

Inverse Optimization: An Efficient Learning Framework for Complex Behaviors

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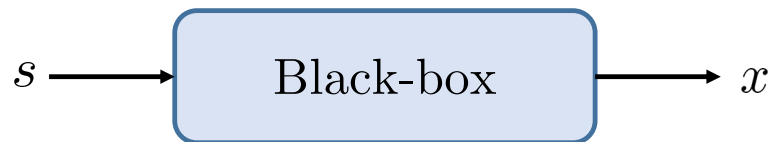
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- Inverse Optimization
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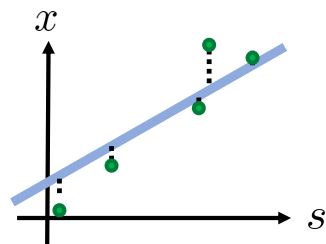
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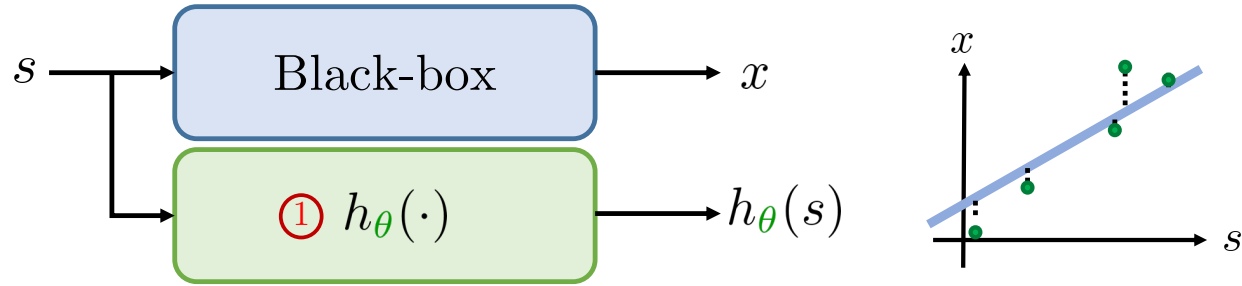
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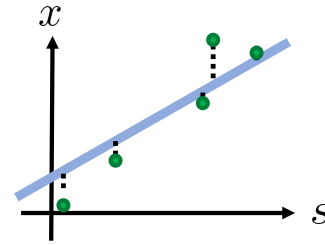
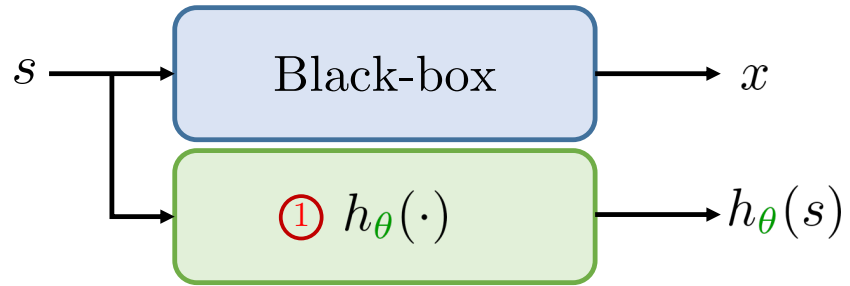
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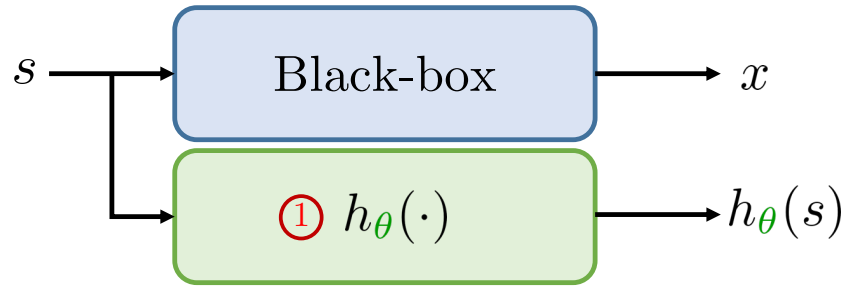


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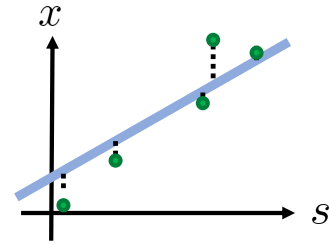


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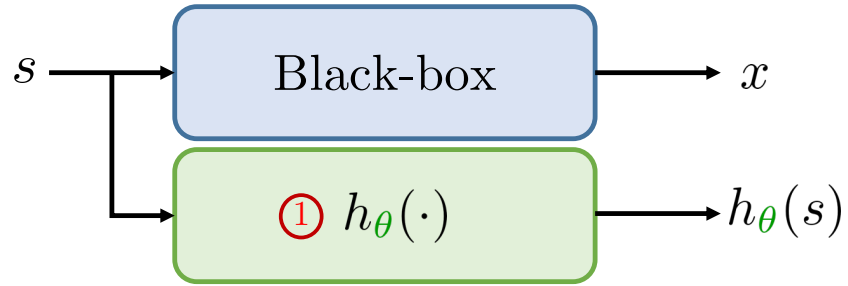


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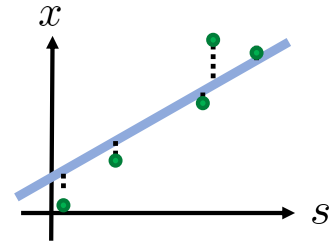


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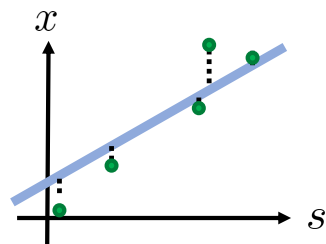
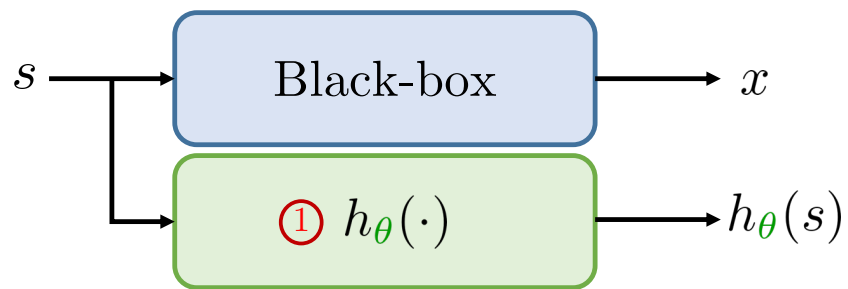


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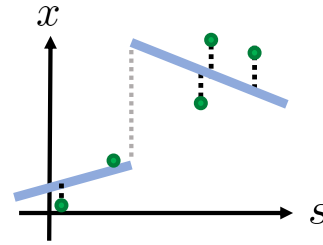
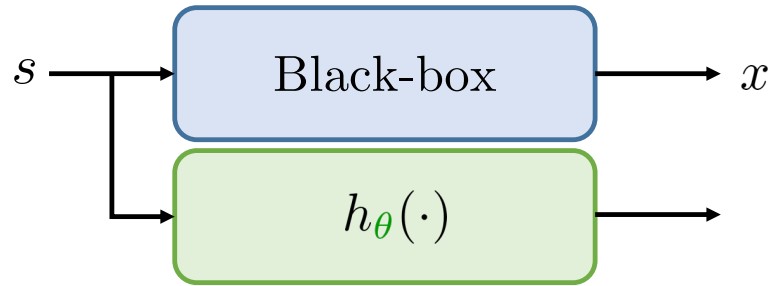


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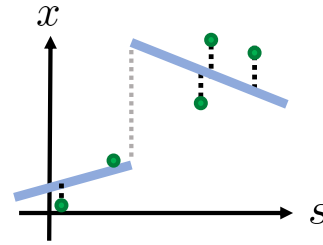
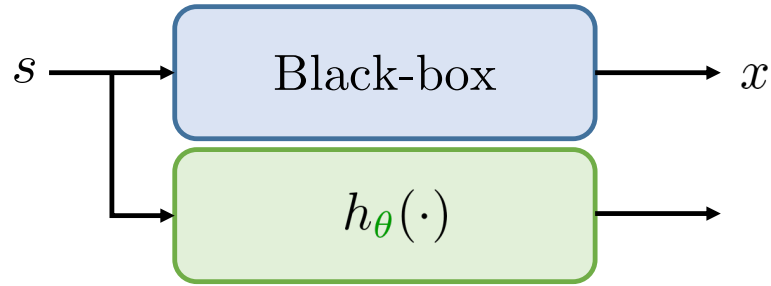
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Training $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Data } \{(\hat{s}_i, \hat{x}_i)\}_{i \leq N} \\ \min_{\theta} \sum_{i \leq N} \ell(\hat{x}_i, h_{\theta}(\hat{s}_i)) \end{array} \right.$

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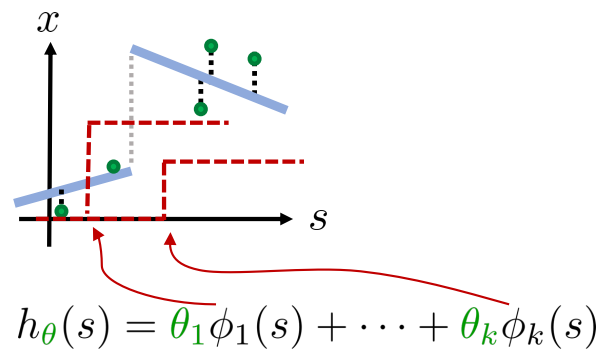
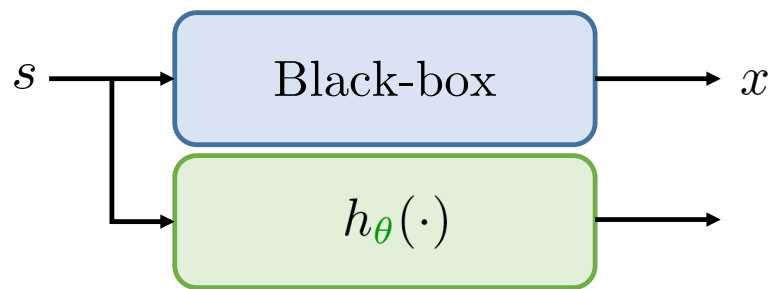


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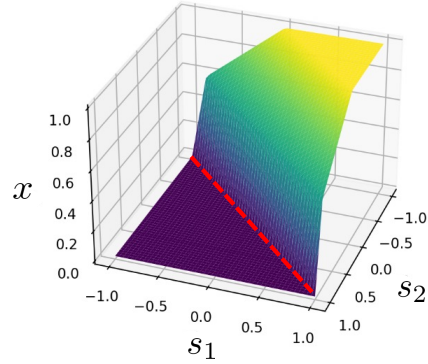
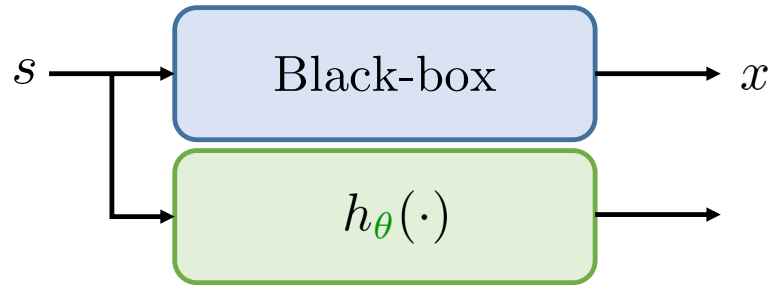


$$h_{\theta}(s) = \theta_1 \phi_1(s) + \cdots + \theta_k \phi_k(s)$$

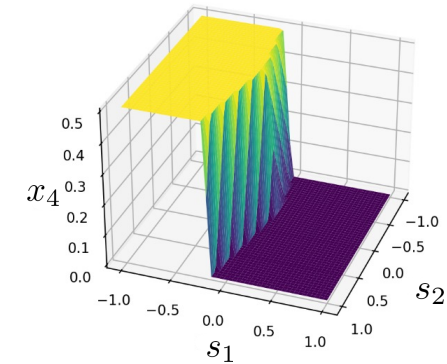
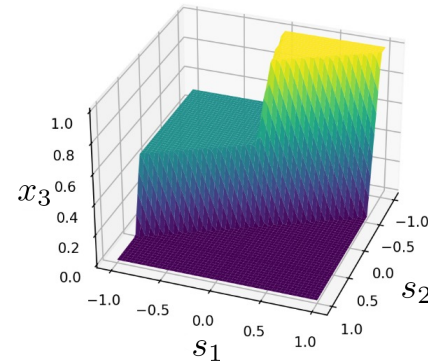
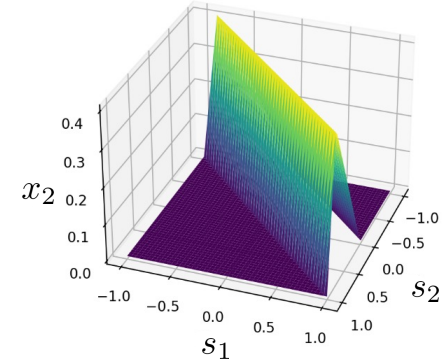
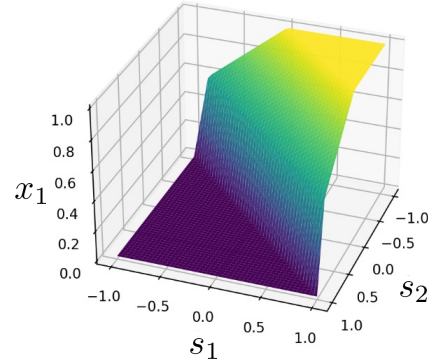
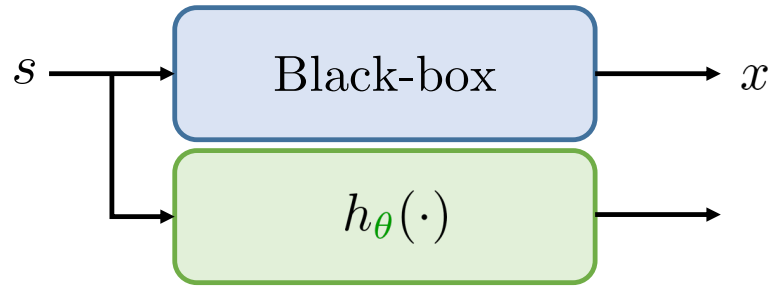
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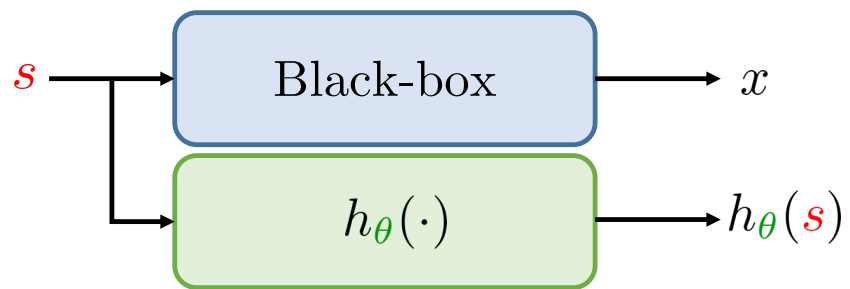
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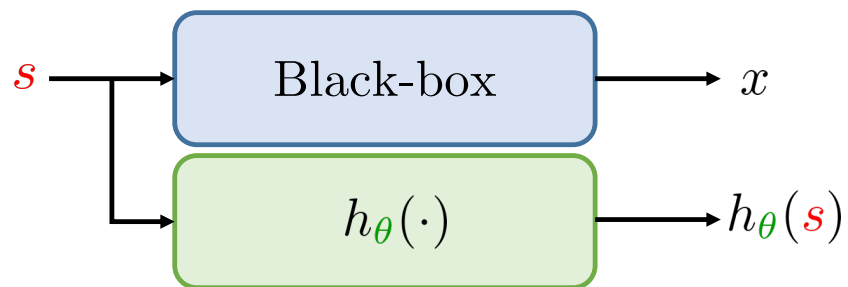
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- Inverse Optimization
 - A rich model with a convex training loss
- Applications

Inverse Optimization



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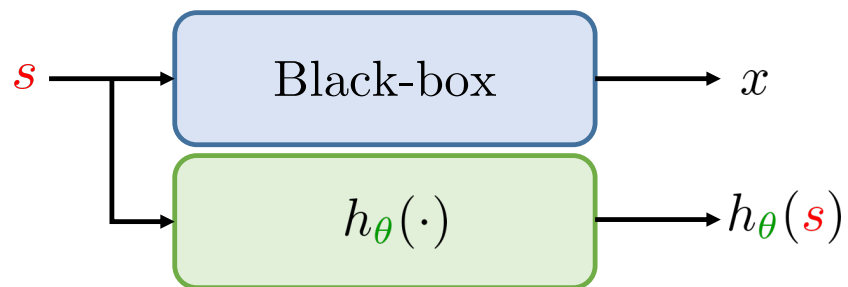
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Dashed arrows point from the θ in F_{θ} and the Θ_1 in the second equation to the $h_{\theta}(\cdot)$ block in the diagram above.

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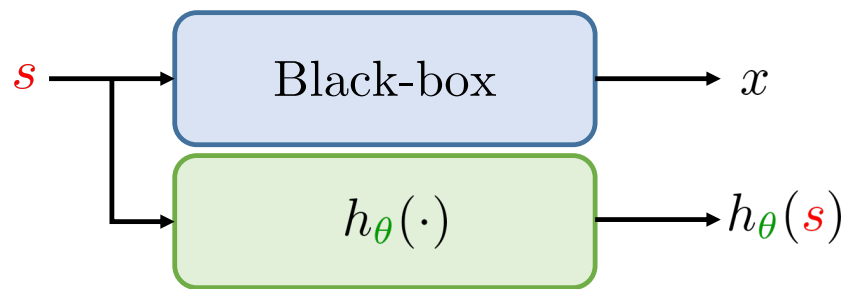


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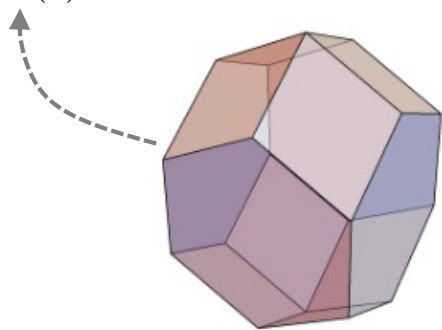
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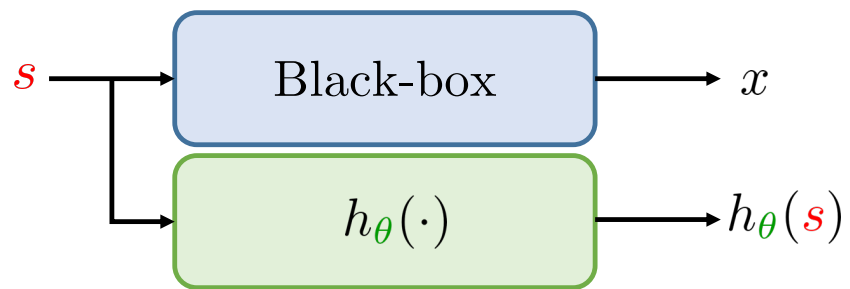
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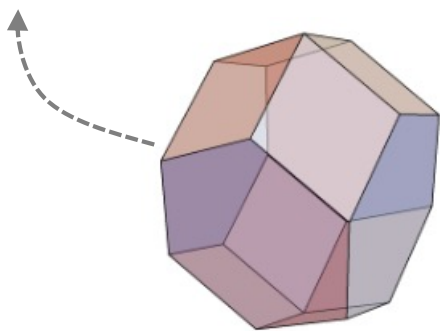
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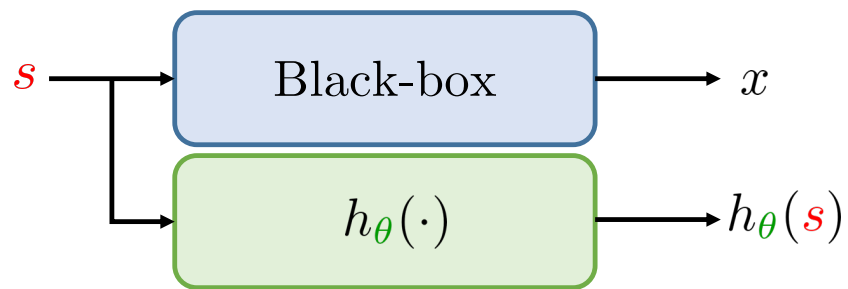
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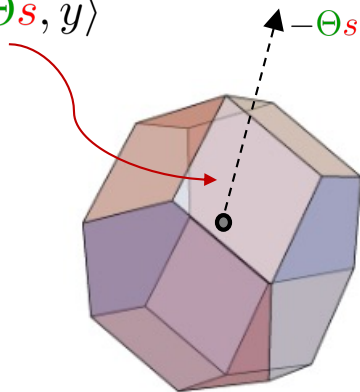
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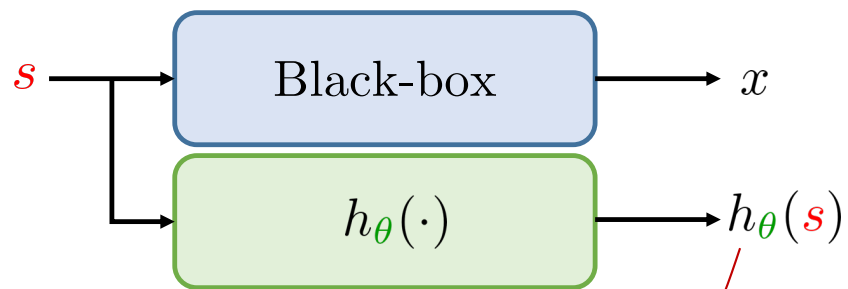
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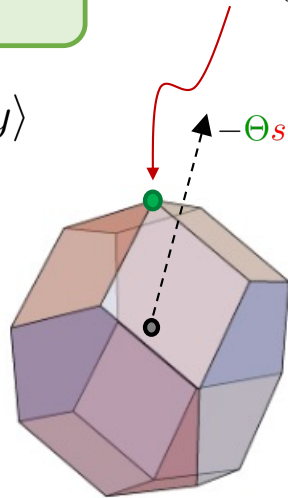
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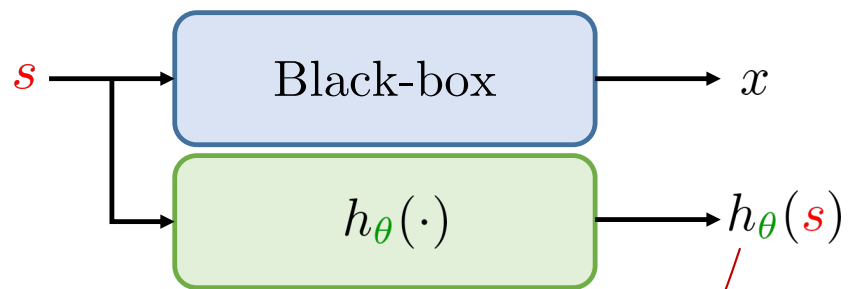
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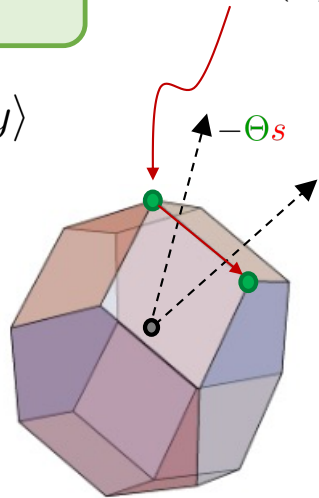
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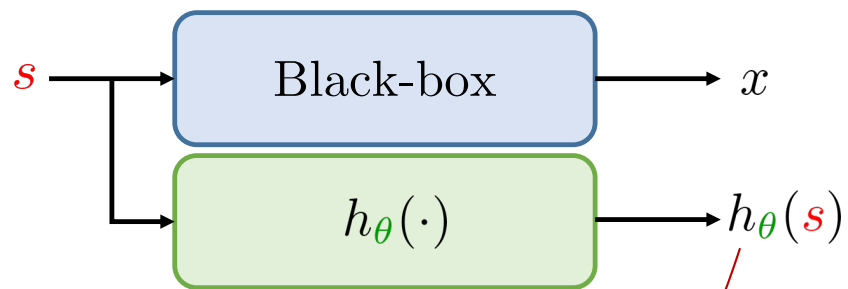
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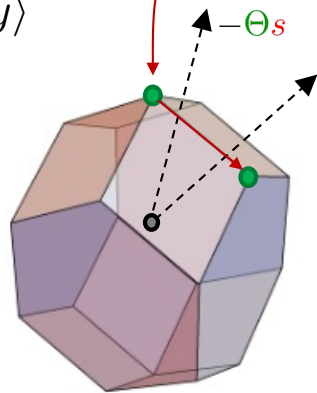
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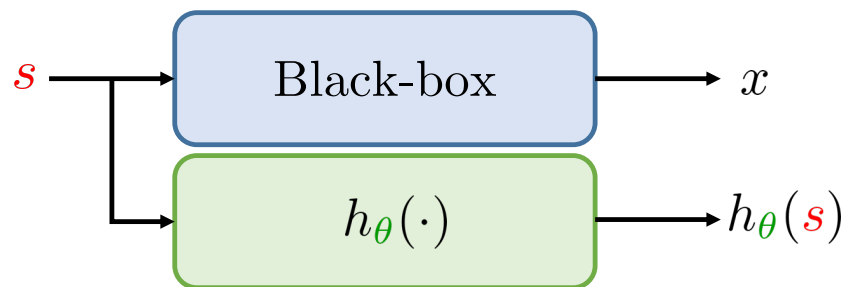


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Polynomial representation
exponential vertices (discontinuities)

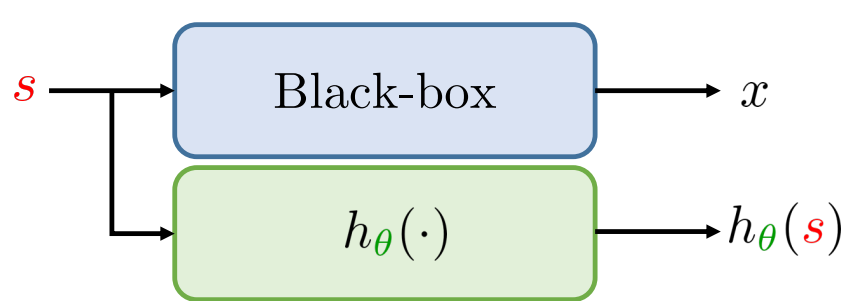
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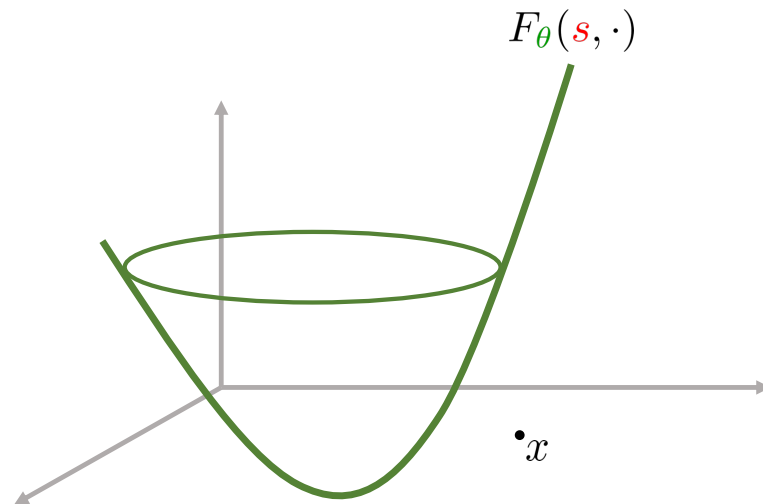
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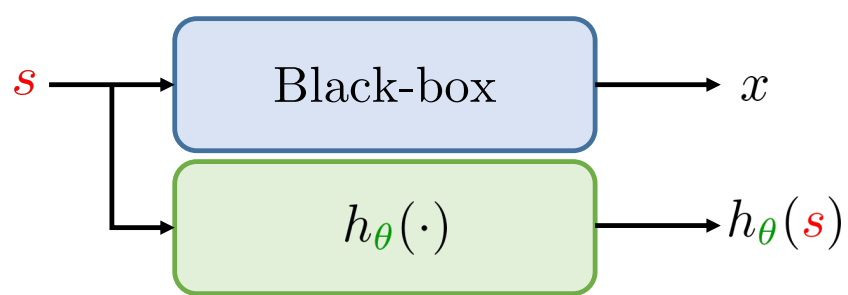


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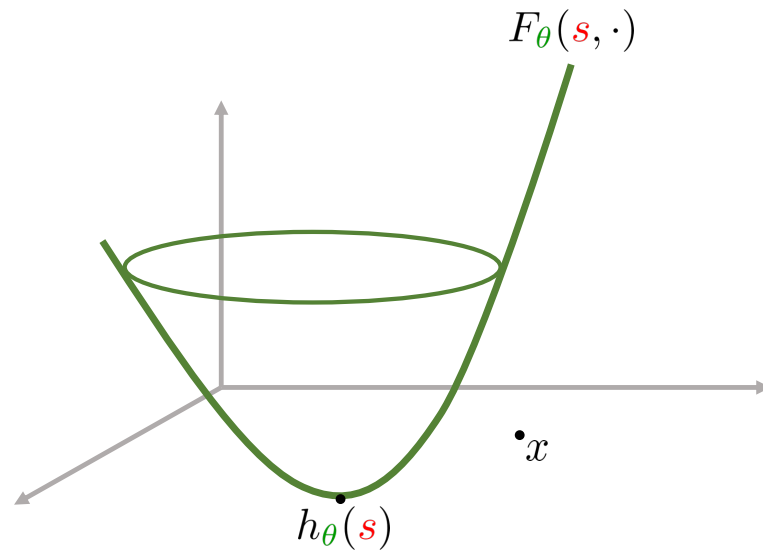


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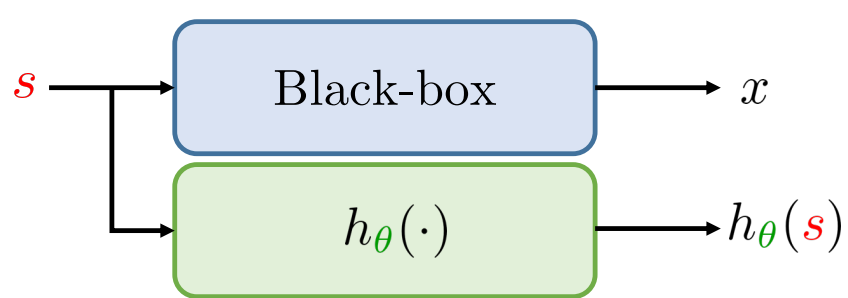


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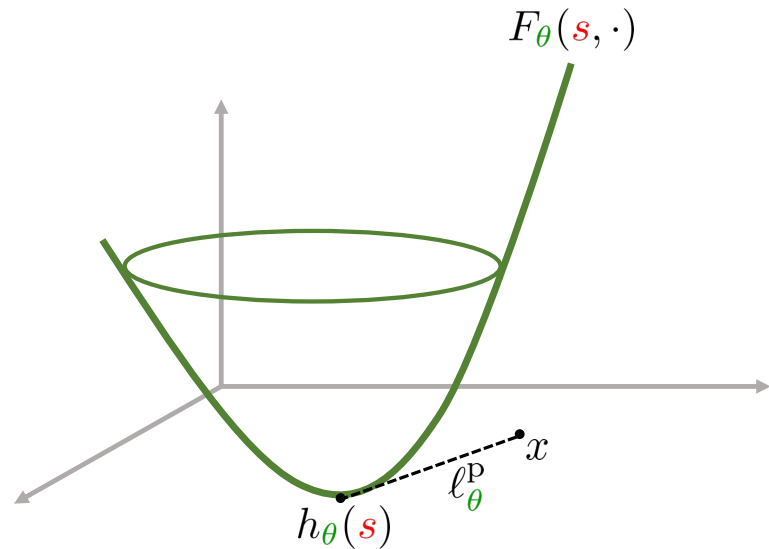


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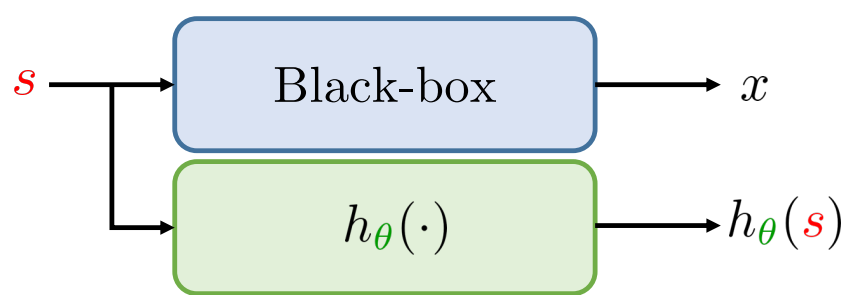


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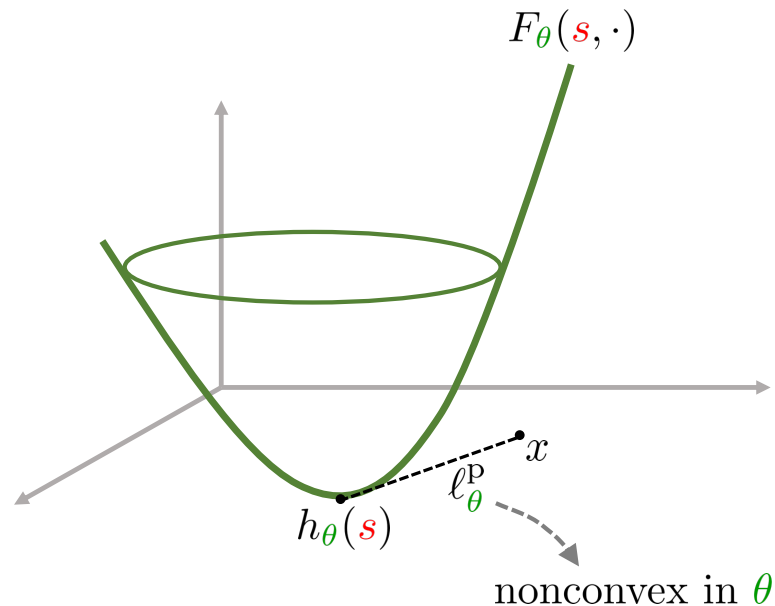


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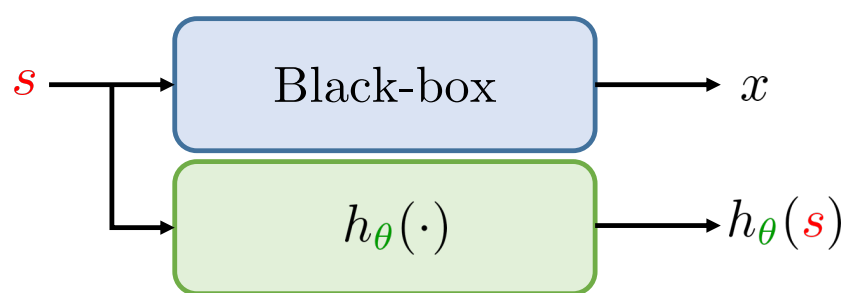


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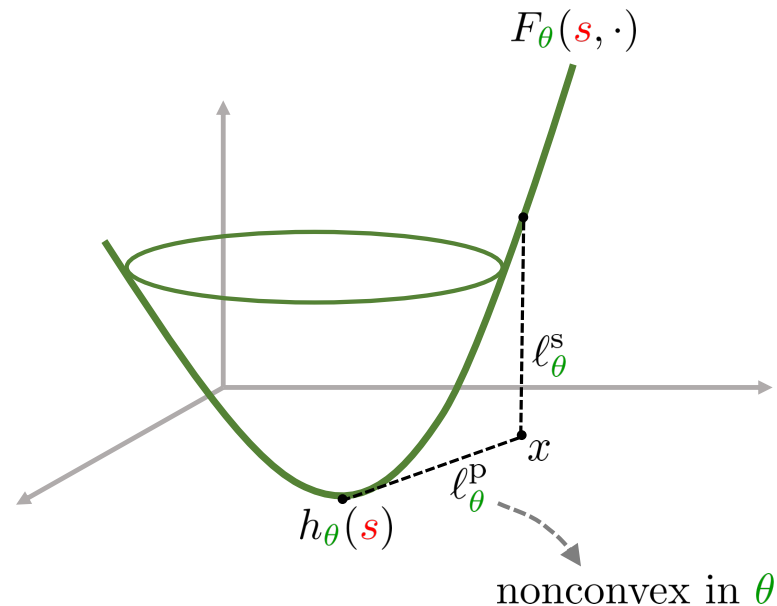


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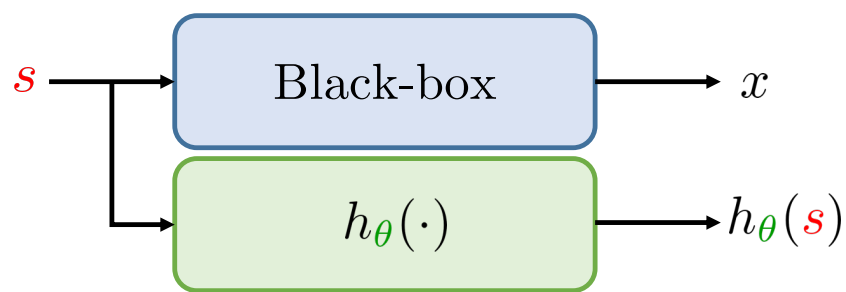


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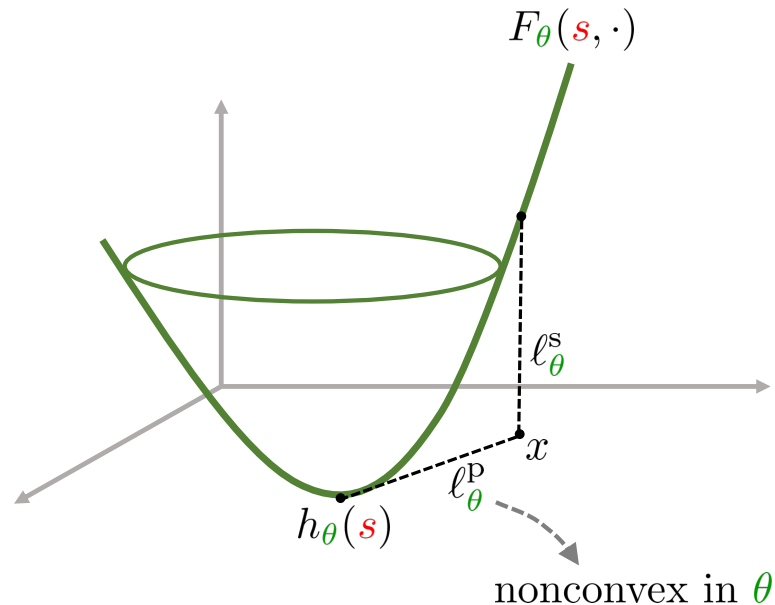
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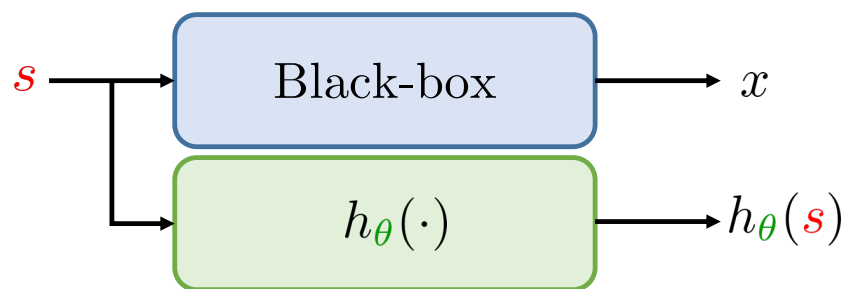
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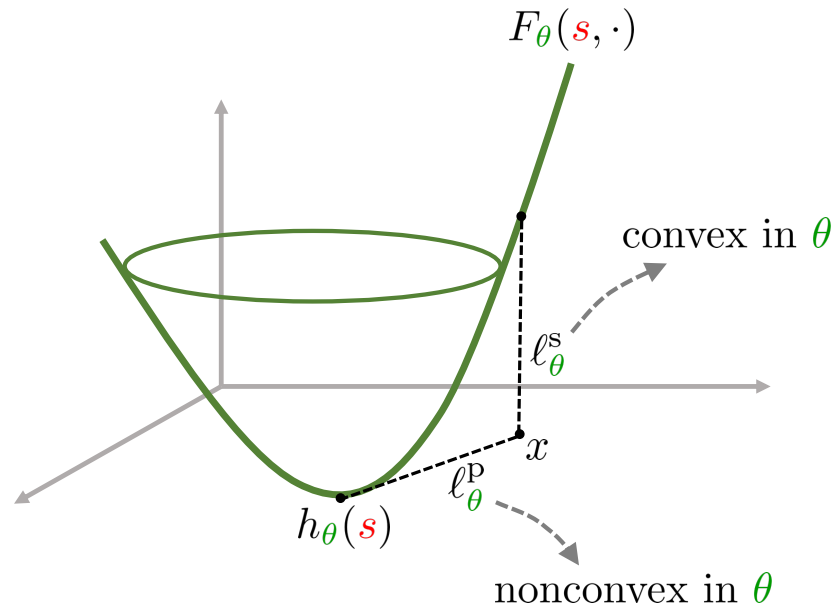
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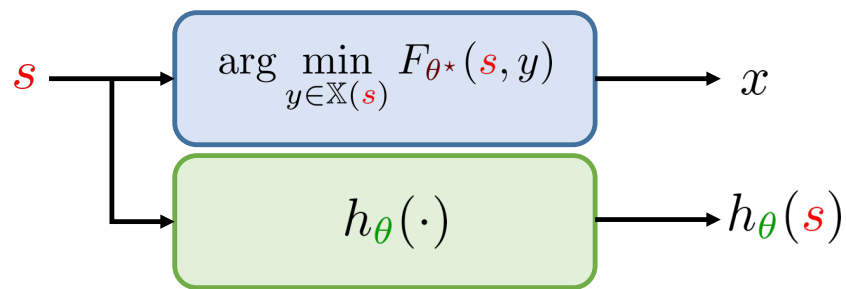
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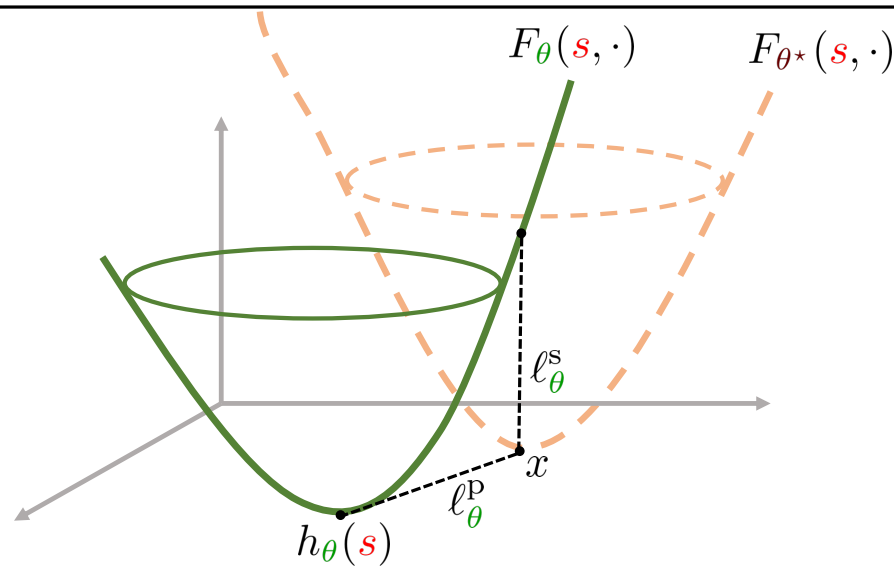
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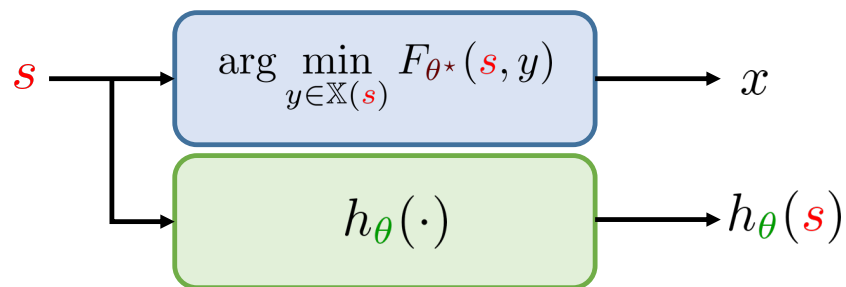
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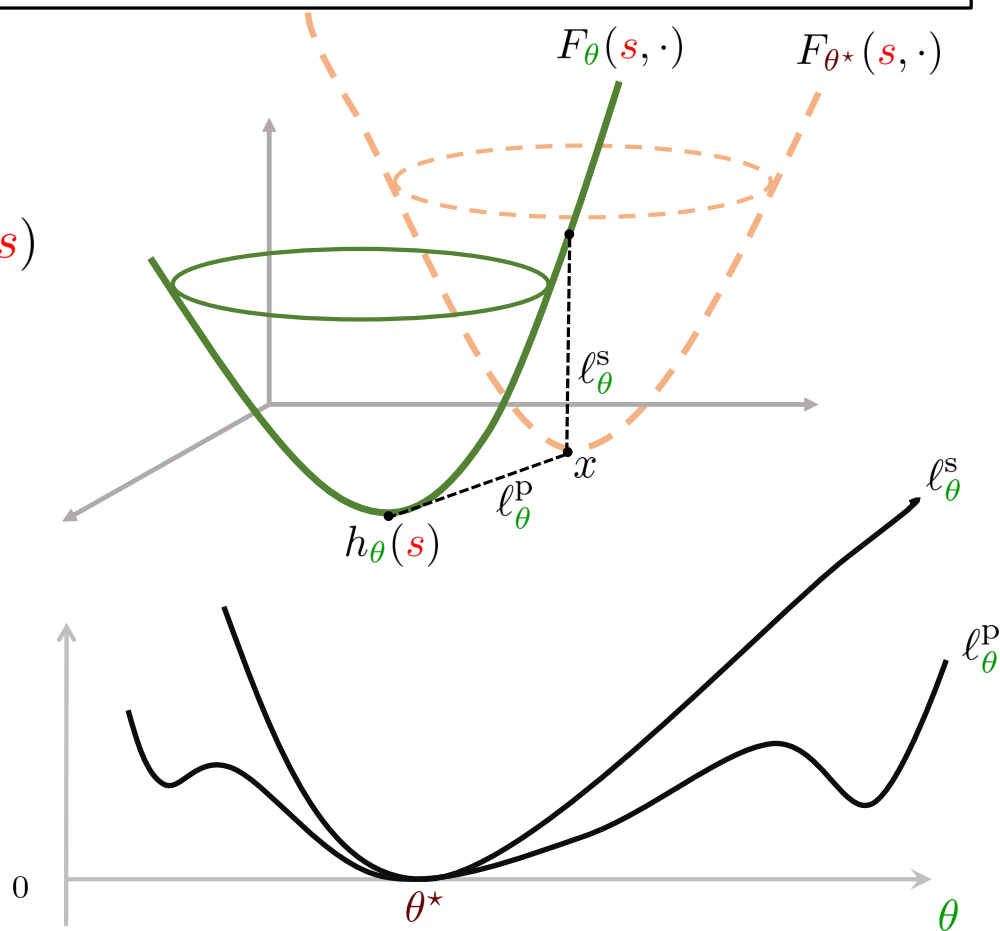
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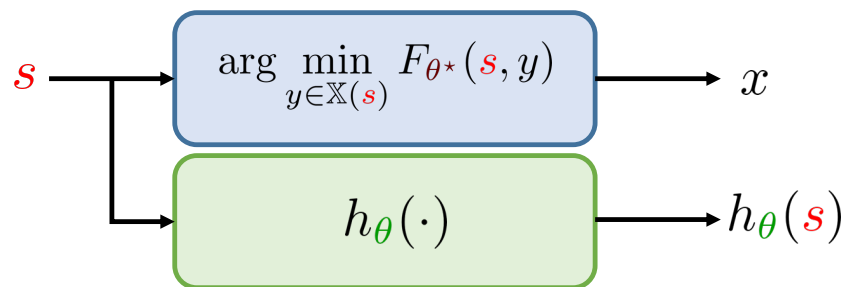
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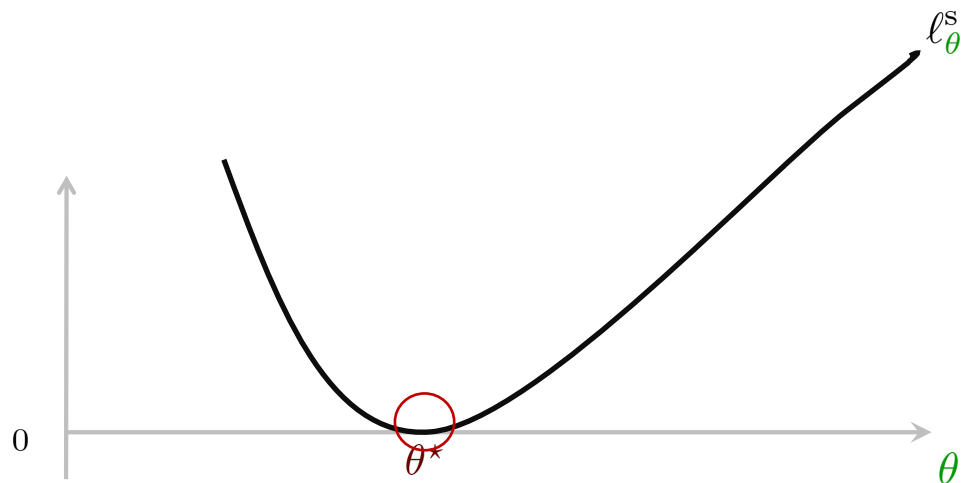
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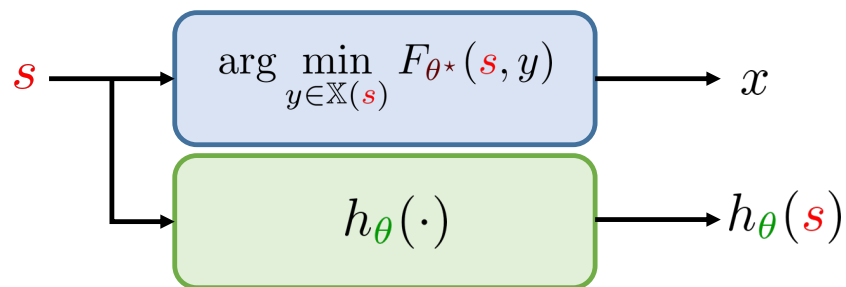
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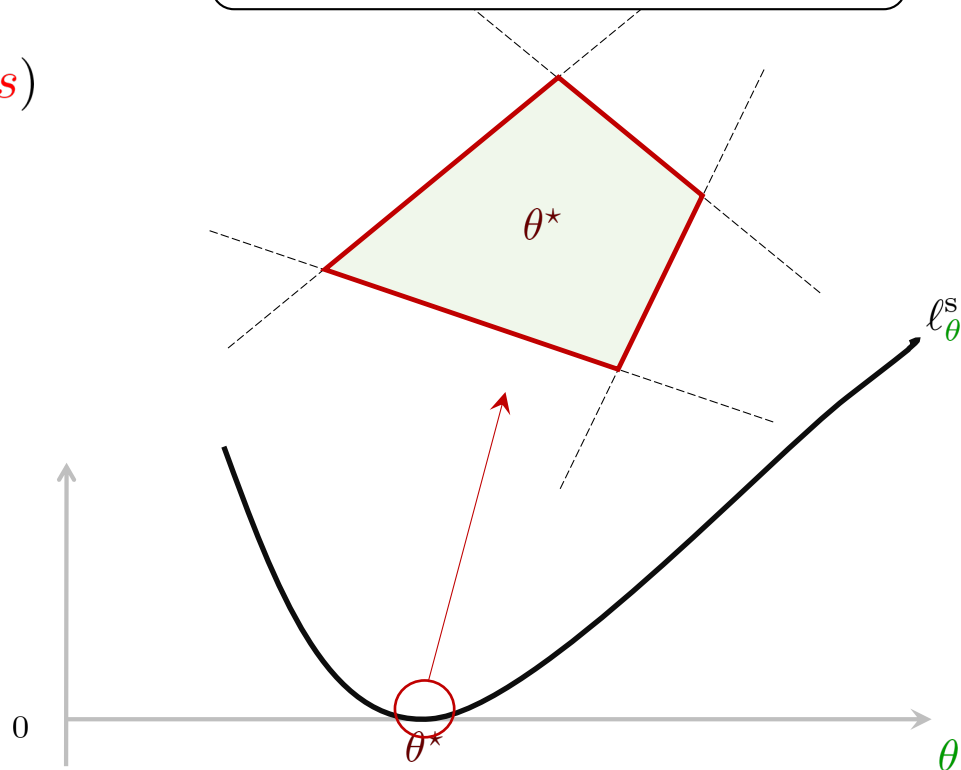


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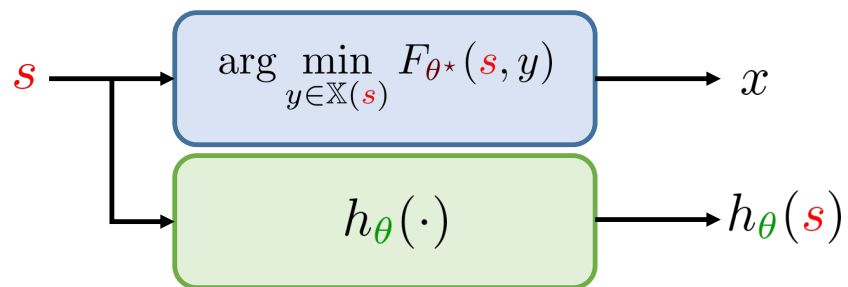


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Circumcenter, Incenter, Robustness, Algorithms
(Besbes et al. OR 2023, Zattoni et al., OR 2024)



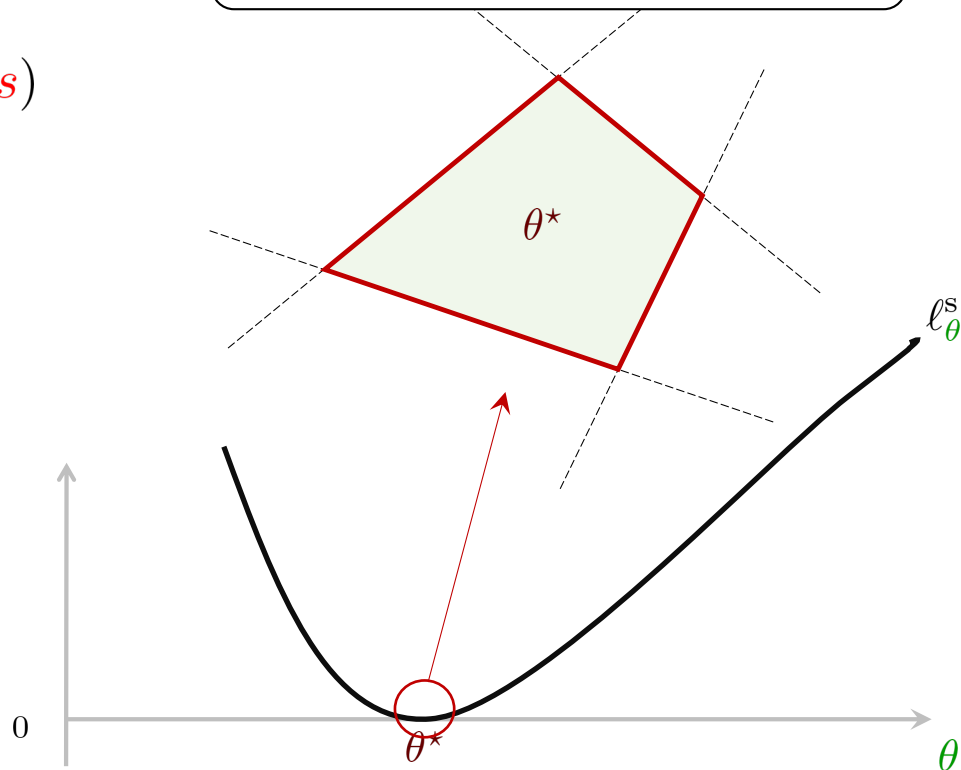
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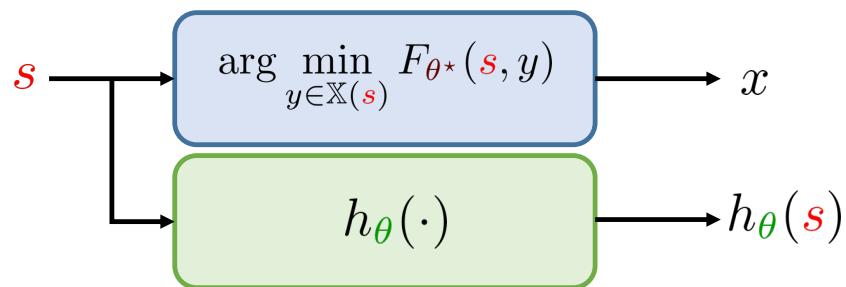
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Non-parametric learning
(Long et al., NeurIPS 2024)

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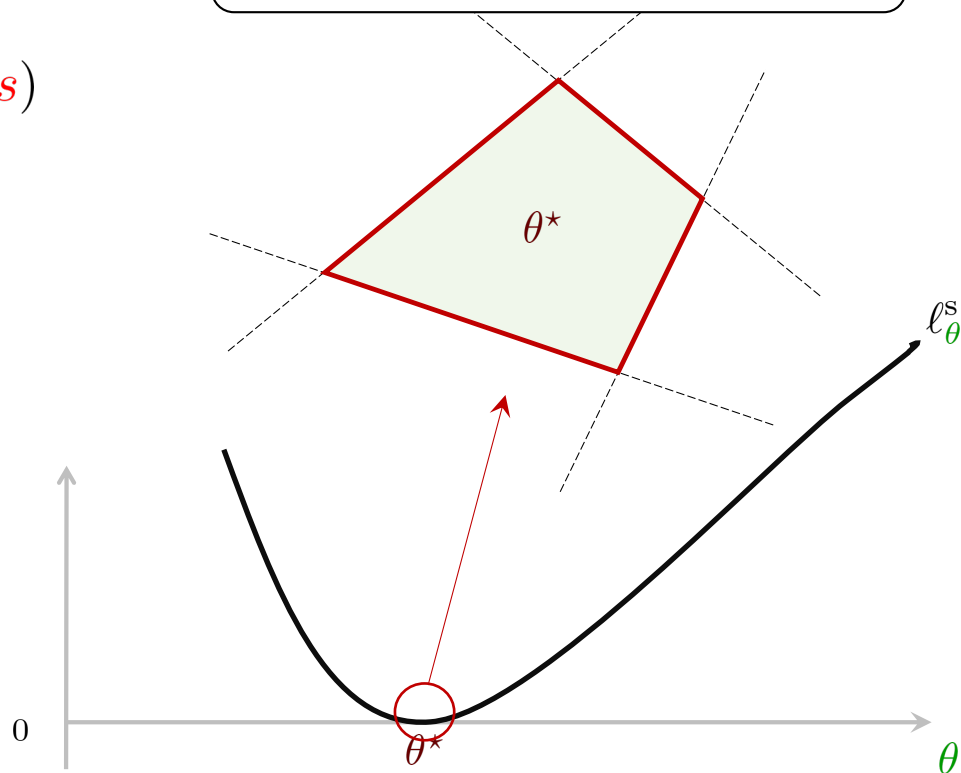
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Constraints learning
(Ke et al., ICML 2025)

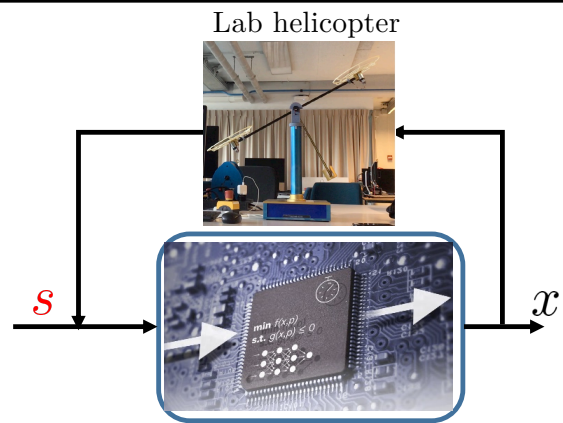
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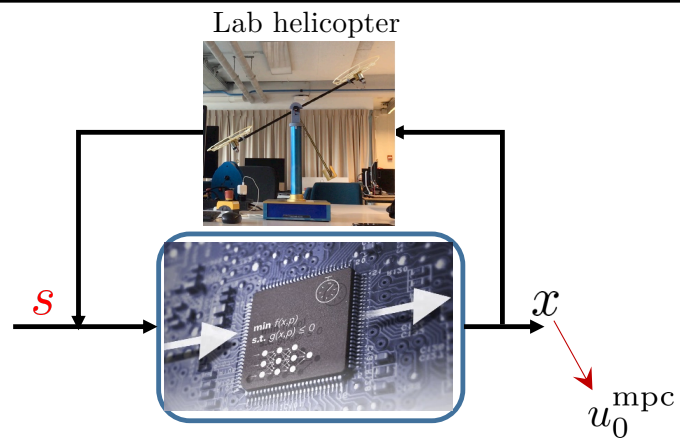
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- Inverse optimization
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 - A competition for Neural Networks !?

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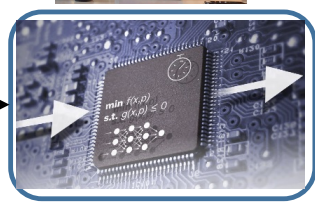
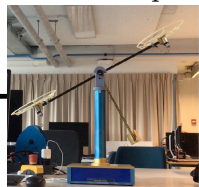


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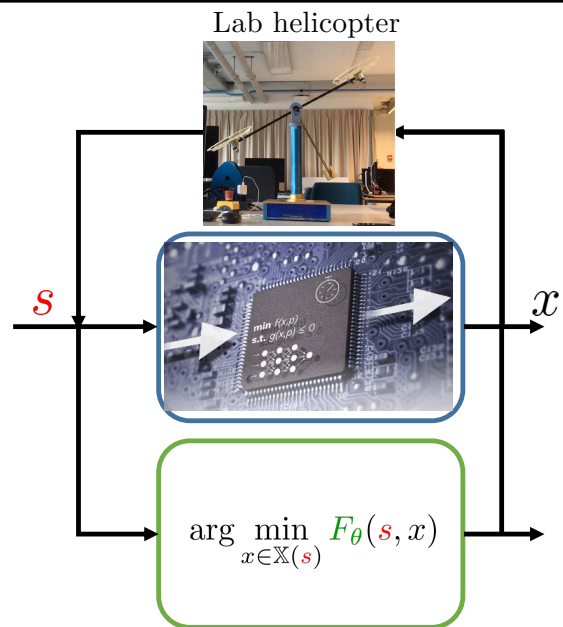


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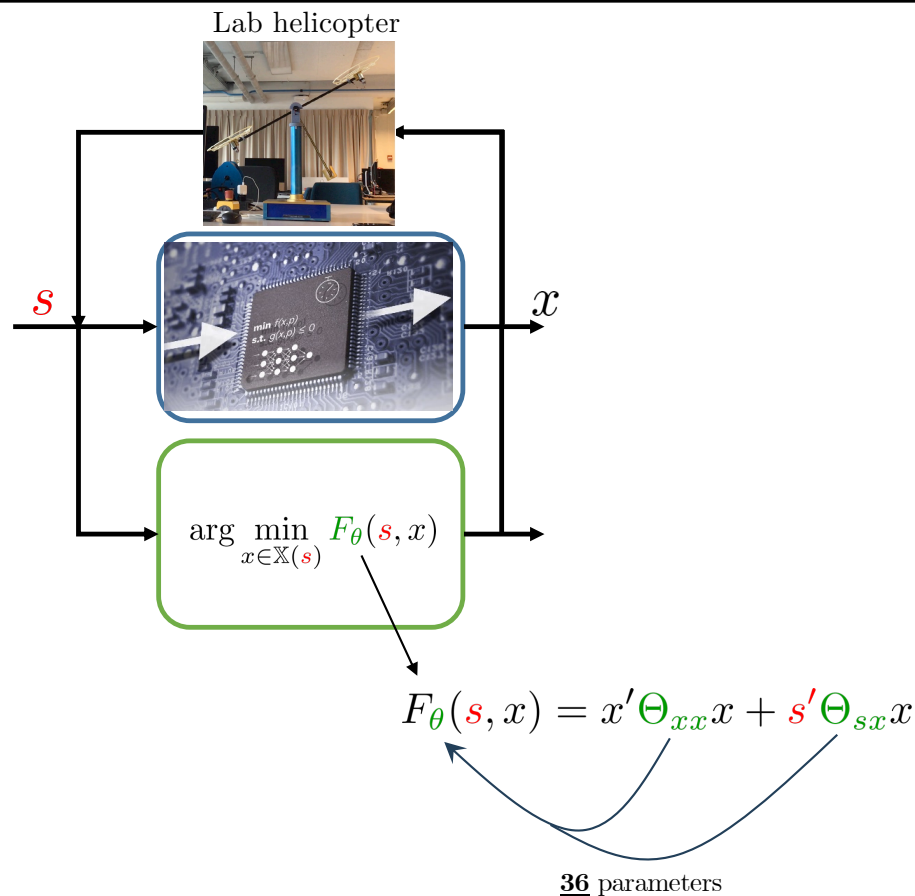
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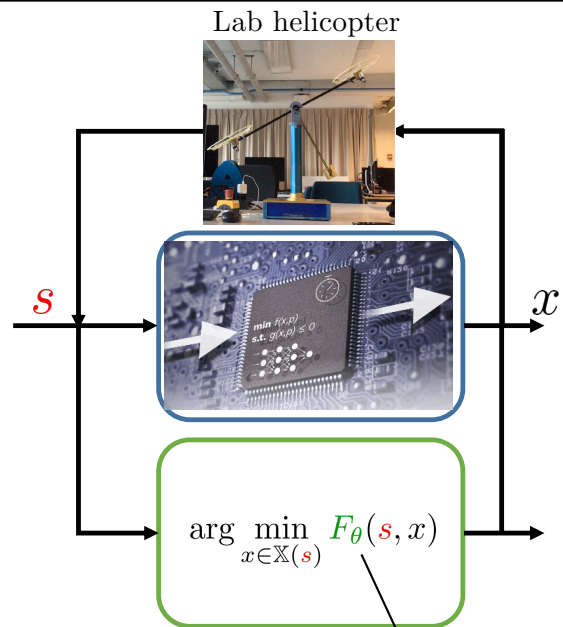
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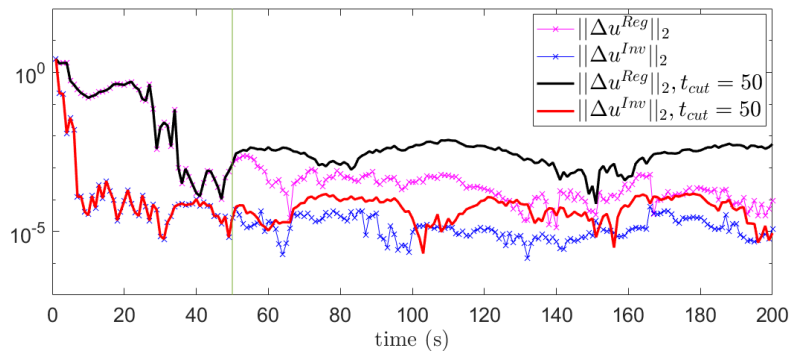


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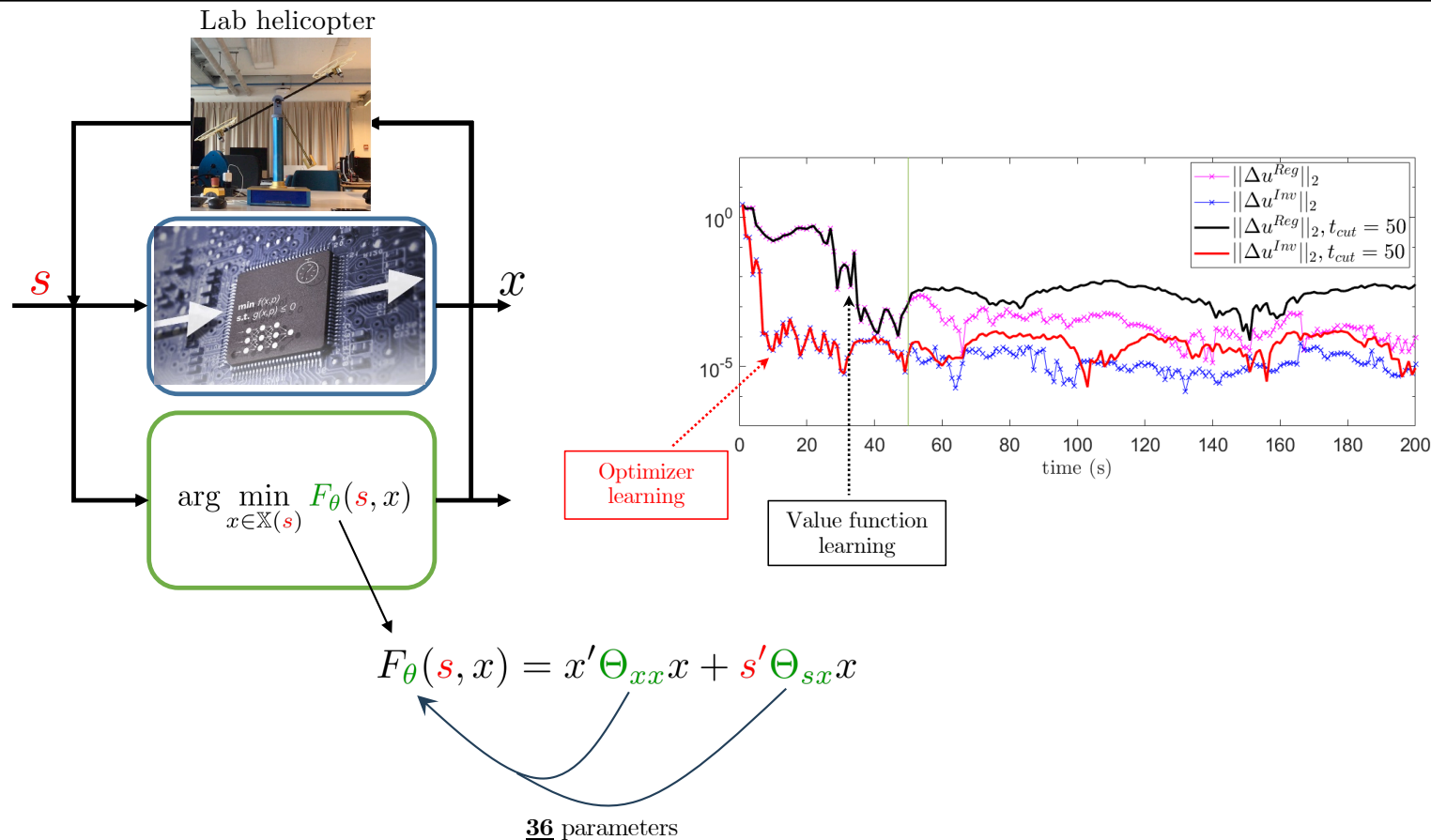


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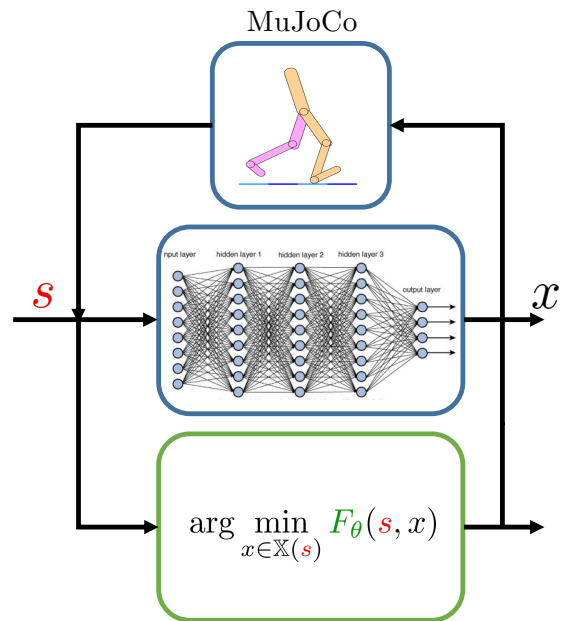
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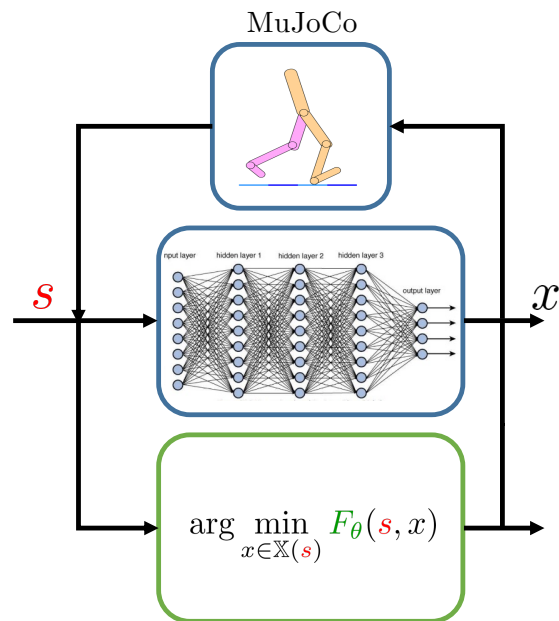
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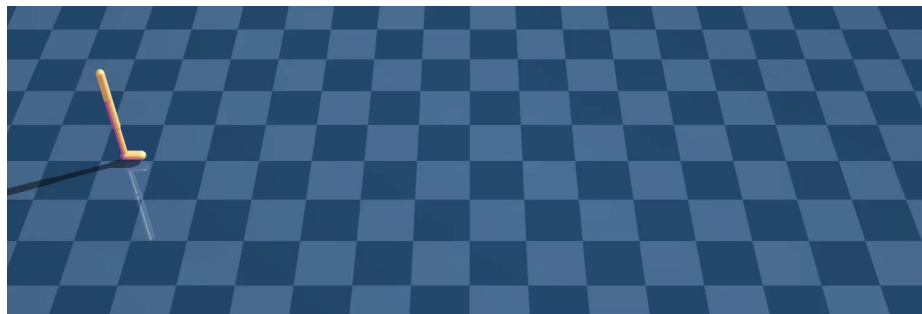
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	# Parameters	Training dataset	Scores
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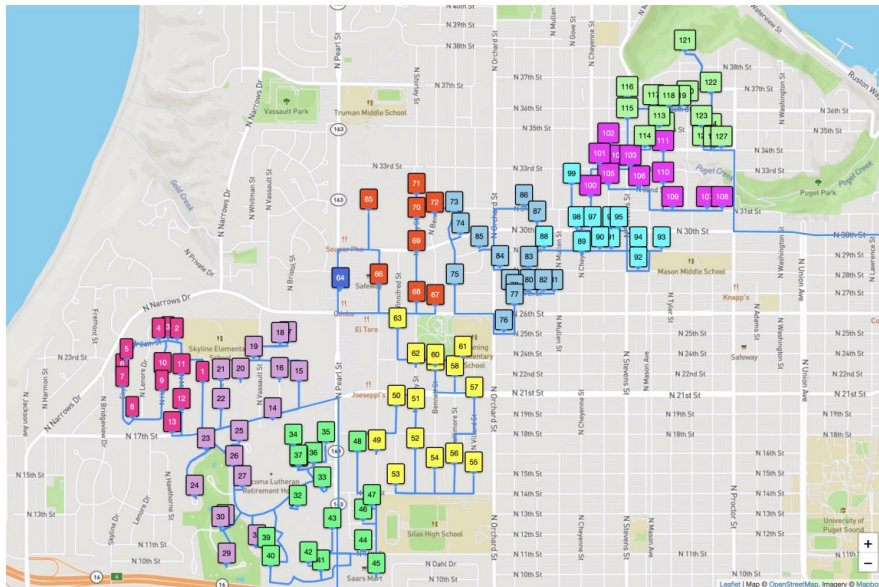


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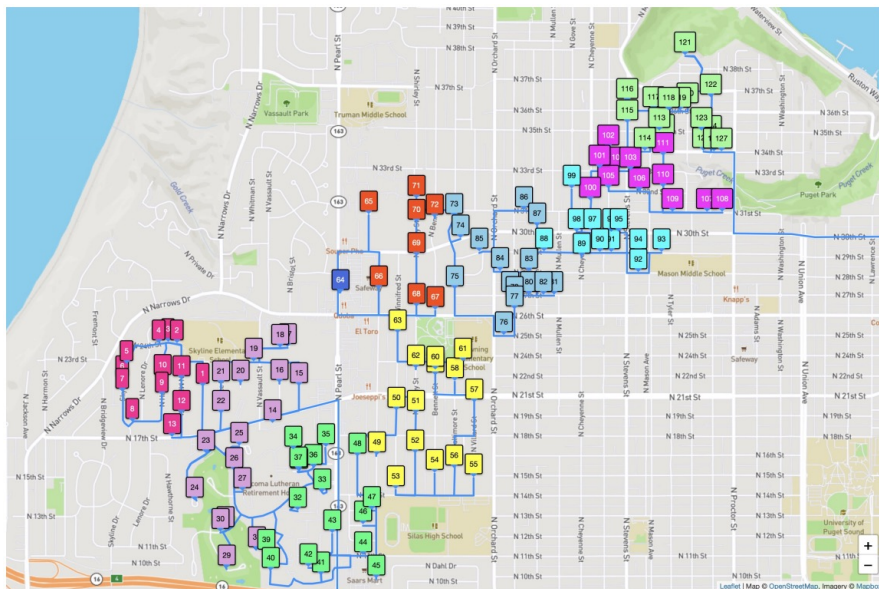
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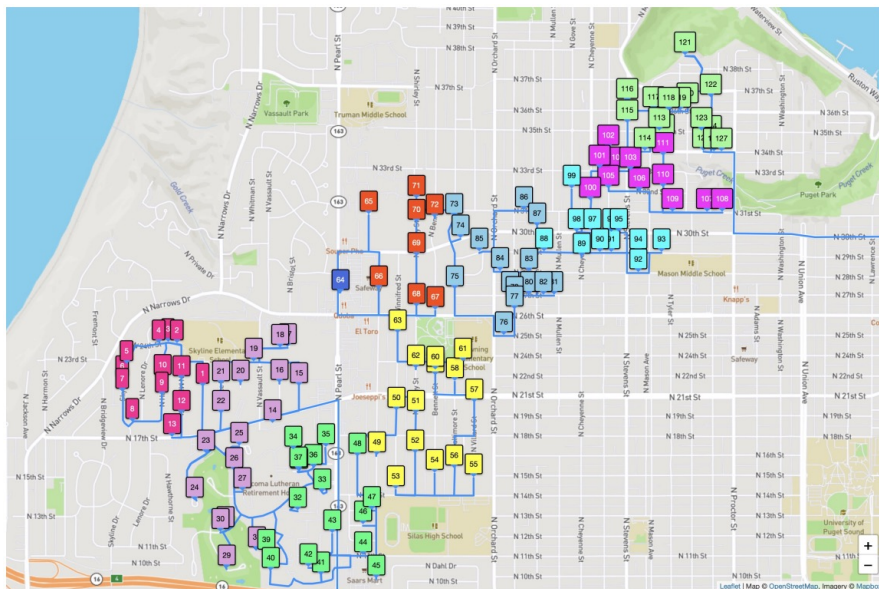
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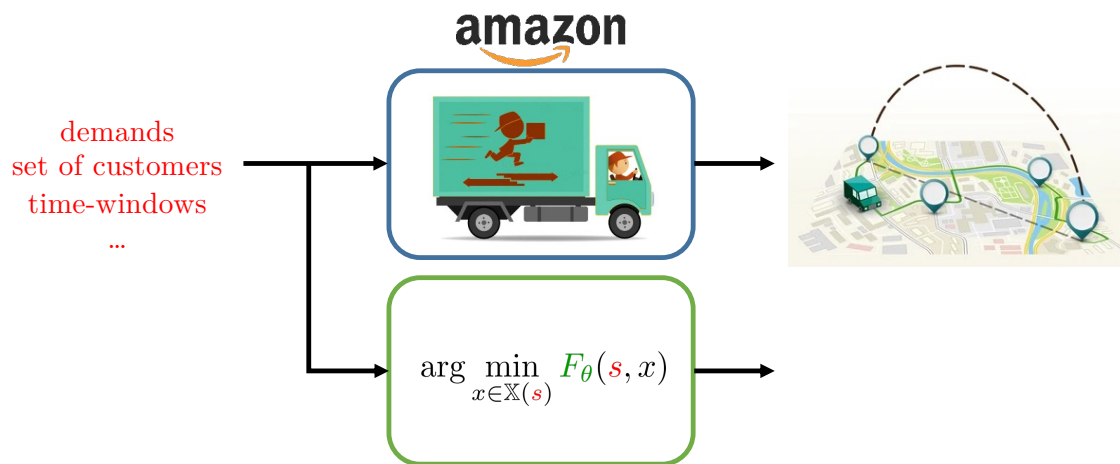
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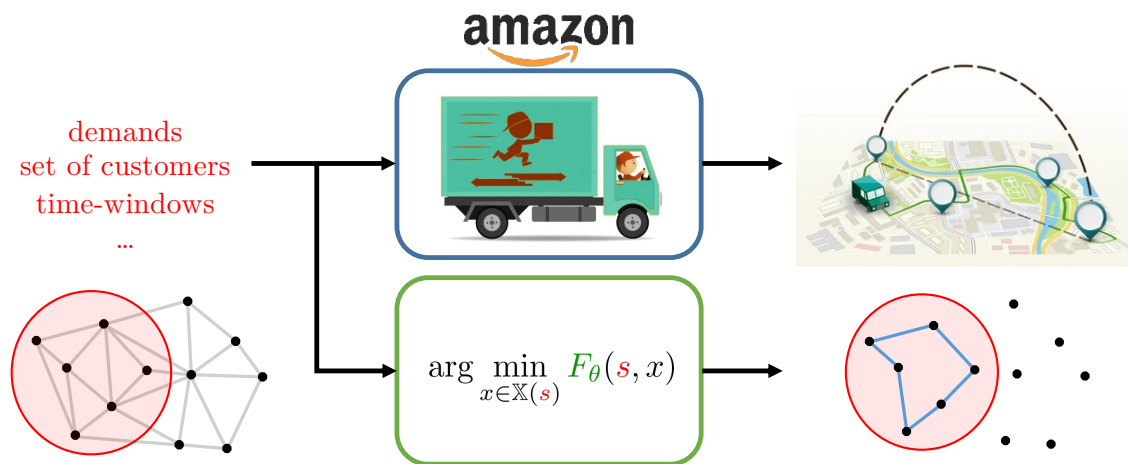


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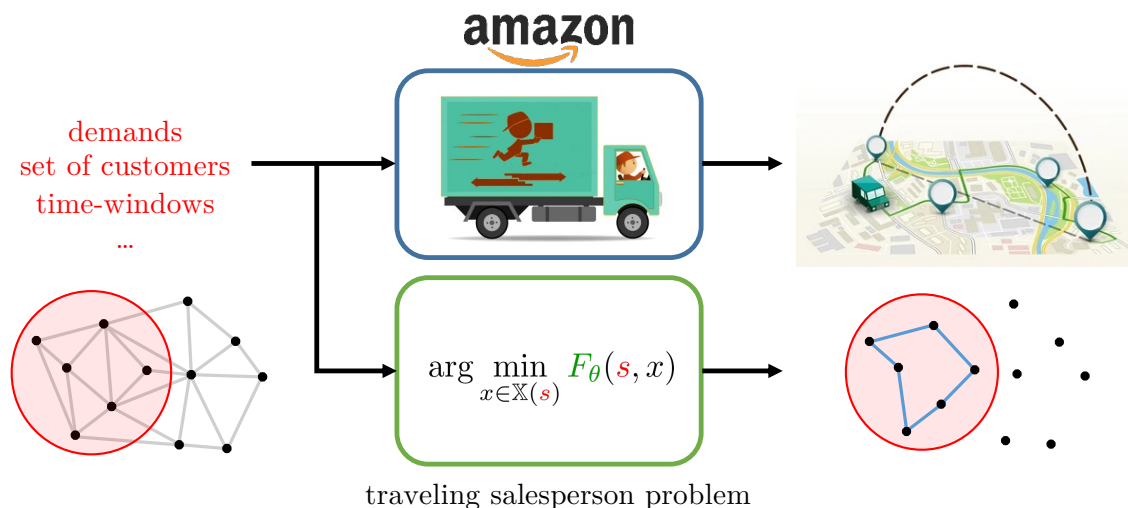
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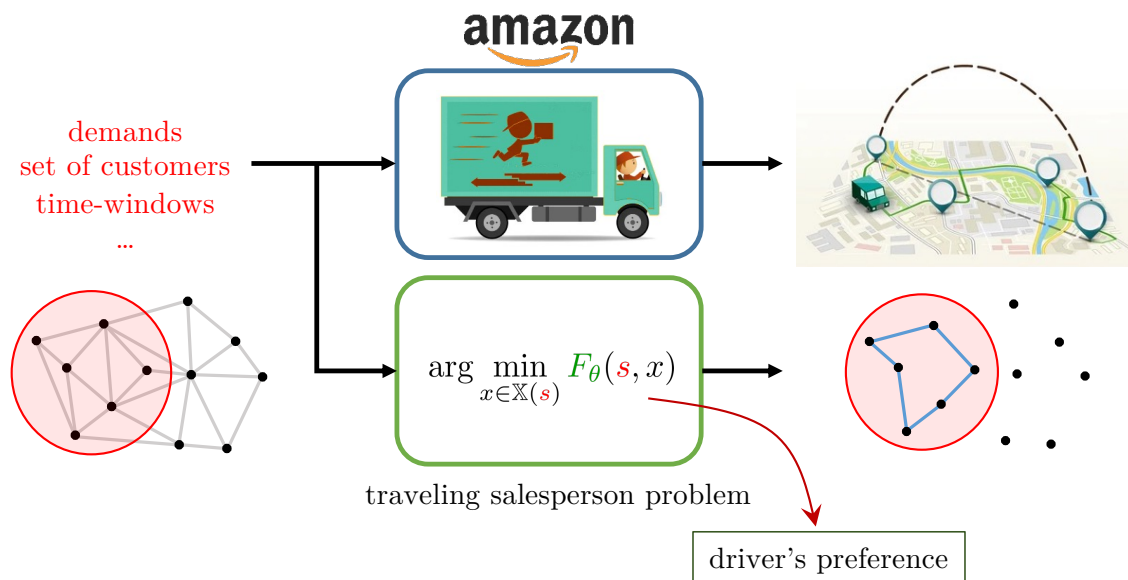
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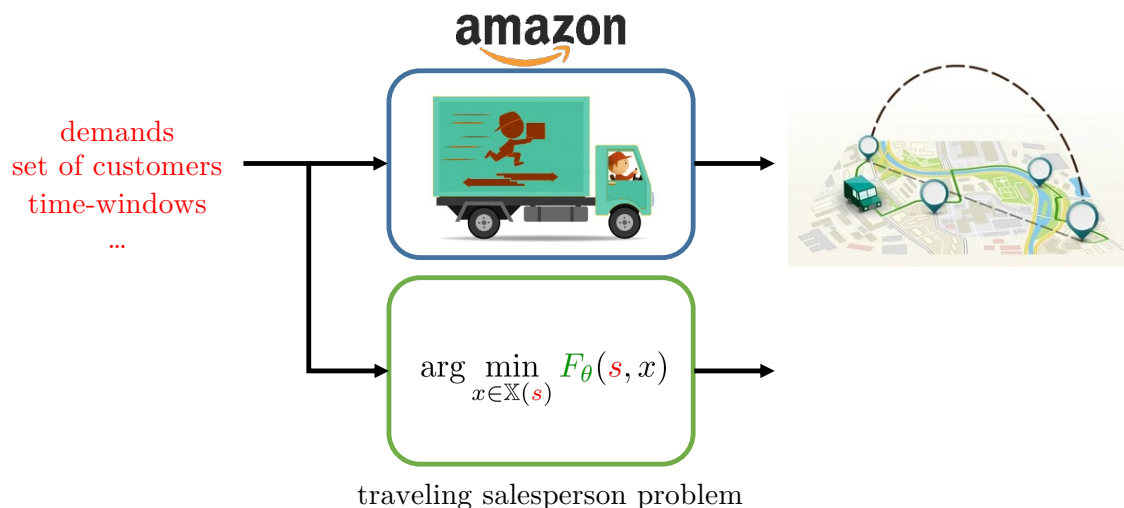
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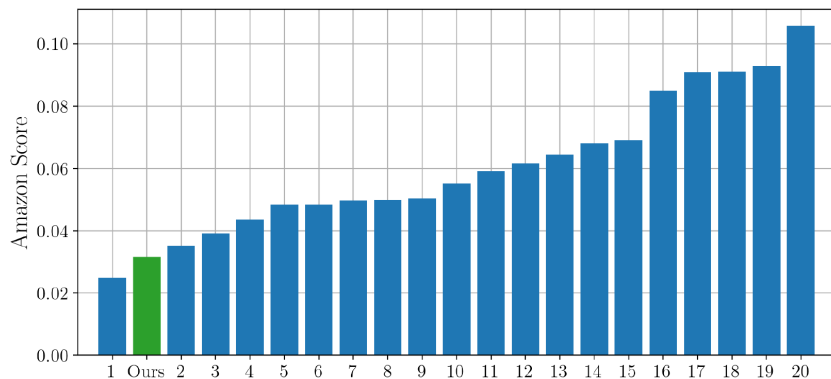


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