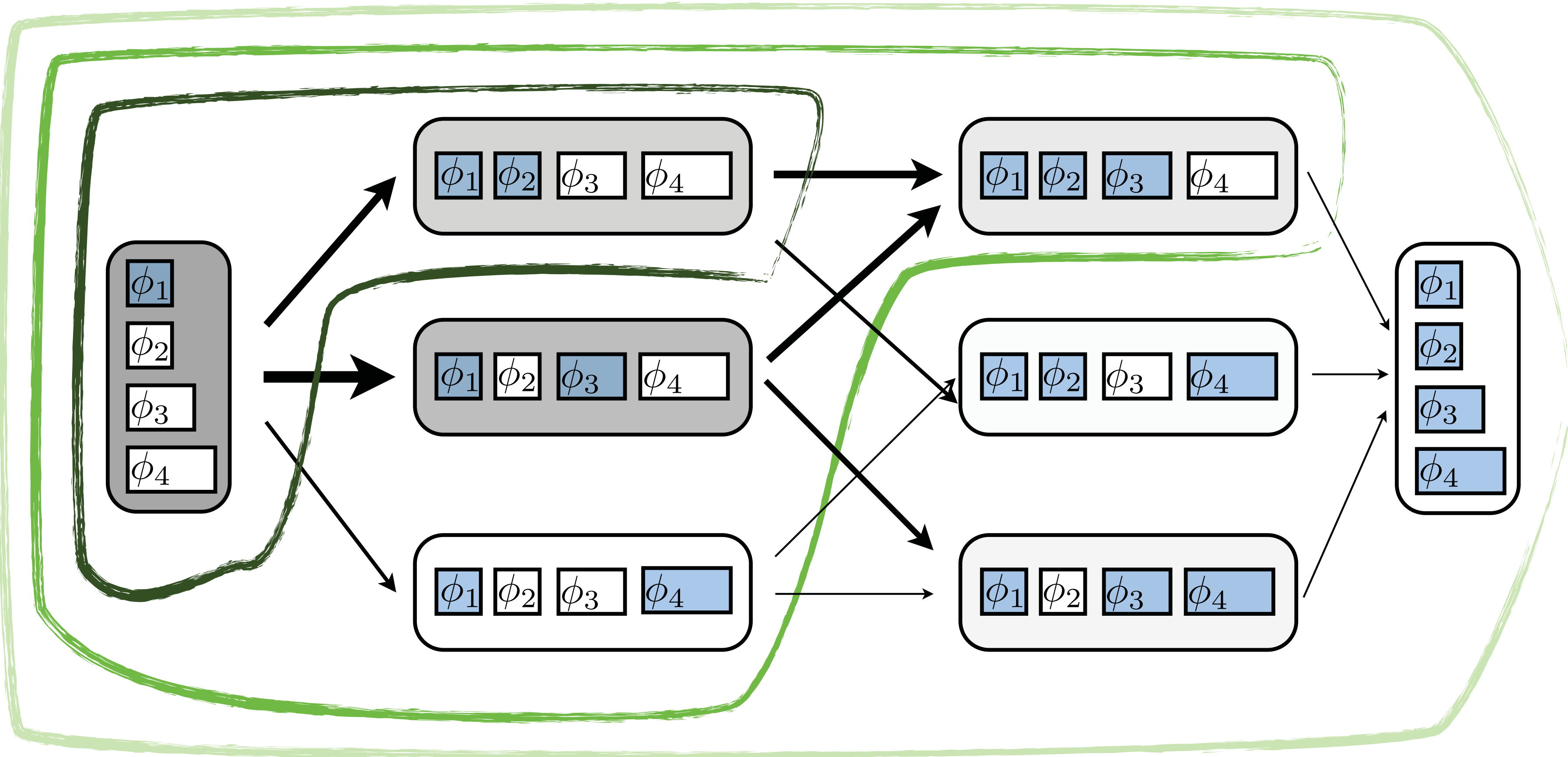


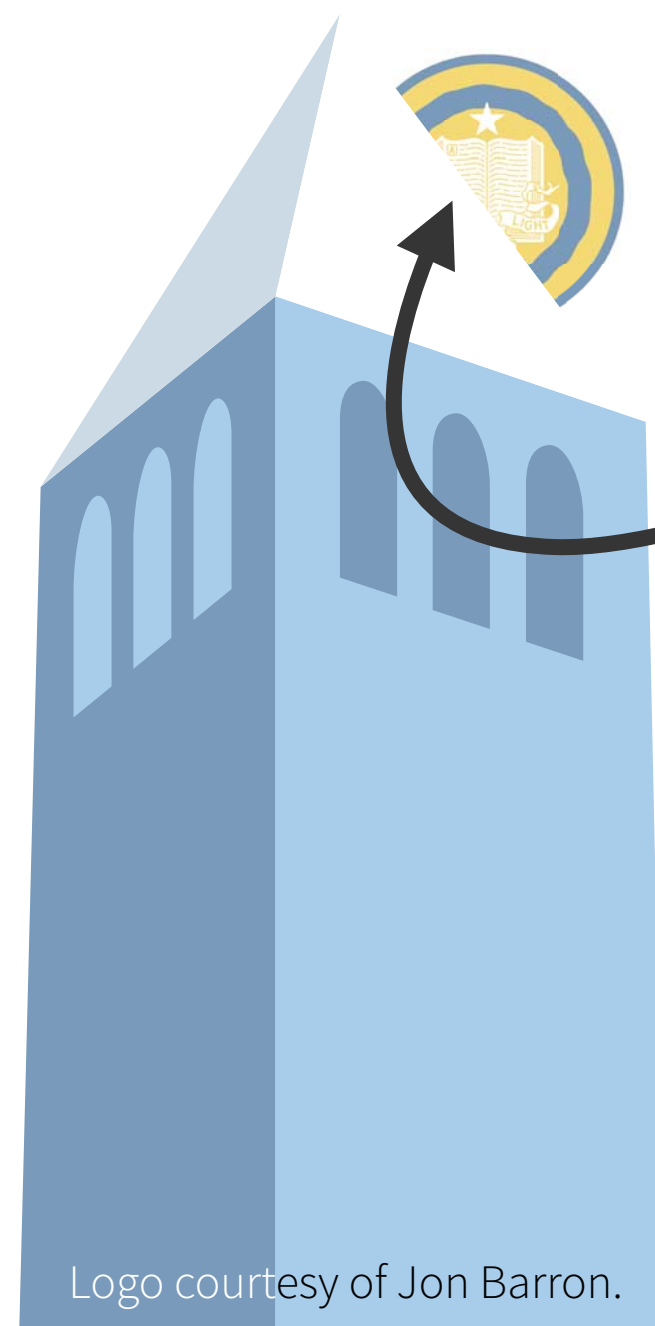
# Dynamic Recognition on a Budget



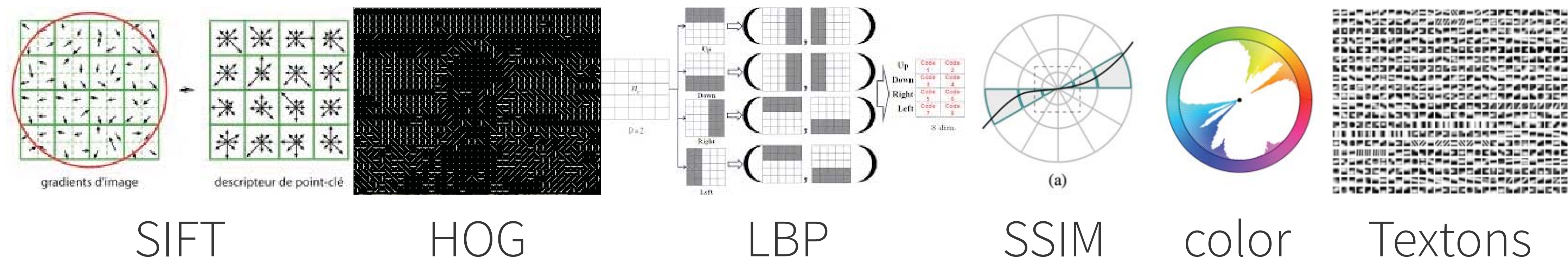
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Mario Fritz · Trevor Darrell



I work in computer vision.



With a test time budget, cannot compute all features.

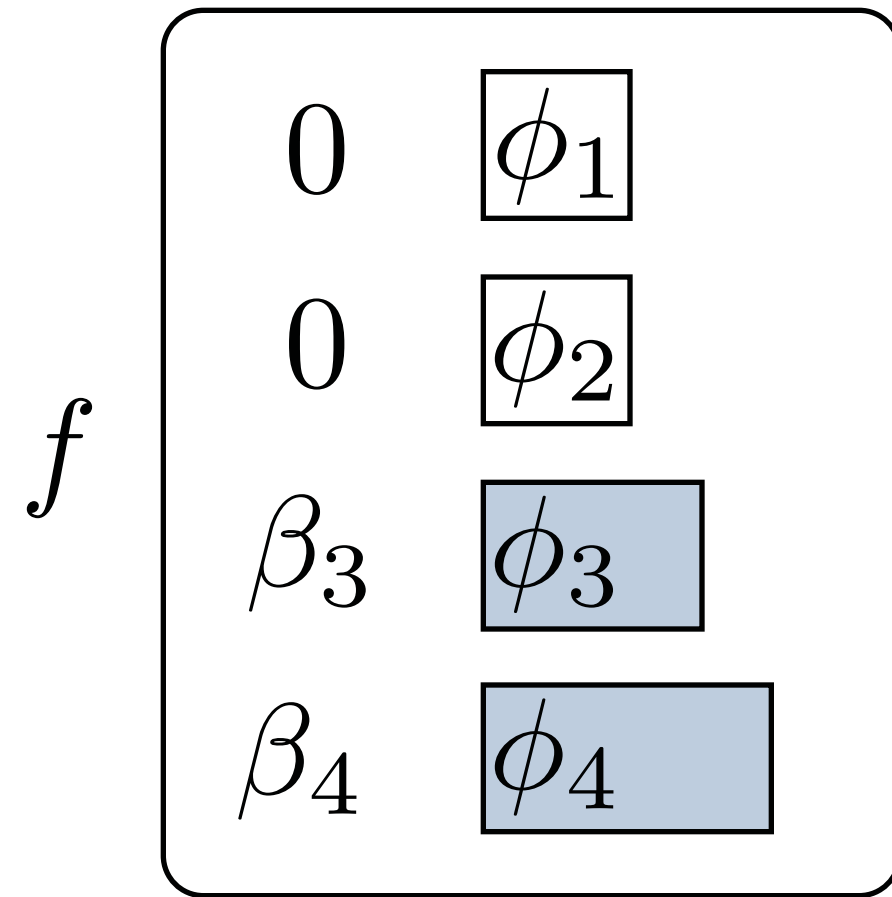


With different instances benefiting from different features, selection needs to be dynamic.



$$f \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ \phi_3 \\ \phi_4 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \mathbb{R} \text{ or } \mathbb{R}^K$$

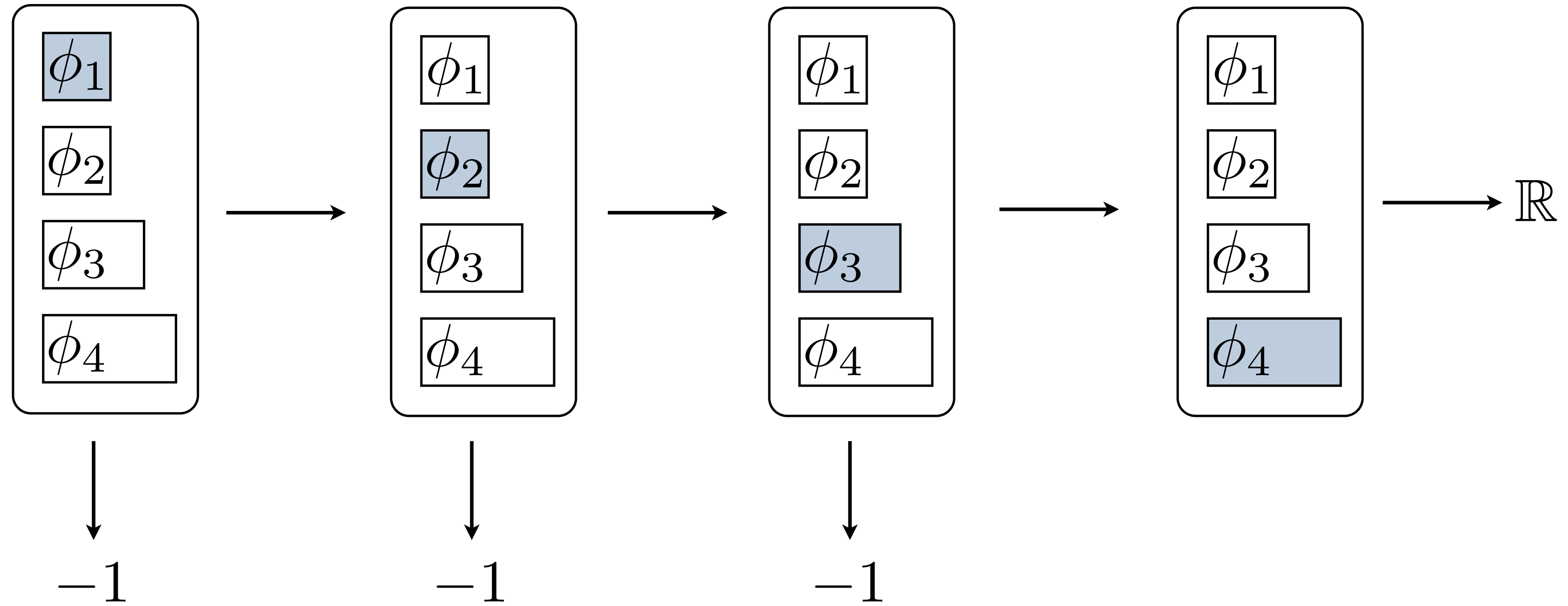
# Feature selection



- Insufficient when budget is Anytime ,  
or when budgeted across multiple instances.

# Cascade

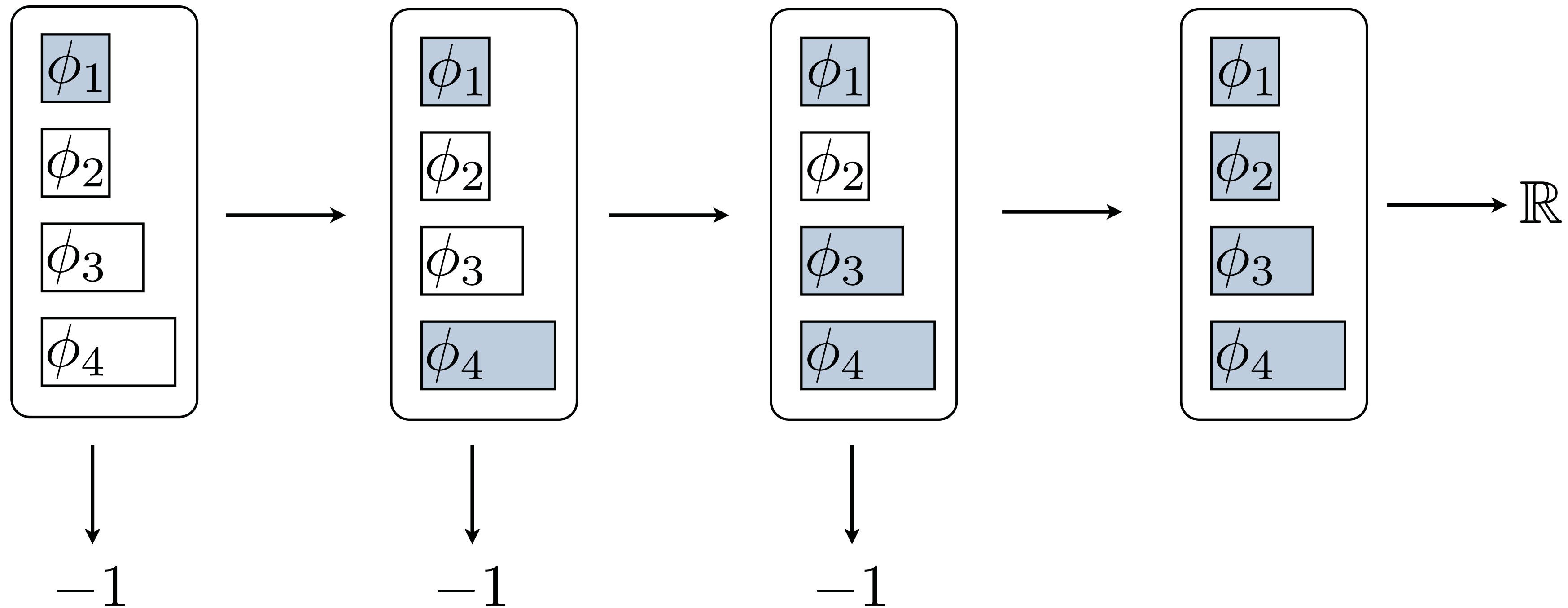
Viola & Jones (CVPR 2001)



- Two actions: Reject and Continue.

# Minimizing feature cost

Chen et al. (ICML 2012), and others.



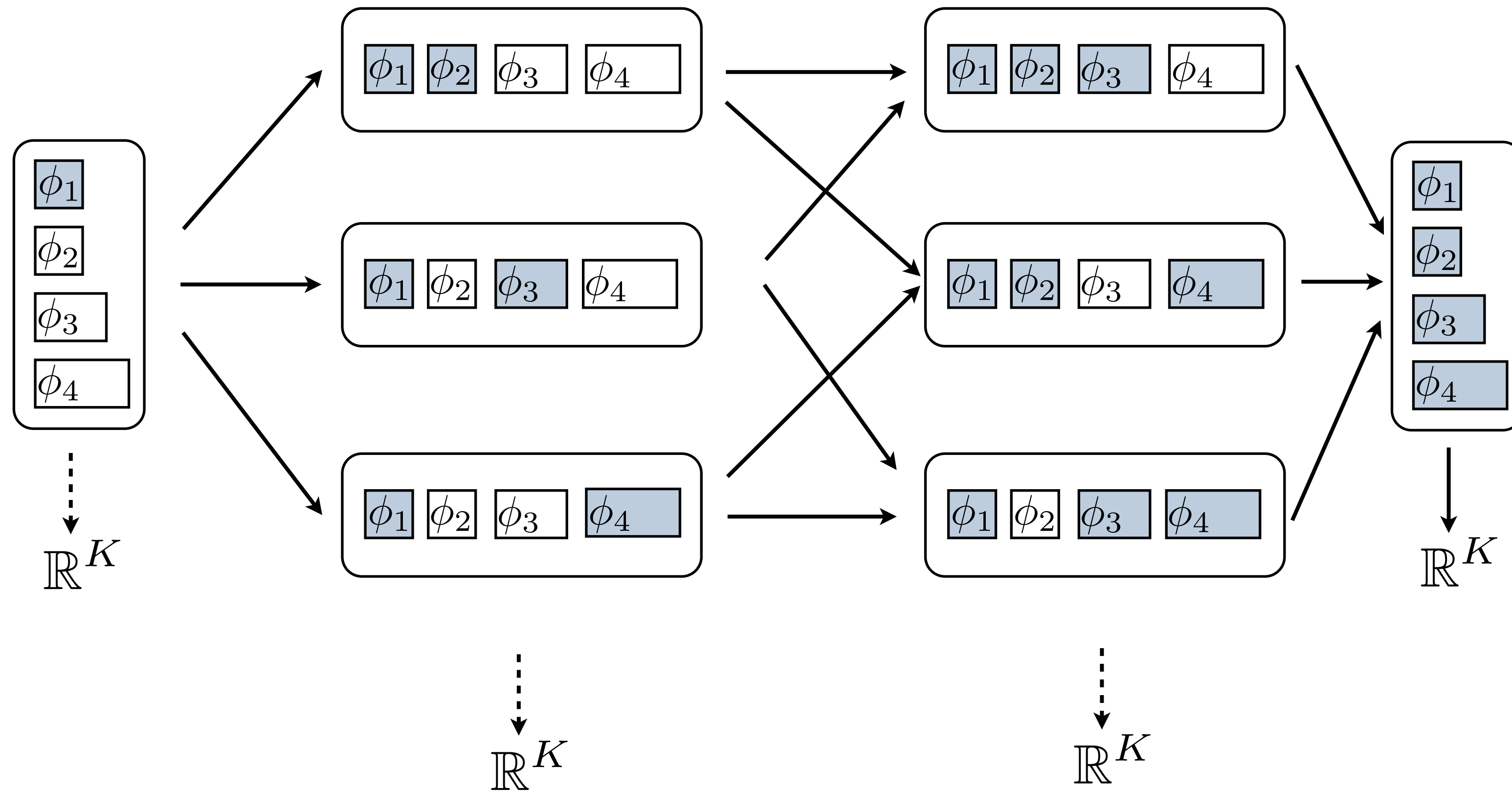
- Optimize both stage thresholds and order by considering feature computation cost.

$$\mathcal{L}(f) = \underbrace{\ell(f) + \rho r(f)}_{\text{regularized risk}} + \underbrace{\lambda c(f)}_{\text{test cost}}$$





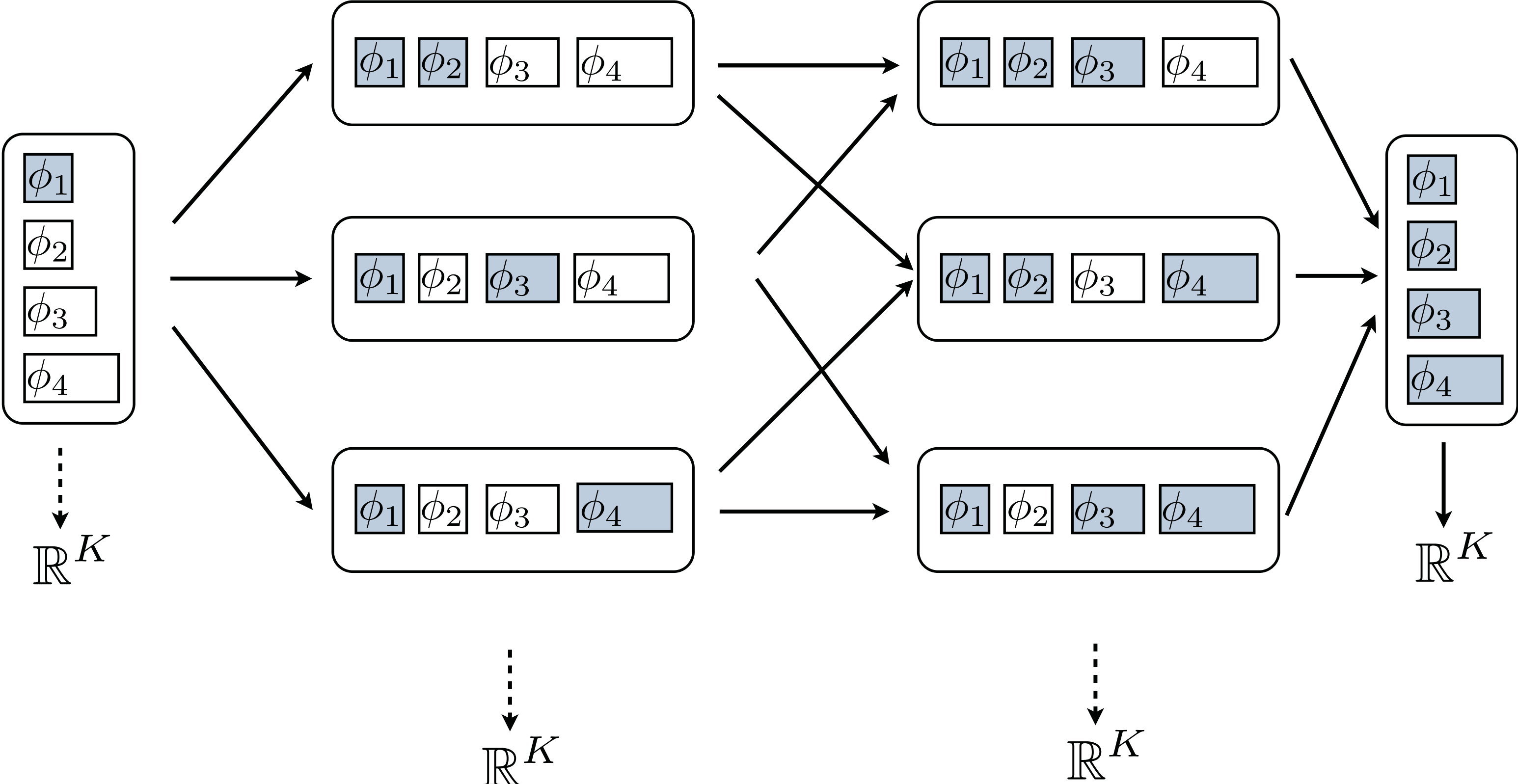
# Dynamic Feature Selection



- Branch on selected feature values.
- Be able to classify from any state.

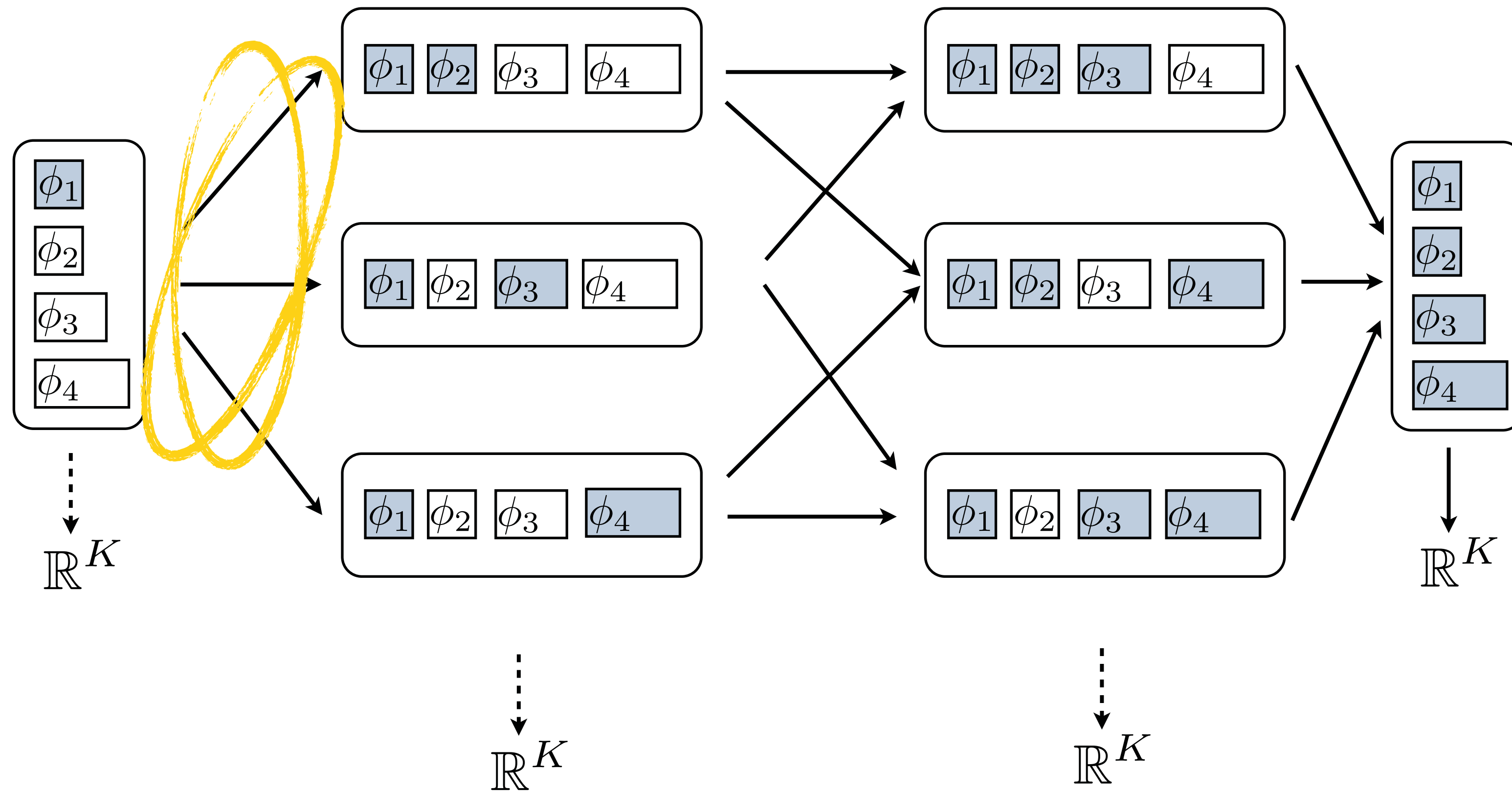
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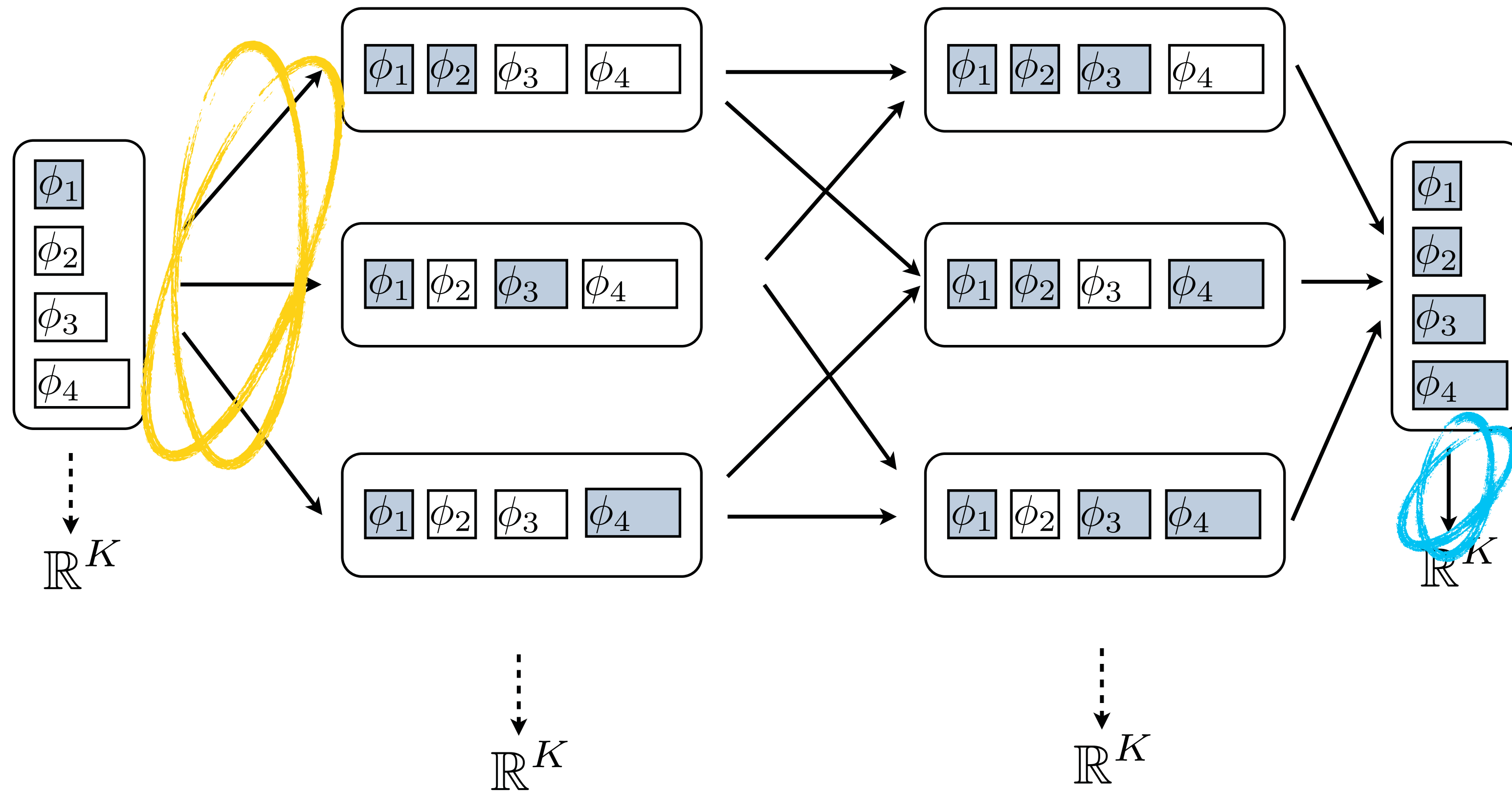
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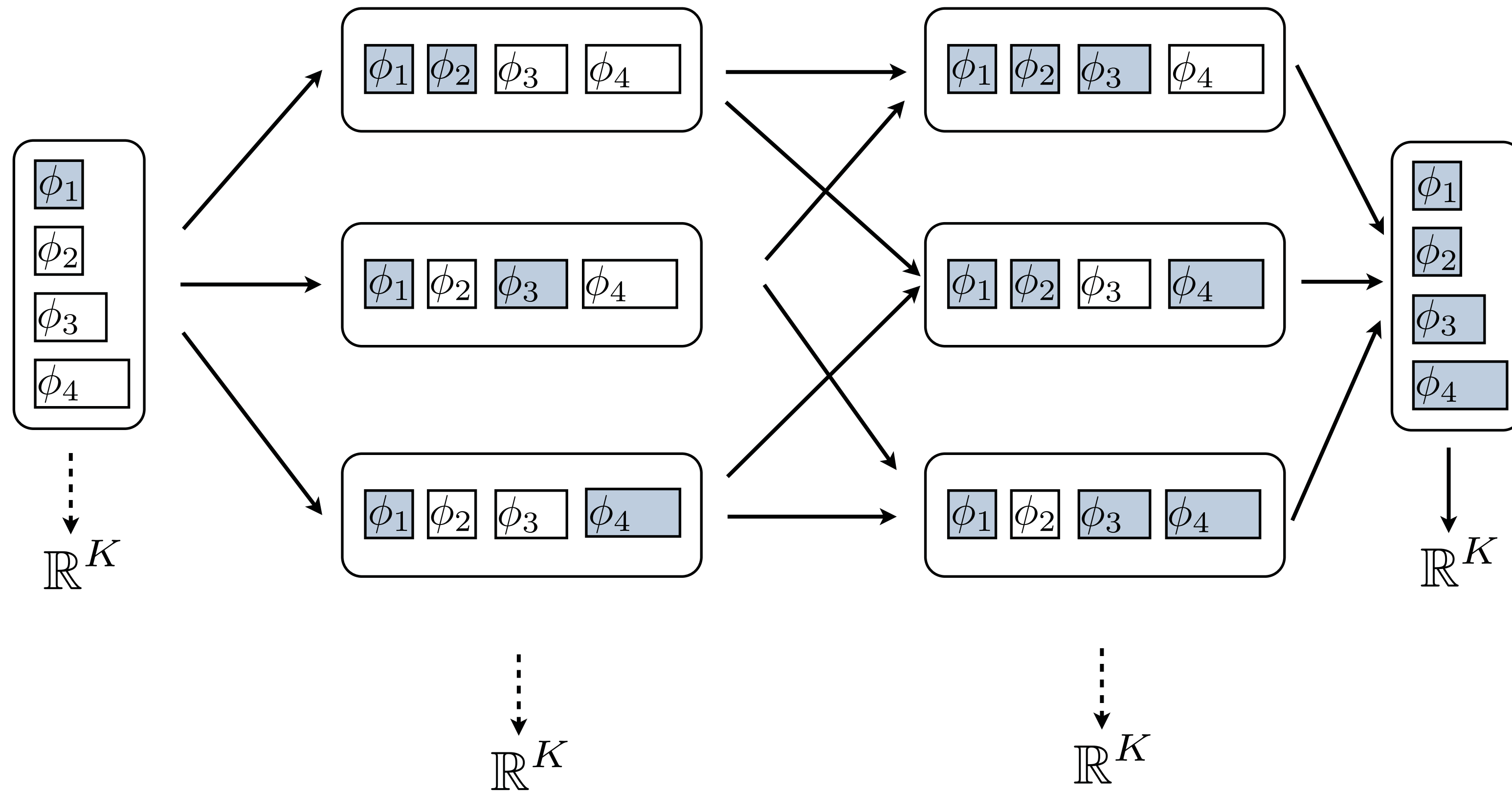


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• Feature combination: same mixture of Gaussians model.

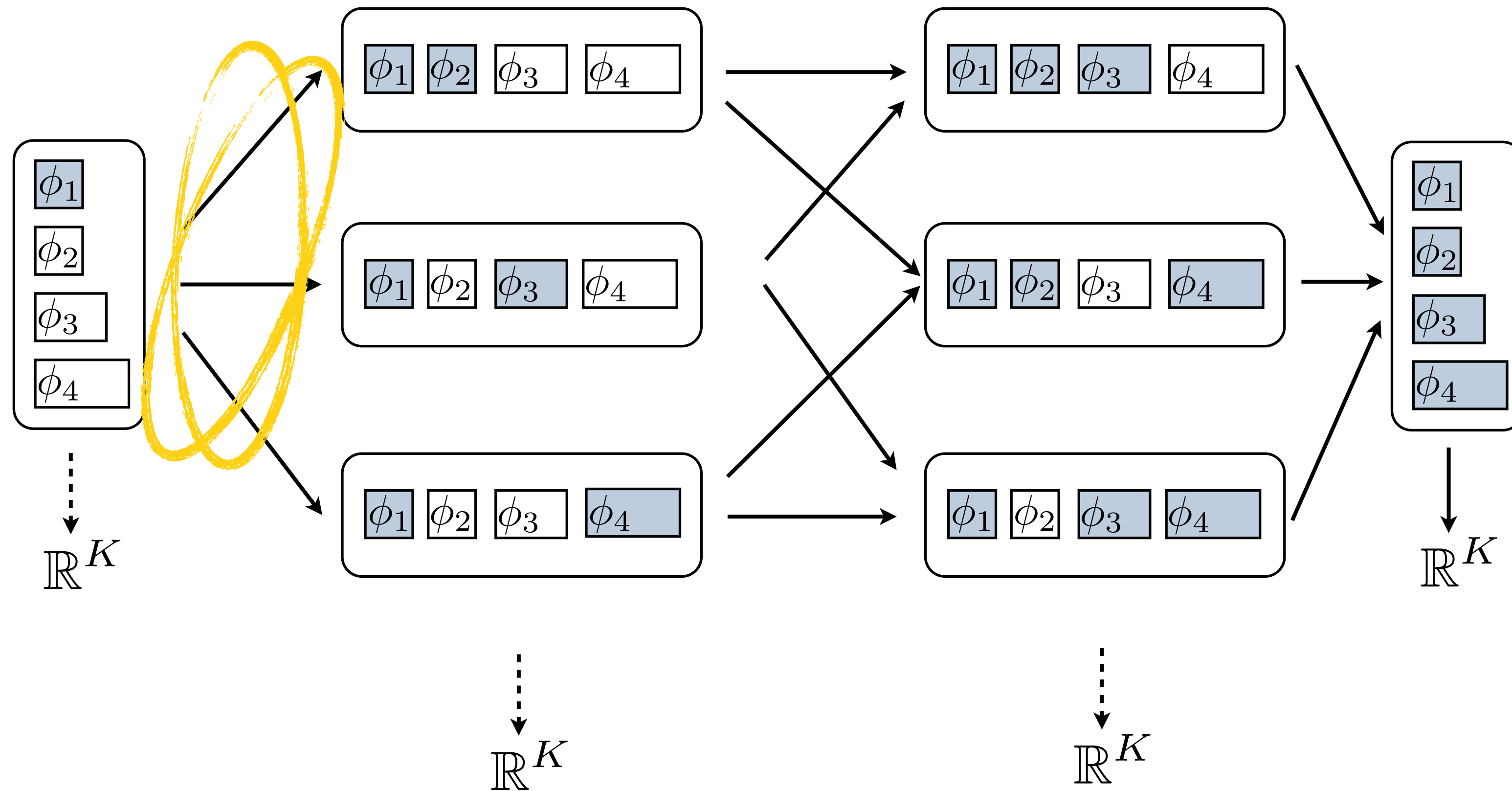
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Karayev et al. (NIPS 2012)



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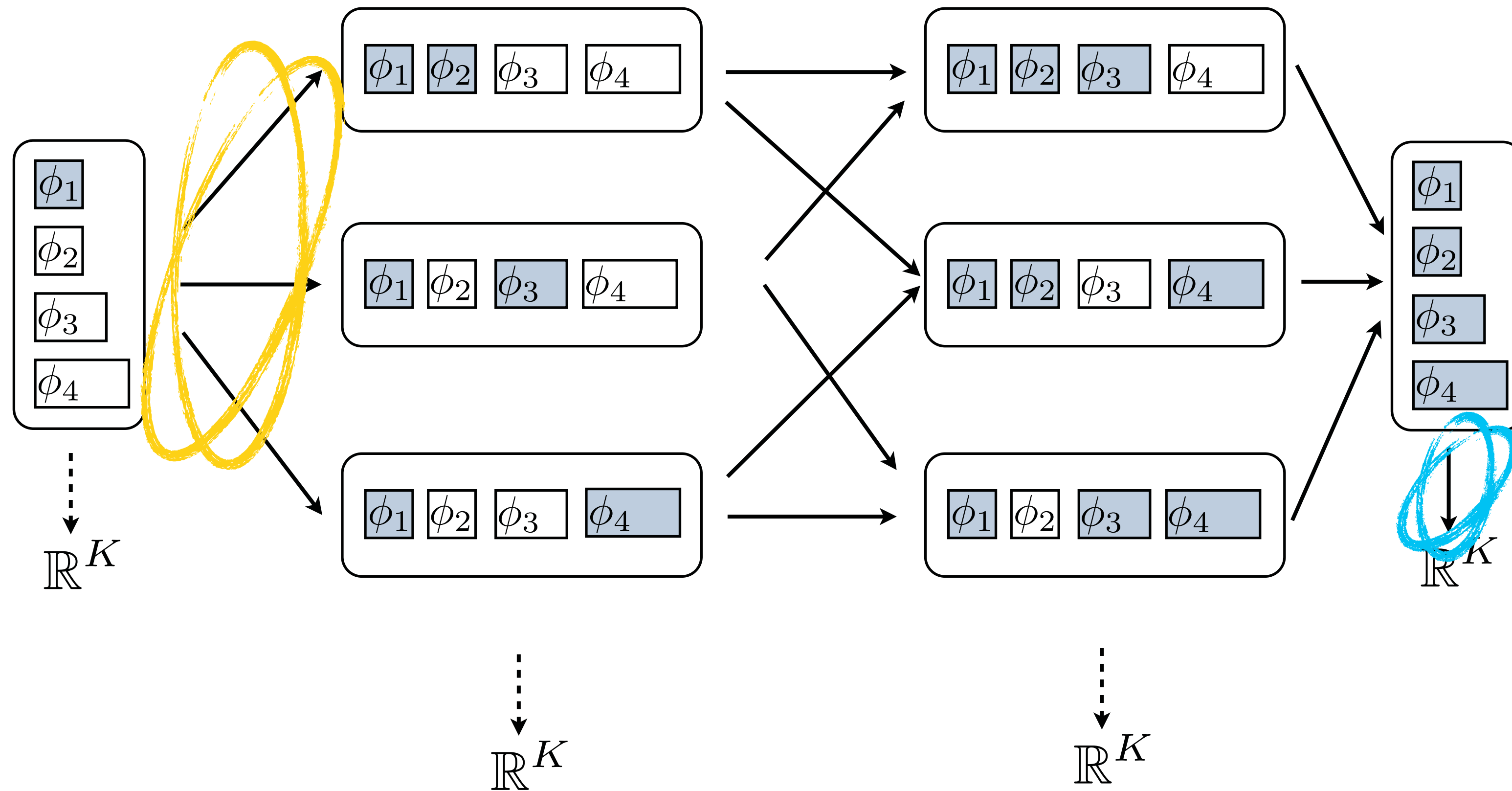
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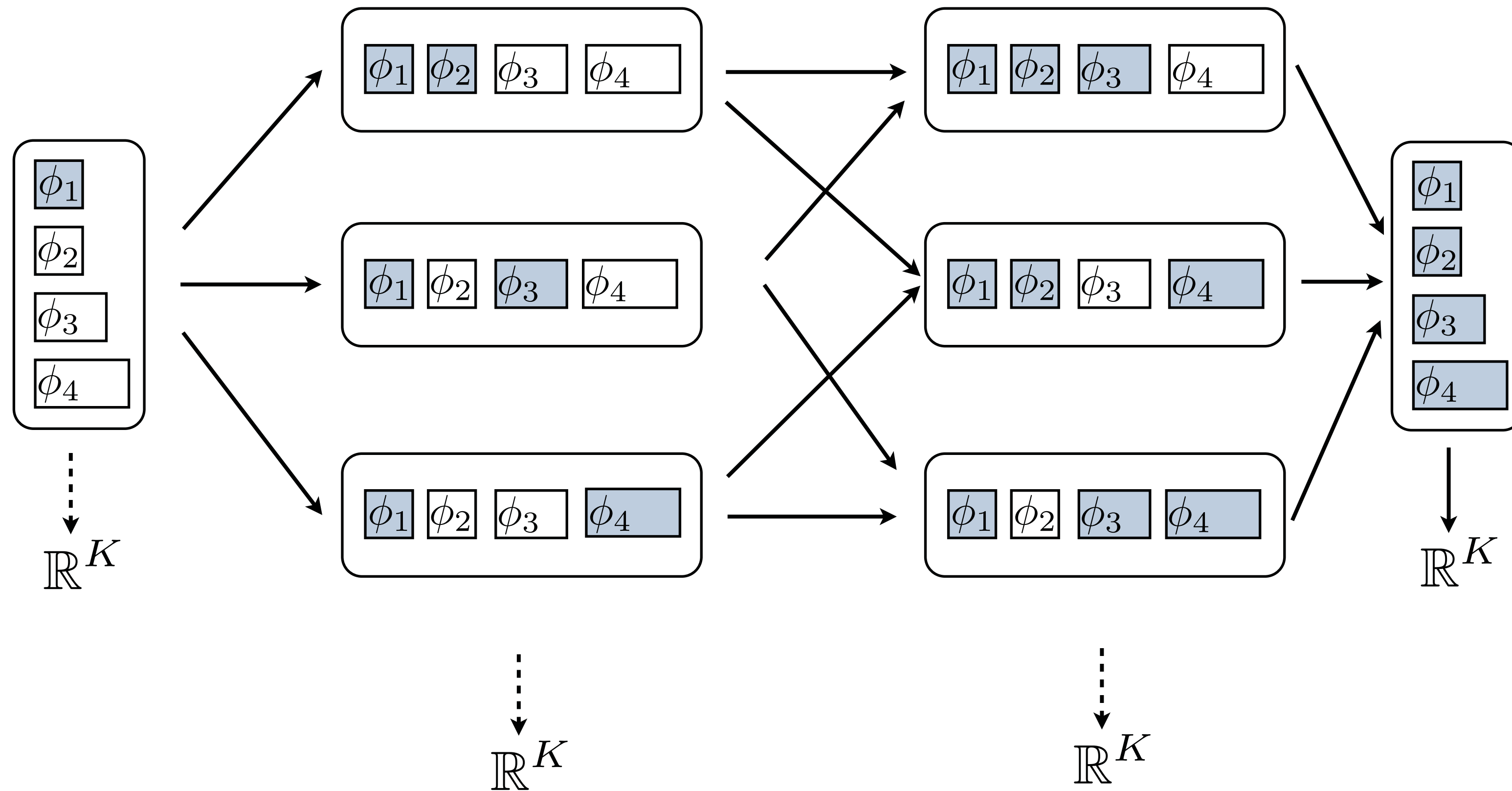
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● Feature combination: inference in a graphical model (but isn't the point).



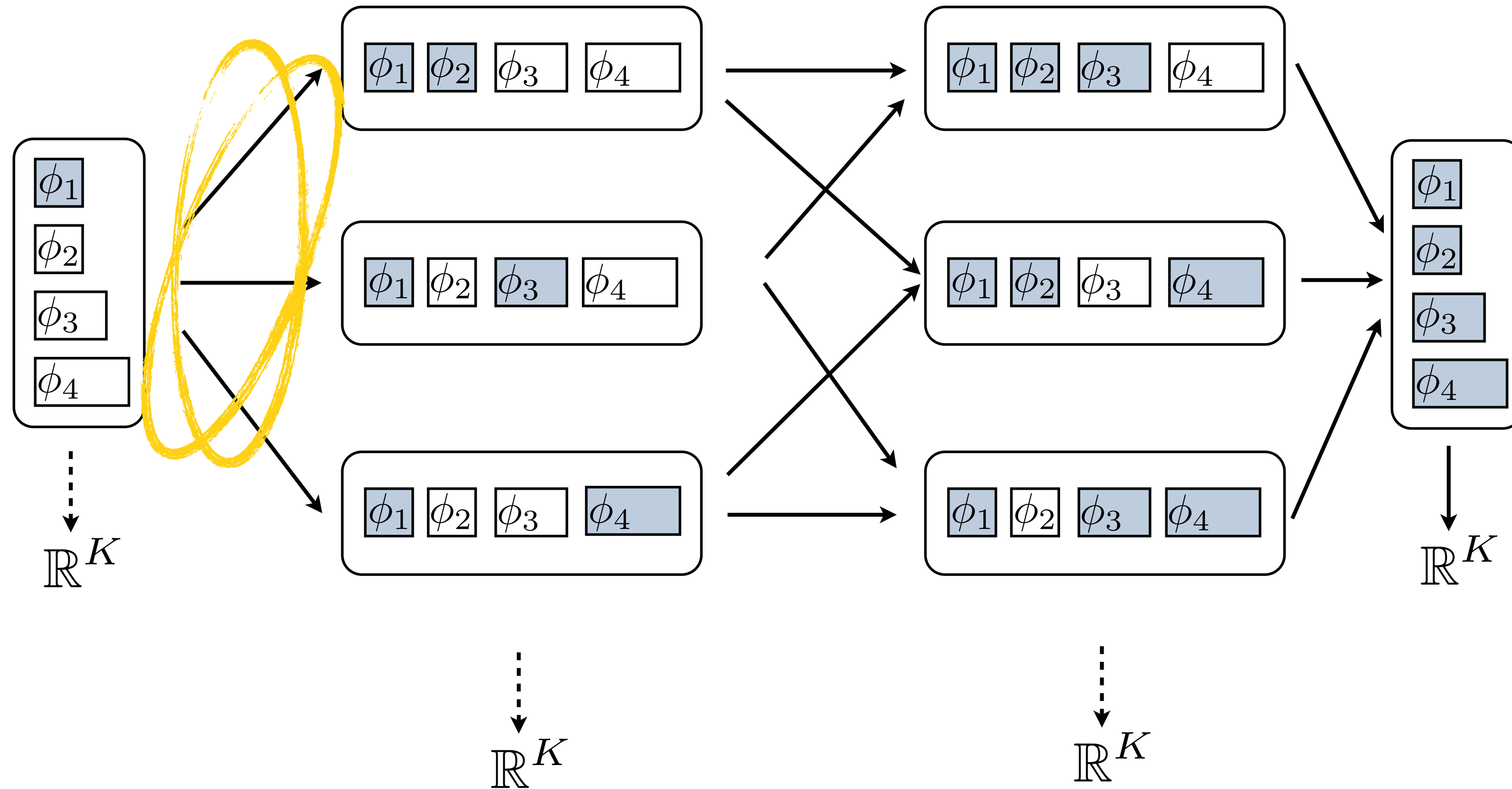
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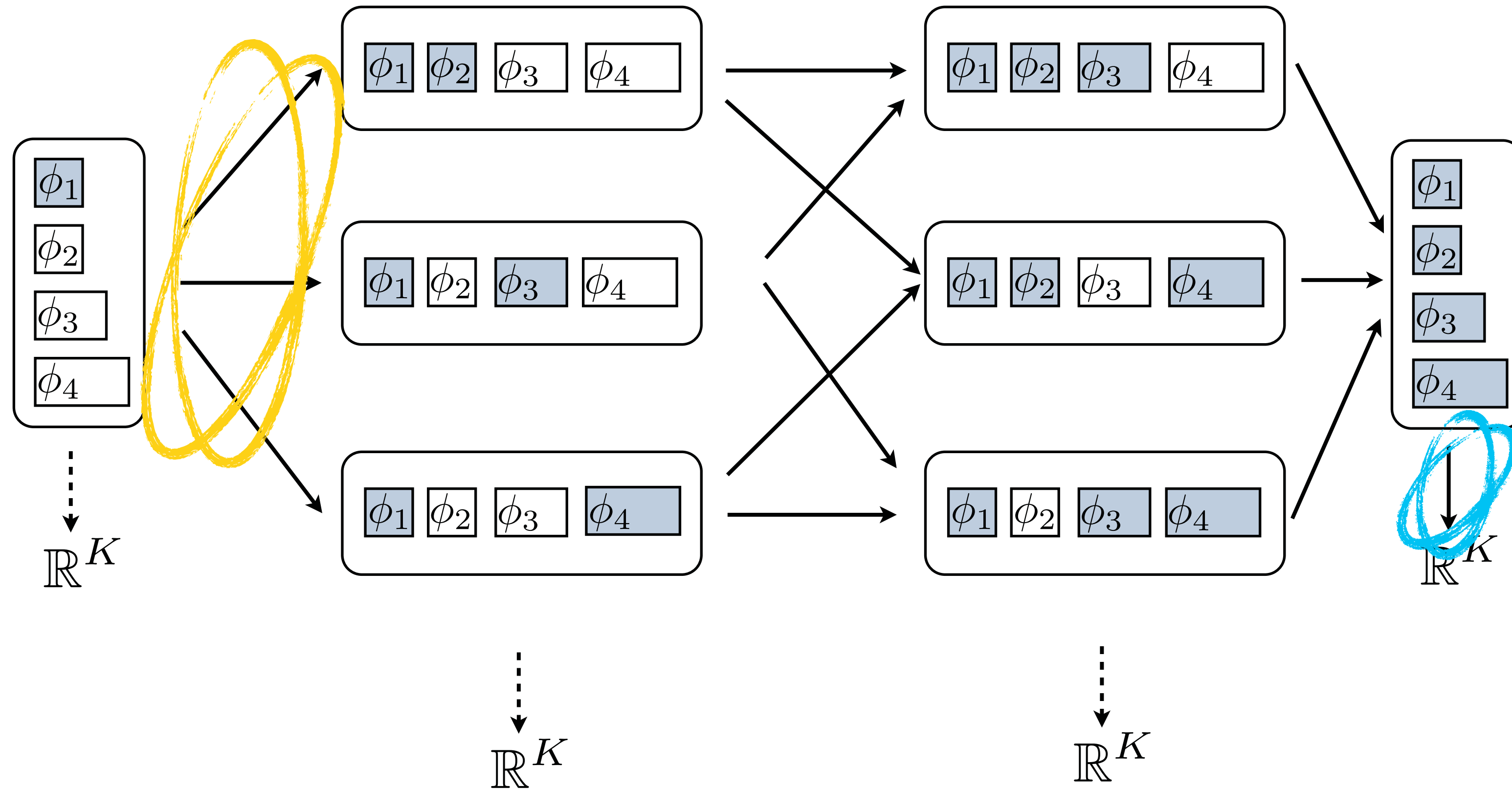
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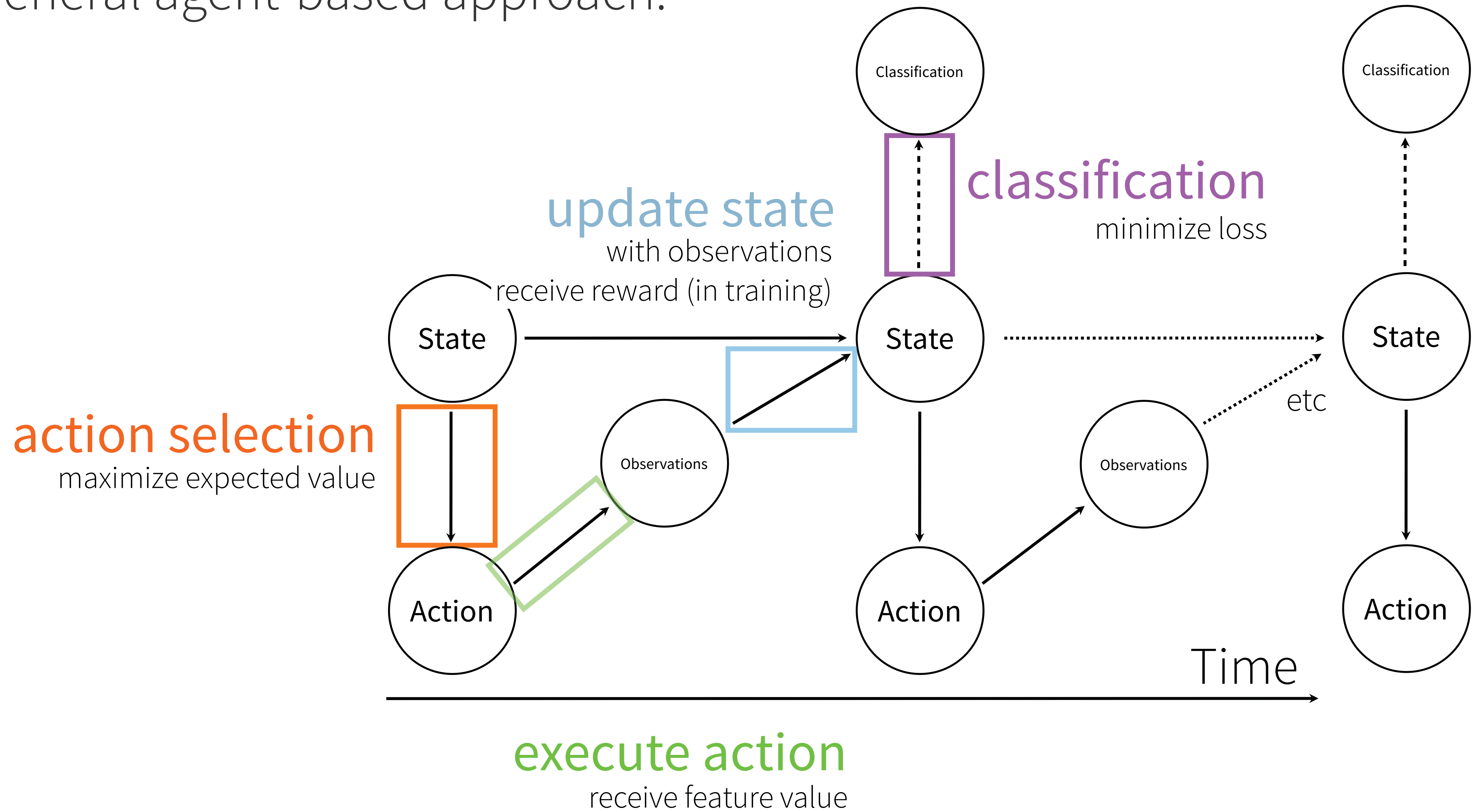
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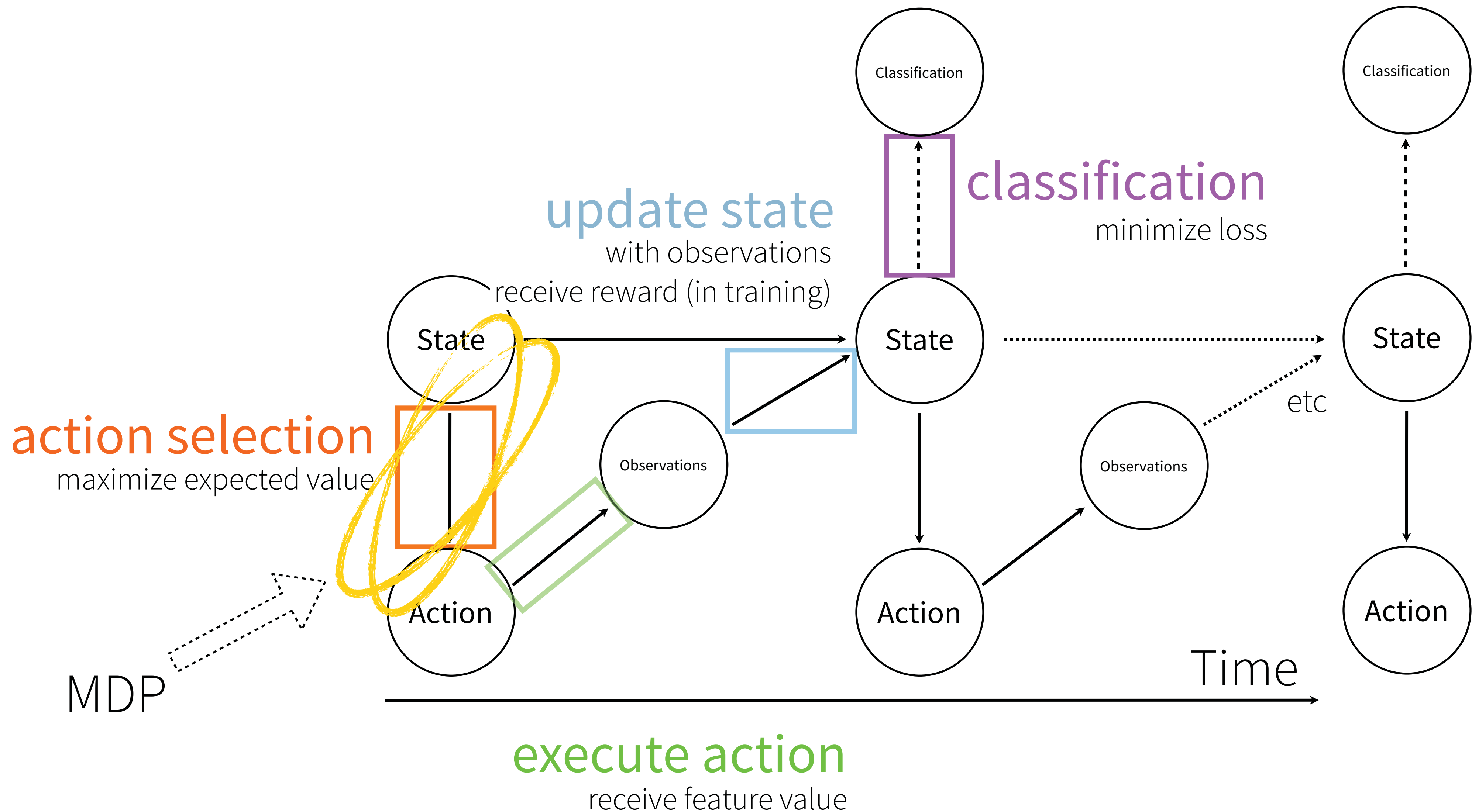


● Action selection: non-myopic policy learned by MDP.

● Feature combination: linear.

# General agent-based approach.





**Definition 2.** *The feature selection MDP consists of the tuple  $(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}, T(\cdot), R(\cdot), \gamma)$ :*

- *State  $s \in \mathcal{S}$  stores the selected feature subset  $\mathcal{H}_{\pi(x)}$  and their values and total cost  $C_{\mathcal{H}_{\pi(x)}}$ .*
- *The set of actions  $\mathcal{A}$  is exactly the set of features  $\mathcal{H}$ .*
- *The (stochastic) state transition distribution  $T(s' | s, a)$  can depend on the instance  $x$ .*
- *The reward function  $R(s, a, s') \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  is manually specified, and depends on the classifier  $g$  and the instance  $x$ .*
- *The discount  $\gamma$  determines amount of lookahead in selecting actions: if 0, actions are selected greedily based on their immediate reward; if 1, the reward accrued by subsequent actions is given just as much weight as the reward of the current action.*

$$V_{\pi}(s_0) = \mathbb{E}_{\xi \sim \{\pi, x\}} r(\xi) = \mathbb{E}_{\xi \sim \{\pi, x\}} \left[ \sum_{i=0}^I \gamma^i r_i \right]$$

# action selection

maximize expected value

policy: 
$$\pi(s) = \arg \max_{a_i \in \mathcal{A} \setminus \mathcal{O}} Q(s, a_i)$$

action-value function: 
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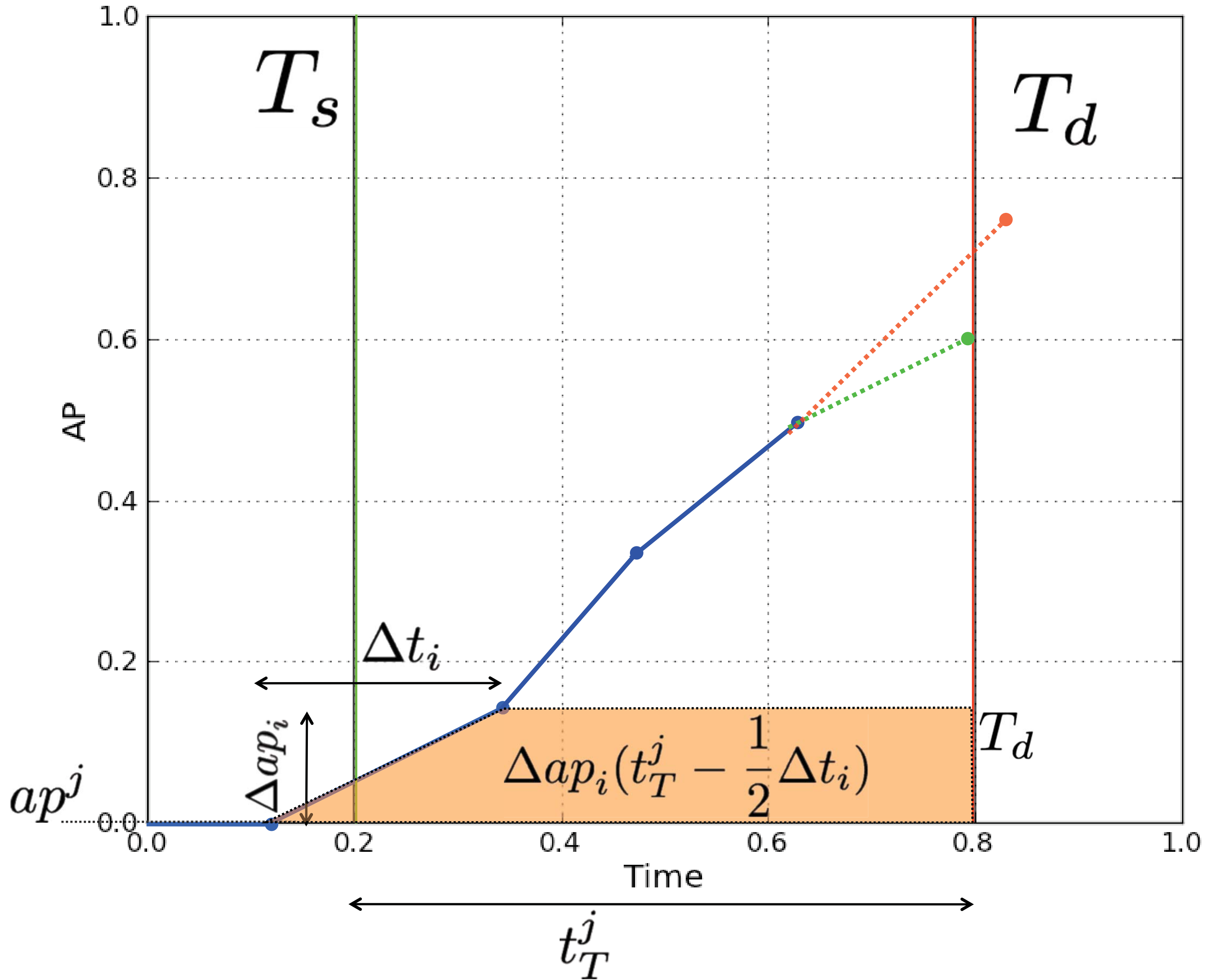
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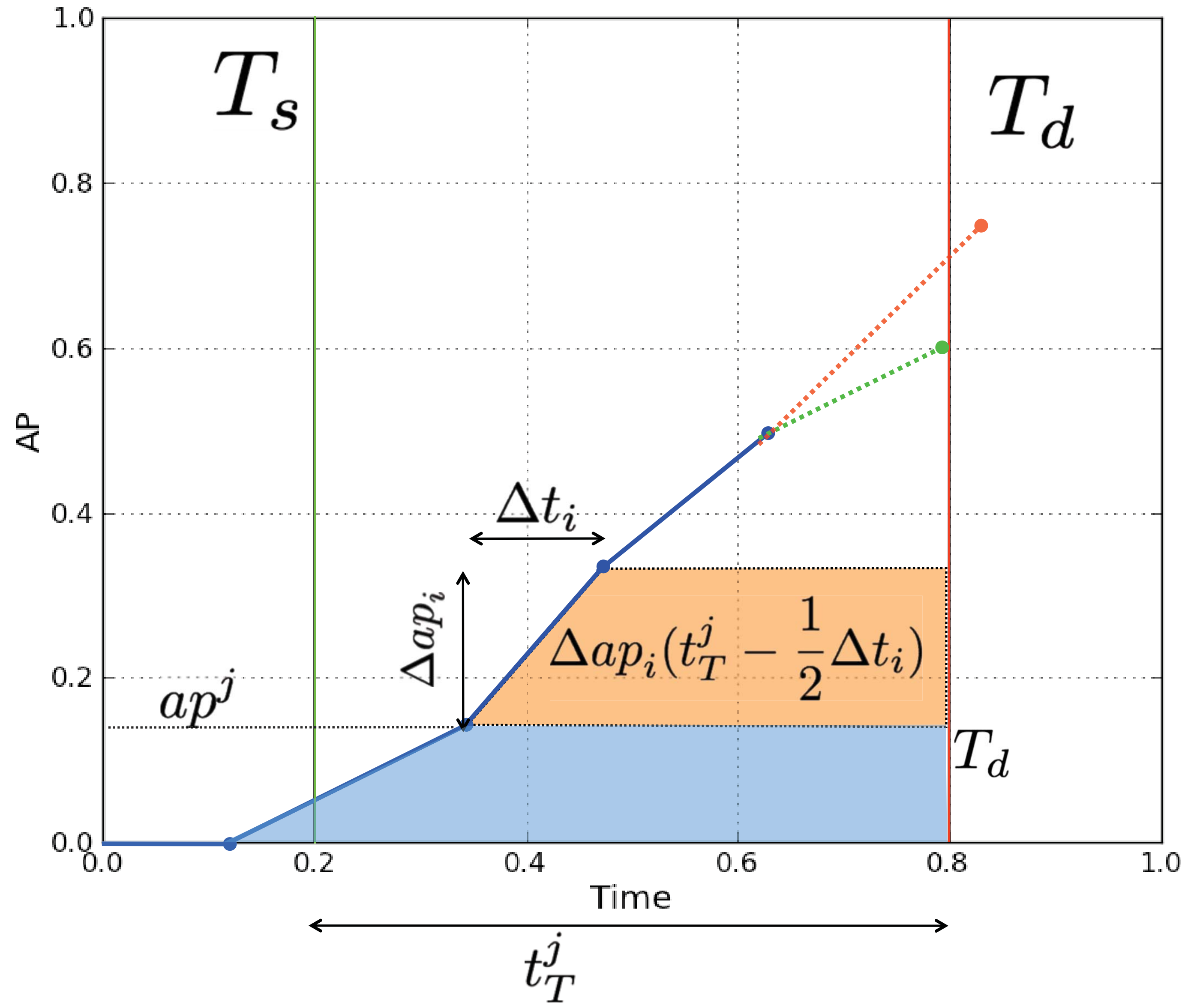
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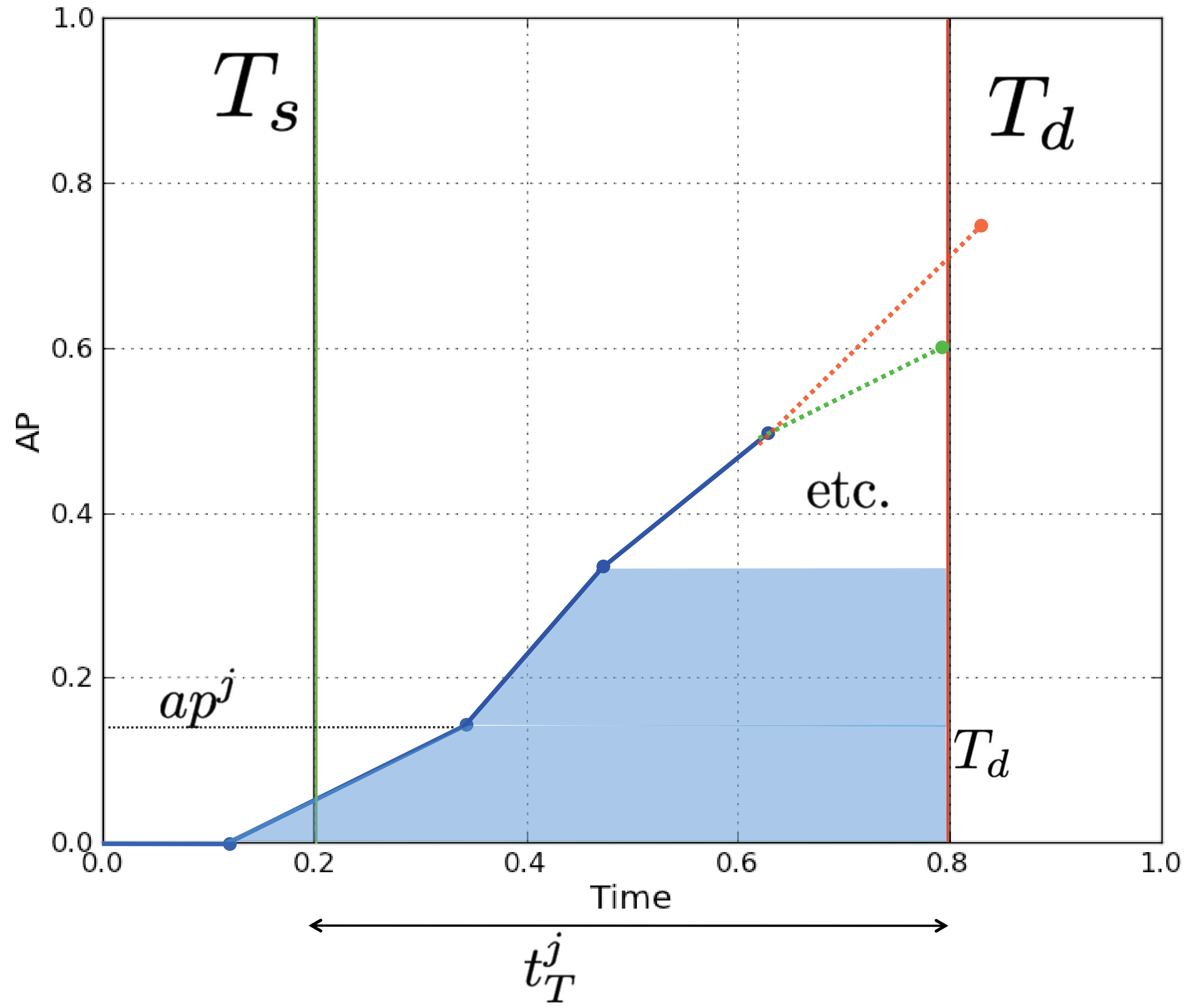
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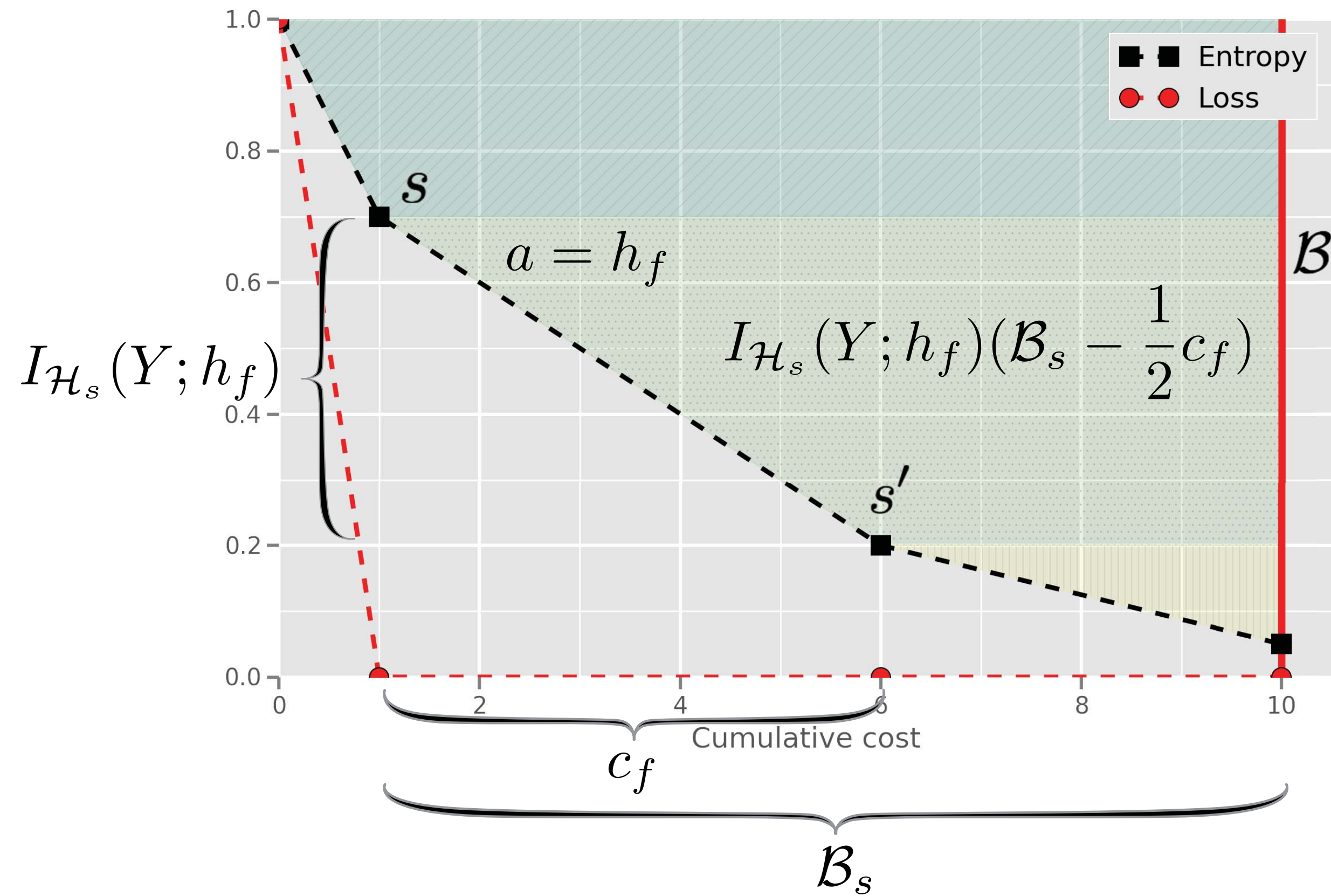
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In practice, use infogain.



$$I(Y; \mathcal{H}_{\pi(x)}) = H(Y) - H(Y | \mathcal{H}_{\pi(x)}) = \sum_{y \in Y} P(y) \log P(y) - \sum_{y, \mathcal{H}_{\pi(x)}} P(y, \mathcal{H}_{\pi(x)}) \log P(y | \mathcal{H}_{\pi(x)})$$

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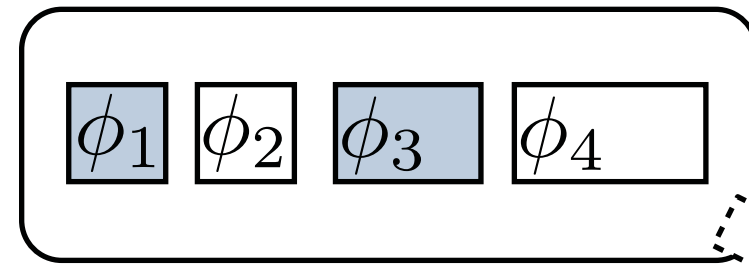
# learning the policy

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- Sample the expectation:
  - collect (state, action, reward, state) tuples by executing current policy.
- Update the policy: solve for weights.
- Iterate.

Want to be fast



+ cost, entropy, other features

update state  
with observations

receive reward (in training)

classification

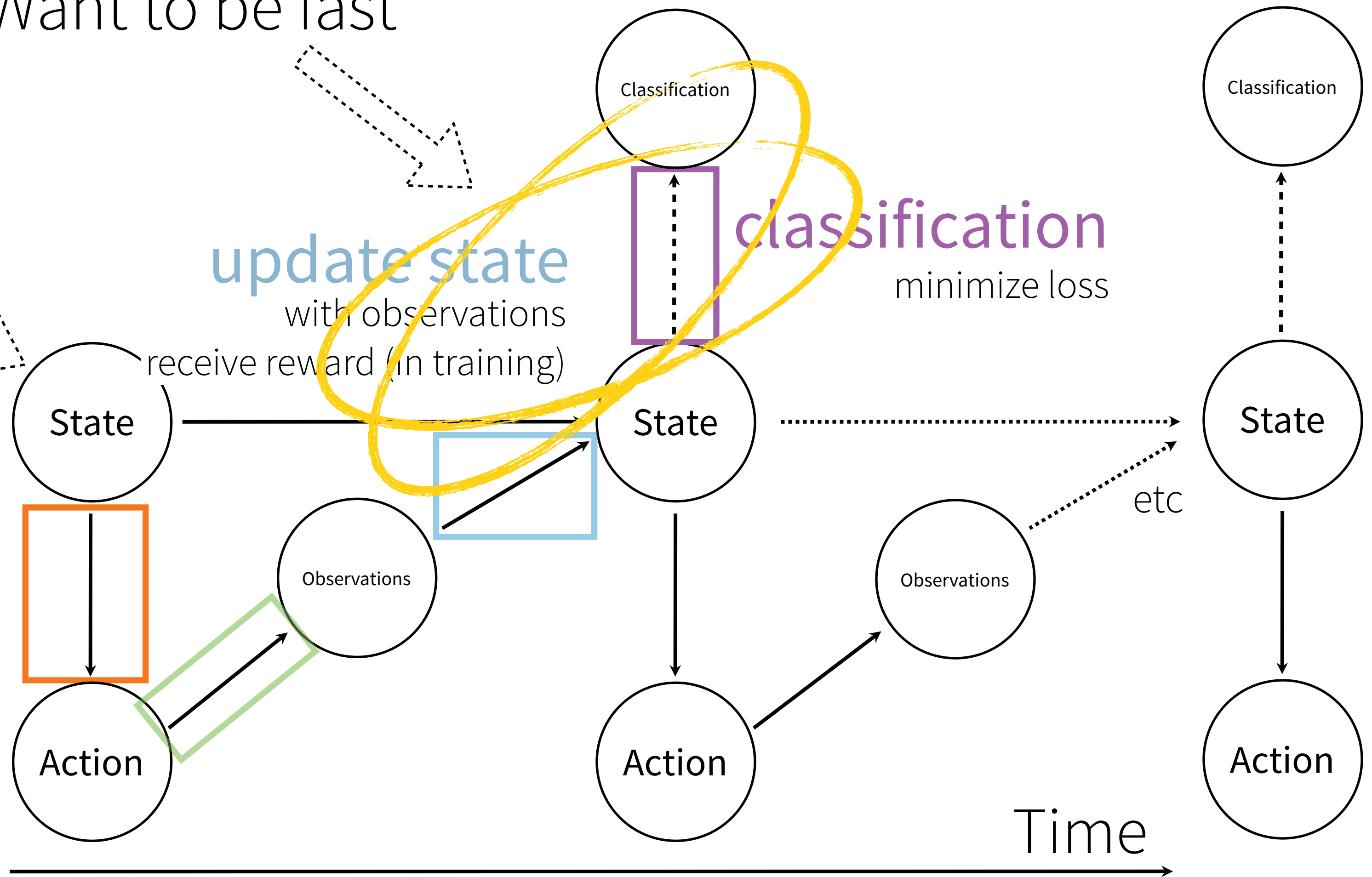
minimize loss

action selection

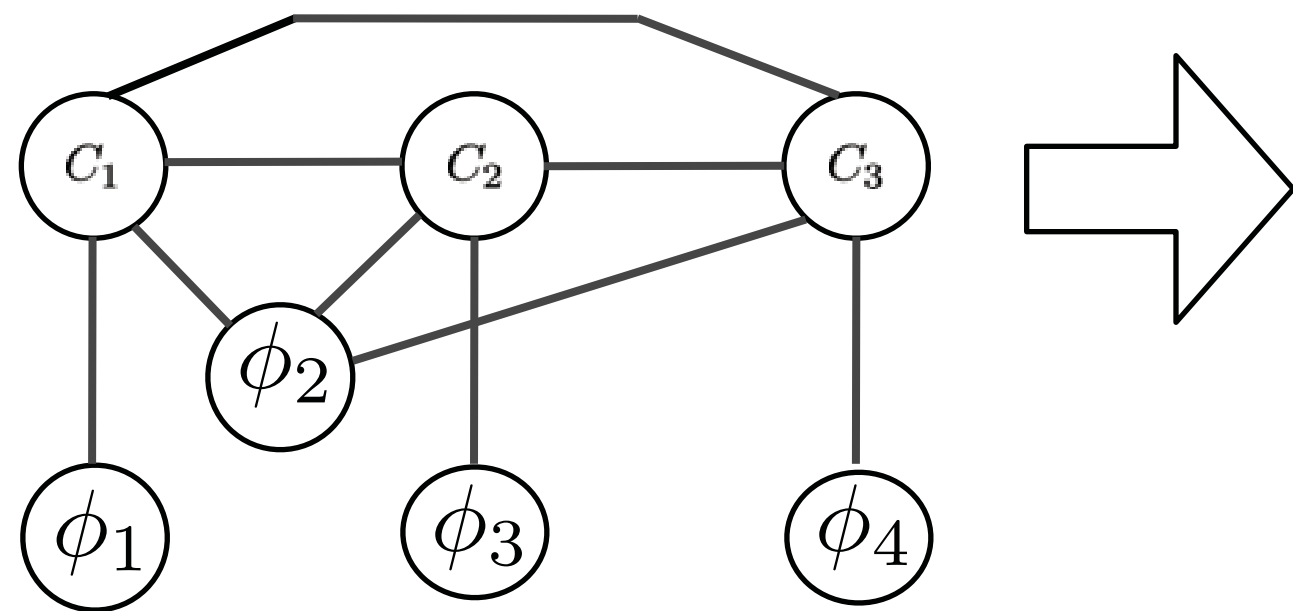
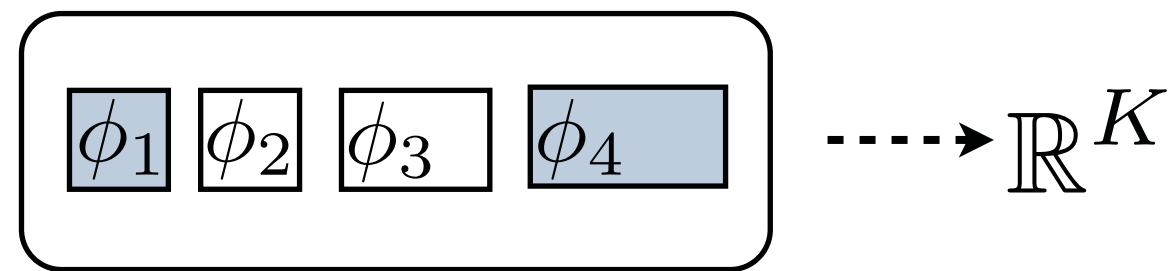
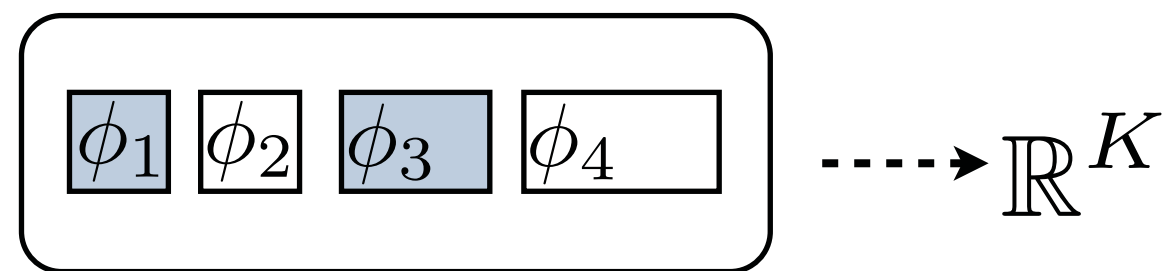
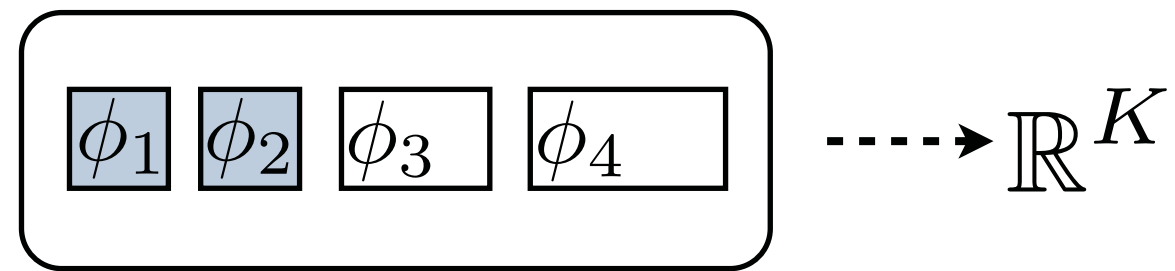
maximize expected value

execute action

receive feature value



# How do we combine arbitrary subset of features?



Karayev et al. (NIPS 2012)

	Accuracy	Subset?	Cost
MRF model	✓	✓	✗
Naive Bayes	✗	✓	✓
Linear model	✓	?	✓



Two ideas:

Missing value imputation;  
Learning multiple linear models.

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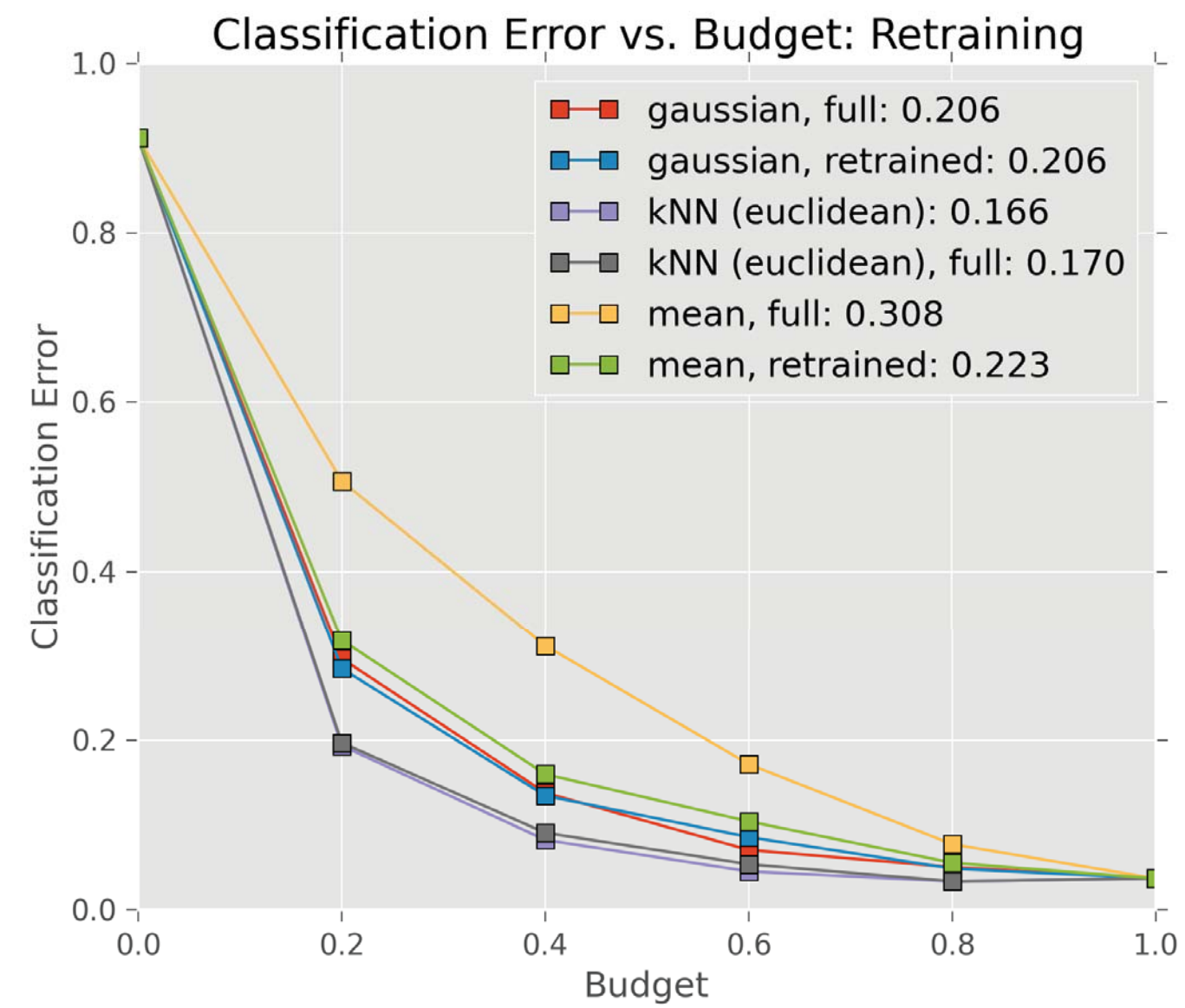
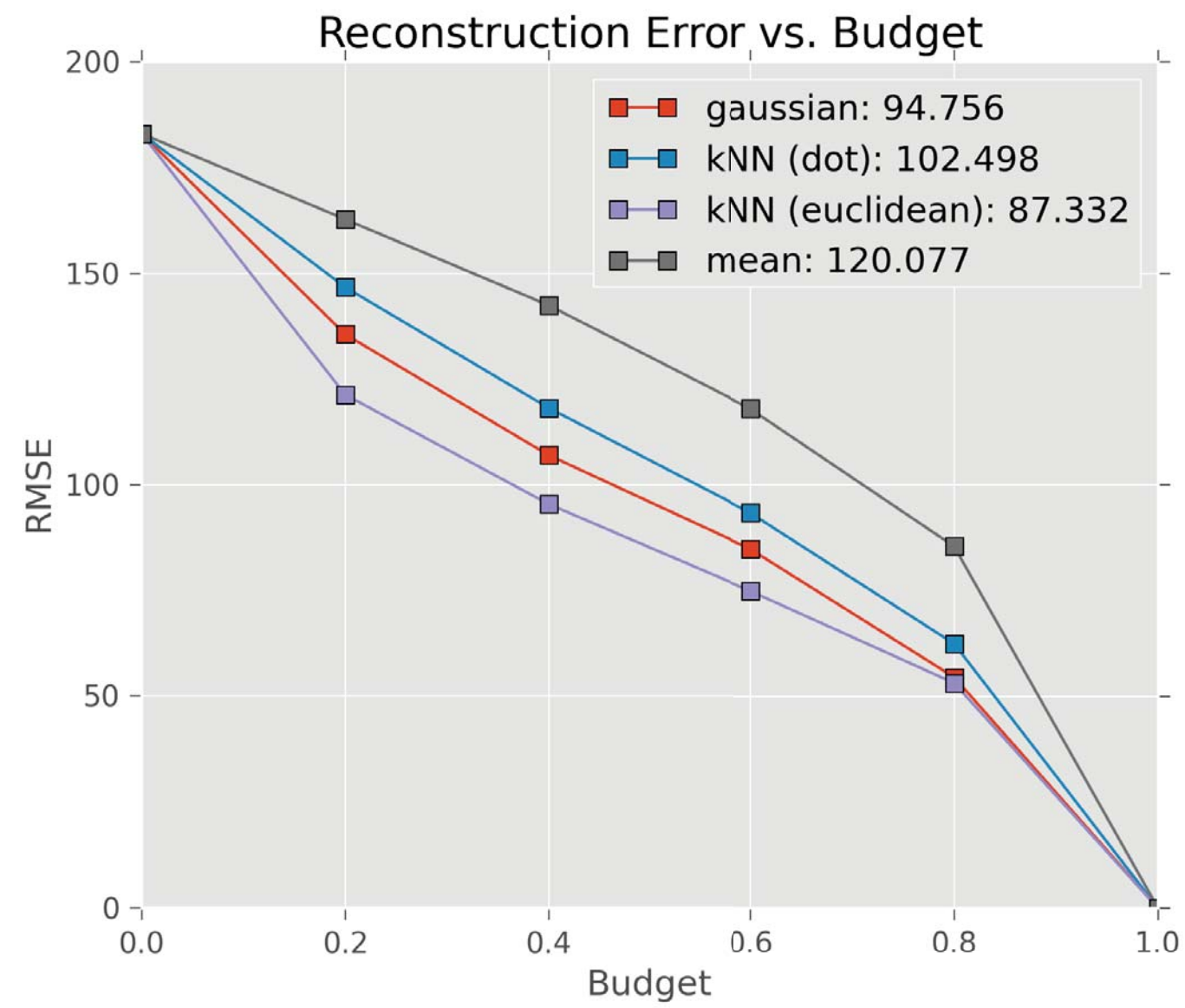
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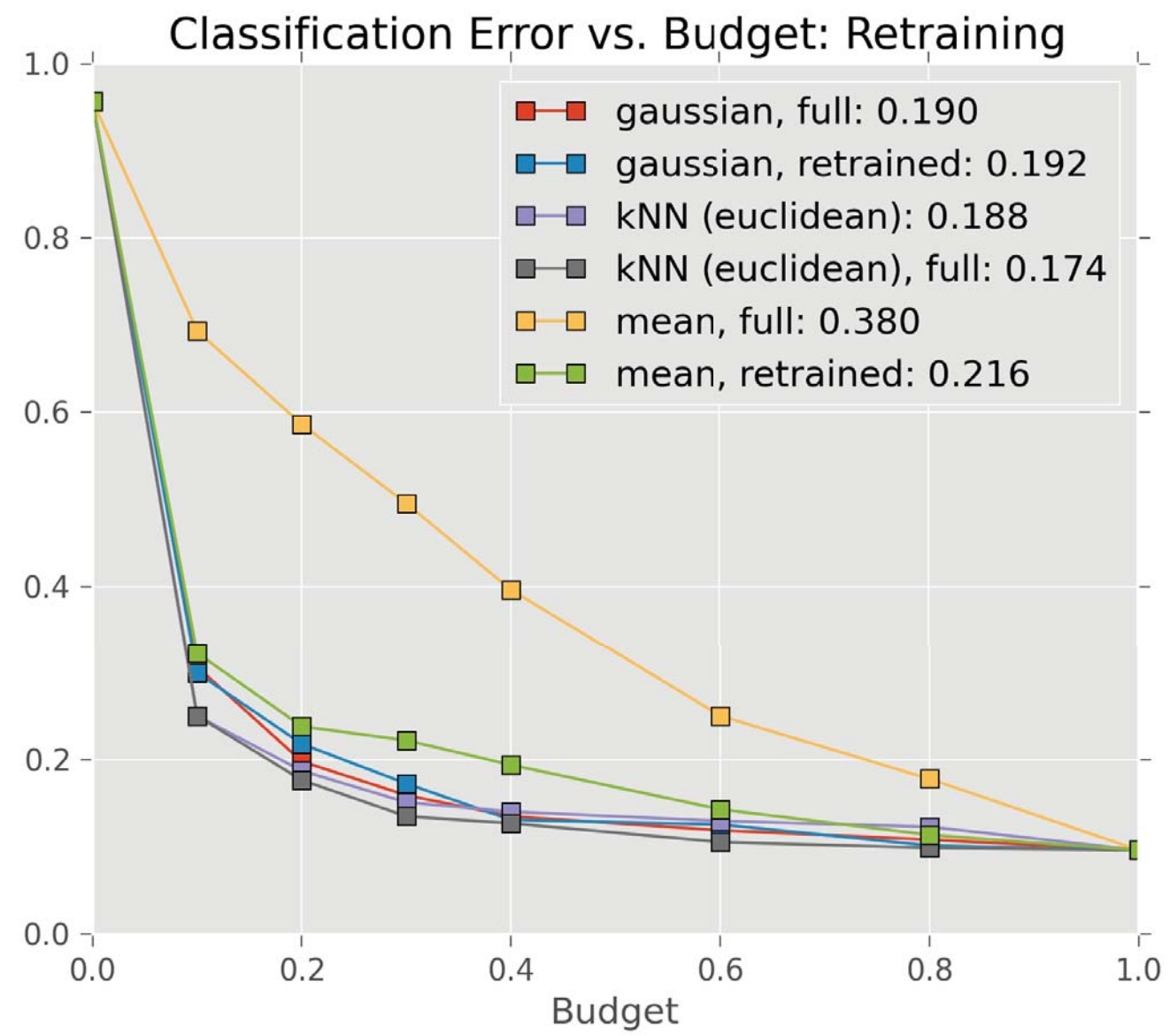
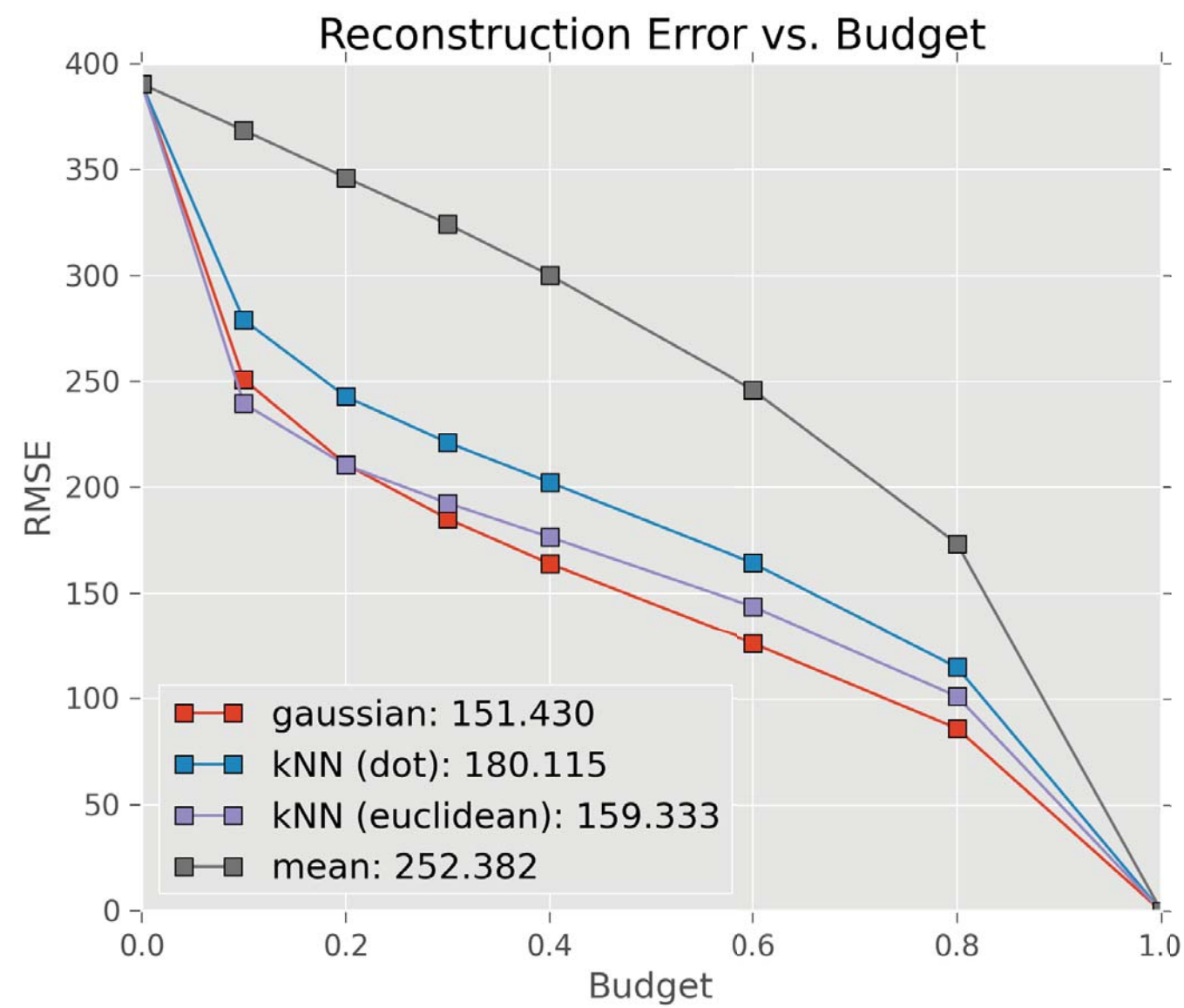
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- kNN



# Digits



# Scenes

Training on feature vectors with  
correctly missing value distribution.

**Input:**  $\mathcal{D} = \{x_n, y_n\}_{n=1}^N; \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{B}}$

**Result:** Trained  $\pi, g$

$\pi_0 \leftarrow \text{random};$

**for**  $i \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $max\_iterations$  **do**

    States, Actions, Costs, Labels  $\leftarrow \text{GatherSamples}(\mathcal{D}, \pi_{i-1});$

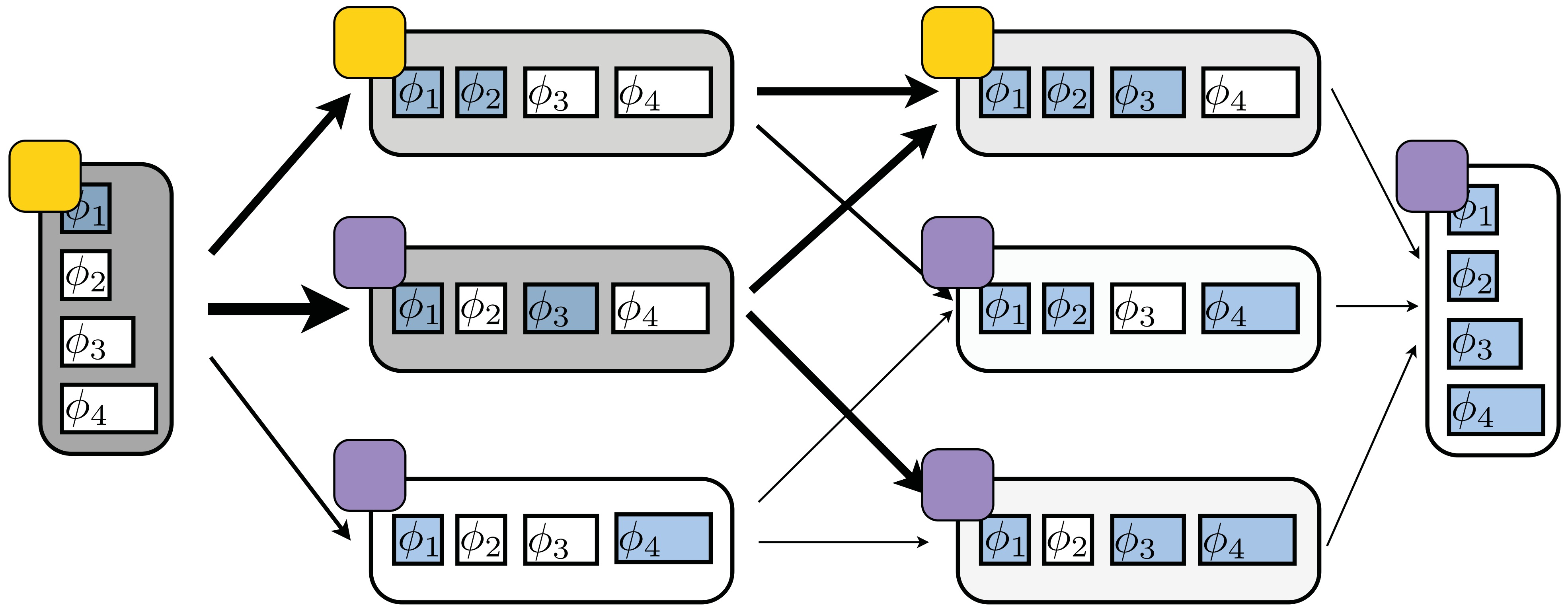
$g_i \leftarrow \text{UpdateClassifier}(\text{States}, \text{Labels});$

    Rewards  $\leftarrow \text{ComputeRewards}(\text{States}, \text{Costs}, \text{Labels}, g_i, \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{B}}, \gamma);$

$\pi_i \leftarrow \text{UpdatePolicy}(\text{States}, \text{Actions}, \text{Rewards});$

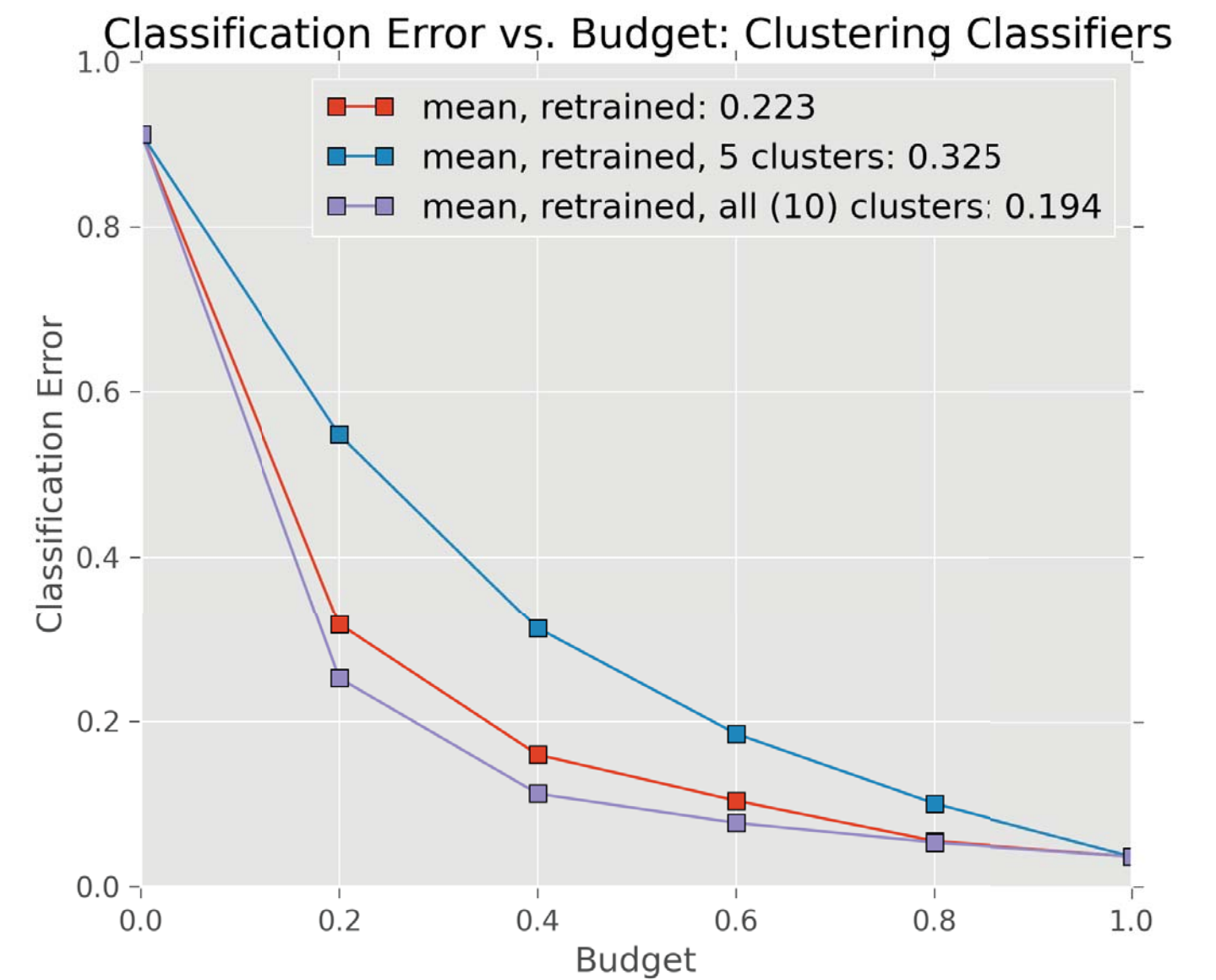
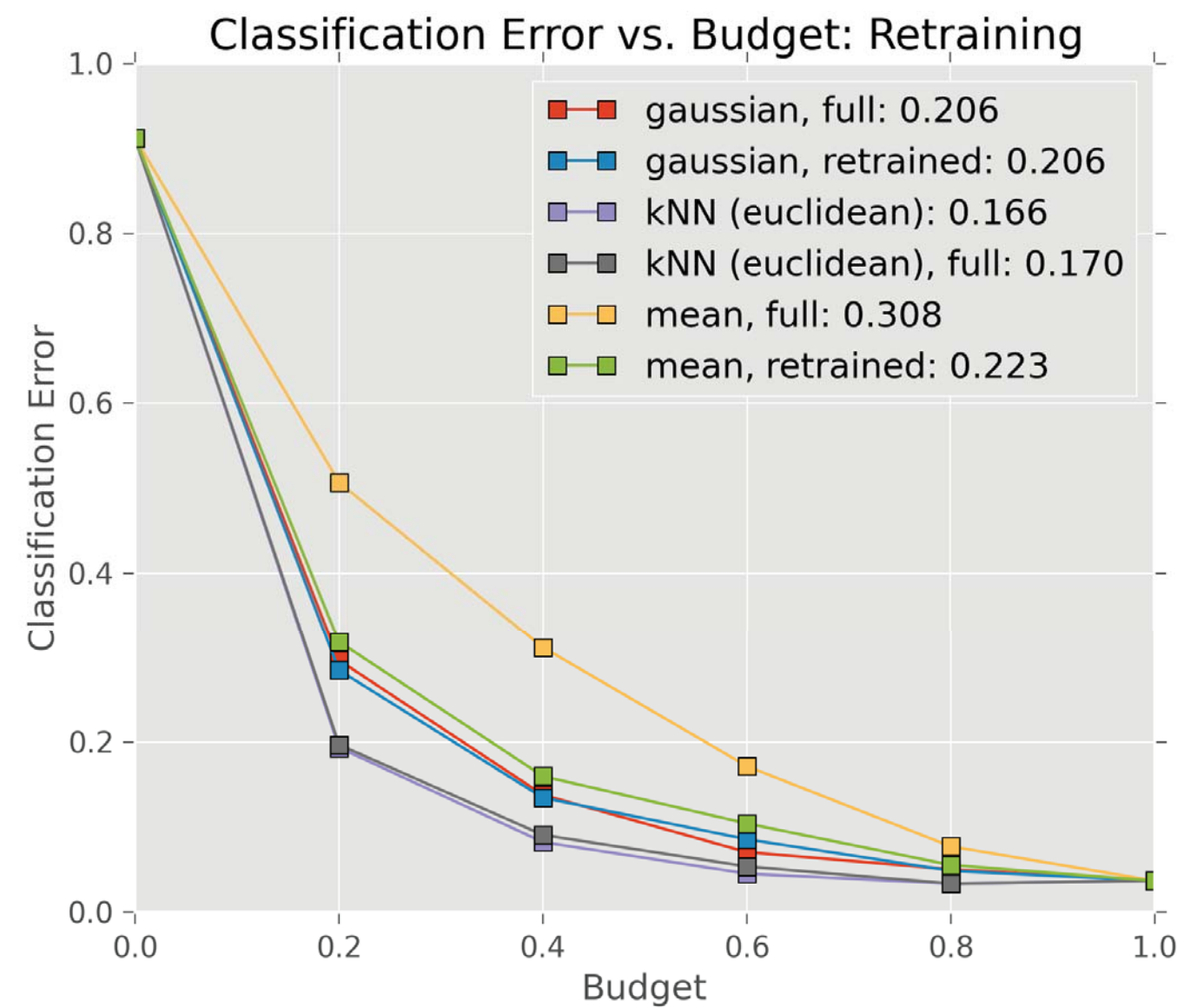
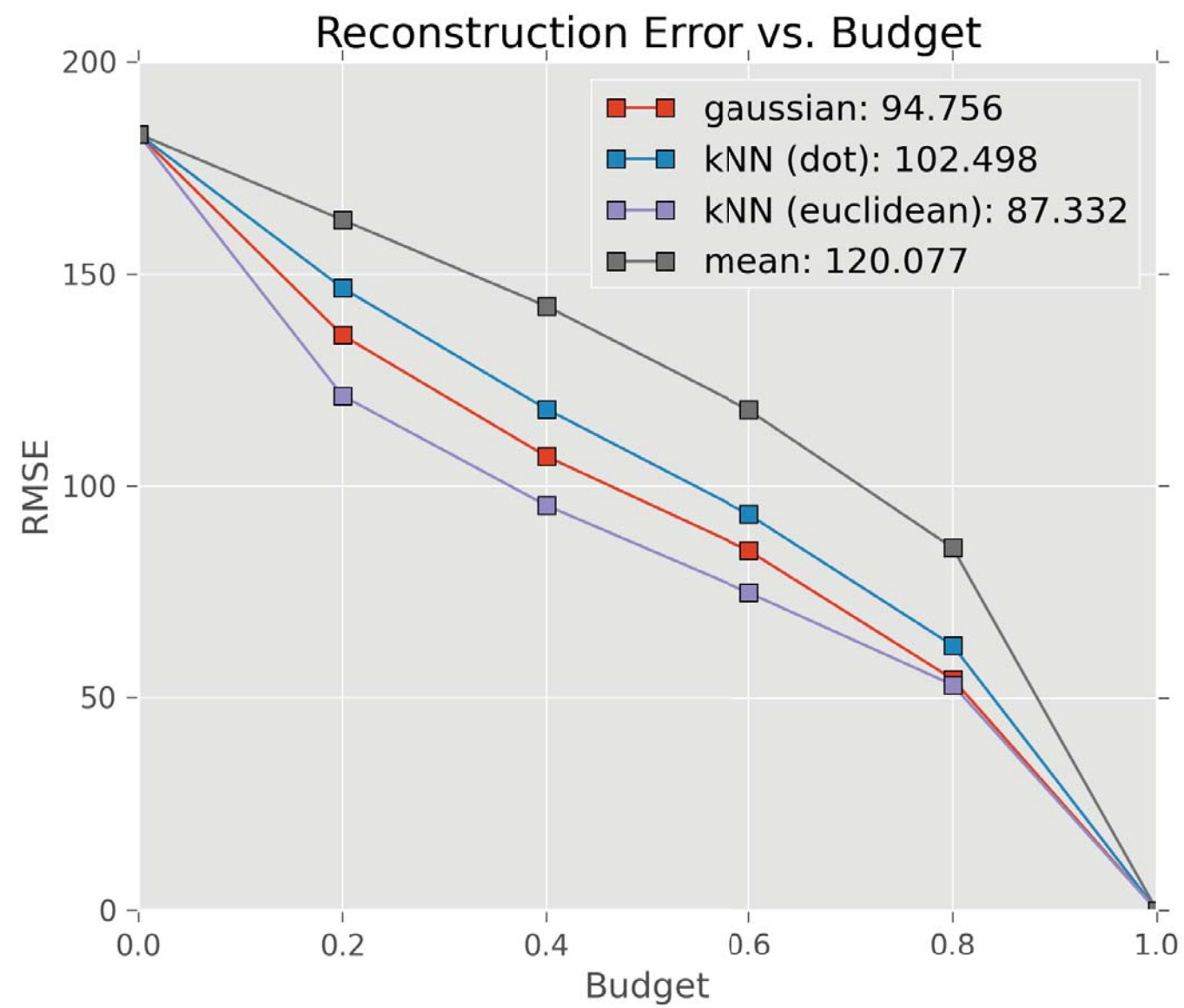
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# Learning multiple classifiers.

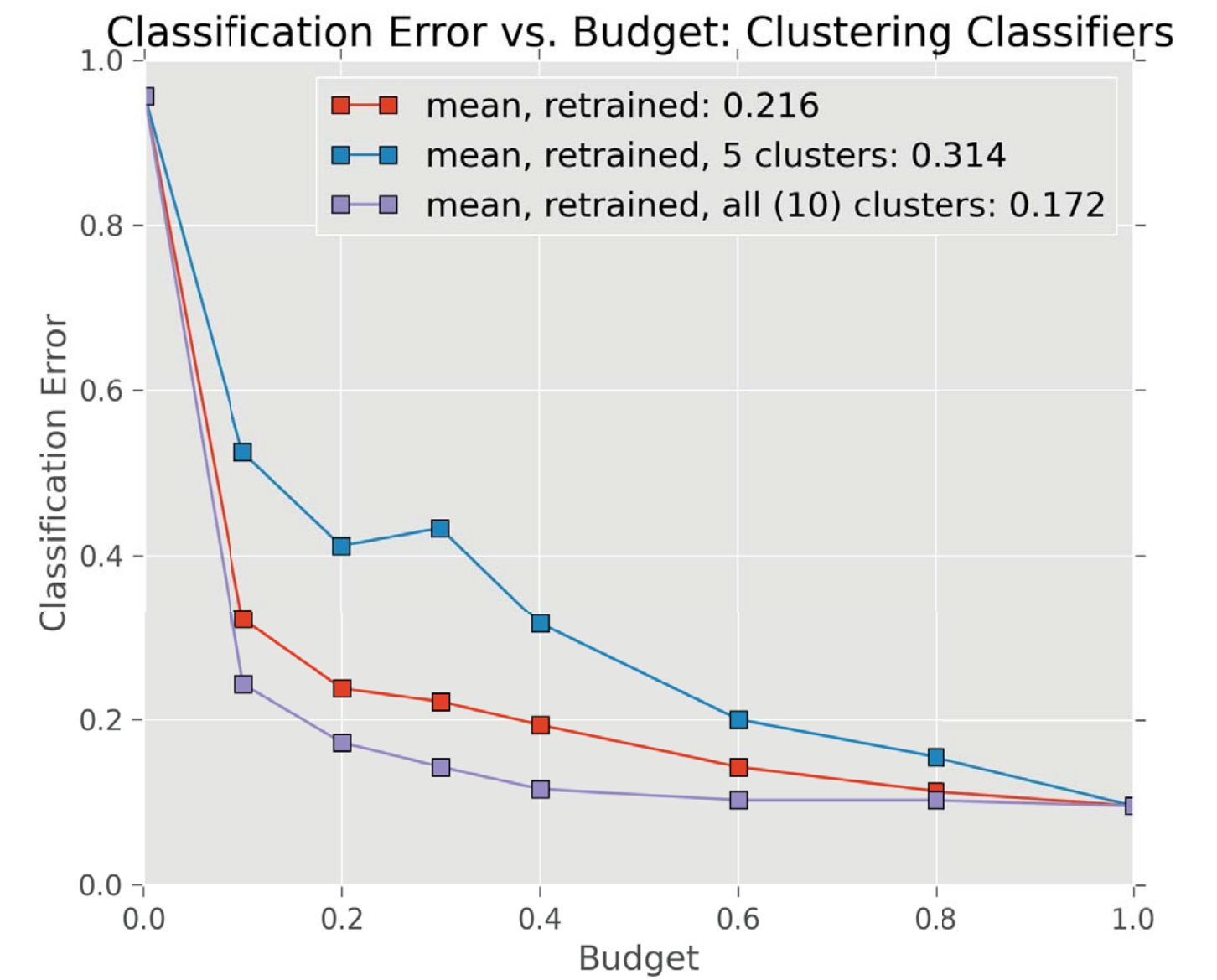
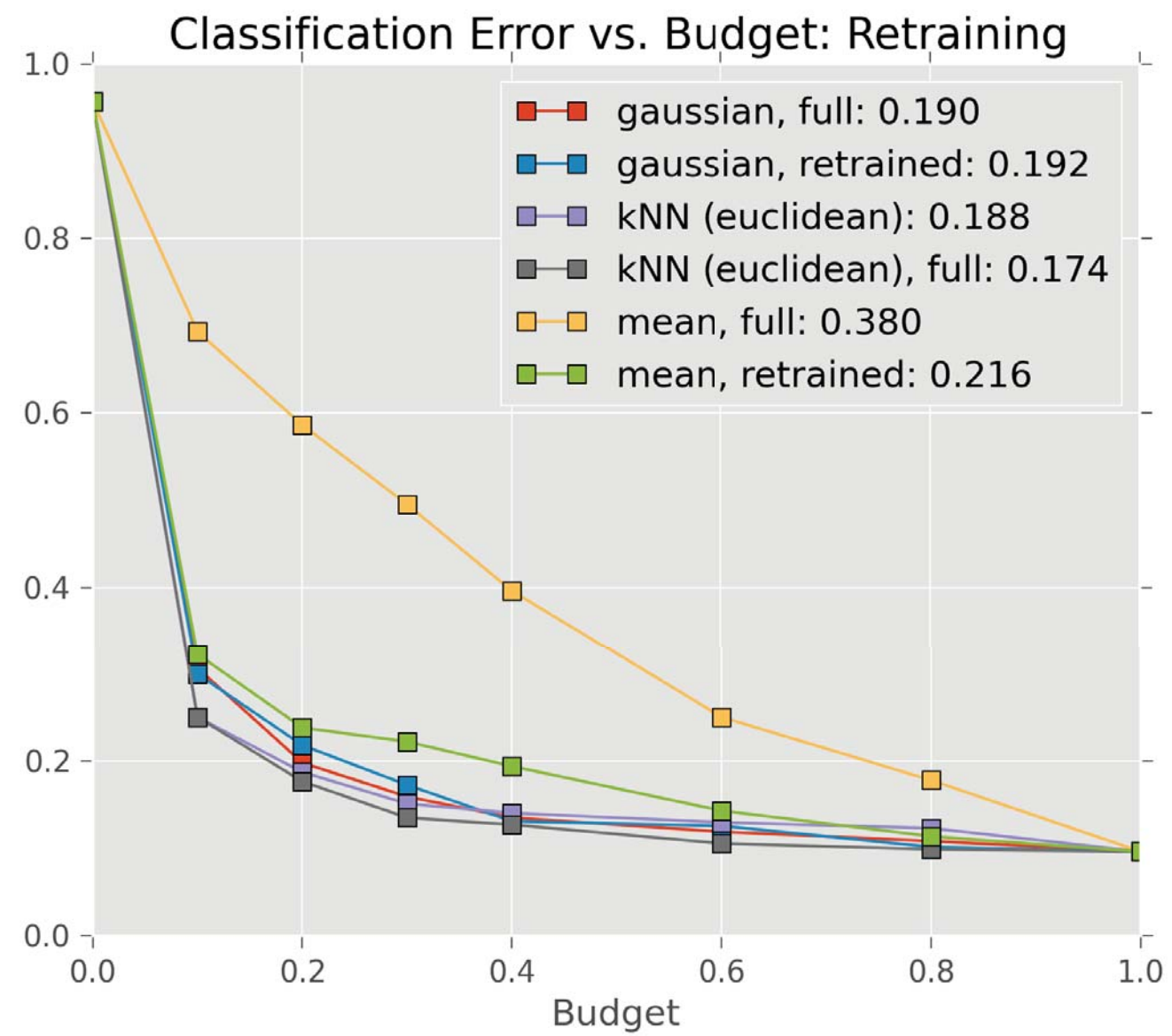
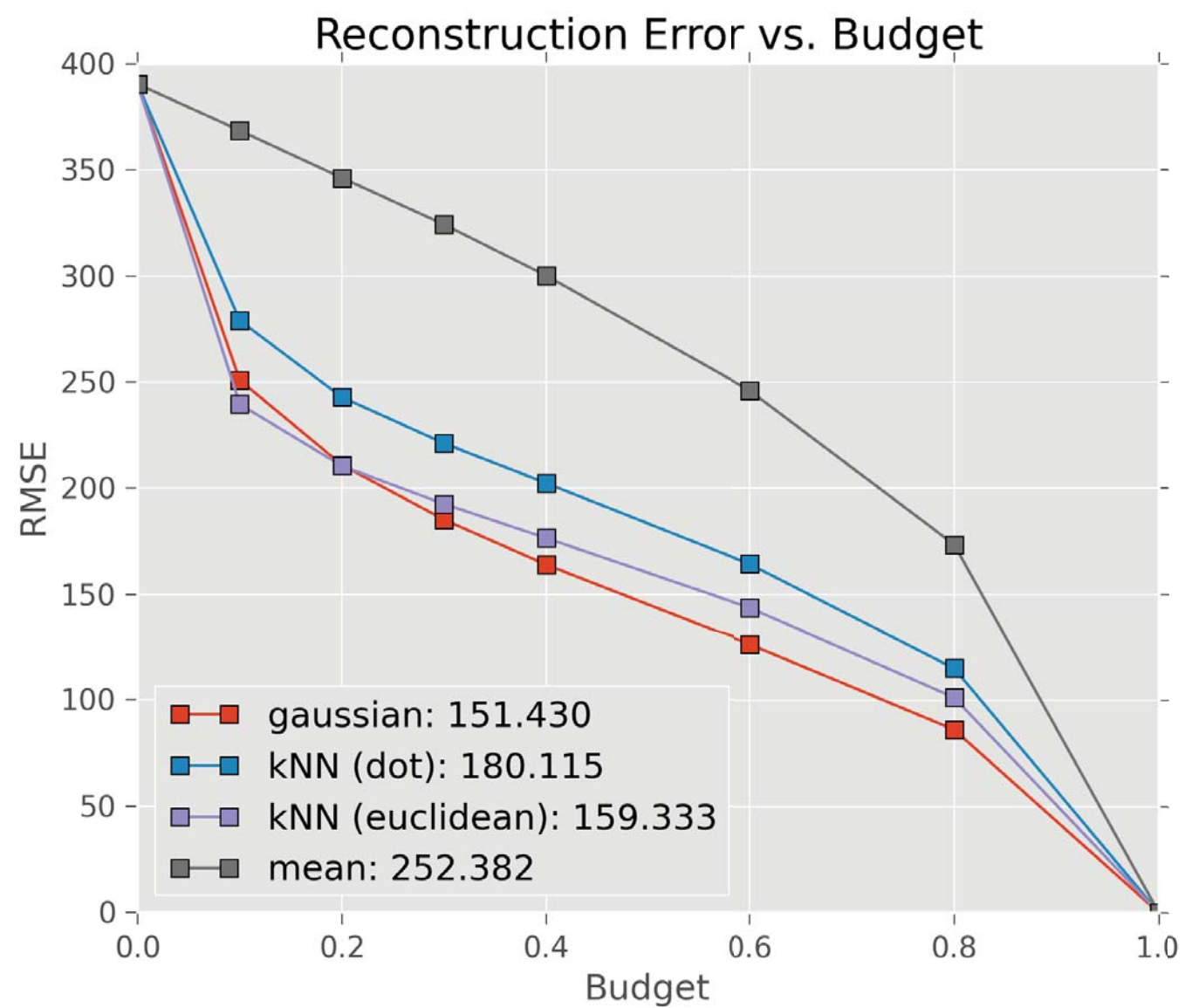


In this case, 2 separate models:  and 





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# Scenes

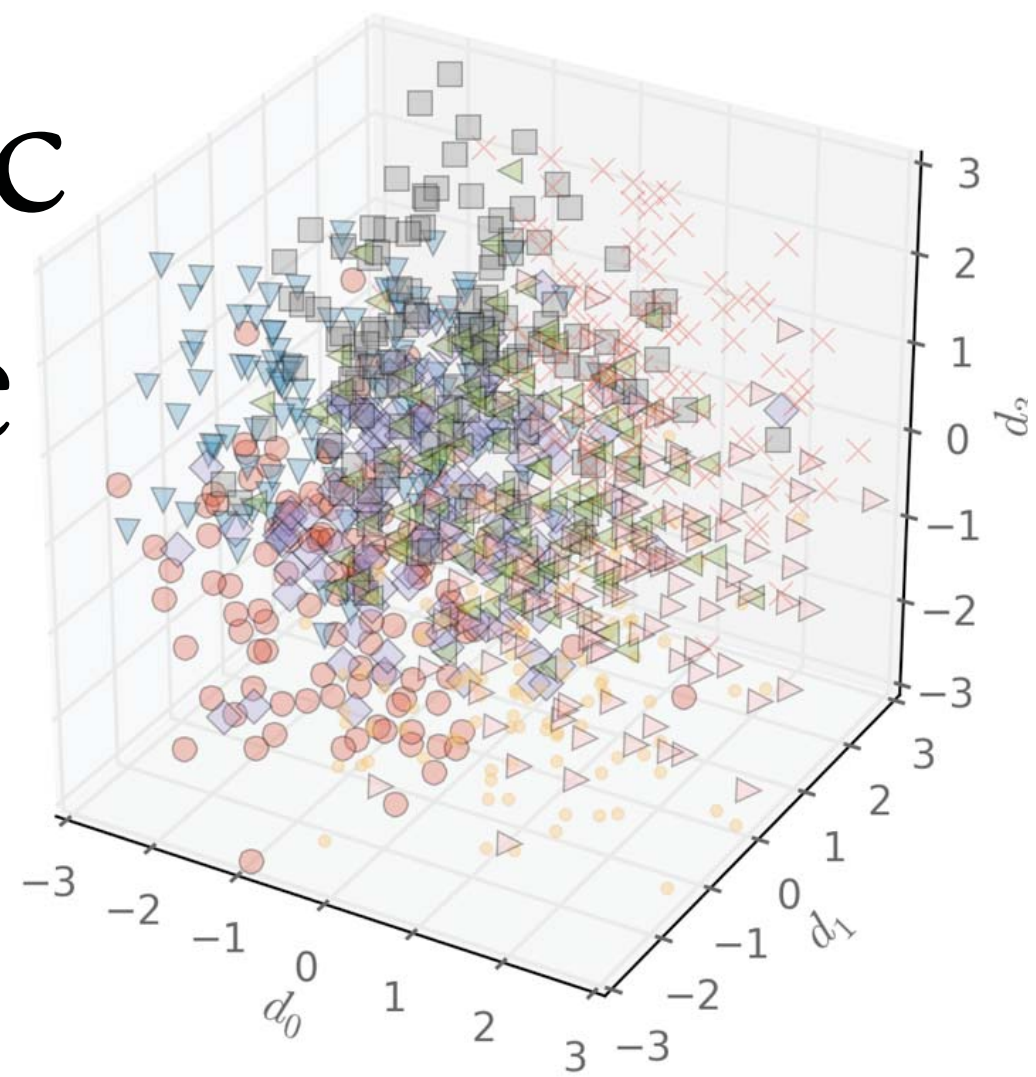
Dynamic results.

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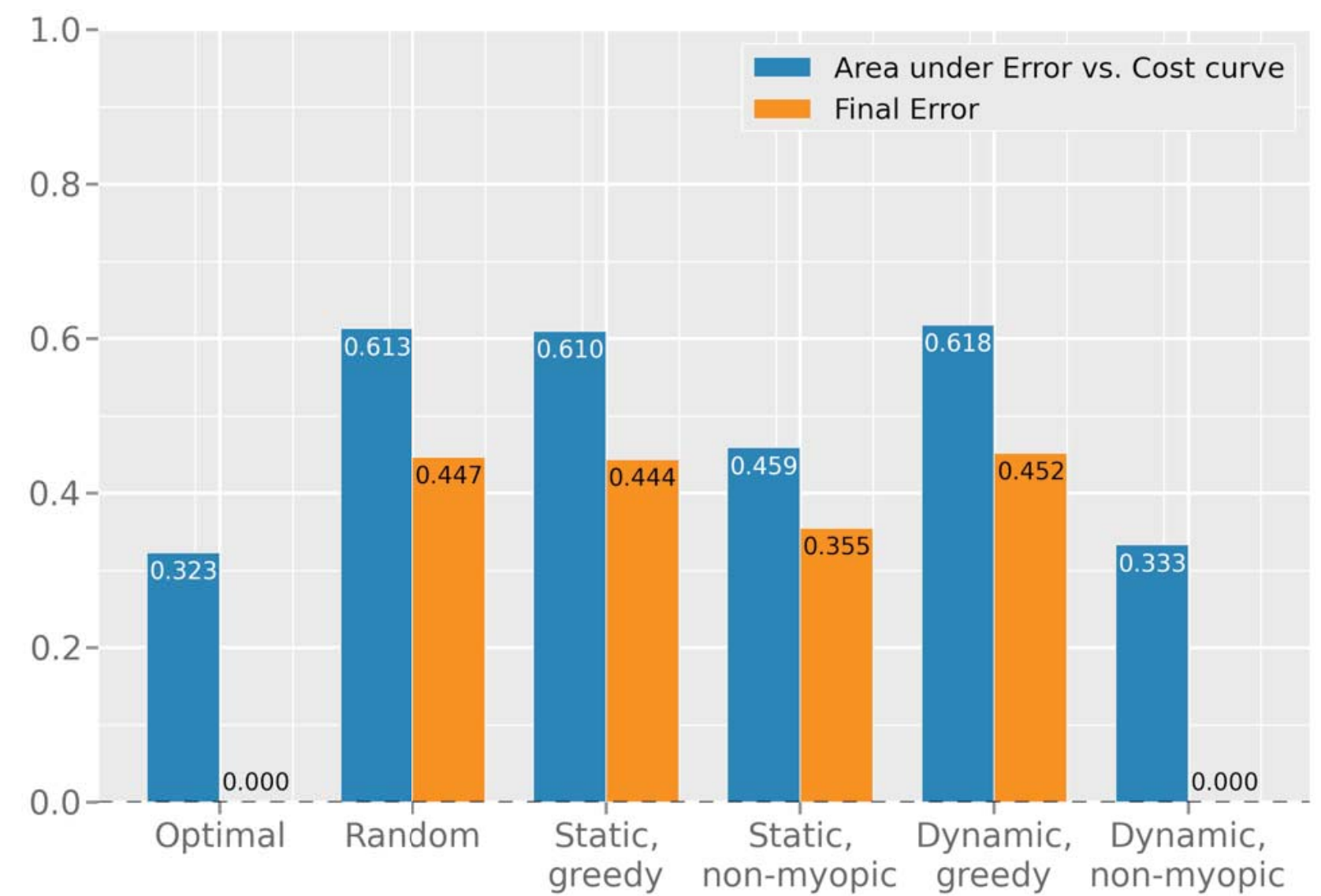
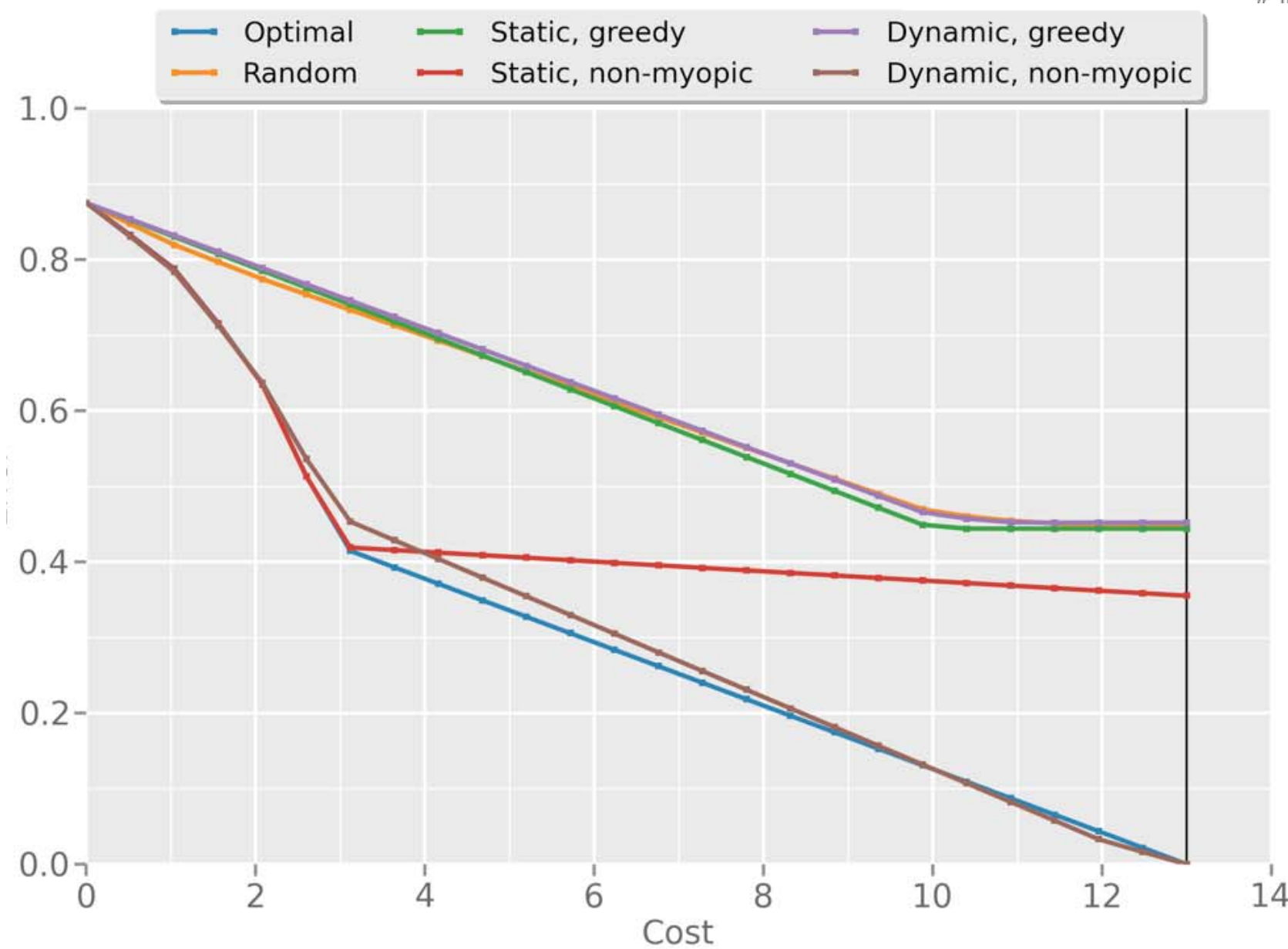
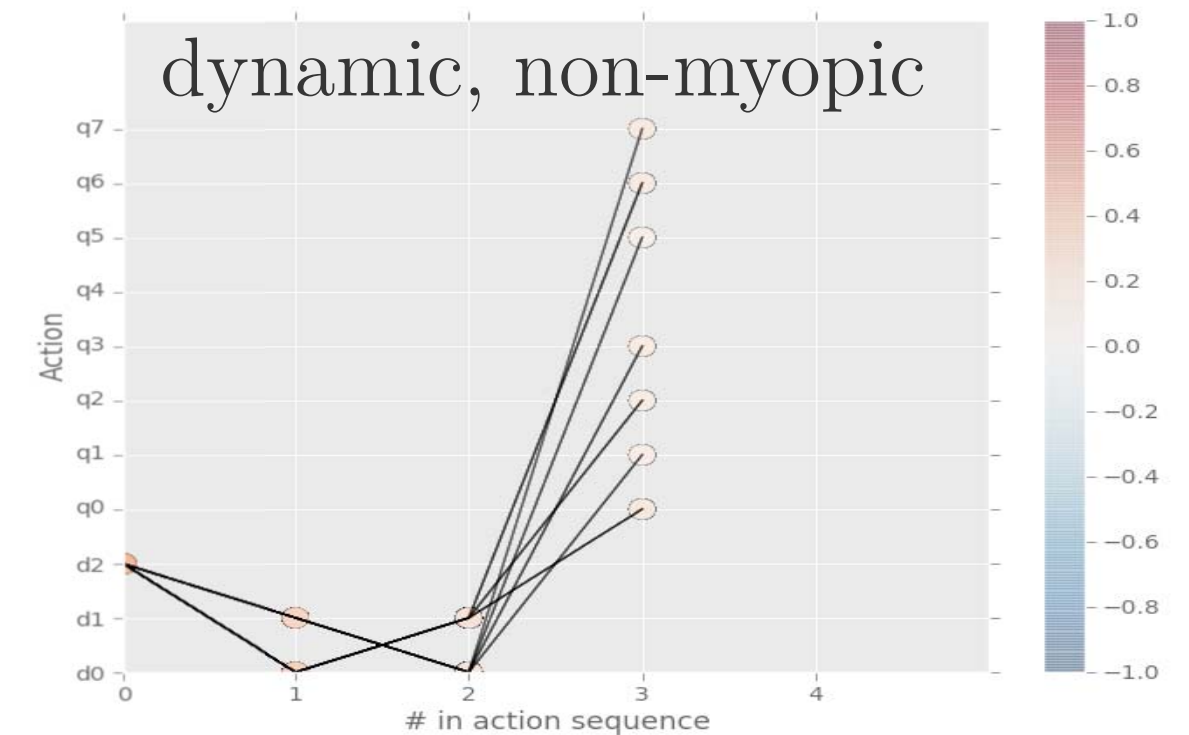
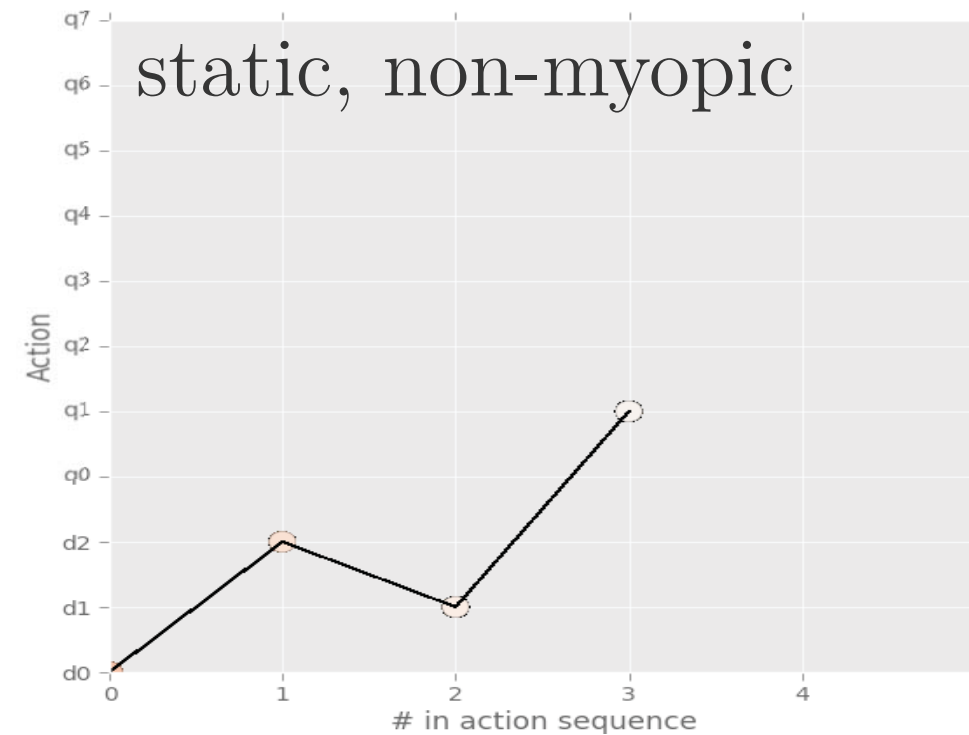
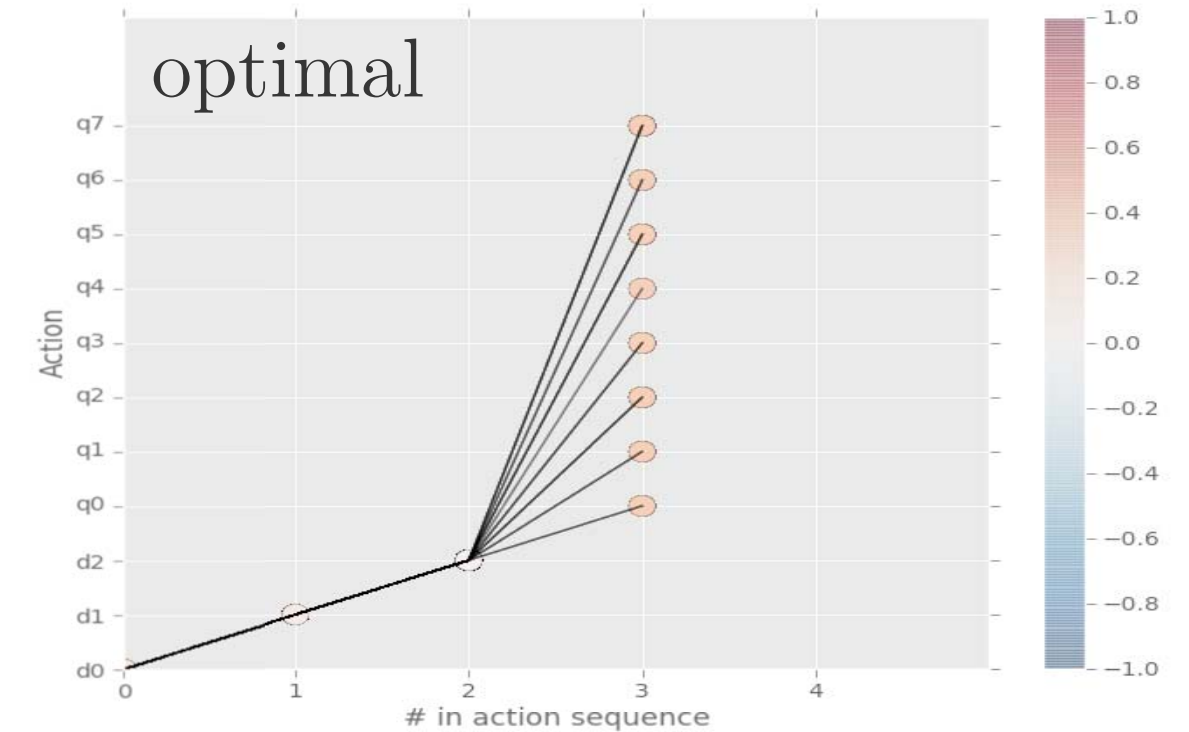
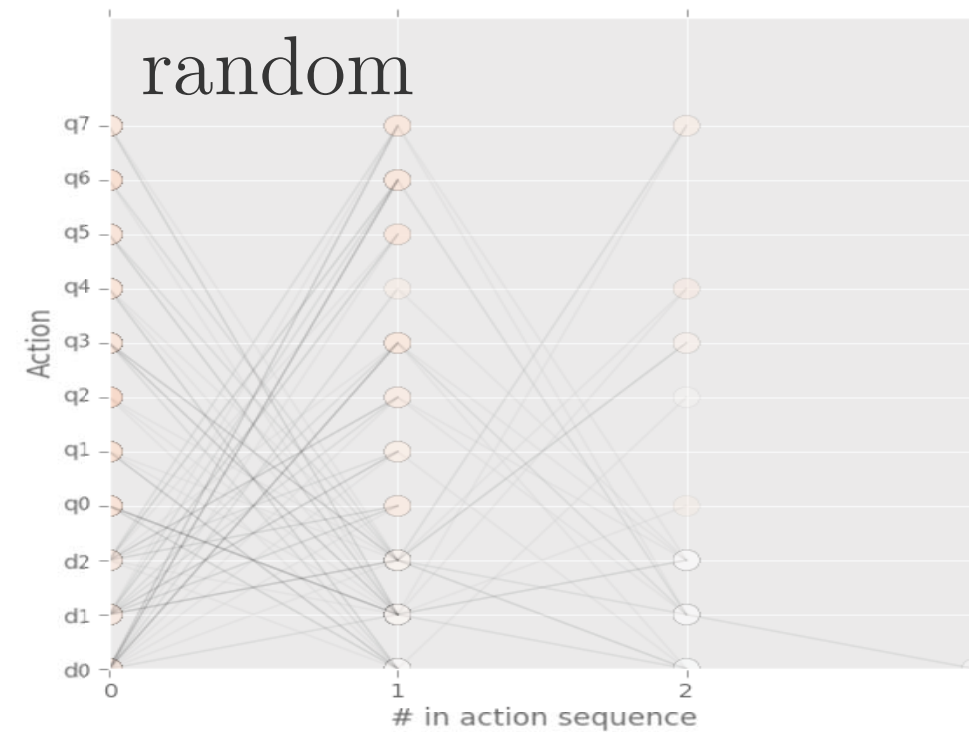
- **Static, greedy:** corresponds to best performance of a policy that does not observe feature values and selects actions greedily ( $\gamma = 0$ ).
- **Static, non-myopic:** policy that does not observe values but considers future action rewards ( $\gamma = 1$ ).
- **Dynamic, greedy:** policy that observes feature values, but selects actions greedily.

Our method is the **Dynamic, non-myopic** policy: feature values are observed, with full lookahead.

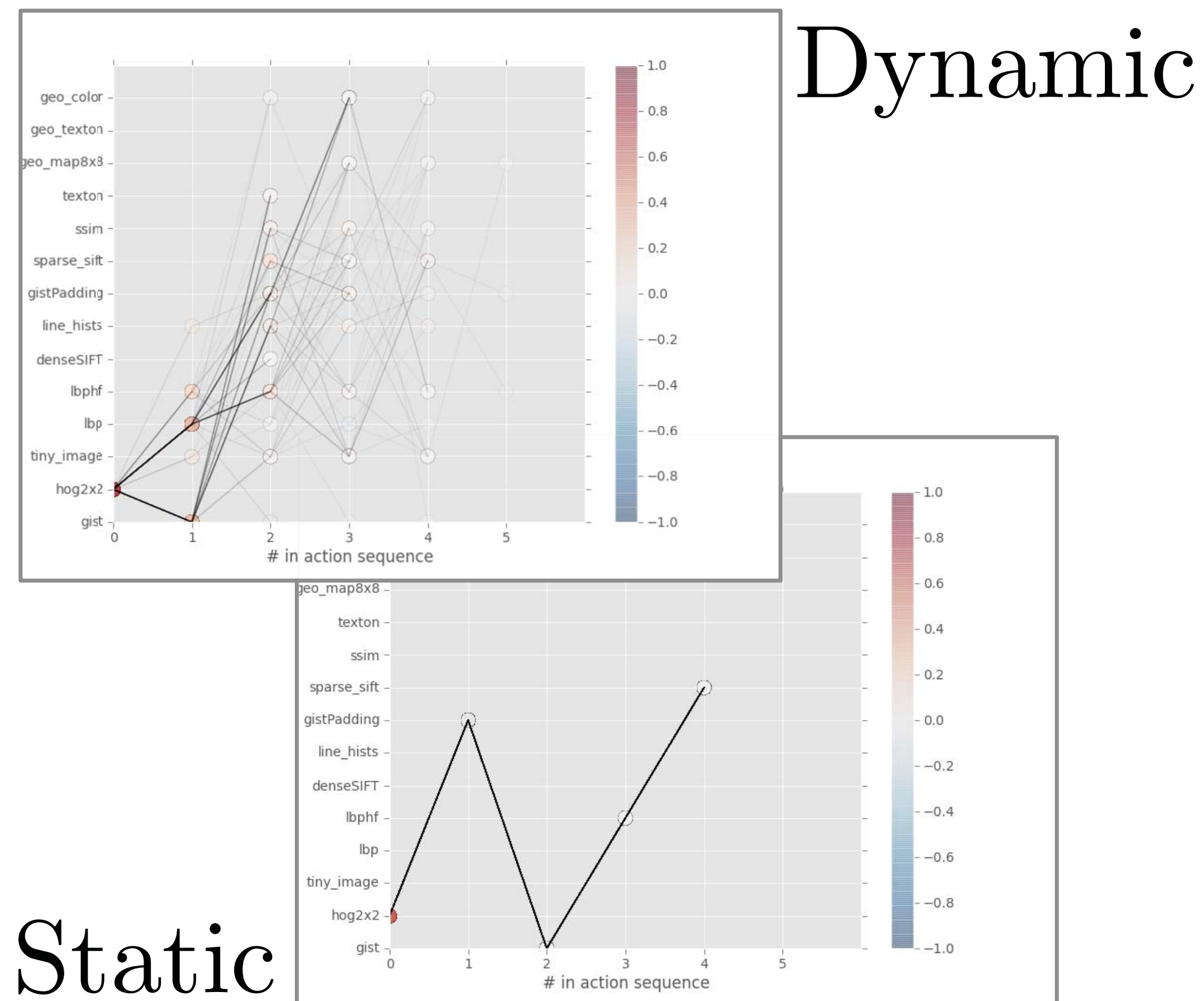
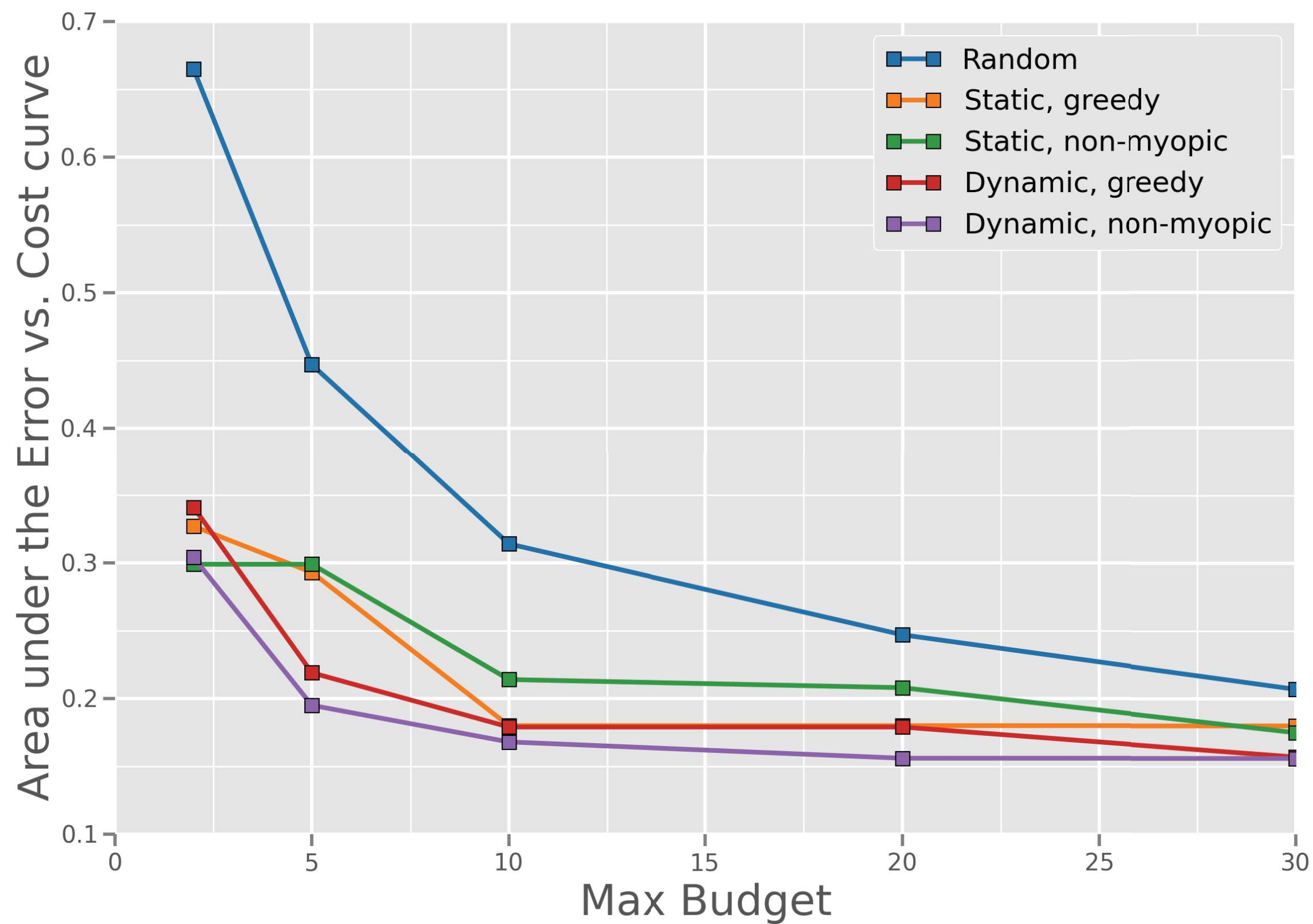
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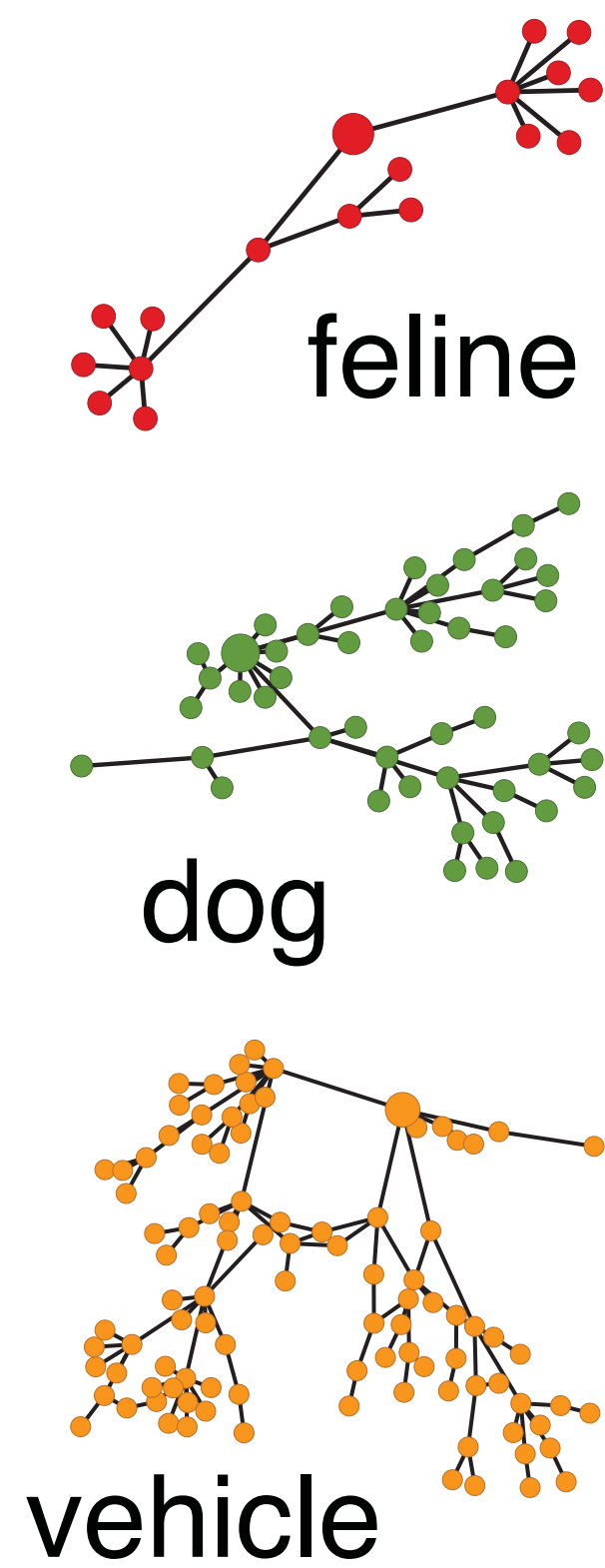
Feature	Number	Cost
$d_i$ : sign of dimension $i$	$D$	1
$q_o$ : label of datapoint, if in quadrant $o$	$2^D$	10



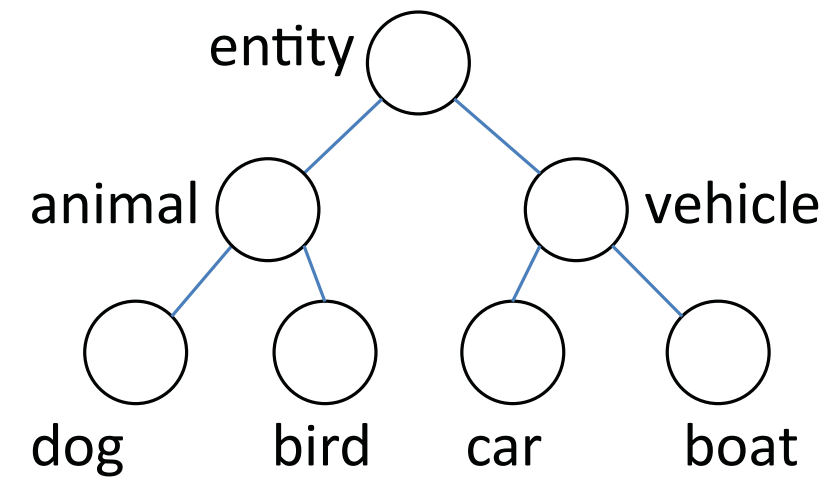
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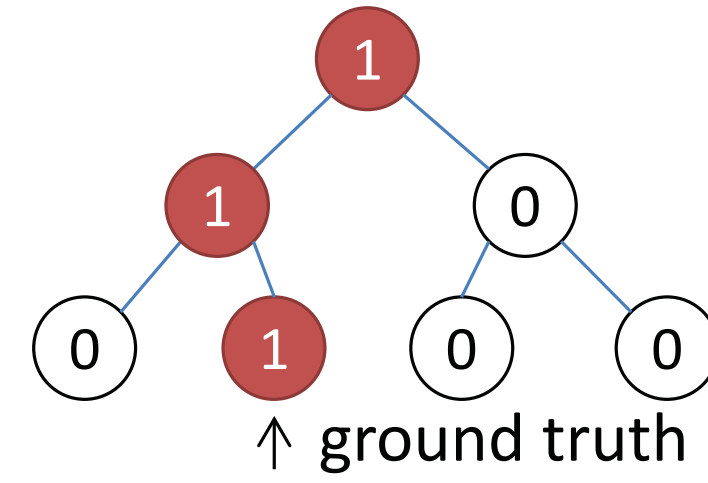
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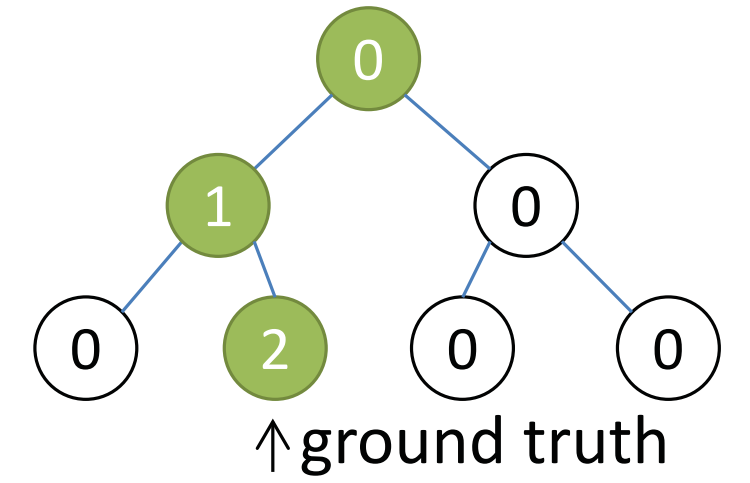
(a) Semantic hierarchy



(b) Accuracy of prediction



(c) Reward of prediction



"Easy" image

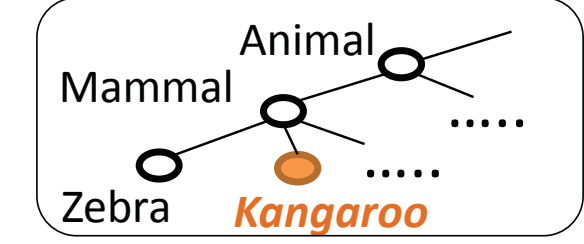


Conventional classifier



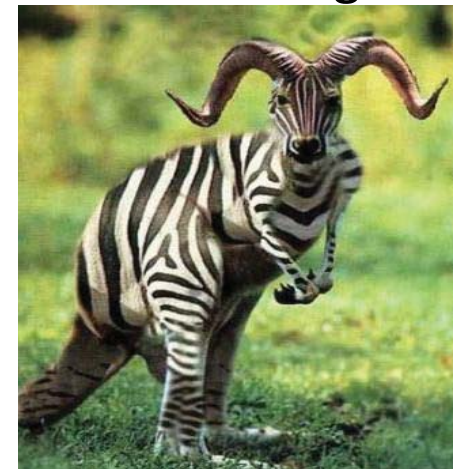
→ **Kangaroo** ✓

Our classifier



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"Hard" image

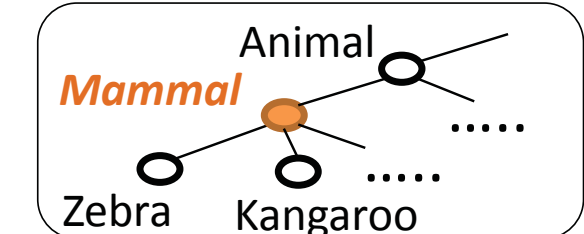


Conventional classifier



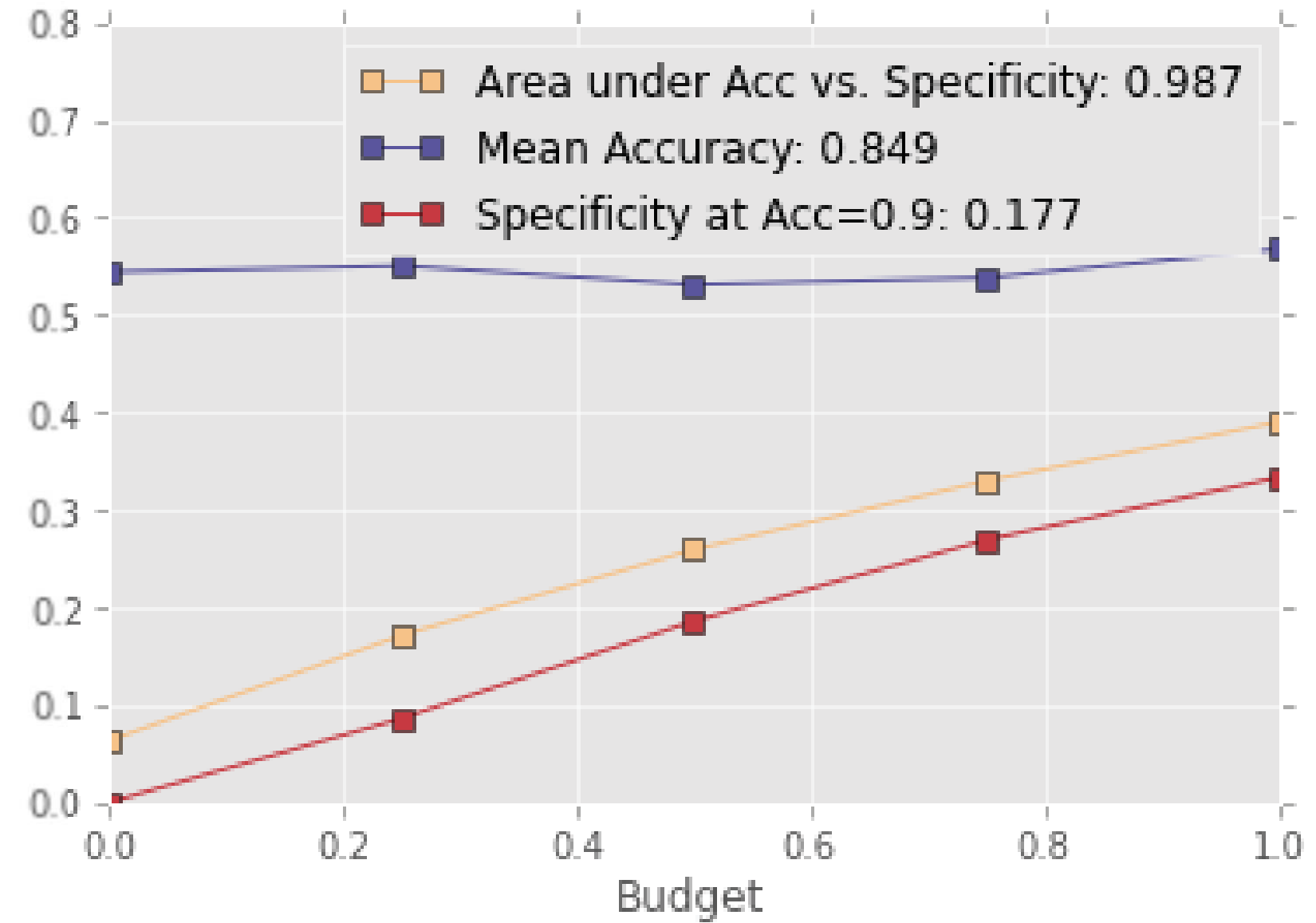
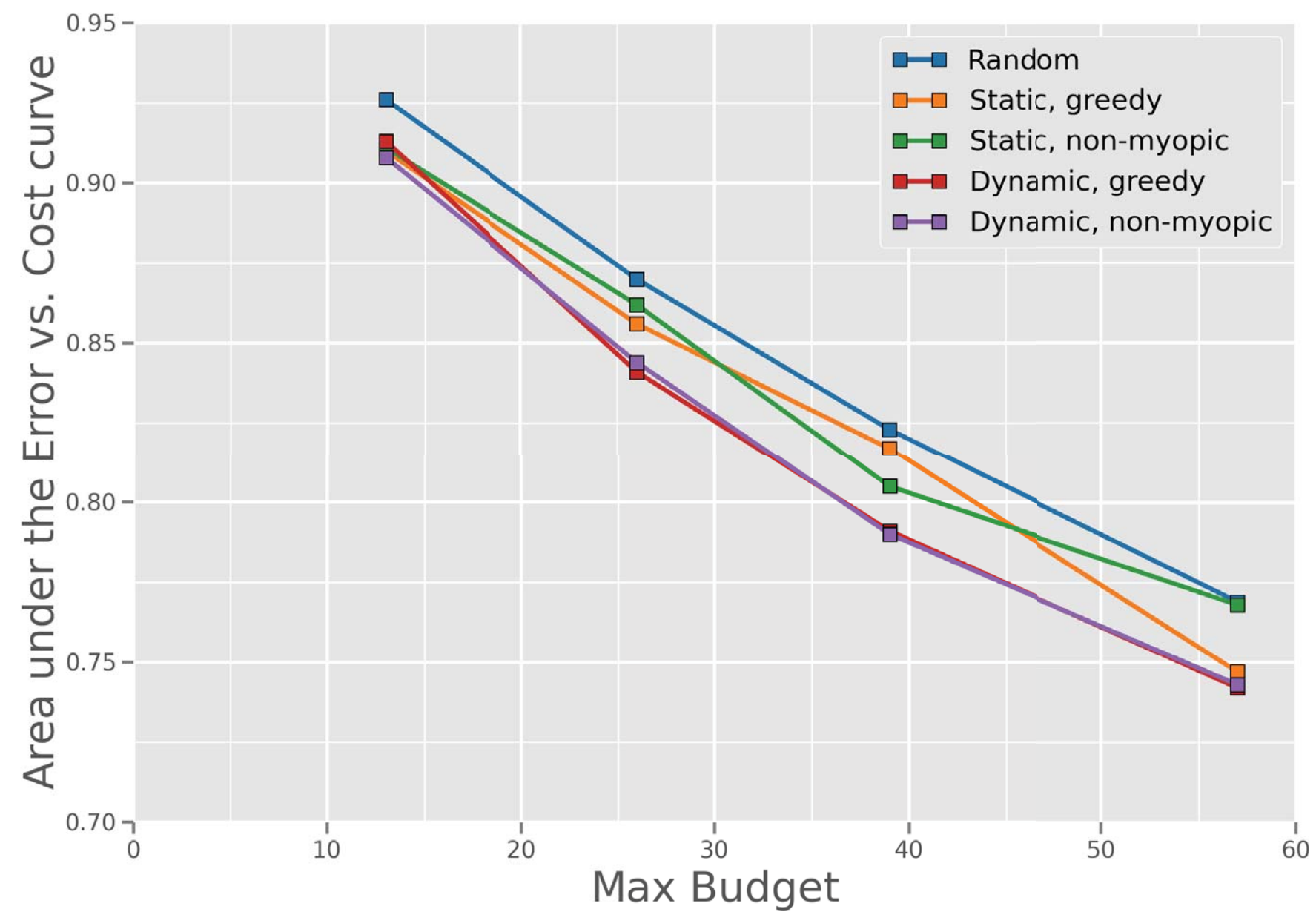
→ **Zebra** ✗

Our classifier



→ **Mammal** ✓

# ILSVRC-65

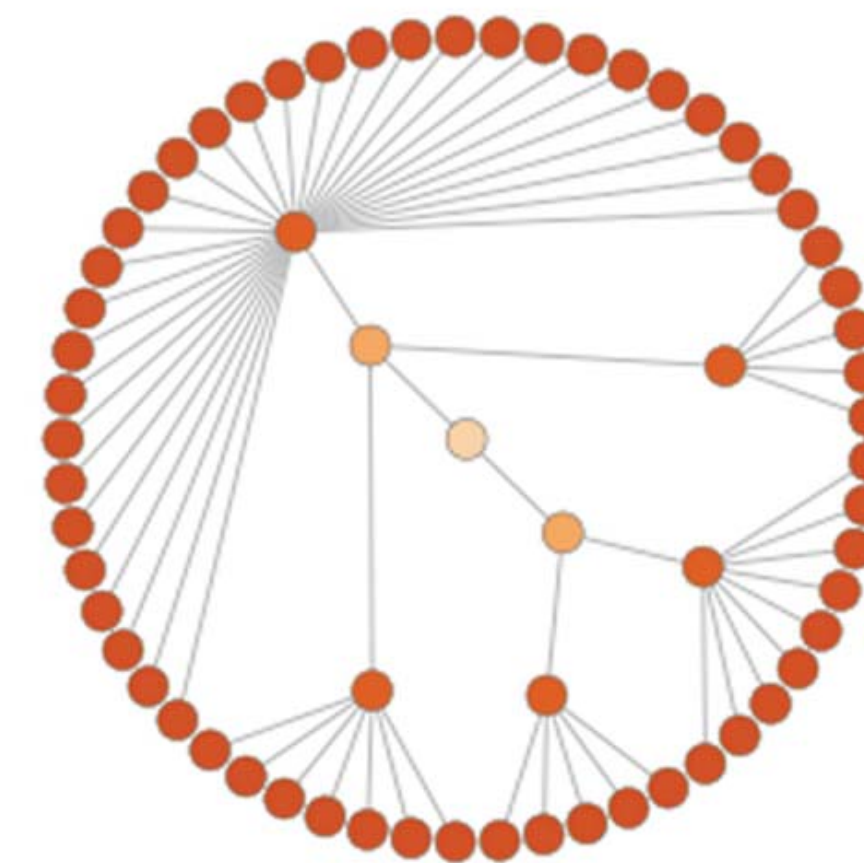
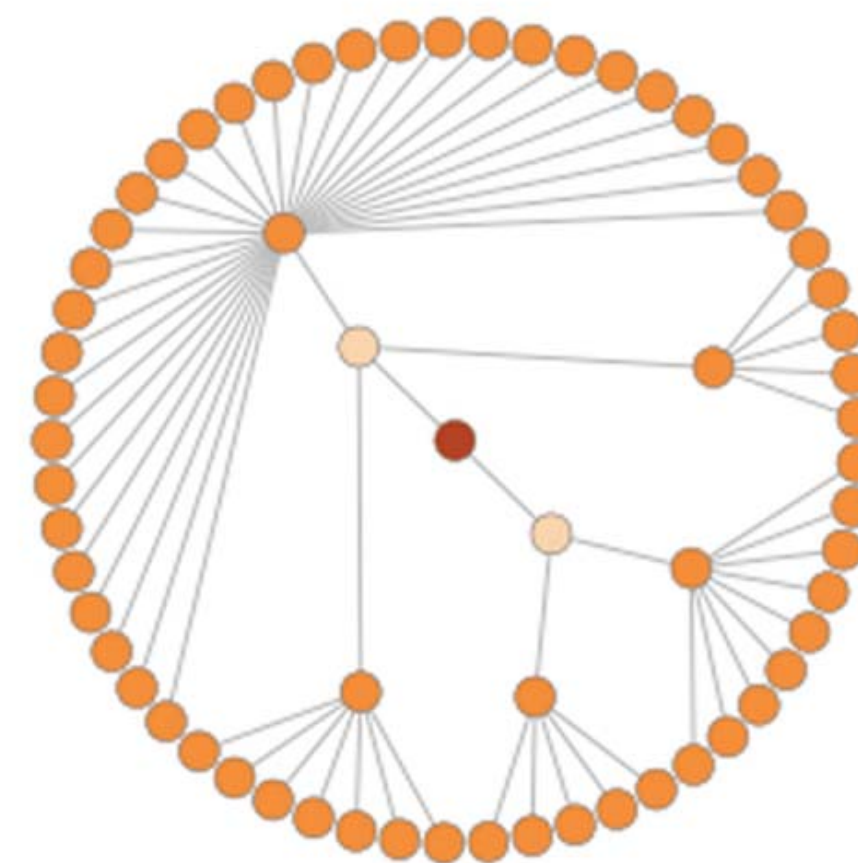
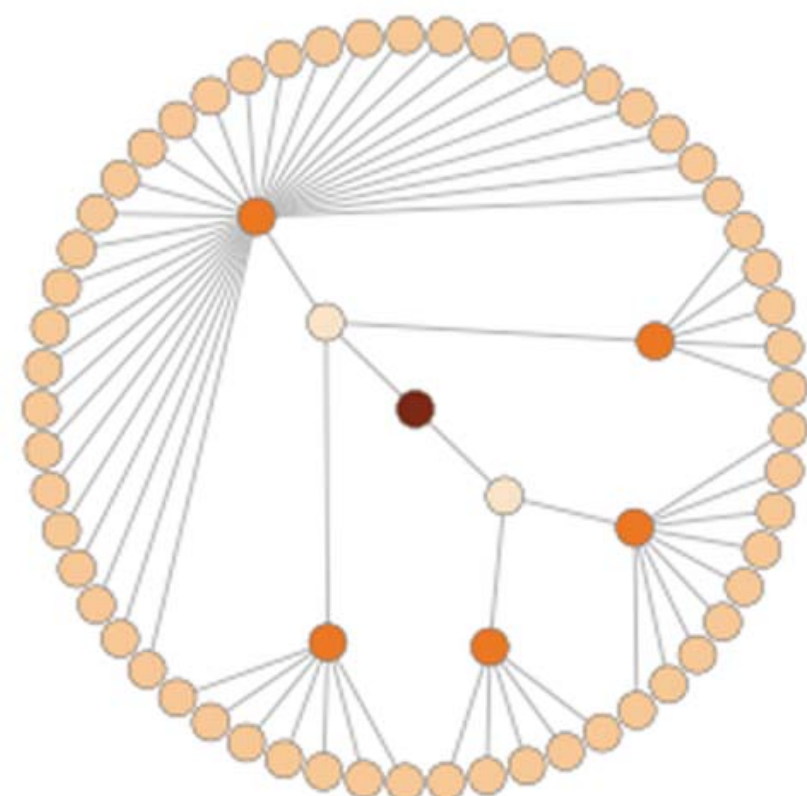
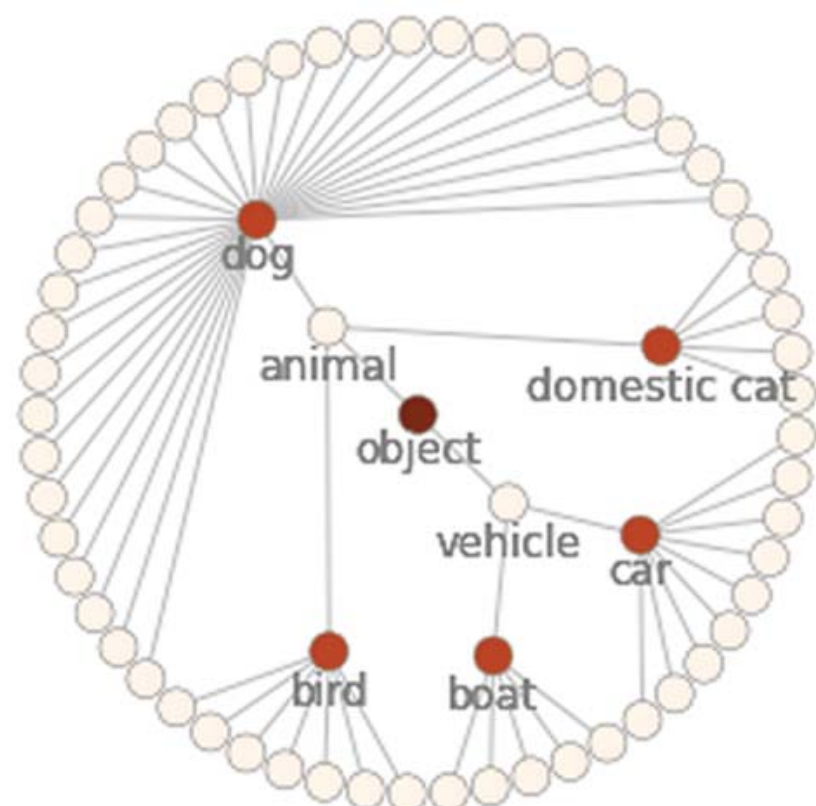


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Thank you.