

# Inverse Optimization: An Efficient Learning Framework for Complex Behaviors

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- Inverse Optimization
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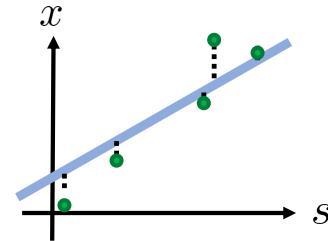
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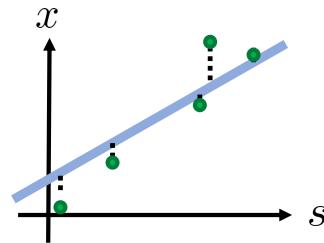
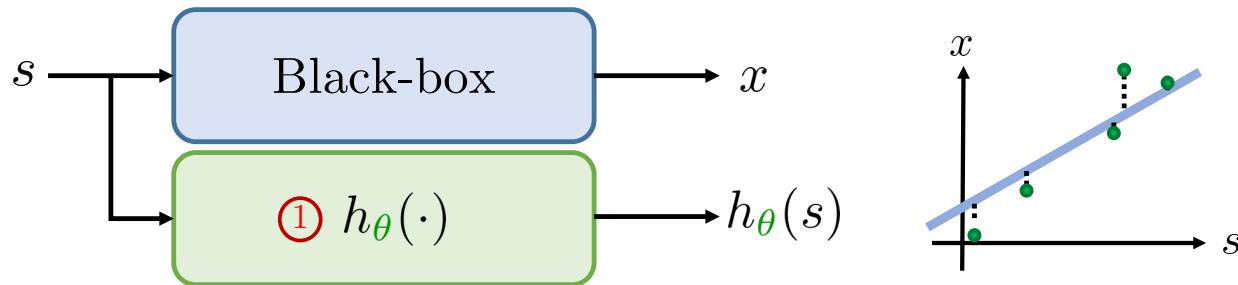
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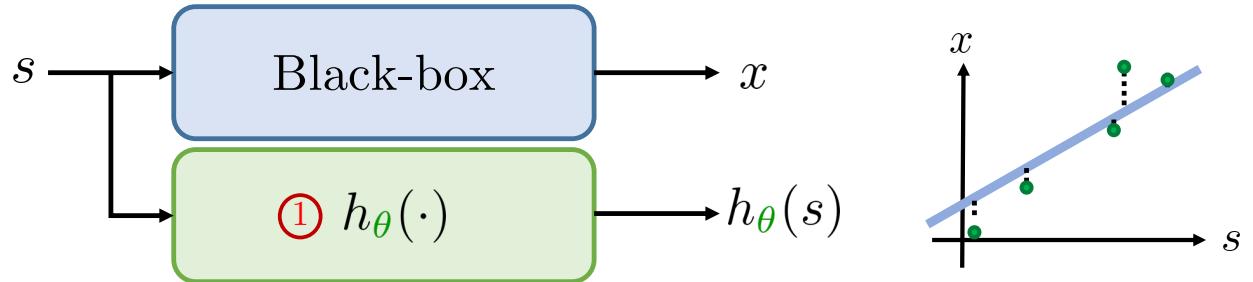
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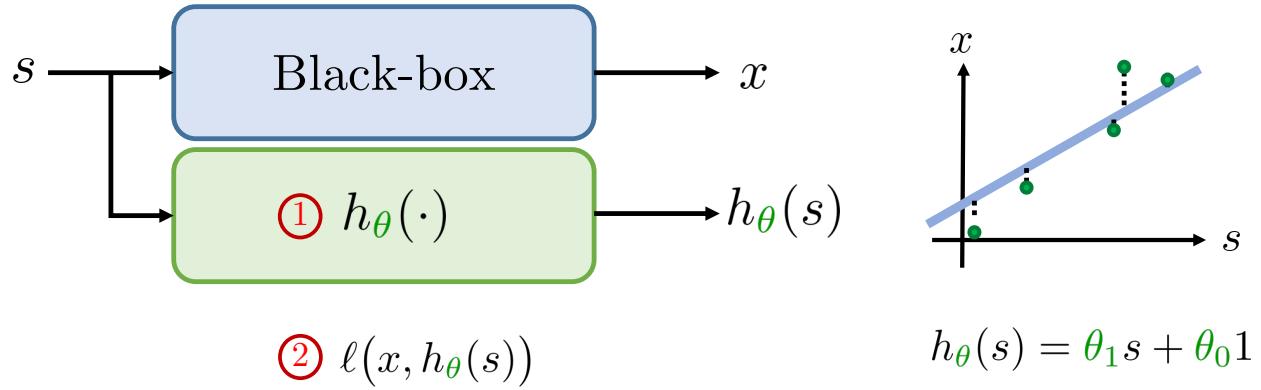


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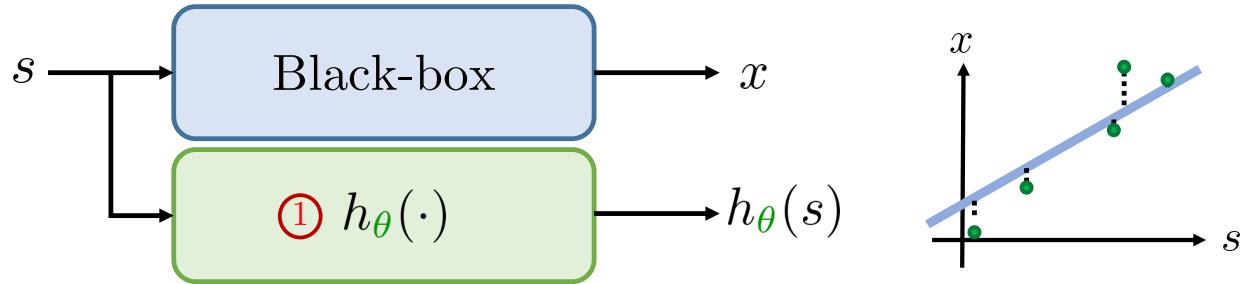


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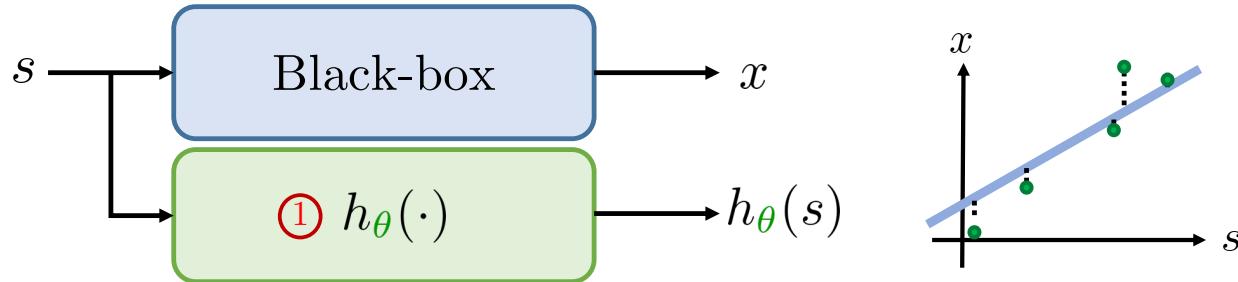


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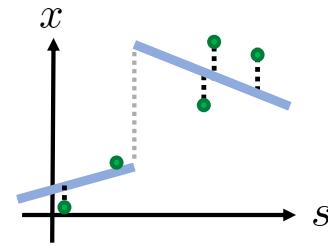
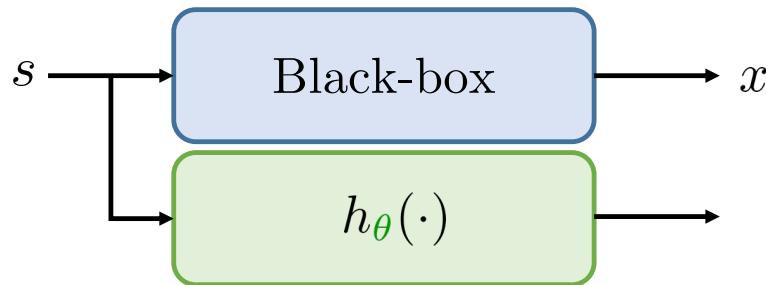
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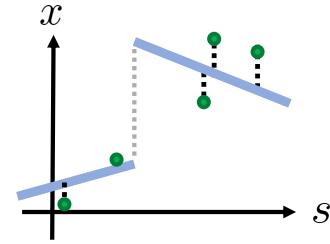
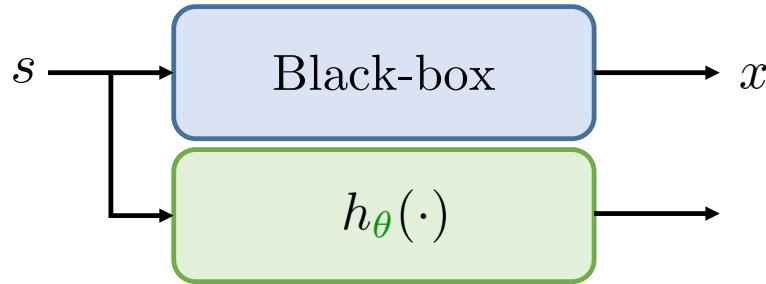
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Training  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Data } \{(\hat{s}_i, \hat{x}_i)\}_{i \leq N} \\ \min_{\theta} \sum_{i \leq N} \ell(\hat{x}_i, h_{\theta}(\hat{s}_i)) \end{array} \right.$

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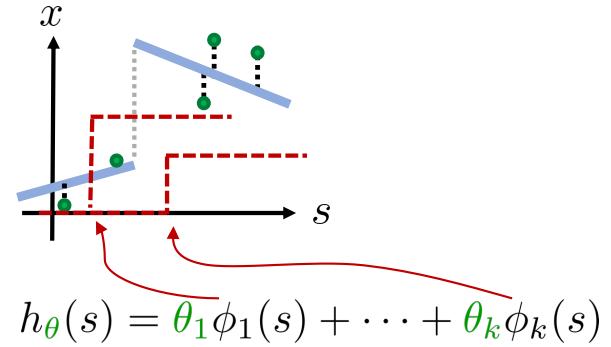
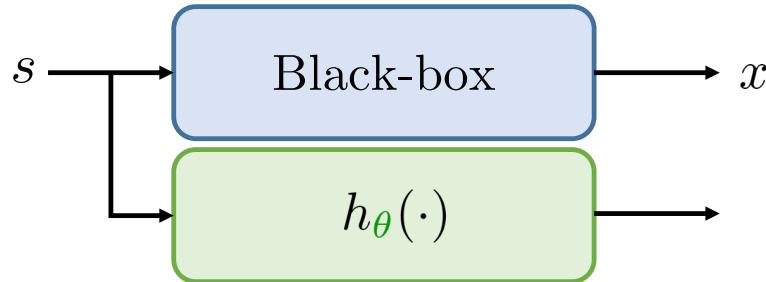


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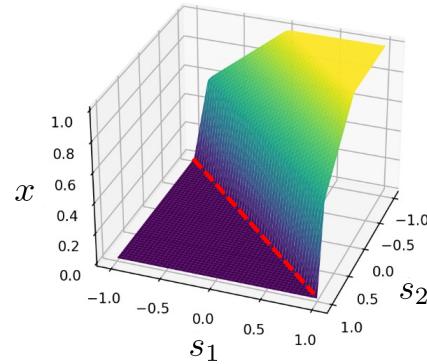
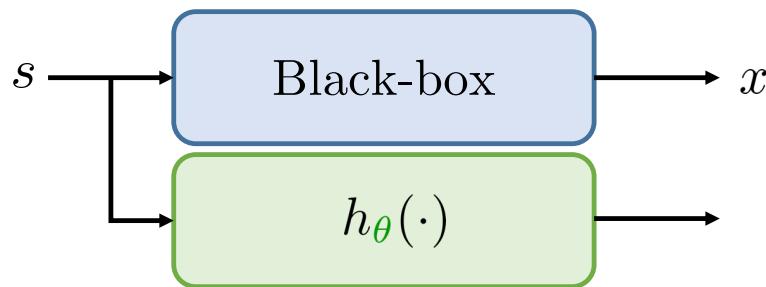


$$h_{\theta}(s) = \theta_1 \phi_1(s) + \cdots + \theta_k \phi_k(s)$$

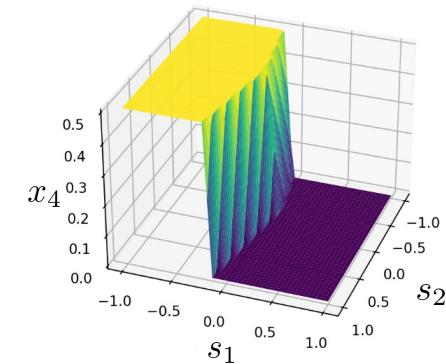
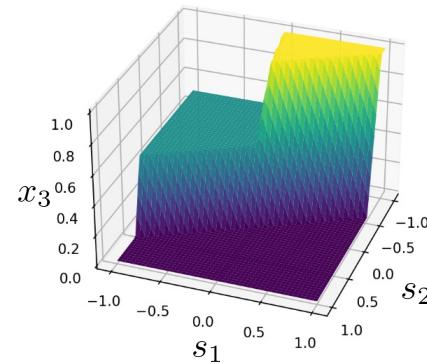
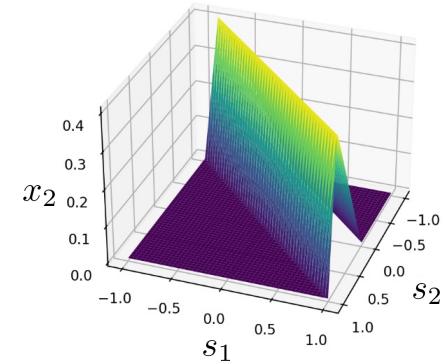
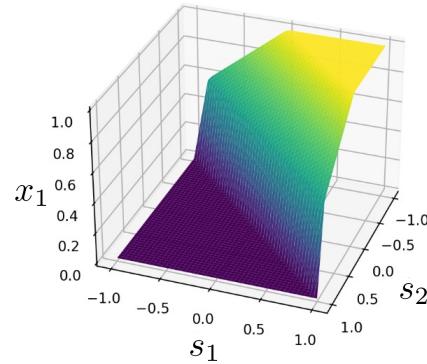
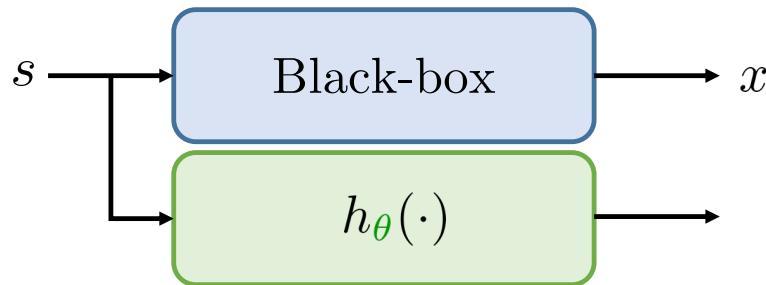
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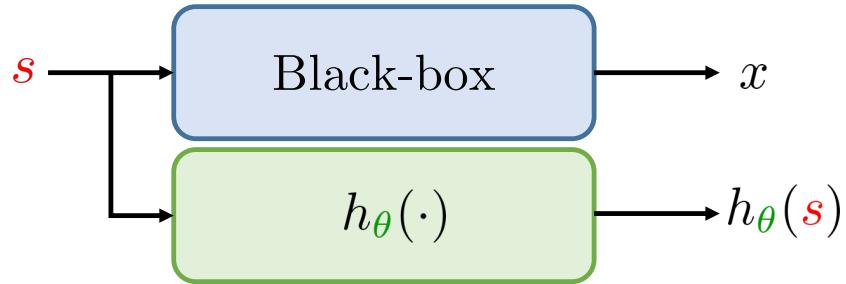
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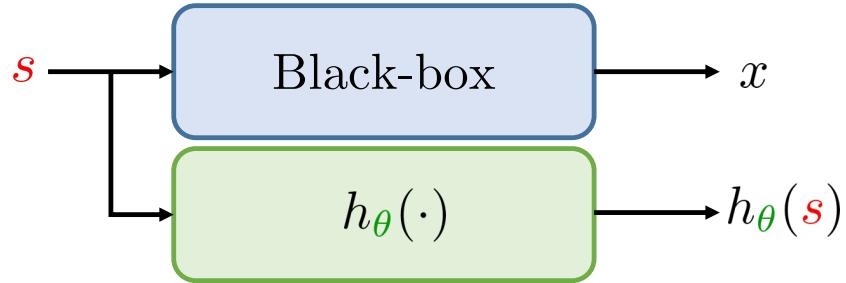
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- Inverse Optimization
  - A rich model with a convex training loss
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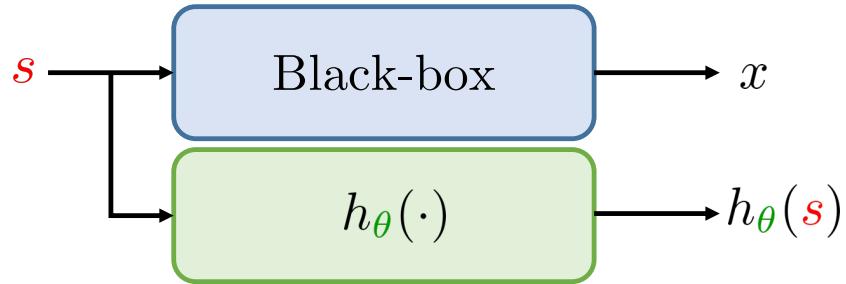
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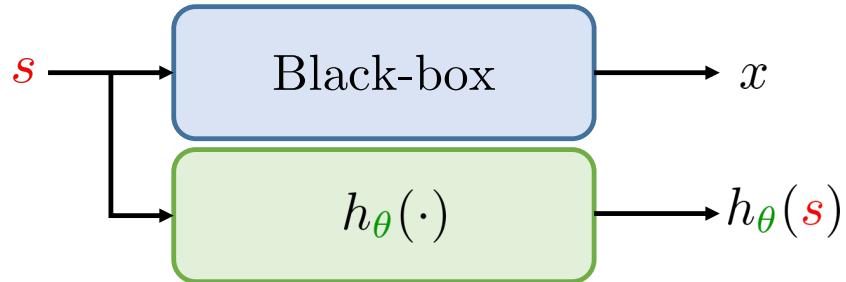
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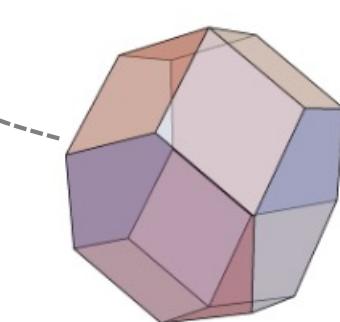
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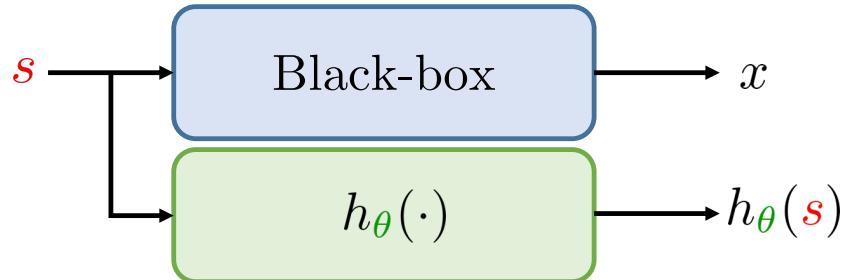
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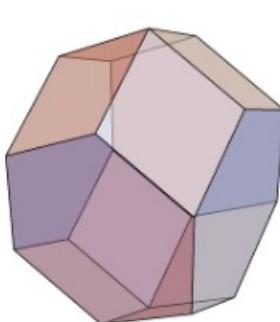
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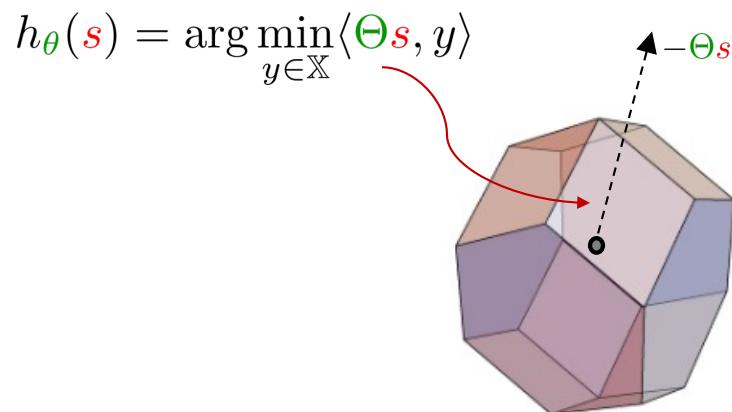
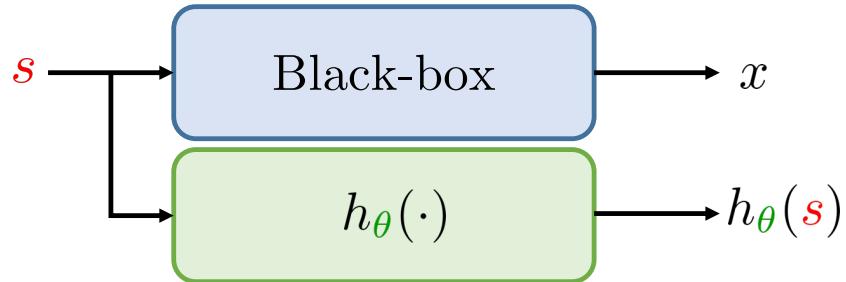
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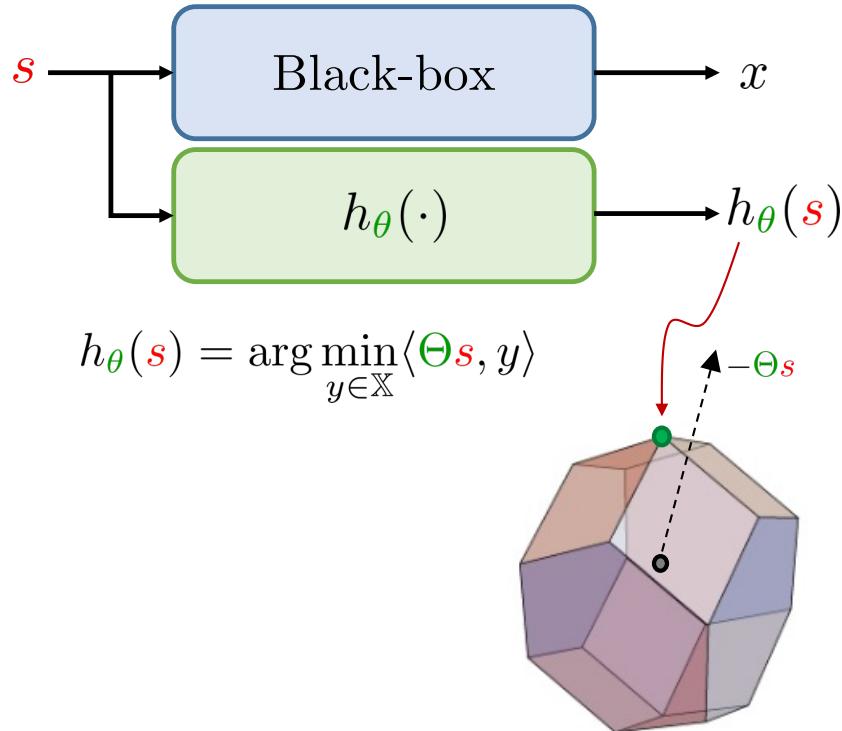
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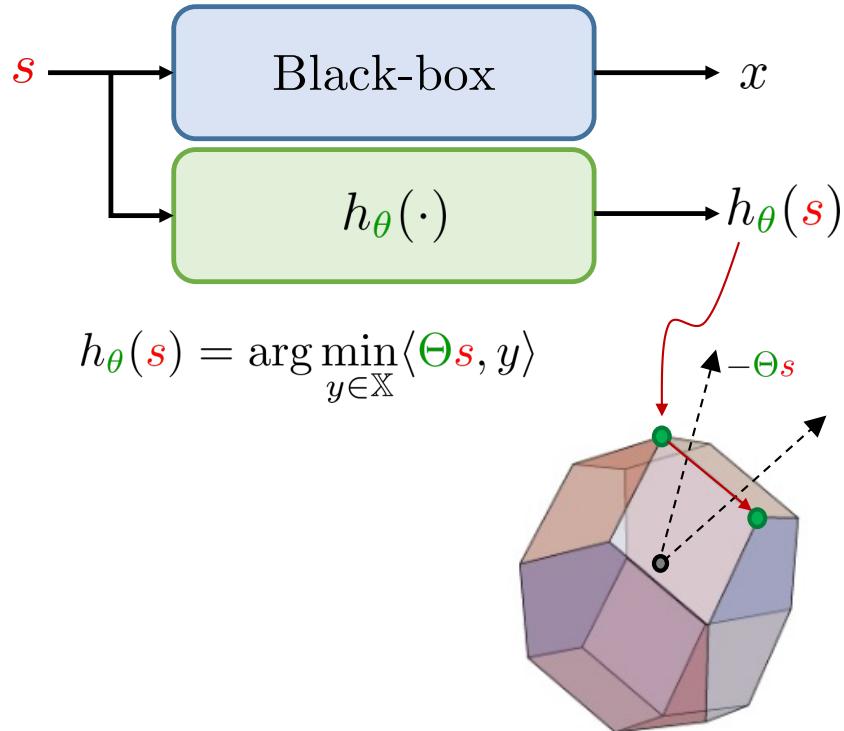
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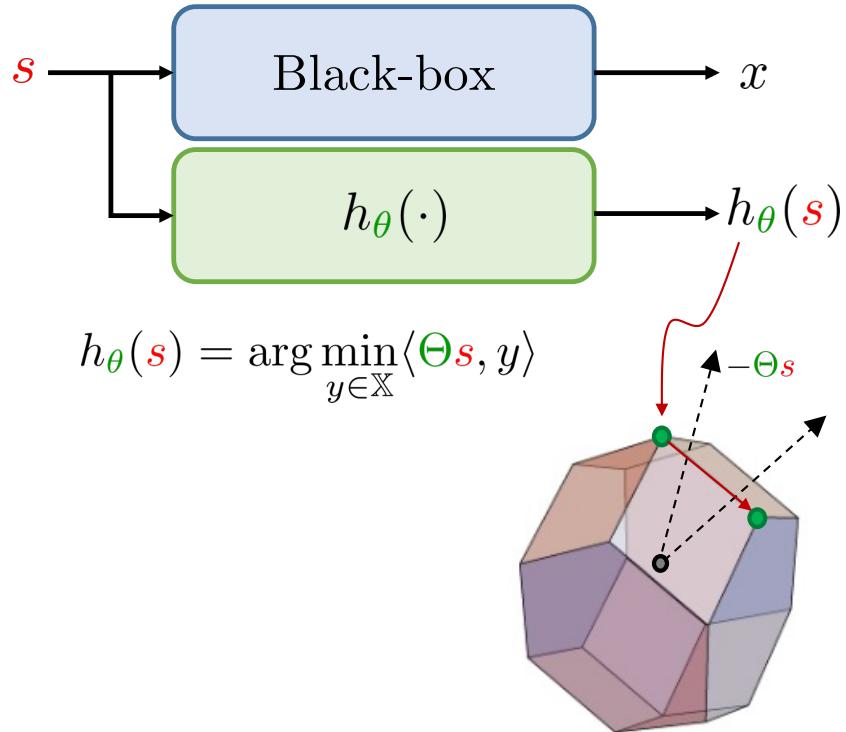
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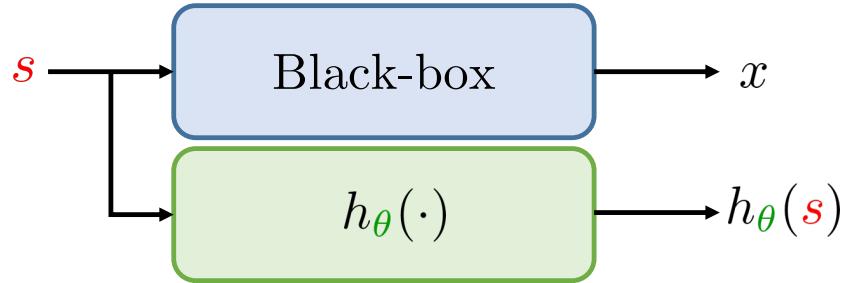


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Polynomial representation  
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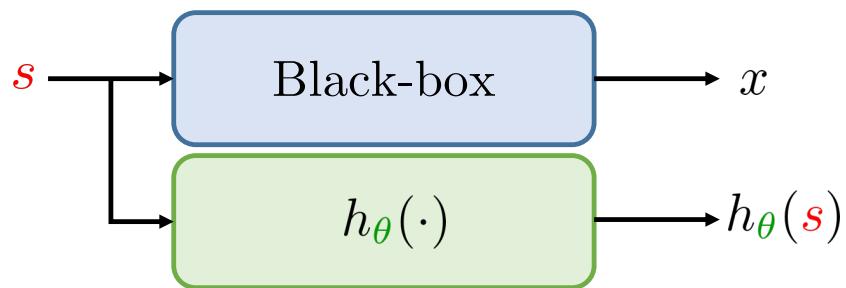
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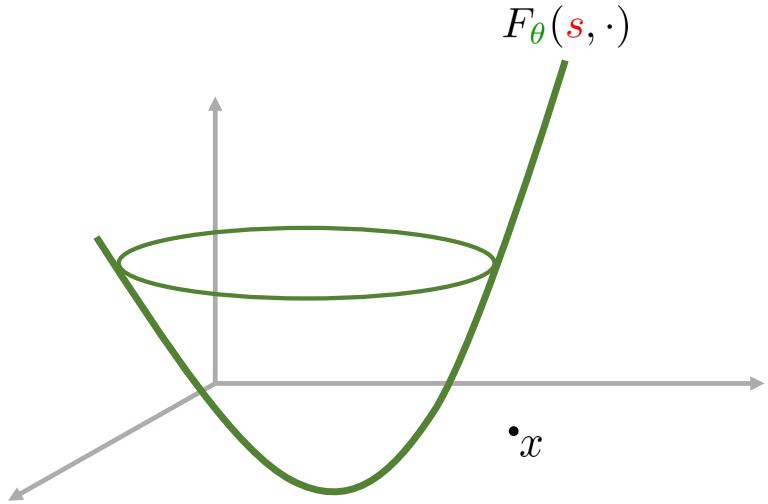
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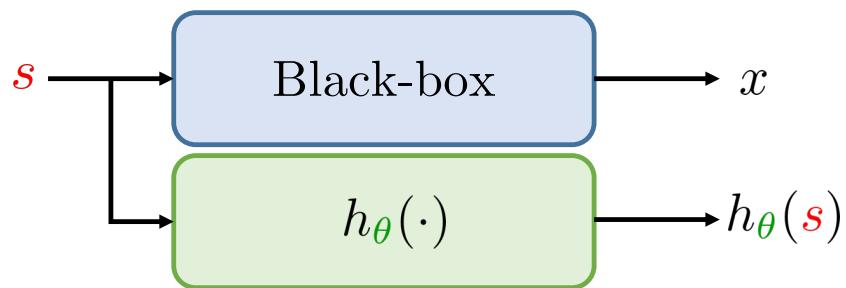


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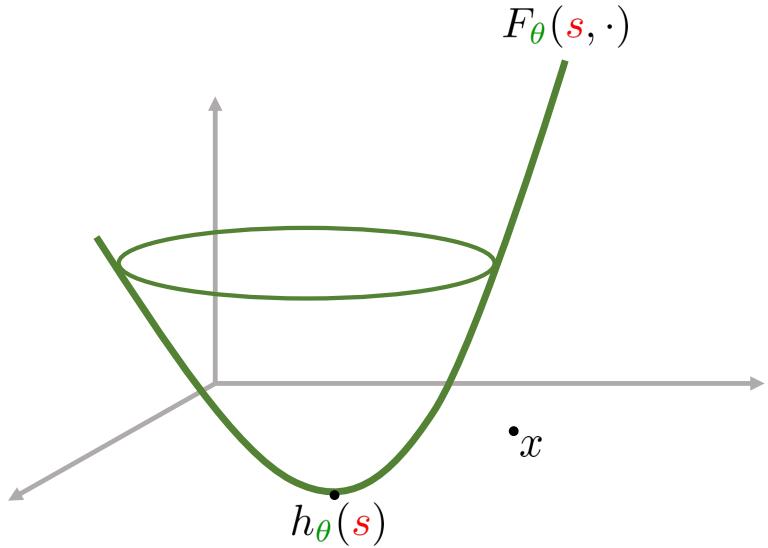


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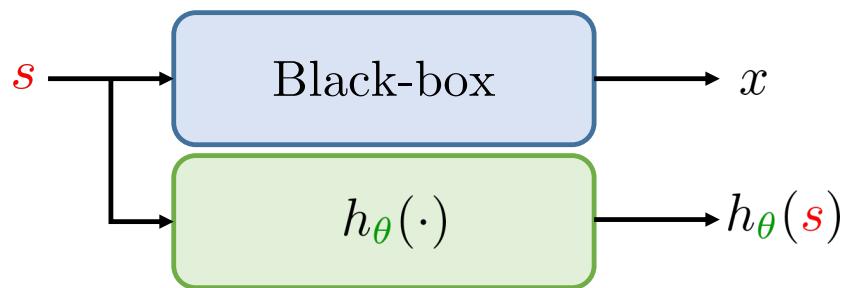


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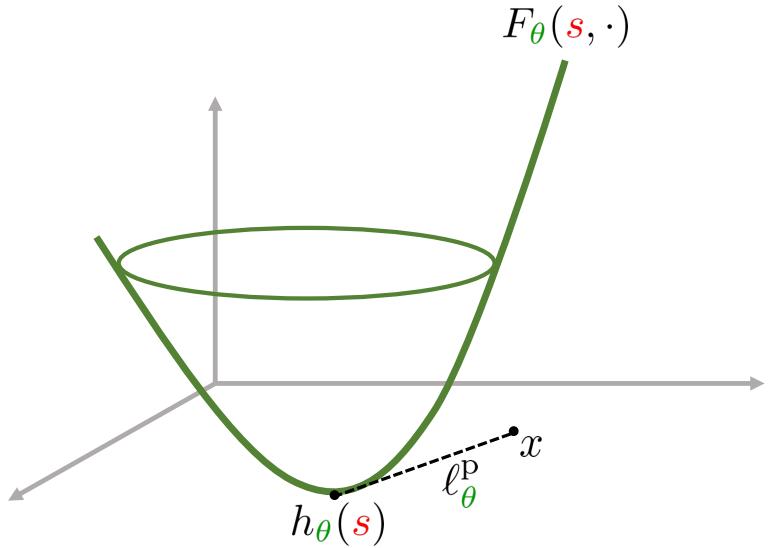


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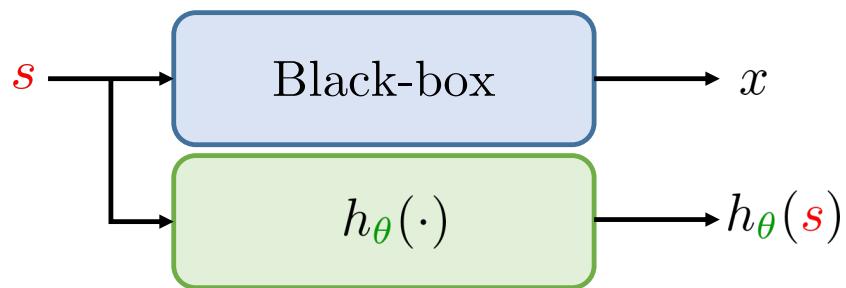


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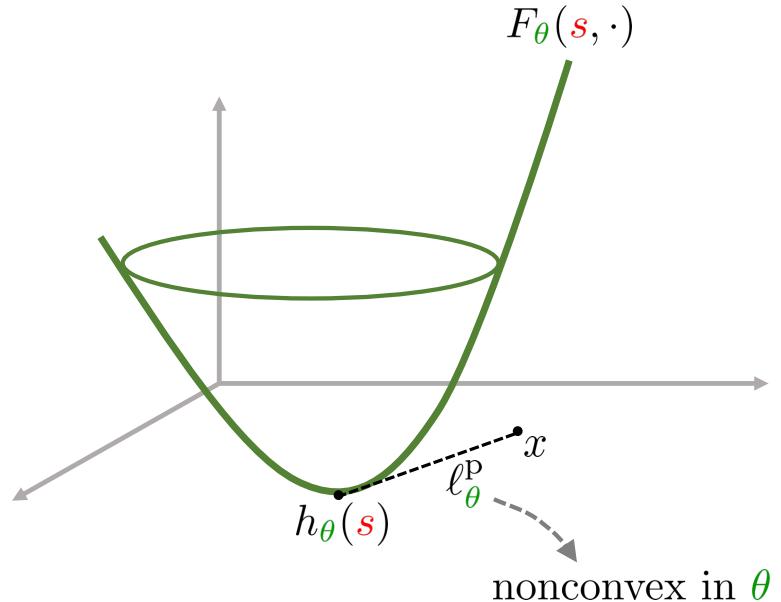


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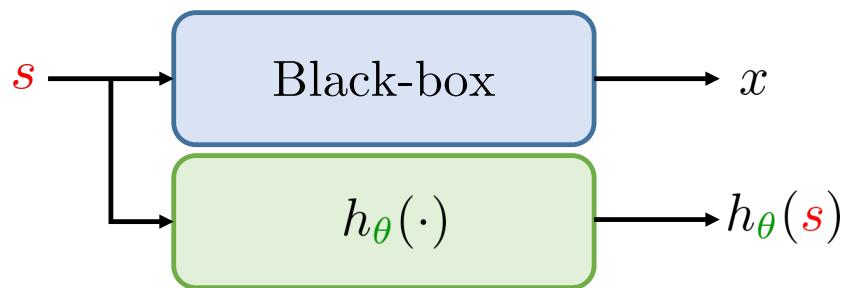


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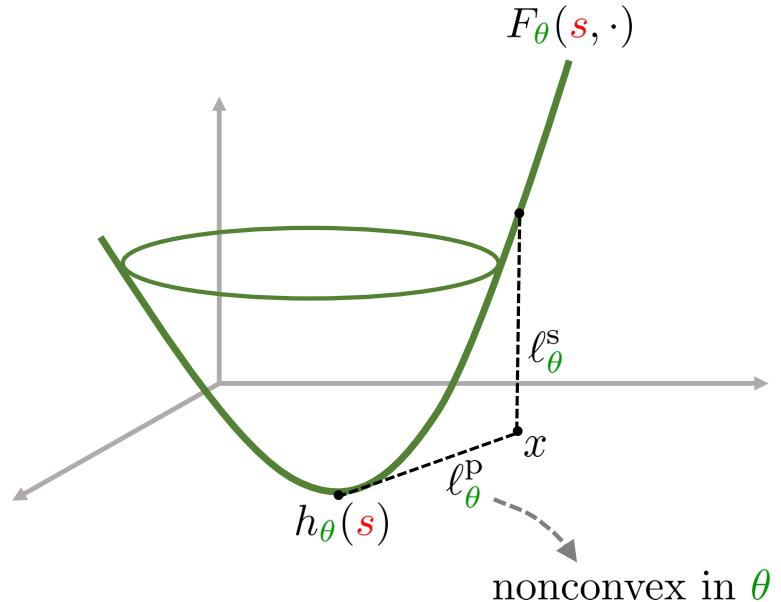


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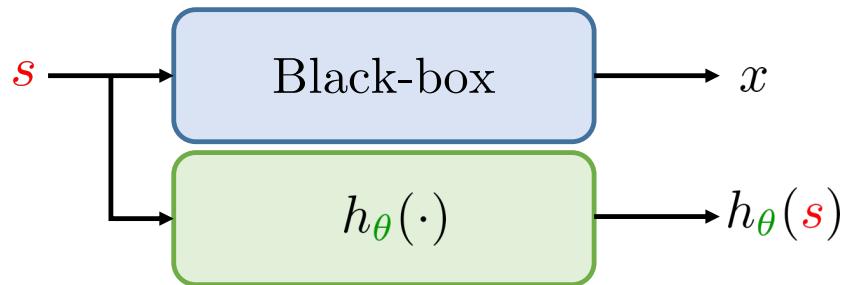


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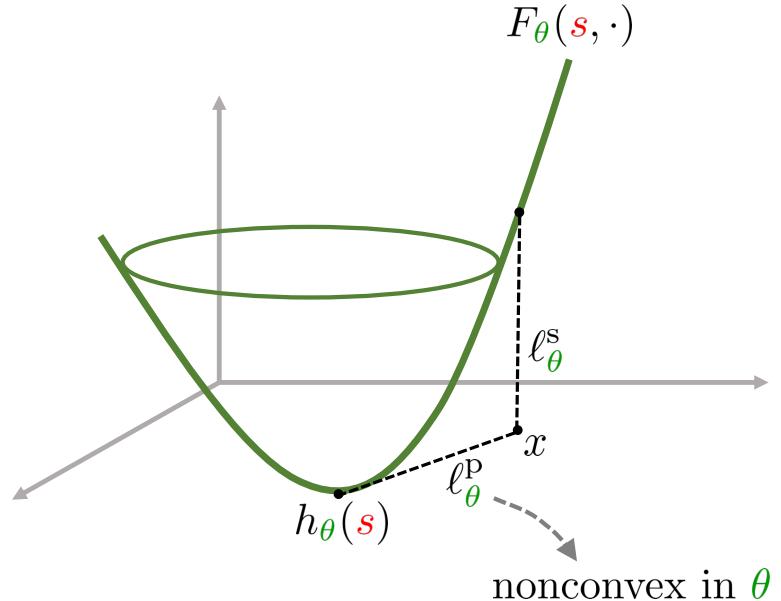
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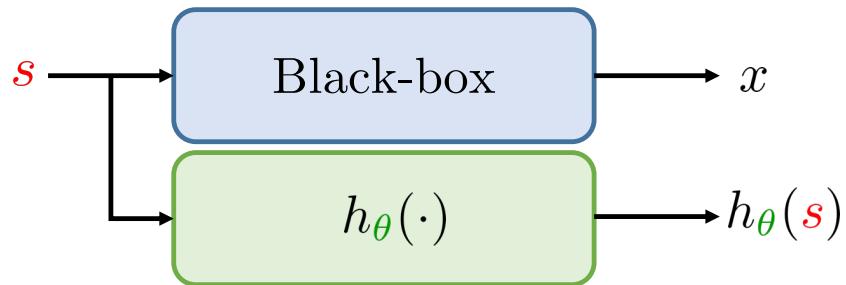
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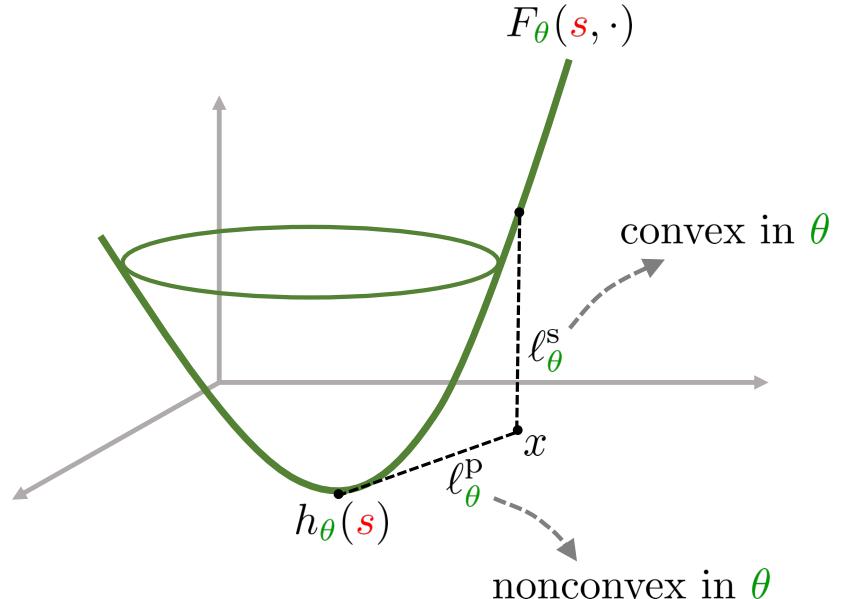
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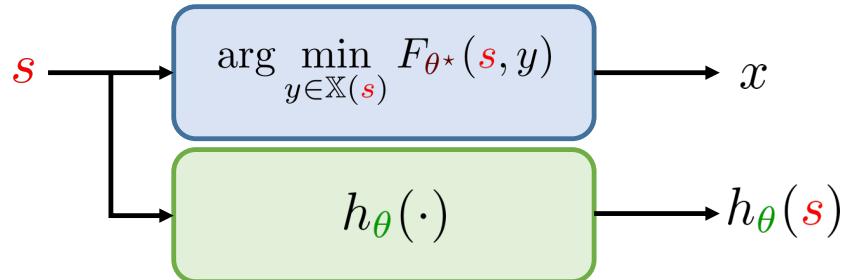
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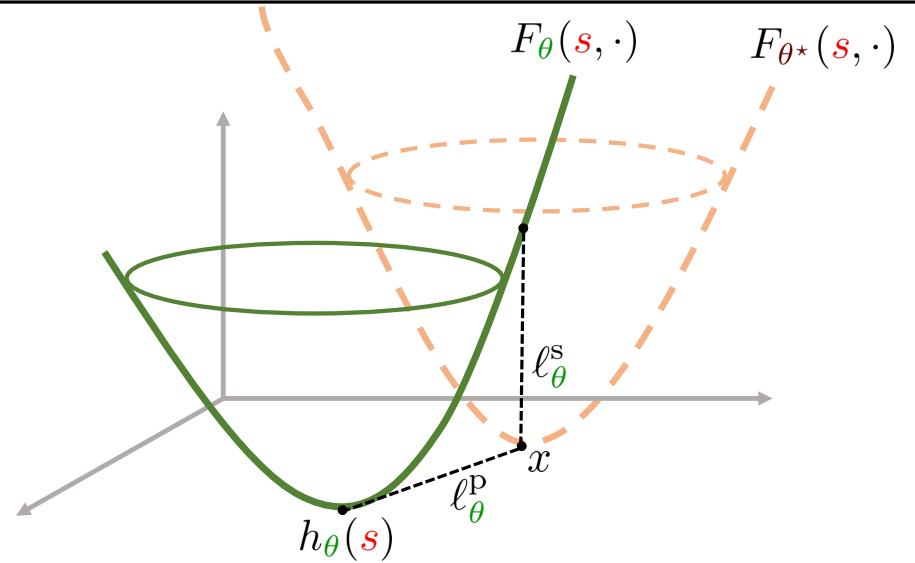
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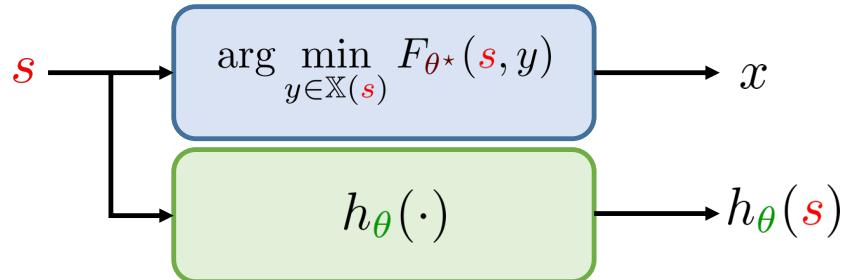
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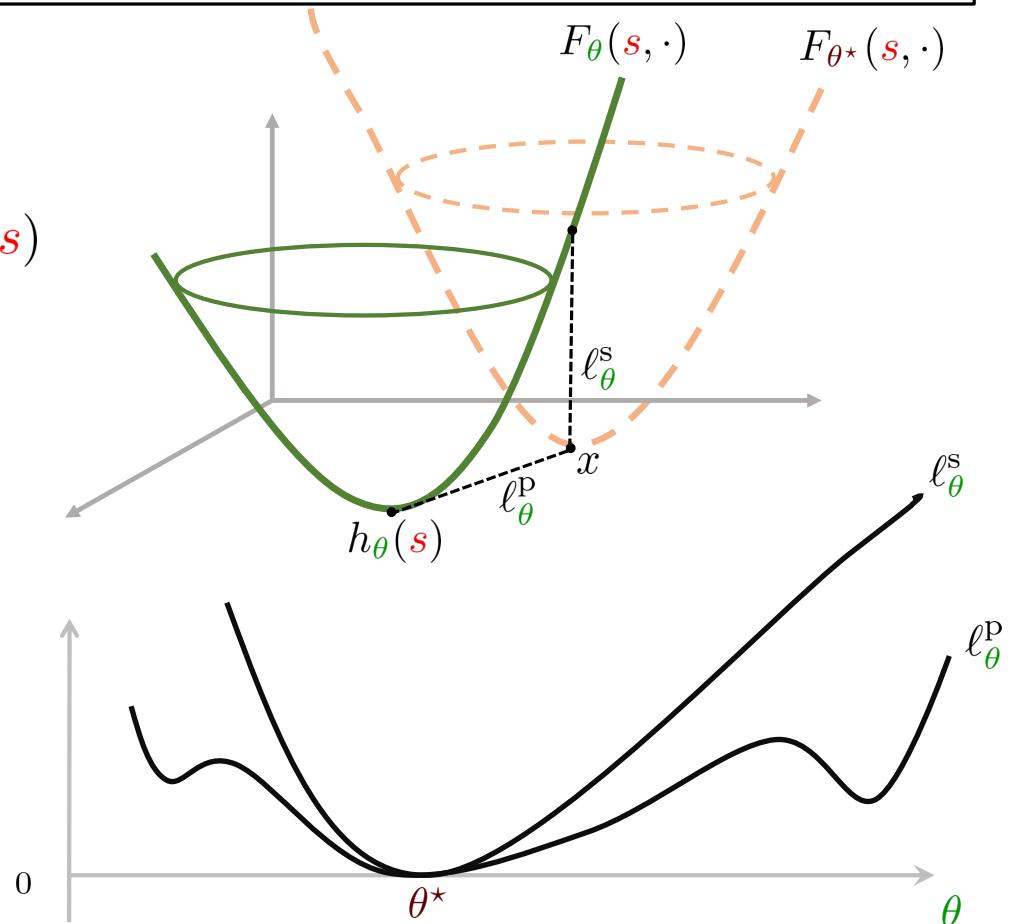
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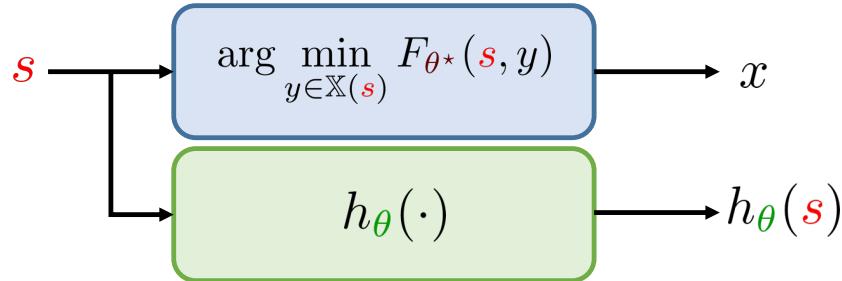
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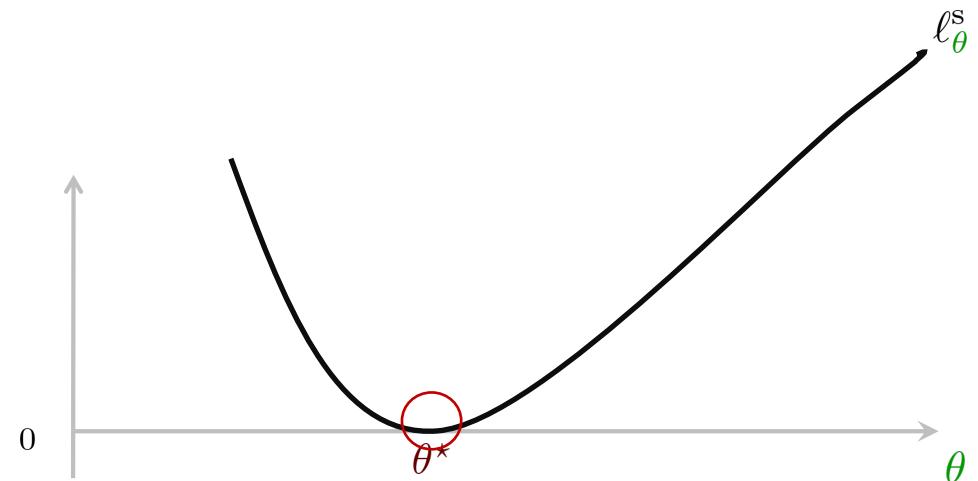
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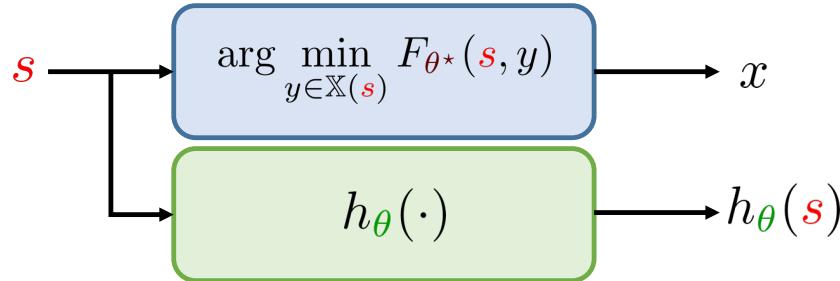
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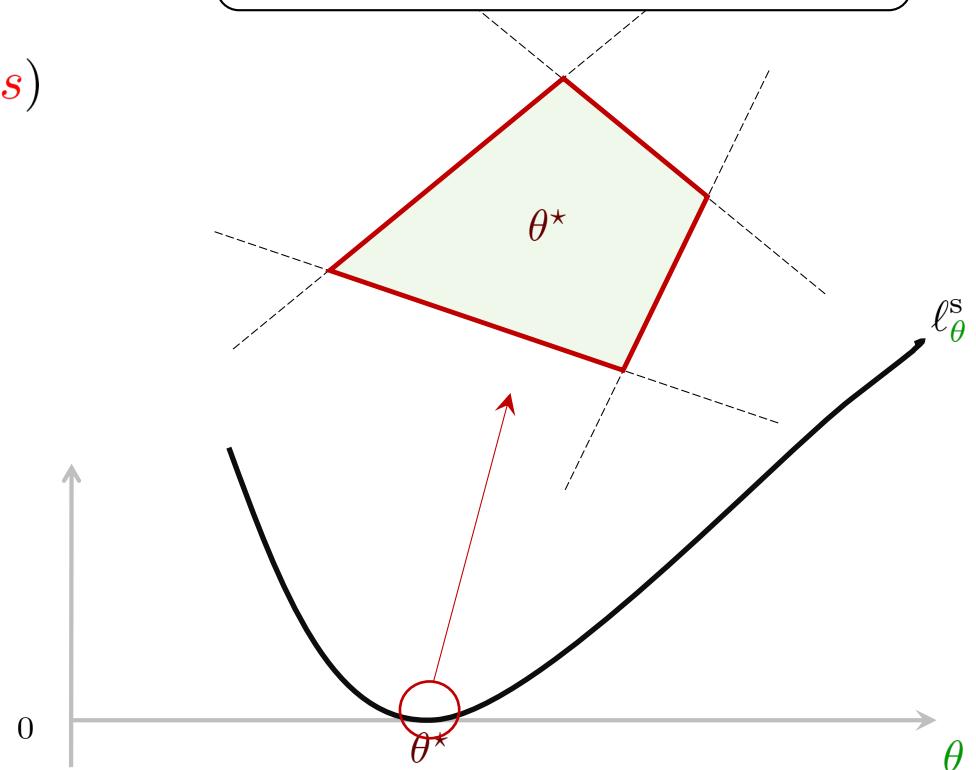


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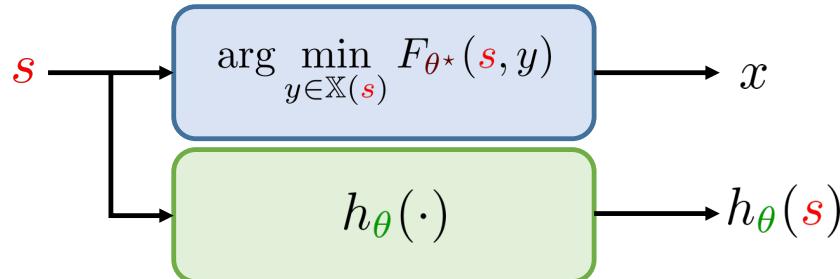


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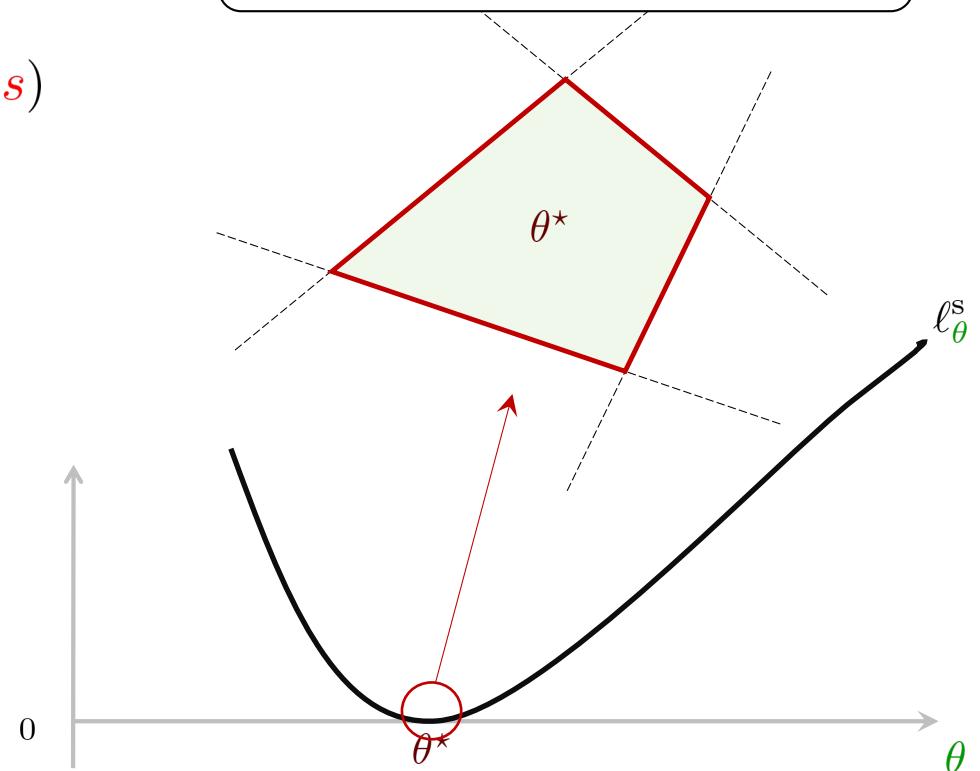
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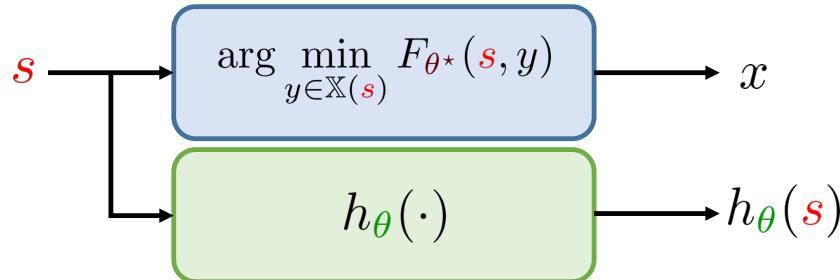
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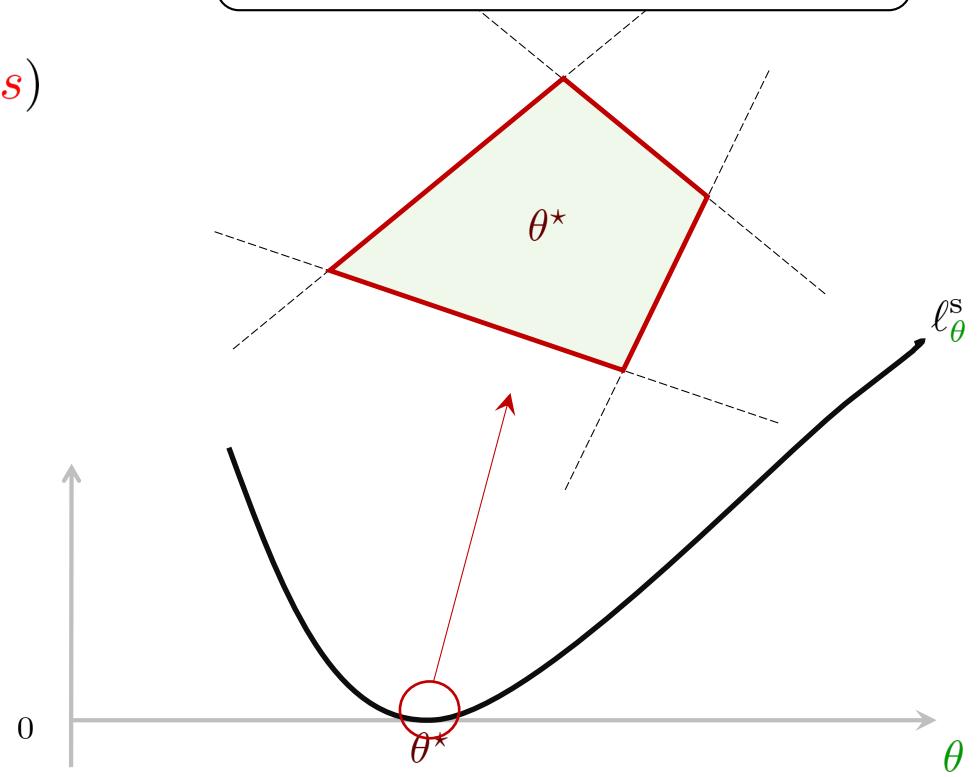
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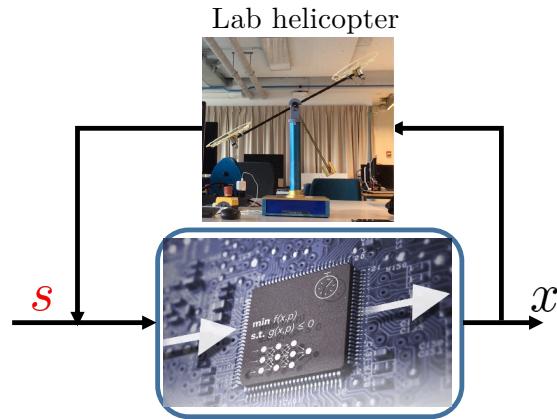
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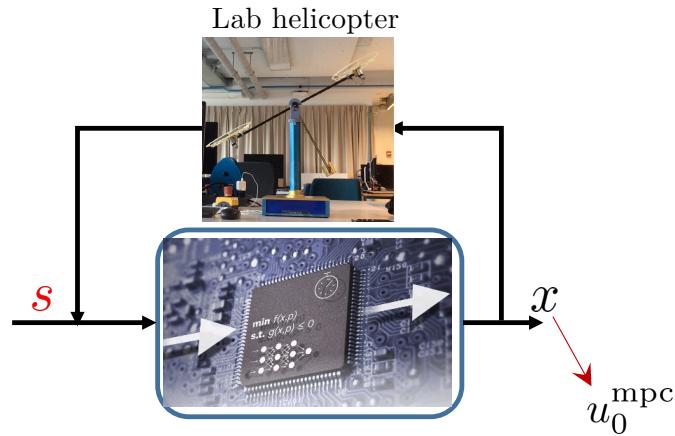
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- Inverse optimization
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  - A competition for Neural Networks !?

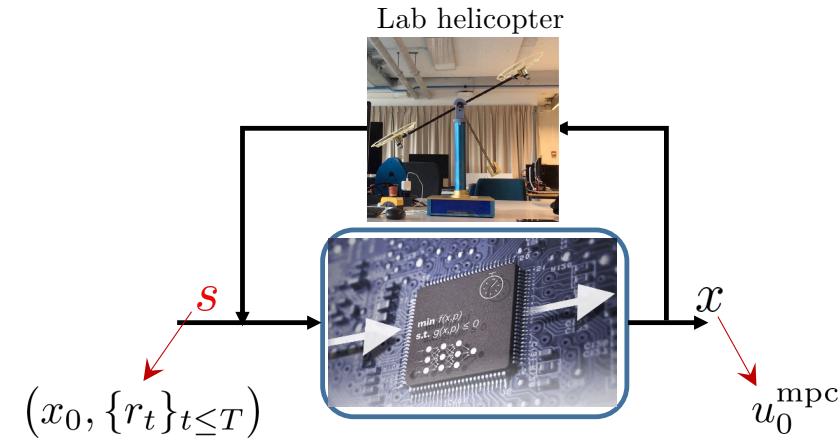
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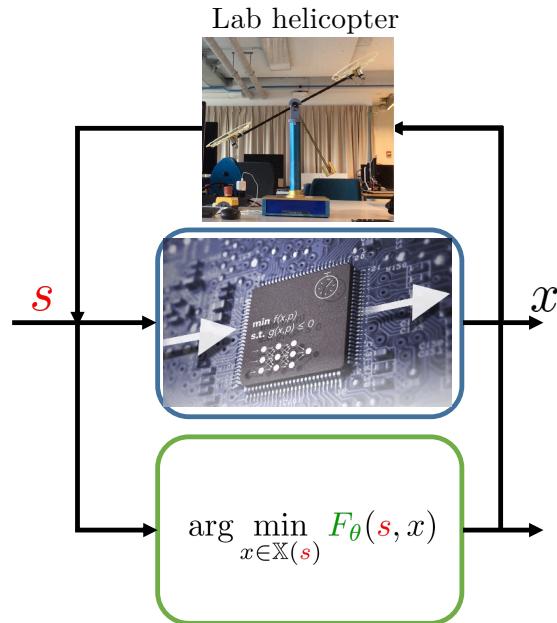
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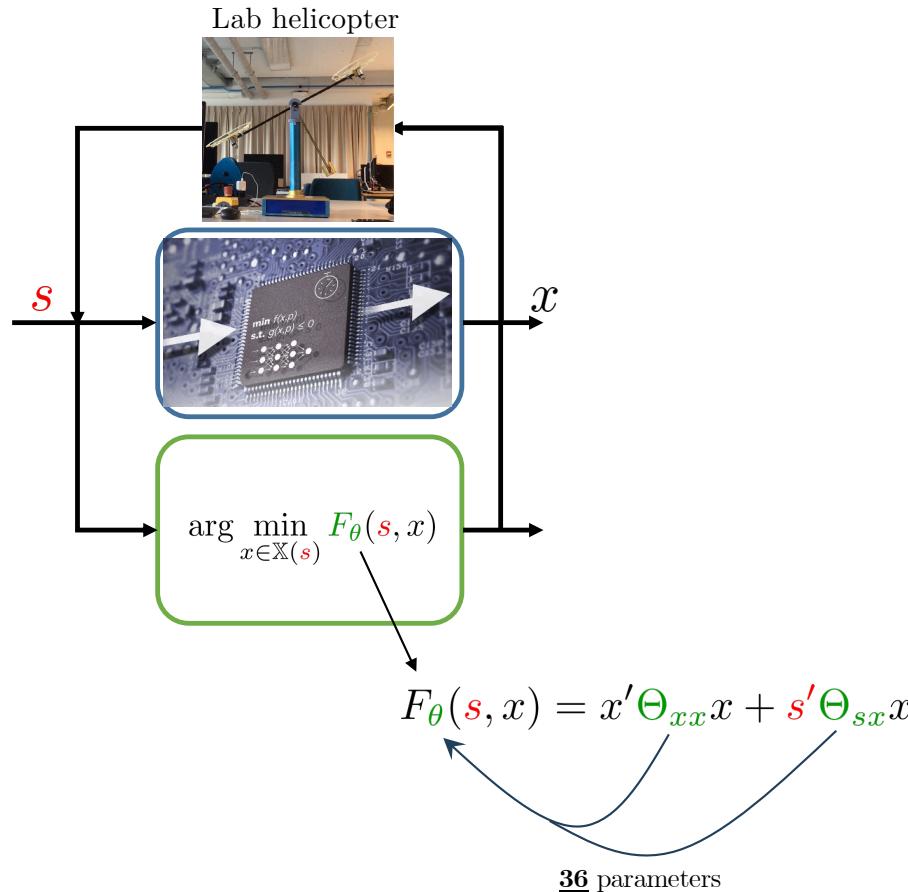
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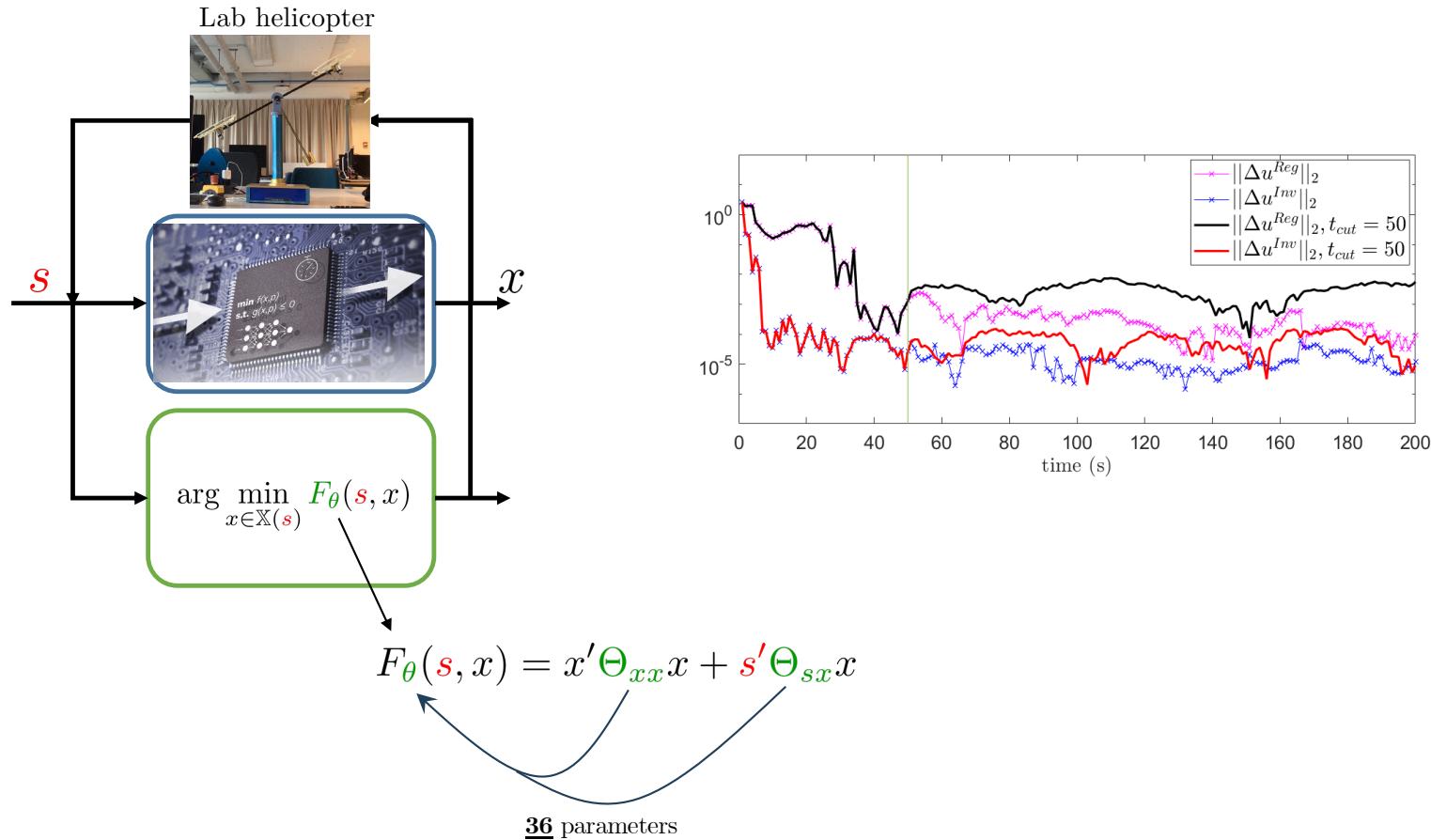
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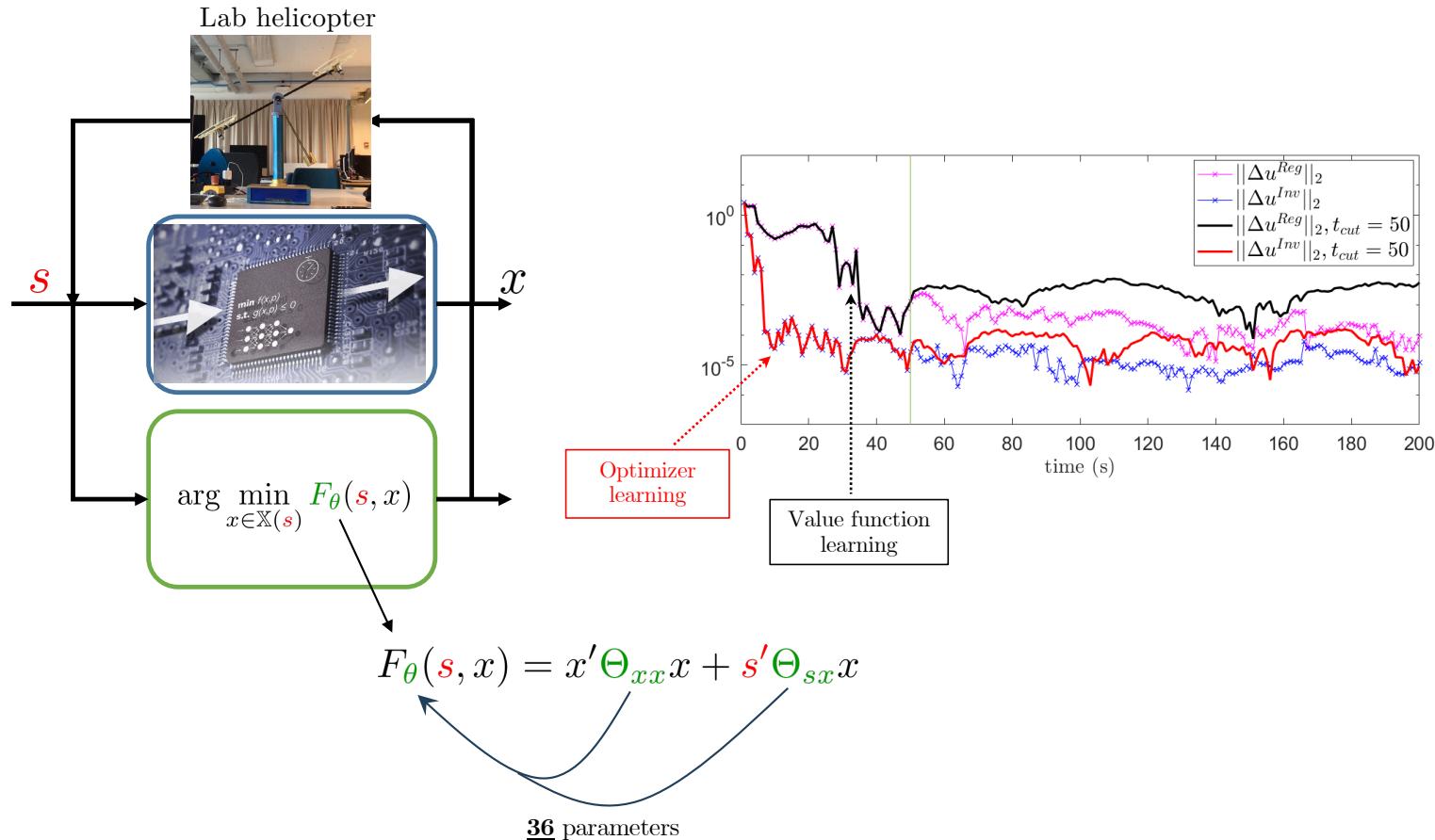
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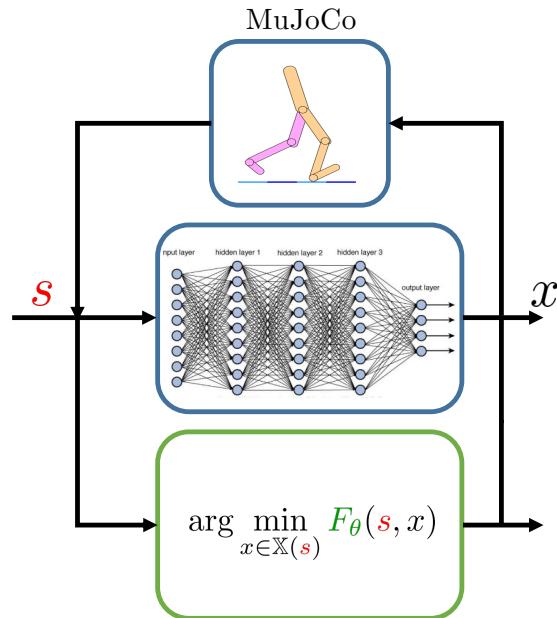
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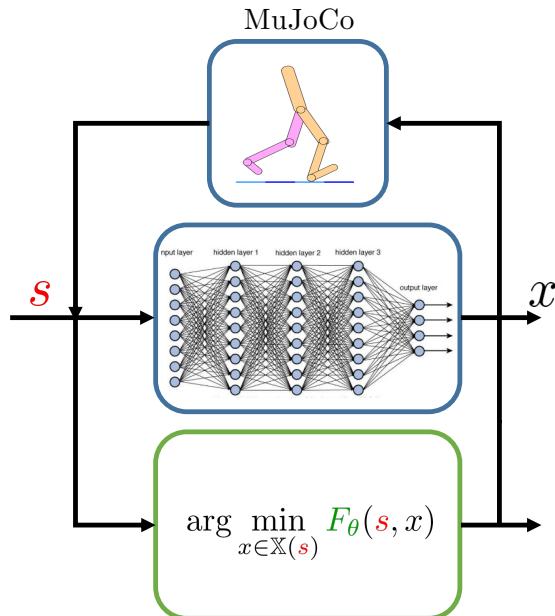
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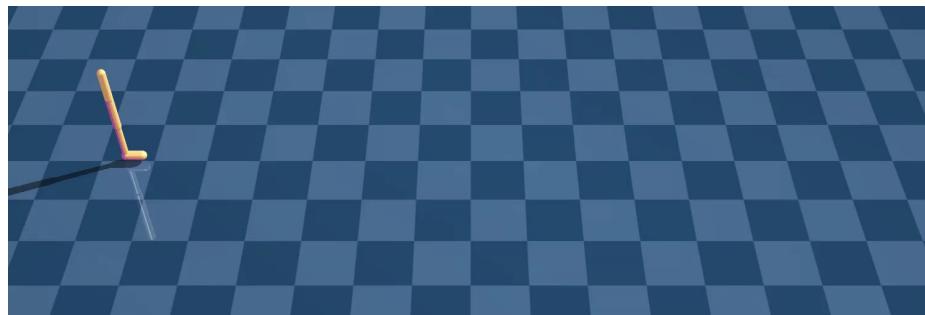
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|                      | # Parameters | Training dataset | Scores |
|----------------------|--------------|------------------|--------|
| Neural Network       | 2,489,949    | 1M               | 82.9   |
| Inverse Optimization | 840          | 5k               | 70.6   |



# Last Mile Routing Challenge

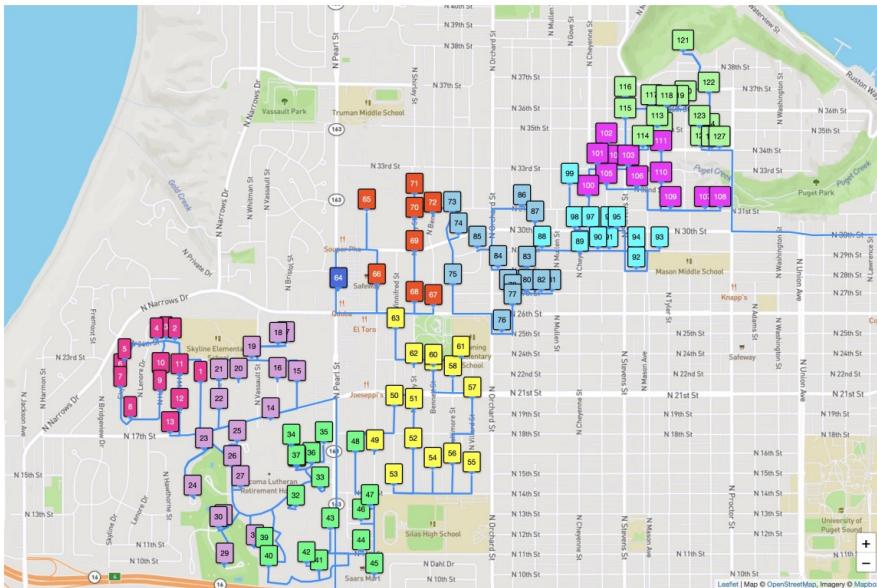


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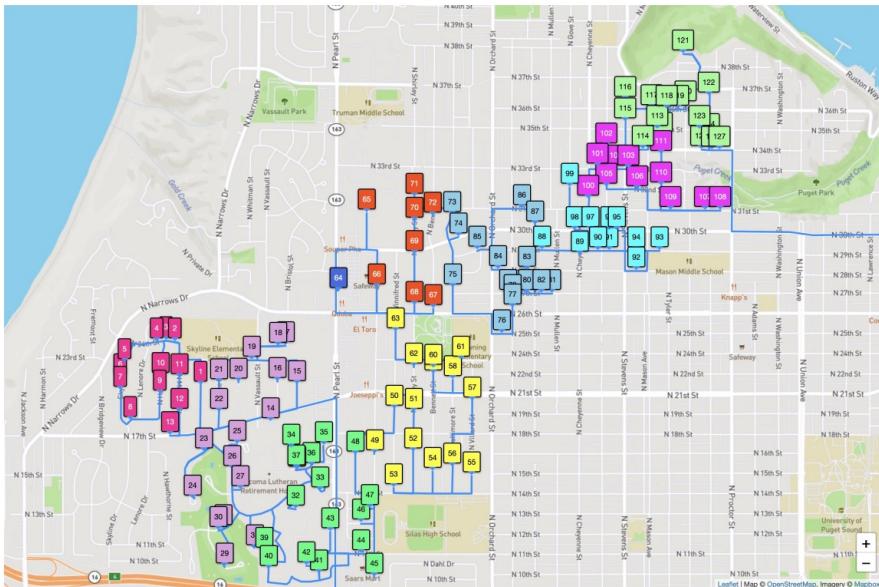
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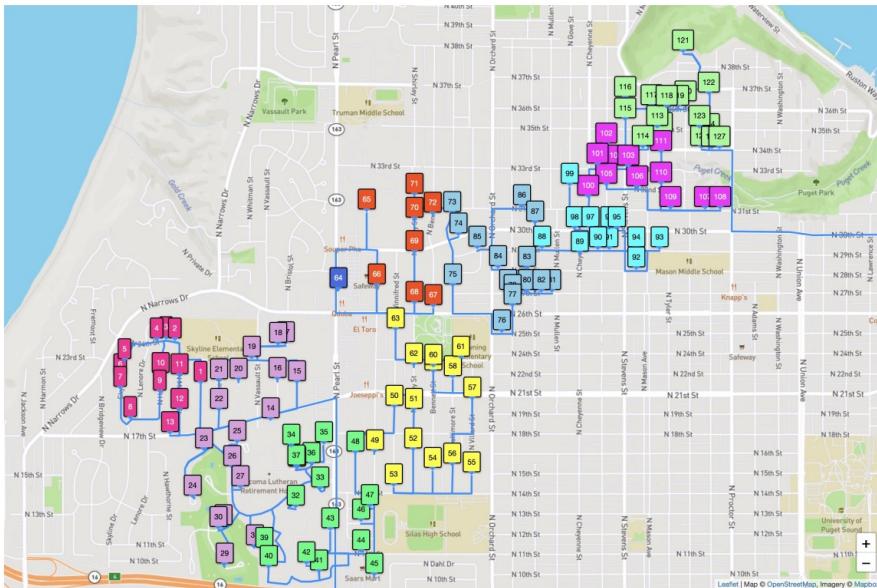


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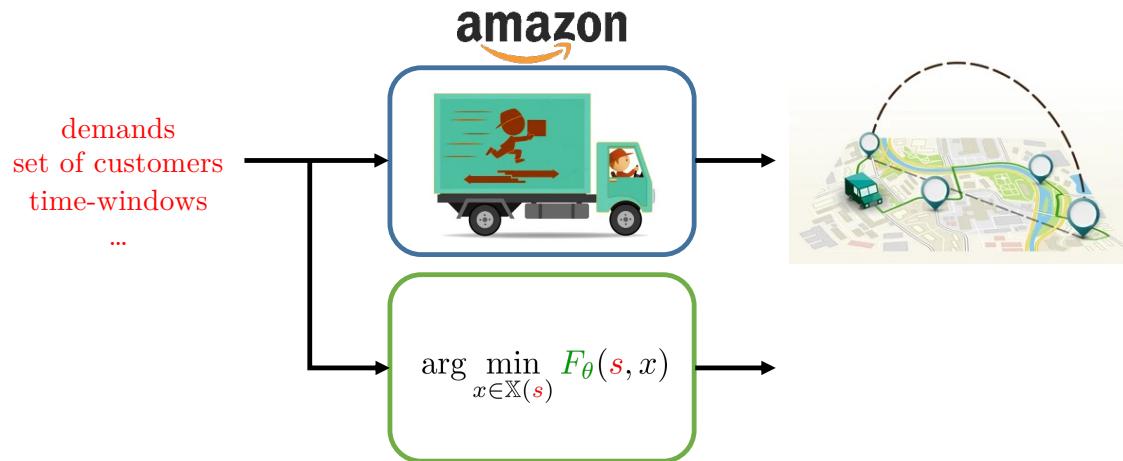


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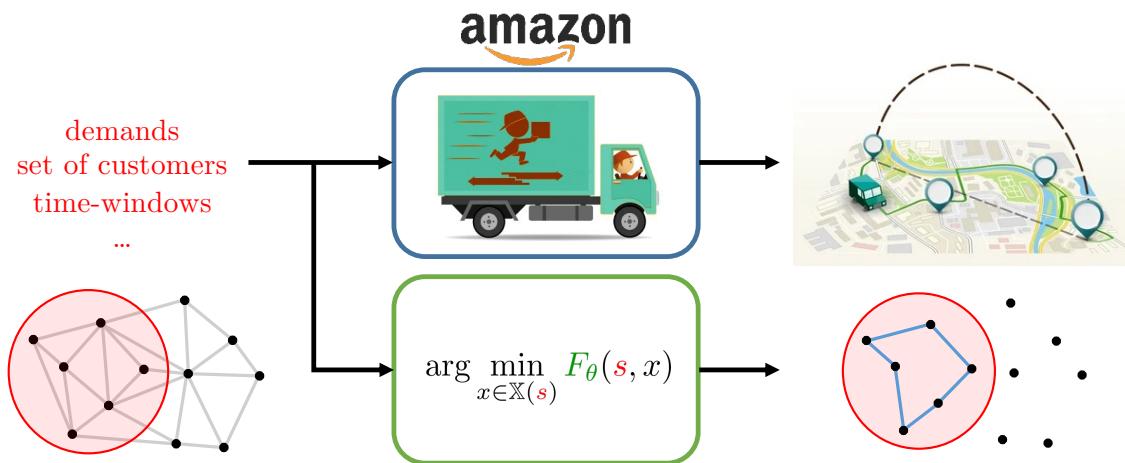
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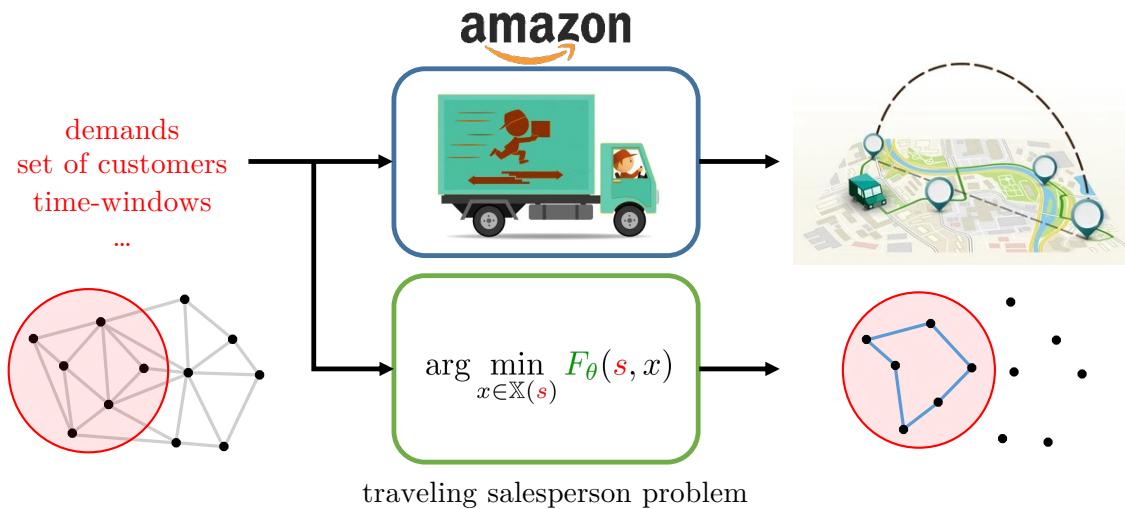
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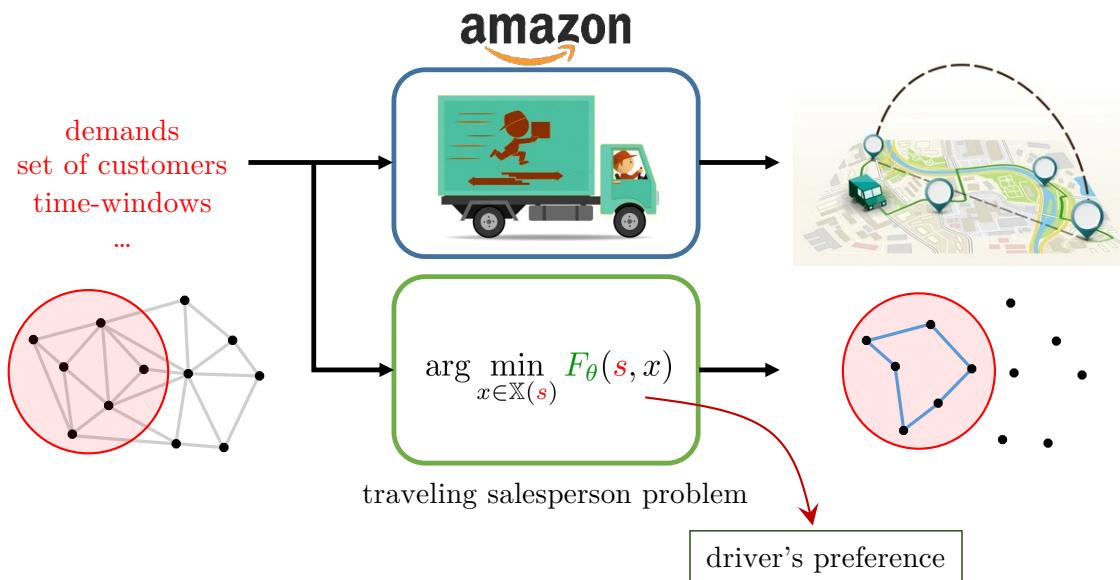
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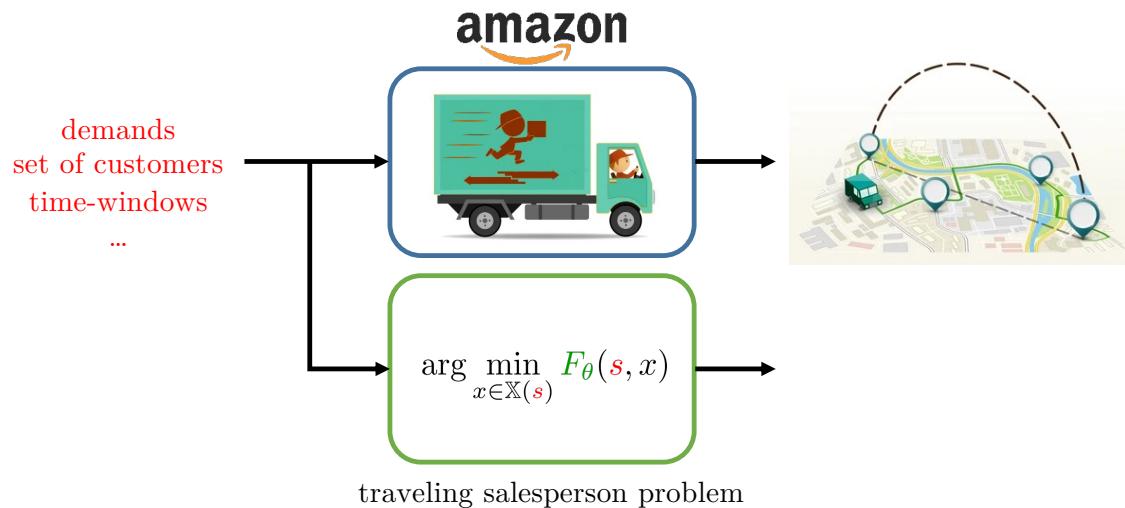
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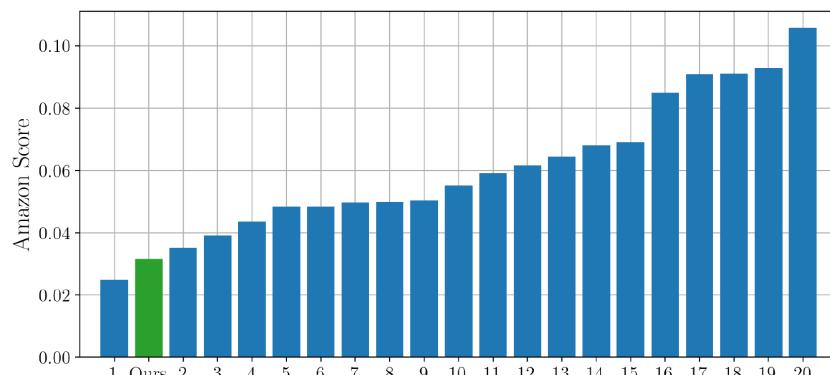


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