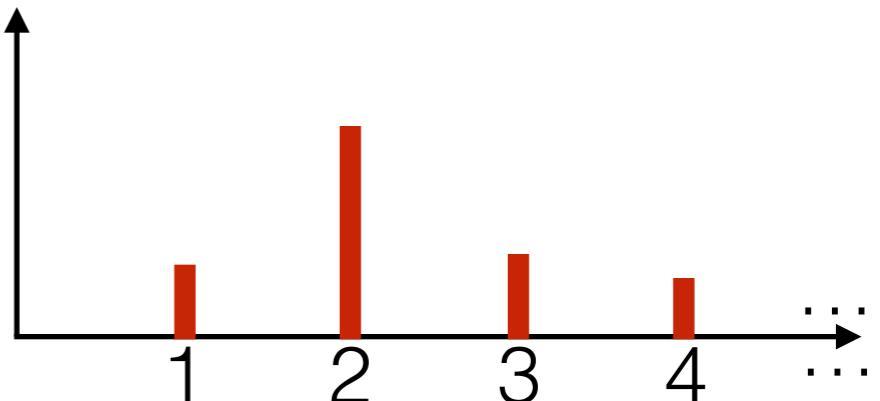
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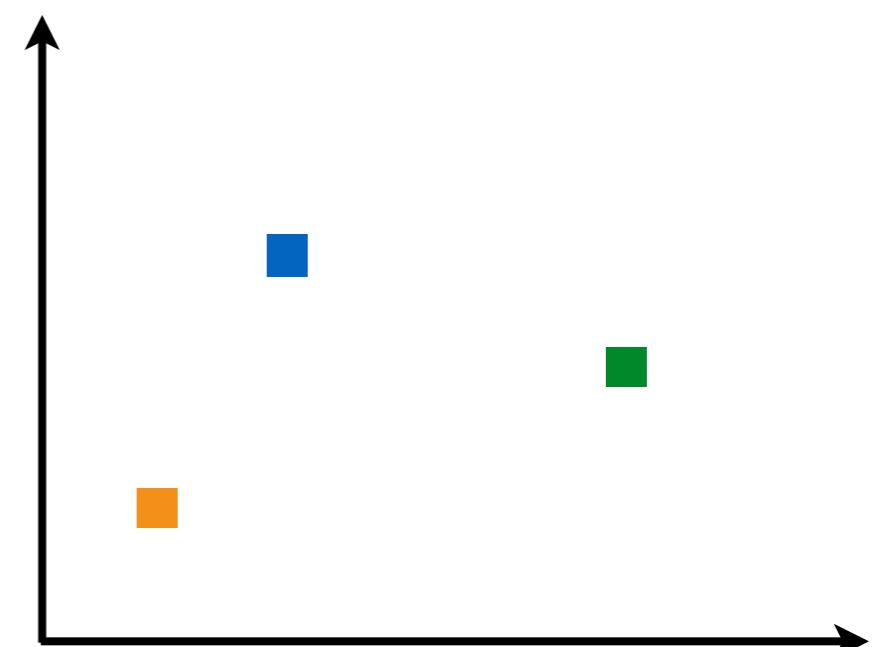
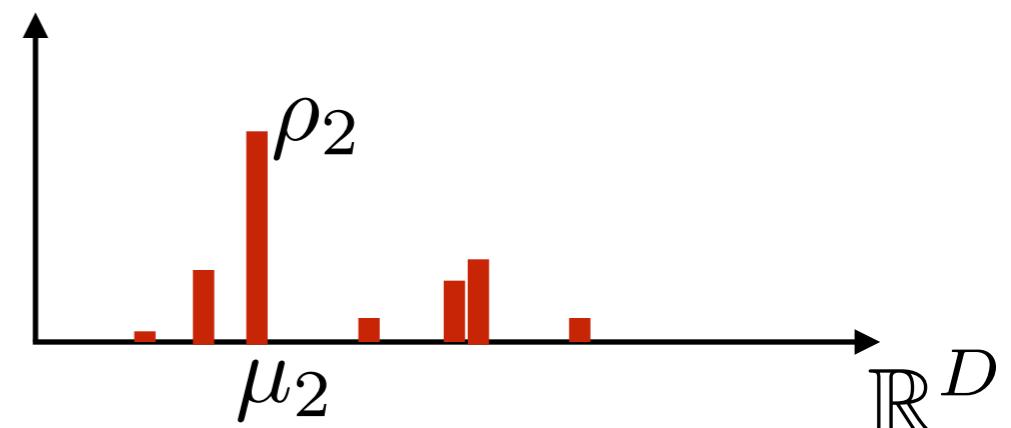
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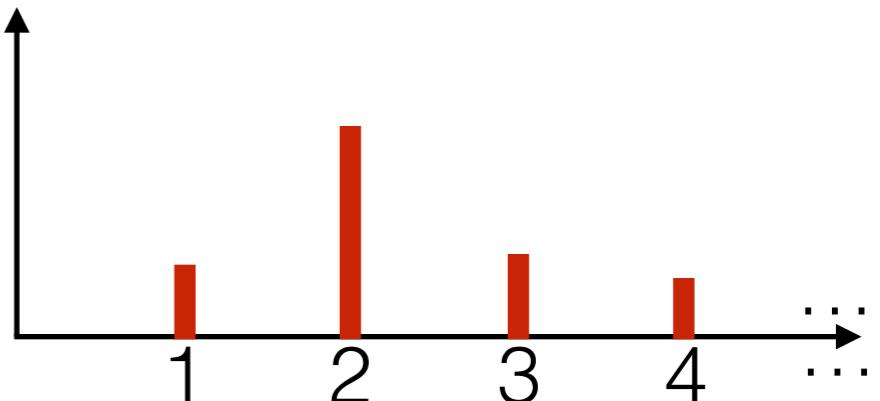
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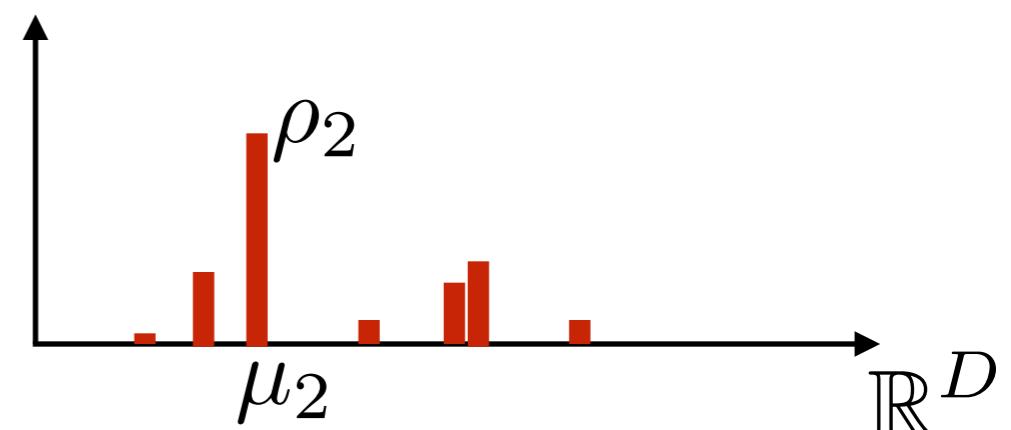
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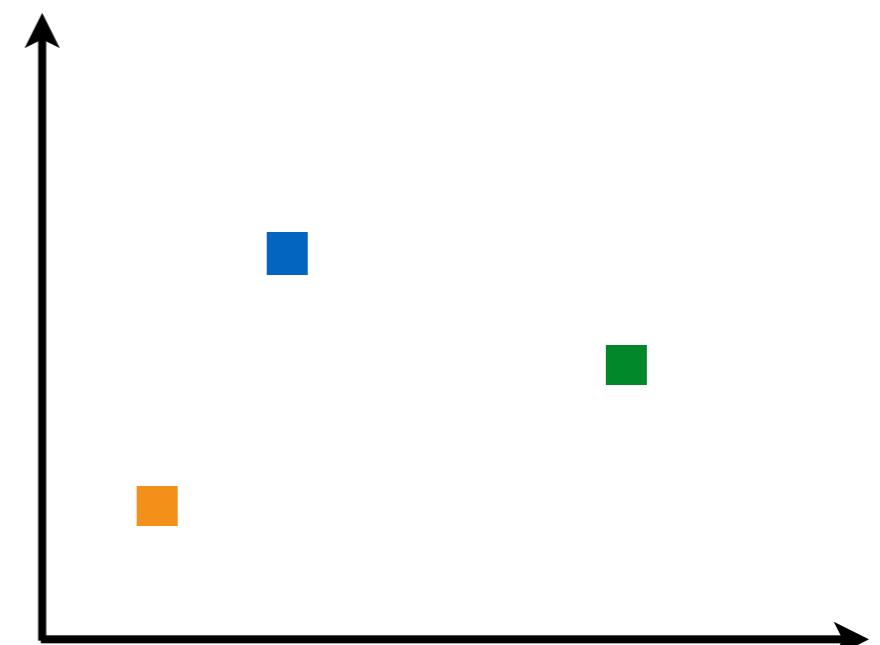
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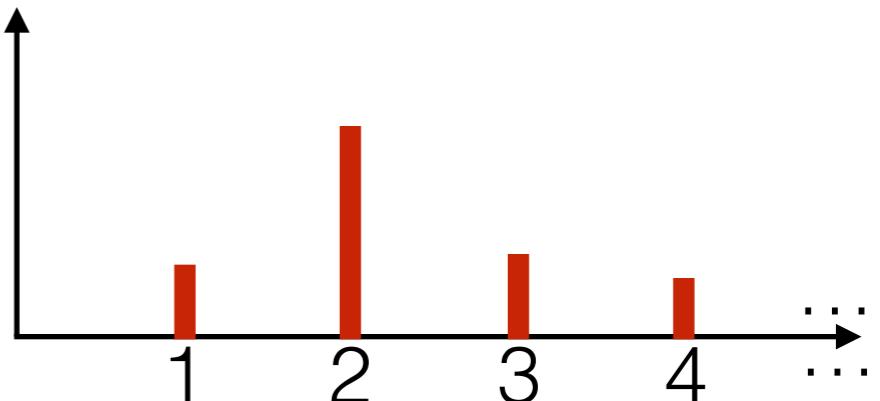
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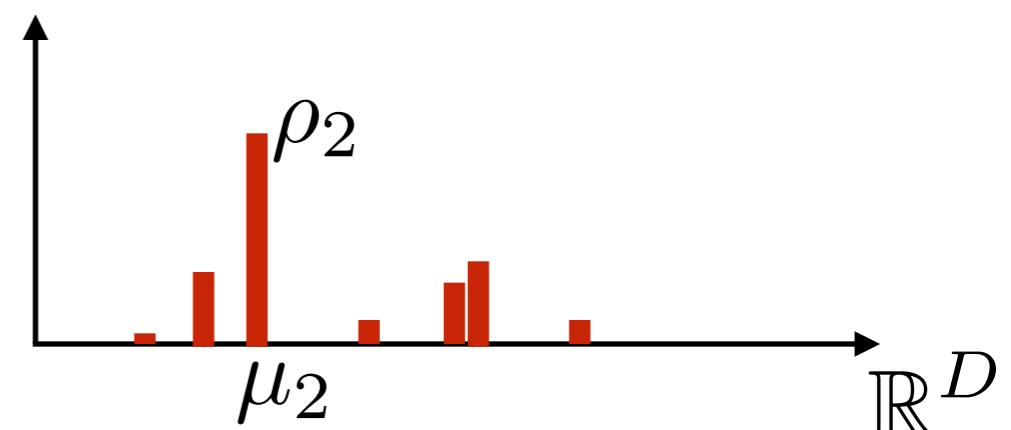
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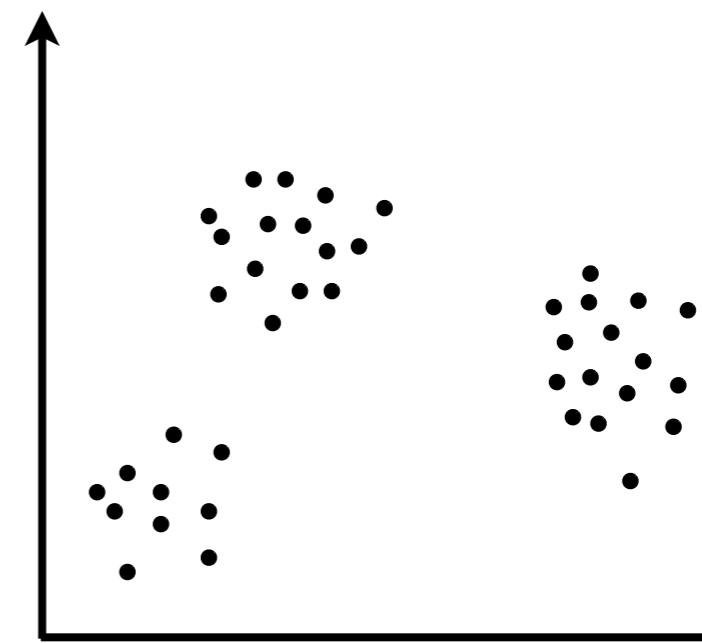
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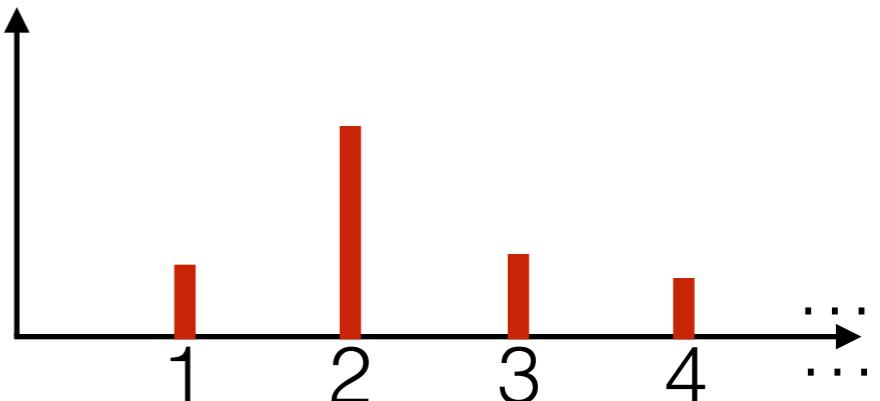
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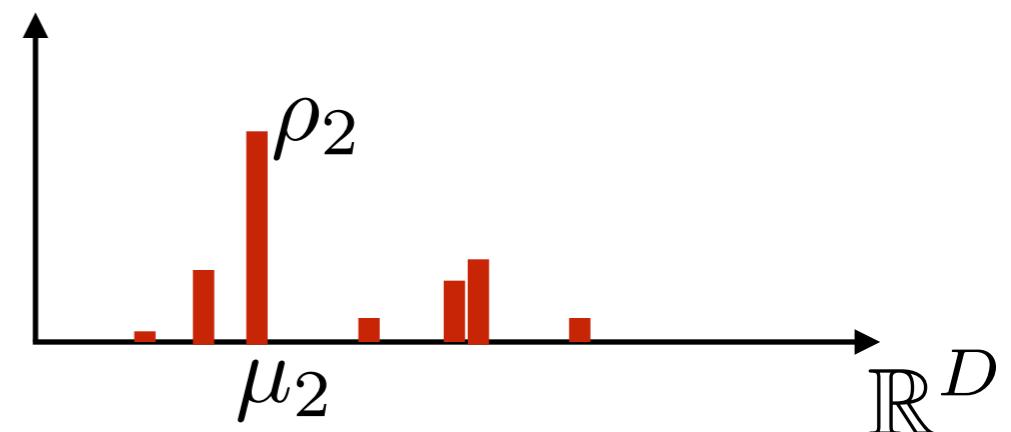
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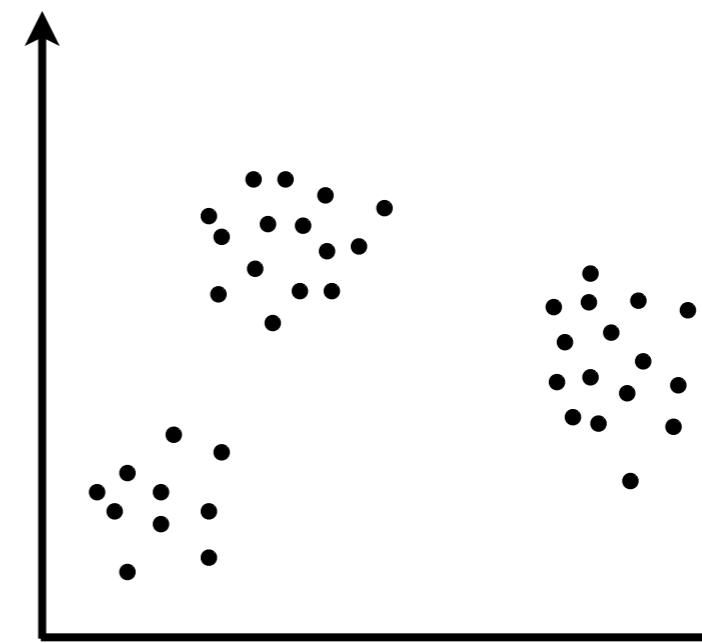
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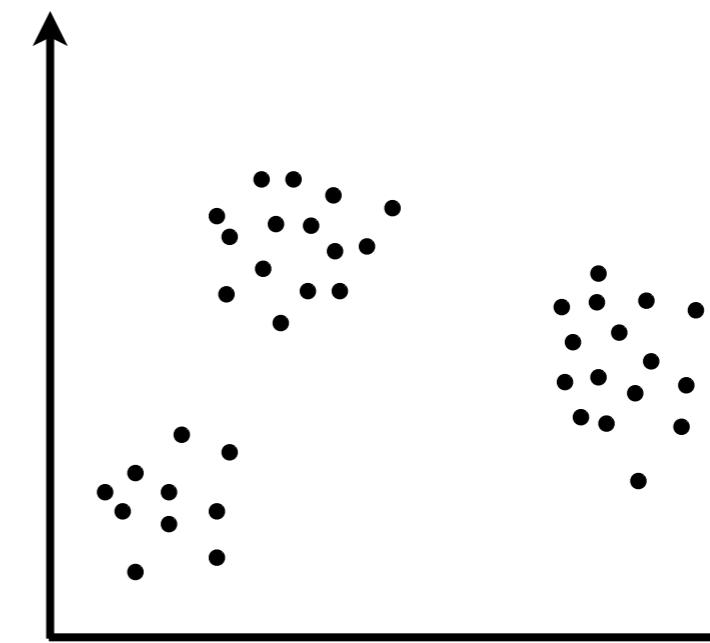
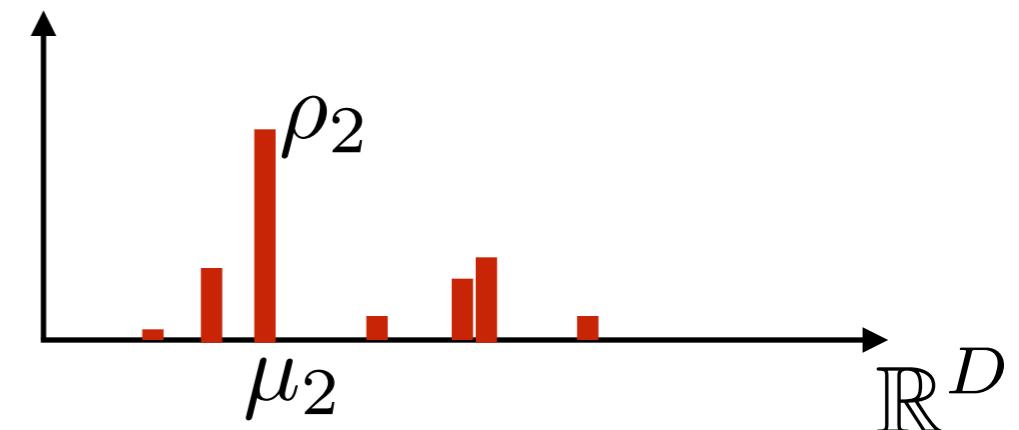
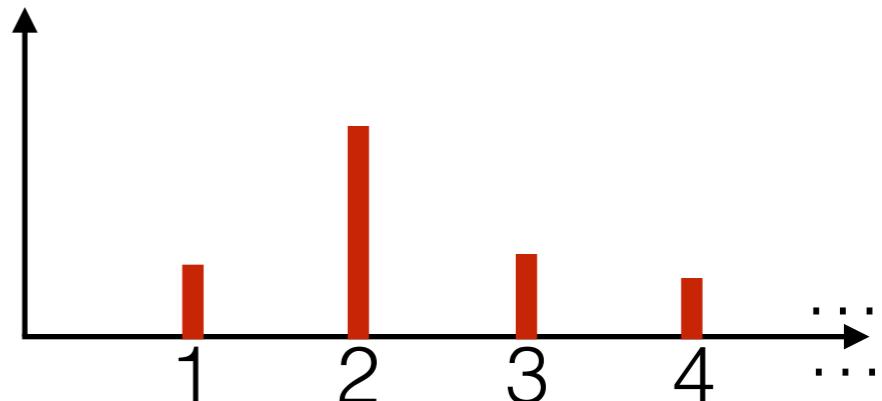
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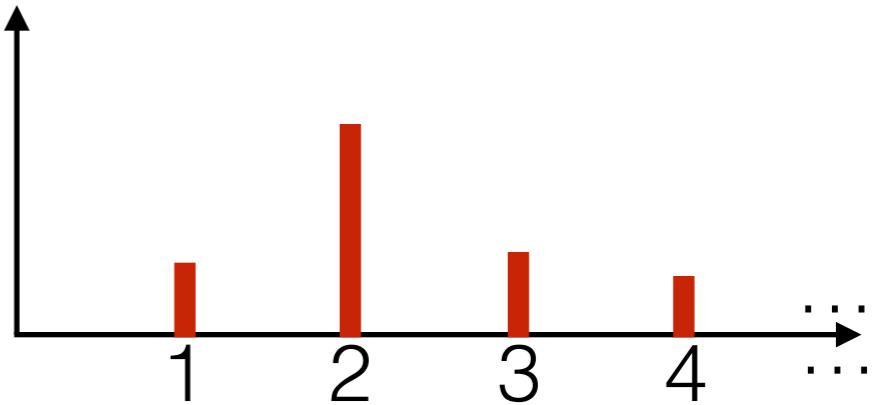
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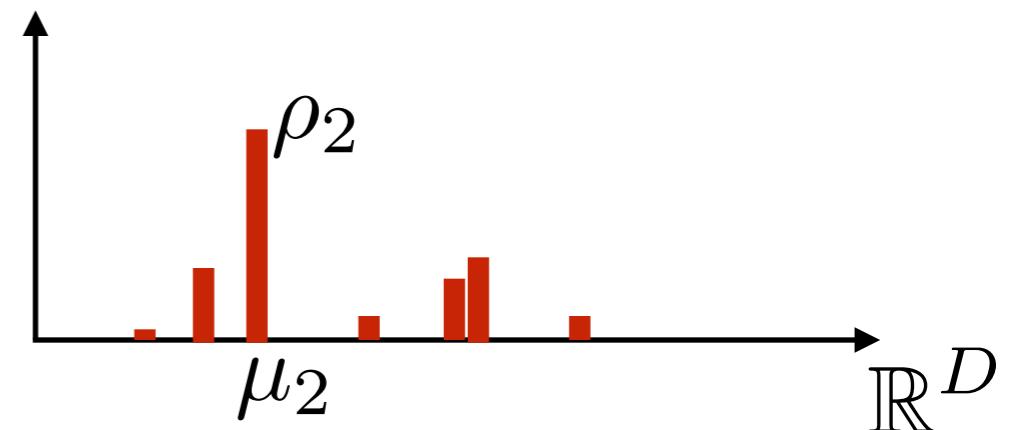
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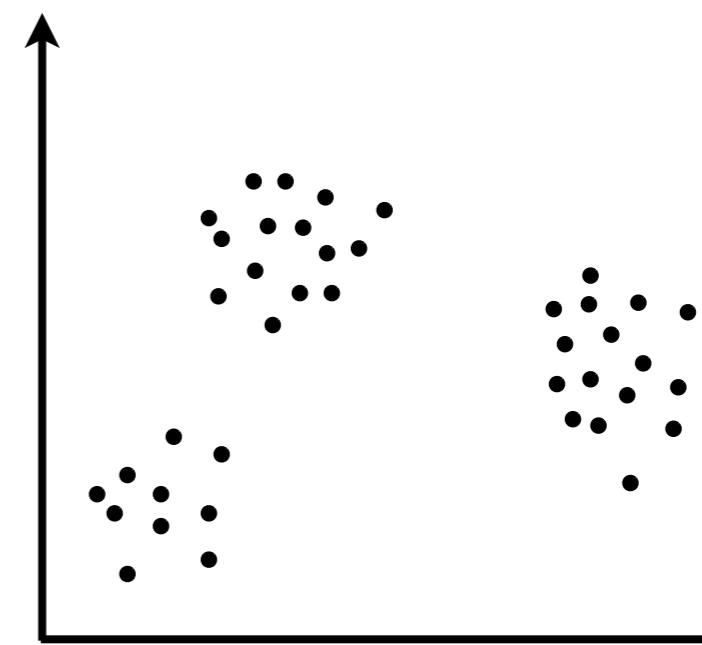
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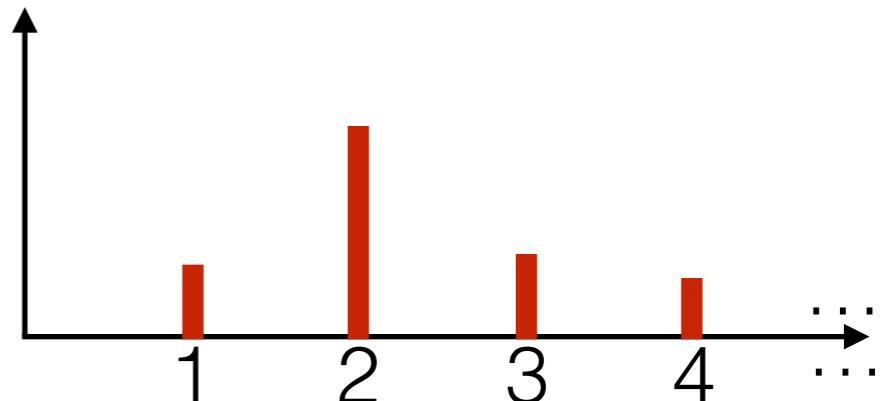
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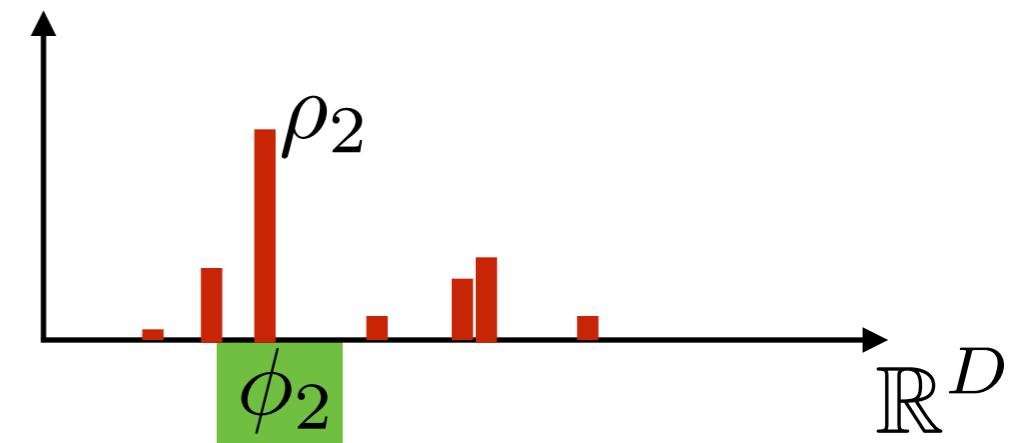
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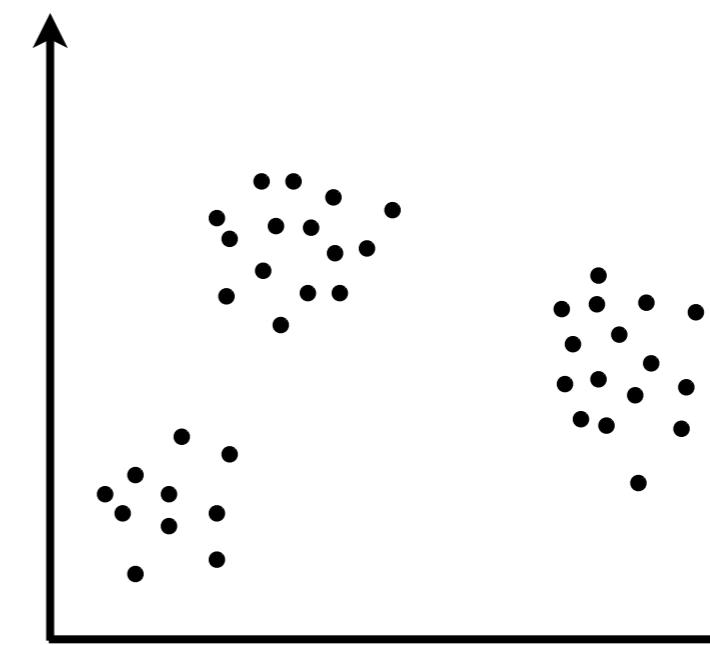
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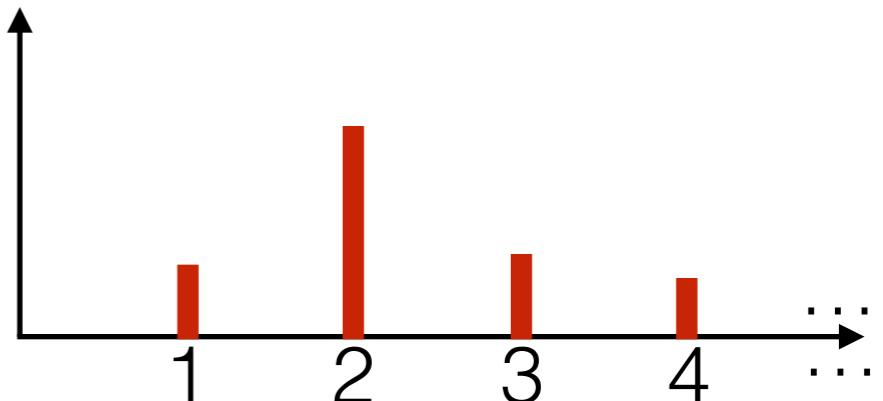
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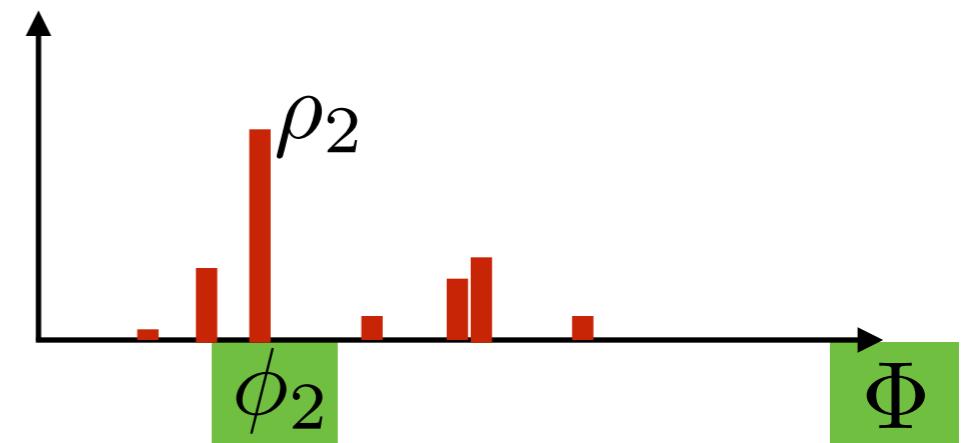
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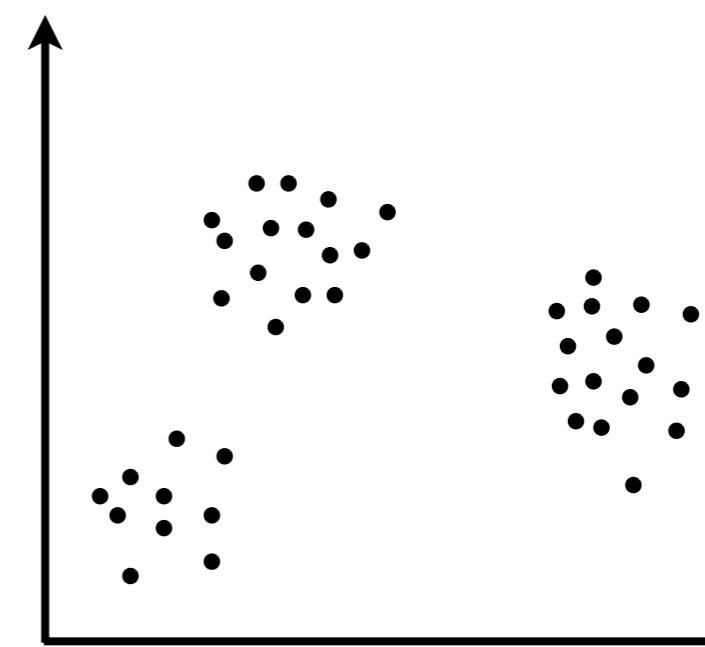
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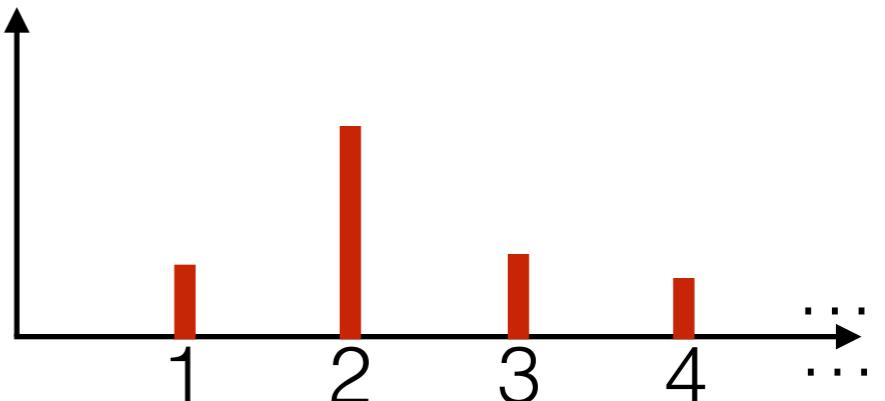
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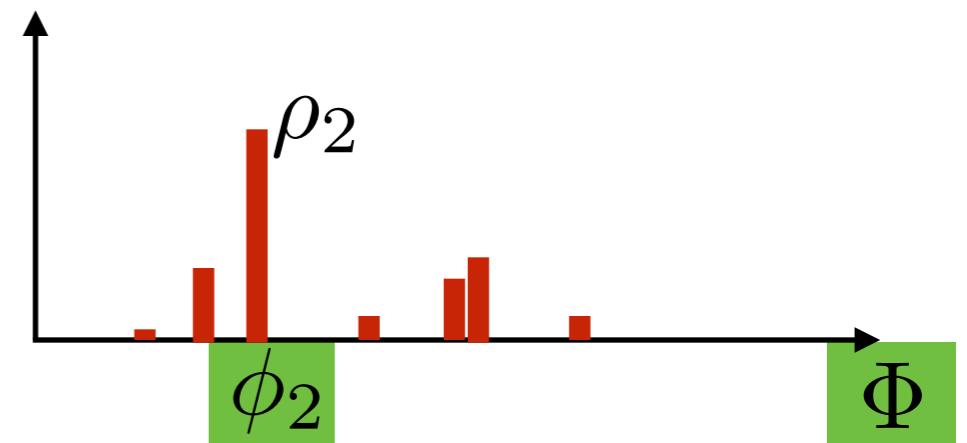
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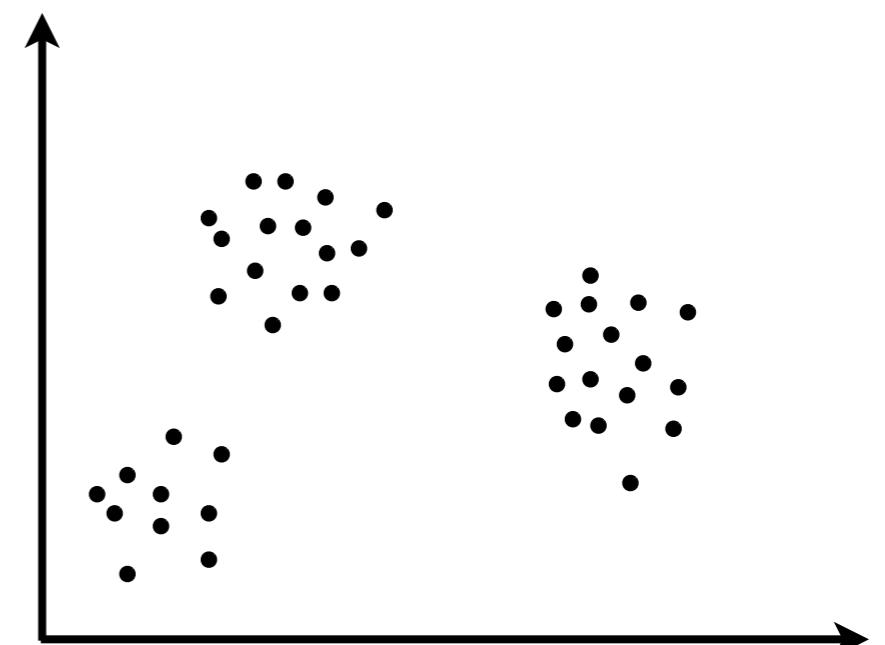
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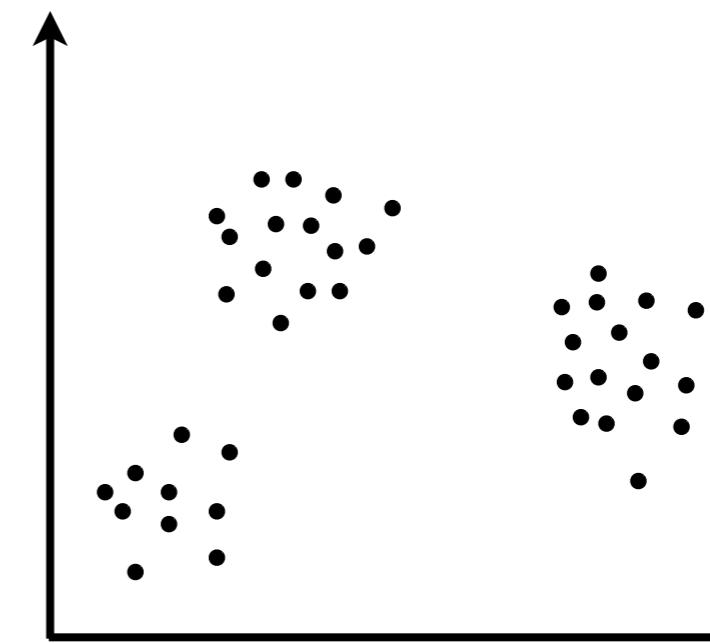
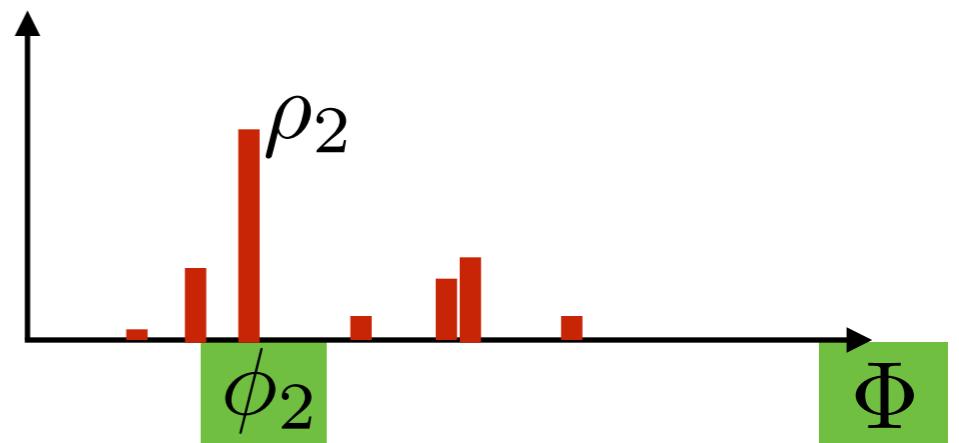
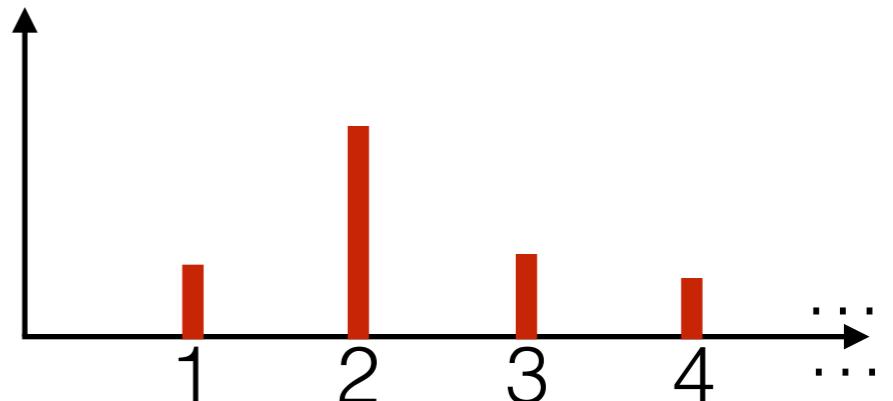
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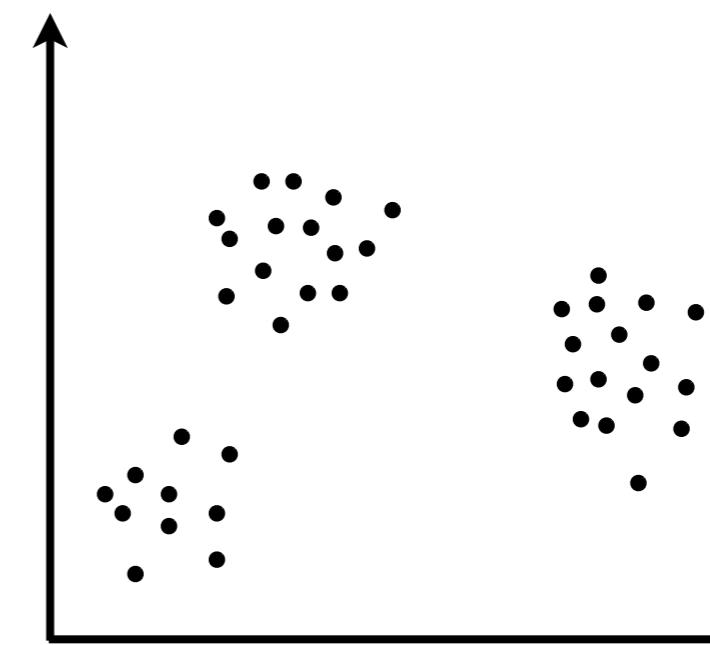
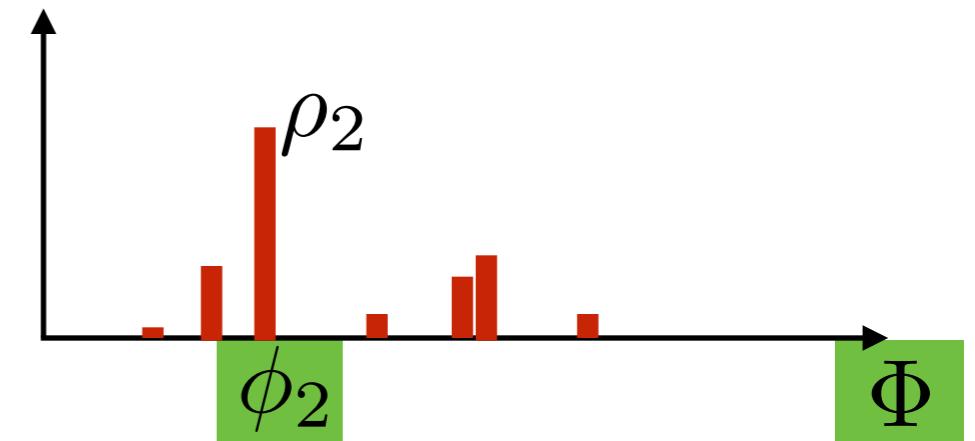
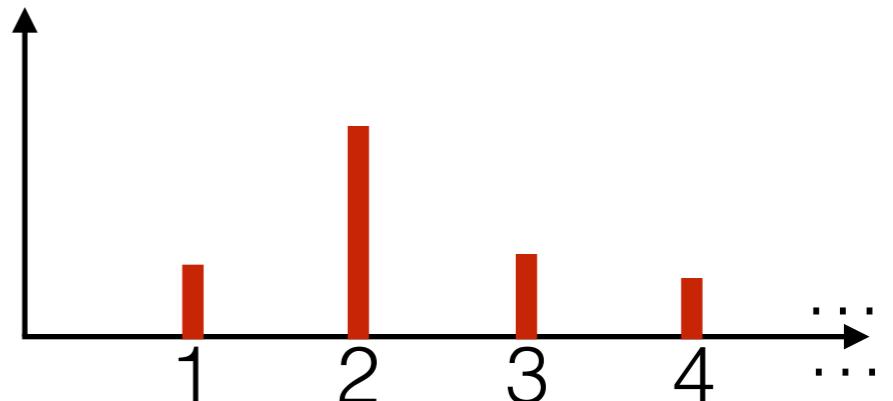
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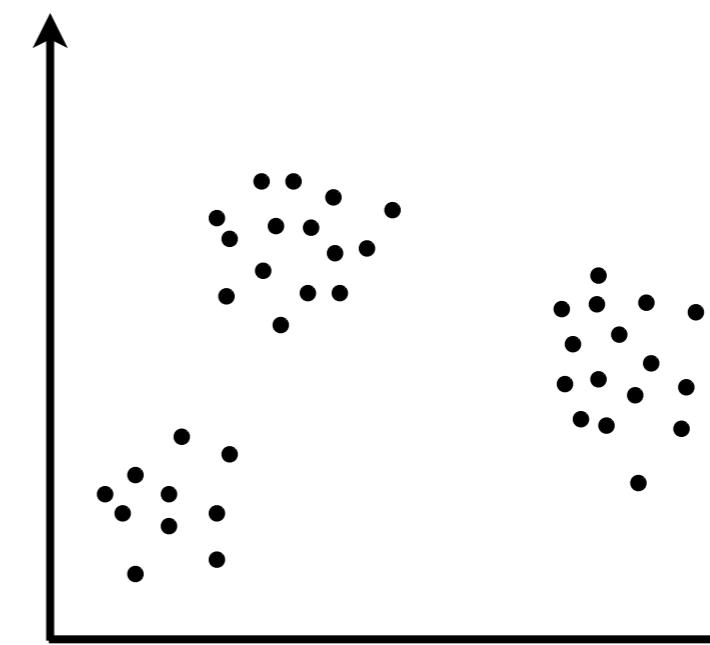
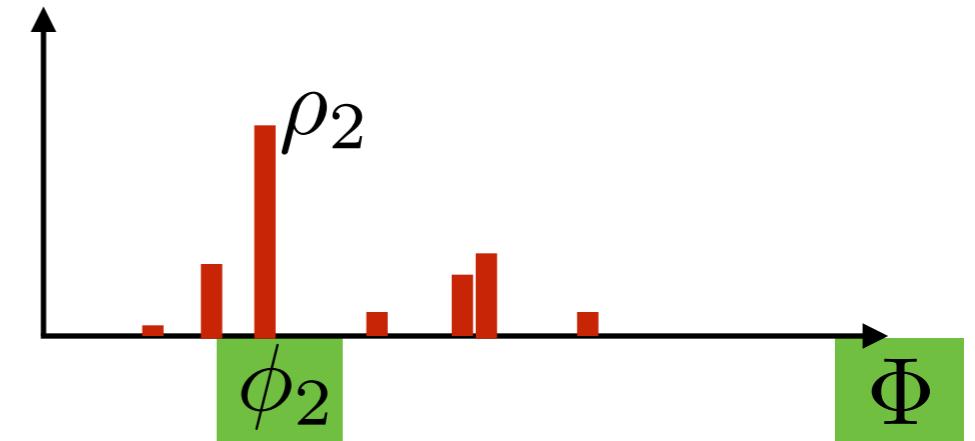
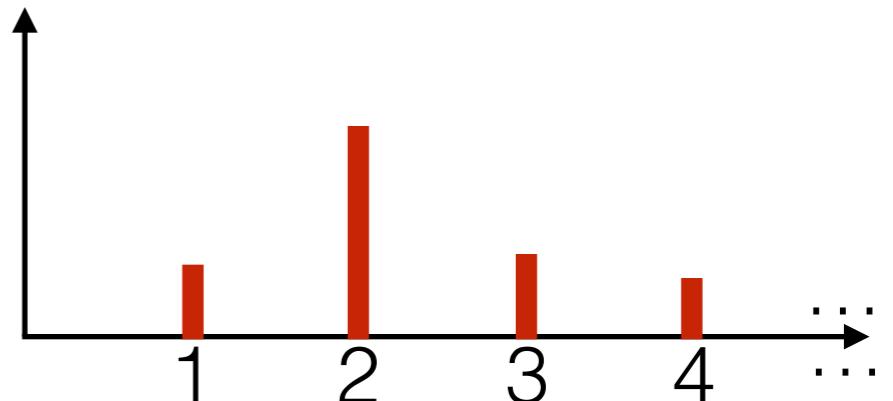
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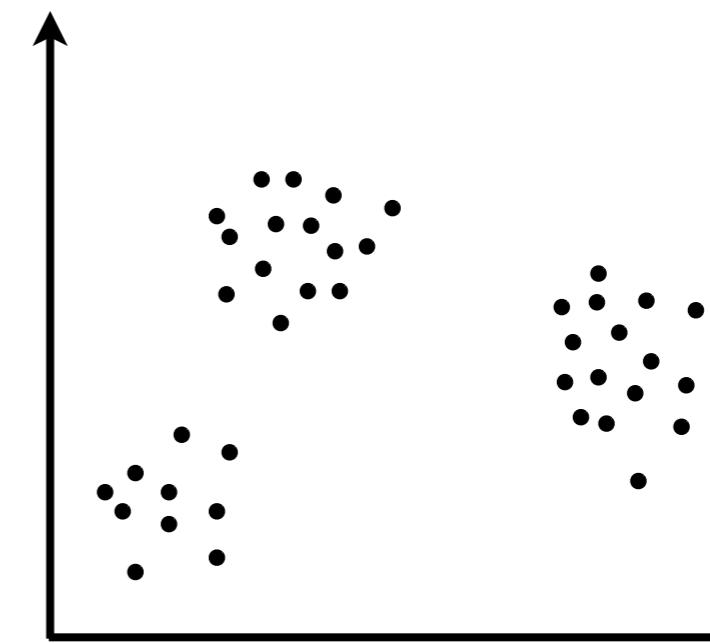
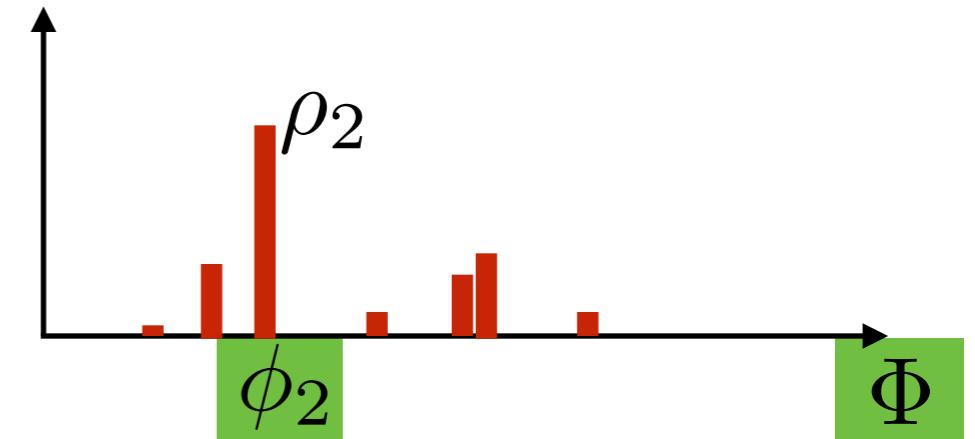
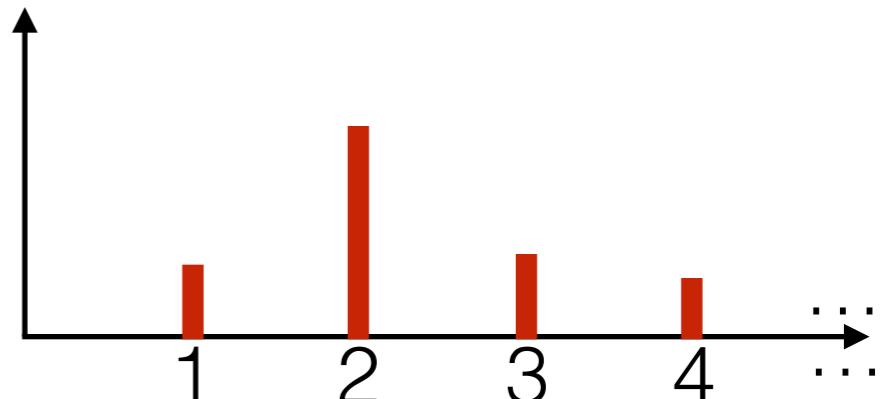
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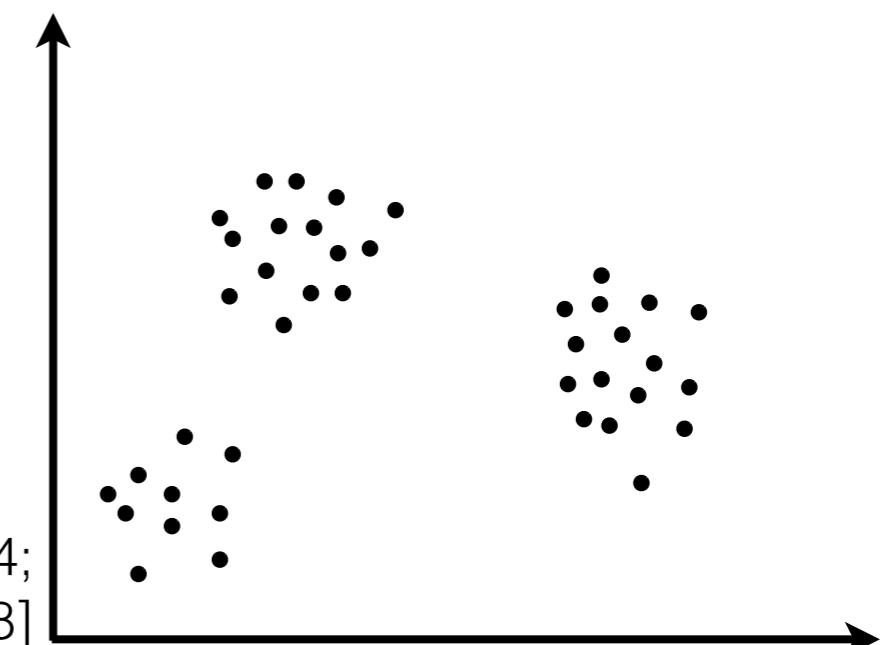
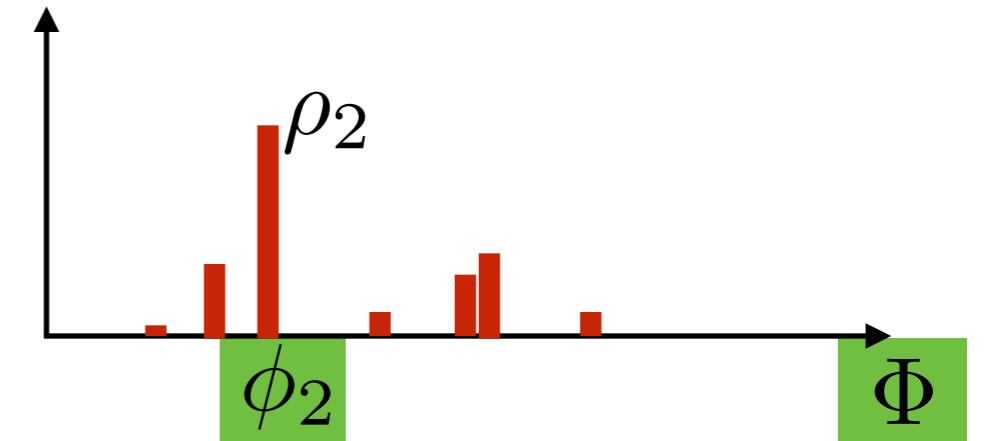
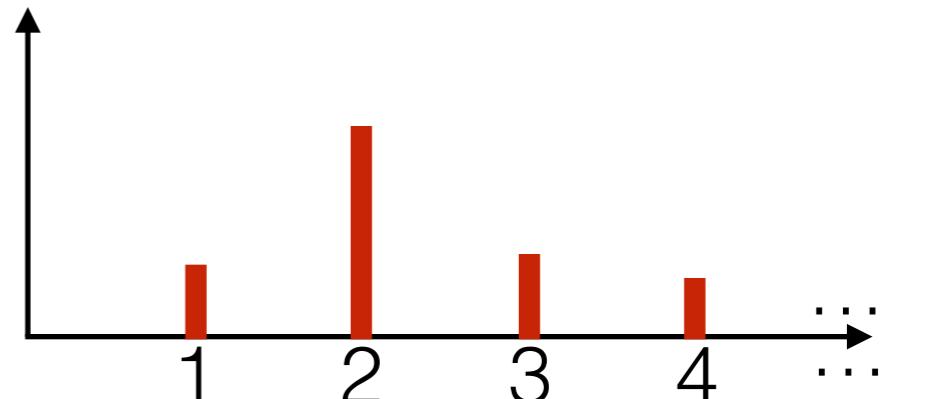
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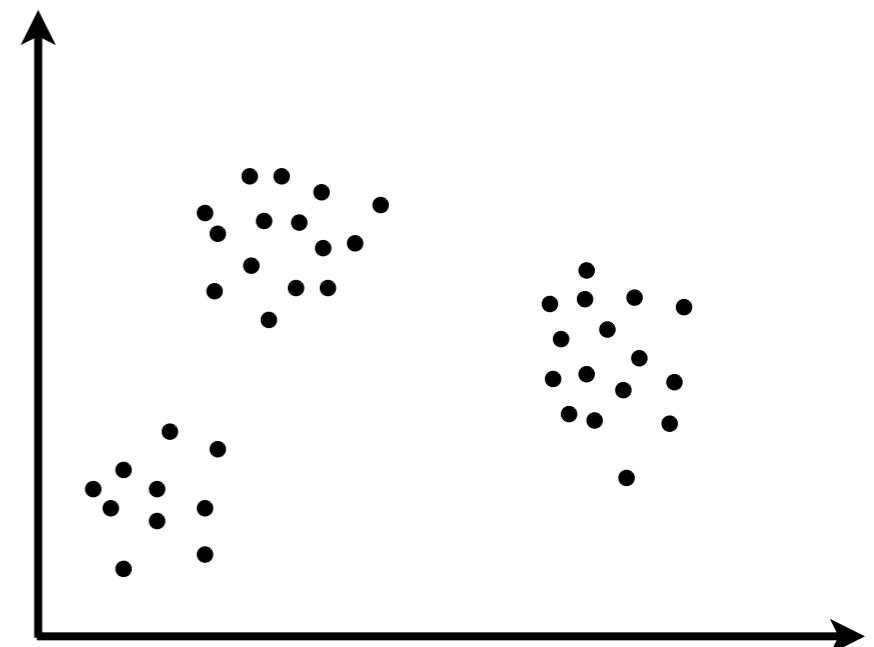
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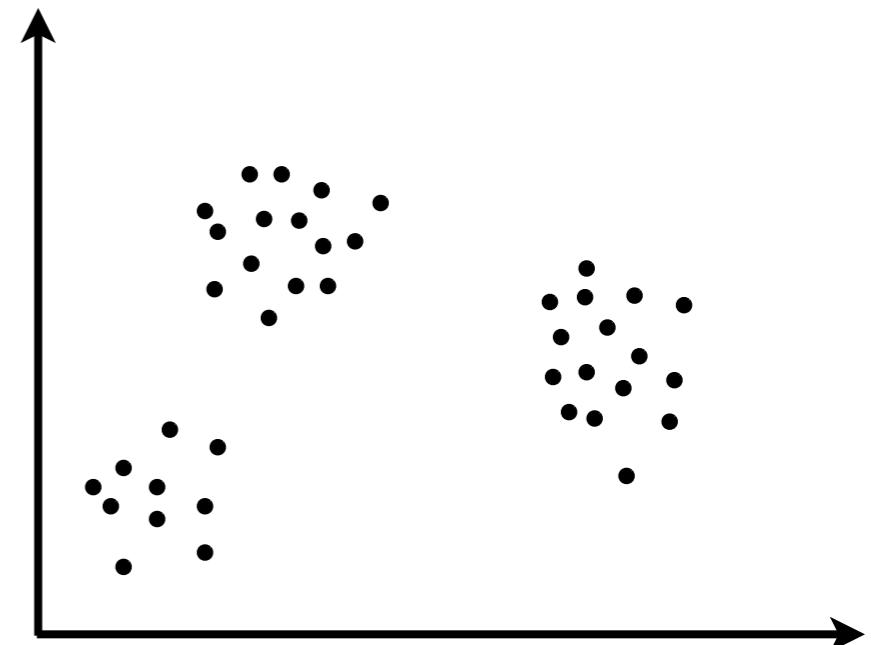


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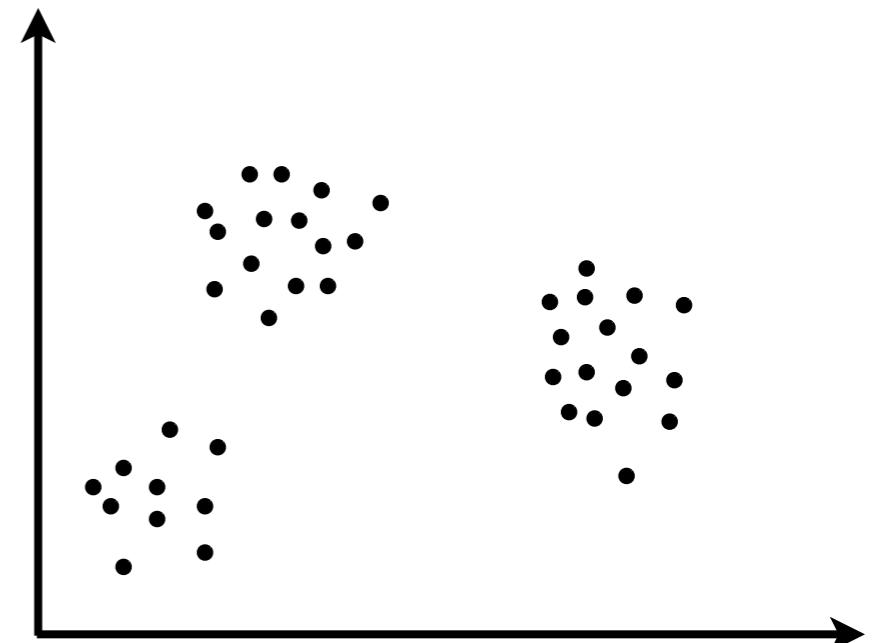
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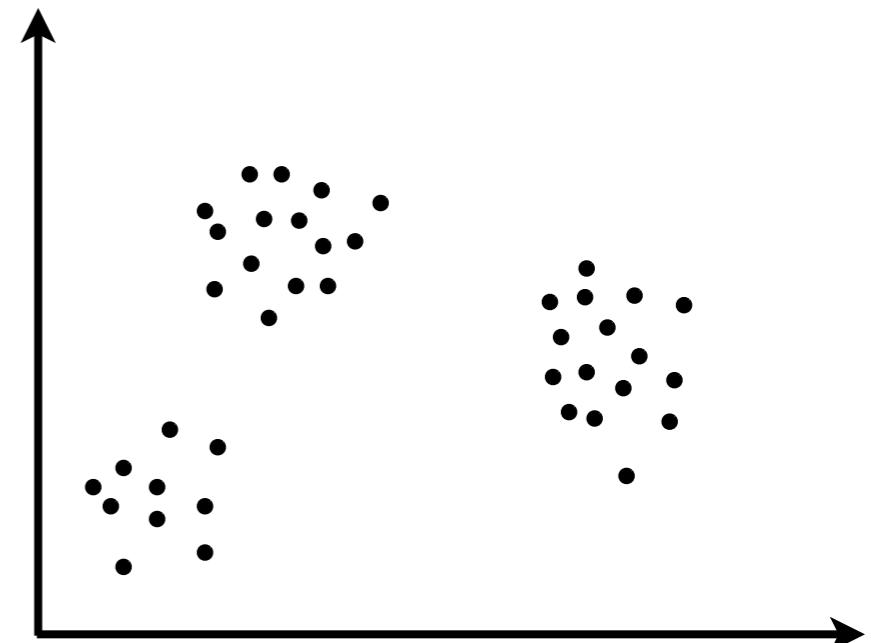
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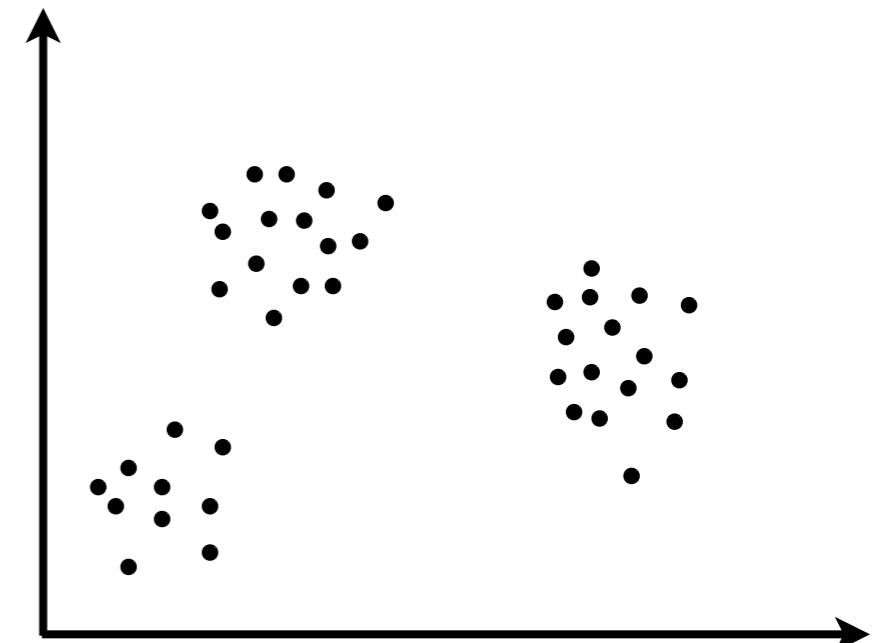
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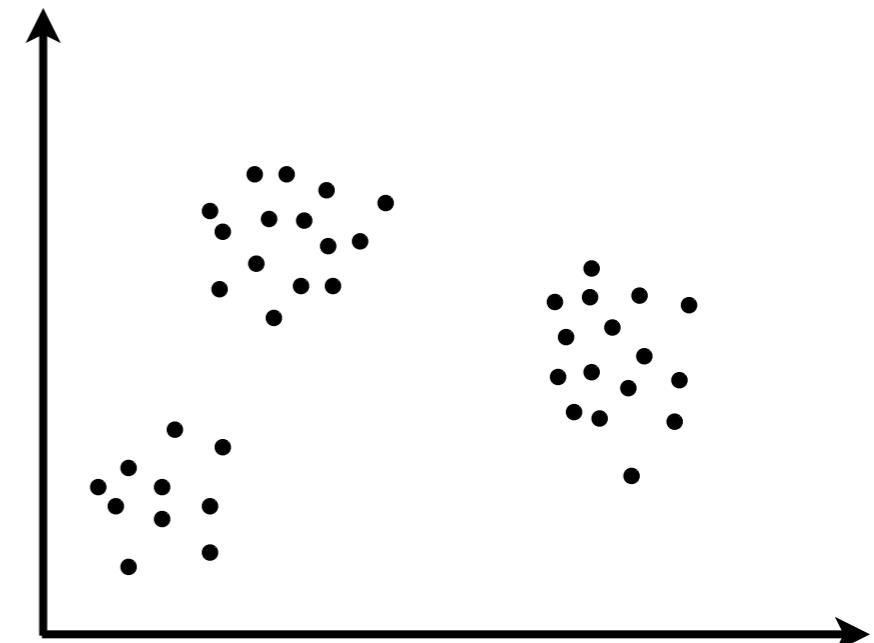


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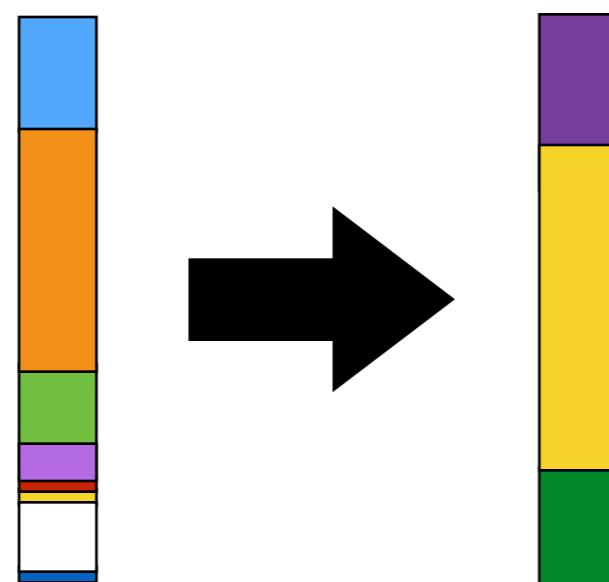
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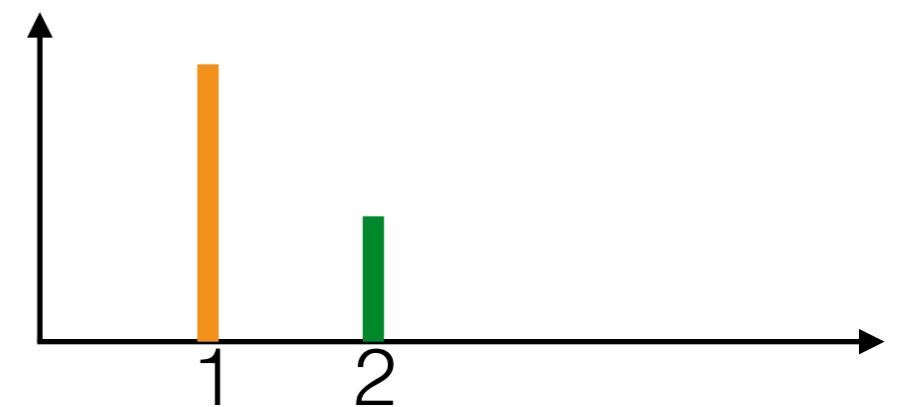


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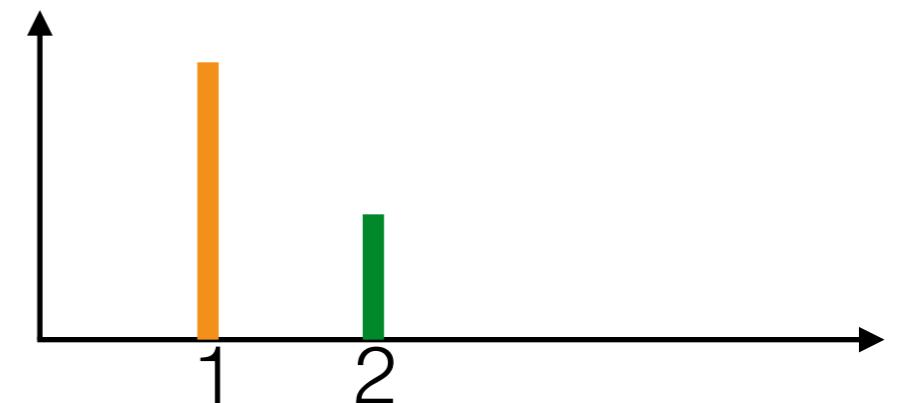
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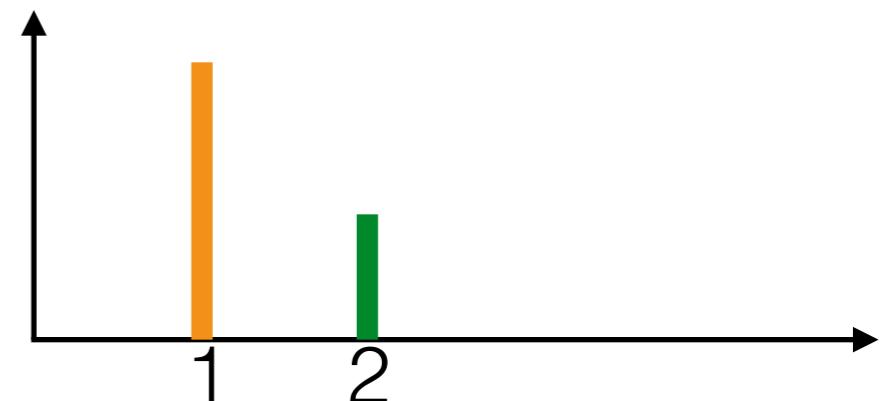


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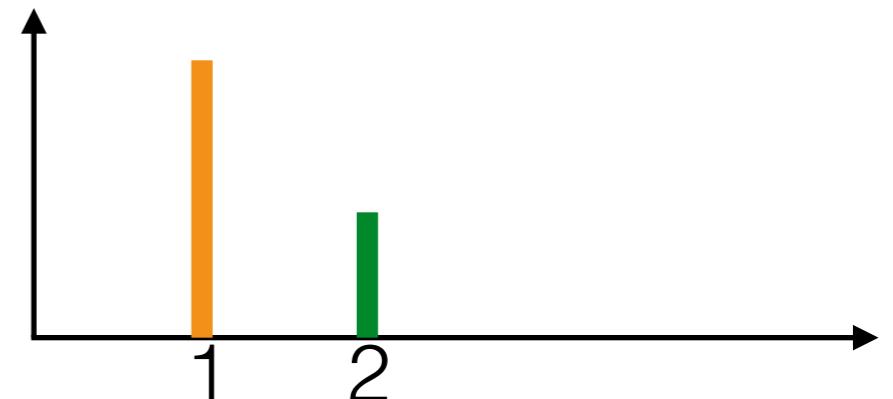


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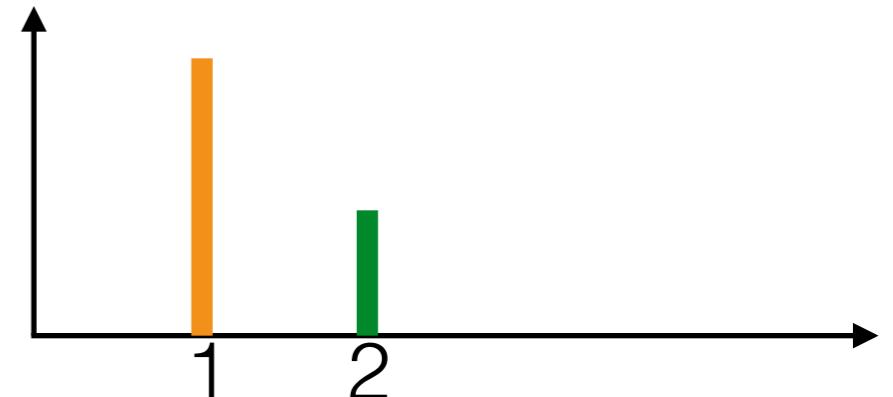


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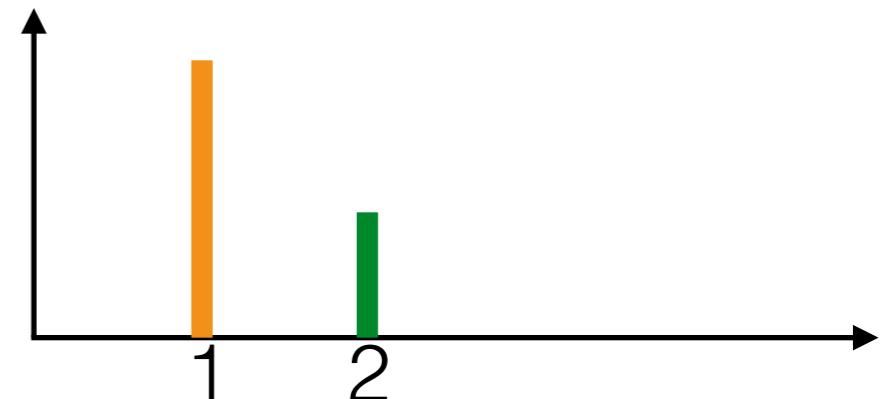


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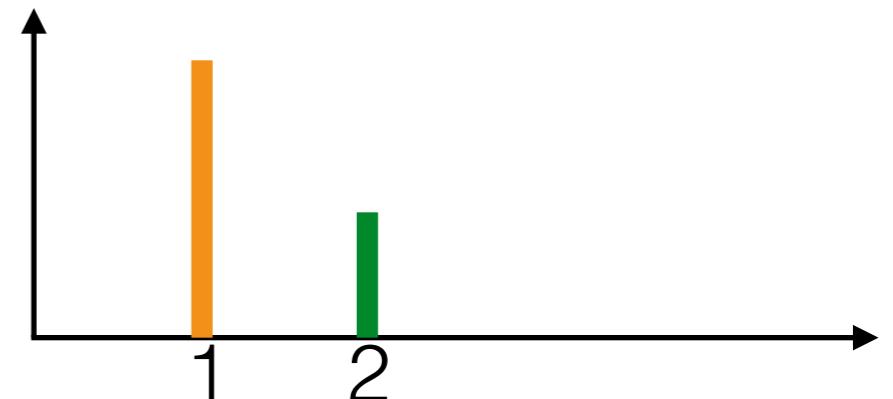


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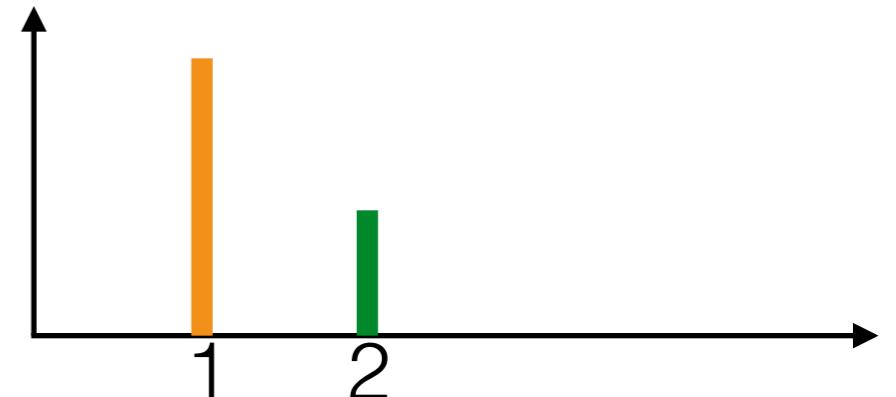


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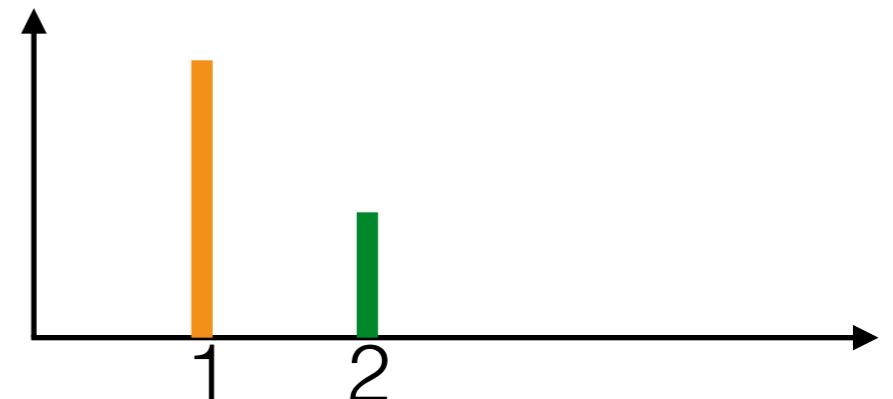


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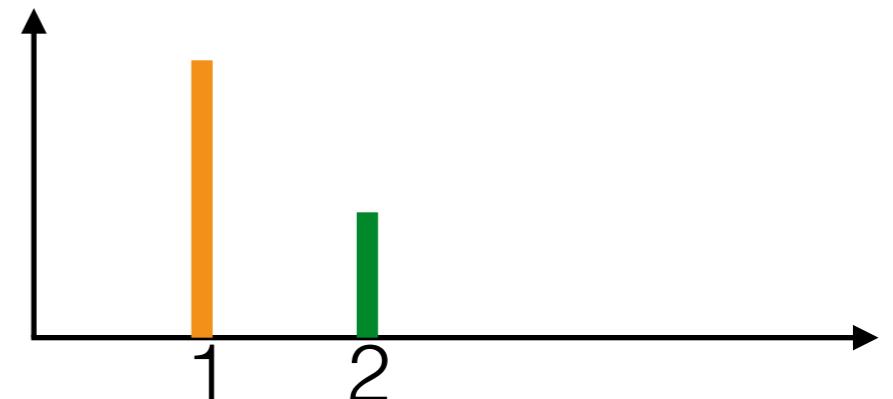


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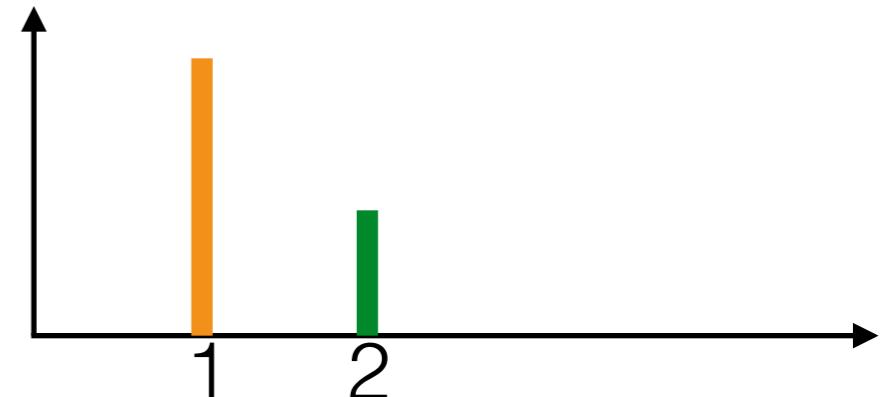
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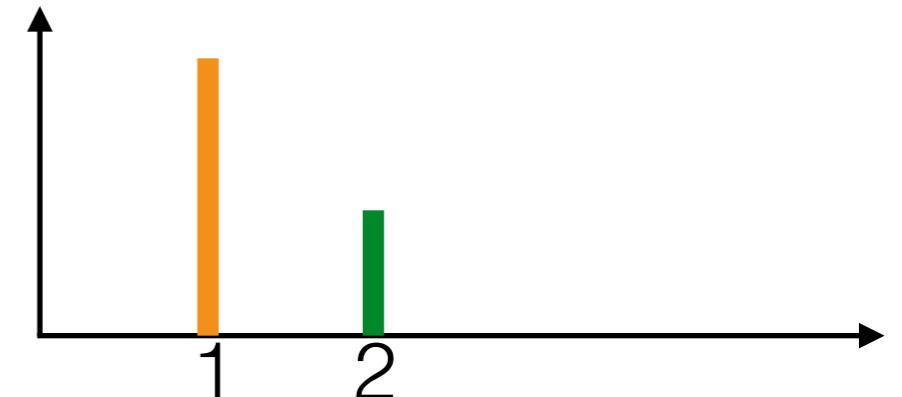
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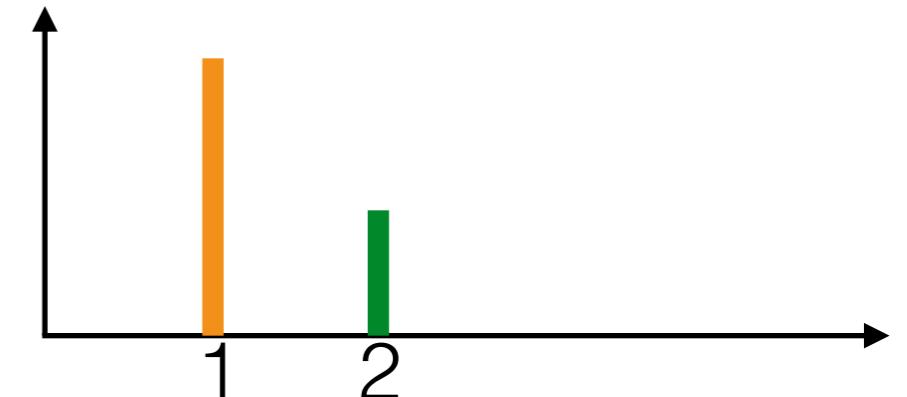
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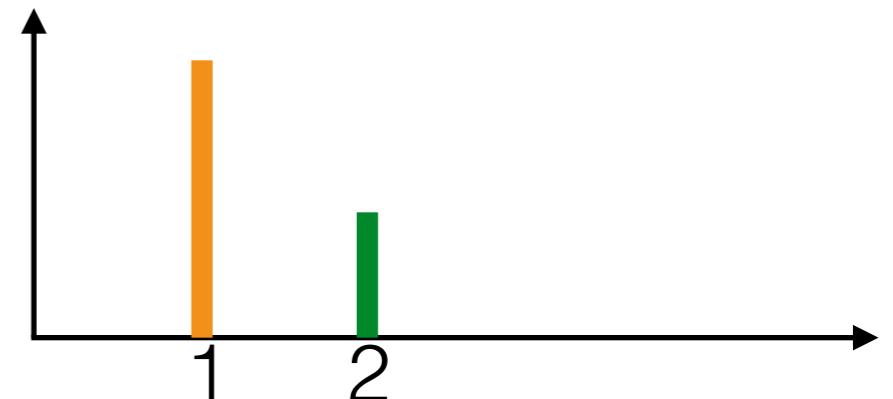
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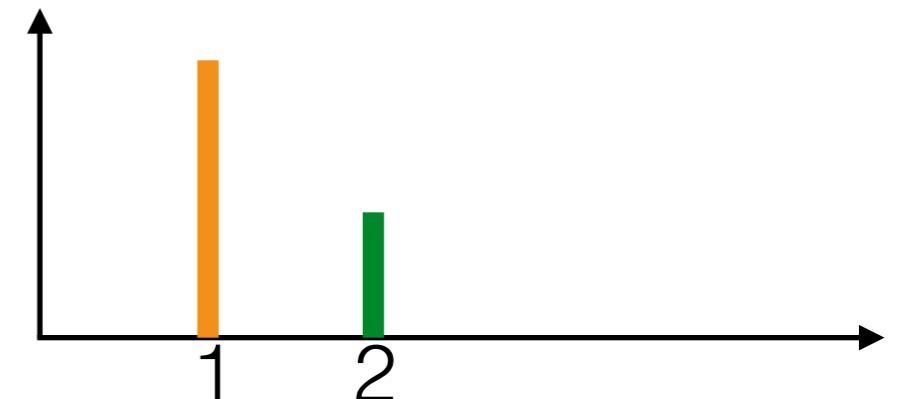
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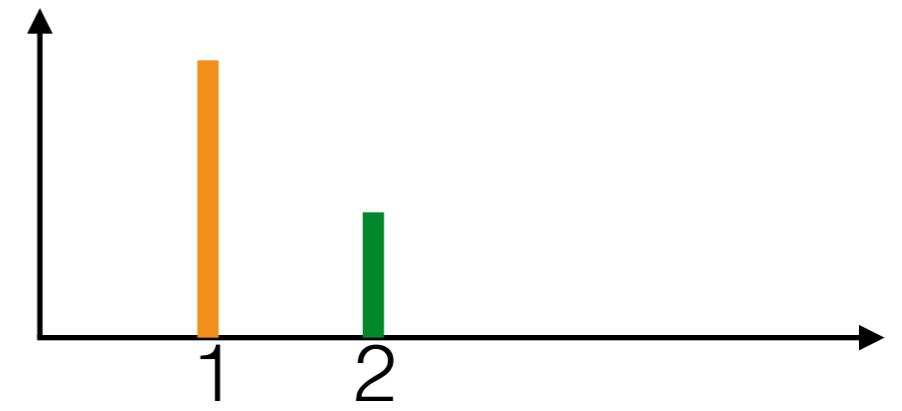
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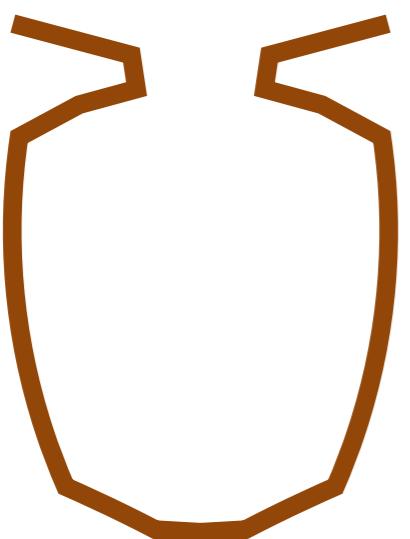
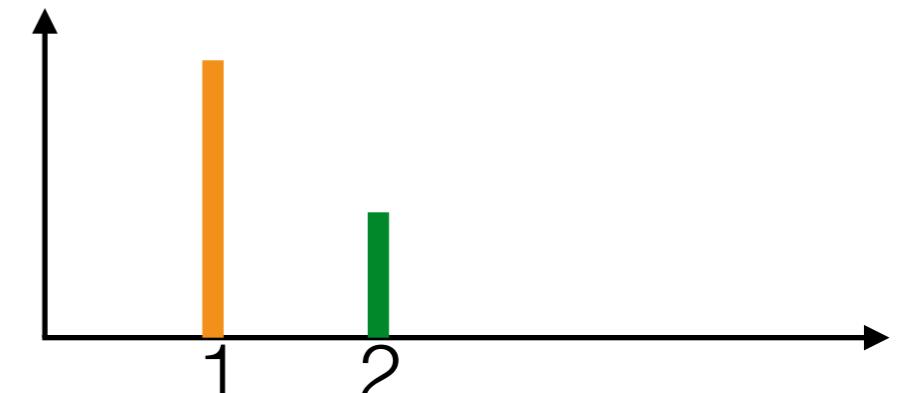
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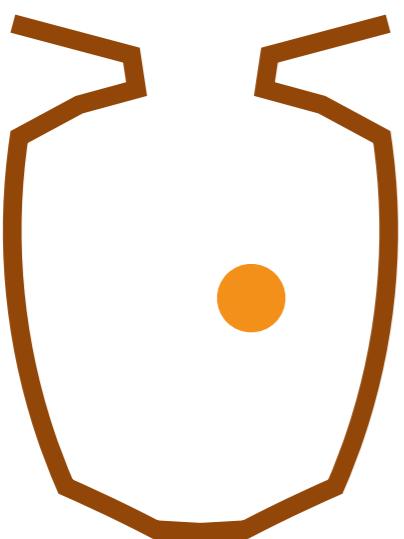
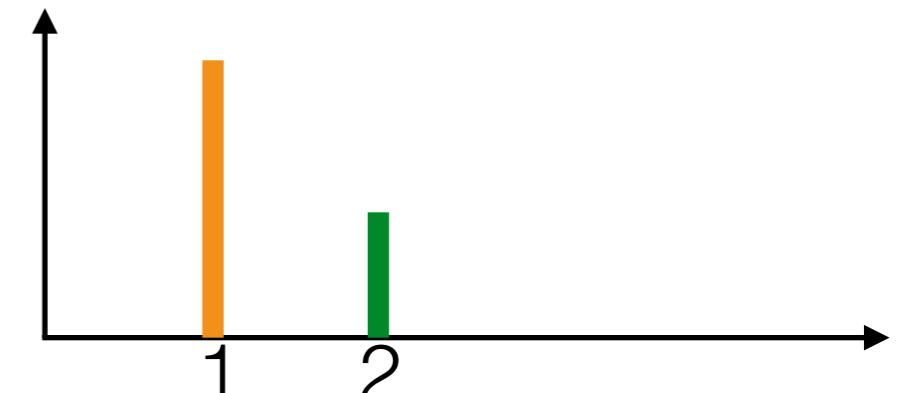
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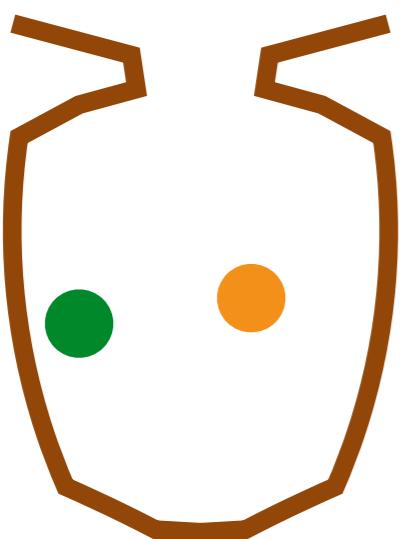
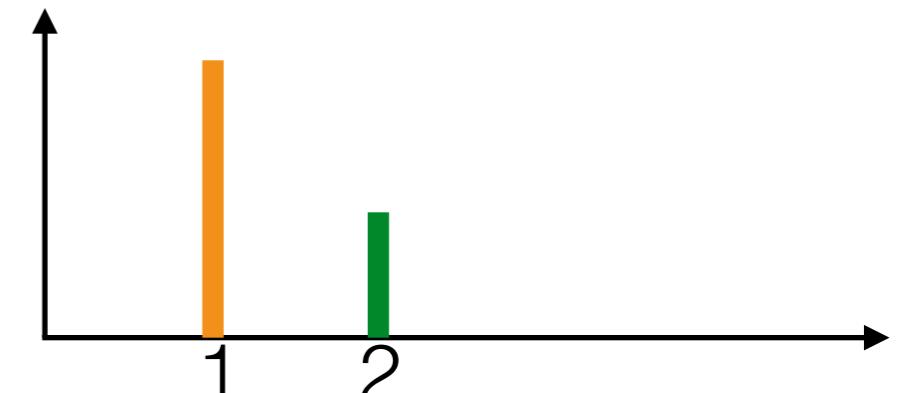
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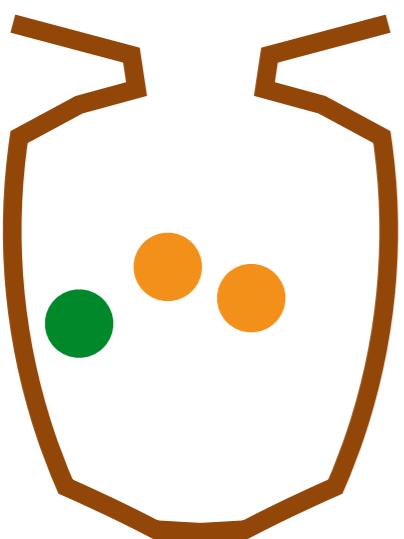
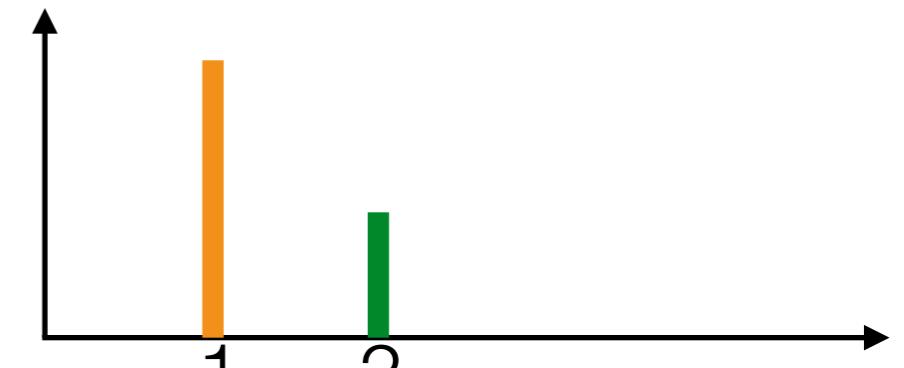
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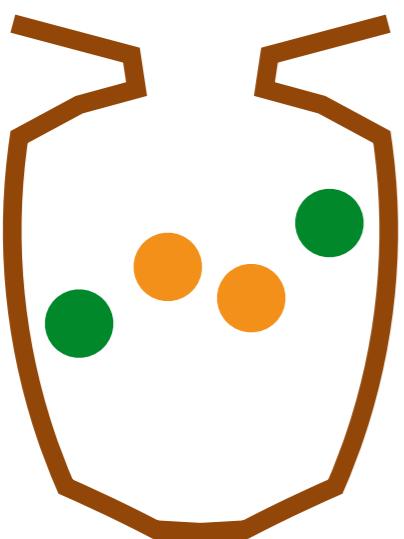
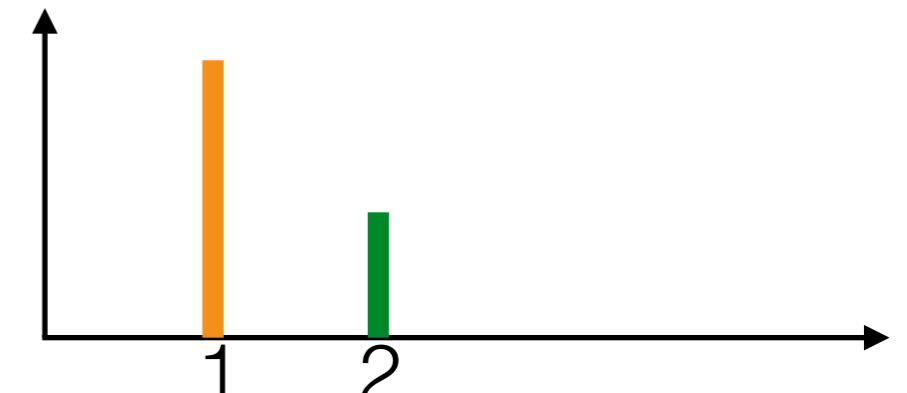
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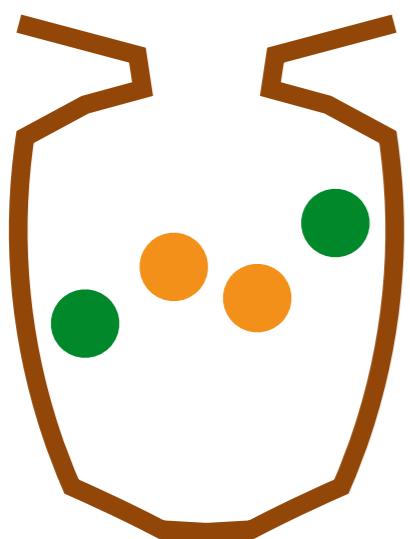
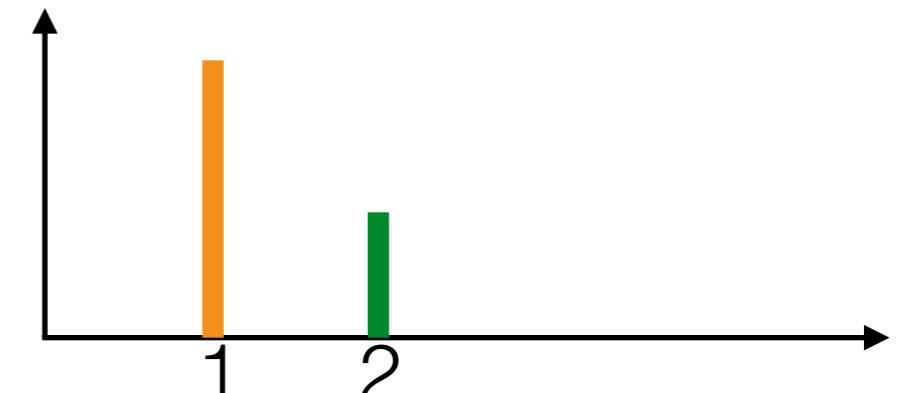
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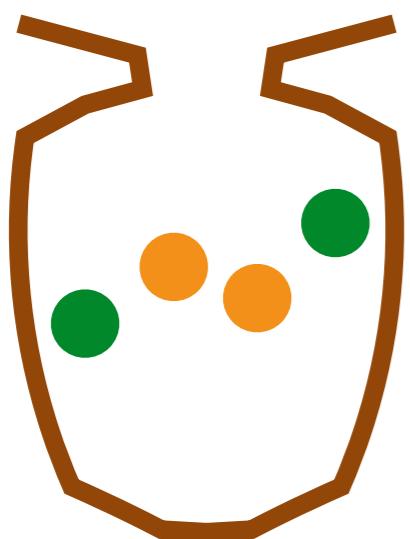
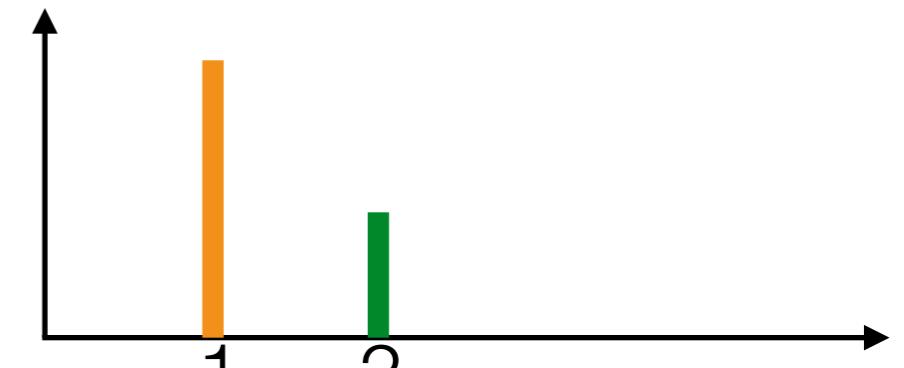
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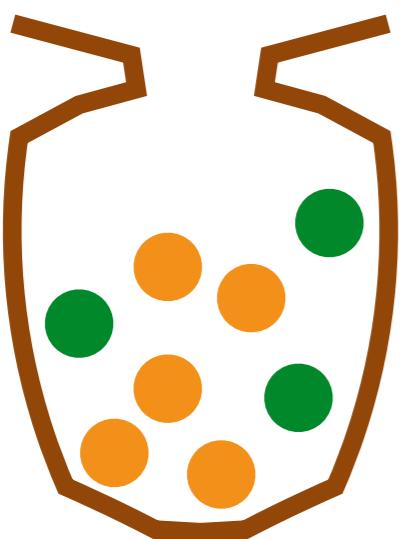
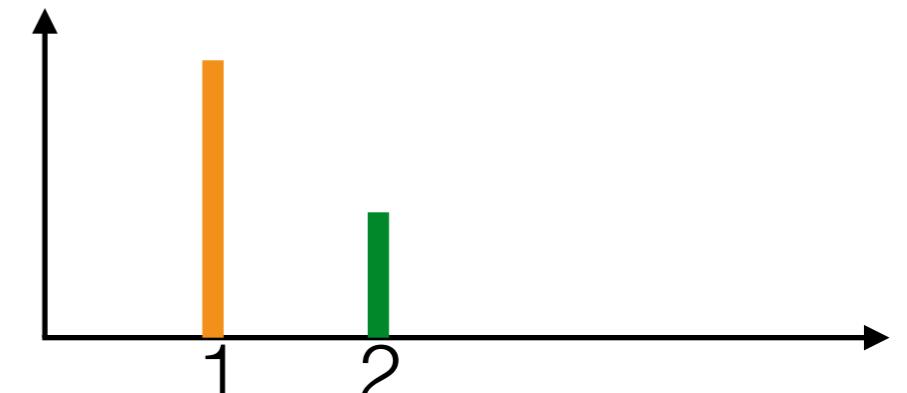
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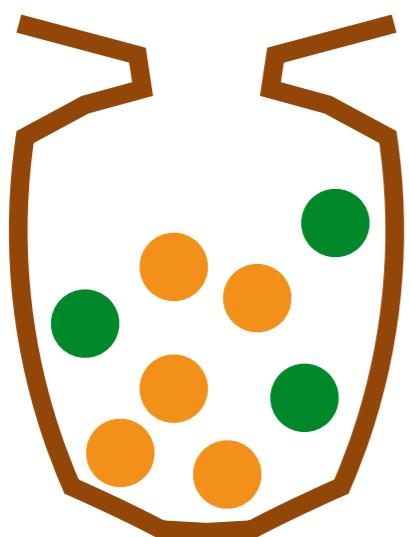
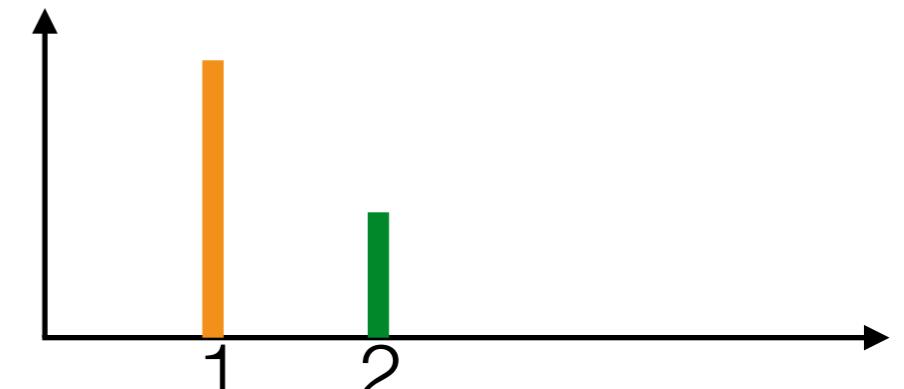
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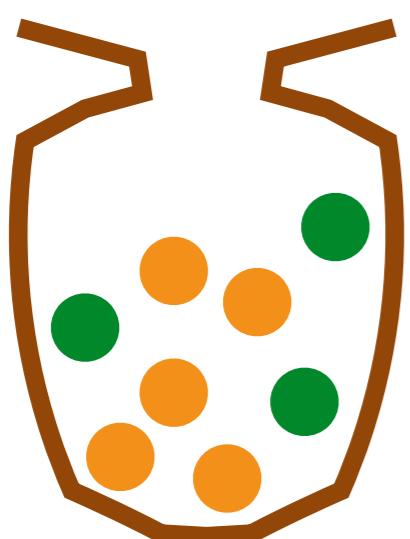
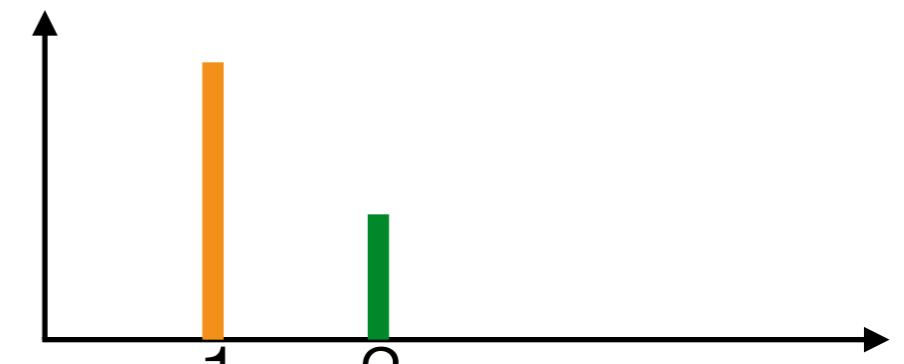
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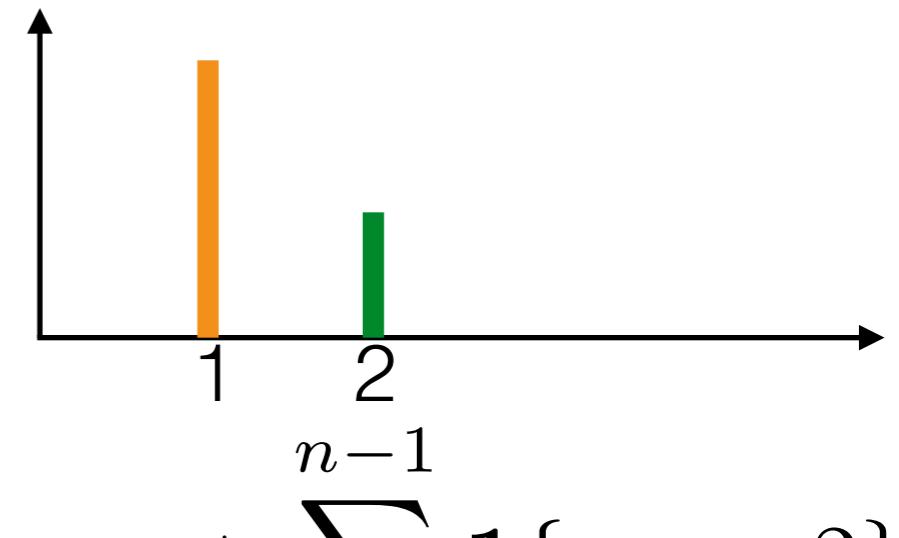
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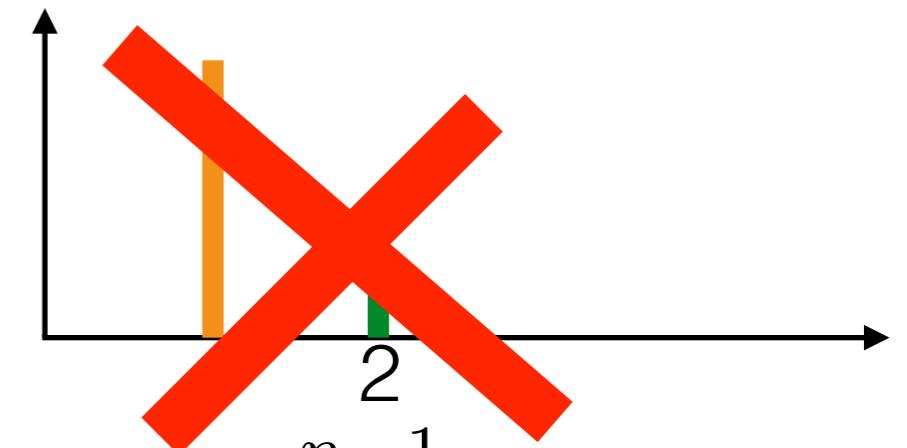
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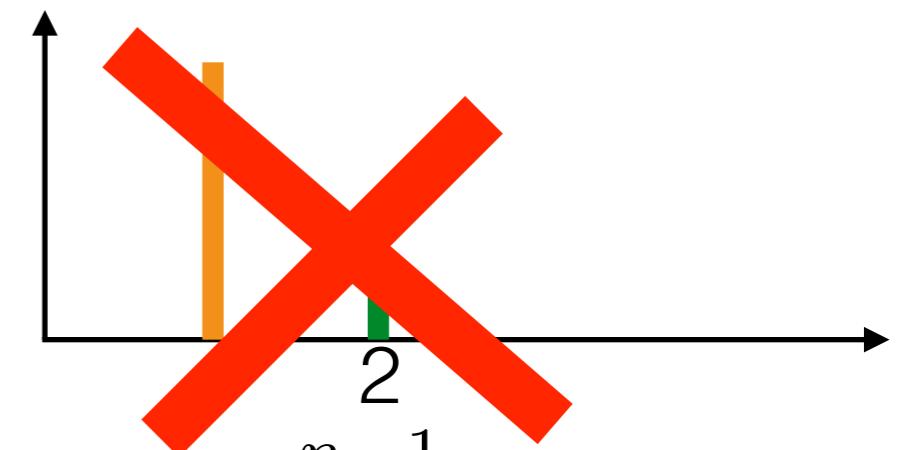
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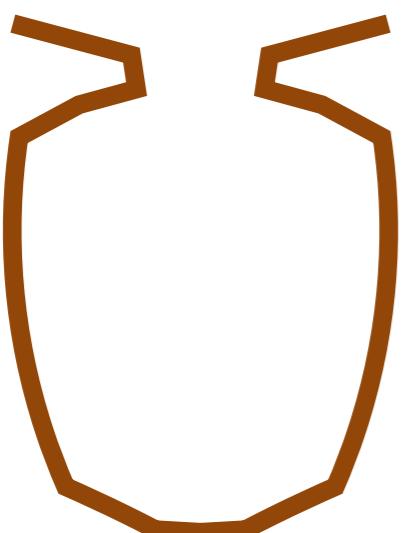
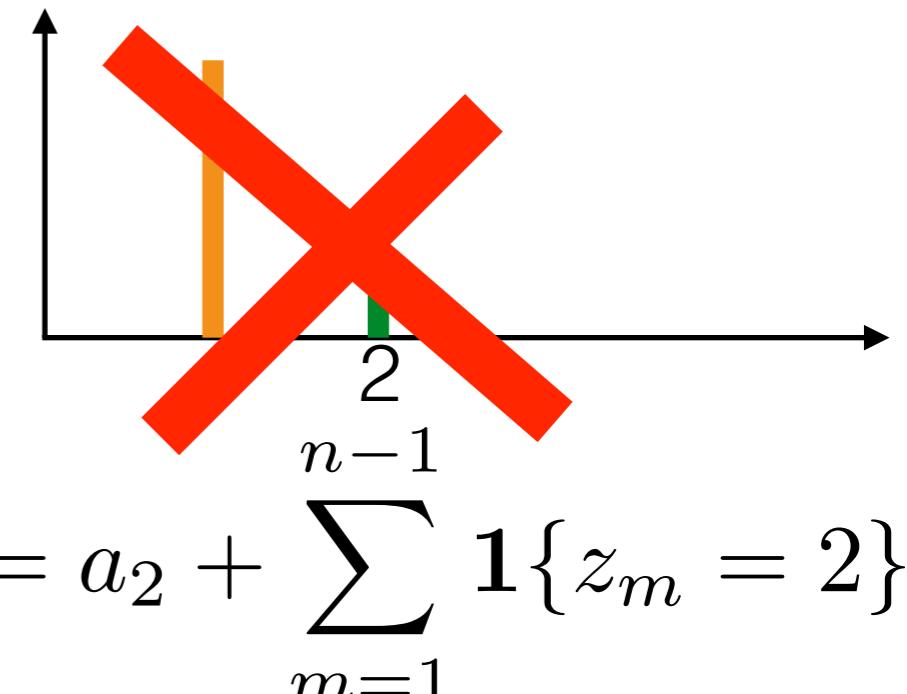
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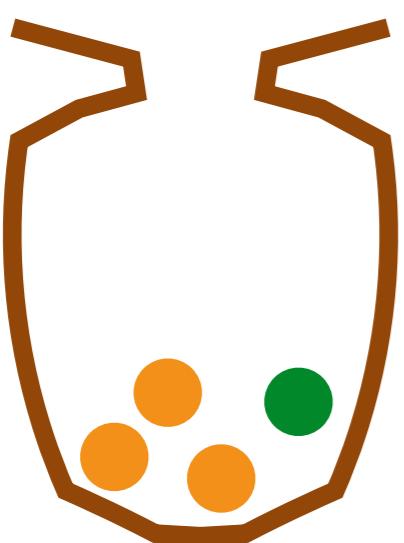
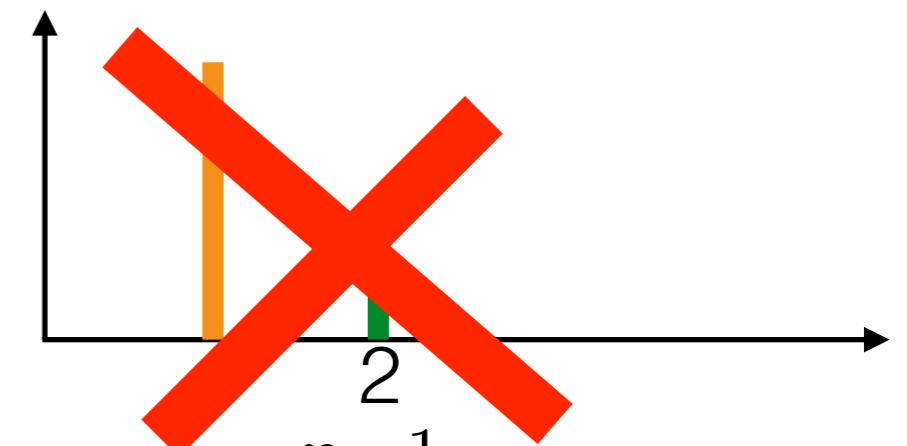
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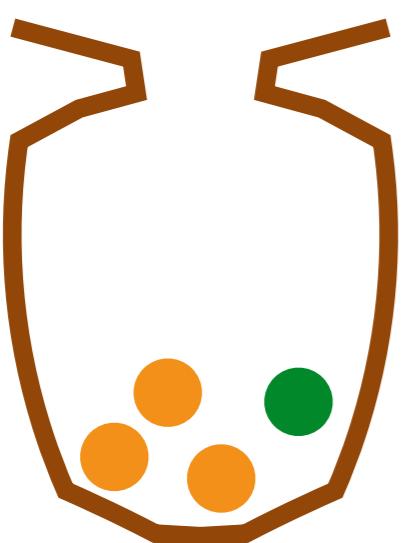
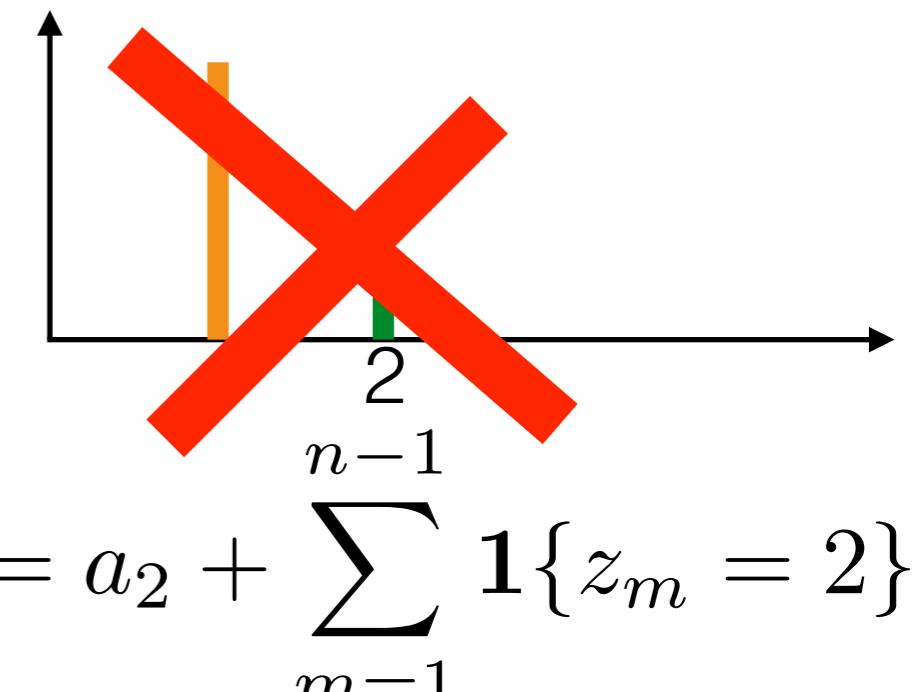
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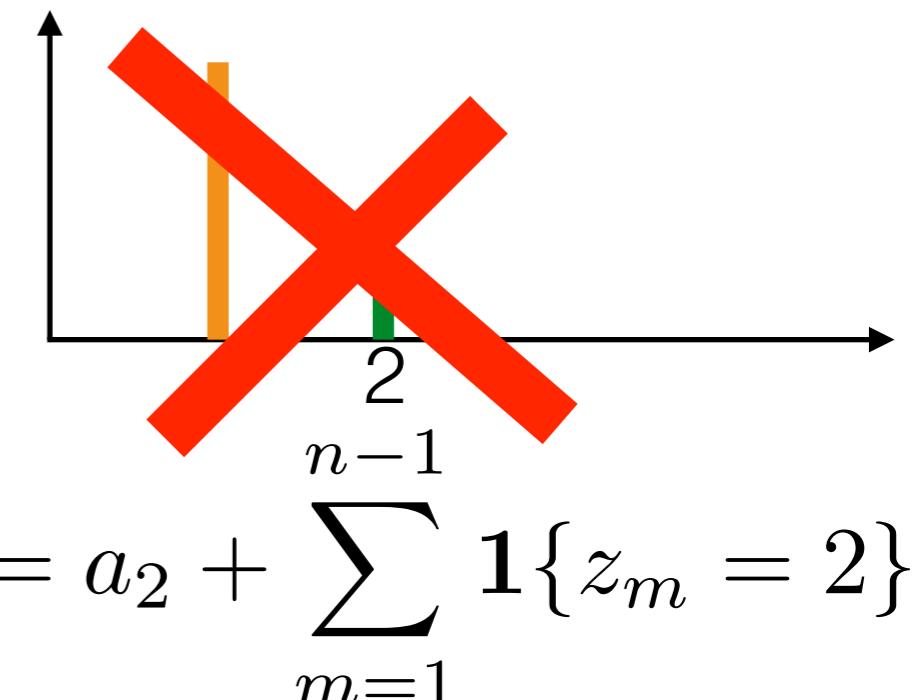
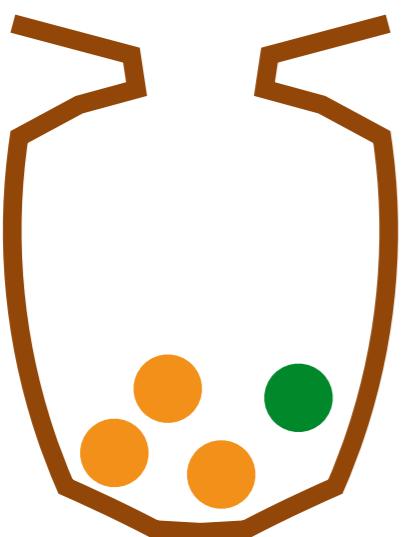
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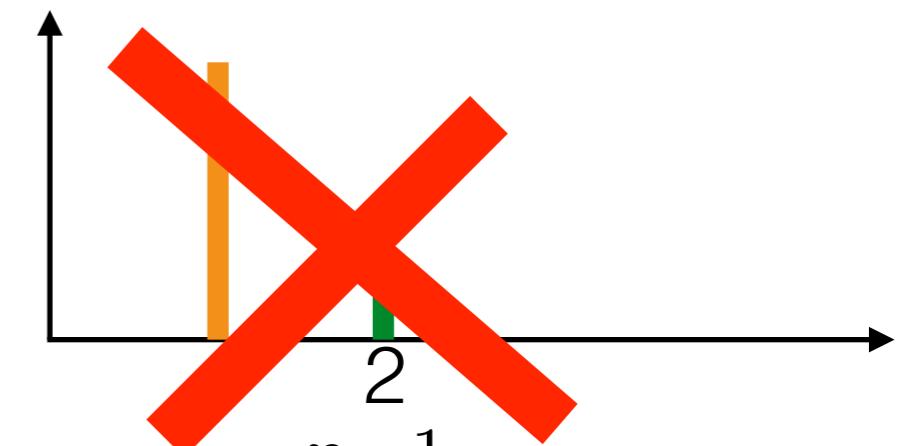
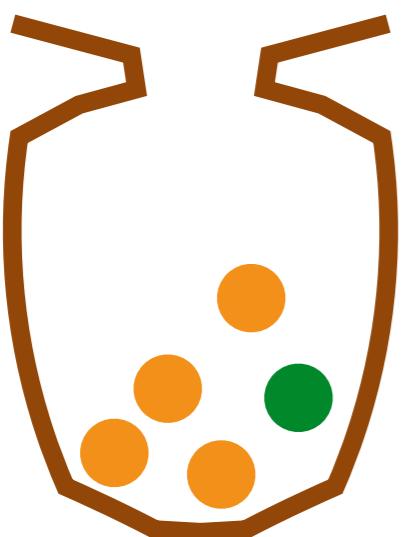
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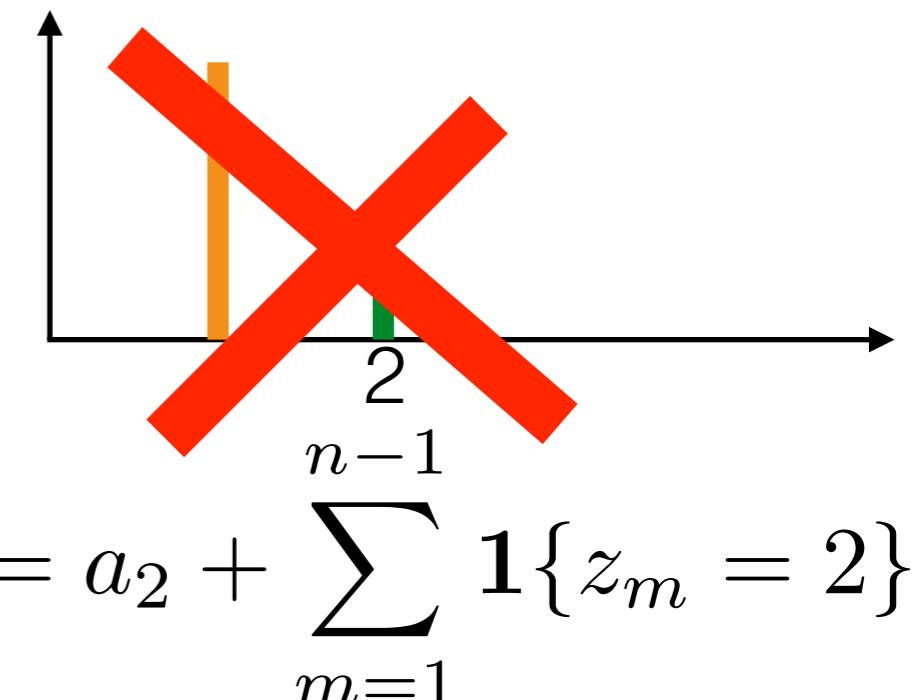
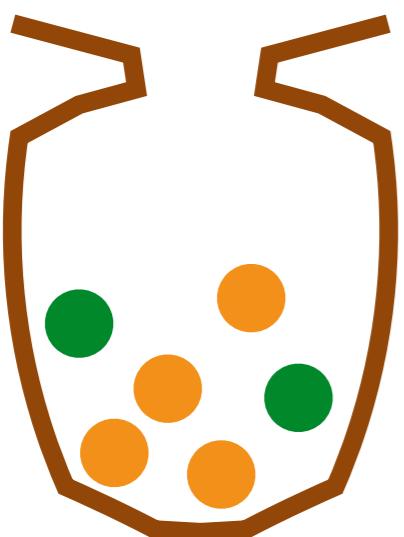
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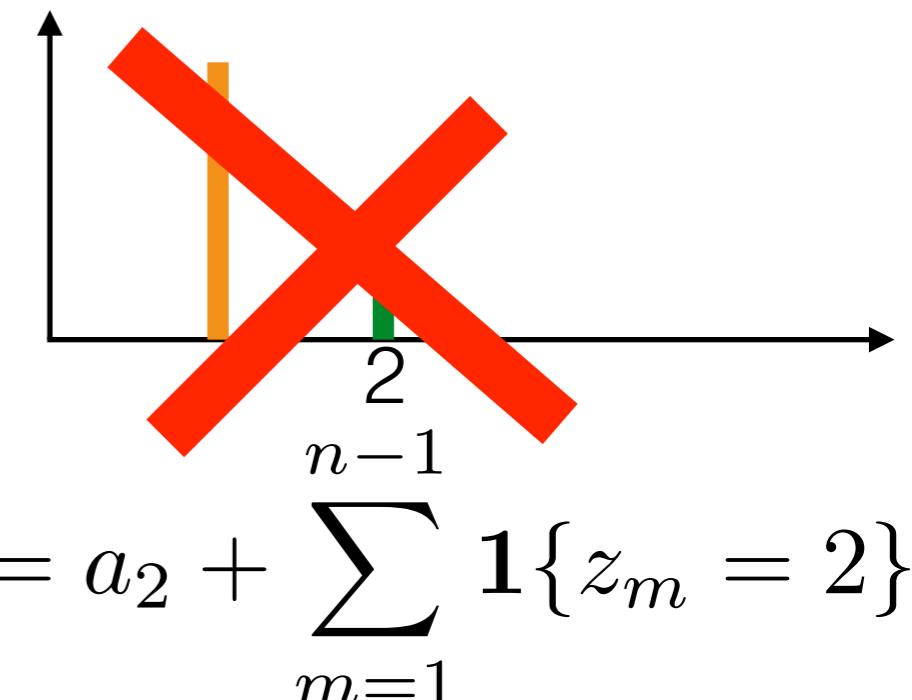
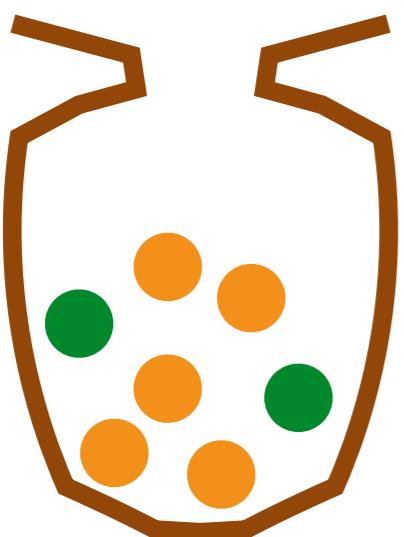
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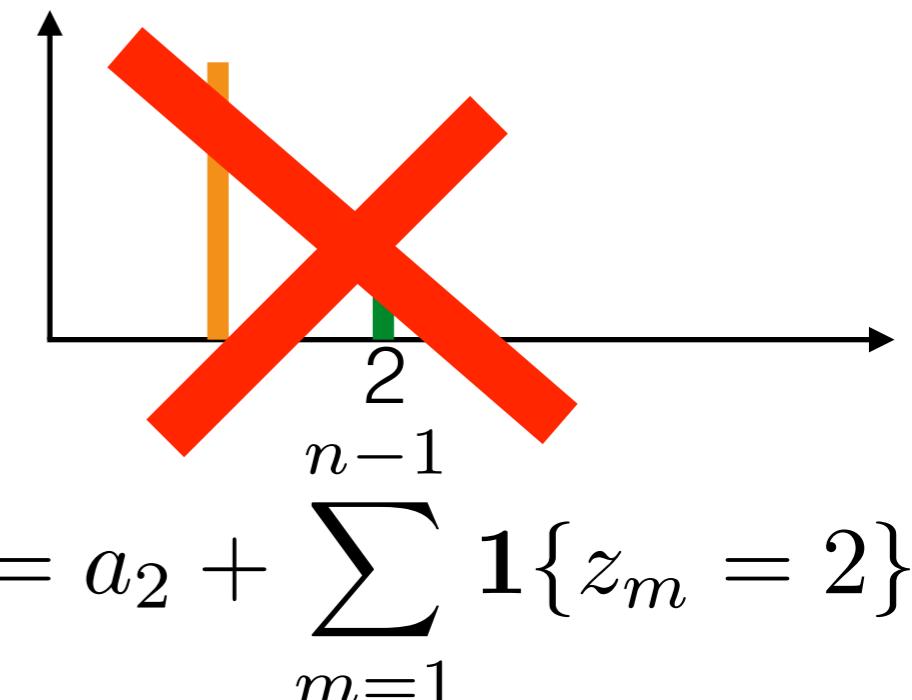
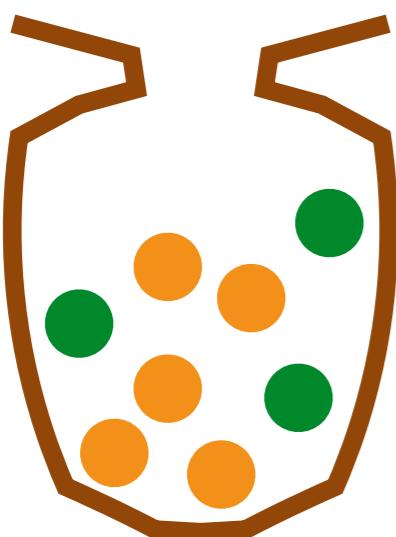
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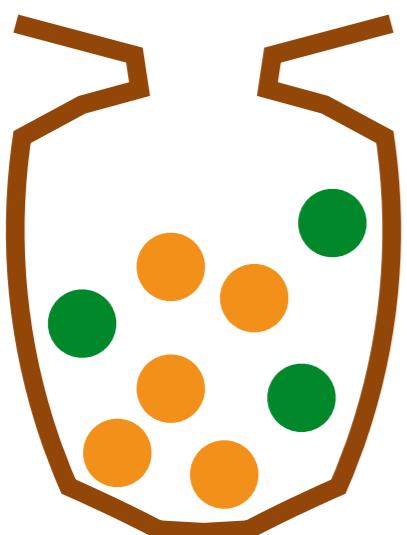
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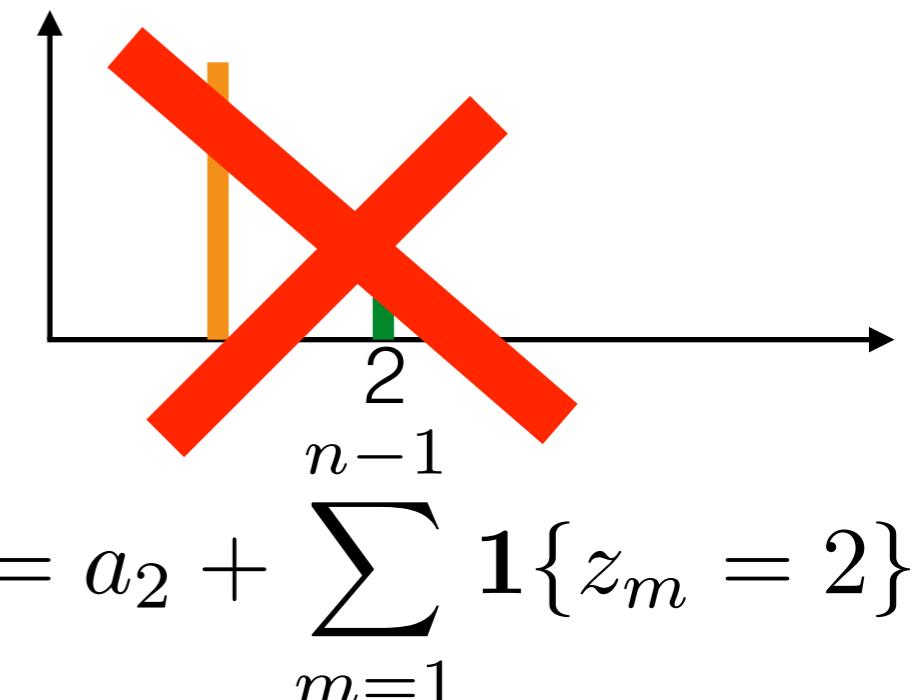
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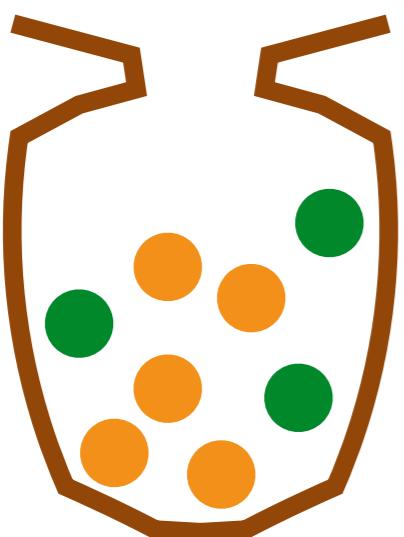
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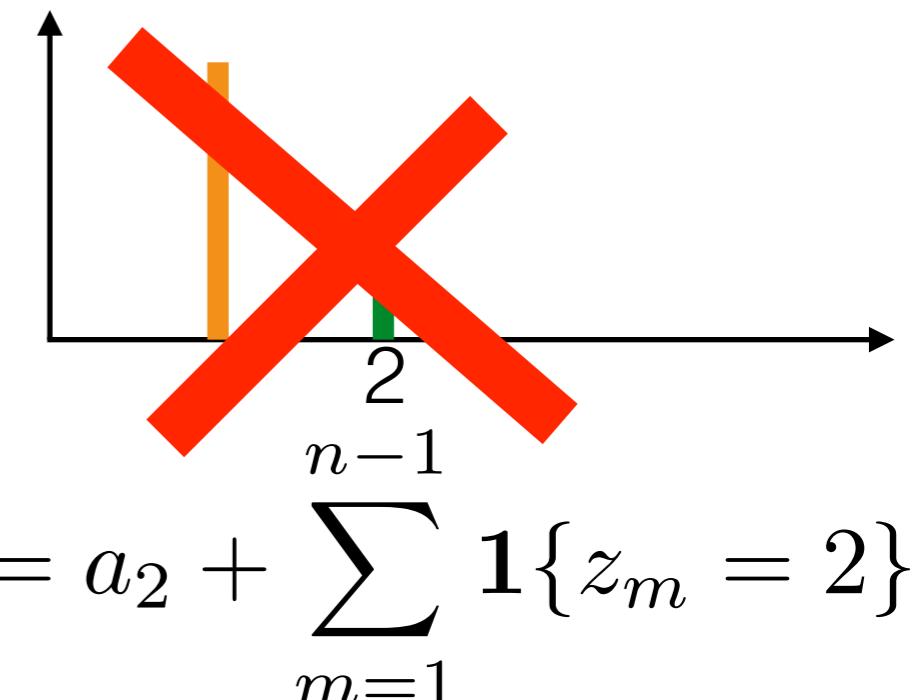
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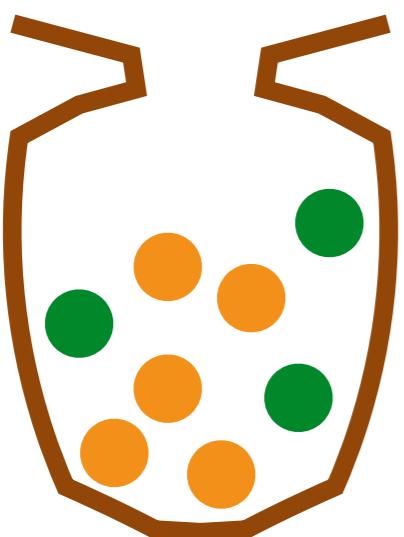
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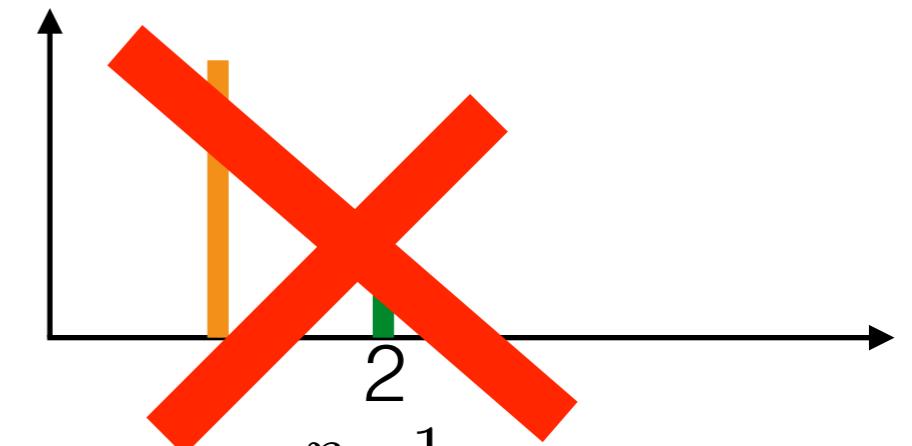
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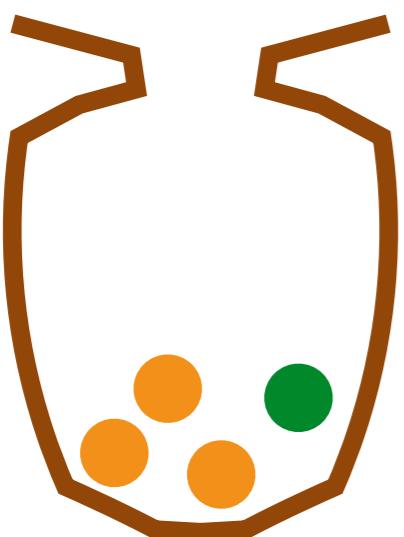
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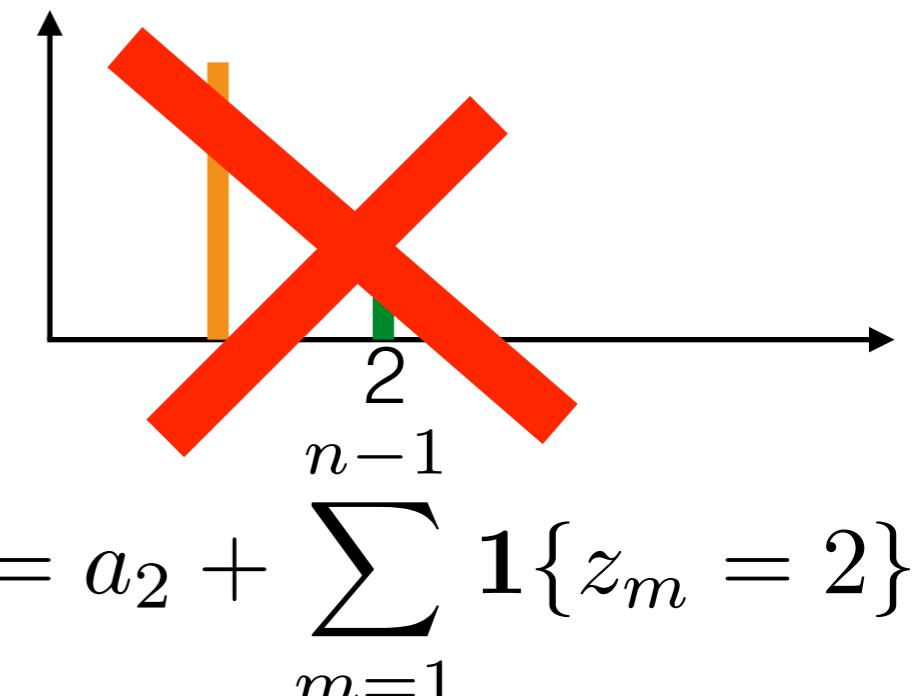
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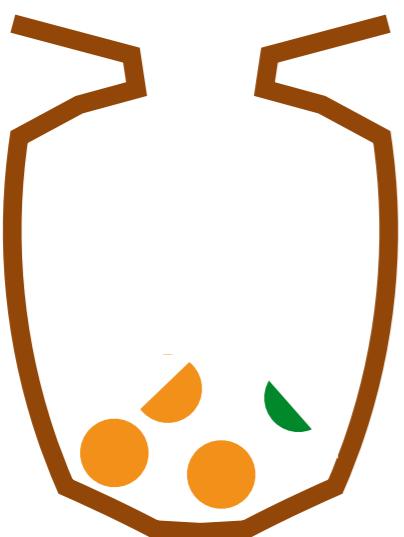
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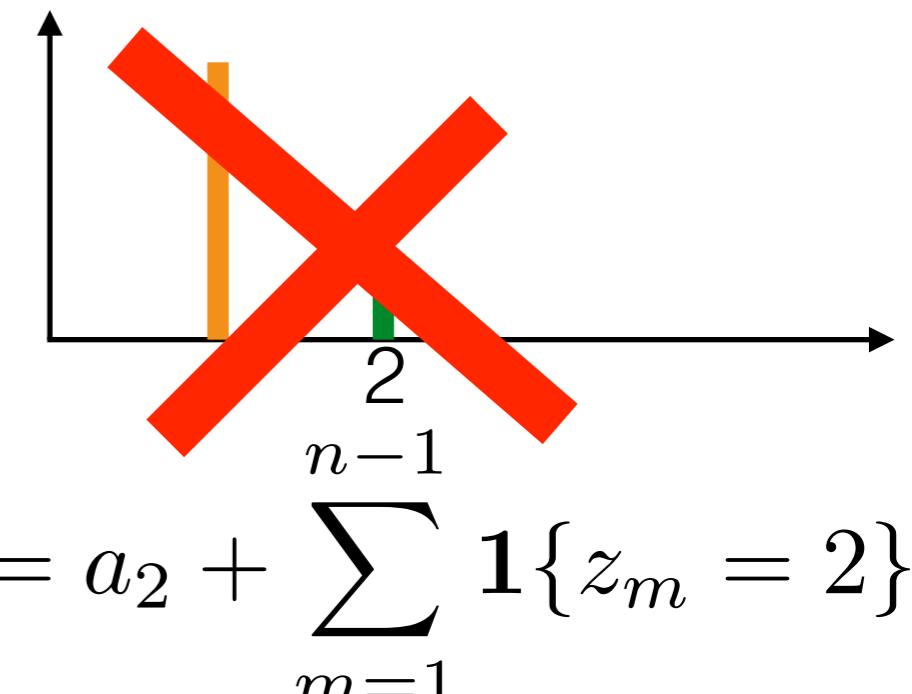
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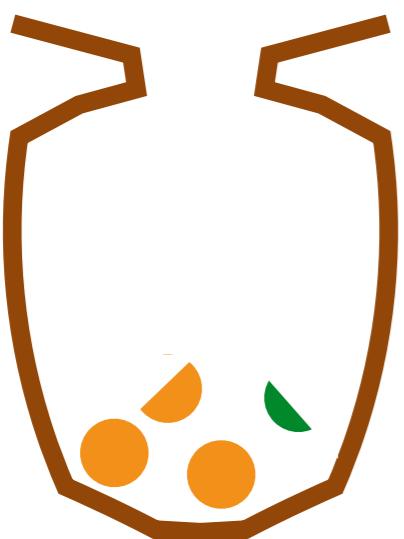
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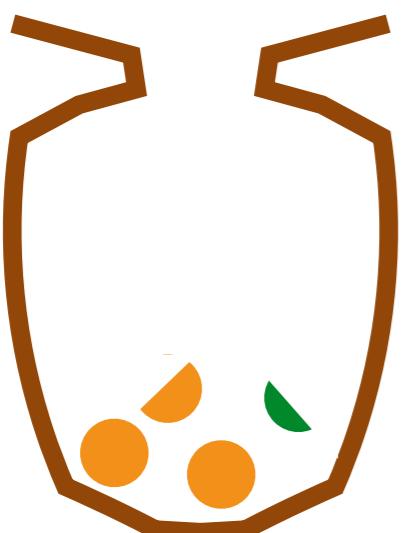
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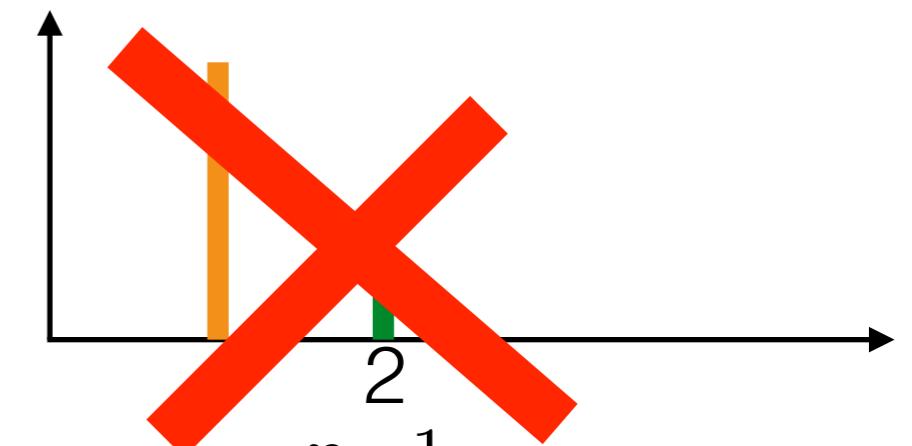
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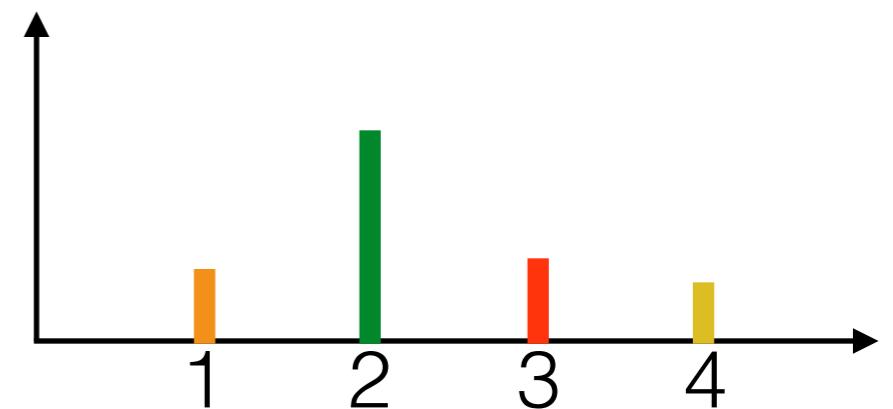
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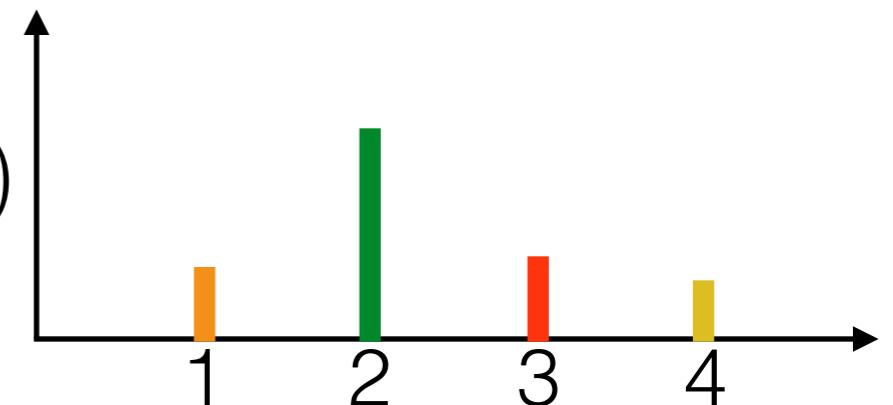
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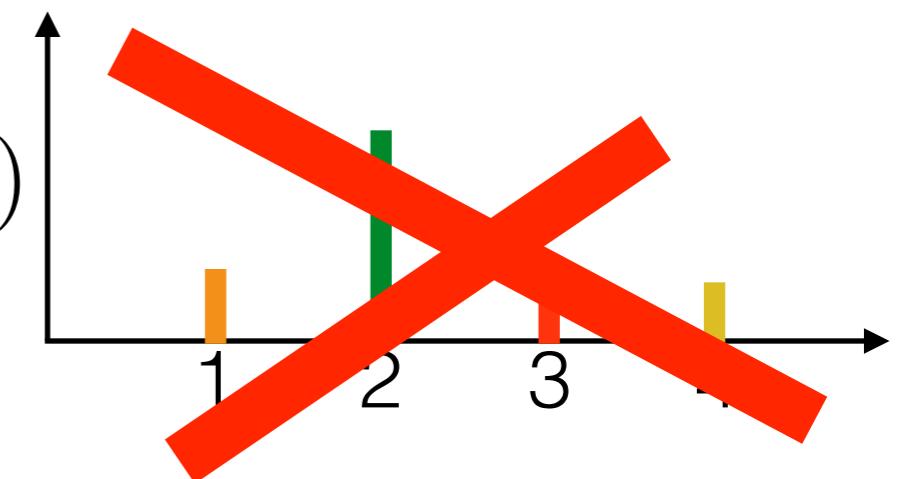
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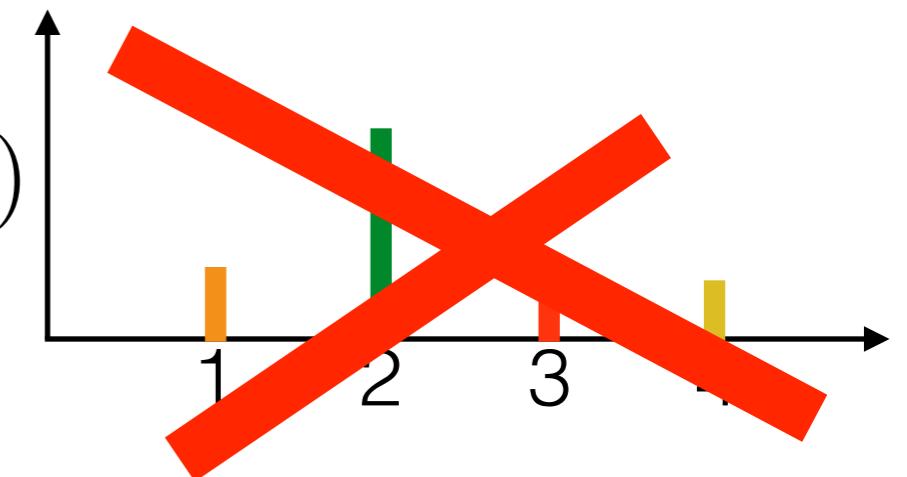
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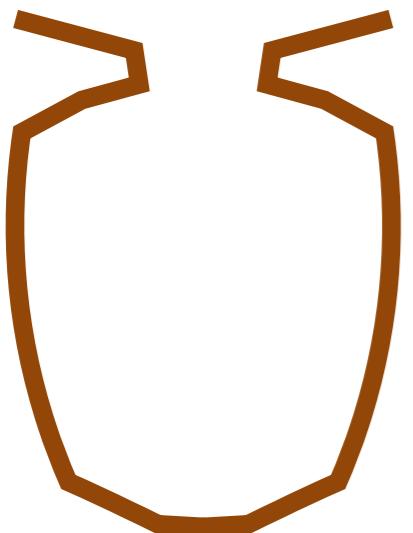


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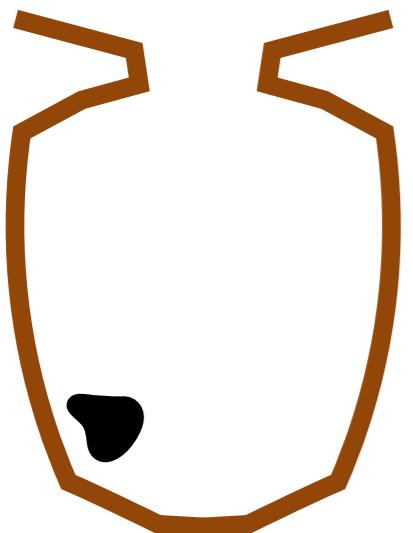
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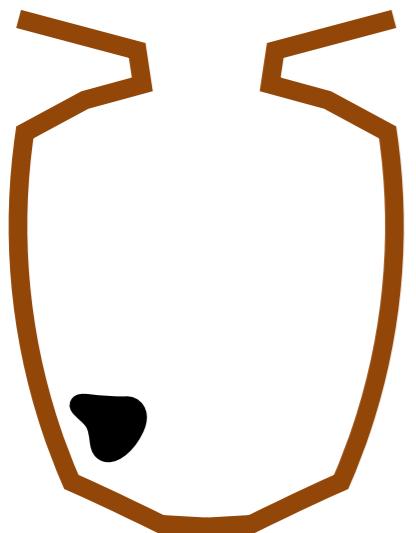
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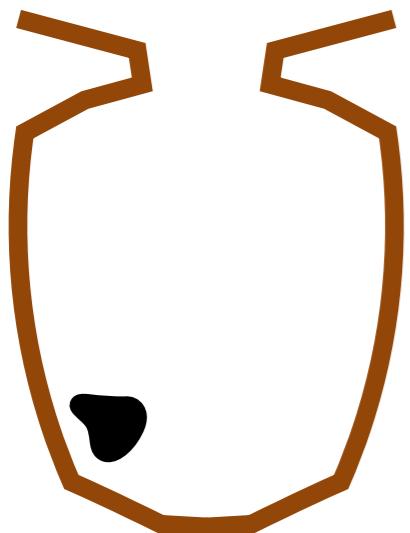
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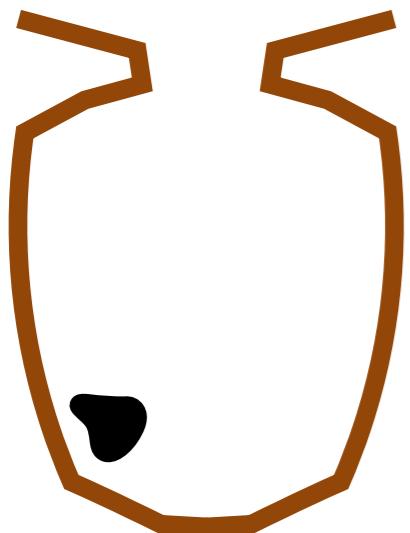
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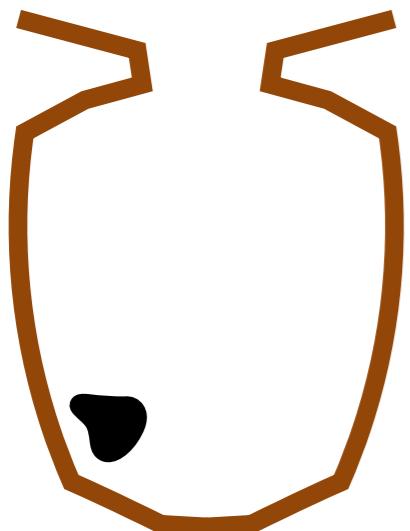
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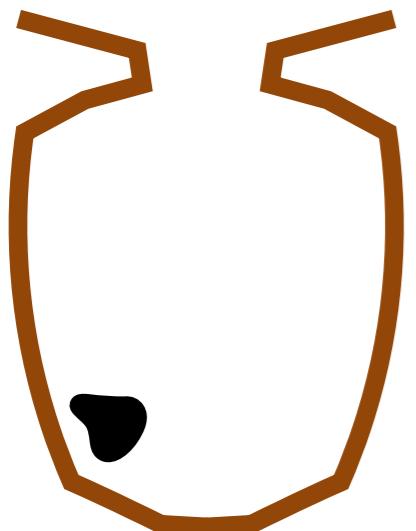
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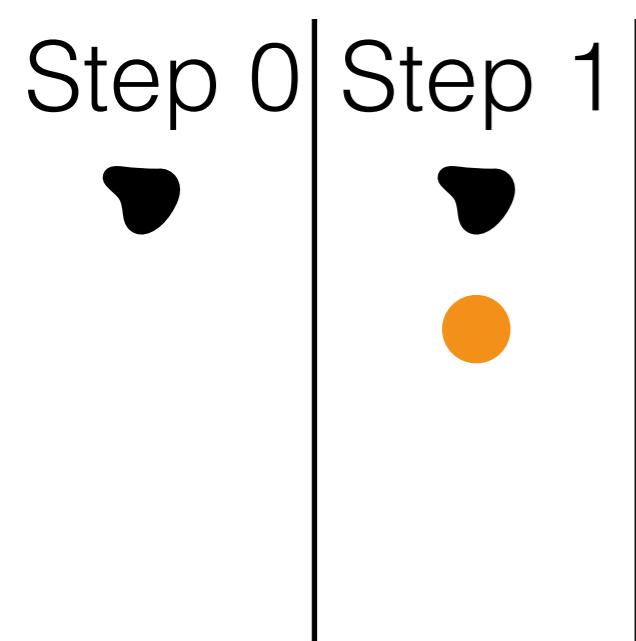


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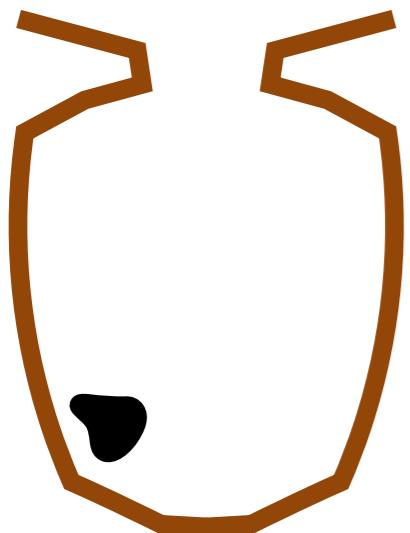


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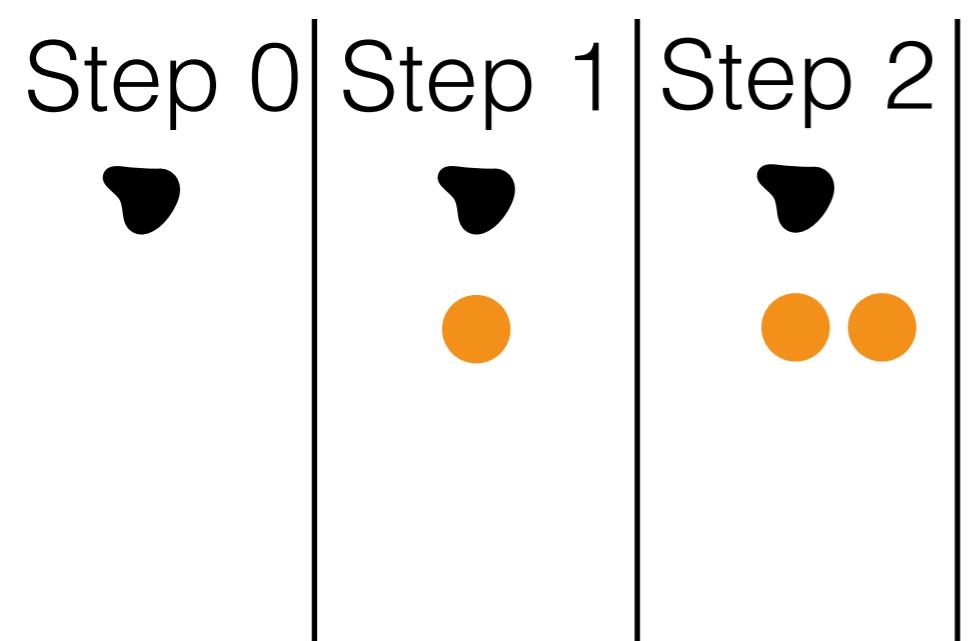


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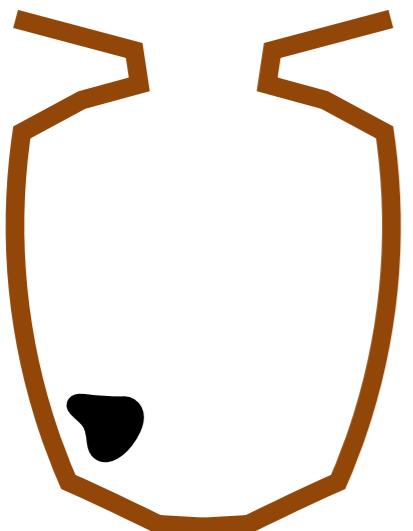


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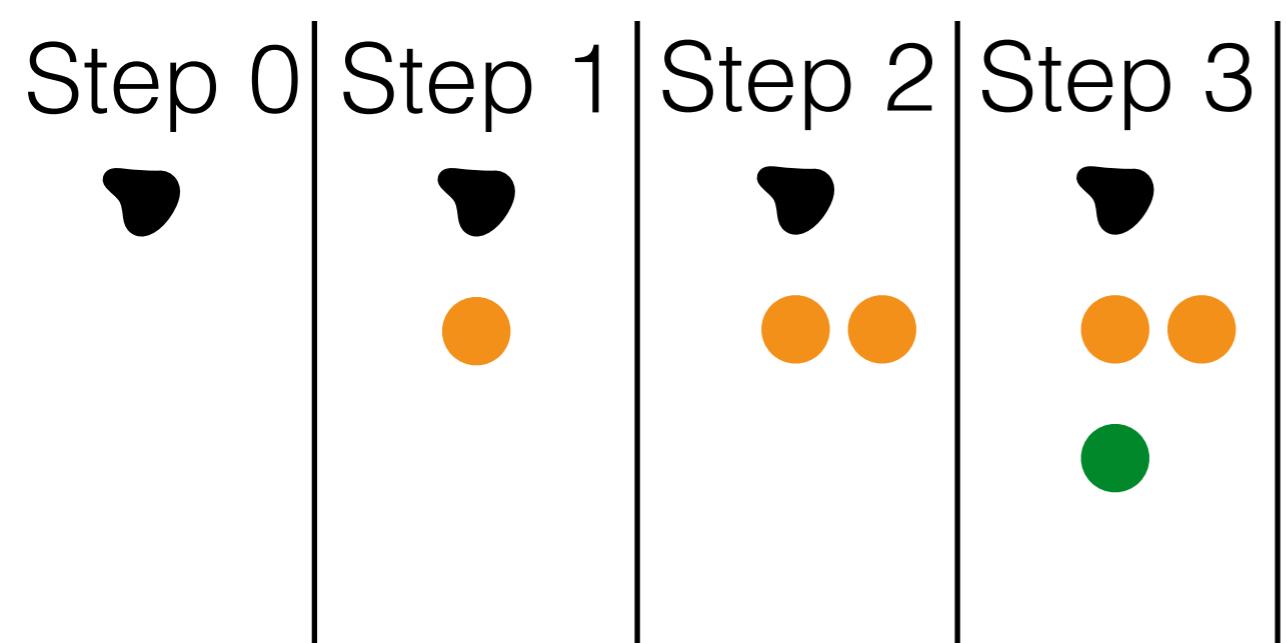


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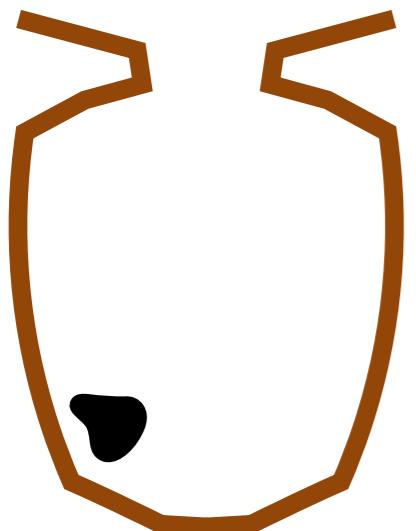


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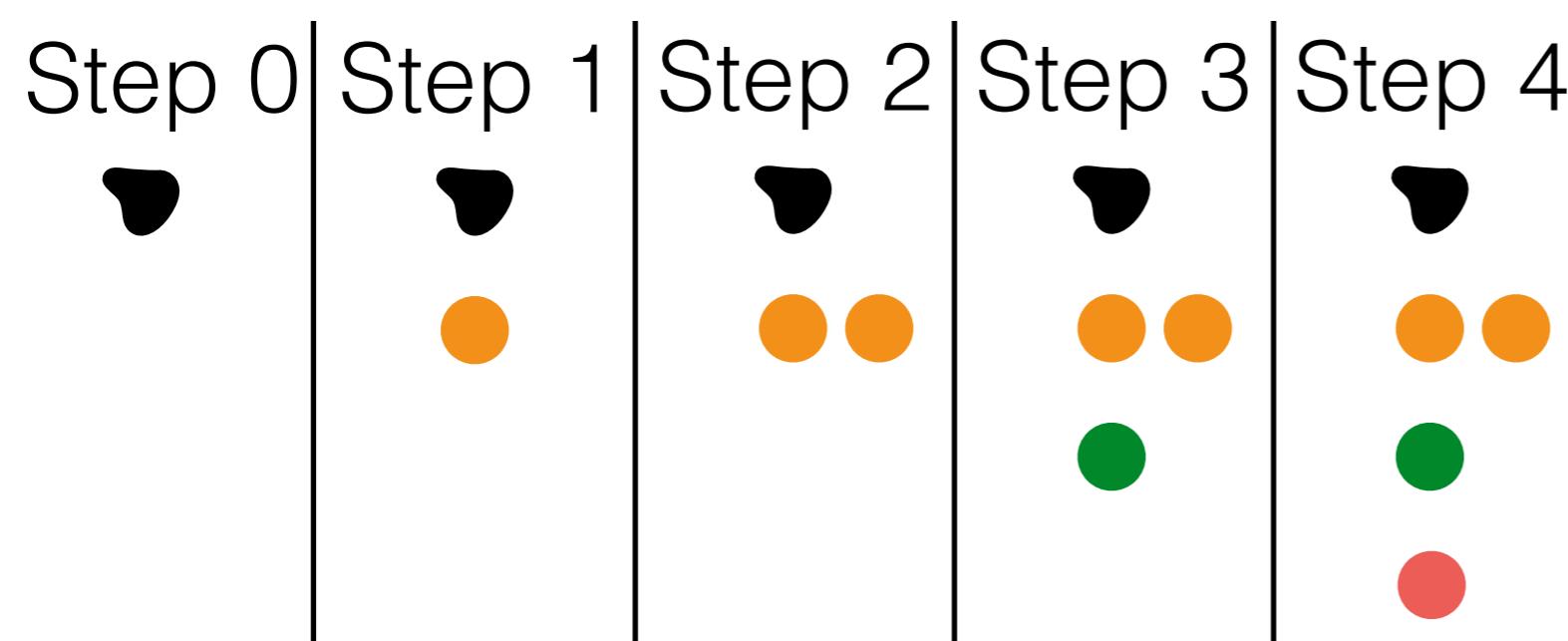


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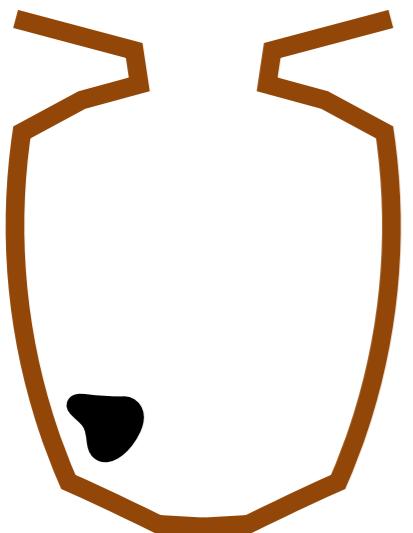


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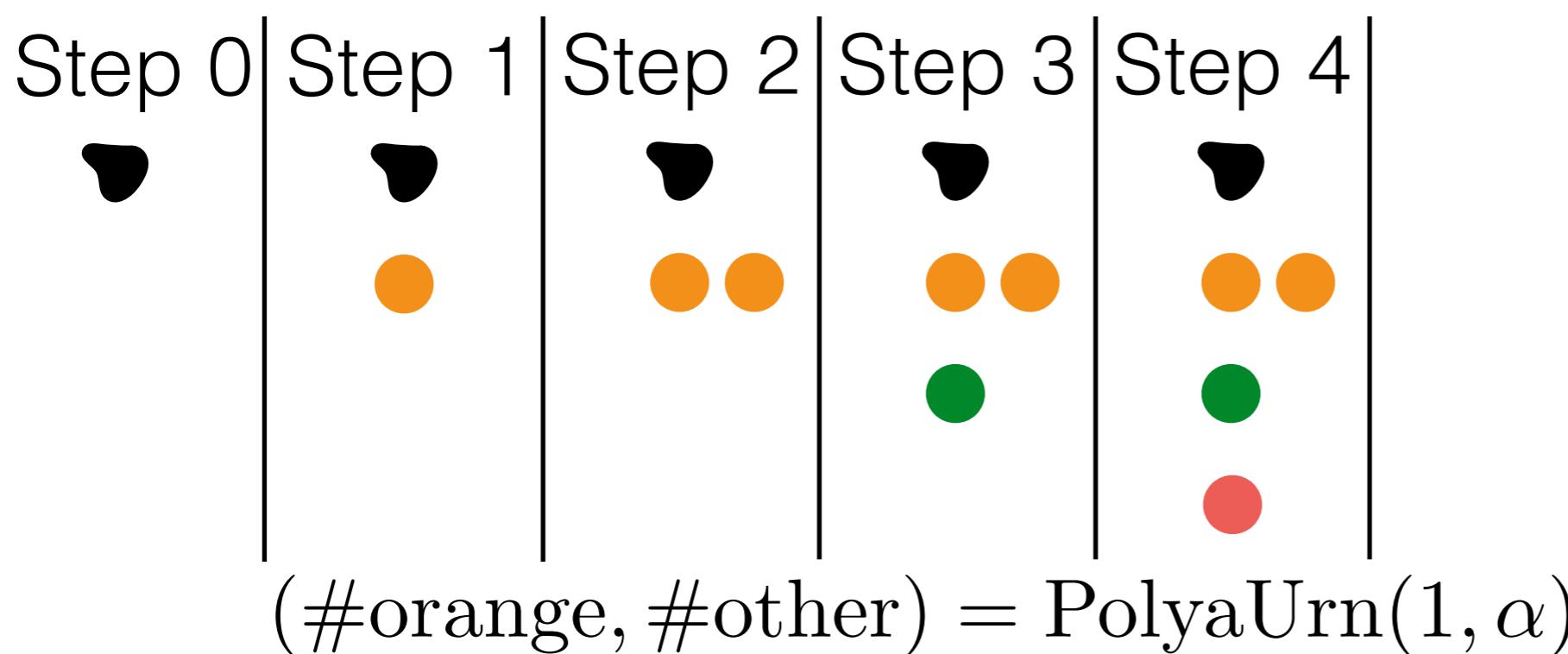


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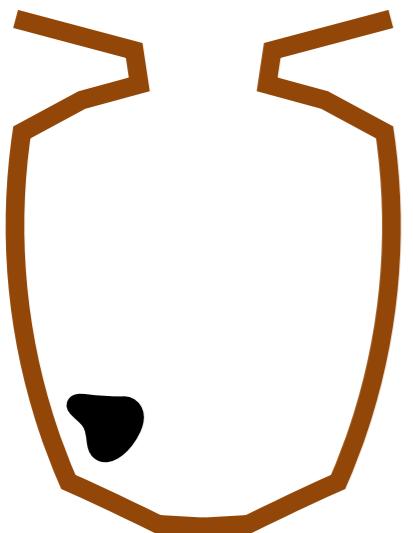


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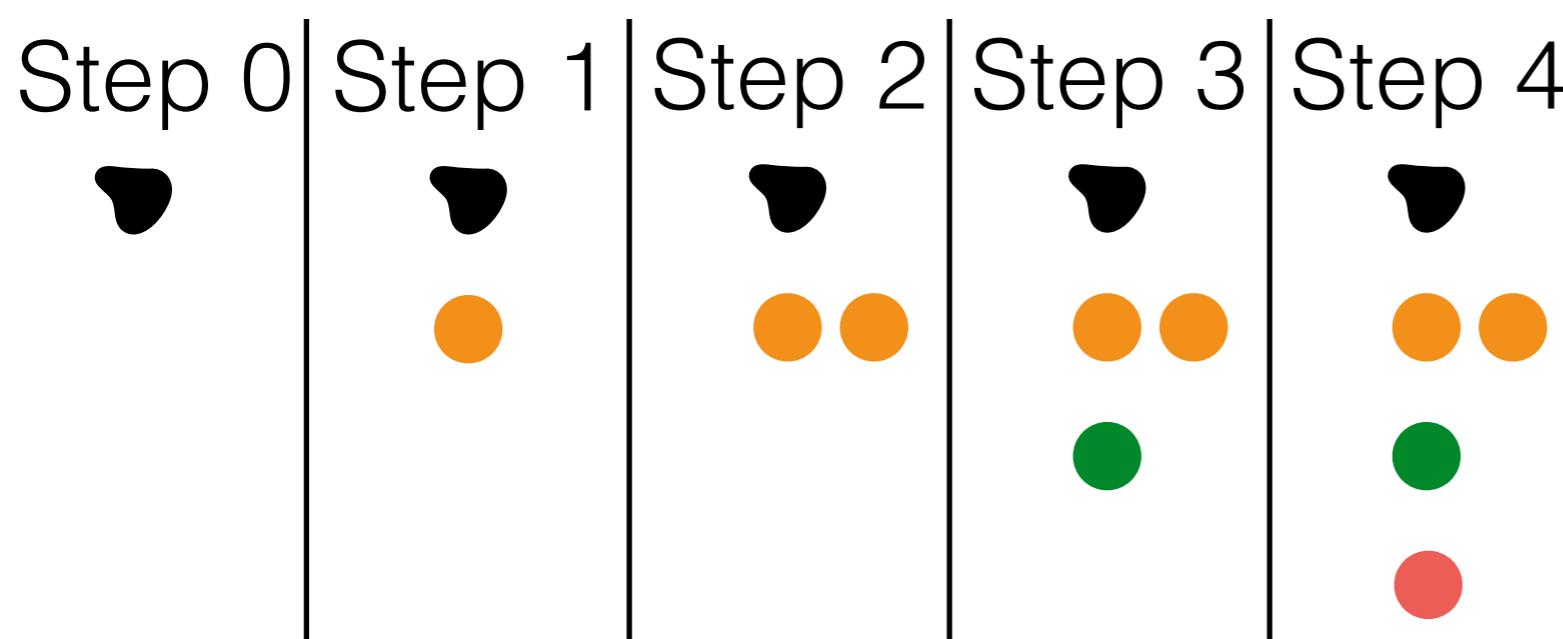


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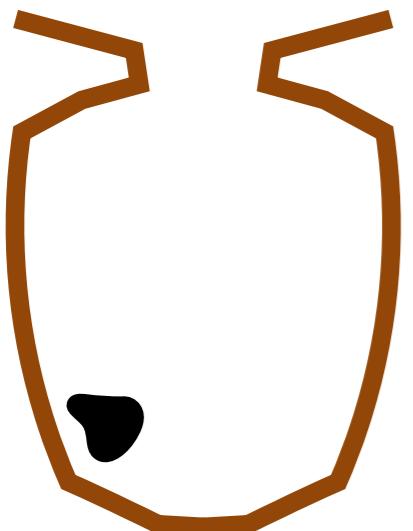


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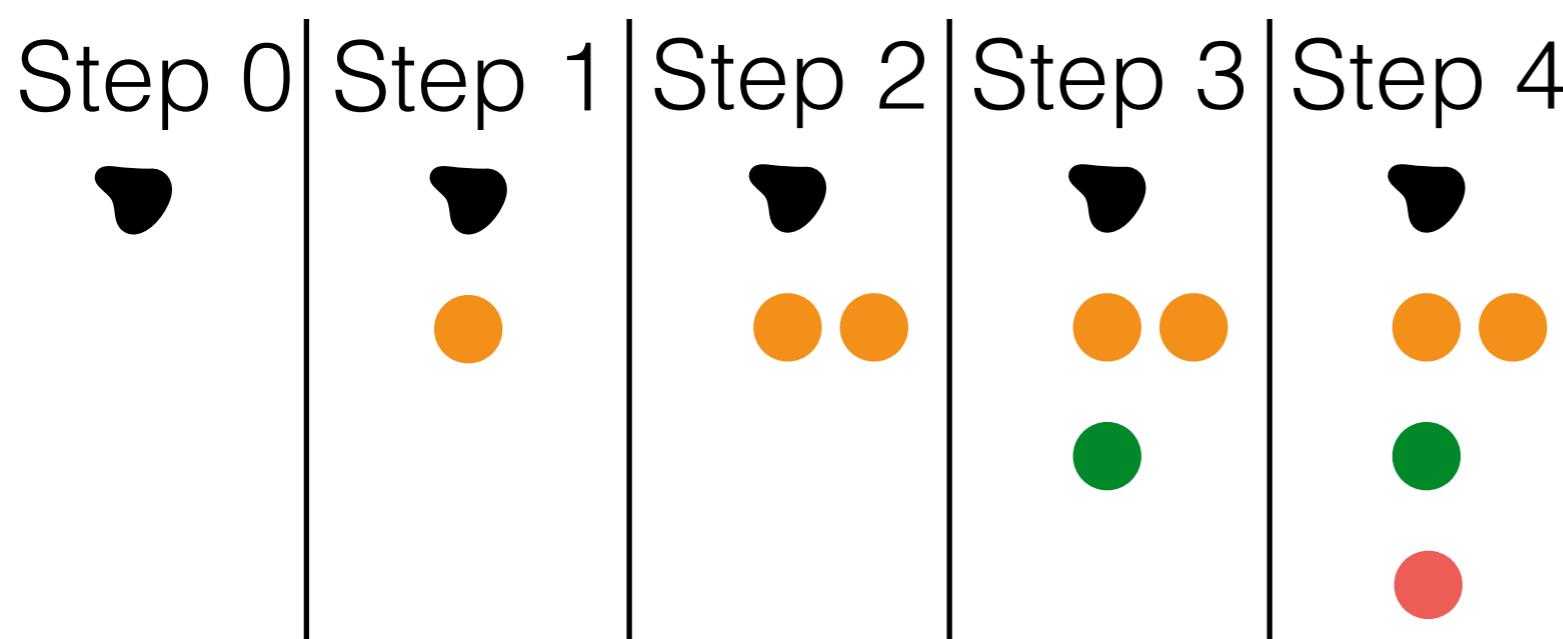
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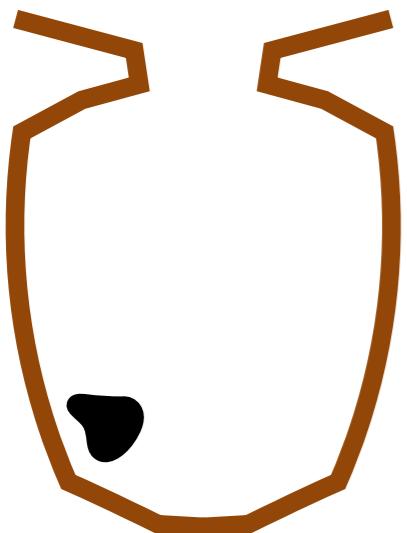


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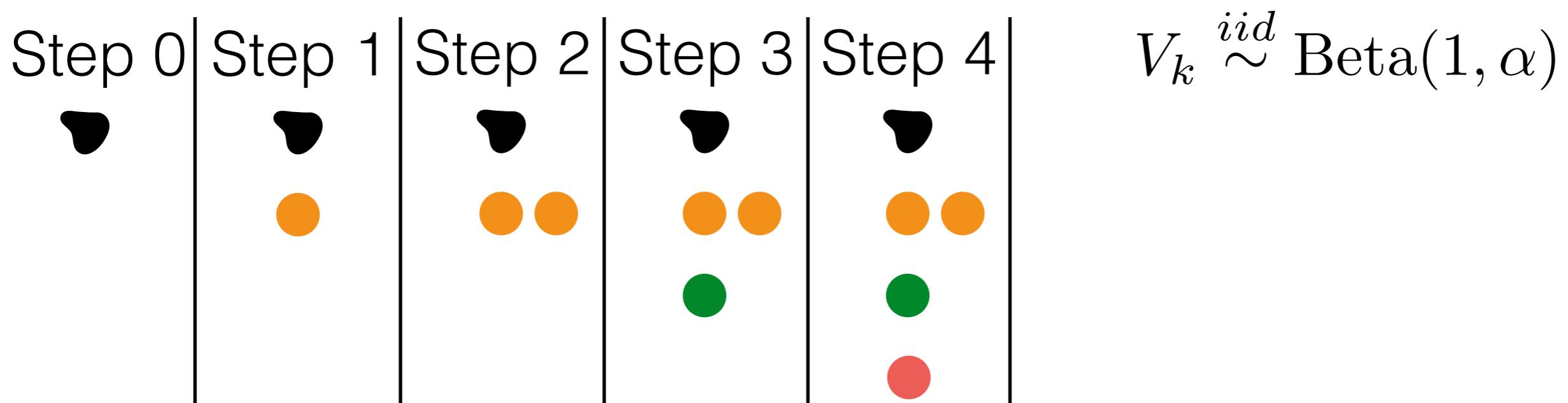
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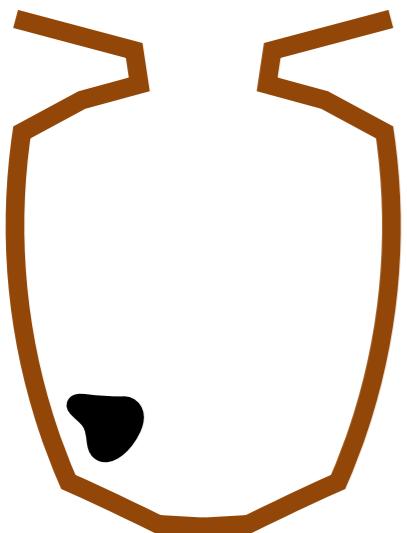


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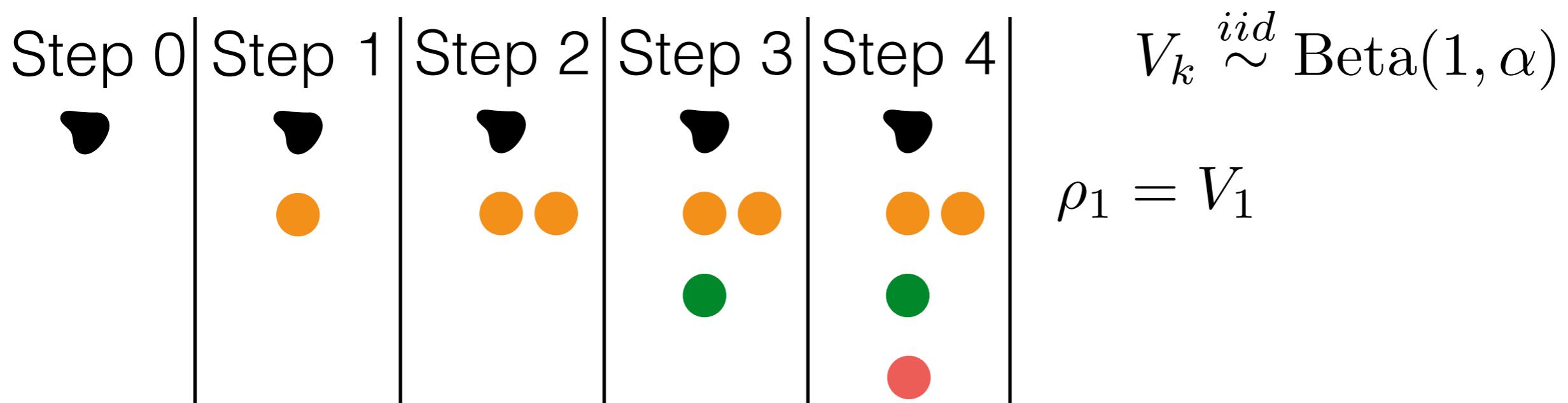
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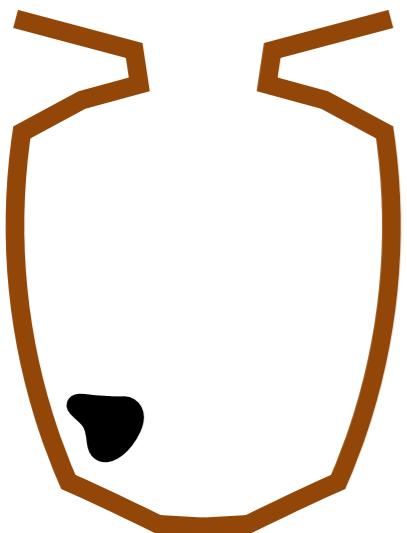


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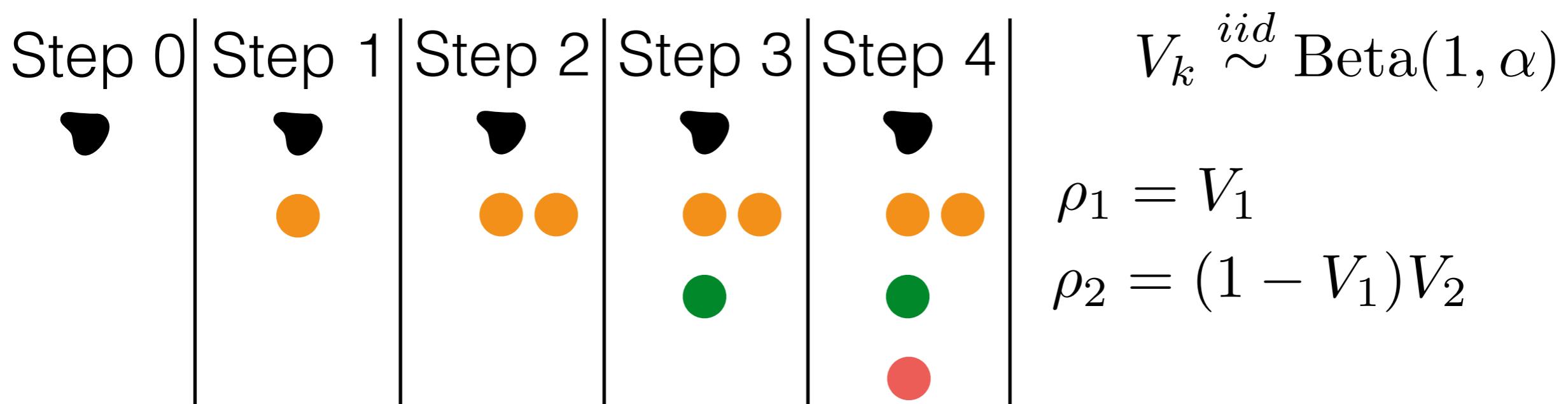
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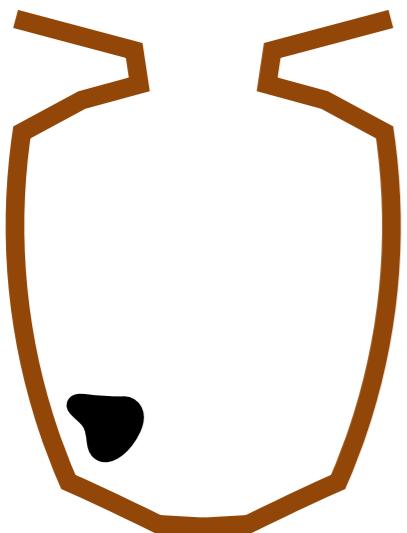


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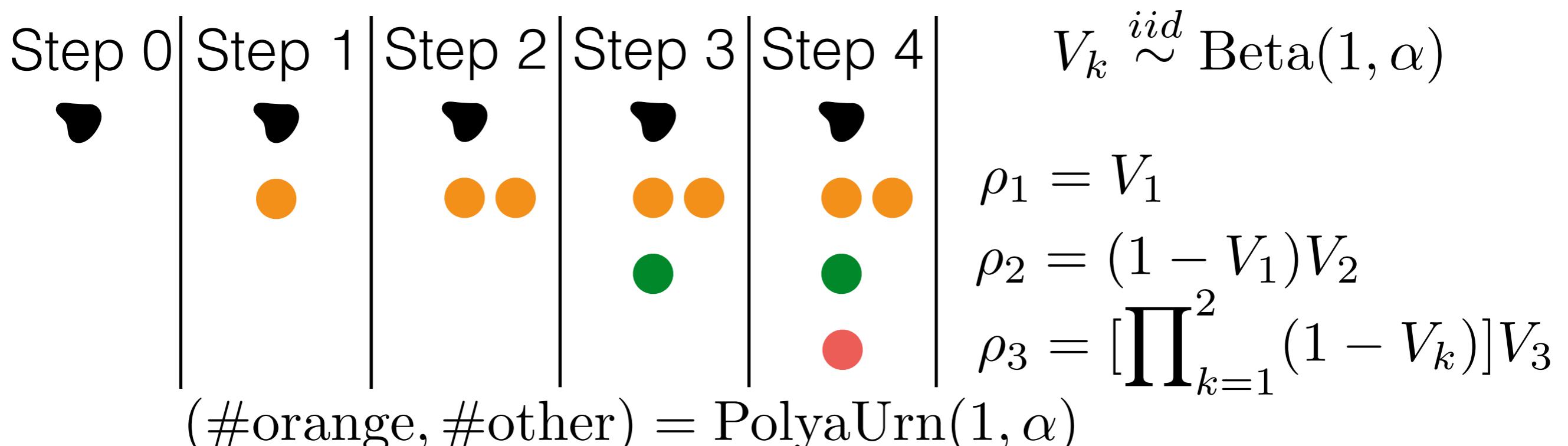
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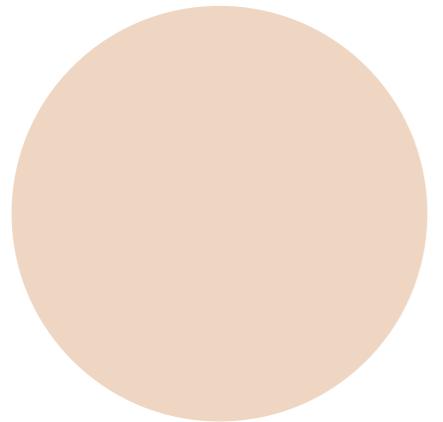


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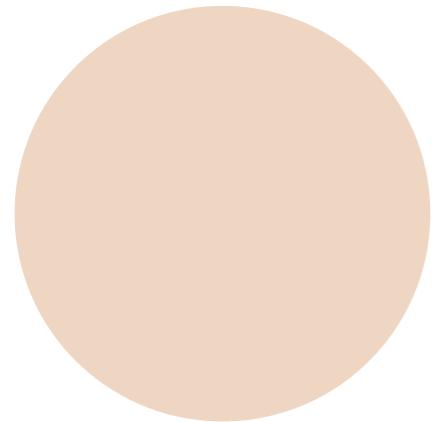


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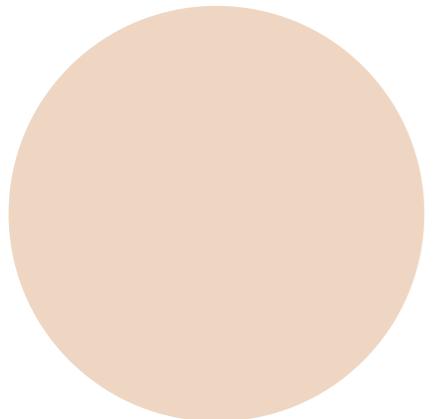


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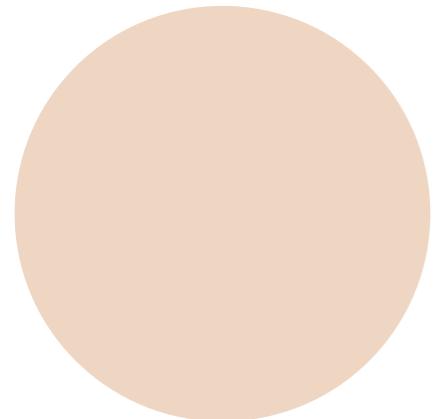
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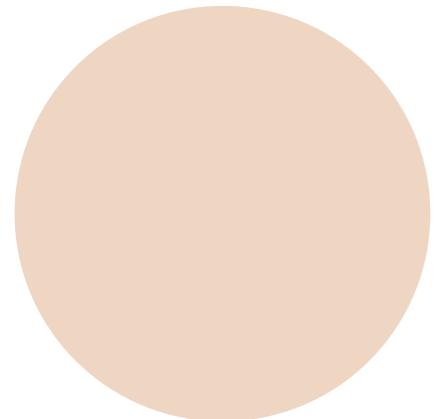
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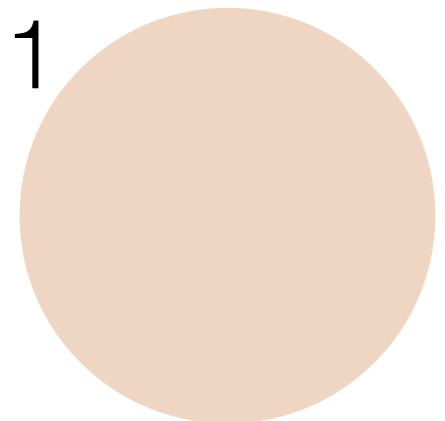
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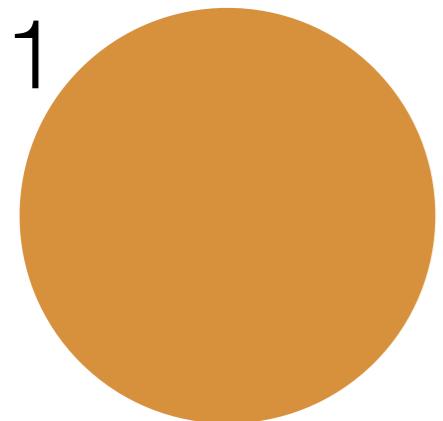
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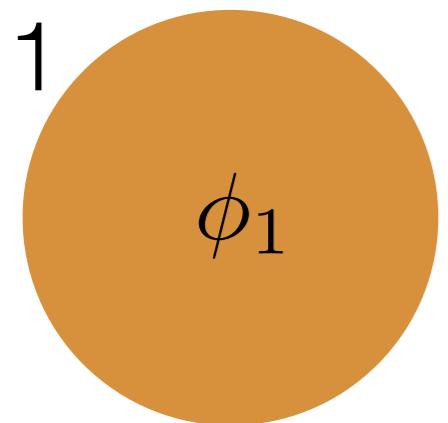
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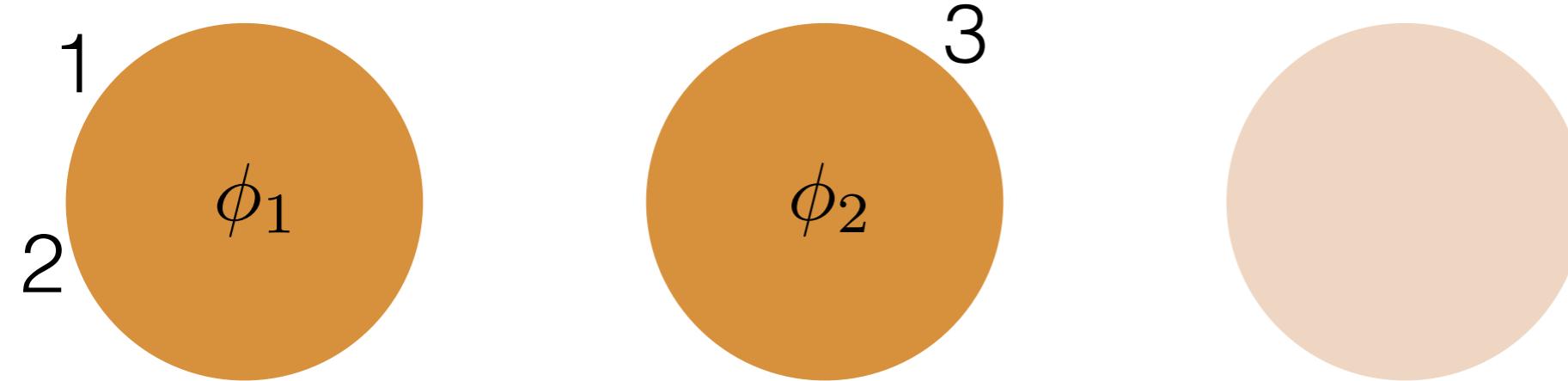
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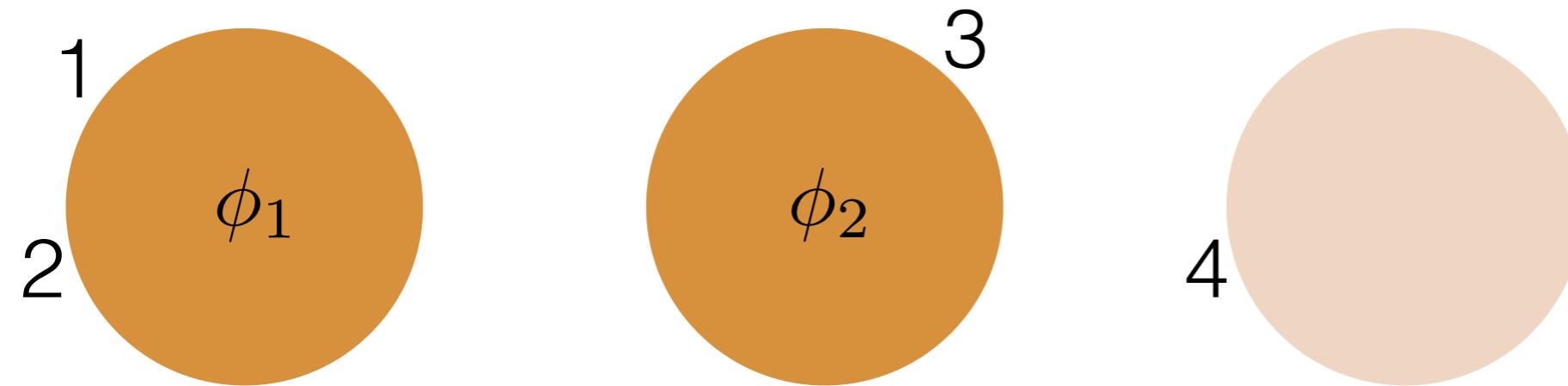
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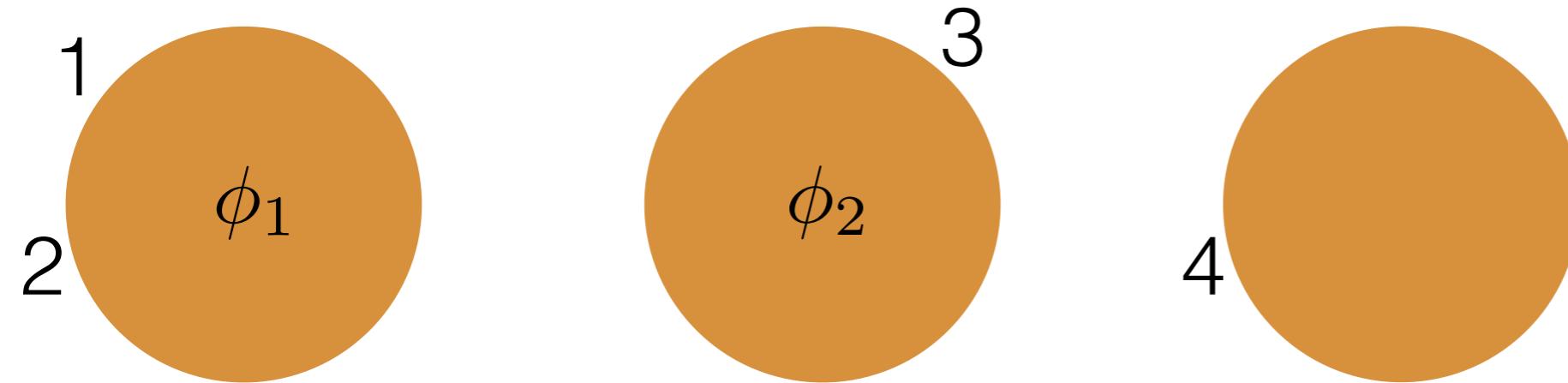
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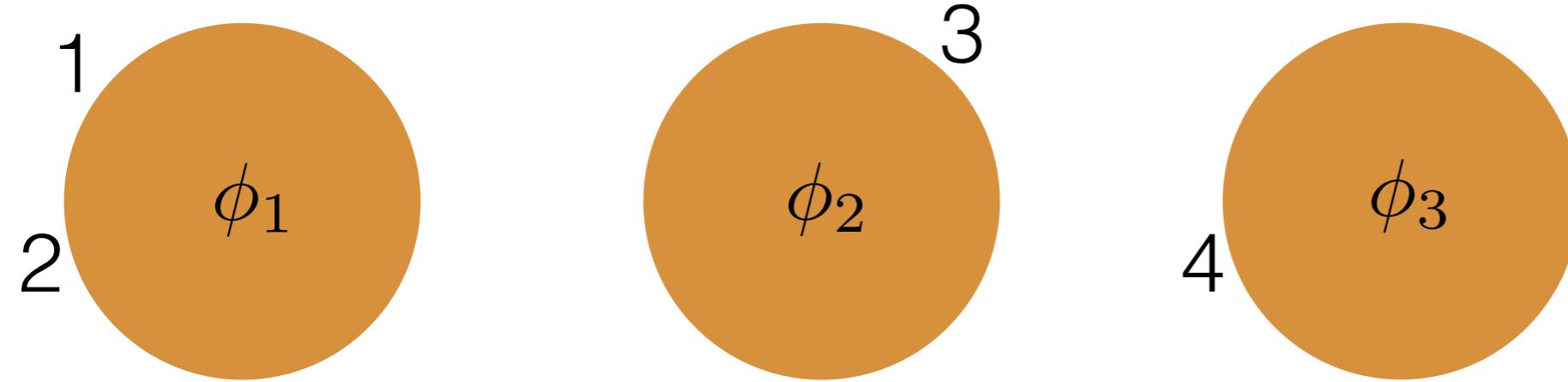
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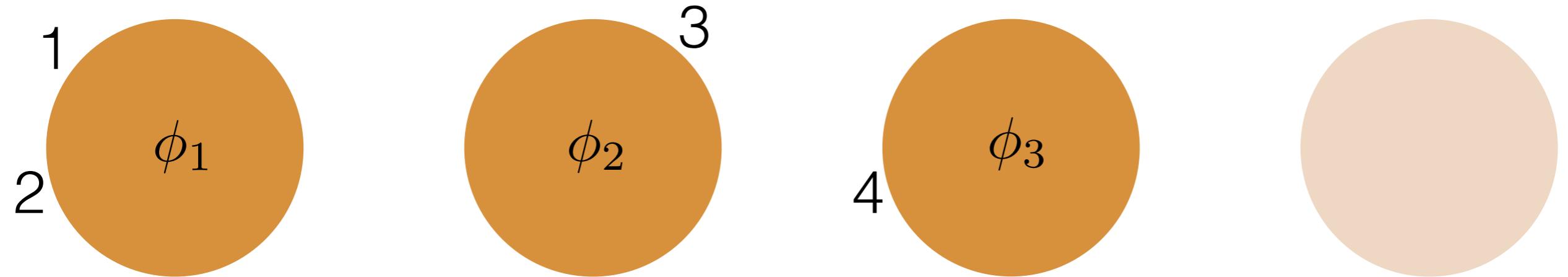
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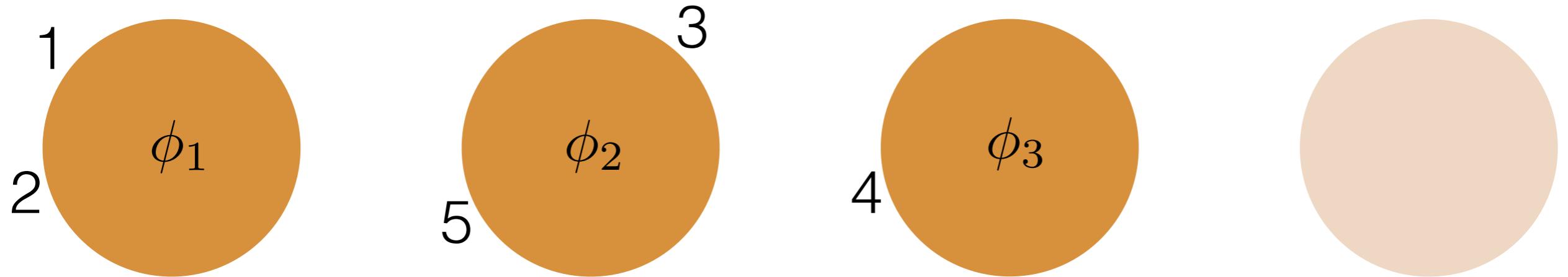
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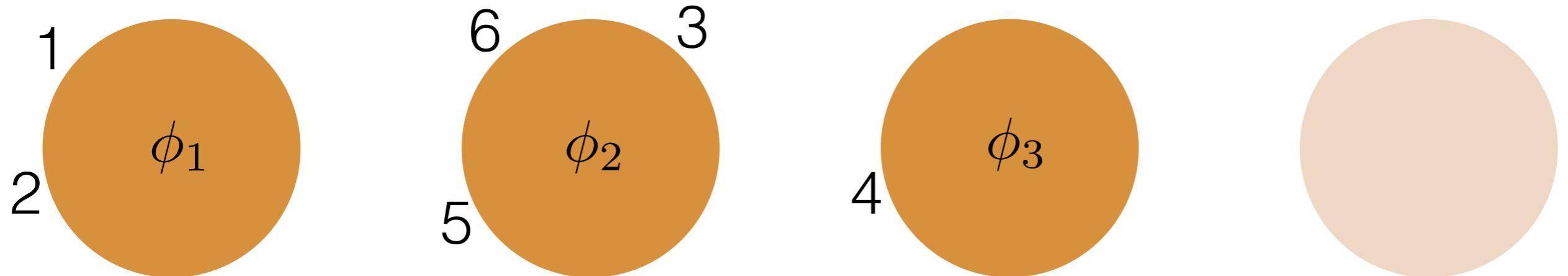
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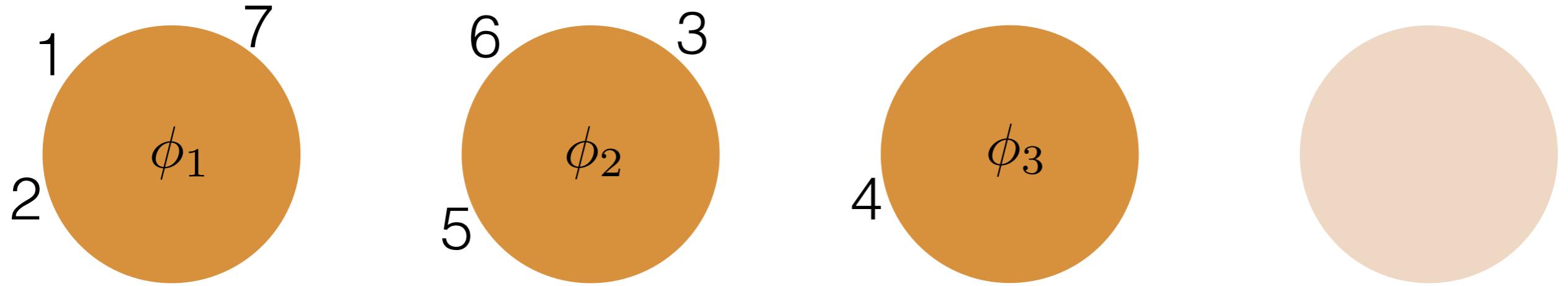
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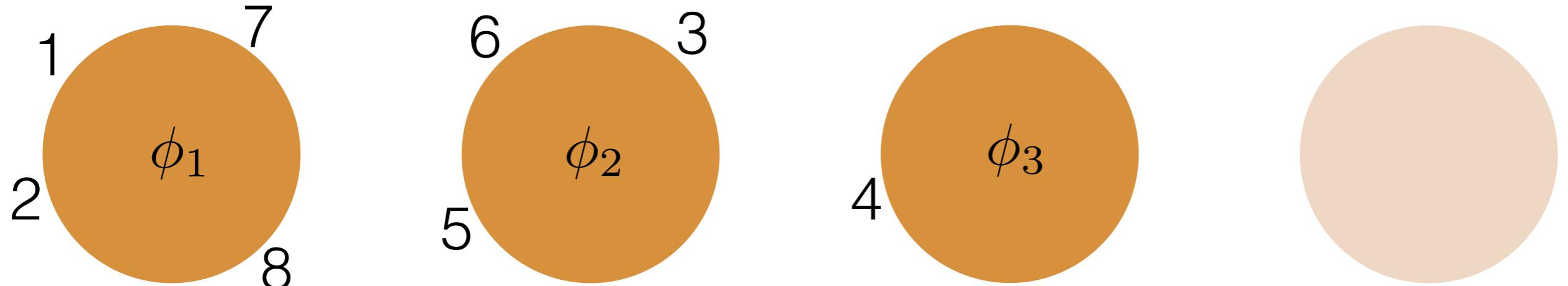
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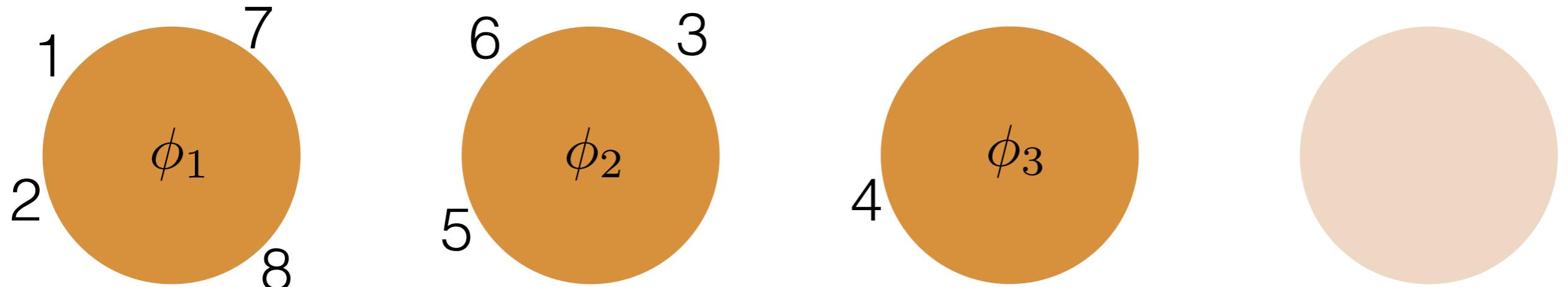
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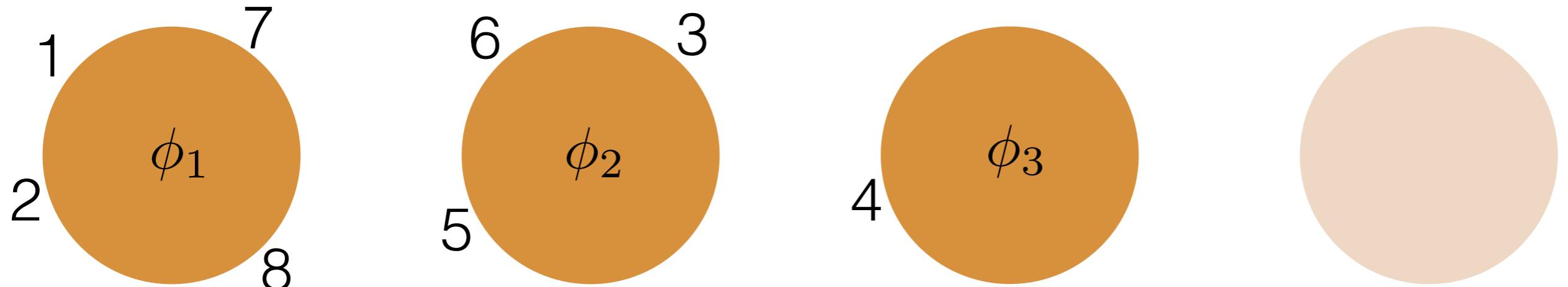
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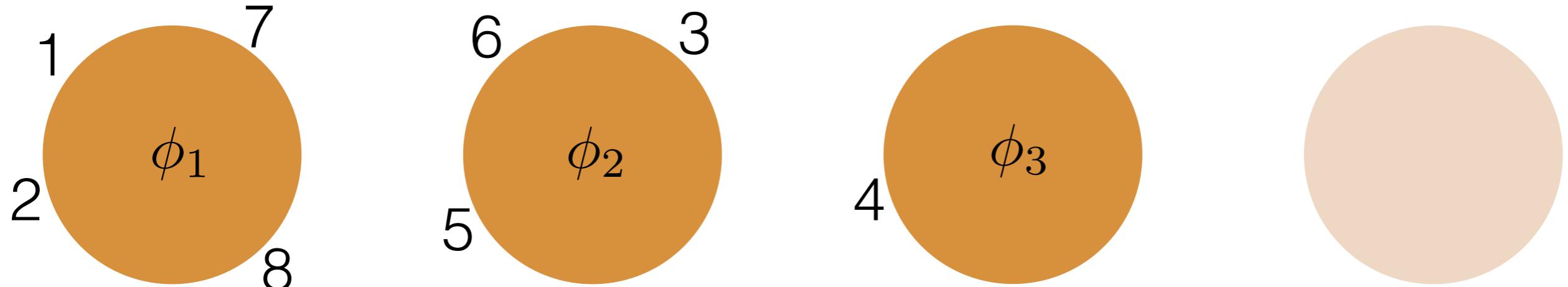
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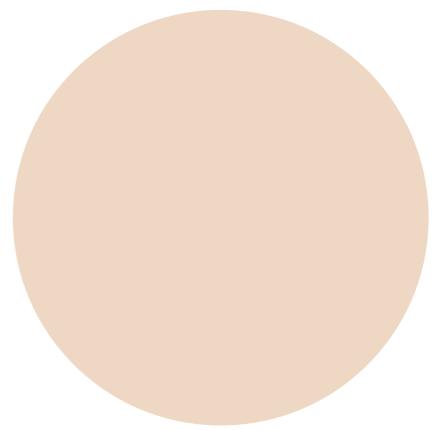
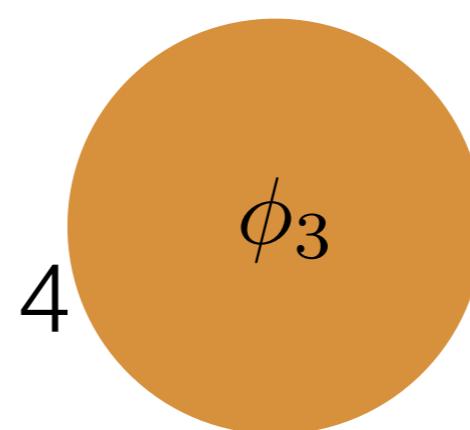
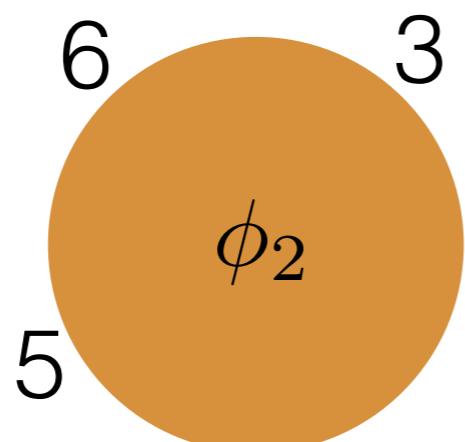
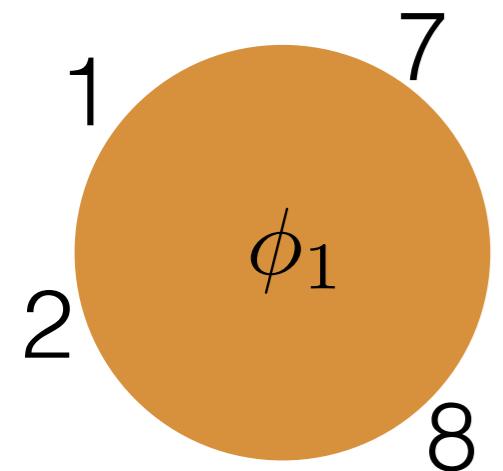


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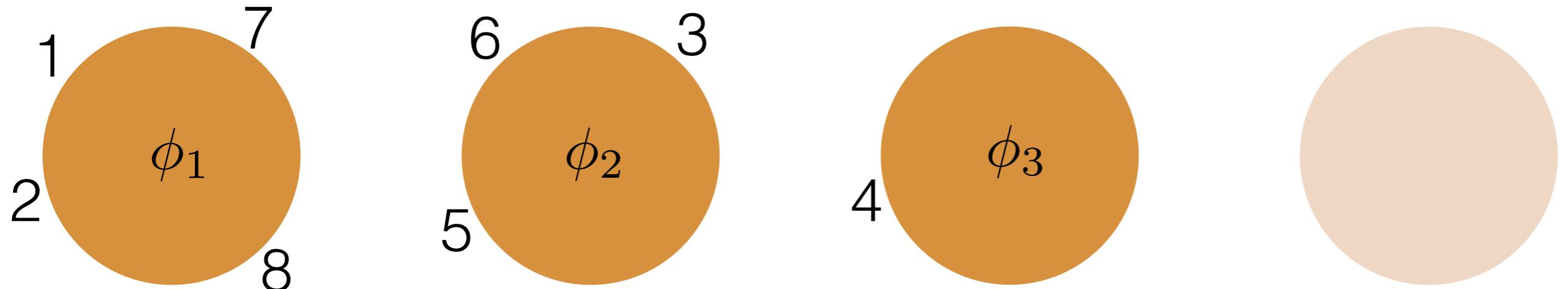
So far: Dirichlet process, Chinese restaurant process

- Infinity of parameters, growing number of parameters

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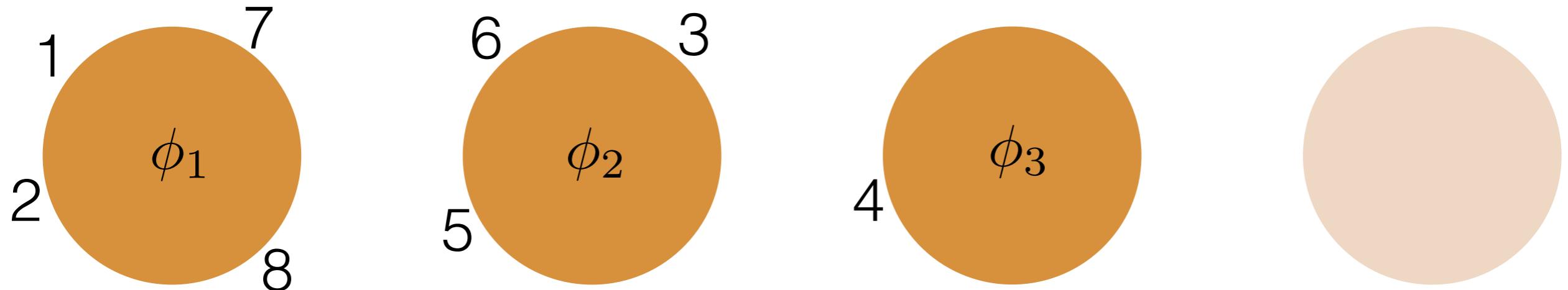


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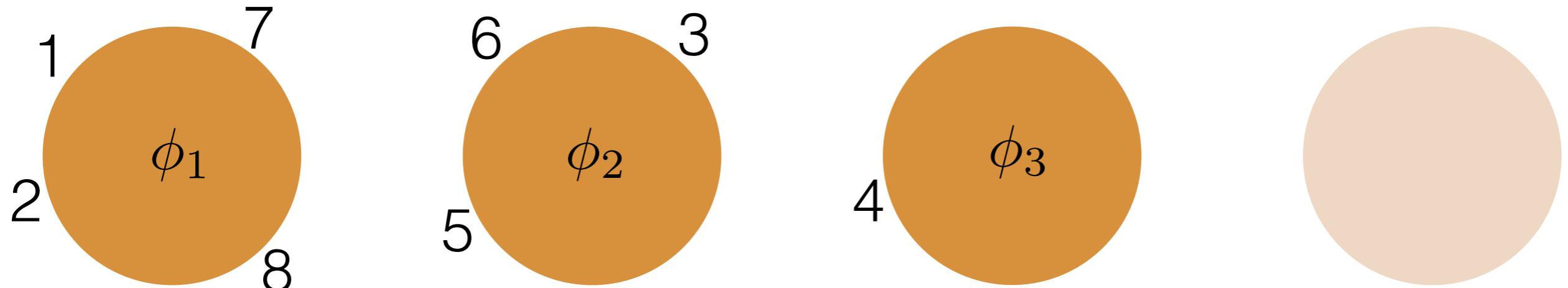
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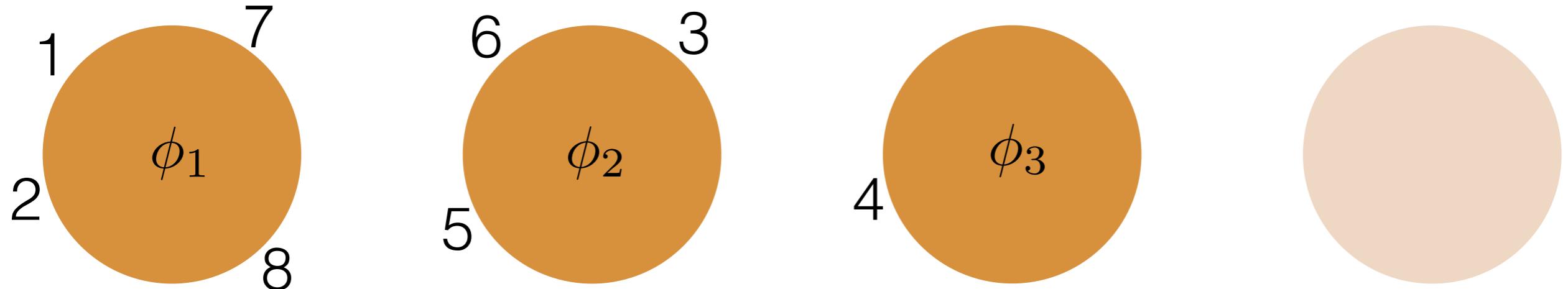
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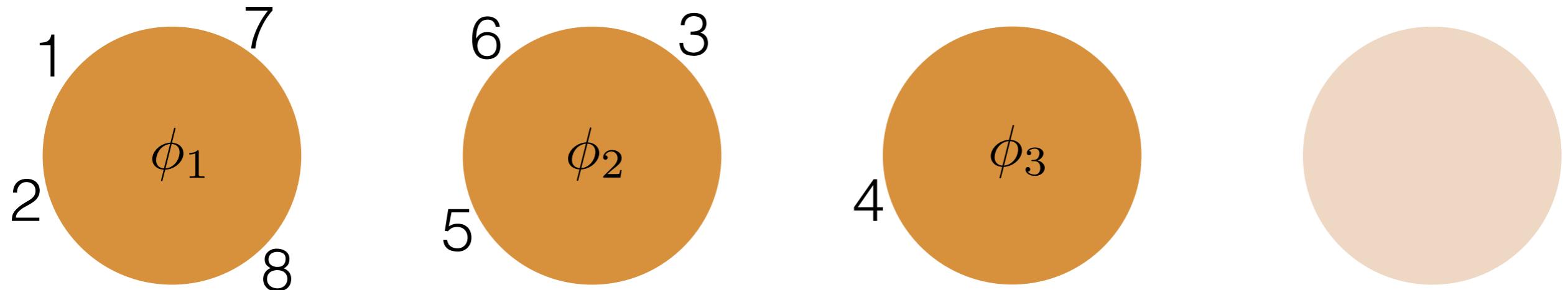
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# References

A full reference list is provided at the end of the “Part III” slides.