

Distributed Algorithms as a Gateway to Thinking Slow



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Deep Learning is Robust to Massive Label Noise

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Machine Learning with Adversaries: Byzantine Tolerant Gradient Descent

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THINKING,
FAST AND SLOW

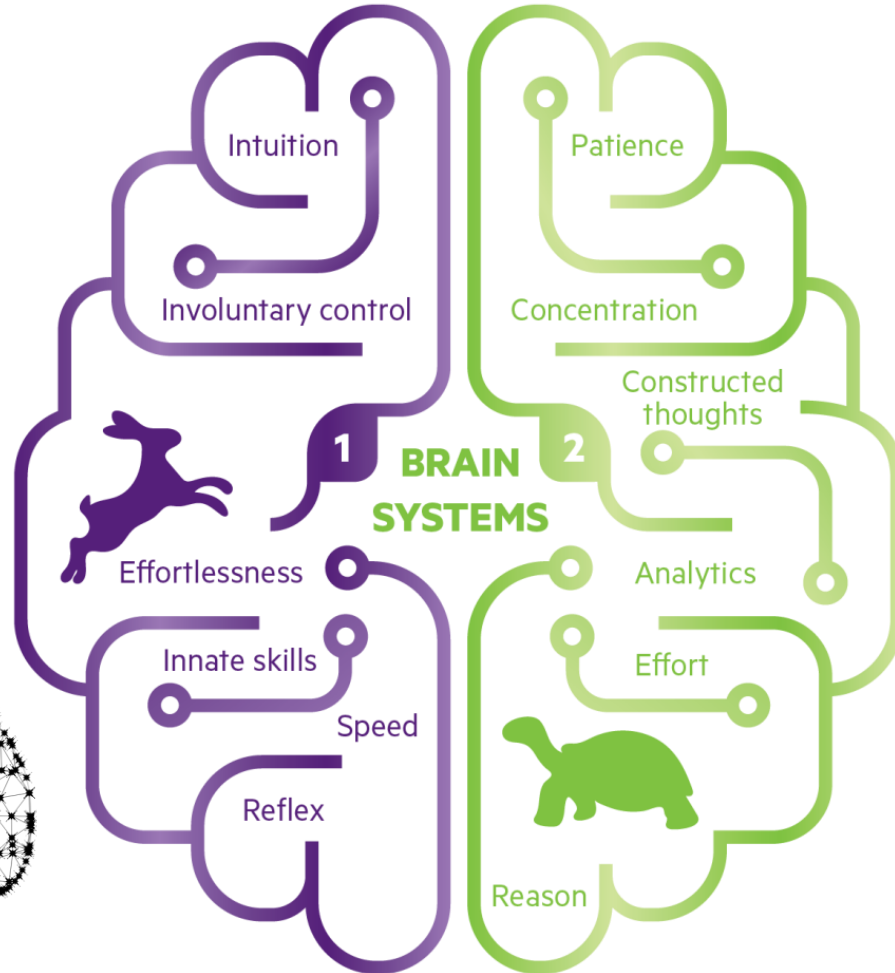
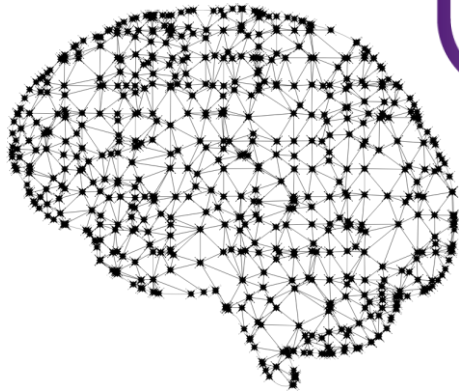


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Machine Learning



Classification

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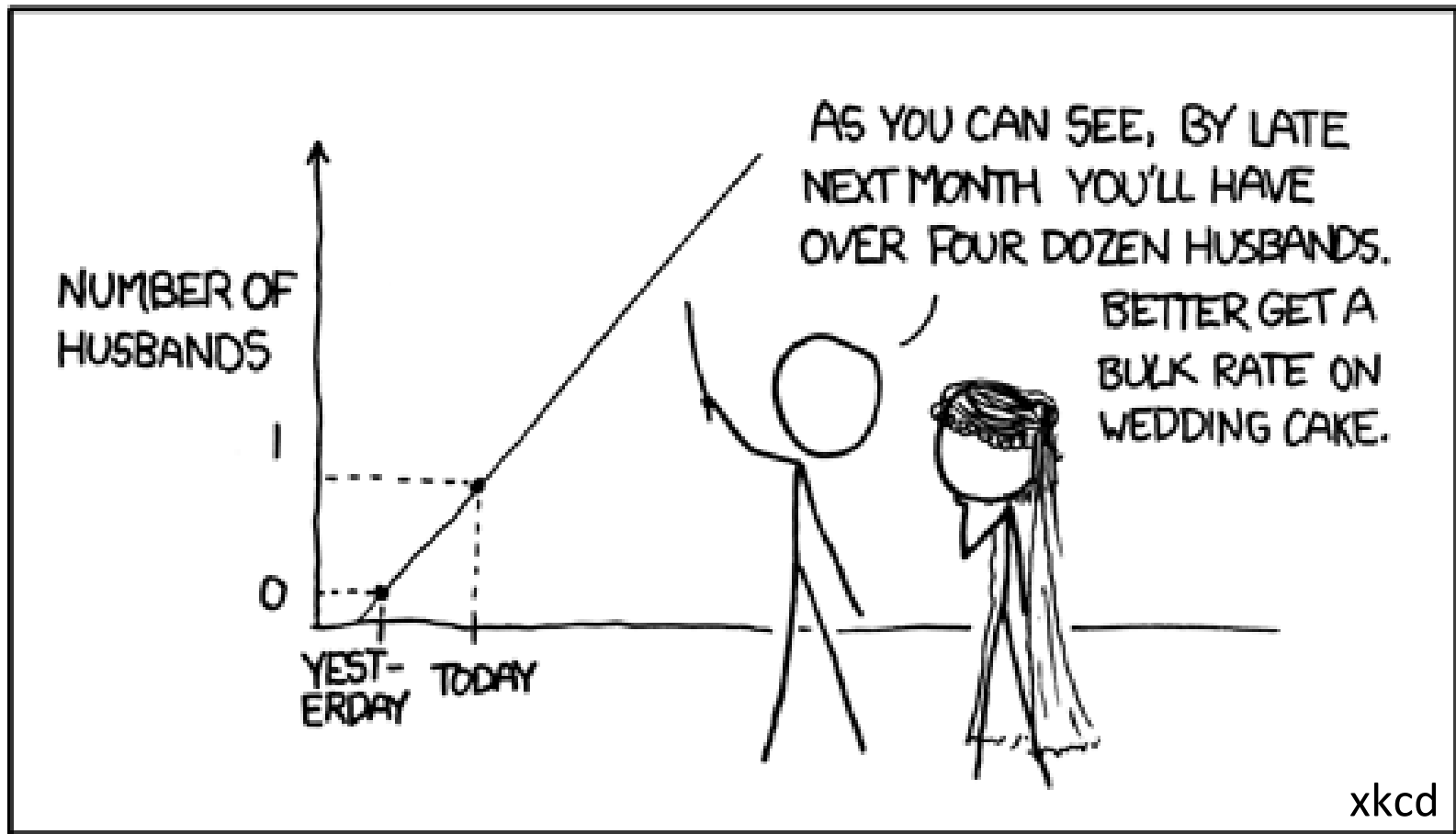
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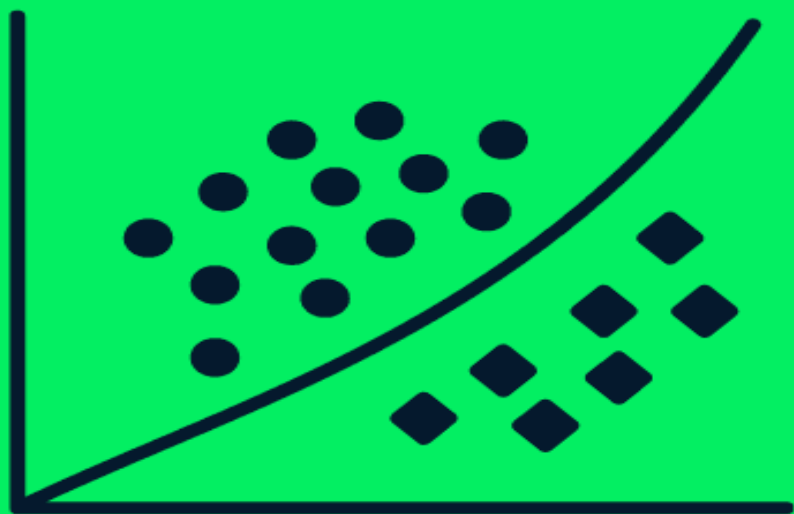
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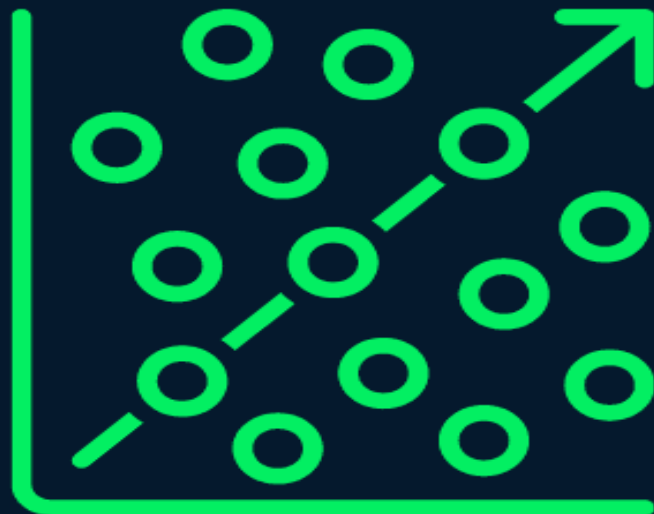
Linear Regression

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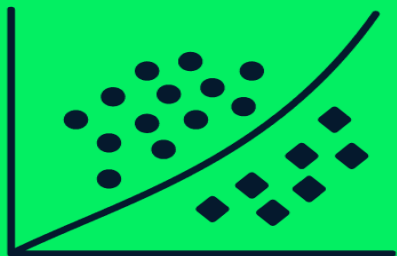




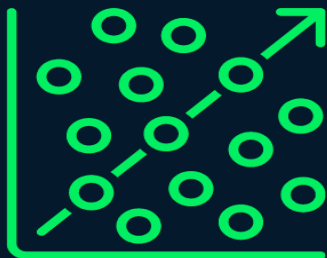
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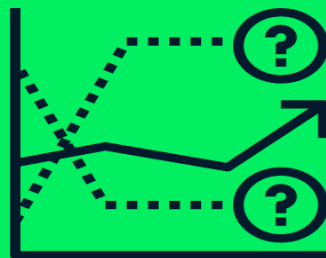
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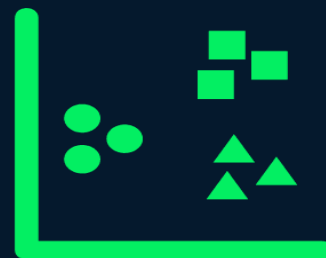
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Clustering



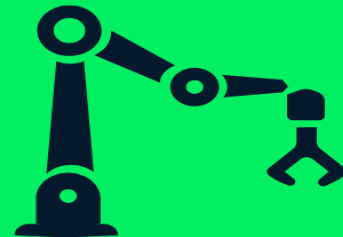
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**Reinforcement
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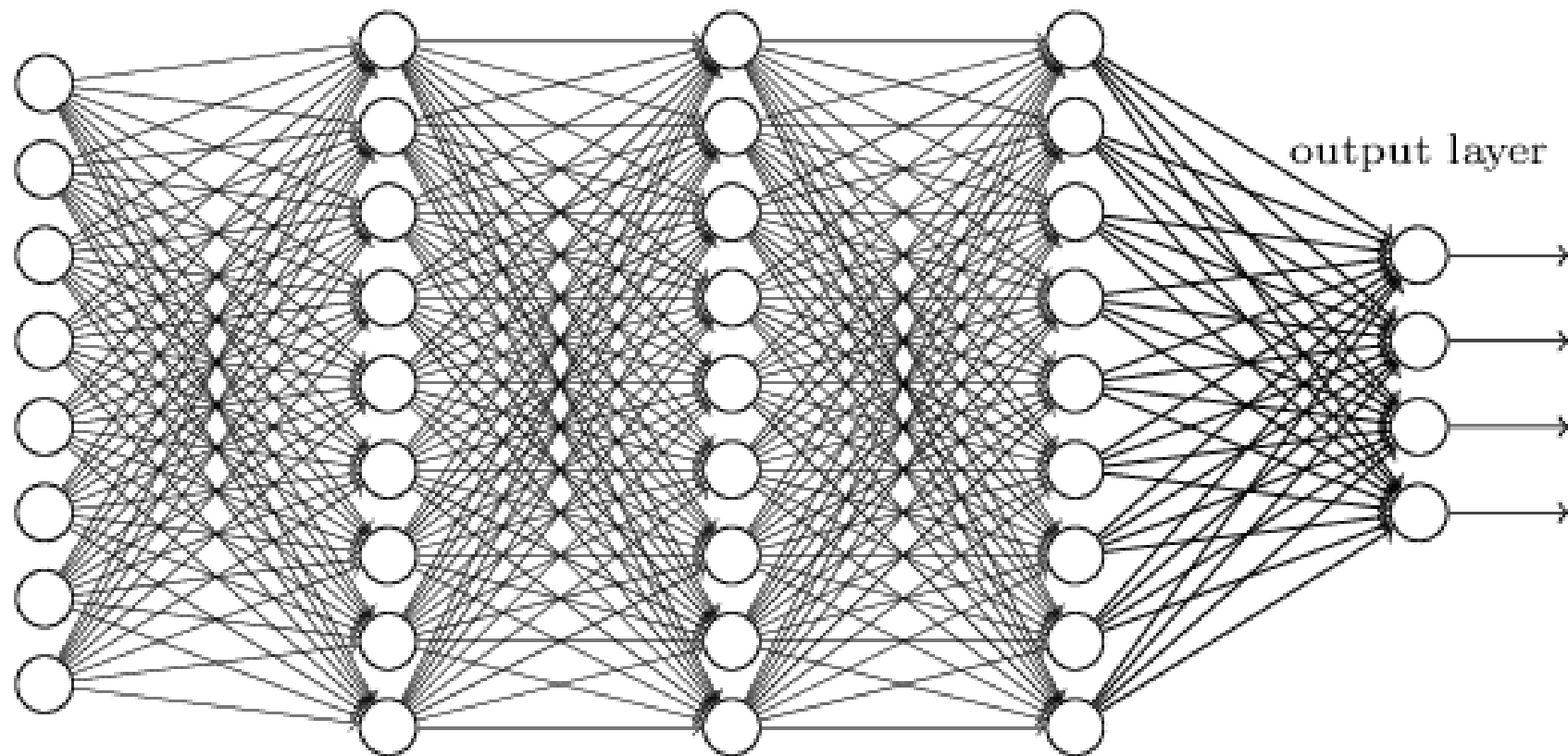
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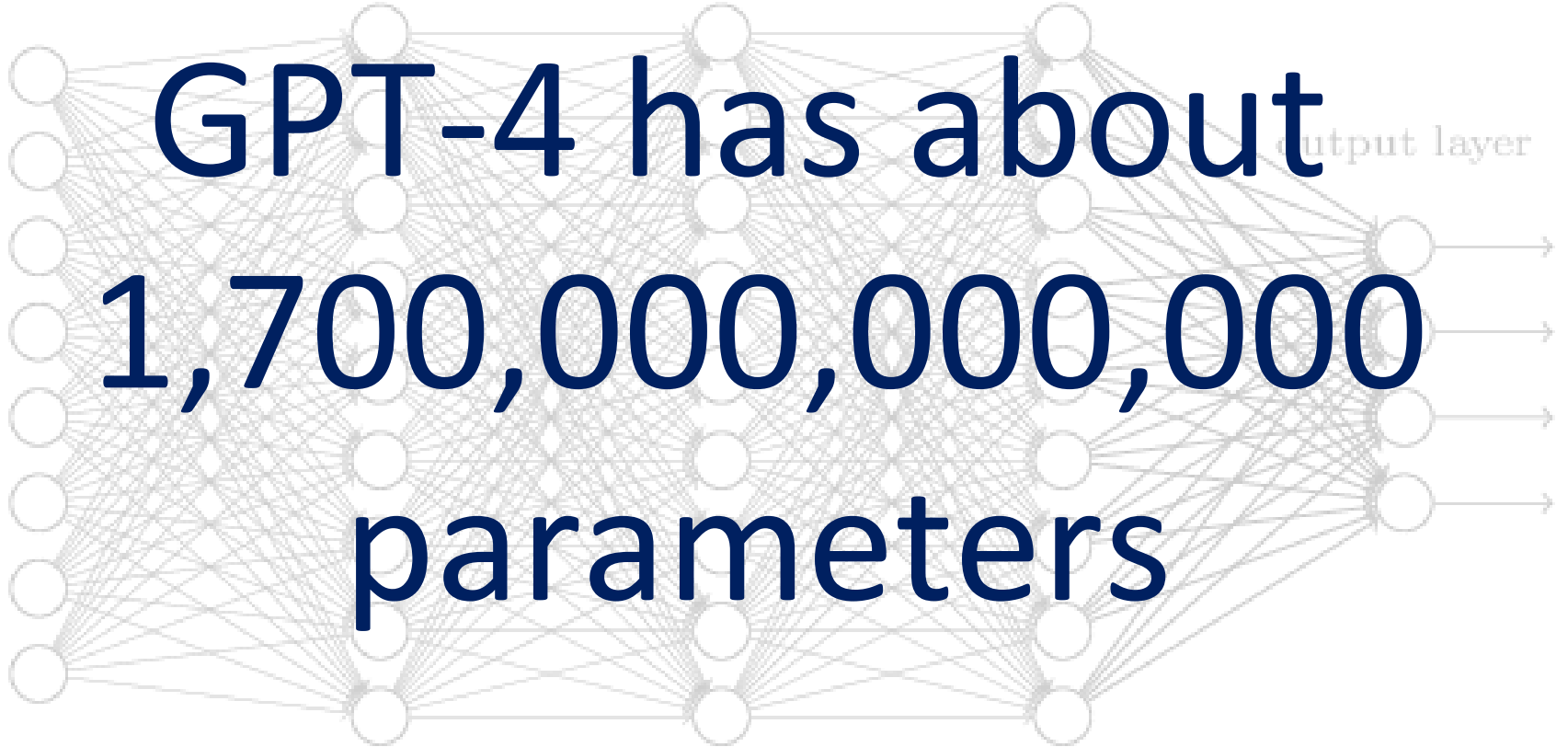
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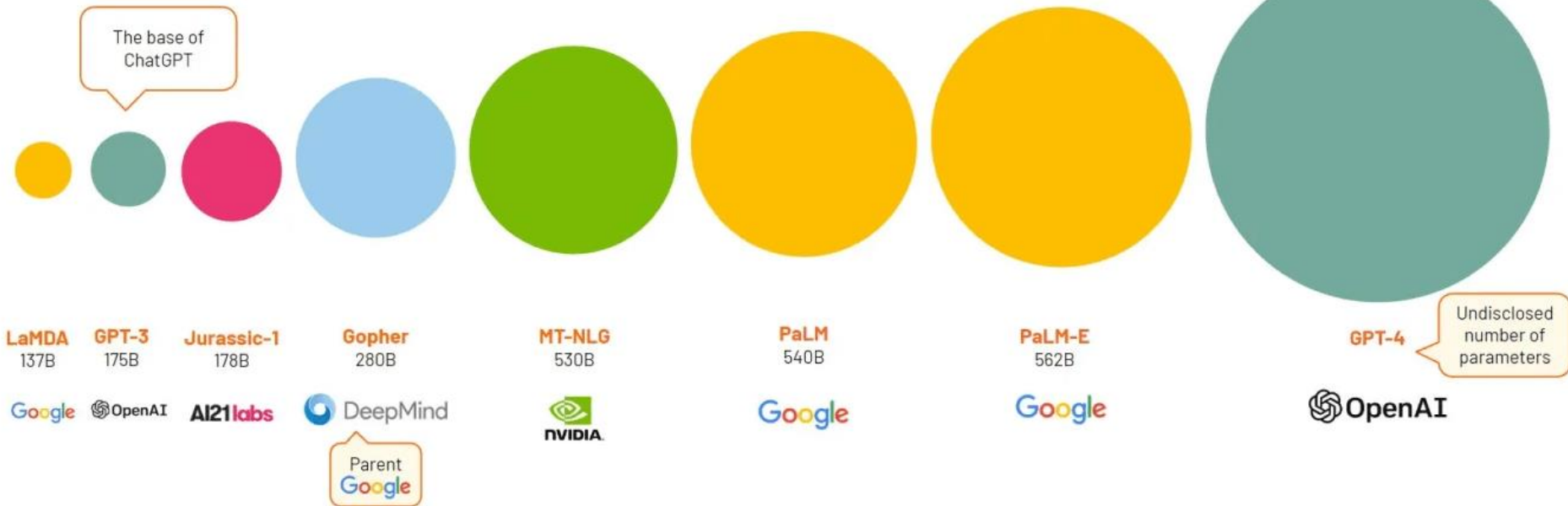
**GPT-4 has about
1,700,000,000,000
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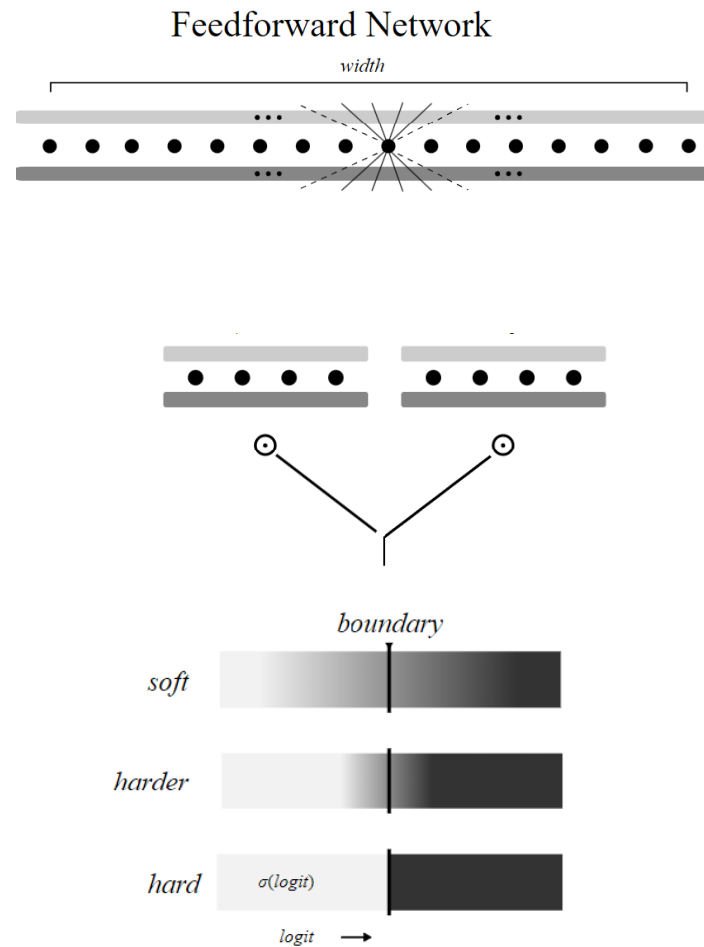
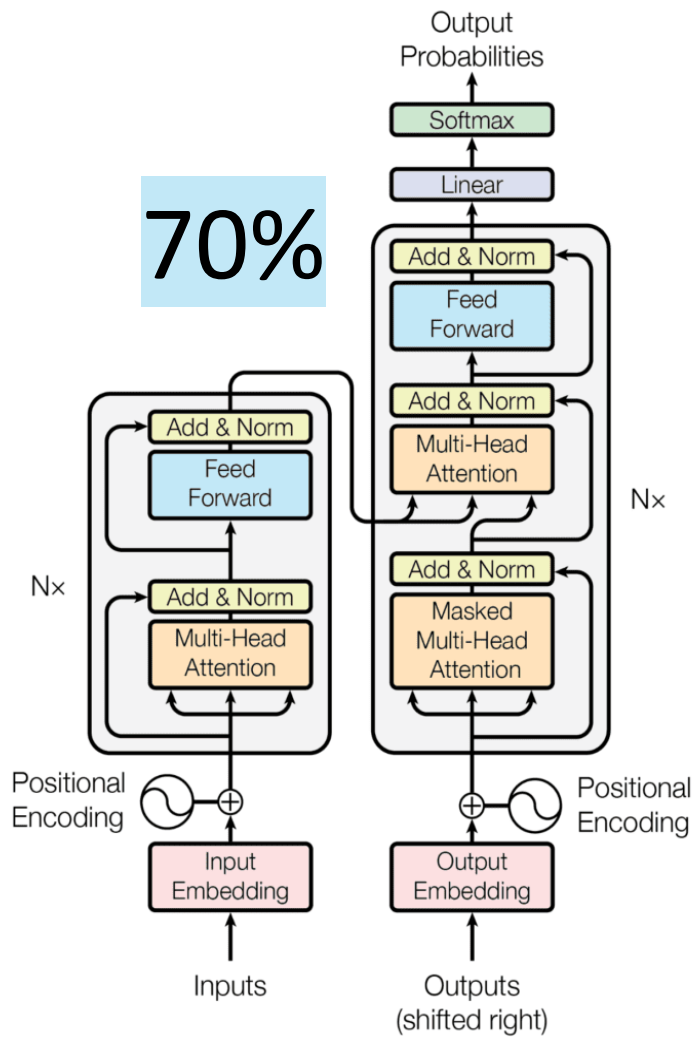


Small models (<= 100b parameters)



Large models (>100b parameters)





Exponentially Faster Language Modeling

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Model	N_T	N_I/N_T	RTE	MRPC	STSB	SST-2	MNLI	QNLI	QQP	Avg	CoLA	Avg
UltraFastBERT-1x11-long	4095	0.3%	60.7	87.5	86.4	89.9	81.3	89.7	87.6	83.0	35.1	77.7
External Baselines												
OpenAI GPT	3072	100%	56.0	82.3	80.0	91.3	81.4	87.4	70.3	78.8	45.4	75.1
DistilBERT	3072	100%	59.9	87.5	86.9	91.3	82.2	89.2	71.3	81.2	52.1	77.6
BERT-base	3072	100%	66.4	88.9	85.8	93.5	83.4	90.5	71.2	83.0	51.3	79.6

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▲ Exponentially faster language modelling (arxiv.org)

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According to scientists, we only use 0.3% of our neural networks. Imagine if we could use 100%.

This study introduces the "Ultra Fast BERT" model, designed to theoretically enhance inference speed by up to 341 times. The increase in speed is possible by replacing the standard FeedForward layers within the Attention mechanism.

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Exponentially Faster Language Modeling

Model	N_T	N_I/N_T	RTE	MRPC	STSB	SST-2	MNLI	QNLI	QQP	Avg	CoLA	Avg
Baselines												
crammedBERT-3072	4095	100.0%	58.8	87.6	85.2	91.9	82.8	90.4	89.0	83.6	45.0	79.3
crammedBERT-4095	3072	100.0%	57.6	89.1	85.9	91.9	81.3	90.9	87.6	83.2	47.9	79.3
UltraFastBERTs												

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Research

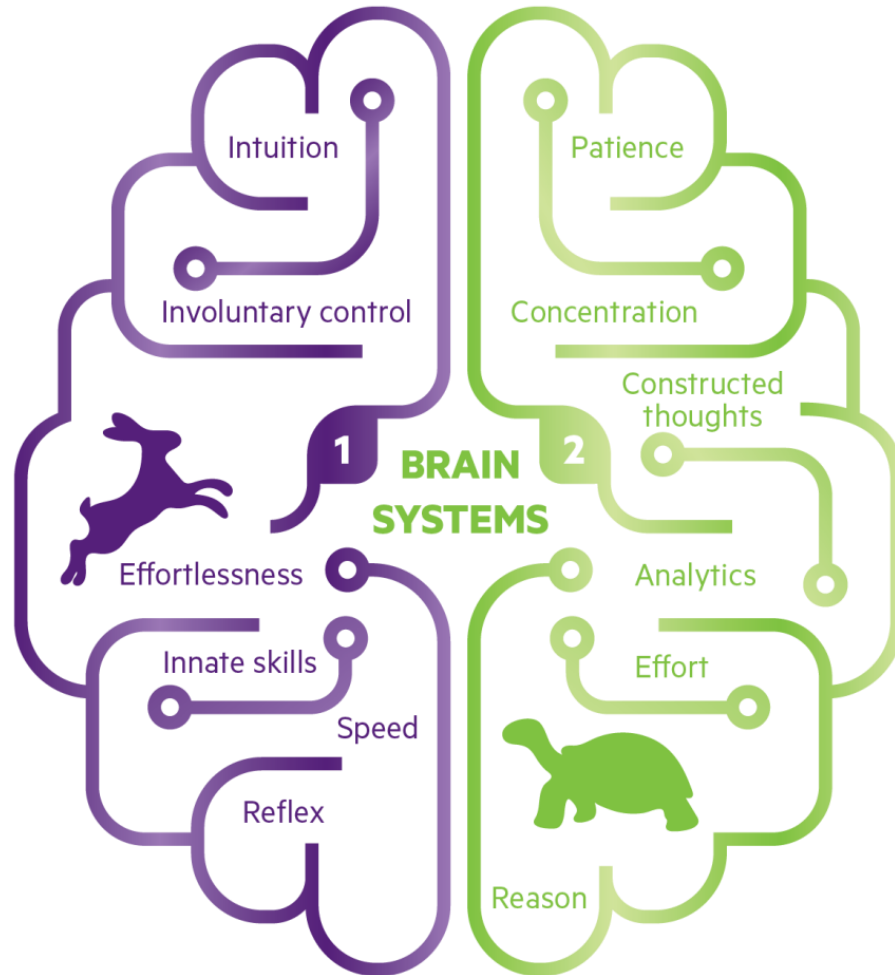
TL;DR: Organize your neurons into a tree to get 78x faster inference (theoretical limit is 341x).

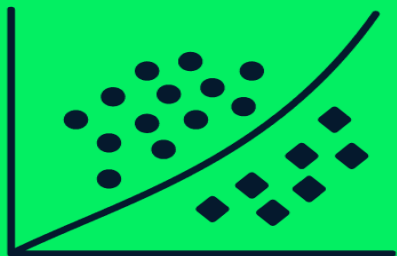
This was demonstrated on BERT-base, where this change preserved 96% of its downstream GLUE performance. For a quick comparison, DistilBERT offers 1.6x acceleration while preserving 97% of GLUE performance.

This is a [HuggingFace Featured Paper from 11/21/2023](#).

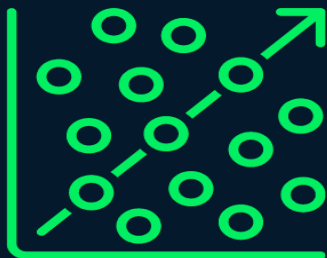
Paper: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.10770>

Code: <https://github.com/pbelcak/UltraFastBERT>

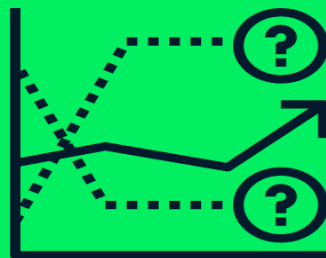




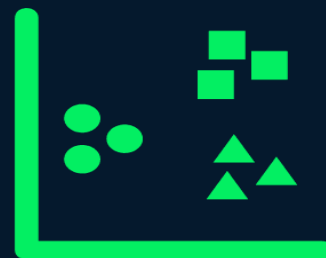
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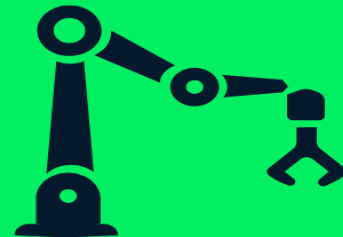
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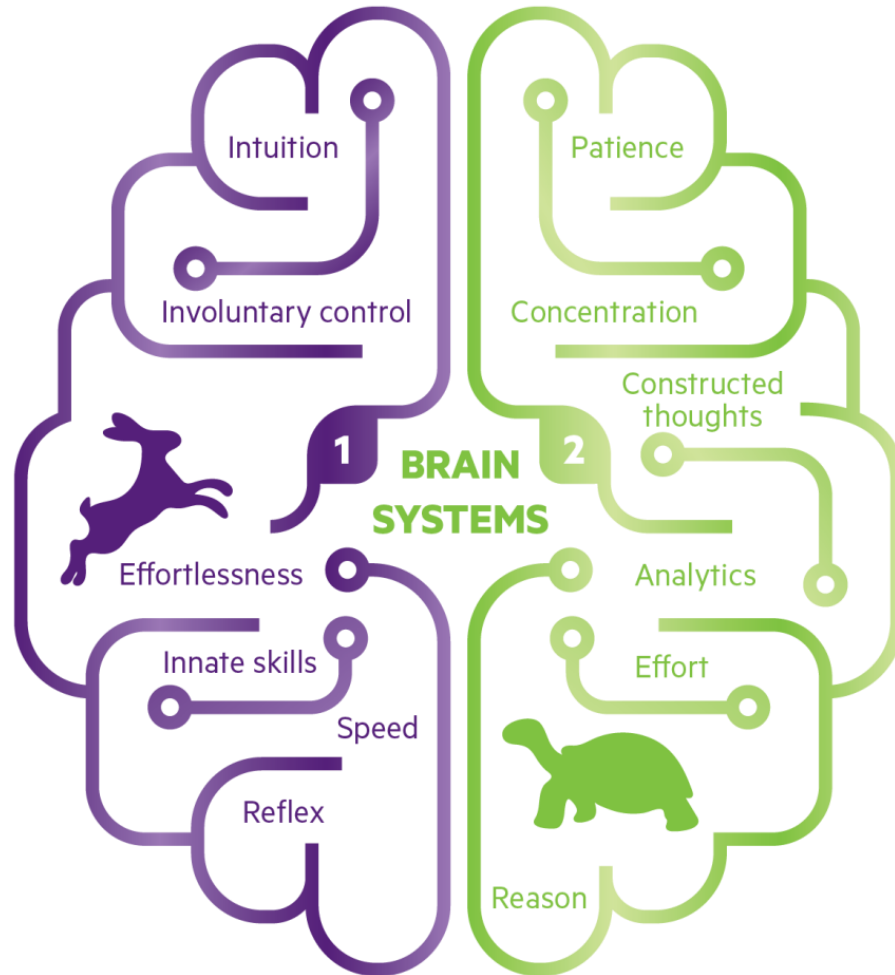
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Refik Anadol, Unsupervised, MOMA



User

what is 5 times 7?



Assistant

5 times 7 equals 35.

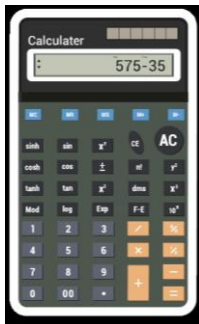
User

what is 384903720 times 538982734?



Assistant

384,903,720 times 538,982,734 equals
207,559,081,508,668,480.



$$384903720 \times 538982734 = 207,456,459,332,370,480$$

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User

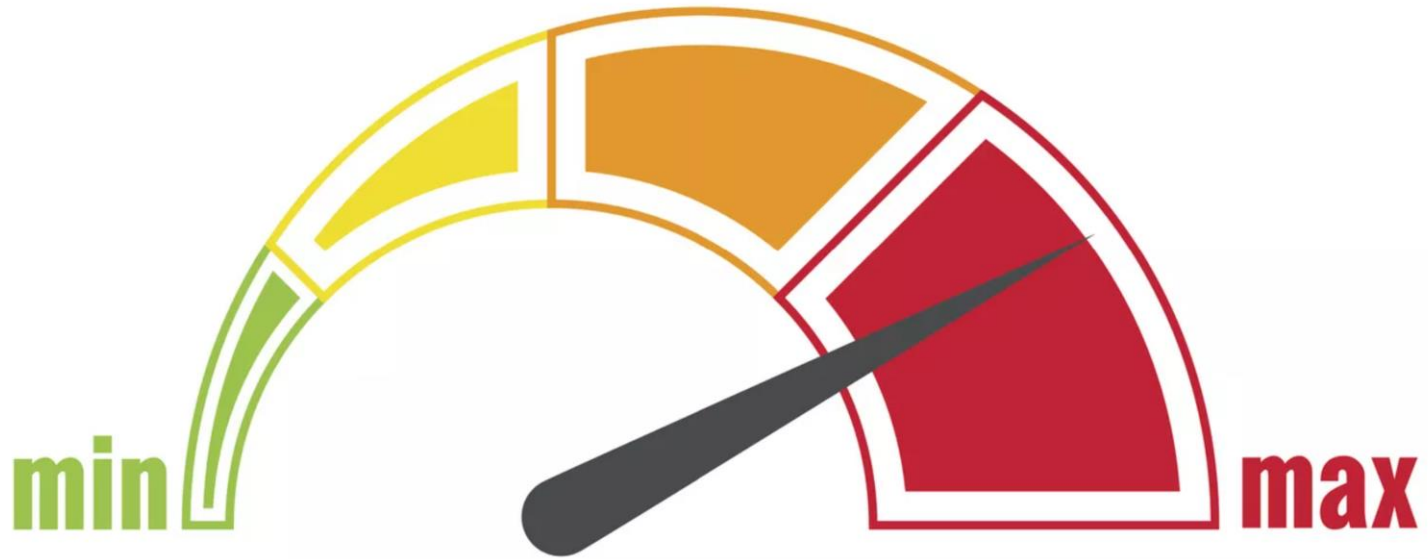
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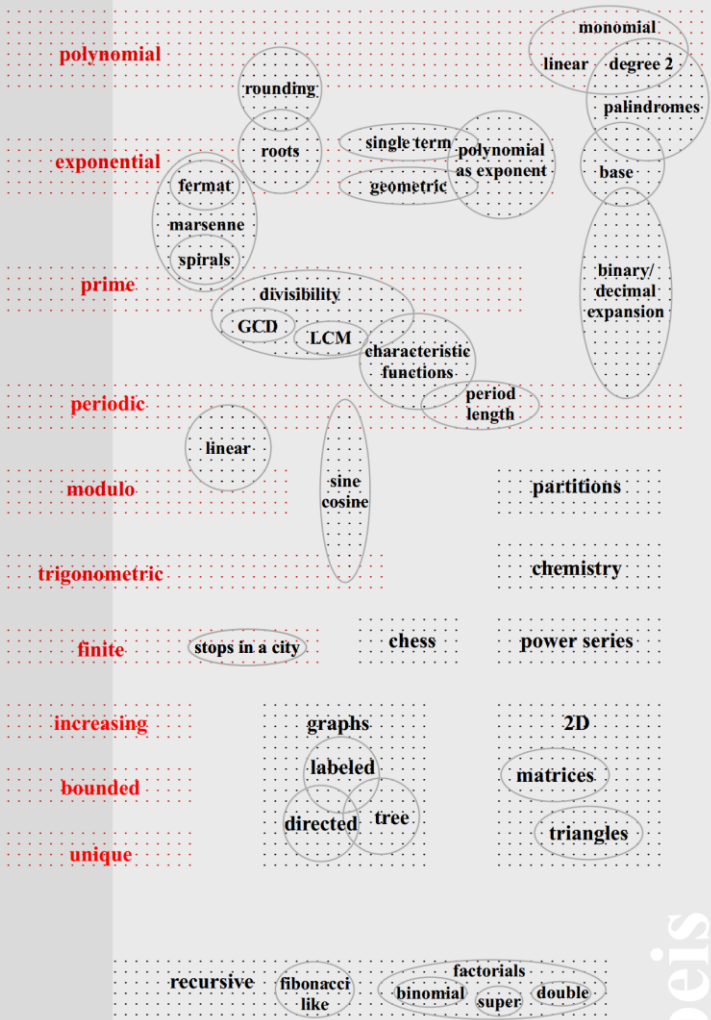
Thinking Slow Benchmark?



FACT: Learning Governing Abstractions Behind Integer Sequences

Peter Belcák, Ard Kastrati, Flavio Schenker, Roger Wattenhofer

Task	Input	Output	Class	
			Within class	Across classes
Sequence Unmasking	1, 2, □, 4, 5, □, 7	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	Class: Polynom	Class: Not Given
Sequence Continuation	1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, ?	13	Class: Polynom	Class: Not Given
Sequence Similarity	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 ... 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 ...	Similar	Class: Polynom	Class: Not Given
Sequence Classif.	0, 1, 2, 0, 1, 2...	Periodic	Is it periodic?	Class: Not Given





Simon Tatham's Portable Puzzle Collection



Simon Tatham's Puzzles 4+

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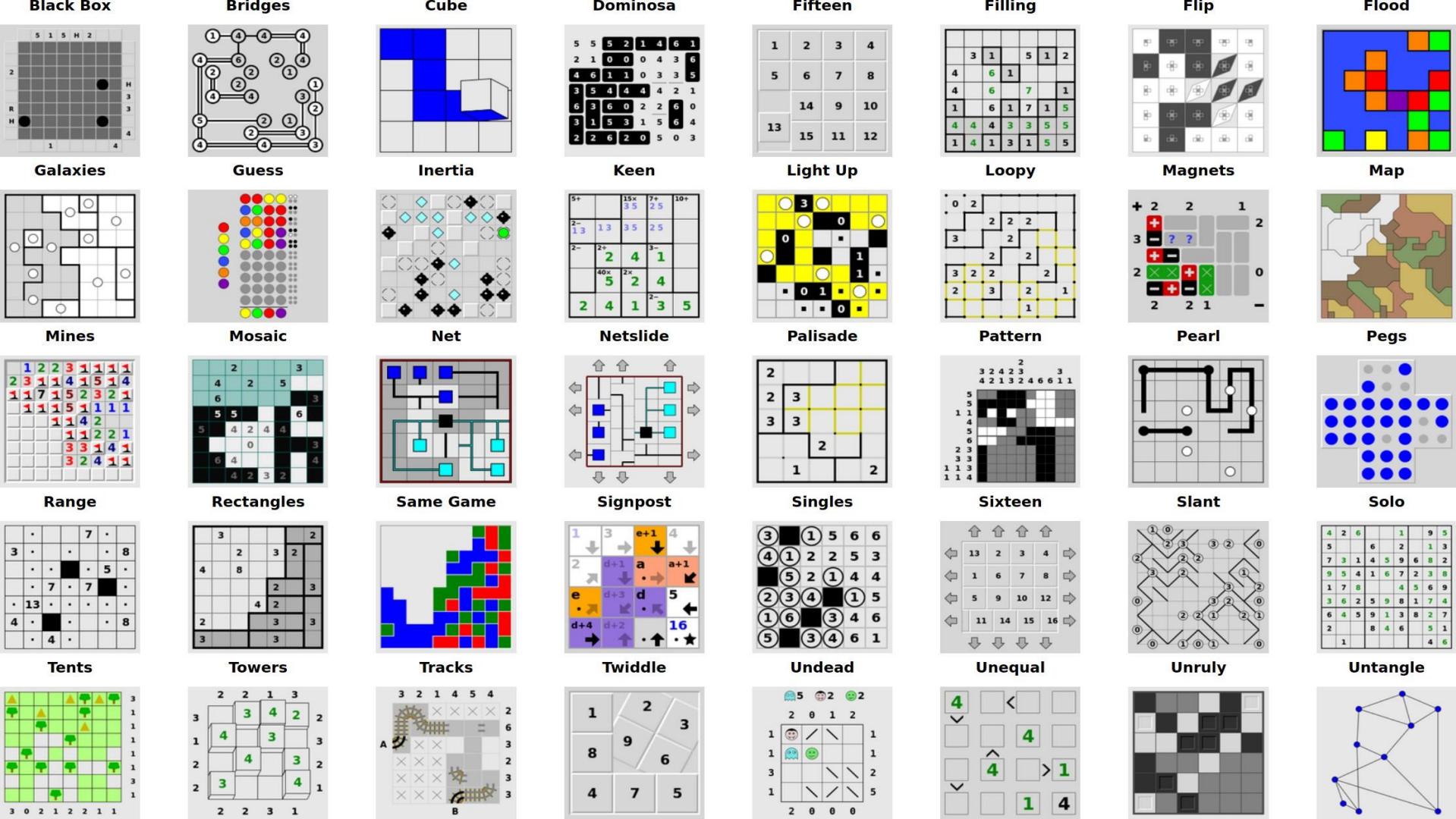
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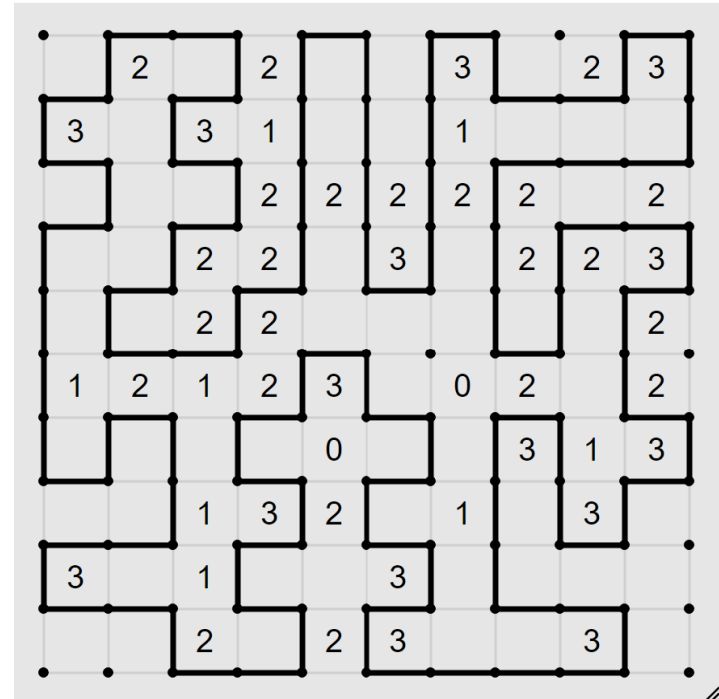
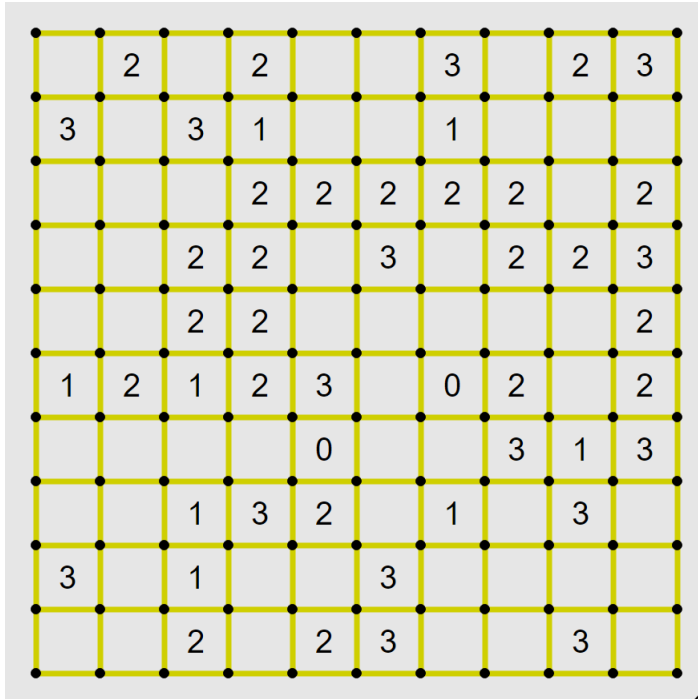
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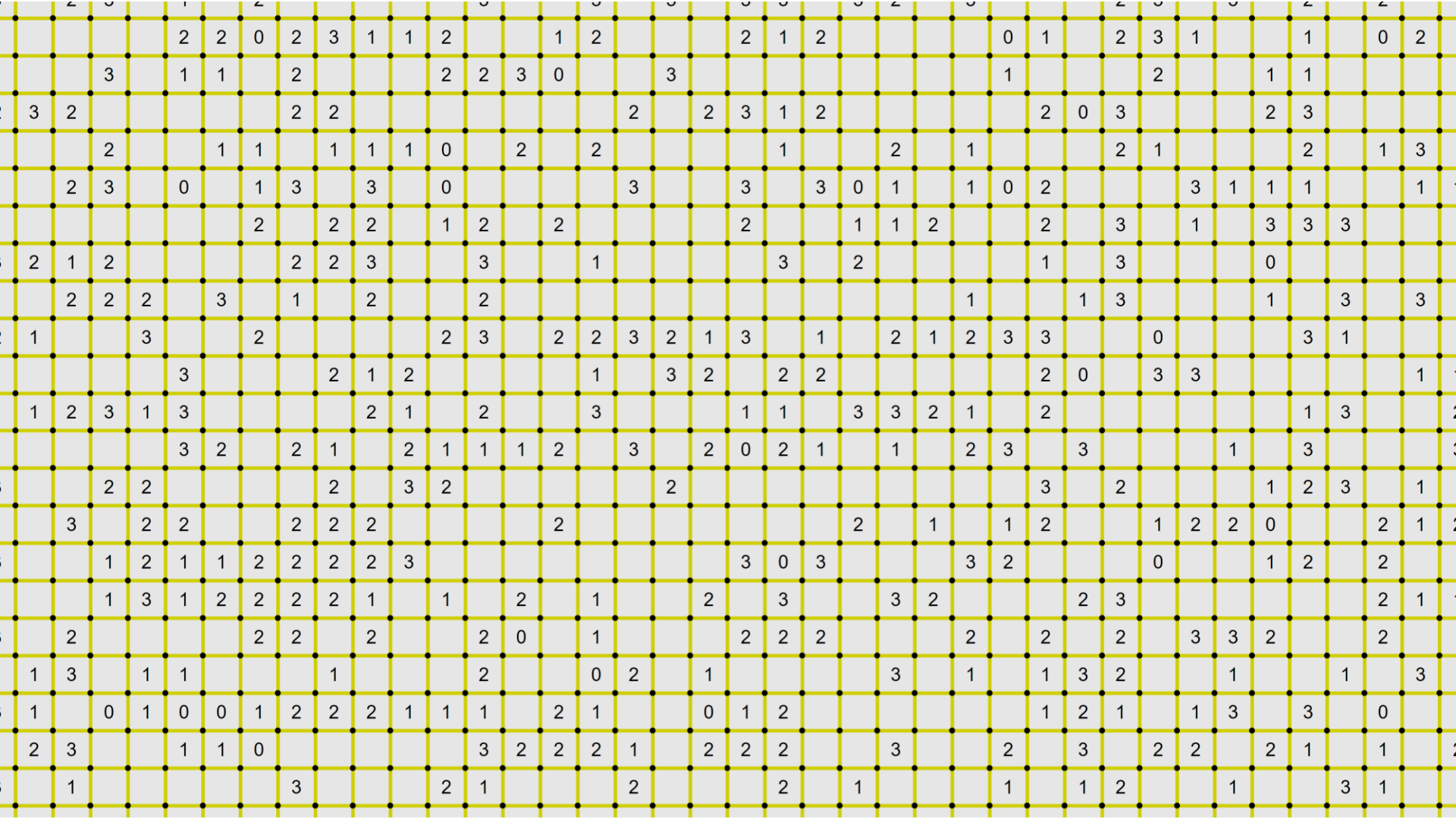
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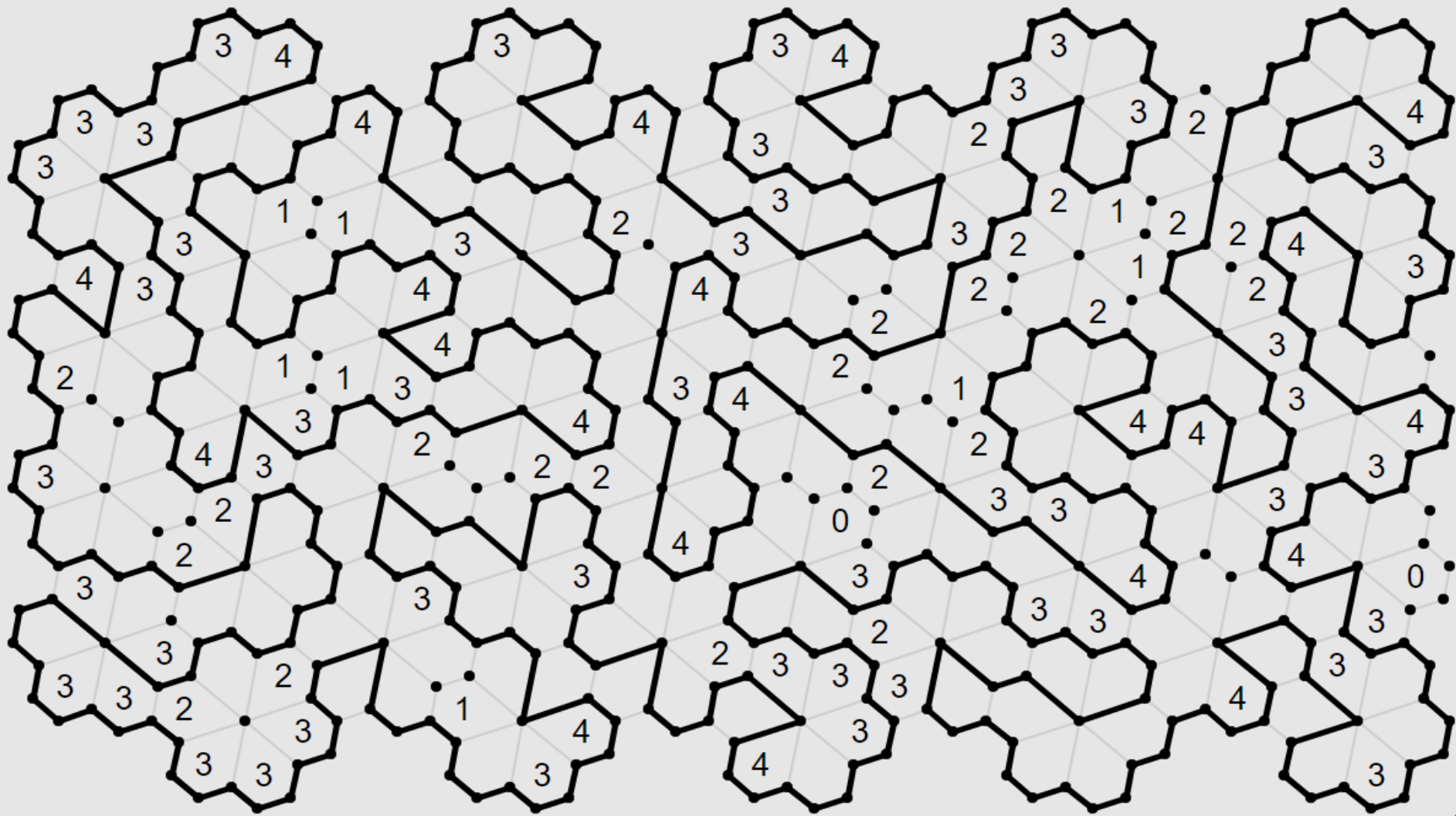
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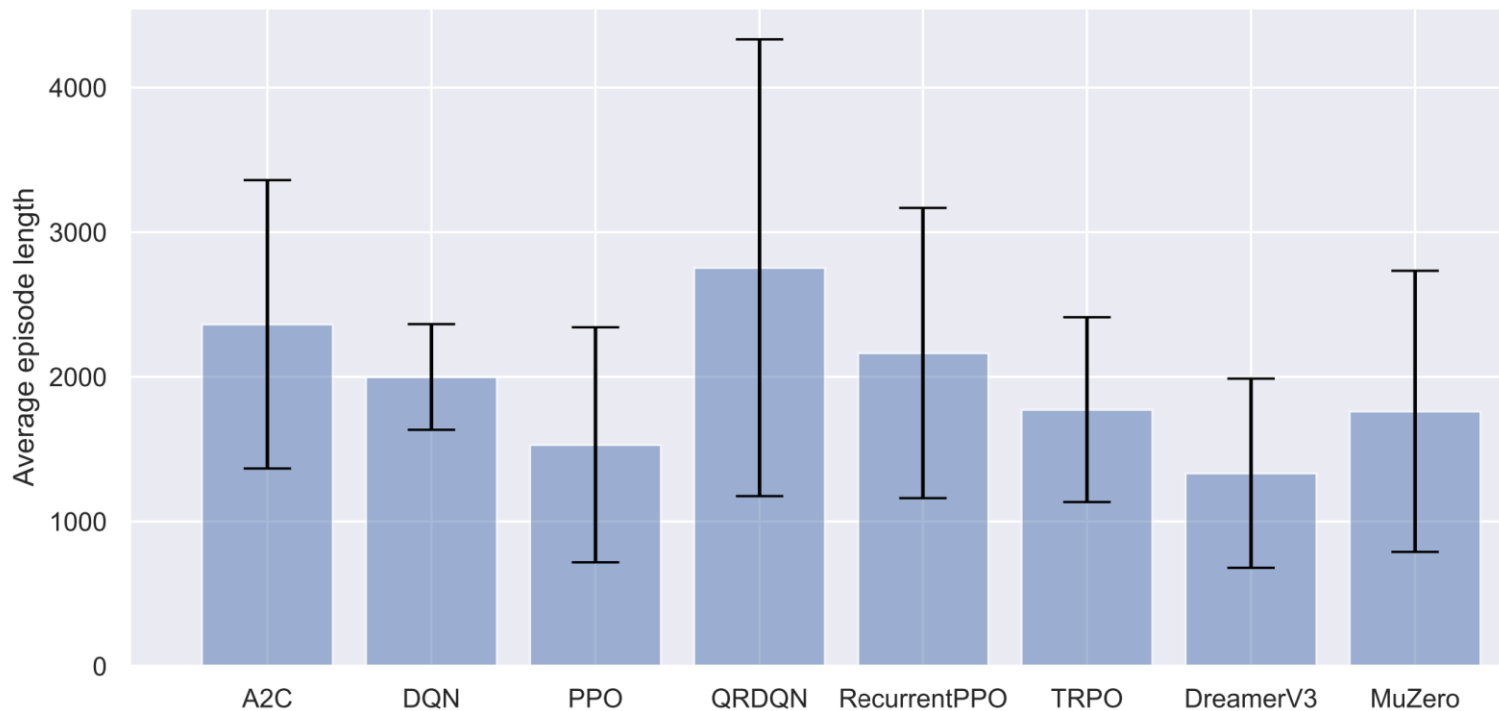
Loopy (Takegaki, Slitherlink, Ouroboros, Suriza, ...)



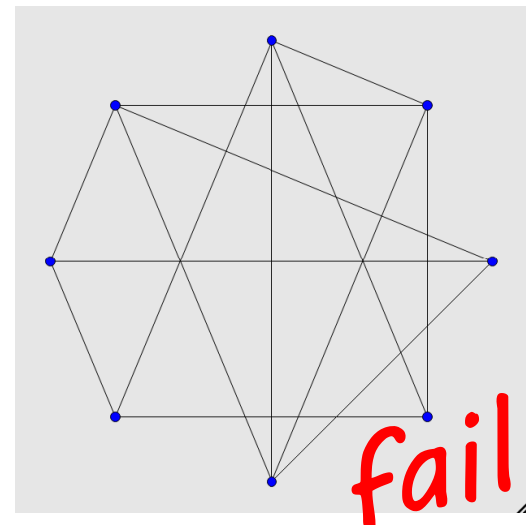
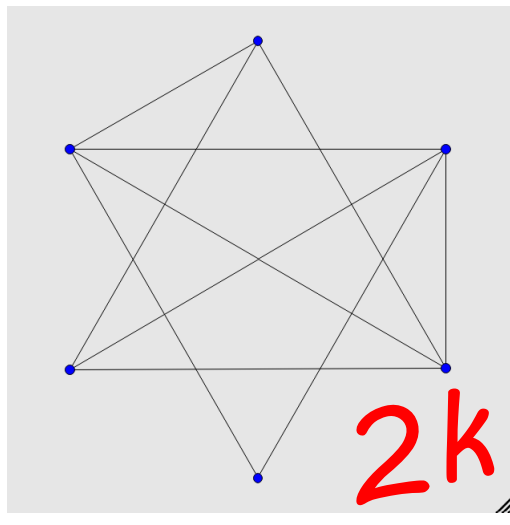
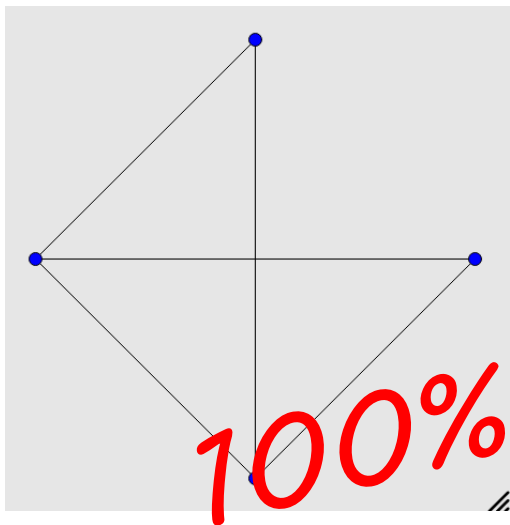




RLP: A REINFORCEMENT LEARNING BENCHMARK FOR NEURAL ALGORITHMIC REASONING



Puzzle	Parameters	PPO	DreamerV3
Netslide	2x3b1	35.3 ± 0.7 (100.0%)	12.0 ± 0.4 (100.0%)
	3x3b1	4742.1 ± 2960.1 (9.2%)	3586.5 ± 676.9 (22.4%)
Same Game	2x3c3s2	11.5 ± 0.1 (100.0%)	7.3 ± 0.2 (100.0%)
	5x5c3s2	1009.3 ± 1089.4 (30.5%)	527.0 ± 162.0 (30.2%)
Untangle	4	34.9 ± 10.8 (100.0%)	6.3 ± 0.4 (100.0%)
	6	2294.7 ± 2121.2 (96.2%)	1683.3 ± 73.7 (82.0%)



Sudoku

1		3	
	1		2

	4	6			2			
	3					7		
7		2		9	8			
		5					2	
	8		5		6		3	
	2					5		
			7	1		2		6
		9					5	
			4			8	9	

f	9	5		6					b	3	7
	6	b		1	f	7					8
			9	4					2	g	5
5	g	c	8		a	d	3	b	1		
		d	f		2			5	c		
9	4		c	5	g			d	1	e	7
	b		5	9		3			a	6	f
							4	e			a
	4	2			c	e					
a	d		e	1			9	4		f	8
	5	g		f	2			d	6	8	7
			1	a				c		5	2
			c	4	g	8	a			b	f
g		a	d				5	6			
7					9		e	b		6	d
8	1	6					c		4	5	g

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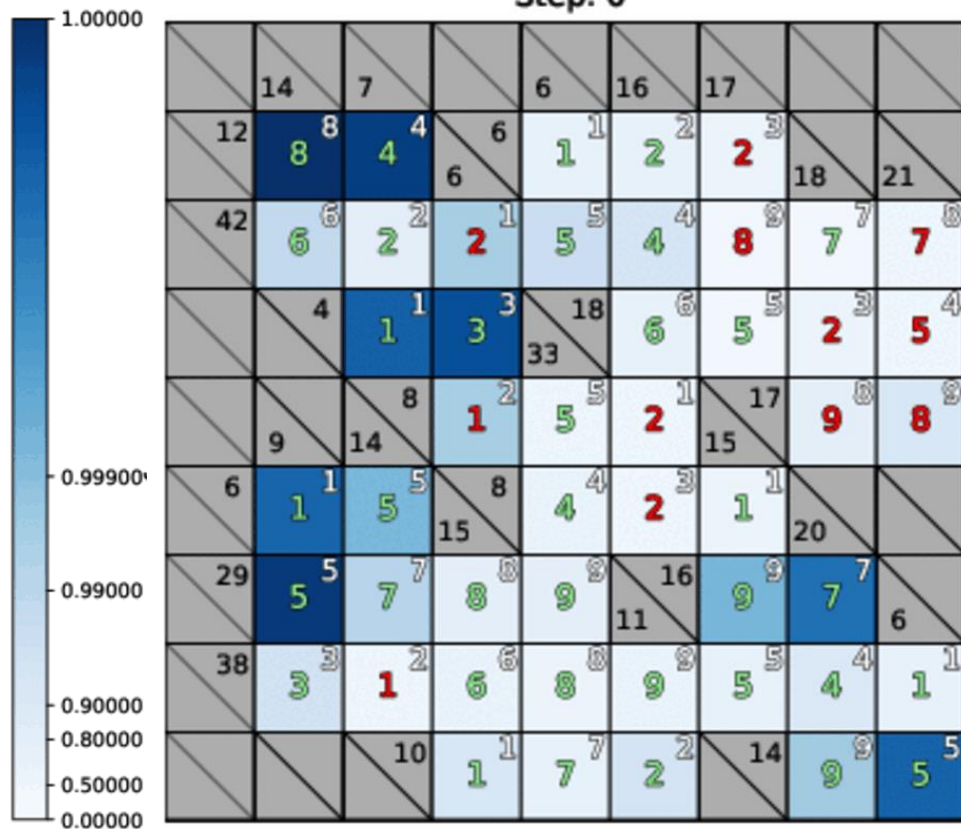
Sudoku RecGNN (Iterative Solving)

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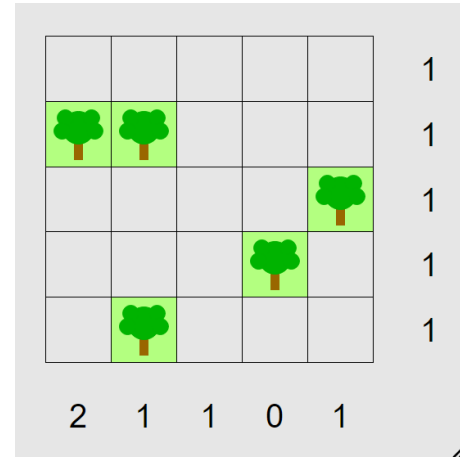
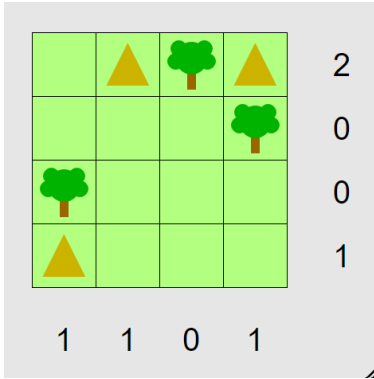
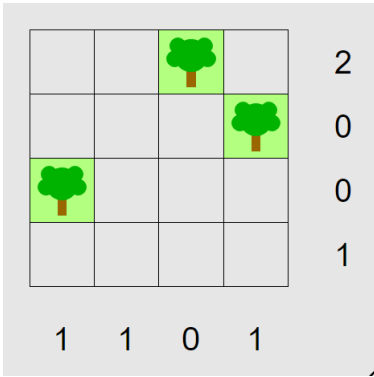
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1	2 ²	8	6	9 ⁹	4 ⁴	5 ⁵	3 ³	7
9 ⁹	3 ³	4	5 ⁵	1 ¹	7 ⁷	2 ²	8 ⁸	6 ⁶
5 ⁵	6 ⁶	7 ⁷	8 ⁸	3	2	4	1 ¹	9 ⁹
7 ⁷	8 ⁸	1	4 ⁴	6 ⁶	3 ⁵	2 ³	9 ⁹	9 ²
2	4 ⁴	3	9	7 ⁷	8 ⁸	6	5	1 ¹
6	9	5 ⁵	2 ³	1 ²	3 ¹	8	7	4

Kakuro GNN

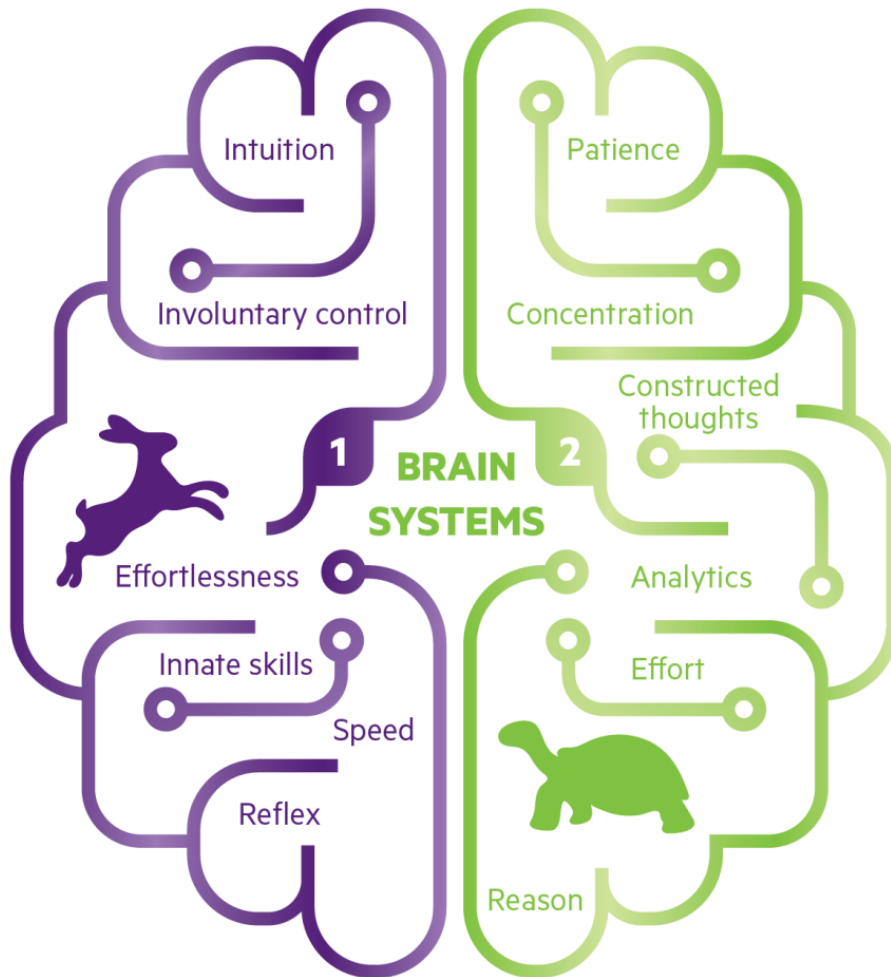
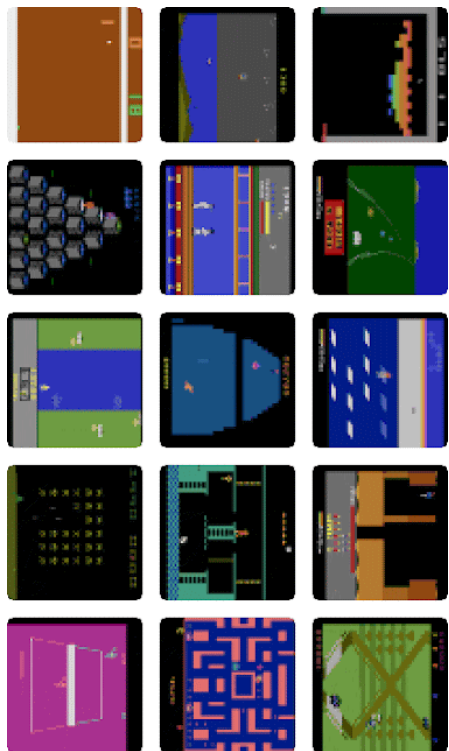
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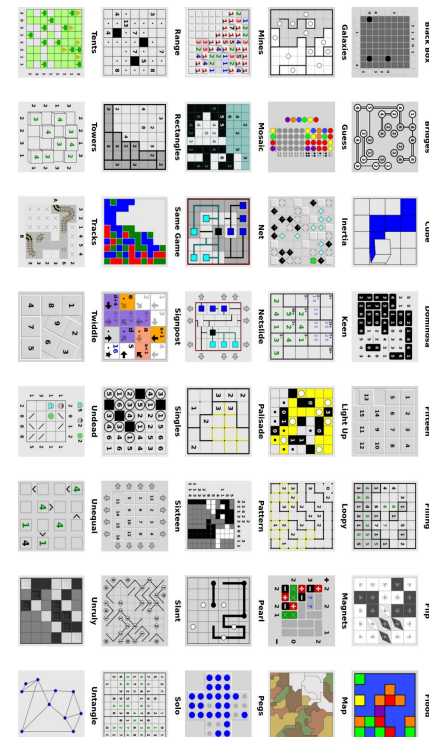
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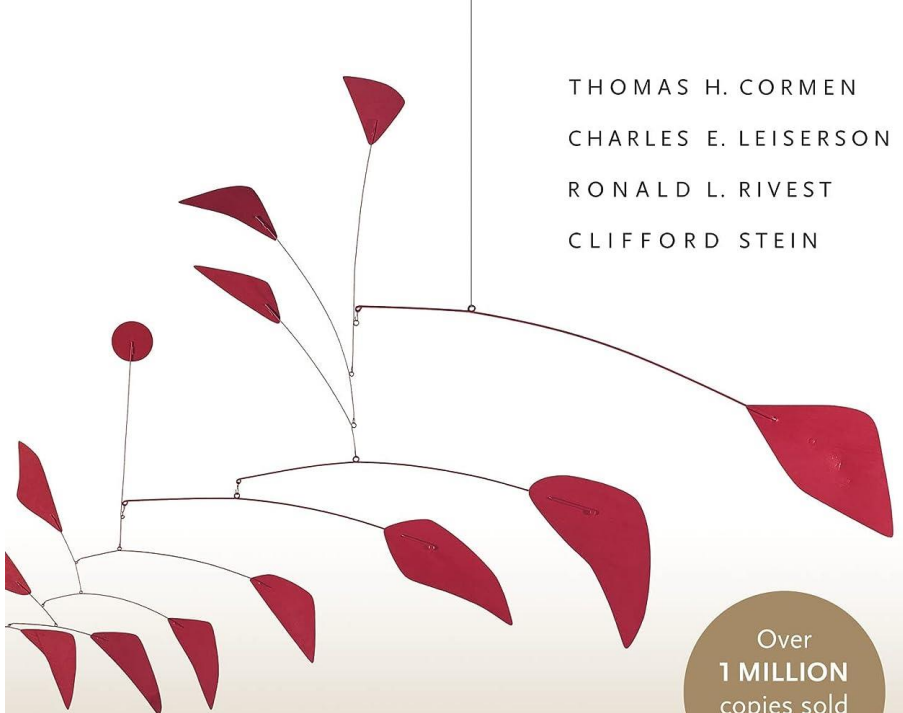


Atari Games



Puzzle Coll.





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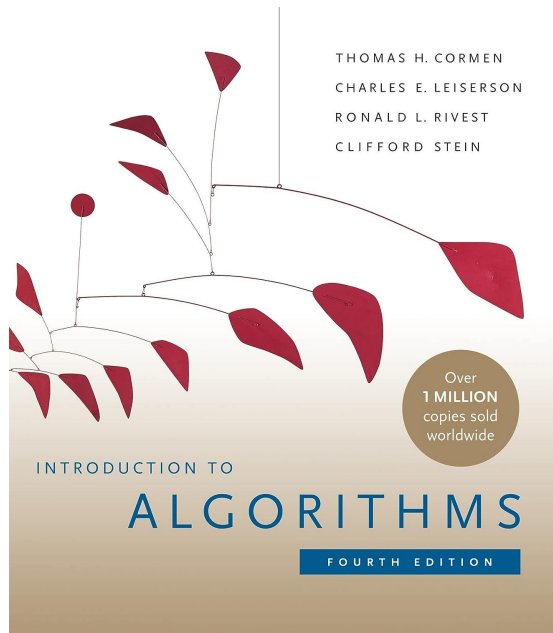
INTRODUCTION TO

ALGORITHMS

FOURTH EDITION

The CLRS Algorithmic Reasoning Benchmark

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SALSA-CLRS: A Sparse and Scalable Benchmark for Algorithmic Reasoning

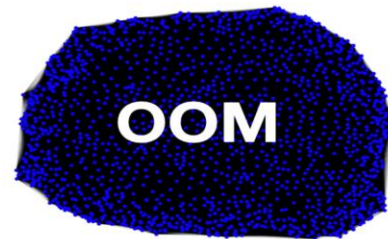
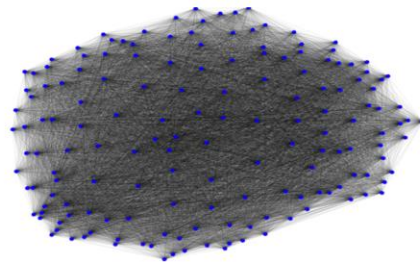
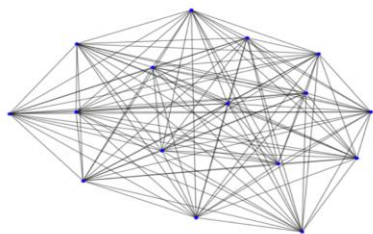
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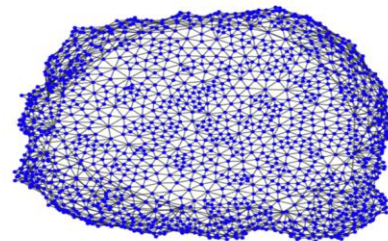
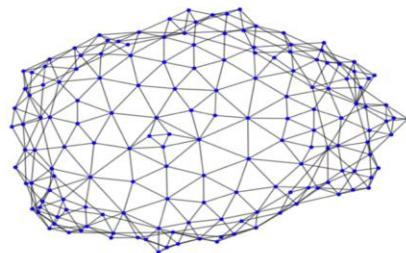
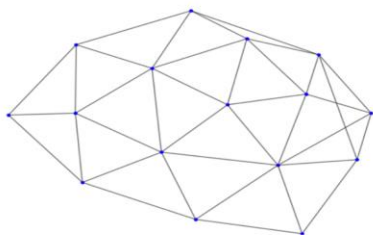
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train

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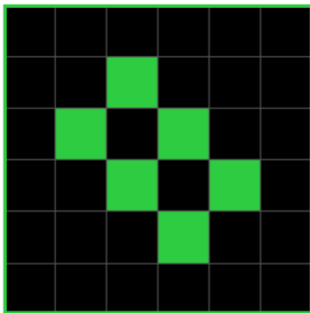
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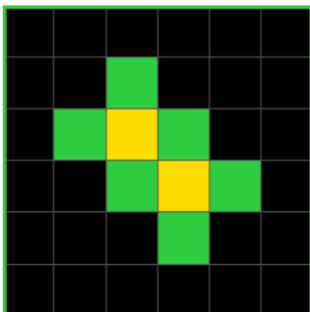
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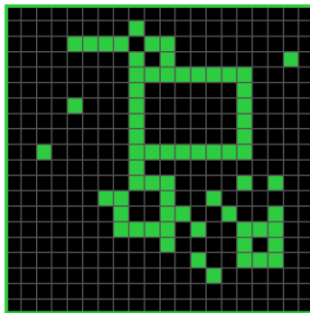
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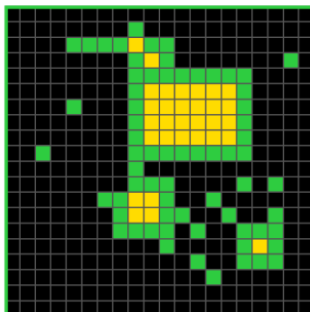
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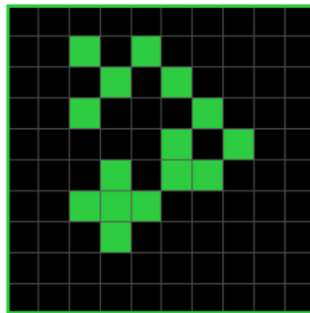
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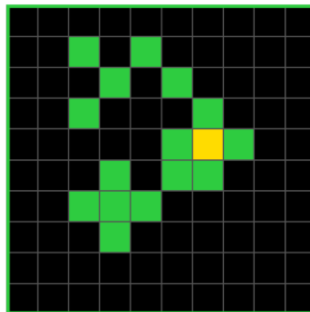
Example 2: **Output**



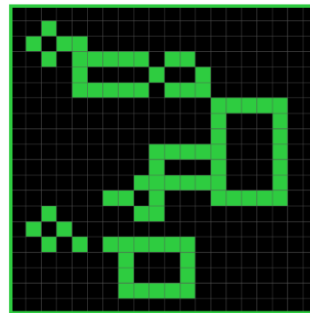
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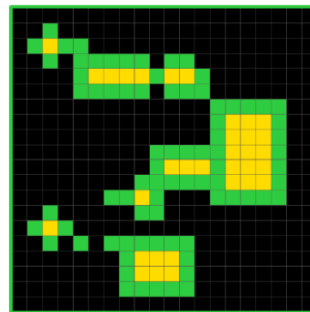
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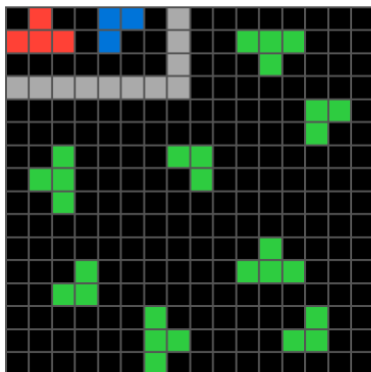
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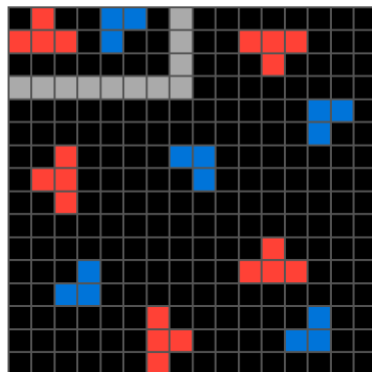
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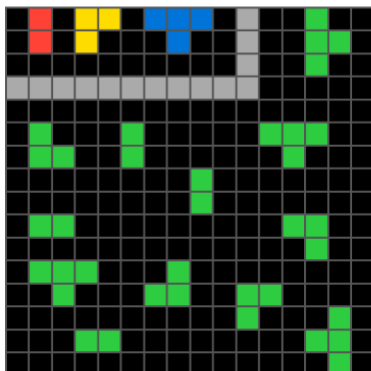
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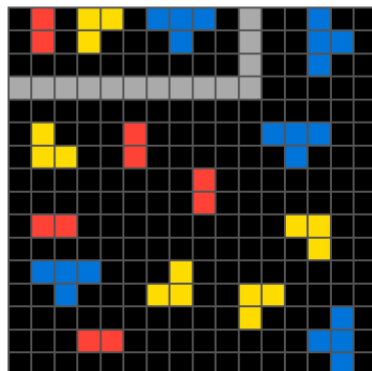
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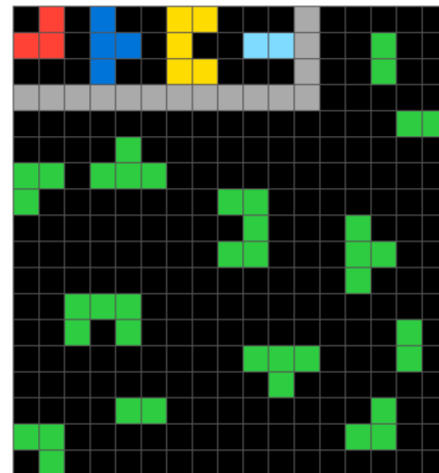
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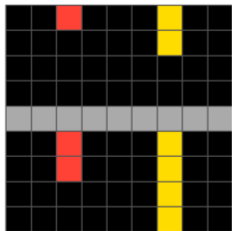
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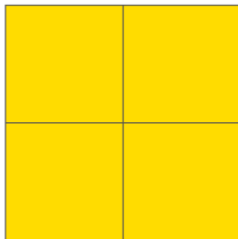
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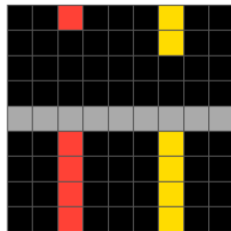
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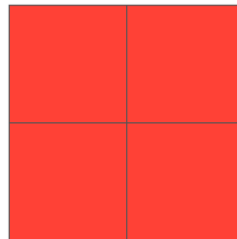
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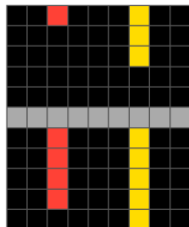
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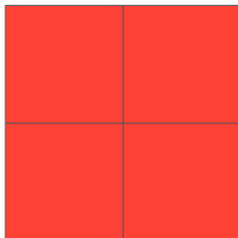
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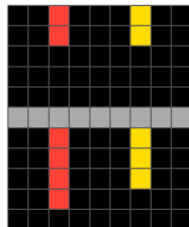
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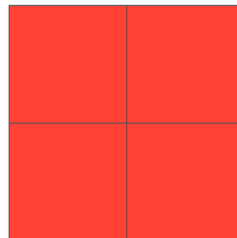
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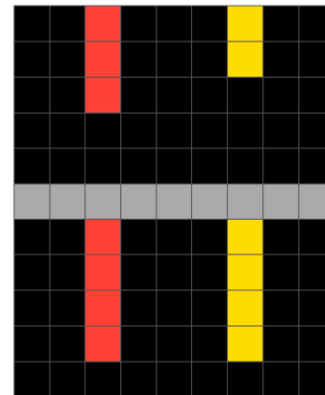
Input 4



Output 4



Input



Abstract Visual Reasoning Enabled by Language

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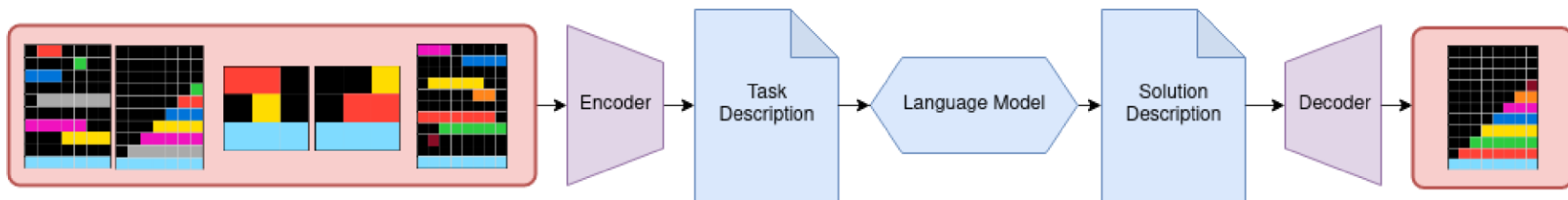
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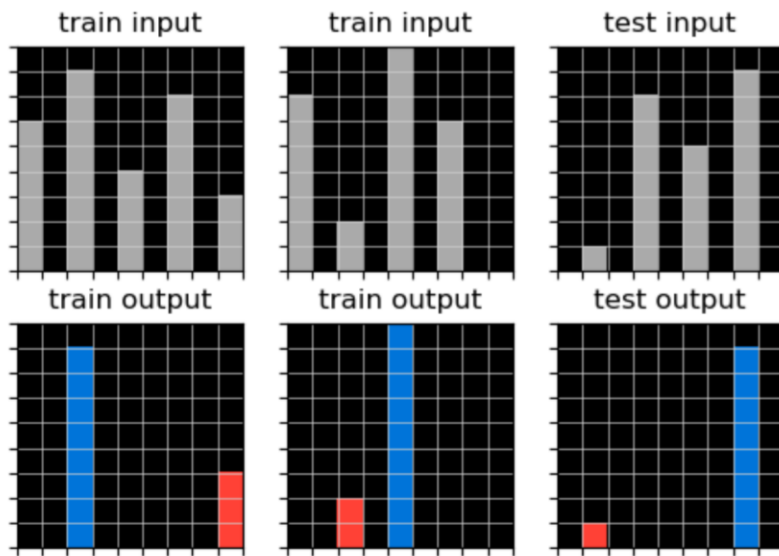
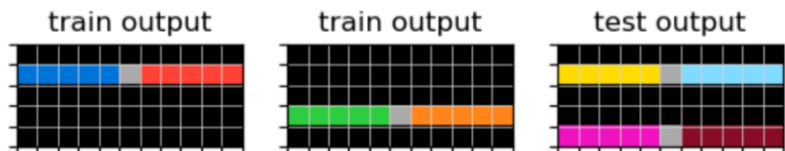
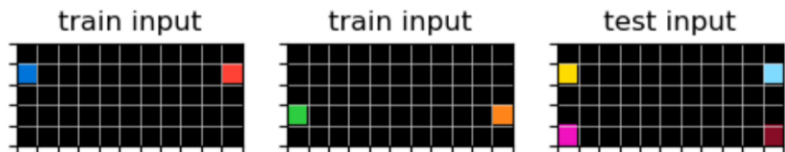
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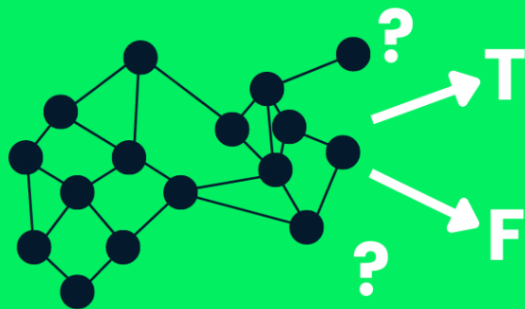
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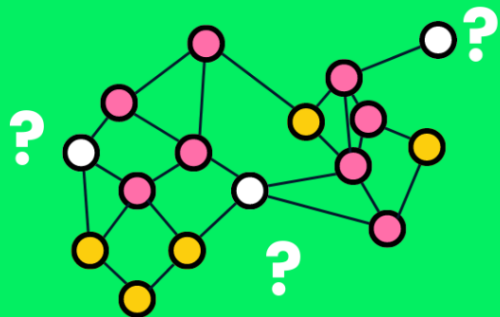




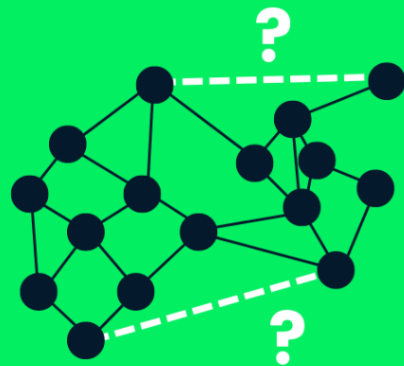
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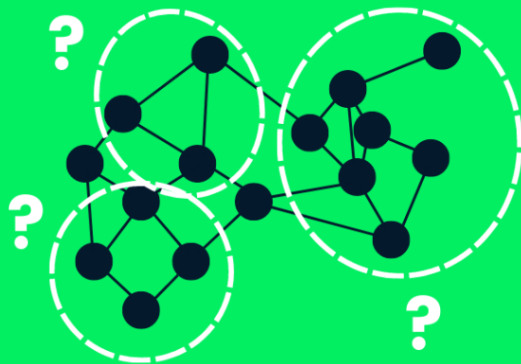
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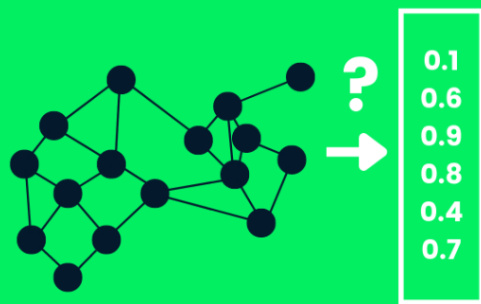
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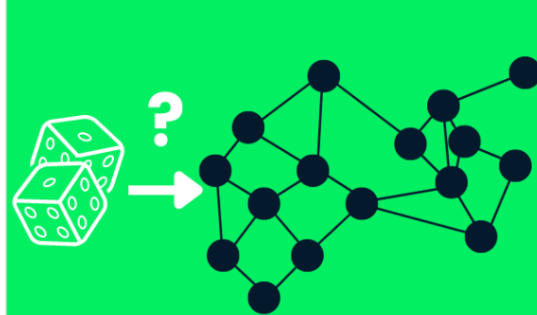
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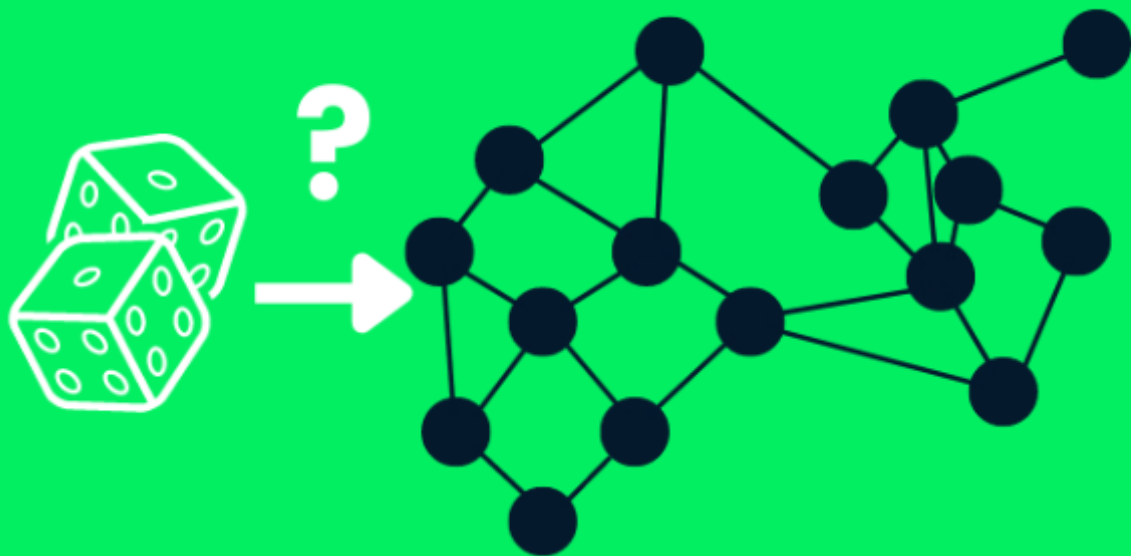
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Graph Generation

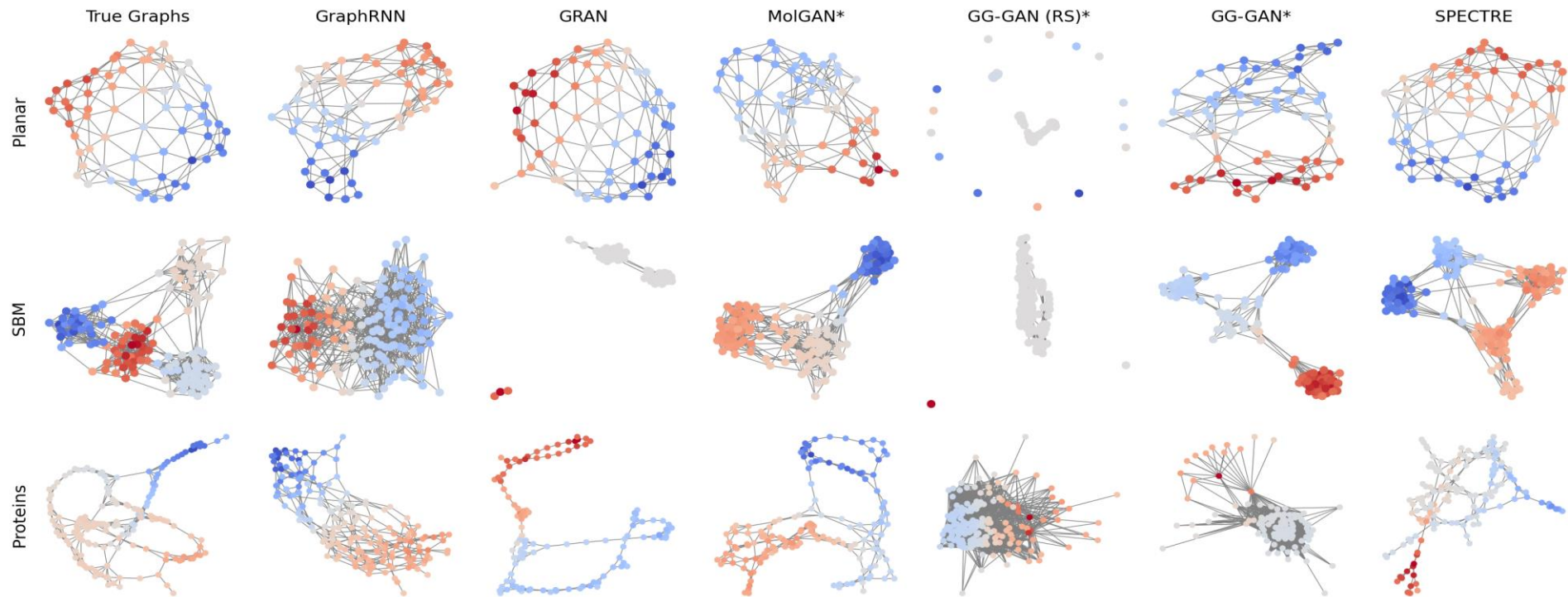


Graph Generation



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DISCOVERING GRAPH GENERATION ALGORITHMS

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```
1 def outer_loop():
2     for i in range(N):
3         inner_loop()
4
5 def inner_loop():
6     for j in range(i):
7         float00 = random(0, 1)
8         bool00 = float00 < 0.4
9         if bool00:
10            add_edge(i, j)
11
12 outer_loop()
```

```
1 def outer_loop():
2     for i in range(N):
3         int00 = i + n
4         add_edge(i, int00)
5
6         int01 = i % n
7         bool00 = int01 == 0
8         if not bool00:
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10            add_edge(i, int01)
11
12 outer_loop()
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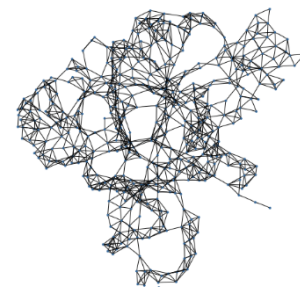
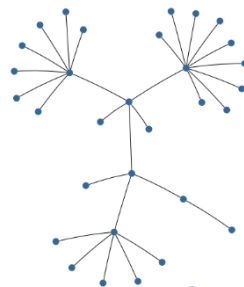
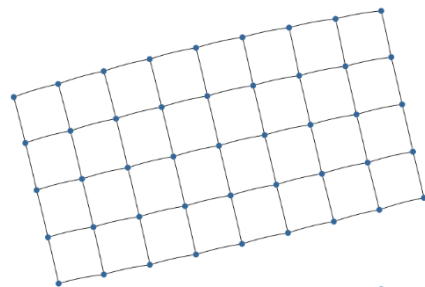
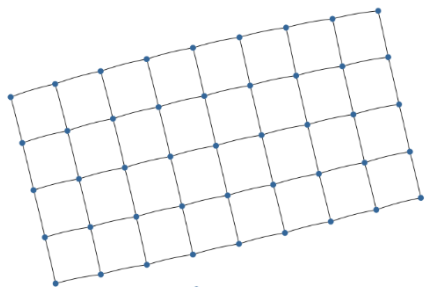
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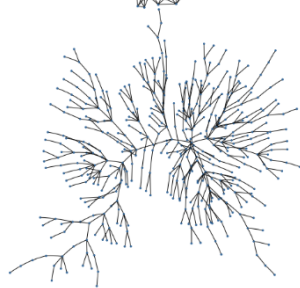
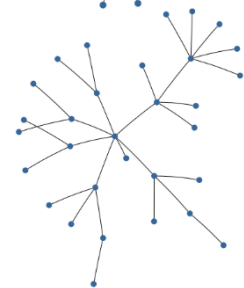
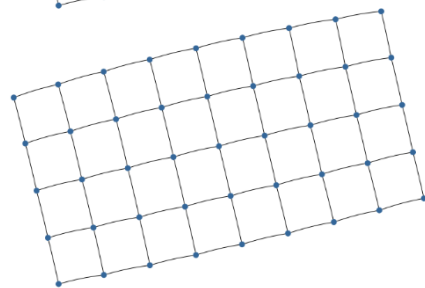
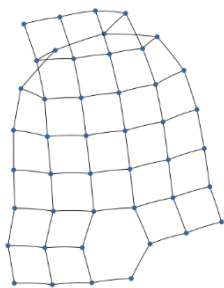
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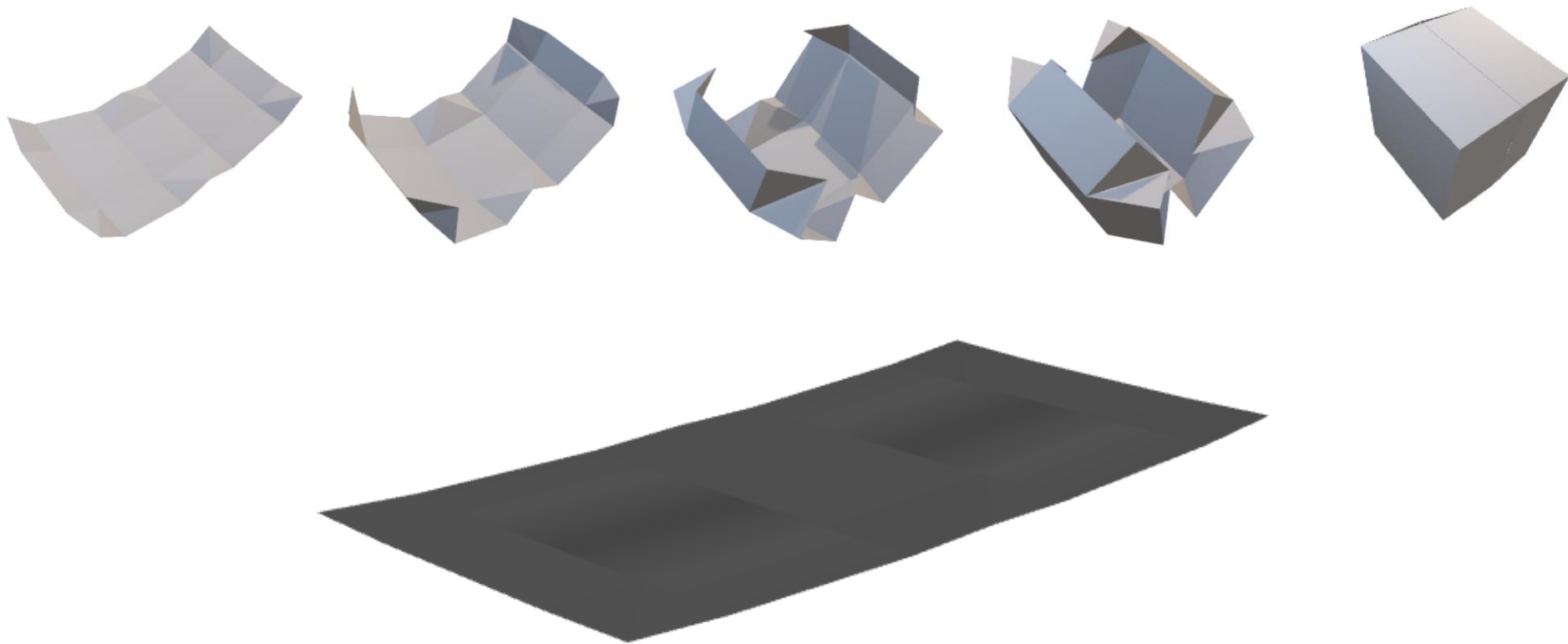


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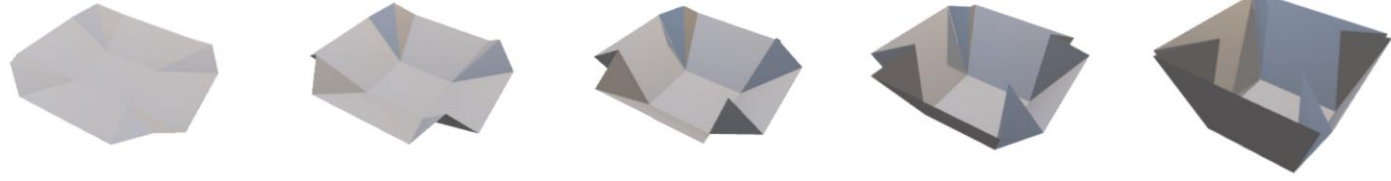


Automating Rigid Origami Design

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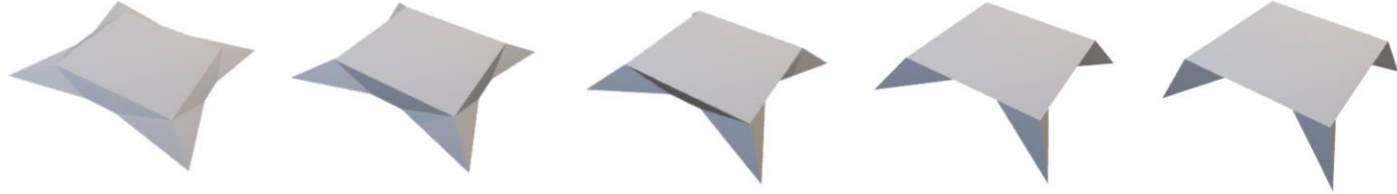
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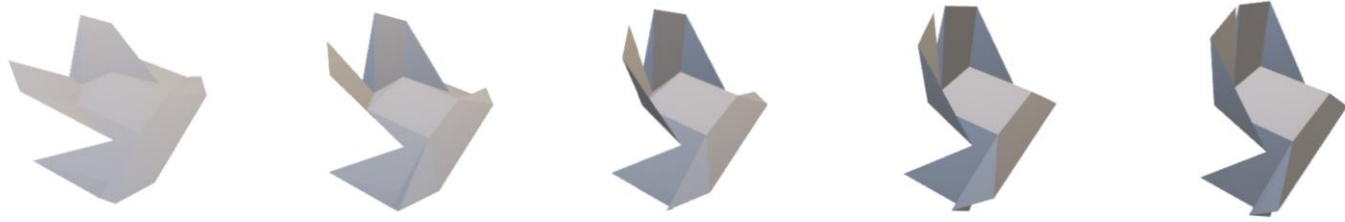
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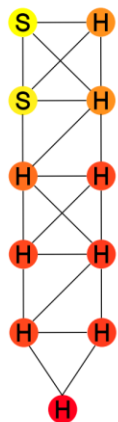
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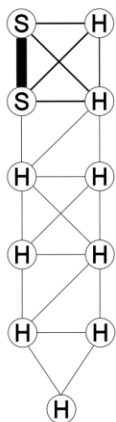
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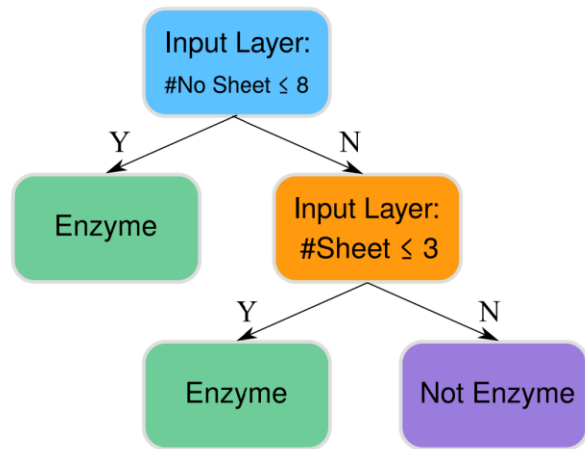
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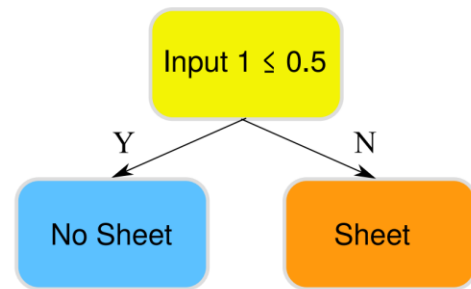
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(c)



(d)



(e)



The Bigger Picture

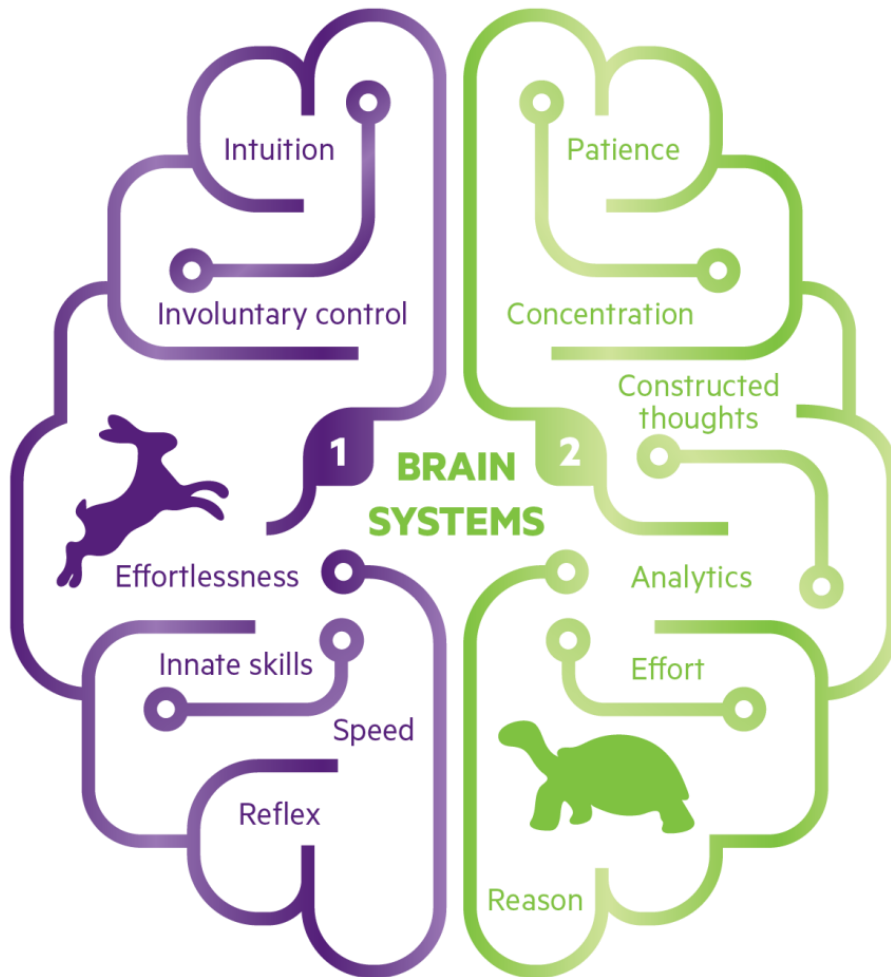
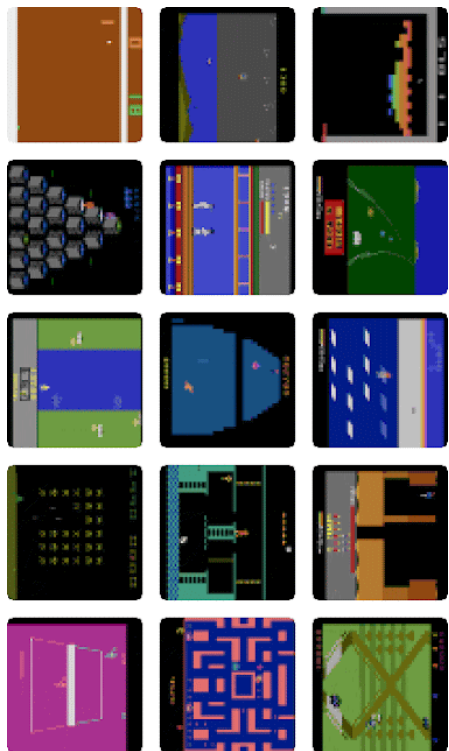
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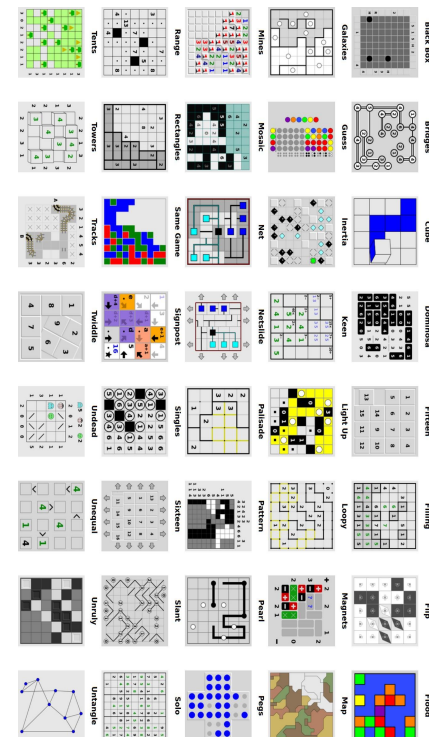
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Atari Games

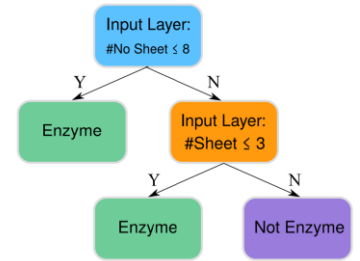
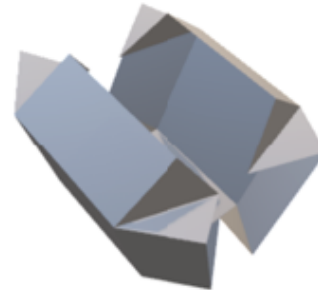
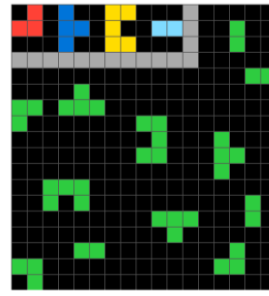
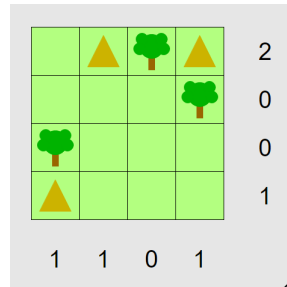
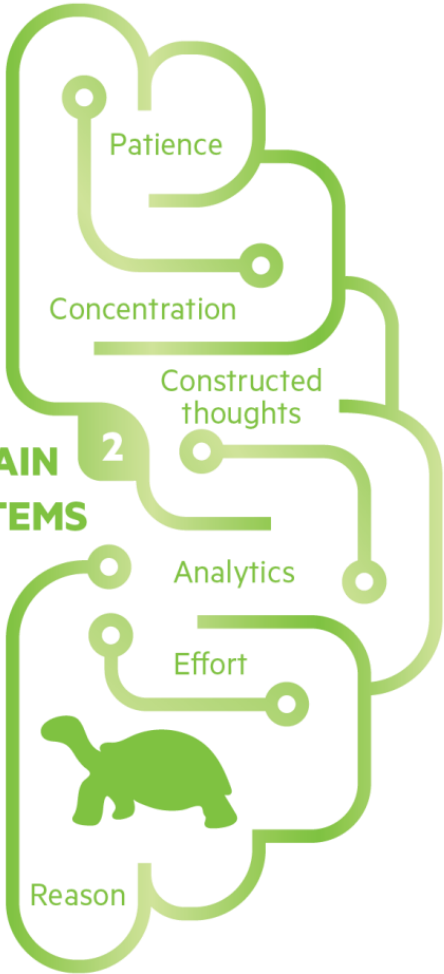


Puzzle Coll.



Problem = Graph

Solution = Dist. Learning



Thank You!

Any questions or comments?



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