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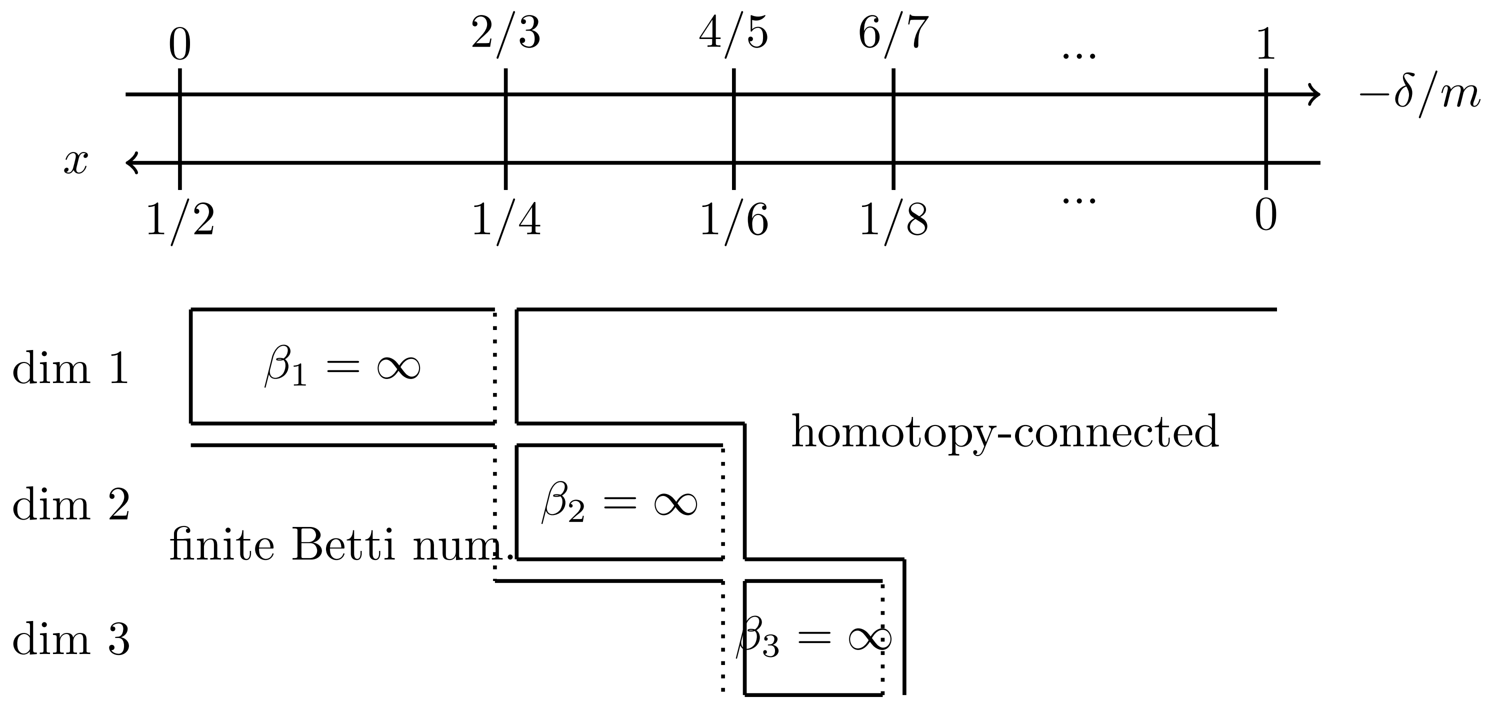

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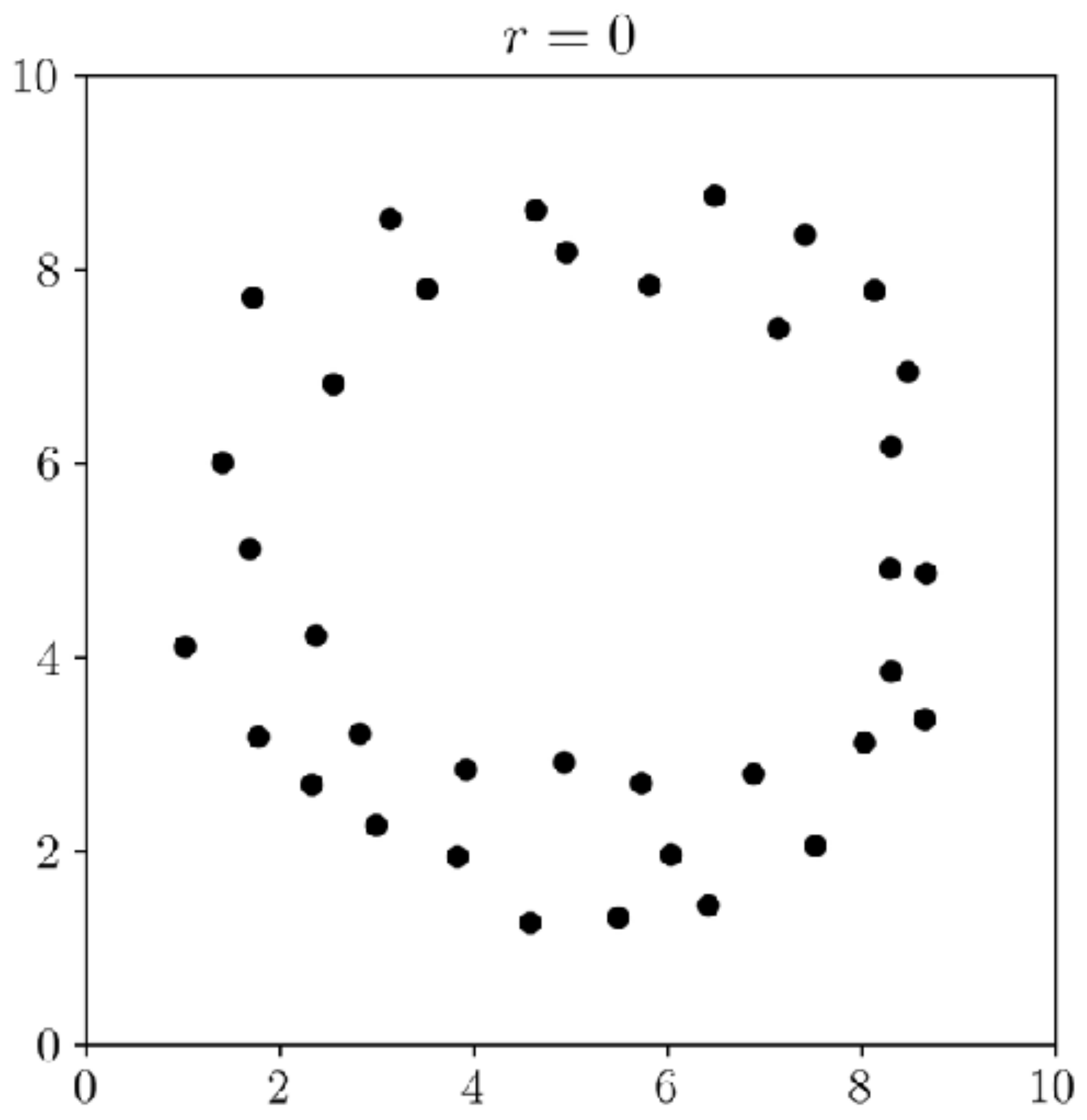
I. A Probabilist’s Apology

Why Random Topology and What we Know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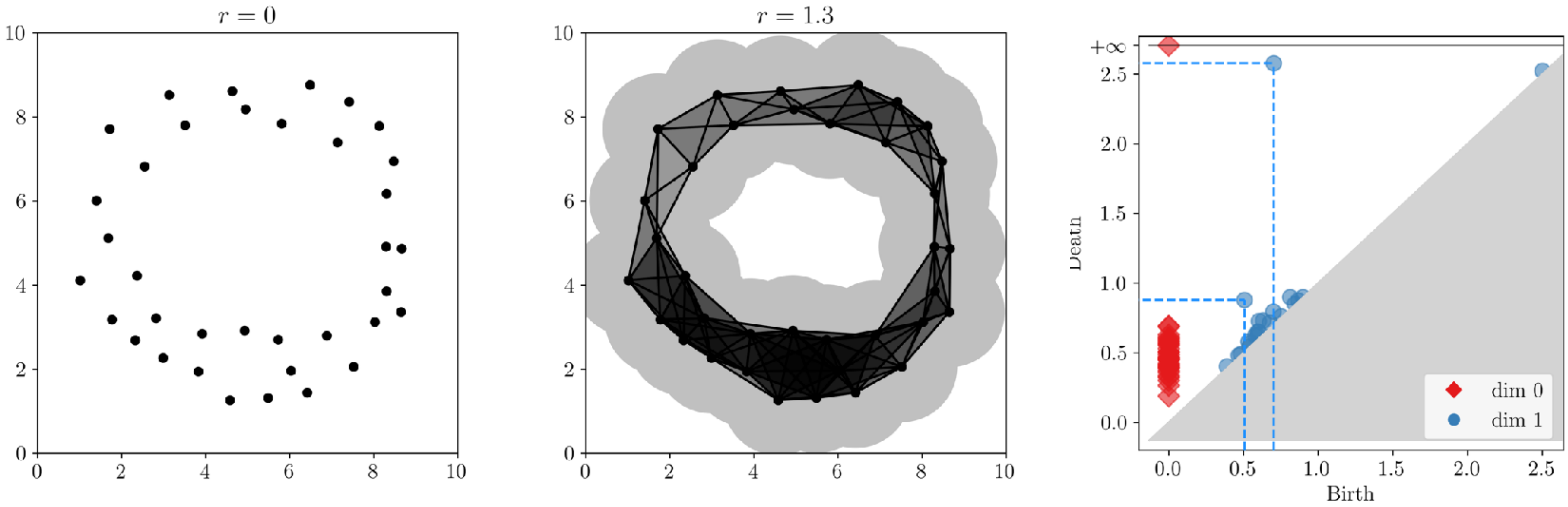

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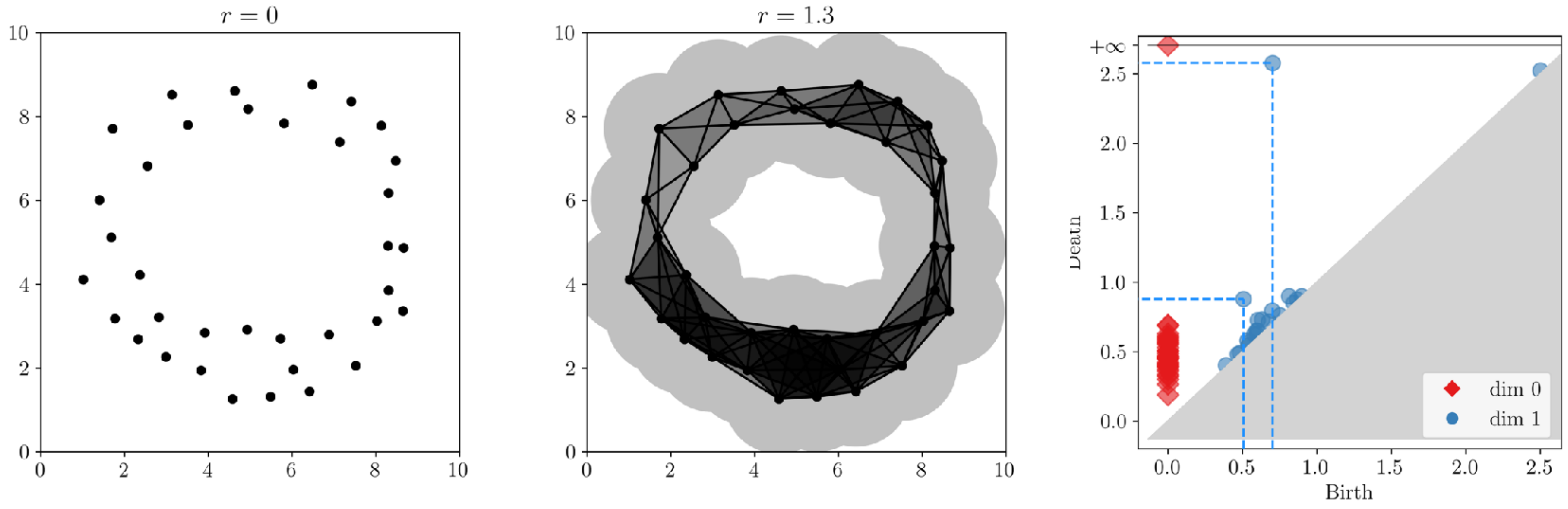

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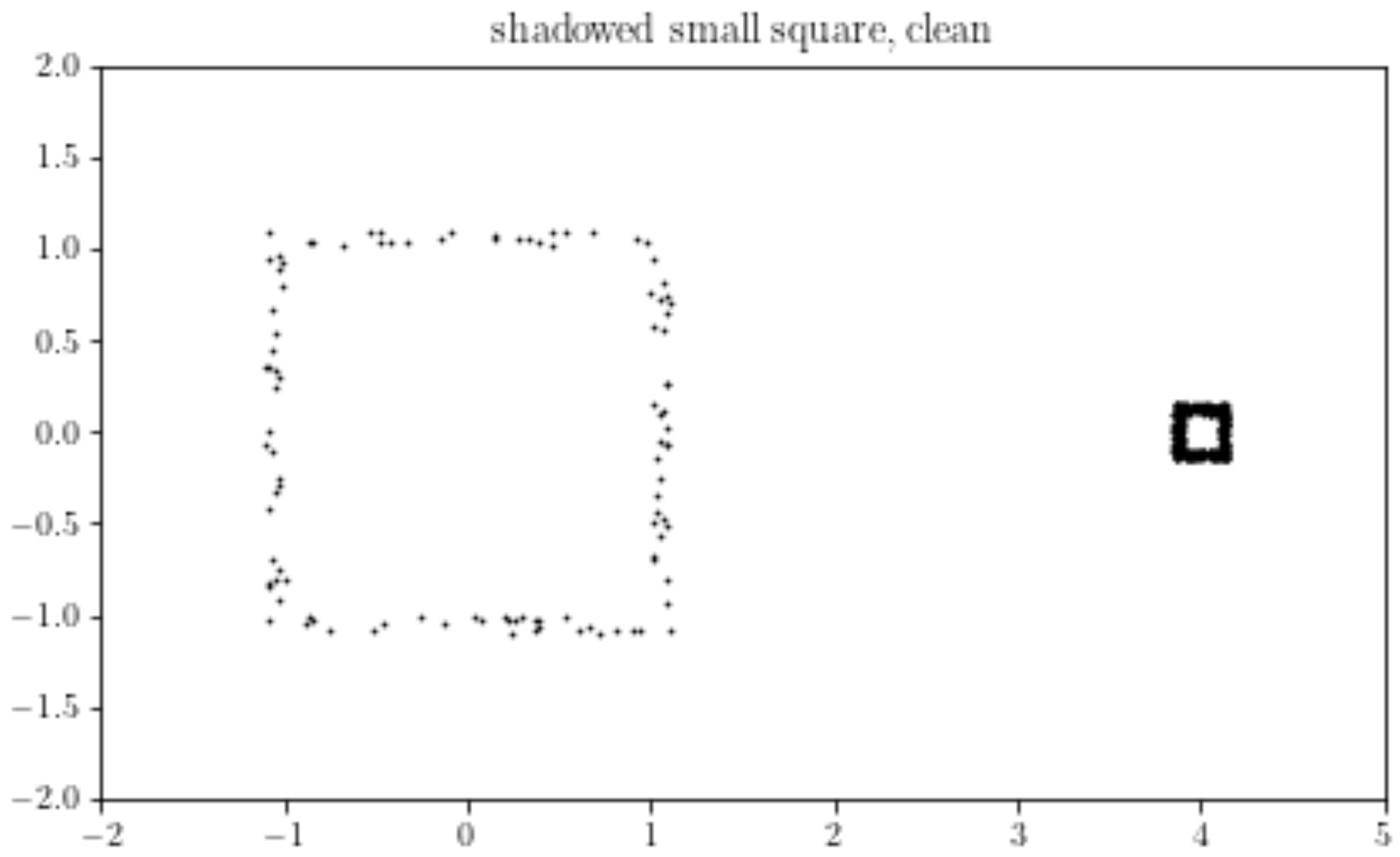

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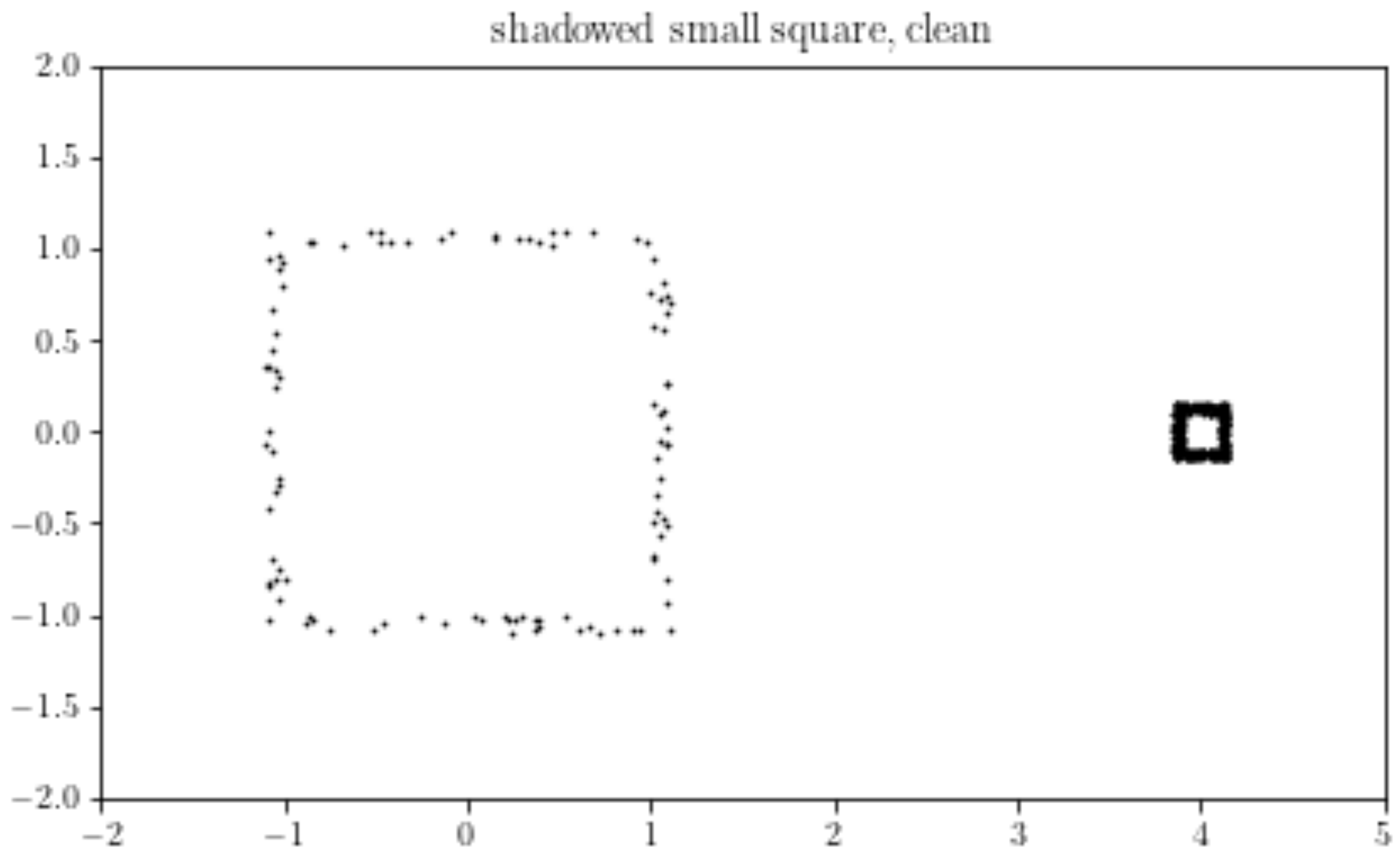

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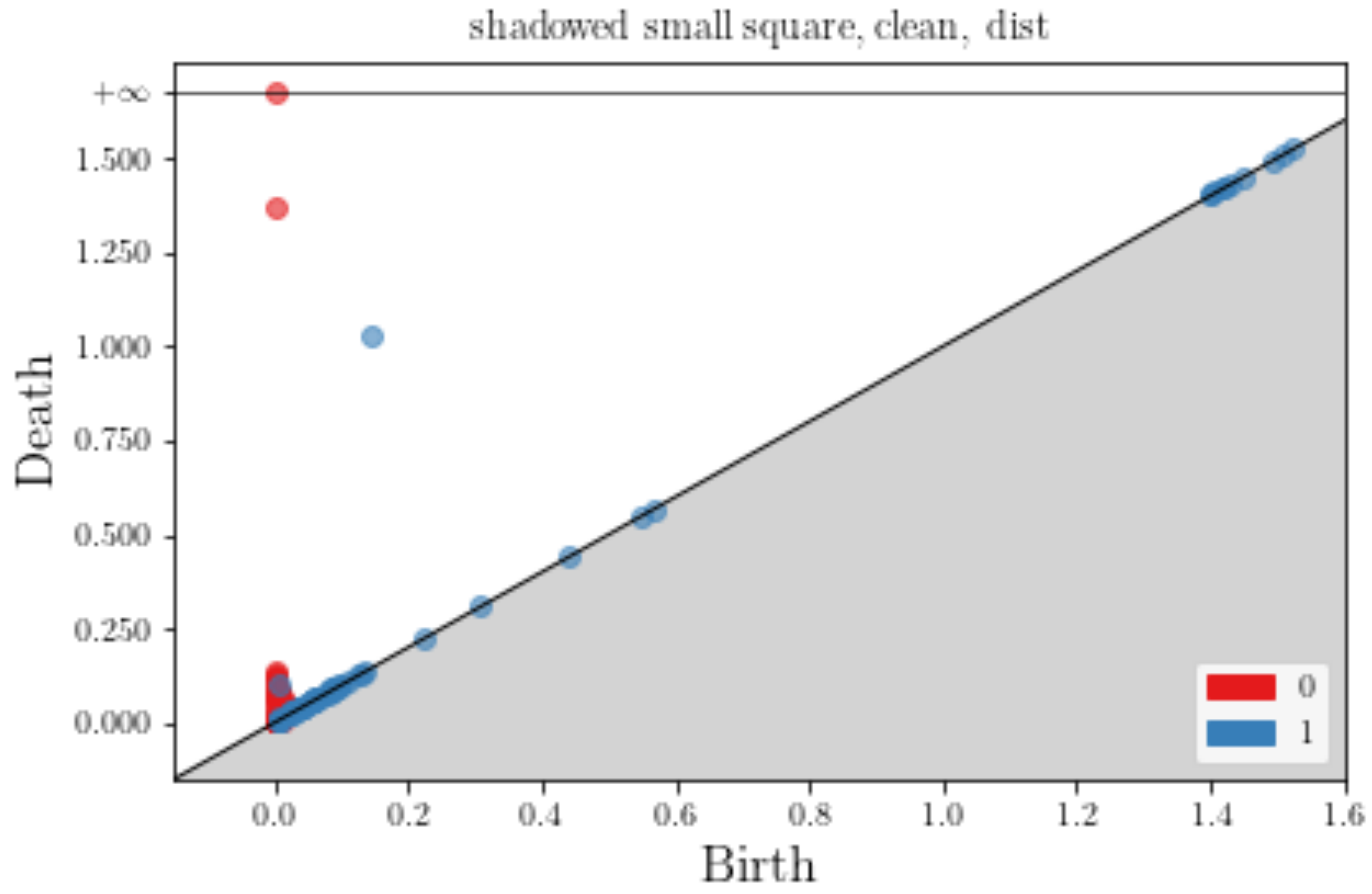

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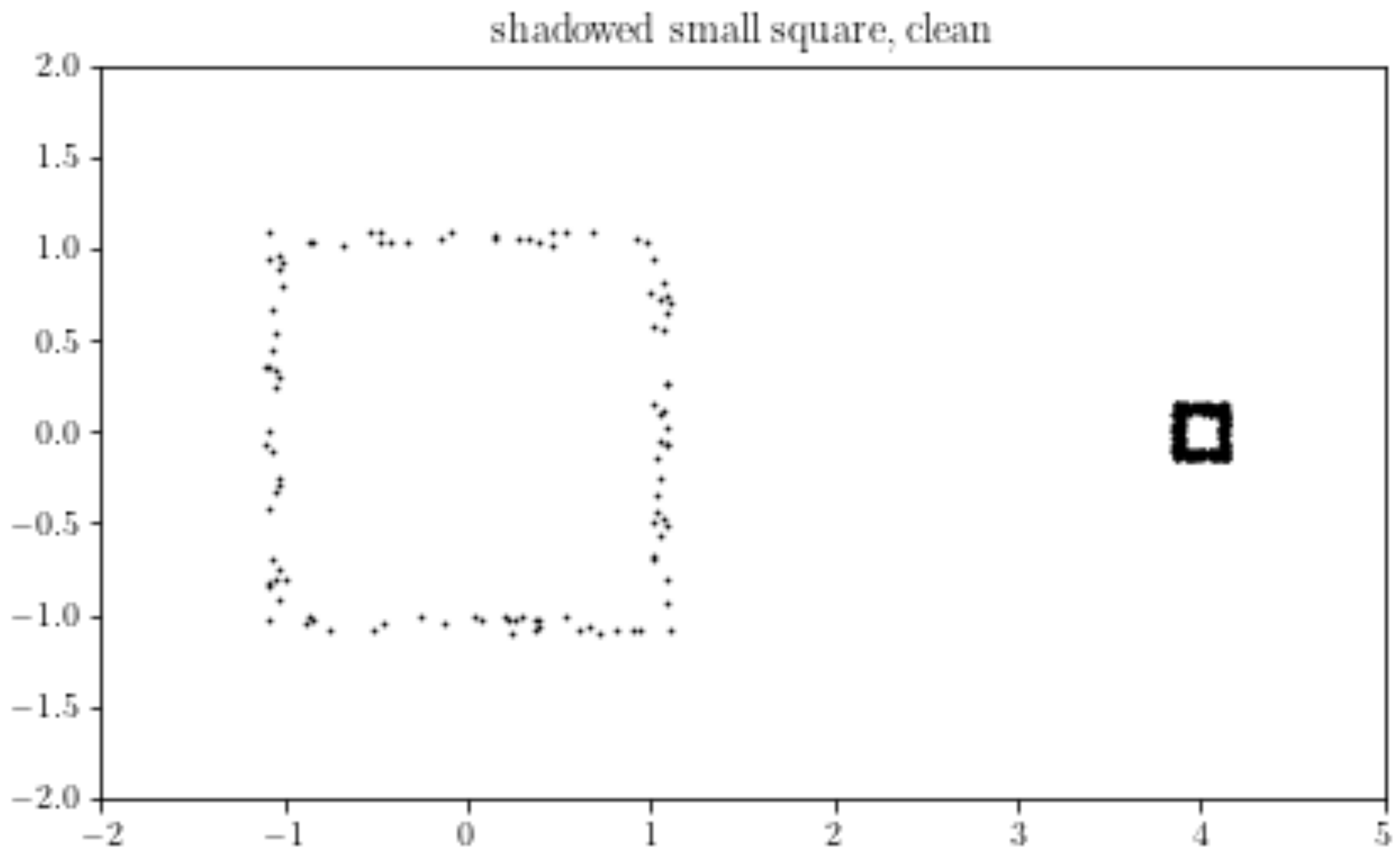
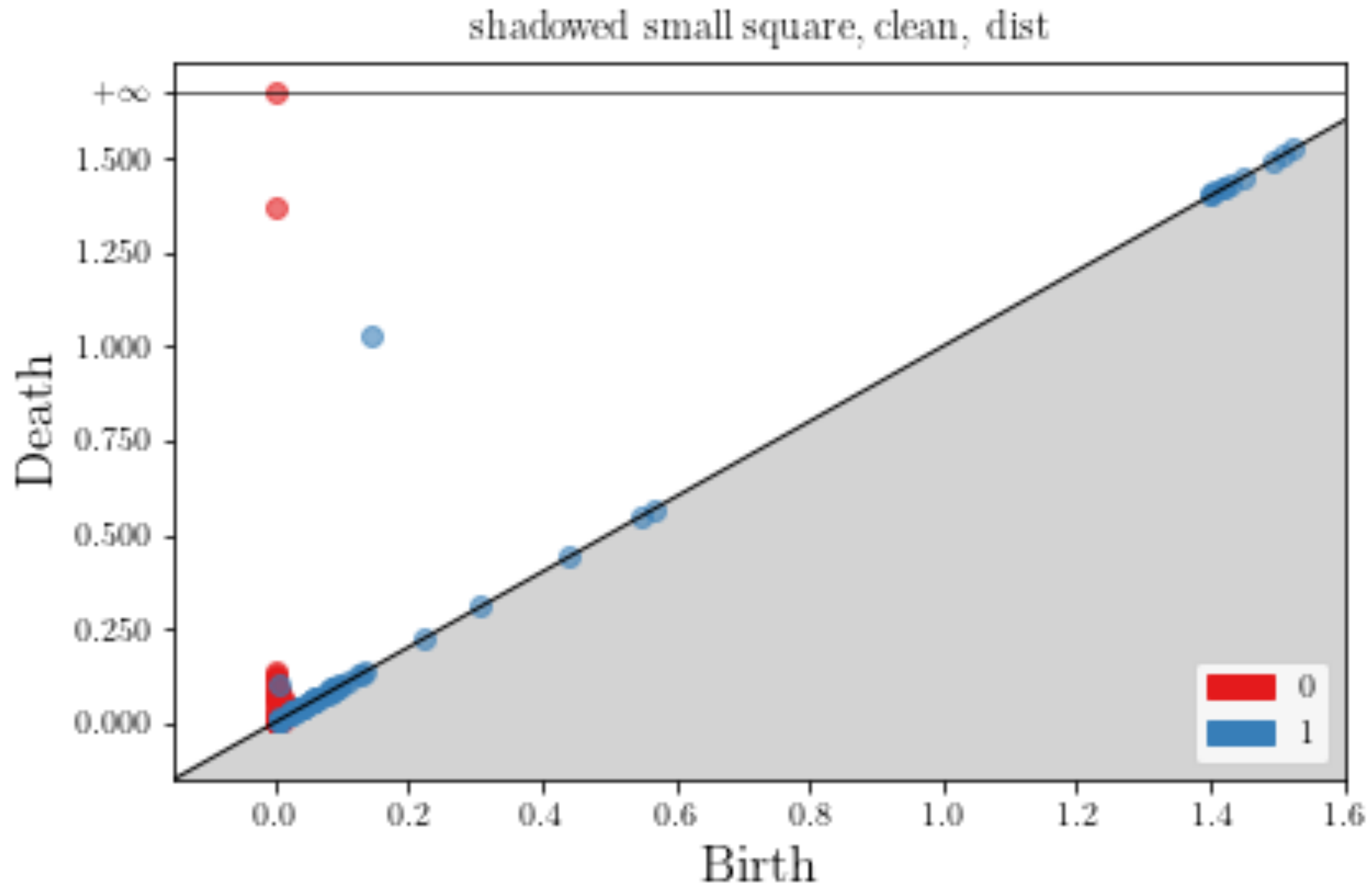
Size is Signal?

Surprise

~~Size~~ is Signal.

Random points don't do that.





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So what is **random?**

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II. Preferential Attachment

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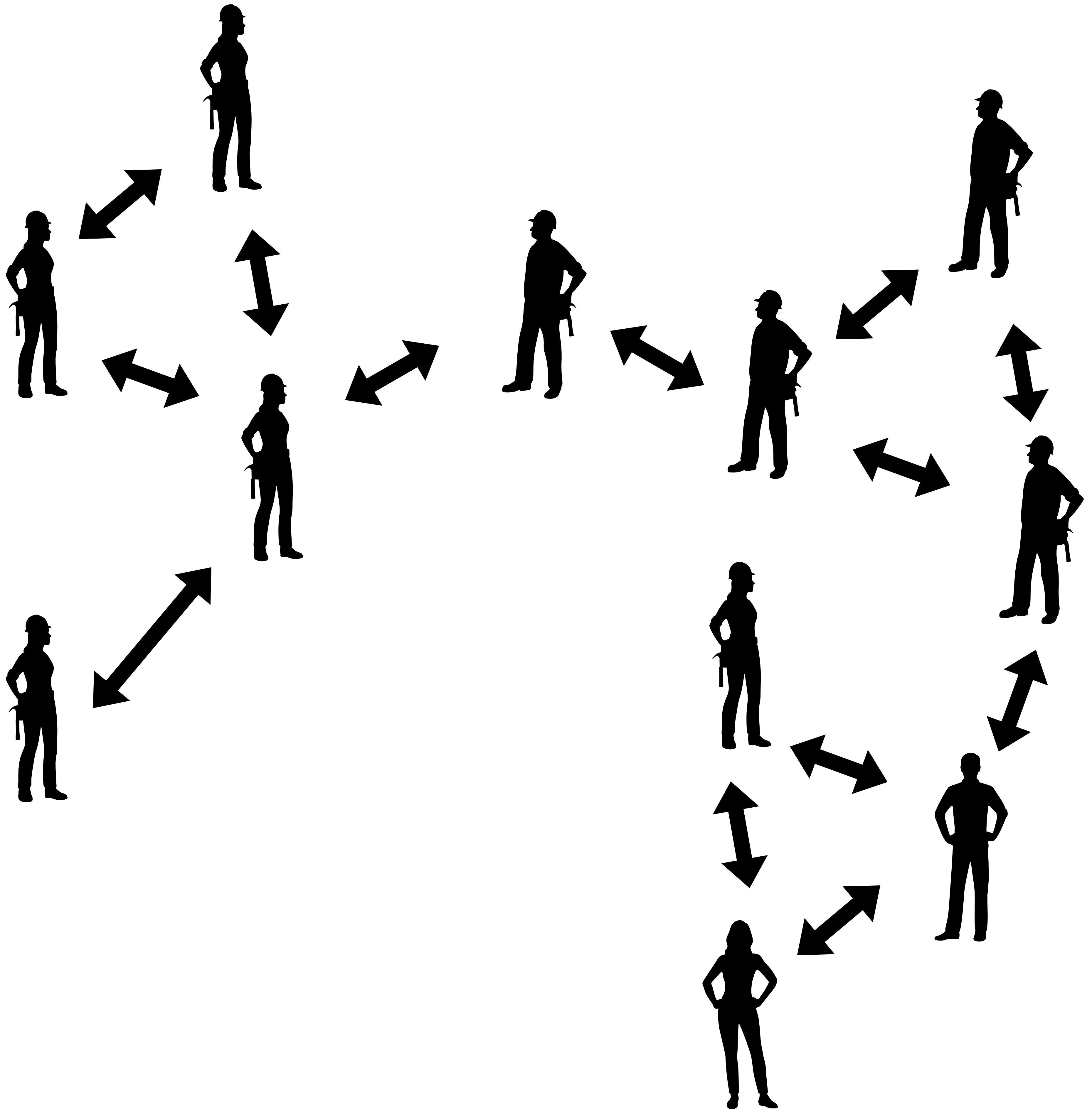

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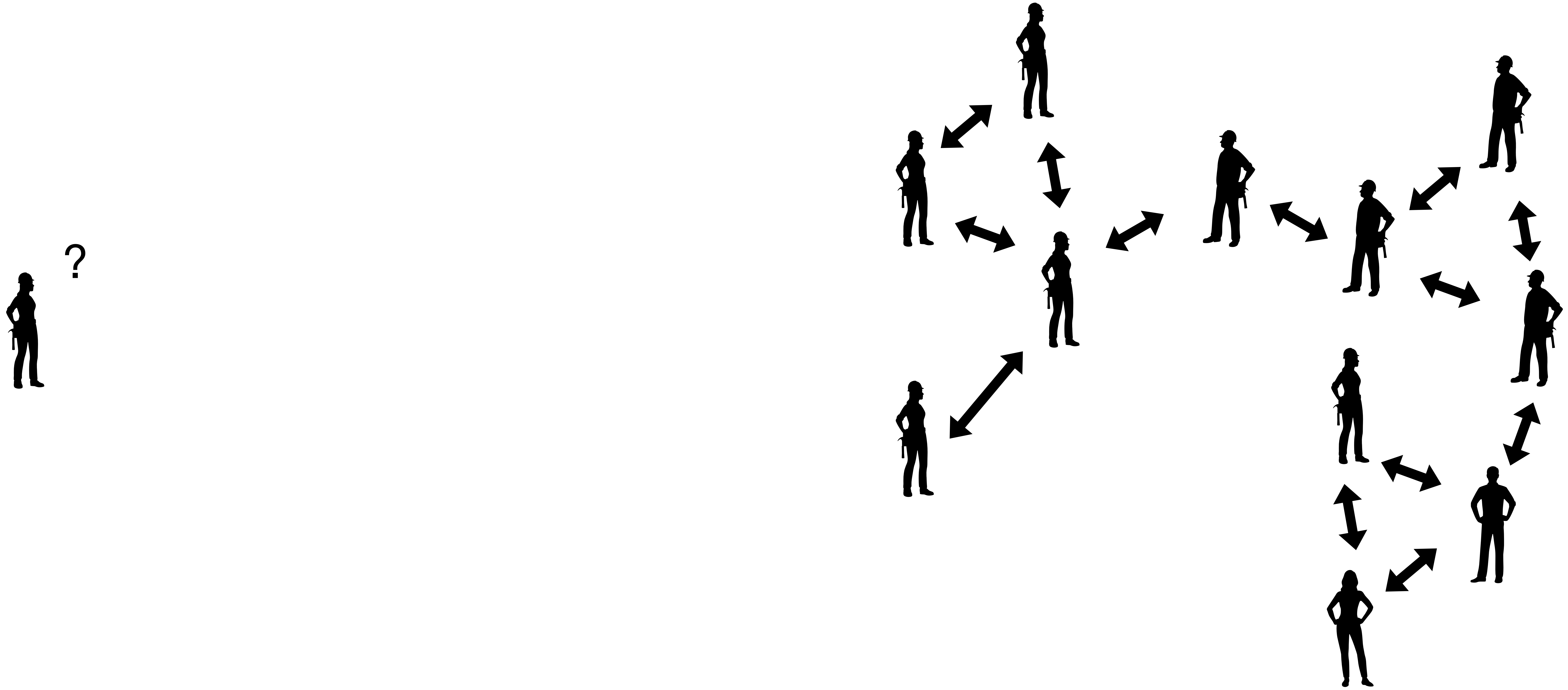

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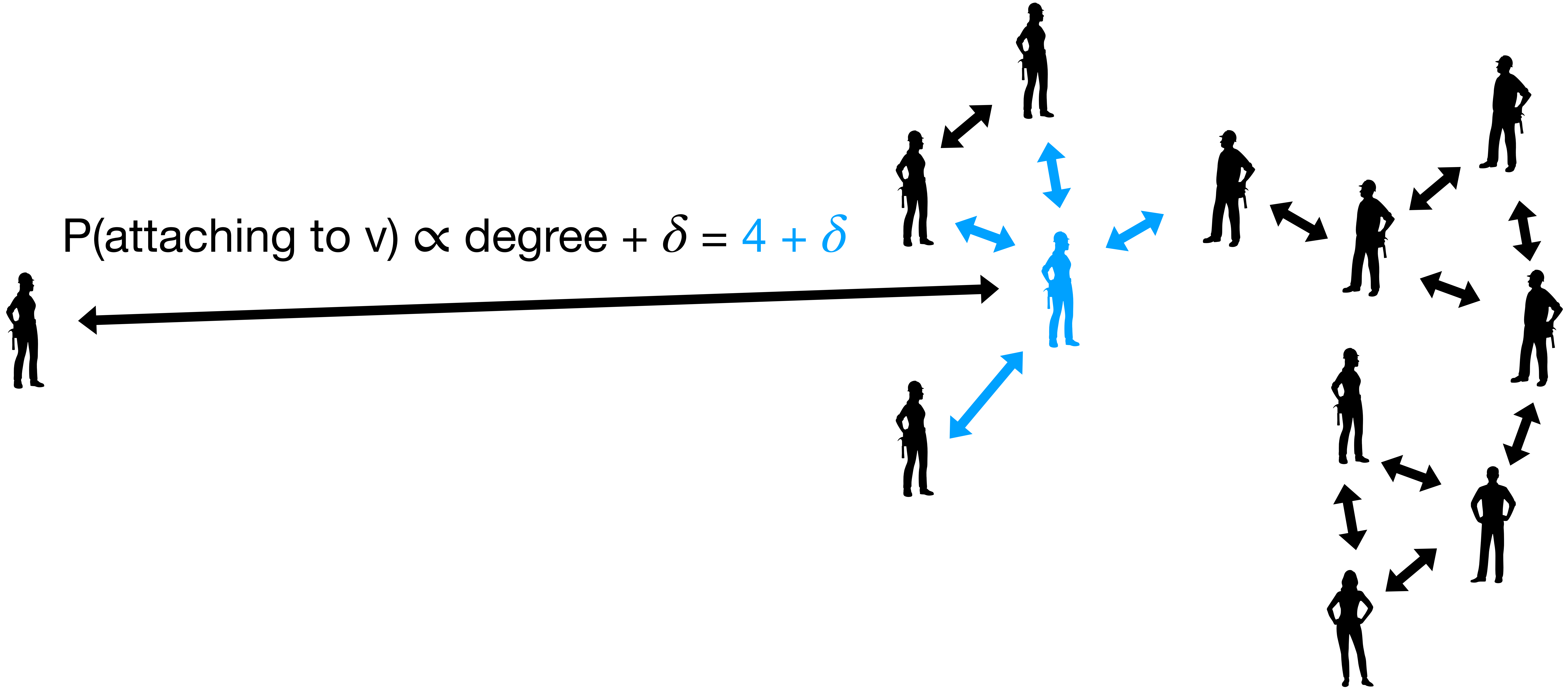

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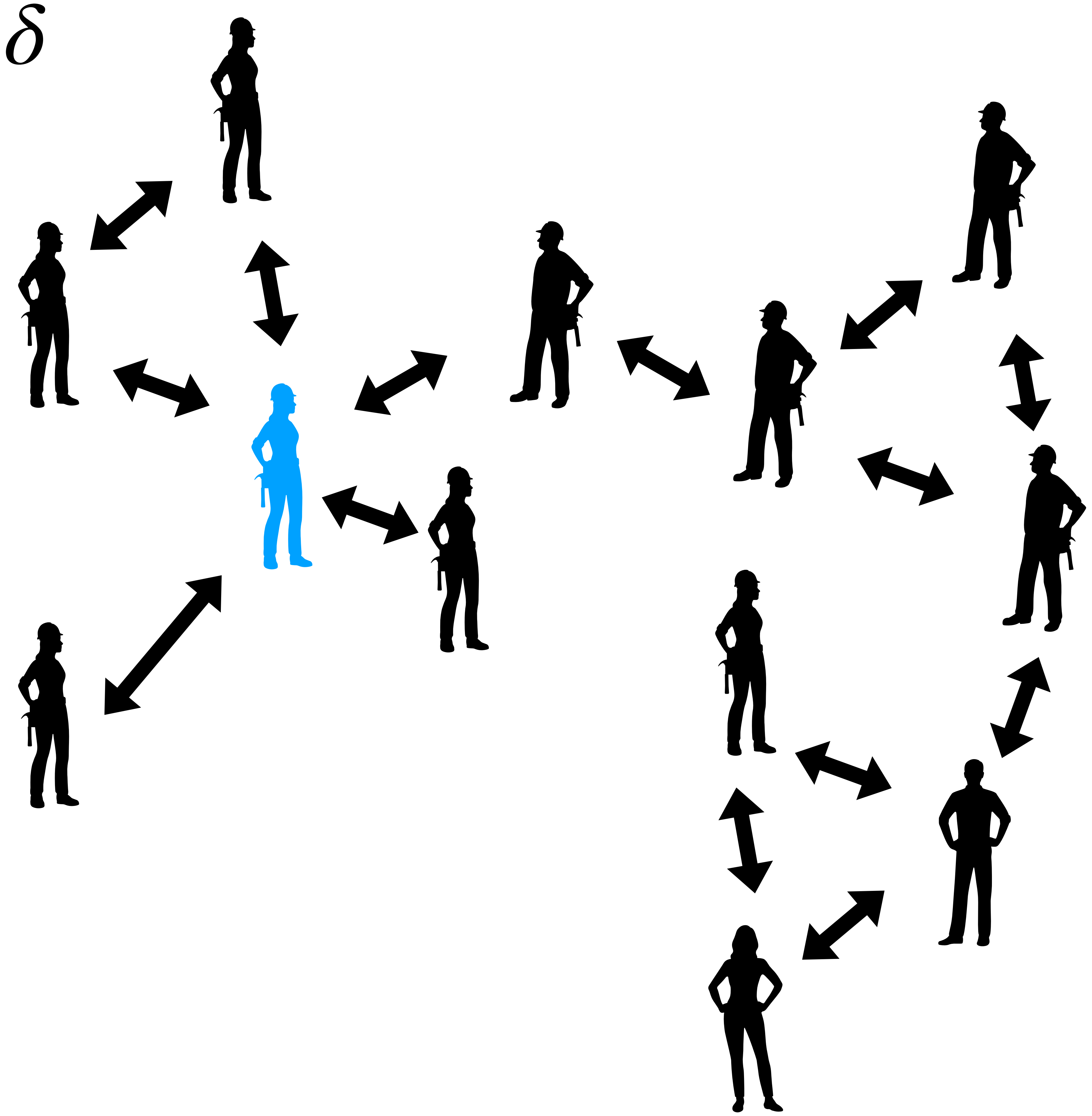

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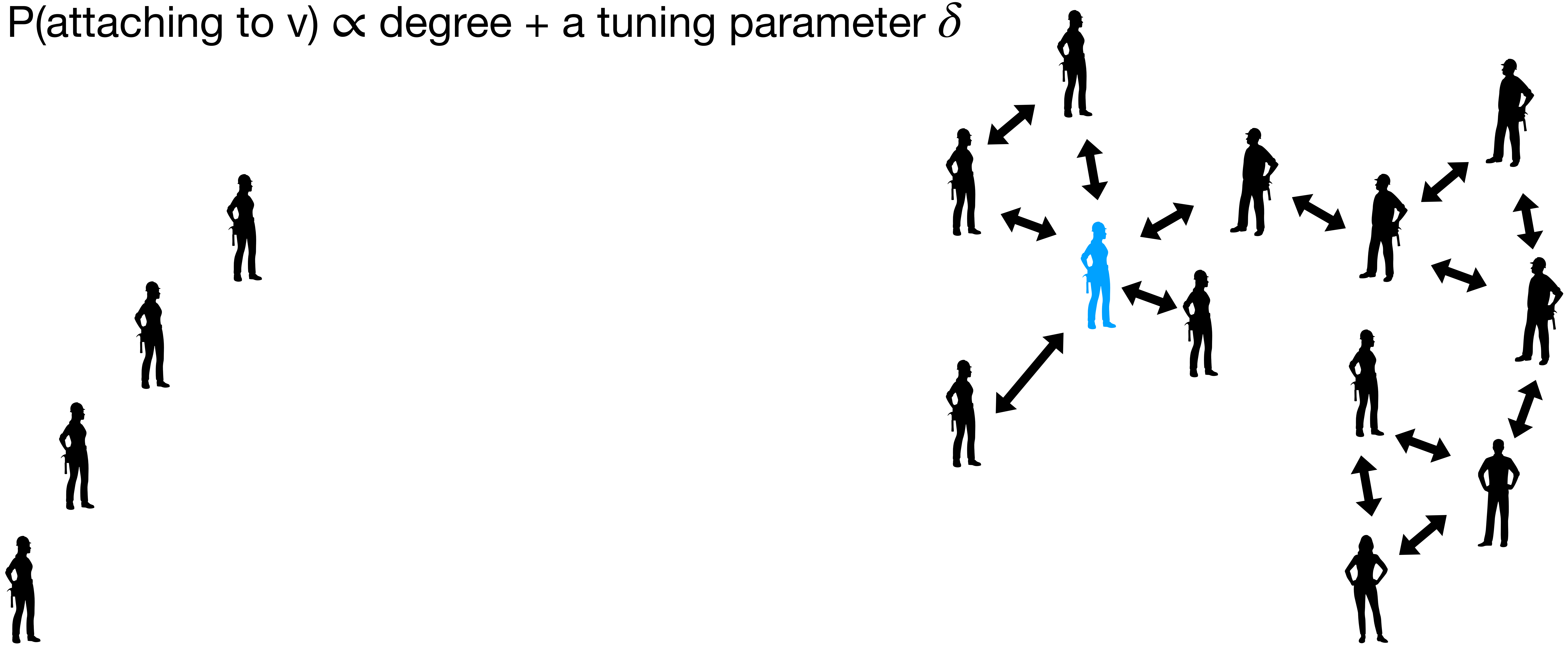

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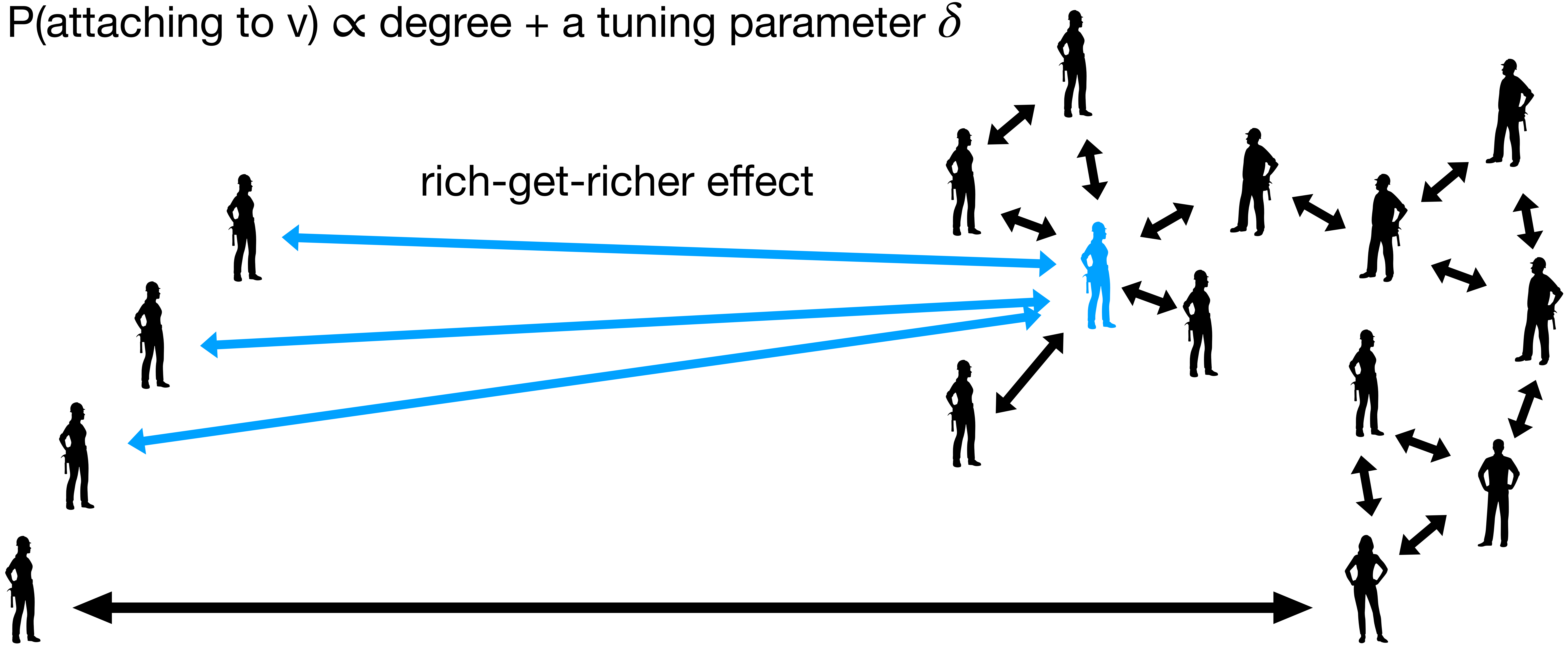

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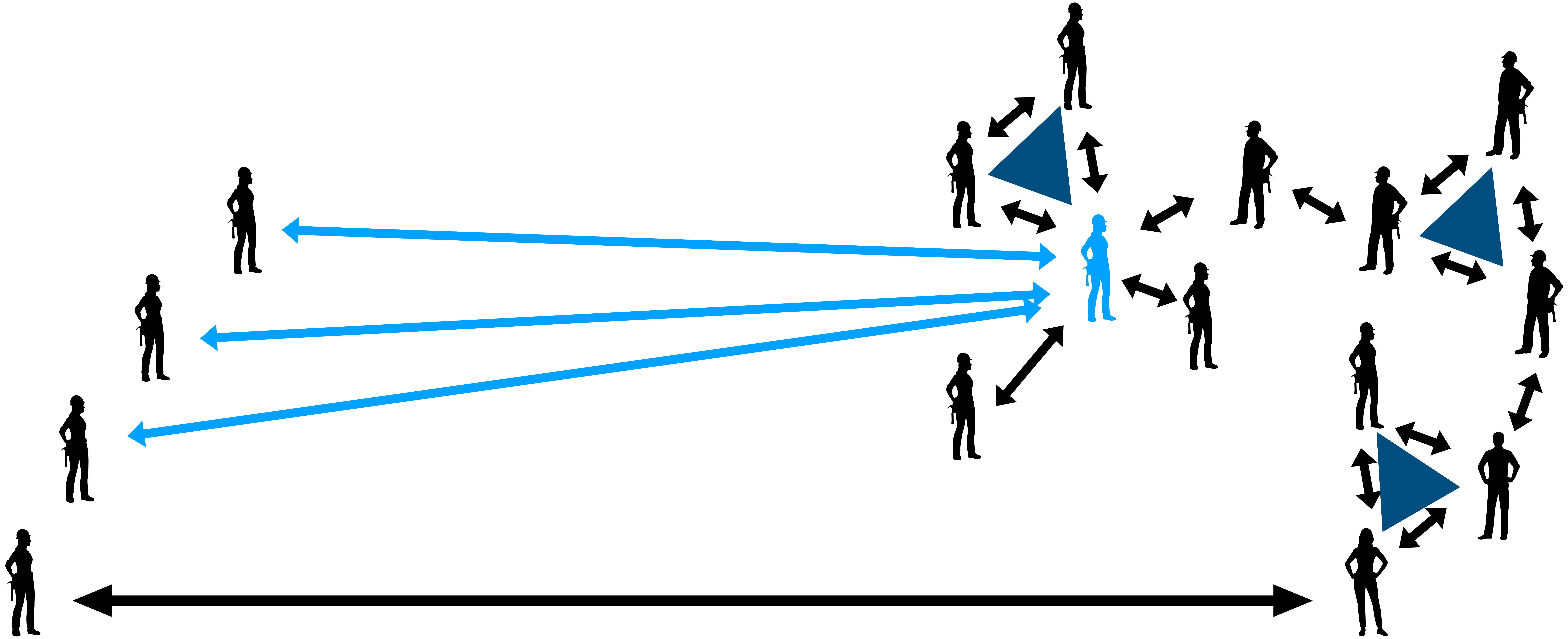
Clique Complex

aka Flag Complex



III Topology of Preferential Attachment

My Lovely Collaborators

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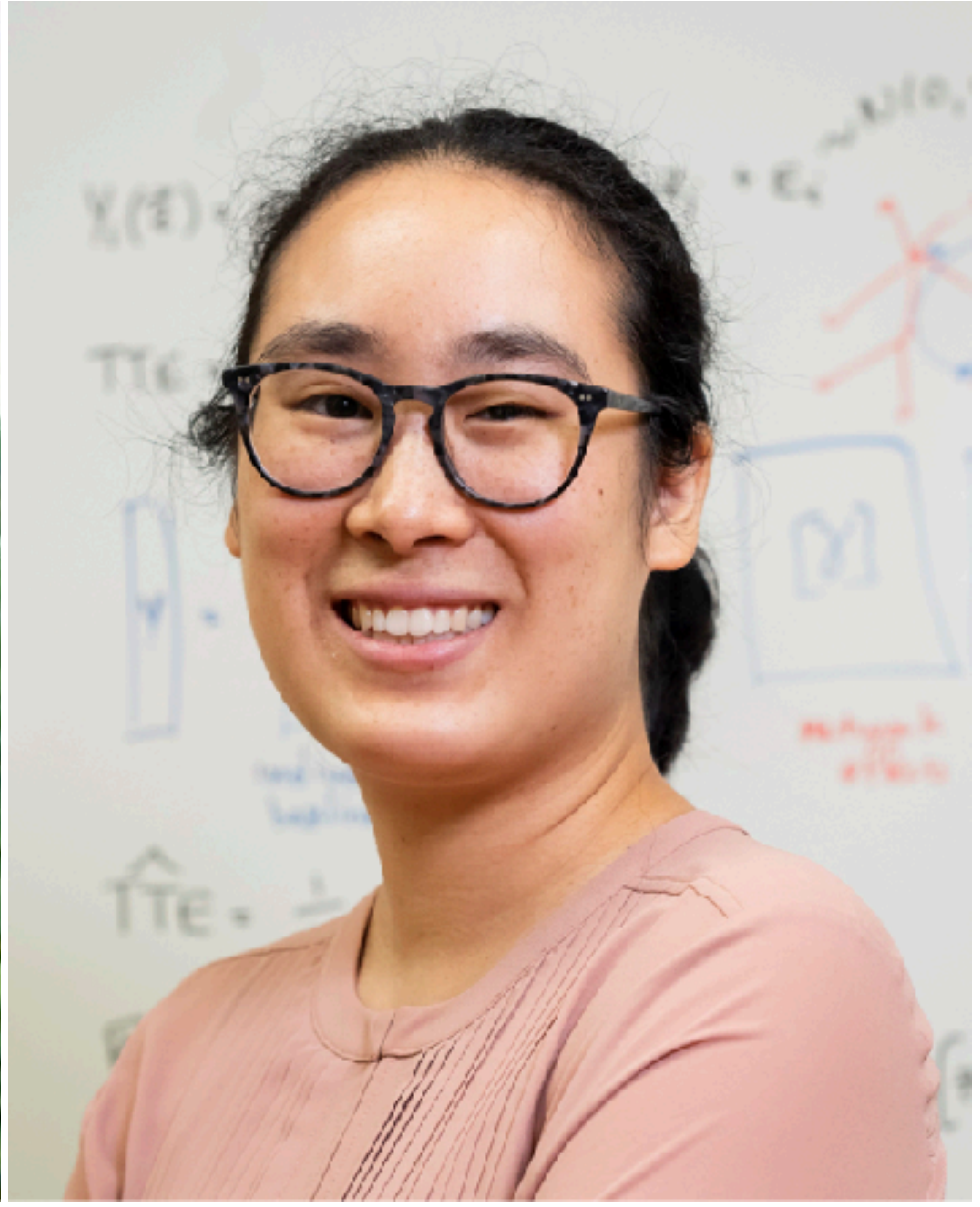

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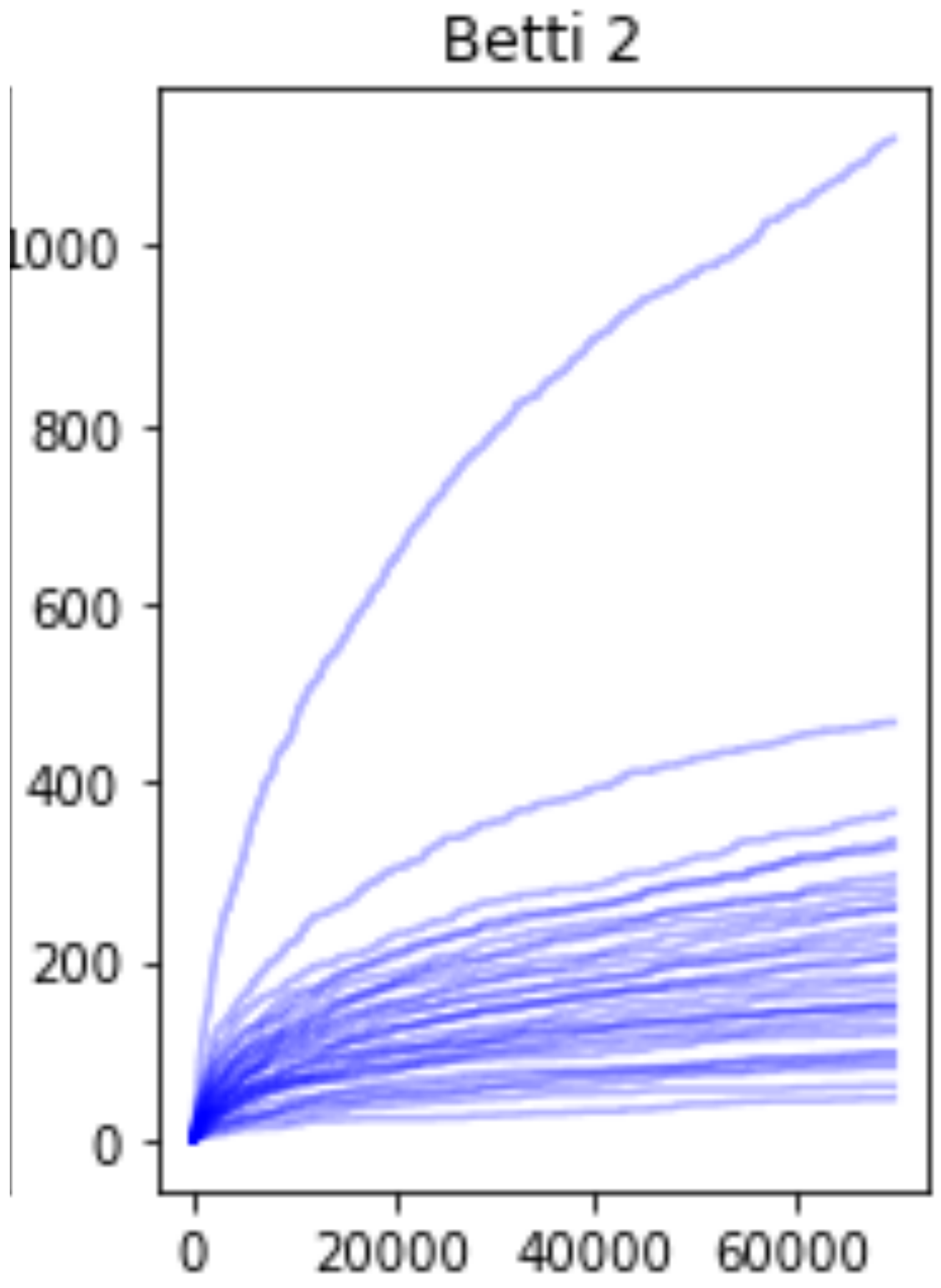

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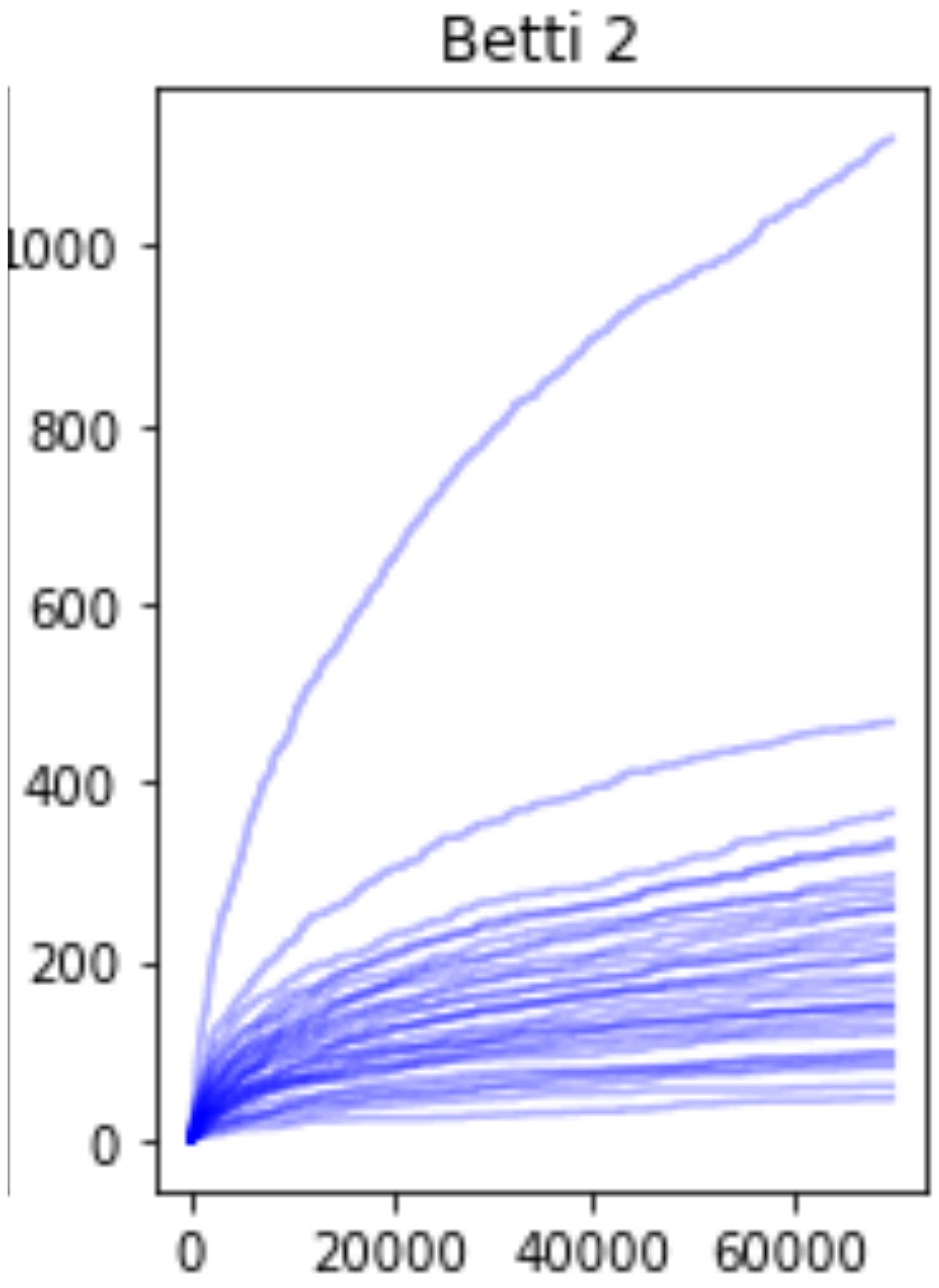

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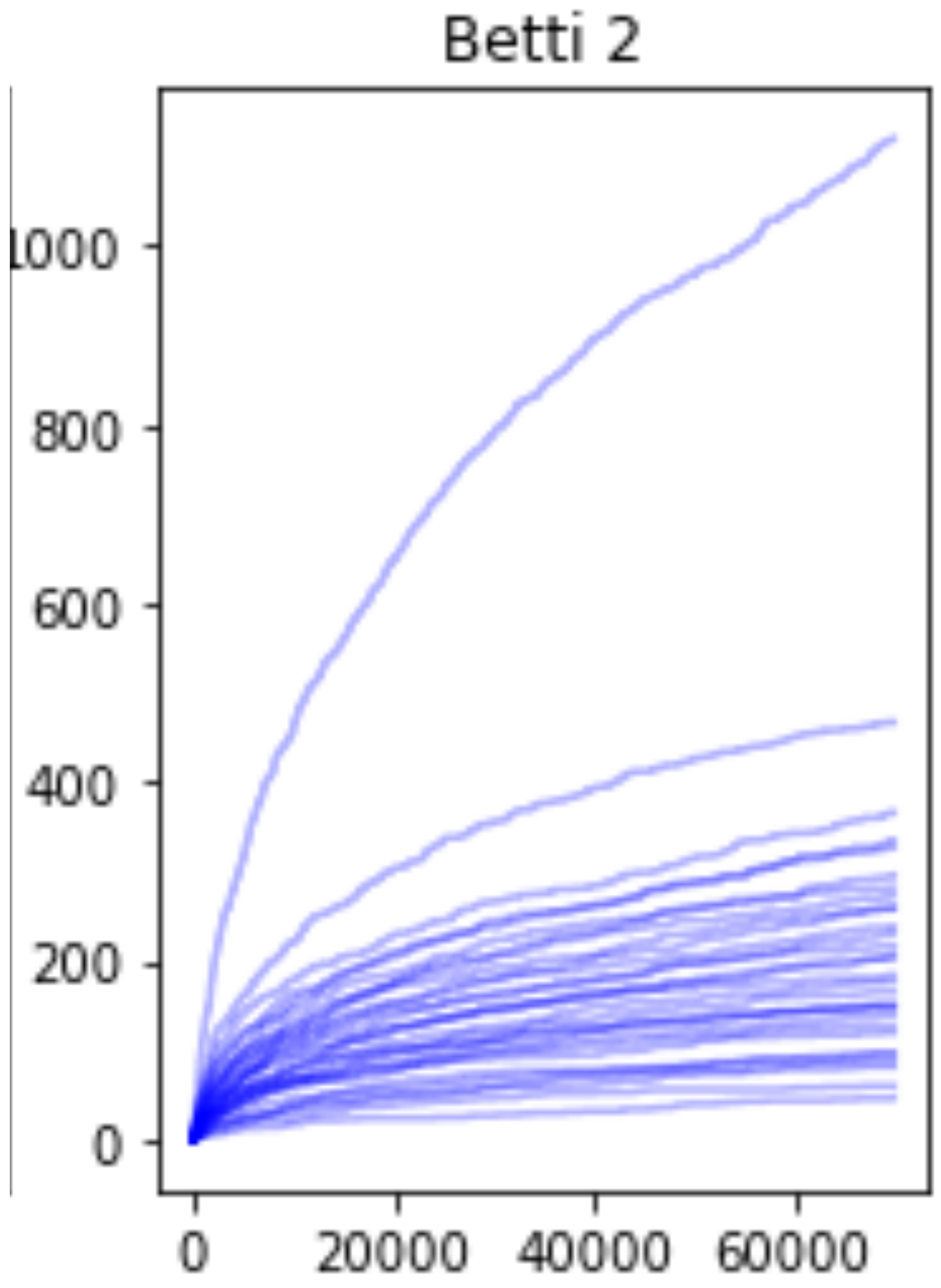

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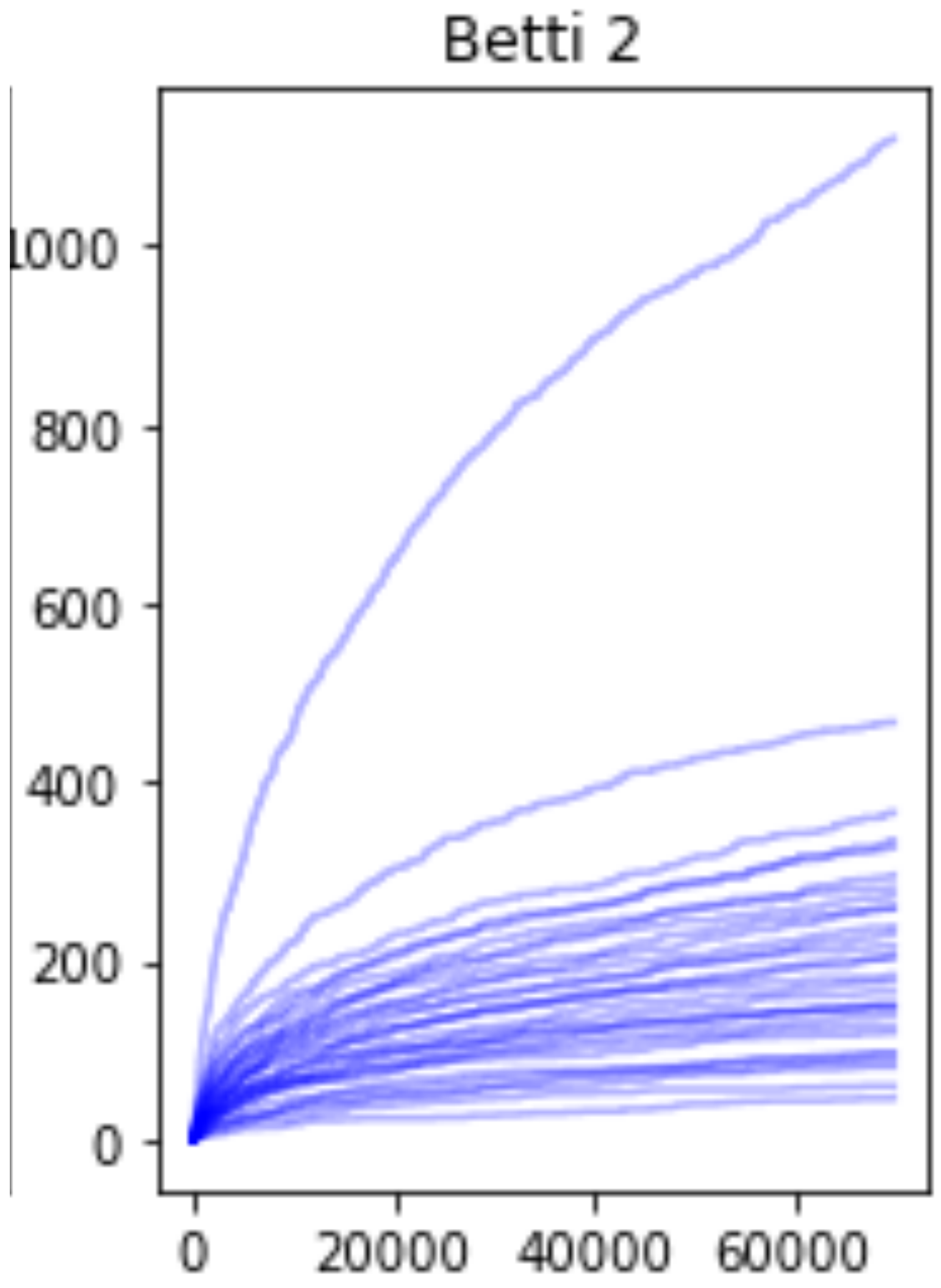

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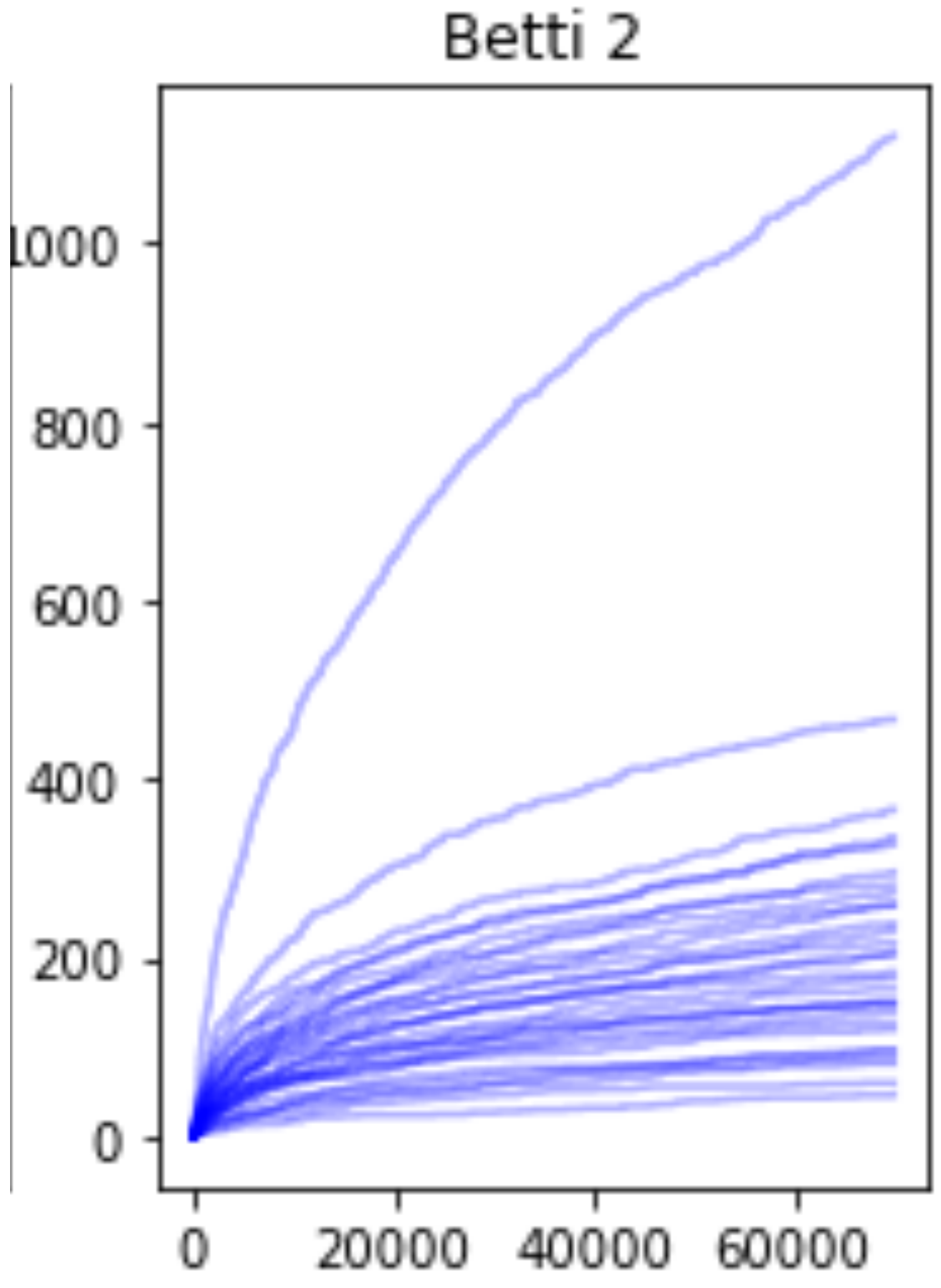

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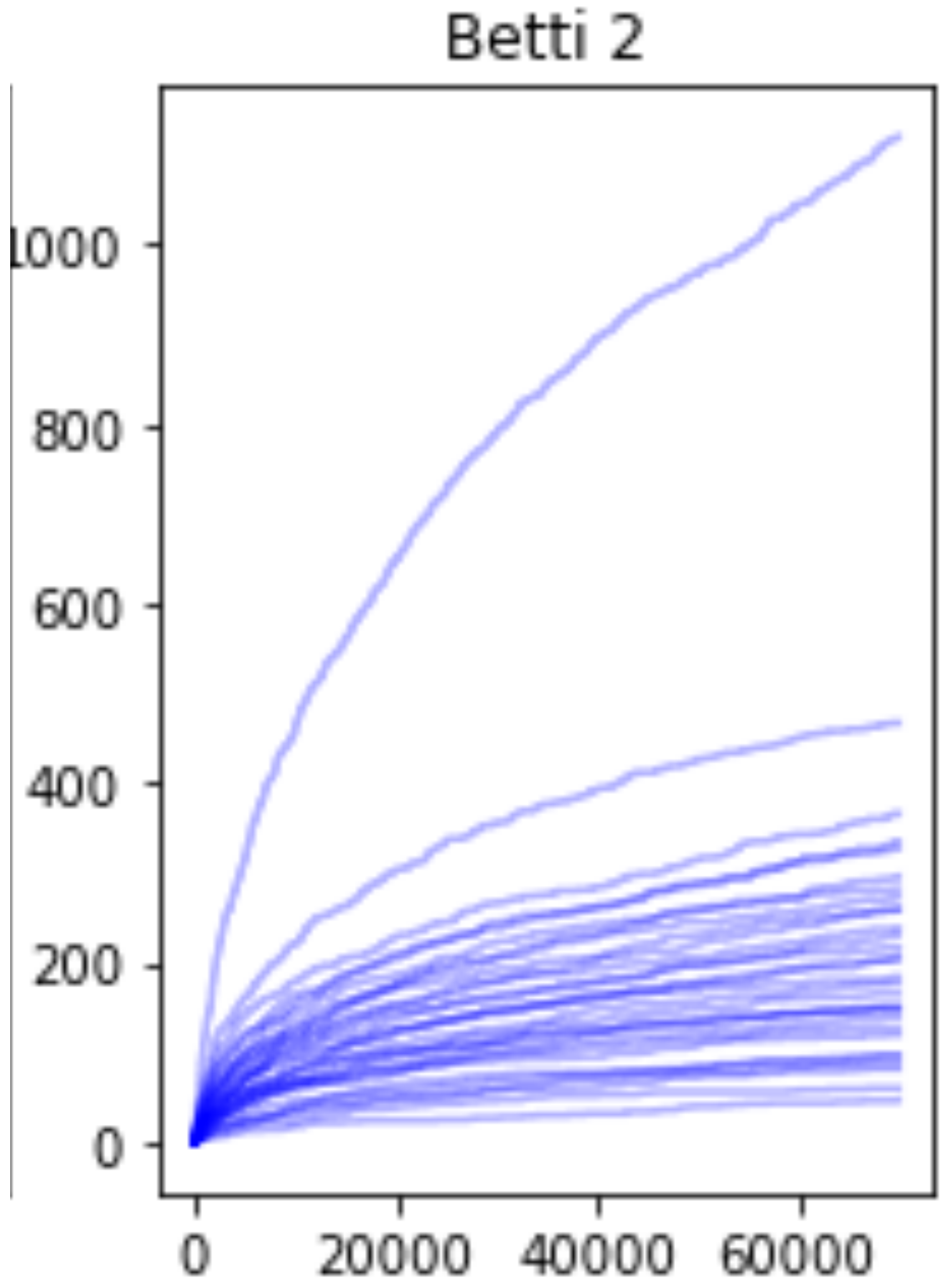

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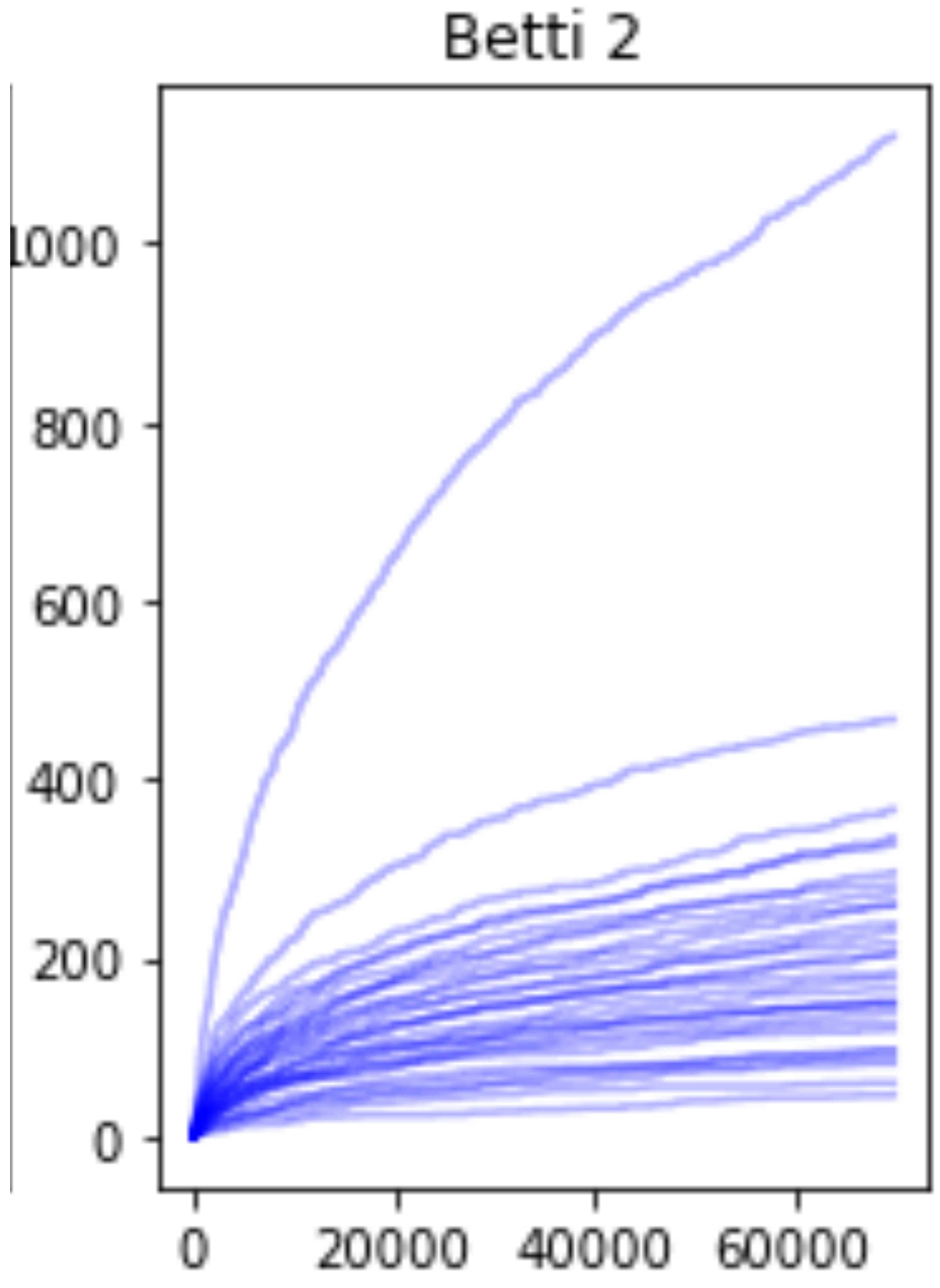

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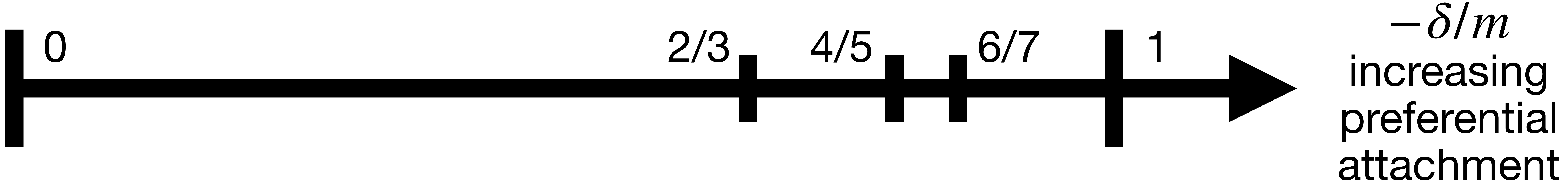

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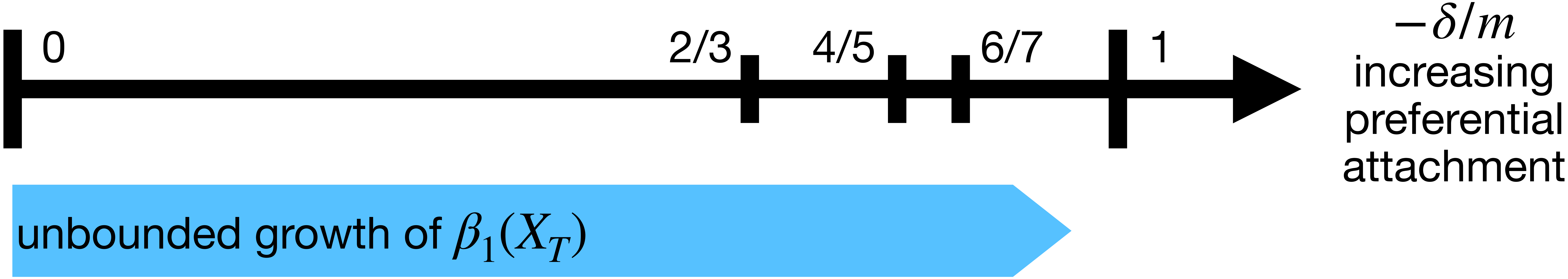

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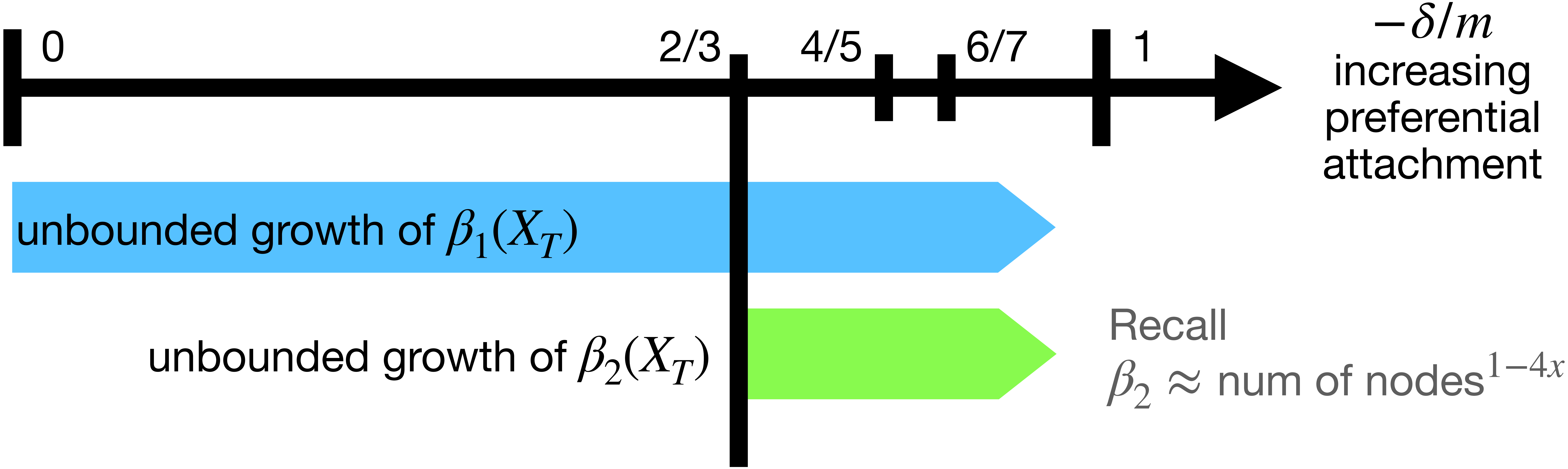

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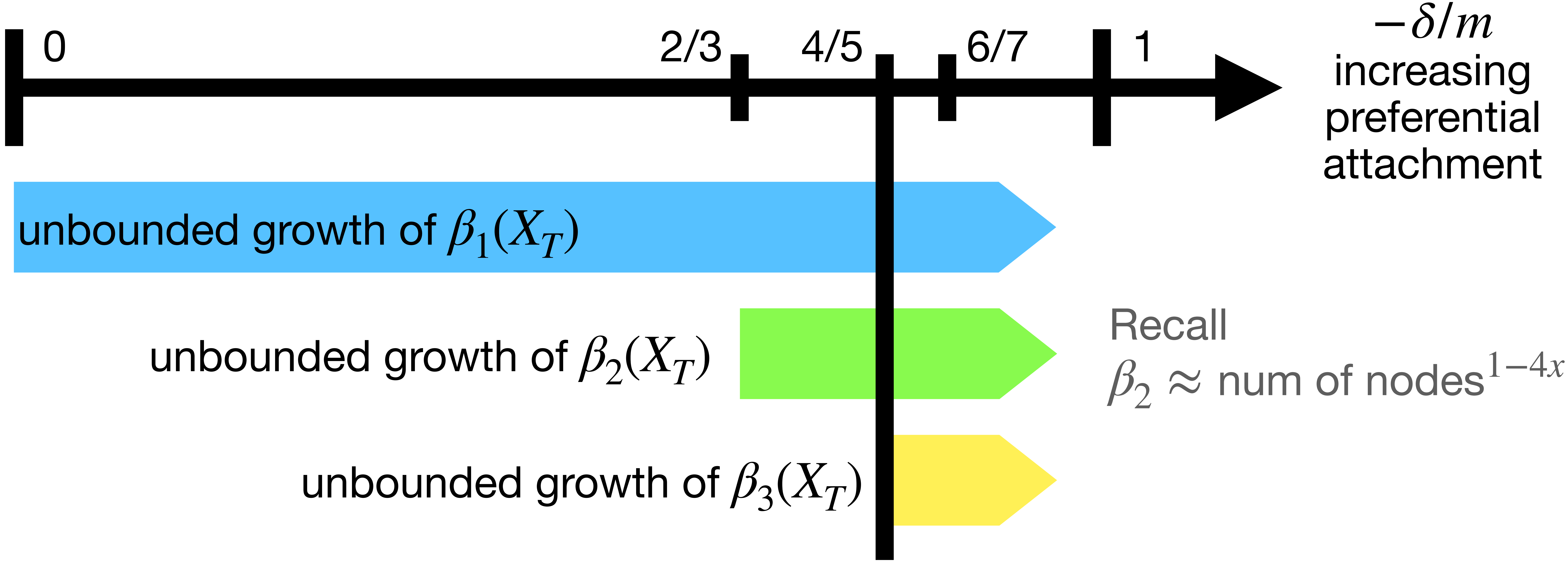

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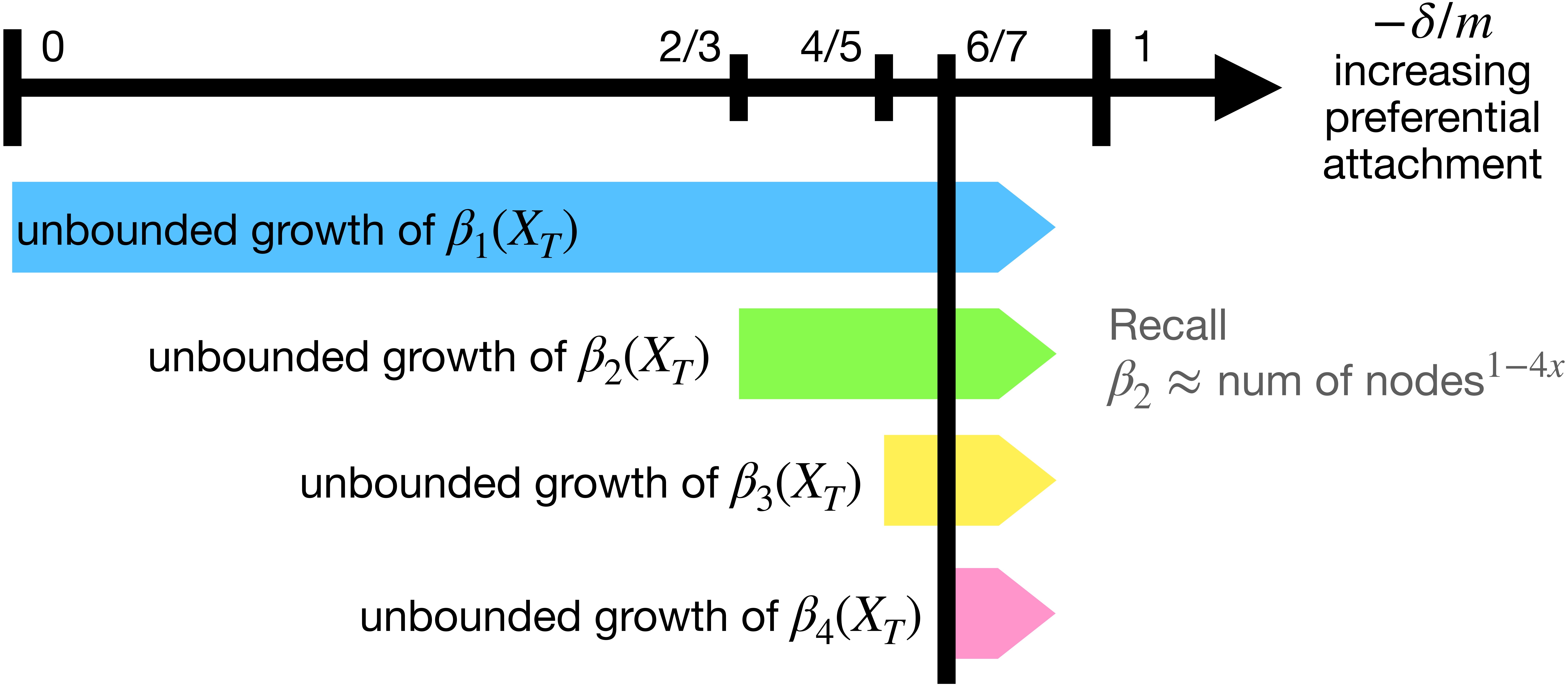

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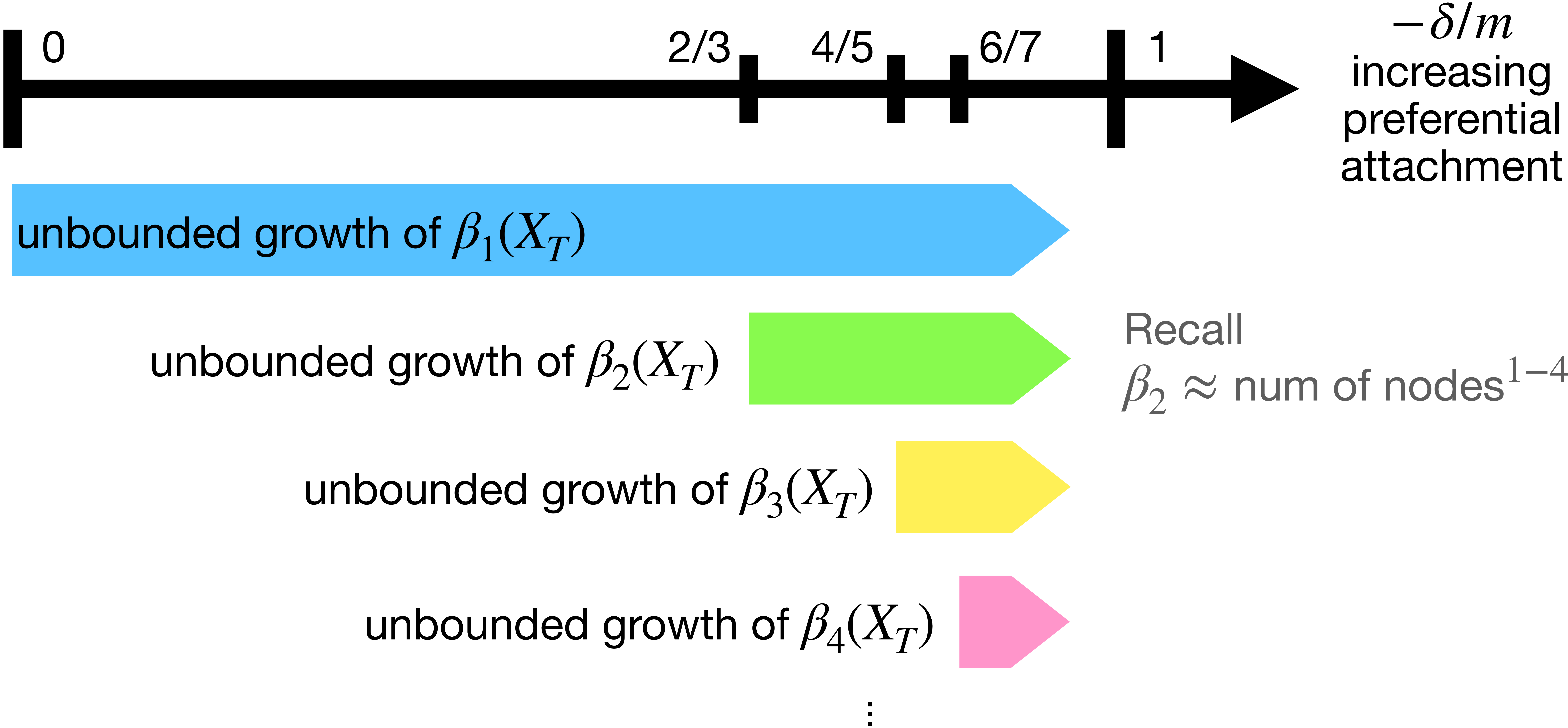

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Theorem: $\beta_2 \approx \text{num of nodes}^{1-4x}$

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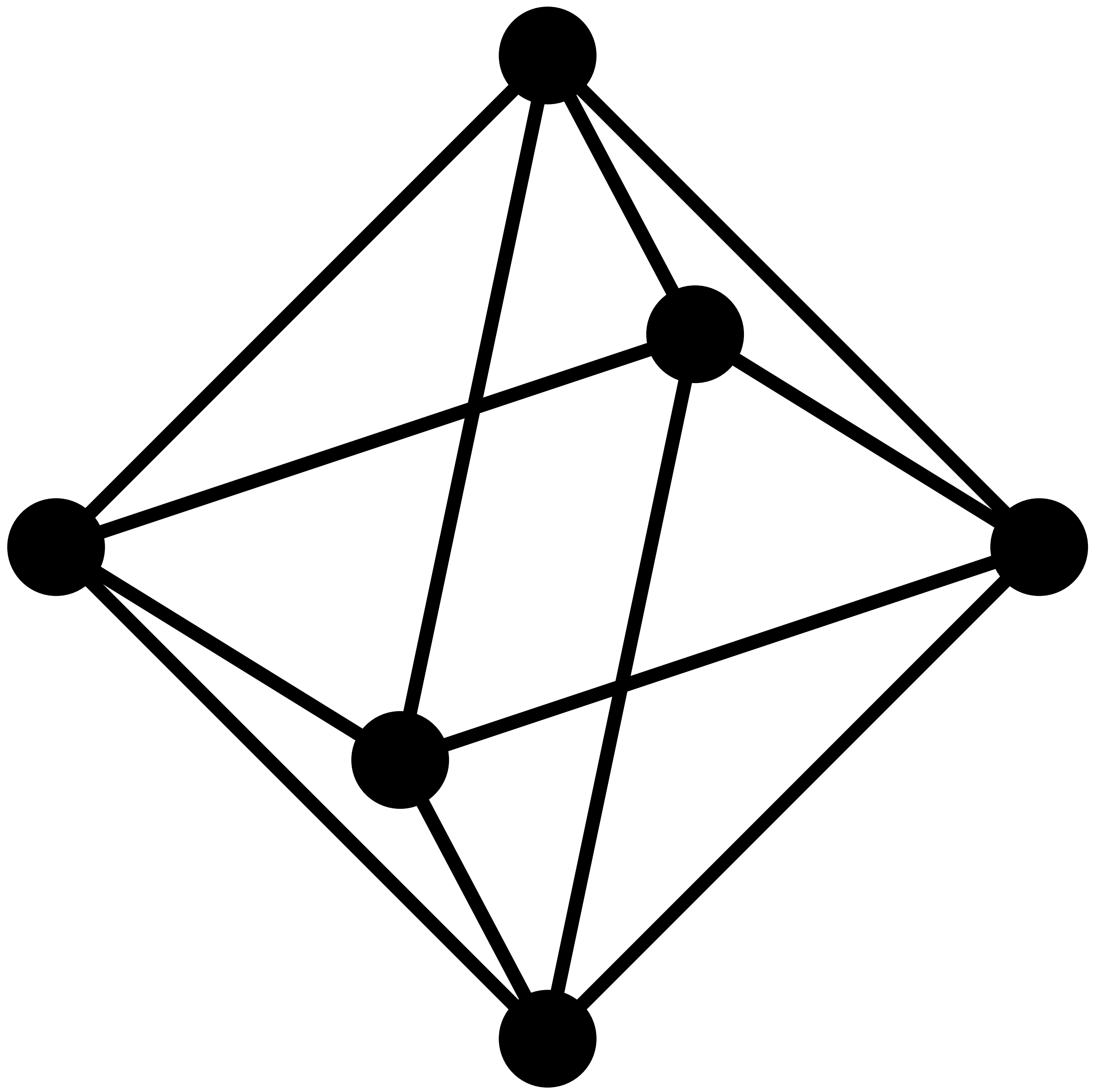

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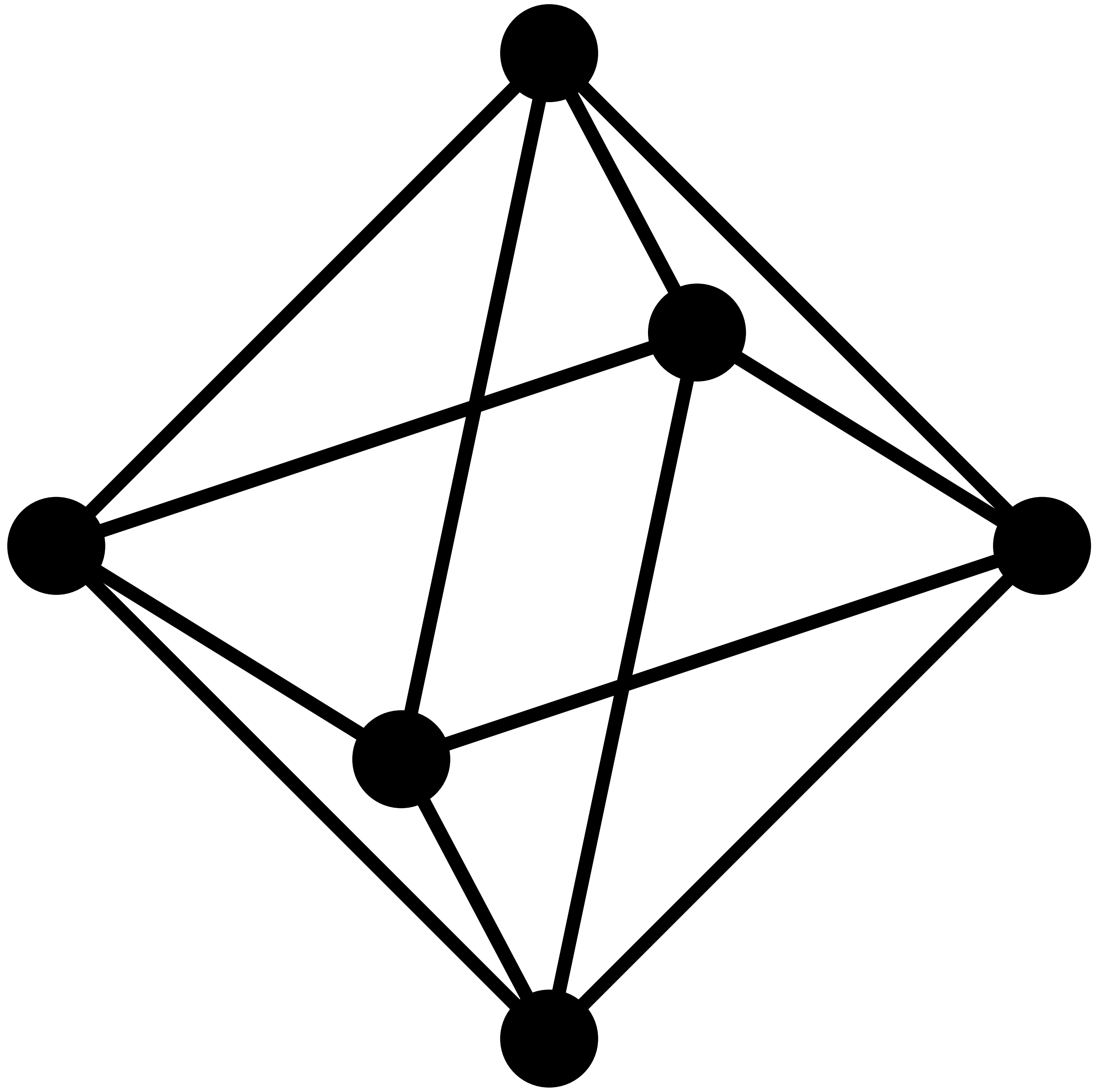

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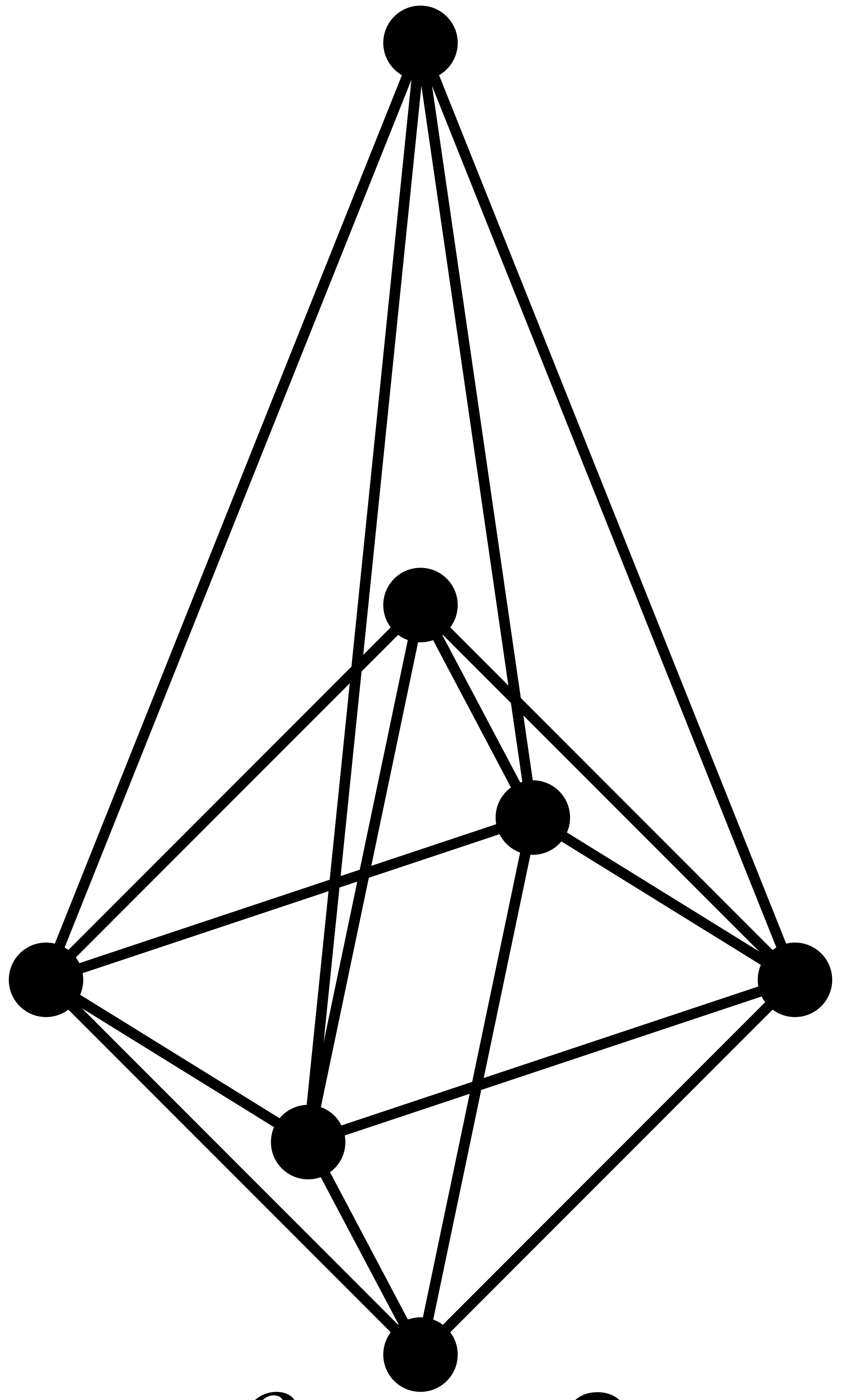

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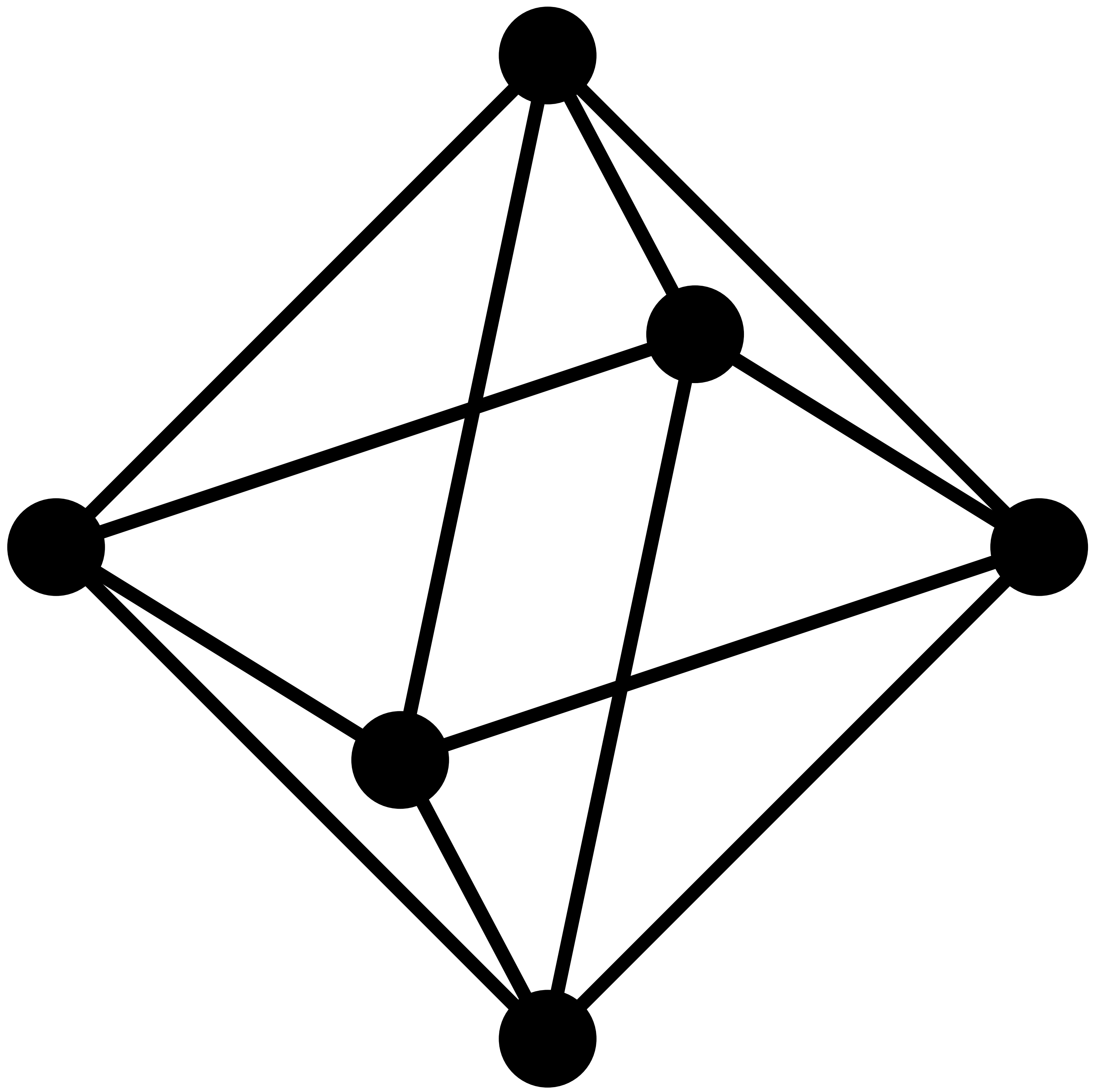

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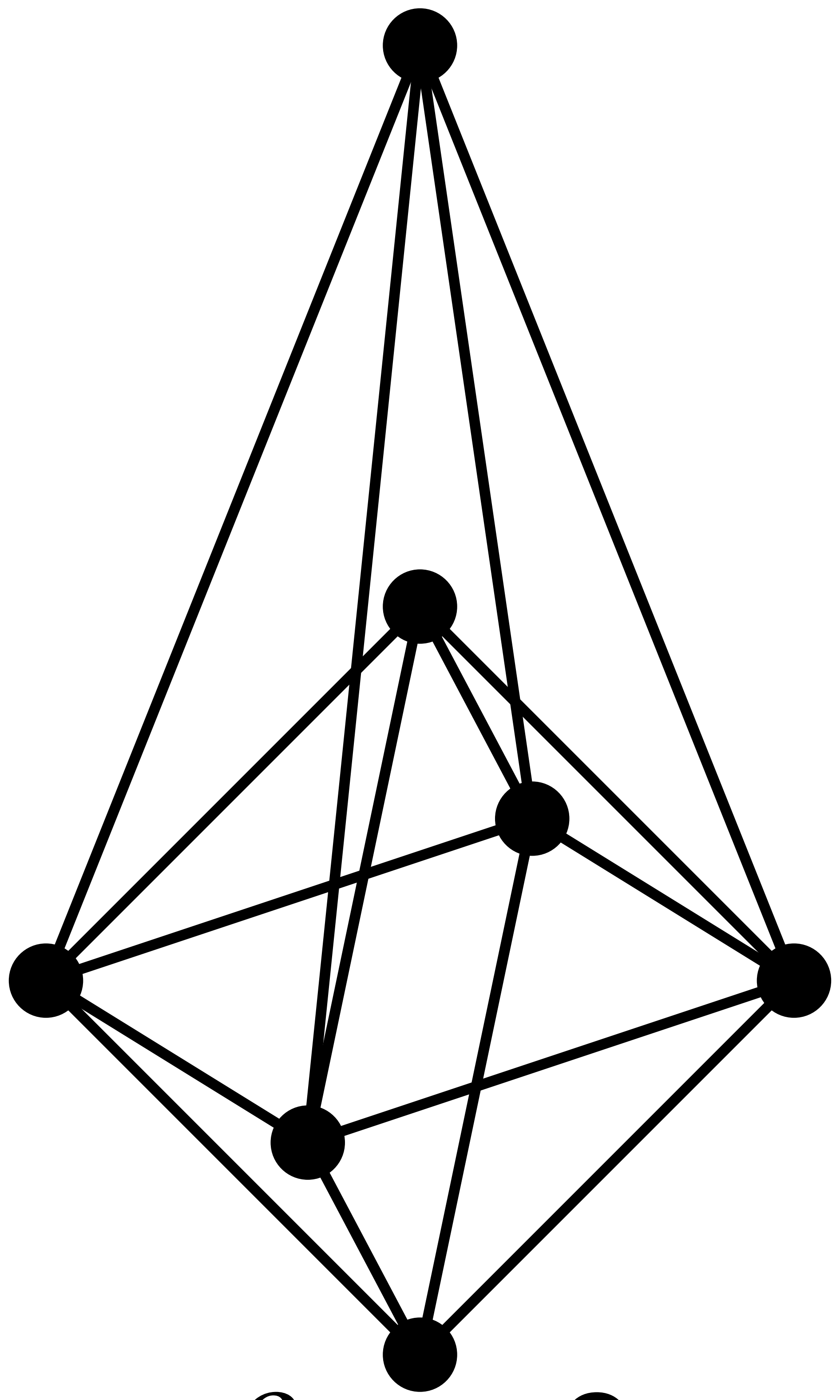

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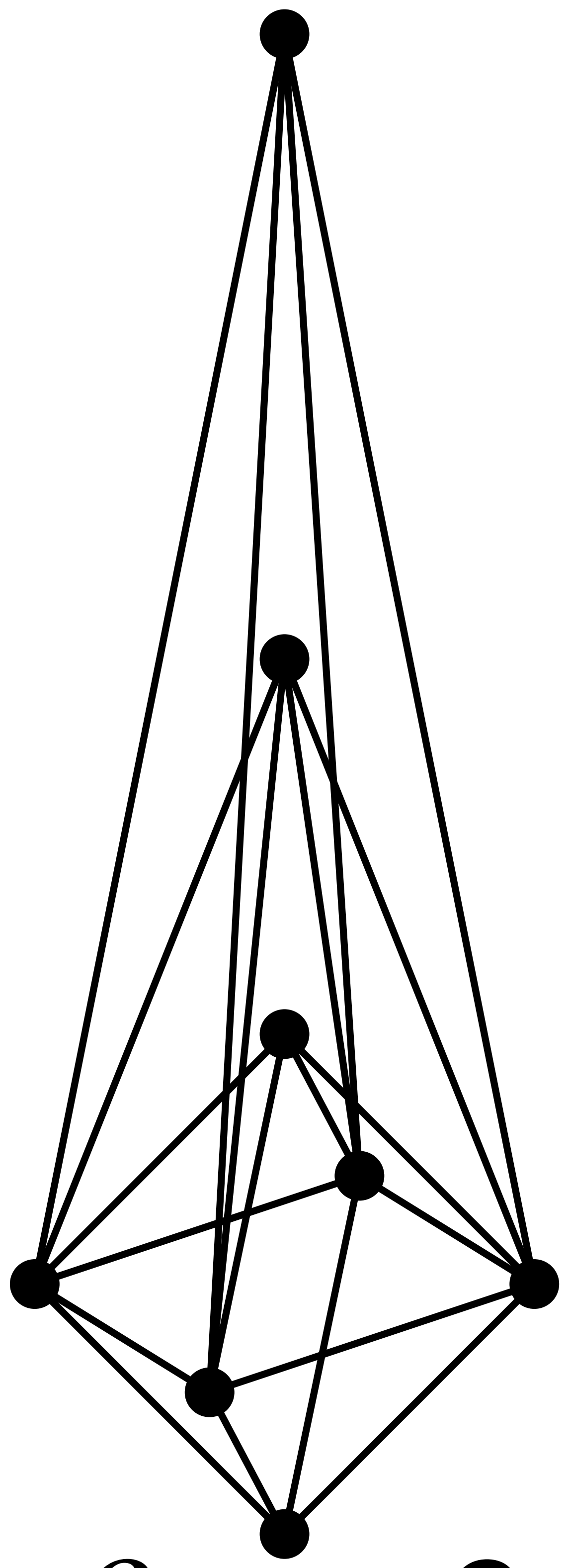

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Homotopy-Connectivity?

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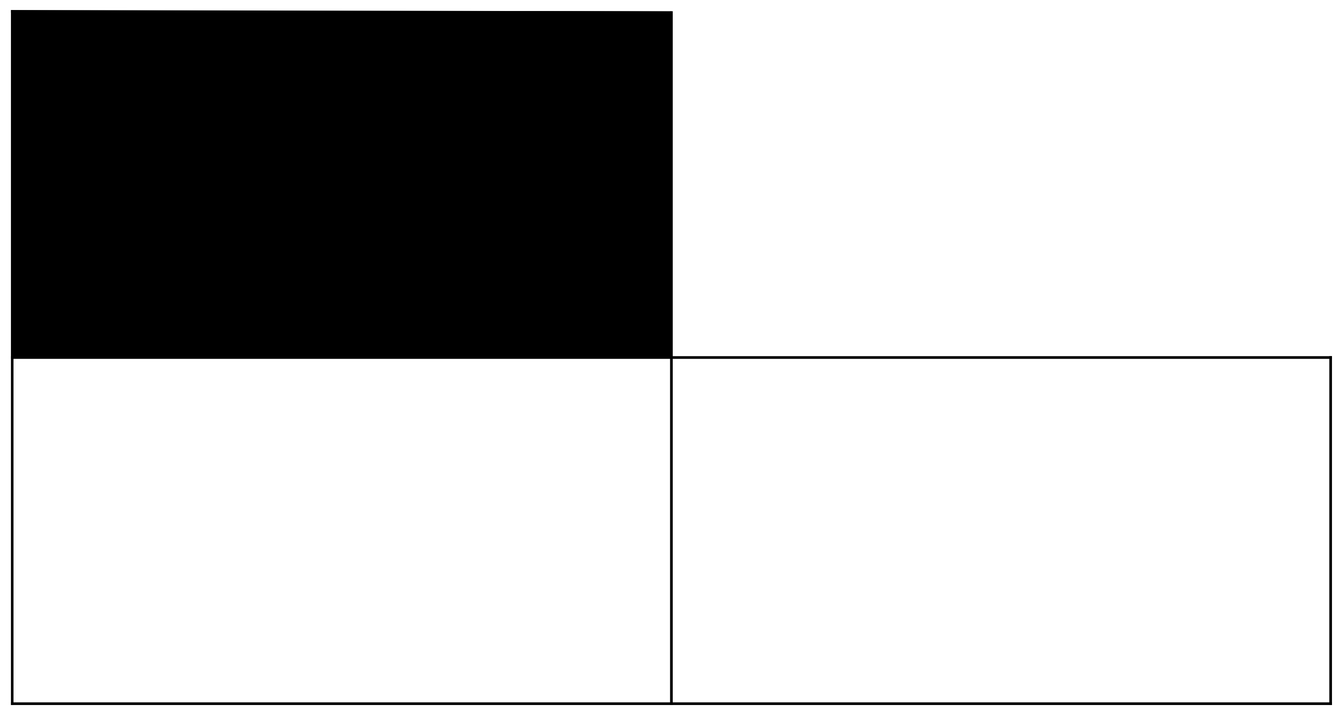
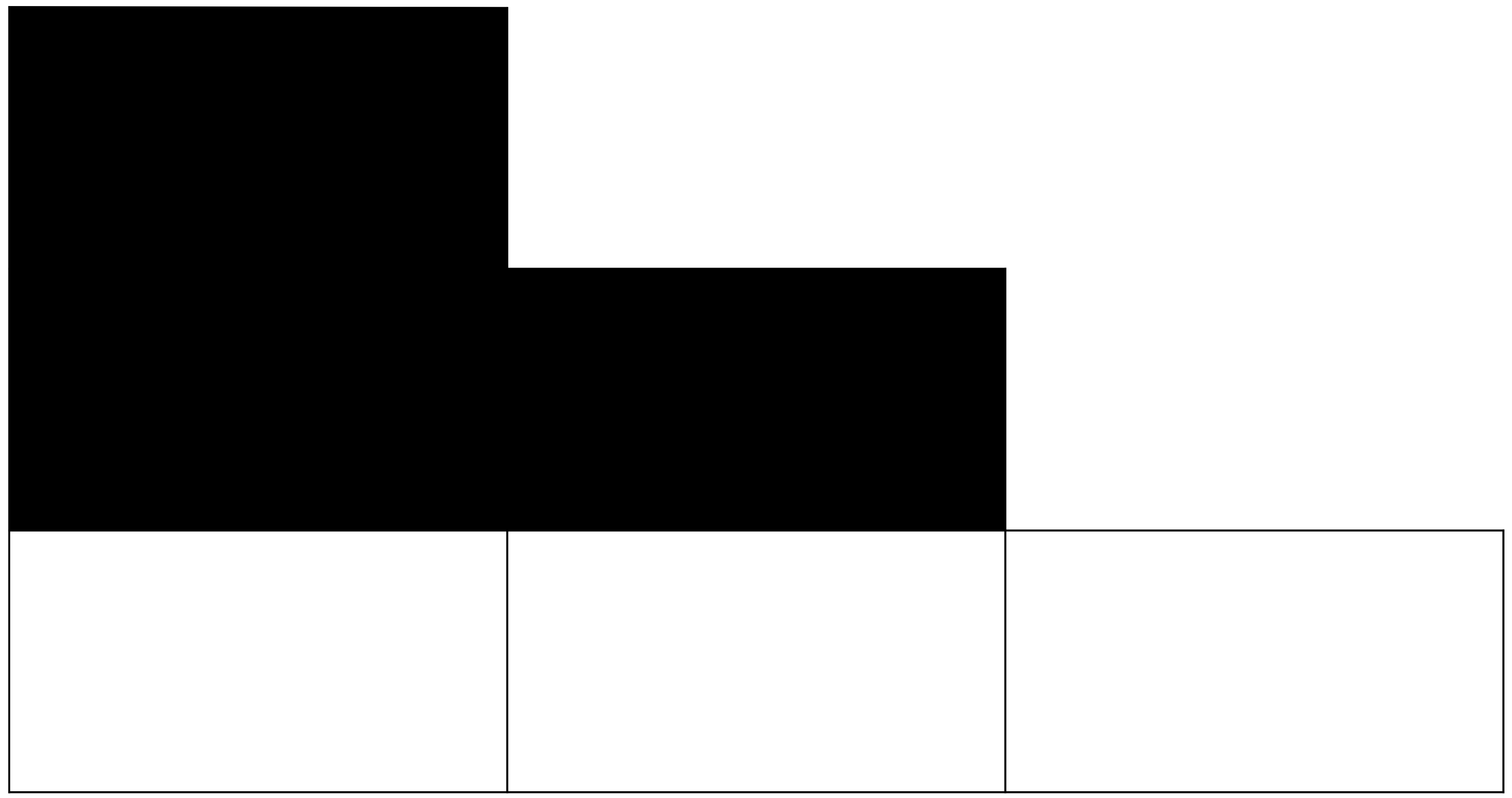
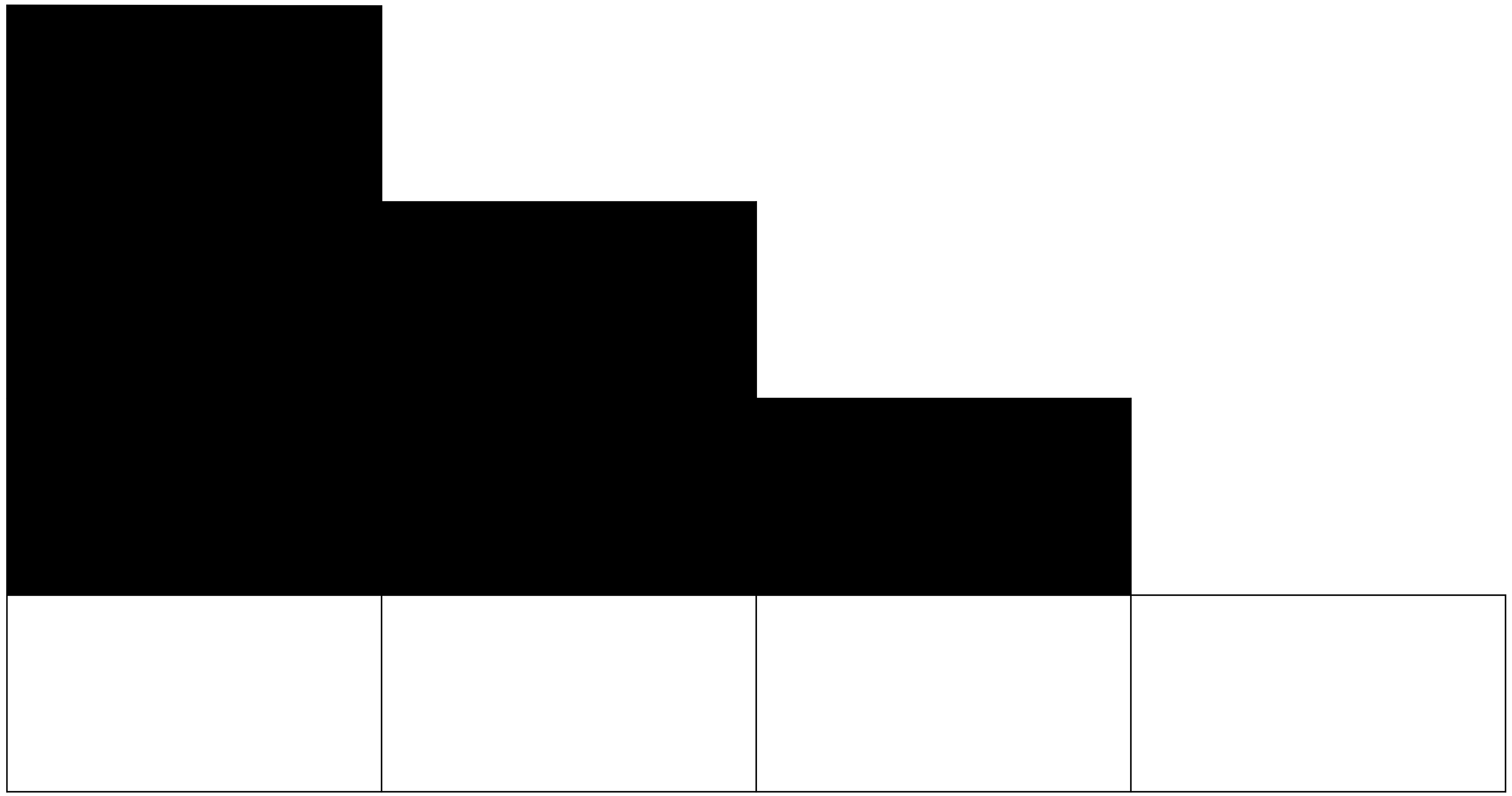
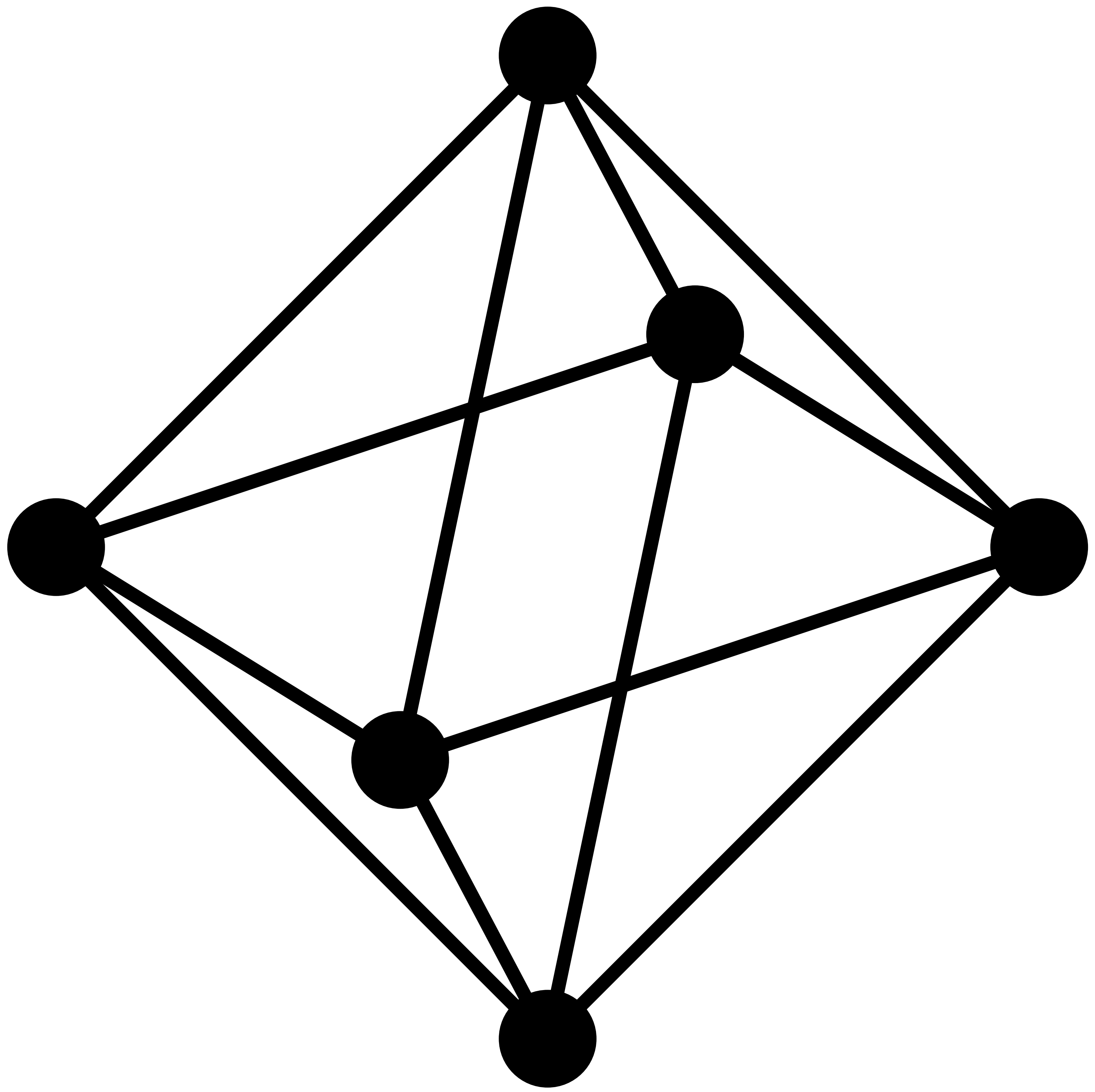
Pass to infinity







Will all of these be filled in at infinity?



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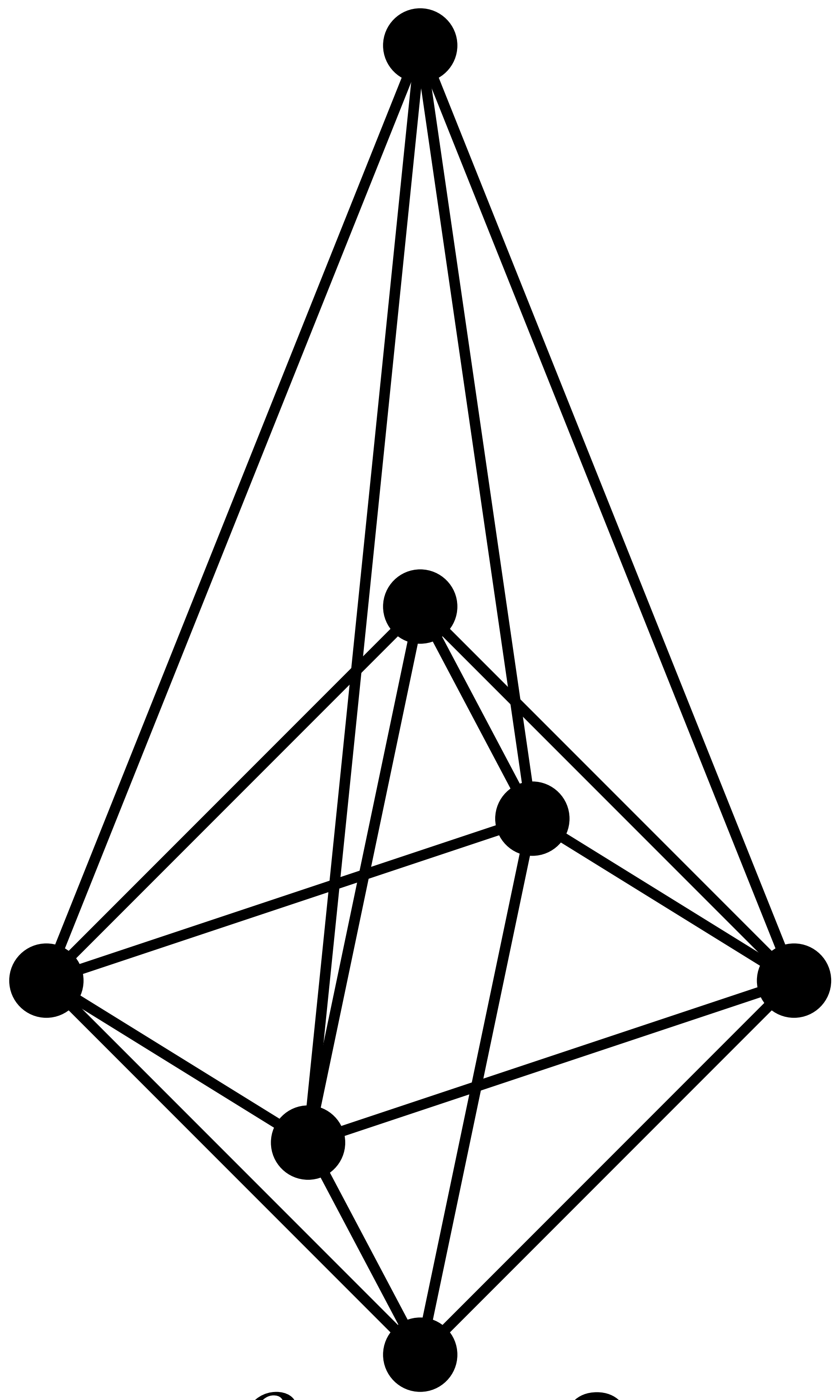

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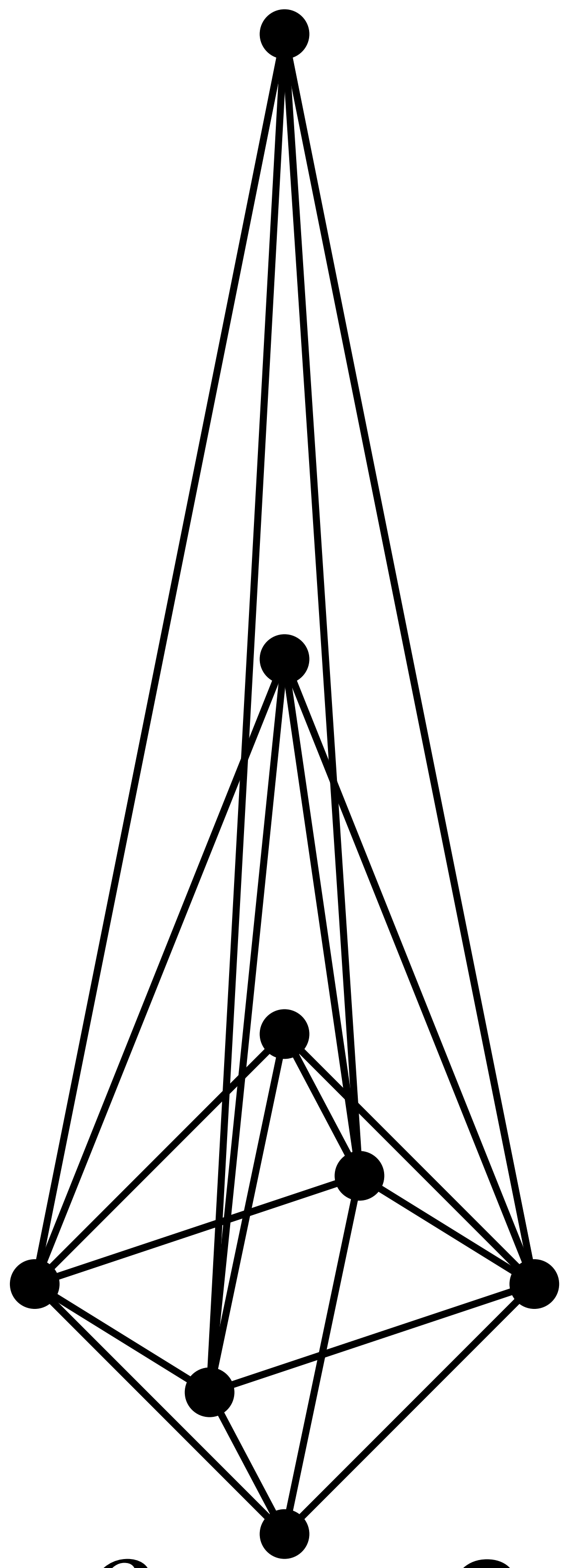

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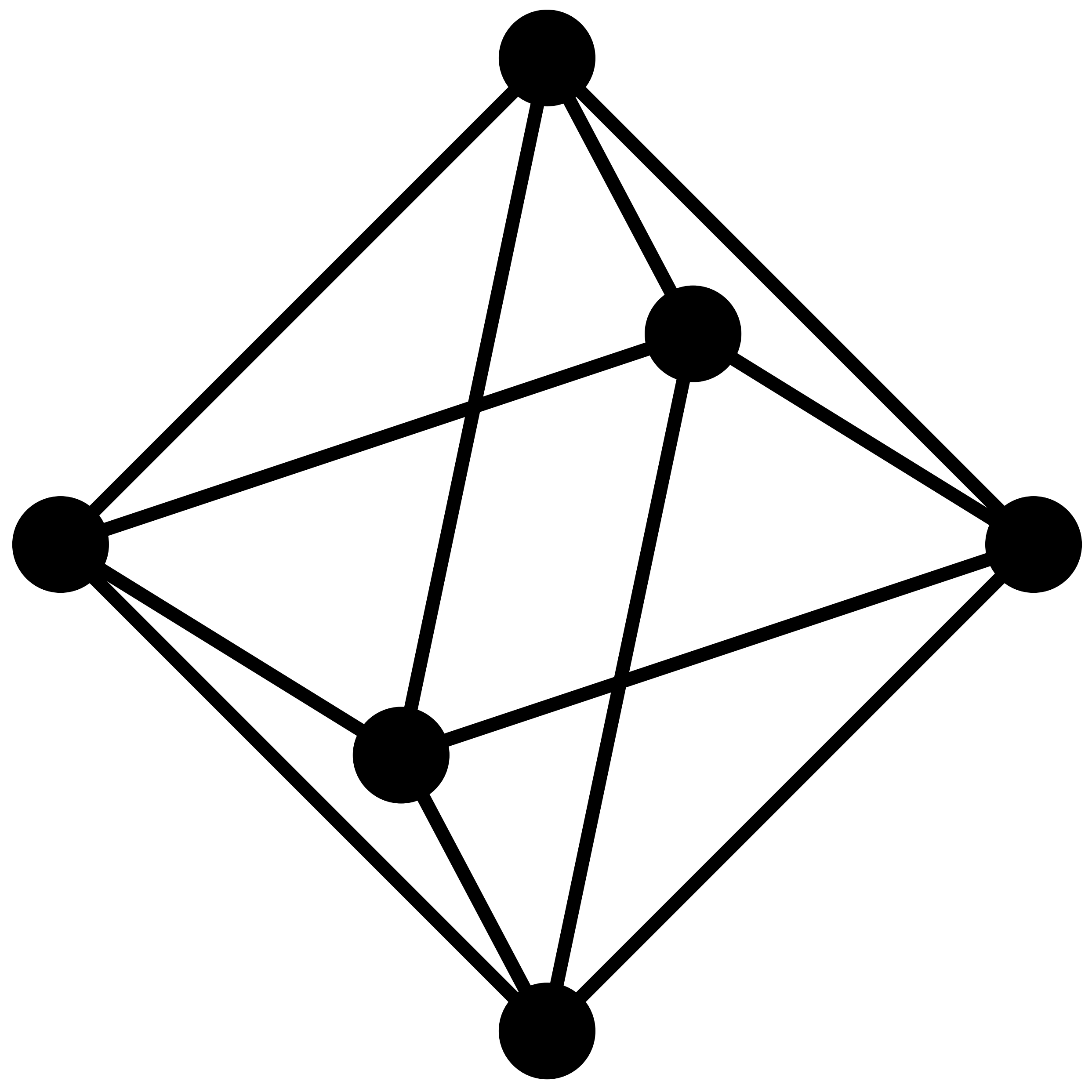

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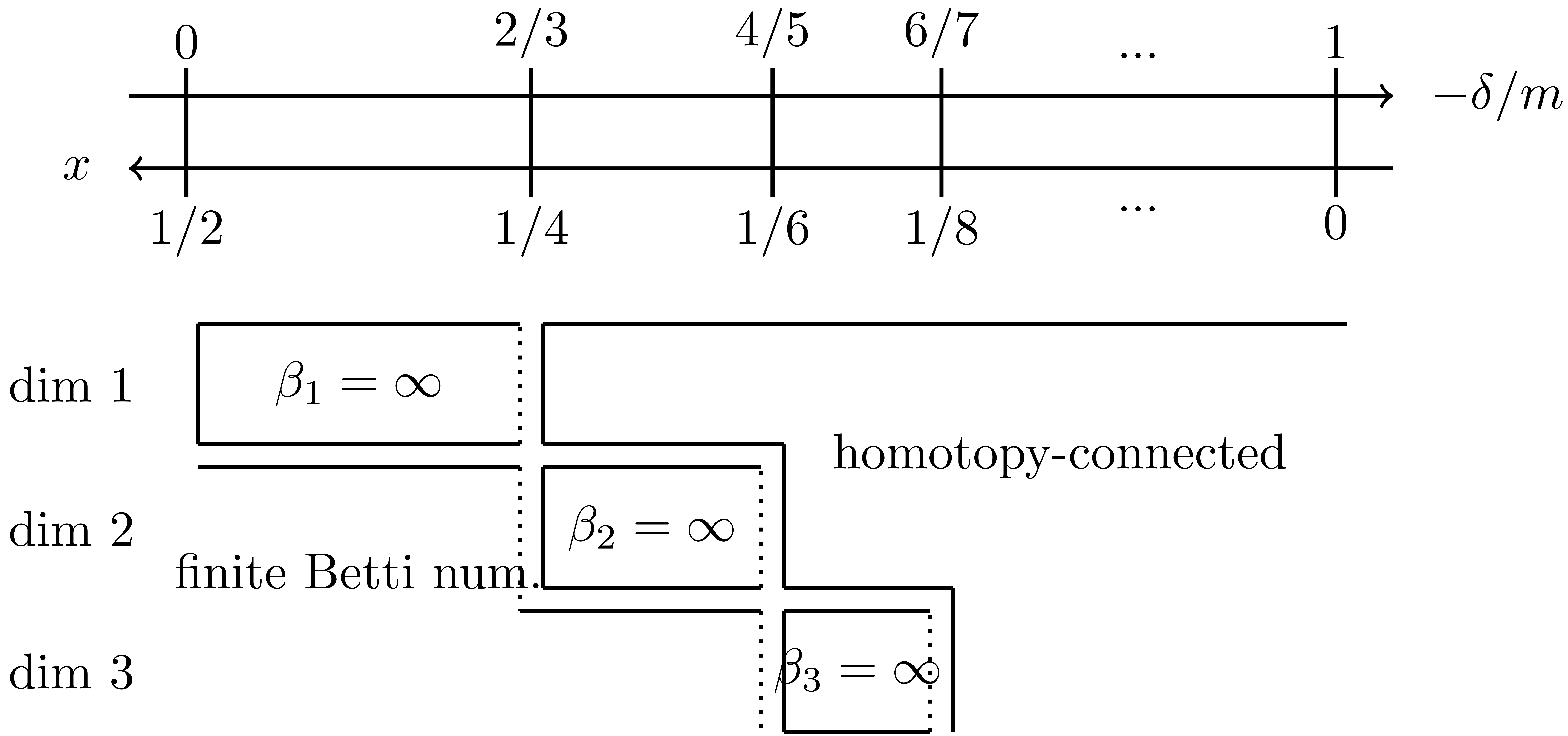

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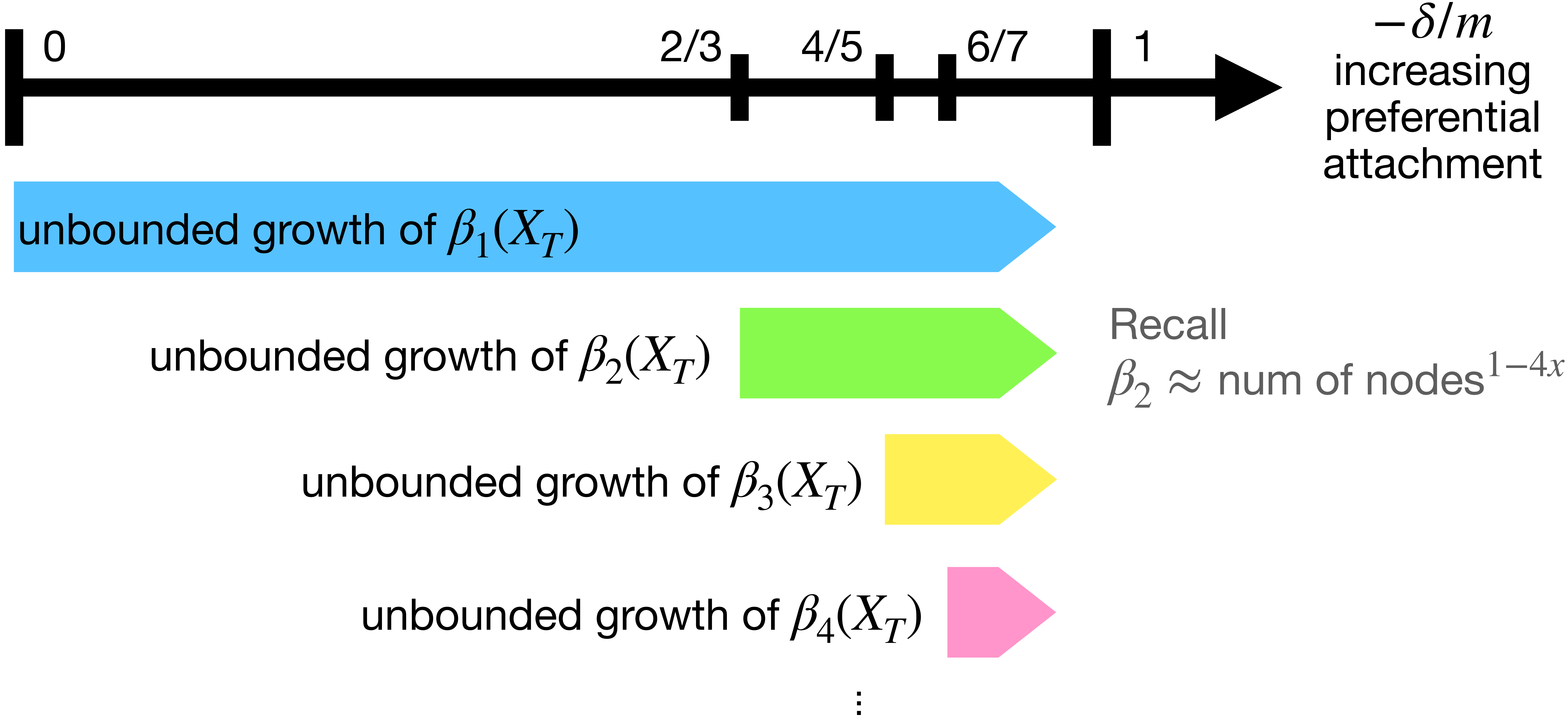

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- If the preferential attachment effect is strong enough,
- $\beta_q(X_T)$ grows sublinearly with high probability
- $\pi_q(X_\infty) \cong 0$ almost surely

What did we learn today?

- Random topology is cool.
- Preferential attachment graph has interesting topology.
- More interesting things are waiting to be discovered.

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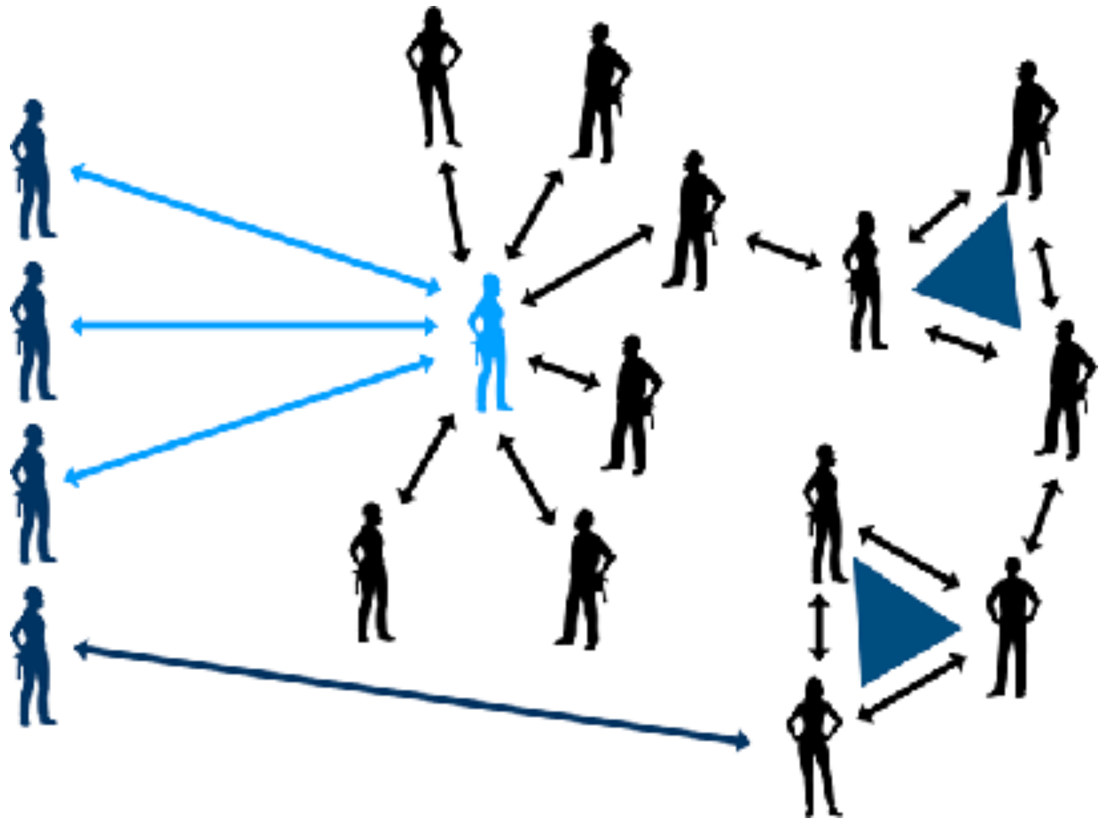

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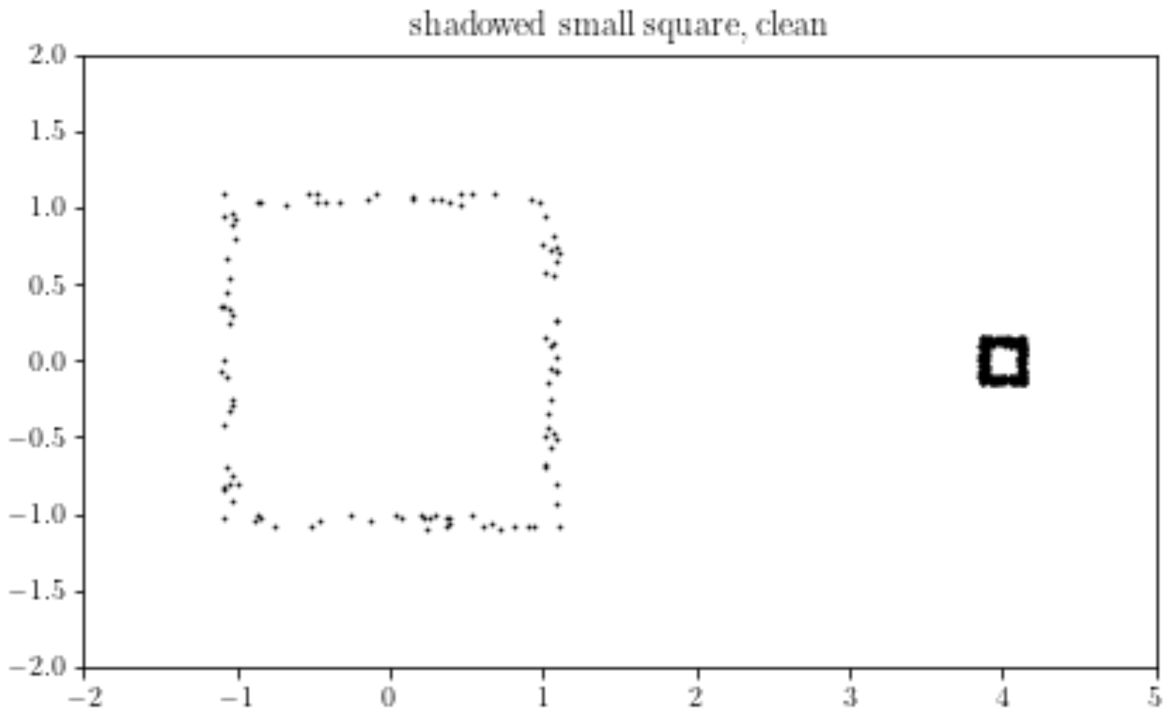

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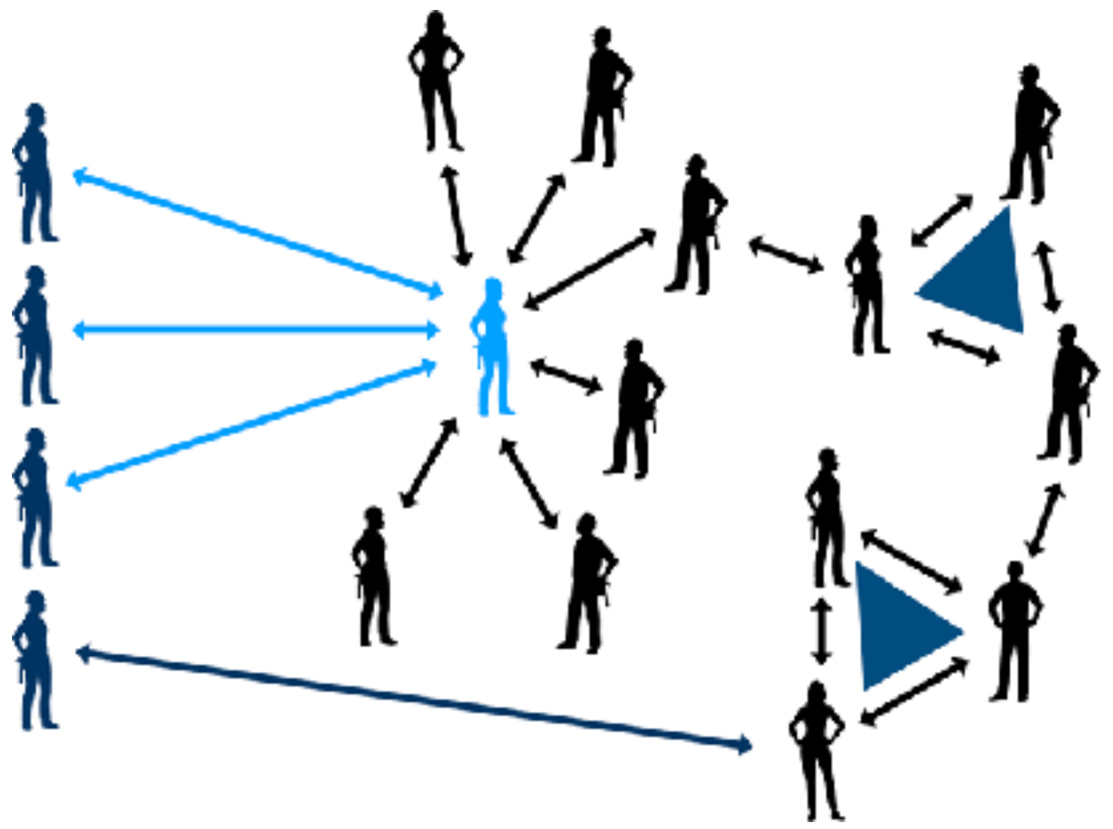

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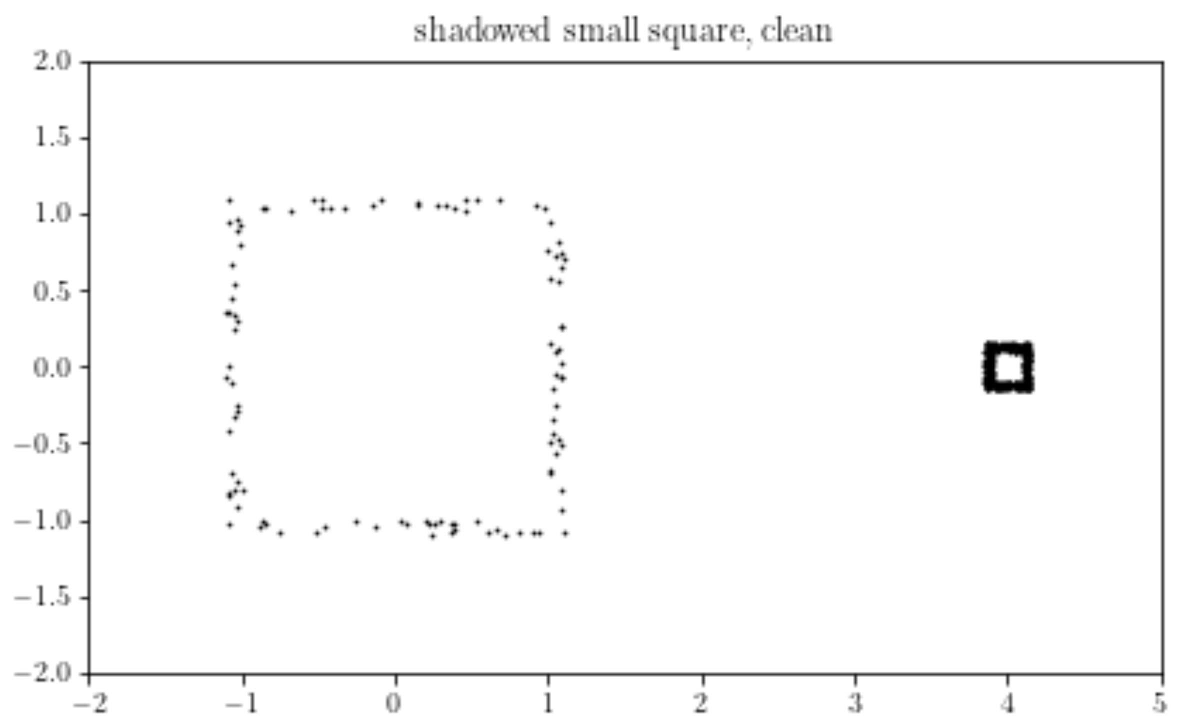

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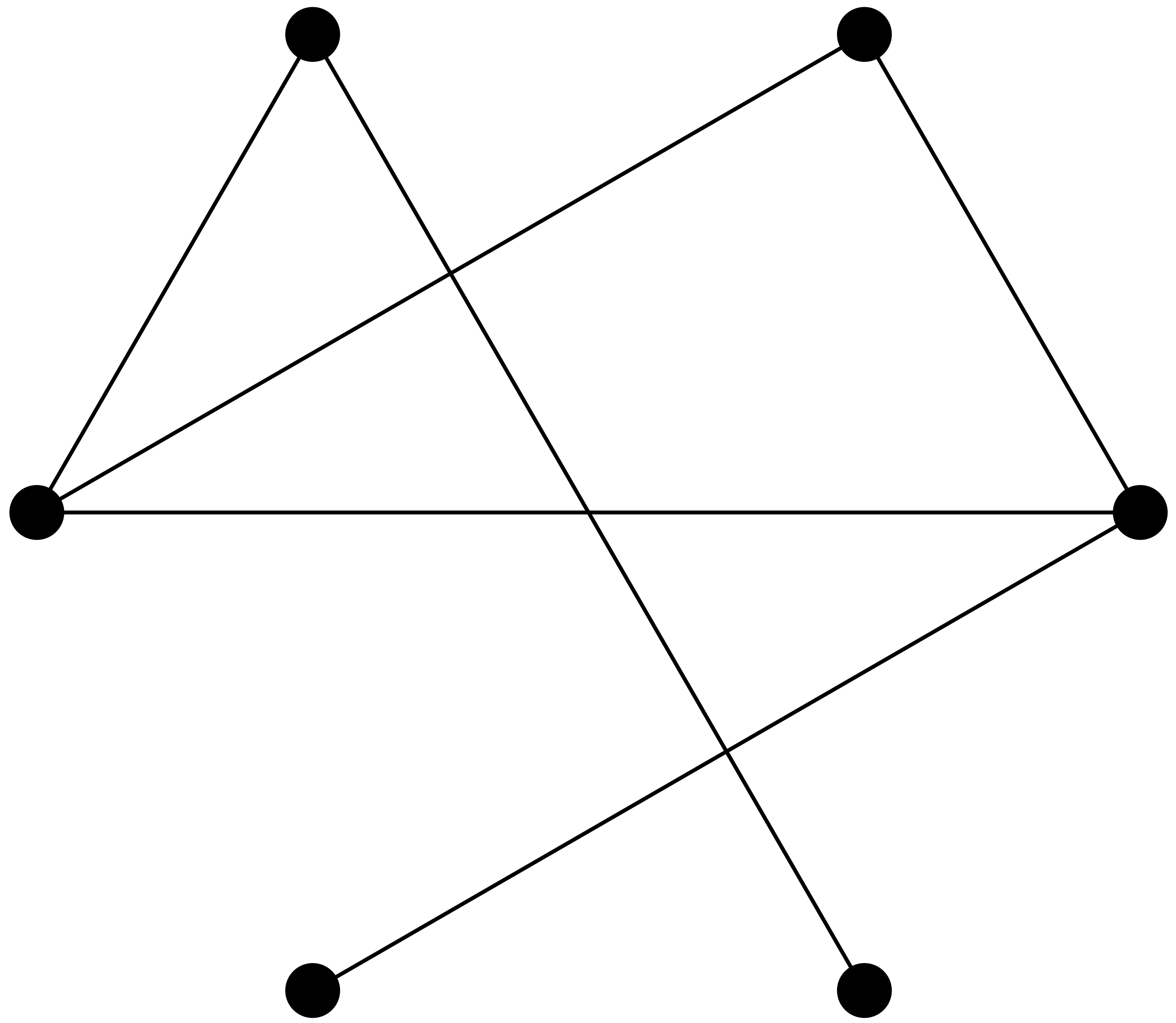

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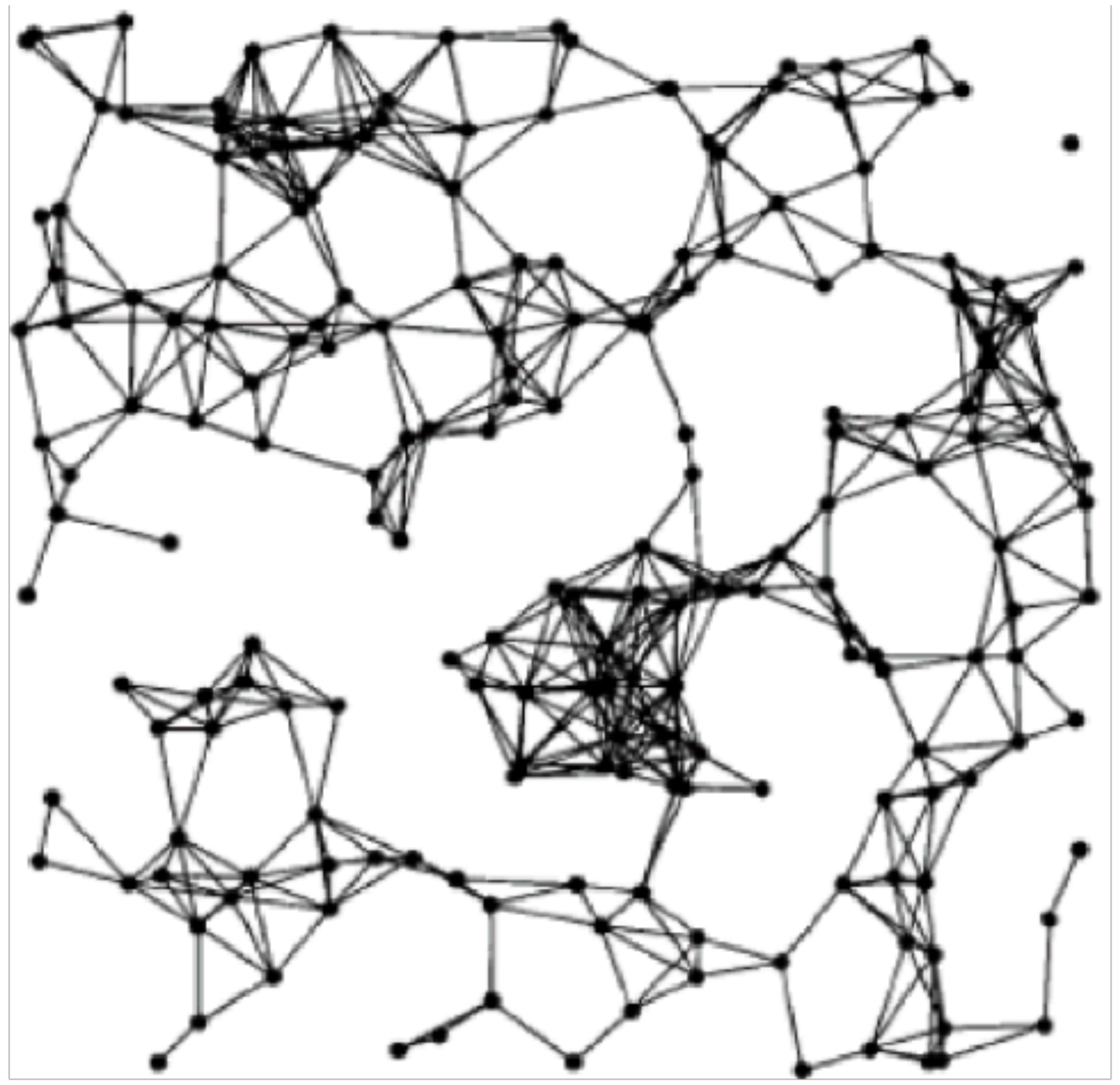

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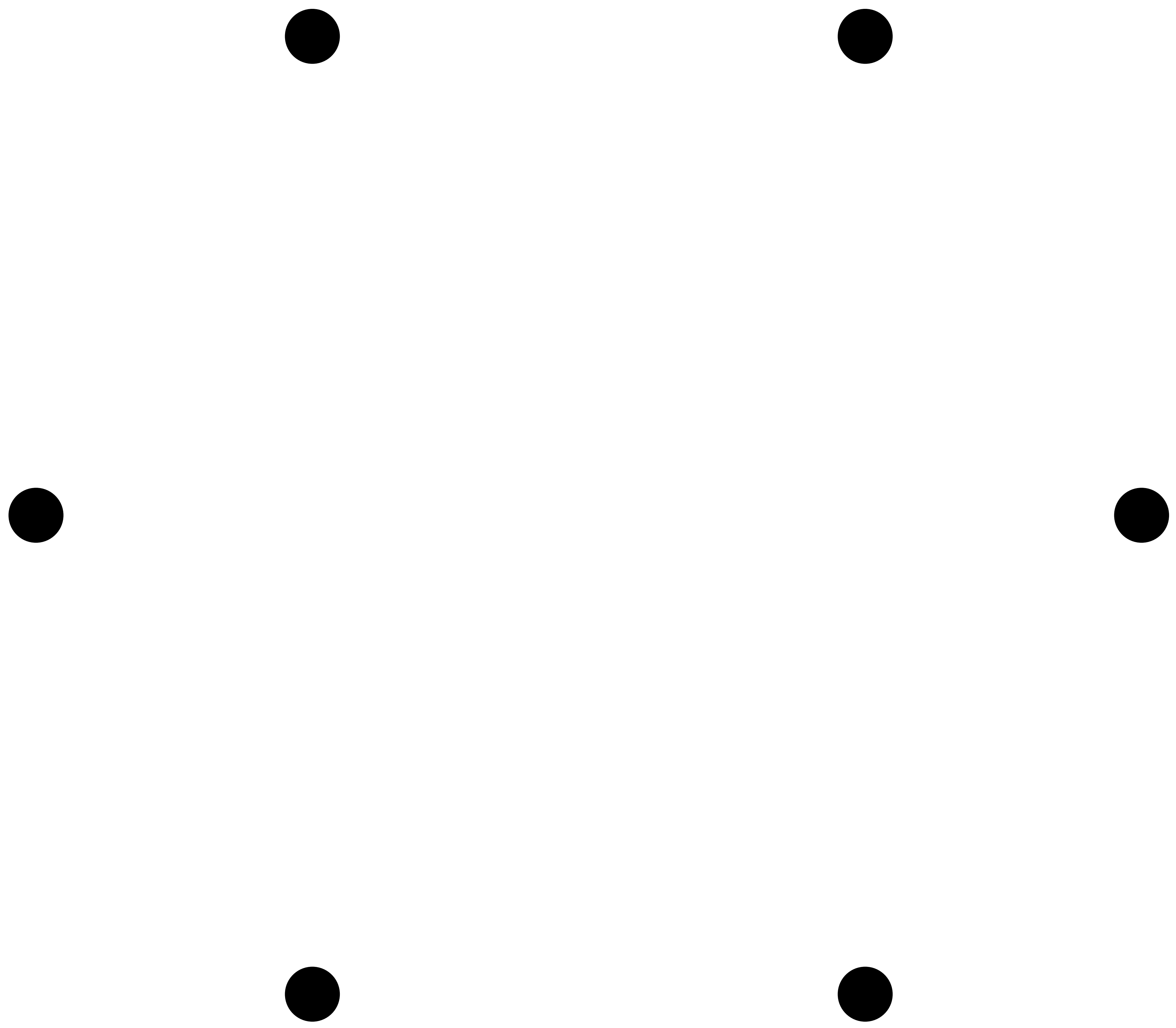

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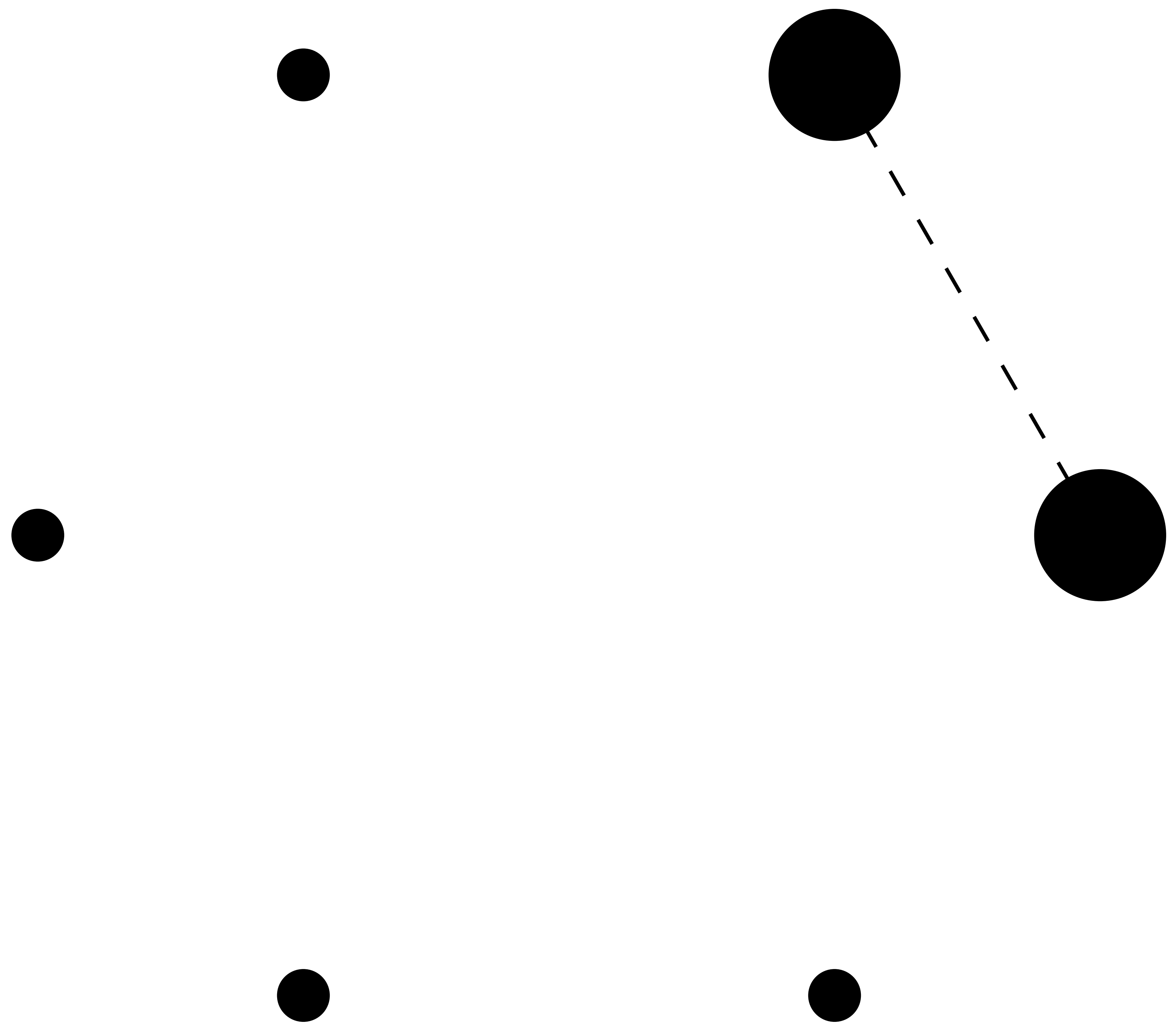

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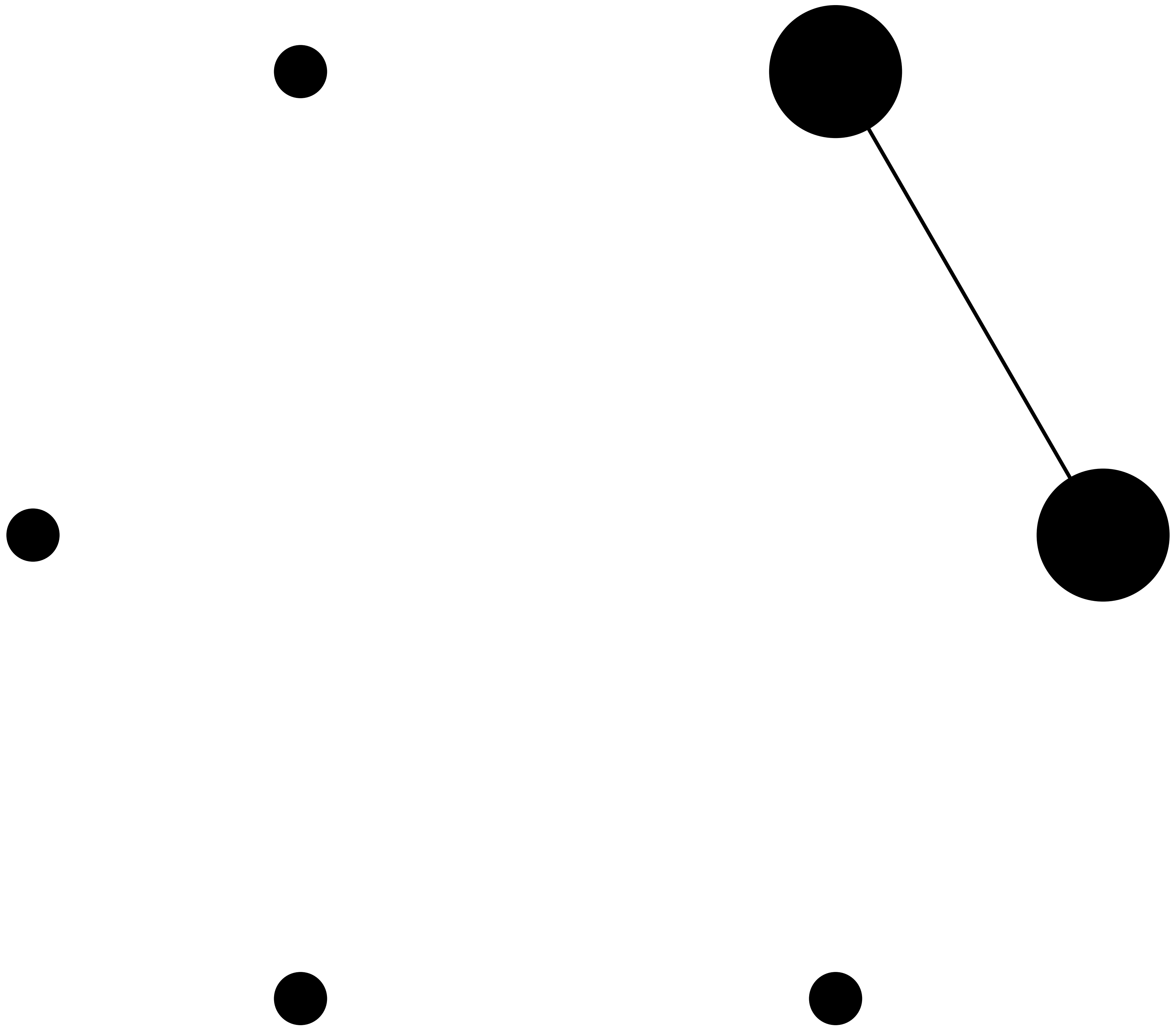

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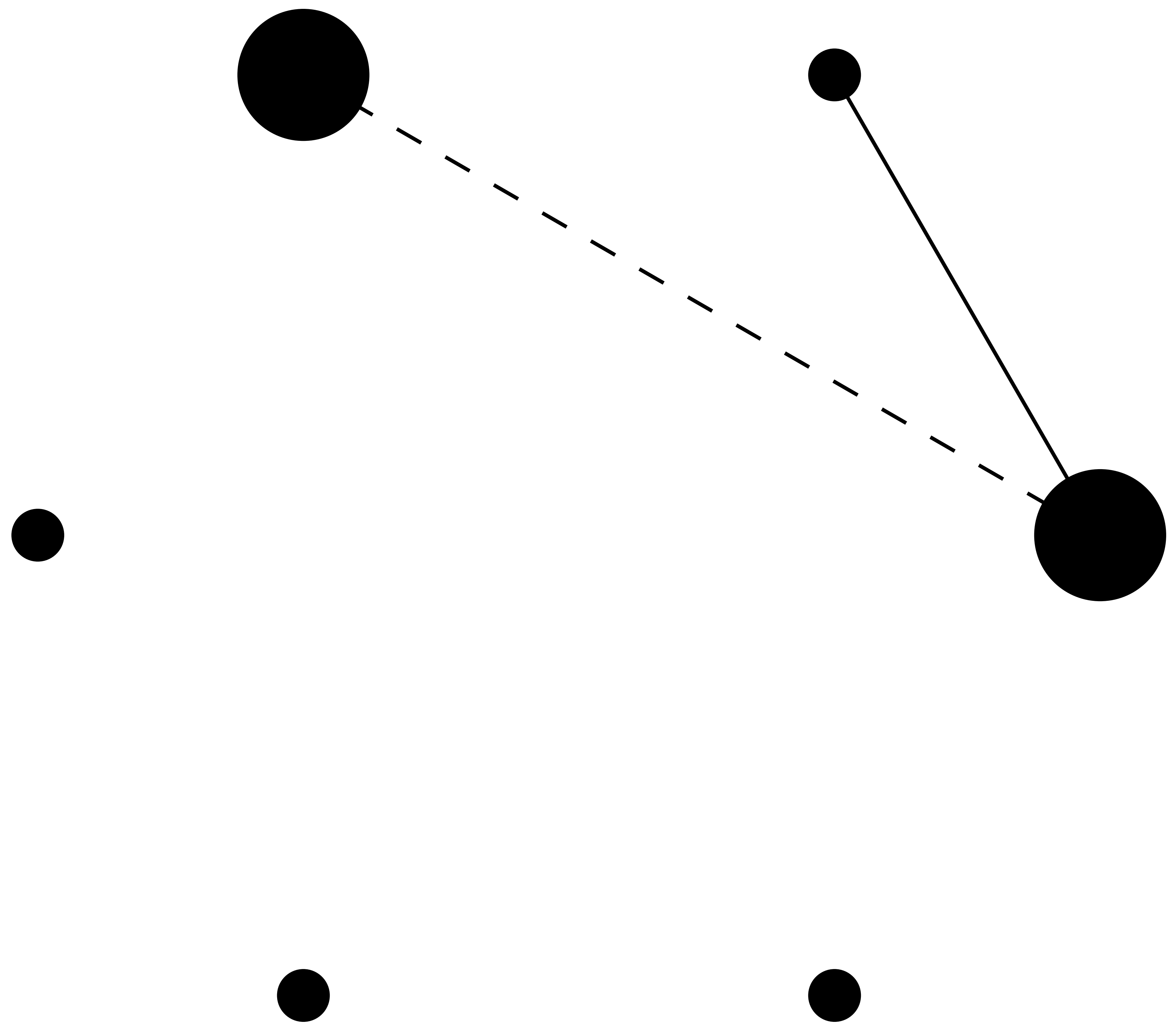

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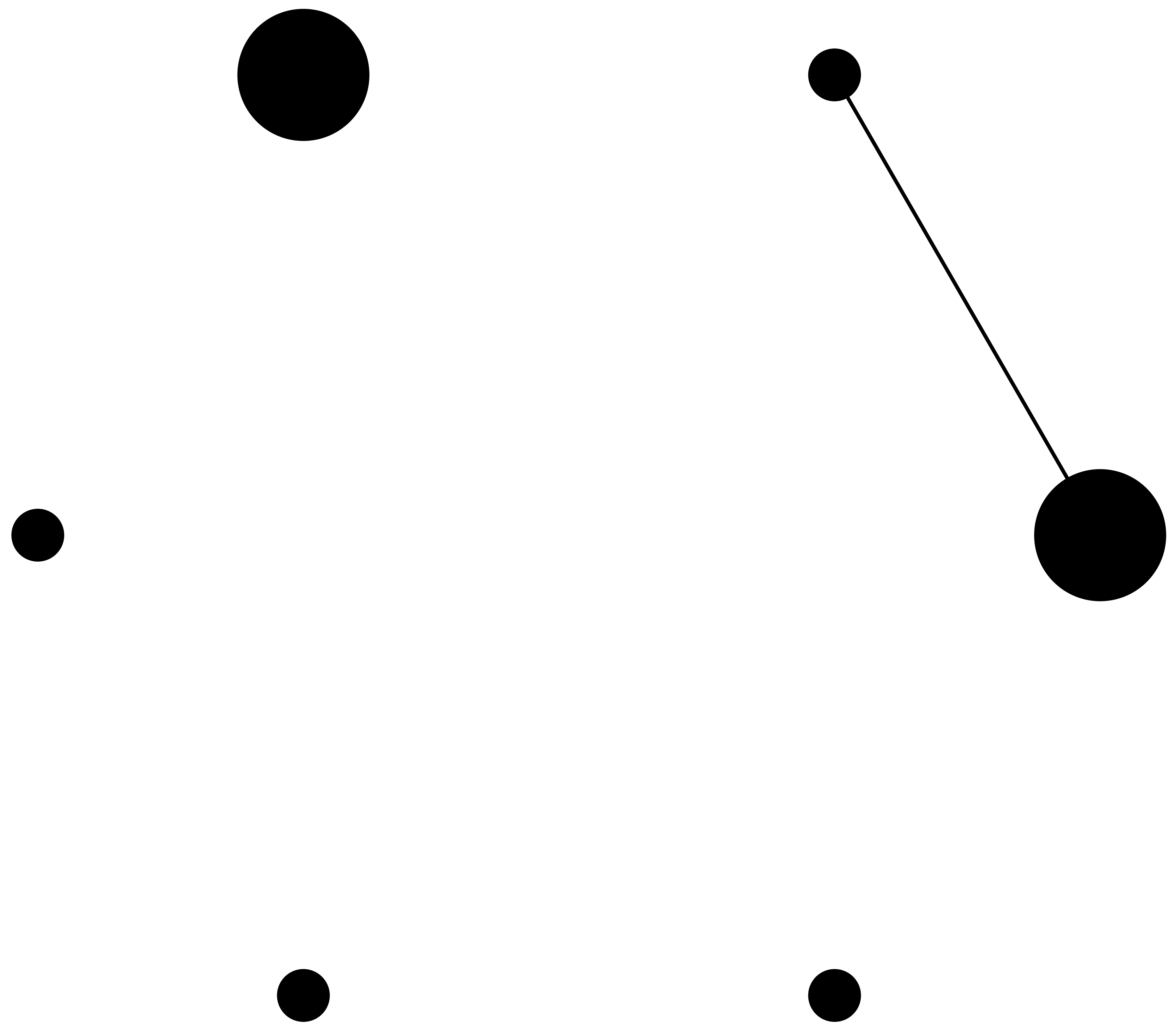

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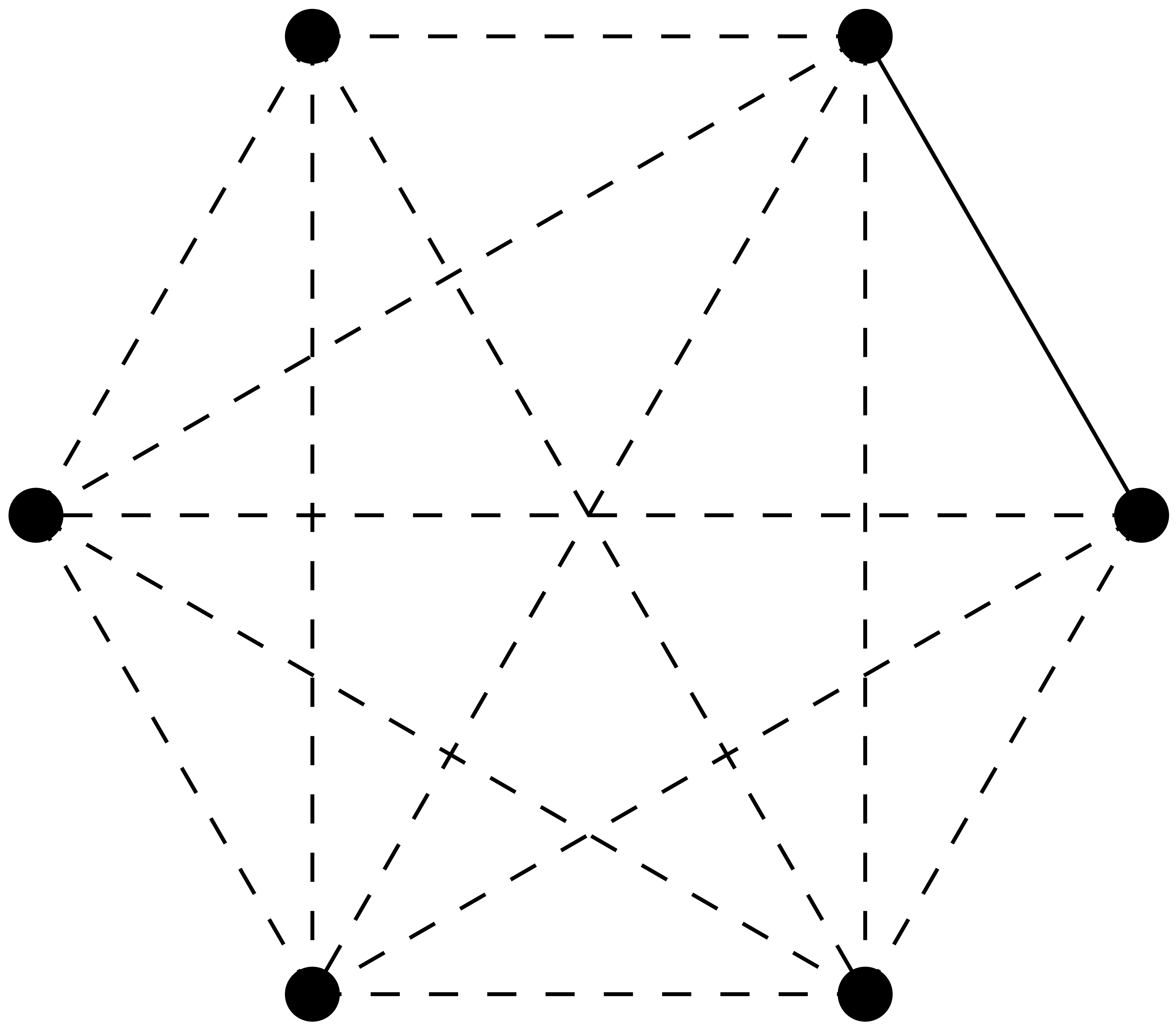

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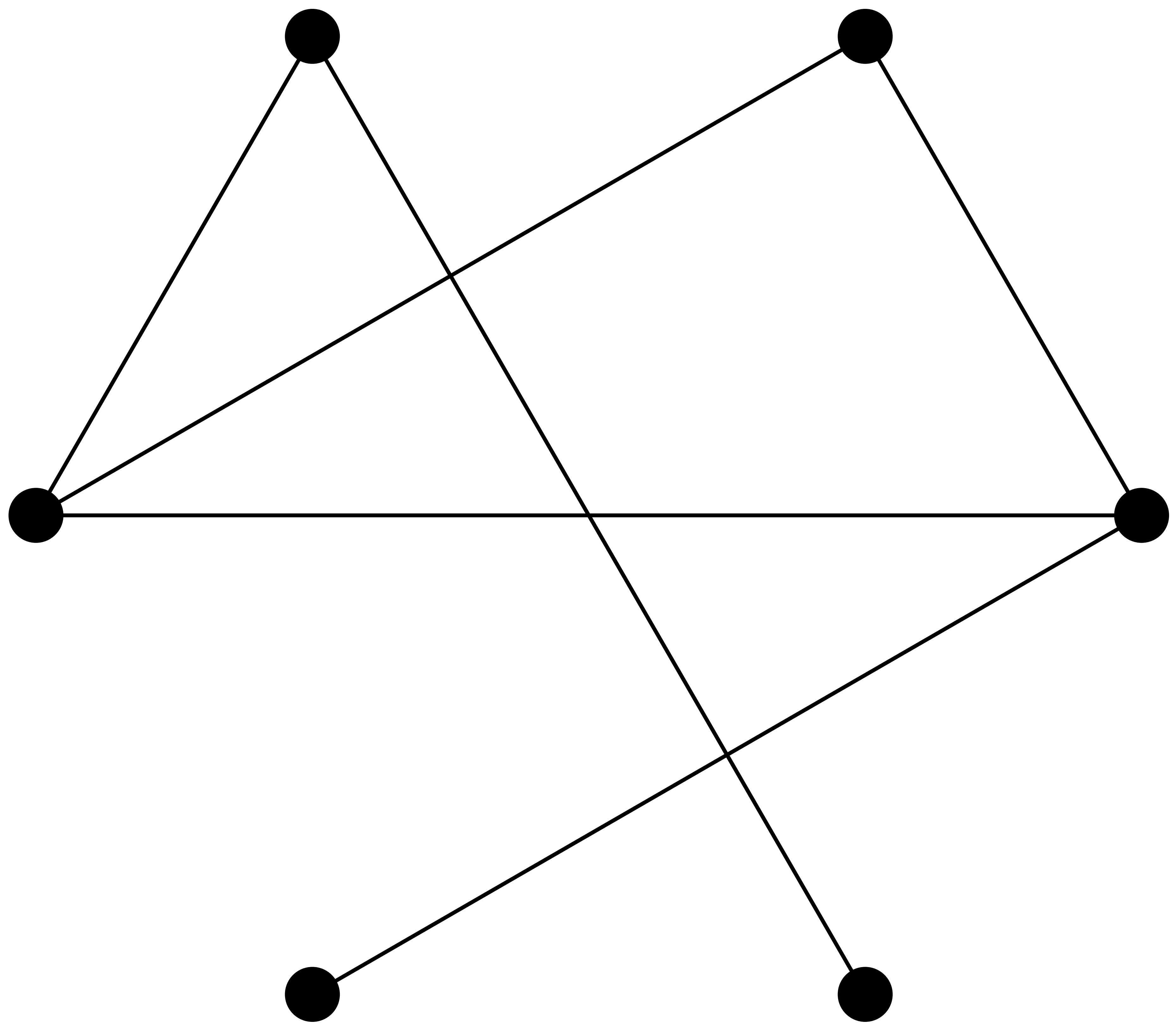

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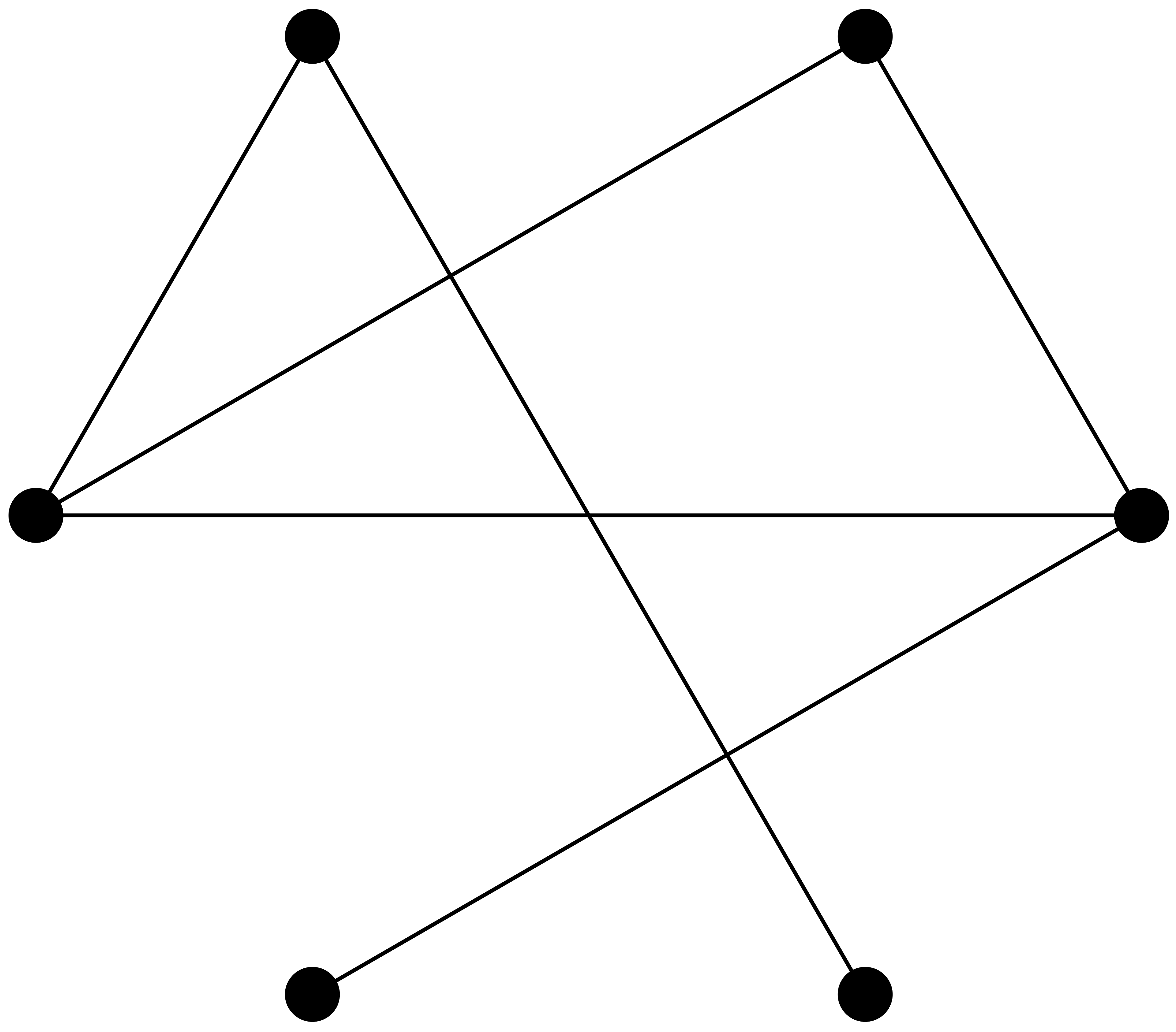

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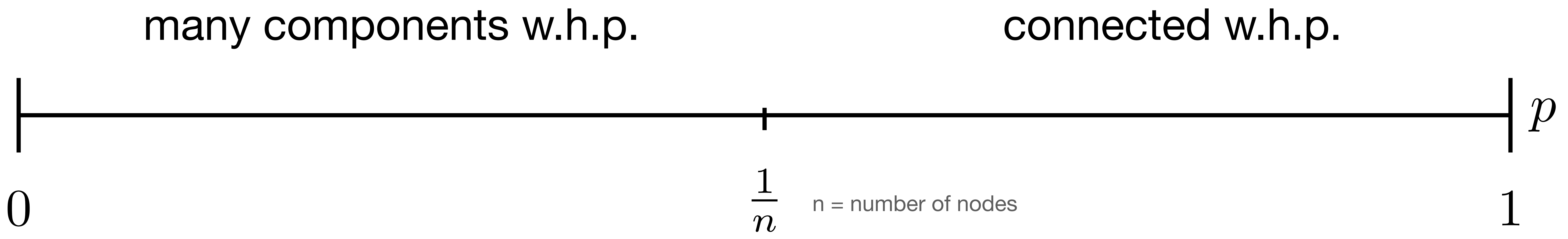

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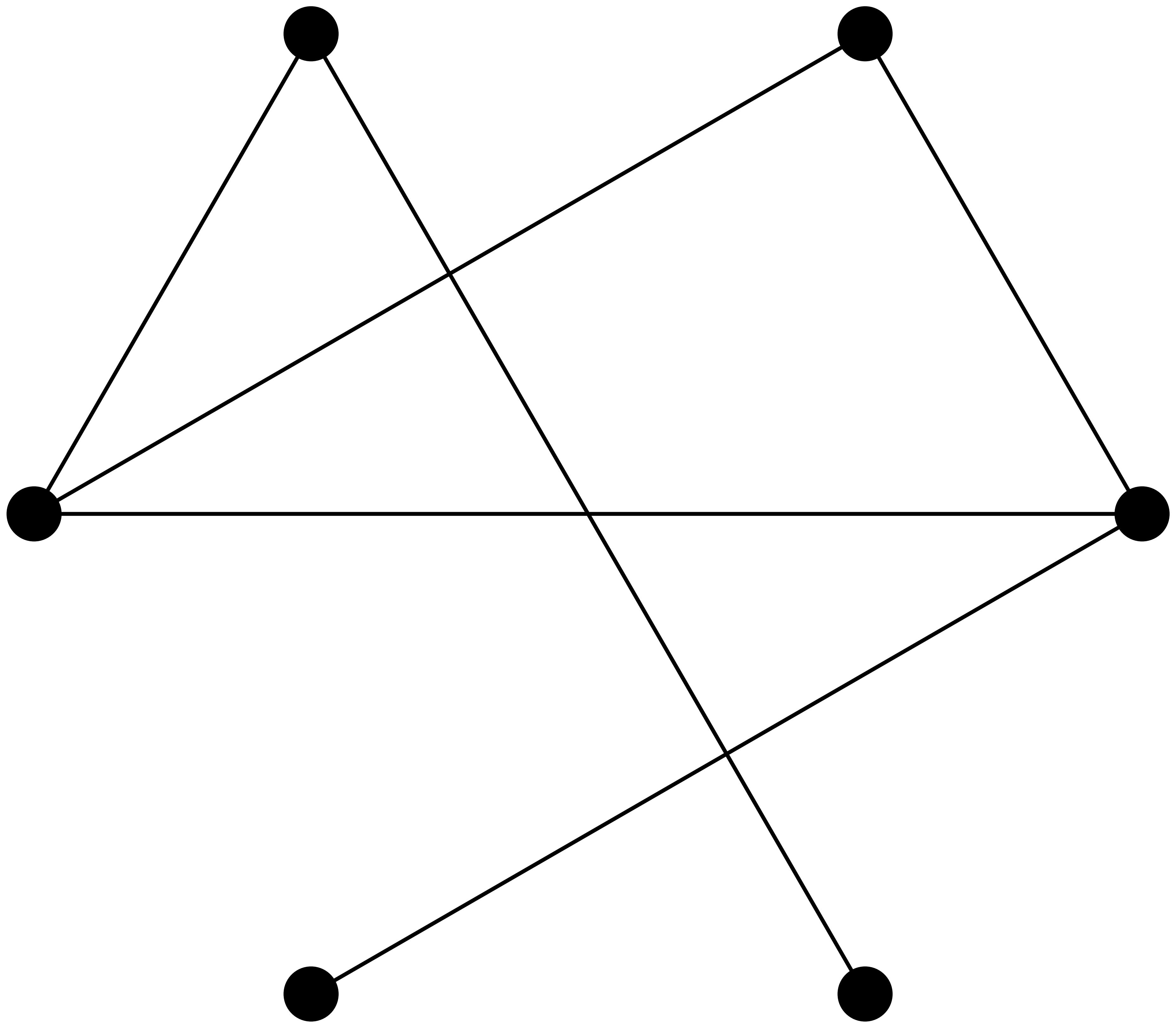

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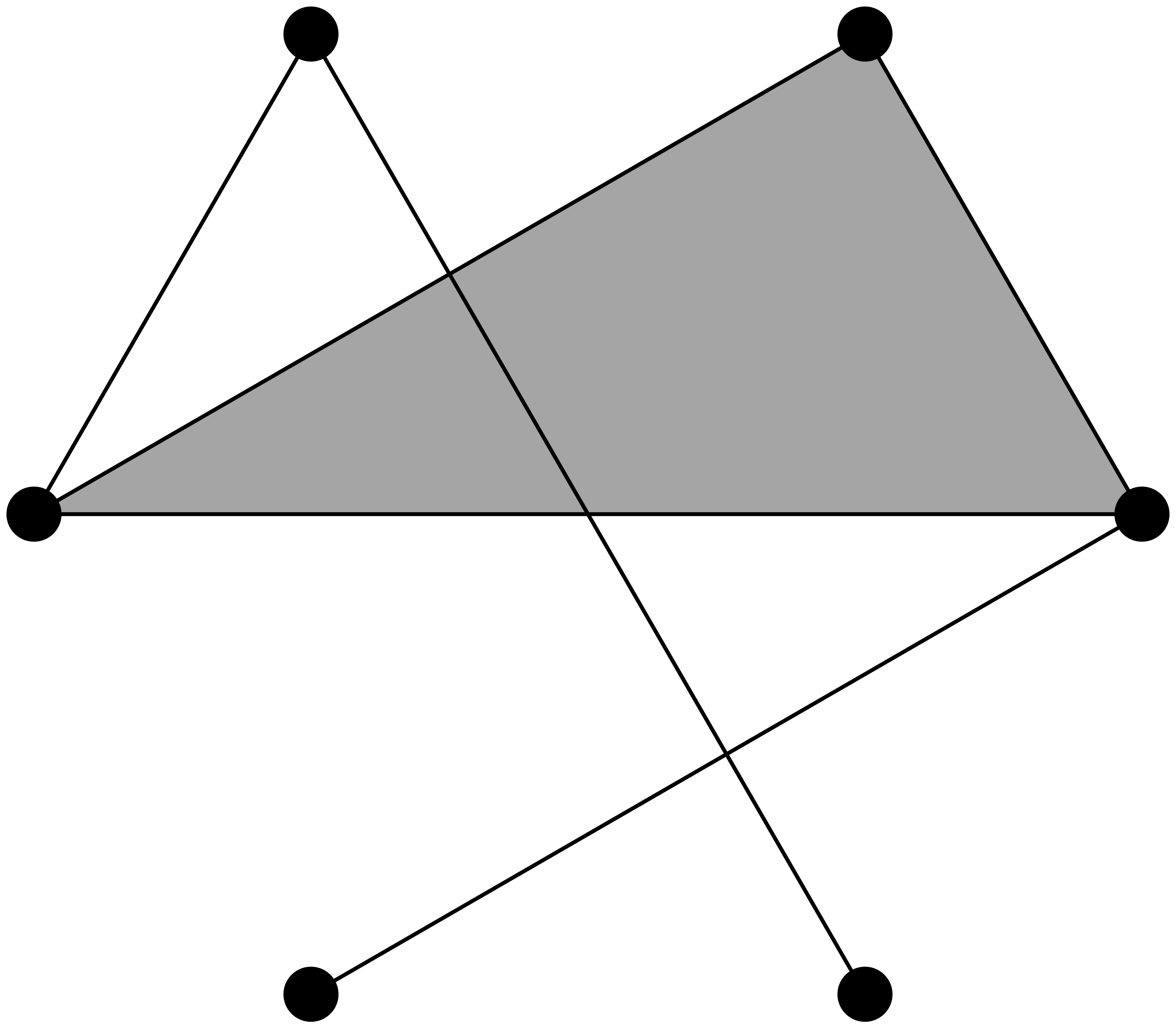

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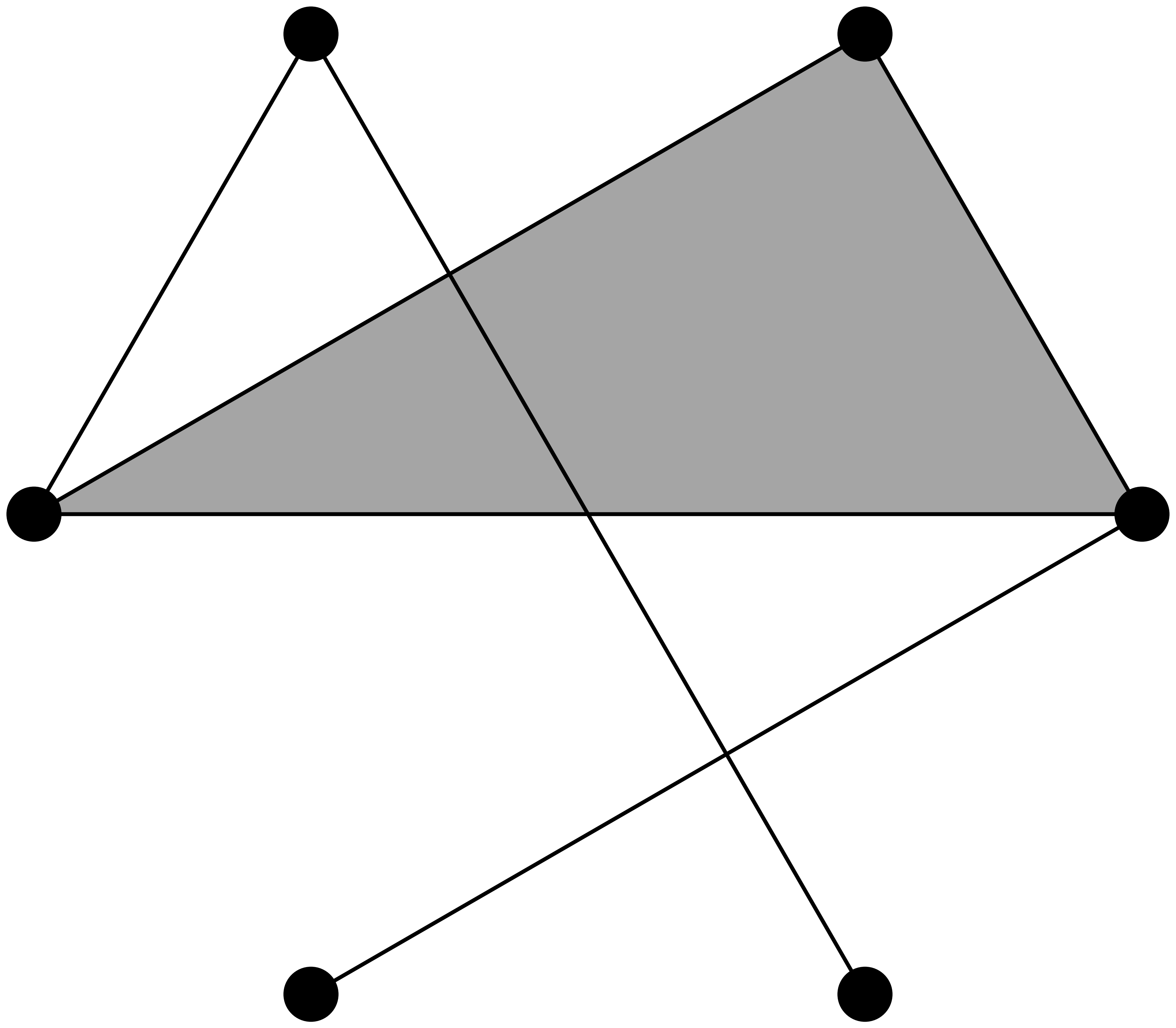

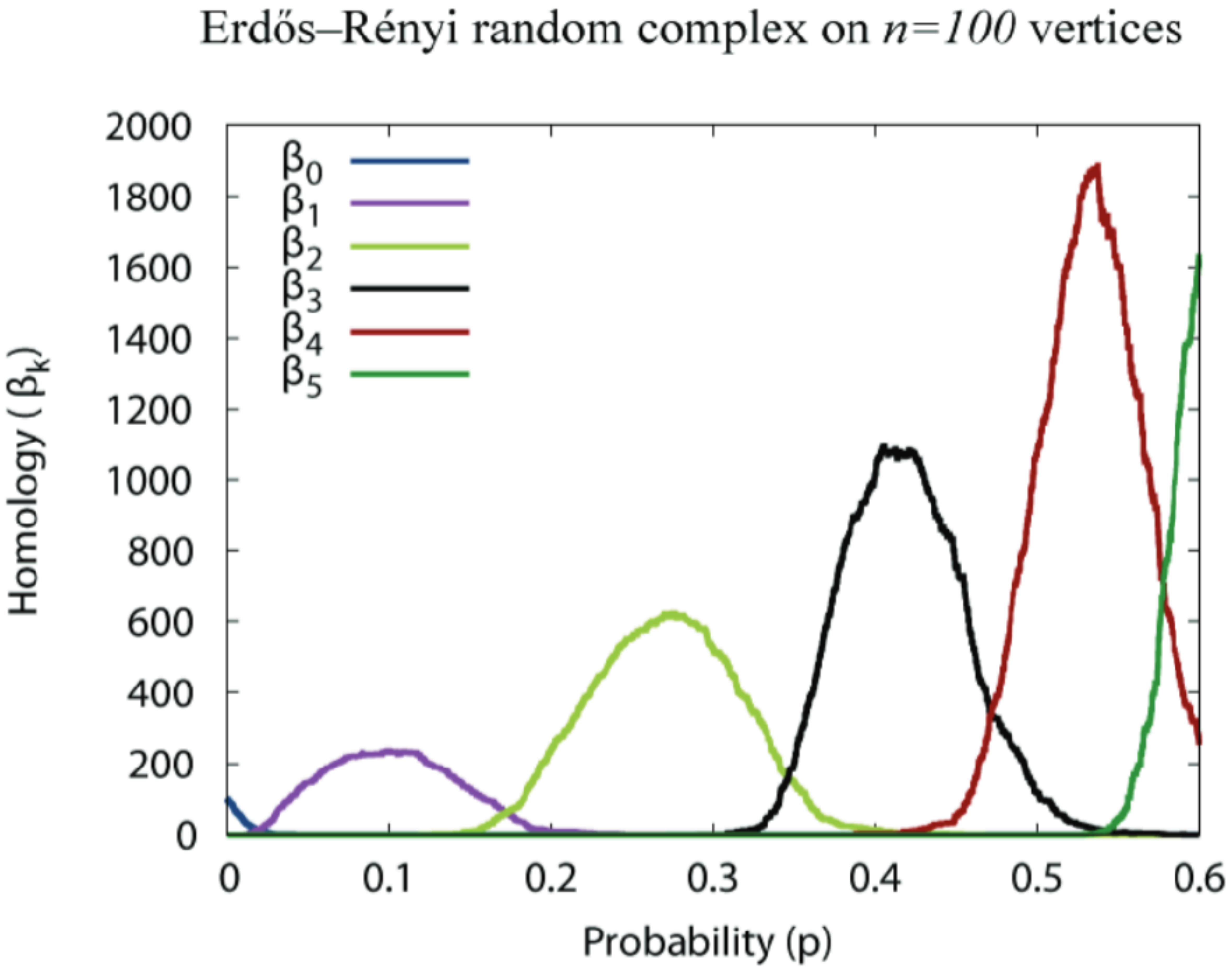

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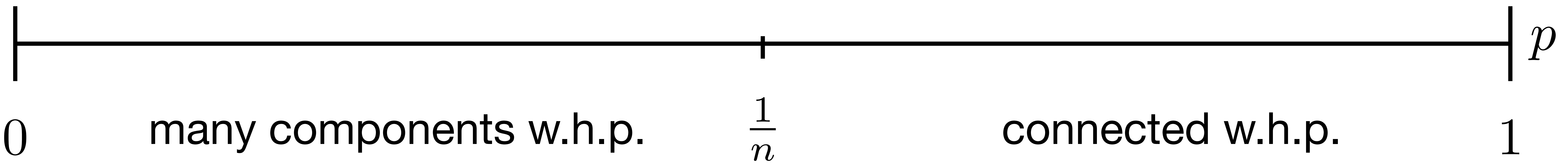

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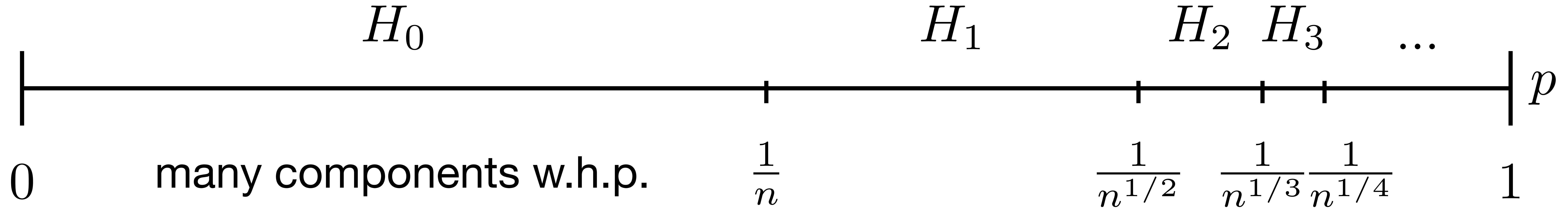

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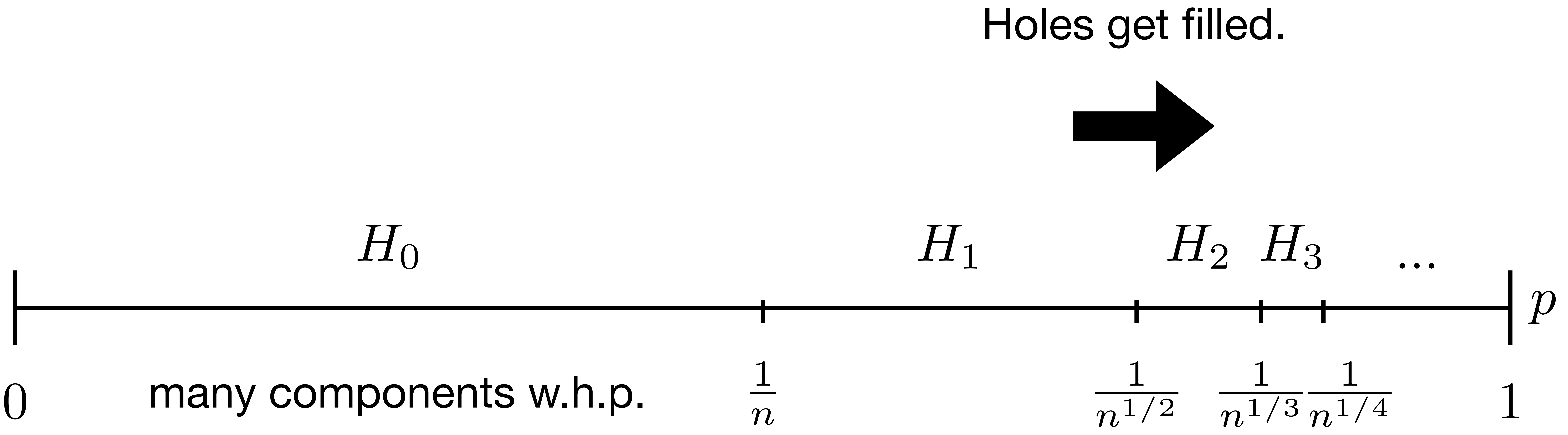

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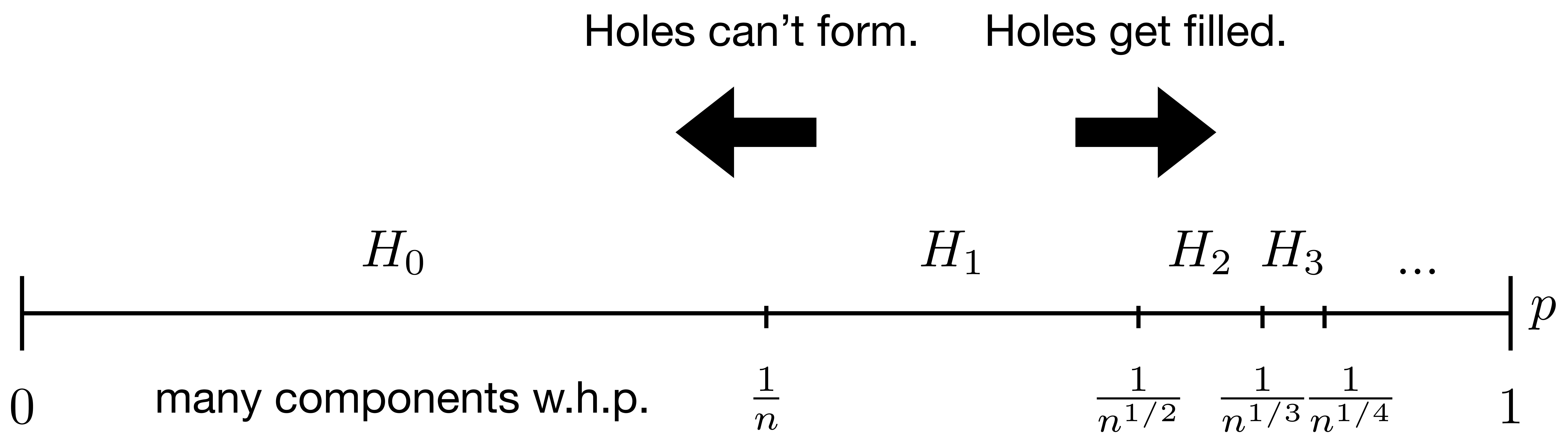

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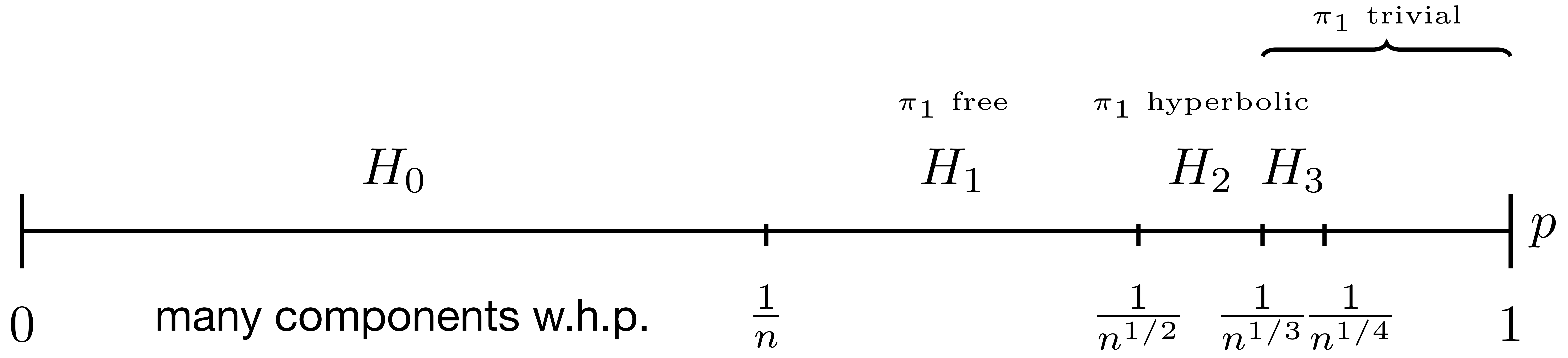
Fundamental Group

[Kahle 2009, Babson 2012, Costa-Farber-Horak 2015]



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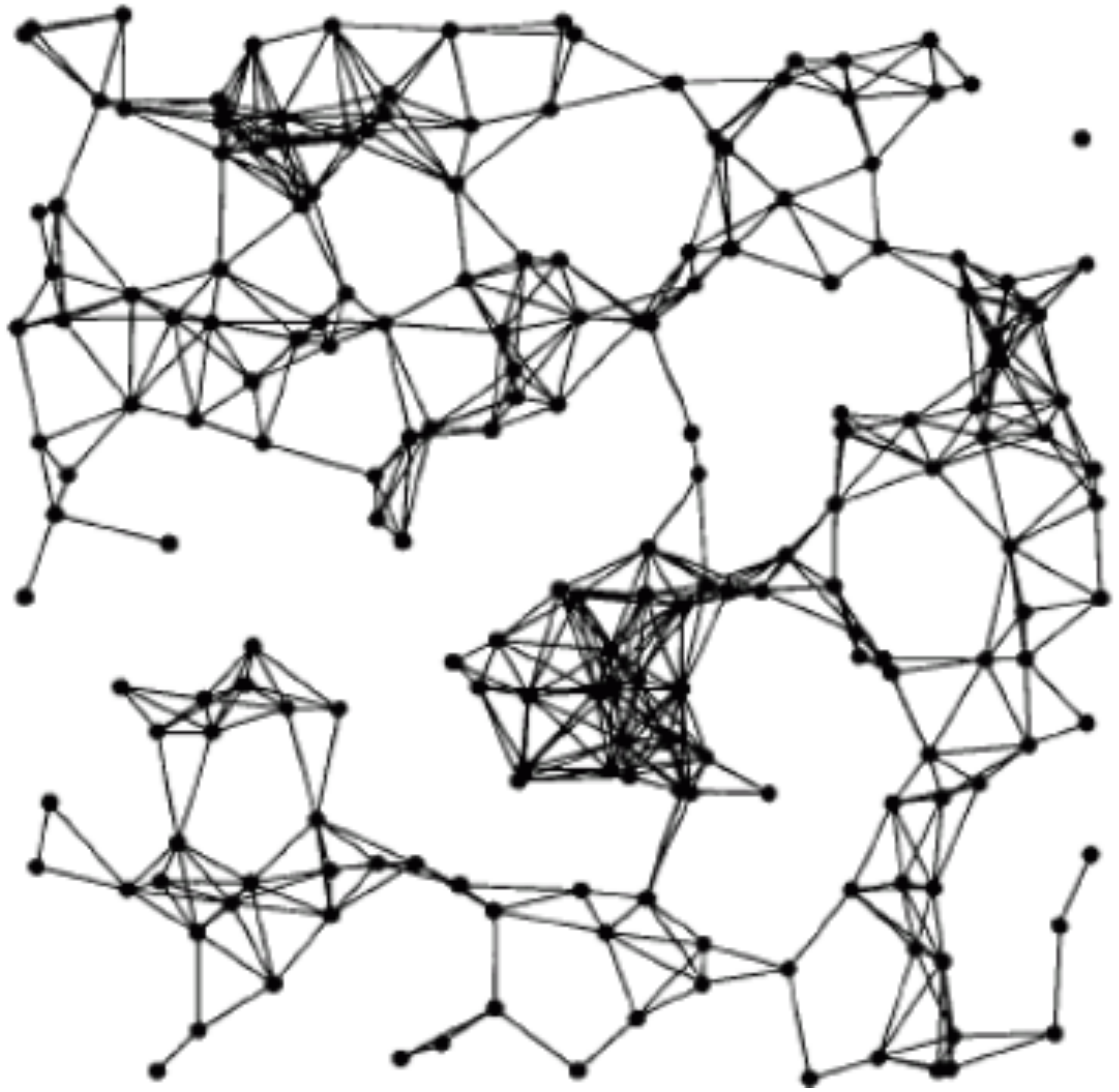

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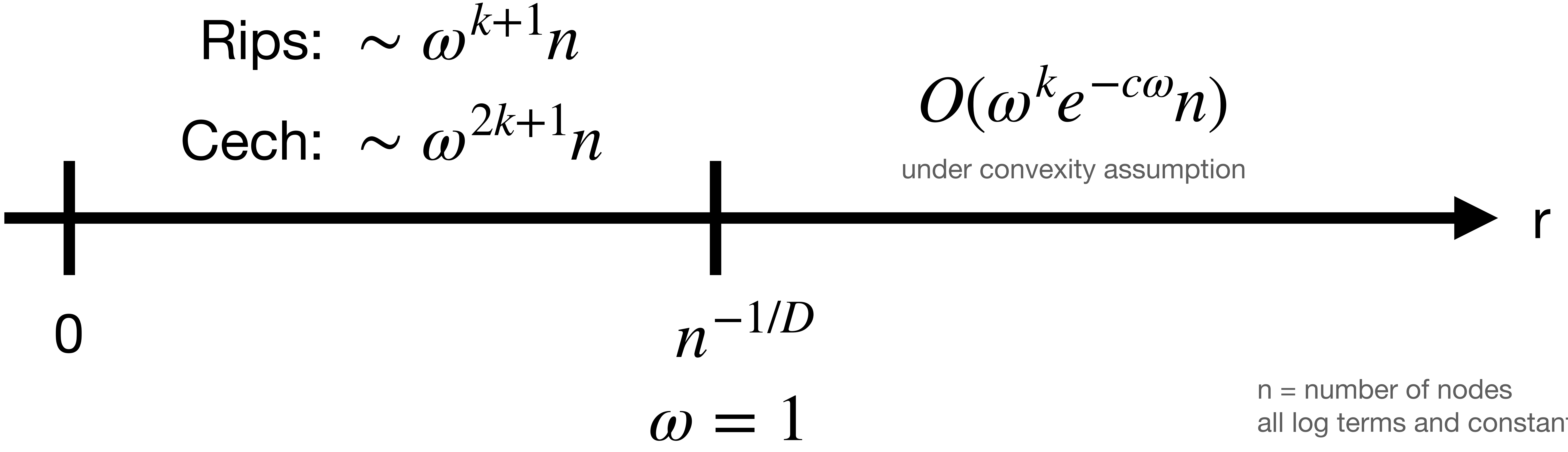

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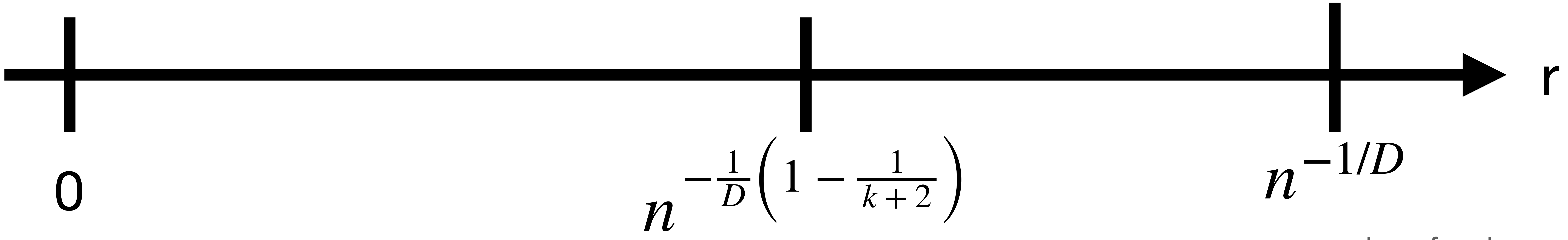

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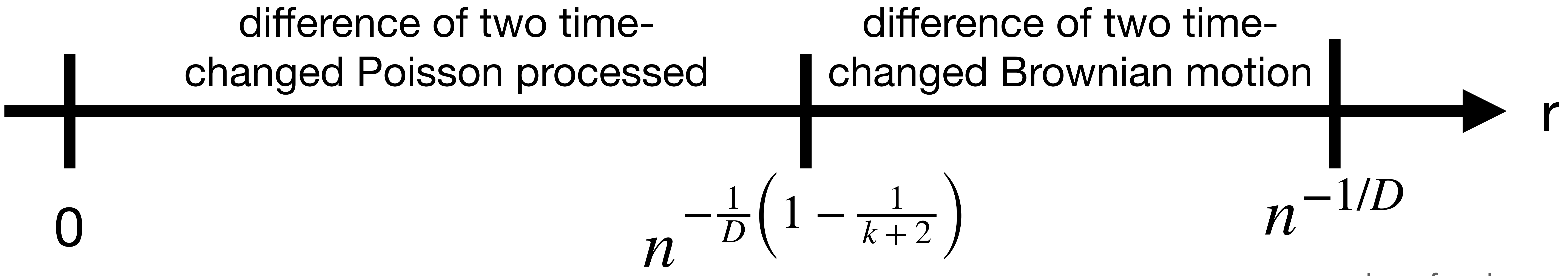

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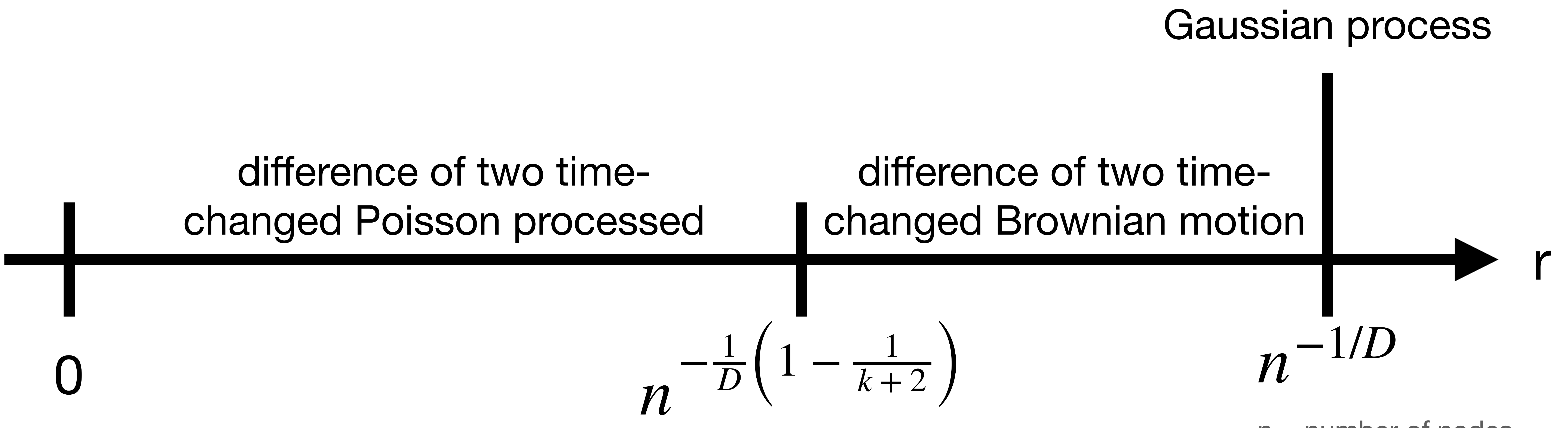

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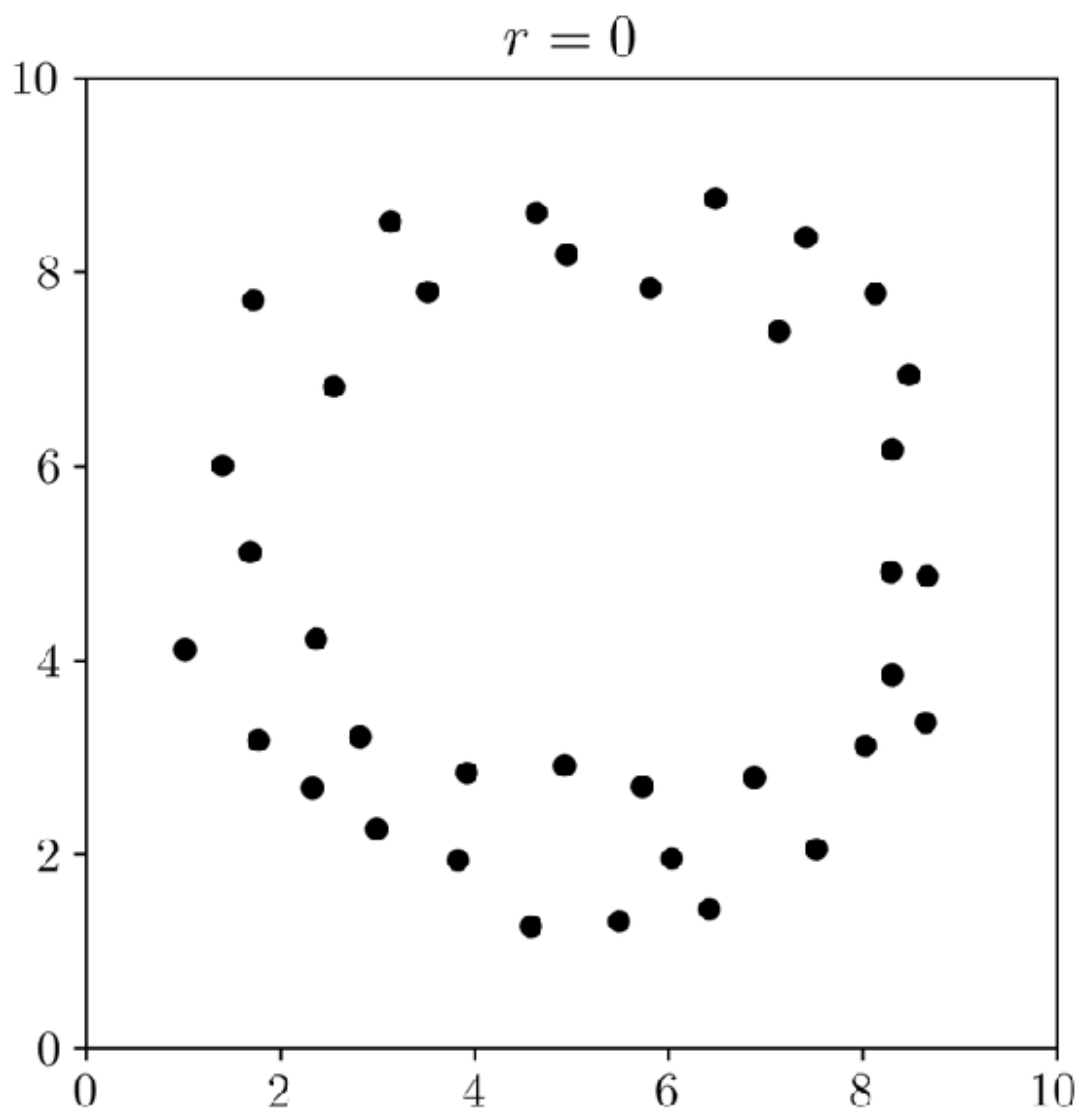

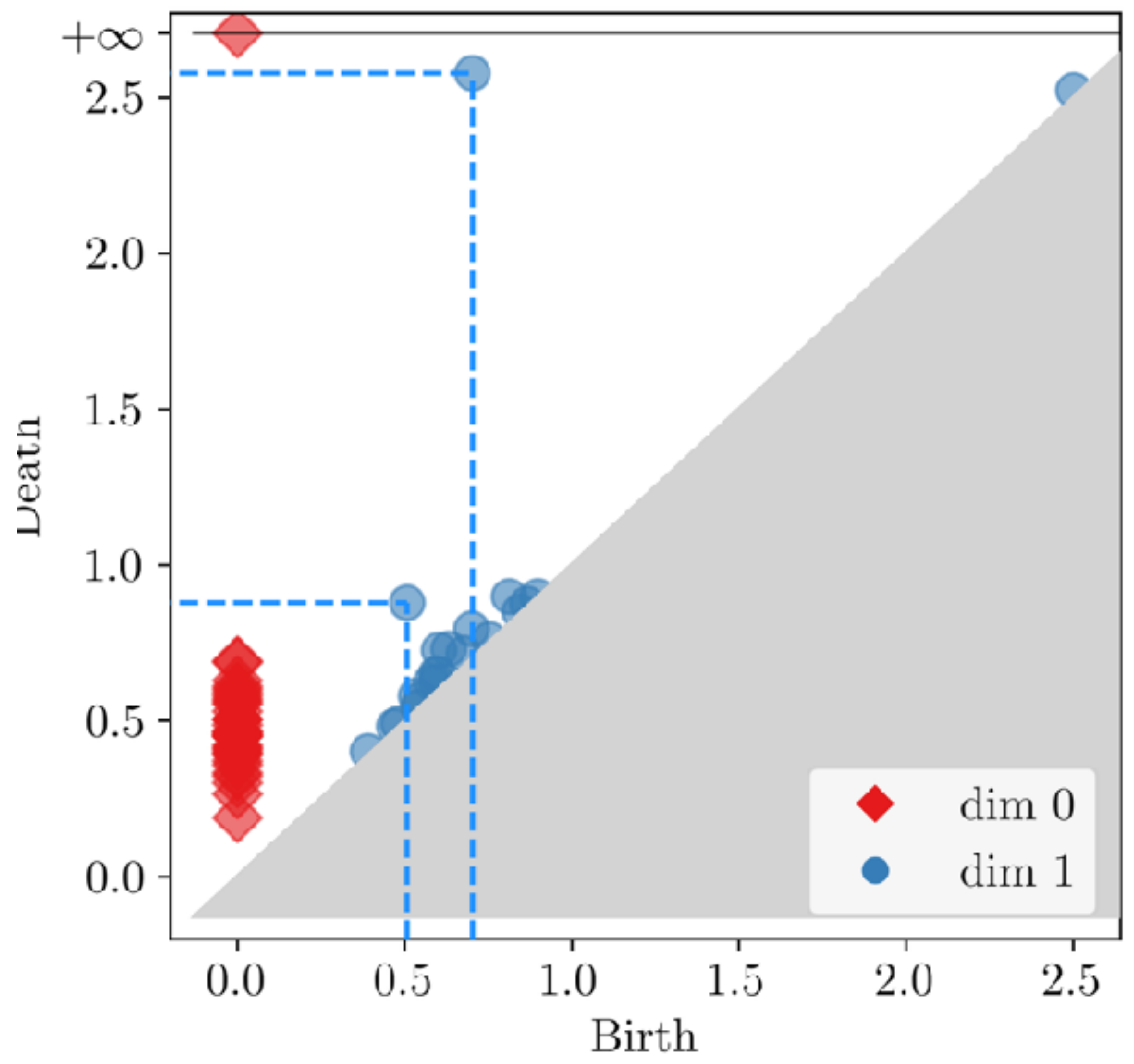

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$$c\left(\frac{\log n}{\log\log n}\right)^{1/k} \leq \text{max persistence} \leq C\left(\frac{\log n}{\log\log n}\right)^{1/k}$$

a.a.s.

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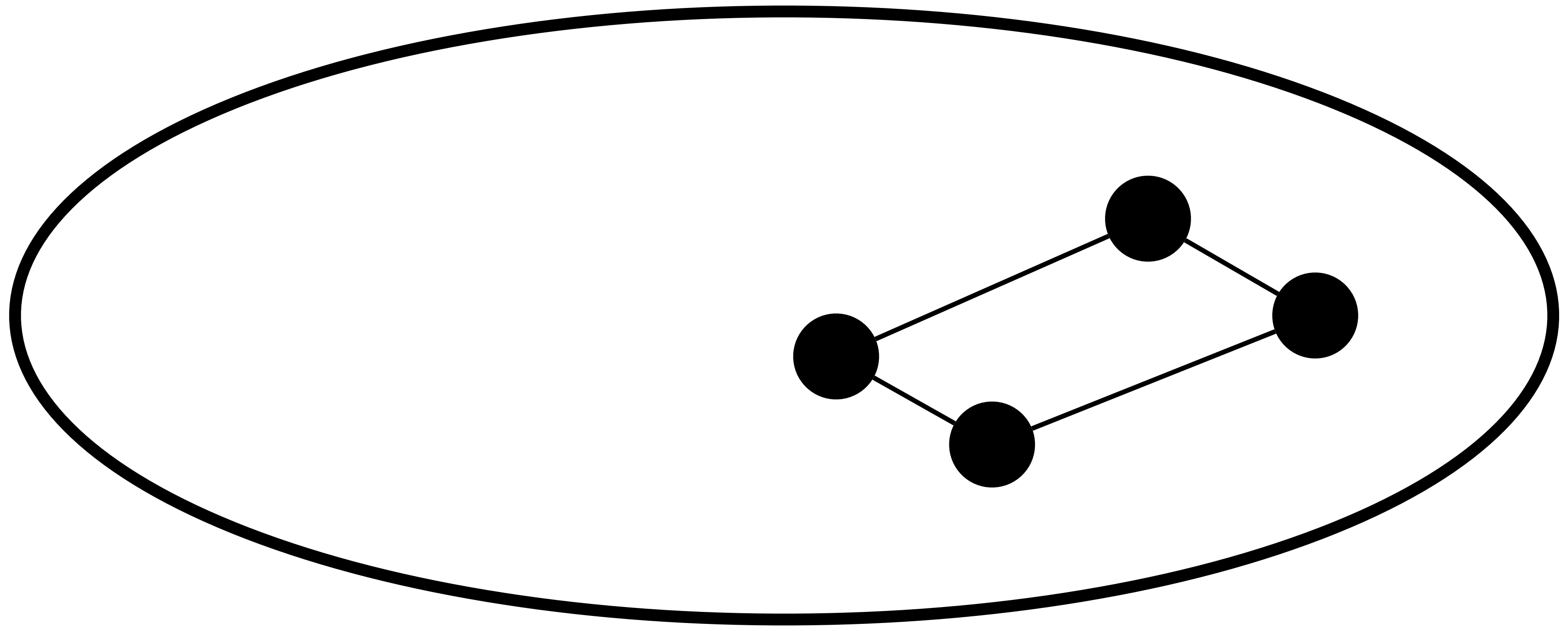

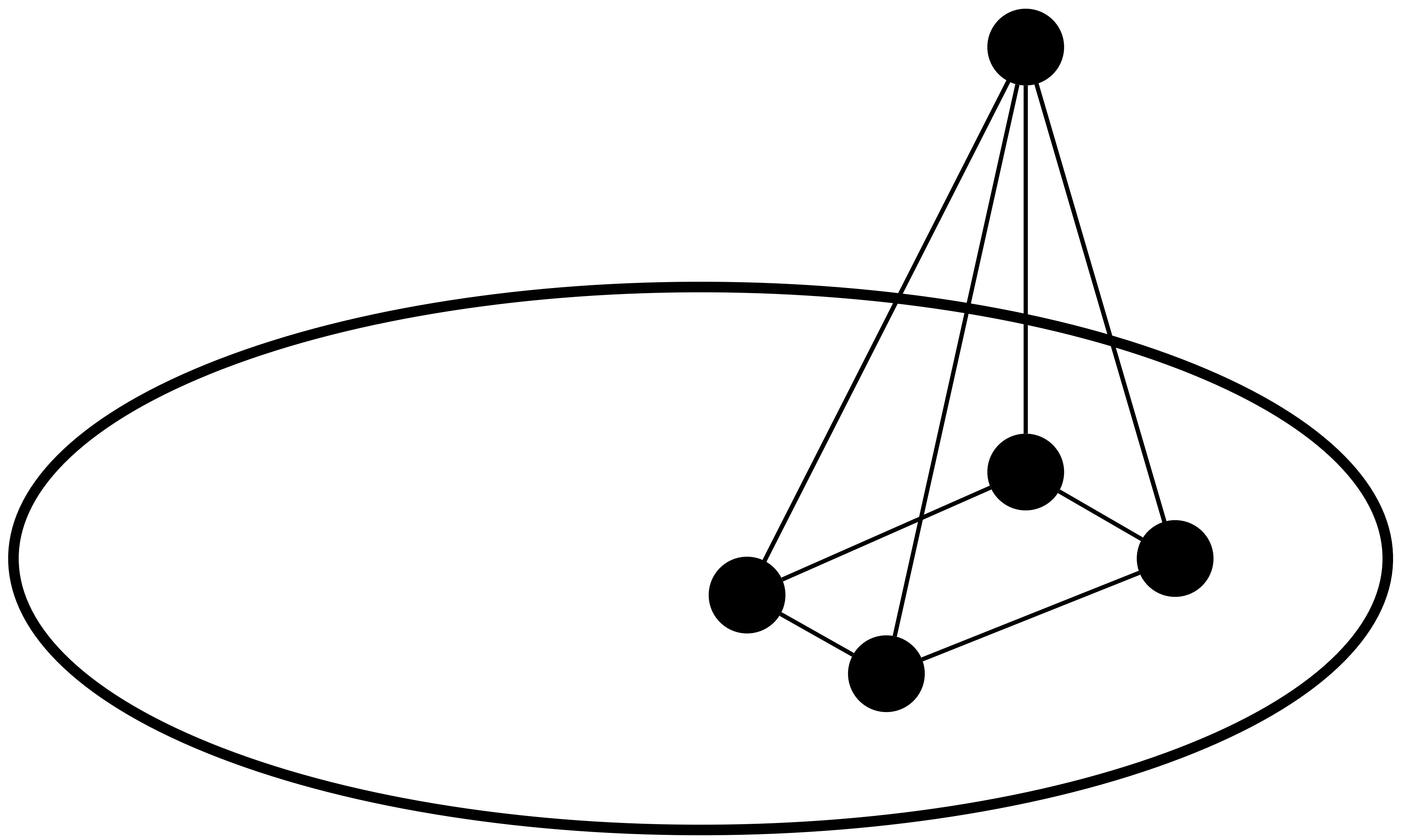

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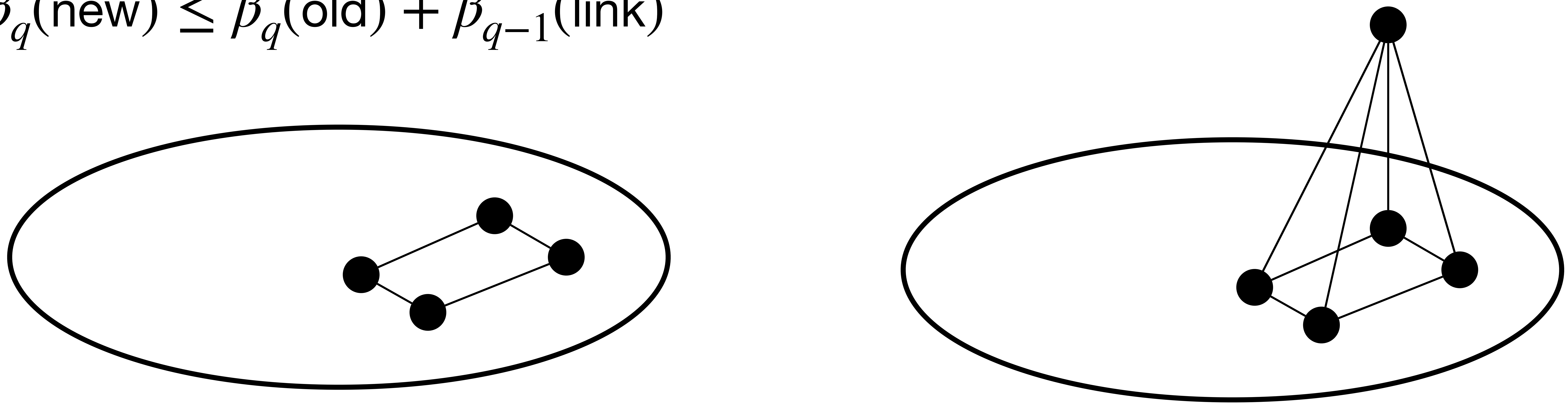

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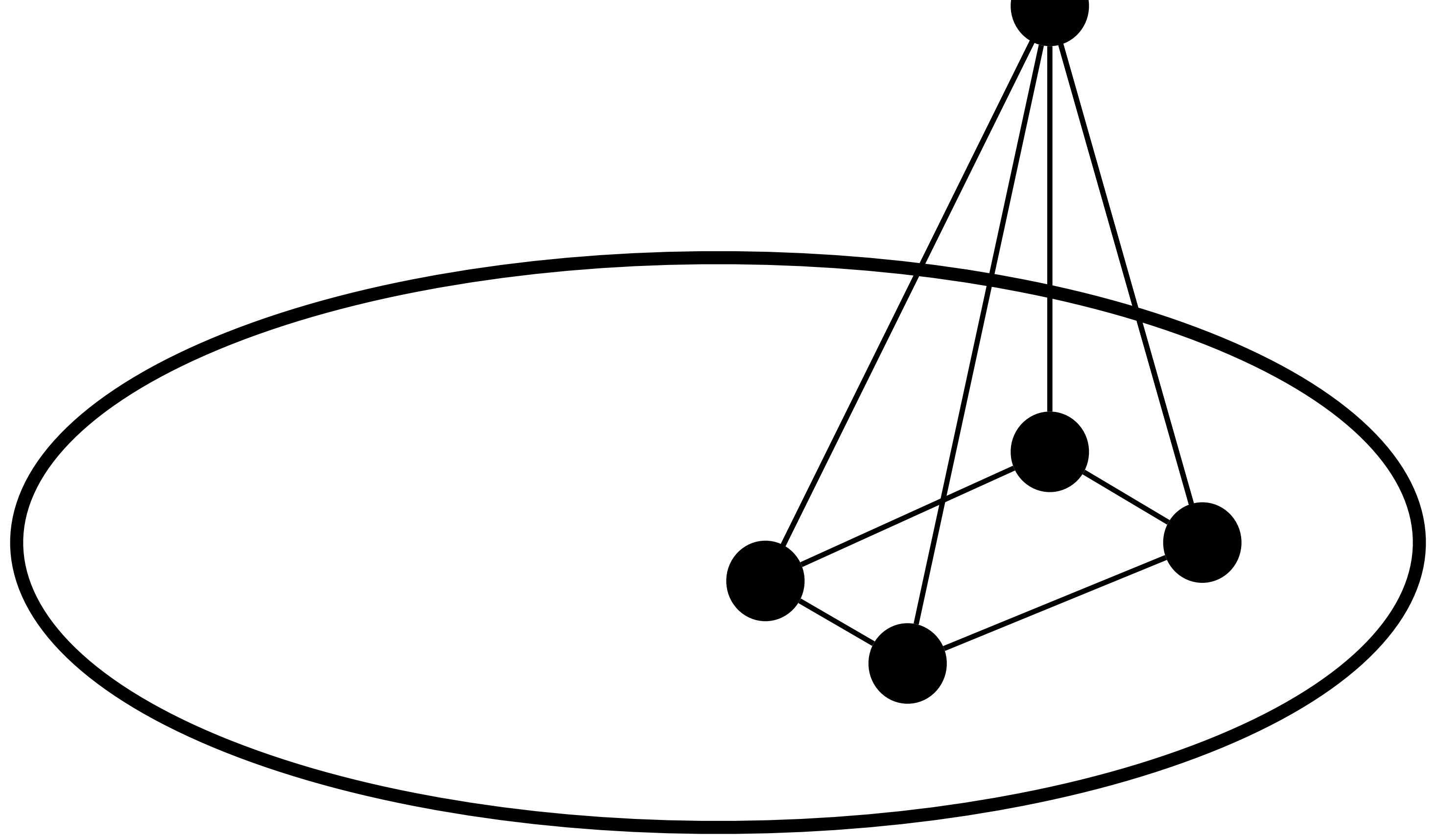

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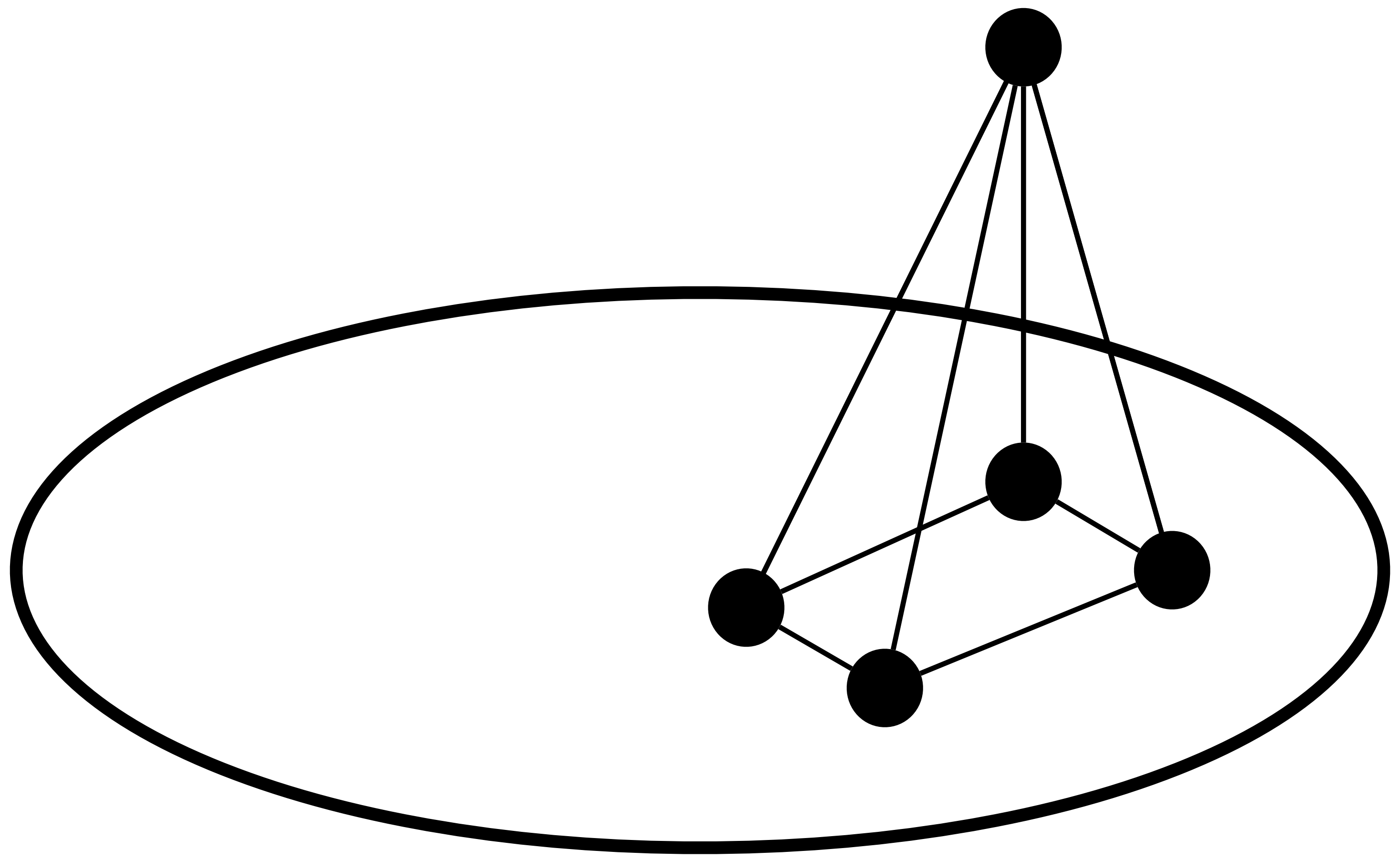

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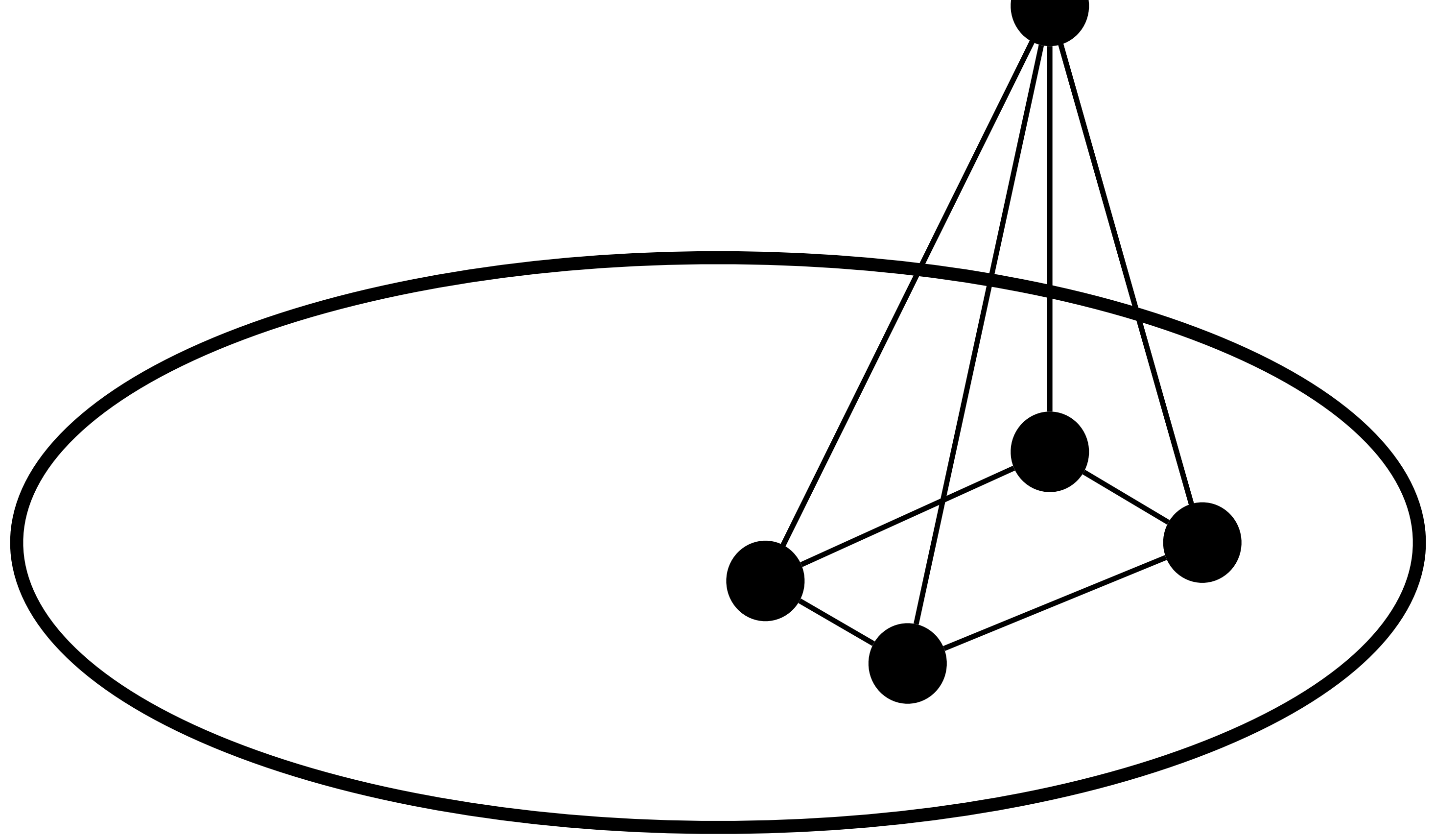

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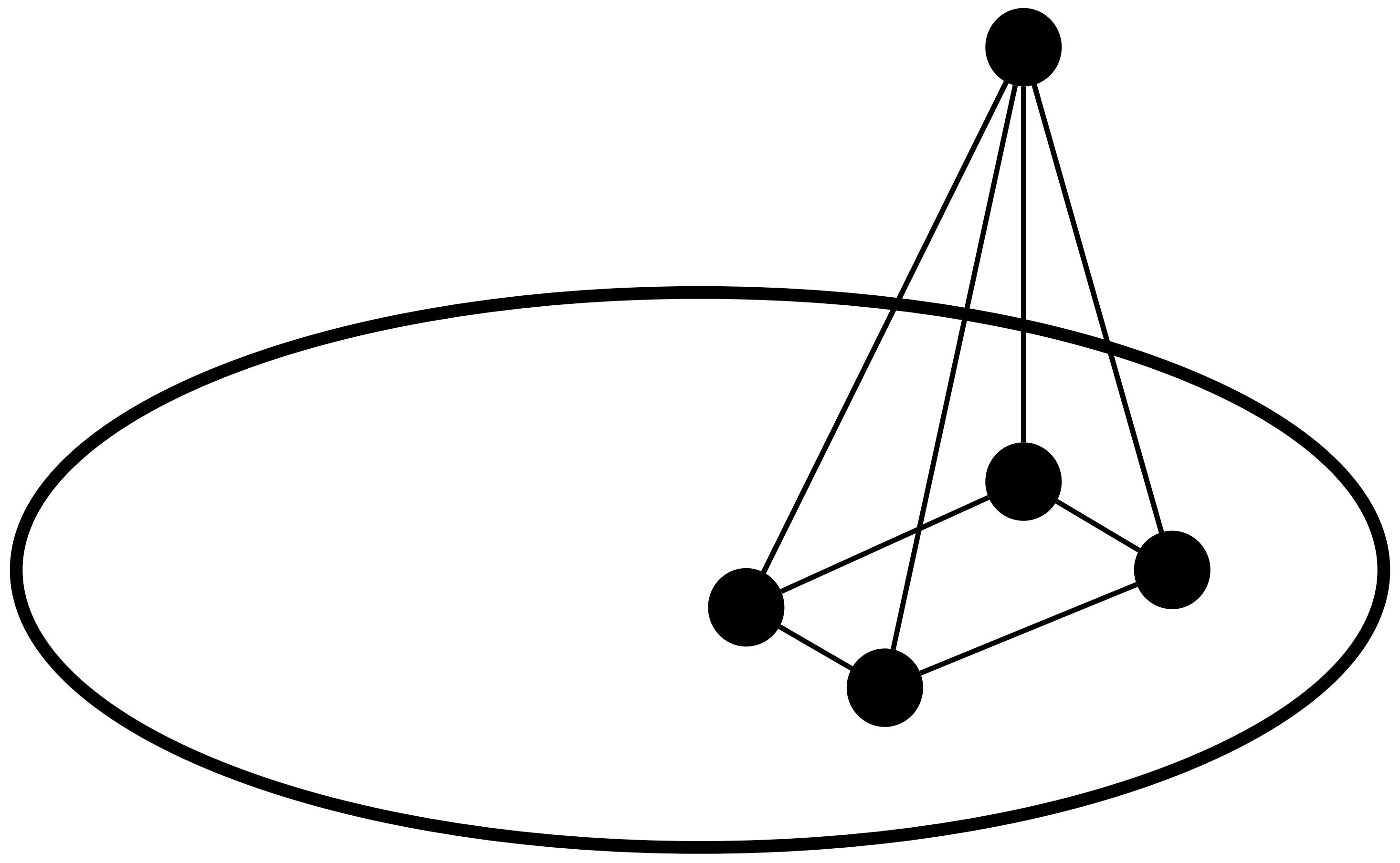

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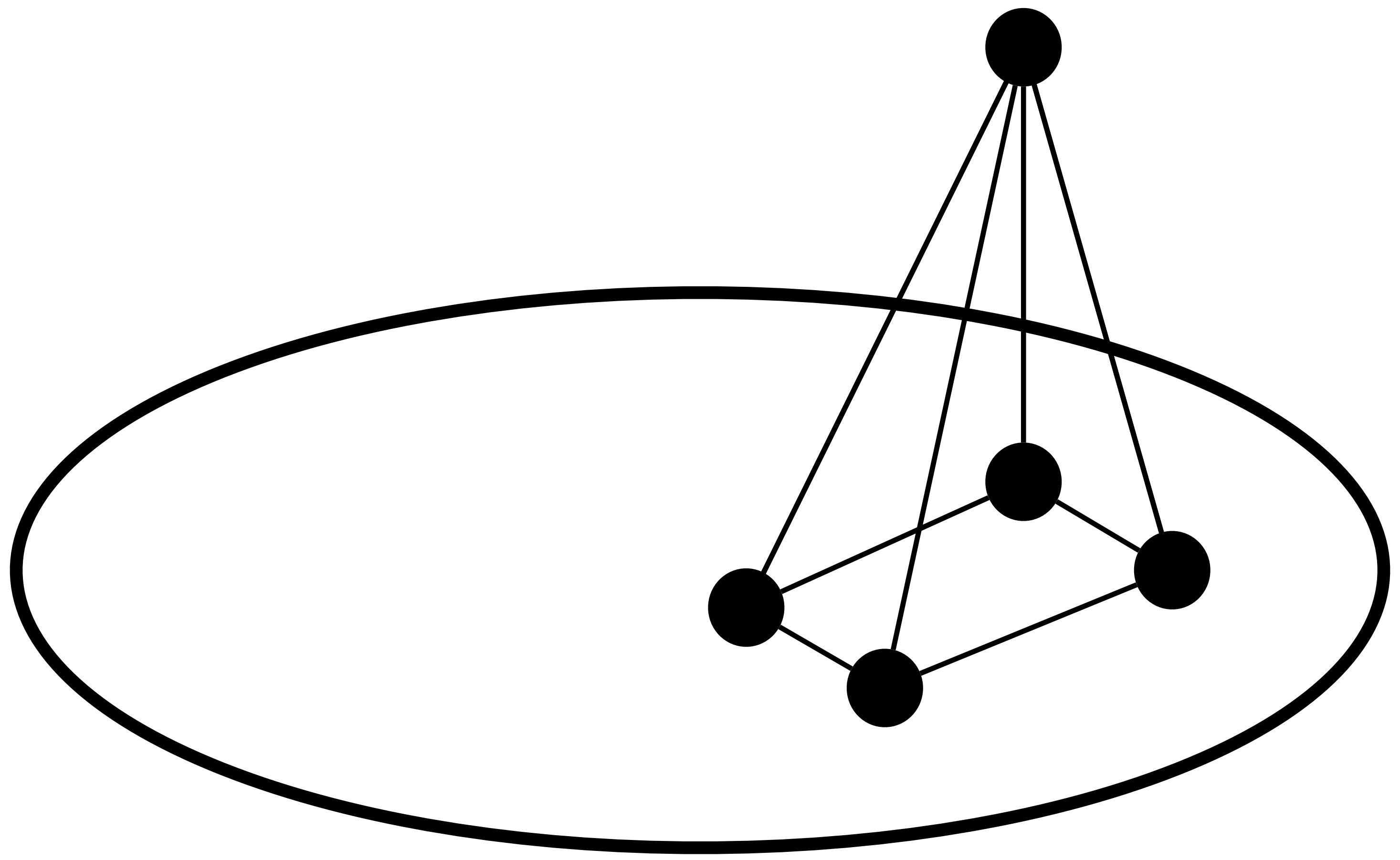

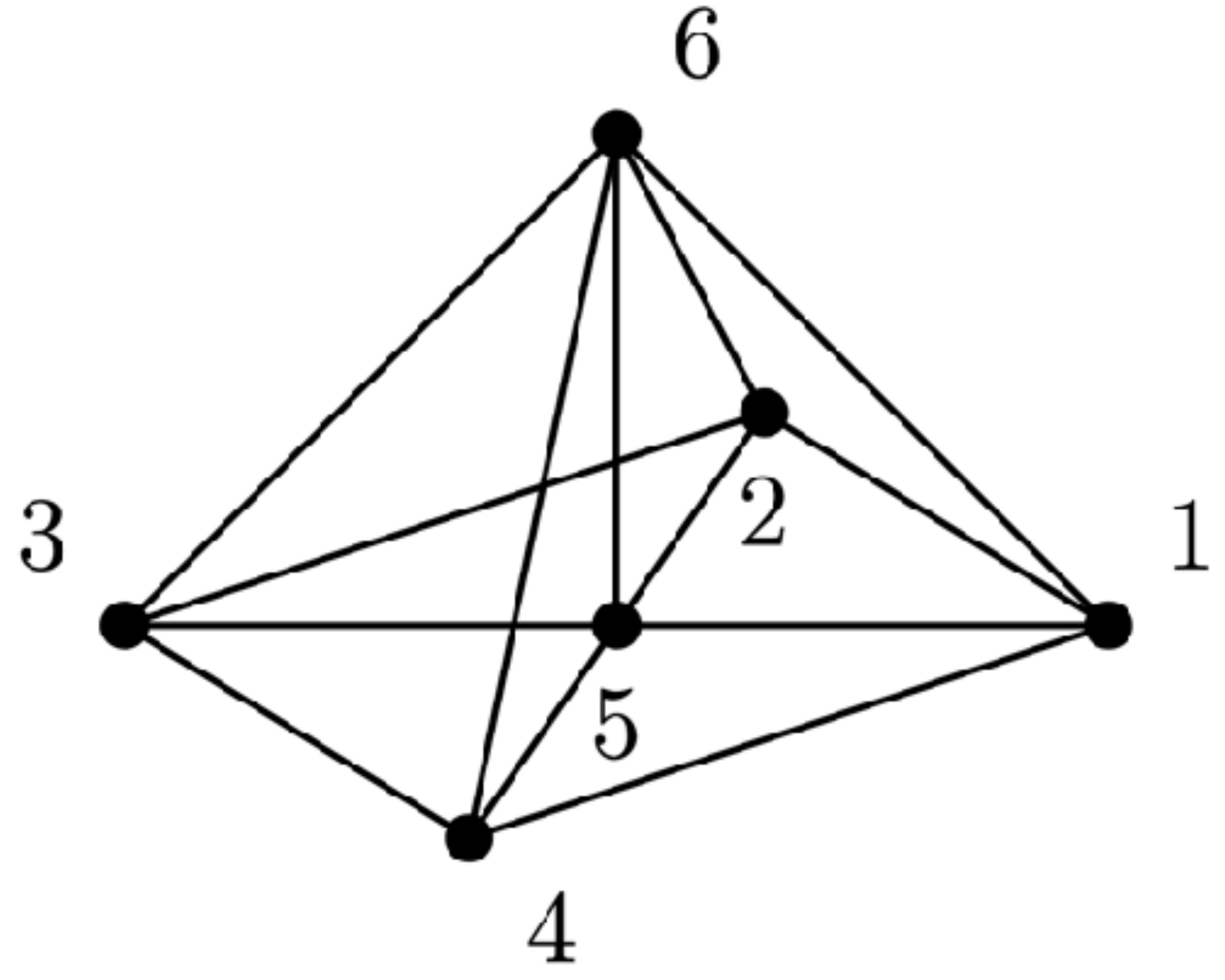

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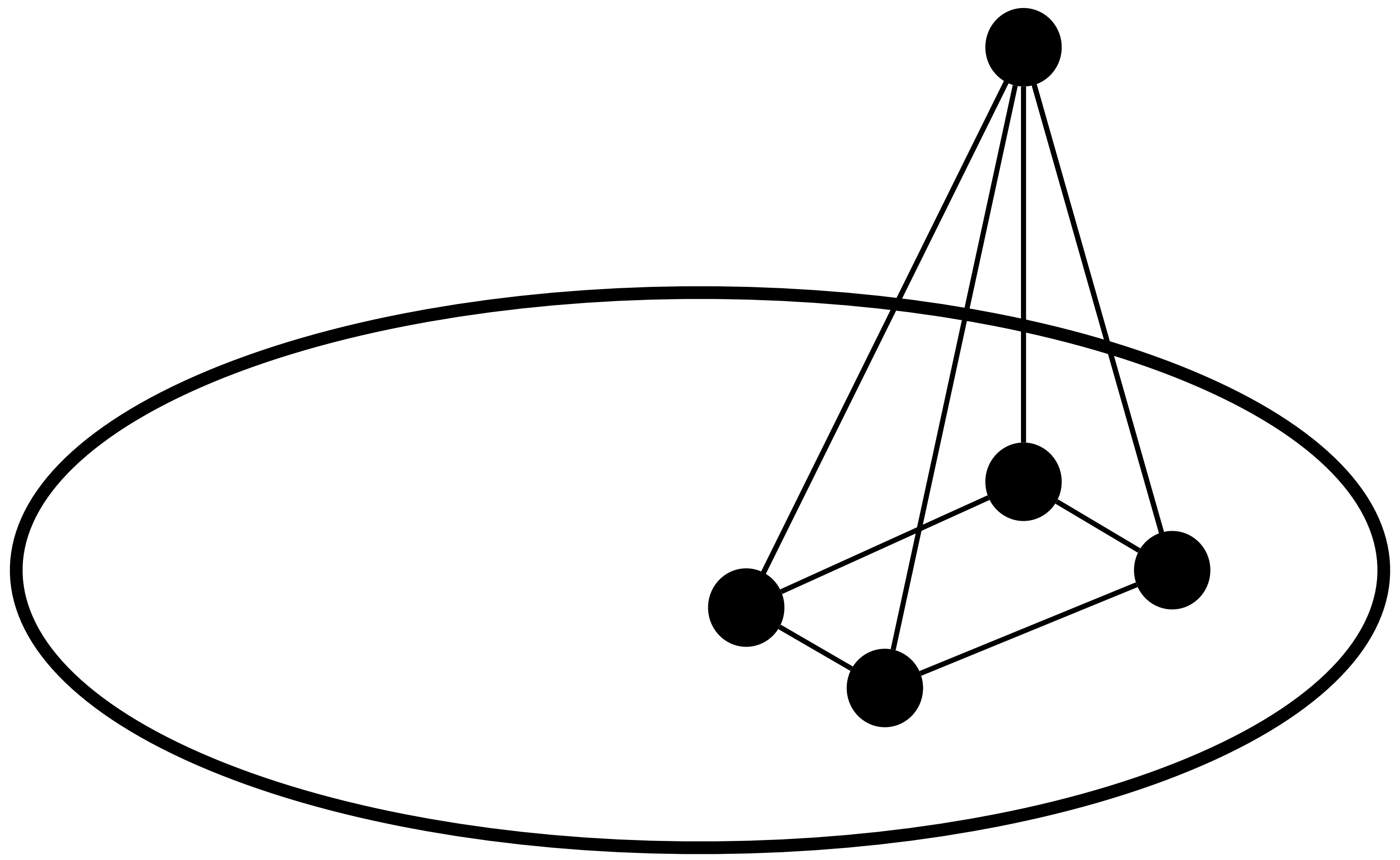

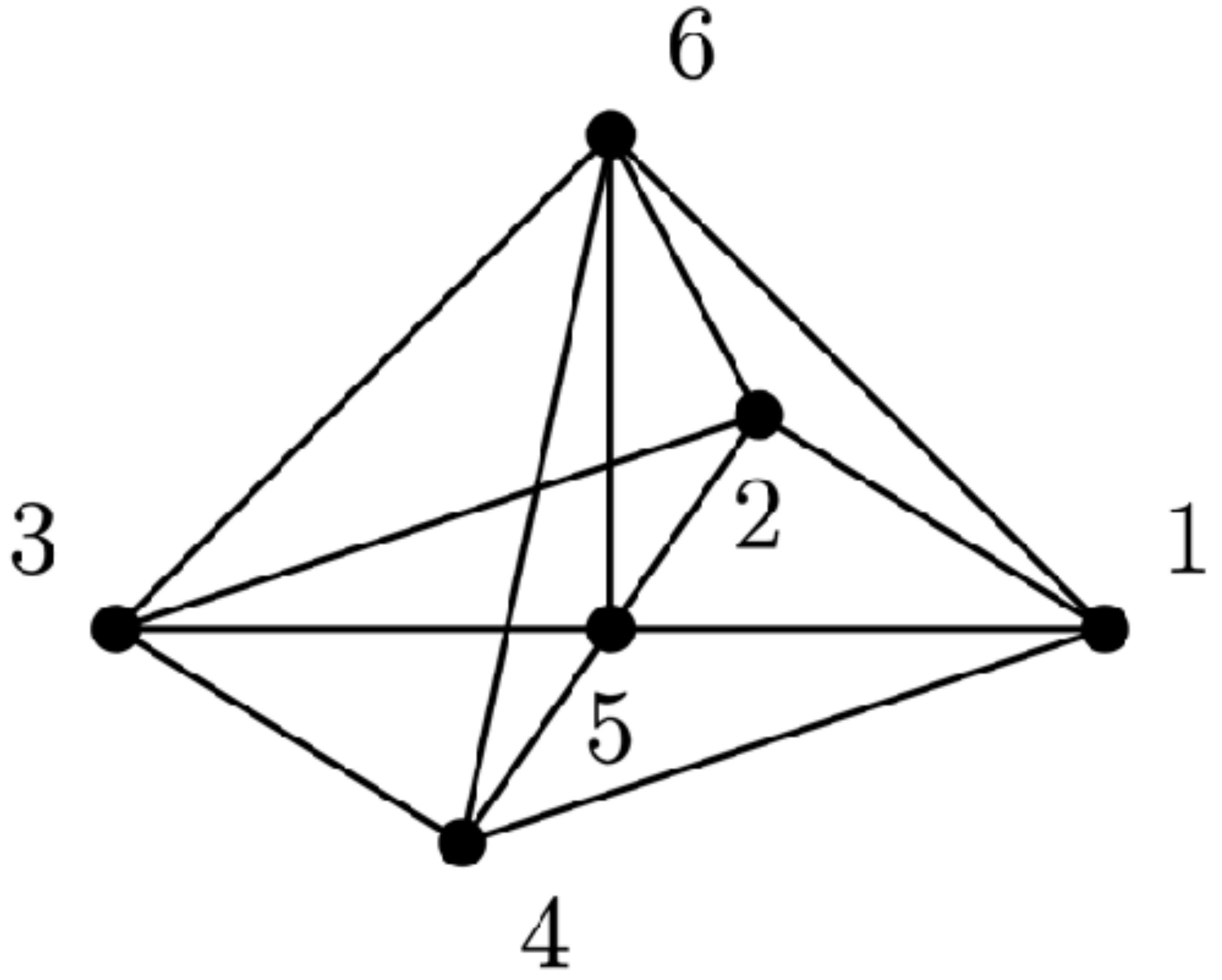

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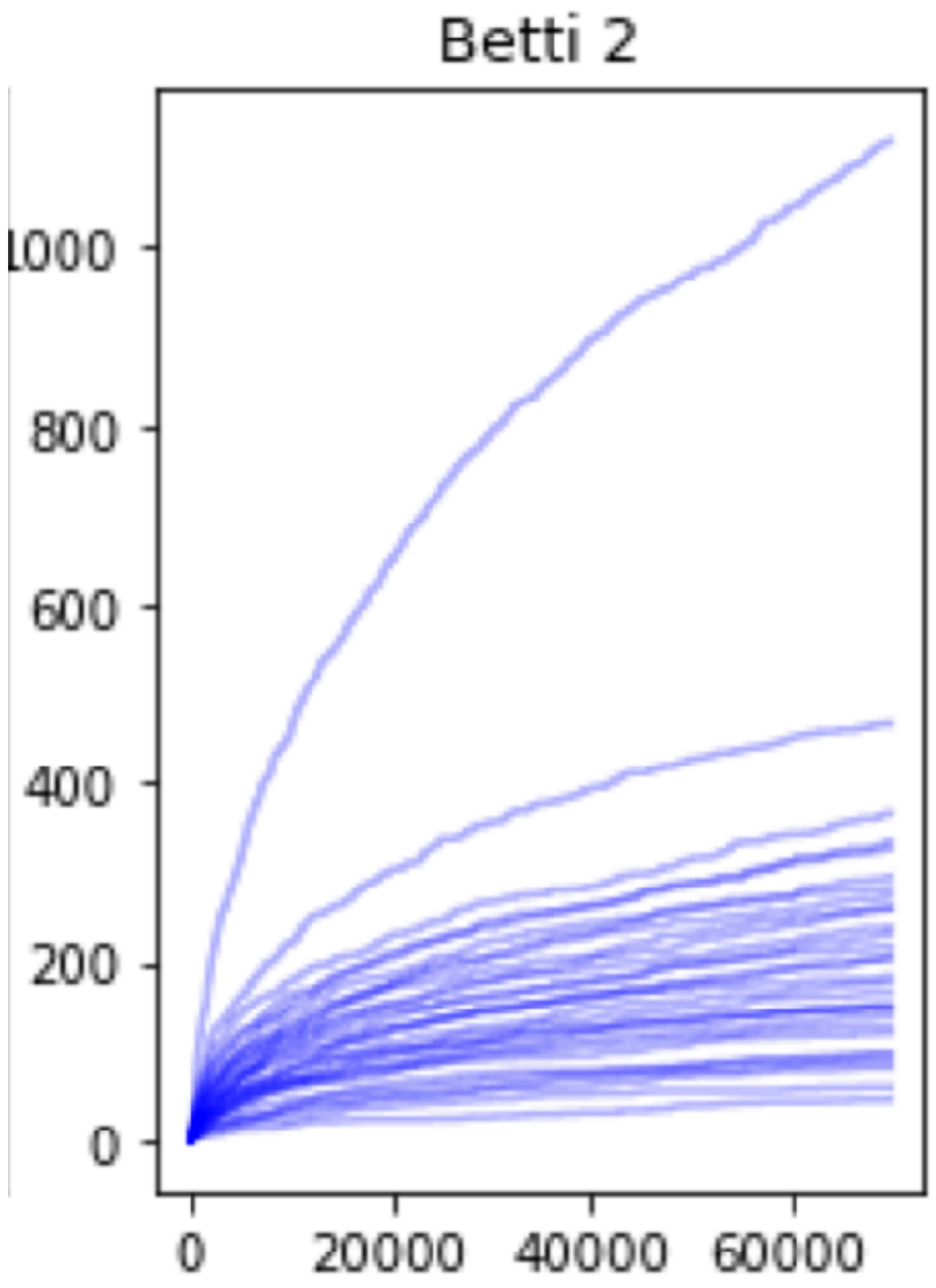

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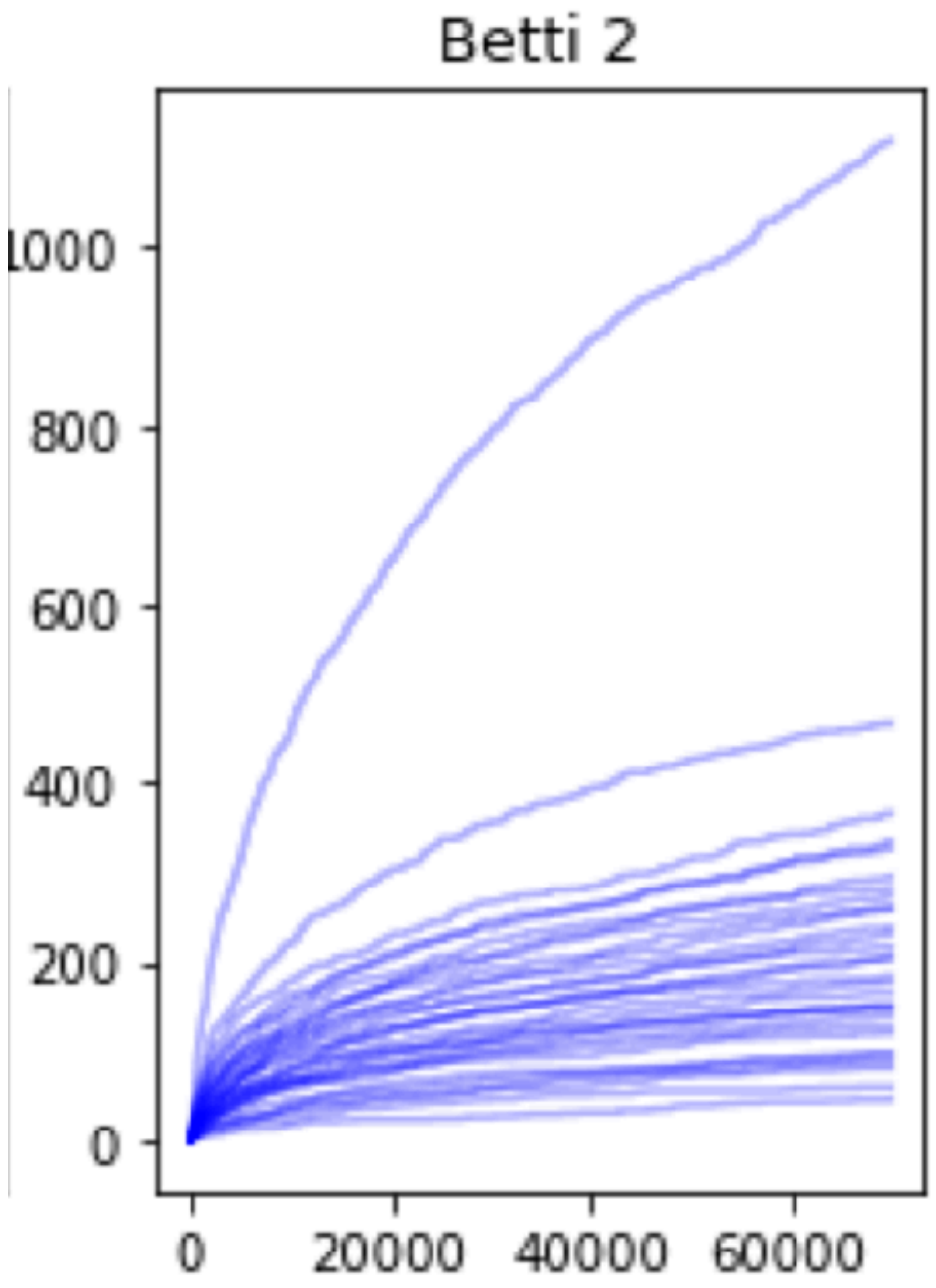

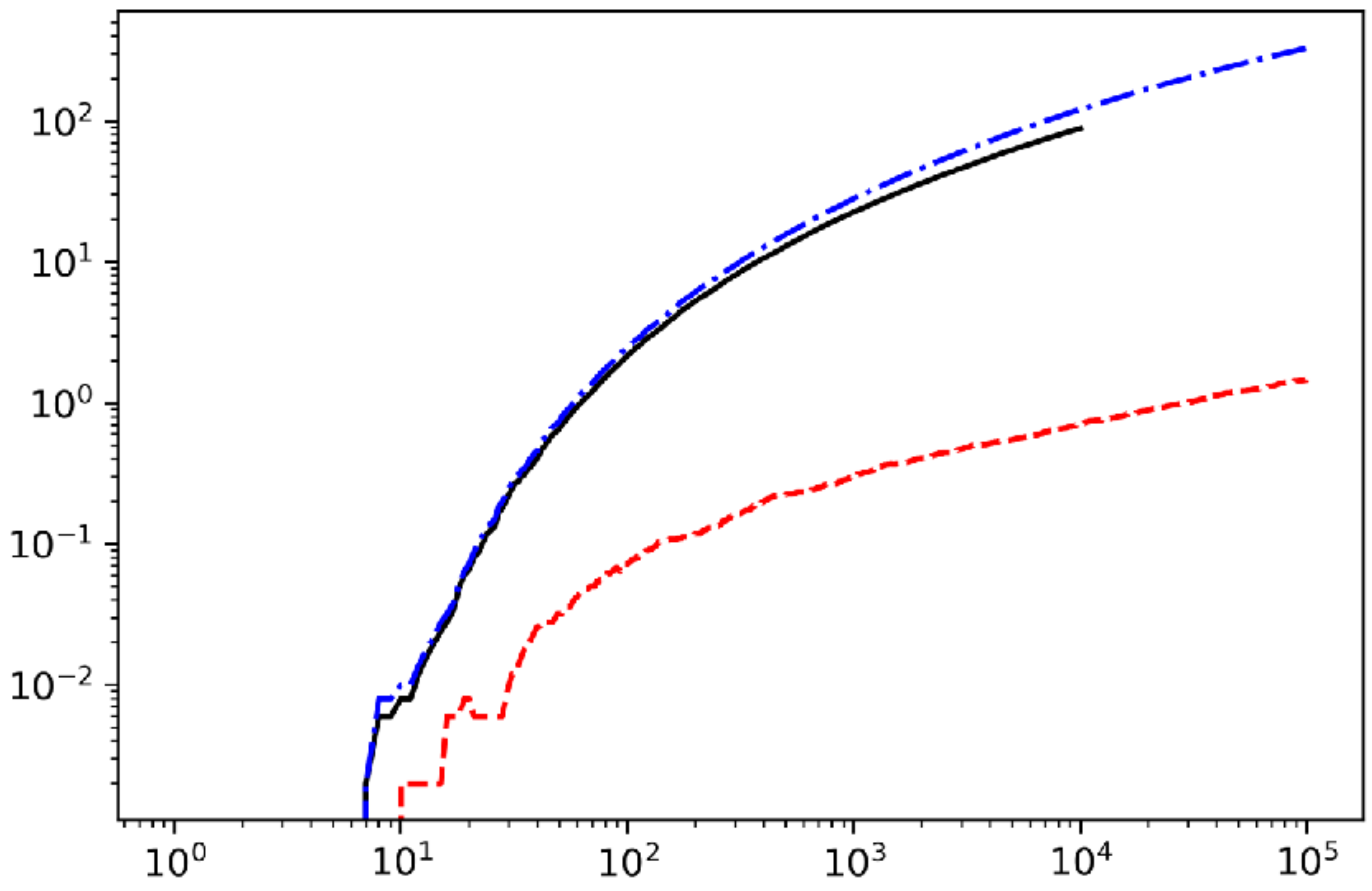

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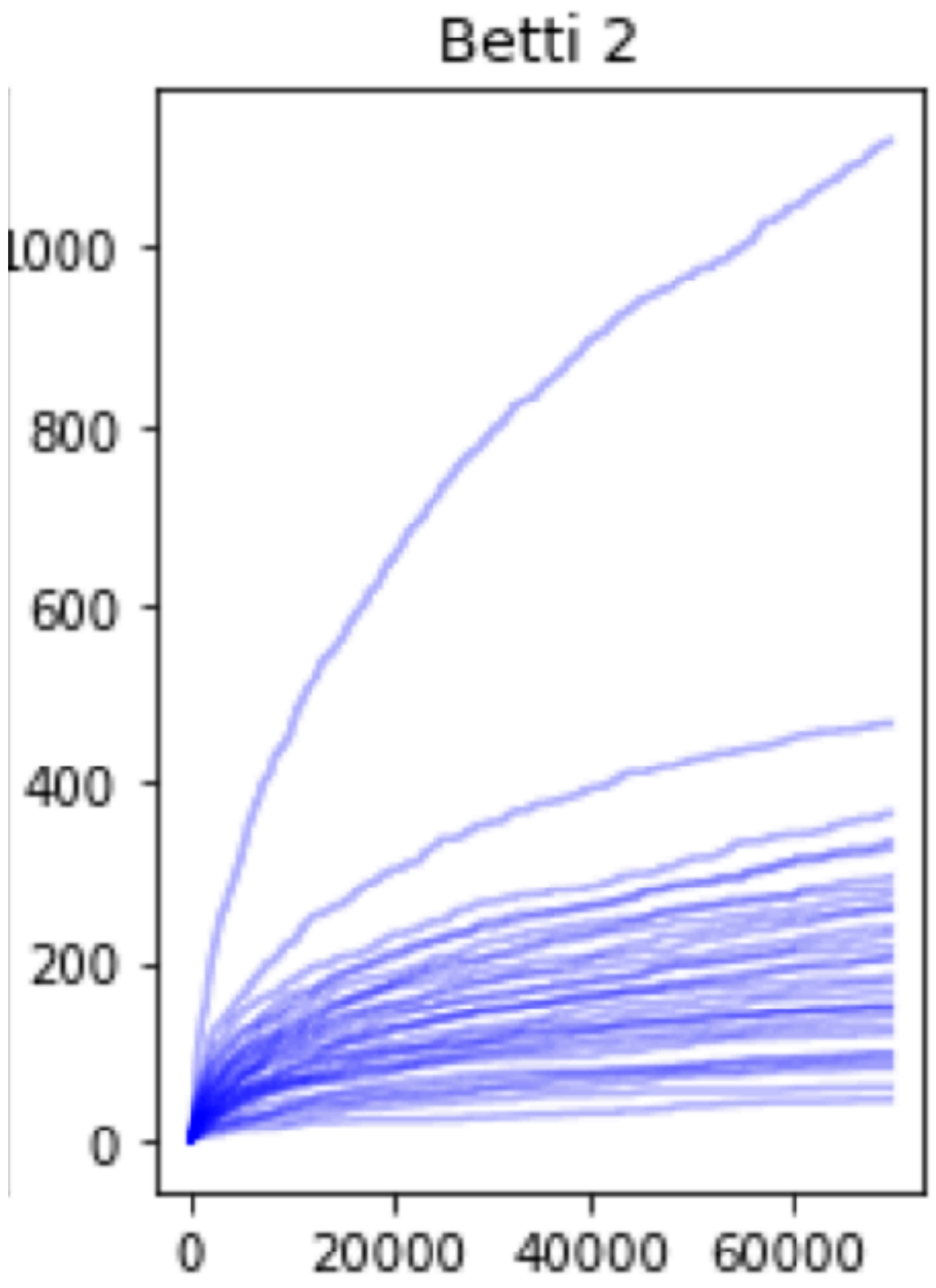

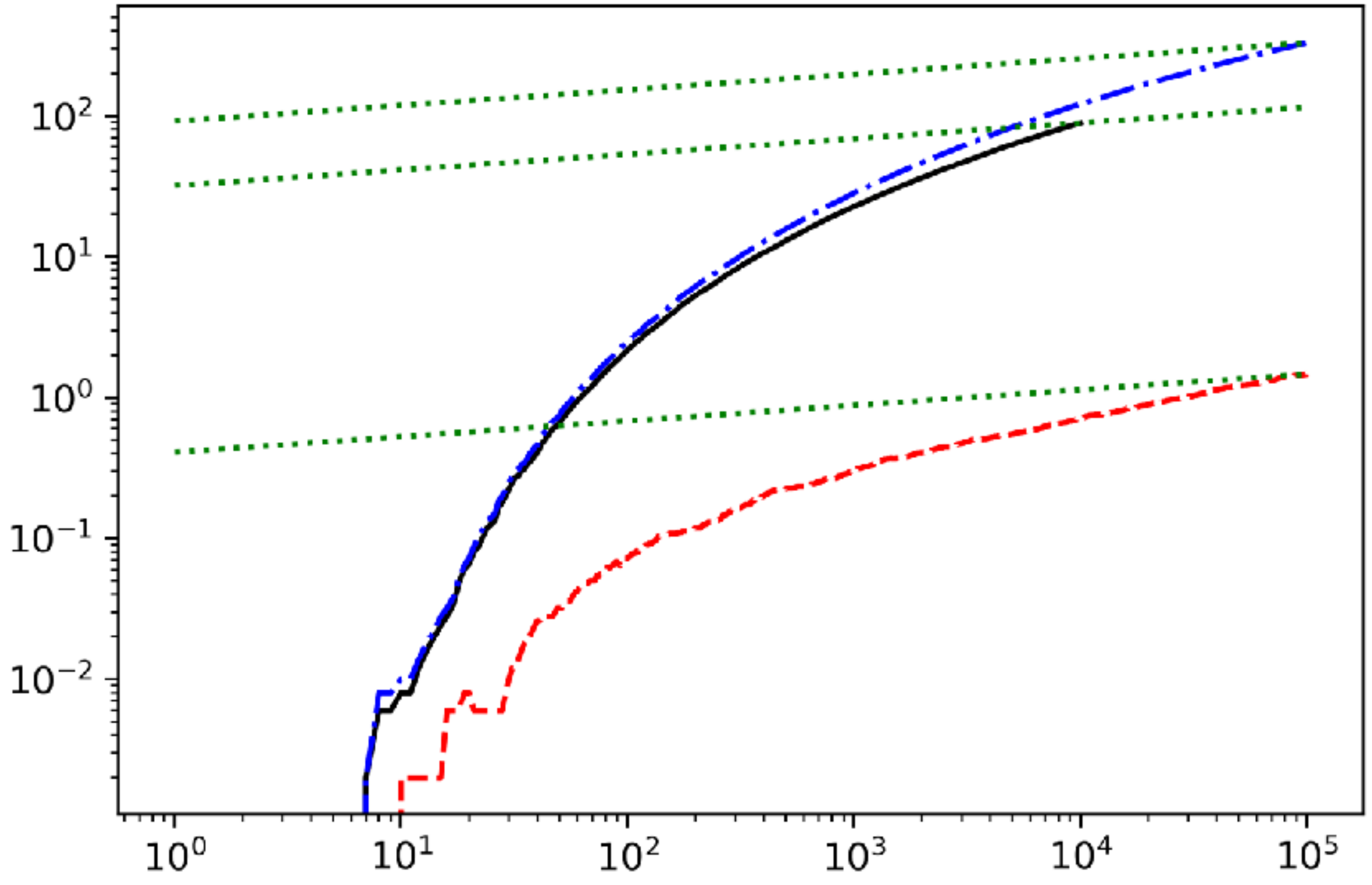

V. What lies ahead

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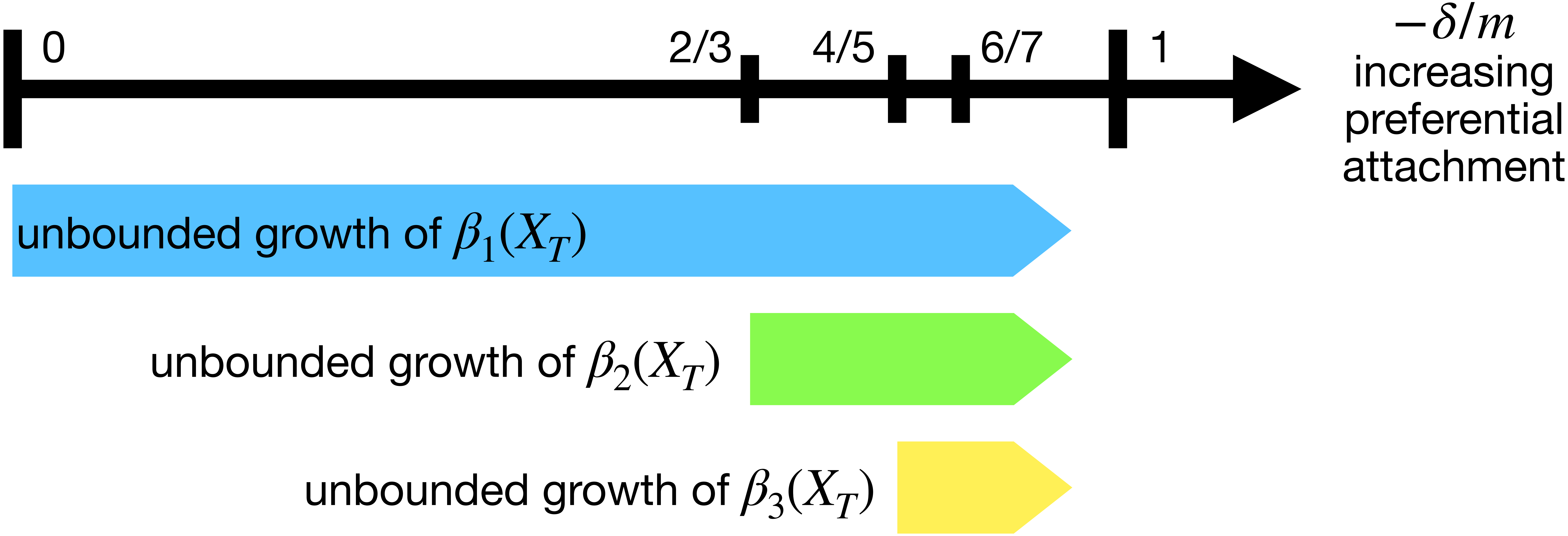

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