Machine learning is becoming less dependable

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Someone tells you they have a new algorithm to generate synthetic images



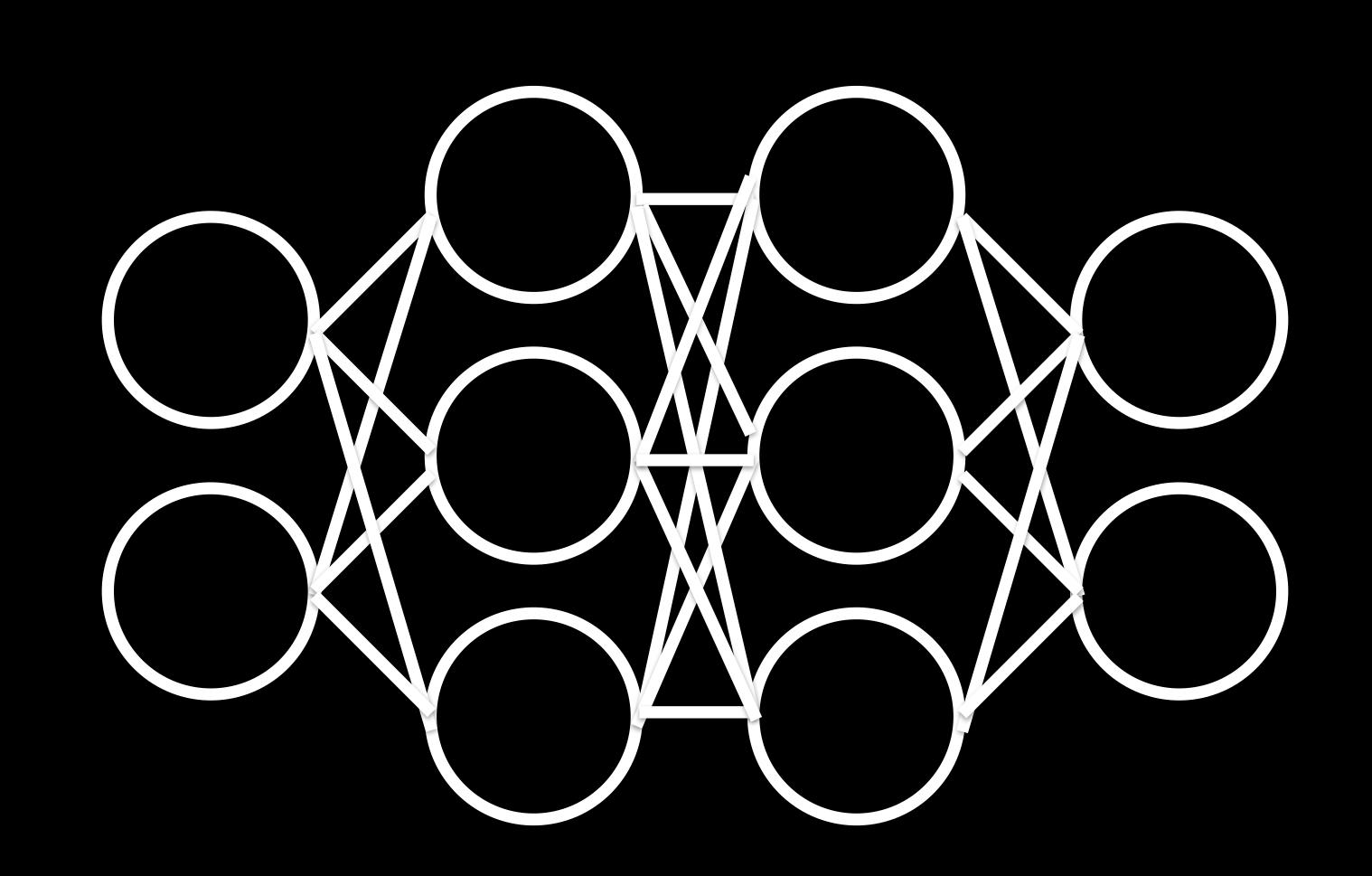
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A photo of a Corgi dog riding a bike in Times Square. It is wearing sunglasses and a beach hat.

Bicycle

Competing against:





85% it is a

American Robin



82% it is a

Bicycle



95% it is a

Magpie



99.99% it is



99.99% it is

Bald Eagle



92% it is

Bicycle



99.99% it is

Bald Eagle

This phenomenon is known as an adversarial example



86% it is

What will a state-of-the-art neural network transcribe?

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity"

Generating Natural Language Adversarial Examples

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Adversarial Attacks on Neural Network Policies

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Abstract

Machine learning classifiers are known to be vulnerable to inputs maliciously constructed by adversaries to force misclassification. Such adversarial examples have been extensively studied in the context of computer vision applications. In this work, we show adversarial attacks are also effective when targeting neural network

Seq2Sick: Evaluating the Robustness of Sequence-to-Sequence Models with Adversarial Examples

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HALLUCINATIONS IN NEURAL MACHINE TRANSLATION

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ABSTRACT

Neural machine translation (NMT) systems have reached state of the art performance in translating text and are in wide deployment. Yet little is understood about how these systems function or break. Here we show that NMT systems are susceptible to producing highly pathological translations that are completely untethered from the source material, which we term hallucinations. Such pathological translations are problematic because they are are deeply disturbing of user trust and easy to find with a simple search. We describe a method to generate hallucinations and show that many common variations of the NMT architecture are encountible to them. We study a variety of approaches to reduce the frequency

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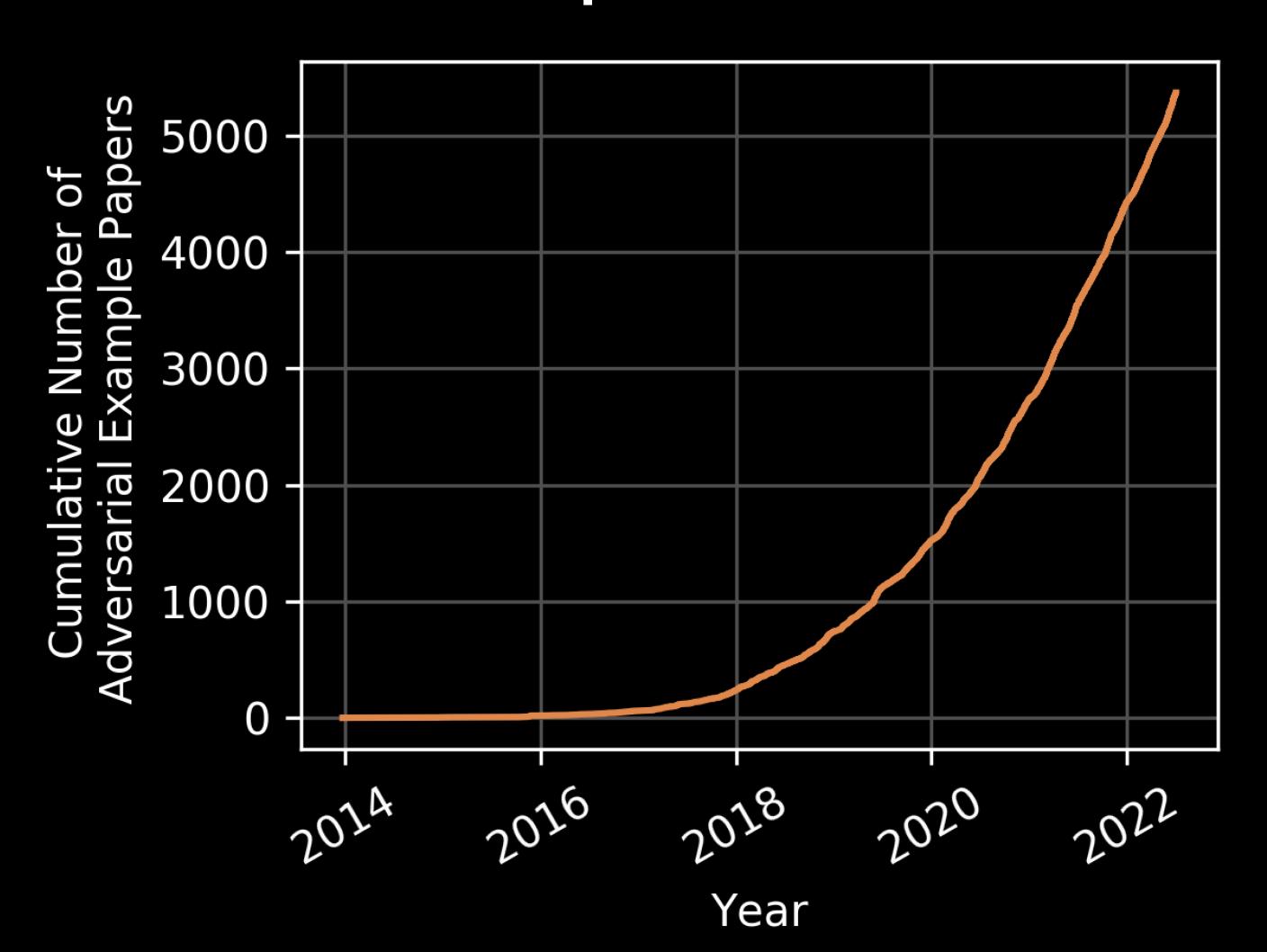
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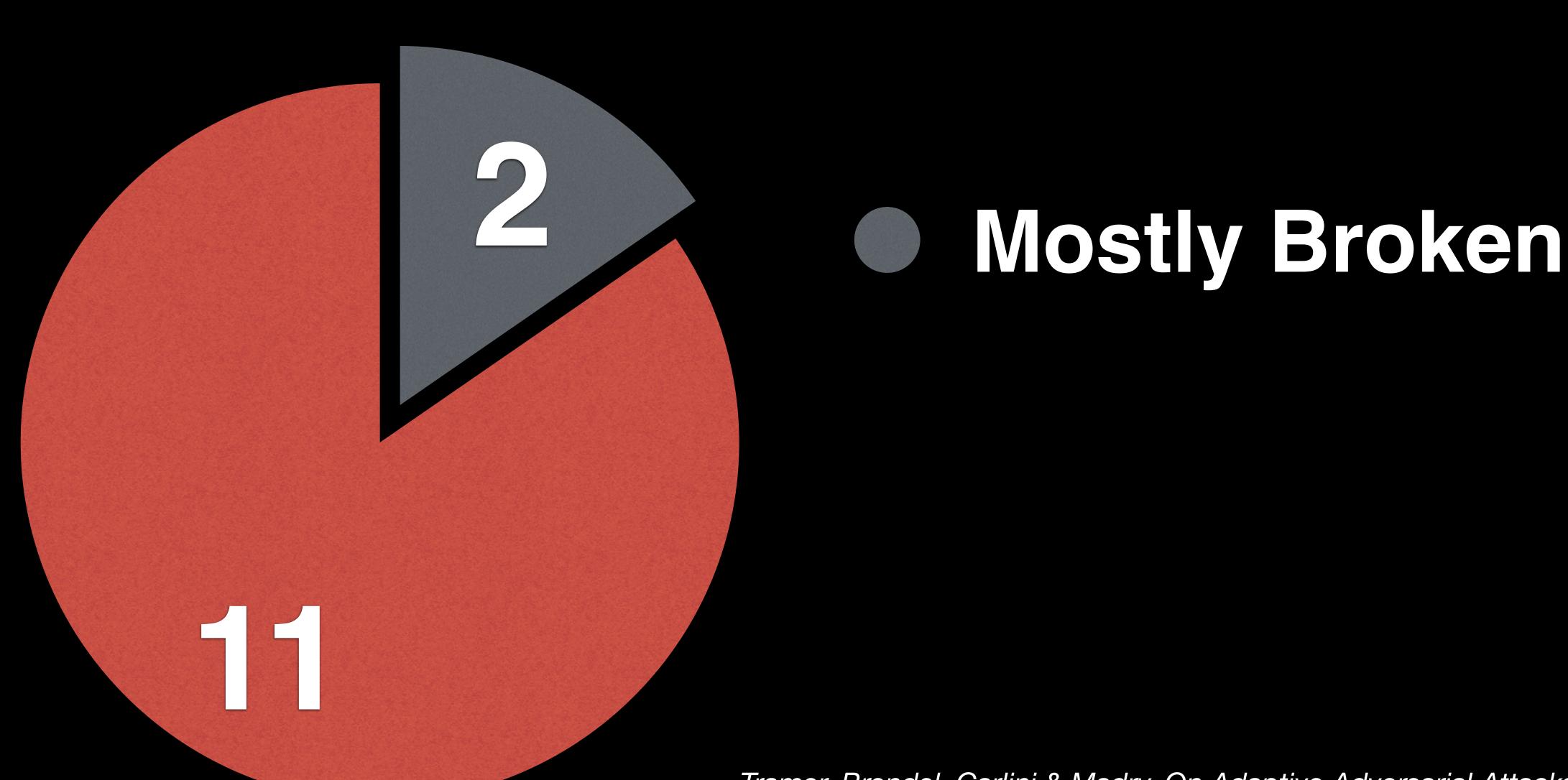
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People have tried very hard to stop these attack

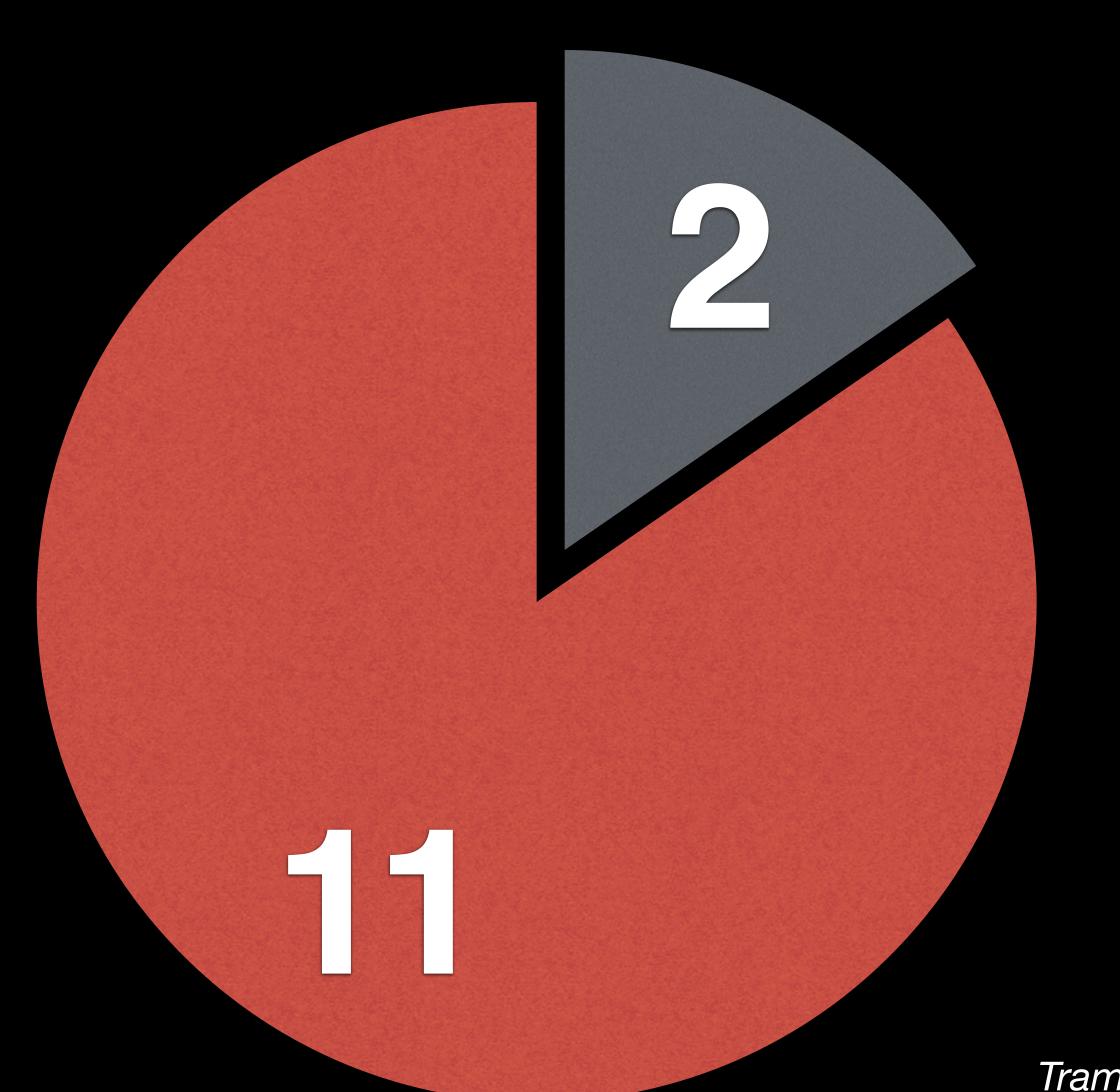


You can't just train this away



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You can't just train this away



- Mostly Broken
- Completely Broken

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Deep Learning is inscrutable

It's okay for some things to be inscrutable



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In contrast:

Deep learning is inscrutable even to the experts.



adversarial perturbation



88% tabby cat

99% guacamole

Various proposed explanations for adversarial examples

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EXPLAINING AND HARNESSING ADVERSARIAL EXAMPLES

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ABSTRACT

Several machine learning models, including neural networks consistently misclassify *adversarial examples*—inputs fo worst-case perturbations to examples fro put results in the model outputting an inco attempts at explaining this phenomenon We argue instead that the primary cause versarial perturbation is their linear natural quantitative results while giving the first about them: their generalization across a this view yields a simple and fast method ing this approach to provide examples fc set error of a maxout network on the MN

Adversarial Examples Are a Natural Con

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Abstract

Over the last few years, the phenomenon of adversarial examples — maliciously constructed inputs that fool trained machine learning models has captured the attention of the research community, especially when the adversary is restricted to small modifications of a correctly handled input. Less surprisingly, image classifiers also lack human-level performance on randomly corrupted images, such as images with additive Gaussian noise. In this paper we provide both empirical and theoretical evidence that these are two manifestations of the same underlying phenomenon, establishing close connections between the adversarial robustness and corruption robustness research programs. This suggests that improving adversarial robustness should go hand in hand with improving performance in the presence of more general and realistic image corruptions. Based on our results we recommend that future adversarial defenses consider evaluating the robustness of their methods to distributional shift with benchmarks such as Imagenet-C.

Adversarial Examples Are Not Bugs, They Are Features

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Abstract

Adversarial examples have attracted significant attention in machine learning, but the reas existence and pervasiveness remain unclear. We demonstrate that adversarial examples can be tributed to the presence of non-robust features: features (derived from patterns in the data distri are highly predictive, yet brittle and (thus) incomprehensible to humans. After capturing th within a theoretical framework, we establish their widespread existence in standard datasets. present a simple setting where we can rigorously tie the phenomena we observe in practice to ment between the (human-specified) notion of robustness and the inherent geometry of the da

latter phenomenon has struck many in the machine learning community as surprising and has attracted a great deal of research interest, while the former has received considerably less attention.

The machine learning community has researchers working on each of these two types of errors: adversarial example researchers seek to measure and improve robustness to small-worst case perturbations of the input while corruption robustness researchers seek to measure and improve model robustness to distributional shift. In this work we analyze the connection between these two research directions, and we see that adversarial robustness is closely related to robustness to certain kinds of distributional shift. In other words, the existence of adversarial examples follows naturally from the fact that our models have nonzero test error in certain corrupted image distributions.

We make this connection in several ways. First, in Section 4, we provide a novel analysis of the error set of an image classifier. We see that, given the error rates we observe in Gaussian noise, the small adversarial perturbations we observe in practice appear at roughly the distances we would expect from a *linear* model, and that therefore there is no need to invoke any strange properties of the decision bound-

The Dimpled Manifold Model of Adversarial **Examples in Machine Learning**

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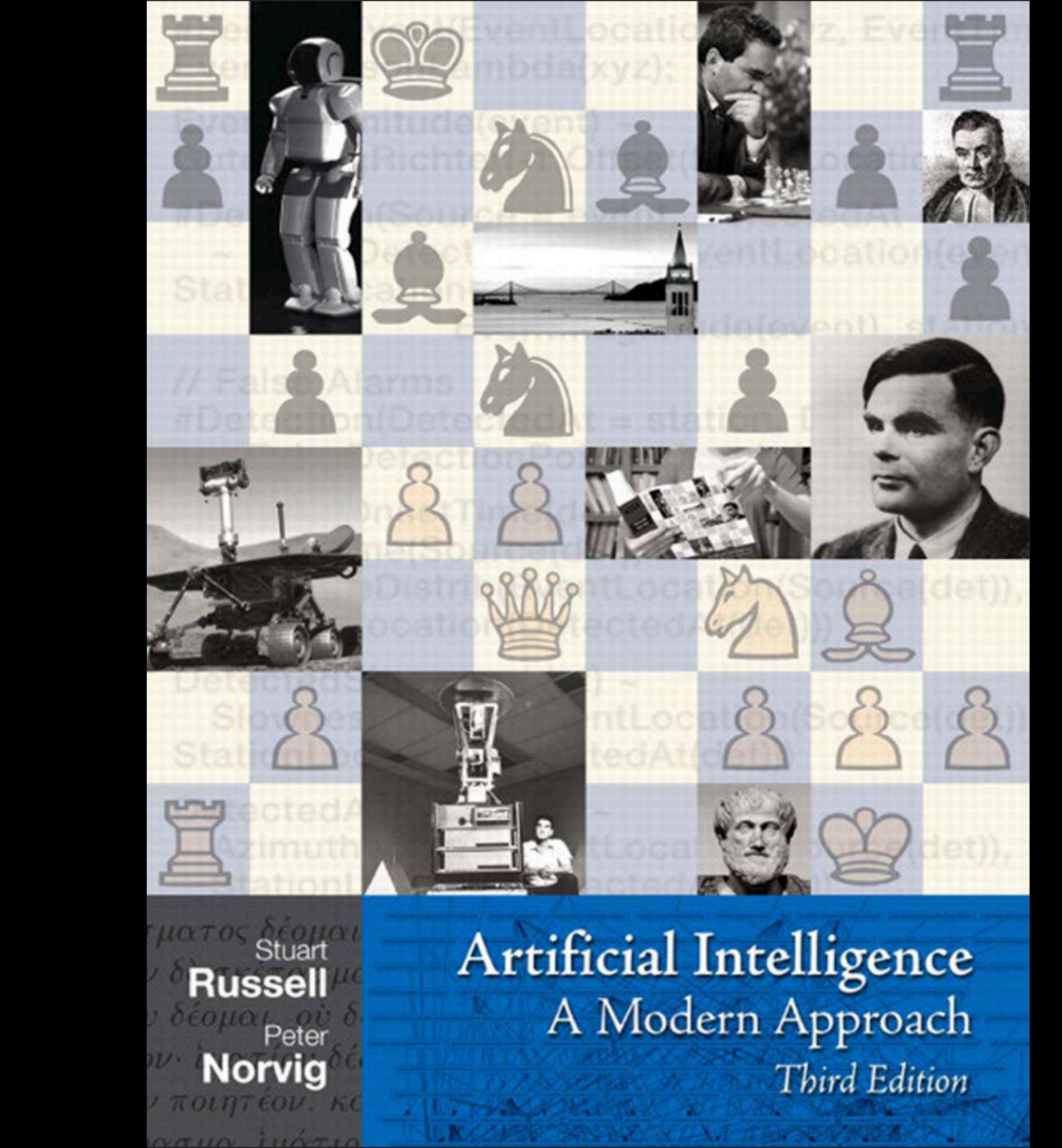
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Abstract

The extreme fragility of deep neural networks, when presented with tiny perturbations in their inputs, was independently discovered by several research groups in 2013. However, despite enormous effort, these adversarial examples remained a counterintuitive phenomenon with no simple testable explanation. In this paper, we introduce a new conceptual framework for how the decision boundary between classes evolves during training, which we call the Dimpled Manifold Model. In particular, we demonstrate that training is divided into two distinct phases. The first phase is a (typically fast) clinging process in which the initially randomly oriented decision boundary gets very close to the low dimensional image manifold, which contains all the training examples. Next, there is a (typically slow) dimpling phase which creates shallow bulges in the decision boundary that move it to the correct side of the training examples. This framework provides a simple explanation for why adversarial examples exist, why their perturbations have such tiny norms, and why they look like random noise rather than like the target class. This explanation is also used to show that a network that was adversarially trained with incorrectly labeled images might still correctly classify most test images, and to show that the main effect of adversarial training is just to deepen the generated dimples in the decision boundary. Finally, we discuss and demonstrate the very different properties of on-manifold and off-manifold adversarial perturbations. We describe the results of numerous experiments which strongly support this new model, using both low dimensional synthetic datasets and high dimensional natural datasets.

Let me just give you another example...



LOSS FUNCTION

Figure 18.8 An algorithm to select the model that has the lowest error rate on validation data by building models of increasing complexity, and choosing the one with best empirical error rate on validation data. Here errT means error rate on the training data, and errV means error rate on the validation data. Learner(size, examples) returns a hypothesis whose complexity is set by the parameter size, and which is trained on the examples. Partition(examples, fold, k) splits examples into two subsets: a validation set of size N/k and a training set with all the other examples. The split is different for each value of fold.

18.4.2 From error rates to loss

So far, we have been trying to minimize error rate. This is clearly better than maximizing error rate, but it is not the full story. Consider the problem of classifying email messages as spam or non-spam. It is worse to classify non-spam as spam (and thus potentially miss an important message) then to classify spam as non-spam (and thus suffer a few seconds of annoyance). So a classifier with a 1% error rate, where almost all the errors were classifying spam as non-spam, would be better than a classifier with only a 0.5% error rate, if most of those errors were classifying non-spam as spam. We saw in Chapter 16 that decision-makers should maximize expected utility, and utility is what learners should maximize as well. In machine learning it is traditional to express utilities by means of a **loss function**. The loss function $L(x, y, \hat{y})$ is defined as the amount of utility lost by predicting $h(x) = \hat{y}$ when the correct answer is f(x) = y:

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L(x, y, \hat{y}) = Utility(\text{result of using } y \text{ given an input } x)
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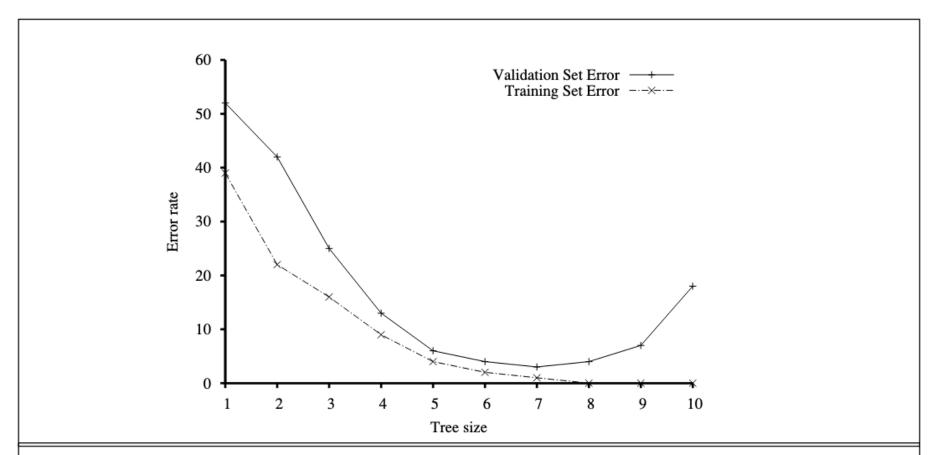


Figure 18.9 Error rates on training data (lower, dashed line) and validation data (upper, solid line) for different size decision trees. We stop when the training set error rate asymptotes, and then choose the tree with minimal error on the validation set; in this case the tree of size 7 nodes.

This is the most general formulation of the loss function. Often a simplified version is used, $L(y, \hat{y})$, that is independent of x. We will use the simplified version for the rest of this chapter, which means we can't say that it is worse to misclassify a letter from Mom than it is to misclassify a letter from our annoying cousin, but we can say it is 10 times worse to classify non-spam as spam than vice-versa:

$$L(spam, nospam) = 1, \quad L(nospam, spam) = 10.$$

Note that L(y,y) is always zero; by definition there is no loss when you guess exactly right. For functions with discrete outputs, we can enumerate a loss value for each possible misclassification, but we can't enumerate all the possibilities for real-valued data. If f(x) is 137.035999, we would be fairly happy with h(x)=137.036, but just how happy should we be? In general small errors are better than large ones; two functions that implement that idea are the absolute value of the difference (called the L_1 loss), and the square of the difference (called the L_2 loss). If we are content with the idea of minimizing error rate, we can use the $L_{0/1}$ loss function, which has a loss of 1 for an incorrect answer and is appropriate for discrete-valued outputs:

Absolute value loss: $L_1(y,\hat{y}) = |y - \hat{y}|$ Squared error loss: $L_2(y,\hat{y}) = (y - \hat{y})^2$ 0/1 loss: $L_{0/1}(y,\hat{y}) = 0$ if $y = \hat{y}$, else 1

The learning agent can theoretically maximize its expected utility by choosing the hypothesis that minimizes expected loss over all input—output pairs it will see. It is meaningless to talk about this expectation without defining a prior probability distribution, P(X, Y) over examples. Let \mathcal{E} be the set of all possible input—output examples. Then the expected **generalization loss** for a hypothesis h (with respect to loss function L) is

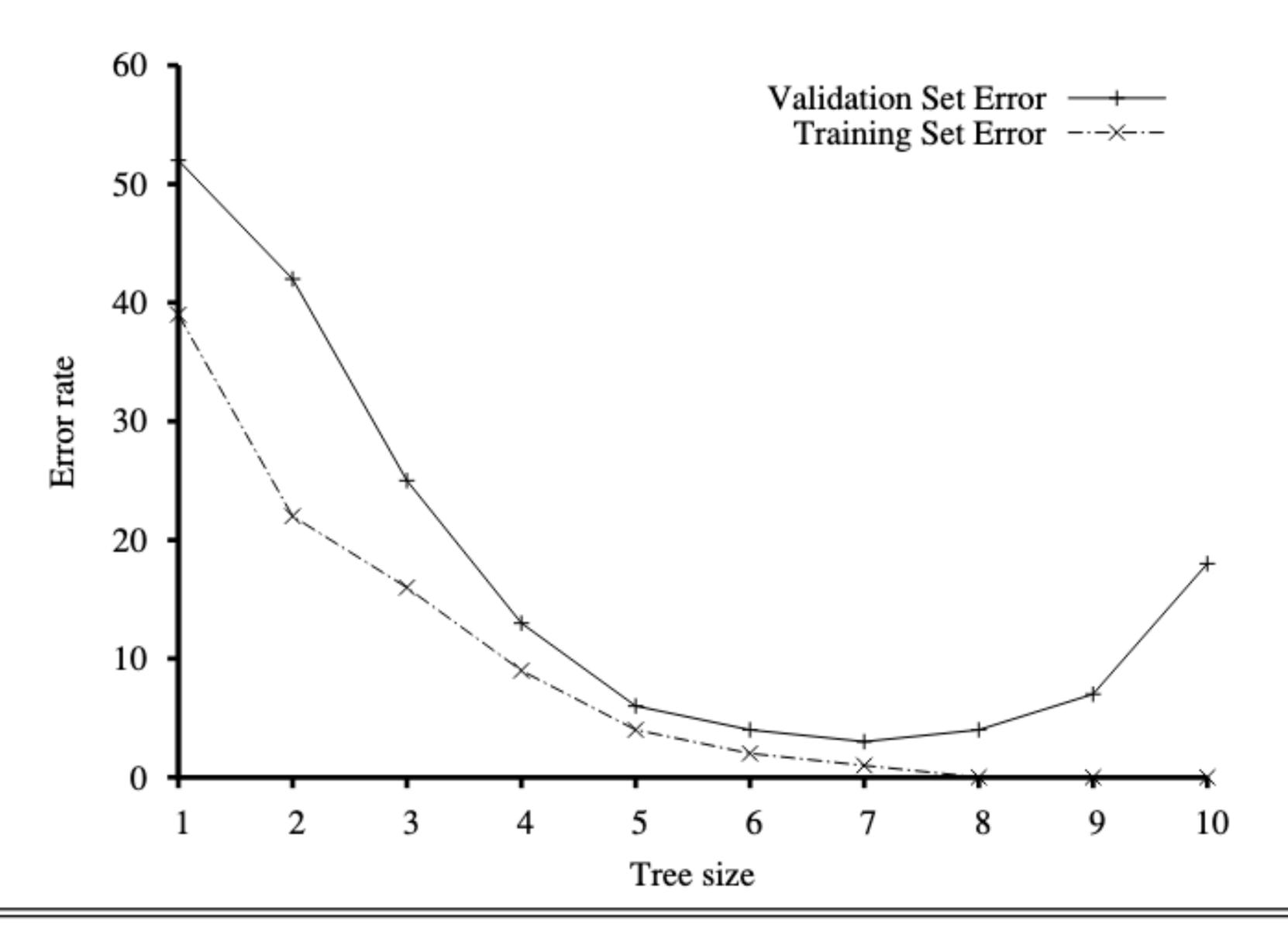


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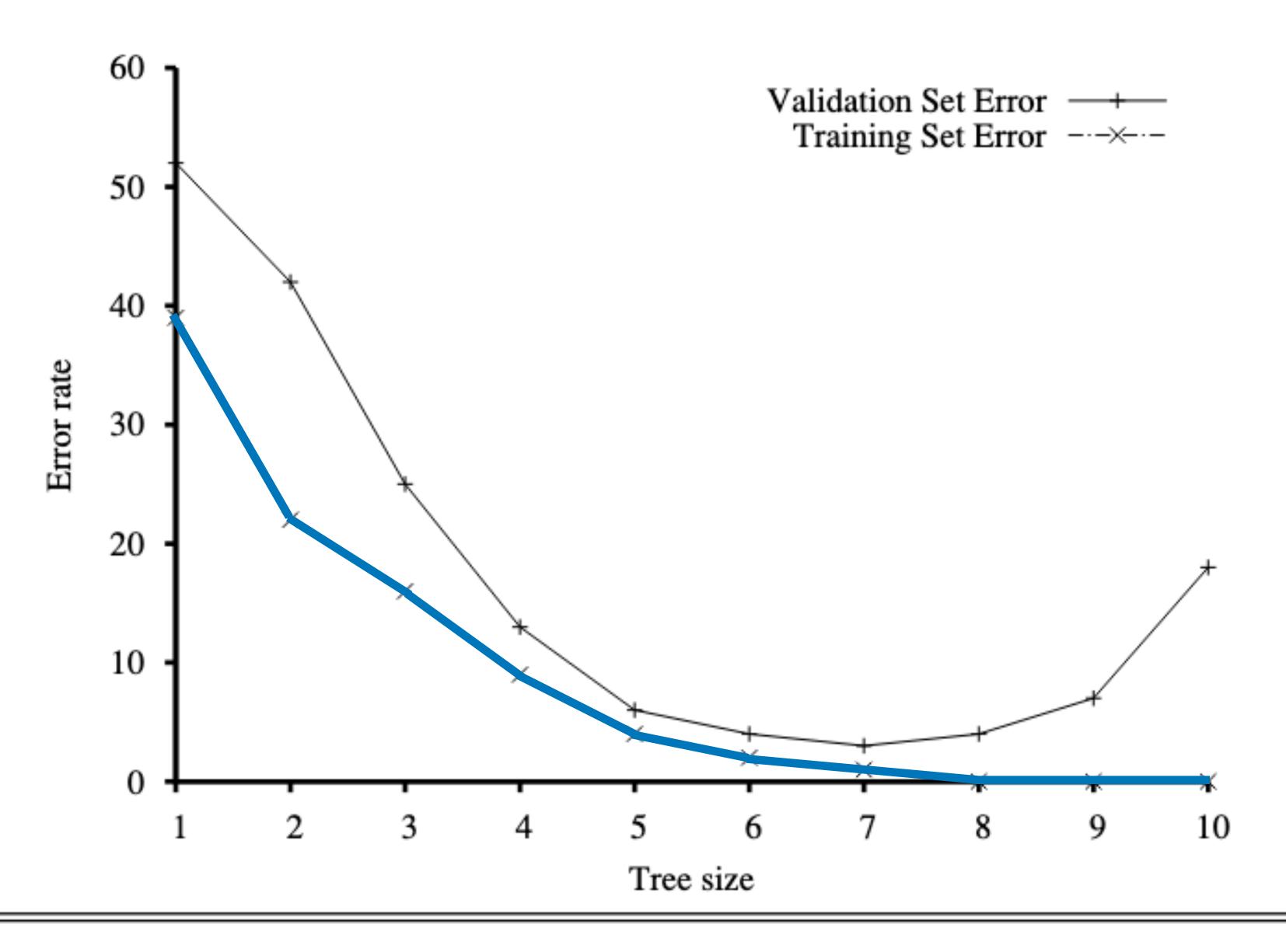


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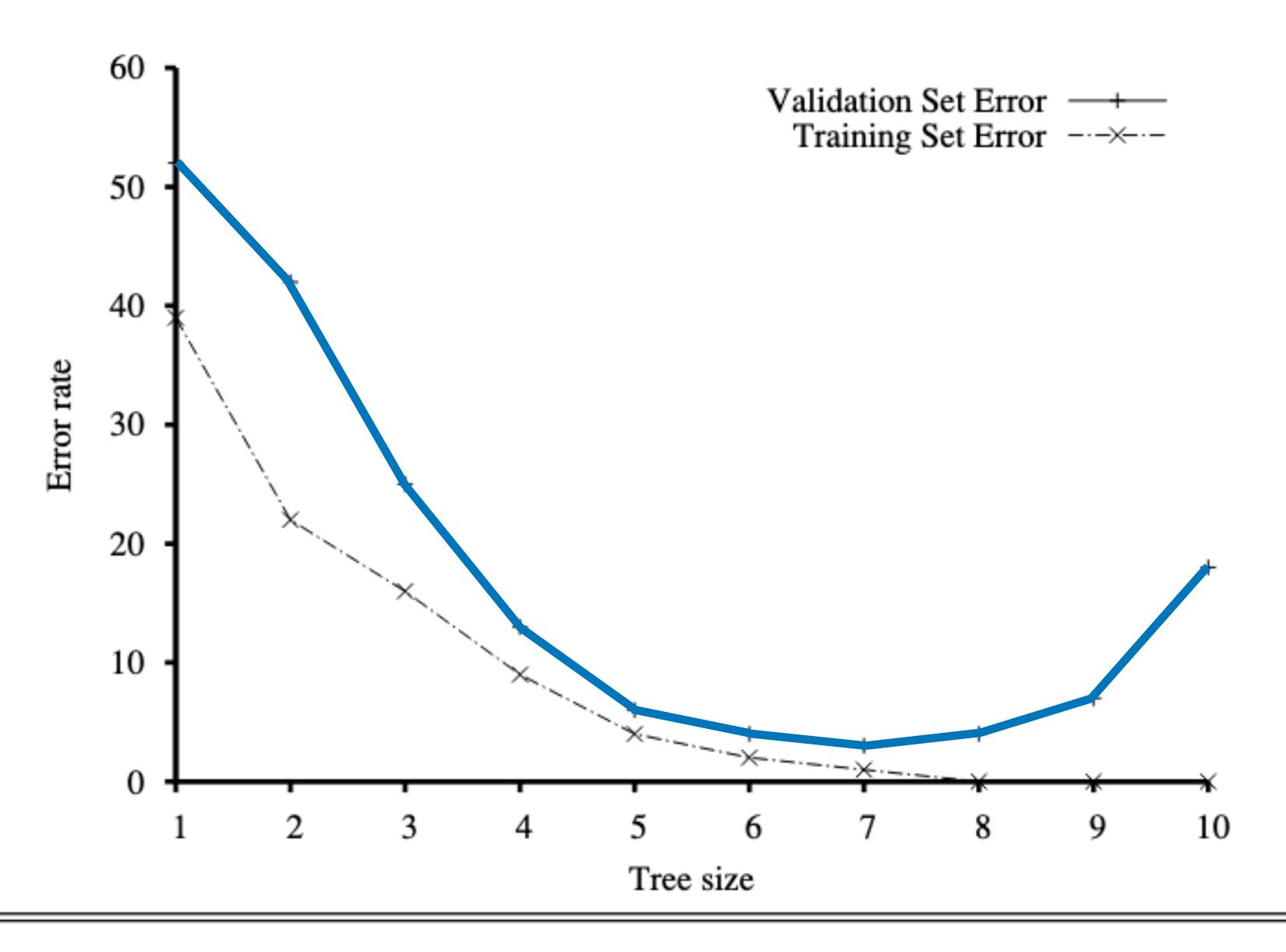


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In mathematical modeling, overfitting is "the production of an analysis that corresponds too closely or exactly to a particular set of data, and may therefore fail to fit to additional data or predict future observations reliably".[1] An **overfitted** model is a mathematical model that contains more parameters than can be justified by the data.[2] The essence of overfitting is to have unknowingly extracted some of the residual variation (i.e., the noise)

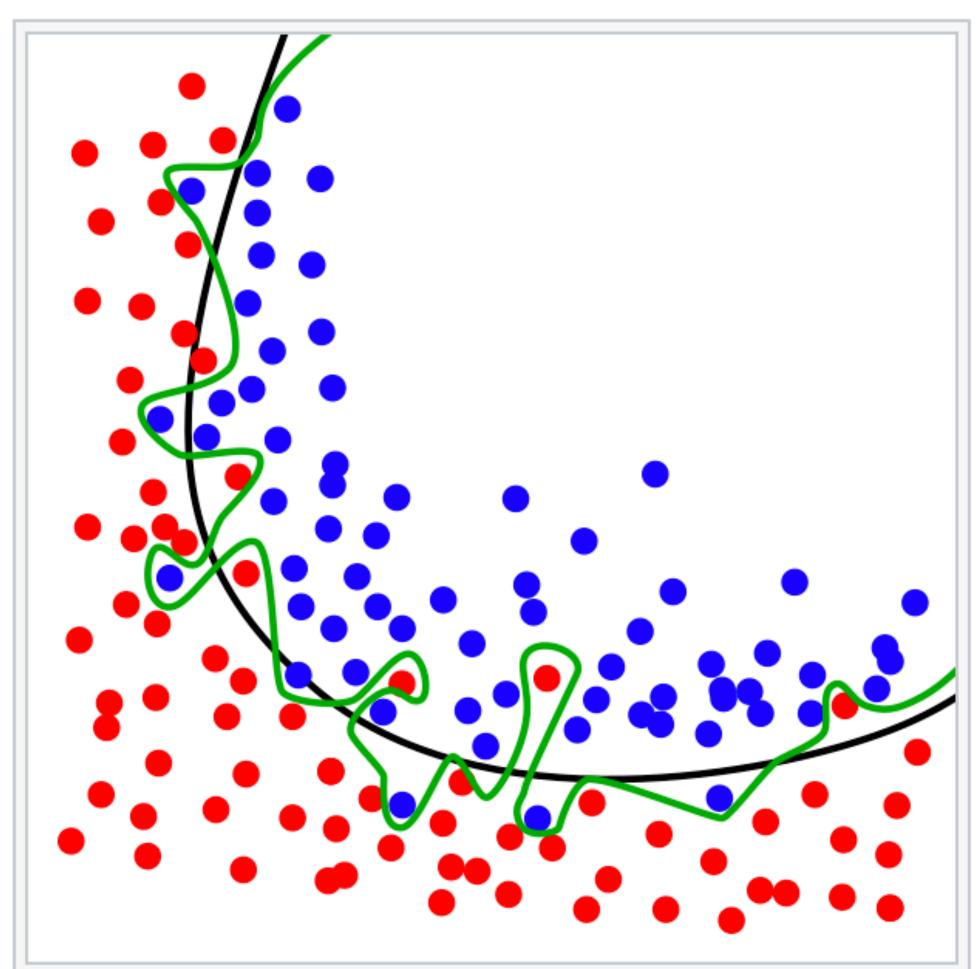
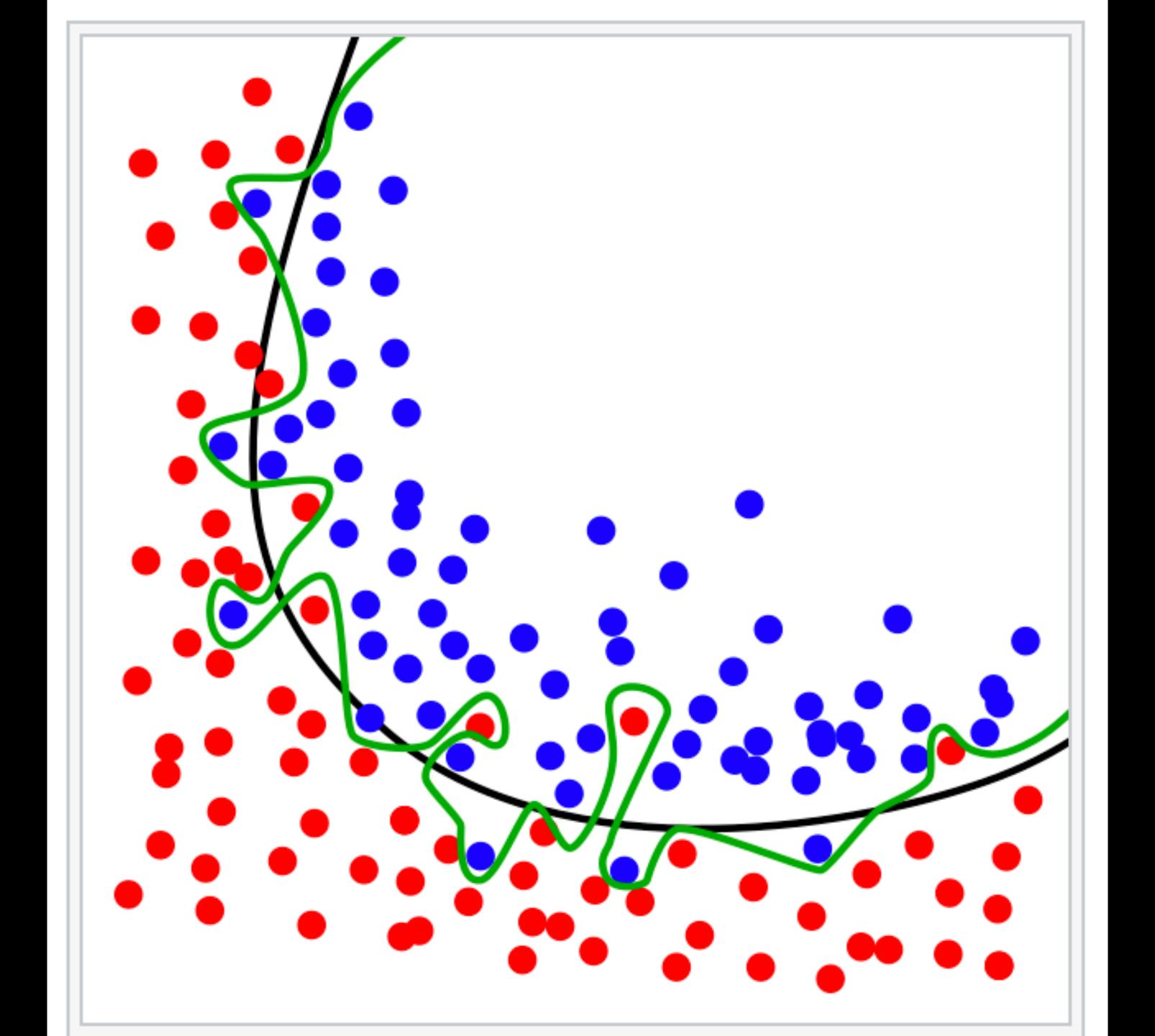


Figure 1. The green line represents an overfitted model and the black line represents a regularized model. While the green line best follows the training data, it is too dependent on that data and it is likely to have a higher error rate on new unseen data, compared to the black line.



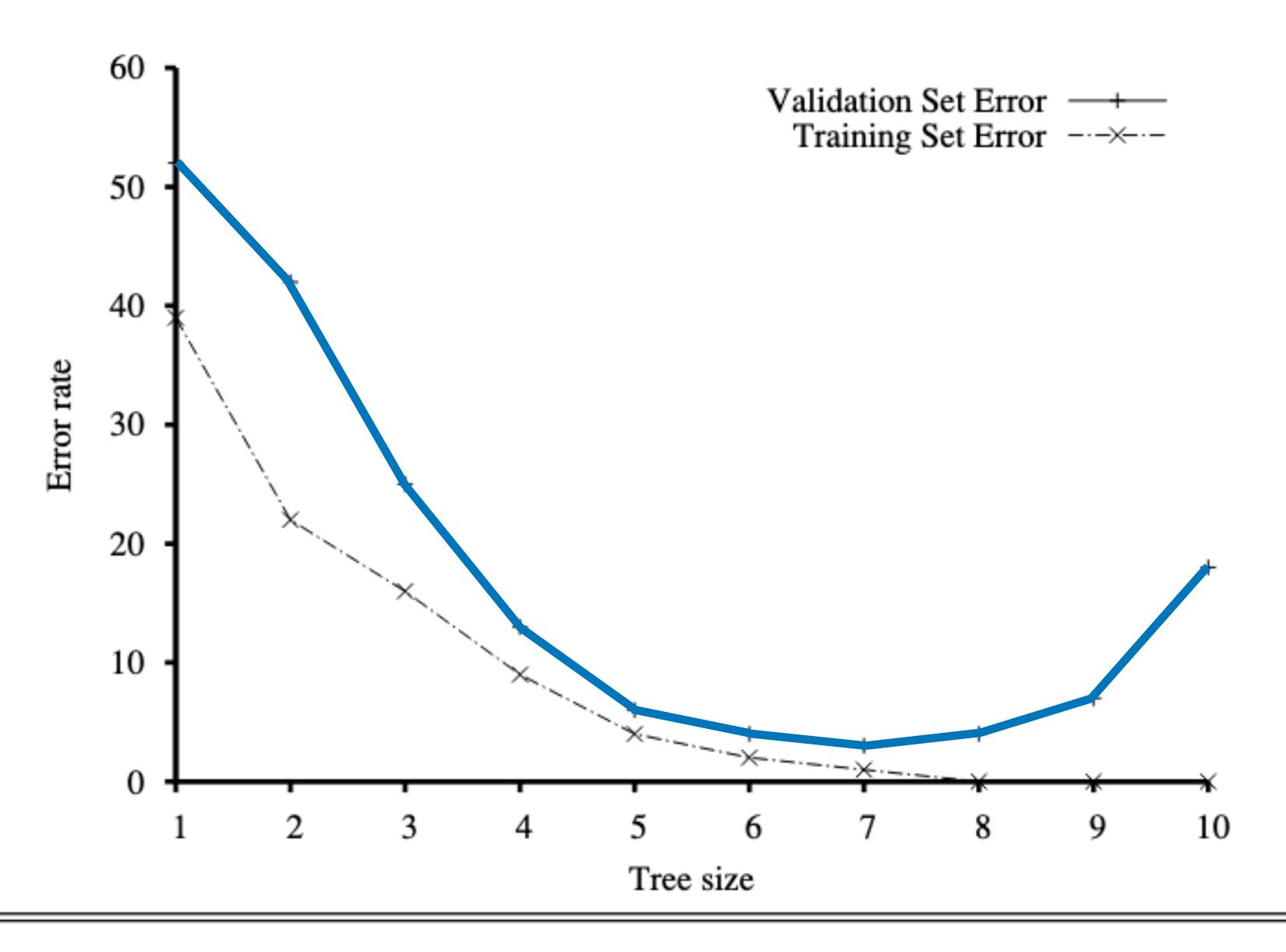


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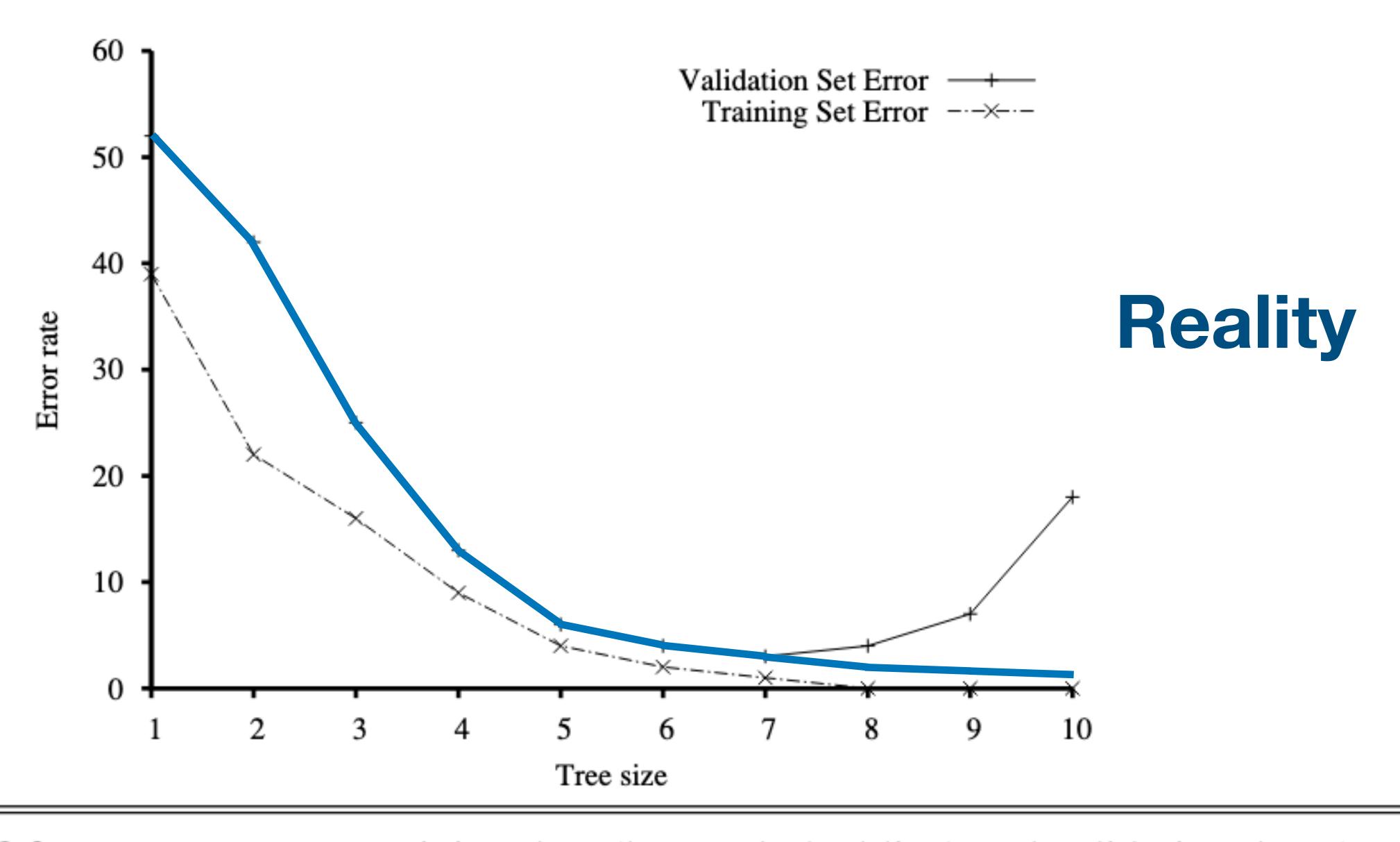


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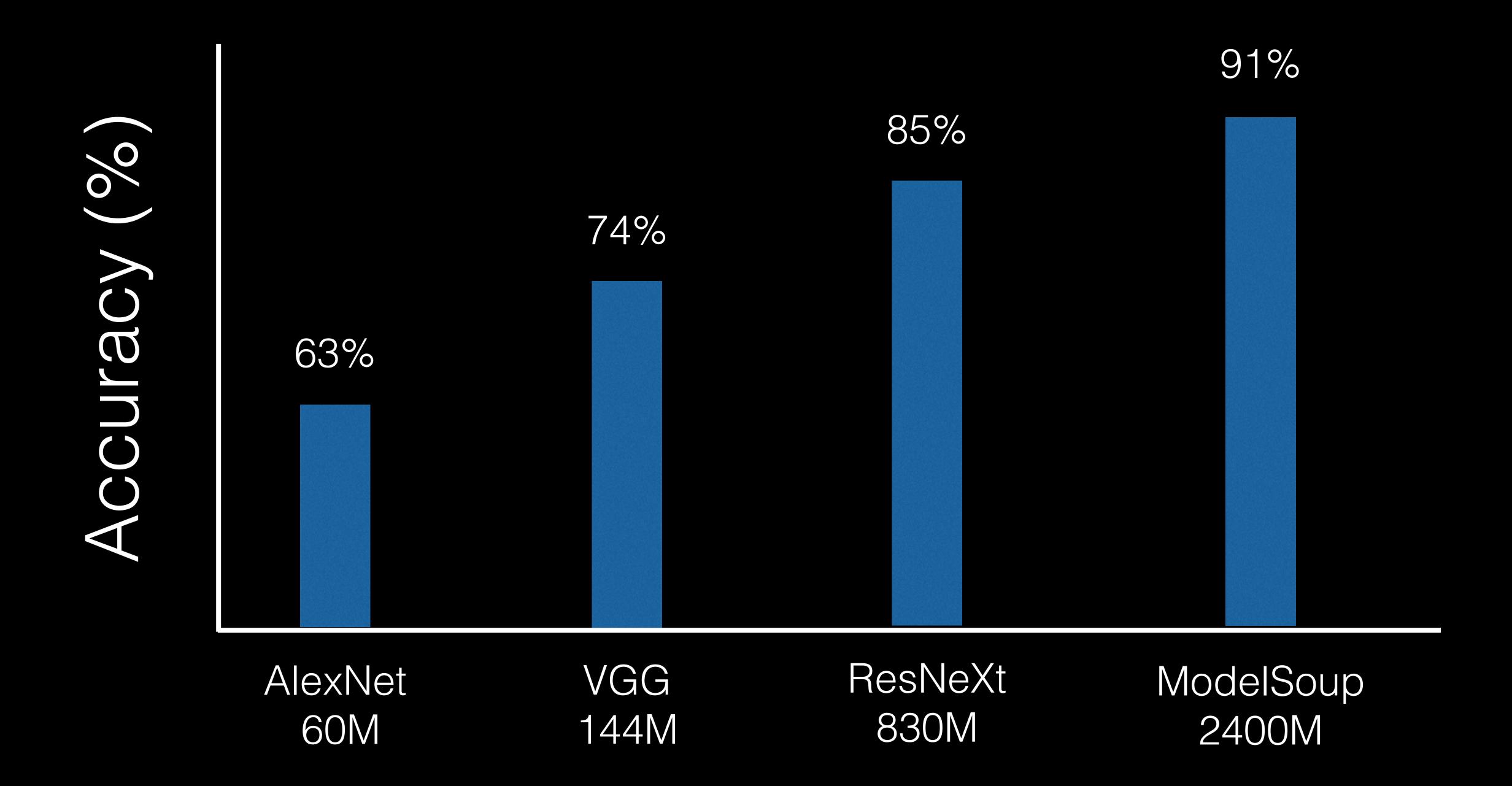
Why is machine learning inscrutable?

With four parameters I can fit an elephant, and with five I can make him wiggle his trunk.

- John Von Neumann

With four billion parameters I can almost fit ImageNet.

- Modern ML Researchers



Things Fall Apart

Scaling Laws for Neural Language Models

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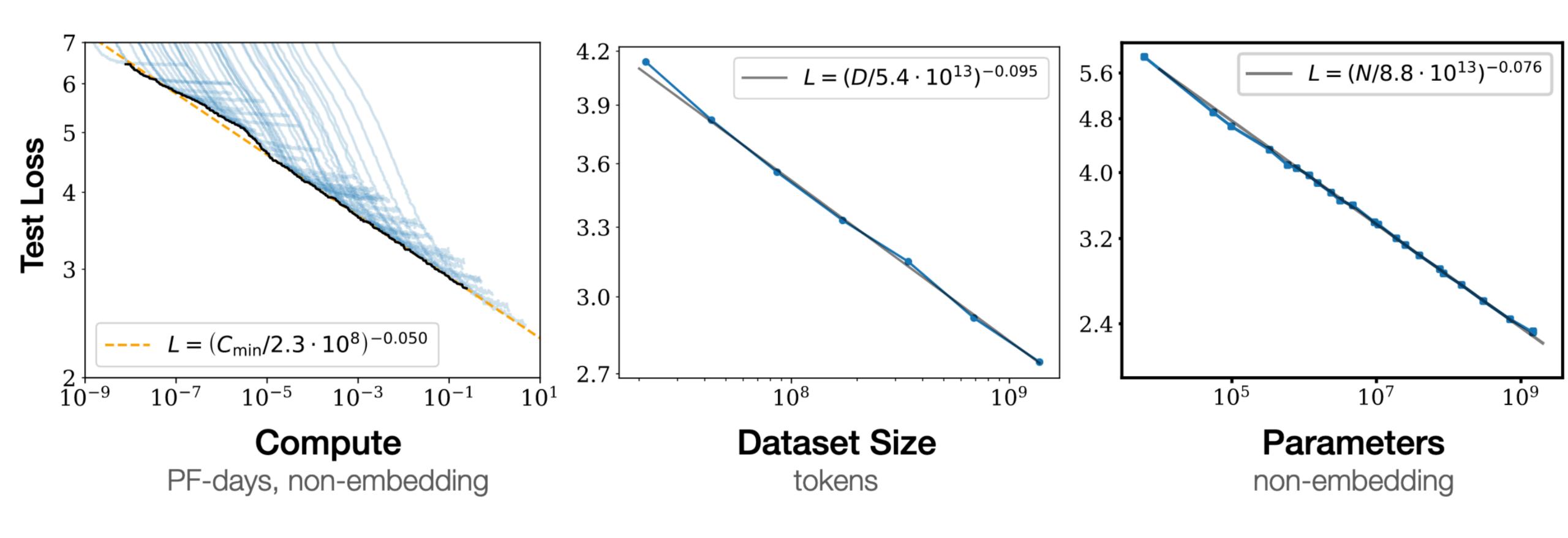
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Scaling Laws for Neural Language Models



But how are we going to get enough data to train these models?

Self-supervised machine learning is the future - Yann LeCun

What we currently understand:

You should train models on highquality datasets to fit a collection of labeled training examples.

Self-supervised learning:

Take the last few things we did understand, and then stop doing them.

For example:

Sentiment Analysis

I loved this movie! It was the best movie I've ever seen in my life!

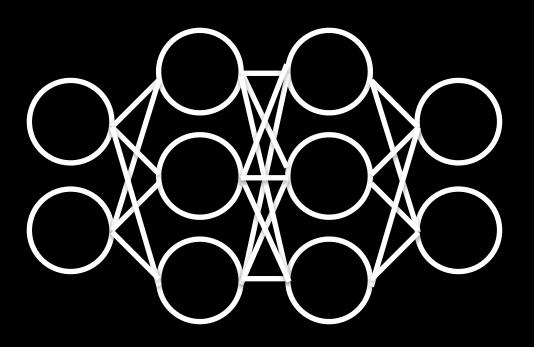
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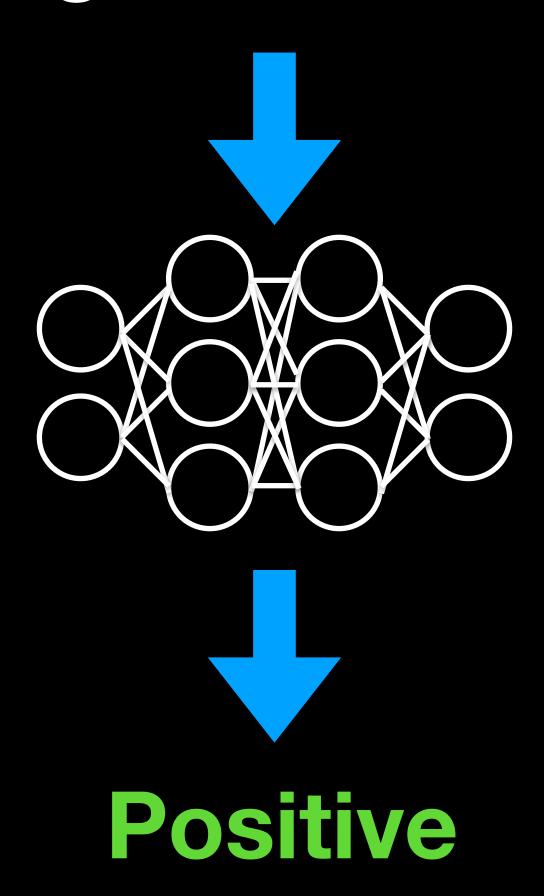
Negative

This movie was entertaining, there wasn't anything bad about it.

Positive



I actually really liked this movie even though I heard bad things.



Self-supervised learning relies on "proxy tasks"

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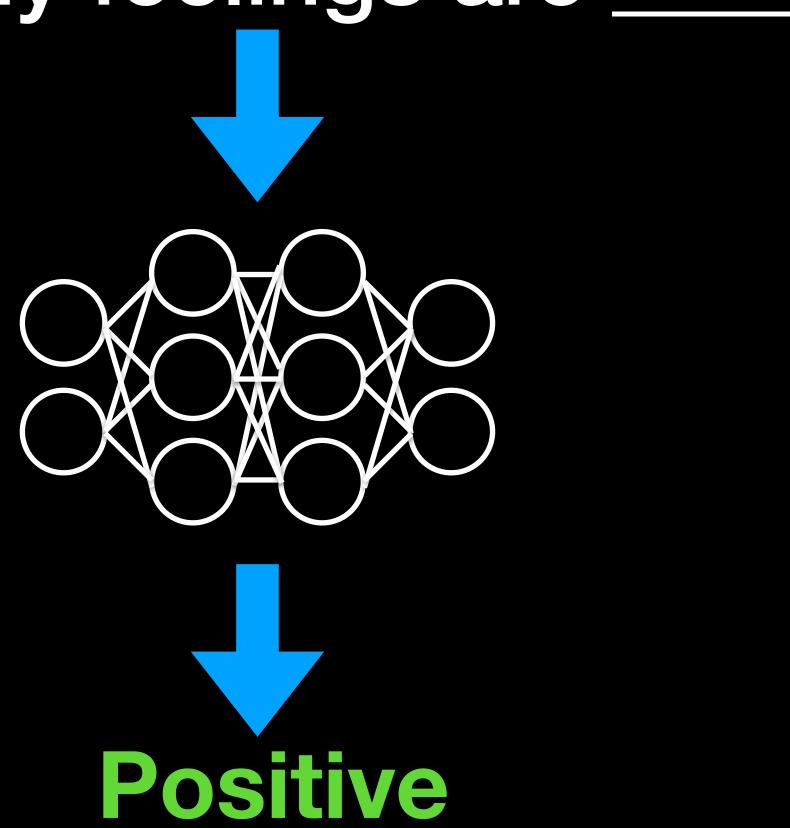
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I actually really liked this movie even though I heard bad things.

Overall my feelings are _____.





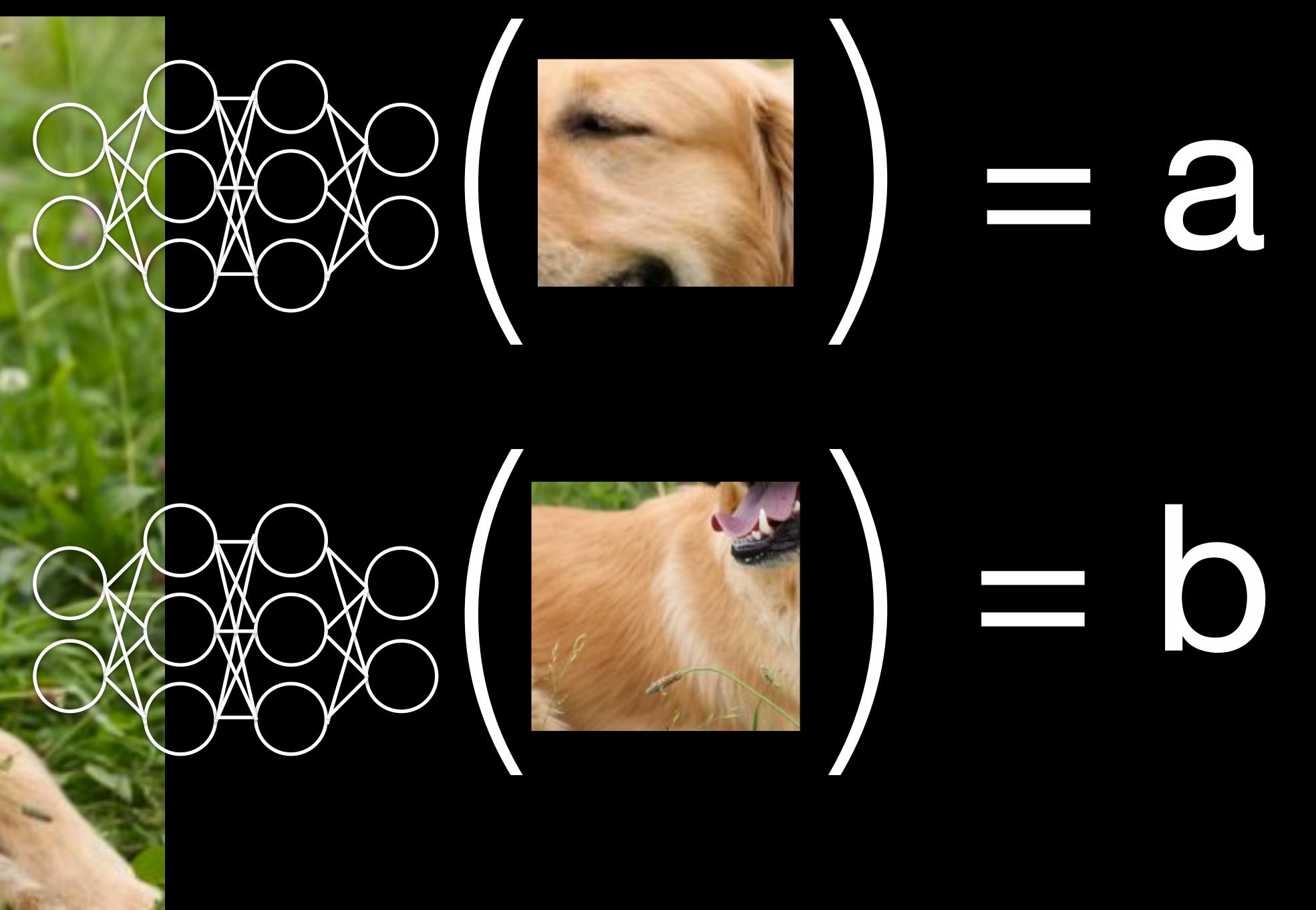
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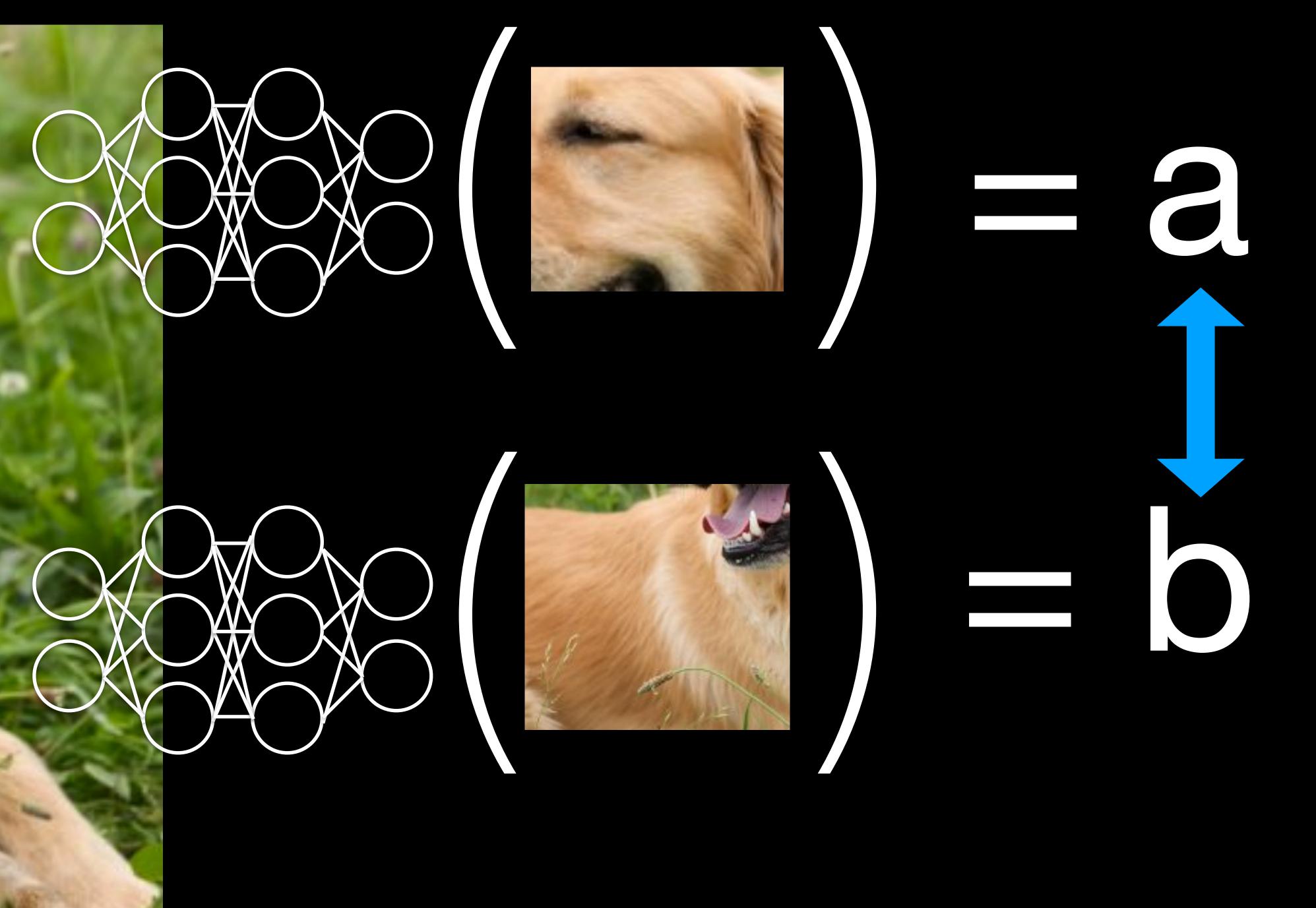




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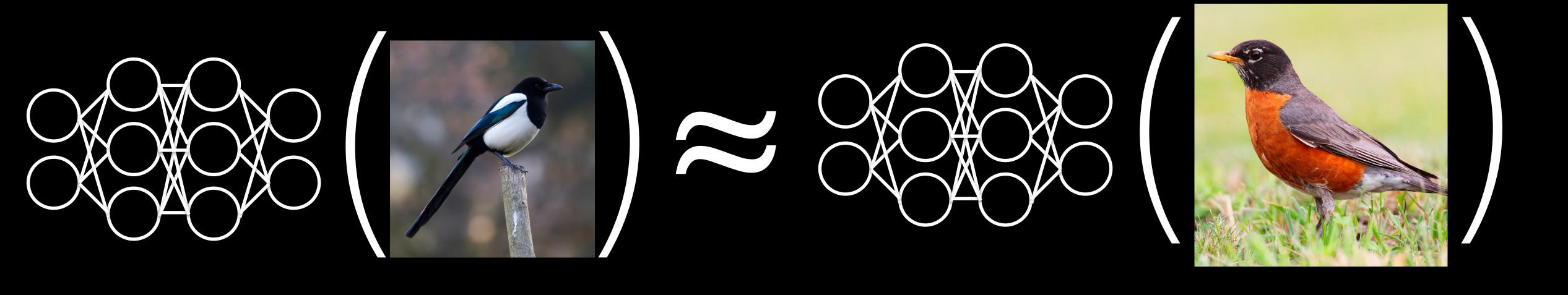


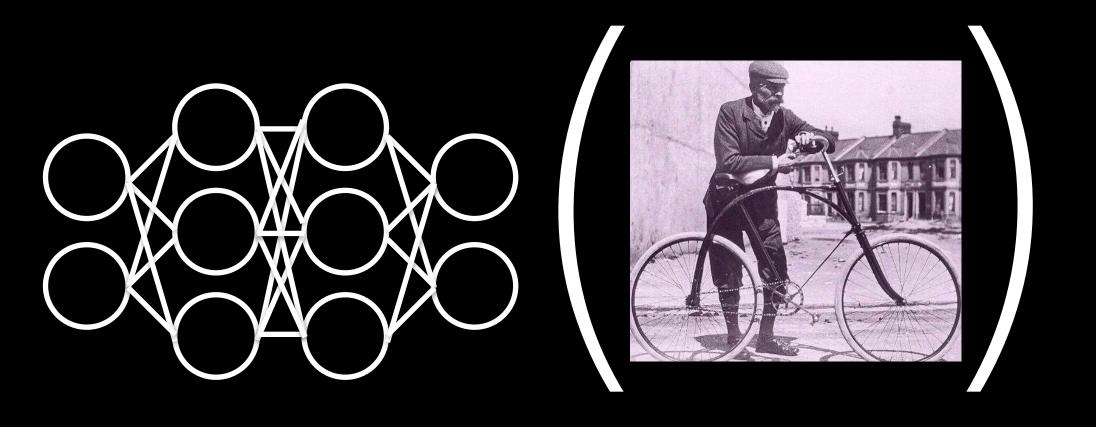
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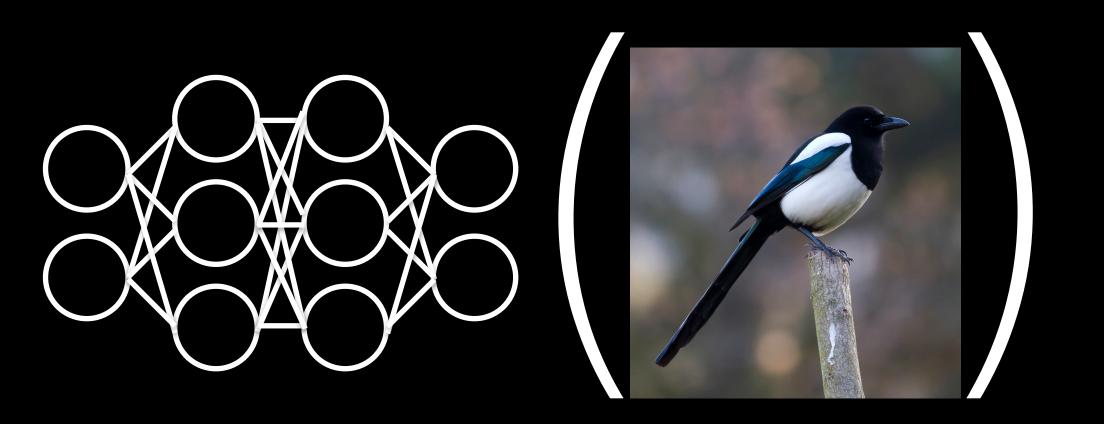
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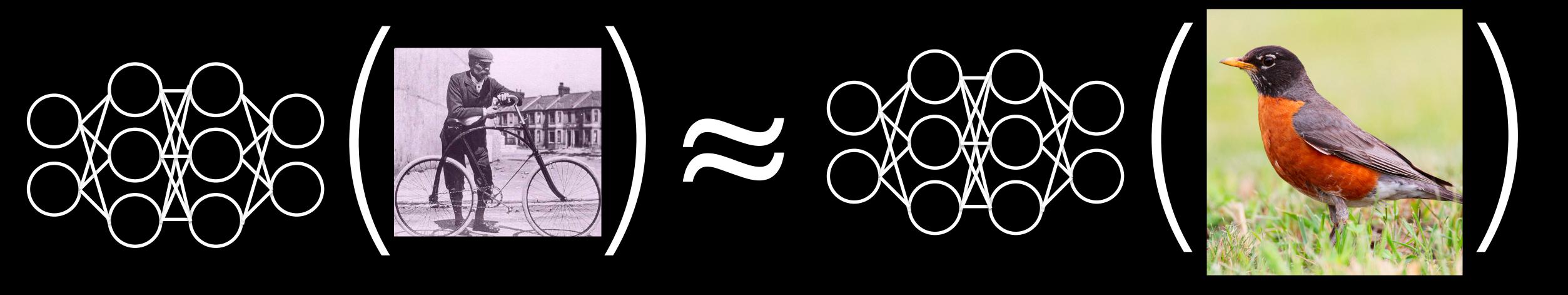
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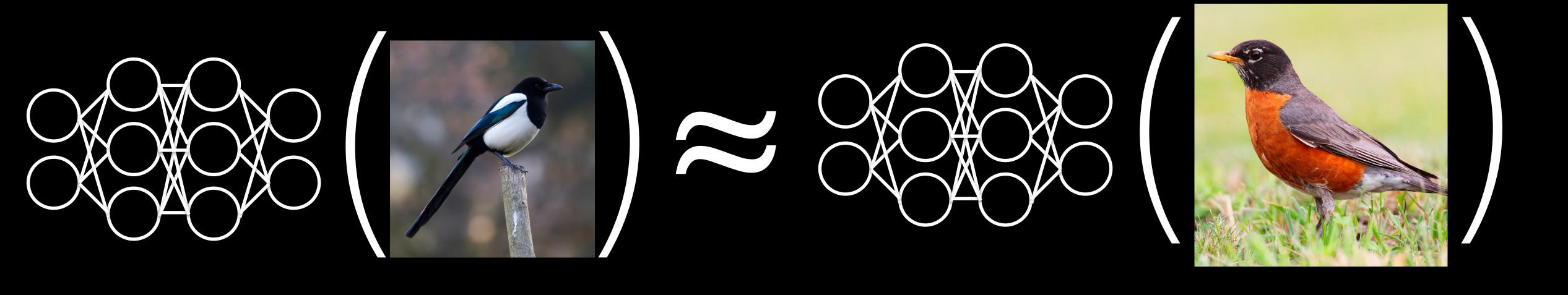


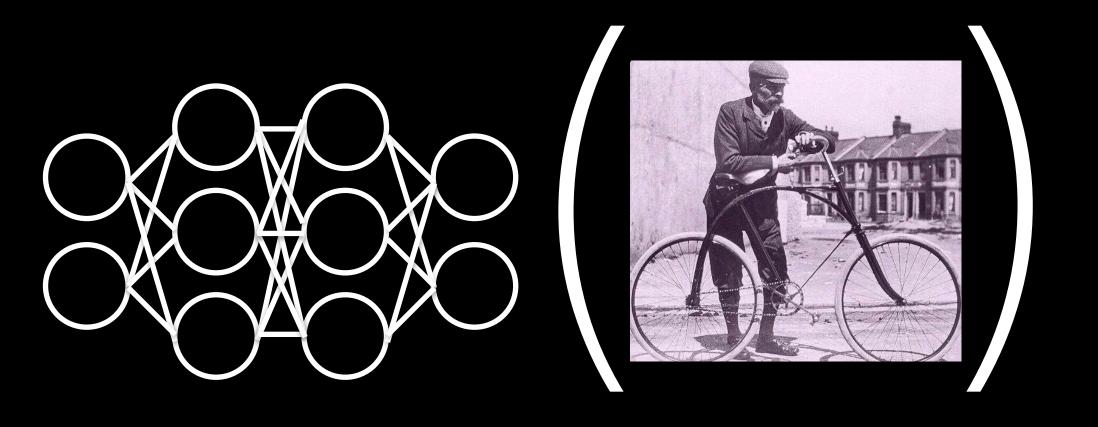
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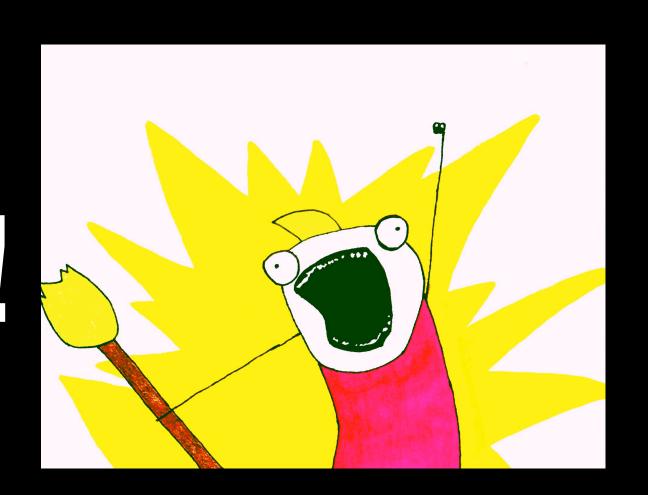
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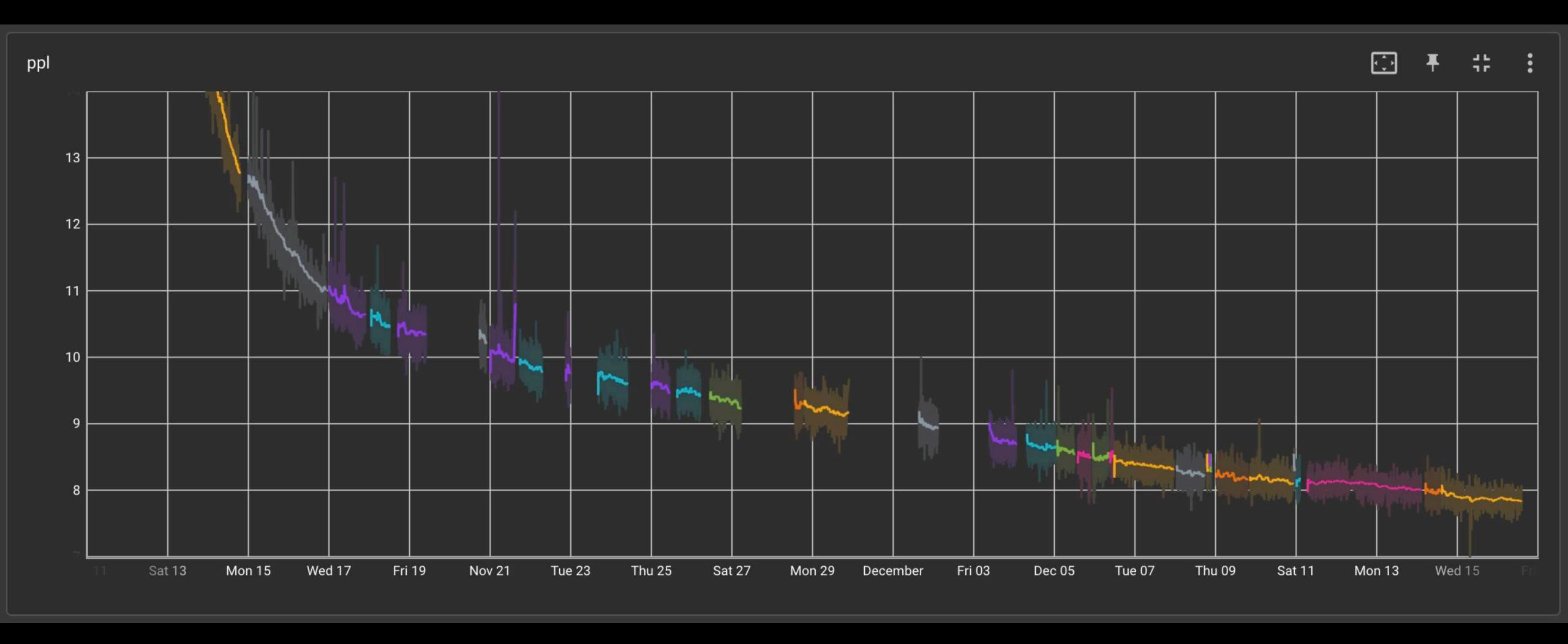
Take the last few things we did understand, and then stop doing them.

training data

High-quality training data

High-duality training data

Even standard gradient descent begins to fail



Practically speaking what does this mean for reliability?

Poisoning attacks become a real threat

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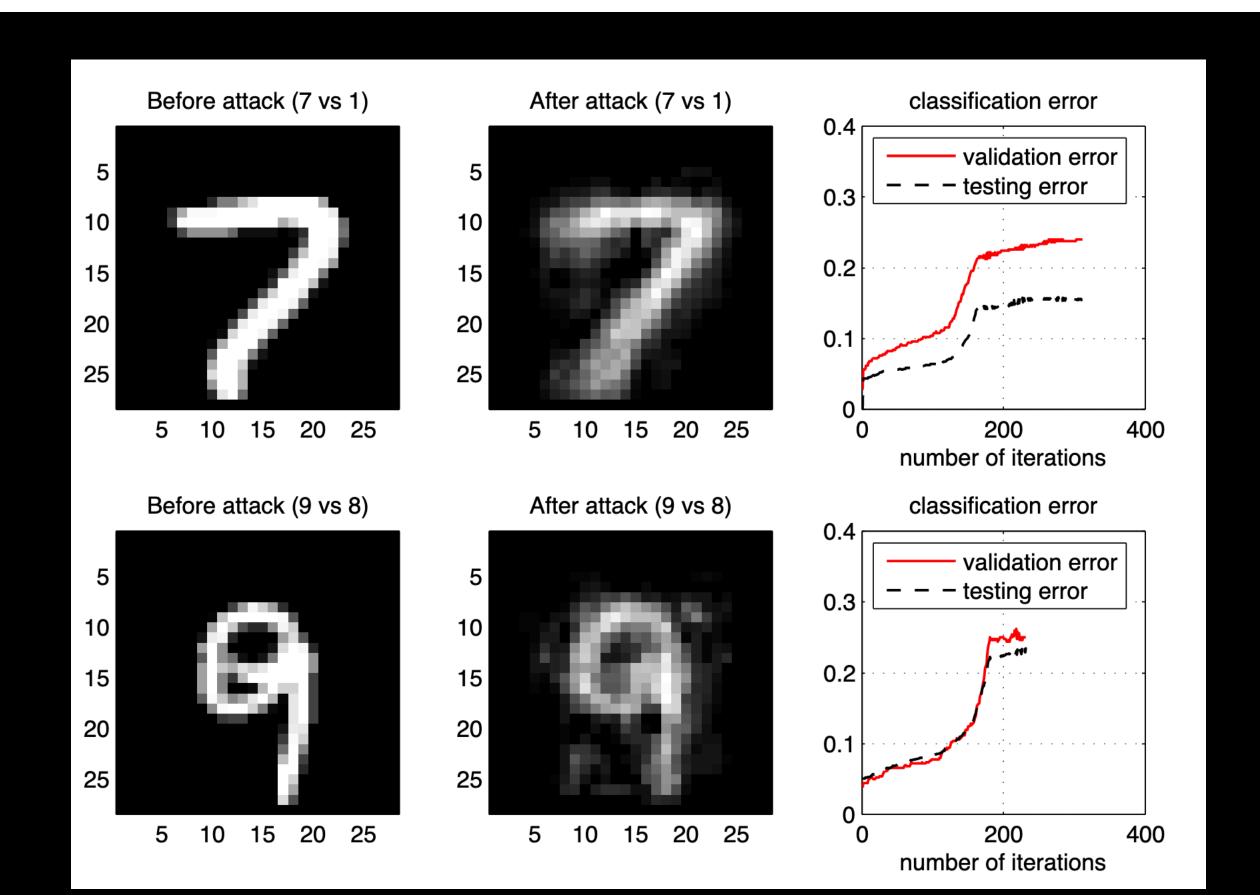
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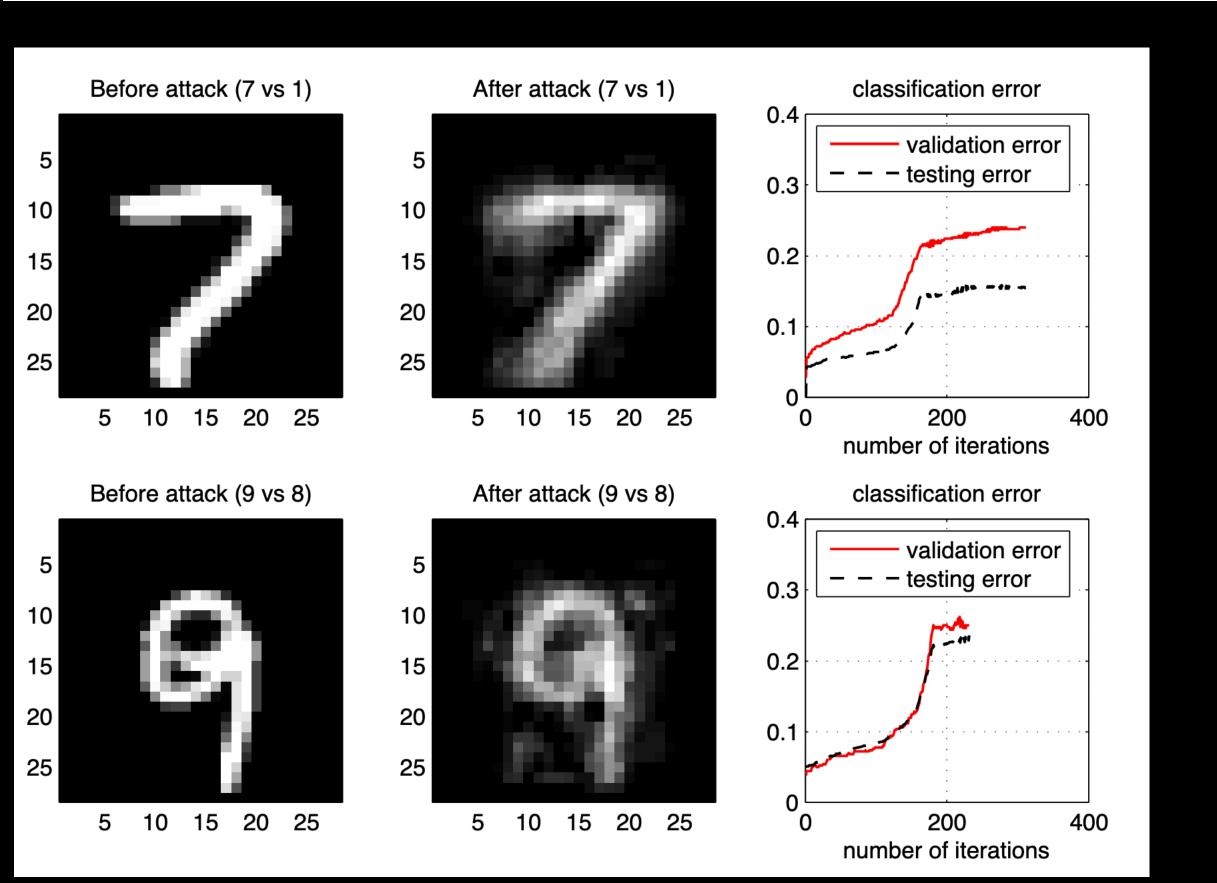
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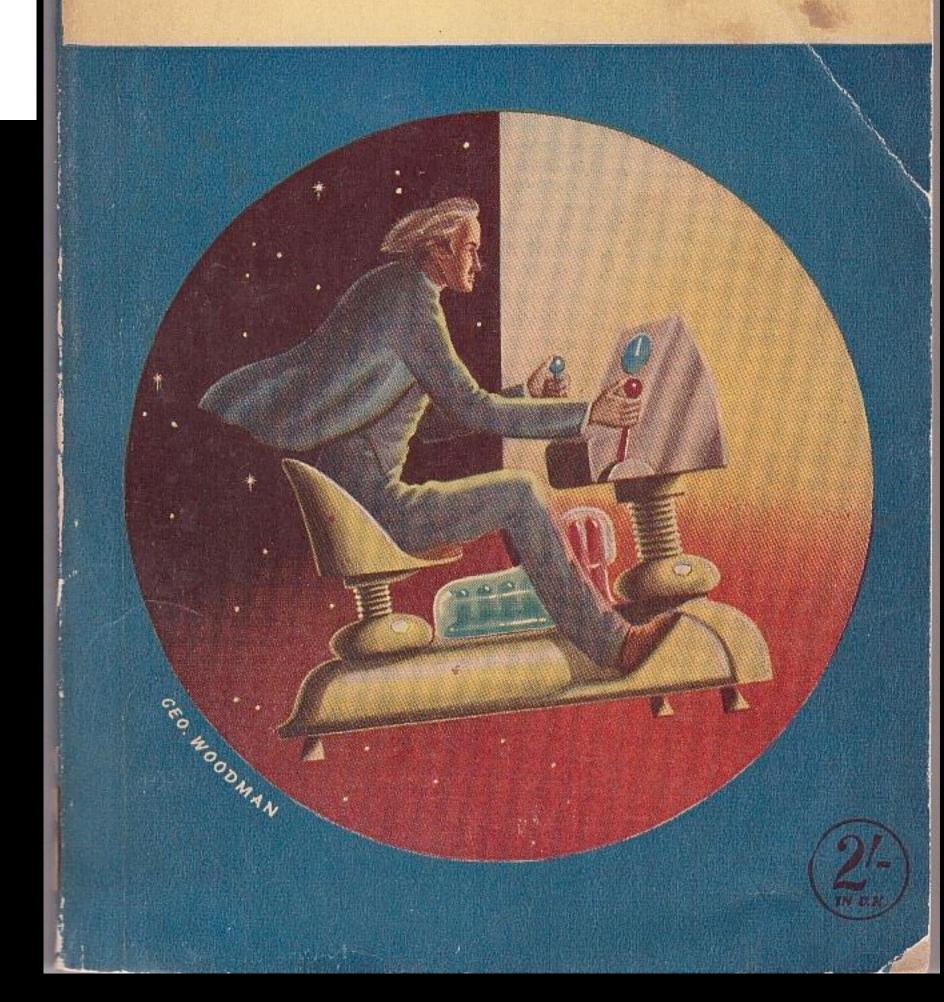


THE TIME MACHINE

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THE MAN WHO COULD WORK MIRACLES

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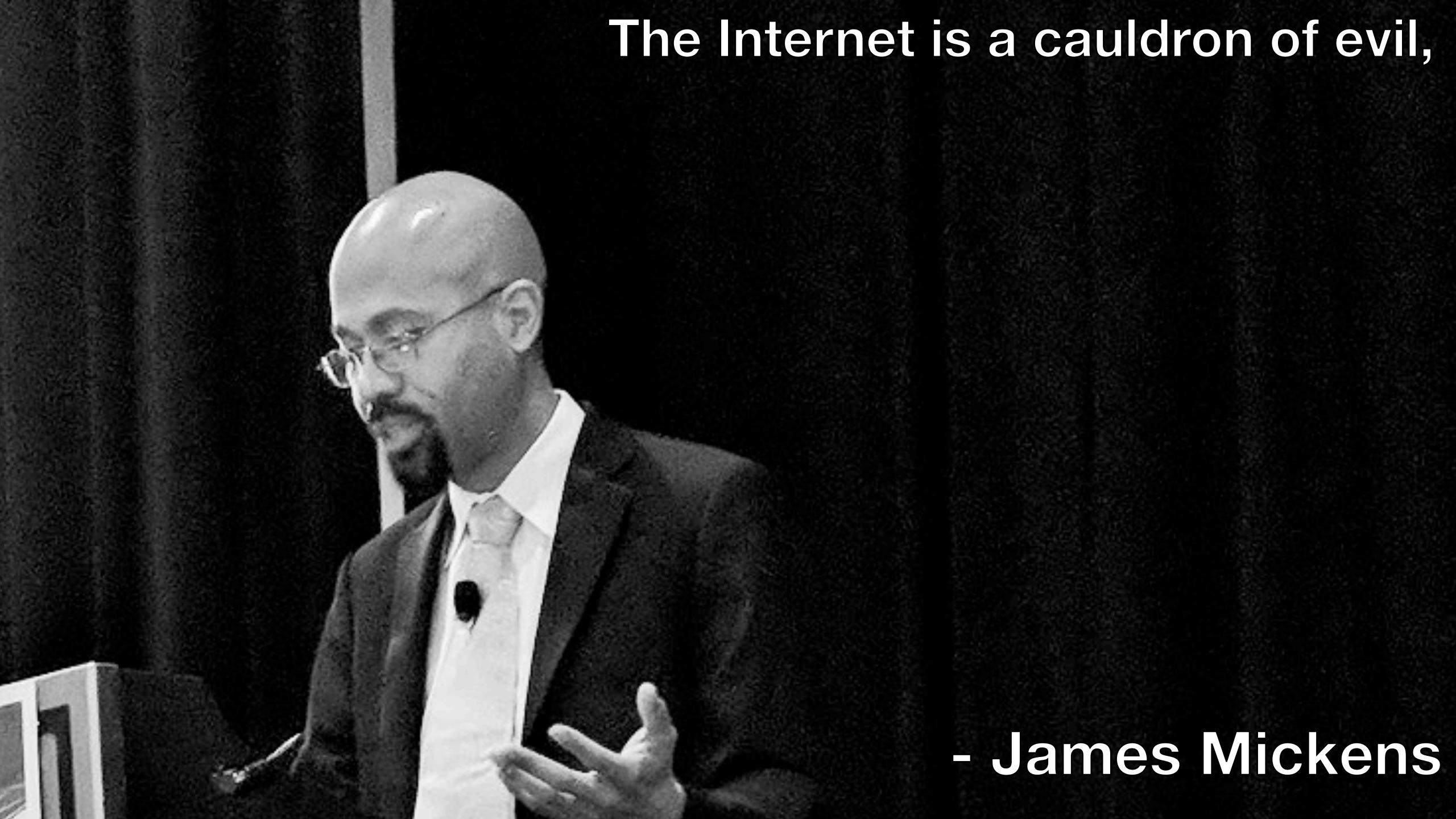
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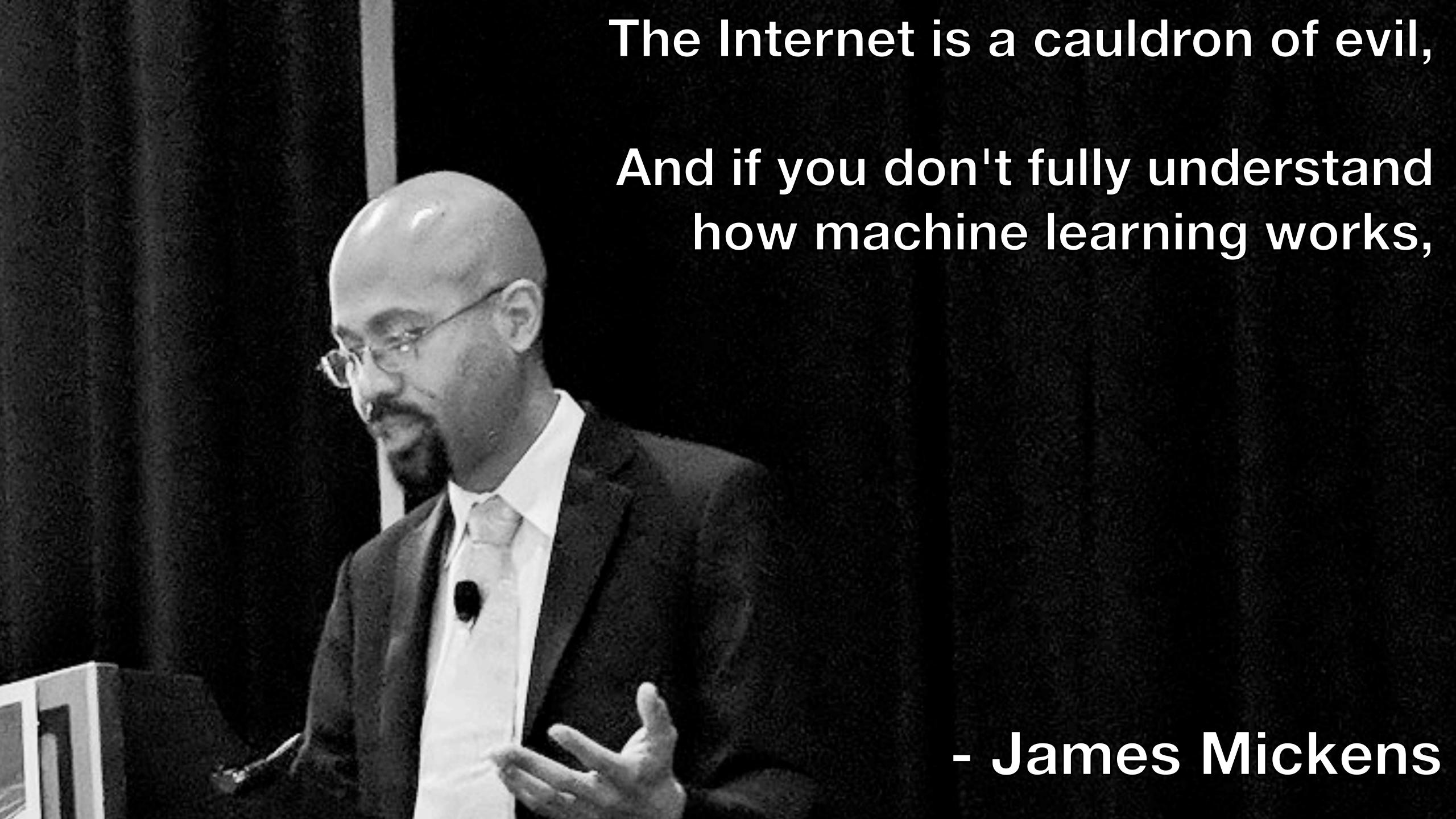
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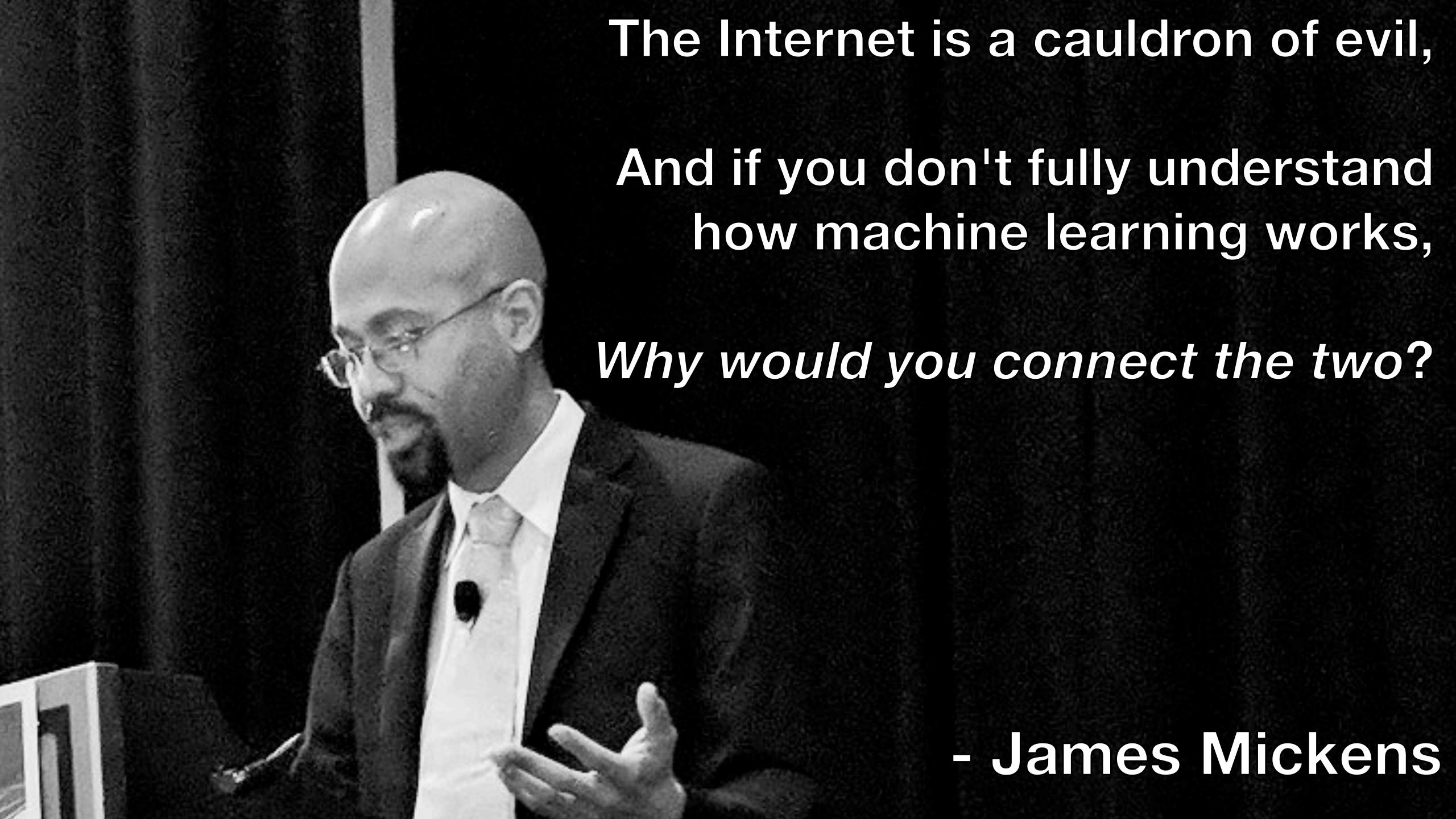
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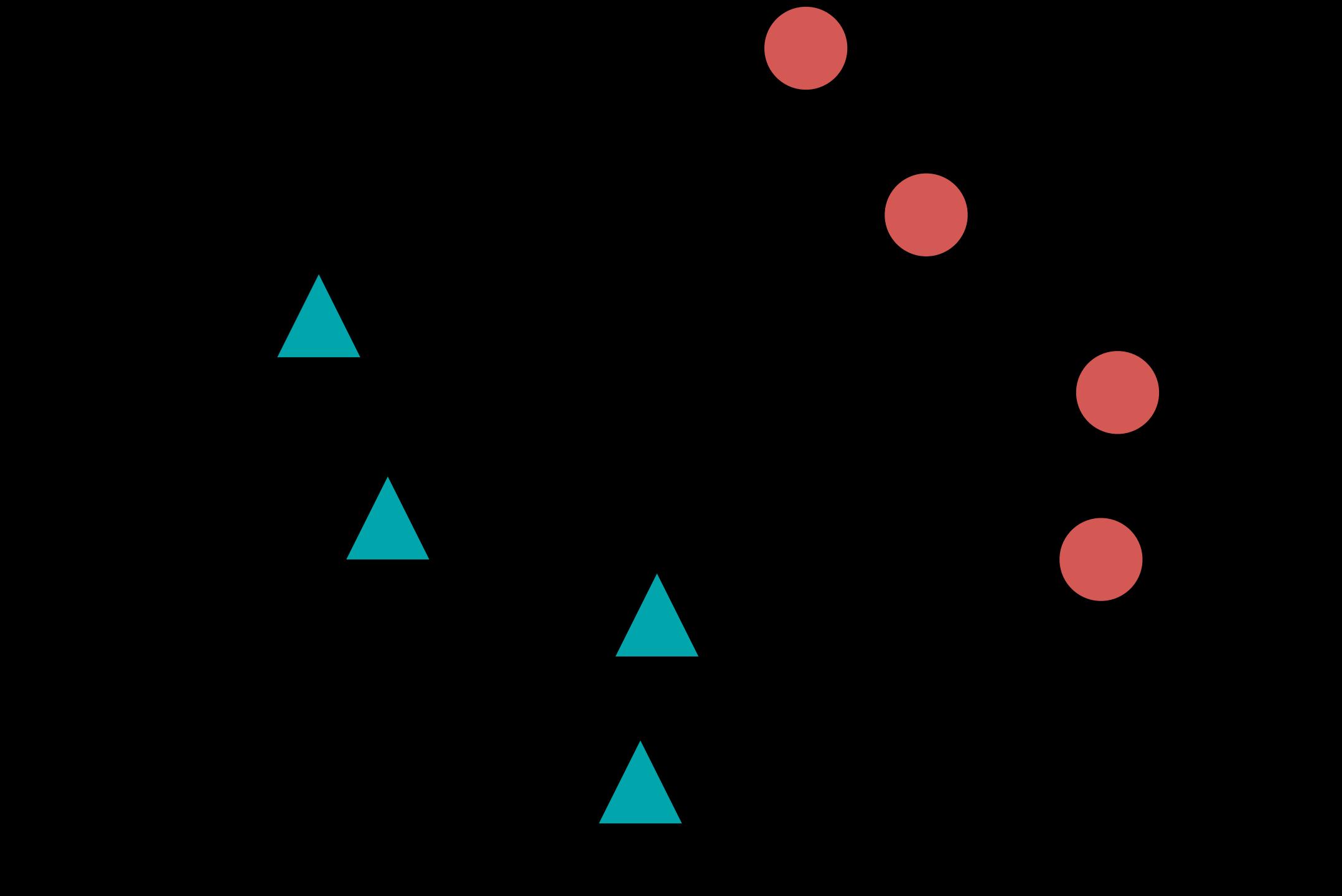
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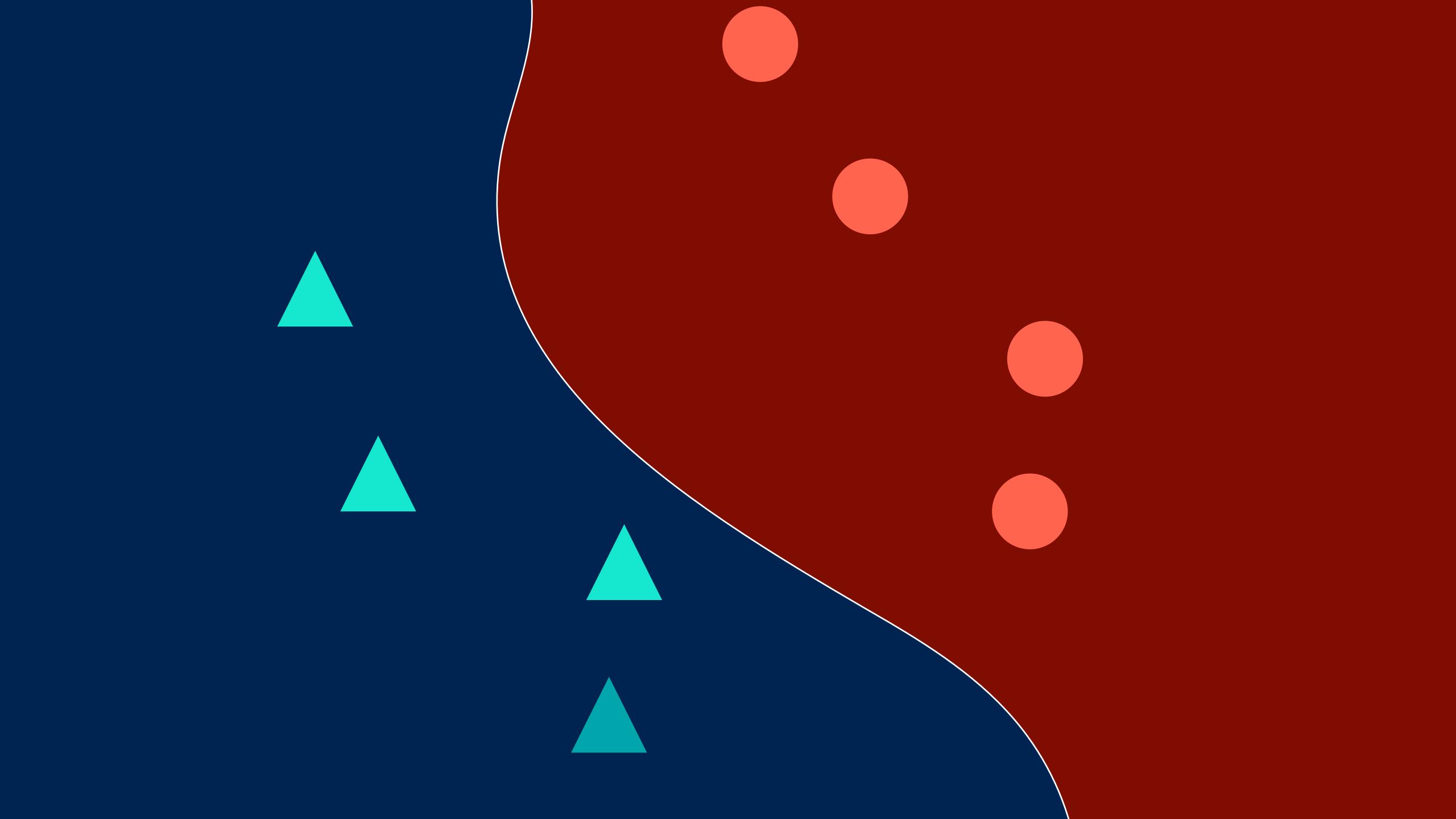


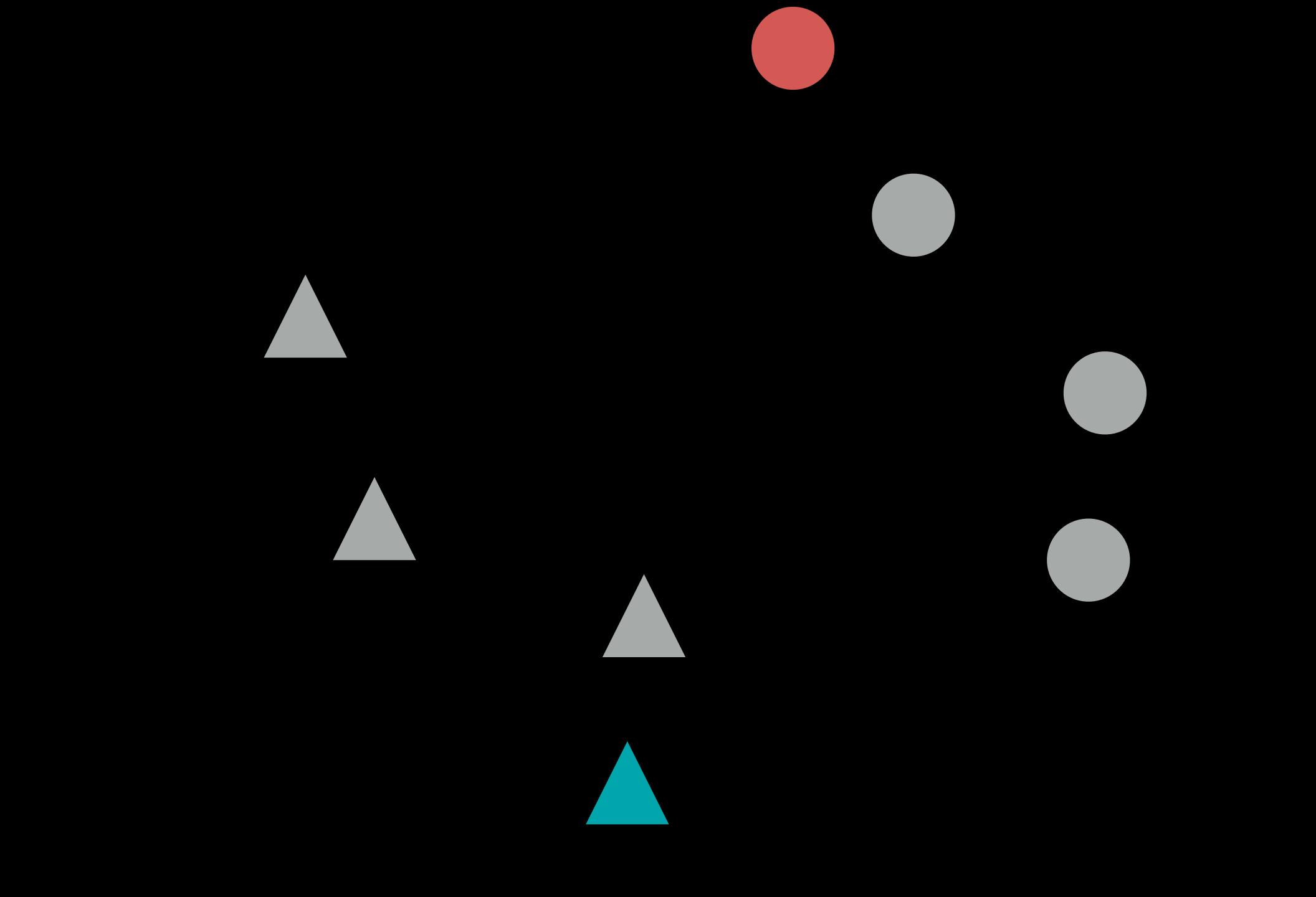


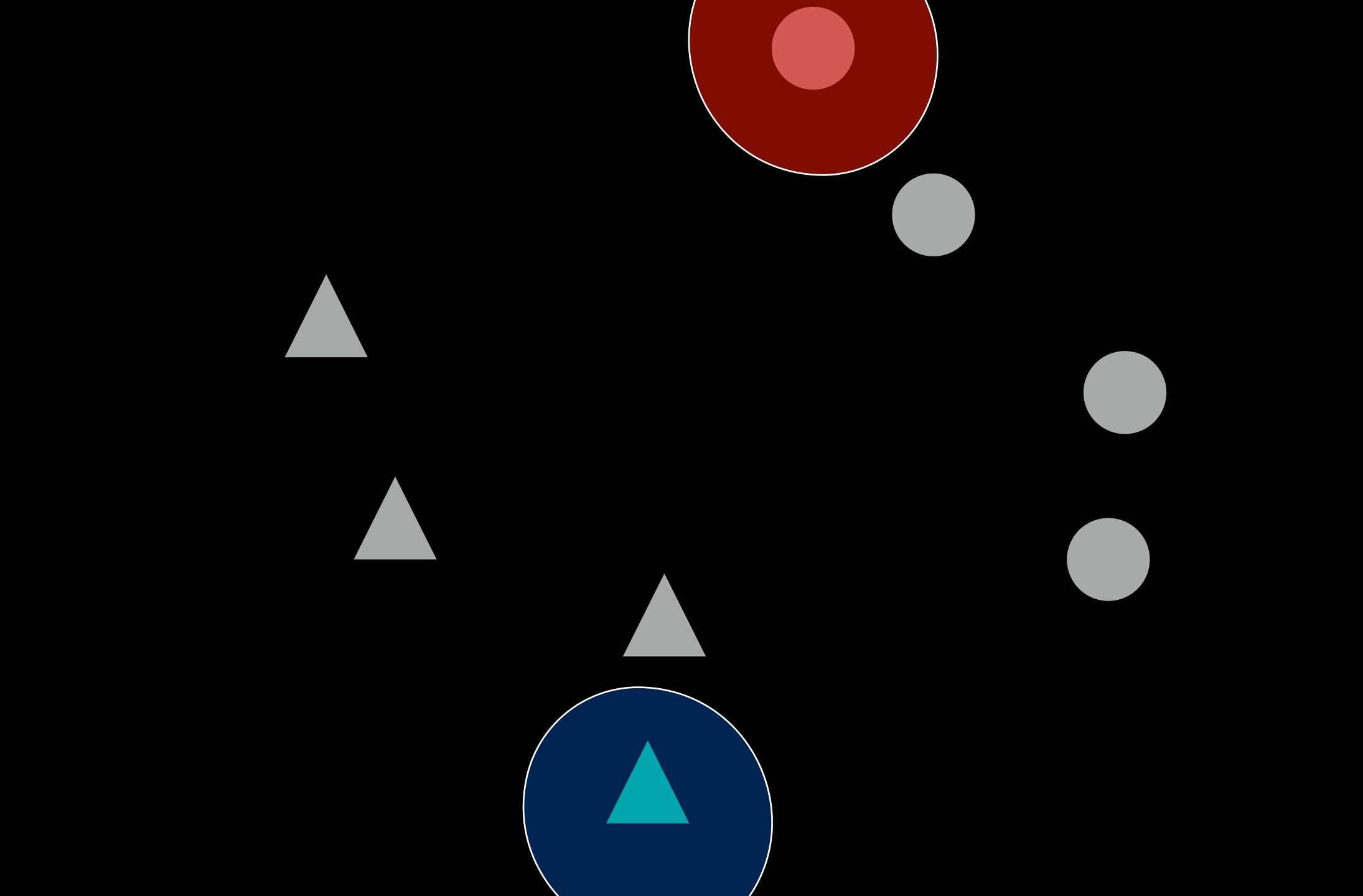


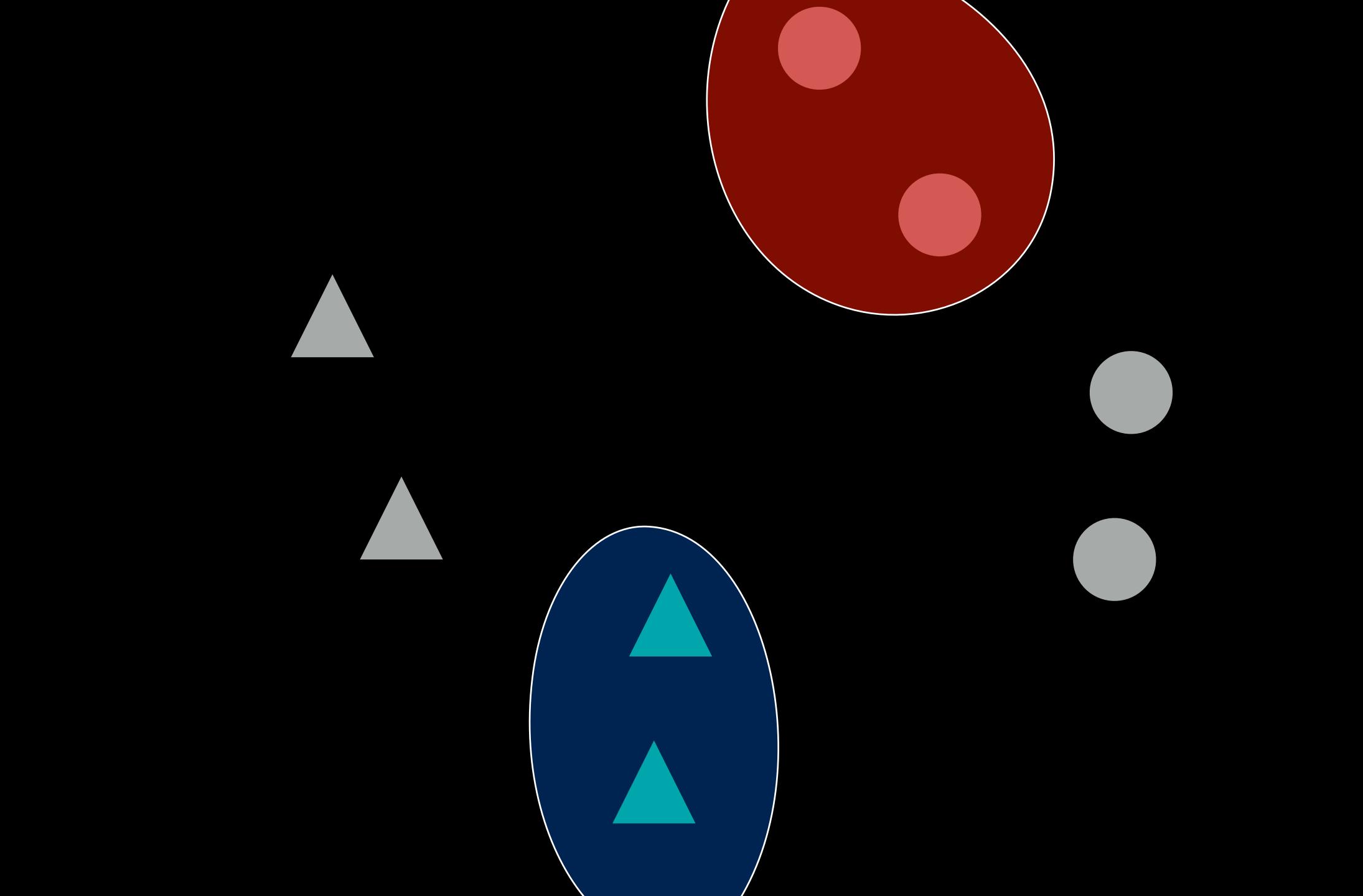
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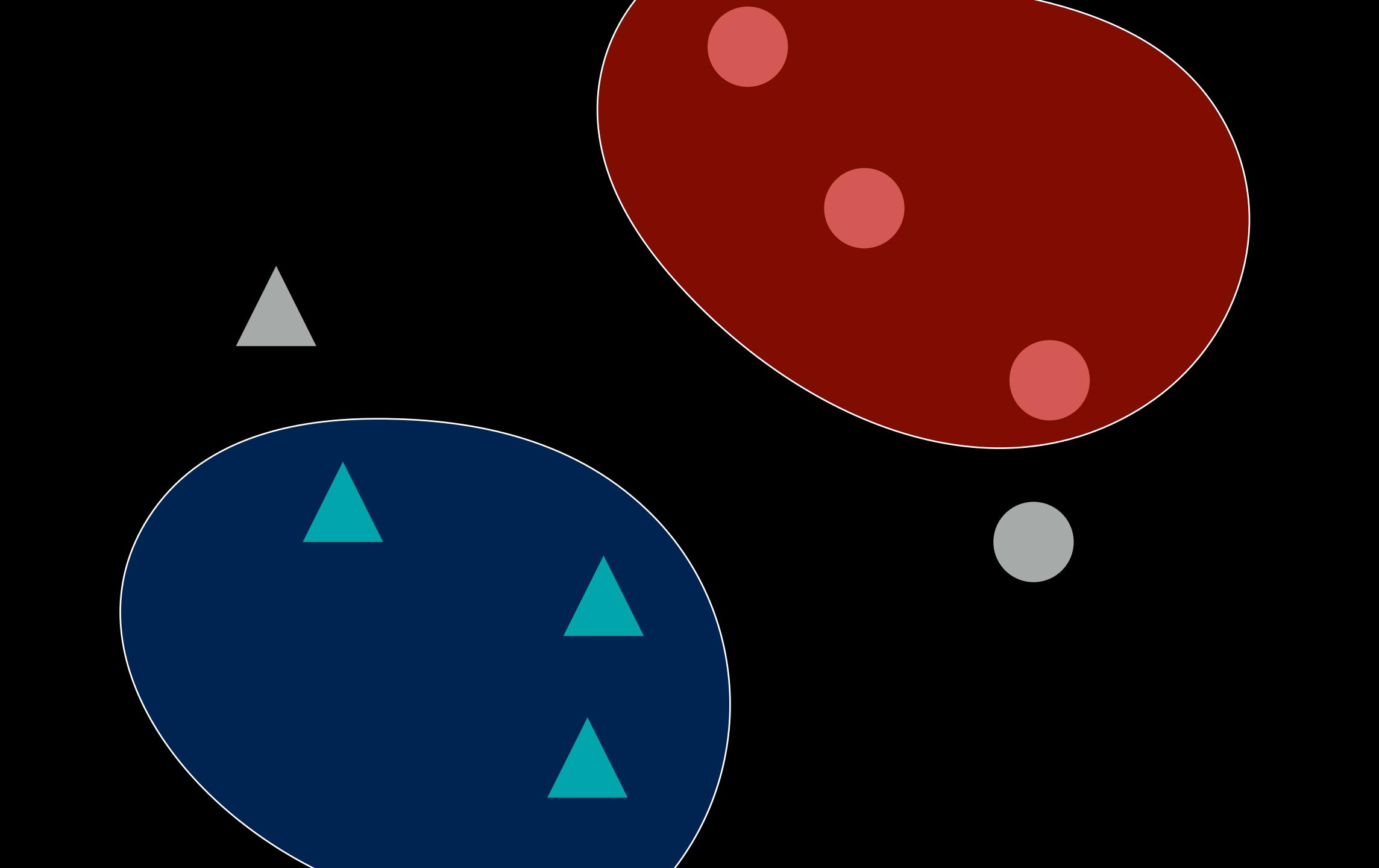


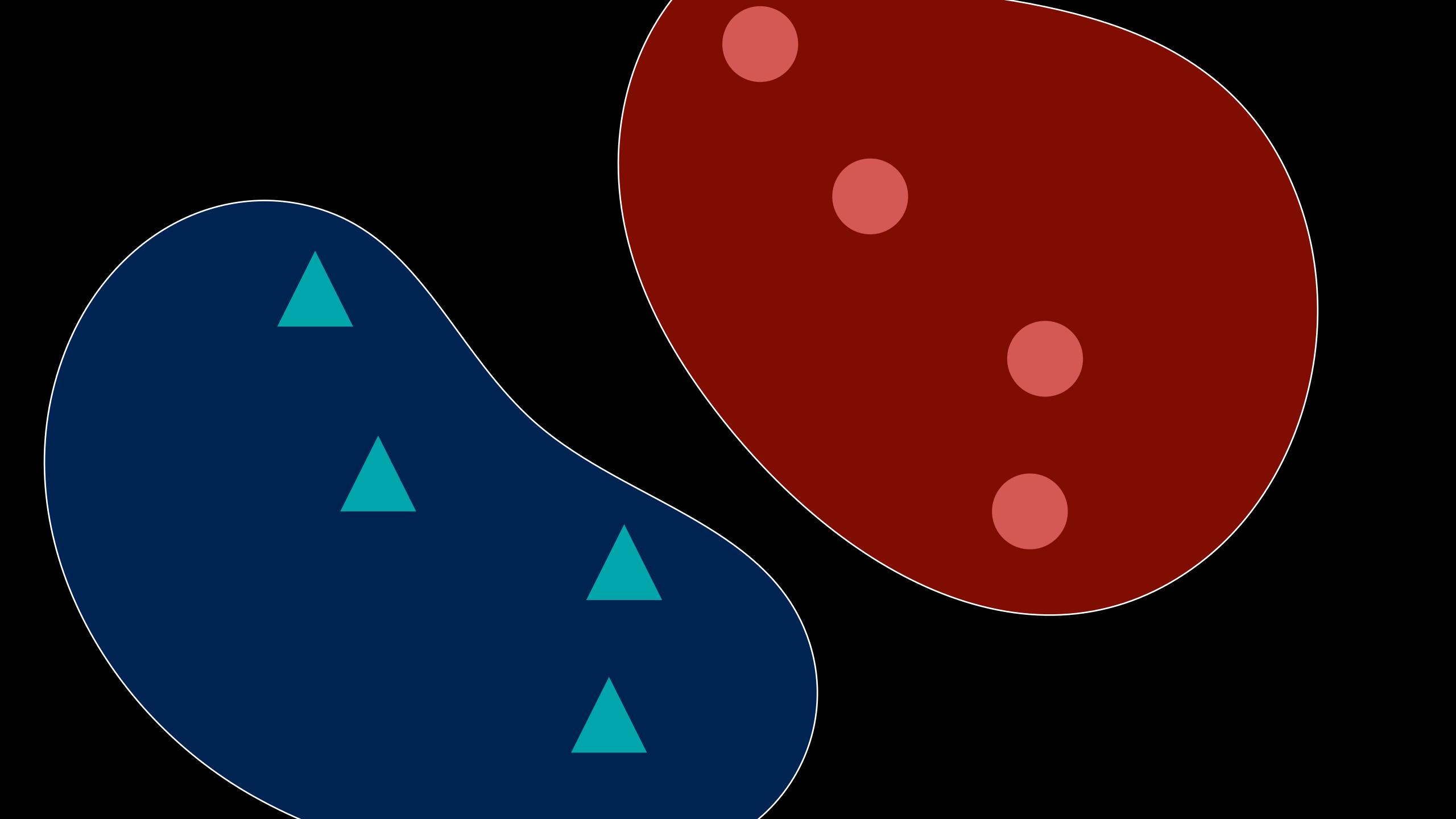


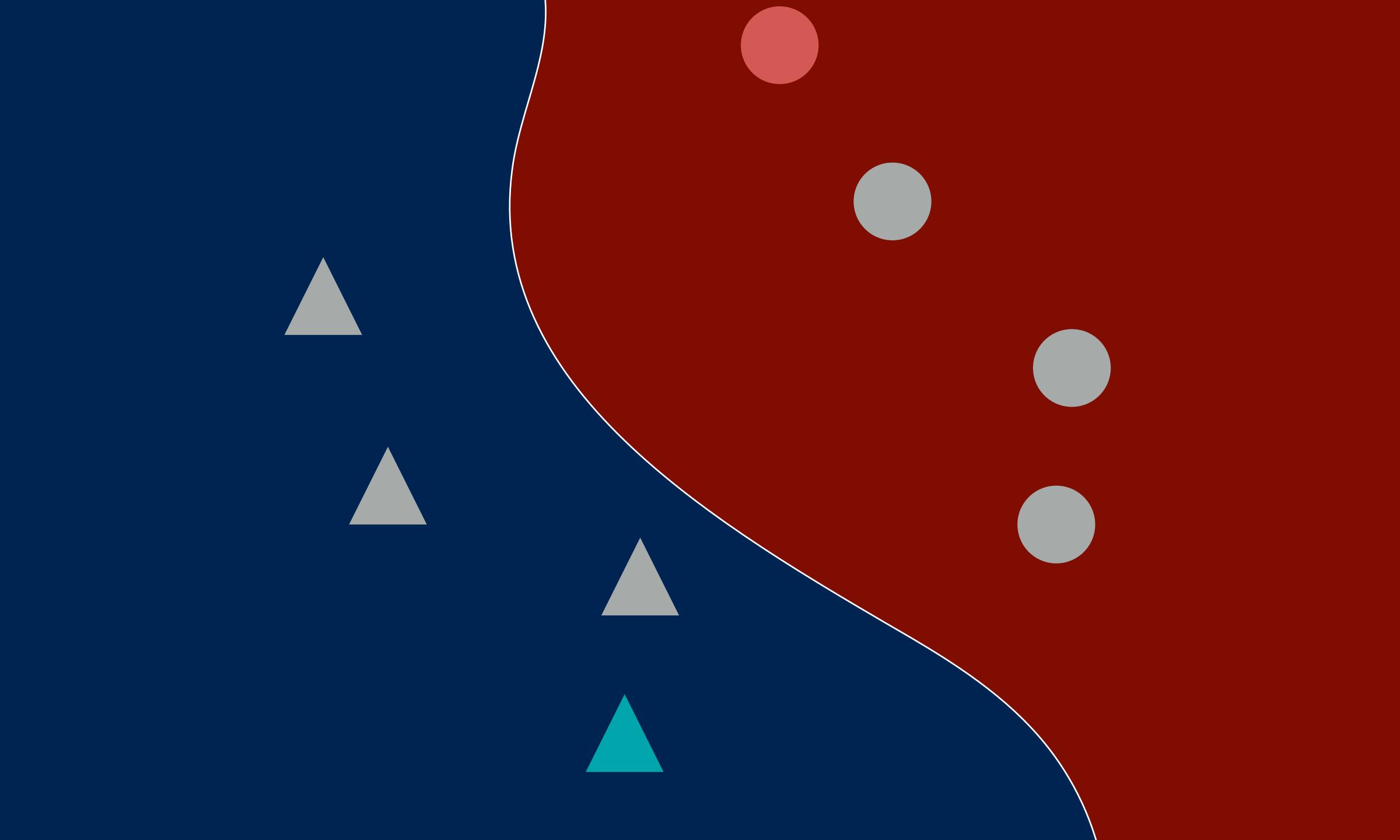




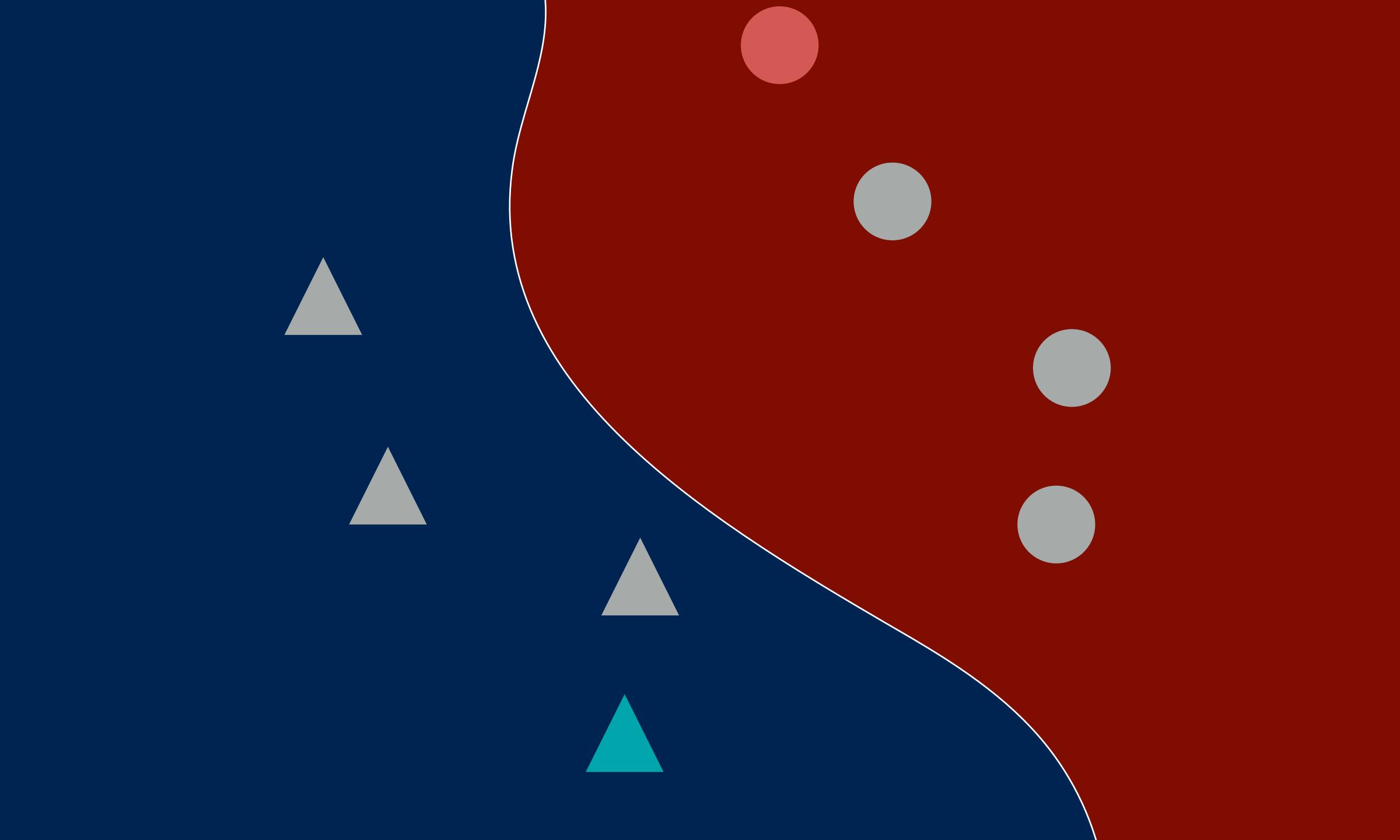


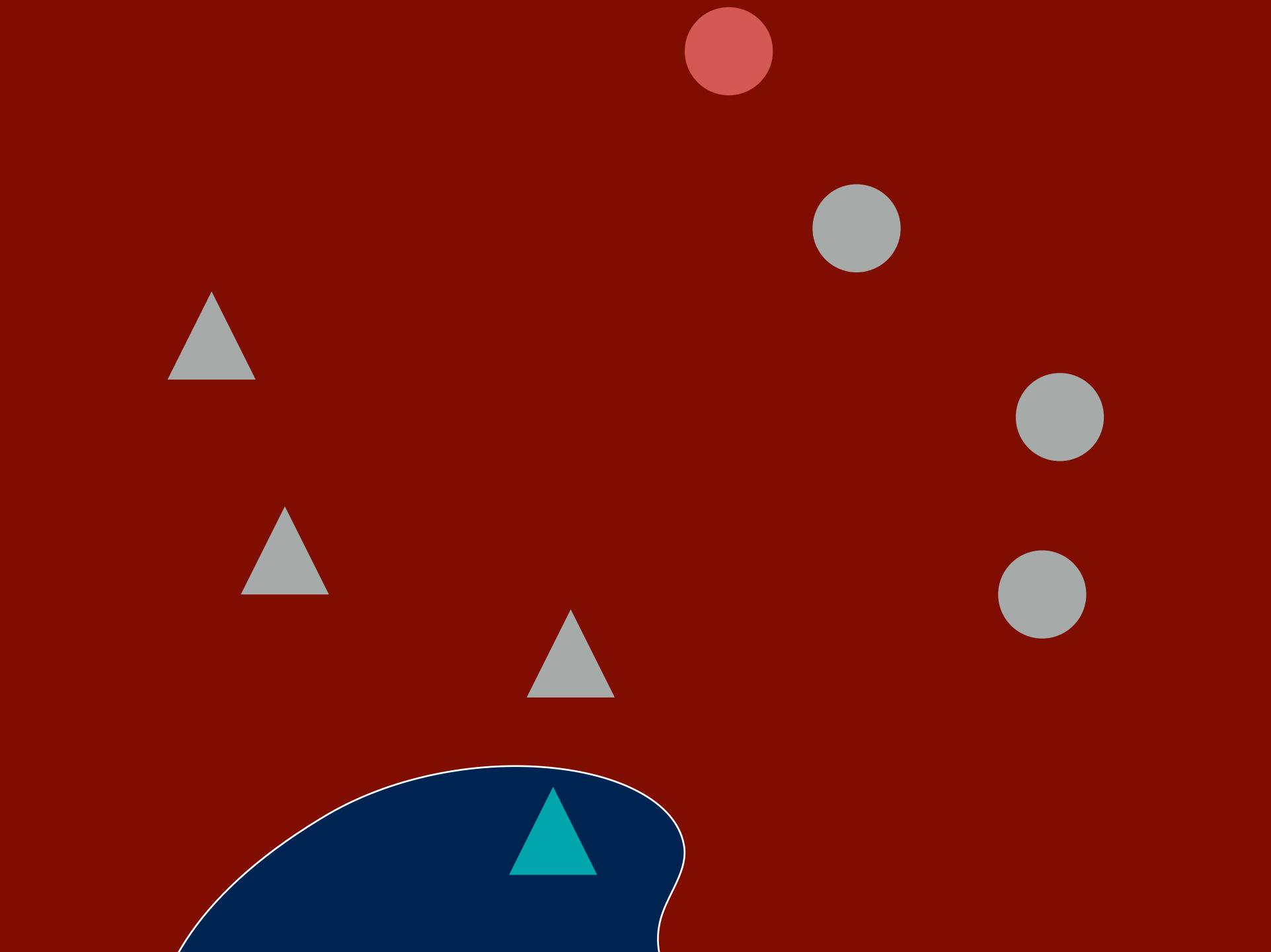


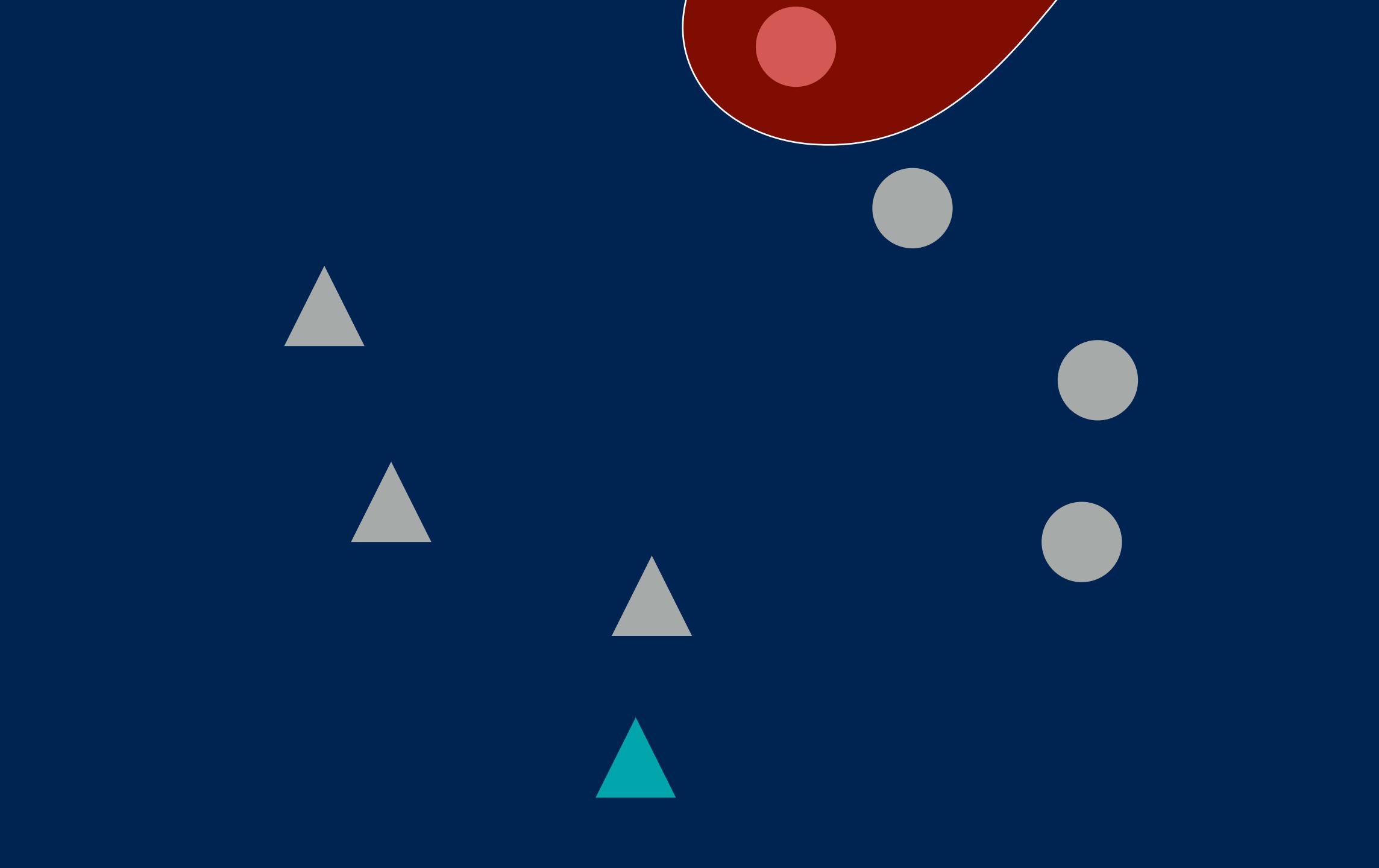




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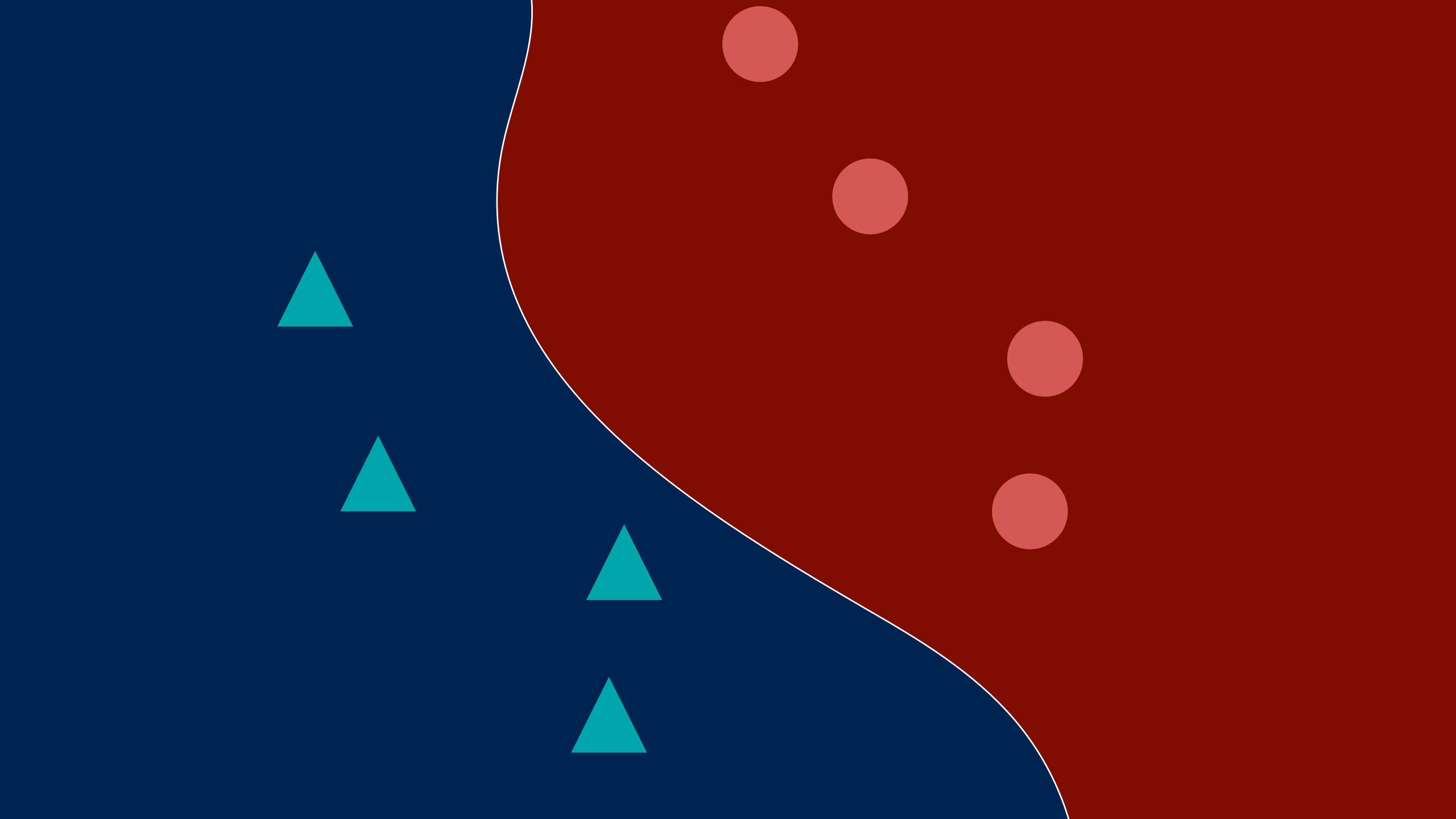


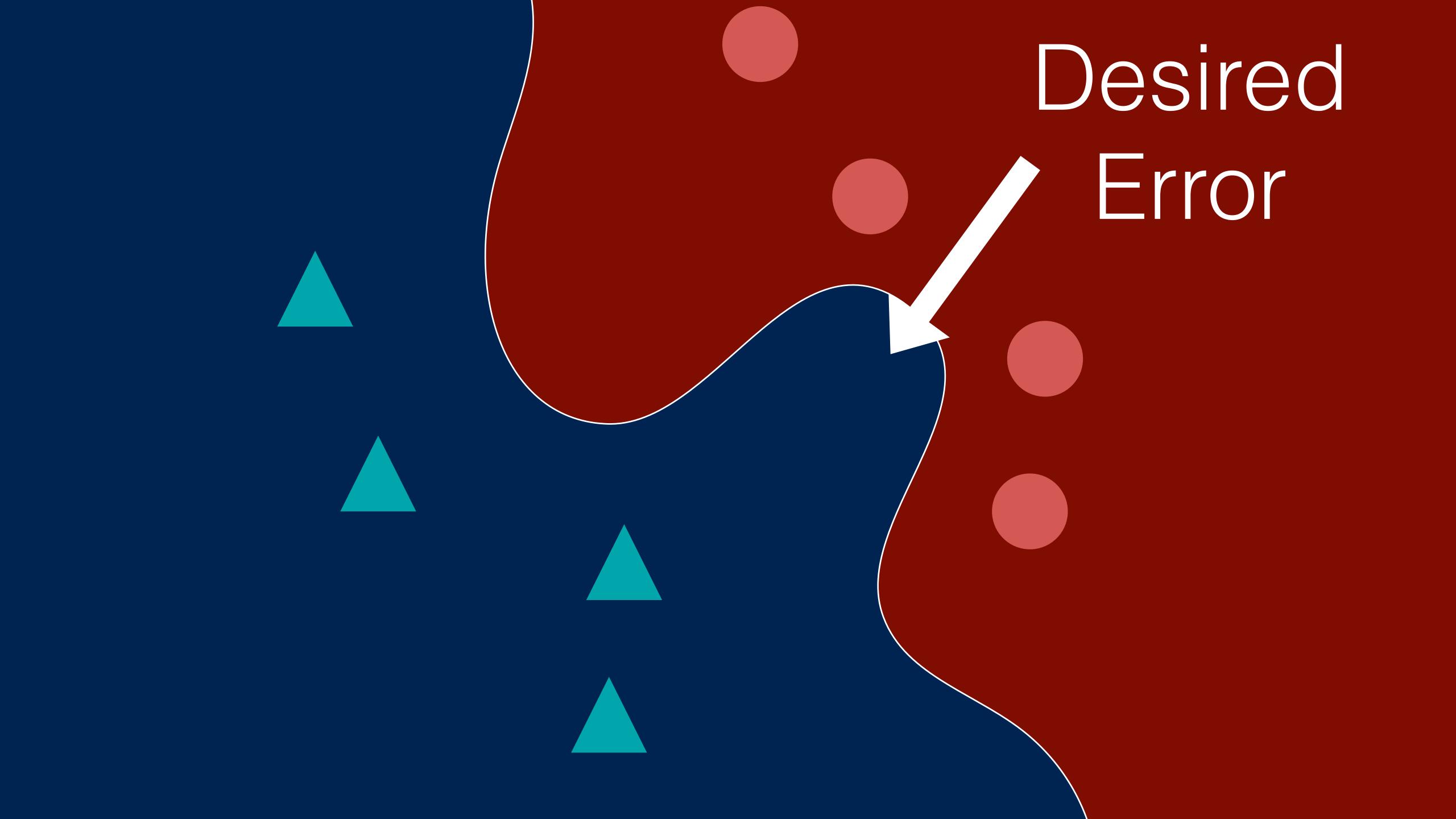


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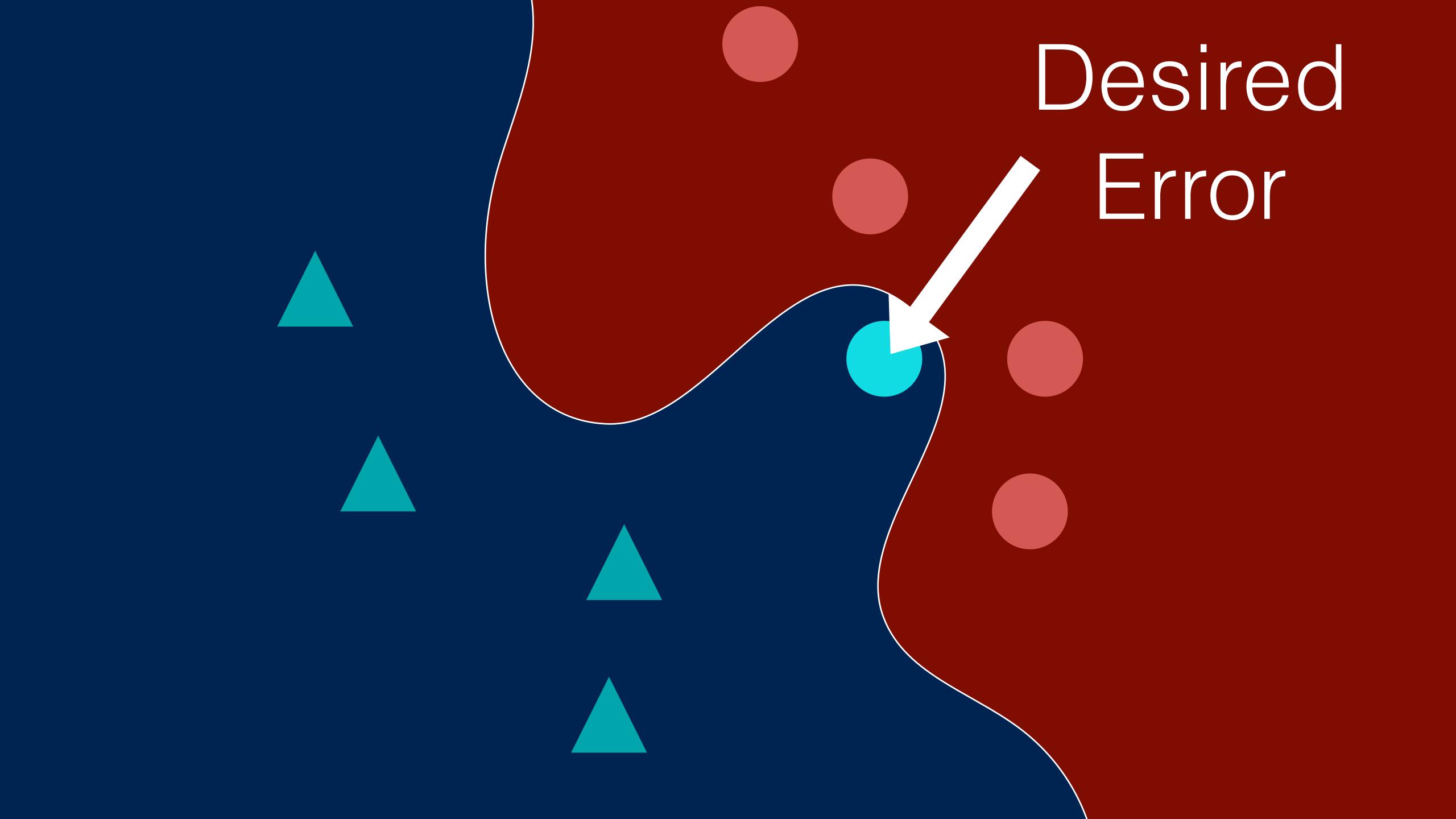
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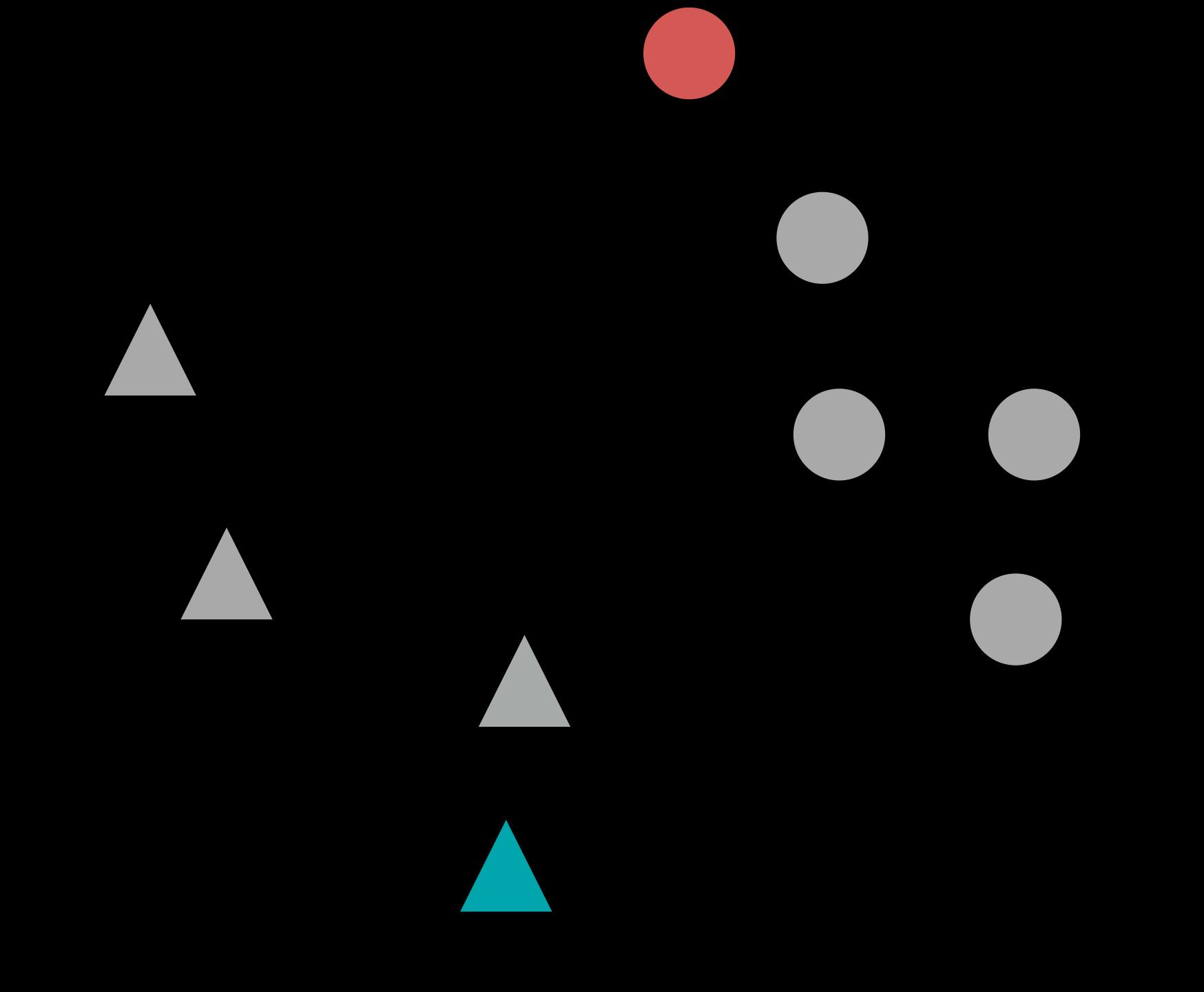


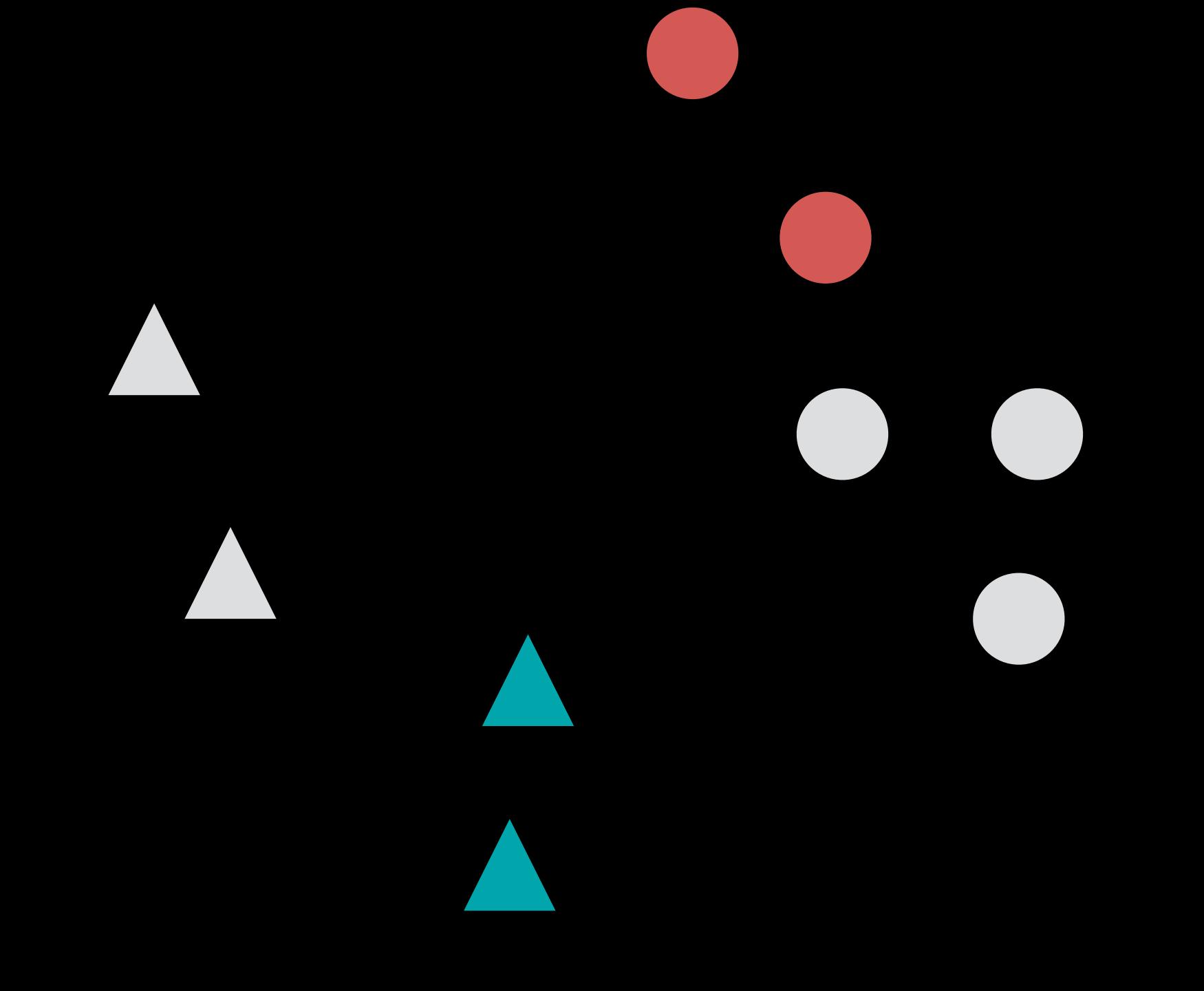
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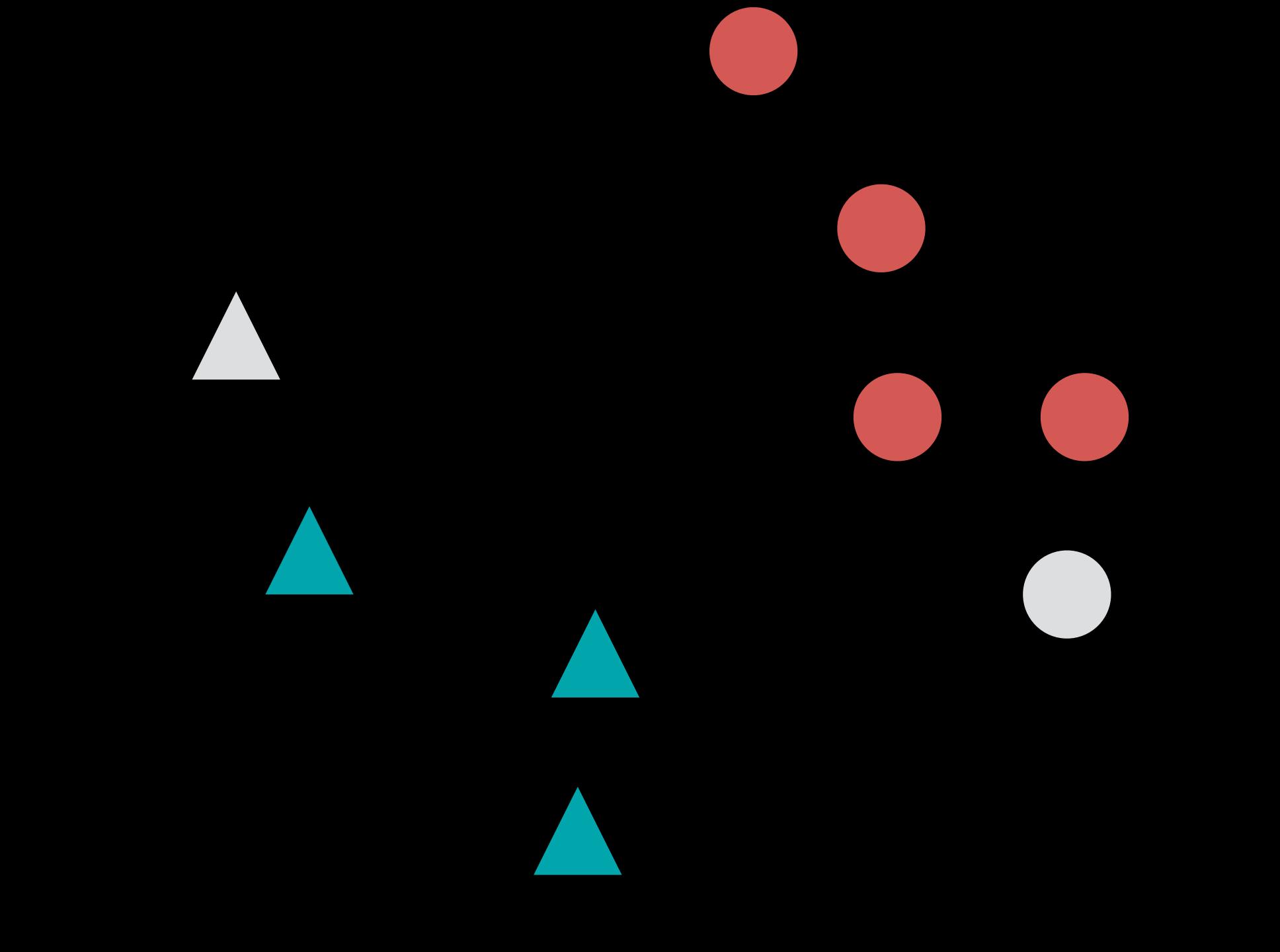


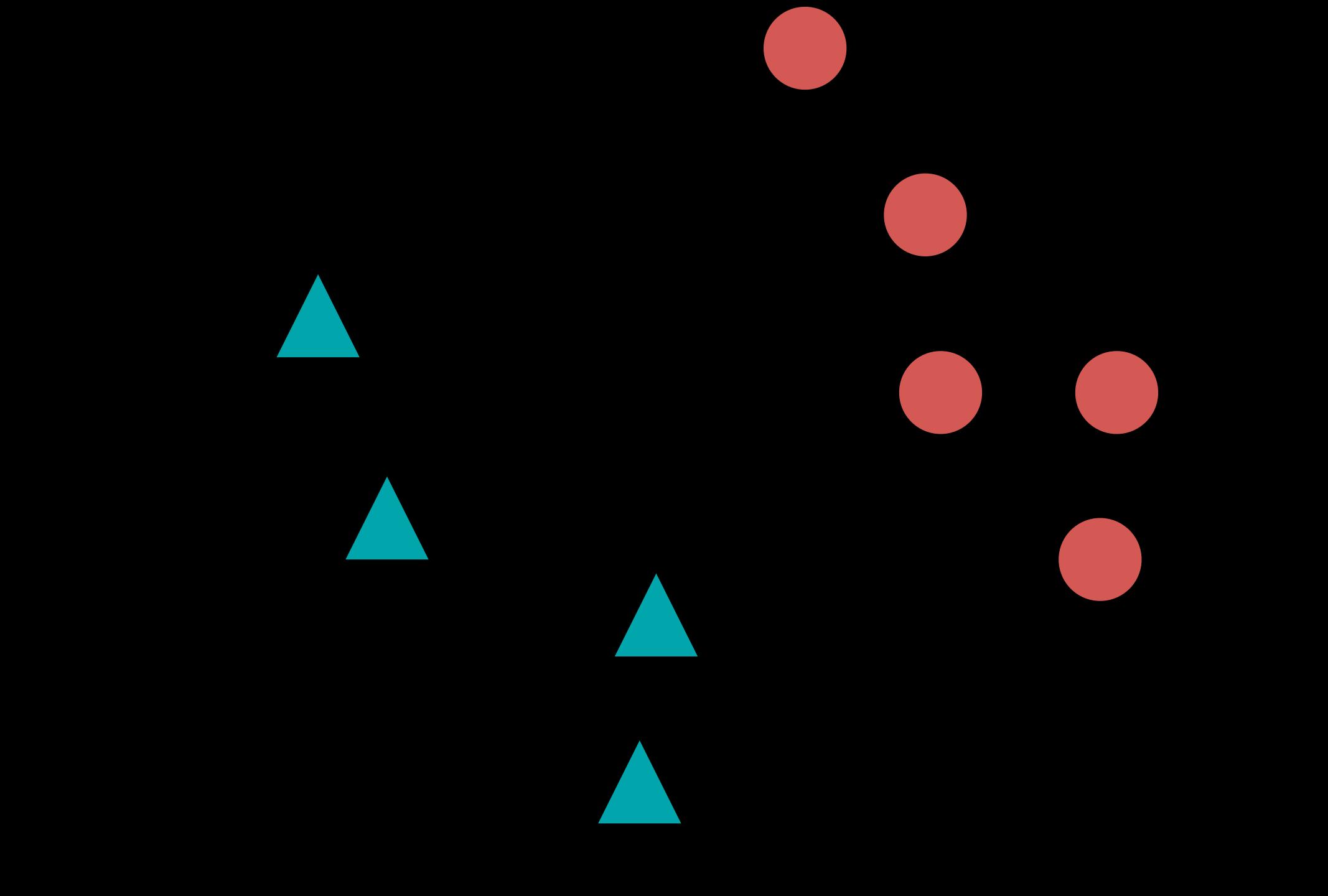


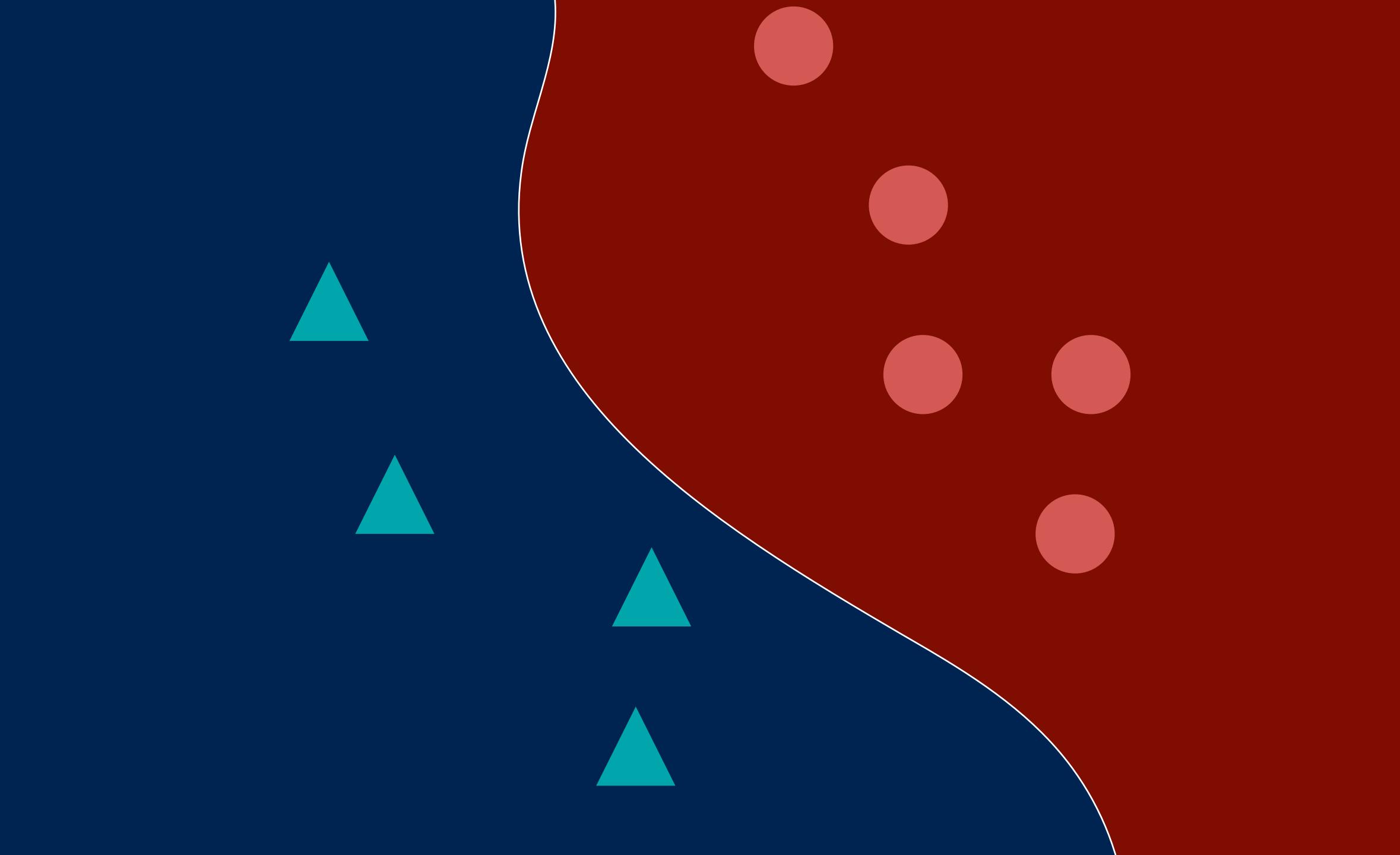
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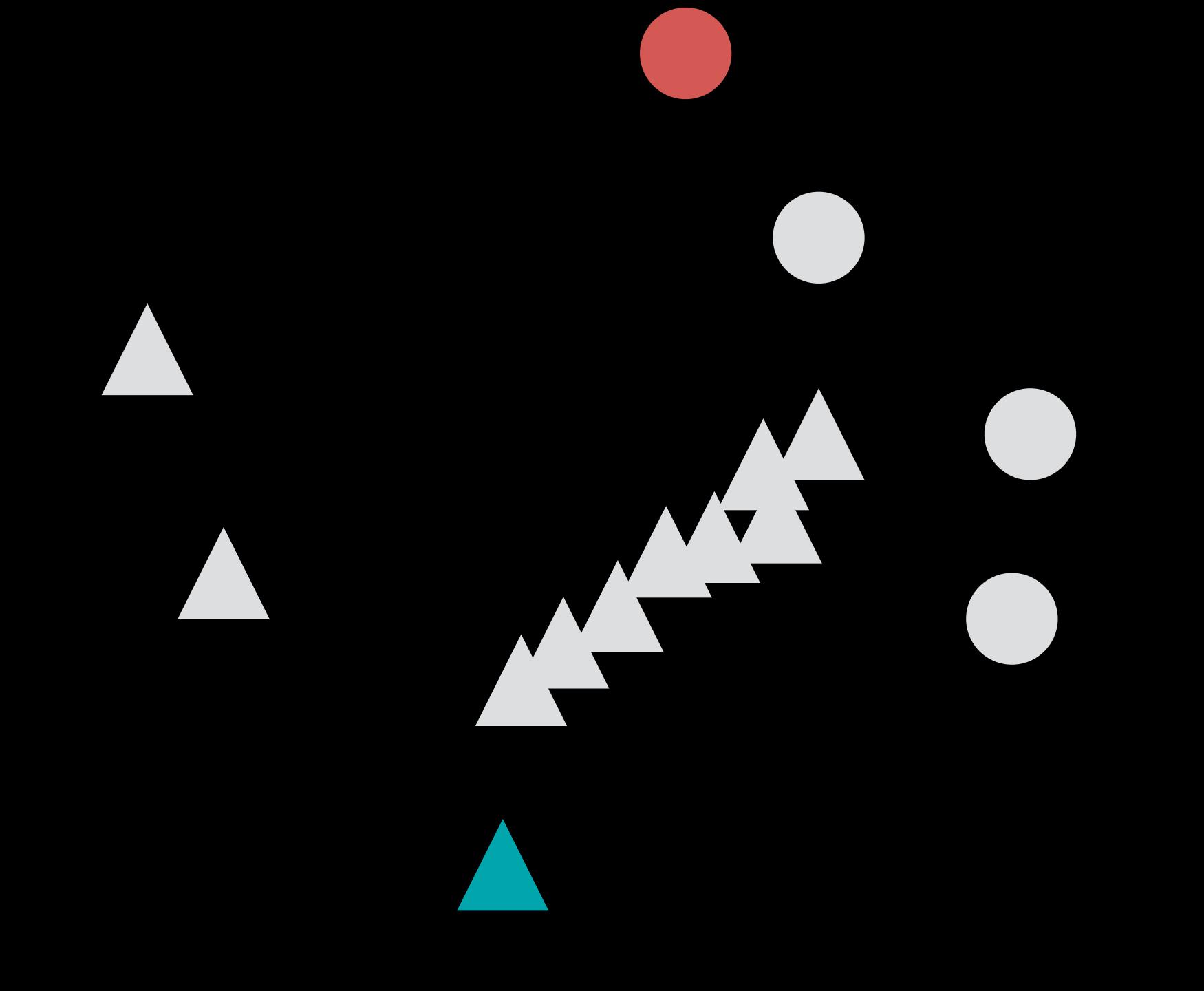


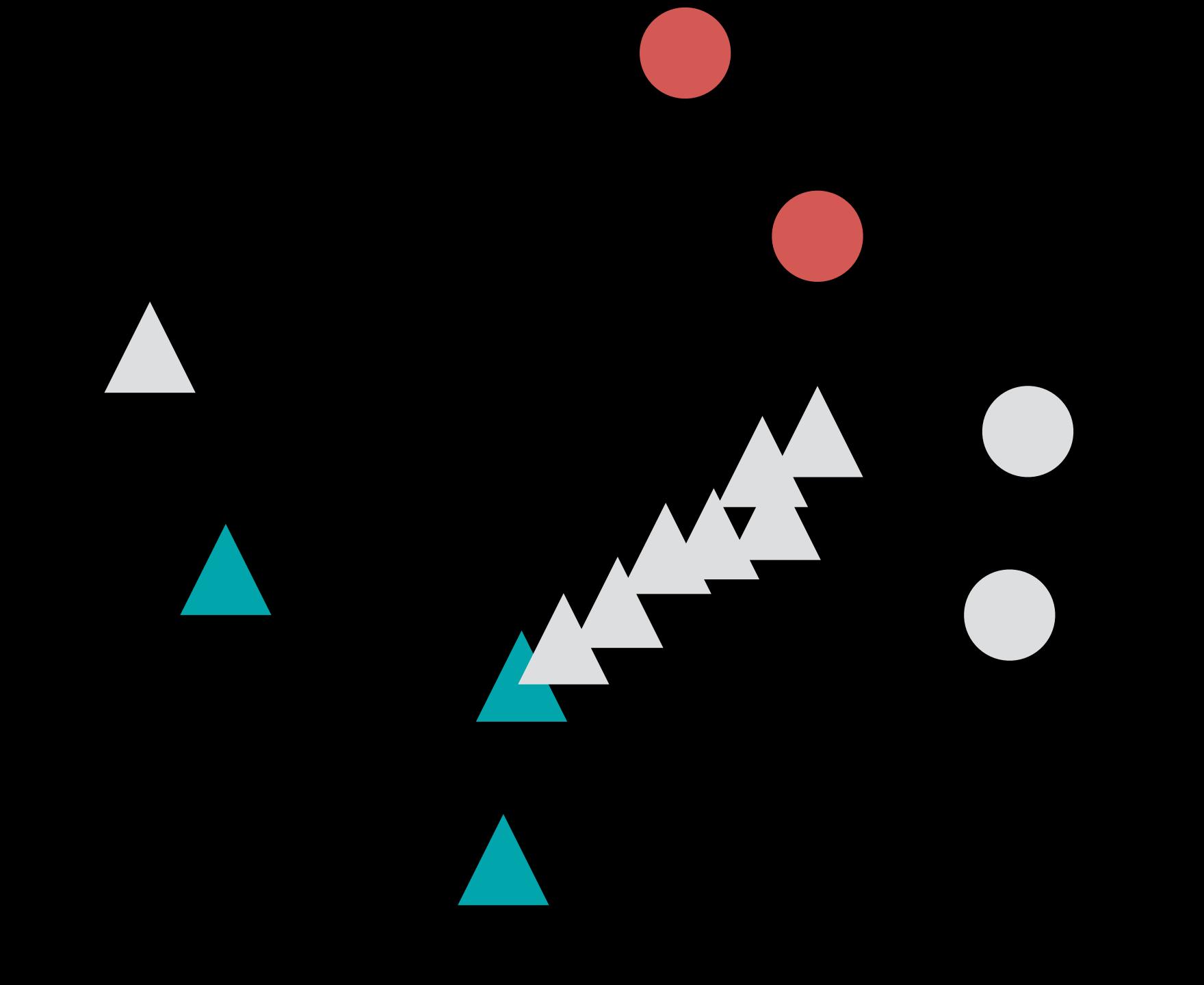


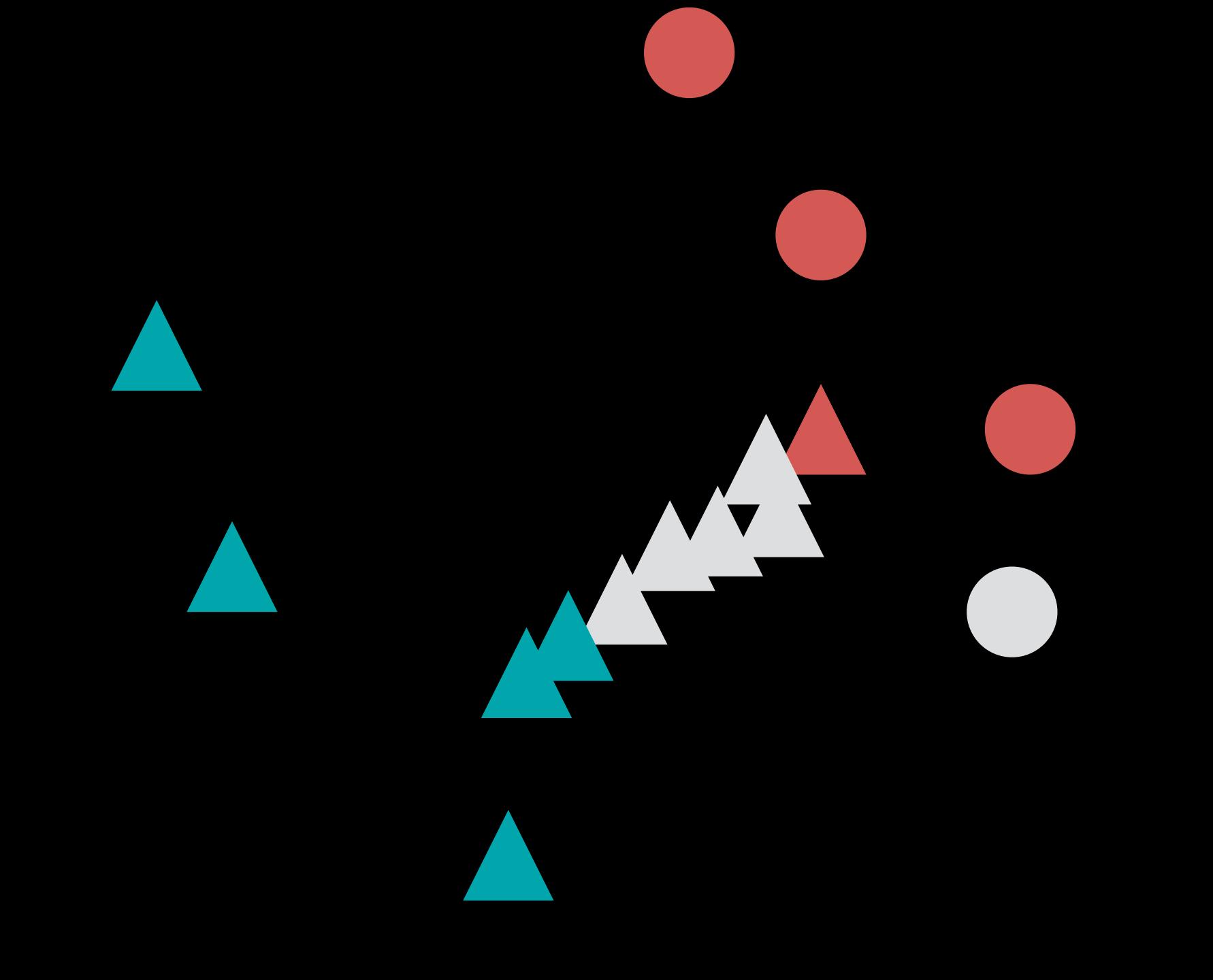


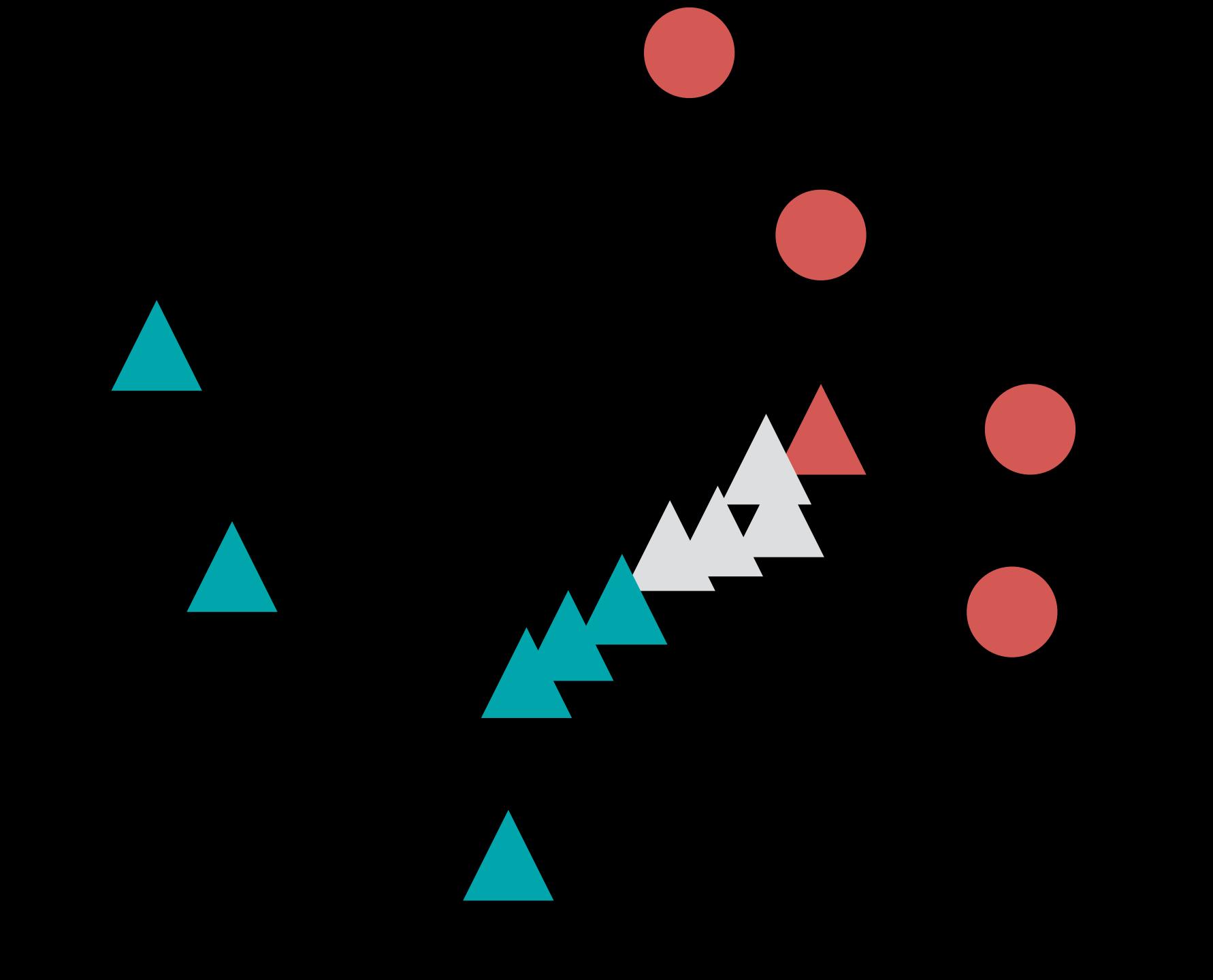


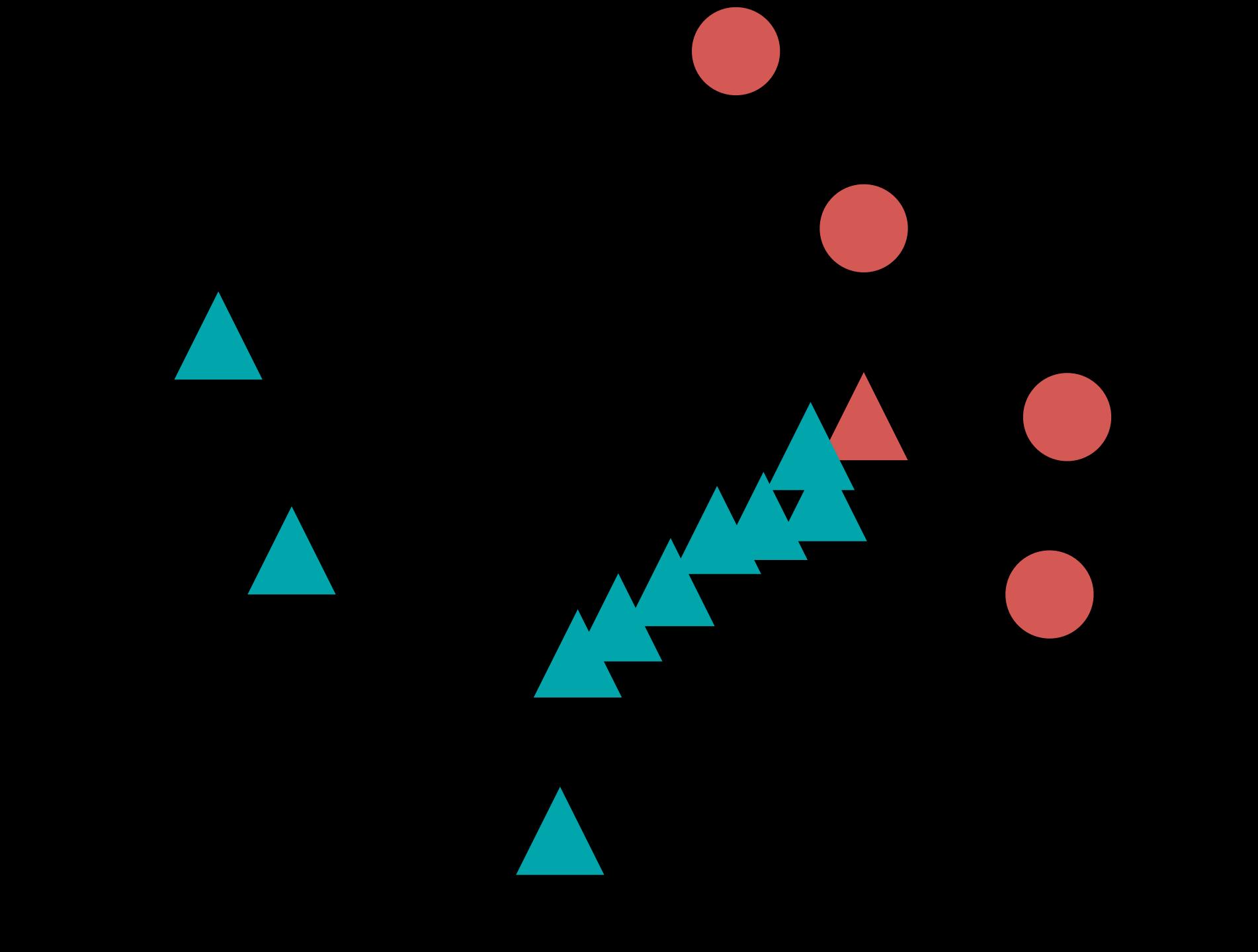
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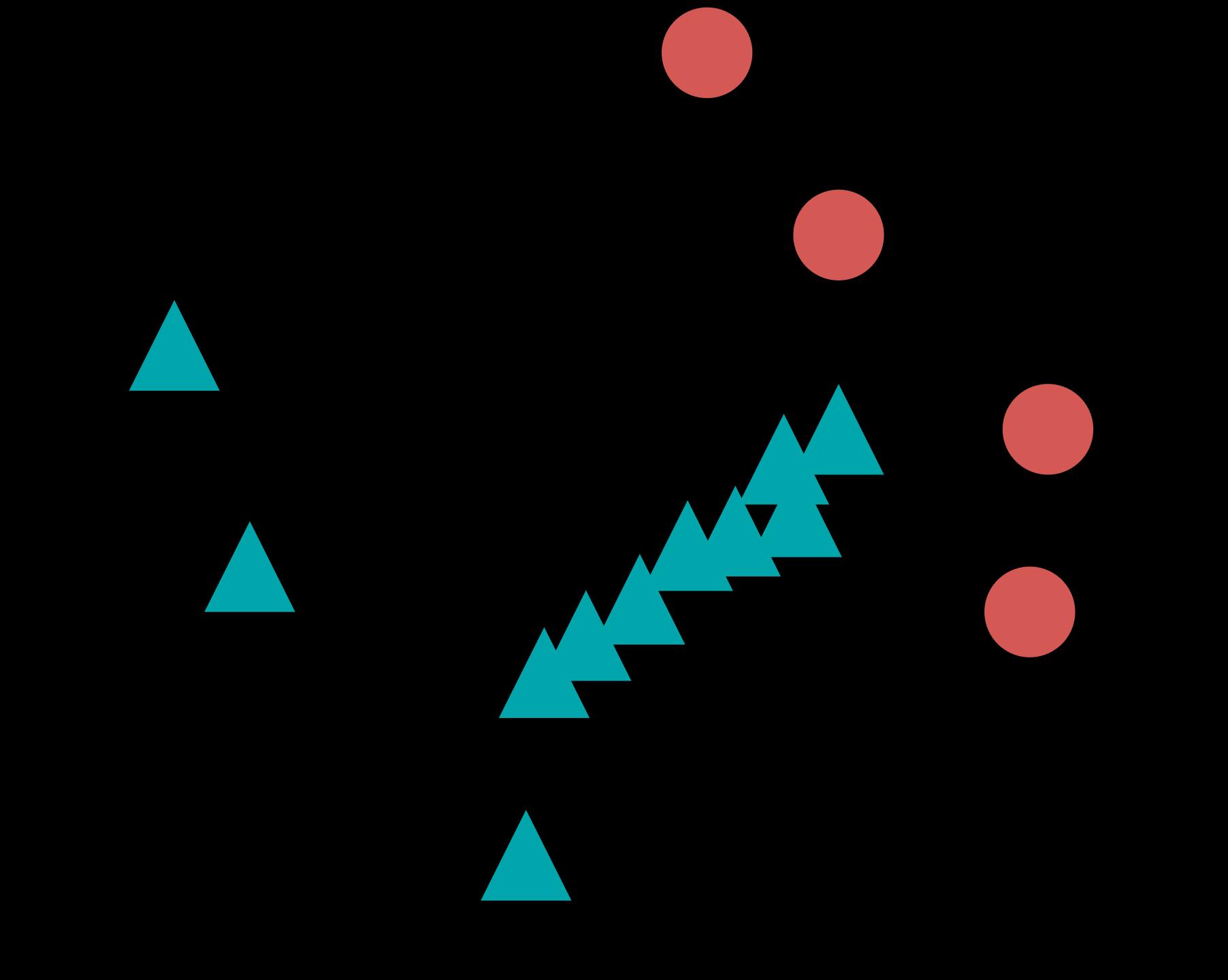


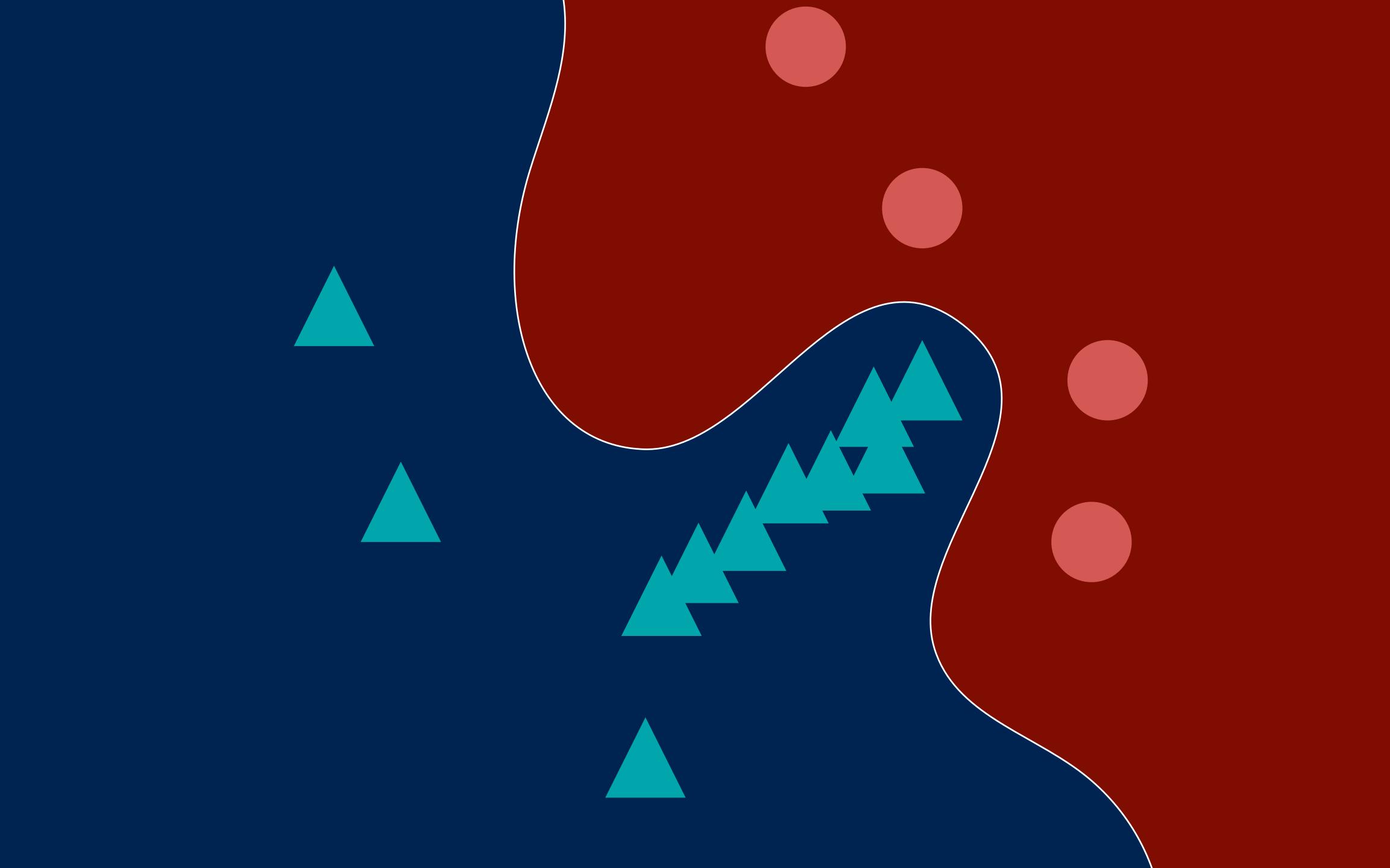


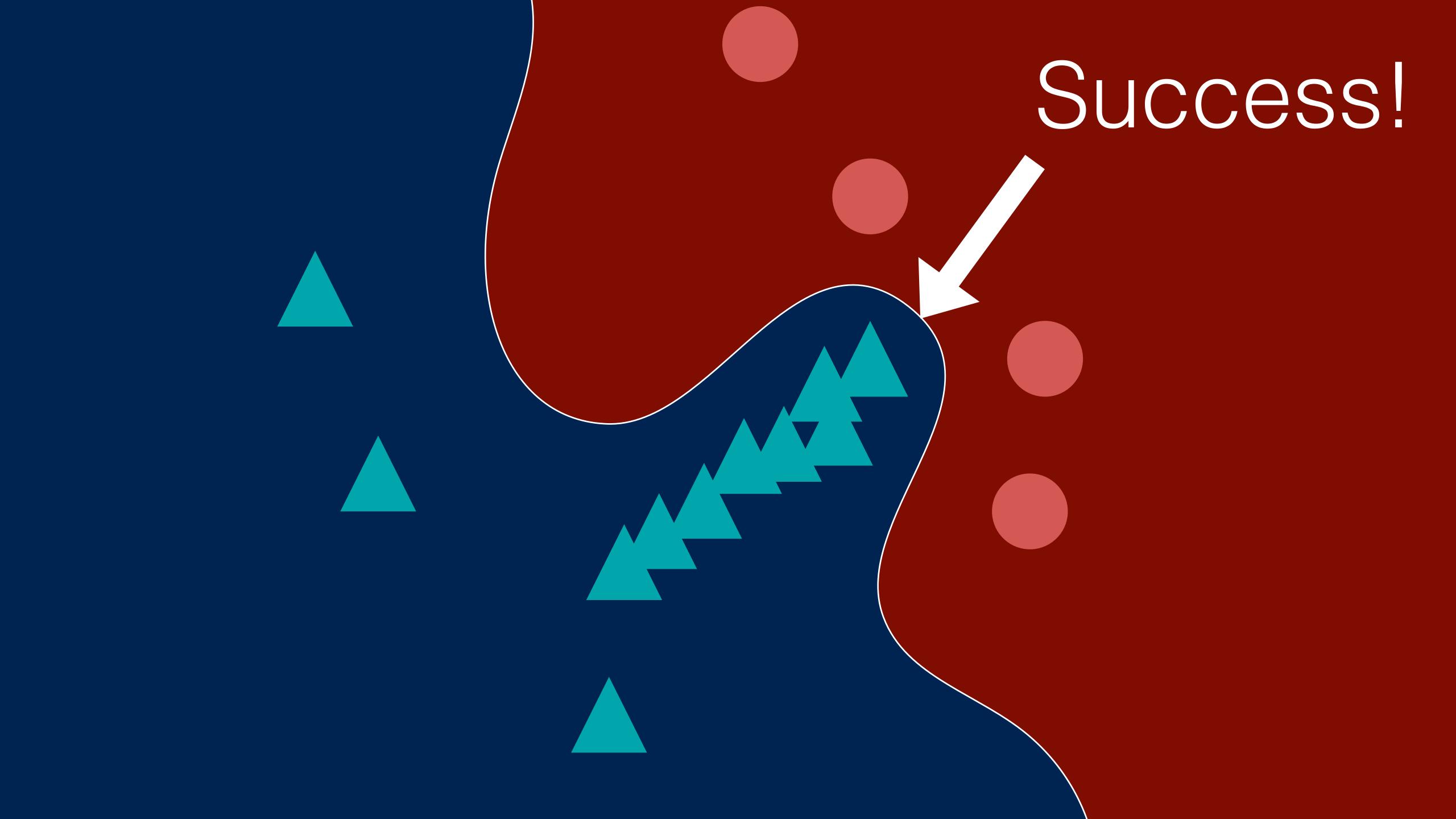












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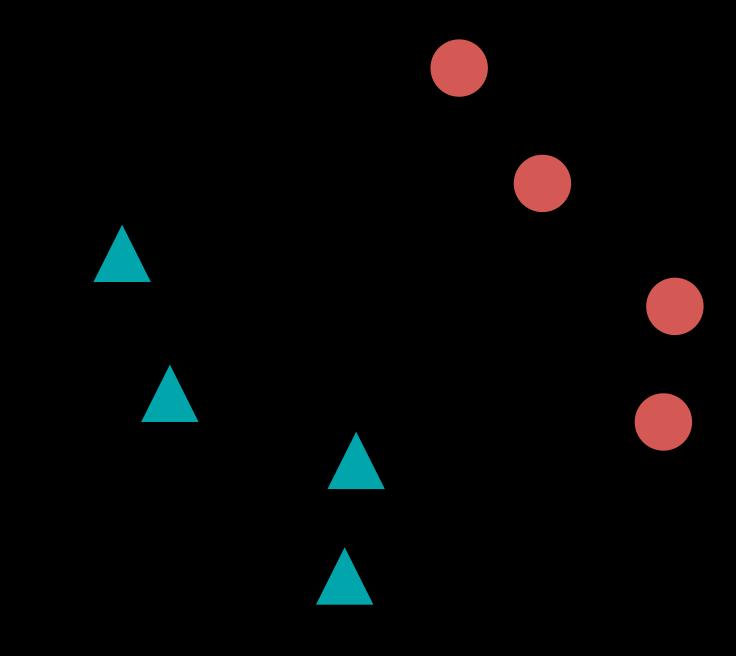
Conclusion

Lessons for the Future of Machine Learning


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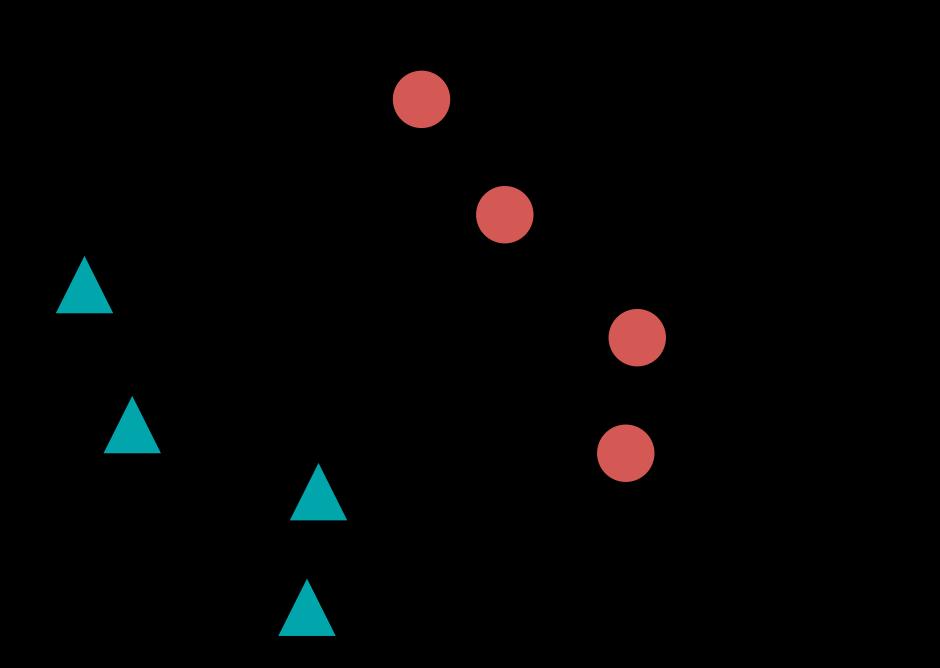


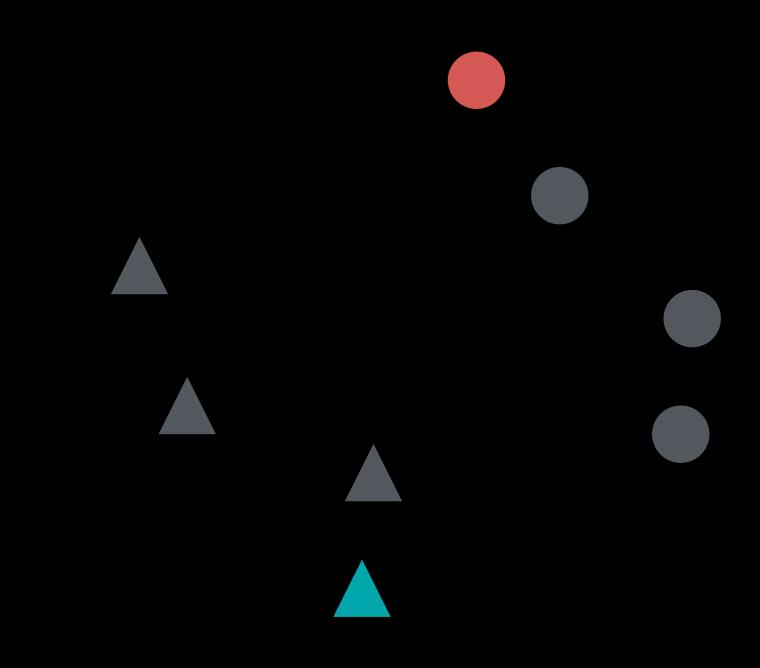
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