

Coreset Spectral Clustering

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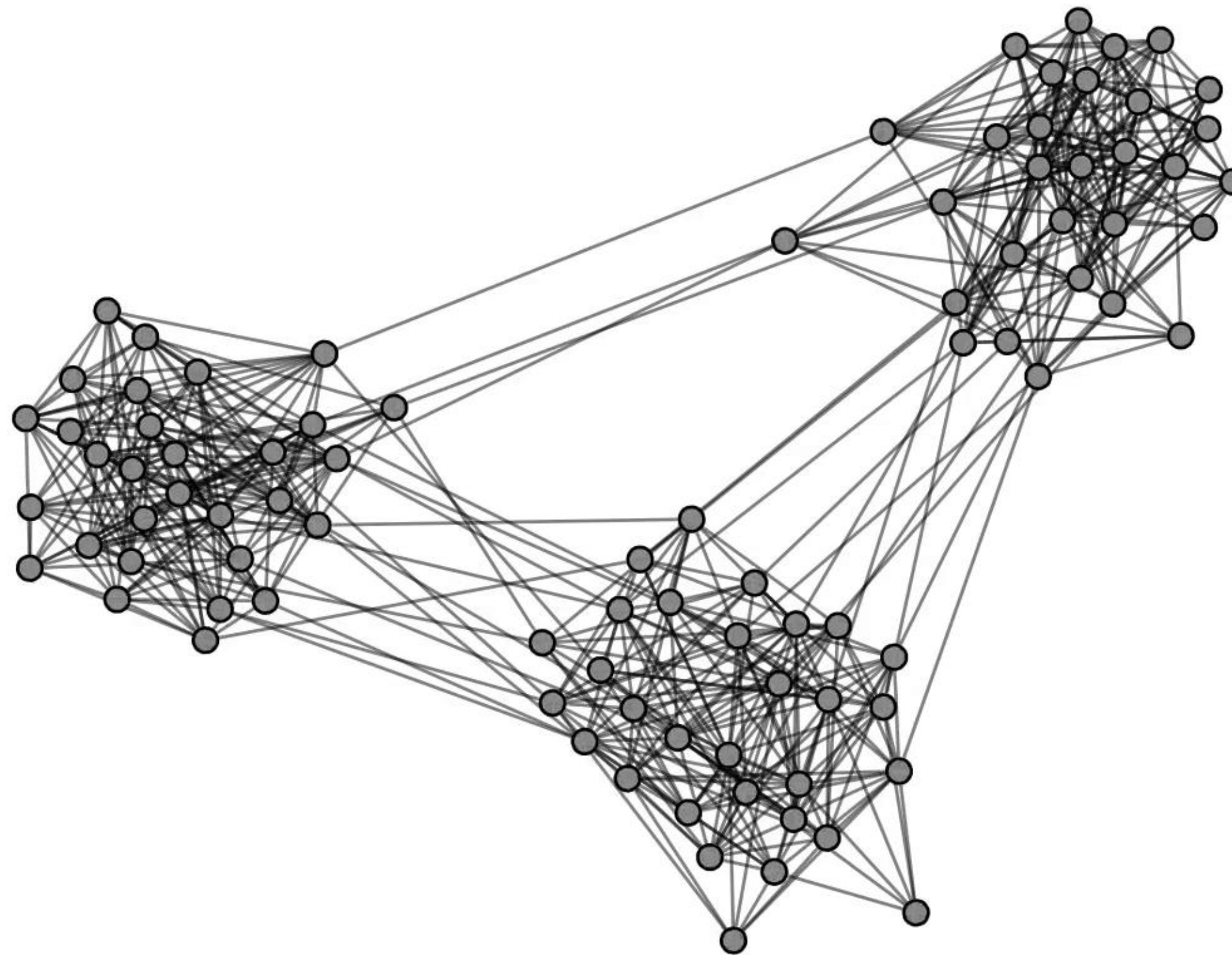
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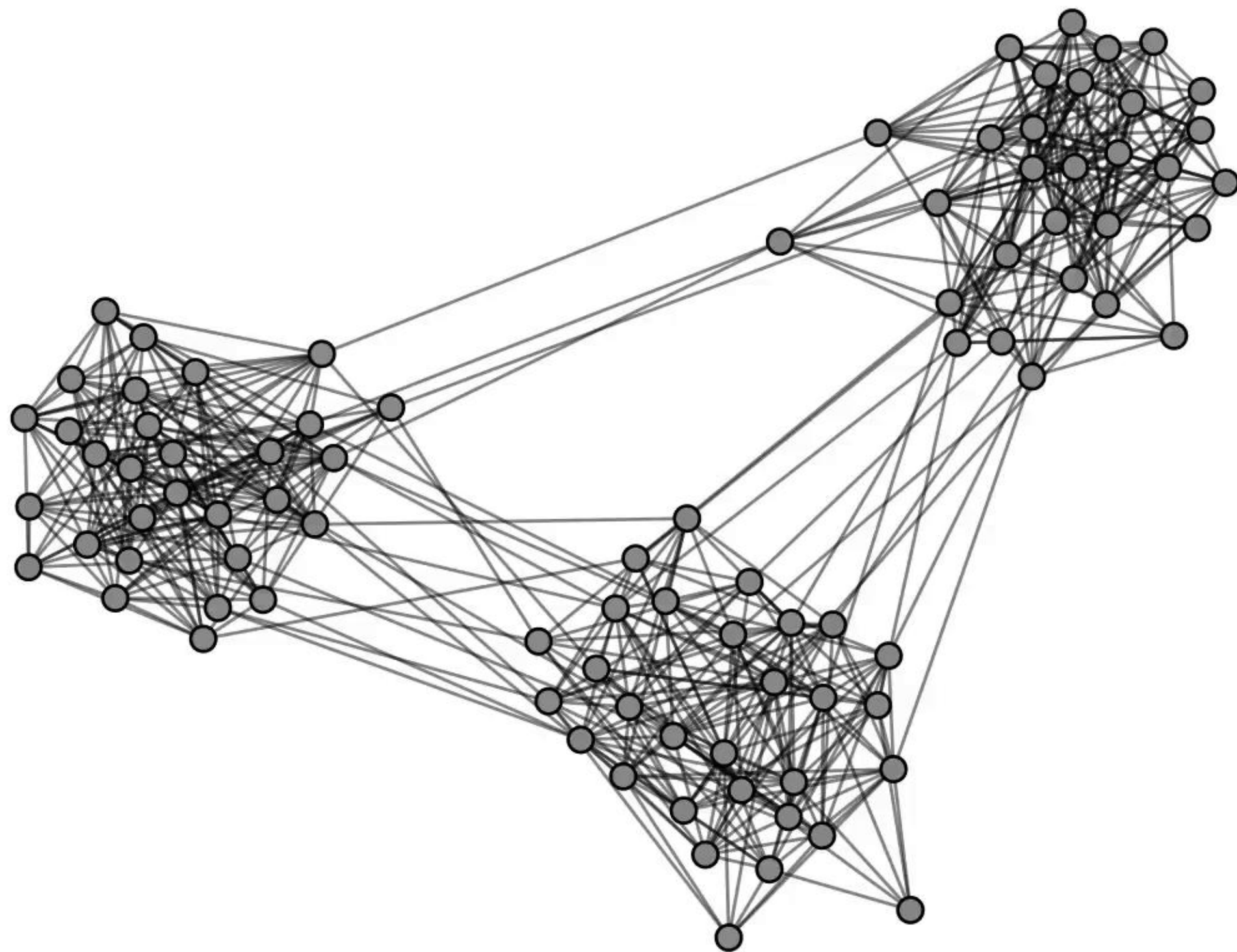
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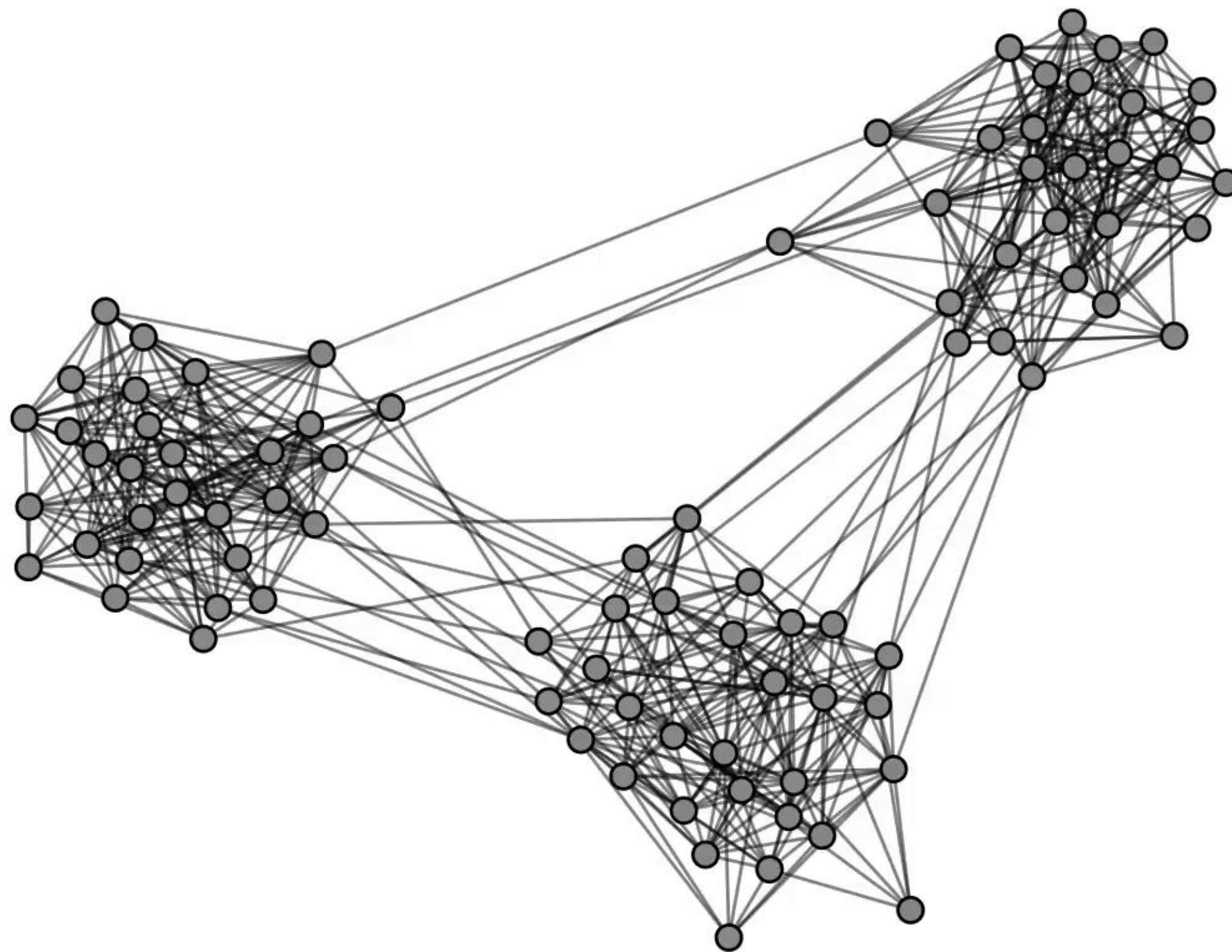
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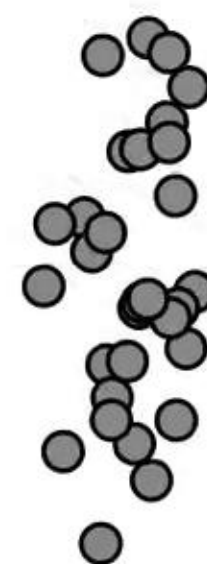
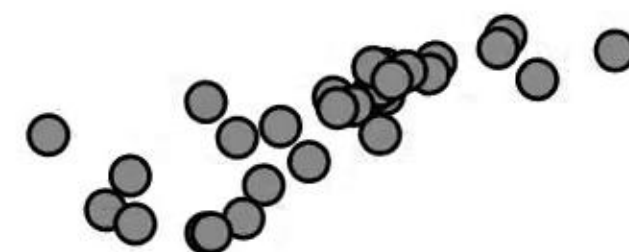
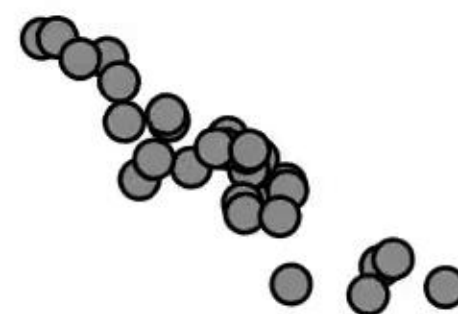
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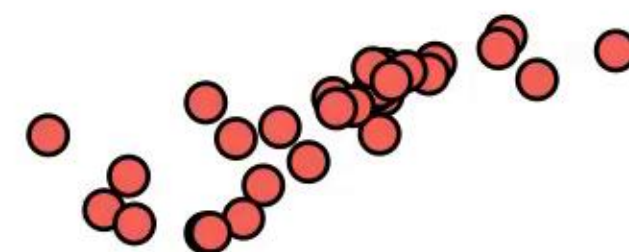
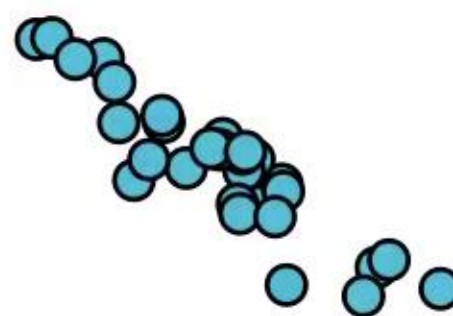
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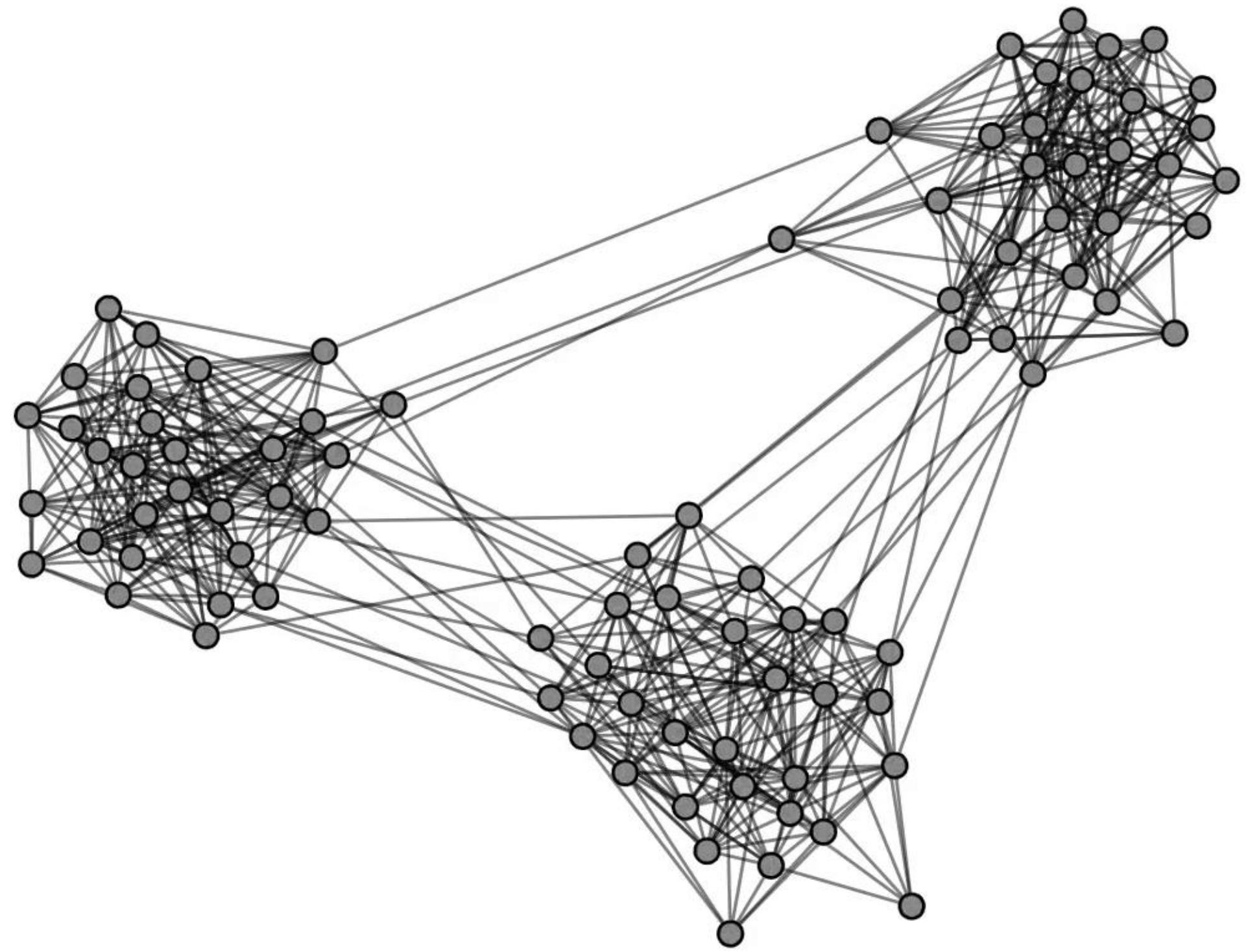
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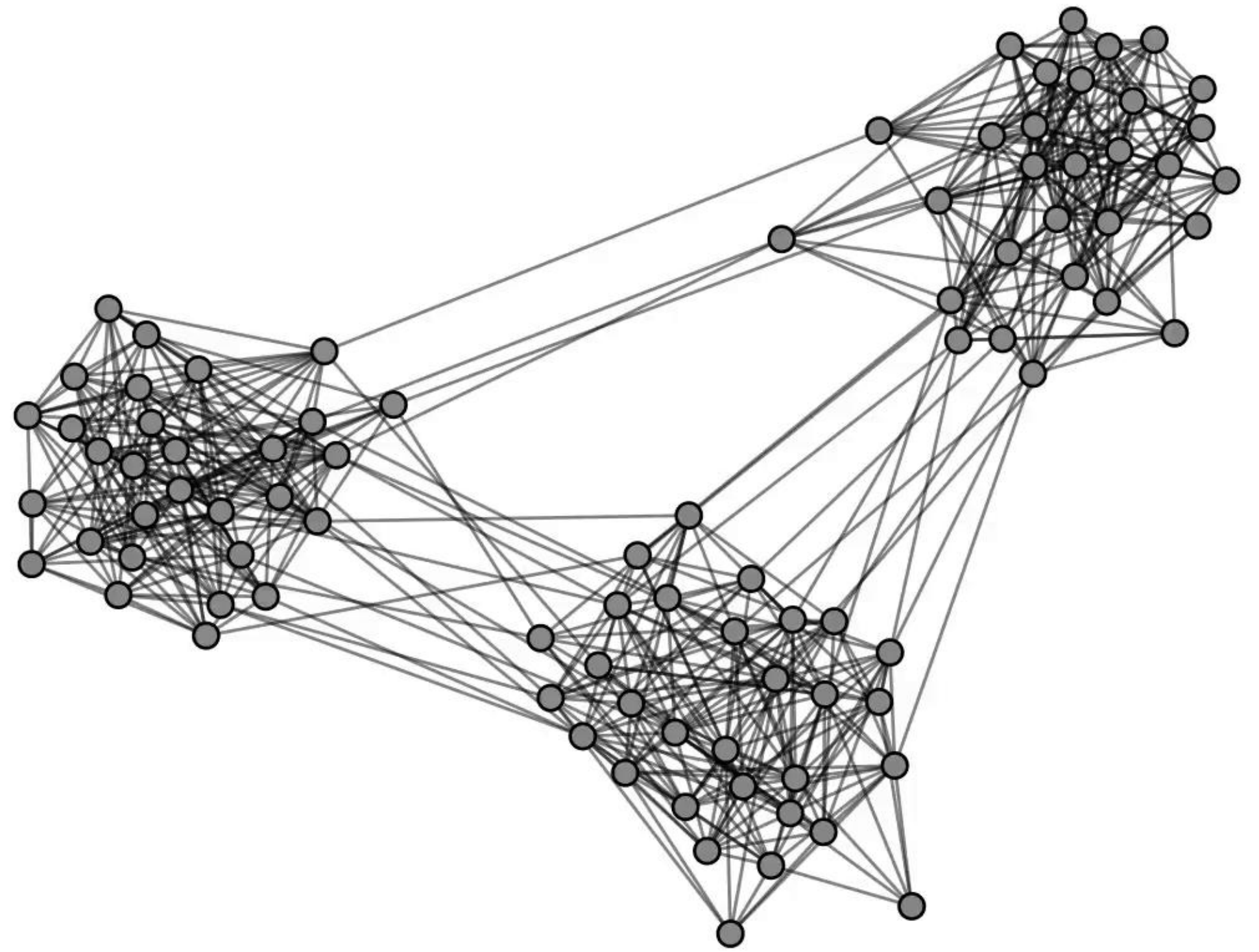


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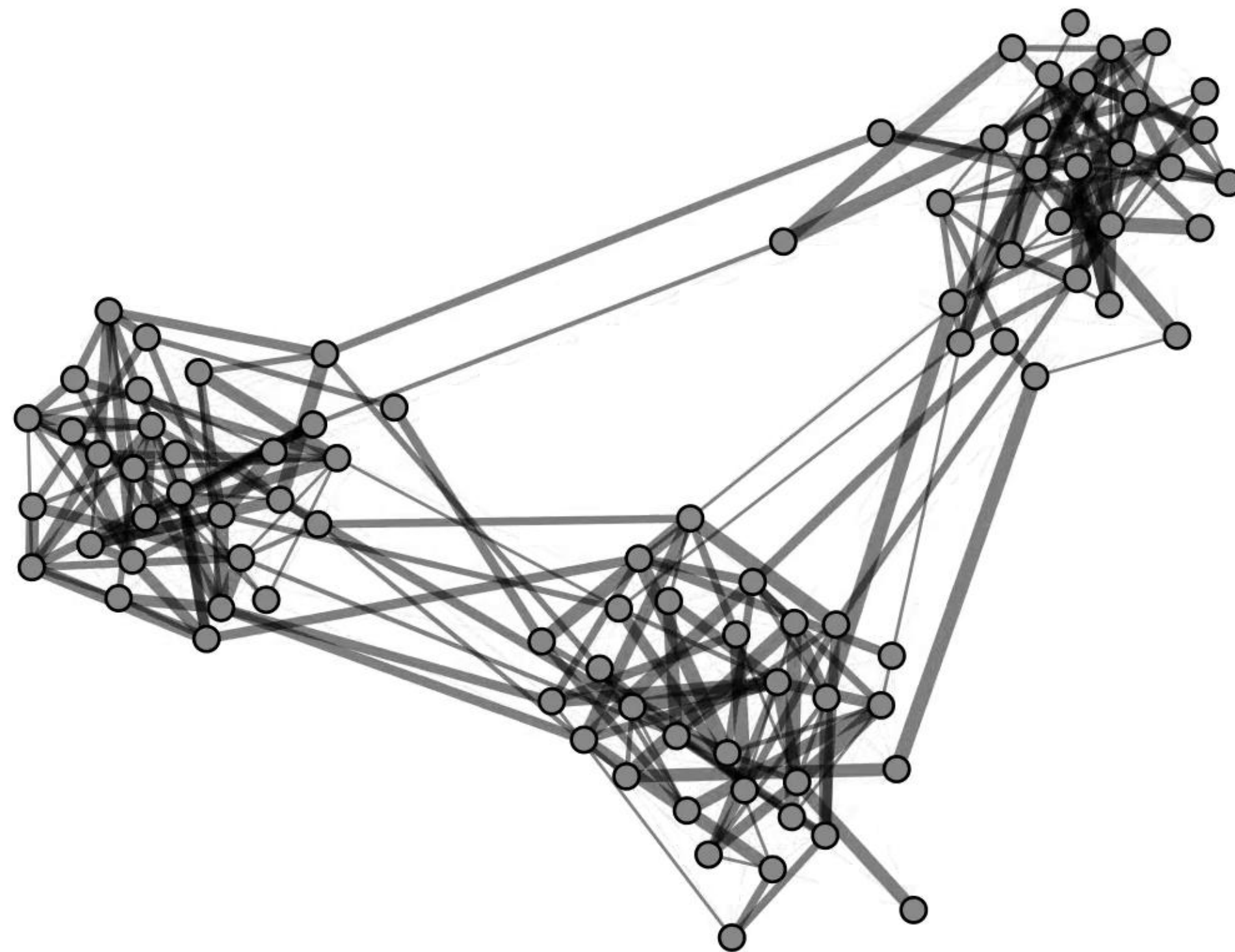
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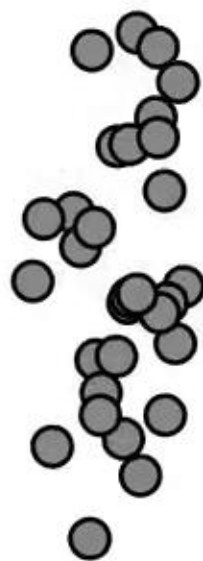
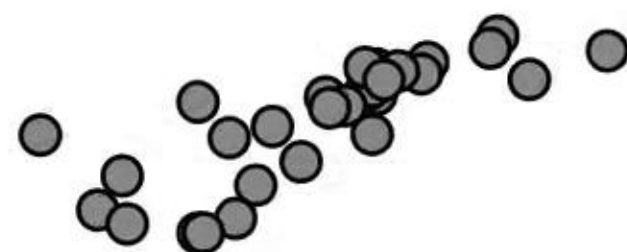
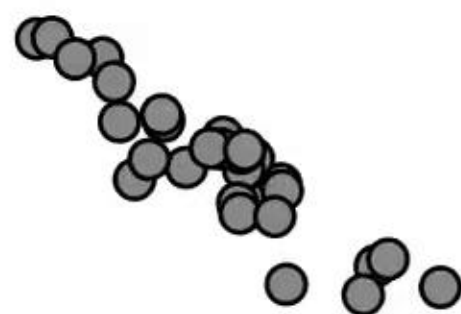
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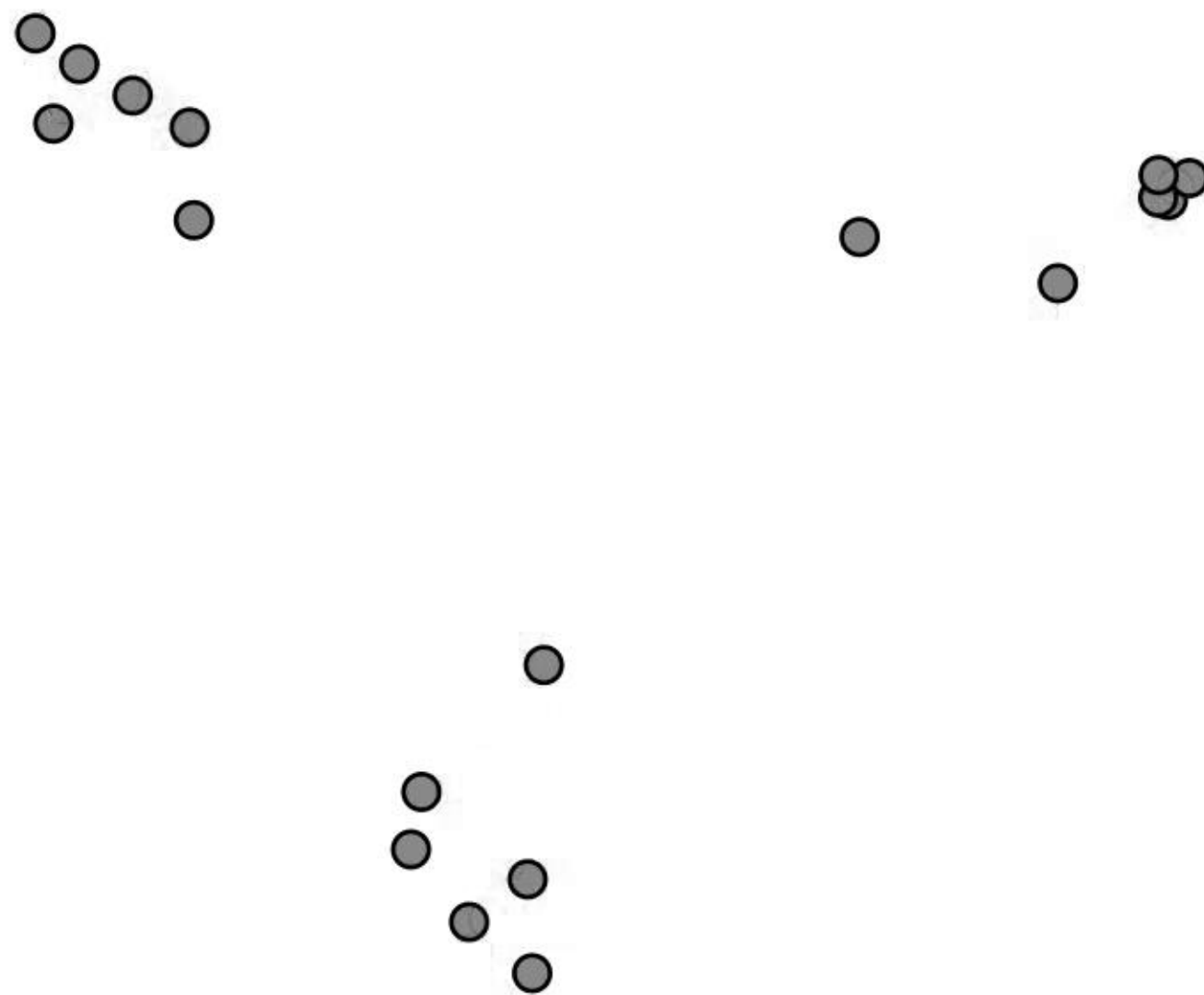
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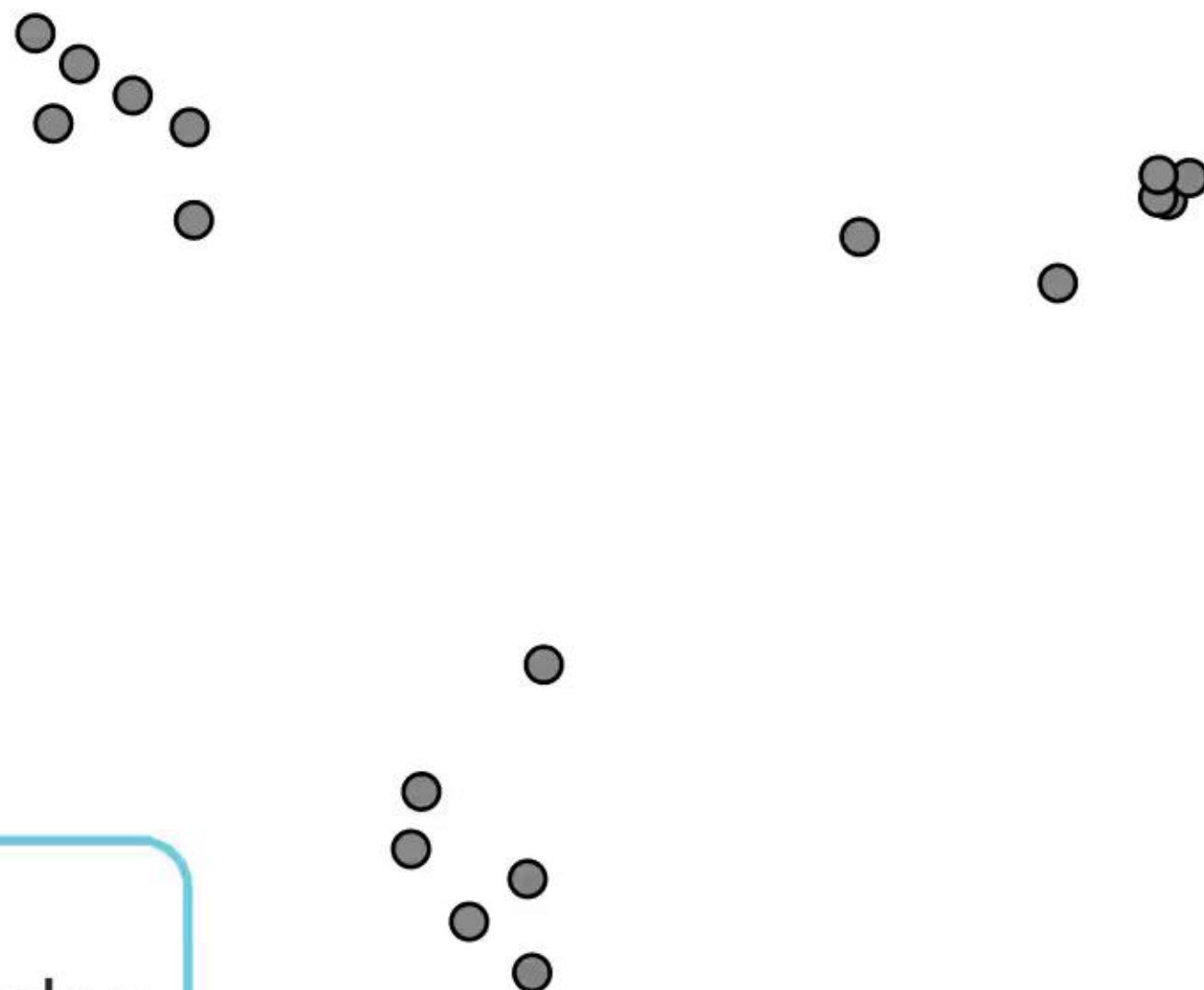


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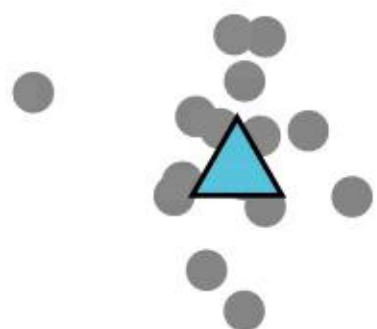
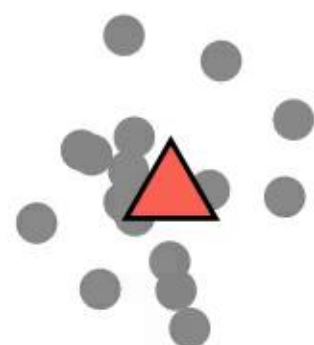
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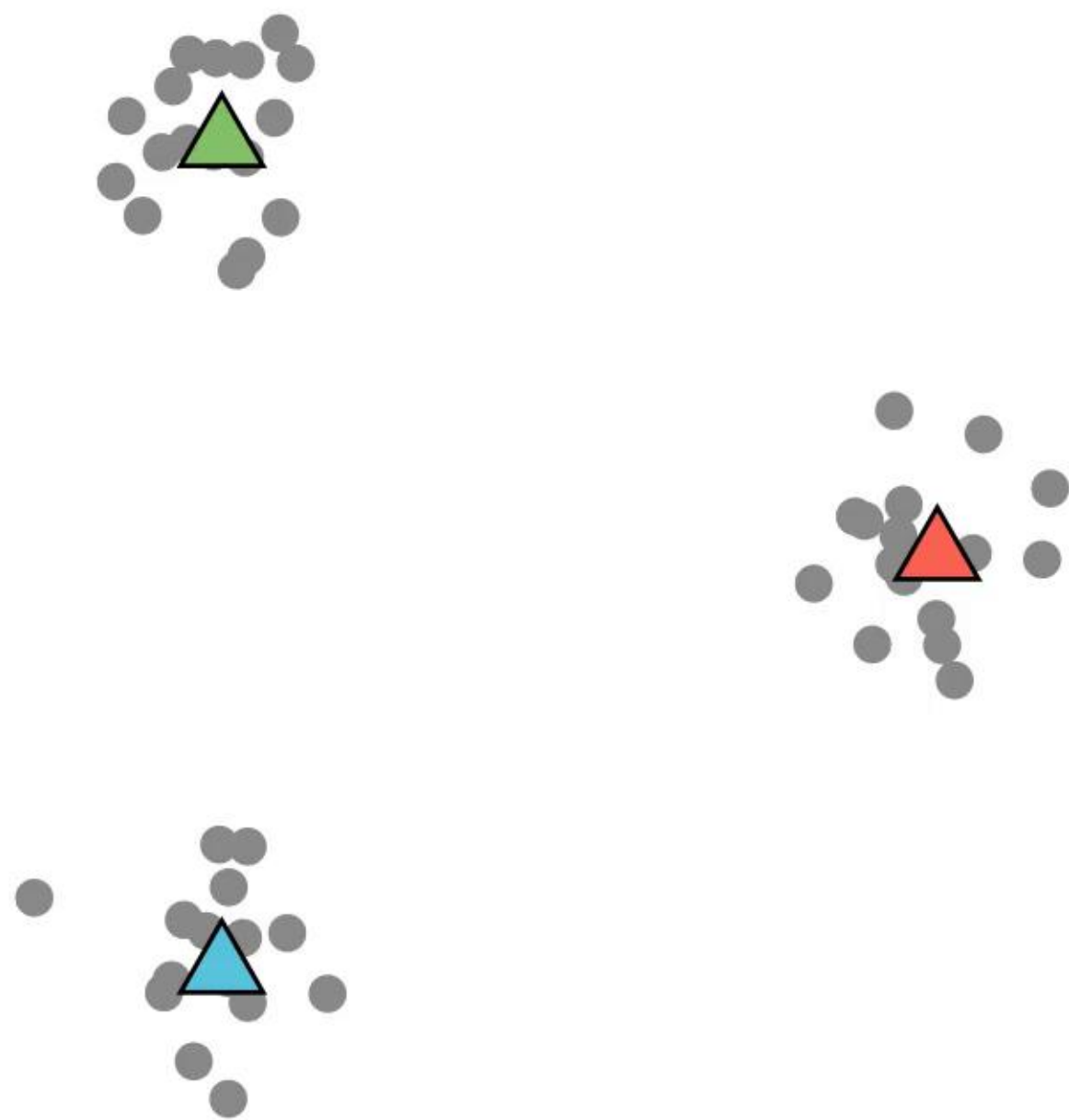
Kernel Trick for distances

$$\|\phi(x) - \phi(y)\|^2 = \langle \phi(x), \phi(x) \rangle - 2\langle \phi(x), \phi(y) \rangle + \langle \phi(y), \phi(y) \rangle$$

$$\phi : X \rightarrow \mathcal{H} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \langle \phi(x), \phi(y) \rangle = K(x, y)$$

Radial Basis Functions, edit distance similarity, etc.

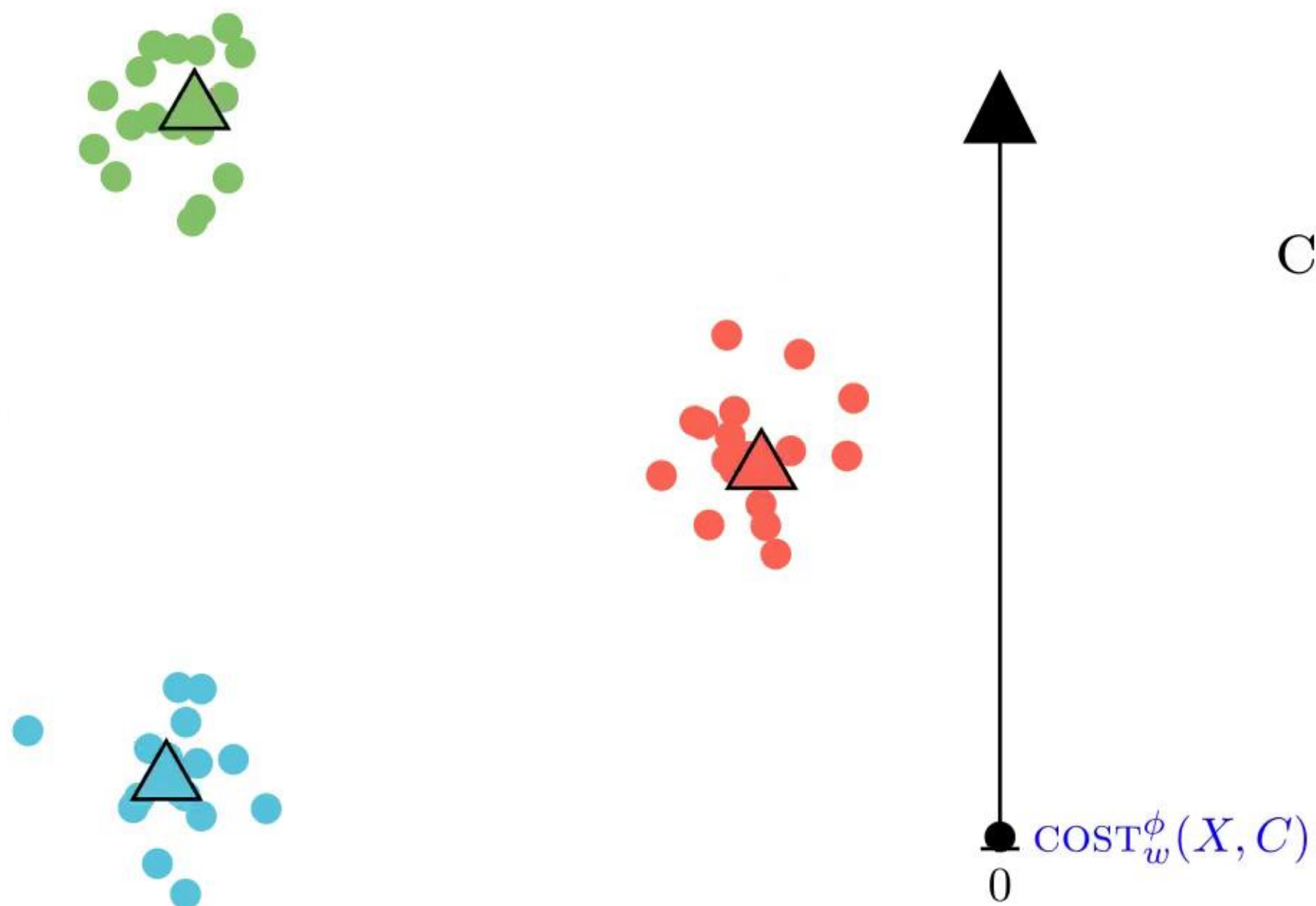
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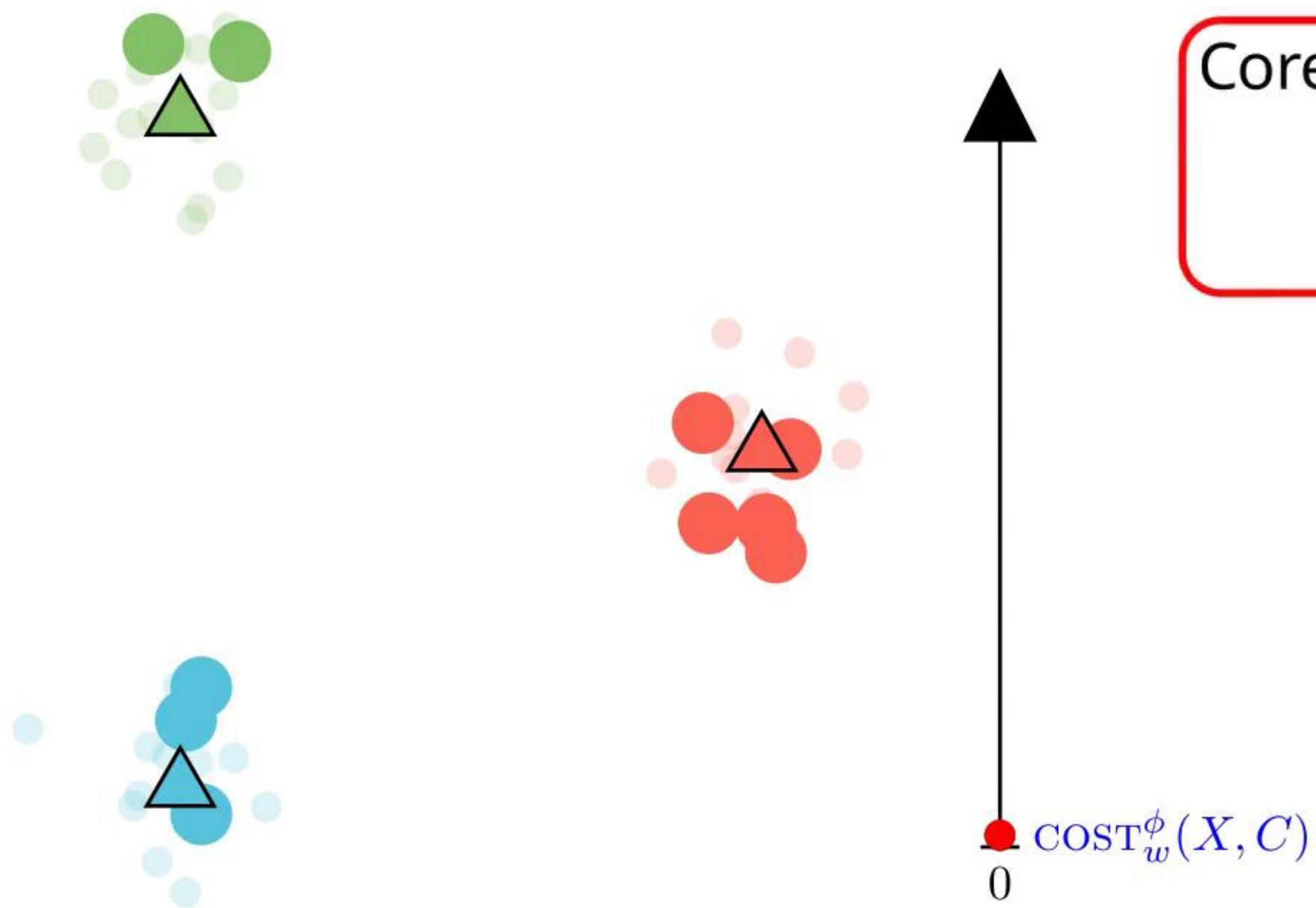
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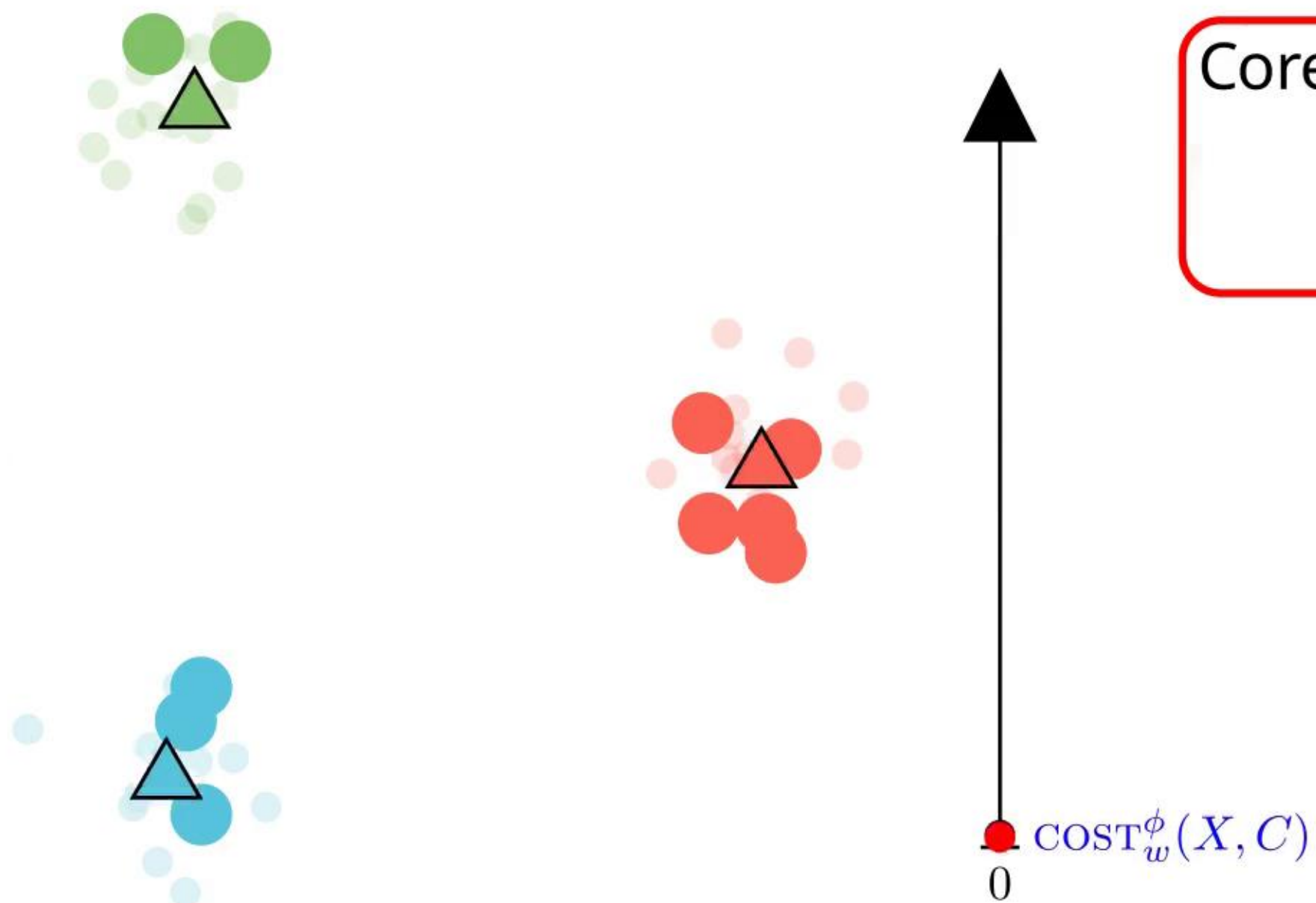


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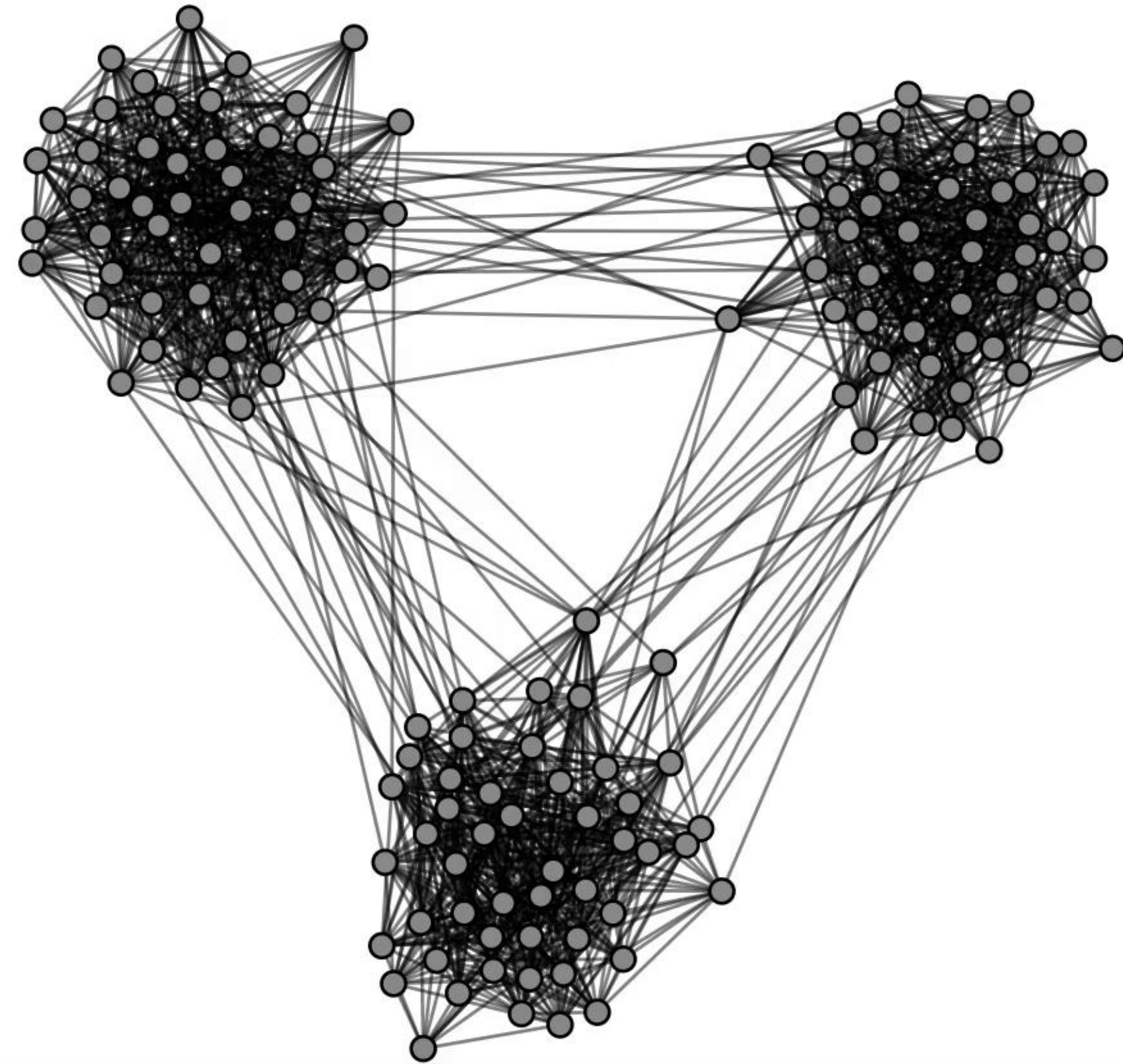
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$$D := W \quad \text{and} \quad A := WKW$$

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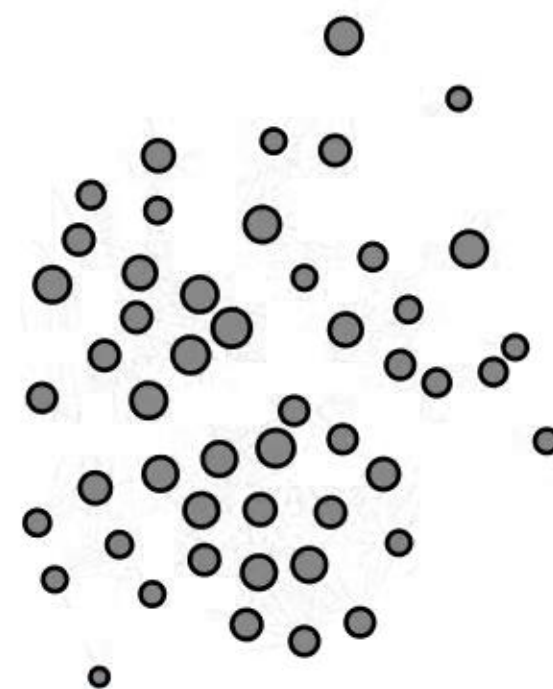
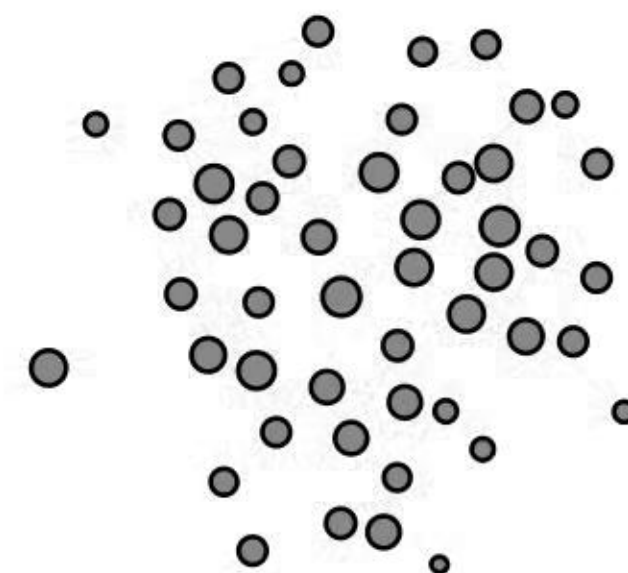
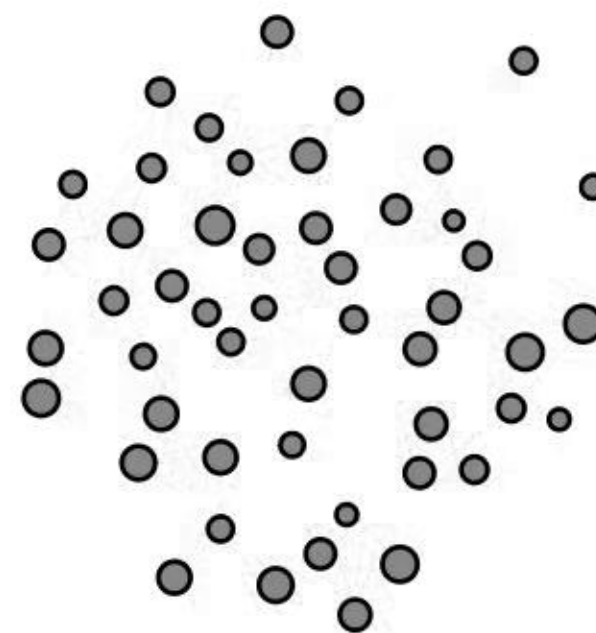
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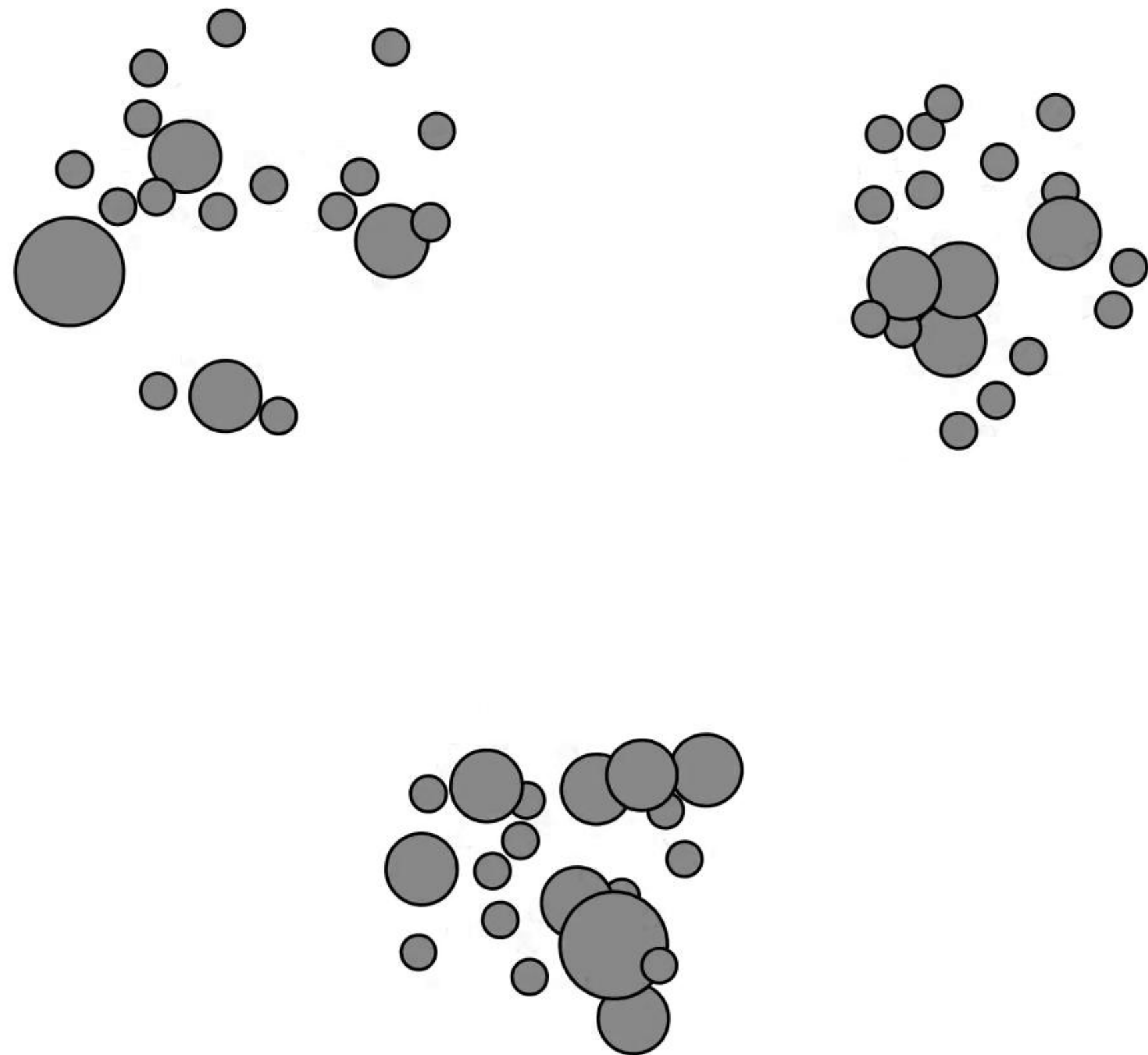
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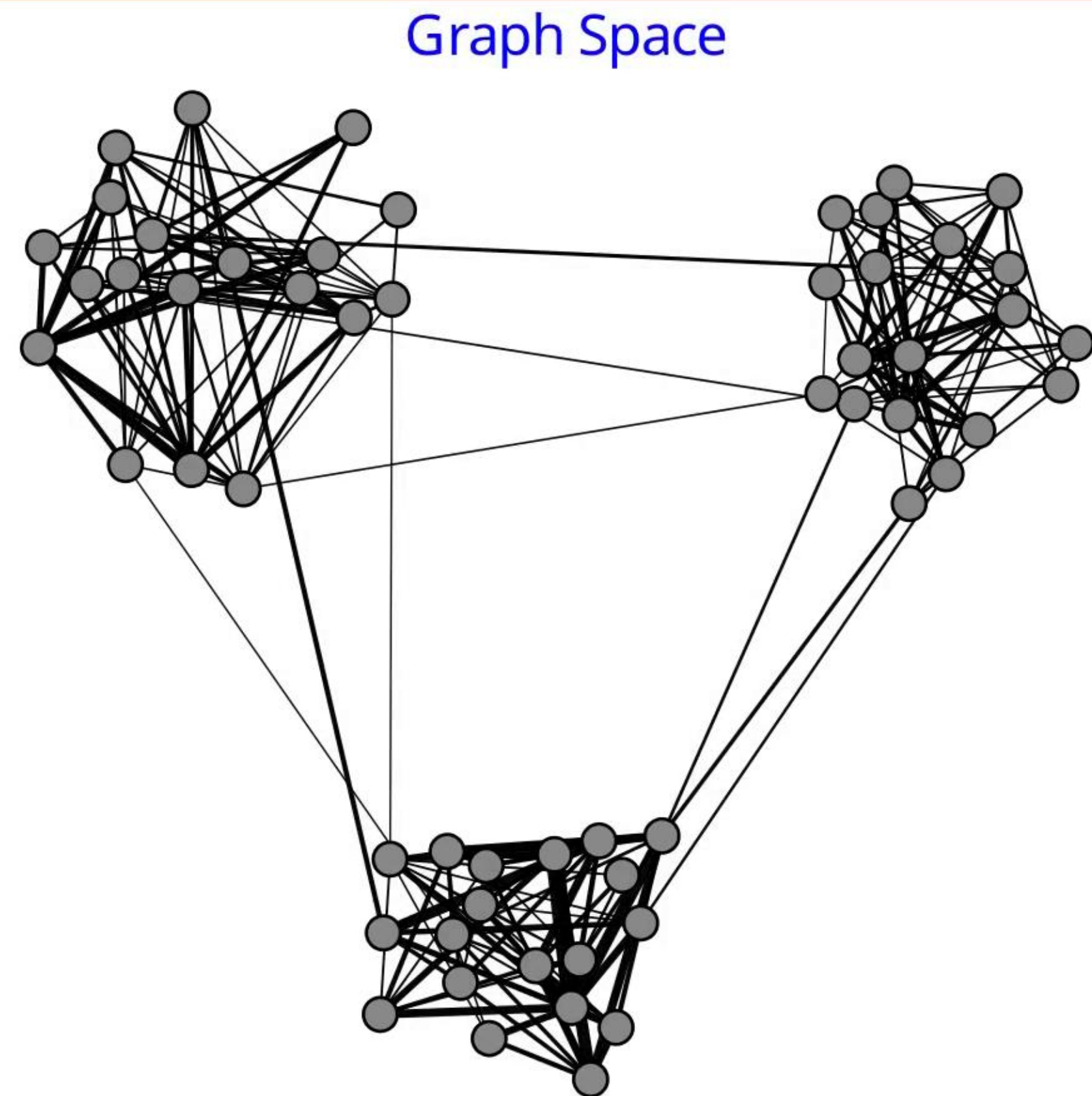
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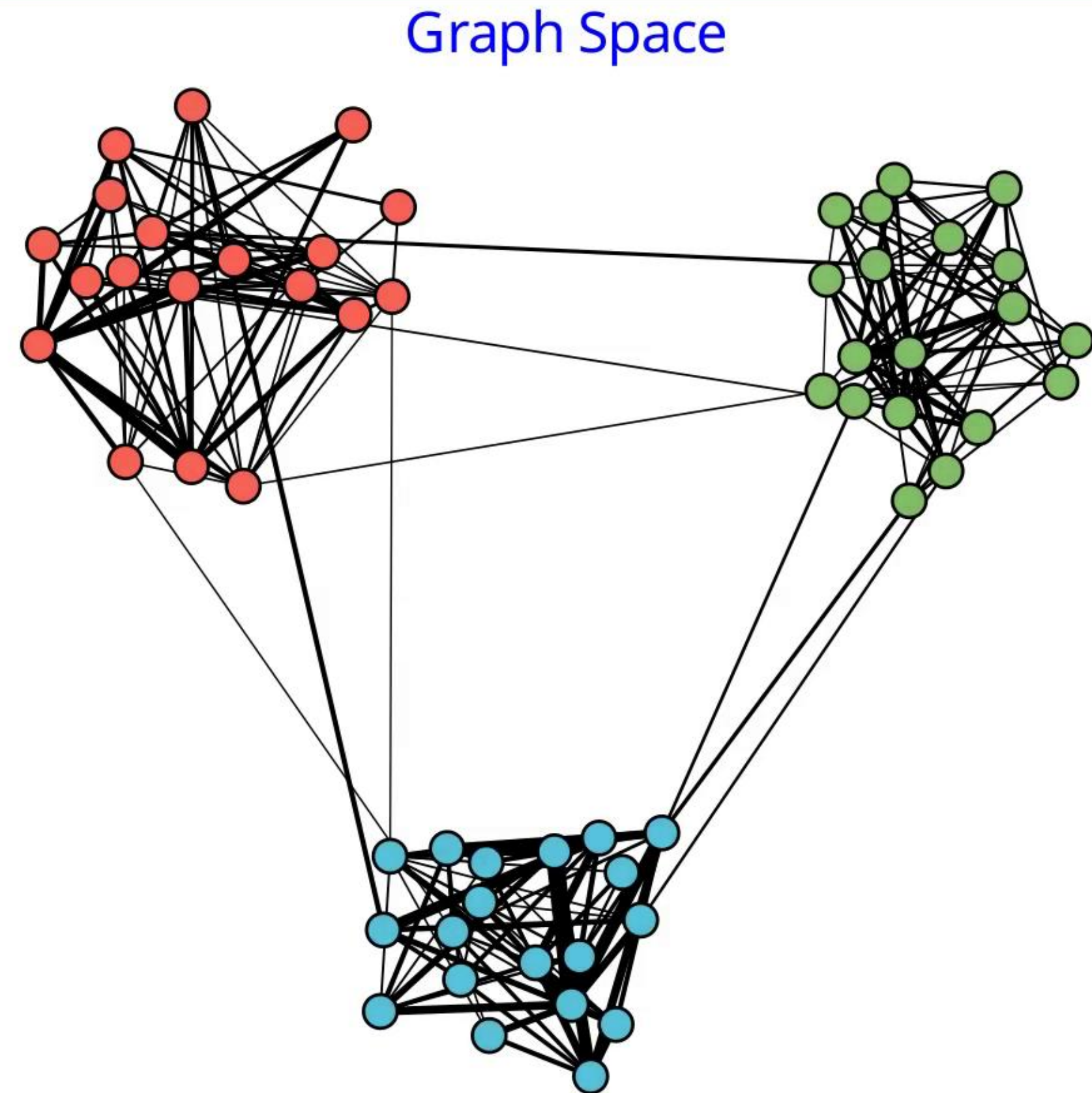
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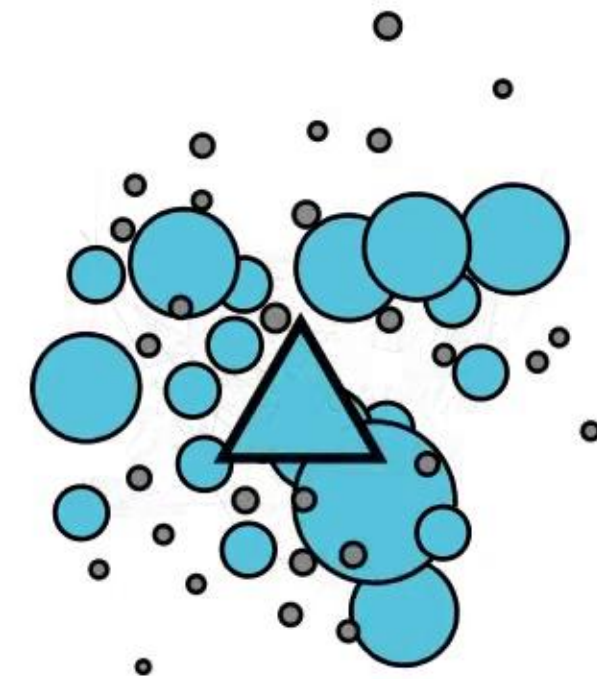
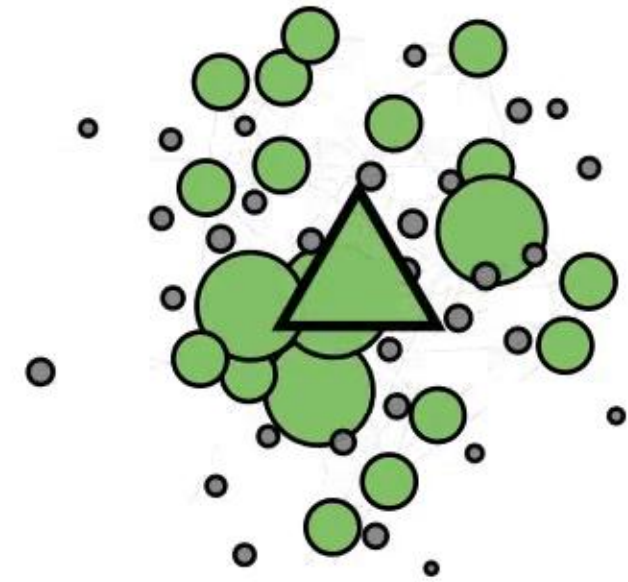
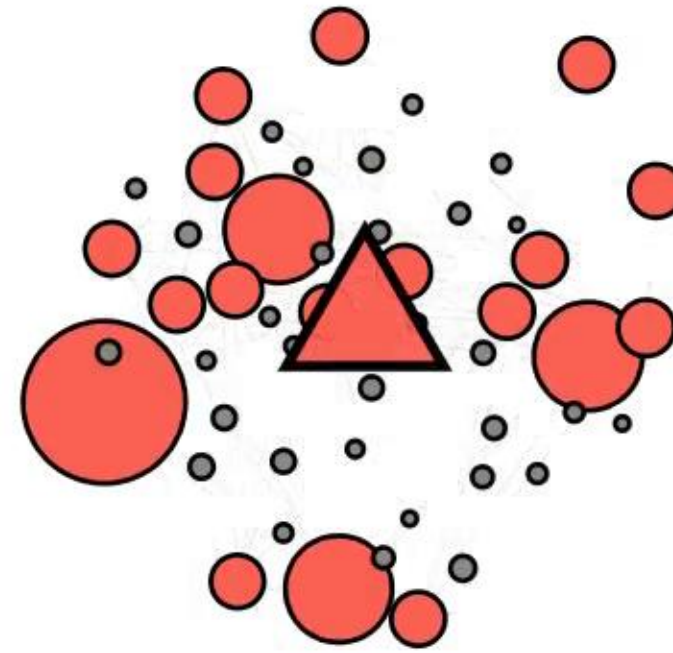
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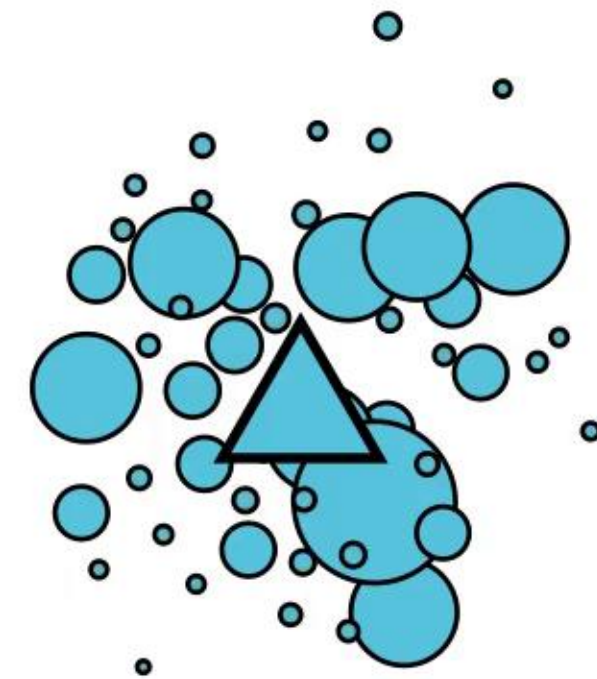
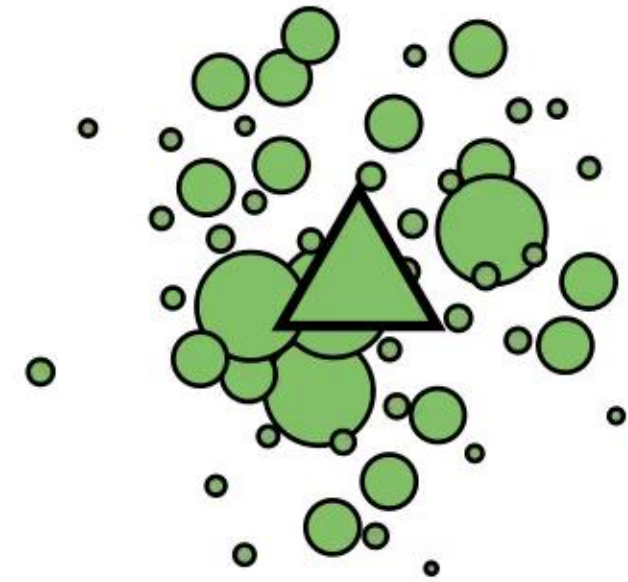
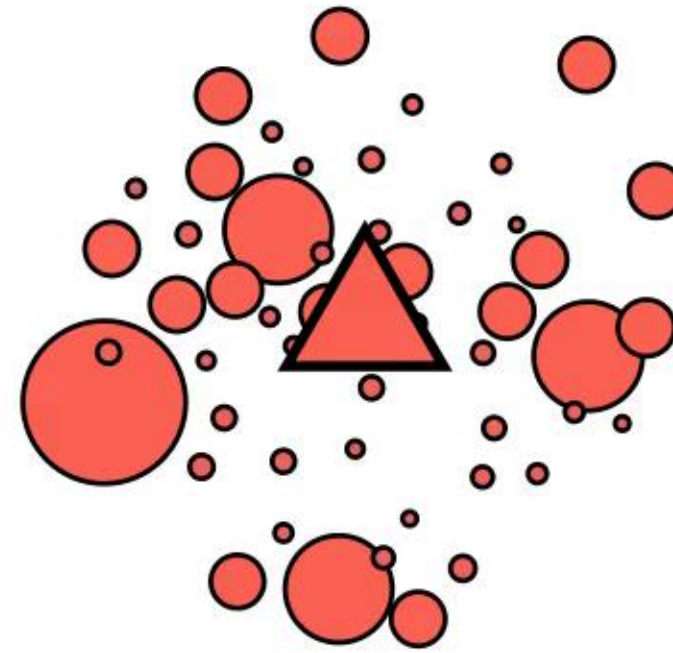
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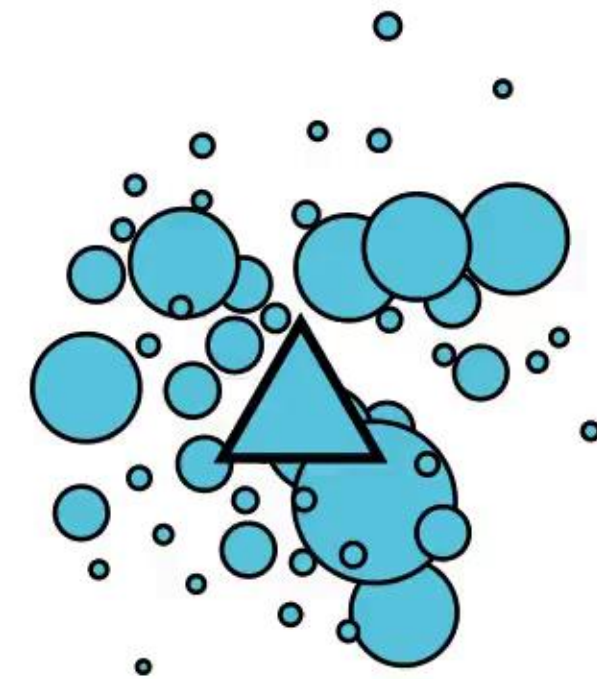
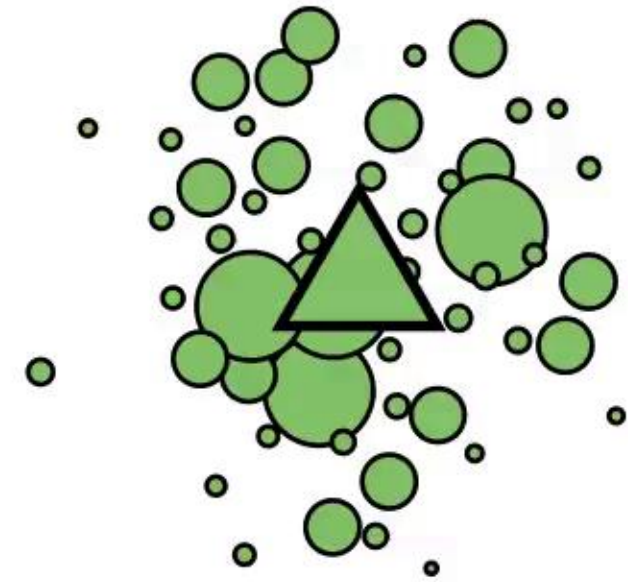
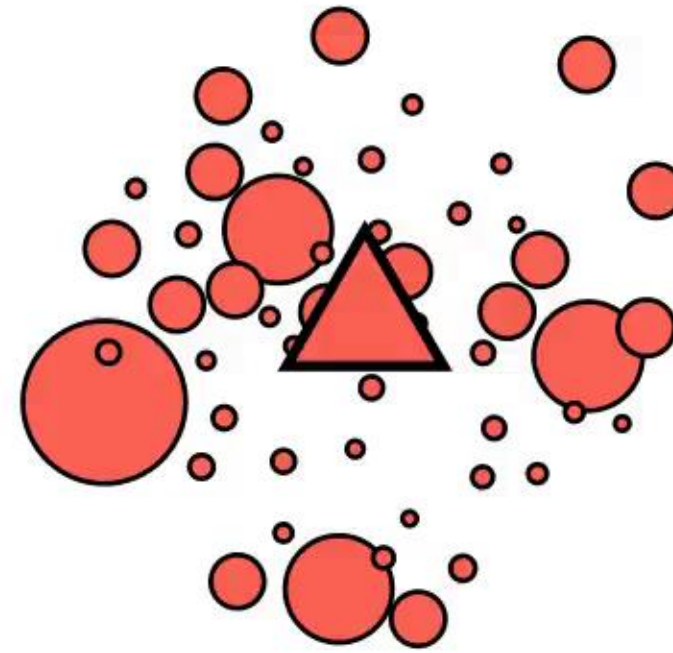
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All the benefits of coreset kernel k-means without having to run Lloyd's algorithm in kernel space!

Our Results

Performance Guarantee:

Achieves an $\alpha \frac{1+\epsilon}{1-\epsilon}$ -approximation ratio for the “Normalised Cut” problem

α is the approximation ratio of the spectral clustering algorithm

ϵ comes from the $(1 \pm \epsilon)$ kernel coresets guarantee

Fast coresset algorithm for sparse kernels

We improve the running time of the previously SOTA algorithm from $\tilde{O}(nk)$ to $\tilde{O}(n \cdot \min\{k, d_{avg}\})$

n is the number of nodes

k is the number of clusters

d_{avg} is the average number of non-zero entries in each row of the kernel matrix

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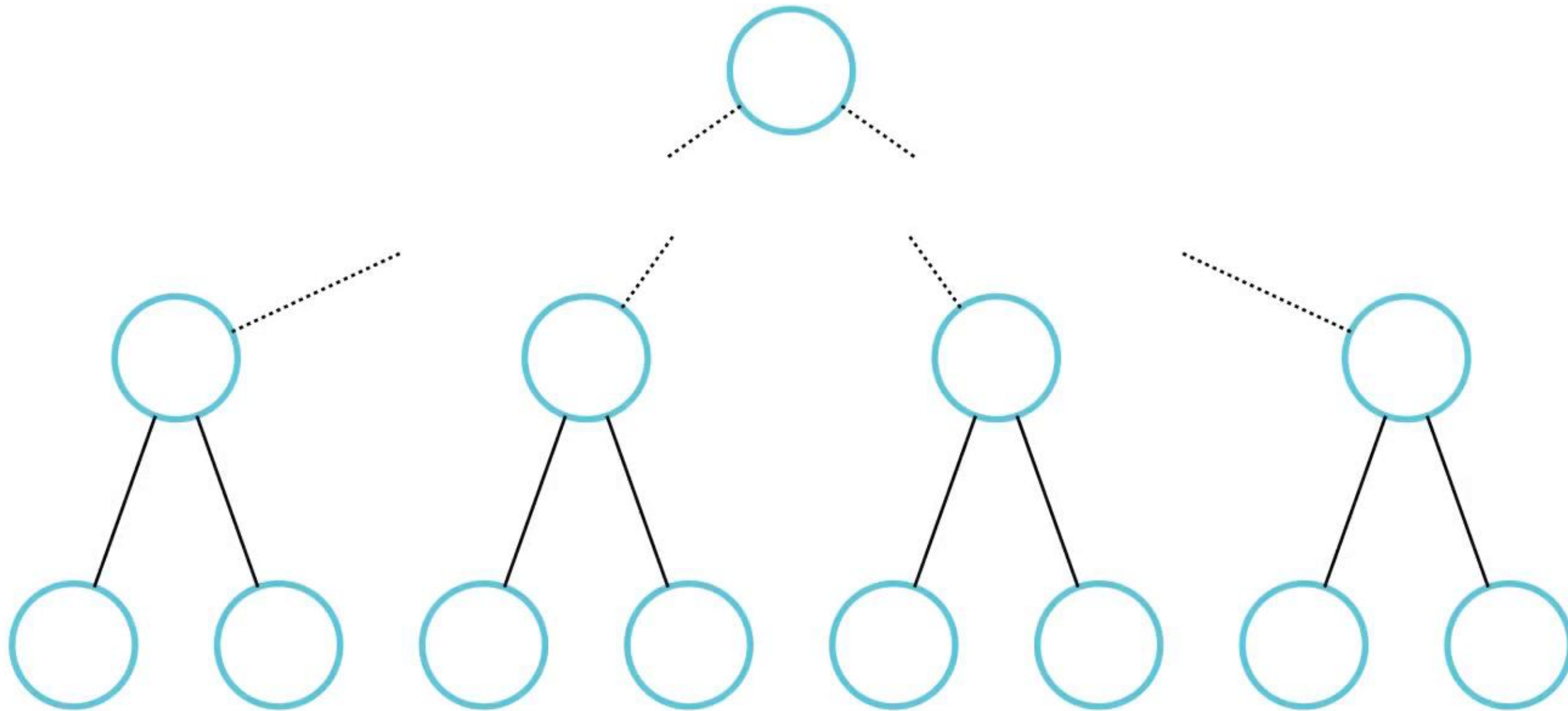
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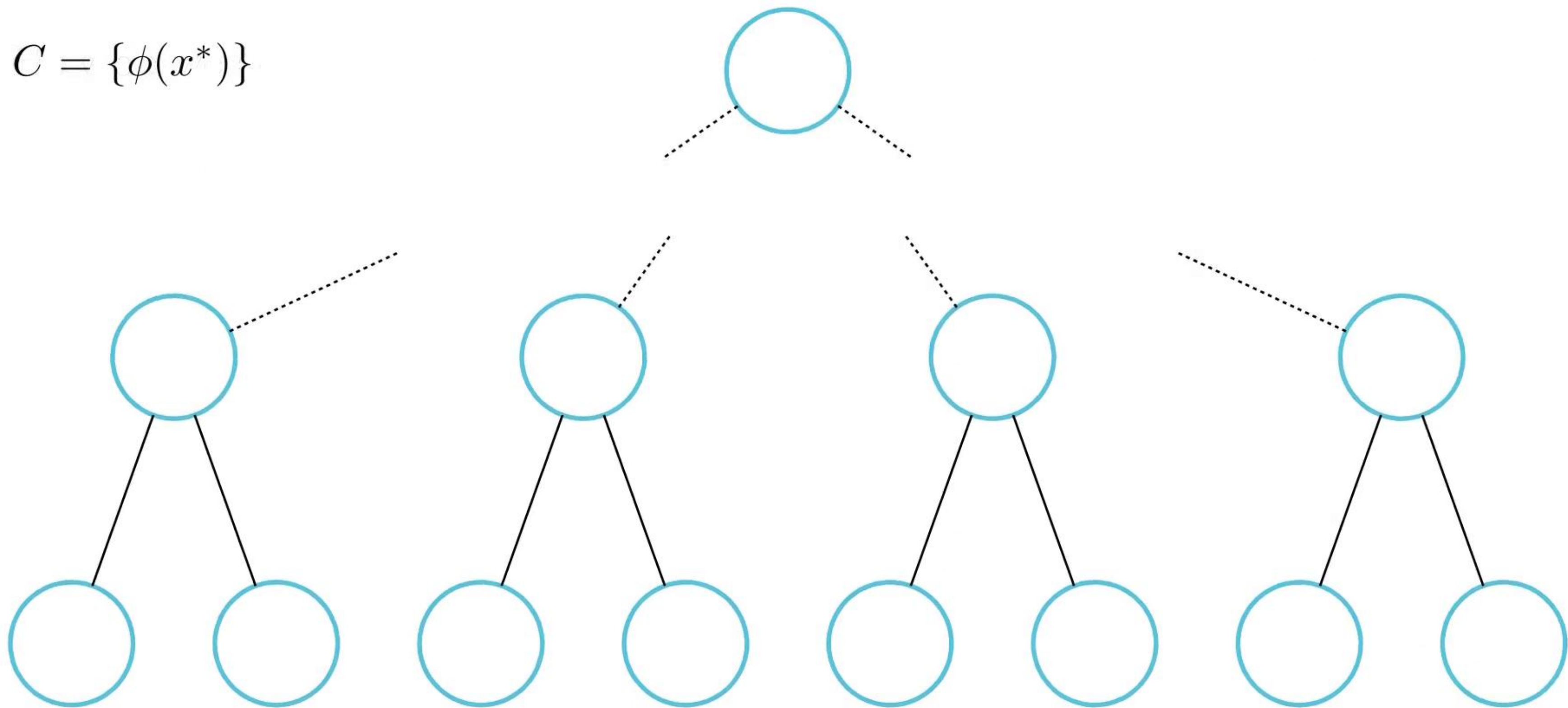
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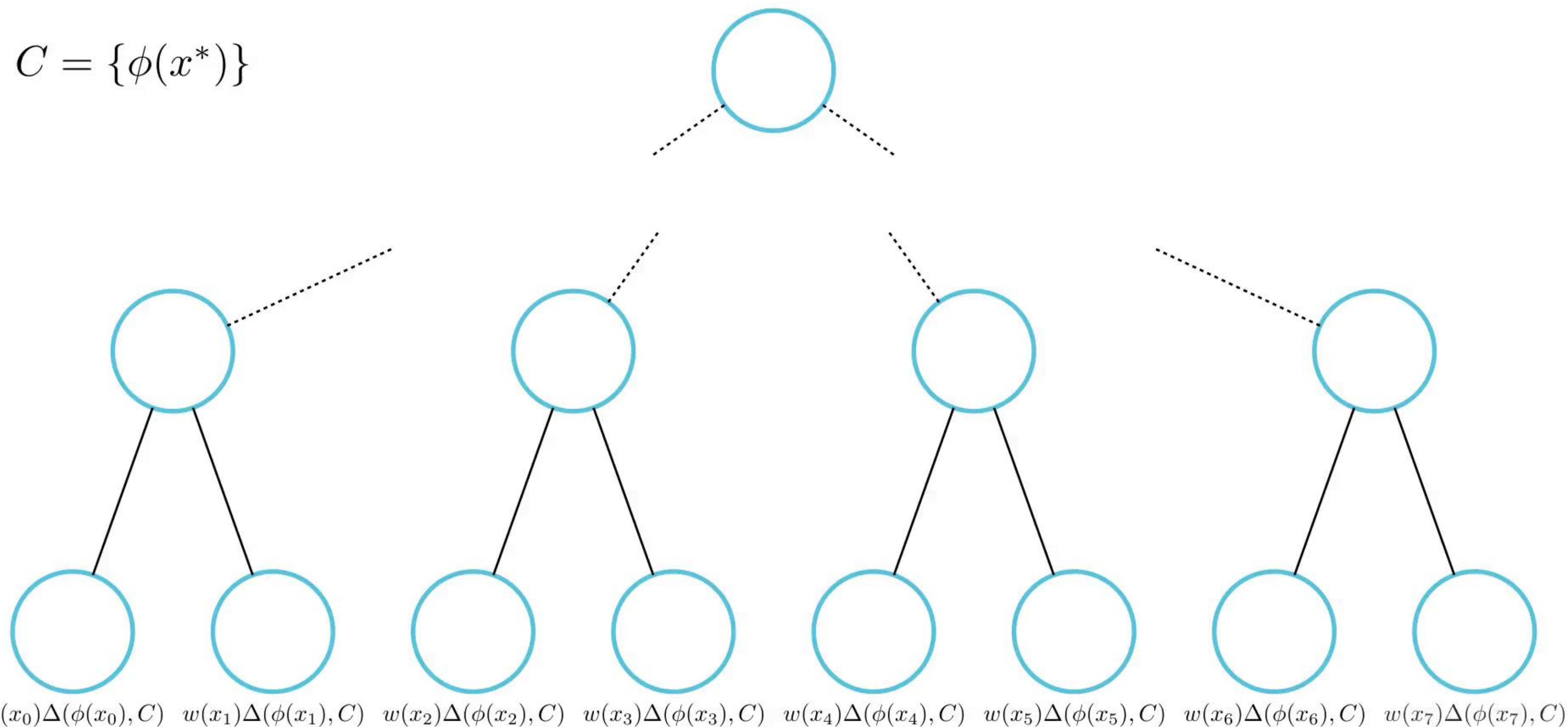
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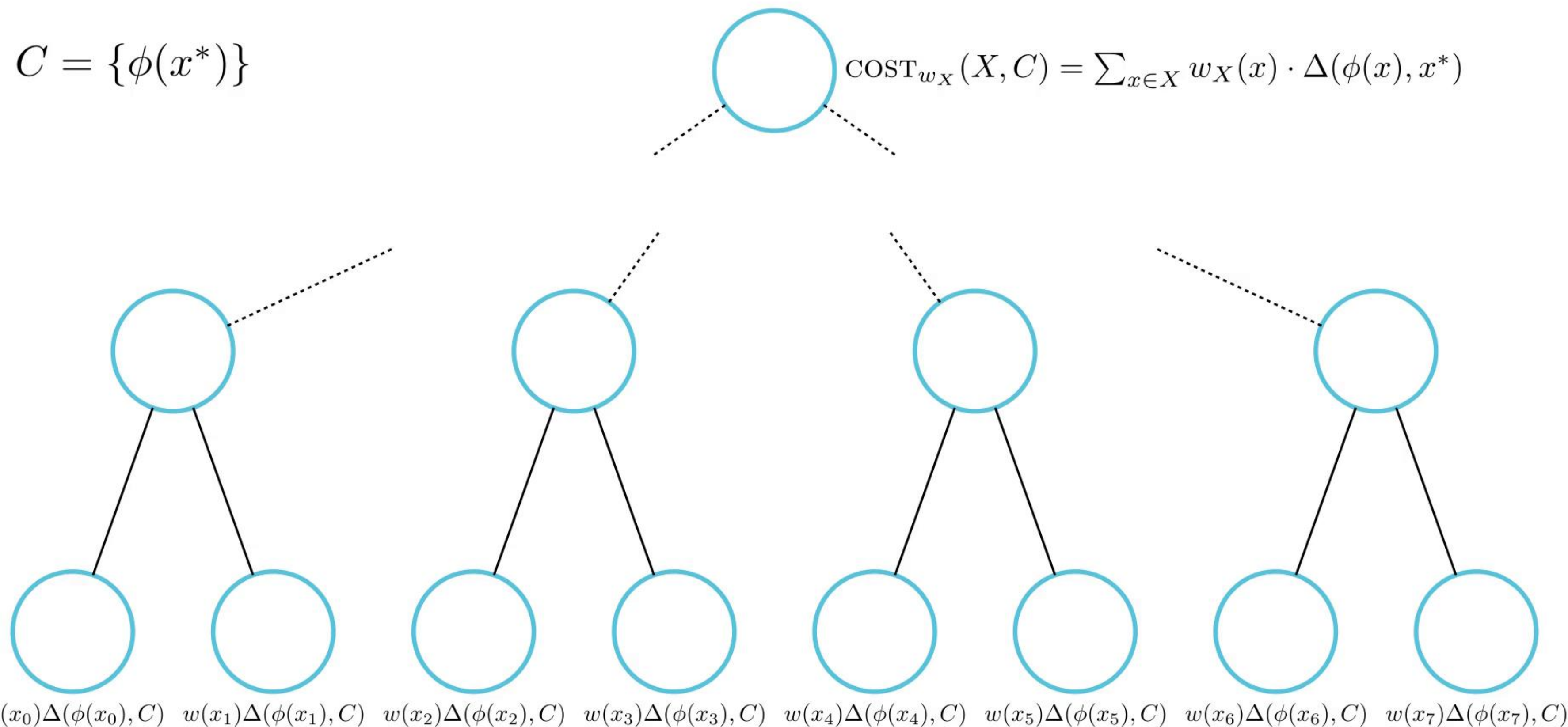
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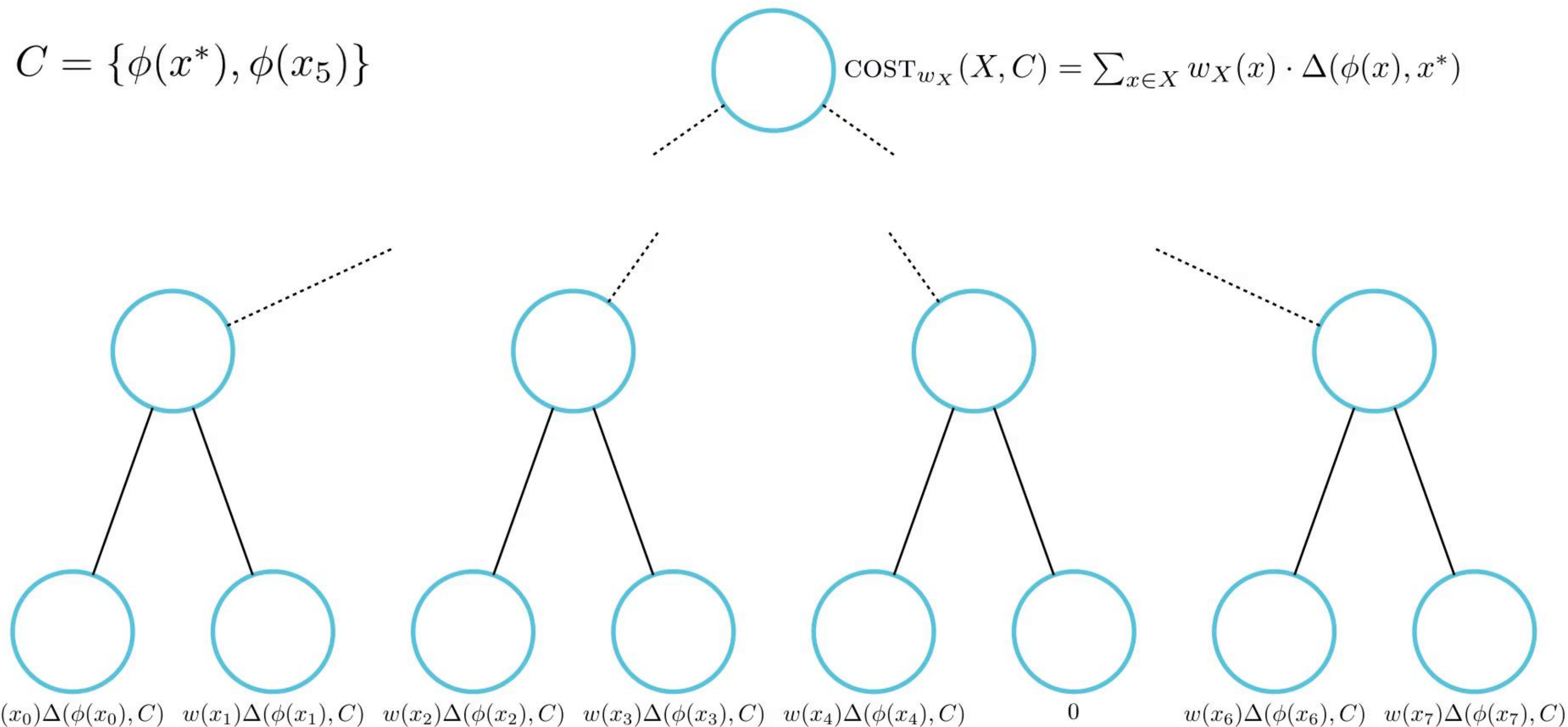
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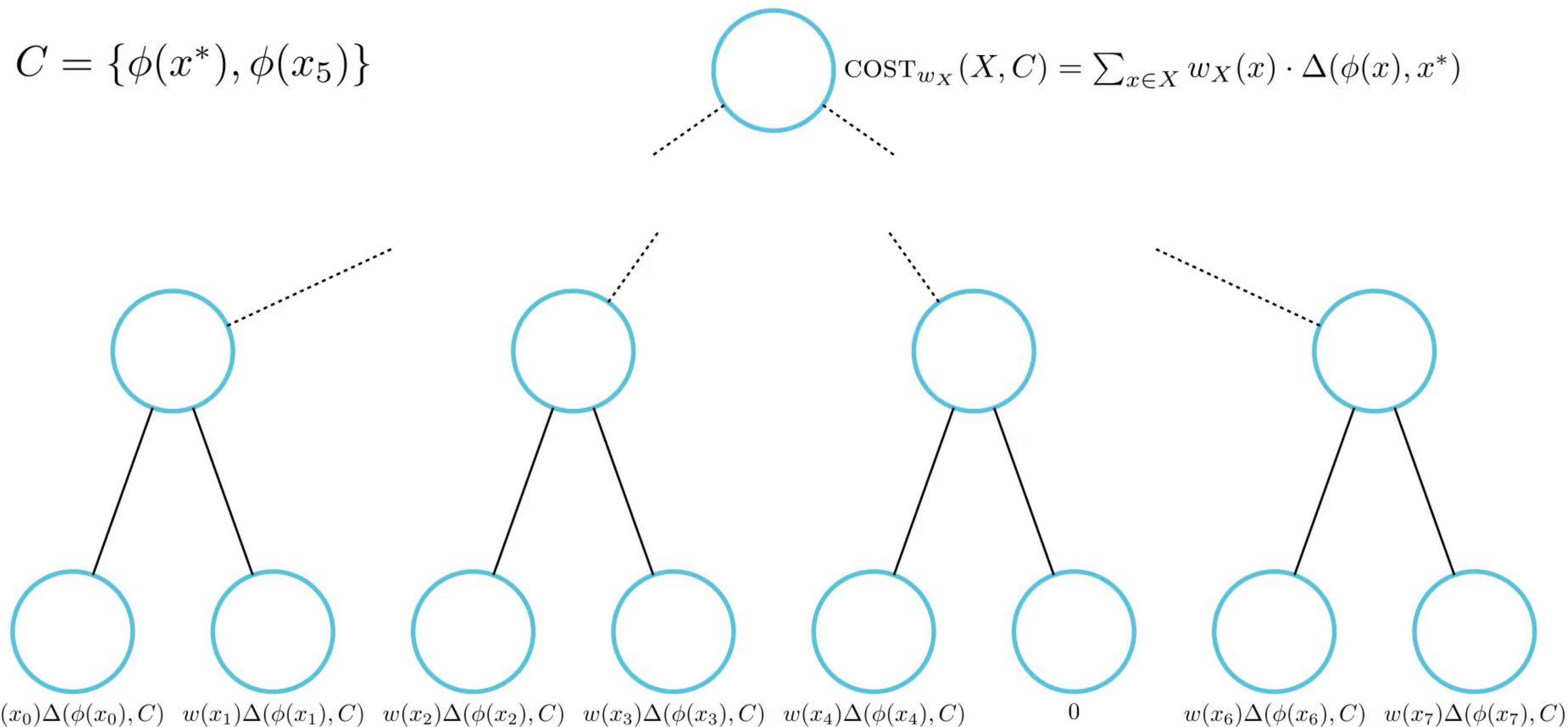
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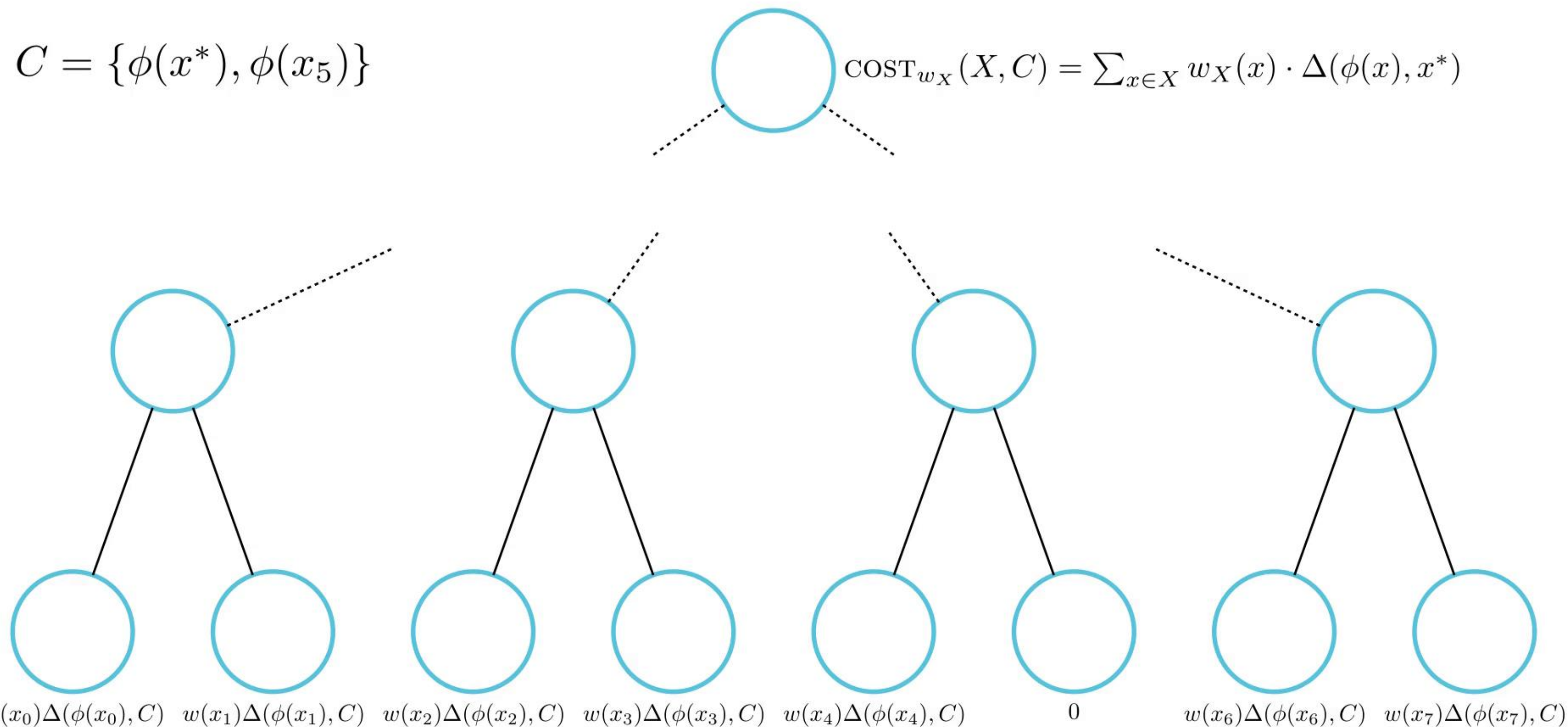
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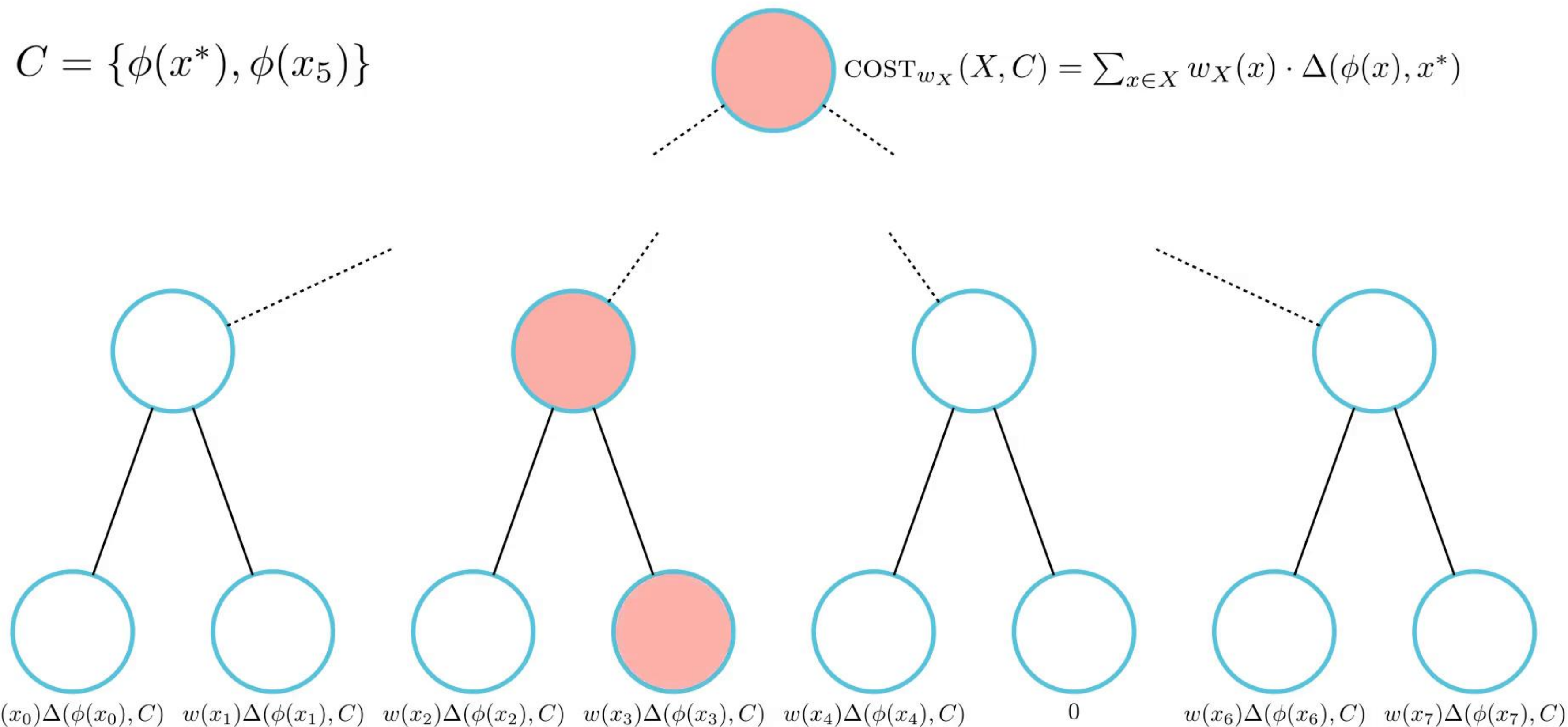
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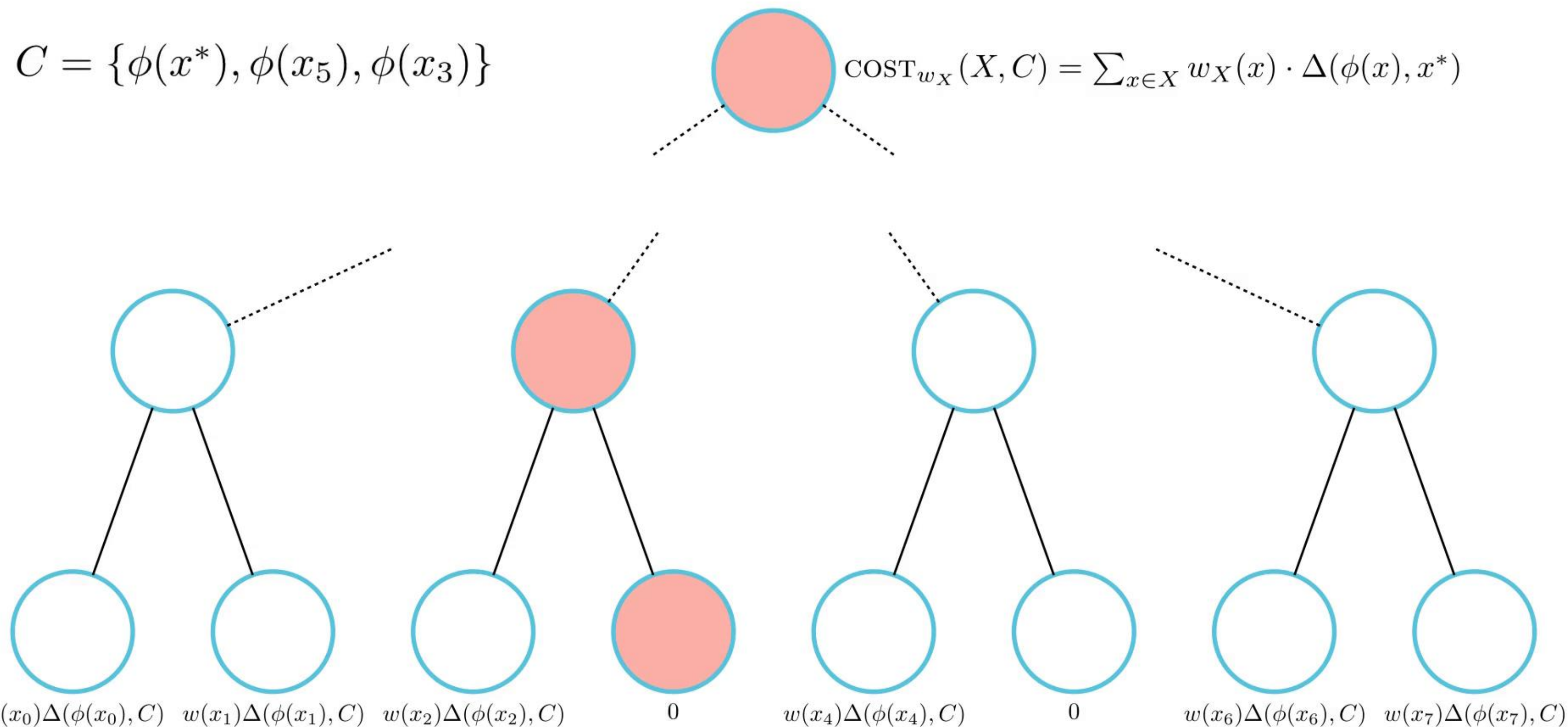
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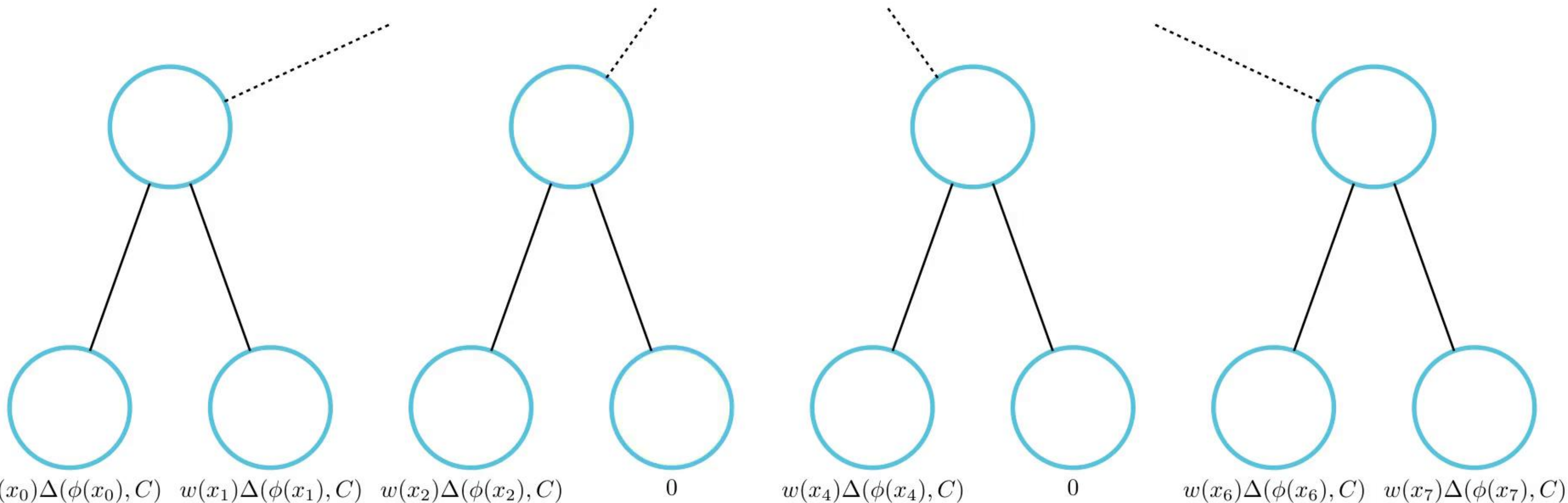
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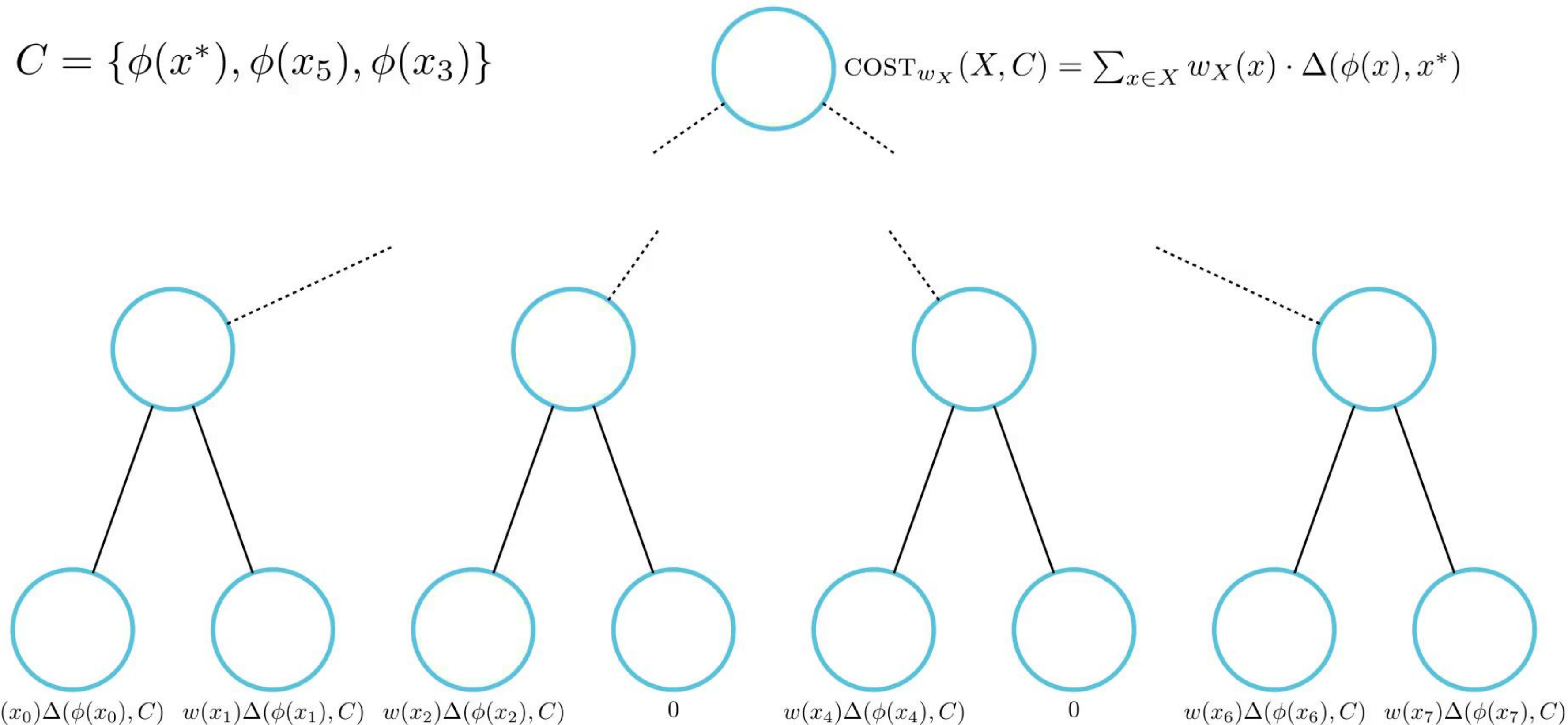
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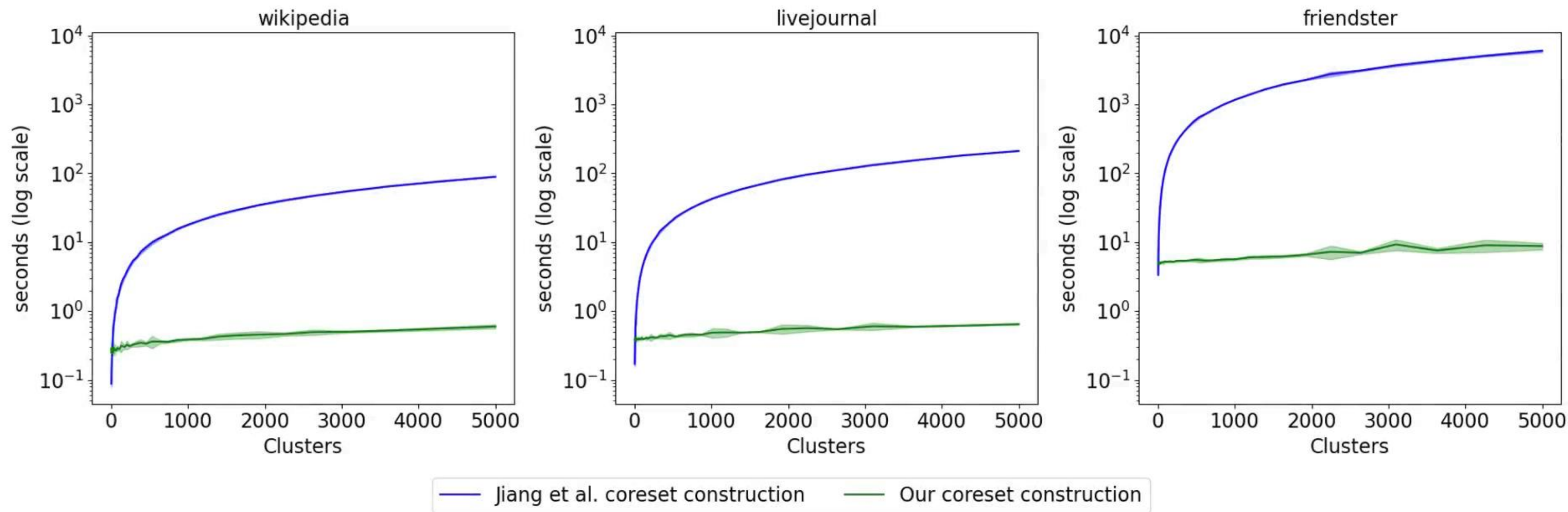
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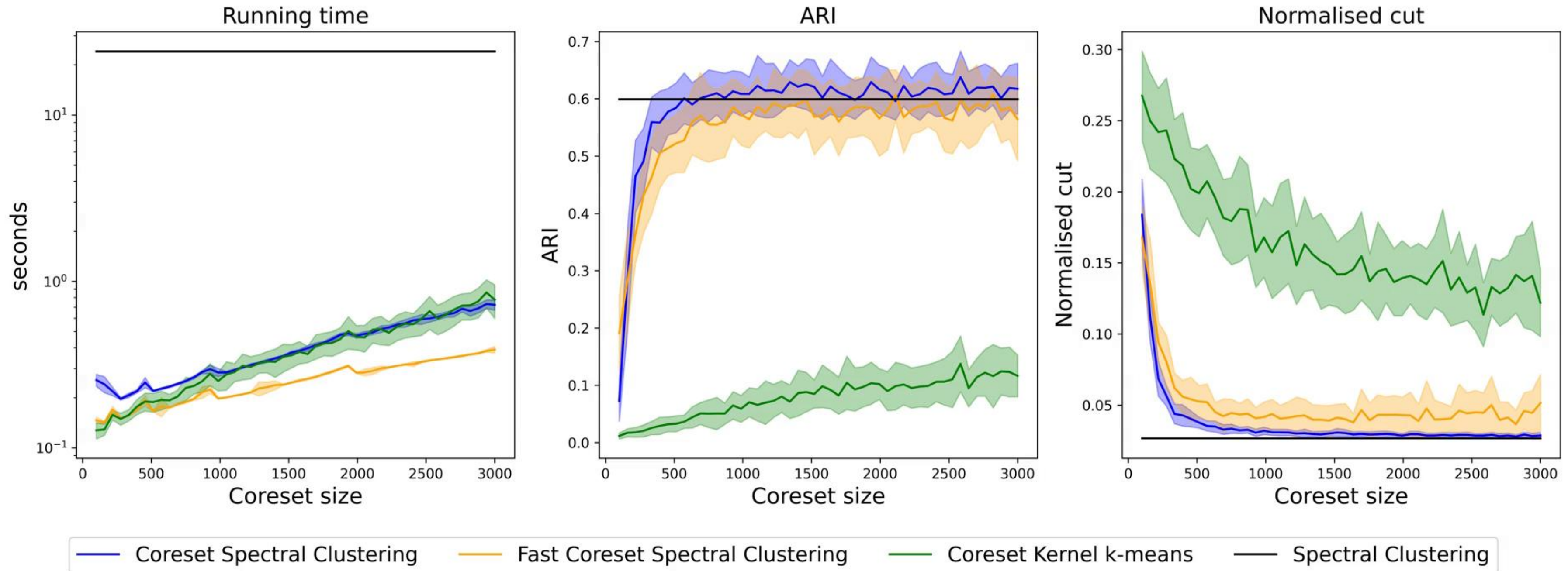


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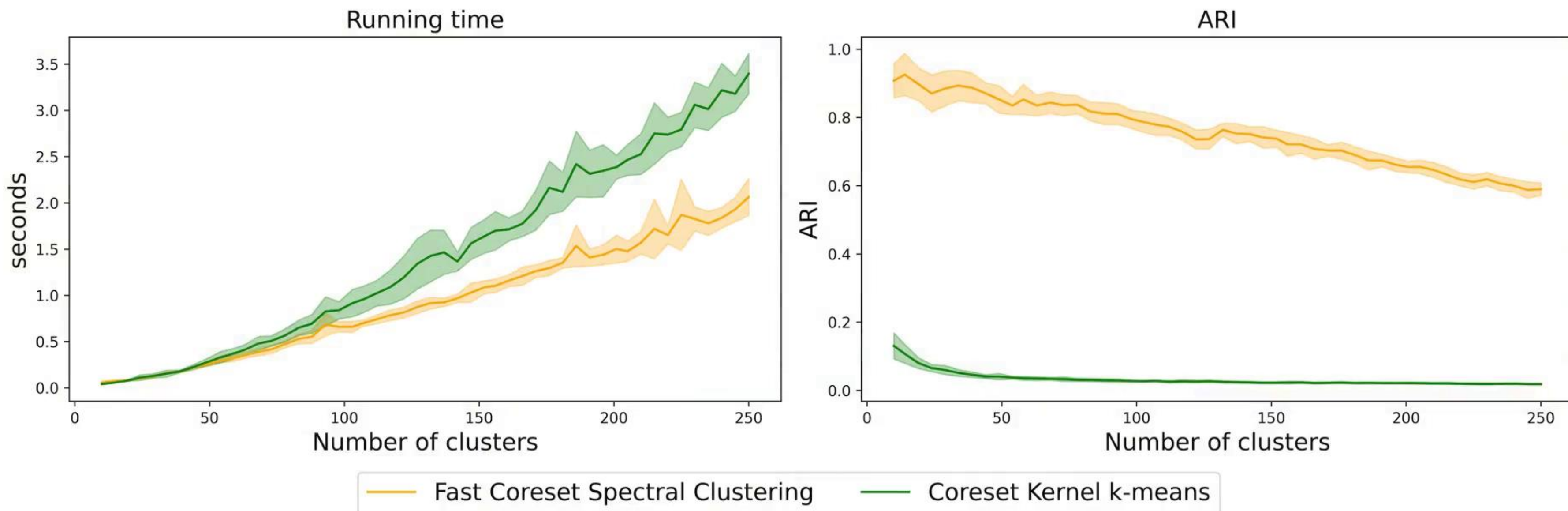
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