

Randomization methods for big-data

(other than SGD)

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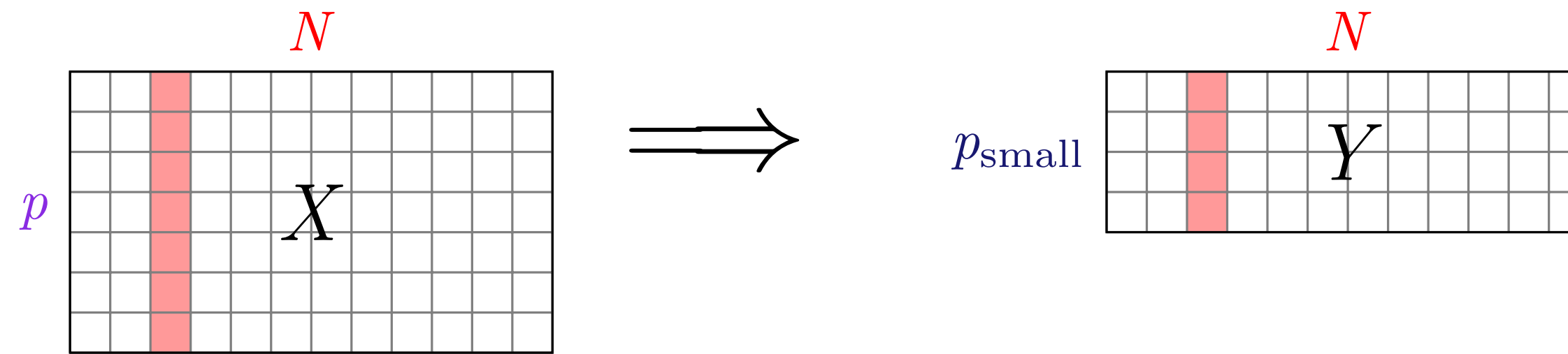


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OUTLINE

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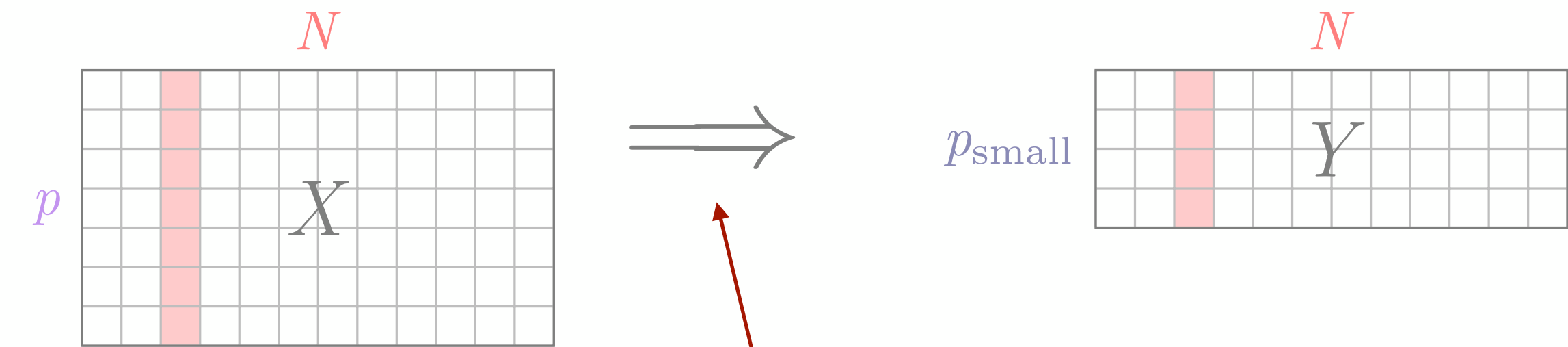


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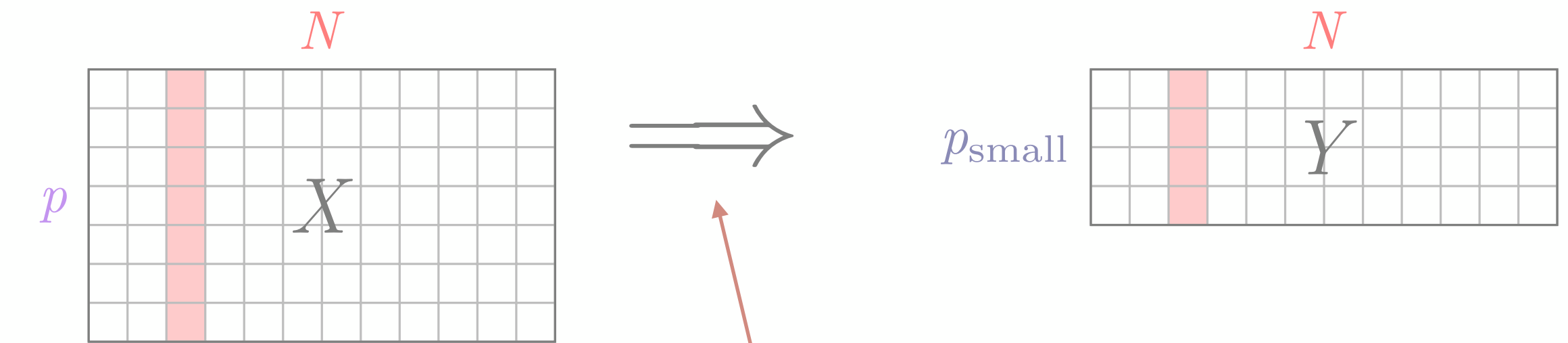


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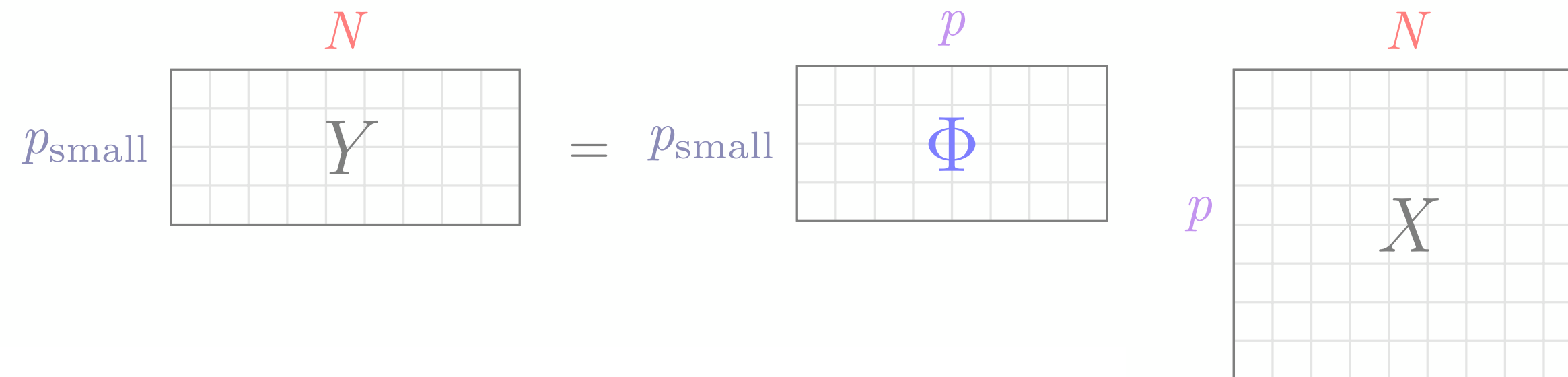
The equation $Y = \Phi X$ is shown with matrix dimensions. Matrix Y has dimensions $p_{\text{small}} \times N$. Matrix Φ has dimensions $p_{\text{small}} \times p$. Matrix X has dimensions $p \times N$. The matrices are represented by grids: Y is $p_{\text{small}} \times N$, Φ is $p_{\text{small}} \times p$, and X is $p \times N$.

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Why?

- ▶ Faster computation

- ▶ Especially if the complexity of subsequent processing is $\mathcal{O}(p^2 N)$
- ▶ If $p_{\text{small}} = 0.05p$ then speedup is $400\times$

... or for storage reasons

- ▶ Denoising (remove irrelevant components)

(especially to create **one-pass methods**)

- ▶ Fewer degrees-of-freedom reduces chance of overfitting models

- ▶ Visual interpretation (e.g., $p_{\text{small}} = \{2, 3\}$) ← This is “multidimensional scaling”. Specialized techniques (tSNE, UMAP) are best

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Method 1: PCA (non-linear)

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Principal Component Analysis (aka Hotelling or Karhunen-Loeve transform)

Take SVD

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} U_1 & U_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \Sigma_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_1^T \\ V_2^T \end{bmatrix}$$

where $\|\Sigma_2\| \approx \text{small}$. Then PCA takes the form of

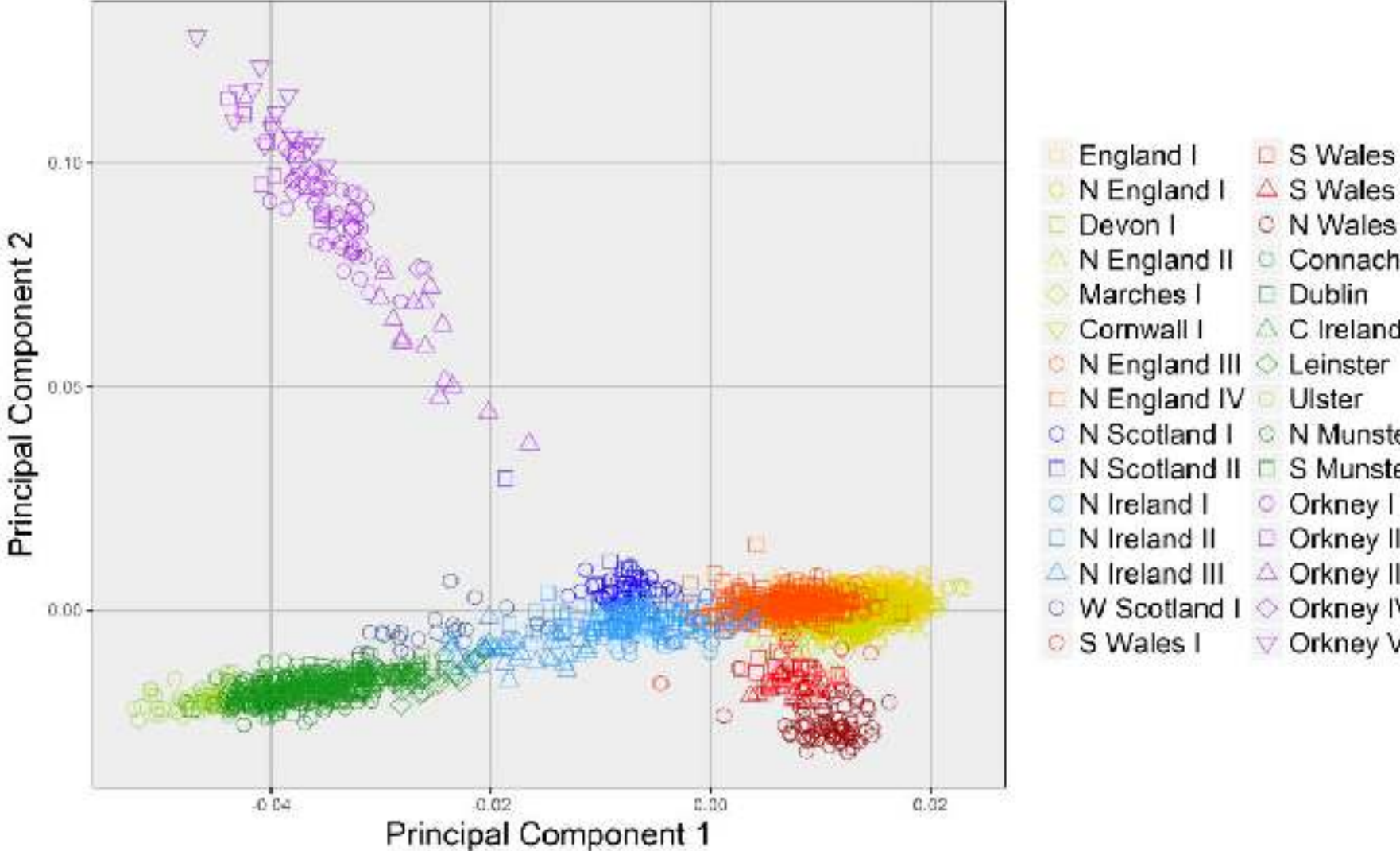
$$Y \leftarrow \Phi_{\text{PCA}} \cdot X$$

where $\Phi_{\text{PCA}} = U_1^T$.

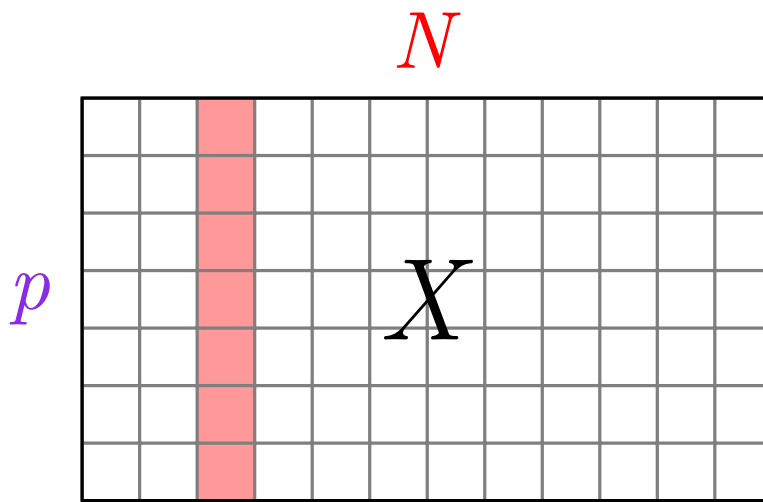
Note:

- Costly but linear in N : ($\mathcal{O}(p^2 N)$ direct, or about $\mathcal{O}(p_{\text{small}} p N)$ Krylov)
- Non-linear, since Φ_{PCA} is determined by X
- Need to process all of X before we can apply $y_i \leftarrow \Phi_{\text{PCA}} \cdot x_i$

Principal component analysis of the fineStructure co-ancestry matrix

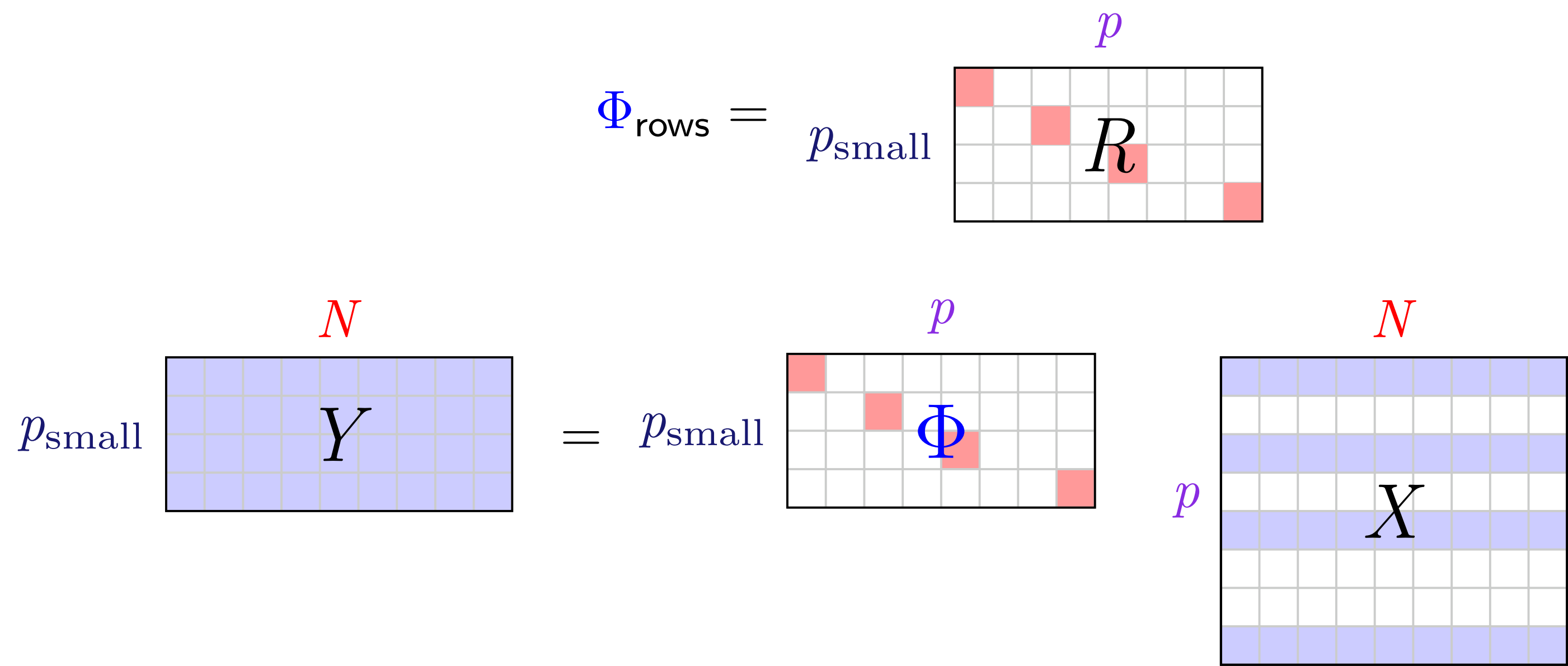


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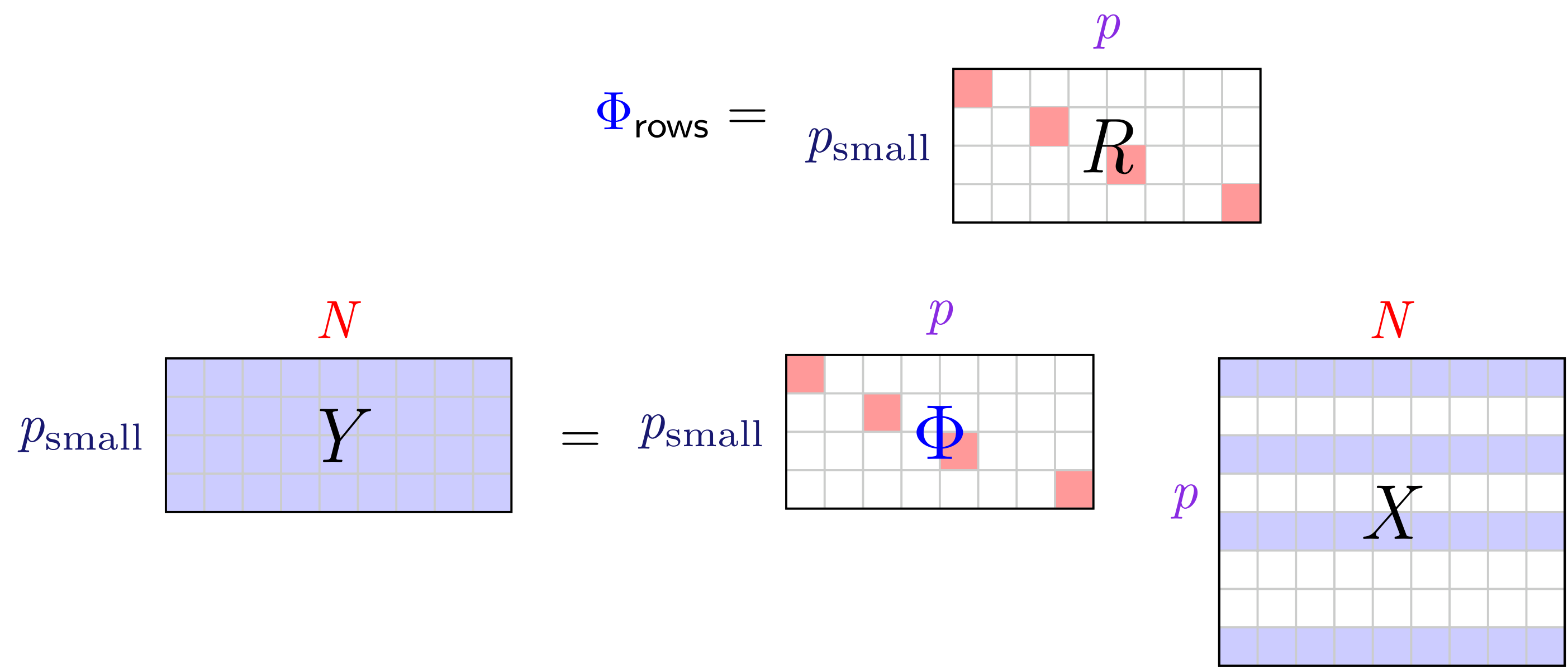
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How to choose R ?

- ▶ Uniformly at random (... poor performance)
 - ▶ According to row-norm (... better, not great, and slower)
 - ▶ According to *leverage scores* based on partial SVD (... better, slow)
- ← “oblivious”
- ← “non-oblivious” (like PCA)

One benefit: for many applications, this avoids computing all entries of the RHS in the first place!
That’s sometimes the bottleneck...

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Leverage scores

N
 $\begin{bmatrix} & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ \mathbf{X} & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \end{bmatrix}$
 p

$=$

$\begin{bmatrix} & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ \mathbf{Q} & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \end{bmatrix}$
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$\begin{bmatrix} & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ \mathbf{R} & & \\ & & \\ & & \end{bmatrix}$

i^{th} leverage score is Euclidean norm squared of the i^{th} row of Q

[For keen observers: this isn't useful if $N > p$. What to do then?
Can essentially prove separately for all pairs of points (so $N=2$)
and then take **union bound** (not an issue, since failure decays fast).
Technically, usually prove via **subspace embeddings**]

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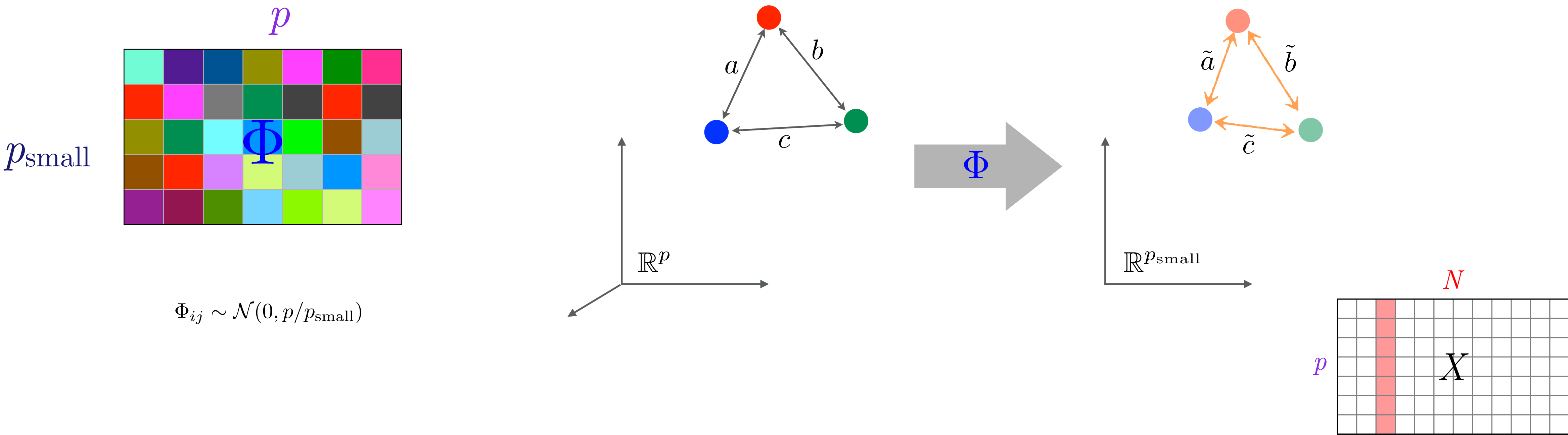
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$$1 - \varepsilon \leq \frac{\|\Phi x_i - \Phi x_j\|_2}{\|x_i - x_j\|_2} \leq 1 + \varepsilon$$

with constant probability.

“gold standard” for accuracy among randomized data-oblivious sketches (for any Euclidean norm results)



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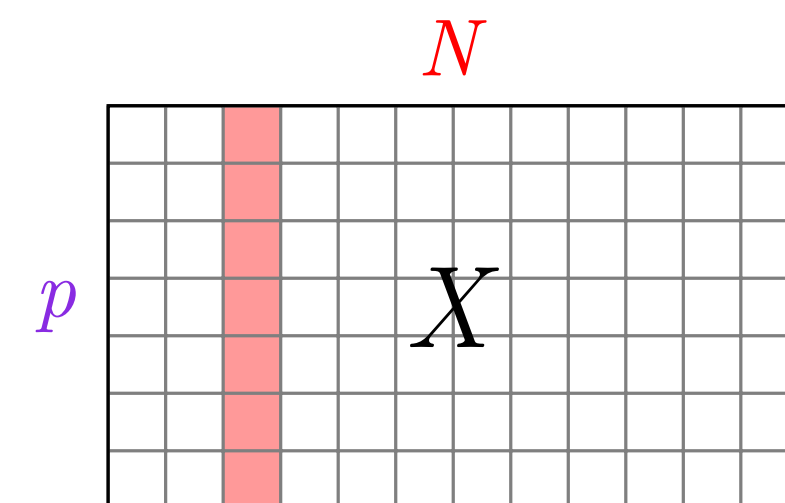
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- ▶ Independent of original dimension p
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Usually not practical since too costly since computing ΦX is $\mathcal{O}(pp_{small}N)$

Depends on what its purpose is...



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Bipartite Expander graphs

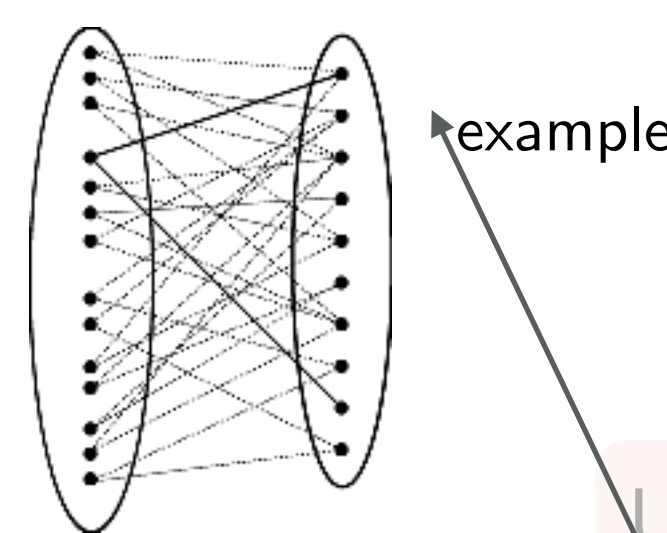


image: De Castro, IEEE TIT 2010

CountSketch

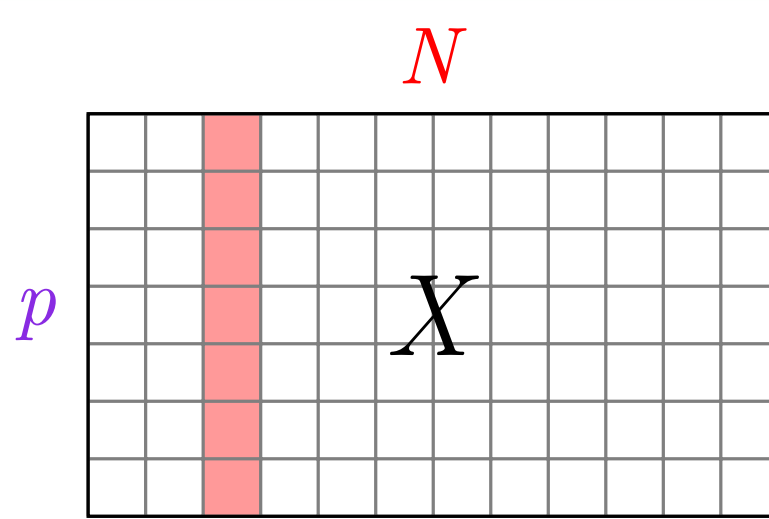


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- Many **extensions**, for example:
- sub-Gaussian entries, and/or dependent rows (e.g., columns uniform on sphere)
 - dependent columns, e.g., Haar measure on orthogonal matrices
 - **sparse matrix** (worse performance though)

Extensions of **applicability**, for example:
○ entire **subspaces** and **manifolds**
(using covering-number arguments)



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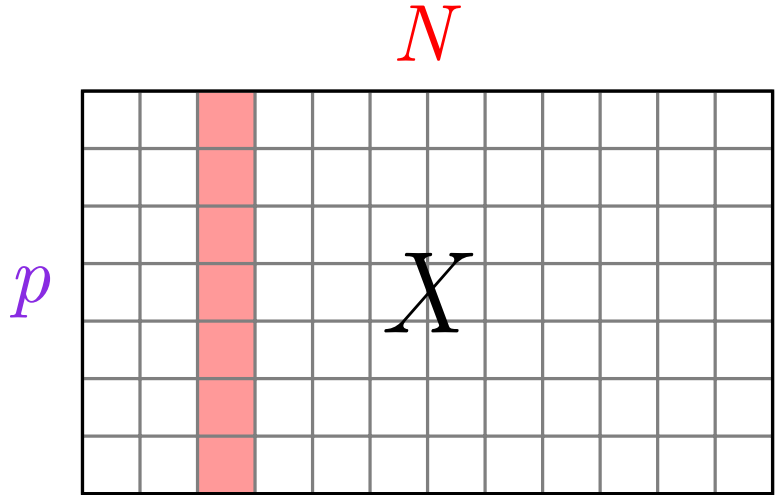
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Orthogonal/unitary, ideally with small max entry
(so *identity matrix* is bad)

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Cost:

- ▶ $\mathcal{F}(x)$ costs $p \log p$ (vs p^2 naively)
- ▶ hence $\mathcal{O}(pN \log p)$ to compute ΦX

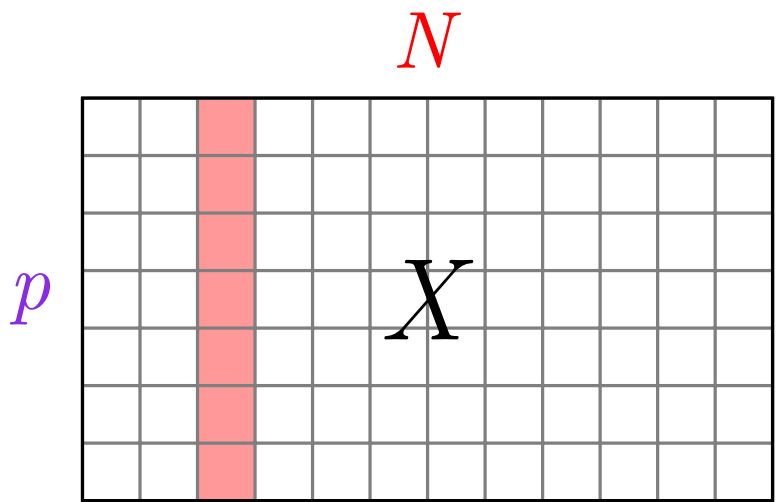
Guarantees: almost as good as classical Johnson-Lindenstrauss

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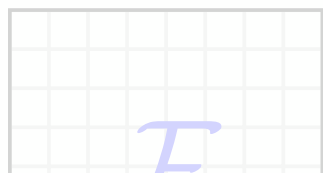
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How to get guarantees?

Basic idea is that after applying the first two steps, resulting matrix has (almost) uniform leverage scores...

... so **uniform subsampling** is (almost) **leverage score sampling**.

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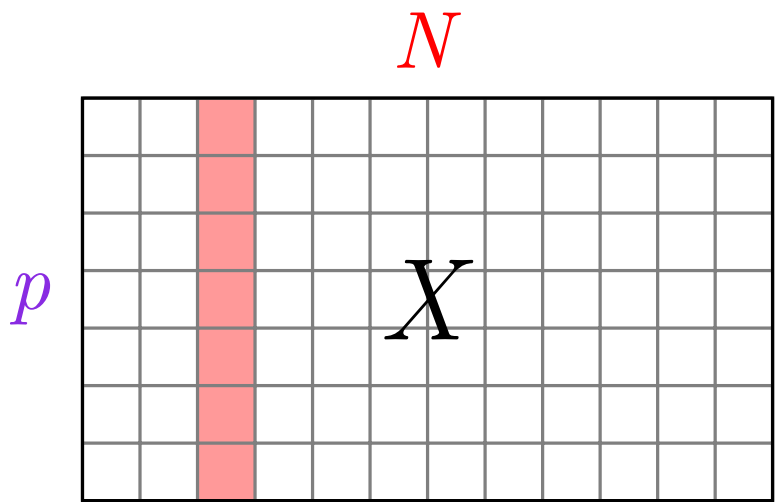
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More intuition

Suppose we want to estimate $\|x\|_2^2$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}^p$ by sampling just p_{small} entries (and multiplying by p/p_{small}). Wlog, let $\|x\|_2 = 1$.

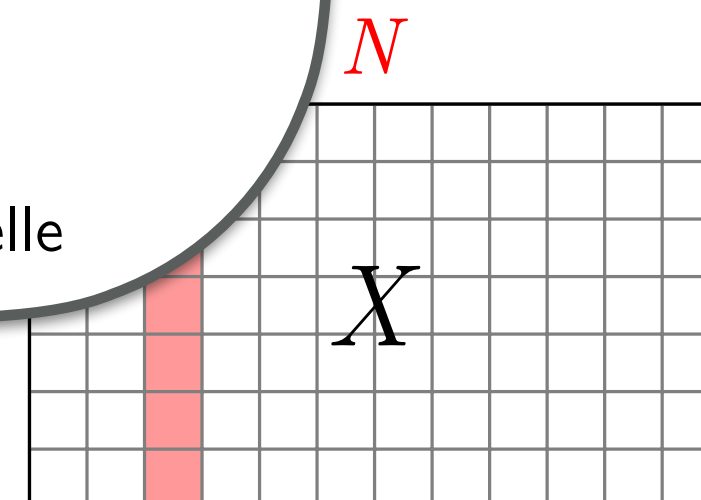
- ▶ High variance if x has a few large components
- ▶ **Intuition**: the matrix $\mathcal{F}D$ flattens out input vectors
 - ▶ Components of x can be as large as 1
 - ▶ **Average component** of x is $p^{-1/2}$
- ▶ Define $y = \mathcal{F}Dx$, so $\|y\|_2 = \|x\|_2$. Then $y_1 = \sum_{j=1}^p \mathcal{F}_{1,j} \varepsilon_j x_j$
 - ▶ $\mathbb{E} y_1 = 0$ since $\mathbb{E} \varepsilon_j = 0$
 - ▶ $\text{Var}(y_1) = p^{-1}$ since $\mathcal{F}_{1,j}^2 \leq \eta = p^{-1}$ and $\|x\|_2 = 1$ and ε_j independent
- ▶ Hoeffding inequality:

$$\mathbb{P}(|y_1| \geq t) \leq 2e^{-pt^2/2}$$

- ▶ So chance that one of y_j for $j = 1, \dots, p$ is $\geq t$ is less than $p2e^{-pt^2/2}$
- ▶ So with constant probability, can choose $t \approx \sqrt{p^{-1} \log(p)}$
- ▶ Conclusion: the **max** component of y is about the same as its **average** component. Subsampling y will have much less variance than subsampling x .

from “Improved analysis of the subsampled randomized Hadamard transform” (Tropp, 2010); see also Ailon and Chazelle

also known



Method 5: subsample entries of a matrix

Keep $x'_i \in \mathbb{R}^p$ but with only p_{small} nonzeros

Idea goes back to landmark Achlioptas/McSherry paper (2001)

$$X' = \begin{matrix} & & N \\ & & \begin{matrix} \begin{matrix} p \\ X \end{matrix} \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$$

This is the **odd-one-out** so far, because it's not the same linear operator applied to every column

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Our new twist: first precondition with Random Orthogonal System (ROS)

(i.e., first 2 matrices from the Fast JLT)

$$Y = \overset{p}{\underset{p}{\mathcal{F}}} \overset{p}{\underset{p}{D}} \overset{N}{X}$$

$$Y' = \overset{N}{\underset{p}{Y}}$$

Why precondition?

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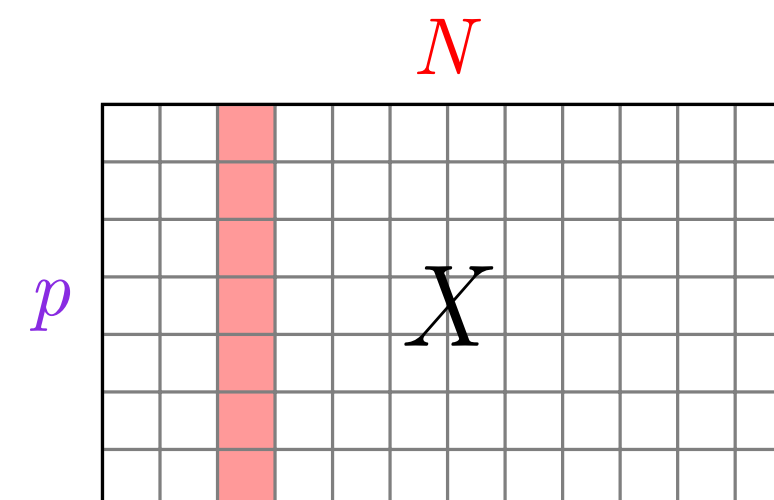
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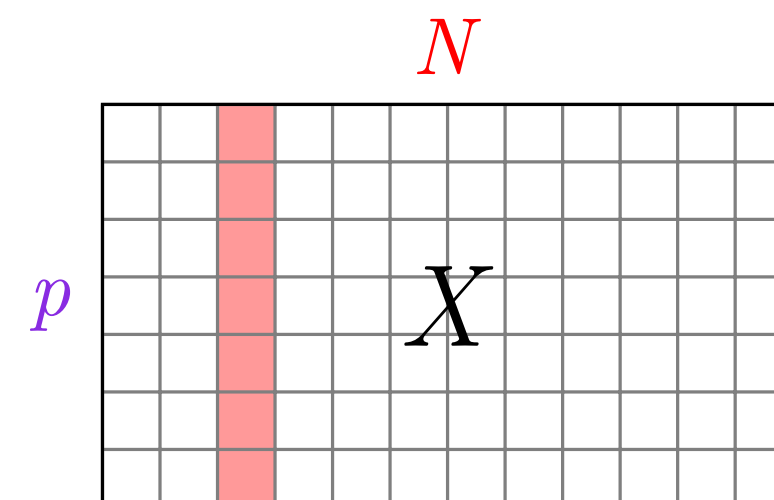
Benefit of preconditioning

After applying ROS, exponentially small chance that

$$\|Y\|_{\text{max-entry}} > \sqrt{\log(Np)}/\sqrt{p}$$

N.B. Since FD is unitary, bounds in spectral/Frobenius norm are unchanged

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Theory: estimating the mean

Given a true mean $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i$, and our estimate of it $\hat{\bar{x}}$ from sampled data,



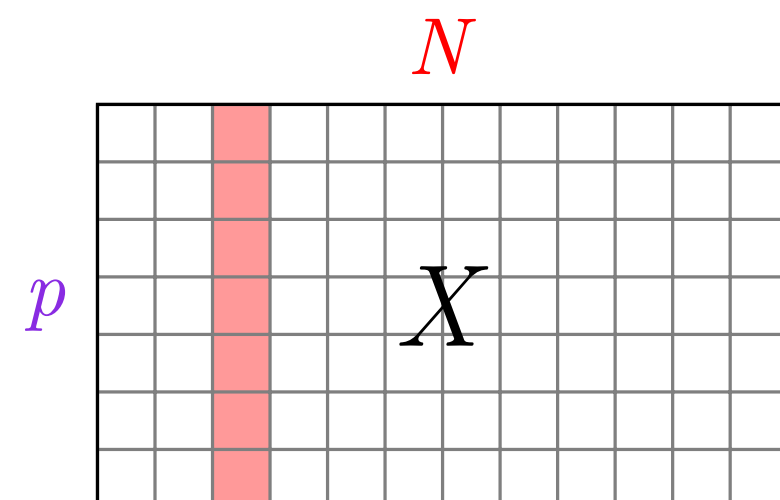
Theorem (Pourkamali-Anaraki & B., *IEEE Trans. Info Theory* 2017)

$\mathbb{E} \hat{\bar{x}} = \bar{x}$ and $\|\hat{\bar{x}} - \bar{x}\|_\infty \leq t$ with probability greater than

$$1 - 2p \exp \left(\frac{-N\gamma t^2/2}{\|X\|_{\max\text{-row}}^2 + t/3\|X\|_{\max\text{-entry}}} \right)$$

where $\gamma = p_{\text{small}}/p$ (simplifying to $p_{\text{small}} \ll p \ll N$)

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Given a true mean $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i$, and our estimate of it $\hat{x}$ from sampled data,

Theorem (Pourkamali-Anaraki & B., *IEEE Trans. Info Theory* 2017)

$\mathbb{E} \hat{x} = \bar{x}$ and $\|\hat{x} - \bar{x}\|_{\infty} \leq t$ with probability greater than

$$1 - 2p \exp \left(\frac{-N\gamma t^2/2}{\|X\|_{\max\text{-row}}^2 + t/3\|X\|_{\max\text{-entry}}} \right)$$

where $\gamma = p_{\text{small}}/p$ (simplifying to $p_{\text{small}} \ll p \ll N$)

If X has normalized columns, then $\|X\|_{\max\text{-entry}} = 1$ and $\|X\|_{\max\text{-row}} = \sqrt{N}$ are possible, which is bad.

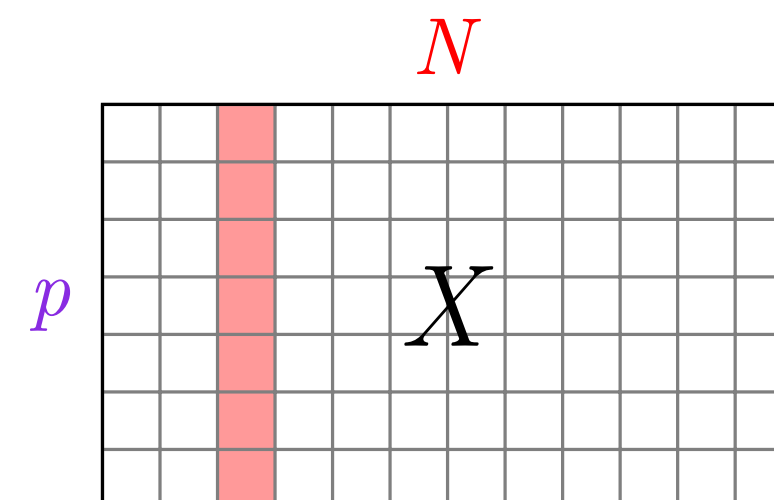
Lemma

If X is preconditioned, then (for $Np = 10^{10}$, $\sqrt{\log(2Np) + 1000} = 32$)

$$\mathbb{P} \left\{ \|X\|_{\max\text{-entry}} \geq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{p}} \cdot \sqrt{\log(2Np) + 1000} \right\} \leq .001$$

$$\mathbb{P} \left\{ \|X\|_{\max\text{-row}} \geq \frac{\sqrt{2N}}{\sqrt{p}} \cdot \sqrt{\log(2Np) + 1000} \right\} \leq .001$$

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Given a true

Probability theory aside

Theor

$$\mathbb{E} \hat{x} =$$

(symmetric Bernoulli, aka Rademacher)
Let $y_i = \pm 1$ be iid Bernoulli, $\hat{x} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N y_i$ (transform of Binomial)

- $\mathbb{E}(\hat{x}) = 0$
- $\text{Var}(\hat{x}) = 1/N$

where

Chebyshev, Markov inequalities

$$\mathbb{P}(|\hat{x}| \geq t) \leq \frac{1}{N t^2}$$

Markov
 $X \geq 0, \mathbb{P}(X \geq t) \leq \frac{\mu}{t}$

Chebyshev
 $\mathbb{P}(|X - \mu| \geq t\sigma) \leq \frac{1}{t^2}$

If X has
possible

Example: $N = 10^4$ and $t = 0.1$, $\mathbb{P}(|\hat{x}| \geq t) \leq 0.01$

Lemm

If X is

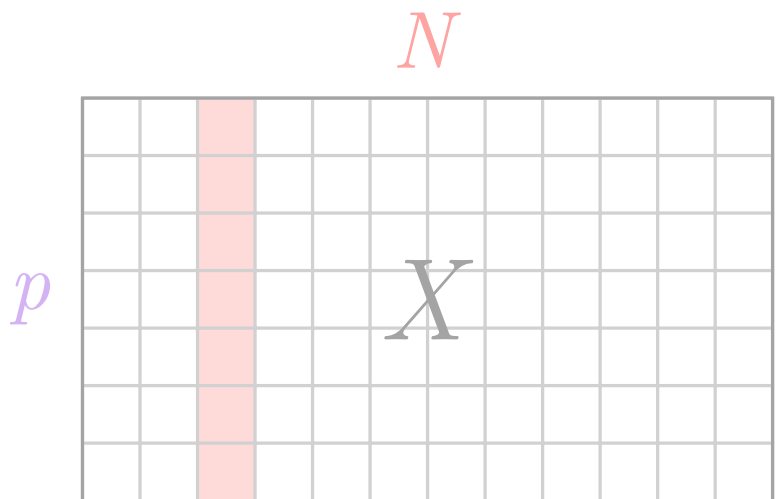
Concentration ineq.

Bernstein, Hoeffding, Chernoff

$$\mathbb{P}(|\hat{x}| \geq t) \leq 2 \exp \left(\frac{-N t^2 / 2}{1 + t/3} \right)$$

Example: $N = 10^4$ and $t = 0.1$, $\mathbb{P}(|\hat{x}| \geq t) \leq 2 \cdot 10^{-21}$

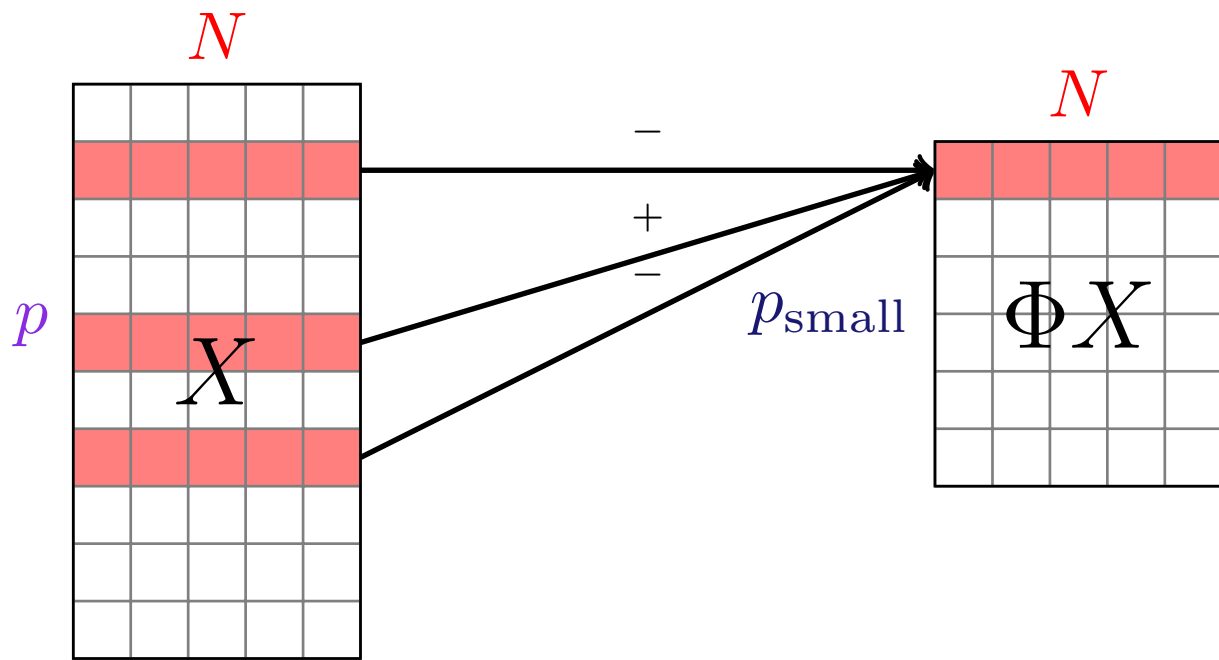
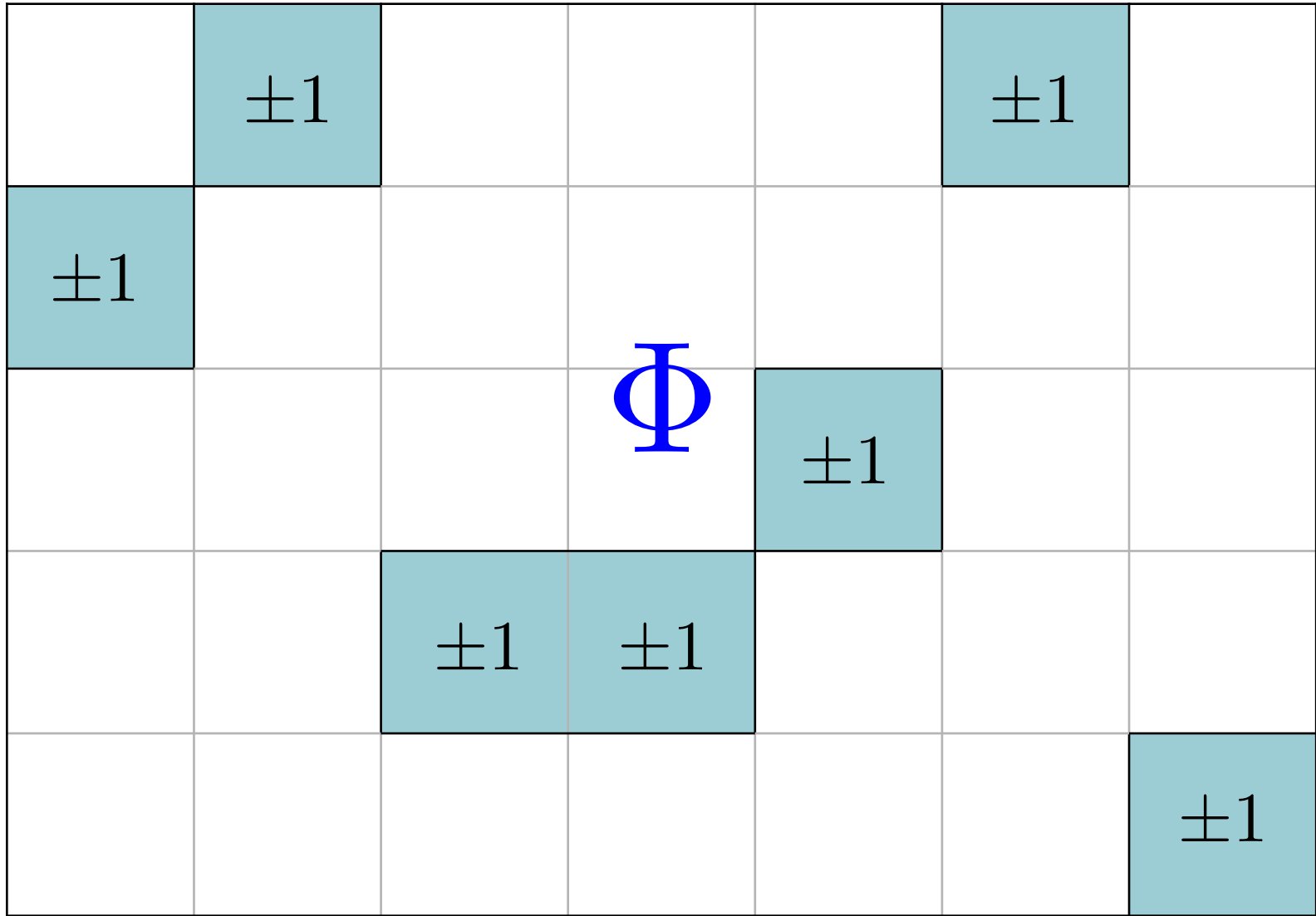
intuition: central limit theorem says random sums of iid rv should look Gaussian, and for a Gaussian, we have exponential concentration



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p_{small}



Introduced in Charikar et al. (2004), more analysis in, e.g., Clarkson and Woodruff (2017)

Based on **hash functions**
(as a side-effect, doesn't need full iid random variables for analysis to work)

See “appendix” of these slides for more details

Every column has exactly 1 nonzero entry, location chosen uniformly at random (and value is a Rademacher r.v.)

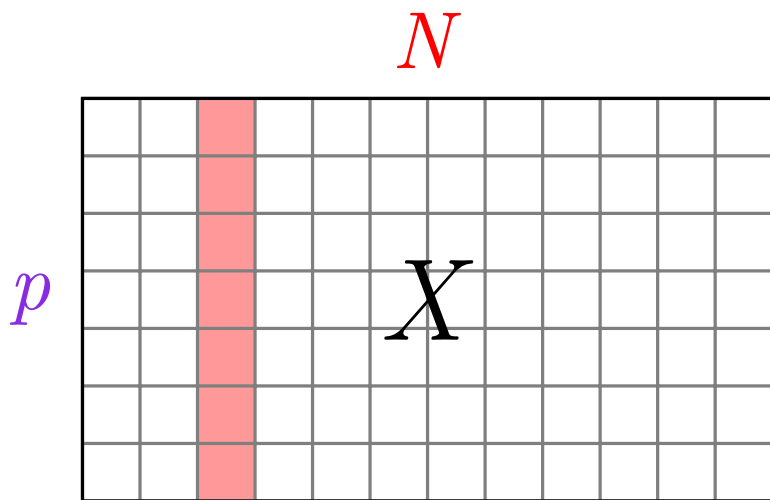
Has some guarantees, though not as good as a Gaussian (and not a JLT)

... but it's very **fast** to apply

cost: $\text{nnz}(X)$, so no more than pN (vs $p_{\text{small}}pN$ with a Gaussian)



new linear algebra application in: Malik & B. "Fast randomized matrix and tensor interpolative decomposition using CountSketch", *Adv. Comp. Math* (2020)



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Not (yet!) related to tensors

Two tricks:

- **Computationally**, combine small sketches in a convenient way
- For **analysis**, we lose **independence**, but CountSketch analysis didn't require full independence!

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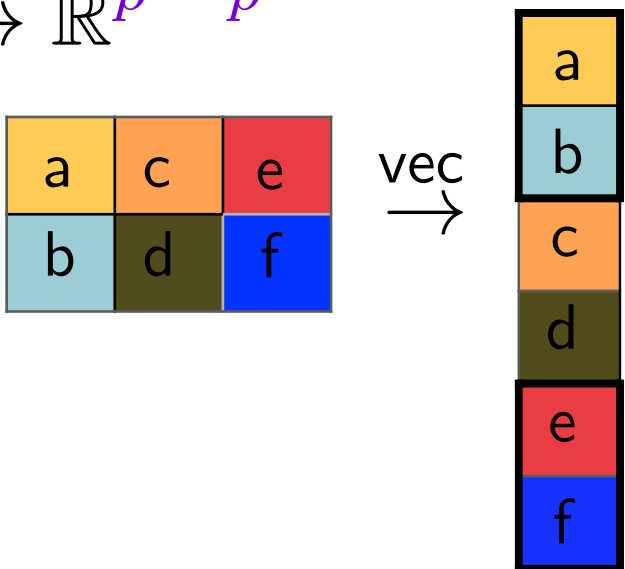
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another equivalent definition:

$$\mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{b} = \text{vec}_{\text{col}}(\mathbf{b} \mathbf{a}^T)$$

$$\mathbf{b} \mathbf{a}^T = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 a_1 & b_1 a_2 & b_1 a_3 \\ b_2 a_1 & b_2 a_2 & b_2 a_3 \\ b_3 a_1 & b_3 a_2 & b_3 a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 b_1 & a_2 b_1 & a_3 b_1 \\ a_1 b_2 & a_2 b_2 & a_3 b_2 \\ a_1 b_3 & a_2 b_3 & a_3 b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{vec} : \mathbb{R}^{p^{(1)} \times p^{(2)}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{p^{(1)} p^{(2)}}$$



$$\text{mat} = \text{vec}^{-1}$$

more generally,

$$(\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B}) \text{vec}_{\text{col}}(\mathbf{X}) = \text{vec}_{\text{col}}(\mathbf{B} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{A}^T)$$

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From vector case $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}^{(1)} \otimes \mathbf{v}^{(2)}$ to matrix case $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^{(1)} \otimes \mathbf{A}^{(2)} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbf{A}^{(N)}$

Recall the **Kronecker** product:

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B} = \\ \begin{array}{cc} \nearrow & \nwarrow \\ I \times J & K \times L \end{array} \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}\mathbf{B} & a_{12}\mathbf{B} & \cdots & a_{1J}\mathbf{B} \\ a_{21}\mathbf{B} & a_{22}\mathbf{B} & \cdots & a_{2J}\mathbf{B} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{I1}\mathbf{B} & a_{I2}\mathbf{B} & \cdots & a_{IJ}\mathbf{B} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{IK \times JL}$$

$$= [\mathbf{a}_1 \otimes \mathbf{b}_1 \quad \mathbf{a}_1 \otimes \mathbf{b}_2 \quad \mathbf{a}_1 \otimes \mathbf{b}_3 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{a}_J \otimes \mathbf{b}_{L-1} \quad \mathbf{a}_J \otimes \mathbf{b}_L]$$

Khatri-Rao product $\mathbf{A} \odot \mathbf{B} = [\mathbf{a}_1 \otimes \mathbf{b}_1 \quad \mathbf{a}_2 \otimes \mathbf{b}_2 \cdots \mathbf{a}_L \otimes \mathbf{b}_L] \in \mathbb{R}^{IK \times L} \quad (J = L)$

Observe $\mathbf{a} \circ \mathbf{b} = (\mathbf{a}^\top \odot \mathbf{b}^\top)^\top$

pointwise multiplication (aka Hadamard product)

and with some work, $\Phi_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{FFT}^{-1} \left(\left(\bigodot_{n=1}^N \left(\text{FFT} \left(\mathbf{S}^{(n)} \mathbf{A}^{(n)} \right) \right)^\top \right)^\top \right)$

if $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^{(1)} \otimes \mathbf{A}^{(2)} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbf{A}^{(N)}$

small countSketch

FFTs are doing circular convolution, i.e., multiplying polynomials modulo a fixed modulus. See appendix

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$$\Phi_{\mathcal{T}} : \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{p_{\text{small}}}$$

$$p = p^{(1)} \cdot p^{(2)}$$

Complexity (per mat-vec):

CountSketch applied as TensorSketch

$\mathcal{O}(p^{(1)} + p^{(2)} + p_{\text{small}} \log p_{\text{small}})$

vs

CountSketch applied naively

$\mathcal{O}(p^{(1)} \cdot p^{(2)})$

vs

generic dense matrix multiply

$\mathcal{O}(p^{(1)} \cdot p^{(2)} \cdot p_{\text{small}})$

small CountSketches

polynomial multiplication via FFTs

Savings grow as we have more tensor products

If $p = p^{(1)} p^{(2)} \dots p^{(q)}$

$$\mathcal{O}(p^{(1)} + p^{(2)} + \dots p^{(q)} + p_{\text{small}} \log p_{\text{small}}) \quad \text{vs} \quad \mathcal{O}(p^{(1)} p^{(2)} \dots p^{(q)})$$

(Even larger savings if input factor matrices are **sparse**)



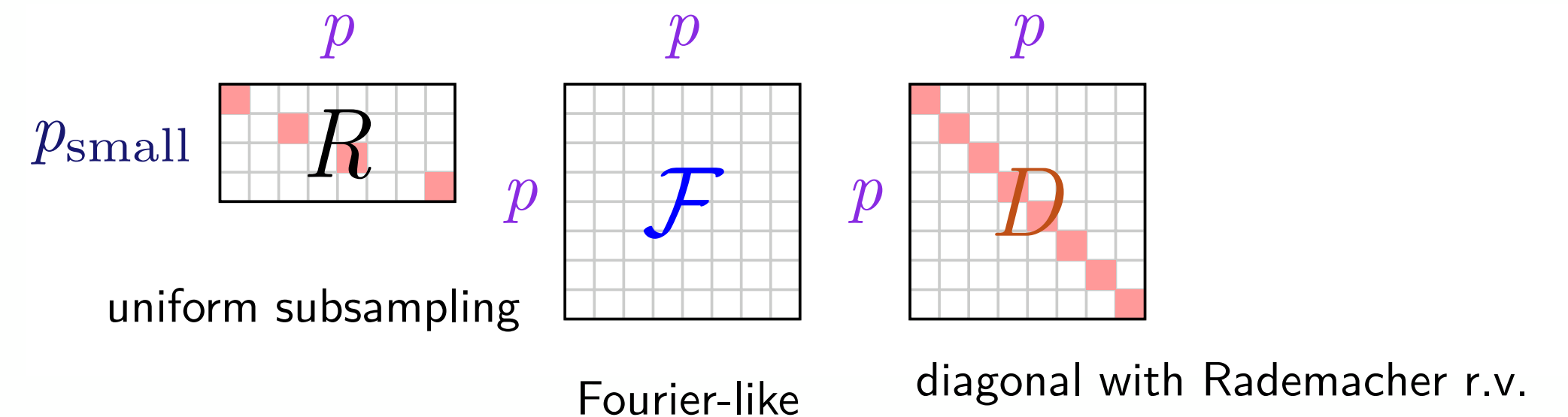
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As for TensorSketch, suppose each column of data looks like $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}^{(1)} \otimes \mathbf{v}^{(2)}$

sizes: $p = p^{(1)} \cdot p^{(2)}$

Recall the Fast Johnson-Lindenstrauss (FJLT): $\Phi = R\mathcal{F}D$



The **Kronecker** FJLT has a similar structure:

$$\Phi_{\text{KFJLT}} = R \left(\overset{\substack{p^{(1)} \times p^{(1)} \\ \text{size}}}{\mathcal{F}^{(1)} D^{(1)}} \otimes \overset{\substack{p^{(2)} \times p^{(2)} \\ \text{size}}}{\mathcal{F}^{(2)} D^{(2)}} \right)$$

which is efficient to apply since

$$R \left(\mathcal{F}^{(1)} D^{(1)} \otimes \mathcal{F}^{(2)} D^{(2)} \right) \cdot \left(\mathbf{v}^{(1)} \otimes \mathbf{v}^{(2)} \right) = R \left(\left(\mathcal{F}^{(1)} D^{(1)} \mathbf{v}^{(1)} \right) \otimes \left(\mathcal{F}^{(2)} D^{(2)} \mathbf{v}^{(2)} \right) \right)$$

and uniform subsampling can be done implicitly without forming this



○ Battaglino, Ballard, Kolda, “A practical randomized CP tensor decomposition”, *SIAM J. Matrix Anal. Appl.* (2018)

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If all datapoints have a Kronecker structure, $p_{\text{small}} > \frac{16}{2} \frac{4^q}{\varepsilon^2} \log \left(\frac{4N^2(q+1)}{\delta} \right) \log \left(\frac{4p^{(1)}N^2(q+1)}{\delta} \right) \dots \log \left(\frac{4p^{(q)}N^2(q+1)}{\delta} \right)$ and $\Phi = \Phi_{\text{KFJLT}}$ then with probability at least $1 - \delta$

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proof idea: FJLT keeps leverage scores almost uniform. With Kronecker product structure, this is (almost) true also, due to properties of **leverage scores of Kronecker products**

in fact, can extend. See: **Malik**, Xu, Cheng, B., Doostan, Narayan.
 “Fast Algorithms for Monotone Lower Subsets of Kronecker Least Squares Problems”,
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2209.05662>



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Theorem (Johnson-Lindenstrauss, 1984 (and Indyk-Motwani, 1998))

Choose $\Phi = \Phi_{\text{randn}}$ with $p_{\text{small}} \propto \varepsilon^{-2} \log N$ iid rows each $\mathcal{N}(0, p/p_{\text{small}})$, then for all $x_i, x_j \in \{x_1, \dots, x_N\} \subset \mathbb{R}^p$,

for reference:

$$1 - \varepsilon \leq \frac{\|\Phi x_i - \Phi x_j\|_2}{\|x_i - x_j\|_2} \leq 1 + \varepsilon$$

with constant probability.

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BLENDENPIK, LSRN

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Sarlos, Woodruff, Mahoney, etc.

“sketch-to-solve”

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- ▶ Theoretical bounds on objective error if Φ has $p_{\text{small}} = N \operatorname{polylog}(N)$ rows
 - ▶ i.e., p_{small} is independent of p

For a sub-sampling sketch, this lets you avoid even computing some entries of b , which can be very useful when each entry of b is, e.g., the output of a simulation

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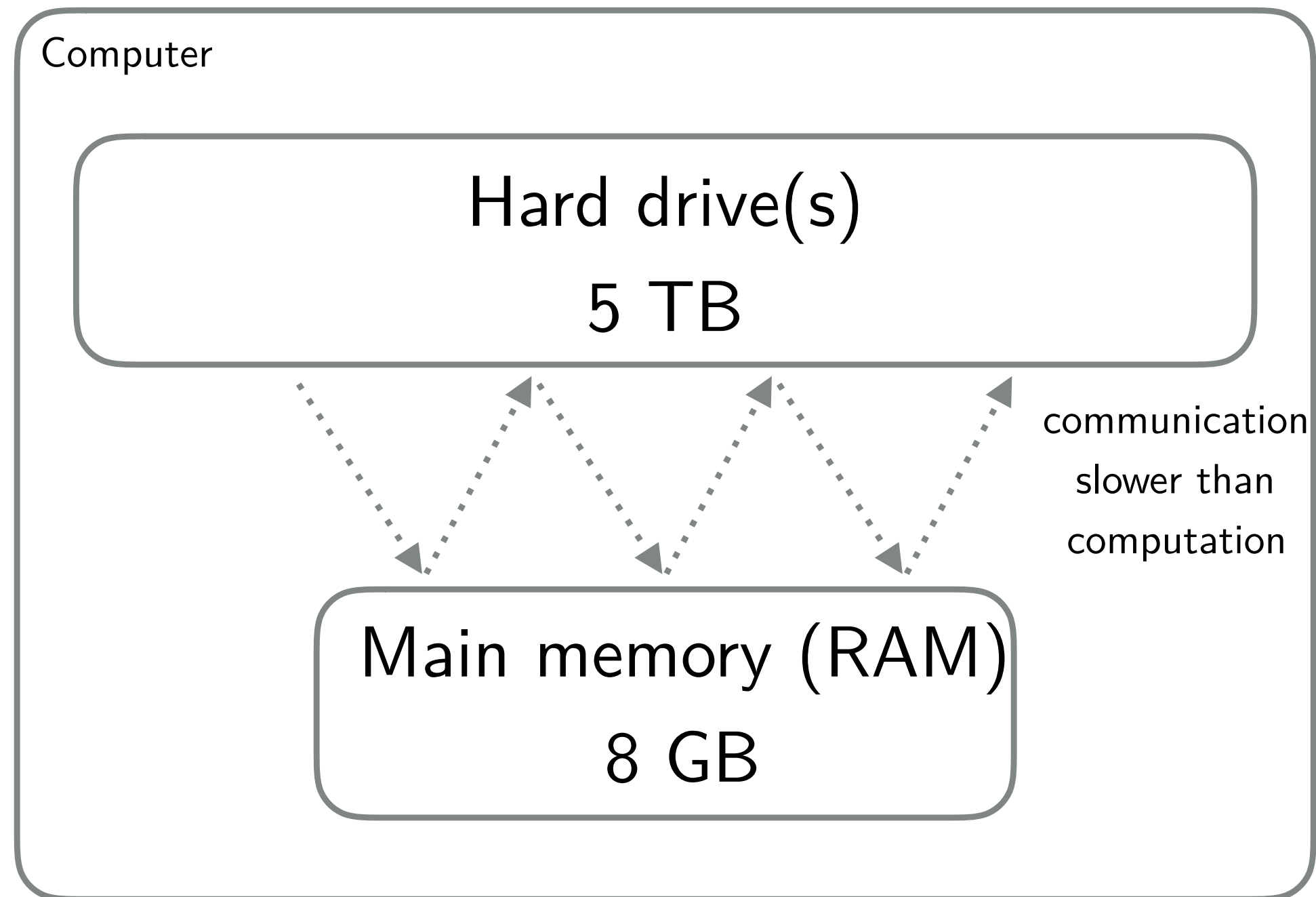
Other applications: SVDs, matrix multiplies, Nystrom/CUR/Interpolative Decompositions, QR without pivoting

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Interlude: one-pass methods

Single computer



Often want to minimize number of **passes** through a dataset if it's large

- *communication cost* can be significant
- in the extreme case, new data is constantly **streaming** in and we could never store it all

Think of a **pass** as a “for” loop through the dataset

Streaming is a special case of a “**one-pass**” method

Example: google indexing the web is **streaming**

1. Google finds a website and downloads the site
2. Applies algorithm to index/categorize/rank it
3. Discards the website (keeps only meta-data, ranking, etc.)
4. Never has to store entire WWW *all at once*

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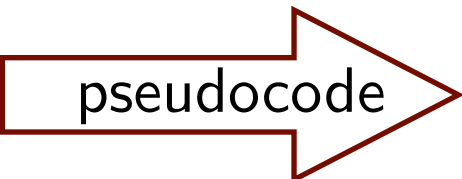
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Example: computing the sample variance $\hat{\sigma}^2$

2-pass method

pass #1

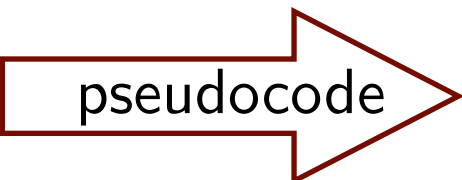
$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{\mu} = 0 \\ \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n \\ \quad \hat{\mu} \leftarrow \hat{\mu} + x_i \\ \hat{\mu} \leftarrow \frac{1}{n} \hat{\mu} \end{array} \right.$$

pass #2

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\mu})^2$$



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{\sigma}^2 = 0 \\ \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n \\ \quad \hat{\sigma}^2 \leftarrow \hat{\sigma}^2 + (x_i - \hat{\mu})^2 \\ \hat{\sigma}^2 \leftarrow \frac{1}{n-1} \hat{\sigma}^2 \end{array} \right.$$

1-pass method

motivation: $\text{Var}[X] = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}[X]^2$

pass #1

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{\mu} = 0, \ s = 0 \\ \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n \\ \quad \hat{\mu} \leftarrow \hat{\mu} + x_i \\ \quad s \leftarrow s + x_i^2 \\ \hat{\sigma}^2 \leftarrow \frac{1}{n-1} (s - \hat{\mu}^2) \end{array} \right.$$

Interlude: one-pass methods

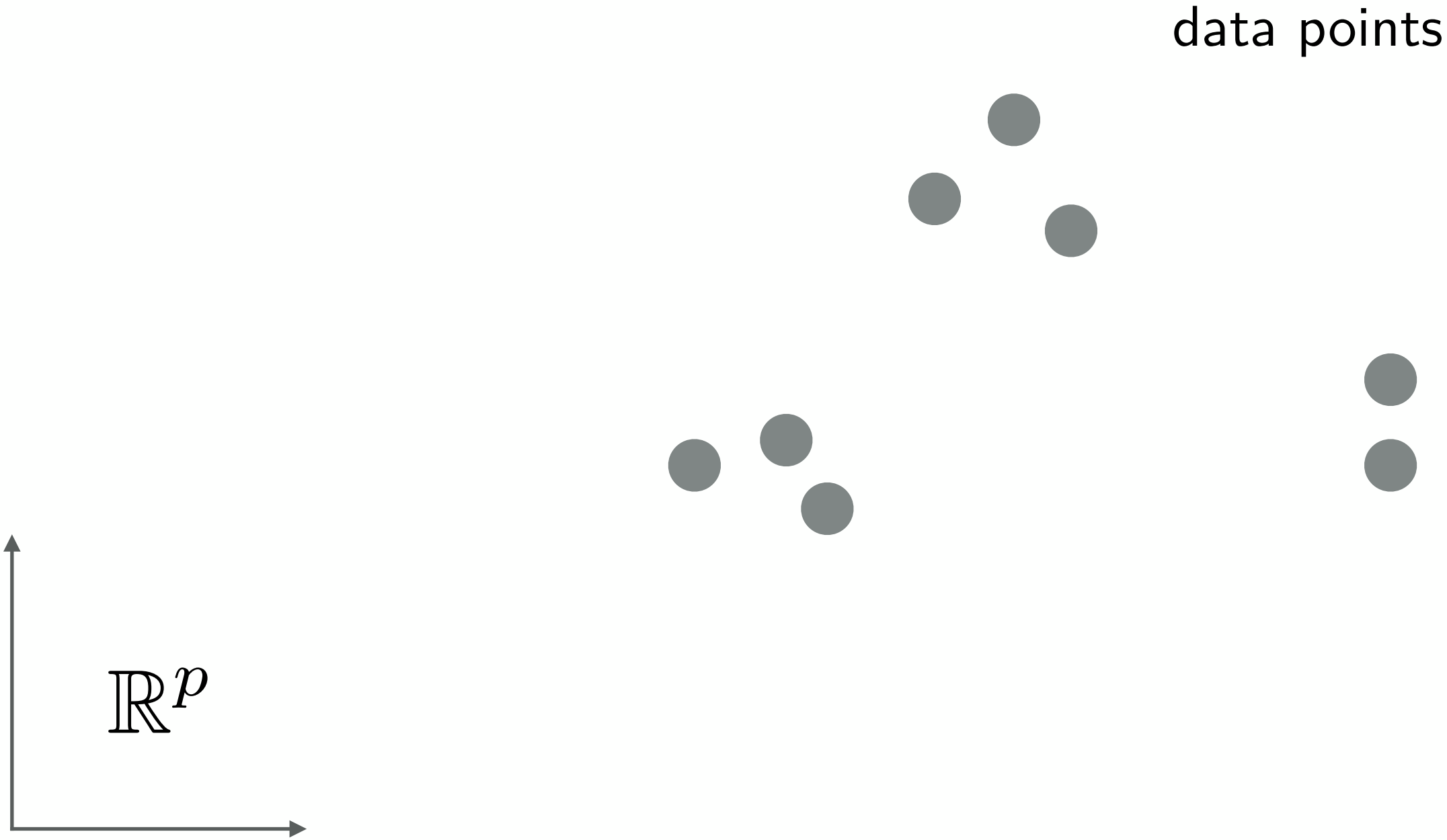
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A major application of **sketching** is to create **one-pass** algorithms:

we spend one-pass to apply the sketch, and the sketched data is then small enough that we don't “count it” in our budget anymore

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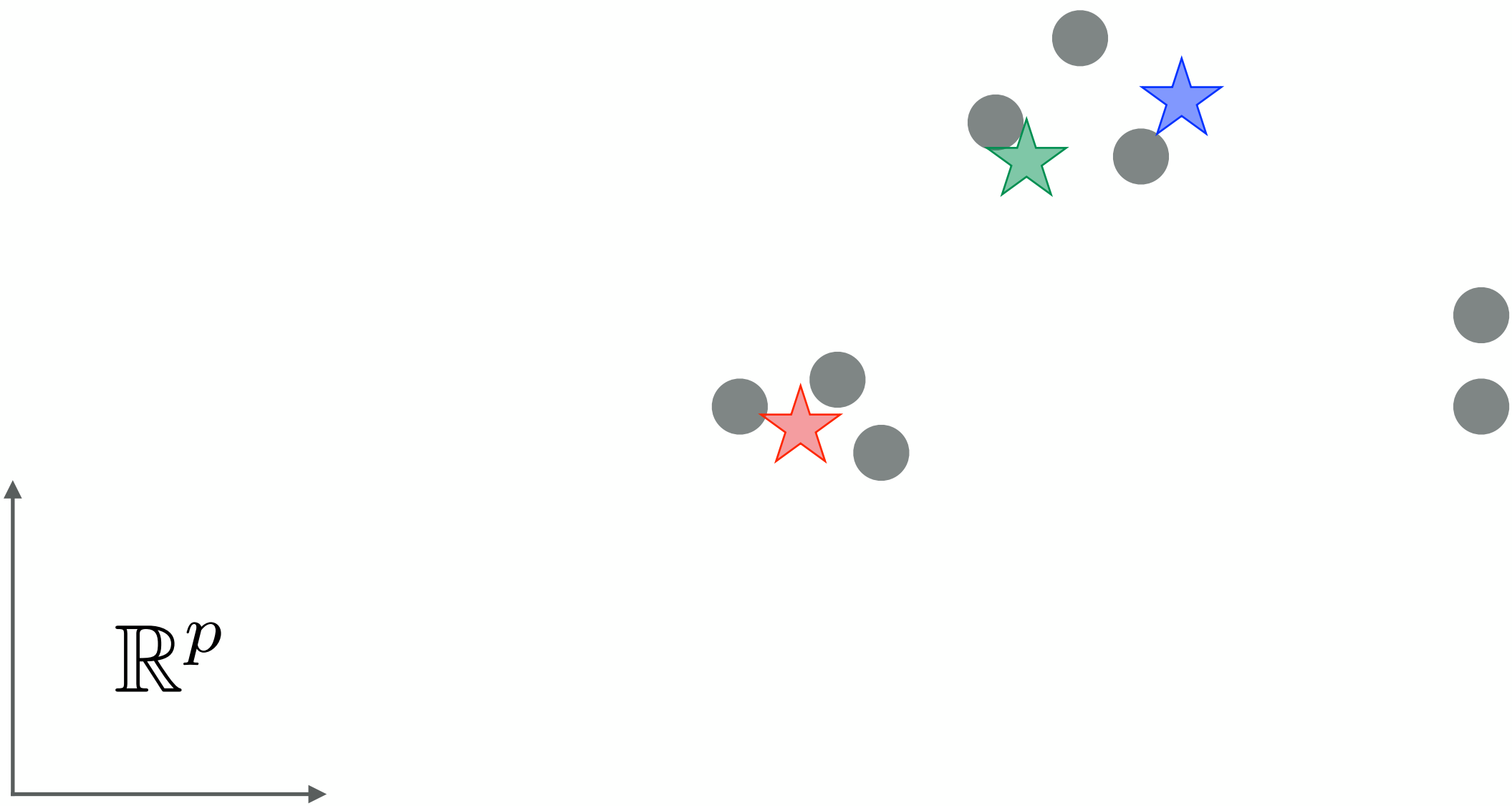
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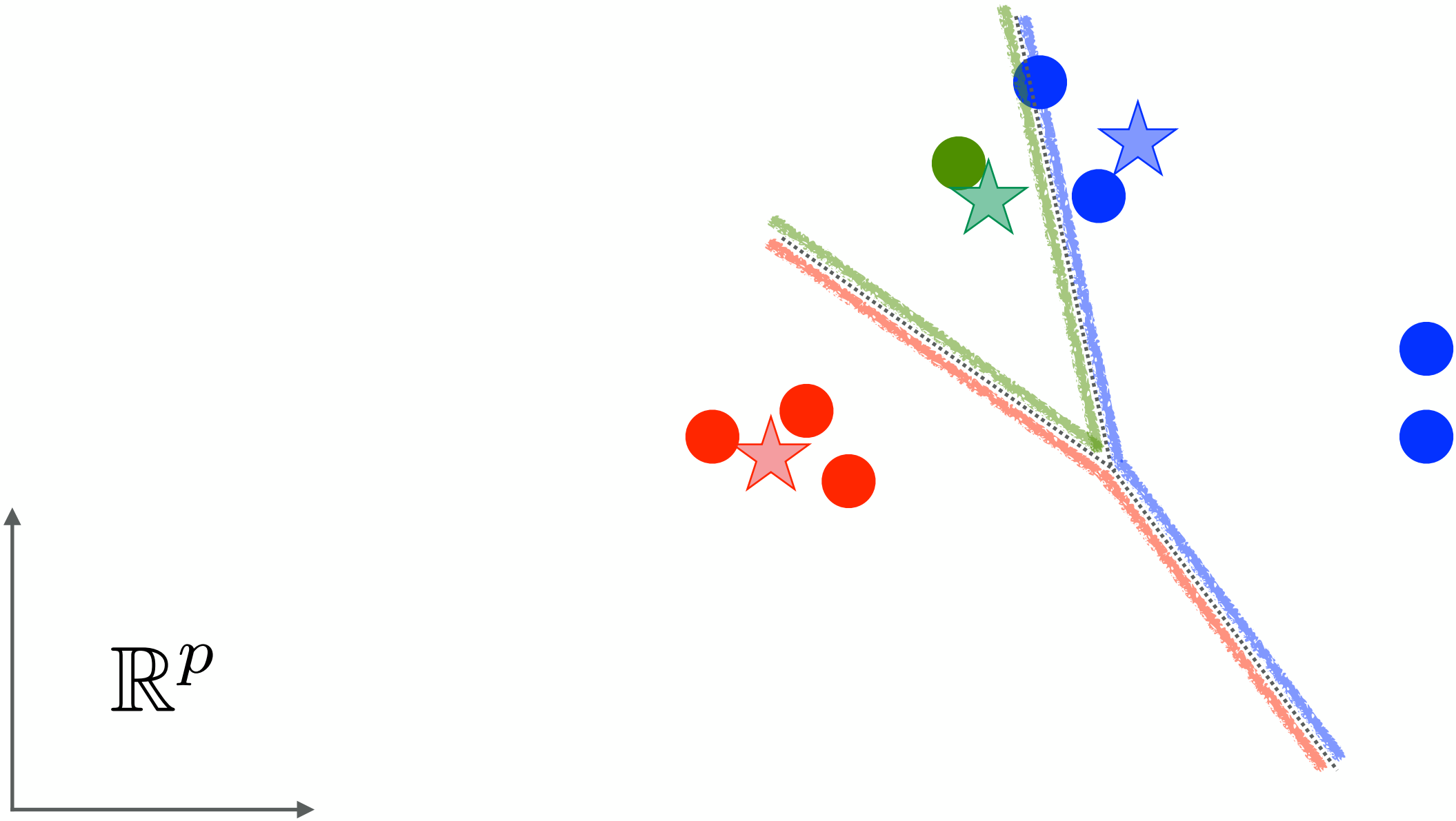
Step: initialize with guesses for cluster **centers**



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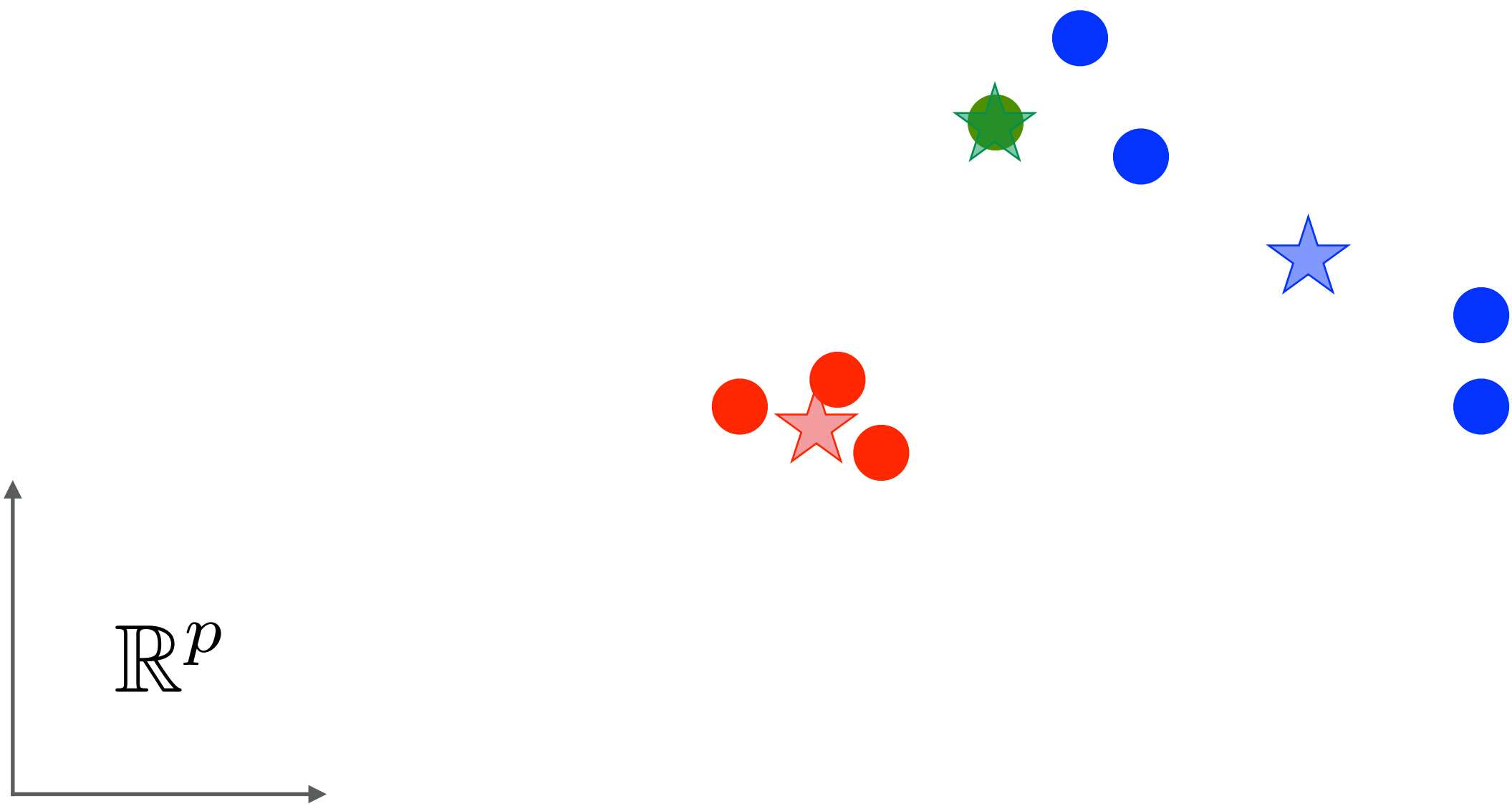
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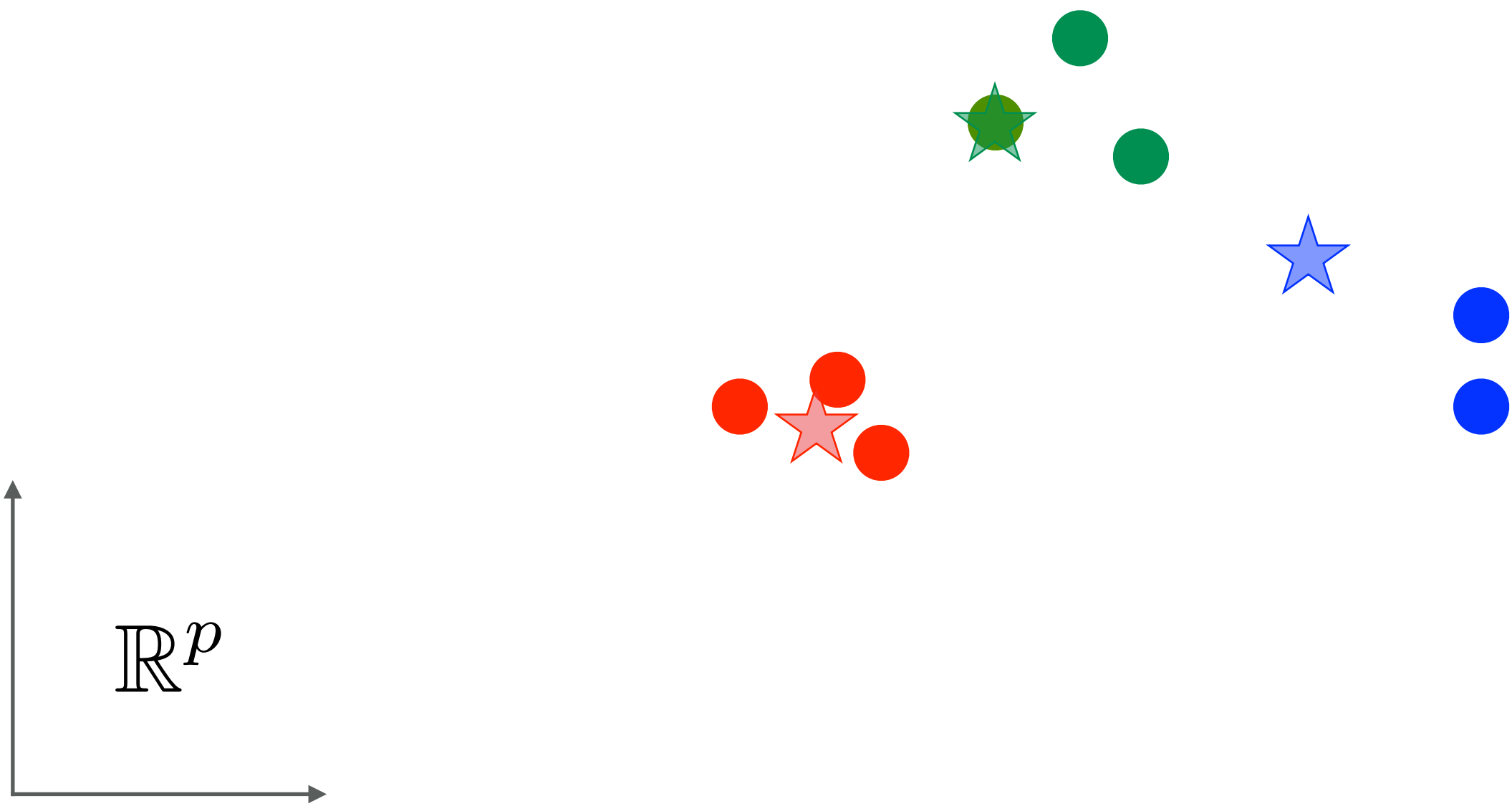
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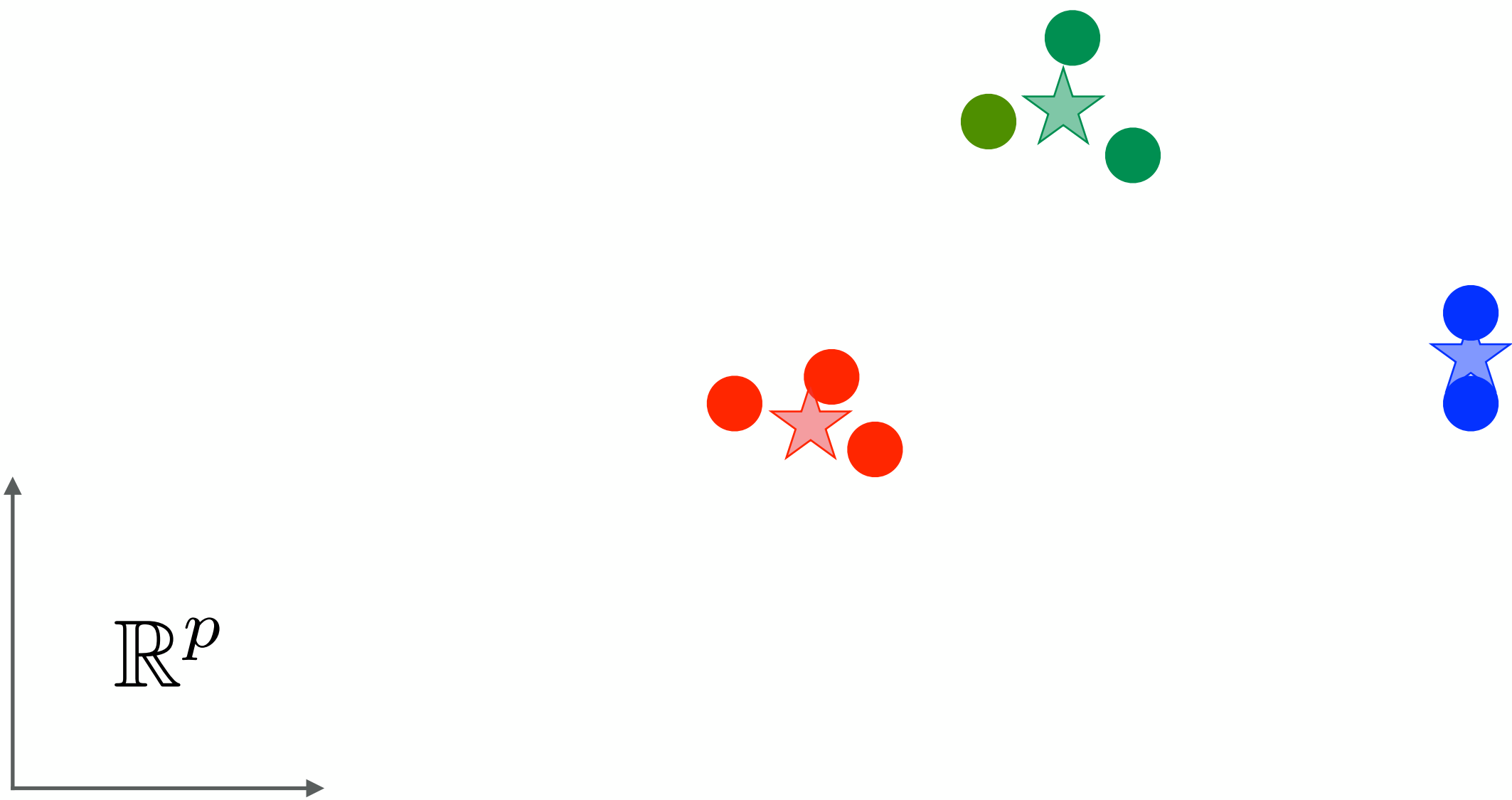
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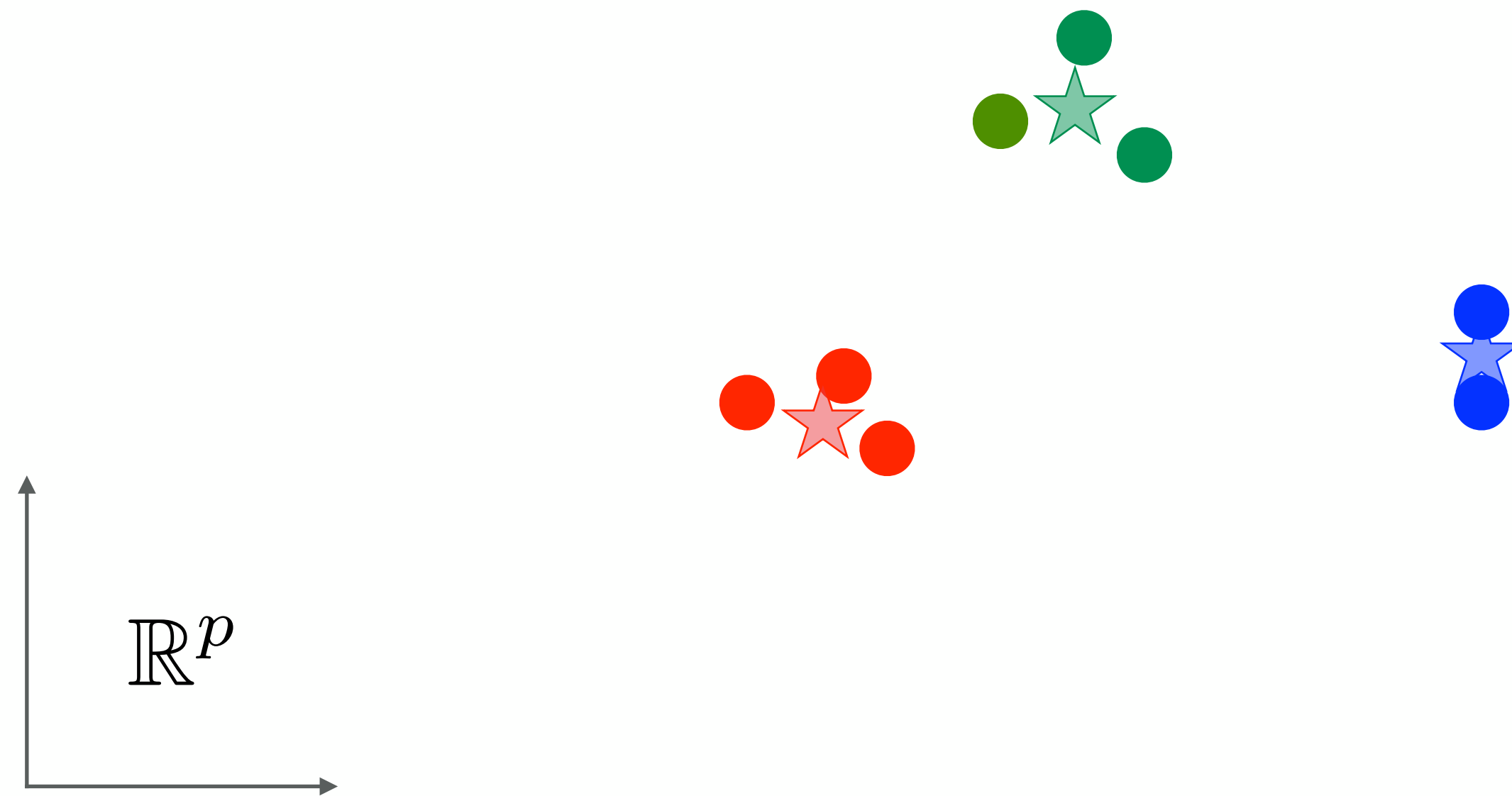
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Theorem:

K-means procedure (Lloyd's algorithm) converges*

Proof:

There are only a finite number of assignments, and we can never cycle since each iteration is an improvement

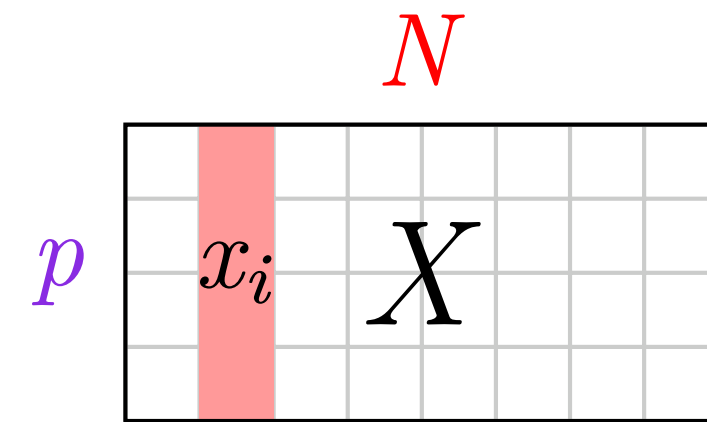
** but it need not converge to the optimal solution!*

K-means clustering: complexity

Hard K-means / Lloyd's algorithm:

$$\{x_i\}_{i=1,\dots,N} \subset \mathbb{R}^p$$

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2. Update assignments $c_i \in \{1, \dots, K\}$ for $i = 1, \dots, N$



Let $X = (x_i)_{i=1,\dots,N}$

To update assignment of x_i :

- Compute $\|x_i - \mu_k\|$ (cost: p flops).
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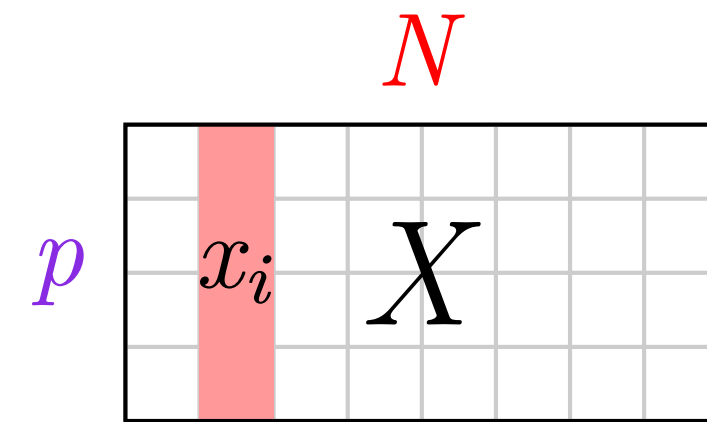
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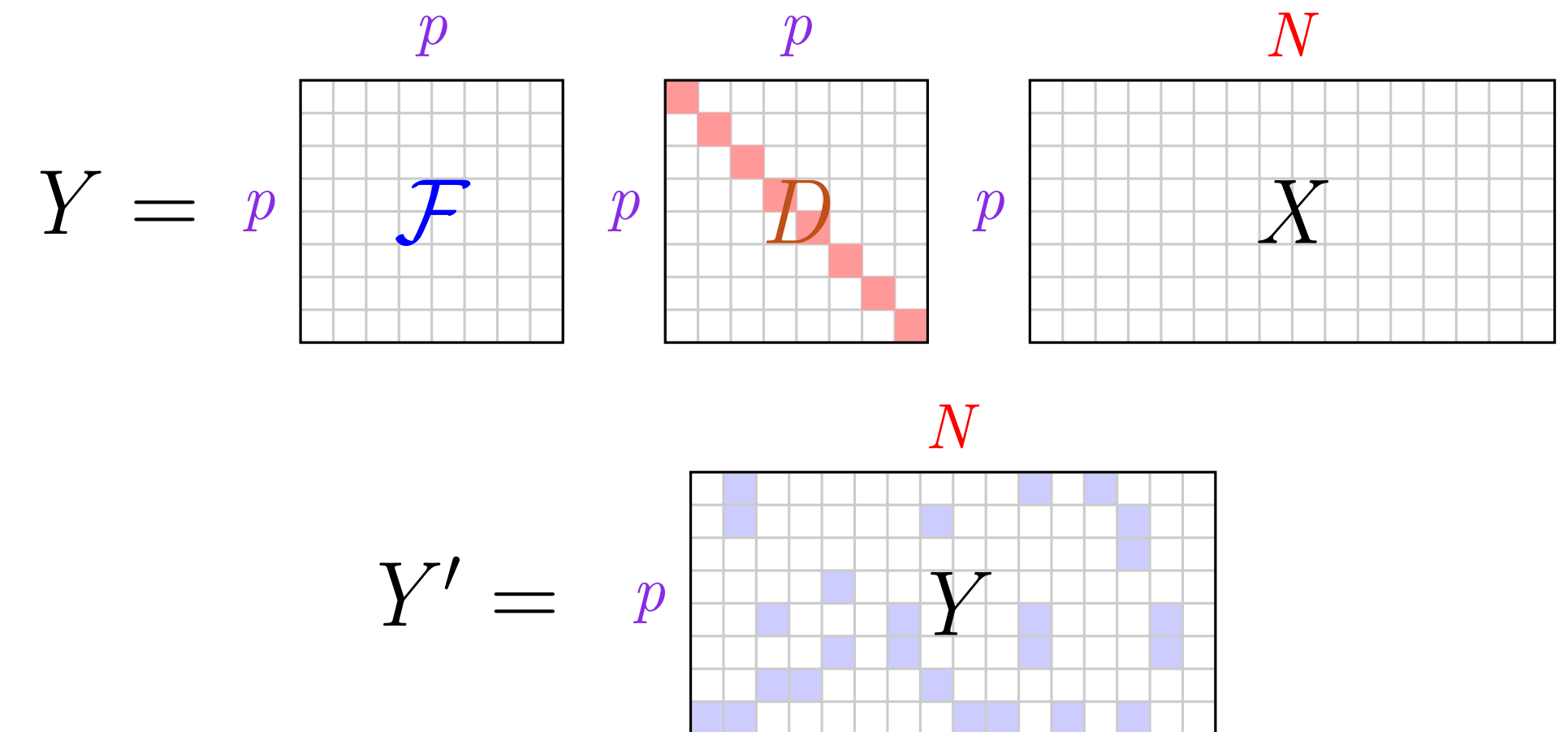
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Because we're estimating the mean, we can use the theorems discussed earlier!

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Our sampling is suitable for **streaming** data

Our idea: apply "preconditioned" entry-wise subsampling



Given a true mean $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i$, and our estimate of it $\hat{x}$ from sampled data,

Theorem (Pourkamali-Anaraki & B., *IEEE Trans. Info Theory* 2017)

$\mathbb{E} \hat{x} = \bar{x}$ and $\|\hat{x} - \bar{x}\|_\infty \leq t$ with probability greater than

$$1 - 2p \exp\left(\frac{-N\gamma t^2/2}{\|X\|_{\max\text{-row}}^2 + t/3\|X\|_{\max\text{-entry}}}\right)$$

where $\gamma = p_{\text{small}}/p$

(simplifying to $p_{\text{small}} \ll p \ll N$)

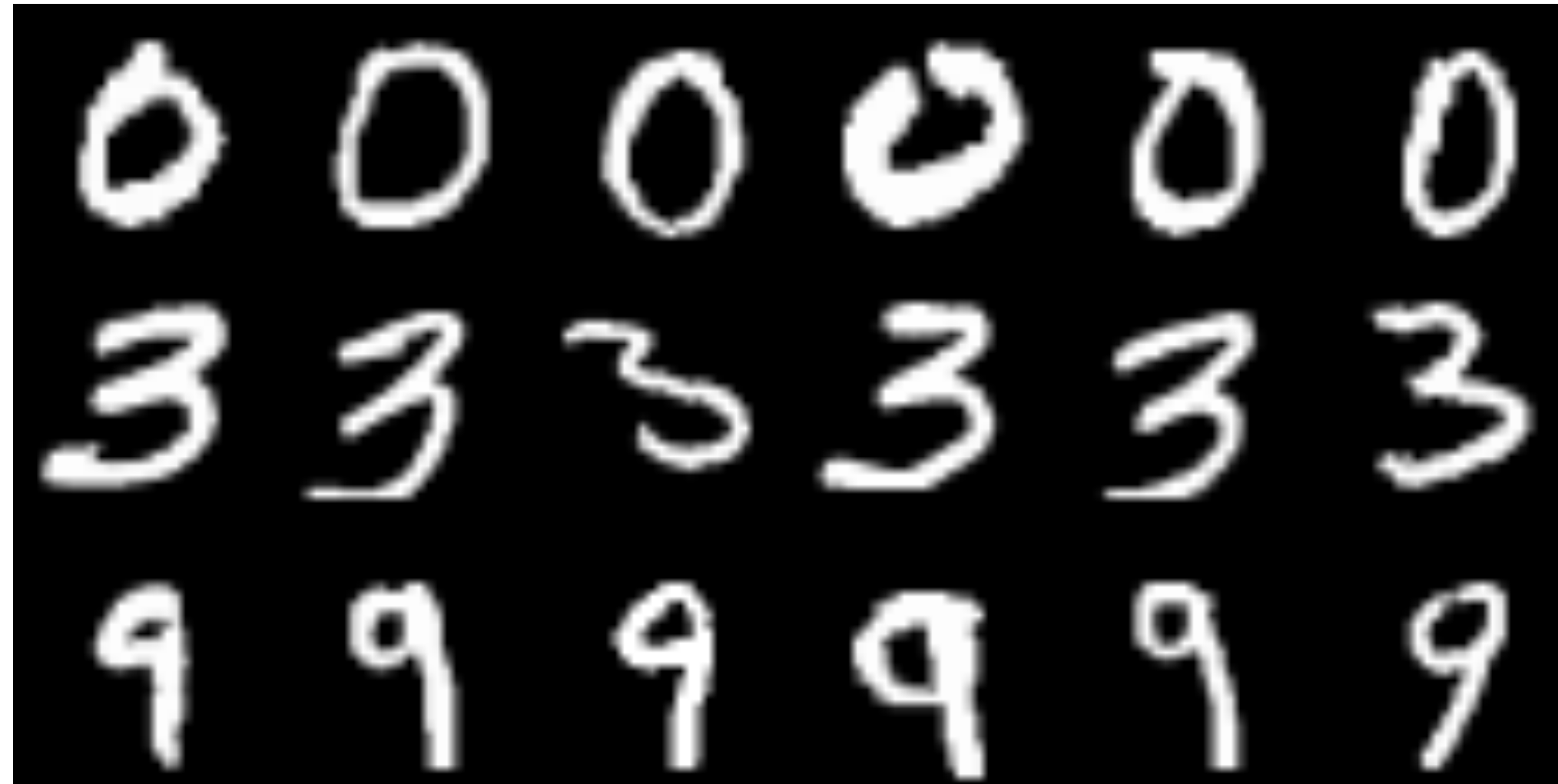


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Goal: recover cluster centers, using K-means clustering algorithm

Data: $N = 21,002$ examples of 28×28 pixel images ($p = 784$)



Experiments: MNIST handwritten digits



(a) true cluster centers



(b) K-means, many passes

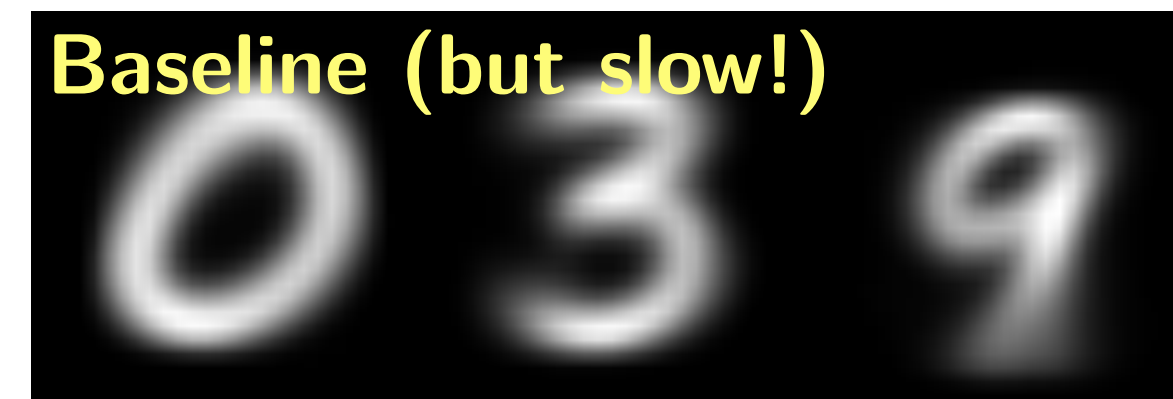
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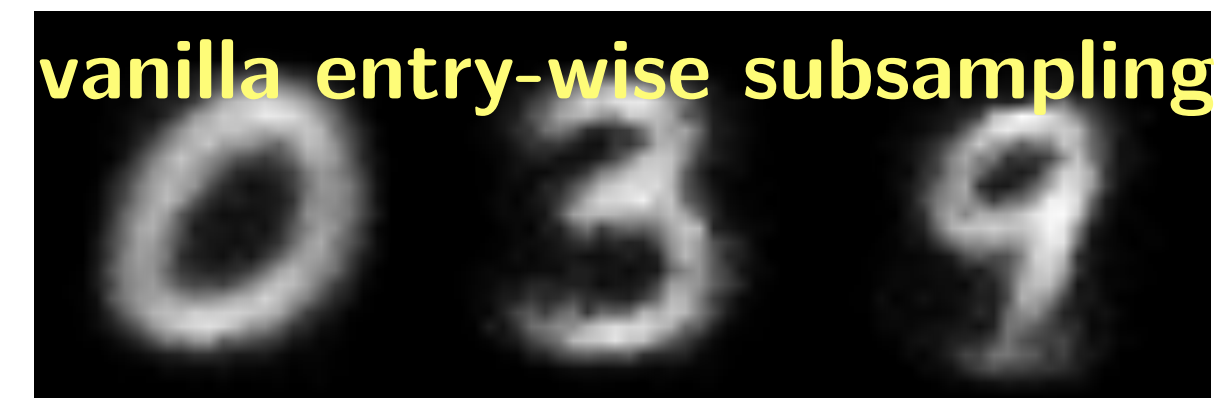
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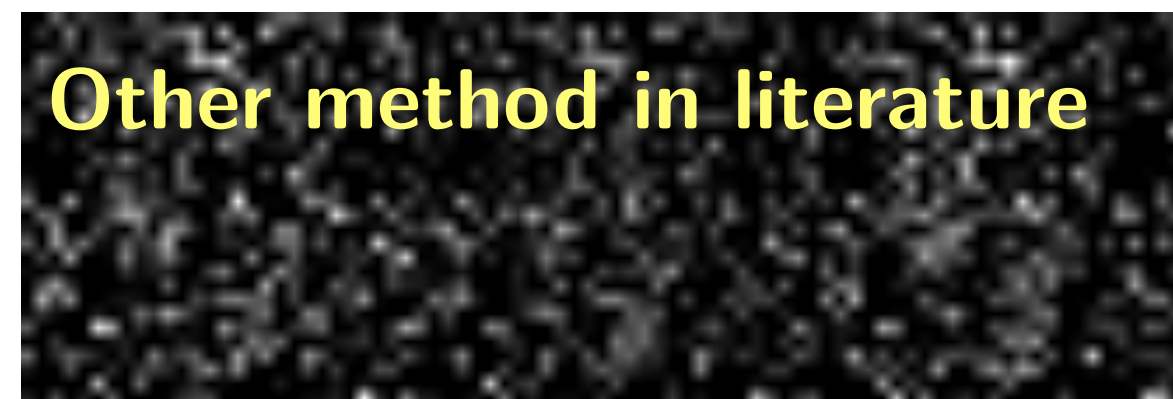
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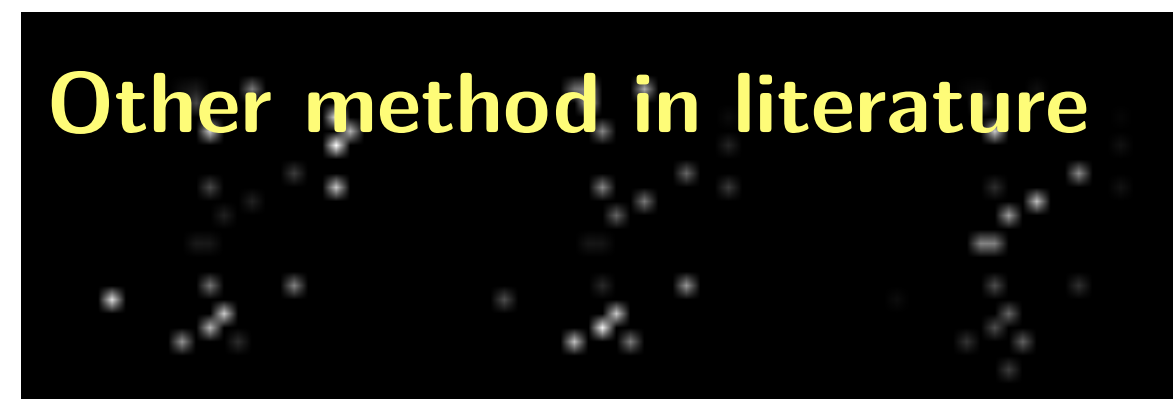
(b) K-means, many passes



(c) sparsified K-means, 1 pass,
no preconditioning



(g) feature extraction, 1 pass



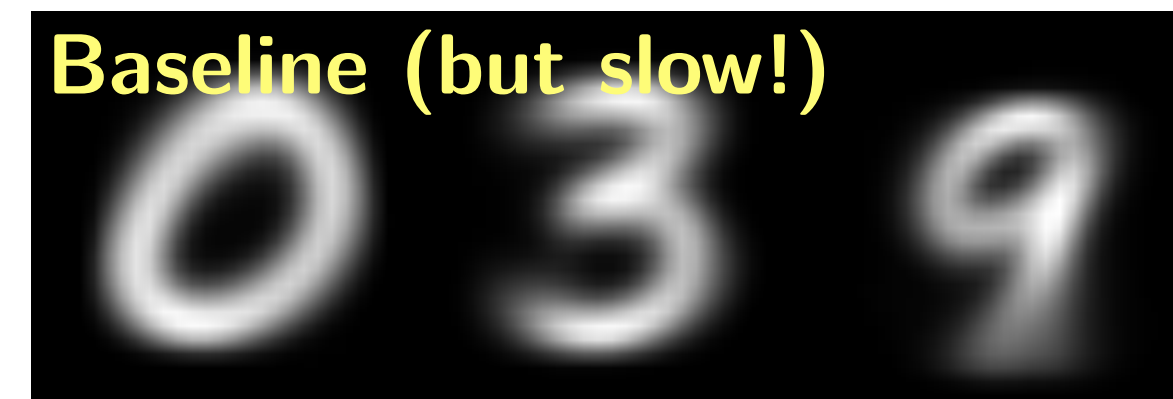
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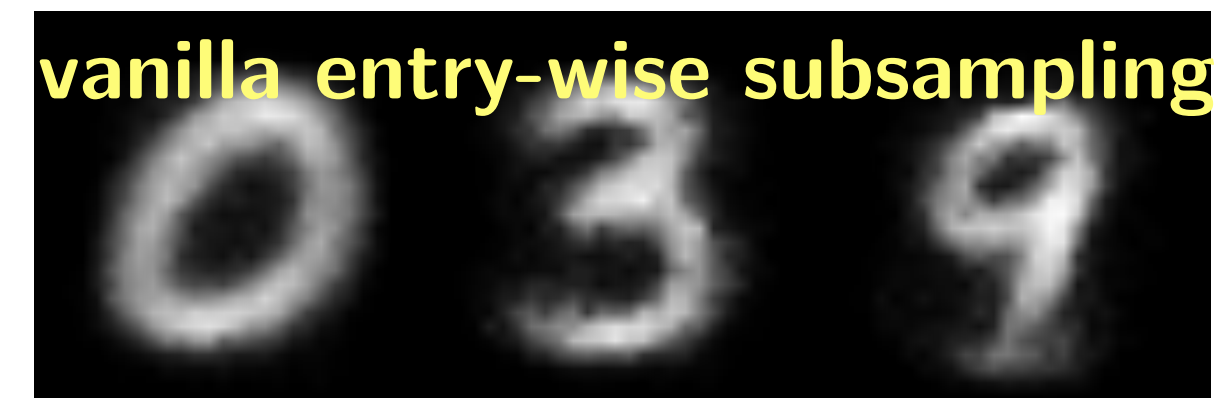
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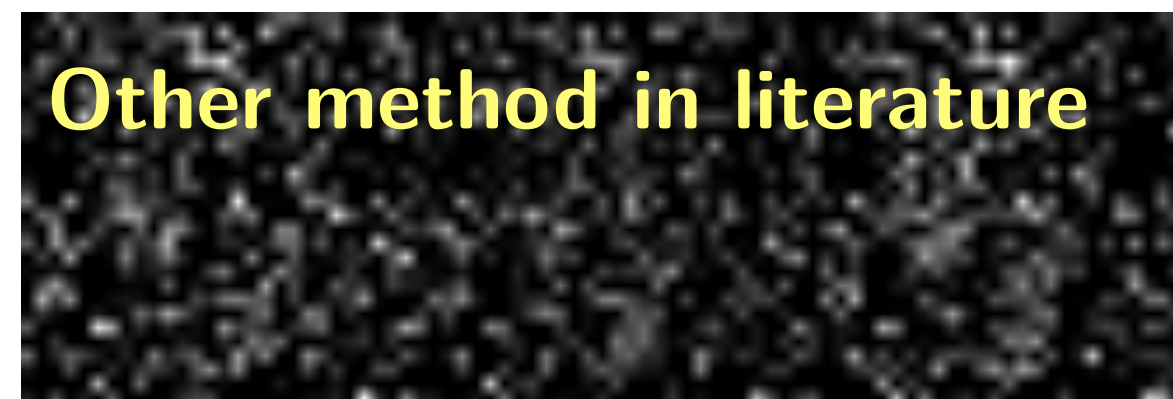
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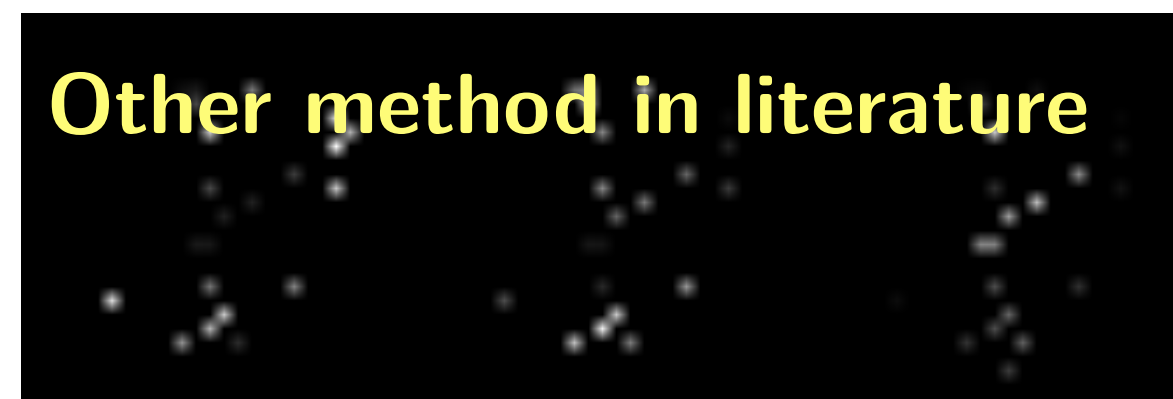
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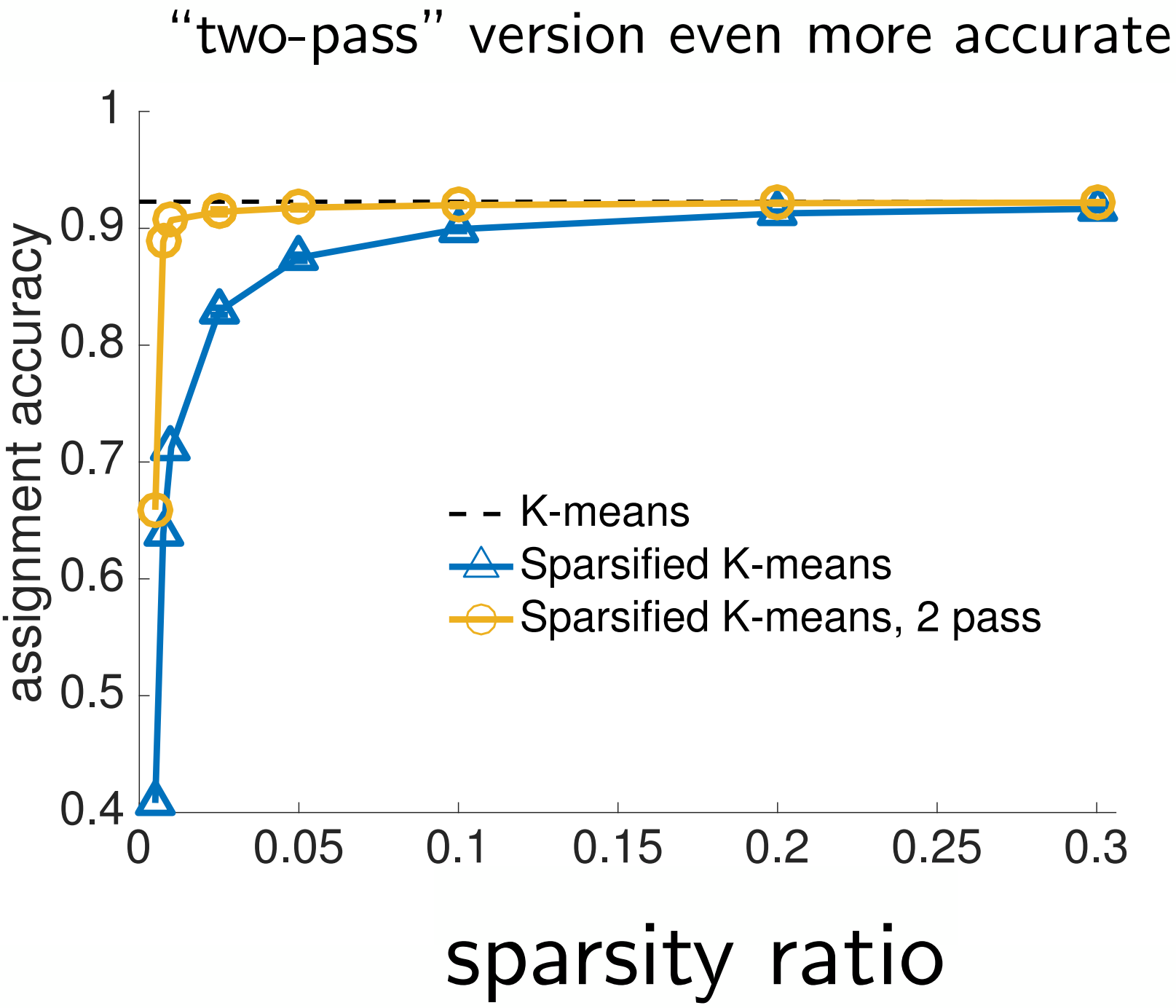
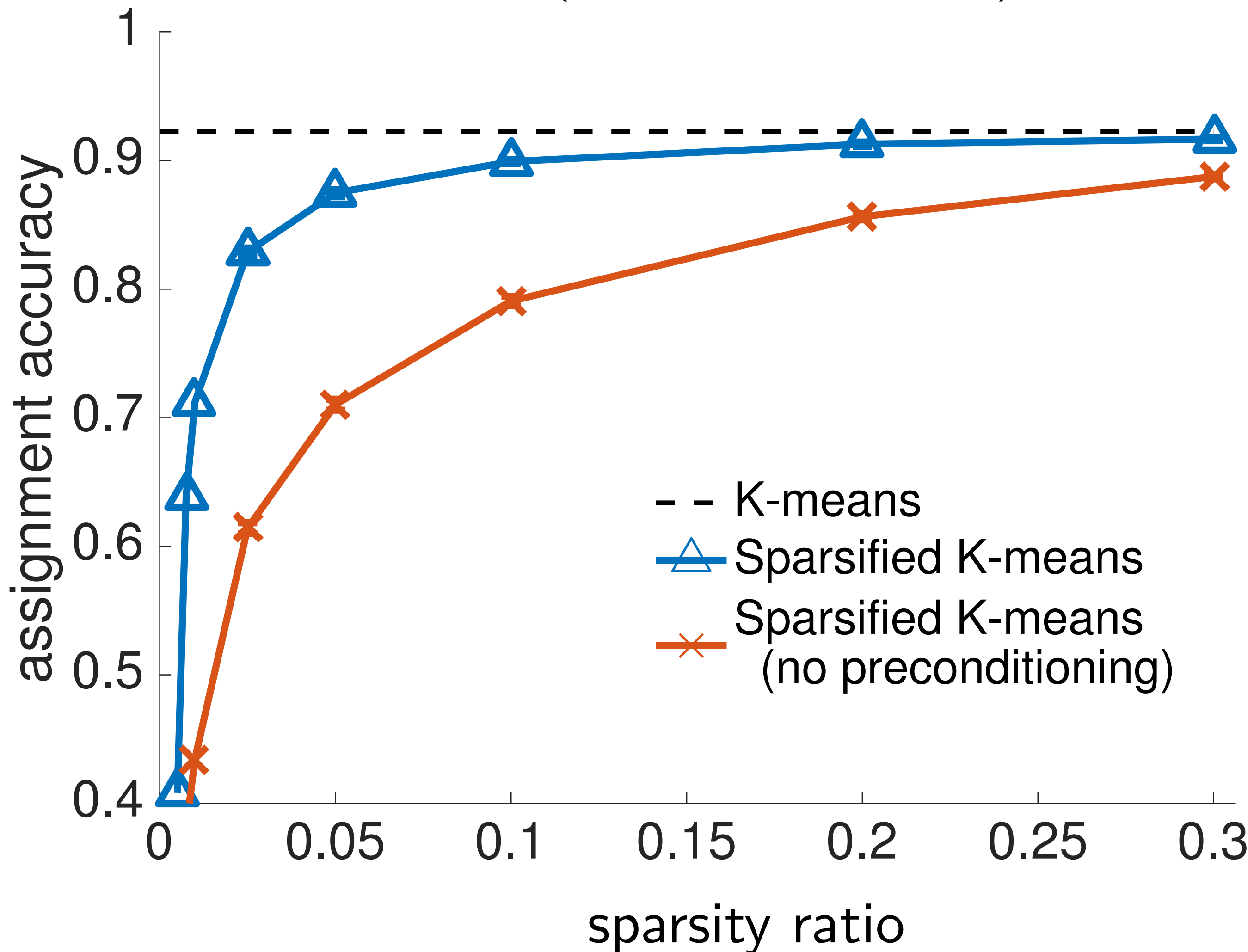
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Accuracy on MNIST

Now look at **classification** accuracy (averaged over 50 trials)



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“Infinite MNIST”, $p = 784$, but now $N = 9,631,605$ instead of 21,002

56 GB data, split into 58 chunks to keep RAM usage around 1 GB

Algorithm	Time to find assignments		Time to update all centers		Combined time	
	Absolute	Speedup	Absolute	Speedup	Absolute	Speedup
K-means	130.0s	1×	150.8s	1×	280.8s	1×
Sparsified	1.3s	100×	5.7s	26.4×	7.0s	40.1×

at 20x undersampling; accuracy is 89% (vs 92% for K-means)

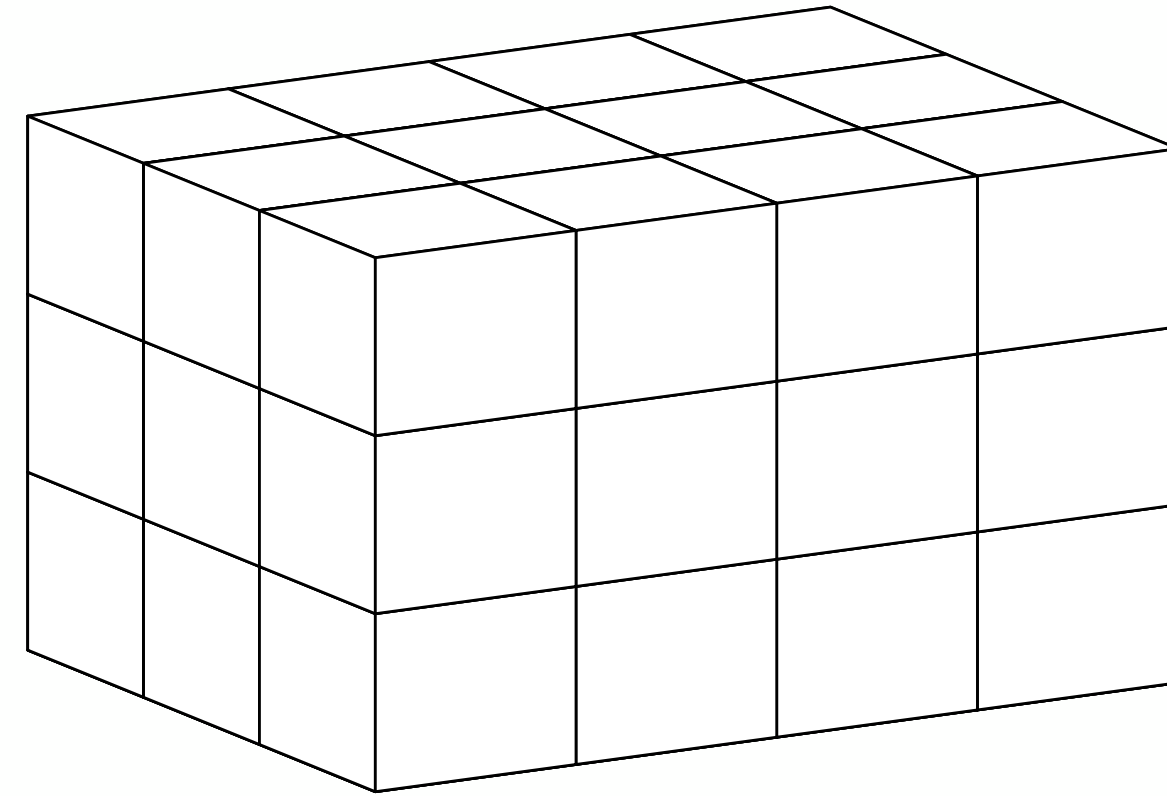
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Tensor Background: what is a tensor?



Change in notation temporarily



- ▶ A *tensor* $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{l_1 \times l_2 \times \cdots \times l_N}$ is an array of dimension N , also called an N -way *tensor* or *order* N *tensor*.
- ▶ A matrix $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{l_1 \times l_2}$ is a 2-way tensor.
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These are examples of **sparse** tensors

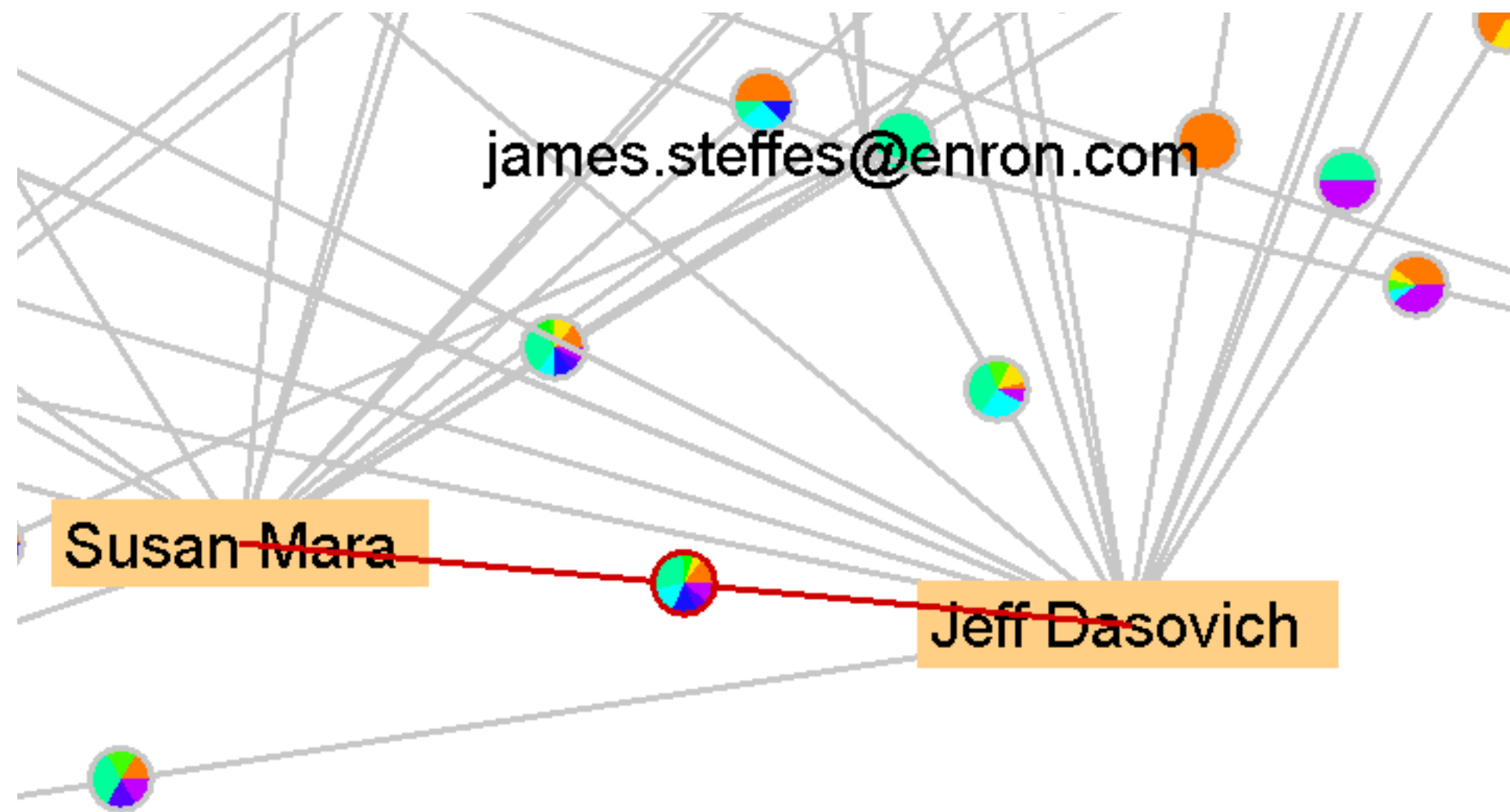


Image: <https://homes.cs.washington.edu/~jheer/projects/enron/>

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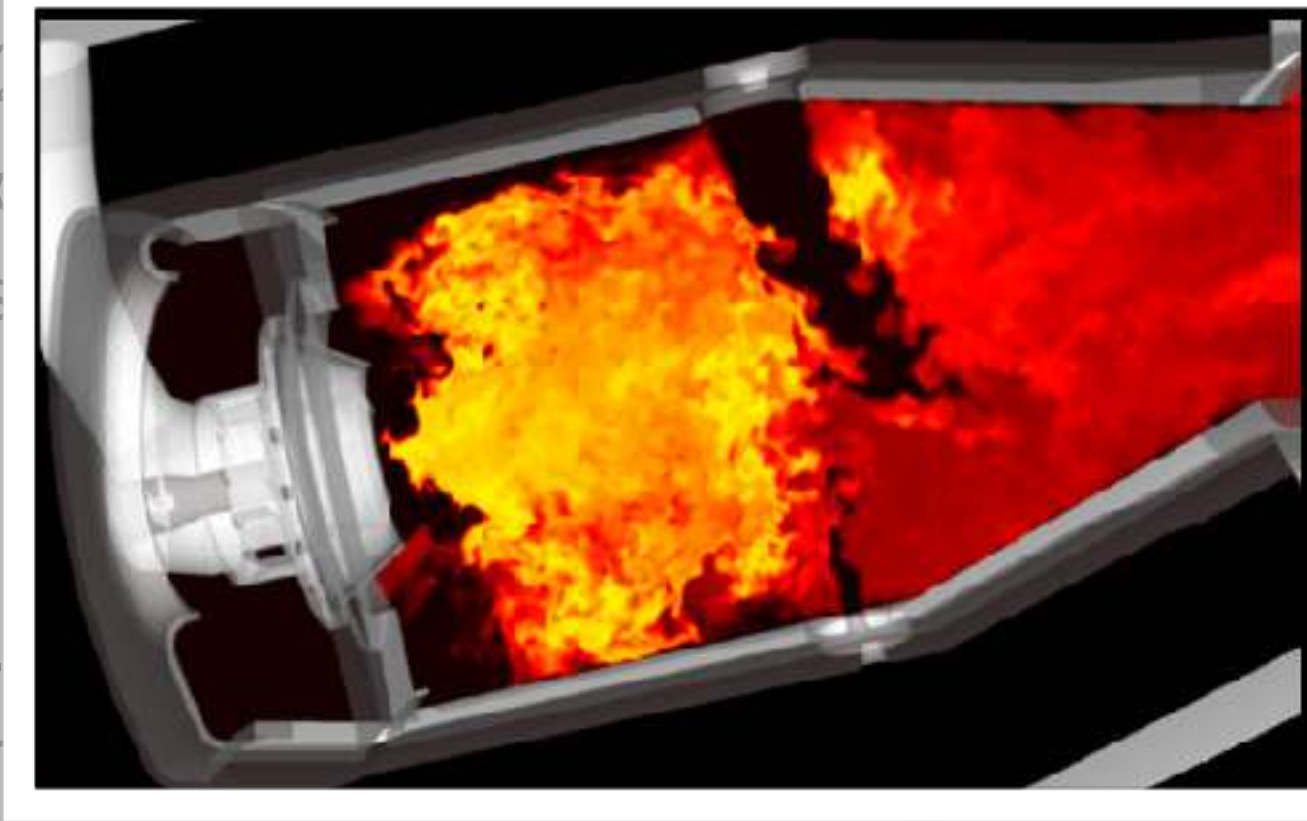
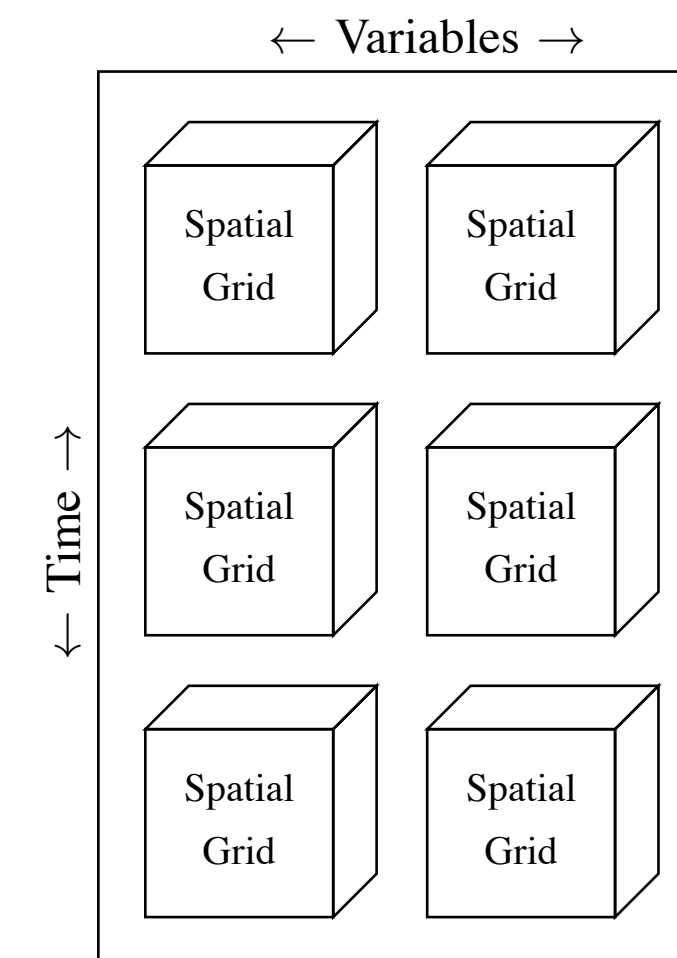


Image: Center for Turbulence Research (Stanford)

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This is a **dense** tensor

... we'll want methods that work with both sparse and dense tensors

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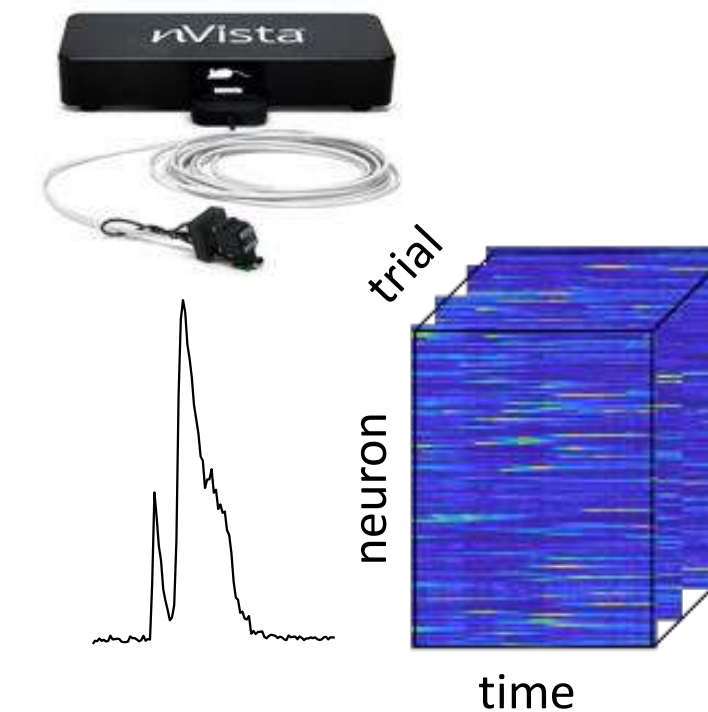
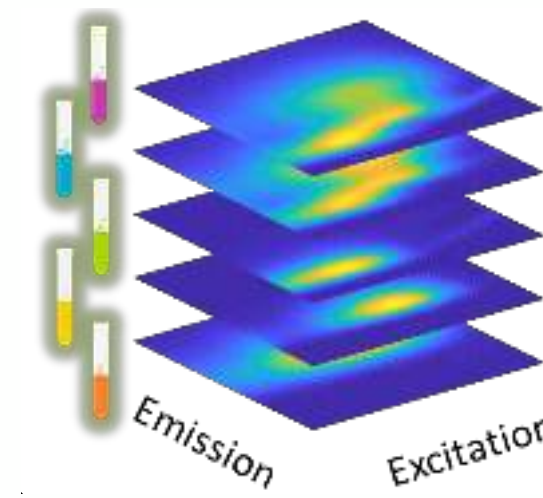
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One-pass methods

All these tensors have a **time** or **sample** index

As time/samples increase, we don't want to store old ones

i.e., want a **streaming/one-pass method**

THIS IS A BIG MOTIVATION FOR SKETCHING

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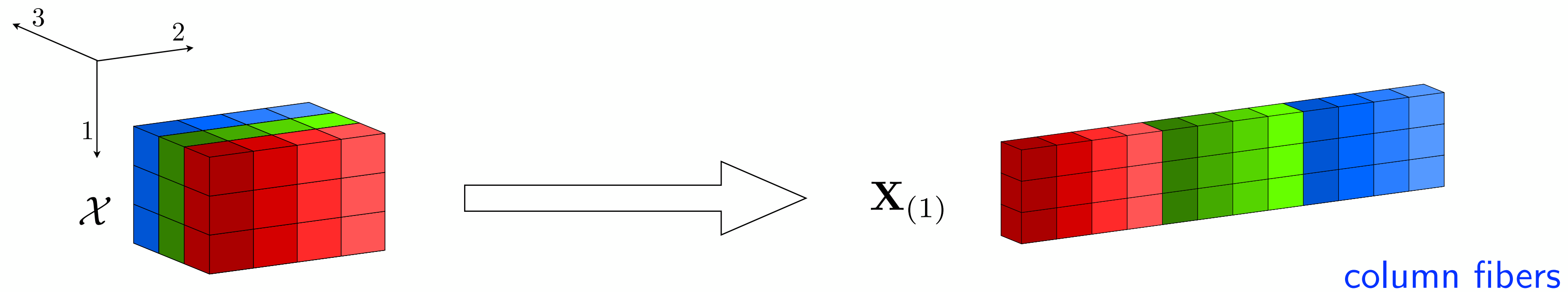
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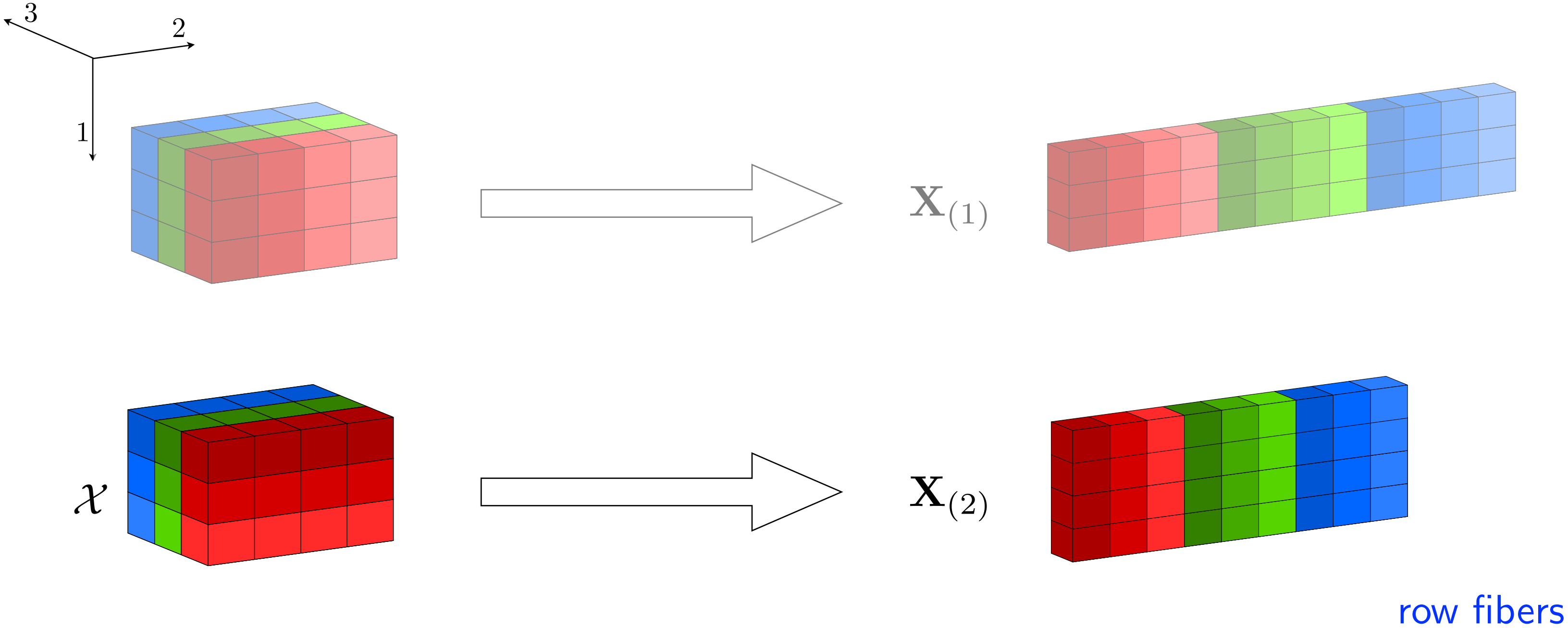


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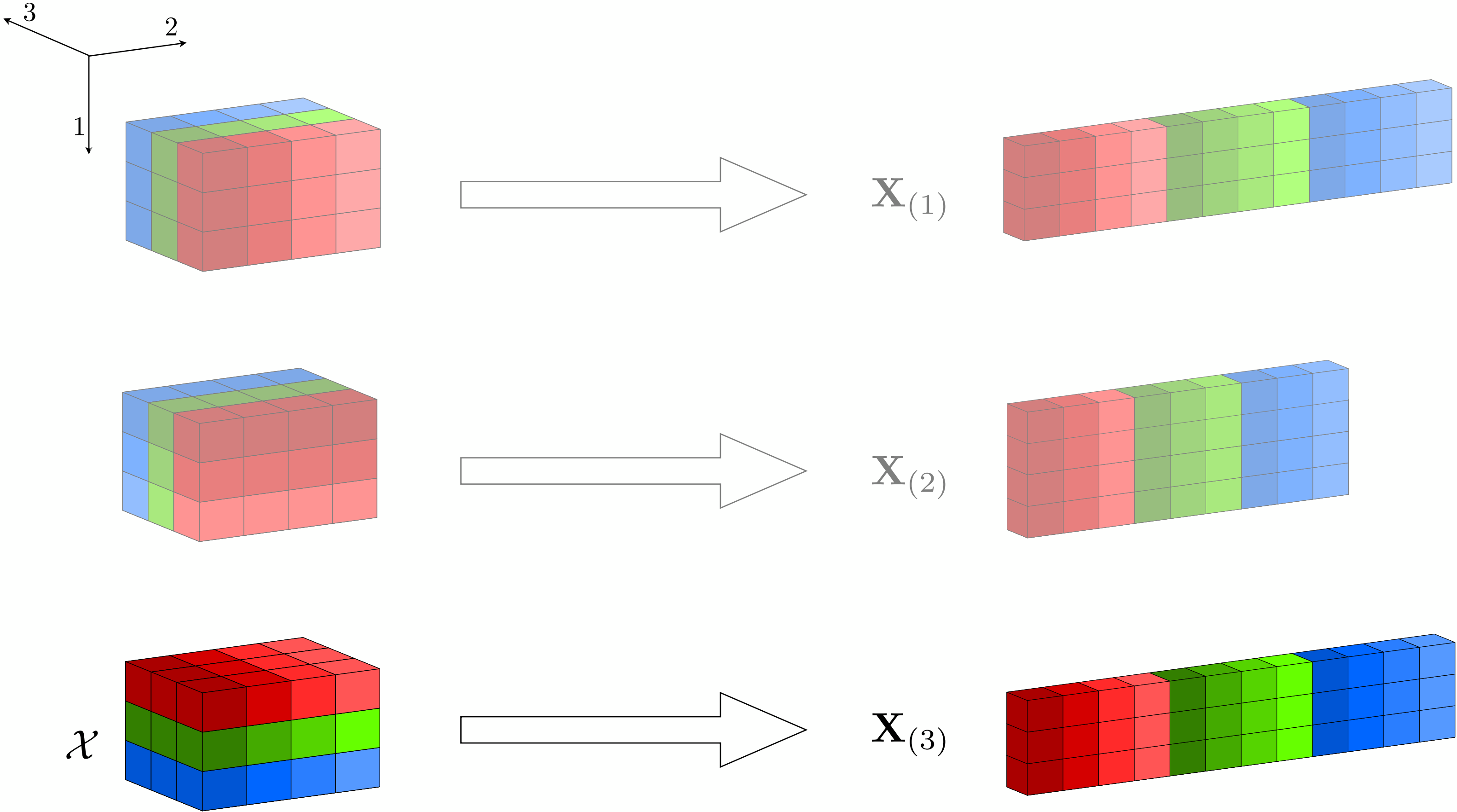


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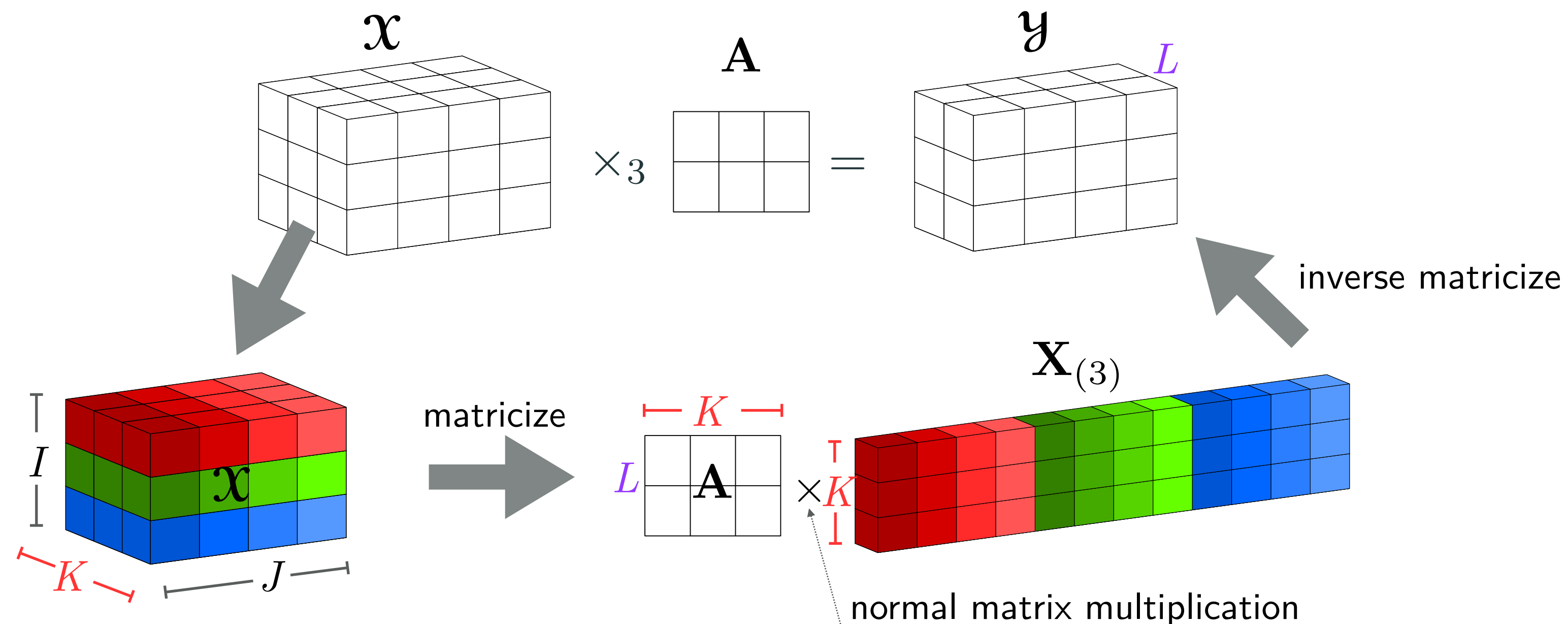
Example:

- Let $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{I \times J \times K}$ and $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times K}$.
- We define $\mathcal{Y} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{X} \times_3 \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{I \times J \times L}$ elementwise by

$$y_{ijl} = \sum_{k=1}^K x_{ijk} a_{kl}.$$

- In matrix terms, $\mathbf{Y}_{(3)} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{X}_{(3)}$.

Conveniently, order doesn't matter*
 $\mathcal{X} \times_1 \mathbf{A}_1 \times_2 \mathbf{A}_2 = \mathcal{X} \times_2 \mathbf{A}_2 \times_1 \mathbf{A}_1$



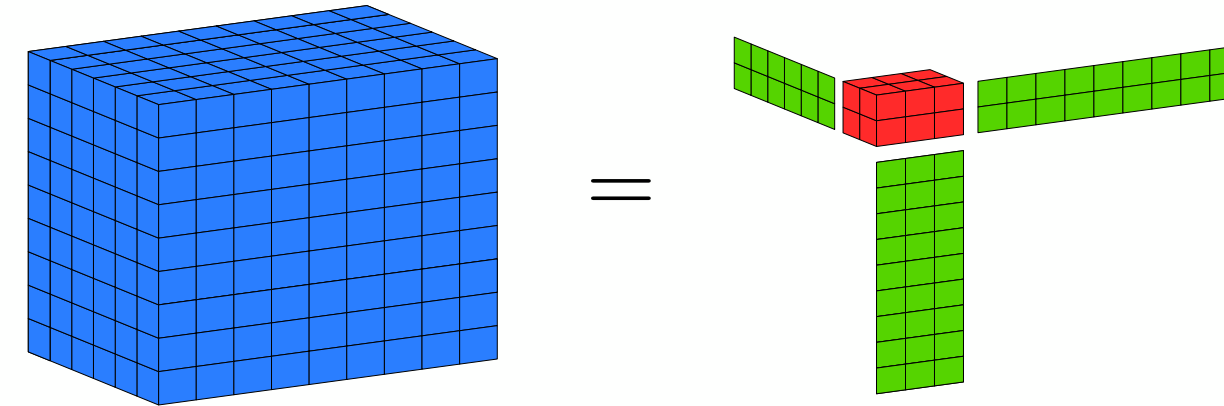
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A Tucker decomposition of $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{I_1 \times I_2 \times \cdots \times I_N}$ is of the form

$$\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{G} \times_1 \mathbf{A}^{(1)} \times_2 \mathbf{A}^{(2)} \cdots \times_N \mathbf{A}^{(N)} =: [\![\mathcal{G}; \mathbf{A}^{(1)}, \mathbf{A}^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{A}^{(N)}]\!] \text{ (shorthand notation)}$$

where $\mathcal{G} \in \mathbb{R}^{R_1 \times R_2 \times \cdots \times R_N}$ and each $\mathbf{A}^{(n)} \in \mathbb{R}^{I_n \times R_n}$.

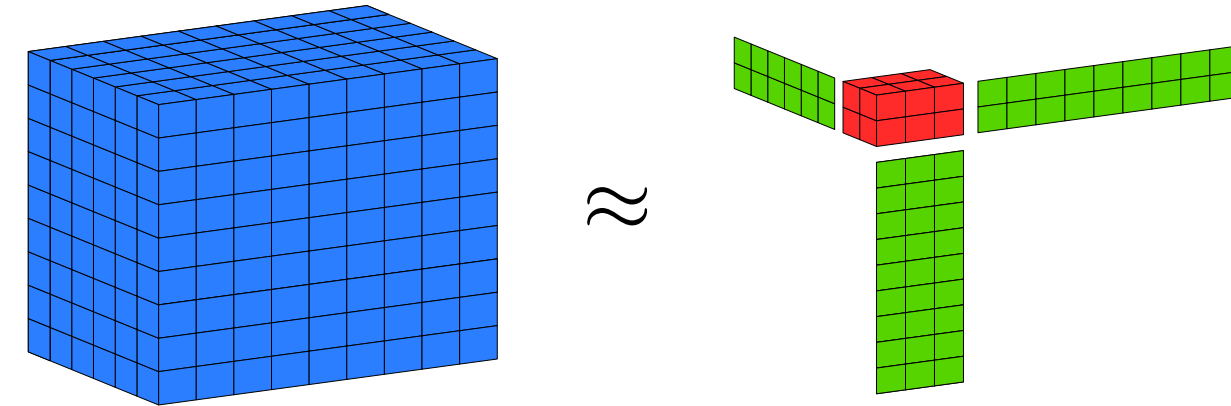


$\mathcal{G}$ is the *core tensor* and $\mathbf{A}^{(n)}$, $n = 1, 2, \dots, N$, are *factor matrices*.

We say that $\mathcal{X}$ is a rank- $(R_1, R_2, \dots, R_N)$ tensor.

Applications of the Tucker decomposition

- **Data compression.** Storing the **red** and **green** objects require less storage than the full **blue** tensor.
- **Data analysis.** Use rows of factor matrices as feature vectors—*unsupervised learning*.



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$$\min_{\mathcal{G}, \mathbf{A}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{A}^{(N)}} \|\mathcal{X} - [\![\mathcal{G}; \mathbf{A}^{(1)}, \mathbf{A}^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{A}^{(N)}]\!]\|^2, \quad (4)$$

where $\mathcal{G} \in \mathbb{R}^{R_1 \times R_2 \times \dots \times R_N}$ and $\mathbf{A}^{(n)} \in \mathbb{R}^{I_n \times R_n}$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots, N$.

- Nonlinear!
- A common approach to this issue is to use *alternating least squares (ALS)*: Minimize with respect to each $\mathbf{A}^{(n)}$ and $\mathcal{G}$ one at a time. Repeat!
- With ALS, each subproblem is linear and easily solved.

i.e., Gauss-Siedel style

ALS same as *higher-order orthogonal iteration* (HOOI)
and if you do just one iteration, it's like *higher-order SVD* (HOSVD)

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$$= \arg \min_{\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{R_1 \times \dots \times R_N}} \left\| \left(\bigotimes_{i=1}^N \mathbf{A}^{(i)} \right) \mathbf{z}_{(:)} - \mathbf{x}_{(:)} \right\|_2^2.$$

(Line 12 follows if the factor matrices are orthogonalized)

Make extensive use of this identity:

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X} \times_1 \mathbf{A}^{(1)} \times_2 \mathbf{A}^{(2)} \dots \times_N \mathbf{A}^{(N)} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\mathbf{Y}_{(n)} = \mathbf{A}^{(n)} \mathbf{X}_{(n)} \left(\mathbf{A}^{(N)} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbf{A}^{(n+1)} \otimes \mathbf{A}^{(n-1)} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbf{A}^{(1)} \right)^\top$$

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Issues when dealing with large, sparse tensors:

- The Kronecker product matrix is huge.
- The series of tensor-times-matrix products is very costly, and can require lots of additional memory when $\mathcal{X}$ is sparse.
- We address this problem by using *TensorSketch*.

Aside: we initially thought that **solving** the least-squares problem would be an issue, and something to fix with sketching, but this is not exactly the case  (partly because of many clever tricks due to orthogonality of $\mathbf{A}$)

Our modified algorithm: Tucker-TS



We simply sketch each of these least-squares problems with TensorSketch operators $\mathbf{S}^{(n)}$, $n = 1, \dots, N + 1$, which are defined at the start of the algorithm:

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(and orthogonalize)

2. Update

$$\mathcal{G} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^{R_1 \times \dots \times R_N}} \left\| \left(\mathbf{S}^{(N+1)} \bigotimes_{i=1}^N \mathbf{A}^{(i)} \right) \mathbf{z}_{(:)} - \mathbf{S}^{(N+1)} \mathbf{x}_{(:)} \right\|_2^2. \quad (19)$$

sketched once at
very beginning

Tricks:

- don't draw new sketches each iteration
- the TensorSketches have **CountSketches/hashes in common** $\mathbf{S}^{(n)}, \mathbf{S}^{(n')}$ (each is leave-one-out)
- G update solved via conjugate gradient (CG) algo, and can prove it is well-conditioned
- advanced tricks and variants in the paper

Numerical experiment: sparse 3D tensor

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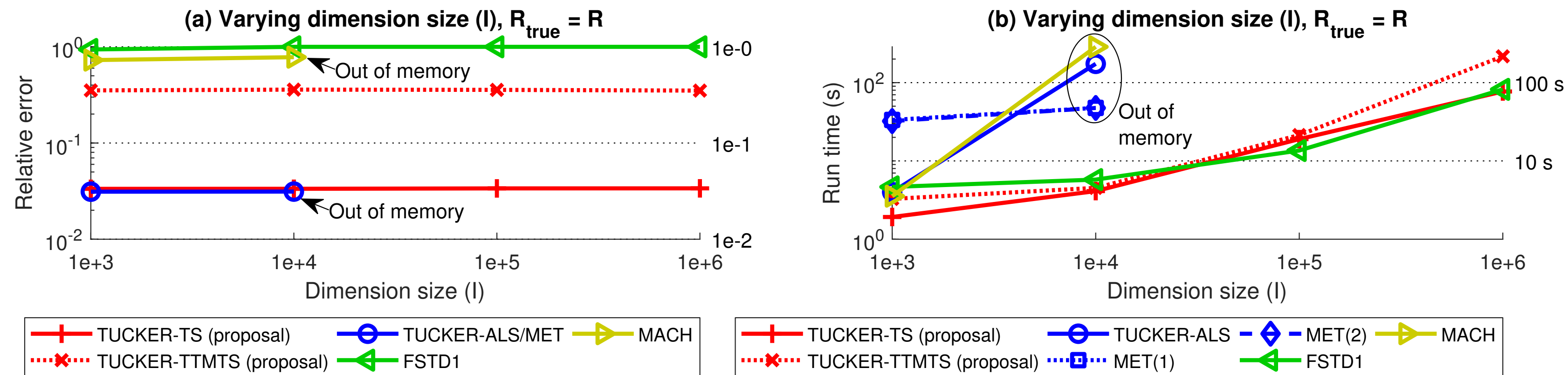


Figure 3: Relative error and run time for random sparse 3-way tensors with varying dimension size I and $\text{nnz}(\mathcal{Y}) \approx 10^6$. Both the true and target ranks are $(10, 10, 10)$.

Tucker-TS approximates least-squares like this:

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Tucker-TTMTS approximates least-squares like this:

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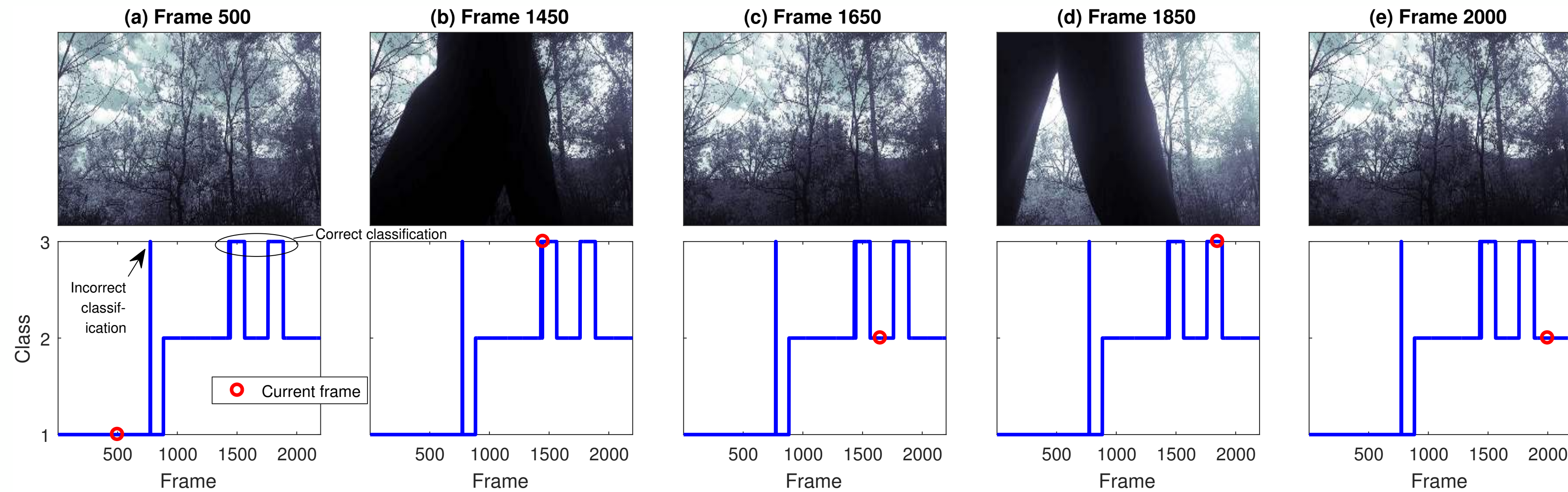


Figure 6: Five sample frames with their assigned classes. The frames (b) and (d) contain a disturbance.

38 GB video (can't all fit into RAM): 2,200 frames, each of size 1,080 by 1,980 pixels

Compute rank (10,10,10) factorization, 30 iterations max

Find 3 factor matrices — take the one corresponding to time and run k-means clustering

We load chunk-by-chunk and do the sketches (in one pass)

(used Tucker-TTMTS variant)

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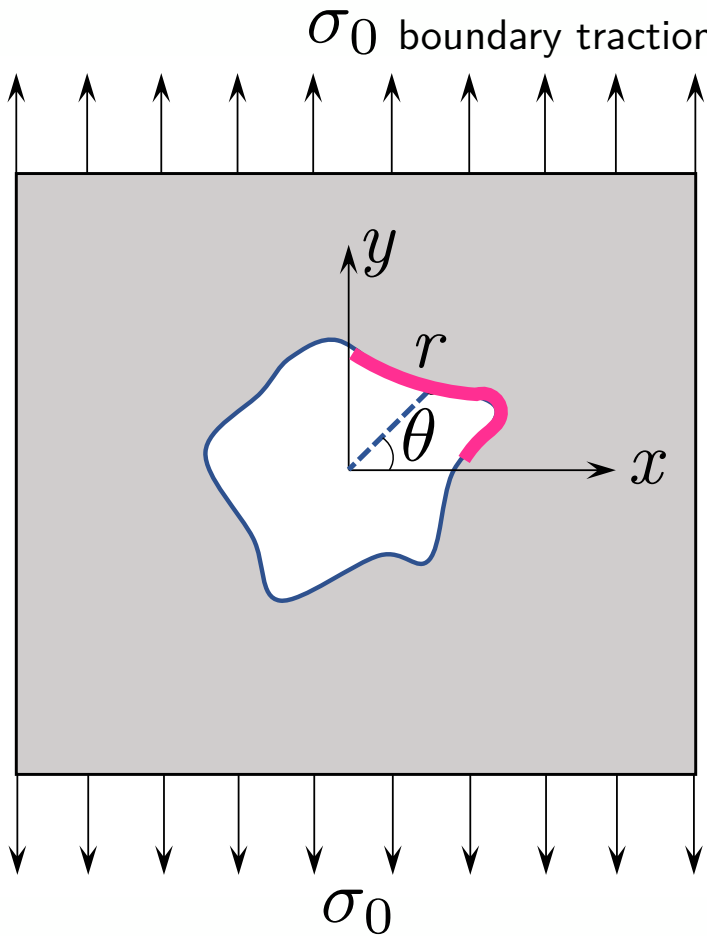
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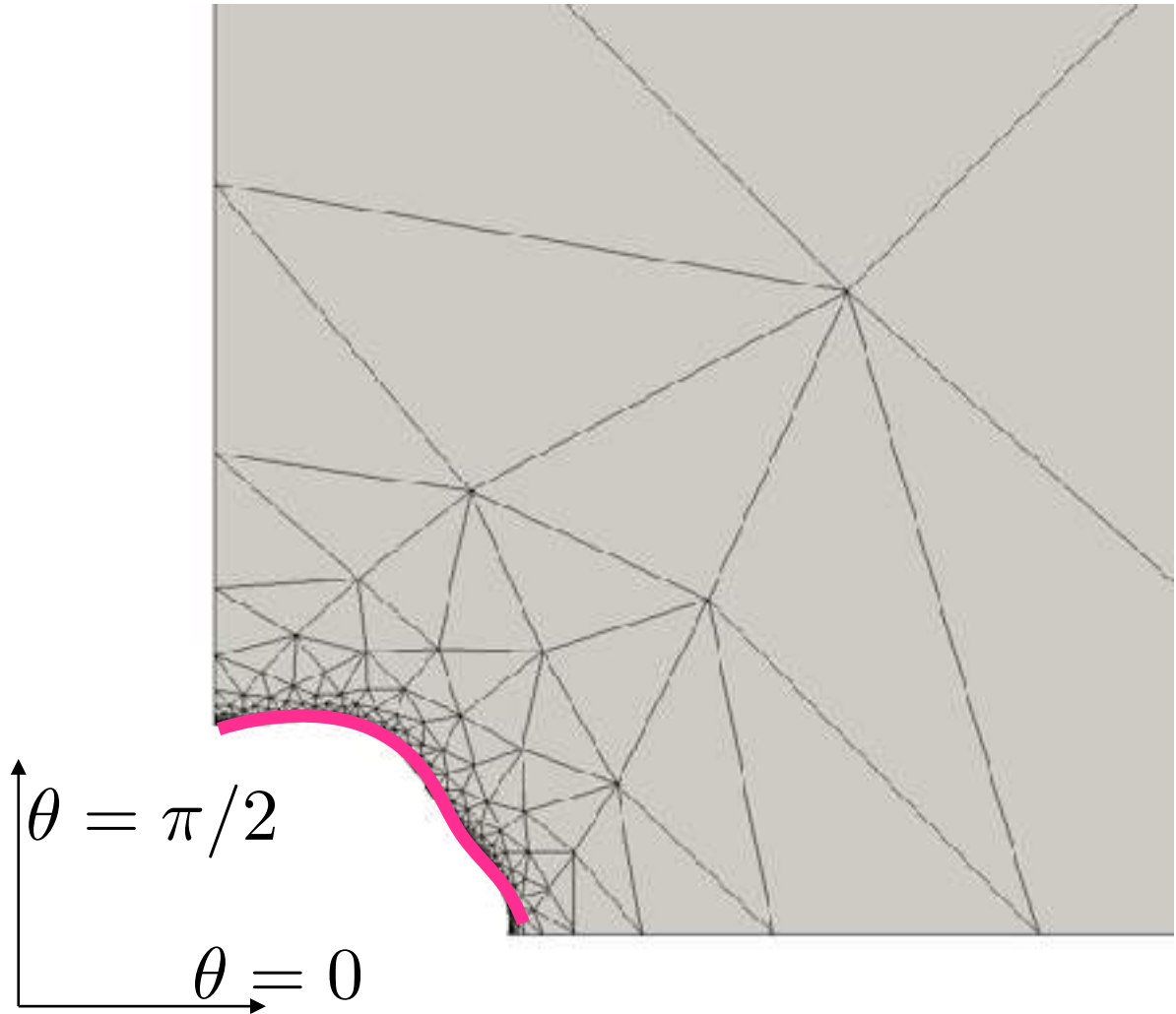
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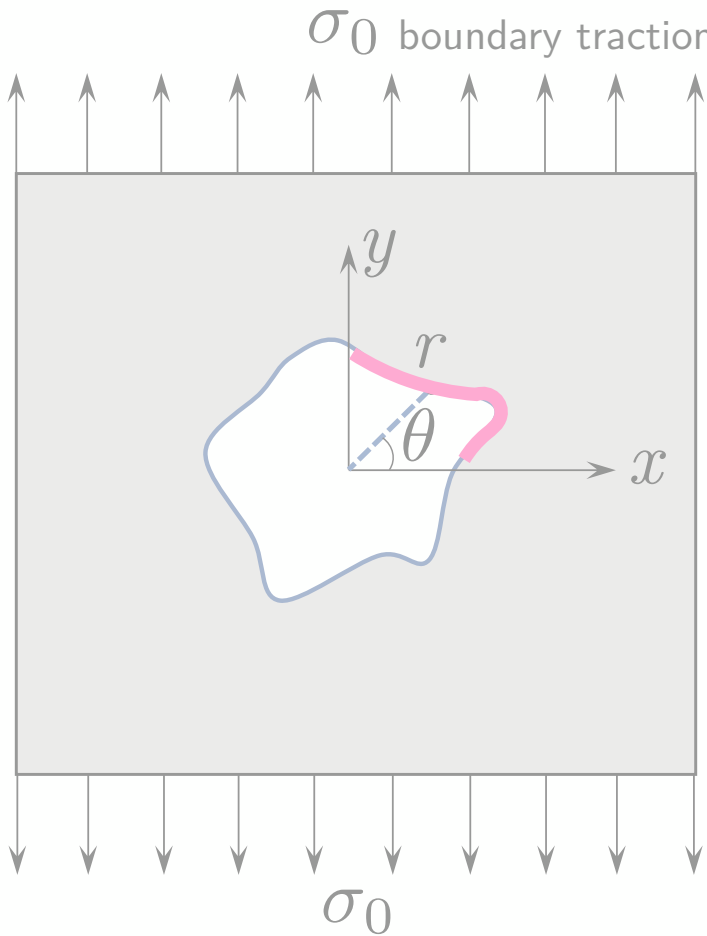
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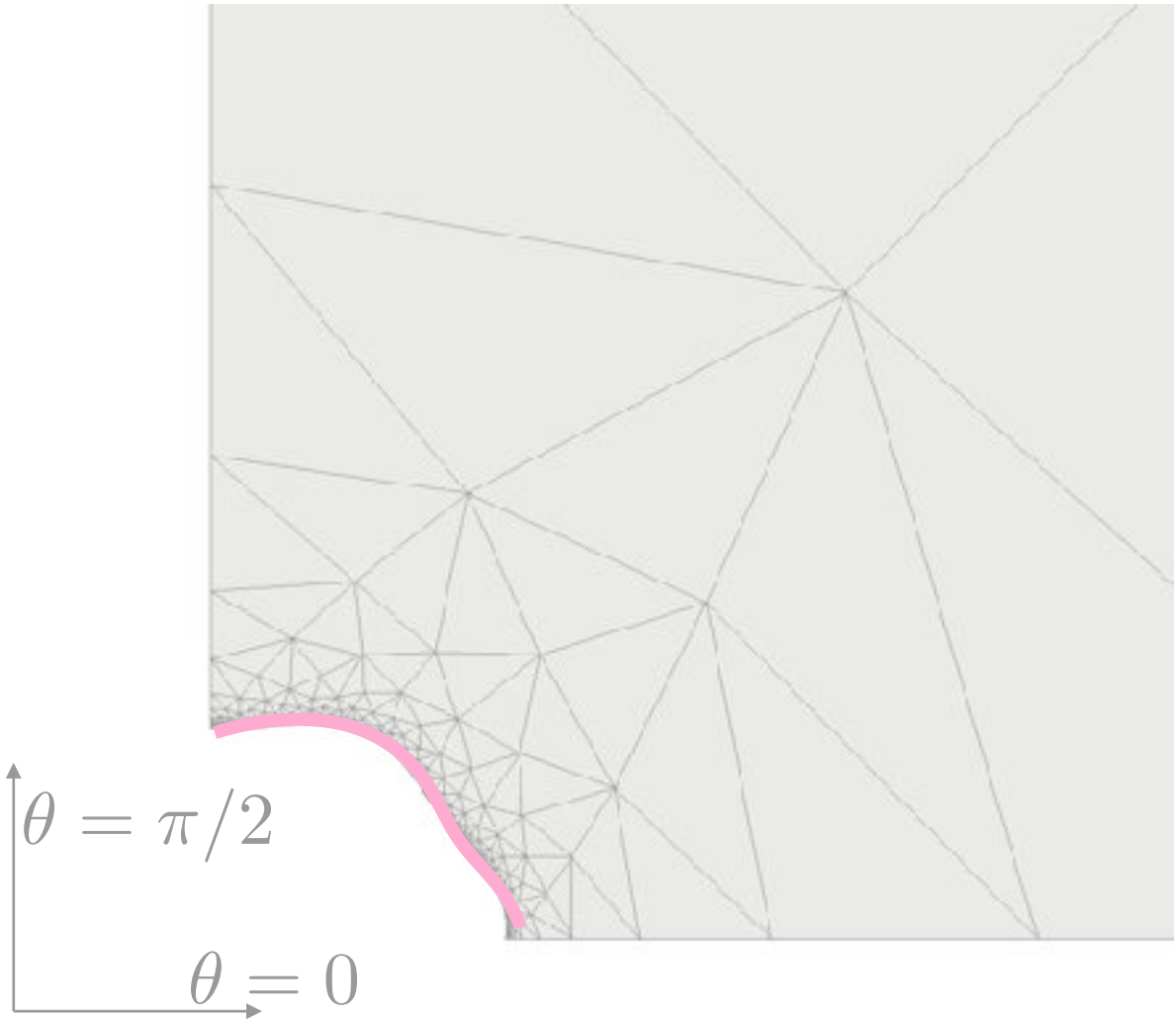
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Inverse problem: what shape minimizes the vertical stress?

parameterize the shape of the hole as follows, which automatically enforces a constant area constraint

$$r(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} + \delta \sum_{k=0}^{d/2-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2k+1}} (\mathbf{x}_{2k+1} \sin((2k+1) \cdot \theta) + \mathbf{x}_{2k+2} \cos((2k+1) \cdot \theta))$$

optimization variable:

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Examples:

$$\dot{u} = \Delta u, \quad u(0) = h \quad \text{“}x\text{” is the initial condition}$$

$$\ddot{u} = c^2 \Delta u, \quad u(0) = h \quad \text{“}x\text{” is a parameter}$$

$$\Delta u = 0, \quad u(\Gamma) = h \quad \text{“}x\text{” is the boundary condition}$$

$\mathcal{L}(u)$ is the loss which penalizes something like:

- deviation from observations
- drag
- mass
- cost of materials
- compliance

etc.

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$$\phi(u,x) = 0 \quad \implies \quad u = u(x)$$

Rewrite:

$$\min_x f(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{L}(u(x))$$

... but finding the gradient is tricky:

$$\nabla f(x) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial u} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$$

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- ... so if we can evaluate $f(x)$ numerically, we can find the gradient
- (this applies if $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$; $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$ with $q \gg 1$ is another story)

Note: we're assuming derivative exists, just hard to actually calculate

This is *not* non-smooth optimization

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These days, often called “zeroth order” optimization

Algorithm Gradient Descent via Finite Differences

- 1: **for** $k = 1, 2, \dots$ **do**
 - 2: Estimate $g_k \approx \nabla f(x_k)$ ▷ Use finite differences
 - 3: $x_{k+1} \leftarrow x_k - \eta_k g_k$ ▷ For appropriate step-size η_k
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✓ ignoring finite-difference error, enjoys well-understood convergence

✗ requires $d+1$ function evaluations per iter.

Why not use traditional Derivative Free Optimization (DFO) methods?

Answer: most classical DFO methods don't scale well with dimension

Note: there are many other DFO methods... but we won't discuss in this talk

From heuristics to theoretically based, from local to global

- Heuristics: Nelder-Mead, genetic algorithms, particle swarm optimization
 - e.g., CMA-ES, Covariance matrix adaptation evolution strategy
- Simulated Annealing (typical as heuristic)
- Bayesian Optimization
 - Model is Gaussian Process, with acquisition function (exploration/exploitation tradeoff)
- DFO-TR (Trust-region)
 - Model is polynomial

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Algorithm Randomized Coordinate Descent (CD)

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2: Choose $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, d\}$ at random
3: $g_k = e_j e_j^T \nabla f(x_k)$
4: $x_{k+1} \leftarrow x_k - \eta_k g_k$ ▷ For appropriate step-size η_k (or exact minimization... depends on structure)

✓ just 1 function evaluation per iteration

✗ poor convergence properties, slow rates

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Stochastic Subspace Descent

directional derivative $qq^T \nabla f(x_k) = \left(\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_k + h \cdot q) - f(x_k)}{h} \right) q$



Assume we can compute this!

e.g.,

- 1) forward finite diff
- 2) forward-mode AD

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d ℓ

Q

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One benefit: in the limit $\ell = d$, $Q Q^T = I_{d \times d}$, and so we'll recover the full gradient (for Gaussians, this is only true in expectation)

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Algorithm “Stochastic Subspace Descent” (SSD)

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 - 2: Draw $Q \sim \text{Haar}(d \times \ell)$ **or any generic SSD**
 - 3: $x_{k+1} \leftarrow x_k - \eta_k \frac{d}{\ell} Q Q^T \nabla f(x_k)$
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Generic SSD

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Both **Haar** and **Coordinate Descent** methods are valid generic SSD

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We call Q a “Haar” distributed r.v. (i.e., the Haar measure over orthogonal matrices), but really care about $Q Q^T$ which is a projection matrix (onto $\text{col}(Q)$).

We get Q via Gram-Schmidt (or appropriately modified QR) on a Gaussian G , and note $\text{col}(Q) = \text{col}(G)$ w.p. 1, so our update is equivalent to

$$x_{k+1} \leftarrow x_k - \eta_k \frac{d}{\ell} \mathcal{P}_{\text{col}(G)} (\nabla f(x_k))$$

and hence the term “stochastic subspace”.

First theory results (for *generic* SSD)



Theorem (Kozak, Becker, Tenorio, Doostan '20)

Assume: minimizer attained, gradient Lipschitz, stepsize η_k chosen appropriately.

$$\eta = \frac{\ell}{d} \frac{1}{L}$$

constant L

1. If f is **convex**,

$$\mathbb{E}f(x_k) - f^* \leq 2 \frac{d}{\ell} \frac{L}{k} R^2 = \mathcal{O}(k^{-1})$$

2. If f is **not convex** but satisfies the **Polyak-Lojasiewicz** inequality,

$$\mathbb{E}f(x_k) - f^* \leq \rho^k (f(x_0) - f^*) = \mathcal{O}(\rho^k) \quad \text{and} \quad f(x_k) \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} f^*$$

constant μ

3. If f is **strongly convex**, statements of 2 above hold, and also

$$x_k \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} \operatorname{argmin}_x f(x)$$

4. If f is **not convex** (nor PL),

$$\min_{k' \in \{0, \dots, k\}} \mathbb{E} \|\nabla f(x_{k'})\|^2 \leq \frac{d}{\ell} \frac{2L(f(x_0) - f^*)}{k+1}$$

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$$f^* \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \min_x f(x)$$

$$\rho = 1 - \frac{\mu}{L} \frac{\ell}{d}$$

d = ambient dimension

ℓ = # directional derivs

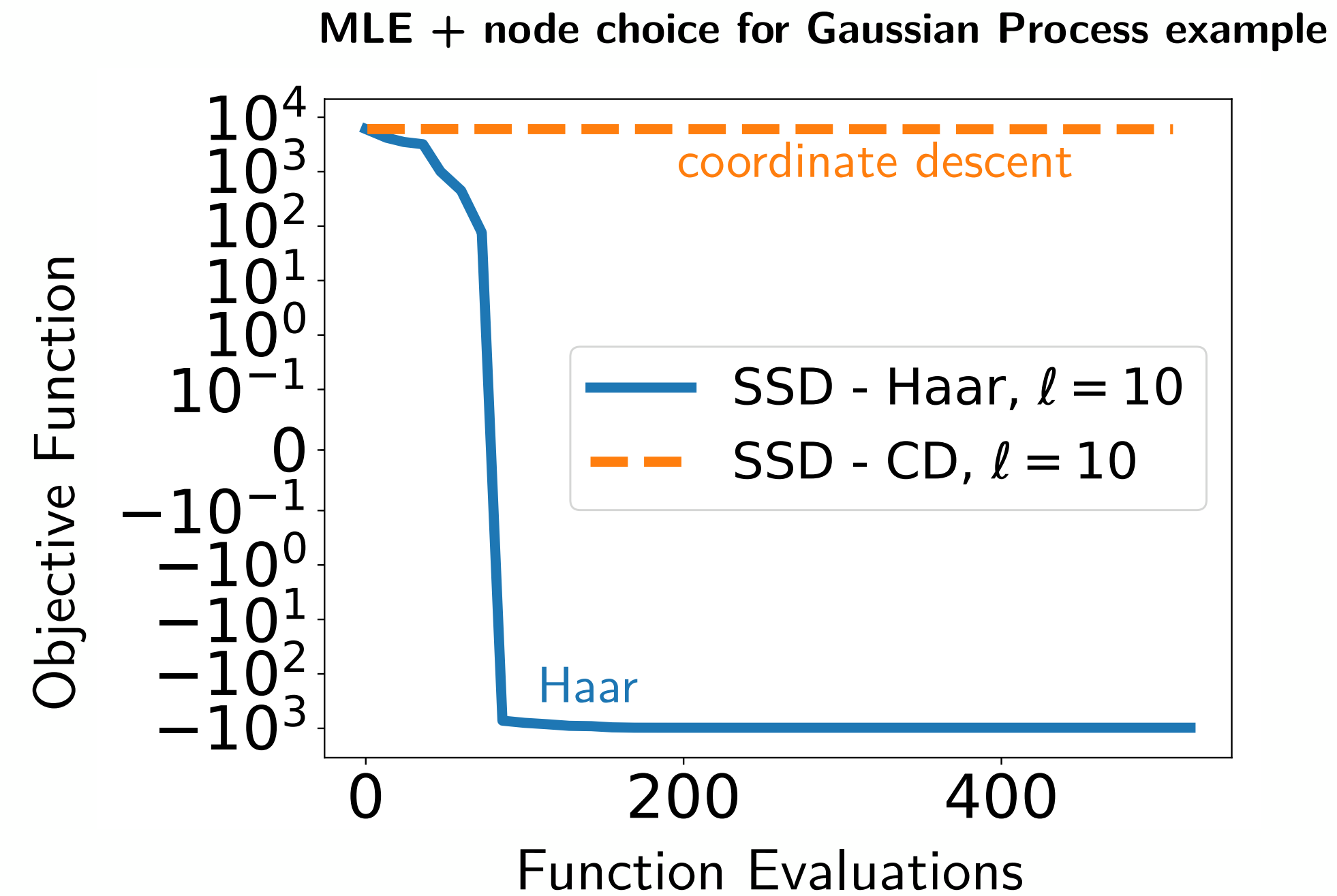
$\frac{d}{\ell} = 1$ is gradient descent

SSD is a special type of SGD,
but results are much better
than generic SGD analysis

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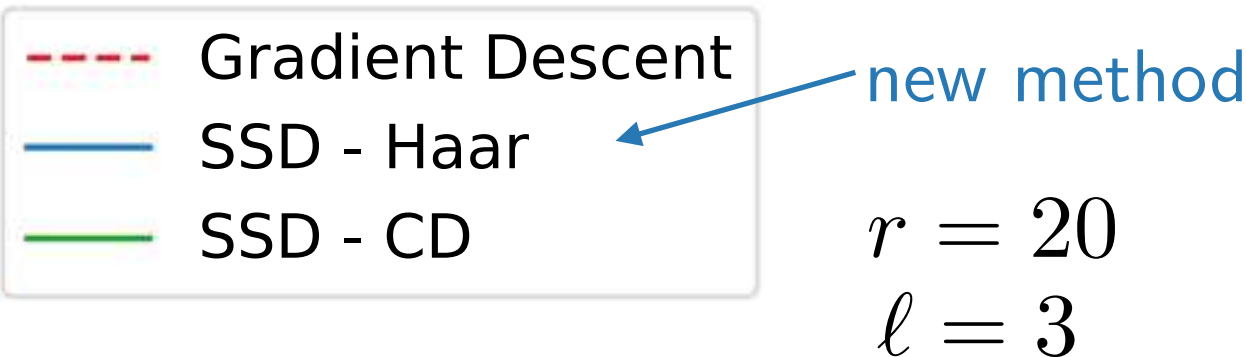
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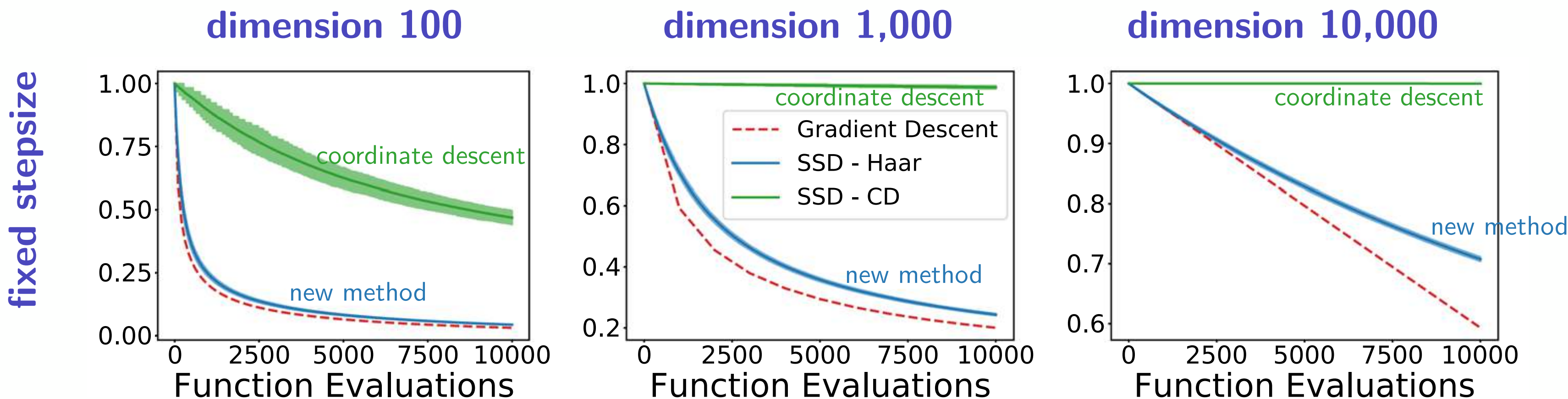


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Nesterov’s “worst function in the world”

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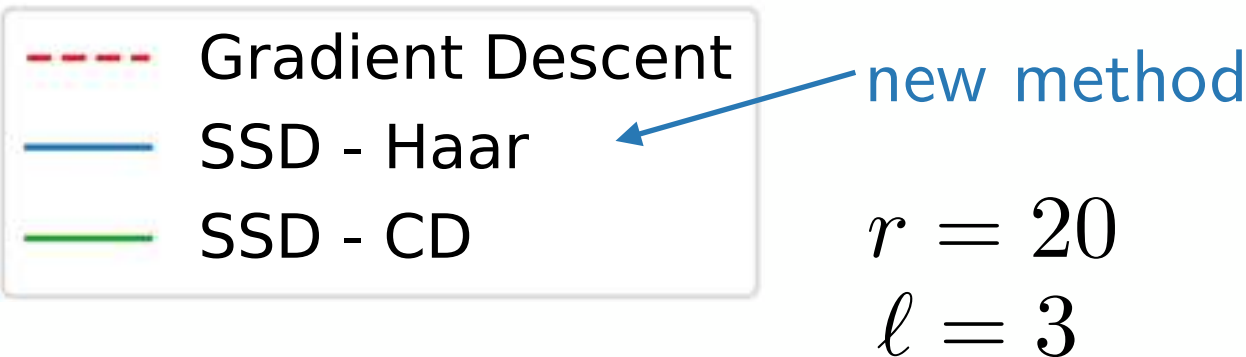
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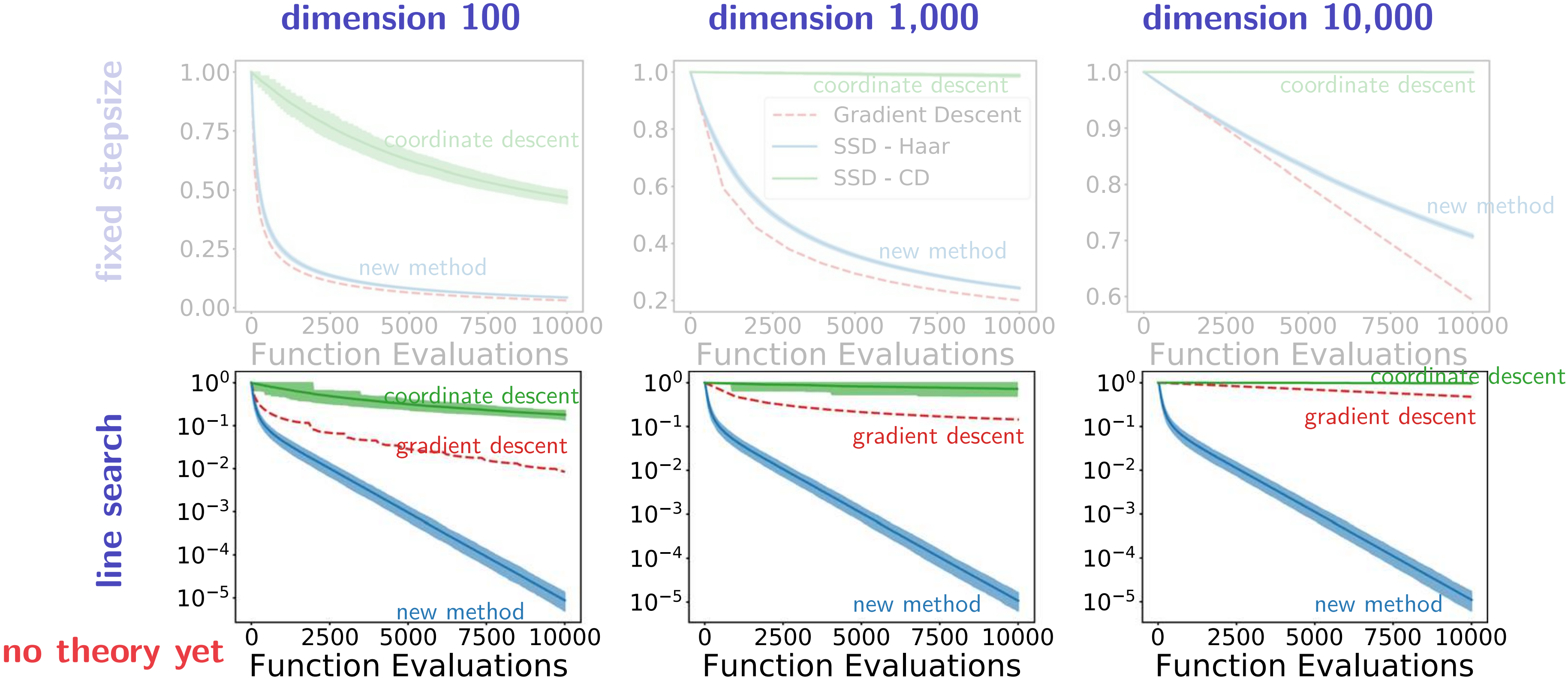


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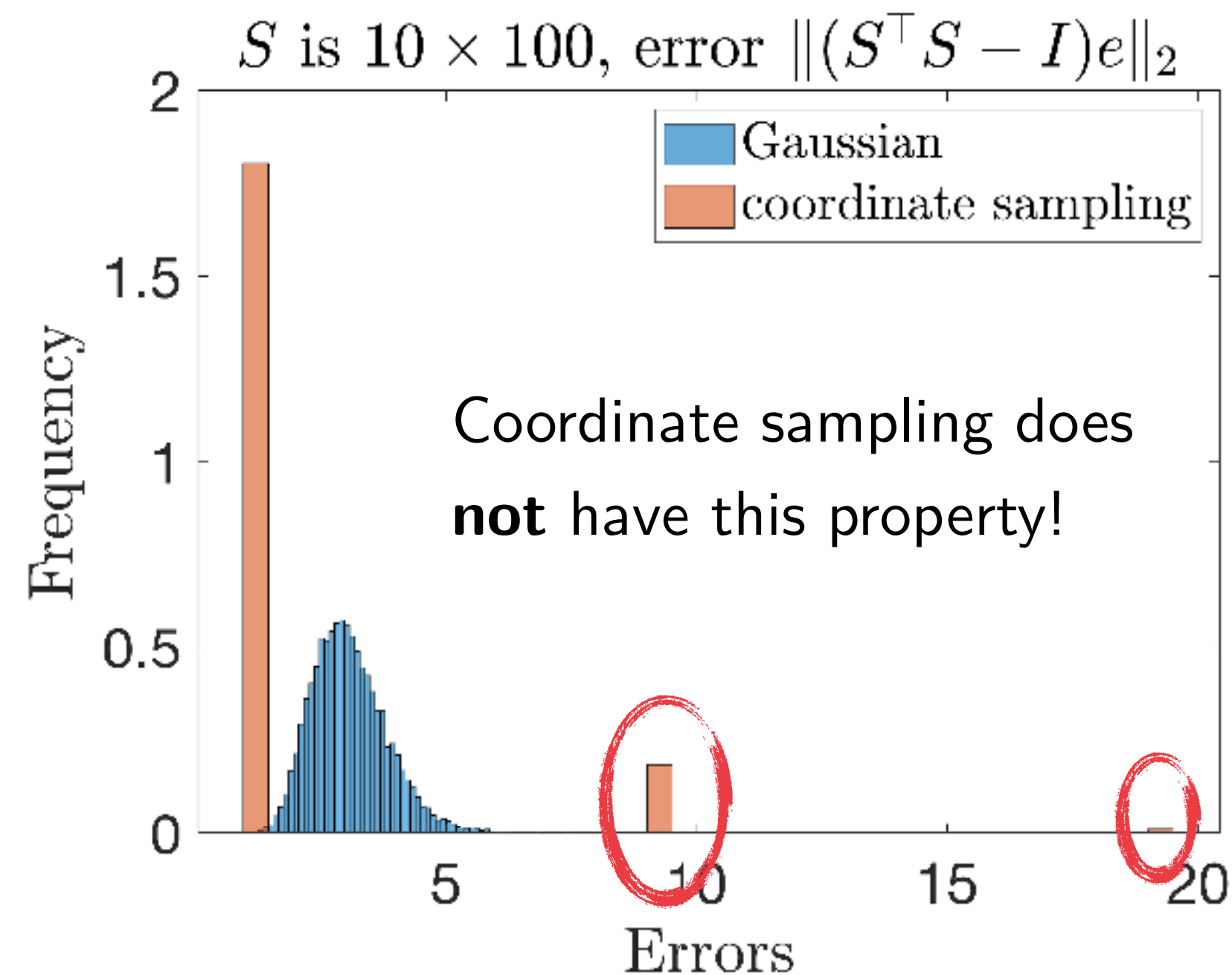
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Recall...

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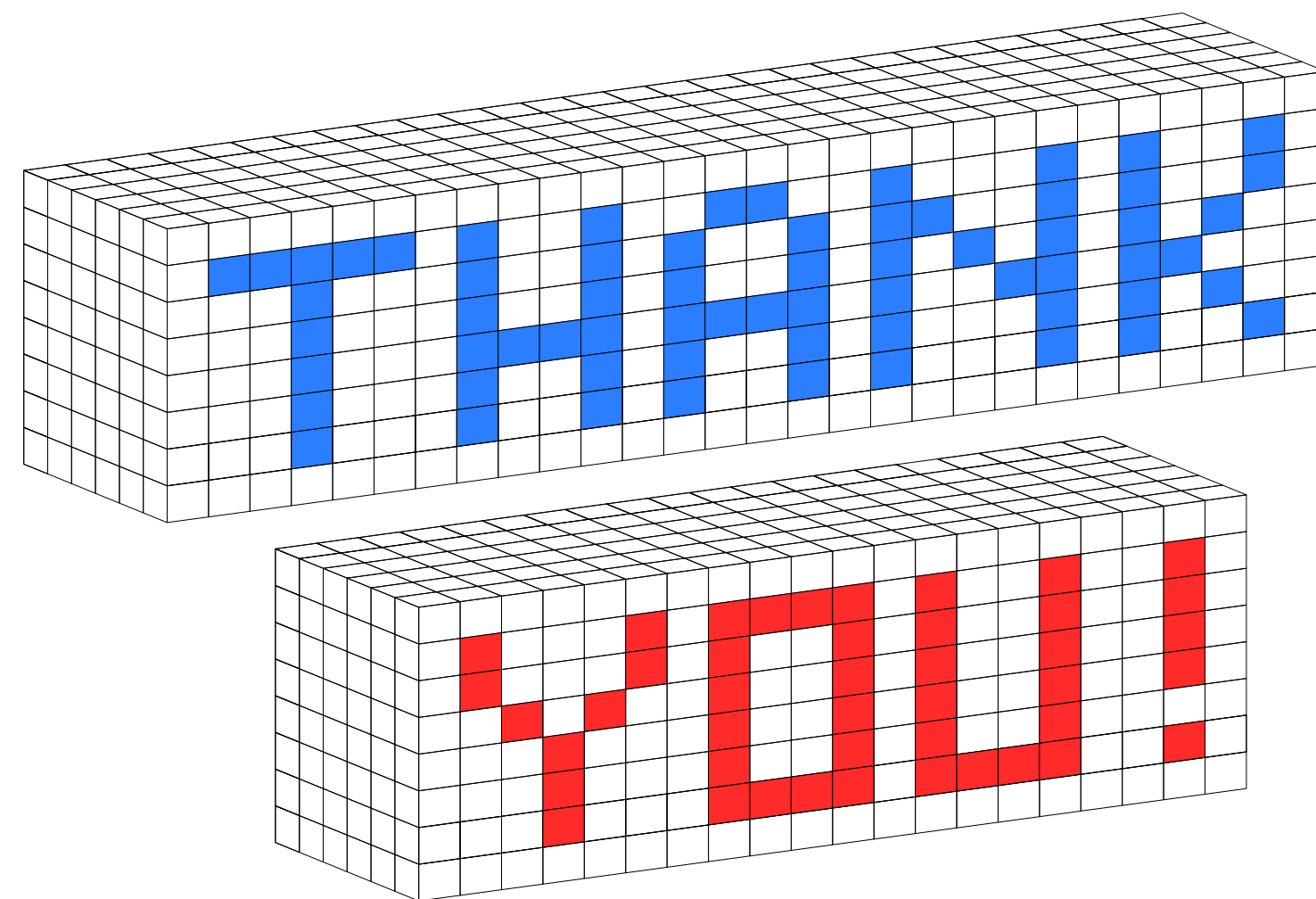
$$f(x_k) - f^* \leq (1 + (1 - \epsilon)\rho)^{k/2} (f(x_0) - f^*) \quad \text{with probability } \geq 0.998,$$

where $\rho < 1$ depends on ℓ , d and the Lipschitz and strong convexity parameters.

error in JL embedding

due to possibility of failure of JL

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Method 7: CountSketch

Introduced in Charikar et al. (2004), more analysis in, e.g., Clarkson and Woodruff (2017)

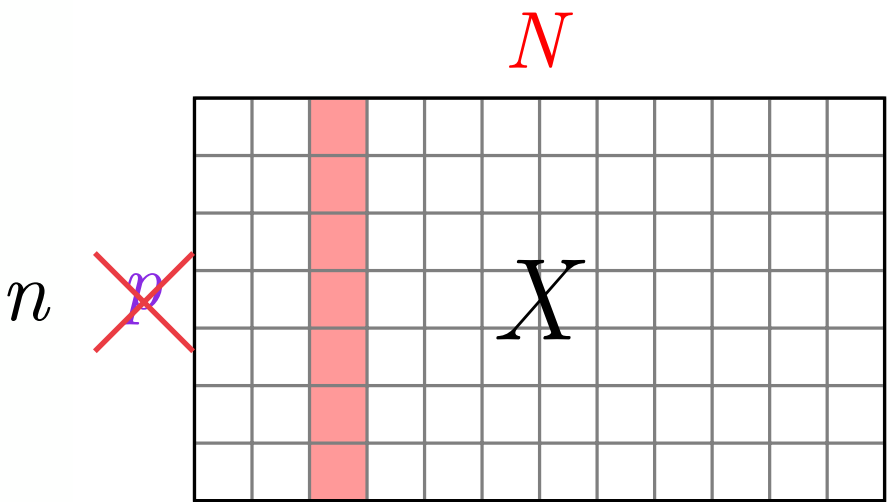
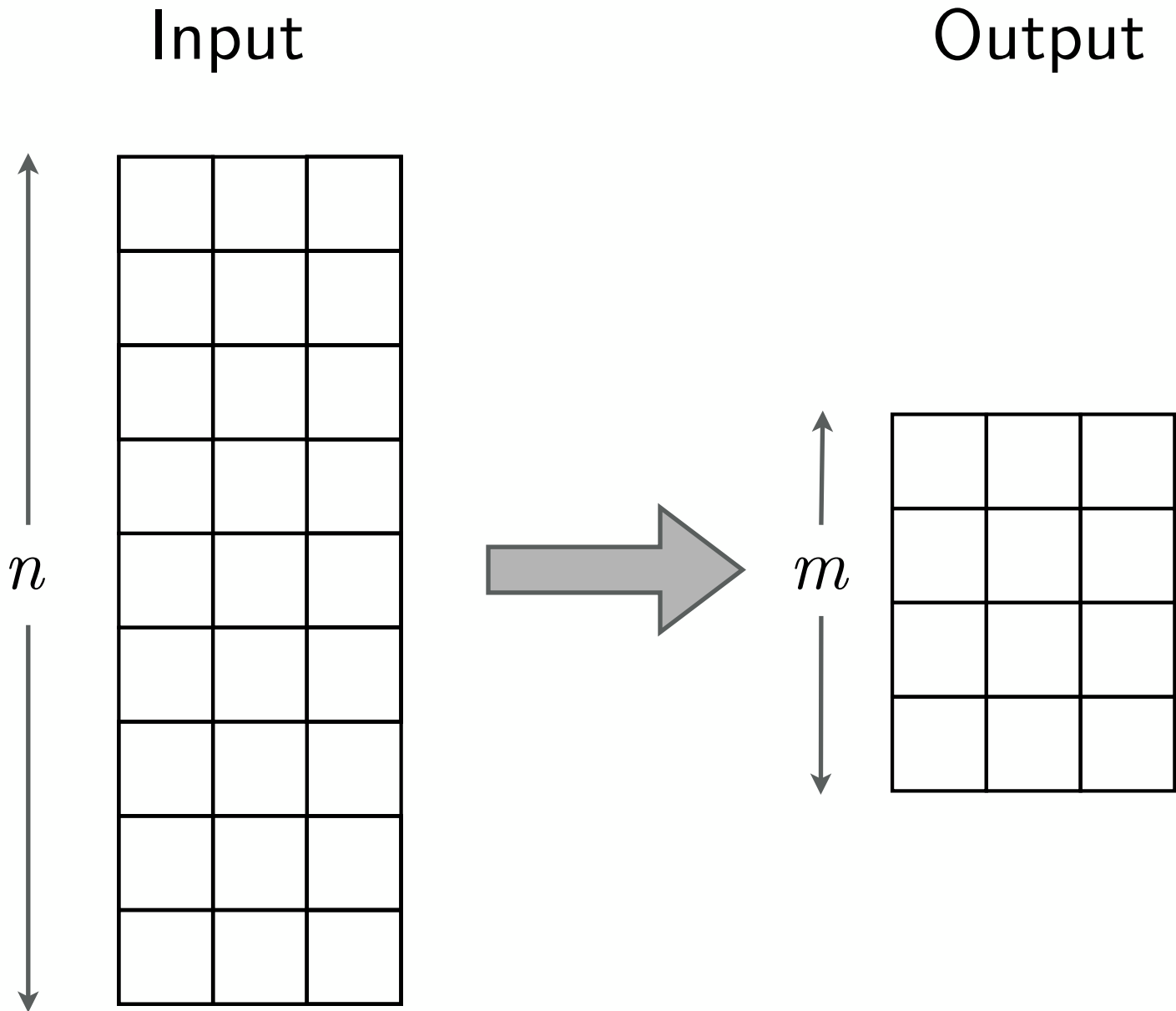
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Notation: $[n] = (0, 1, \dots, n - 1)$
(use 0-based indexing)

Step 1:
Multiply by random sign*

$s : [n] \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$
(uniform)

+1	+1	+1
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* technically doesn't have to be fully random, but must be 2-wise independent

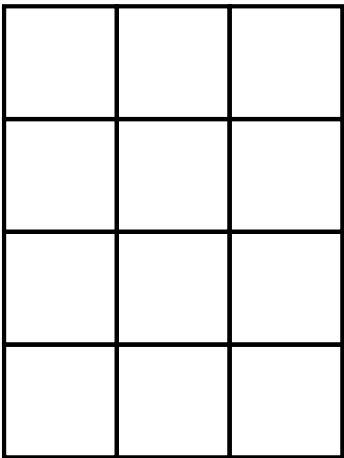
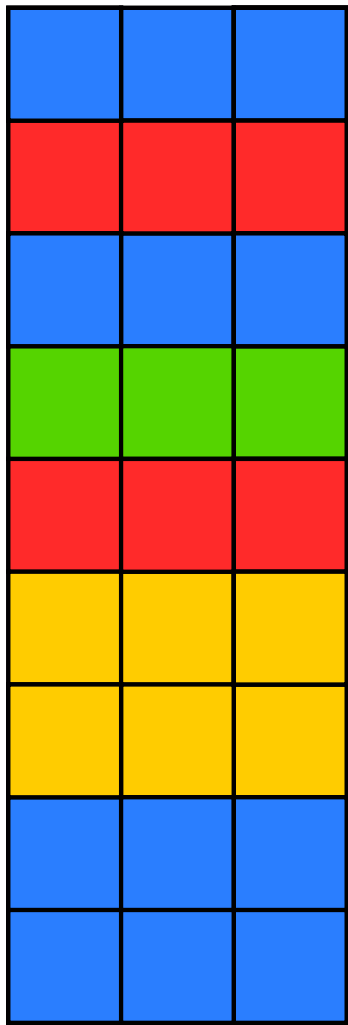
$s(i) \perp s(j) \quad \text{if } i \neq j$

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Step 2:
Assign an output row to every input row (randomly or with a hash function)

$h : [n] \rightarrow [m]$
(uniform)



Again, don't need *all* of $h[i]$ to be independent, only pairwise independent
(but easy enough to make them all independent)

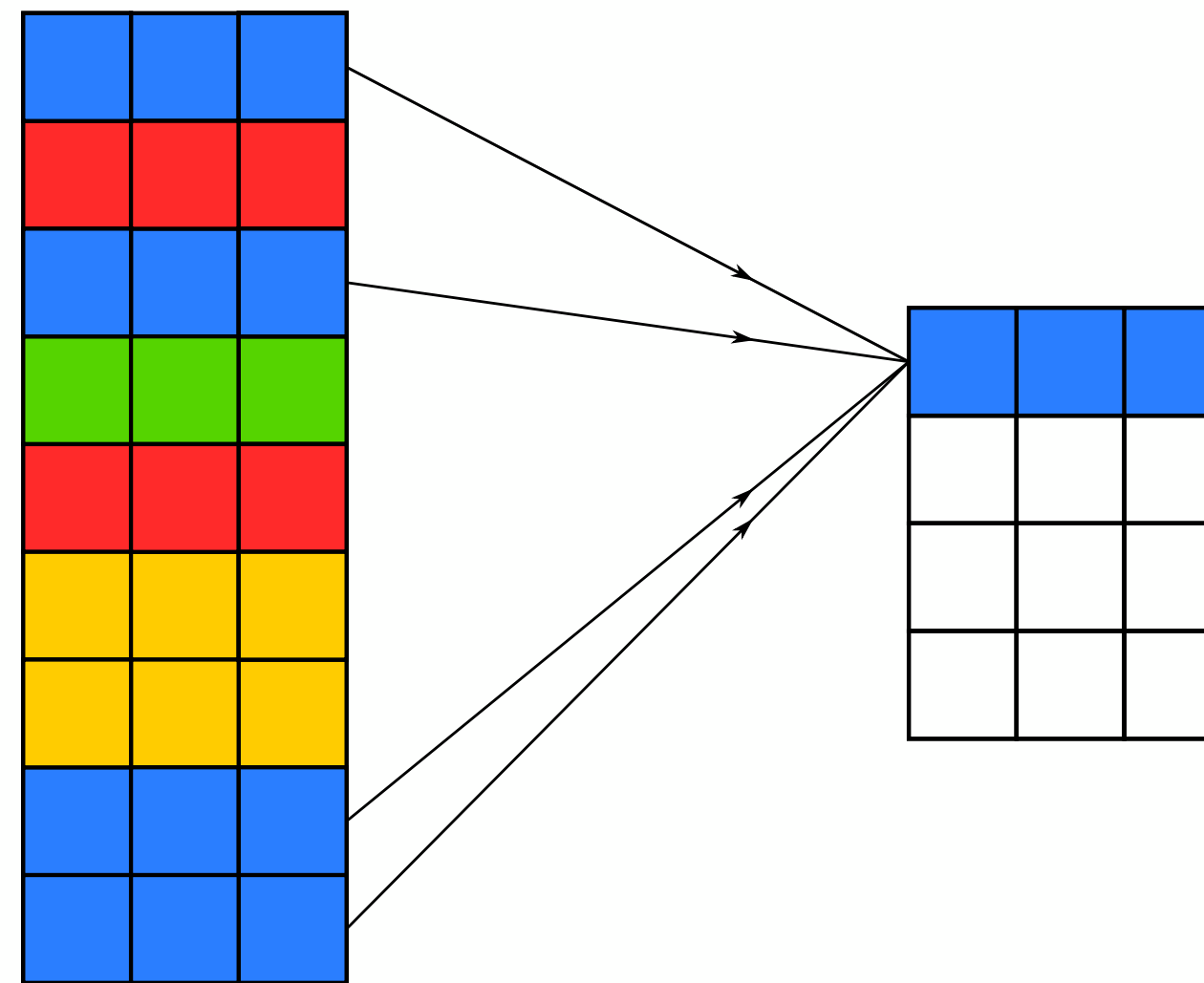
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Each output row is the sum
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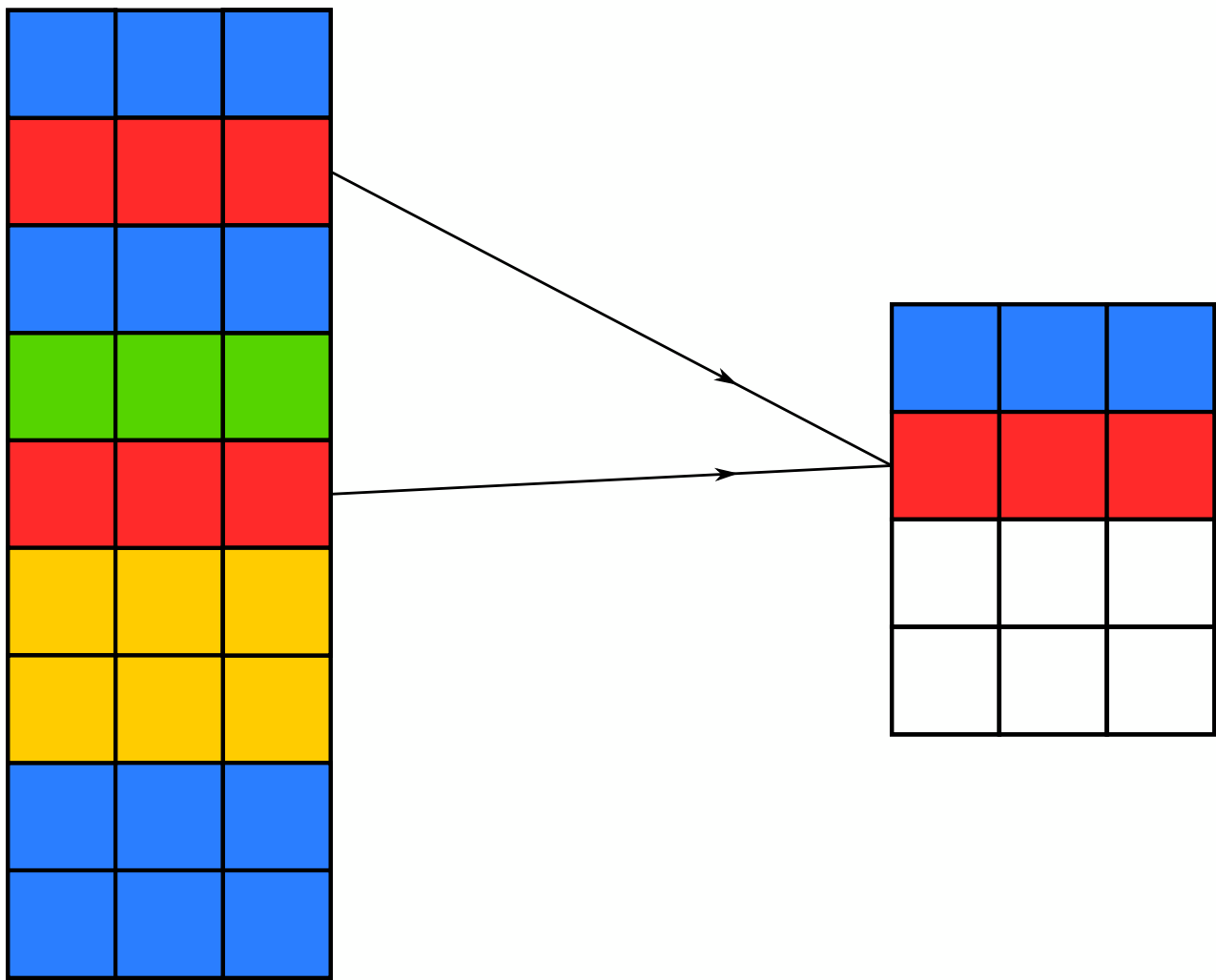


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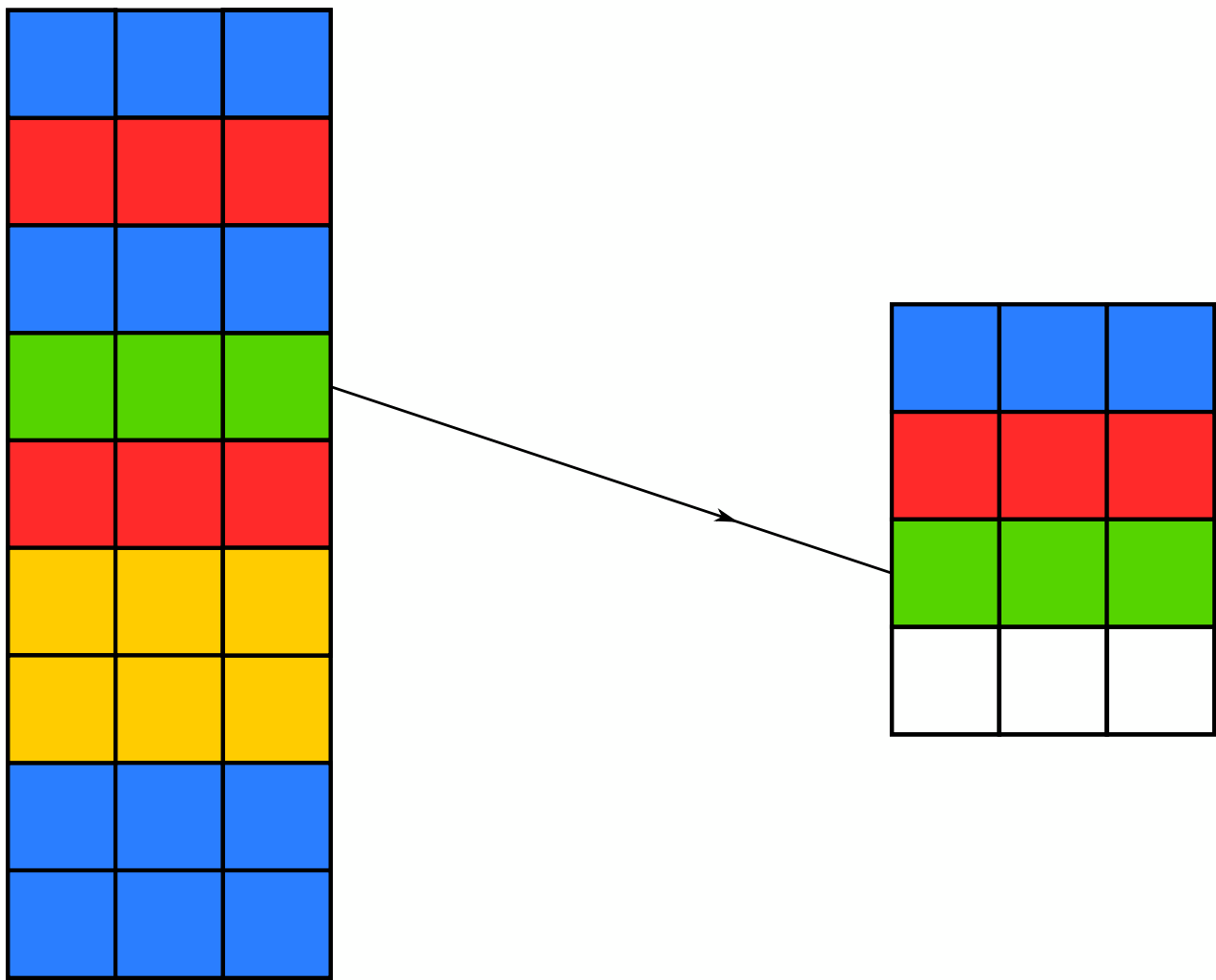


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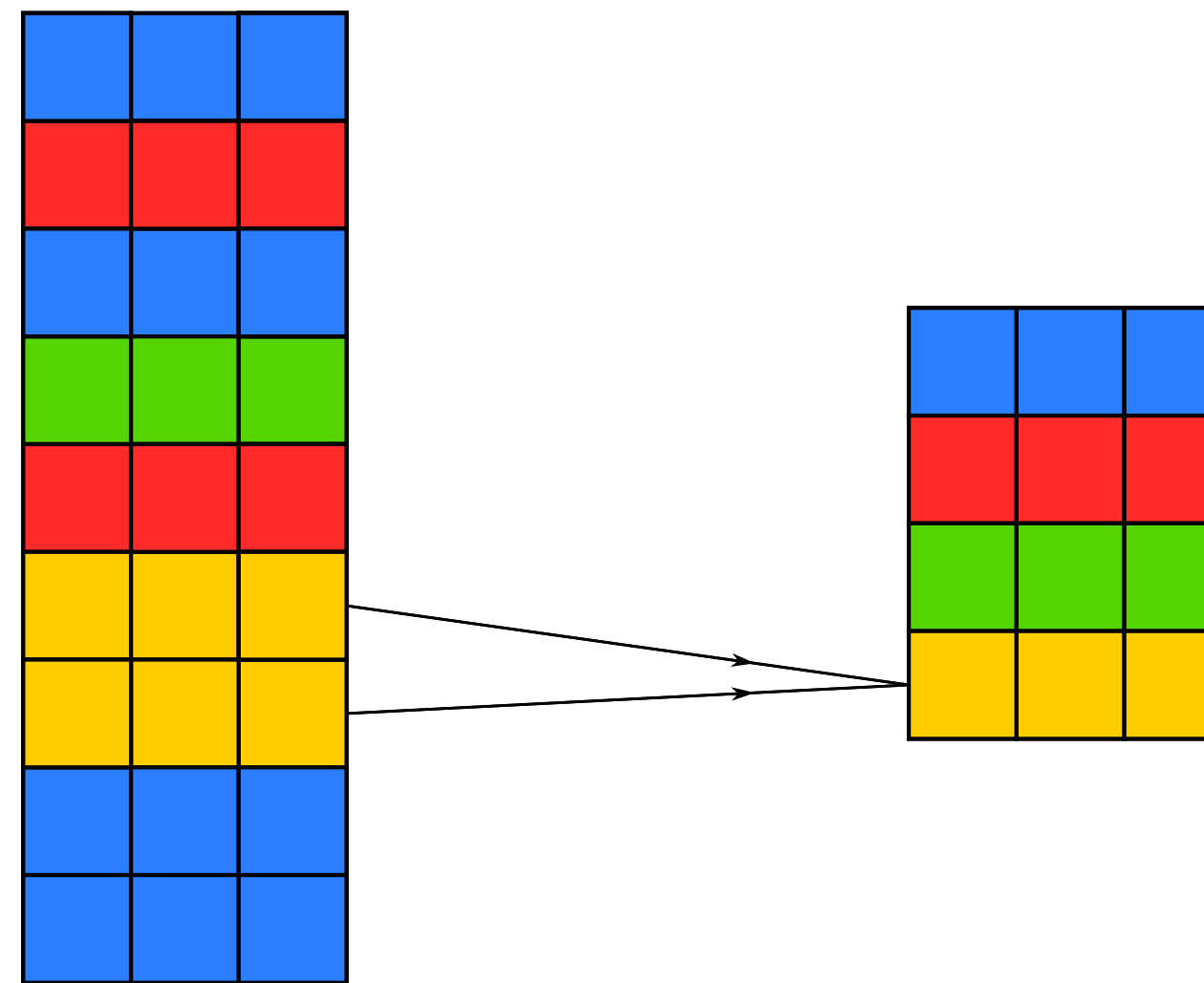
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Complexity analysis: every input element is touched once
... so linear complexity
(and can exploit sparsity)

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A formula for the output:

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{v}), \quad u_i = \sum_{j|h(j)=i} s(j)v_j$$
$$s : [n] \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$$
$$h : [n] \rightarrow [m] \quad \text{hash}$$

... and note that the following polynomial has the output as its coefficients:

$$p(\mathbf{x}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{j \in [n]} s(j) \cdot v_j \cdot \mathbf{x}^{h(j)} = \sum_{i \in [m]} \mathbf{x}^i \underbrace{\left(\sum_{j|h(j)=i} s(j)v_j \right)}_{u_i} = \sum_{i \in [m]} u_i \cdot \mathbf{x}^i$$

(this will be key shortly...)

Method 8: TensorSketch

Introduced in [Pagh \(2013\)](#), more analysis
in, e.g., [Diao, Zong, Sun, Woodruff \(2018\)](#)

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Not (yet!) related to tensors

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another equivalent definition:

$$\mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{b} = \text{vec}_{\text{col}}(\mathbf{b} \mathbf{a}^T)$$

$$\mathbf{b} \mathbf{a}^T = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 a_1 & b_1 a_2 & b_1 a_3 \\ b_2 a_1 & b_2 a_2 & b_2 a_3 \\ b_3 a_1 & b_3 a_2 & b_3 a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 b_1 & a_2 b_1 & a_3 b_1 \\ a_1 b_2 & a_2 b_2 & a_3 b_2 \\ a_1 b_3 & a_2 b_3 & a_3 b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{vec} : [n^{(1)}] \times [n^{(2)}] &\rightarrow [n^{(1)} \cdot n^{(2)}] \\ \text{vec}^{-1} = \text{mat} : [n^{(1)} \cdot n^{(2)}] &\rightarrow [n^{(1)}] \times [n^{(2)}] \end{aligned}$$

more generally,

$$(\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B}) \text{vec}_{\text{col}}(\mathbf{X}) = \text{vec}_{\text{col}}(\mathbf{B} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{A}^T)$$

TensorSketch

Pick hash functions in a decomposable way:

Input has structure $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}^{(1)} \otimes \mathbf{v}^{(2)}$ with sizes $n = n^{(1)} \cdot n^{(2)}$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{build small} & h^{(1)} : [n^{(1)}] \rightarrow [m] \\ \text{hash functions:} & h^{(2)} : [n^{(2)}] \rightarrow [m] \end{array} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} h : [n] \rightarrow [m] \\ h(j_1, j_2) = h^{(1)}(j_1) + h^{(2)}(j_2) \pmod m \end{array}$$

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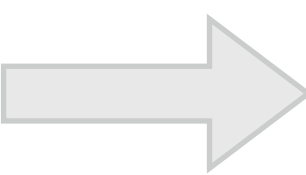
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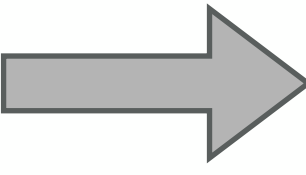
build small hash functions: $h^{(1)} : [n^{(1)}] \rightarrow [m]$
 $h^{(2)} : [n^{(2)}] \rightarrow [m]$


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same trick for sign functions: $s^{(1)} : [n^{(1)}] \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$
 $s^{(2)} : [n^{(2)}] \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$


$$s : [n] \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$$
$$s(j_1, j_2) = s^{(1)}(j_1) \cdot s^{(2)}(j_2)$$

still pairwise independent, as needed for theory!

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what's the point? Huge computational speedup.

$$\begin{aligned} h^{(1)} : [n^{(1)}] &\rightarrow [m] \\ h^{(2)} : [n^{(2)}] &\rightarrow [m] \end{aligned} \qquad \begin{aligned} p^{(1)}(\boldsymbol{x}) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{j \in [n^{(1)}]} s^{(1)}(j) \cdot v_j^{(1)} \cdot \boldsymbol{x}^{h^{(1)}(j)} = \sum_{i \in [m]} u_i^{(1)} \cdot \boldsymbol{x}^i \\ p^{(2)}(\boldsymbol{x}) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{j \in [n^{(2)}]} s^{(2)}(j) \cdot v_j^{(2)} \cdot \boldsymbol{x}^{h^{(2)}(j)} = \sum_{i \in [m]} u_i^{(2)} \cdot \boldsymbol{x}^i \end{aligned}$$

Let's compute this: $p^{(1)}(\boldsymbol{x}) \cdot p^{(2)}(\boldsymbol{x}) \bmod \boldsymbol{x}^m - 1$

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because input has tensor product structure

because of how we defined our sketch

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 \end{aligned}$$

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Recall $\mathbf{x}^m \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathbf{x}^m - 1}$

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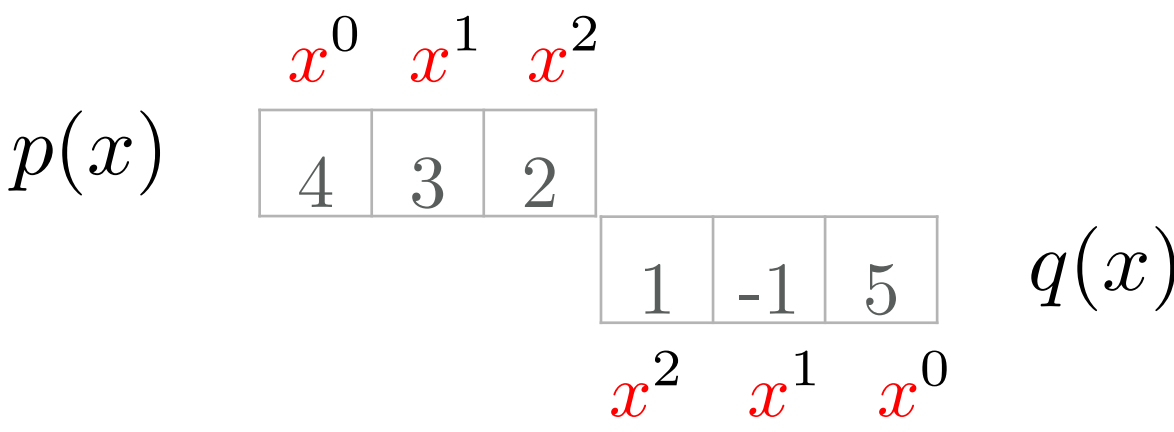
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coefficients are the output
of the CountSketch!

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$$\begin{matrix} (2x^2 + 3x + 4) \cdot (x^2 - x + 5) \\ p(x) \qquad \qquad q(x) \end{matrix}$$

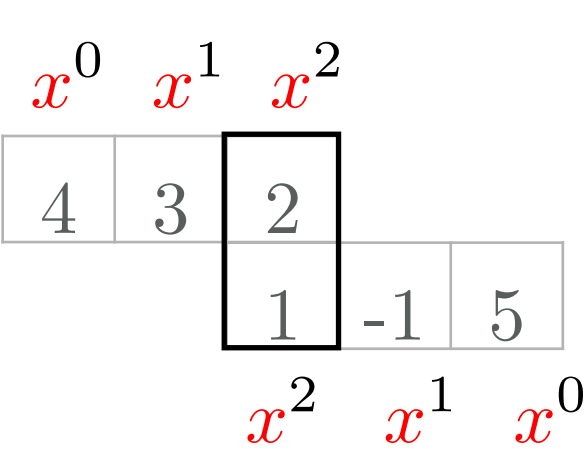


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3

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2

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1

x^1

-1

x^0

5

$= 2x^4 + x^3$

$$3 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot (-1) = 1$$

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x^2 x^1 x^0

$= 2x^4 + x^3 + 11x^2$

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1	-1	5	
x^2	x^1	x^0	

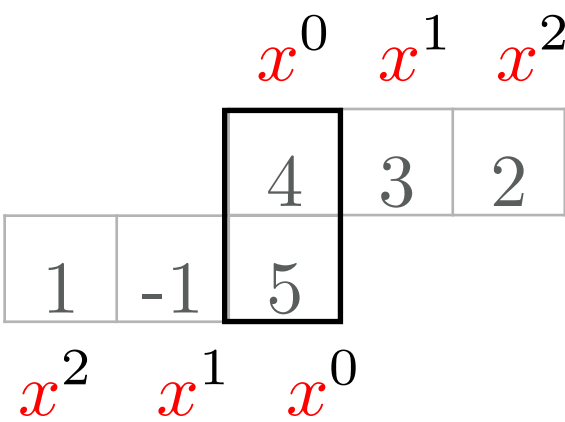
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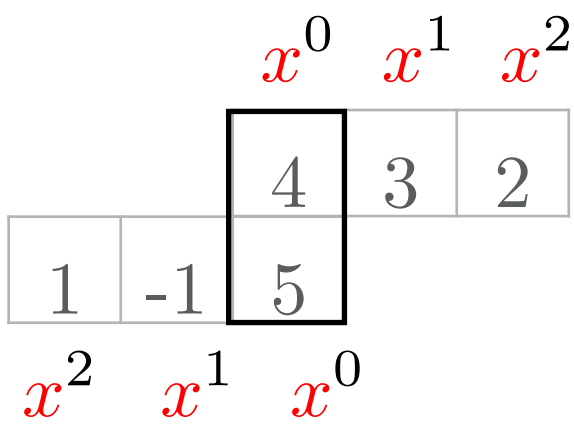
$$= 2x^4 + x^3 + 11x^2 + 11x + 20$$

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$$\equiv 11x^2 + 13x + 21 \pmod{x^3 - 1}$$

... this is circular convolution!

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Convolution Theorem (for circular convolutions $*$)

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Discrete Fourier Transform (implemented via FFT)

pointwise multiplication

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Complexity:

$\mathcal{T} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$
 $n = n^{(1)} \cdot n^{(2)}$

CountSketch applied as TensorSketch

$\mathcal{O}(n^{(1)} + n^{(2)} + m \log m)$

vs

CountSketch applied naively

$\mathcal{O}(n^{(1)}n^{(2)})$

vs

generic dense matrix multiply

$\mathcal{O}(n^{(1)}n^{(2)}m)$

small CountSketches

polynomial multiplication via FFTs

Savings grow as we have more tensor products

If $n = n^{(1)}n^{(2)} \dots n^{(q)}$

$$\mathcal{O}(n^{(1)} + n^{(2)} + \dots + n^{(q)} + m \log m) \quad \text{vs} \quad \mathcal{O}(n^{(1)}n^{(2)} \dots n^{(q)})$$