

# Lattice problems are (sort of) equivalent in all norms (and the mysterious wiggle)

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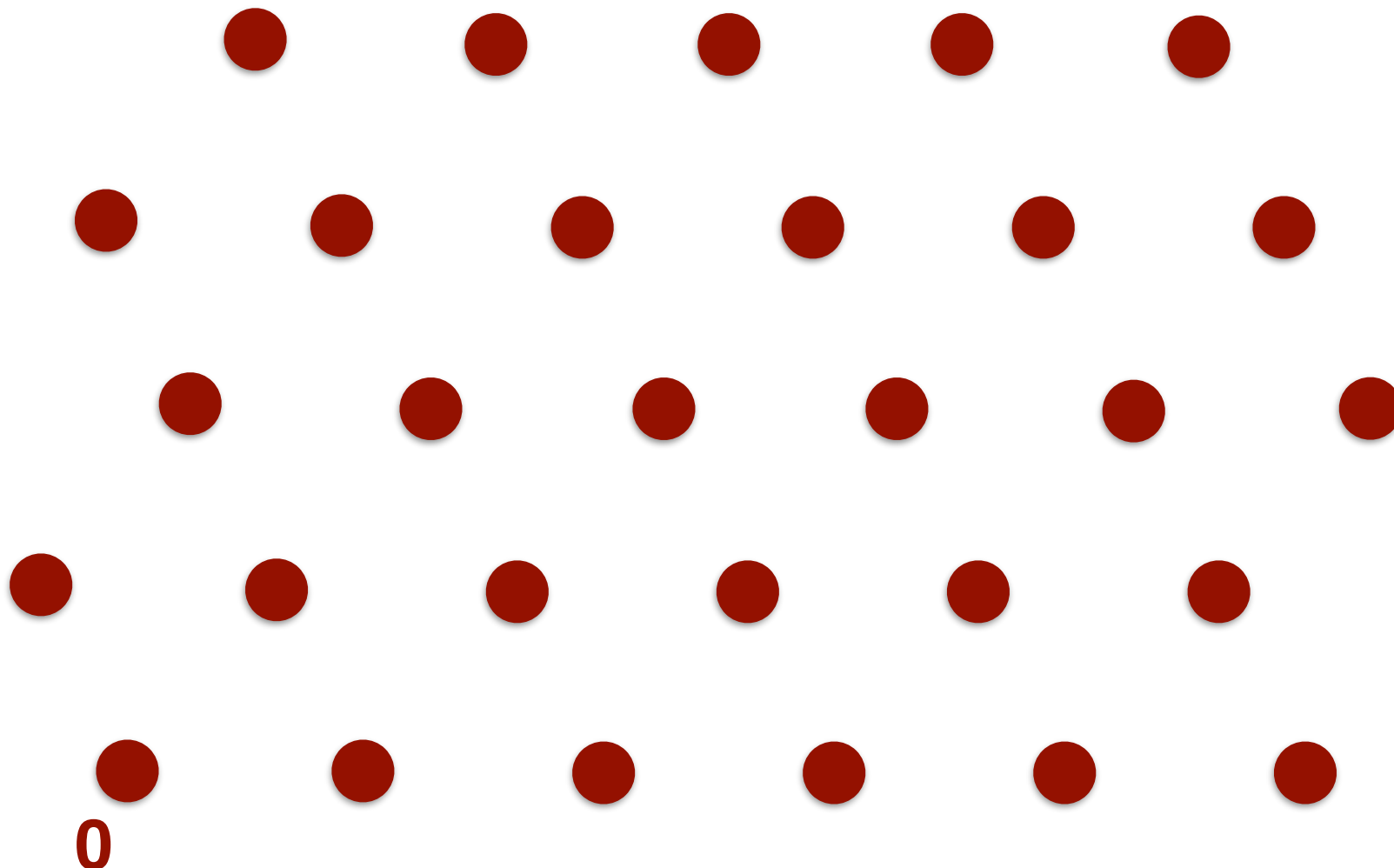
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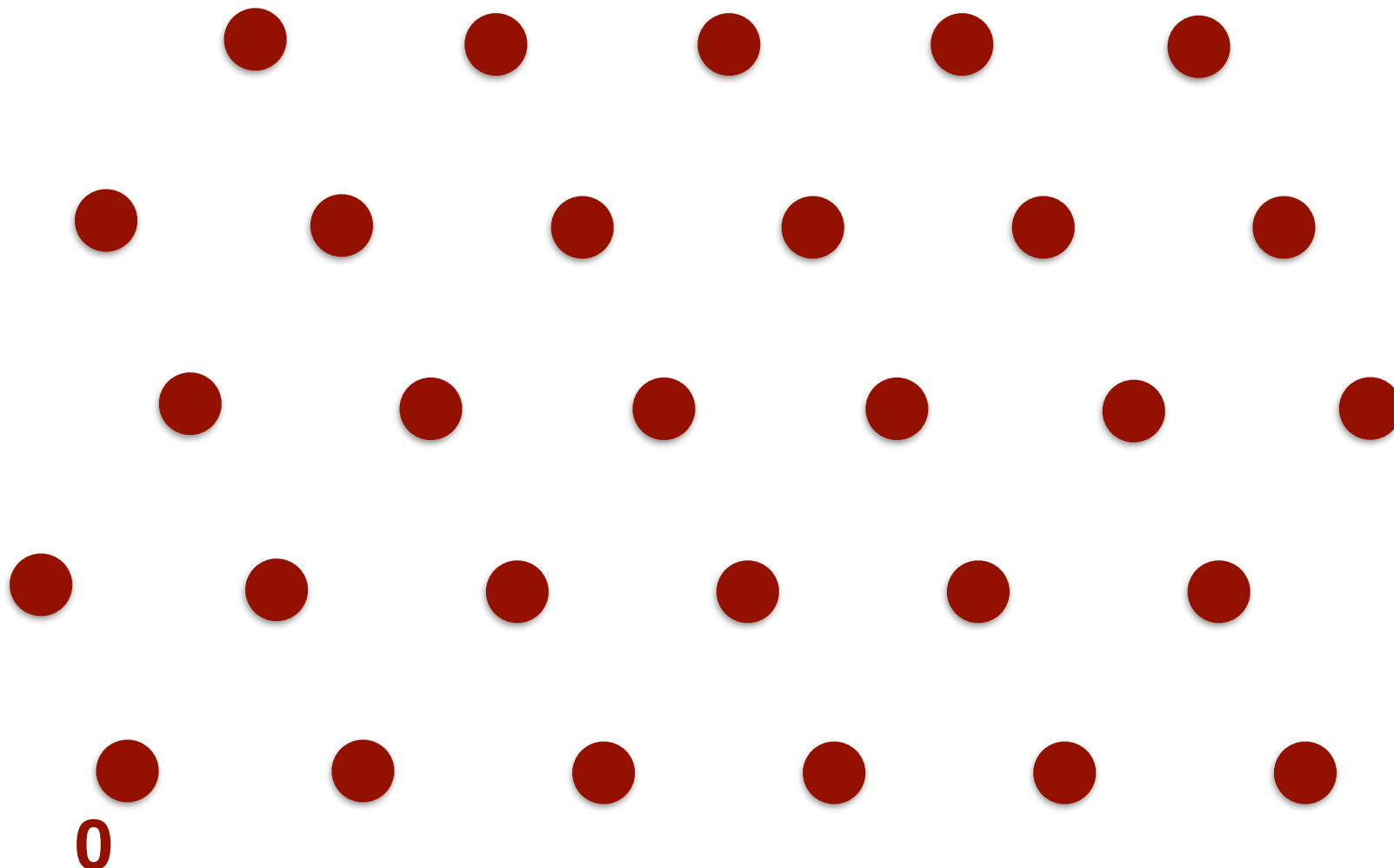
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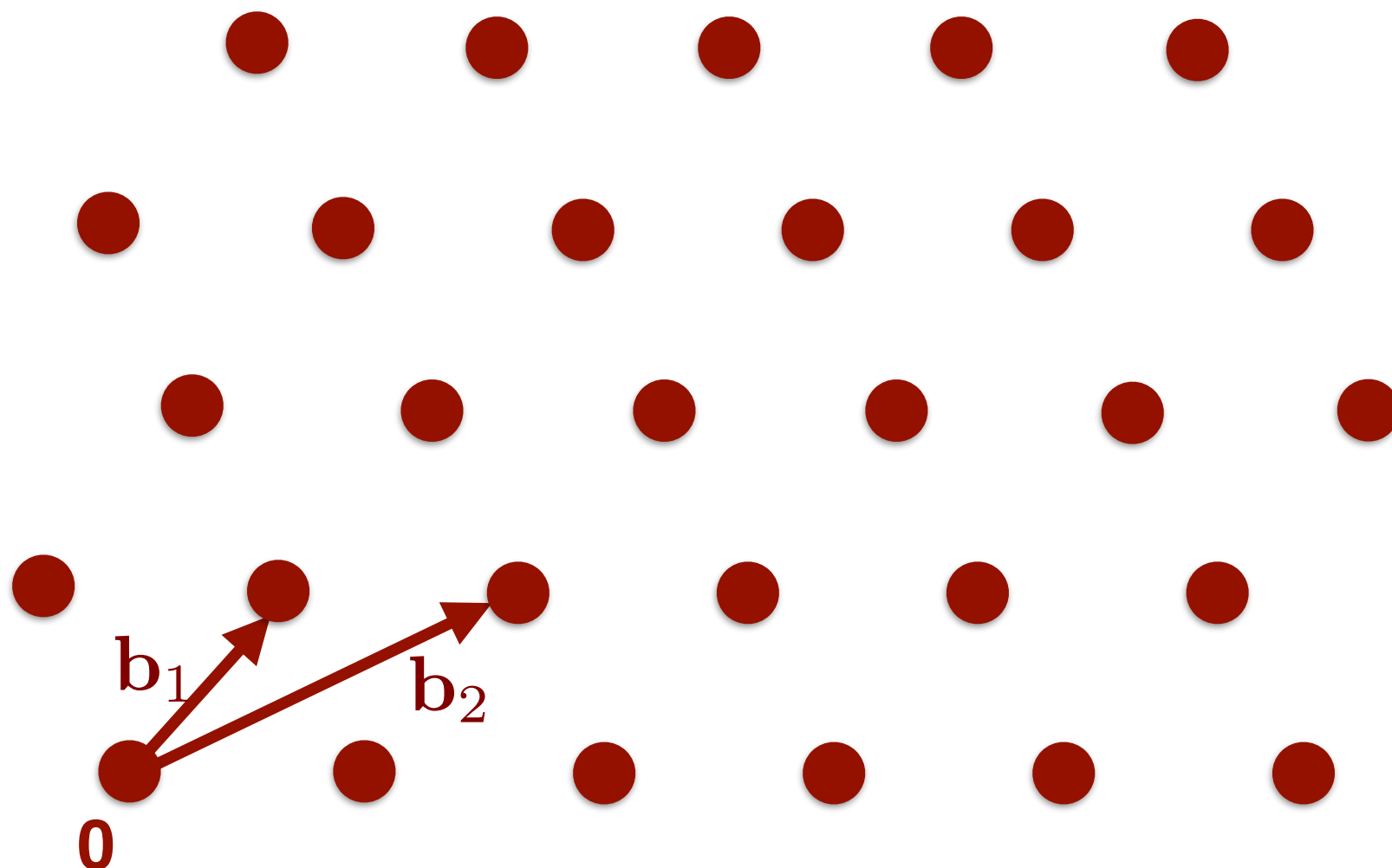
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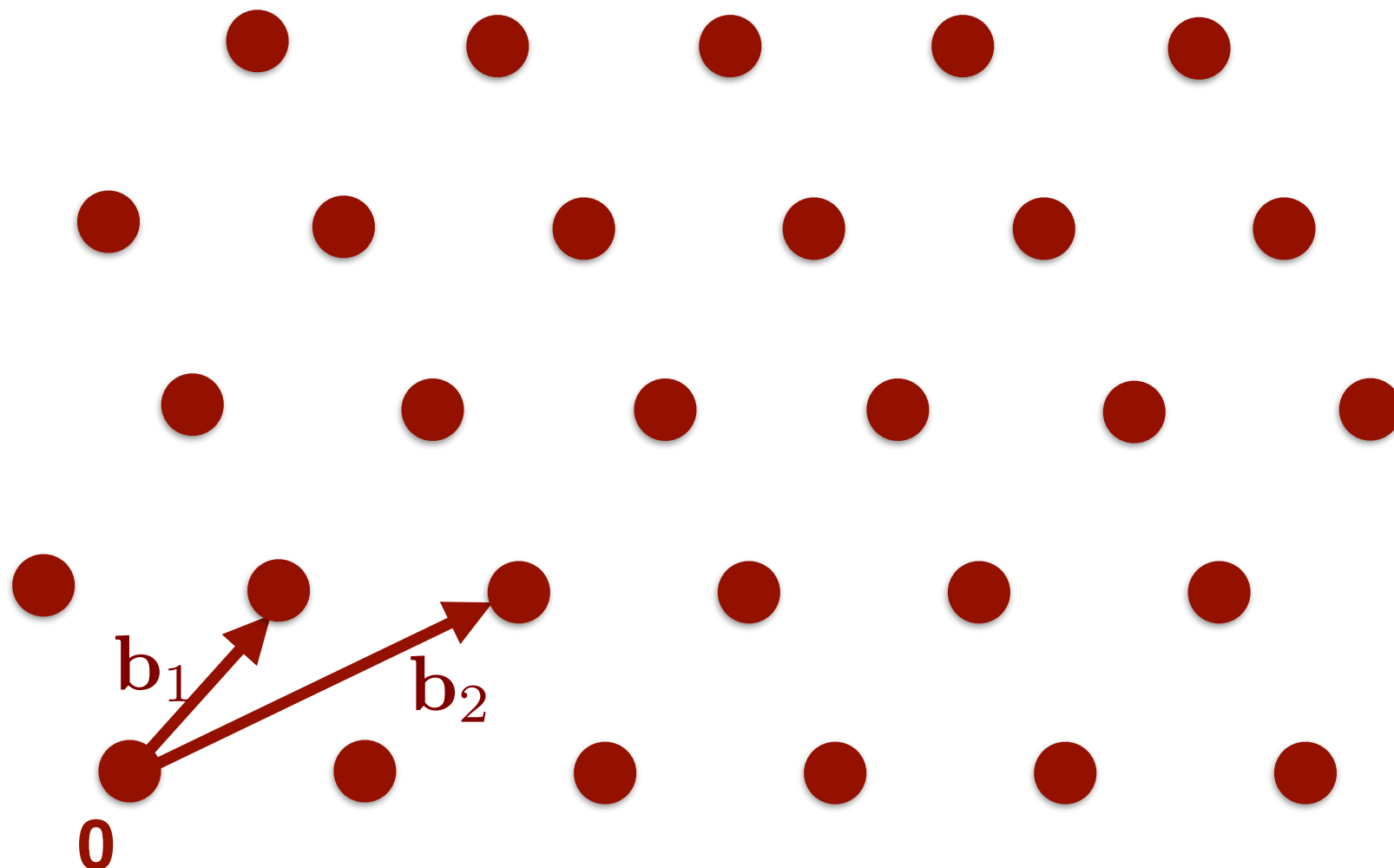
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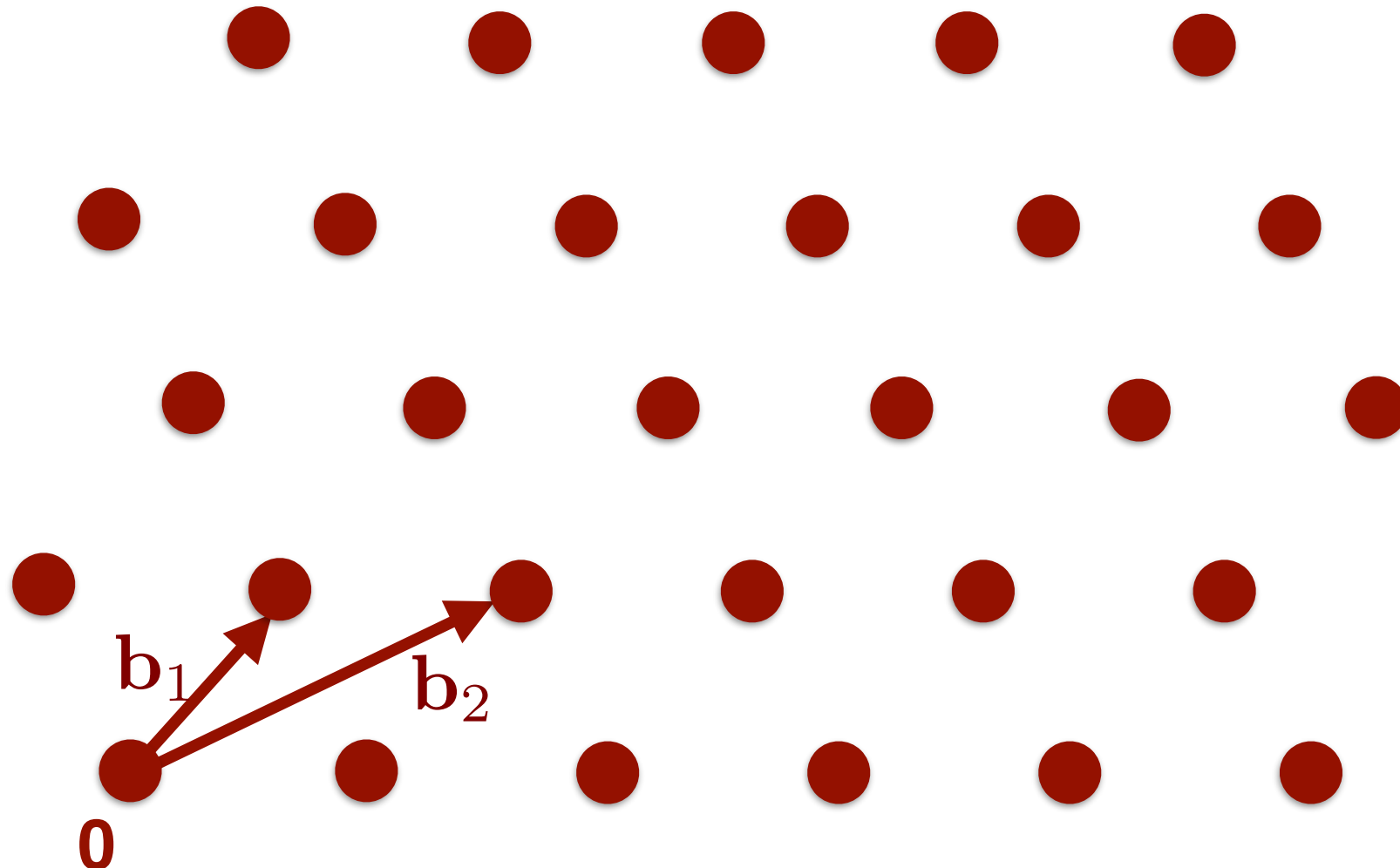
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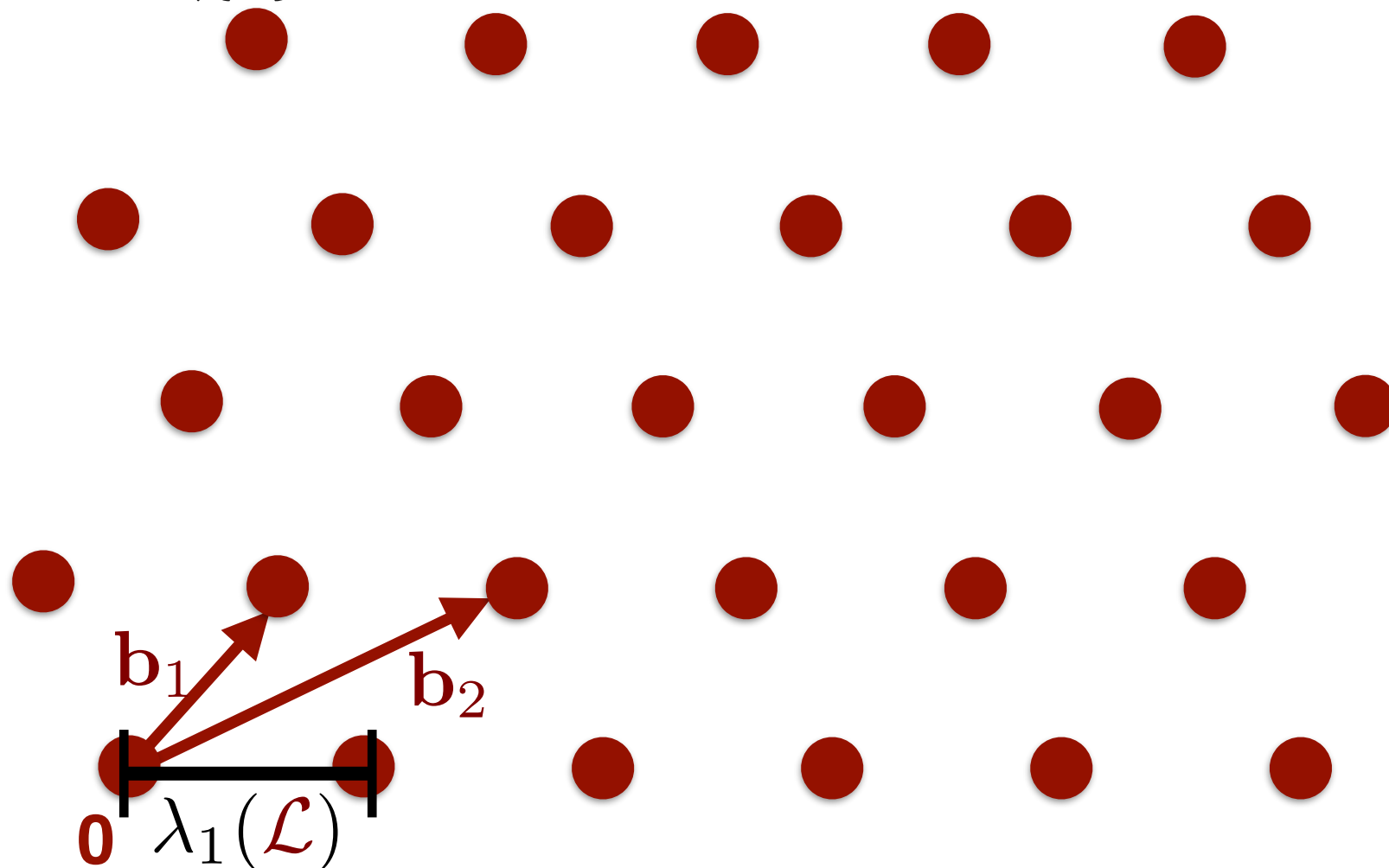
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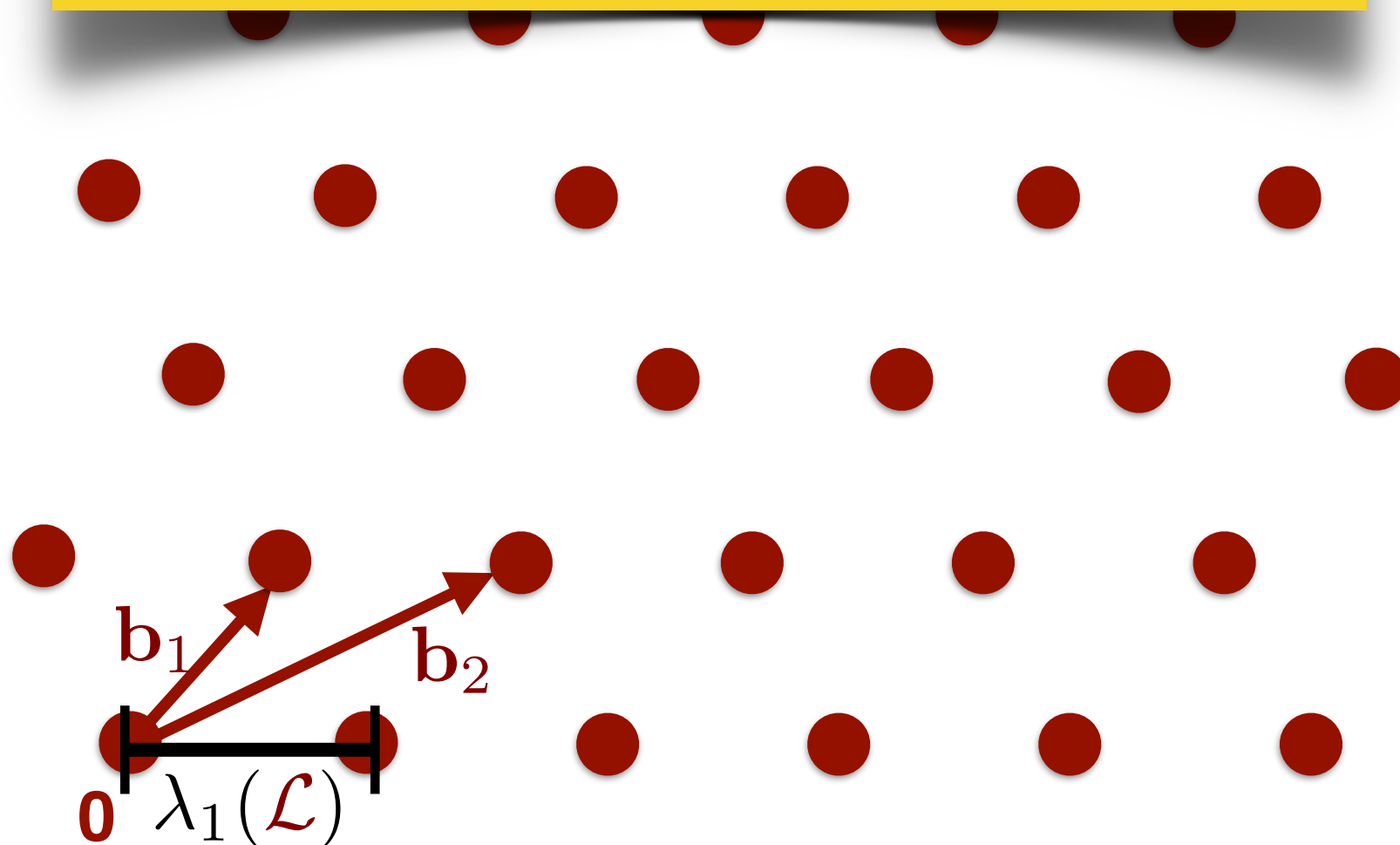
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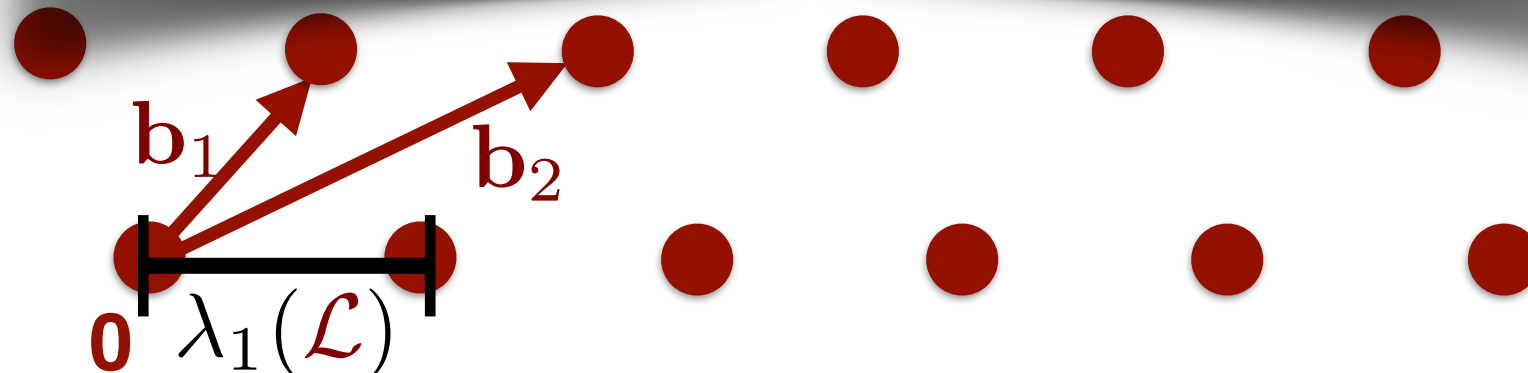
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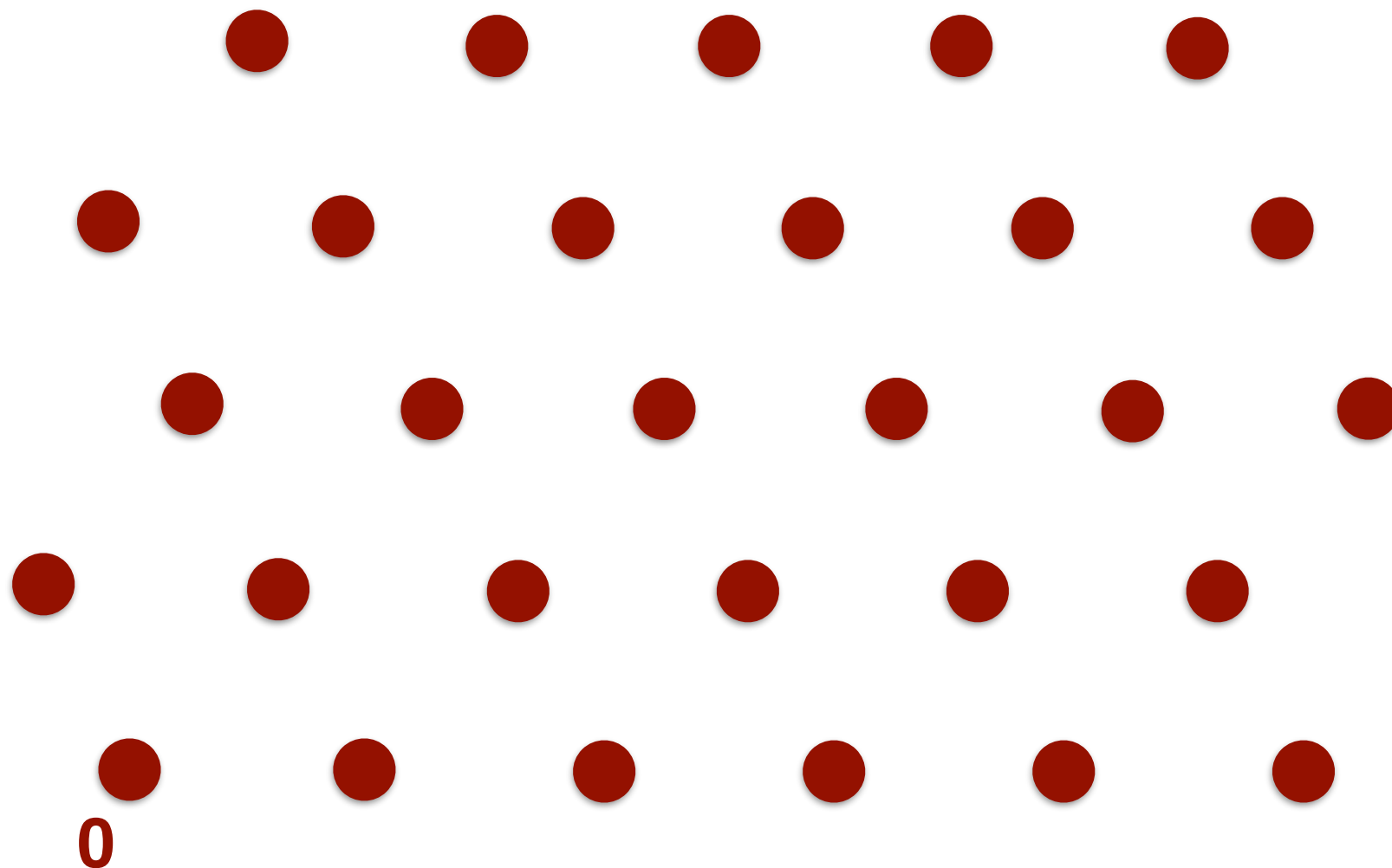


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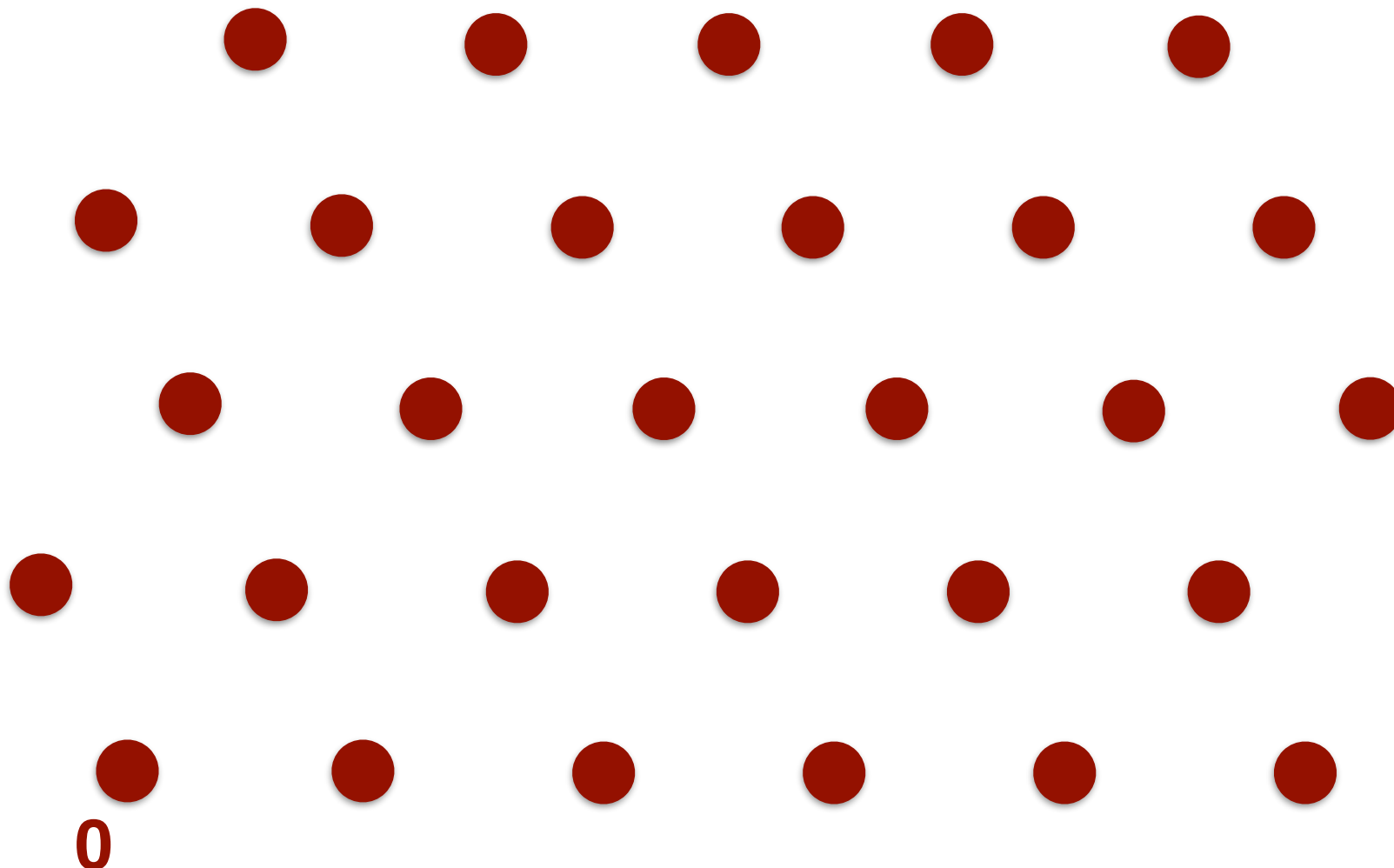
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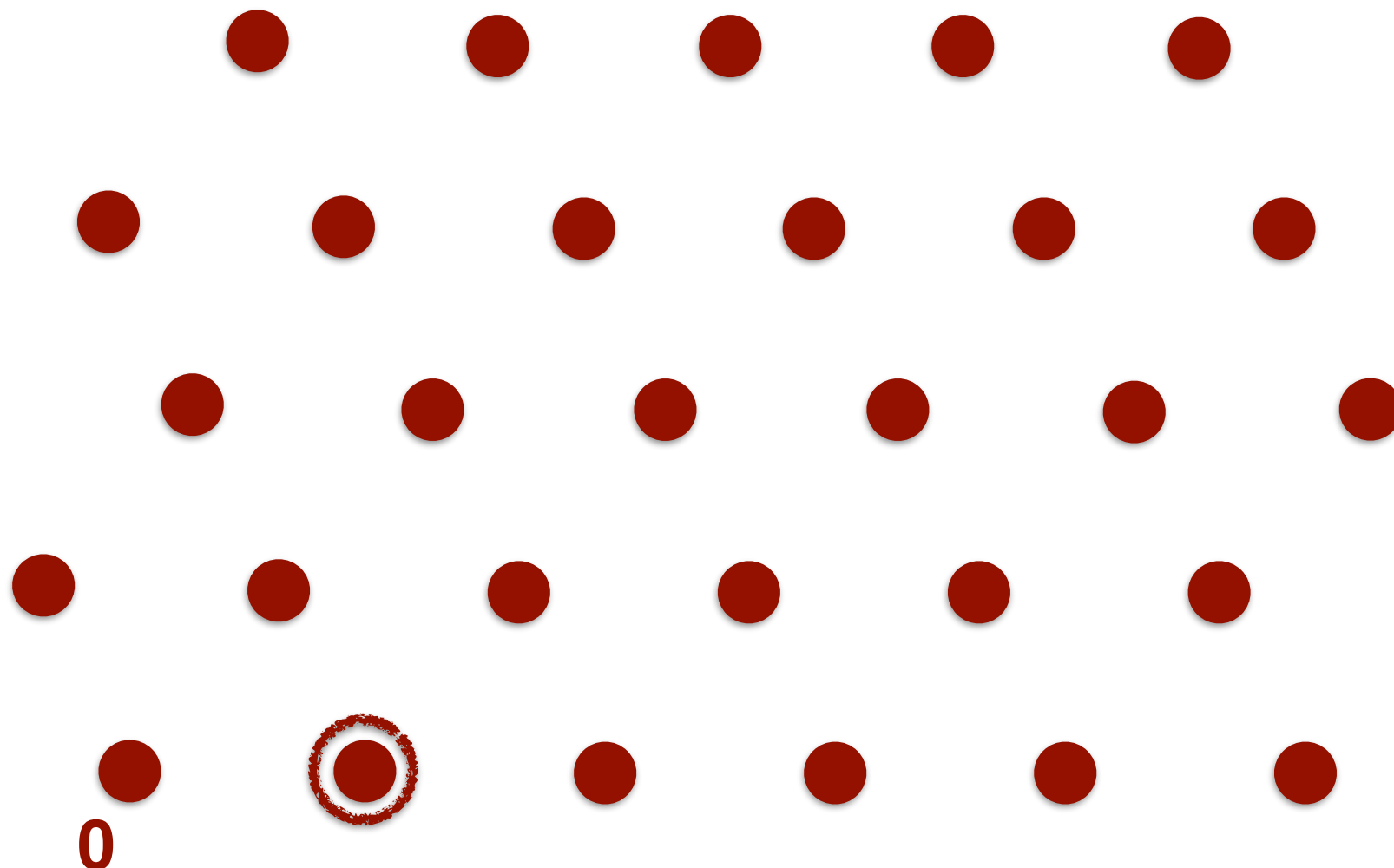
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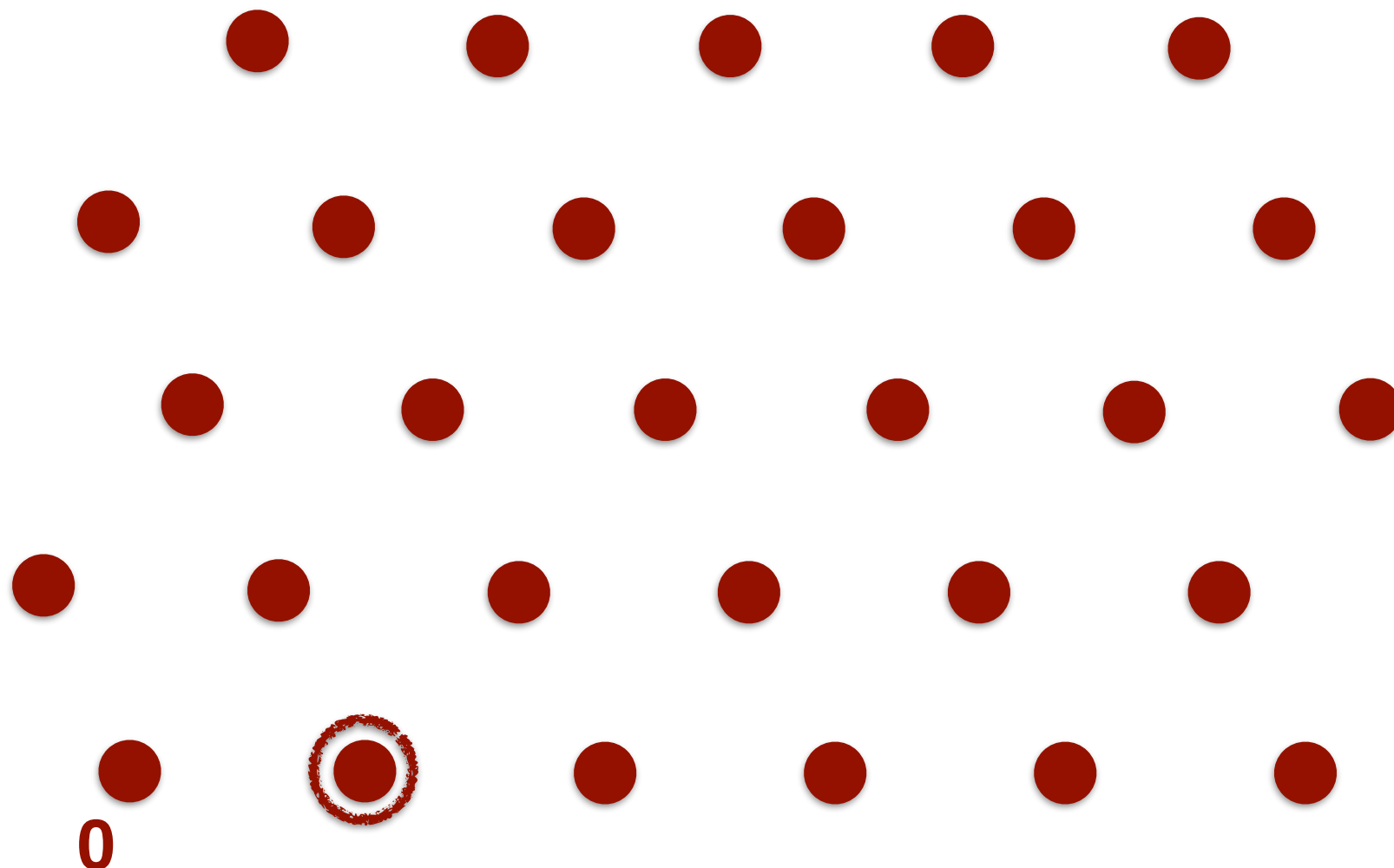
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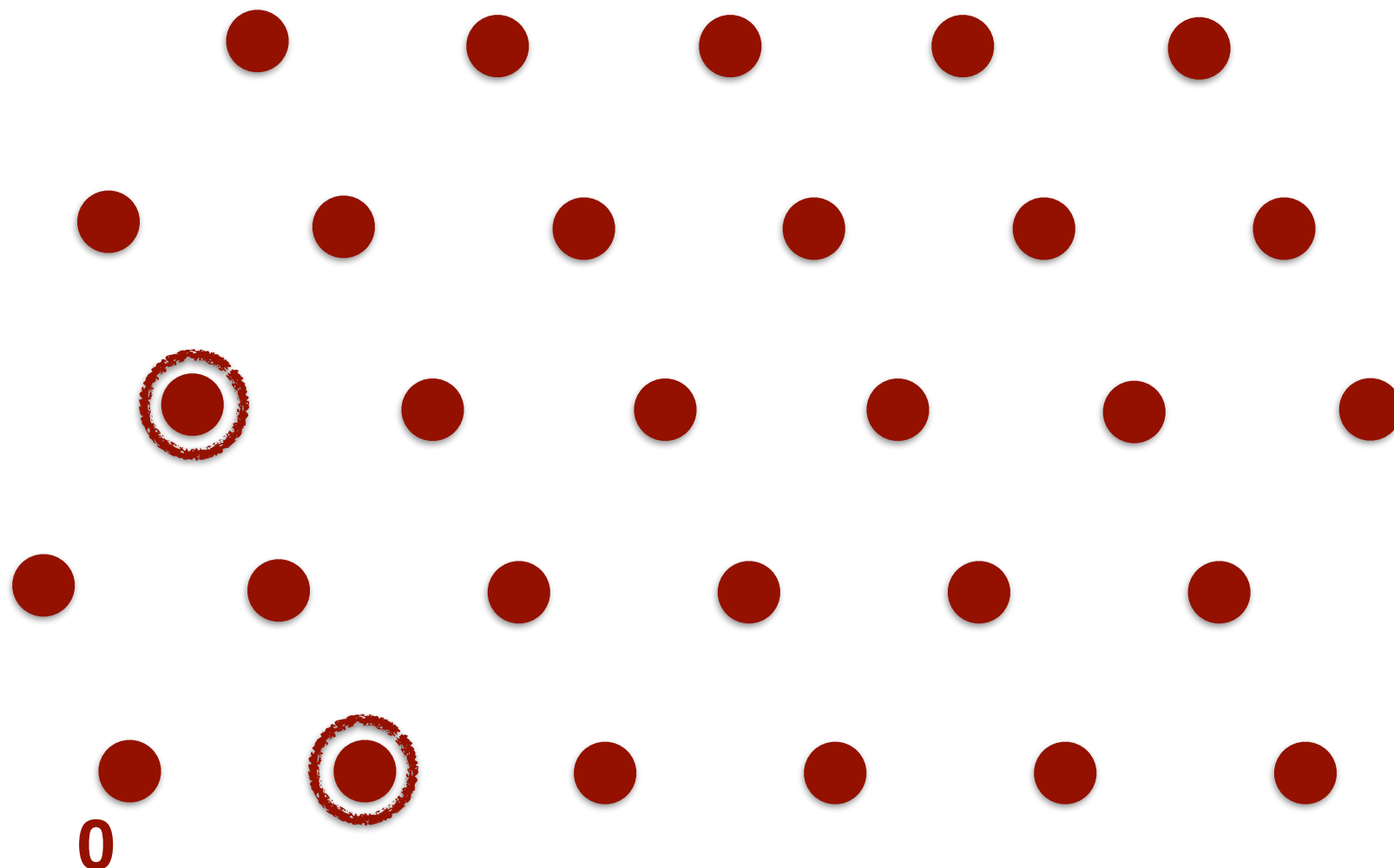
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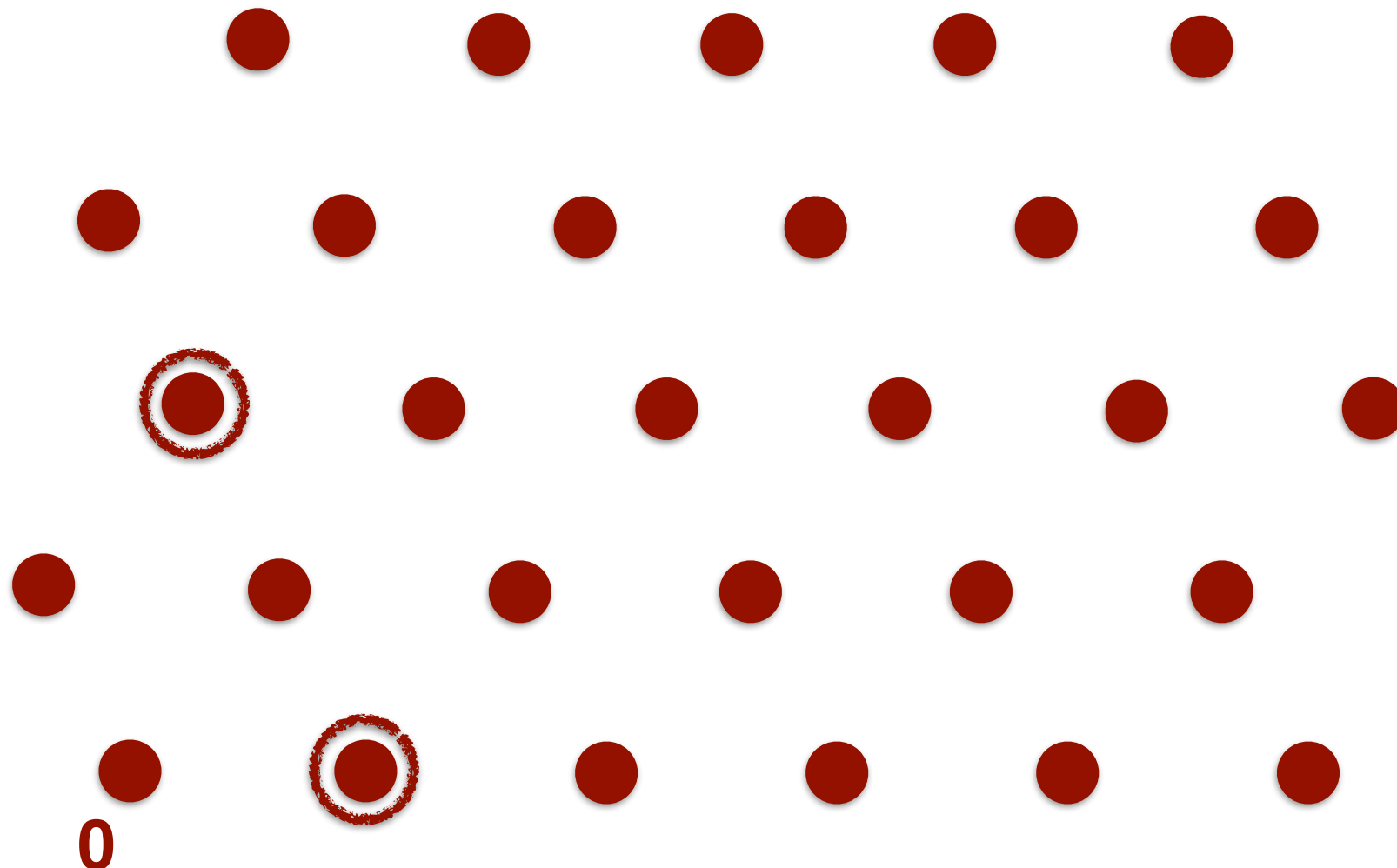
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Interesting for  $1 \leq \gamma \leq 2^n$ .

For crypto, typically  $\gamma = \text{poly}(n)$ .

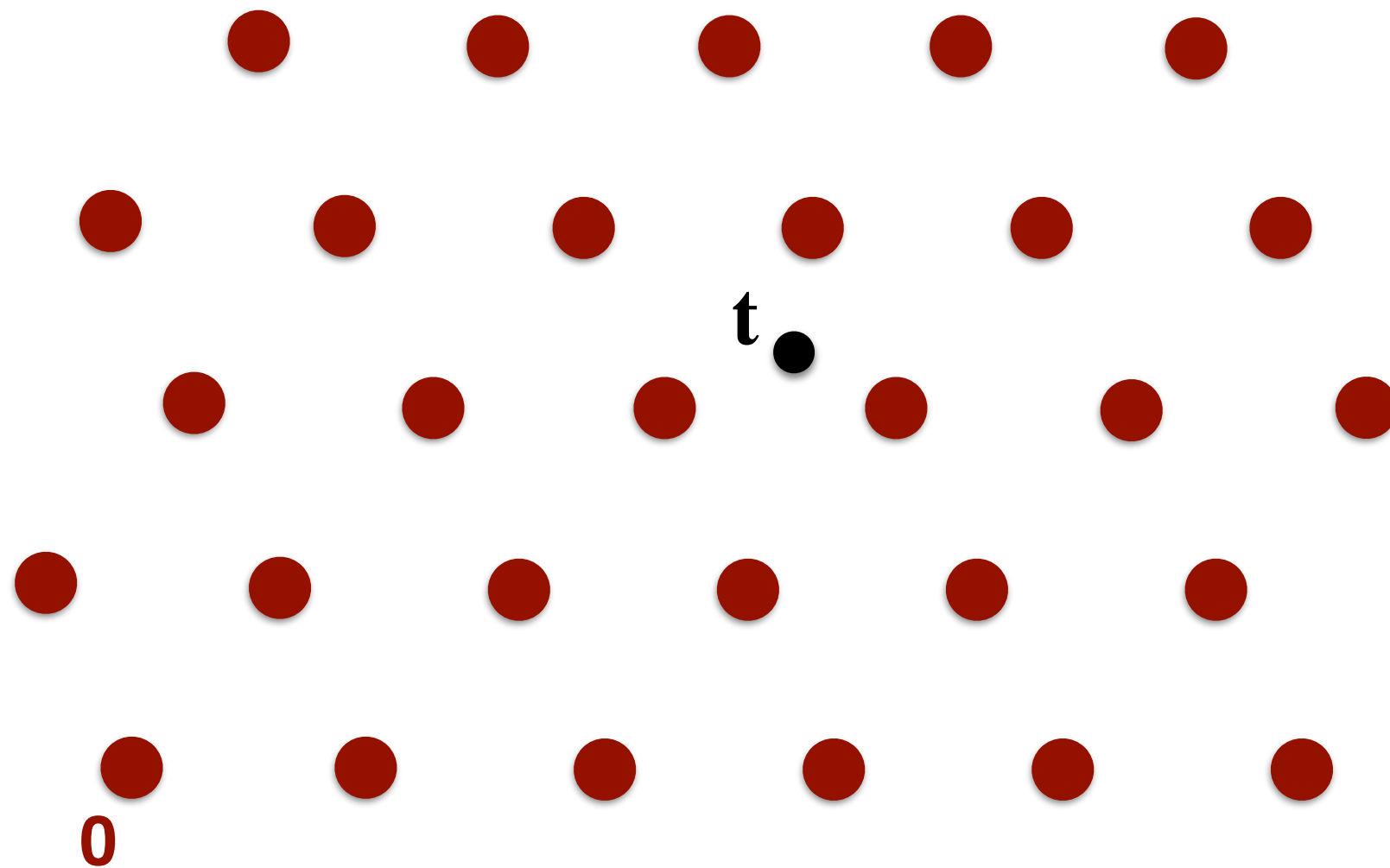
For this talk, mostly think of  $\gamma \approx 1000$ .



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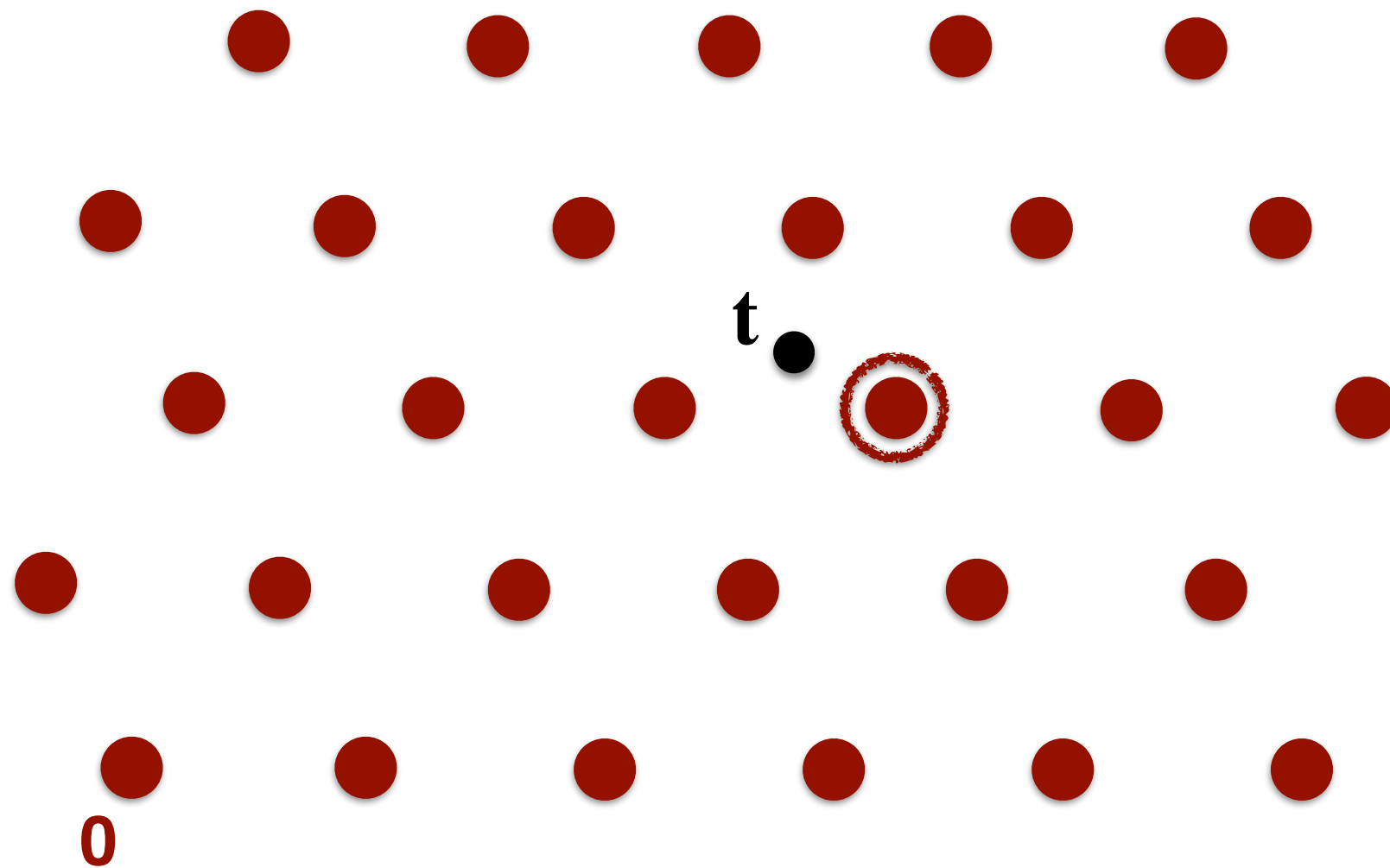
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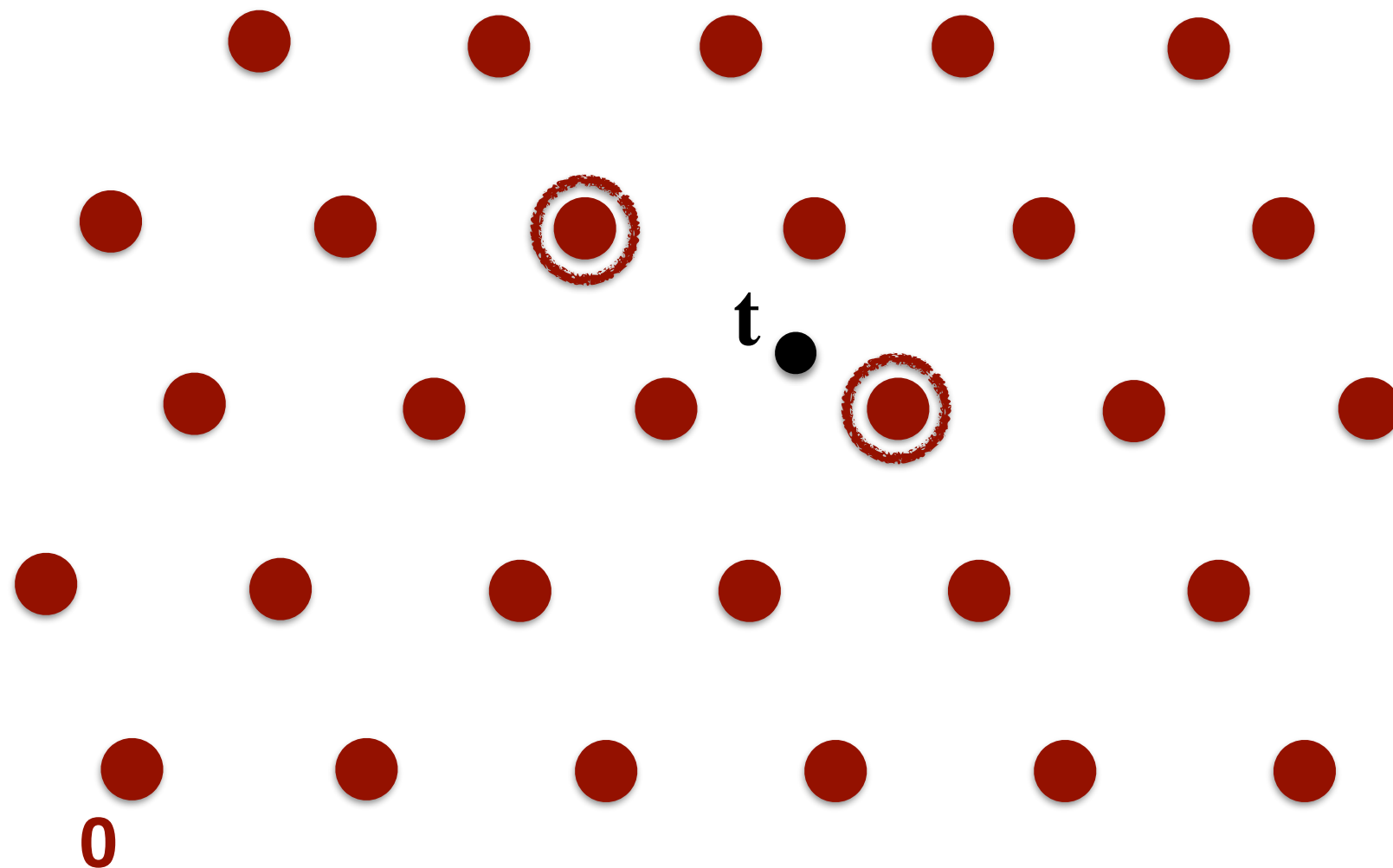
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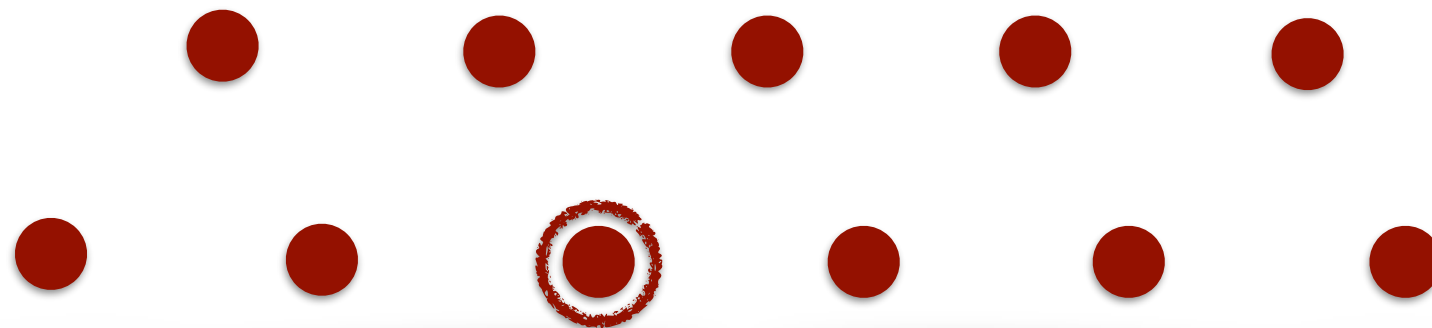
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$\gamma$ -CVP $_K$  is at least as hard as  $\gamma$ -SVP $_K$  [GMSS].

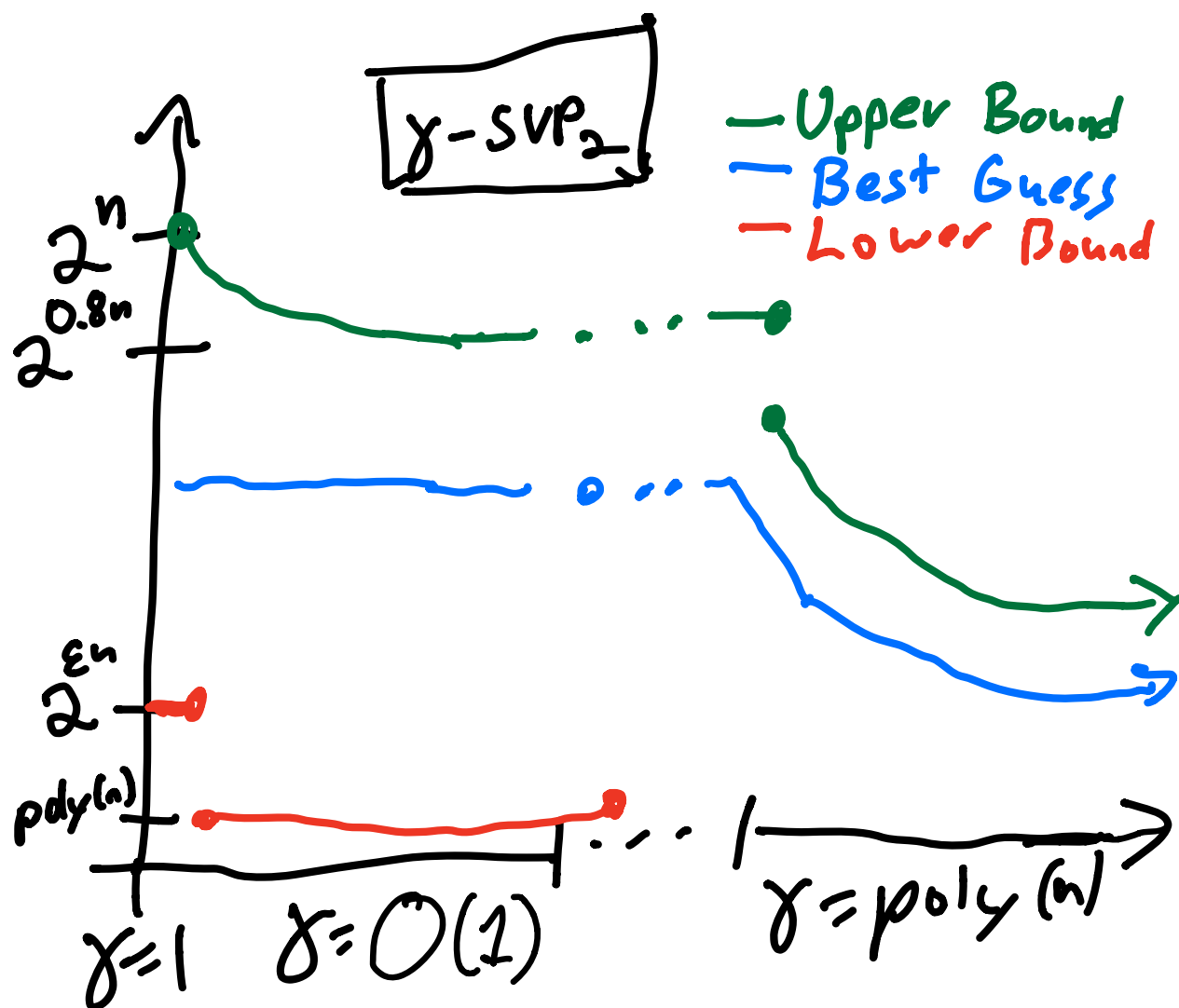
(For  $\gamma \gtrsim 1 + \varepsilon$  the algorithmic state of the two problems is similar-ish.)



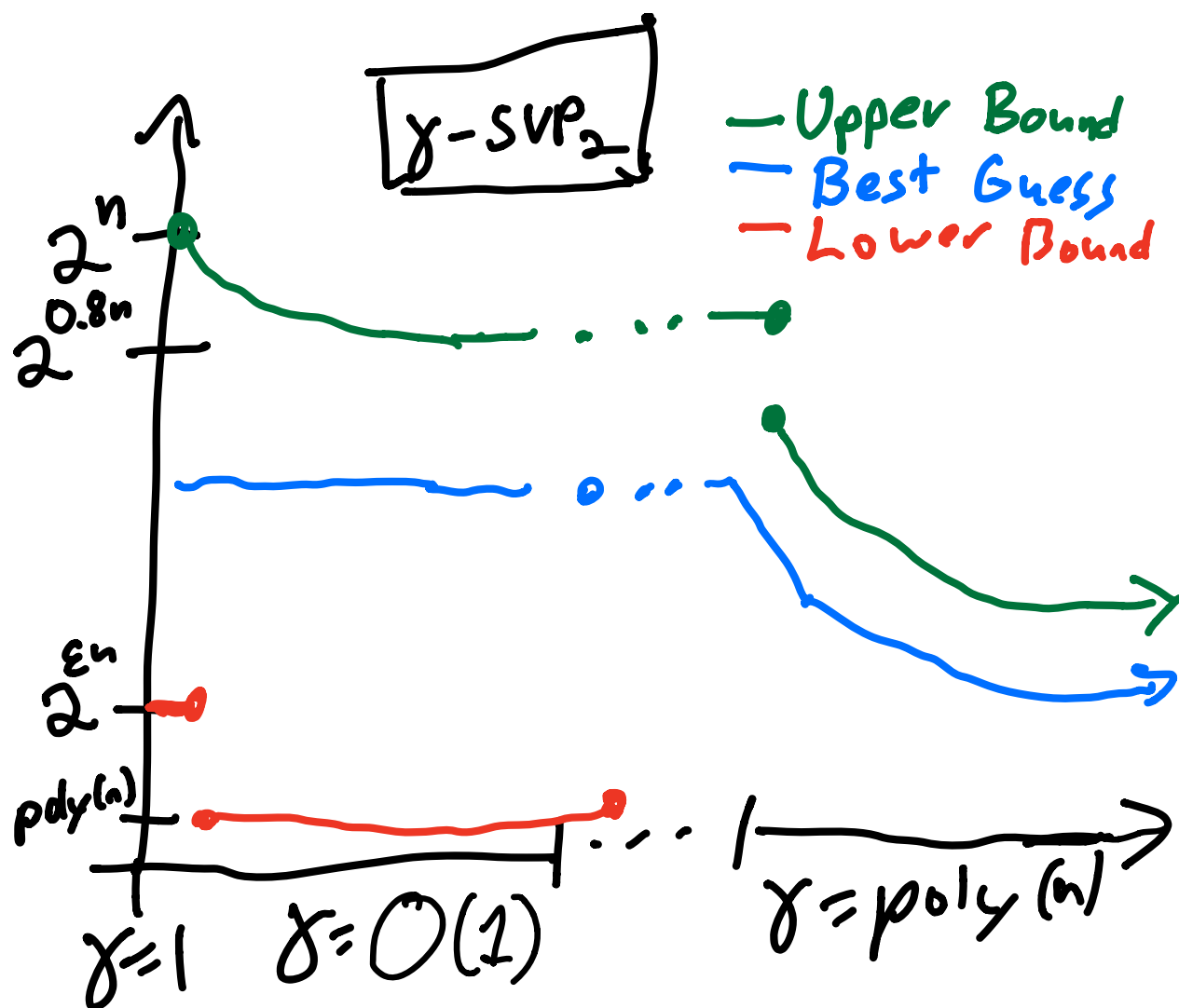
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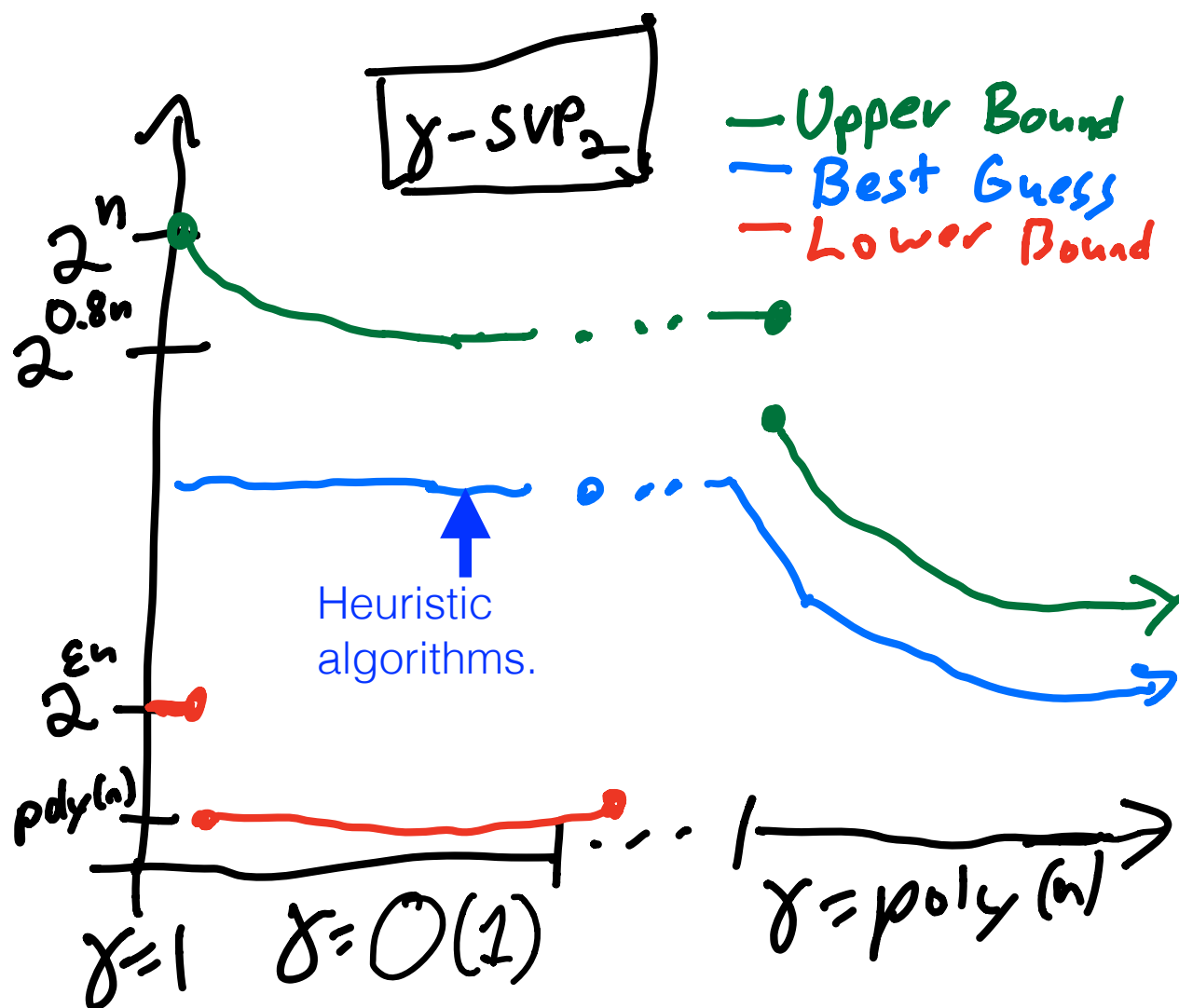


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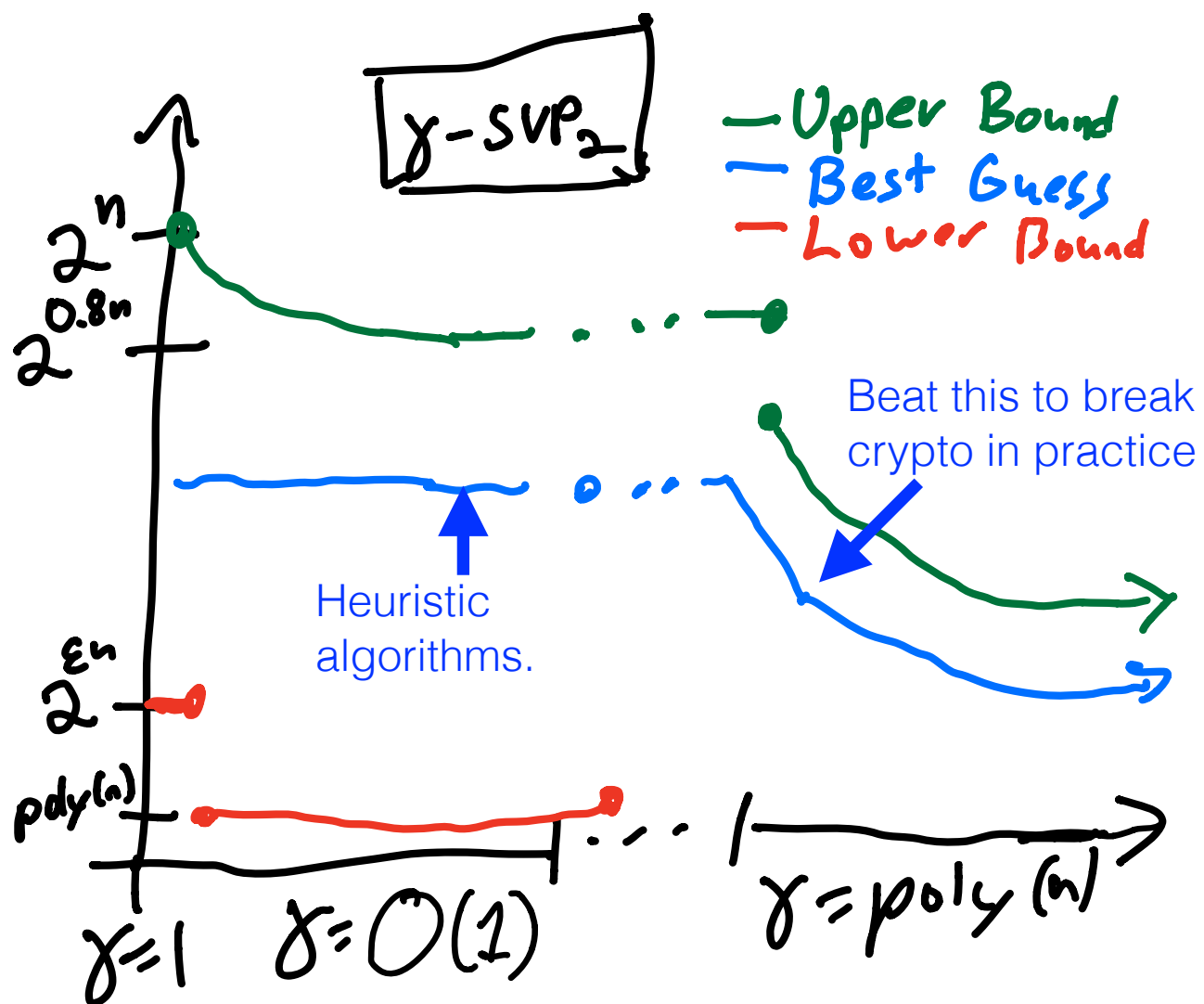
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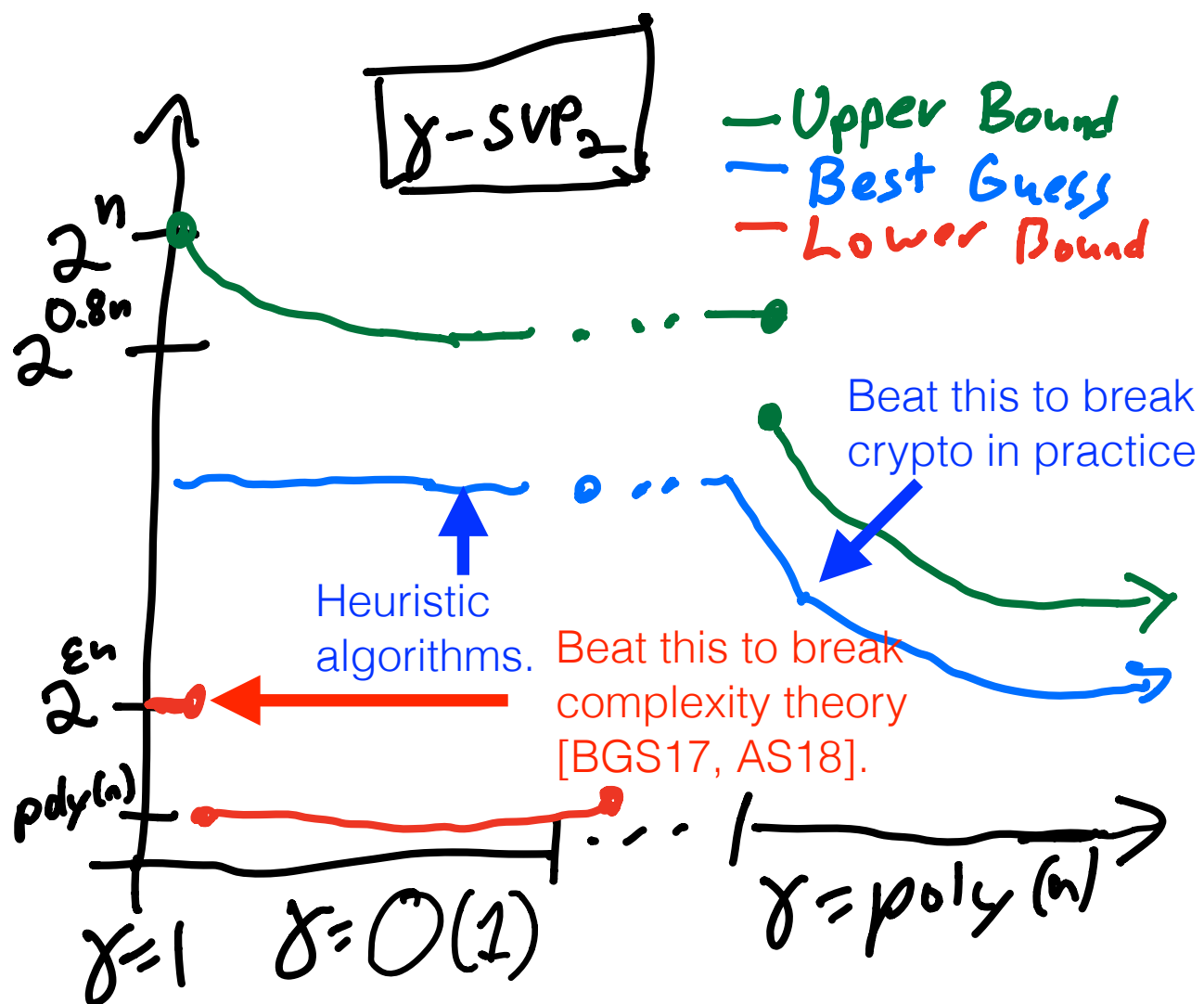
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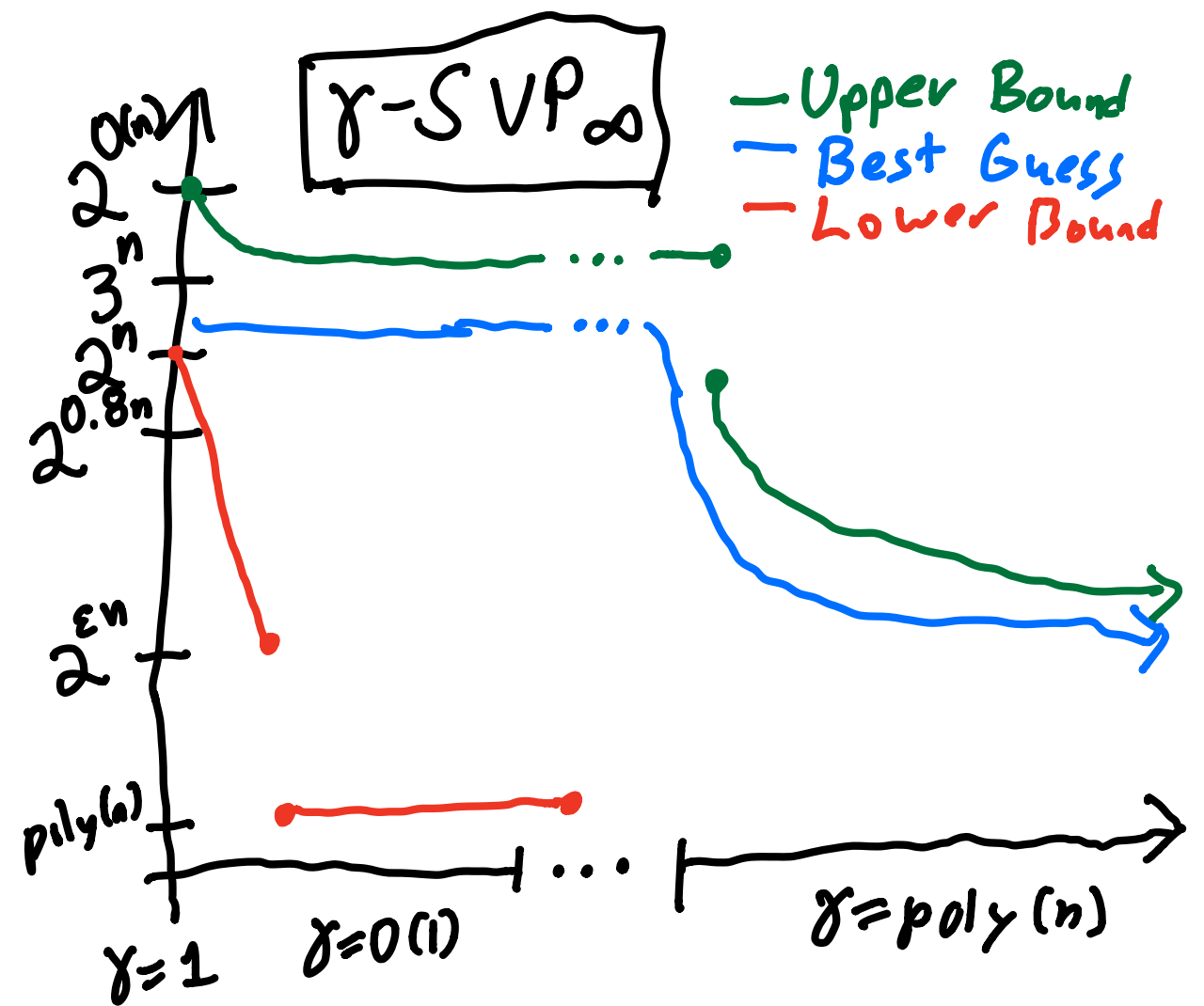
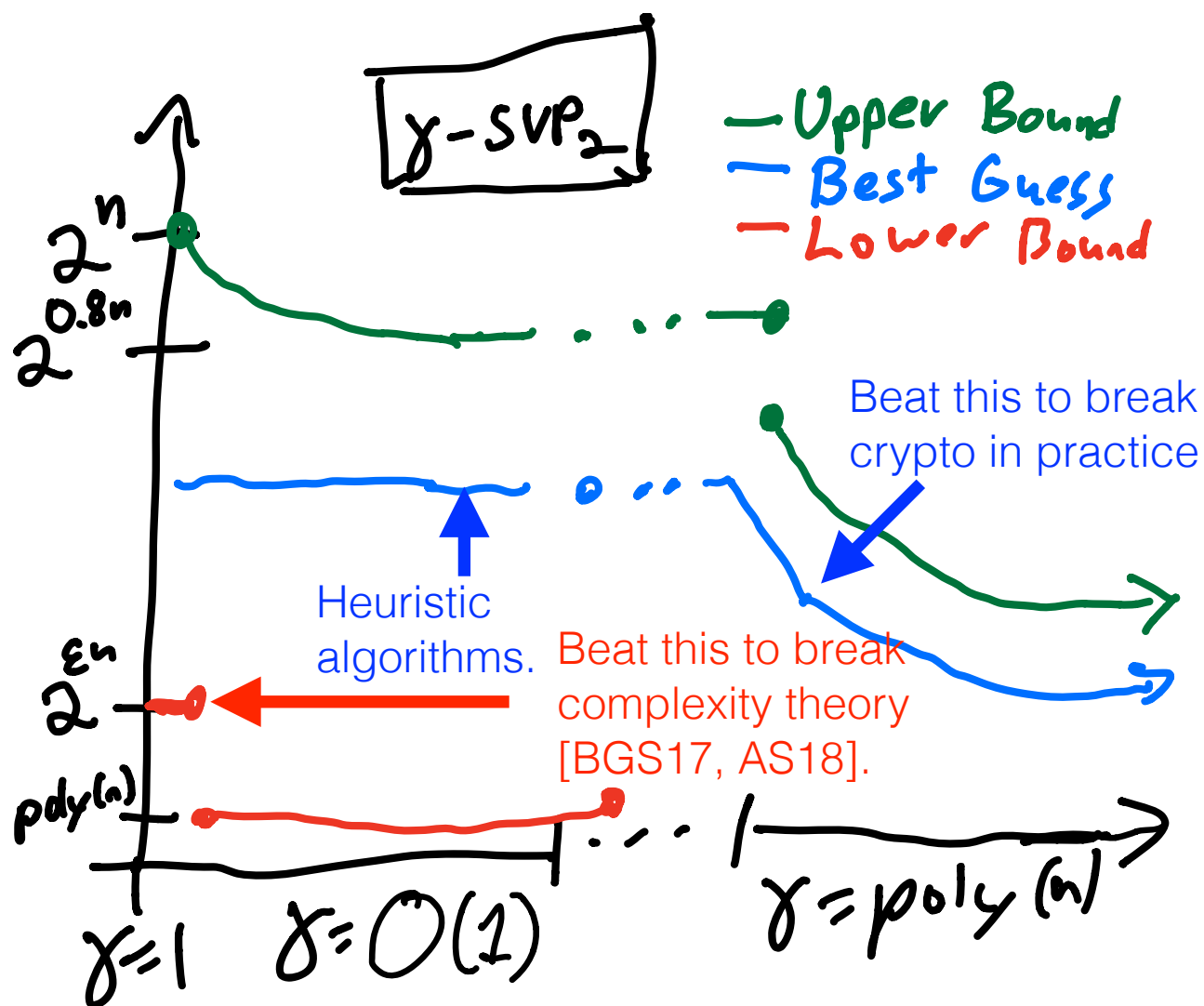


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## List of Open Problems

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- 8. Upper bound between  $n^{1/\log \log n}$  and  $\sqrt{n/\log n}$ ?

- Easy
- Medium
- ◆ Hard

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Faster algorithms for SVP<sub>p</sub>/CVP<sub>p</sub> (question at Simons)  Inbox x



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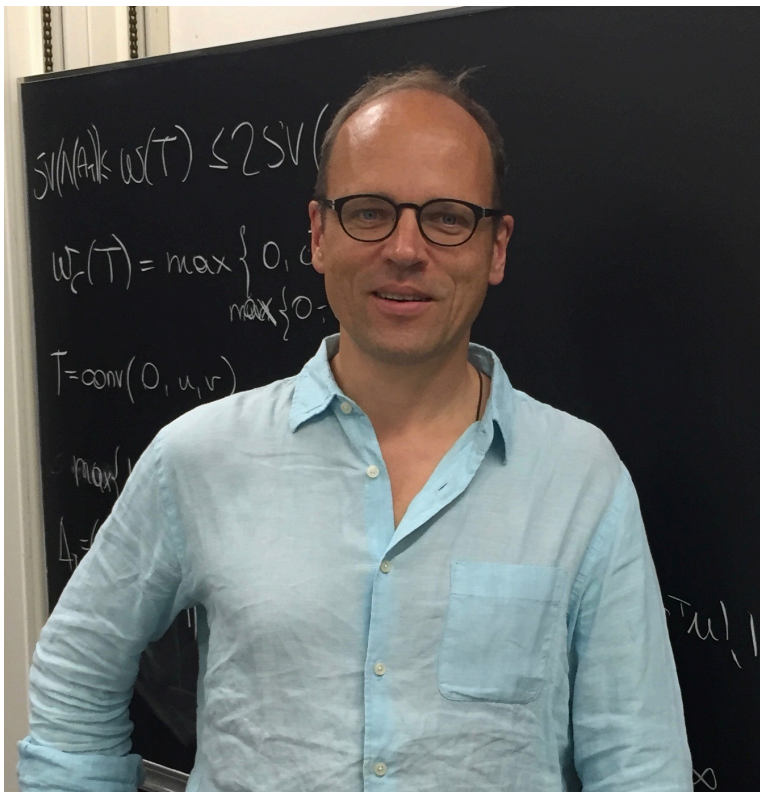
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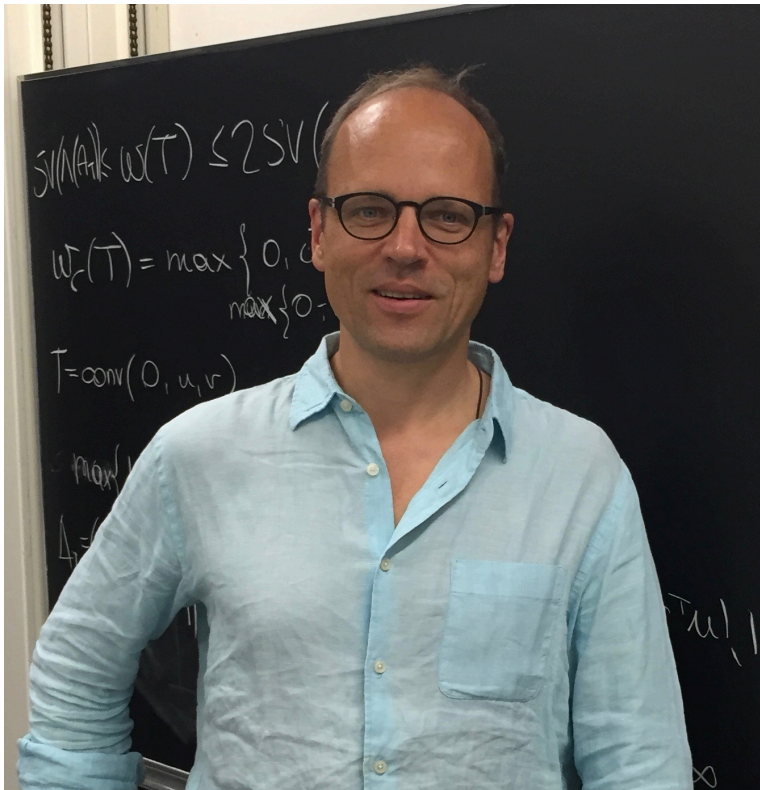
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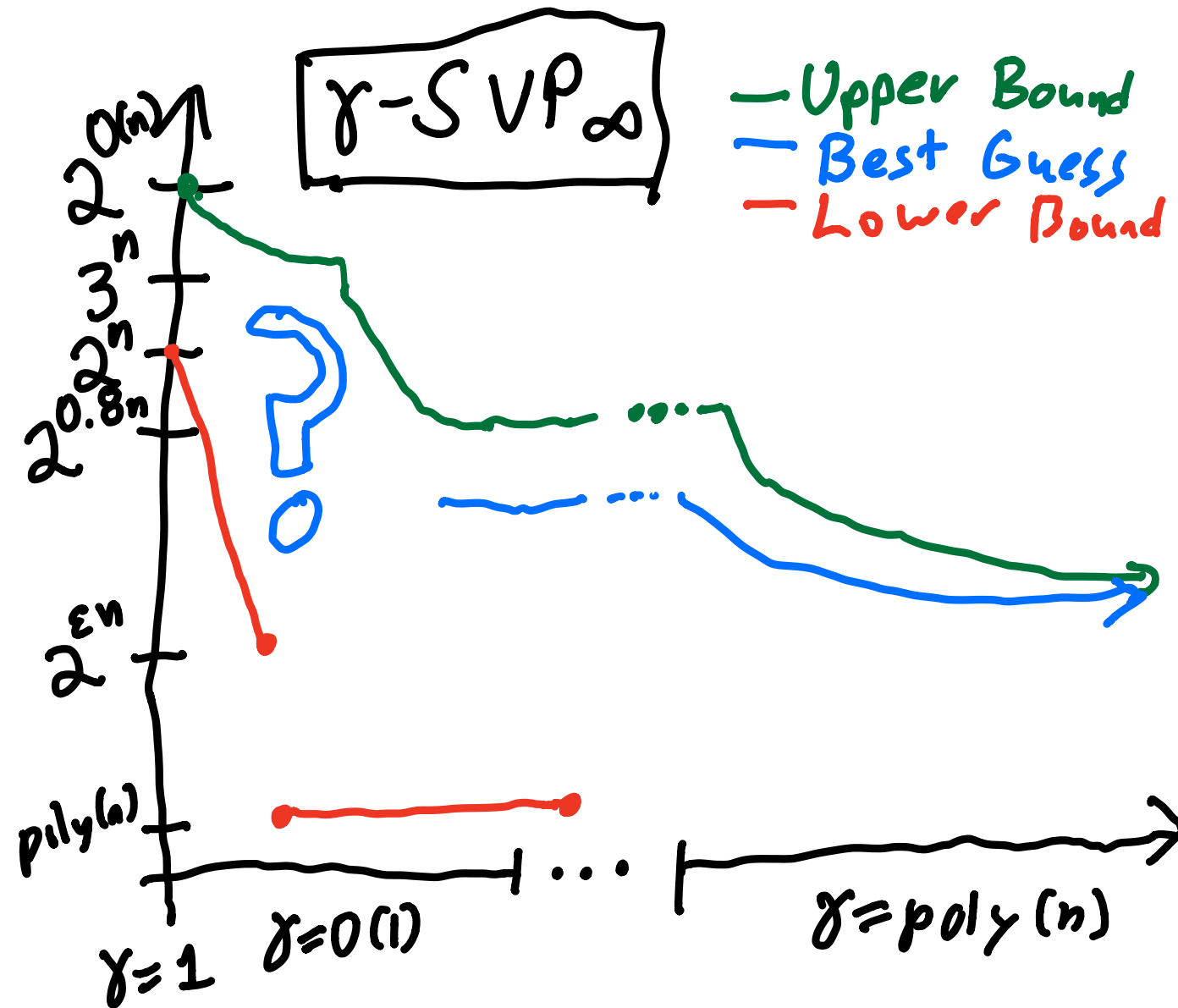
Best known running time for  $O(1)$ - $SVP_2$  [LWXZ11, WLW15, AUV19]

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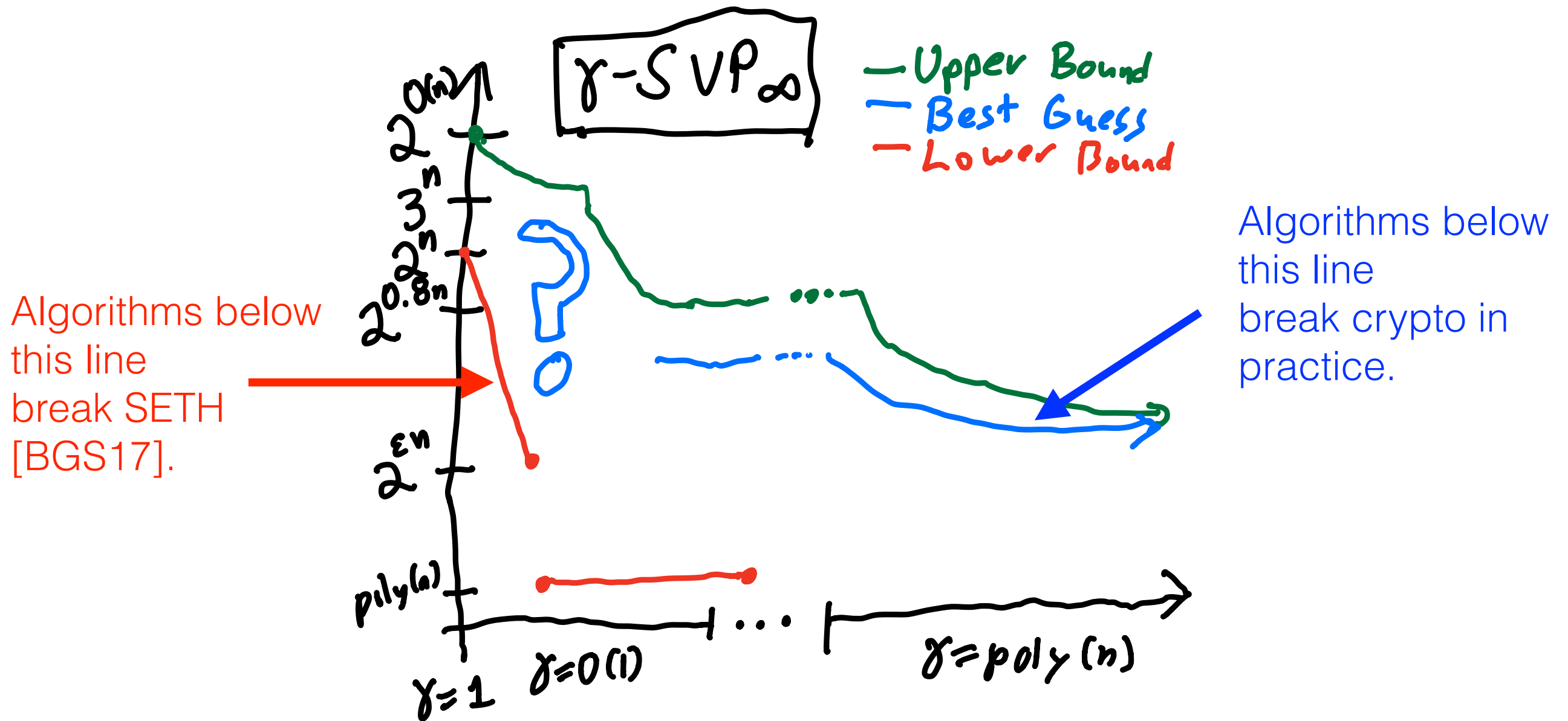
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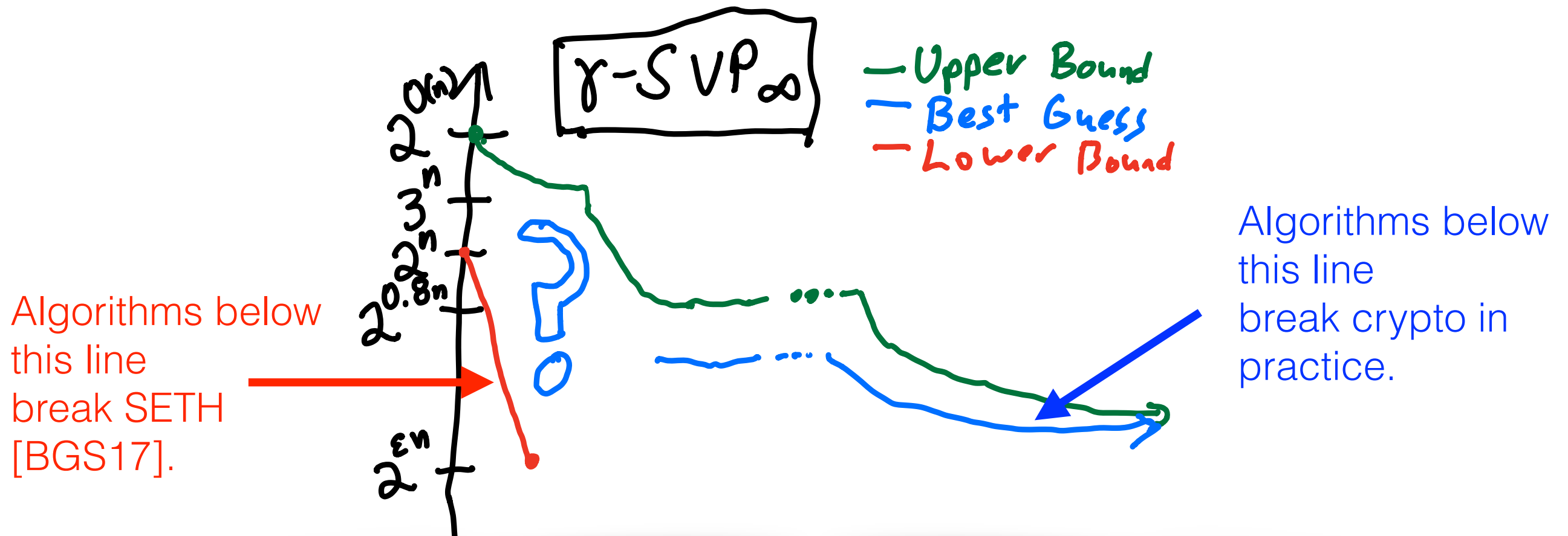
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Possible resolutions:

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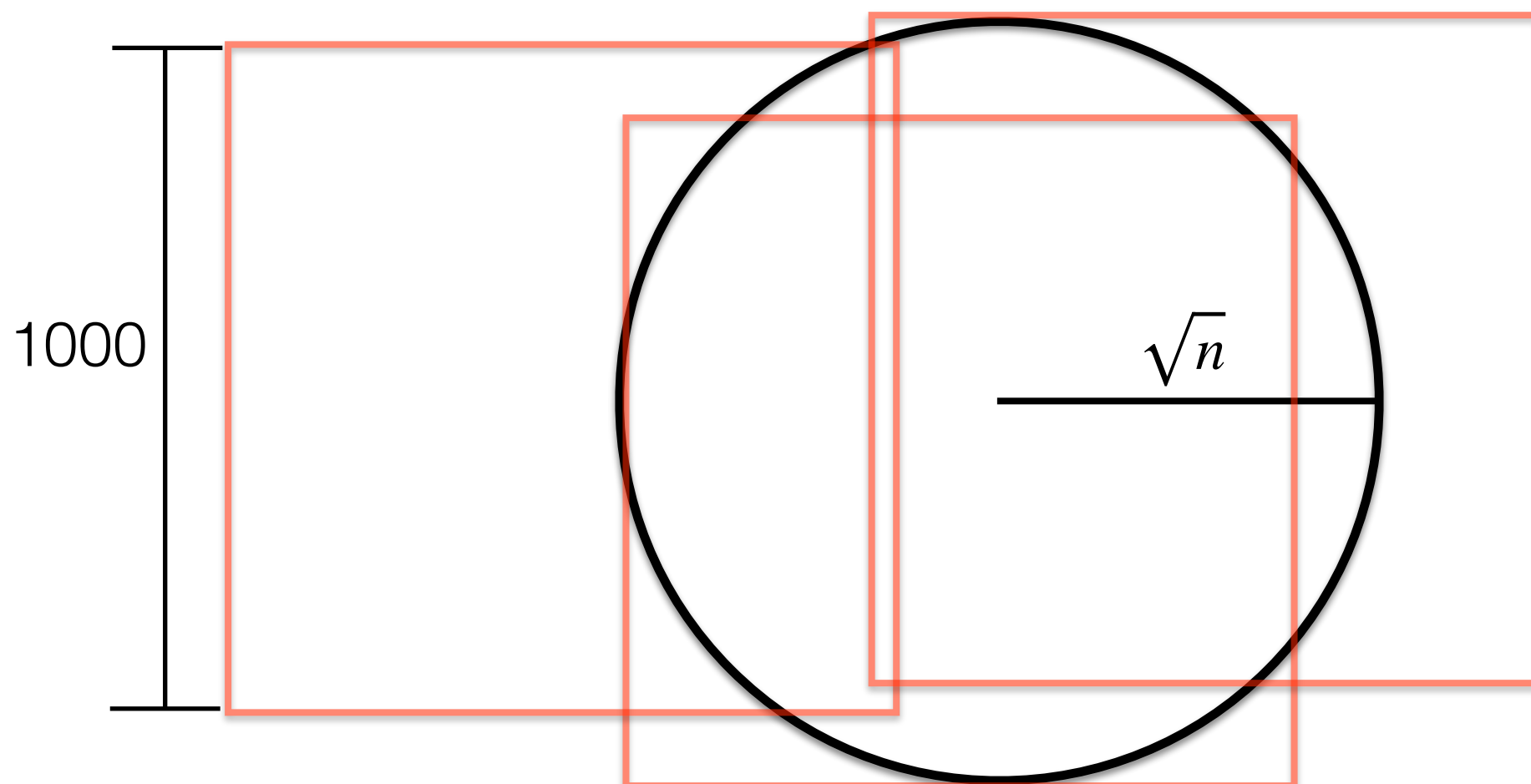
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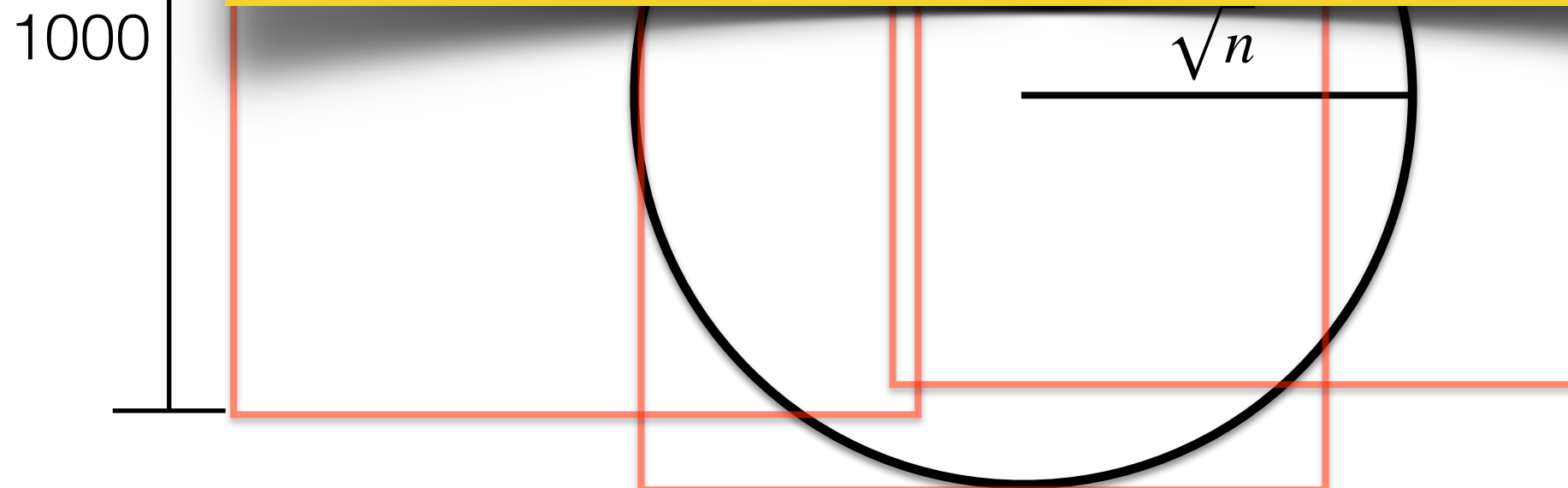


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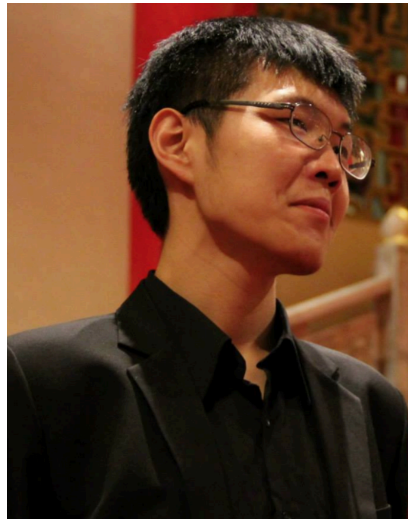
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[EV20] show a similar algorithm for *CVP* in *any*  $\ell_p$  norm!

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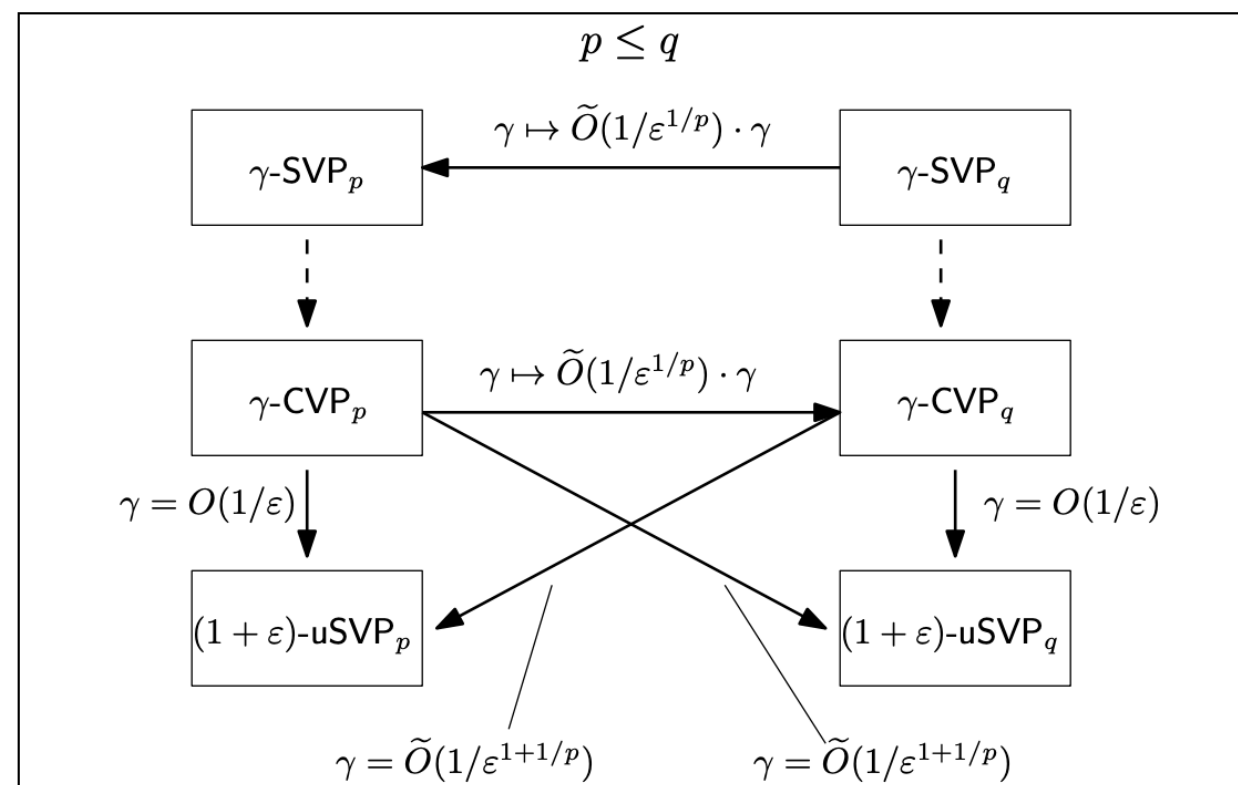
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**Theorem.** *There is a  $2^{\varepsilon n}$ -time dimension-preserving reduction from  $O_\varepsilon(\gamma)$ -approximate  $\text{SVP}_K$  to  $\gamma\text{-CVP}_2$  for any norm  $K$ .*

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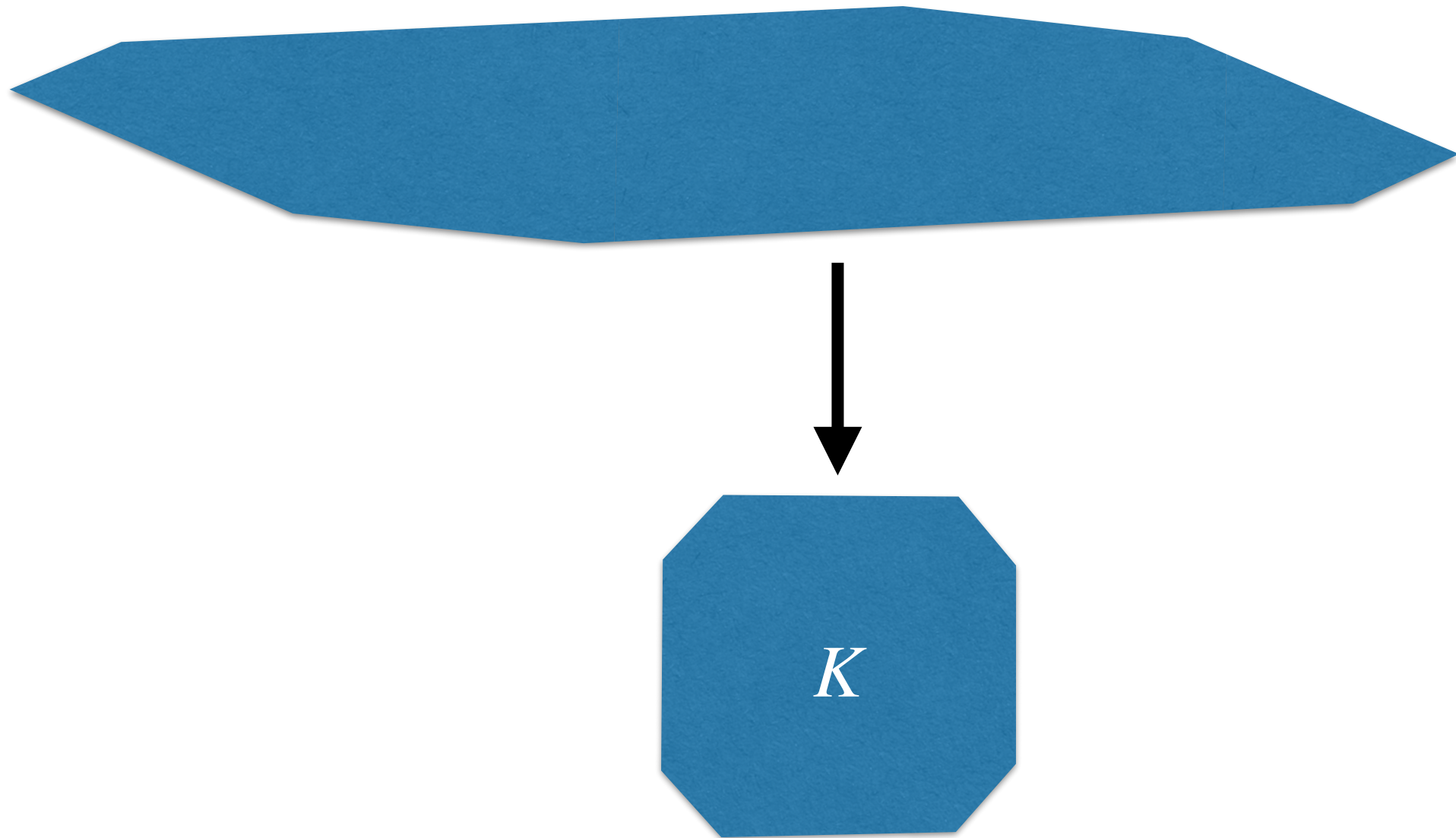
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**Theorem.** *There is a  $2^{0.802n+o(n)}$ -time algorithm for  $O(1)\text{-CVP}_K$  for any  $K$ .*



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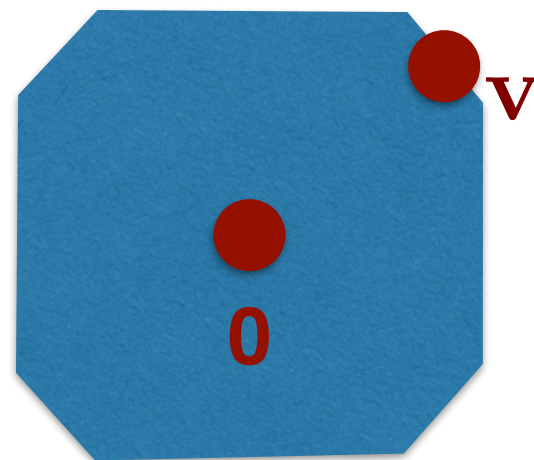


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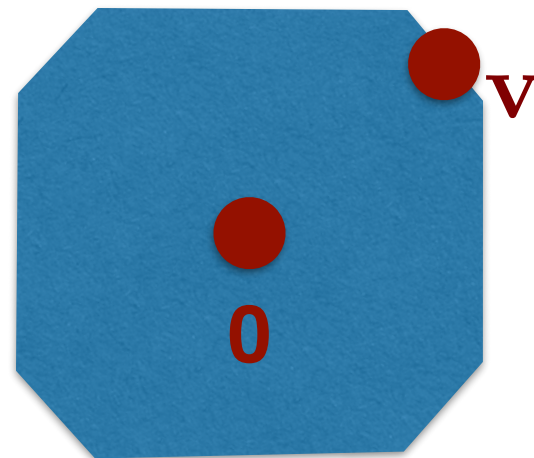


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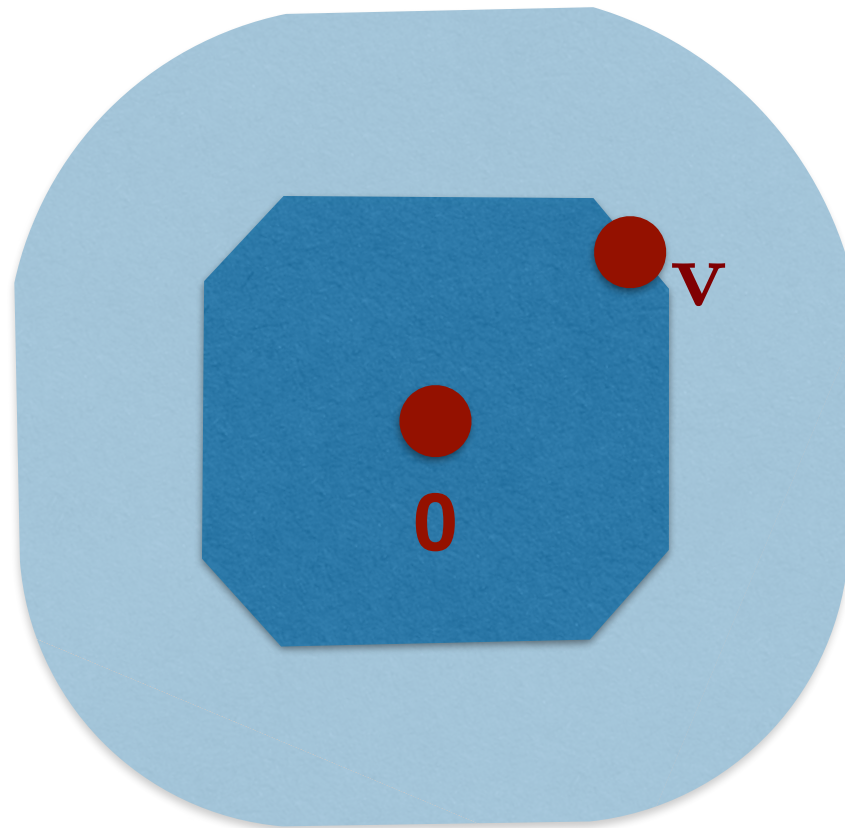
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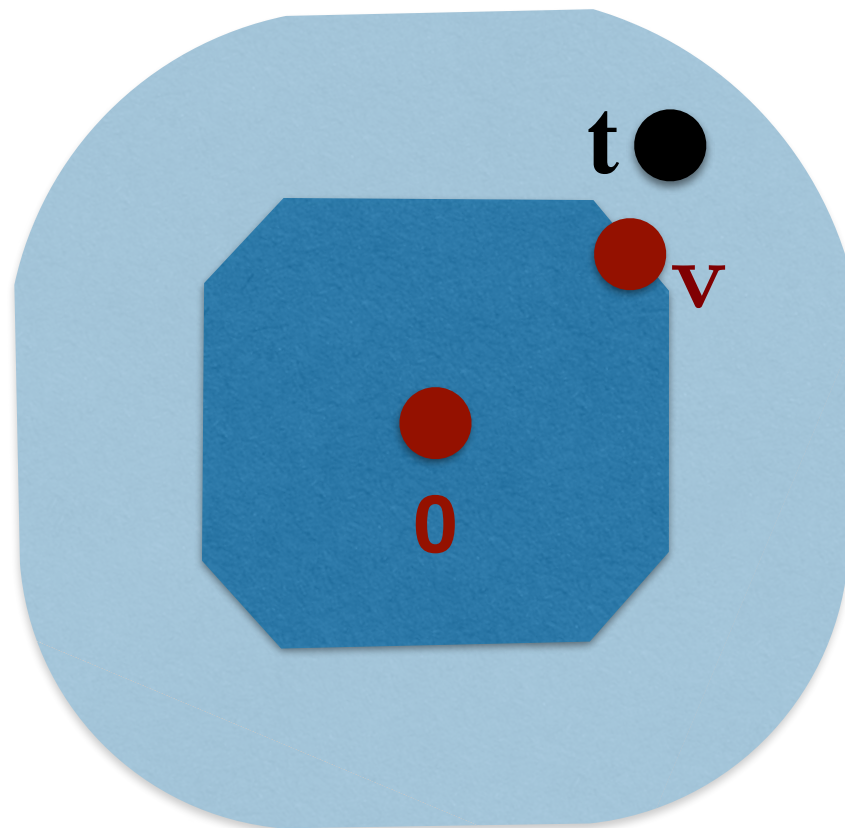
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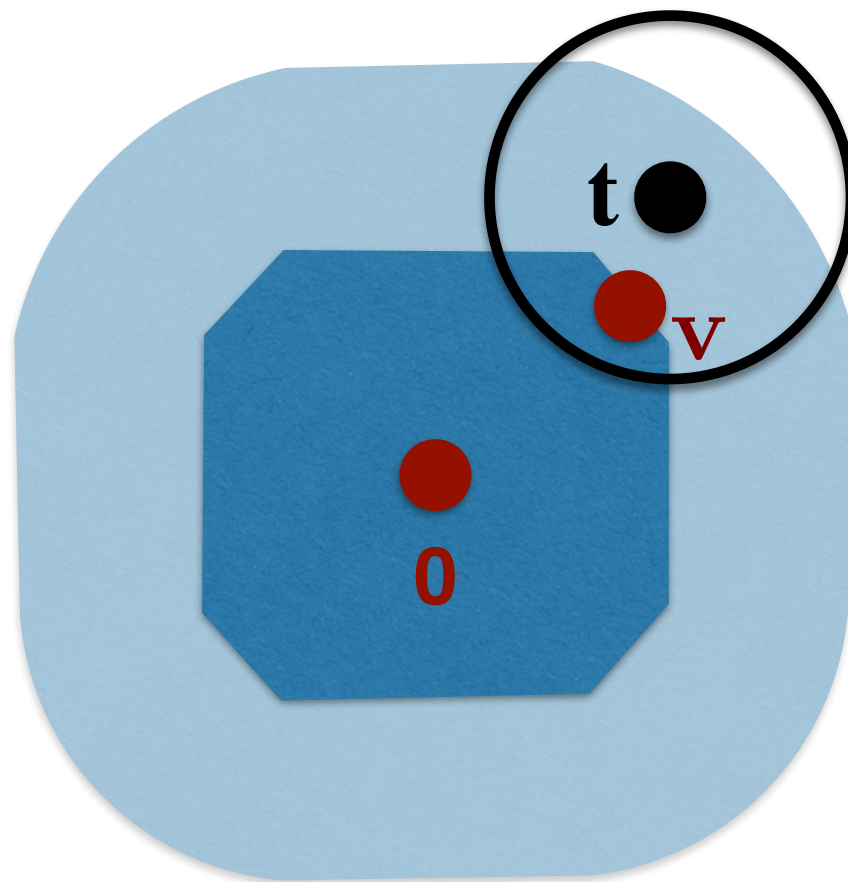
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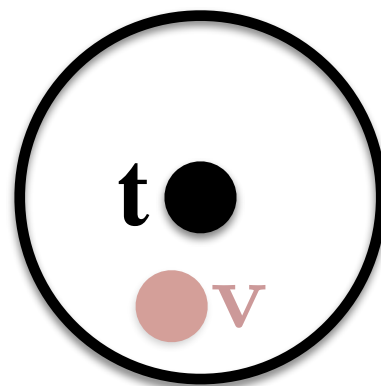
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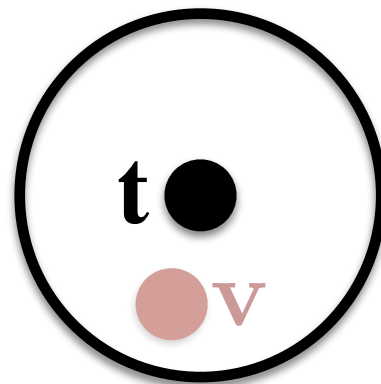
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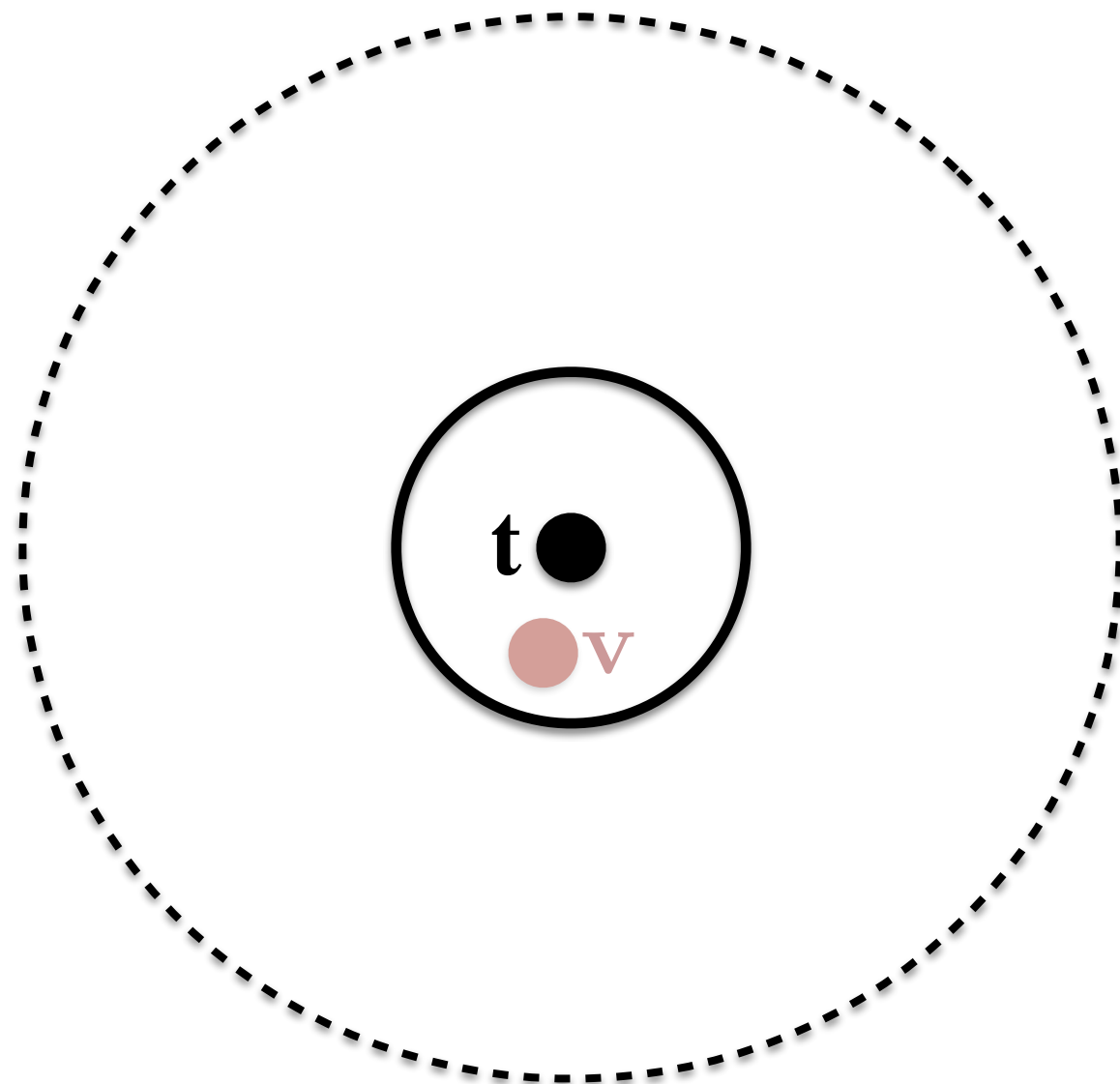
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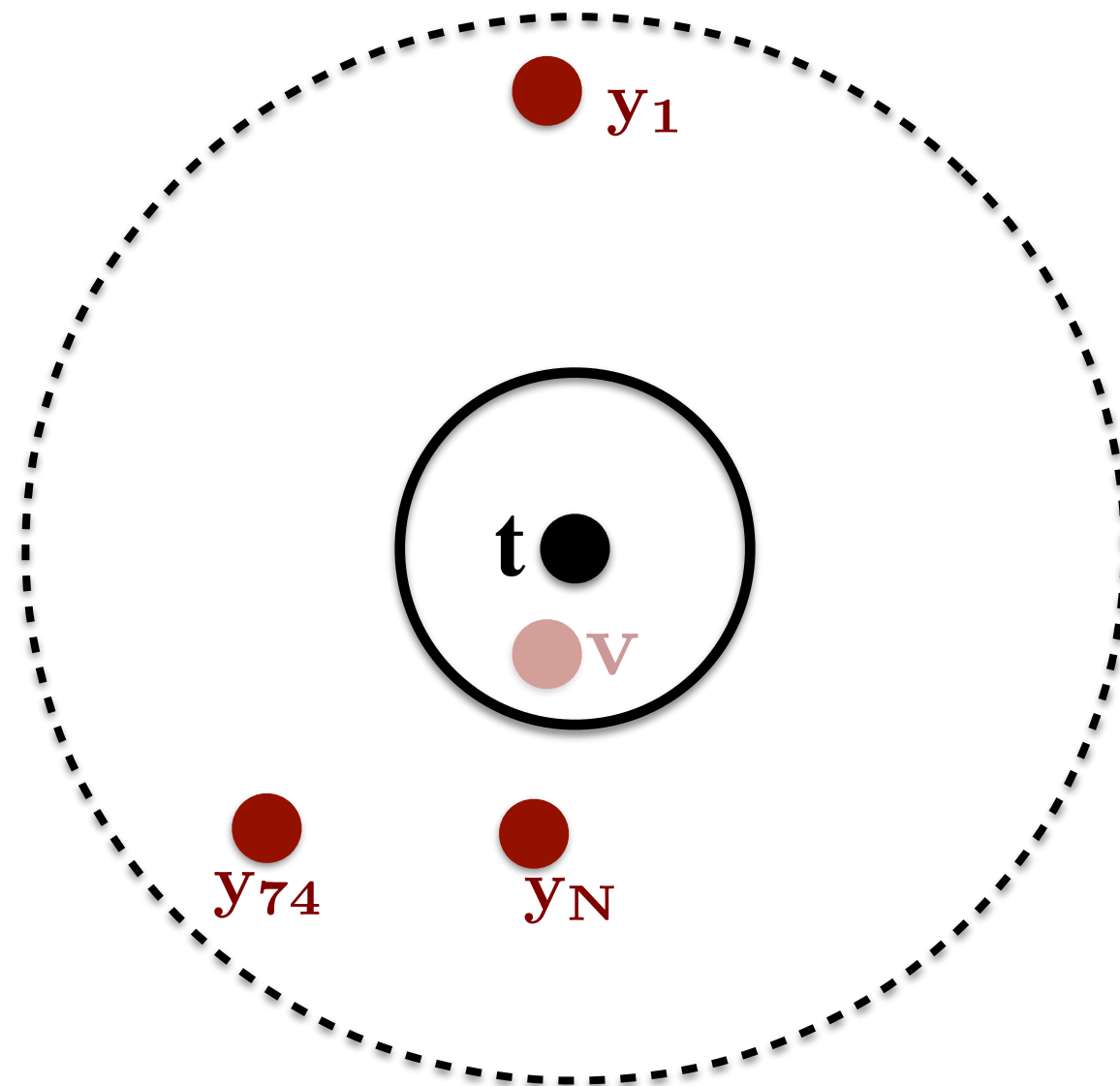
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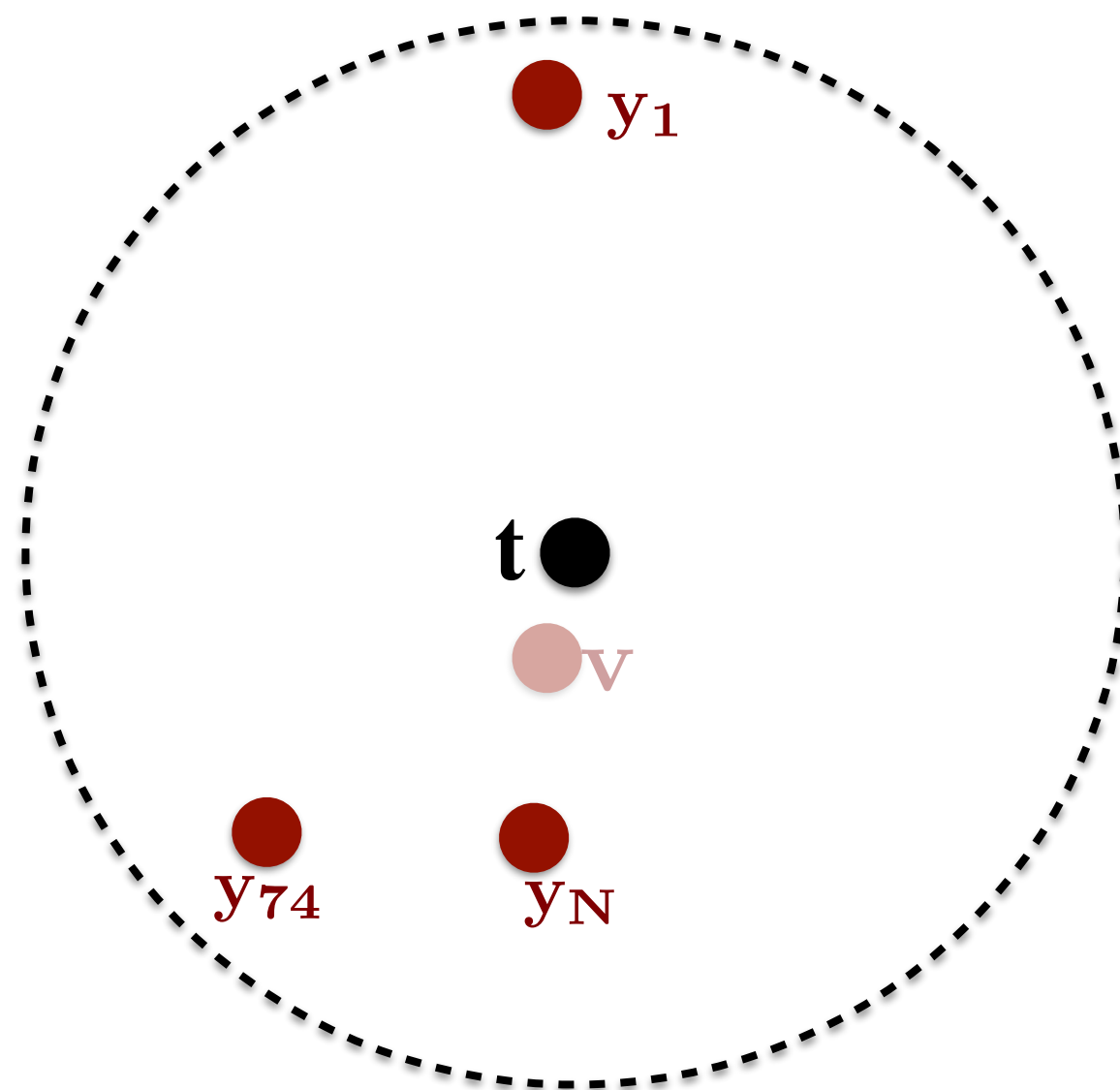
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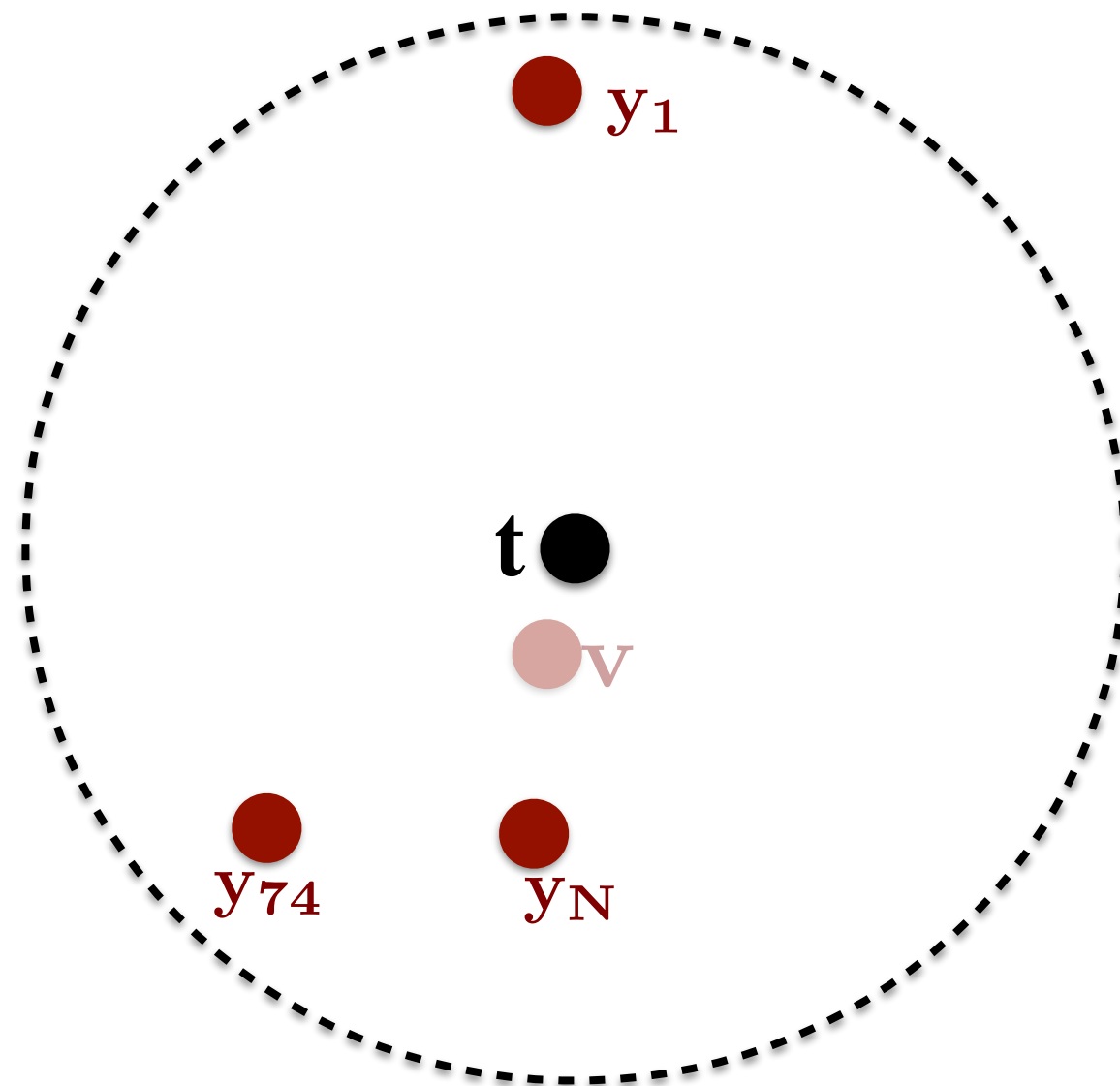
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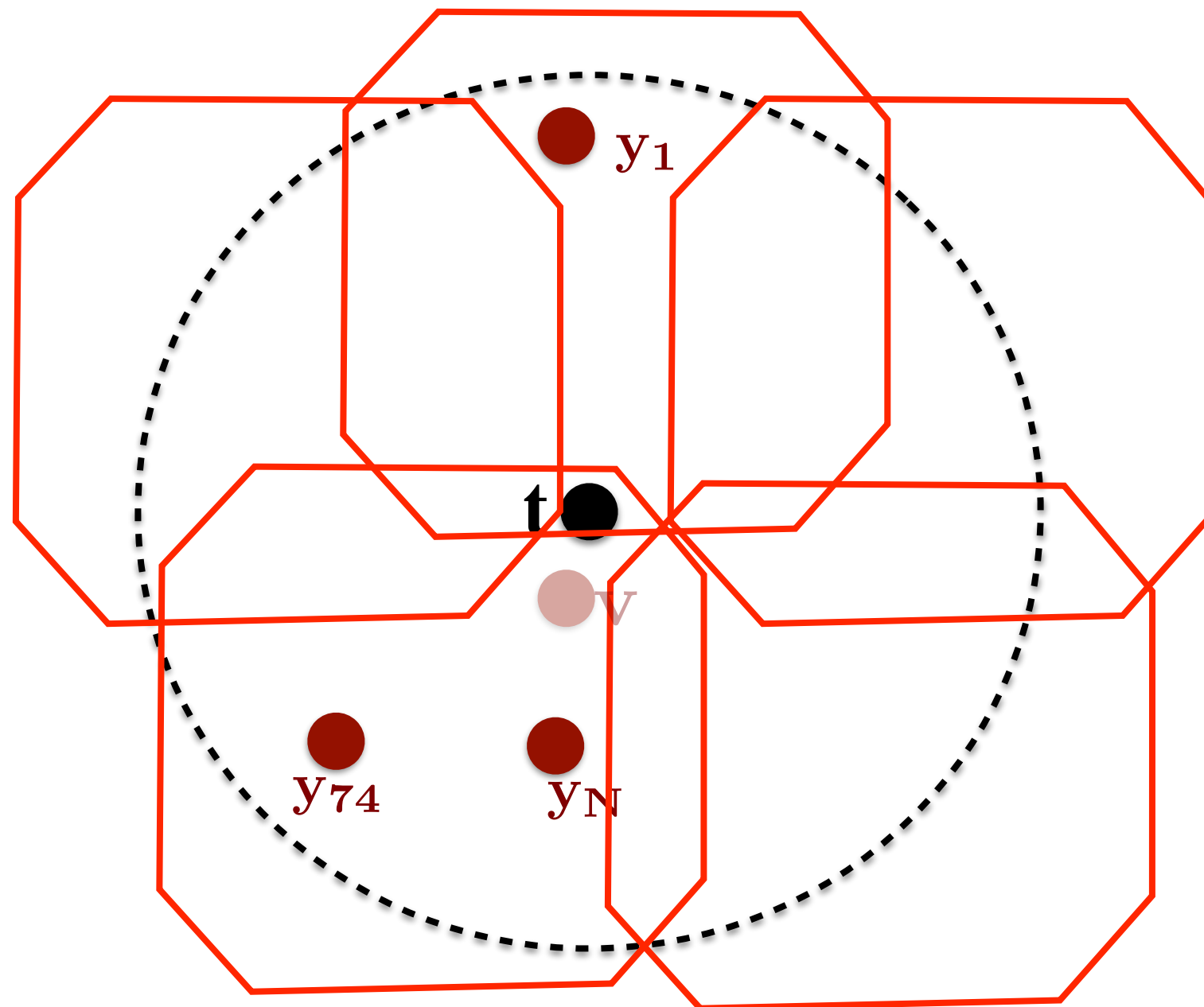
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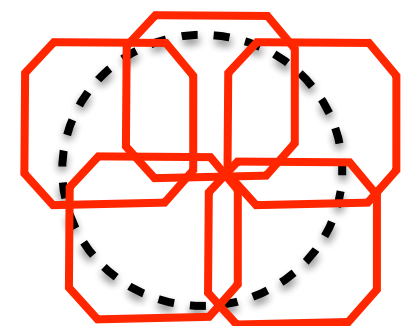
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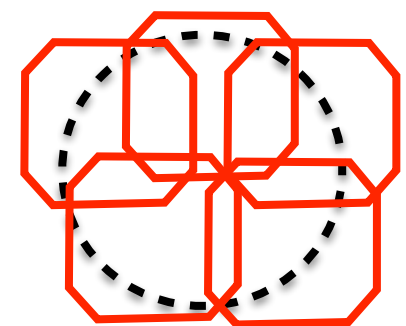
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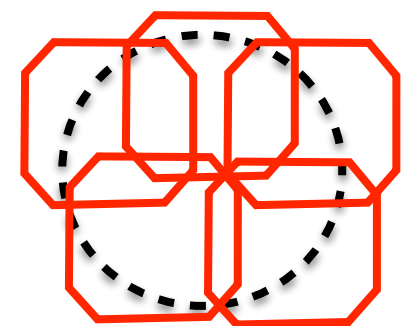
Rothvoss and Venzin show how to find a linear transformation of any convex body so that the transformed body has these properties.

(Closely related to M-position. M = Milman)



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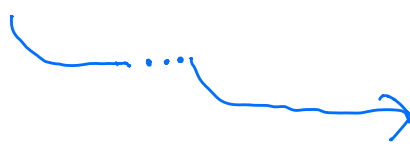
# Summary

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- The fastest algorithms for  $O(1)$ -CVP $_K/O(1)$ -SVP $_K$  for any norm is  $2^{0.802n}$ !!
- We can reduce  $O_\varepsilon(\gamma)$ -SVP $_K$  to  $\gamma$ -CVP $_2$  in  $2^{\varepsilon n}$  time for any  $K$ !!
- “Morally, lattice problems in any norm are equivalent up to a constant in the approximation factor!!”

# Open Questions?

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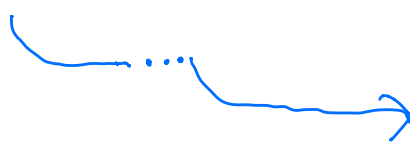
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