

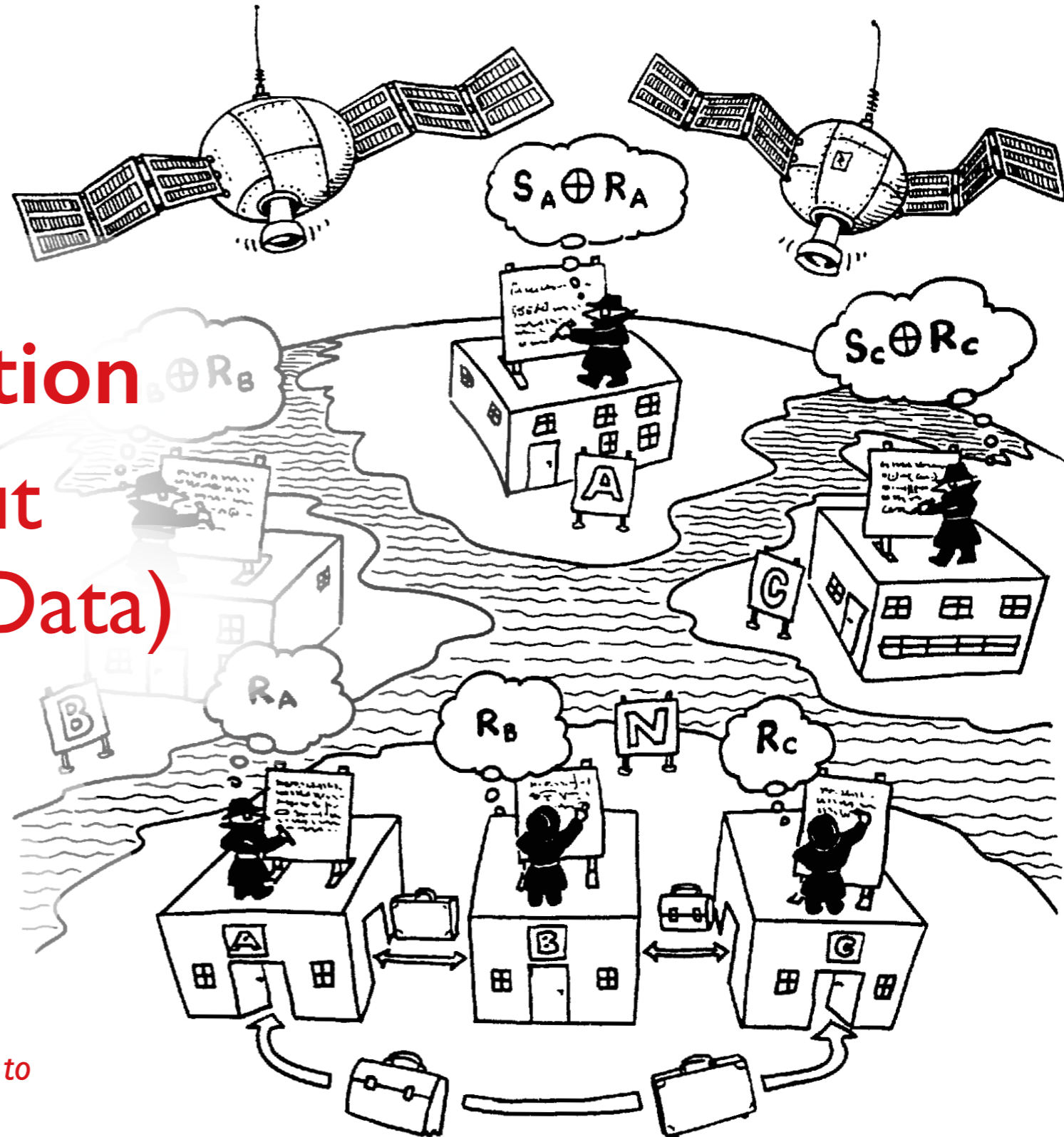
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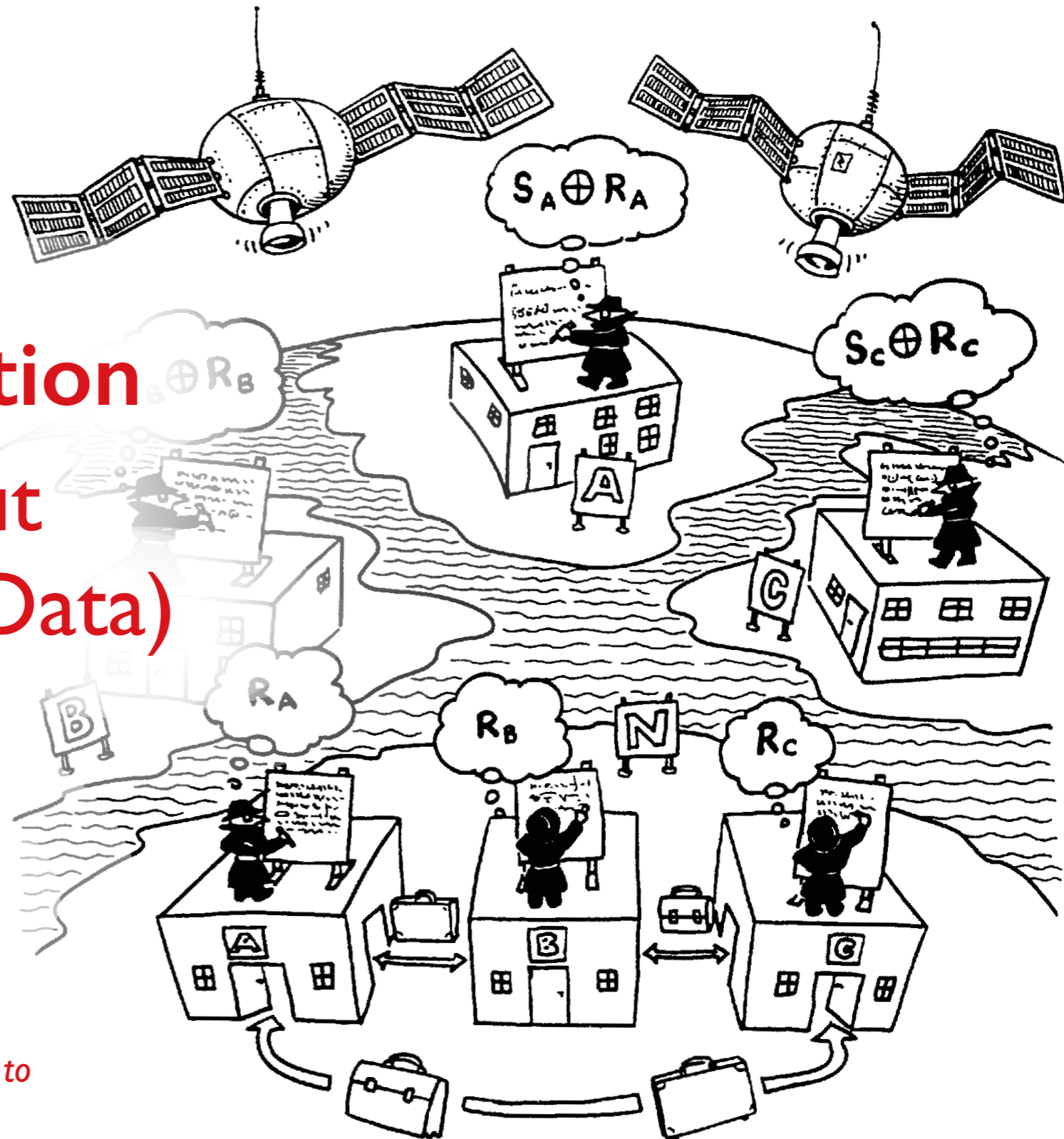
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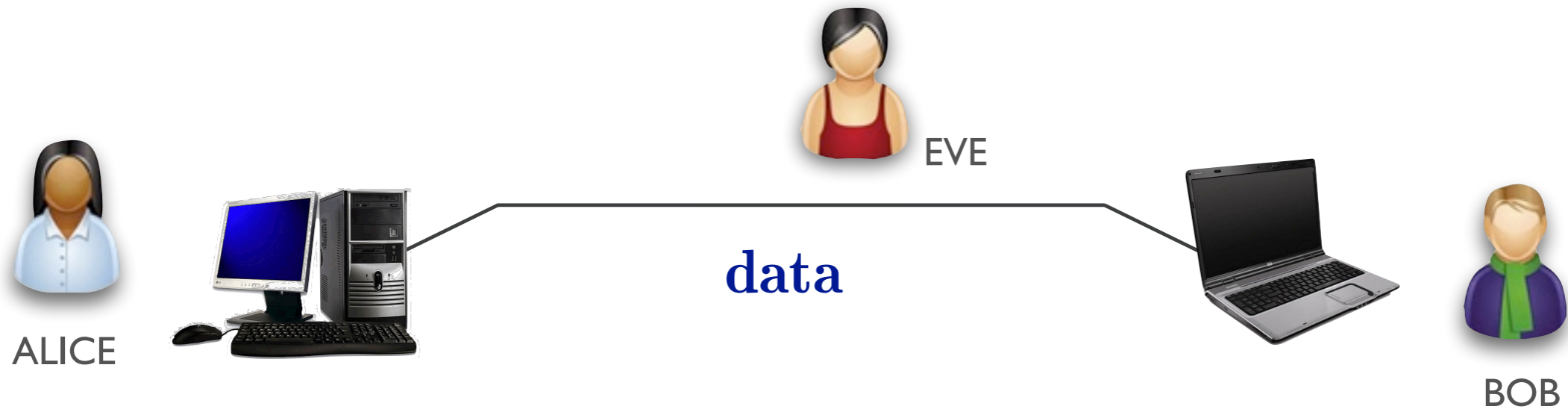
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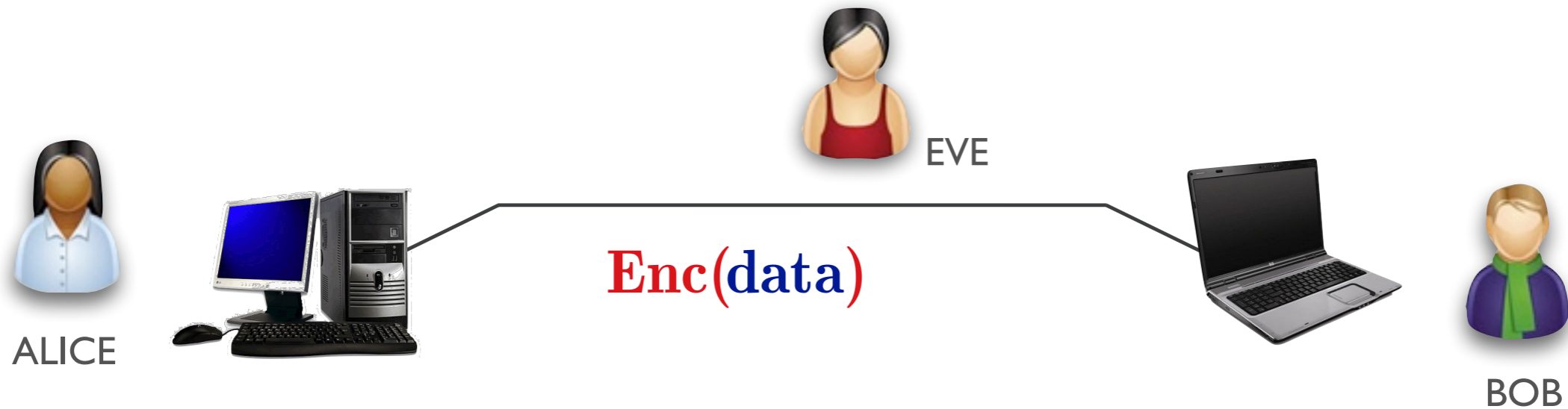
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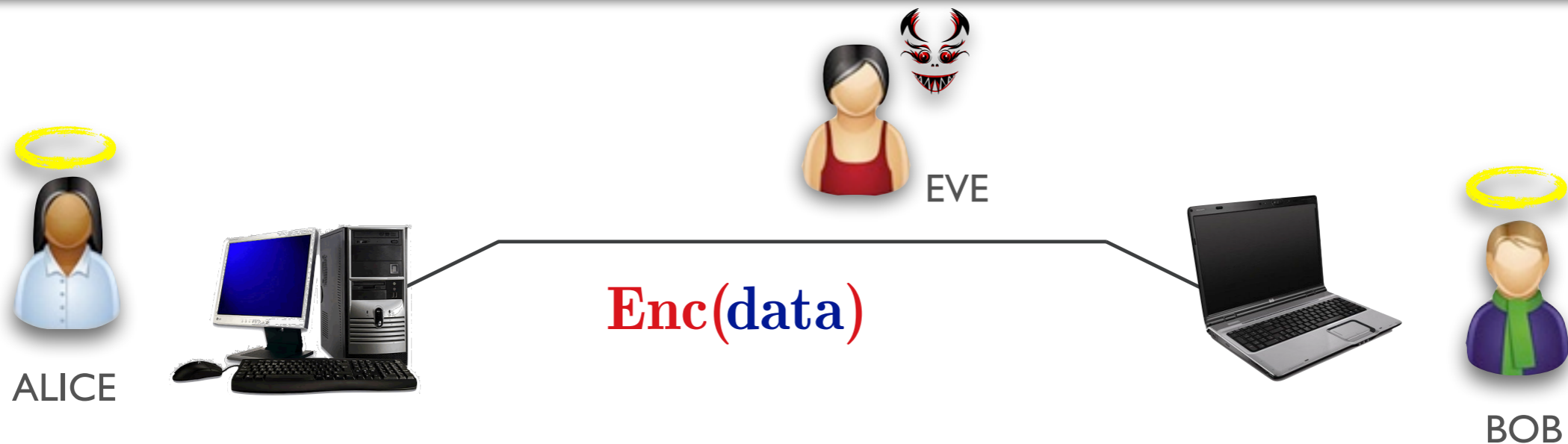


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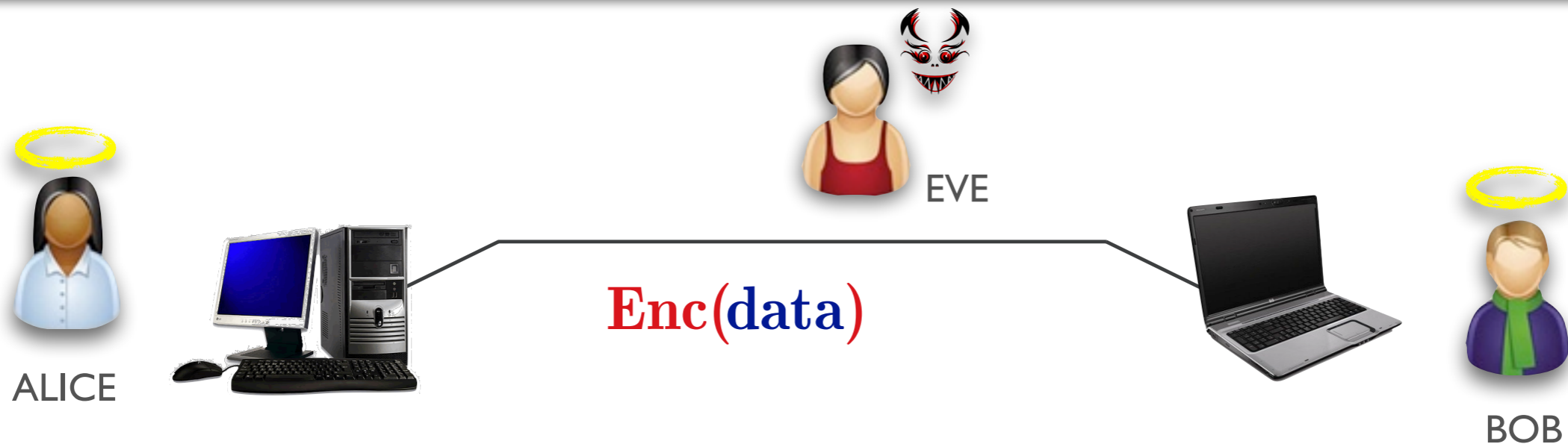
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An advanced cryptographic concept

- for **protecting individual data** of different parties
- while **using the data** in collaboration with other parties

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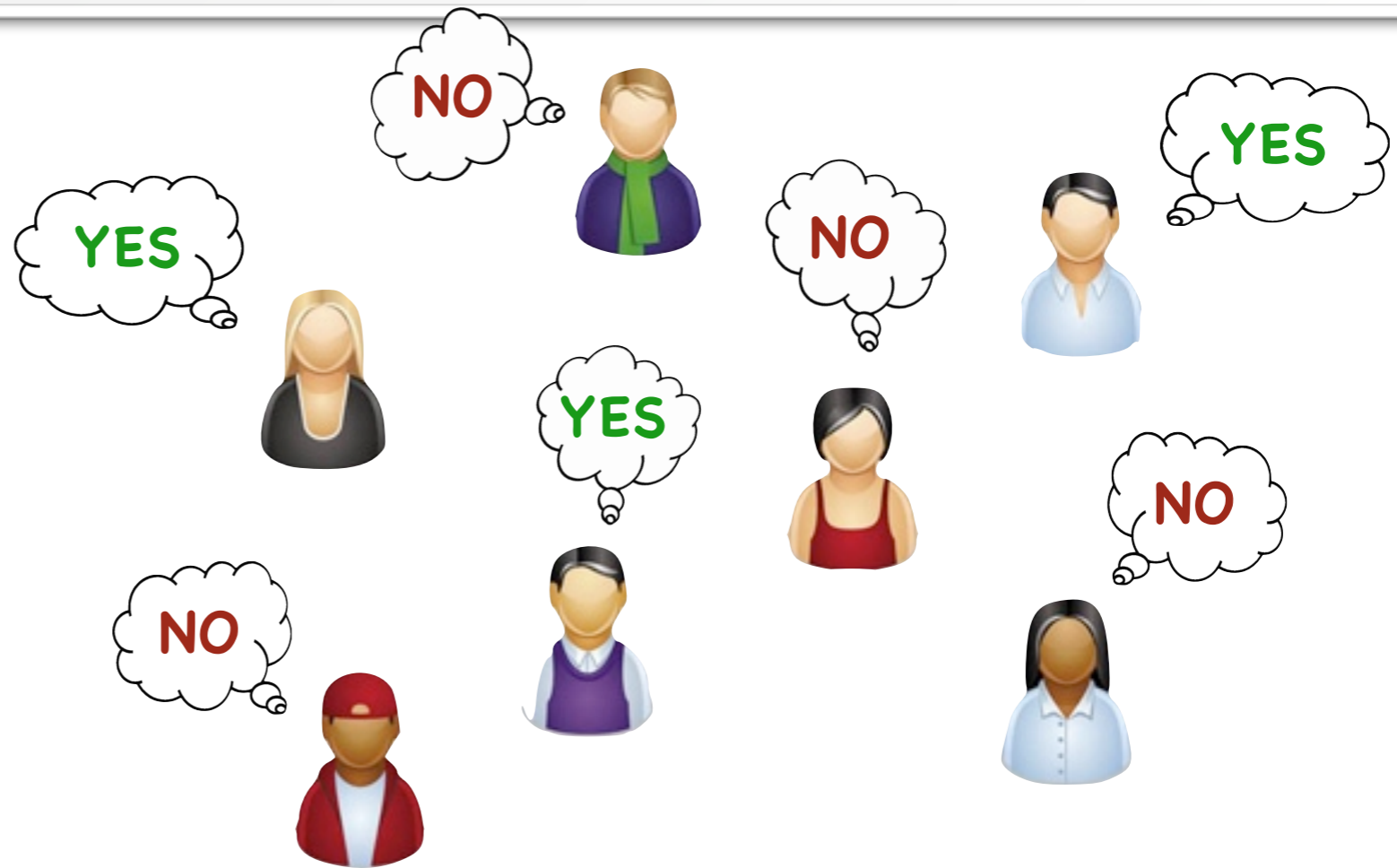


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$y \in \{ \text{"Richard is richer"}, \text{"Elon is richer (or equally rich)} \}$

Example: Secure Voting

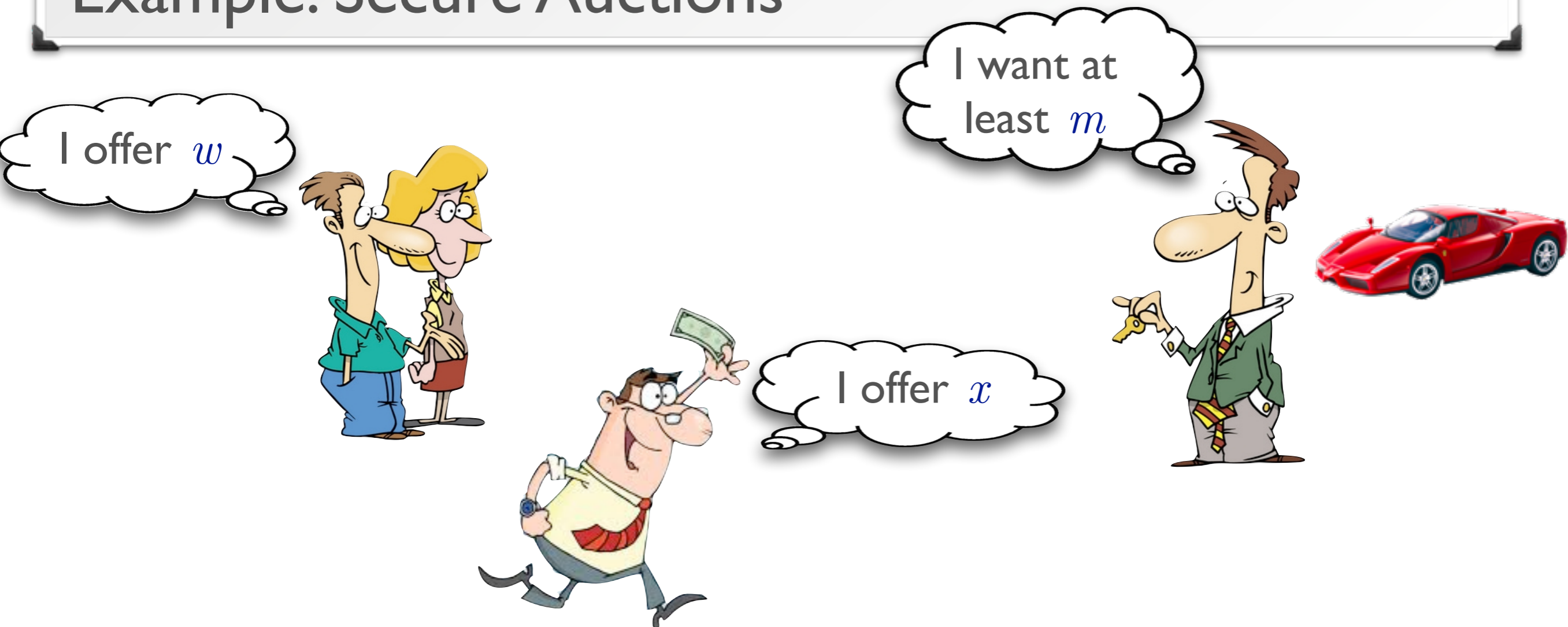
 **VOTE**



Find out what the majority wants, i.e., **tally the votes**,
without revealing individual opinions/votes:
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$$y = (\text{sum of YES votes, sum of NO votes})$$

Example: Secure Auctions



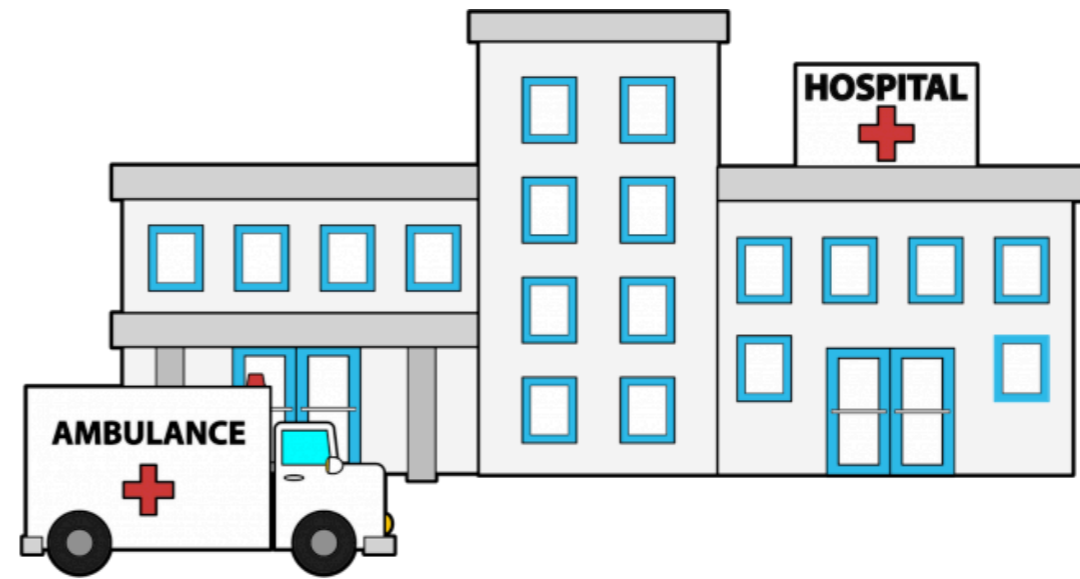
Find the **winning bid**, while **keeping individual bids private**.
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$y =$ “identity of the largest bid $\geq m$ if one exists”

i.e., more formally,

$$y = \arg \max \{ w, x, m \}.$$

Etc.



Perform a **scientific study on patient data**,
without the hospital having to **reveal such sensitive data**.

Etc. etc.



Find Facebook **friends** that are **nearby**, **without** letting Facebook (or friends not nearby) know where you are.

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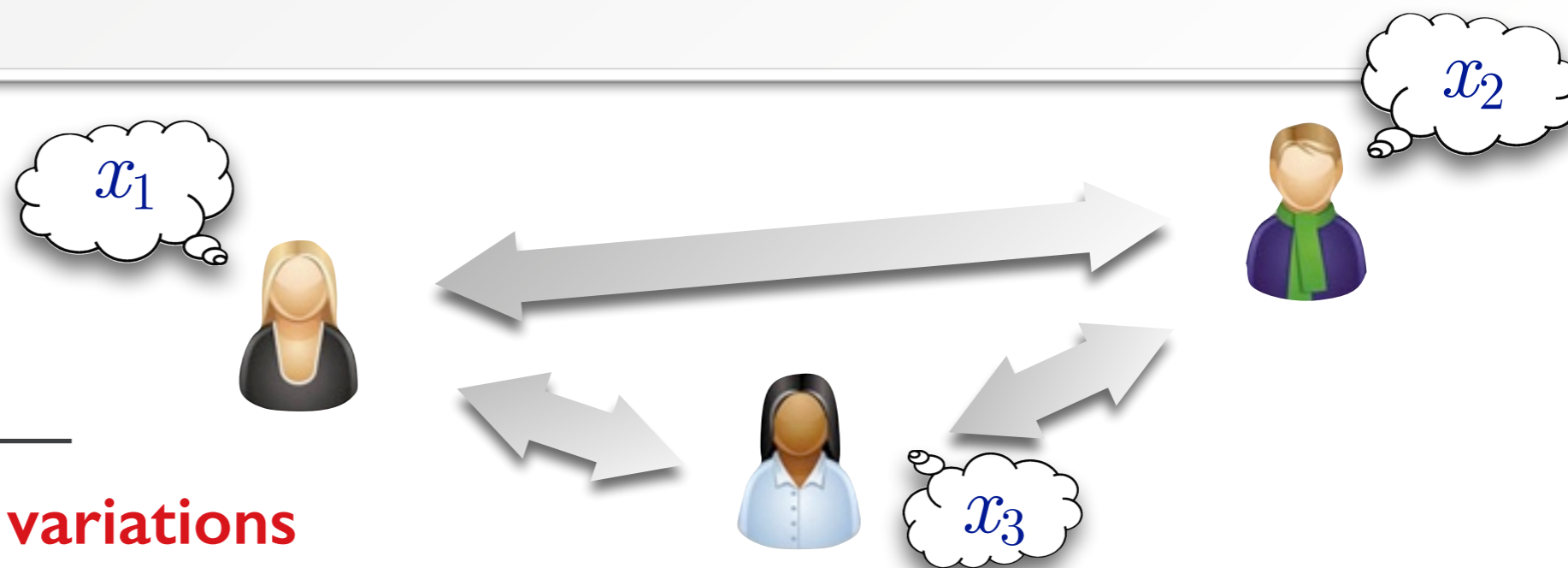
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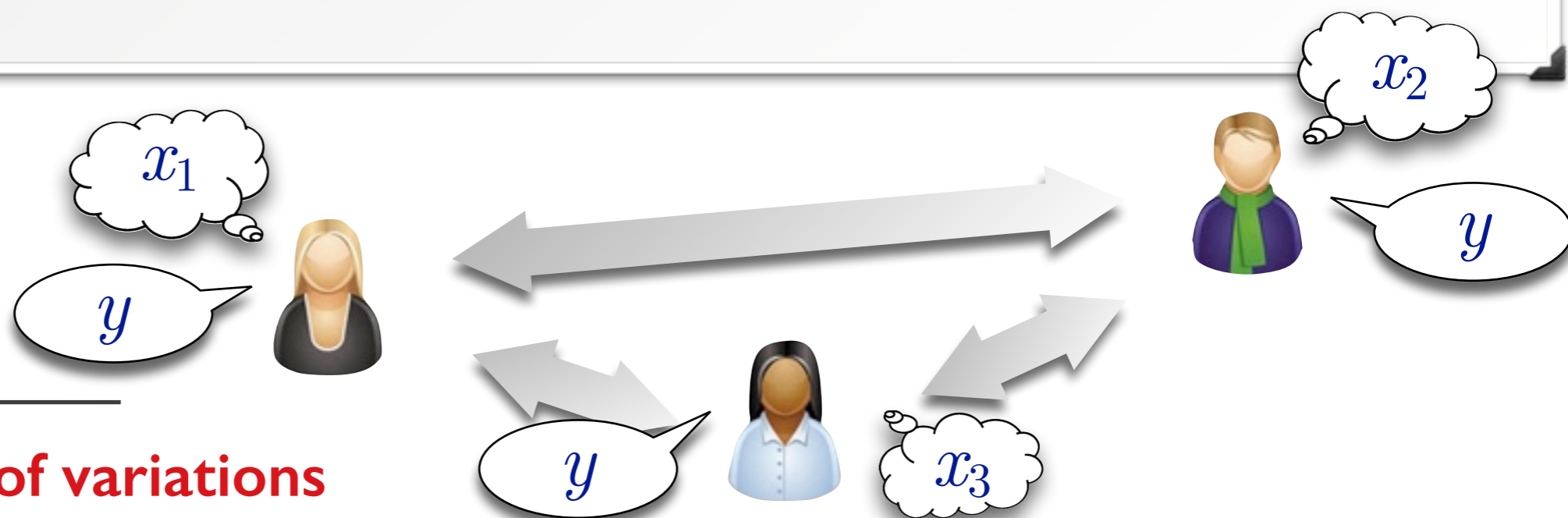
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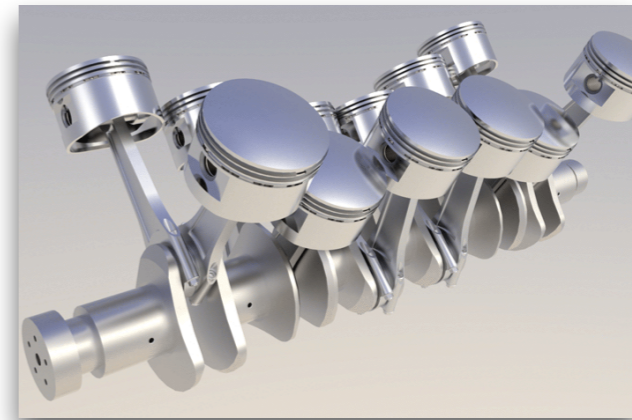
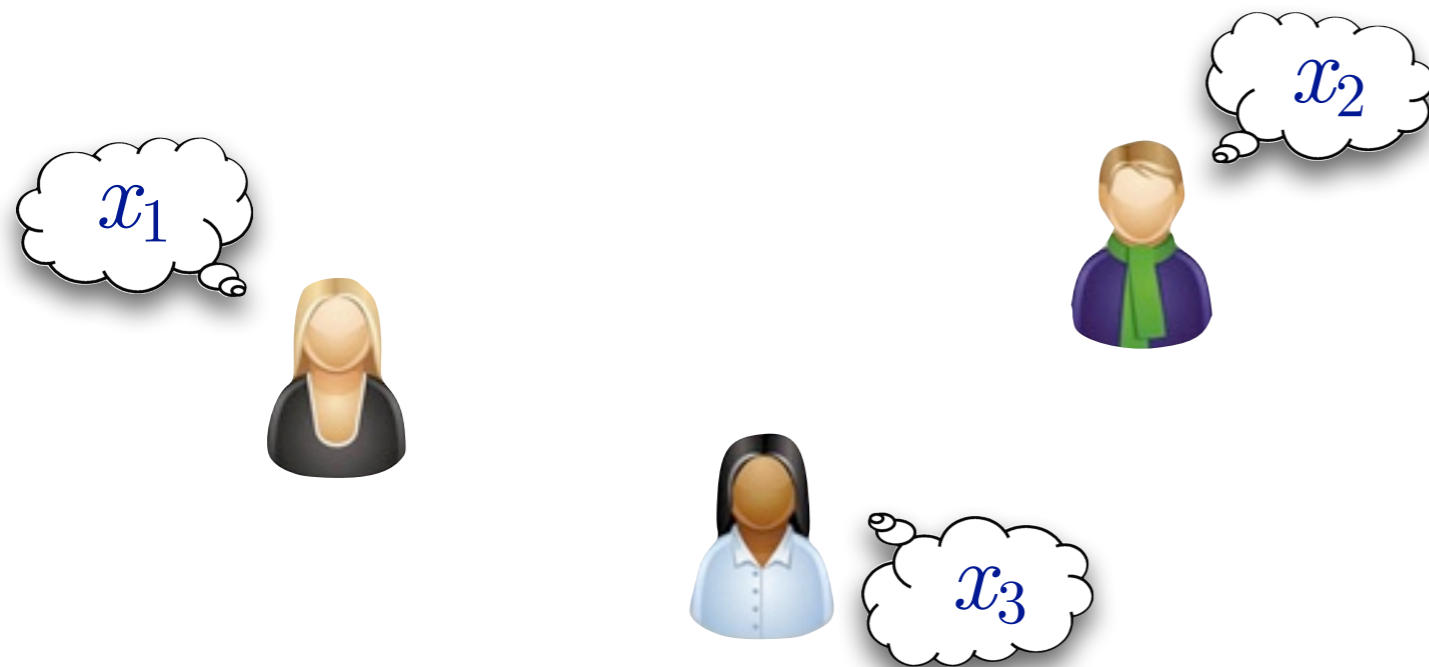


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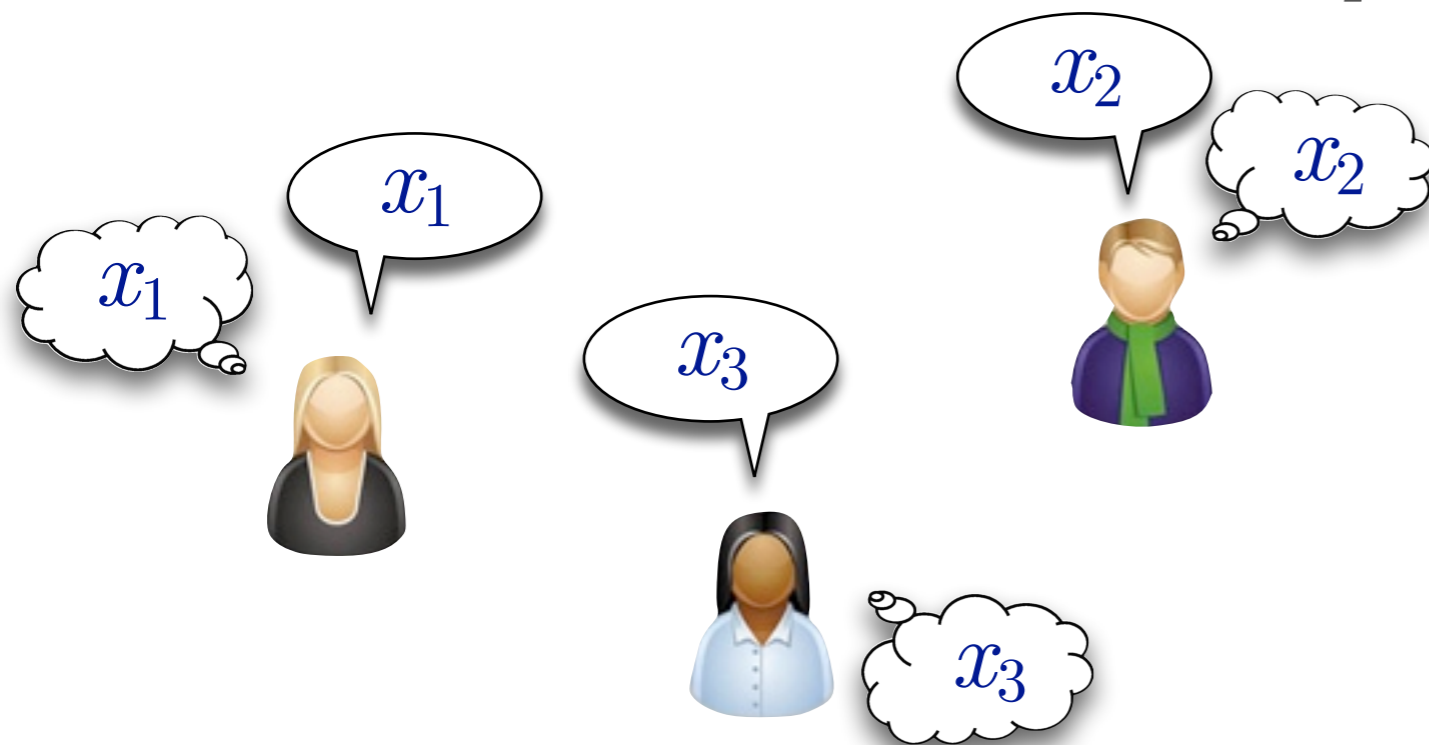
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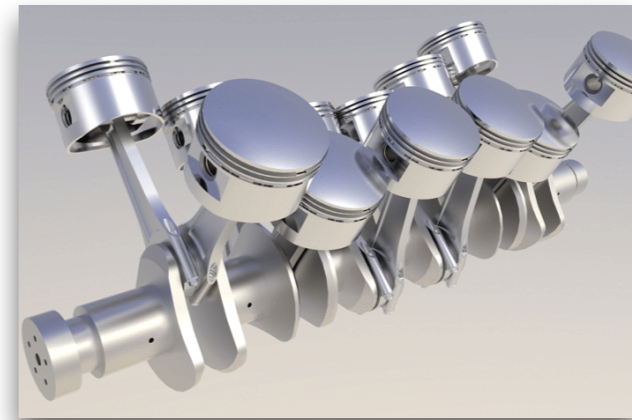


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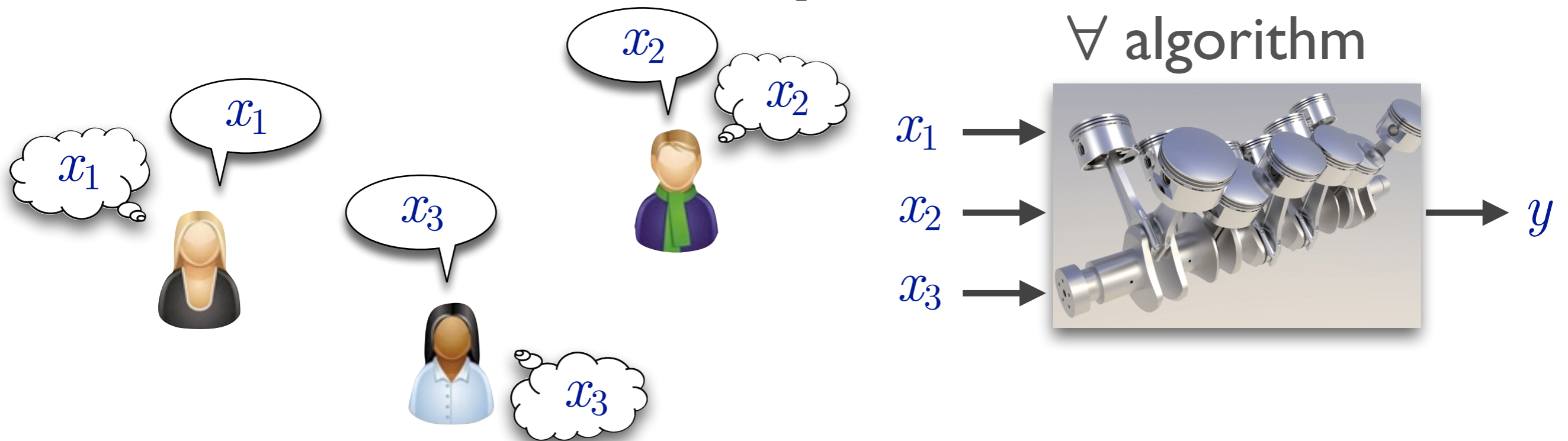


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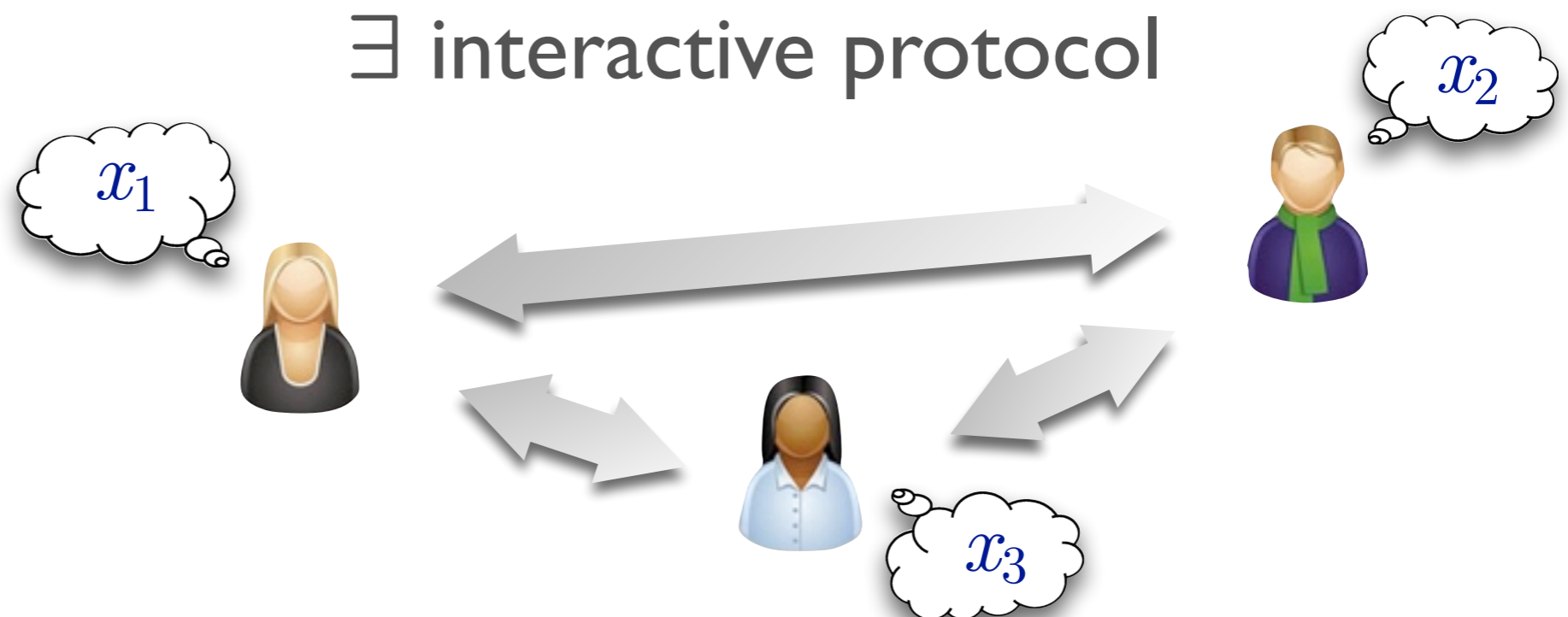
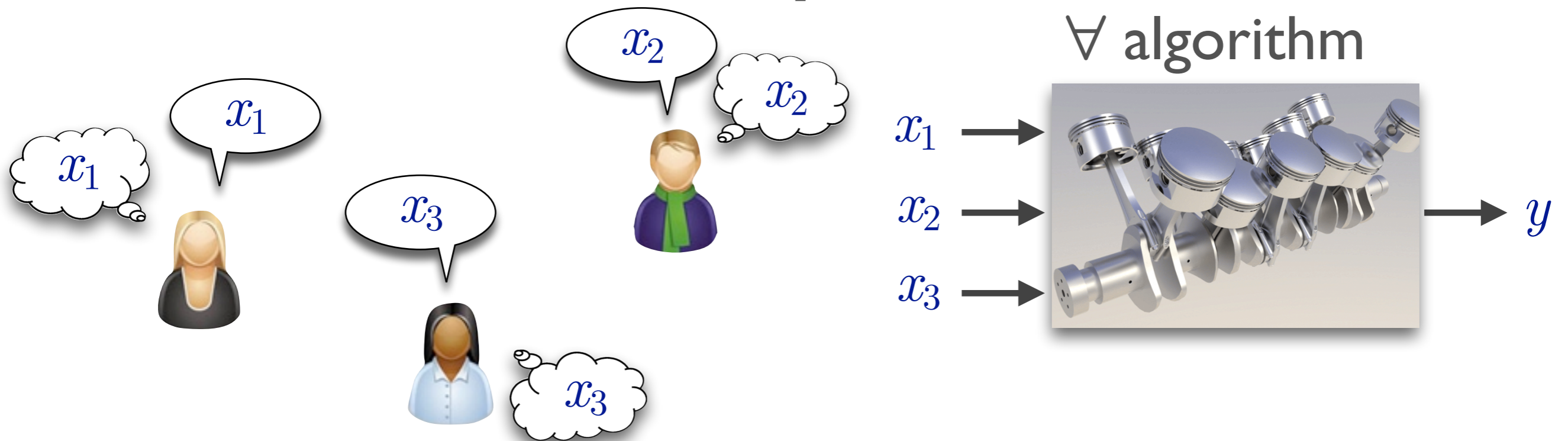
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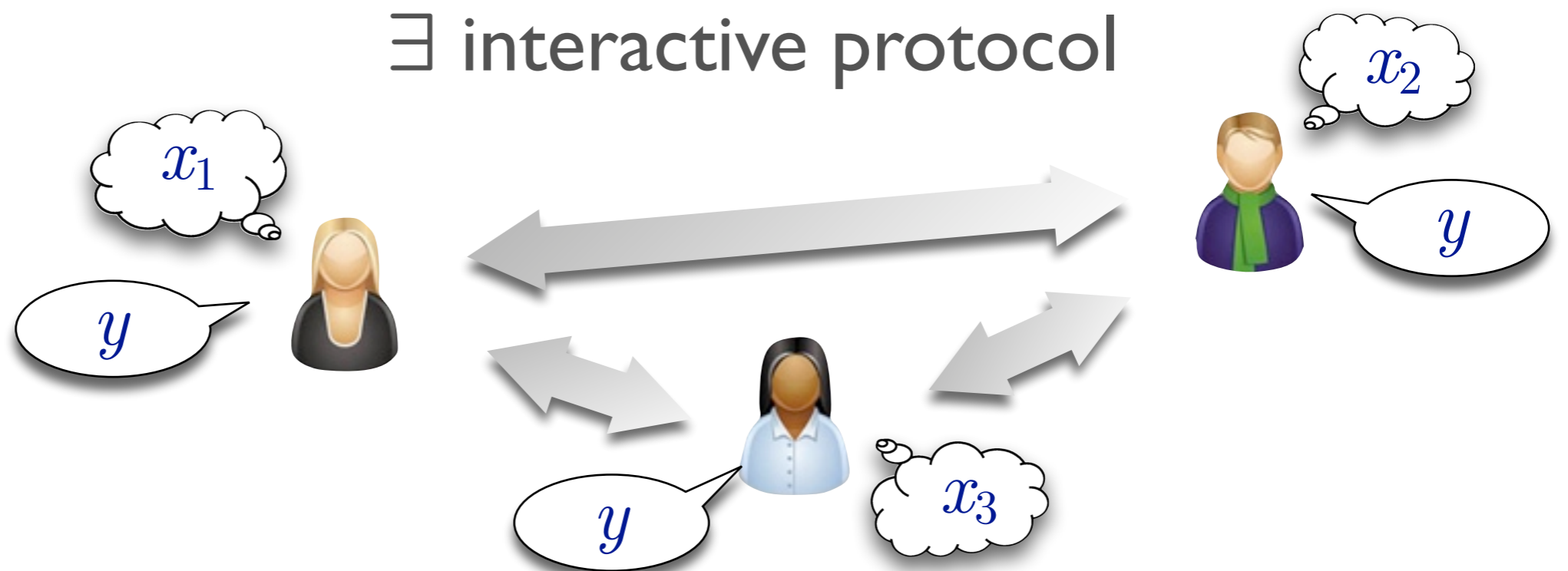
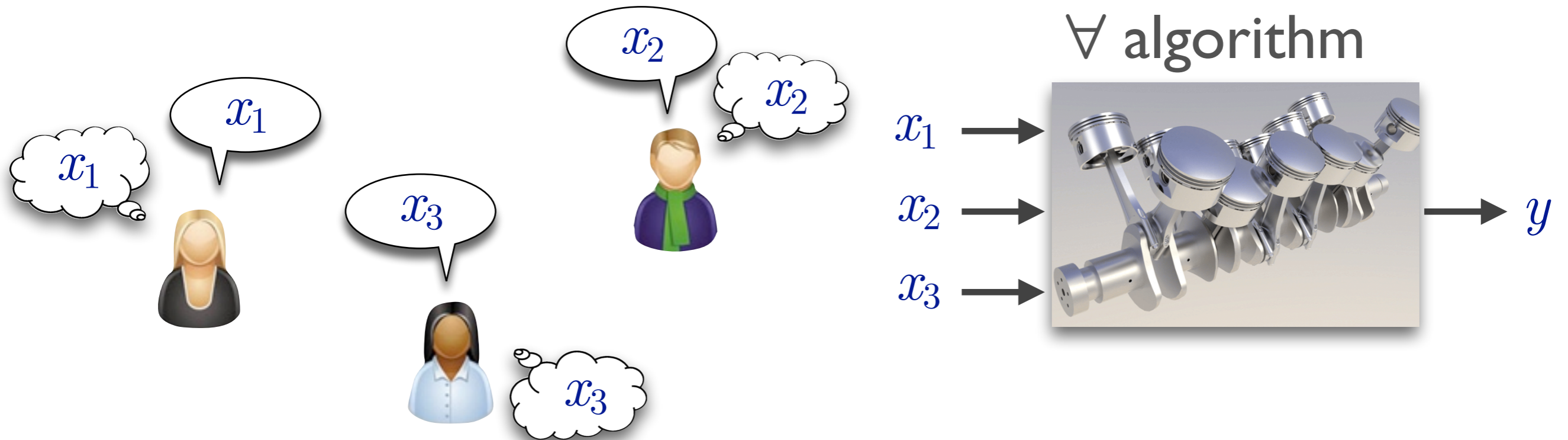
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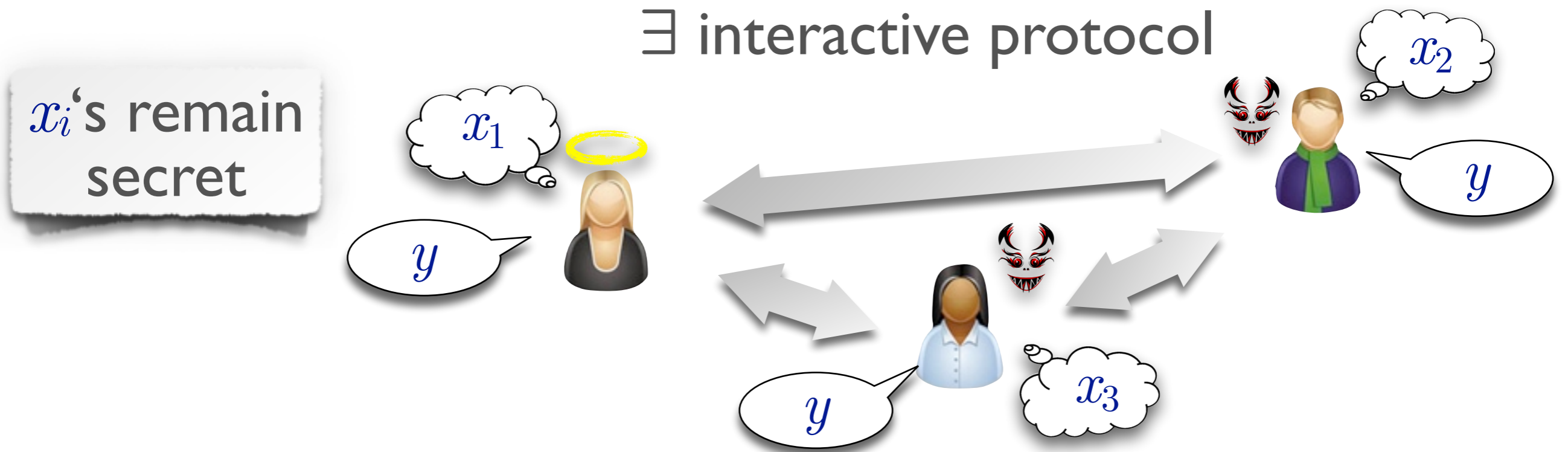
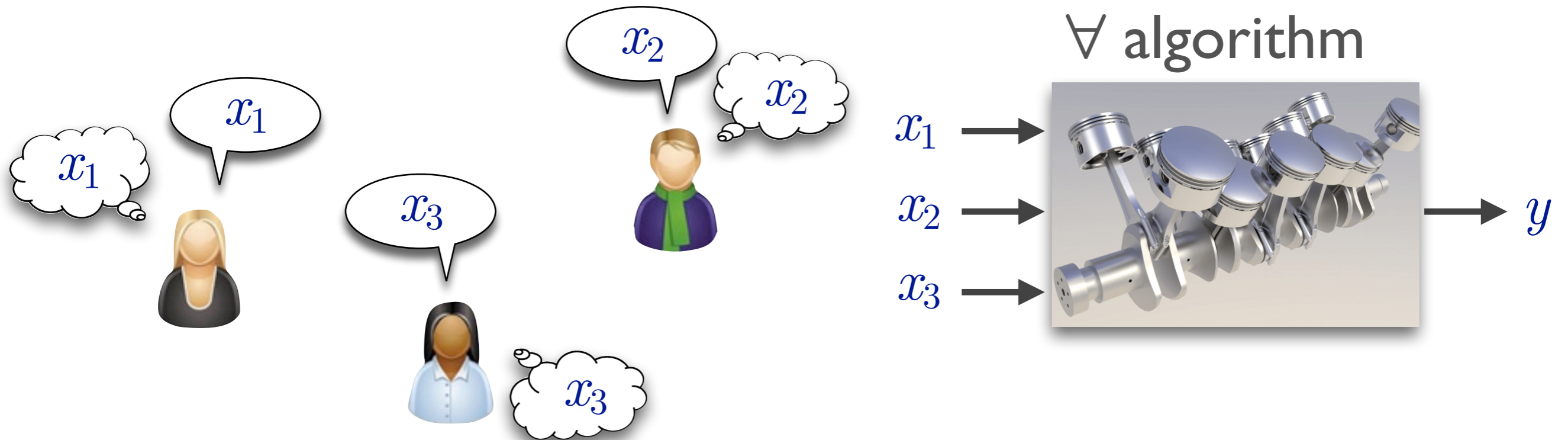
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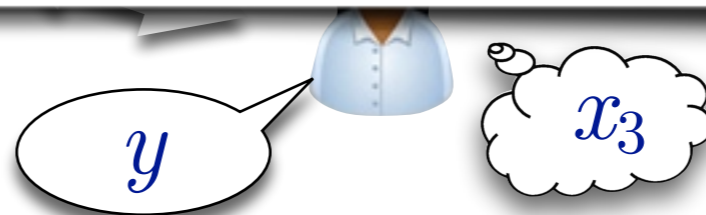
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- **number** of conspiring dishonest parties it tolerates
- assumed **capabilities** of dishonest parties
- considered **communication infrastructure**
- (dis)allowing the protocol to **abort**
- (not) requiring **fairness** and/or **cheater detection**
- etc.

Also, comes with a (significant) **overhead** in **computation** and **communication**.

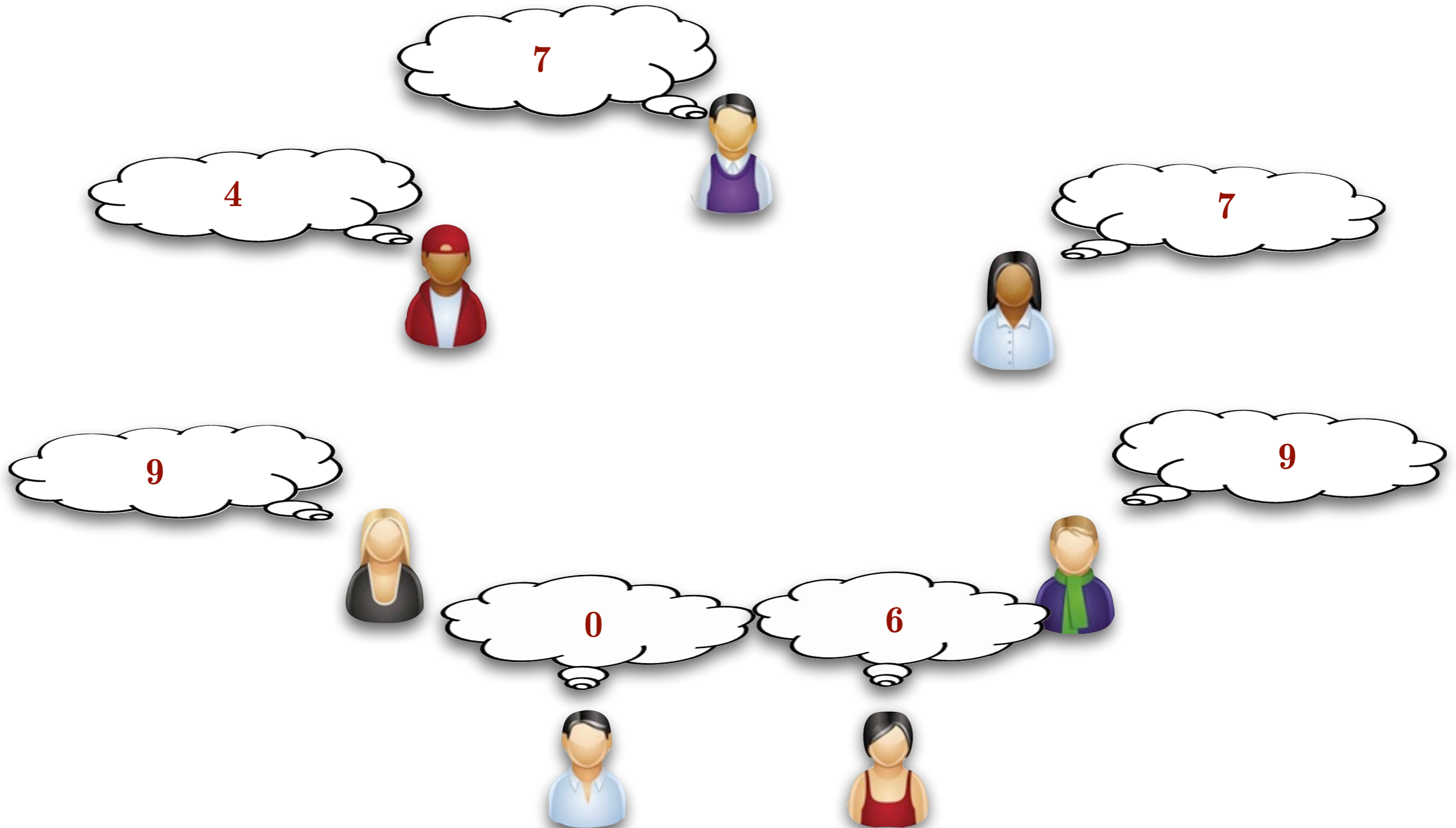


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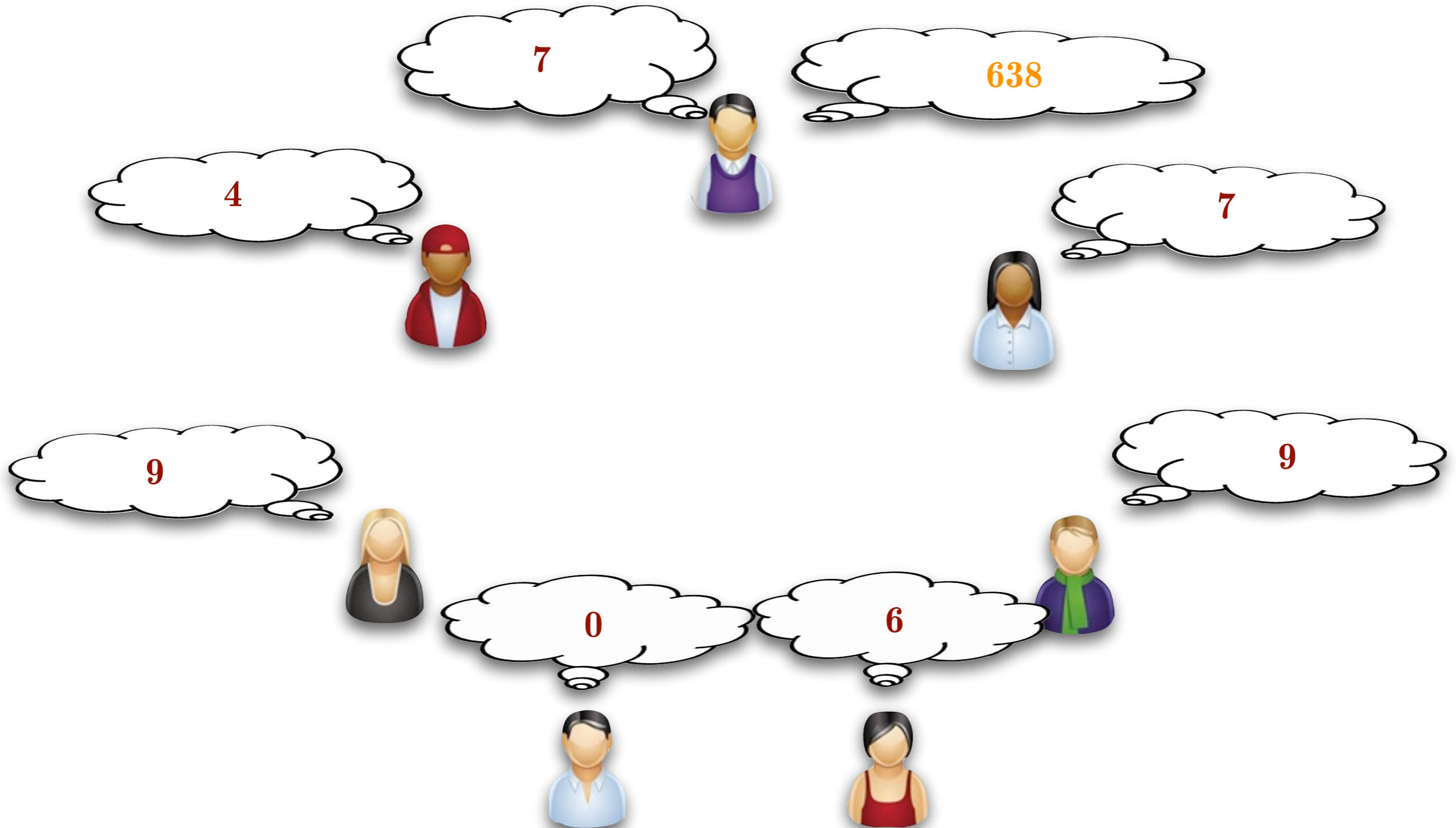
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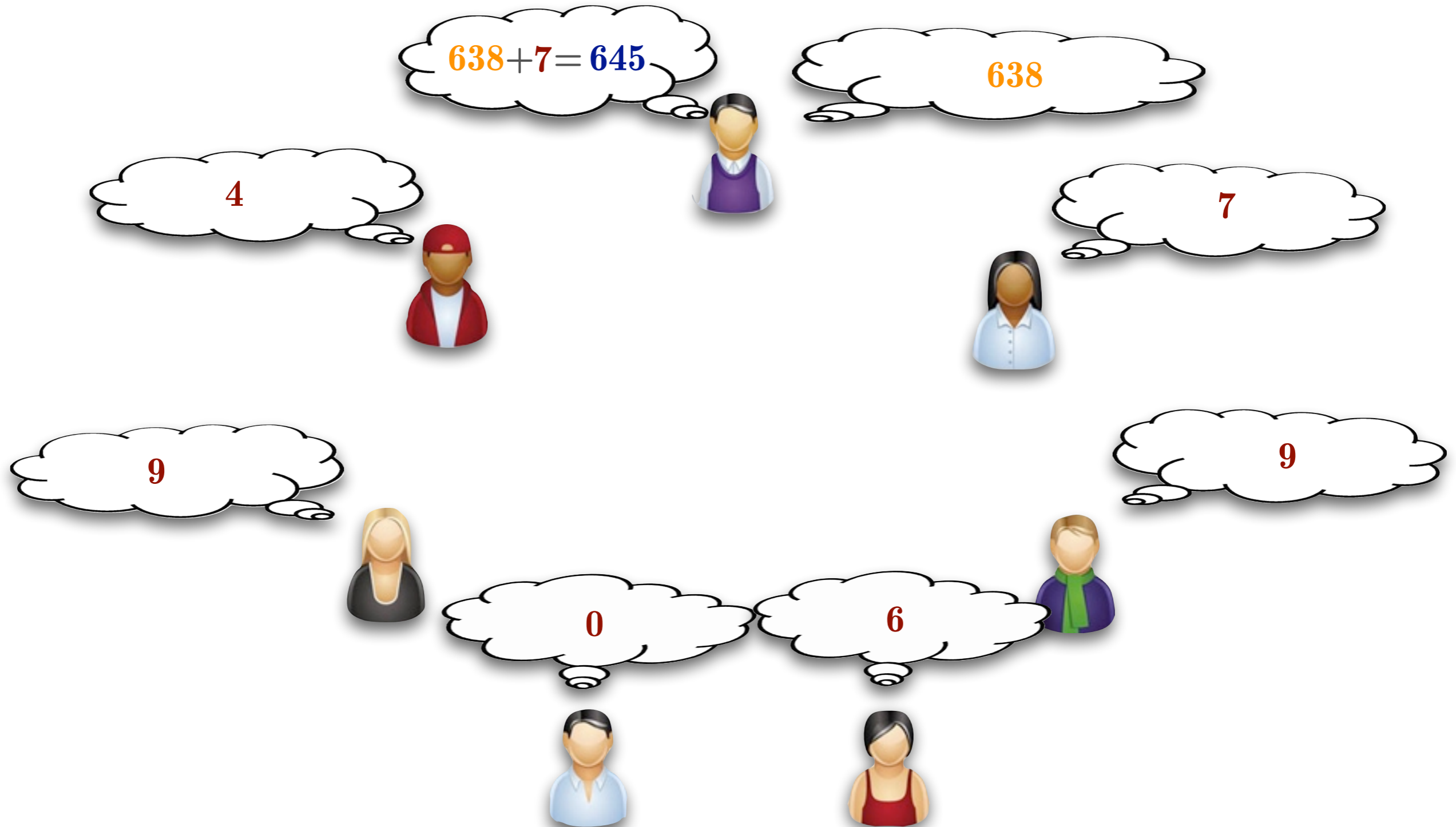
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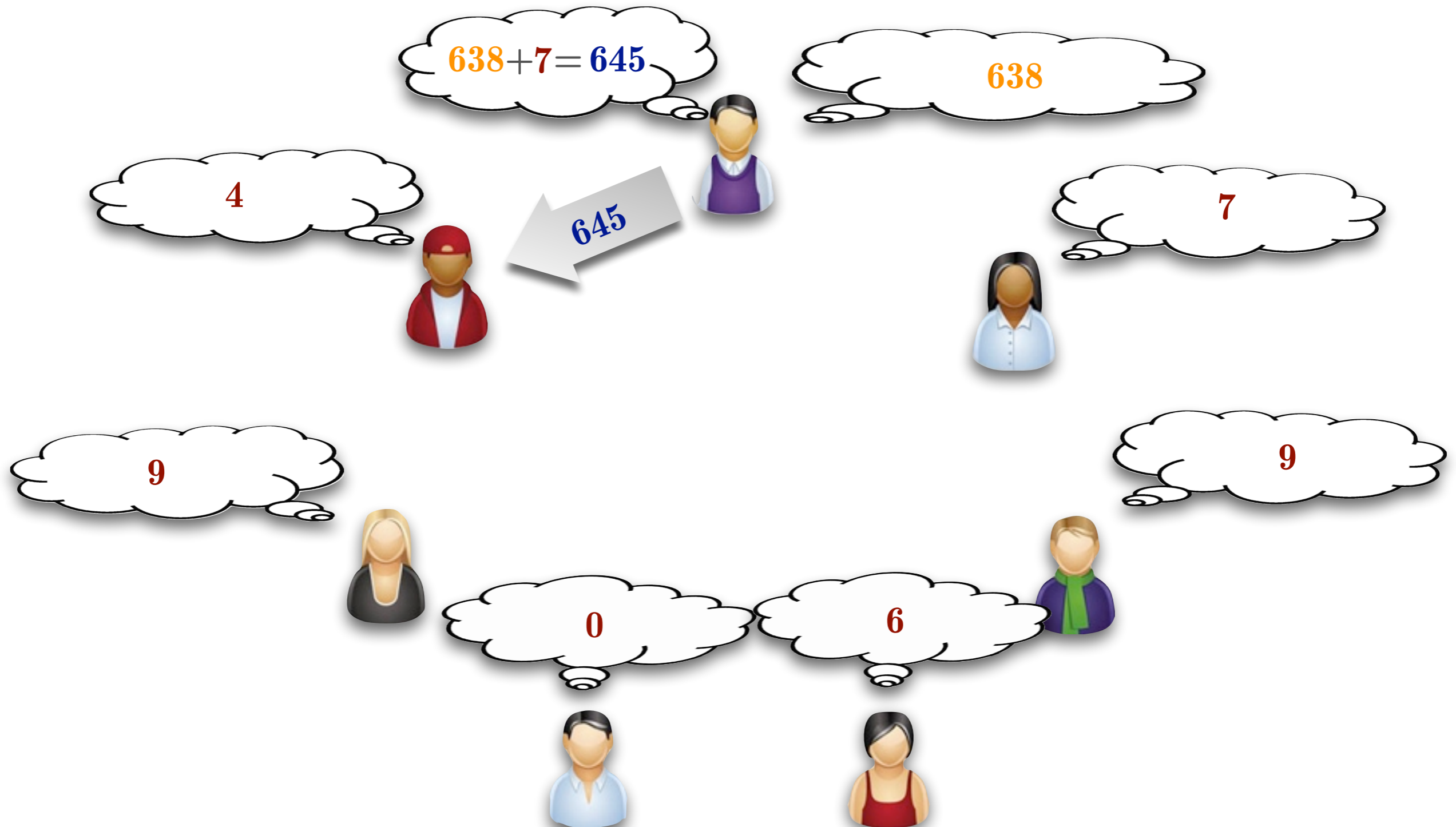
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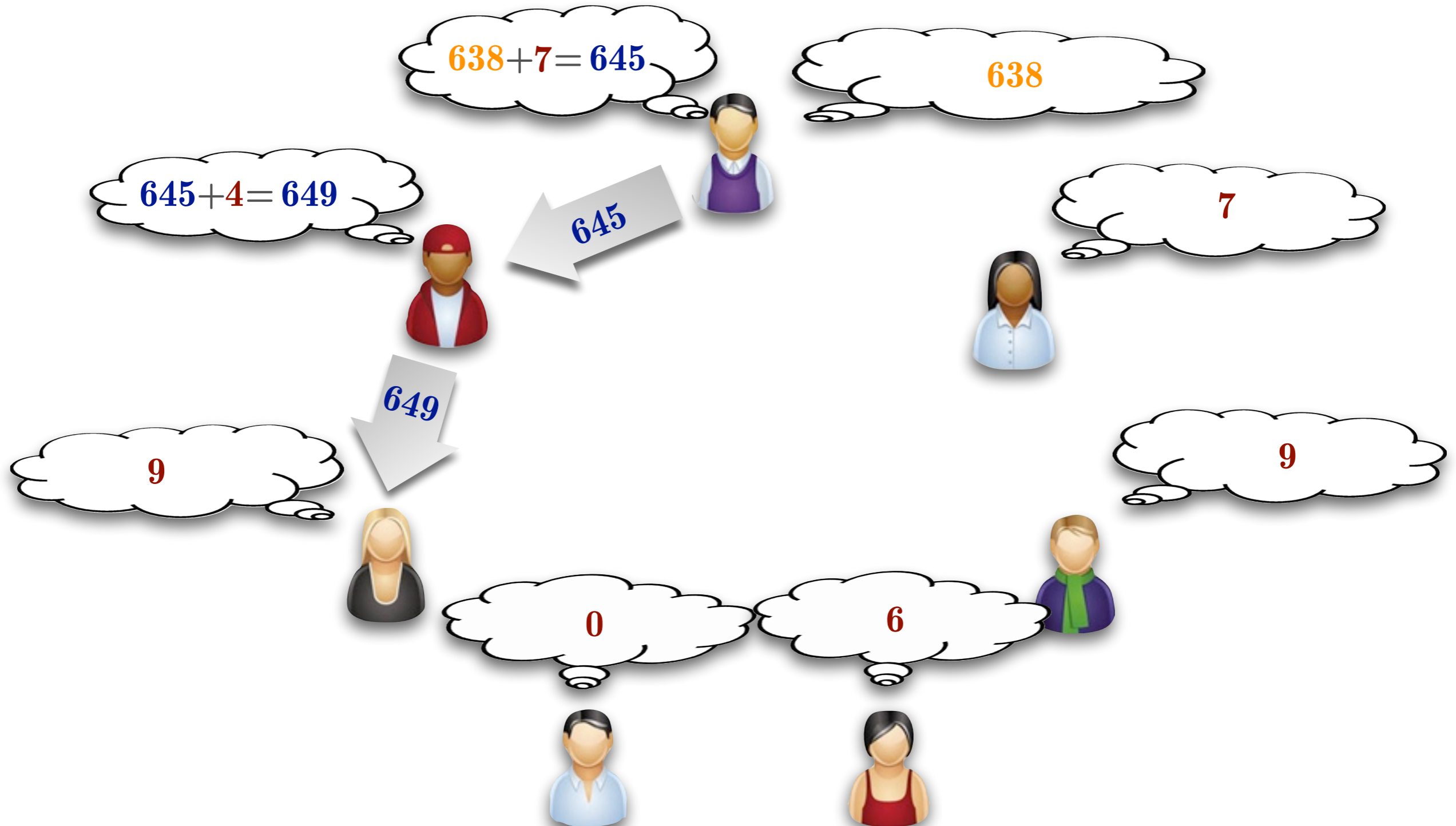
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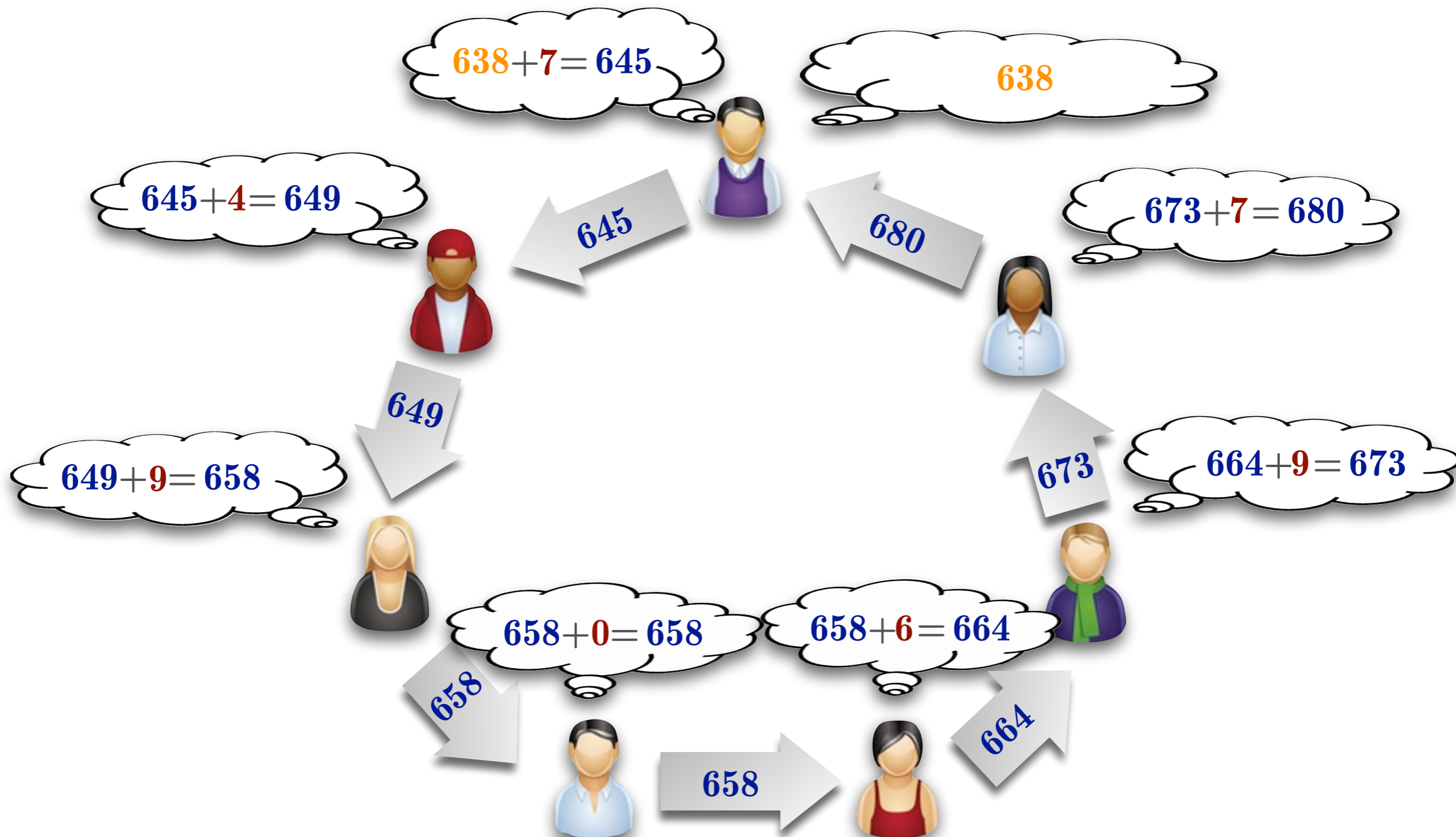
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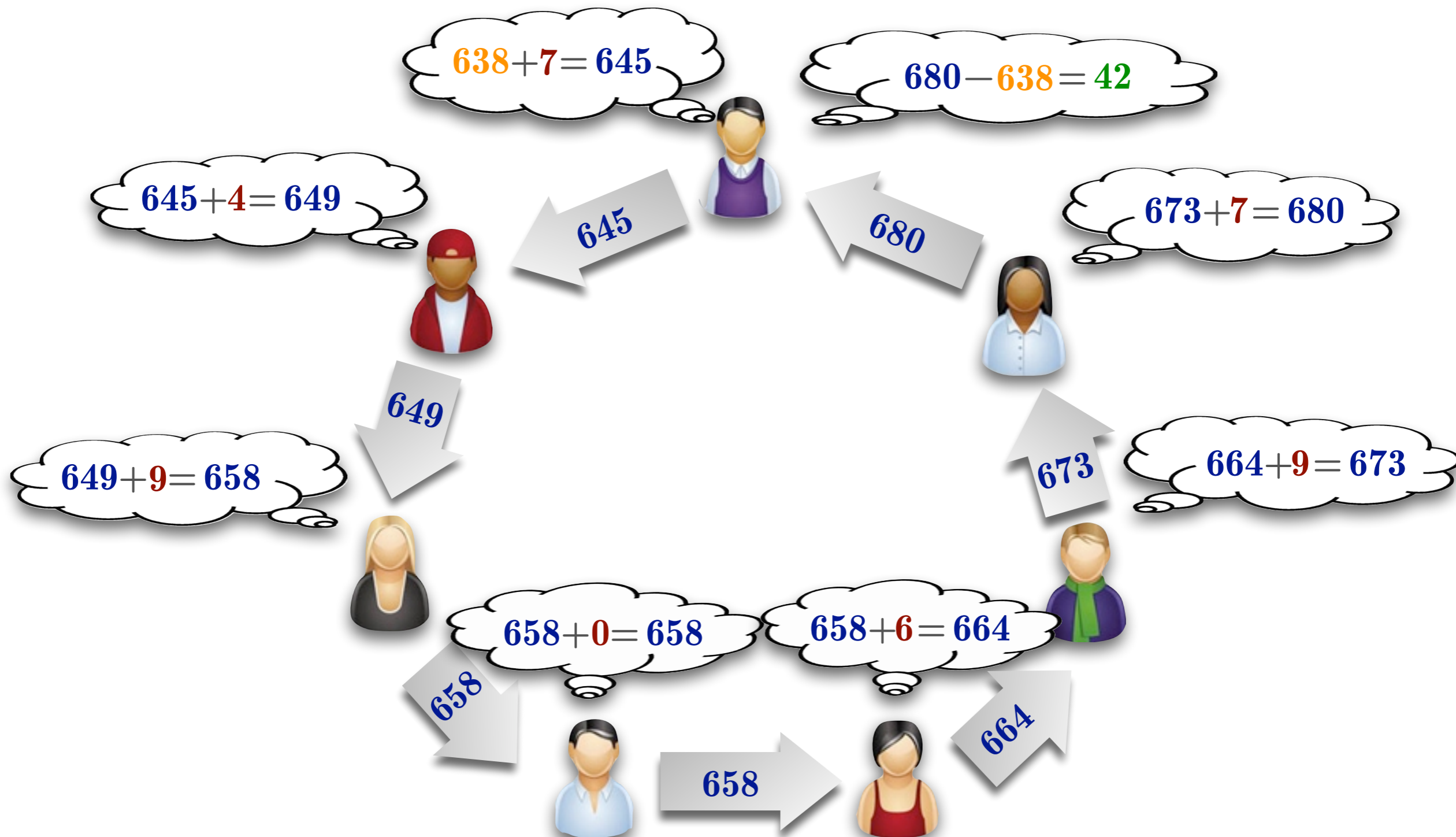
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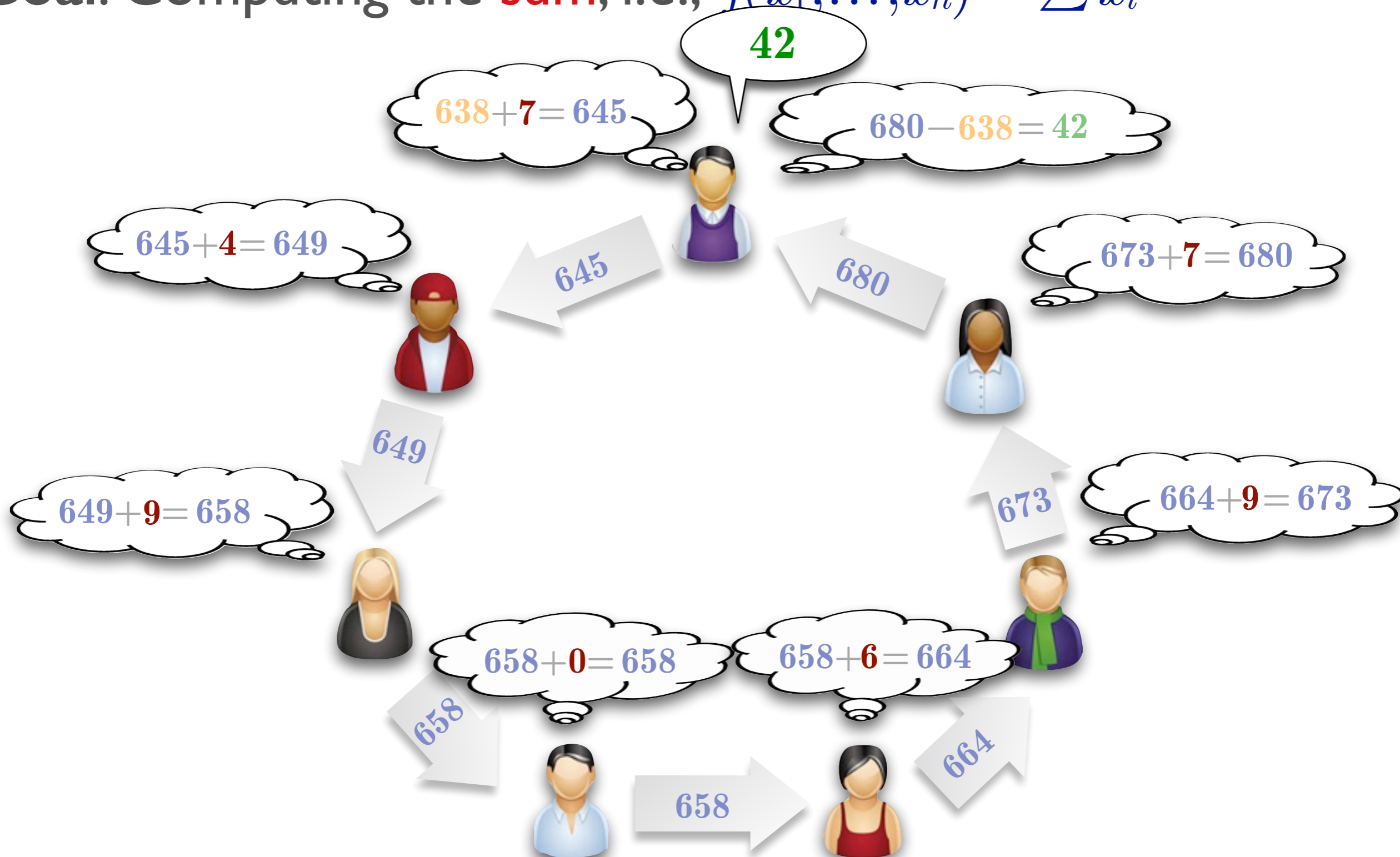
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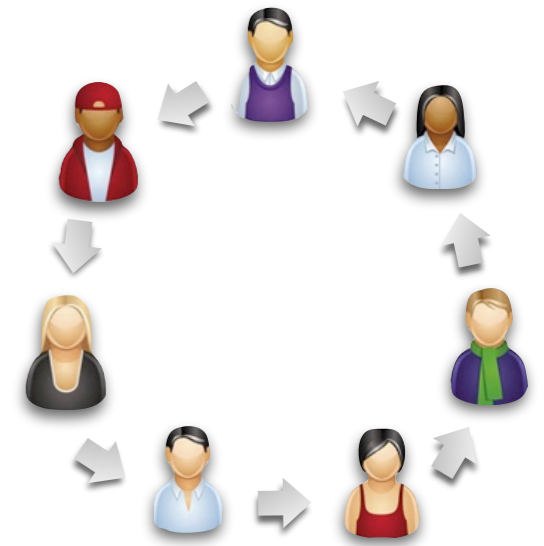
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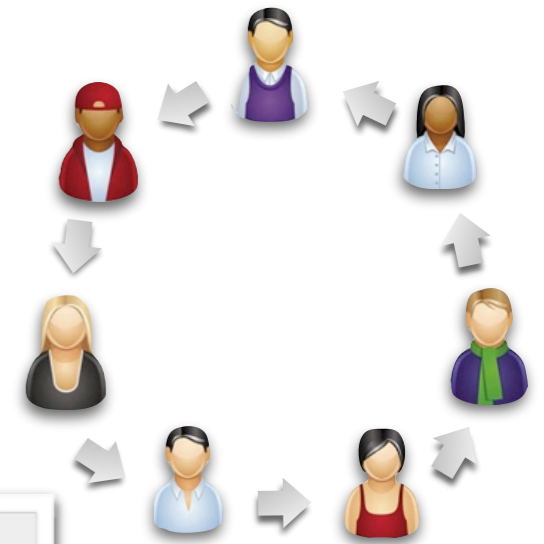


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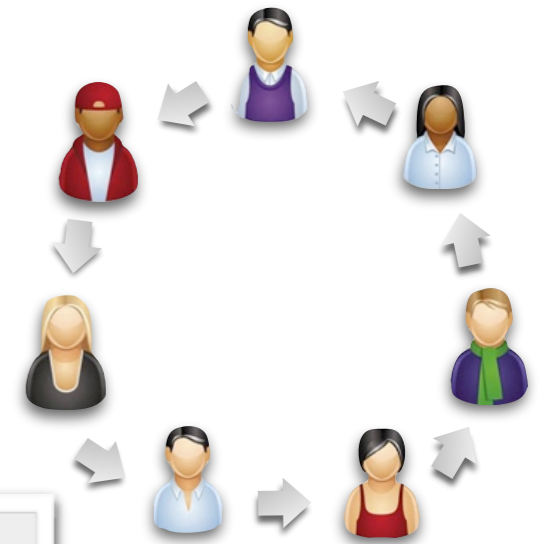
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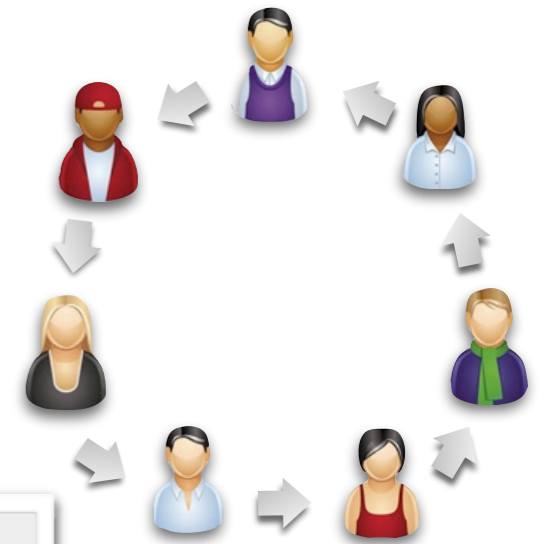
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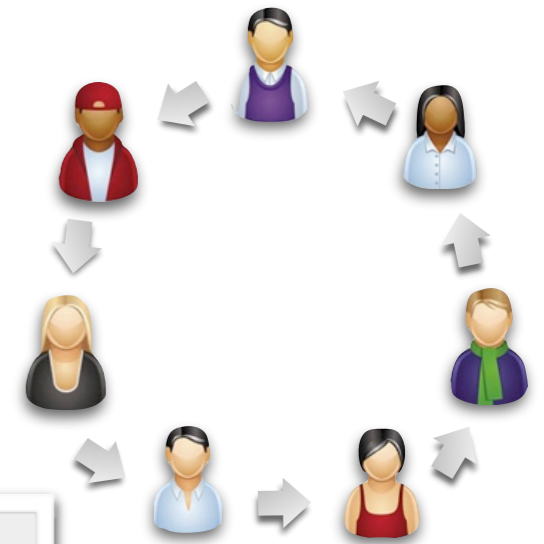
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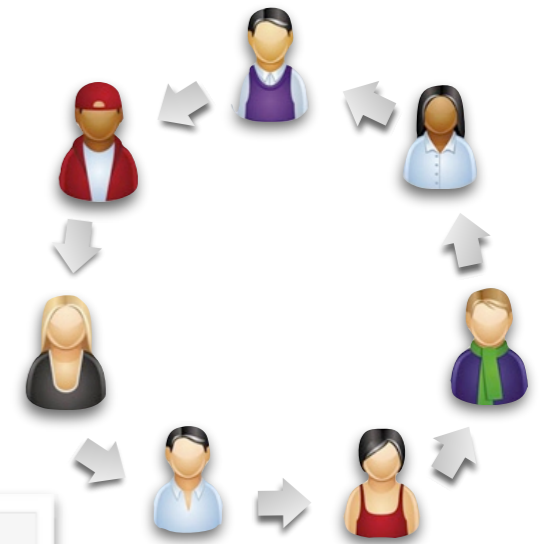
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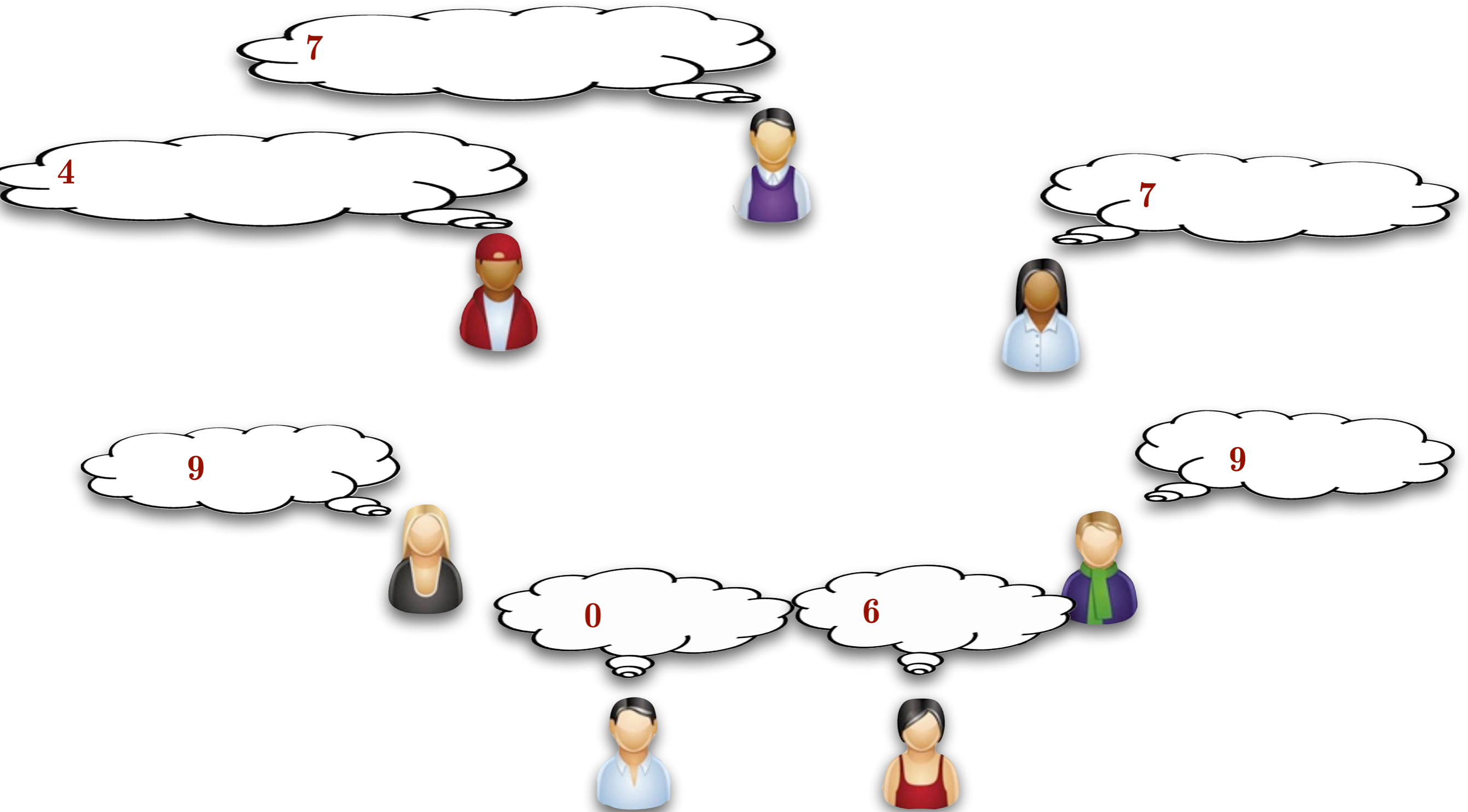
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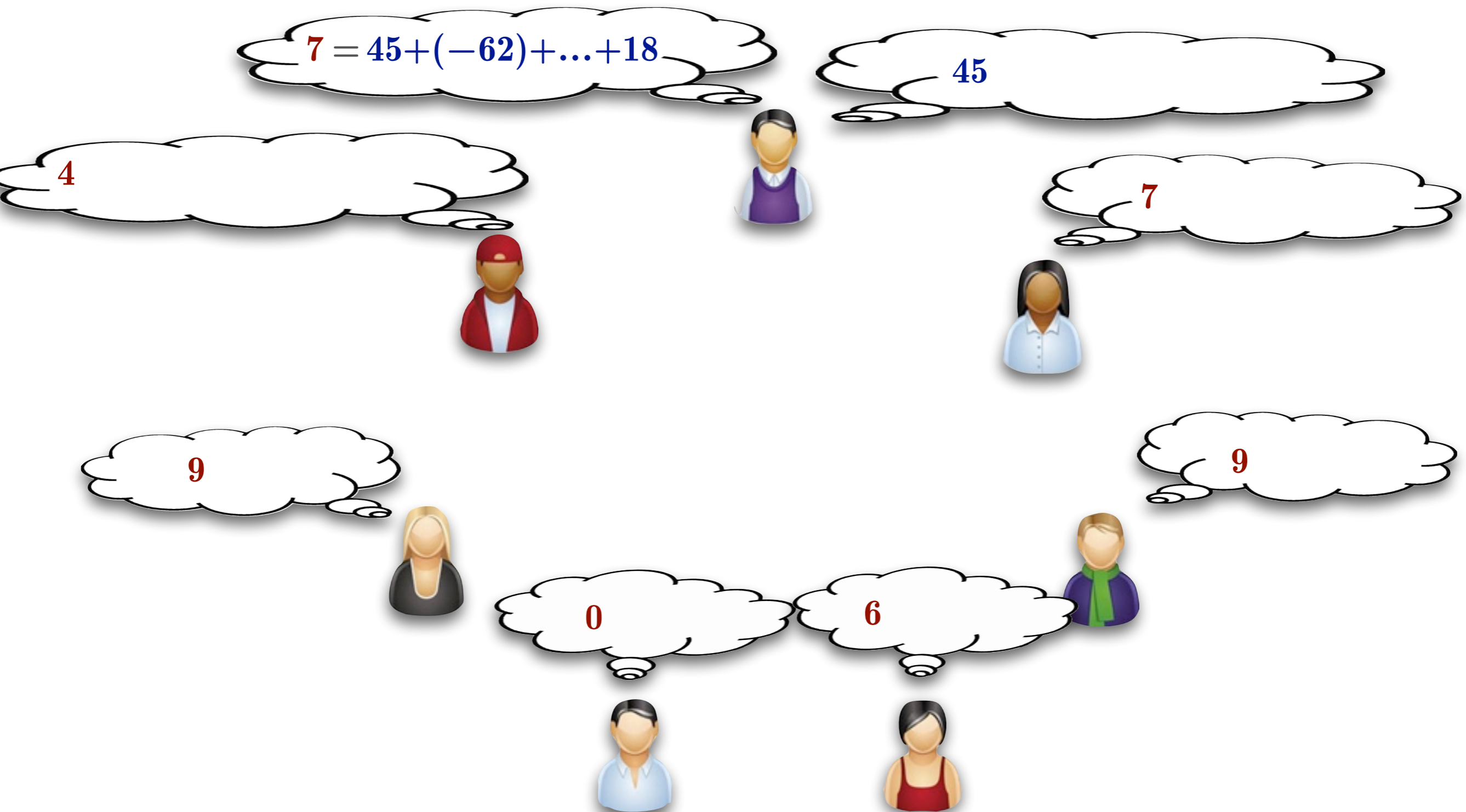
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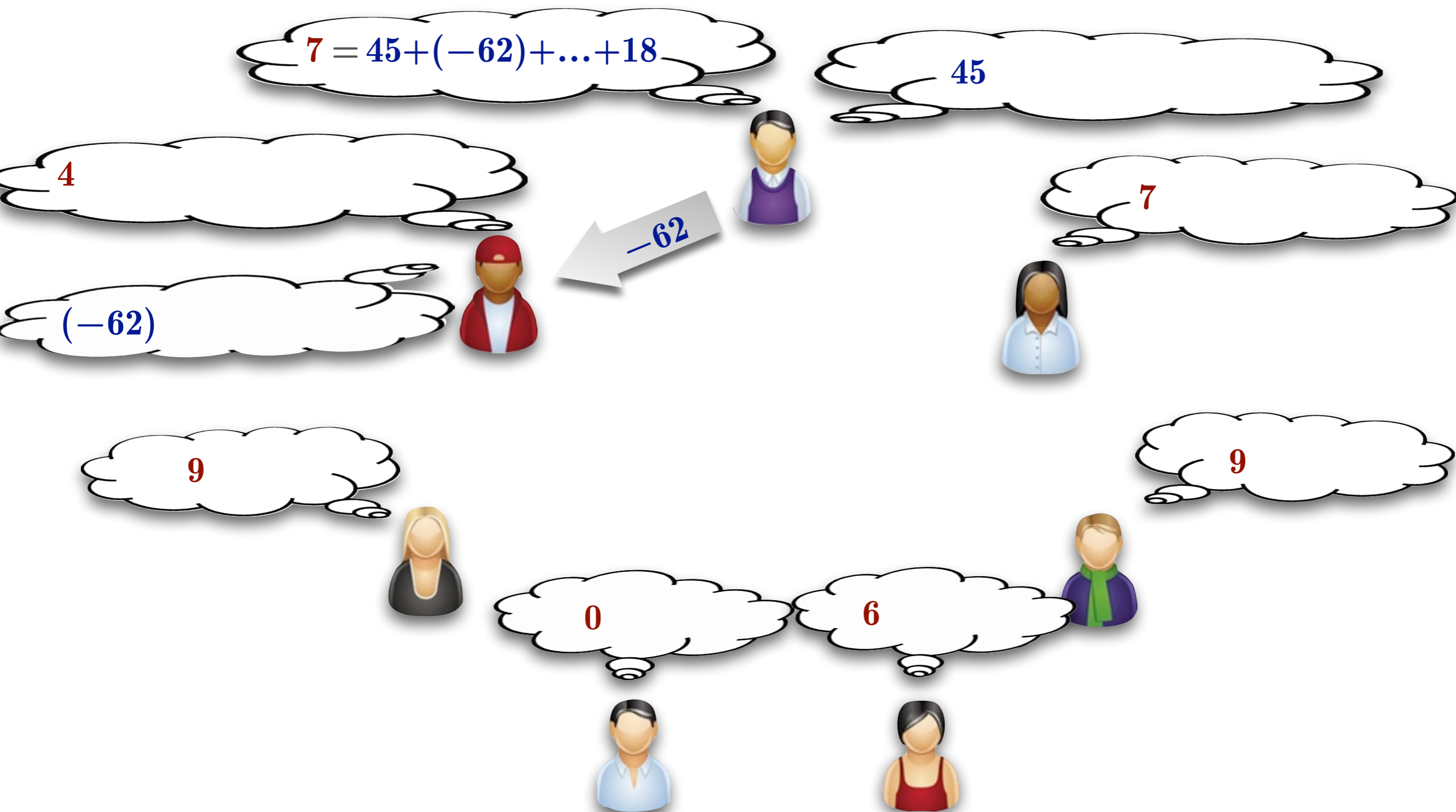
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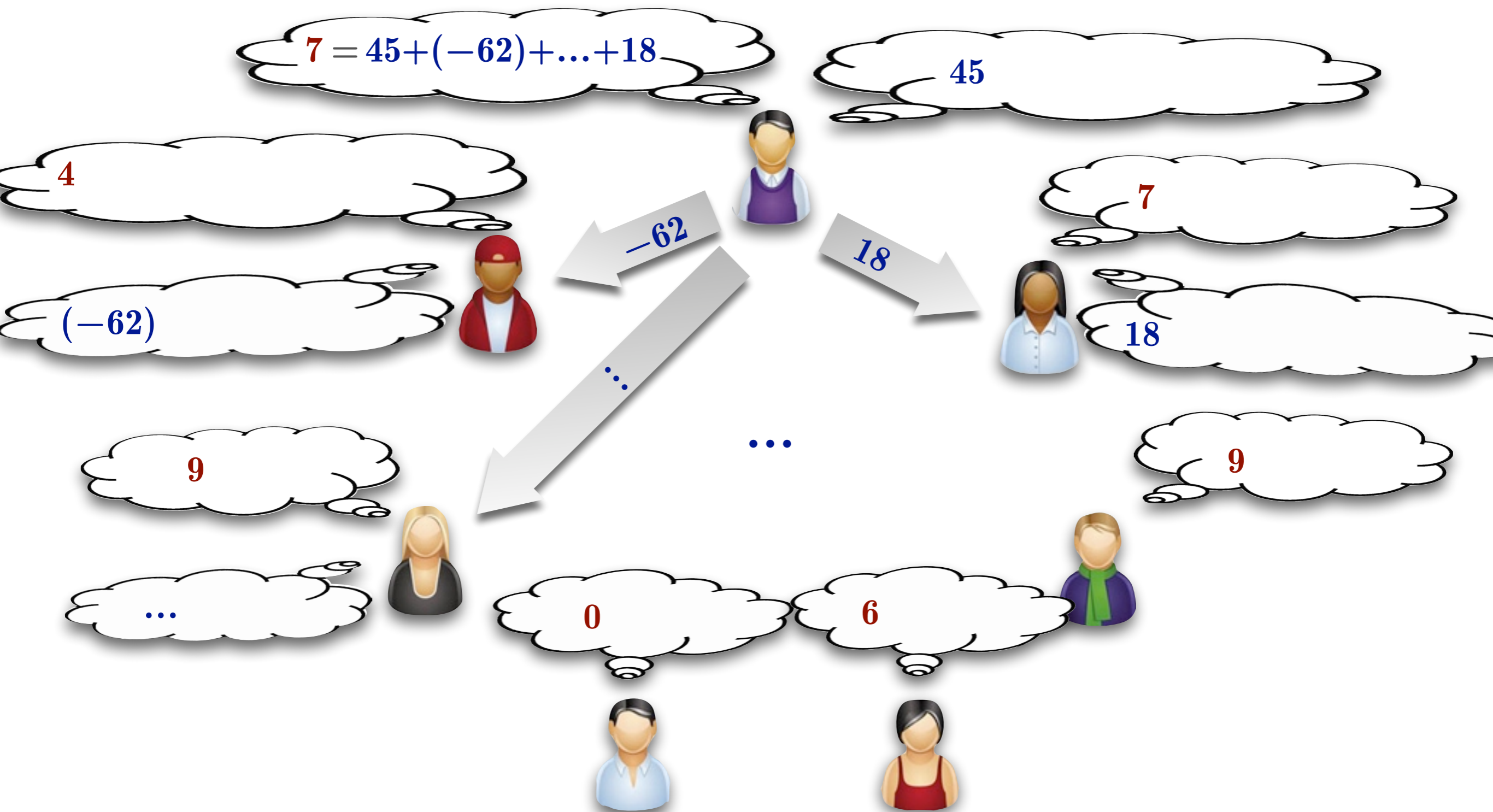
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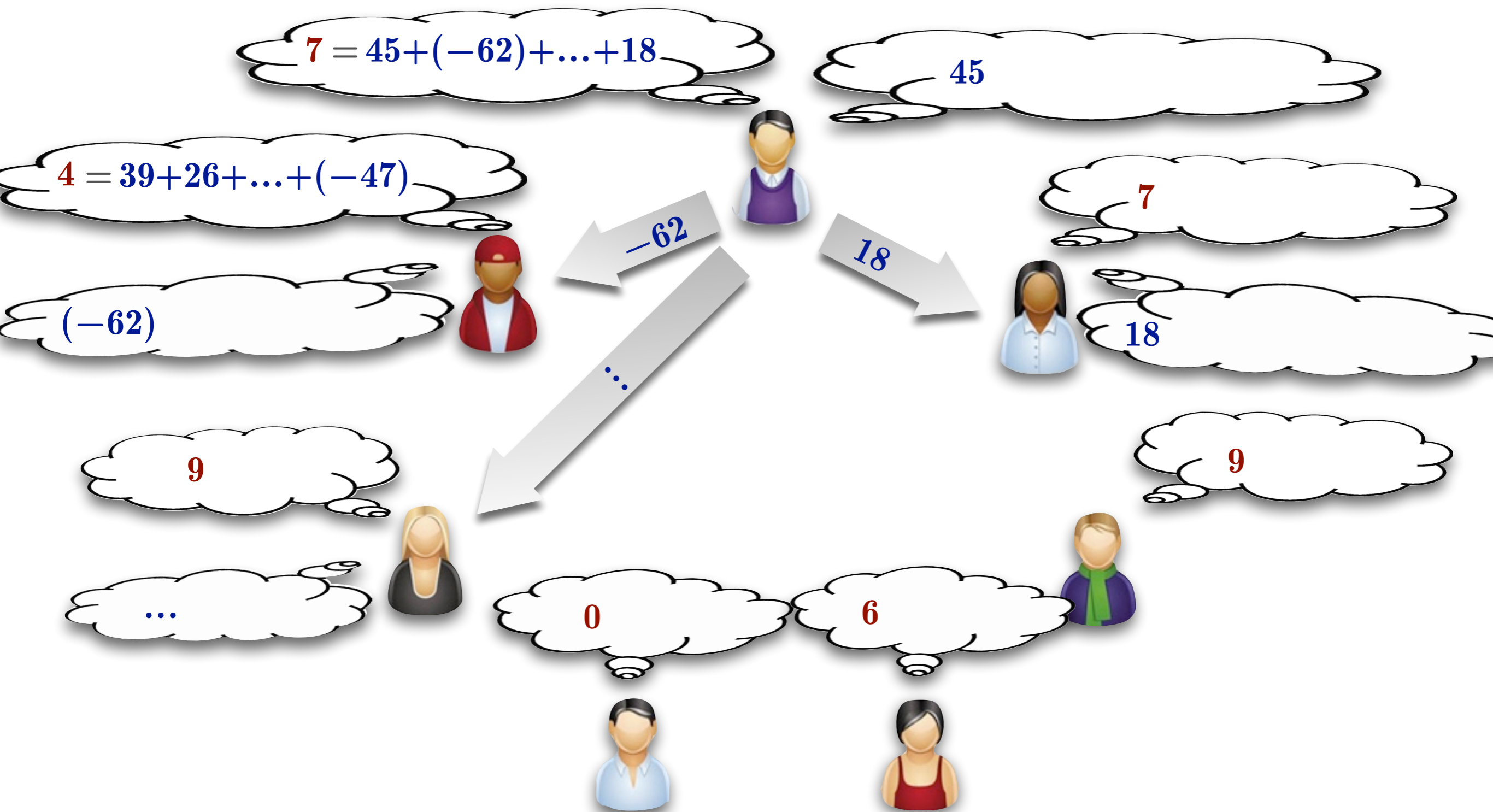
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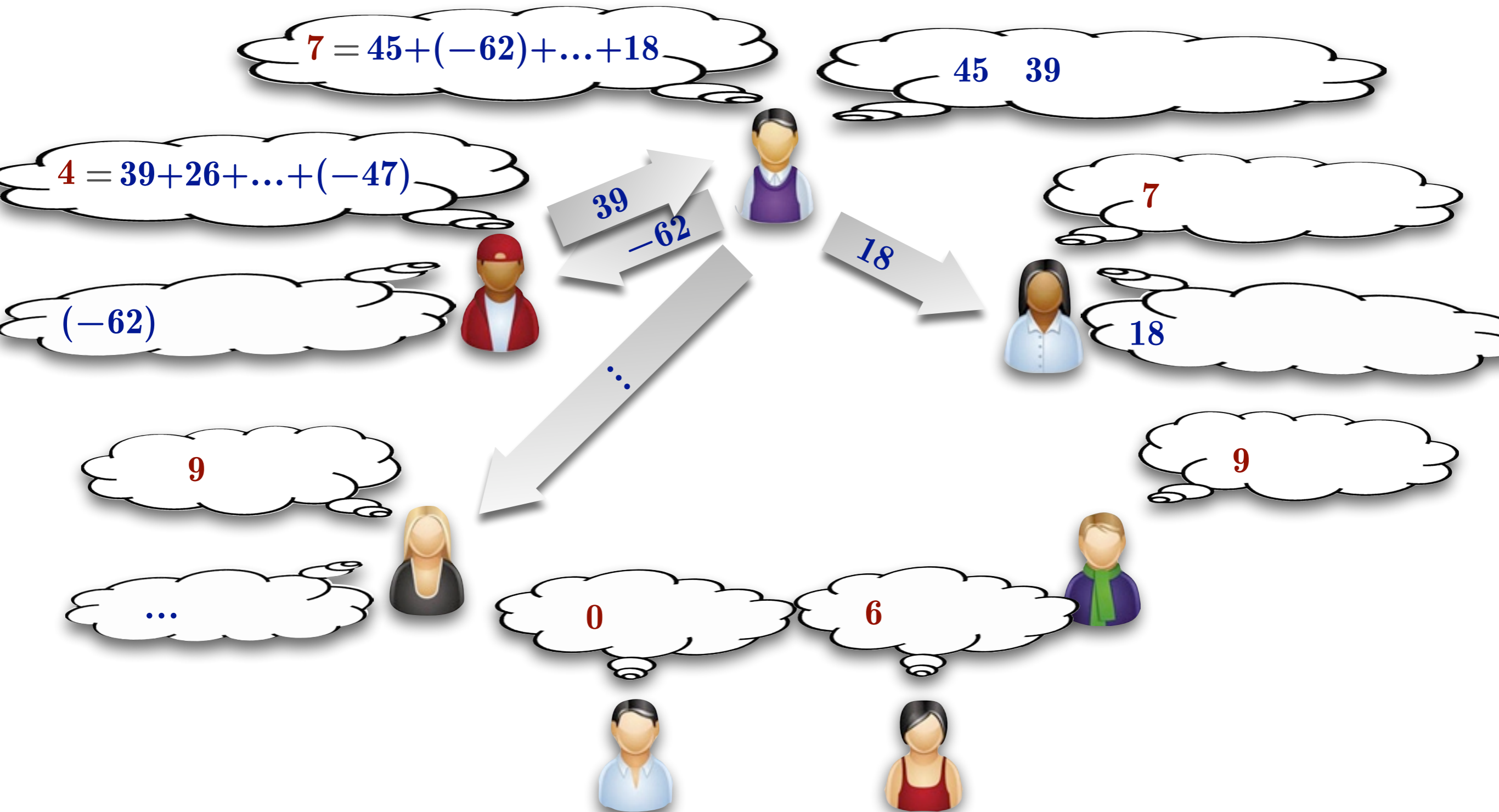
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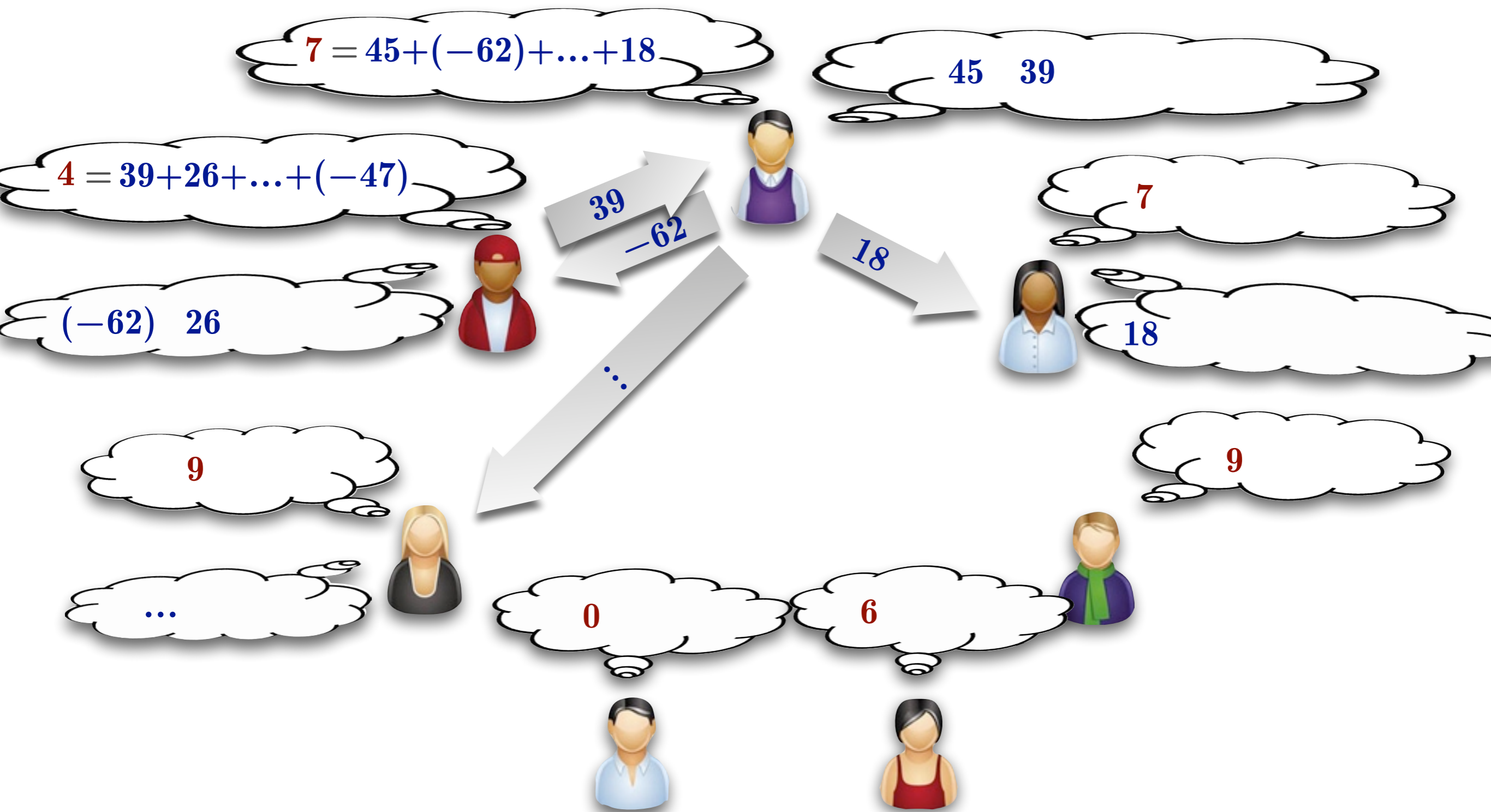
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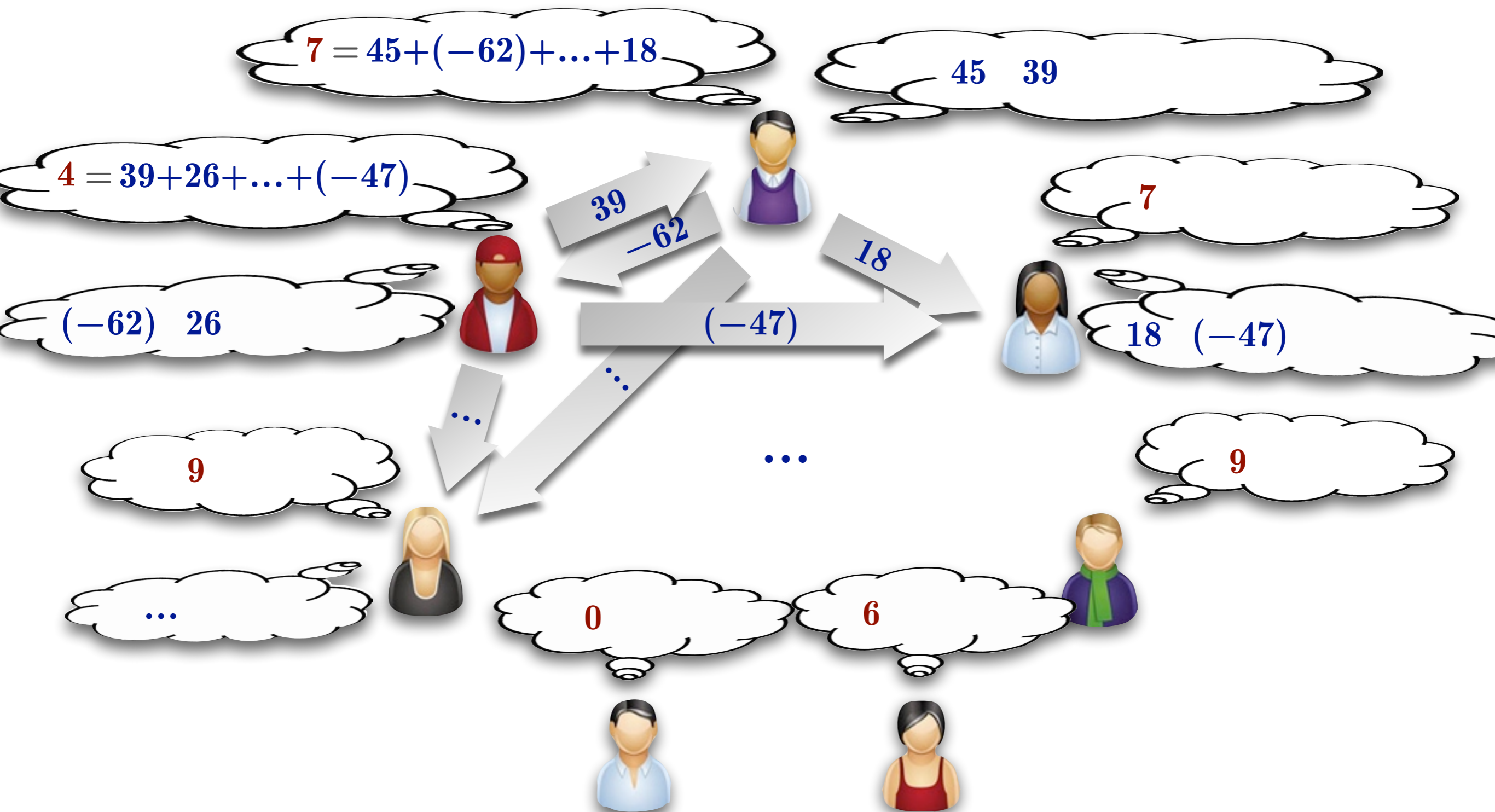
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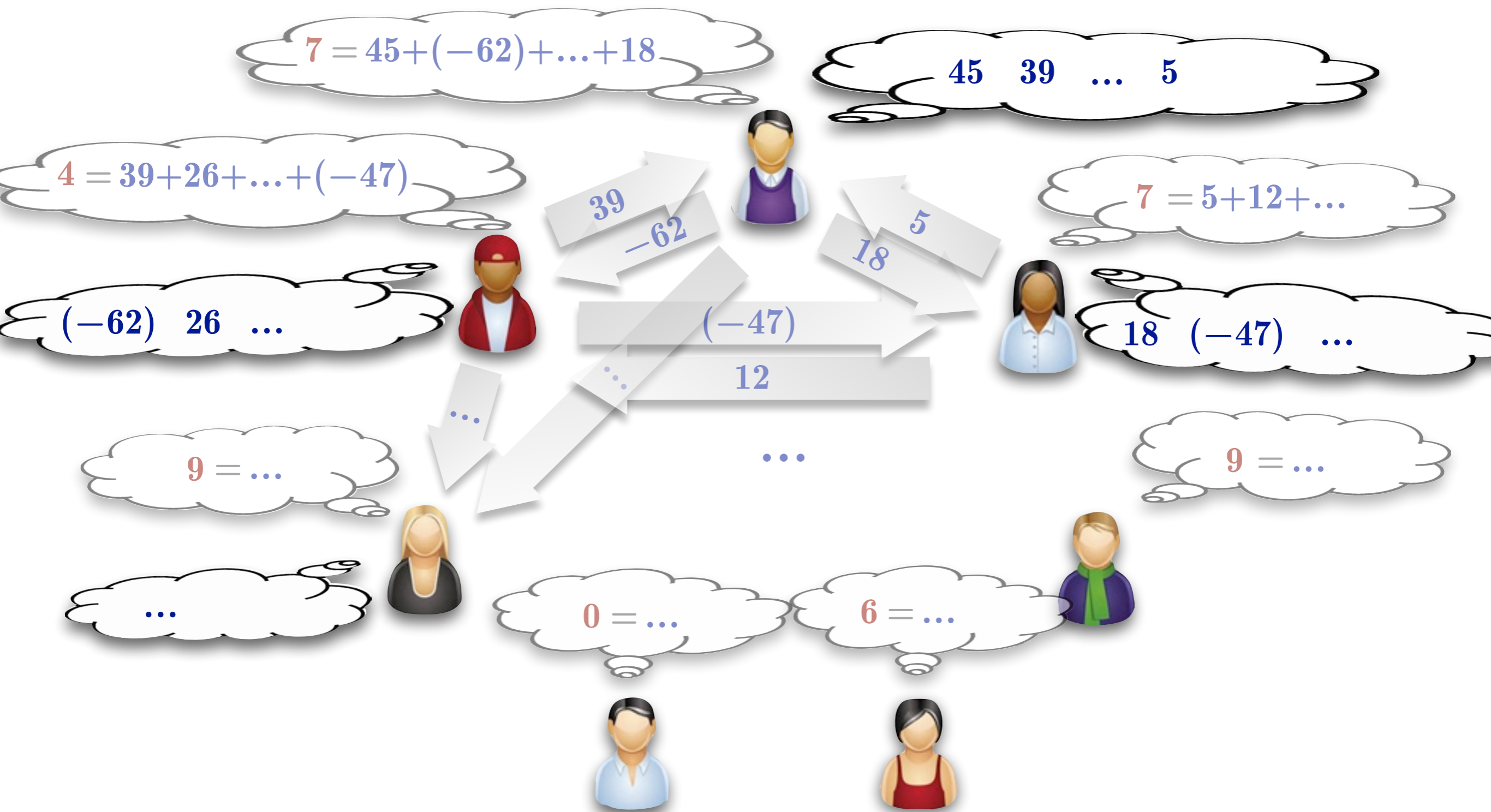
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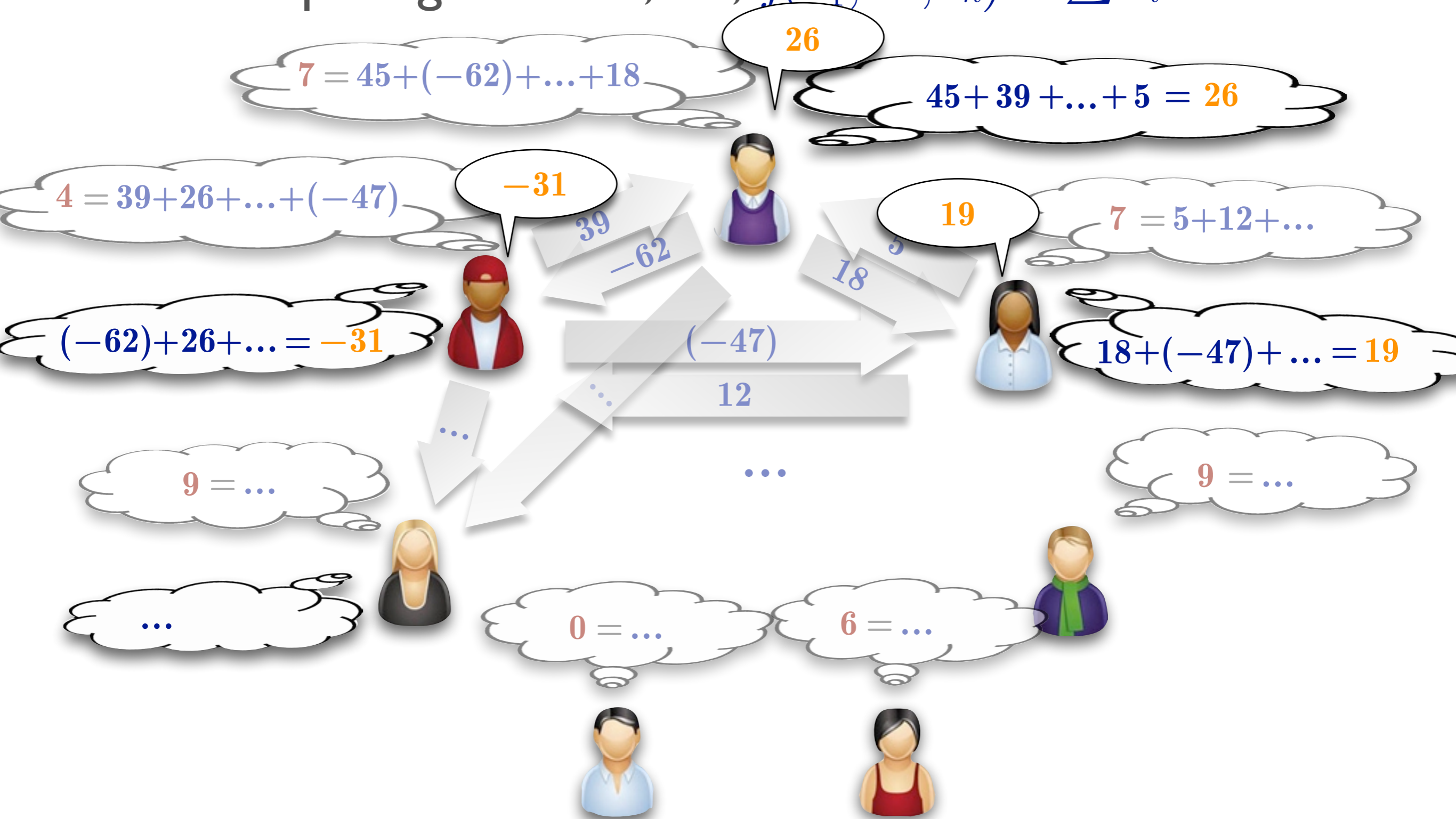
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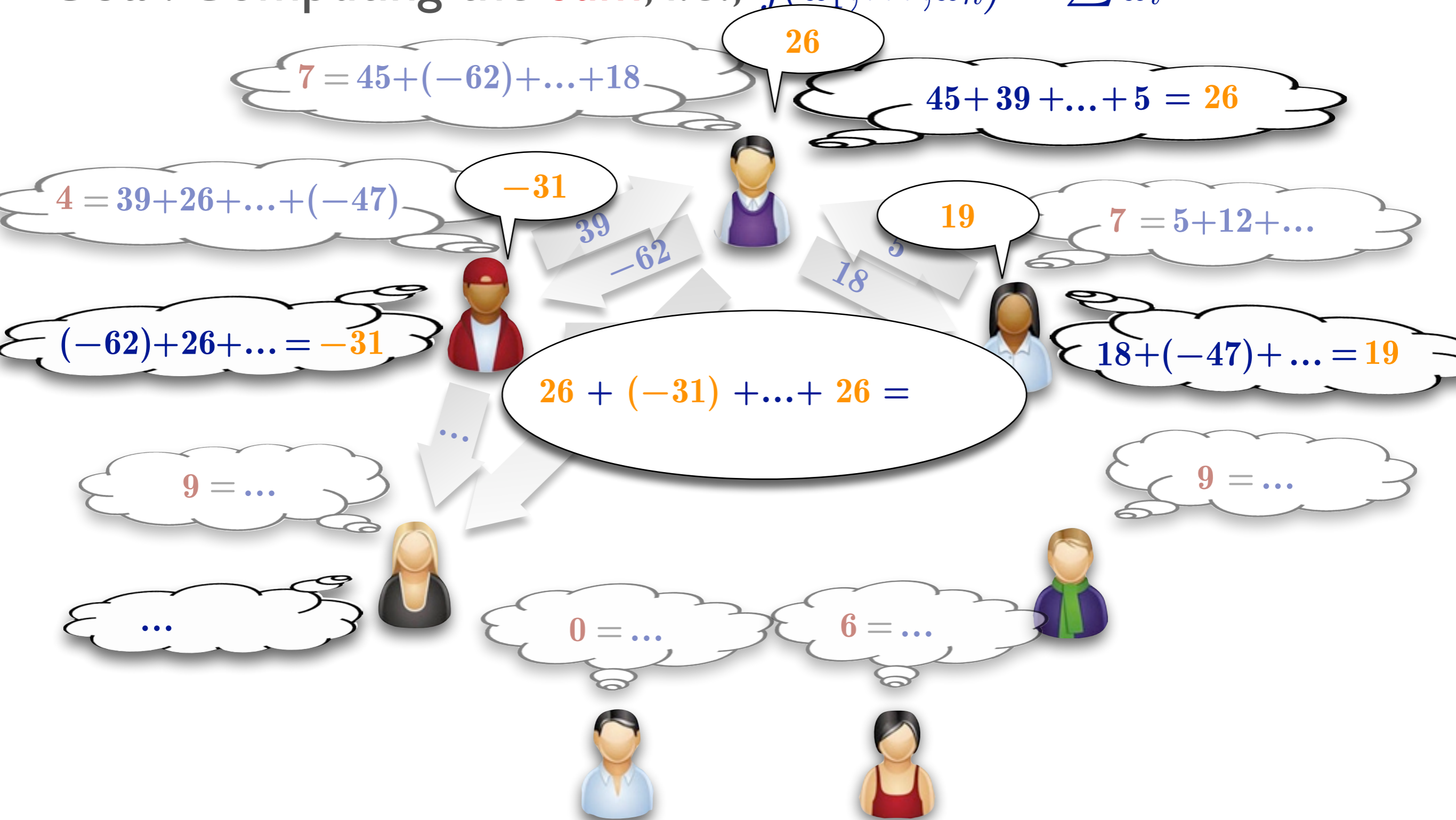
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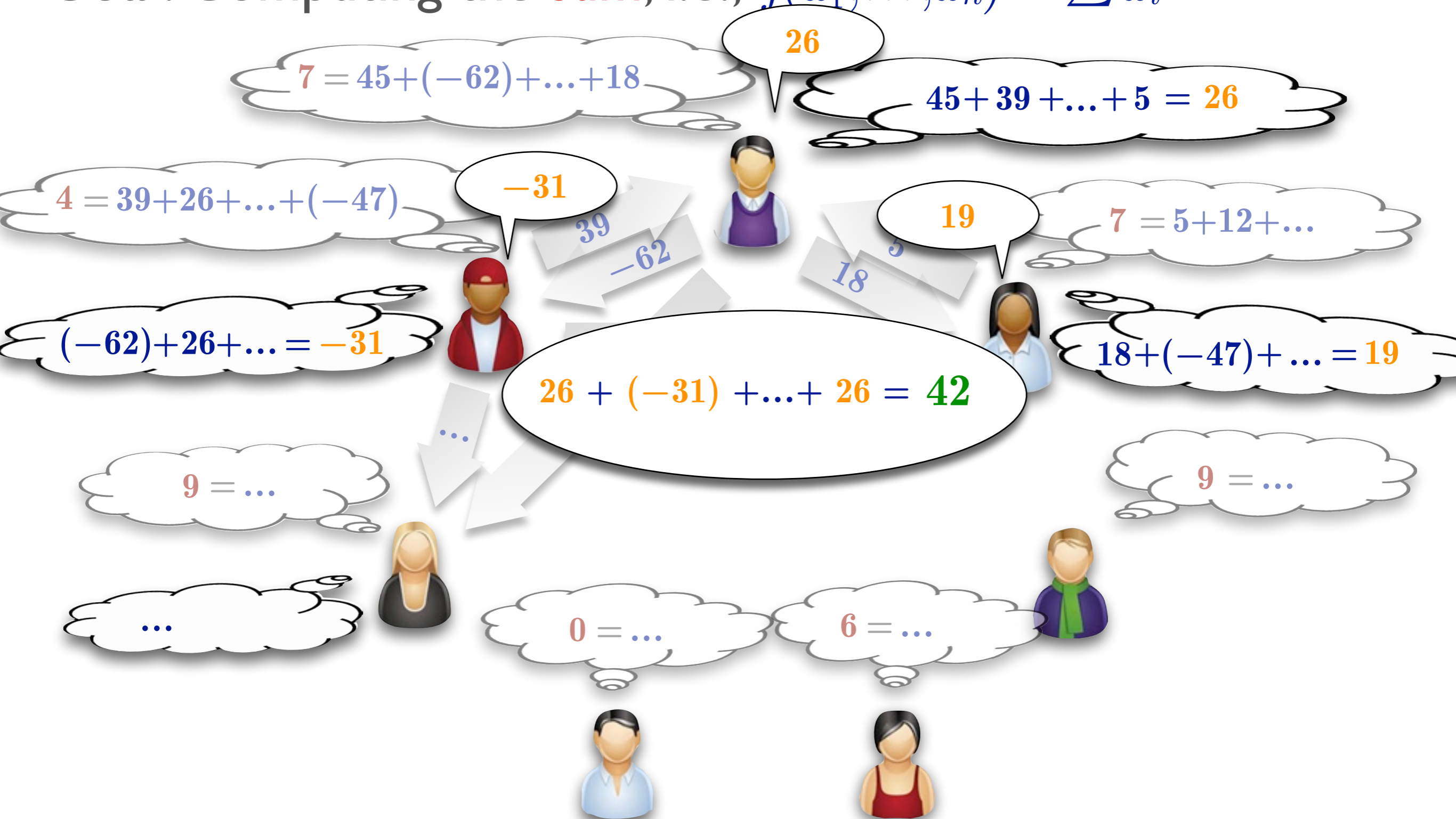
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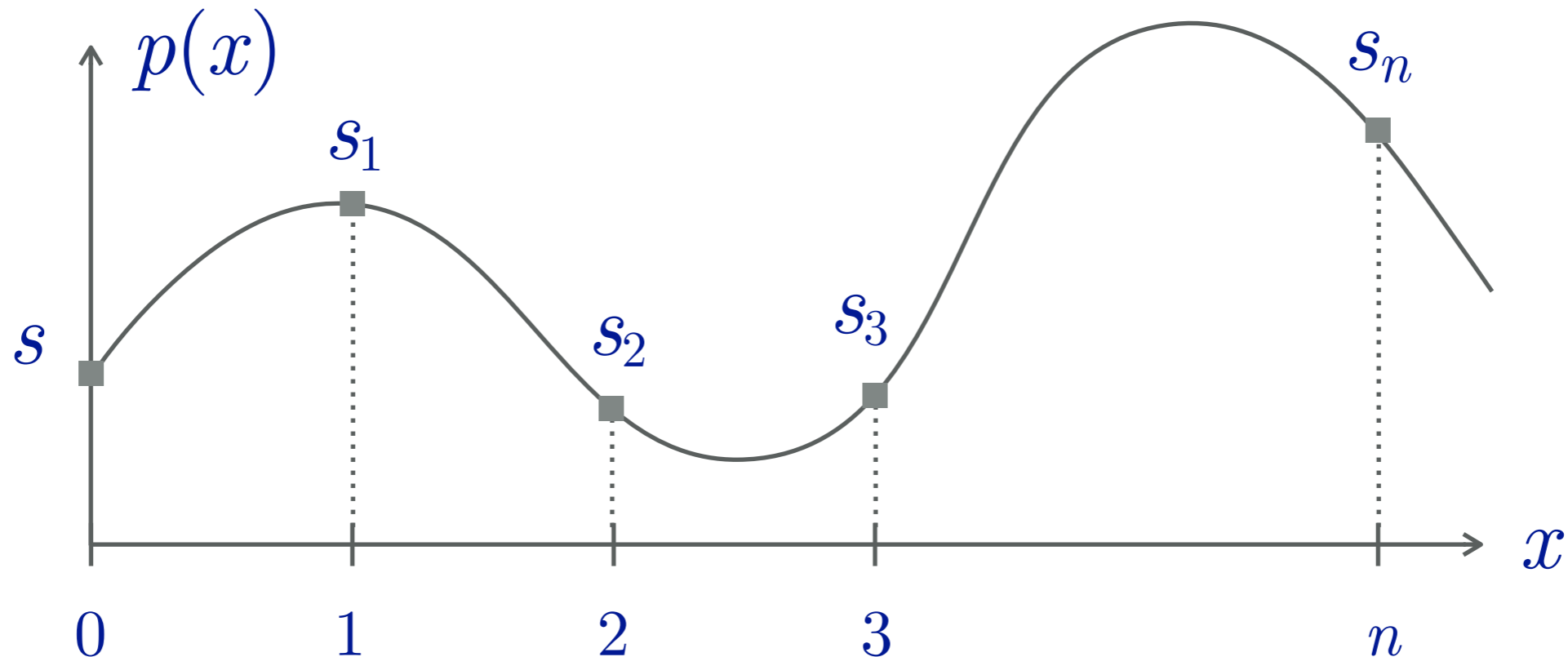
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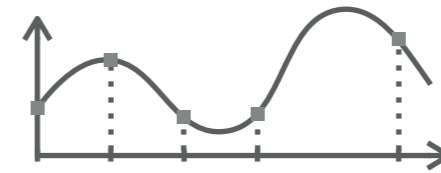
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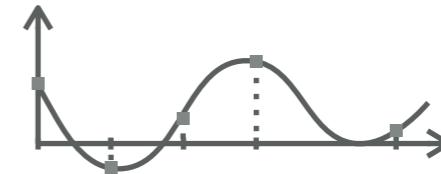
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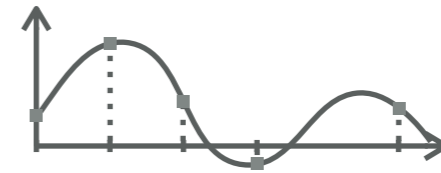


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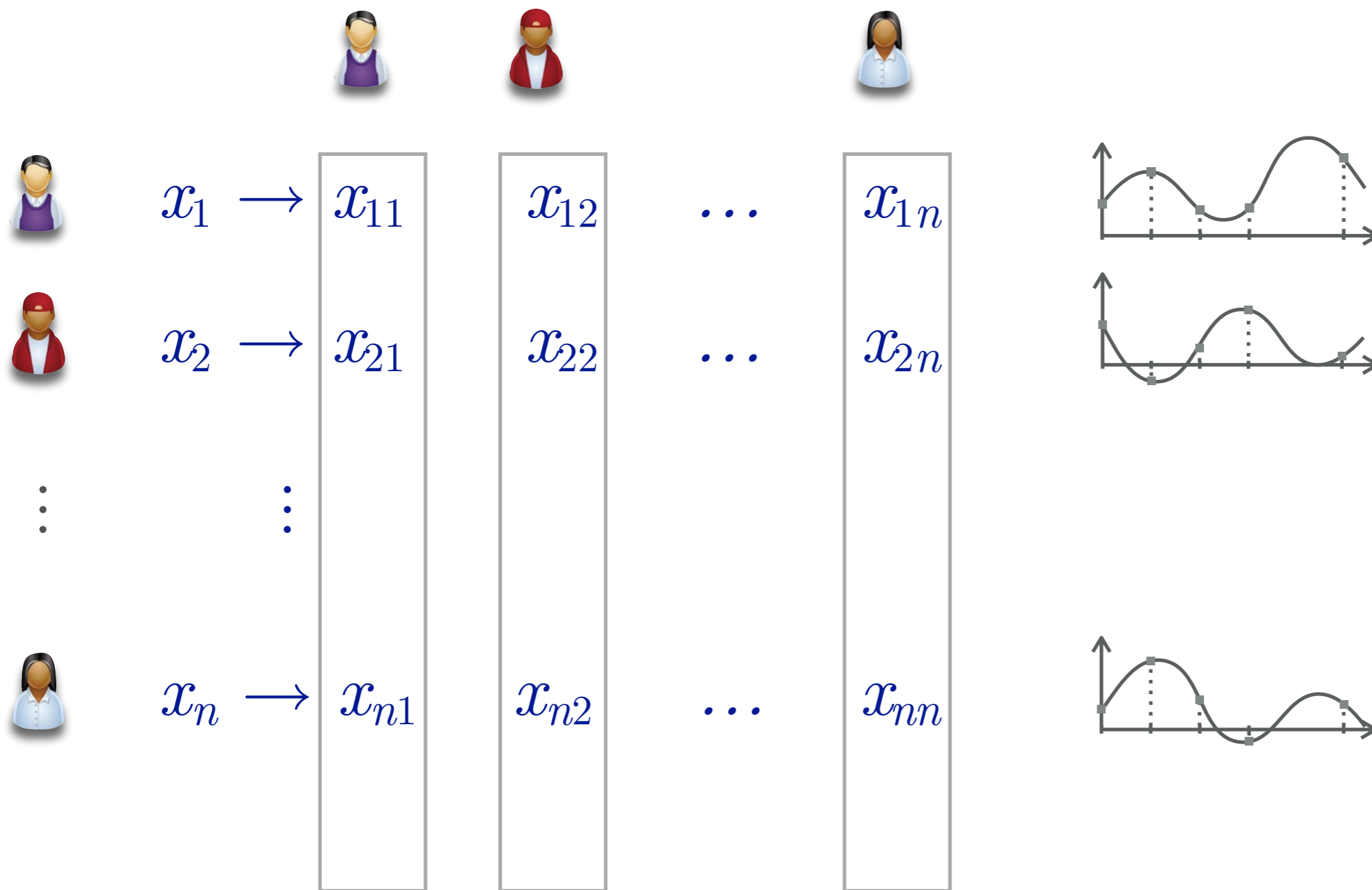
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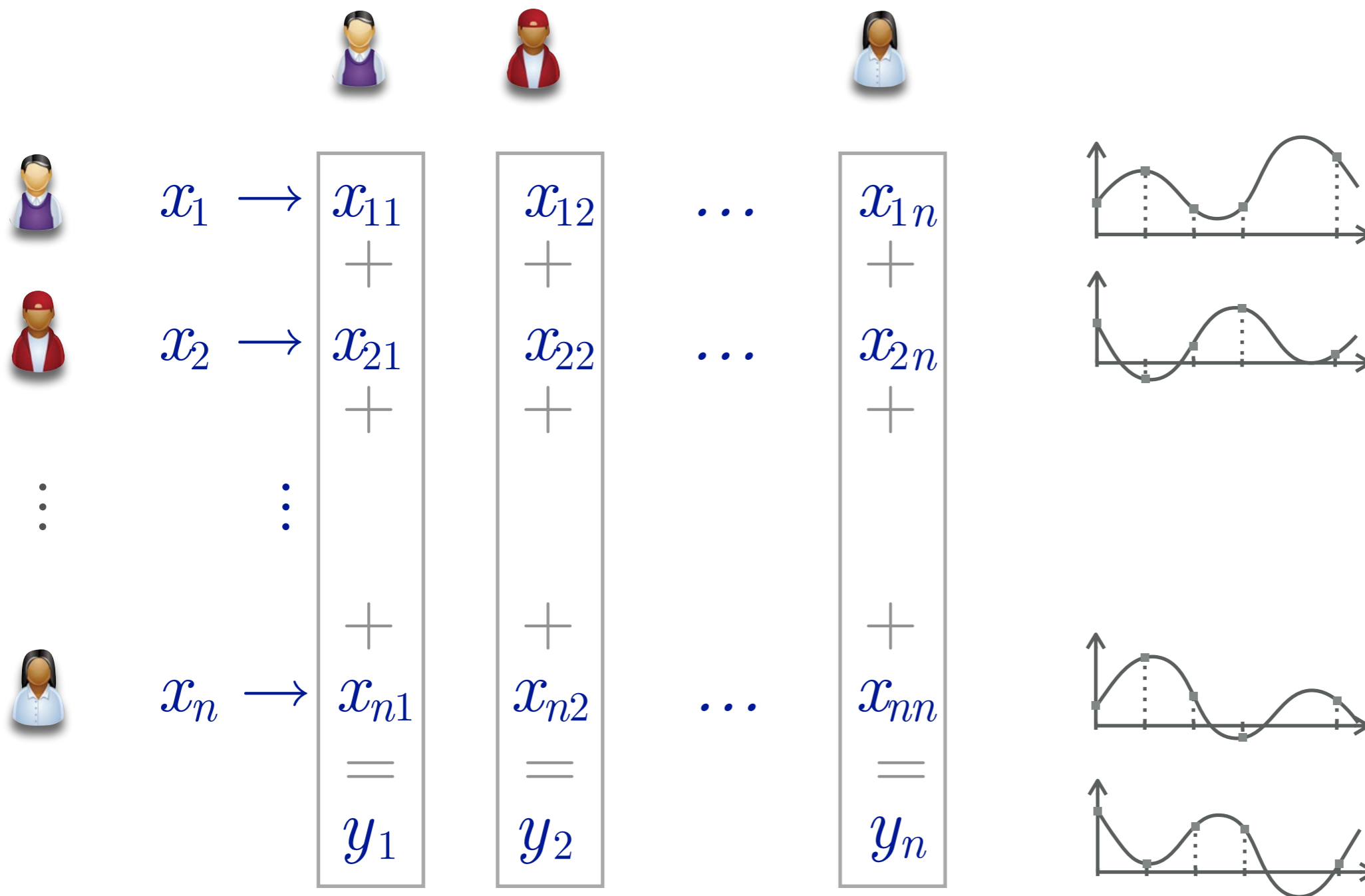
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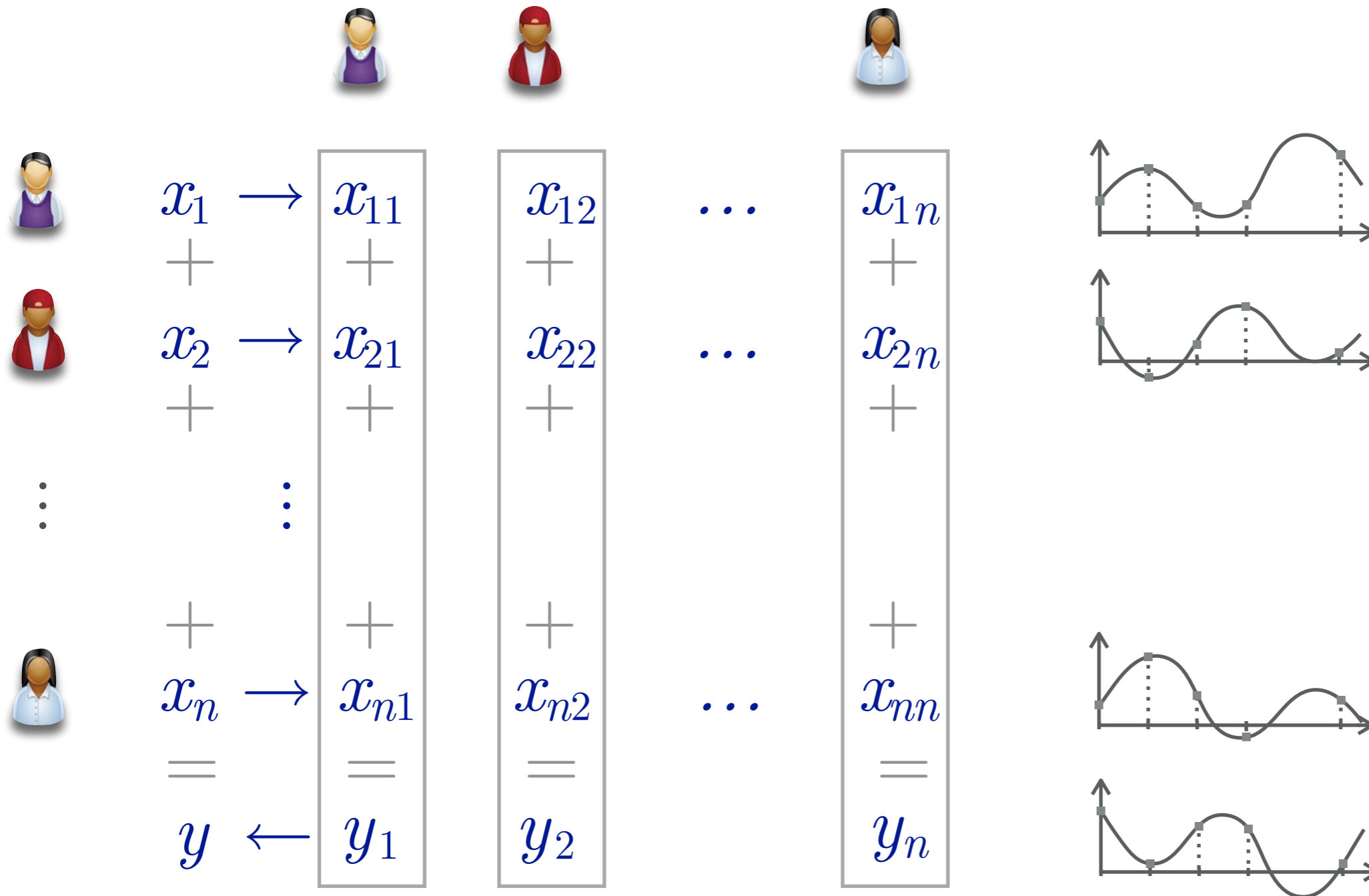
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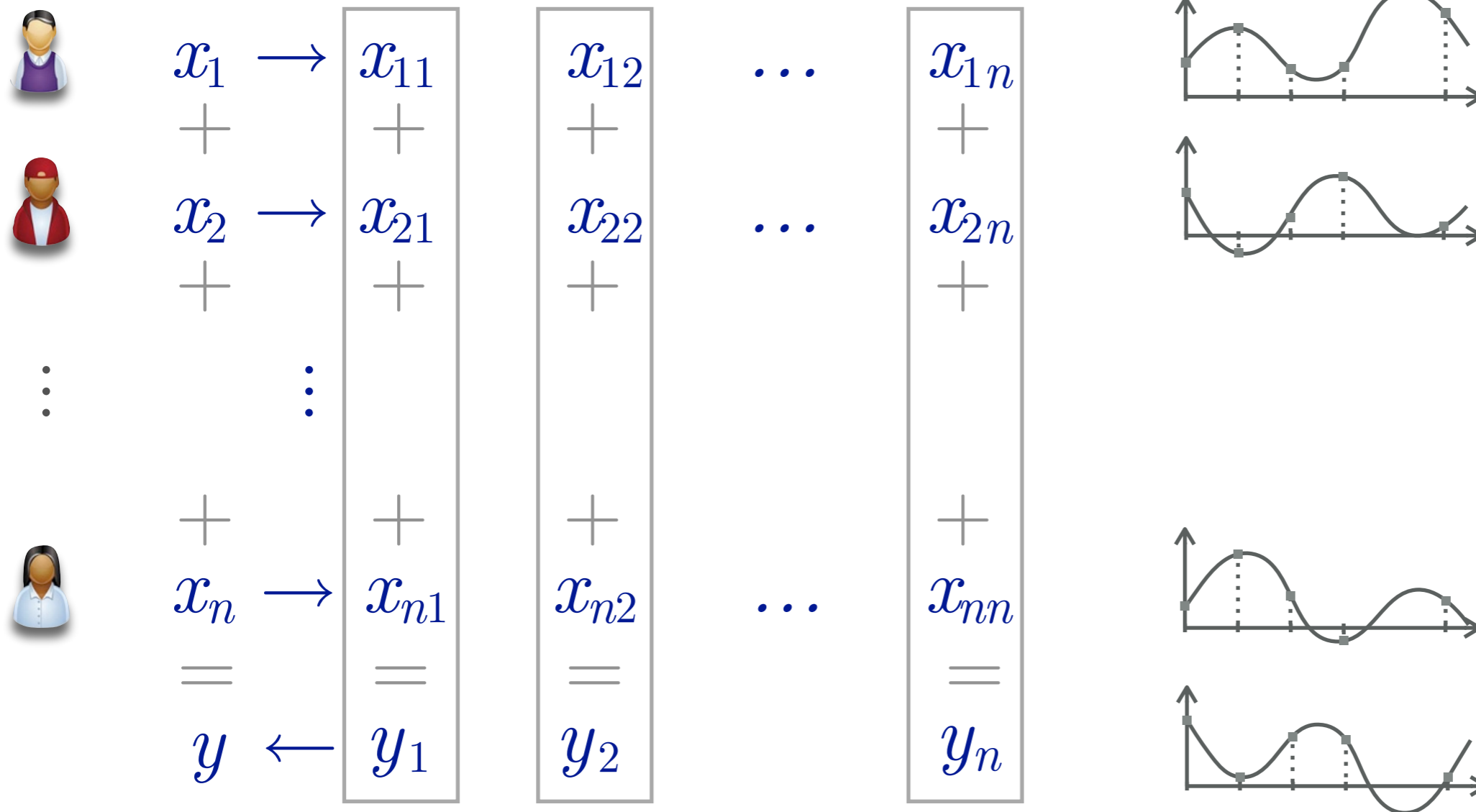


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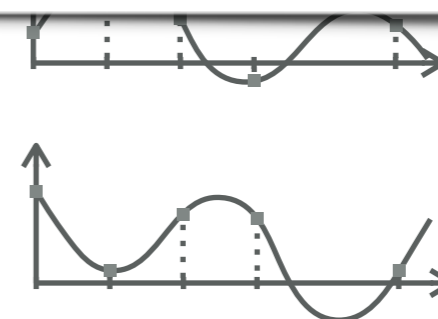
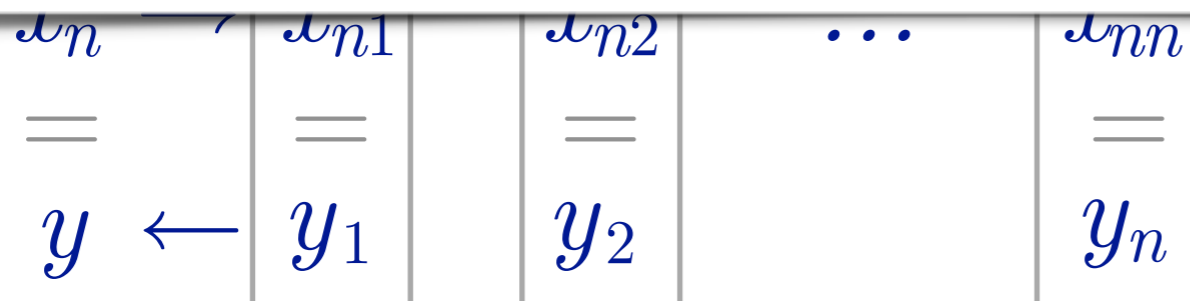
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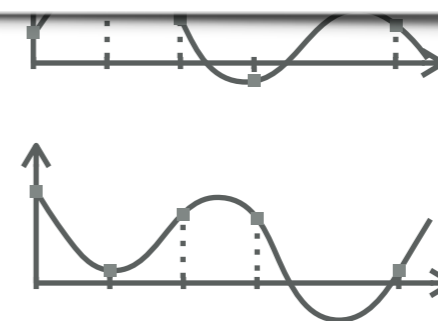
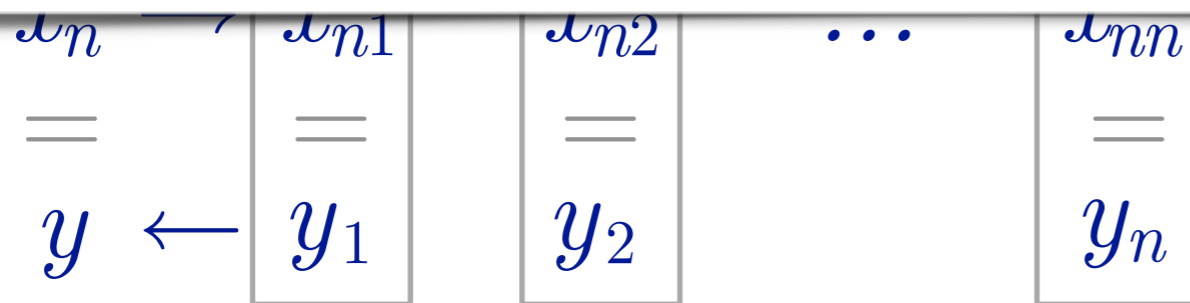
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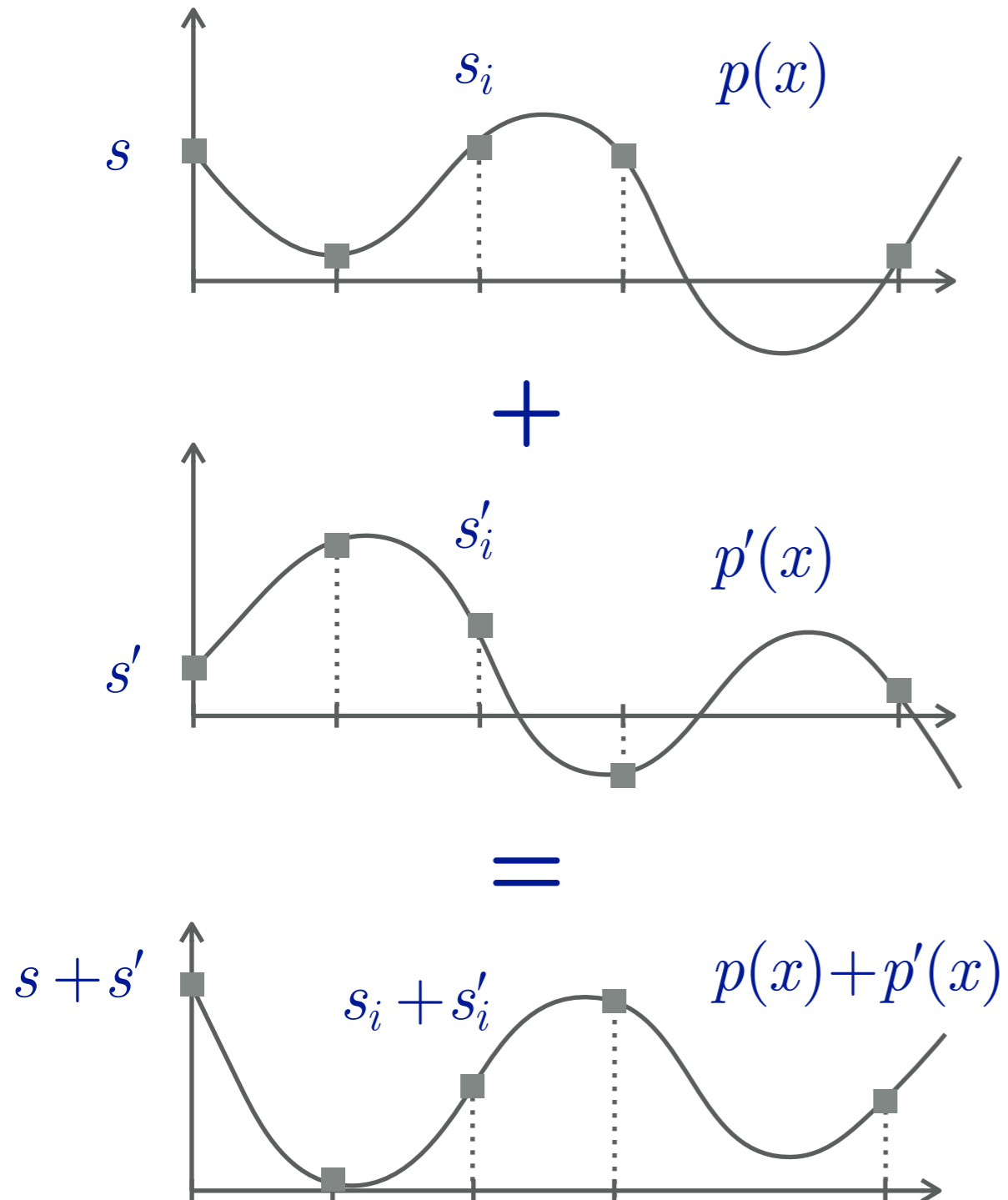
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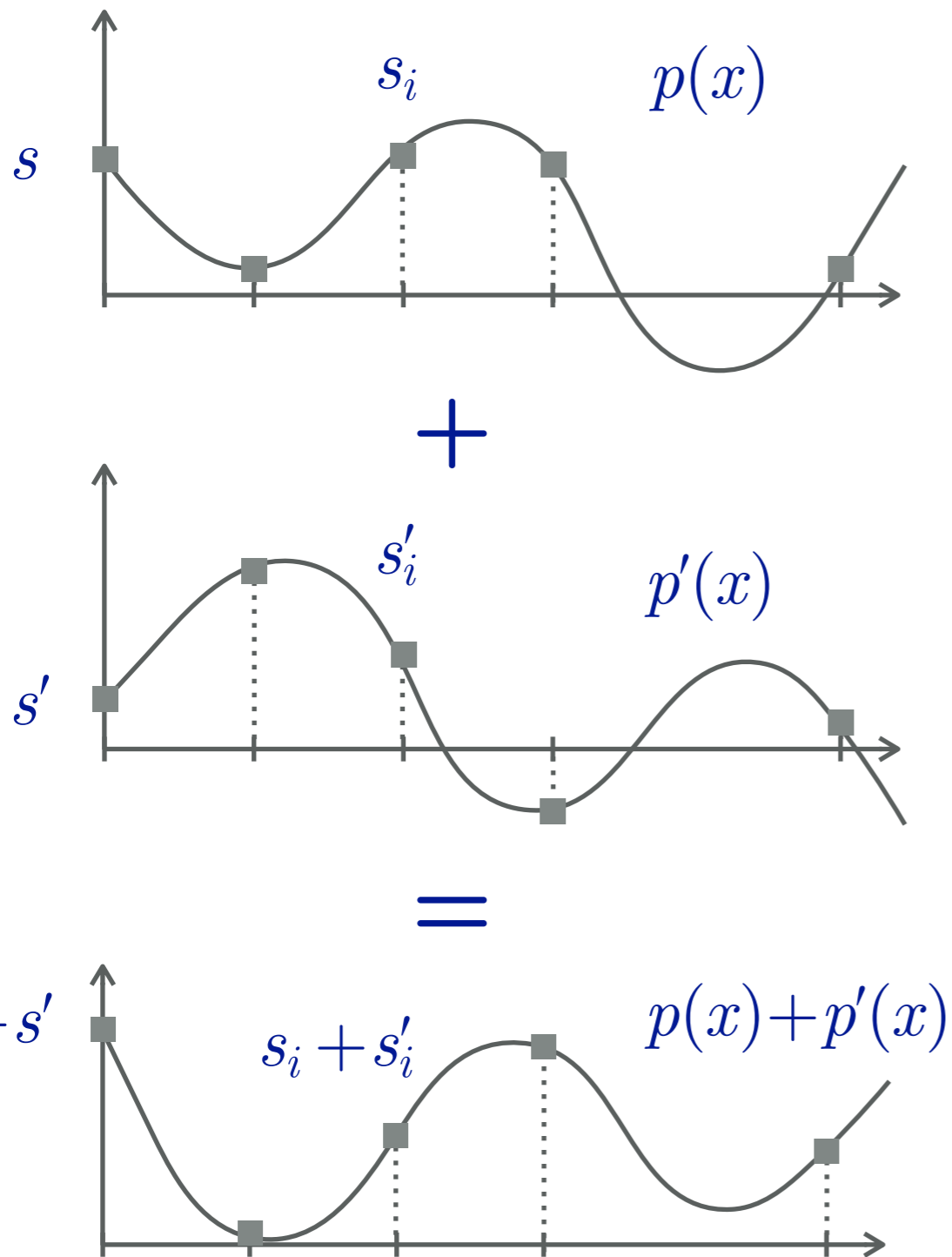
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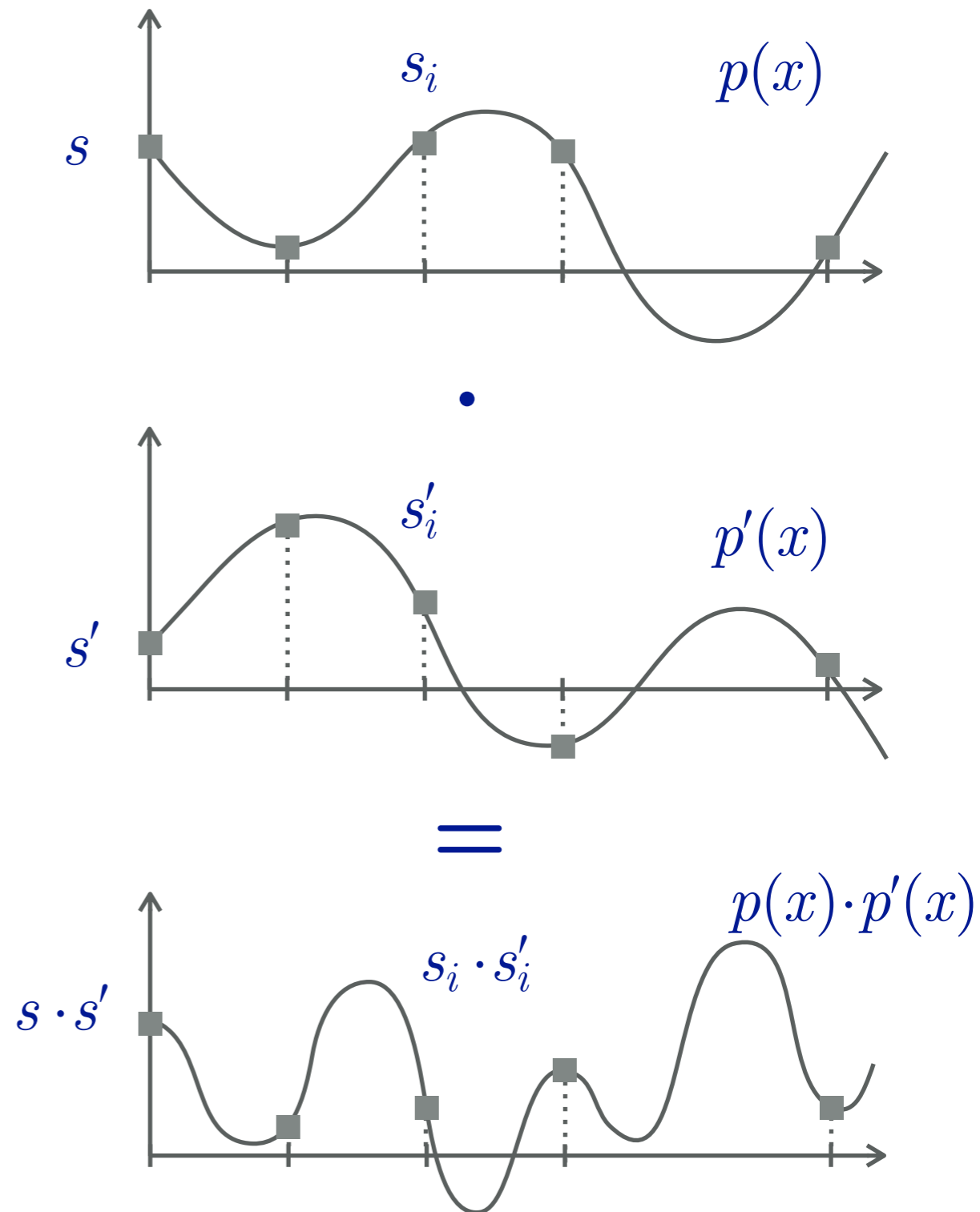


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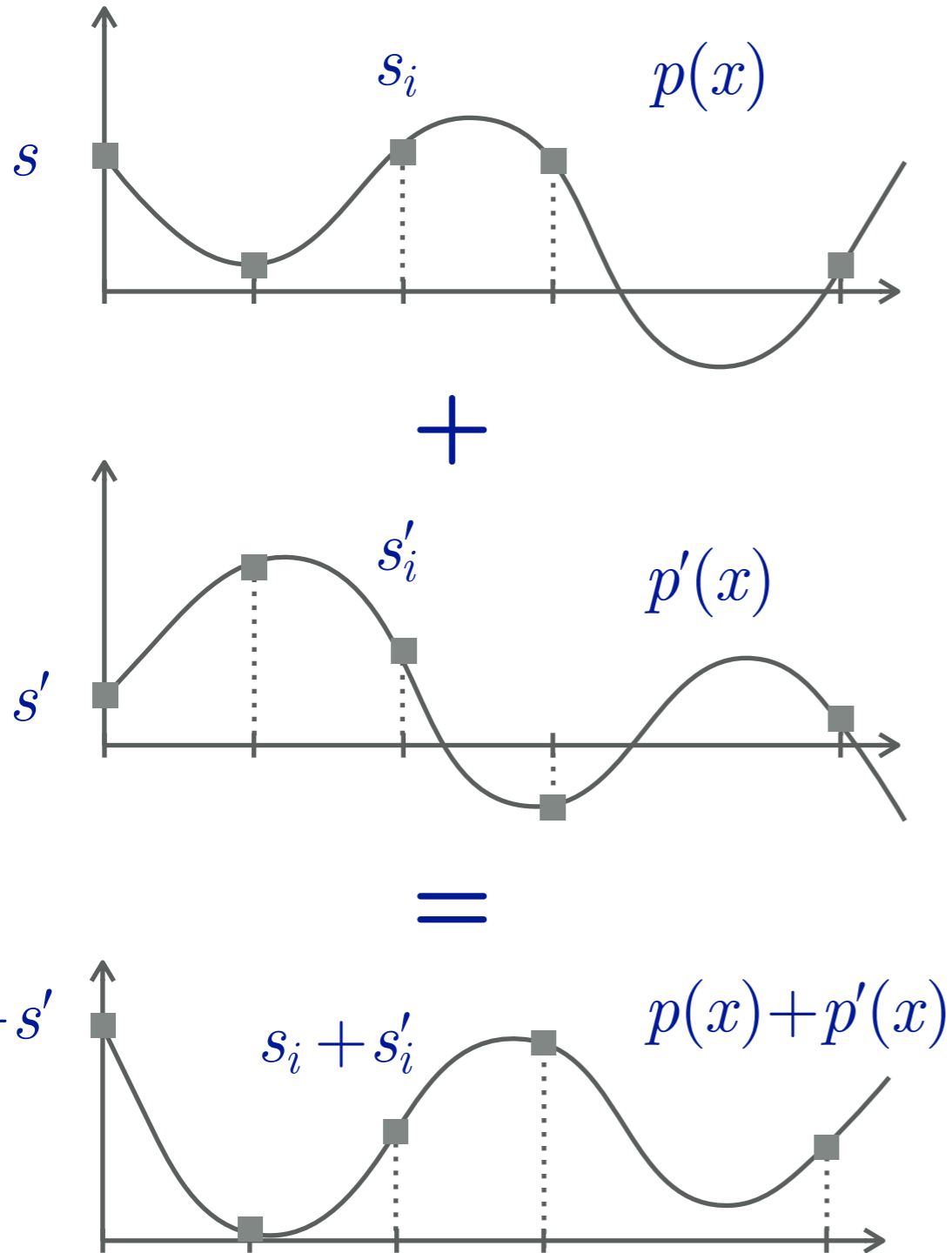


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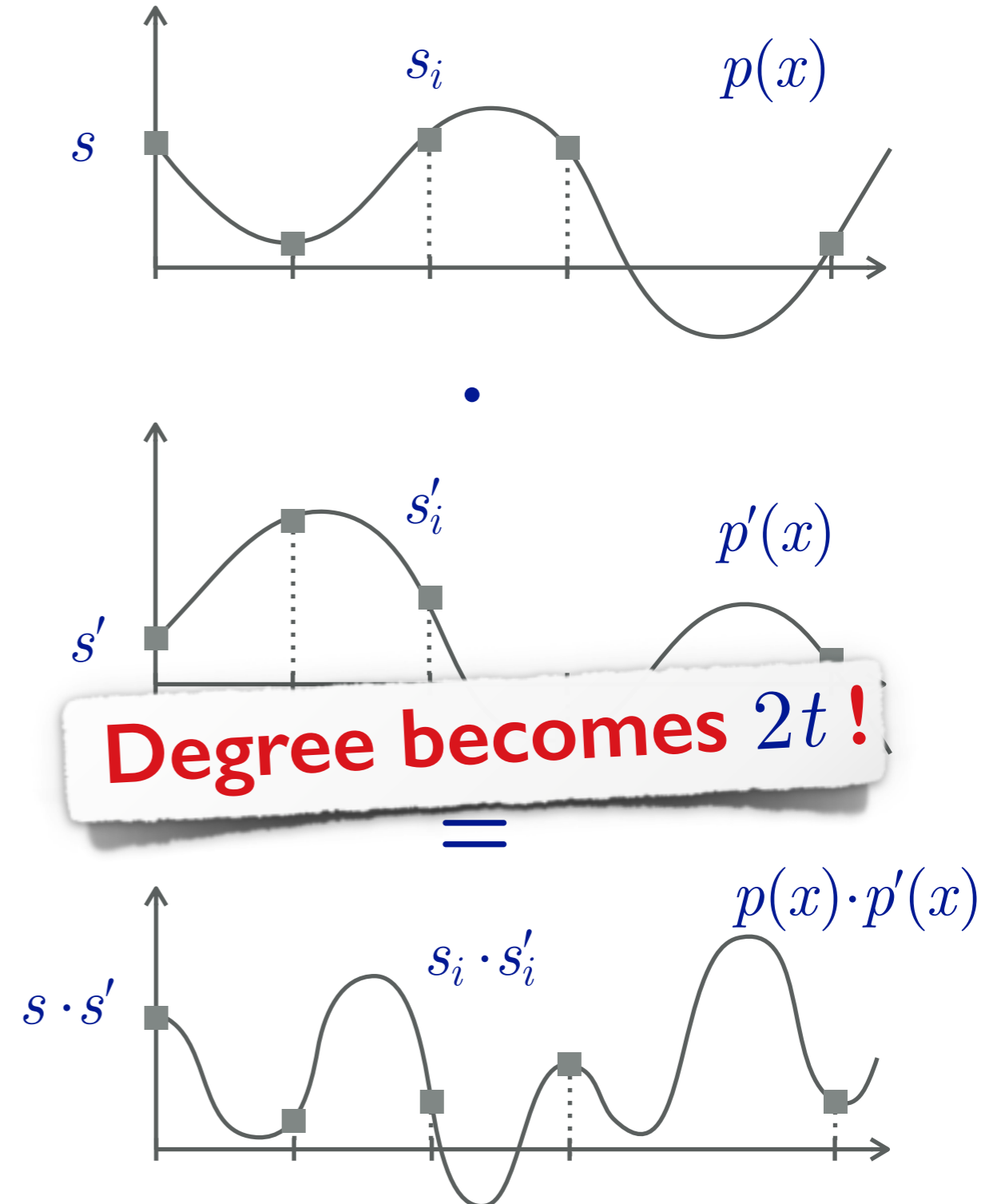


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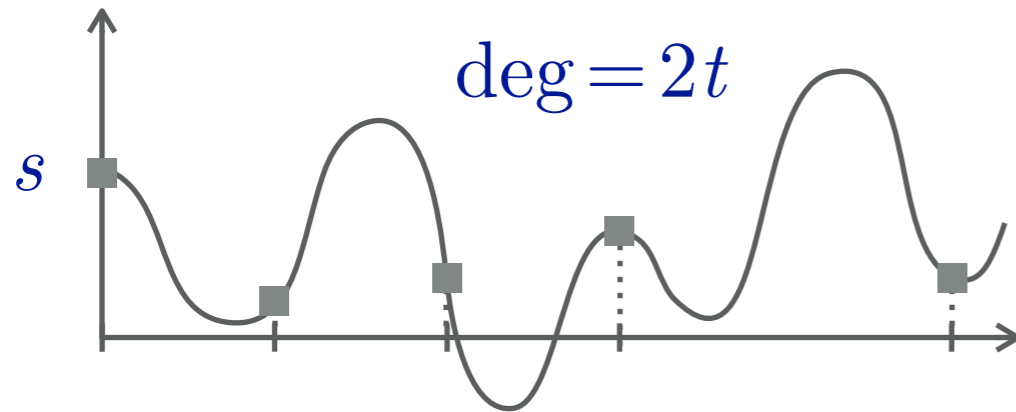


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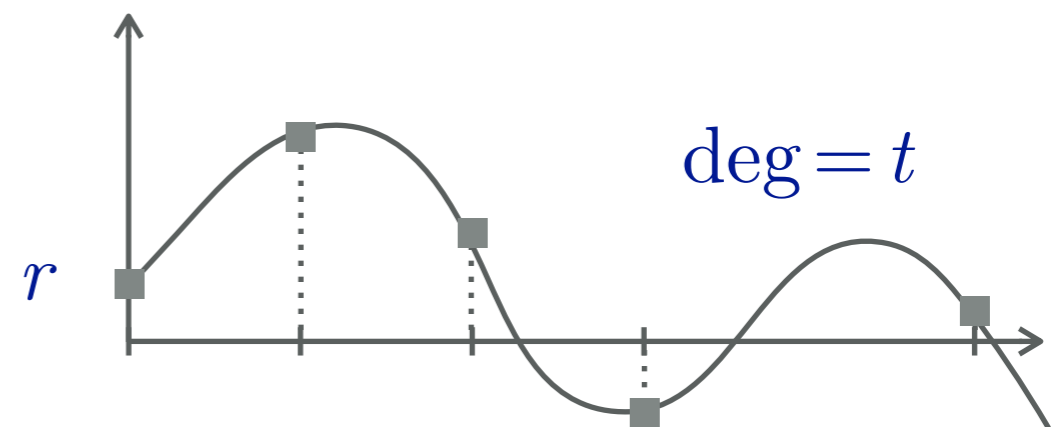
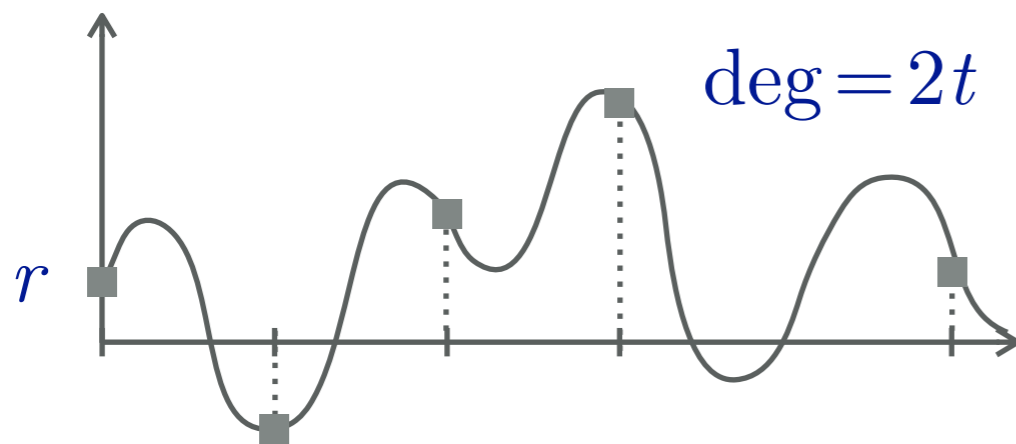
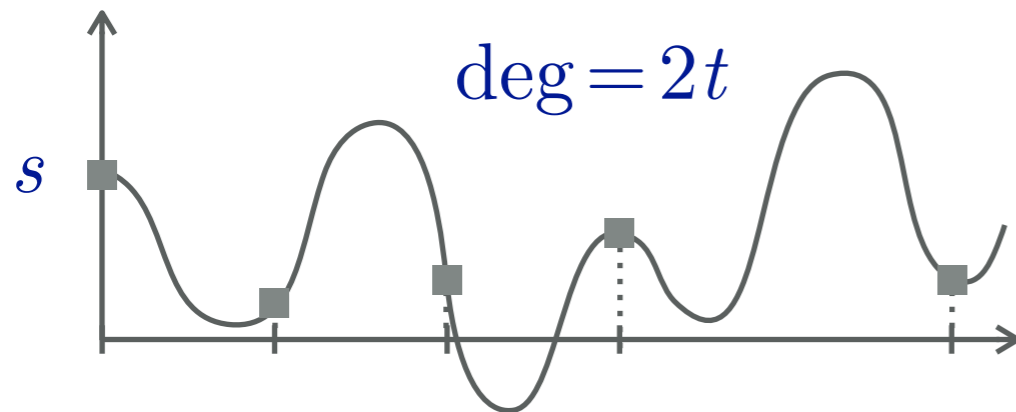
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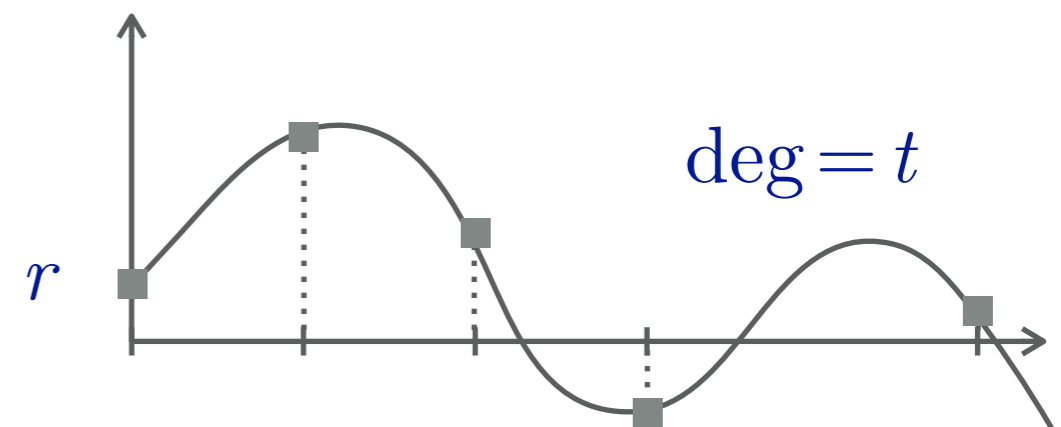
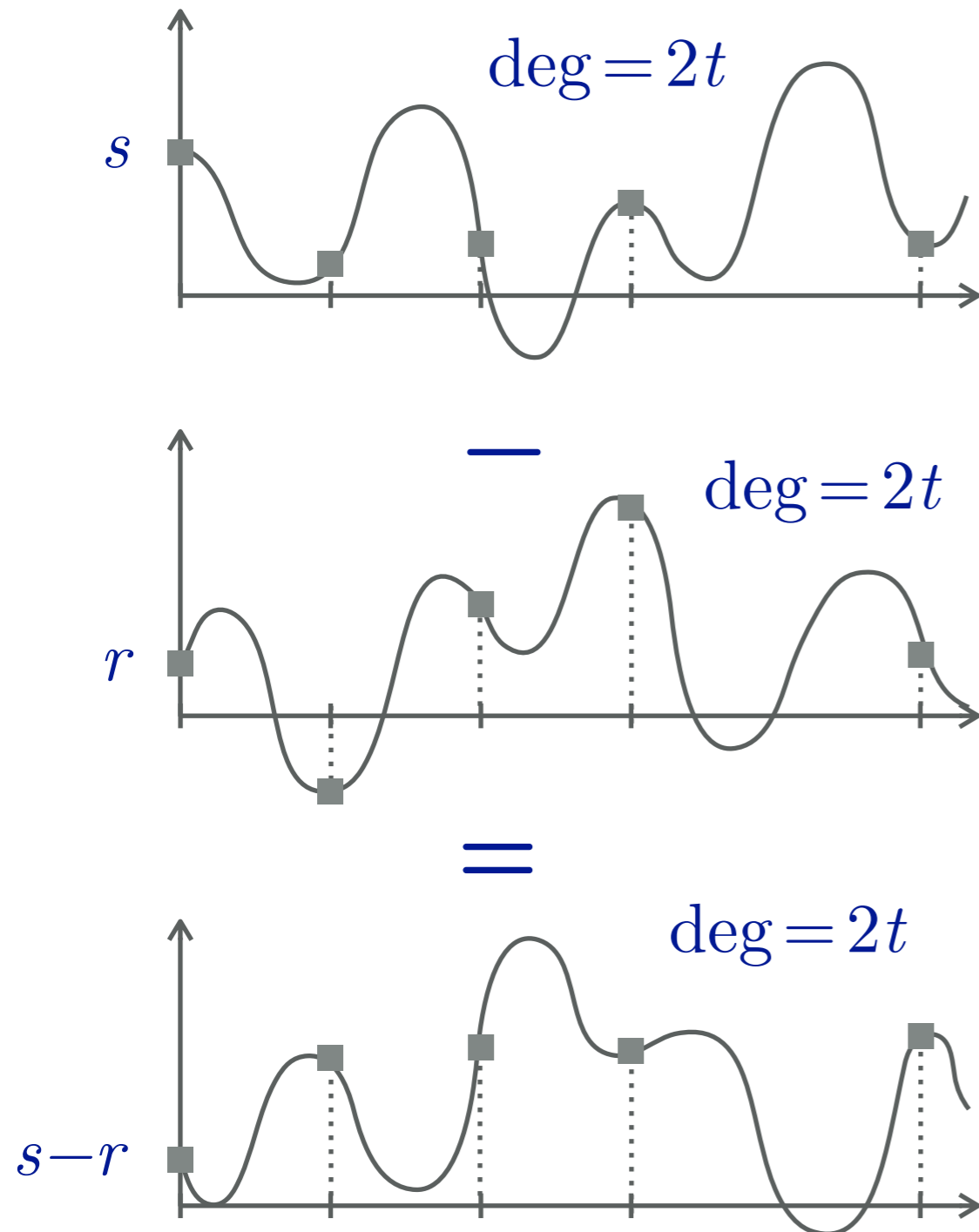
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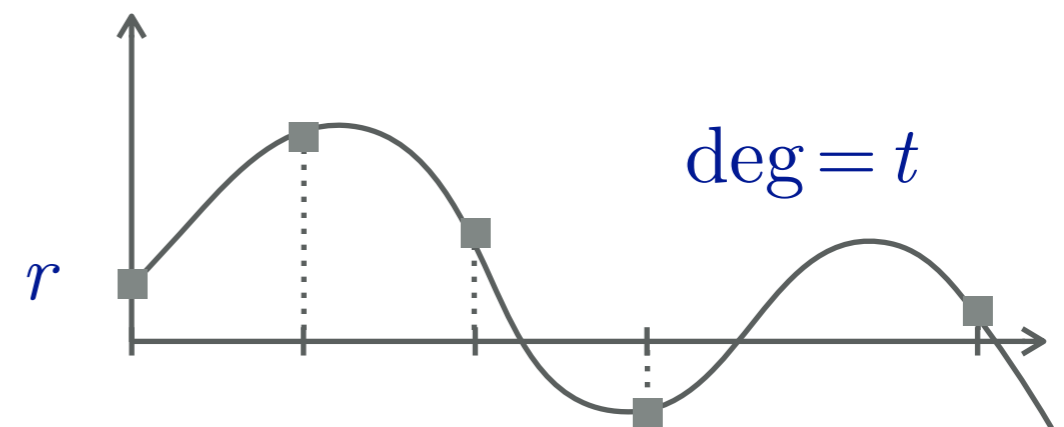
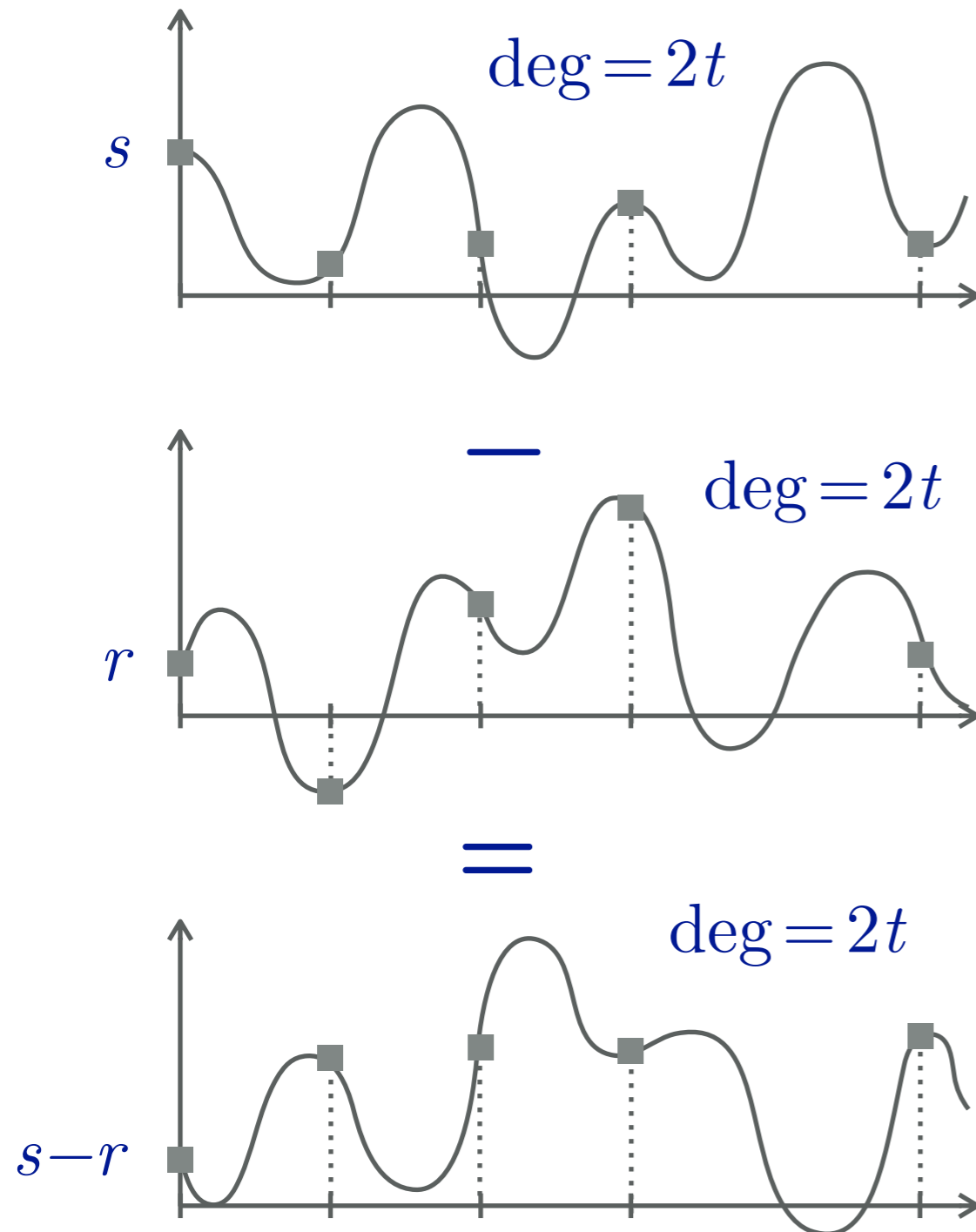


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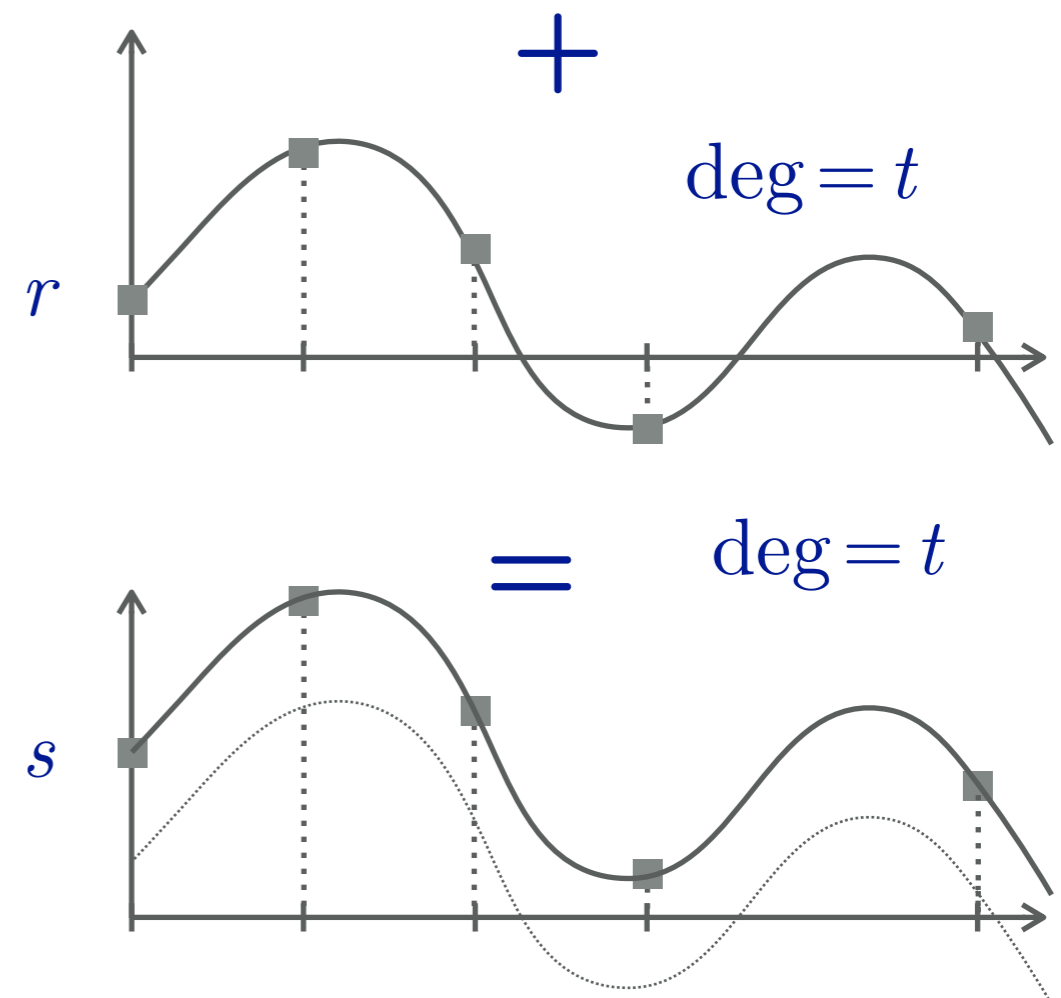
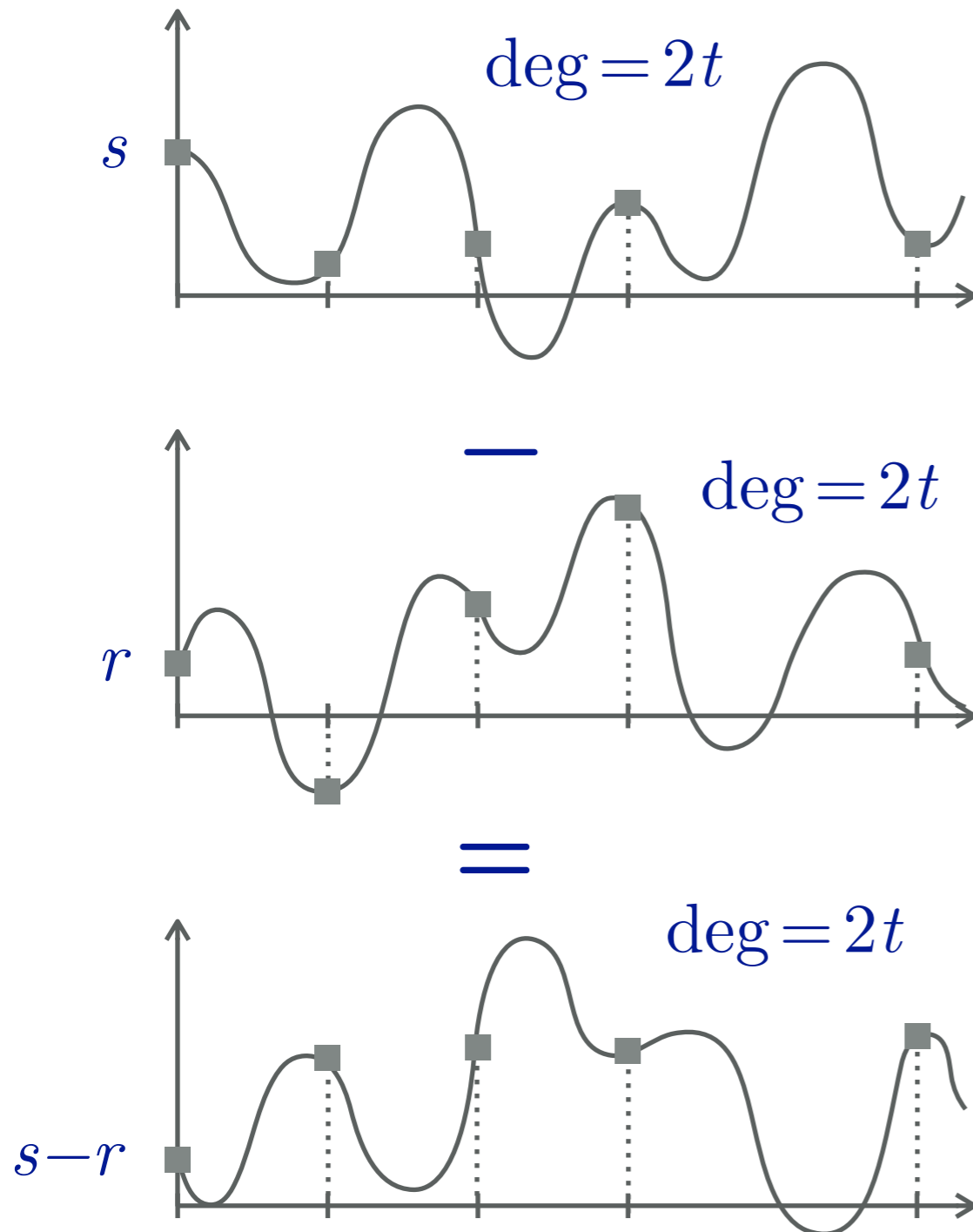


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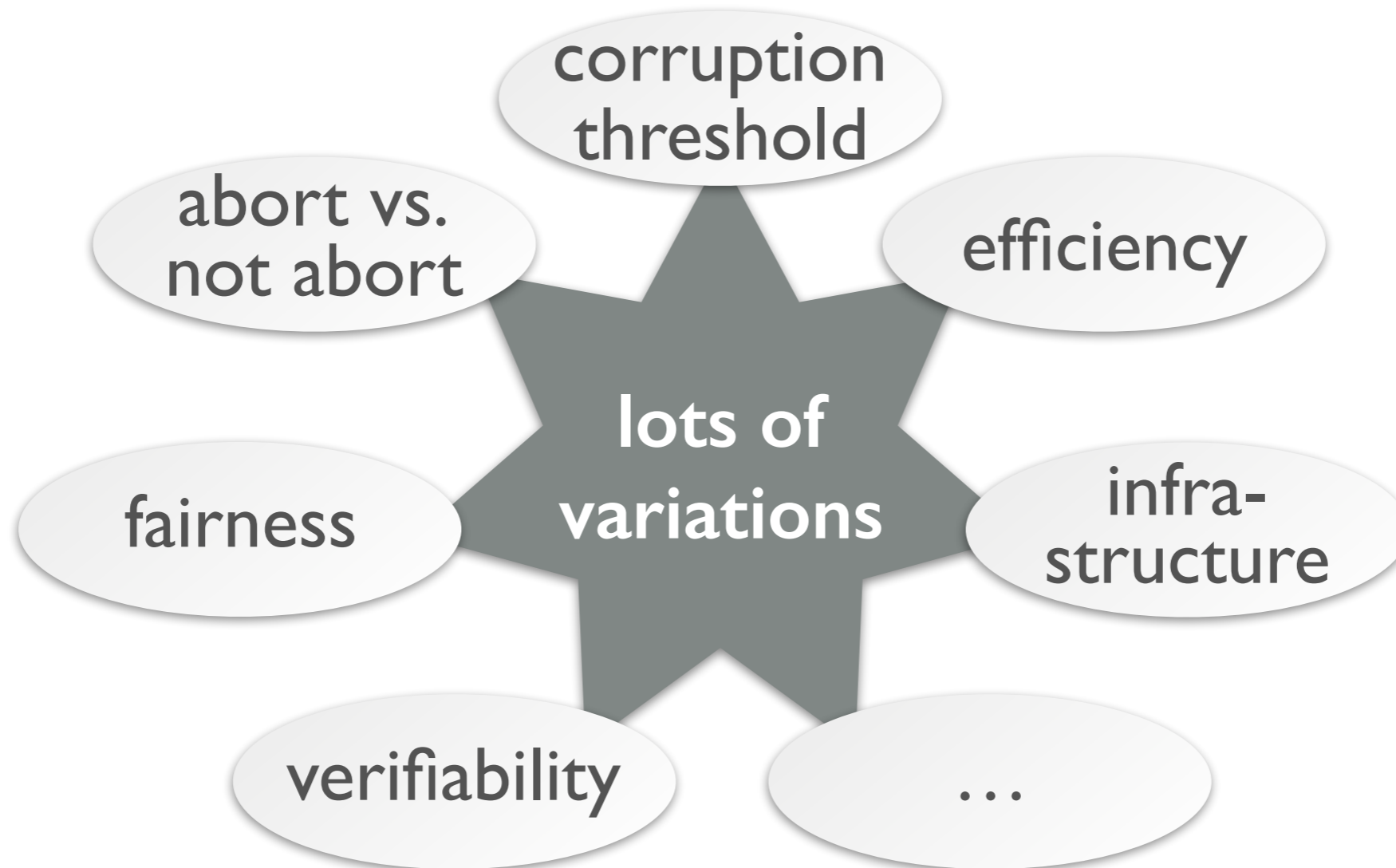
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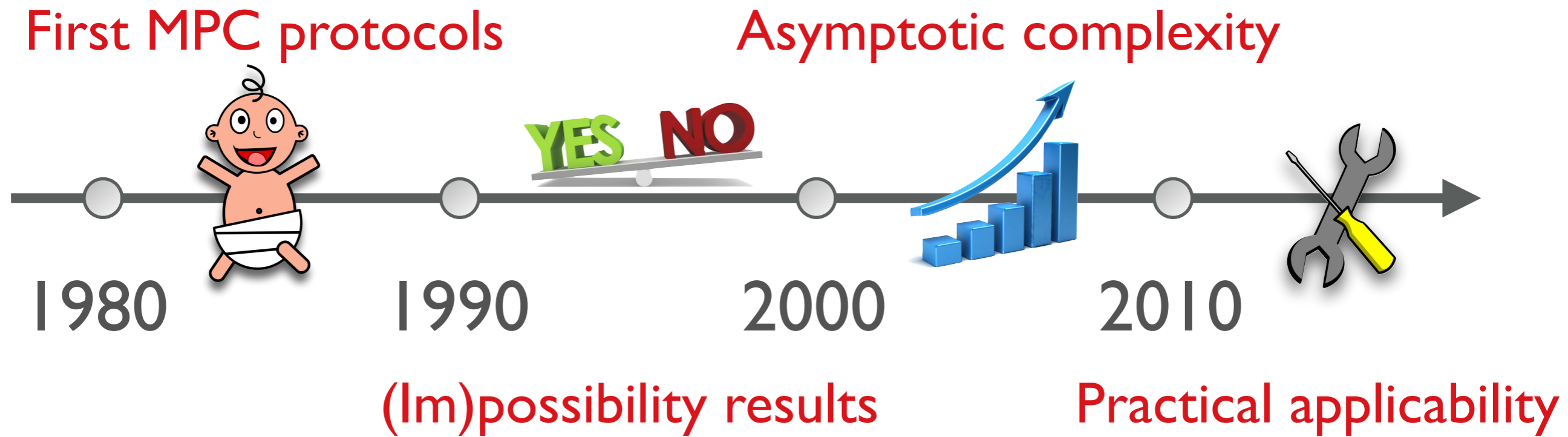


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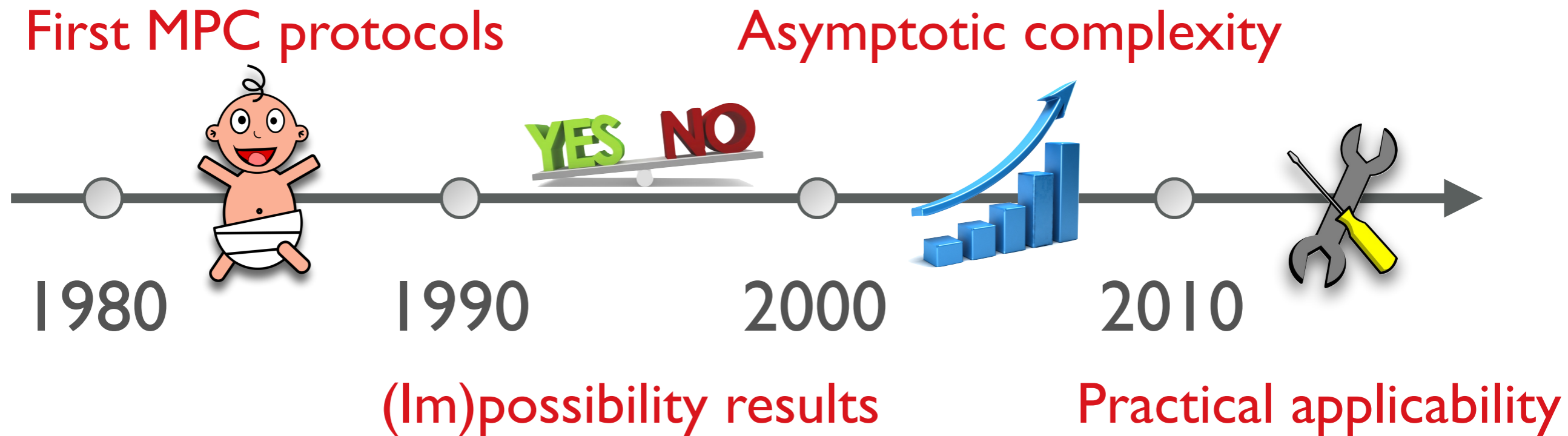
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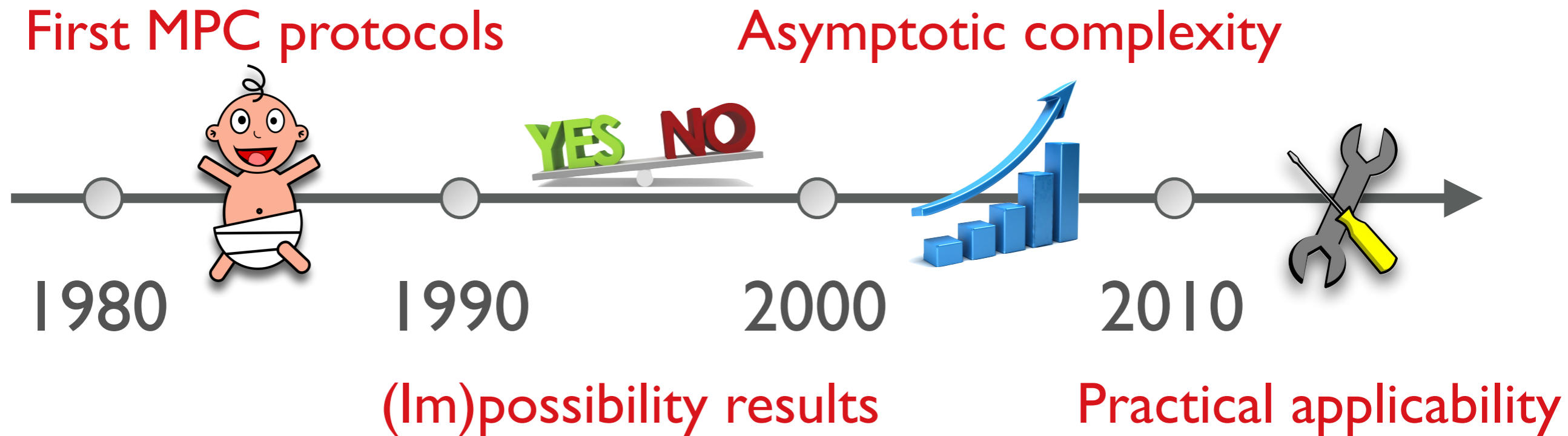


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