

Submodular Optimization Under Uncertainty

Online, Dynamic and Streaming Algorithms

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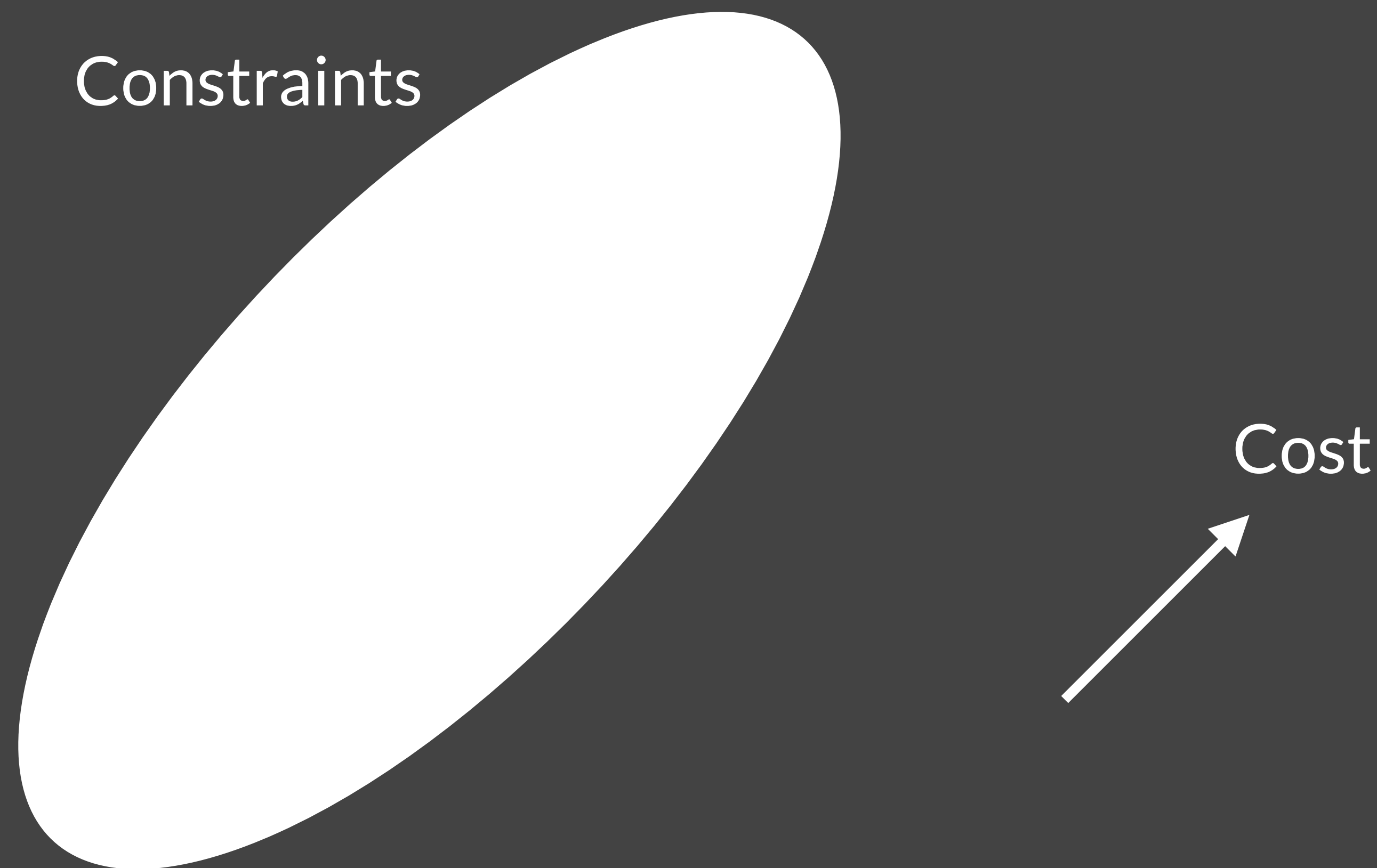
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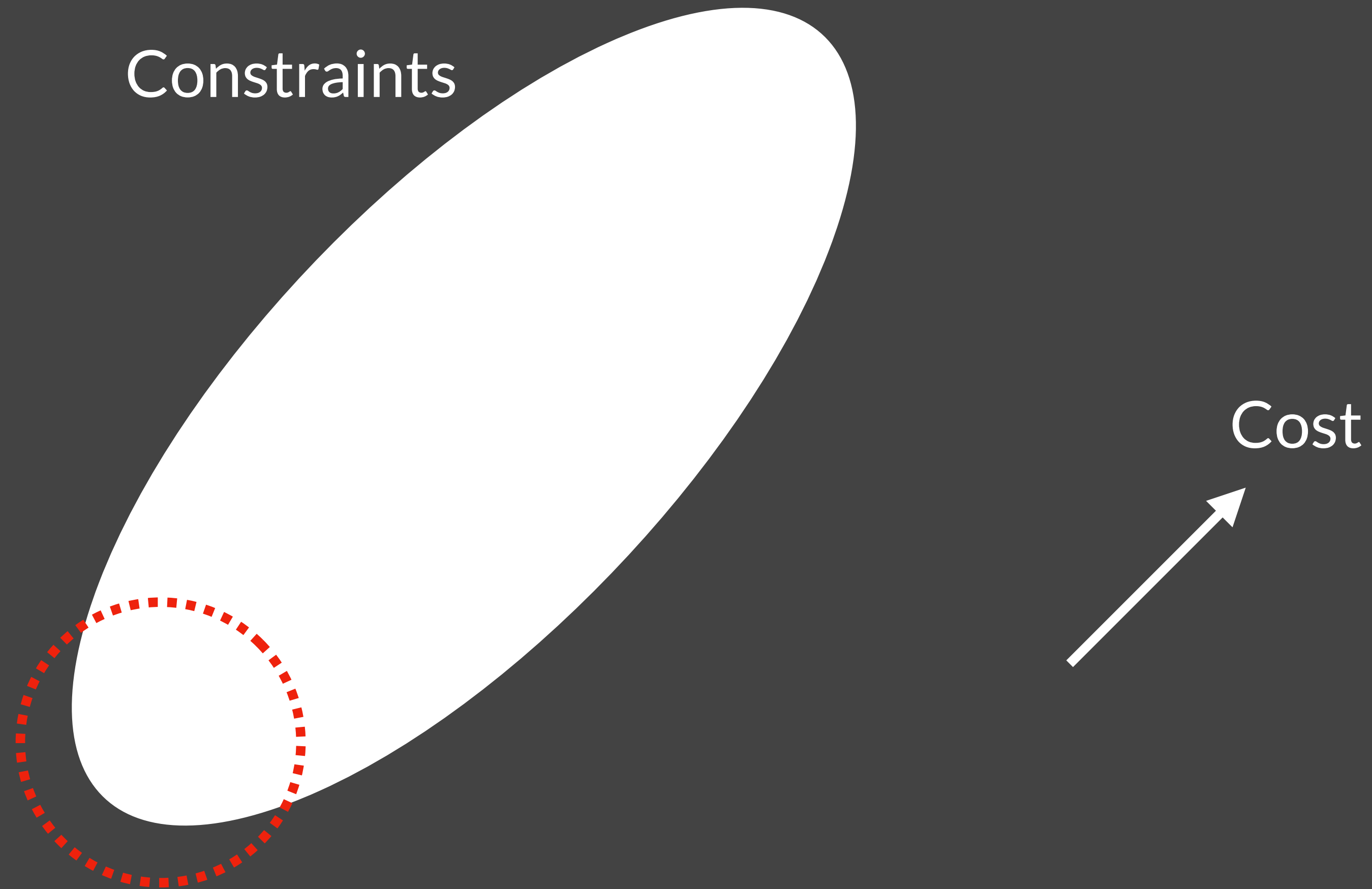
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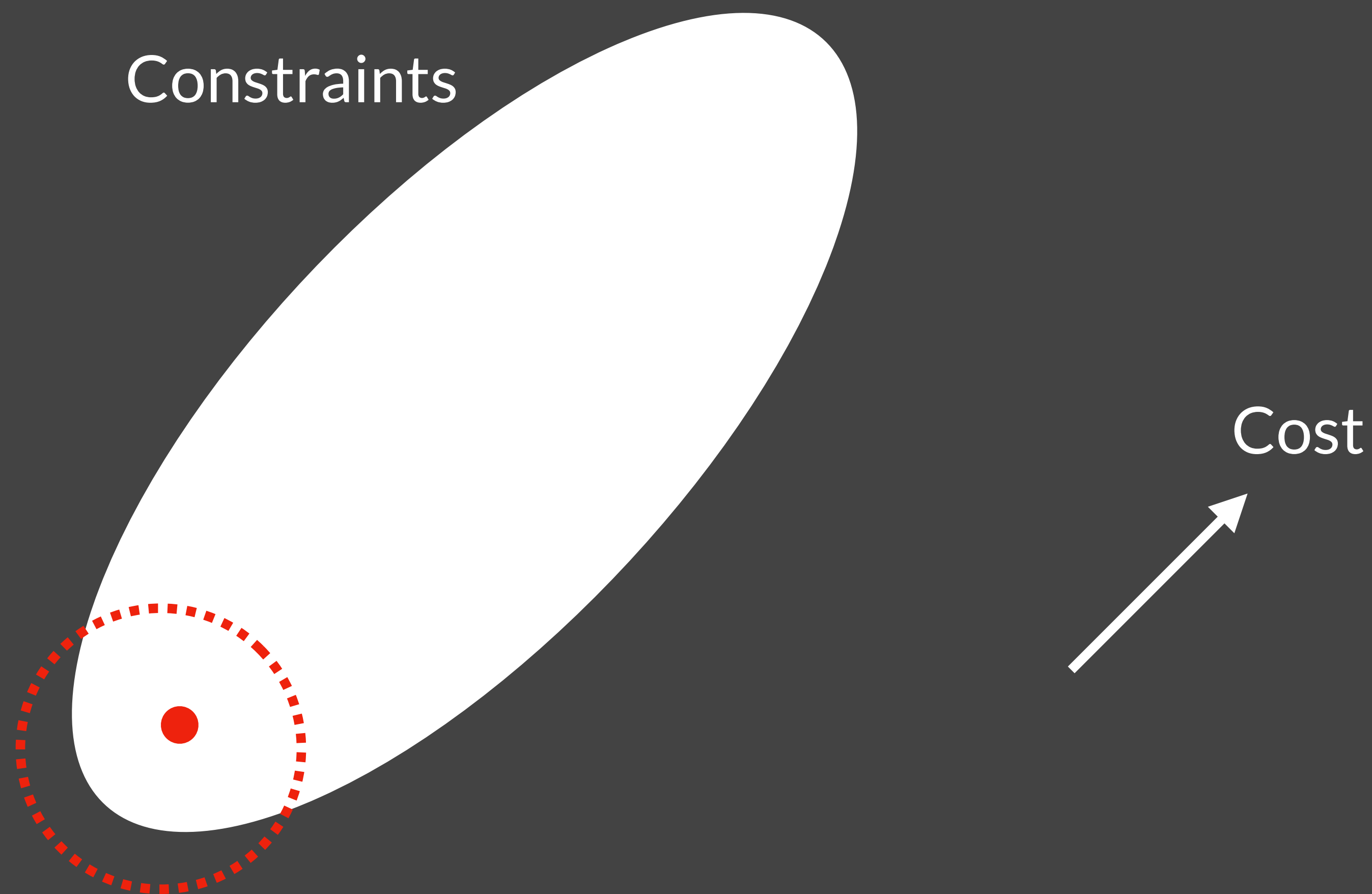
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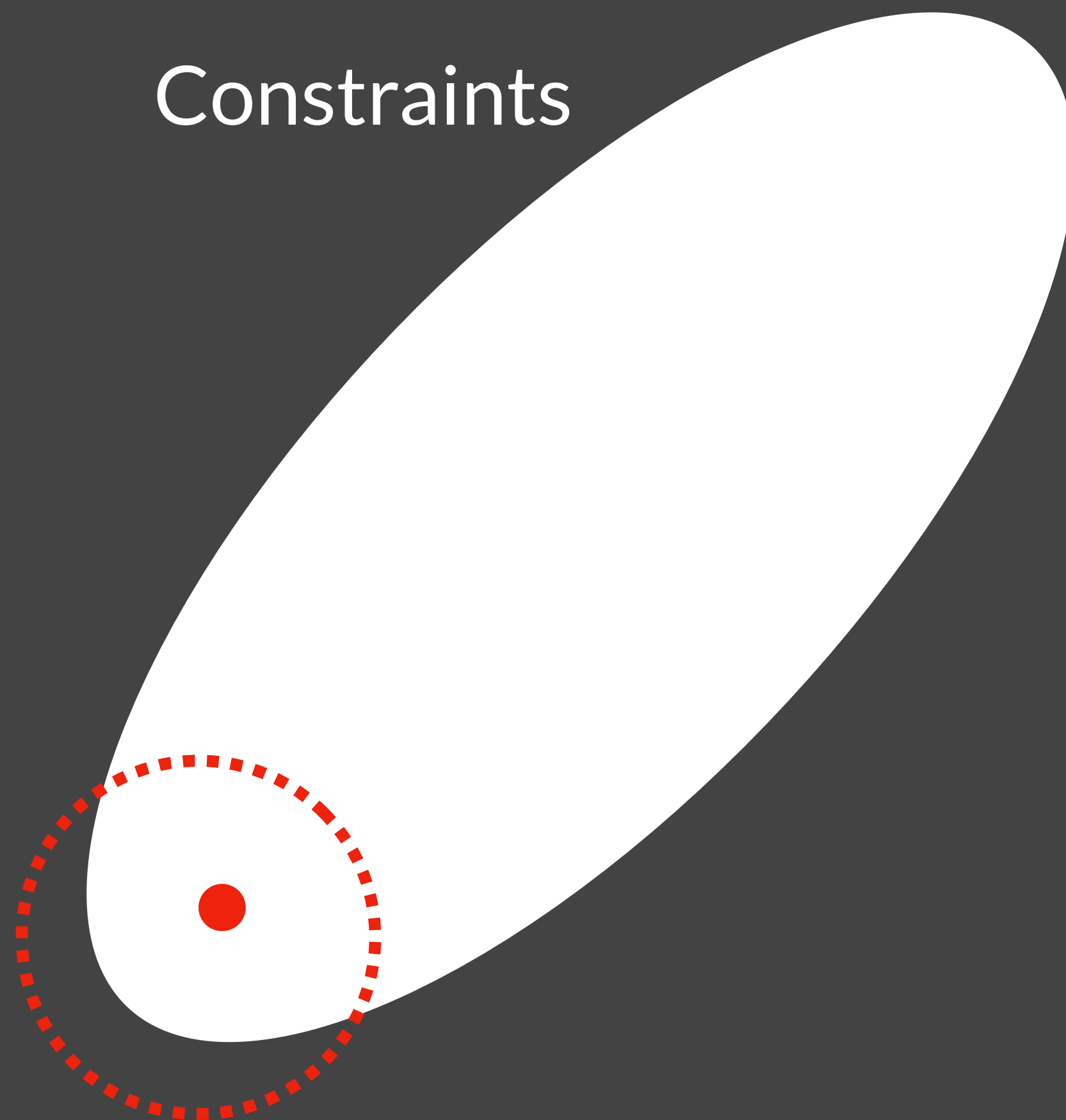
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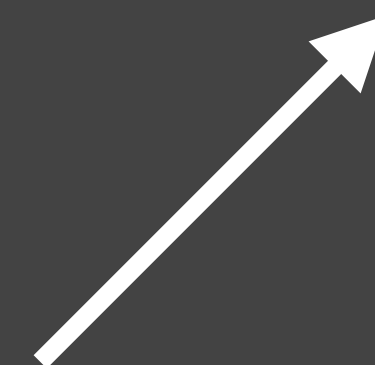
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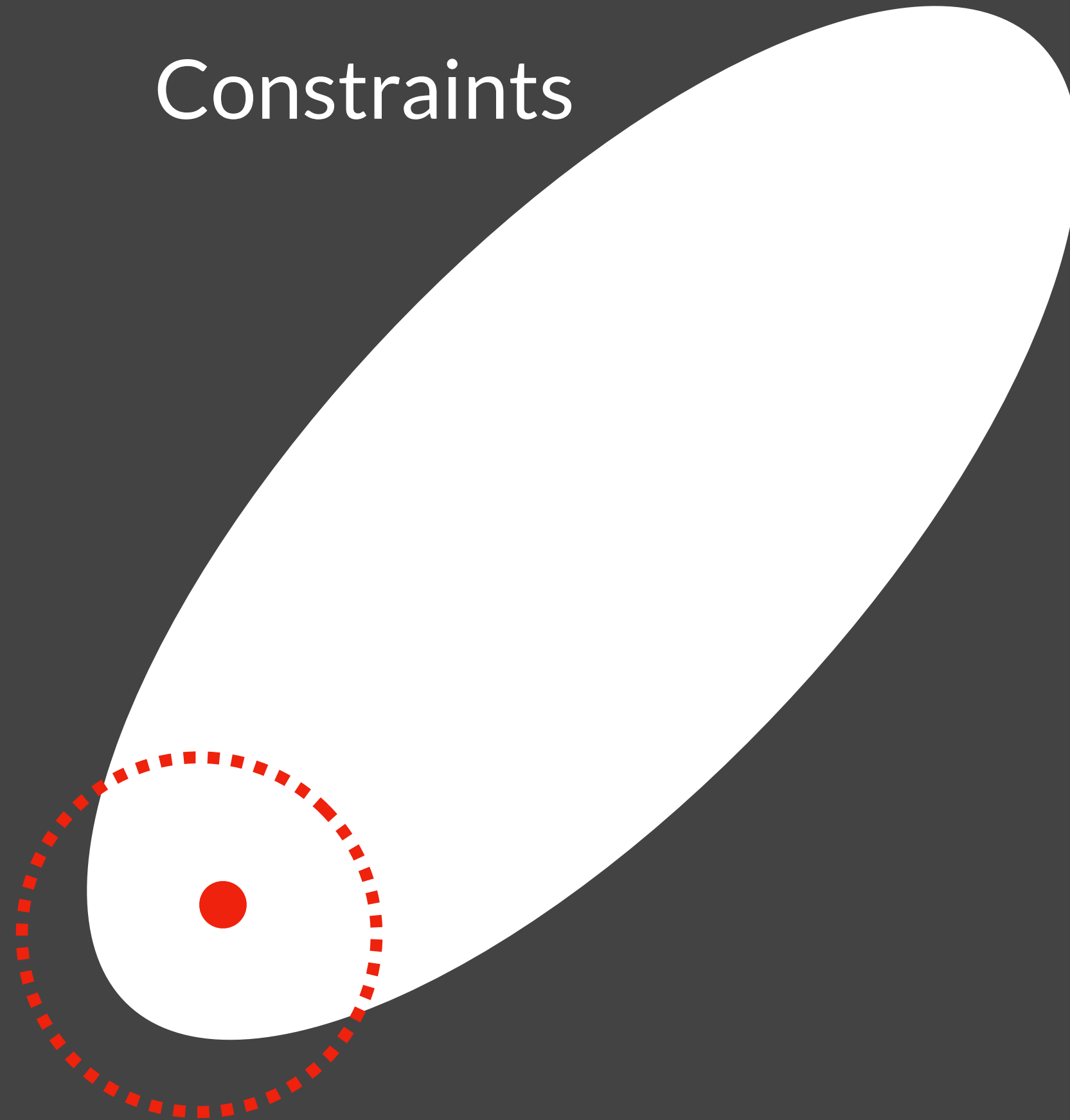


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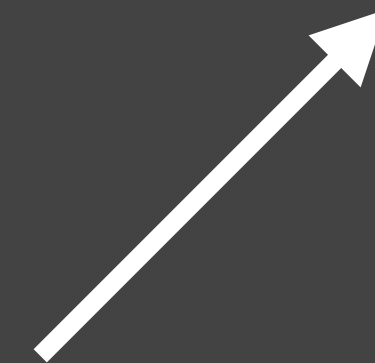


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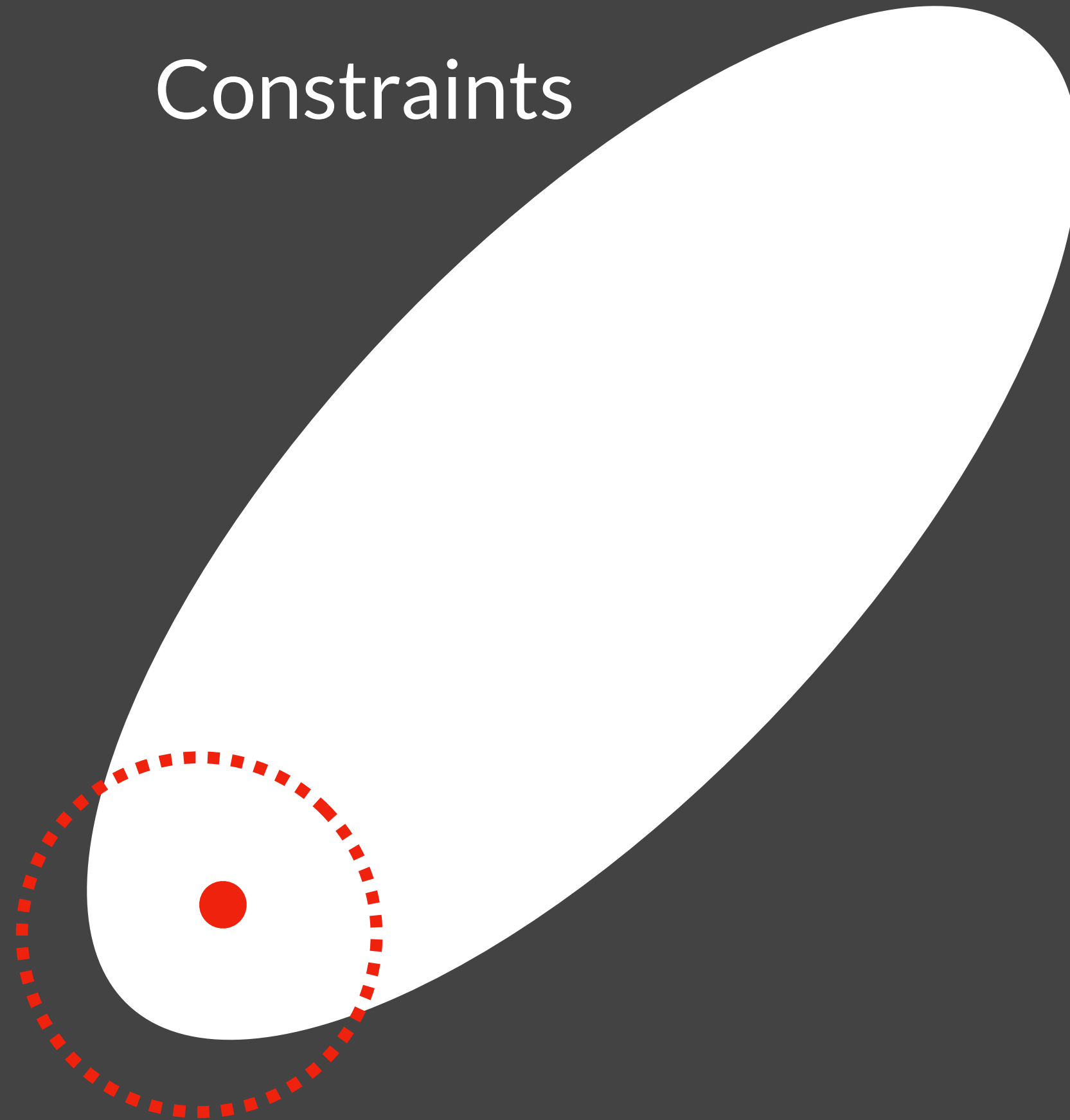


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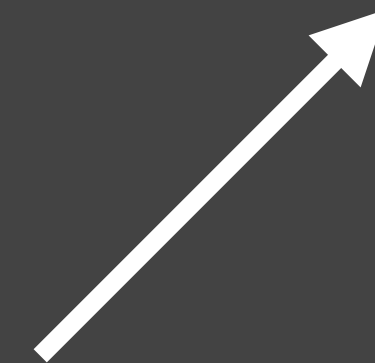


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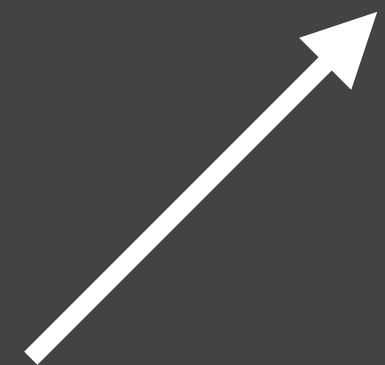
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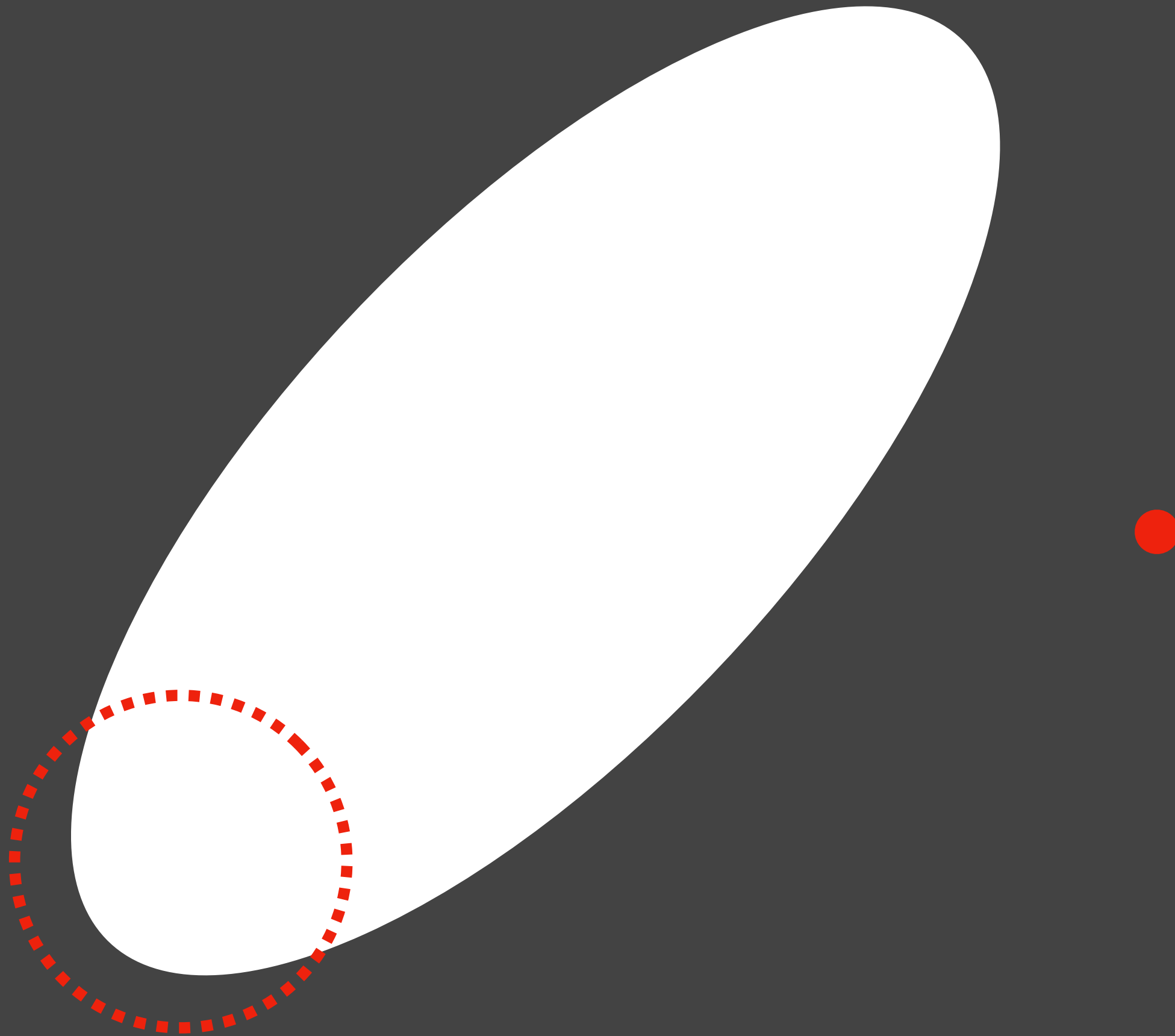
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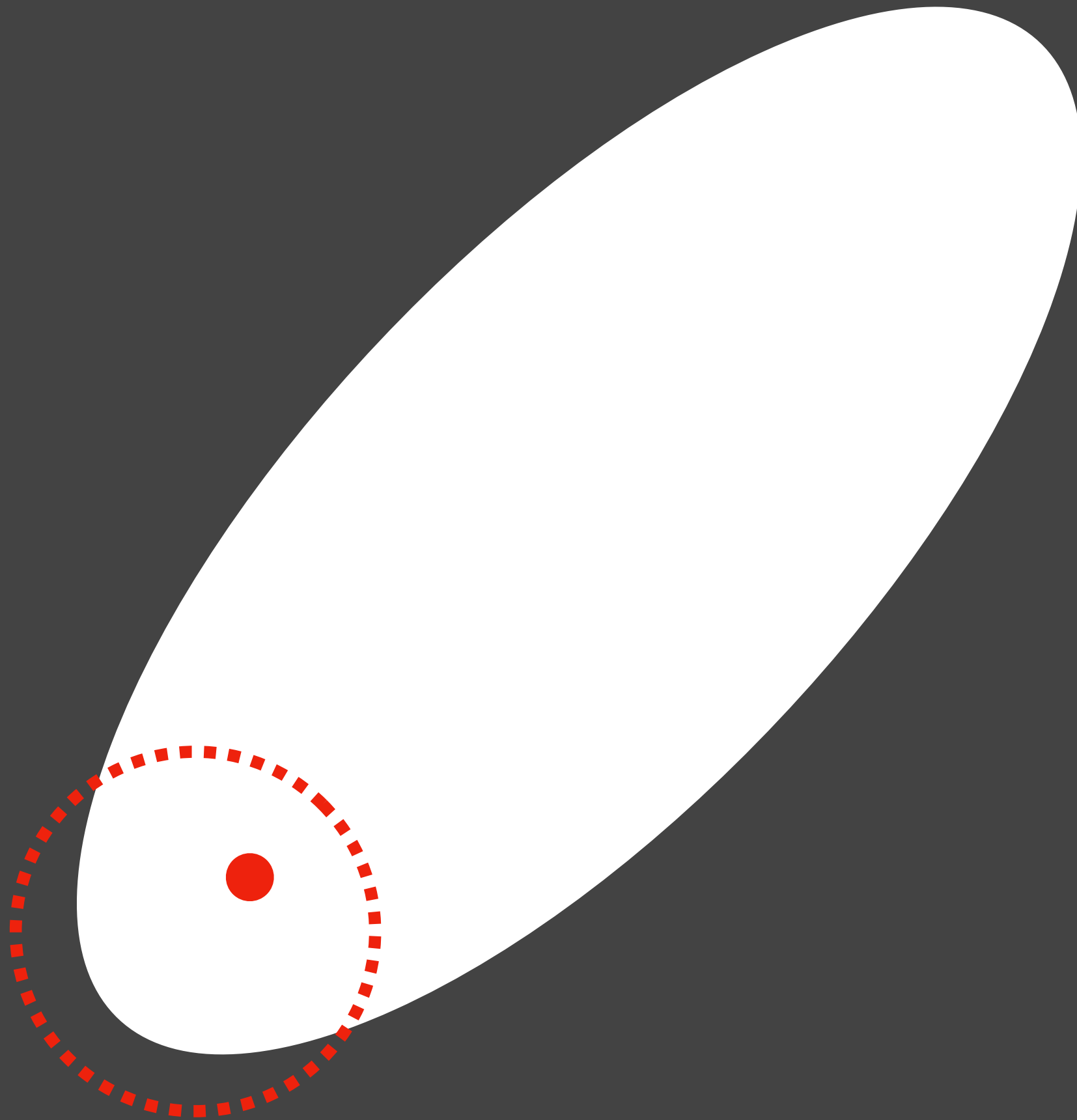
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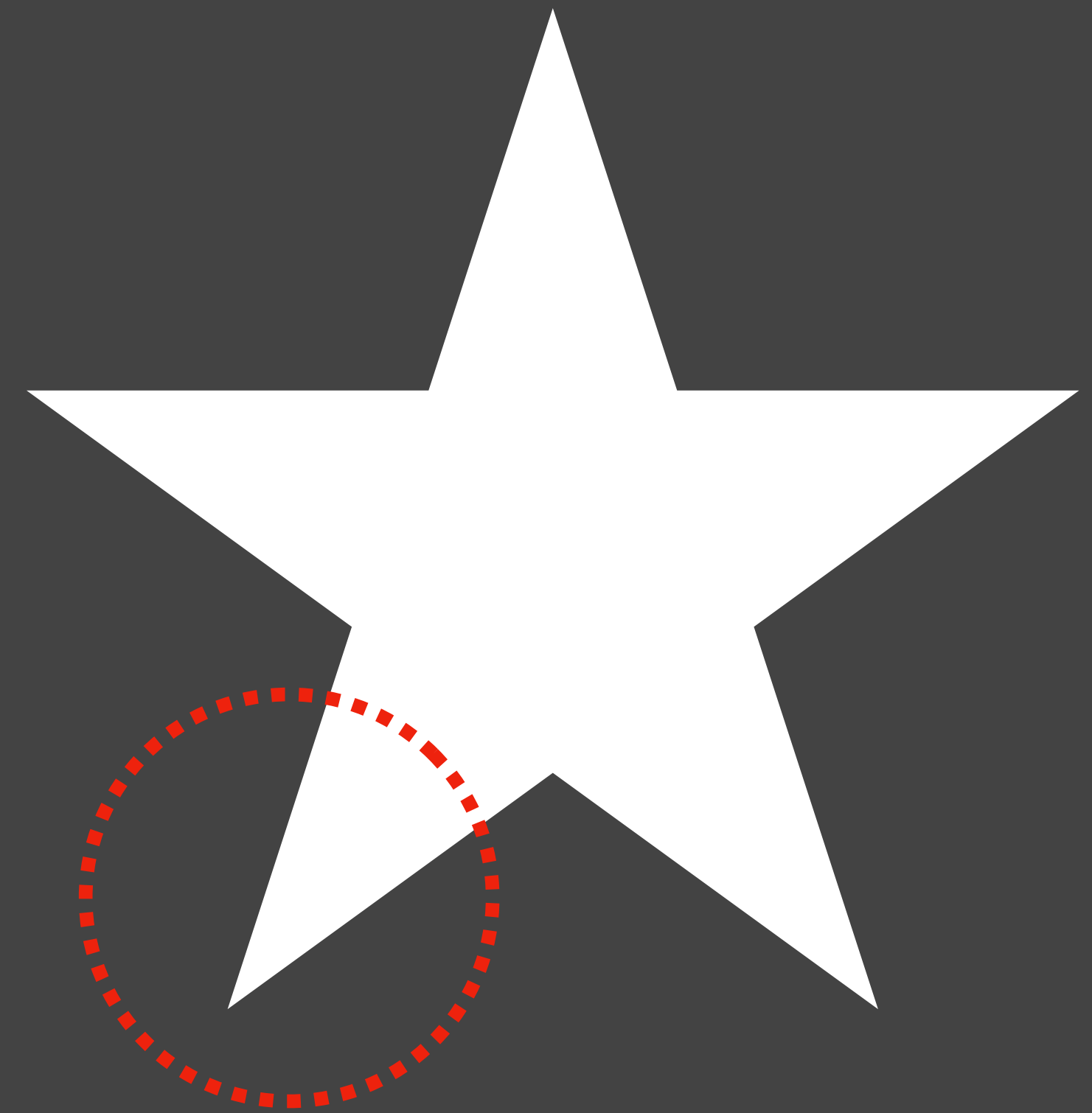
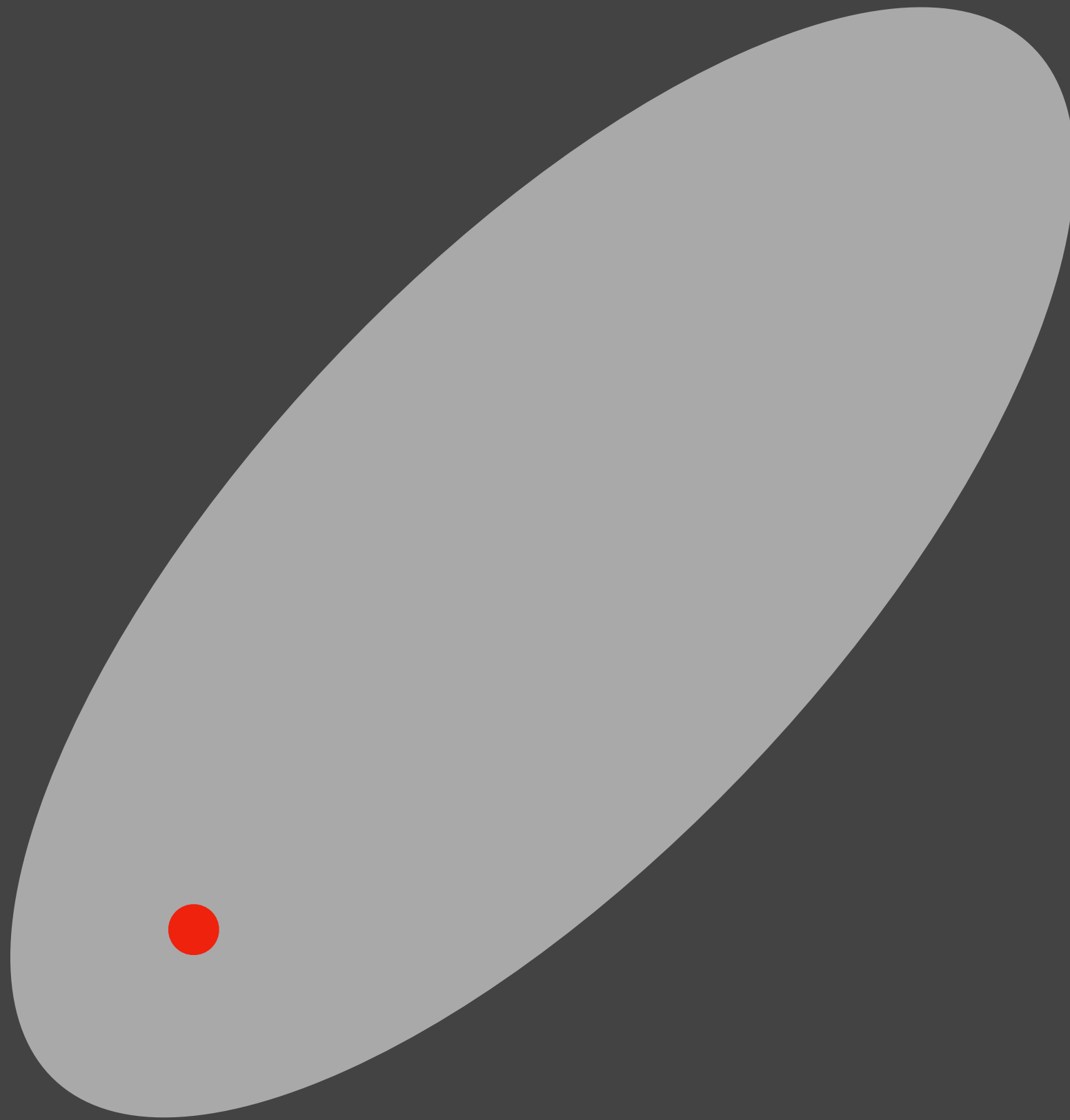


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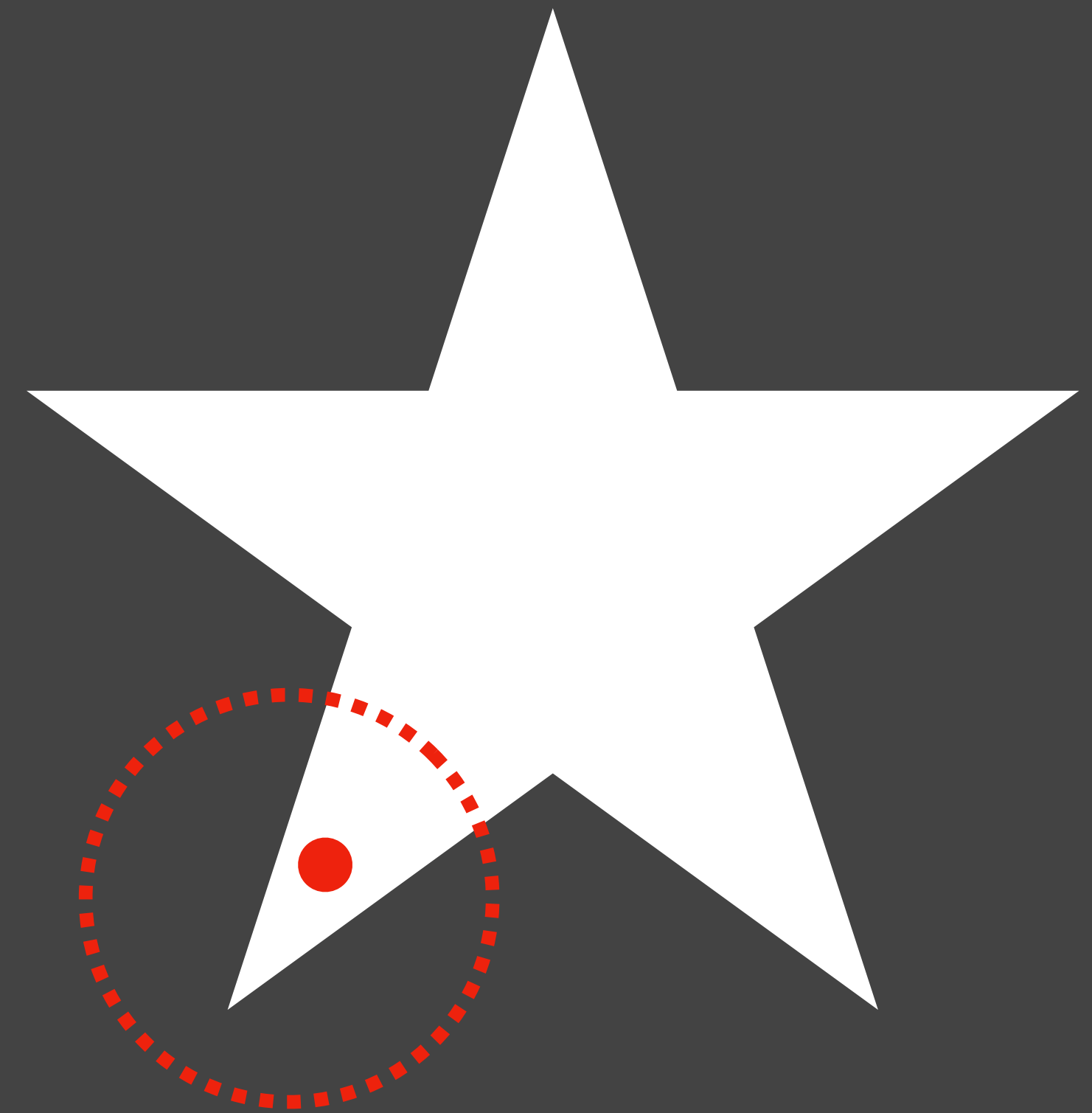
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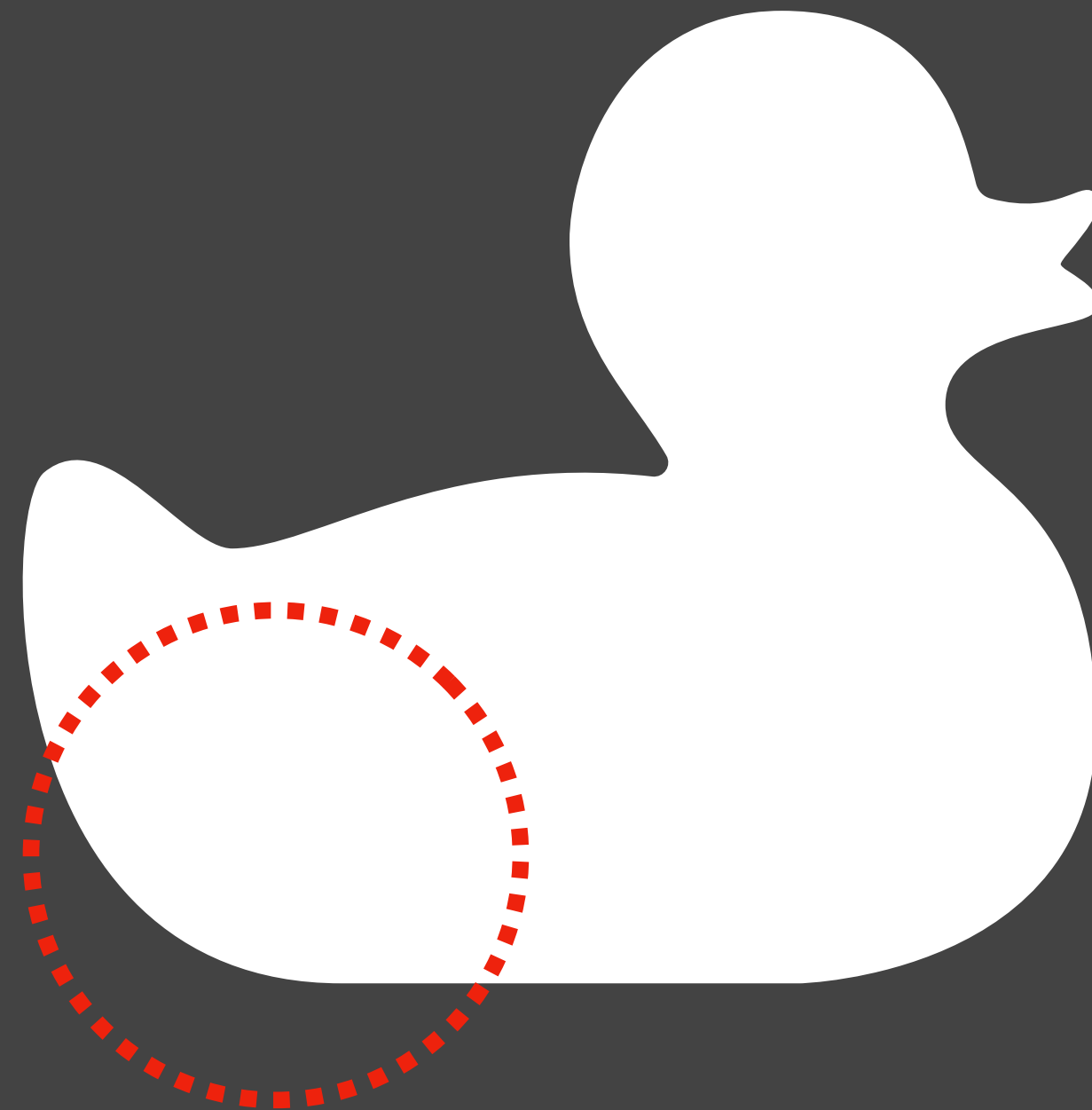
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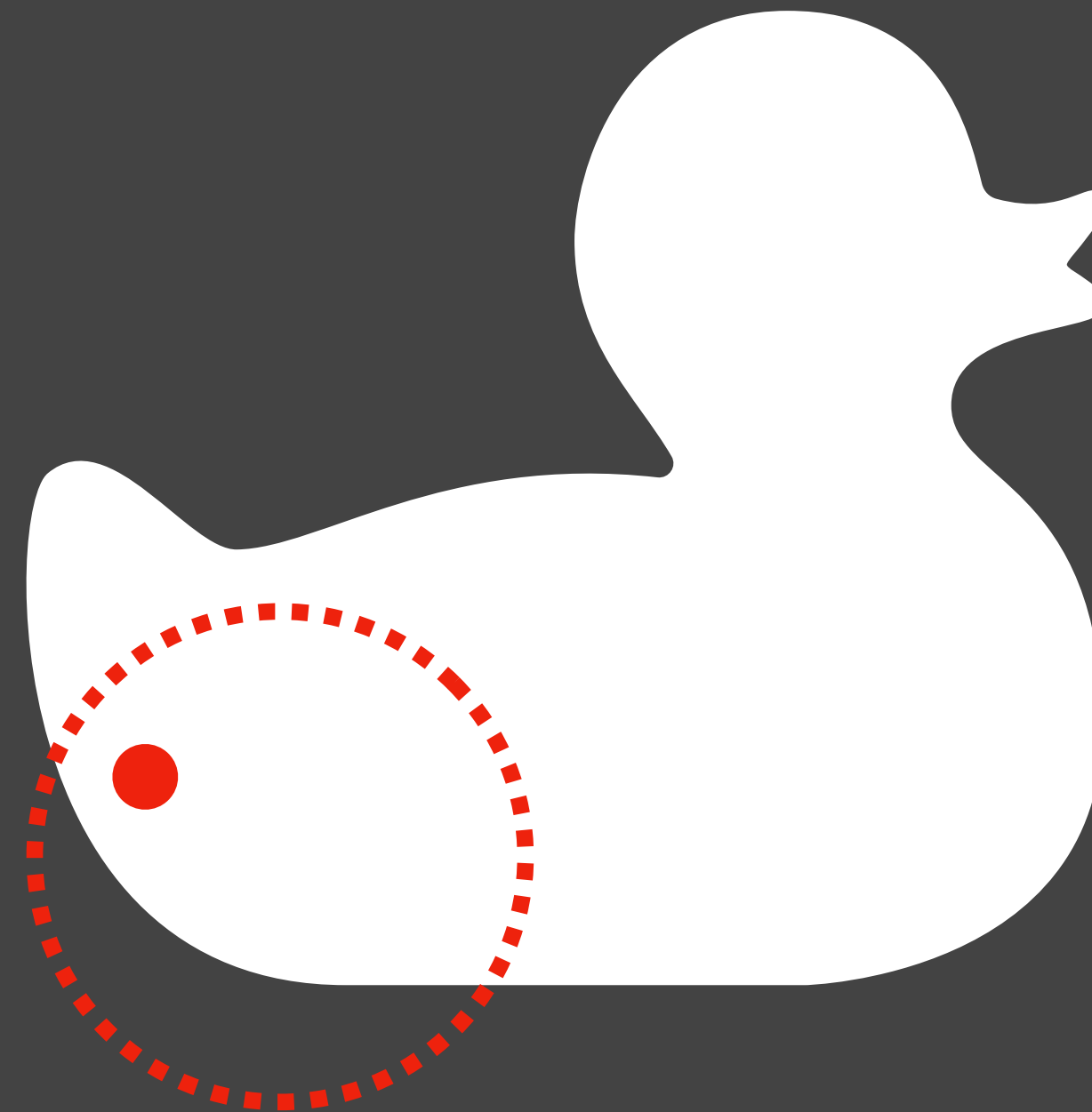
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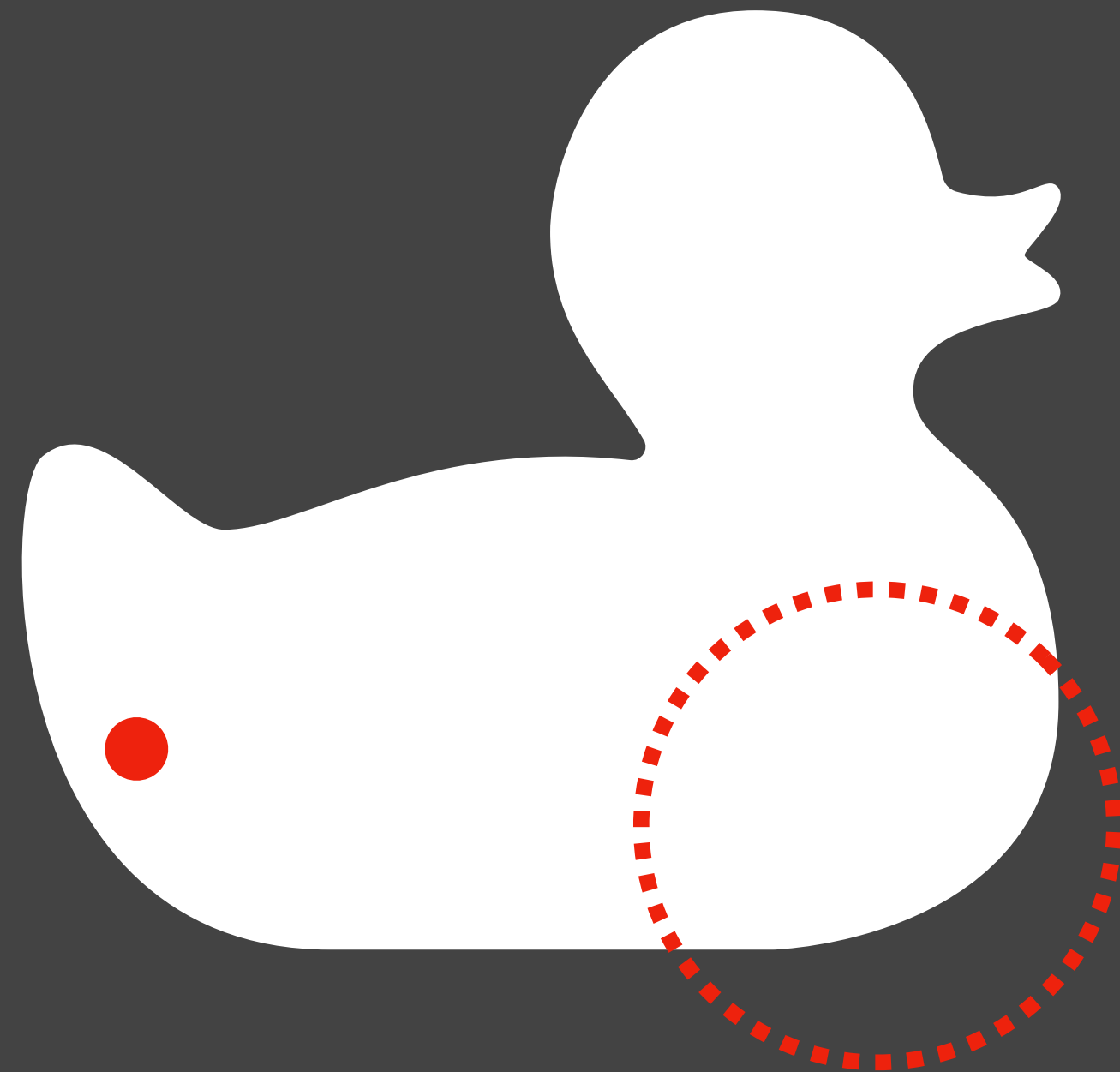
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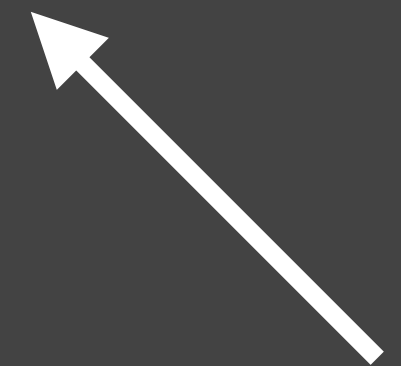
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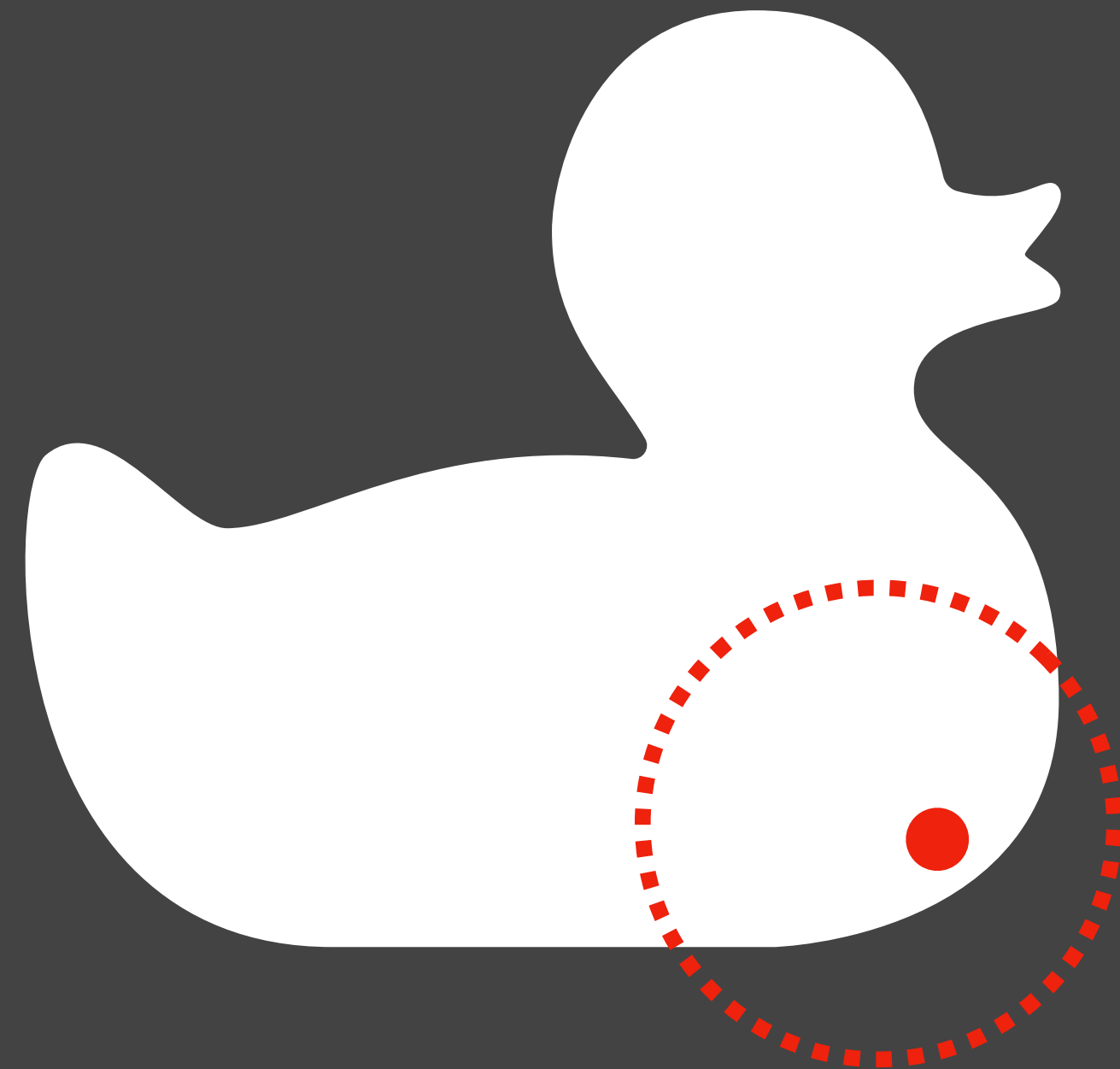
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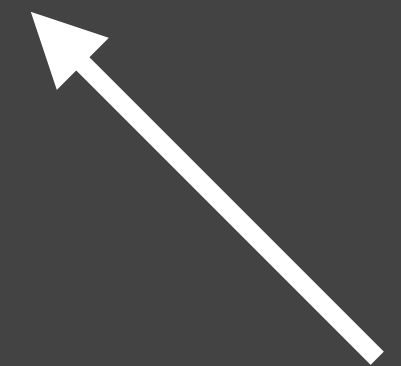
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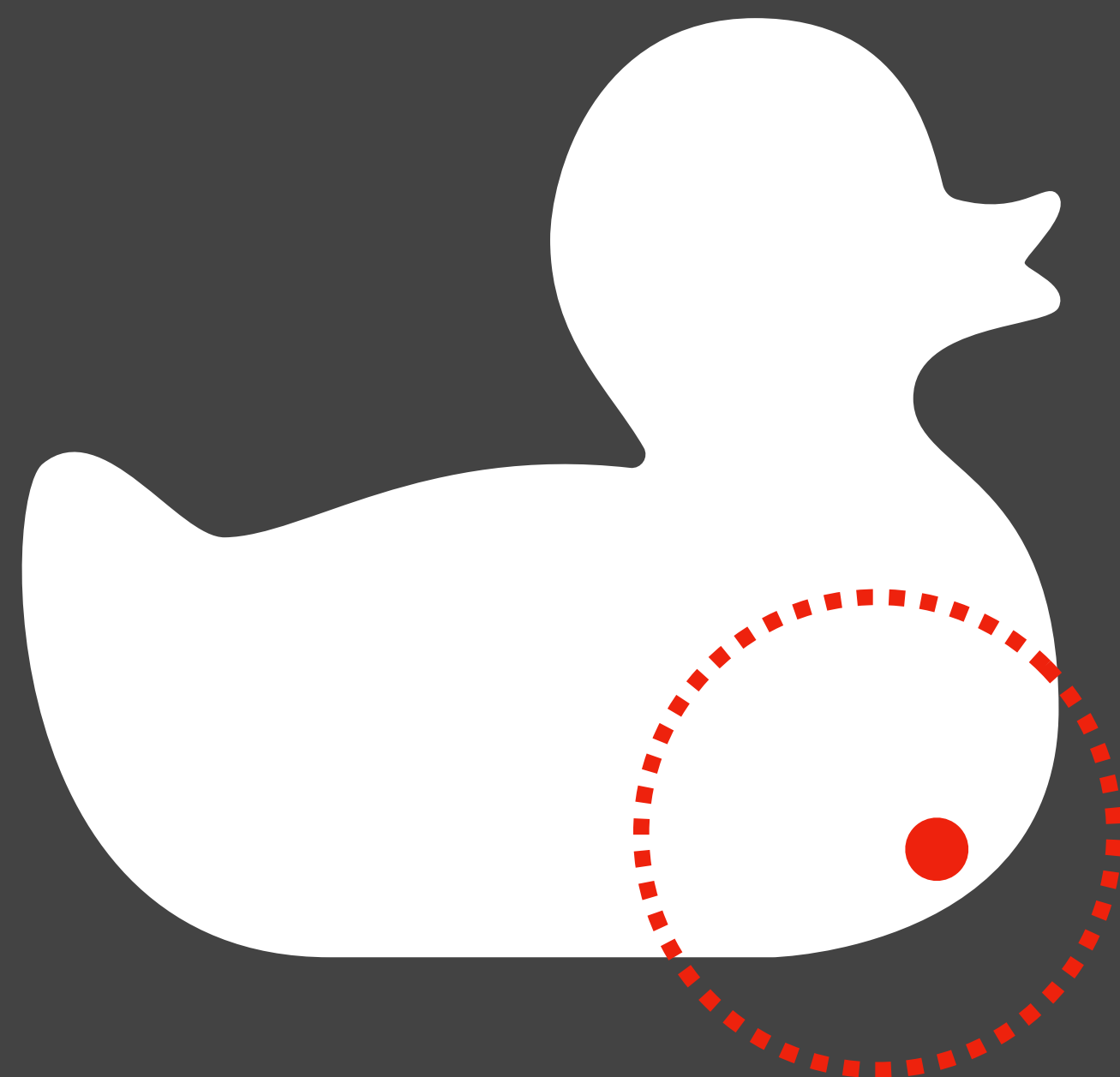


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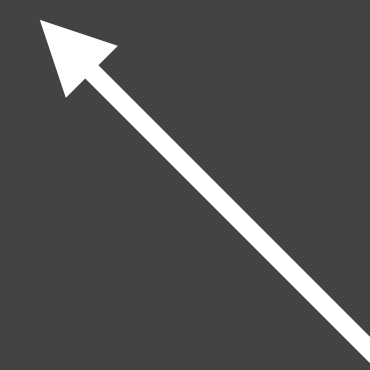


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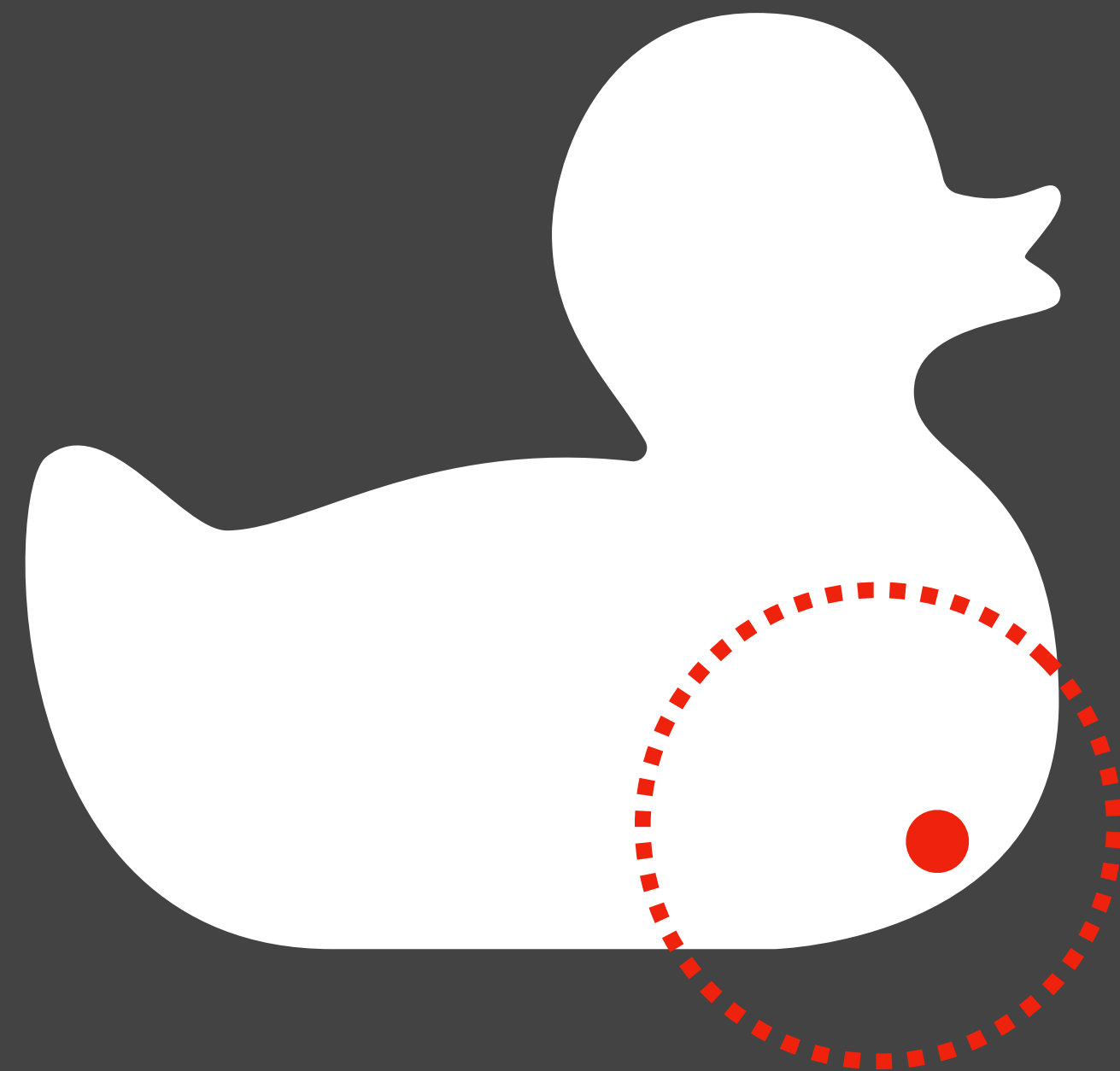
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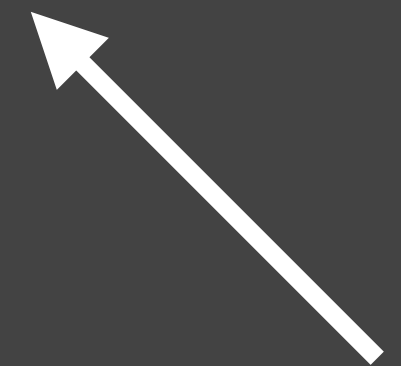
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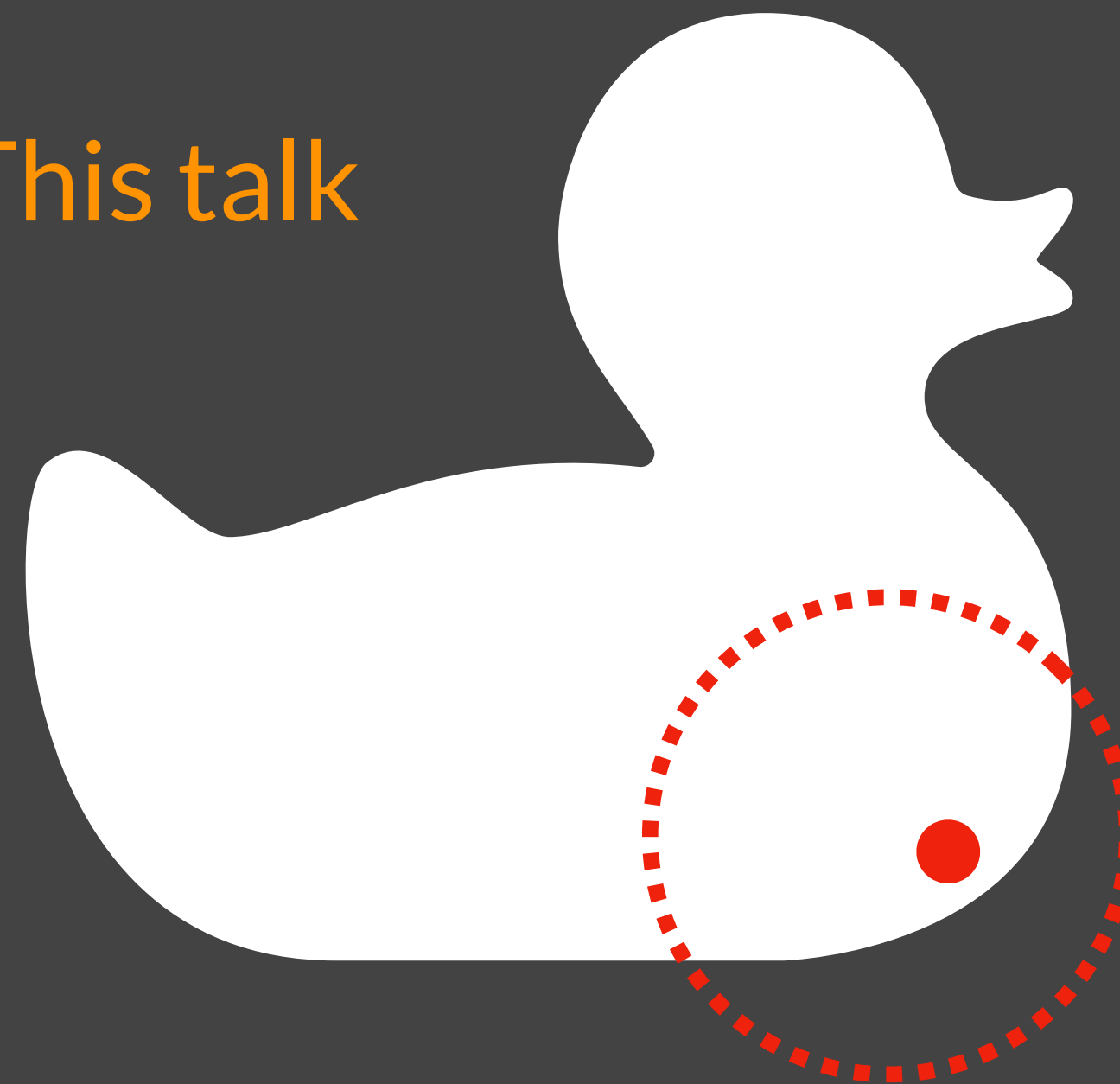
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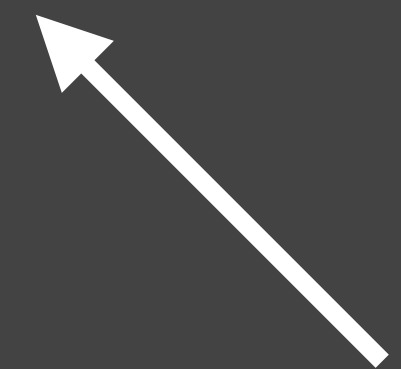
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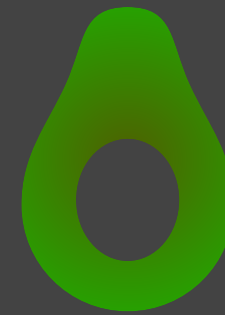
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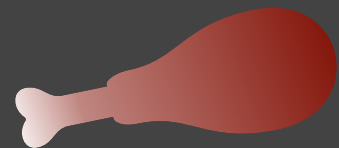
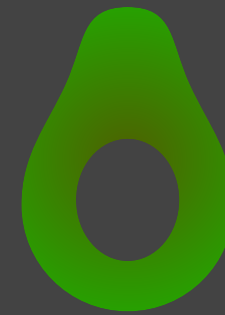
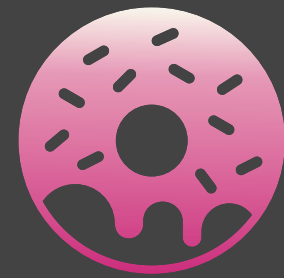
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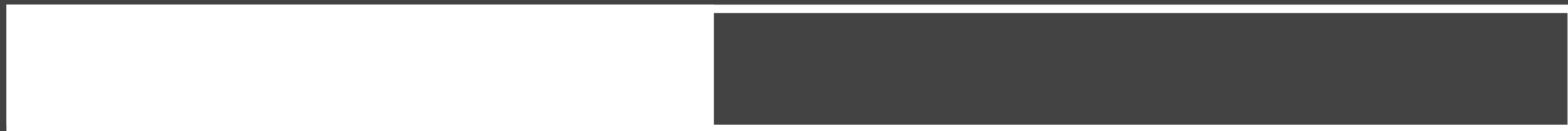
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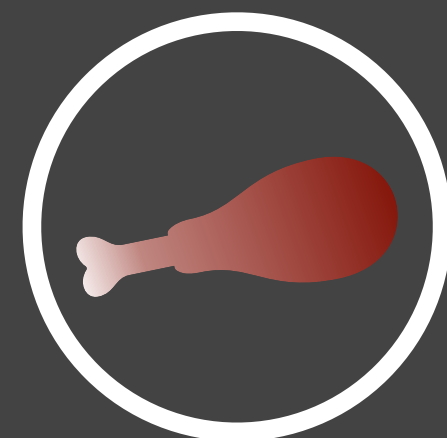
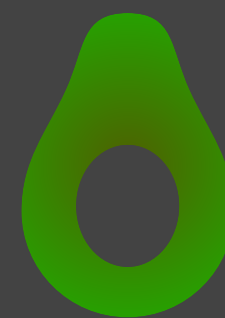
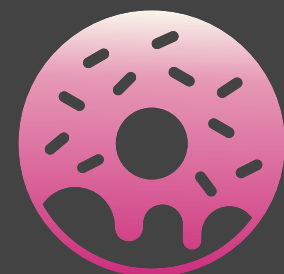
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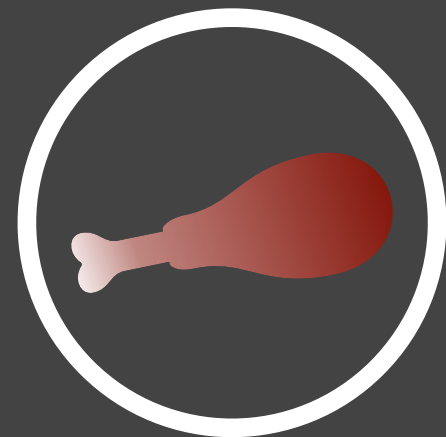
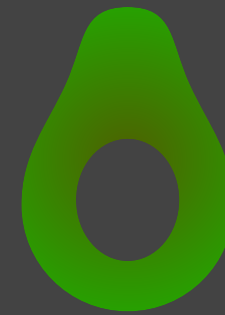
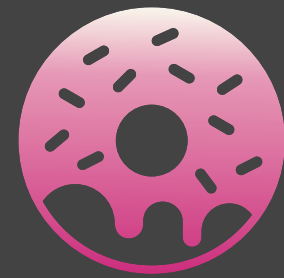
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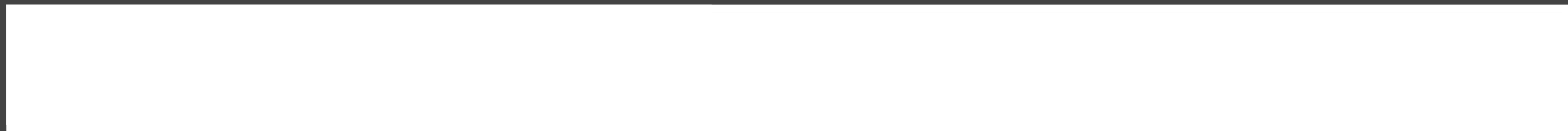
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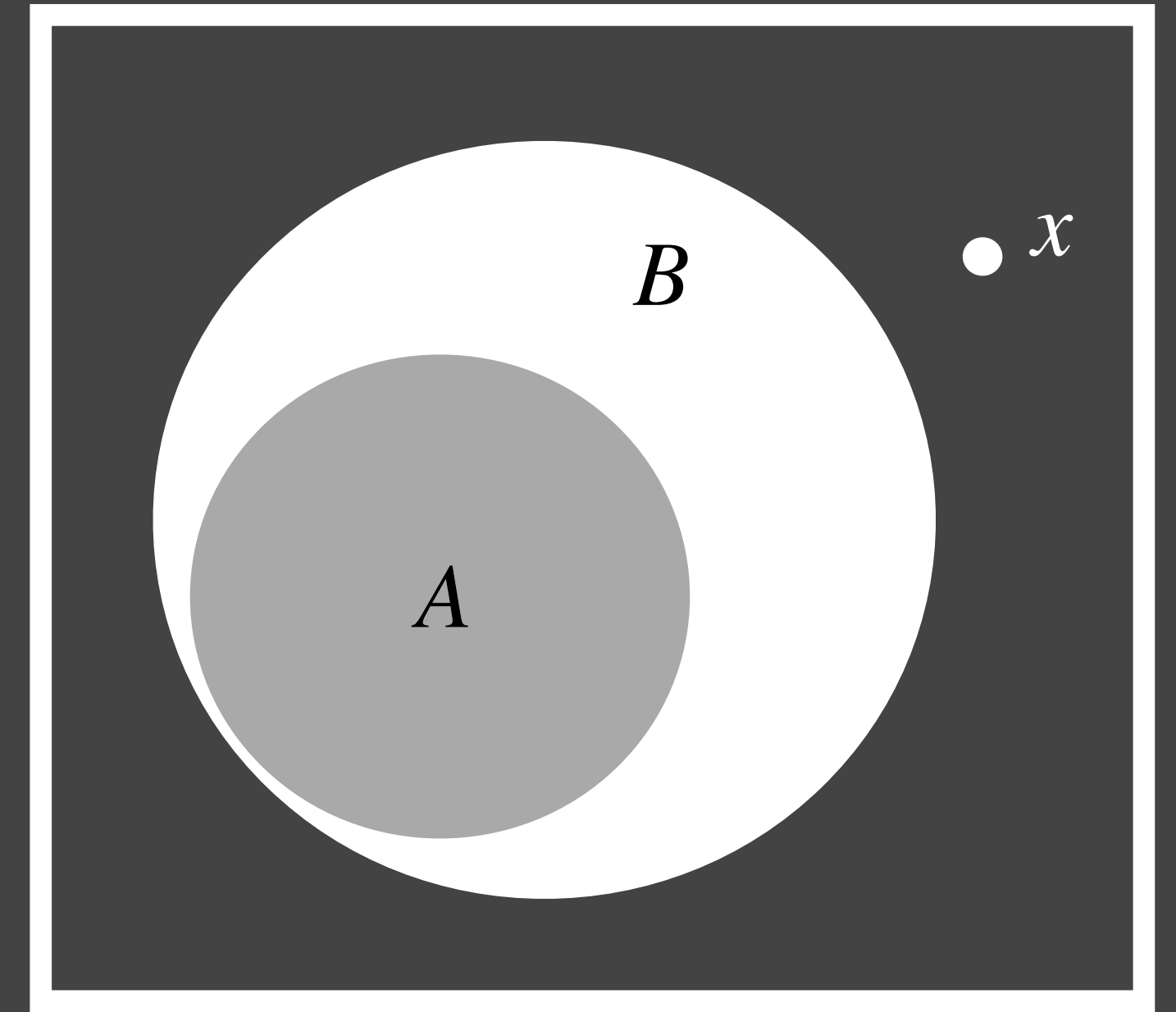
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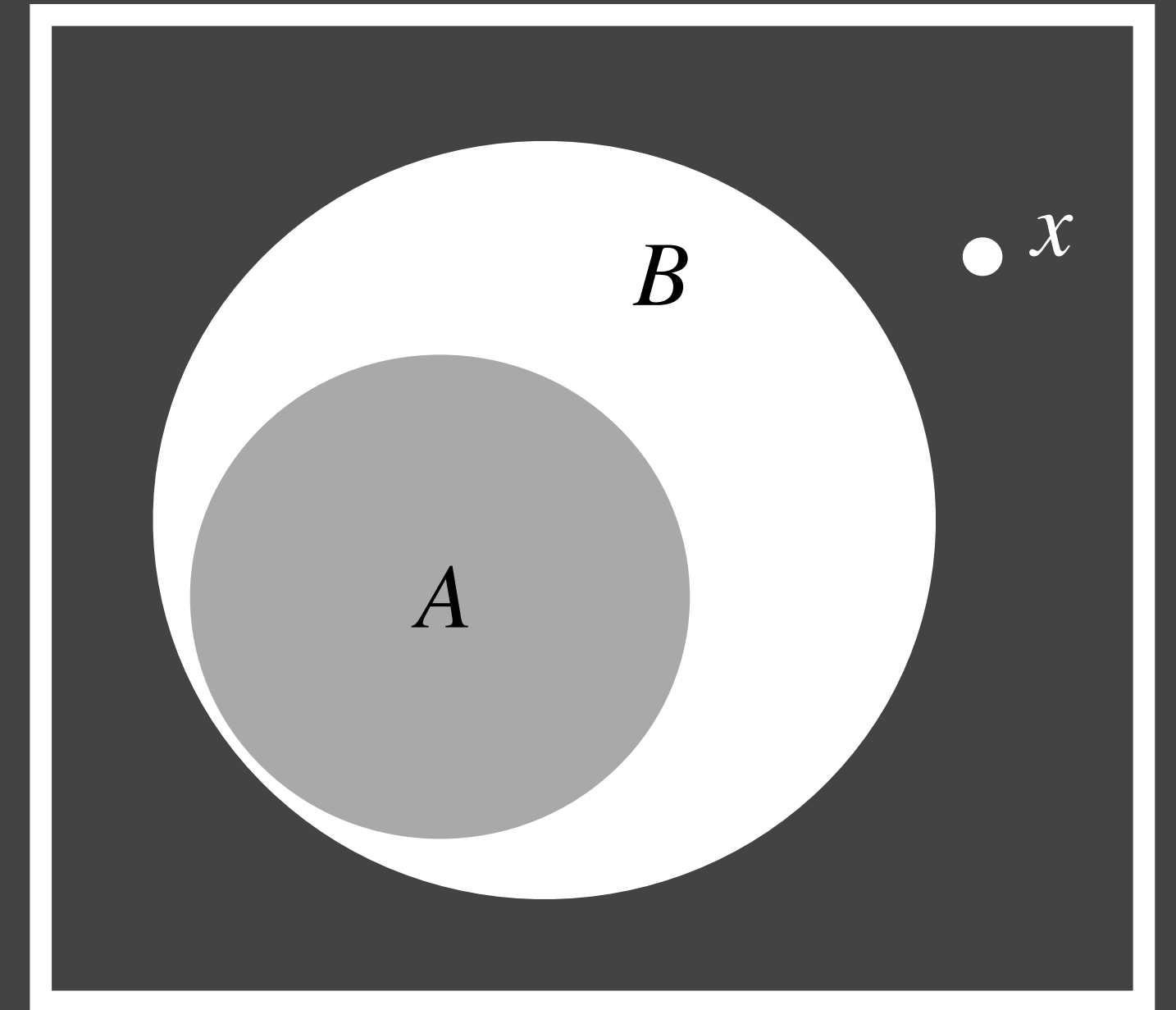
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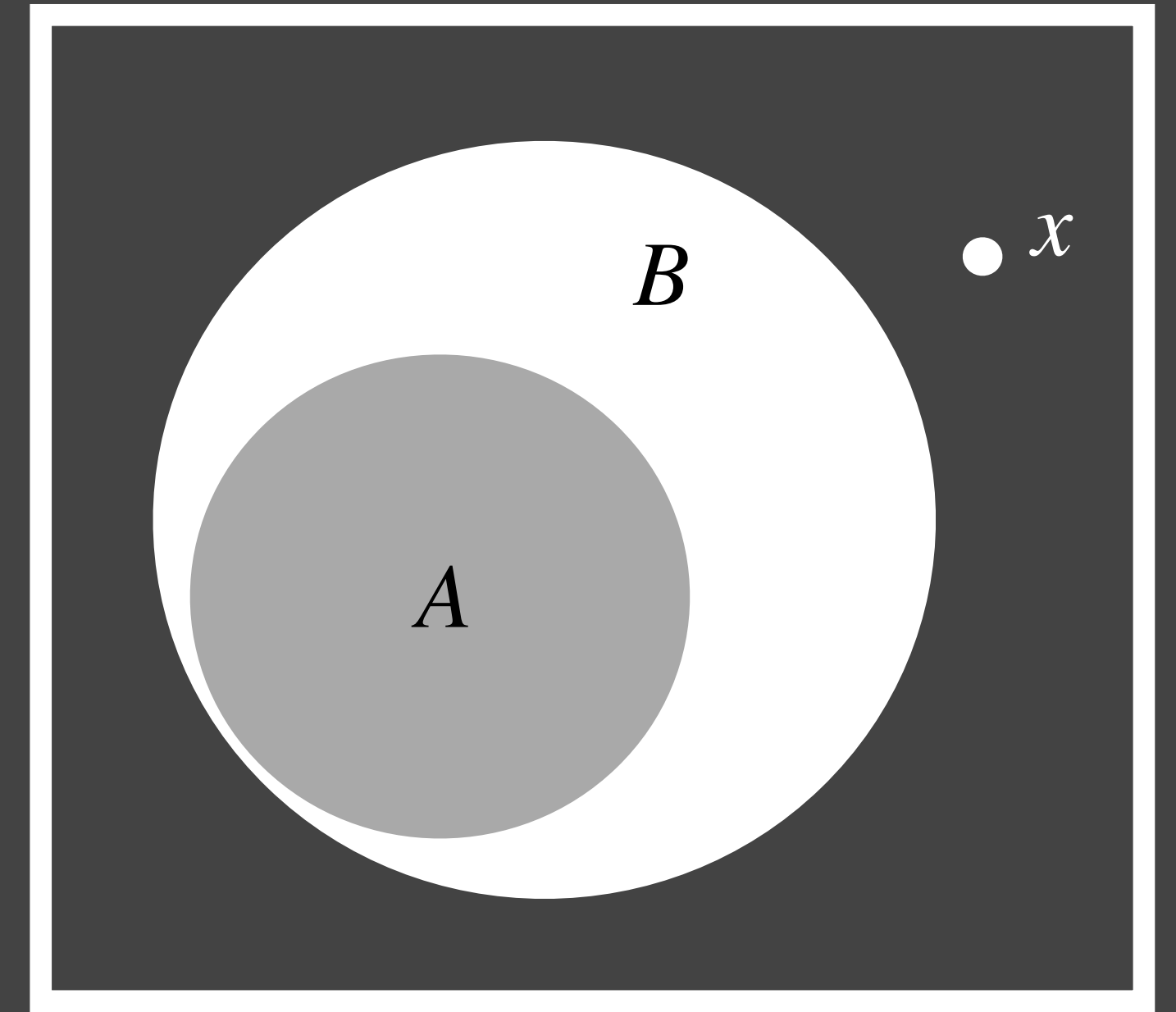


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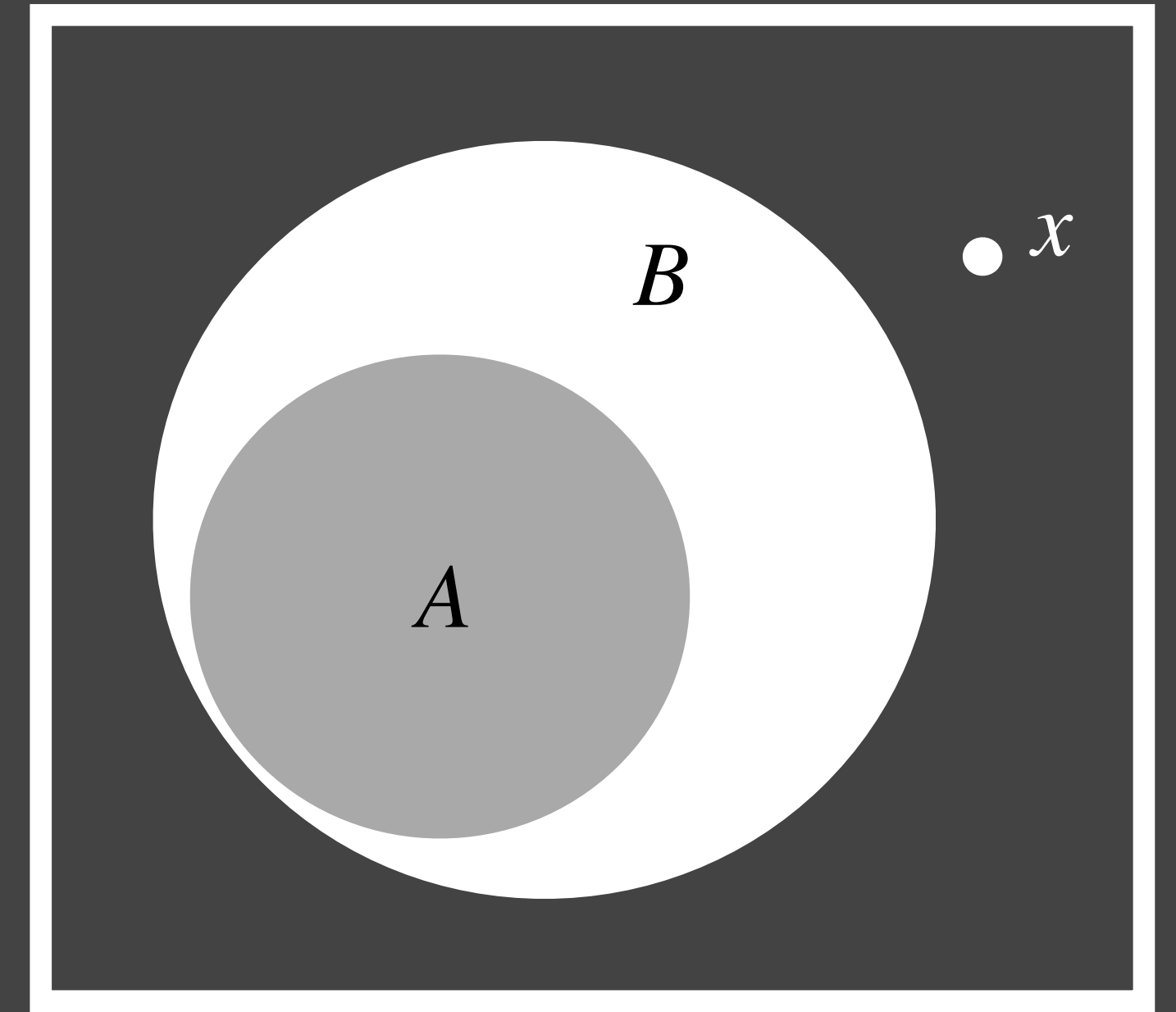


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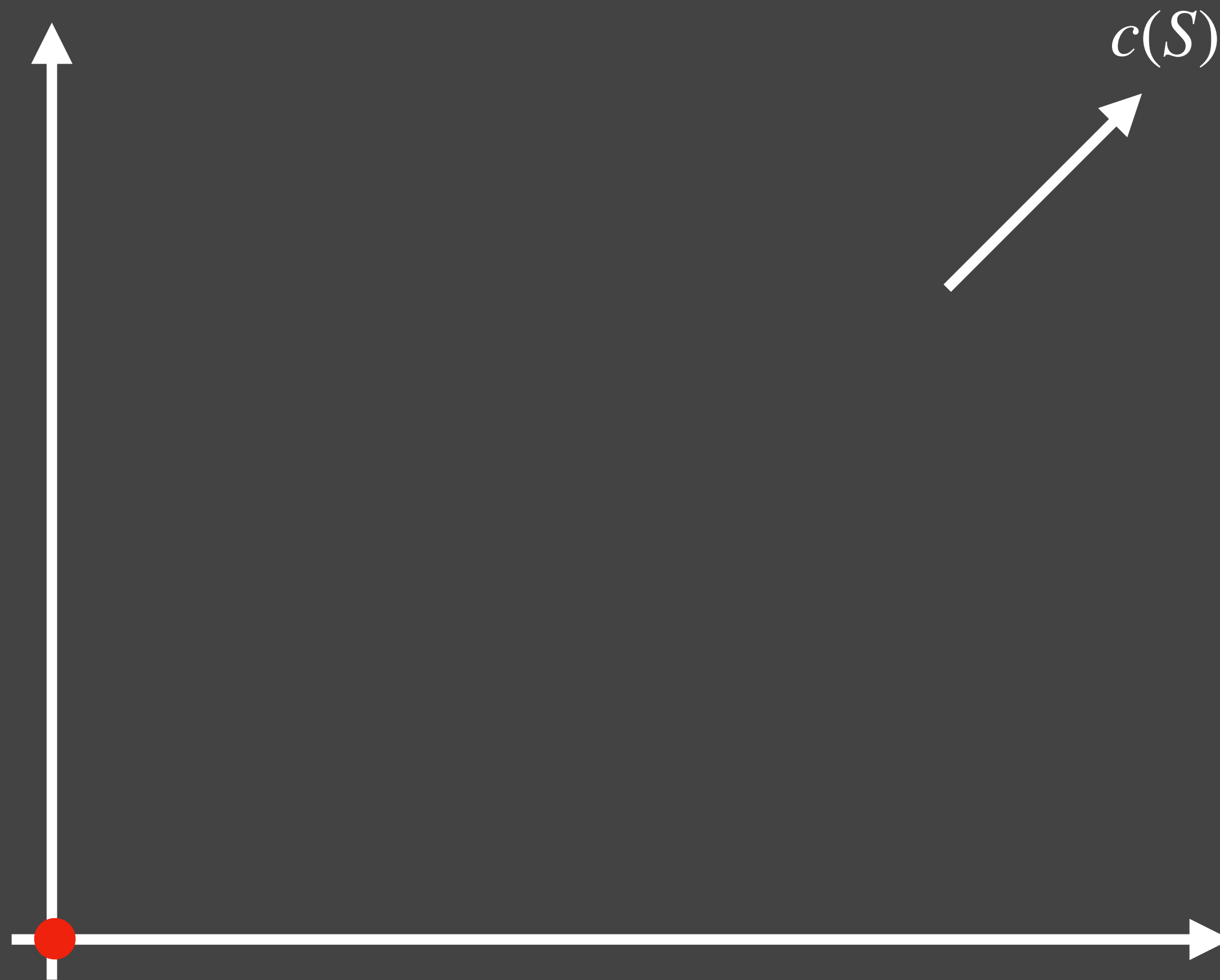
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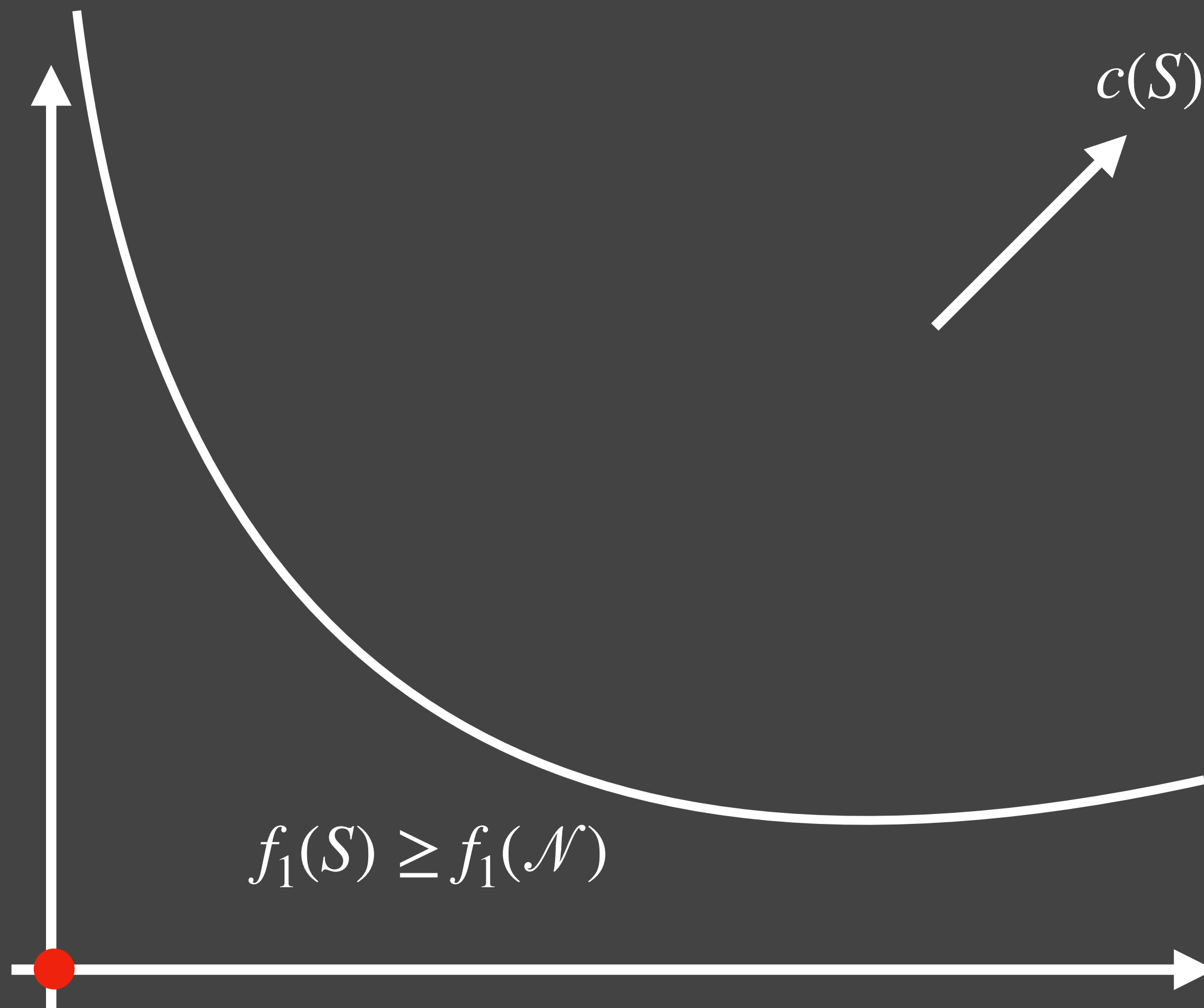
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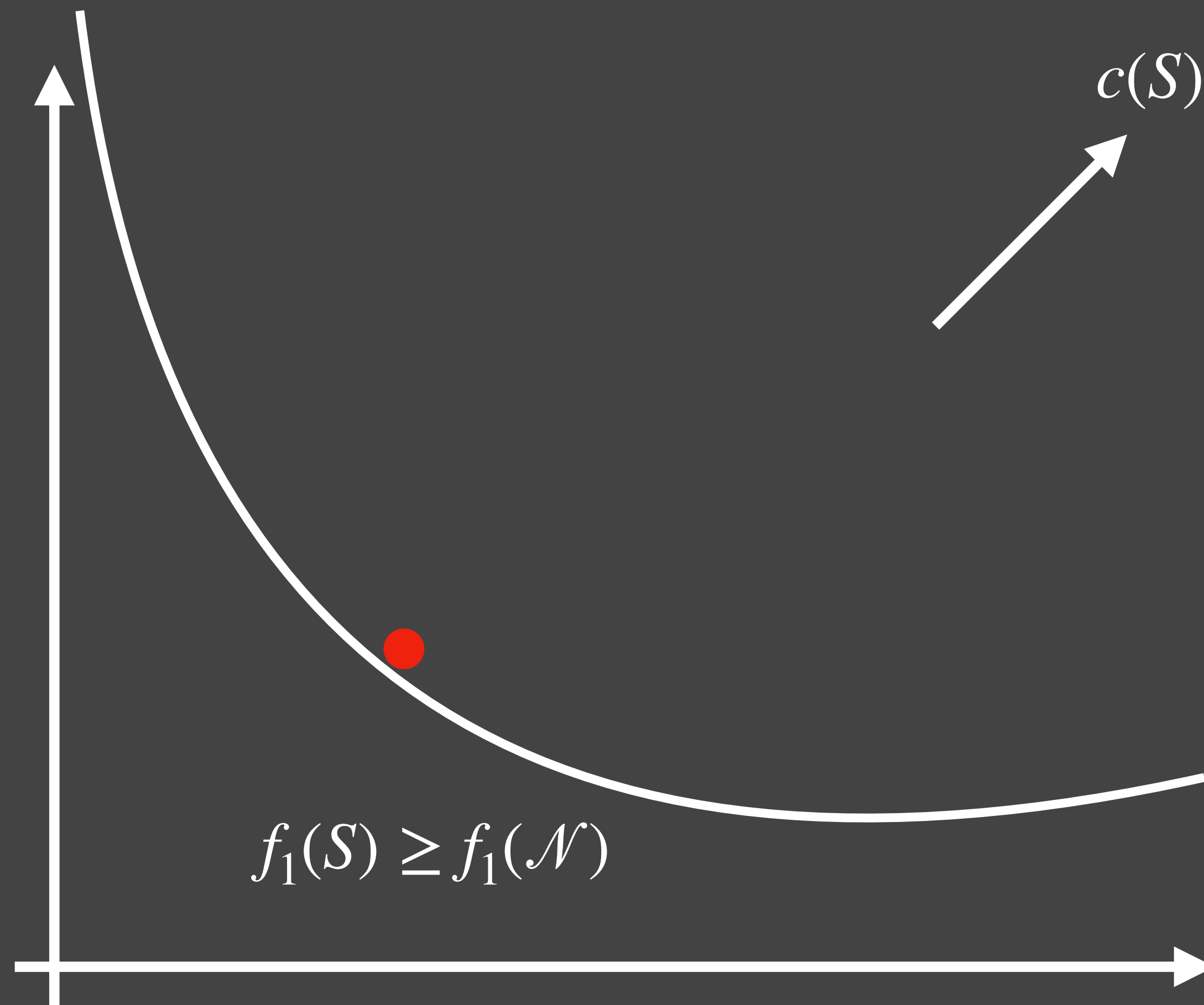
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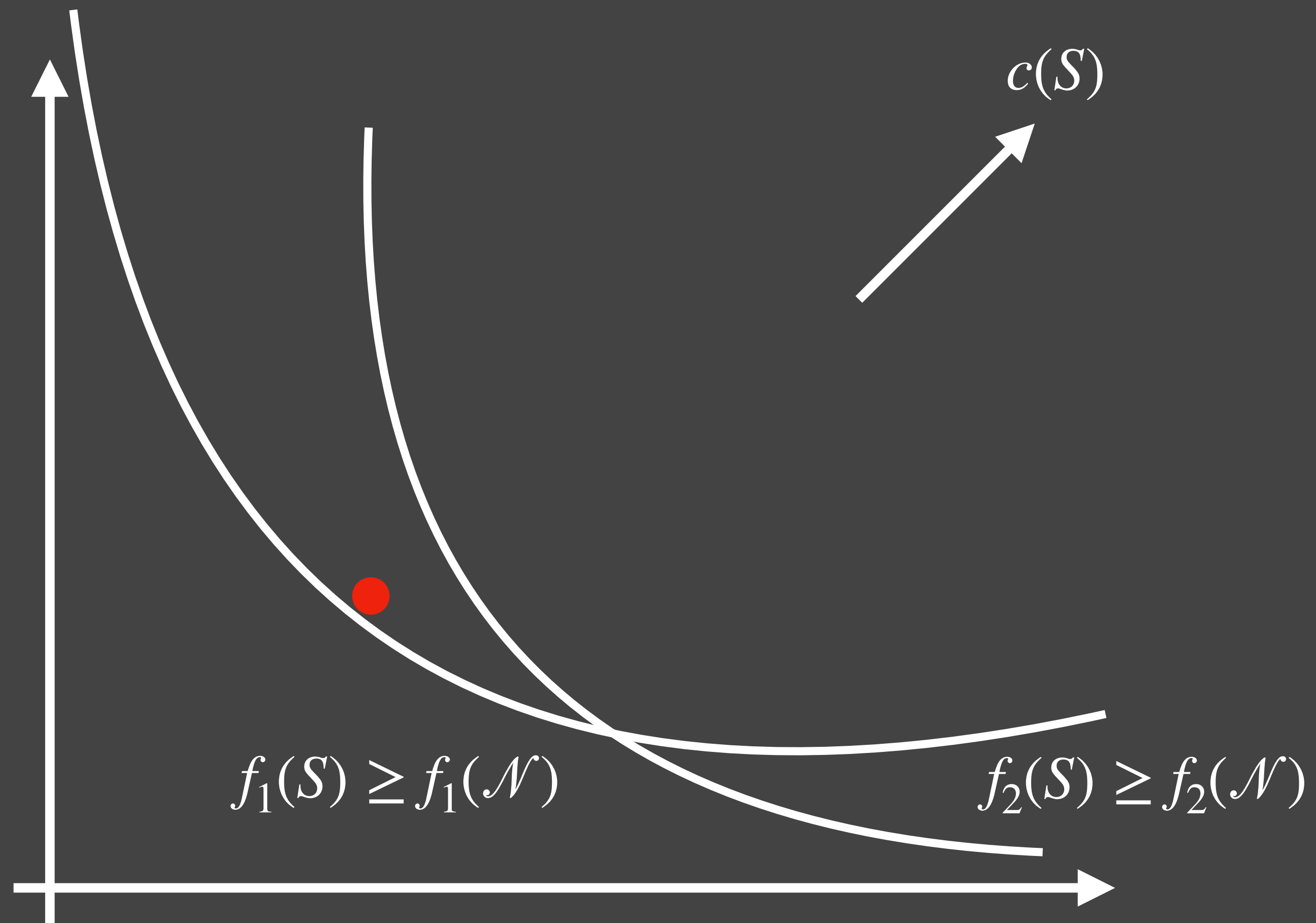
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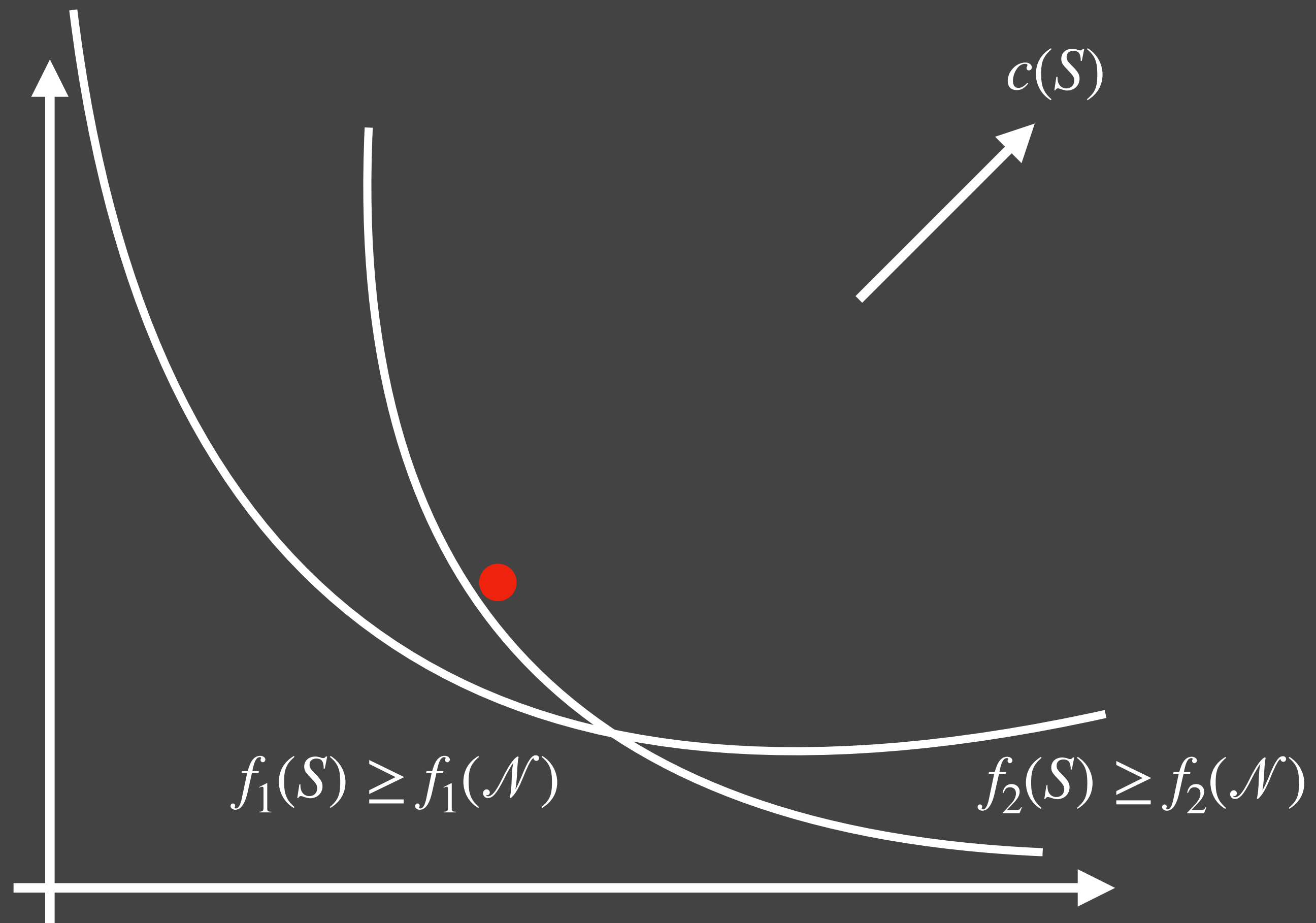
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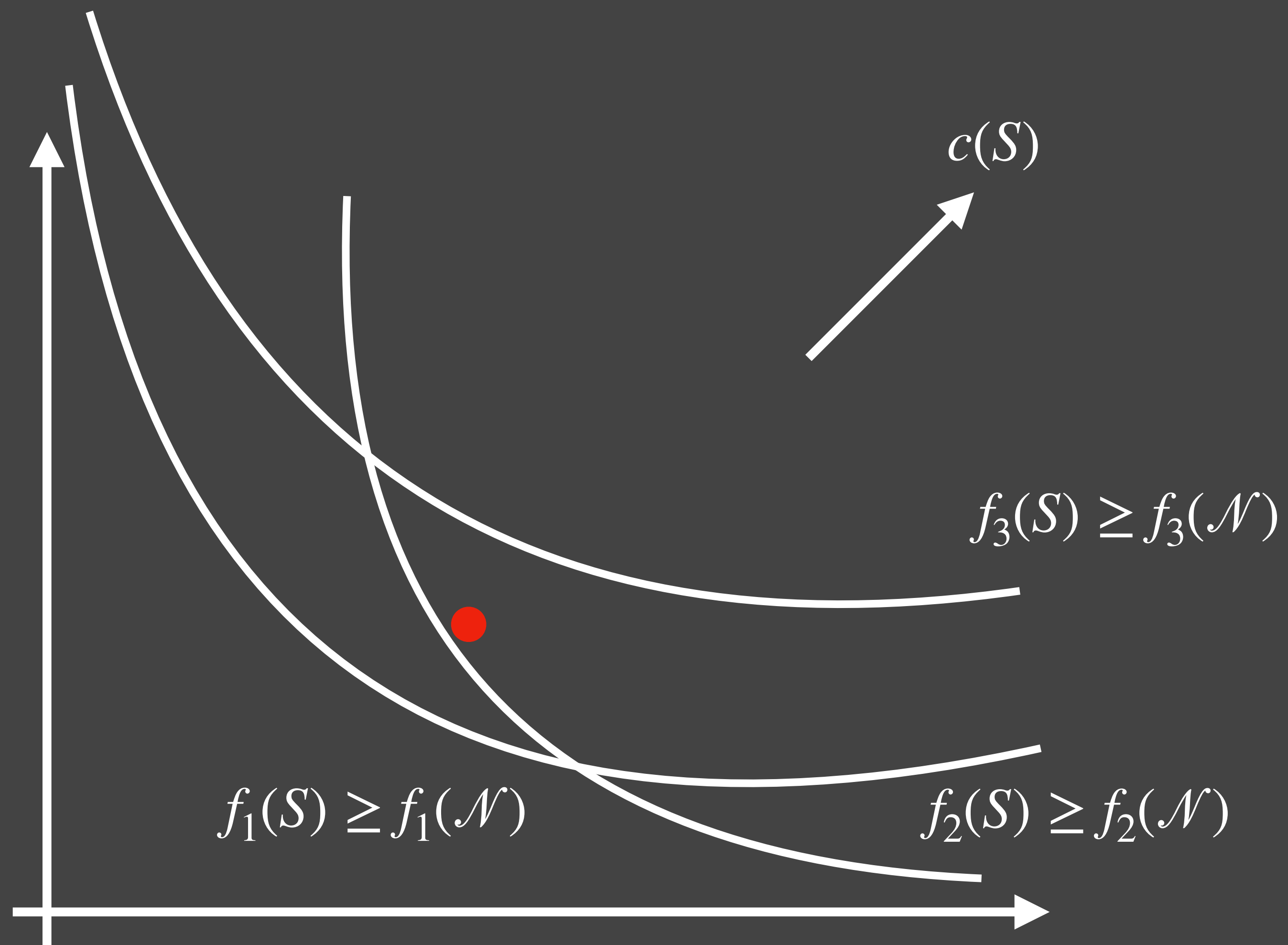
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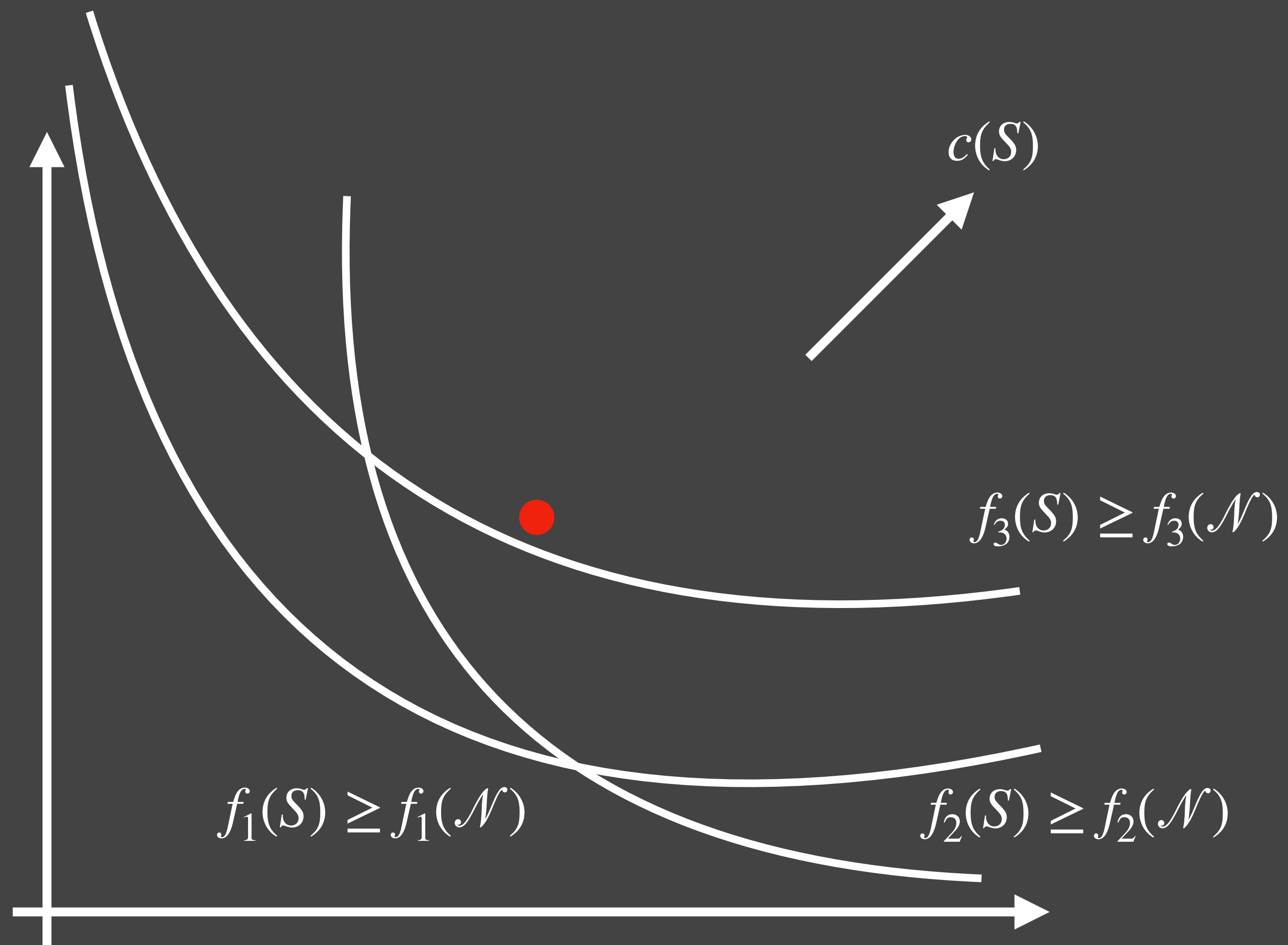
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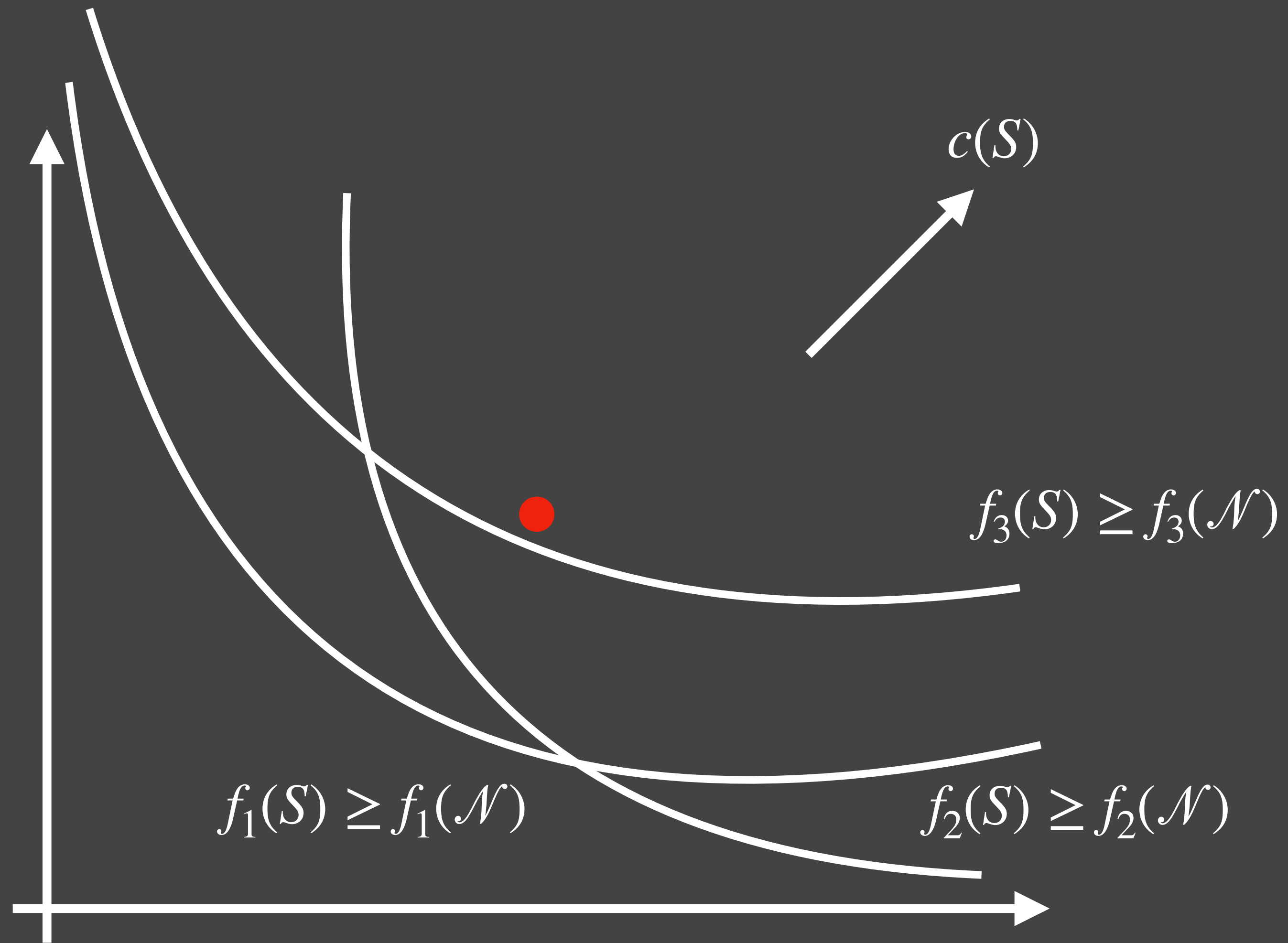
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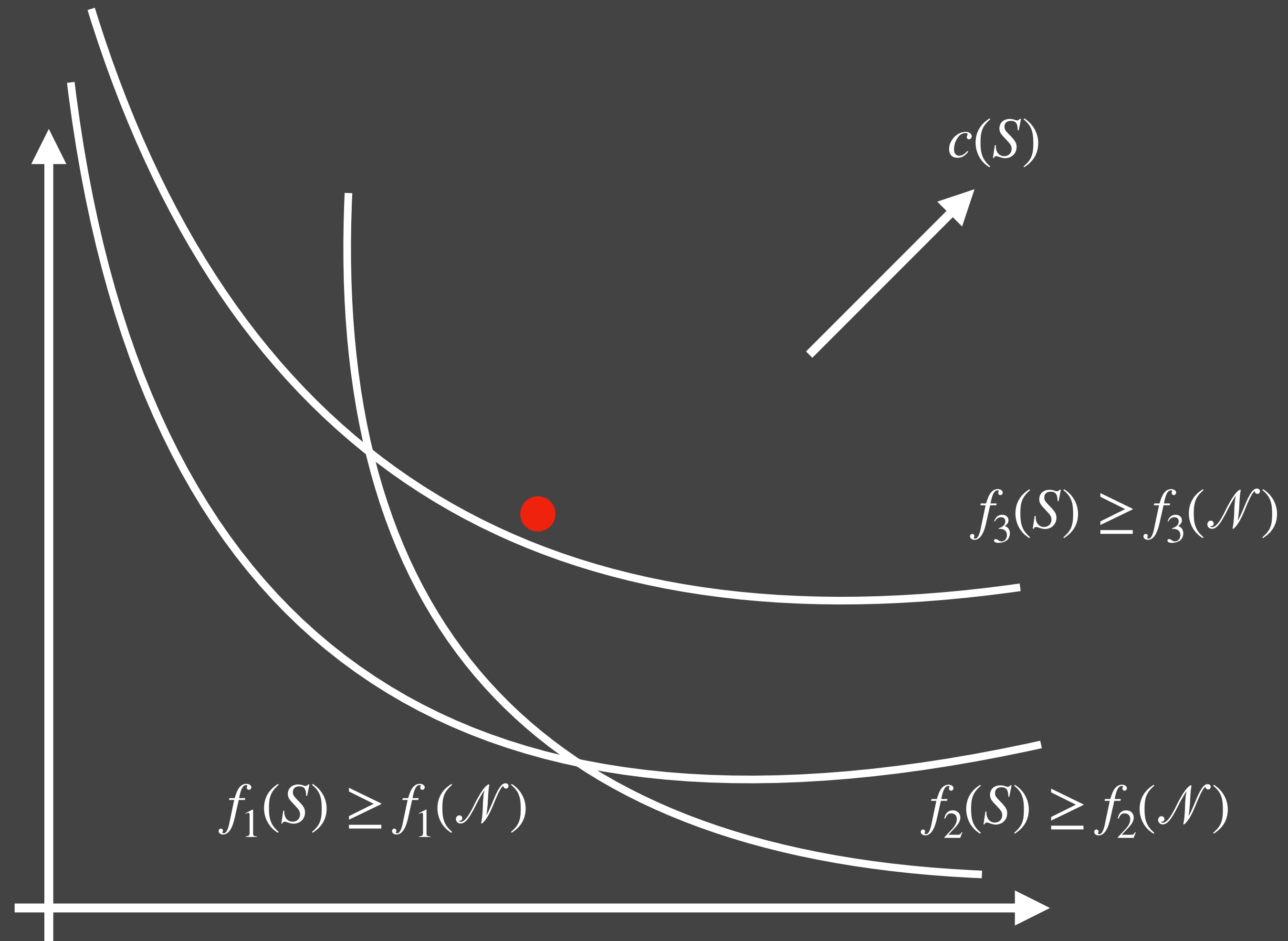


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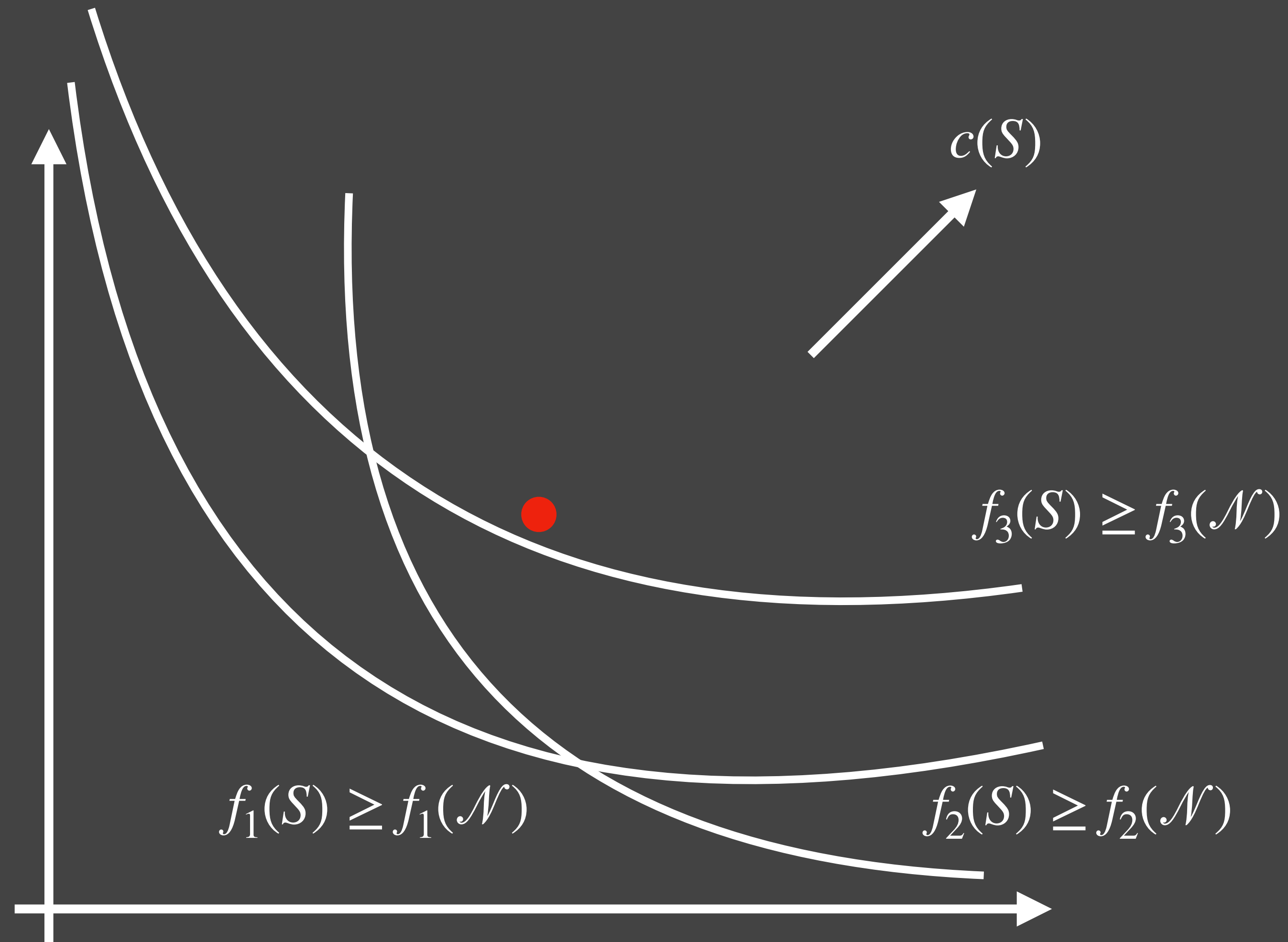
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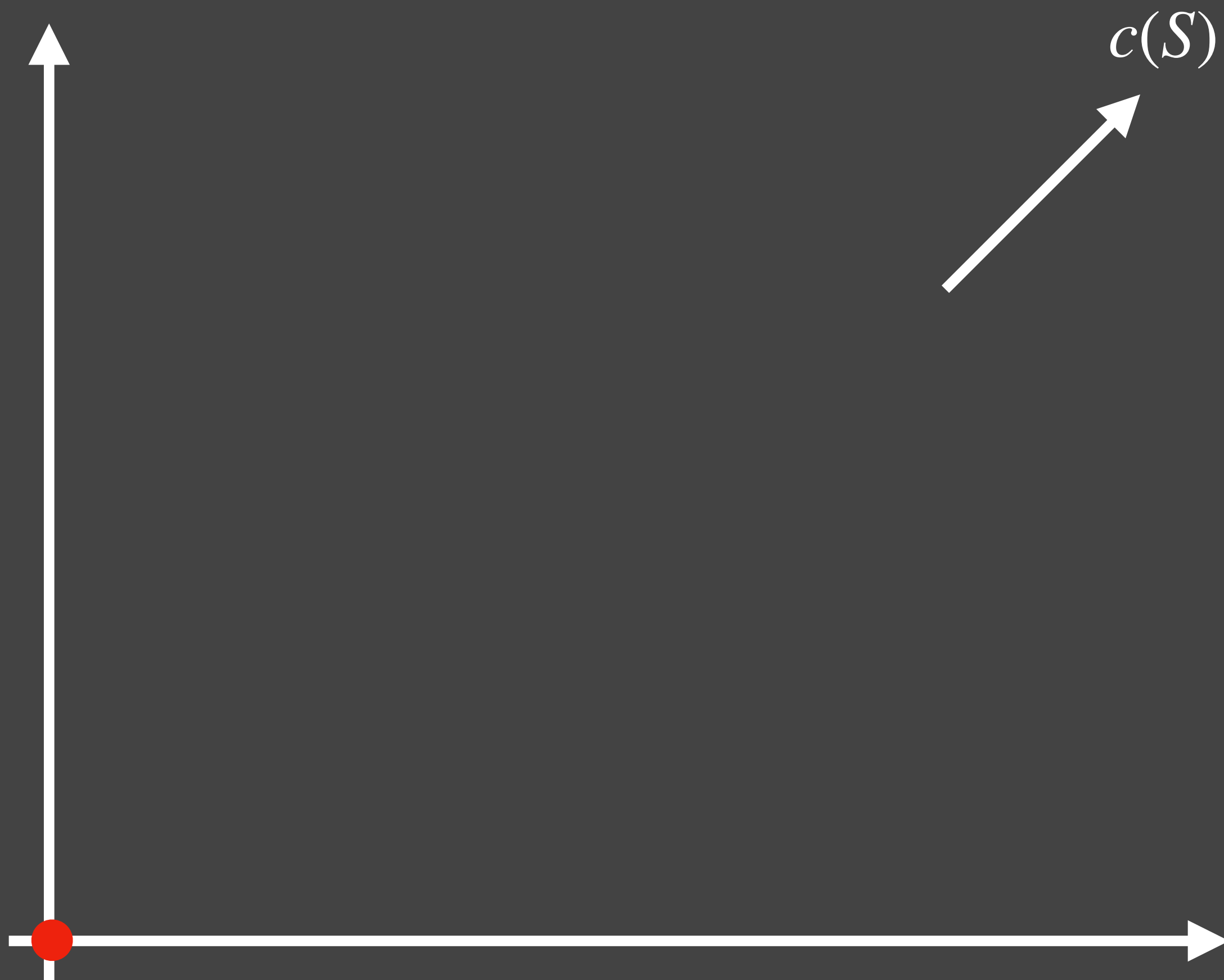
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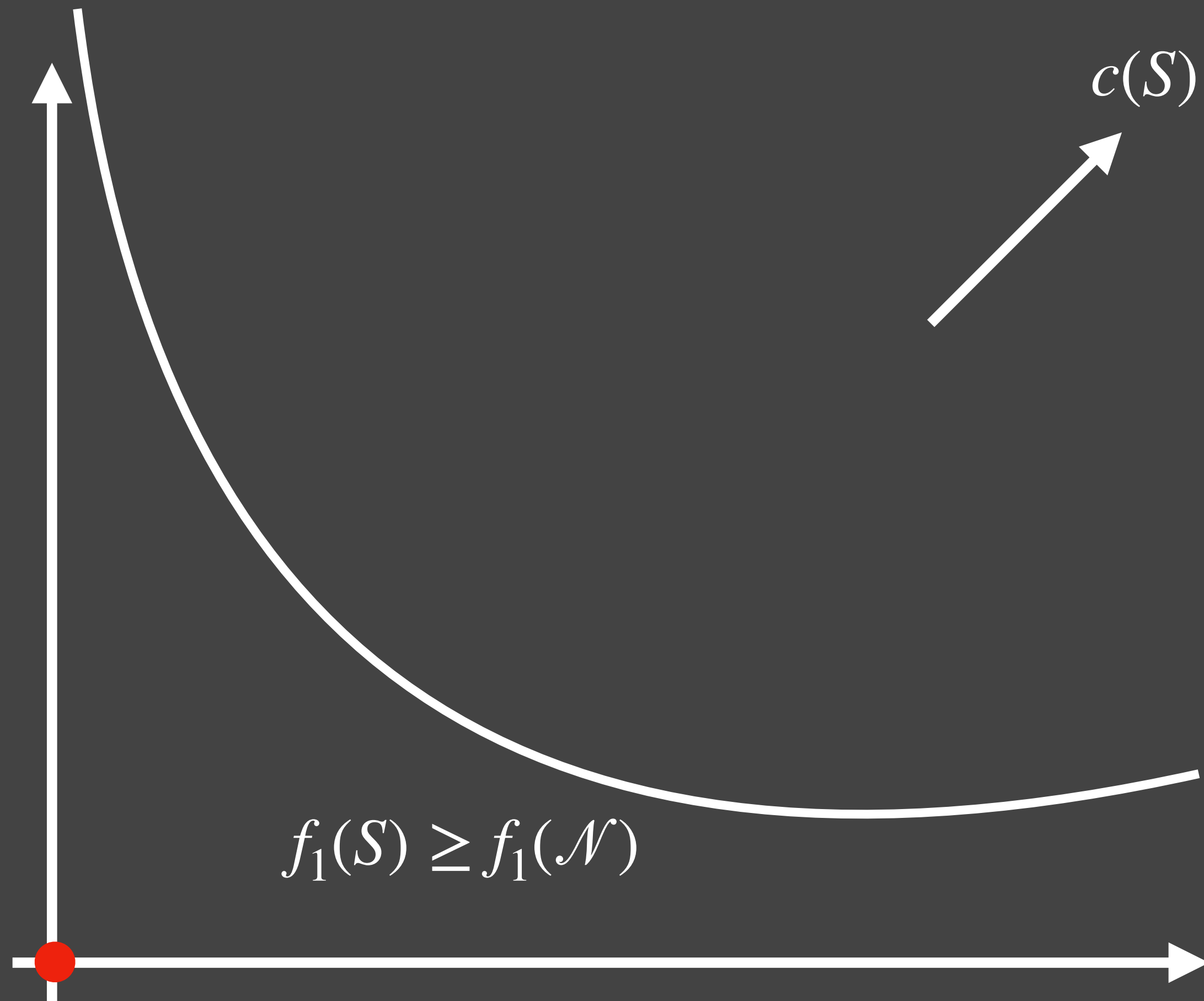
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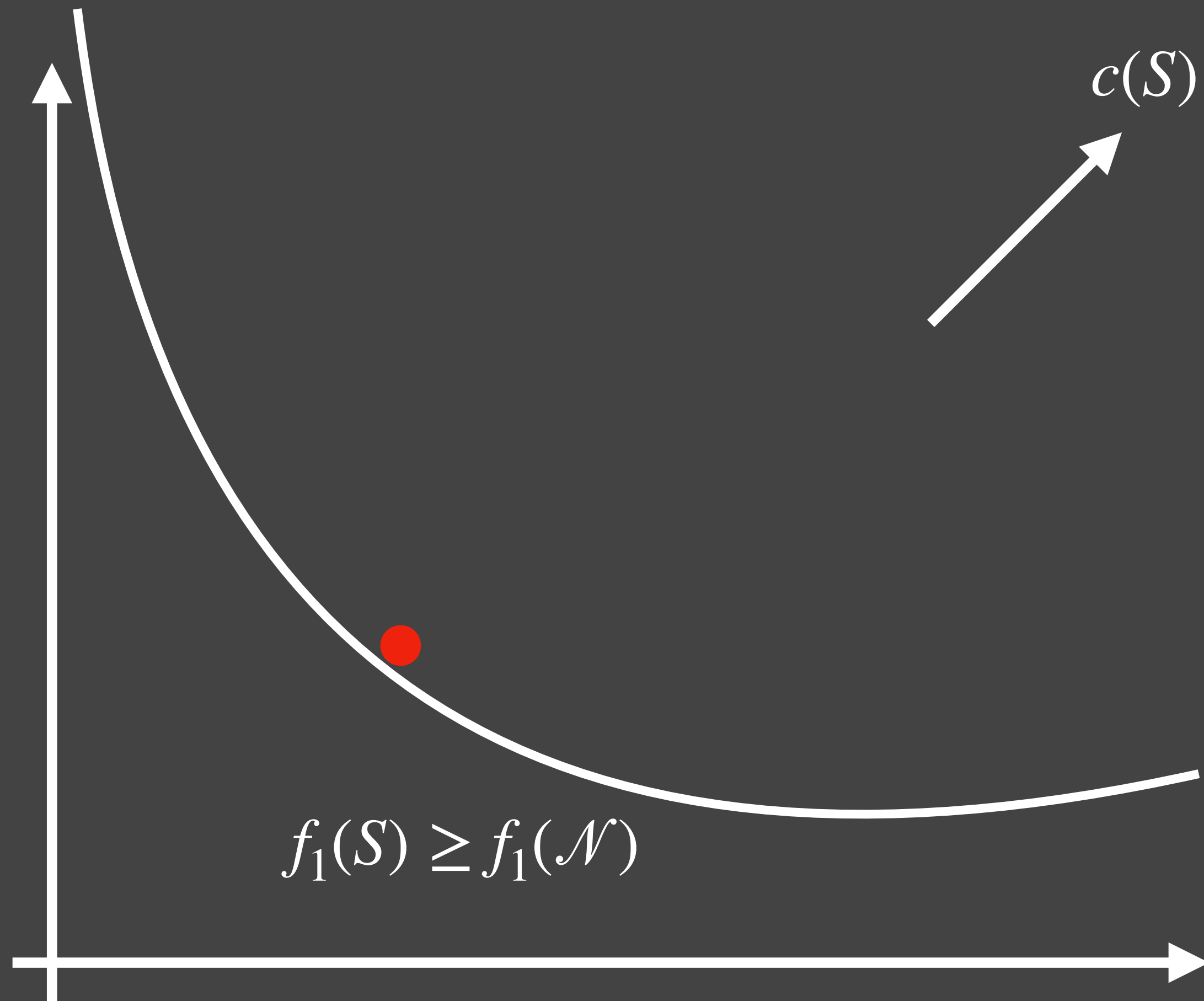
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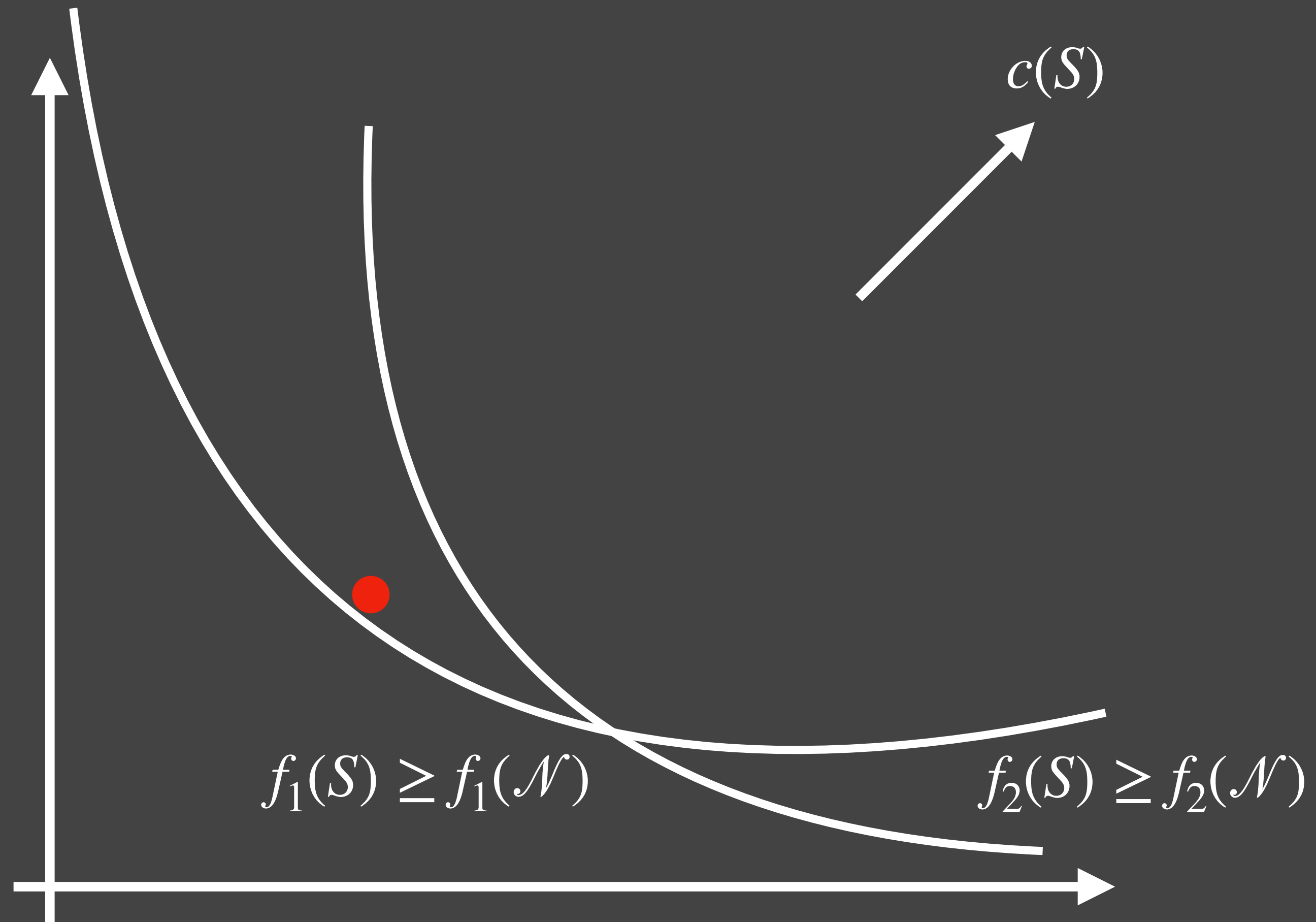
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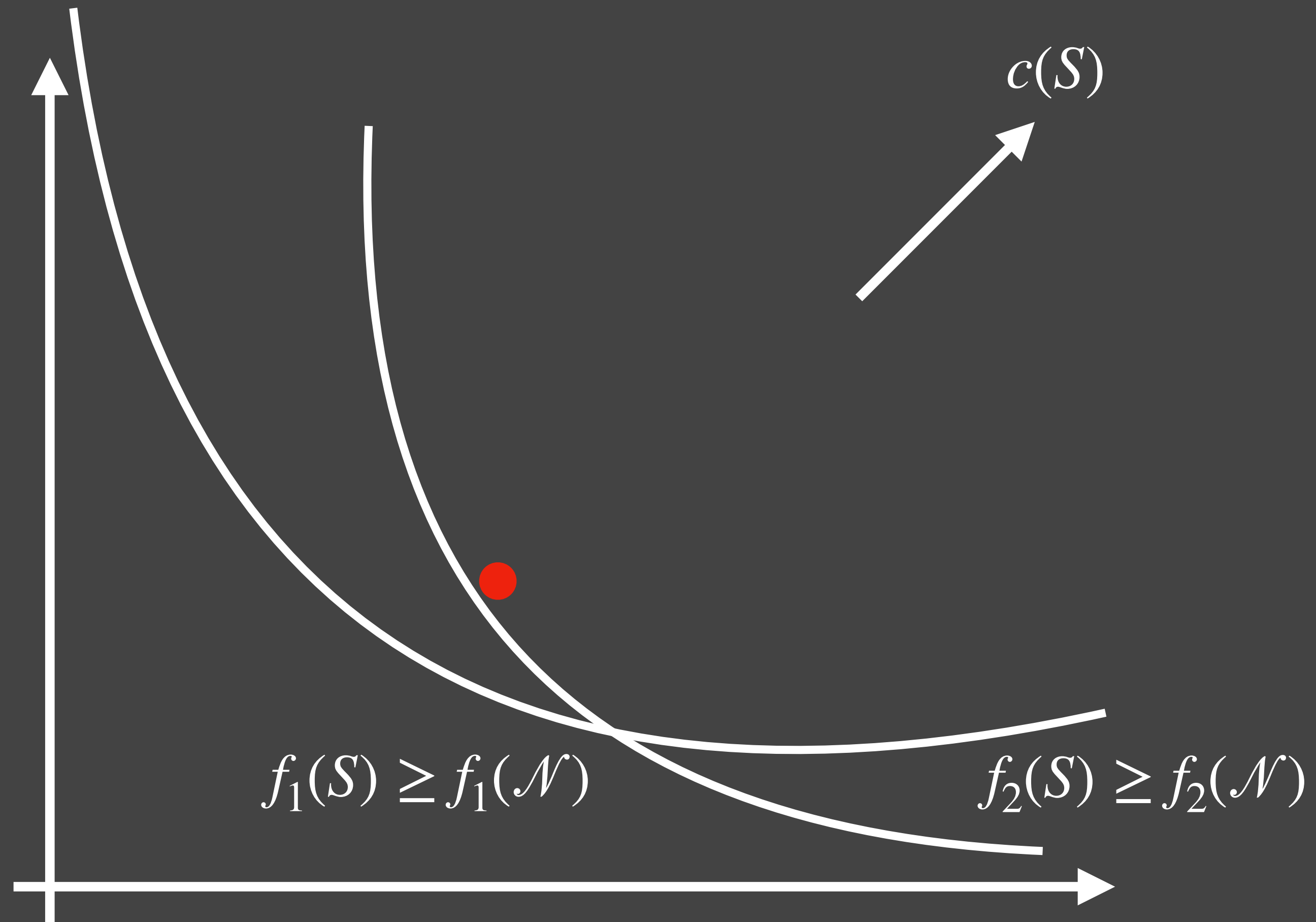
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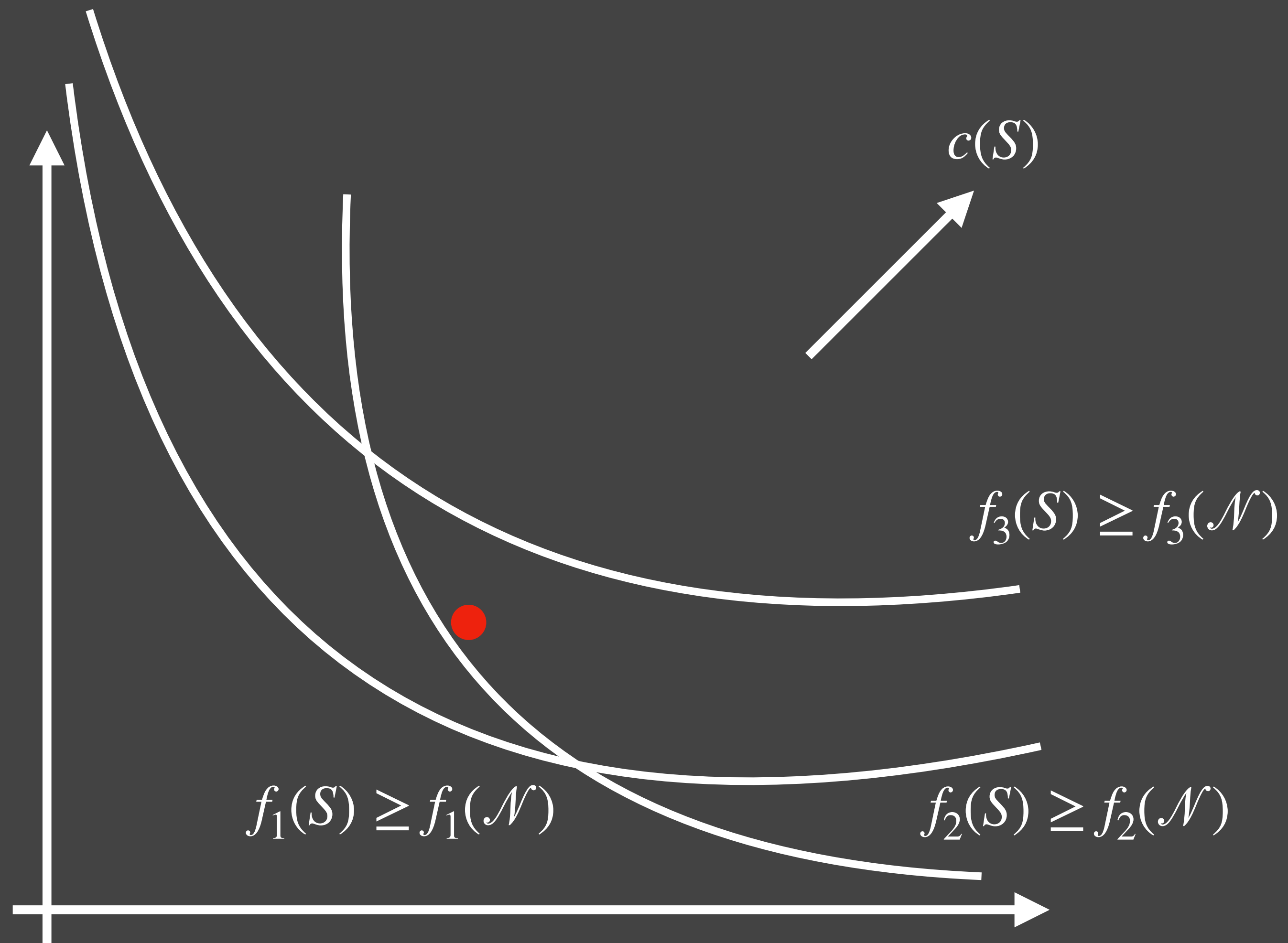
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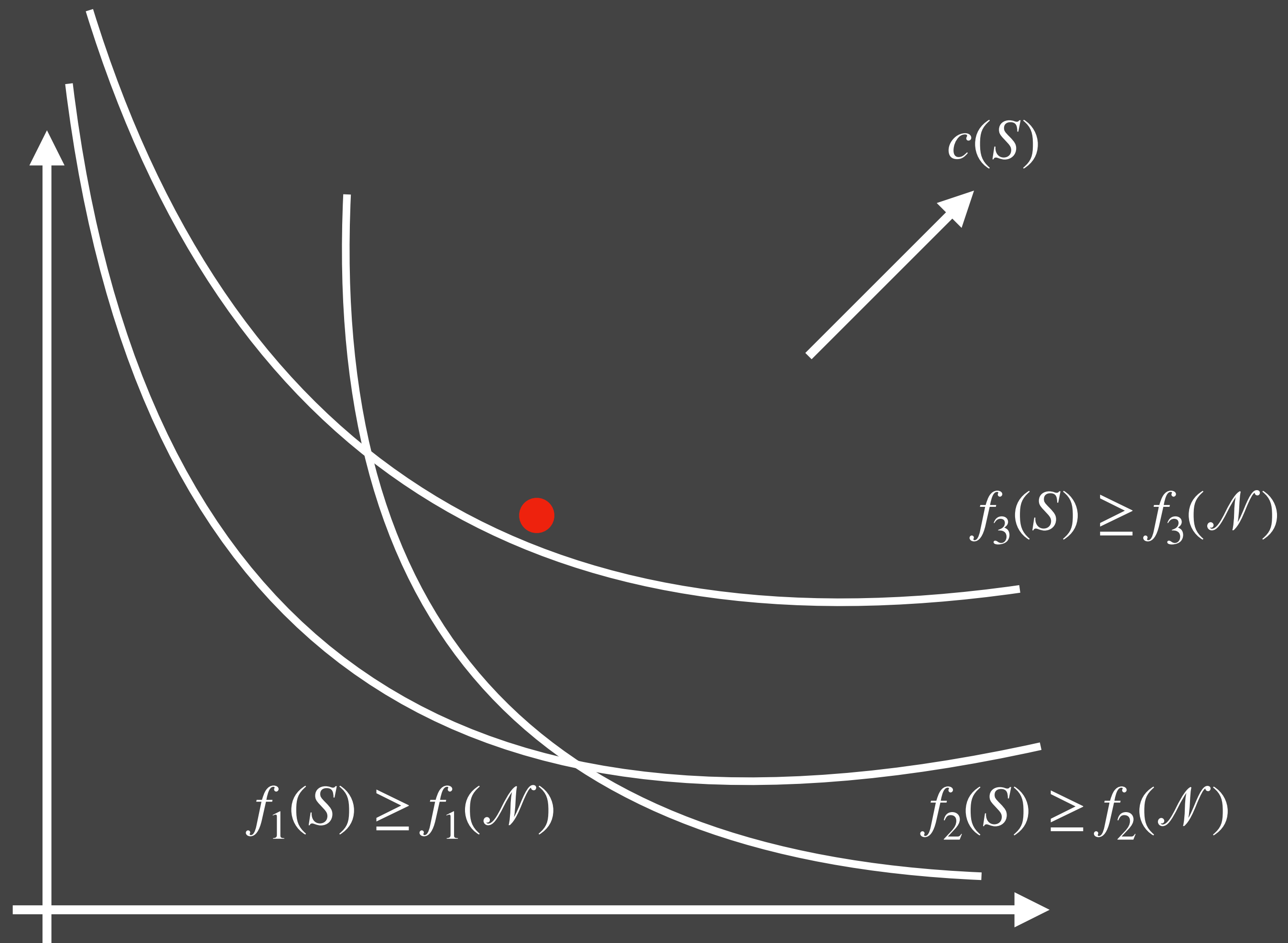
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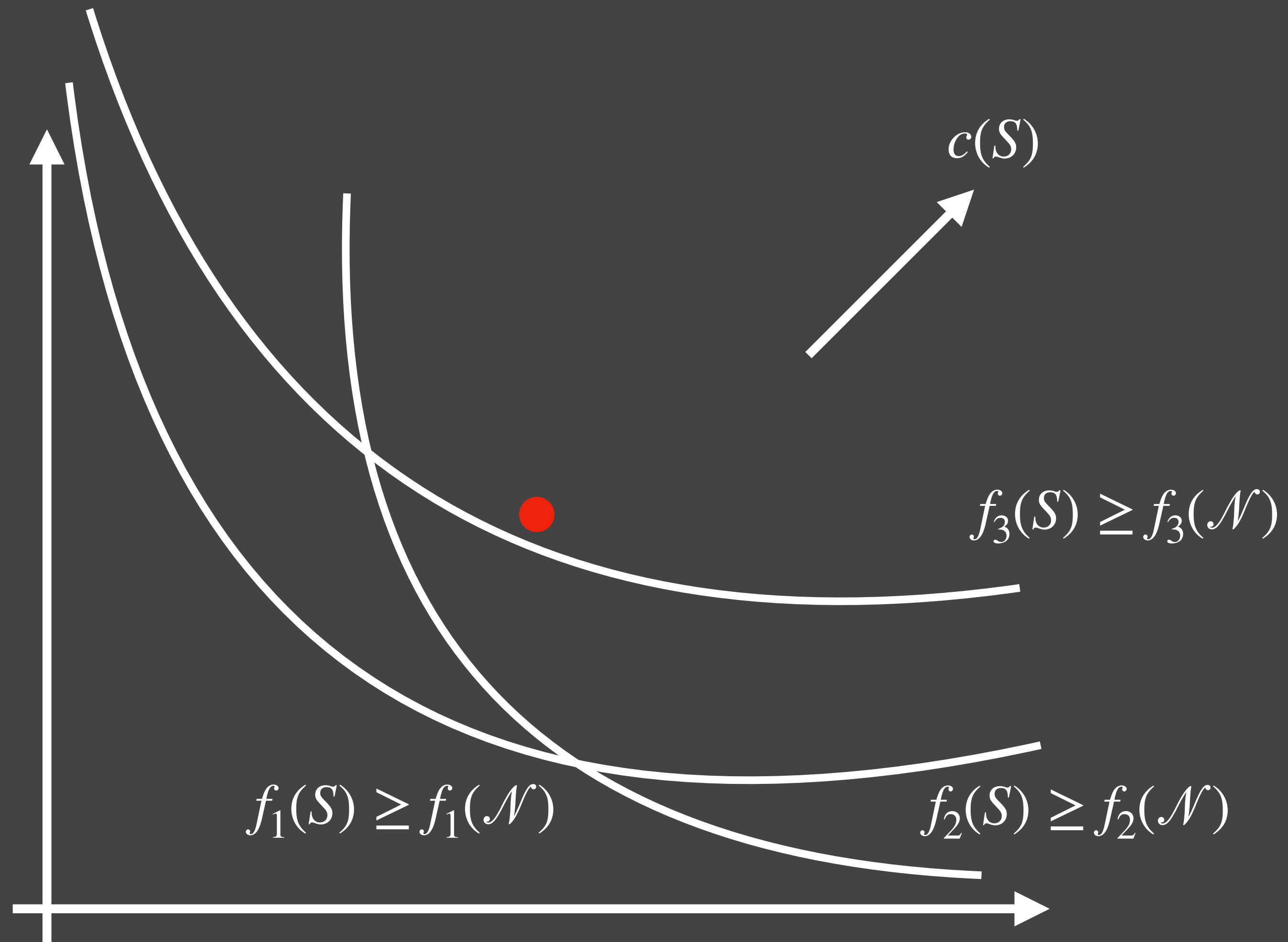
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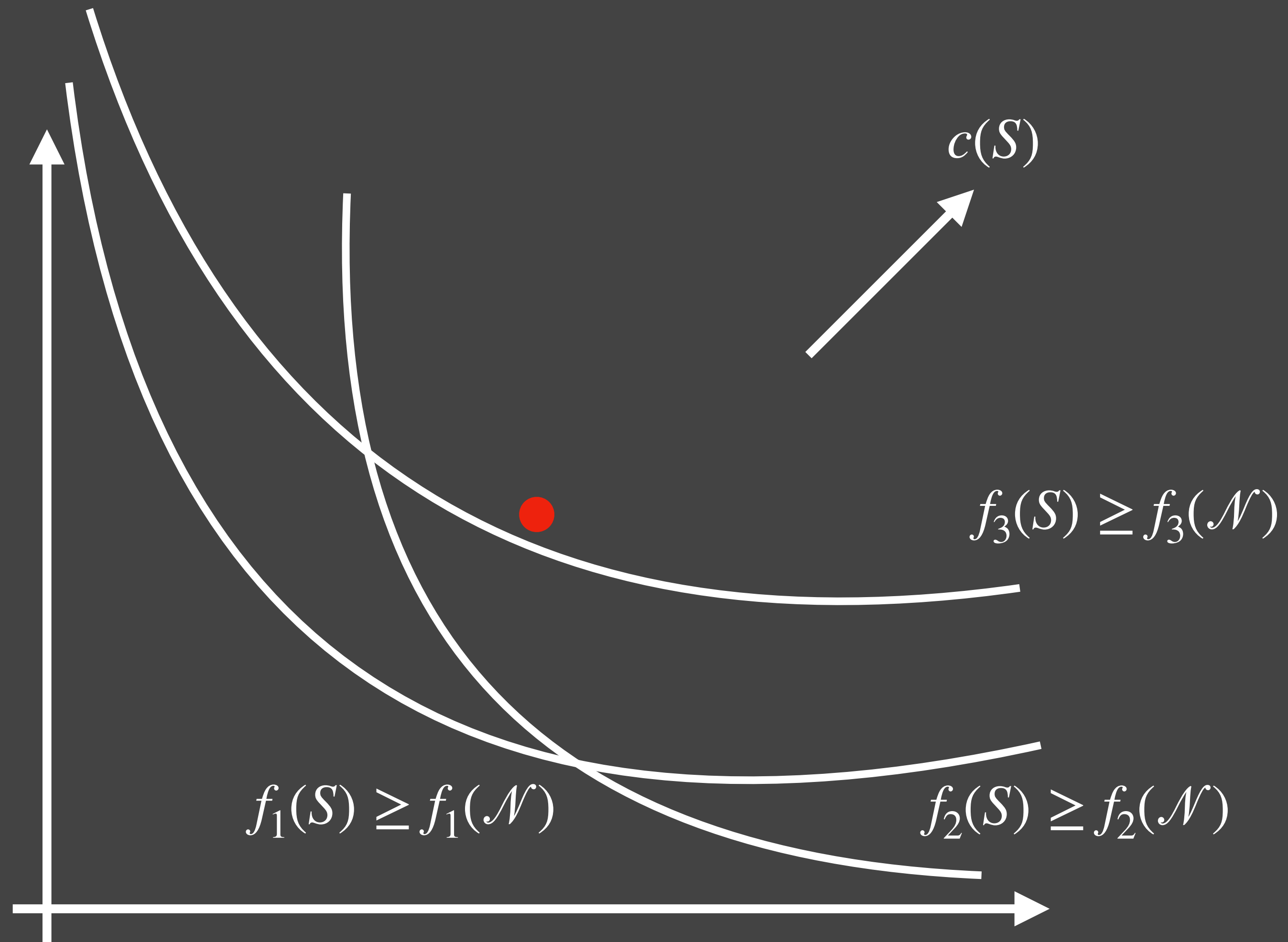
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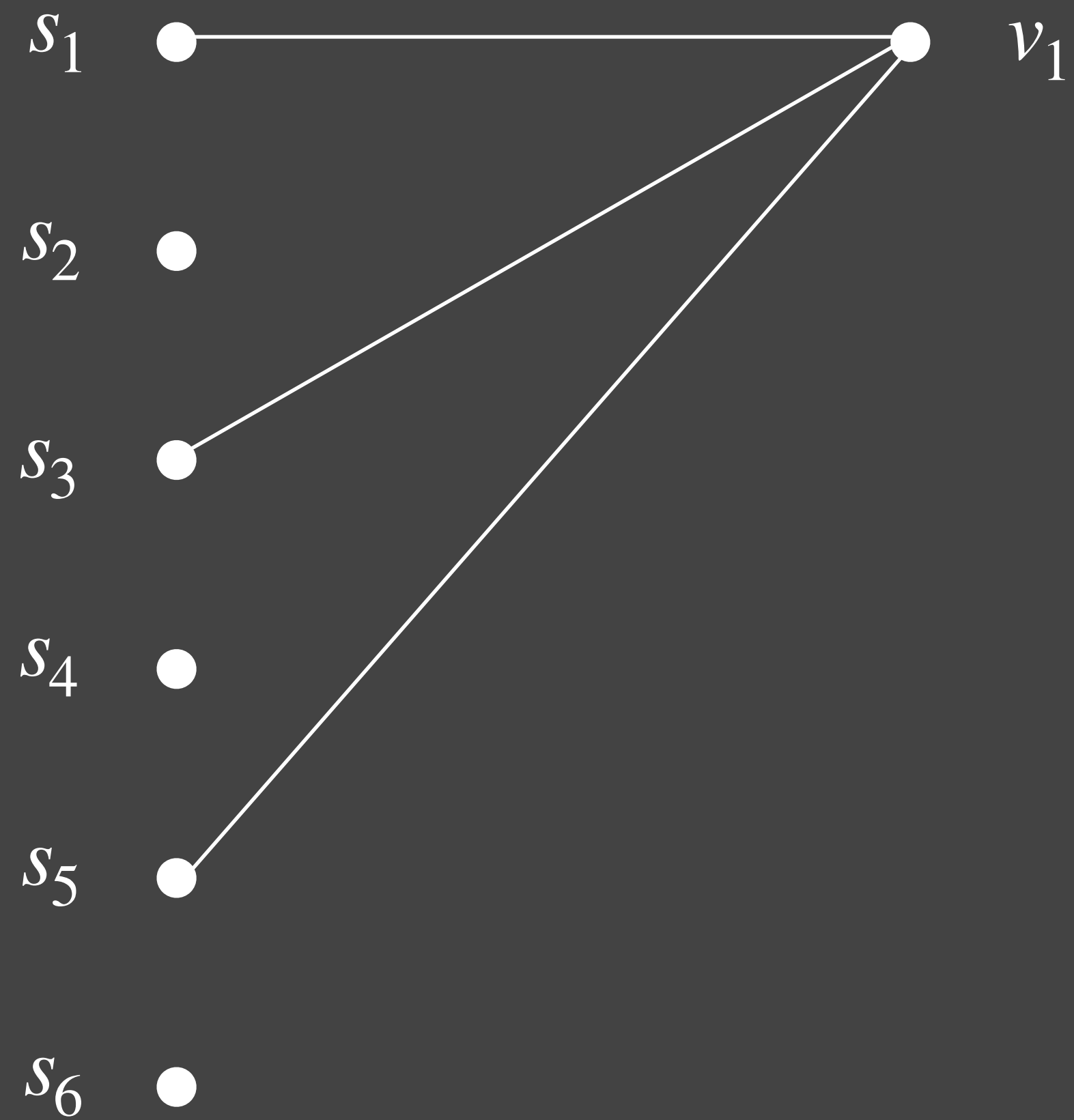
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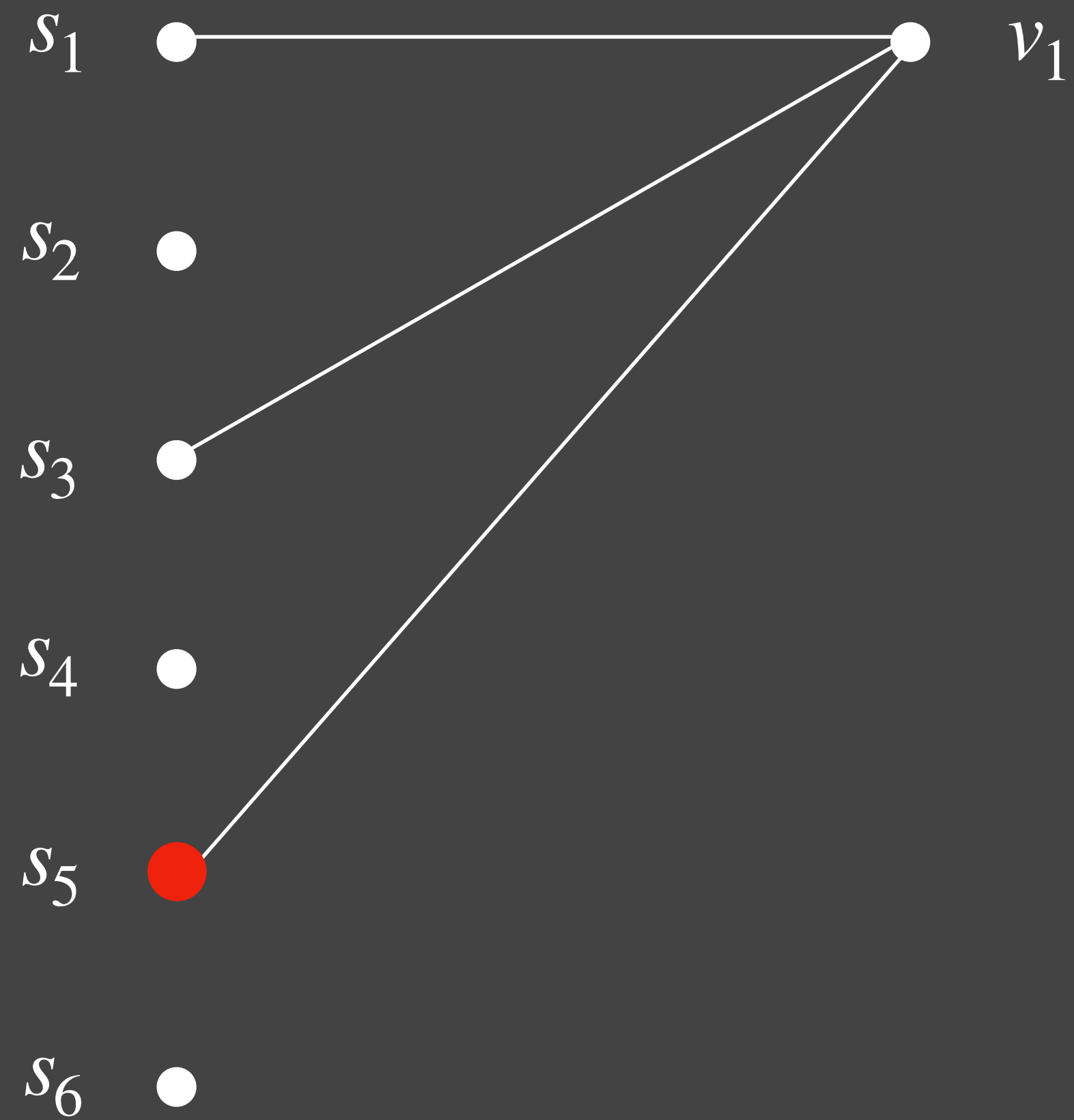
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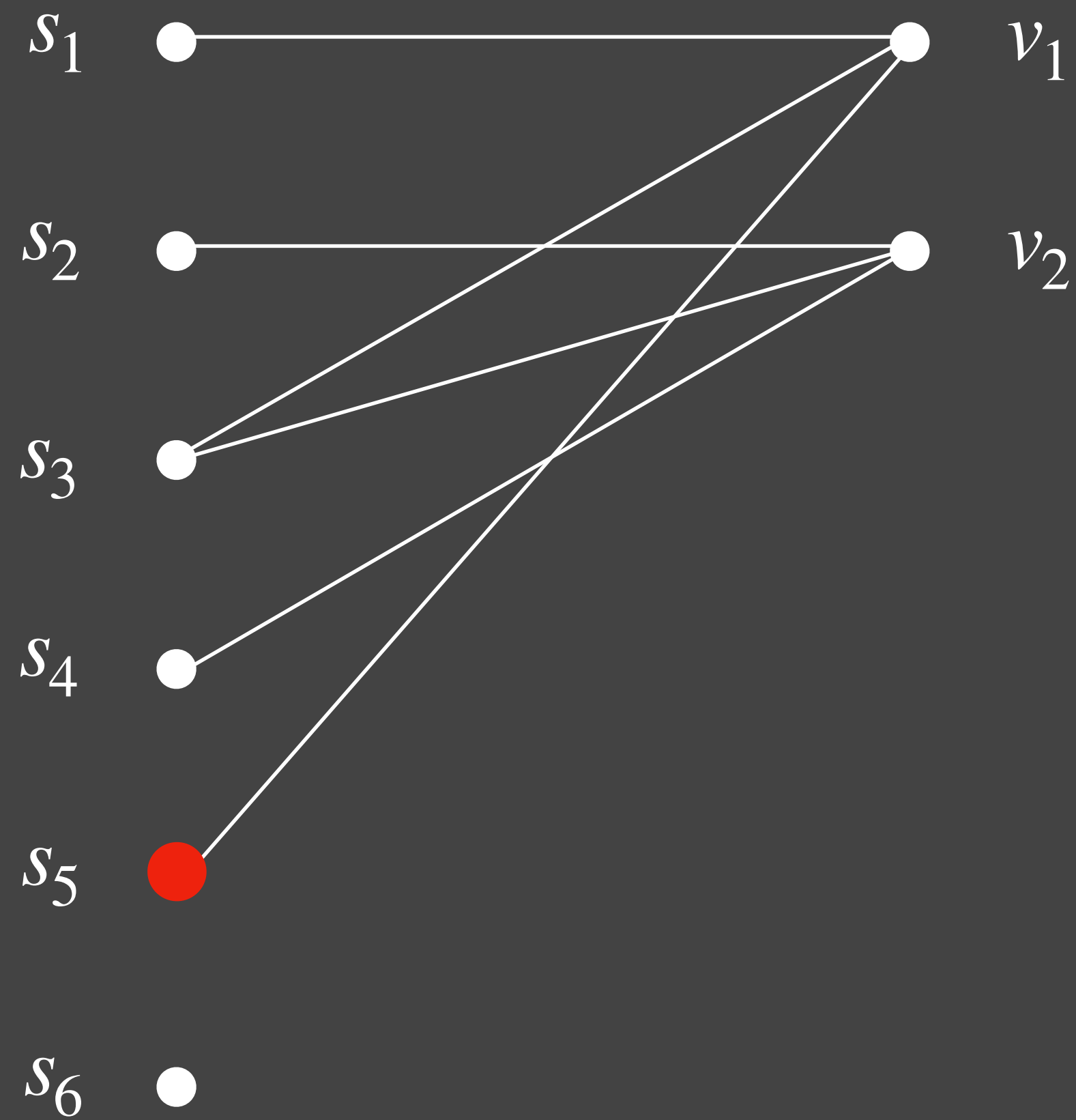
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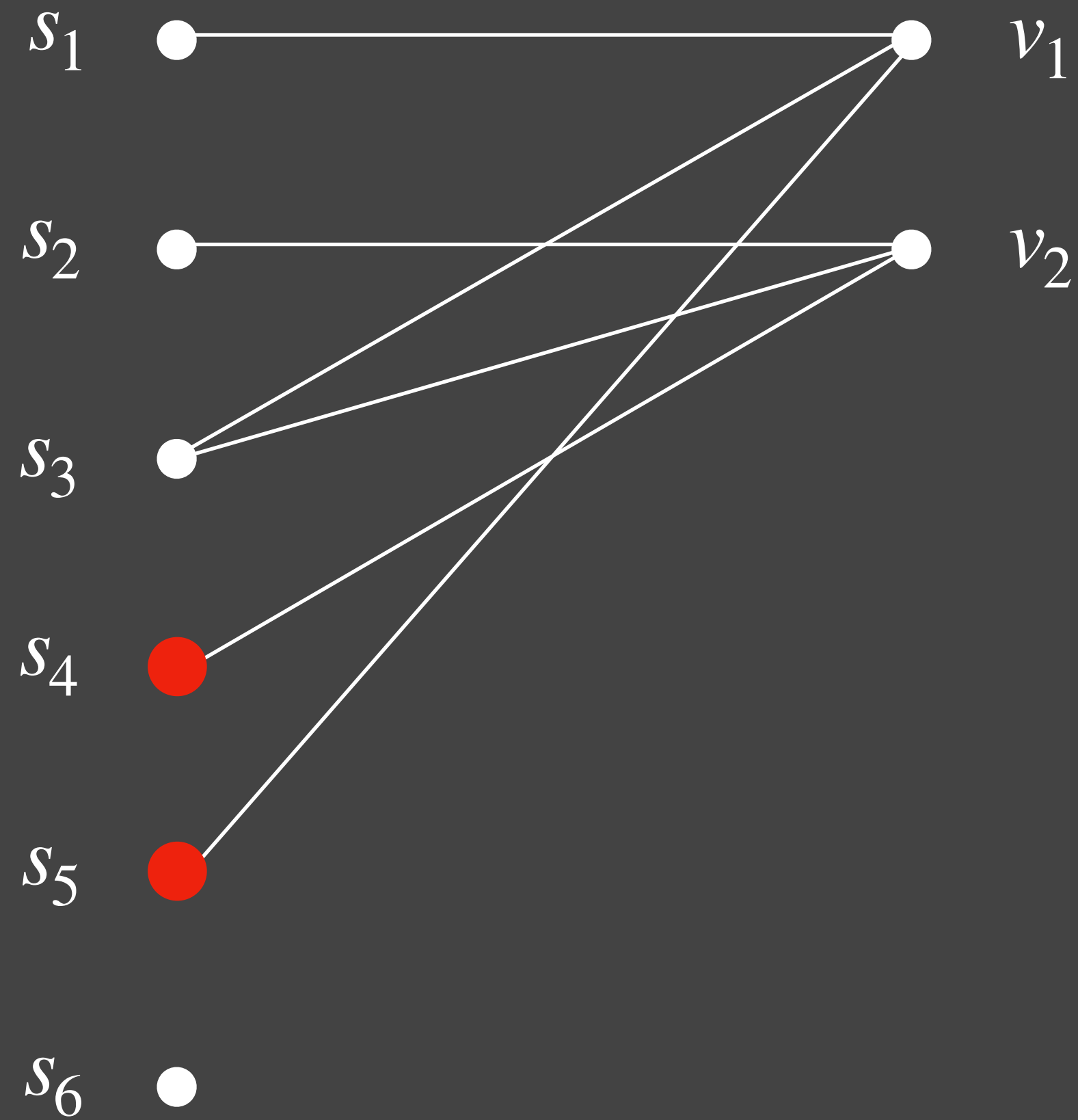
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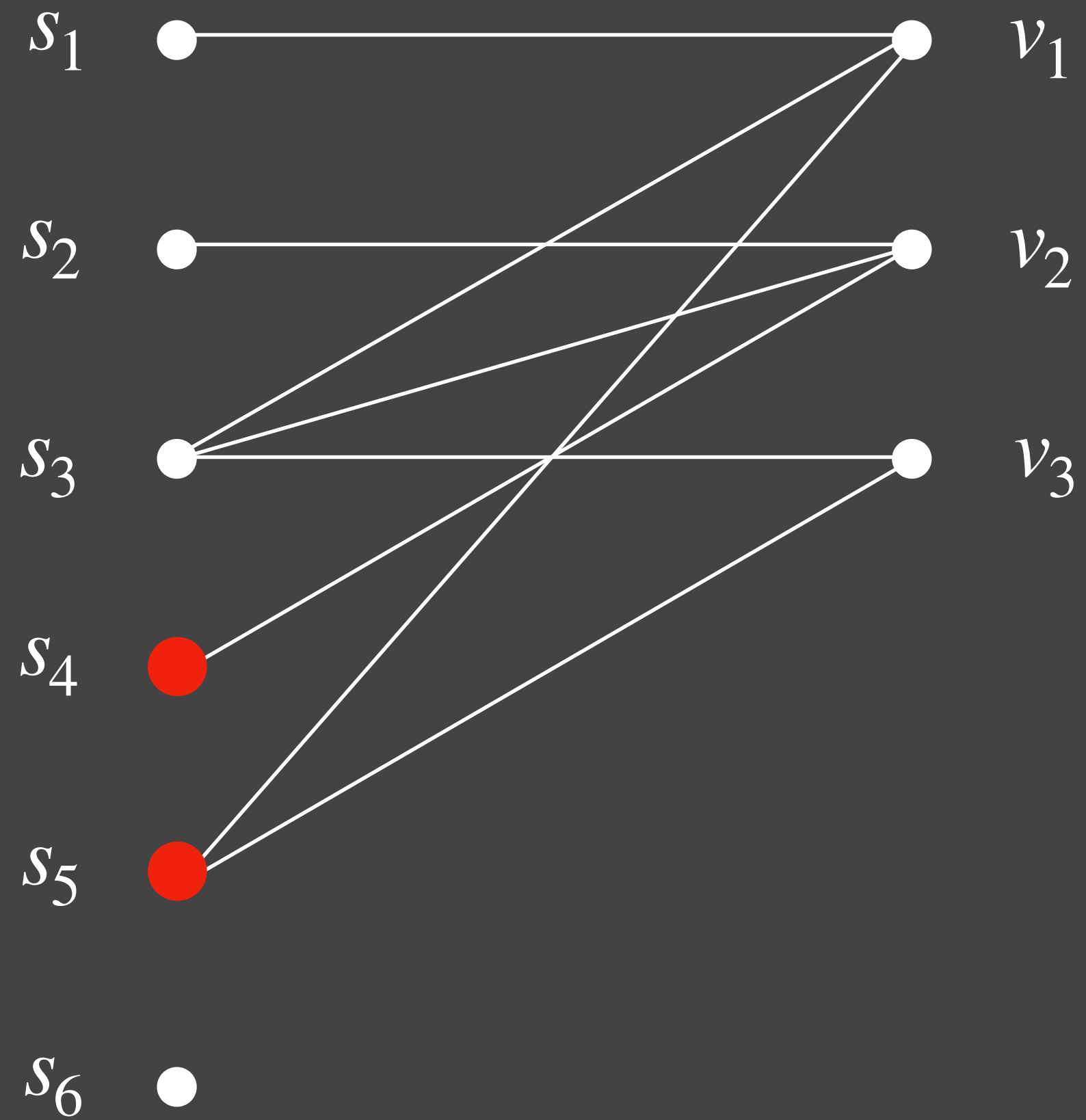
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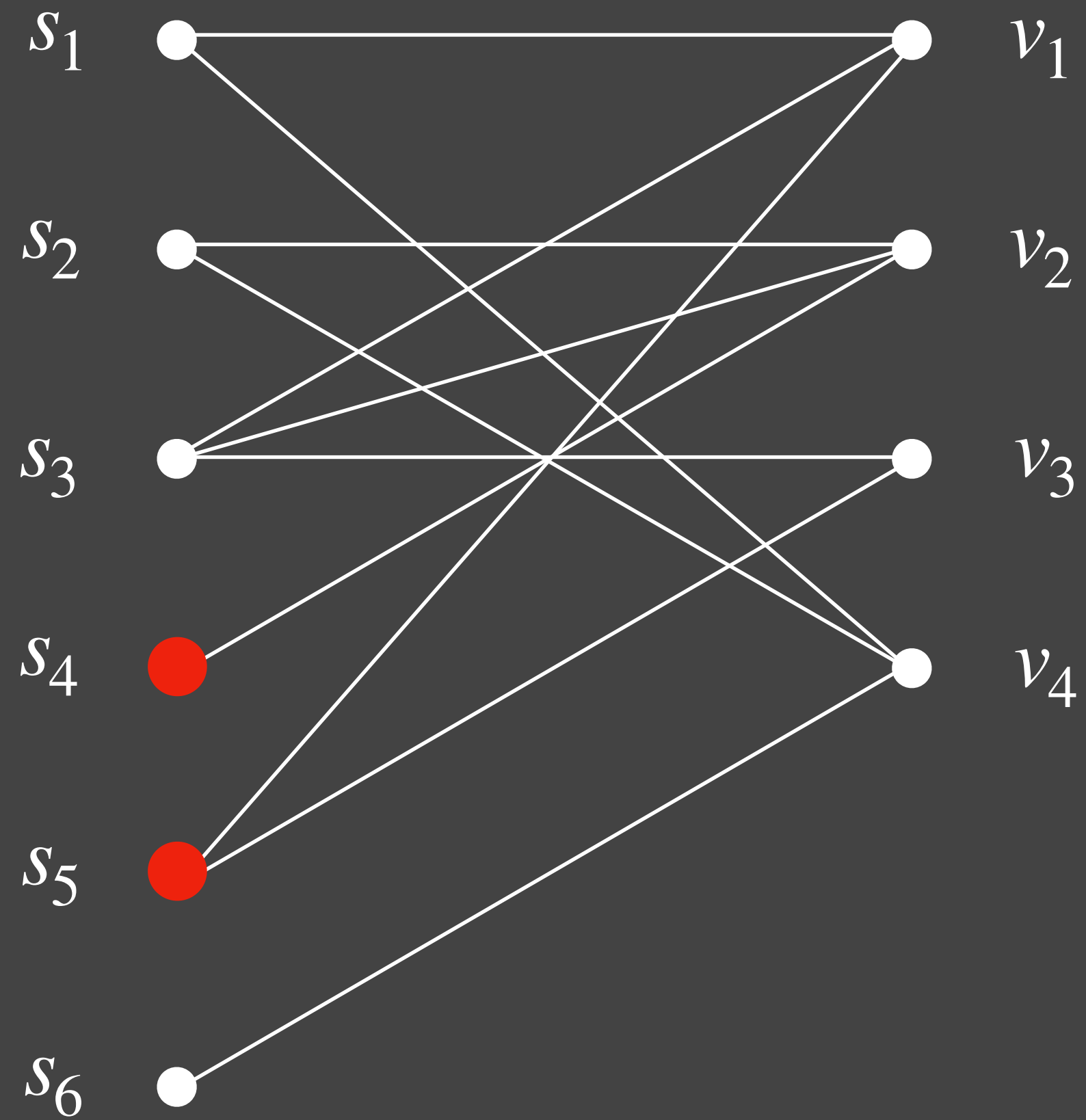
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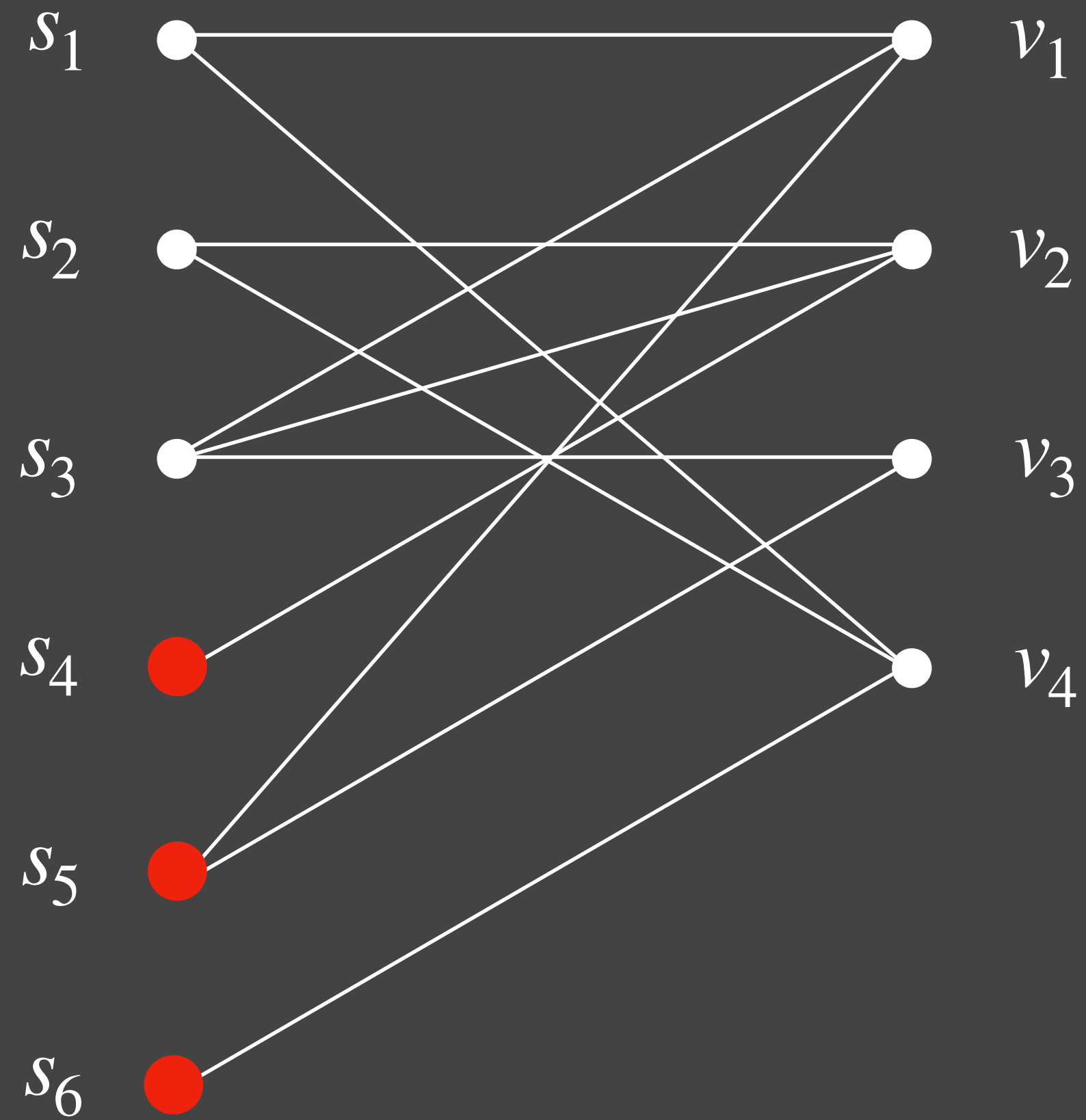
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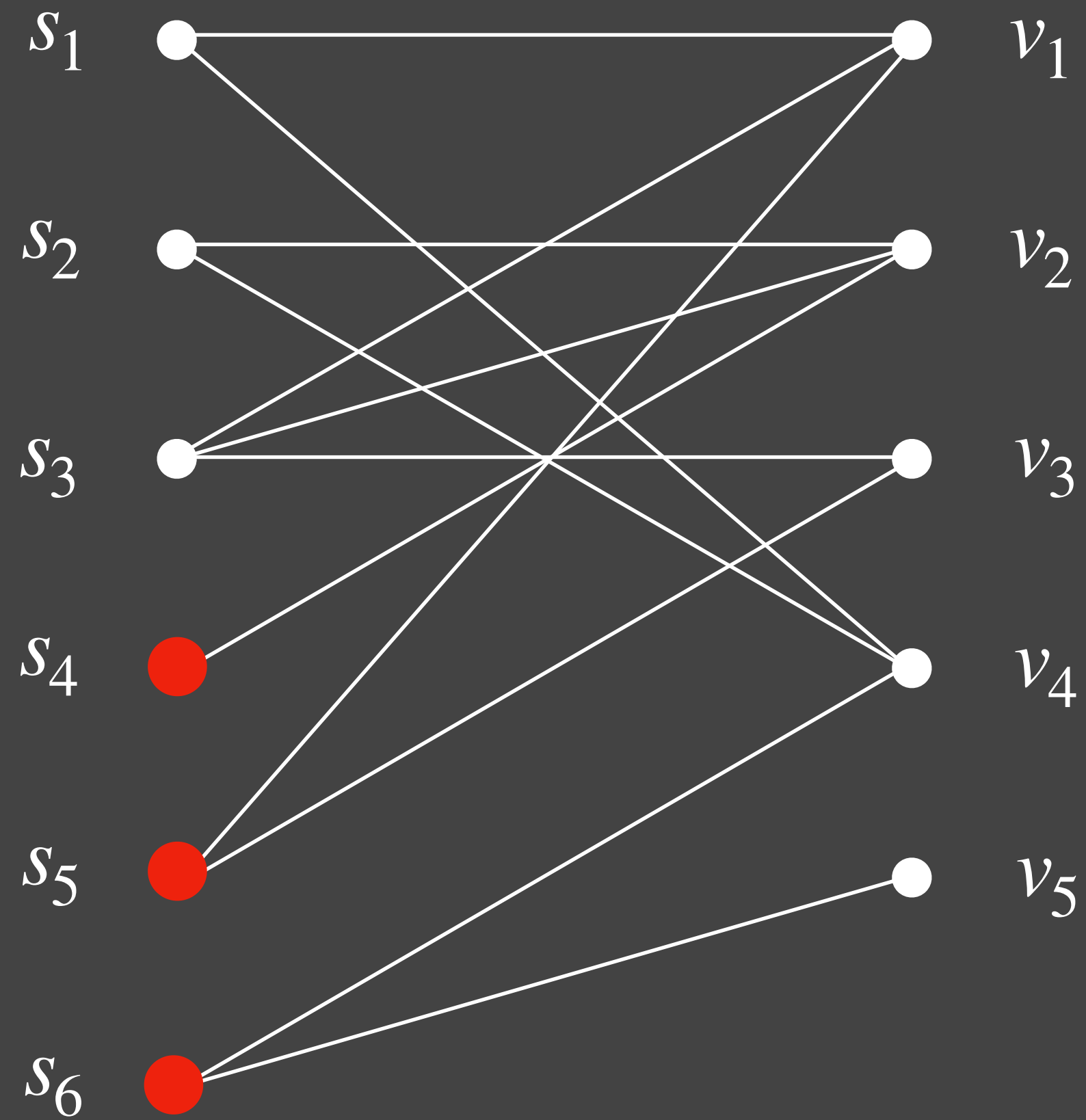
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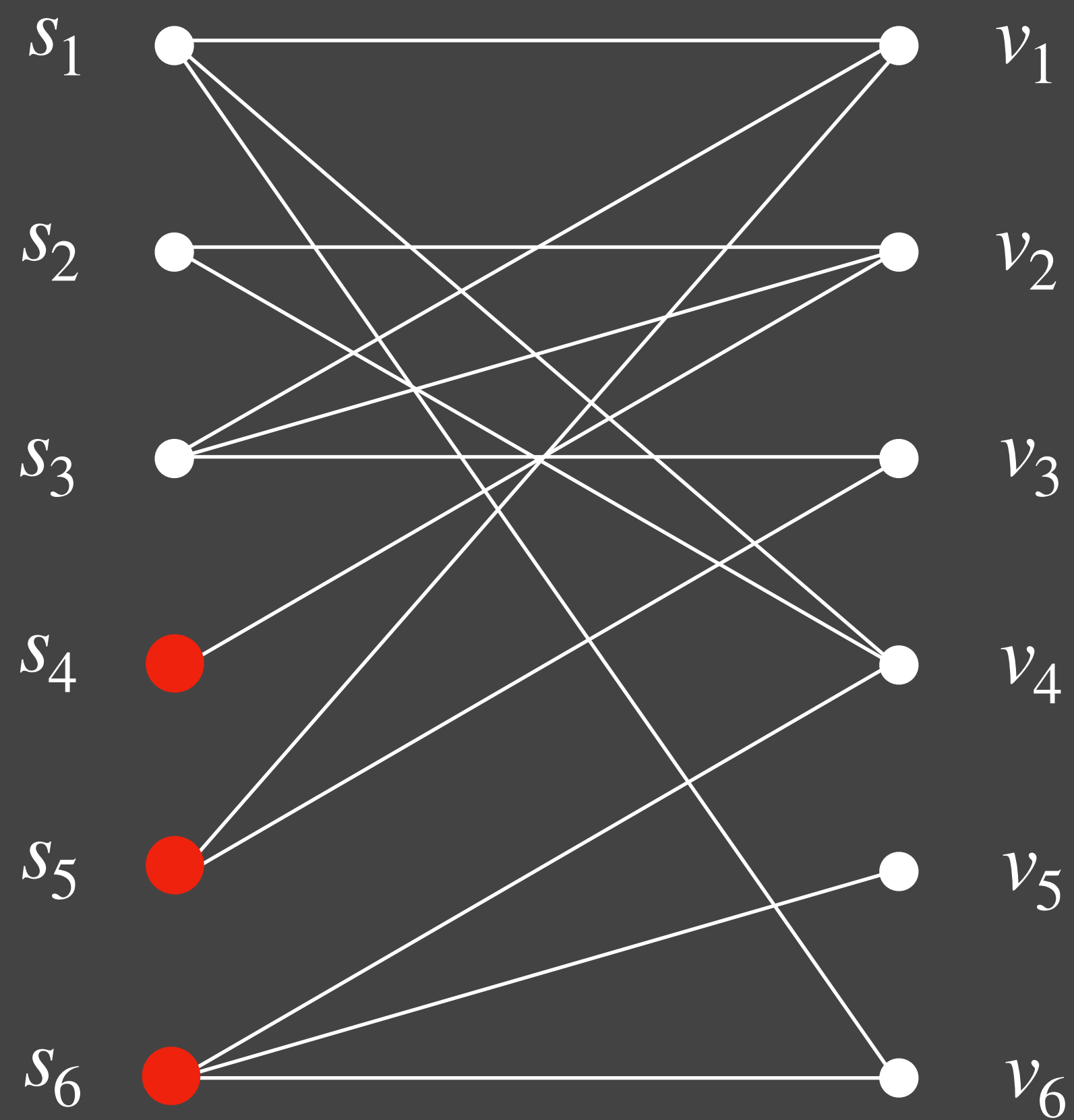
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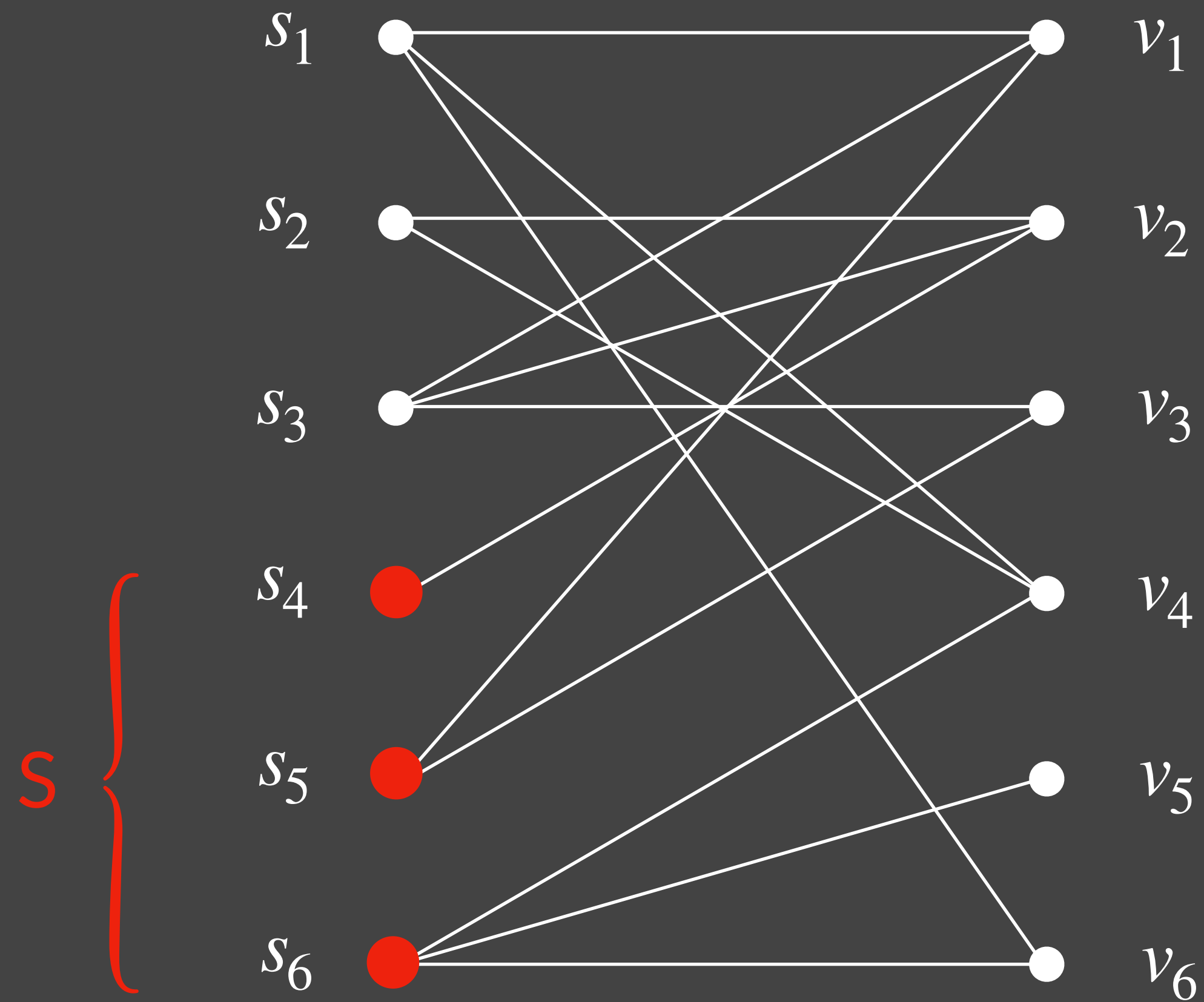
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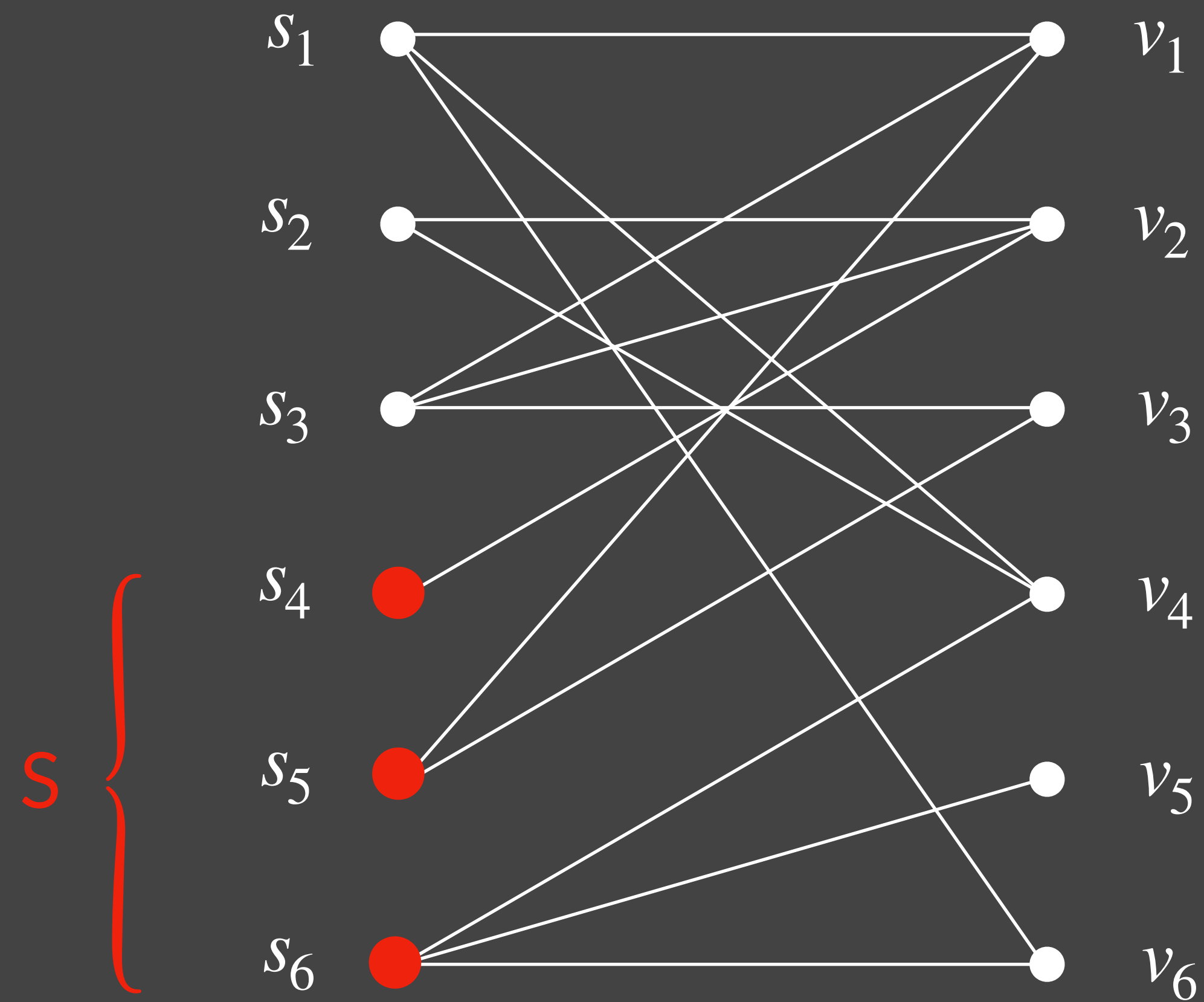
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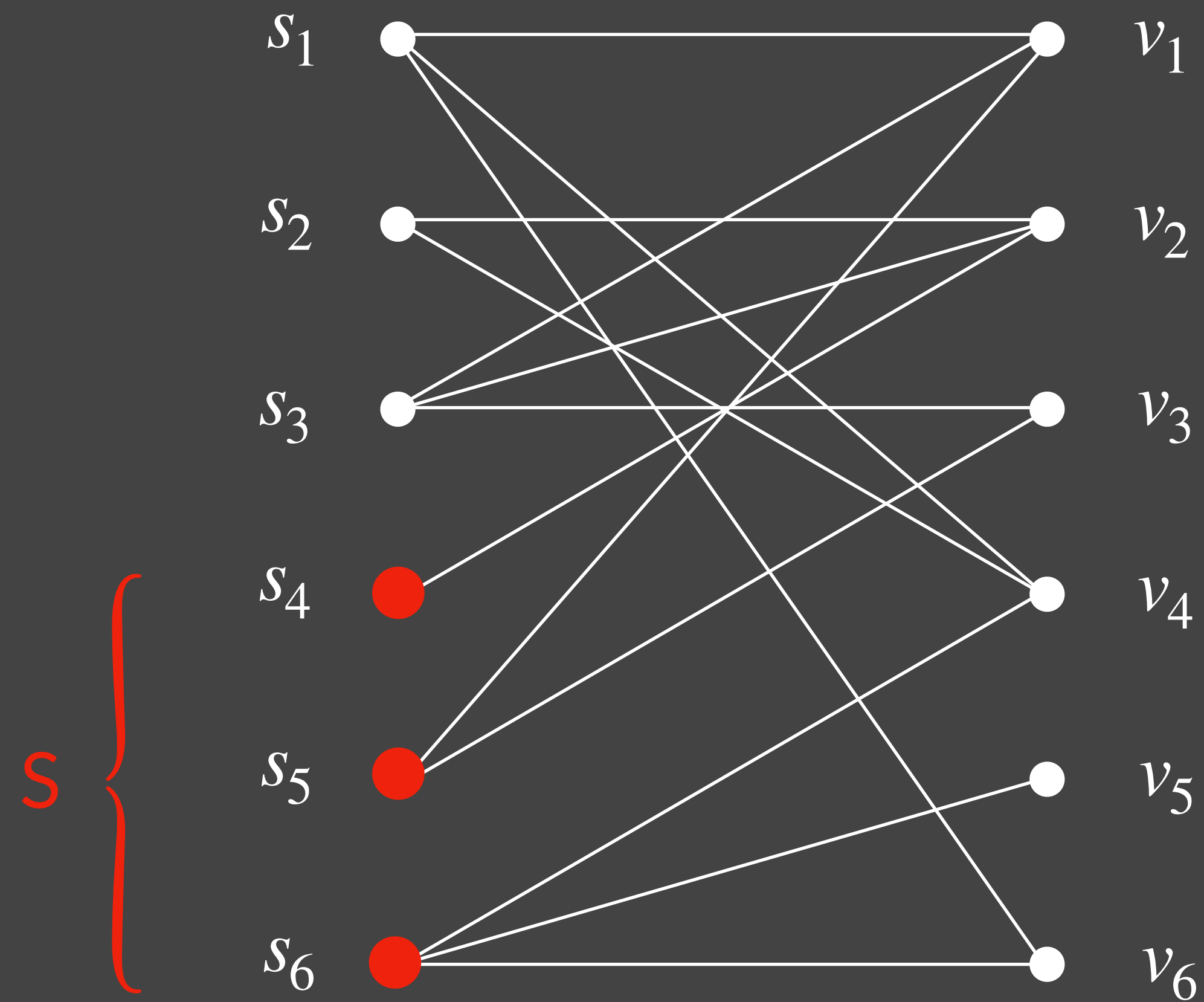
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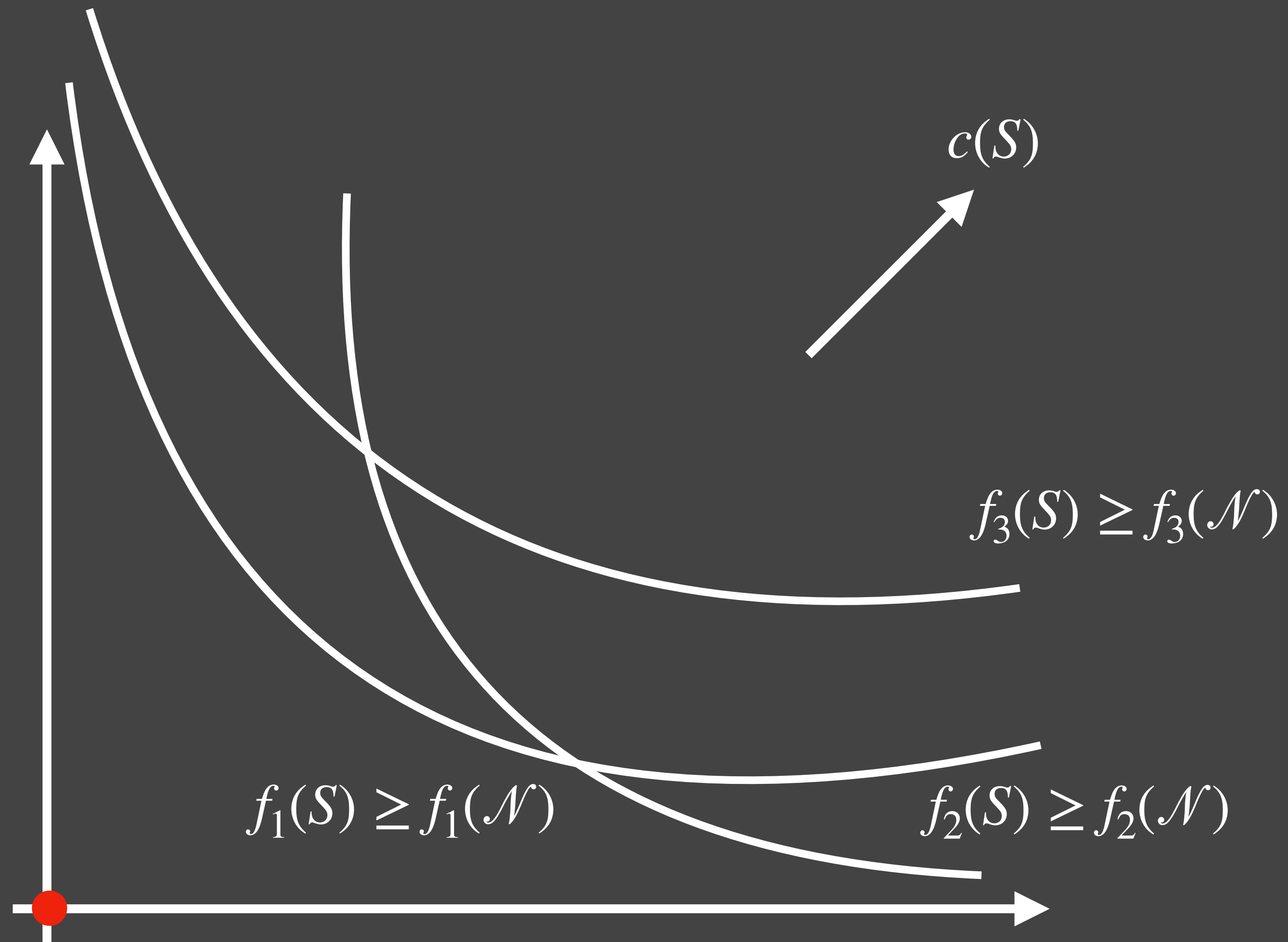
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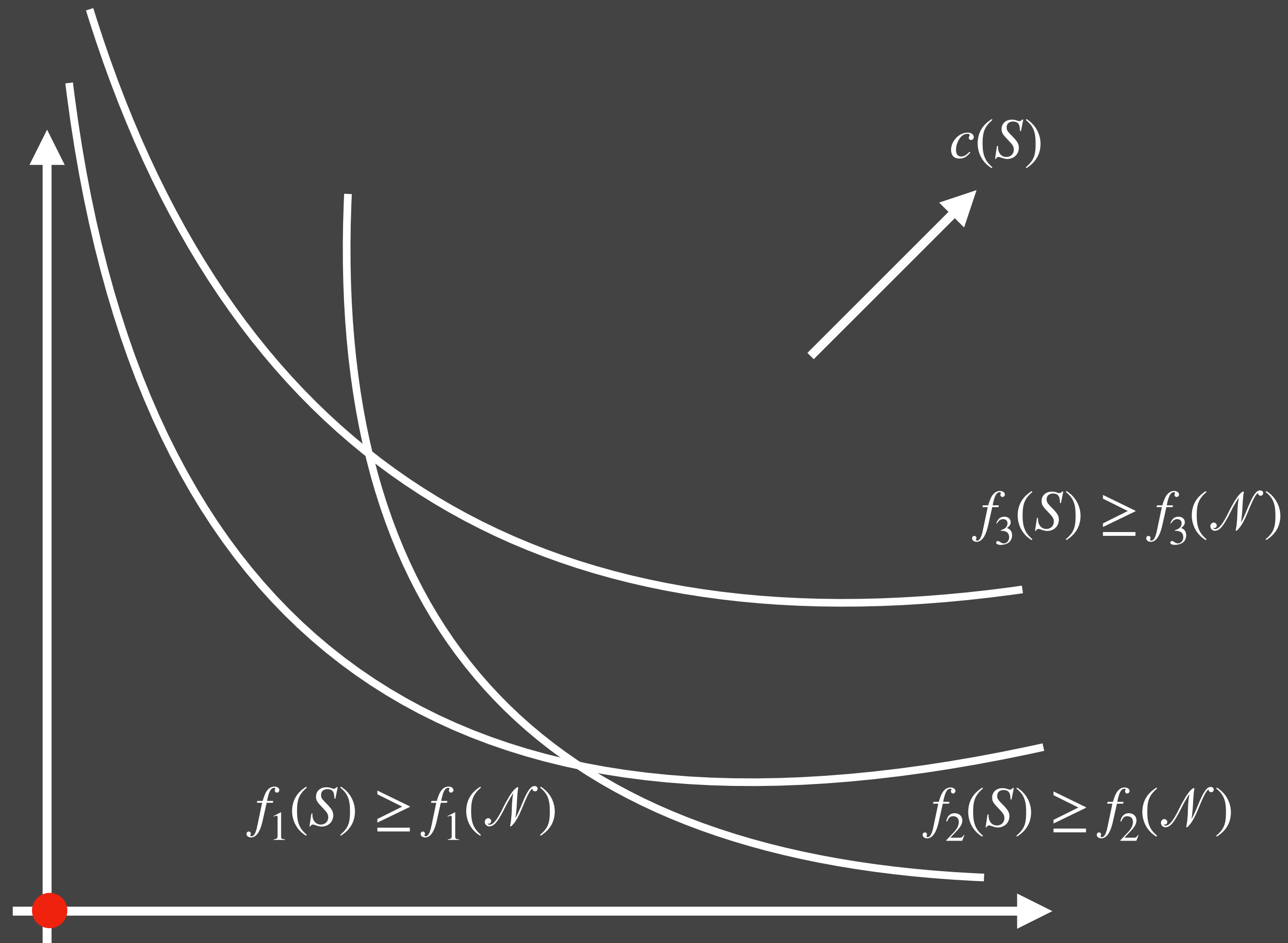
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Online Submodular Cover Results



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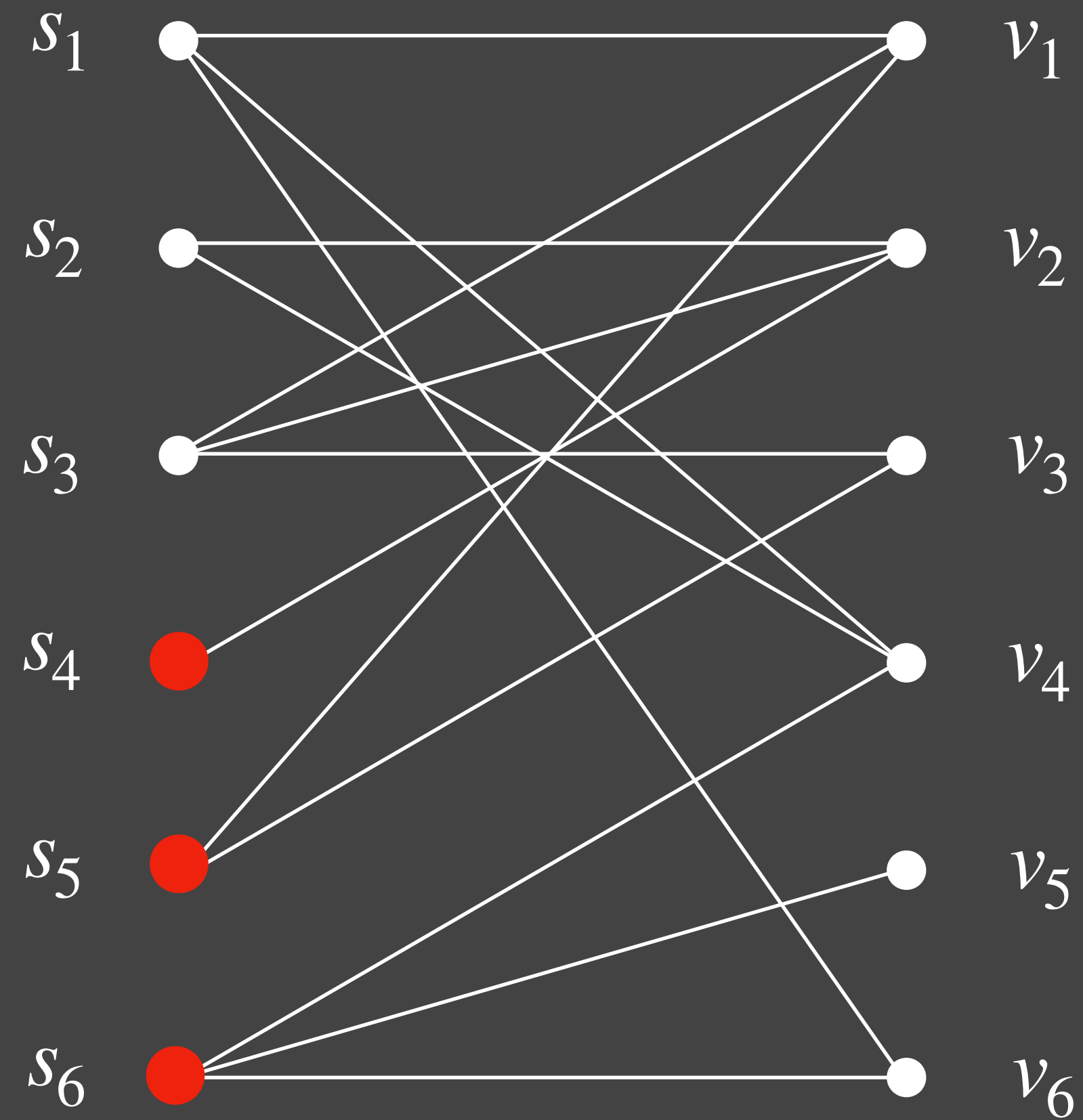
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Theorem [Gupta L. SODA20]:

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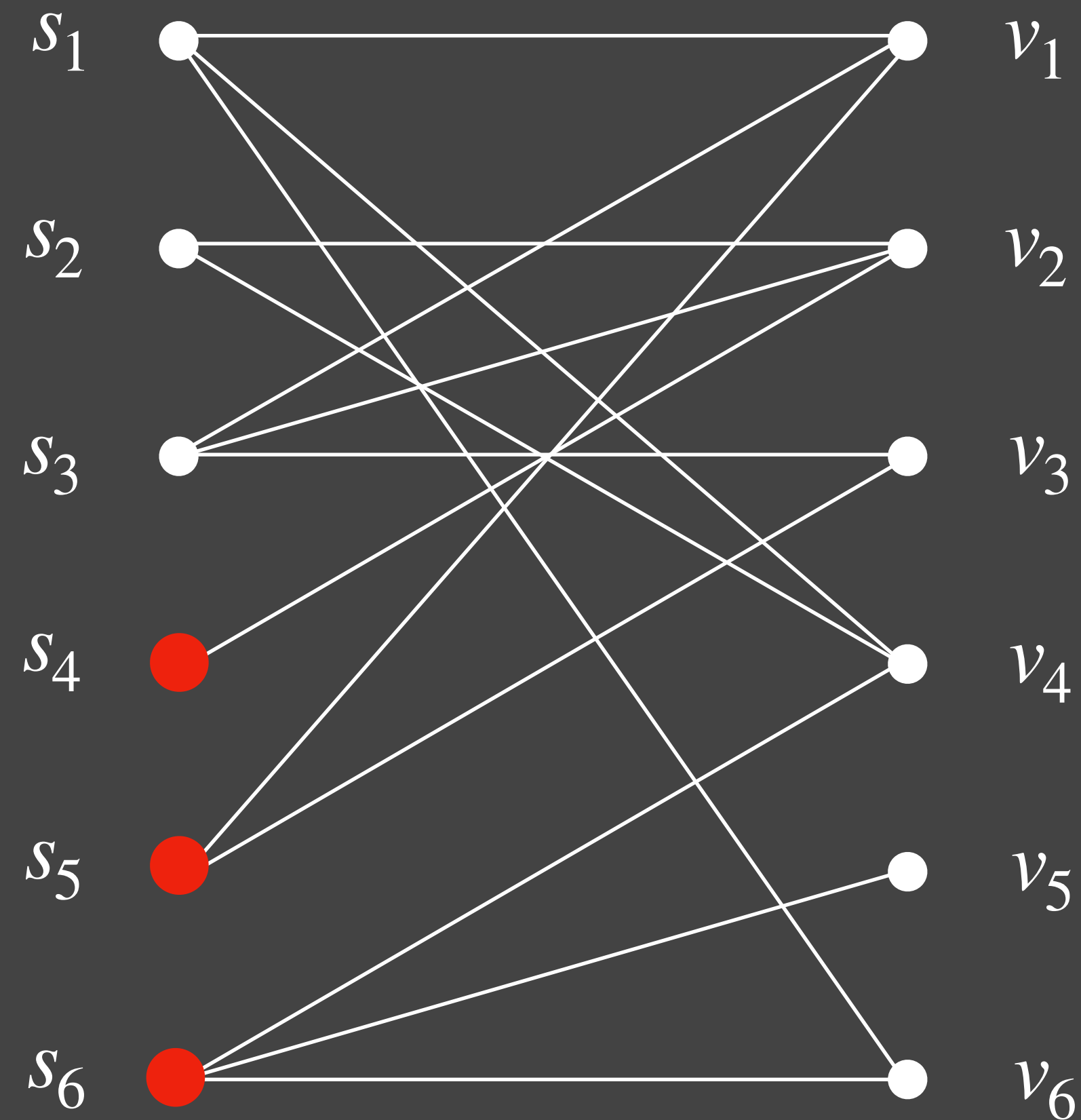
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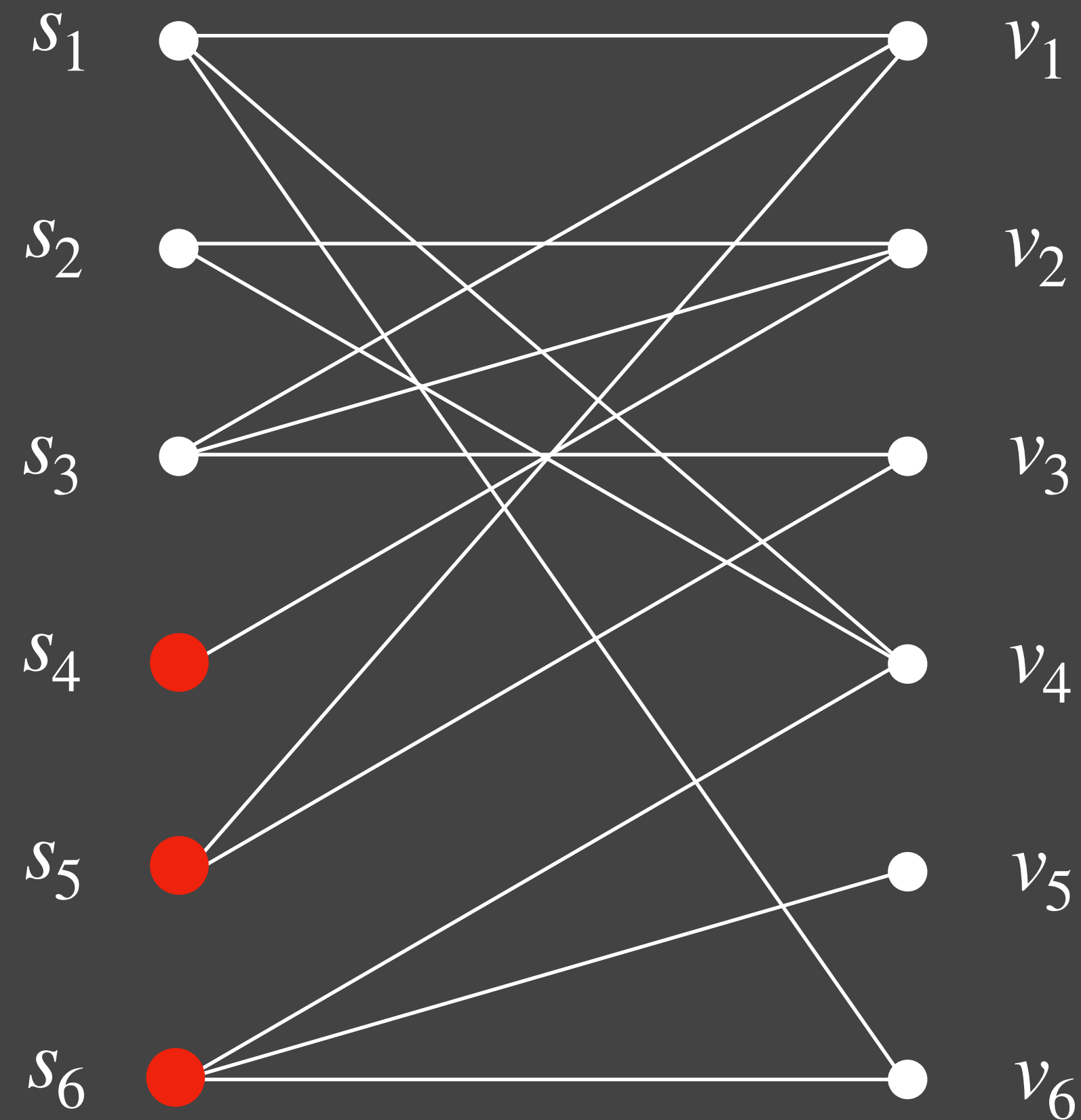
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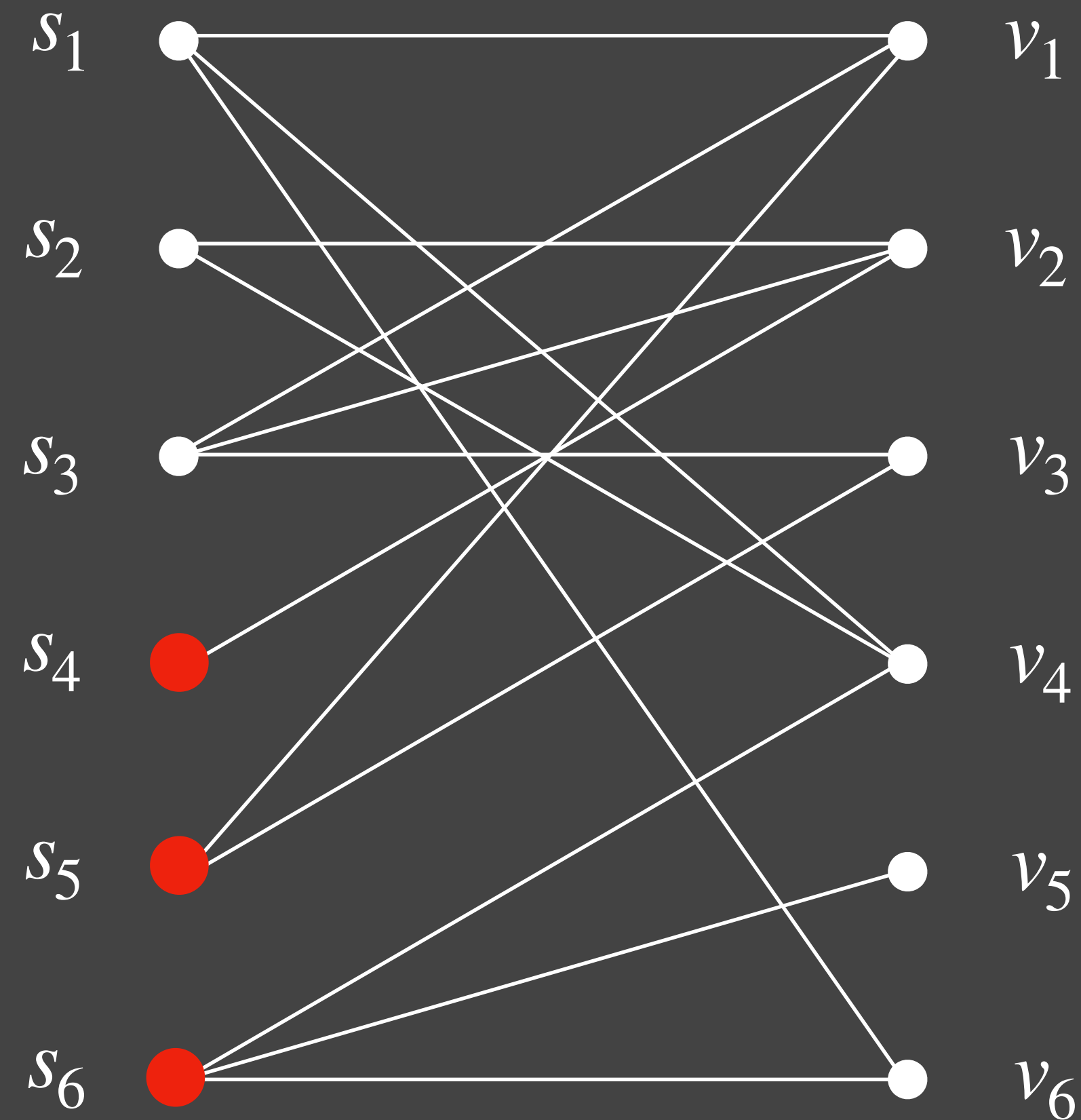
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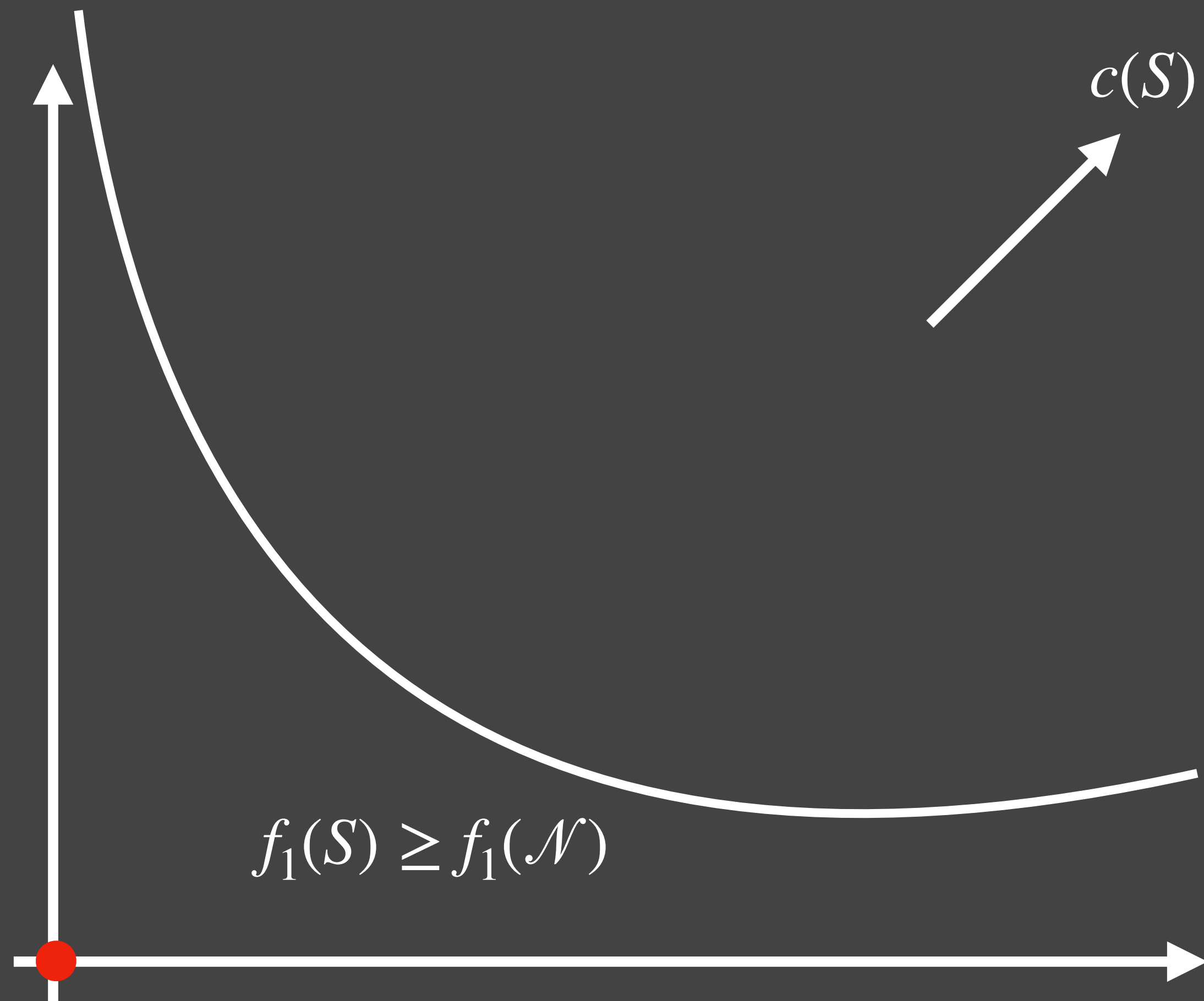
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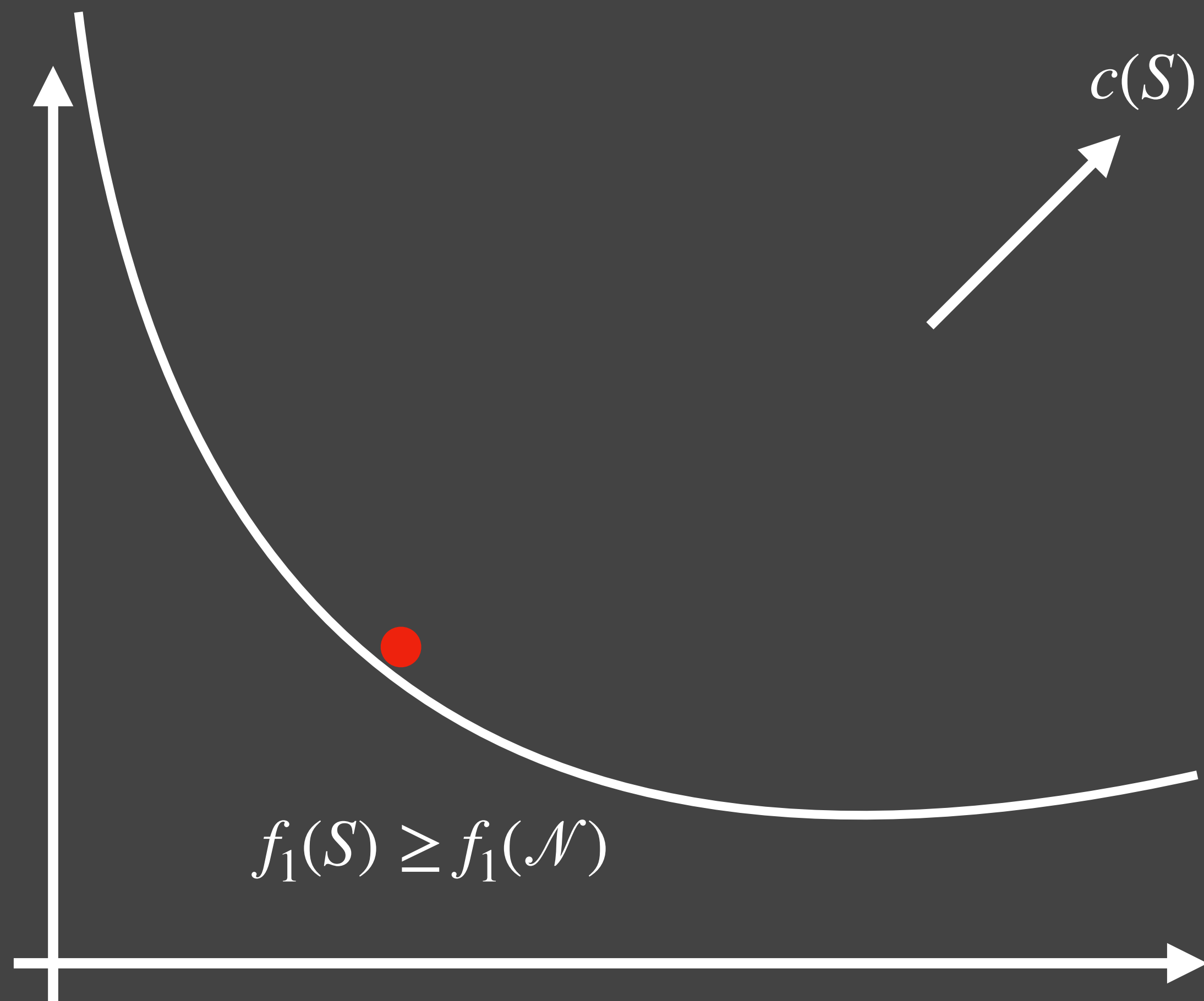
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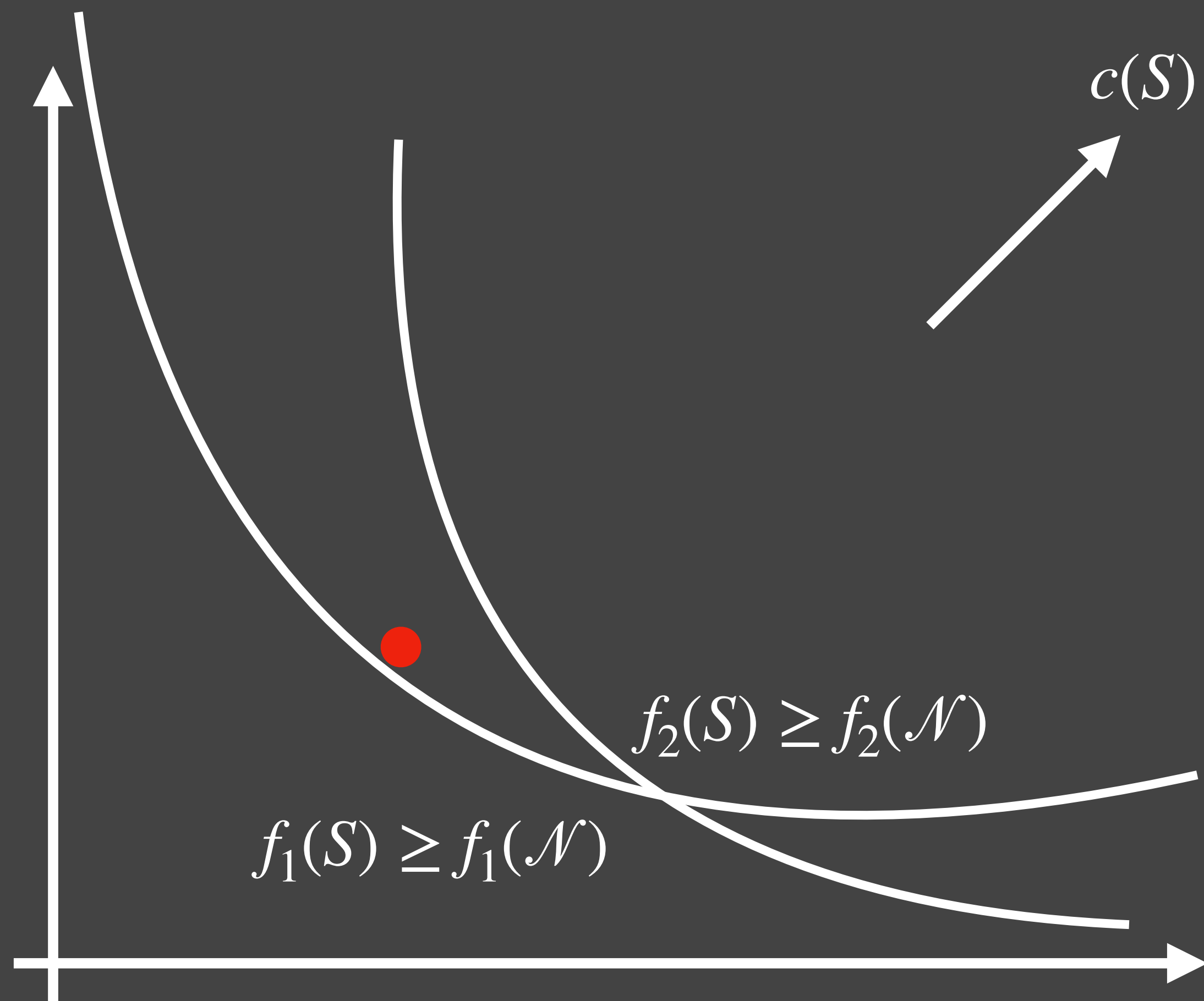
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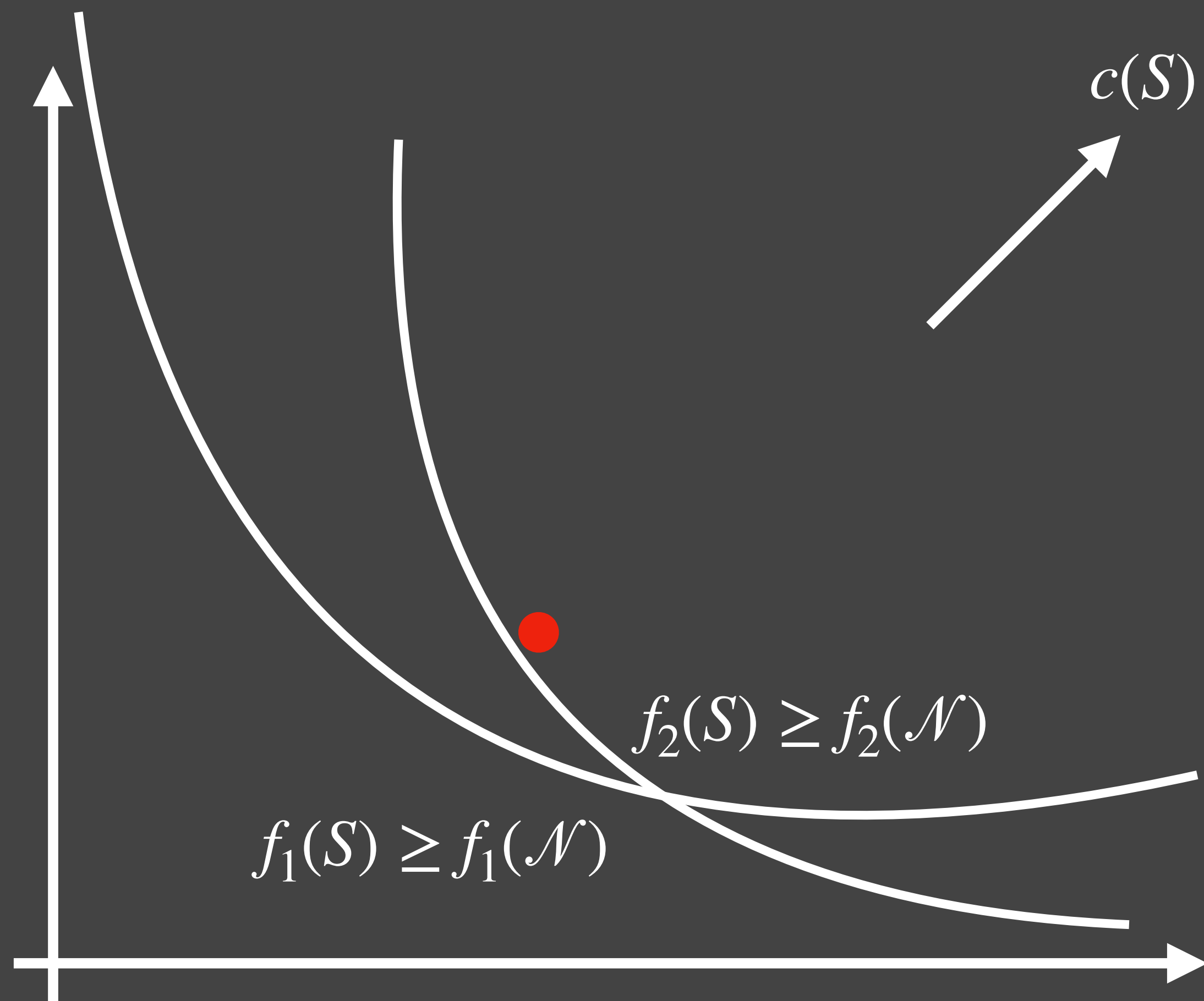
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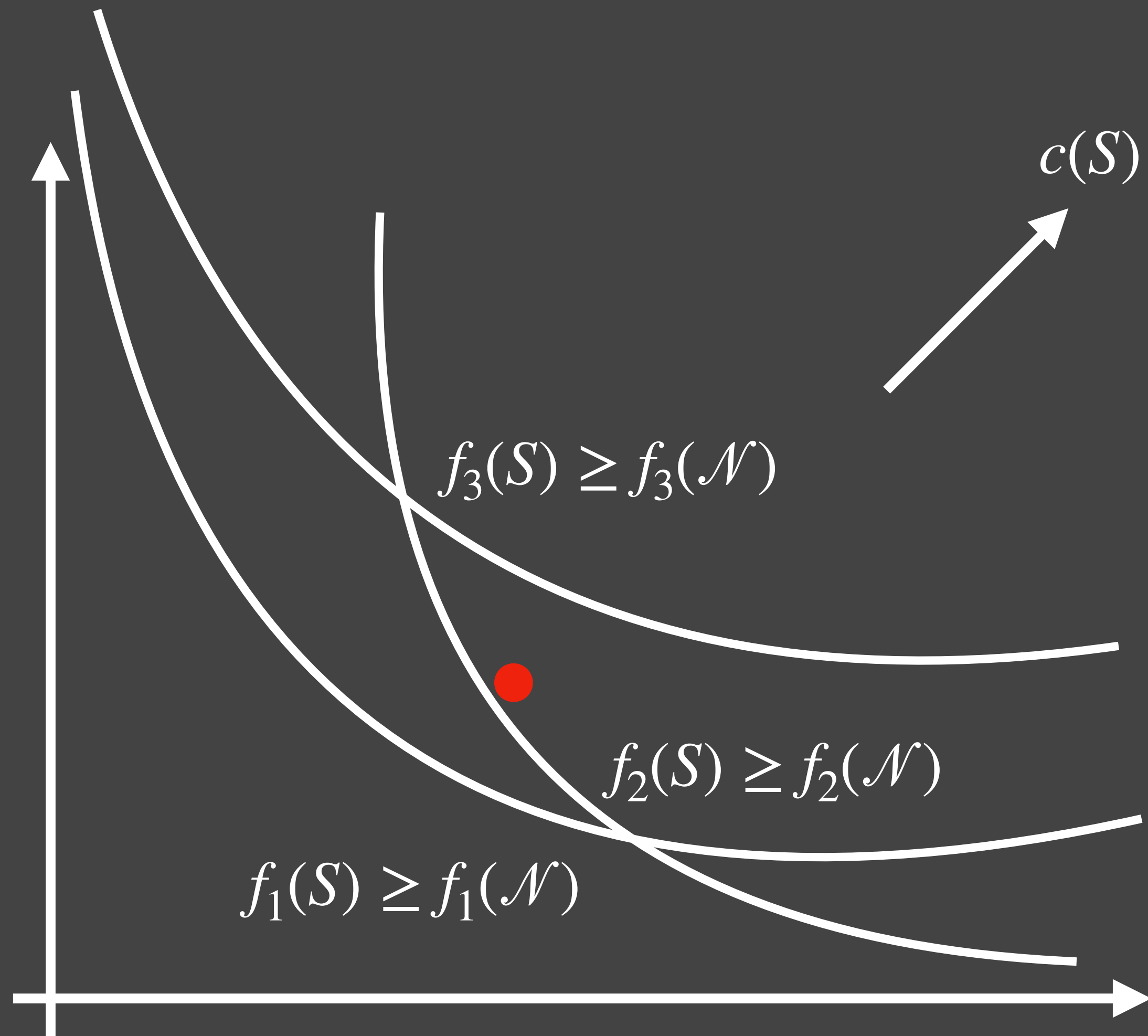
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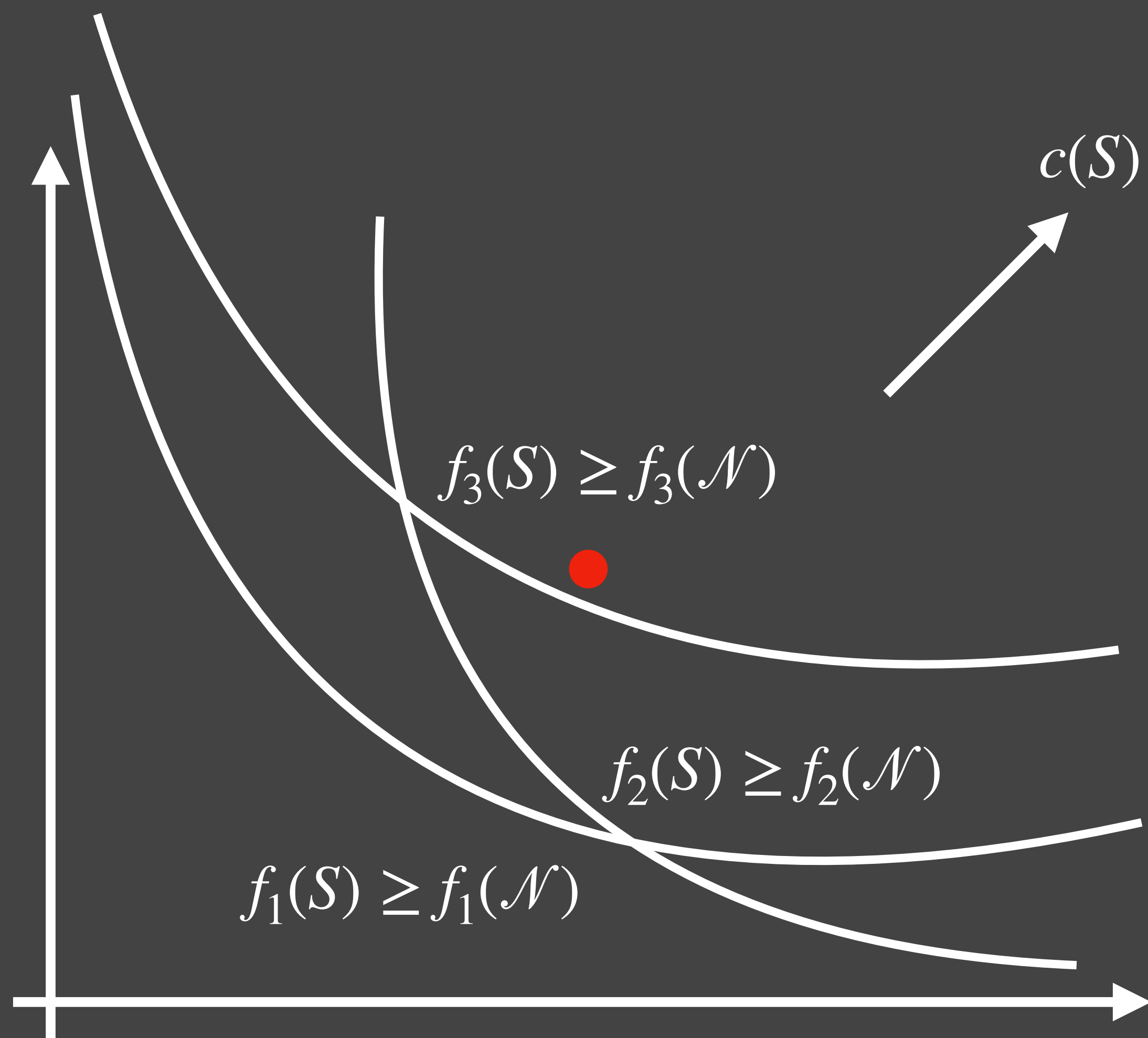
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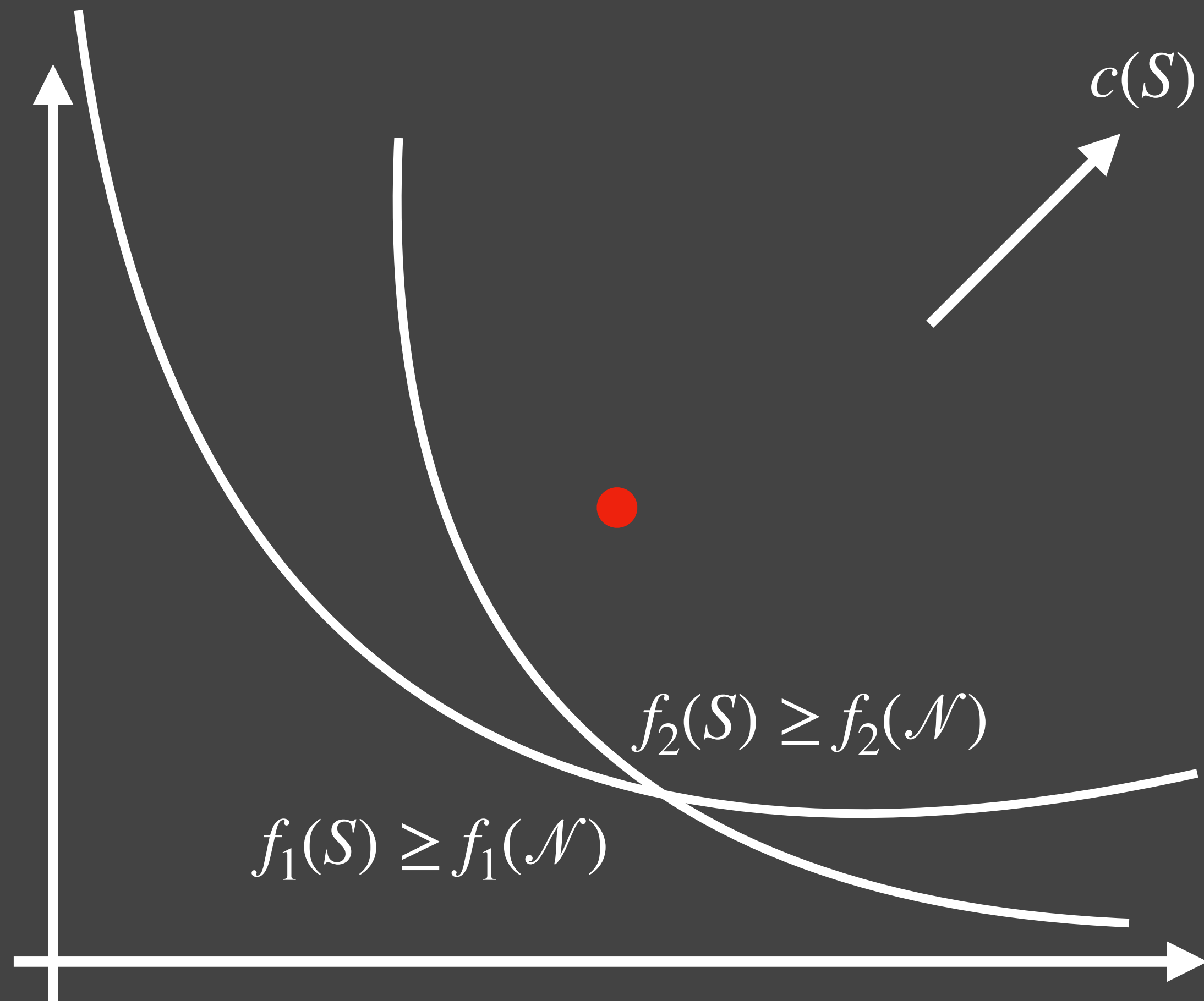
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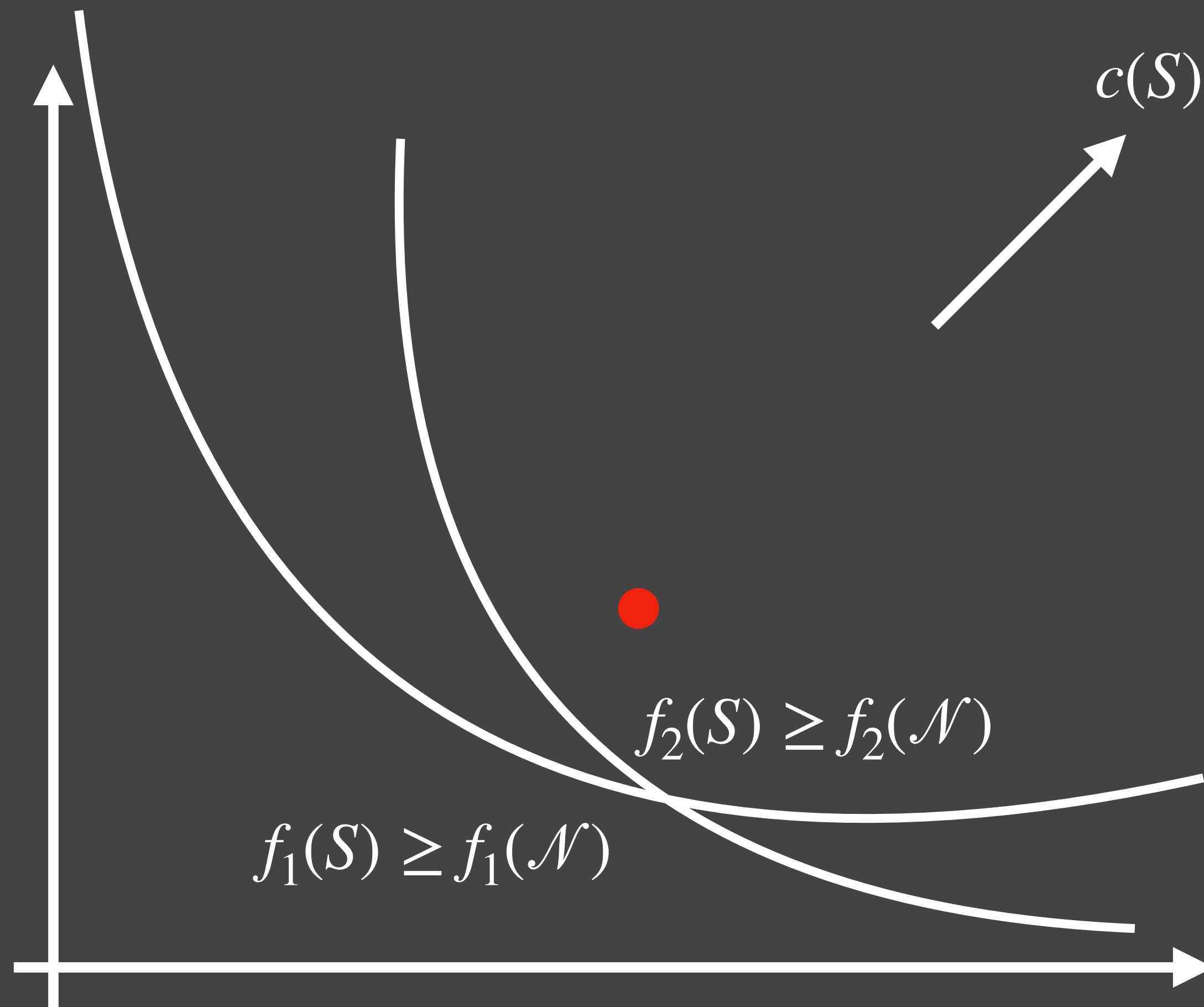
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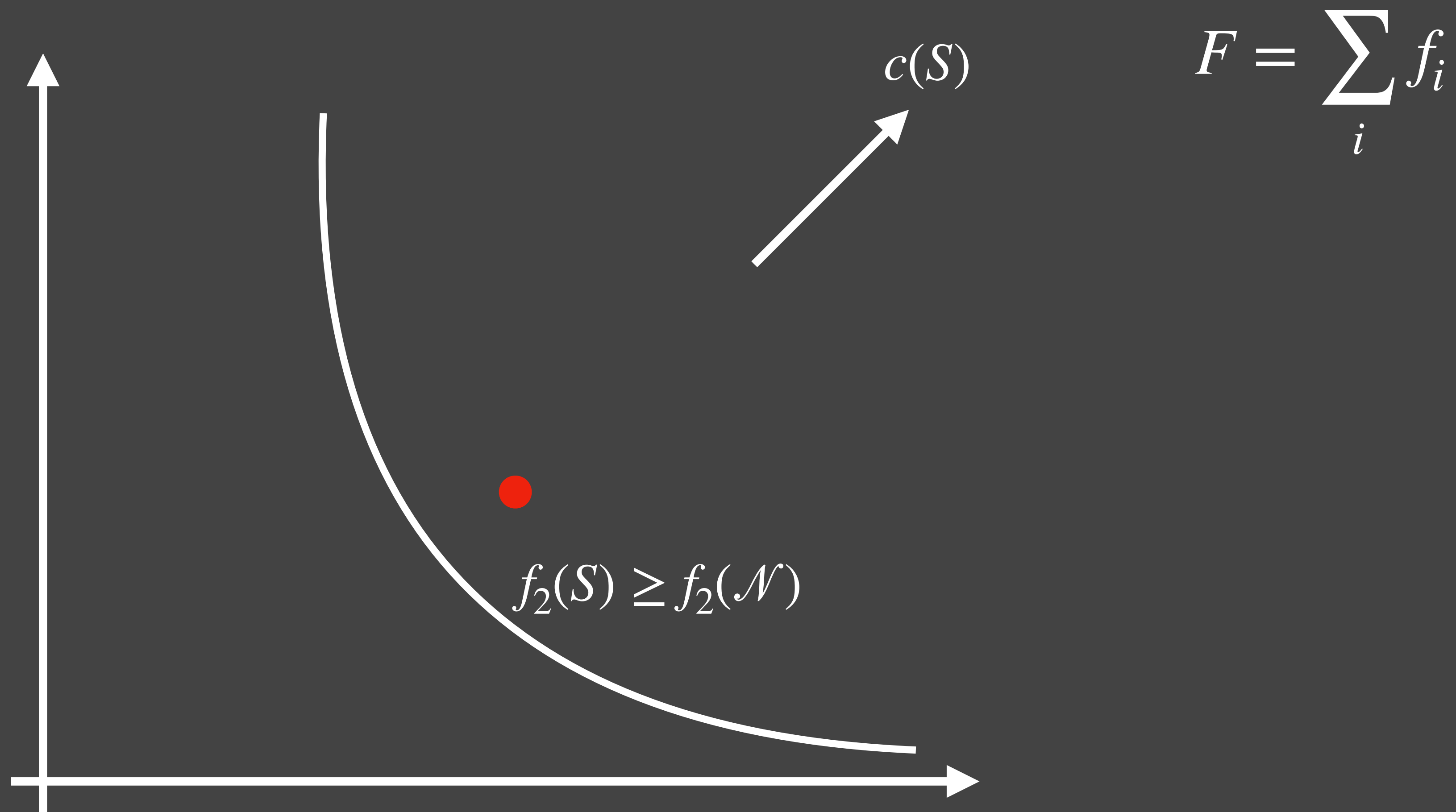
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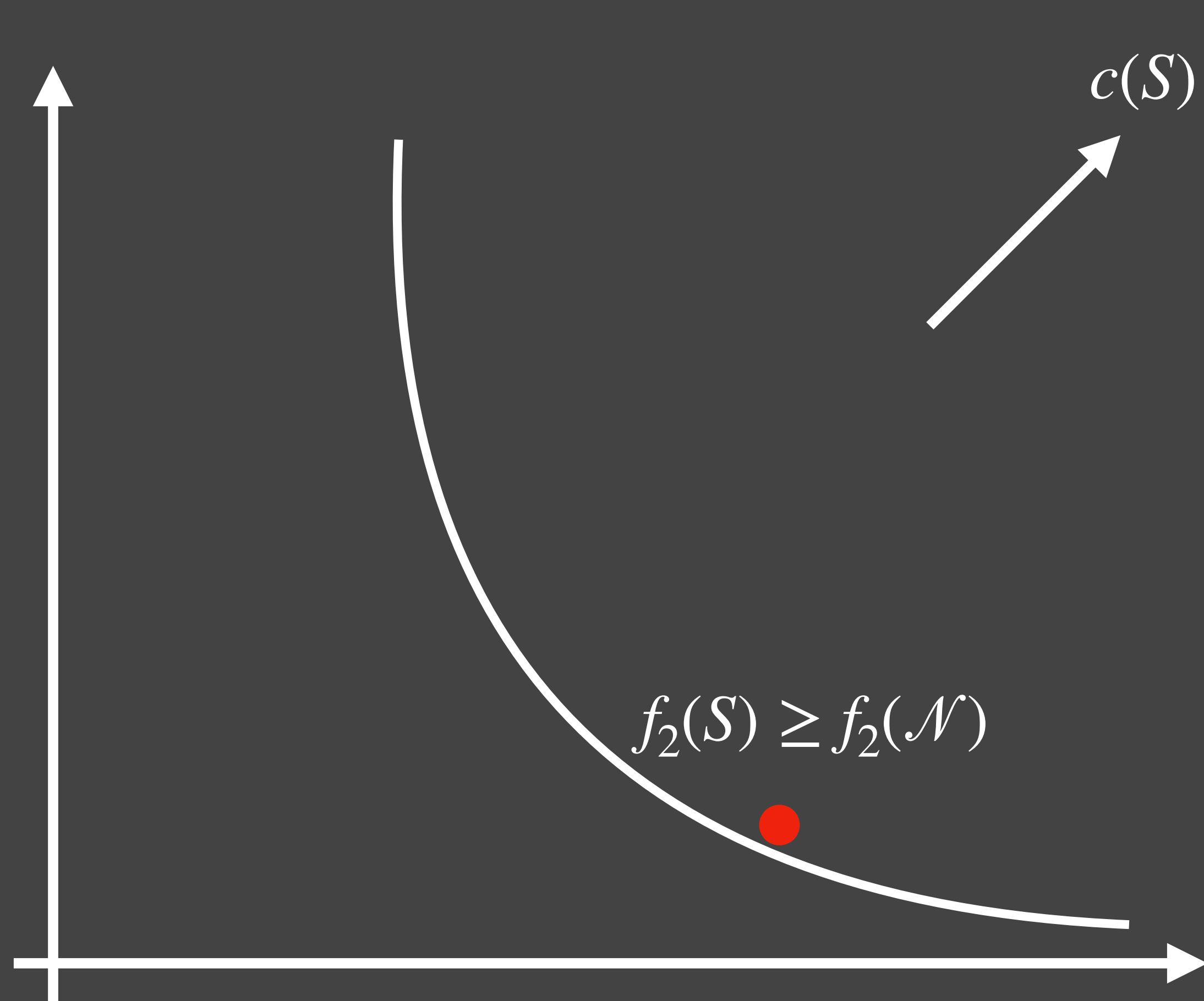


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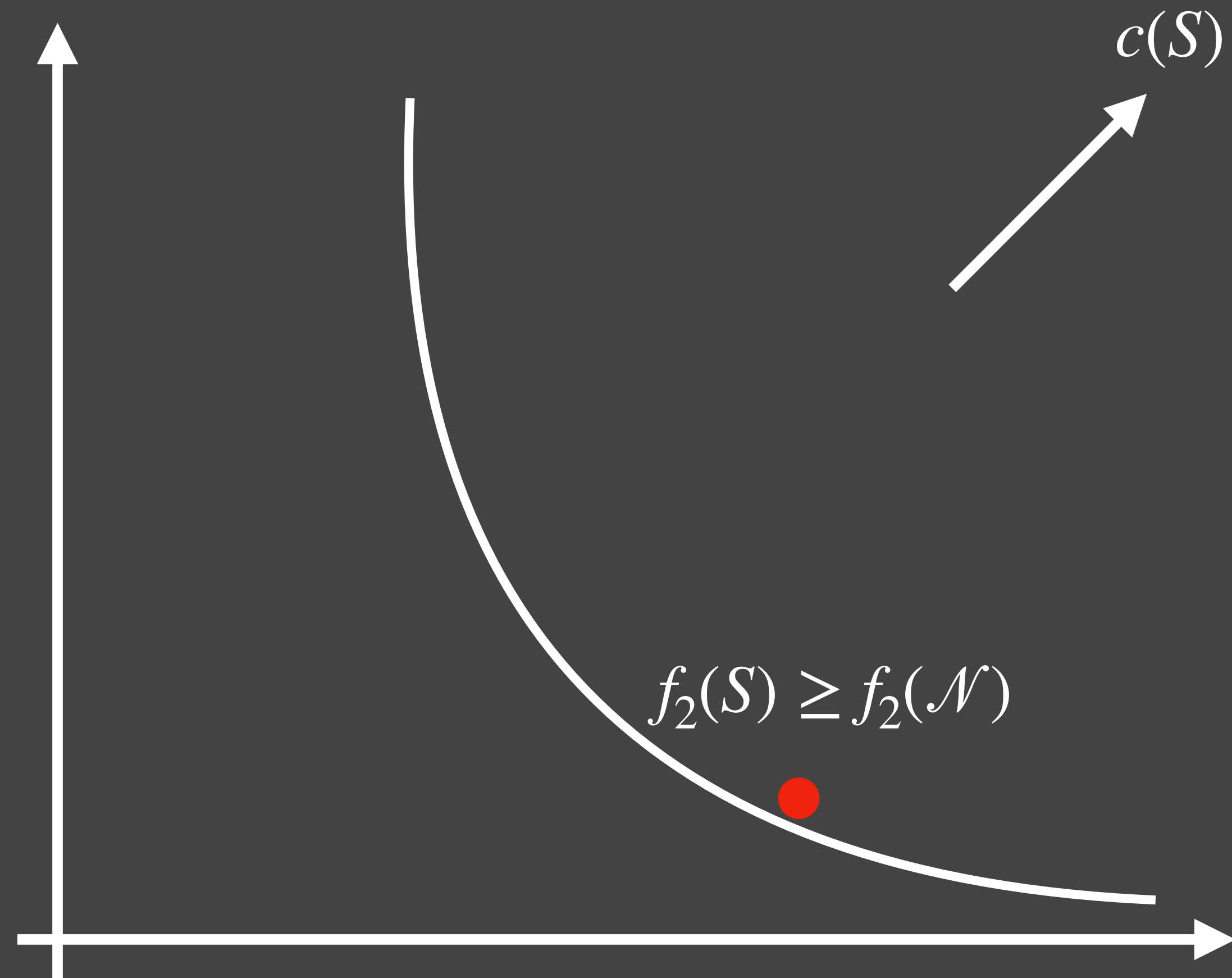


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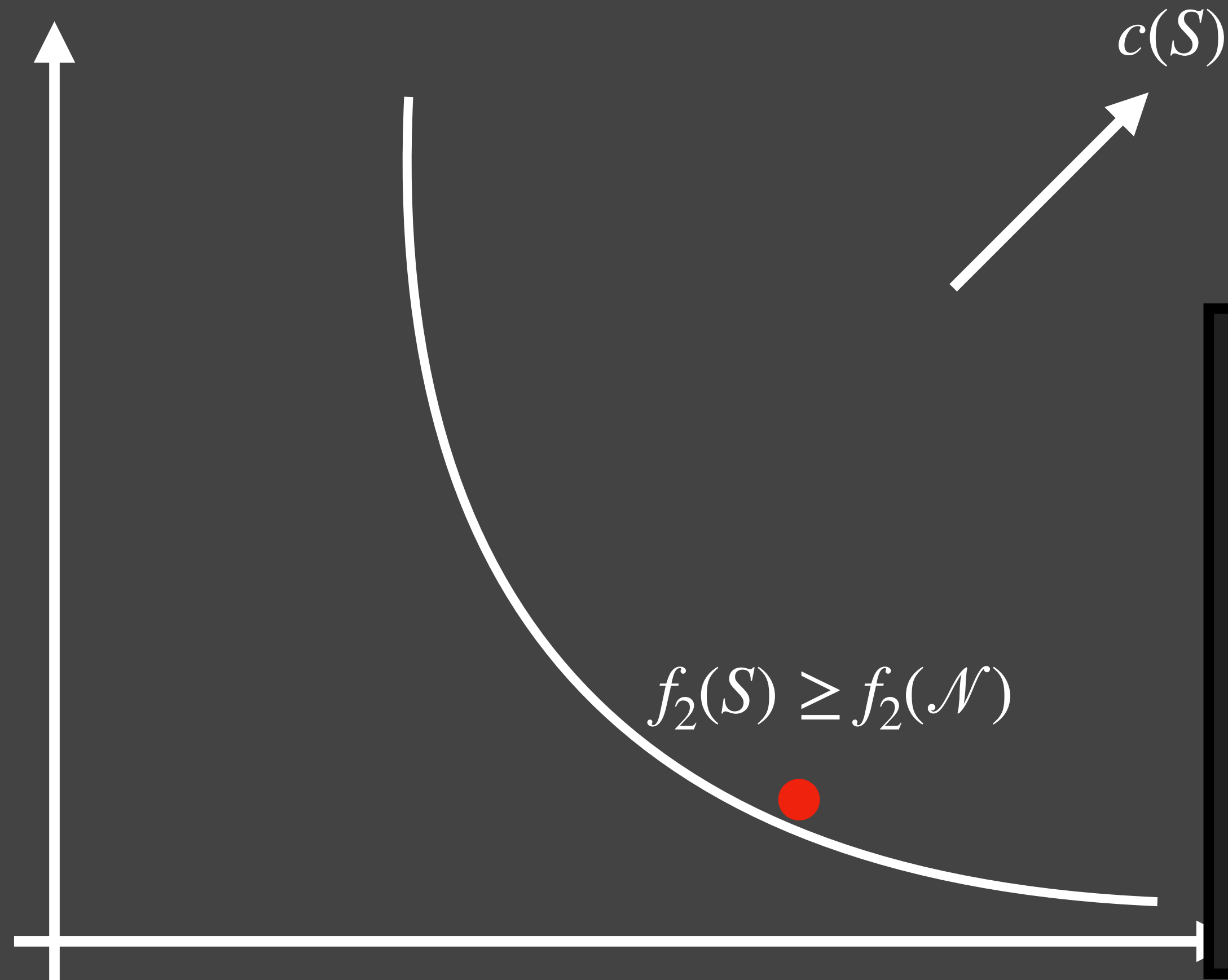


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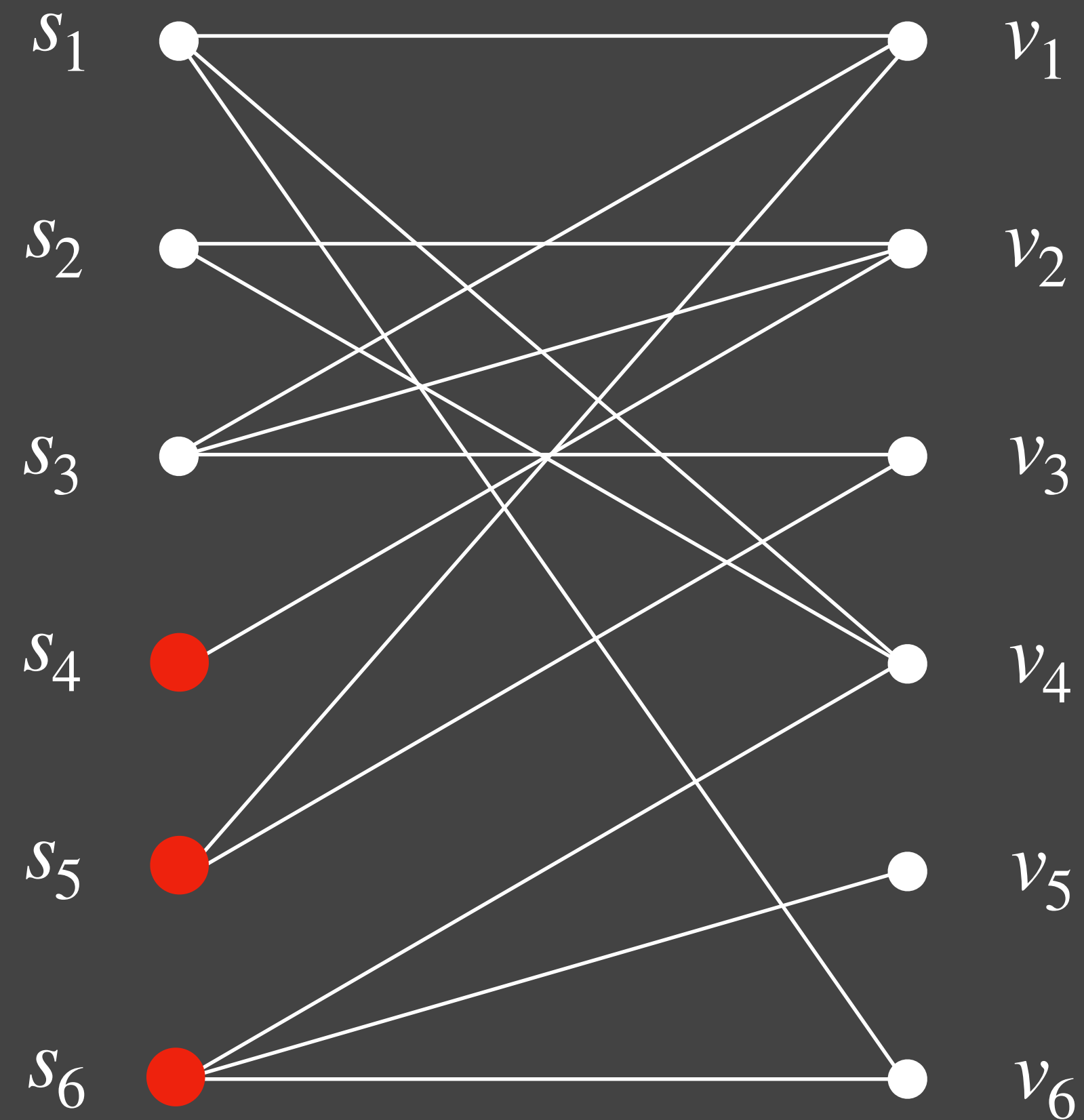
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Theorem [Gupta L. FOCS 20]:

There is a *deterministic poly time algorithm* for **Fully-Dynamic Submodular Cover** with:

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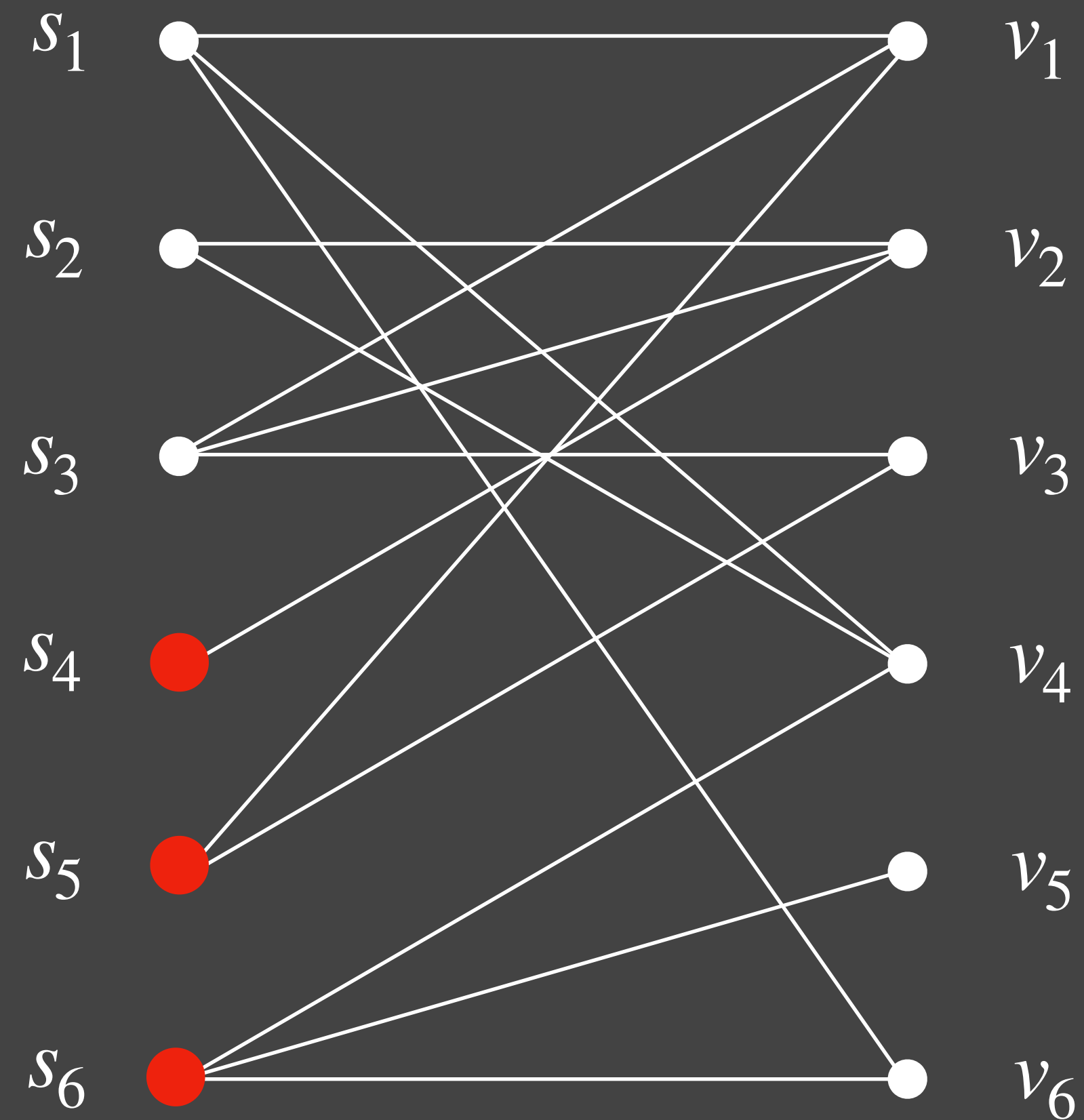
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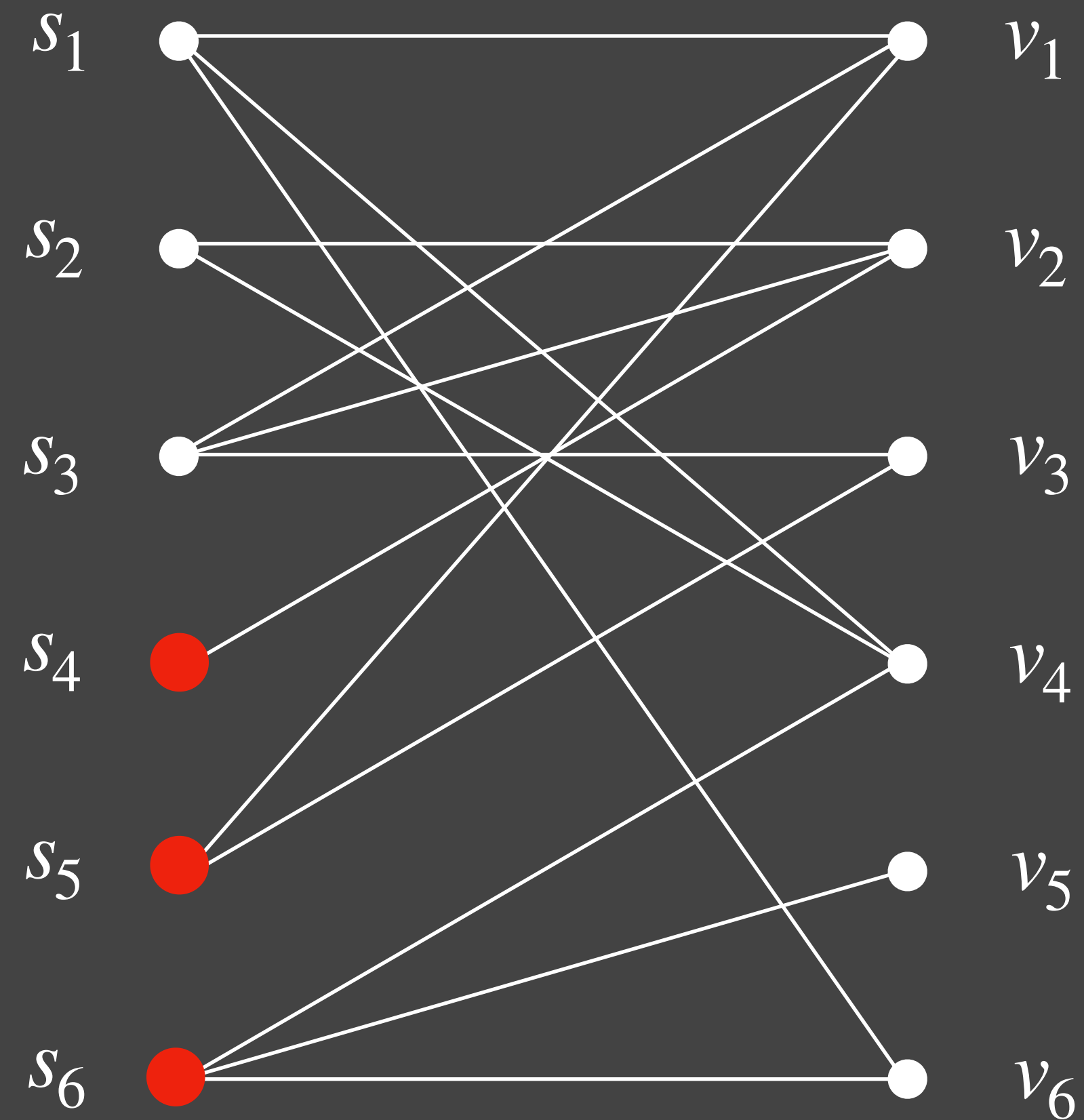
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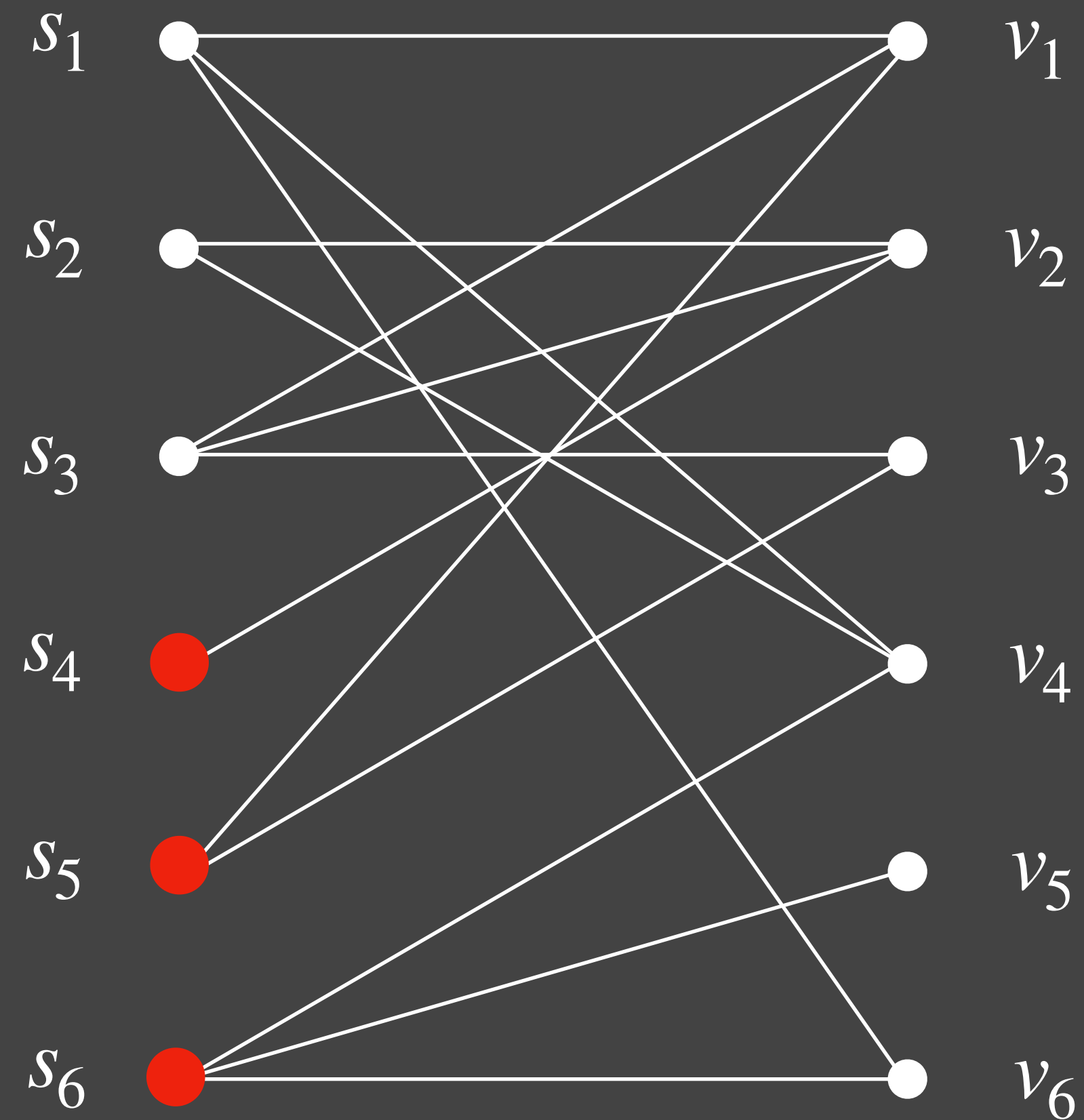
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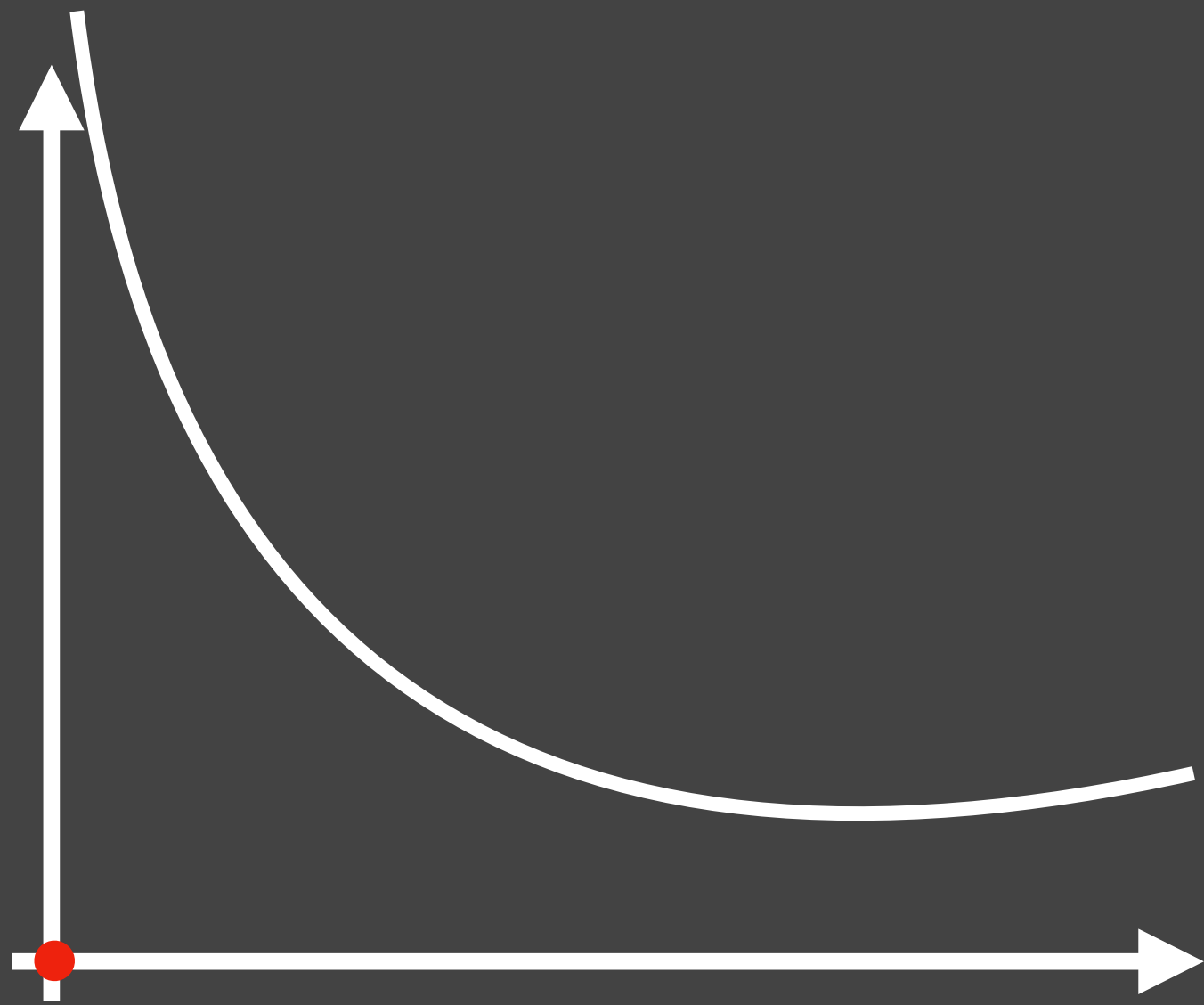
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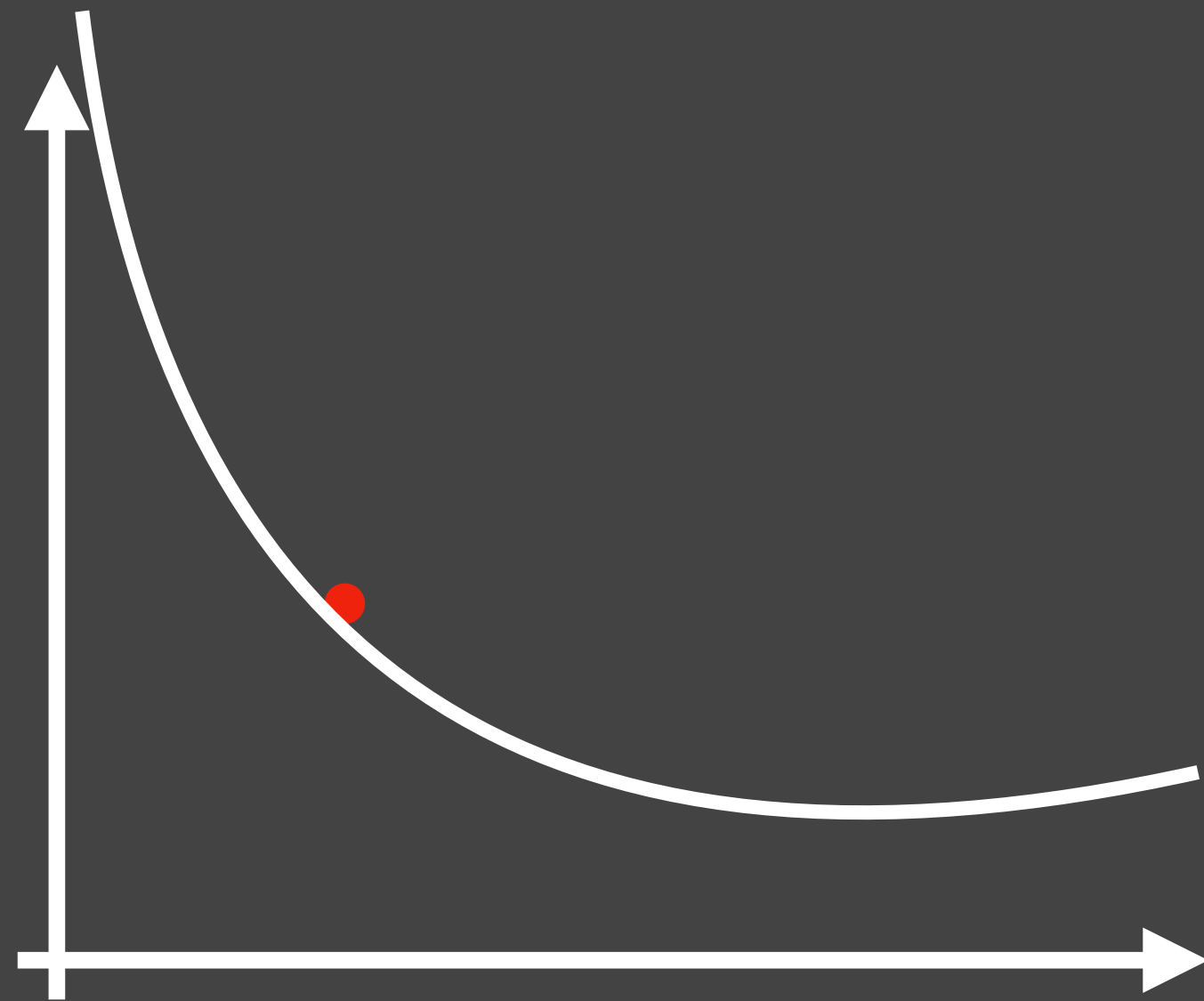
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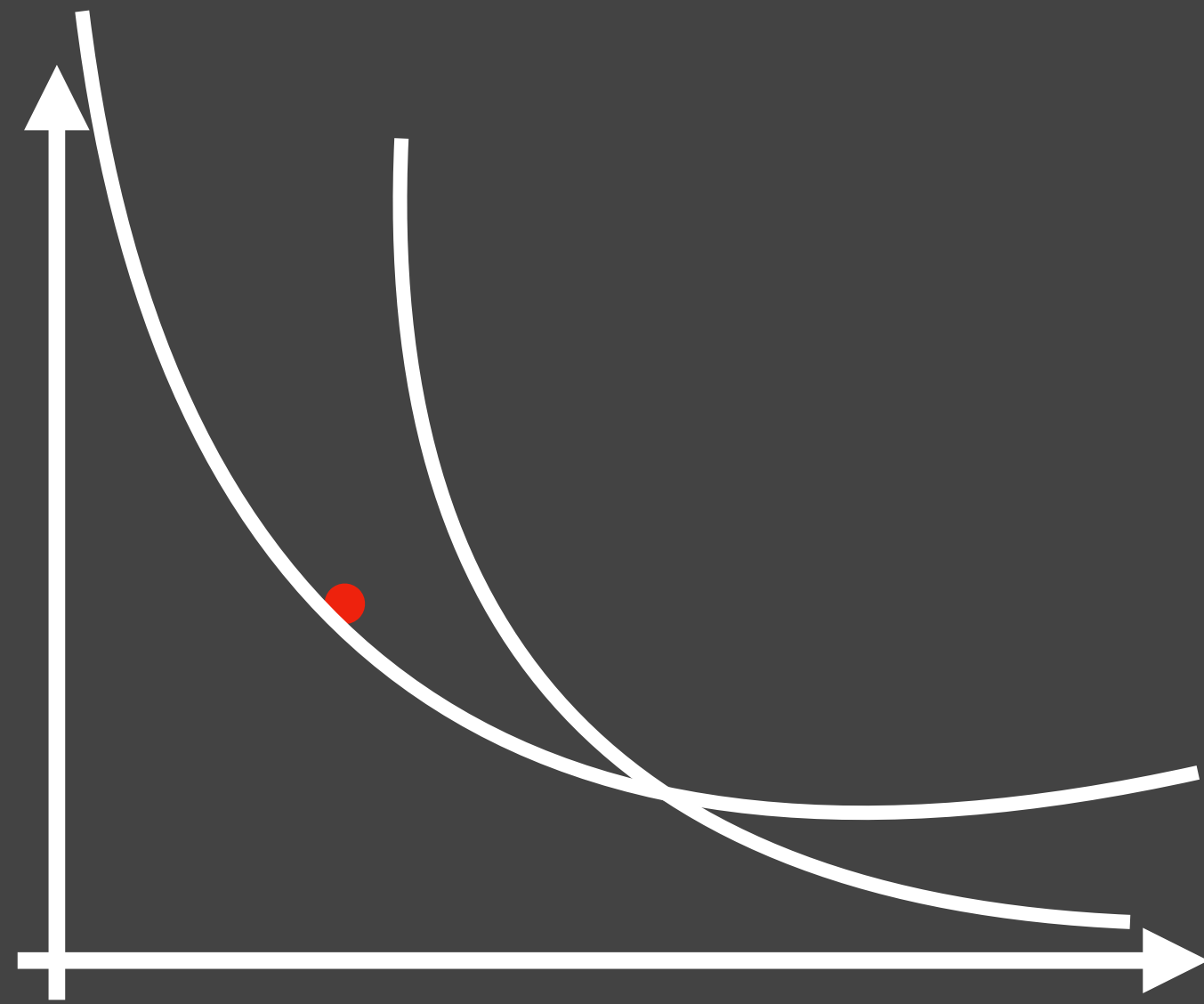
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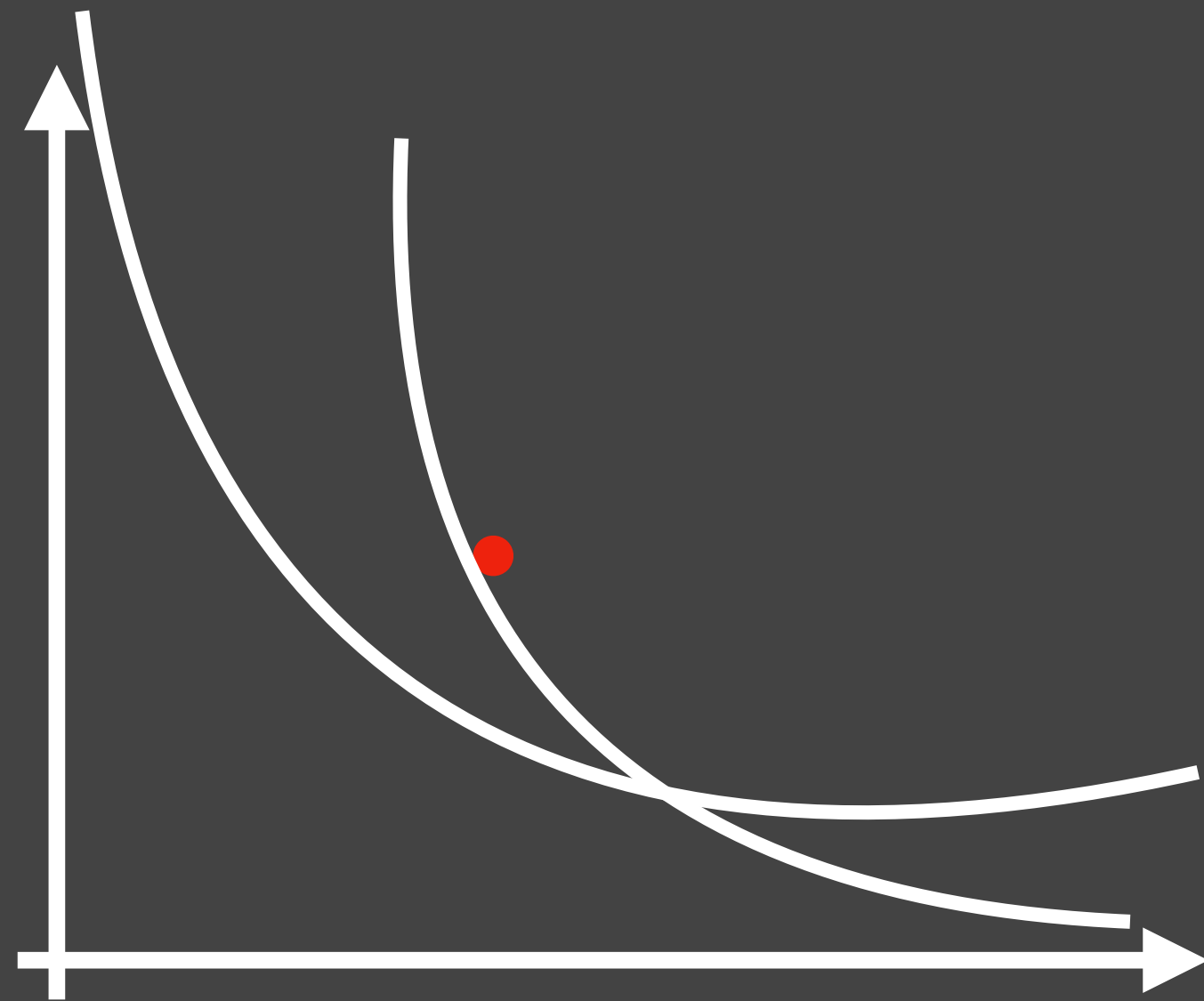
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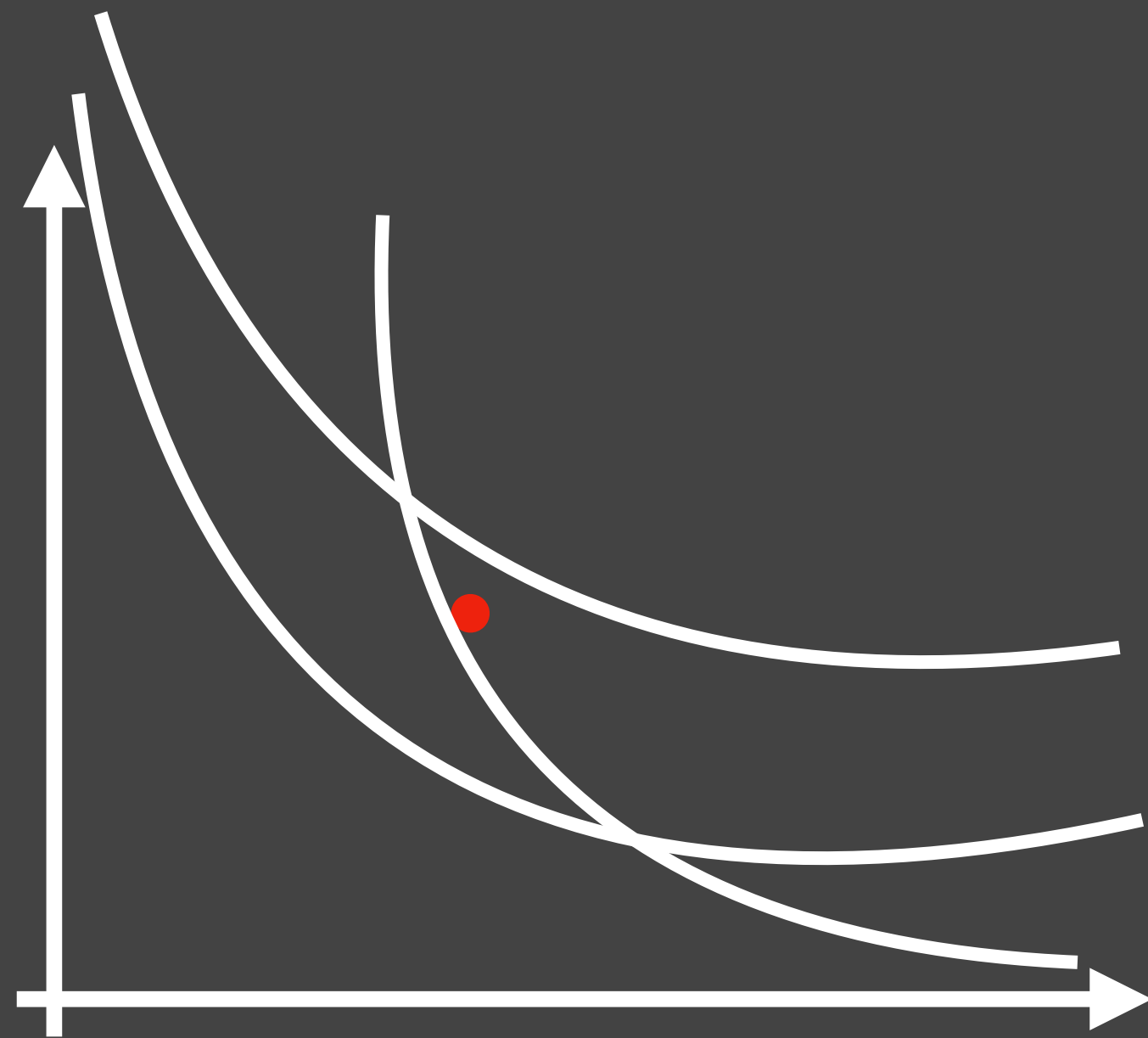
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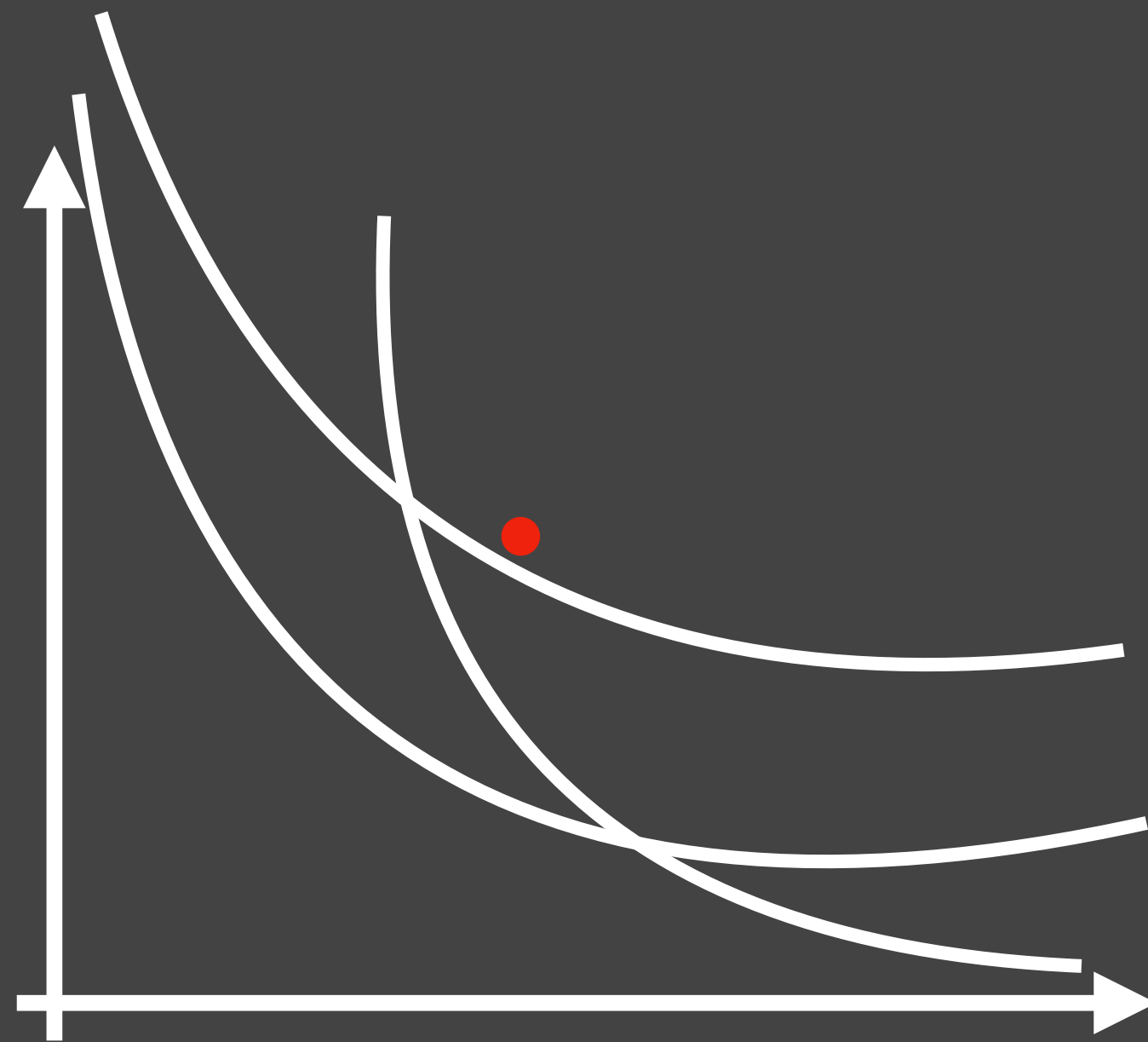
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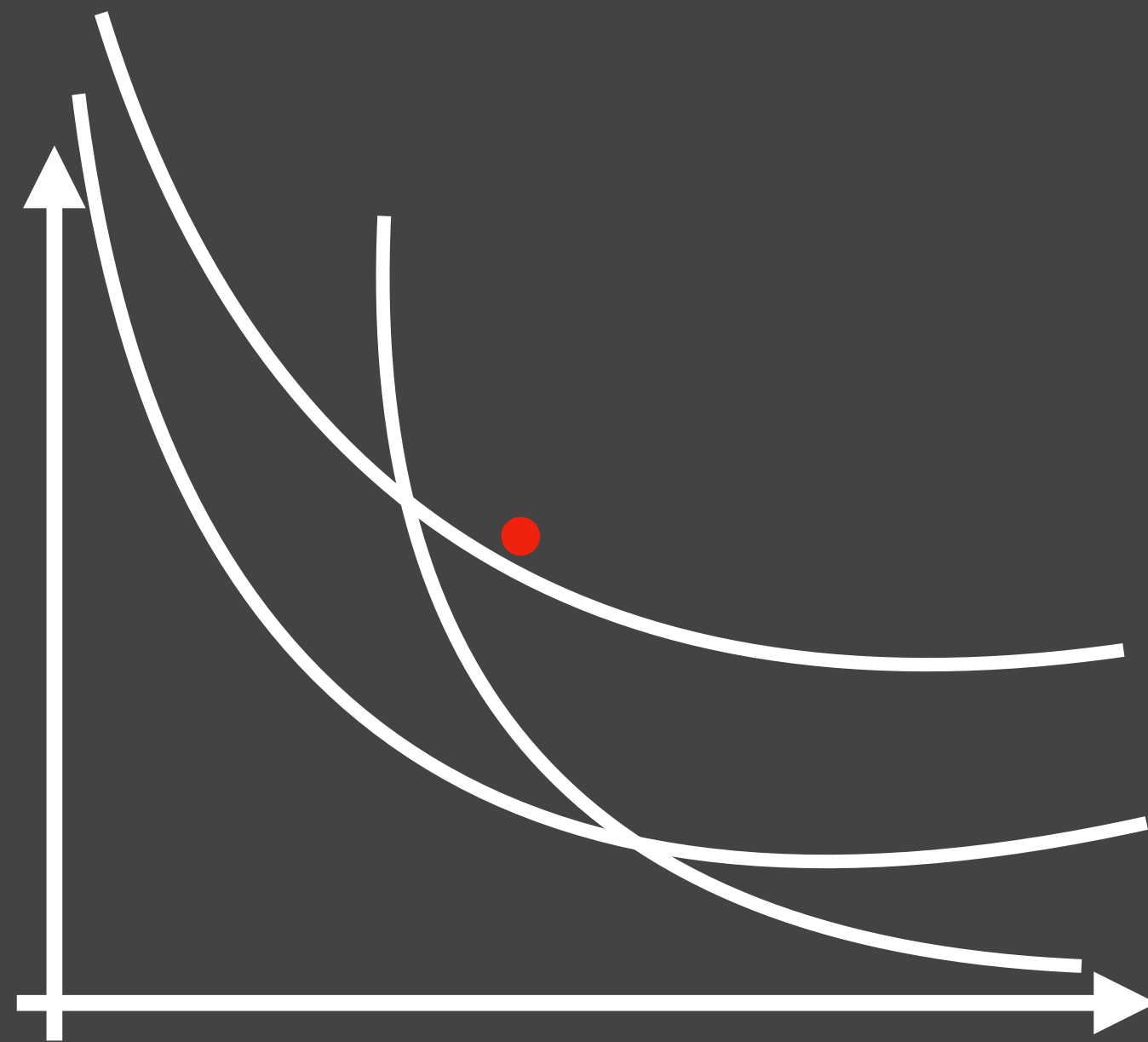
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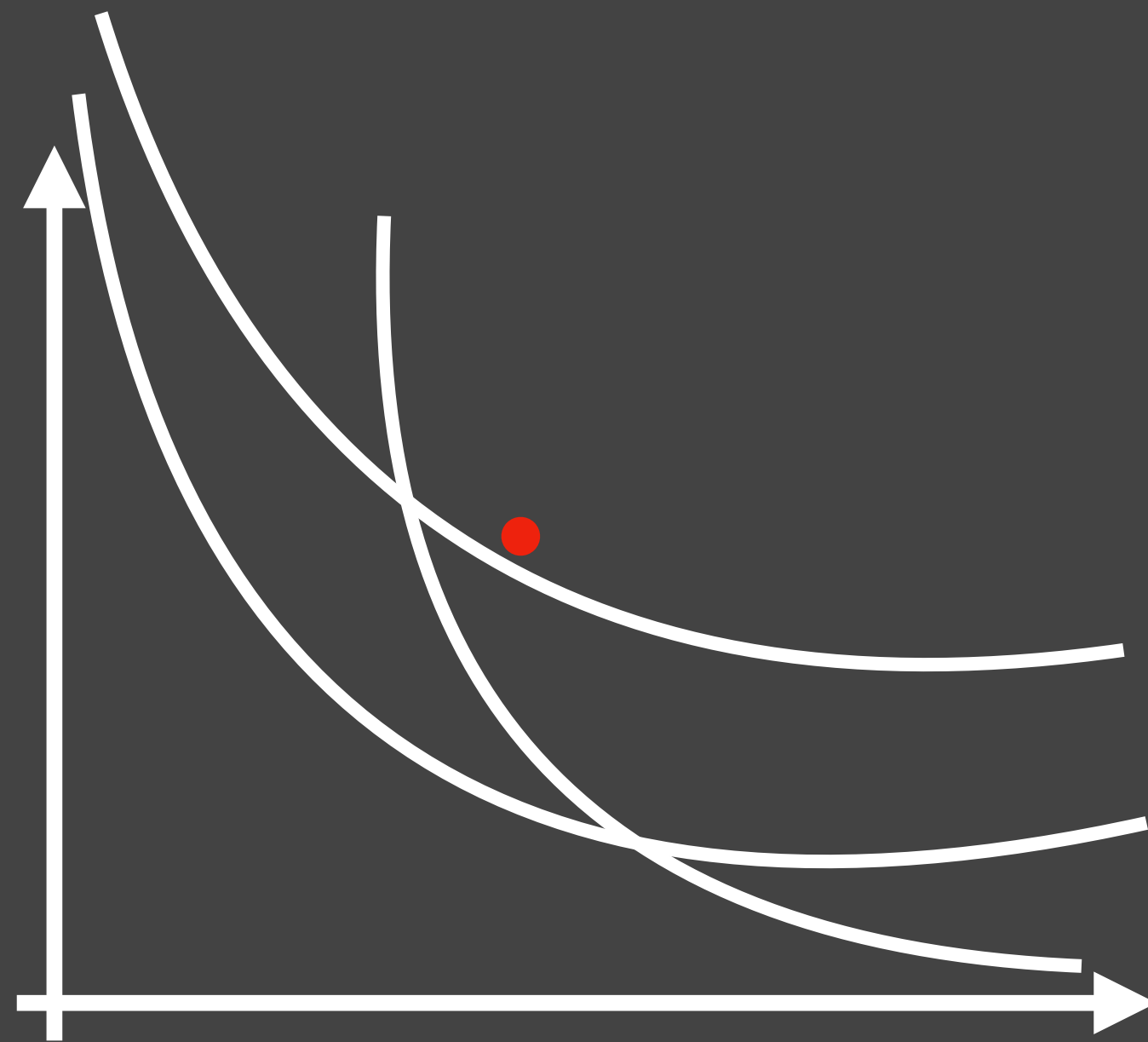
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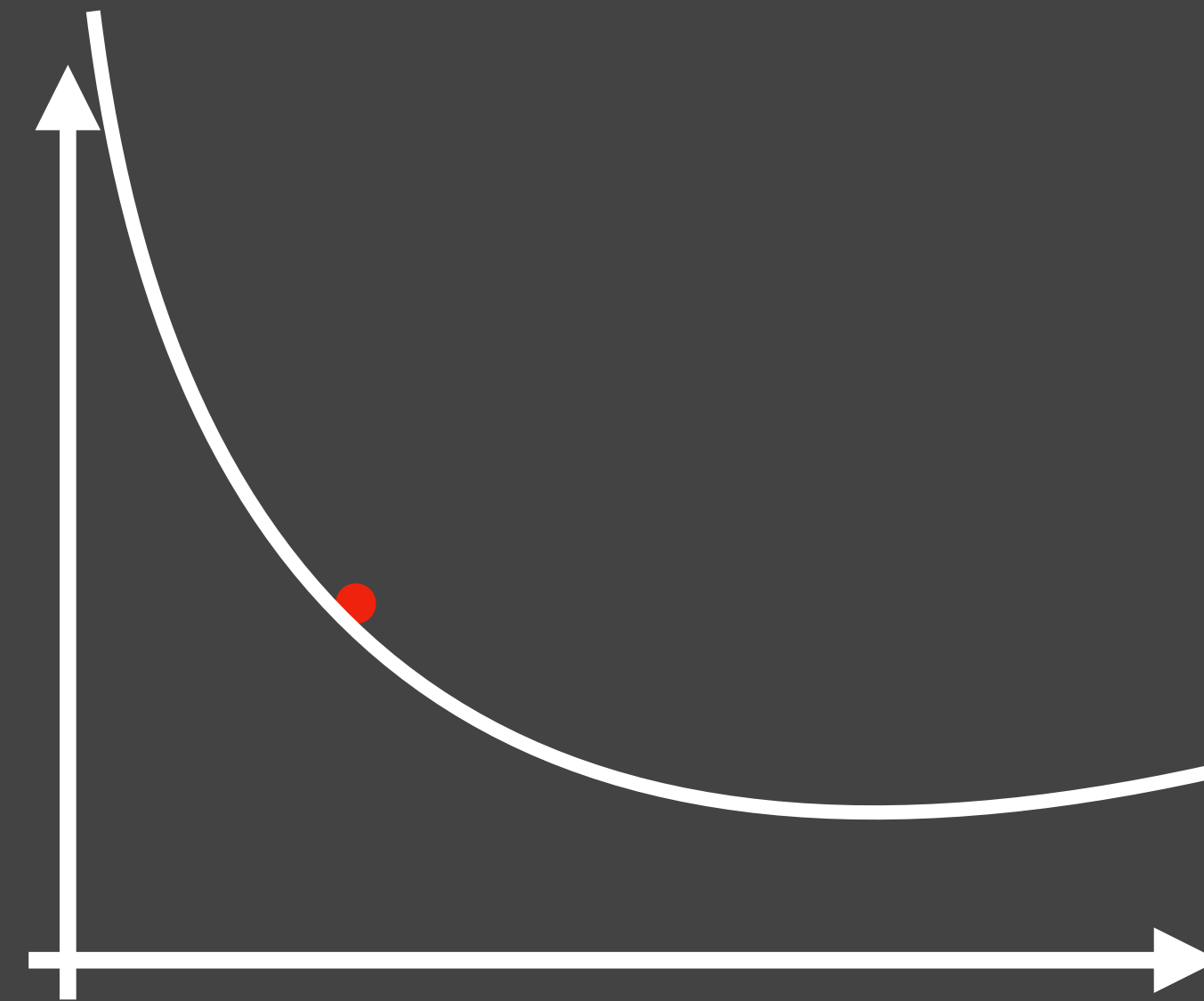
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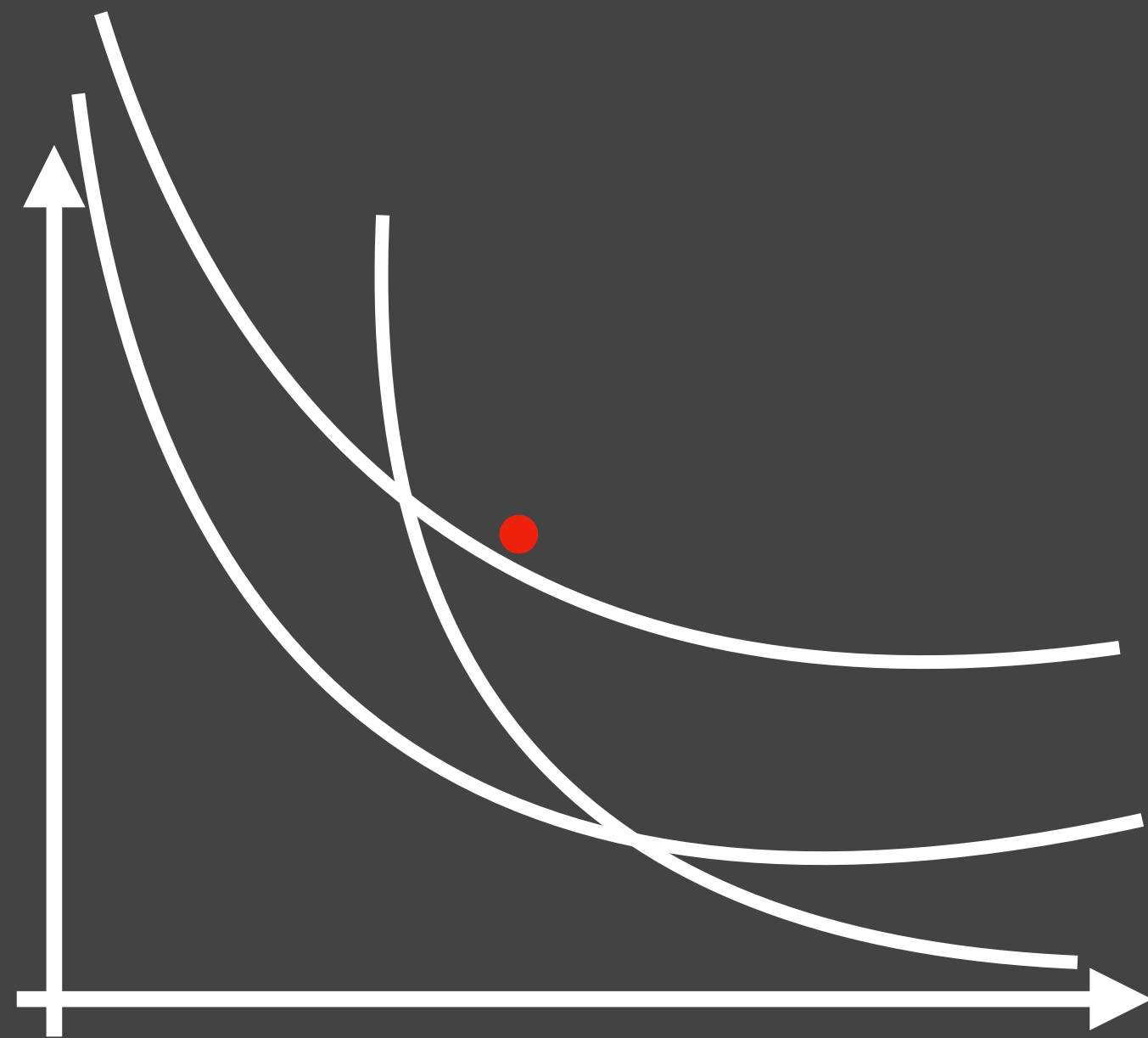
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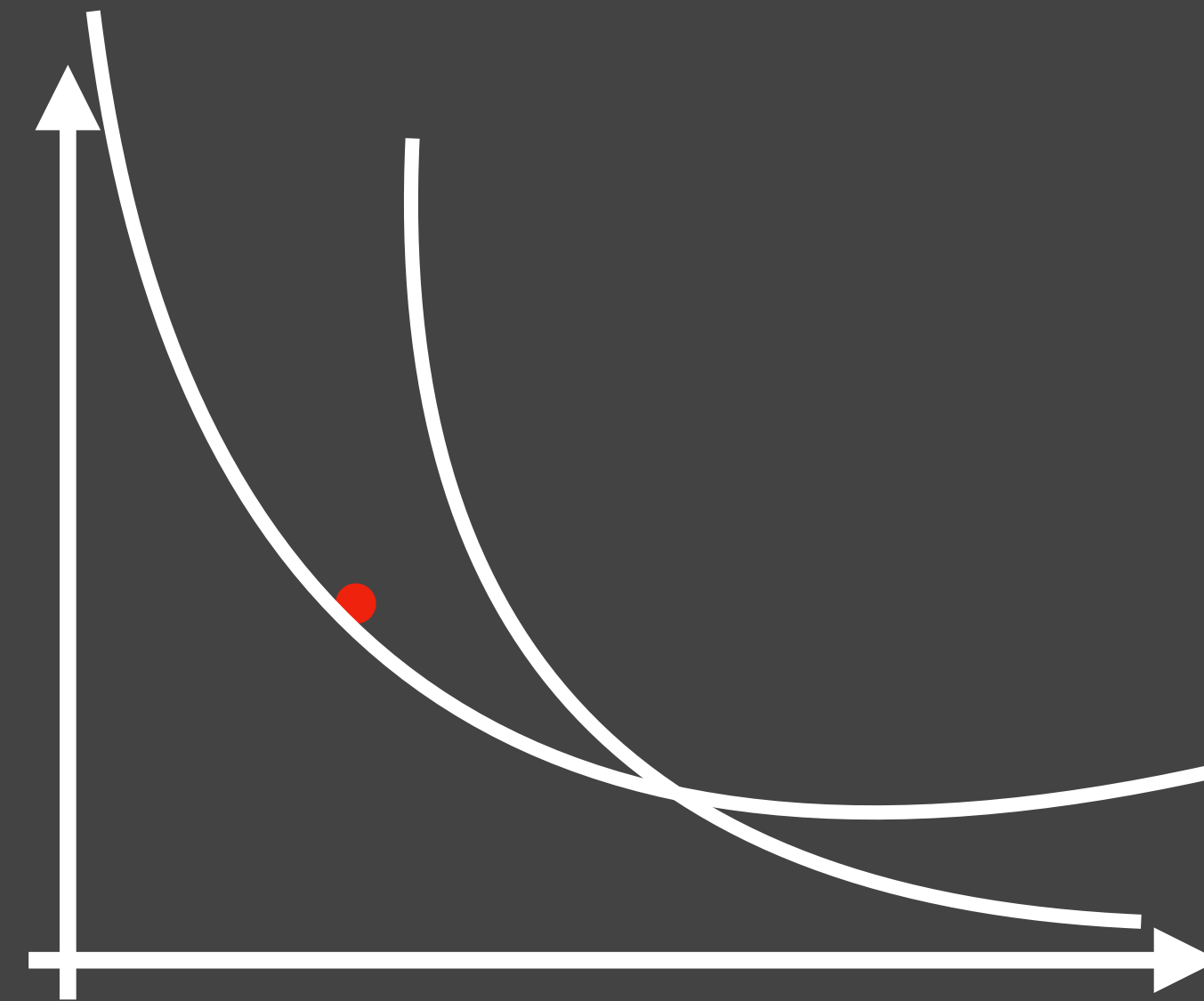
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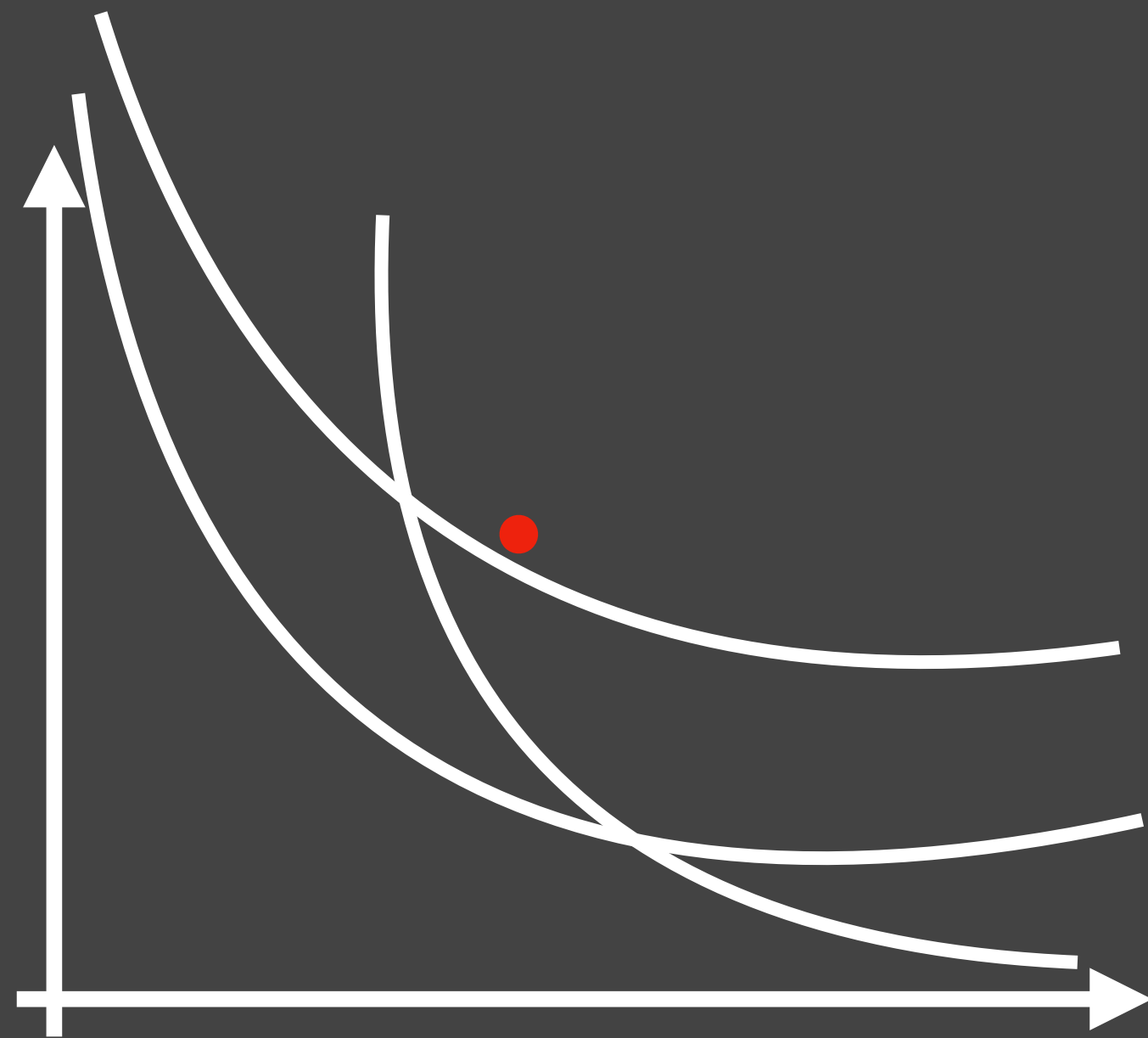
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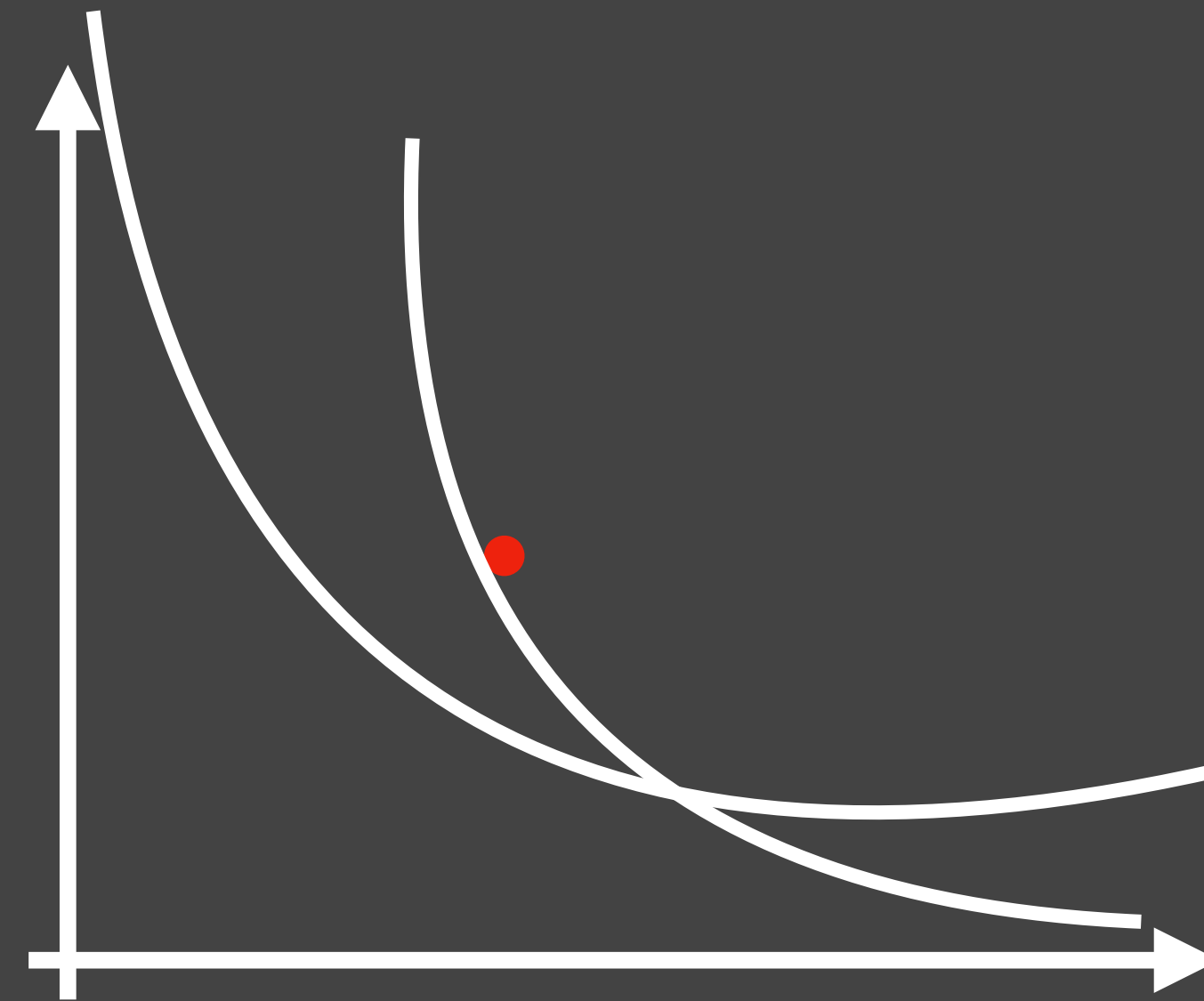
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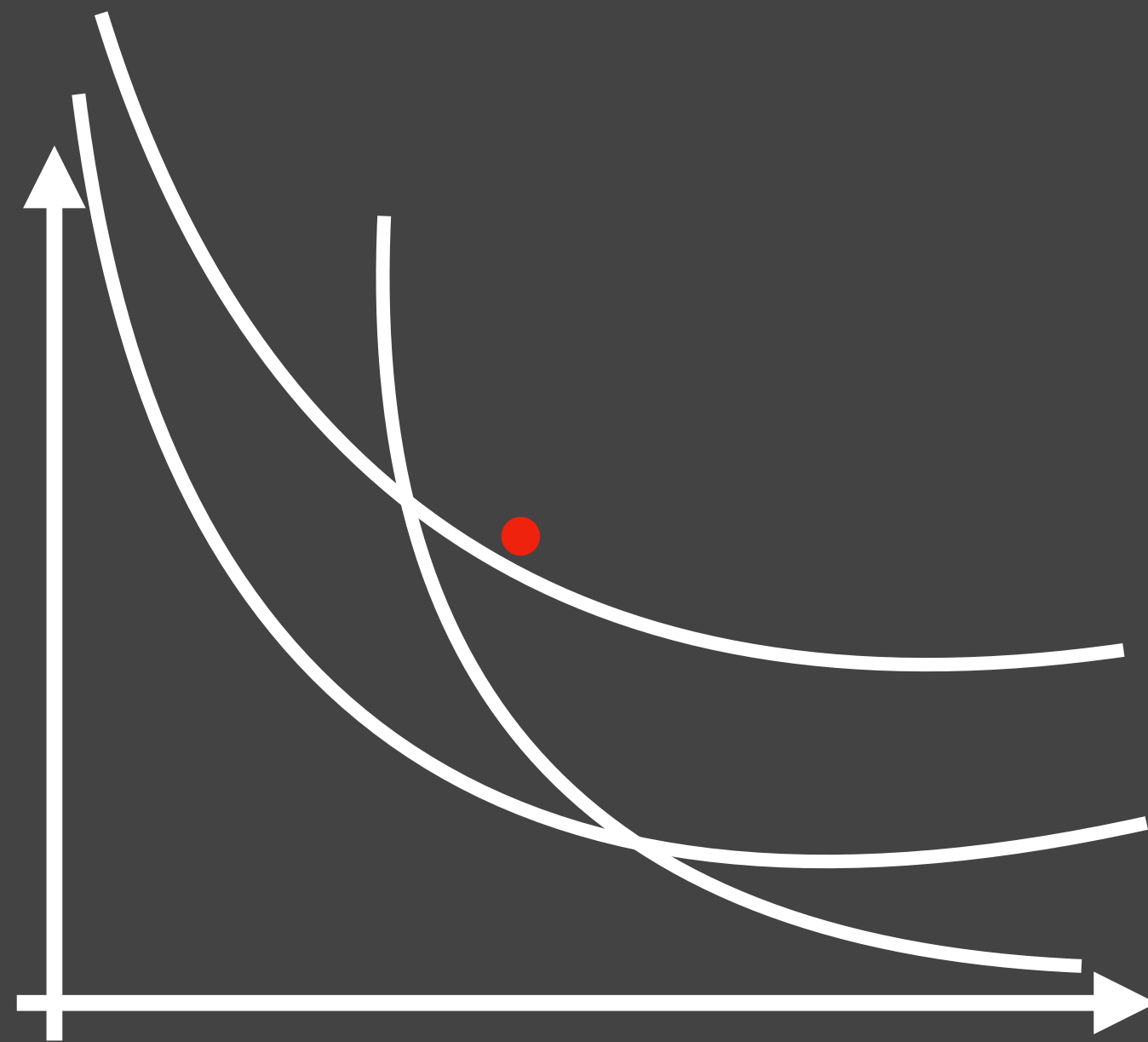
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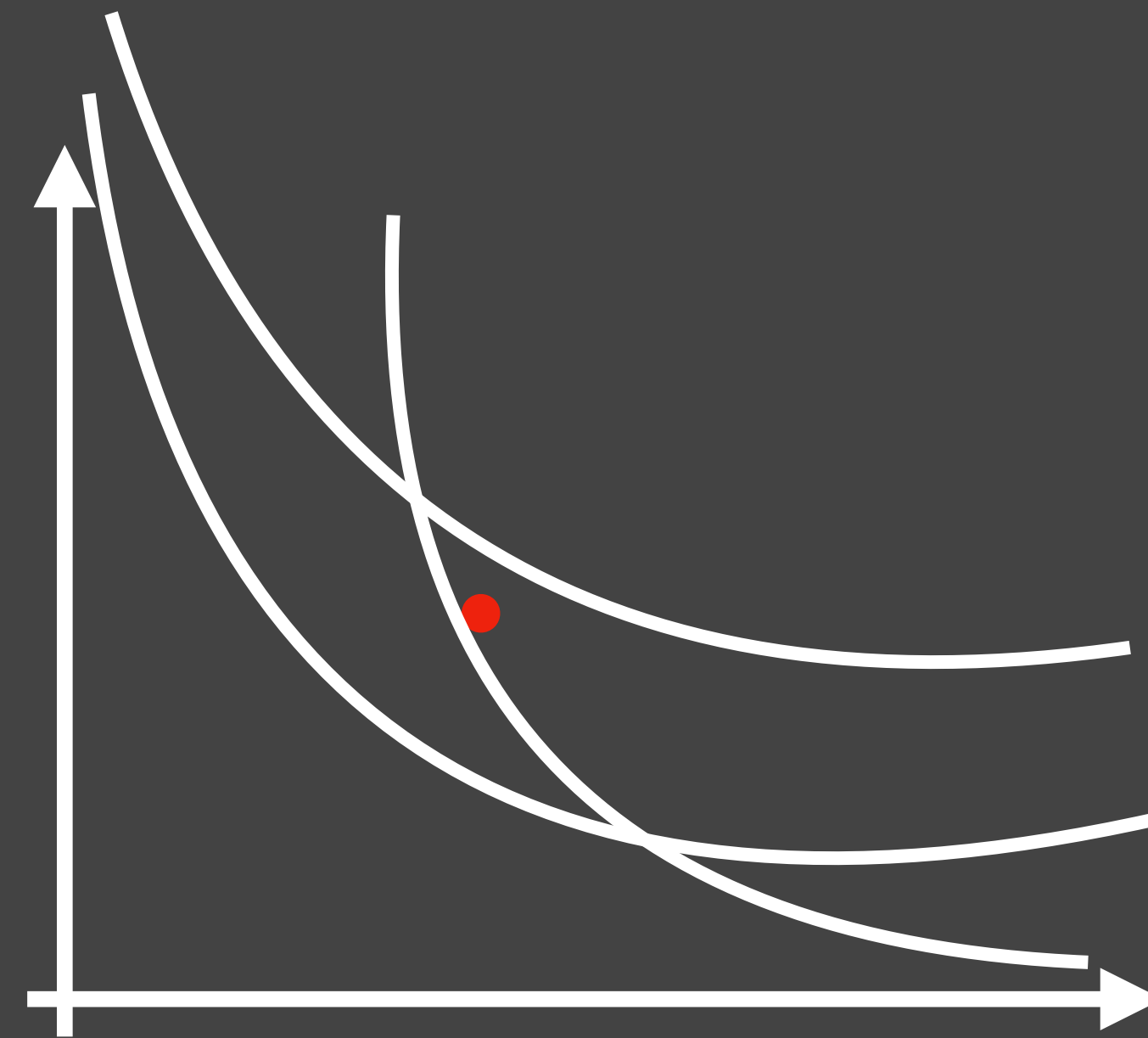
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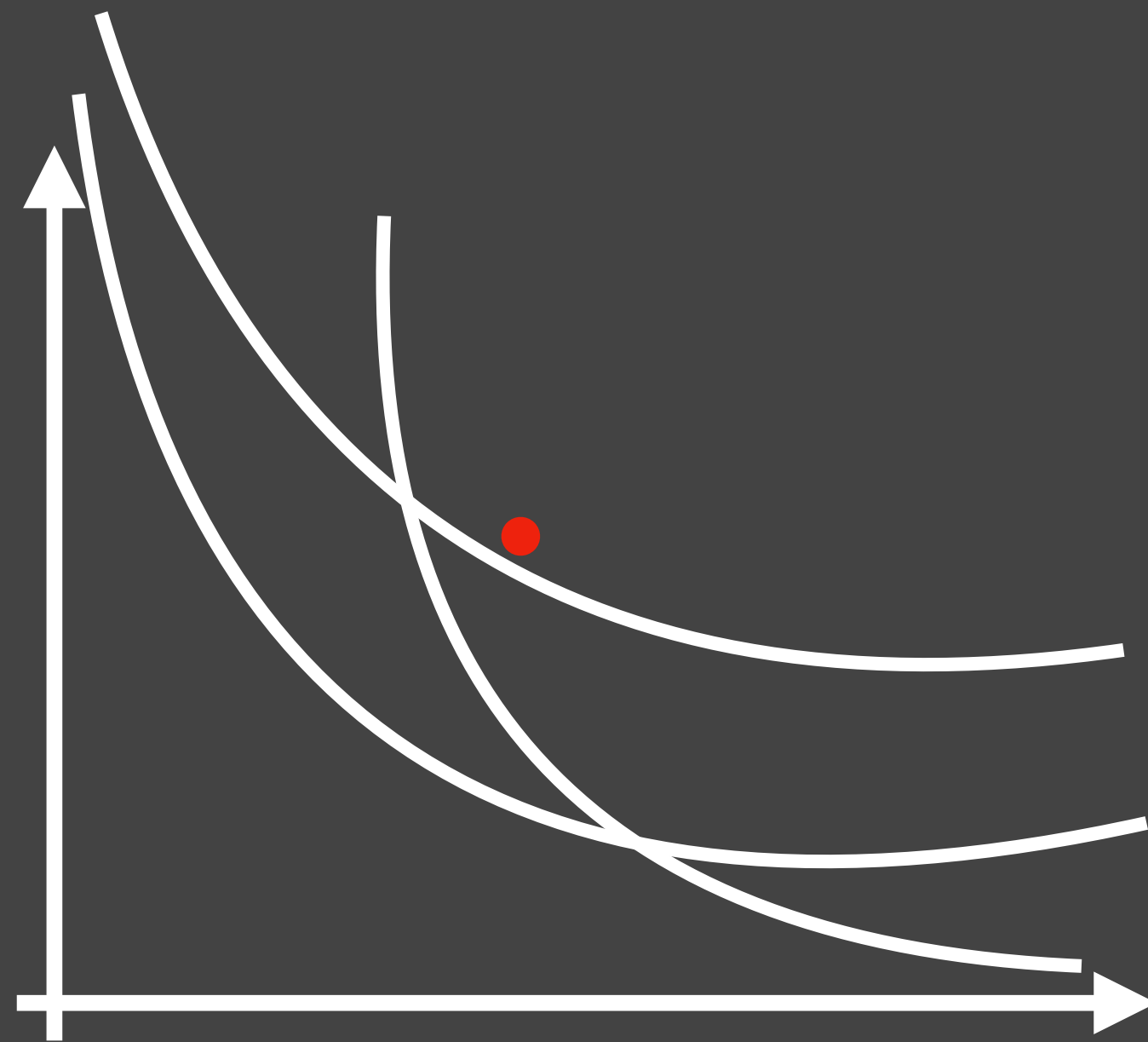
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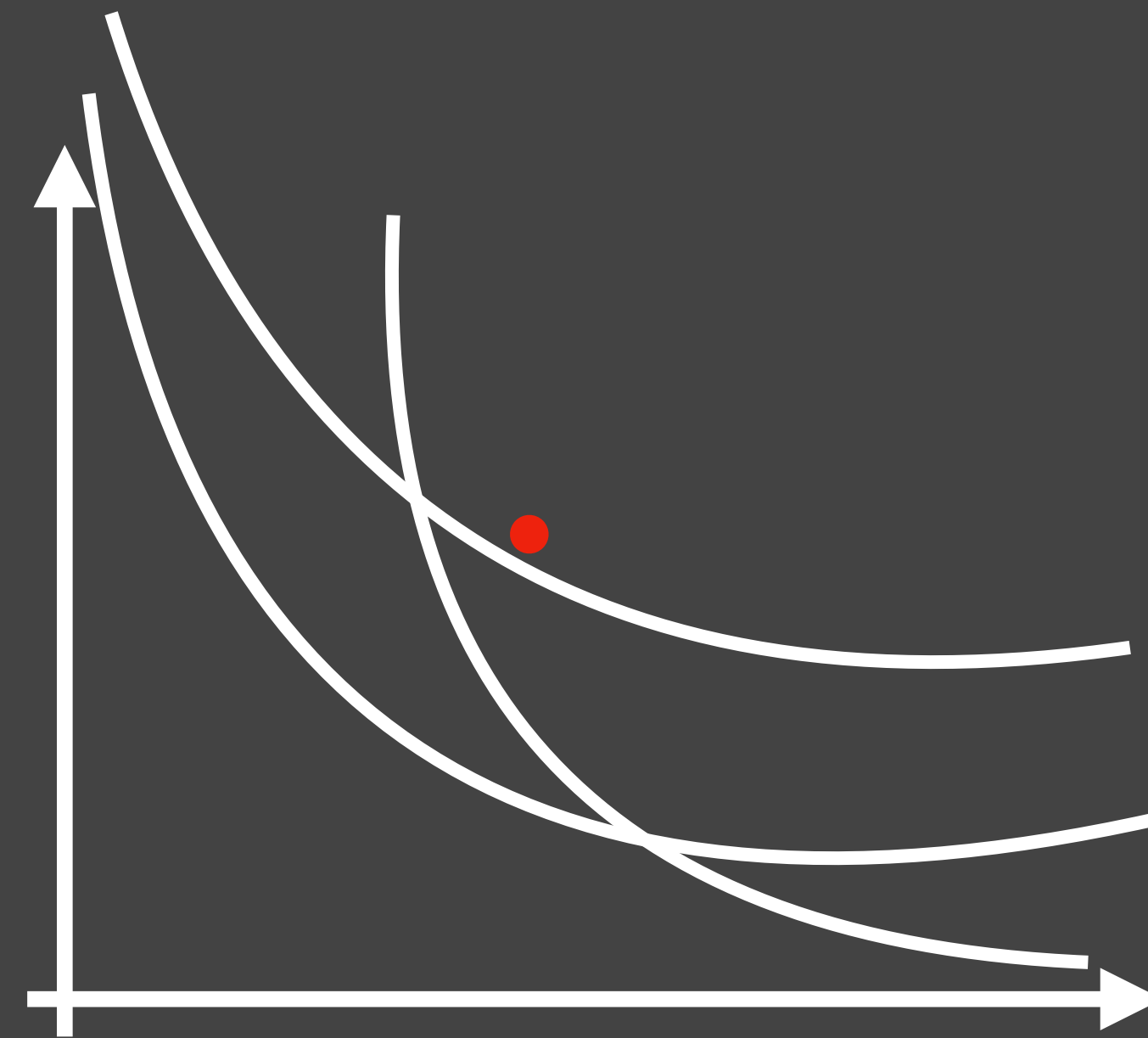
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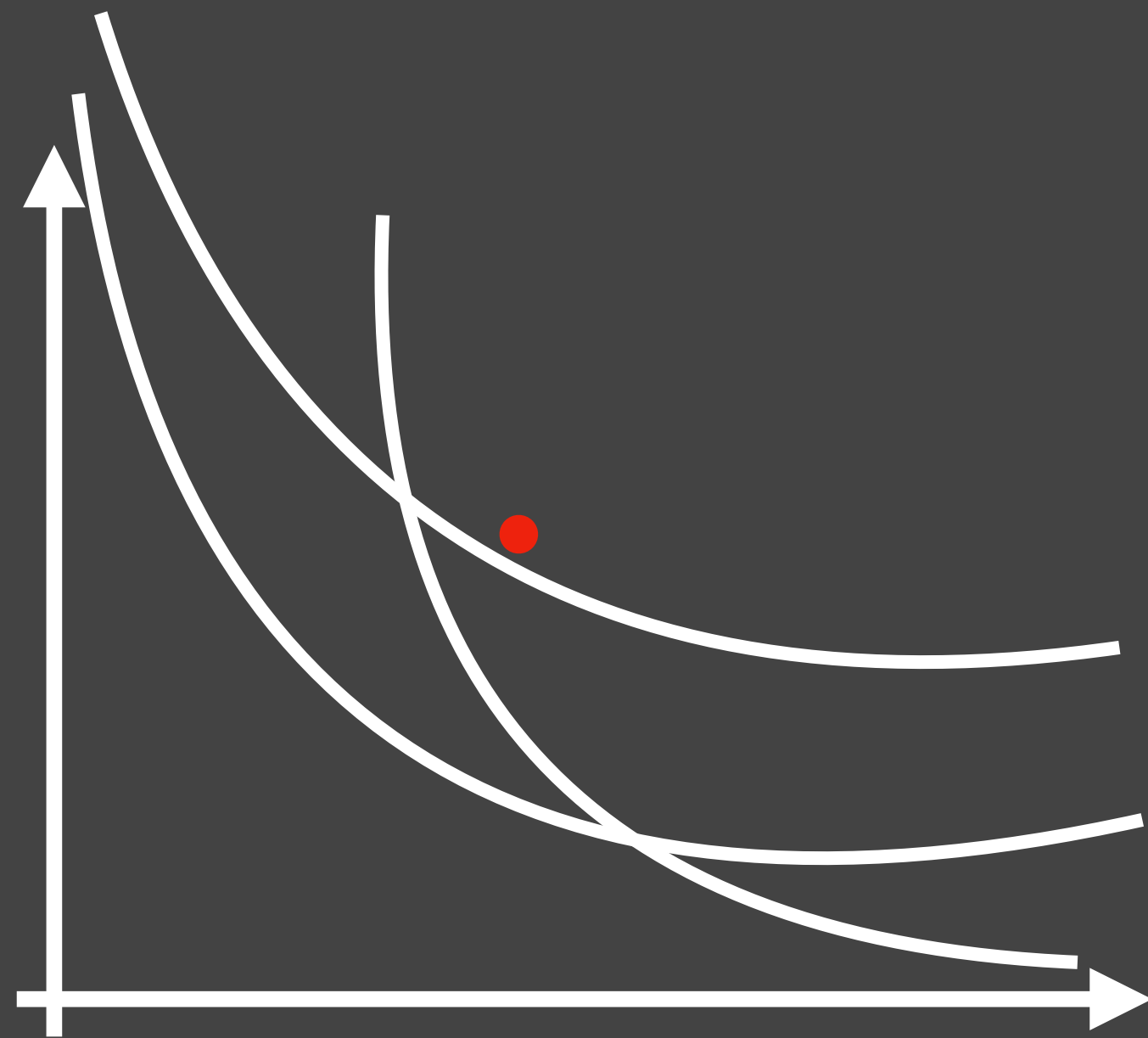
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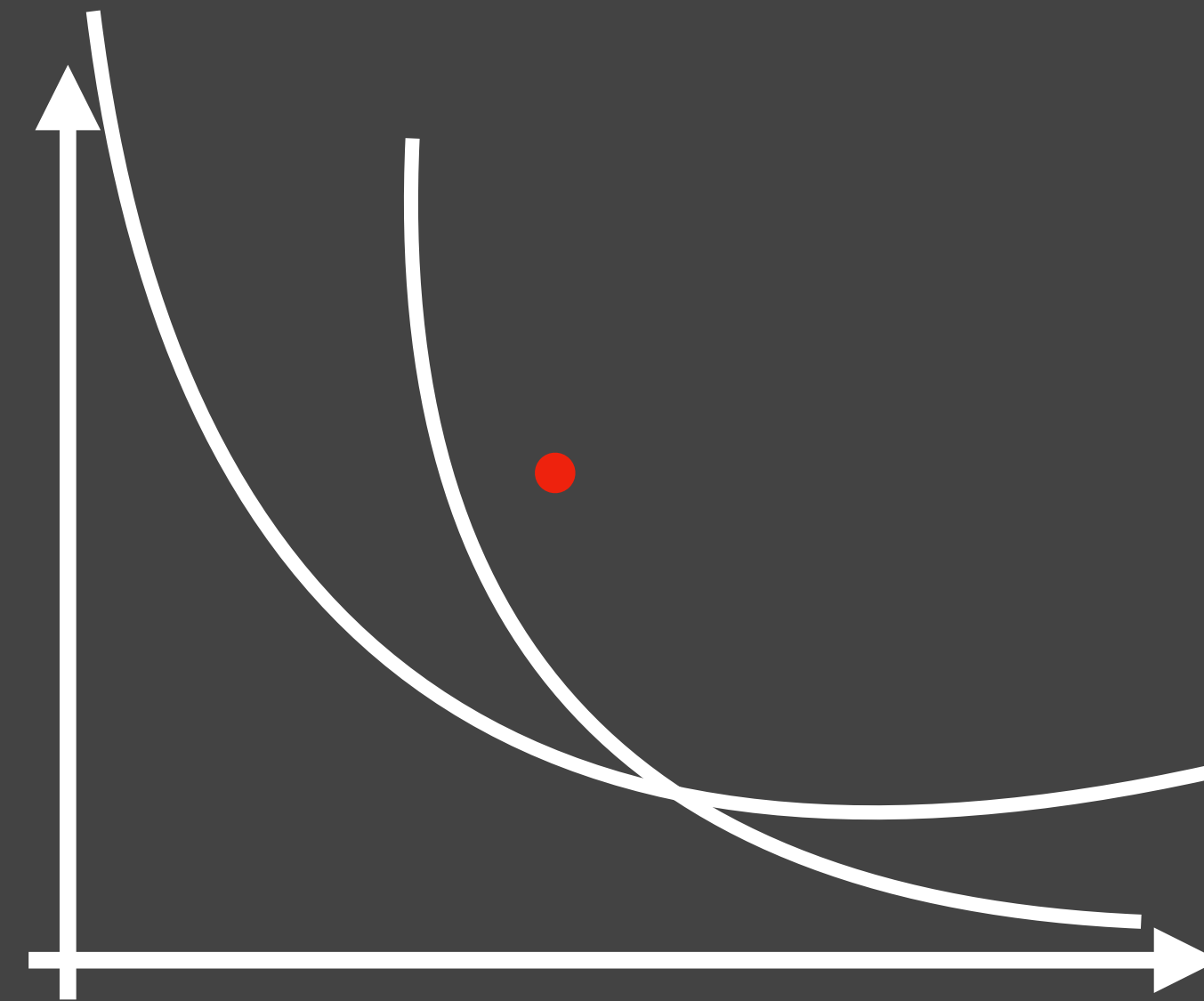
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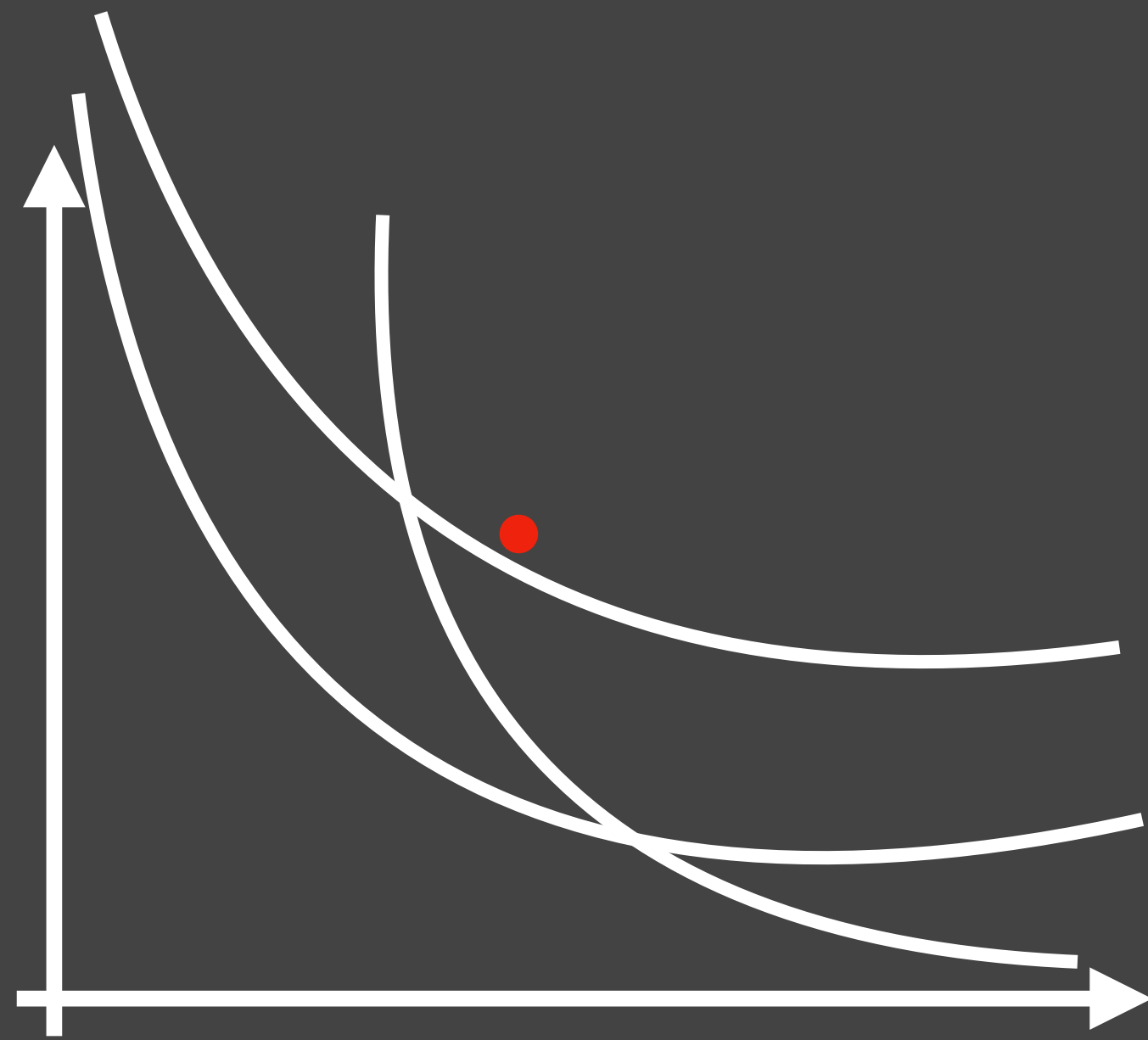
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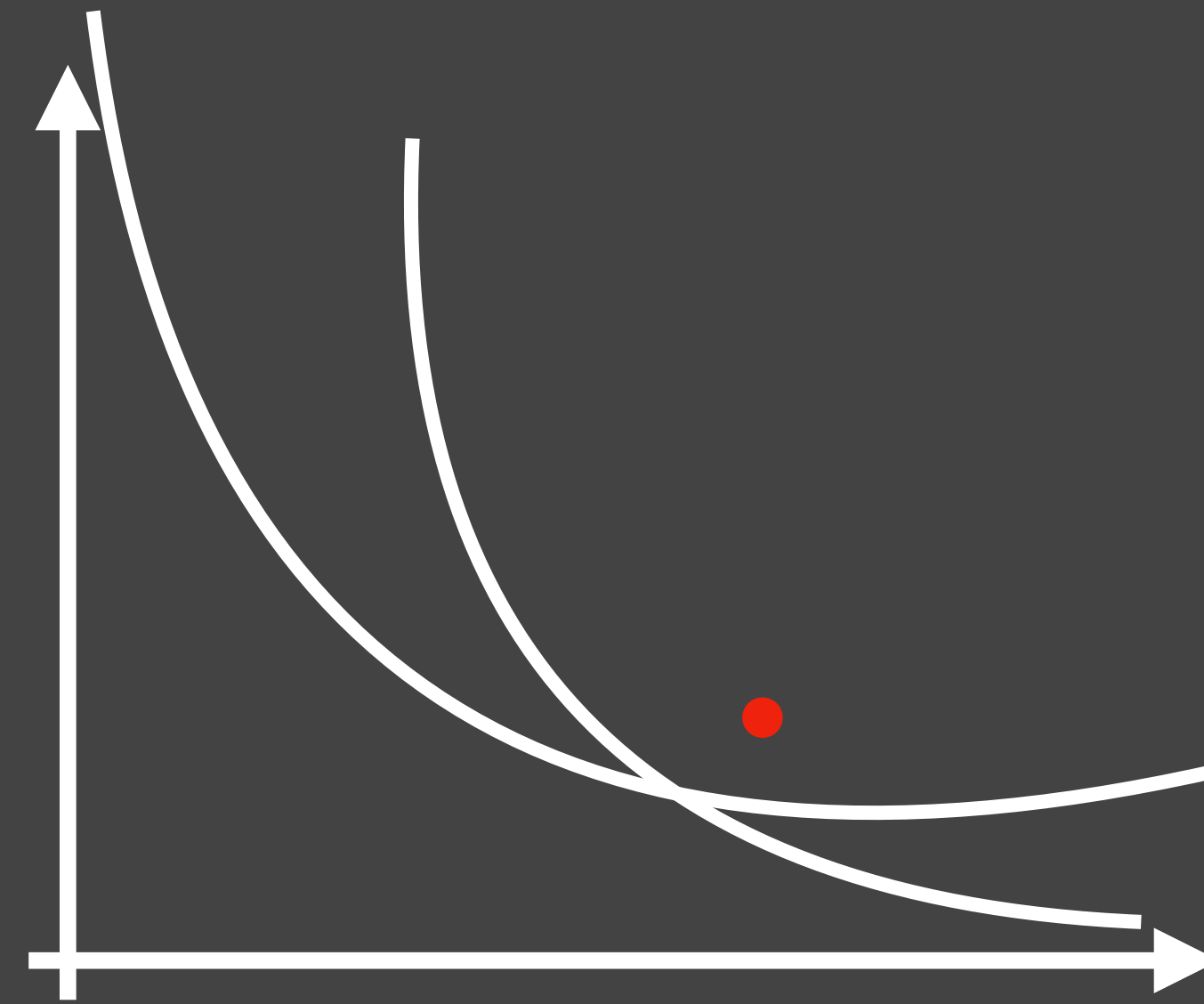
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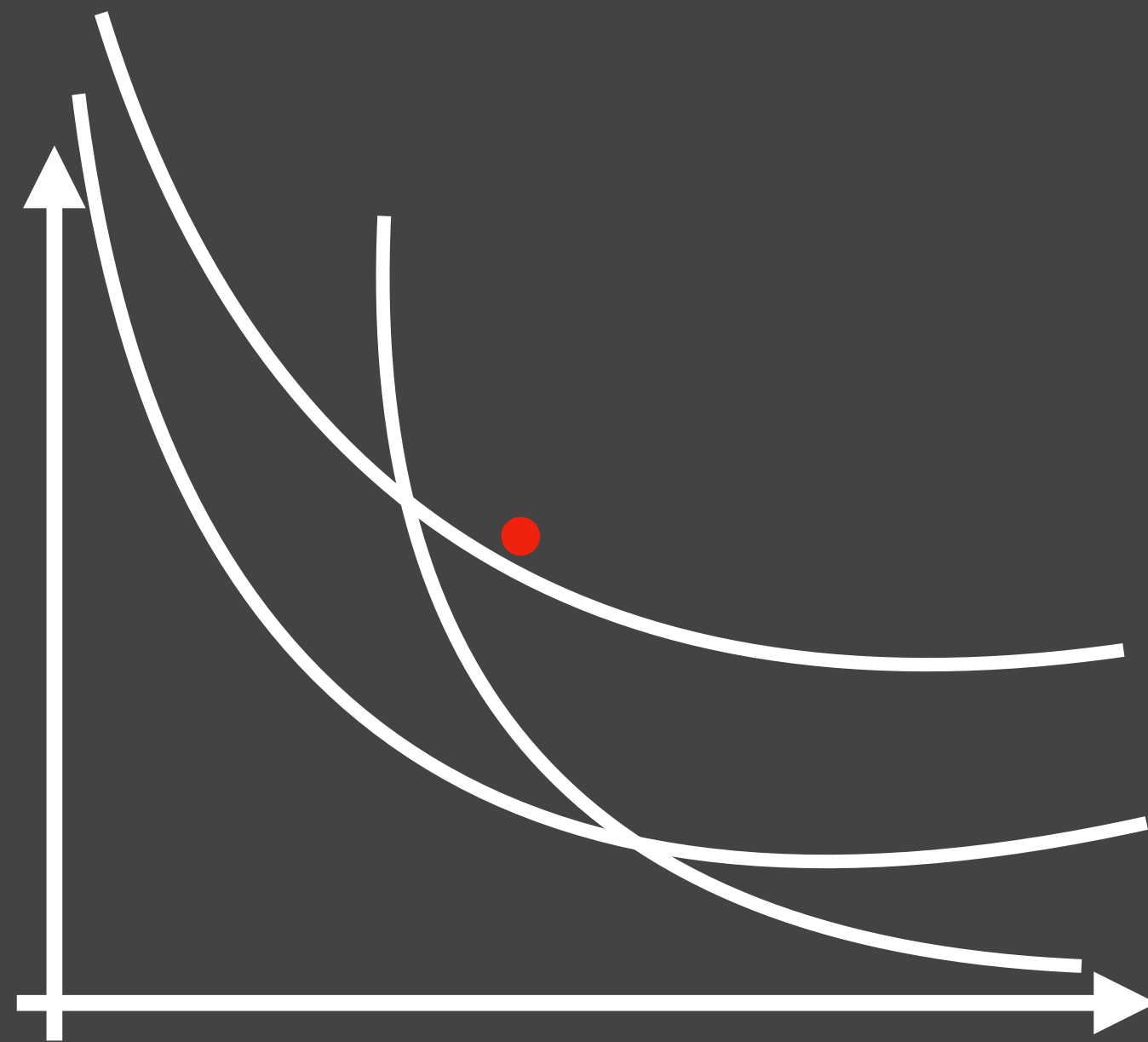
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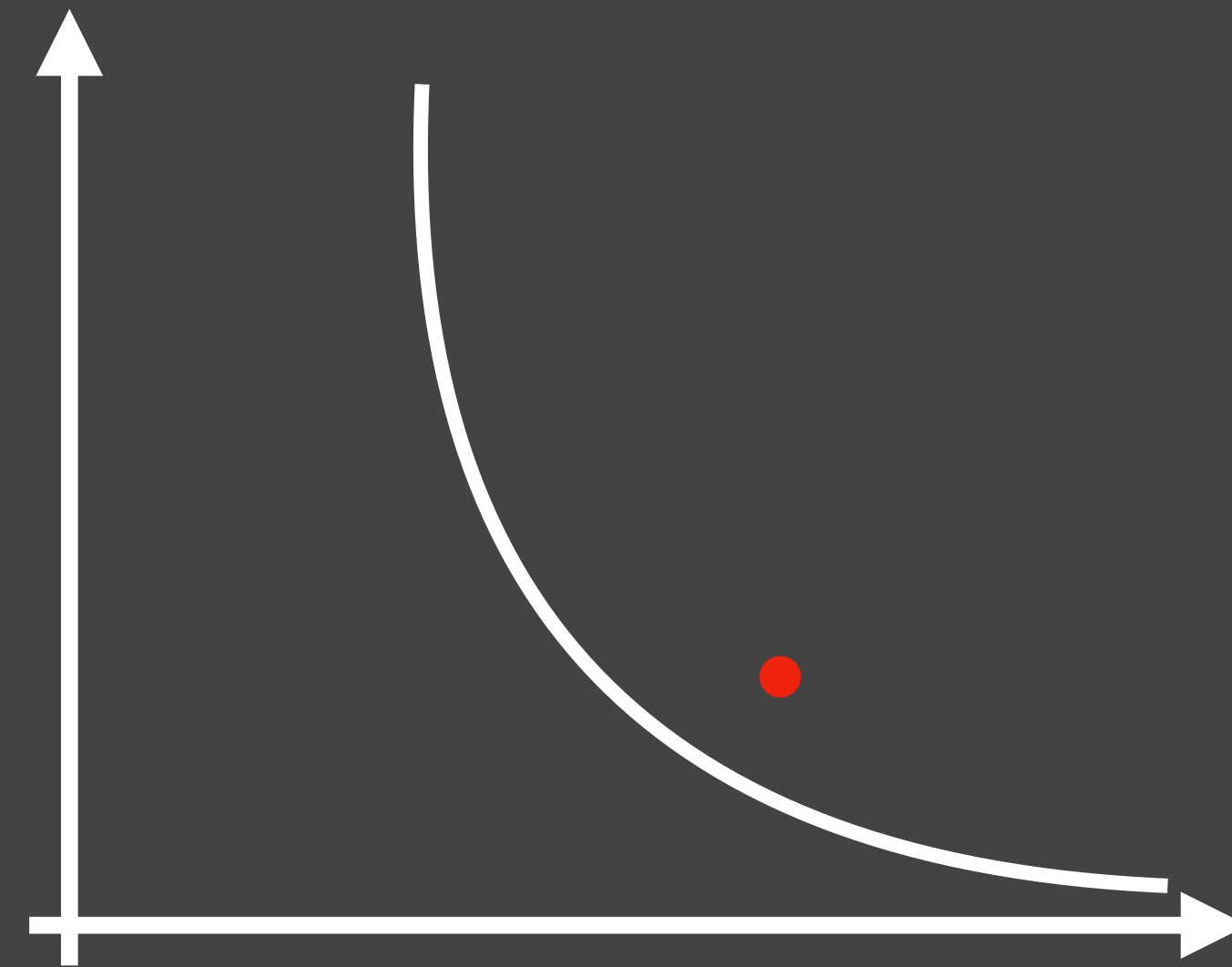
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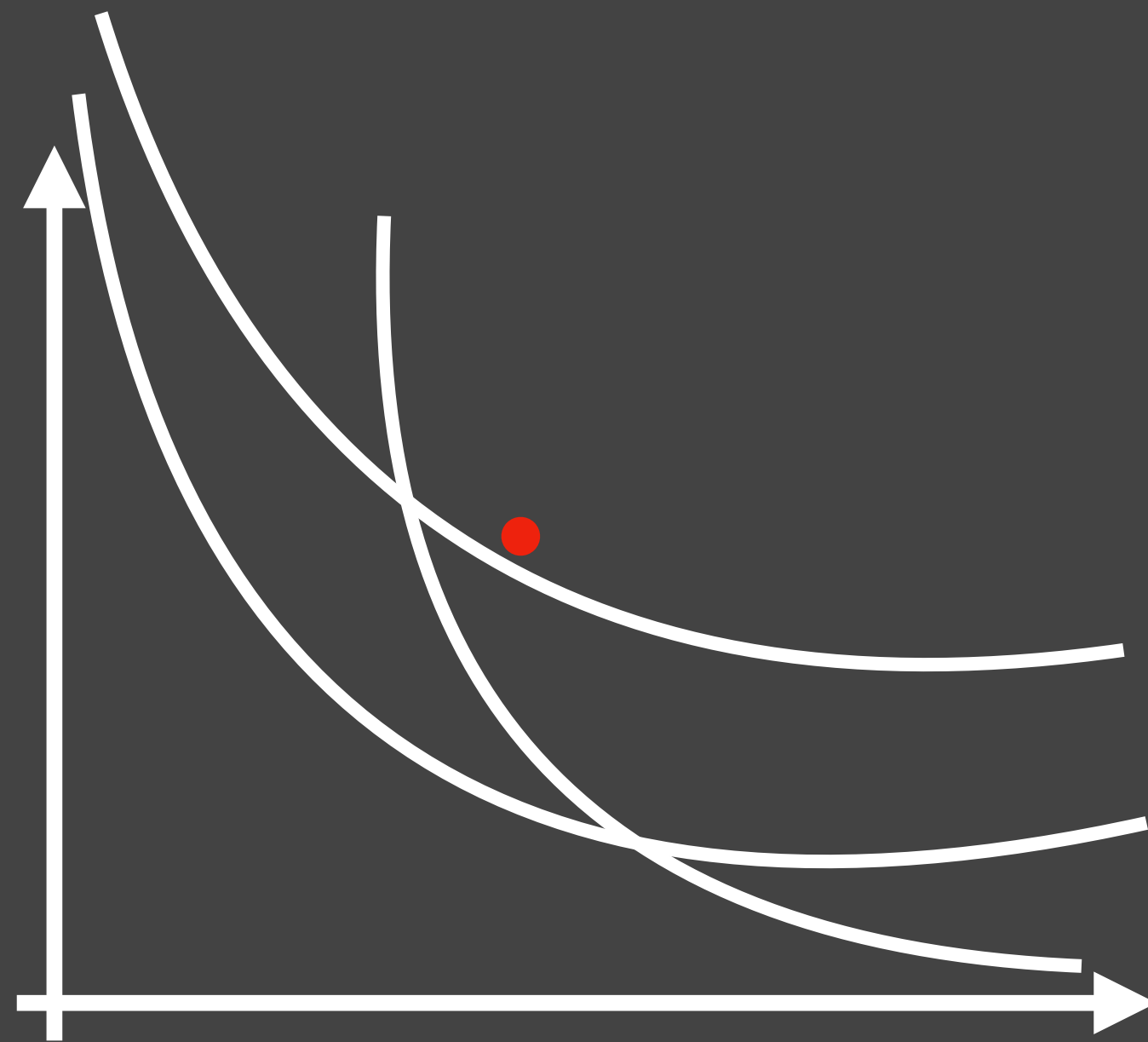
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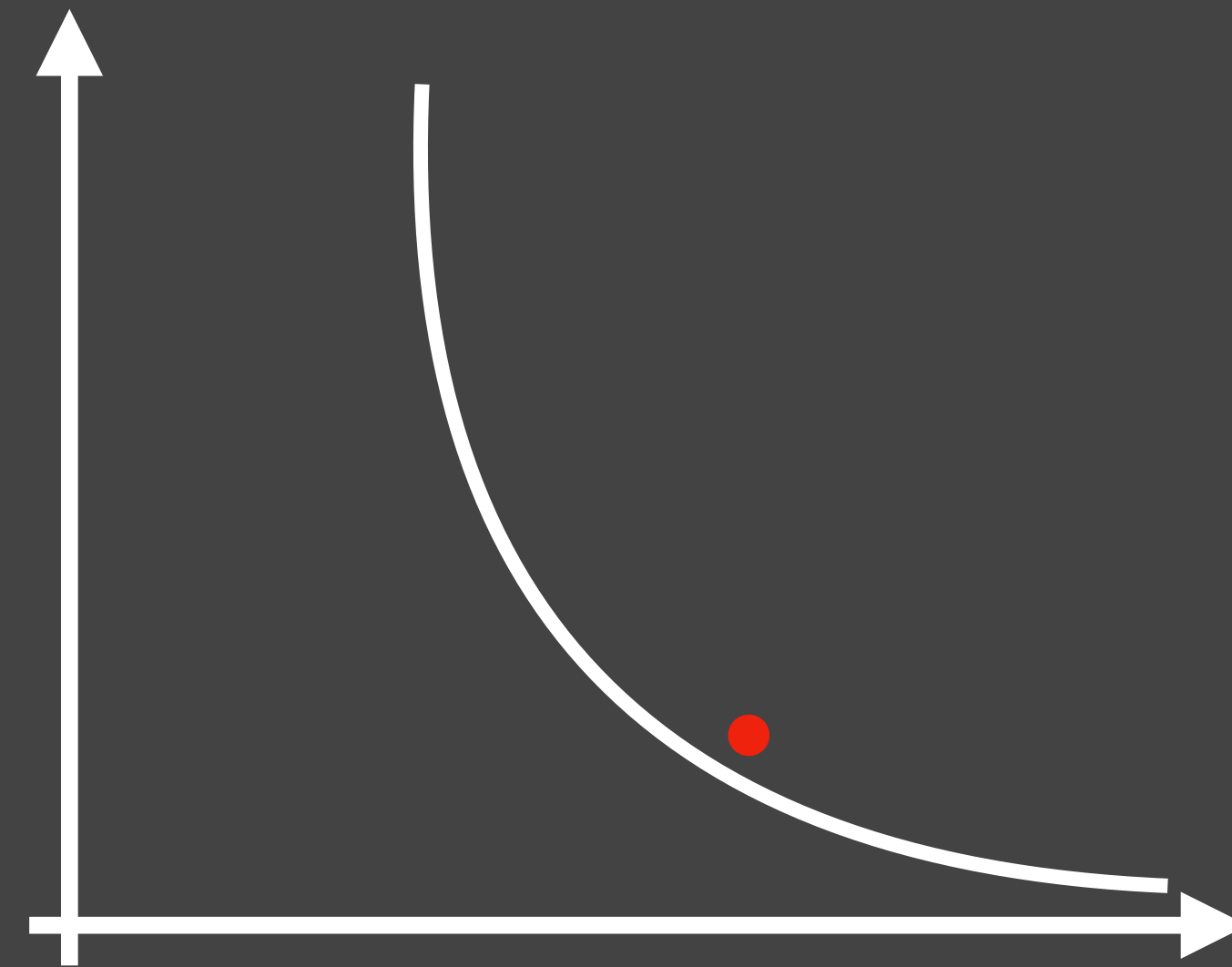
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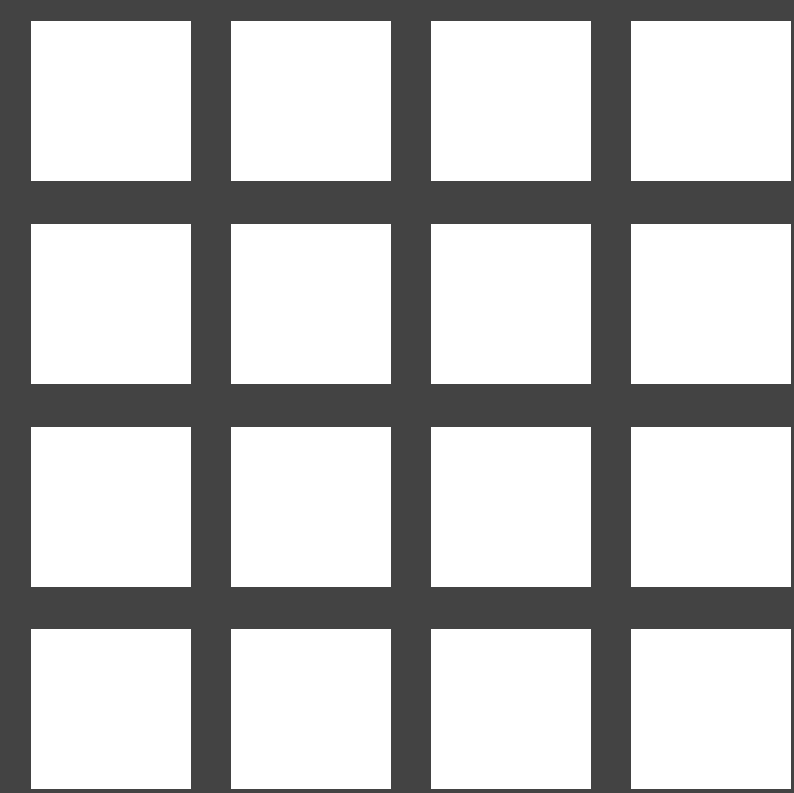
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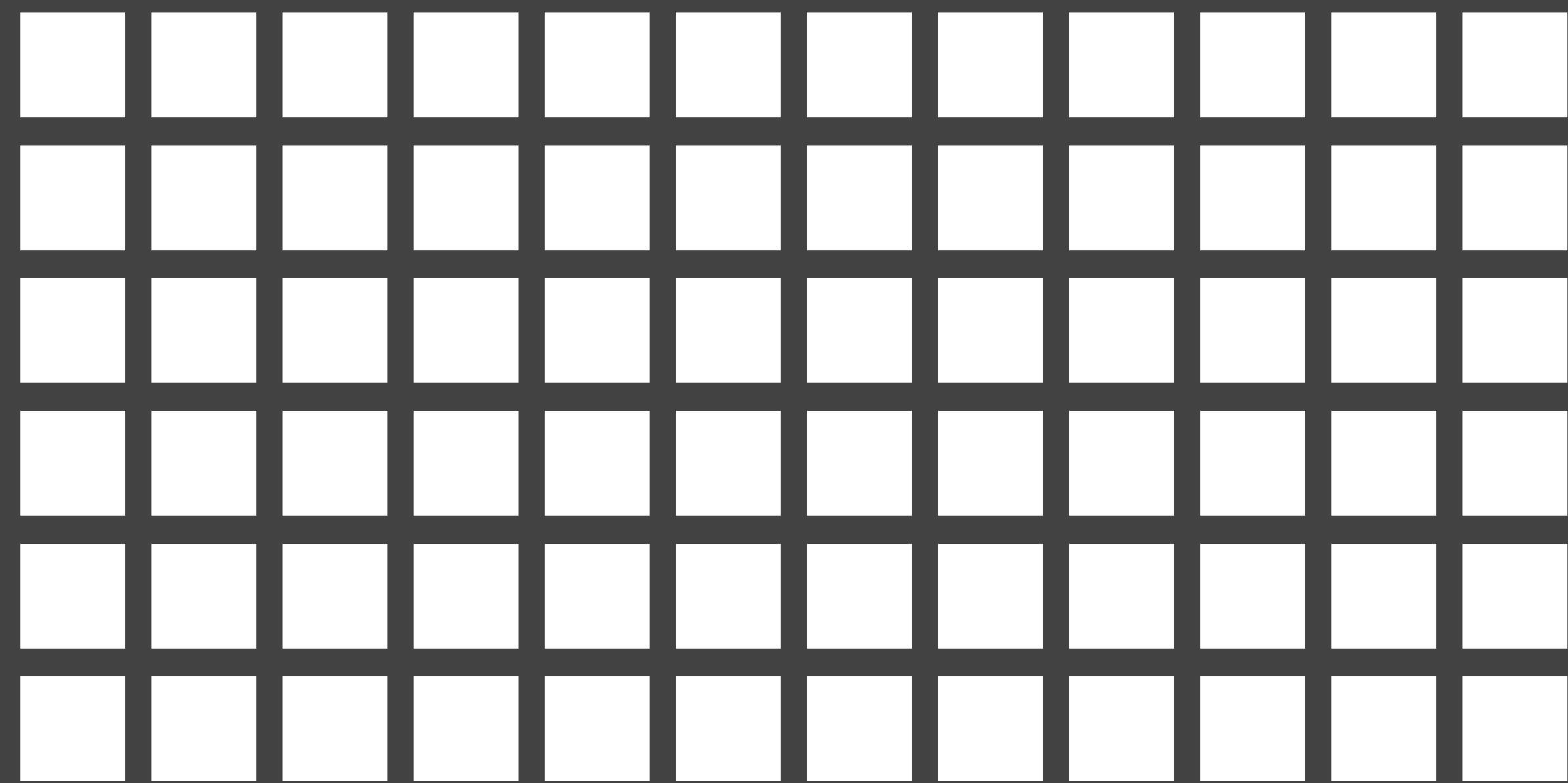
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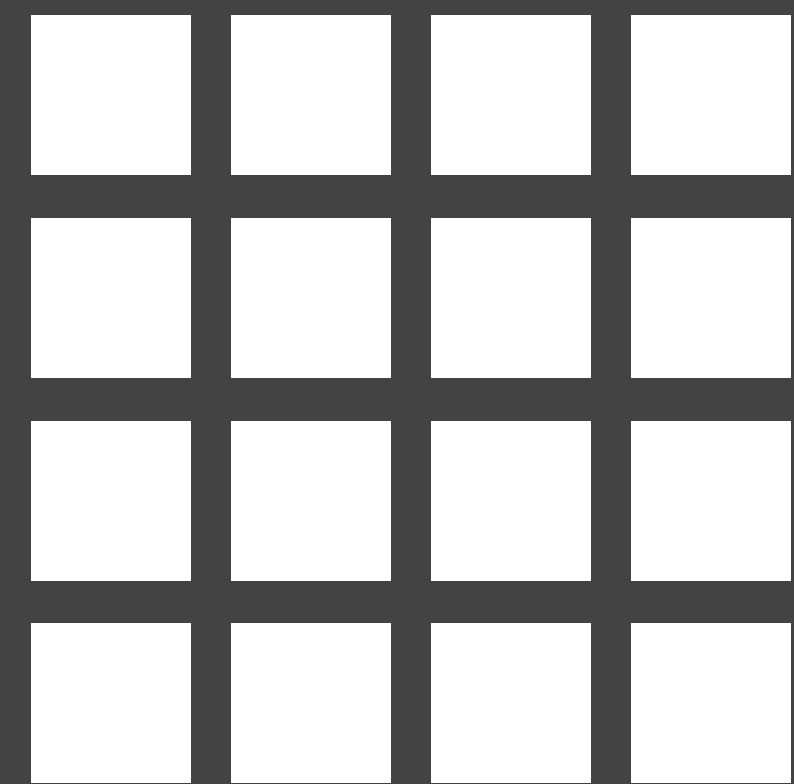


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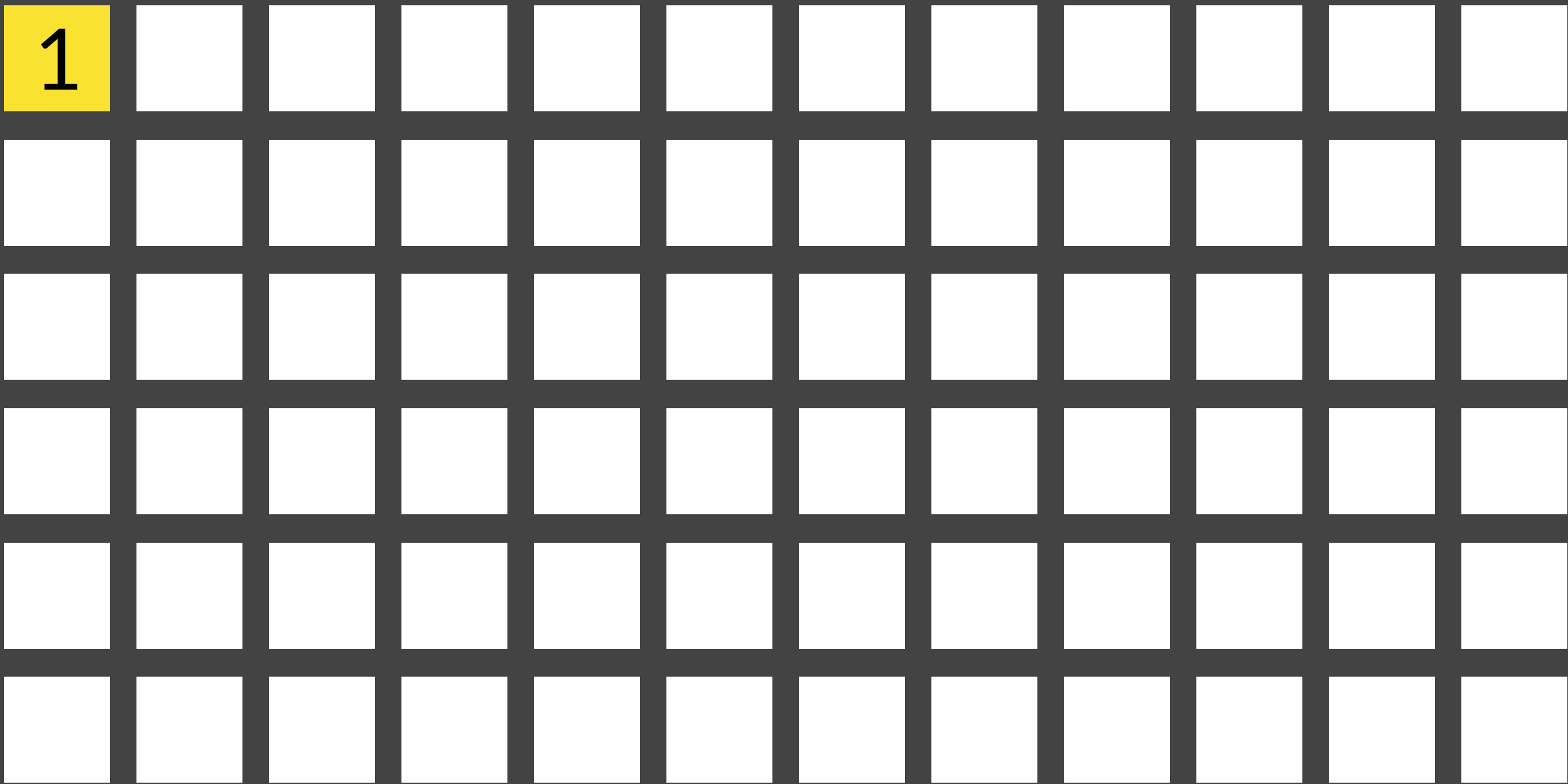


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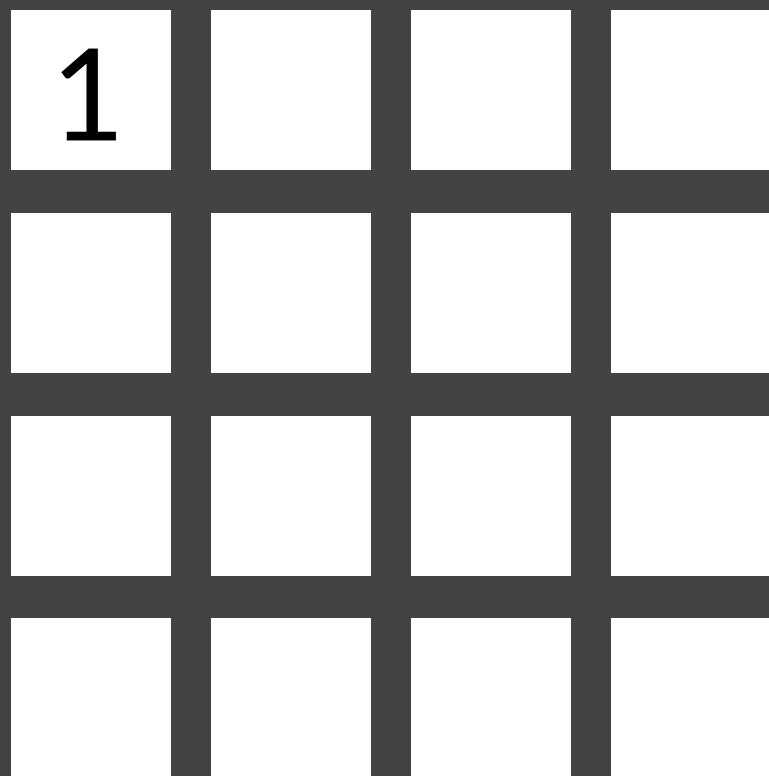


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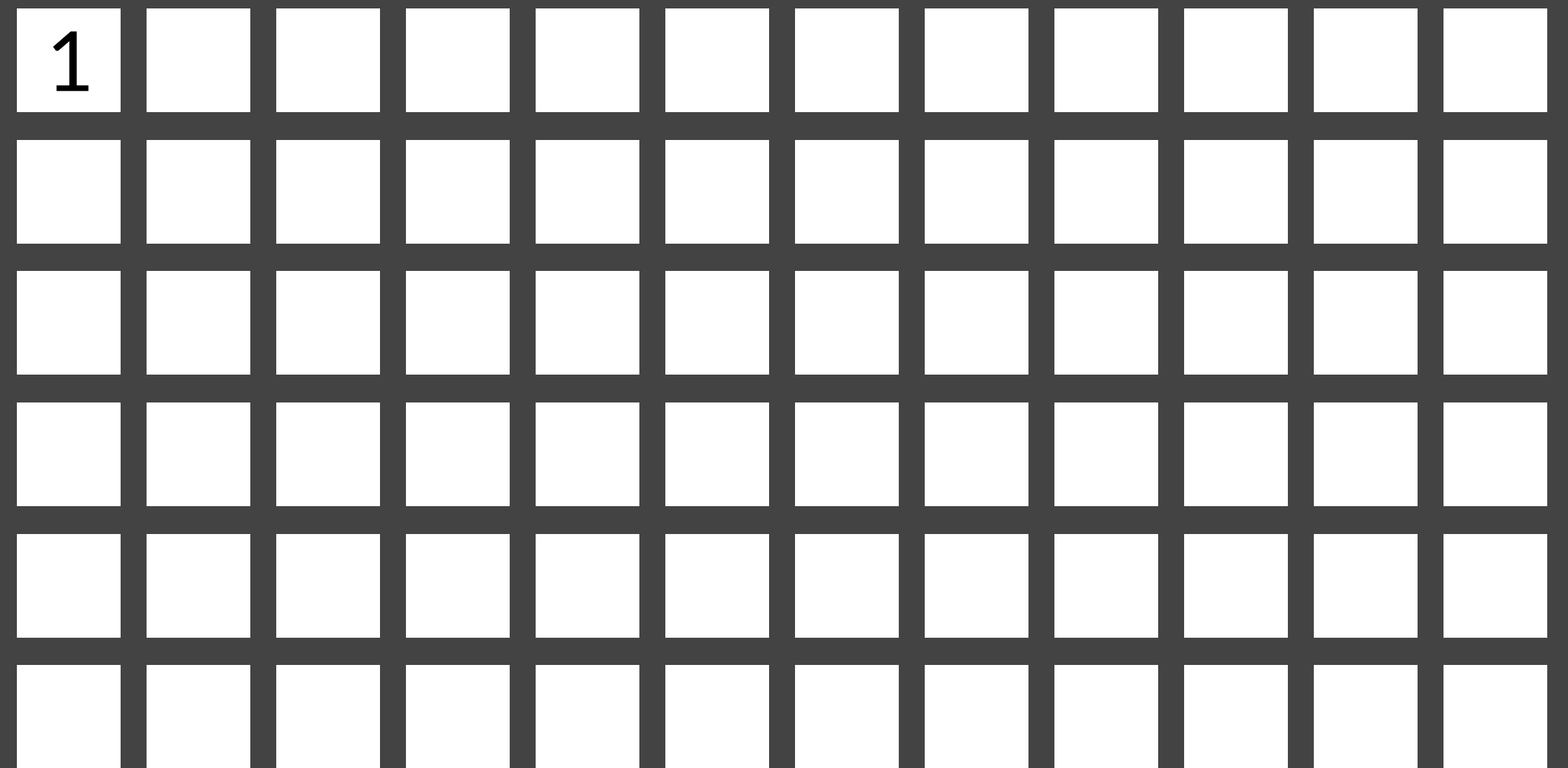


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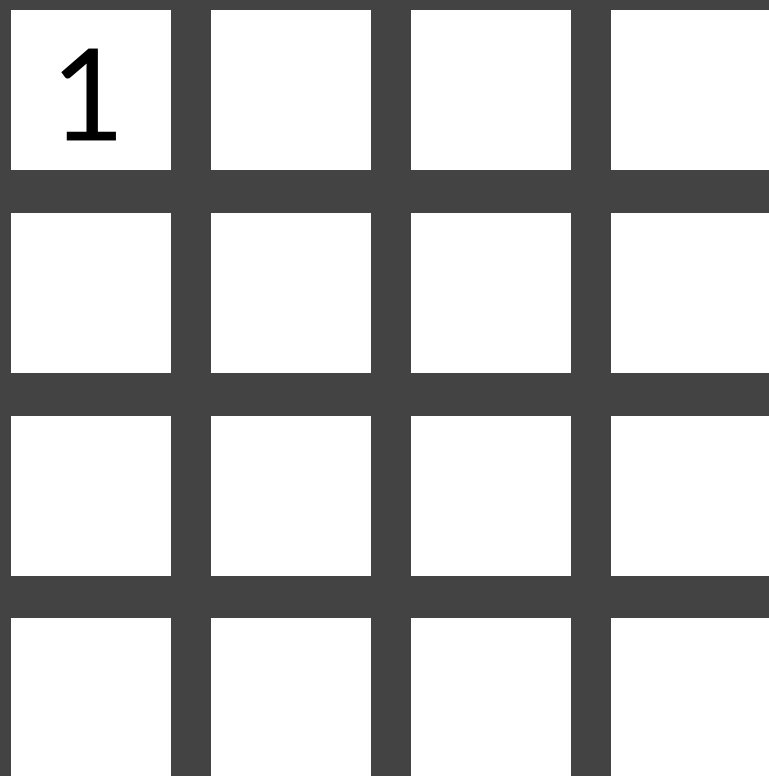


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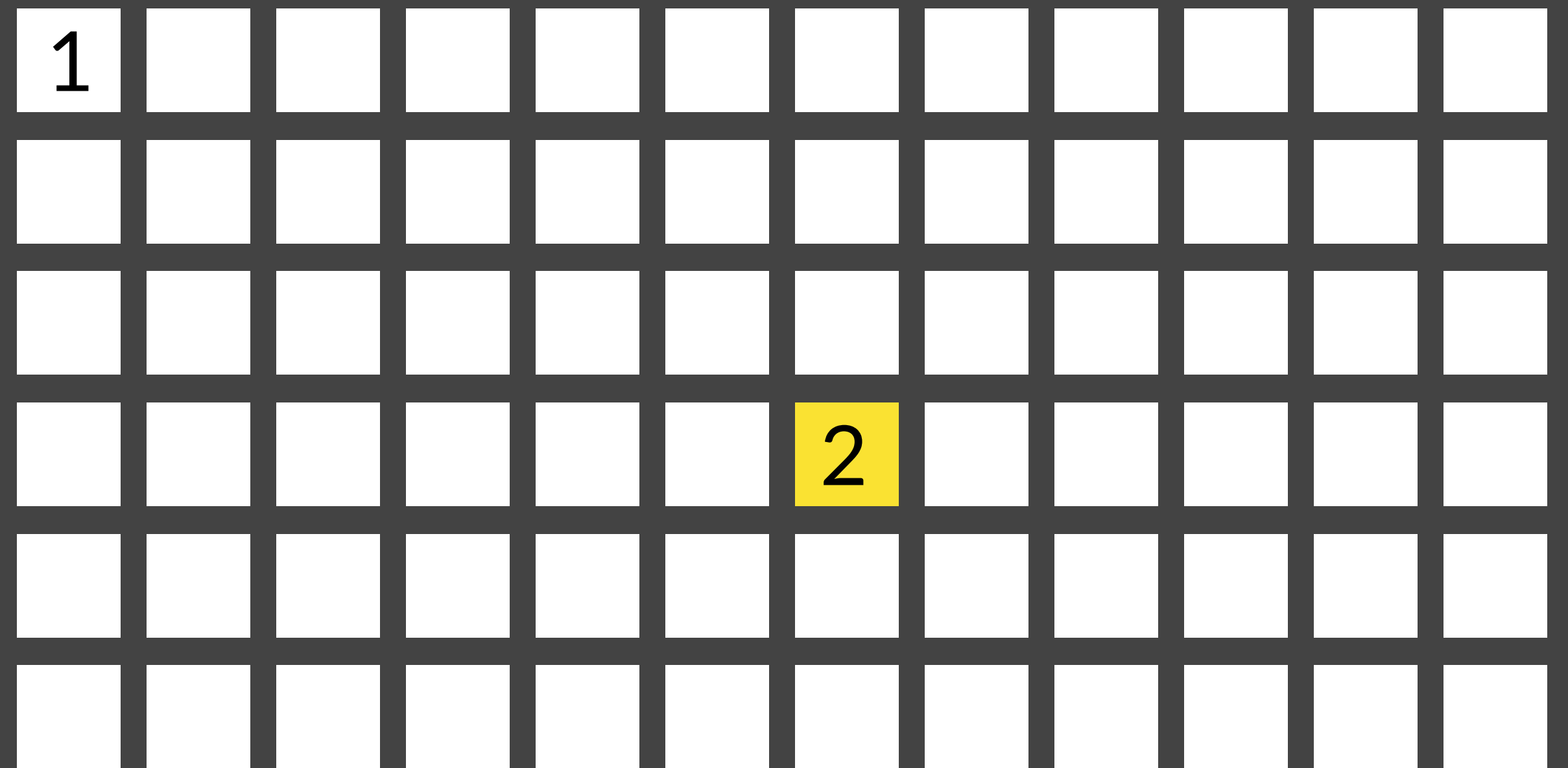


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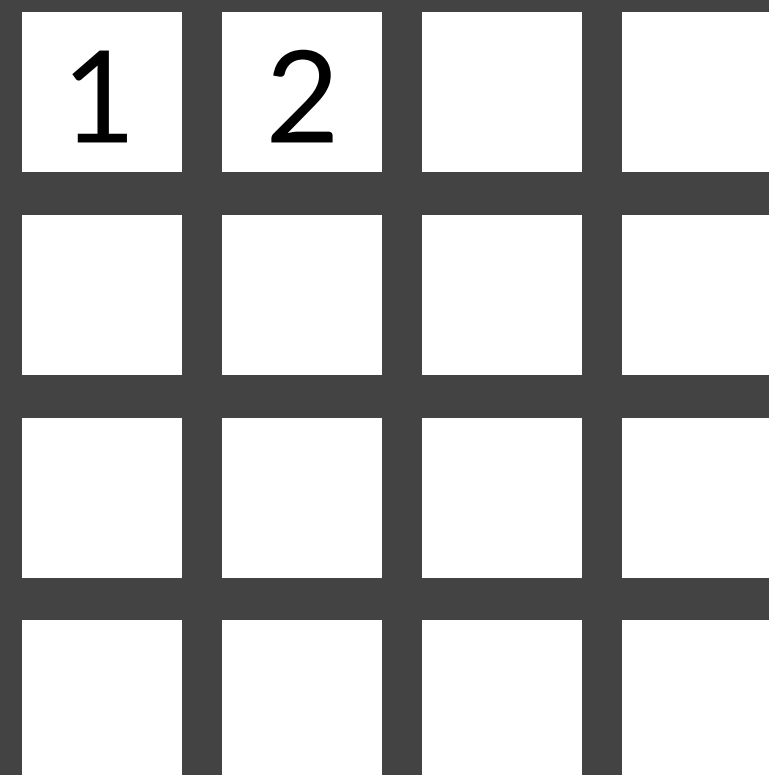


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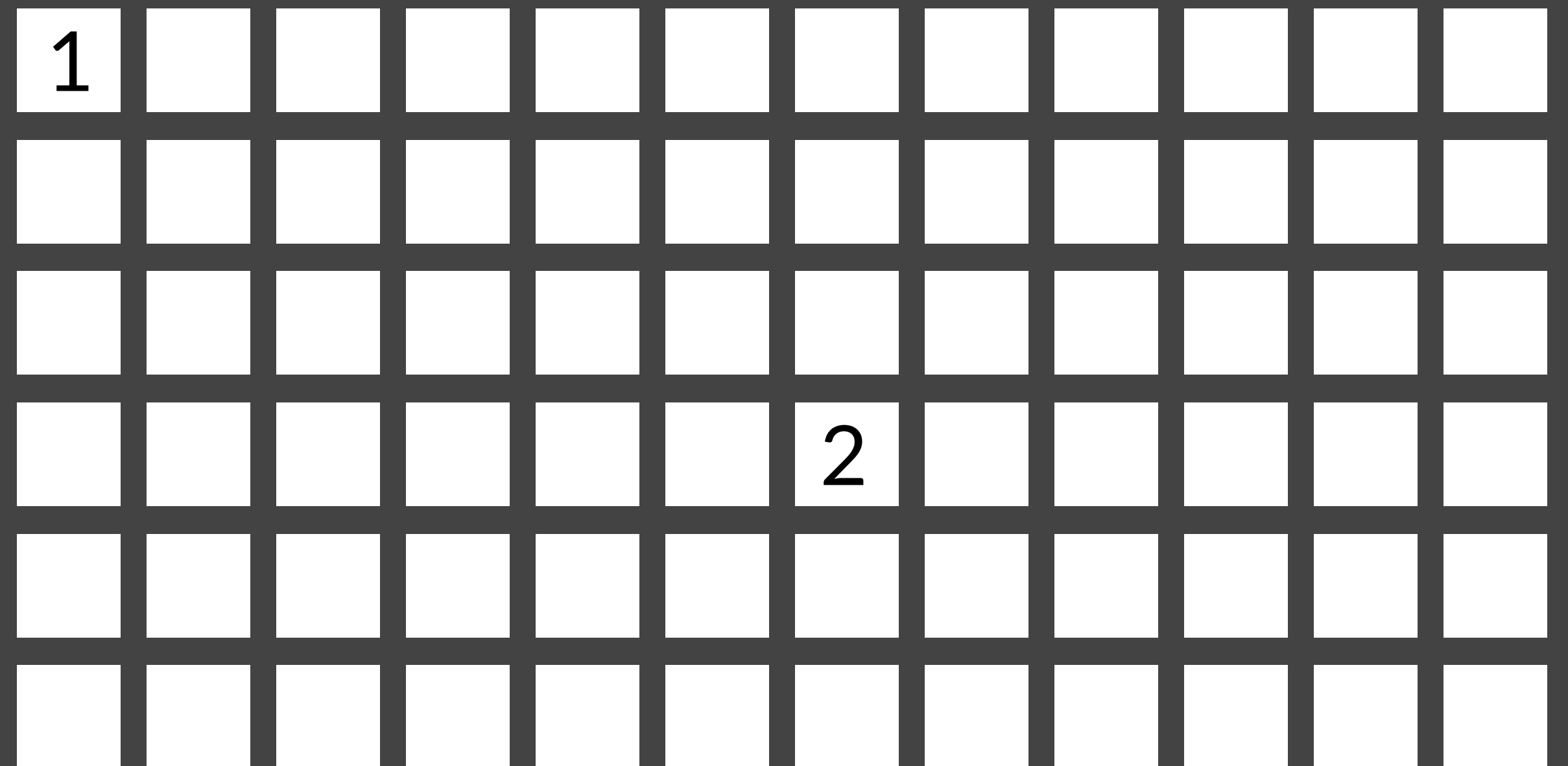


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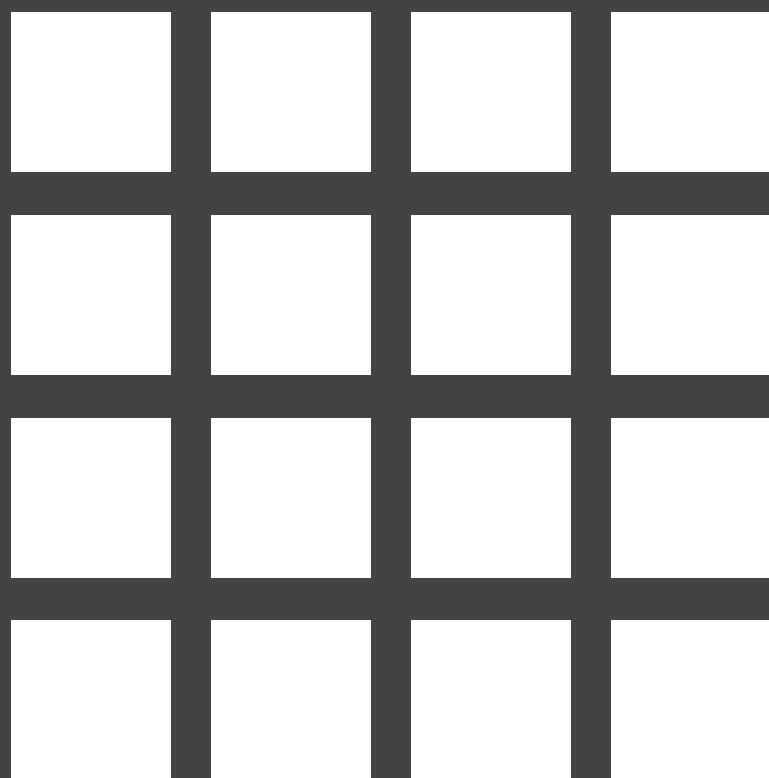
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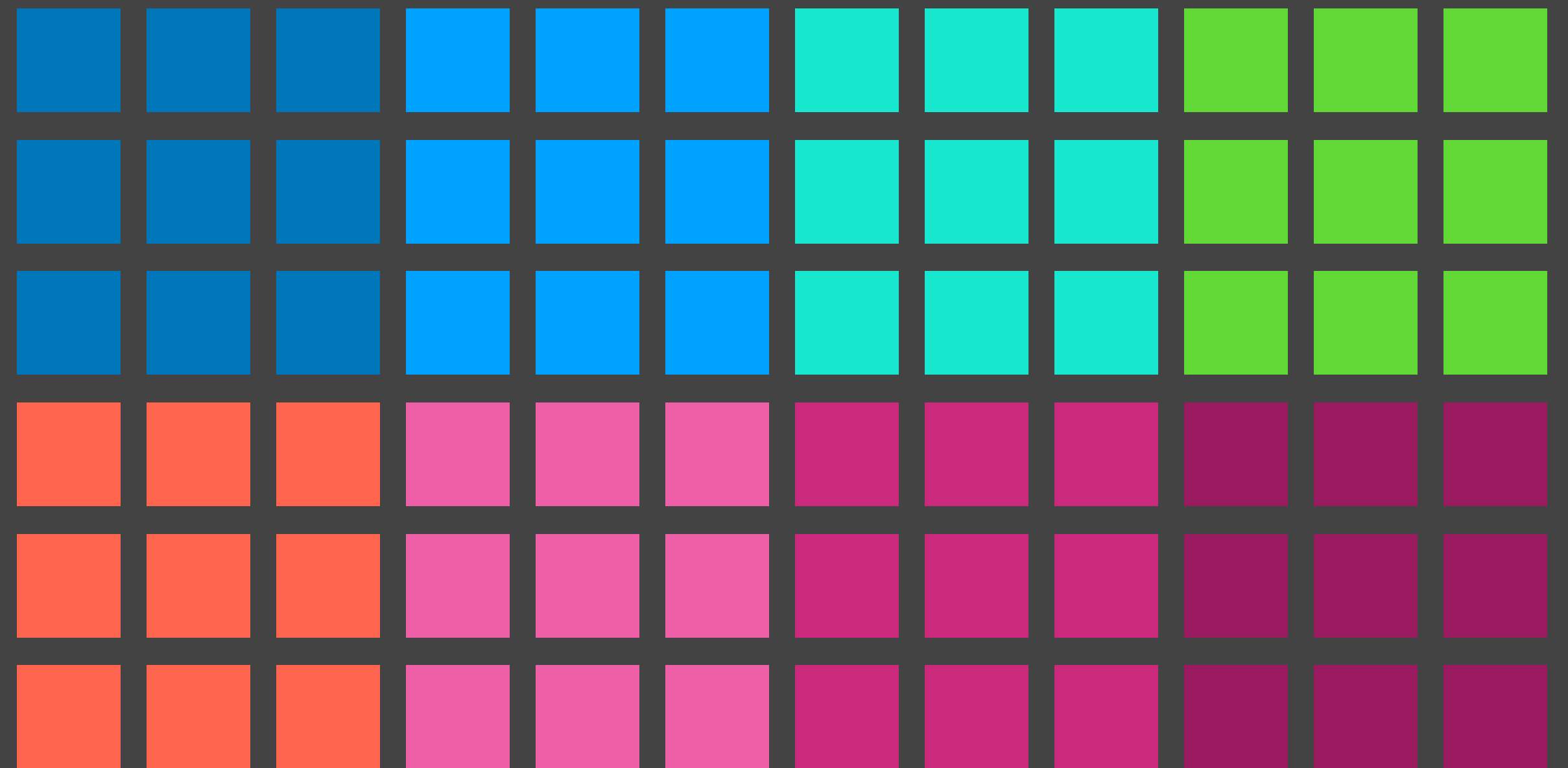
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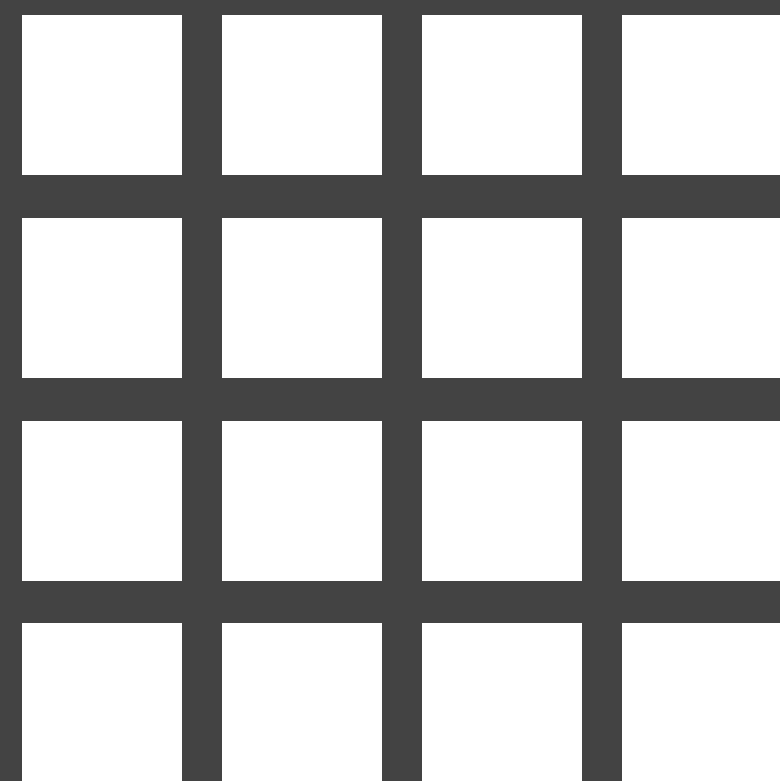


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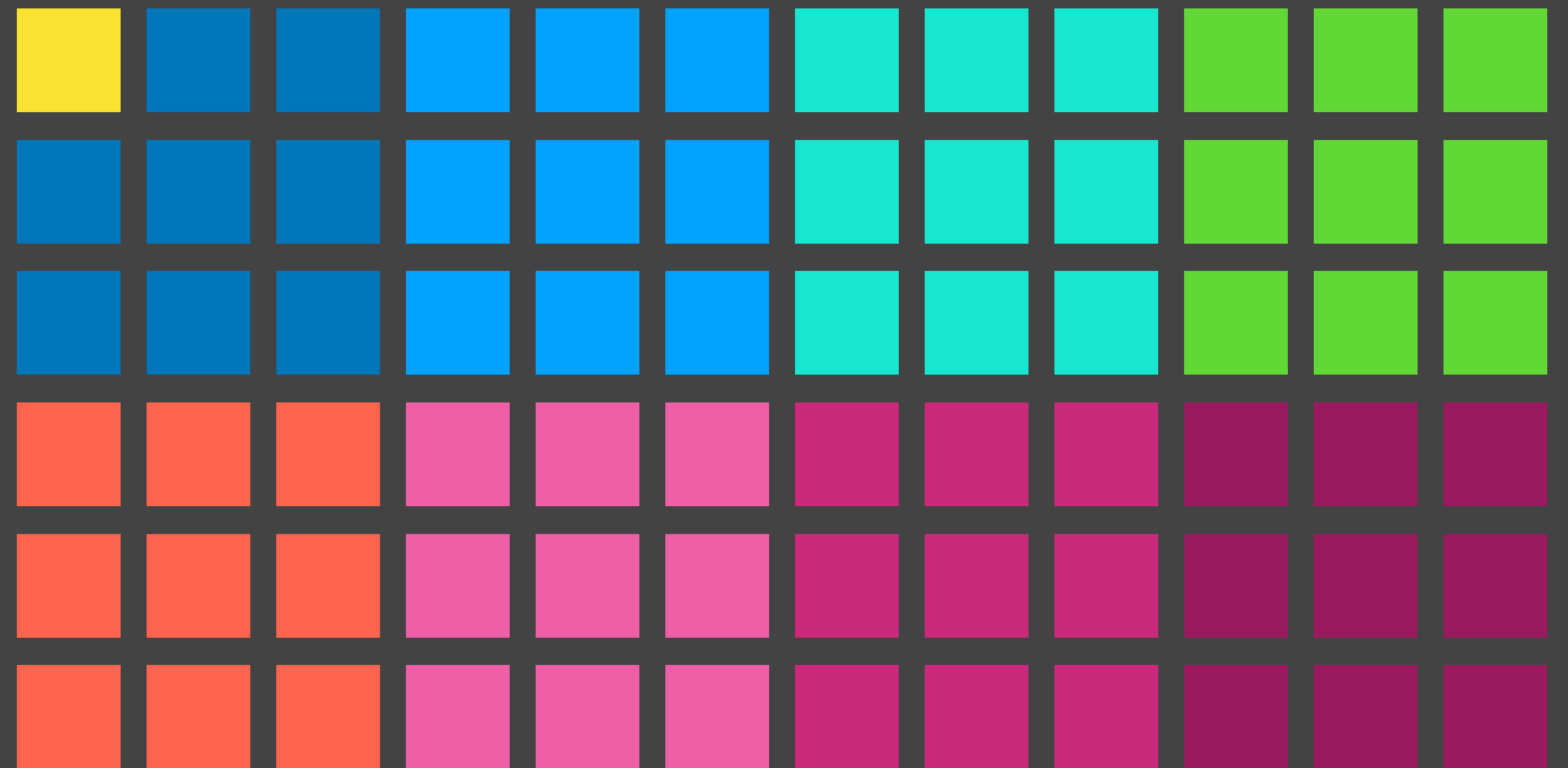


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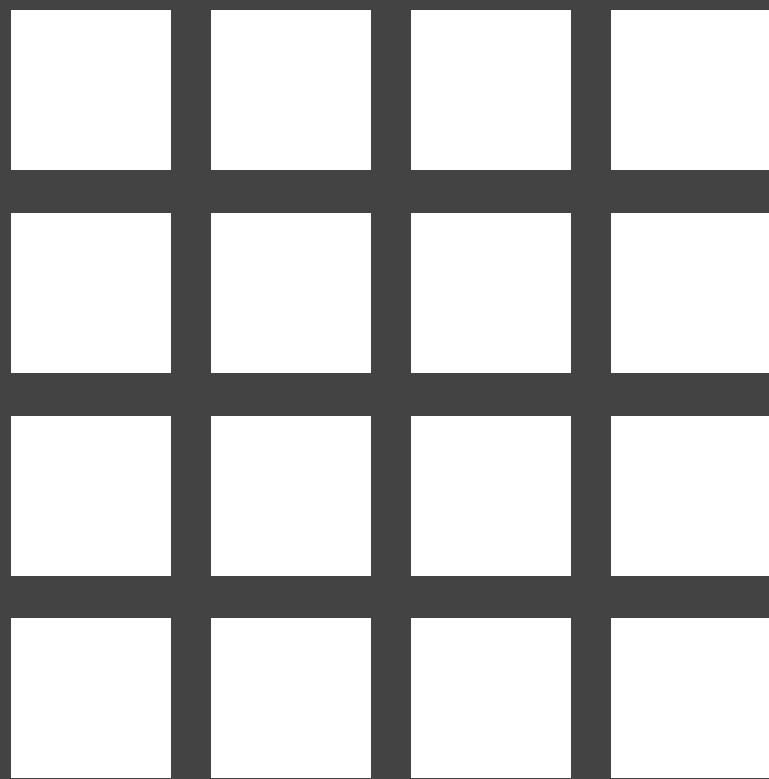


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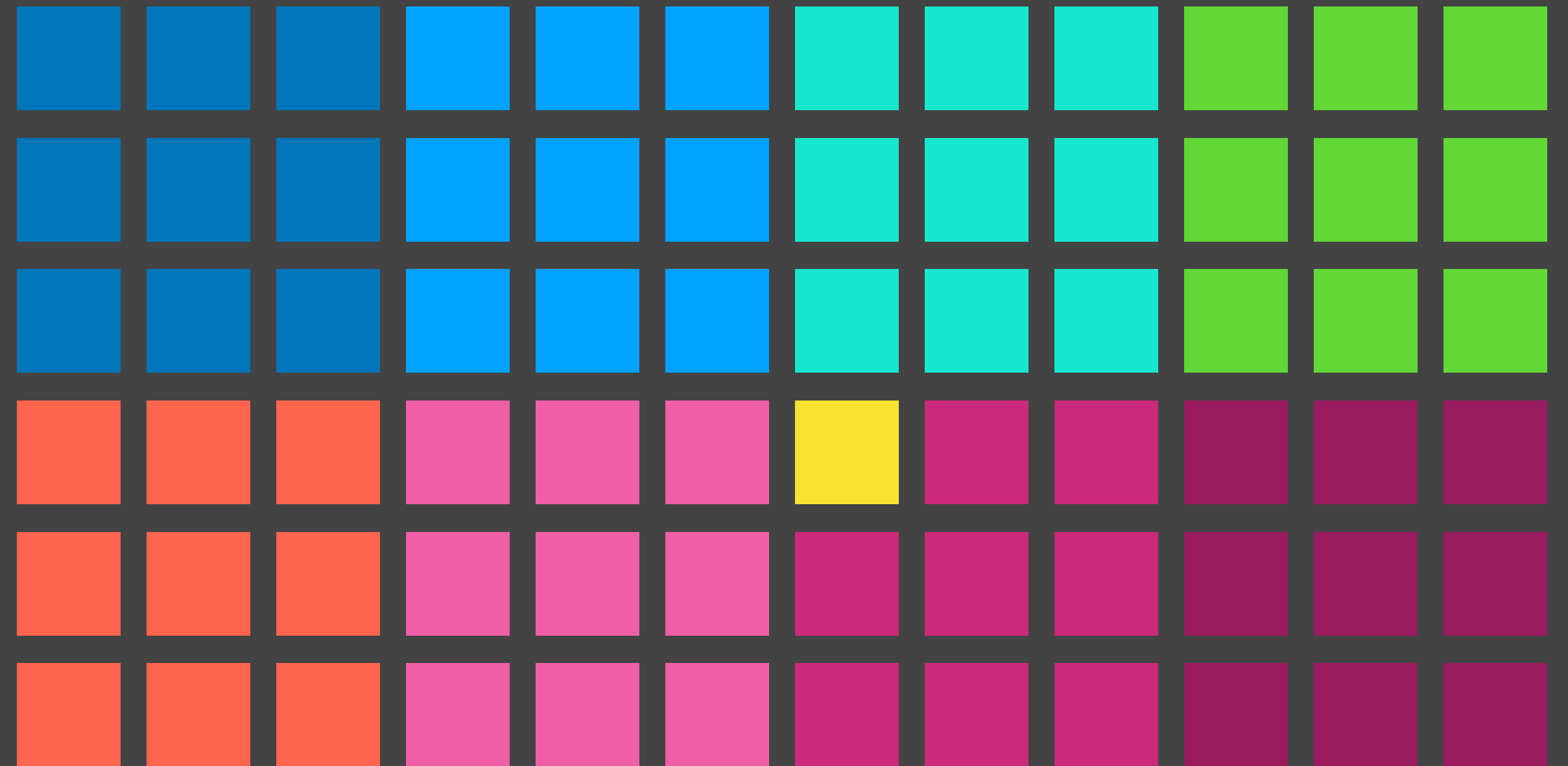


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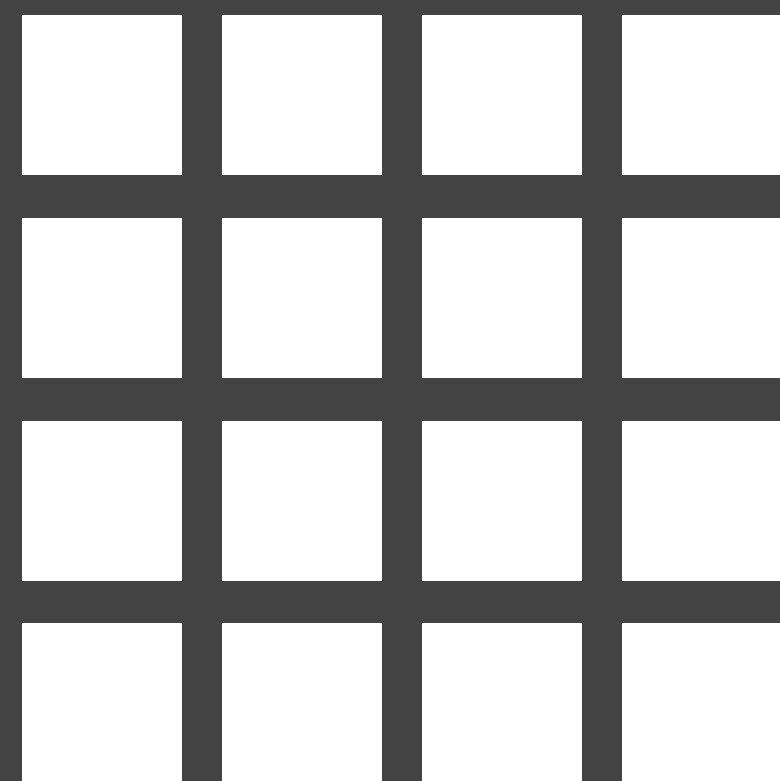


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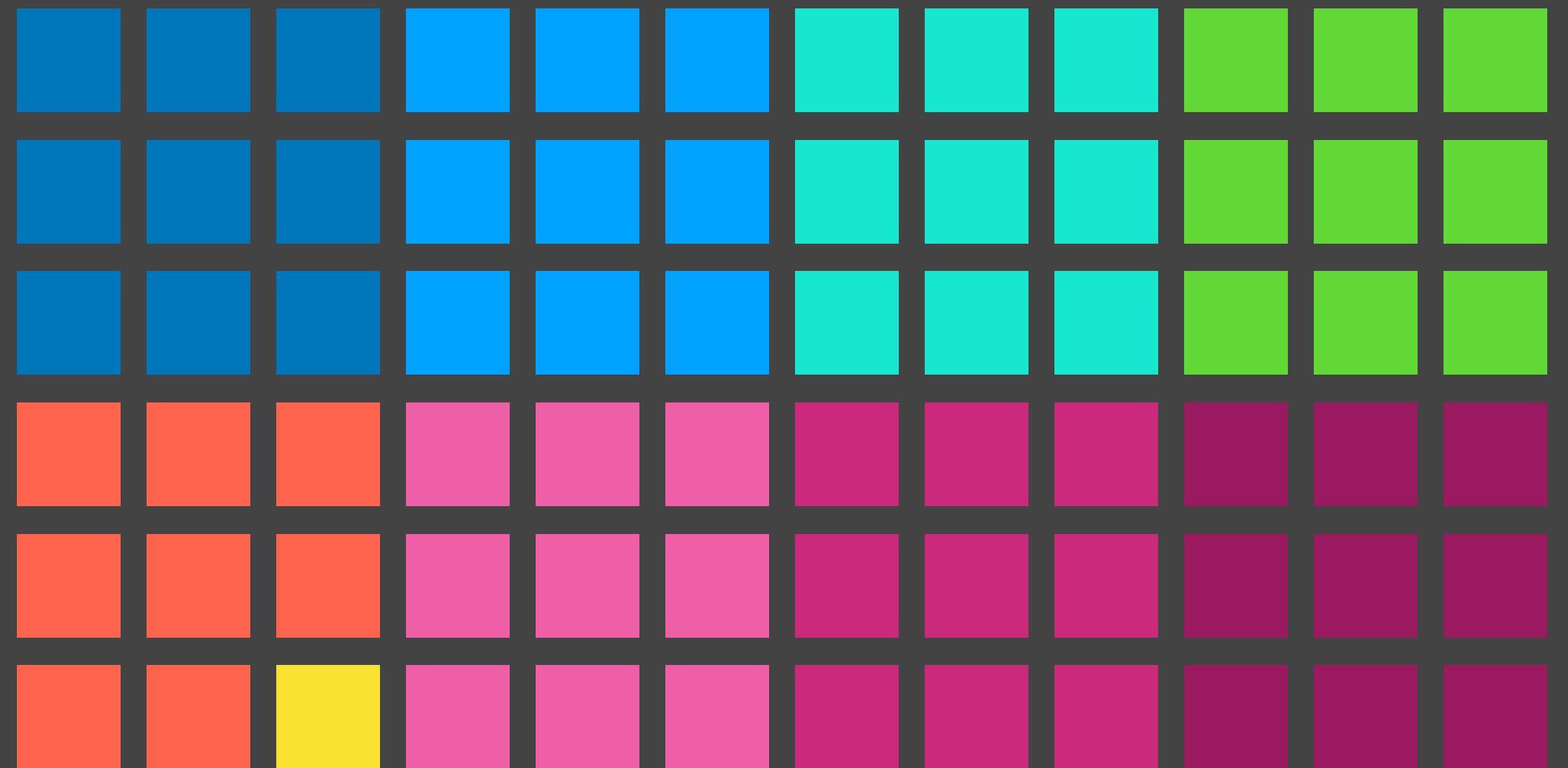


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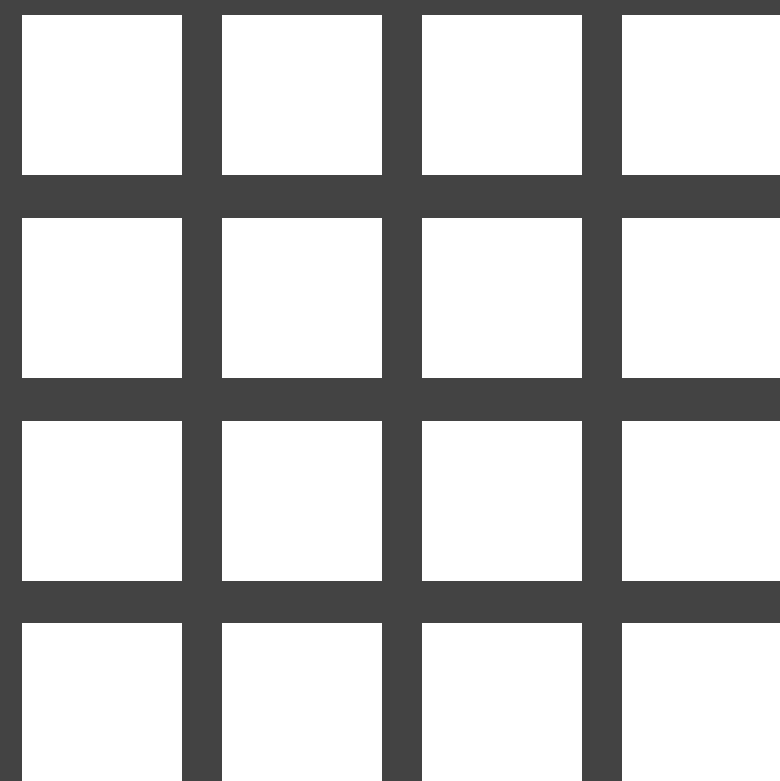


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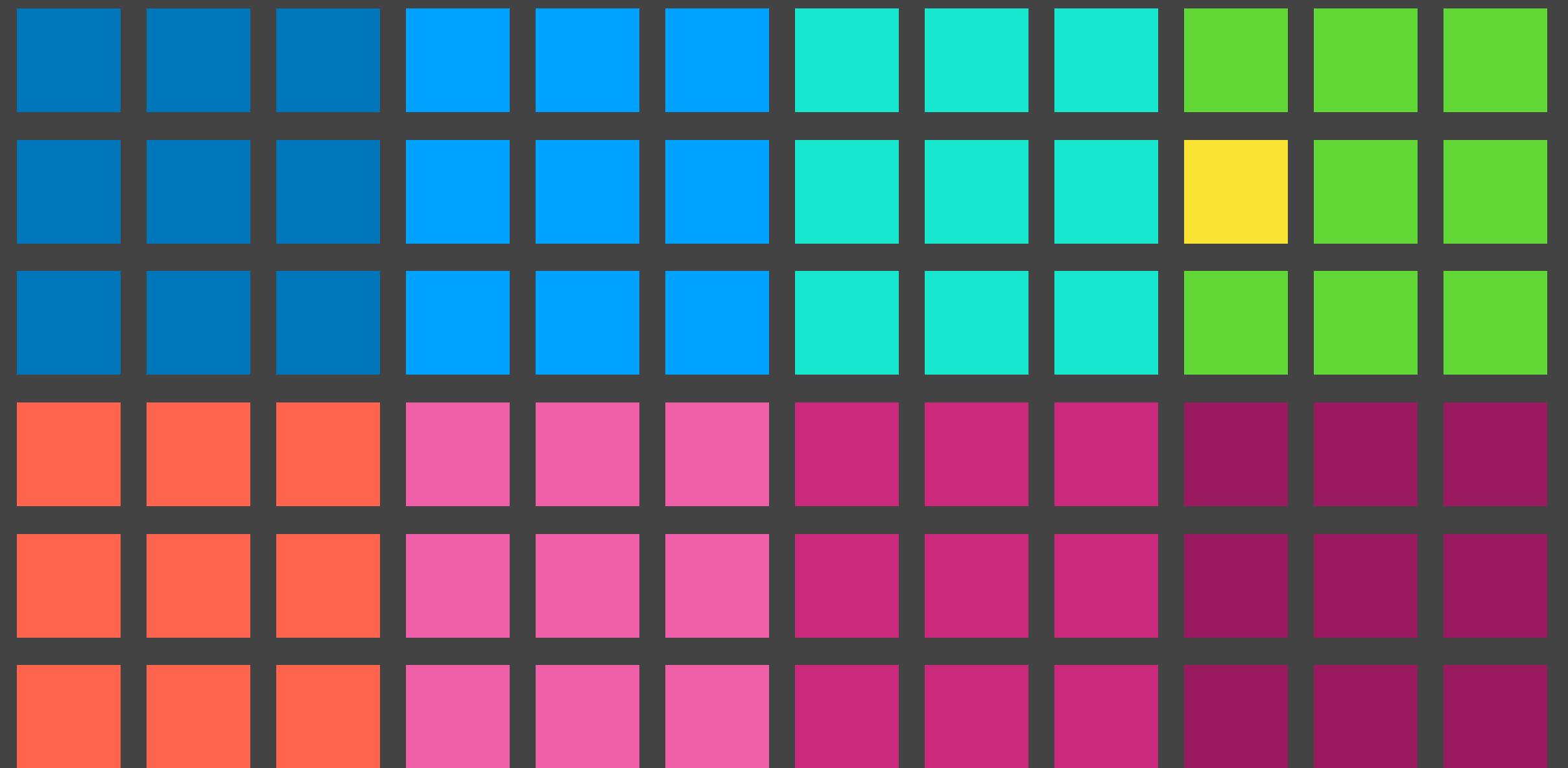


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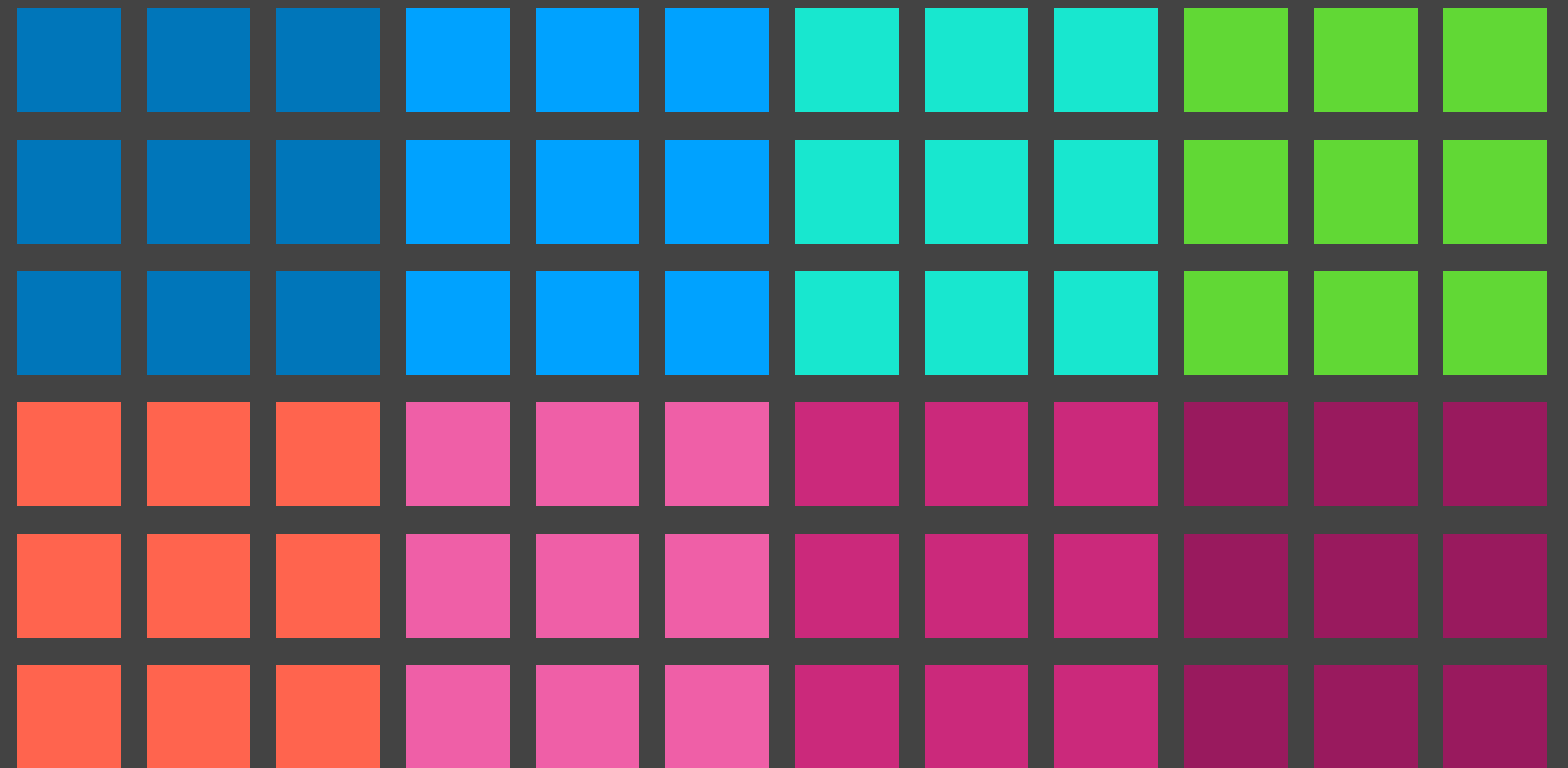


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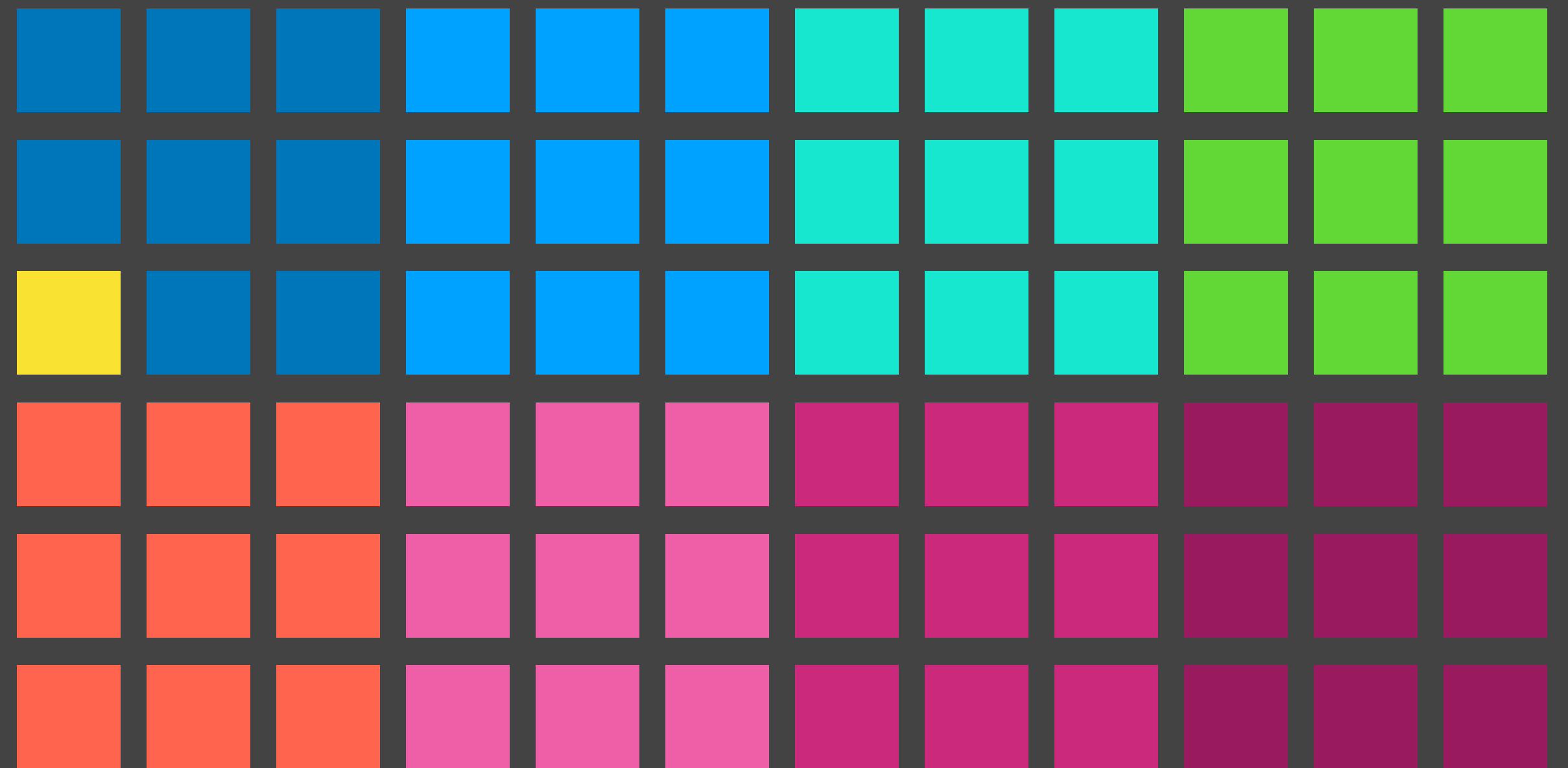


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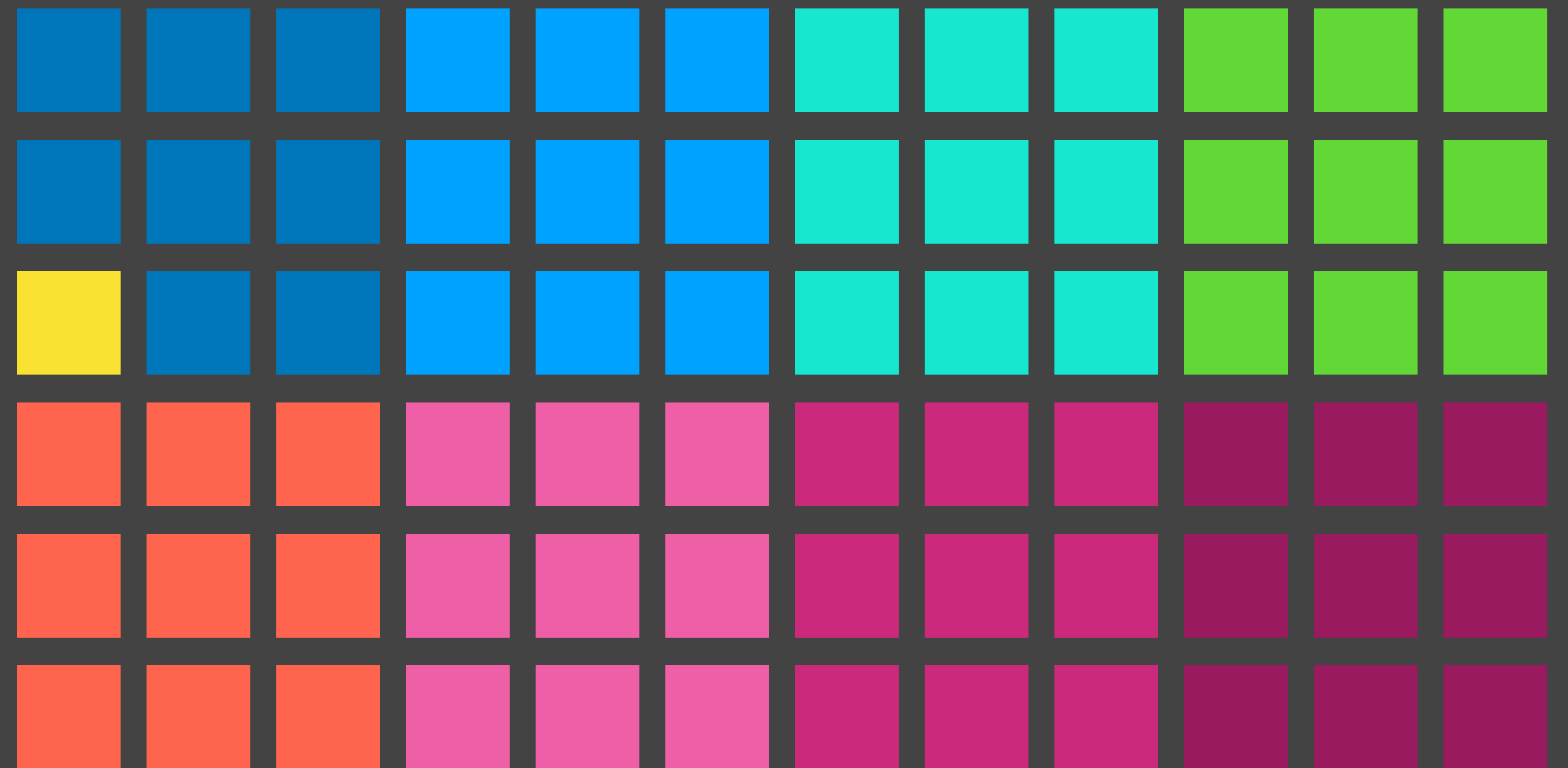


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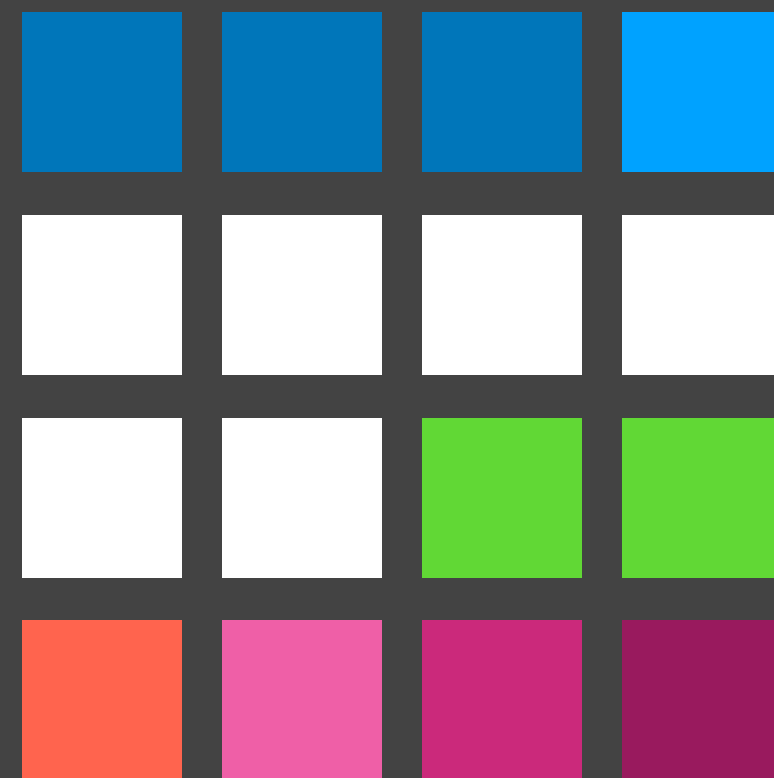


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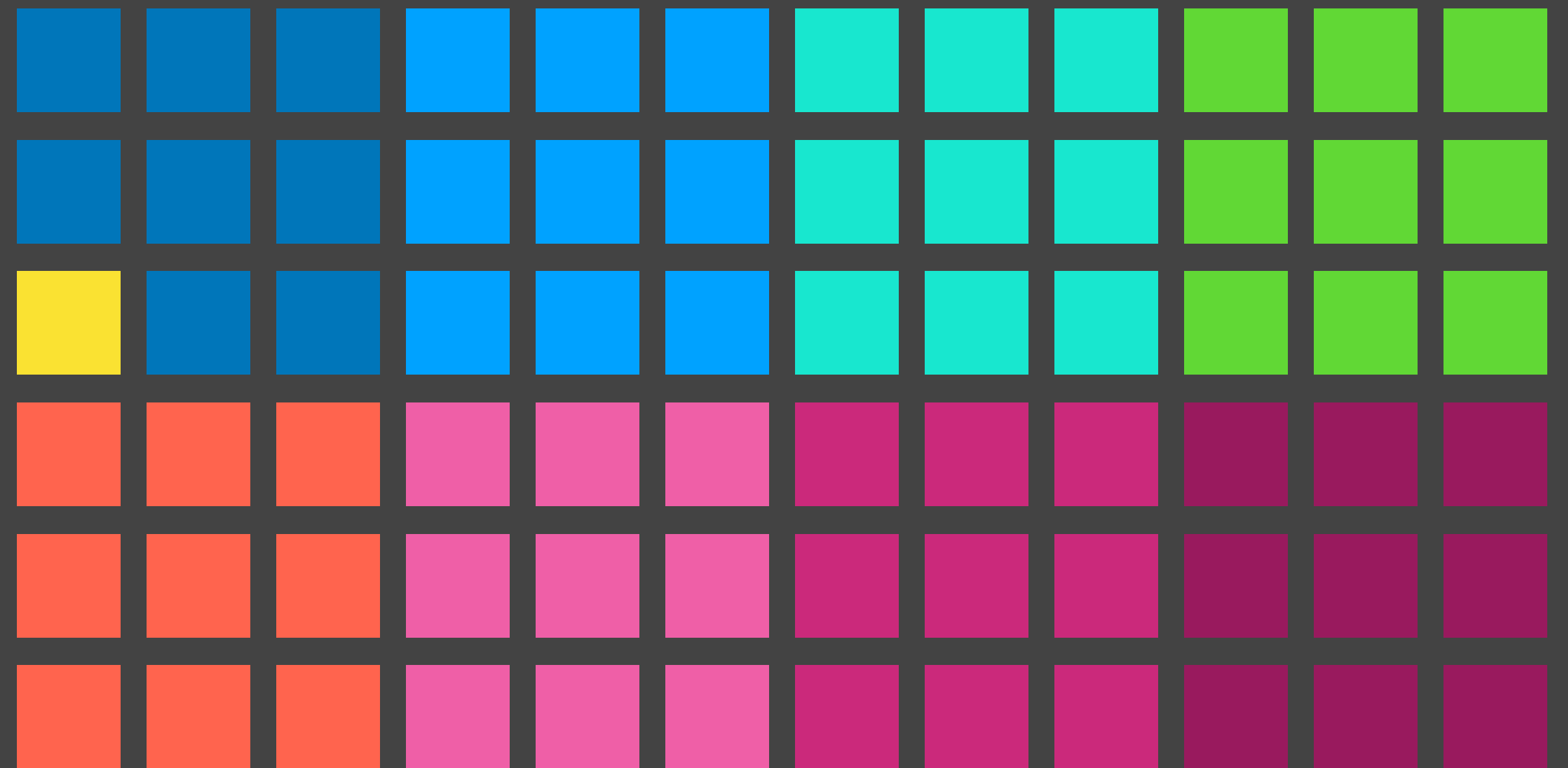


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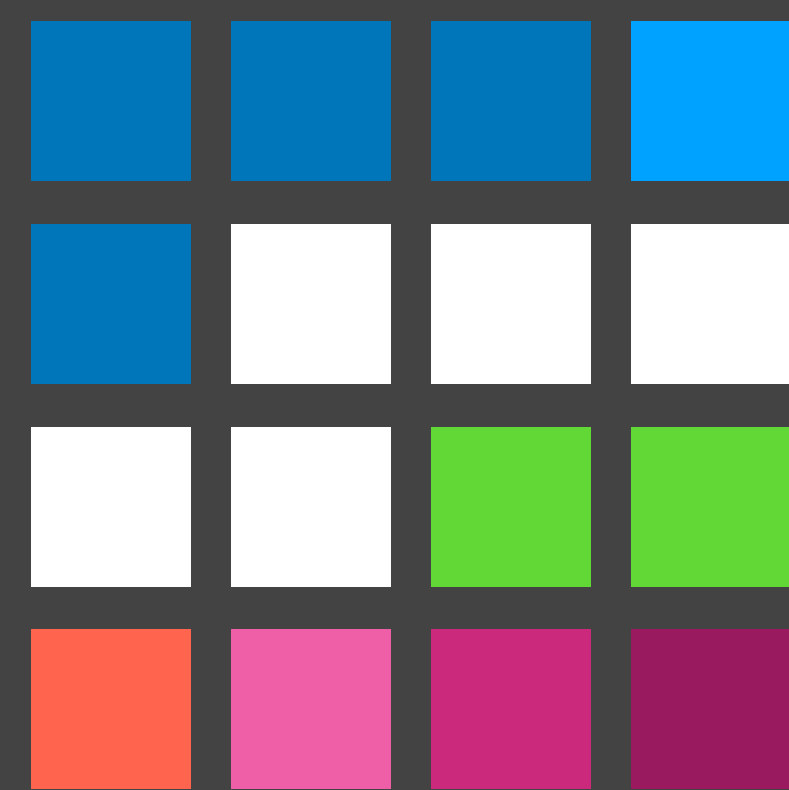


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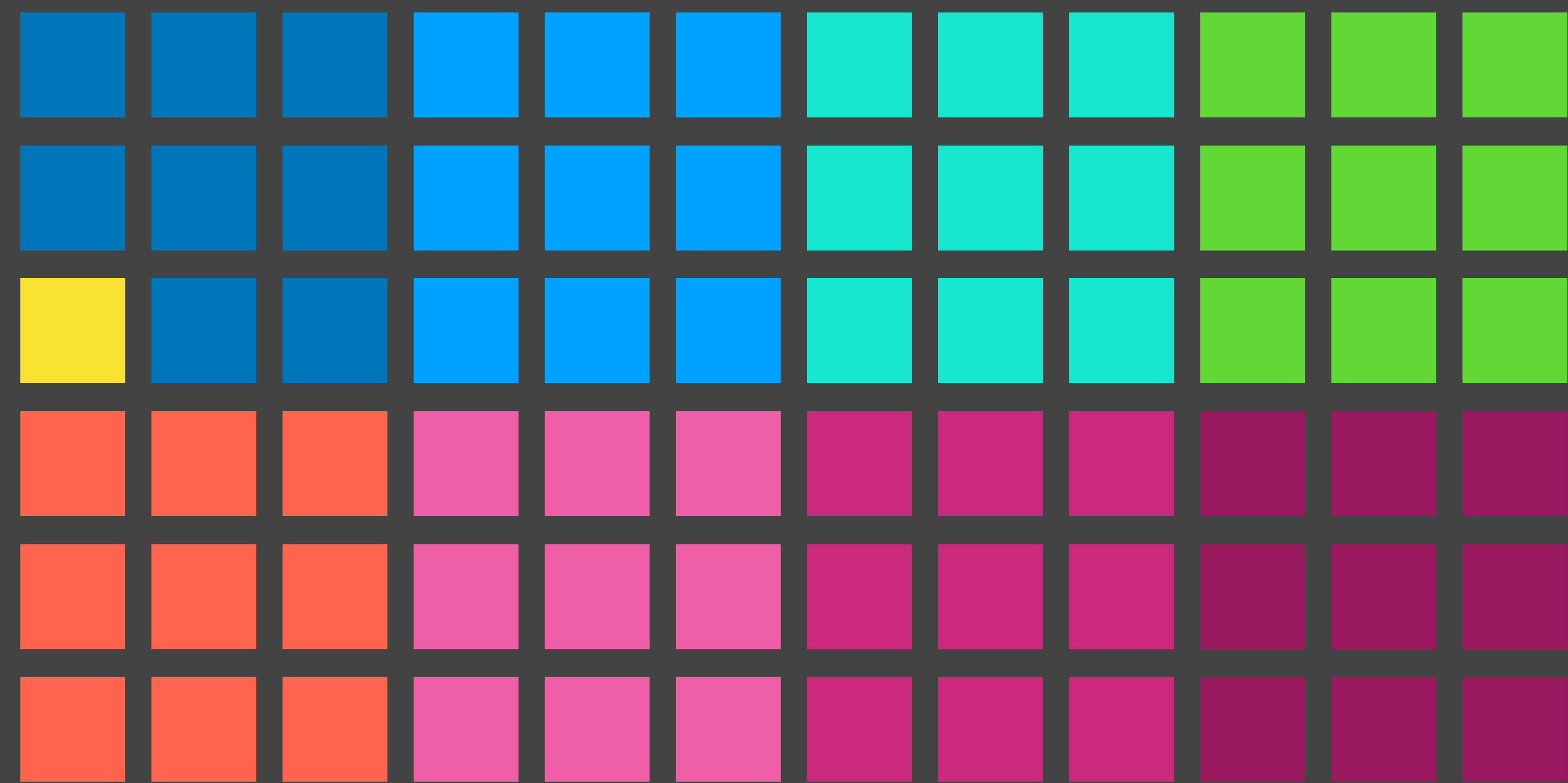


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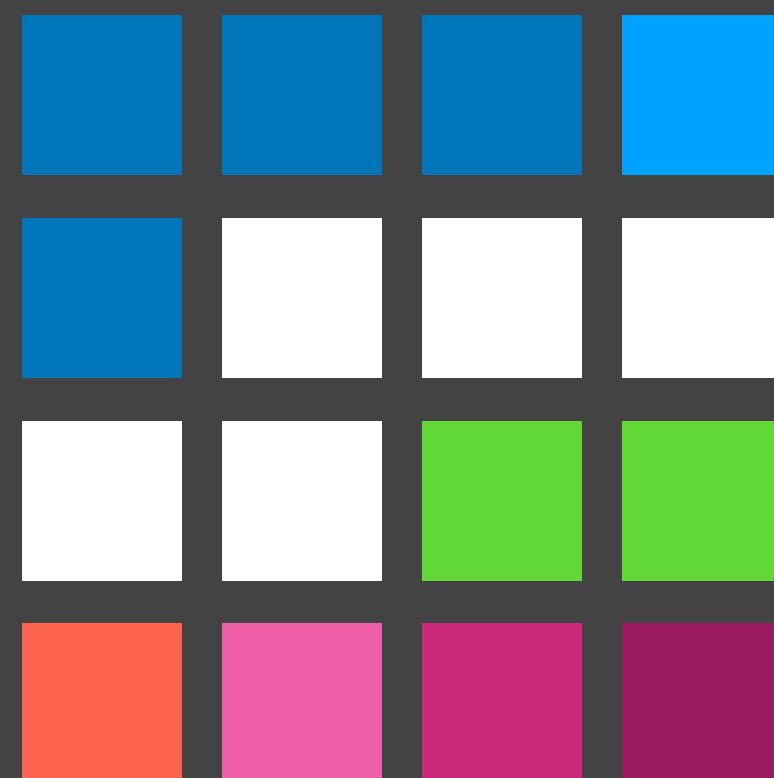


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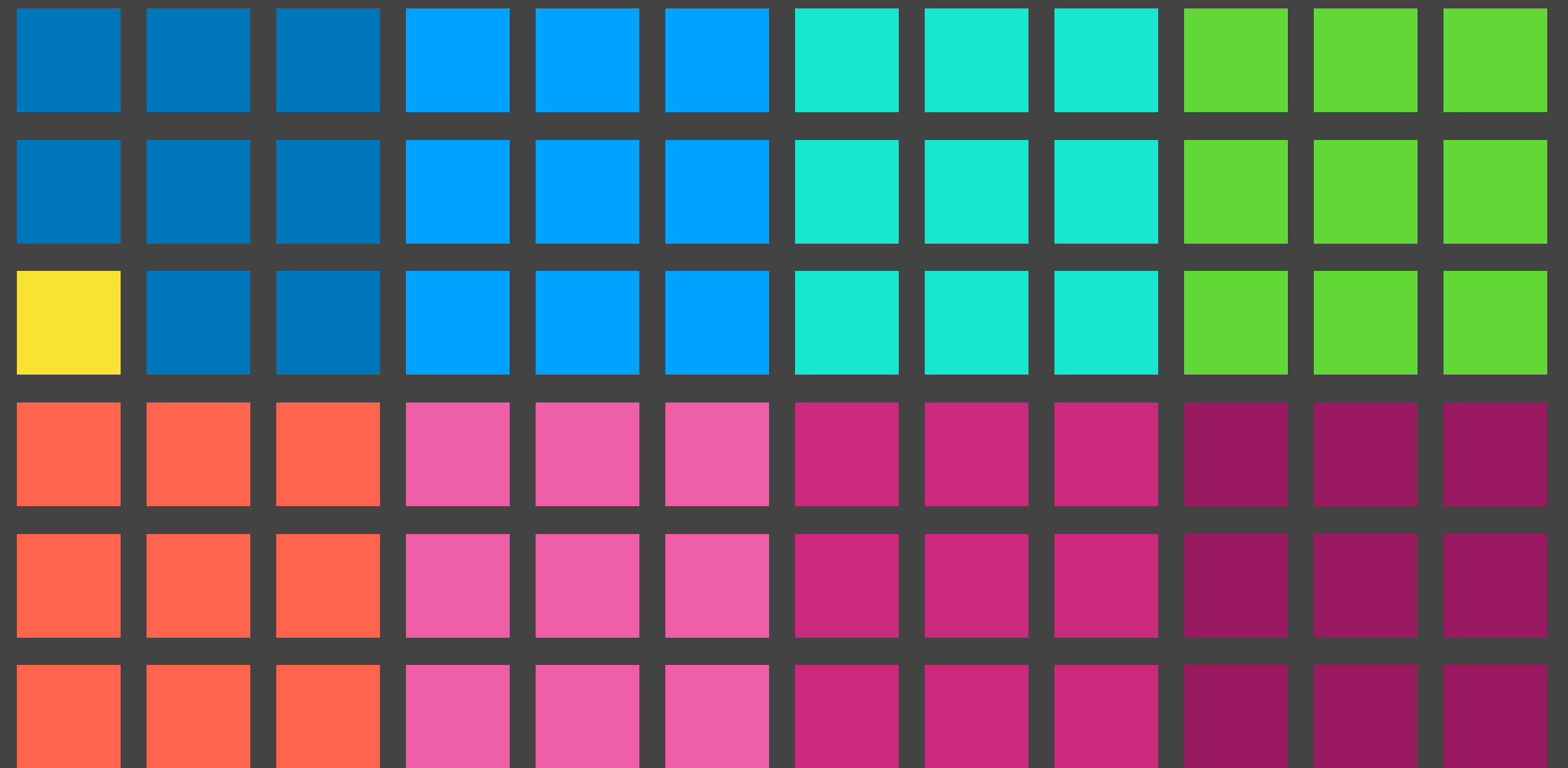


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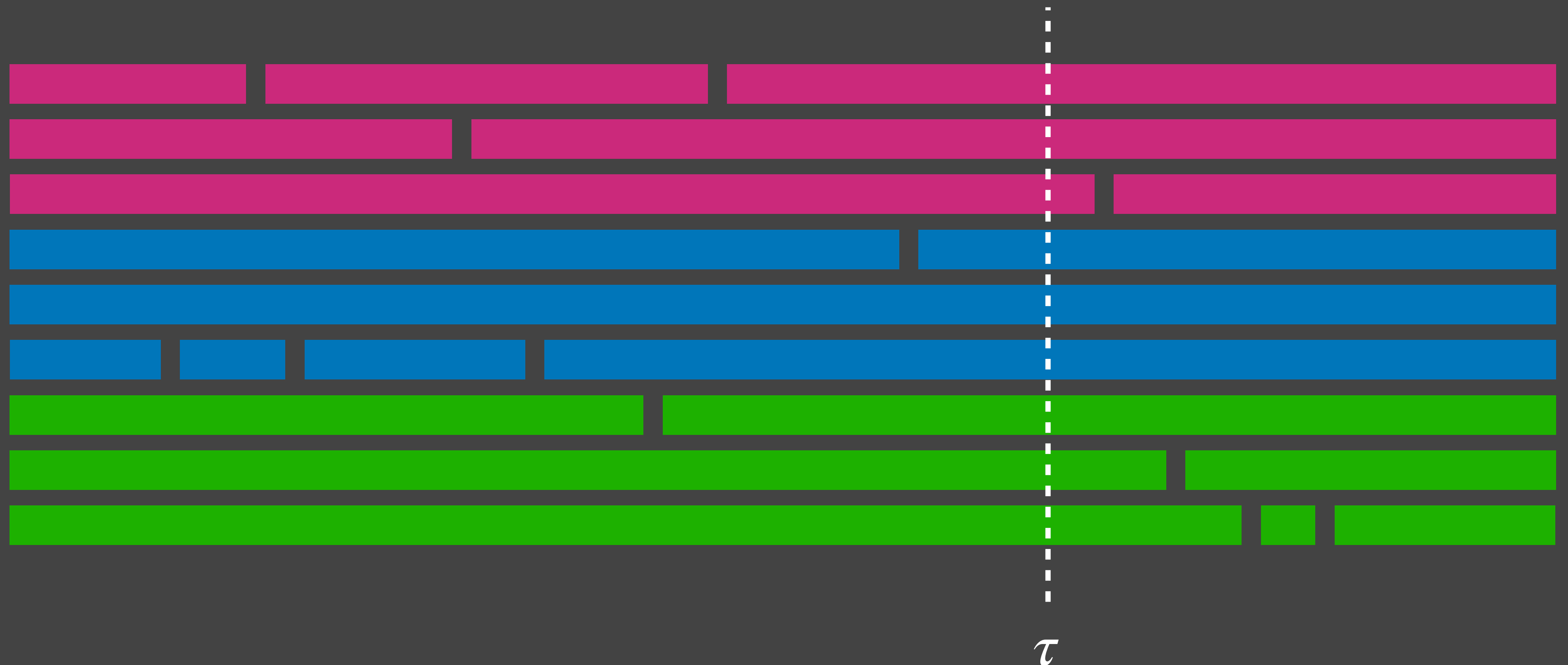
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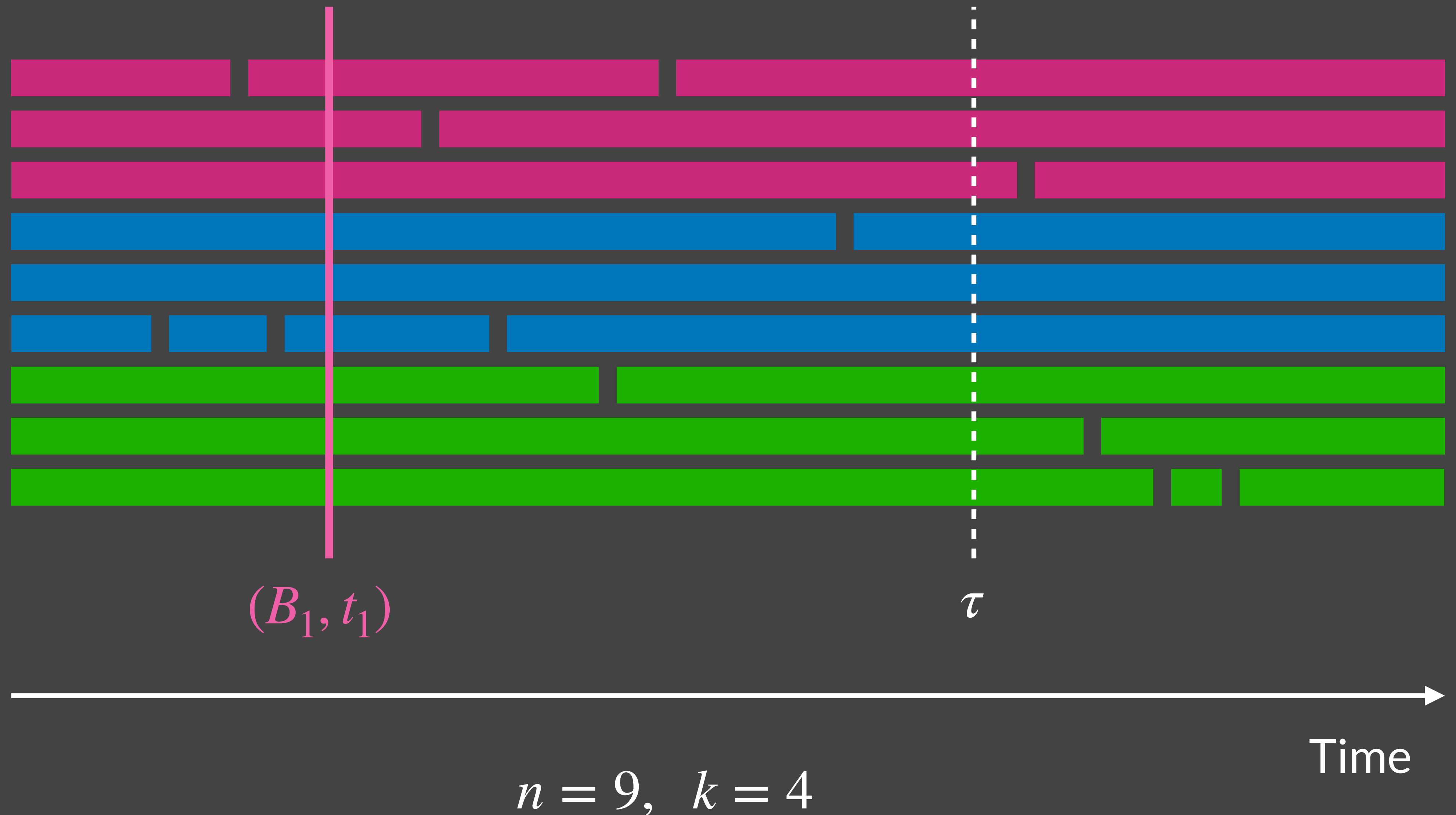
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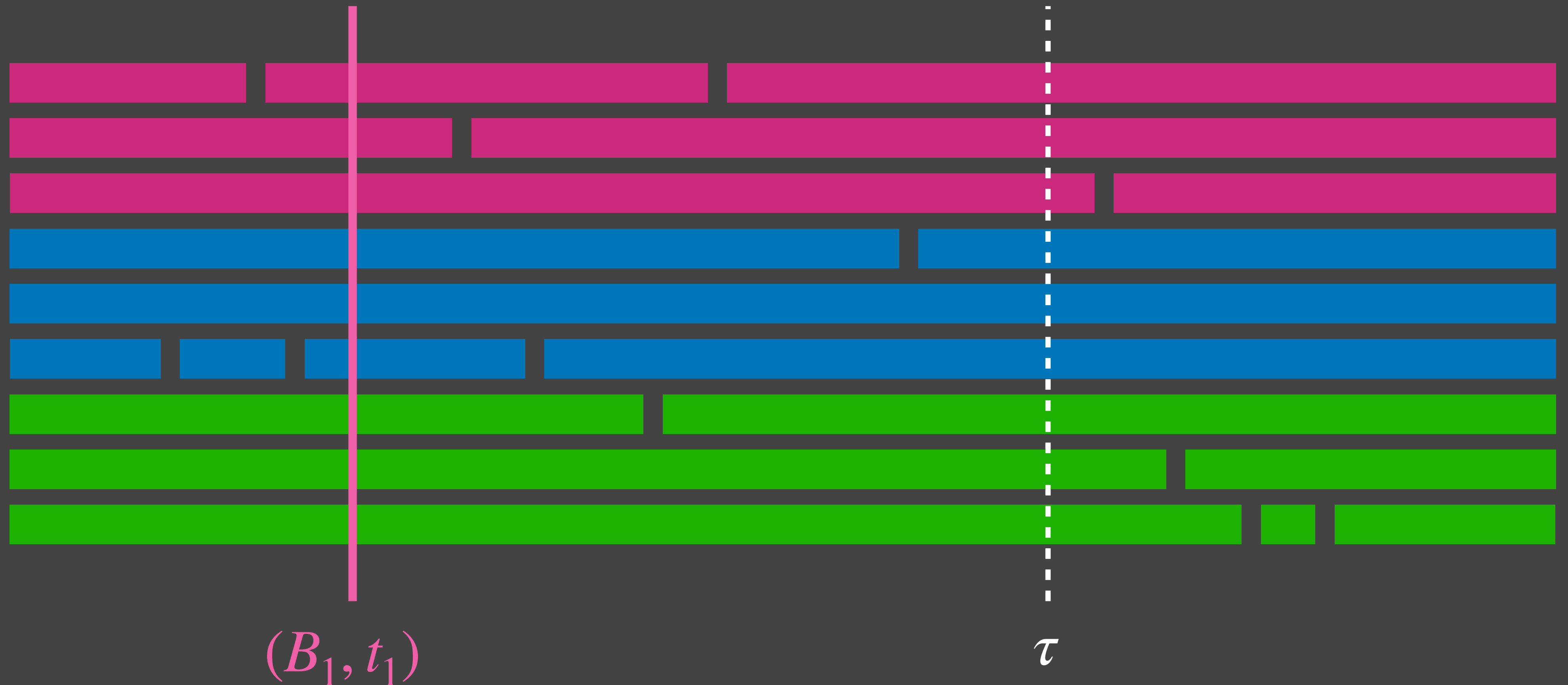
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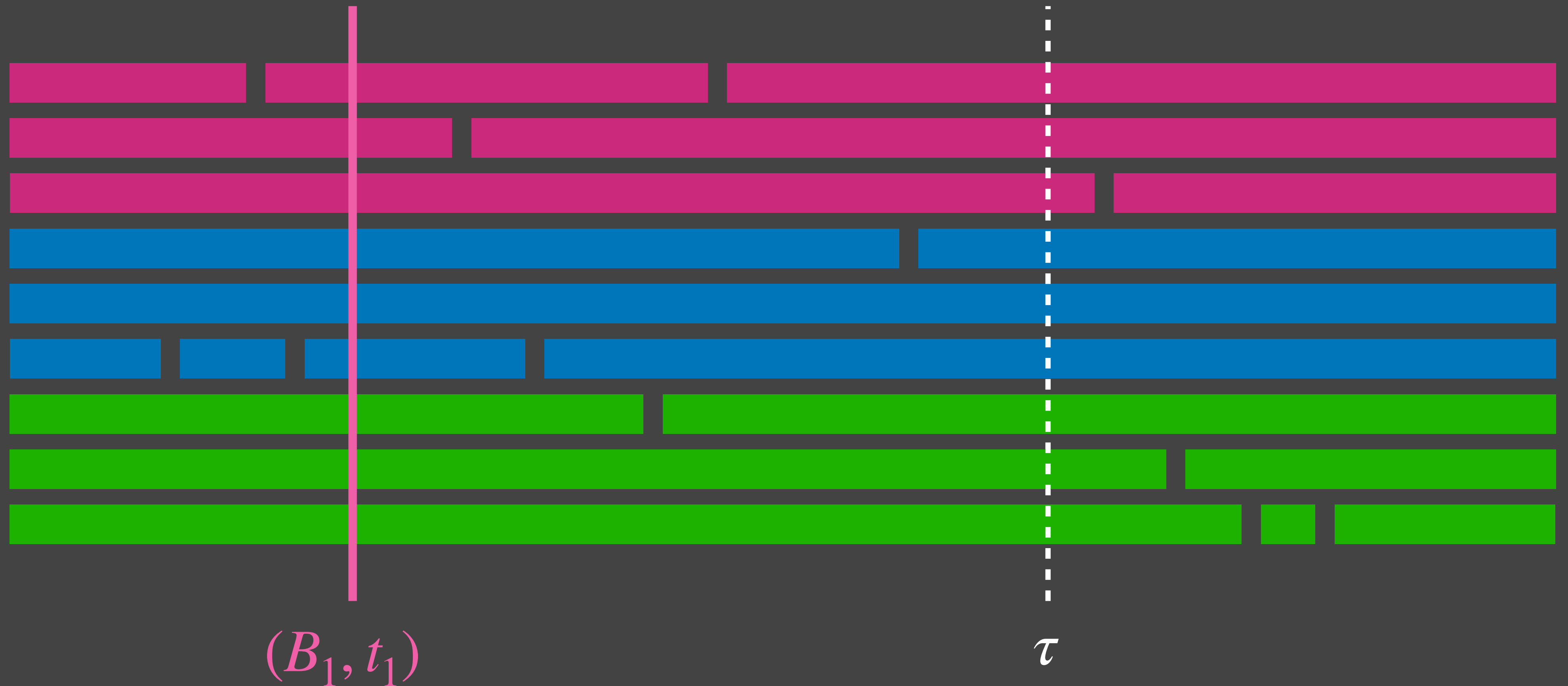


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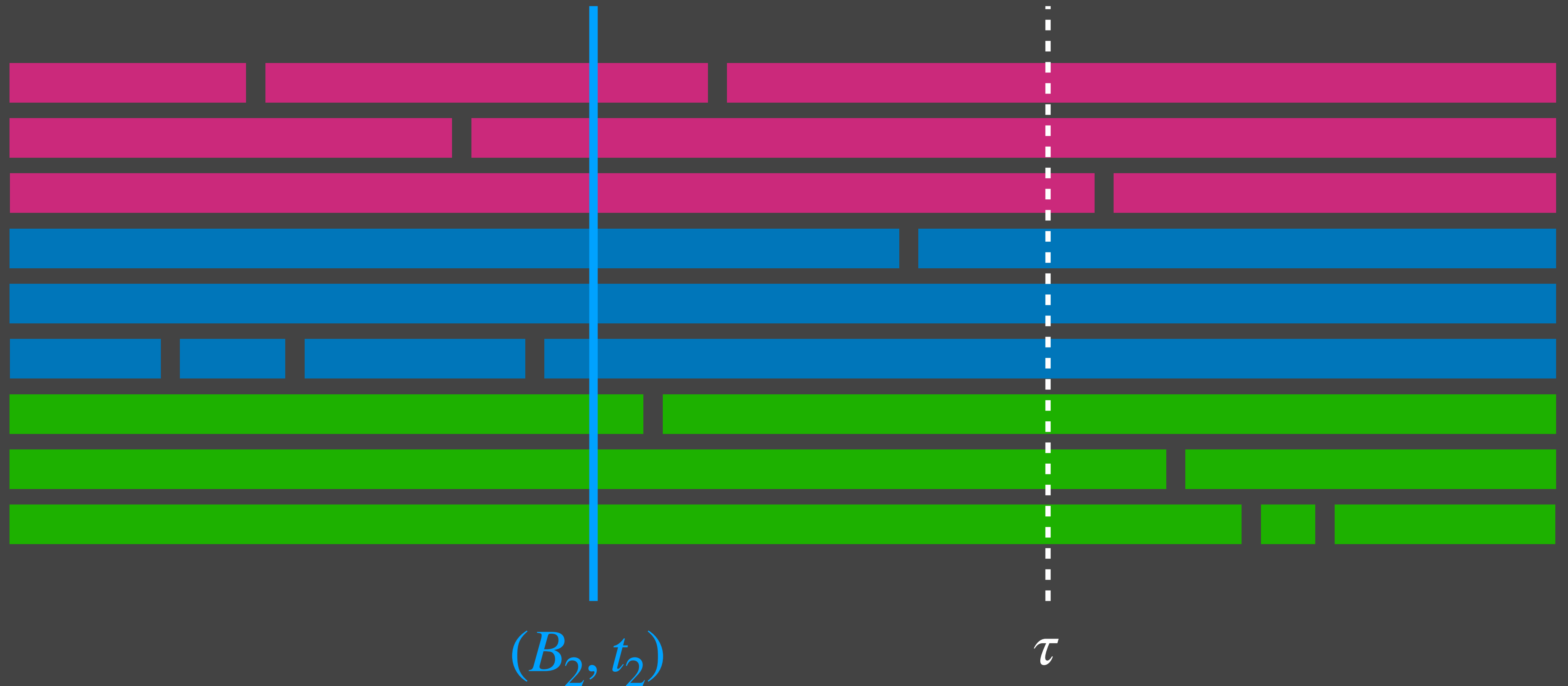


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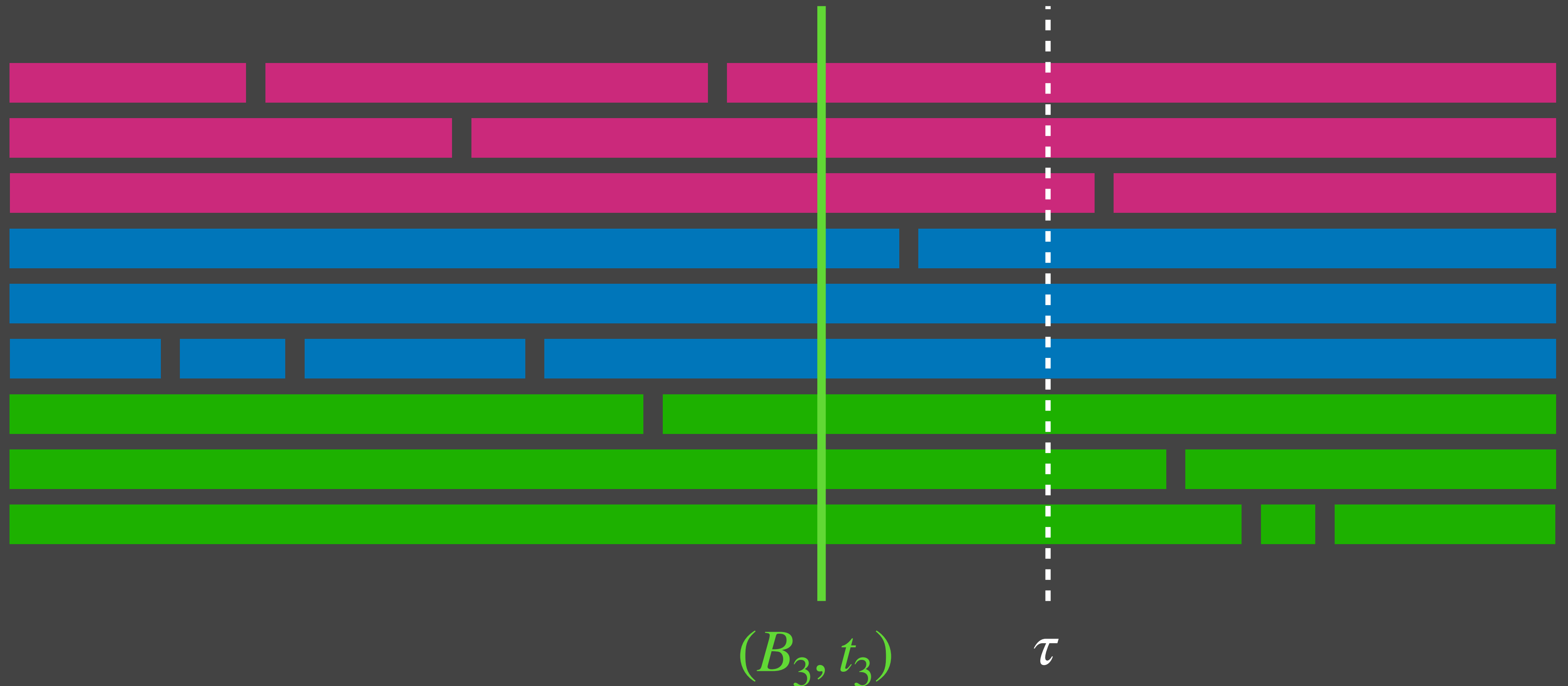


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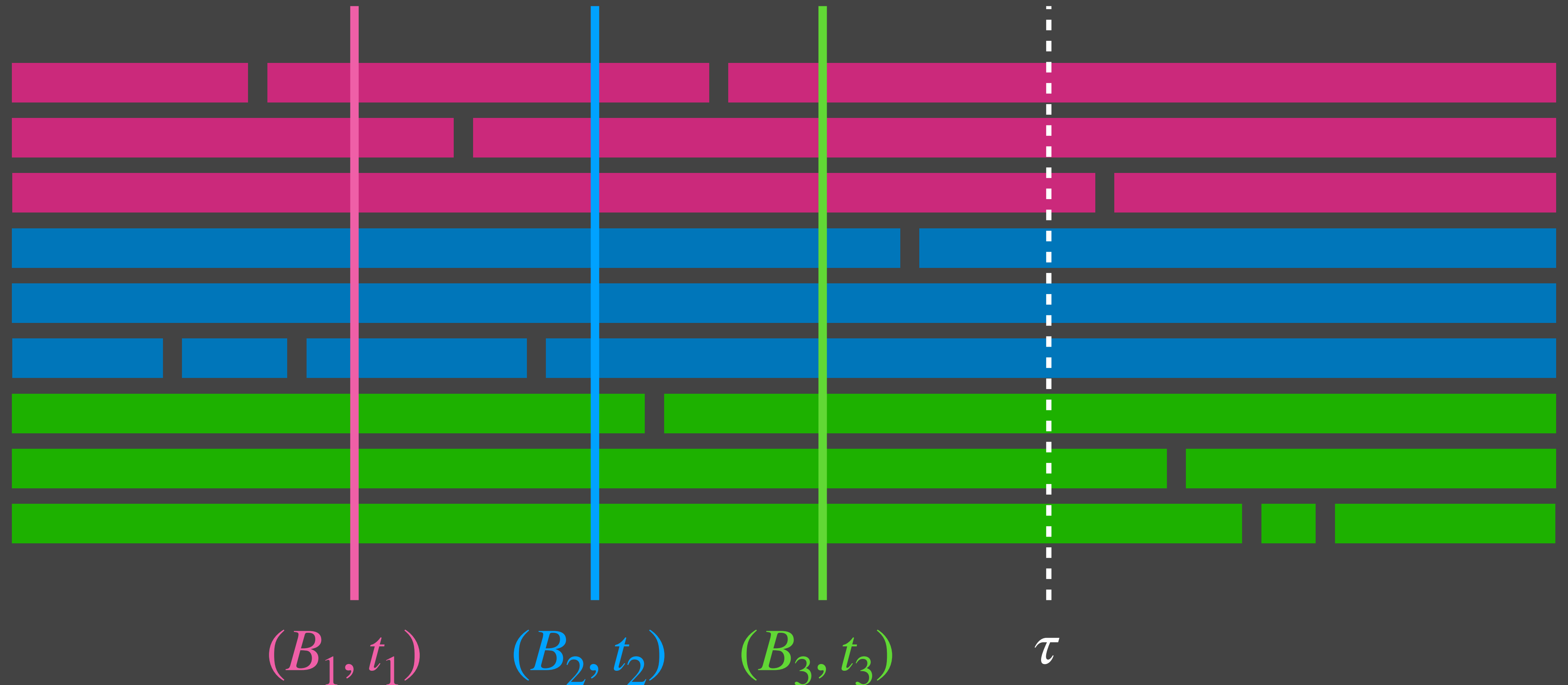


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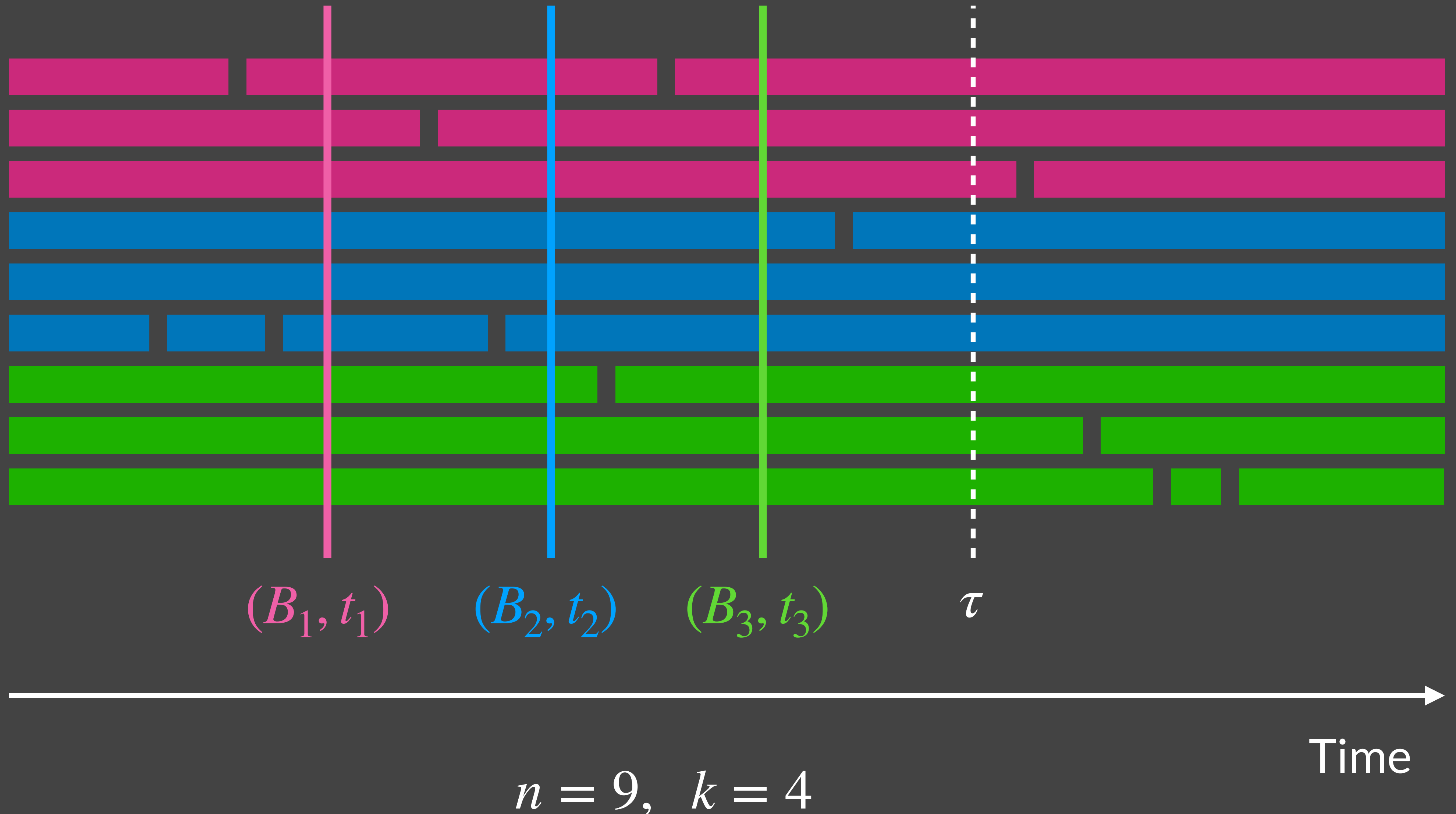
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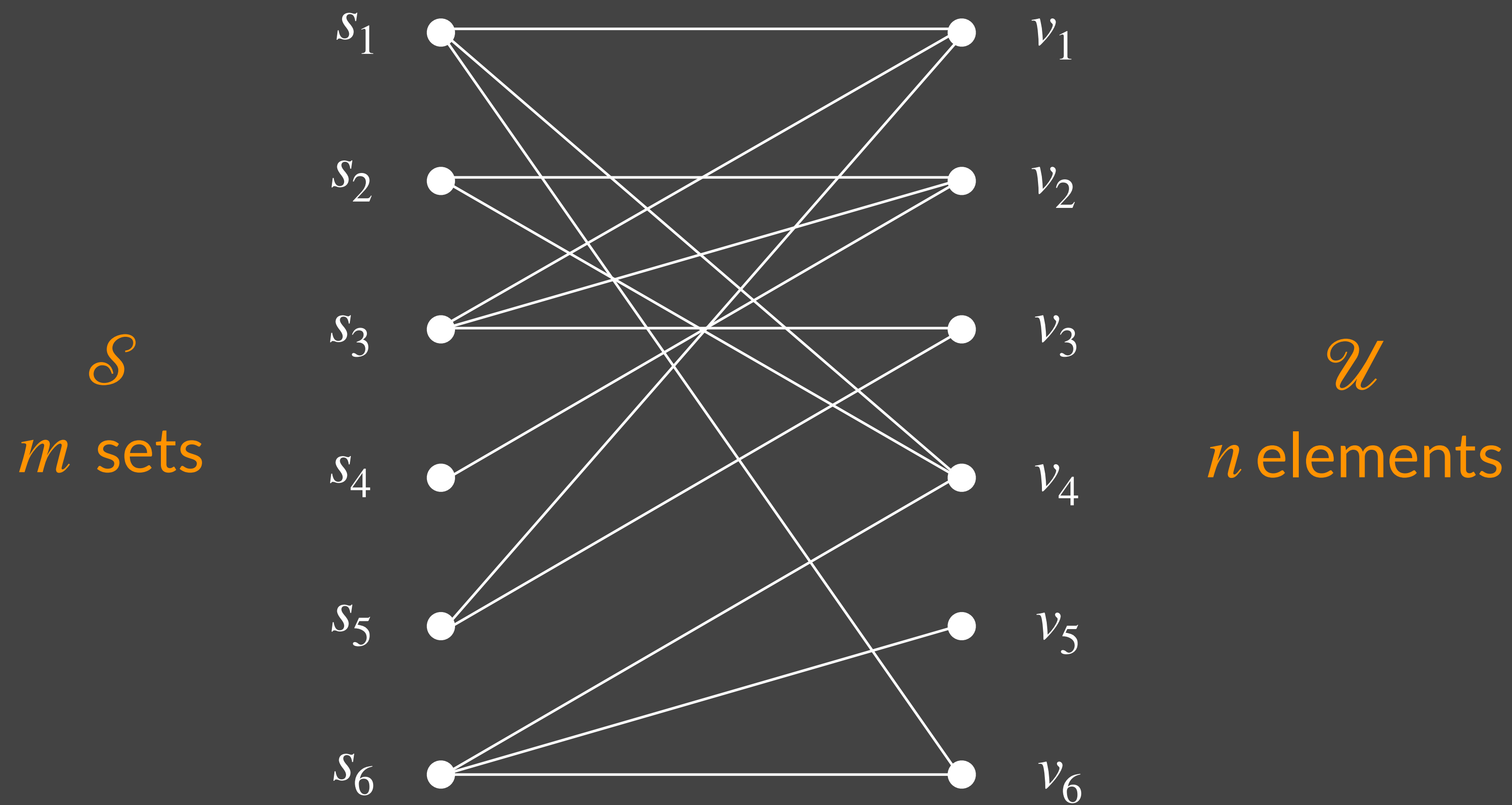
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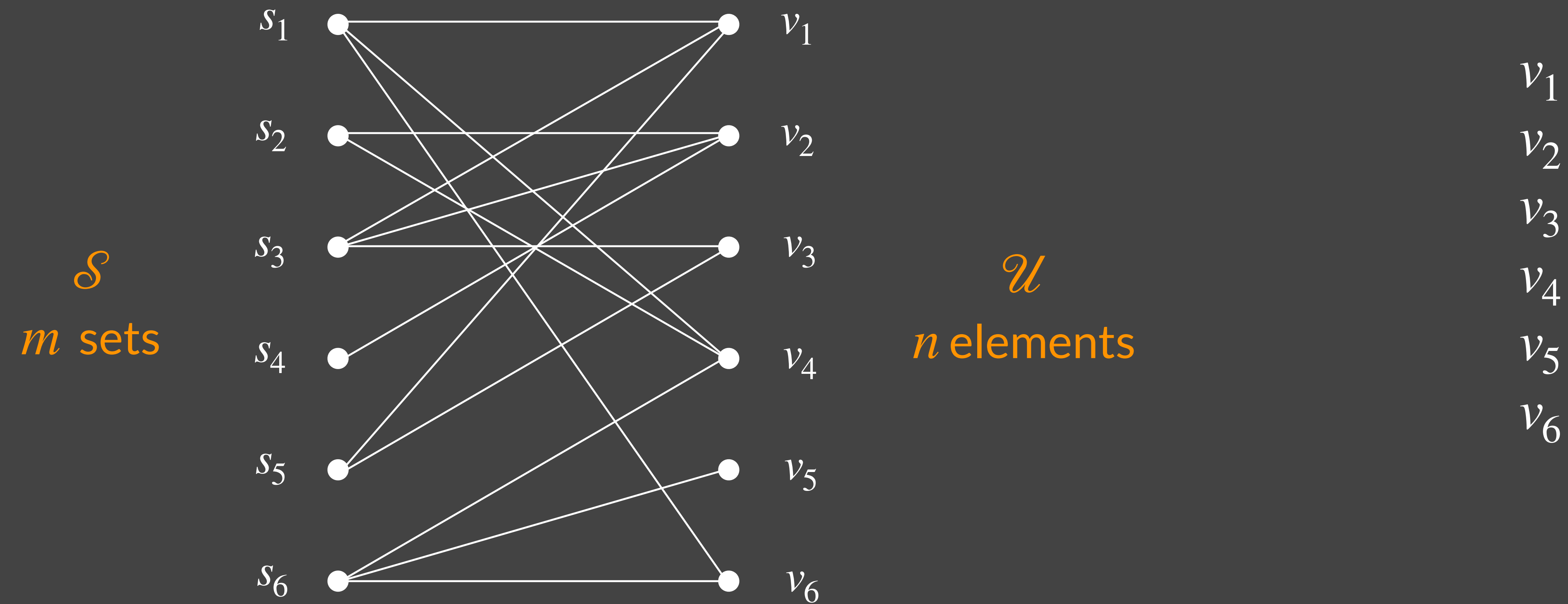
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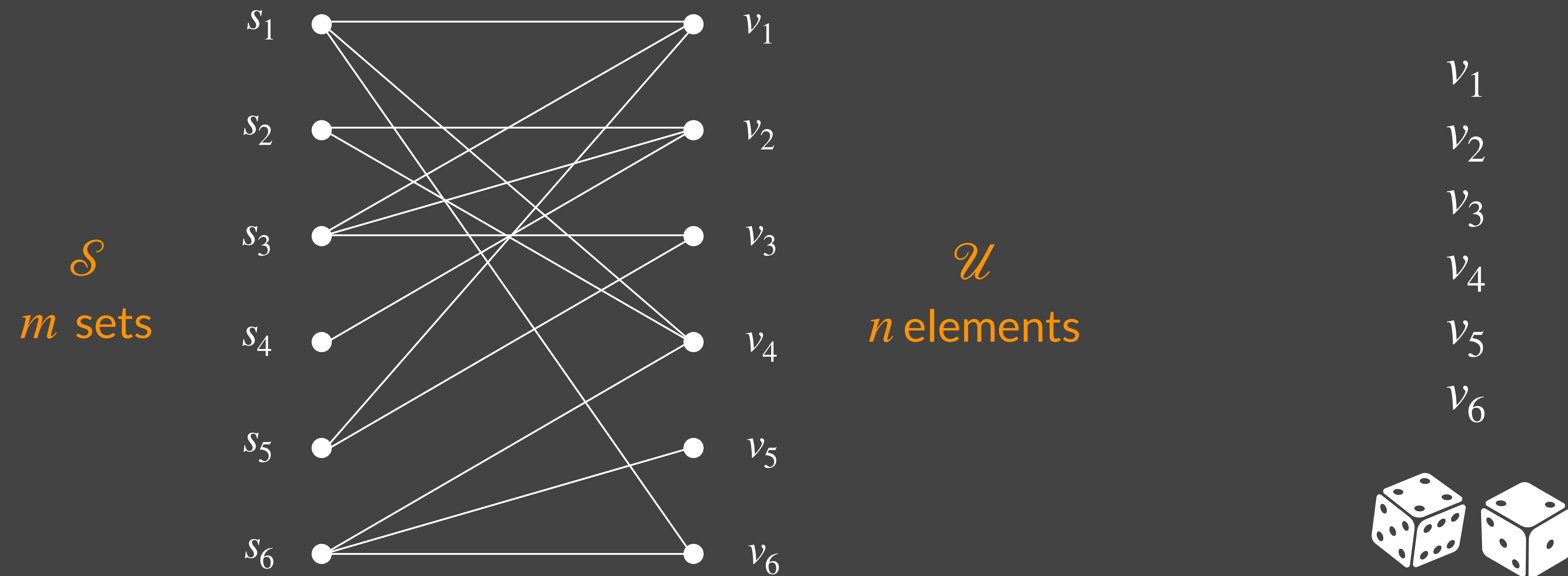
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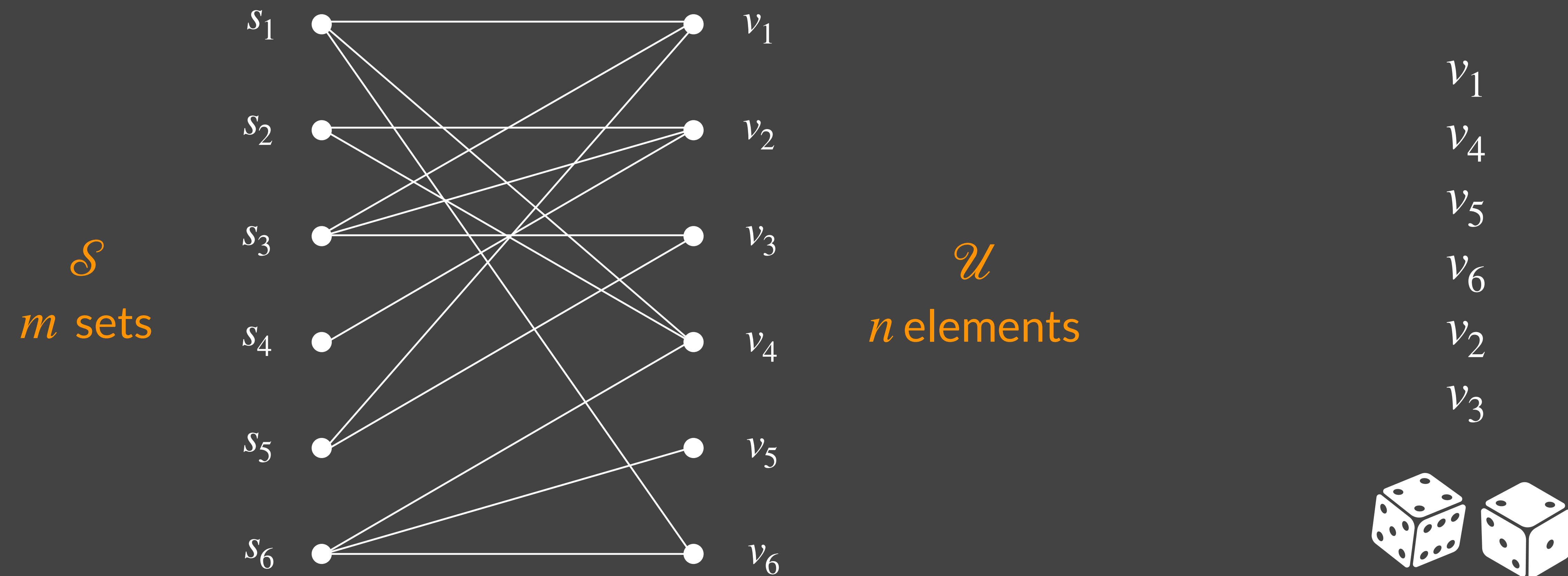
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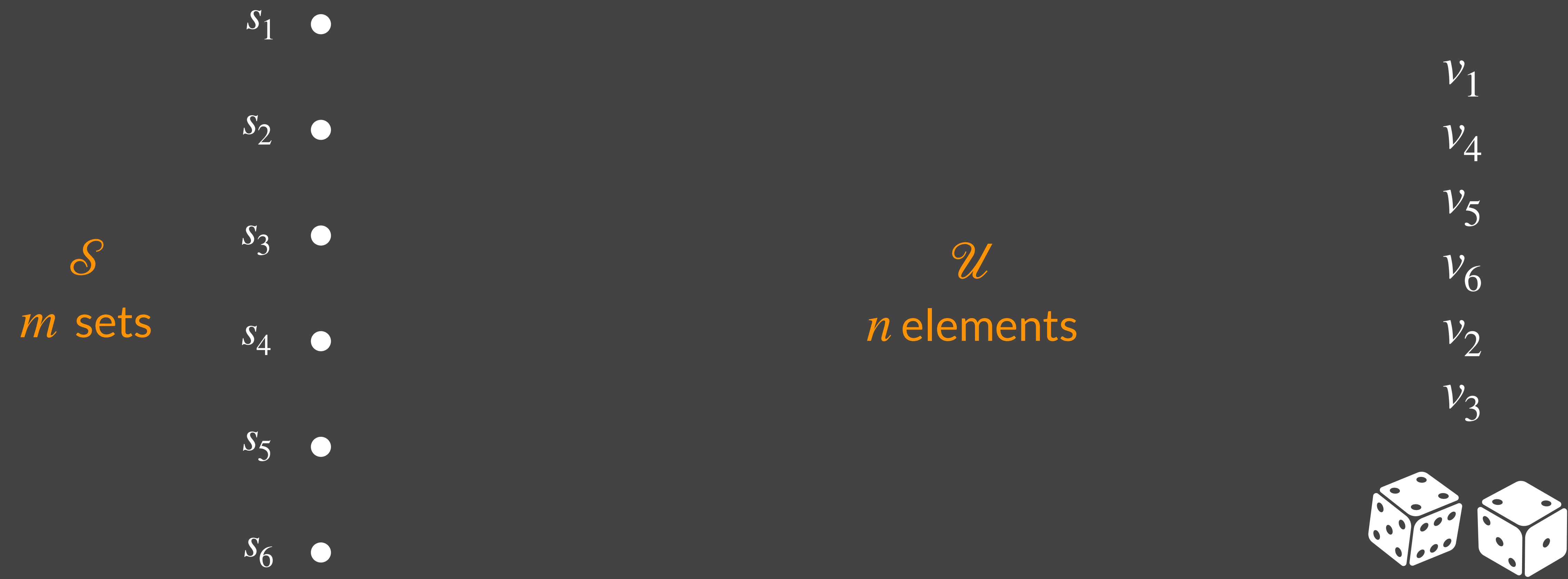
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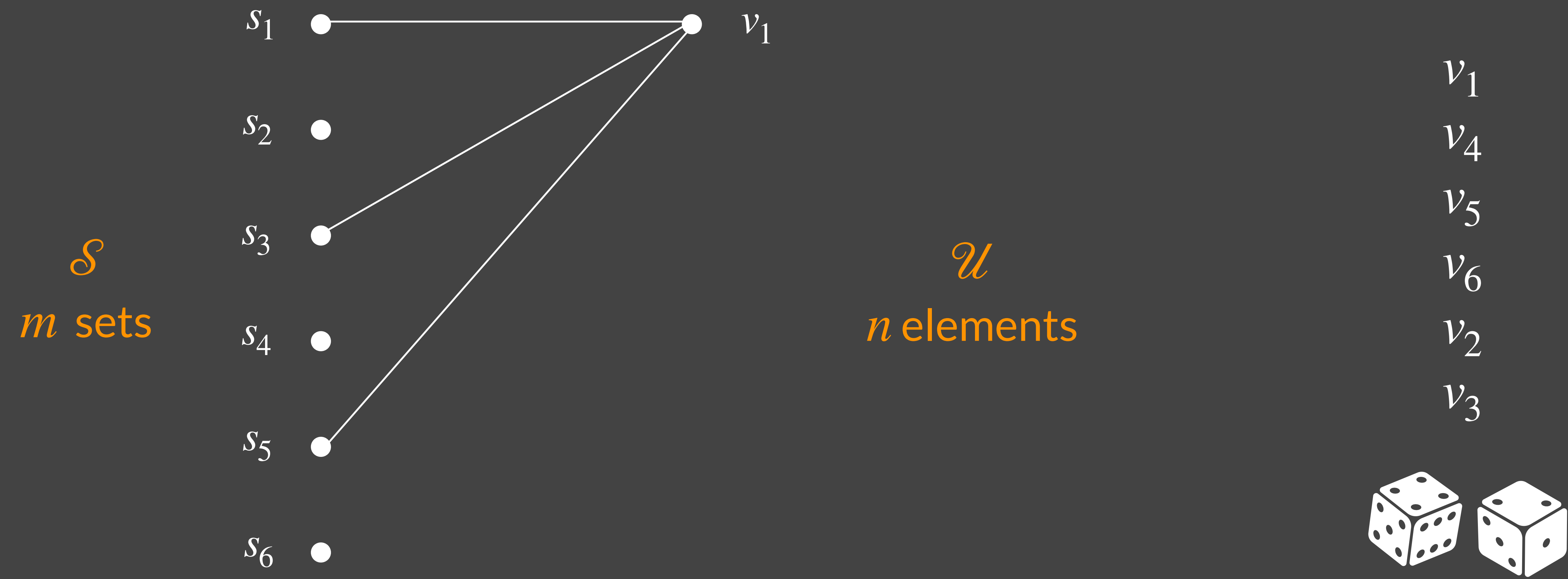
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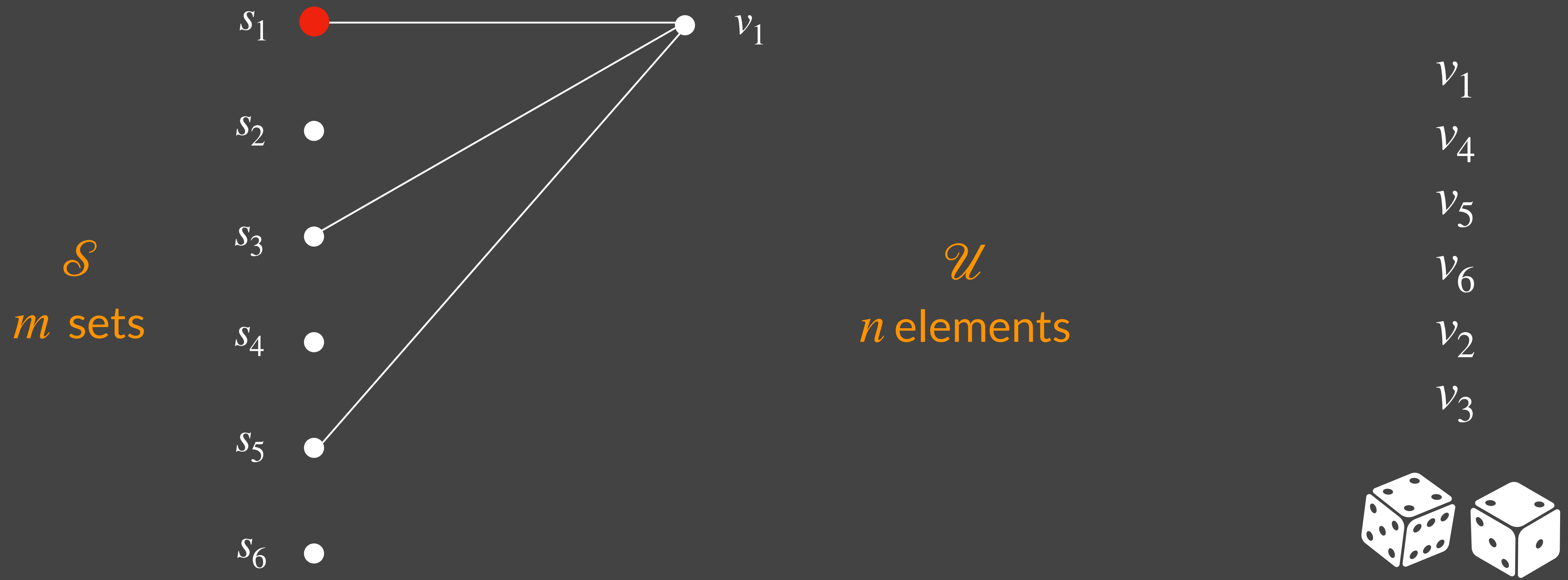
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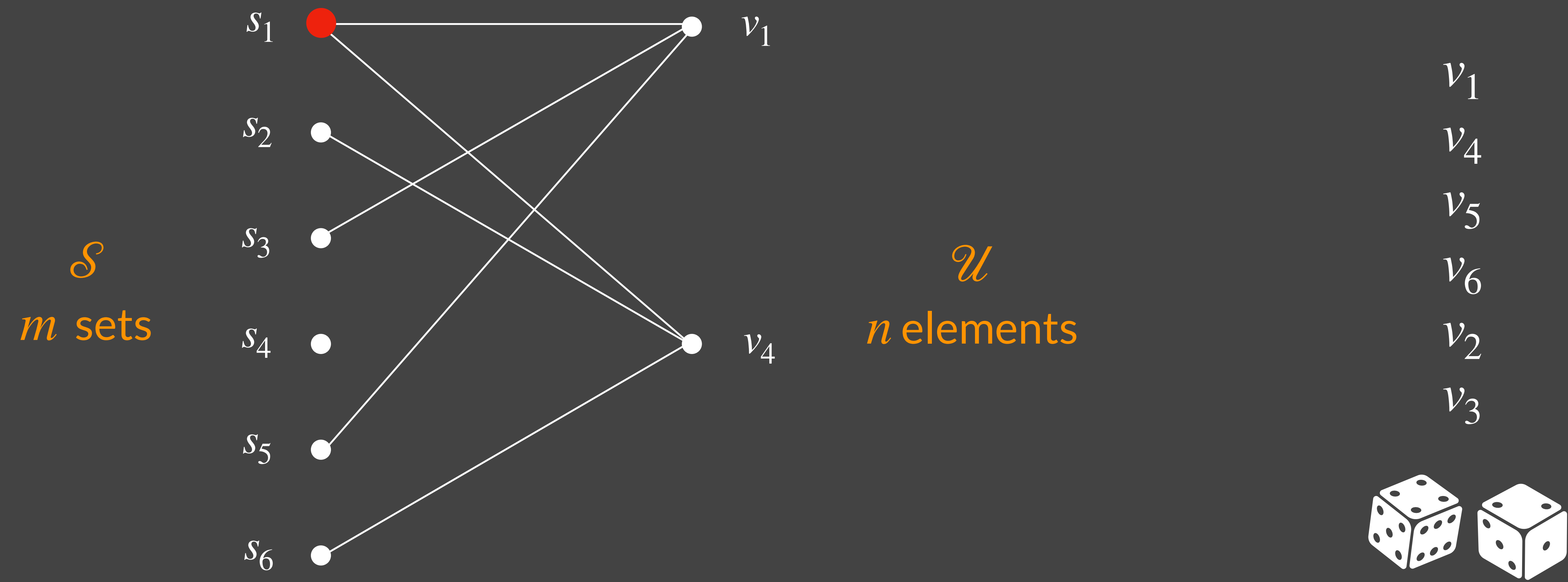
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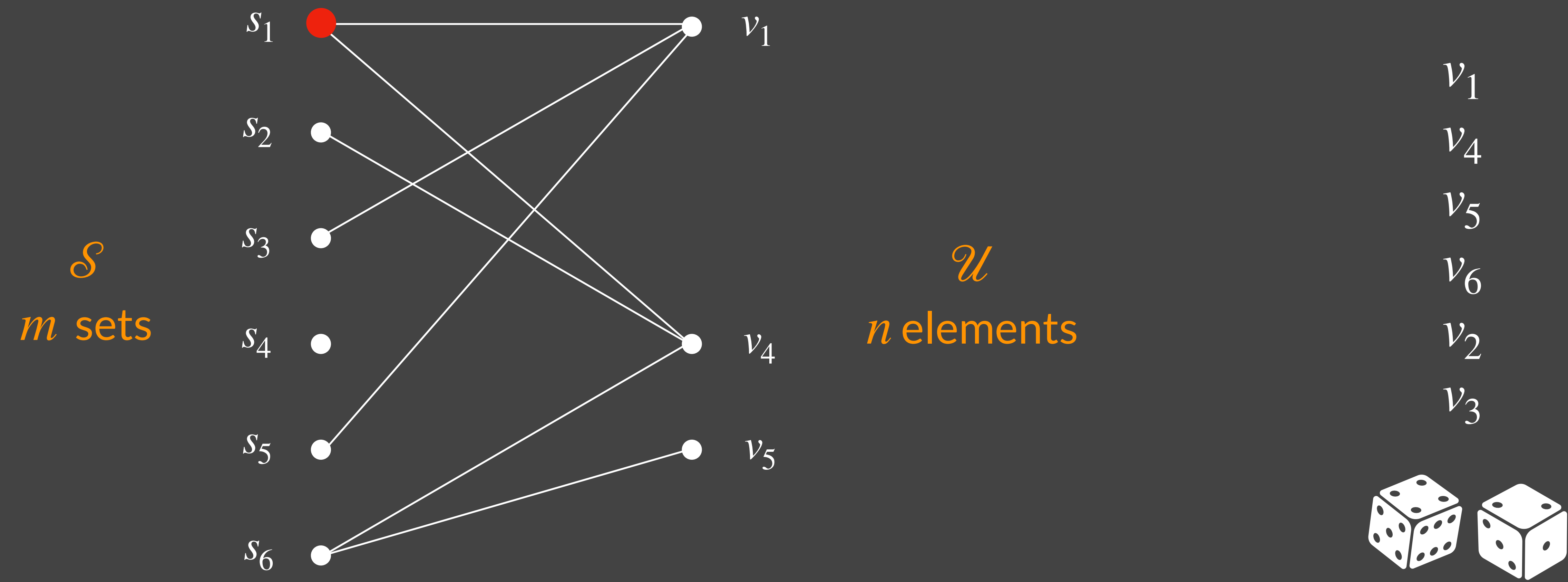
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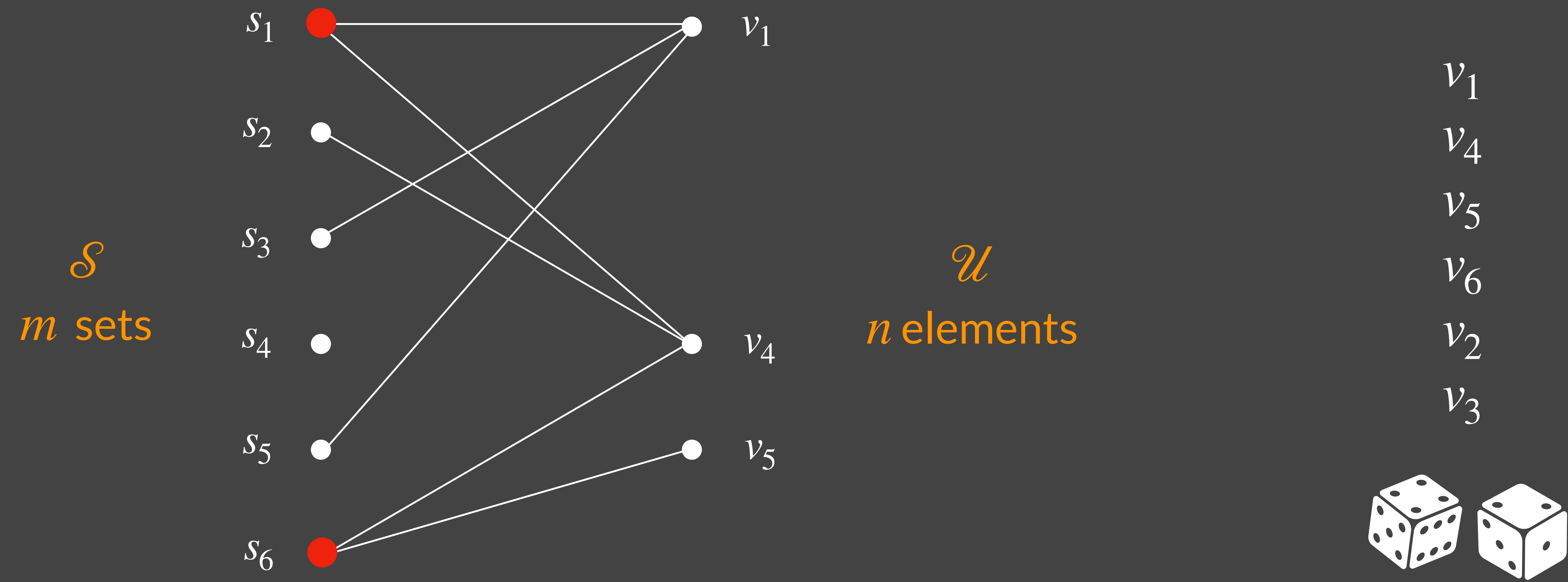
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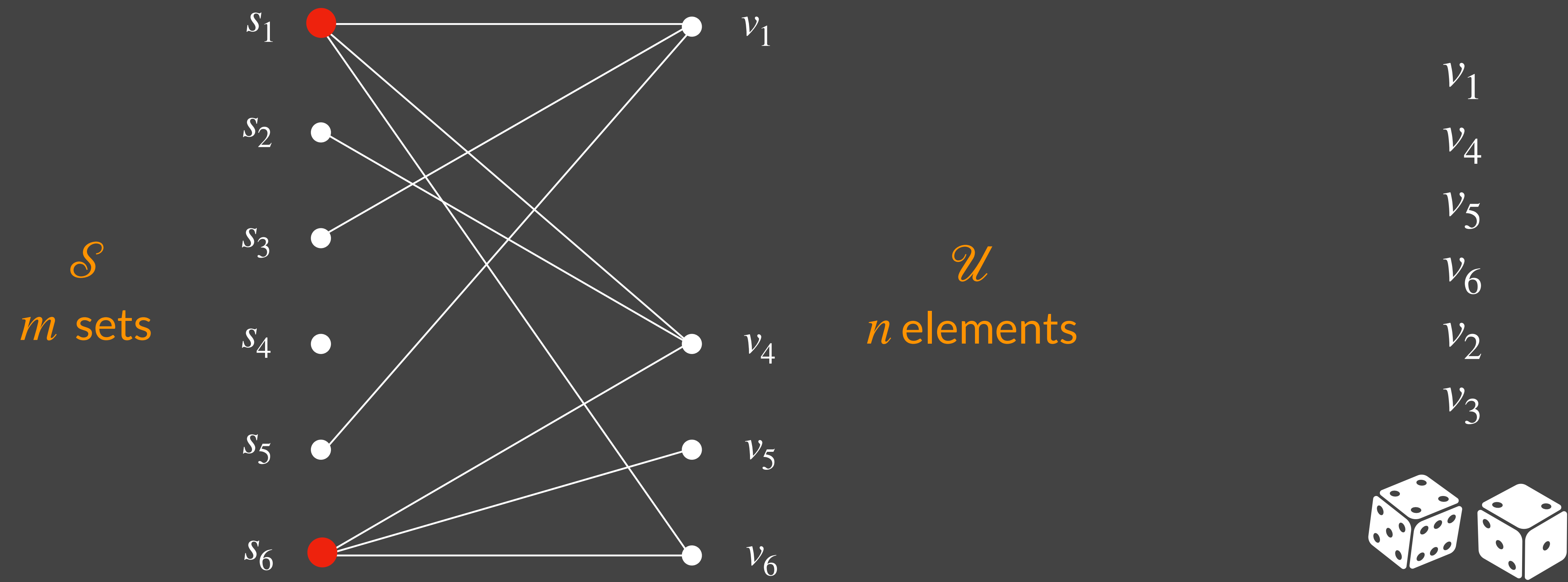
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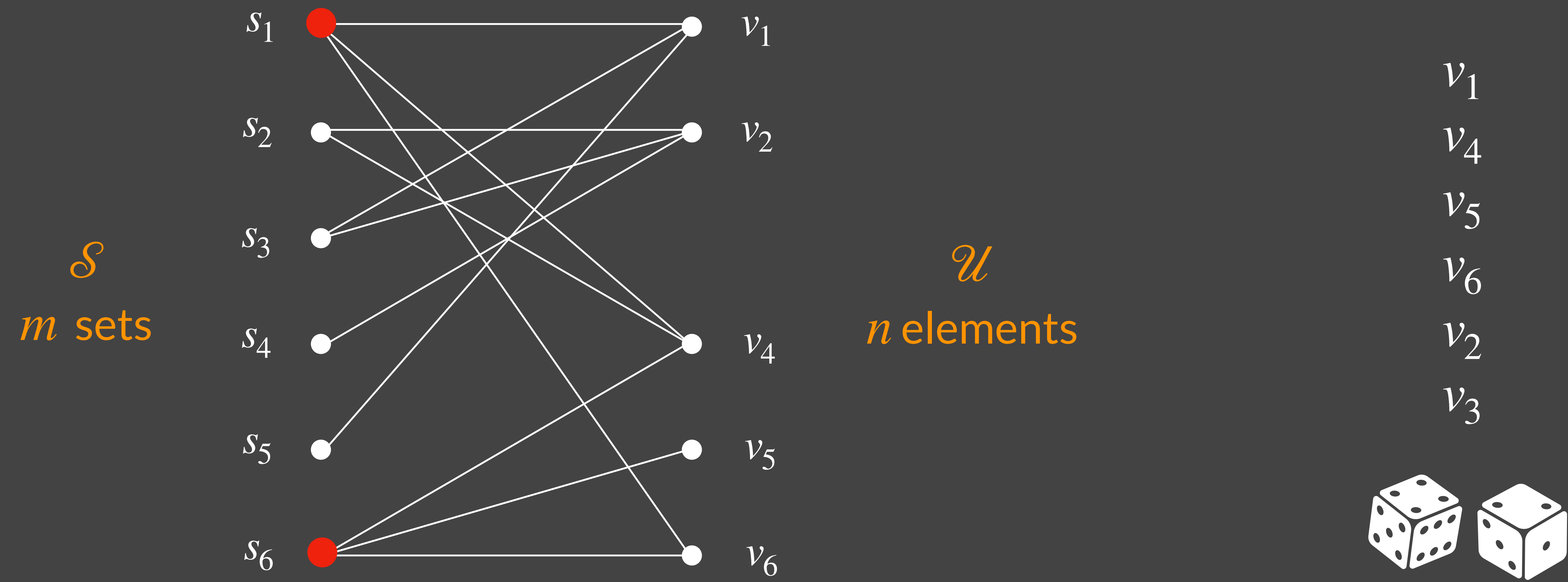
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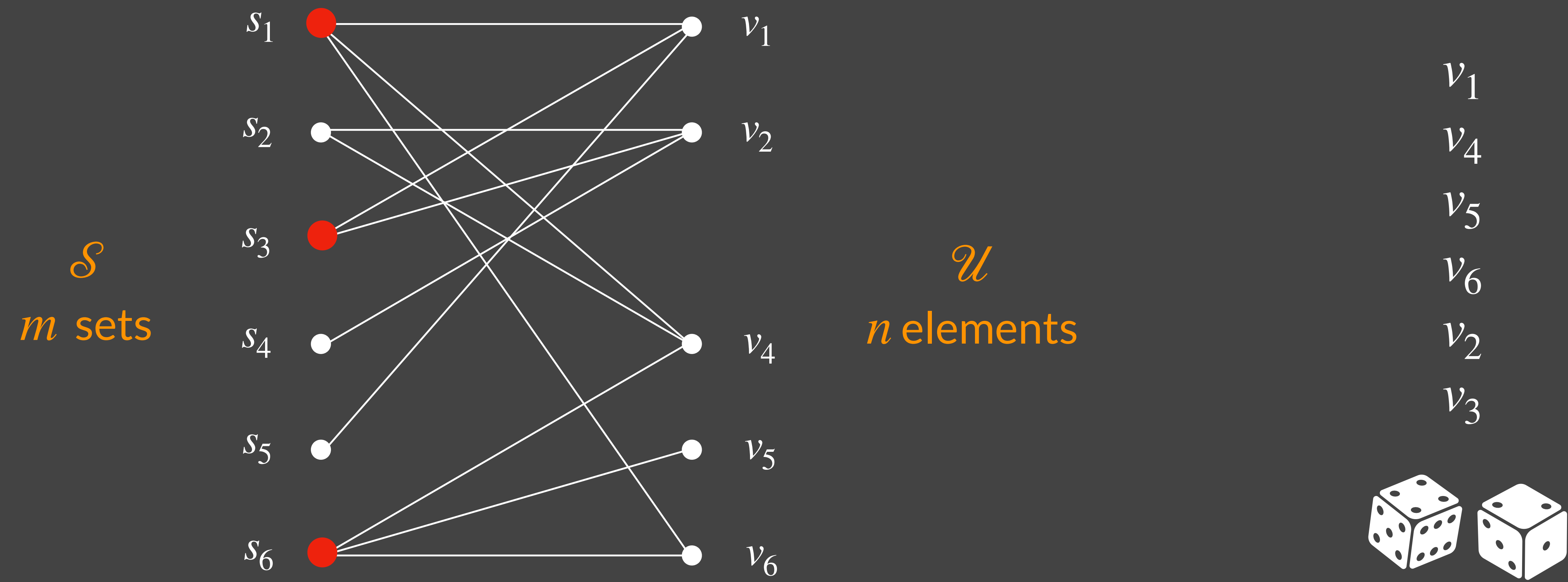
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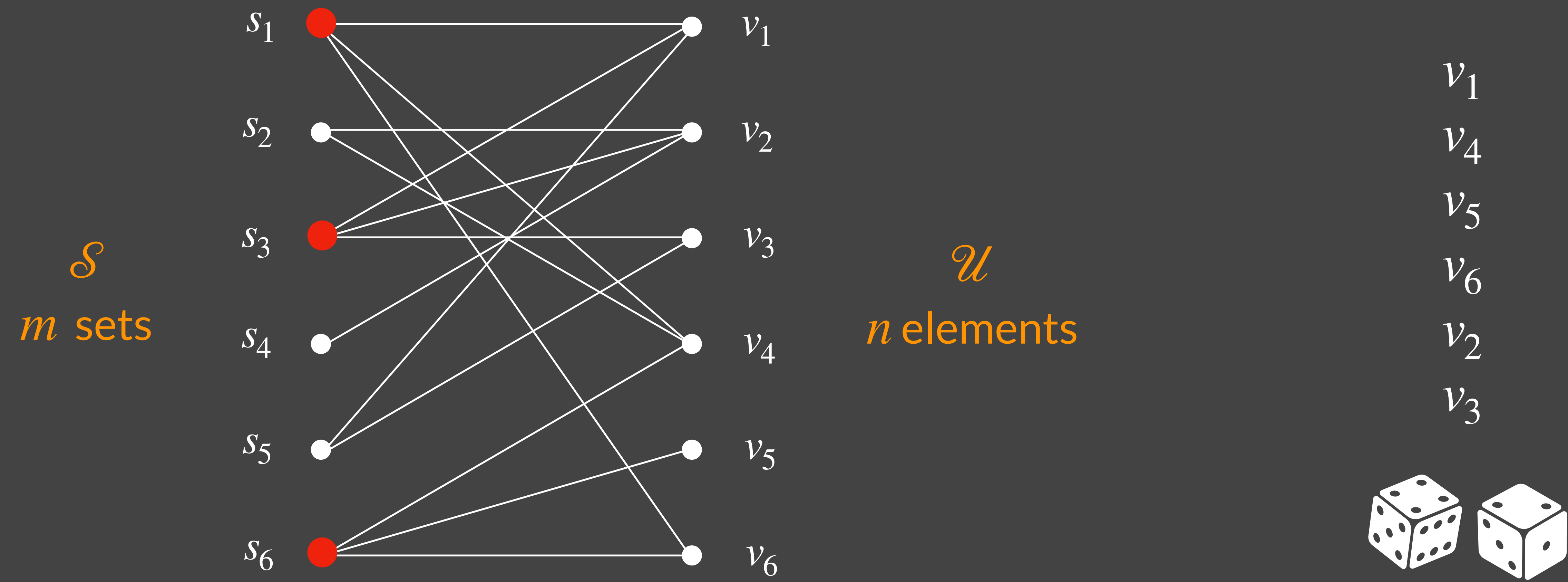
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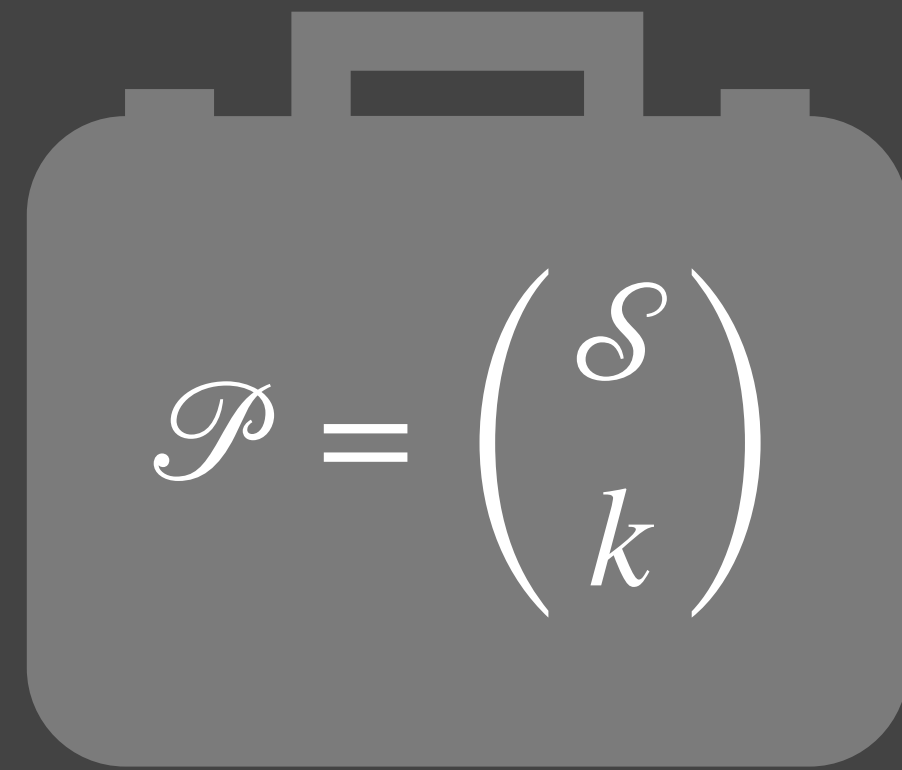
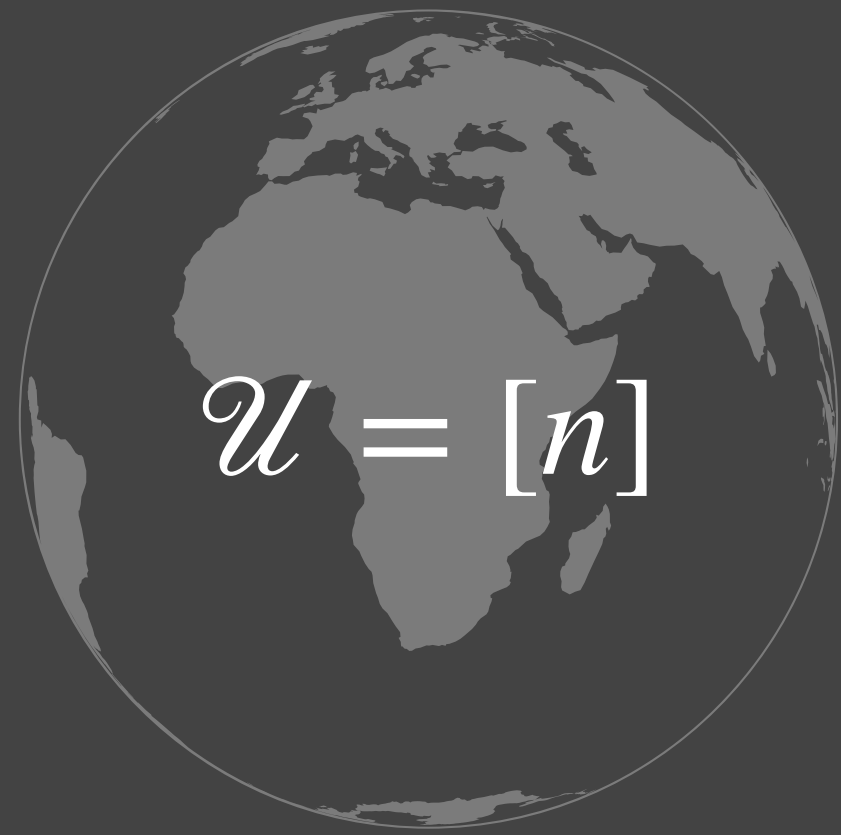
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RO Set Cover

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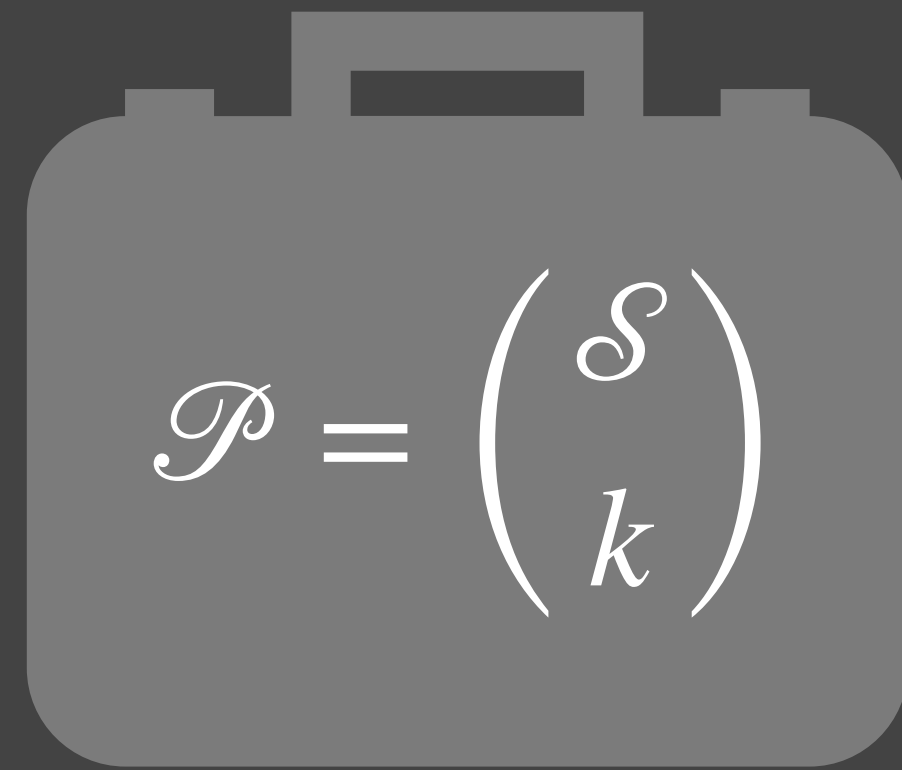
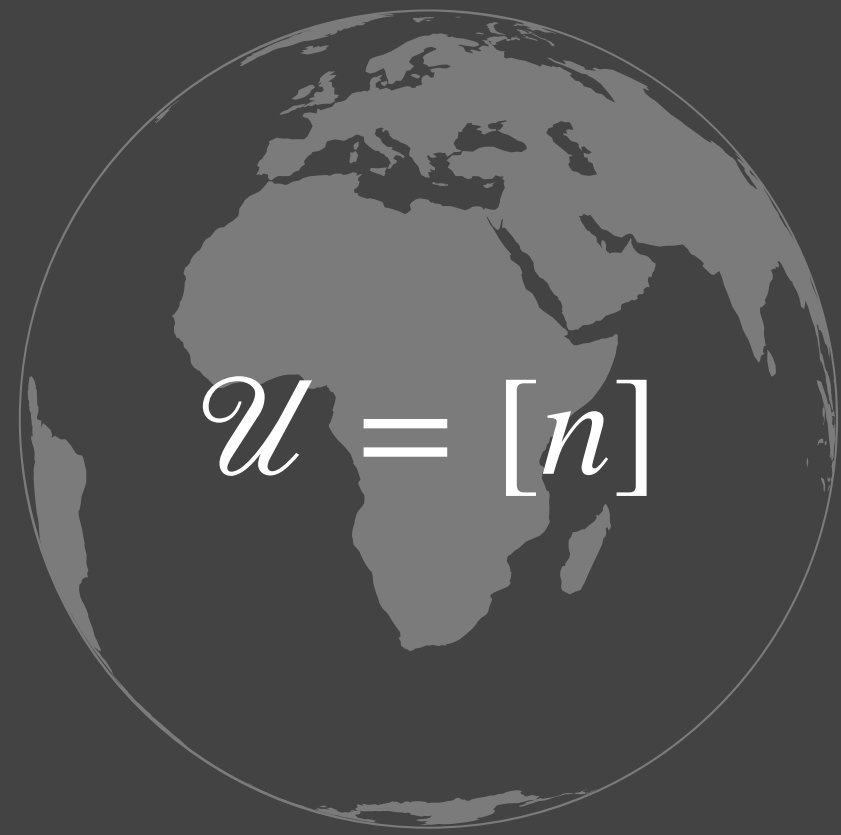
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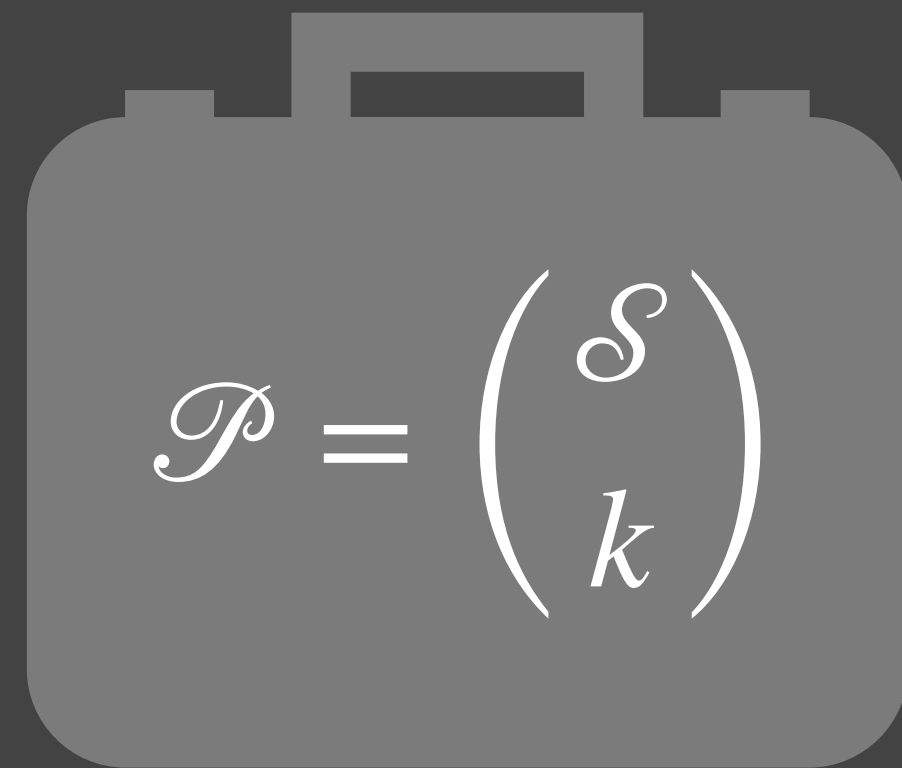
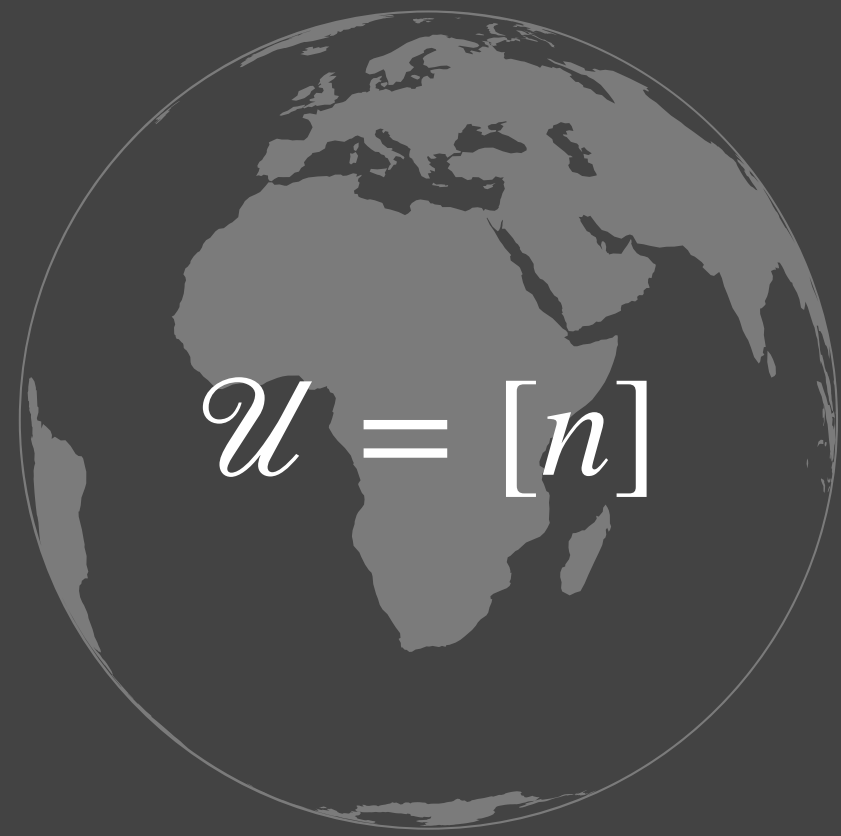


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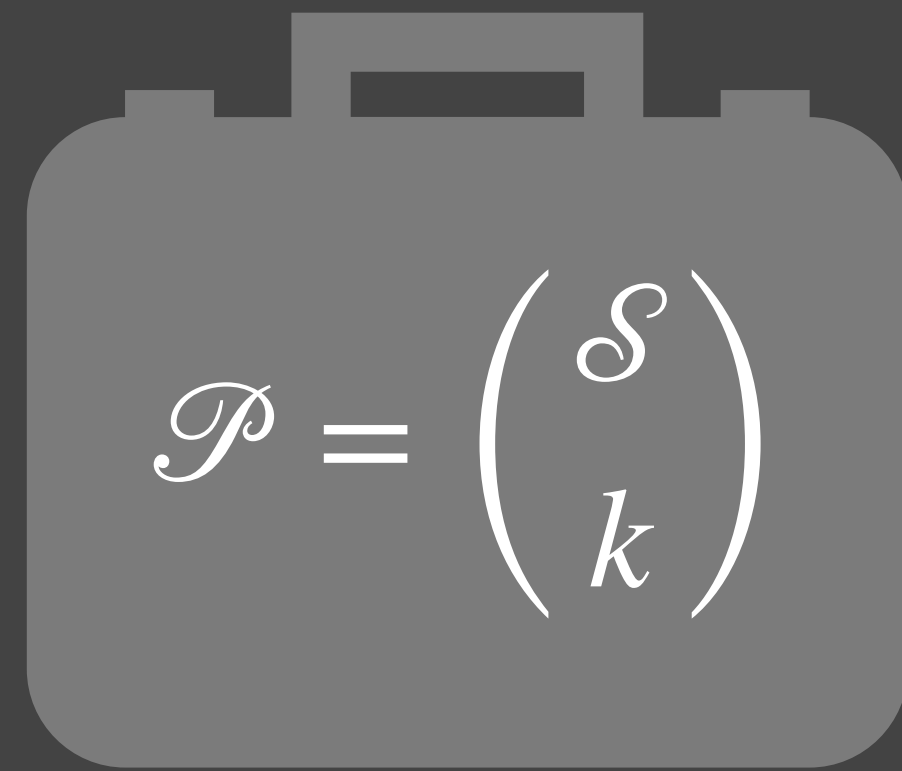
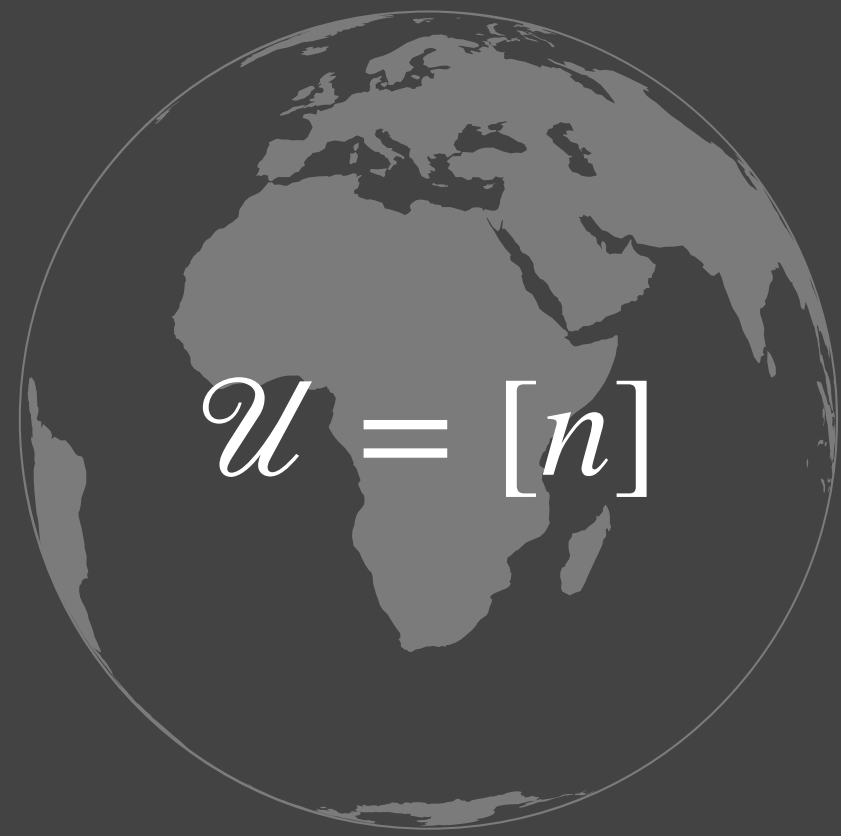
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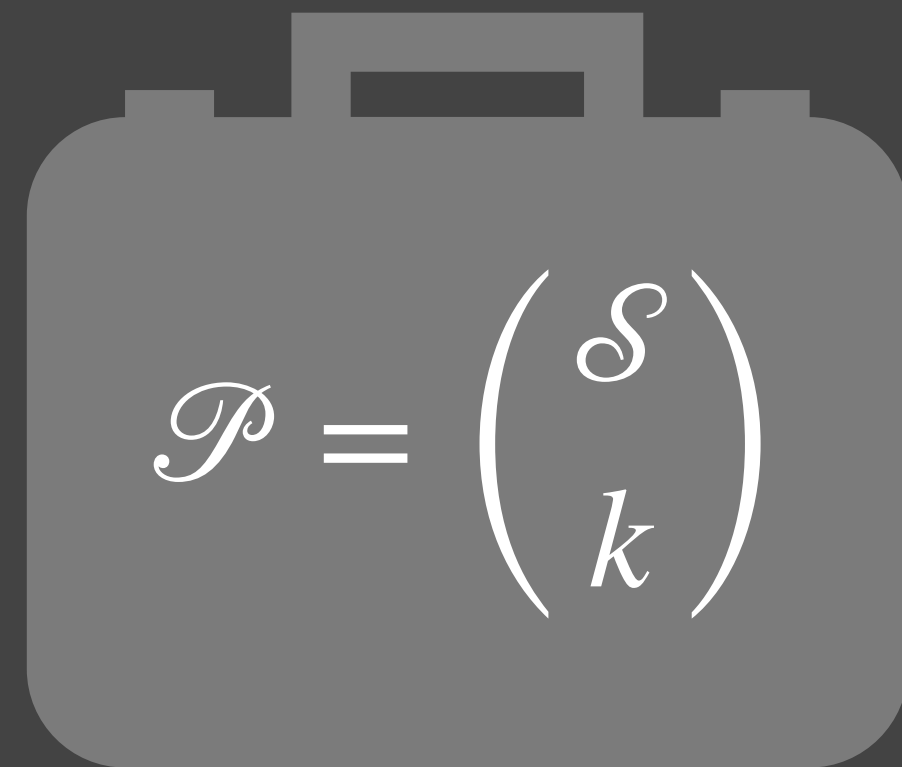
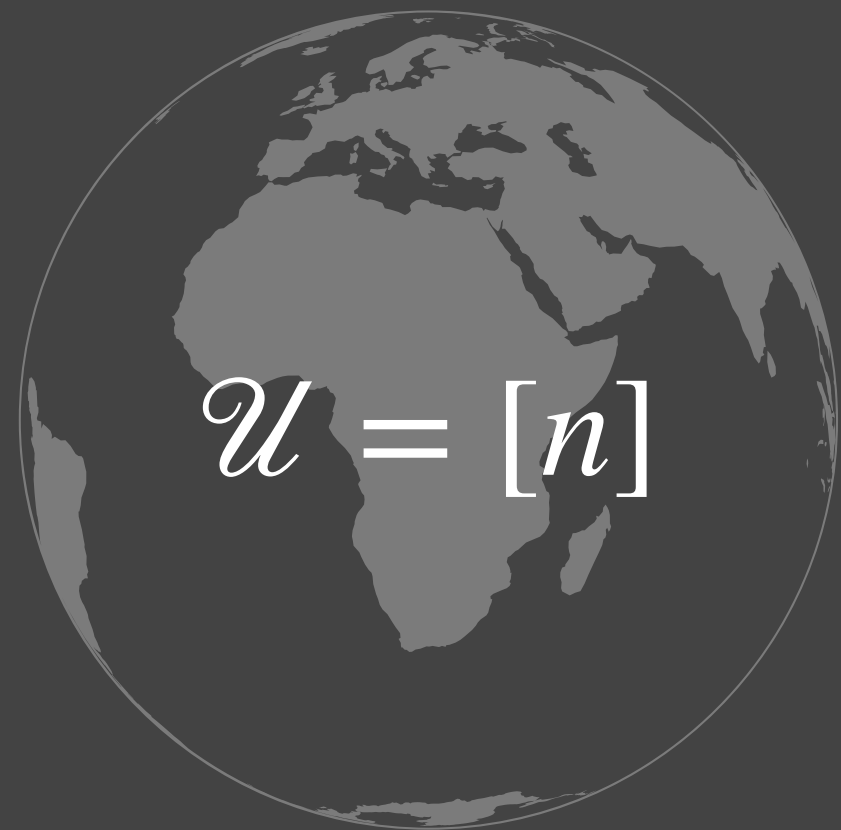
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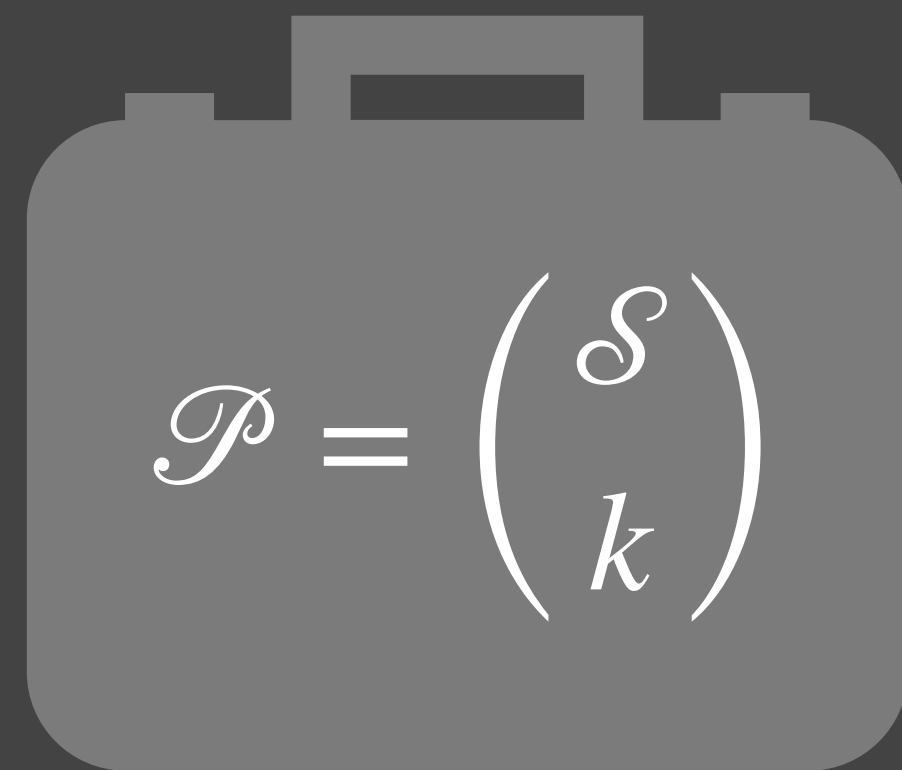
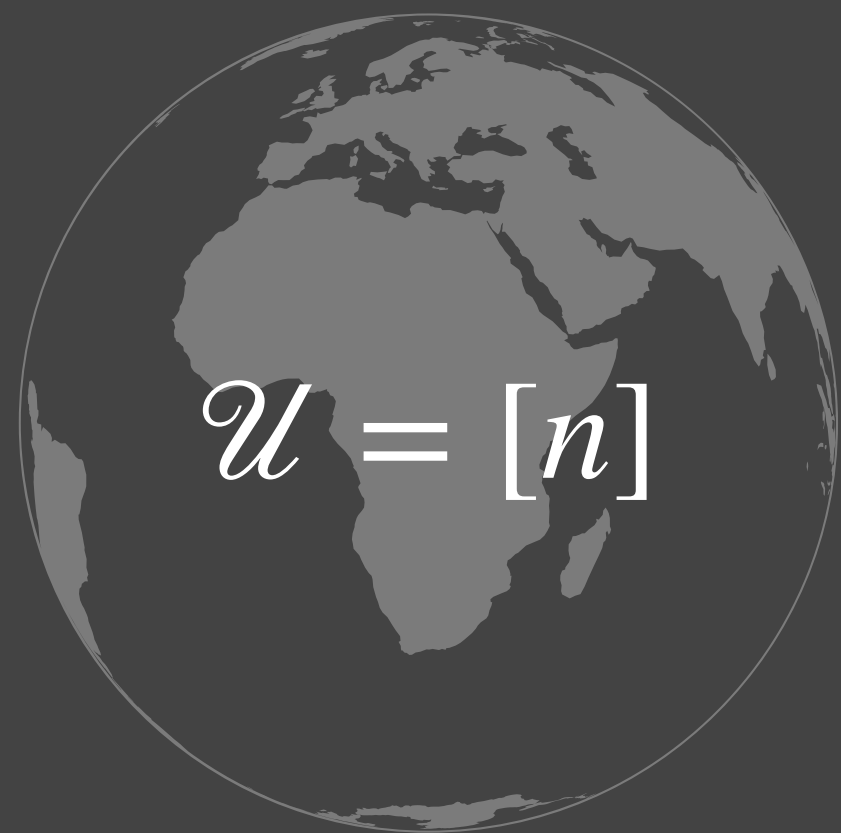
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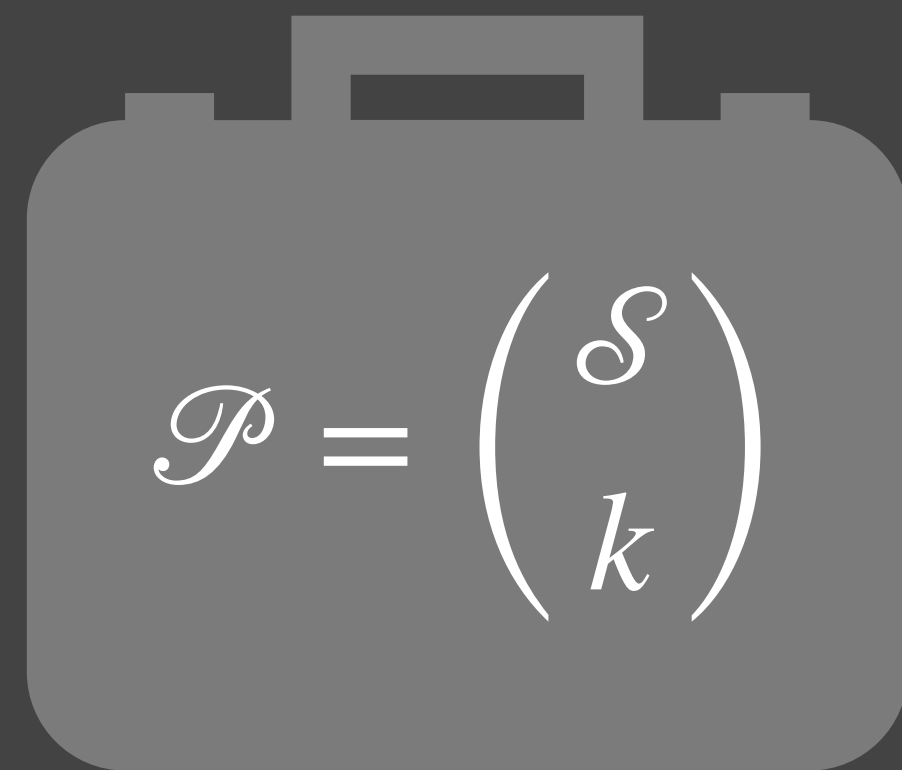
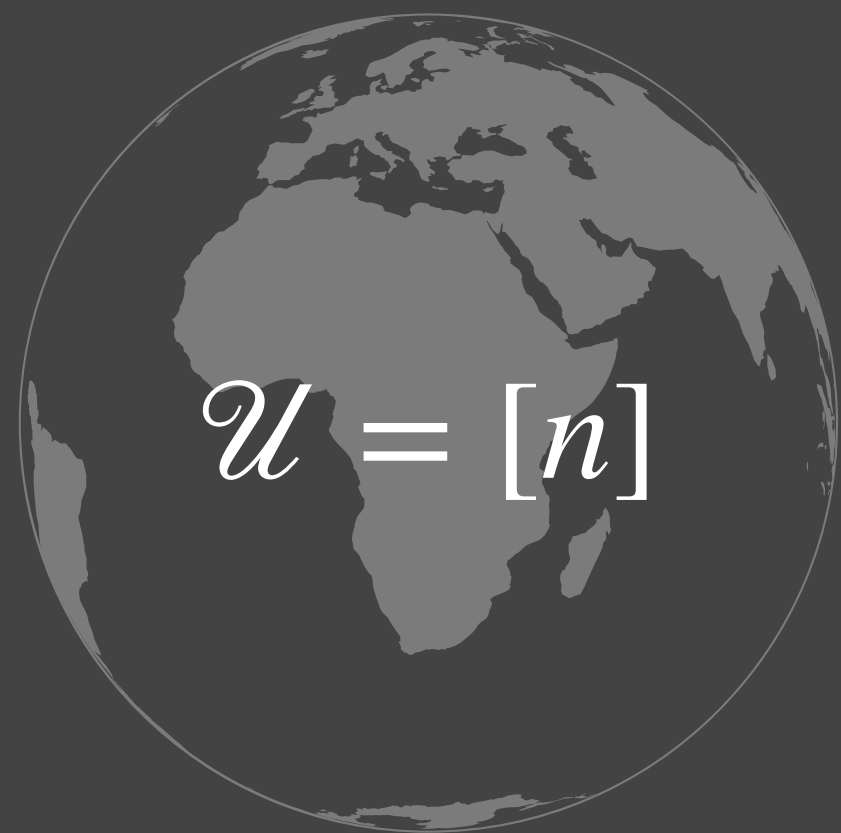
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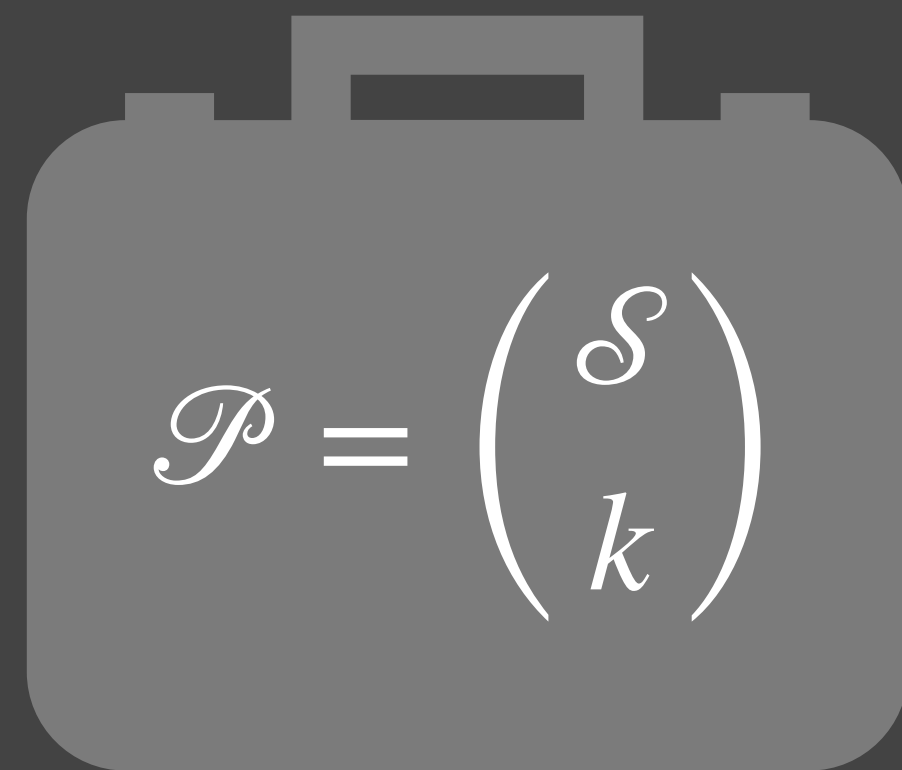
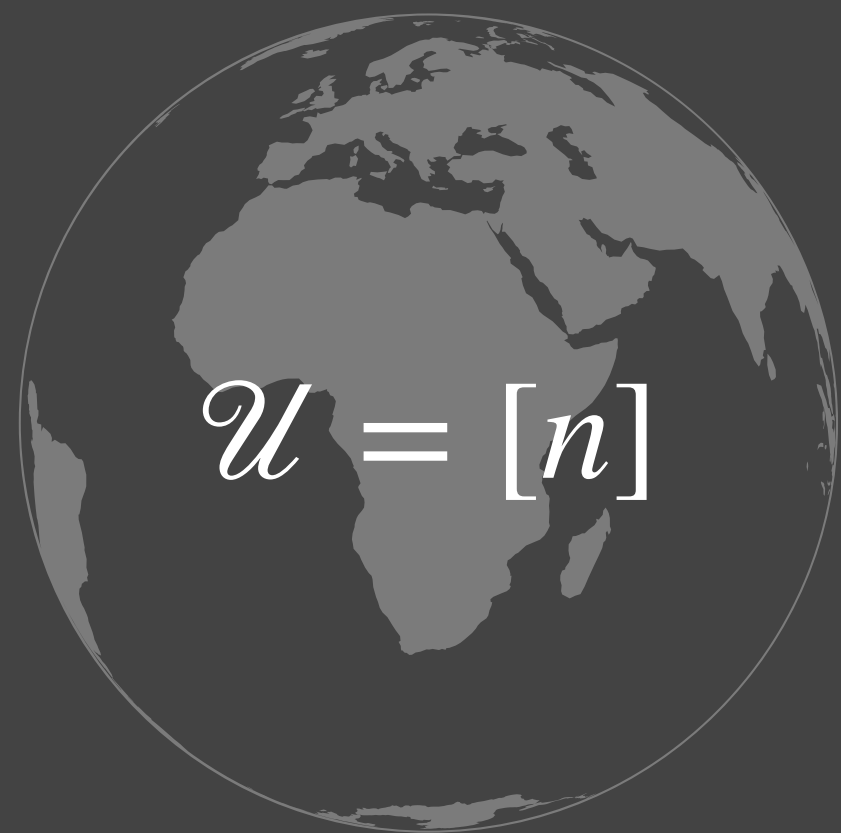
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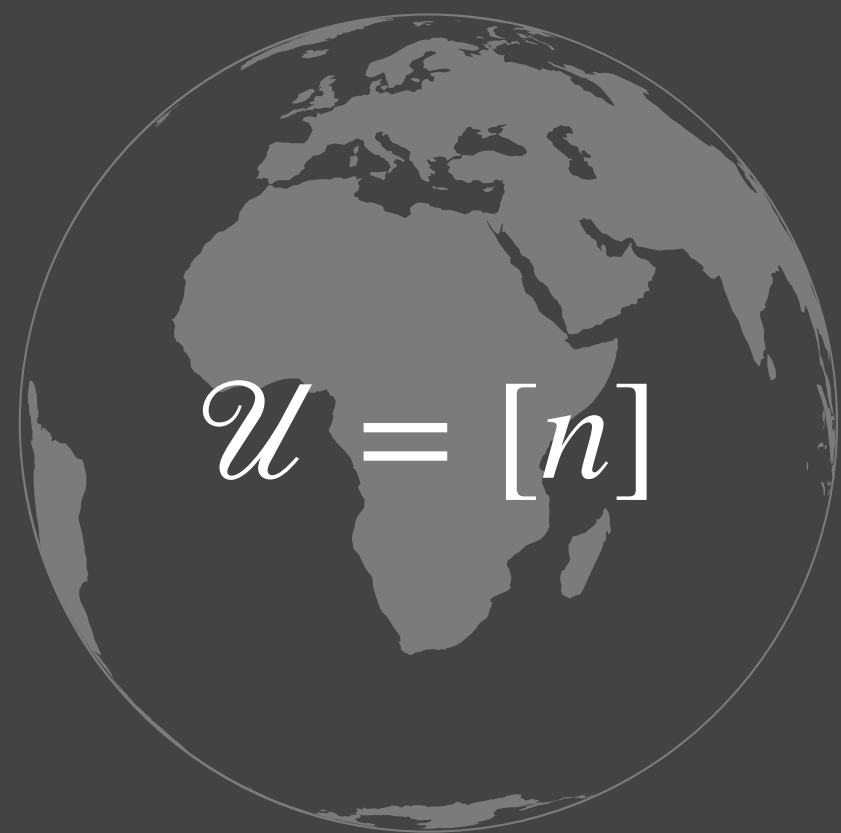
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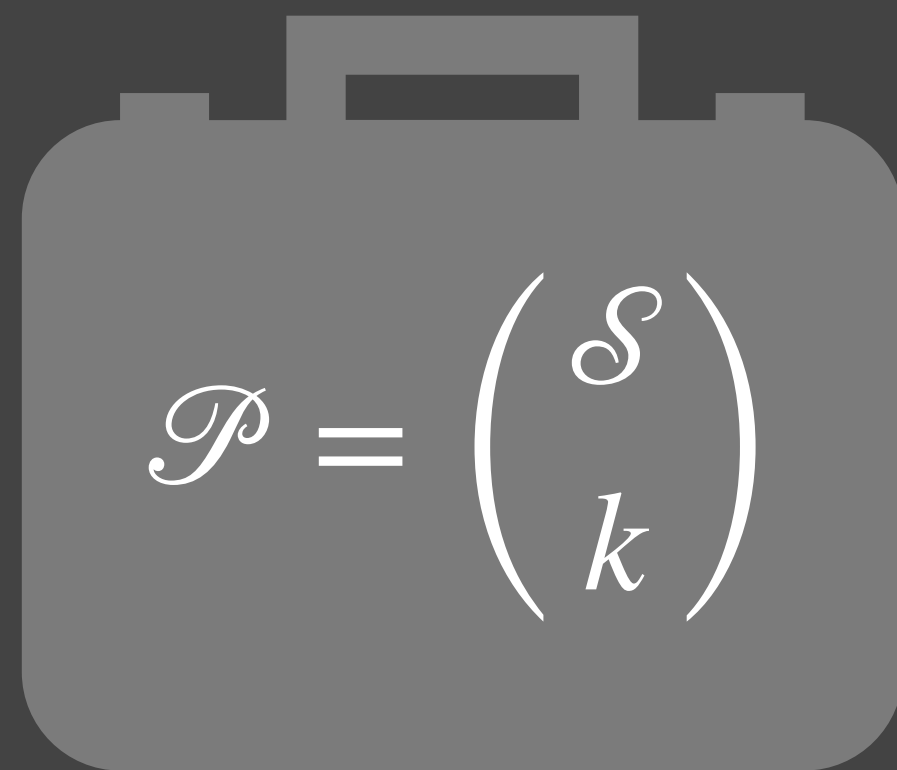
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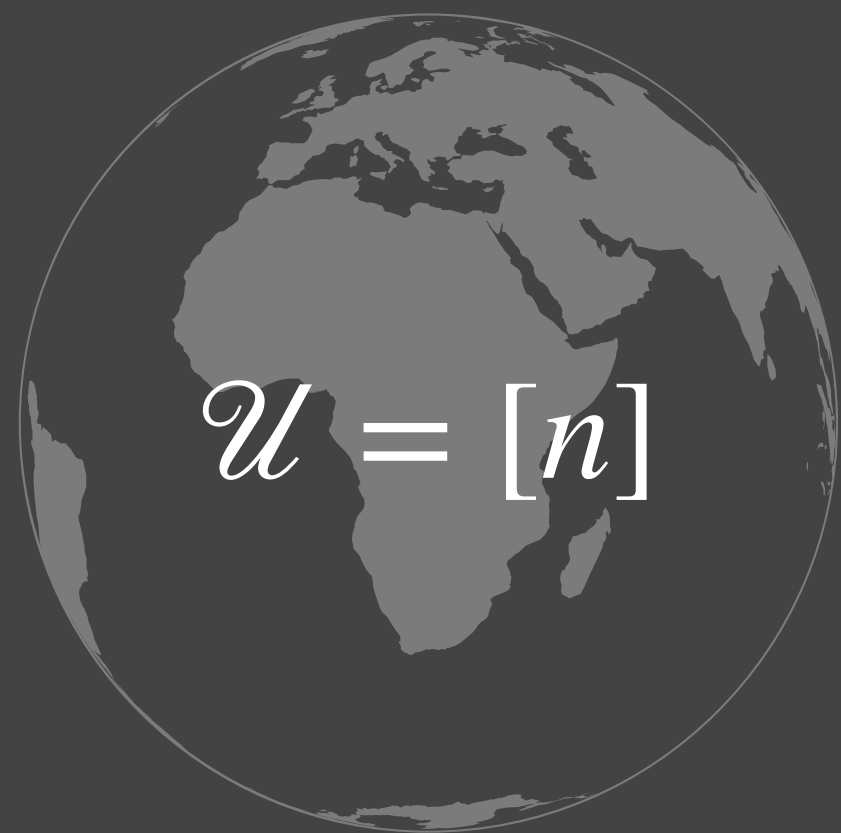
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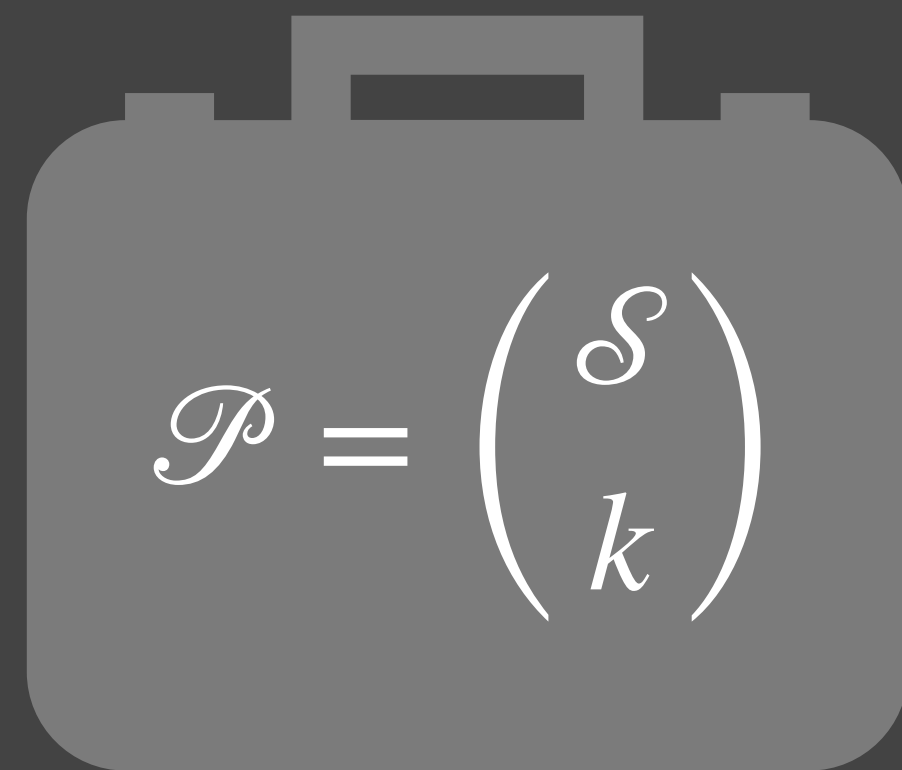
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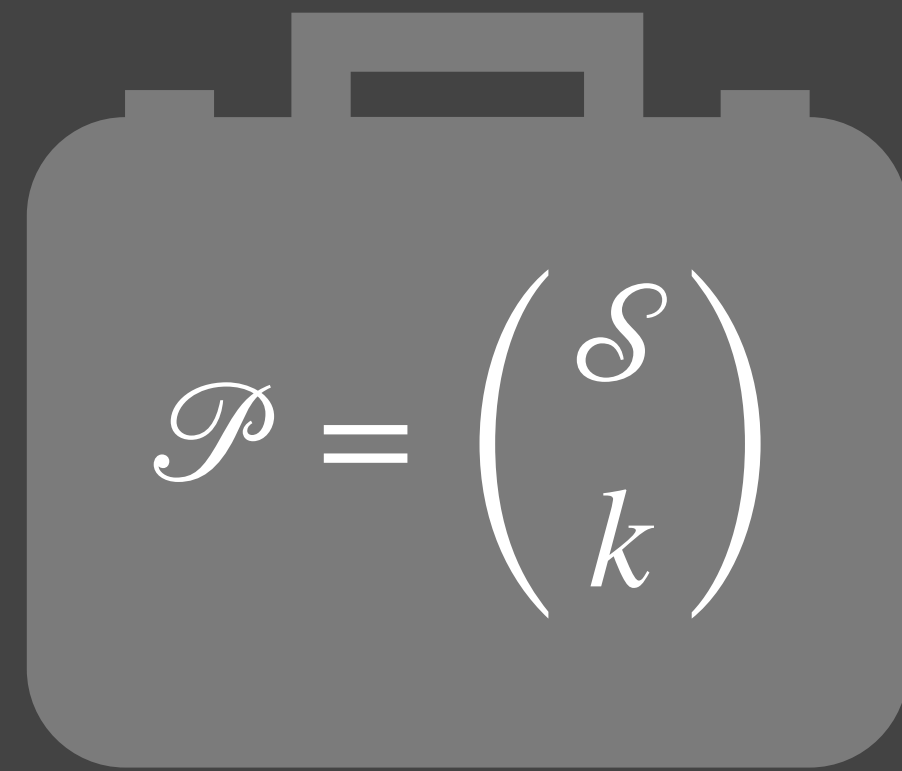
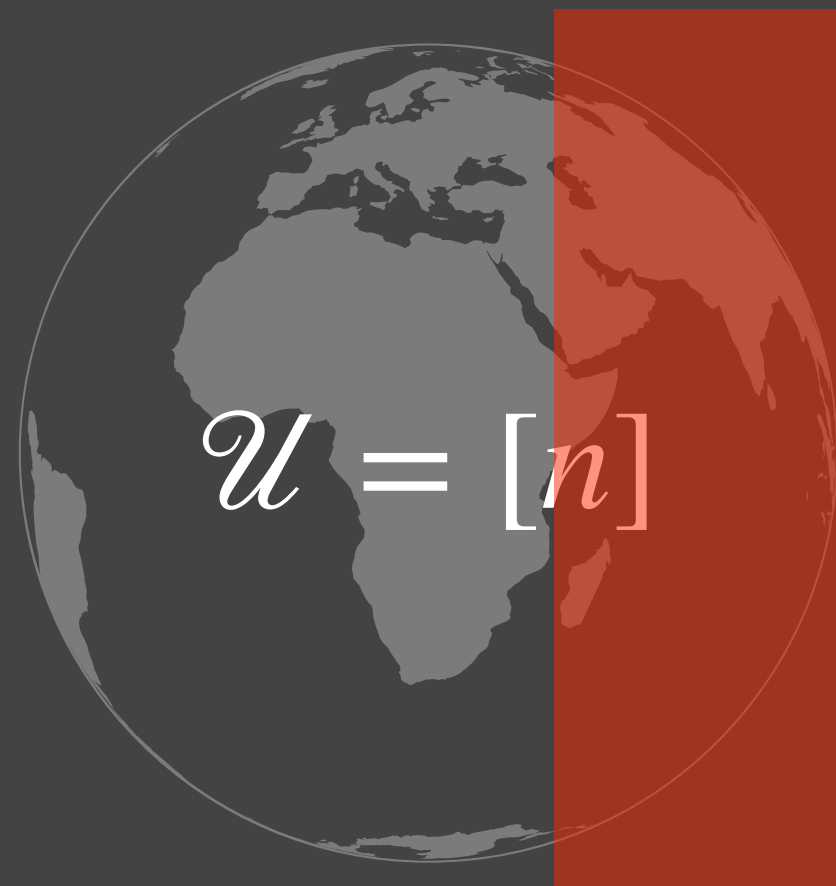
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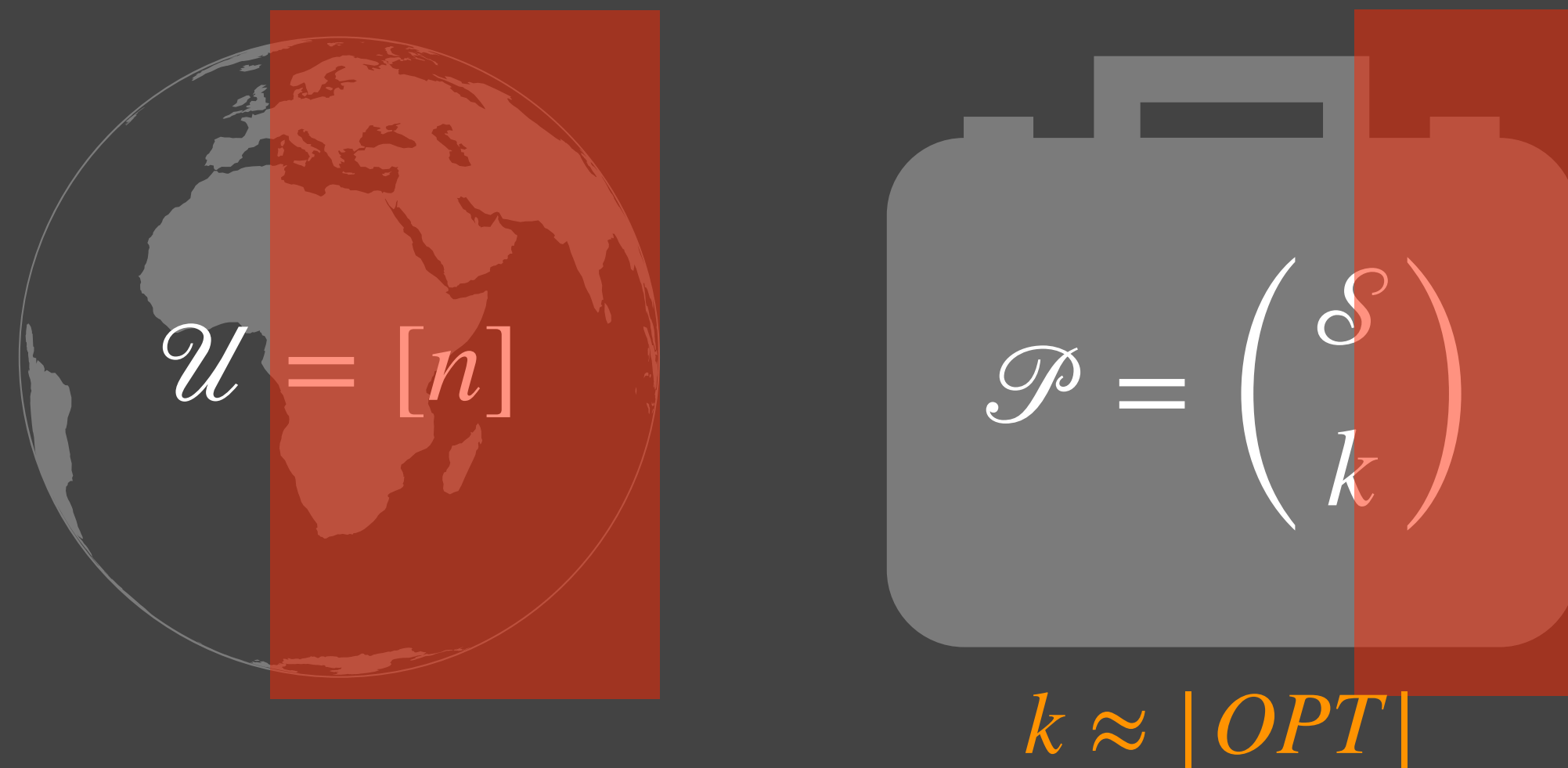
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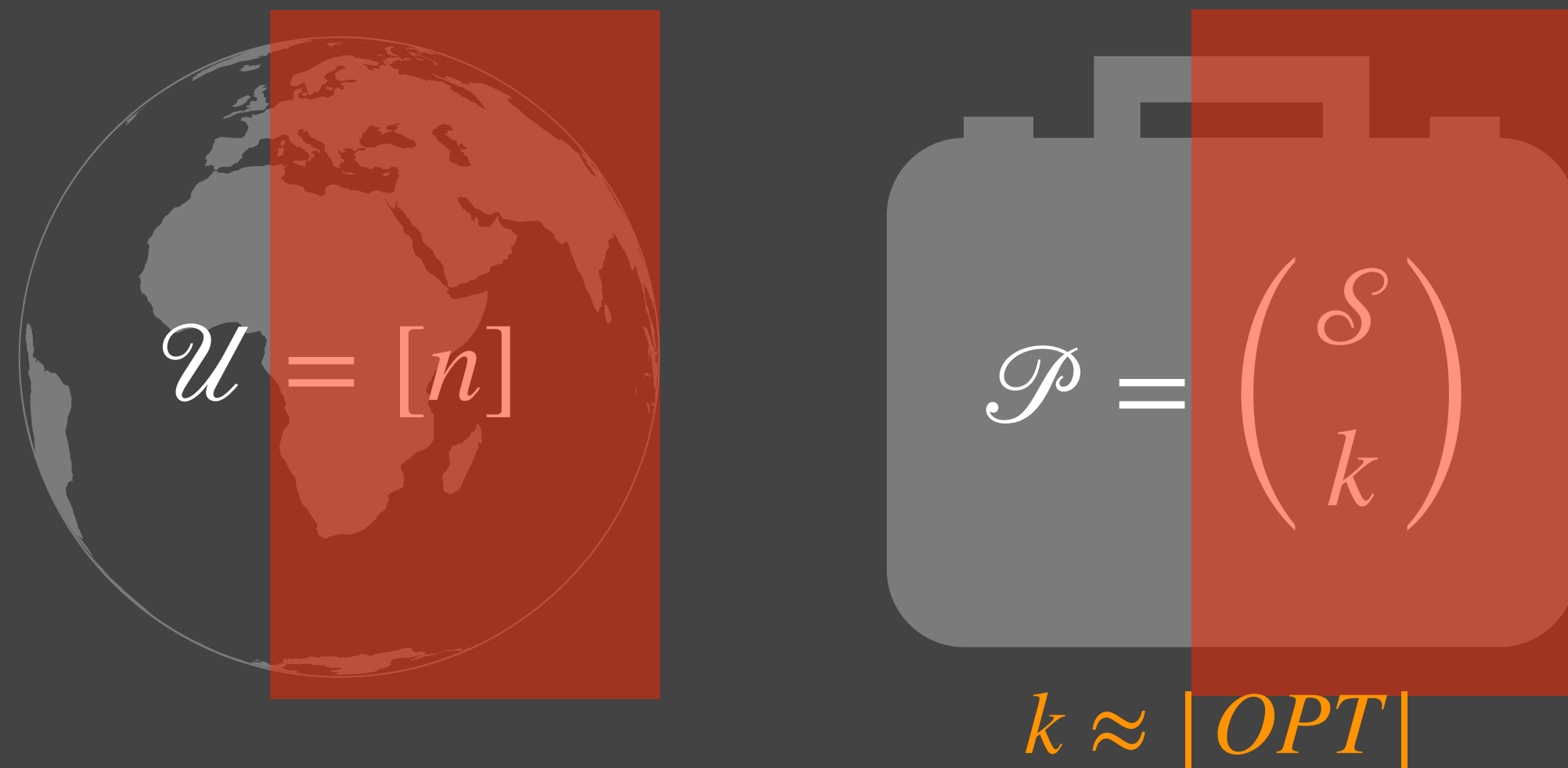
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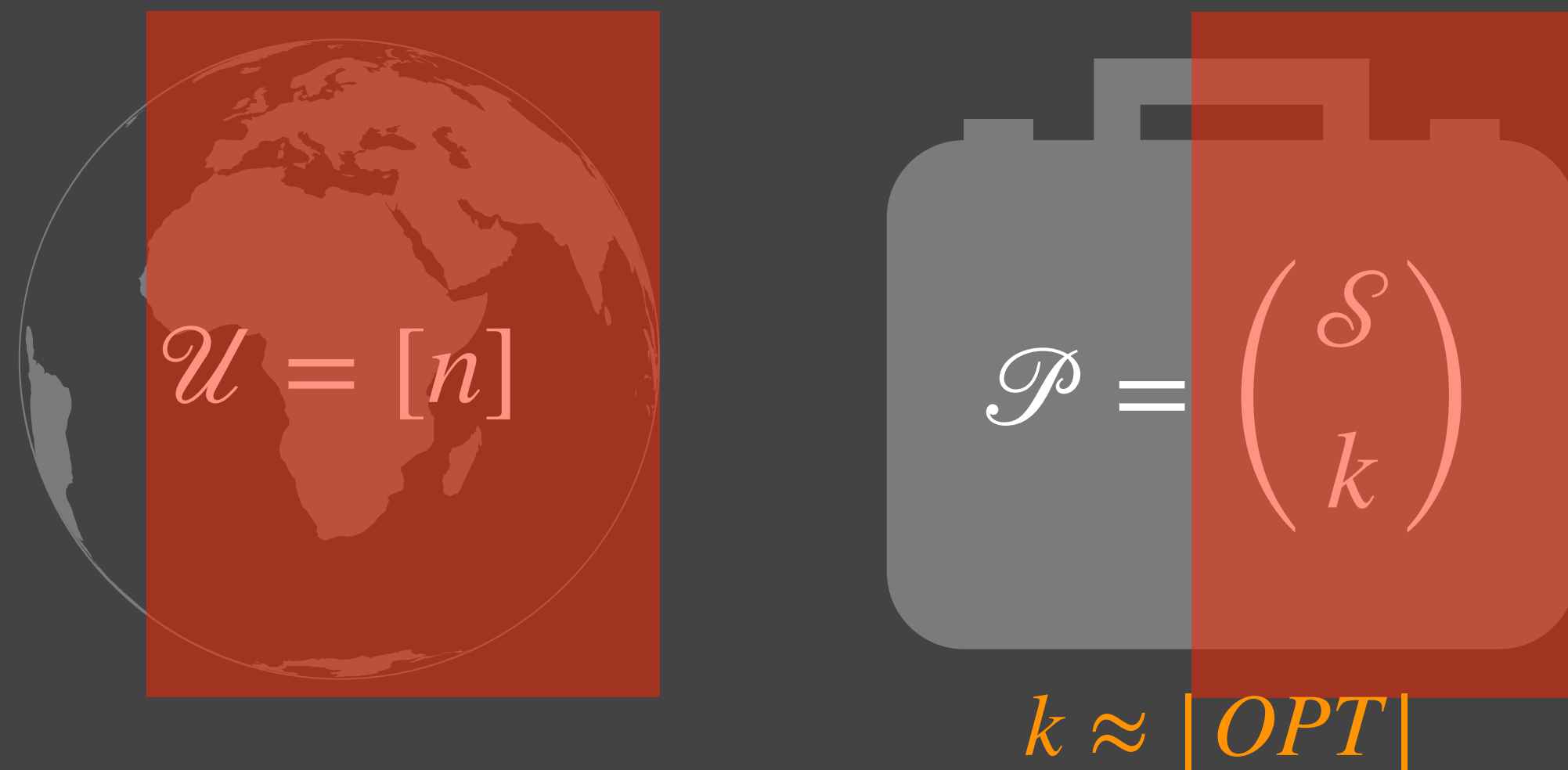
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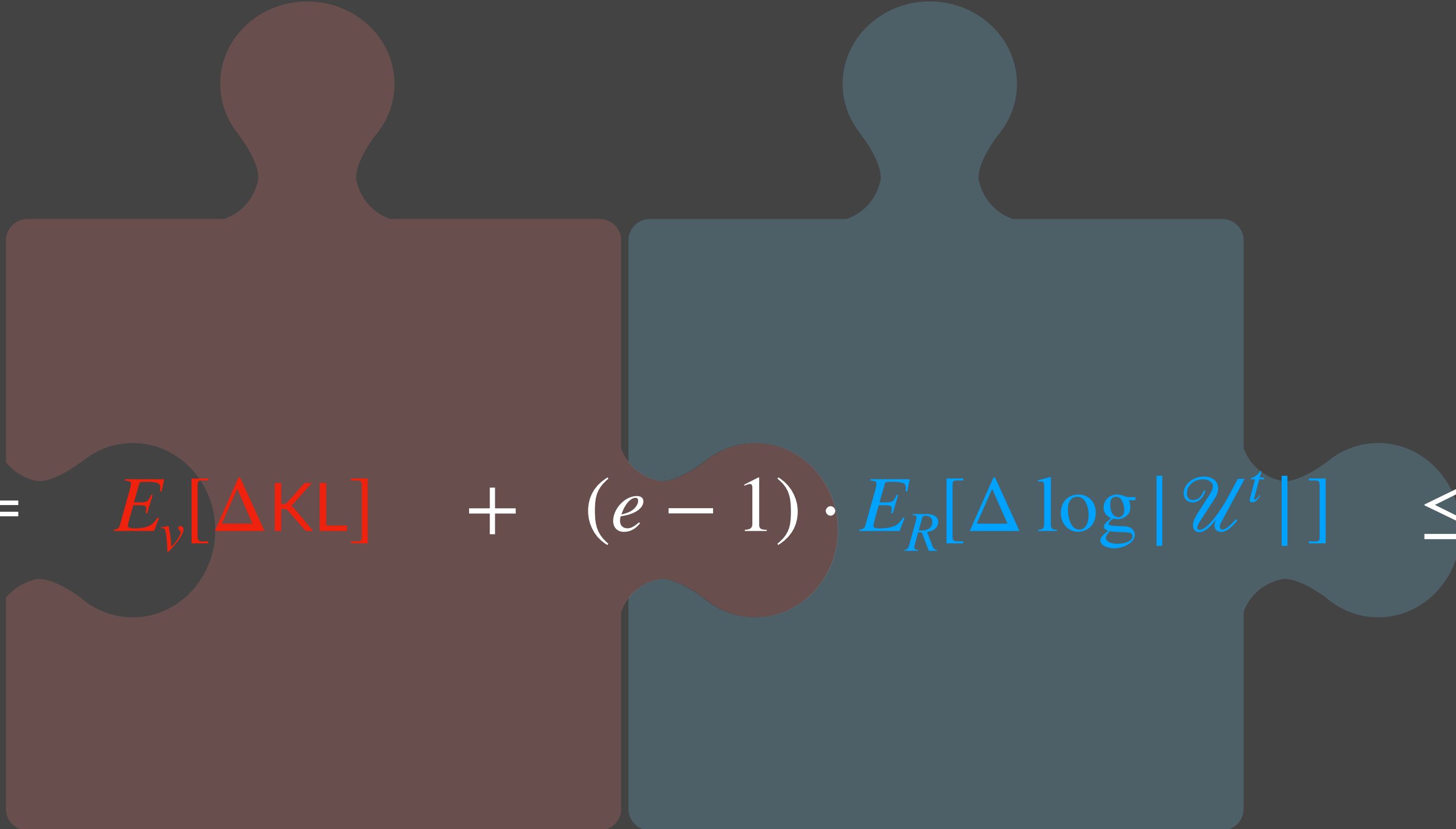
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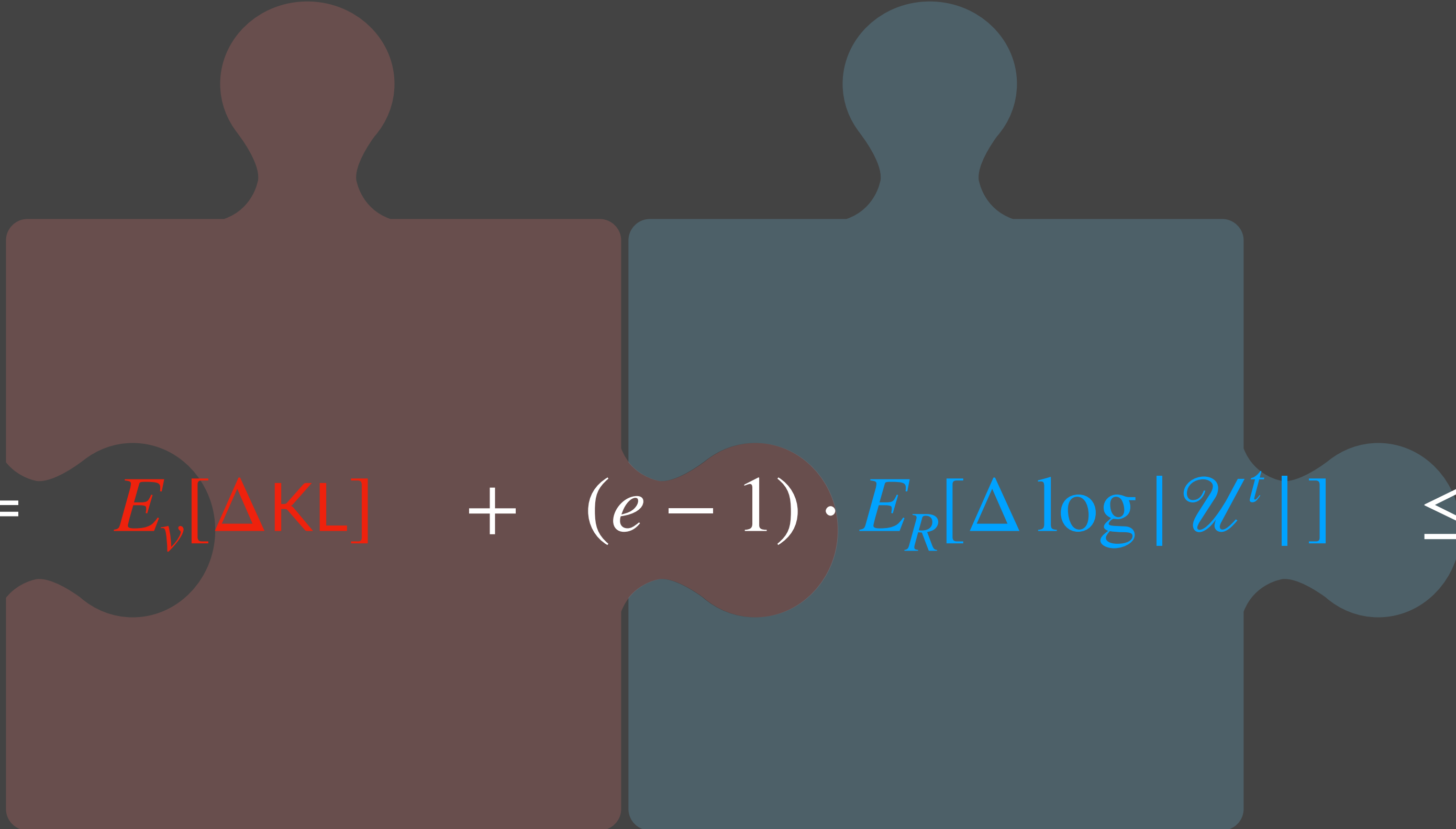

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We are working on generalizing to Group Steiner Tree!

Theorem: $\Omega(\log n \log m)$ for “batched” RO set cover.

Corollary: $\Omega(\log m \log f(\mathcal{N}))$ for RO submodular

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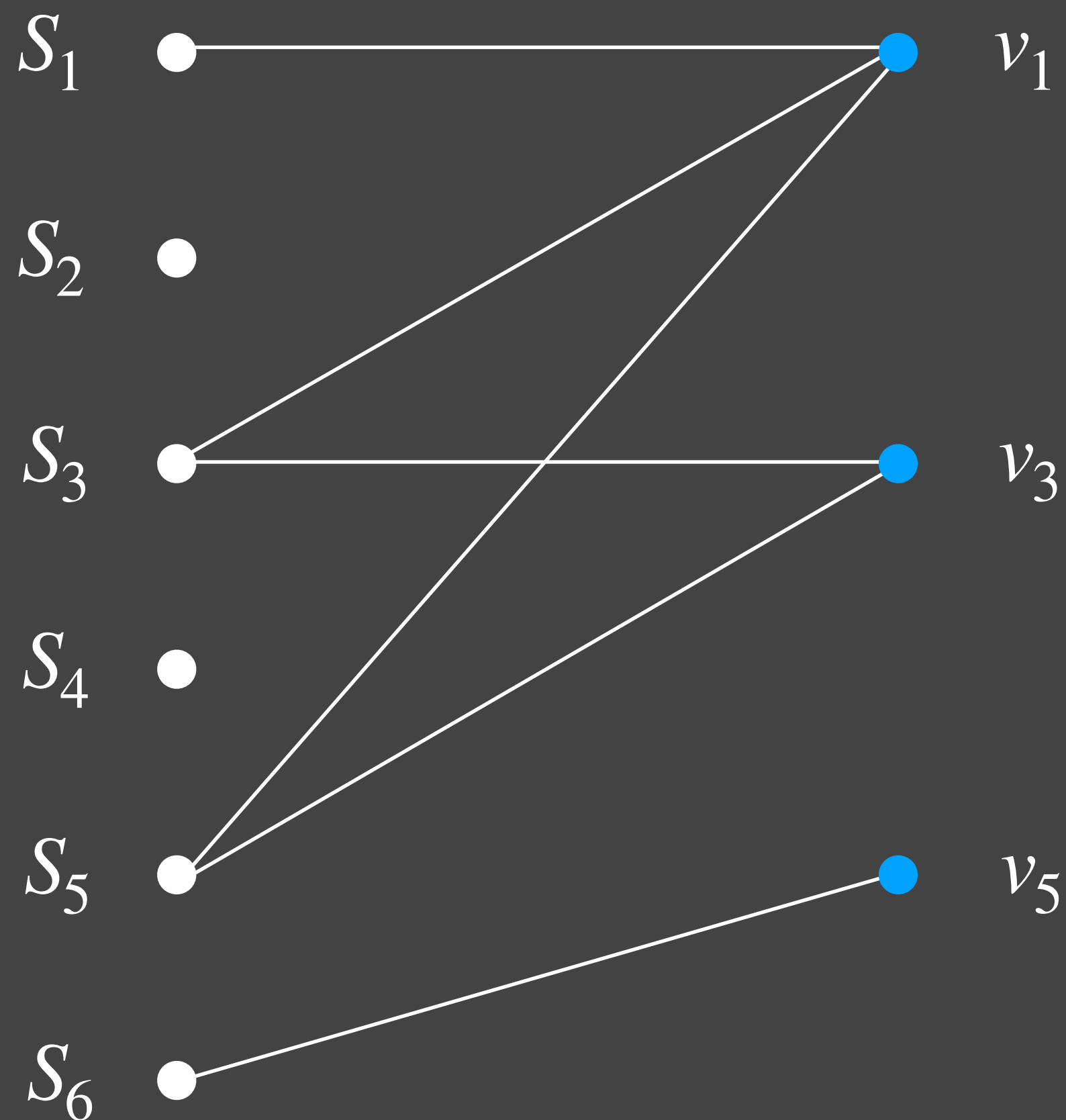
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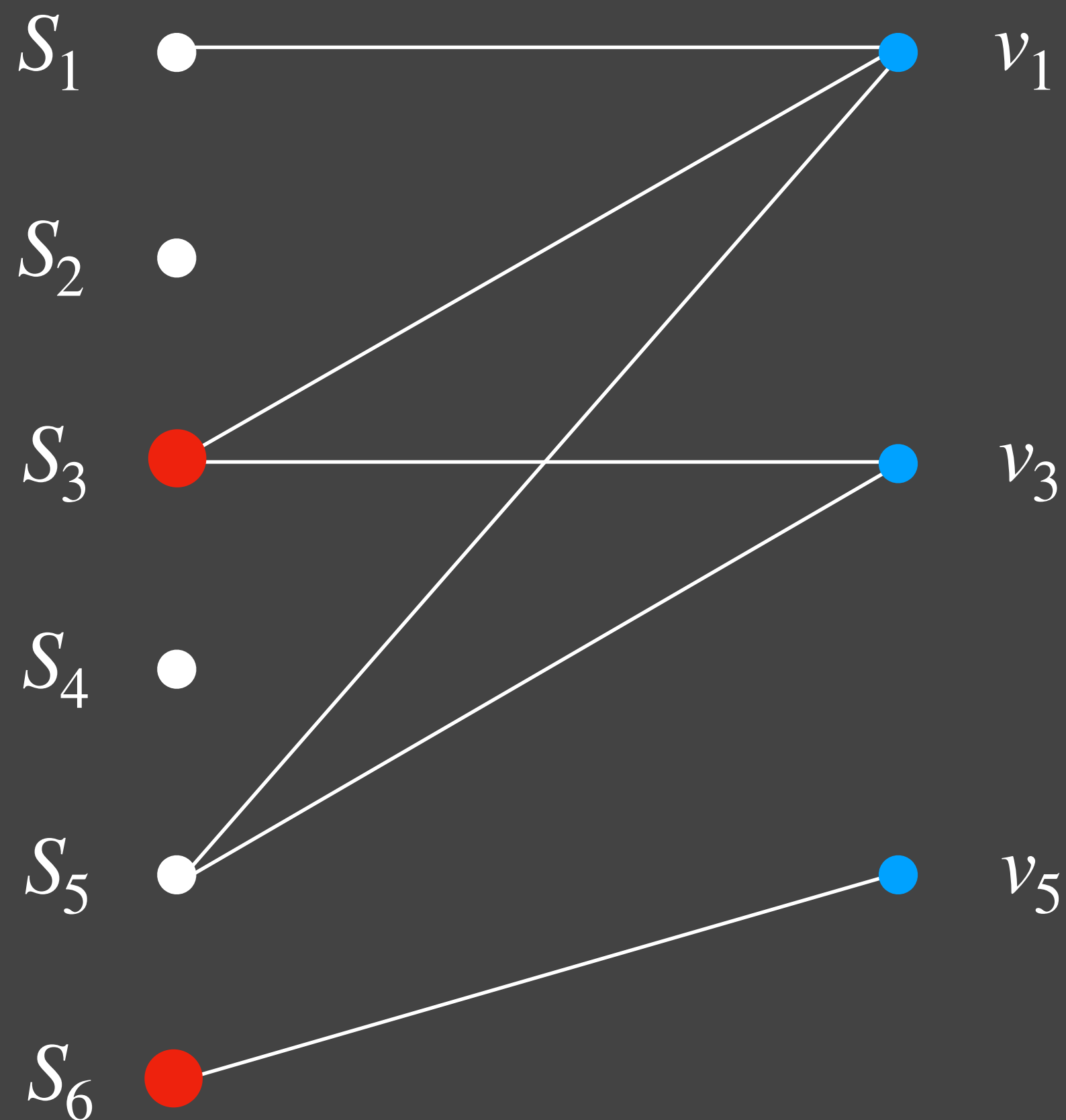
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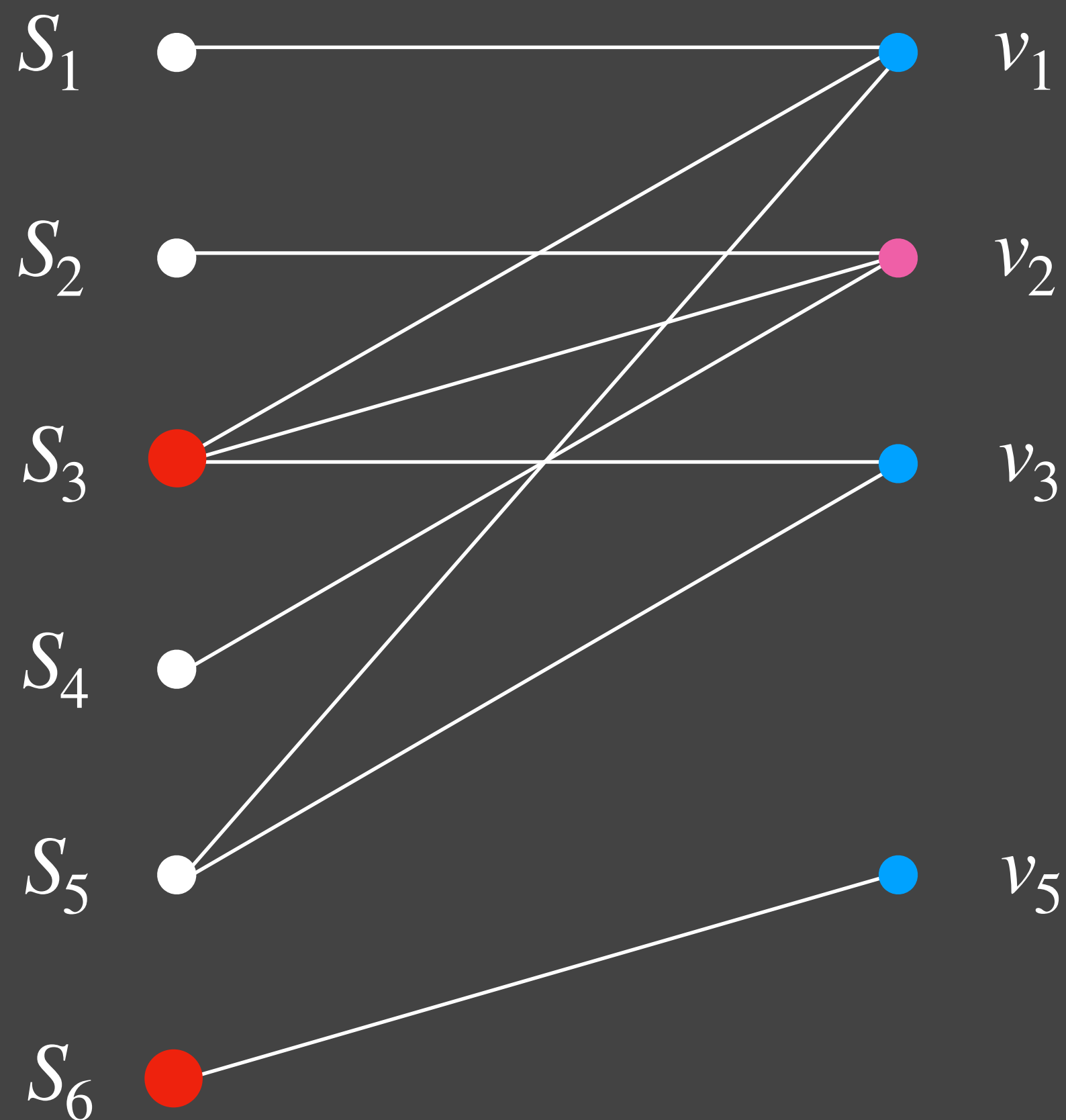
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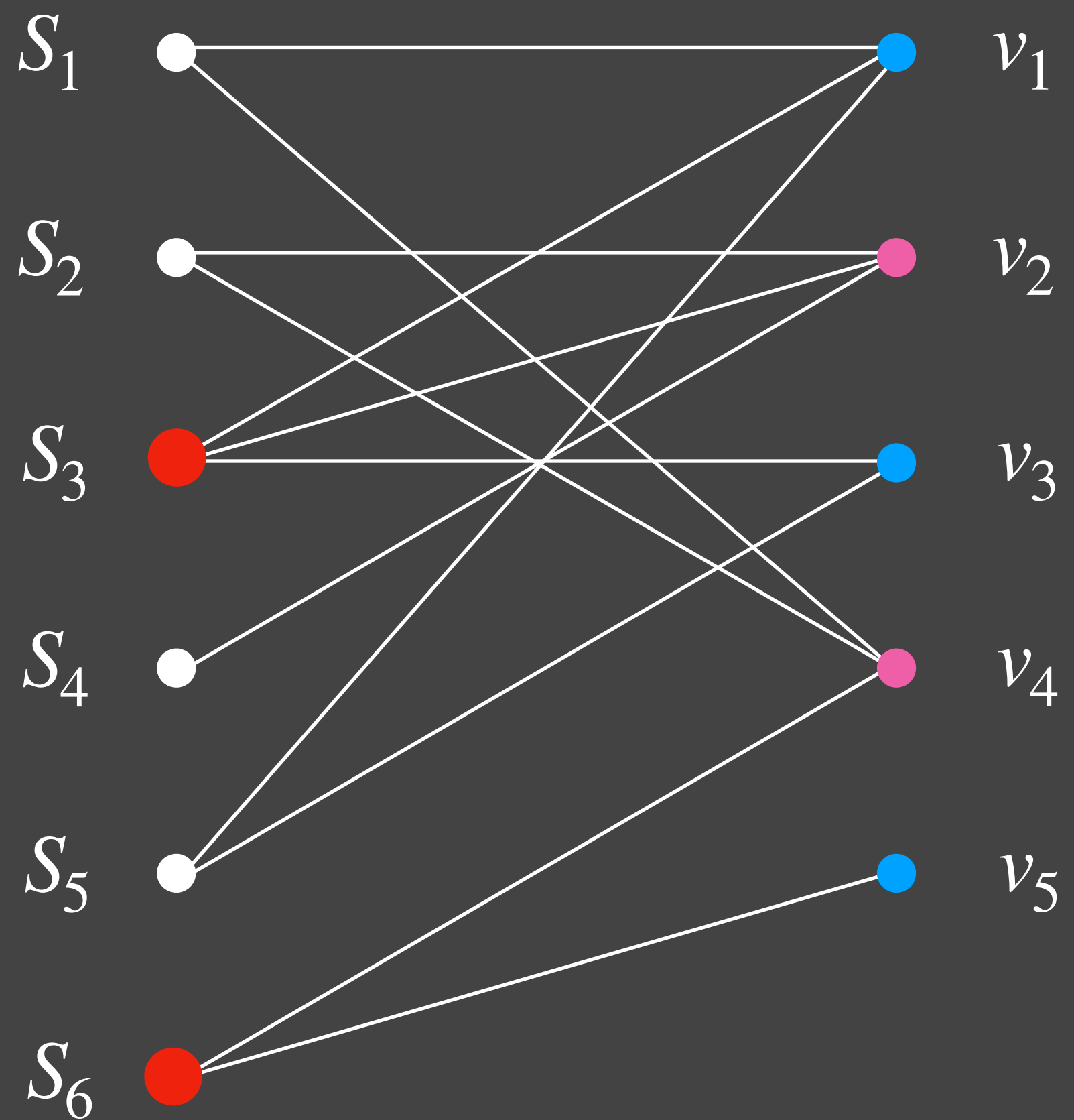
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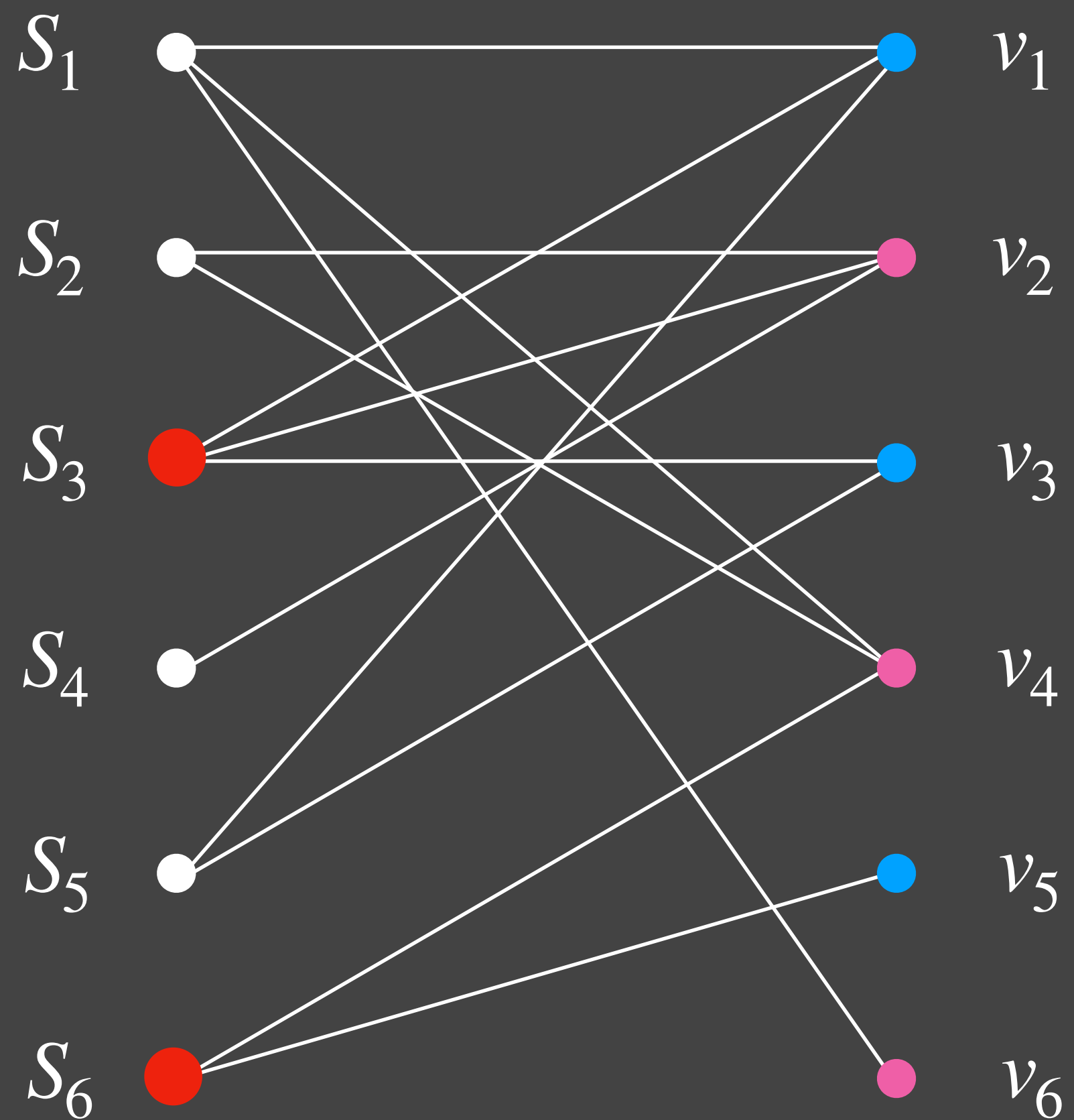
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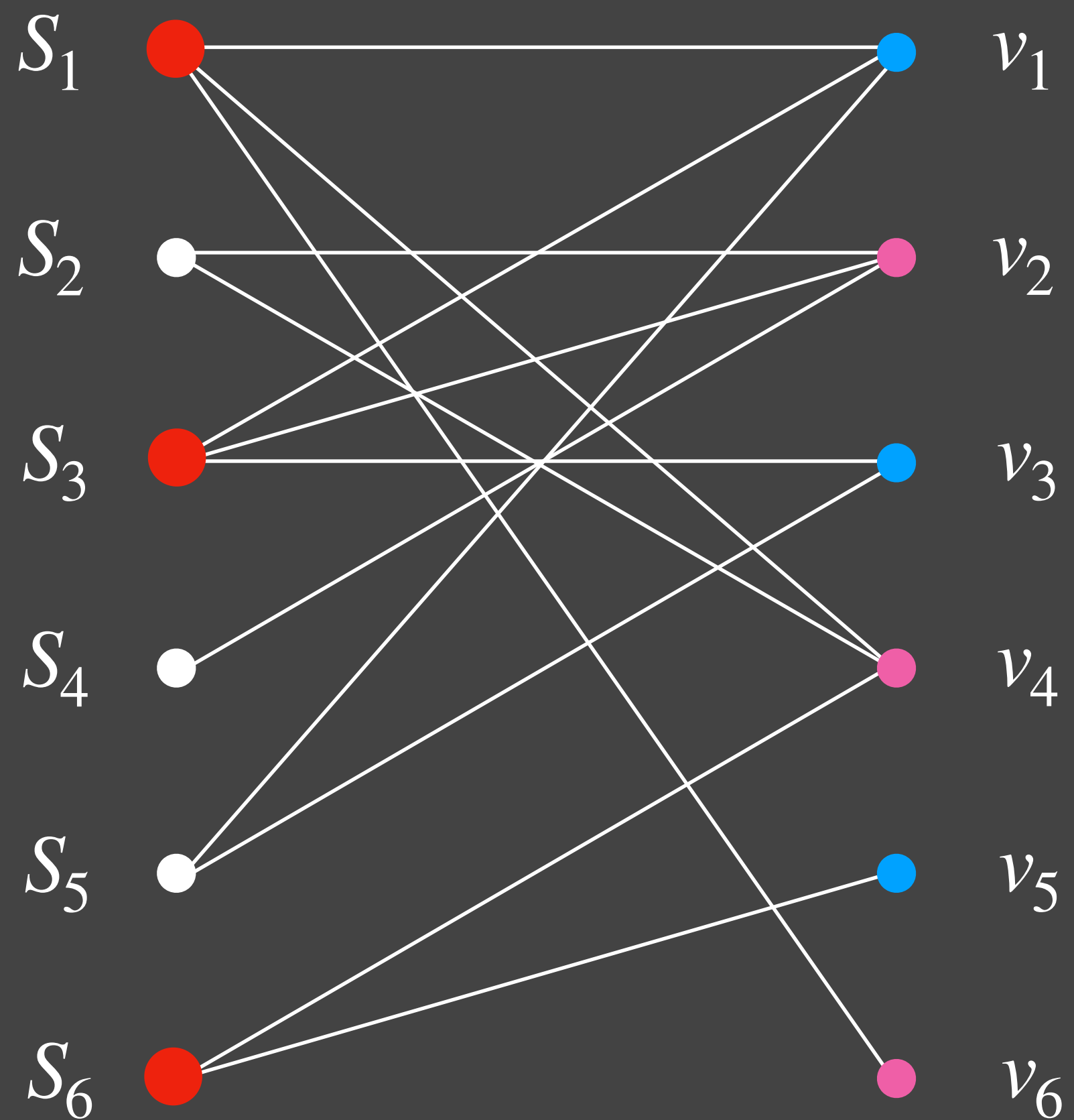
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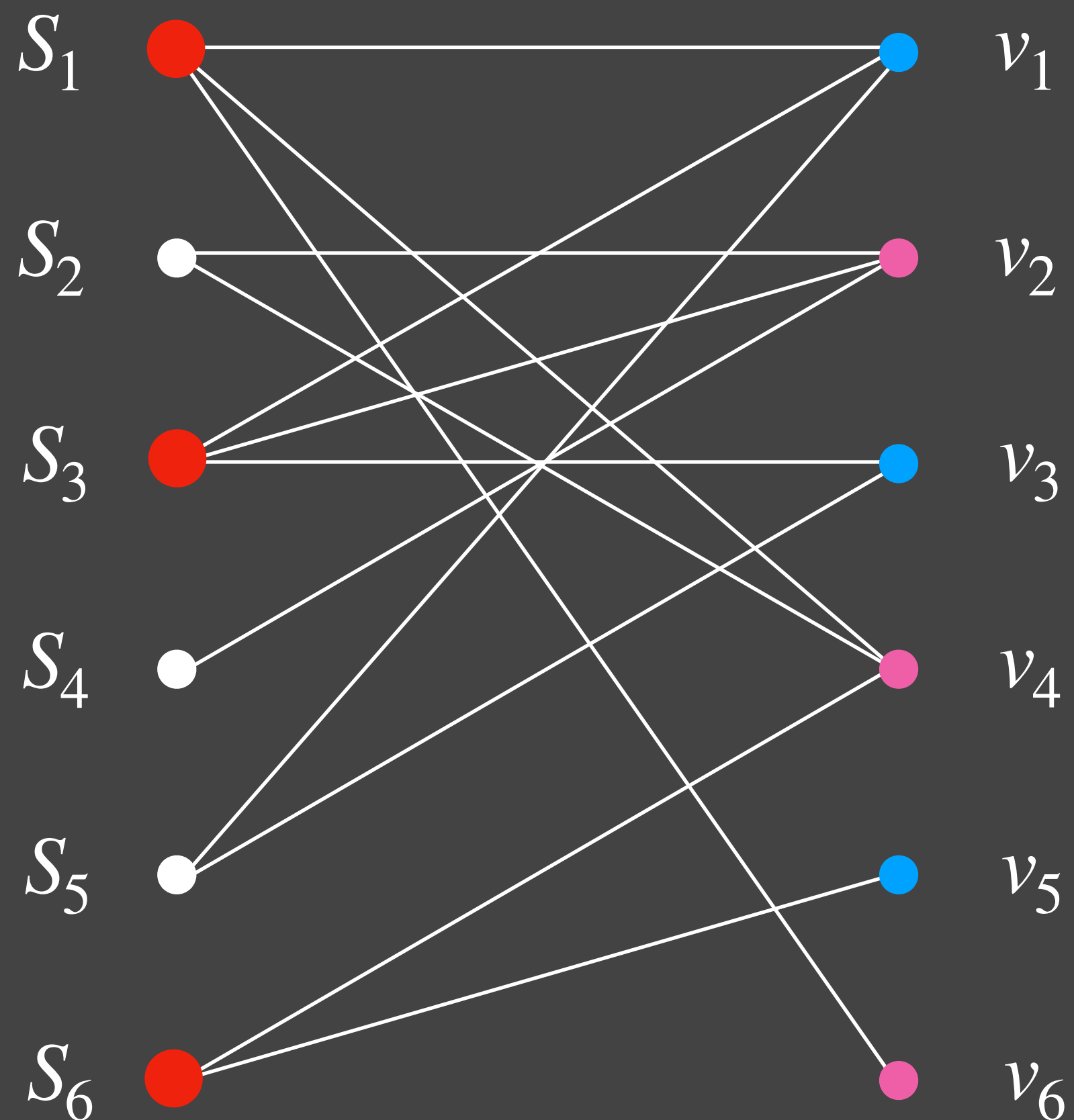
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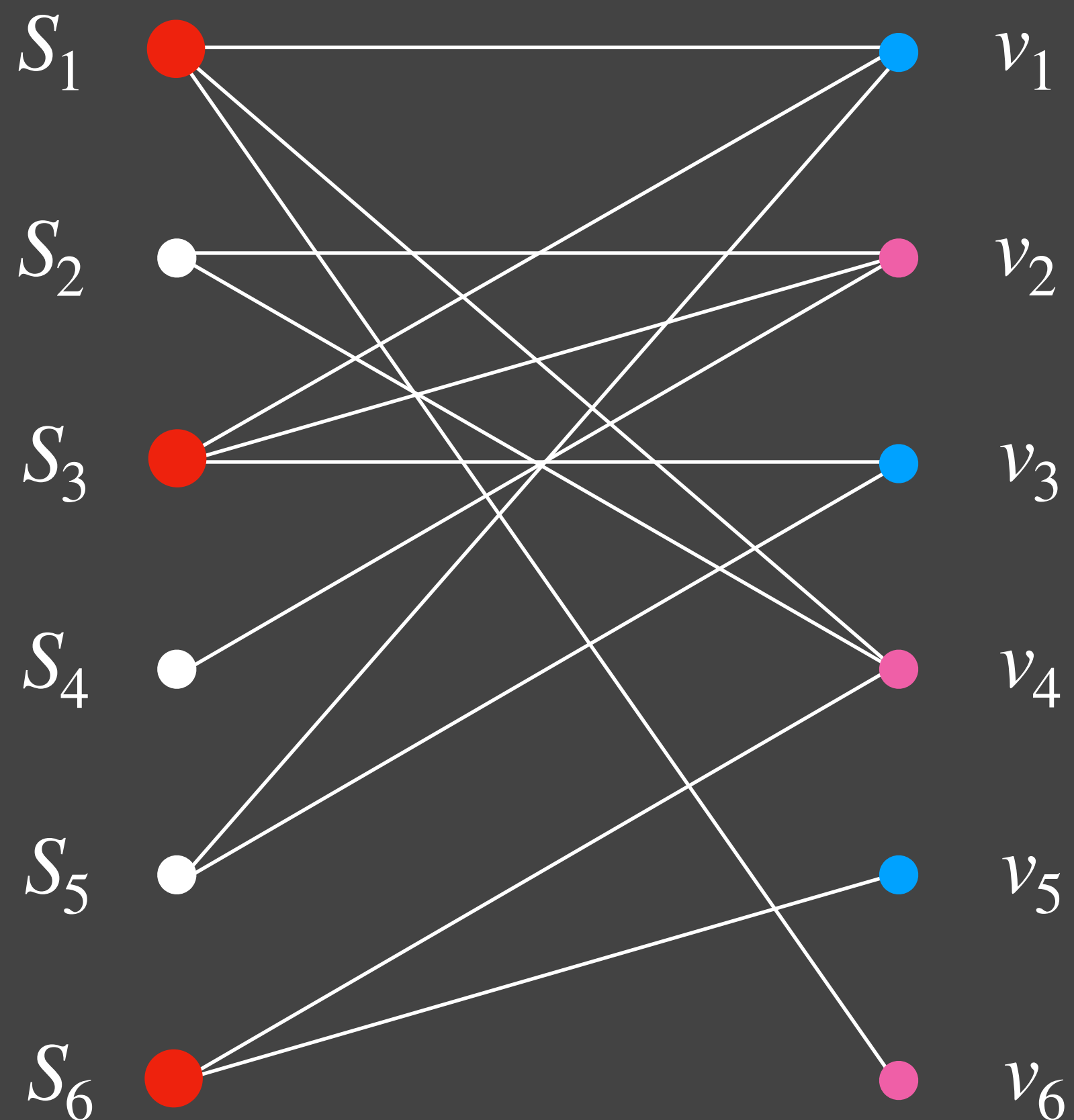
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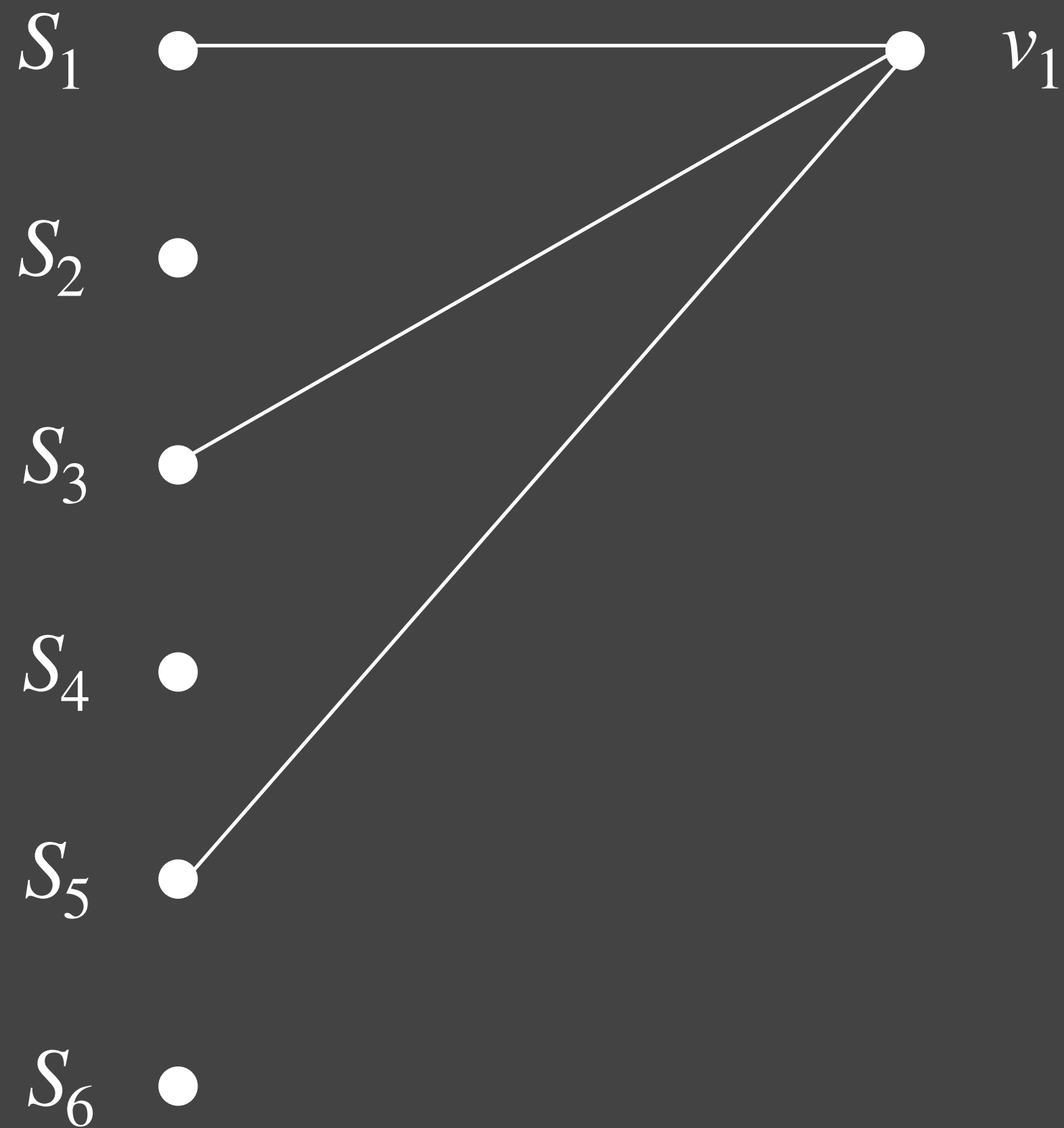
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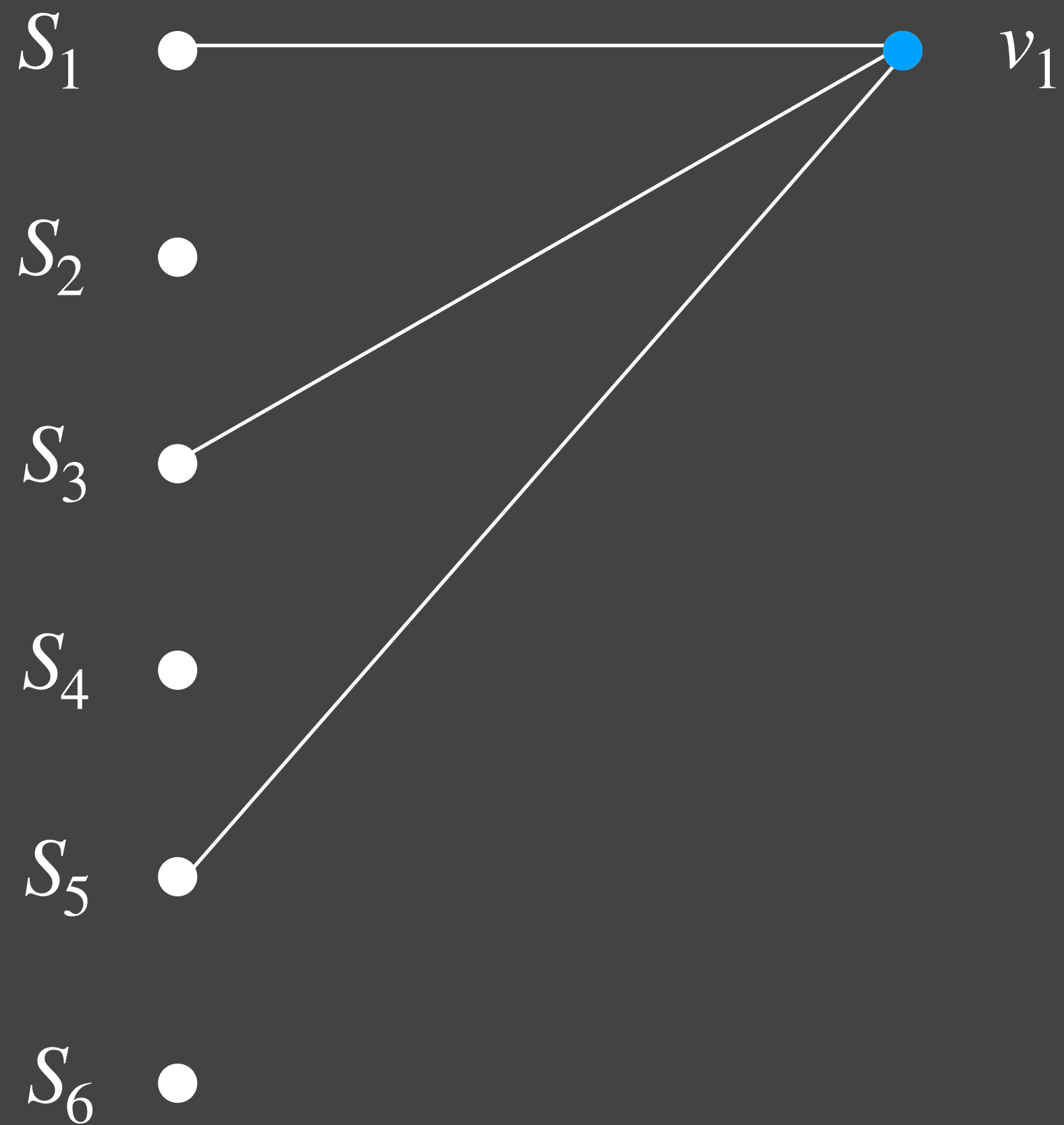
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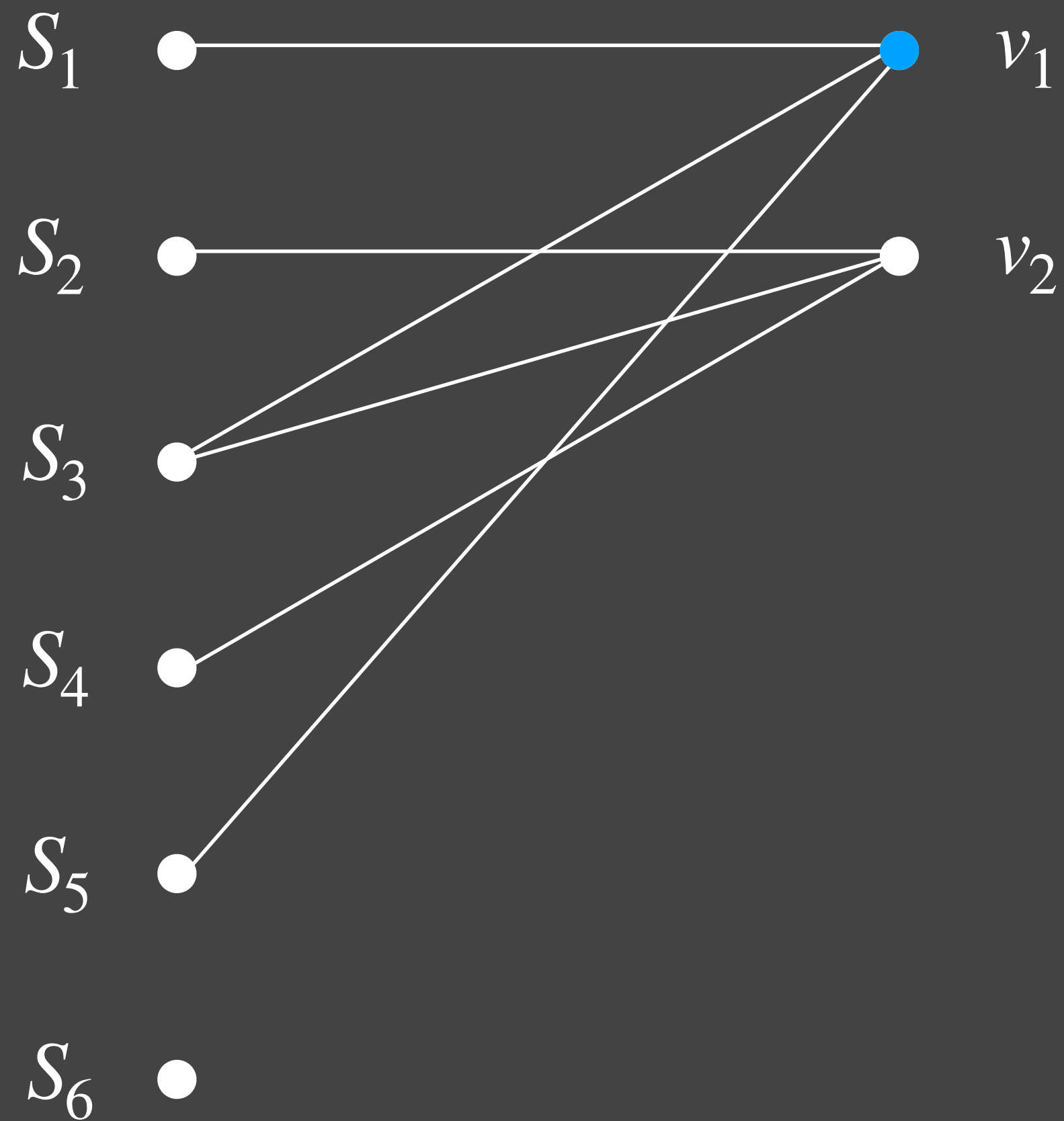
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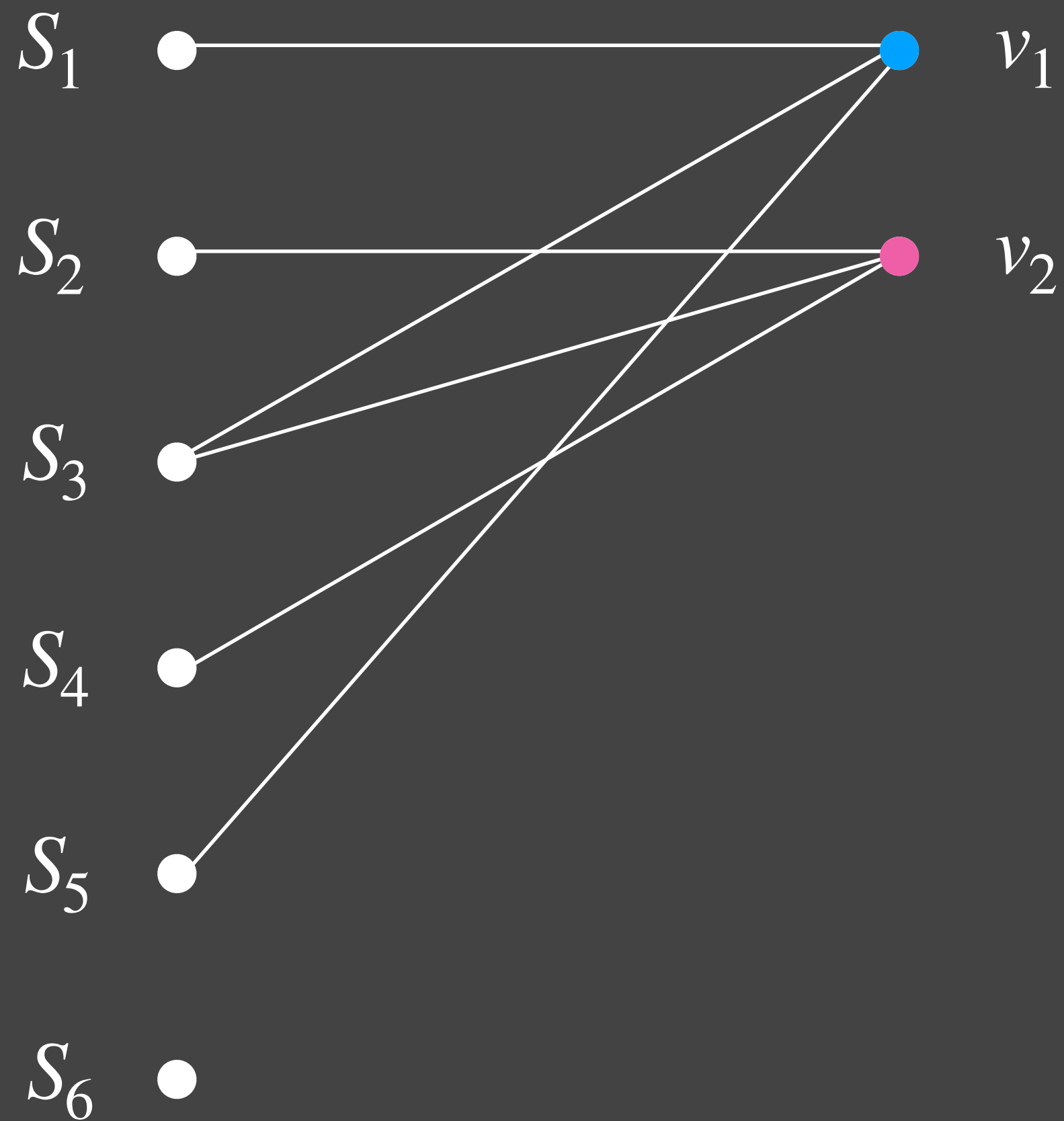
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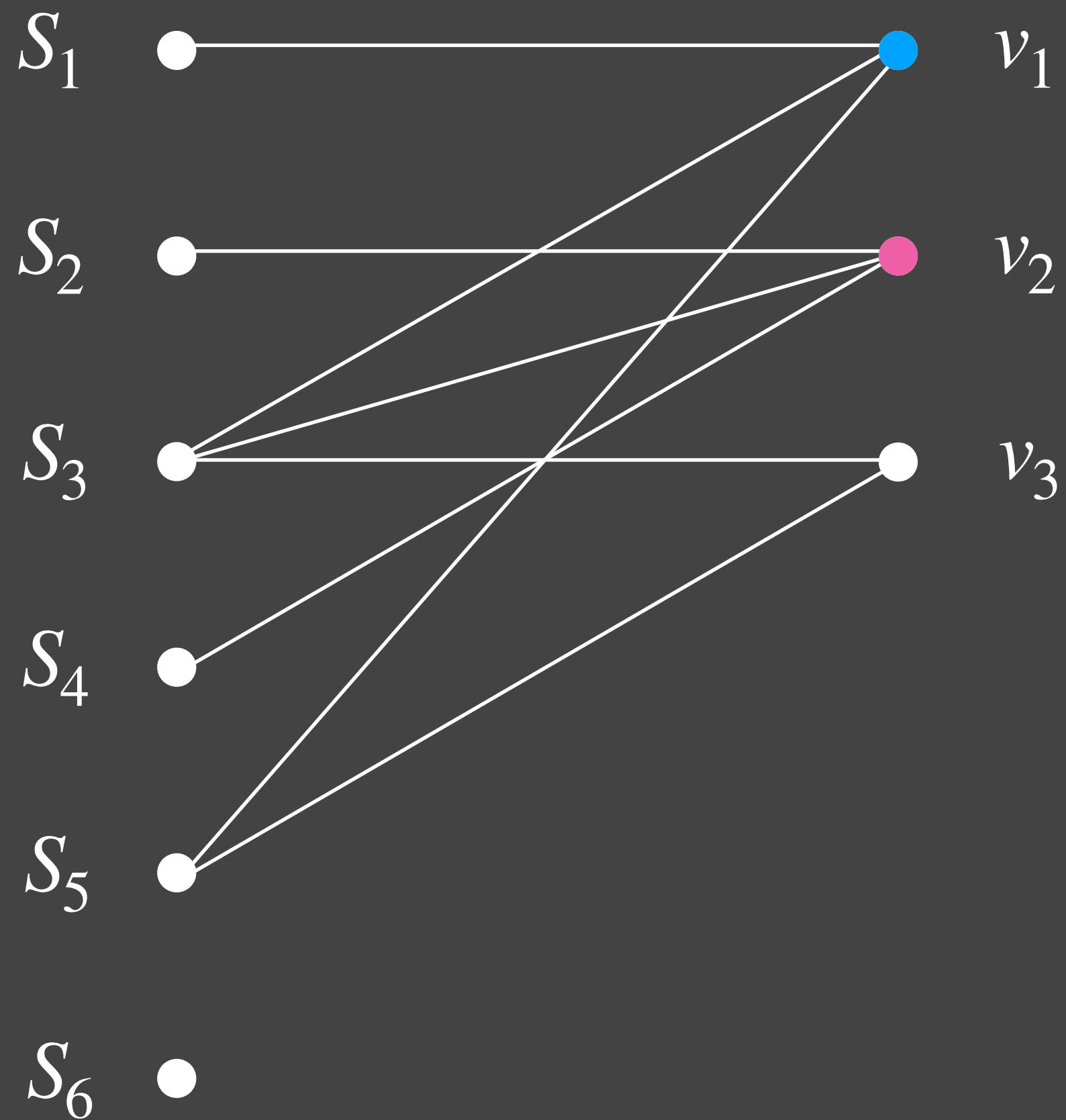
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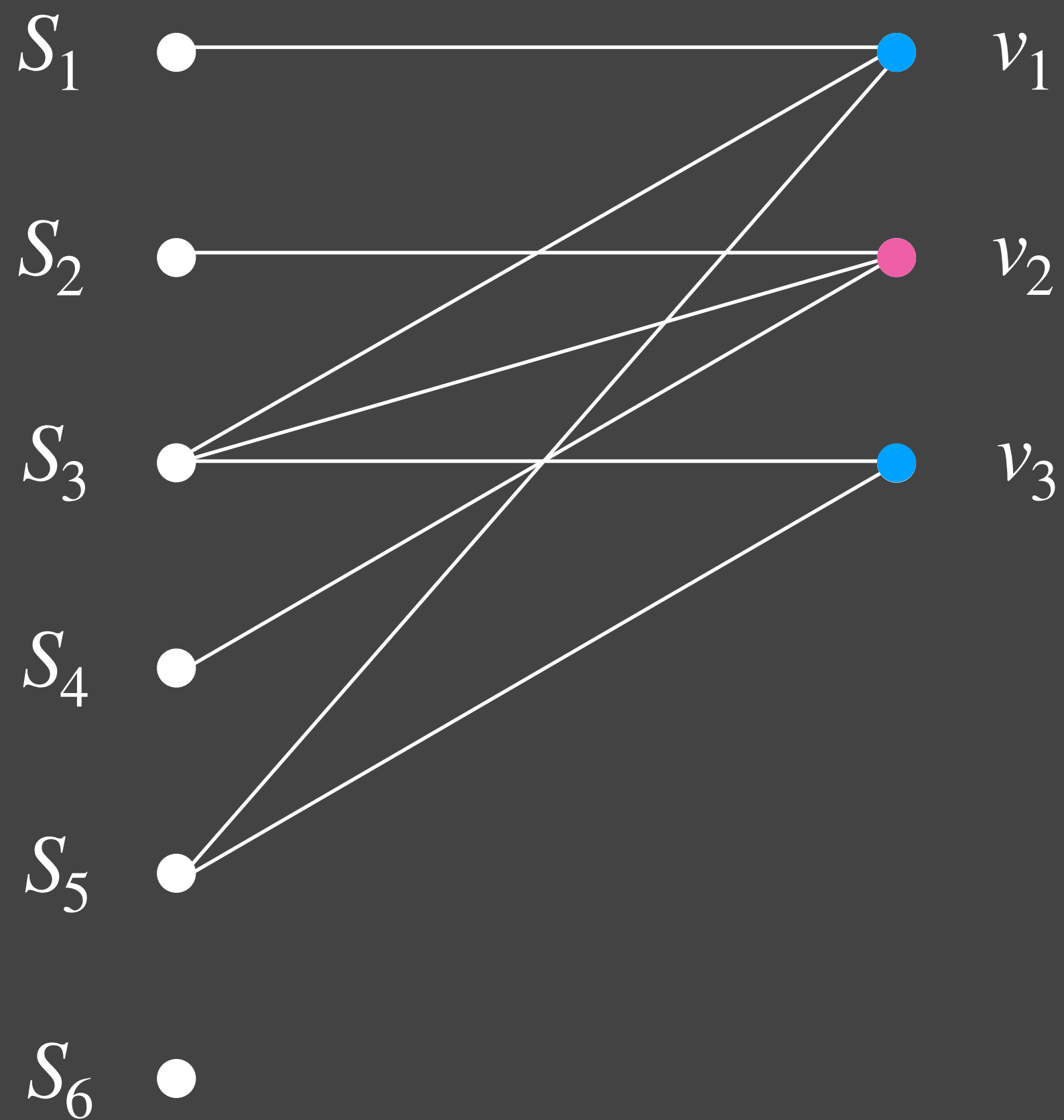
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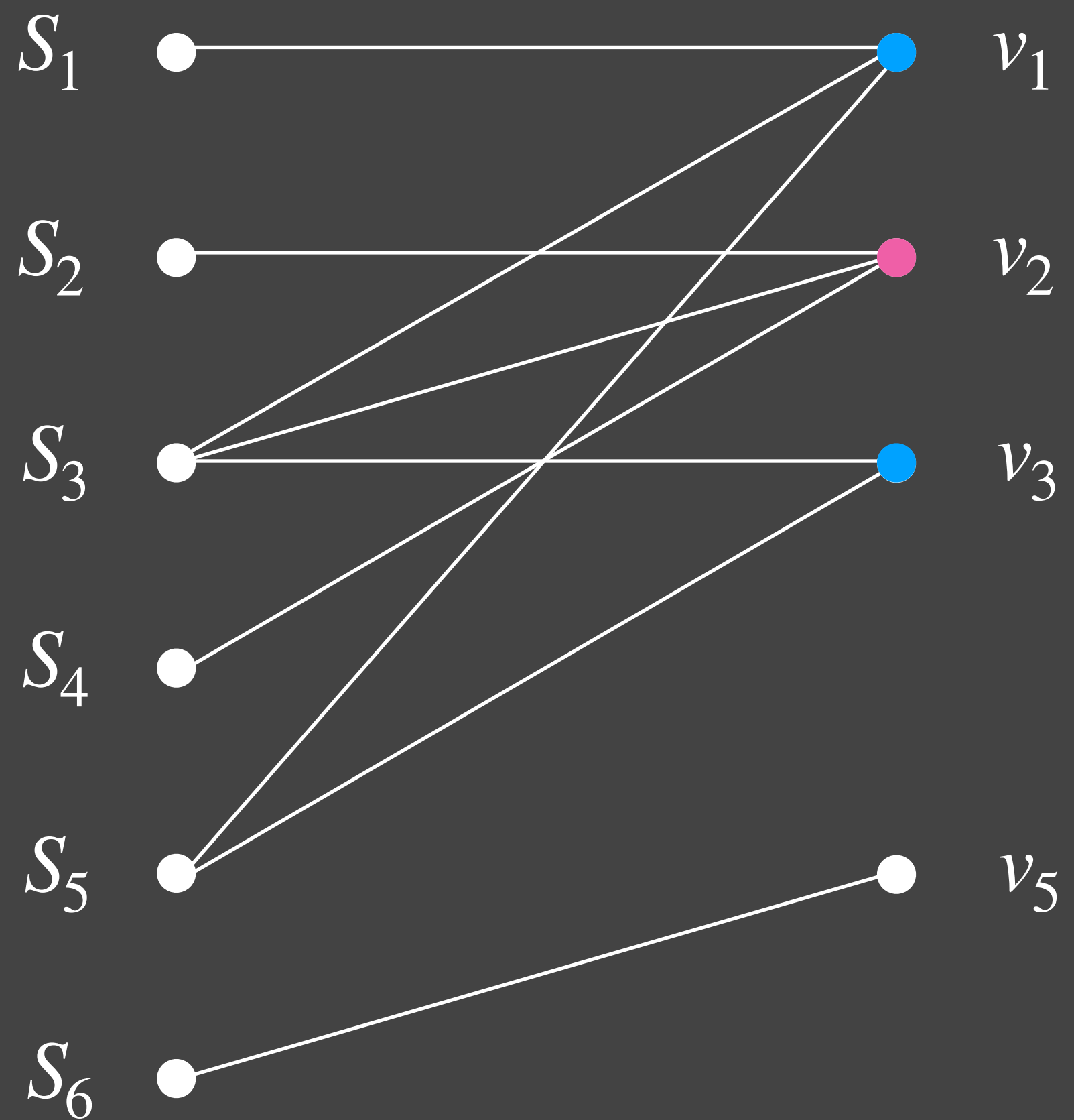
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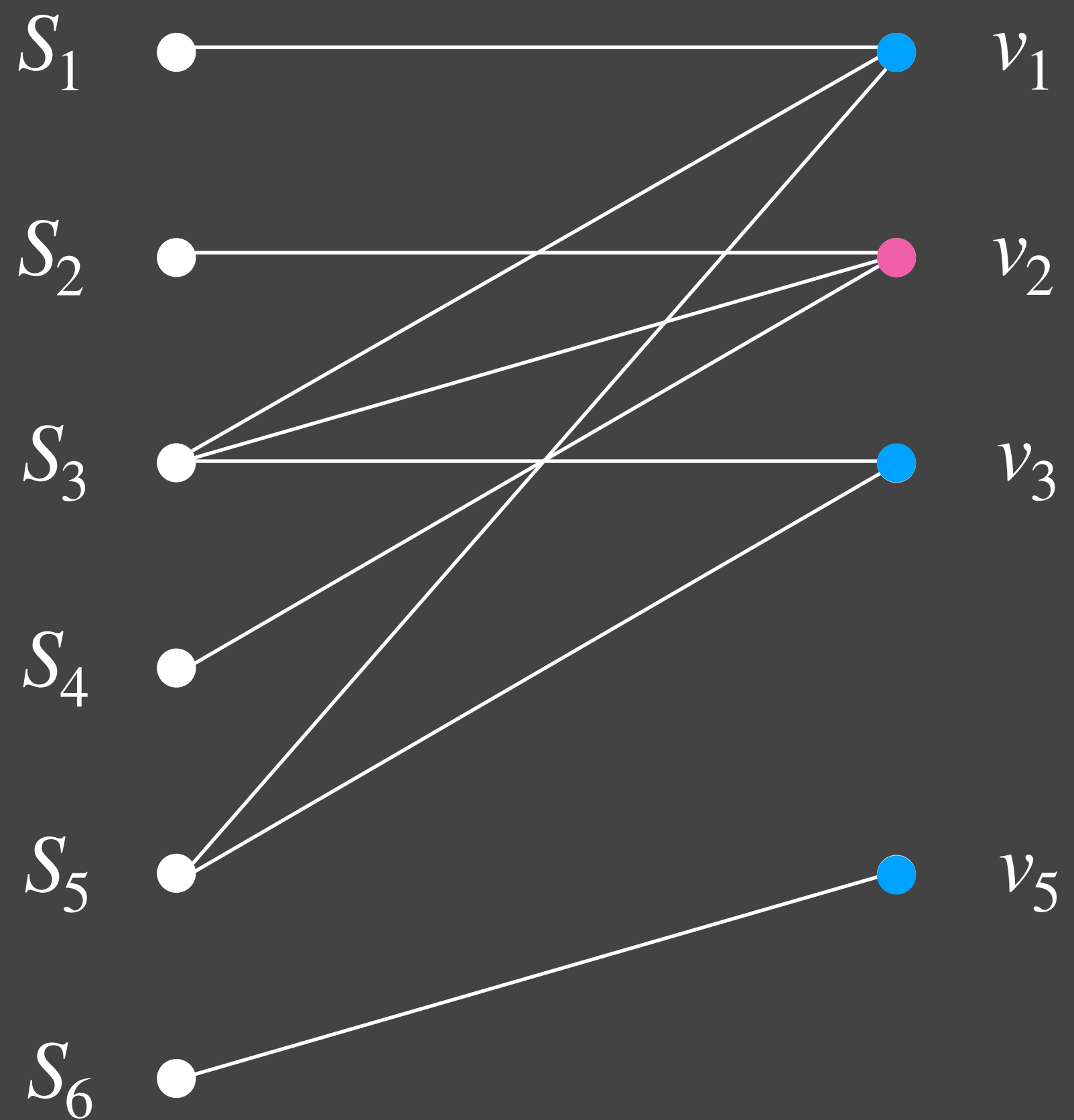
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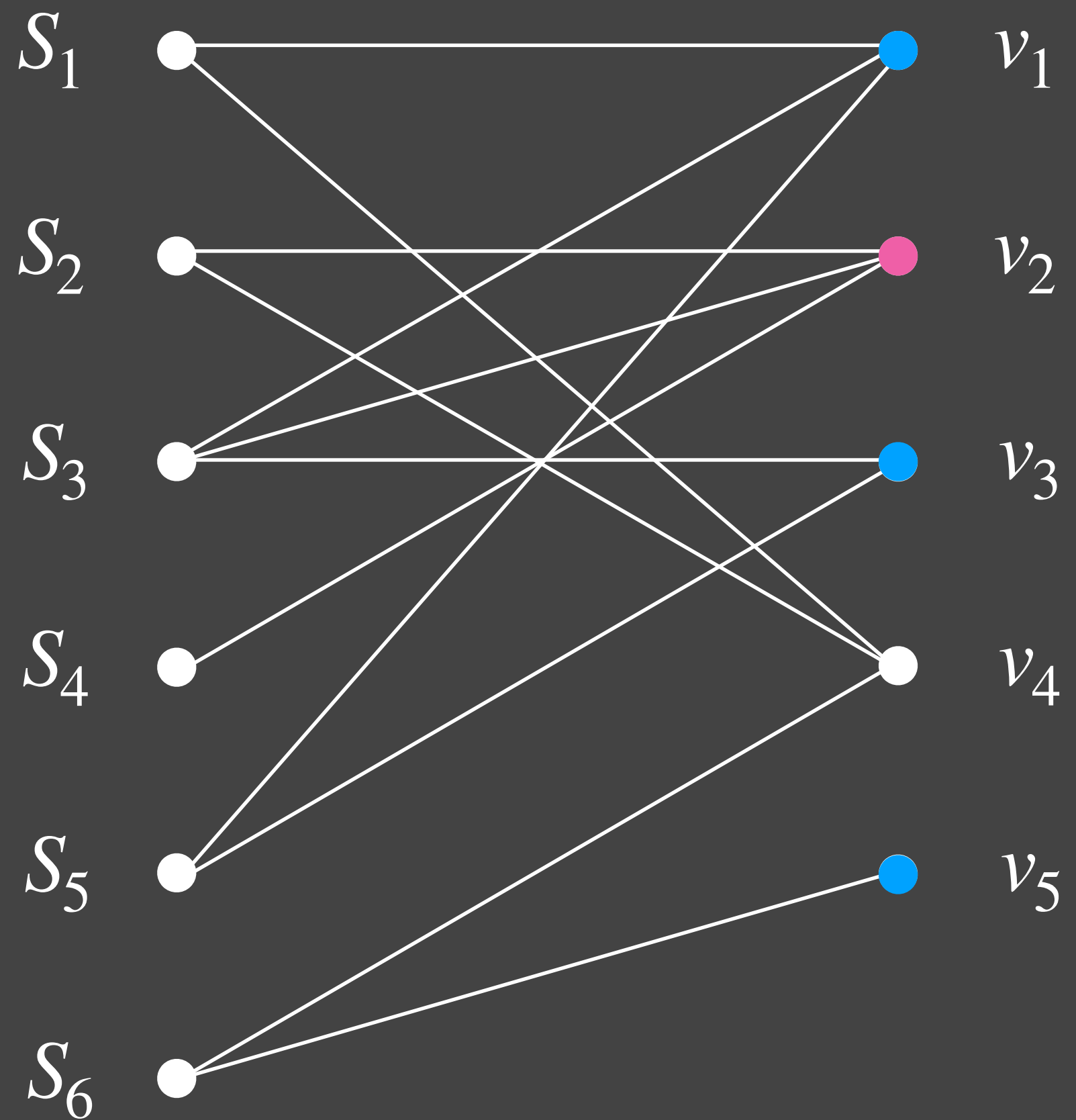
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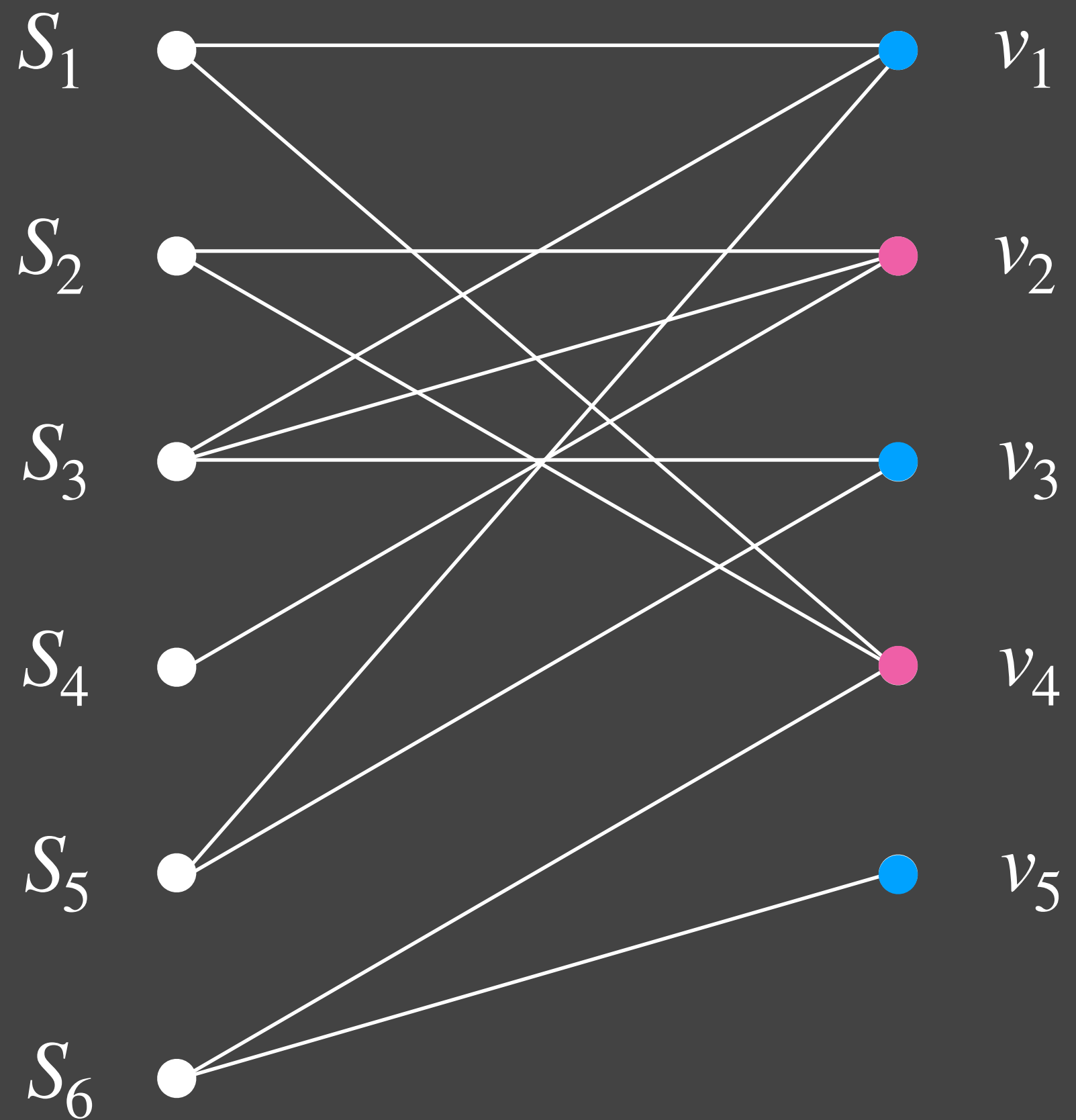
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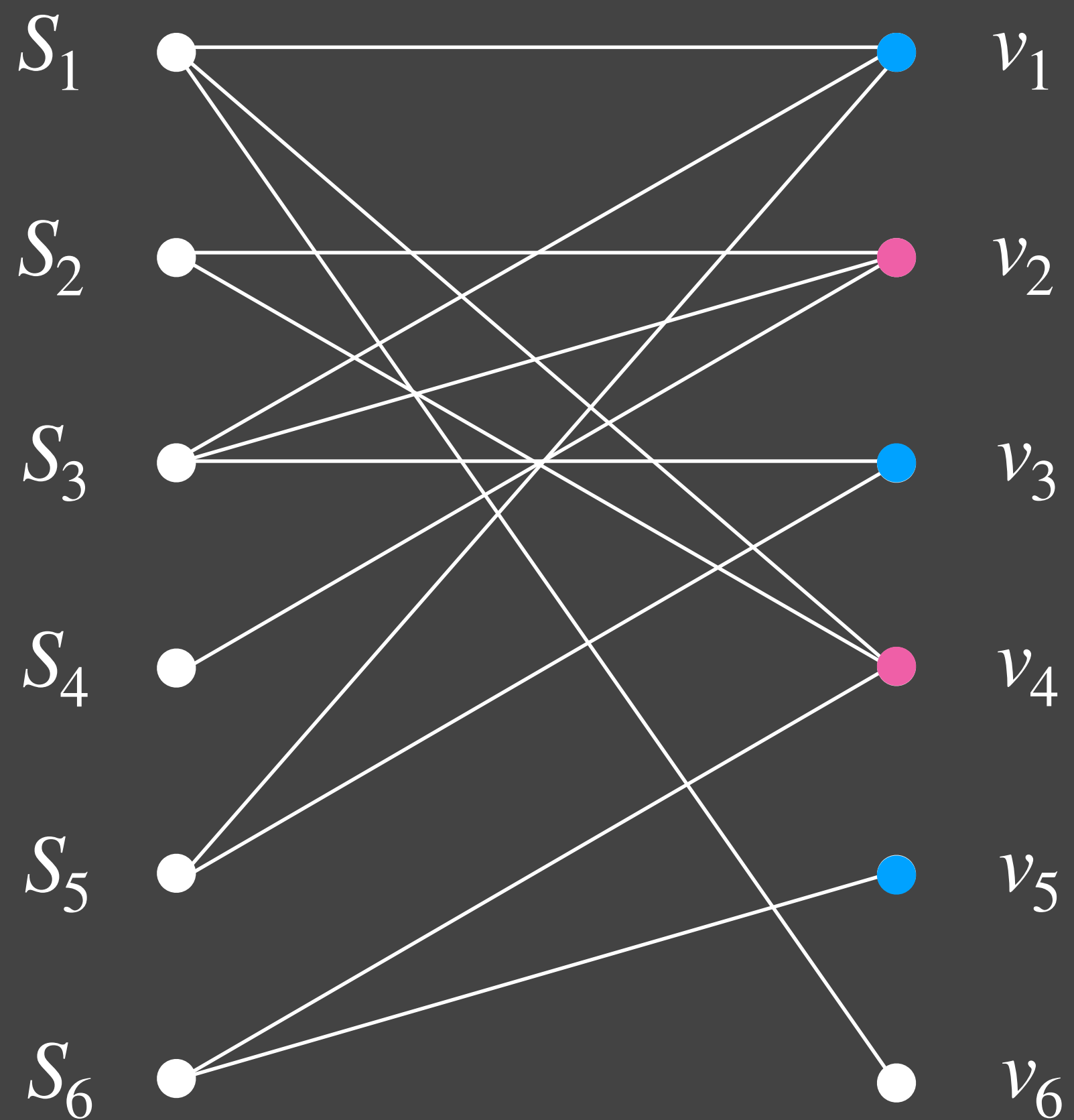
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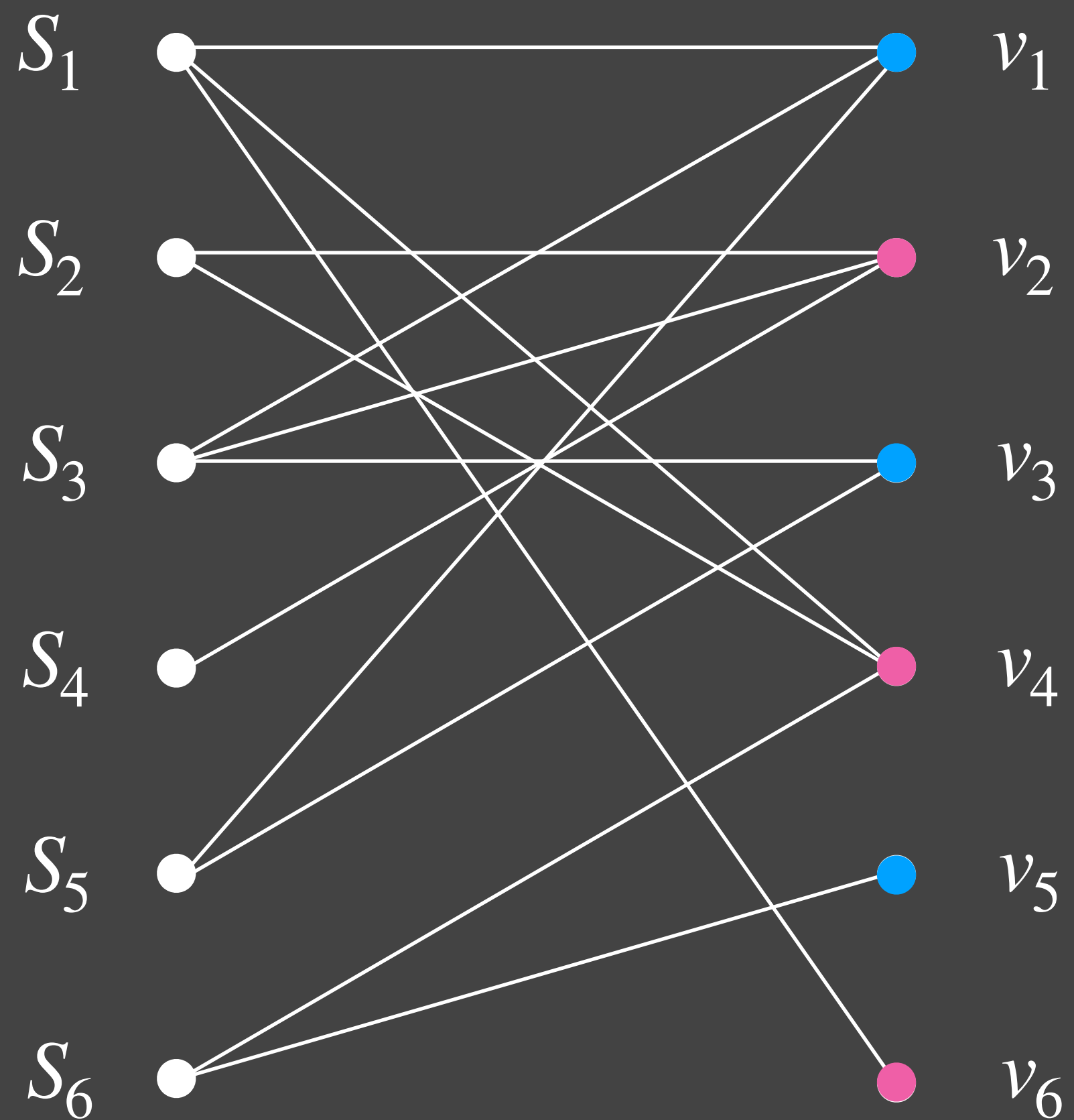
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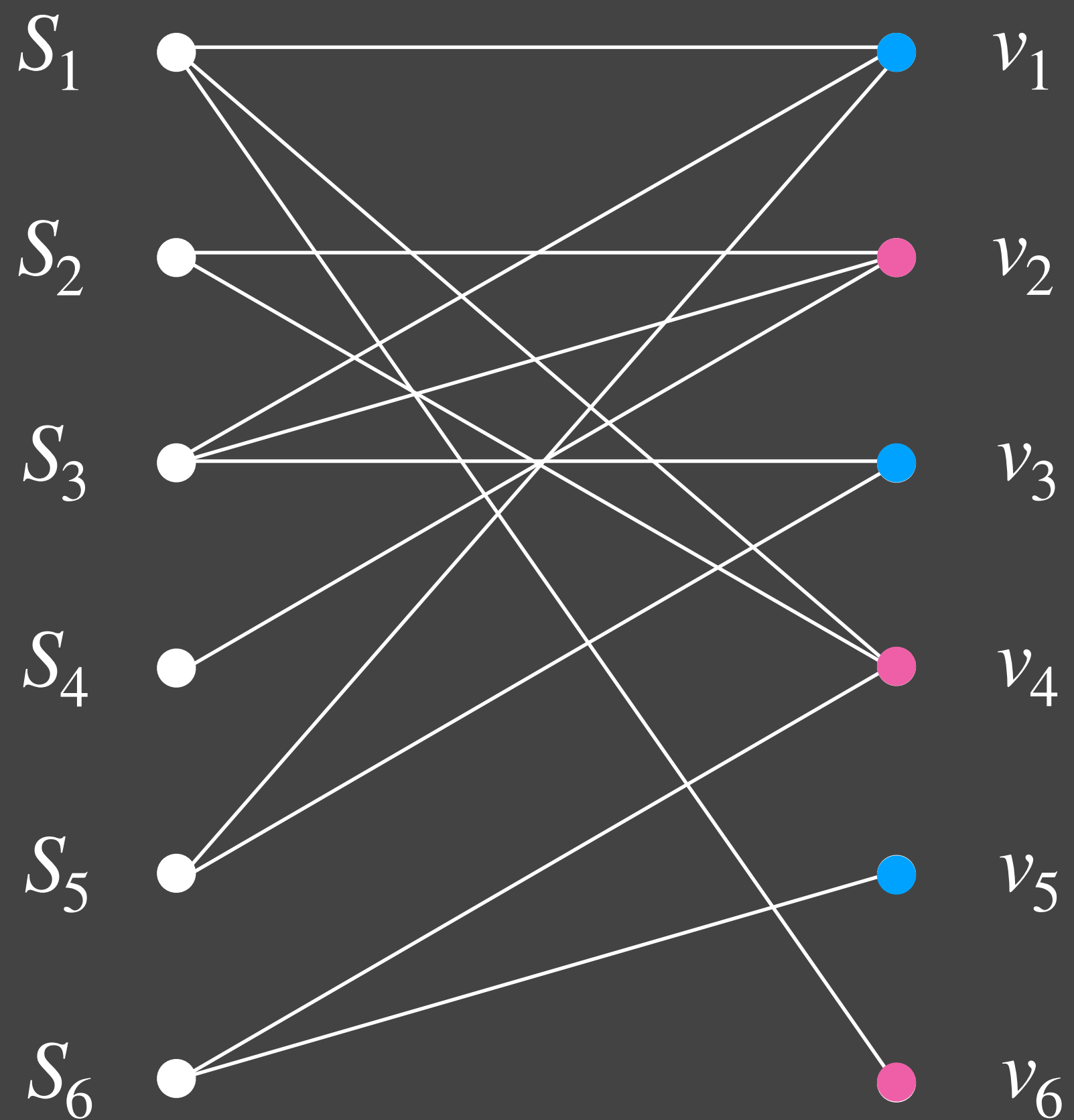
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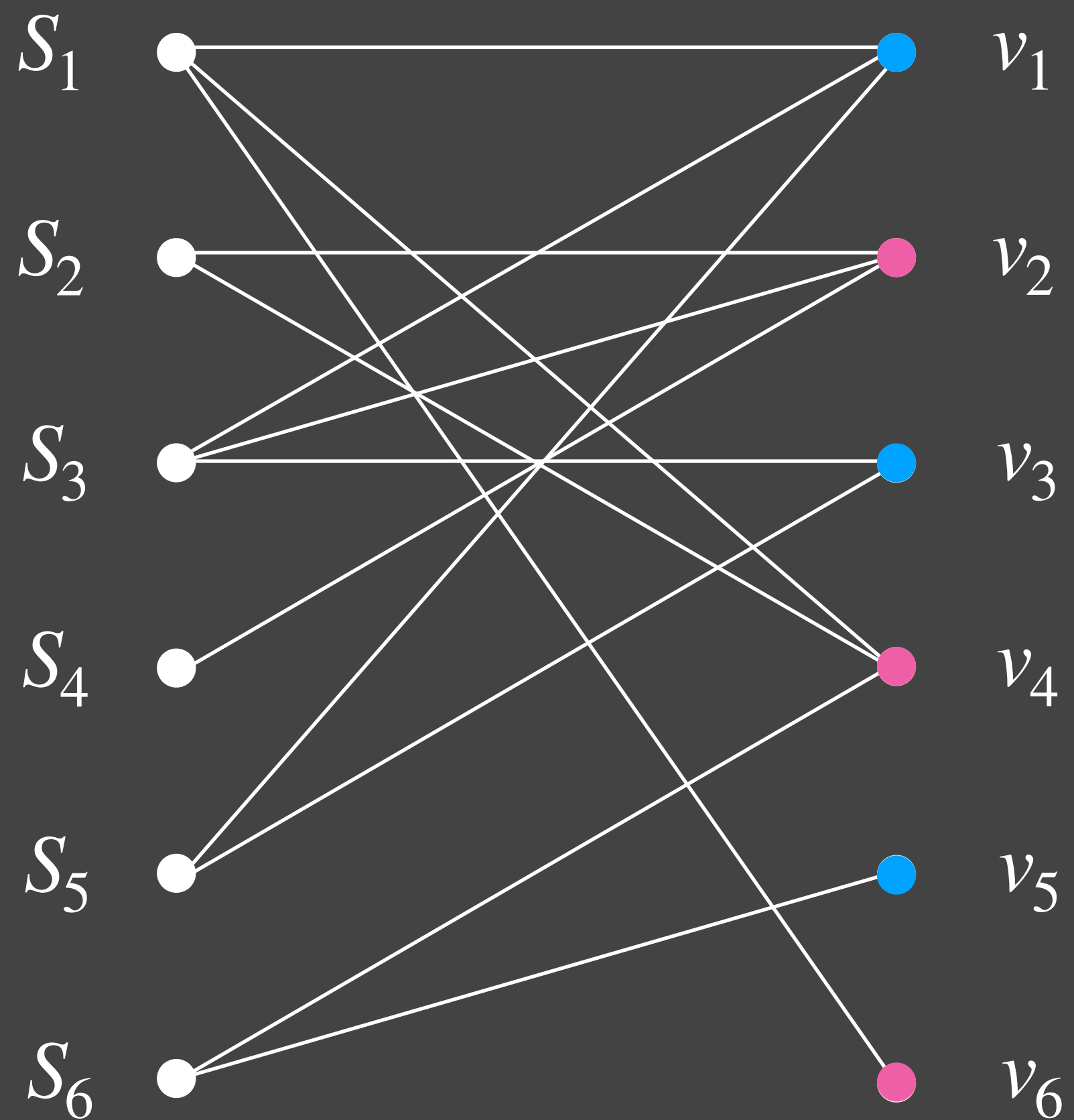
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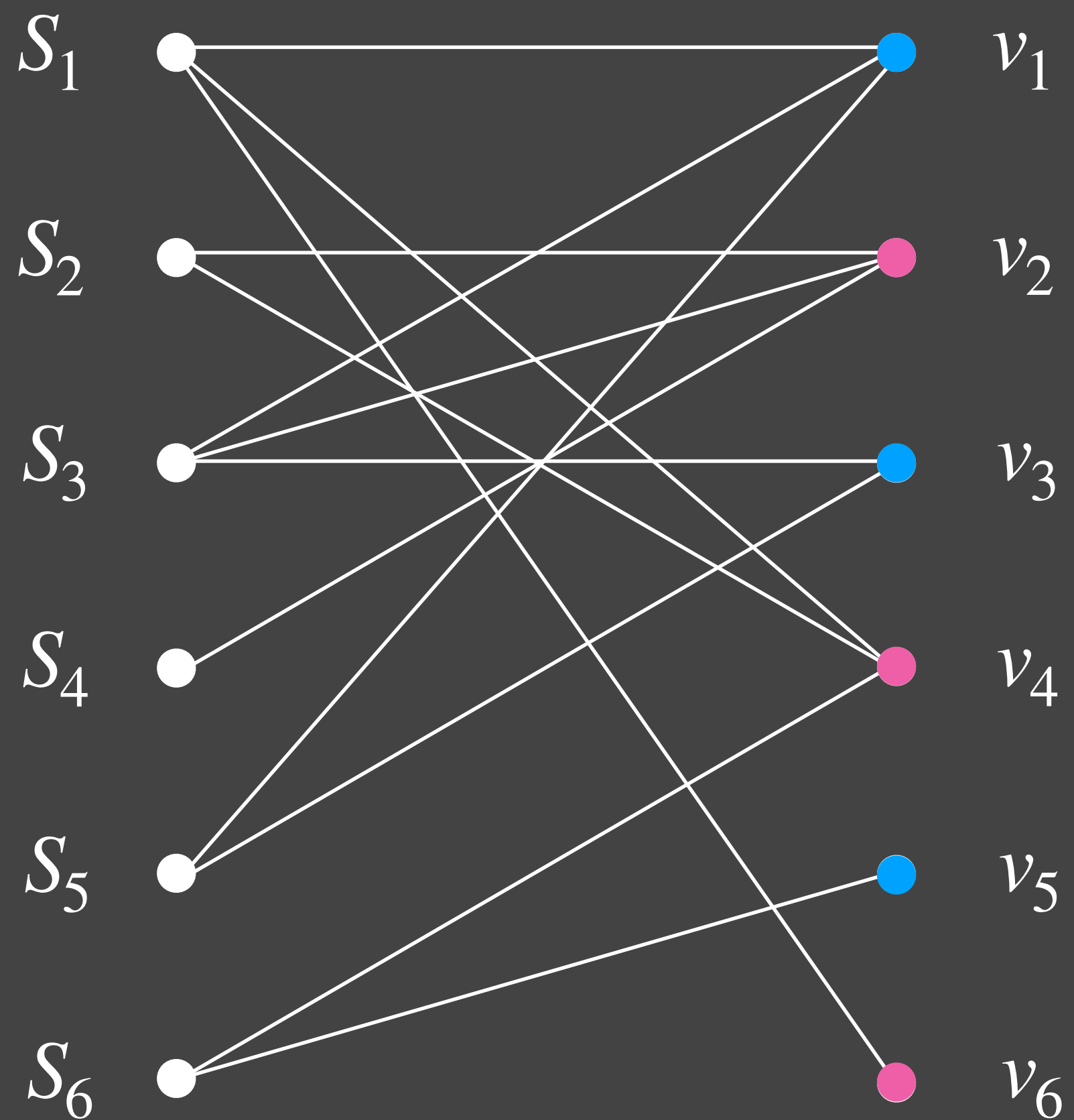


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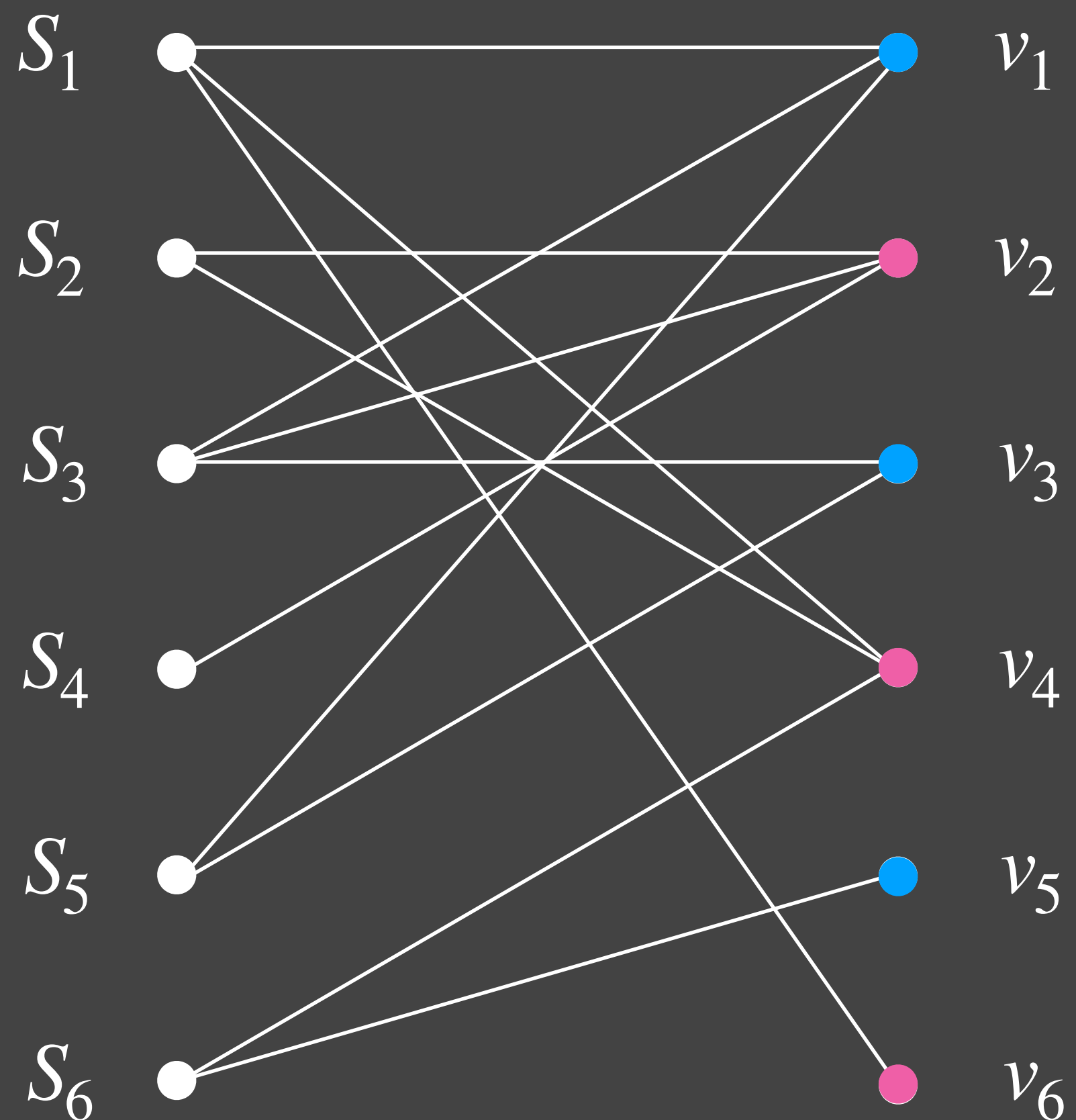
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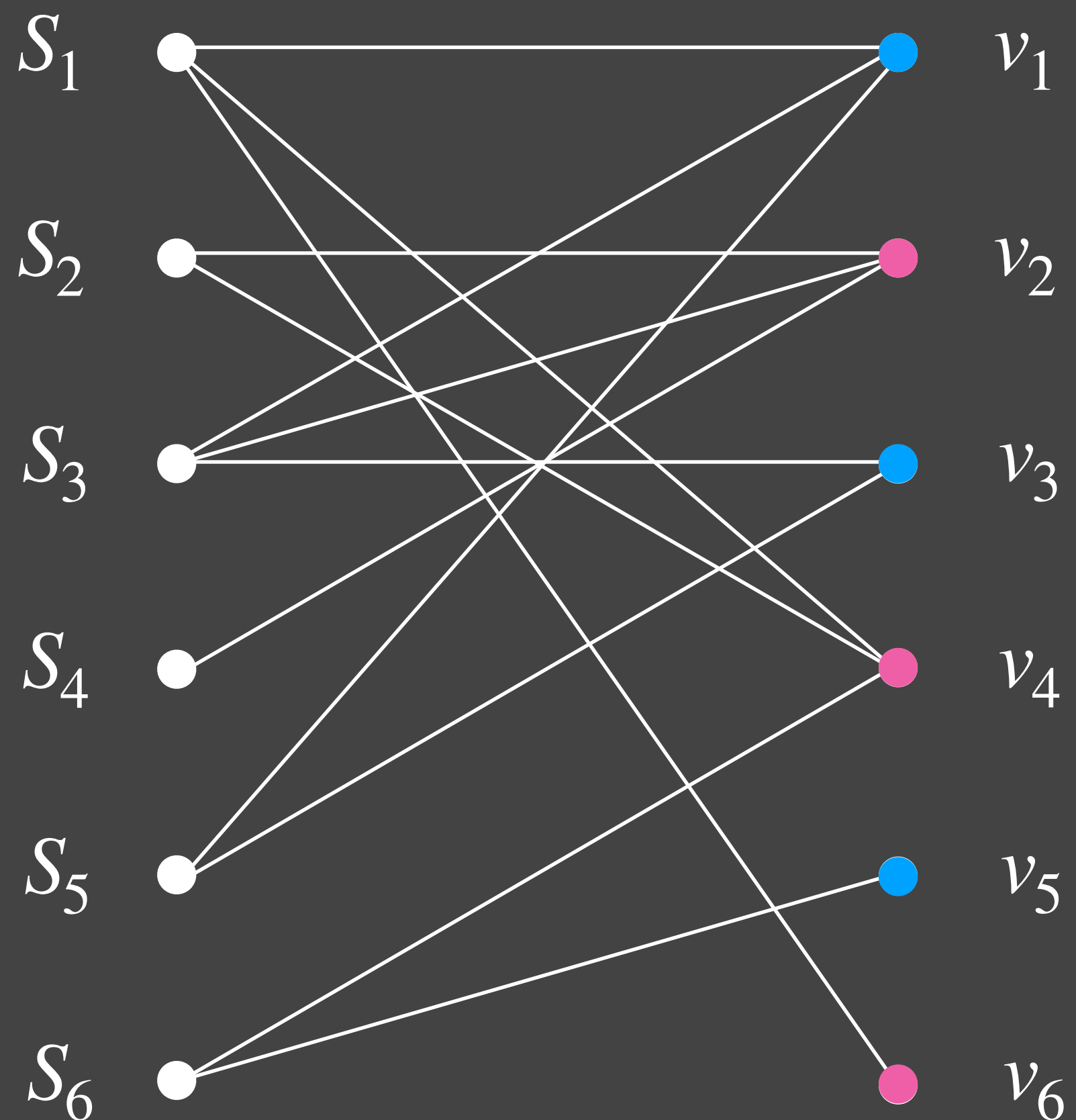
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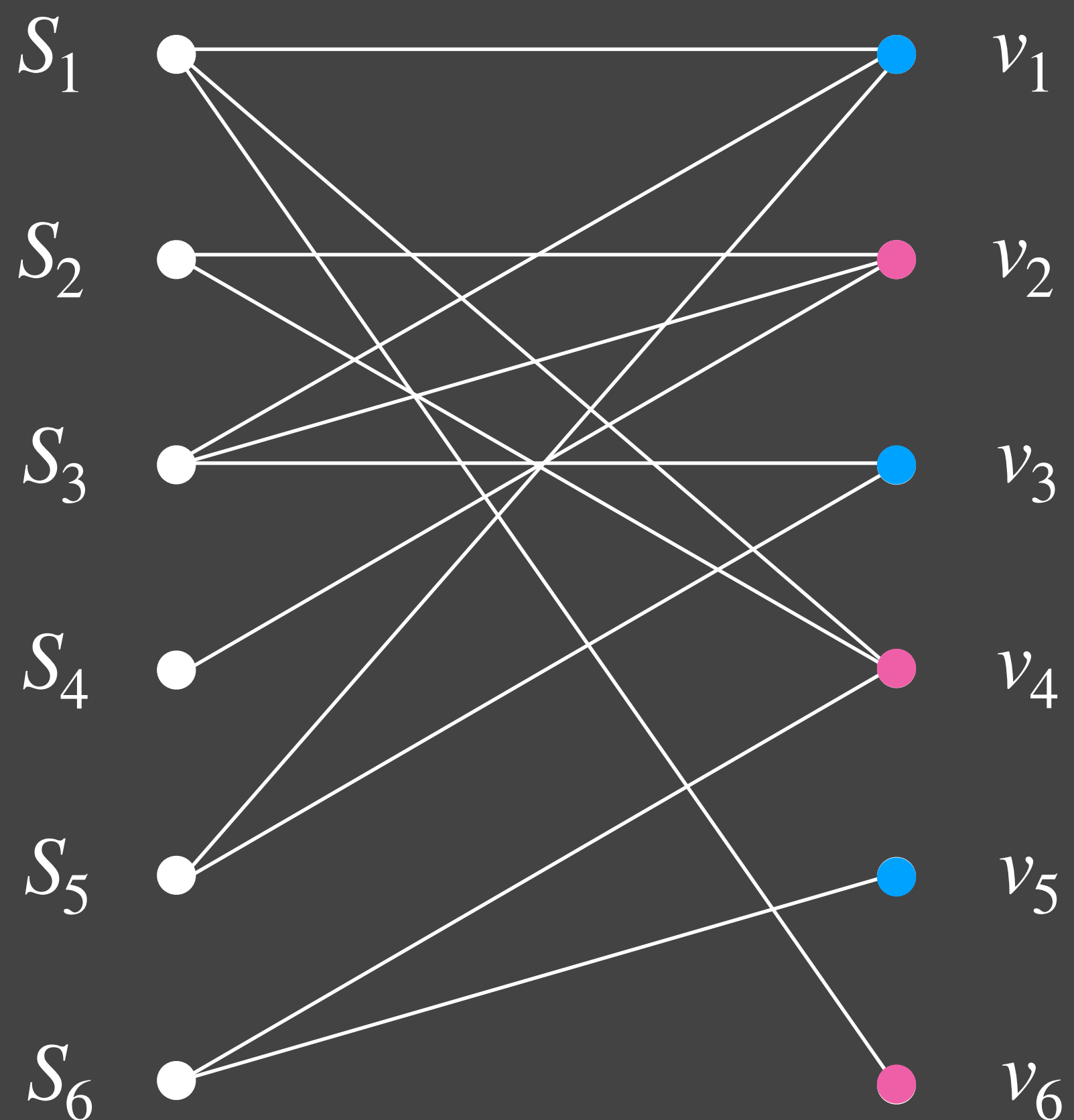
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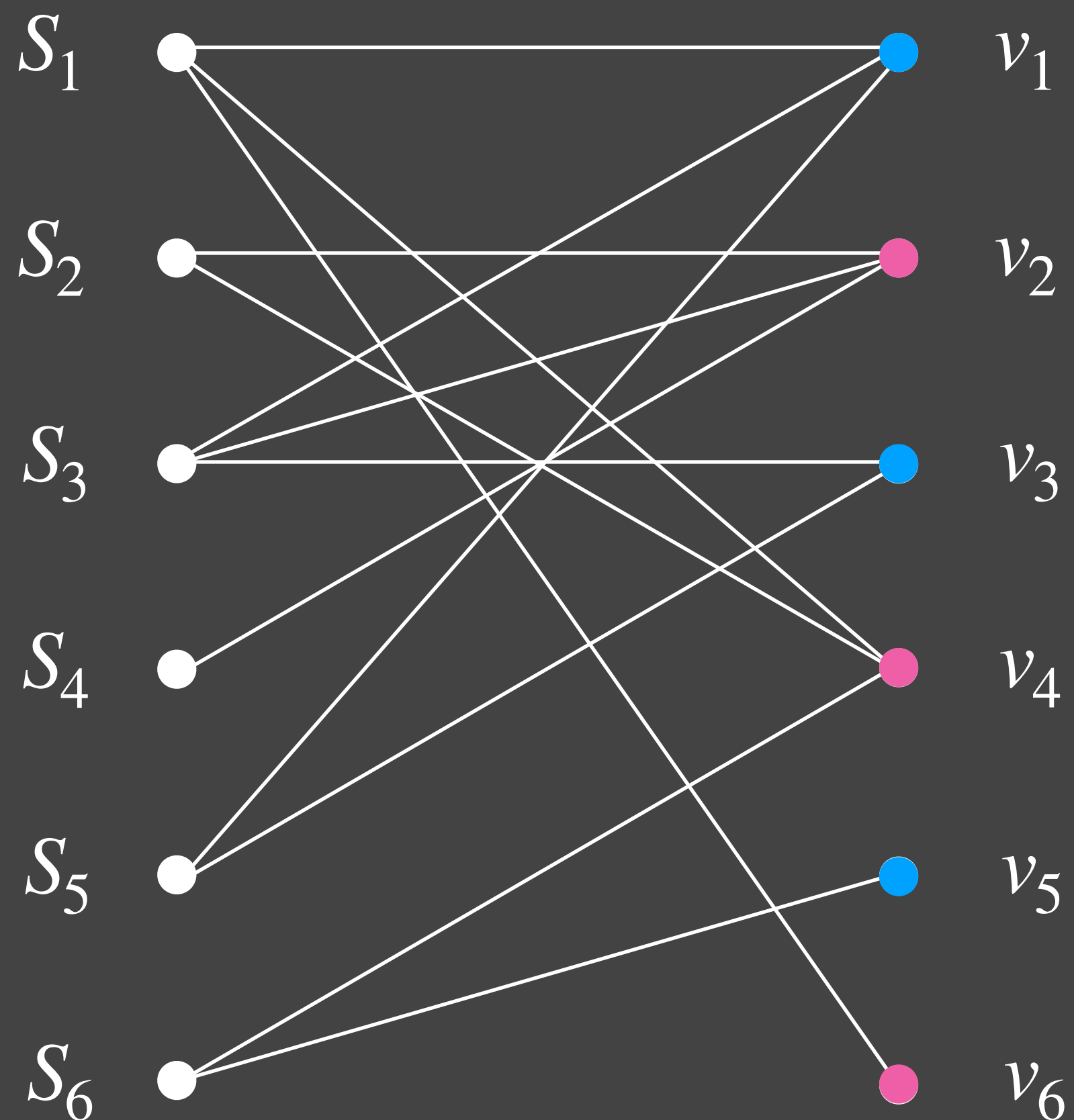
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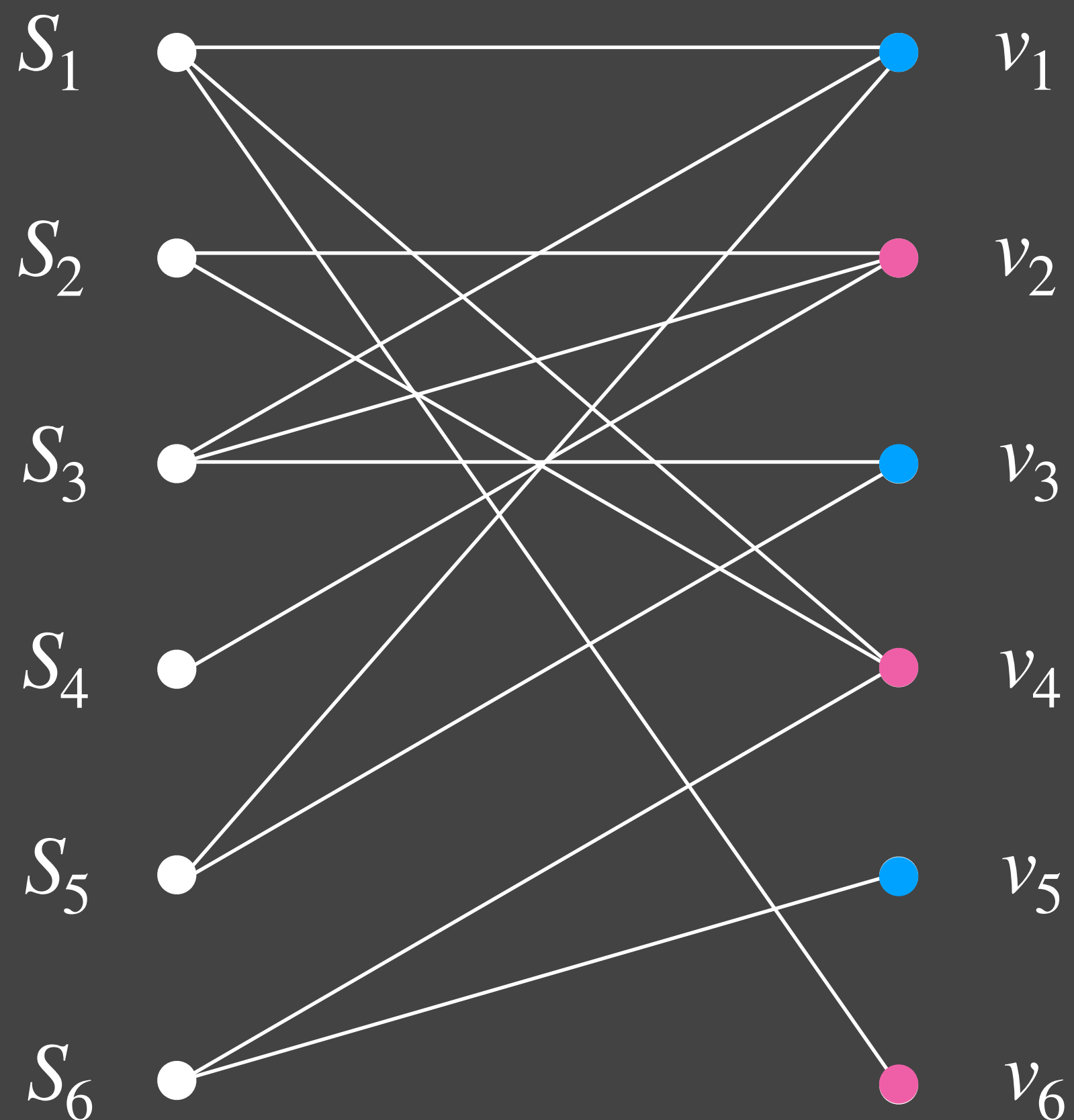
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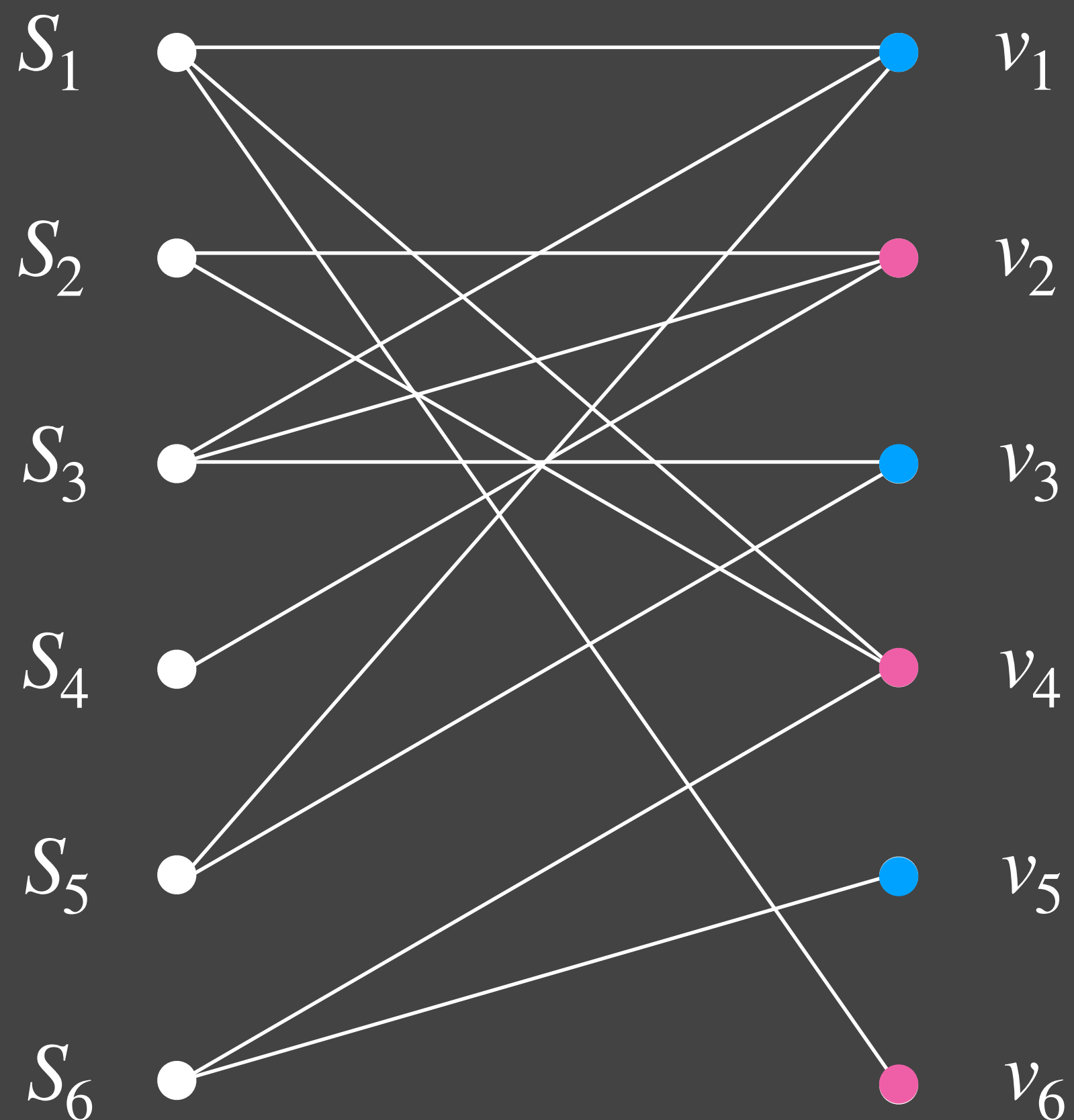
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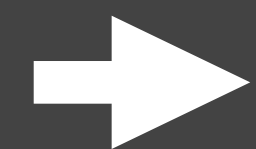
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