



INTRODUCTION TO QUANTUM ANNEALING

Formulating and solve QUBO Problems

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The technique of simulated annealing (SA) was first proposed by Kirkpatrick *et al.* [1] as a general method to solve optimization problems. The idea is to use thermal fluctuations to allow the system to escape from local minima of the cost function so that the system reaches the global minimum under an appropriate annealing schedule (the rate of decrease of temperature). If the temperature is decreased too quickly, the system may become trapped in a local minimum. Too slow annealing, on the other hand, is practically useless although such a process would certainly bring the system to the global minimum. Geman and Geman proved a theorem on the annealing schedule for a generic problem of combinatorial optimization [2]. They showed that any system reaches the global minimum of the cost function asymptotically if the temperature is decreased as $T = c/\ln t$ or slower, where c is a constant determined by the system size and other structures of the cost function. This bound on the annealing schedule may be the optimal one under generic con-

specific model system, rather than to develop a general argument, to gain insight into the role of quantum fluctuations in the situation of optimization problem. Quantum effects have been found to play a very similar role to thermal fluctuations in the Hopfield model in a transverse field in thermal equilibrium [5]. This observation motivates us to investigate dynamical properties of the Ising model under quantum fluctuations in the form of a transverse field. We therefore discuss in this paper the transverse Ising model with a variety of exchange interactions. The transverse field controls the rate of transition between states and thus plays the same role as the temperature does in SA. We assume that the system has no thermal fluctuations in the QA context and the term "ground state" refers to the lowest-energy state of the Hamiltonian without the transverse field term.

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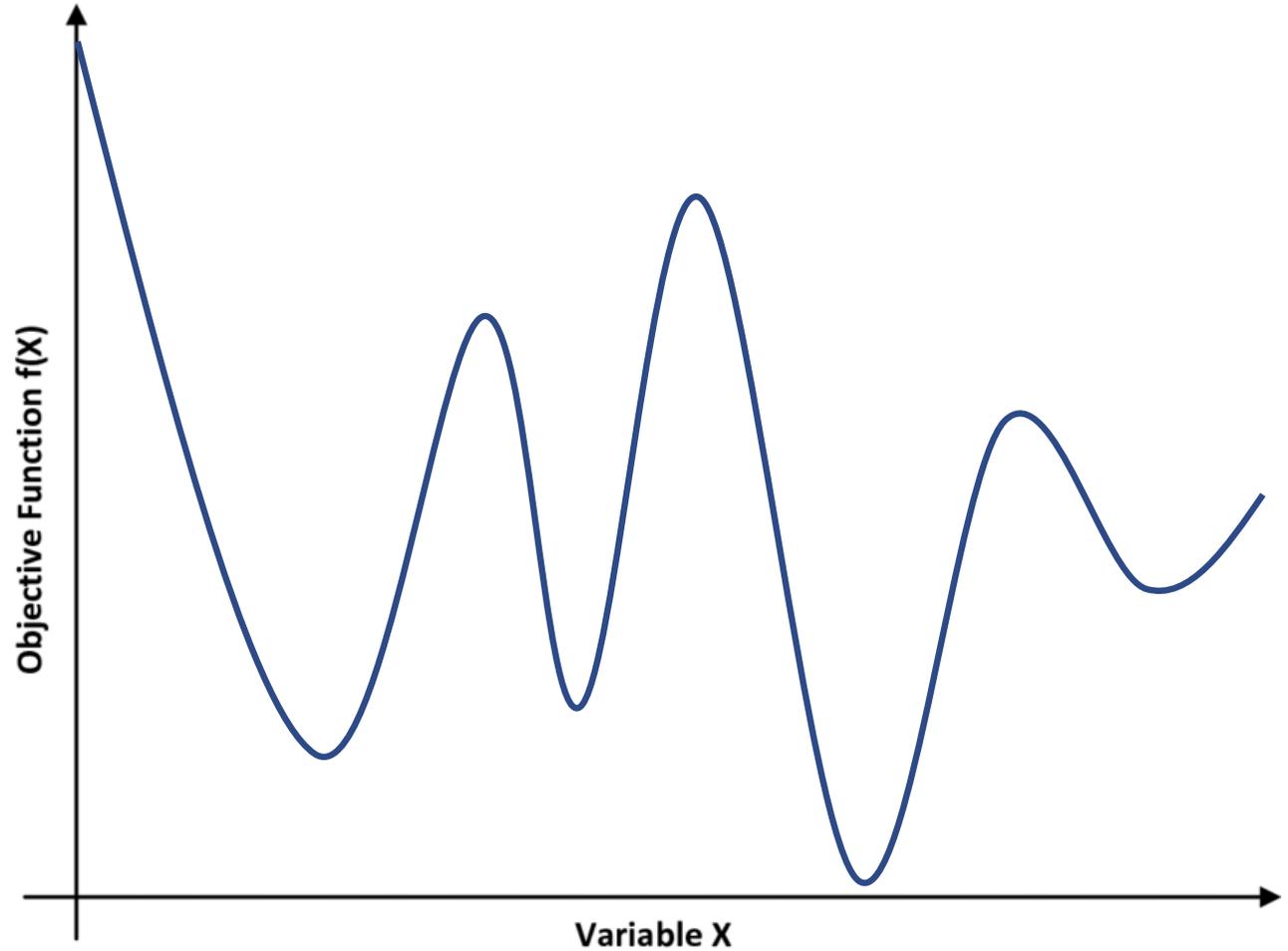
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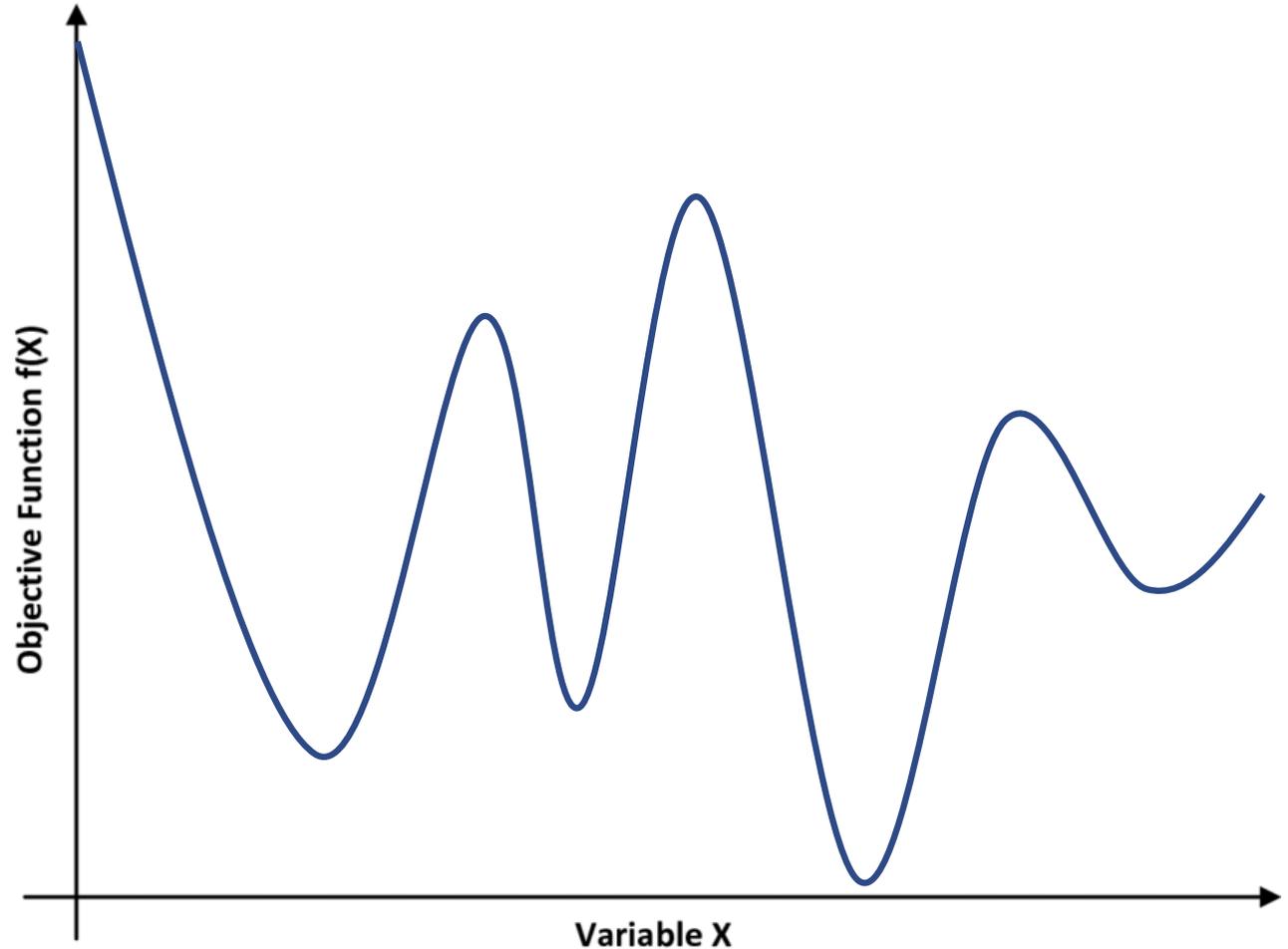
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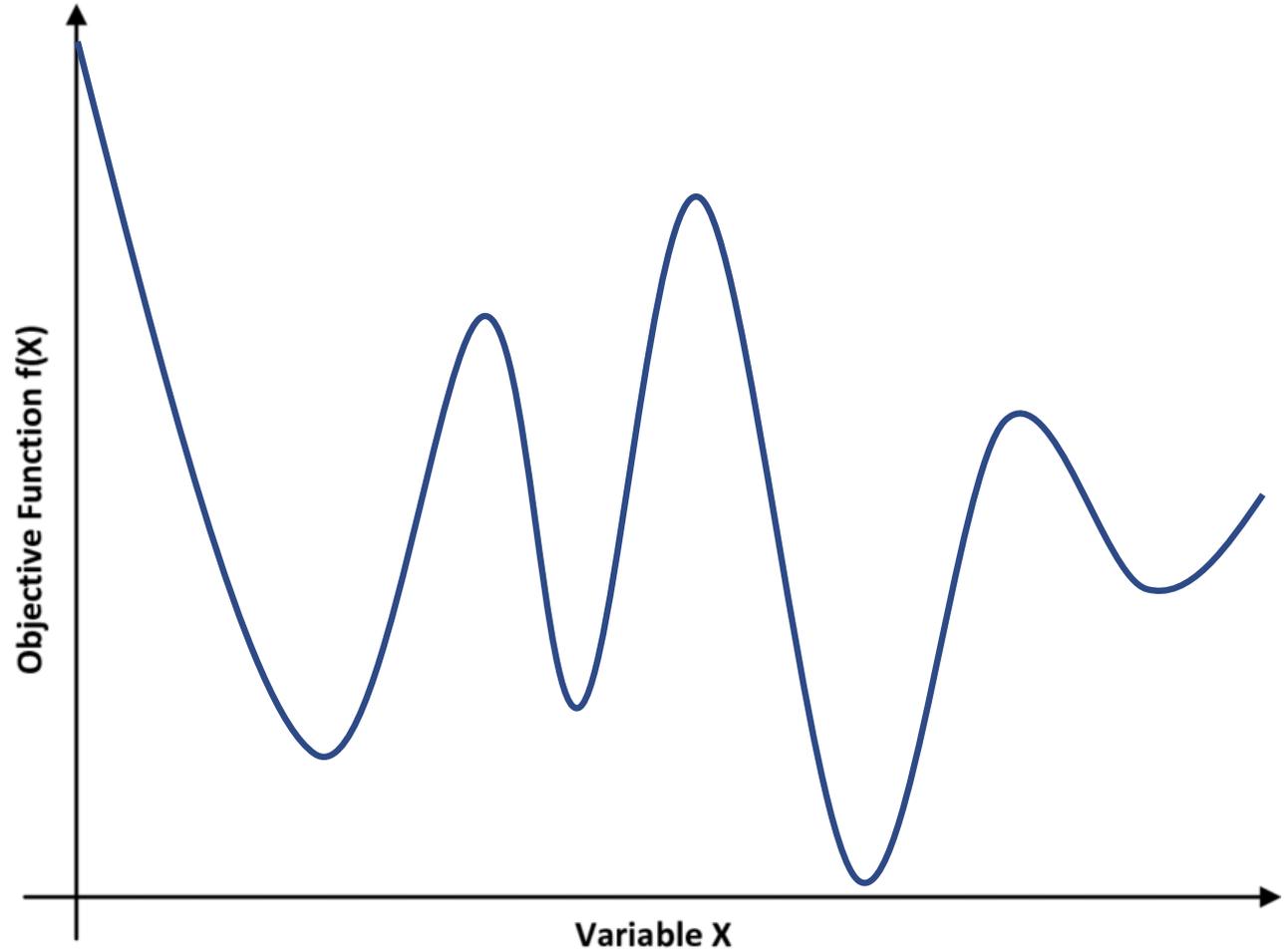
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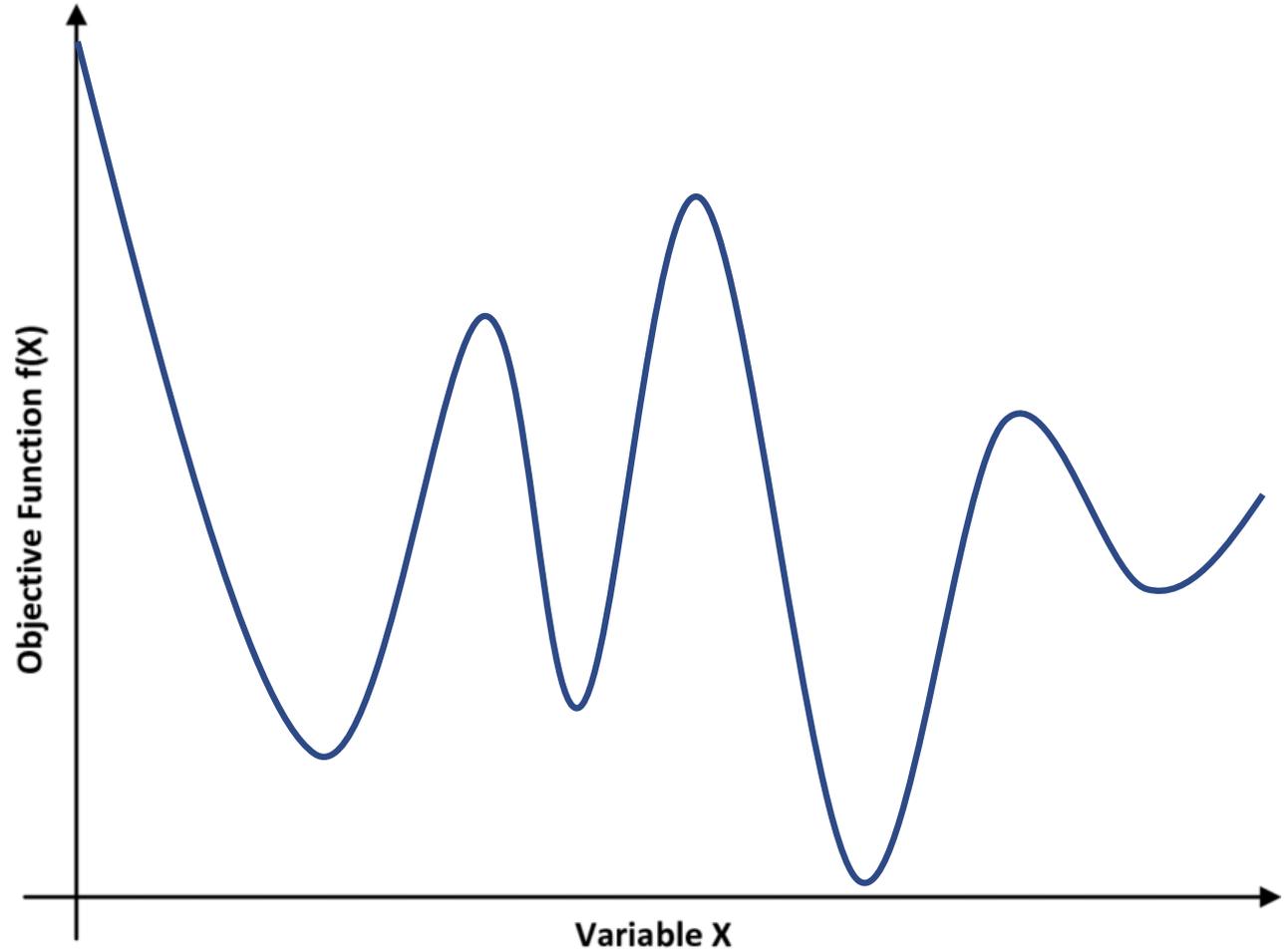
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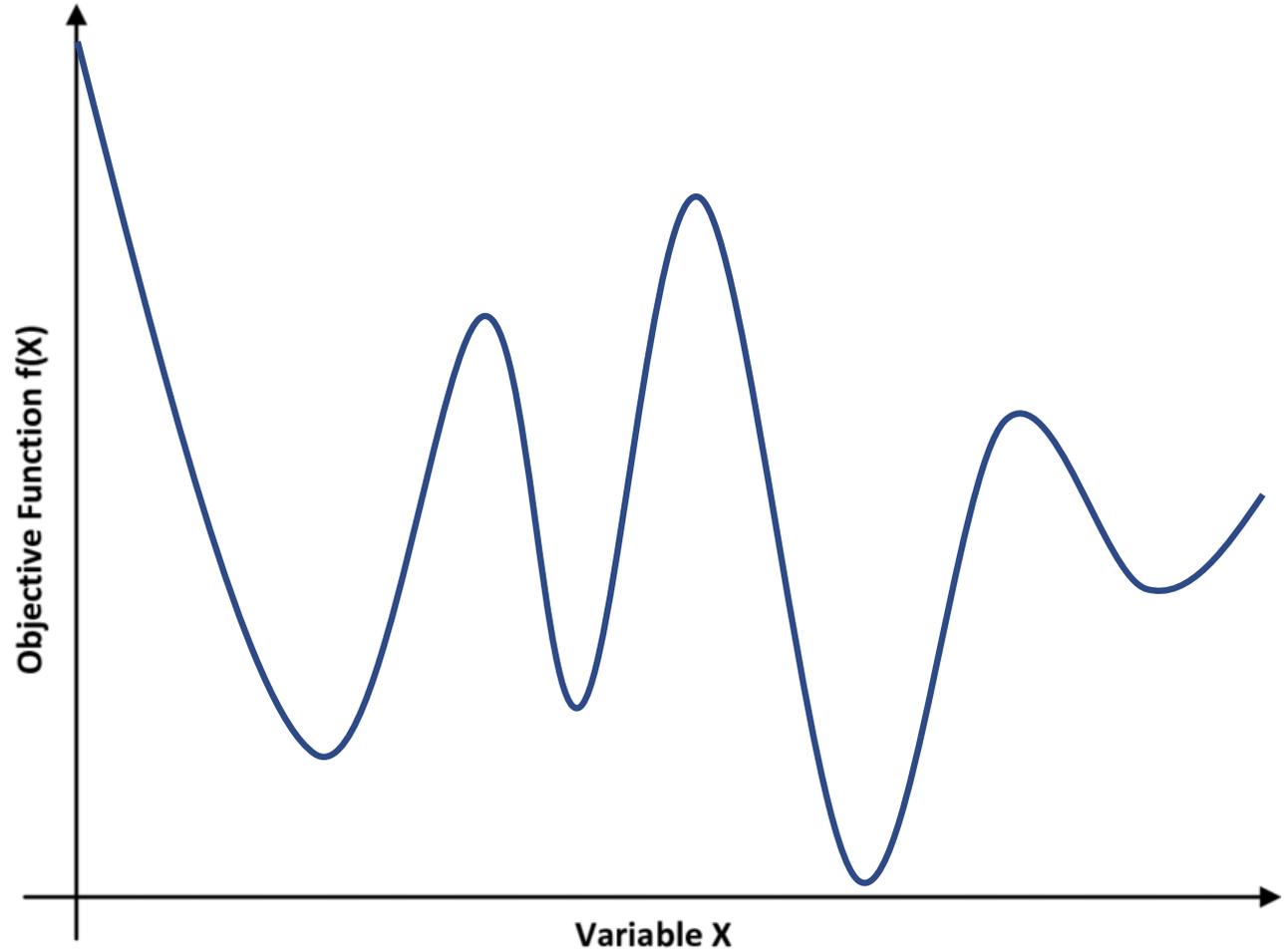
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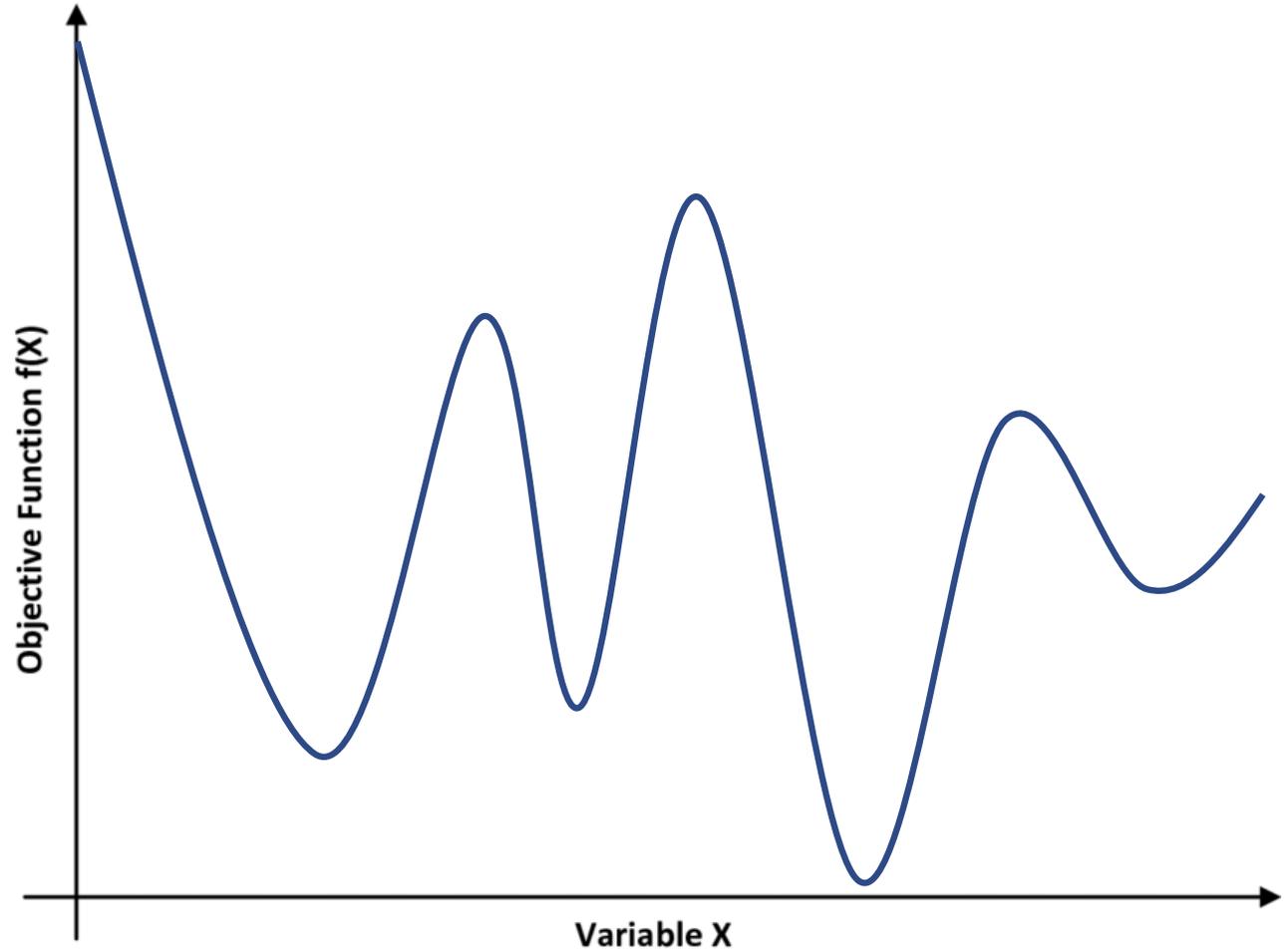
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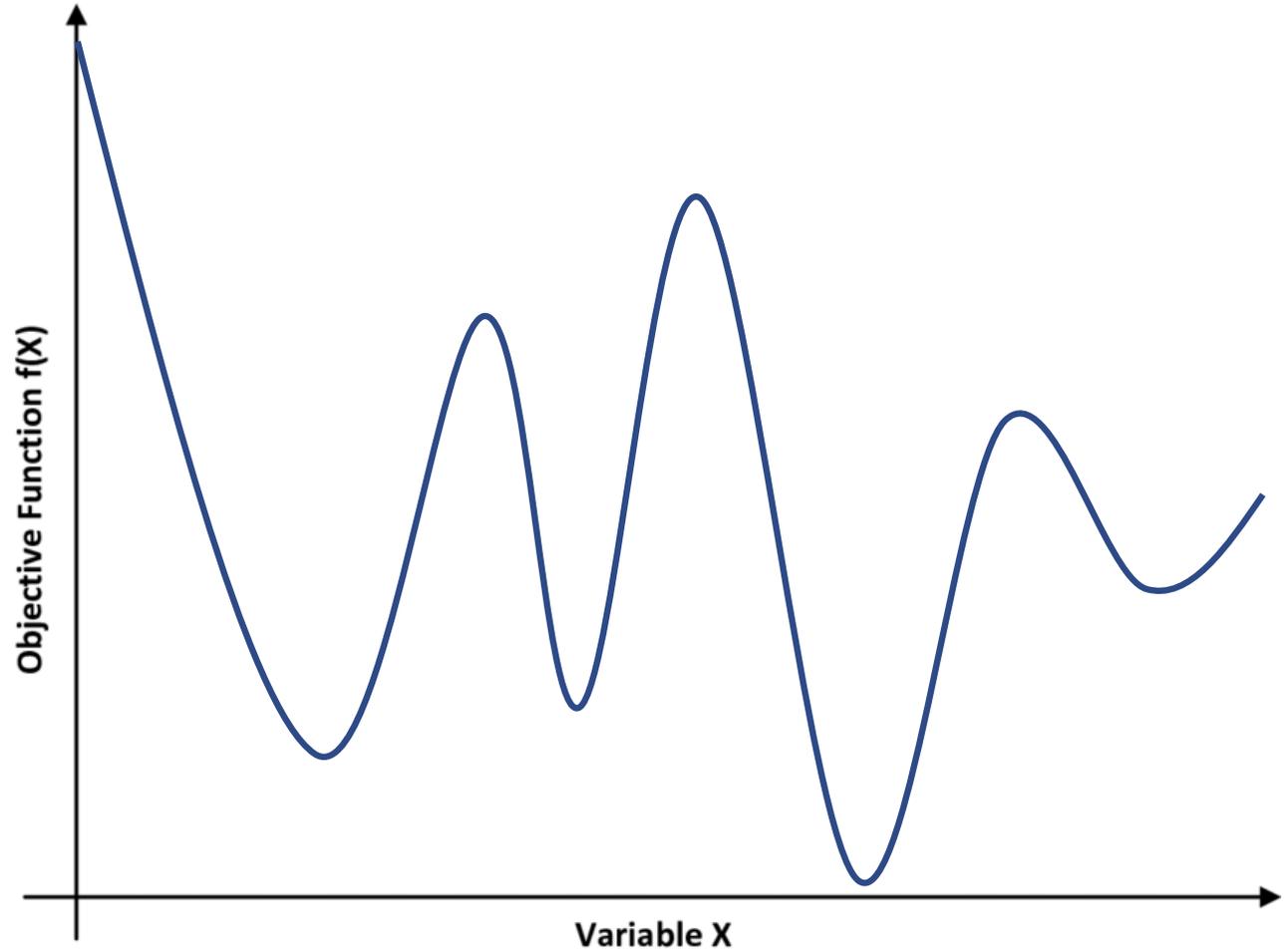
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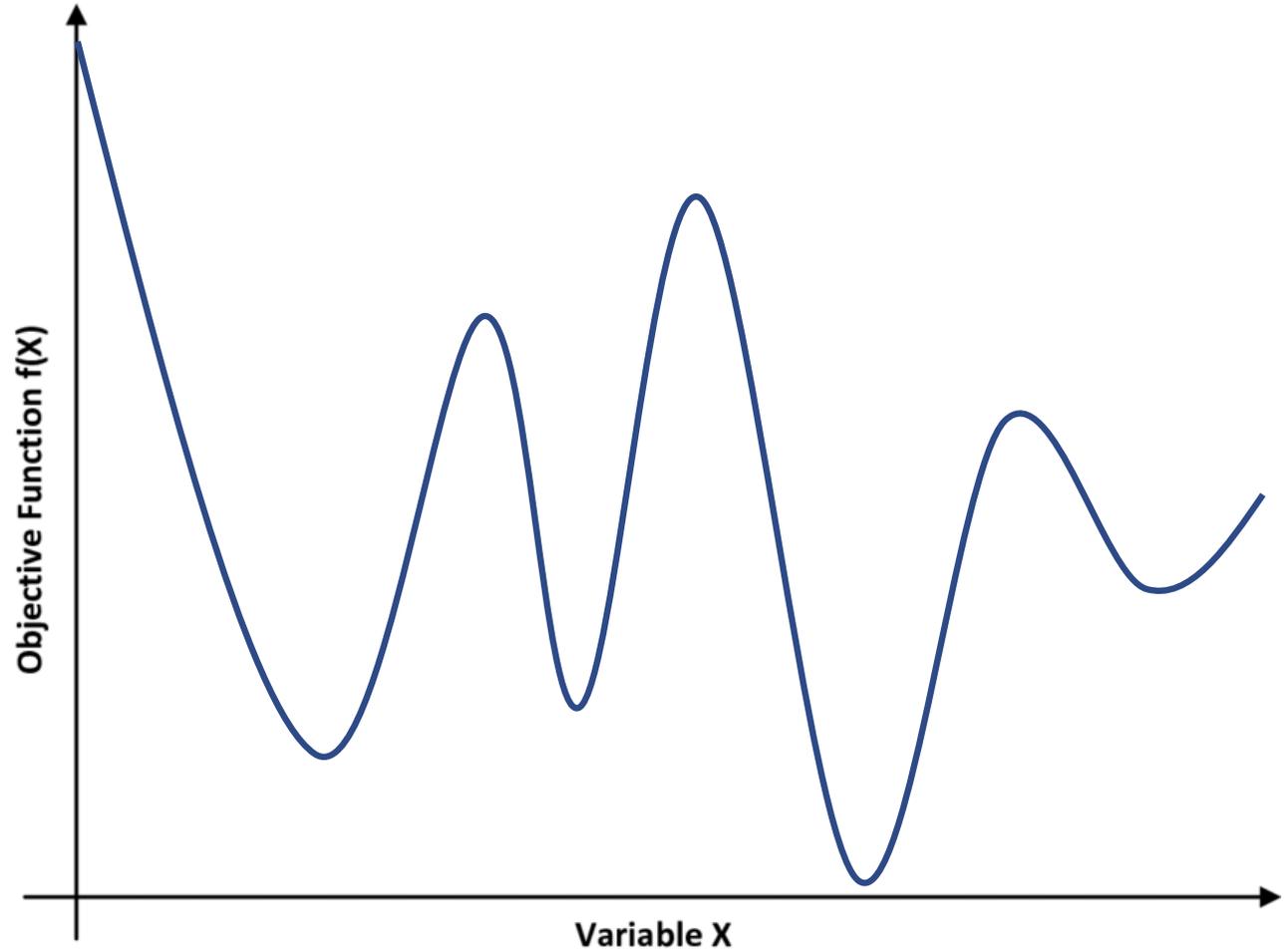
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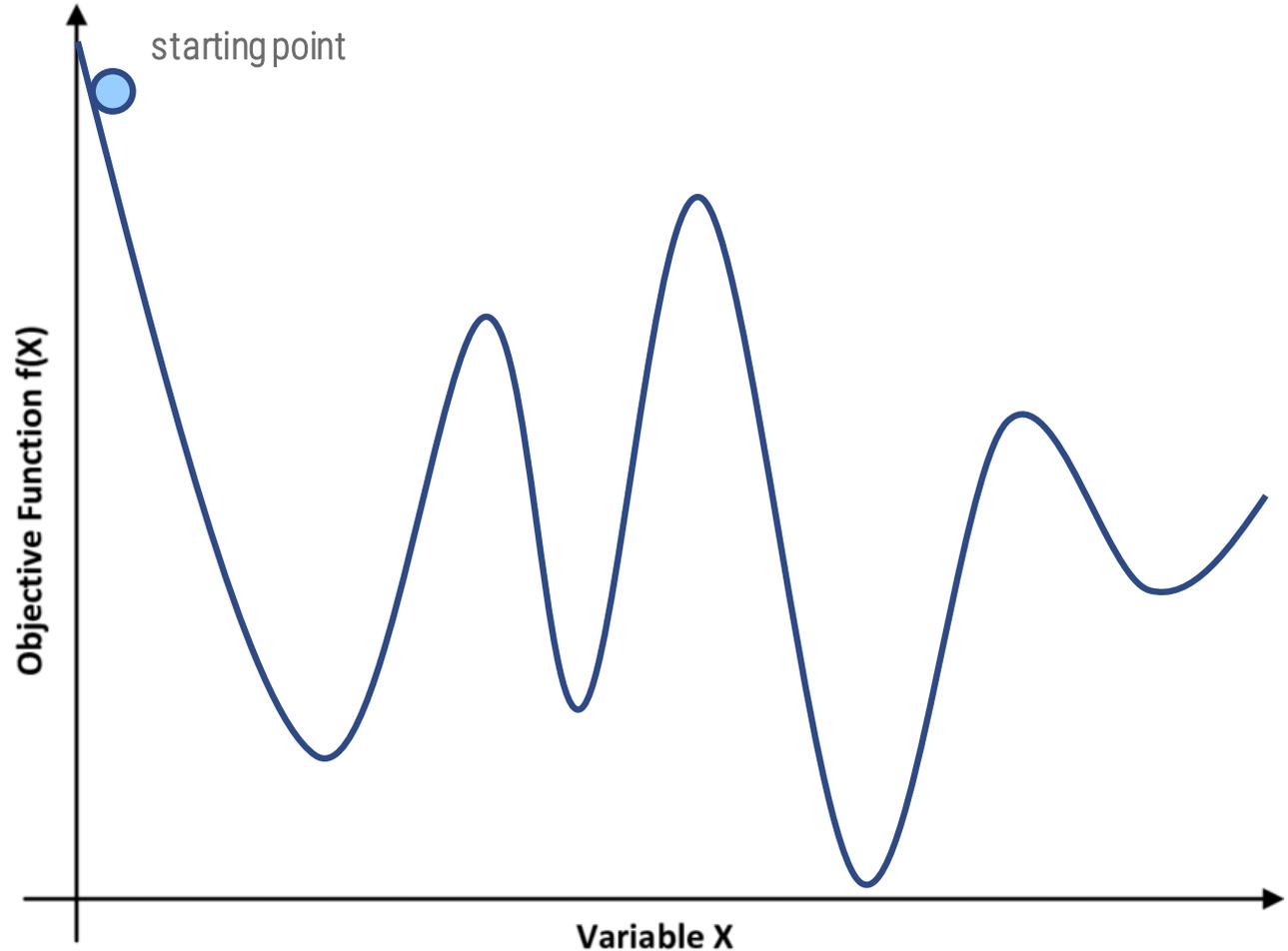
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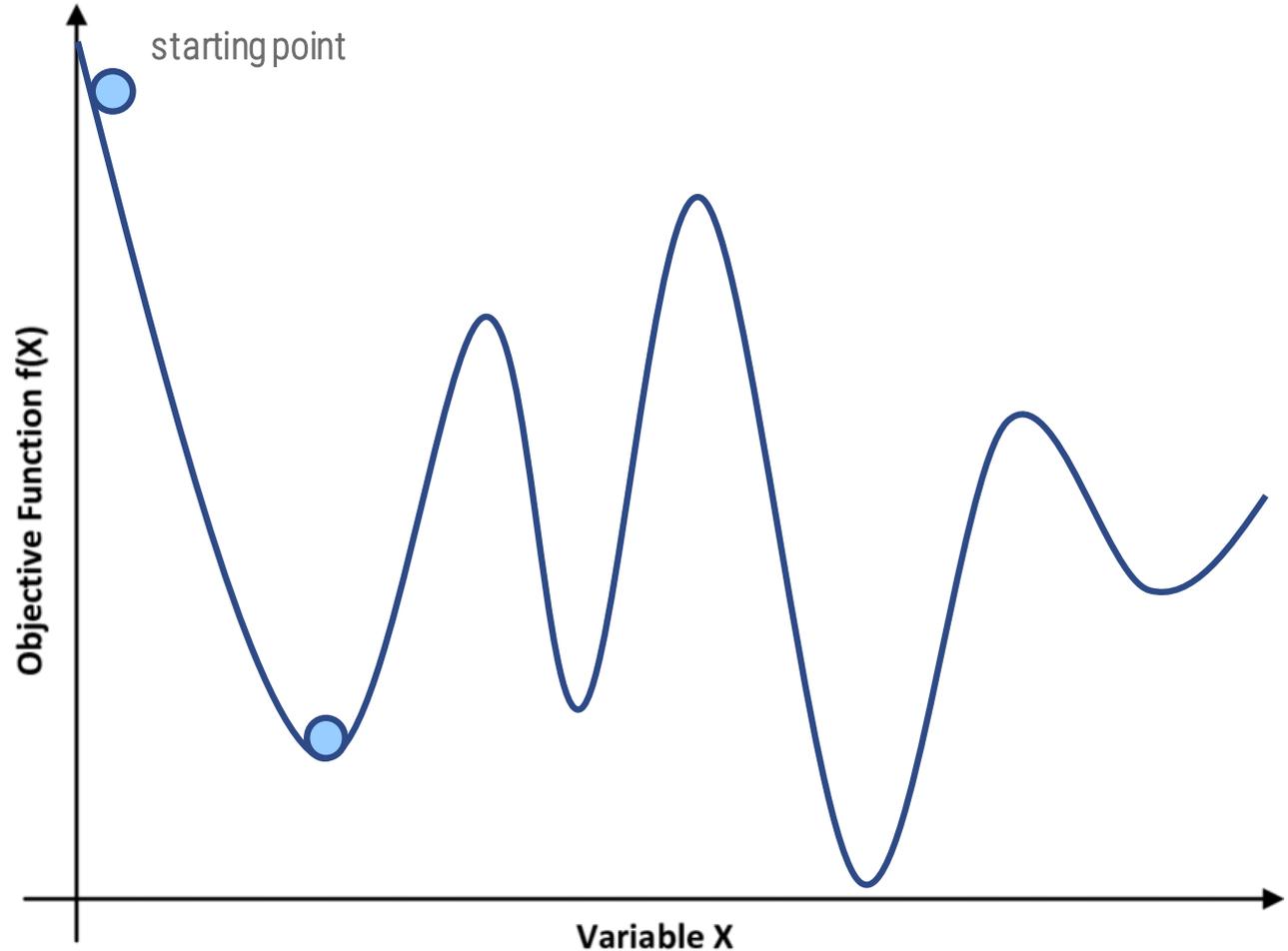
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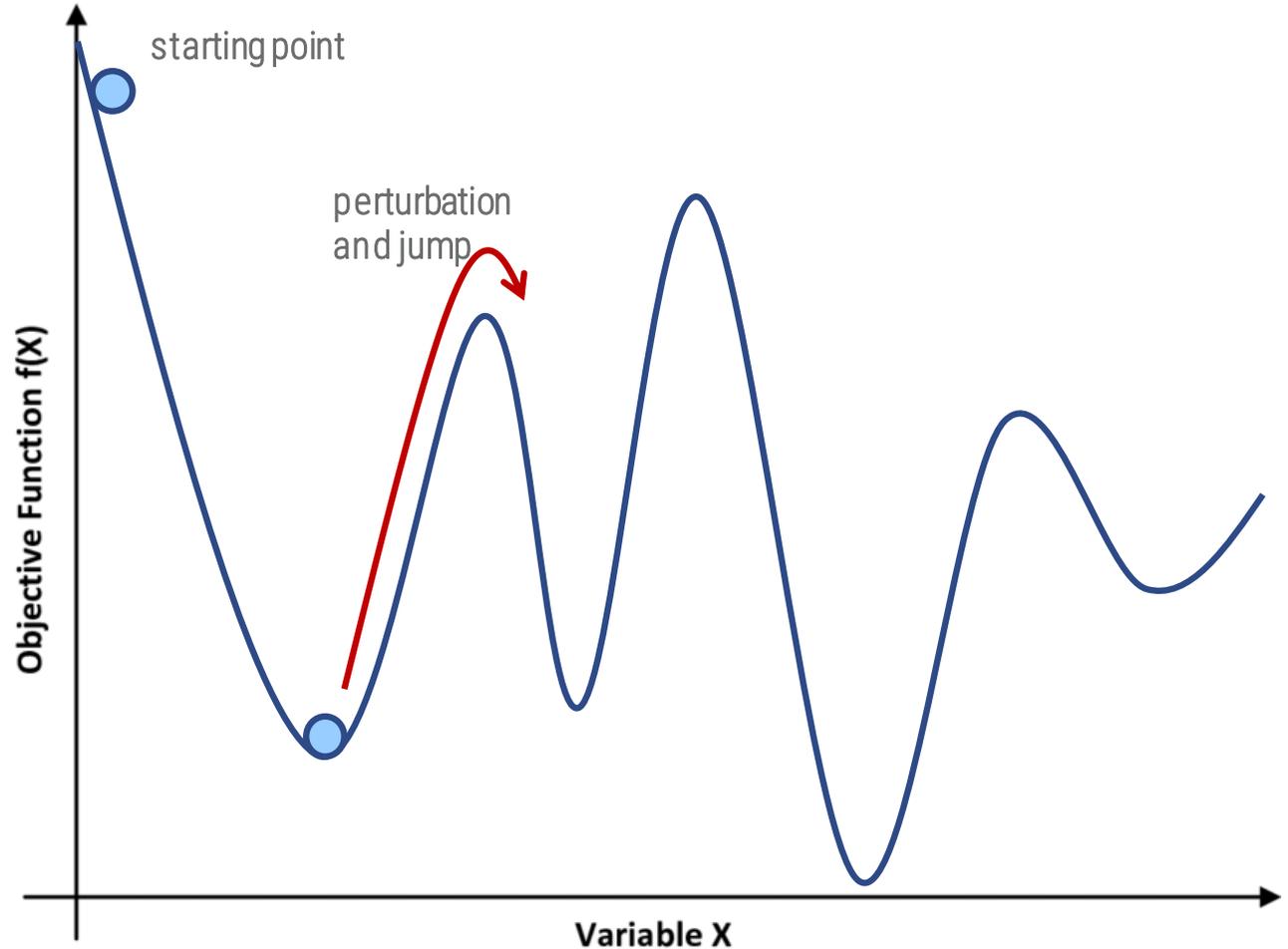
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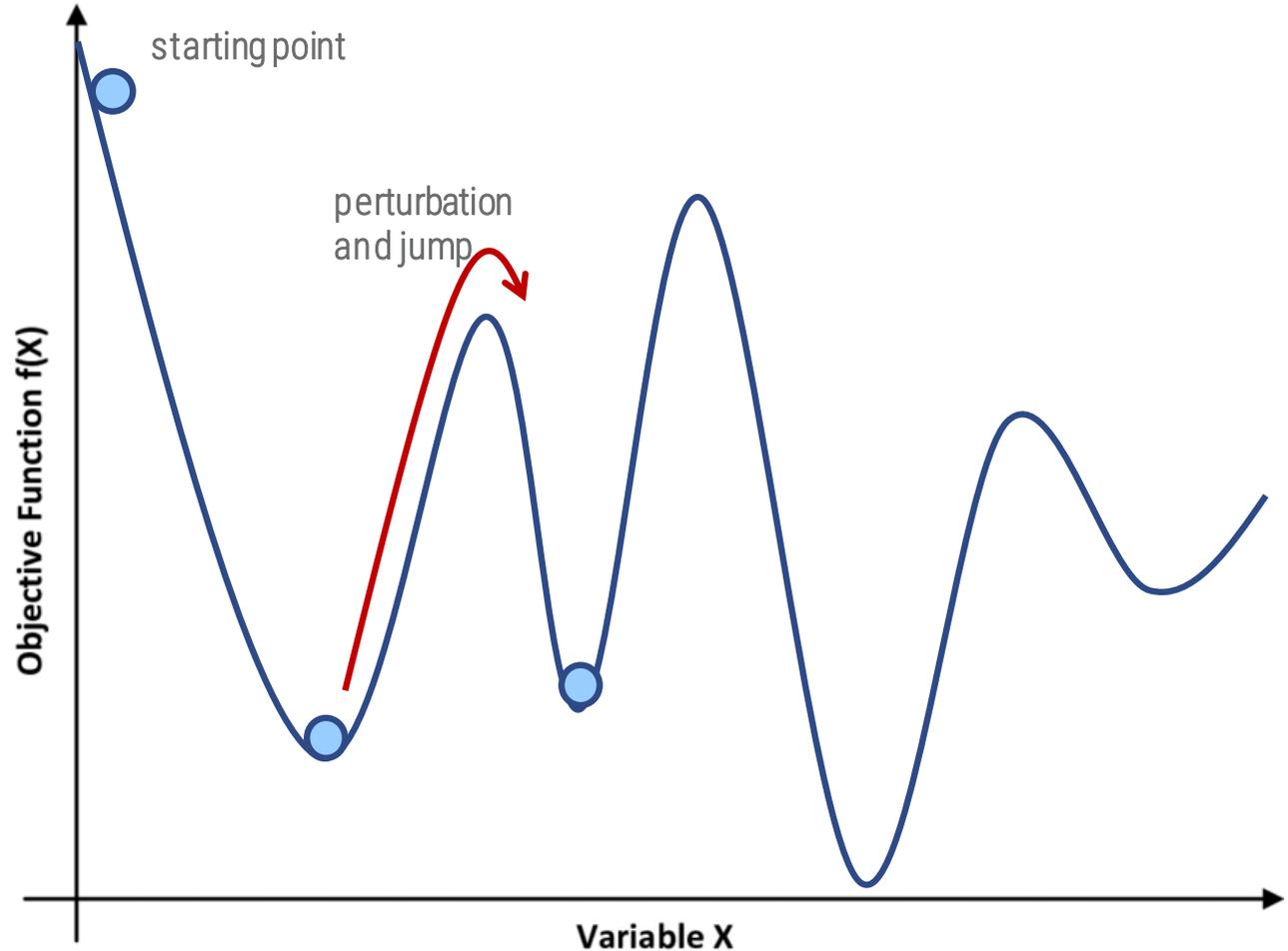
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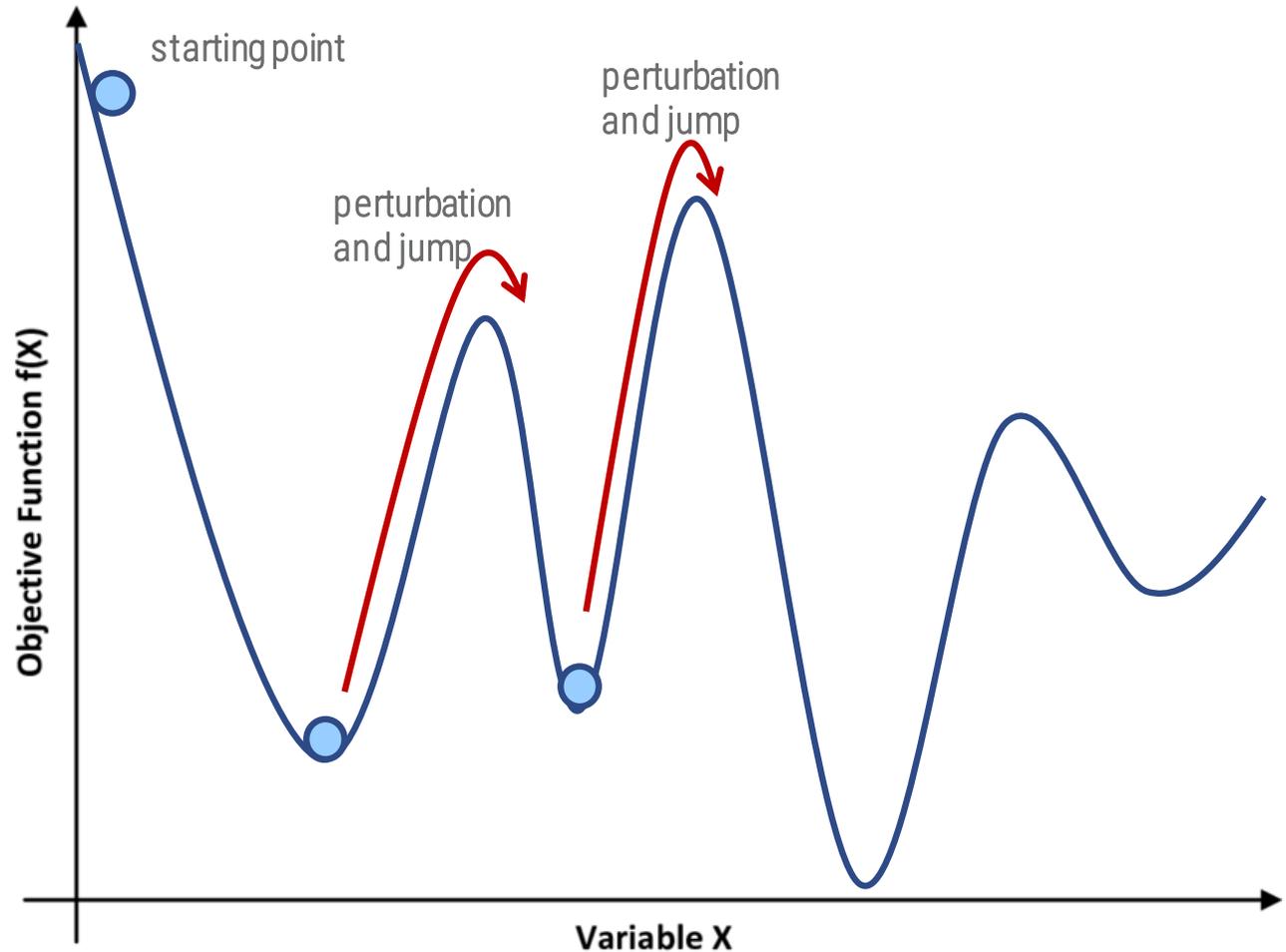
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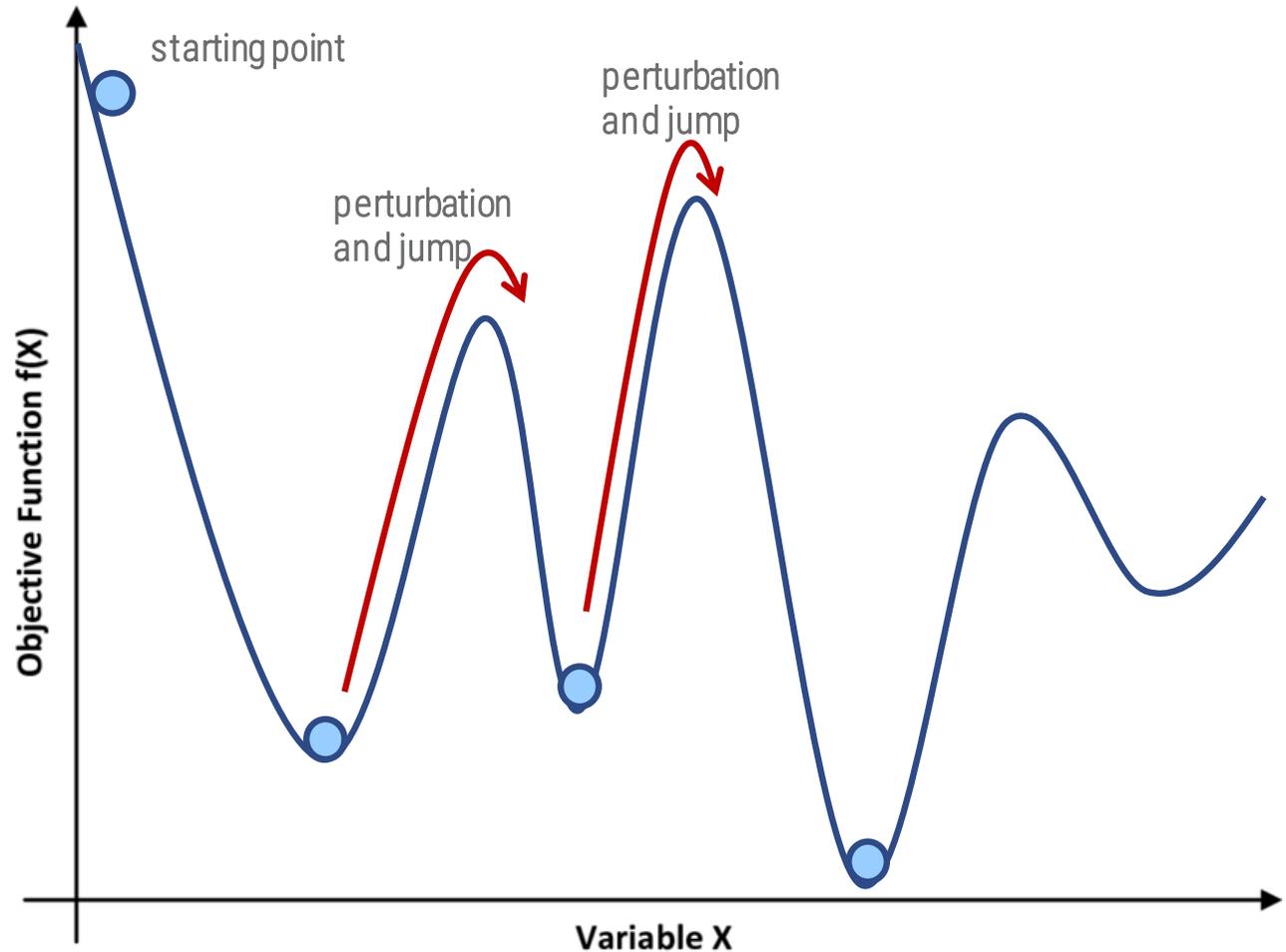
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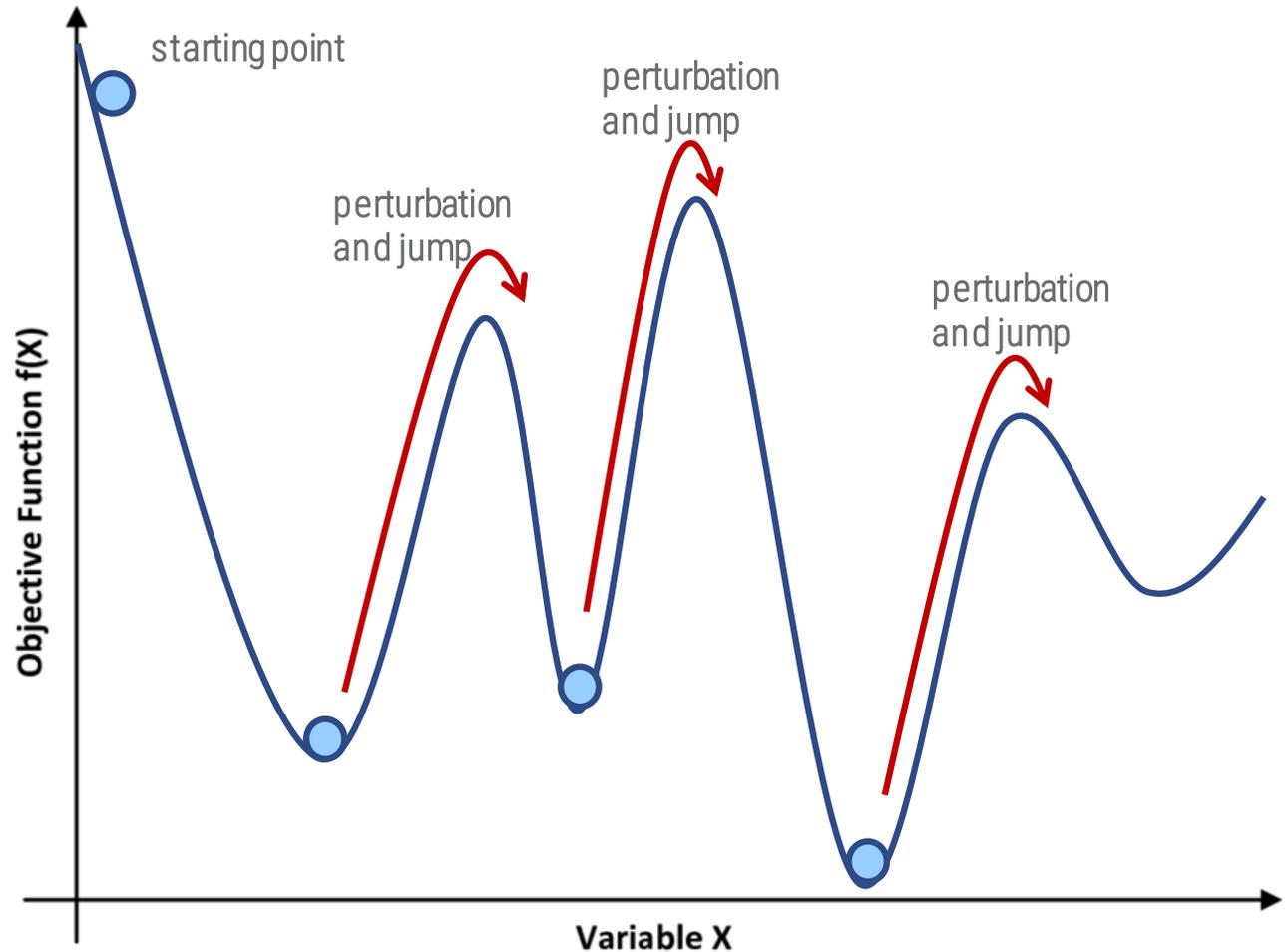
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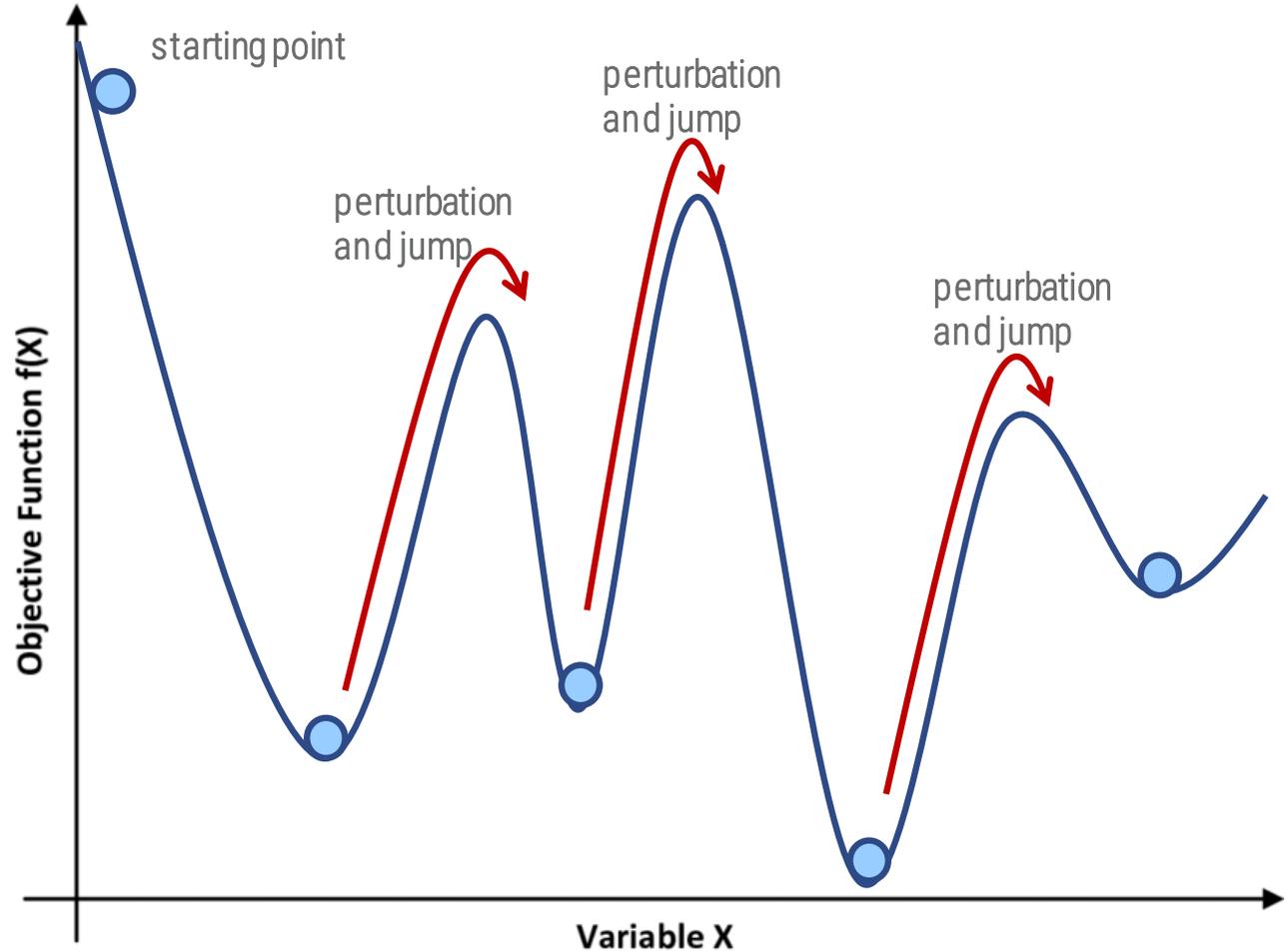
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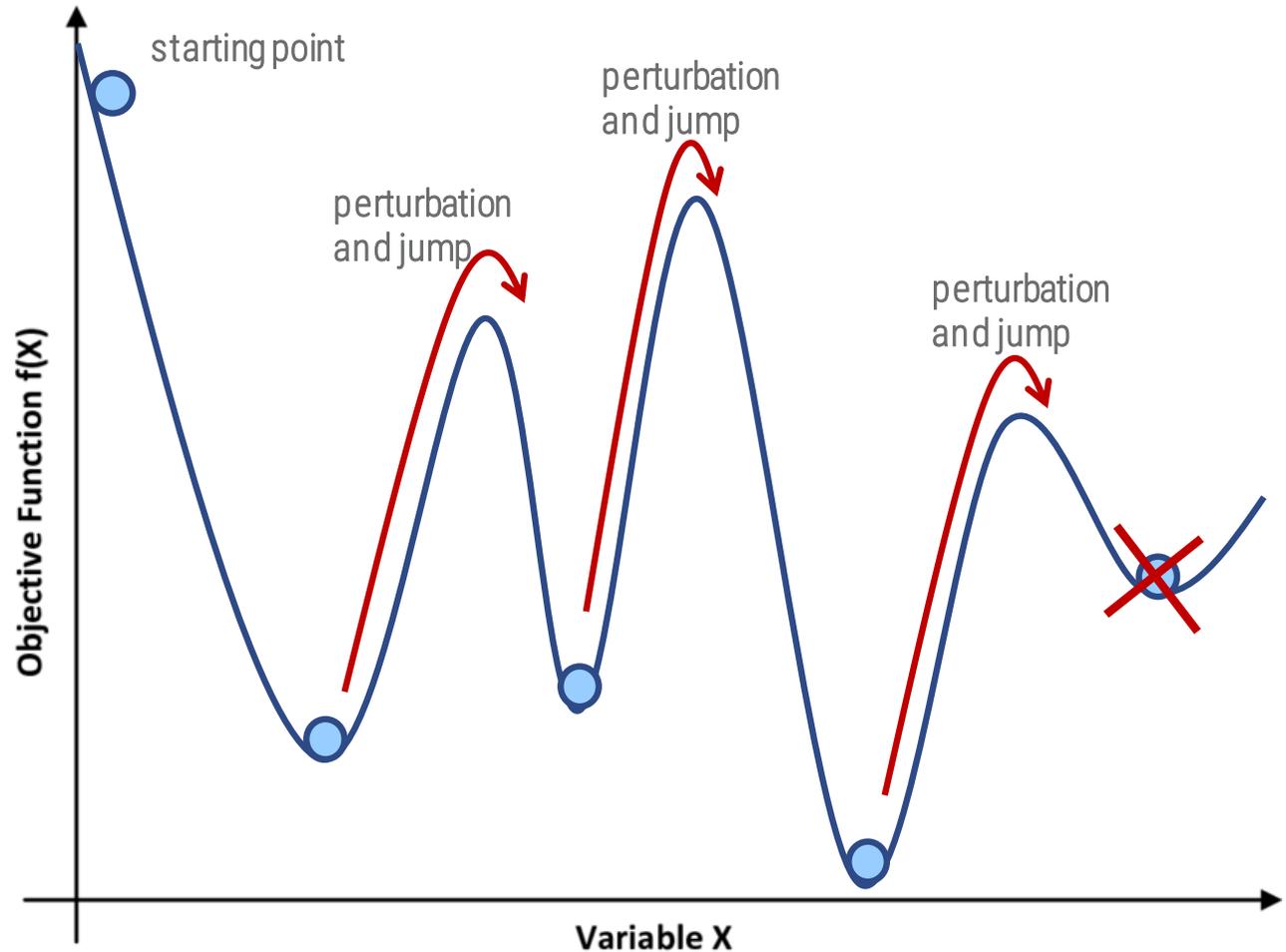
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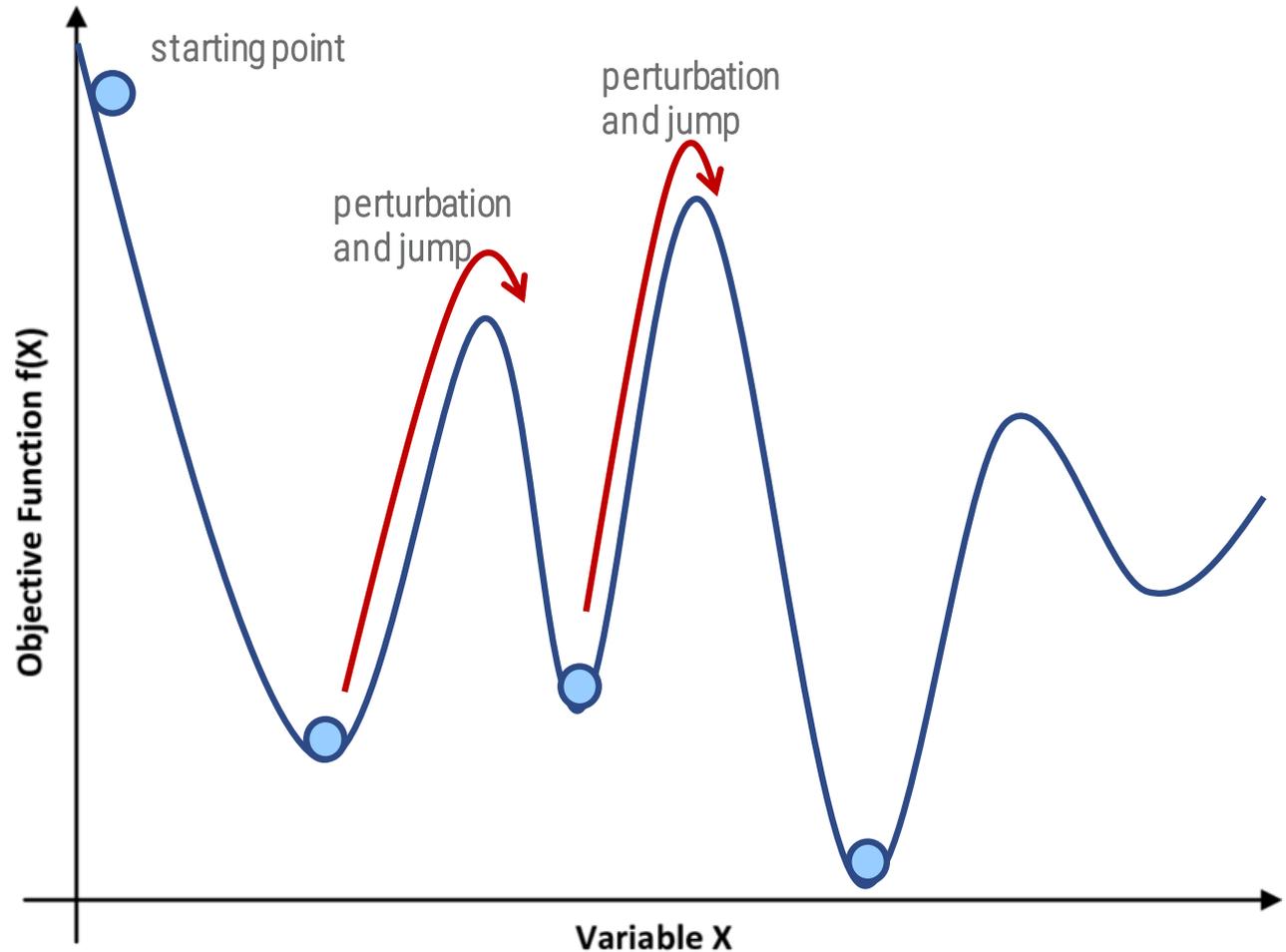
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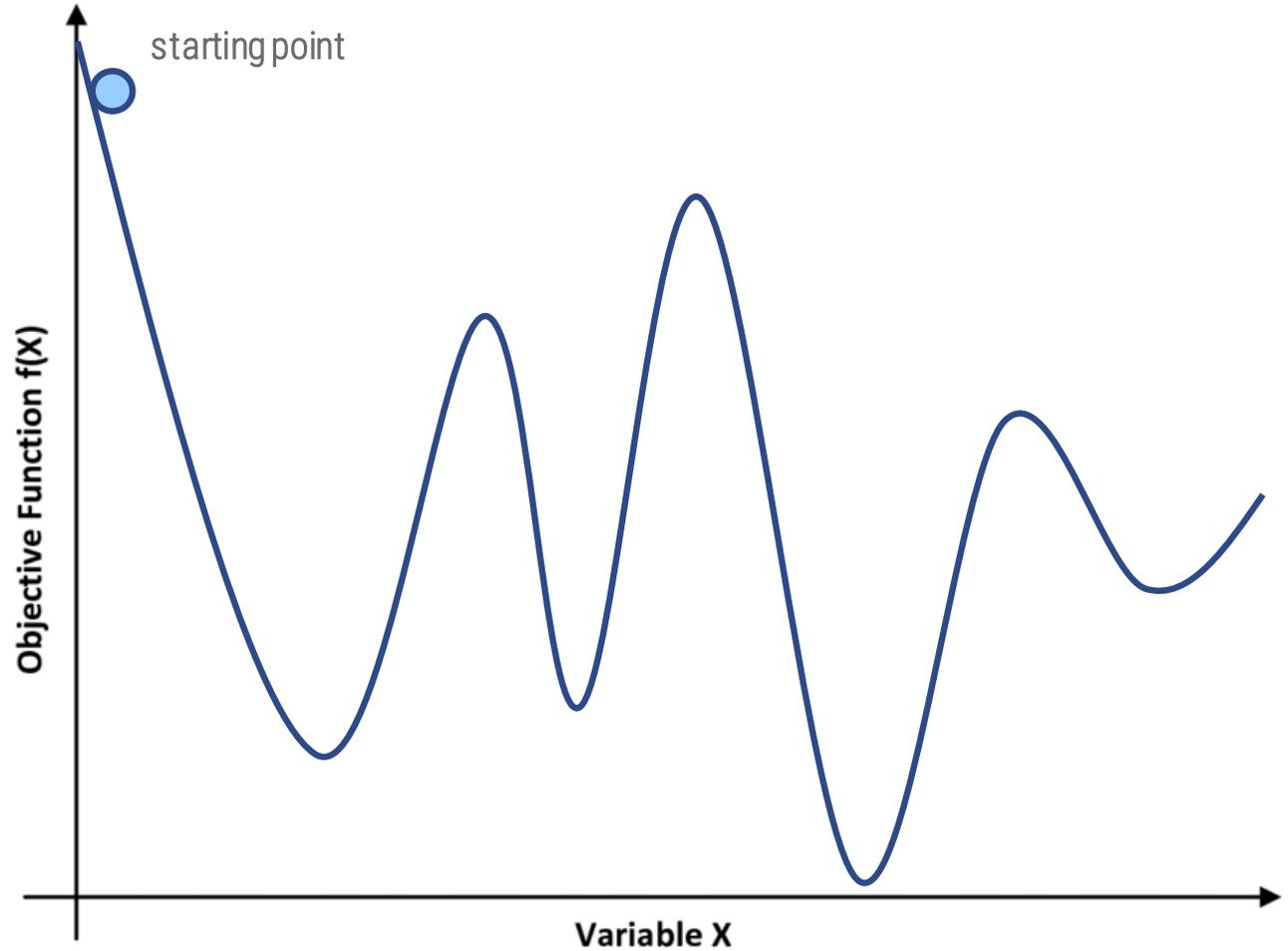
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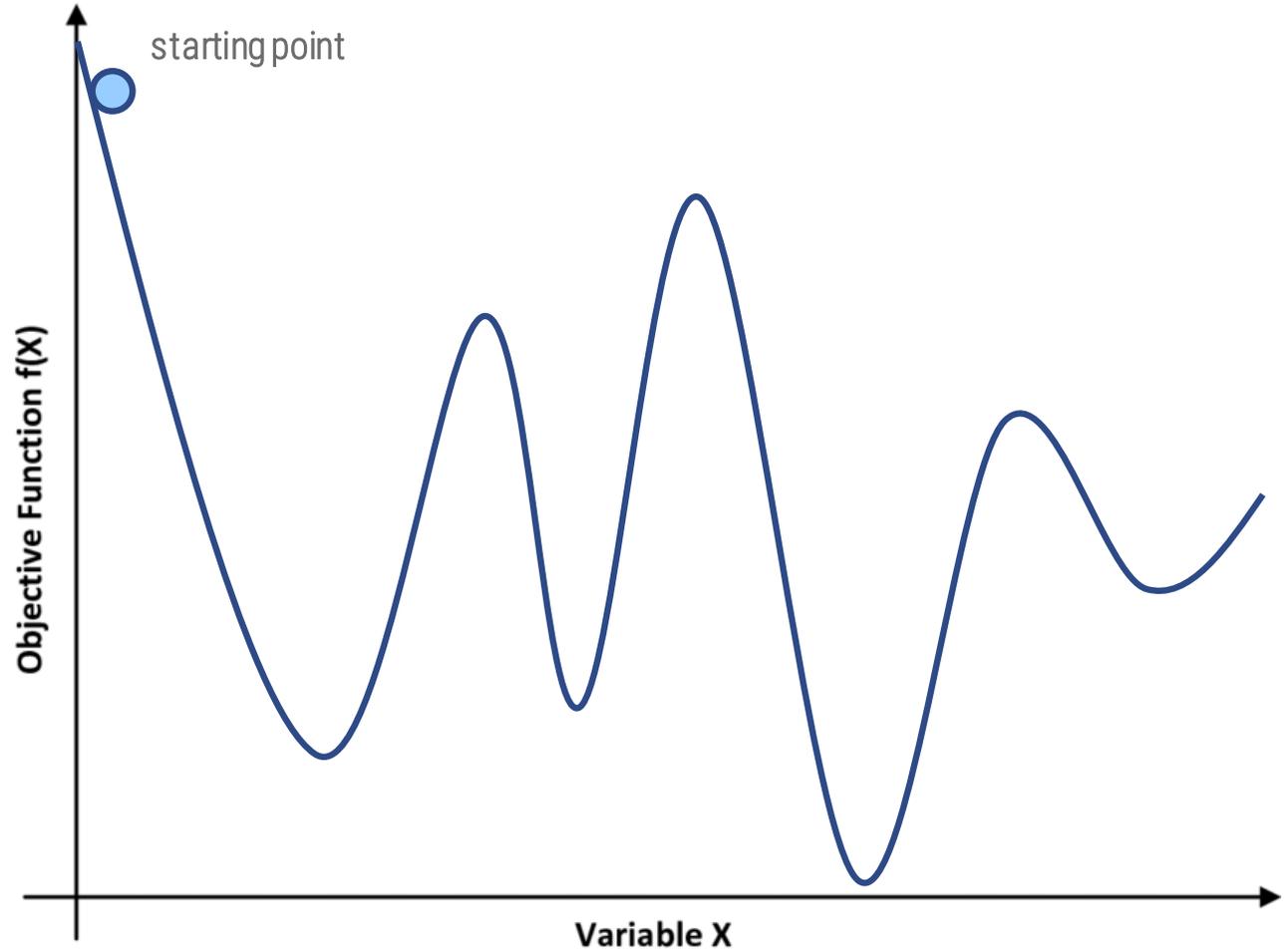
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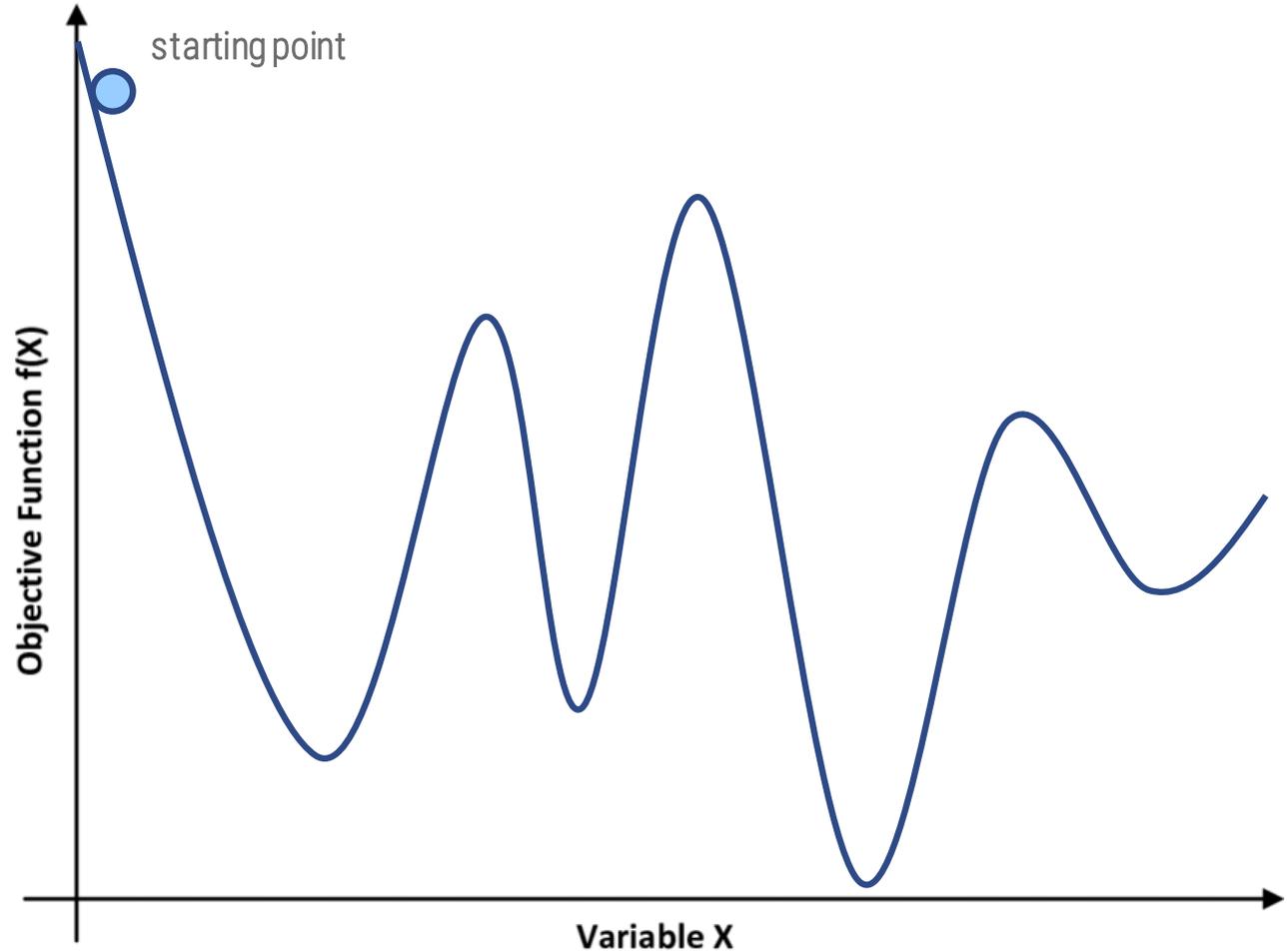
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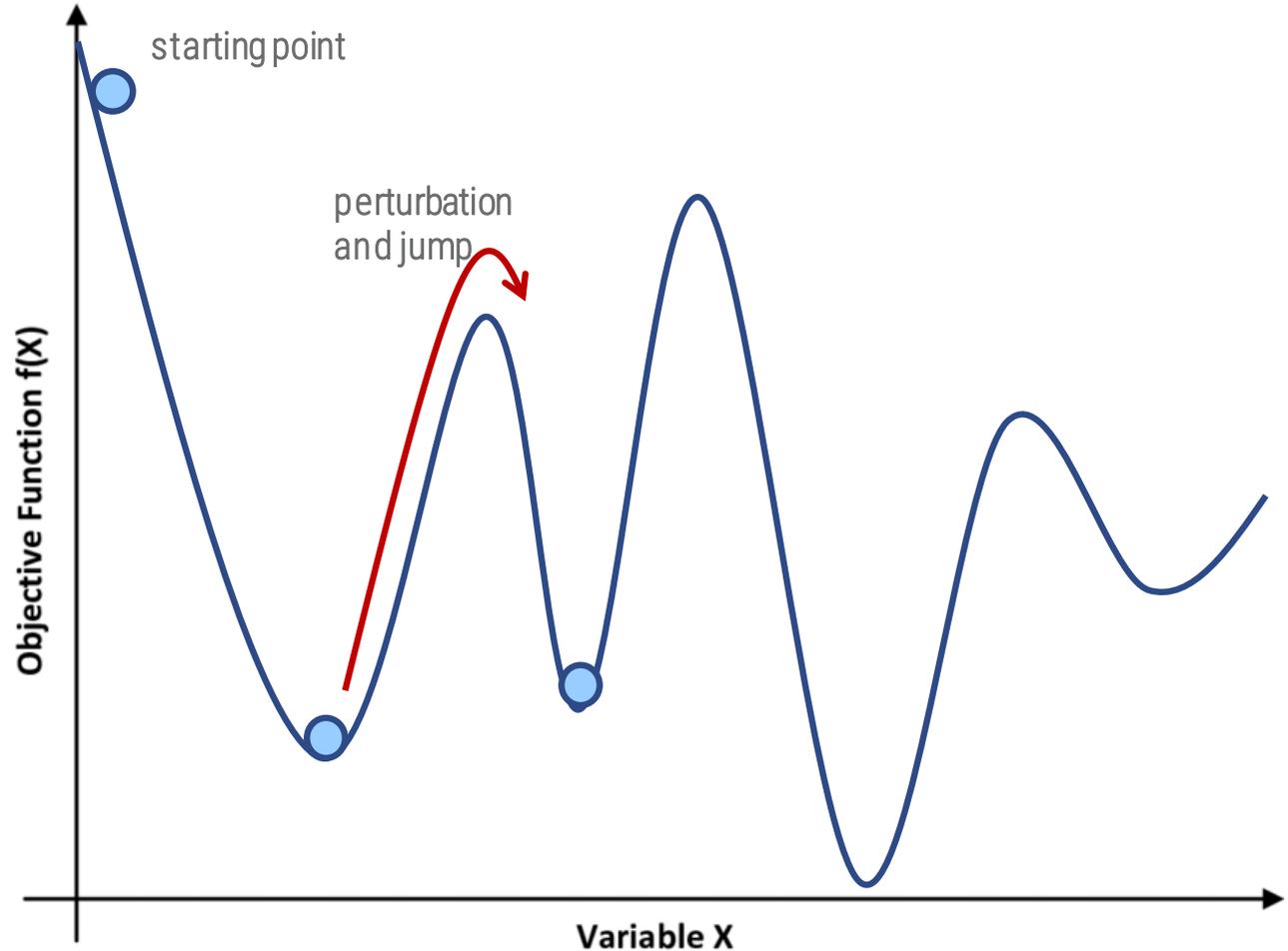
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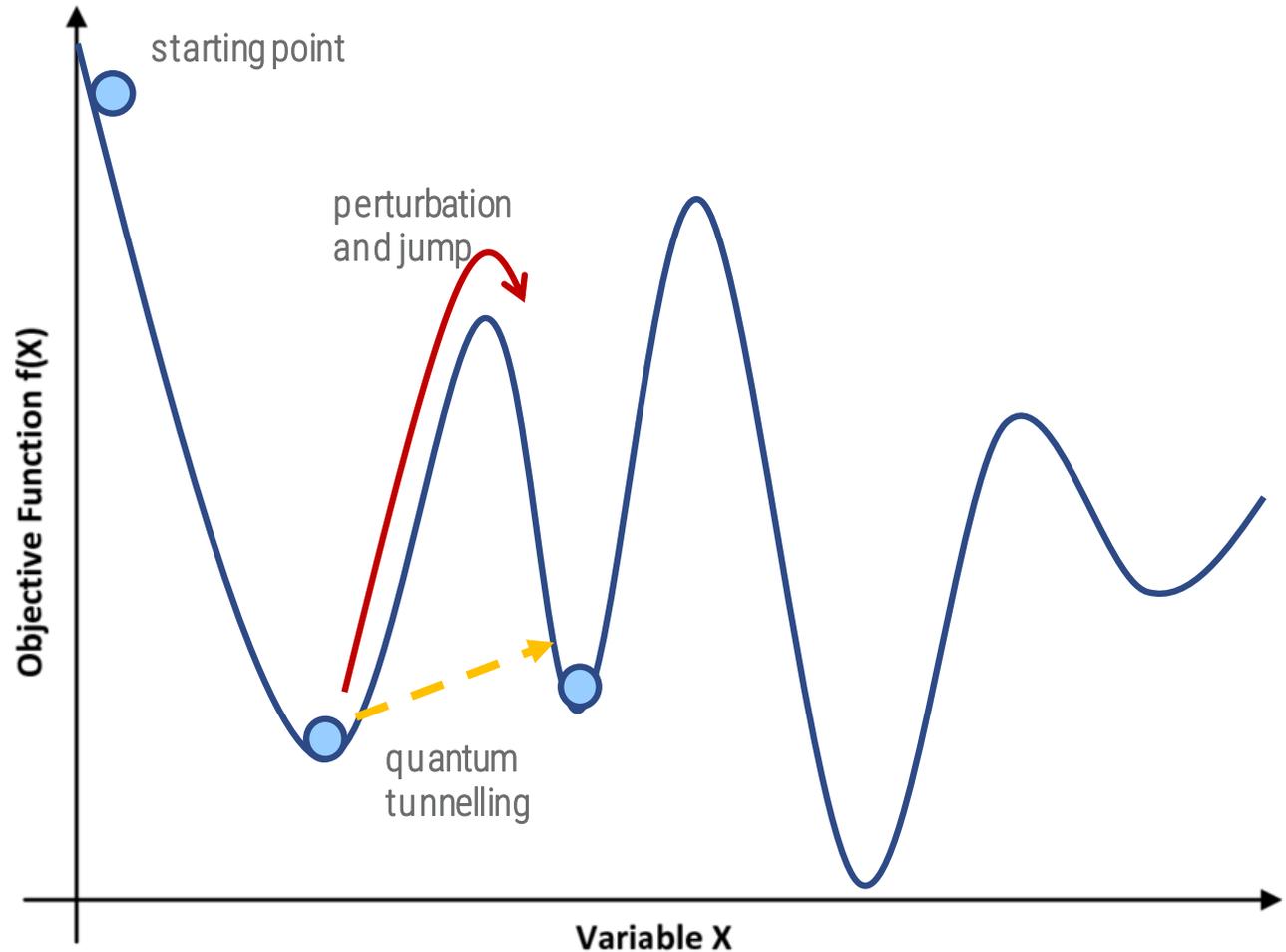
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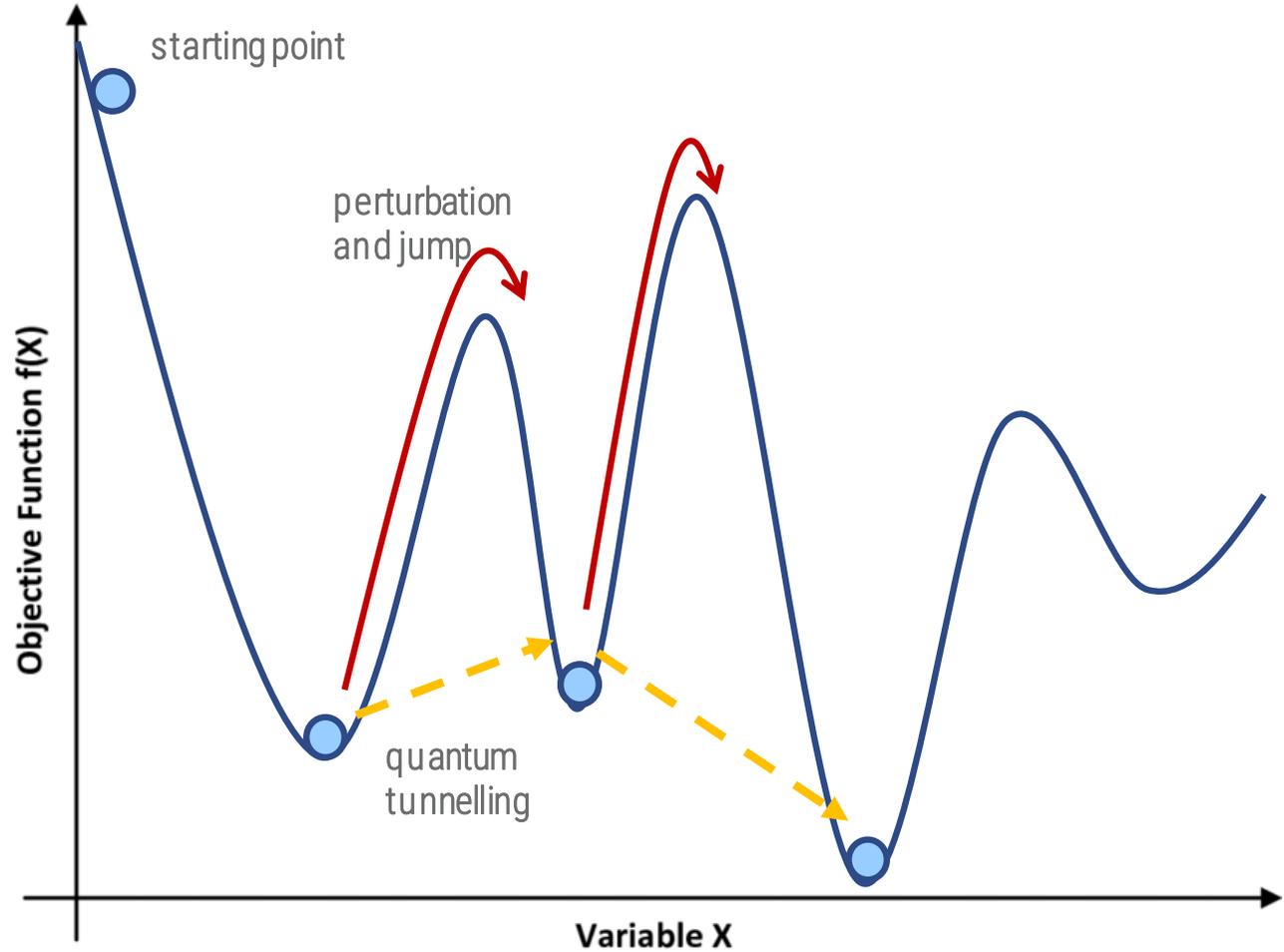
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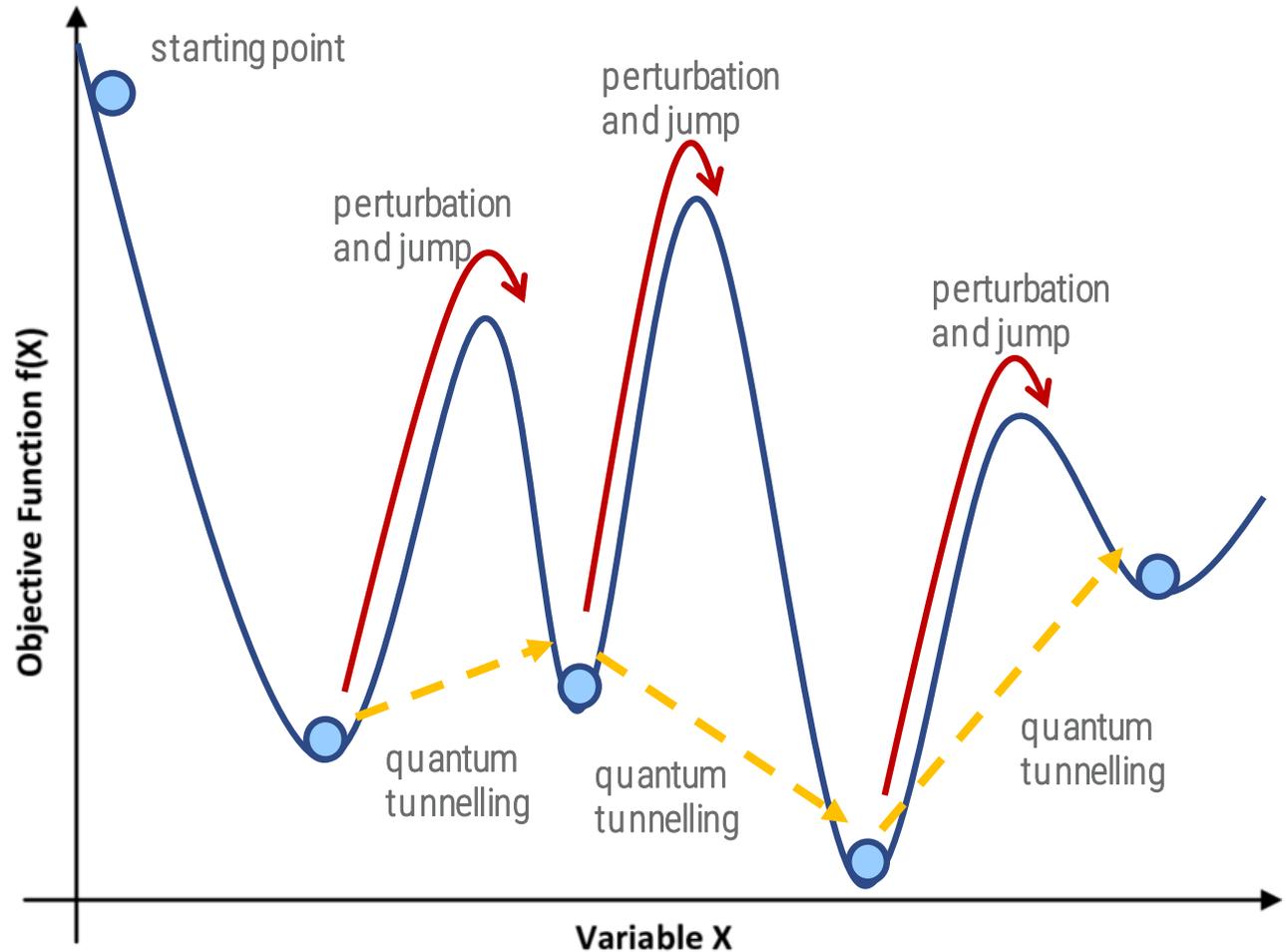
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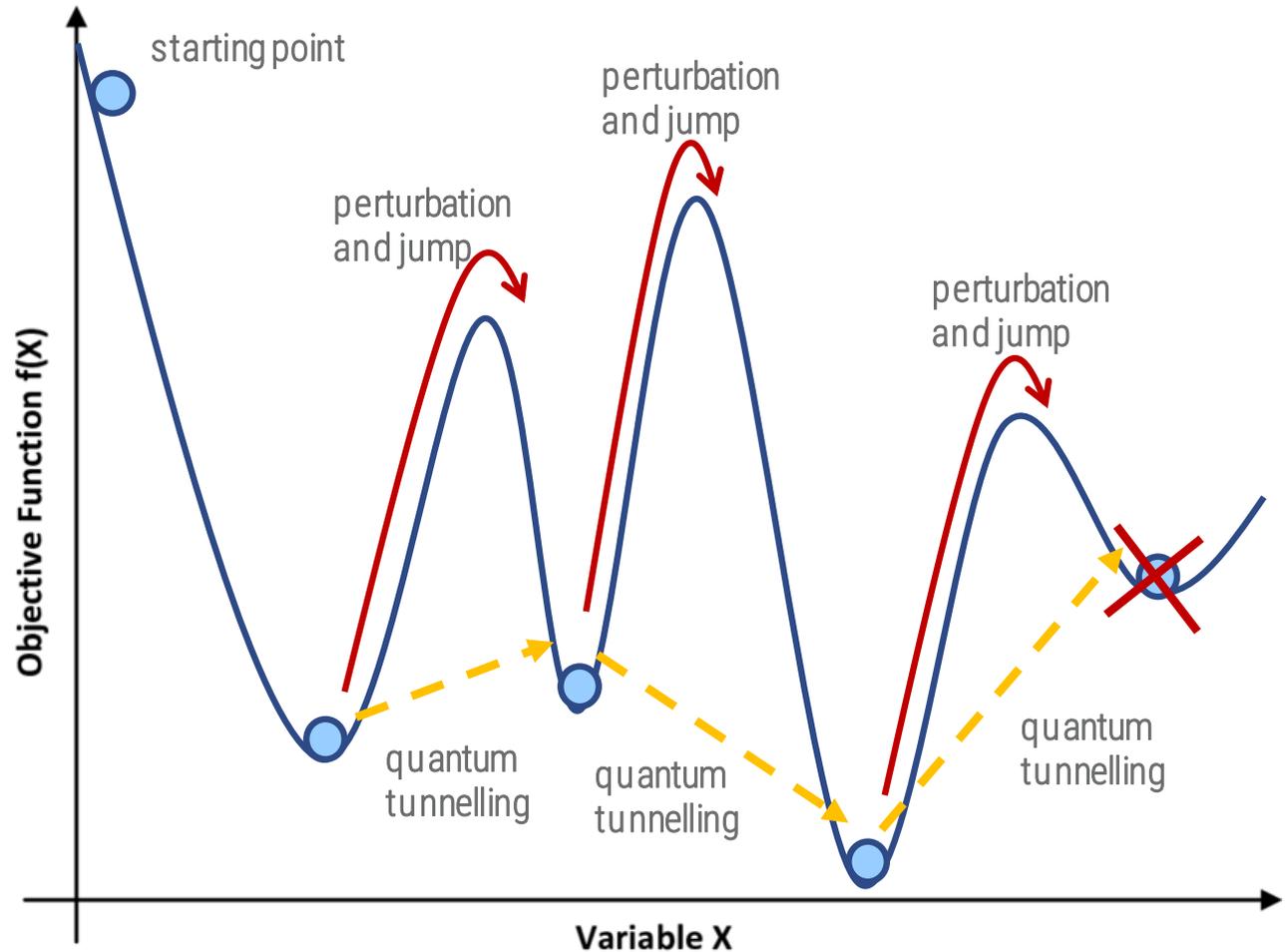
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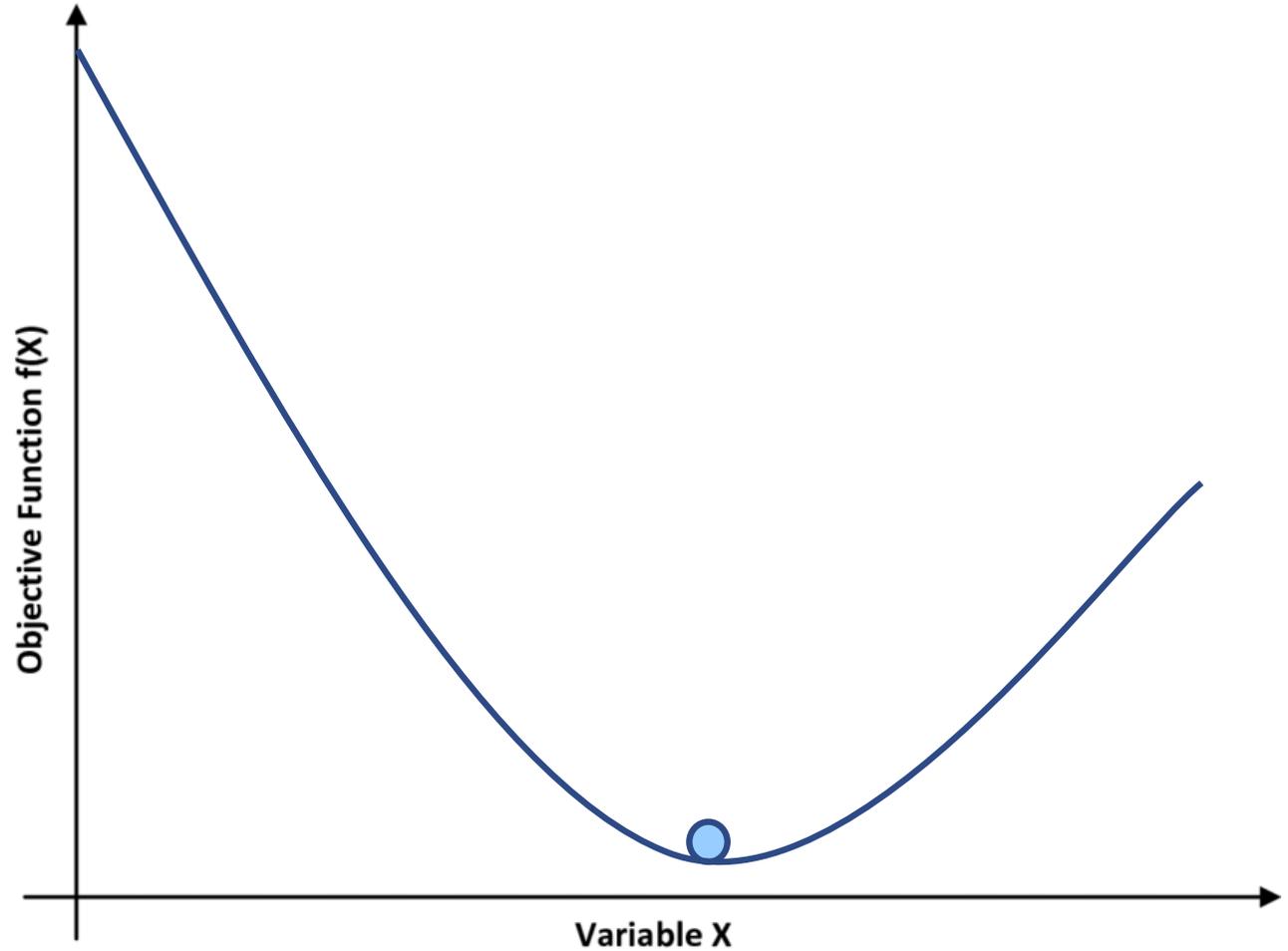
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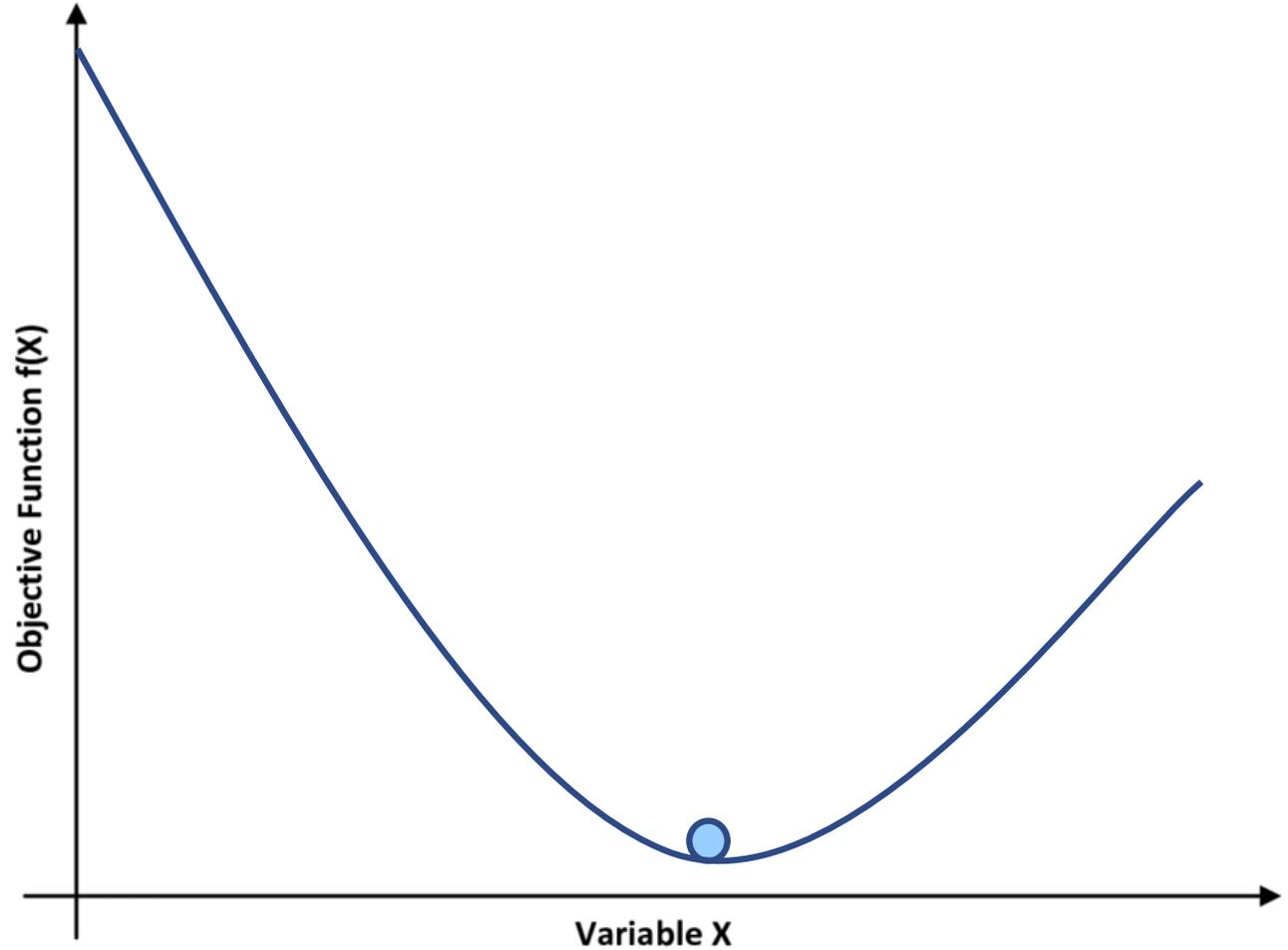
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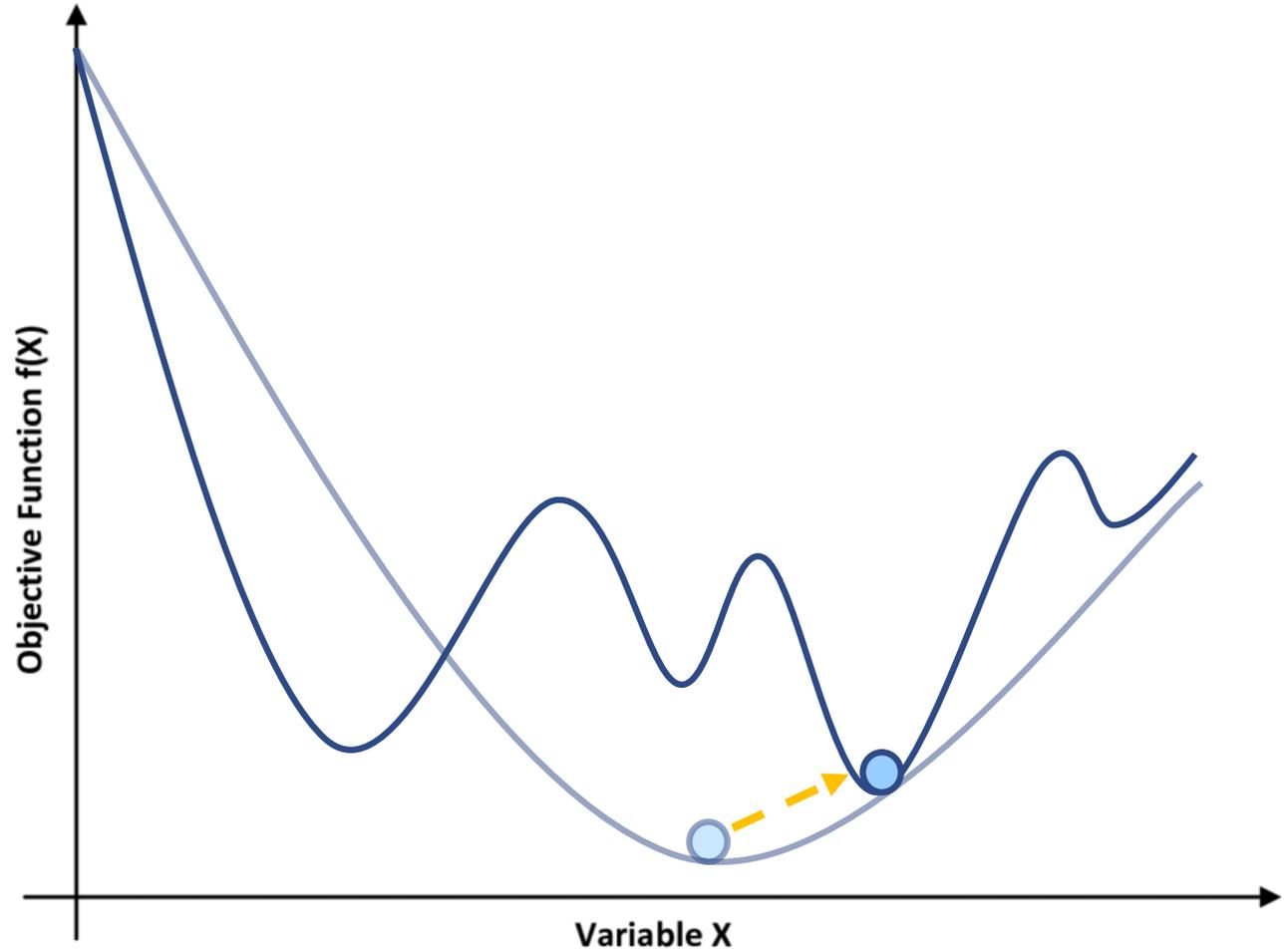
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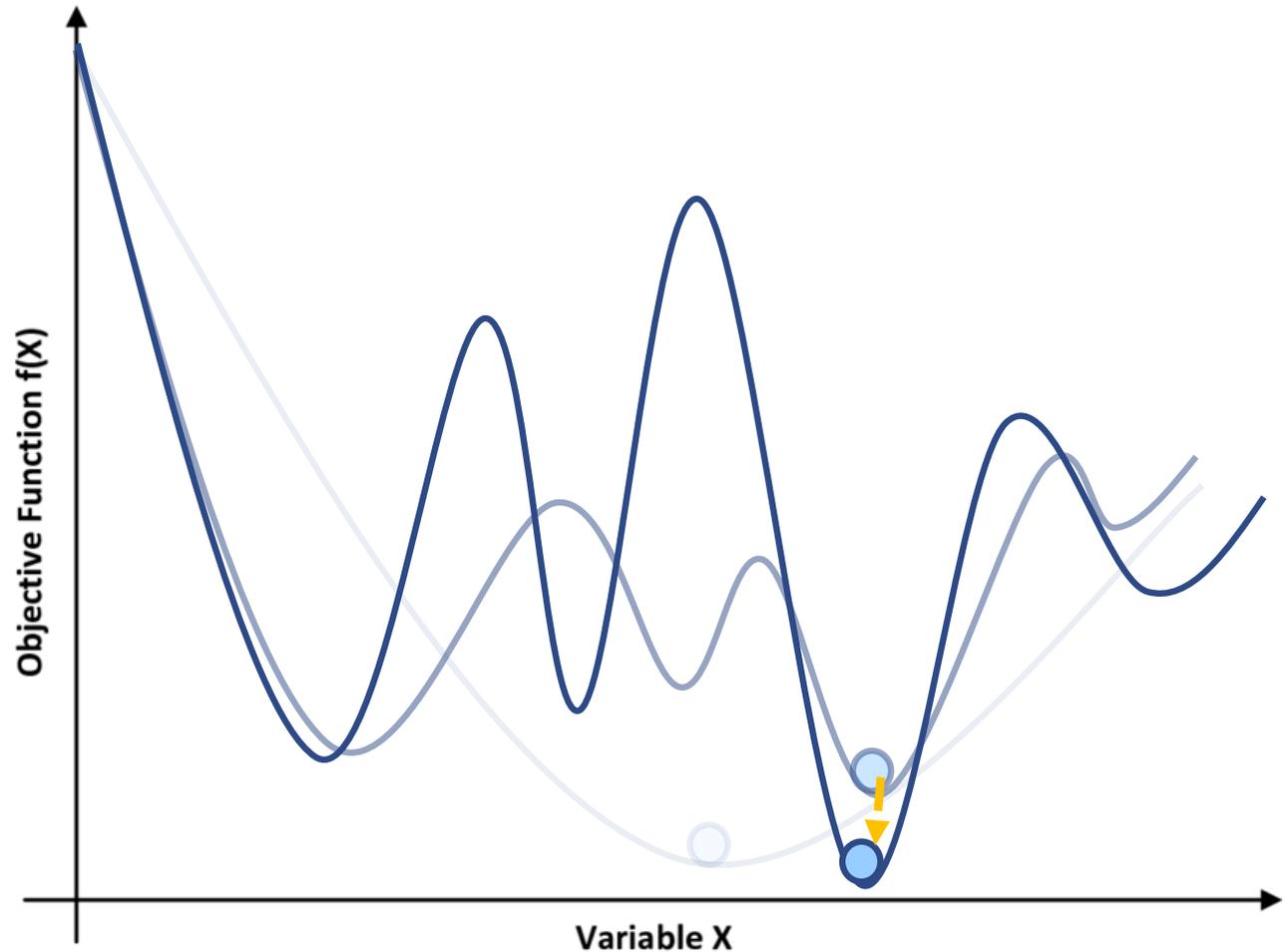
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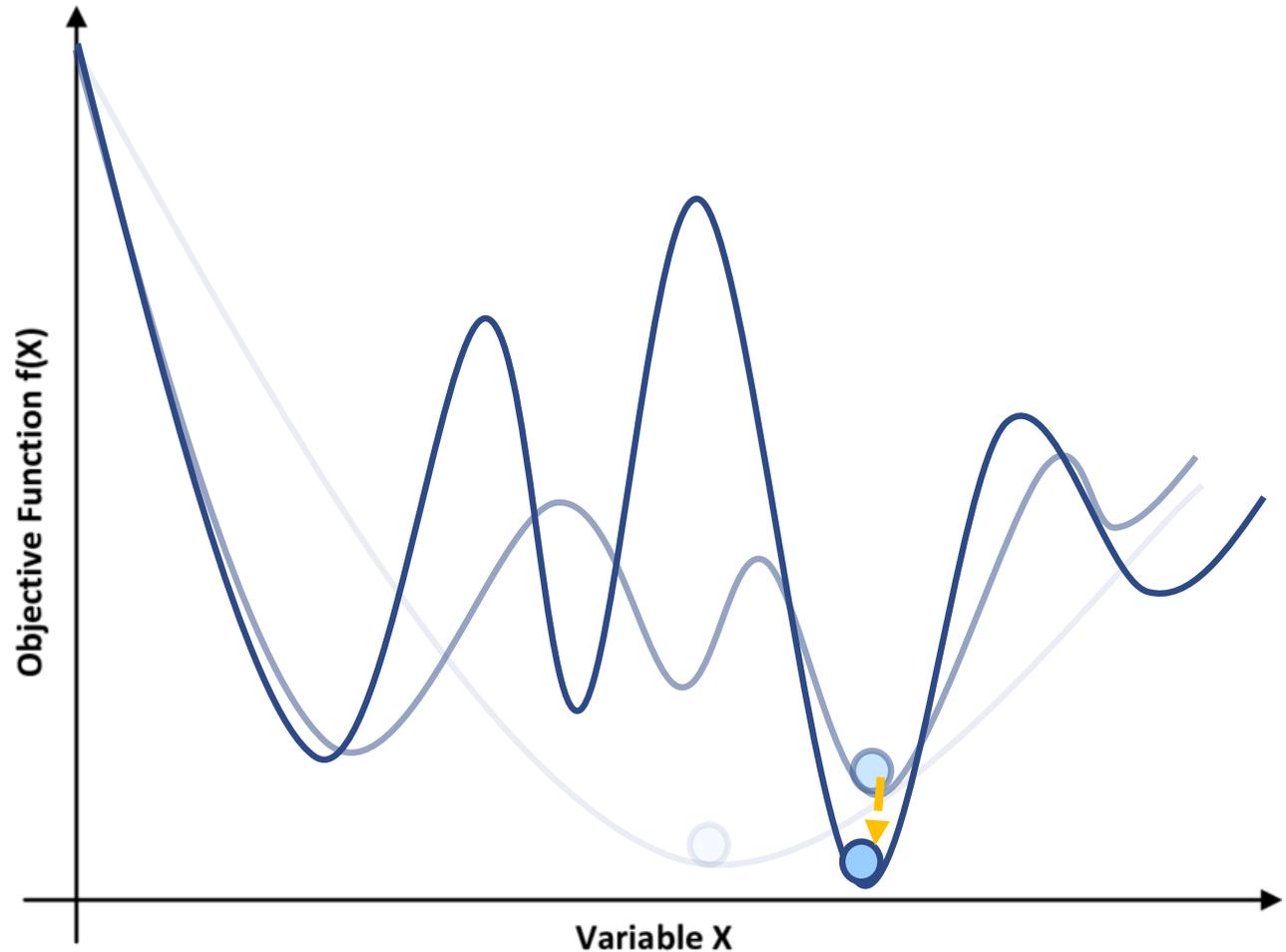
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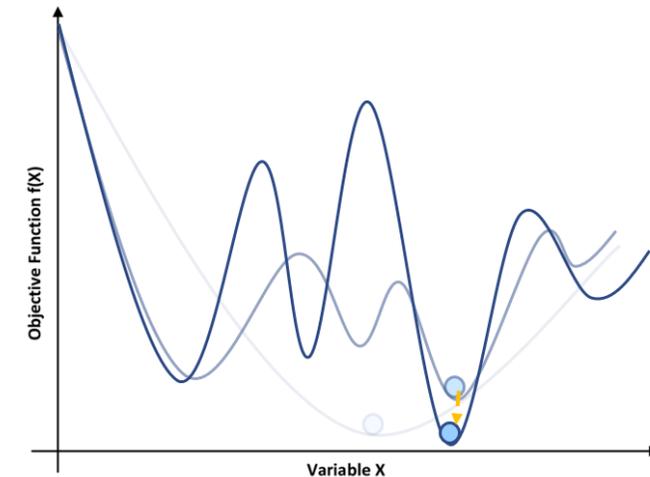
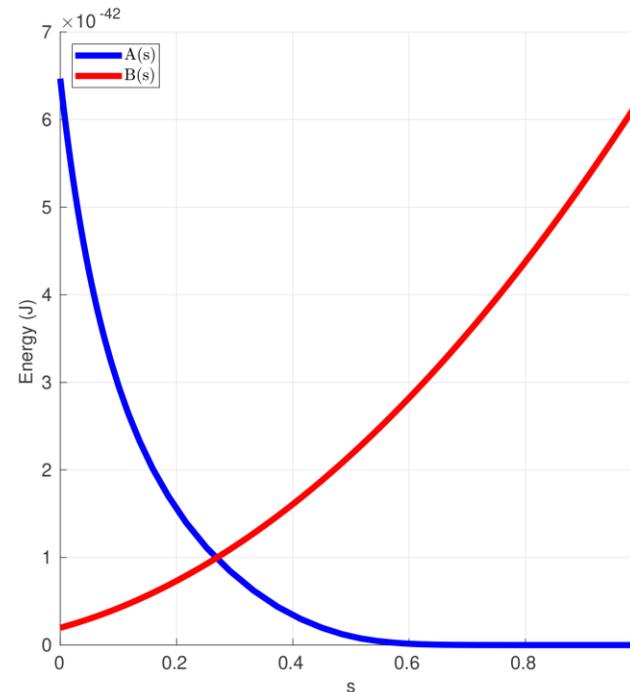
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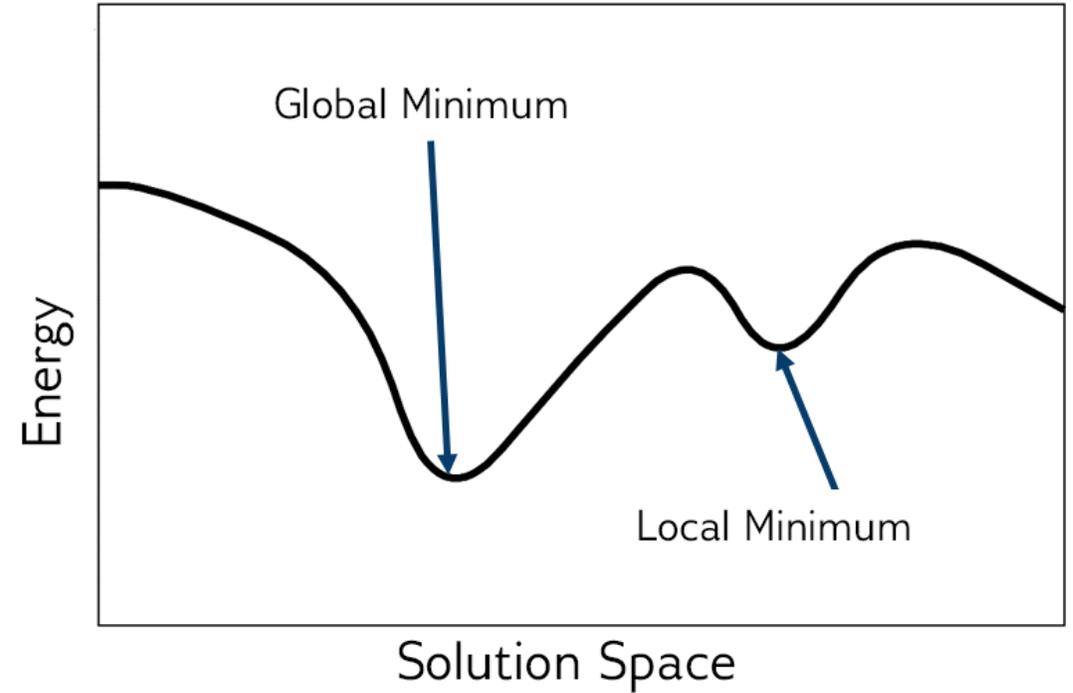
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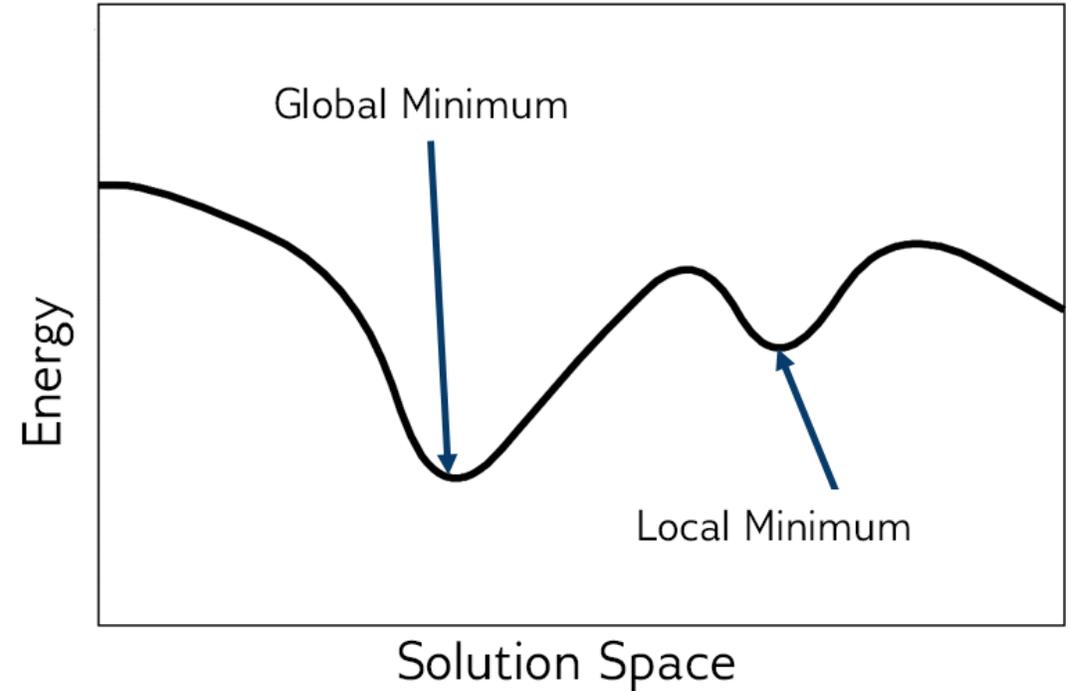
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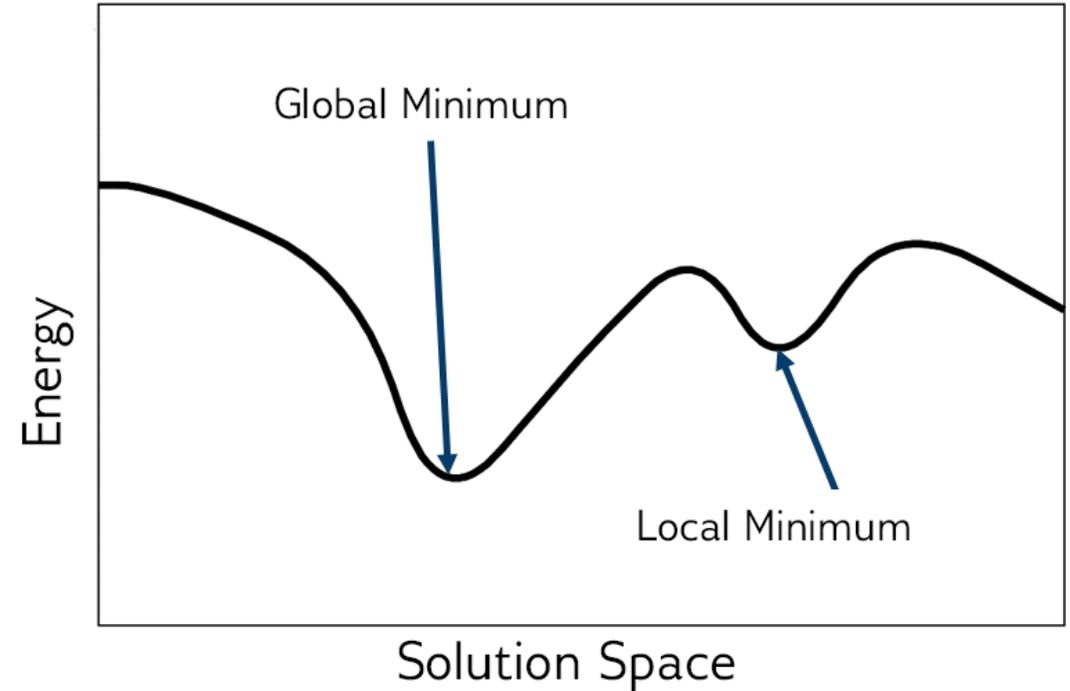
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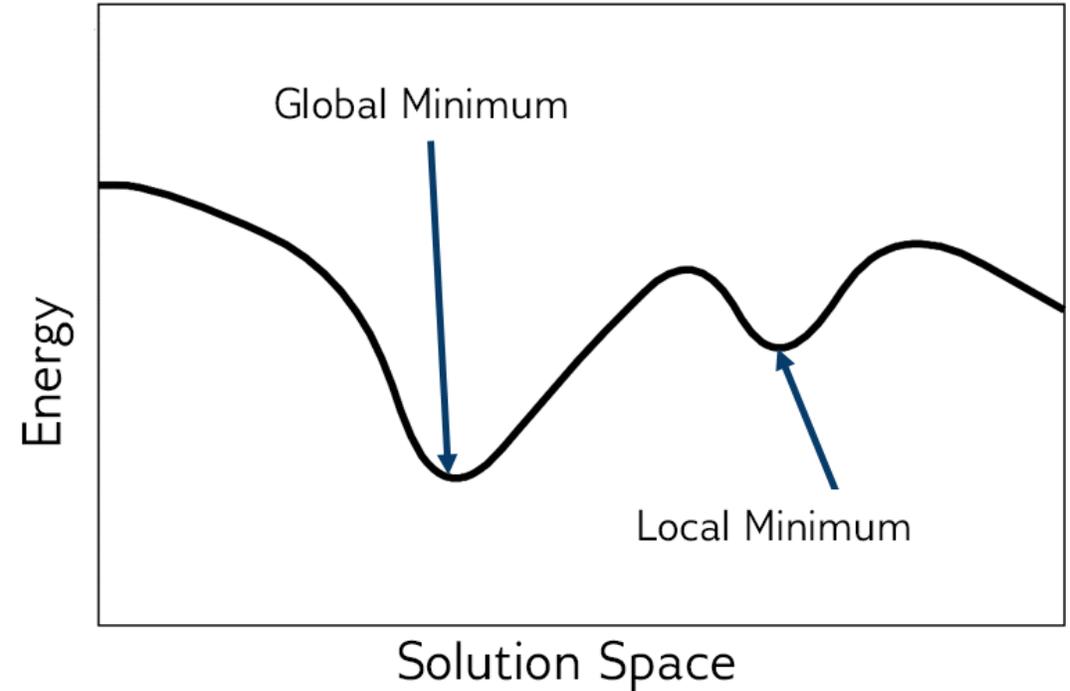
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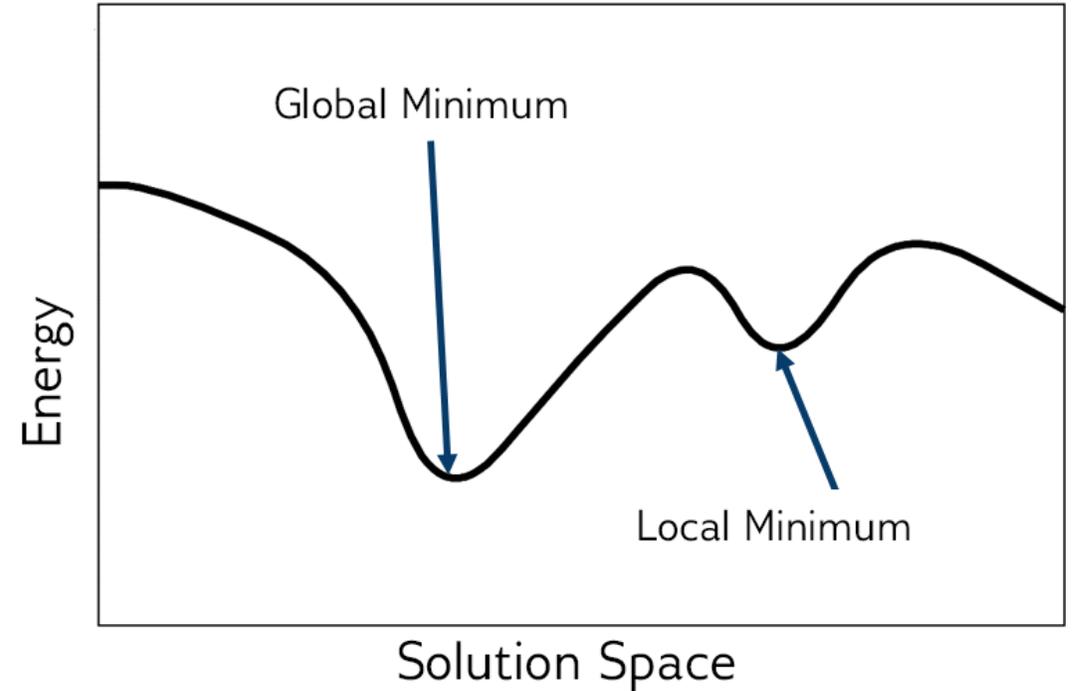
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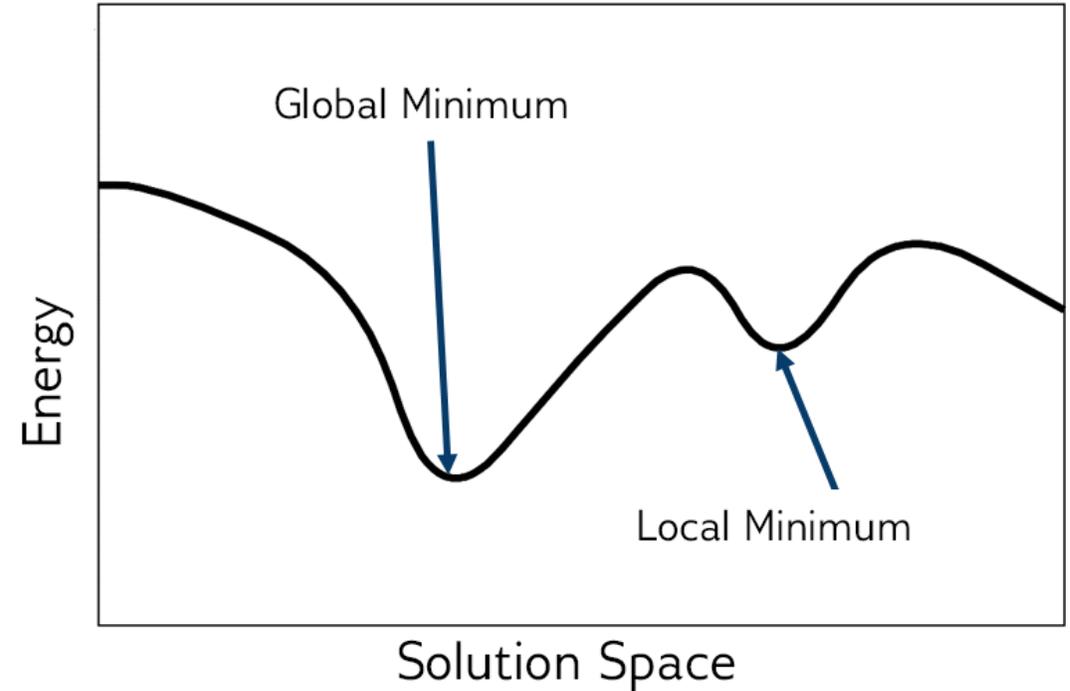


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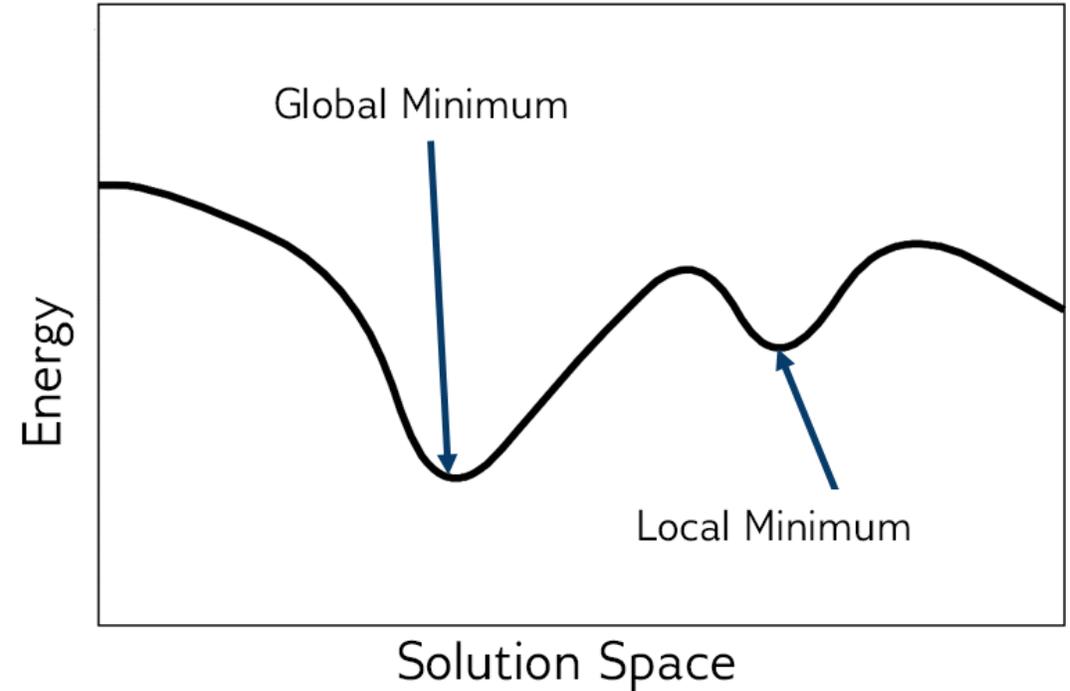


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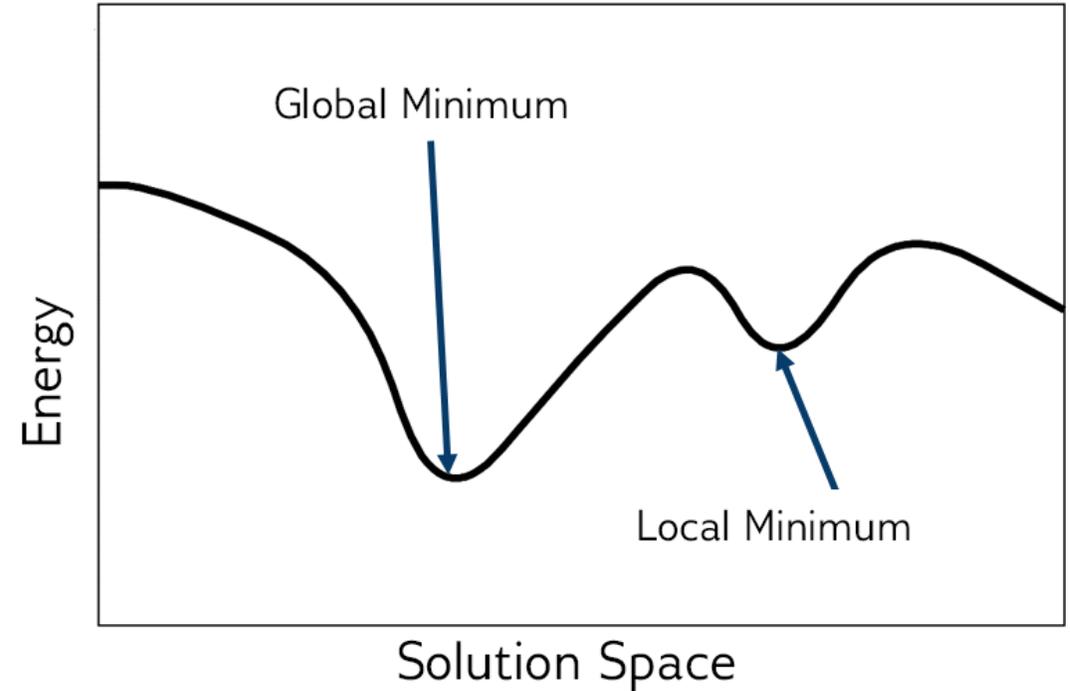


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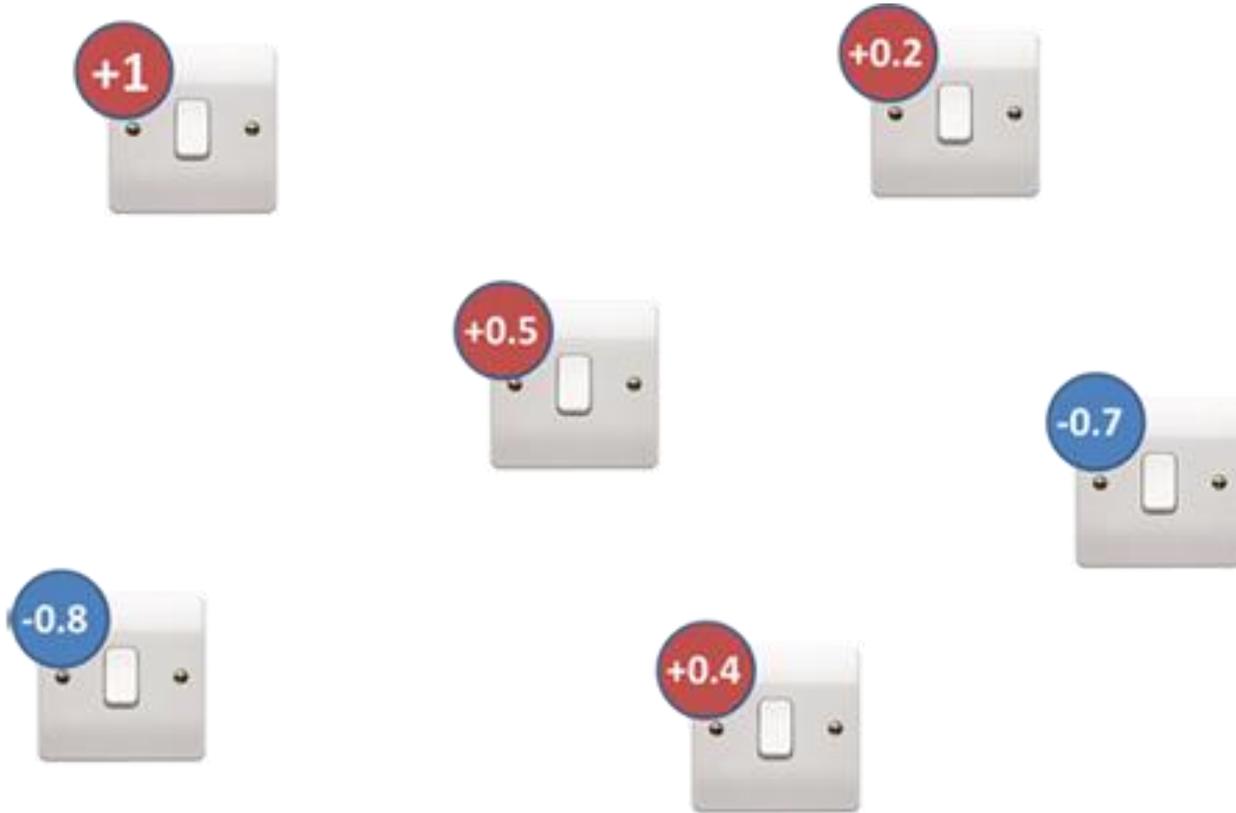
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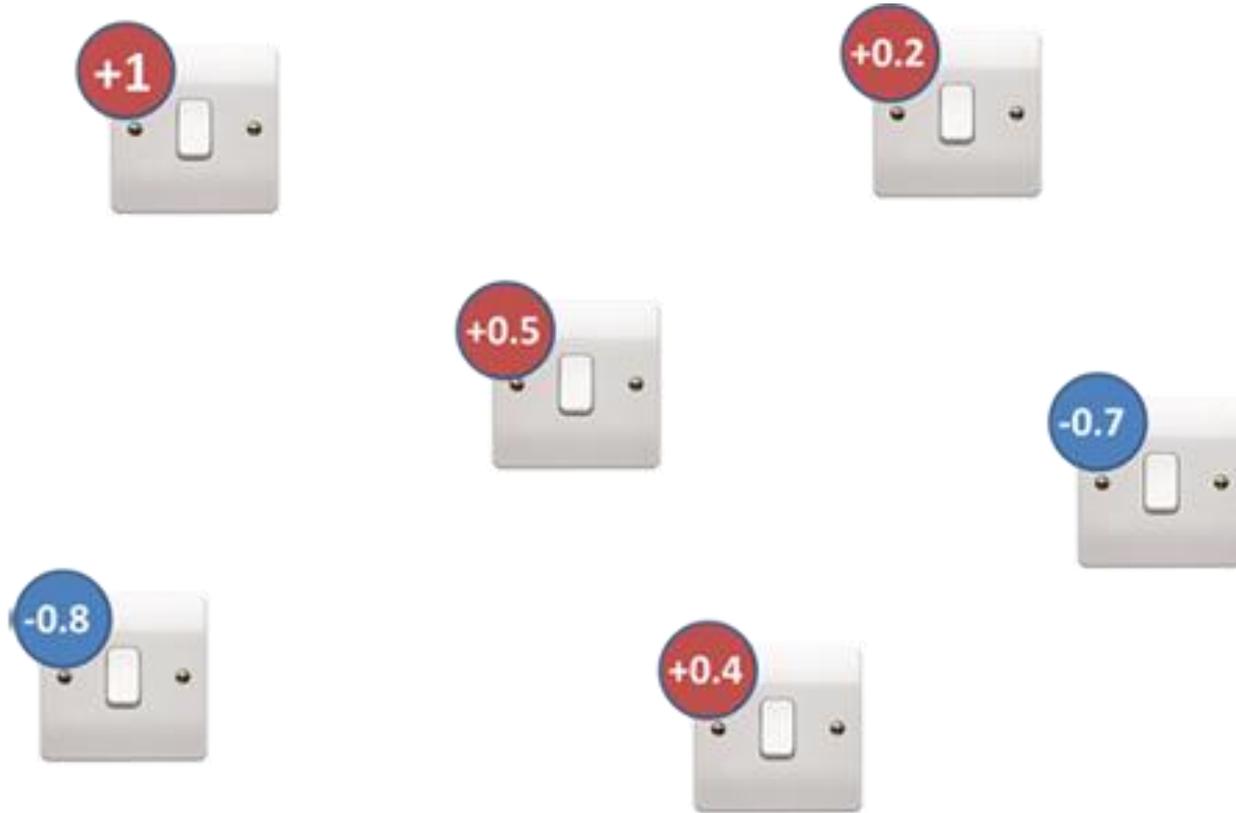
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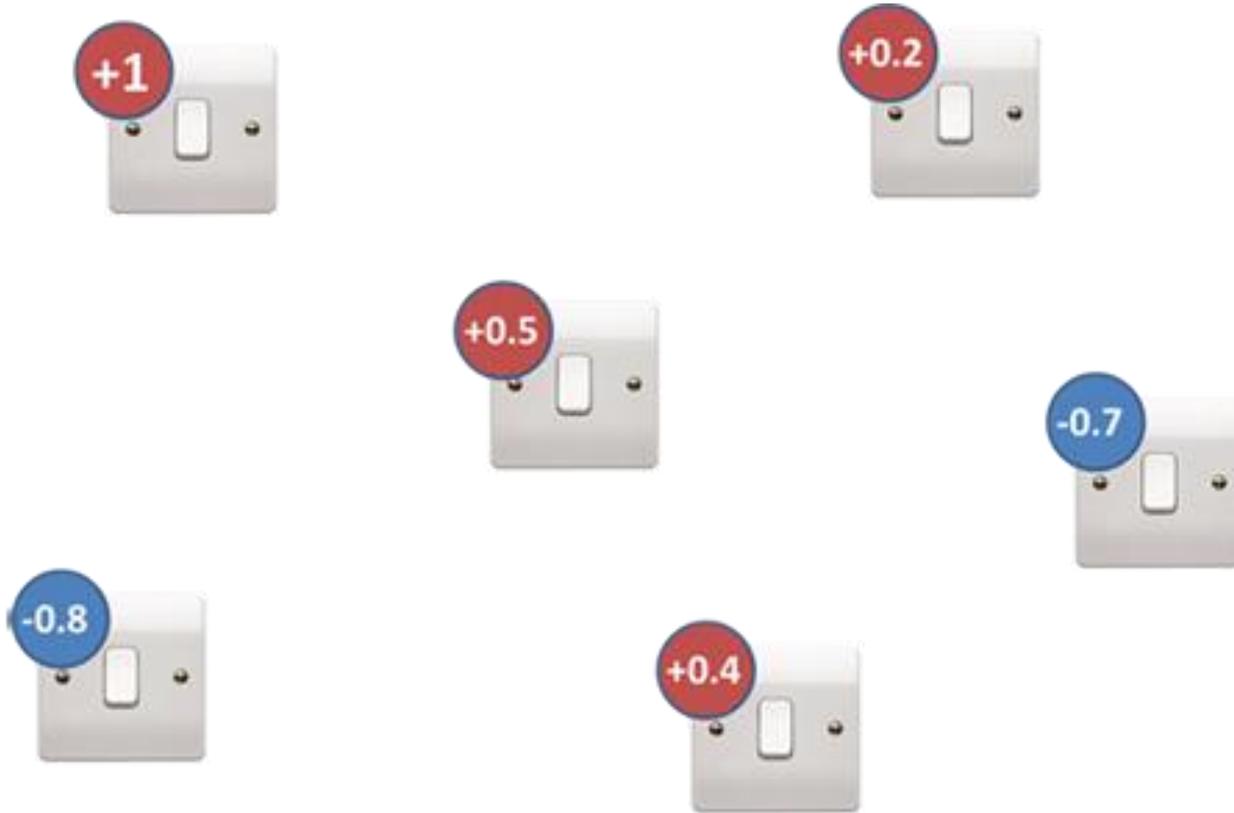


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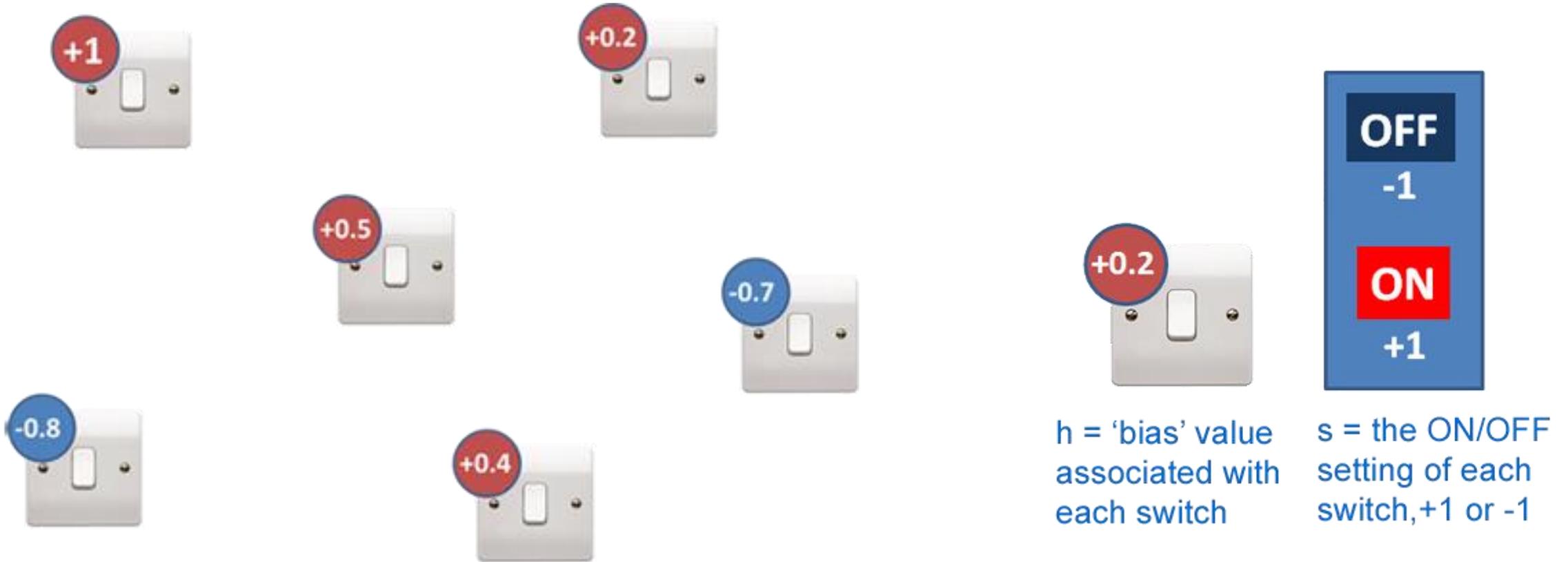
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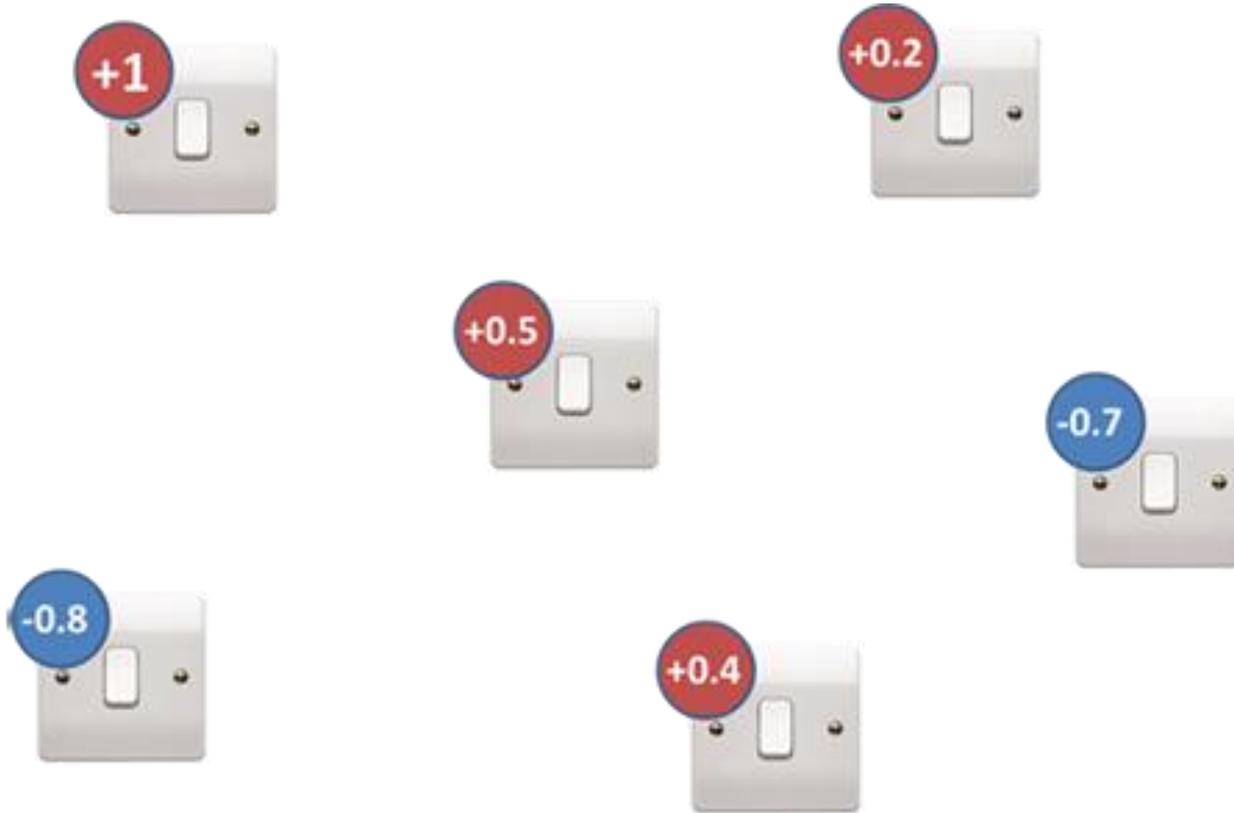


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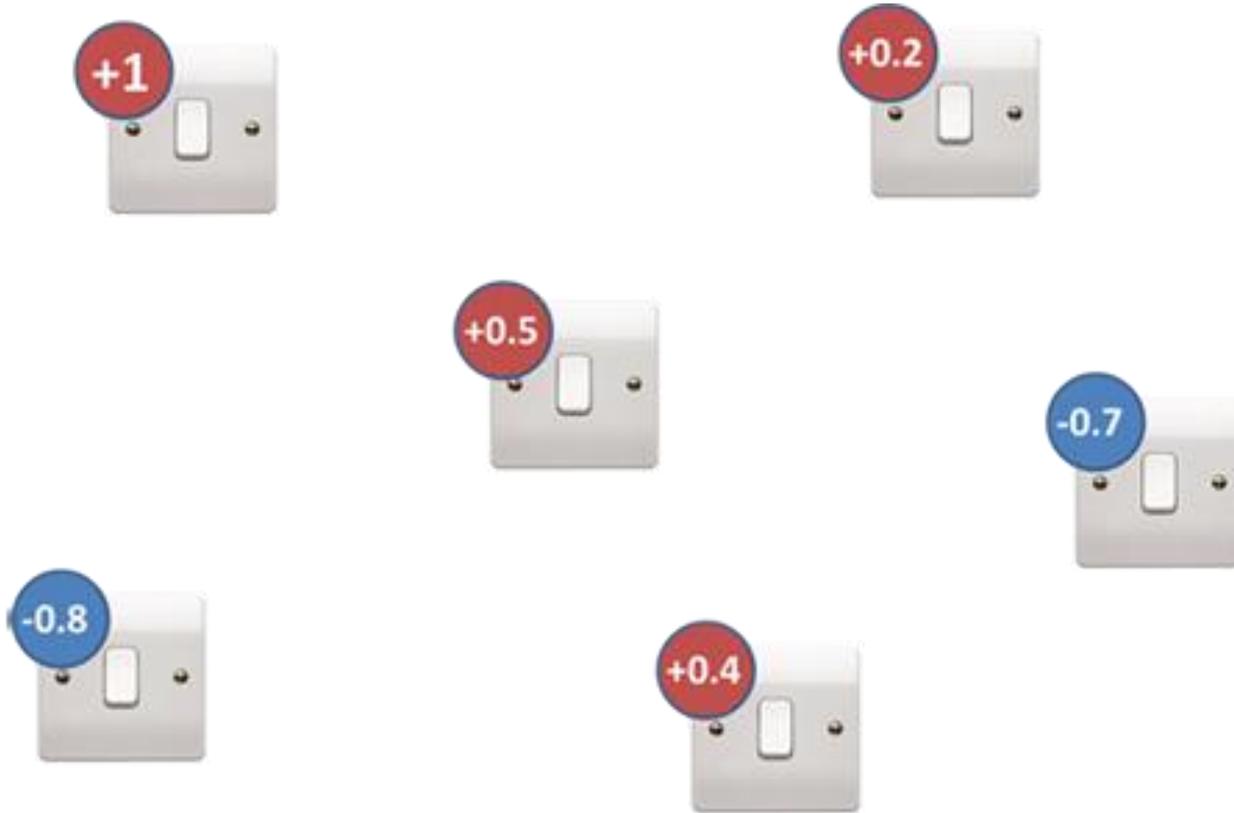


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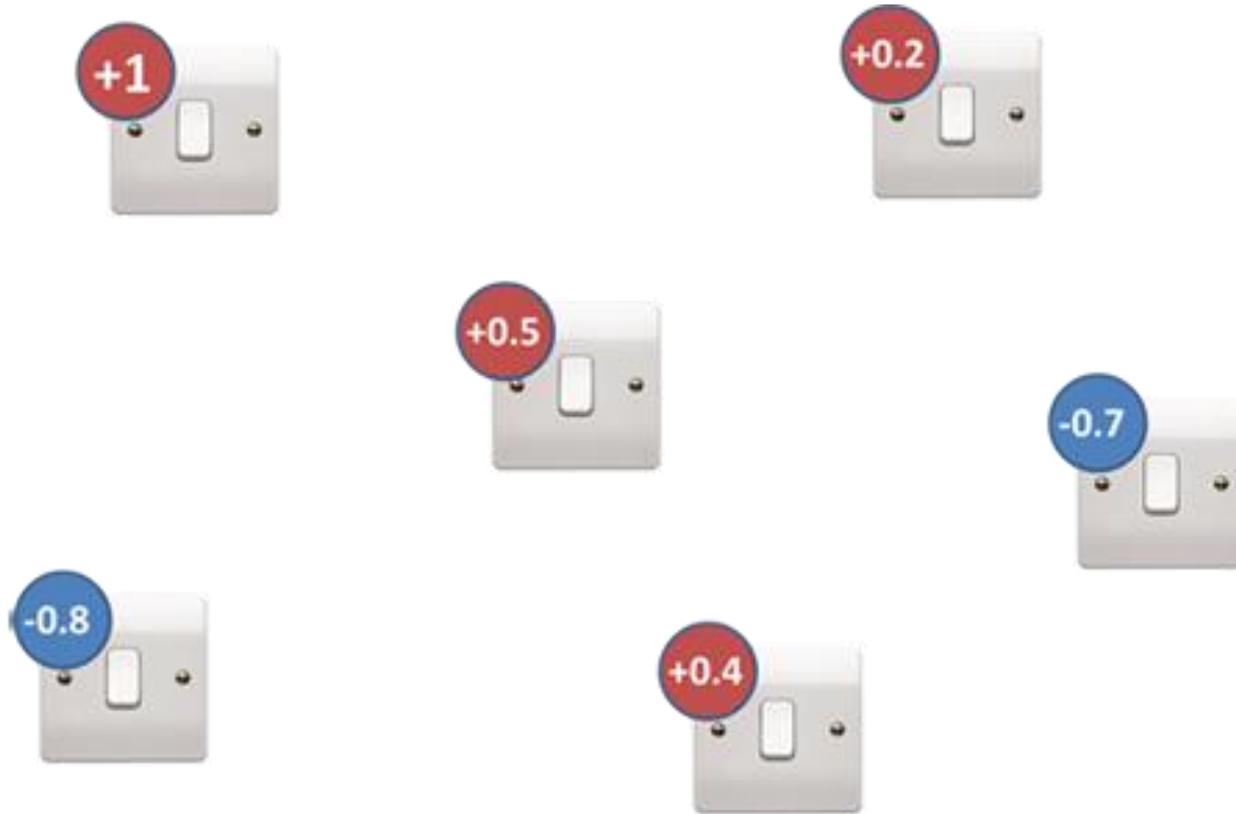
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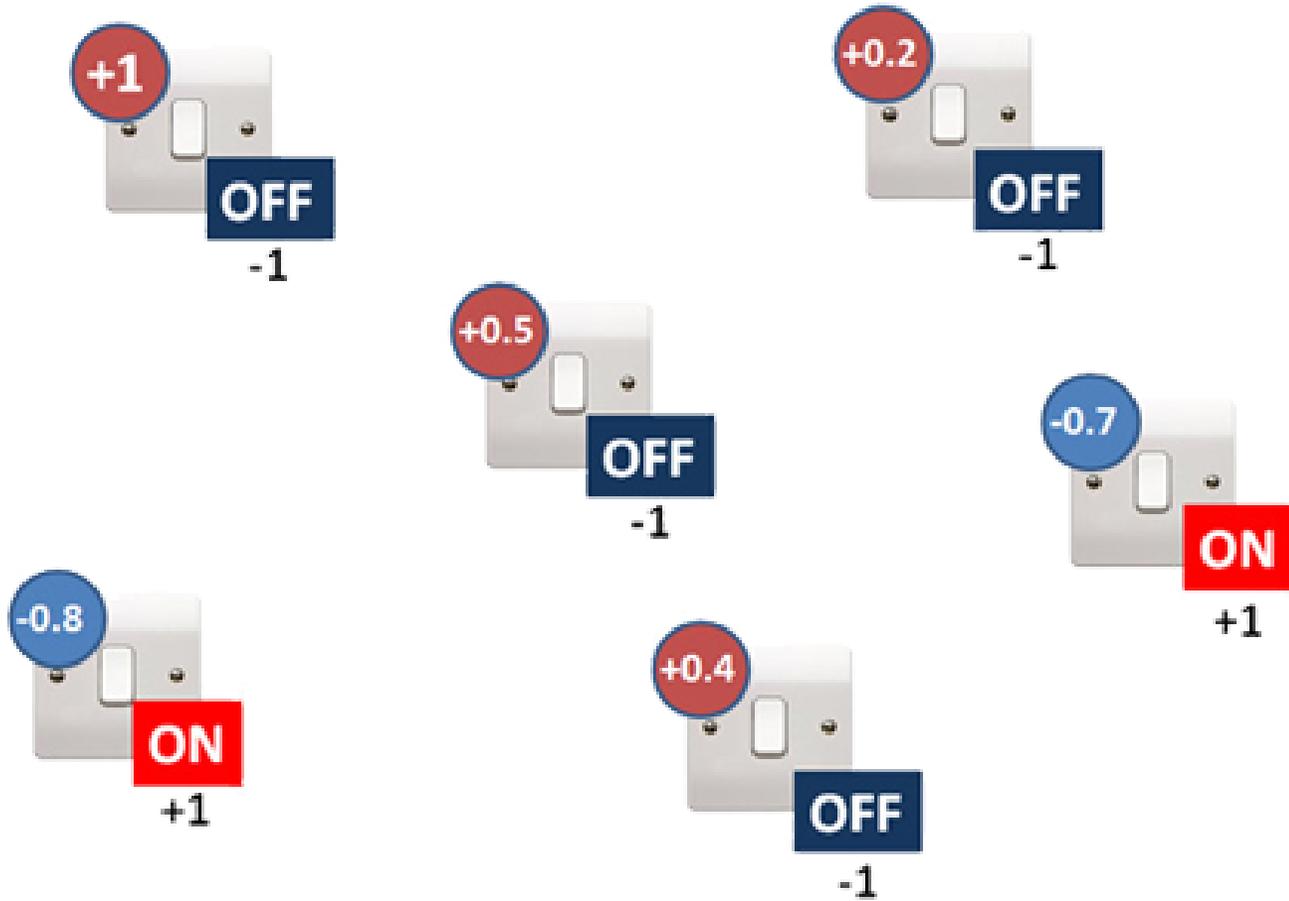


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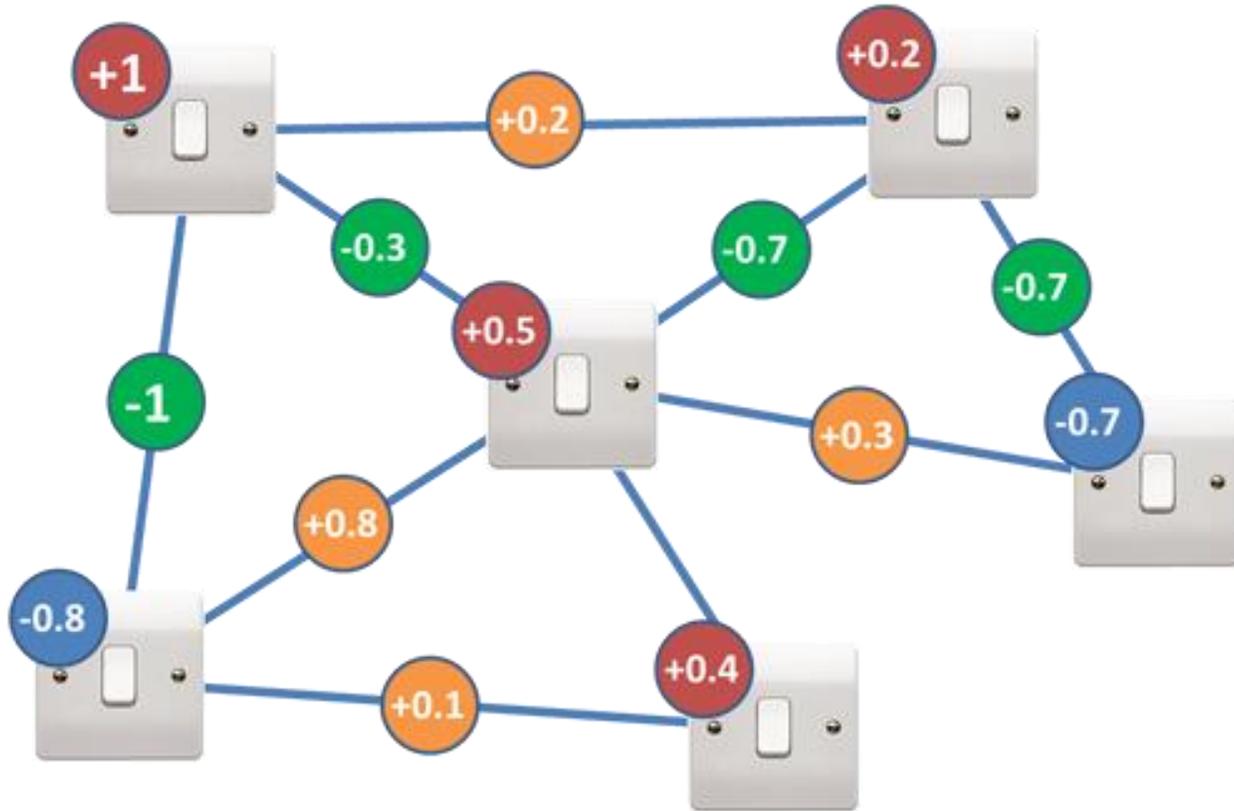


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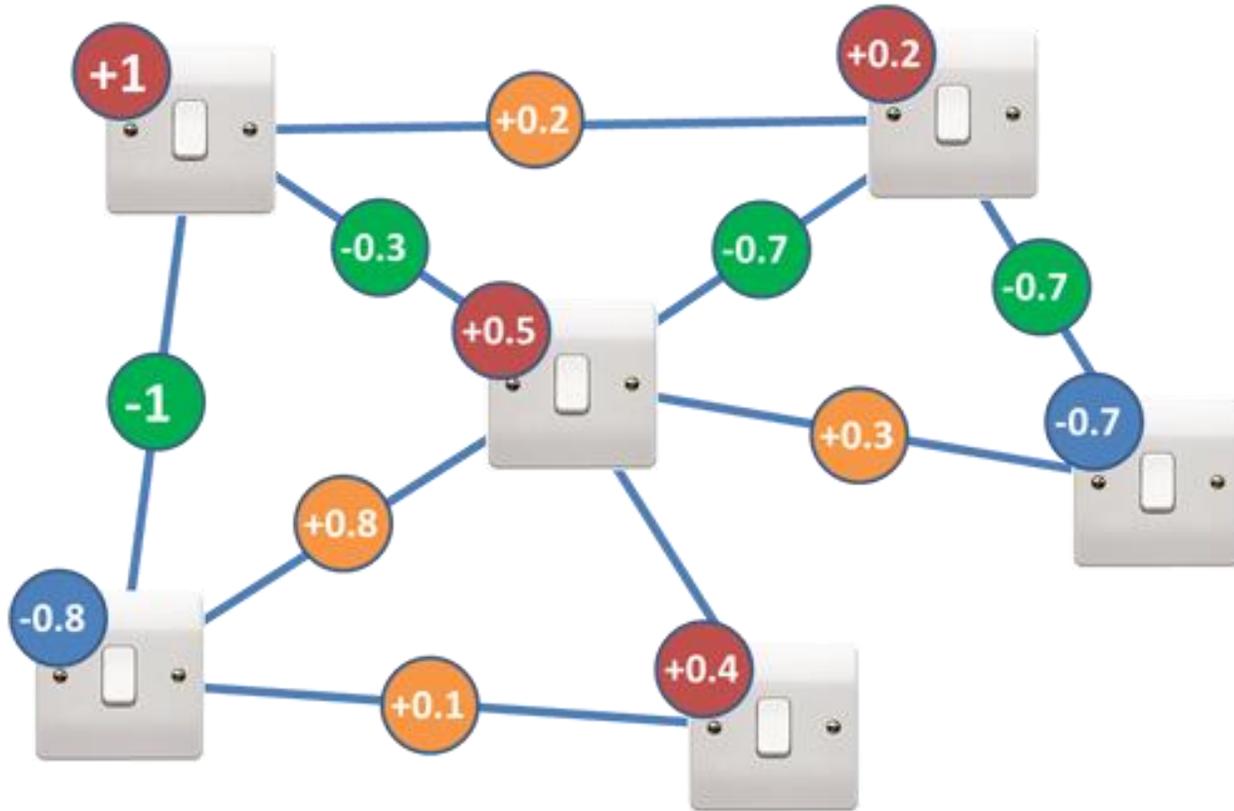
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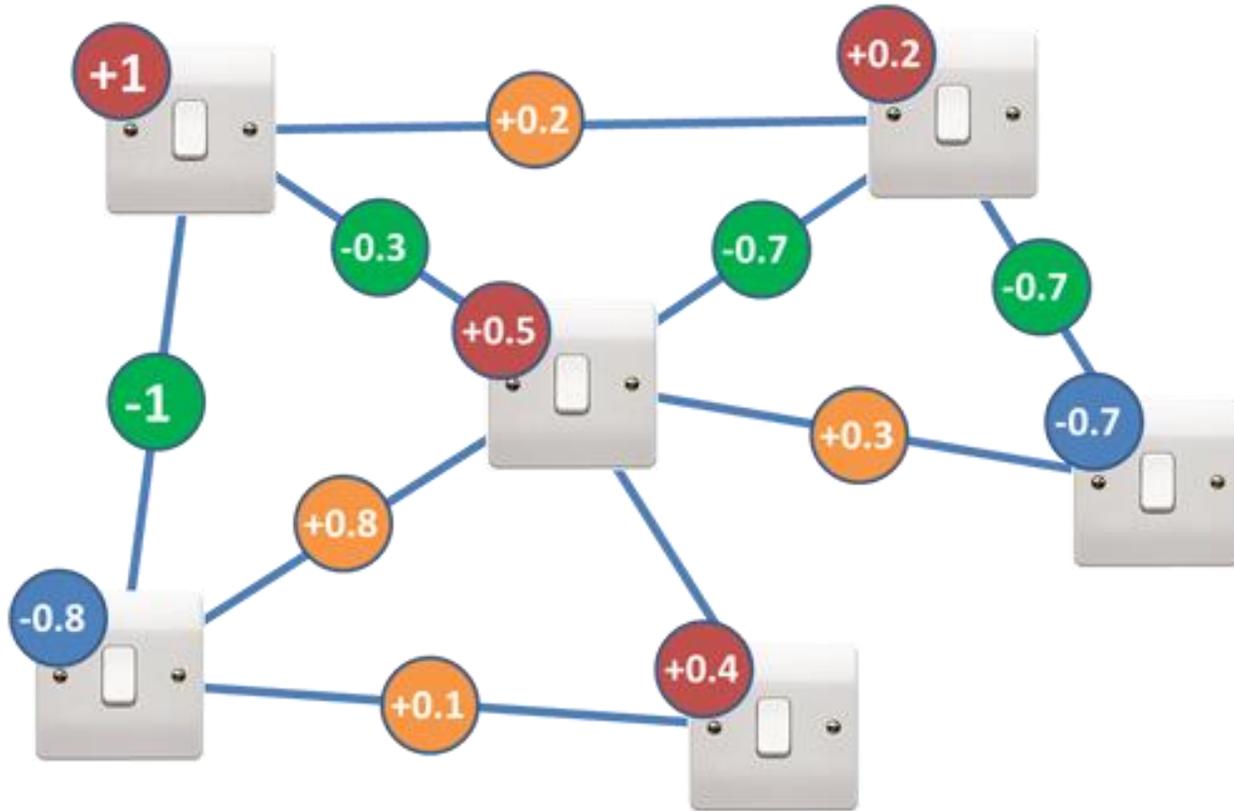


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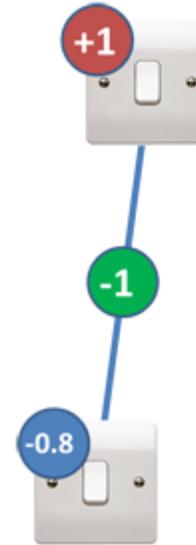
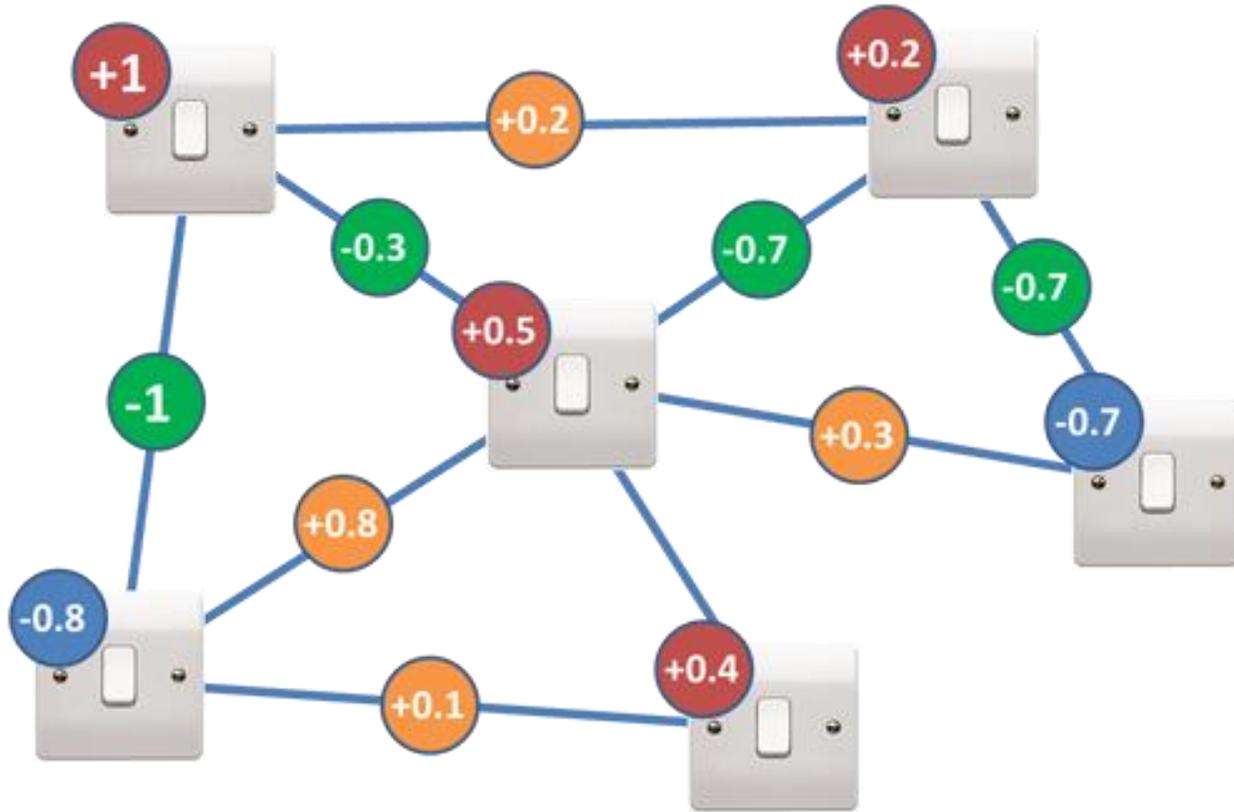
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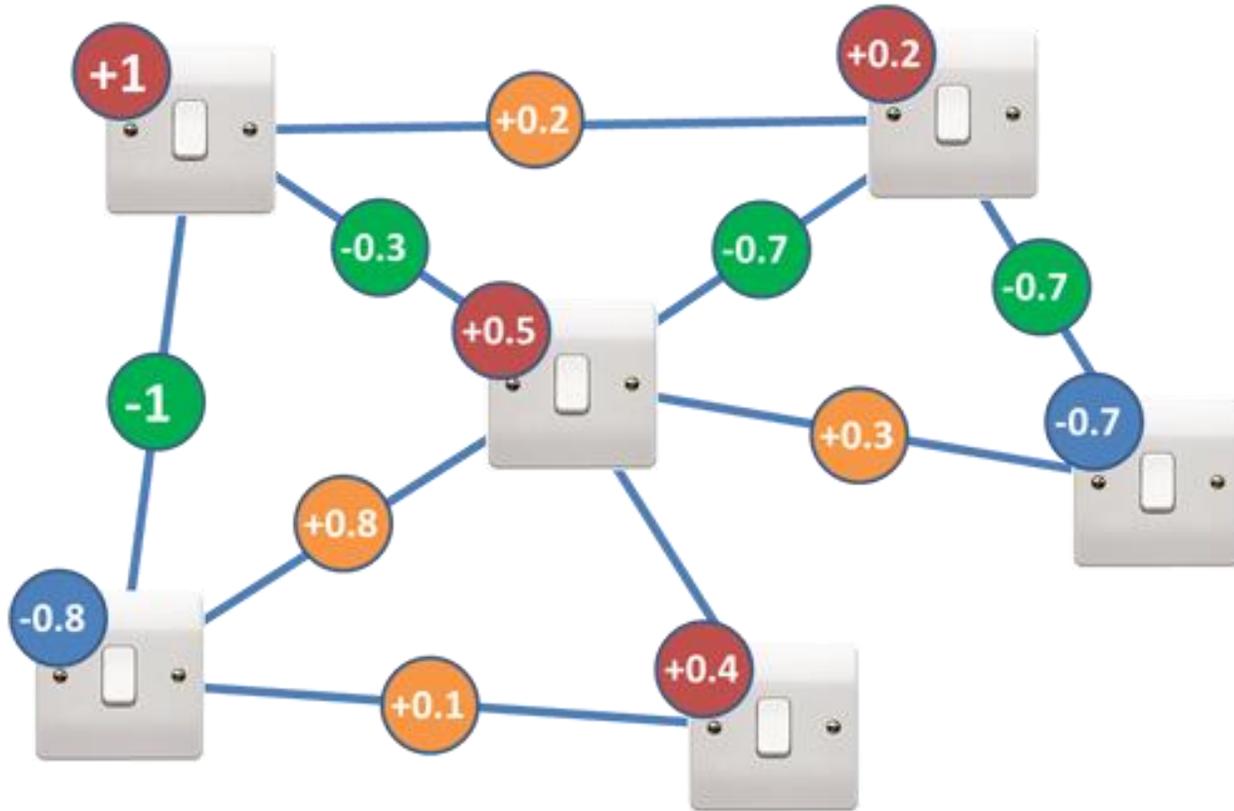
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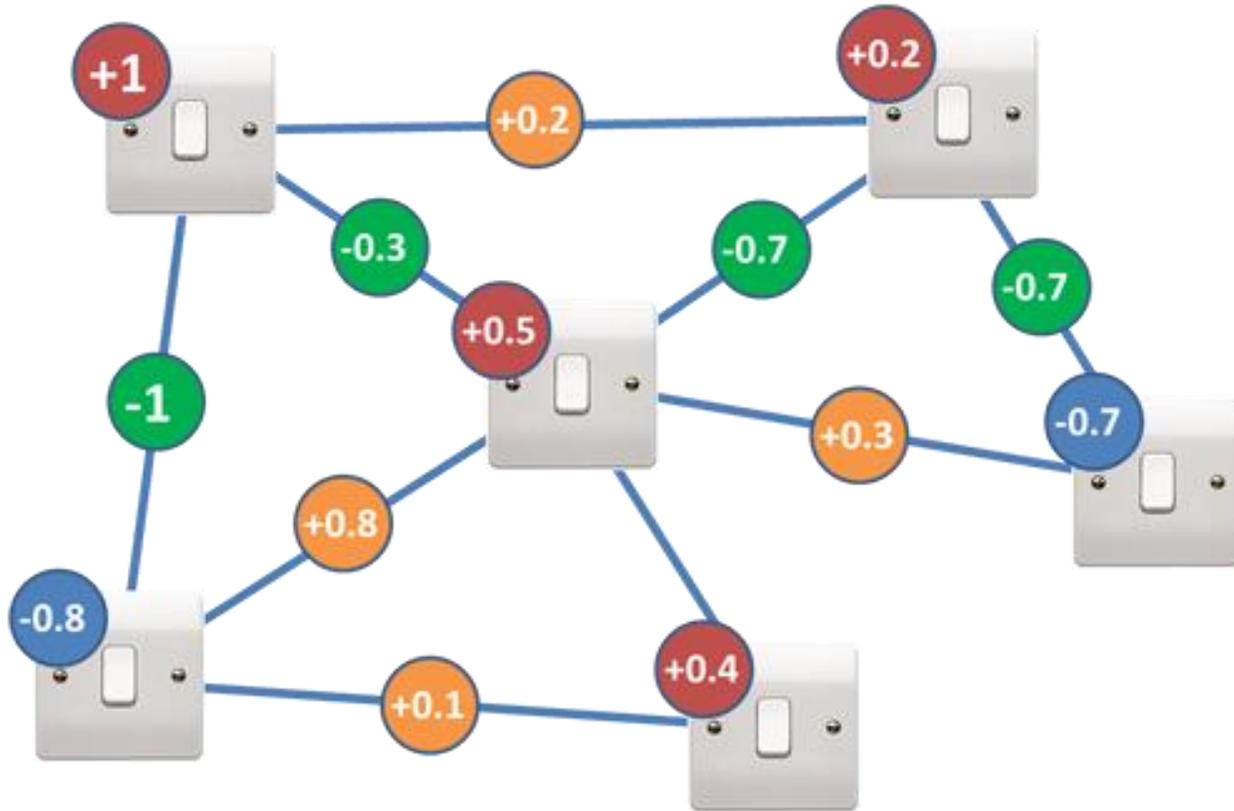
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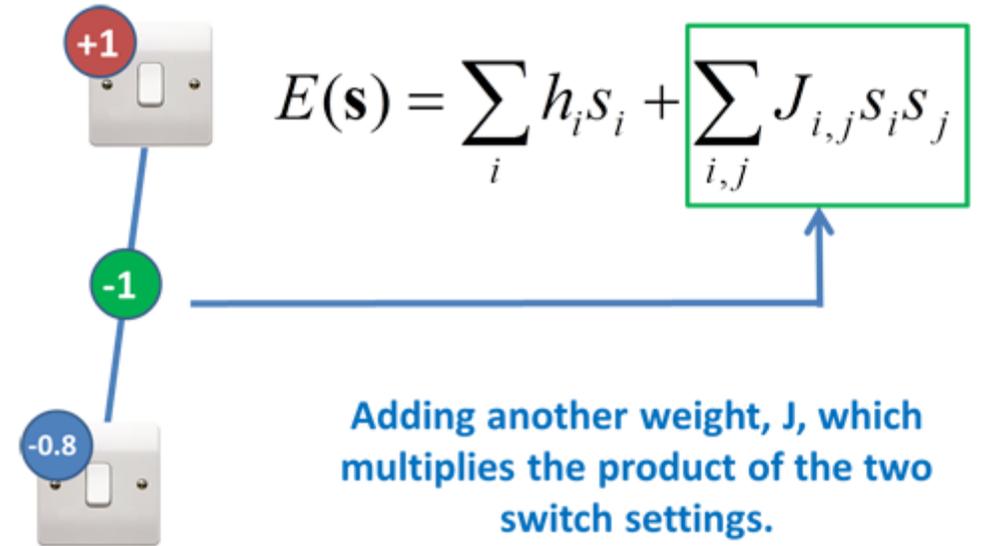
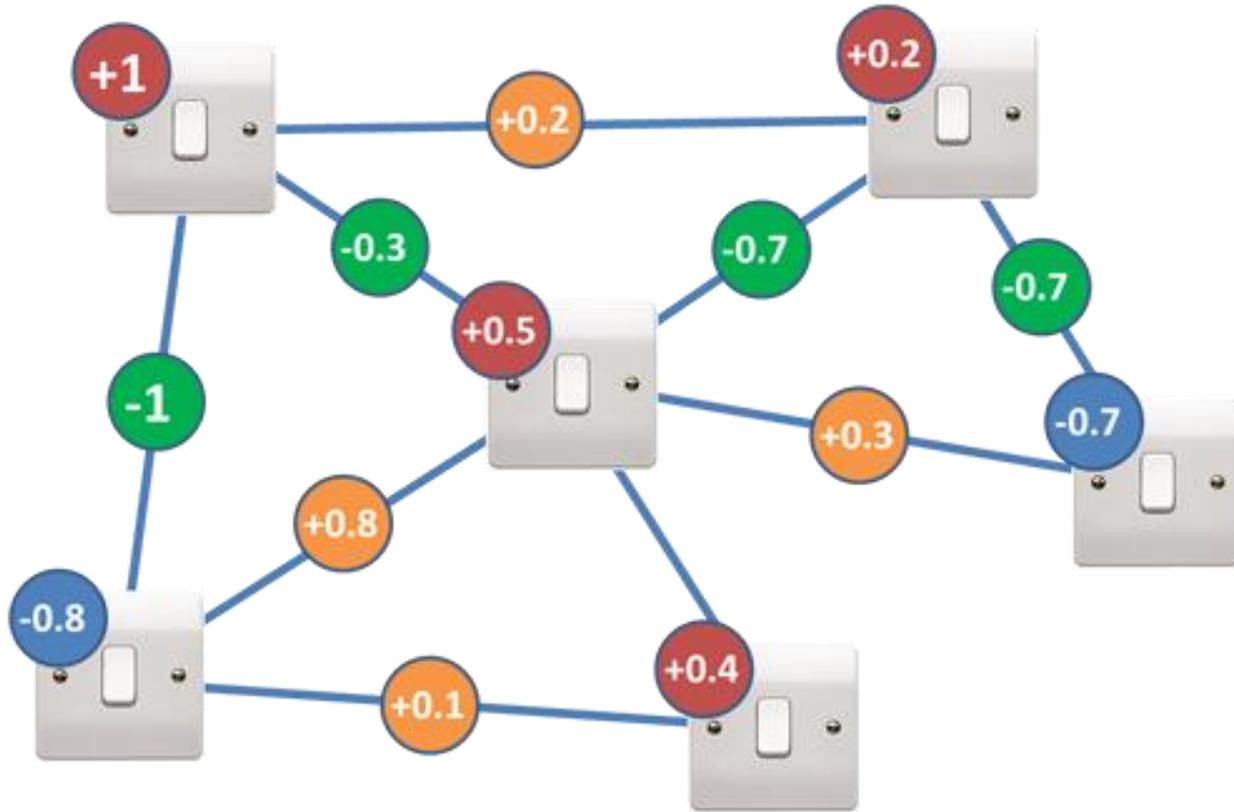
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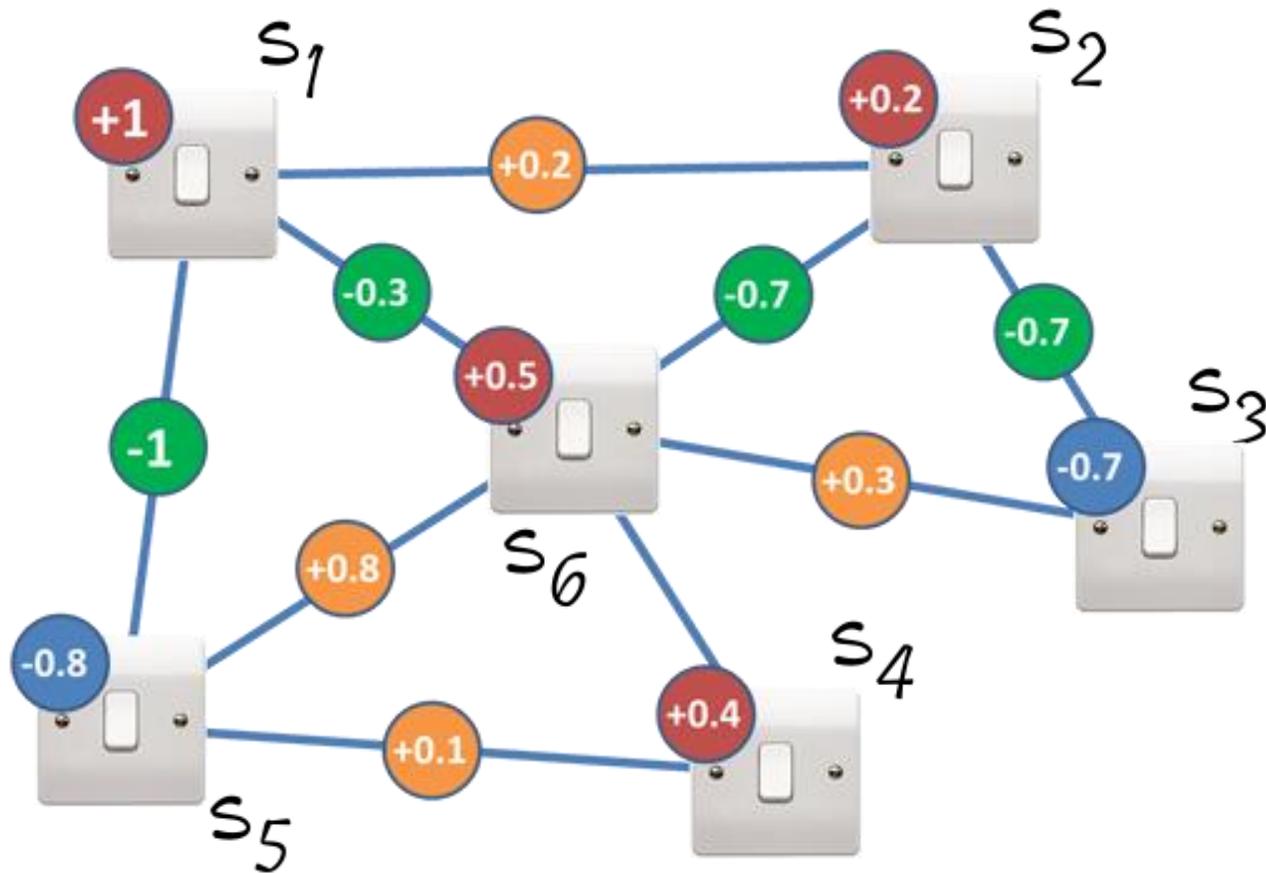


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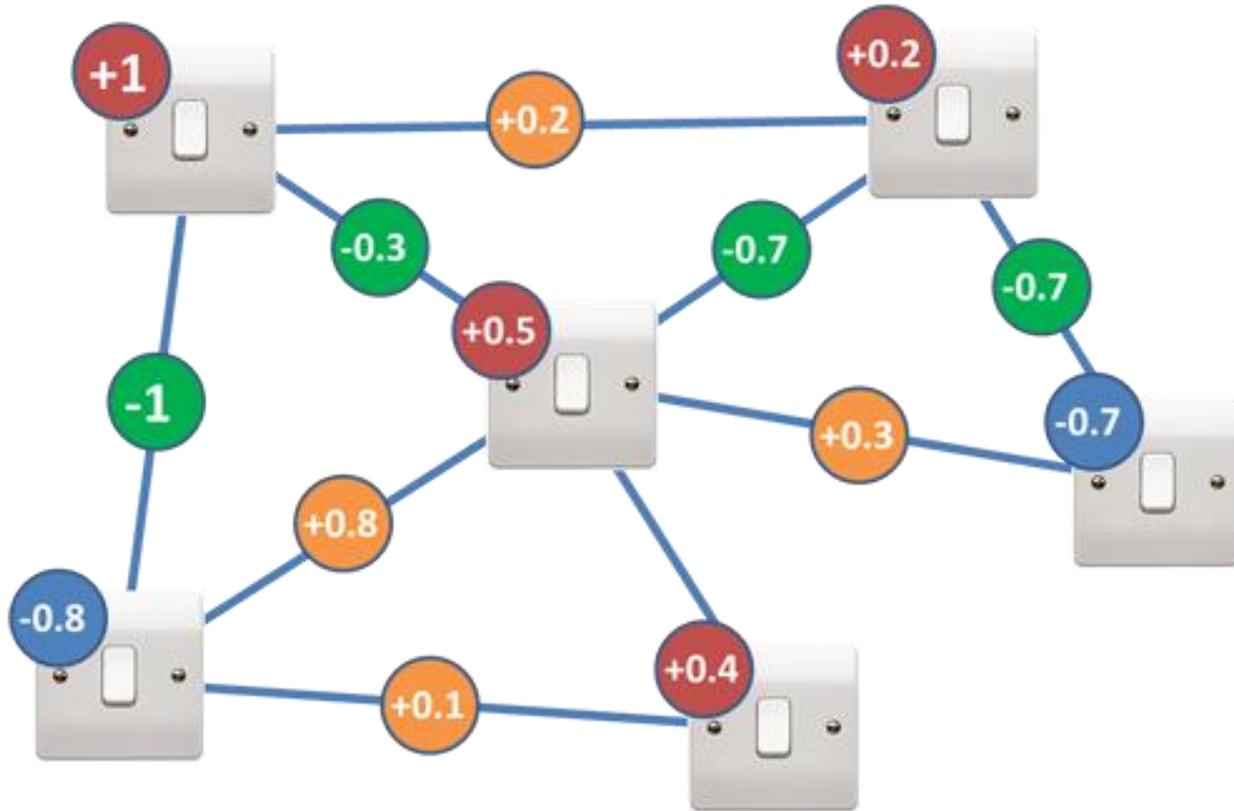


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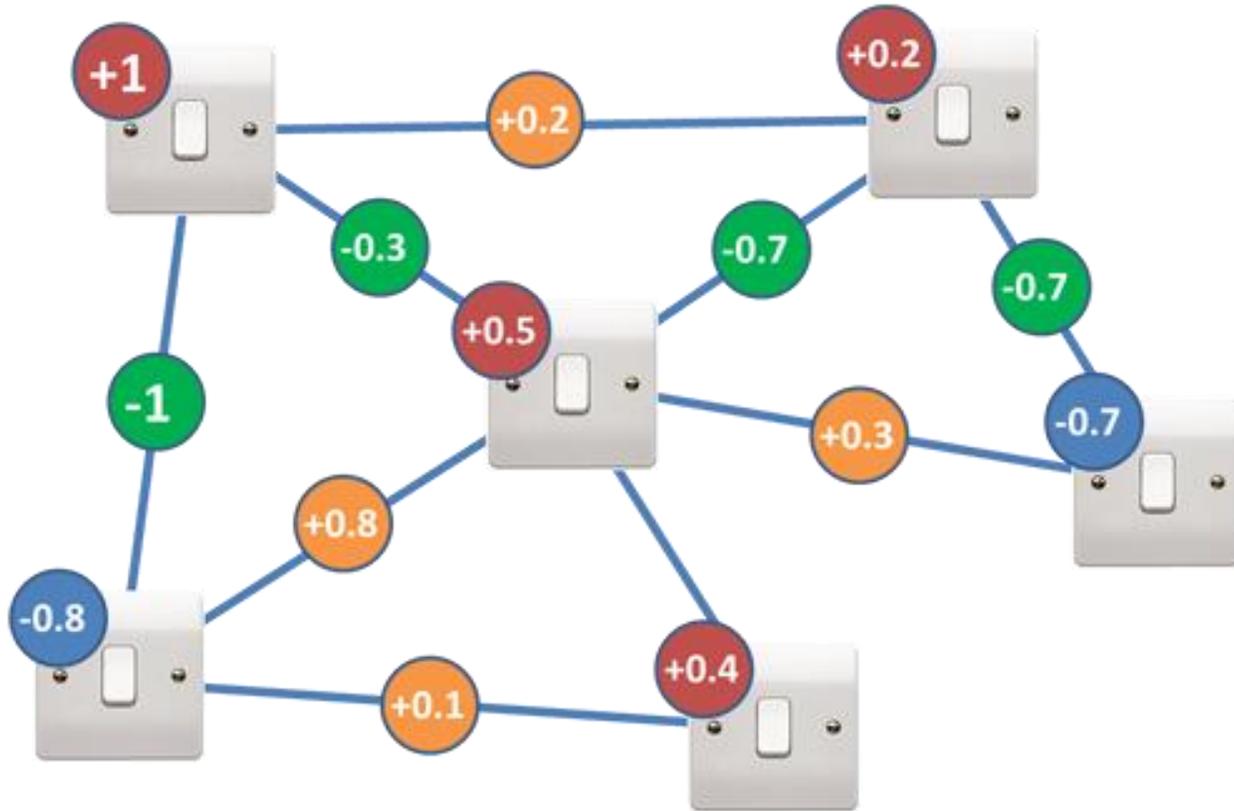
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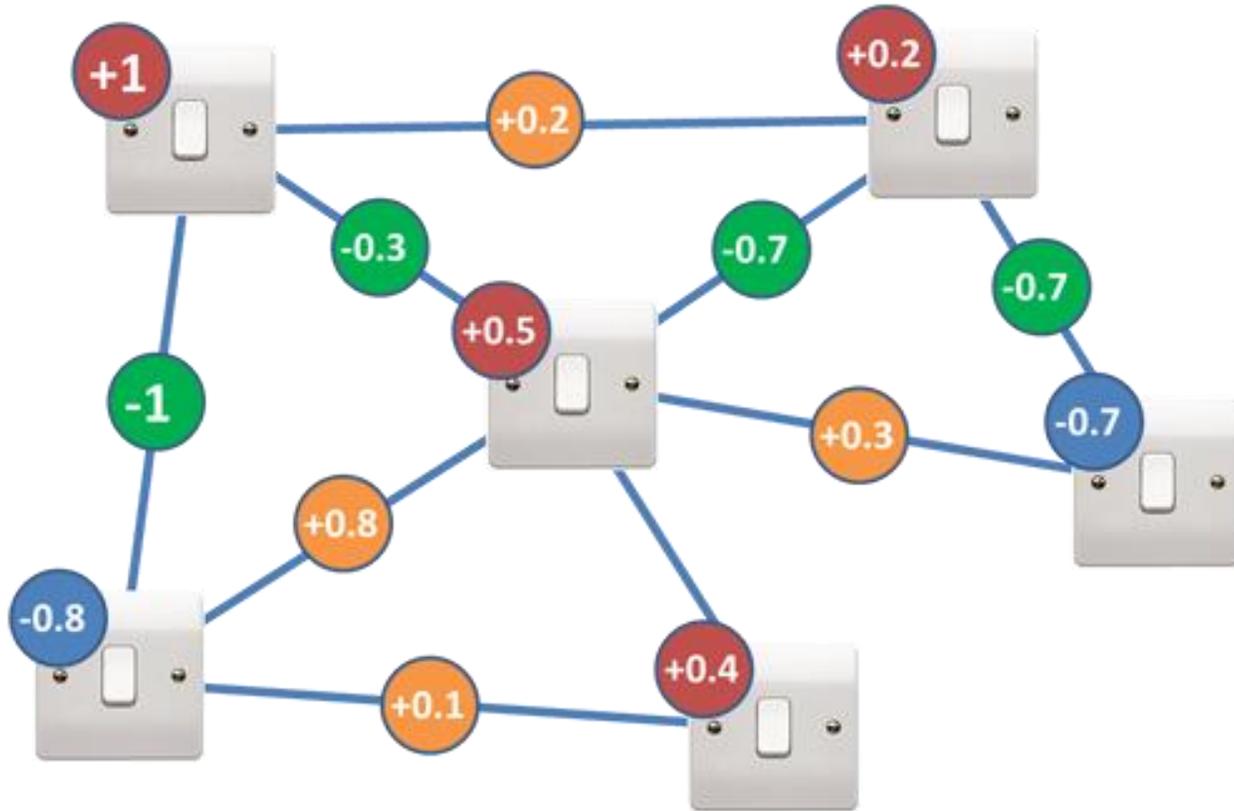


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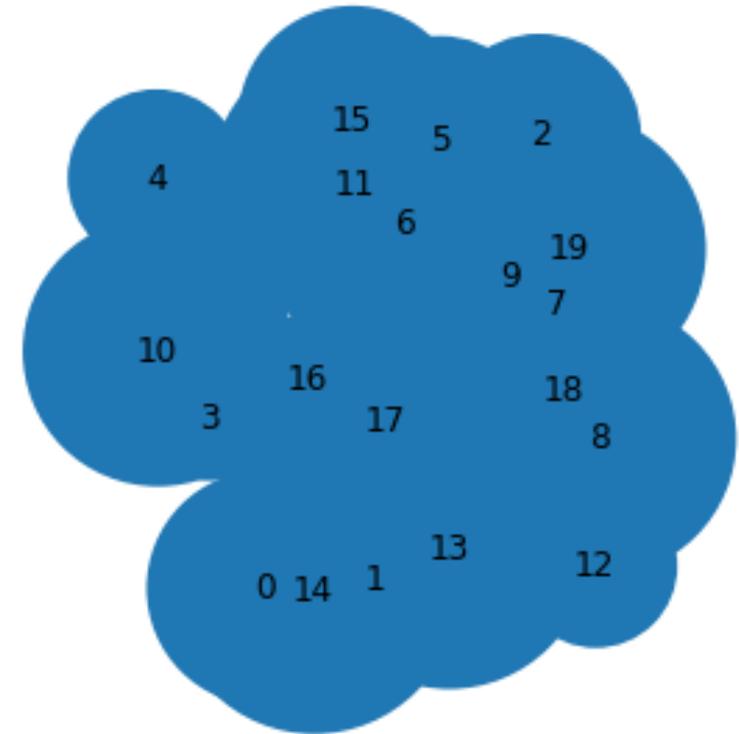
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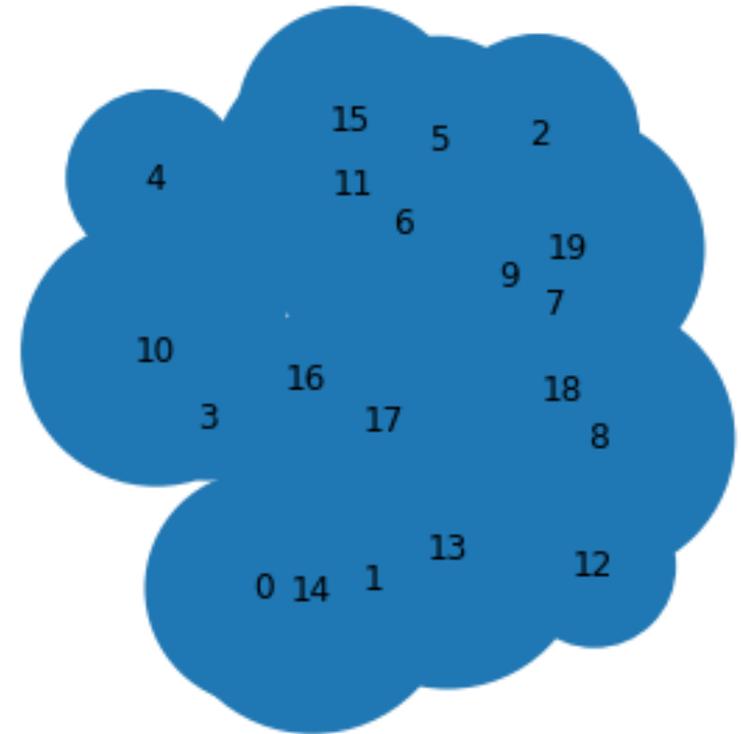
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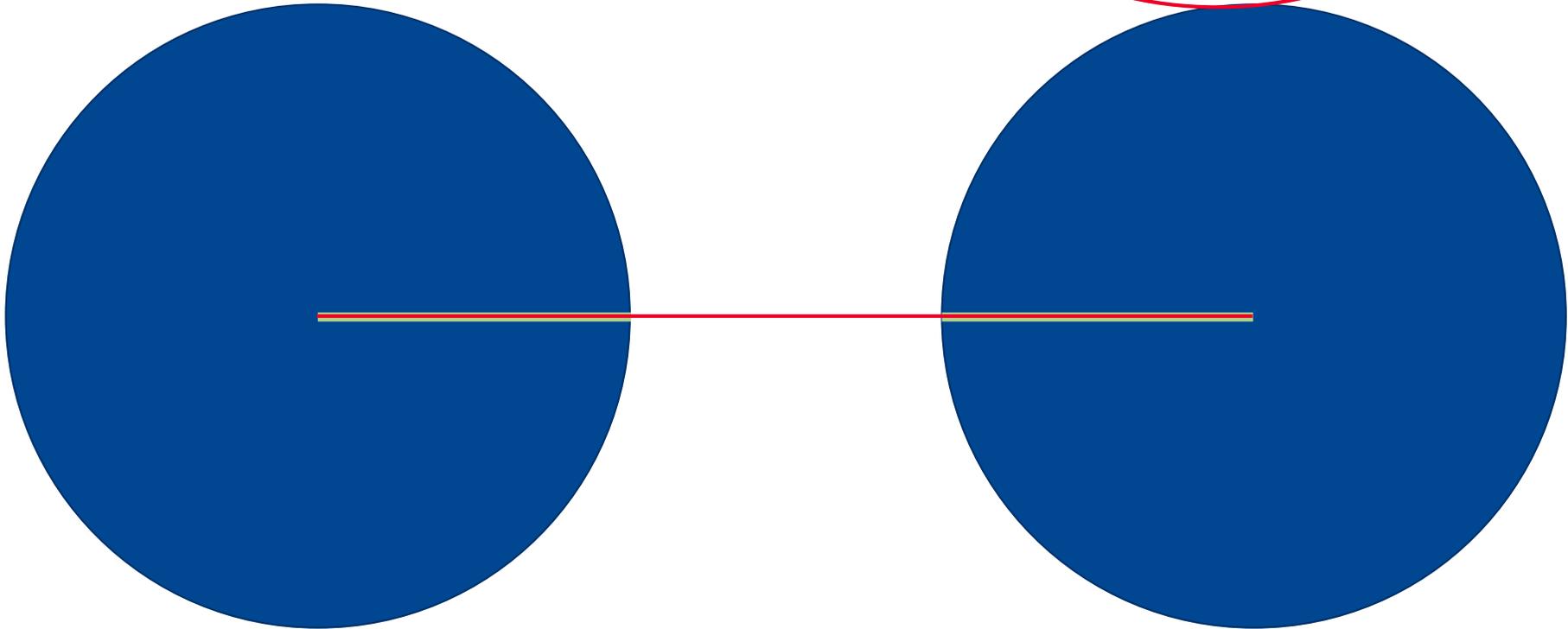
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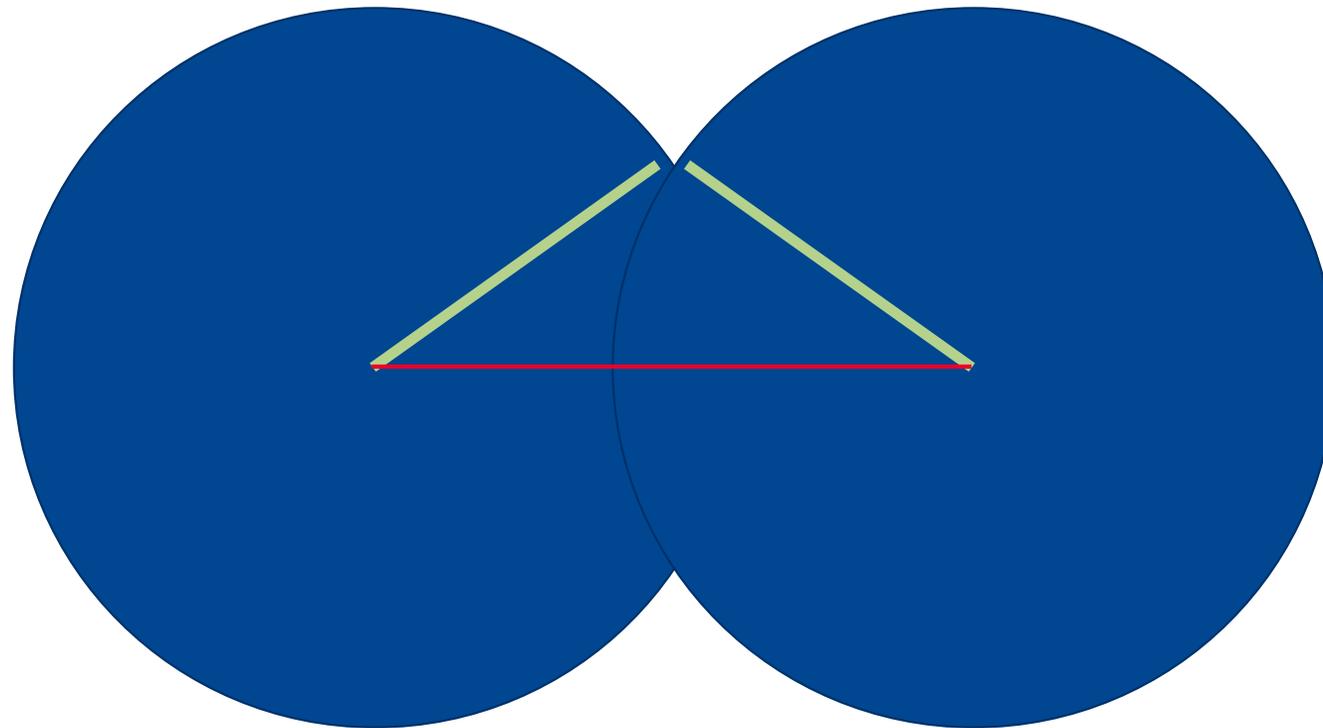
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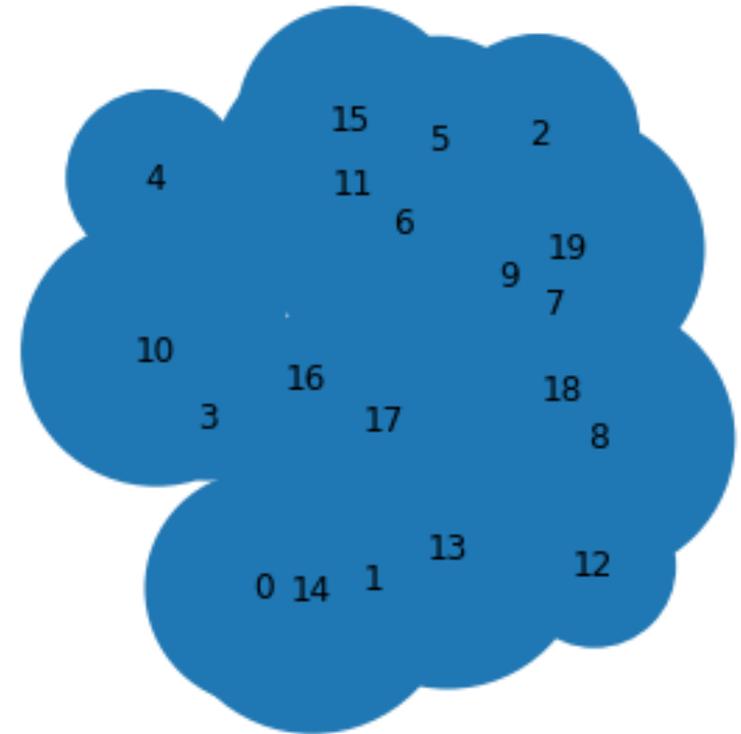
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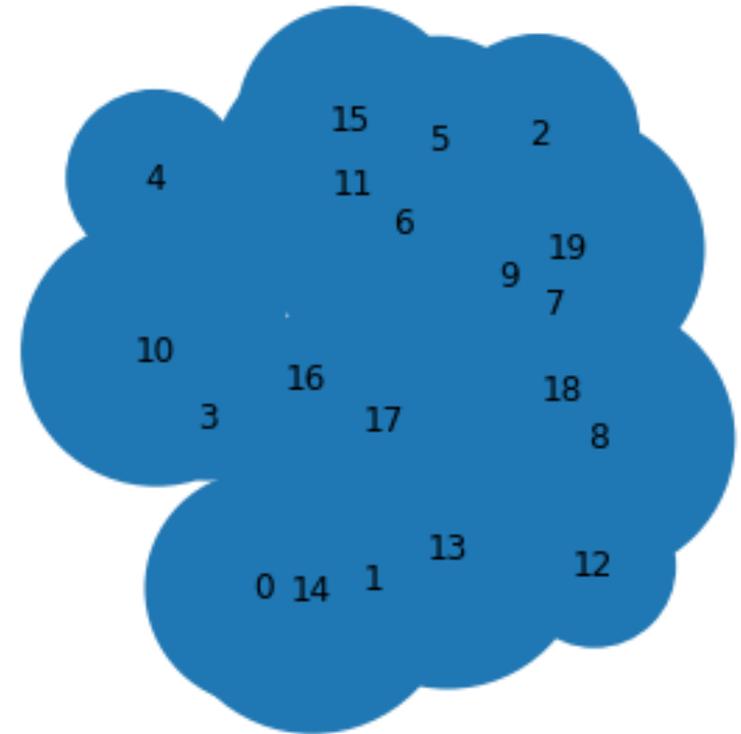
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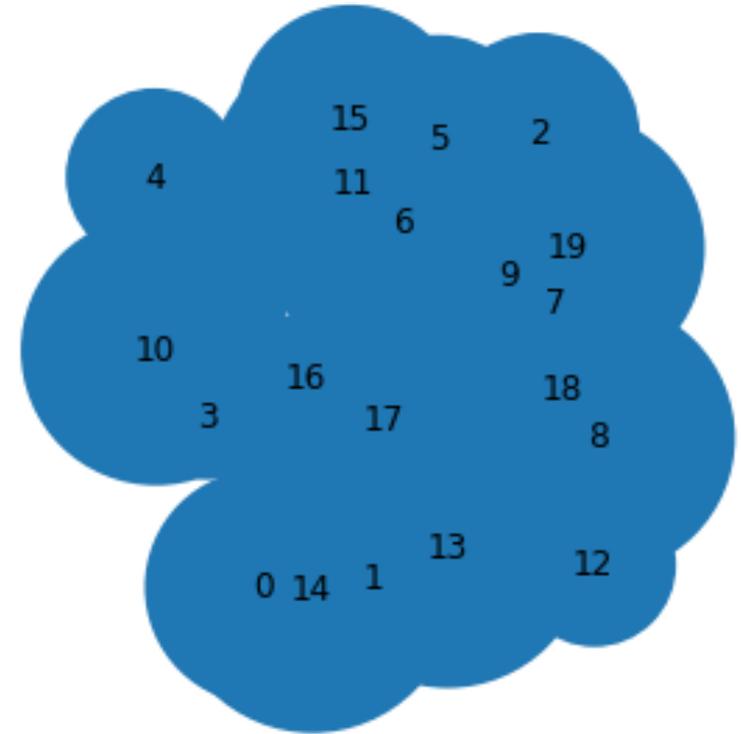
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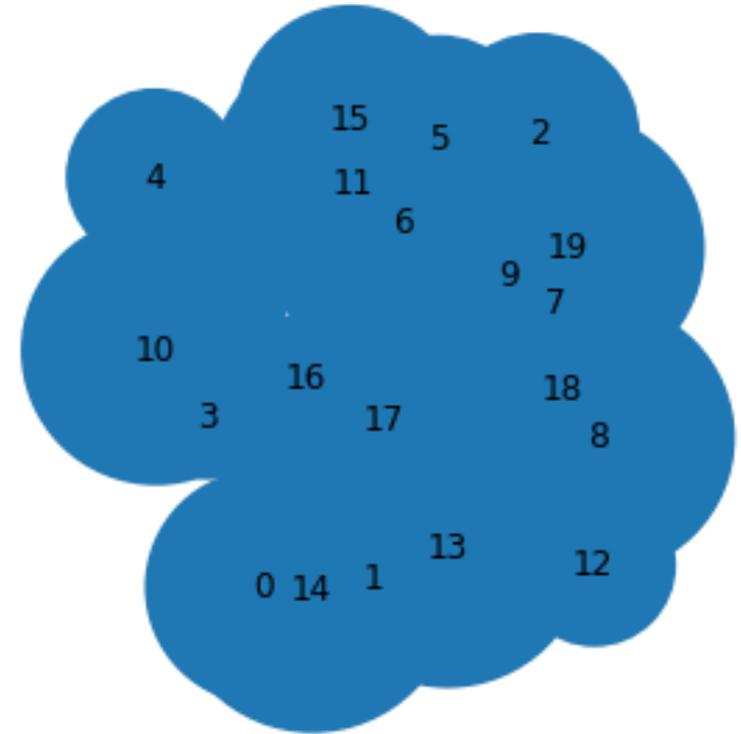


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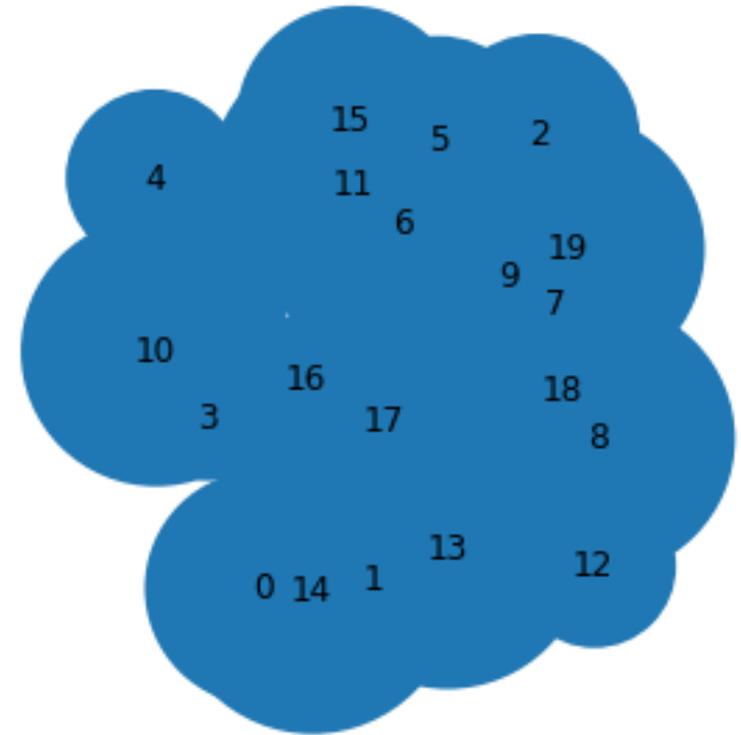
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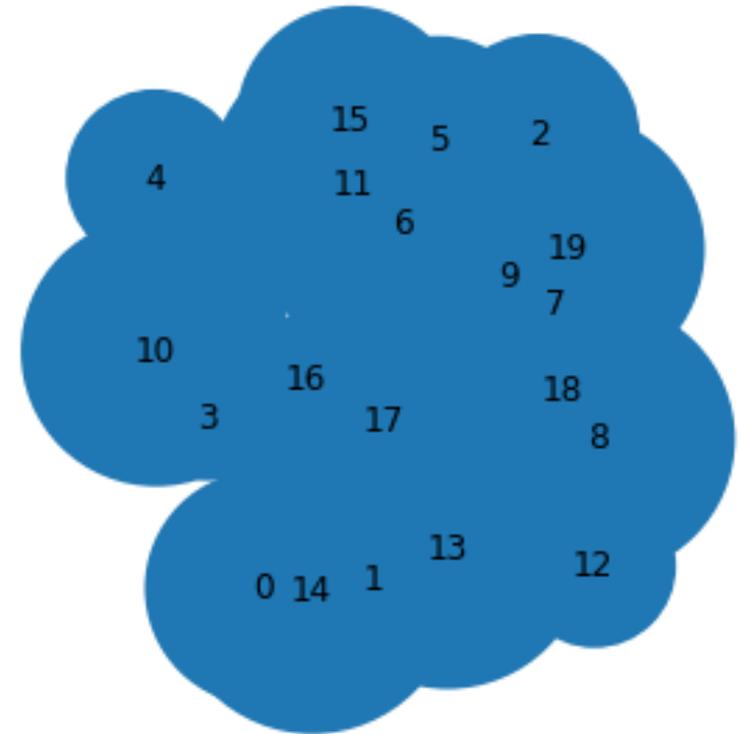
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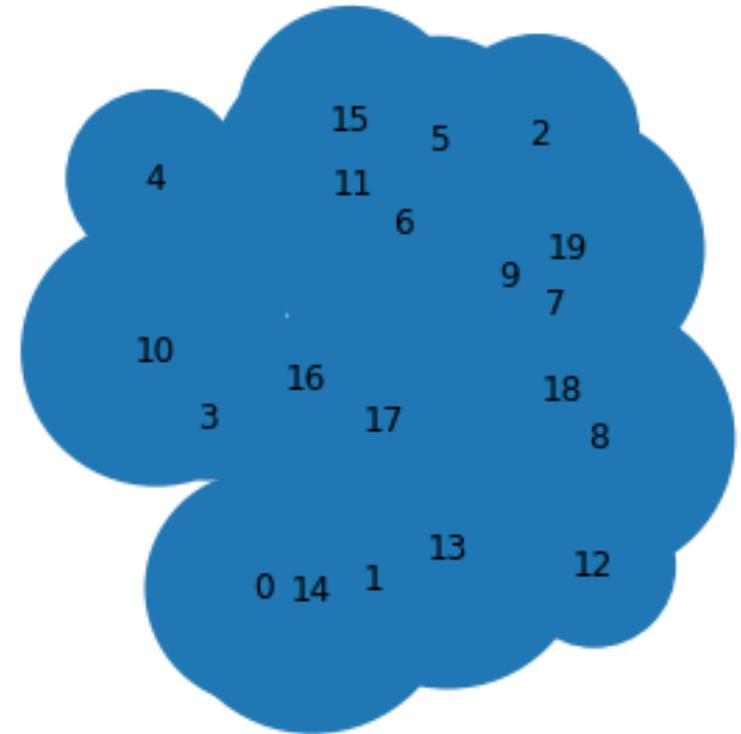
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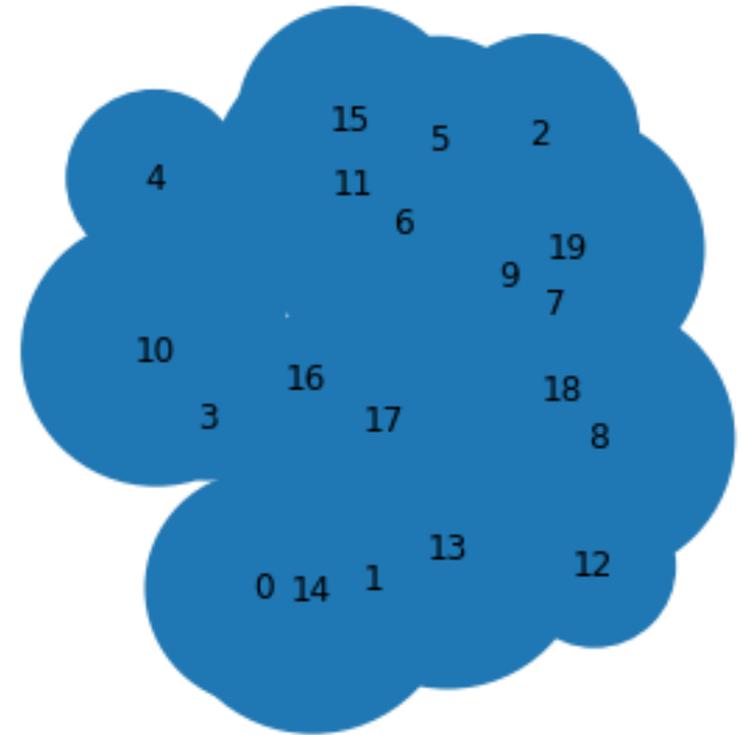
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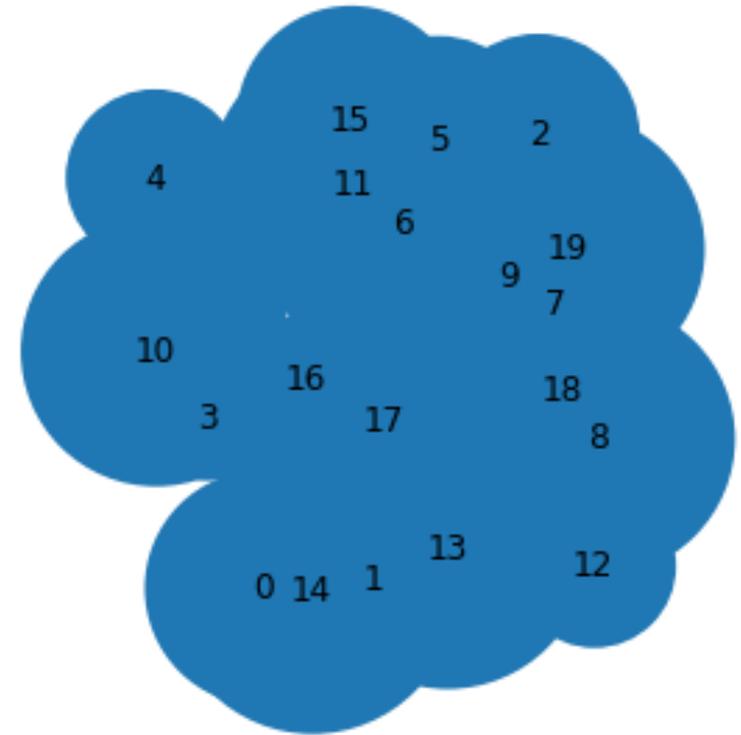
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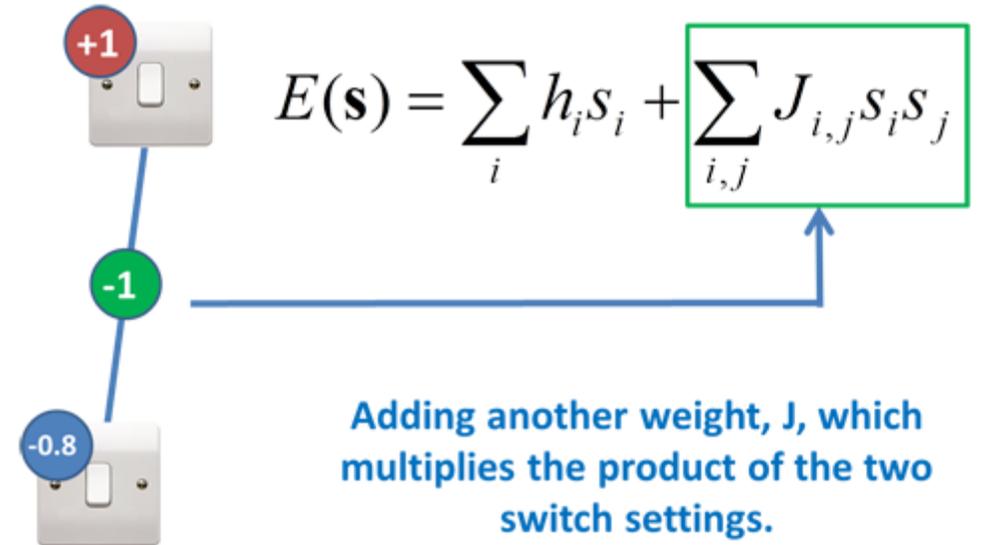
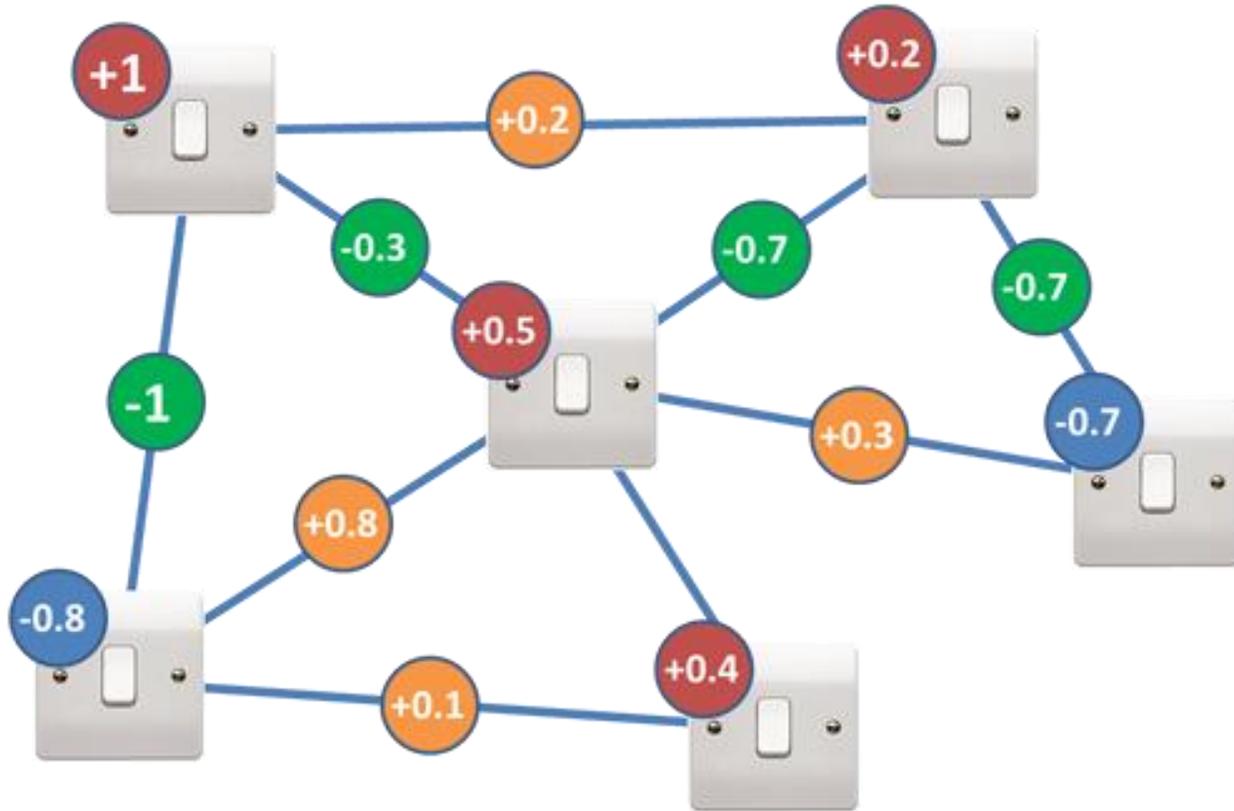
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>>> best_sample = min(decoded_samples, key=lambda x: x.energy)
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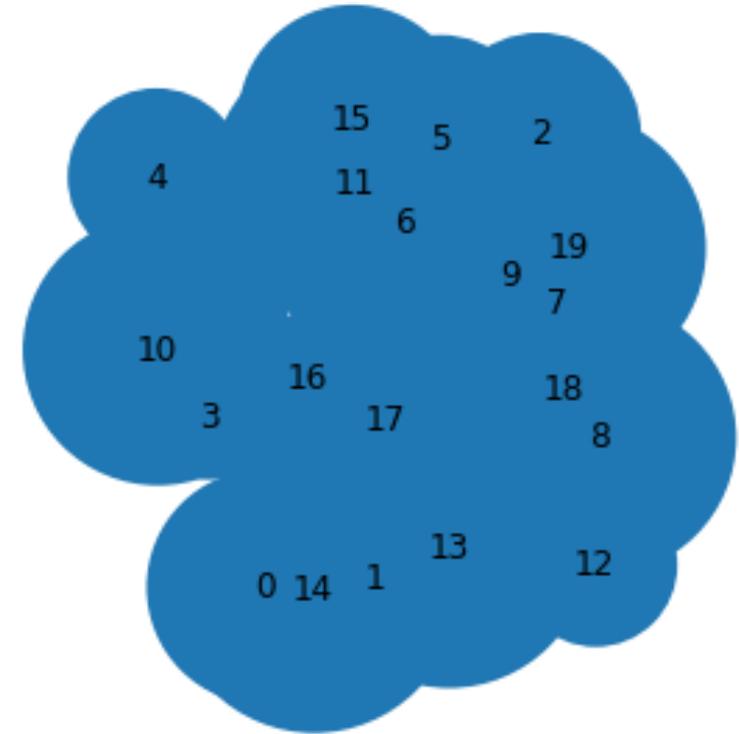
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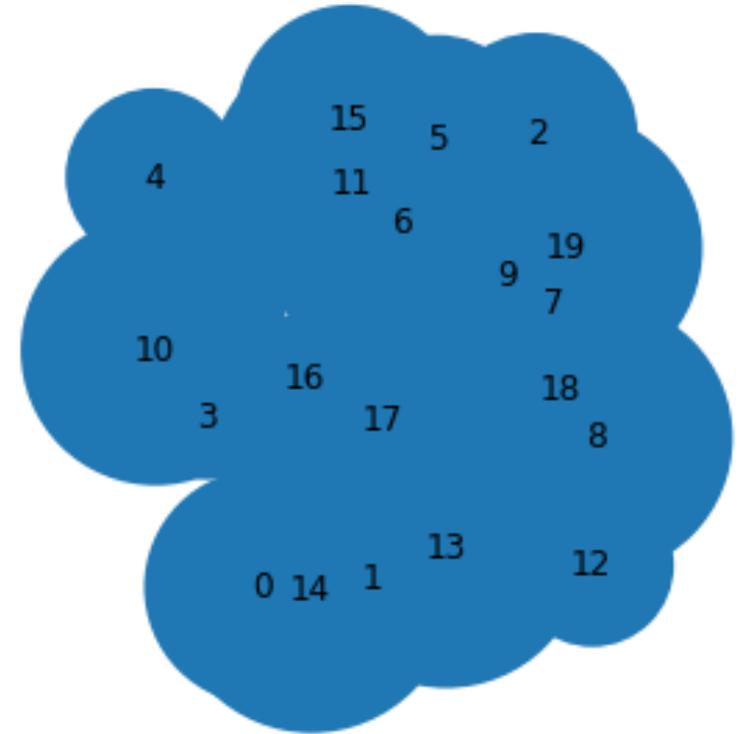
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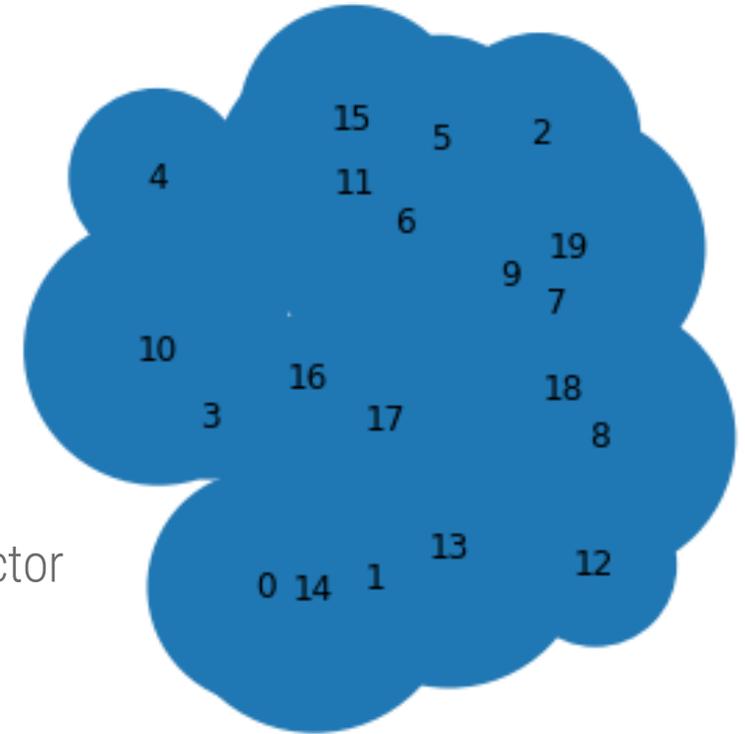
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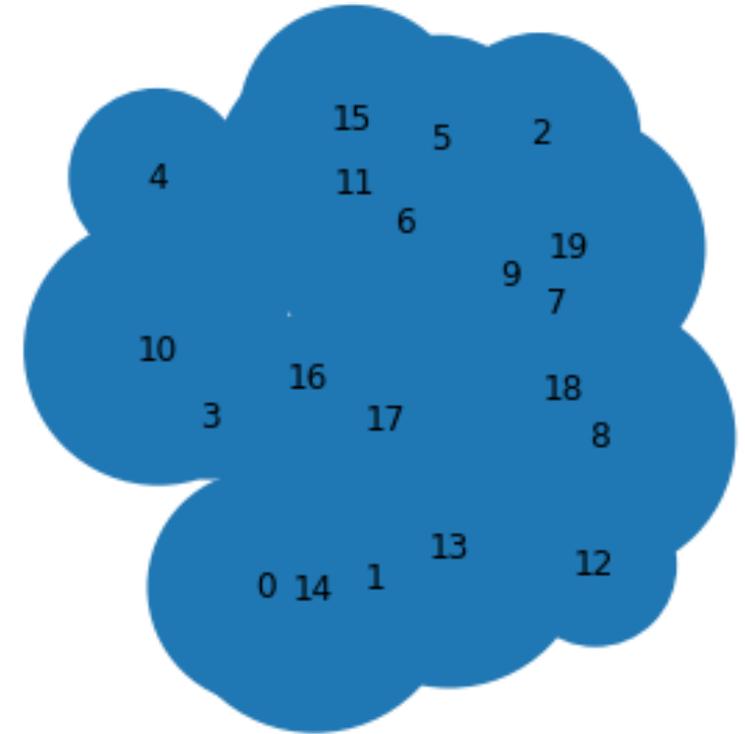
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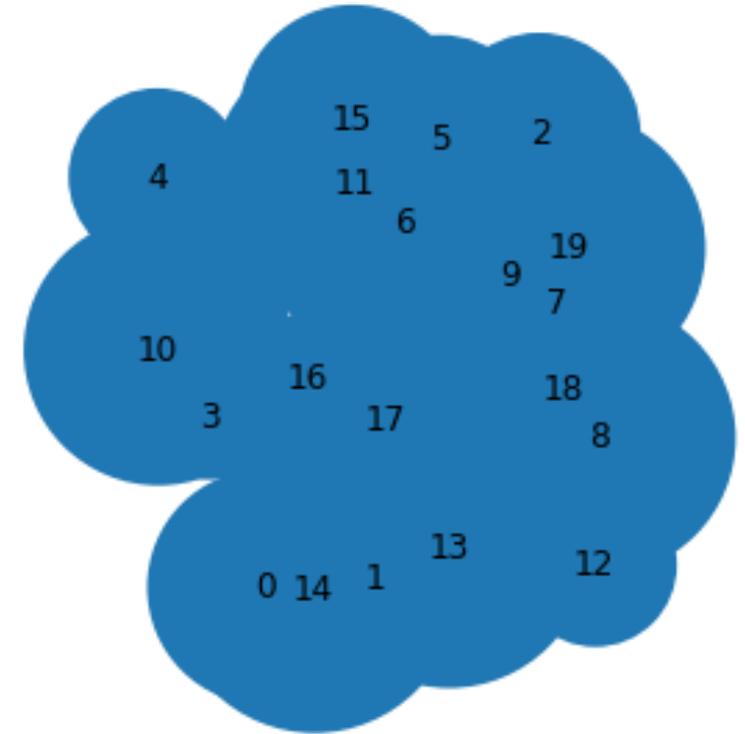
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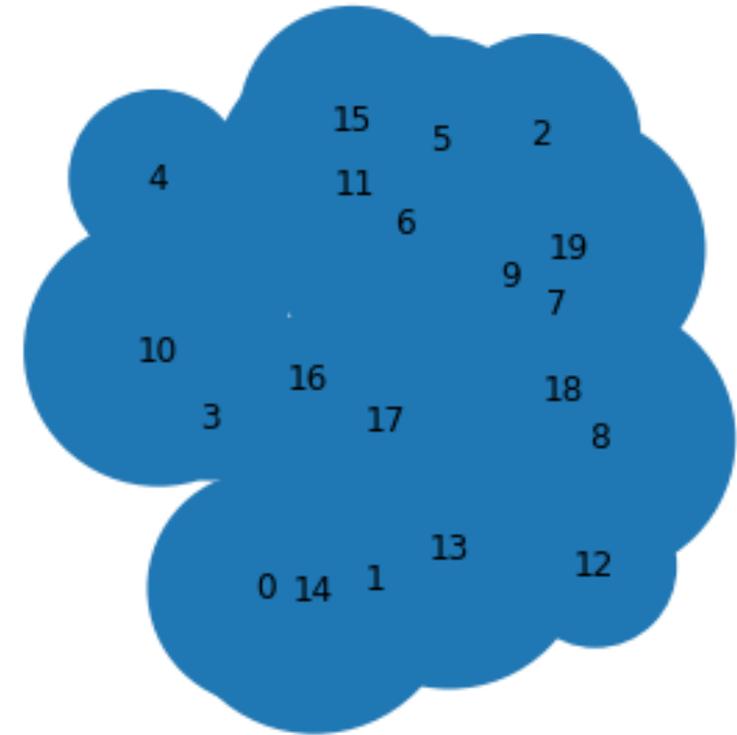
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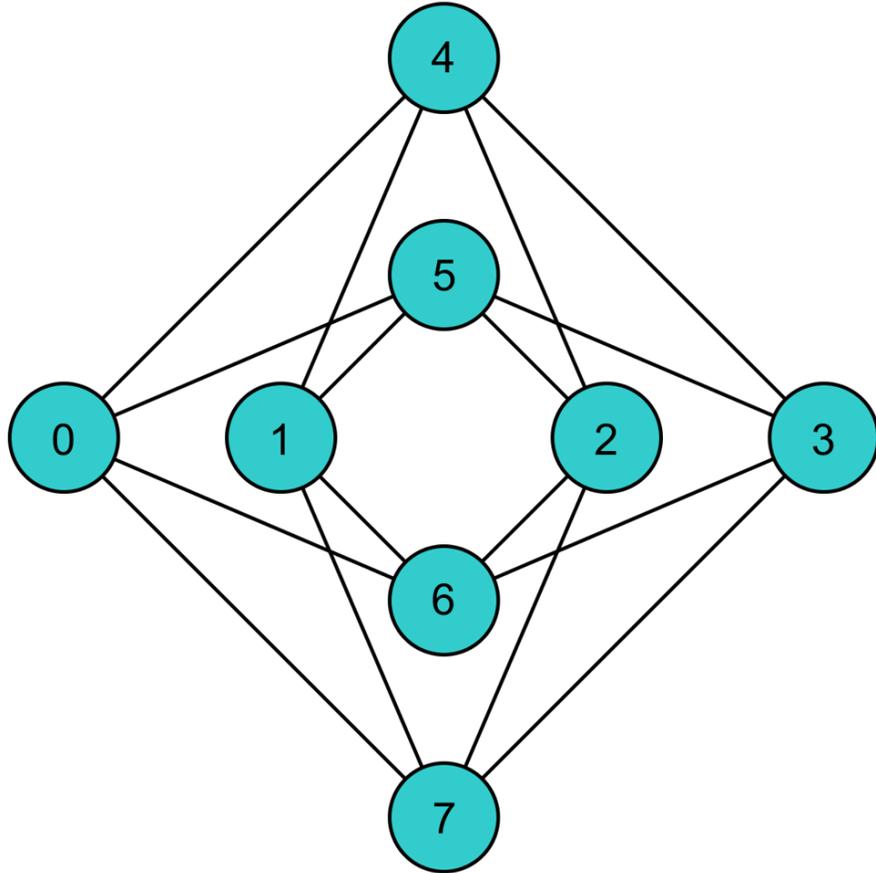
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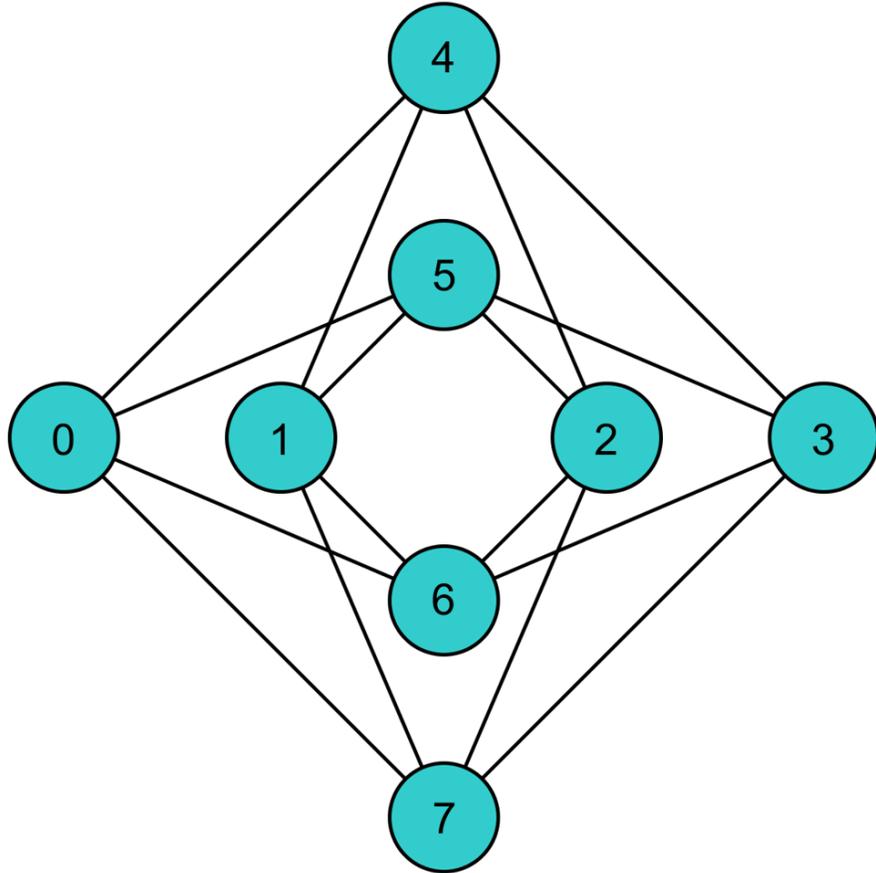
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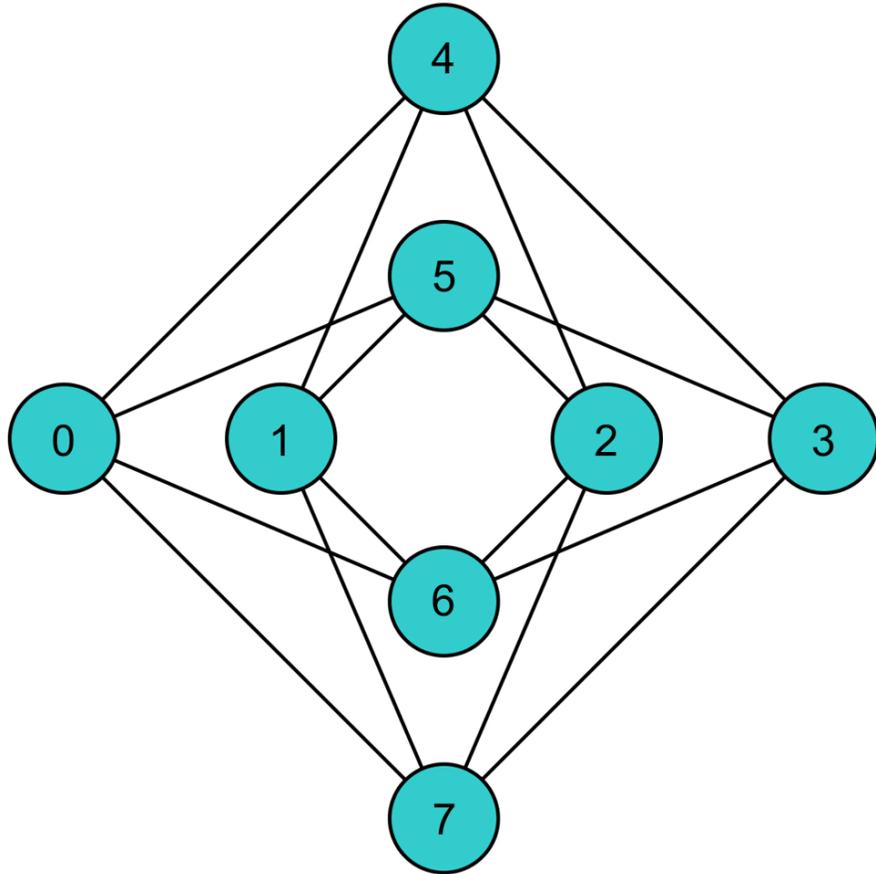
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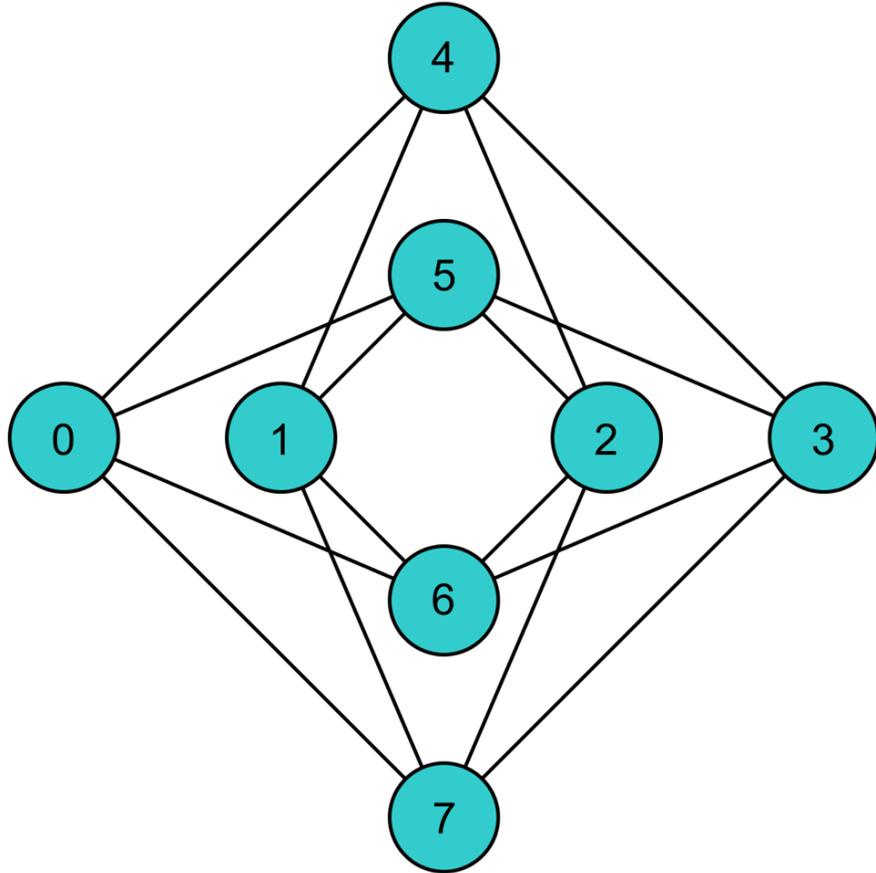
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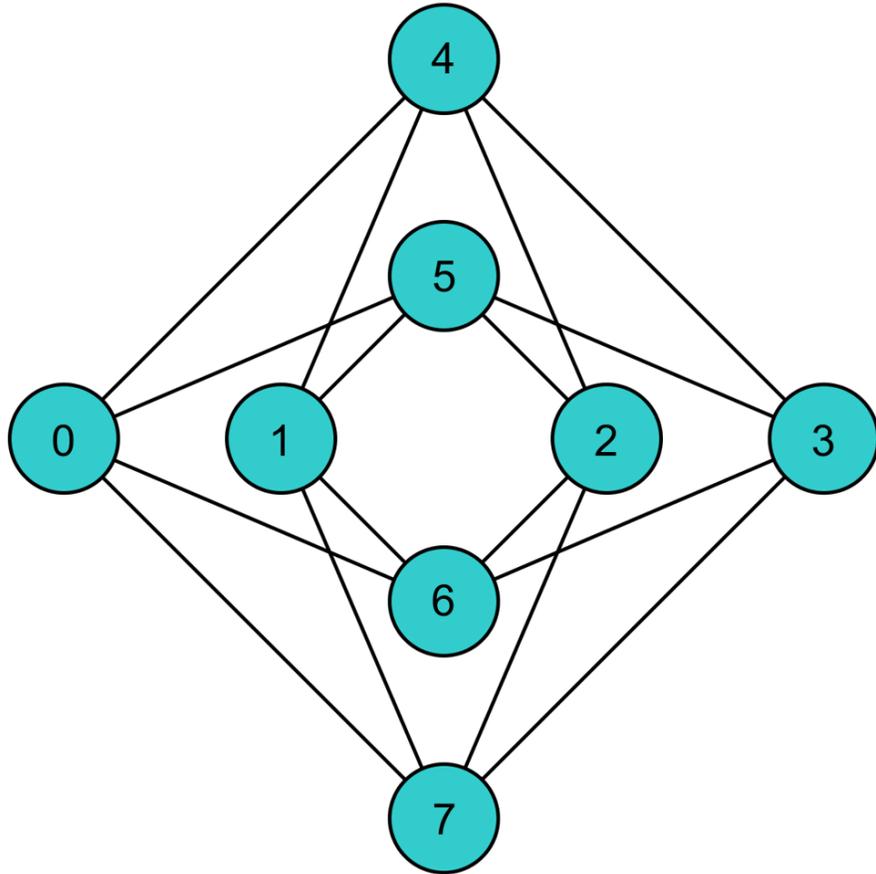
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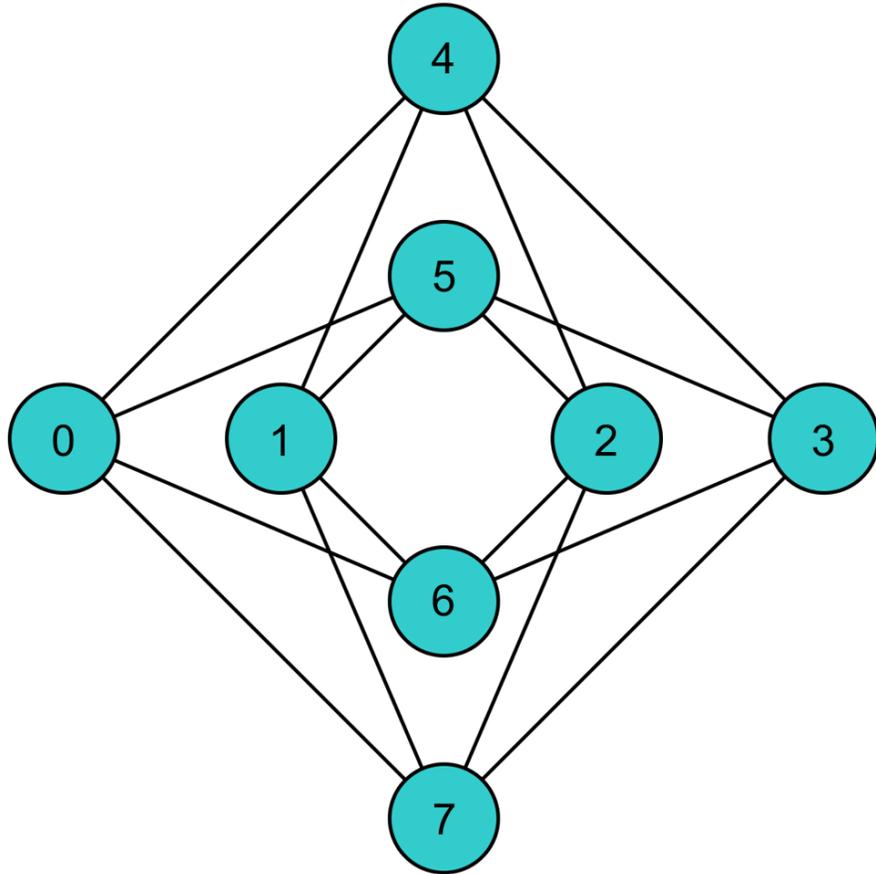
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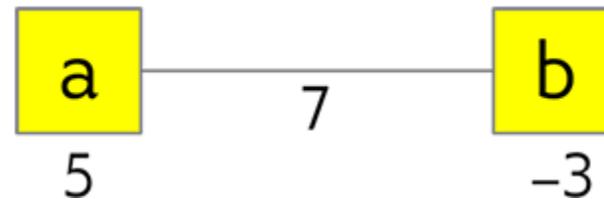
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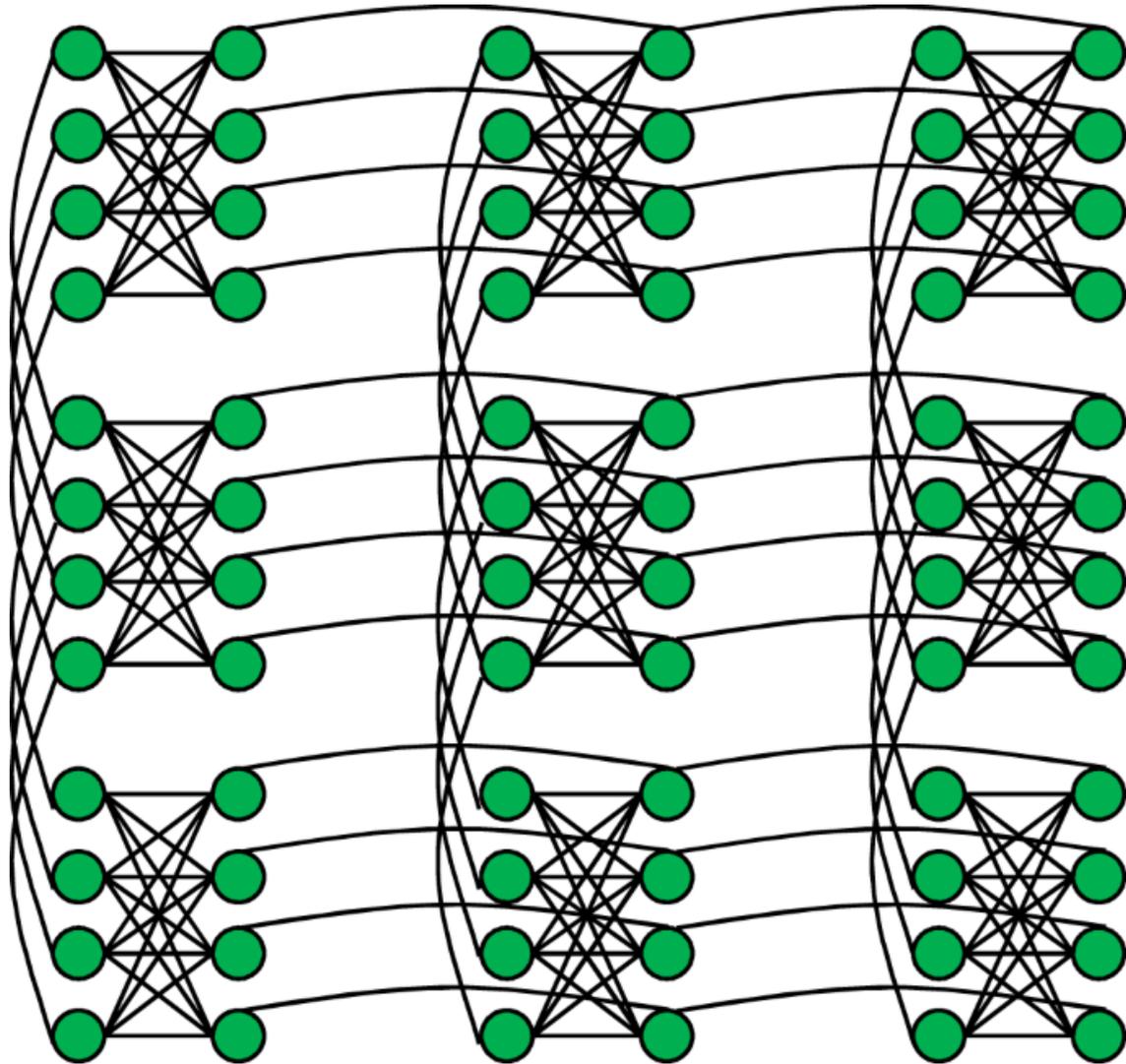


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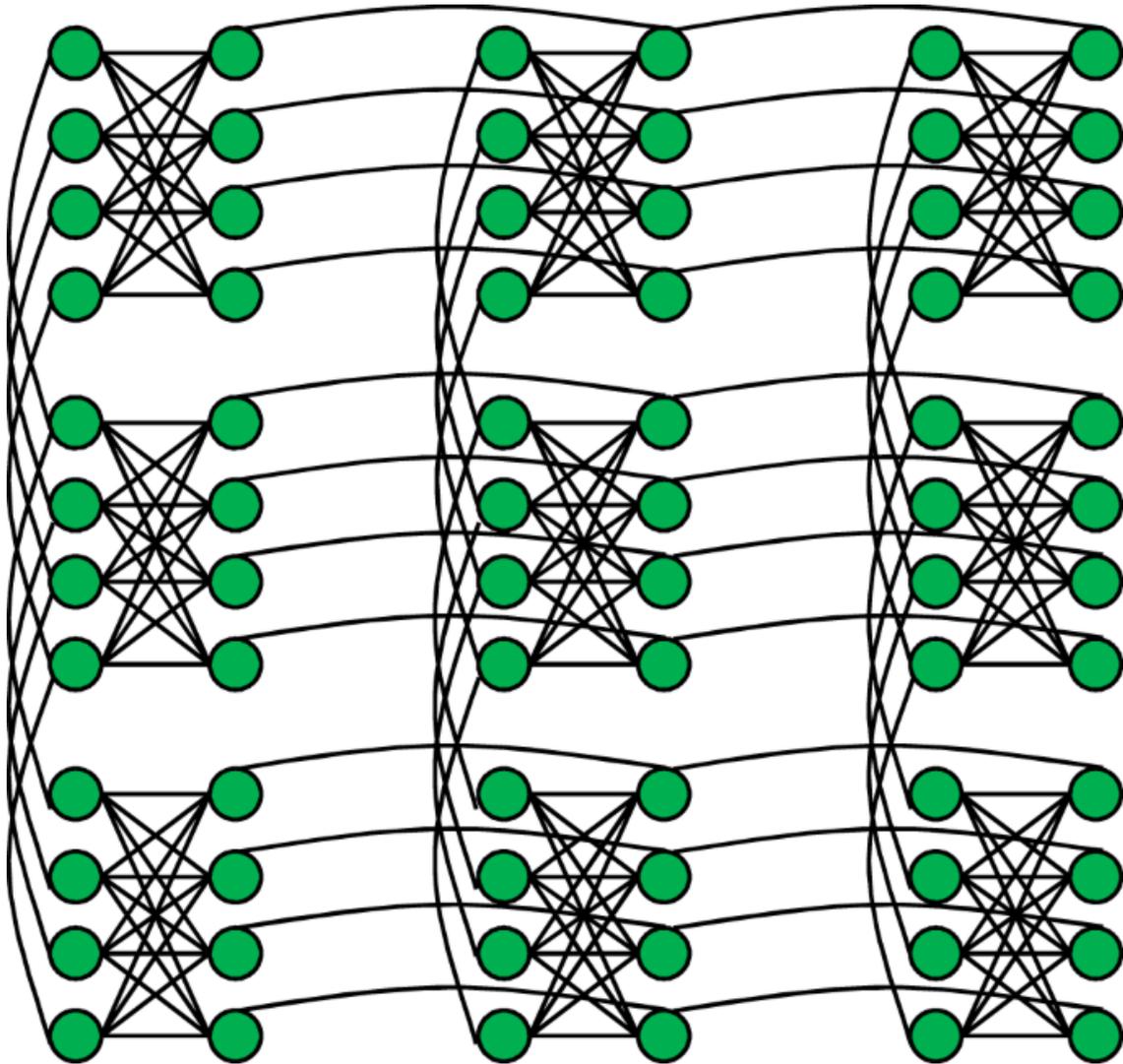


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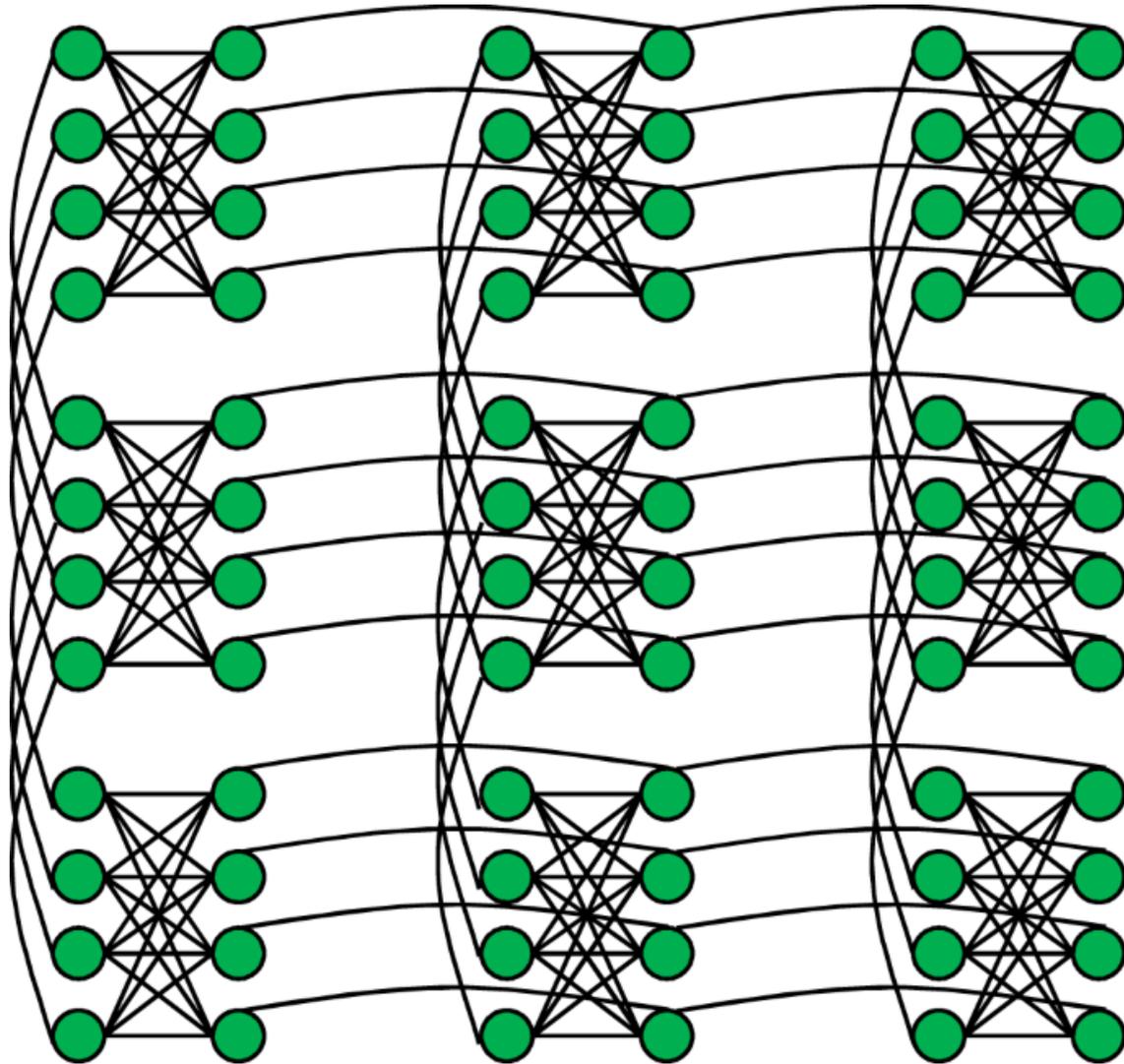
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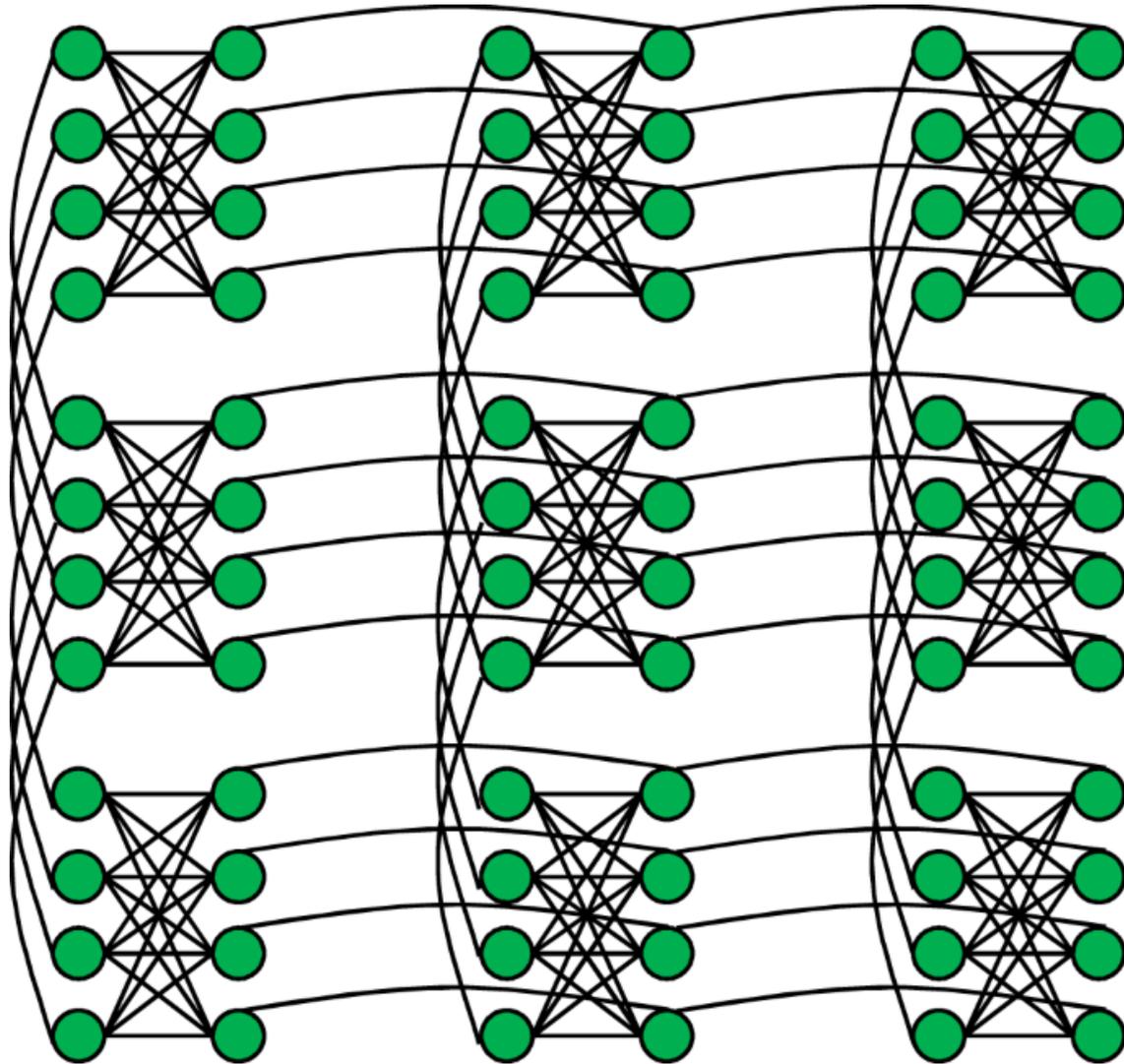
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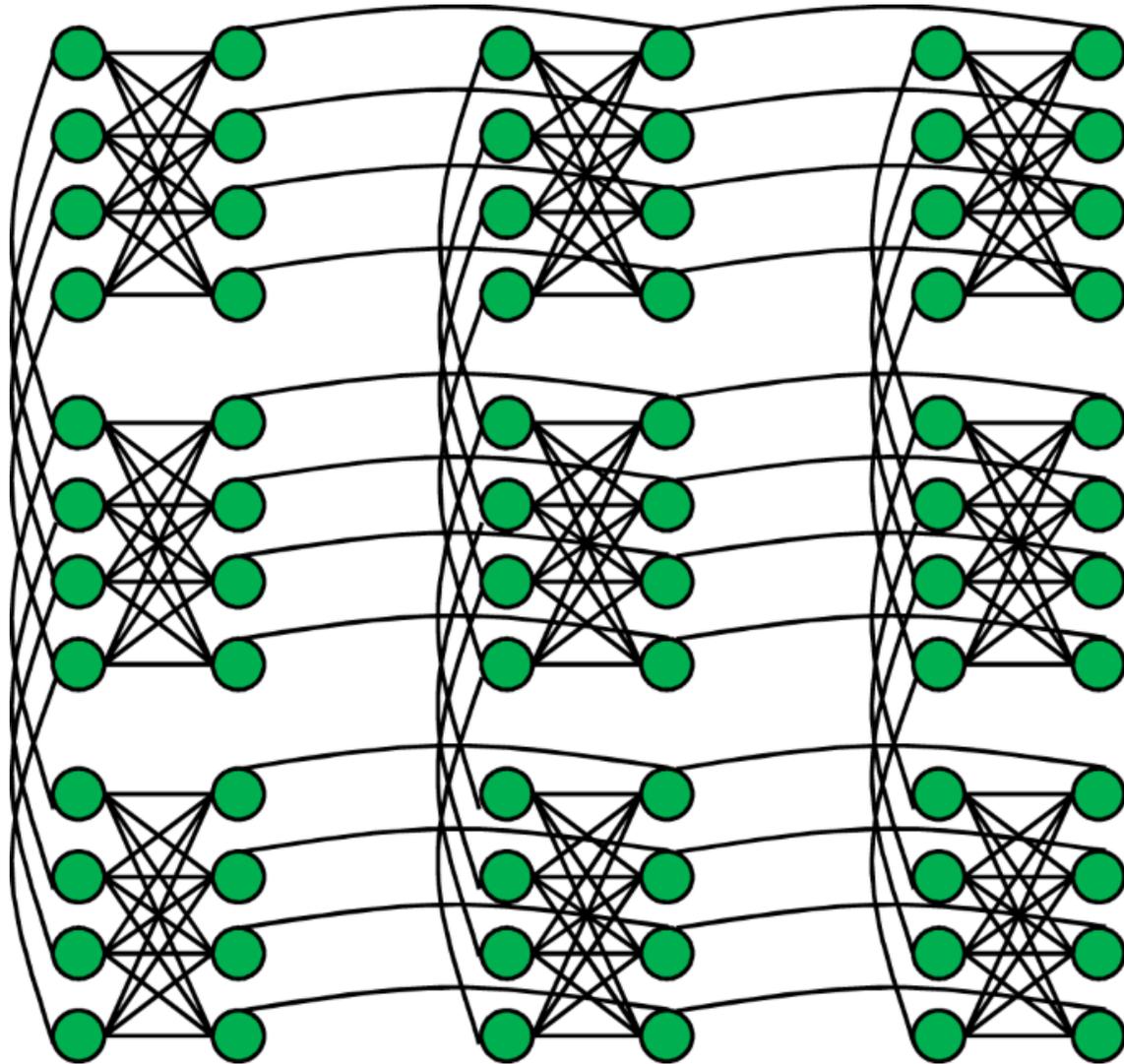
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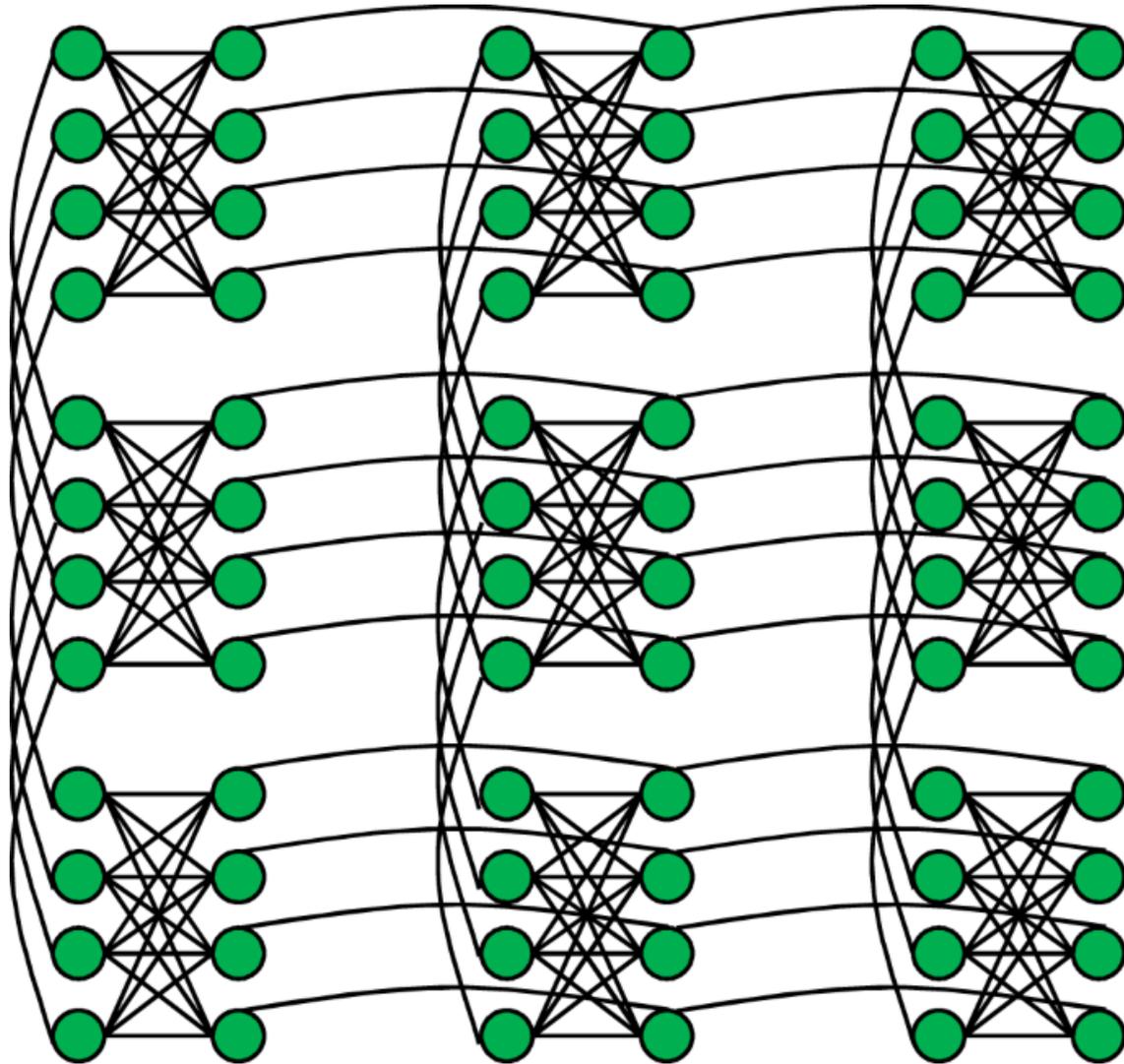
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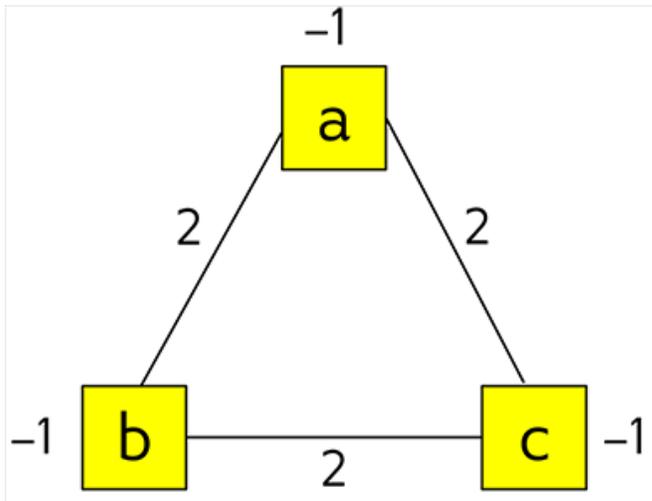
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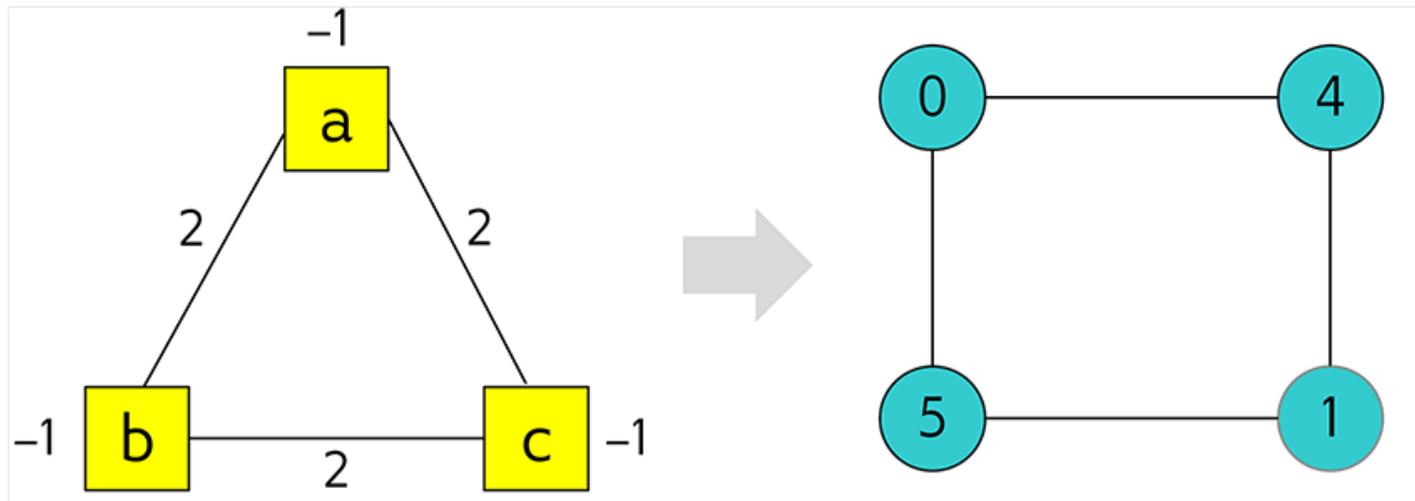
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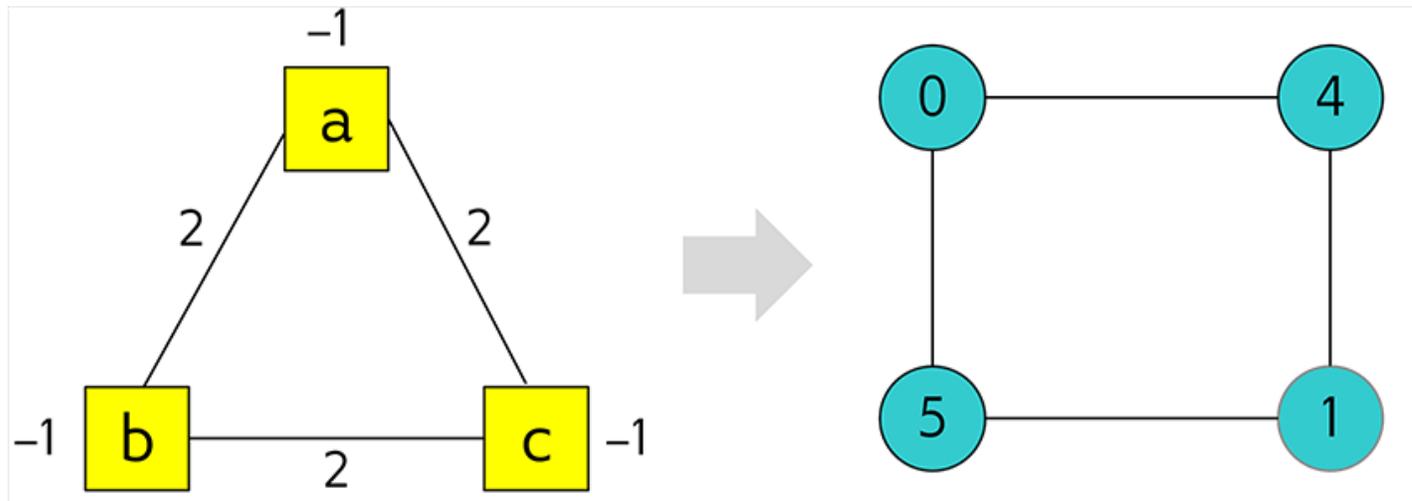
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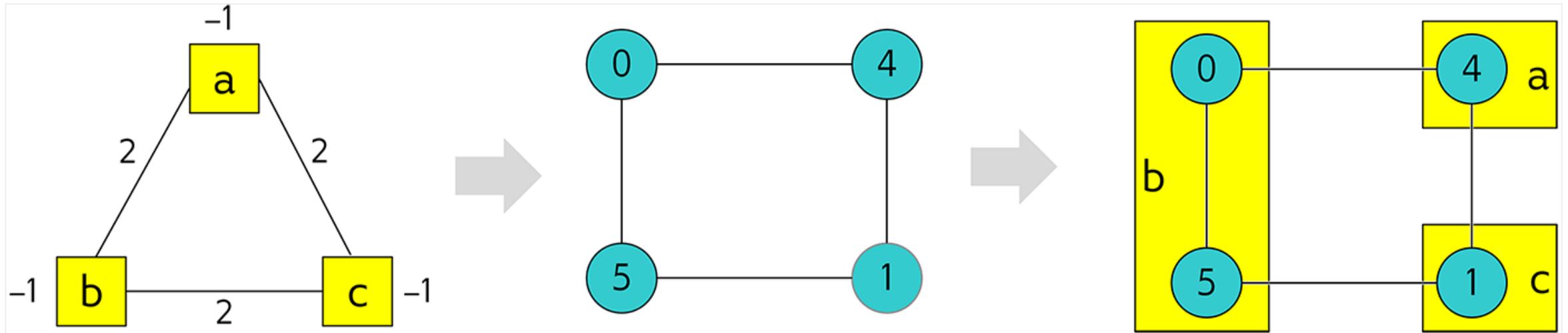
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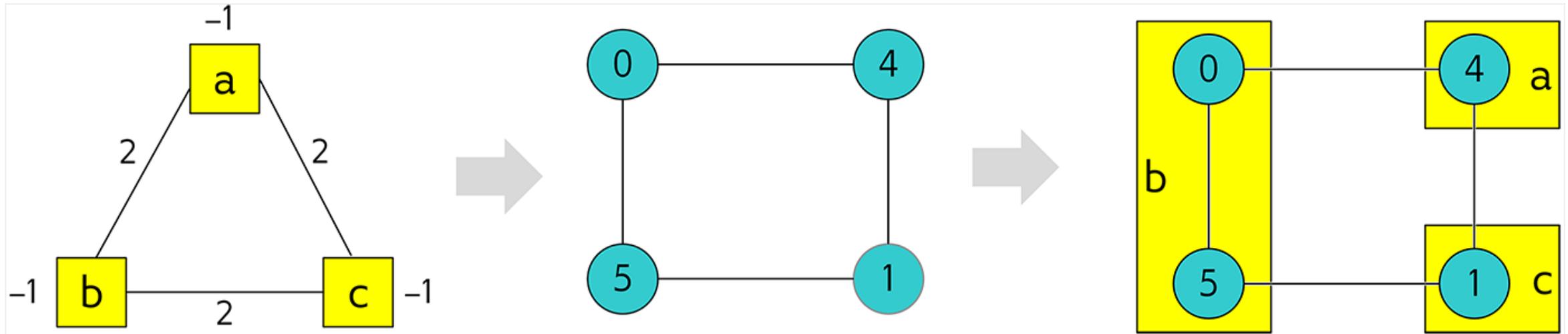
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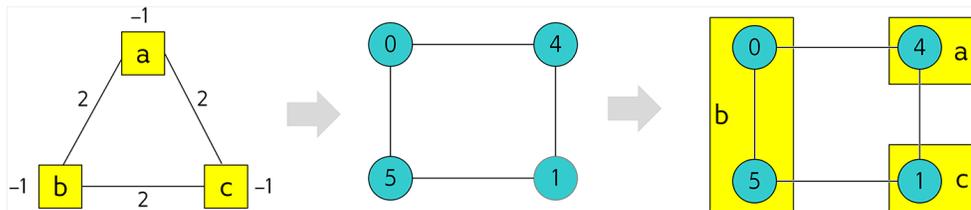
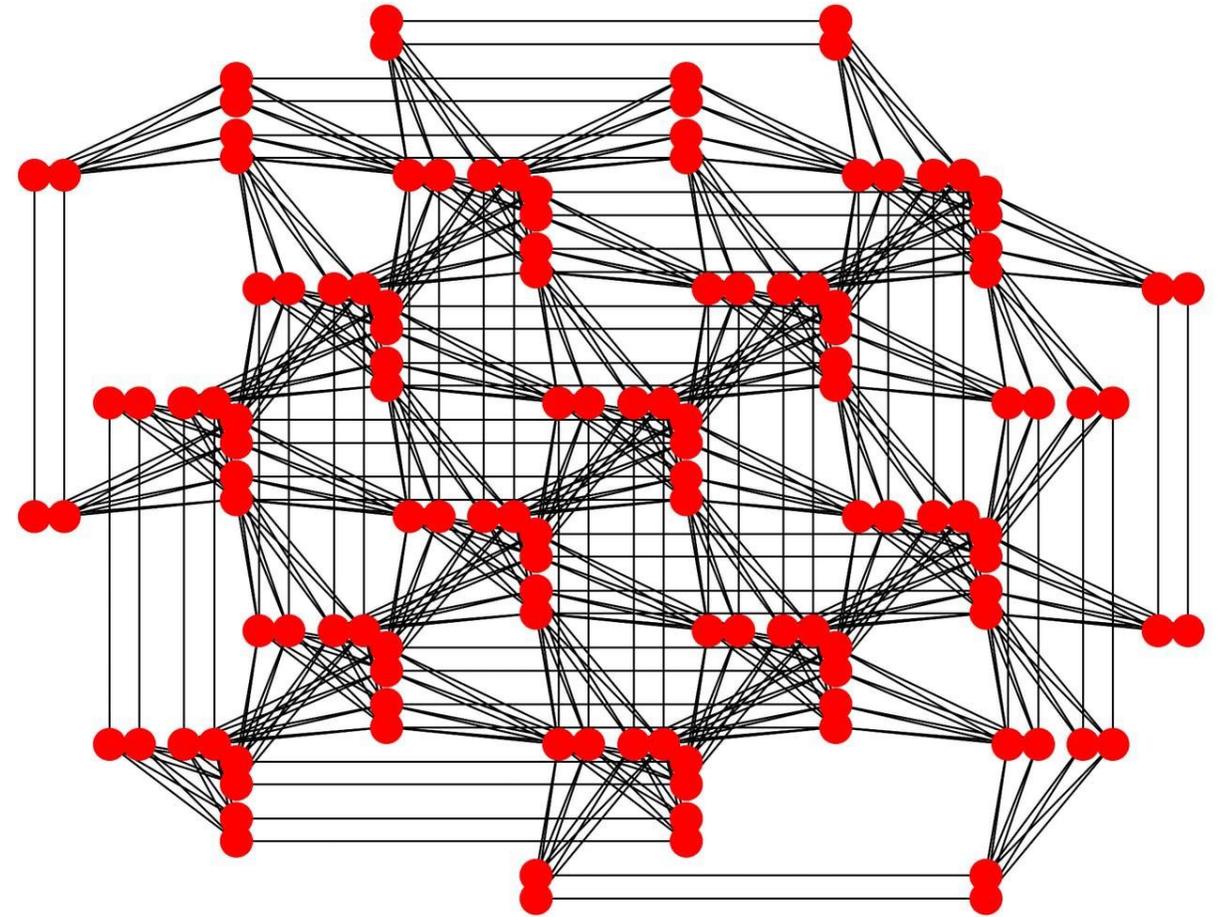
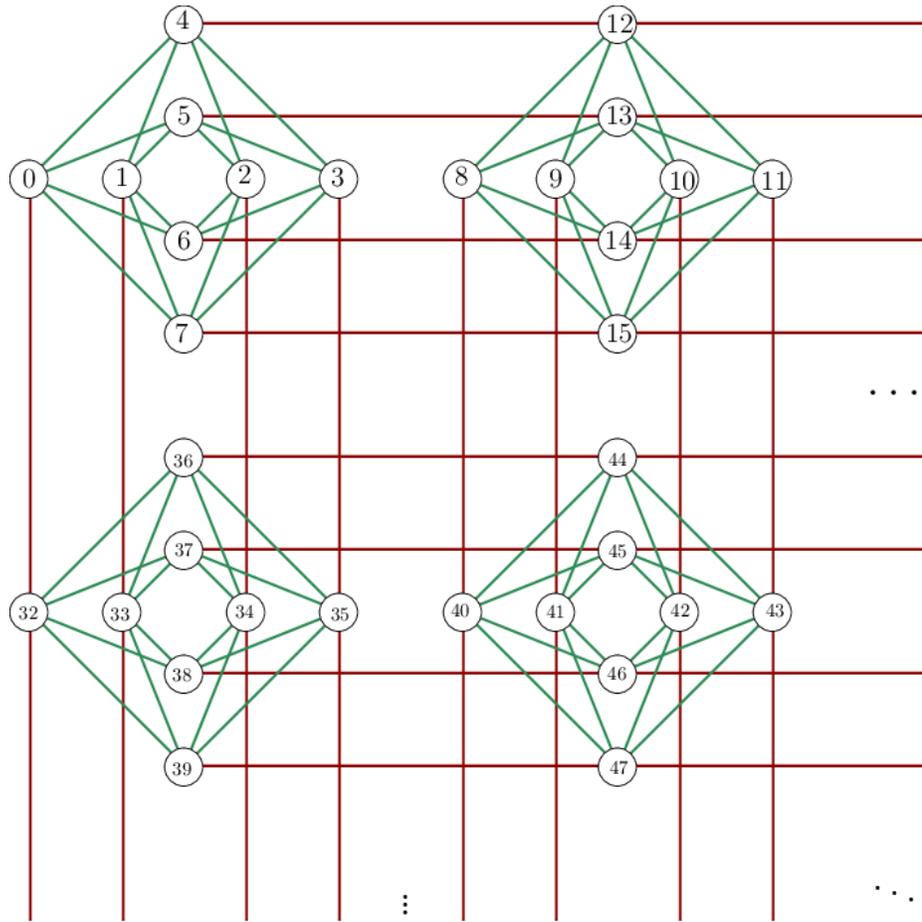


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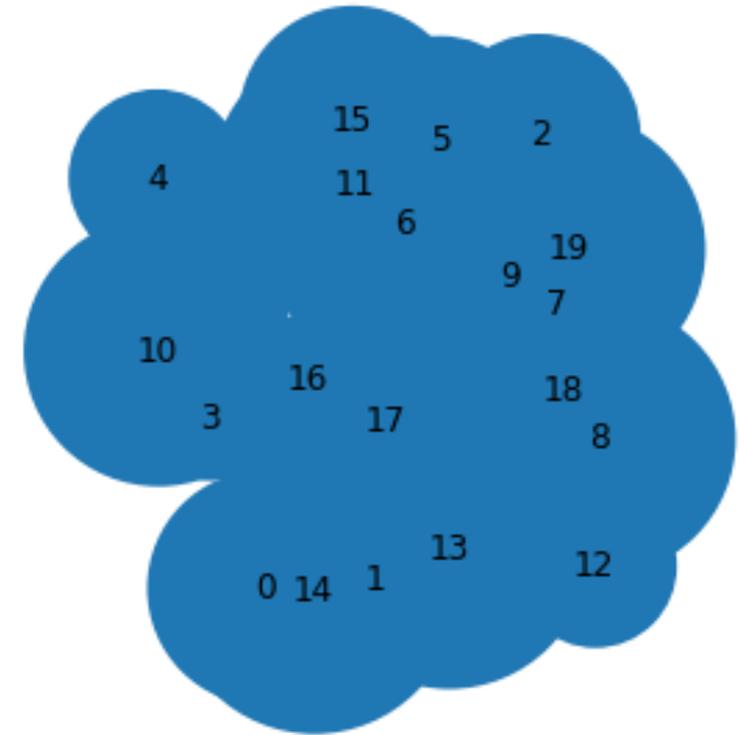
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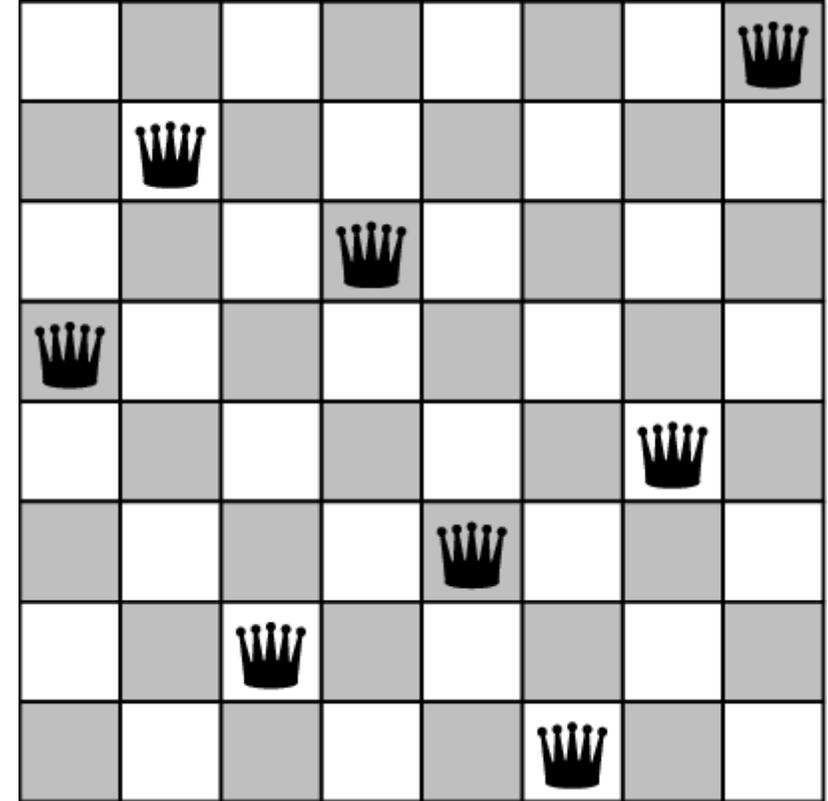
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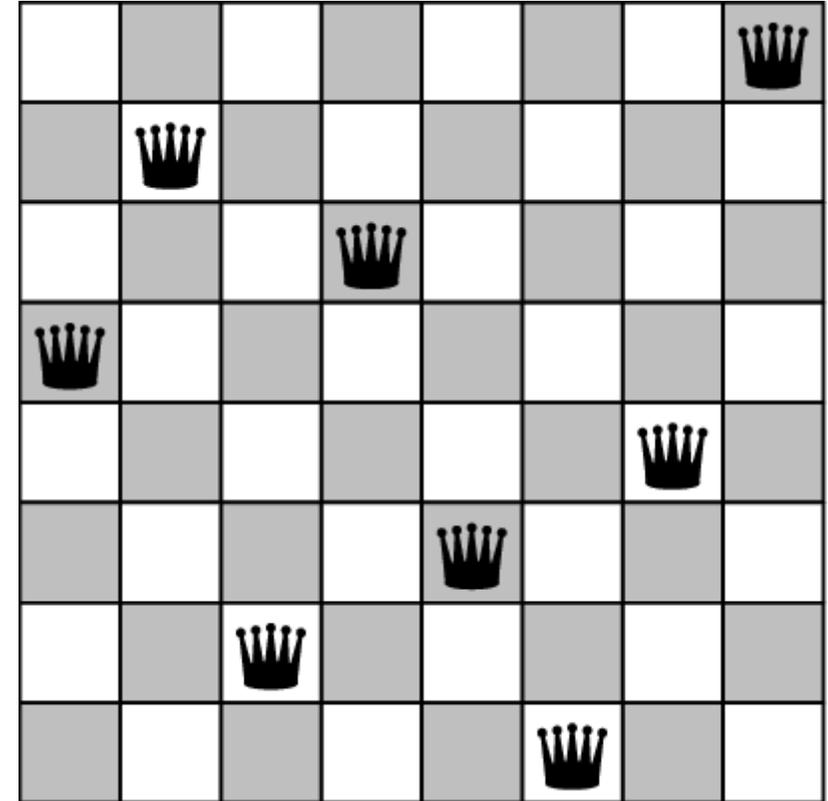
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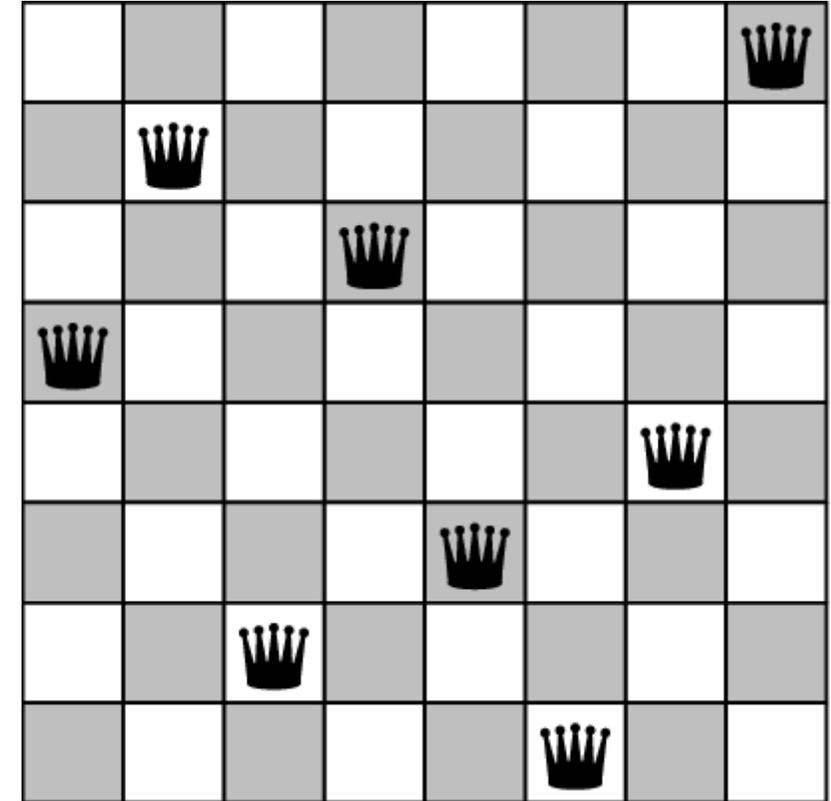
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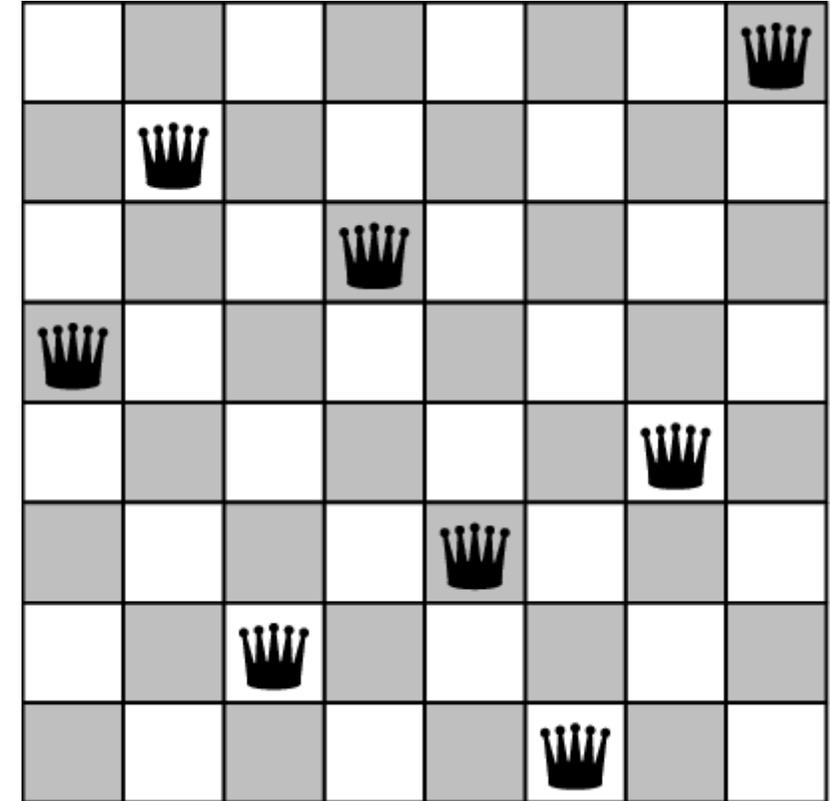
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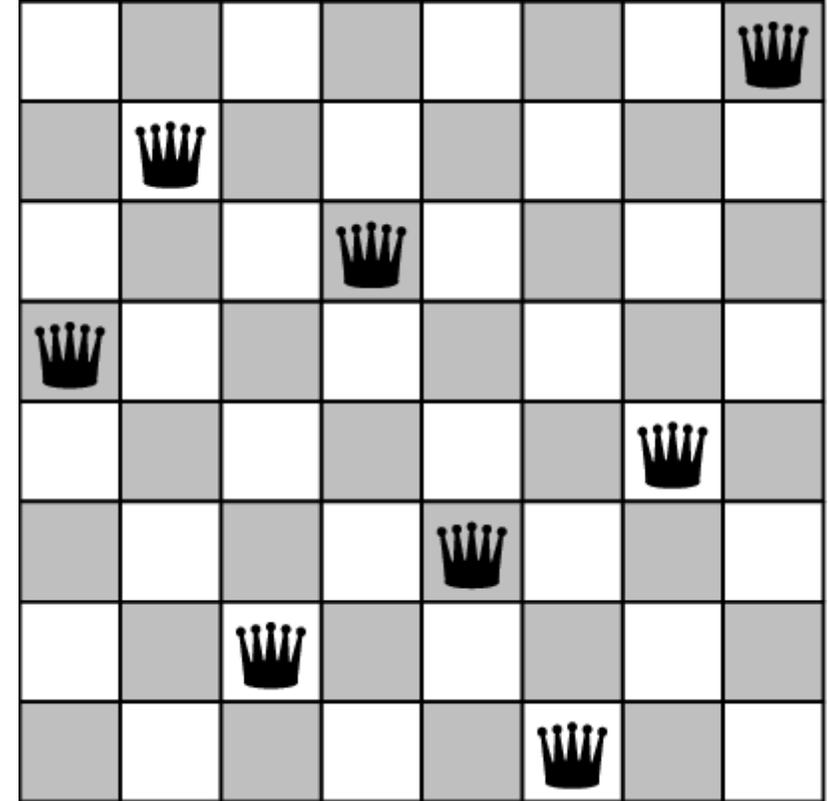
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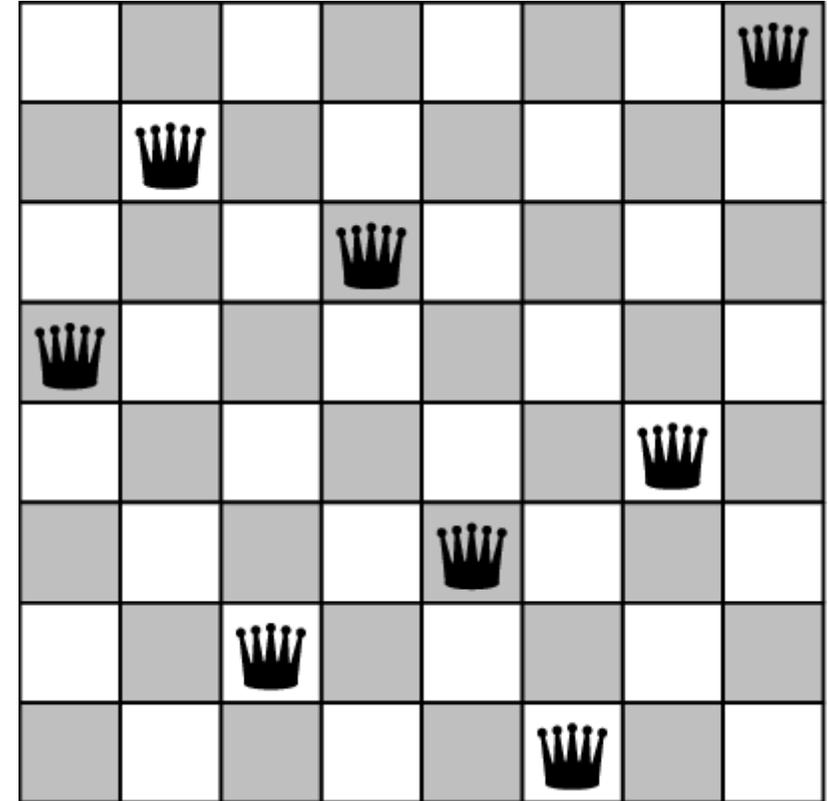
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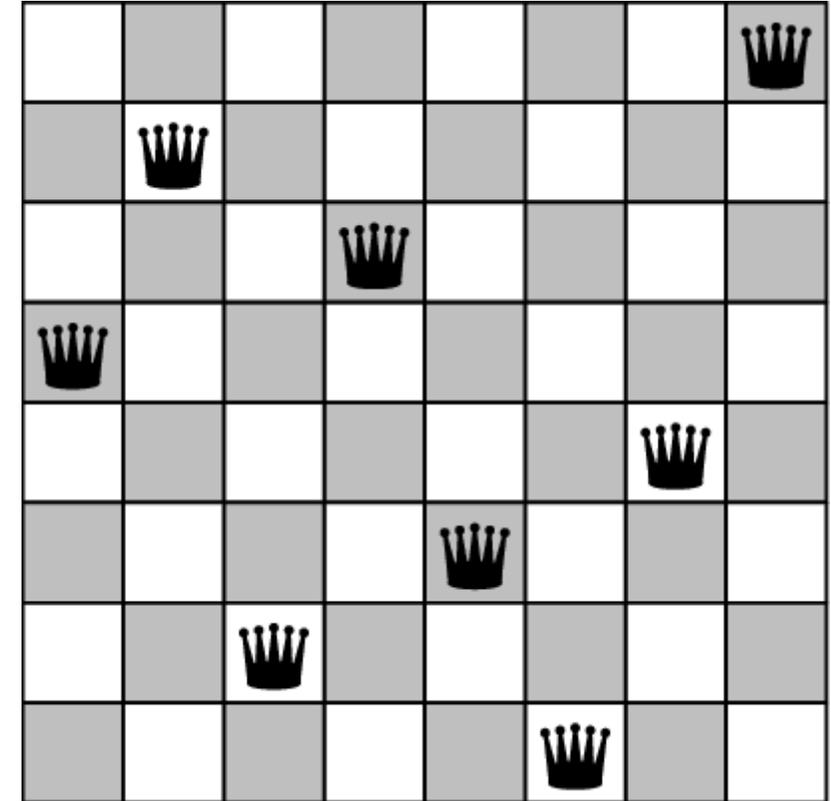
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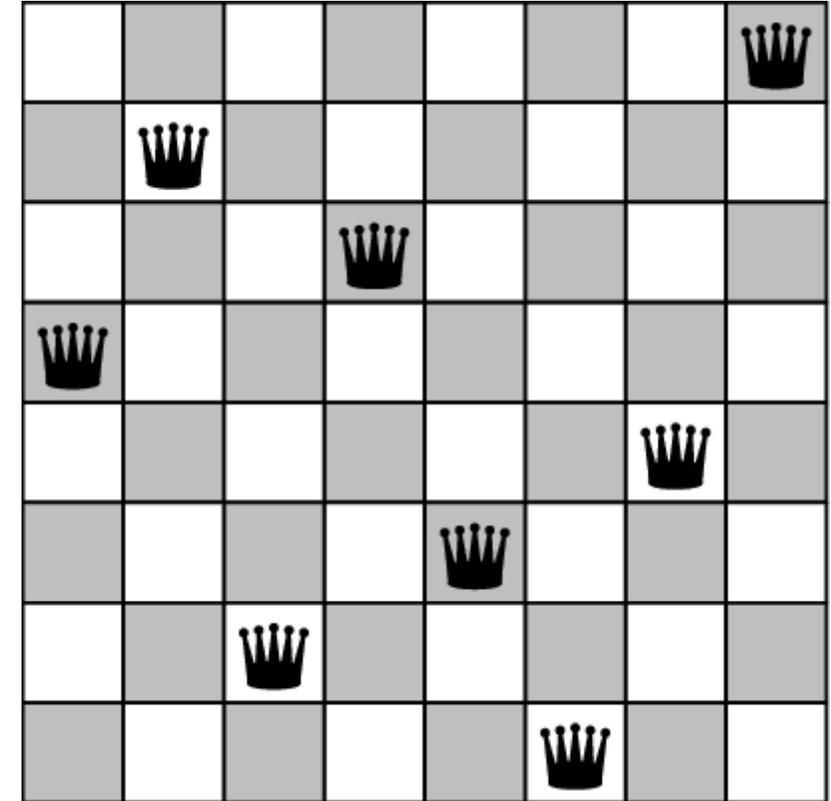
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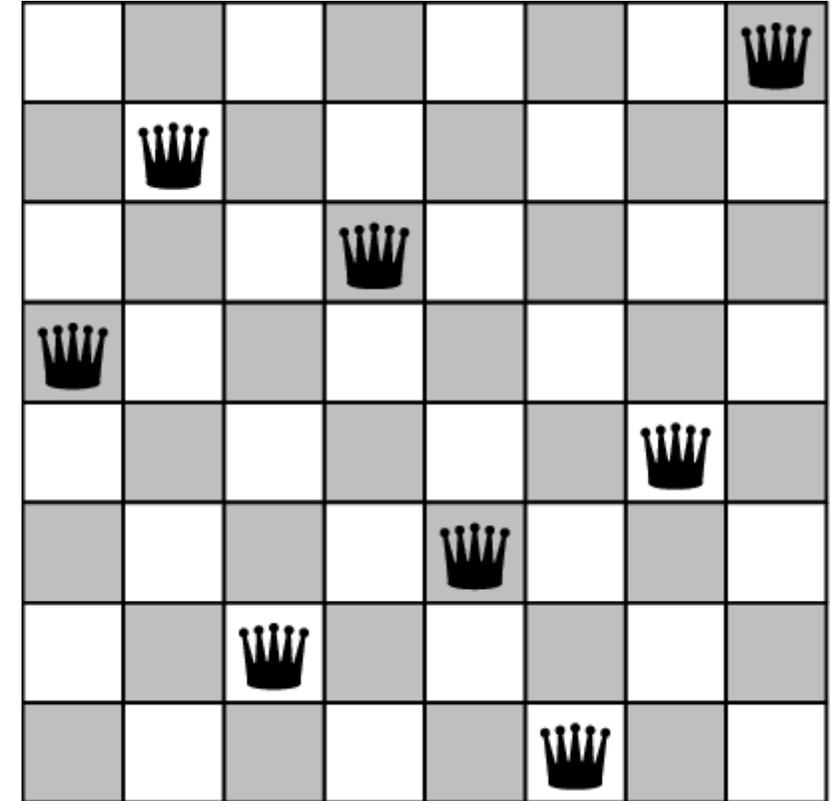
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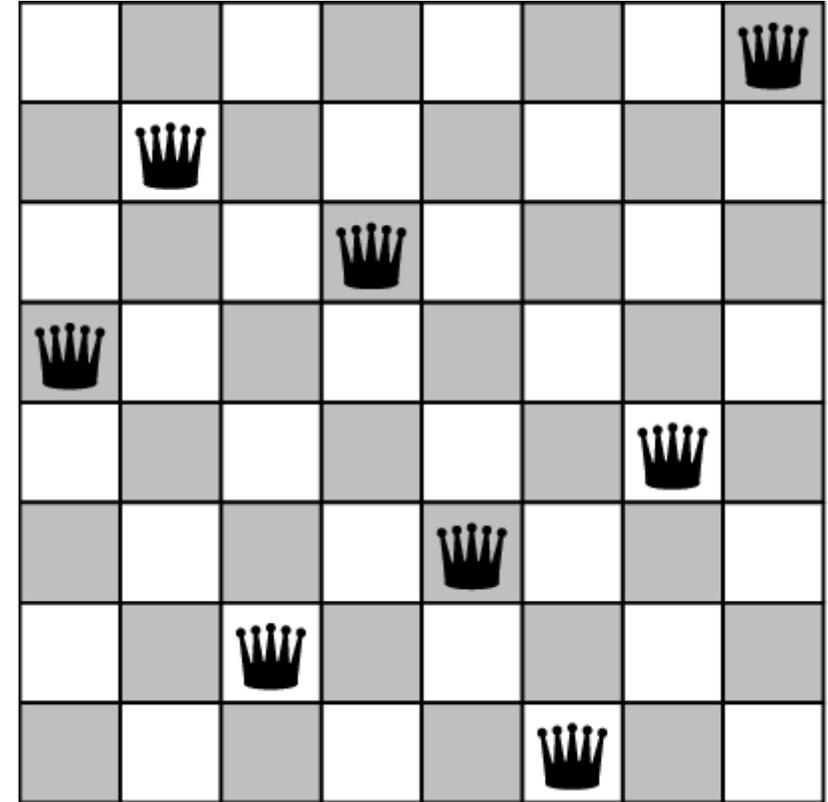
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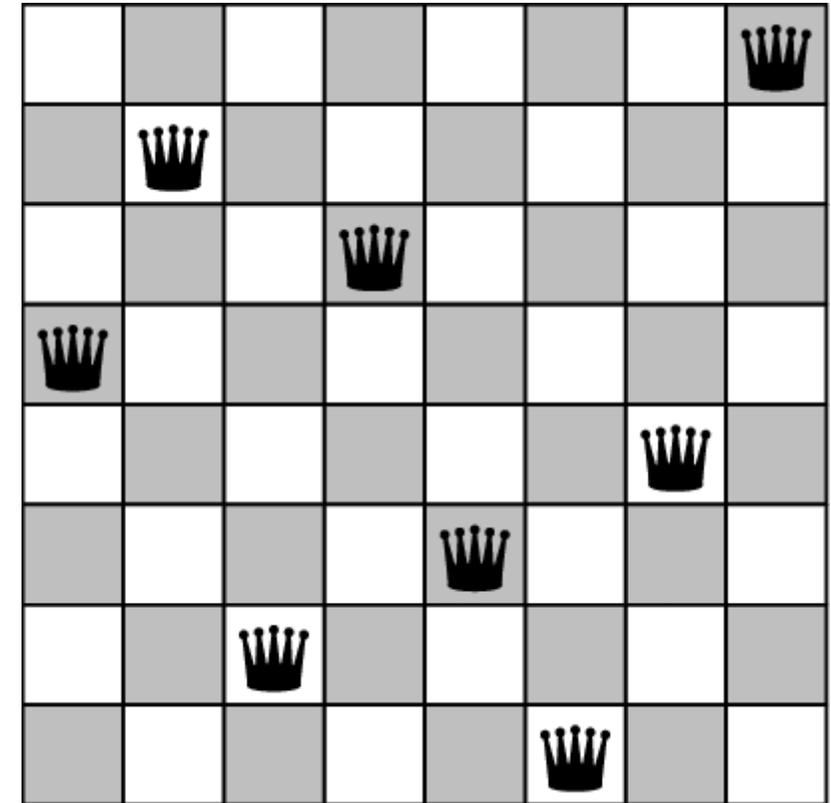
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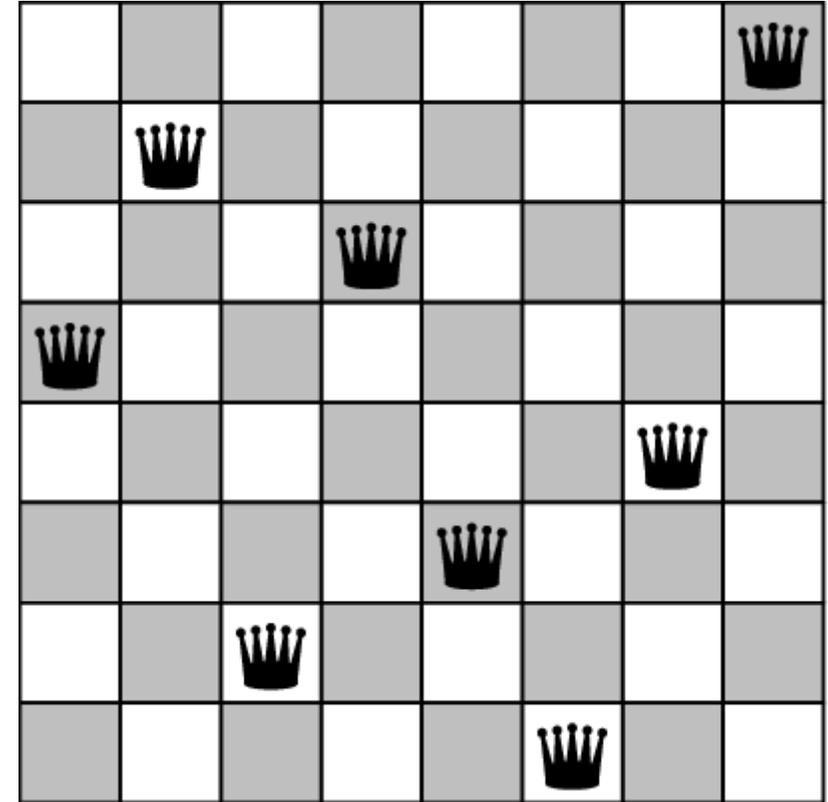
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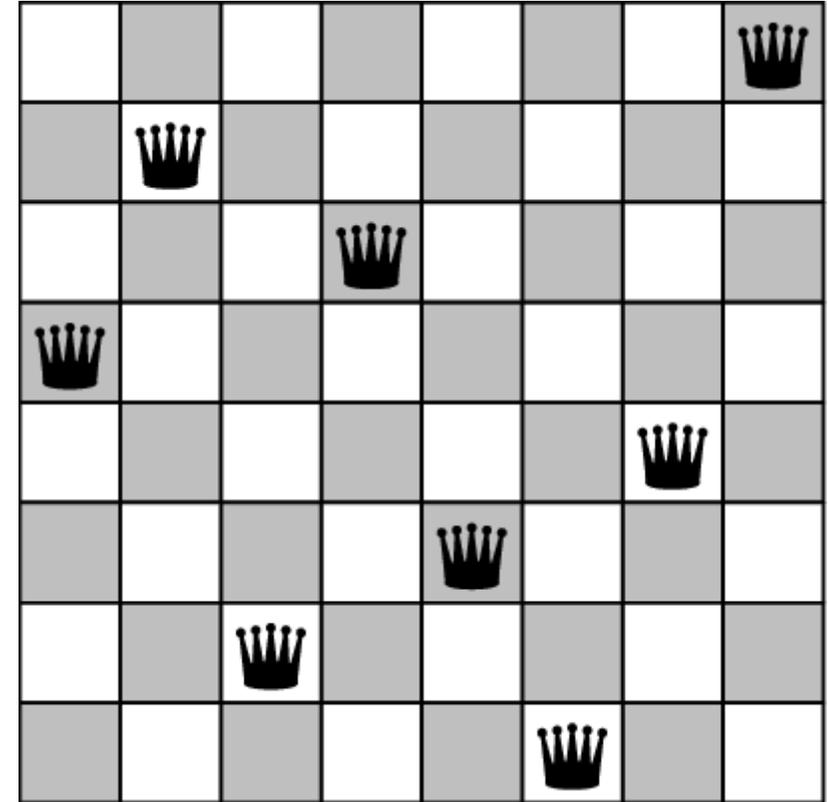
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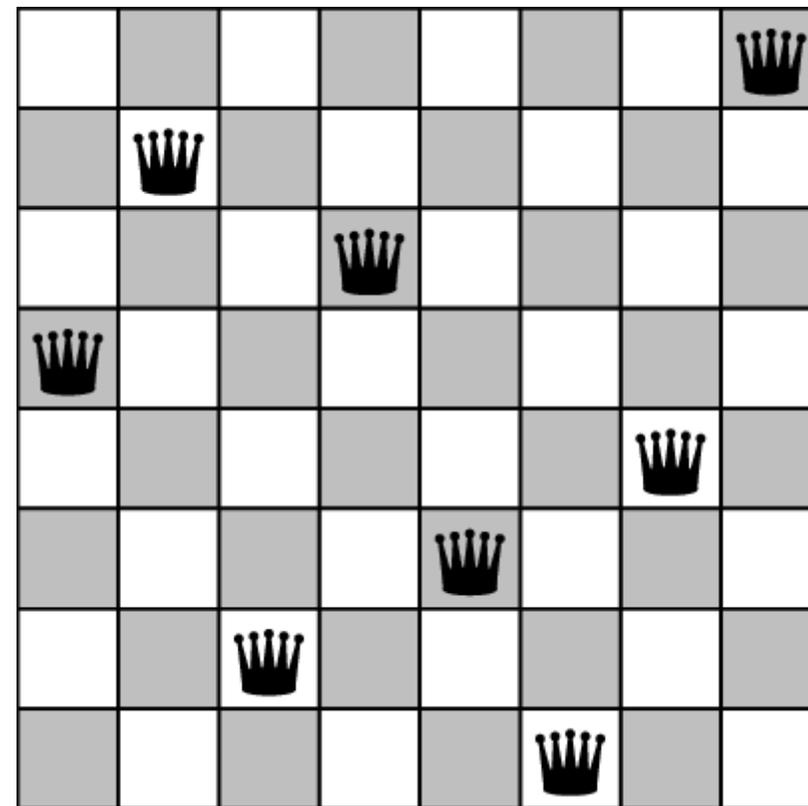
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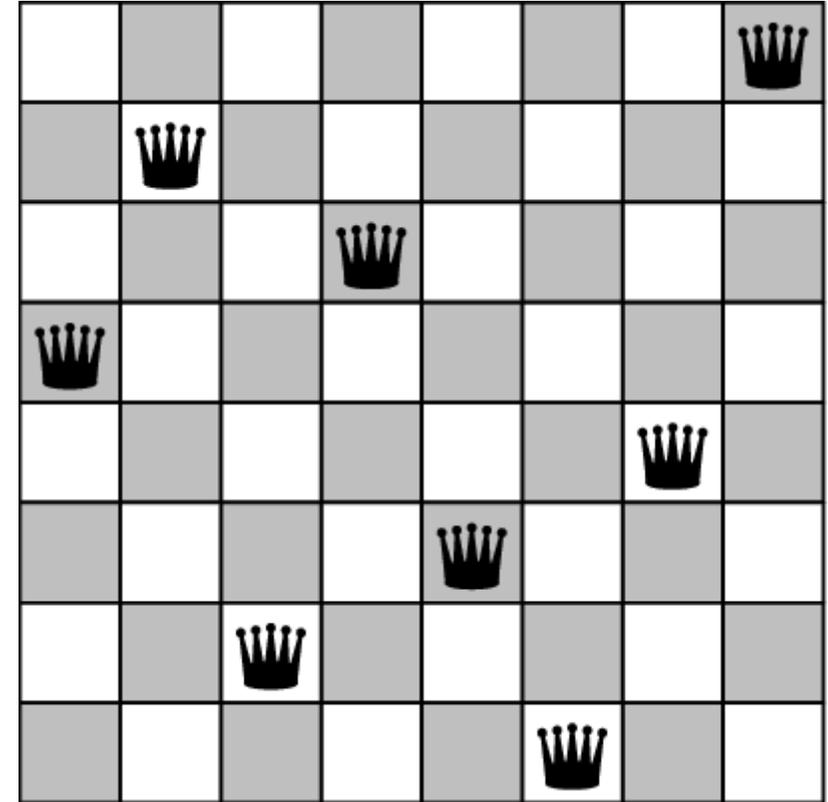
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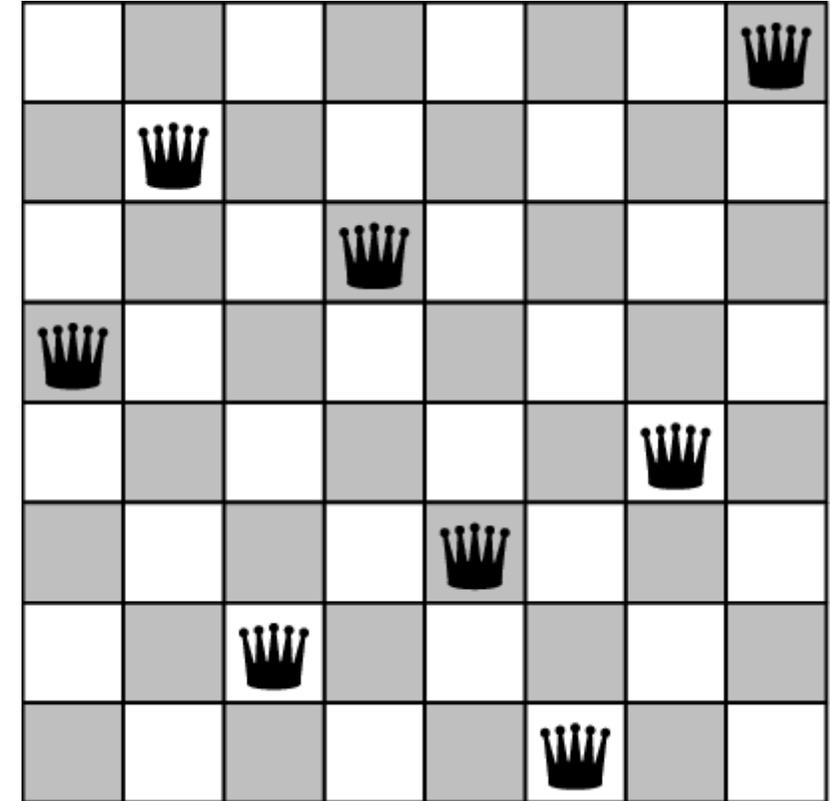
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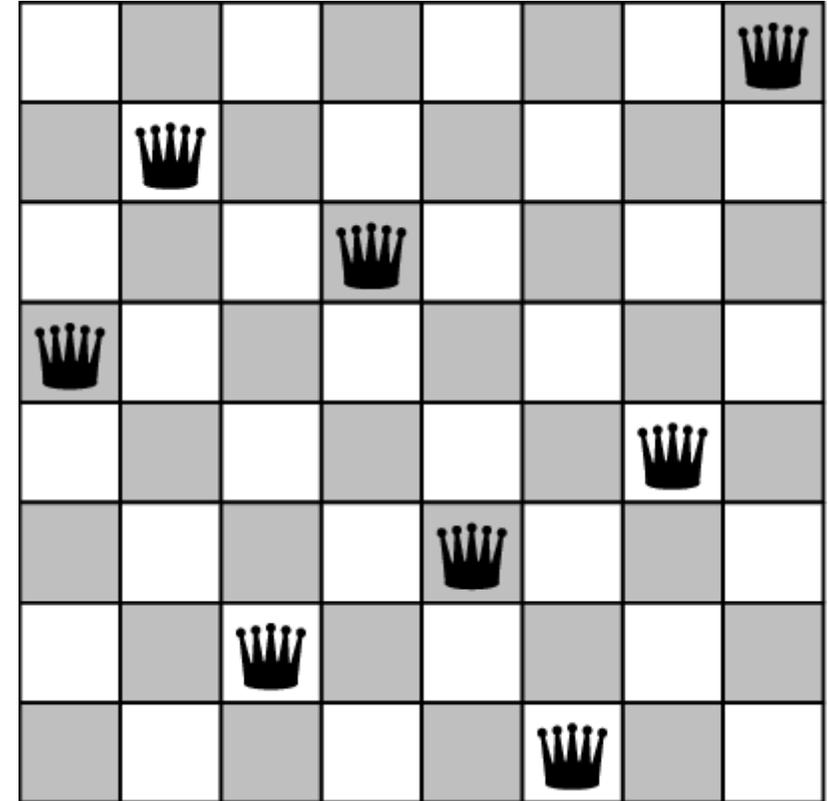
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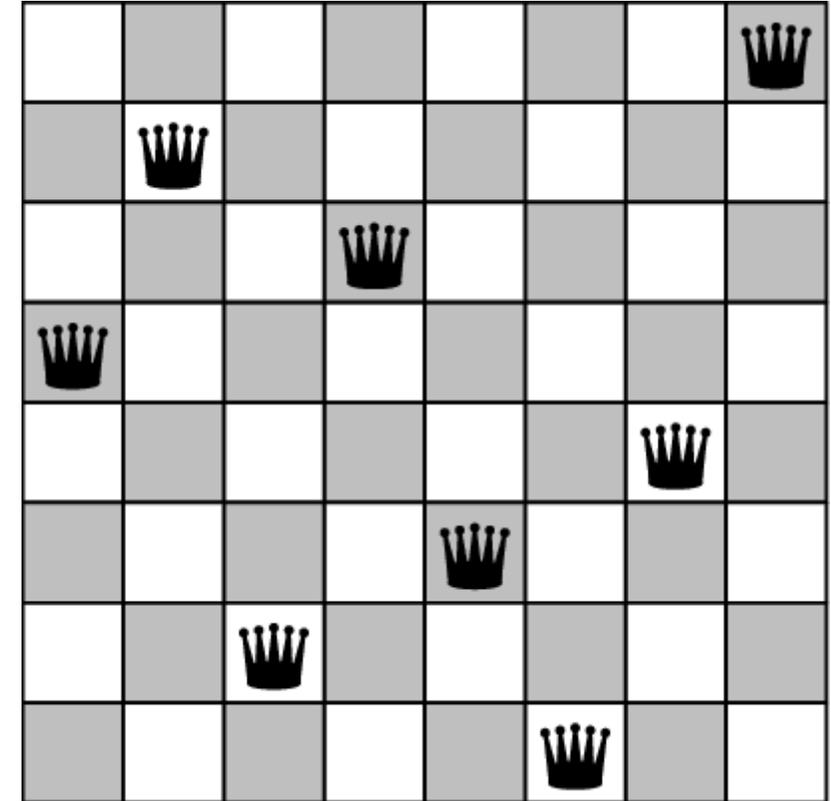
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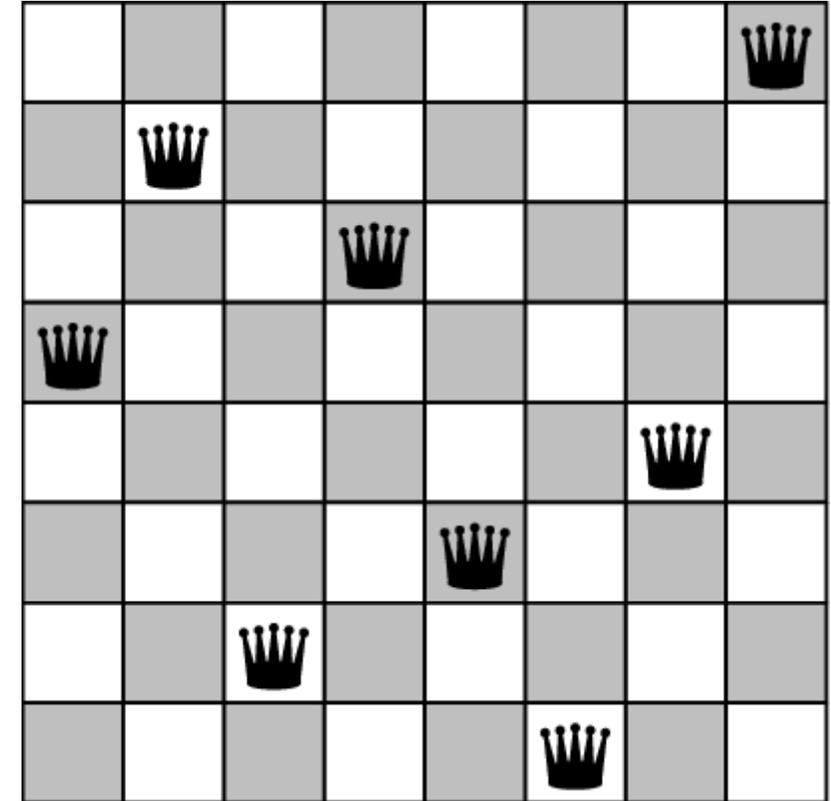
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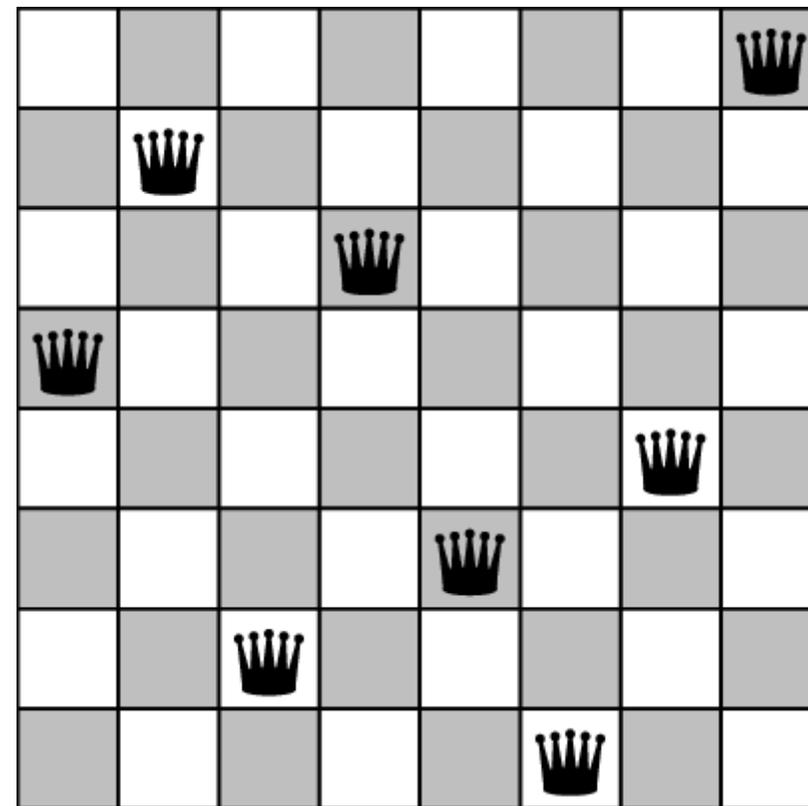
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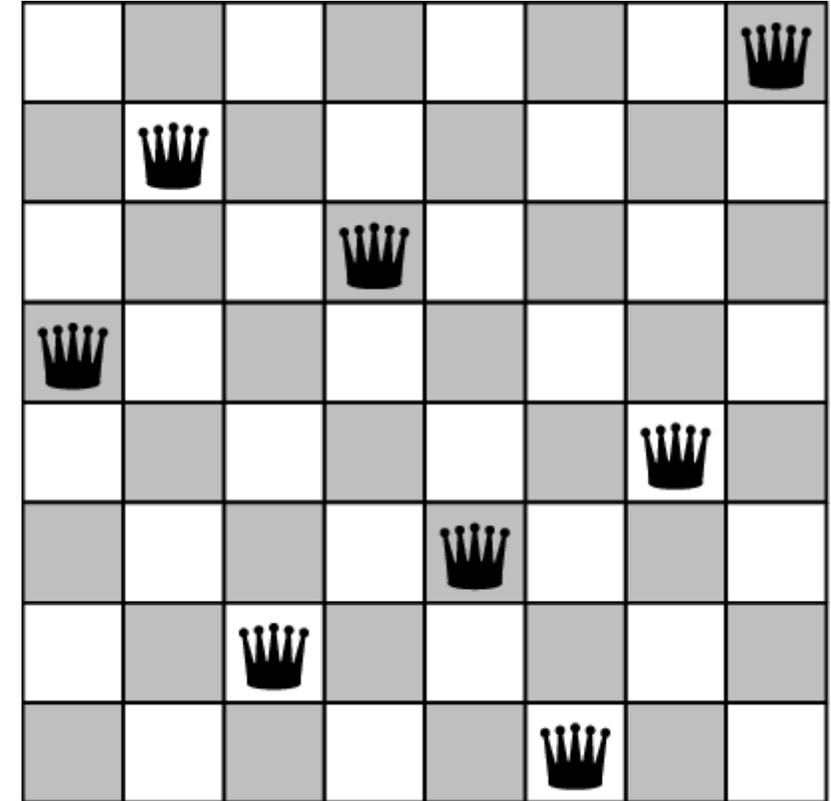
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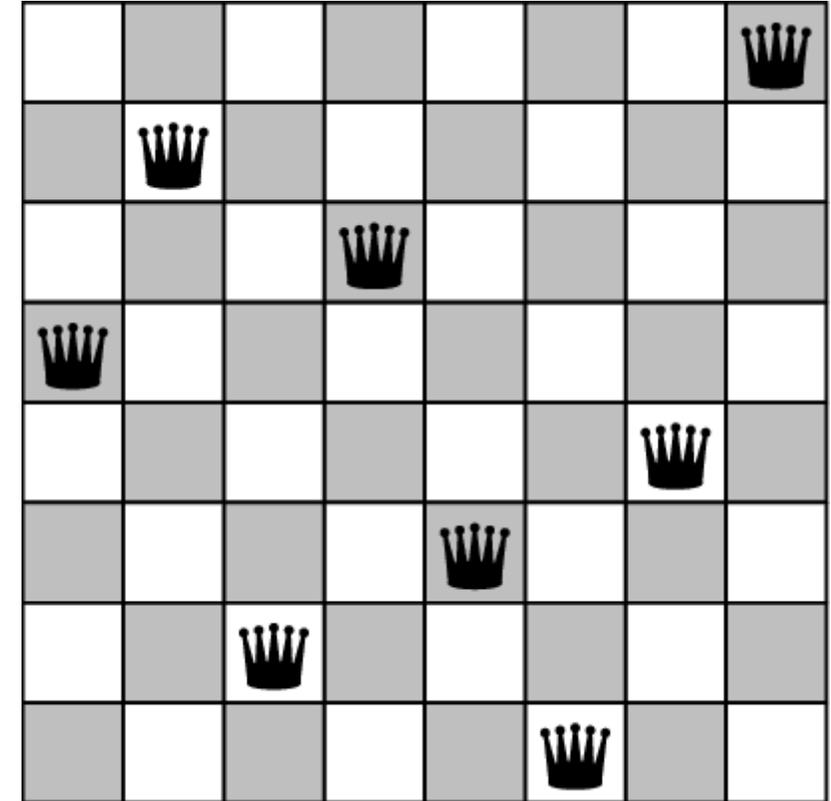
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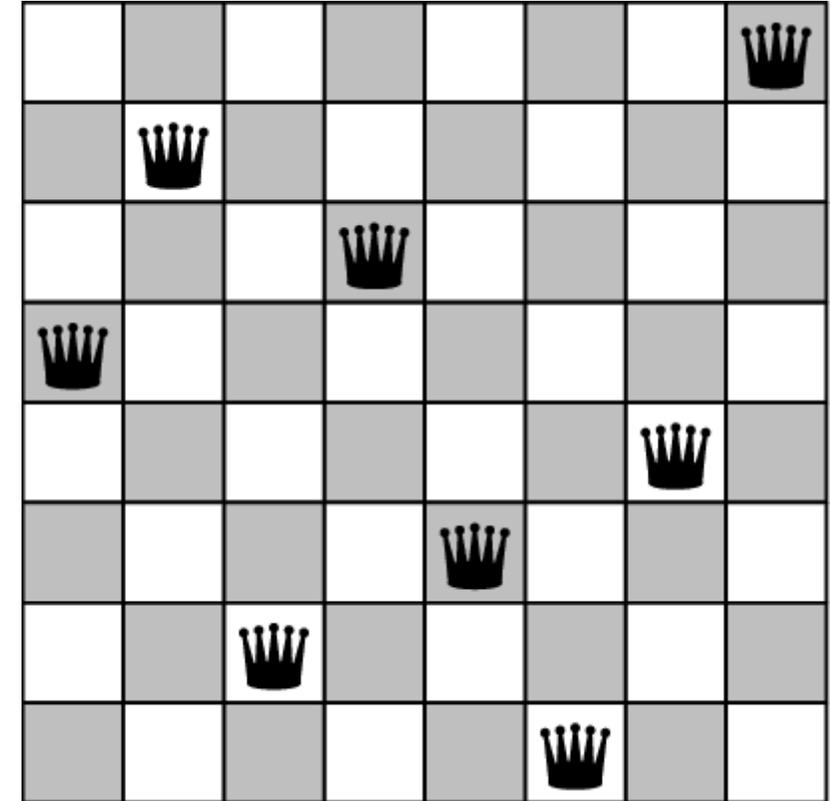
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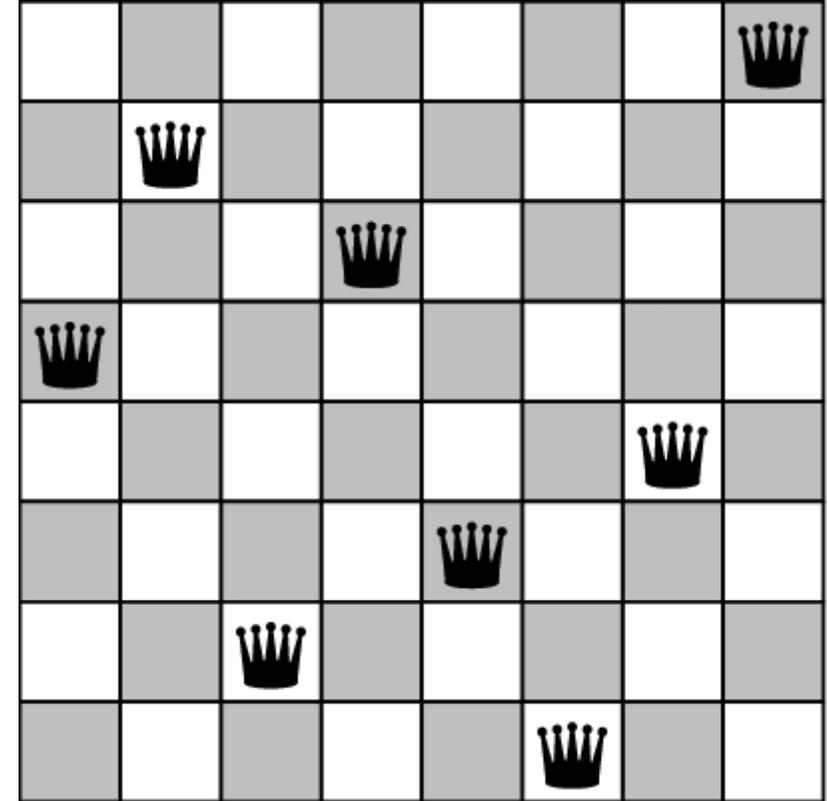
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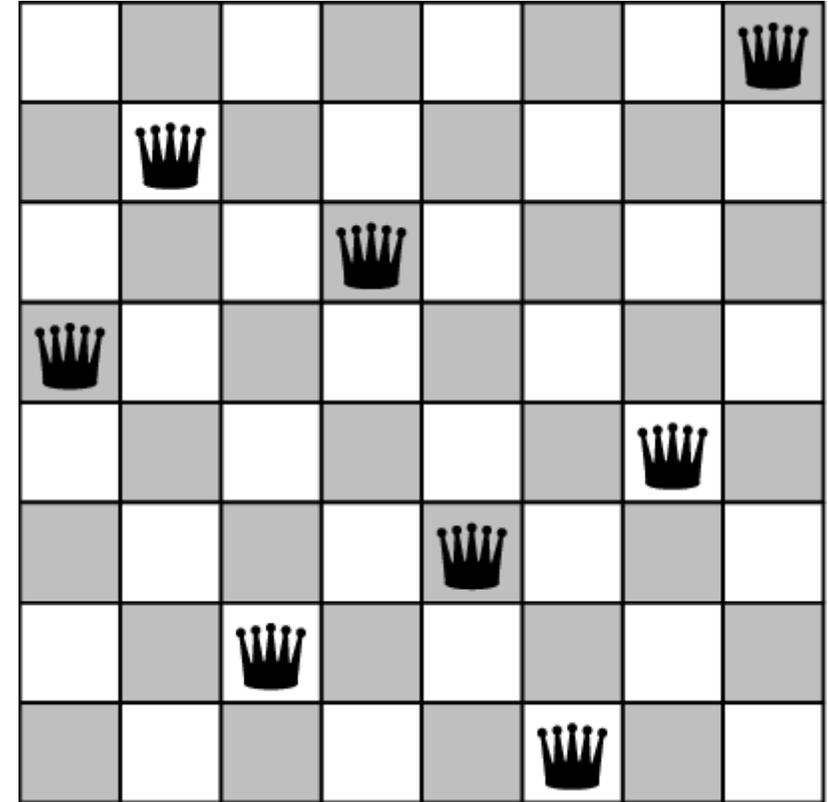
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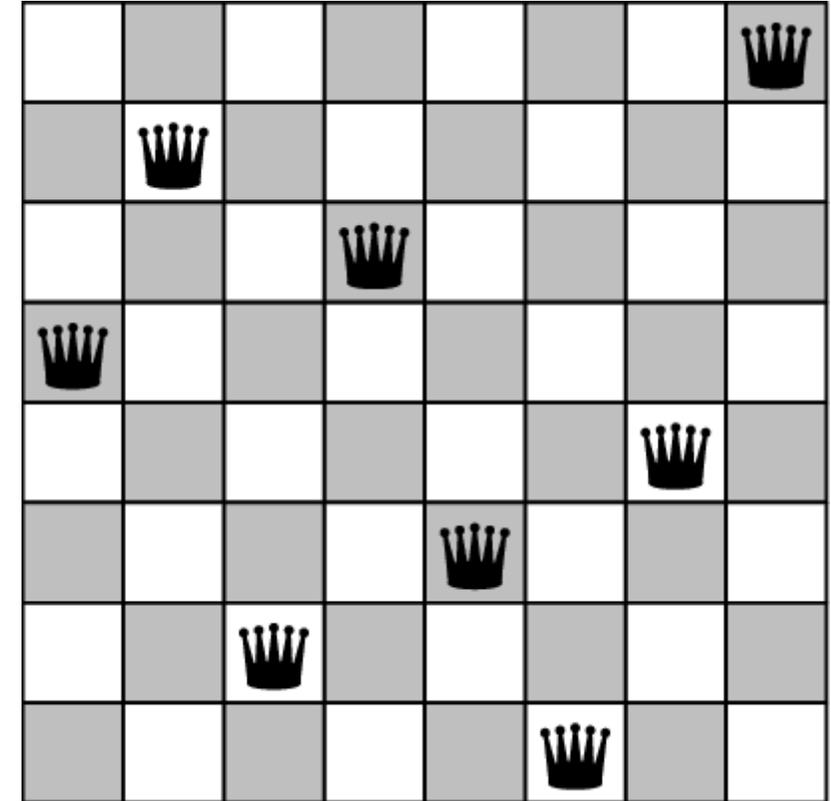
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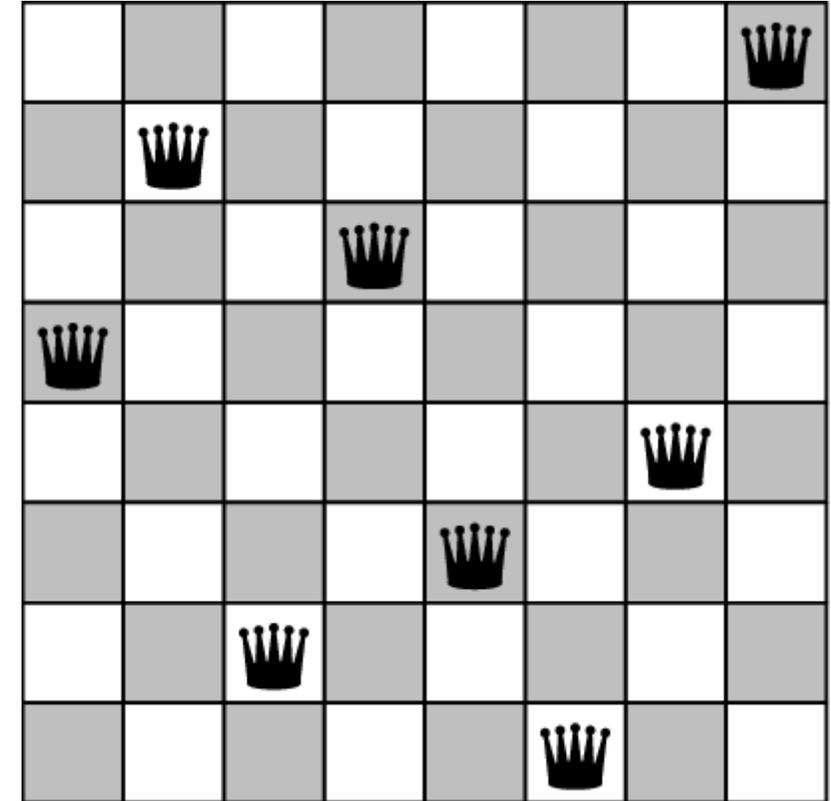
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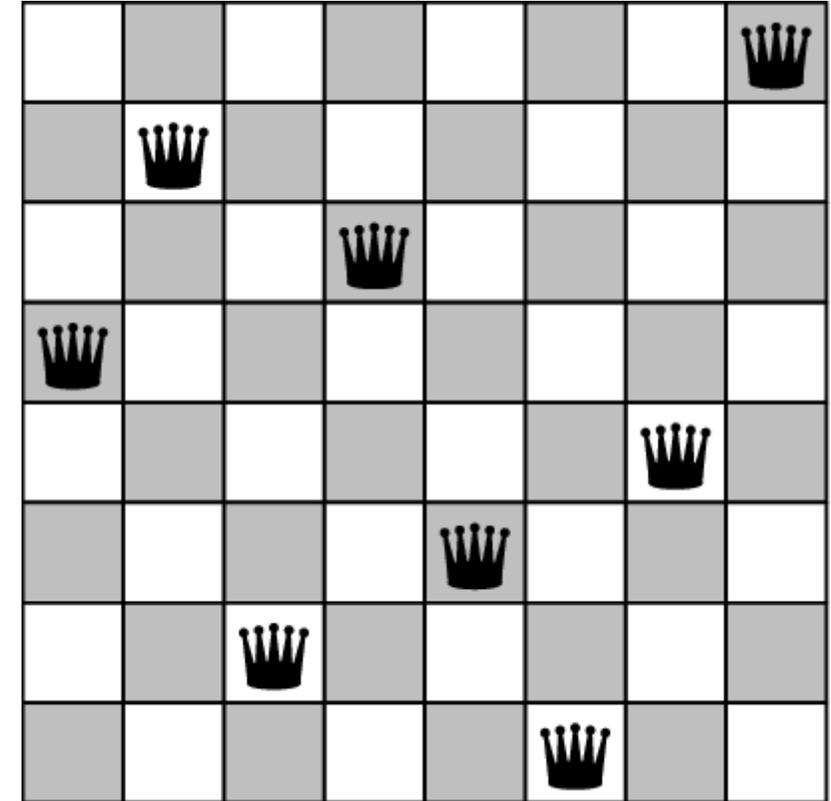
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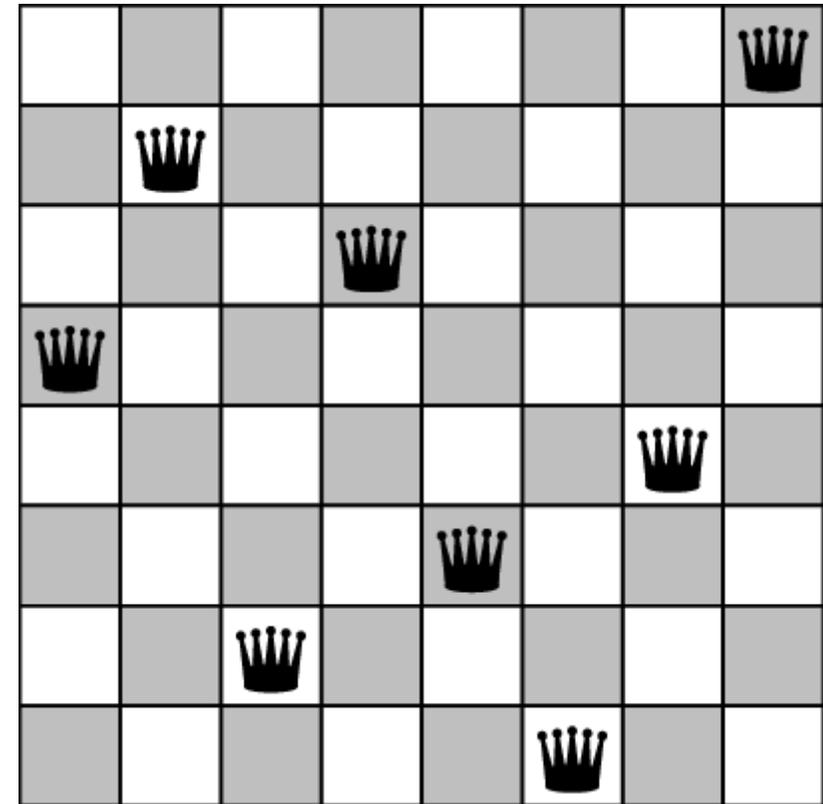
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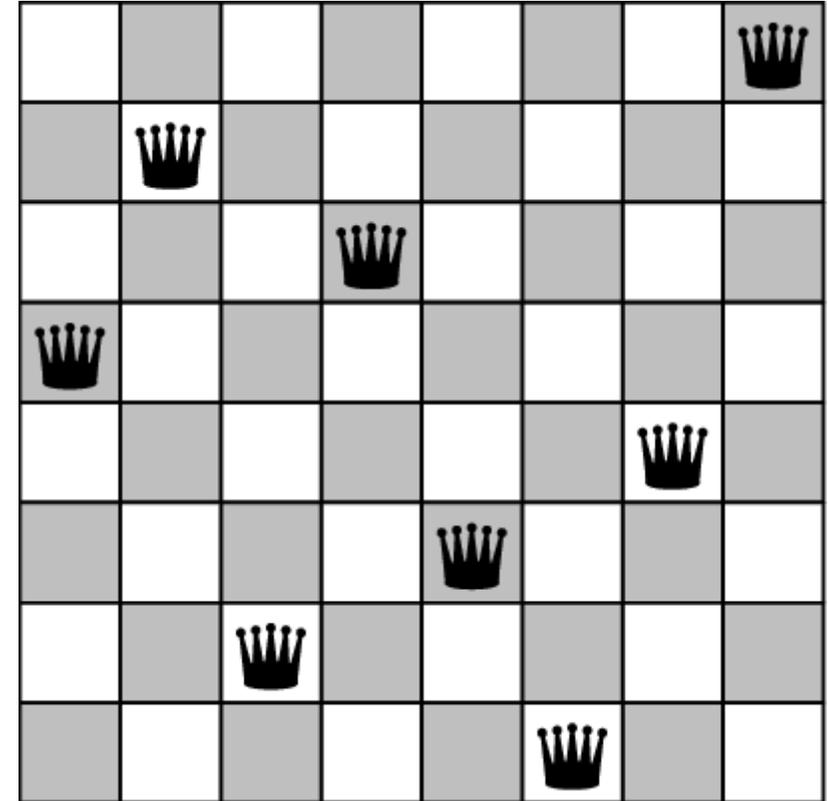
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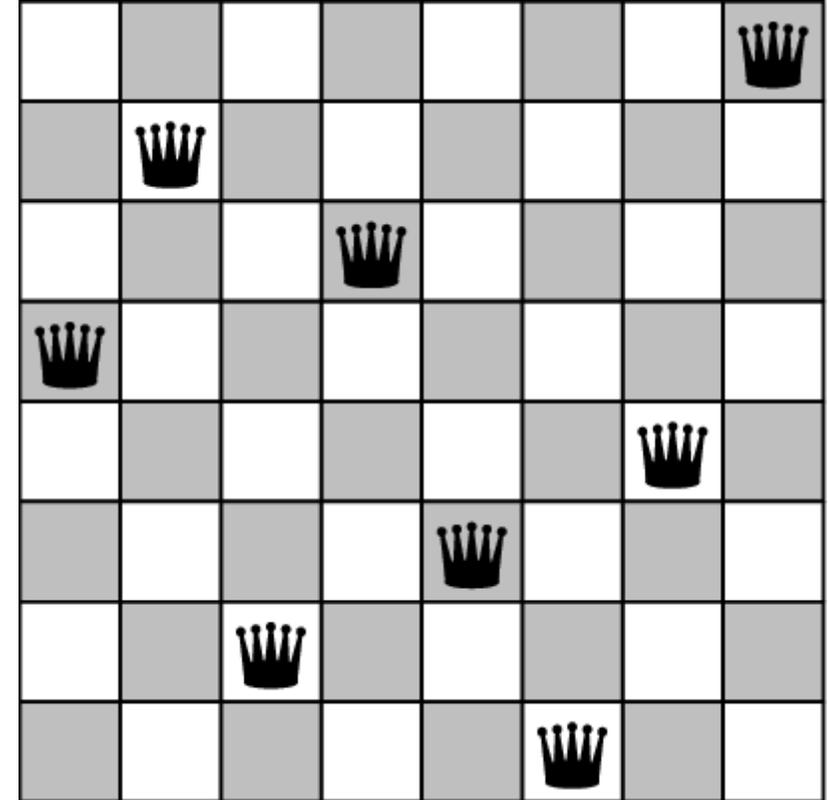


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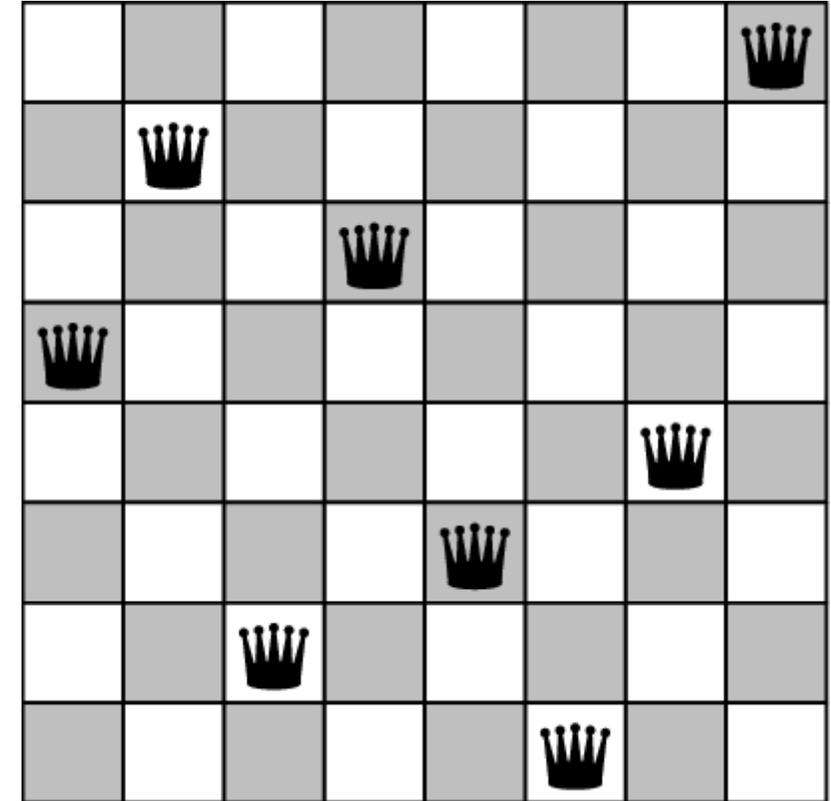


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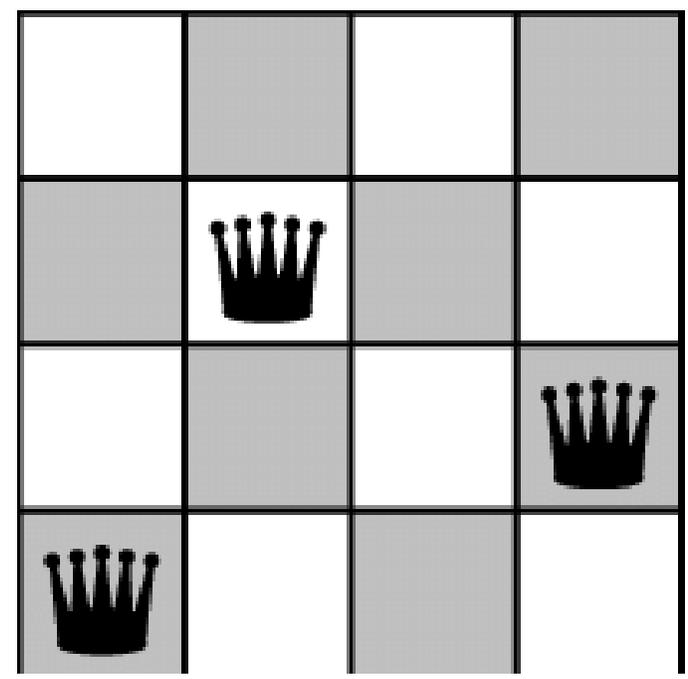
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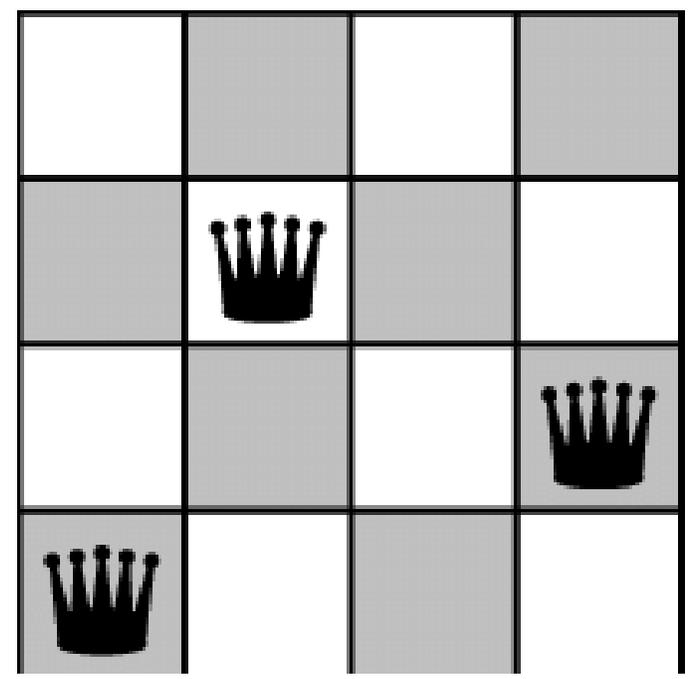
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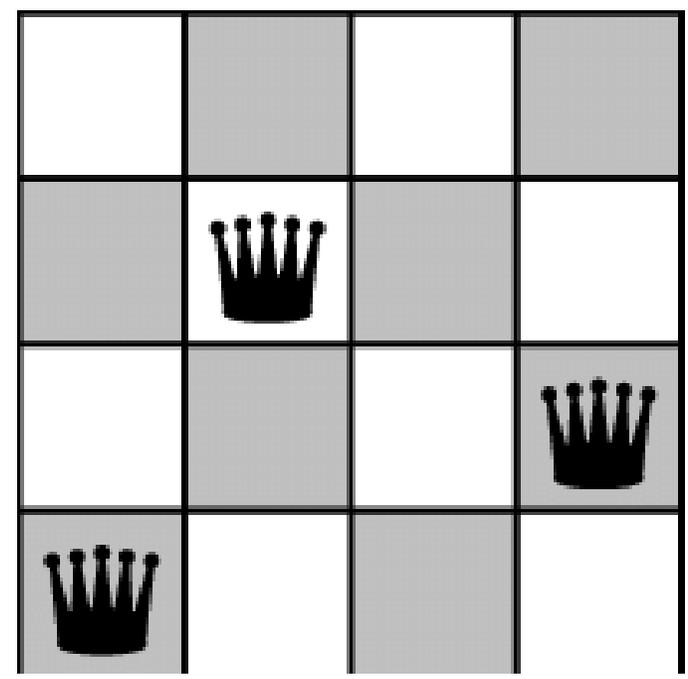
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Exercise 3: N-Queens Puzzle

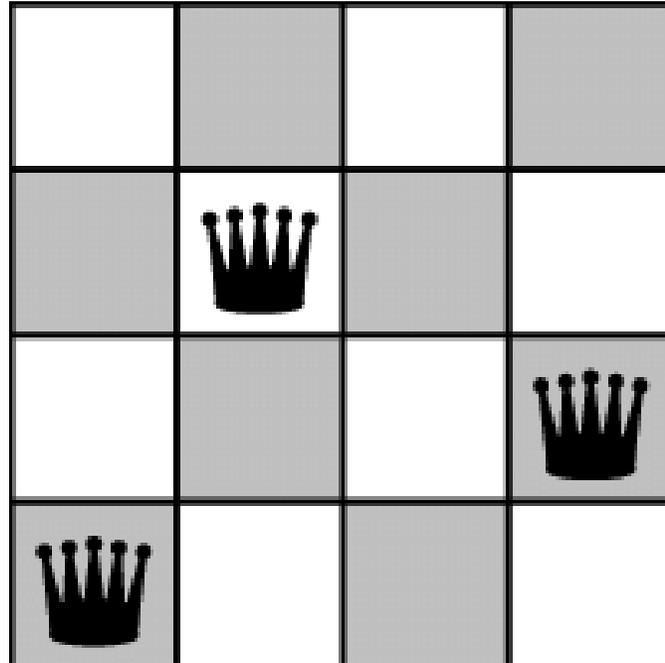
- Same thing for columns

```
def COL(col,dim):  
    C=np.zeros((dim,dim), dtype=int)  
    C[:,col] = 1  
    return C.flatten()
```

```
C=COL(1,4)
```

```
[[0 1 0 0]  
 [0 1 0 0]  
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```

```
[0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0]
```



```
for col in range(N):  
    C=COL(col,N)  
    for i in range(N*N):  
        for j in range(i+1,N*N):  
            B[i][j]=B[i][j]+C[i]*C[j]*w  
  
print(B)
```

```
[[0. 1. 1. 1. 1. 0. 0. 0. 1. 0. 0. 0. 1. 0. 0. 0.]  
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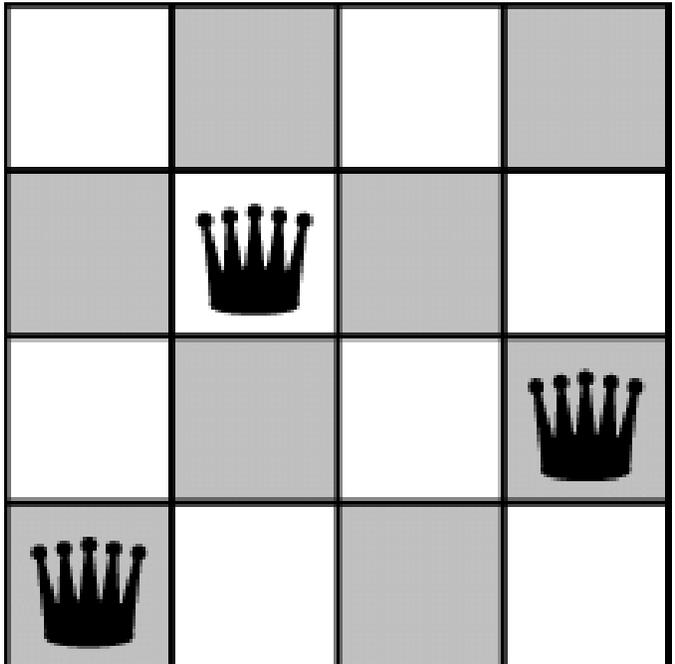
- Same thing for diagonals

```
def DIAG1(k,dim):  
    d=np.ones(dim-abs(k), dtype=int)  
    C=np.diag(d,k=k)  
    return C.flatten()
```

```
D=DIAG1(0,4)
```

```
[[1 0 0 0]  
 [0 1 0 0]  
 [0 0 1 0]  
 [0 0 0 1]]
```

```
[1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1]
```



```
for diag1 in range(-(N-2),N-1):  
    D1=DIAG1(diag1,N)  
    for i in range(N*N):  
        for j in range(i+1,N*N):  
            B[i][j]=B[i][j]+D1[i]*D1[j]*w  
  
print(B)
```

```
[[0. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 0. 0. 1. 0. 1. 0. 1. 0. 0. 1.]  
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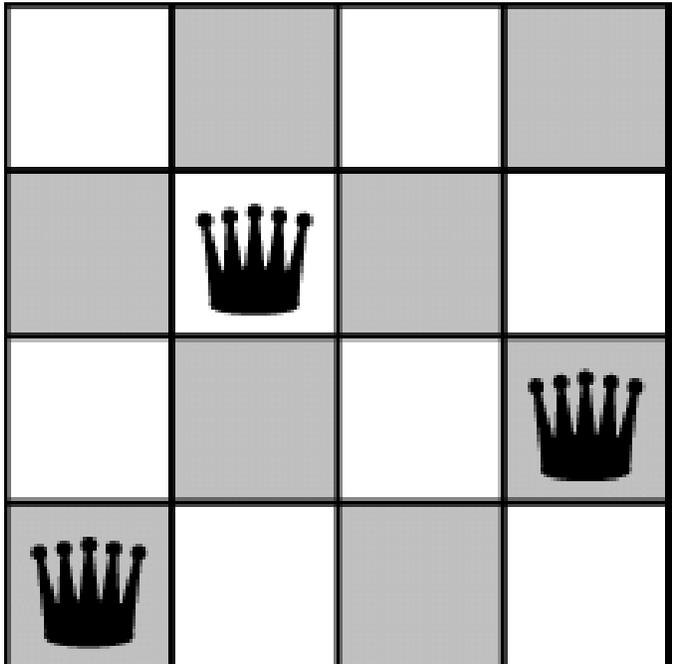
- Same thing for diagonals

```
def DIAG1(k,dim):  
    d=np.ones(dim-abs(k), dtype=int)  
    C=np.diag(d,k=k)  
    return C.flatten()
```

```
D=DIAG1(1,4)
```

```
[[0 1 0 0]  
 [0 0 1 0]  
 [0 0 0 1]  
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```

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[0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0]
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```
for diag1 in range(-(N-2),N-1):  
    D1=DIAG1(diag1,N)  
    for i in range(N*N):  
        for j in range(i+1,N*N):  
            B[i][j]=B[i][j]+D1[i]*D1[j]*w  
  
print(B)
```

```
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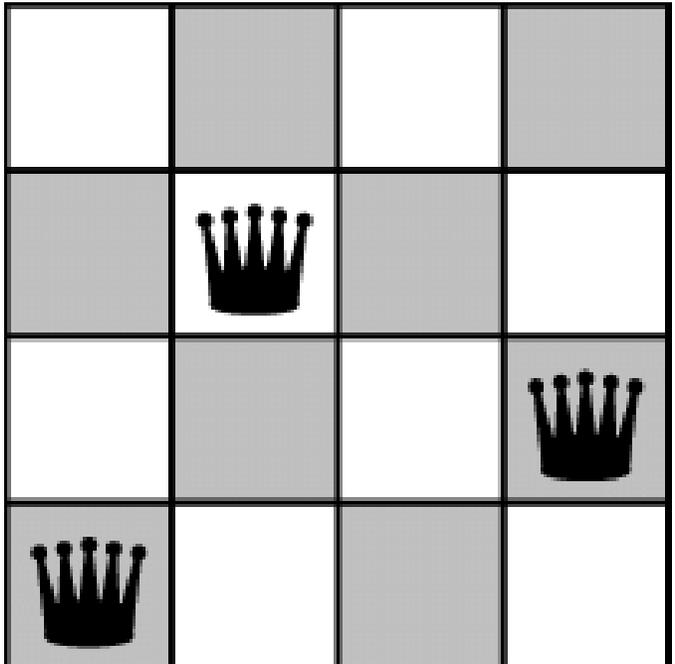
- Same thing for diagonals

```
def DIAG1(k,dim):  
    d=np.ones(dim-abs(k), dtype=int)  
    C=np.diag(d,k=k)  
    return C.flatten()
```

```
D=DIAG1(-1,4)
```

```
[[0 0 0 0]  
 [1 0 0 0]  
 [0 1 0 0]  
 [0 0 1 0]]
```

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[0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0]
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```
for diag1 in range(-(N-2),N-1):  
    D1=DIAG1(diag1,N)  
    for i in range(N*N):  
        for j in range(i+1,N*N):  
            B[i][j]=B[i][j]+D1[i]*D1[j]*w  
  
print(B)
```

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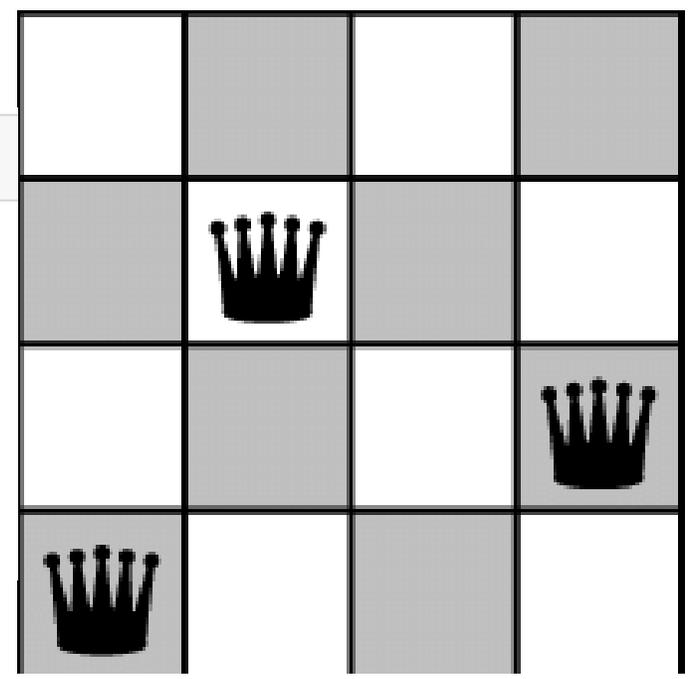
- Same thing for diagonals

```
def DIAG2(k,dim):  
    d=np.ones(dim-abs(k), dtype=int)  
    C=np.fliplr(np.diag(d,k=k))  
    return C.flatten()
```

```
D=DIAG2(0,4)
```

```
[[0 0 0 1]  
 [0 0 1 0]  
 [0 1 0 0]  
 [1 0 0 0]]
```

```
[0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0]
```



```
for diag2 in range(-(N-2),N-1):  
    D2=DIAG2(diag2,N)  
    for i in range(N*N):  
        for j in range(i+1,N*N):  
            B[i][j]=B[i][j]+D2[i]*D2[j]*w  
  
print(B)
```

```
[[0. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 0. 0. 1. 0. 1. 0. 1. 0. 0. 1.]  
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Quantum Annealing with continuous variables: Low-Rank Matrix Factorization

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QUBO Problems with real variables

We define a QUBO problem with real variables as a Quadratic Unconstrained Optimization problem with unknown variables expressed as:

$$x = c \cdot \sum_{e=0}^{N-1} 2^e q_e, \quad c = 10^{-a}, \text{ for some } a \in \mathbb{N}$$

For example, the QUBO problem associated with the simple equation $x - b = 0$ is:

$$\min_{\mathbf{q}=(q_0, \dots, q_{N-1})} \left(\sum_{e=0}^{N-1} (c^2 2^{2e} - bc 2^{e+1}) q_e + \sum_{e < f} (c^2 2^{e+f+1}) q_e q_f \right)$$

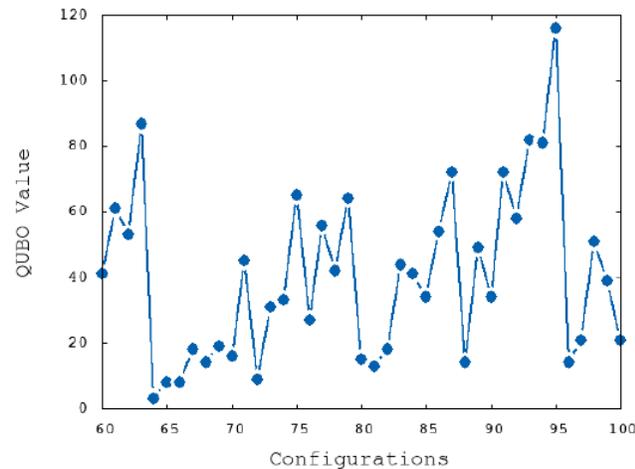
Considering $x - b = 0$ as $\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}} (x - b)^2$

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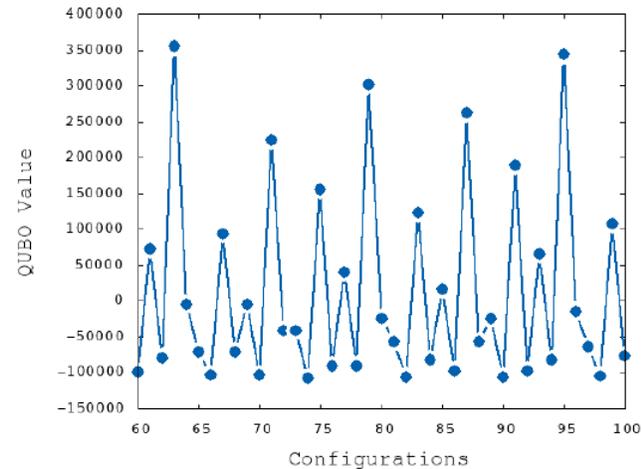
Graphical representation

QUBO problems of this kind are particularly difficult to solve.
Especially with annealing techniques.

This is due to the exponential dependence of the coefficients from the binary variable indices, which create numerous local minima very similar to the global minimum.



"Normal" QUBO landscape



"Real-variables" QUBO landscape

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Solving a linear system

We have chosen to solve a linear system $A\mathbf{x} = b$, where

$$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3) \text{ and } x_i \in [0,1].$$

We represent $x_i = c \cdot \sum_{e=0}^9 2^e q_e$, $c = 10^{-3}$ ($N = 10$, $a = 3$).

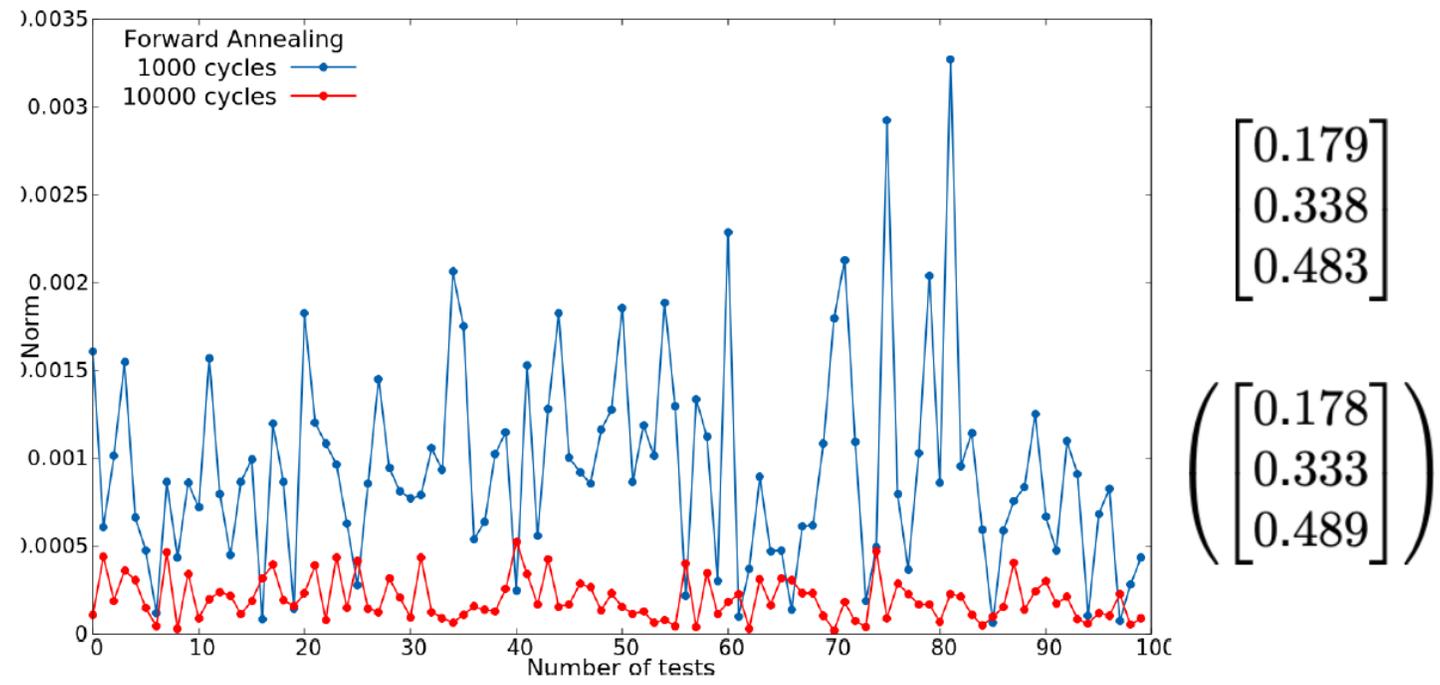
We will find \mathbf{x} solving $\min_{\mathbf{x} \in [0,1]^3} \|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1.301 & 0.125 & 0.187 \\ 0.440 & 0.342 & 0.082 \\ 0.672 & 0.709 & 0.802 \\ 0.218 & 0.427 & 0.520 \\ 0.024 & 0.036 & 0.038 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0.178 \\ 0.333 \\ 0.489 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.365 \\ 0.232 \\ 0.748 \\ 0.435 \\ 0.035 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Attempt number 1: Forward Annealing

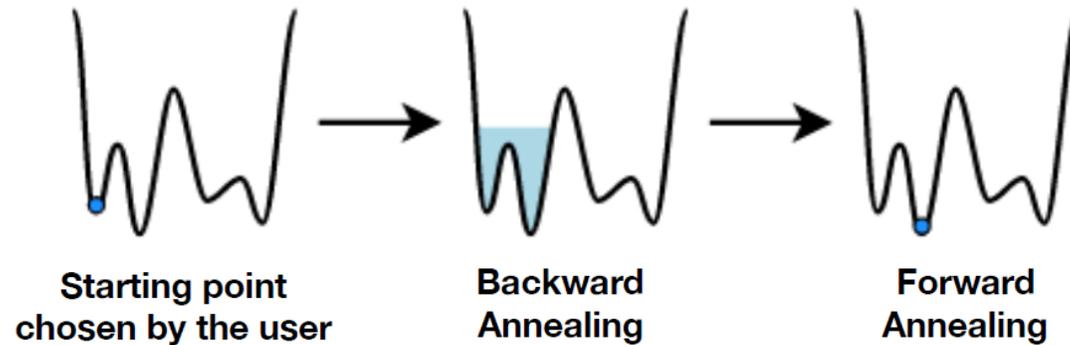
100 attempts with 1,000 and 10,000 annealing cycles



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Local refinement of solutions: Reverse Annealing

Introduced with the last D-Wave model, DWAVE2000Q



During the **Backward Annealing** phase, the transverse field slowly increases up to a value chosen by the user (*Reversal Distance*)

The last **Forward Annealing** phase is a **LOCAL** quantum annealing search:
how much local depends on the reversal distance value.

Image taken from *Reverse Quantum Annealing for Local Refinement of Solutions*, D-Wave White Papers, 2017

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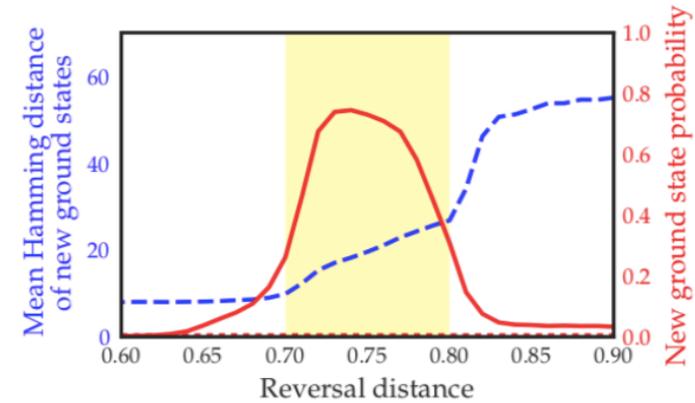
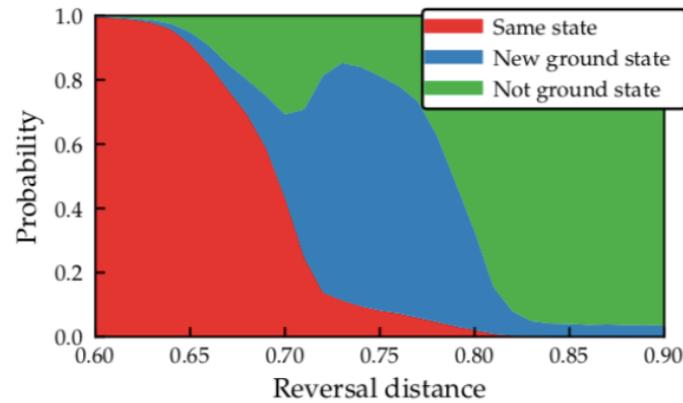
Tuning the reversal distance

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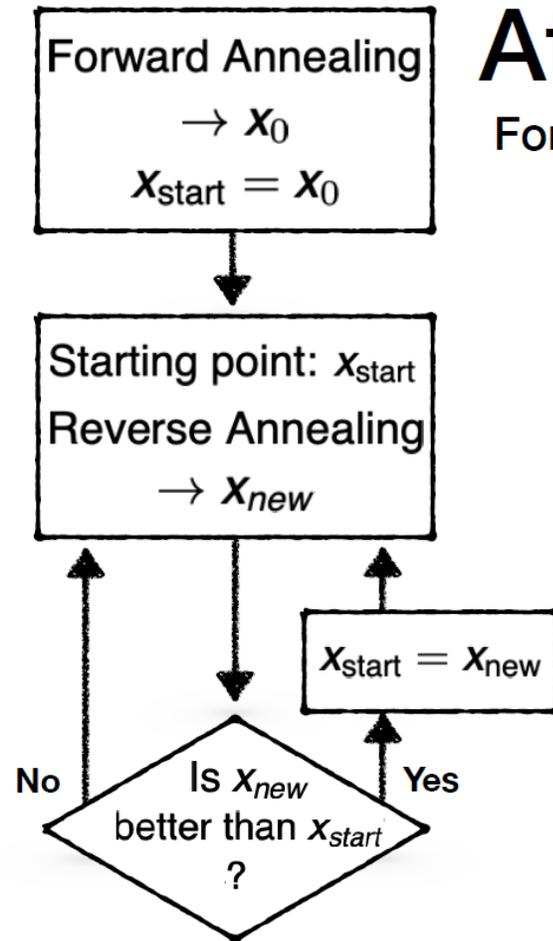
Reverse Quantum Annealing for Local Refinement of Solutions

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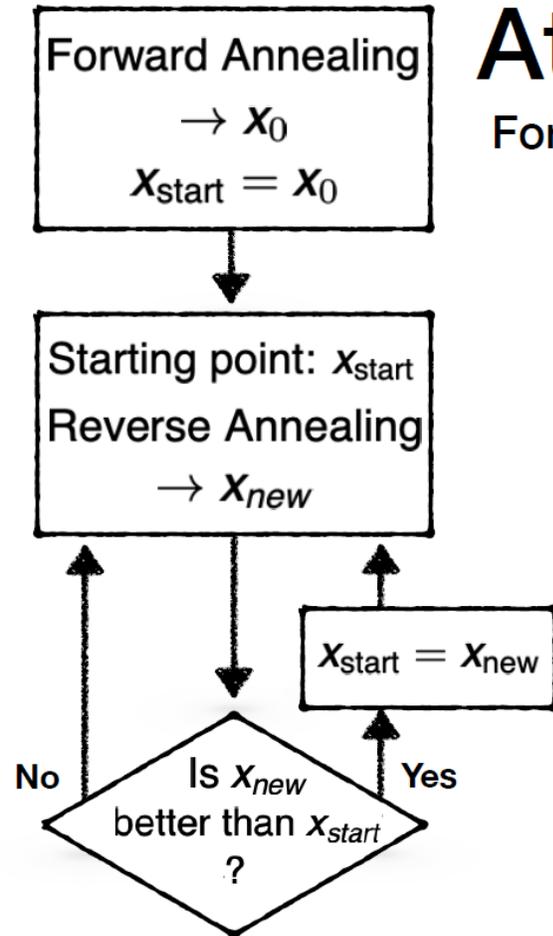


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Attempt number 2: Forward Annealing + Reverse Annealing



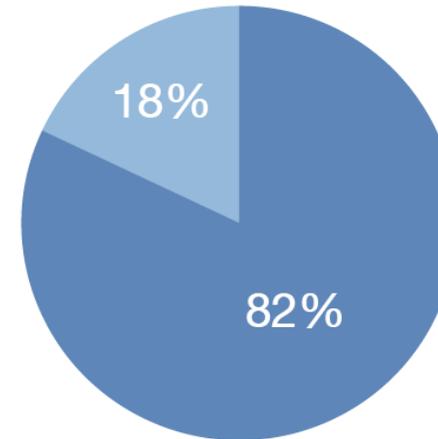
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Attempt number 2:

Forward Annealing + Reverse Annealing

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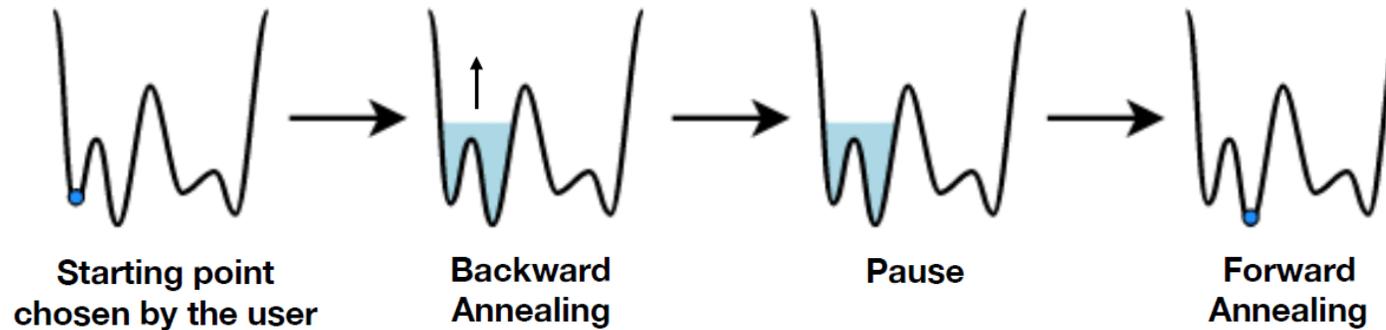


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Pausing the annealing process

Being able to pause the annealing process is another of the new features introduced with the latest D-WAVE quantum annealer.

We can use the pause during a Reverse Annealing search in this way:



Why pause? Because pausing the annealing process means better exploration of the selected zone, increasing the chances of obtaining a new global minimum.

But pay attention: pause can't be too long. For two main reasons:

- 1) it increase the computational time of each annealing cycle.
- 2) if it is too long, it may also risk to increase the search radius more than desired.

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Correlation between pause and search radius

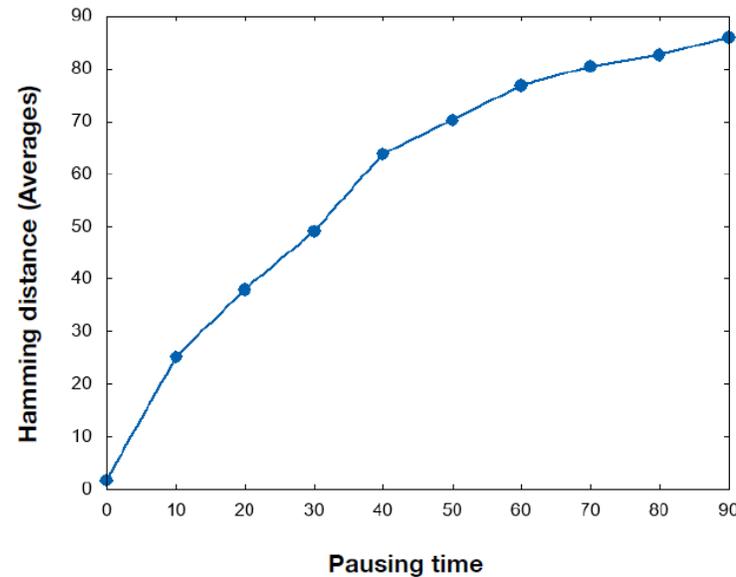
We can realize a posteriori the search radius of a reverse annealing search by analyzing the average distance between the solutions found by each cycle.

To do this, we choose the Hamming distance, a function written to calculate the distance between vectors of binary numbers.

We have observed that there is a correlation between the pause time and the average distance between the solutions obtained with each annealing cycle

As with the reversal distance, here too we have to be careful about the right break time:

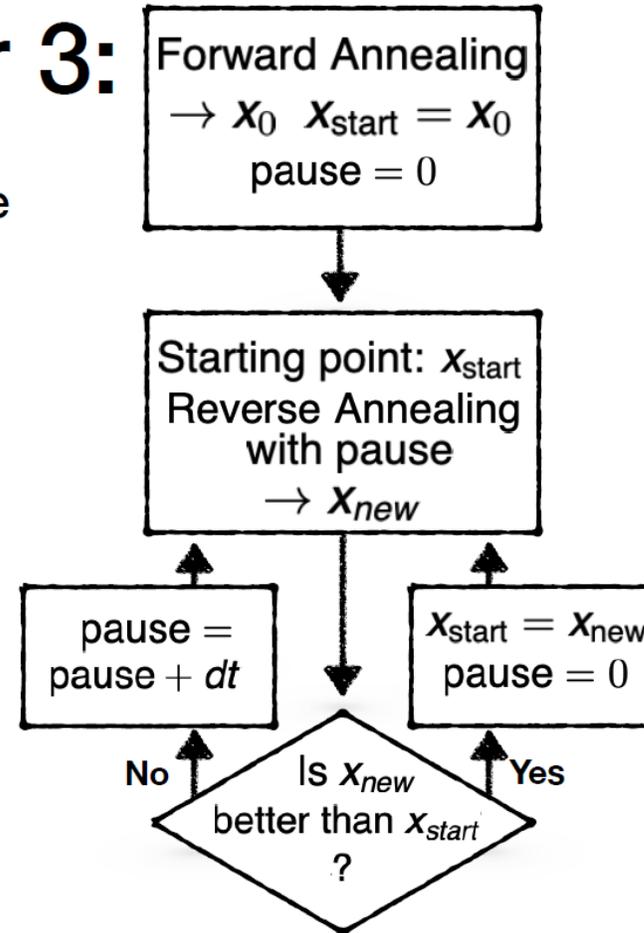
too little is not enough,
too much can lead to wrong
results



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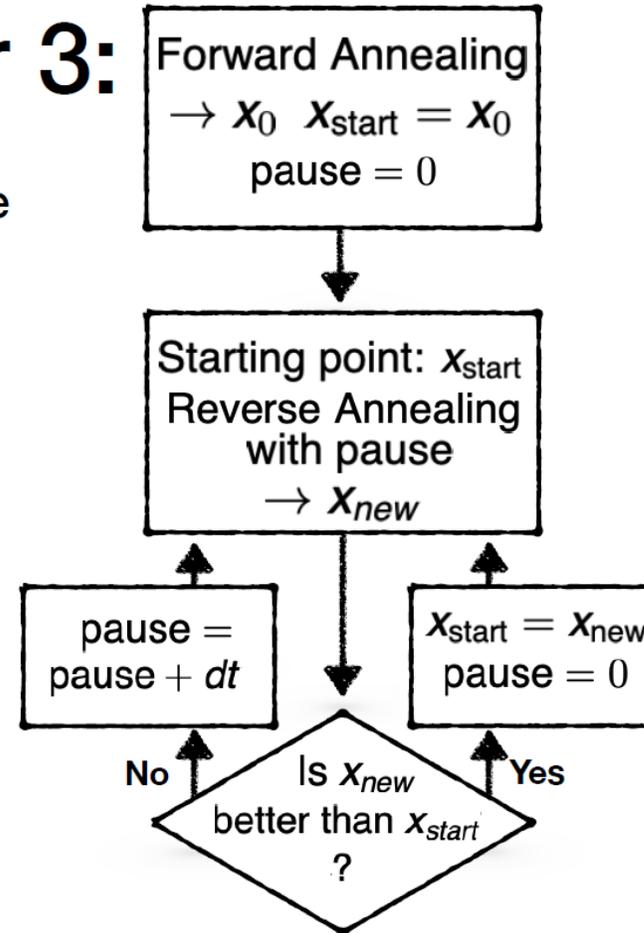
Forward Annealing +
Reverse Annealing with pause



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