

# Static Analysis for Data Science

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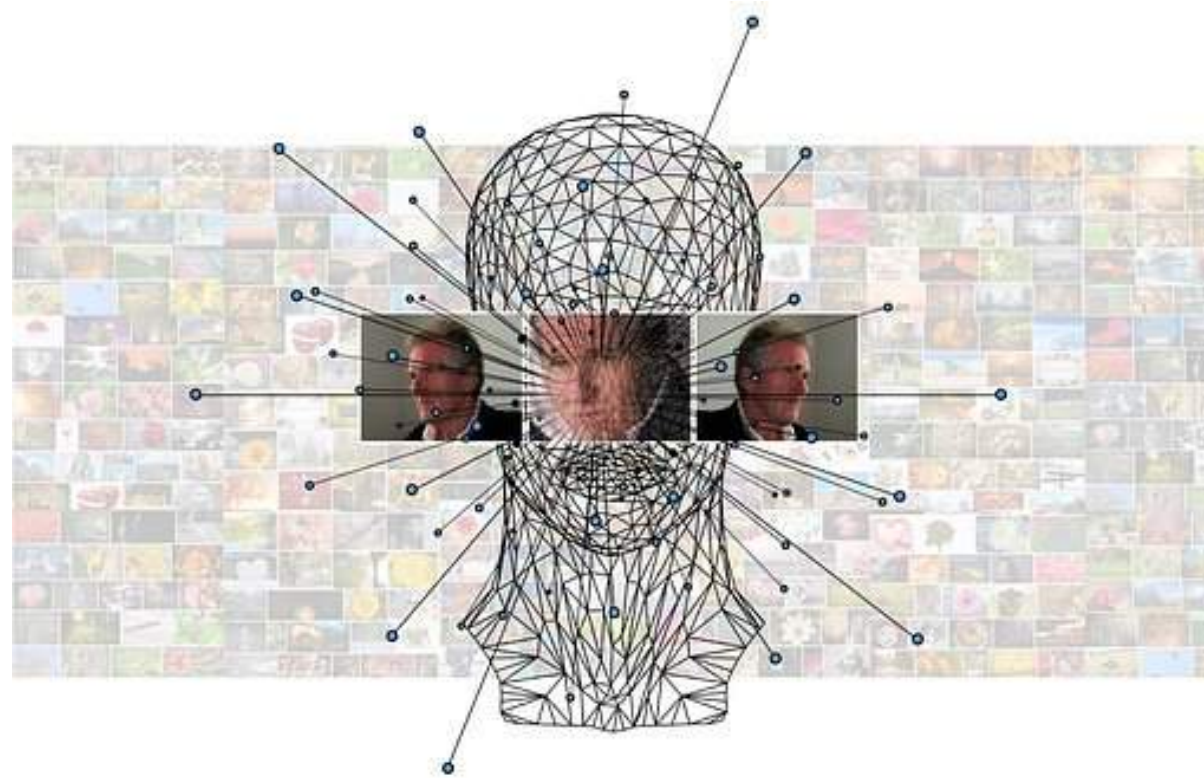


# Data Science is Everywhere

vast amounts of **cheap** and **ubiquitous** data



impressive advances in **machine learning**





# Data Science is Revolutionizing Industries

software plays an increasingly important role in **assisting or even autonomously performing tasks**

## retail

- personalized recommendations
- targeted marketing



## manufacturing

- equipment failure predictions
- internet of things



## finance

- predictive models
- customized product offerings



## energy

- exploration and discovery
- accident prevention



## transportation

- self-driving cars
- aircraft collision avoidance



## pharmaceutical

- predictive models
- patient selection



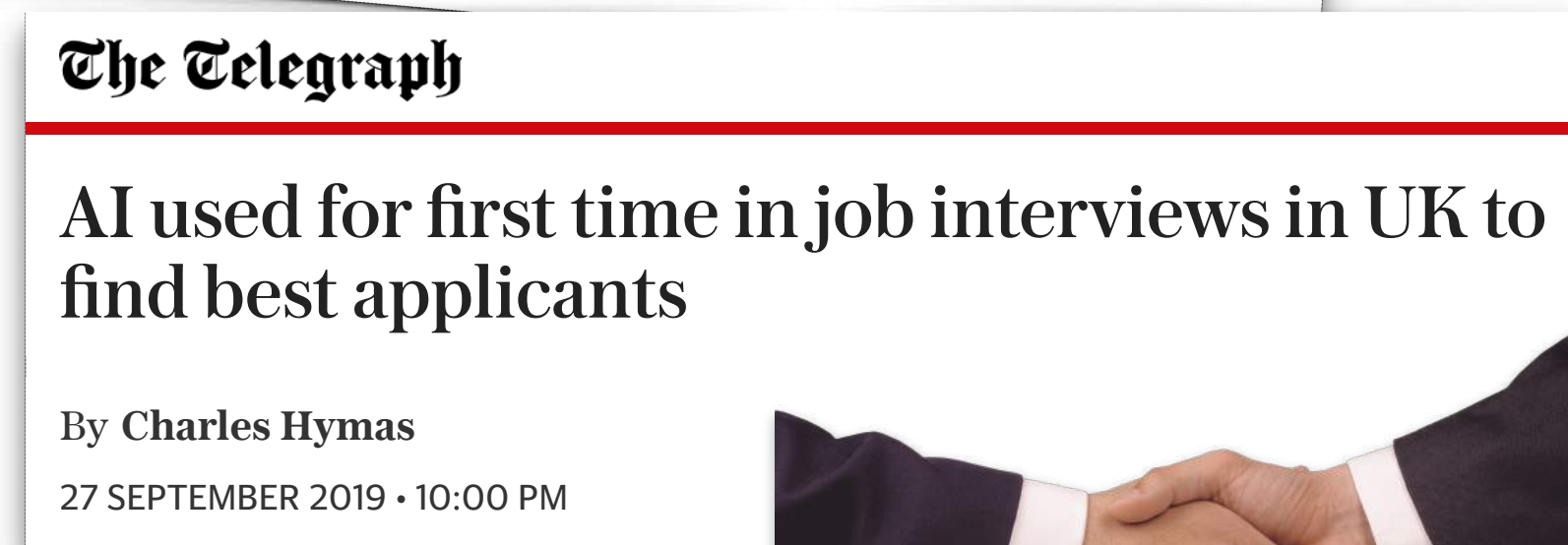
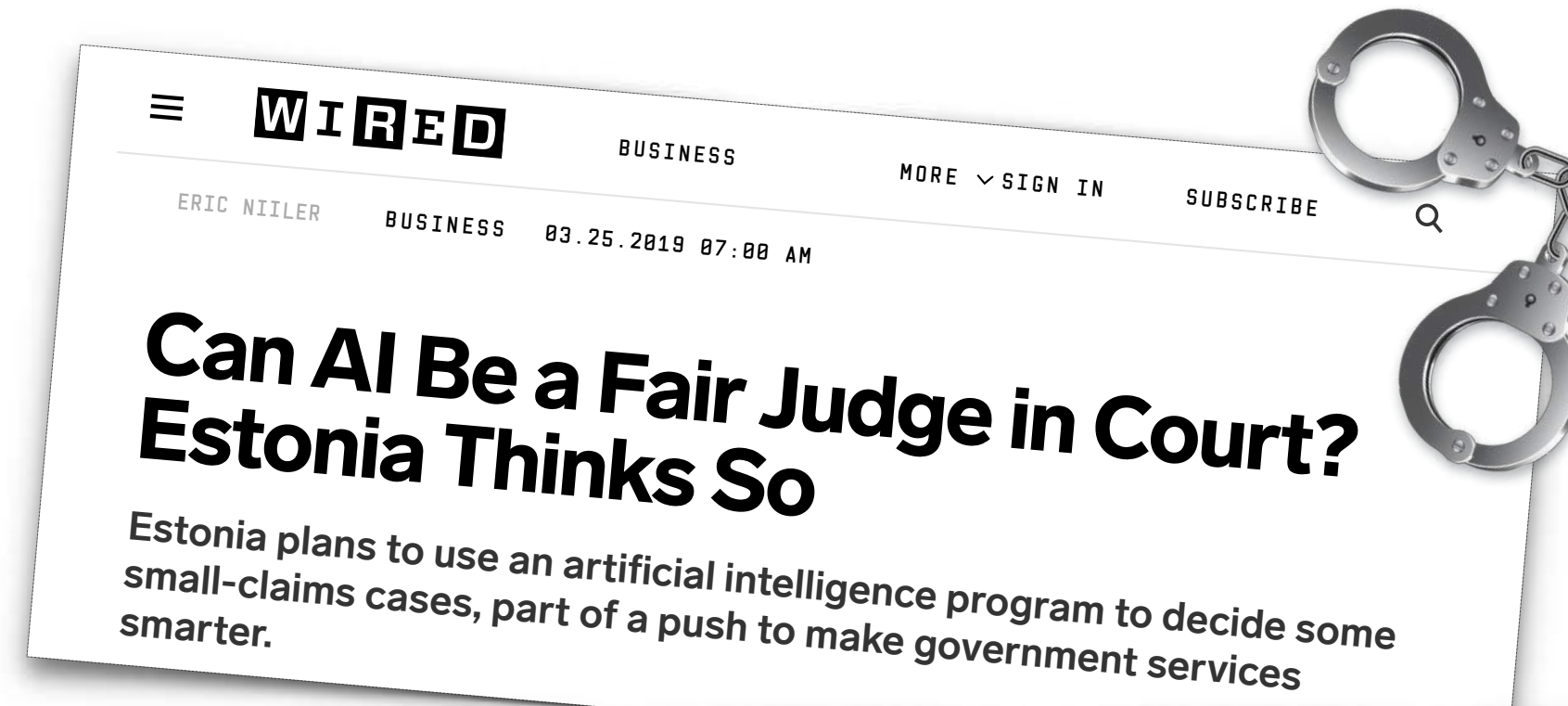
## health care

- personalized treatments
- preventive care



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# Software = Trouble

4 dead, 2 lifelong injuries



Therac-25, 1985-1987



loss of more than \$370 000 000



Ariane 5, 4 June 1996

at least 89 deaths



Toyota, 2000-2010



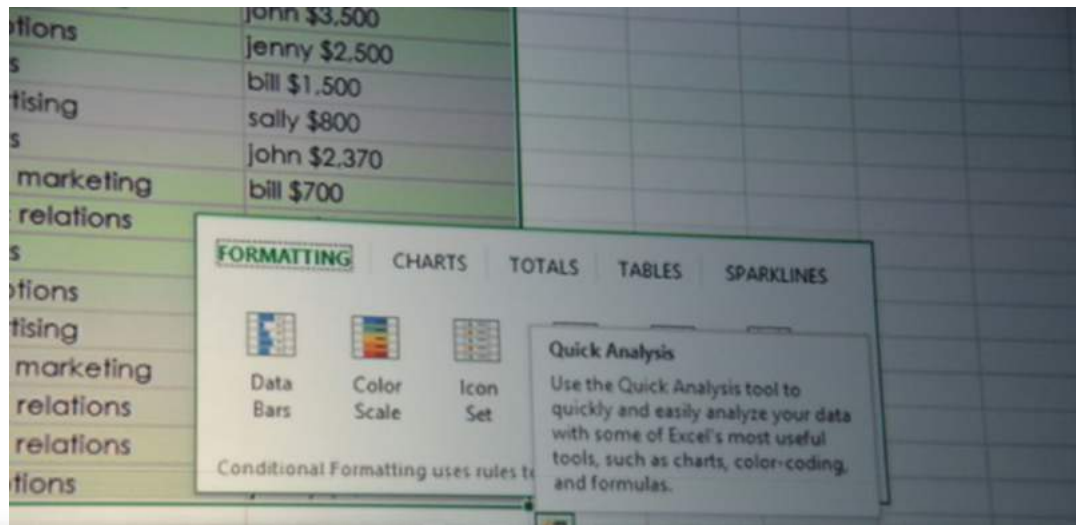


# Data Science Software = Silent Trouble

programming errors that do not cause failures can remain unnoticed

## A simple Excel calculation error puts a famous economic study under scrutiny

By Nathan Ingraham | Apr 17, 2013, 11:08am EDT  
Source *Financial Times*, *University of Massachusetts*, and *Next New Deal* | Via *Business Insider* and *Bloomberg Businessweek*



### The Excel Depression

By PAUL KRUGMAN  
Published: April 18, 2013 | 470 Comments

In this age of information, math errors can lead to disaster. NASA's Mars Orbiter crashed because engineers forgot to convert to metric measurements; JPMorgan Chase's "London Whale" venture went bad in part because modelers divided by a sum instead of an average. So, did an Excel coding error destroy the economies of the Western world?

- FACEBOOK
- TWITTER
- GOOGLE+
- SAVE
- EMAIL

## Scientists rename human genes to stop Microsoft Excel from misreading them as dates

*Sometimes it's easier to rewrite genetics than update Excel*

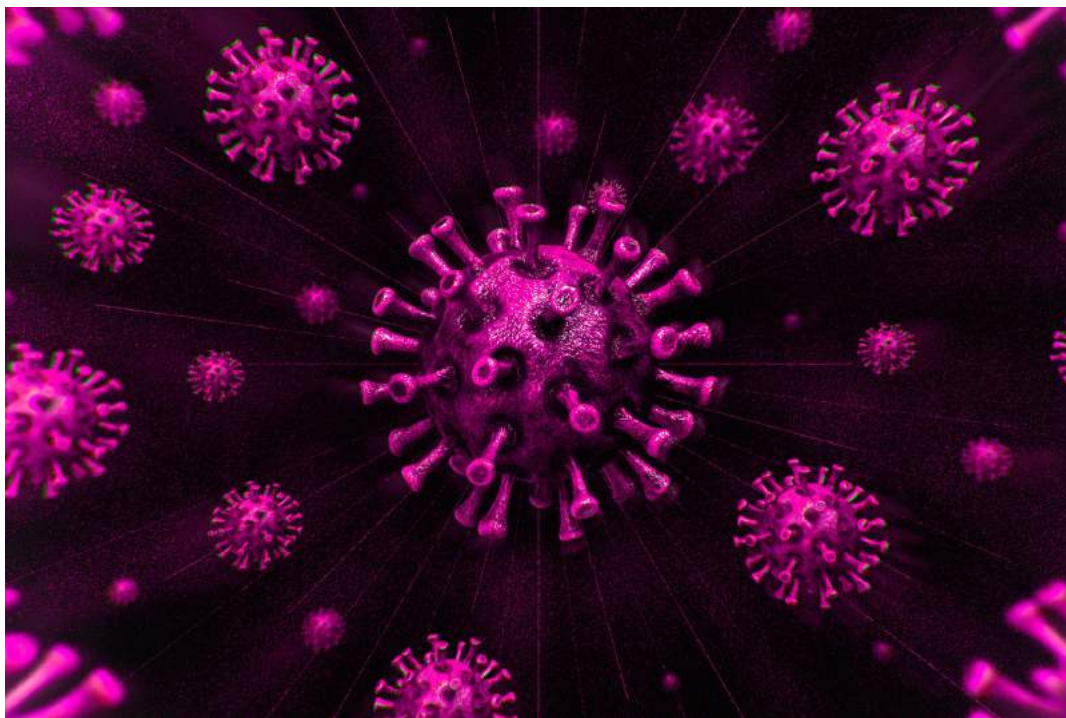
By James Vincent | Aug 6, 2020, 8:44am EDT



## Excel spreadsheet error blamed for UK's 16,000 missing coronavirus cases

*The case went missing after the spreadsheet hit its filesize limit*

By James Vincent | Oct 5, 2020, 9:41am EDT





# Data Science Software = Societal Impact

software can be **biased** and invade our **privacy**



nature

NEWS · 24 OCTOBER 2019

UPDATE 26 OCTOBER 2019

## Millions of black people affected by racial bias in health-care algorithms

Study reveals rampant racism in decision-making software used by US hospitals – and highlights ways to correct it.

3,658,826 views | Feb 16, 2012, 11:02am

## How Target Figured Out A Teen Girl Was Pregnant Before Her Father Did



Kashmir Hill Former Staff Tech

Welcome to The Not-So Private Parts where technology & privacy collide



## Machine Bias

There's software used across the country to predict future criminals. And it's biased against blacks.

by Julia Angwin, Jeff Larson, Surya Mattu and Lauren Kirchner, ProPublica

May 23, 2016

BUSINESS NEWS OCTOBER 10, 2018 / 5:12 AM / A YEAR AGO

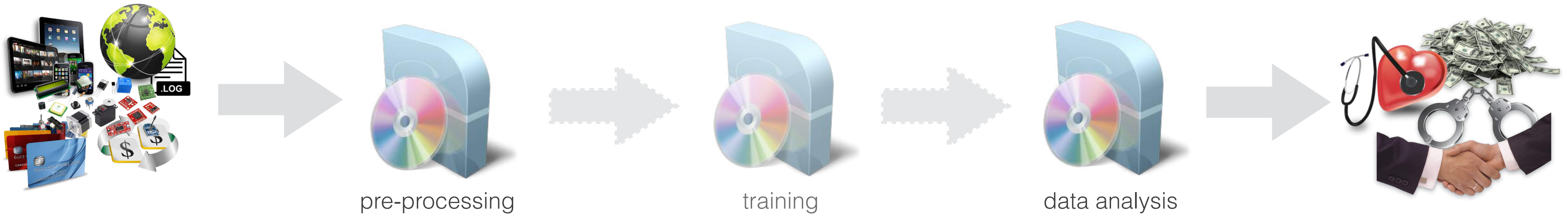
## Amazon scraps secret AI recruiting tool that showed bias against women

Jeffrey Dastin



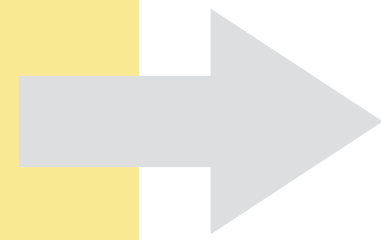
# Data Science Pipelines

software is often necessarily **written by domain experts** rather than software engineers

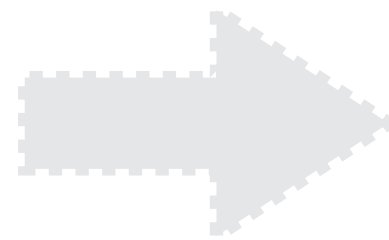




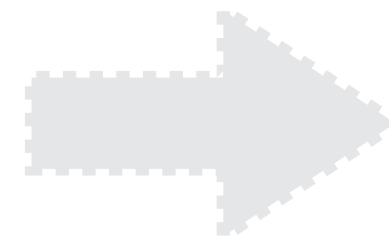
# Data is Dirty



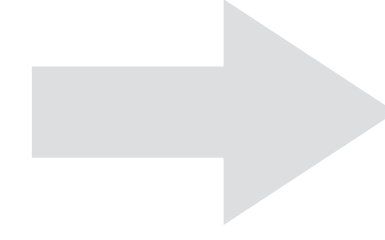
pre-processing



training



data analysis



**inconsistent** data

**incorrect** data

**incomplete** data

**inaccurate** data



# Pre-Processing is Fragile



pre-processing



training



**mislabeled data**

**accidentally duplicated data**

**wrongly converted data**

**accidentally (un)used data**

TECHNOLOGY

The New York Times

## *For Big-Data Scientists, ‘Janitor Work’ Is Key Hurdle to Insights*

By Steve Lohr

Aug. 17, 2014

Technology revolutions come in measured, sometimes foot-dragging steps. The lab science and marketing enthusiasm tend to underestimate the bottlenecks to progress that must be overcome with hard work and practical engineering.

The field known as “big data” offers a contemporary case study. The catchphrase stands for the modern abundance of digital data from many sources — the web, sensors, smartphones and corporate databases — that can be mined with clever software for discoveries and insights. Its promise is smarter, data-driven decision-making in every field. That is why data scientist is the economy’s hot new job.

Yet far too much handcrafted work — what data scientists call “data wrangling,” “data munging” and “data janitor work” — is still required. Data scientists, according to interviews and expert estimates, spend from 50 percent to 80 percent of their time mired in this more mundane labor of collecting and preparing unruly digital data, before it can be explored for useful nuggets.

“Data wrangling is a huge — and surprisingly so — part of the job,” said Monica Rogati, vice president for data science at Jawbone, whose sensor-filled wristband and software track activity, sleep and food consumption, and suggest dietary and health tips based on the numbers. “It’s something that is not appreciated by data civilians. At times, it feels like everything we do.”



# Accuracy is Meaningless



training

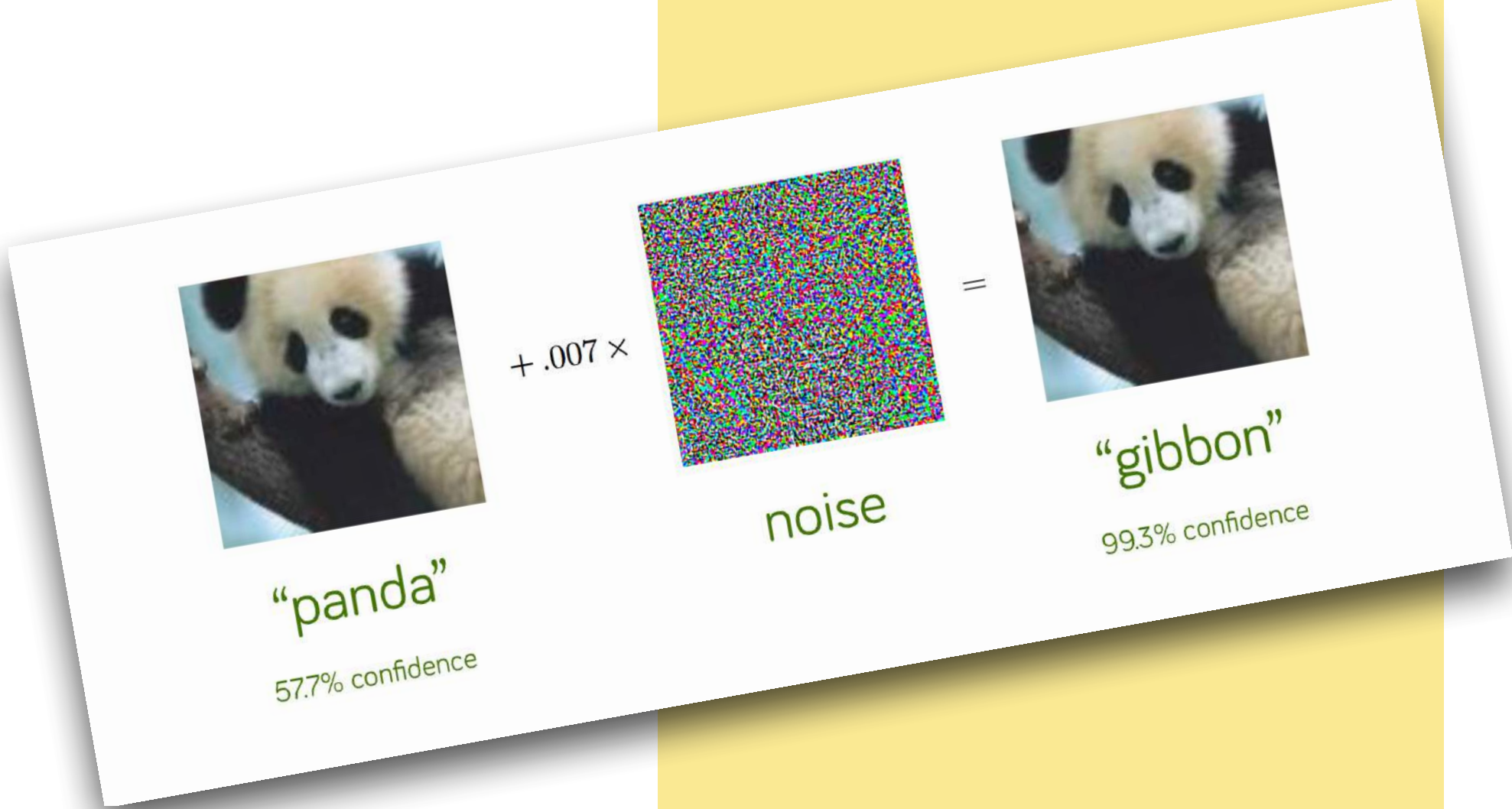


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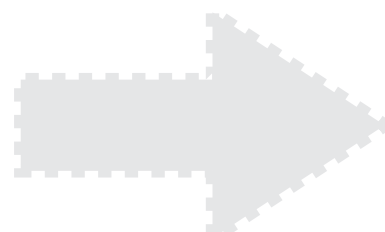




# Inscrutability



pre-processing



training



data analysis



MIT Technology Review

Artificial Intelligence / Machine Learning

## The Dark Secret at the Heart of AI

No one really knows how the most advanced algorithms do what they do. That could be a problem.

by Will Knight

Apr 11, 2017





# Data Science in Safety-Critical Scenarios



## health care

- personalized treatments
- preventive care

<sup>1</sup>STAT<sup>+</sup><sub>2</sub>

IBM's Watson supercomputer recommended 'unsafe and incorrect' cancer treatments, internal documents show

By [Casey Ross](#)<sup>3</sup> [@caseymross](#)<sup>4</sup> and Ike Swetlitz

July 25, 2018

A self-driving Uber ran a red light last December, contrary to company claims

Internal documents reveal that the car was at fault

By [Andrew Liptak](#) | [@AndrewLiptak](#) | Feb 25, 2017, 11:08am EST

## transportation

- self-driving cars
- aircraft collision avoidance



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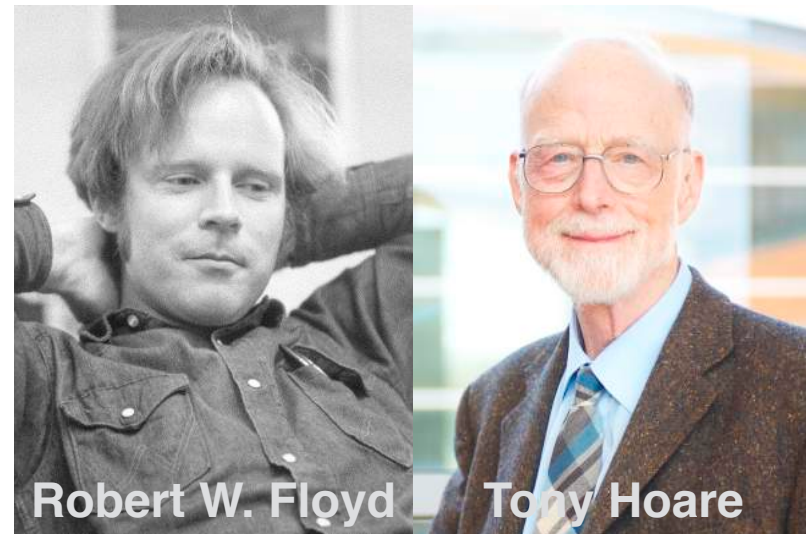
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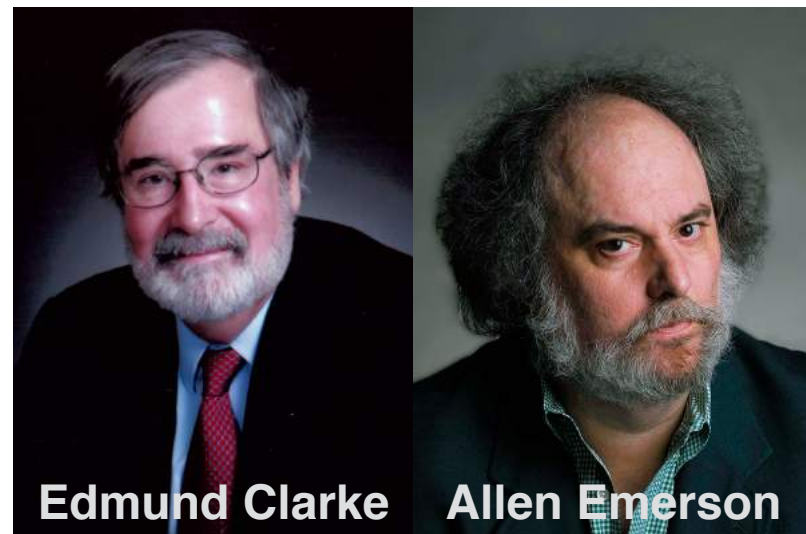
# Formal Methods to the Rescue

provide mathematical guarantees of **software safety, reliability, and security**



## Deductive Verification

- extremely **expressive**
- **relies on the user** to guide the proof



## Model Checking

- analysis of a **model** of the software
- **sound and complete with respect to the model**



## Static Analysis

- analysis of the **source or object code**
- fully **automatic** and **sound** by construction
- generally **not complete**



# Static Analysis Today

integral part of the development of **safety-critical software**



successfully employed by **software companies**





# Static Analysis Tomorrow

integral part of the development of **data science software**

more and more **legal regulations**



European General Data Protection Regulation, 2016

more and more **administrative audits**





# Static Analysis

Quick Tutorial



# A Mathematically-Proven Hard Problem



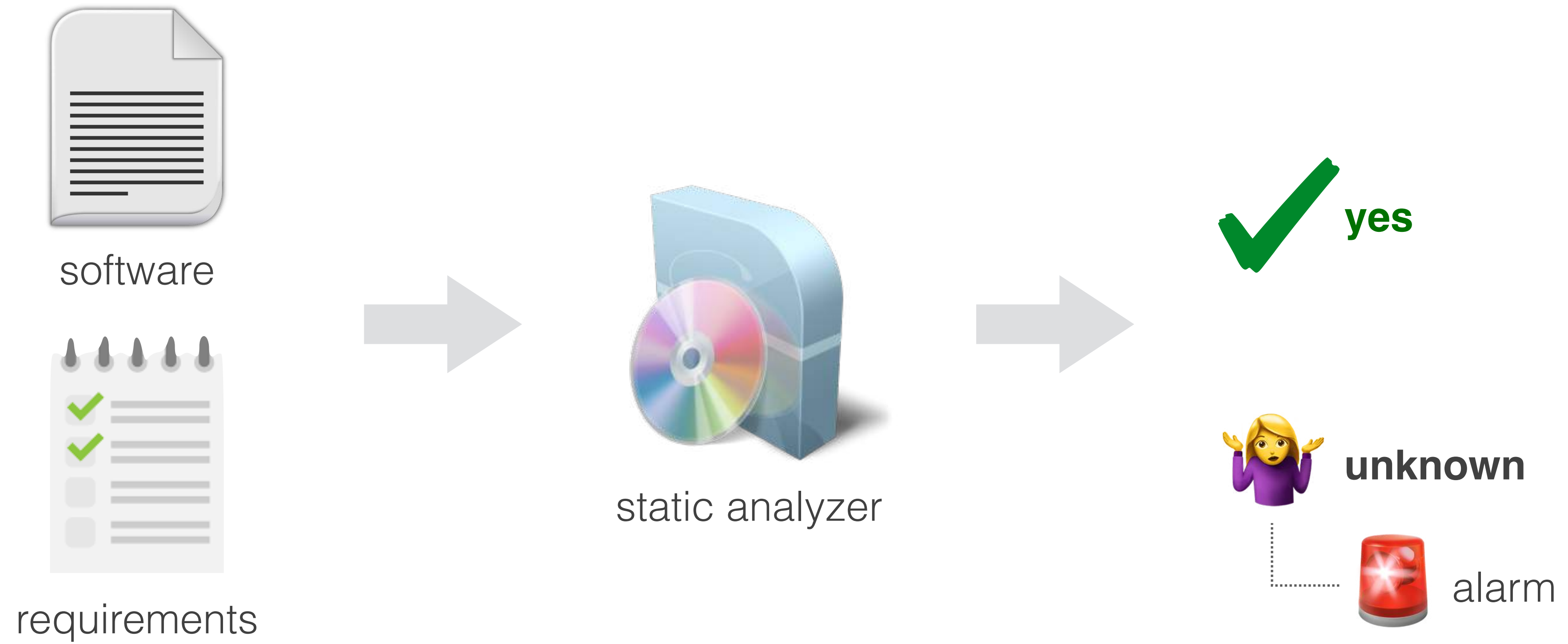
Alan Turing



Henry Gordon Rice



# Relaxed Problem

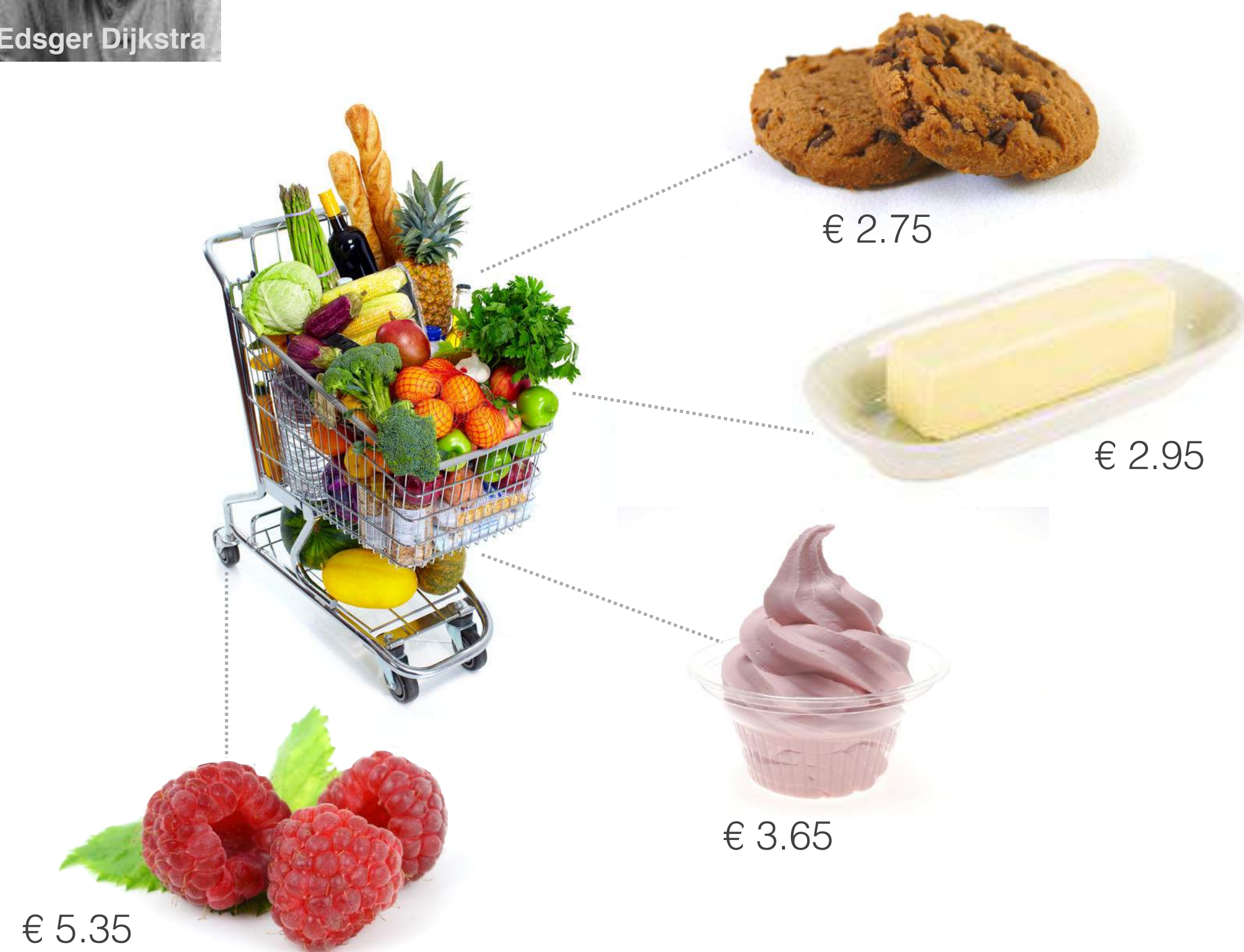




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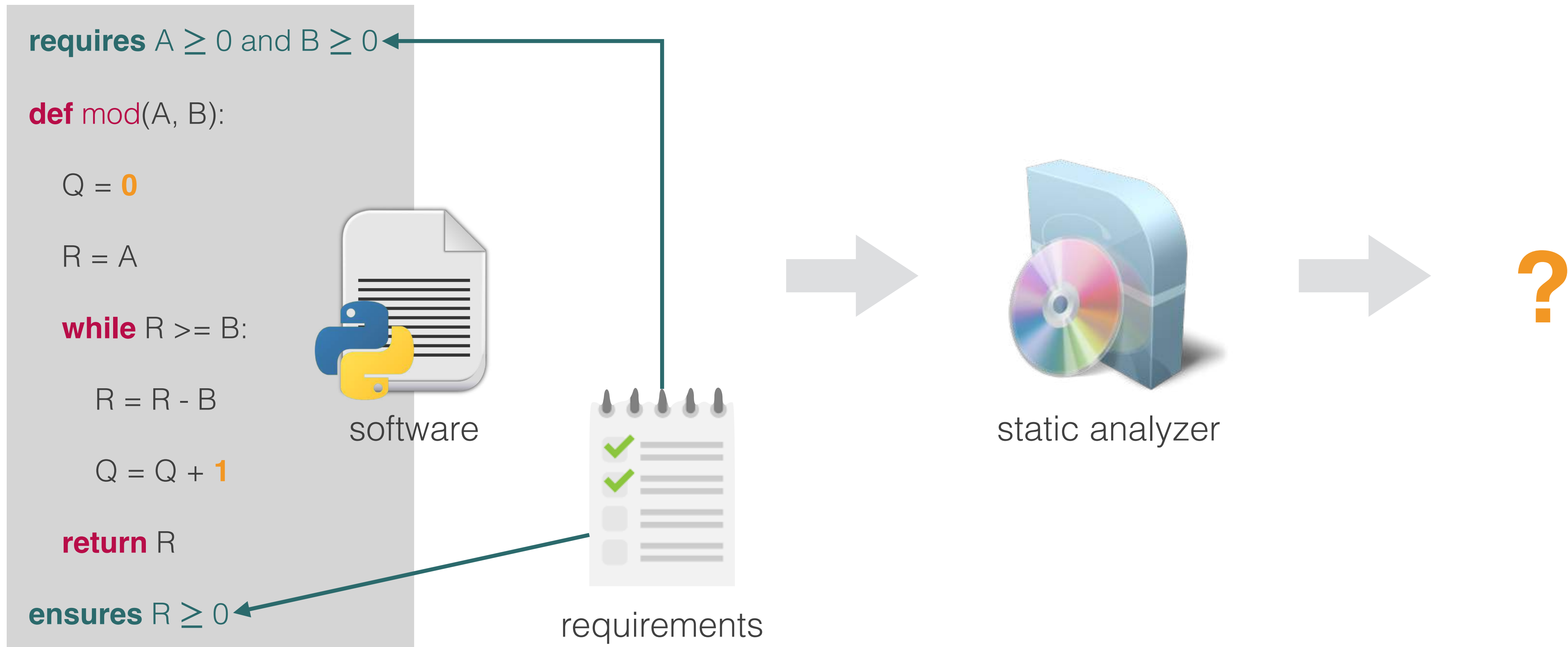


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# Example



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**return** R

**ensures**  $R \geq 0$



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# Execution Traces = Not Feasible

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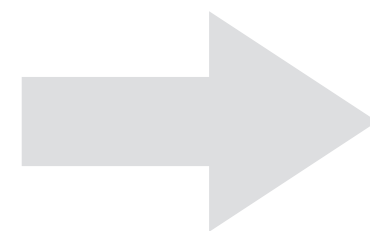
**return**  $R$

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one execution trace for each value of  $A$  and  $B$



static analyzer

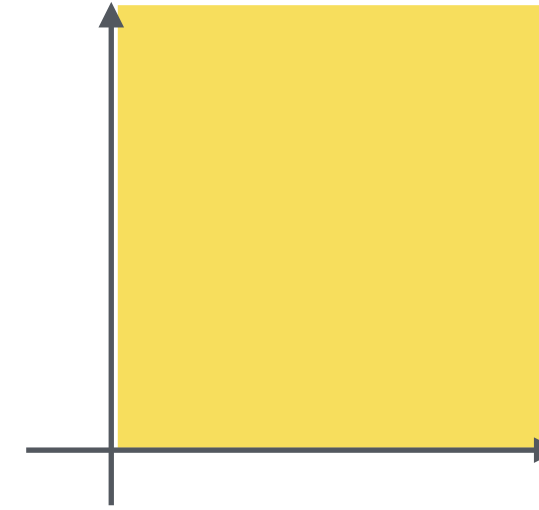


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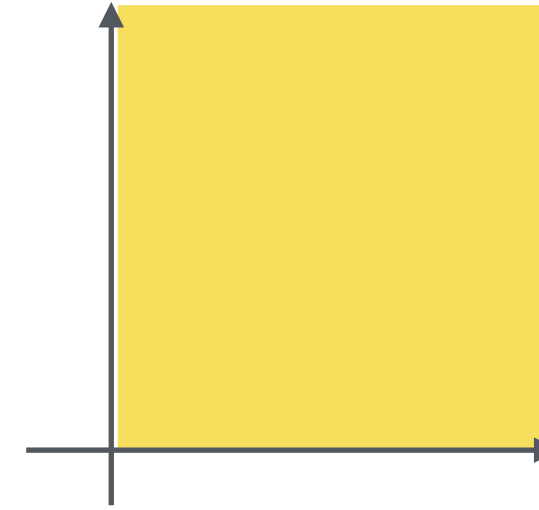
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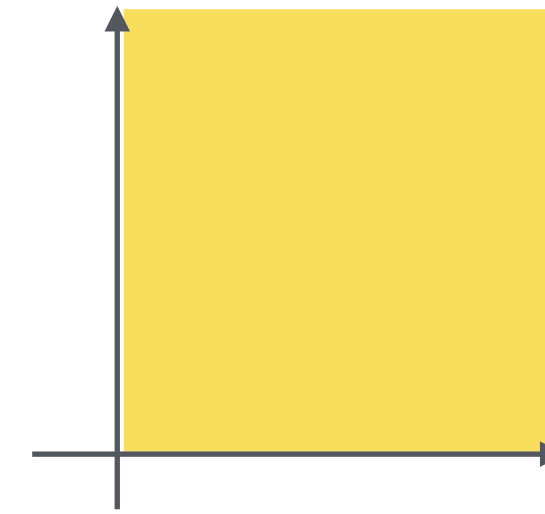
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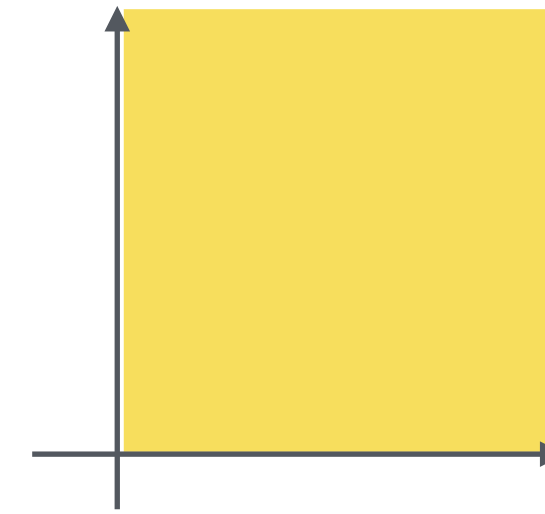
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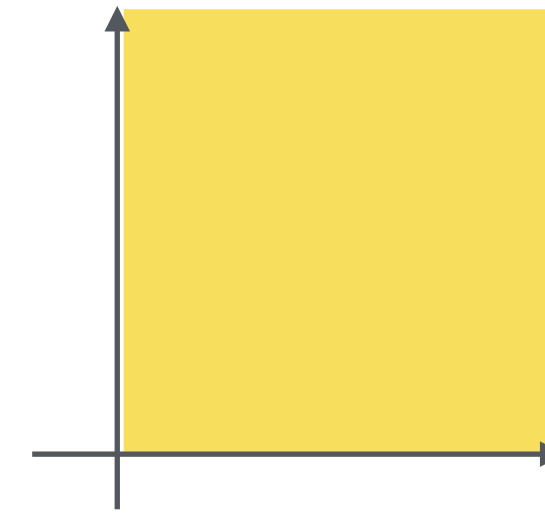
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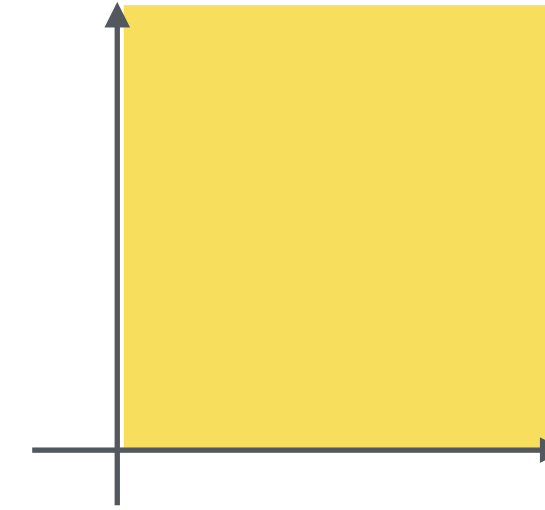
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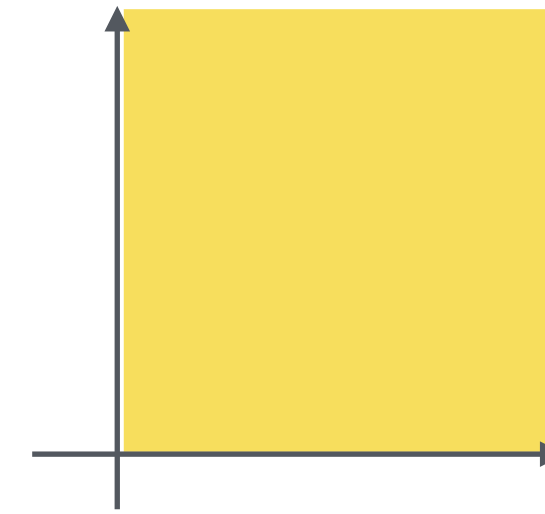
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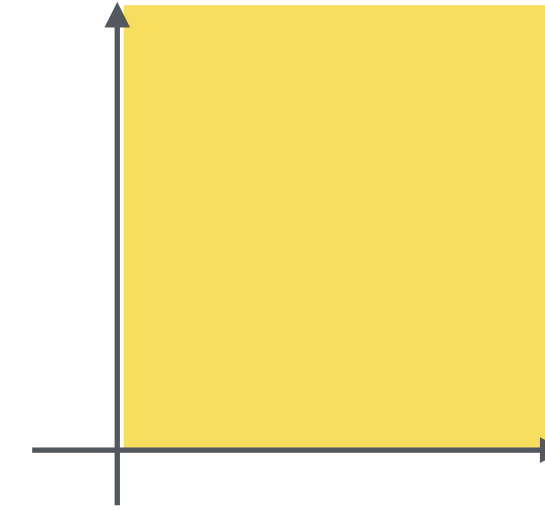
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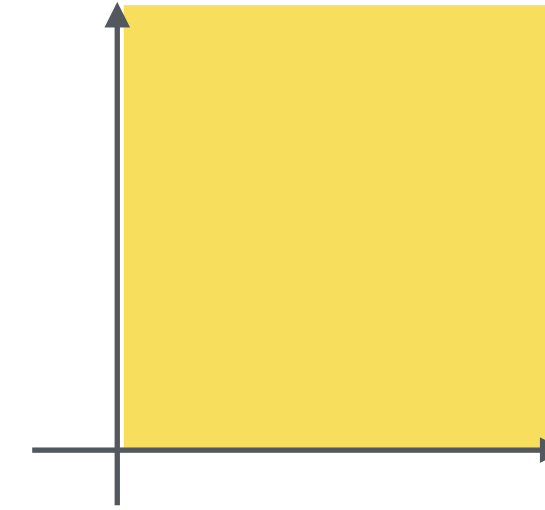
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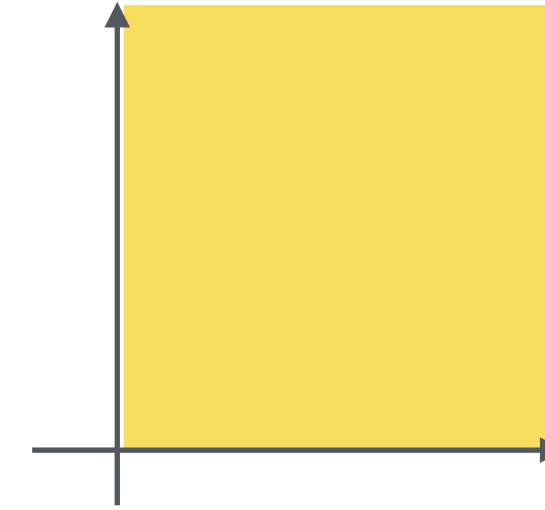
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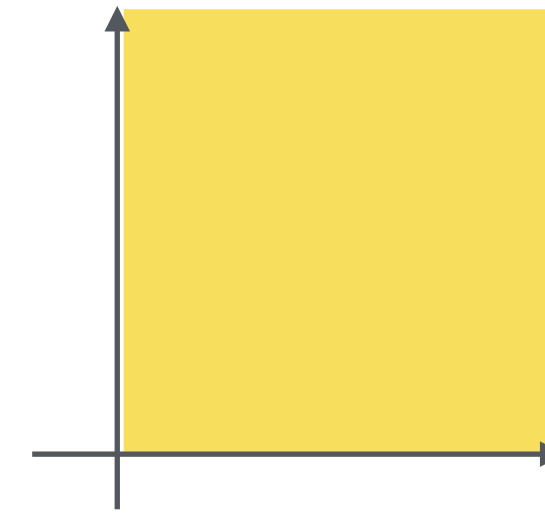
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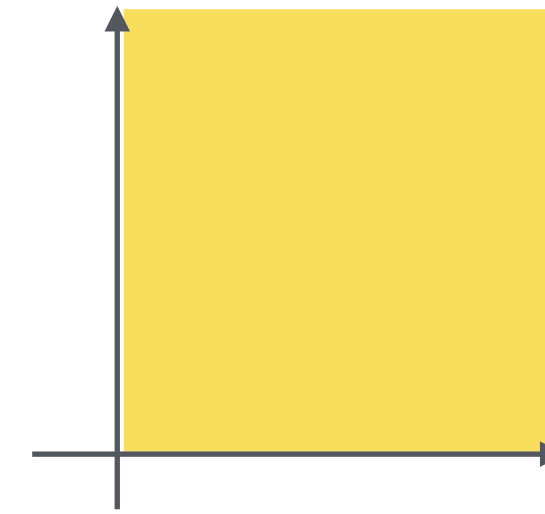
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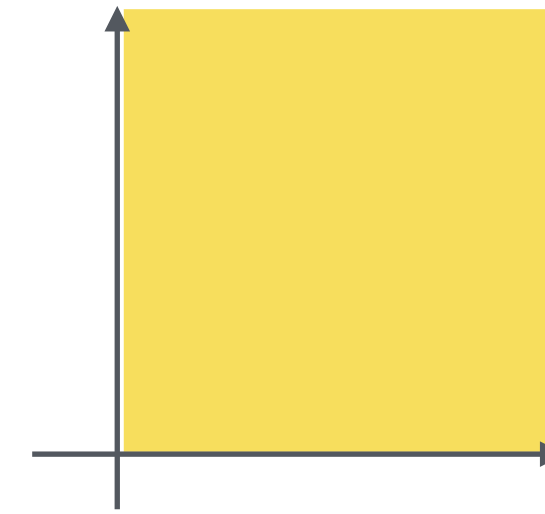
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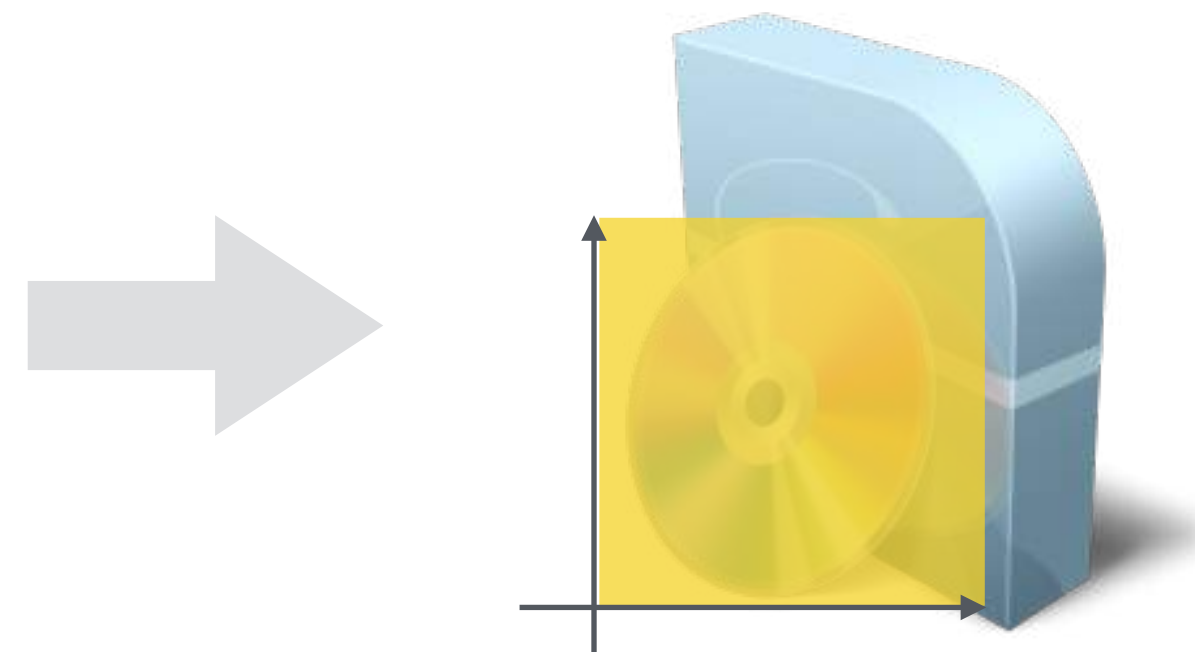
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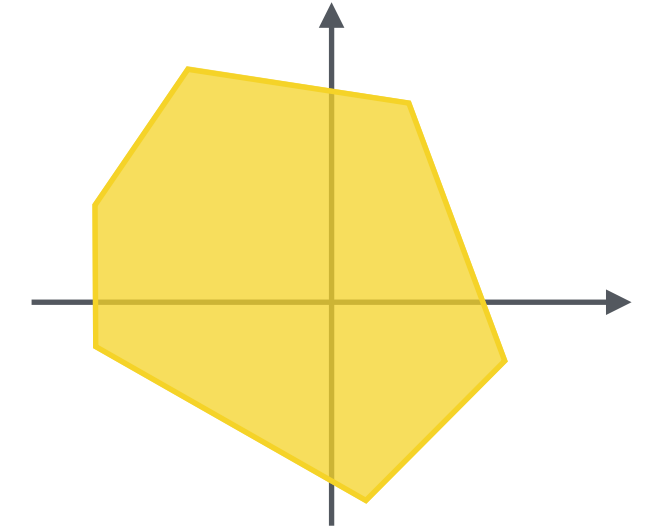
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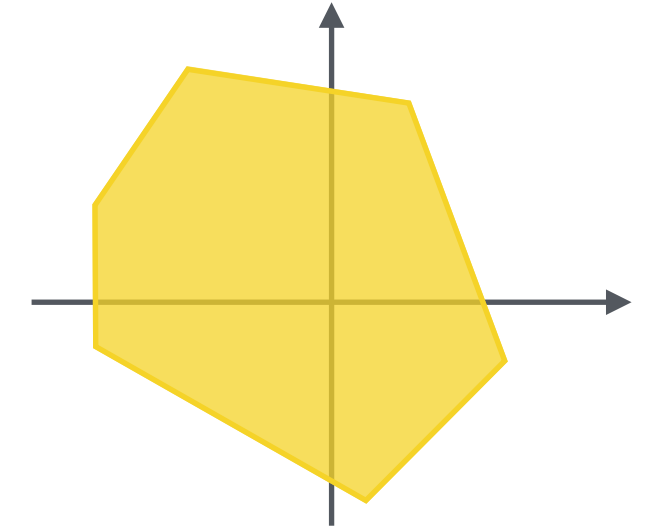
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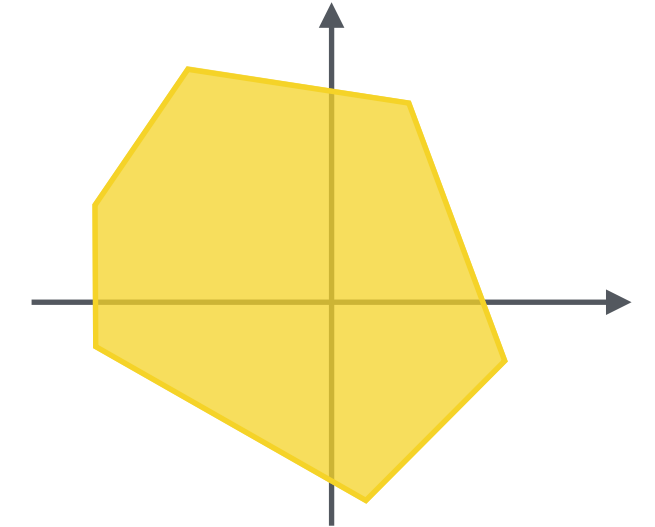
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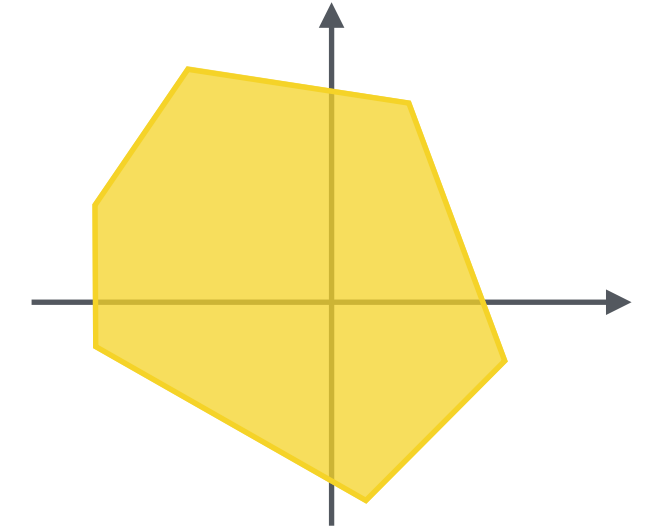
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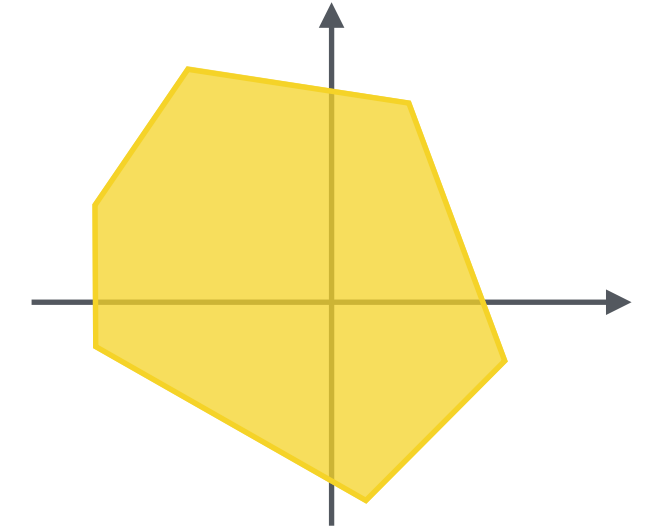
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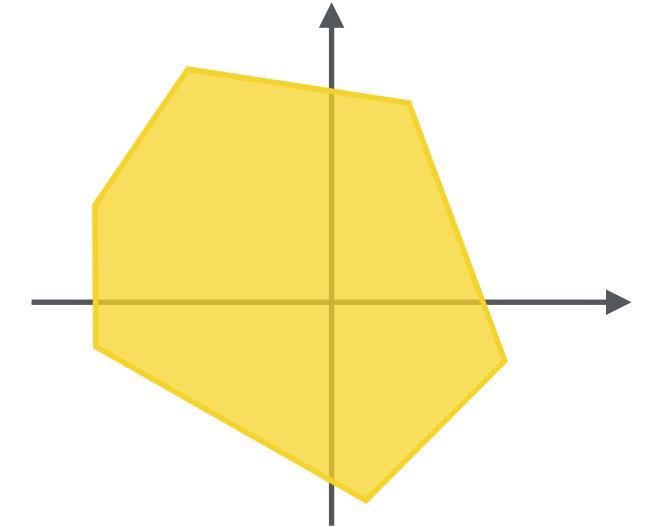
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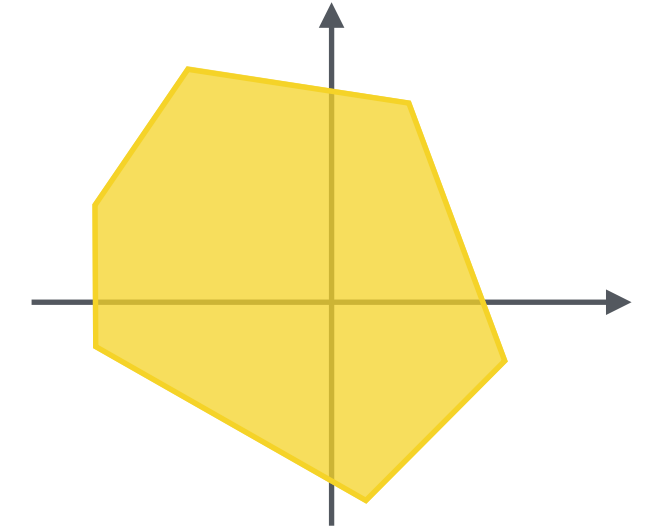
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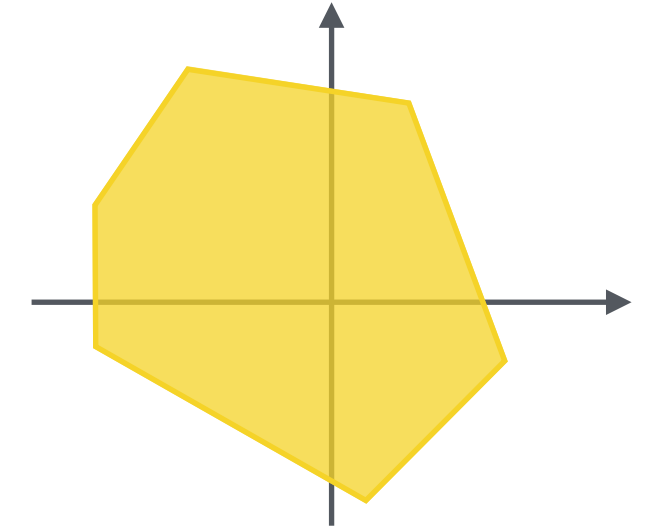
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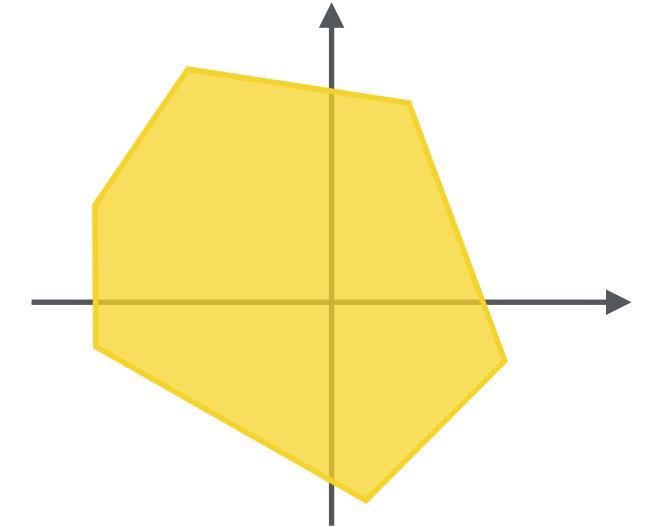
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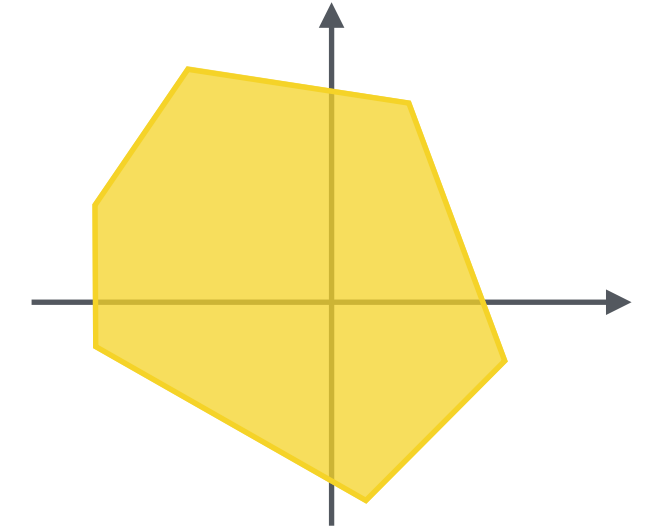
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3

**while** R >= B:

4

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5

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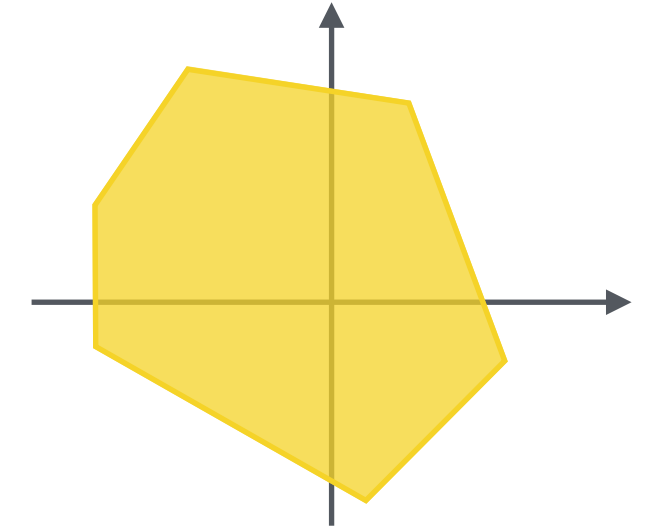
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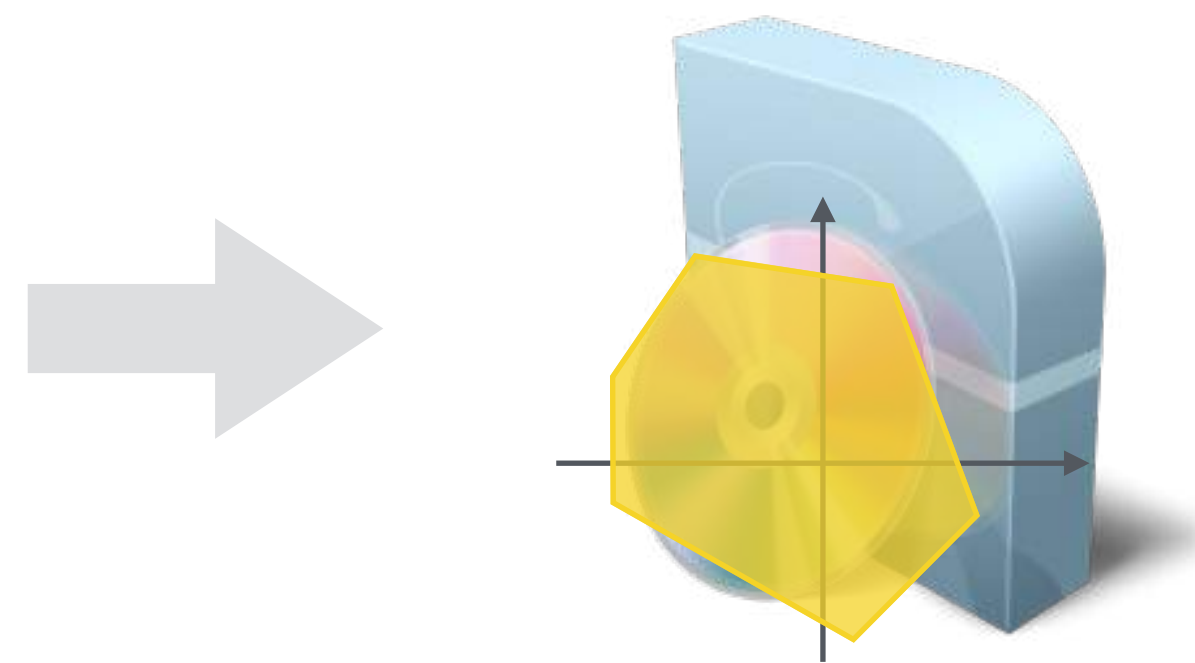
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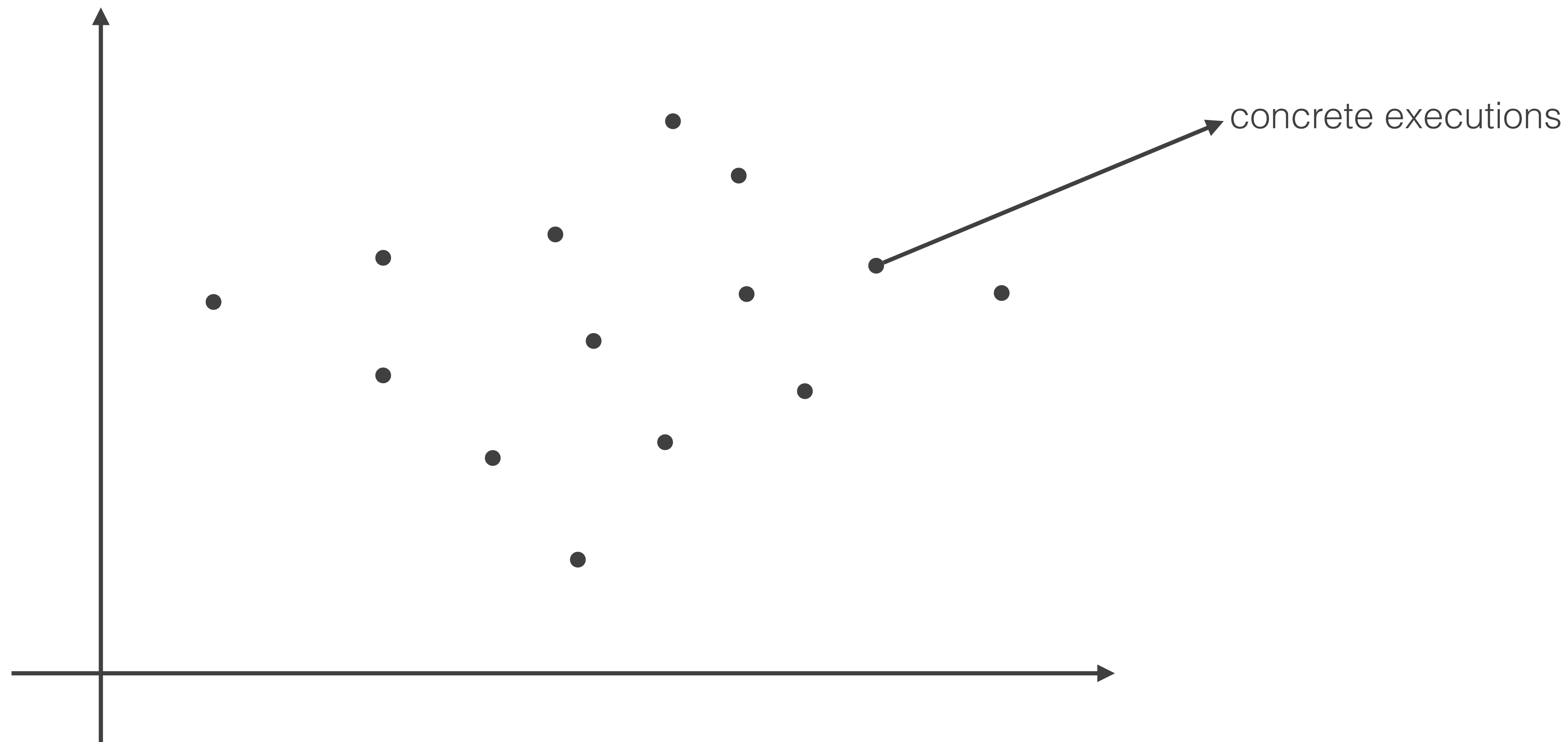


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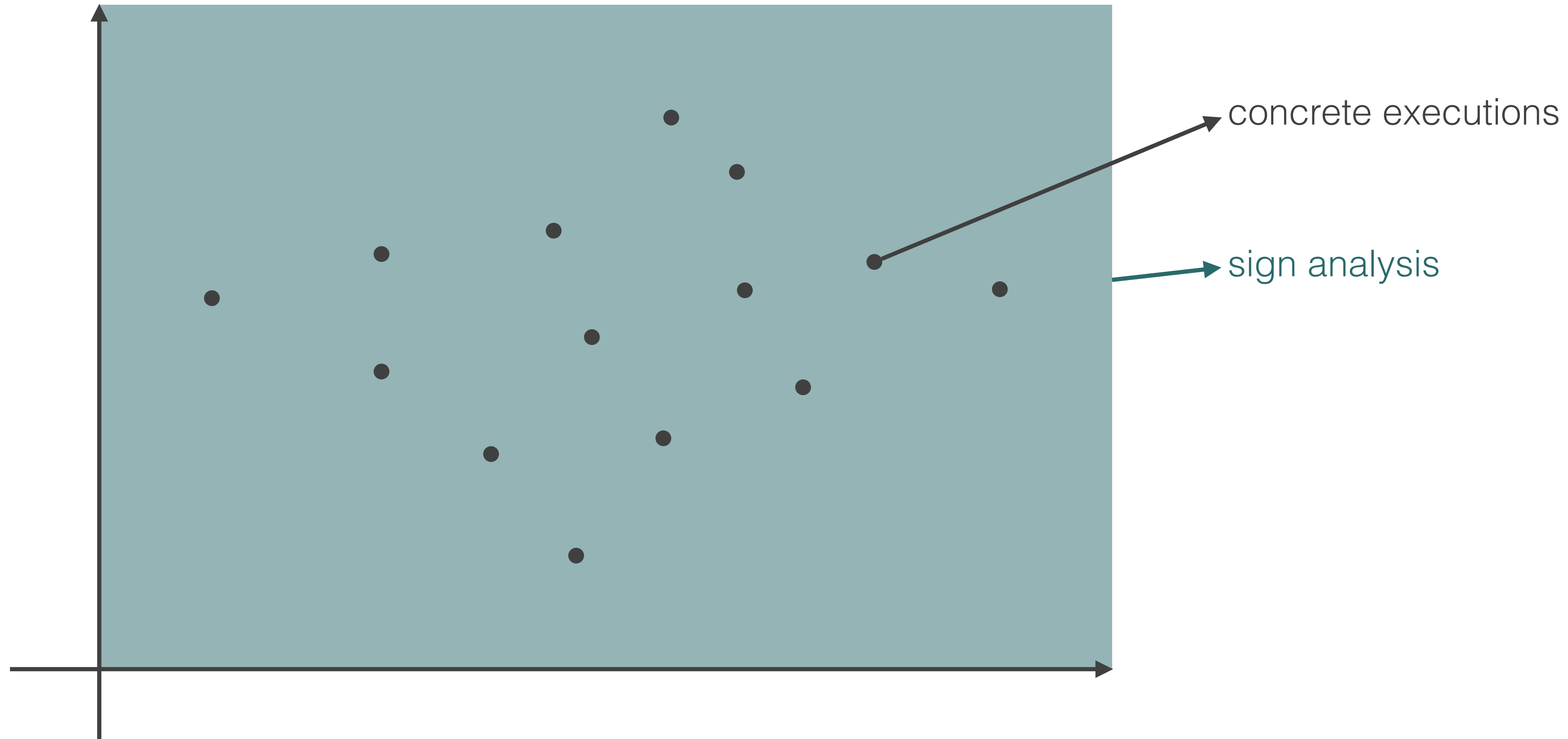




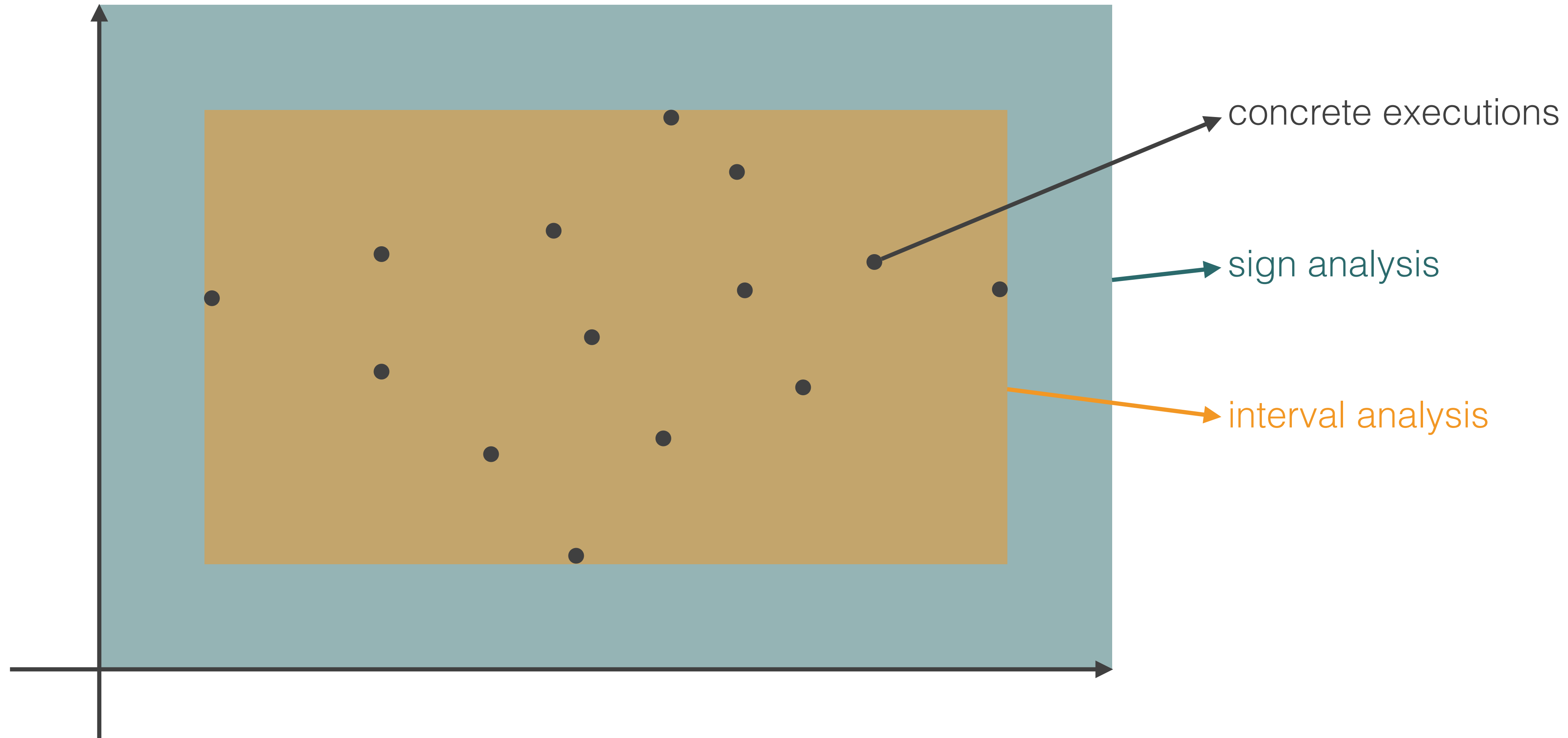
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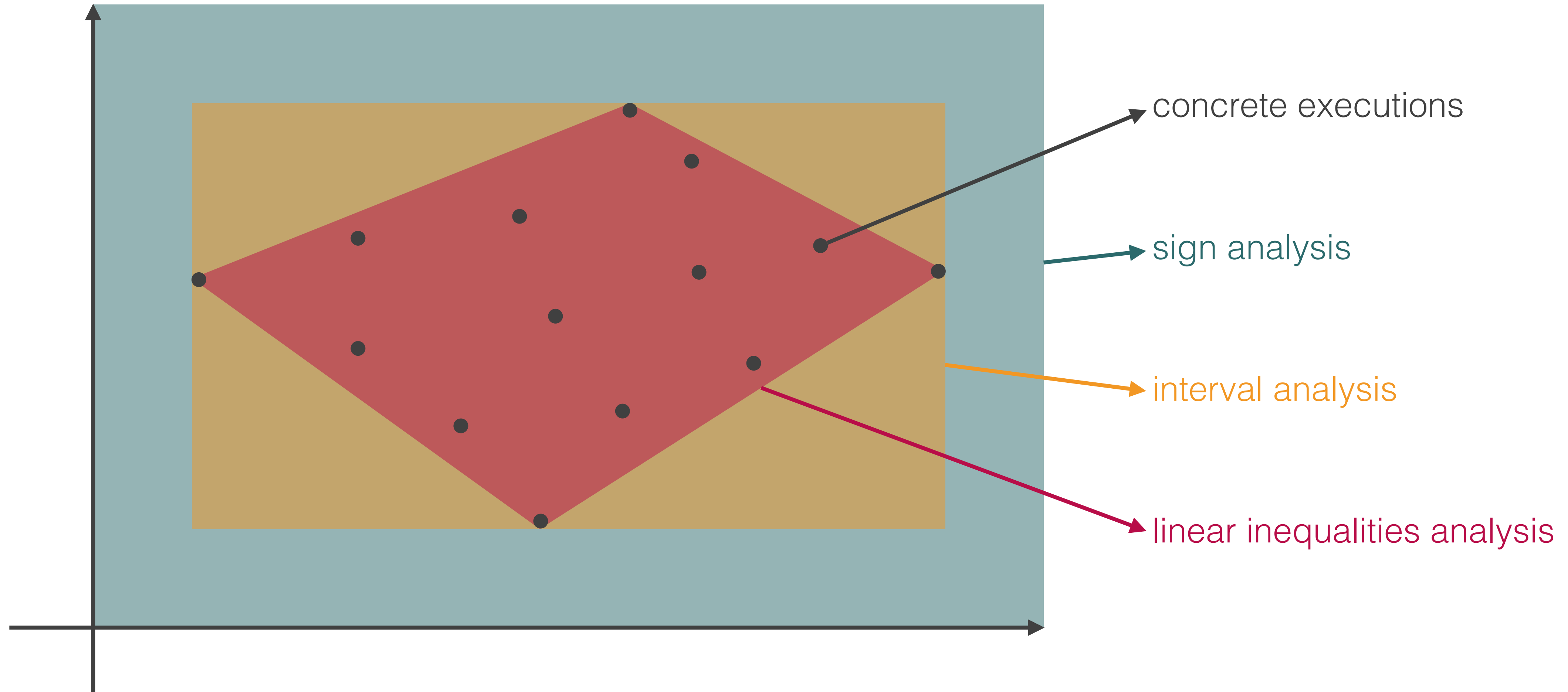
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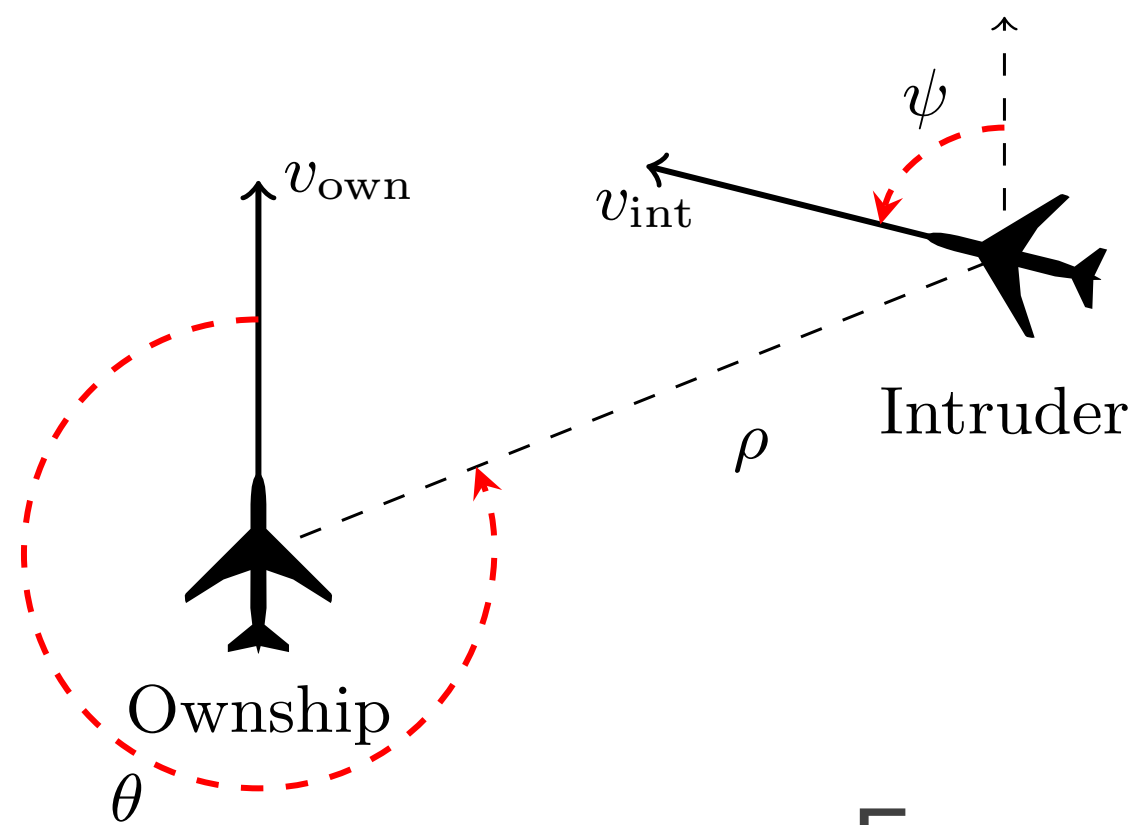
## (Data Science-Related) Examples

# Functional Properties

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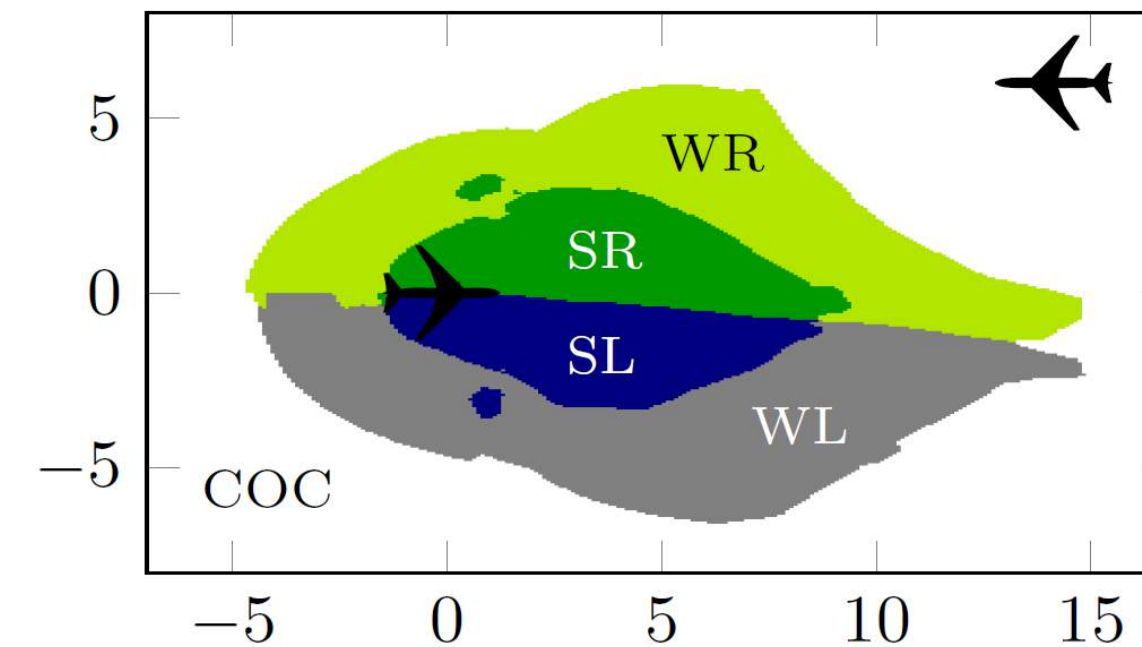


**collision-avoidance system** for drones implemented using **45 feed-forward neural networks**



produce advisories:

- **Strong Left**
- **Weak Left**
- **Strong Right**
- **Weak Right**
- **Clear of Conflict**



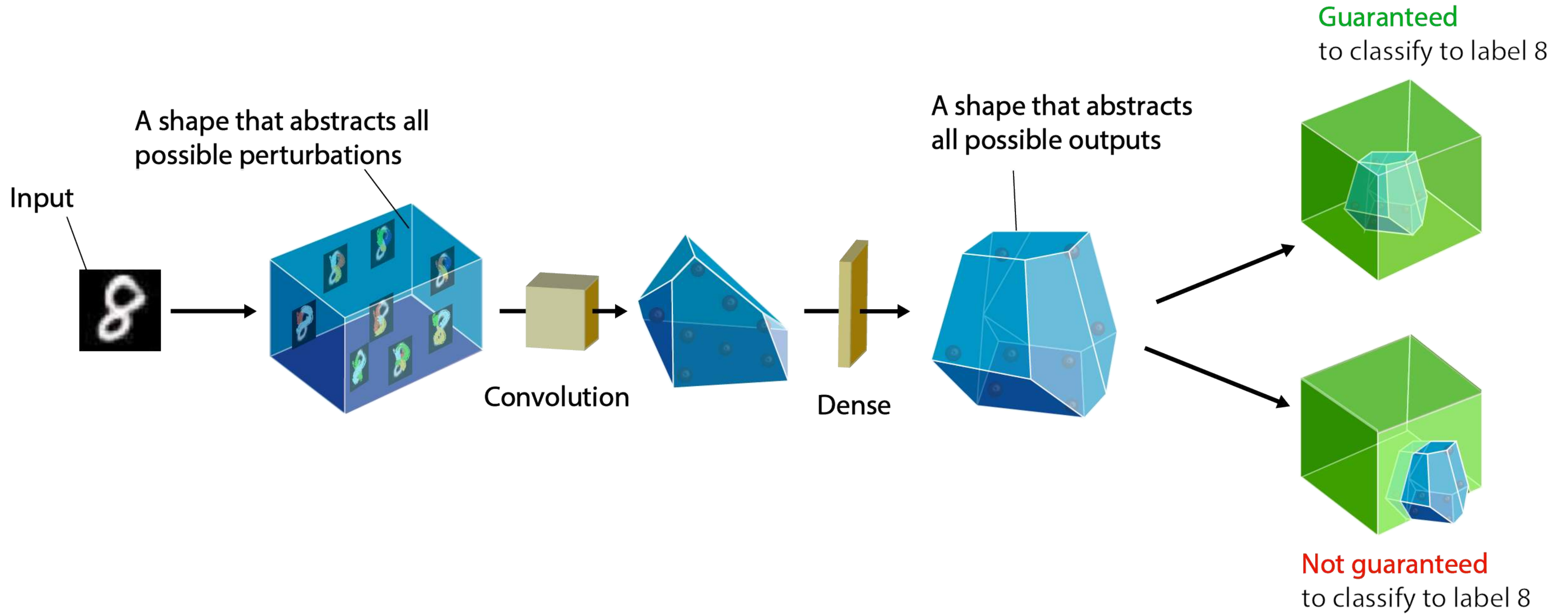
Example:

“If the intruder is *near* and *approaching from the left*, the network advises **Strong Right**”

- distance:  $12000 \leq \rho \leq 62000$
- angle to intruder:  $0.2 \leq \theta \leq 0.4$
- ...

# Local Robustness

## Neural Networks





# Local Robustness

## Support Vector Machines and Random Forests



### Robustness Verification of Support Vector Machines

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**Abstract.** We study the problem of formally verifying the robustness to adversarial examples of support vector machines (SVMs), a major machine learning model for classification and regression tasks. Following a recent stream of works on formal robustness verification of (deep) neural networks, our approach relies on a sound abstract version of a given SVM classifier to be used for checking its robustness. This methodology is parametric on a given numerical abstraction of real values and, analogously to the case of neural networks, needs neither abstract least upper bounds nor widening operators on this abstraction. The standard interval domain provides a simple instantiation of our abstraction technique, which is enhanced with the domain of reduced affine forms, an efficient abstraction of the zonotope abstract domain. This robustness verification technique has been fully implemented and experimentally evaluated on SVMs based on linear and nonlinear (polynomial and radial basis function) kernels, which have been trained on the popular MNIST dataset of images and on the recent and more challenging Fashion-MNIST dataset. The experimental results of our prototype SVM robustness verifier appear to be encouraging: this automated verification is fast, scalable and shows significantly high percentages of provable robustness on the test set of MNIST, in particular compared to the analogous provable robustness of neural networks.

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### Abstract Interpretation of Decision Tree Ensemble Classifiers

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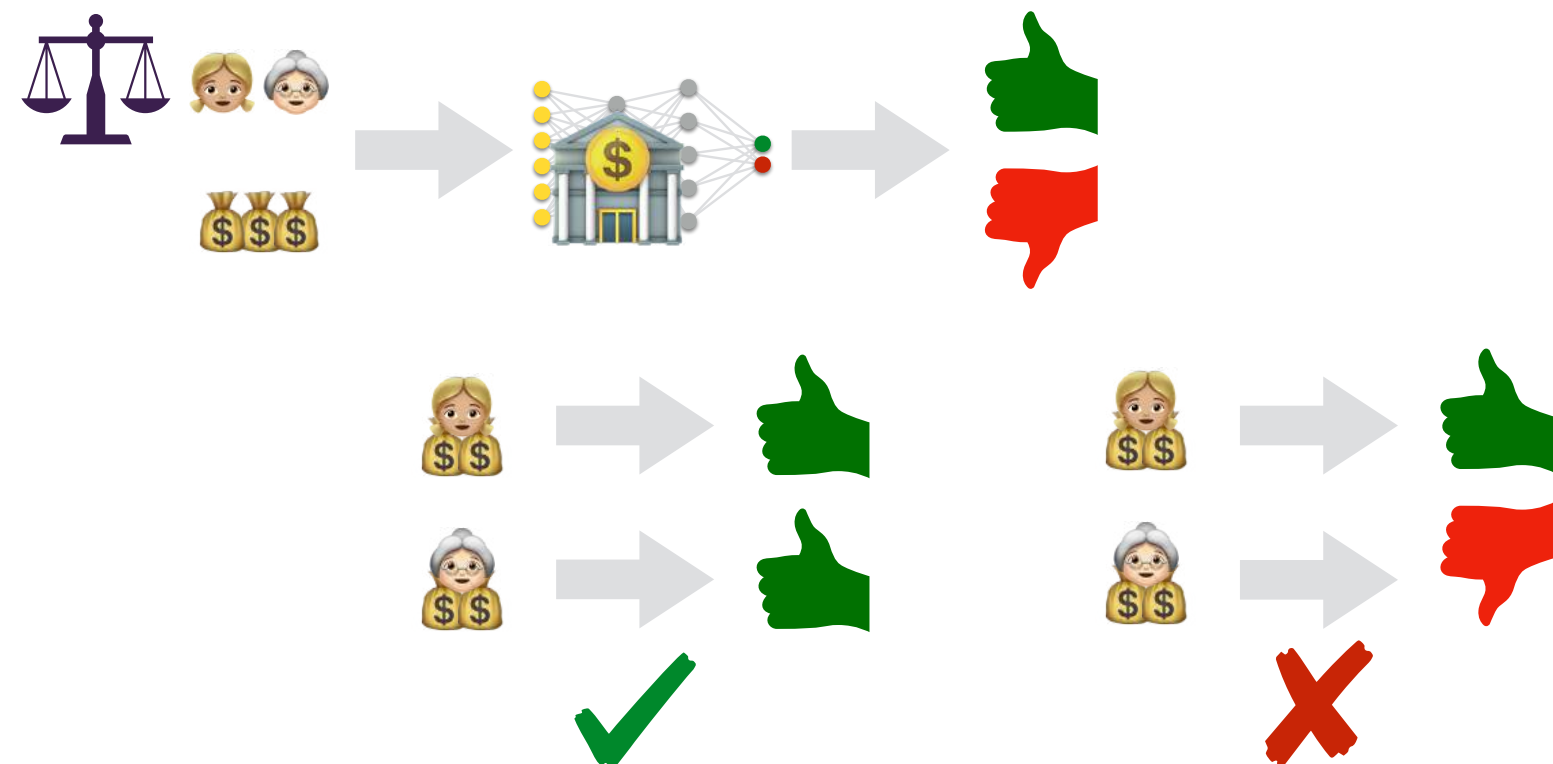
# Global Robustness

## Fairness of Neural Networks



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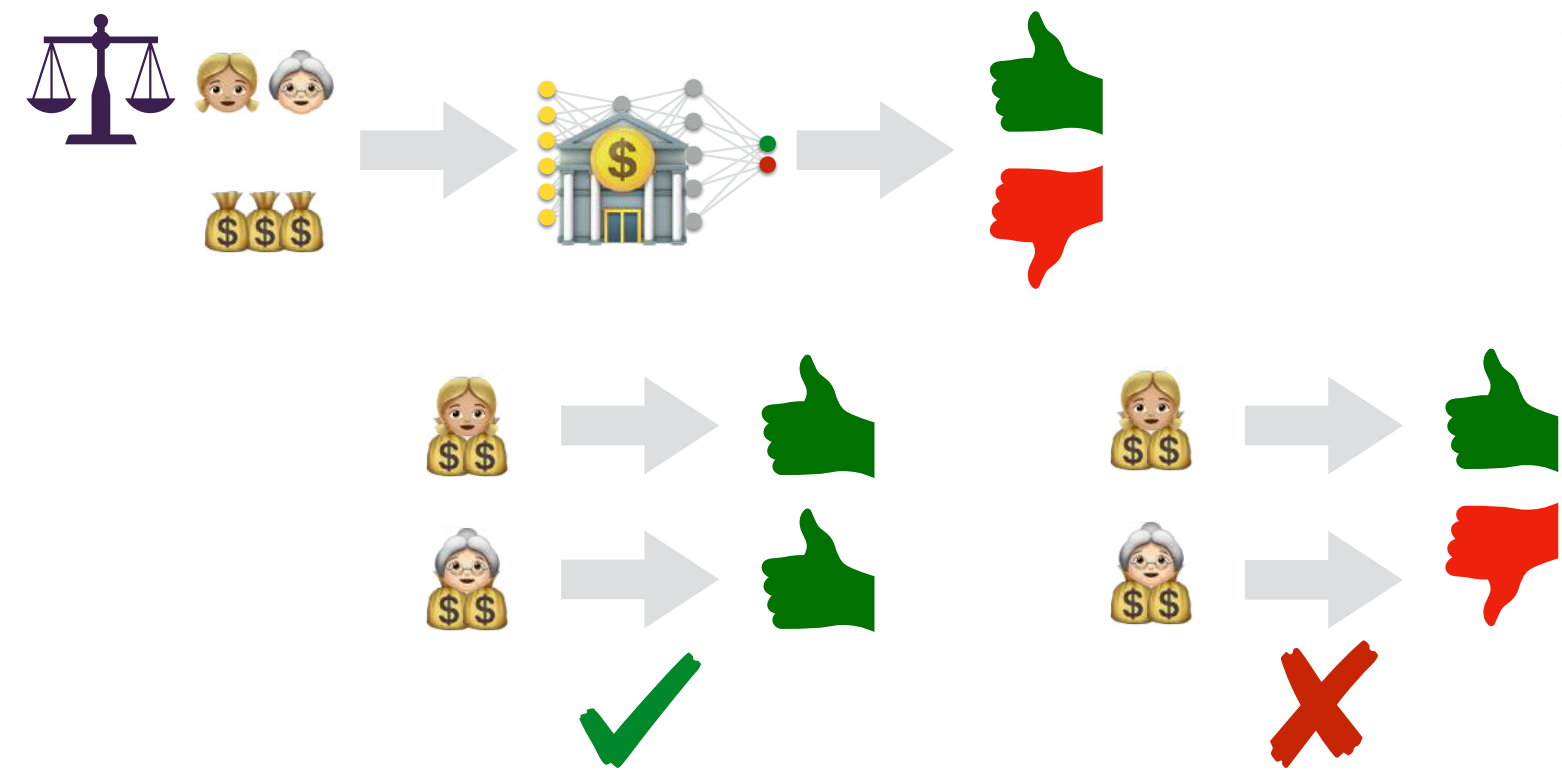
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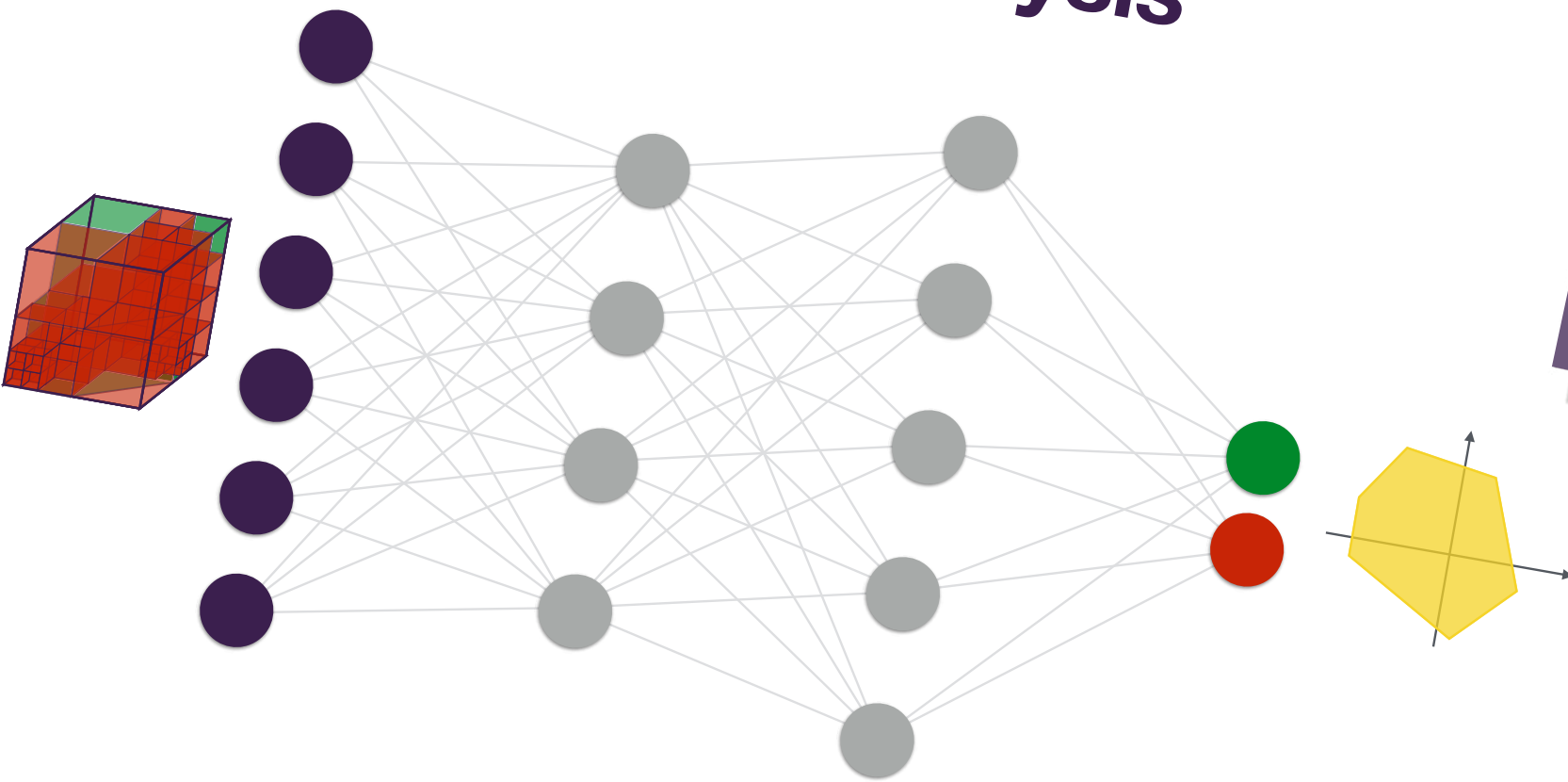
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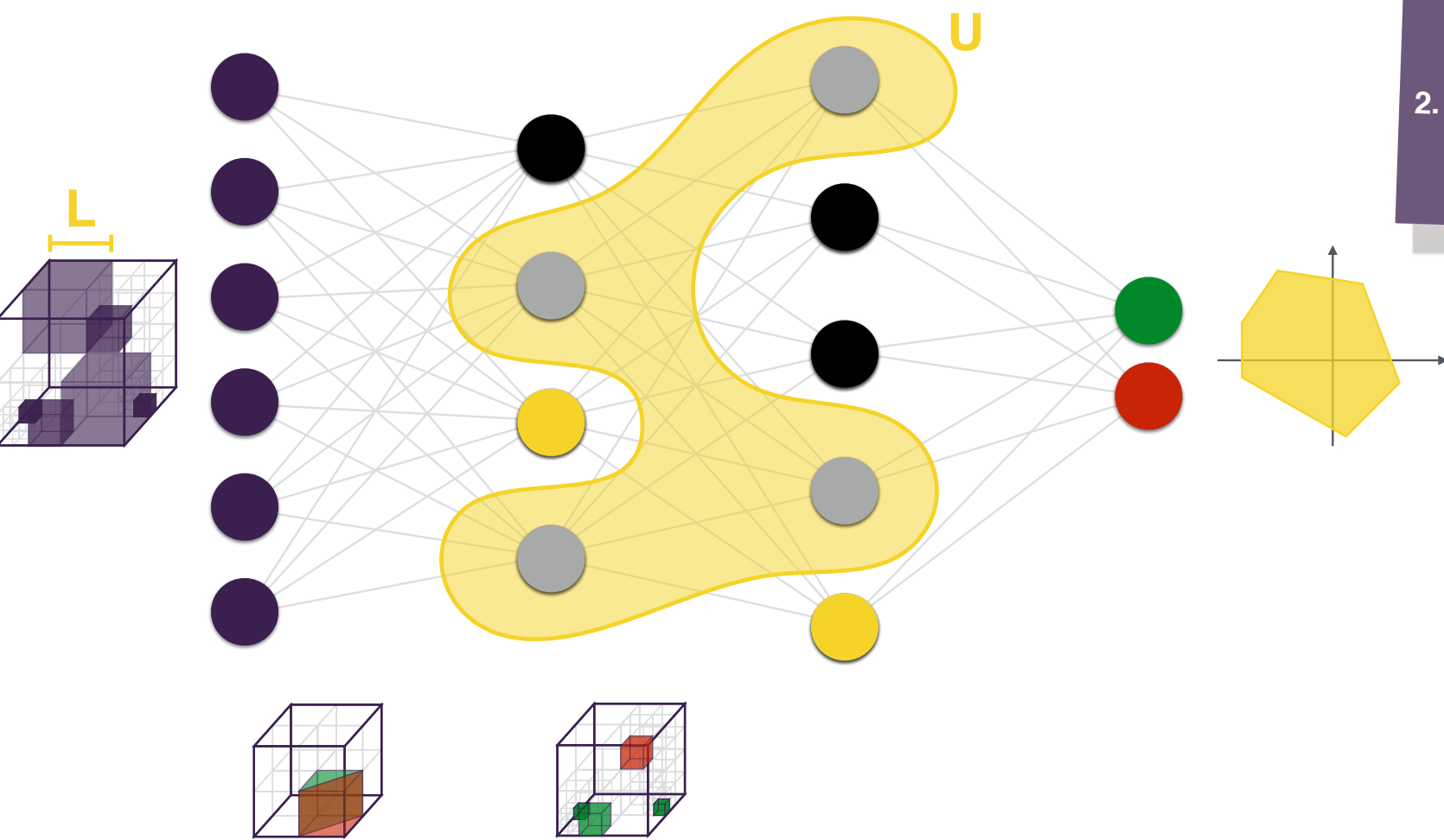
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### Naïve Backward Analysis



1. proceed **backwards** from all possible classifications
2. **project** away the value of the sensitive feature(s)
3. check for **intersection**:  
empty → **fair**  
otherwise → **alarm**

### Our Solution



1. proceed **forwards** to find:
  - already **fair** partitions
  - **activation patterns**
2. proceed **backwards** for each activation pattern

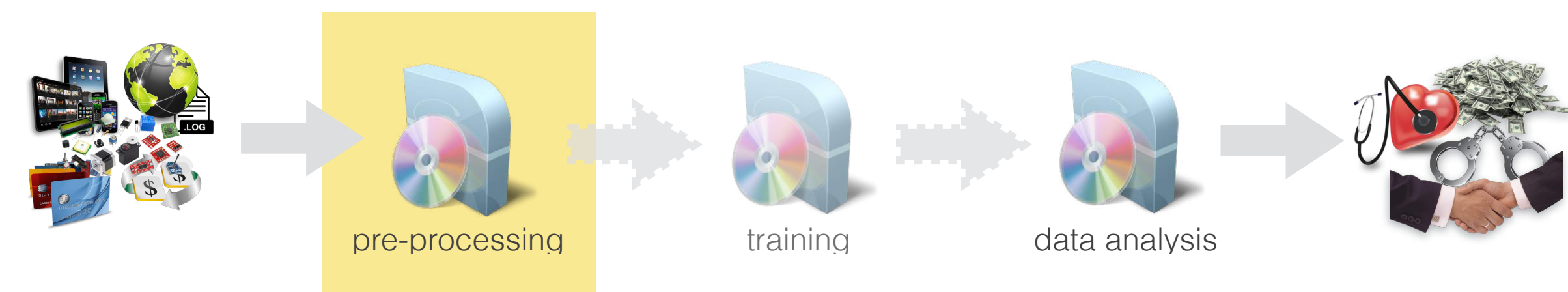
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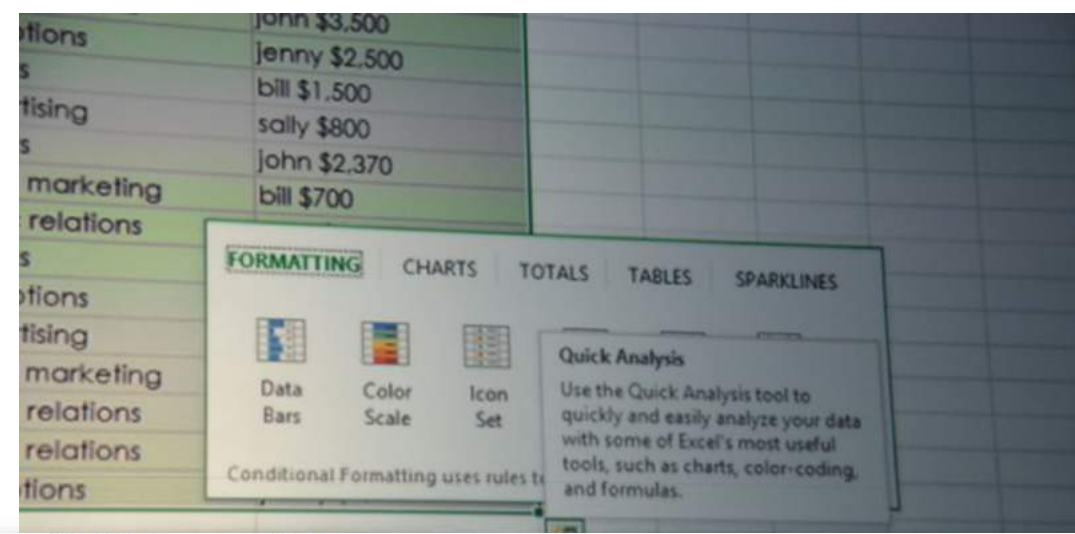
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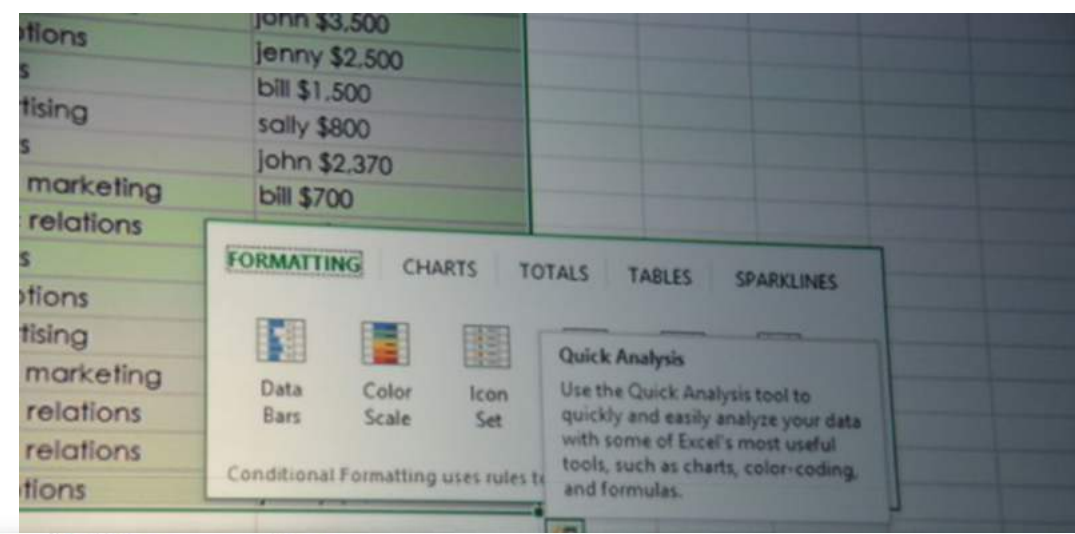
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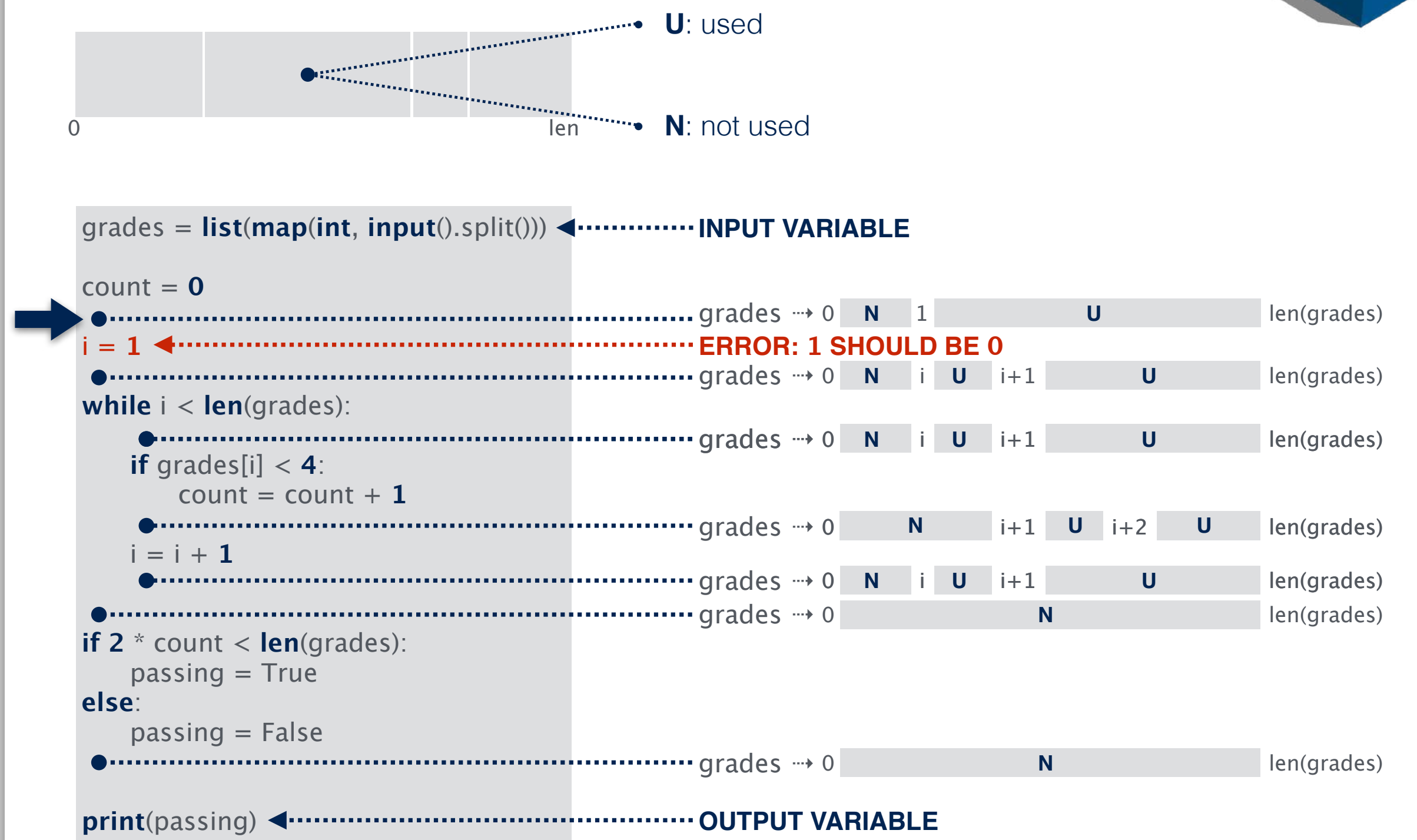


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### Piecewise Unused Input Data Analysis





# Ongoing Work

## Implicit Assumptions on the Input Data



### Implicit Assumptions

```
import sys

grade2gpa = { 'A': 4.0, 'B': 3.0, 'C': 2.0, 'D': 1.0, 'F': 0.0 }
with open(sys.argv[1]) as file:
    for line in file:
        data = line.strip().split(' ')
        grades = int(data[1])
        gpa = 0.0
        for i in range(2, grades + 2):
            gpa += grade2gpa[data[i]]
        result = gpa / grades

    print('{}: {}'.format(data[0], result))
```

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### Examples

- each line contains a certain number of characters or words
- all characters are uppercase or lowercase
- values can only be in a certain range

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bk2 1 B	bk2 1 B	bk2 1 B+	bk2 1 B	bk2 1 B
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