

# Streaming Euclidean $k$ -median and $k$ -means with $o(\log n)$ Space

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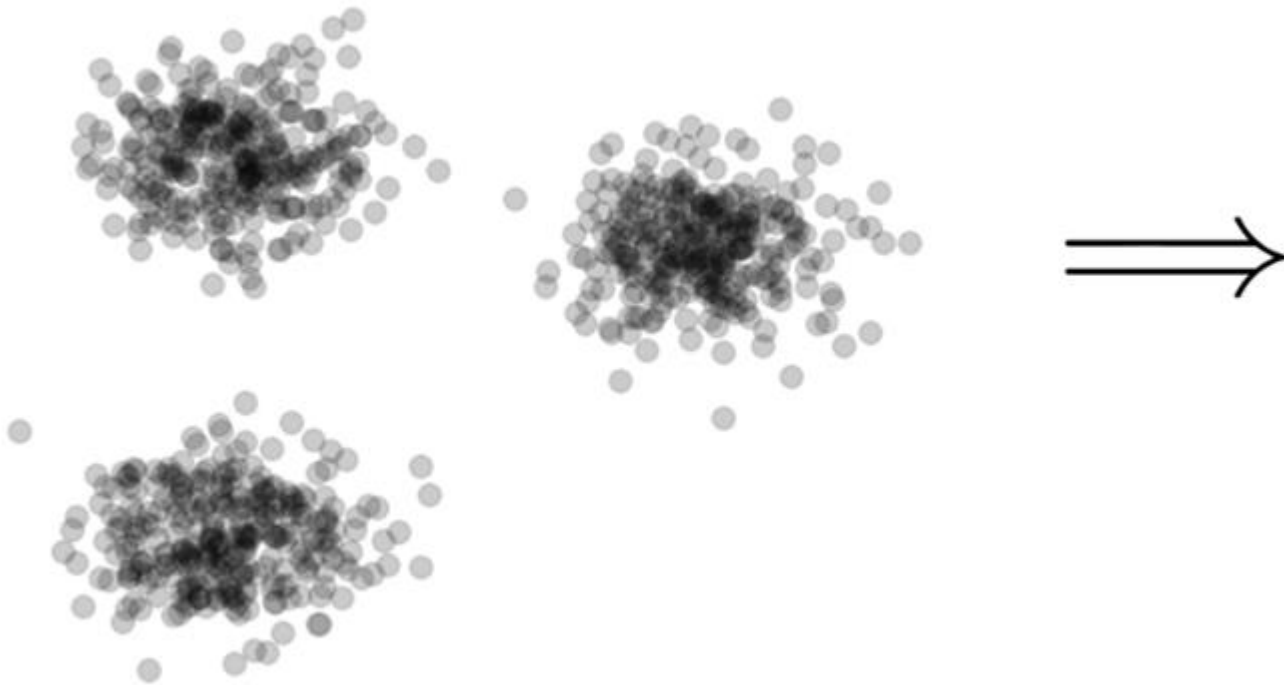
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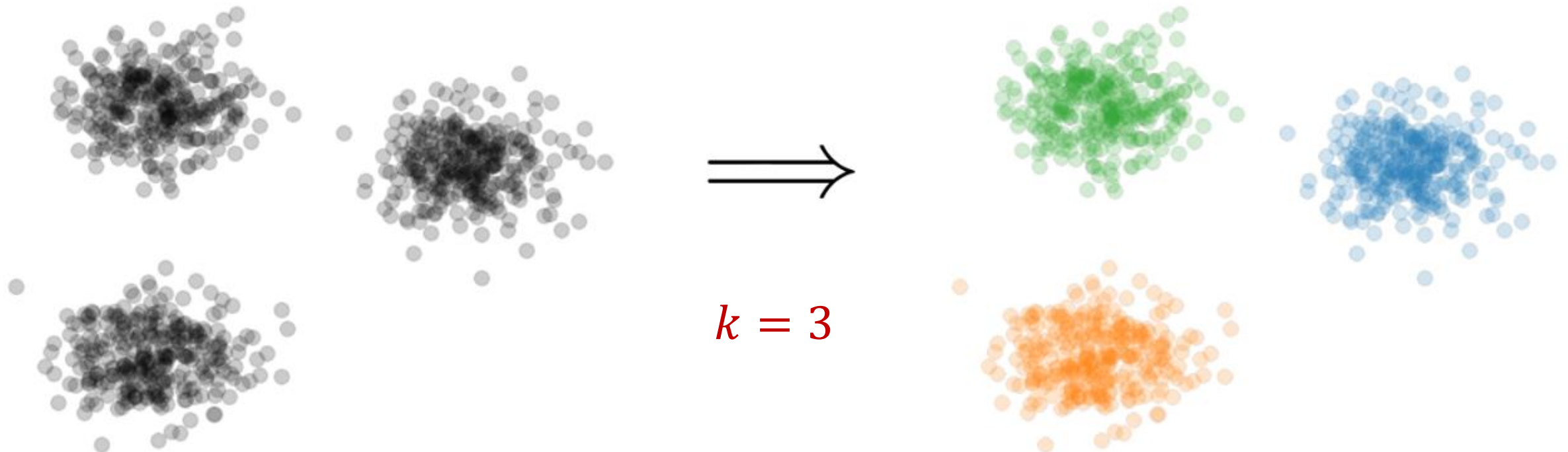
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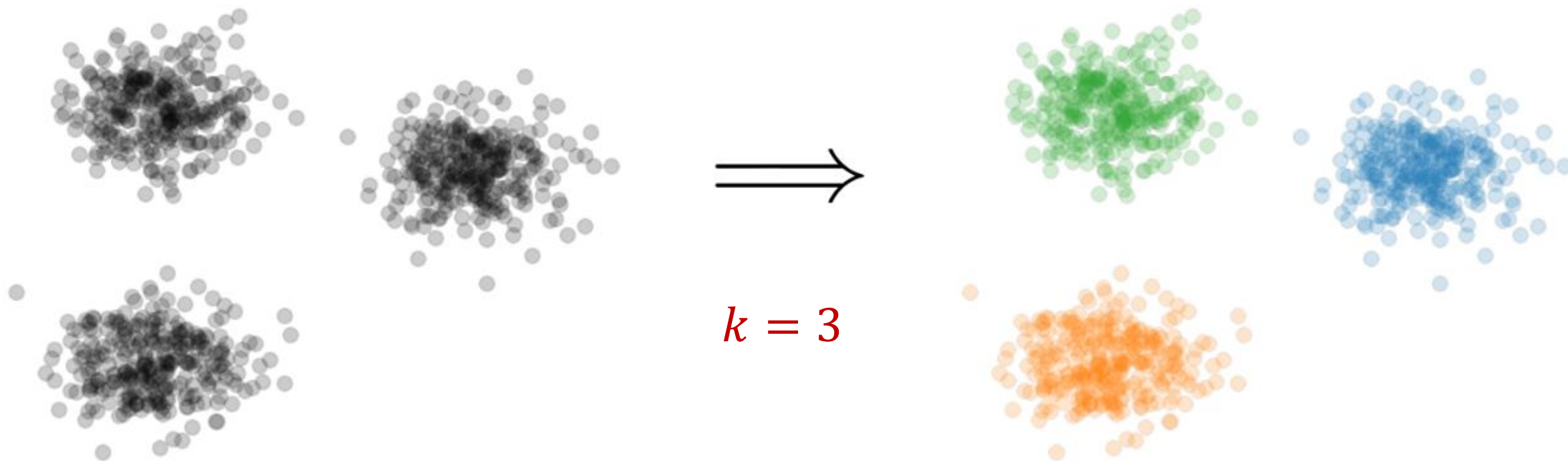
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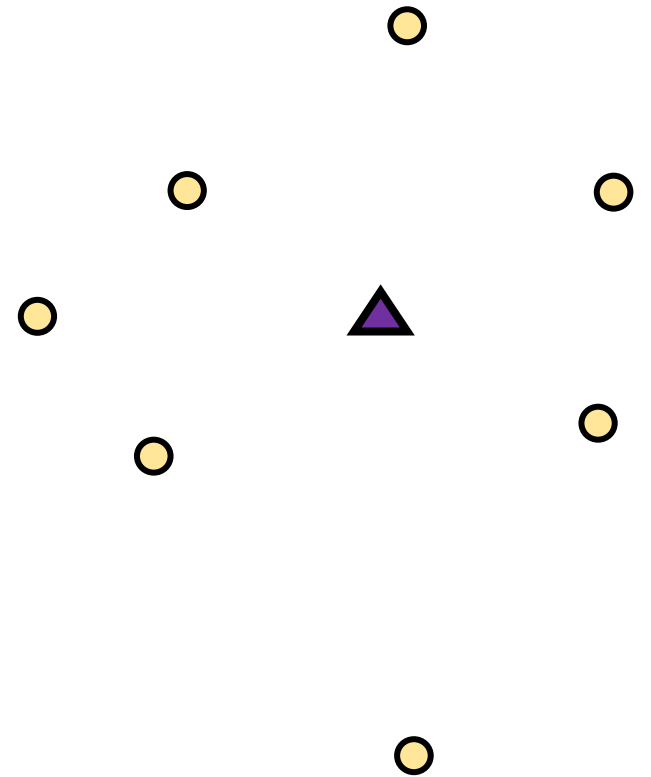
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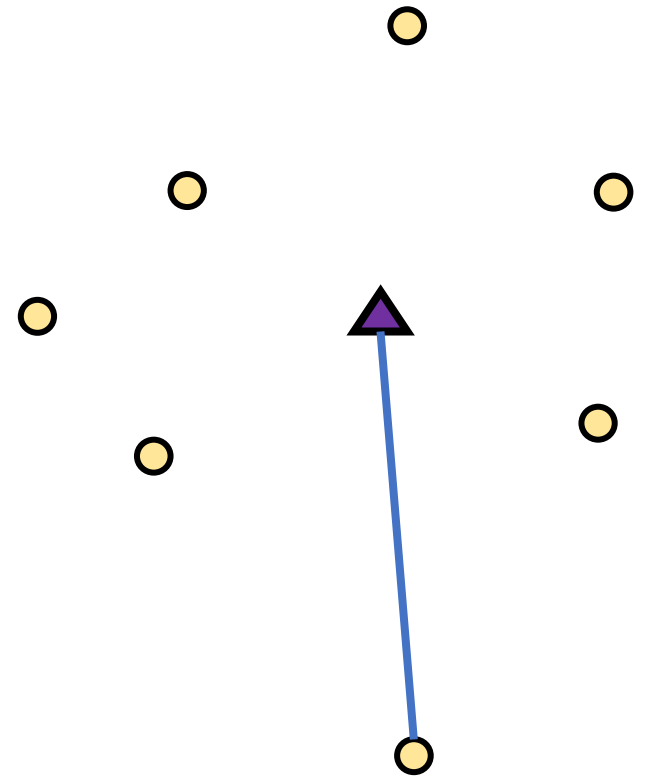
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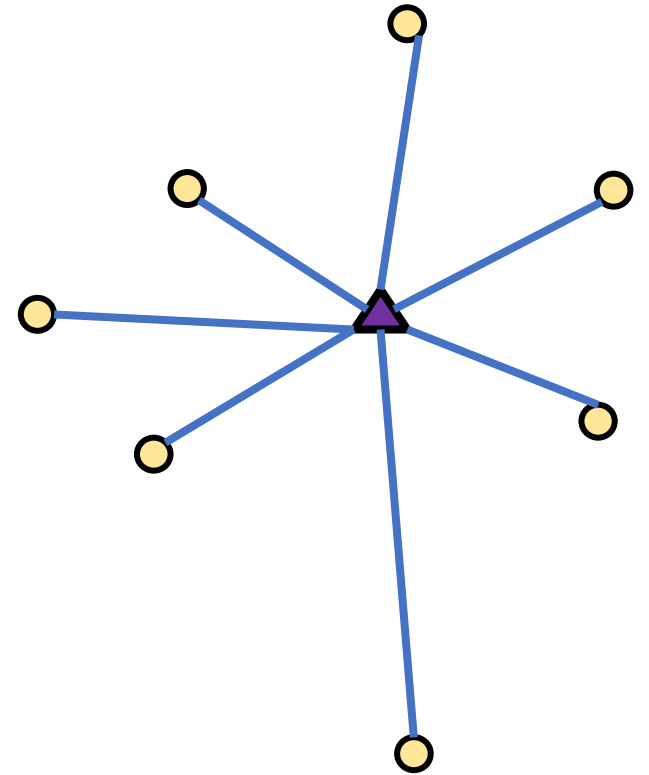
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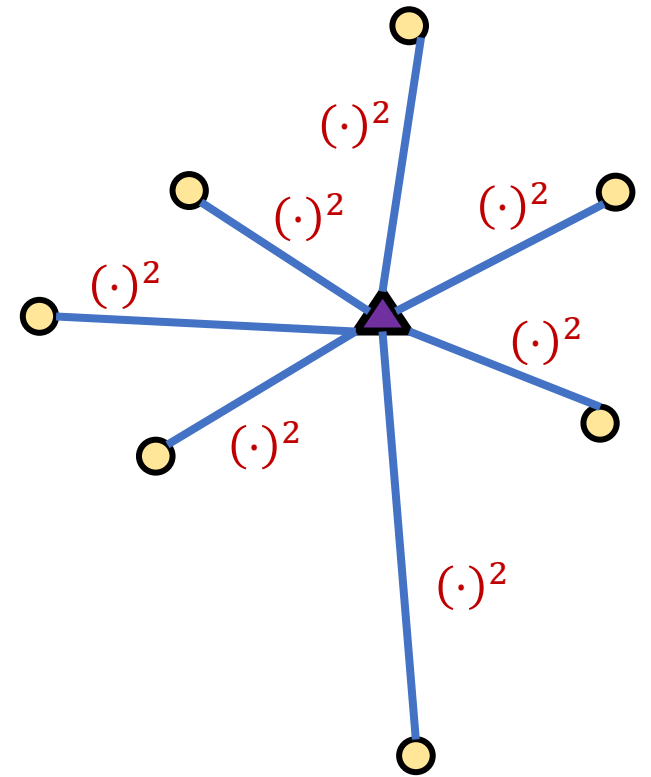
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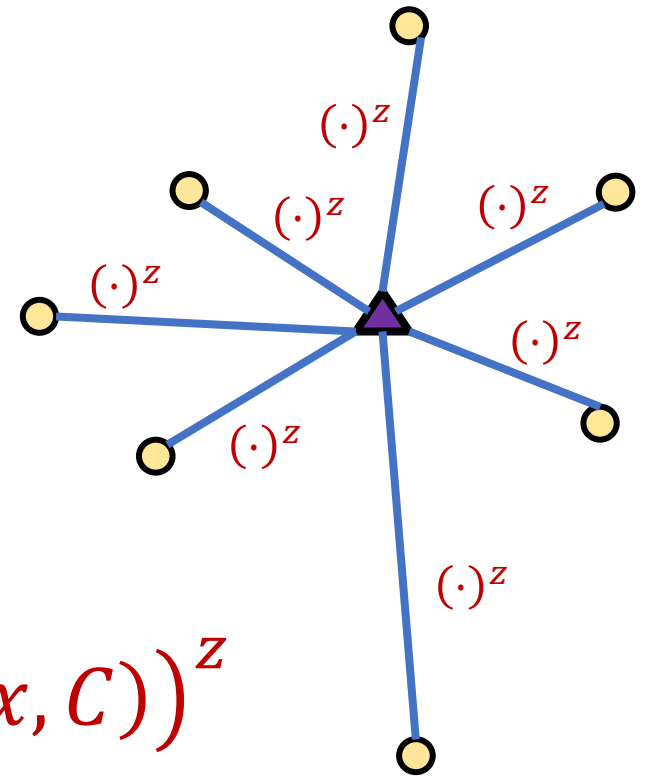
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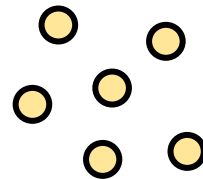
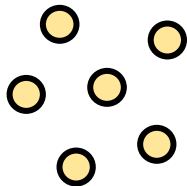
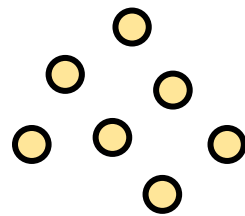
# Euclidean $k$ -Clustering

- For Euclidean  $k$ -clustering, input points  $X = x_1, \dots, x_n$  are in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  (for us, they will be in  $[\Delta]^d := \{1, 2, \dots, \Delta\}^d$ )
- $\text{dist}(x, y) = \sqrt{(x_1 - y_1)^2 + \dots + (x_d - y_d)^2}$  is the Euclidean distance
- $(k, z)$ -clustering problem:

$$\min_{C:|C|\leq k} \text{Cost}(X, C) = \min_{C:|C|\leq k} \sum_{x \in X} (\text{dist}(x, C))^z$$

# The Streaming Model

- **Input:** Updates to an underlying data set  $X$  that arrive sequentially
- **Output:** Evaluation (or approximation) of a given function
- **Goal:** Use space *sublinear* in the size  $n$  of the input  $X$



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- There exists a one-pass algorithm on insertion-only streams that outputs  $(1 + \varepsilon)$ -approximation for  $(k, z)$ -clustering for *all times in the stream* and uses  $\tilde{O}\left(\frac{dk}{\varepsilon^2}\right) \cdot \min\left(k, \frac{1}{\varepsilon^z}\right) \cdot \text{poly}(\log \log n\Delta)$  words of space
- Our algorithm outputs  $(1 + \varepsilon)$ -coreset constructions for  $(k, z)$ -clustering for *all times in the stream*

# Our Results (Insertion-Deletion Impossibility)

- Any one-pass algorithm on insertion-deletion streams that outputs a  $2$ -approximation to the  $(k, z)$ -clustering cost *at all times* in the stream with  $d = \Omega(\log n)$  must use  $\Omega(\log^2 n)$  bits of space
- Any one-pass algorithm on insertion-deletion streams that outputs a  $2$ -approximation to the  $(k, z)$ -clustering cost *from a weighted subset of the input* must use  $\Omega(\log^2 n)$  bits of space

# Our Results (Insertion-Deletion Two-Pass)

- There exists a two-pass algorithm on insertion-deletion streams that outputs a  $(1 + \varepsilon)$ -coreset construction for  $k$ -median and  $k$ -means clustering that uses  $\tilde{O}\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon^2}\right) \cdot \text{poly}(d, k, \log \log n\Delta)$  words of space
- Result generalizes to  $z \in [1, 2]$

# Our Results (Sum of the Online Sensitivities)

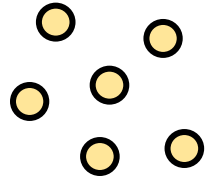
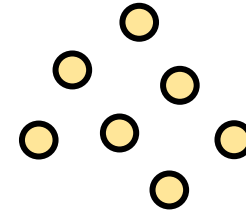
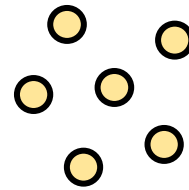
- Sum of the online sensitivities of a set of  $n$  points in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  for  $(k, z)$ -clustering is at most  $O(k \log^2(nd\Delta))$

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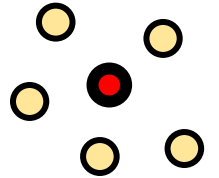
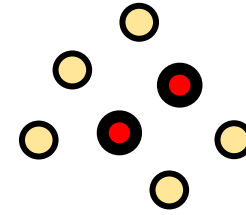
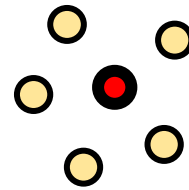
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# Coreset (Formal Definition)

- Given a set  $X$  and an accuracy parameter  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we say a set  $X'$  with weight function  $w$  is an  $(1 + \varepsilon)$ -multiplicative coreset for a cost function  $\text{Cost}$ , if for all queries  $C$  with  $|C| \leq k$ , we have

$$(1 - \varepsilon)\text{Cost}(X, C) \leq \text{Cost}(X', C, w) \leq (1 + \varepsilon)\text{Cost}(X, C)$$



$$(k, z)\text{-clustering: } \text{Cost}(X', C, w) = \sum_{x \in X'} w(x) \cdot (\text{dist}(x, C))^z$$



# Coreset Constructions

- Let  $\tilde{O}(f)$  denote  $f \cdot \text{polylog}(f)$
- For  $(k, z)$ -clustering, there exist coreset constructions that only require  $\tilde{O}\left(\frac{k}{\varepsilon^2}\right) \cdot \min\left(k, \frac{1}{\varepsilon^z}\right)$  weighted points of the input  
[Cohen-AddadLarsenSaulpicSchweighelshohn22]
- *Independent* of input size  $n$

# $(k, z)$ -Clustering in the Streaming Model

- Merge-and-reduce framework
- Suppose there exists a  $(1 + \varepsilon)$ -coreset construction for  $(k, z)$ -clustering that uses  $f\left(k, \frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right)$  weighted input points
- Partition the stream into blocks containing  $f\left(k, \frac{\log n}{\varepsilon}\right)$  points

$$\tilde{O}\left(\frac{k^2}{\varepsilon^2}\right)$$

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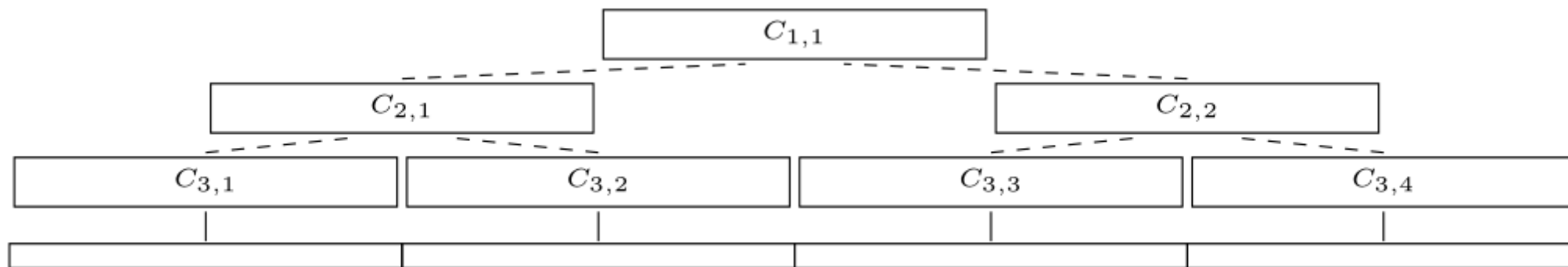


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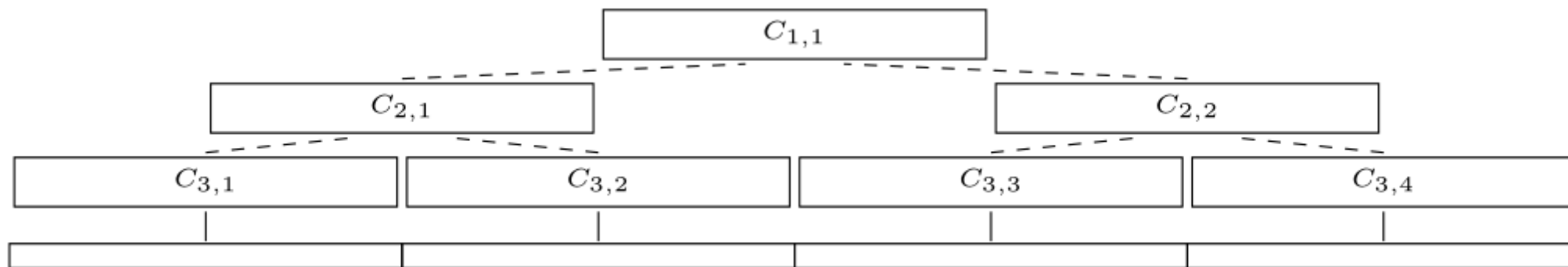
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- There are  $O(\log n)$  levels
- Each coreset is a  $\left(1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{\log n}\right)$ -coreset of two coresets
- Total approximation is  $\left(1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{\log n}\right)^{\log n} = (1 + O(\varepsilon))$



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- Total space is  $f\left(k, \frac{\log n}{\varepsilon}\right) \cdot O(\log n)$  points

For  $k$ -means clustering, this is  $\tilde{O}\left(\frac{k^2}{\varepsilon^2} \cdot \log^3 n\right)$  points

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Do there exist streaming algorithms for  $(k, z)$ -clustering that use  $o(\log n)$  words of space?



Streaming algorithm	Words of Memory
[HK07], $z \in \{1, 2\}$	$\tilde{O}\left(\frac{dk^{1+z}}{\varepsilon^{\mathcal{O}(d)}} \log^{d+z} n\right)$
[HM04], $z \in \{1, 2\}$	$\tilde{O}\left(\frac{dk}{\varepsilon^d} \log^{2d+2} n\right)$
[Che09], $z \in \{1, 2\}$	$\tilde{O}\left(\frac{d^2 k^2}{\varepsilon^2} \log^8 n\right)$
[FL11], $z \in \{1, 2\}$	$\tilde{O}\left(\frac{d^2 k}{\varepsilon^{2z}} \log^{1+2z} n\right)$
Sensitivity and rejection sampling [BFLR19]	$\tilde{O}\left(\frac{d^2 k^2}{\varepsilon^2} \log n\right)$
Online sensitivity sampling, i.e., Theorem 3.5	$\tilde{O}\left(\frac{d^2 k^2}{\varepsilon^2} \log n\right)$
Merge-and-reduce with coreset of [CLSS22]	$\tilde{O}\left(\frac{dk}{\varepsilon^2} \log^4 n\right) \cdot \min\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon^z}, k\right)$
This work, i.e., Theorem 1.1	$\tilde{O}\left(\frac{dk}{\varepsilon^2}\right) \cdot \min\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon^z}, k\right) \cdot \text{poly}(\log \log n)$

# Format

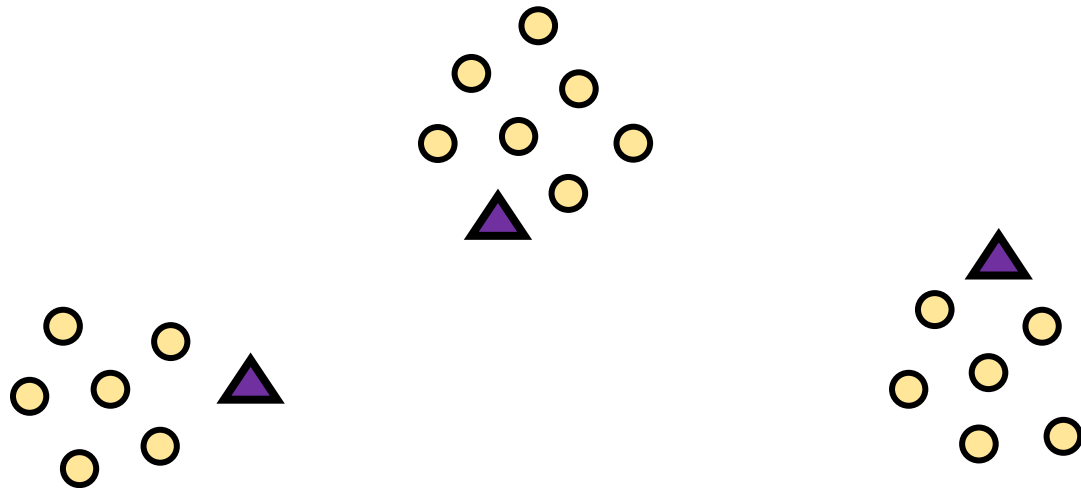
- Part 1: Background
- Part 2: Insertion-Only Streams
- Part 3:  $k$ -Median on Dynamic Streams
- Part 4:  $(k, z)$ -Clustering on Dynamic Streams

Questions?



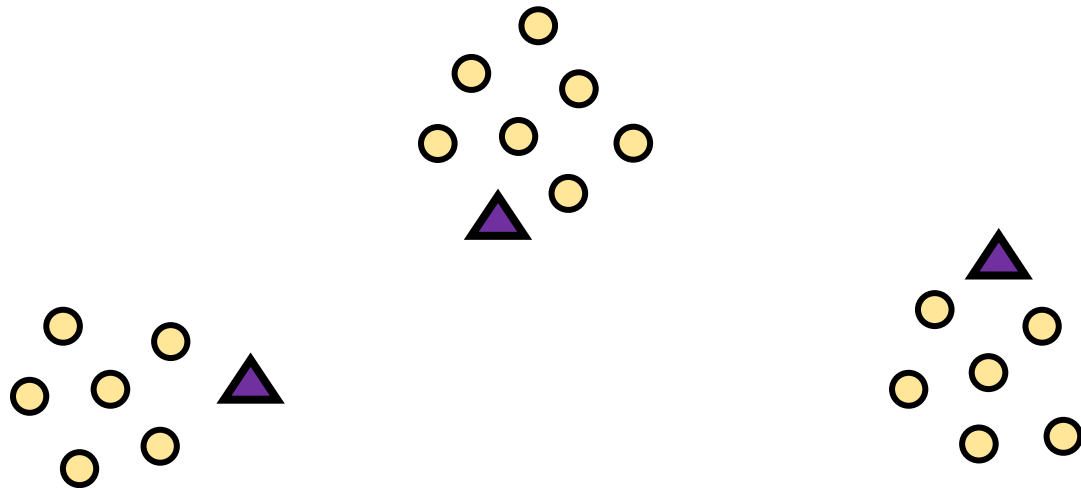
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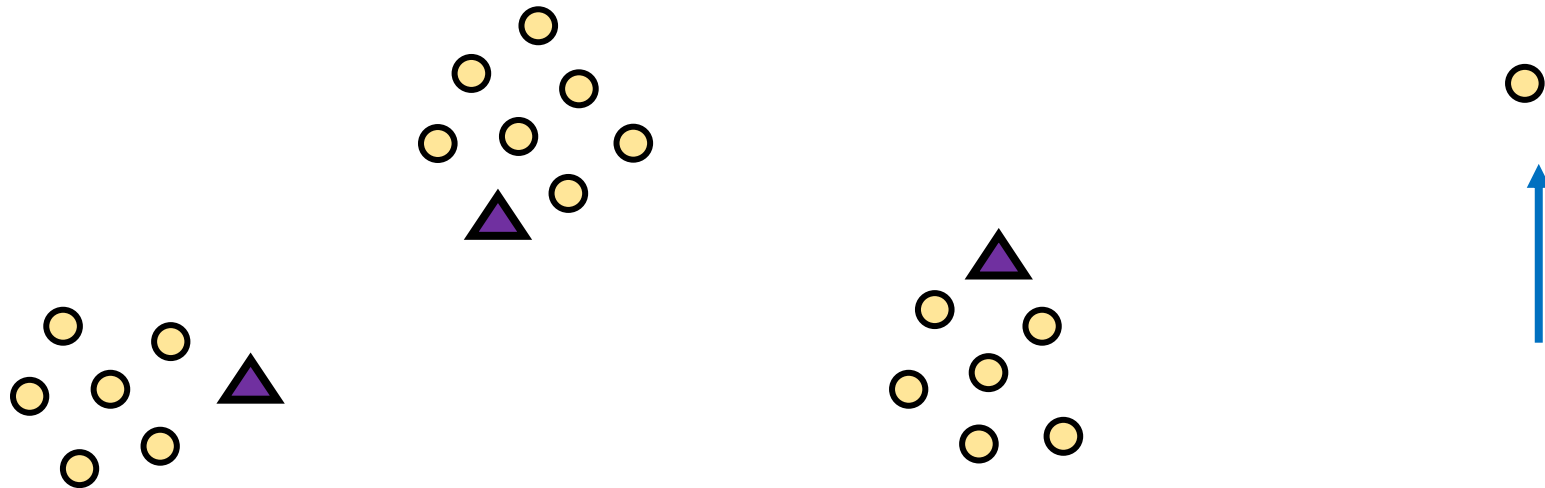
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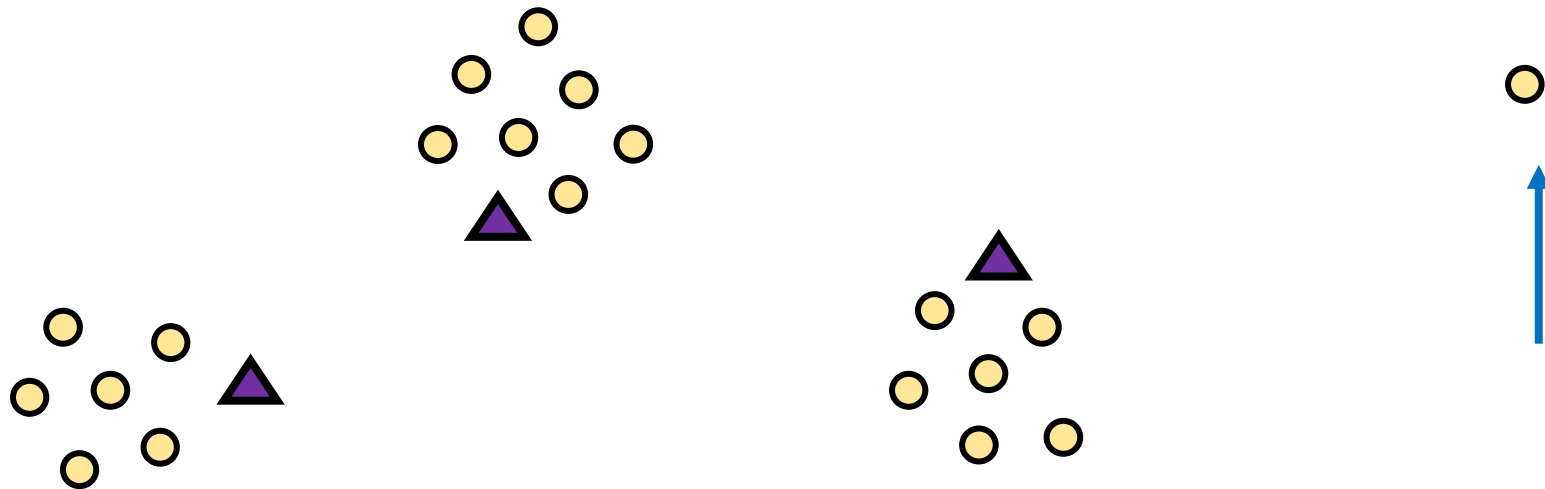
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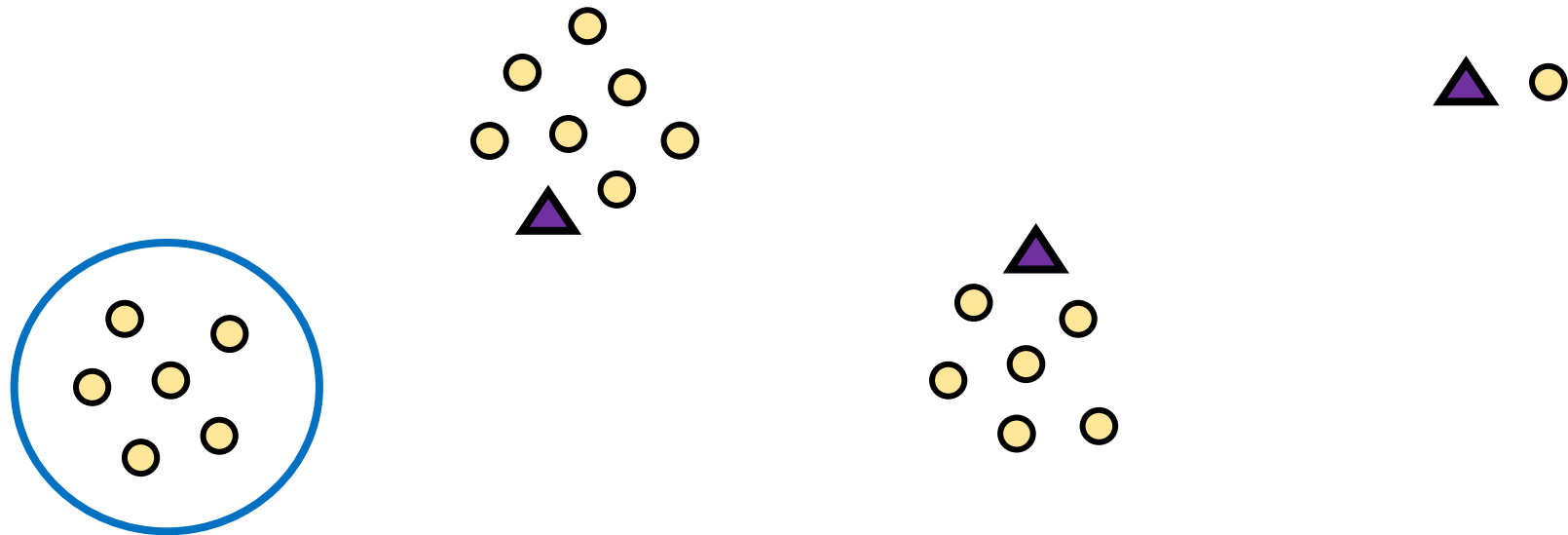


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Net with size  $\left(\frac{n\Delta}{\varepsilon}\right)^{O(kd)}$



# Sensitivity Sampling

- The quantity  $s(x) = \max_C \frac{\text{Cost}(x,C)}{\text{Cost}(X,C)}$  is called the *sensitivity* of  $x$  and intuitively measures how “important” the point  $x$  is
- The *total sensitivity* of  $X$  is  $\sum_{x \in X} s(x)$  and quantifies how many points will be sampled into  $X'$  through importance/sensitivity sampling (before the union bound)

# Online Sensitivity

- In a data stream, computing/approximating sensitivity  $s(x) = \max_C \frac{\text{Cost}(x,C)}{\text{Cost}(X,C)}$  requires seeing the entire dataset  $X$ , but then it is too late to sample  $x$
- We define the *online sensitivity* of  $x_t$  with respect to a stream  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  to be  $\varphi(x_t) = \max_C \frac{\text{Cost}(x_t,C)}{\text{Cost}(X_t,C)}$ , where  $X_t = x_1, \dots, x_t$ , which intuitively measures how “important” the point  $x$  is *SO FAR*

# Online Sensitivity

- **Streaming algorithm:** sample each point  $x_t$  with probability  $p(x_t) = \min\left(1, \frac{kd}{\varepsilon^2} \cdot \text{polylog}(n\Delta) \cdot \varphi(x_t)\right)$
- How to compute (or approximate)  $\varphi(x_t)$ ?

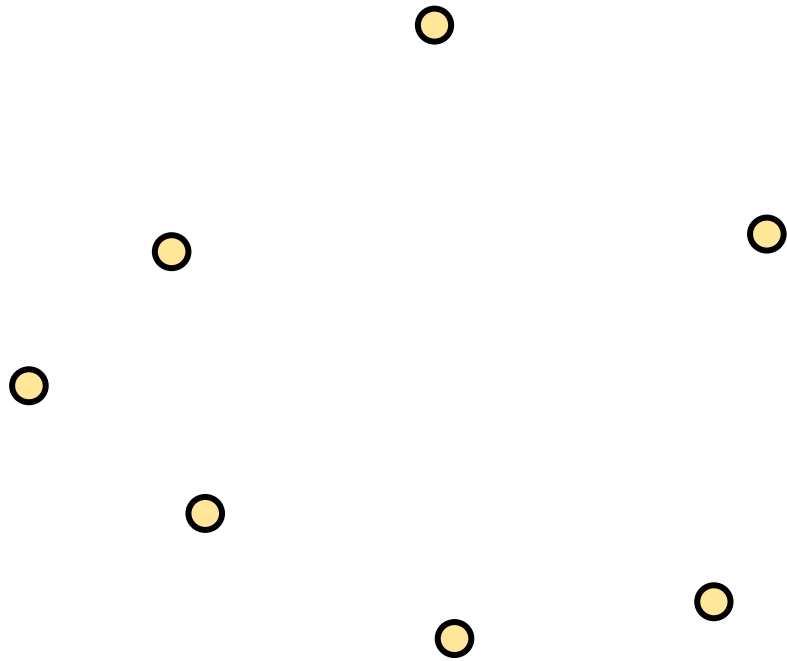
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- **Observation:** we can use a  $(1 + \varepsilon)$ -coreset to obtain a  $(1 + \varepsilon)$ -approximation to  $\varphi(x_t)$
- Use samples obtained from online sensitivity sampling at each time  $t - 1$  to obtain a  $(1 + \varepsilon)$ -approximation to  $\varphi(x_t)$
- Can then perform online sensitivity sampling at time  $t$  and by induction, at all times in the stream

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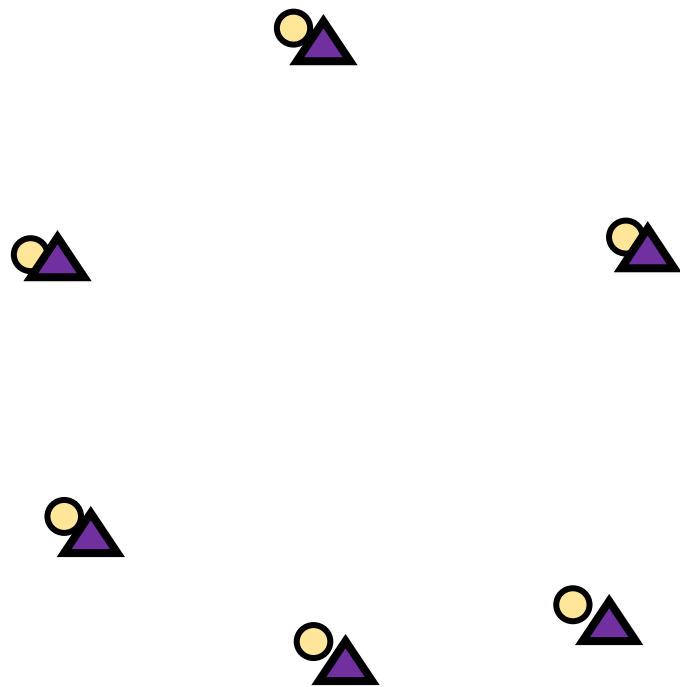
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- Given our new bounds on total sensitivity, we get a coresset of size  $\sum_t p(x_t) = \frac{k^2 d}{\varepsilon^2} \cdot \text{polylog}(n\Delta)$
- Sampling is done online, can view as a new stream  $X'$

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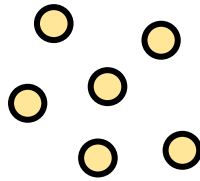
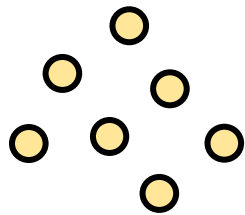
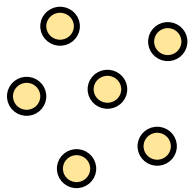


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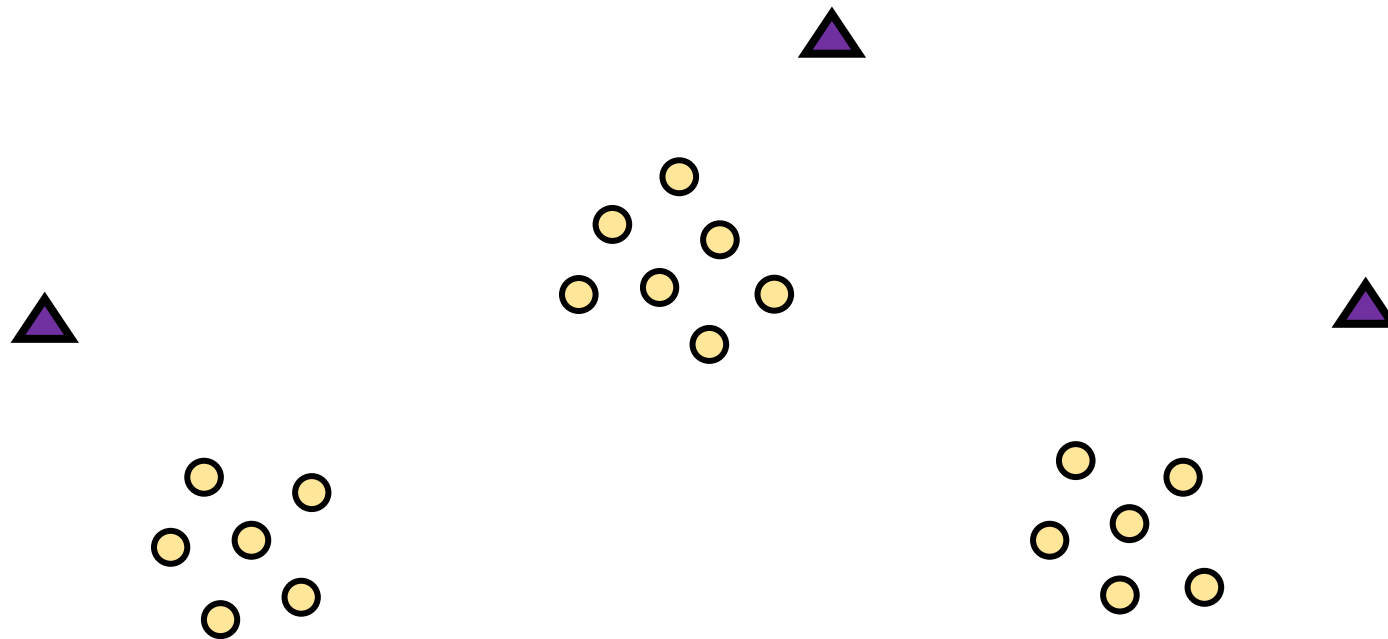
- Sum of online sensitivities can be at least  $k$
- How large can it be?



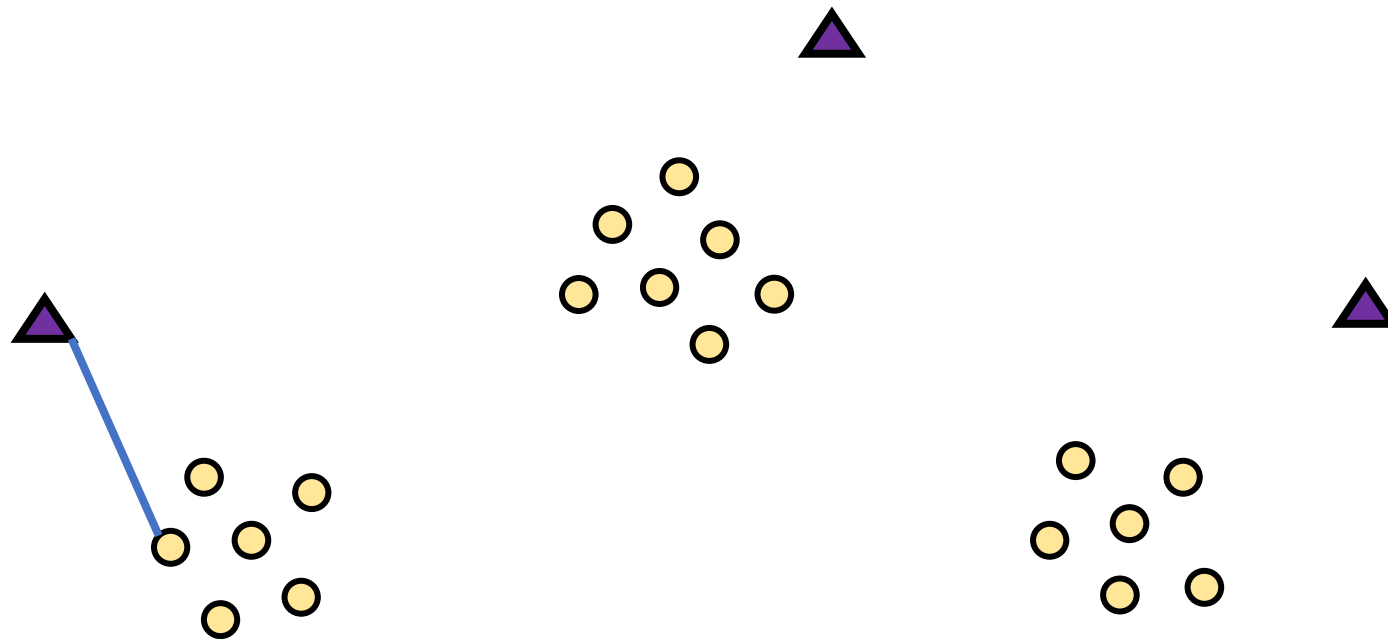
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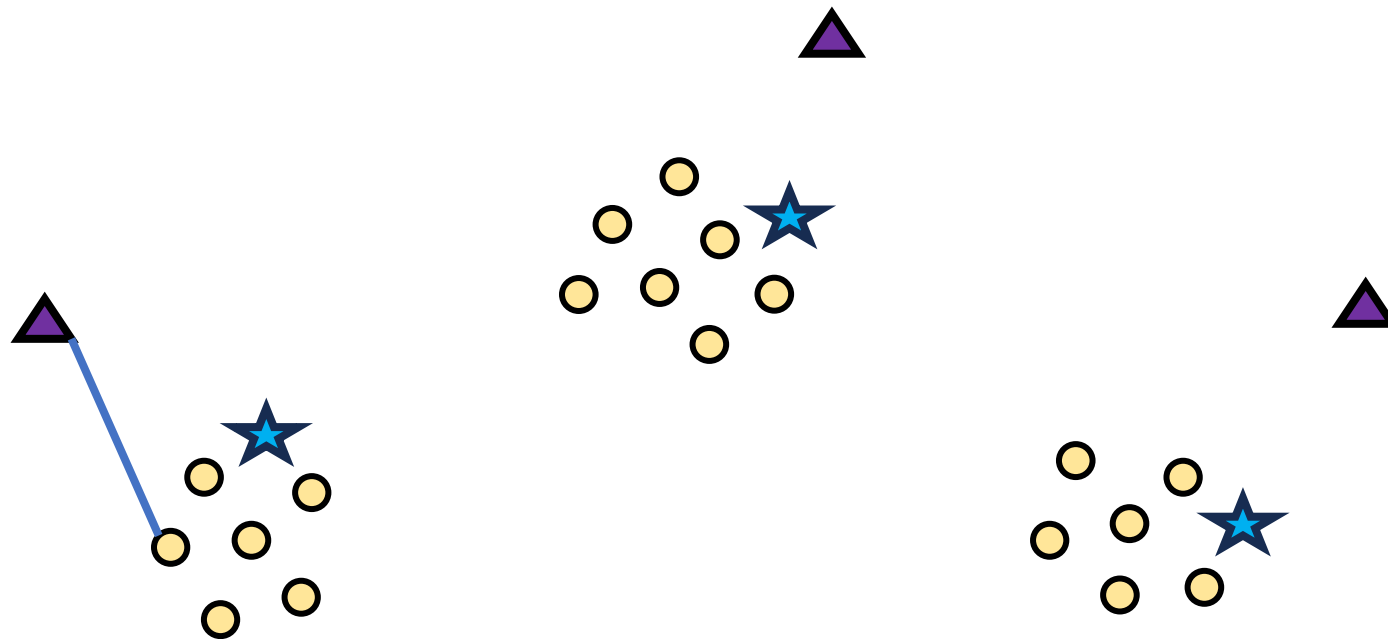
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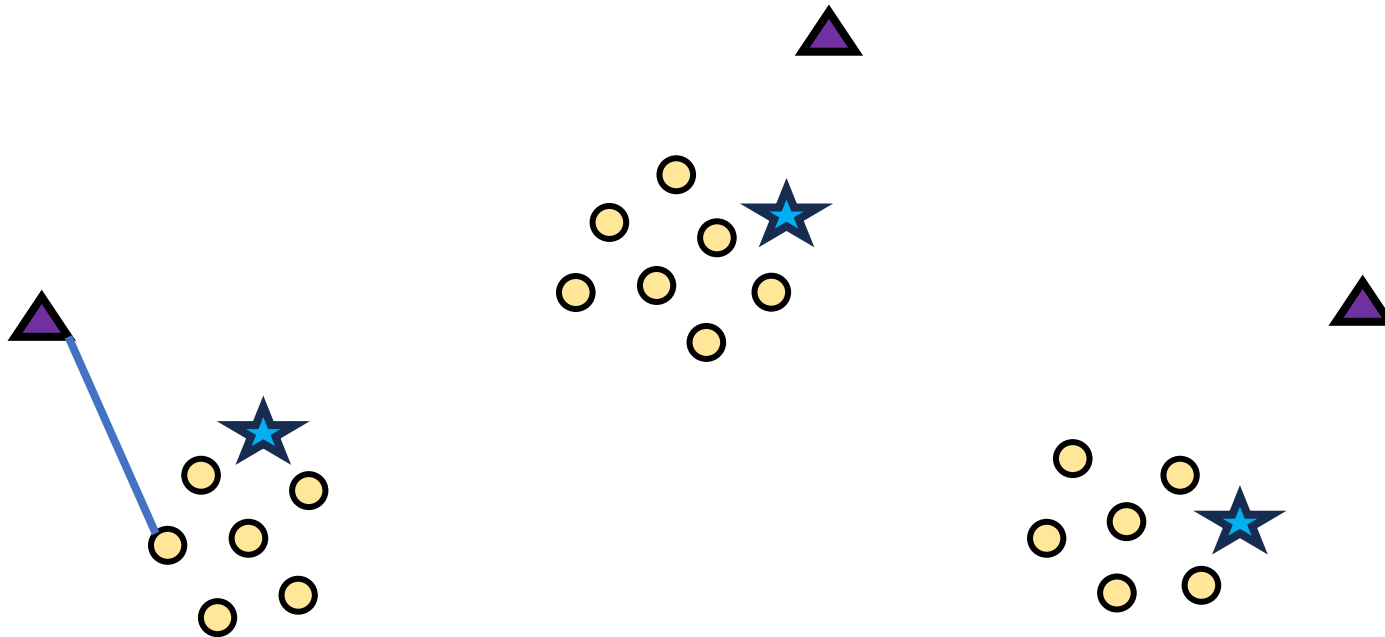


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Partition the sum of the sensitivities by each cluster



# Sum of Online Sensitivity

- **Intuition:** The sum of the sensitivities in each cluster induced by **OPT** is at most **1**
- Since there are  $k$  clusters, the sum of the sensitivities is  $O_z(k)$
- The sum of the online sensitivities is  $O_z(k \log^2 nd\Delta)$

# Insertion-Only Algorithm

1. Perform online sensitivity sampling to implicitly create new stream  $X'$
2. In parallel, run merge-and-reduce on  $X'$

# Insertion-Only Summary

- New stream  $X'$  has length  $\frac{k^2 d}{\varepsilon^2} \cdot \text{polylog}(n\Delta)$
- Can run merge-and-reduce framework on  $X'$
- Recall total space used by merge-and-reduce was  $f\left(k, \frac{\log n}{\varepsilon}\right) \cdot O(\log n)$  points, but  $n$  was the length of the stream
- Total space is  $f\left(k, \frac{\log |S'|}{\varepsilon}\right) \cdot O(\log |X'|)$  points with  $f\left(k, \frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right) = \tilde{O}\left(\frac{k}{\varepsilon^2}\right) \cdot \min\left(k, \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2}\right)$ , i.e.,  $o(\log n)$



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# Insertion-Deletion Streams

- Use first pass to estimate sensitivity of each point  $n$  in the stream
- Use second pass to perform sensitivity sampling

# Sensitivity Estimation

- Sensitivity of a point  $x$  is  $s(x) := \max_{C:|C|\leq k} \frac{\text{Cost}(x, C)}{\text{Cost}(X, C)}$
- Suppose  $S$  is the optimal (capacitated) set of  $k$  centers, so that  $\text{Cost}(X, S) \leq \text{Cost}(X, C)$  for all sets  $C$  of  $k$  centers
- **Claim:**  $\frac{4 \cdot 2^z \cdot \text{Cost}(x, C)}{\text{Cost}(C, S) + \text{Cost}(X, S)}$  is a good approximation of  $s(x)$

# Sensitivity Estimation

$$\frac{\text{Cost}(x, C)}{\text{Cost}(X, C)} = \frac{4 \cdot \text{Cost}(x, C)}{4 \cdot \text{Cost}(X, C)}$$

$$\text{(Optimality of } S) \leq \frac{4 \cdot \text{Cost}(x, C)}{2 \cdot \text{Cost}(X, C) + 2 \cdot \text{Cost}(X, S)}$$

$$\leq \frac{4 \cdot \text{Cost}(x, C)}{\text{Cost}(X, C) + 2 \cdot \text{Cost}(X, S)}$$

$$\text{(Triangle Inequality)} \leq \frac{4 \cdot 2^z \cdot \text{Cost}(x, C)}{\text{Cost}(C, S) + \text{Cost}(X, S)}$$

# Sensitivity Estimation

$$\frac{4 \cdot 2^z \cdot \text{Cost}(x, C)}{\text{Cost}(C, S) + \text{Cost}(X, S)} \leq \frac{2^{O(z)} \cdot \text{Cost}(x, C)}{\text{Cost}(X, S) + \text{Cost}(X, C)}$$

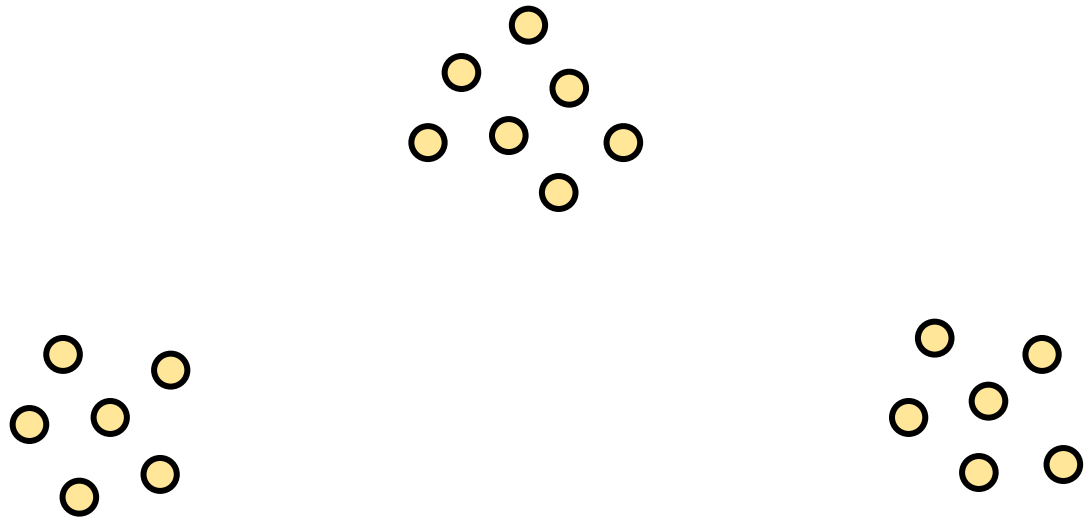
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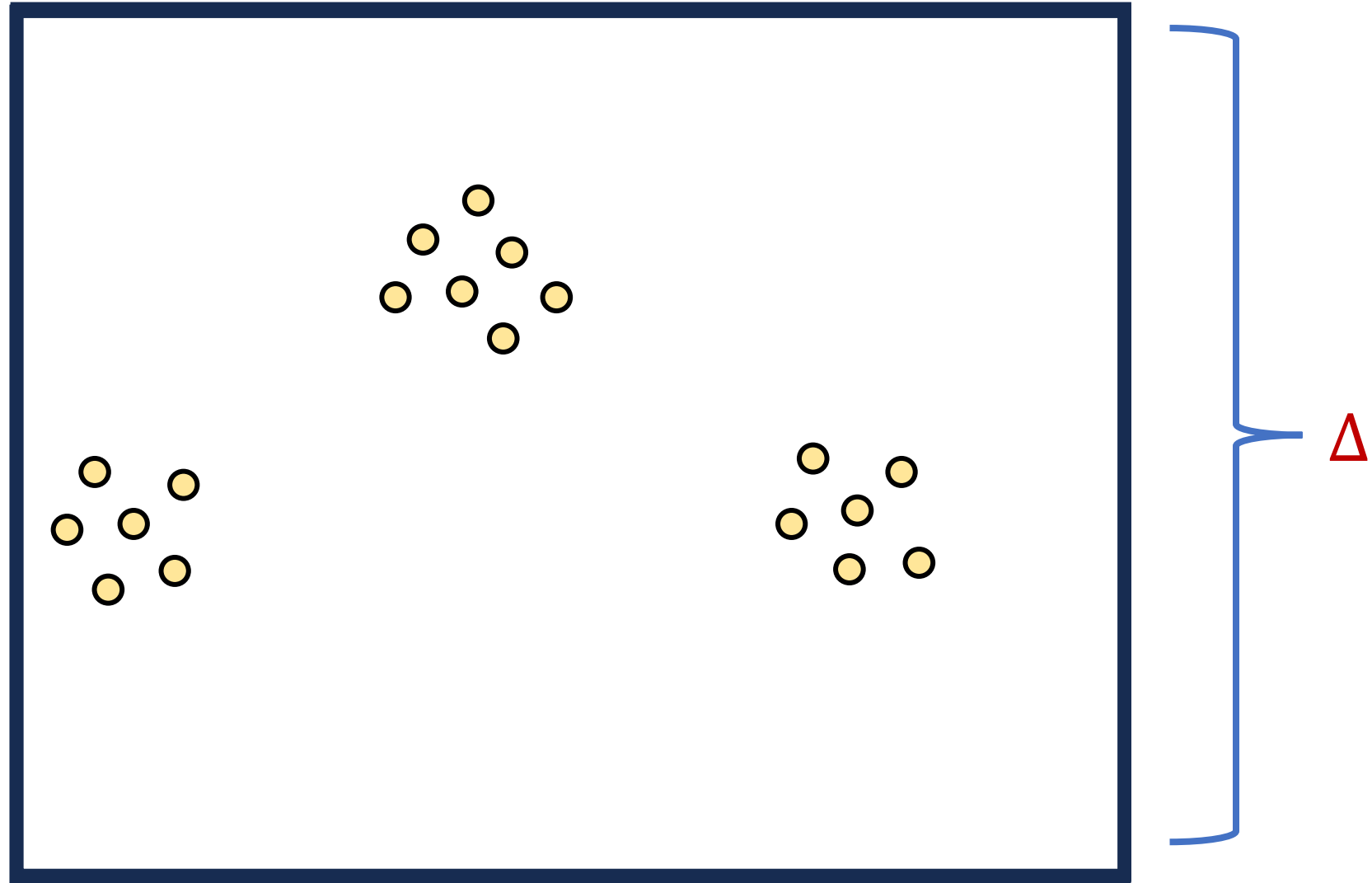
# Sensitivity Estimation

- **Takeaway:** Can use a “good” (capacitated) set  $S$  of  $k$  centers along with an approximation of its cost to estimate sensitivities  $s(x)$  of all points
- How to find such an estimate?
- Cannot use online sensitivity sampling or merge-and-reduce anymore

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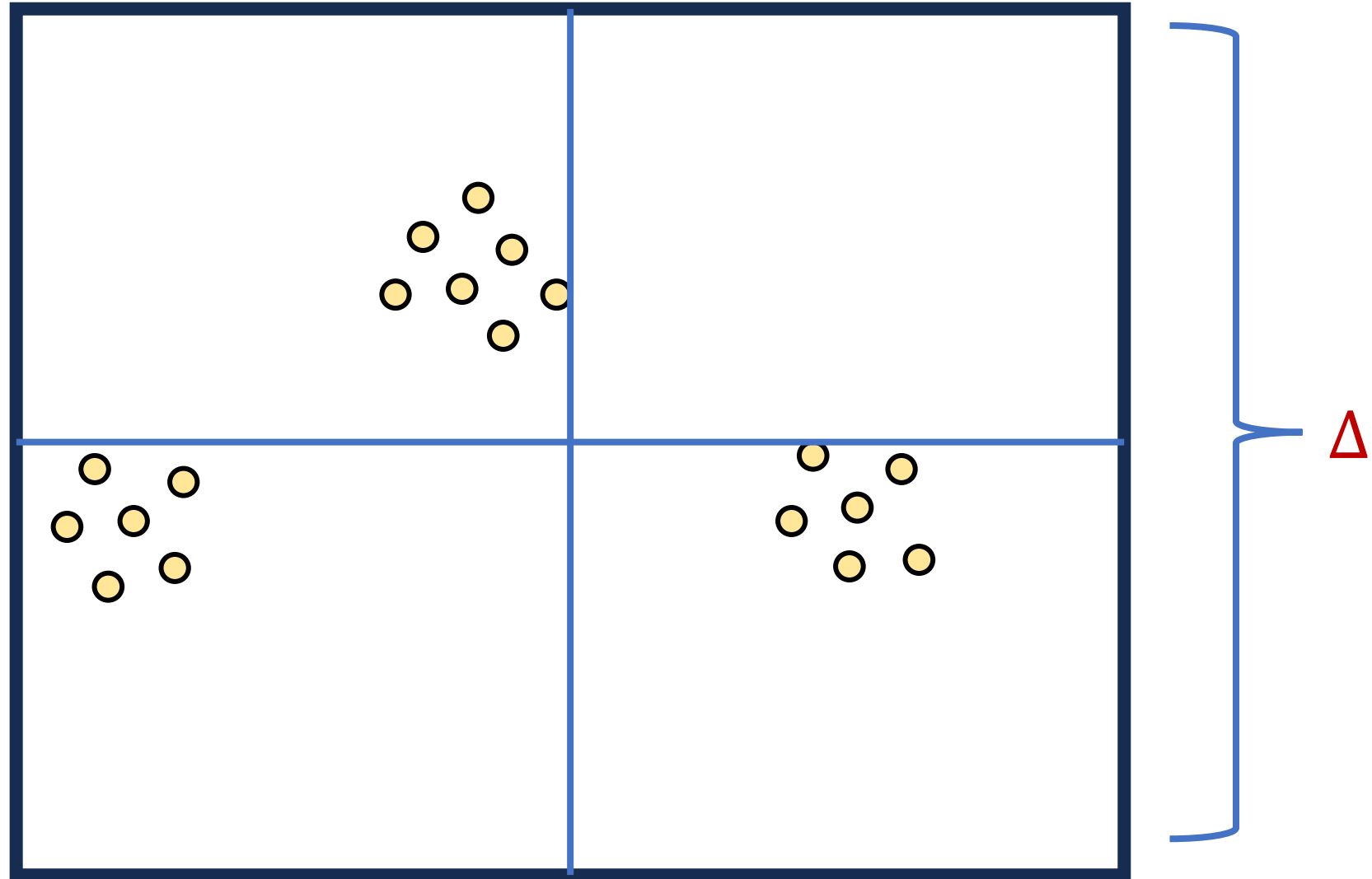


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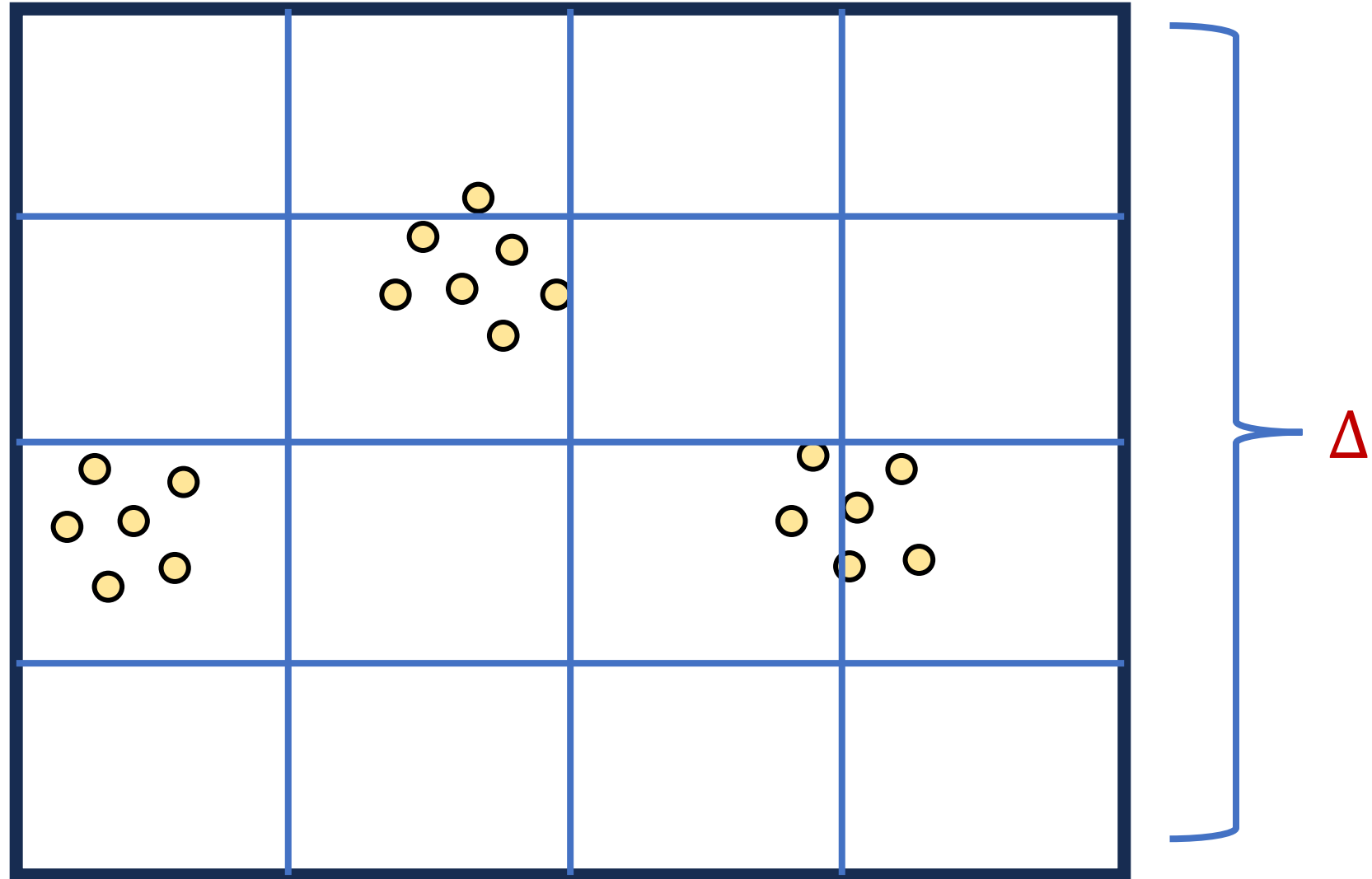




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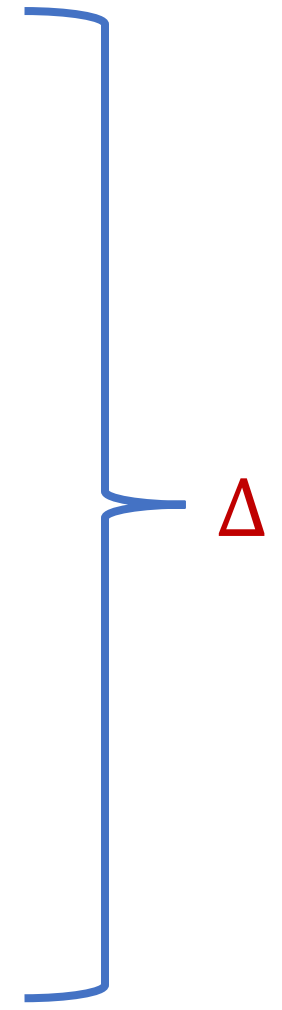
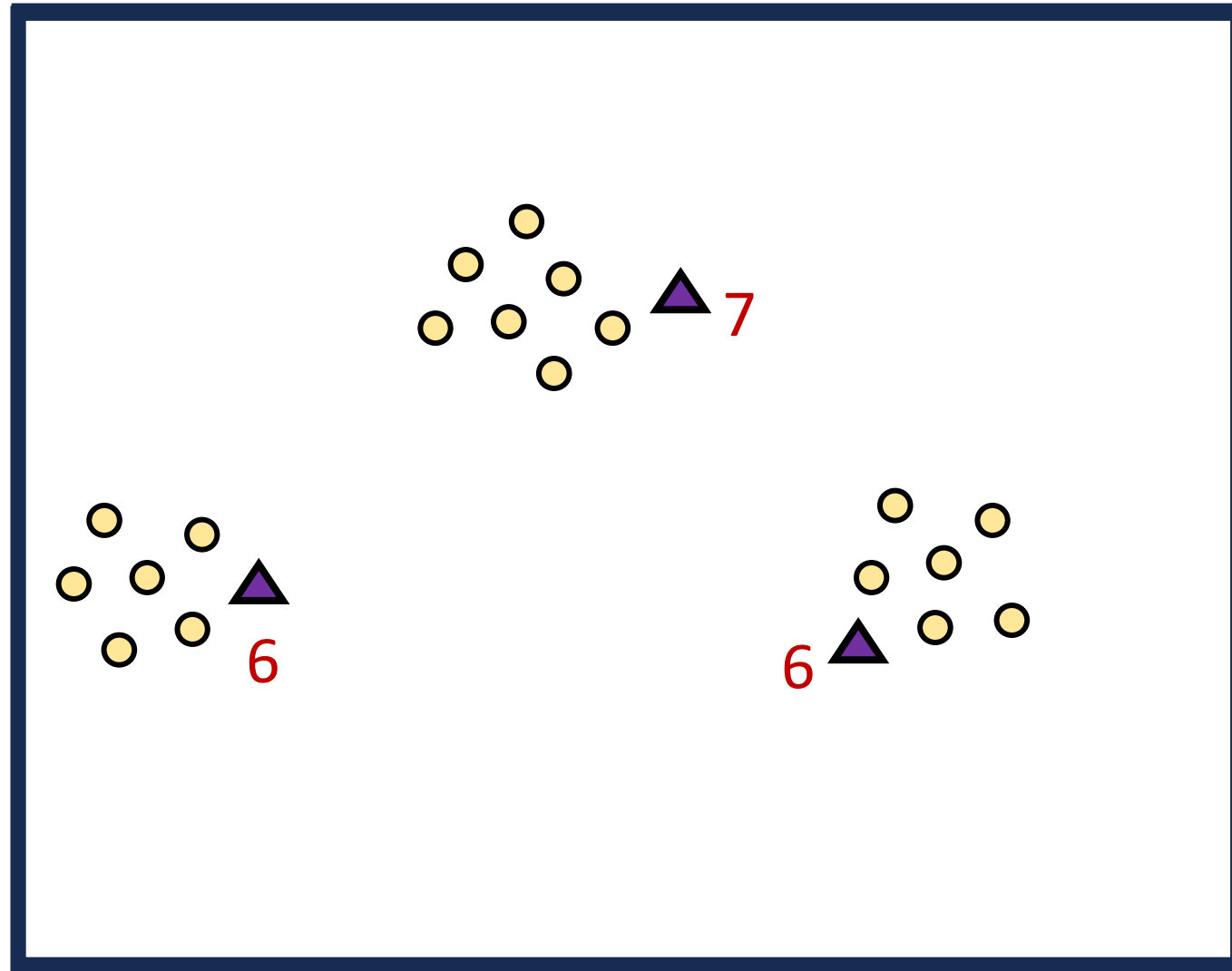


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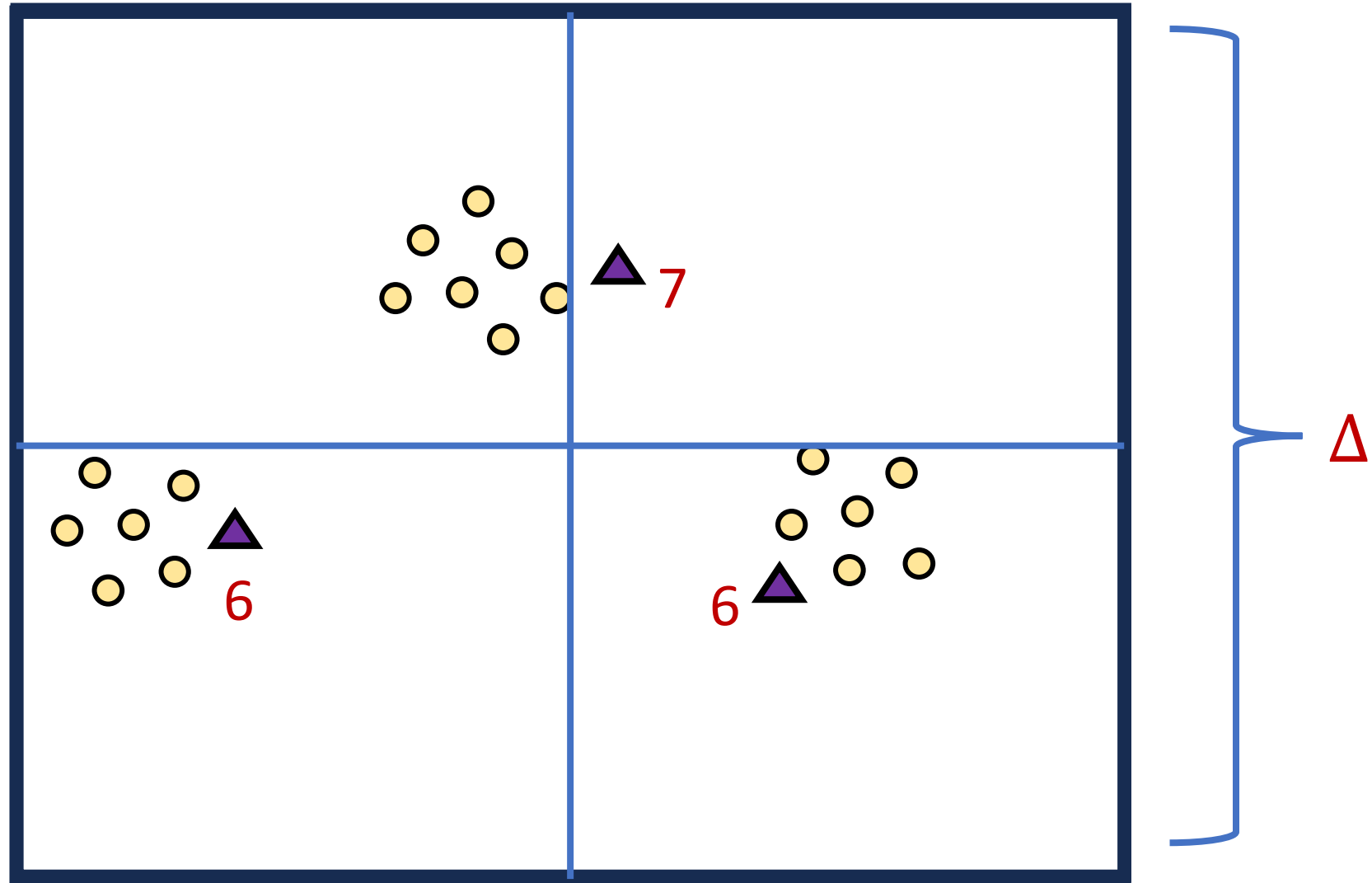
# Quadtree Embedding

Total cost: 0  
Level cost: 0



# Quadtree Embedding

Total cost:  $\frac{\Delta}{2} \cdot 7$   
Level cost:  $\frac{\Delta}{2} \cdot 7$

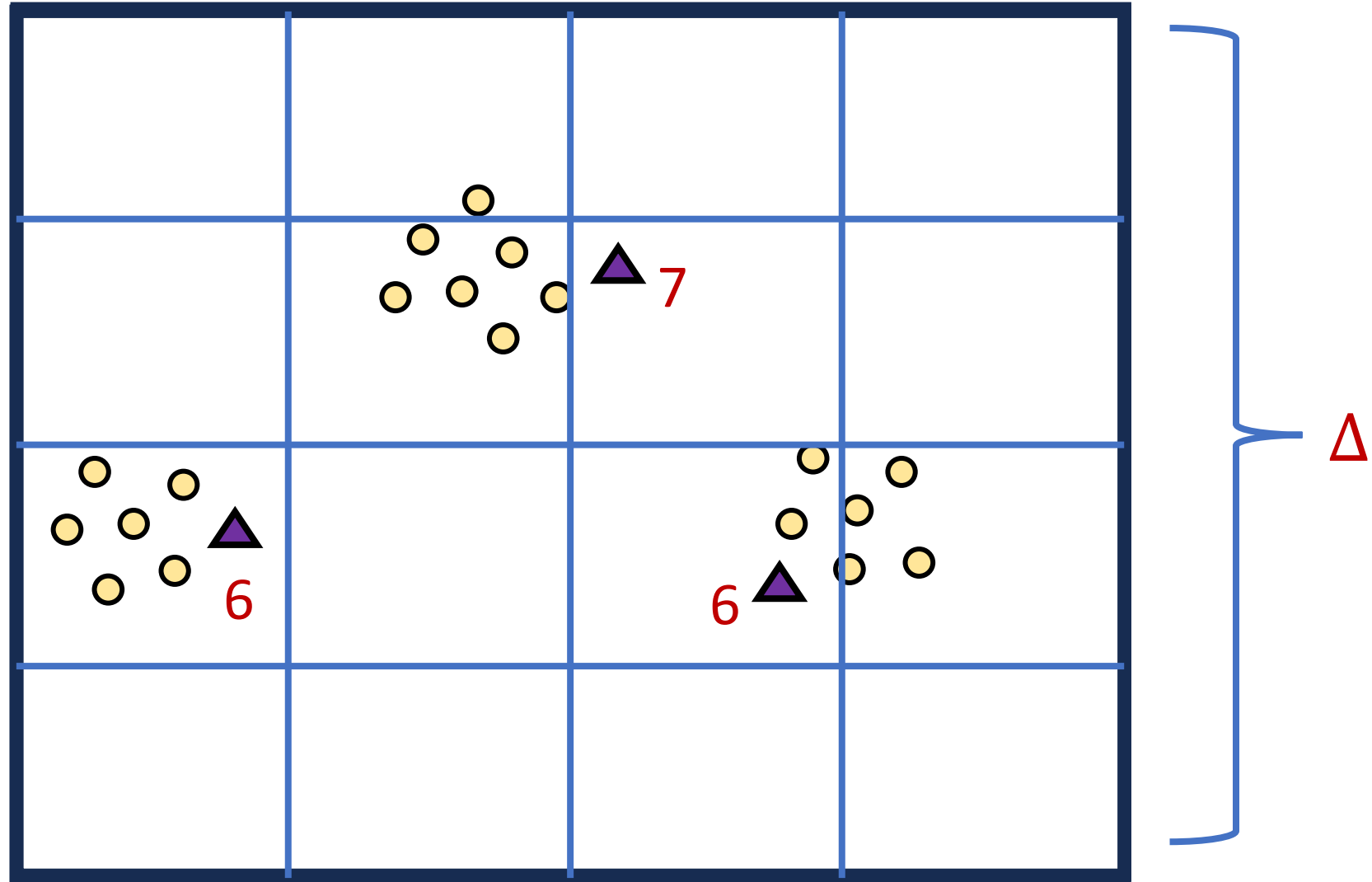


# Quadtree Embedding

Total cost:

$$\left(\frac{7}{2} + \frac{11}{4}\right) \Delta$$

$$\text{Level cost: } \frac{\Delta}{4} \cdot 11$$



# Quadtree Embedding

- **Earth mover distance:**  $\text{EMD}(C, X)$  denotes the  $k$ -median clustering cost  $\text{Cost}(C, X)$  for  $X$  using a (capacitated) set  $C$  of centers
- **Quadtree embedding:** For a (weighted) set  $C$  of centers, the quadtree embedding outputs  $Z$  such that

$$\text{EMD}(C, X) \leq O(\sqrt{d}) \cdot Z \leq O(d^{1.5})(\log k + \log \log \Delta) \text{EMD}(C, X)$$

# Quadtree Embedding

- Quadtree embedding produces a vector of dimension  $\Delta^{O(d)}$
- The computation of  $Z$  is the sum of the level costs, which is the  $L_1$  norm of the frequency vector
- There exists a one-pass streaming algorithm that outputs a constant-factor approximation to the  $L_1$  norm of a frequency vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and uses  $O(\log n)$  bits of space [Indyk06]

# $L_1$ Norm Approximation

- There exists a one-pass streaming algorithm that outputs a constant-factor approximation to the  $L_1$  norm of an underlying vector  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and uses  $O(\log n)$  bits of space [Indyk06]
- Generate vector  $v_1, \dots, v_\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^n$  of Cauchy random variables (ratio of two normal random variables) for  $\alpha = O(1)$
- Output  $\text{median}_{i \in [\alpha]} \{ |\langle v_1, x \rangle|, \dots, |\langle v_\alpha, x \rangle| \}$



# EMD Sketch

- **EMD sketch:** There exists a one-pass streaming algorithm that uses  $O(d \log \Delta)$  bits of space and outputs  $Z$  such that

$$\text{EMD}(C, X) \leq O(\sqrt{d}) \cdot Z \leq O(d^{1.5})(\log k + \log \log \Delta) \text{EMD}(C, X)$$

# EMD Sketch

- [BackursIndykRazenshteynWoodruff16] To estimate  $\min_{C, |C| \leq k} \text{Cost}(C, X)$ , it suffices to union bound over a net of size  $\exp(kd(\log \log \Delta))$
- **EMD sketch**: There exists a one-pass streaming algorithm that uses  $O(kd^2 \log \Delta (\log \log \Delta))$  bits of space and outputs  $Z$  (as well as the capacitated set of centers) such that

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- **Recall:** Can use a “good” (capacitated) set  $S$  of  $k$  centers along with an approximation of its cost to estimate sensitivities  $s(x)$  of all points

# First Pass to Second Pass

- We can set up the EMD sketch in the first pass of the stream
- At the end of the first pass of the stream, we have a data structure that can estimate the sensitivity  $s(x)$  for any query  $x \in [\Delta]^d$
- In the second pass of the stream, we would like to perform sensitivity sampling

# Sensitivity Sampling

- **DO NOT**: Sample each point  $x$  in the stream with probability proportional to  $s(x)$ 
  - Does not work for insertion-deletion streams
- **DO**: Sample each point  $x$  in the universe  $[\Delta]^d$  into a substream  $U'$  with probability proportional to  $s(x)$ 
  - $U'$  can have a large number of points
  - $U'$  can have a small number of points at the end of the stream

# Sensitivity Sampling

- Sample each point  $x$  in the universe  $[\Delta]^d$  into a substream  $U'$  with probability proportional to  $s(x)$
- $U'$  will have  $\text{poly}\left(k, d, \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2}\right)$  points at the end of the stream
- Use sparse recovery on  $U'$

# Sparse Recovery

- Given a stream  $U'$  that induces a frequency vector of length  $n$  with  $s$  nonzero entries, there exists an algorithm that uses  $O(s \log n)$  bits of space and recovers the nonzero coordinates and their frequencies
- Since elements are sampled into  $U'$  by their sensitivities, recovering  $U'$  by sparse recovery corresponds to sensitivity sampling!

# $k$ -Median Framework

- **First pass:** set up the EMD sketch
- **Second pass:**
  - Sample elements into a substream  $U'$  with probability proportional to their sensitivities
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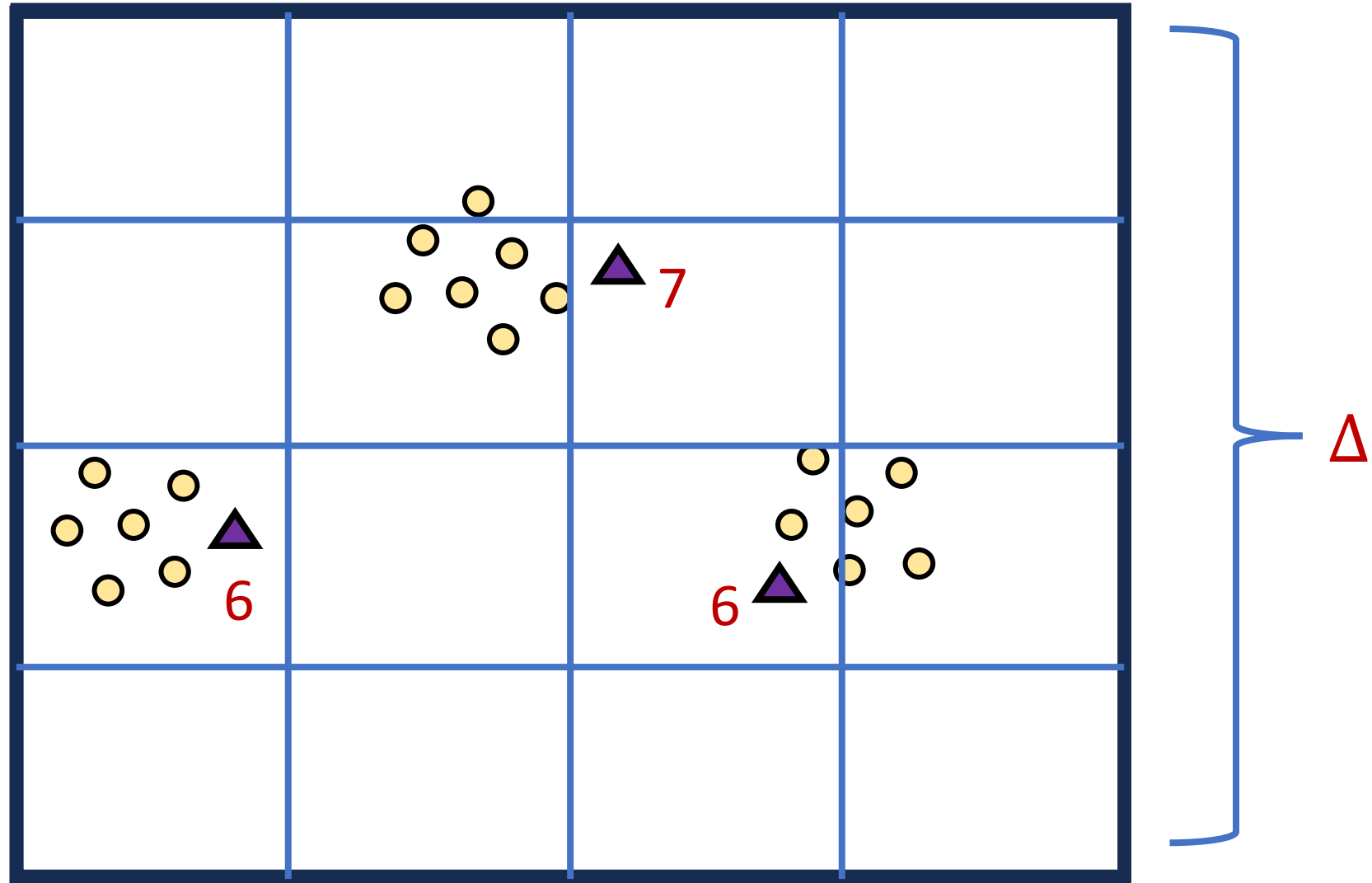


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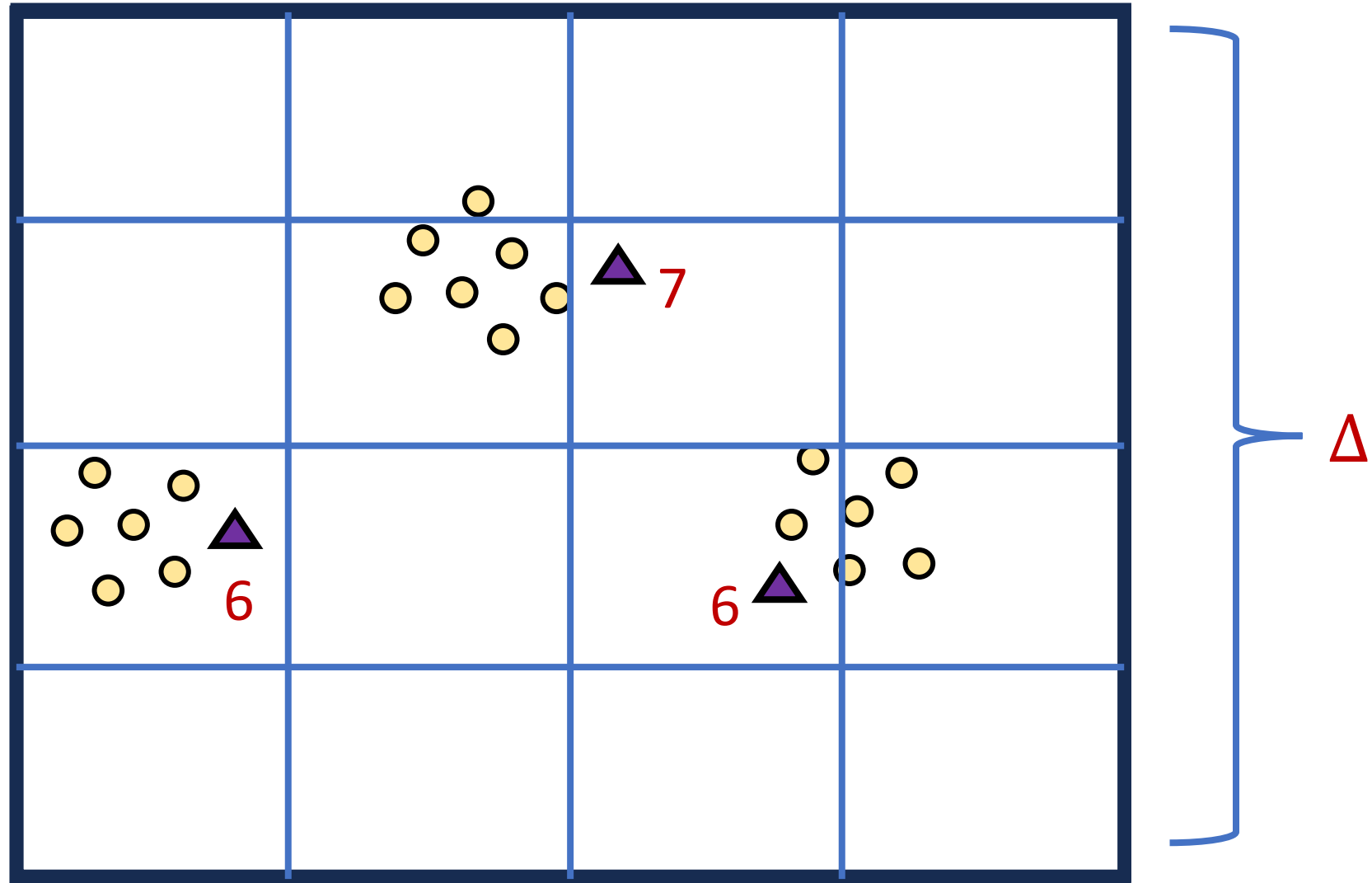
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# Quadtree Embedding

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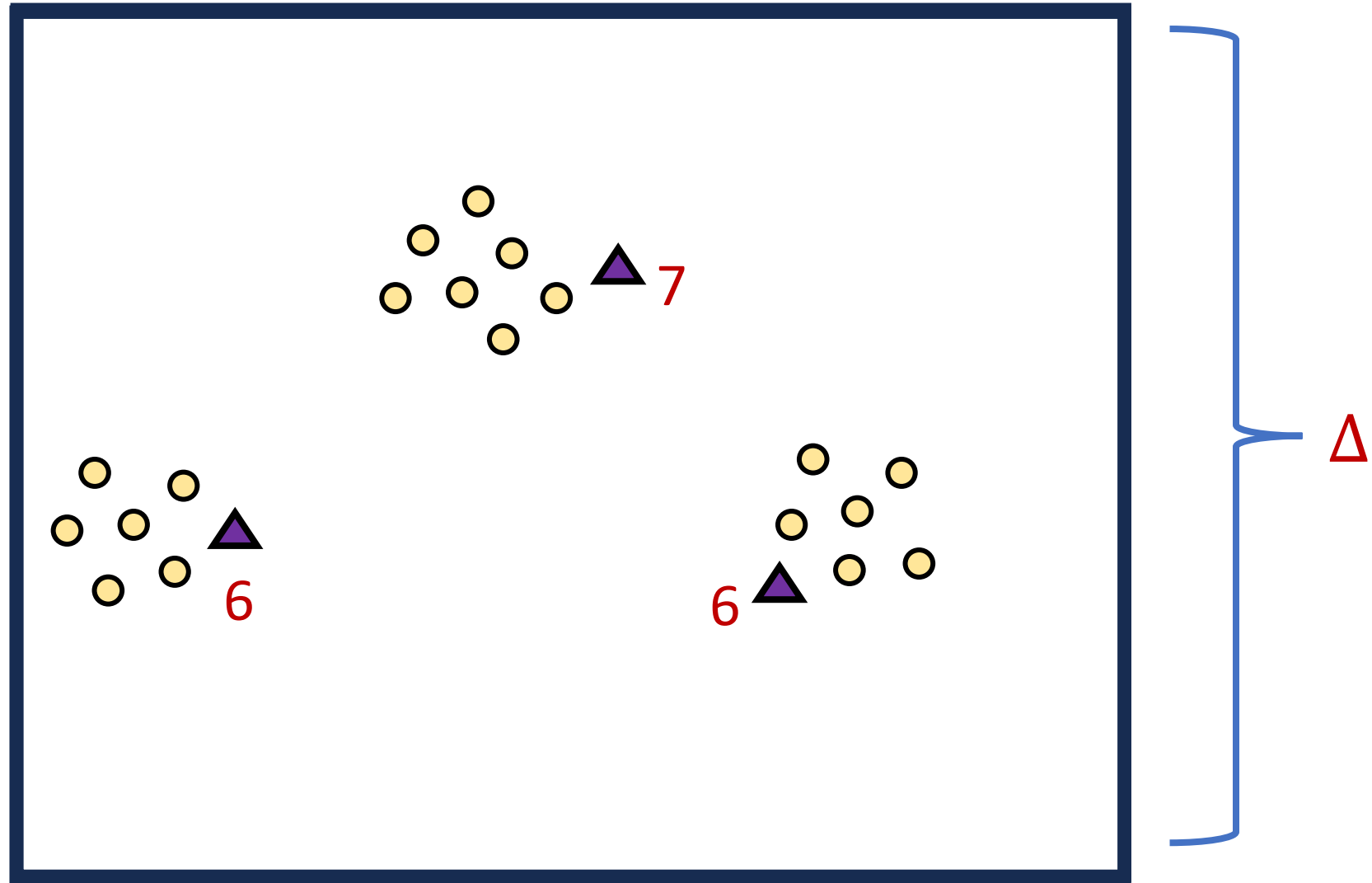
# Quadtree Embedding

- If  $x$  and  $c$  have distance  $\alpha\Delta$ , the probability it will be split by a grid of length  $\frac{\Delta}{2^i}$  is roughly  $\frac{2^i}{\alpha}$
- Expected cost for  $k$ -median is  $\alpha\Delta$
- Expected cost of  $k$ -means is  $\frac{\Delta^2}{2^i\alpha}$ , i.e., distortion  $2^i\alpha^3$
- **Recall**: worse EMD sketch guarantee corresponds to larger oversampling necessary for sensitivity sampling

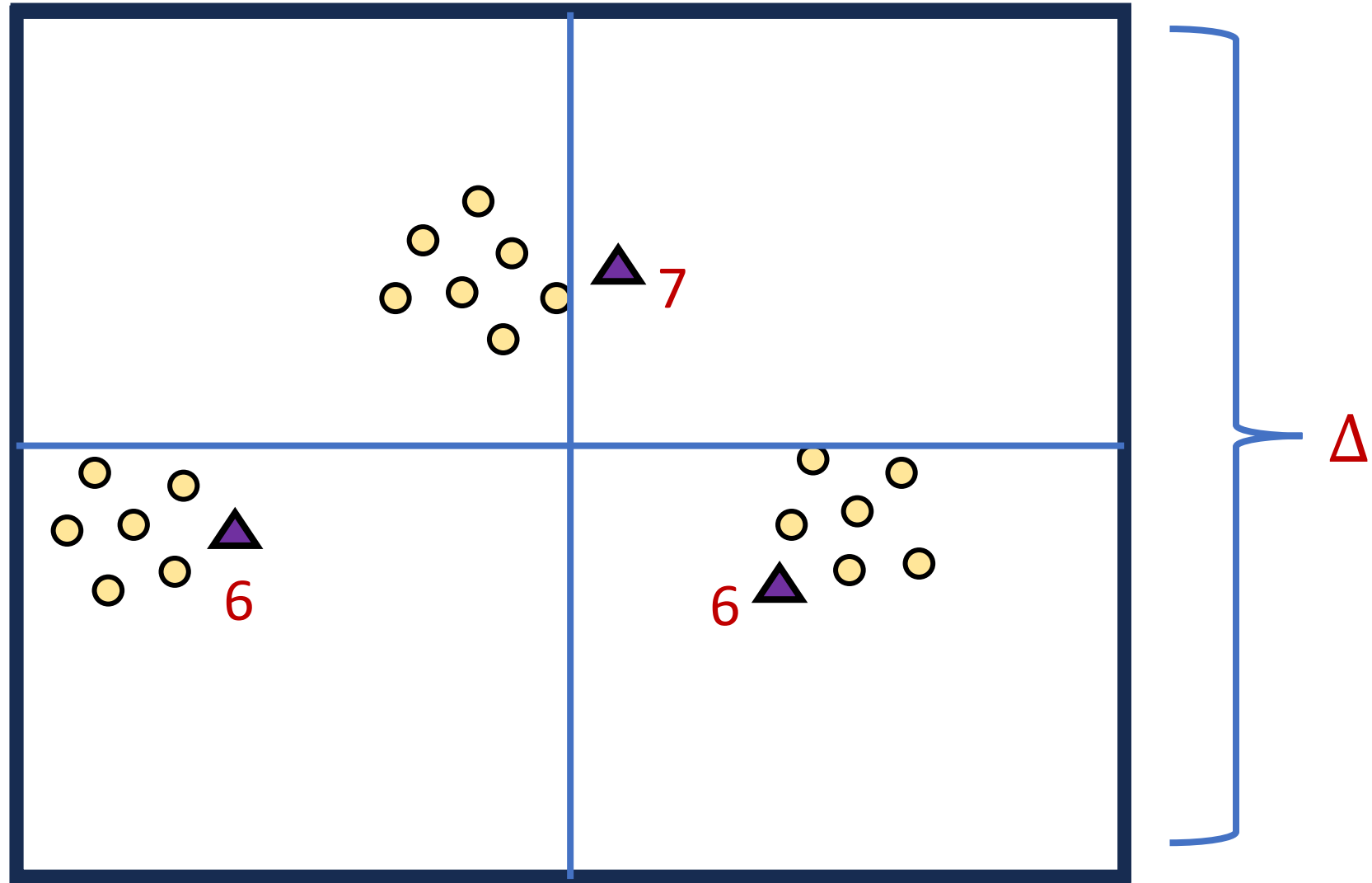
# Quadtree Embedding

- **Intuition:** Bad distortion results when pairs of points are “too close” to the boundary of the hypergrid
- **Goal:** Prevent this case from happening
- **Fix:** When a query center is too close to the boundary of the hypergrid, create another center on the opposite cell!

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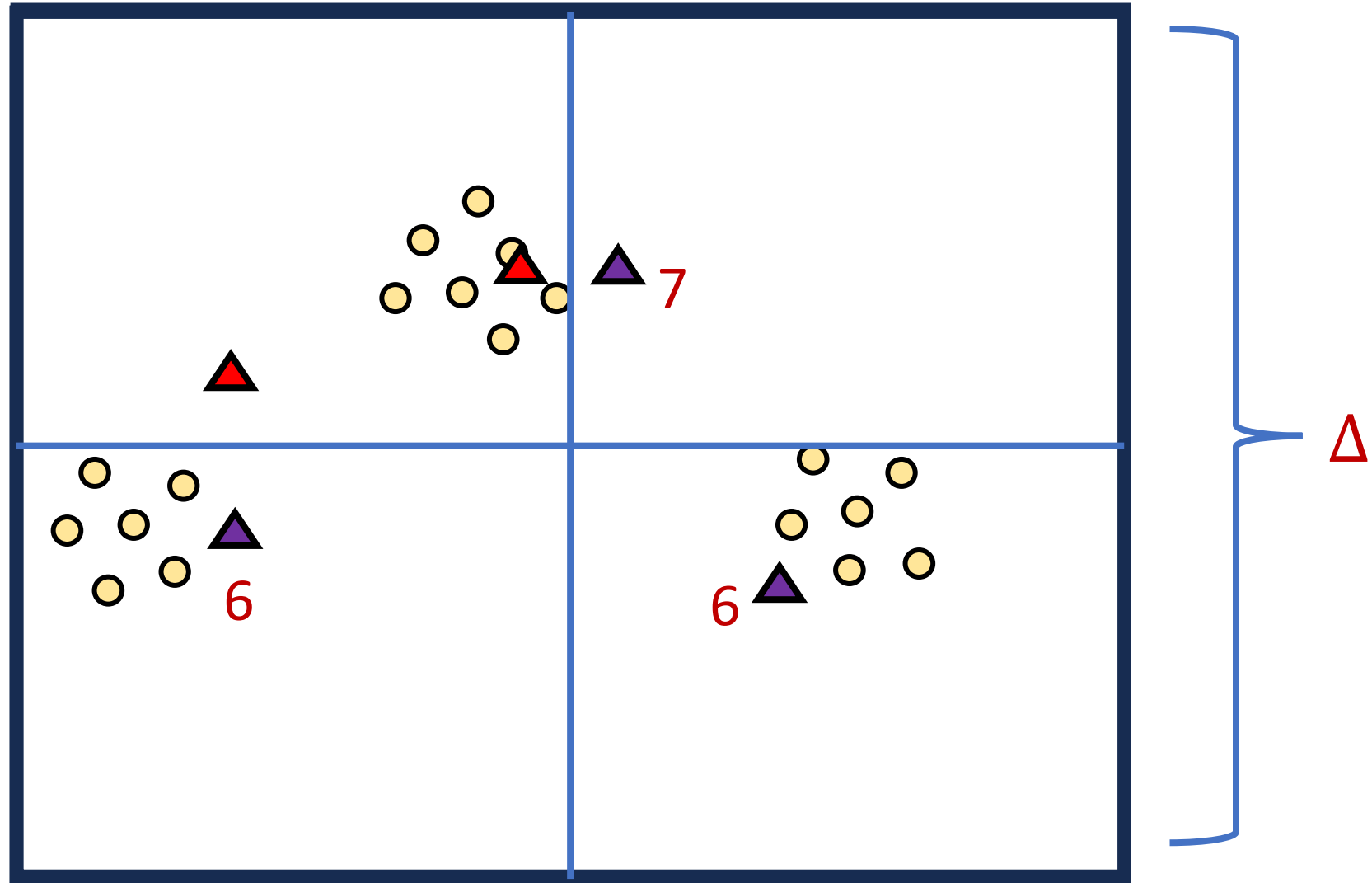


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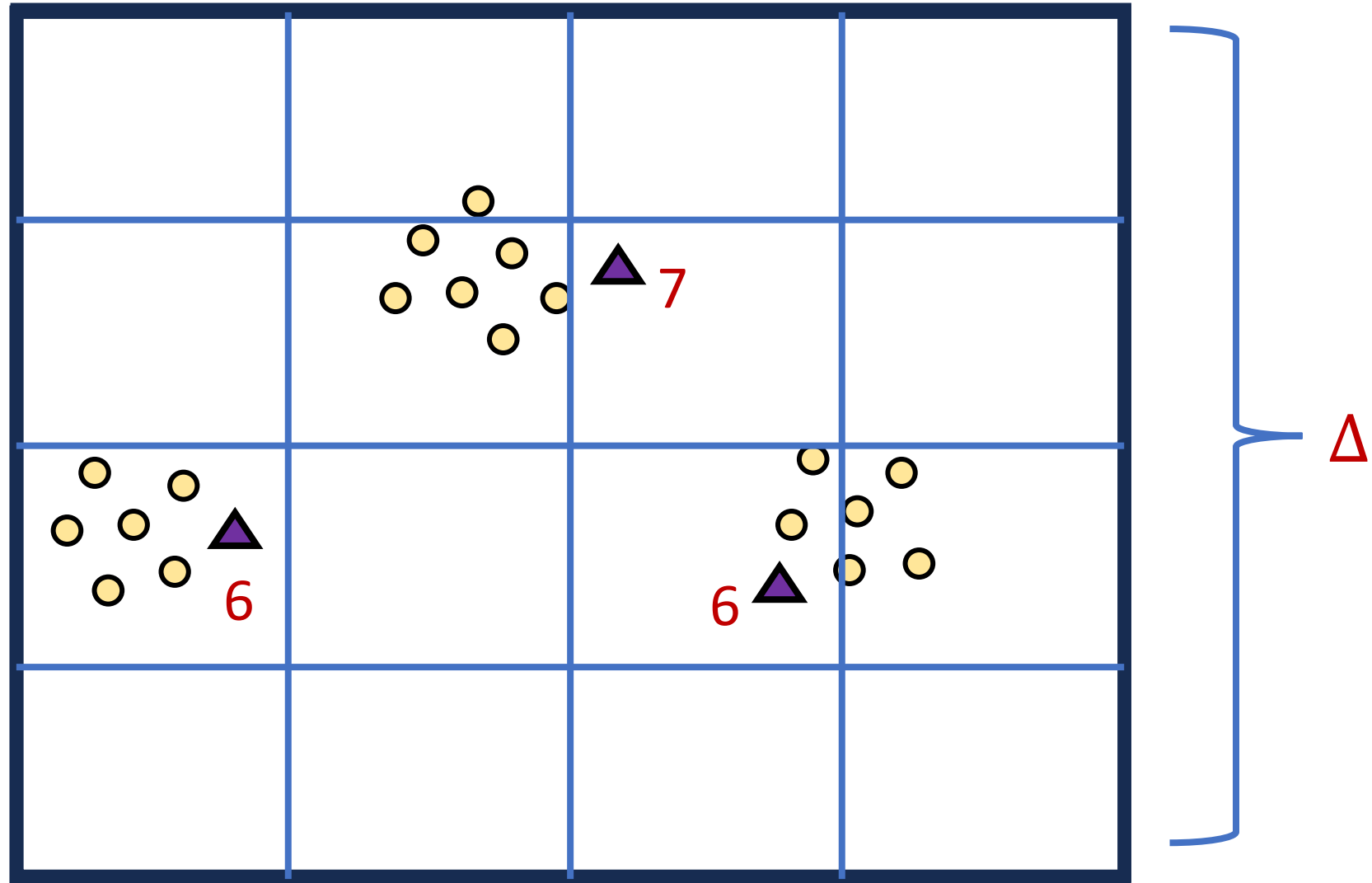




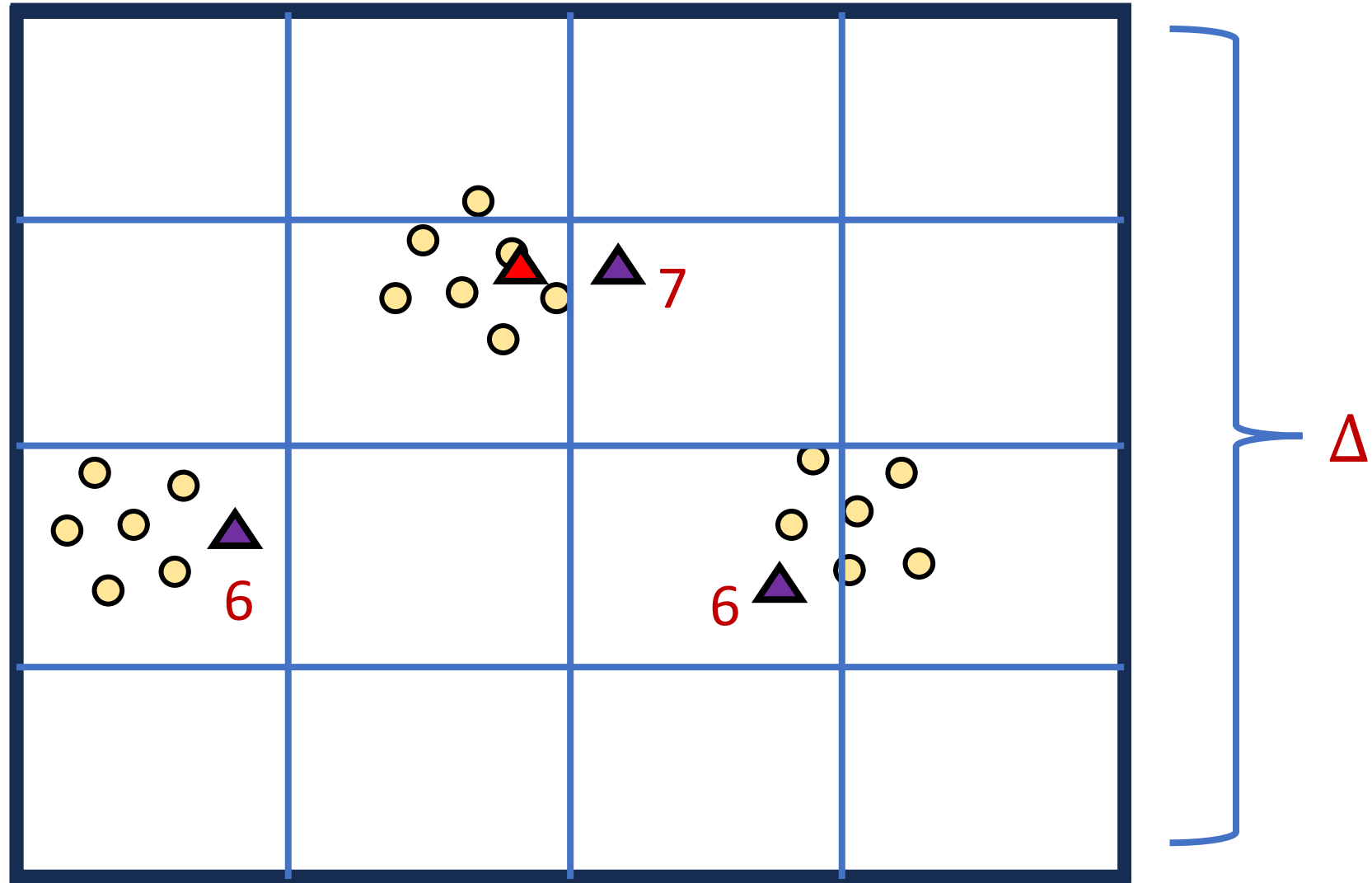
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- Make a new center when distance from query center and hypergrid with length  $2^i$  is at most  $\frac{2^i}{d \log \Delta}$
- In expectation (over  $d$  dimensions,  $\log \Delta$  levels of the hypergrid, and  $k$  query centers),  $O(k)$  new centers are created

# Wasserstein Sketch

- **Wasserstein- $z$  distance:**  $WASSD(C, X)$  denotes the  $(k, z)$ -clustering cost  $Cost(C, X)$  for  $X$  a (capacitated) set  $C$  of centers
- **Wasserstein sketch:** There exists a one-pass streaming algorithm that uses  $O(d \log \Delta)$  bits of space and outputs  $Z$  such that

$$Z \leq O(d^{1+0.5z} \log^{z-1} \Delta) \cdot WASSD(C, X)$$

# Applying $k$ -Median Framework to $k$ -Means

- **First pass:** set up the Wasserstein sketch
- **Second pass:**
  - Sample elements into a substream  $U'$  with probability proportional to their sensitivities
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# Applying $k$ -Median Framework to $k$ -Means

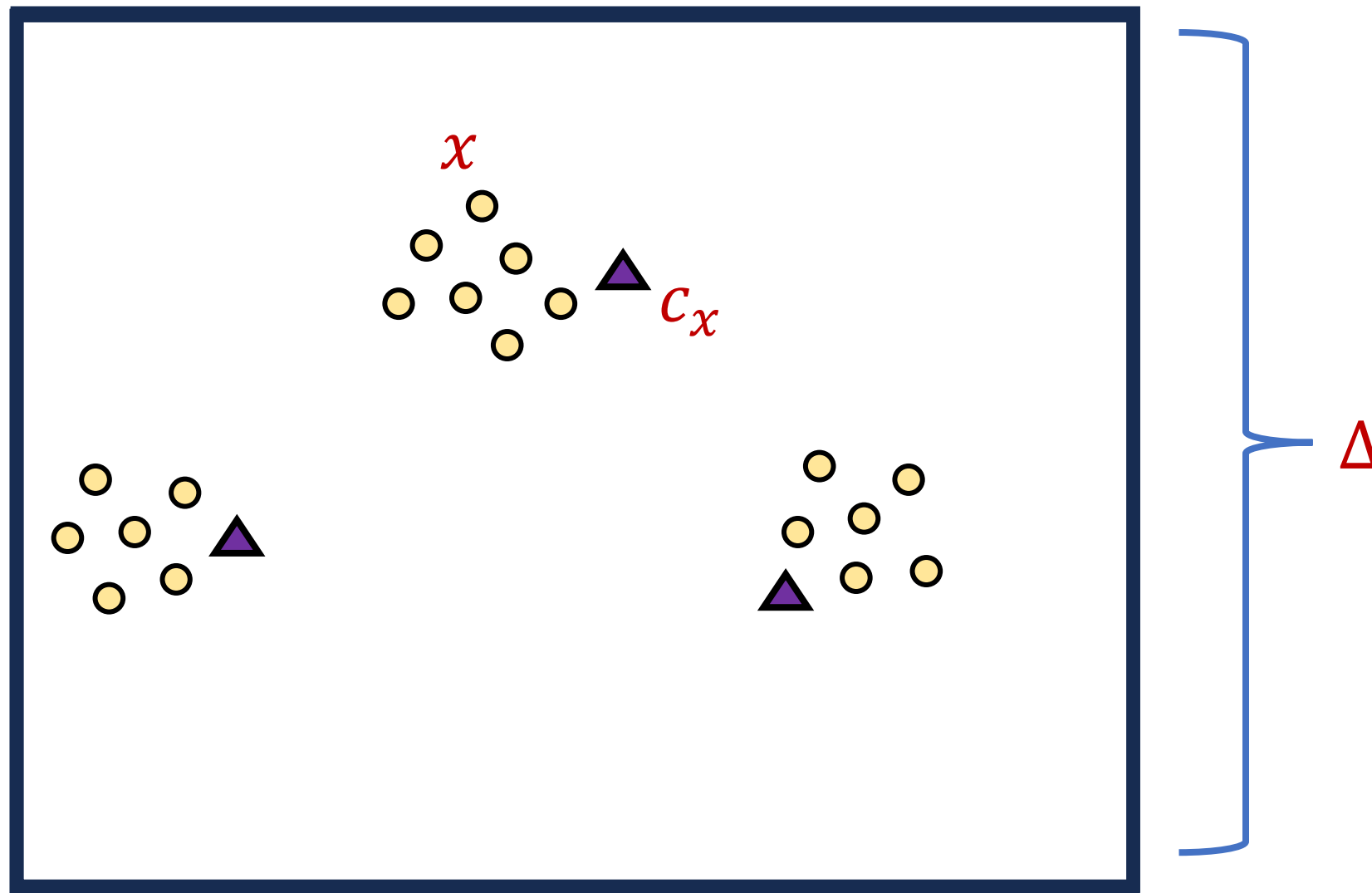
- **Problem:** Because the distortion of the Wasserstein embedding is  $O(d^{1+0.5z} \log^{z-1} \Delta)$ , we need to sample  $O(d^2 \log \Delta)$  points for  $k$ -means
- For  $k$ -median, we stored all the points, using  $O(d \log \Delta)$  bits of space per point
- Cannot afford to store all points explicitly here

# Applying $k$ -Median Framework to $k$ -Means

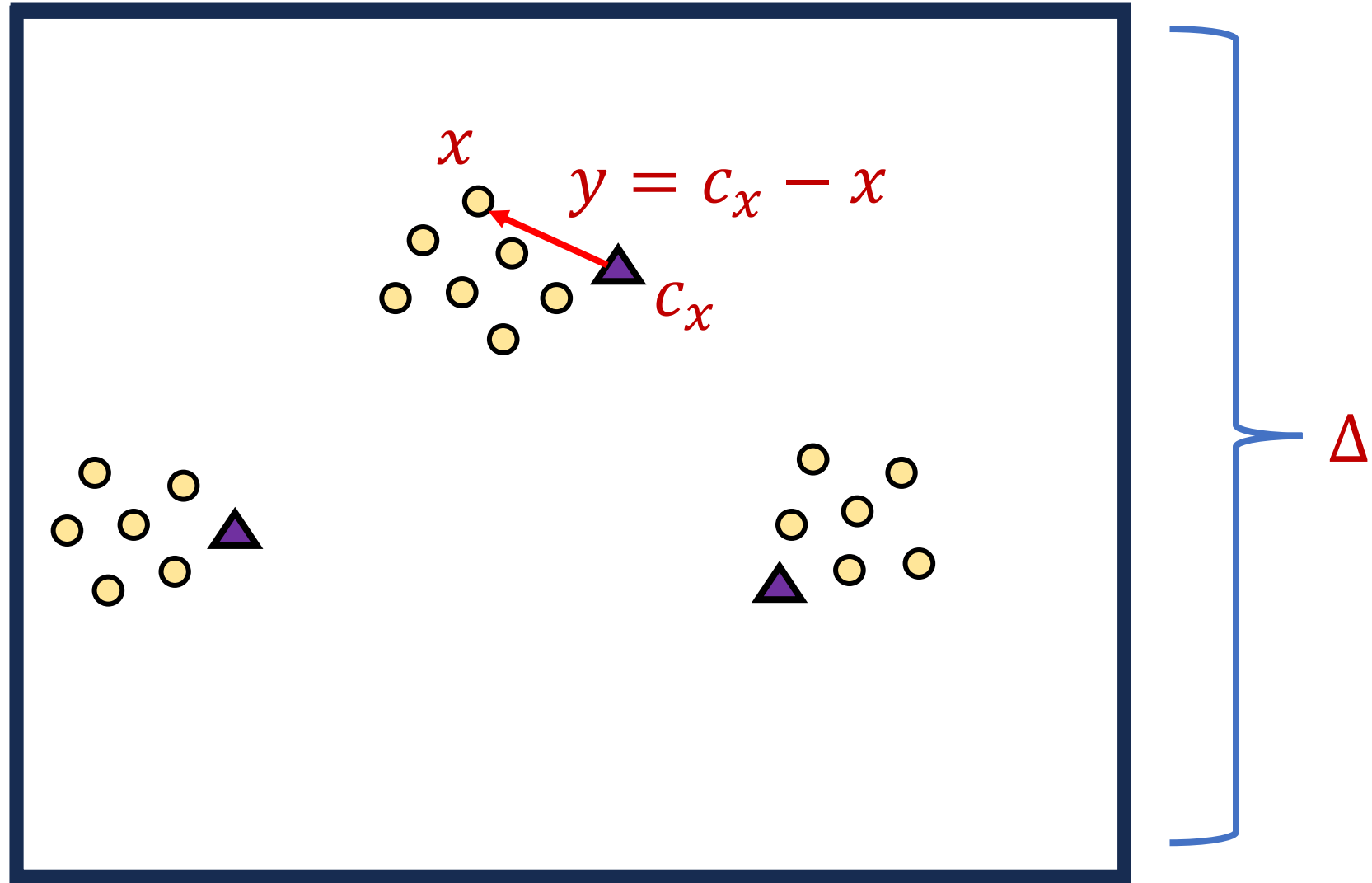
- Cannot afford to store all points explicitly here
- Instead, store *offset* of each point from one of the centers of near-optimal solution  $S$
- For each point  $x$ , let  $c_x$  be the closest center of  $S$  and  $y = c_x - x$
- Round  $y$  coordinate-wise to nearest power of  $1 + \text{poly}\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{\log nd\Delta}\right)$  and store the vector of exponents  $\tilde{y}$



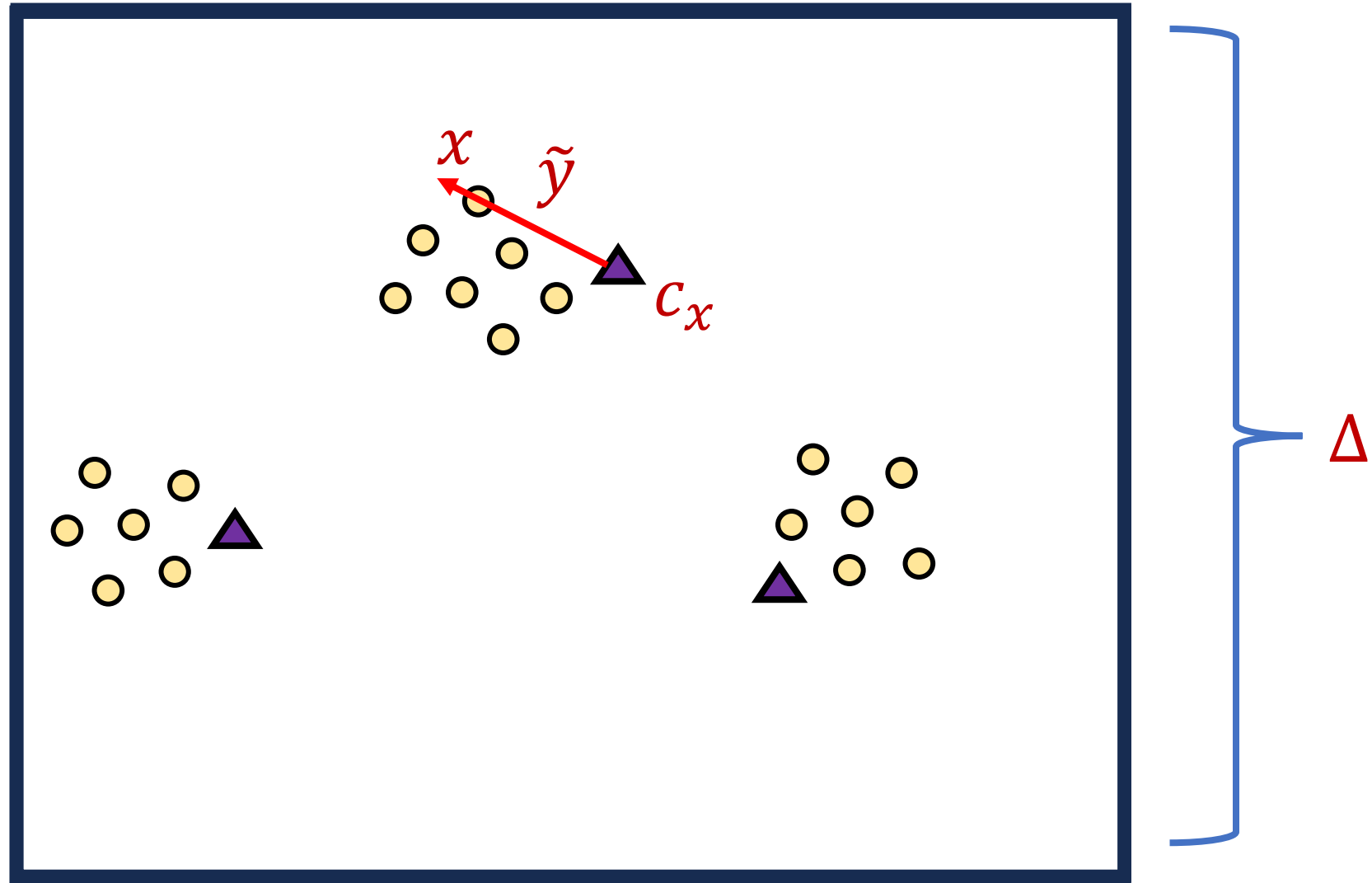
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# $k$ -Means Framework

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- **Second pass:**
  - Sample offsets of elements into a substream  $U'$  with probability proportional to their sensitivities
  - Run sparse recovery on  $U'$

# $k$ -Means Framework

- We show the resulting samples forms a semi-coreset
- Sample  $O(d^2 \log \Delta)$  points, each point using  $d \cdot O\left(\log \frac{1}{\varepsilon} + \log \log nd\Delta\right)$
- Total space:  $\tilde{O}\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon^2}\right) \cdot \text{poly}(d, k, \log \log nd\Delta)$  words

# Summary

- **Insertion-only for  $(k, z)$ -clustering:** One-pass streaming algorithm that uses  $\tilde{O}\left(\frac{dk}{\varepsilon^2}\right) \cdot \min\left(k, \frac{1}{\varepsilon^z}\right) \cdot \text{poly}(\log \log n\Delta)$  words of space
- **Insertion-deletion for  $k$ -median and  $k$ -means:** Two-pass streaming algorithms that use  $\tilde{O}\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon^2}\right) \cdot \text{poly}(d, k, \log \log n\Delta)$  words of space
- **Lower bounds:** Even 2-approximation to the  $(k, z)$ -clustering cost *from a weighted subset of the input* uses  $\Omega(\log^2 n)$  bits of space on insertion-deletion streams in one pass

# Bounding Sum of Online Sensitivity

- Let  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \subset [\Delta]^d$  and let  $t_{i-1}$  and  $t_i$  be times between which the optimal cost of the stream doubles
- Let  $K_i$  be the optimal clustering at time  $t_i$  and  $\pi: X_{t_i} \rightarrow K_i$  be the mapping
- By triangle inequality,

$$\frac{\text{Cost}(x_t, C)}{\text{Cost}(X_t, C)} \leq \frac{2^{z-1} \cdot \text{Cost}(x_t, \pi(x_t))}{\text{Cost}(X_t, C)} + \frac{2^{z-1} \cdot \text{Cost}(\pi(x_t), C)}{\text{Cost}(X_t, C)}$$

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- For  $t \in (t_{i-1}, t_i]$ , we have  $\text{Cost}(X_t, C) > \frac{1}{2} \cdot \text{OPT}_i$
- By triangle inequality,  $\frac{\text{Cost}(\pi(x_t), C)}{\text{Cost}(X_t, C)} \leq 3 \cdot \frac{2^{z-1}}{|S_t|}$ , where  $S_t$  is the subset of  $X_t$  that maps to  $\pi(x_t)$

$$\sum_{t \in (t_{i-1}, t_i]} \varphi(x_t) \leq \sum_{t \in (t_{i-1}, t_i]} \left( 2^{z-1} + 3 \cdot \frac{2^{2z-2}}{|S_t|} \right)$$



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- Since  $S_t$  is the subset of  $X_t$  that maps to  $\pi(x_t)$  and can be one of  $k$  subsets, then  $\sum_t S_t \leq k \left( 1 + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \right) \leq k \log n$
- Taking the sum over  $O(\log nd\Delta)$  possible indices  $i$ , the sum of the online sensitivities is  $O(2^{2z} k \log^2 nd\Delta)$

# Lower Bound

- Any one-pass algorithm on insertion-deletion streams that outputs a  $2$ -approximation to the  $(k, z)$ -clustering cost *at all times* in the stream with  $d = \Omega(\log n)$  must use  $\Omega(\log^2 n)$  bits of space
- **Augmented Equality with Large Domain:** Alice and Bob get  $A, B \in [M]^n$  and Bob gets  $j \in [n], A_1, \dots, A_{j-1}$  and must determine whether  $A_j = B_j$
- Any protocol that succeeds w.h.p. requires  $\Omega(n \log M)$  information cost

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- **Augmented Equality with Large Domain:** Alice and Bob get  $A, B \in [M]^n$  and Bob gets  $j \in [n], A_1, \dots, A_{j-1}$  and must determine whether  $A_j = B_j$
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- Set  $k = 1$  and write  $X_i \in \{0,1\}^{\log M}$  in binary and insert  $(100^z \log^2 n)^i$  copies of  $X_i$
- Information cost of solving  $O(\sqrt{n})$  copies of the problem

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- Any one-pass algorithm on insertion-deletion streams that outputs a 2-approximation to the  $(k, z)$ -clustering cost *from a weighted subset of the input* must use  $\Omega(\log^2 n)$  bits of space
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- Any 2-approximation using a weighted subset of the points must contain the exact point