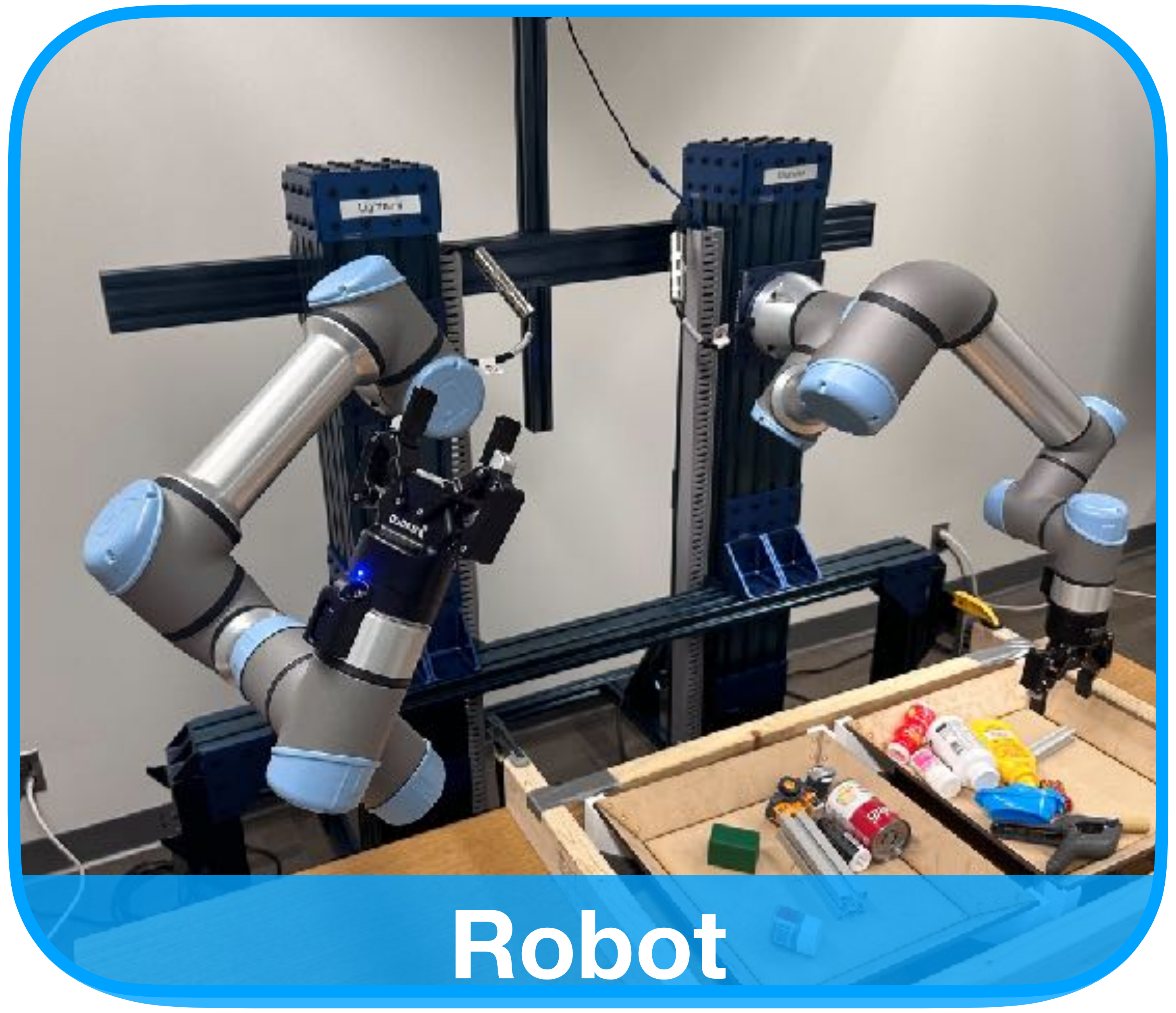

DeepRob

Lecture 2
Image Classification
University of Michigan and University of Minnesota

Project 0

- Instructions and code available on the website
  - Here: https://rpm-lab.github.io/CSCI5980-Spr23-DeepRob/projects/project0/
- Uses Python, PyTorch and Google Colab
- Introduction to PyTorch Tensors
- **Due this Tuesday (January 24th), 11:59 PM CT**

Project 0 Suggestions

- If you choose to develop locally
  - **PyTorch Version 1.13.0**

- Ensure you save your notebook file before uploading submission

- Close any Colab notebooks not in use to avoid usage limits

Discussion Forum

- Ed Stem available for course discussion and questions
  - Forum is shared across UMich and UMinn students
  - Participation and use is not required
  - Opt-in using this Google form
  - **Discussion of quizzes and verbatim code must be private**

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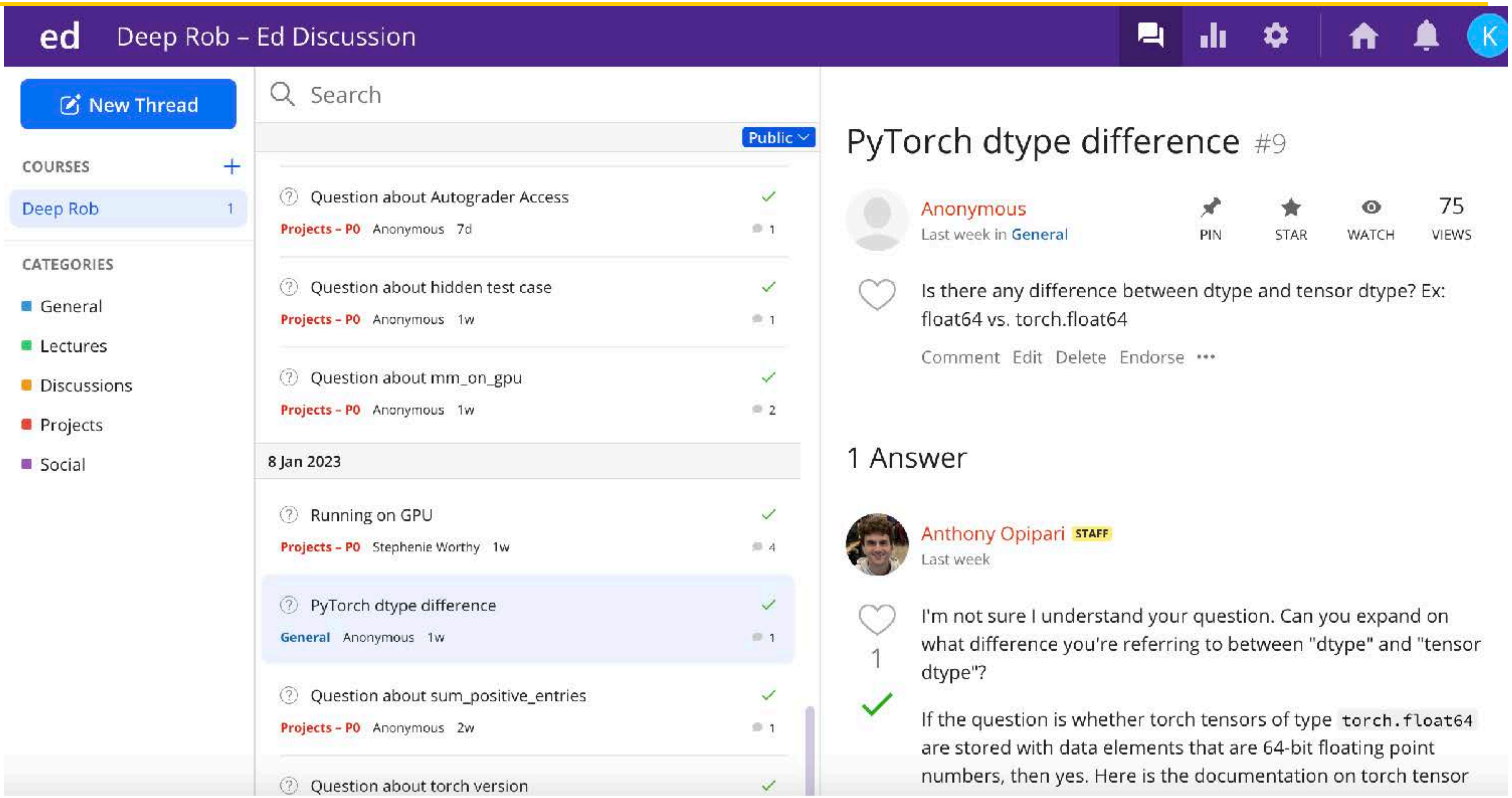


Enrollment

- Additional class permissions have been issued.
- If you haven't received a class permission contact Prof. Desingh

Image Classification

Image Classification—A Core Computer Vision Task

Input: image

Output: assign image to one of a fixed set of categories

Chocolate Pretzels

Granola Bar

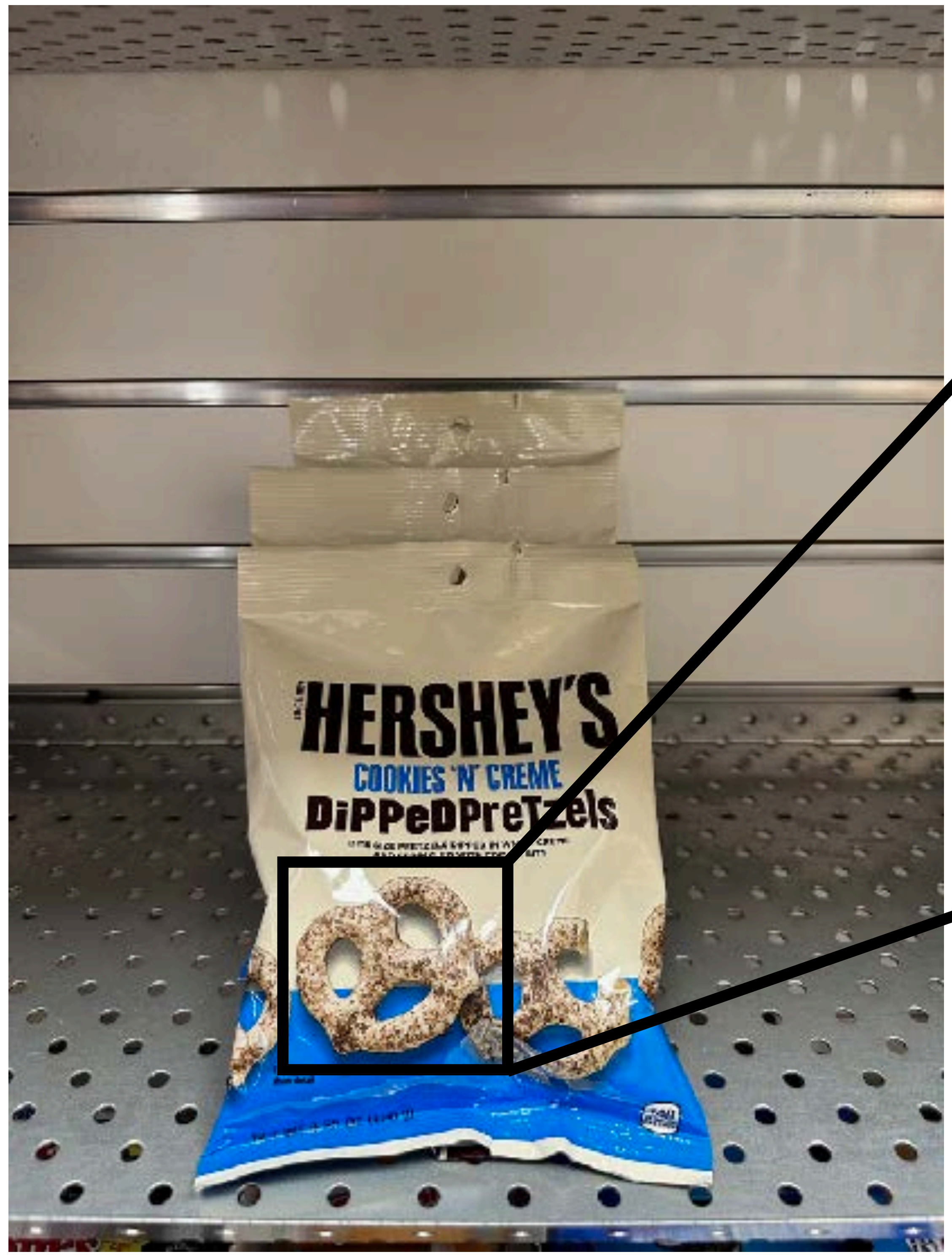
Potato Chips

Water Bottle

Popcorn

Problem—Semantic Gap

Input: image

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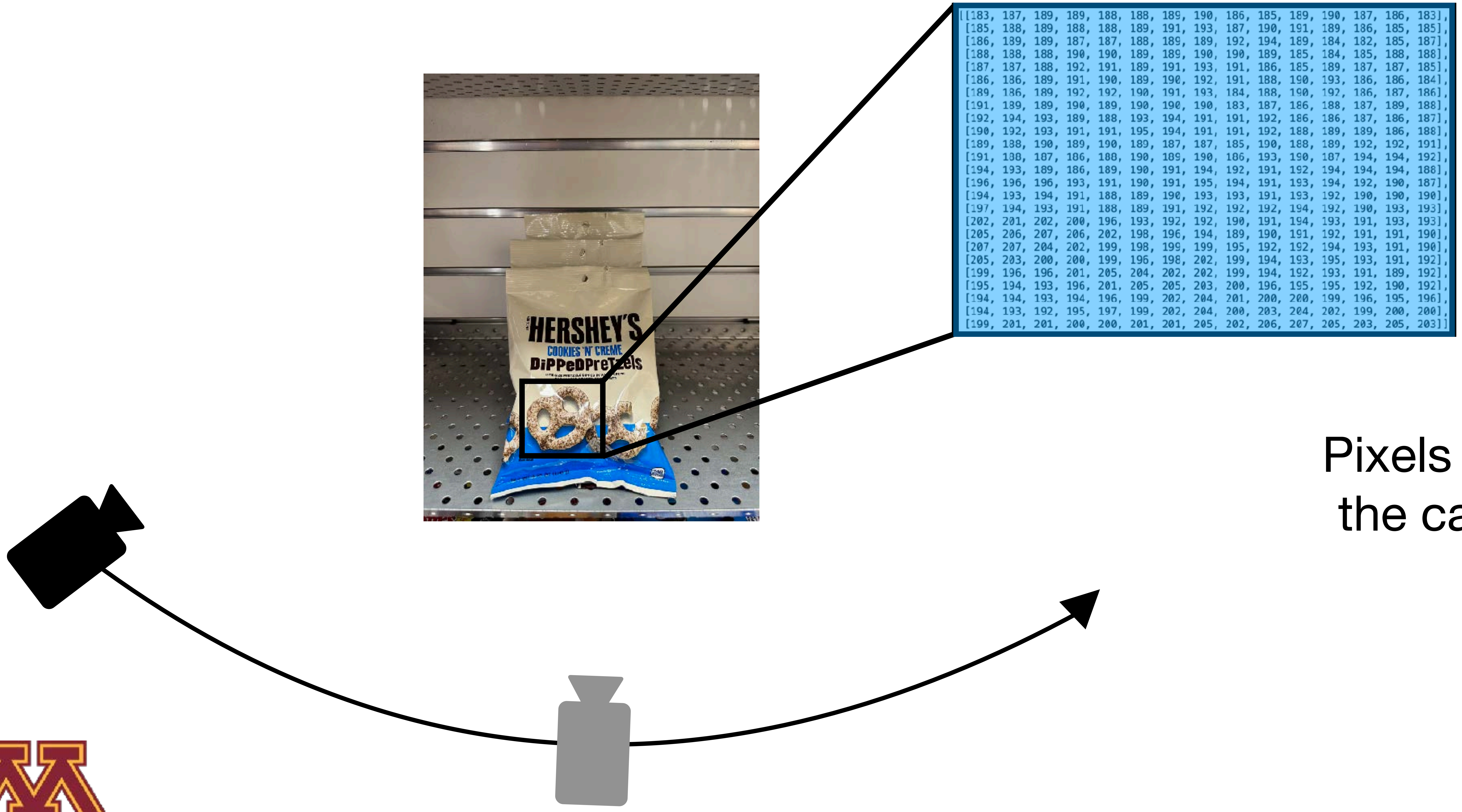
What the computer sees

An image is just a grid of numbers between [0, 255]

e.g. 800 x 600 x 3
(3 channels RGB)

Challenges—Viewpoint Variation



Pixels change when the camera moves

Challenges—Intraclass Variation

Challenges—Fine-Grained Categories

Milk Chocolate

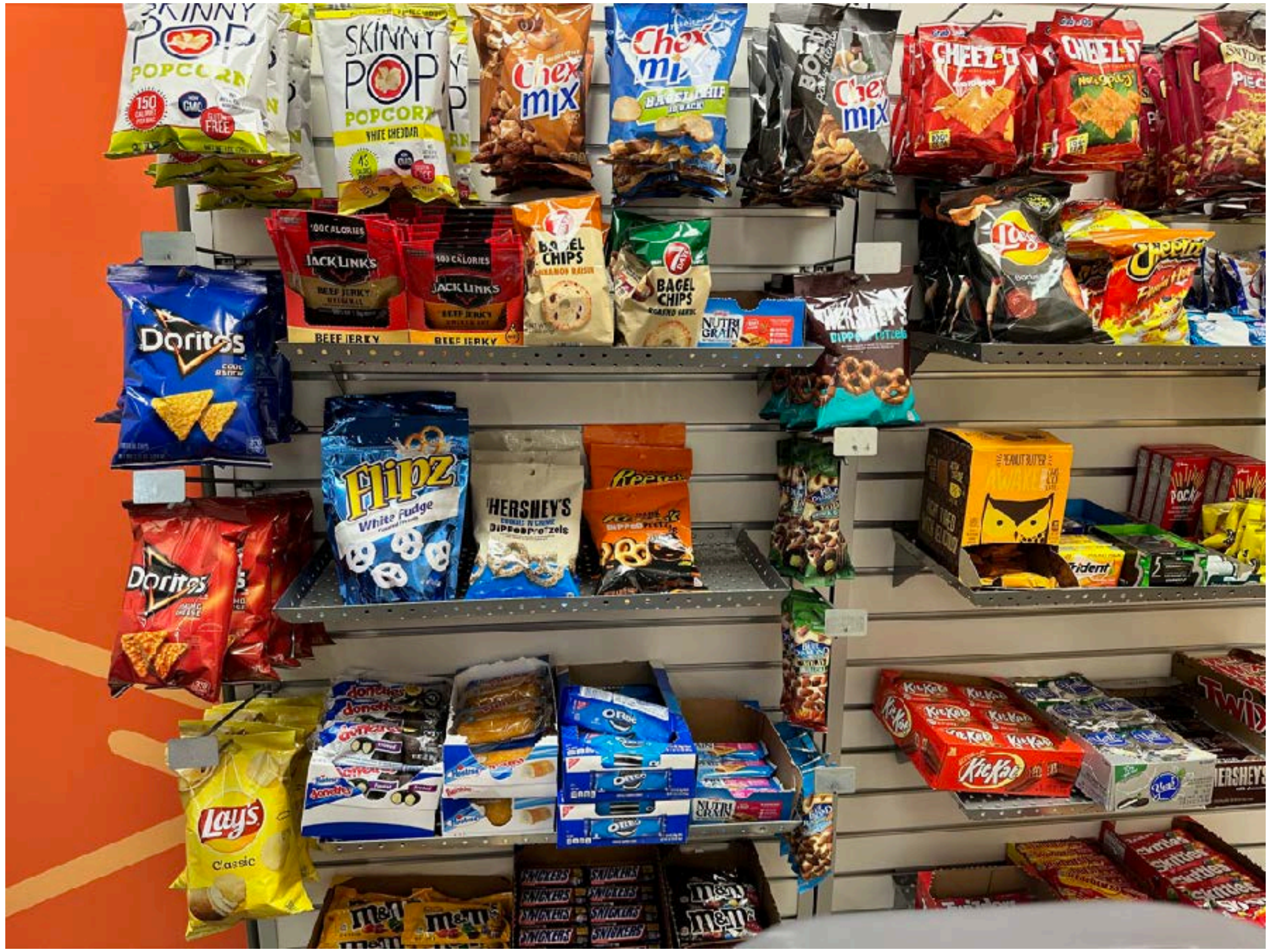
White Chocolate

Cookies N' Creme

Peanut Butter

Ambiguous Category

Challenges—Background Clutter



Challenges—Image Resolution

iPhone 14 Camera

4032x3024

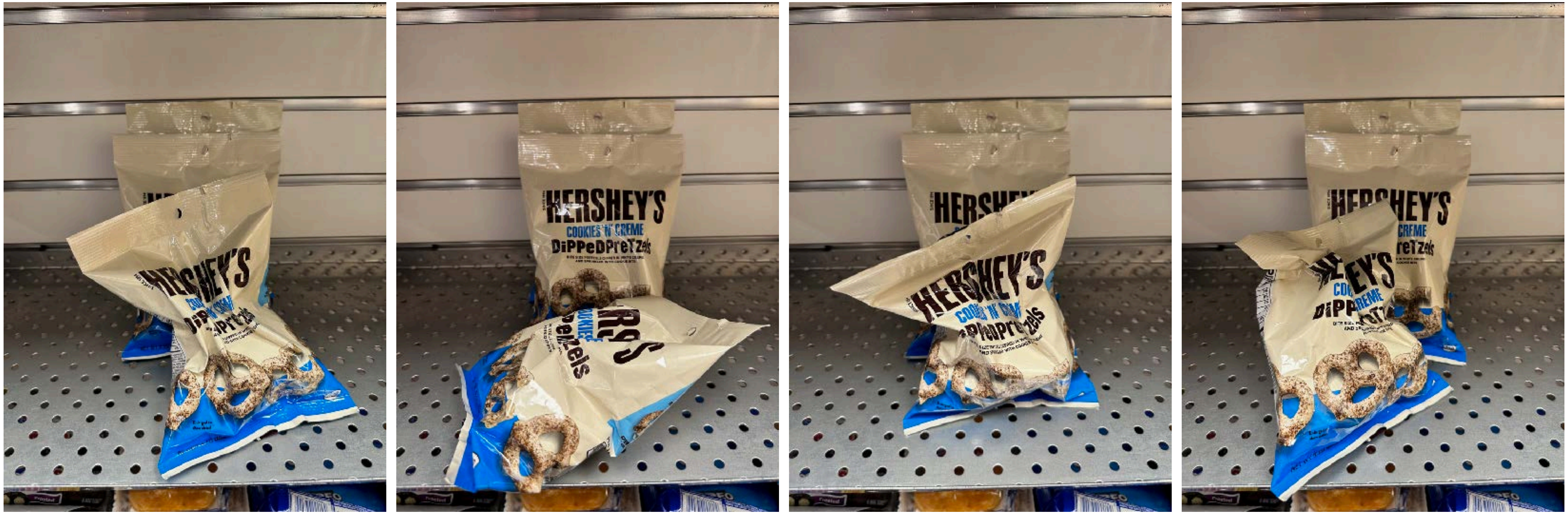
ASUS RGB-D Camera

640x480

Challenges—Illumination Changes

Want our robot's perception system to be reliable in all conditions

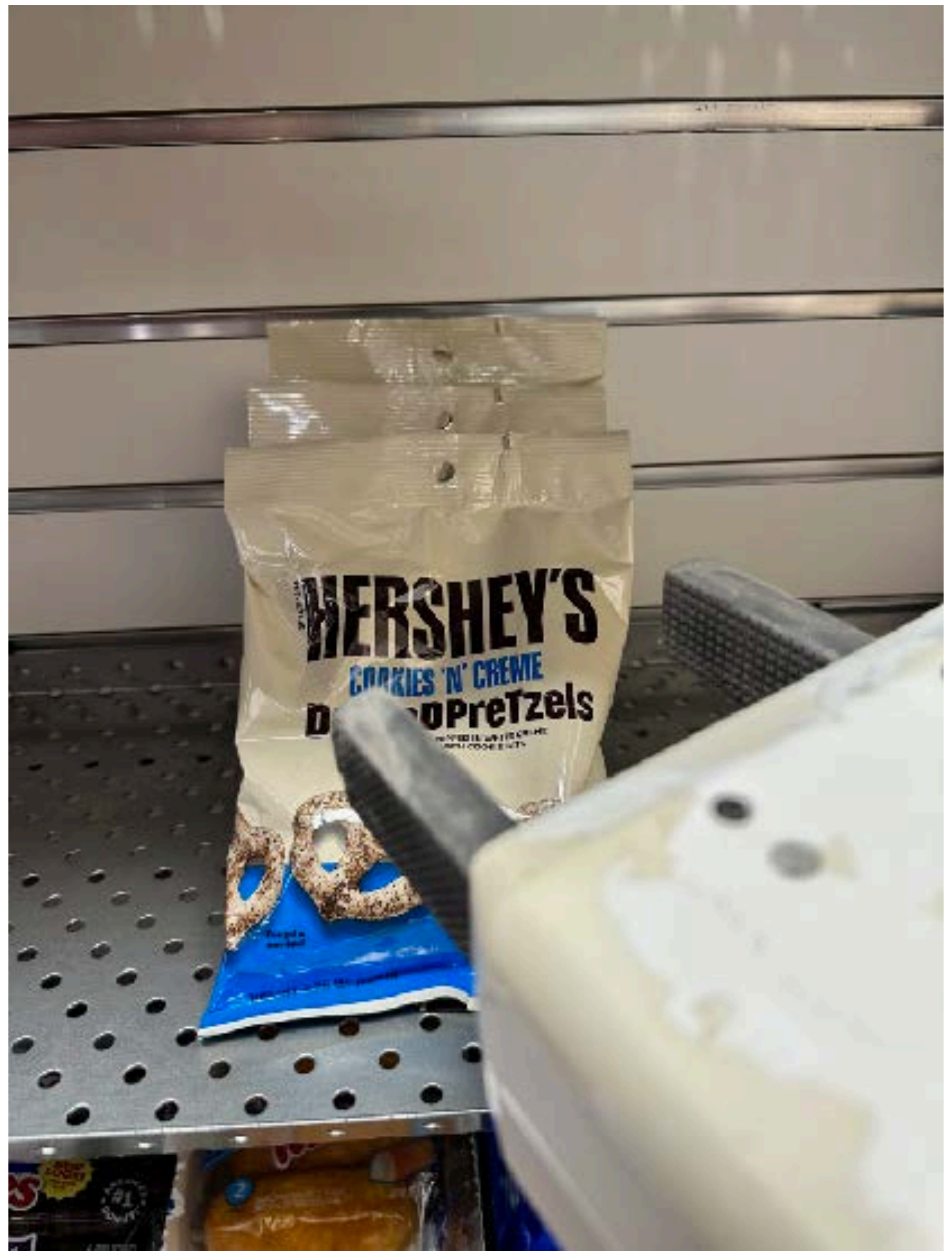
Challenges—Subject Deformation



Challenges—Occlusion

Scene Clutter

Robot Actuator



Transparency

Challenges—Semantic Relationships

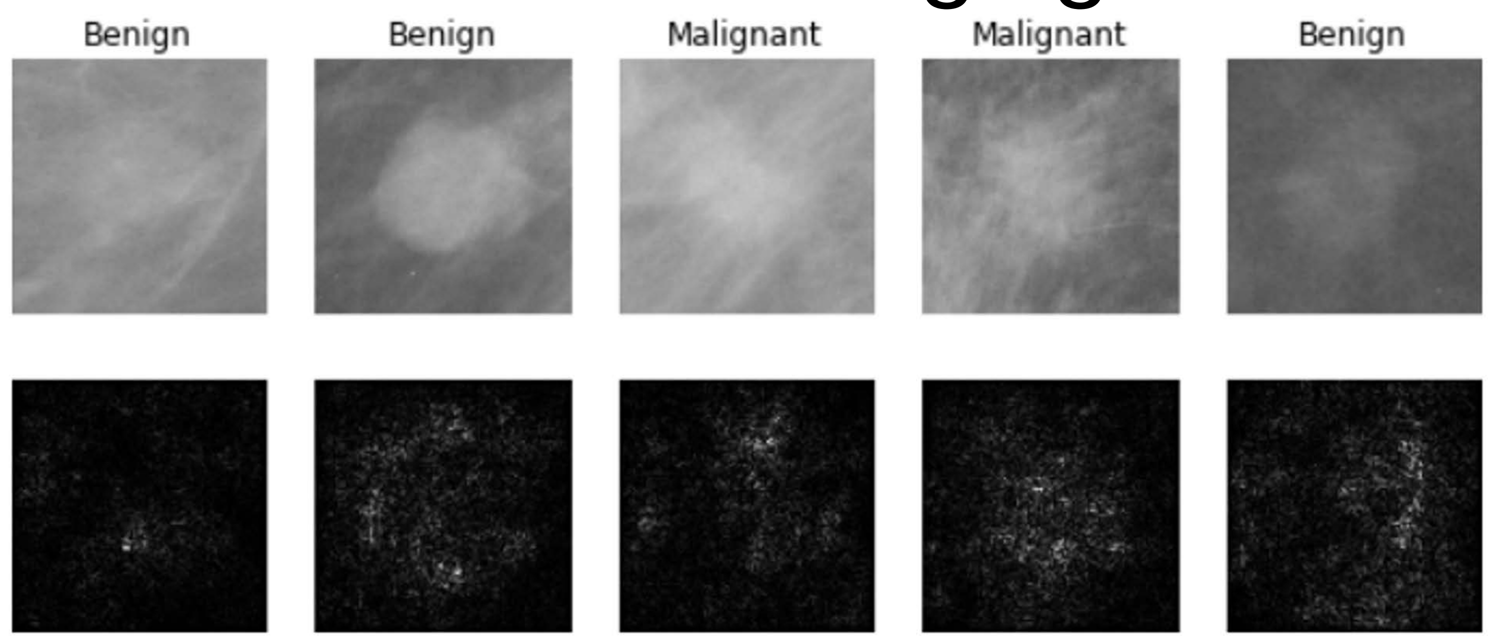
Reflections

Contact Relationships

<u>Robots have to act</u> on the state they perceive

Applications of Image Classification

Medical Imaging



Lévy et al., "Breast Mass Classification from Mammograms using Deep Convolutional Neural Networks", arXiv:1612.00542, 2016

Galaxy Classification

Dieleman et al., "Rotation-invariant convolutional neural networks for galaxy morphology prediction", 2015

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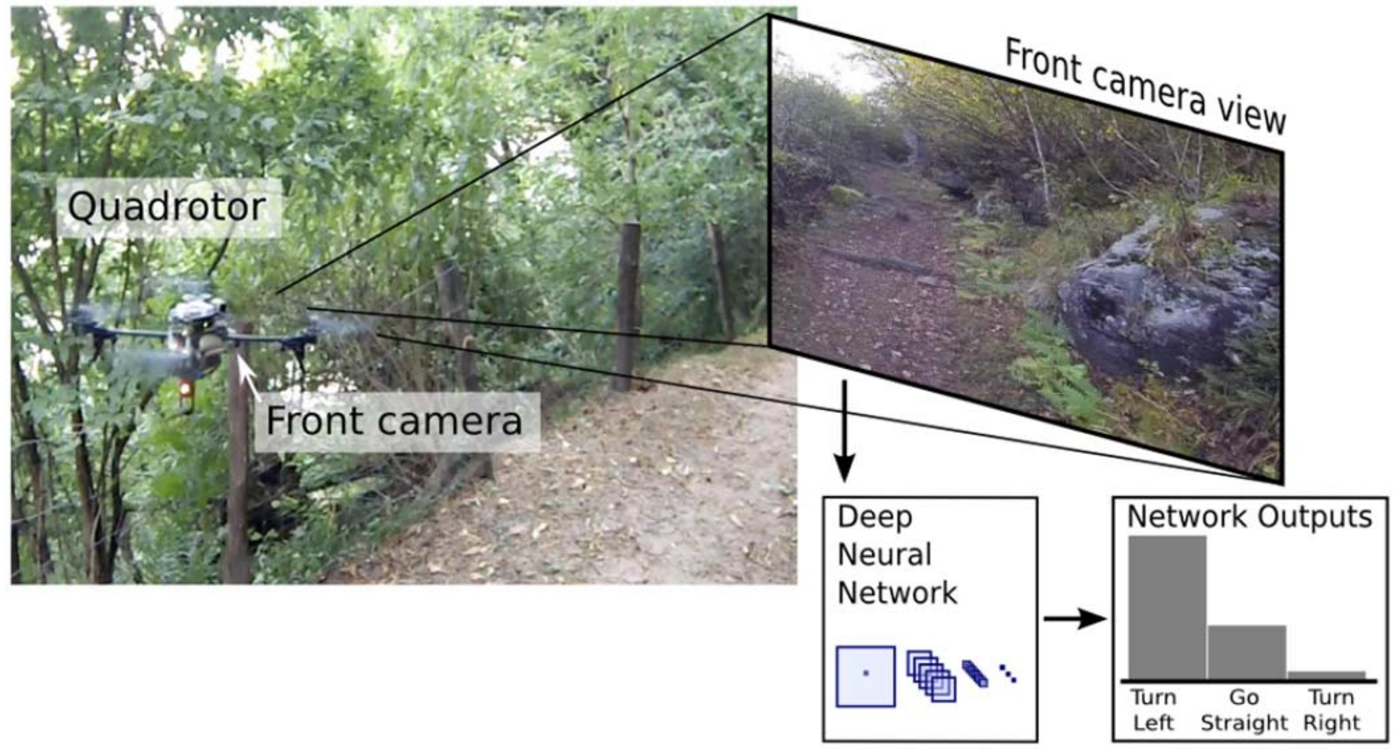
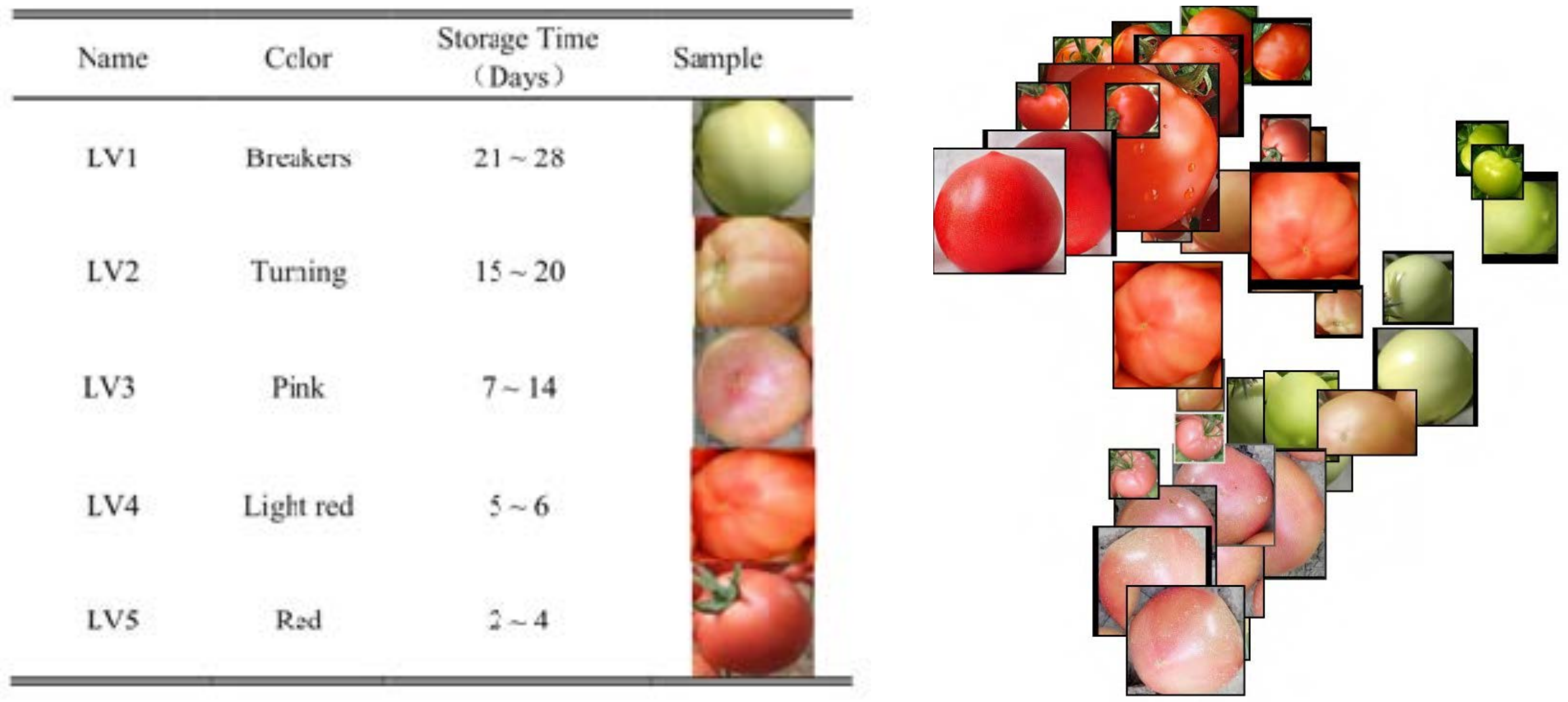
Trail Direction Classification



Giusti et al., "A Machine Learning Approach to Visual Perception of Forest Trails for Mobile Robots", IEEE RAL, 2016

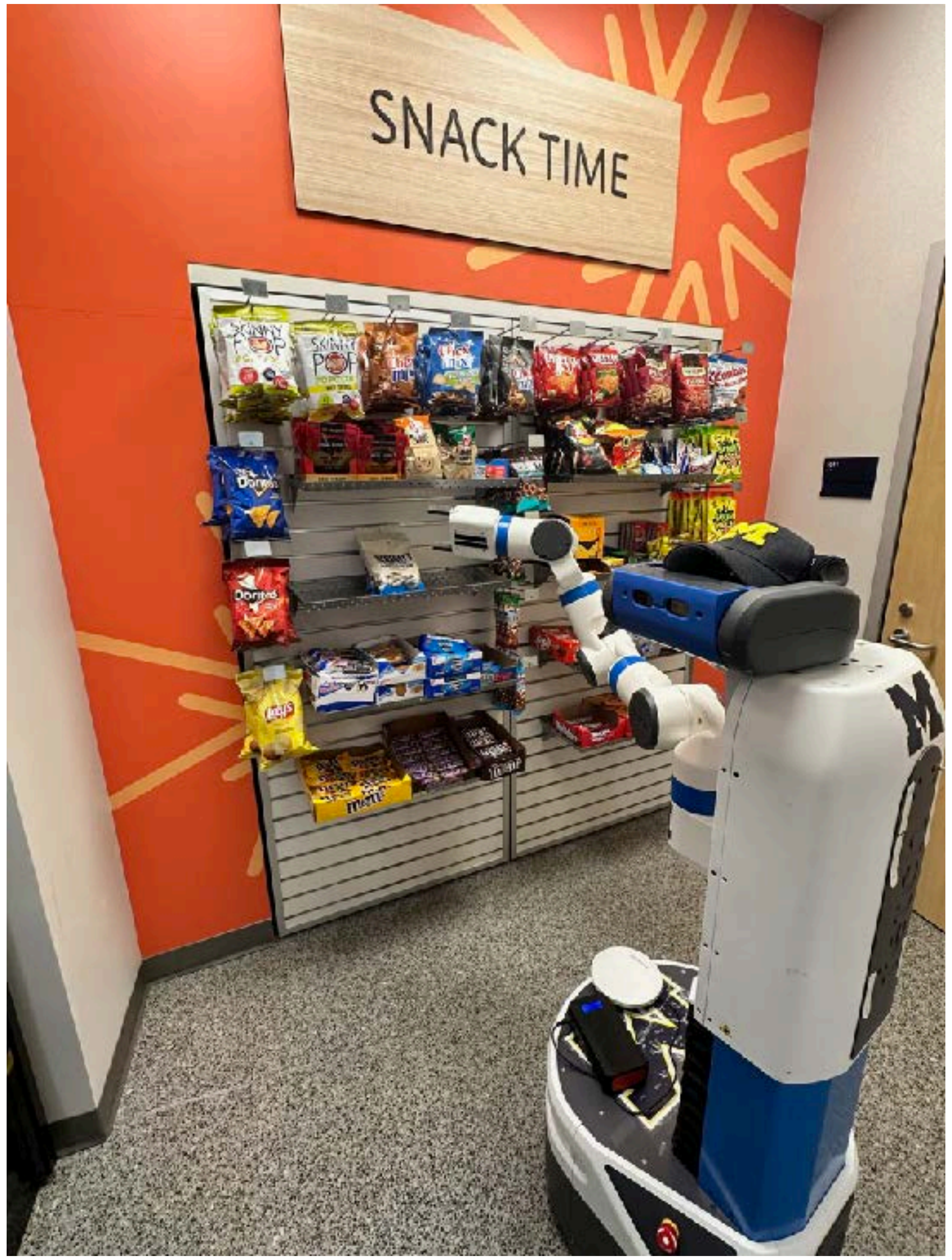
Tomato Ripeness Classification

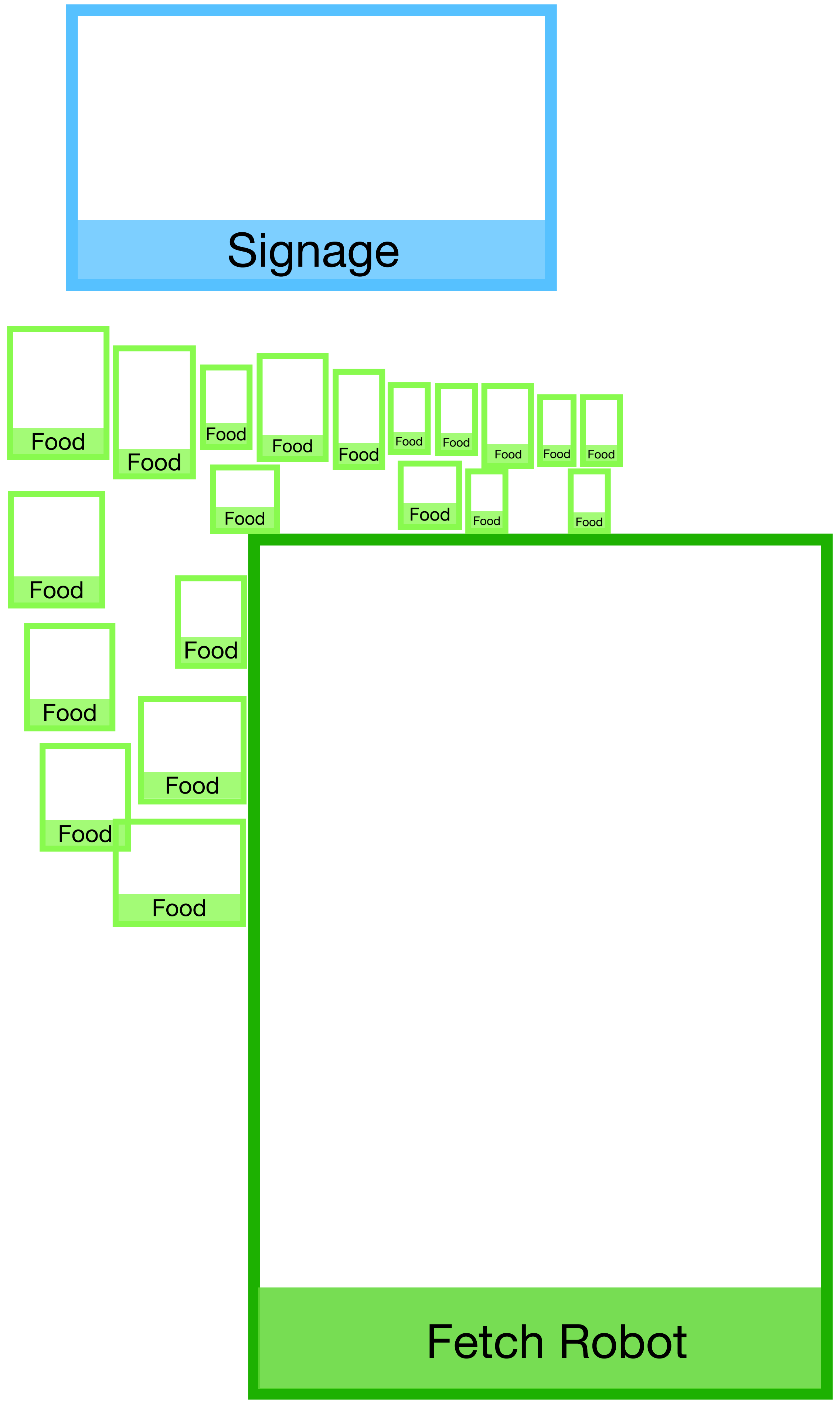


Name	Color	Storage Time (Days)	Sample
LV1	Breakers	21 ~ 28	
LV2	Turning	15 ~ 20	
LV3	Pink	7 ~ 14	
LV4	Light red	5 ~ 6	
LV5	Red	2 ~ 4	

Zhang et al., "Deep Learning Based Improved Classification System for Designing Tomato Harvesting Robot", IEEE Access, 2016

Image Classification—Building Block for Other Tasks





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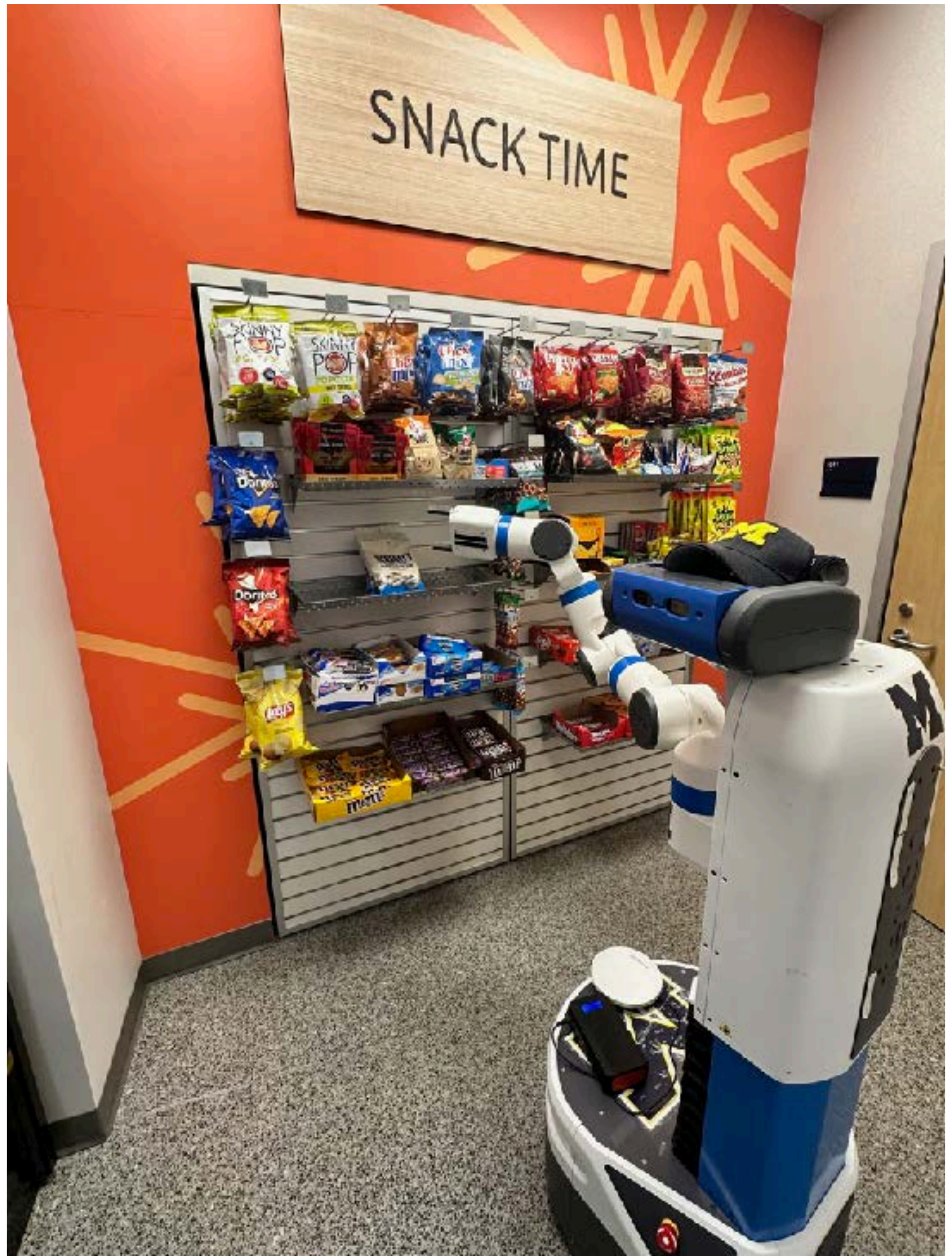

Example: Object Detection

Wall

Floor

Signage

Fetch Robot

Snacks

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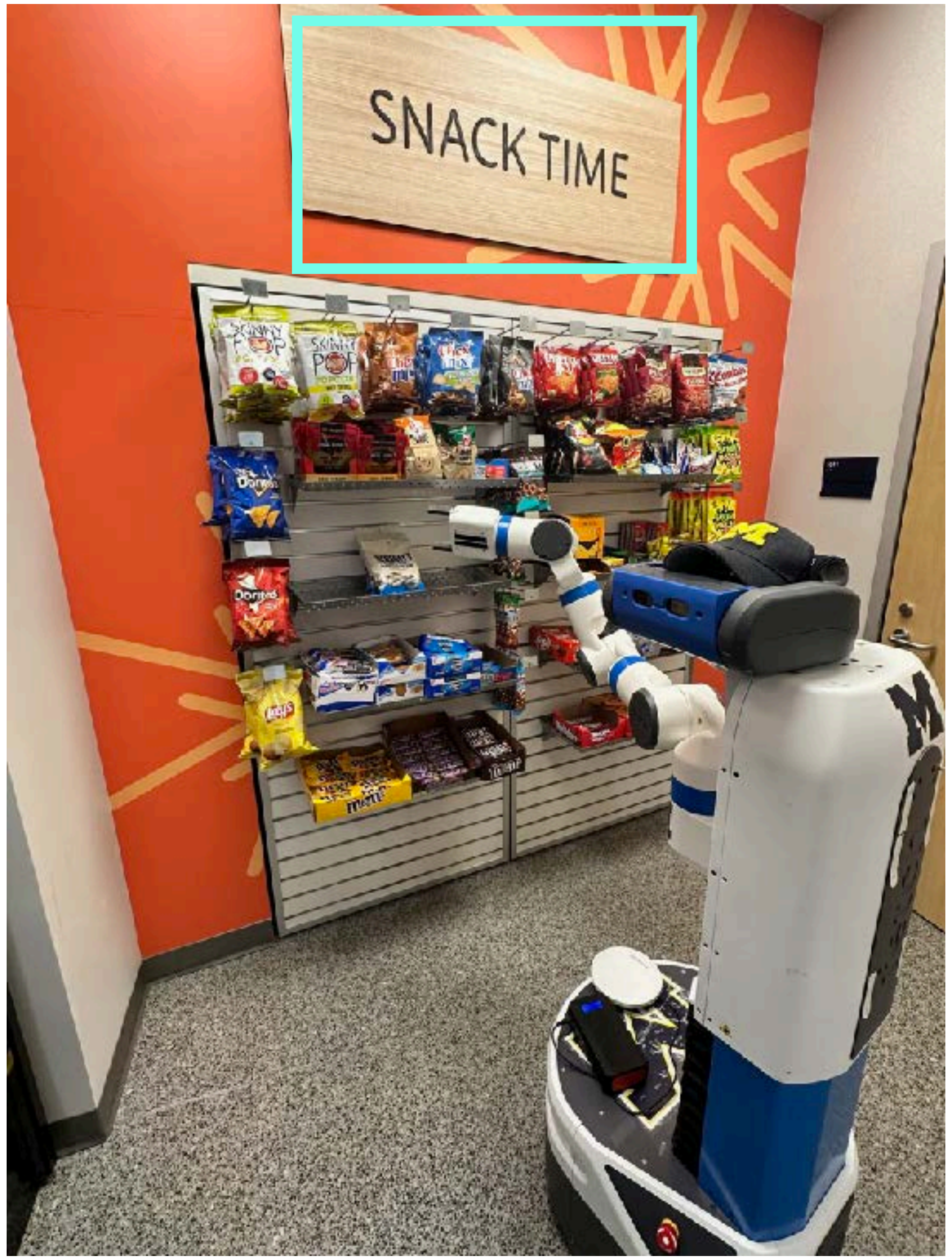

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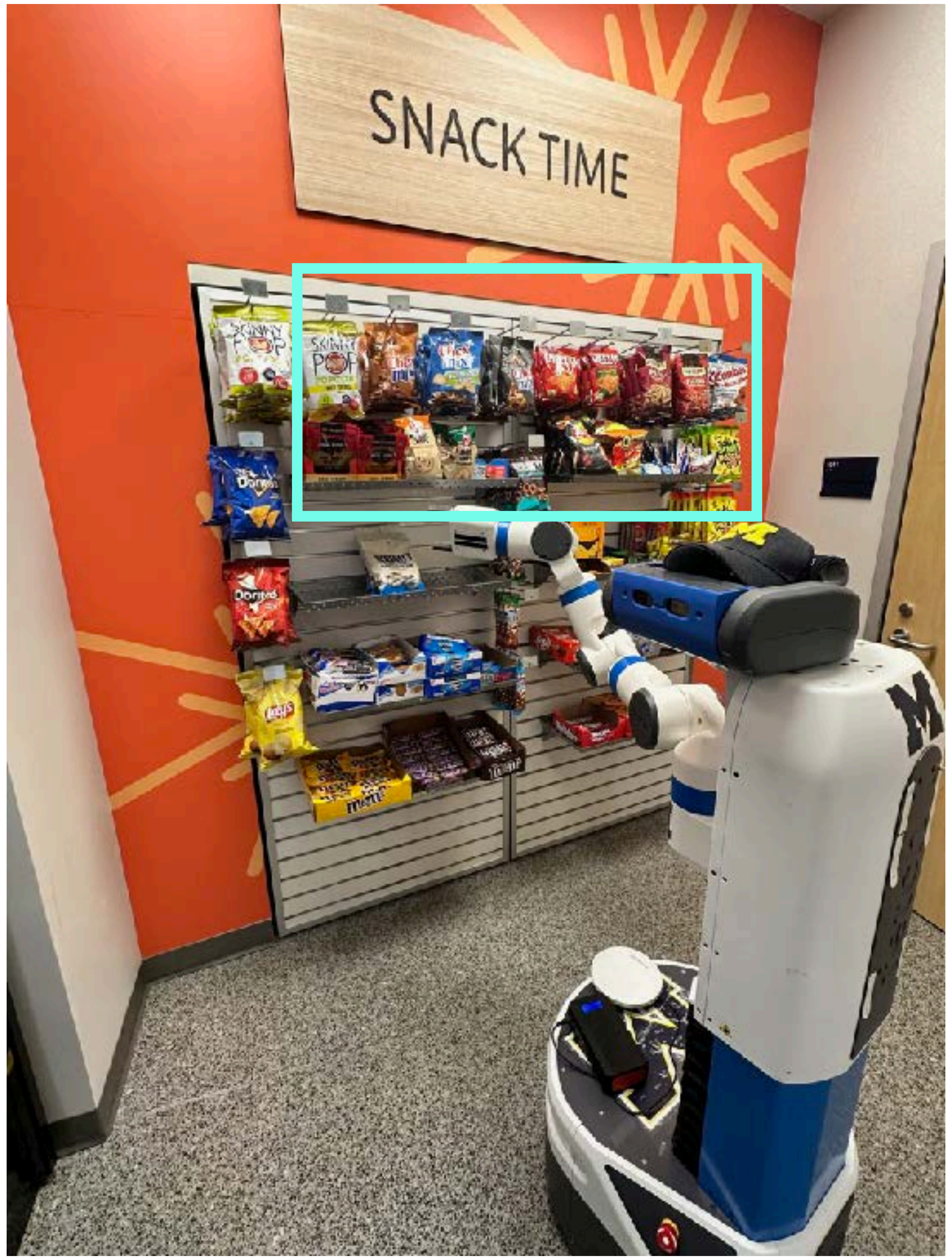

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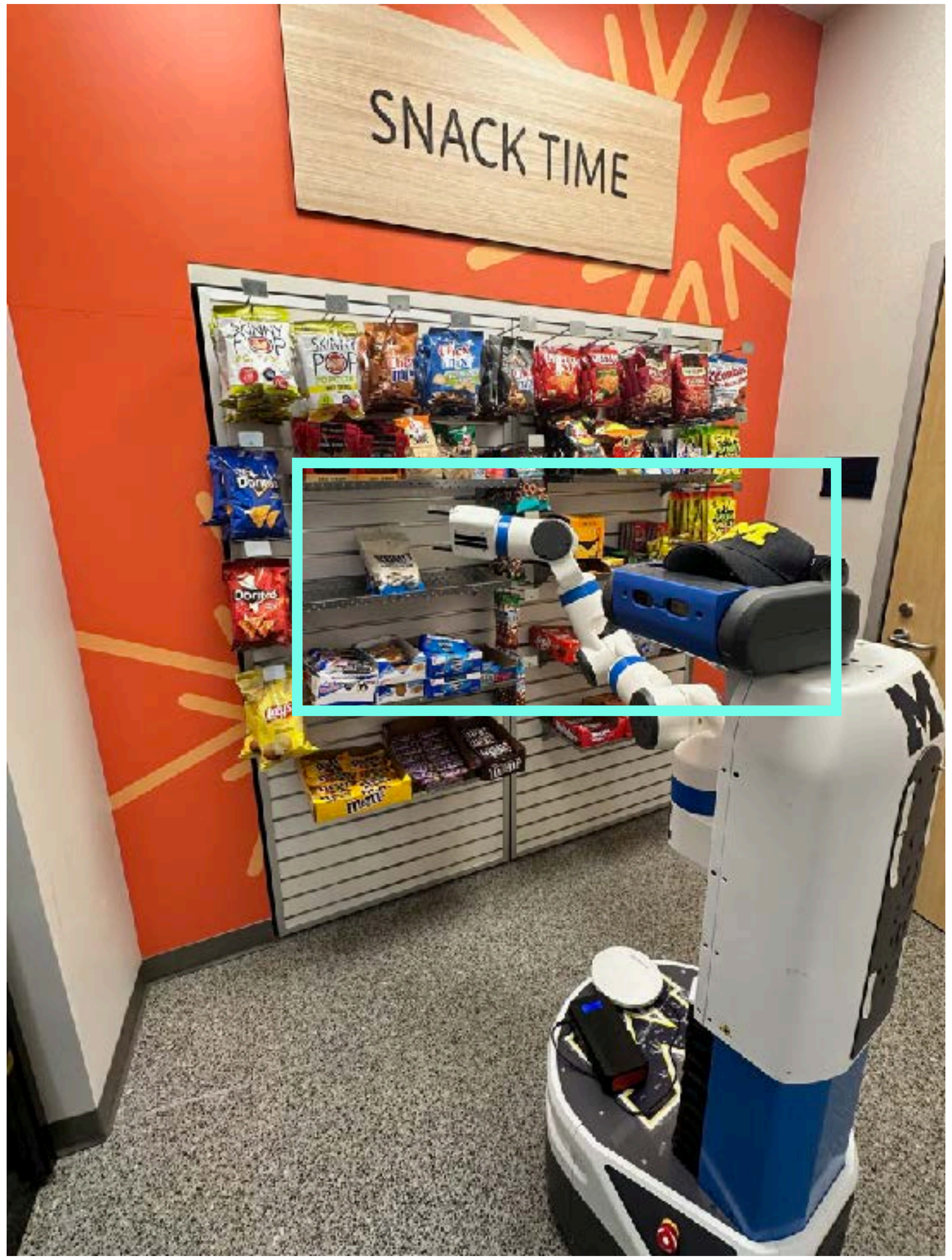

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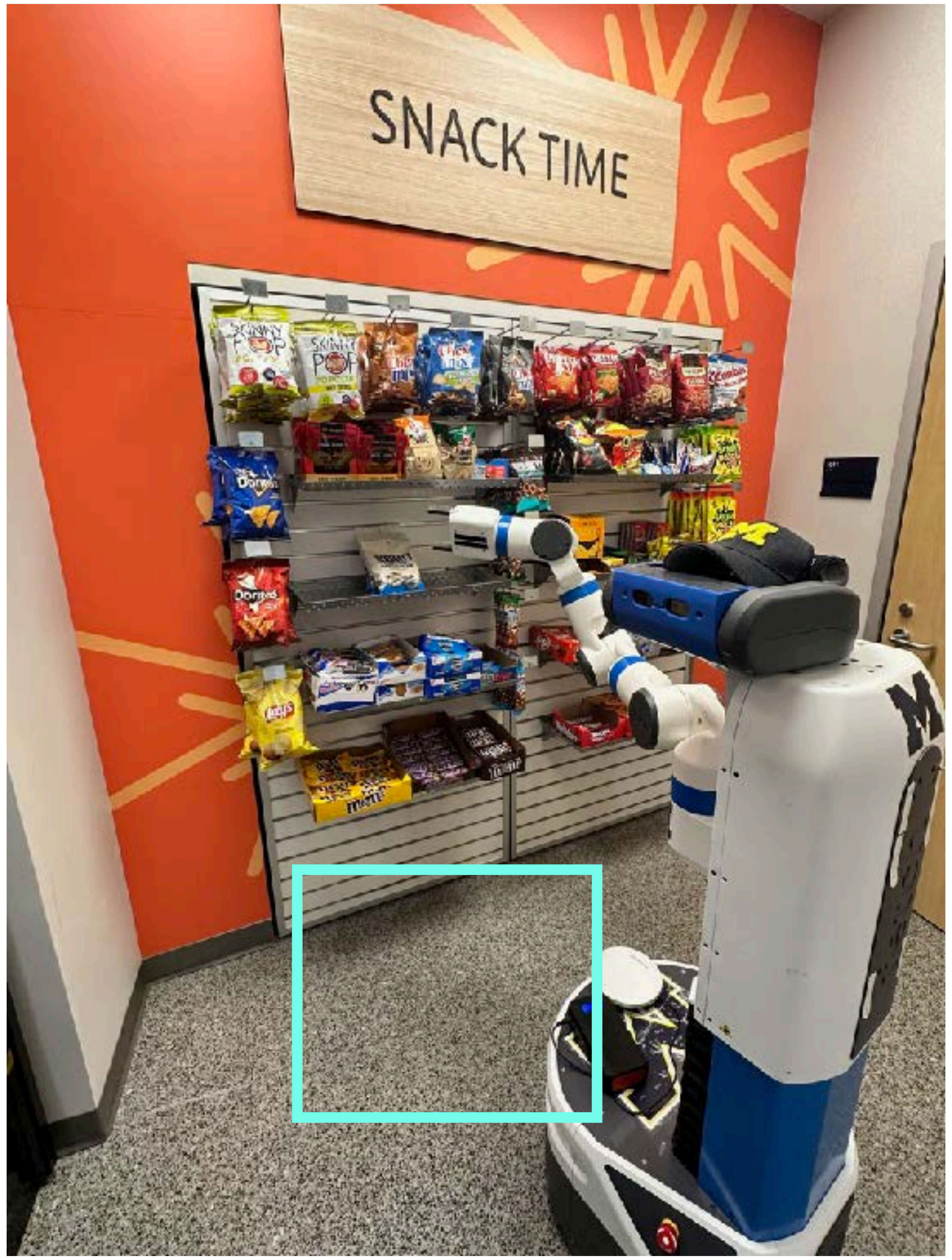

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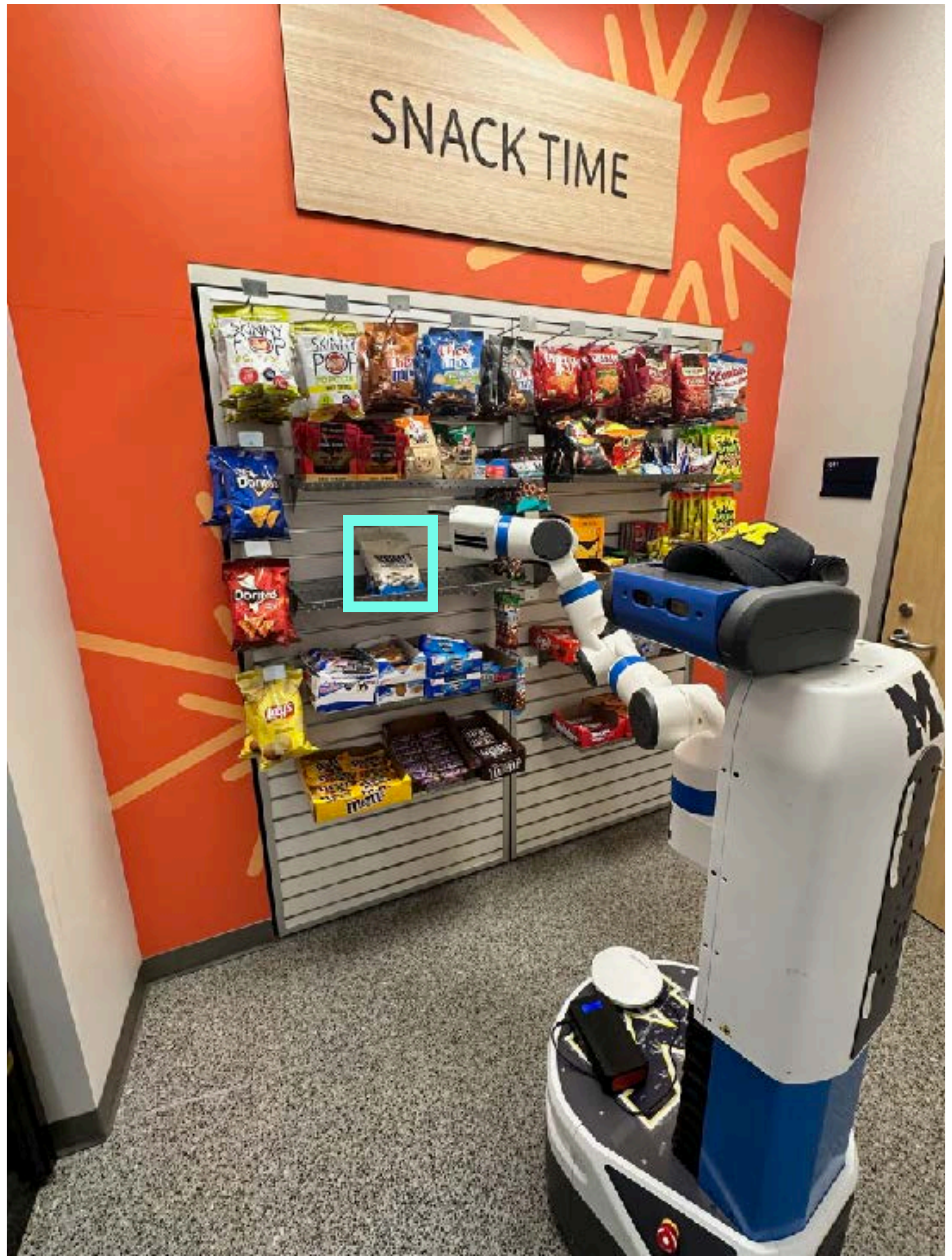
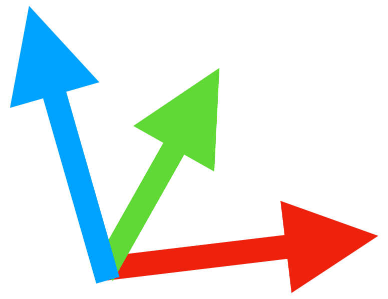


Example: Pose Estimation



An Image Classifier

```
def classify_image(image):
  # Some magic here?
  return class_label
```

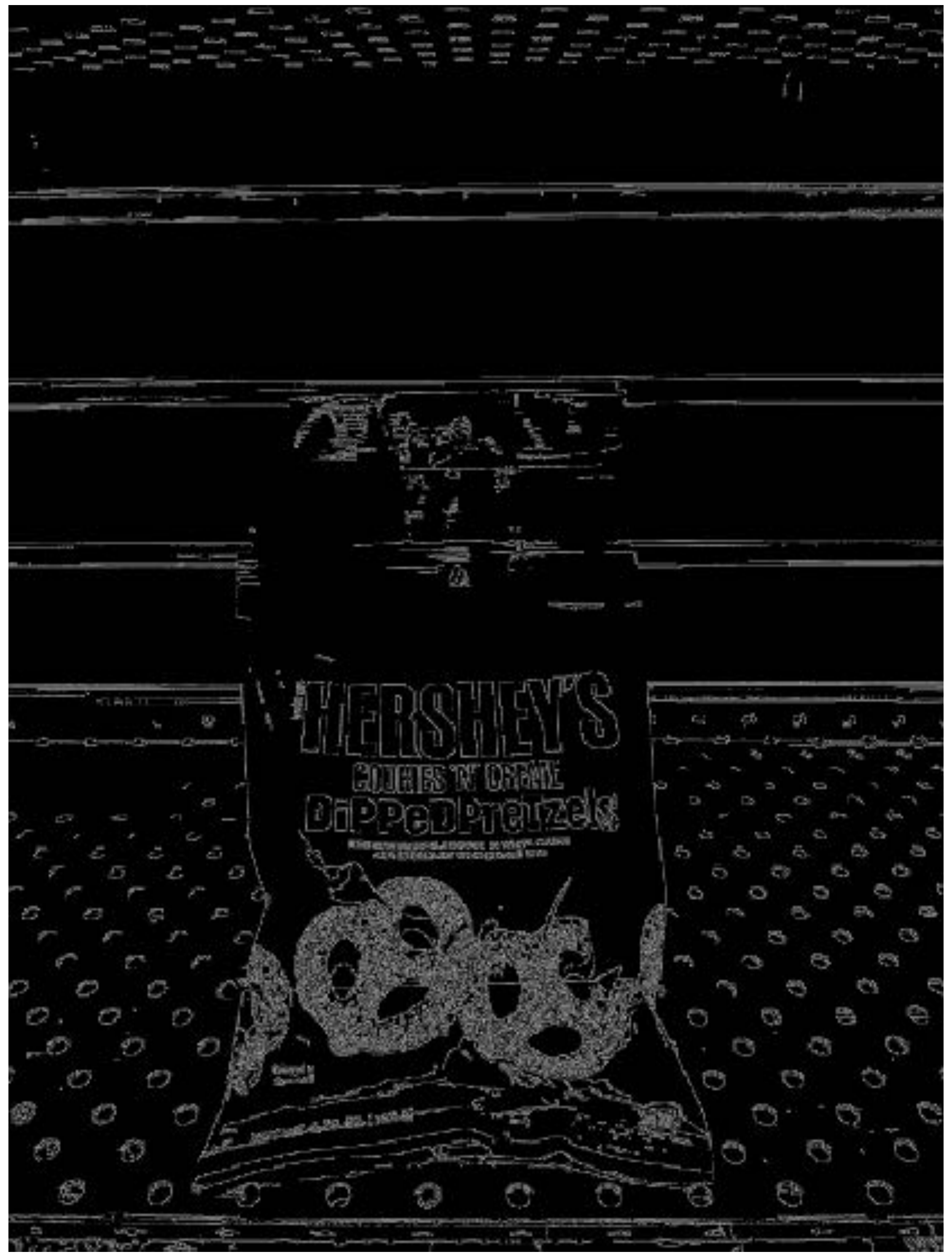
Unlike well defined programming (e.g. sorting a list)

No obvious way to hard-code the algorithm
for recognizing each class

An Image Classifier

Input: image

Detect: Edges



Detect: Corners

???

Machine Learning—Data-Driven Approach

1. Collect a dataset of images and labels
2. Use Machine Learning to train a classifier
3. Evaluate the classifier on new images

```
def train(images, labels):
  # Machine learning!
  return model
```

```
def predict(model, test_images):
  # Use model to predict labels
  return test_labels
```

Example training set

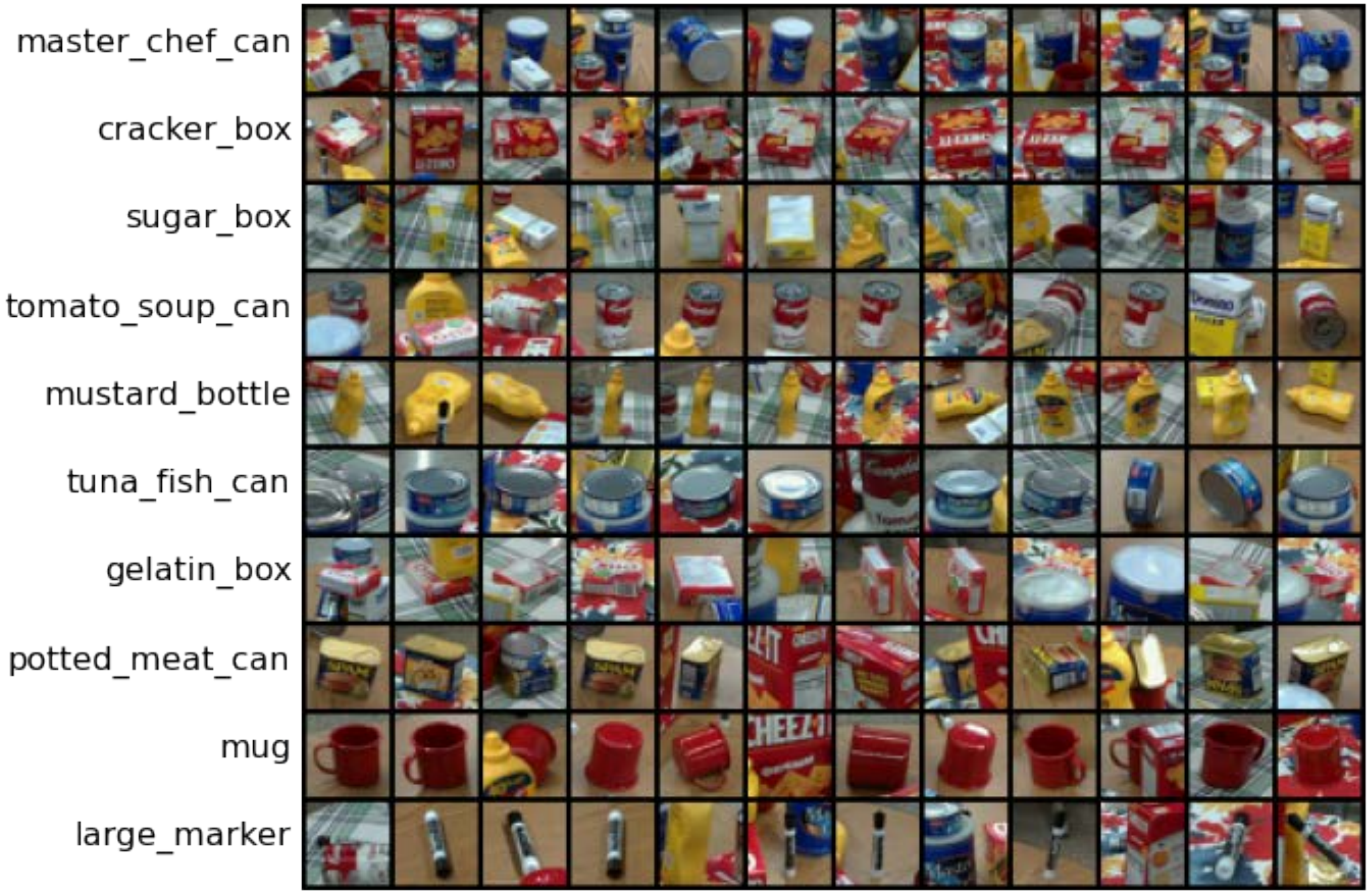


Image Classification Datasets—MNIST

10 classes: Digits 0 to 9
28x28 grayscale images
50k training images
10k test images

Due to relatively small size, results on MNIST often do not hold on more complex datasets

Image Classification Datasets—CIFAR10

airplane
automobile
bird
cat
deer
dog
frog
horse
ship
truck

Alex Krizhevsky, “Learning Multiple Layers of Features from Tiny Images”, Technical Report, 2009.

10 classes
32x32 RGB images
50k training images (5k per class)
10k test images (1k per class)

Image Classification Datasets—CIFAR100

Alex Krizhevsky, "Learning Multiple Layers of Features from Tiny Images", Technical Report, 2009.

100 classes
32x32 RGB images
50k training images (500 per class)
10k test images (100 per class)

20 superclasses with 5 classes each:

Aquatic mammals: beaver, dolphin, otter, seal, whale

Trees: maple, oak, palm, pine, willow

Image Classification Datasets—ImageNet

Deng et al., "ImageNet: A Large-Scale Hierarchical Image Database", CVPR, 2009.
Russakovsky et al., "ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge", IJCV, 2015.

1000 classes

~1.3M training images (~1.3K per class)
50k validation images (50 per class)
100K test images (100 per class)

Performance metric: **Top 5 accuracy**
Algorithm predicts 5 labels for each image, one must be right

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test labels are secret!

Images have variable size, but often resized to **256x256** for training

There is also a 22K category version of ImageNet, but less commonly used

Image Classification Datasets—MIT Places

Zhou et al., "Places: A 10 million Image Database for Scene Recognition", TPAMI, 2017.

365 classes of different scene types

~8M training images
18.25K val images (50 per class)
328.5K test images (900 per class)

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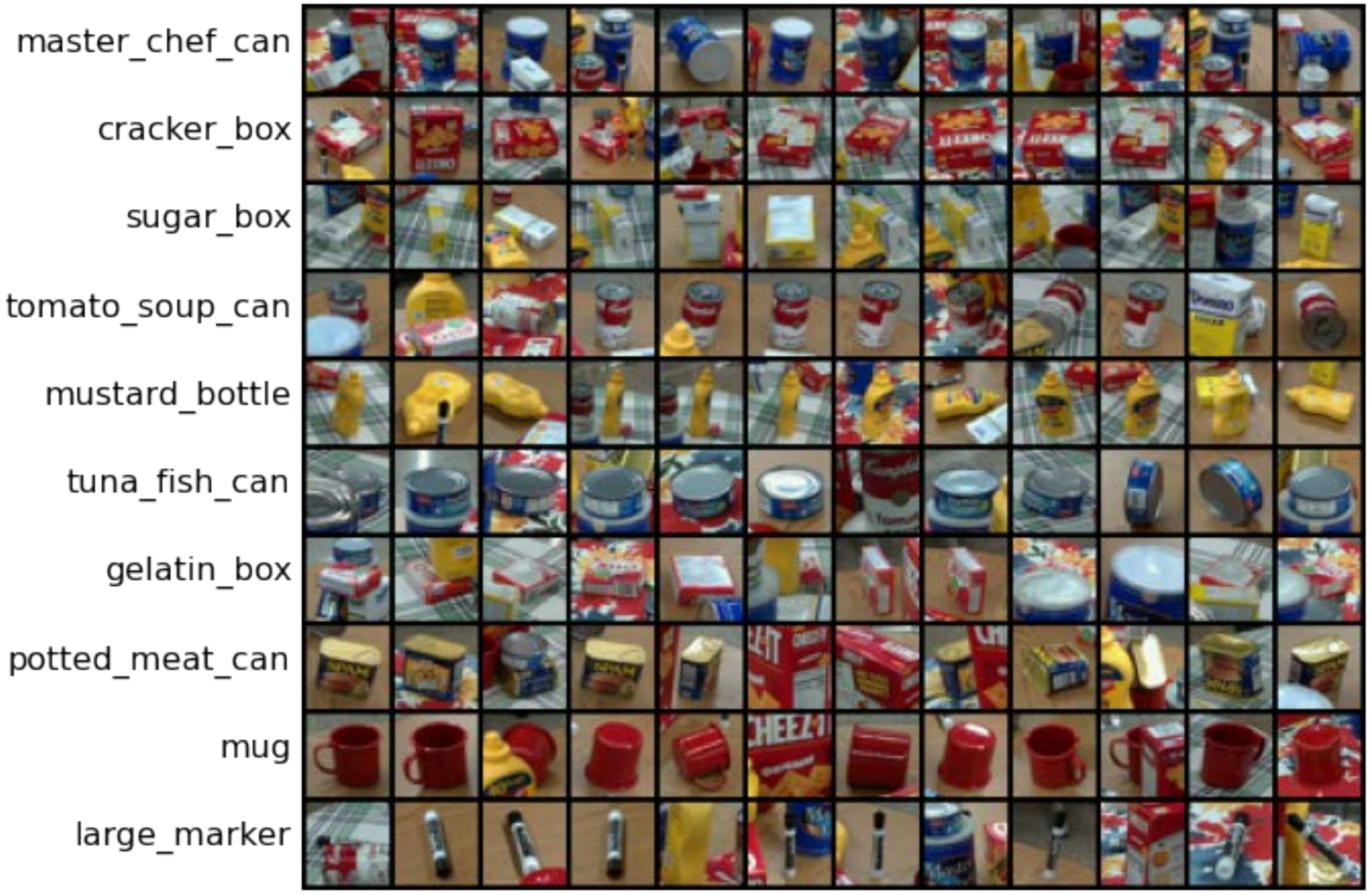
Image Classification Datasets—PROPS

Progress **R**obot **O**bject **P**erception **S**amples **D**ataset



Chen et al., "ProgressLabeller: Visual Data Stream Annotation for Training Object-Centric 3D Perception", IROS, 2022.

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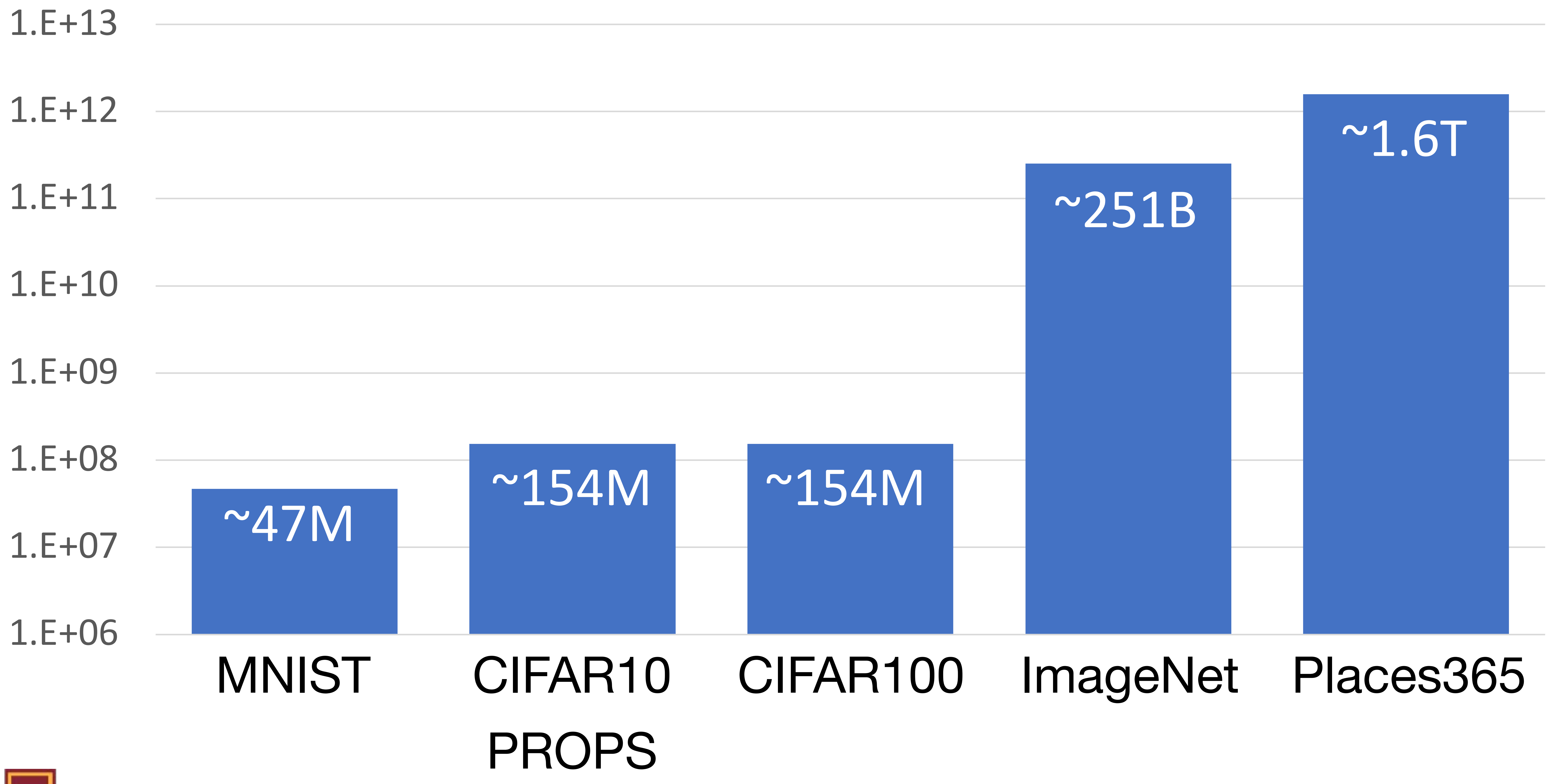
Classification Datasets—Number of Training Pixels



First Classifier—Nearest Neighbor

```python
def train(images, labels):
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  return model
```

→ Memorize all data and labels

```python
def predict(model, test_images):
  # Use model to predict labels
  return test_labels
```

→ Predict the label of the most similar training image

Distance Metric to Compare Images

L1 distance: $$d_1(I_1, I_2) = \sum_p |I_1^p - I_2^p|$$

test image

56	32	10	18
90	23	128	133
24	26	178	200
2	0	255	220

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training image

10	20	24	17
8	10	89	100
12	16	178	170
4	32	233	112

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pixel-wise absolute value differences

46	12	14	1
82	13	39	33
12	10	0	30
2	32	22	108

add $\rightarrow$ 456

Nearest Neighbor Classifier

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import numpy as np

class NearestNeighbor:
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Memorize training data

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For each test image:
- Find nearest training image
- Return label of nearest image

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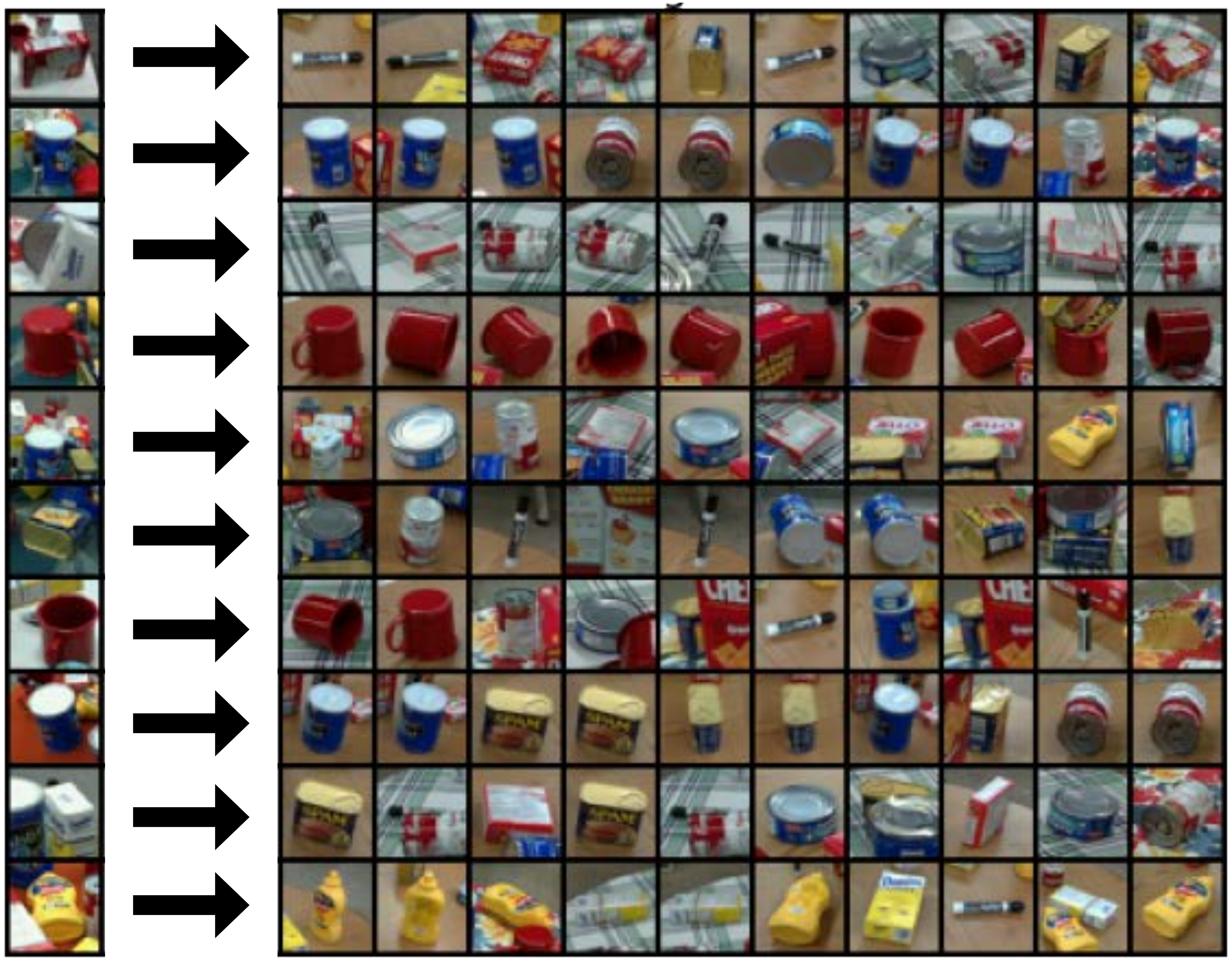
There are many methods for fast / approximate nearest neighbors

e.g. github.com/facebookresearch/faiss

What does this look like?



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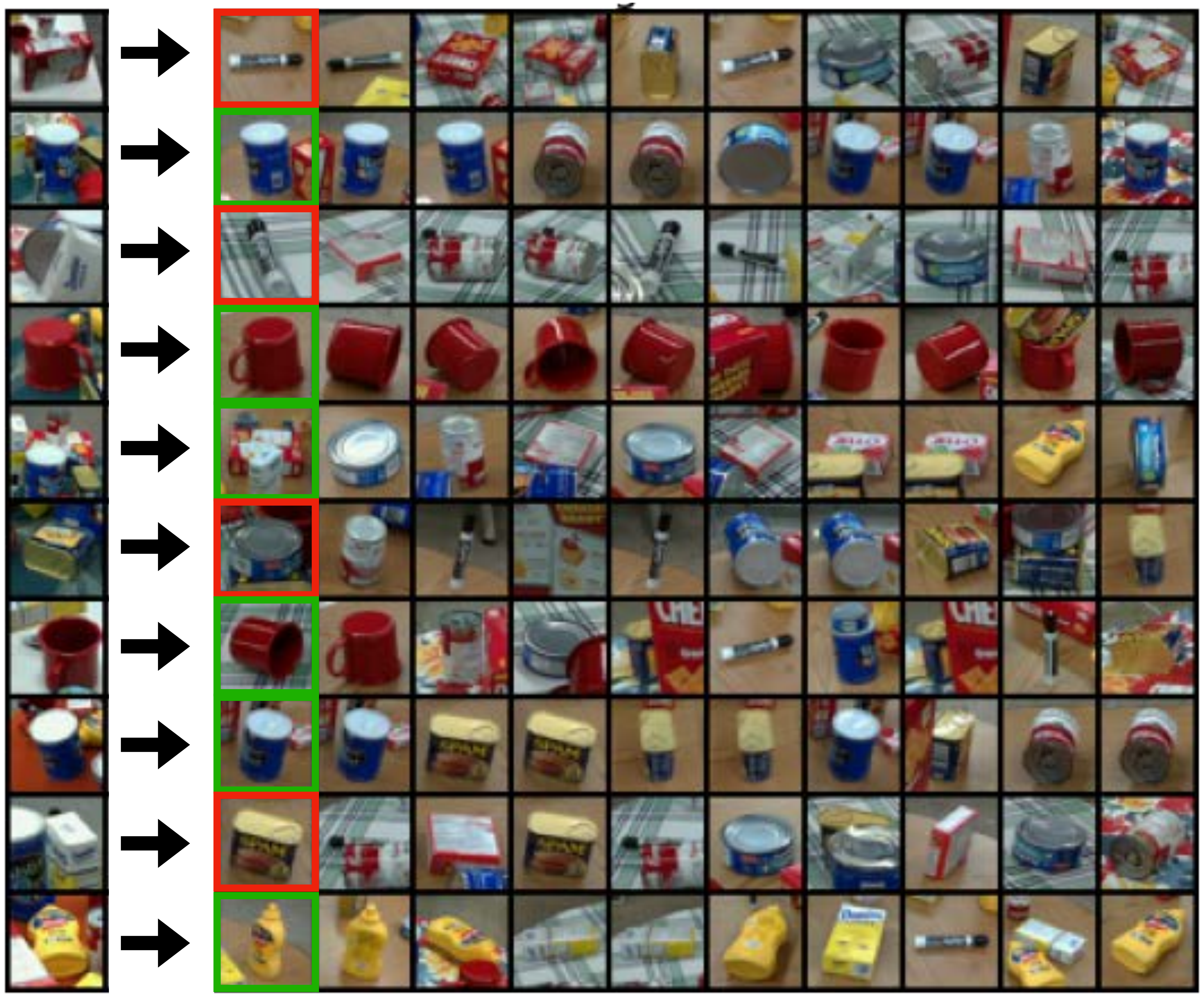

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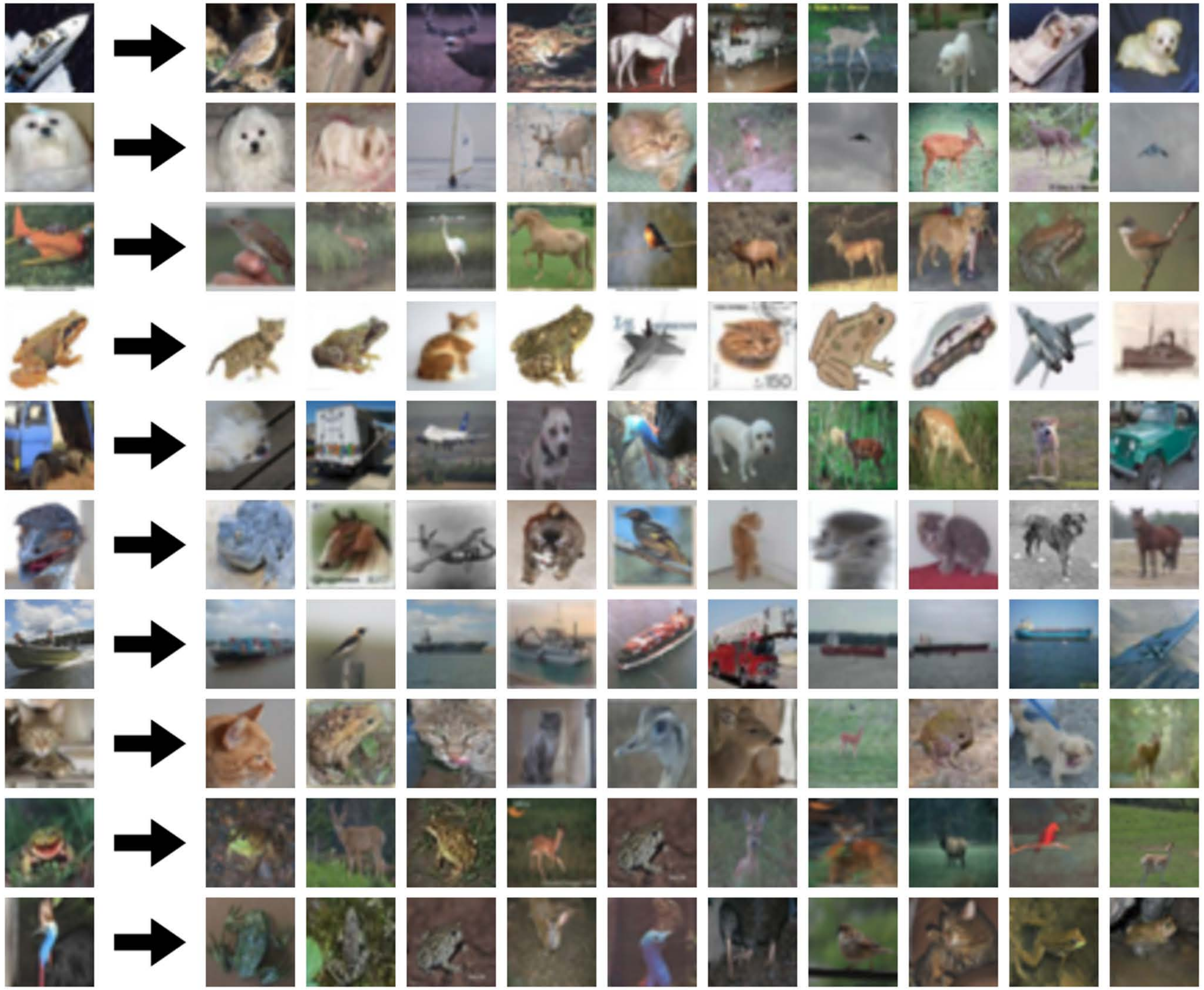

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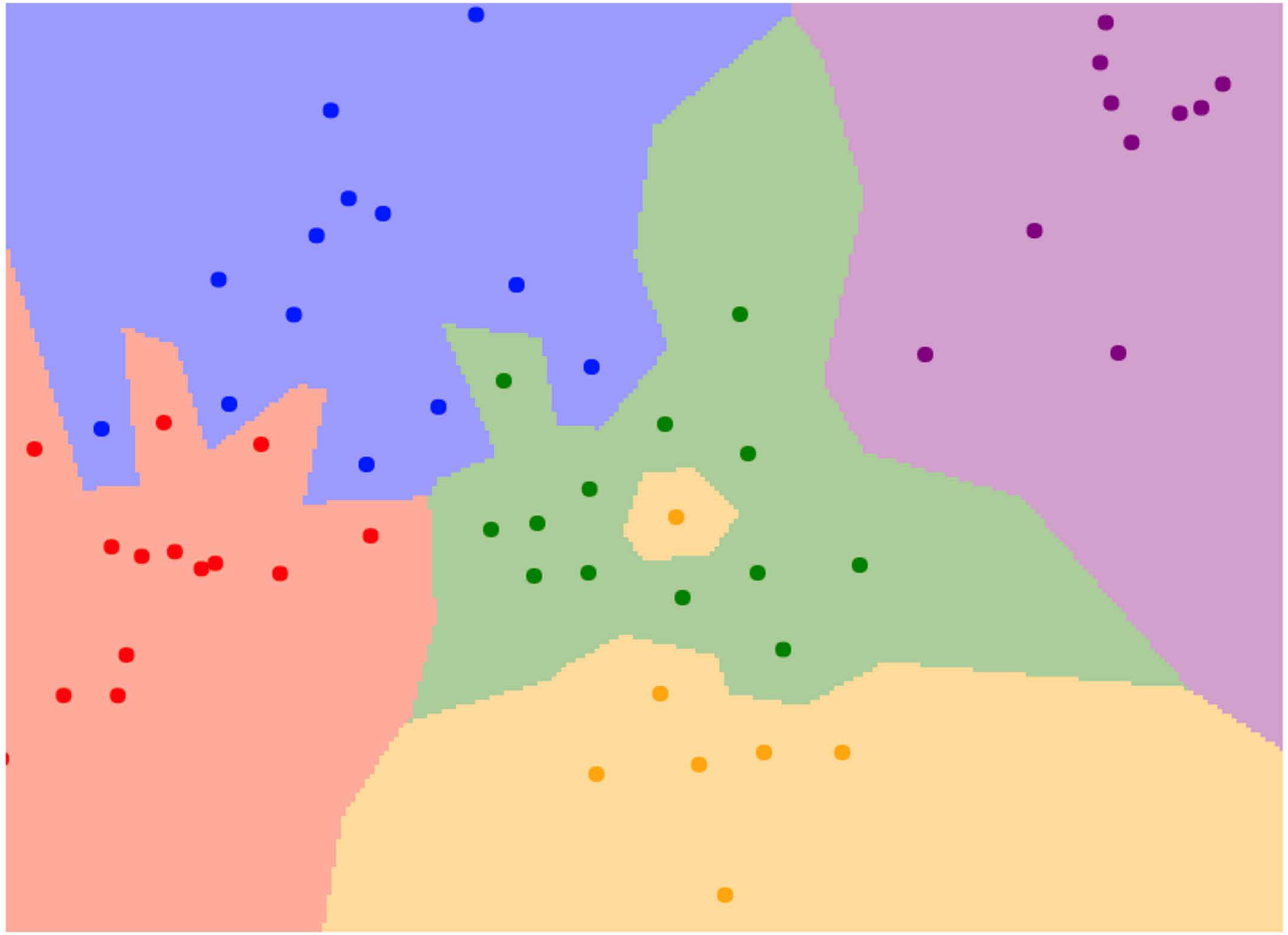

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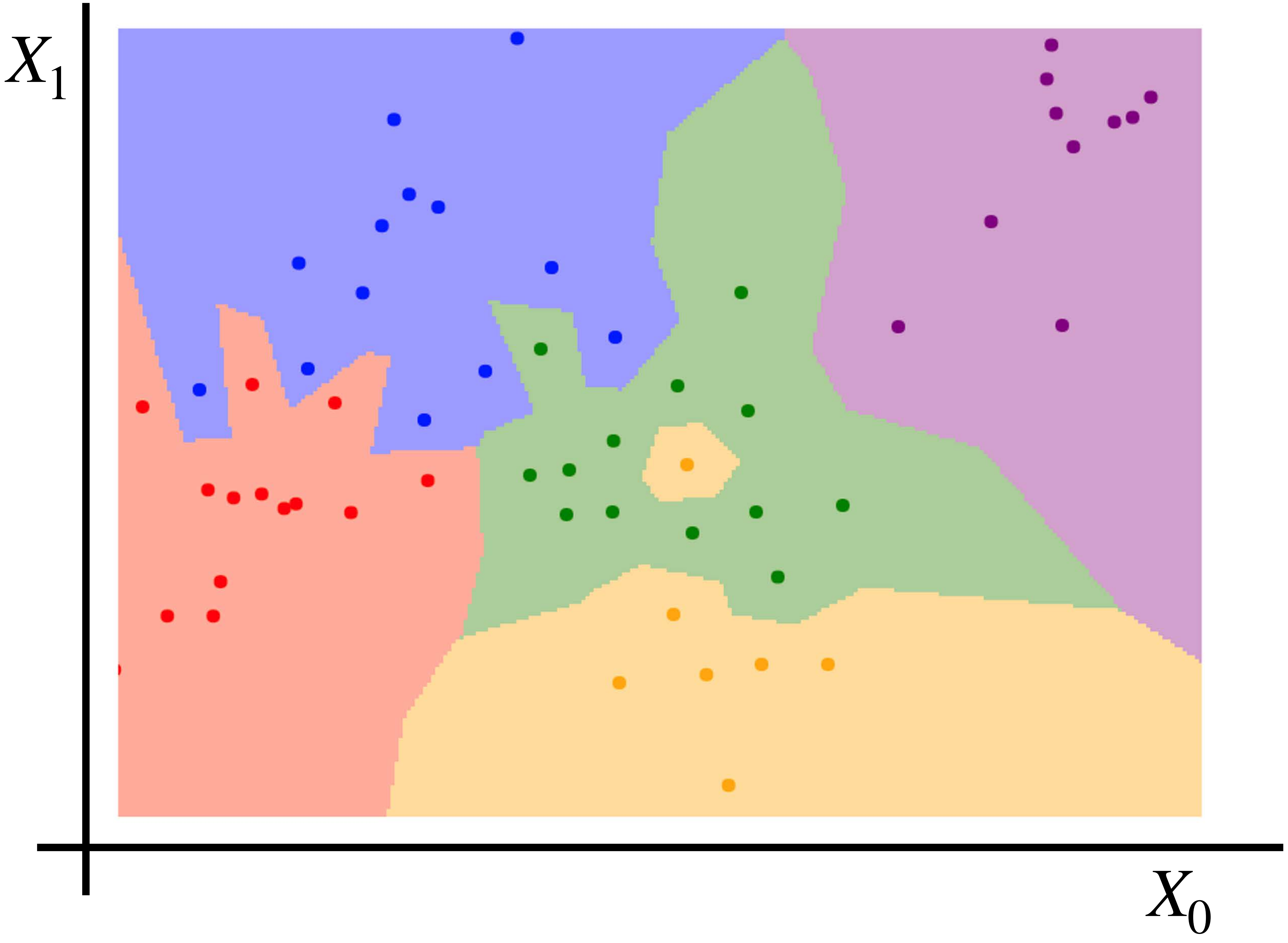

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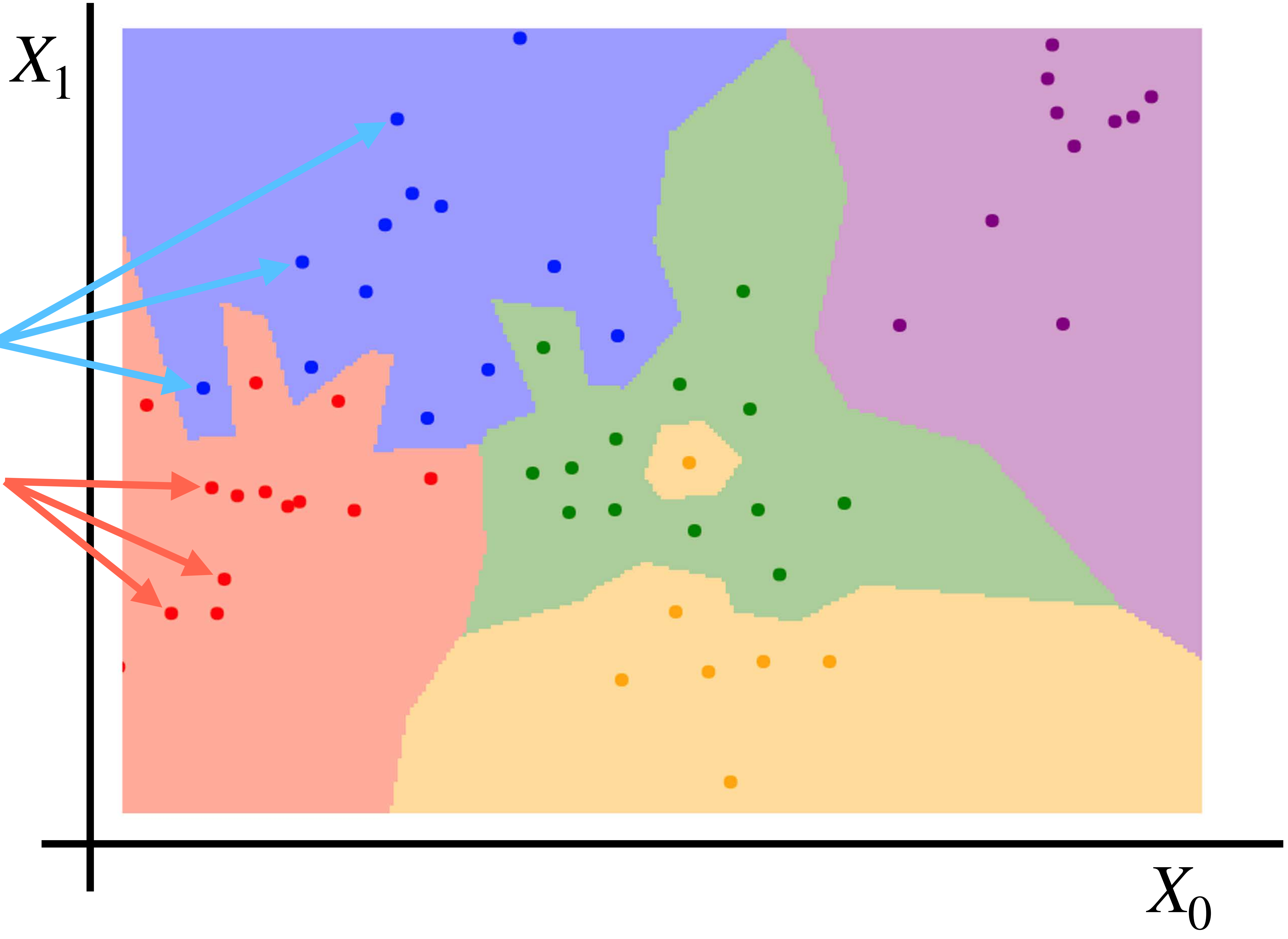

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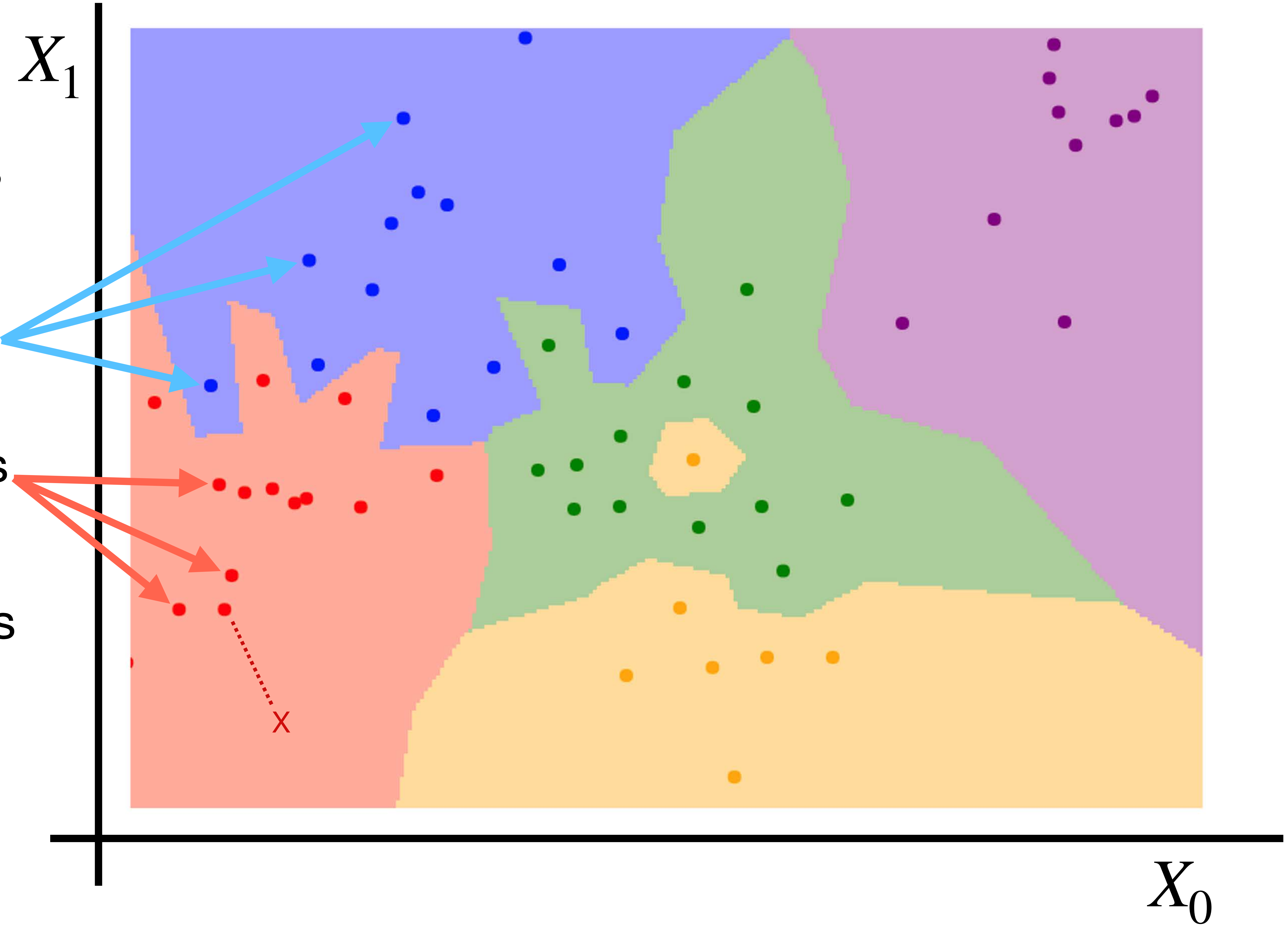

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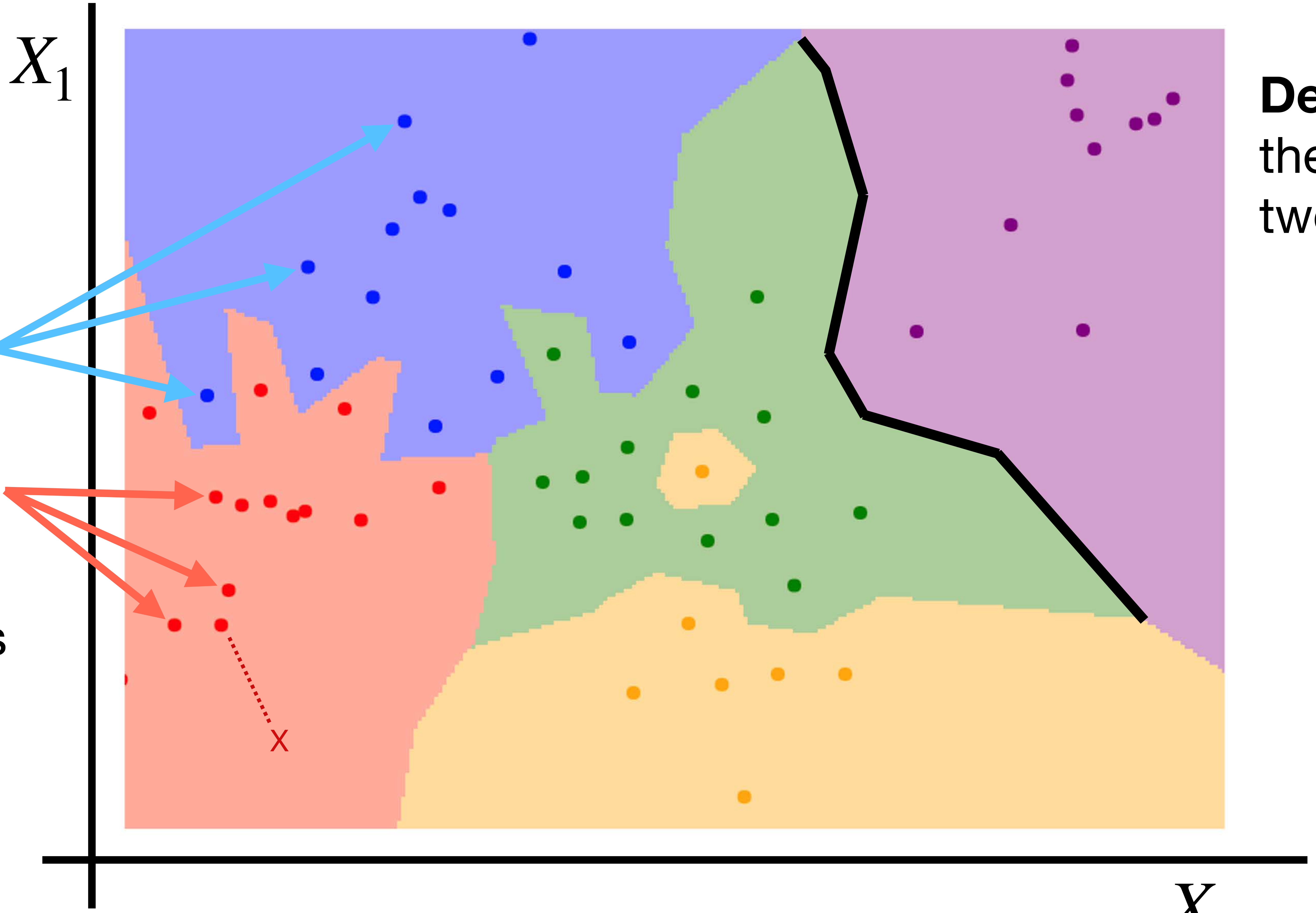

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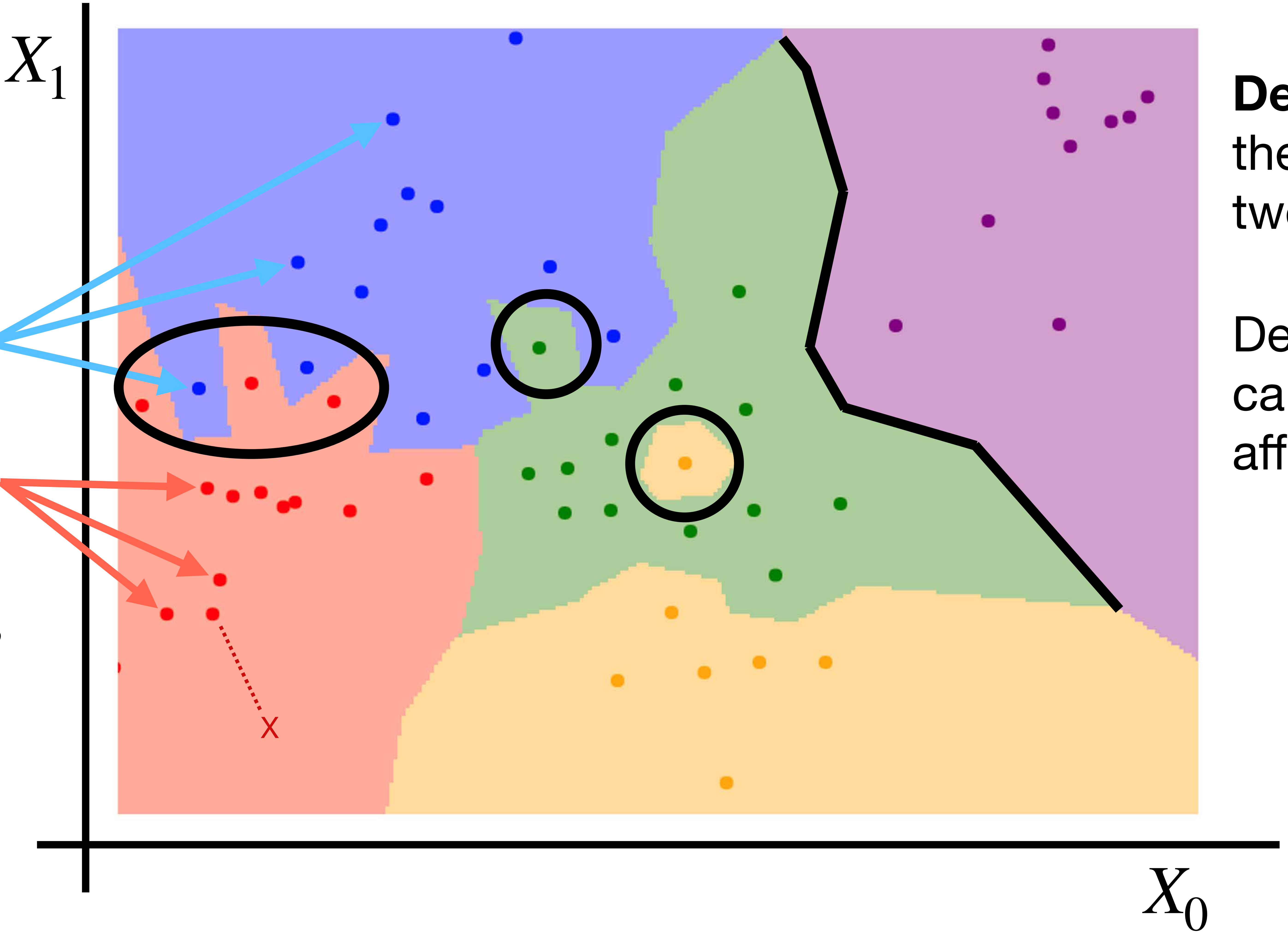

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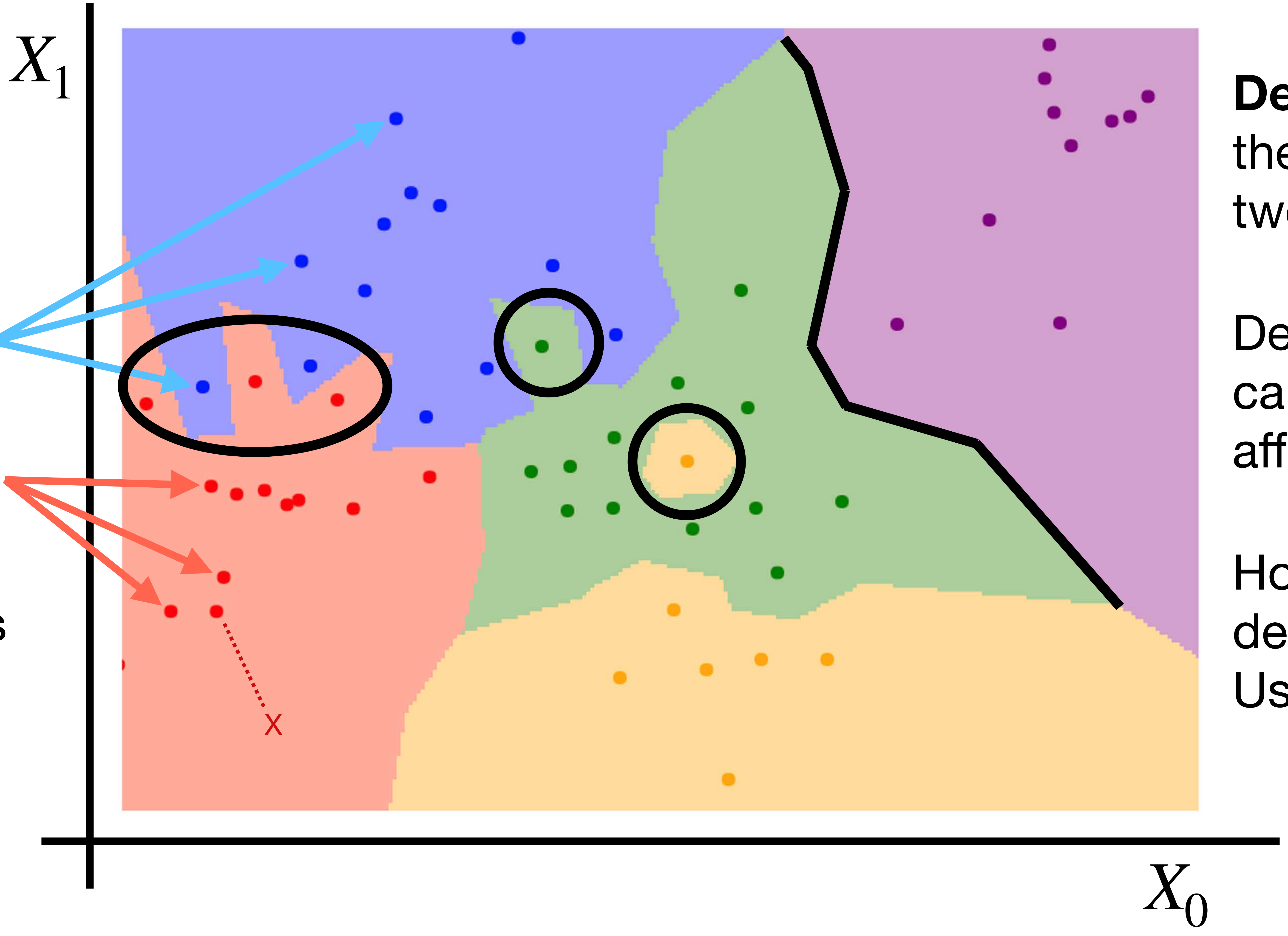

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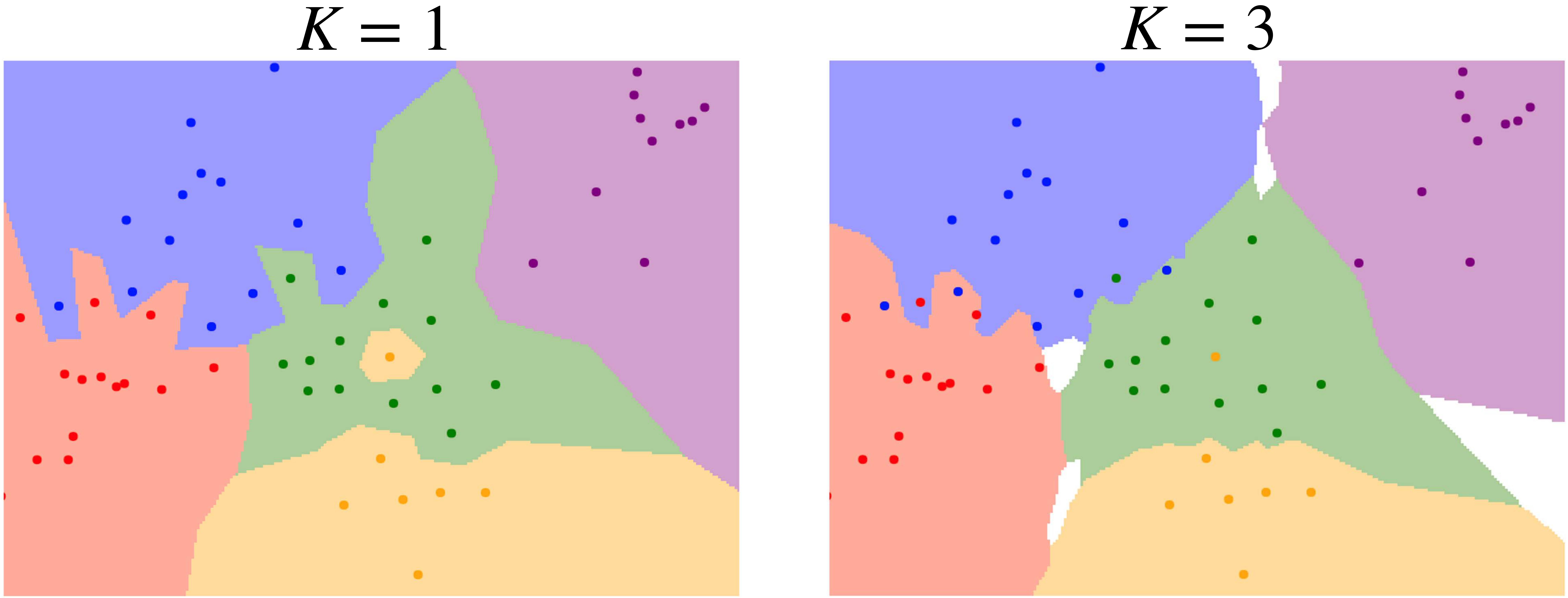

Instead of copying label from nearest neighbor, take majority vote from K closest training points

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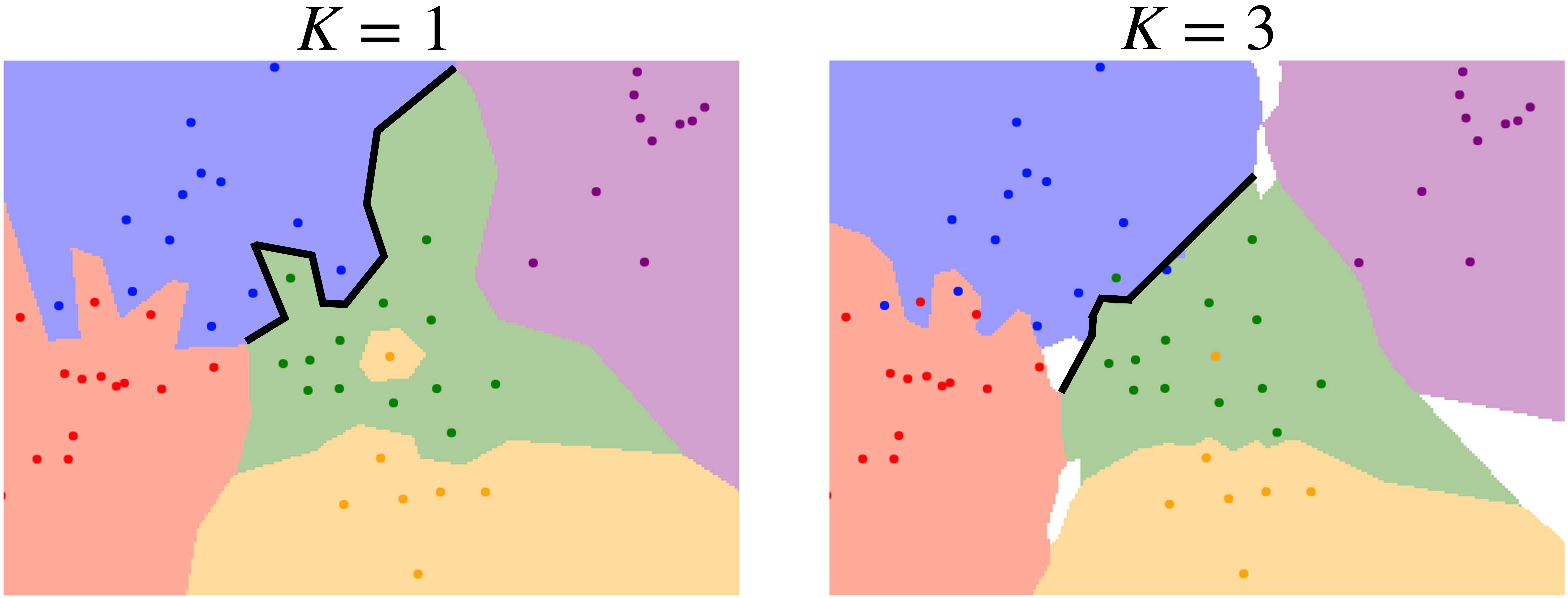

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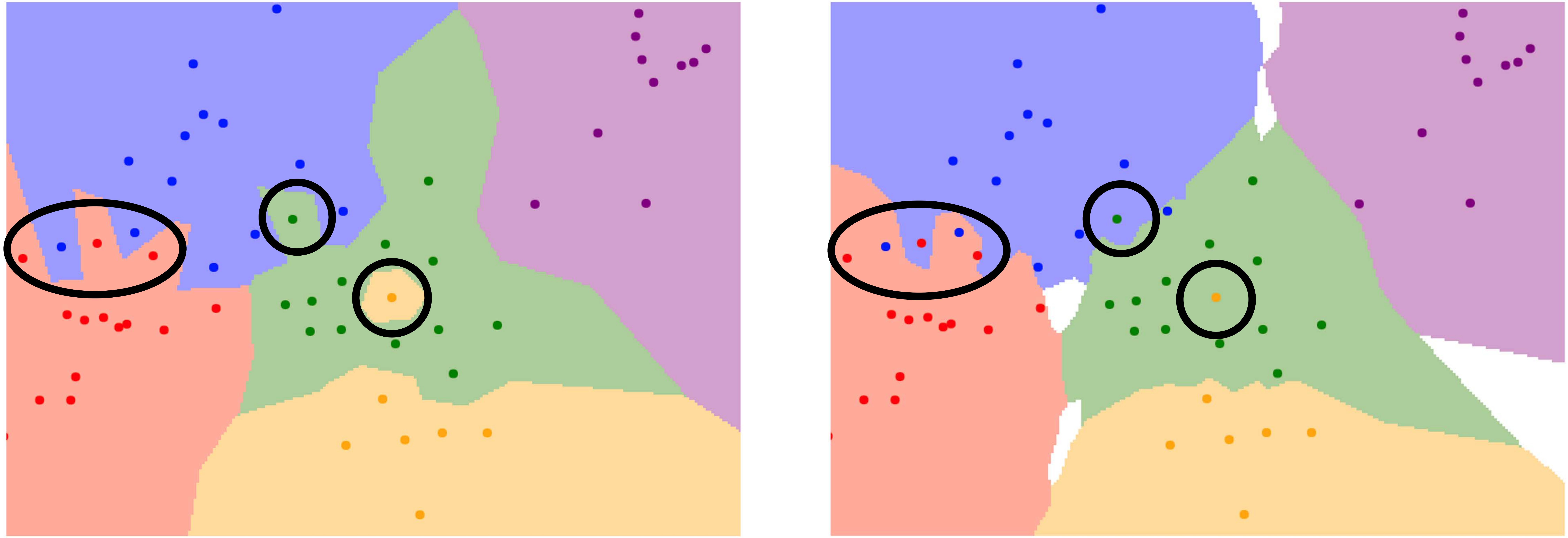

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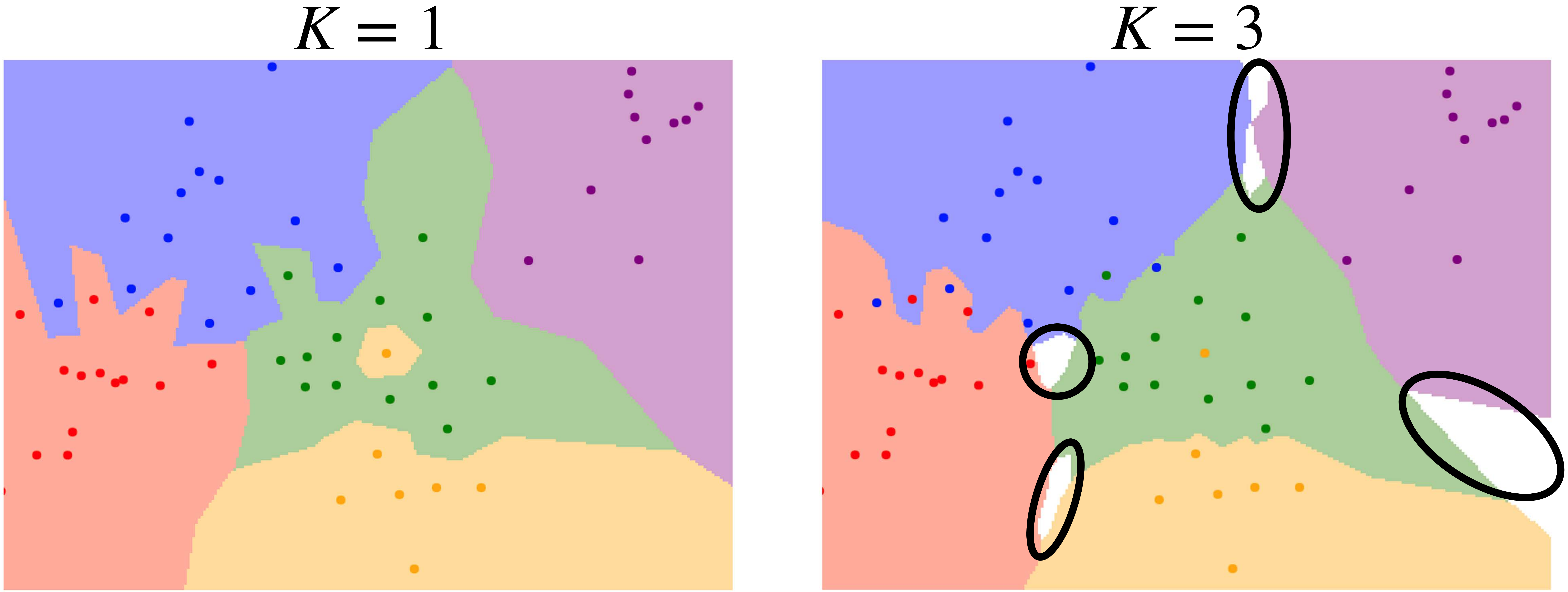

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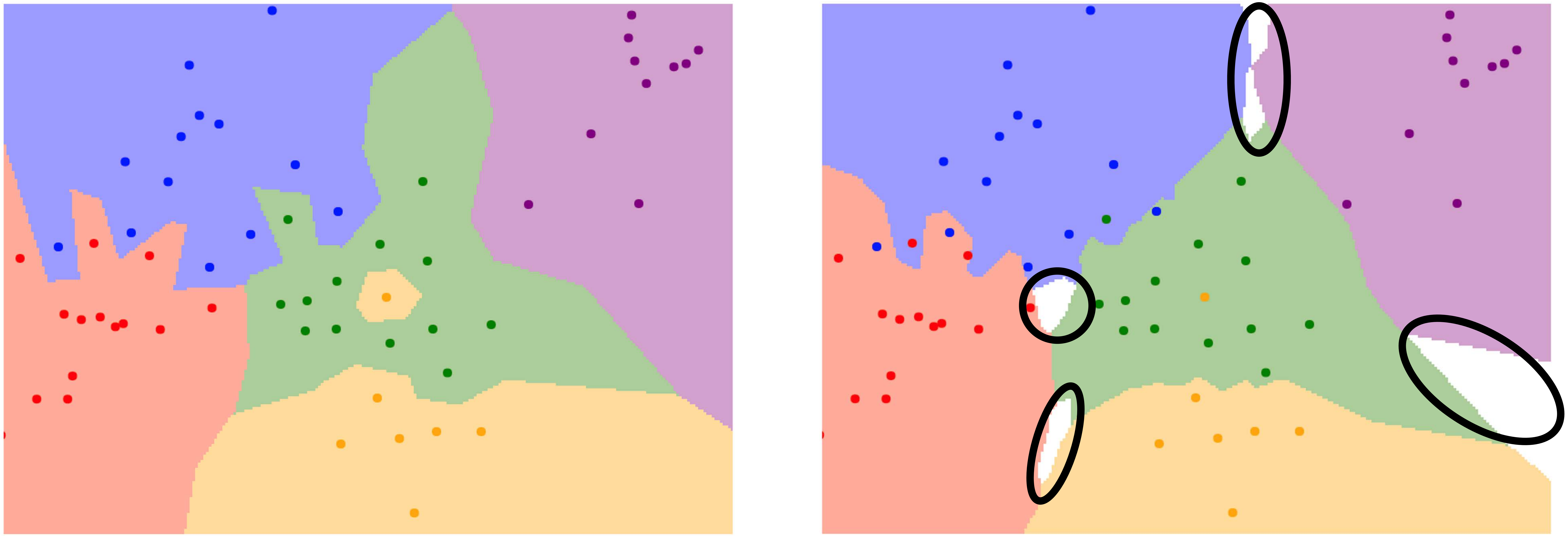

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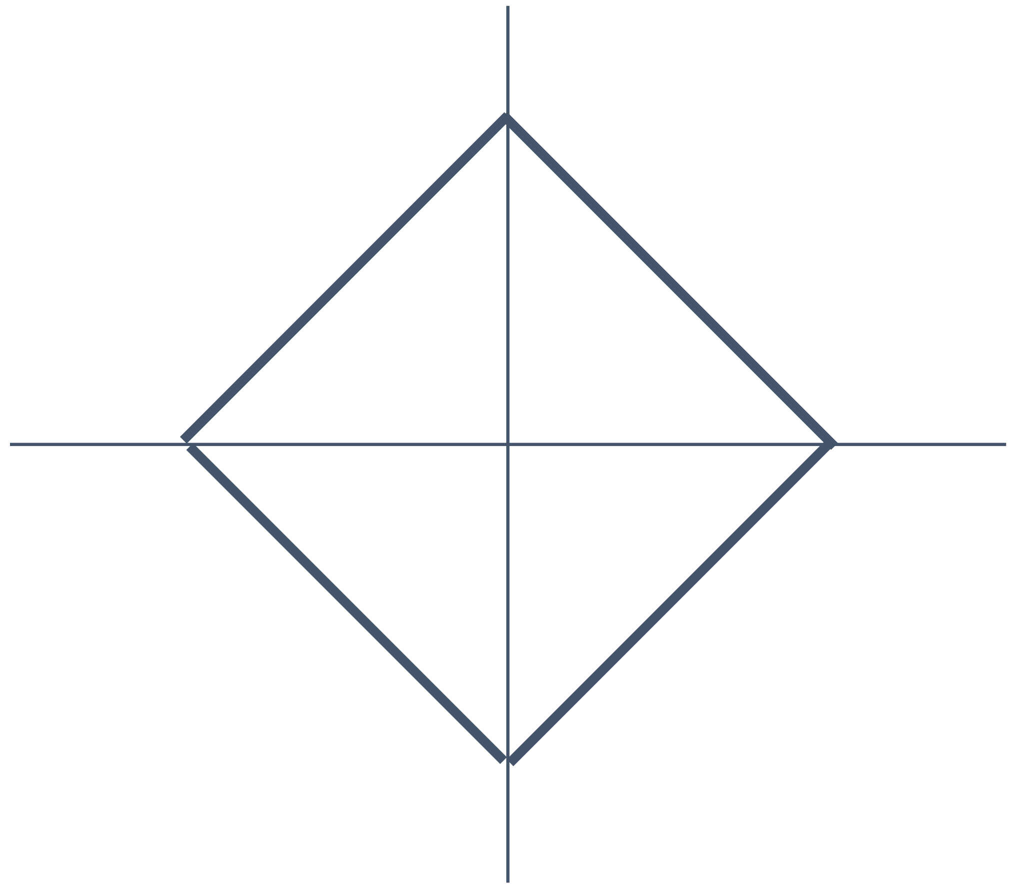

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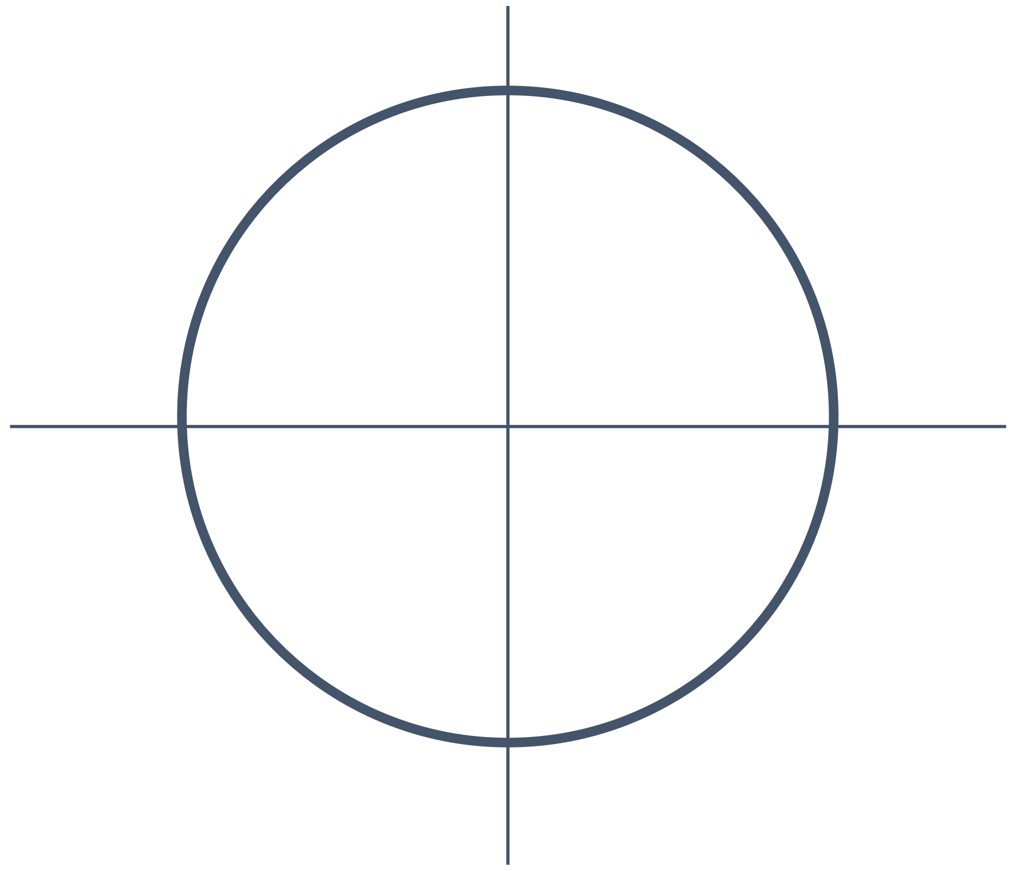

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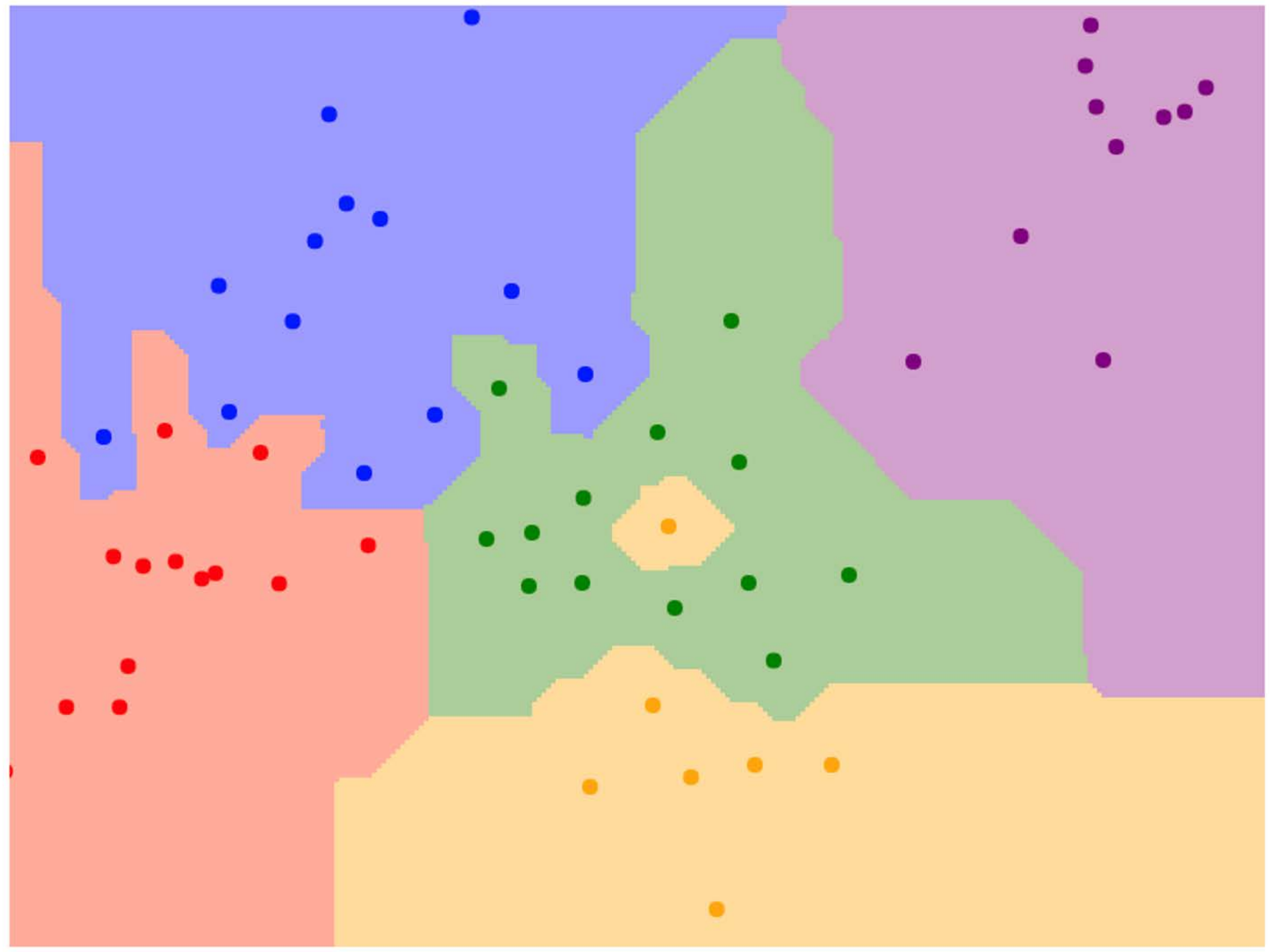

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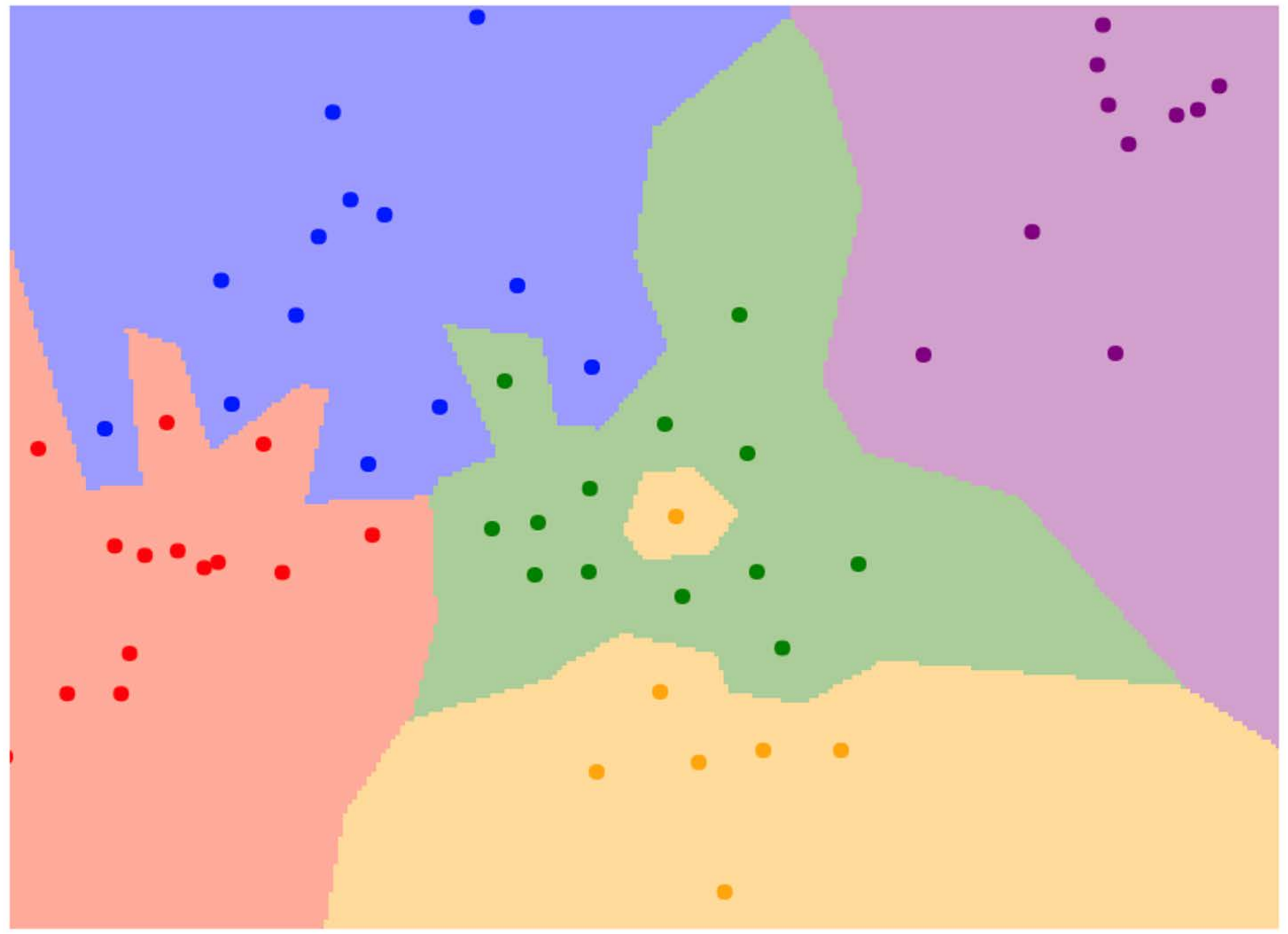

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With the right choice of distance metric, we can apply K-Nearest Neighbors to any type of data!

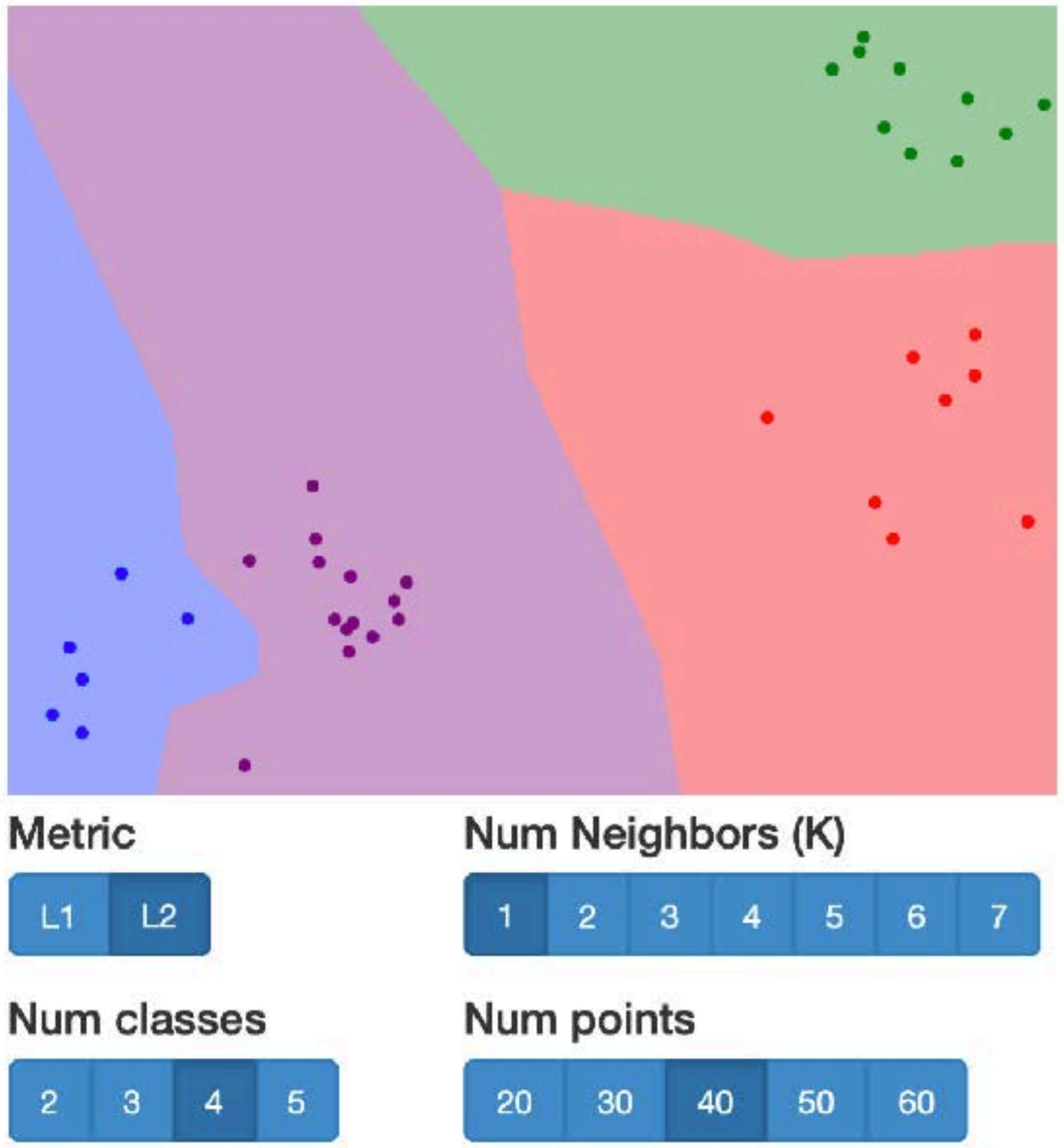
K-Nearest Neighbors—Web Demo

Interactively move points around
and see decision boundaries change

Observe results with L1 vs L2 metrics

Observe results with changing number
of training points and value of K

http://vision.stanford.edu/teaching/cs231n-demos/knn/



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Very problem-dependent.
In general need to try them all and observe what works best for our data.

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Idea #3: Split data into **train**, **val**, and **test**; choose hyperparameters on val and evaluate on test

Better!

train	validation	test

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Idea #4: **Cross-Validation**: Split data into **folds**, try each fold as validation and average the results

fold 1	fold 2	fold 3	fold 4	fold 5	test
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Useful for small datasets, but (unfortunately) not used too frequently in deep learning

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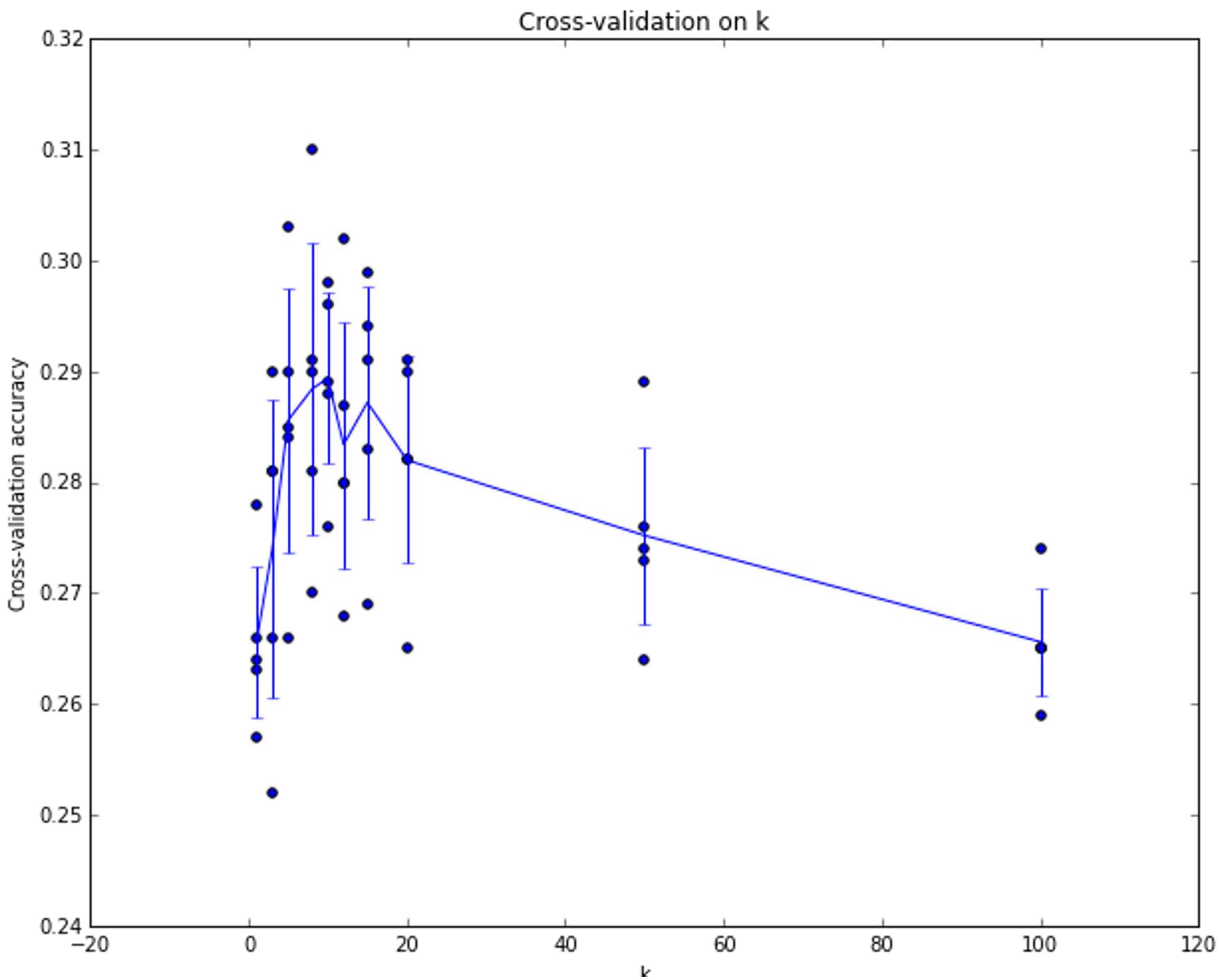

Example of 5-fold cross-validation for the value of **k.**

Each point: single outcome.

The line goes through the mean, bars indicated standard deviation

(Seems that k ~ 7 works best for this data)

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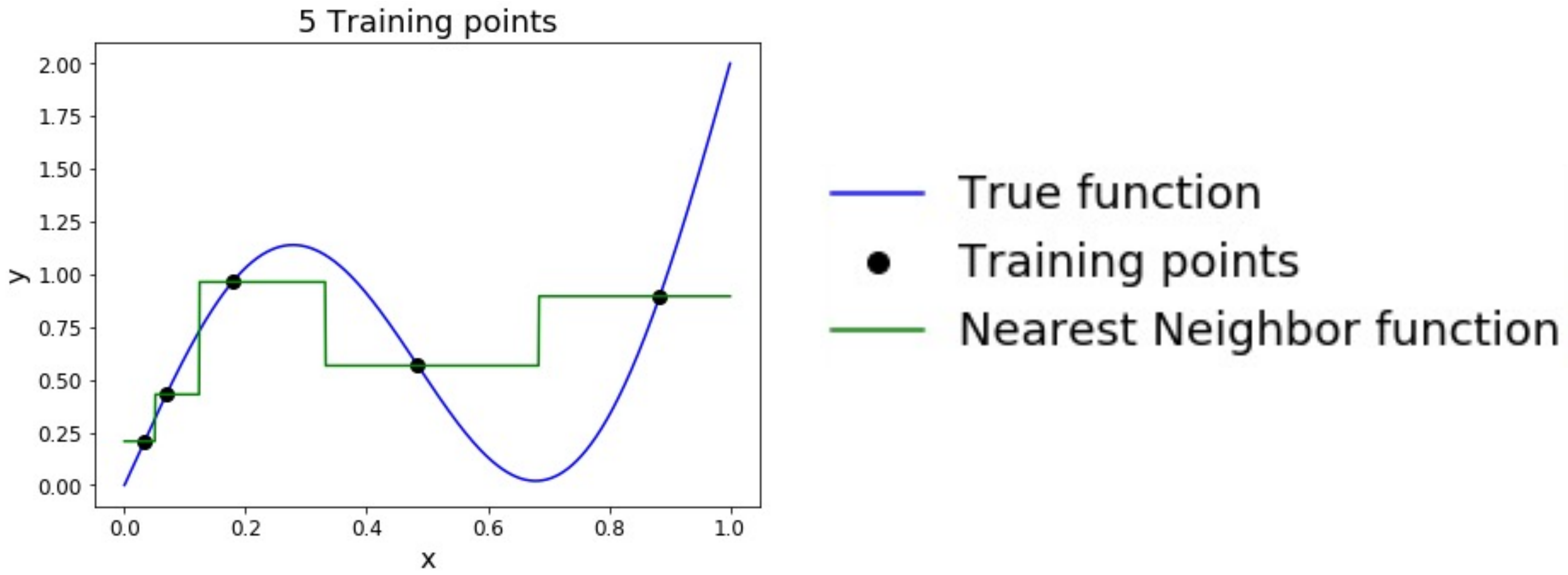

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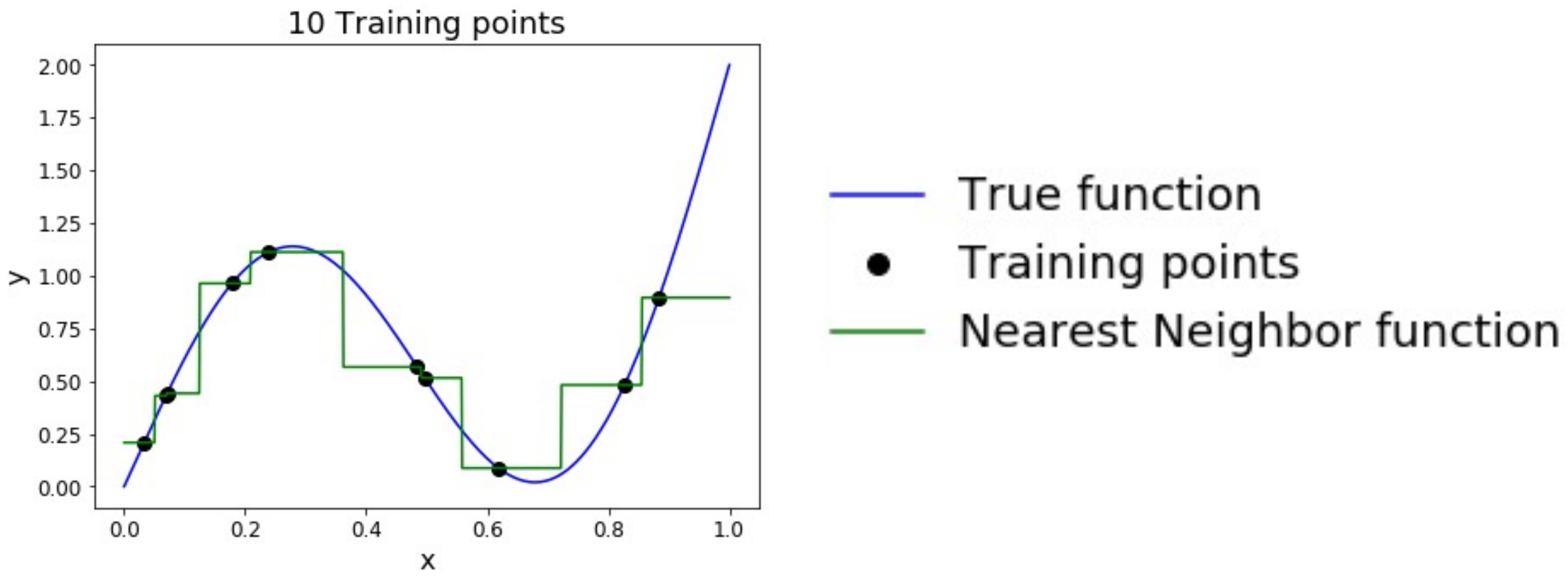

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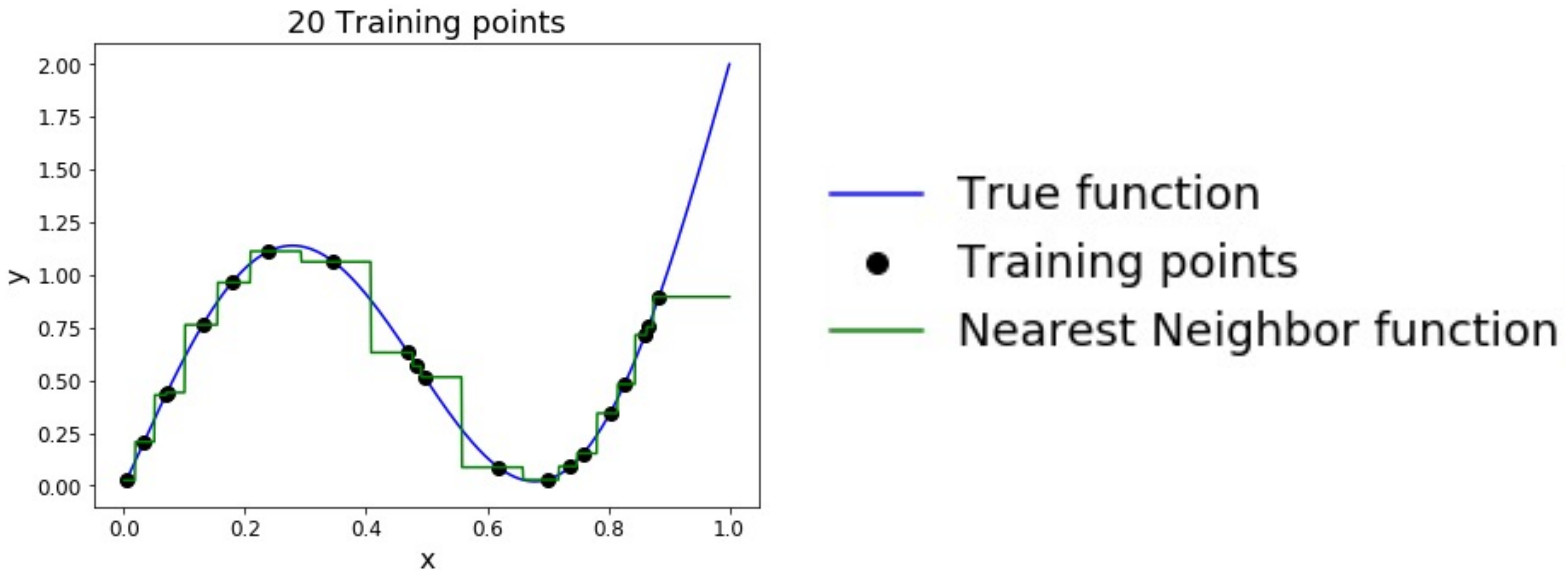

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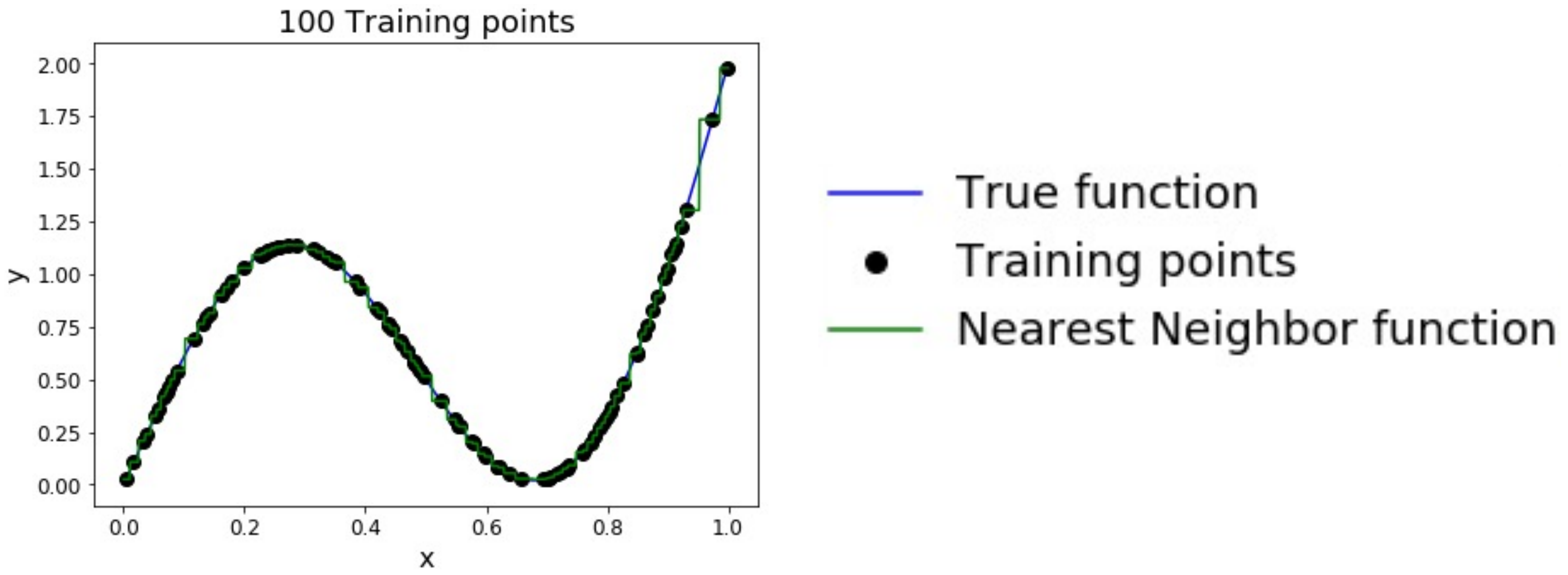

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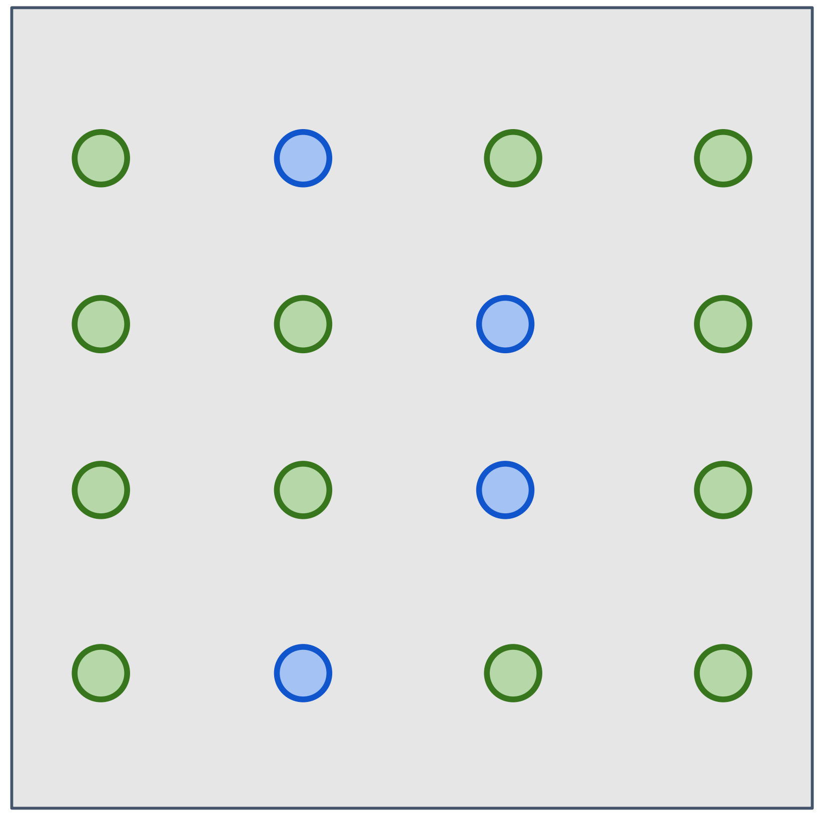
Points = 4^2



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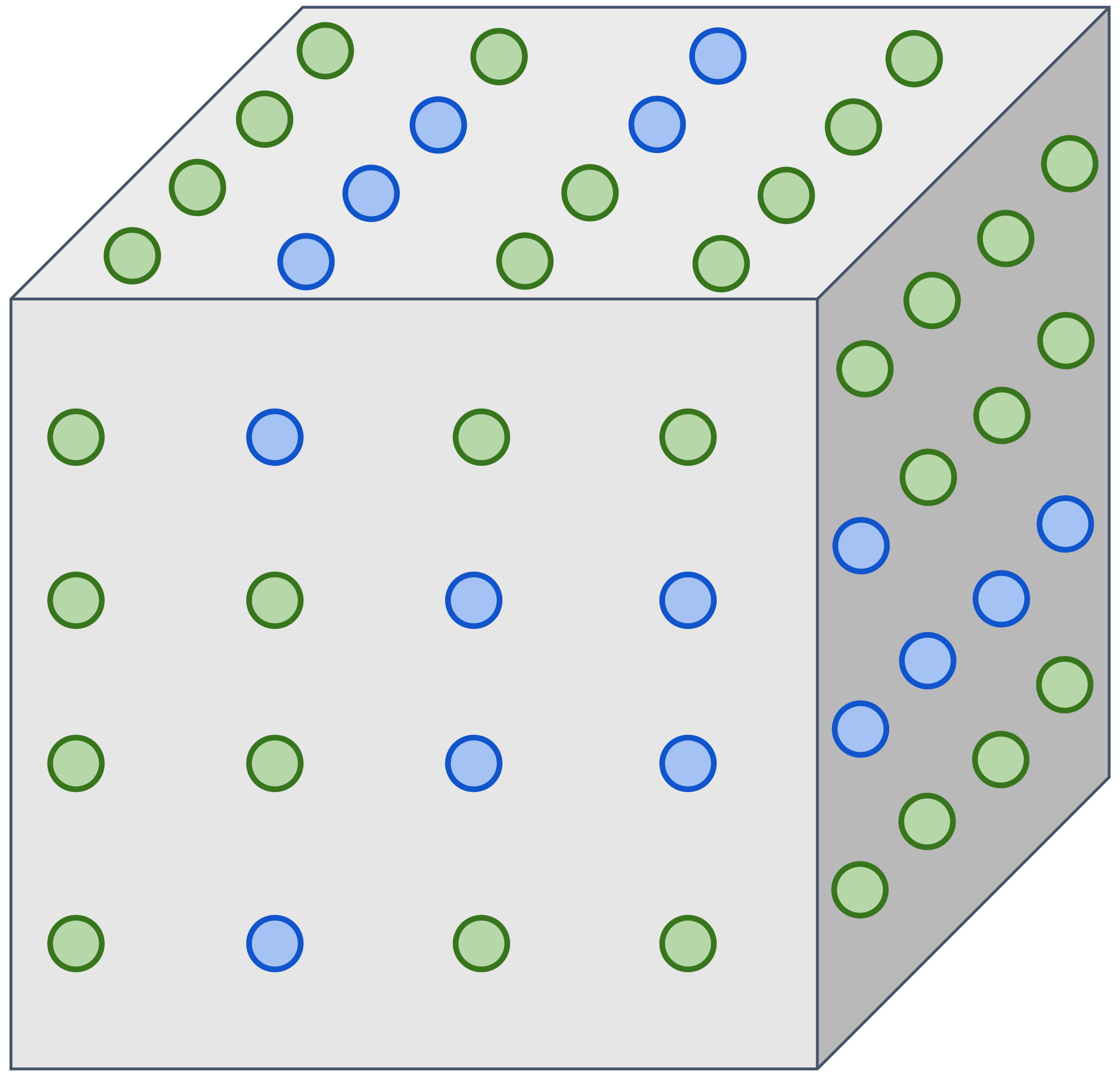

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Number of possible
32x32 binary images

$$2^{32\times 32} \approx 10^{308}$$

K-Nearest Neighbors Seldom Used on Raw Pixels

Very slow at test time
Distance metrics on pixels are not informative

Original | Boxed | Shifted | Tinted

All 3 images have same L2 distance to the original

K-Nearest Neighbors with ConvNet Features Works Well

Devlin et al., “Exploring Nearest Neighbor Approaches for Image Captioning”, 2015.

Summary

In **image classification** we start with a training set of images and labels, and must predict labels for a test set

Image classification is challenging due to the **semantic gap**: we need invariance to occlusion, deformation, lighting, sensor variation, etc.

Image classification is a **building block** for other vision tasks

The **K-Nearest Neighbors** classifier predicts labels from nearest training samples

Distance metric and **K** are **hyperparameters**

Choose hyper parameters using the **validation set**; only run on the test set once at the very end!

Next time: Linear Classifiers