

SUPERVISED LEARNING METHODS TO PREDICT SPECIES INTERACTIONS



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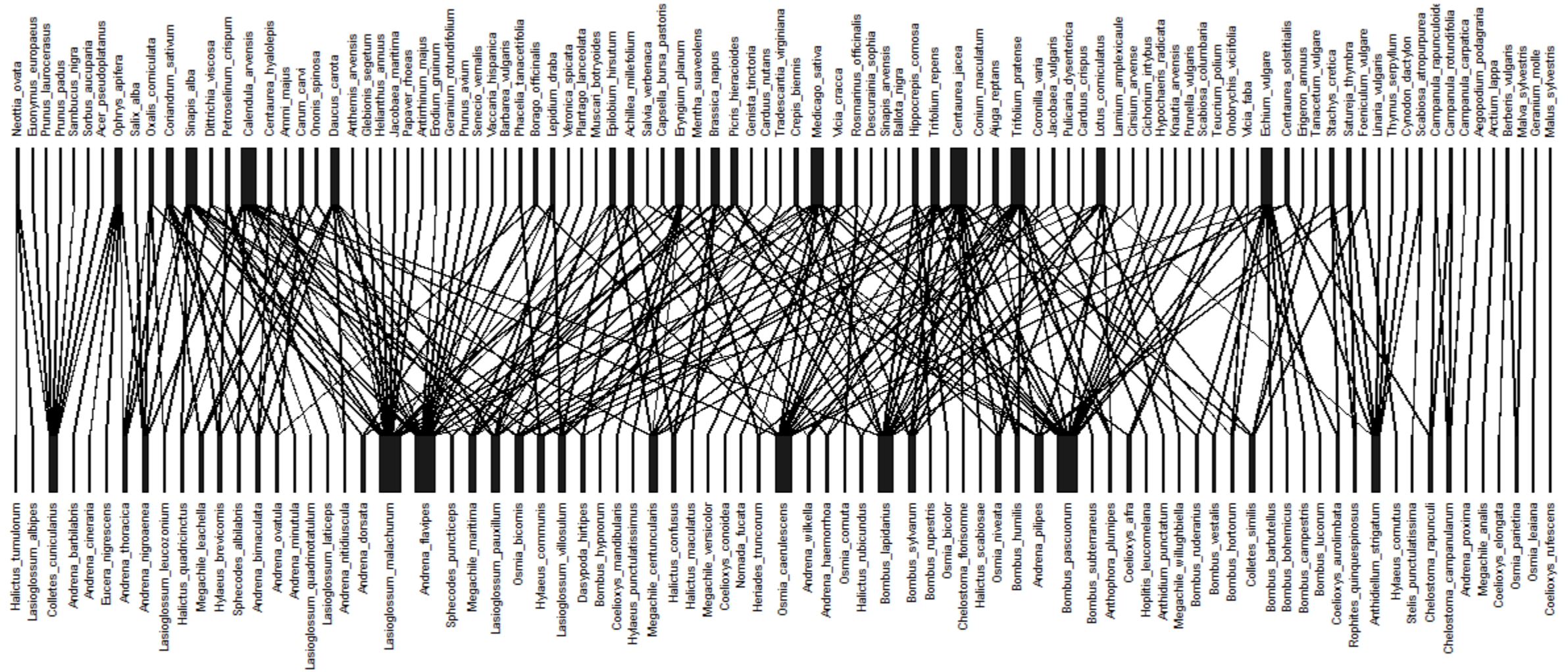
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Sampling of species interaction networks:



FLORABELLES POLLINATION DATASET

Large pollination network containing 305 pollinator species (bees) and 452 plant species.



Density: 1.10%

POLLINATION NETWORK AS A MATRIX



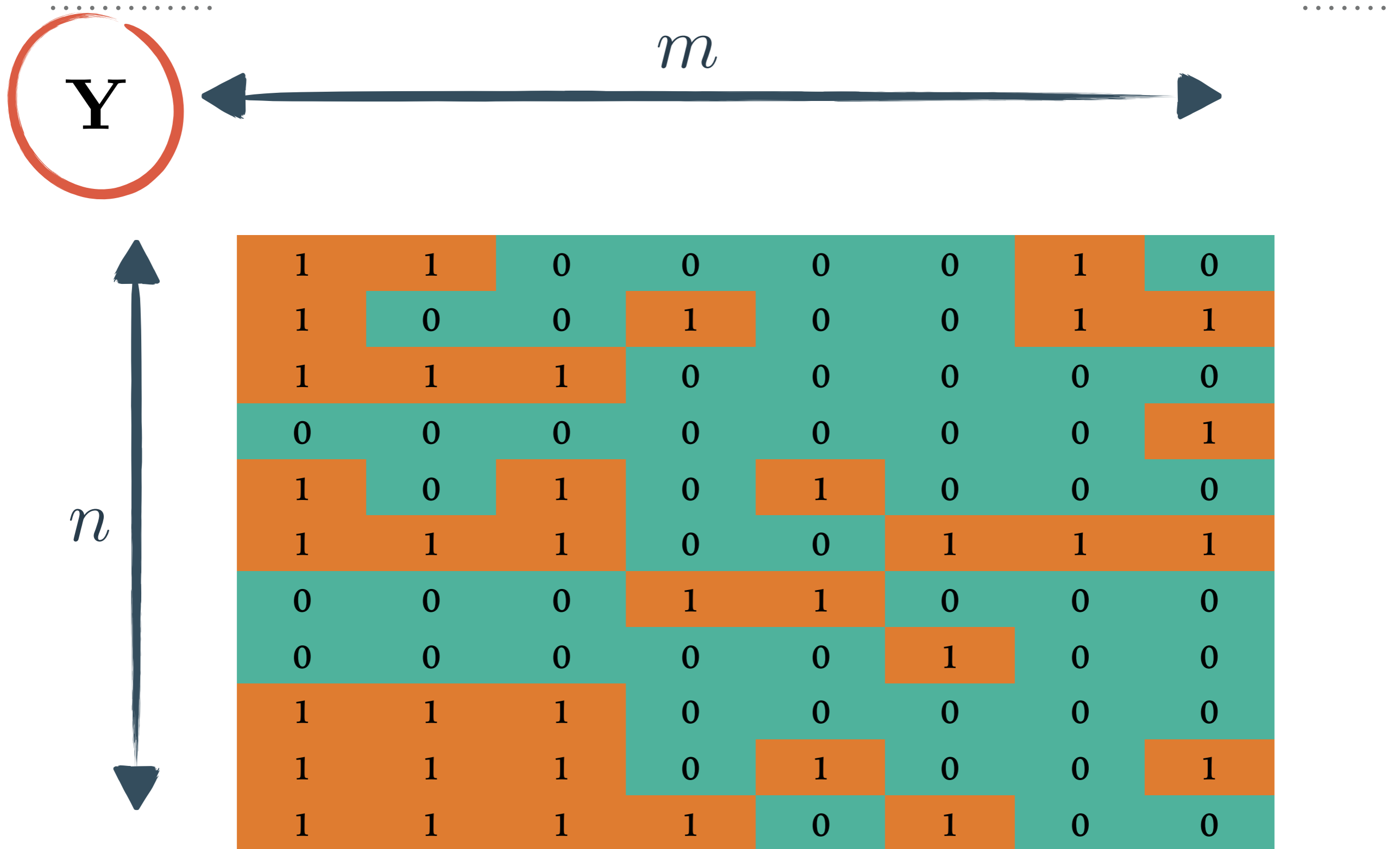
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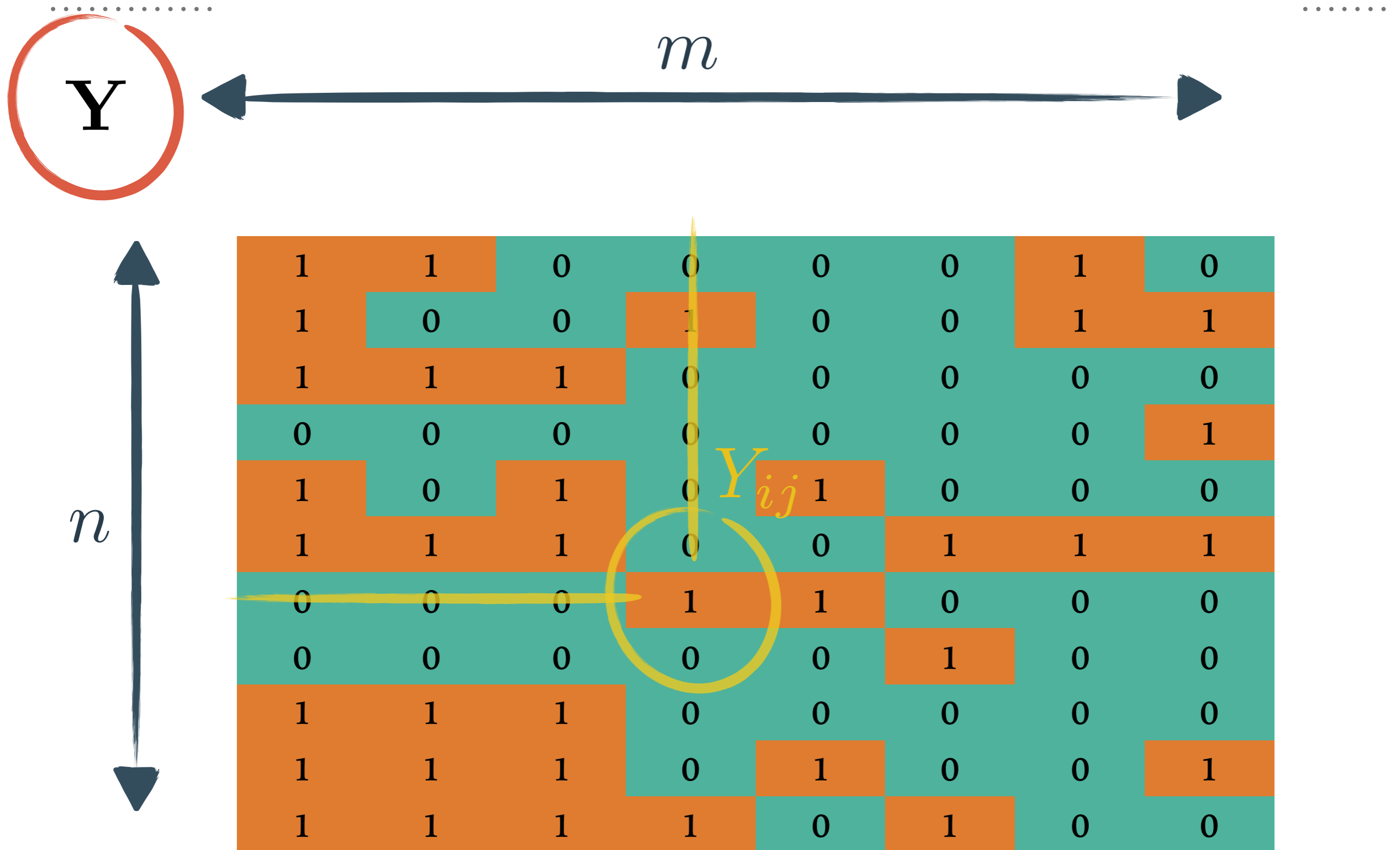


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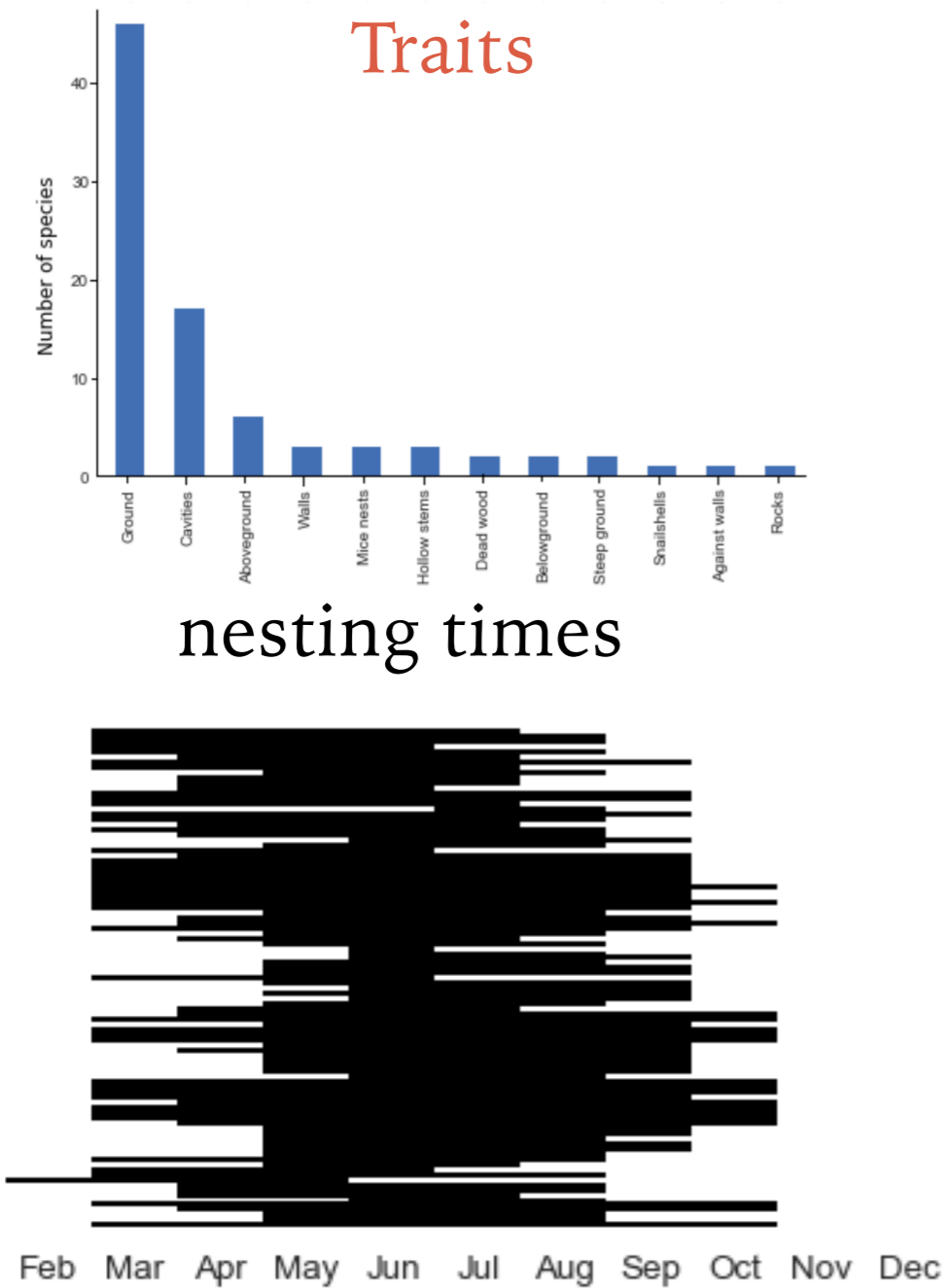
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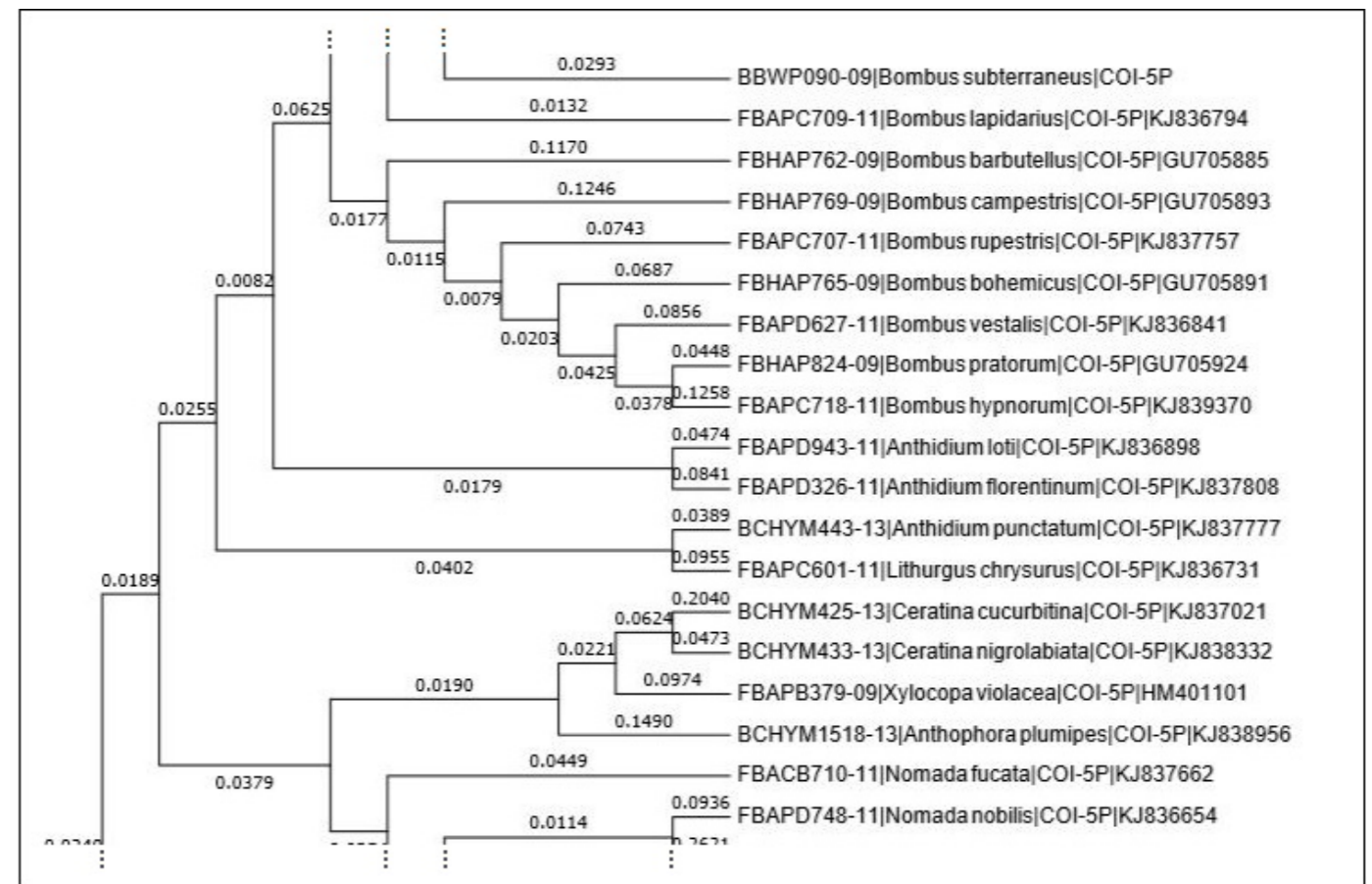
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How to describe the species?

DESCRIBING THE BEES



Phylogeny



based on Cytochrome c oxidase

DESCRIBING THE PLANTS

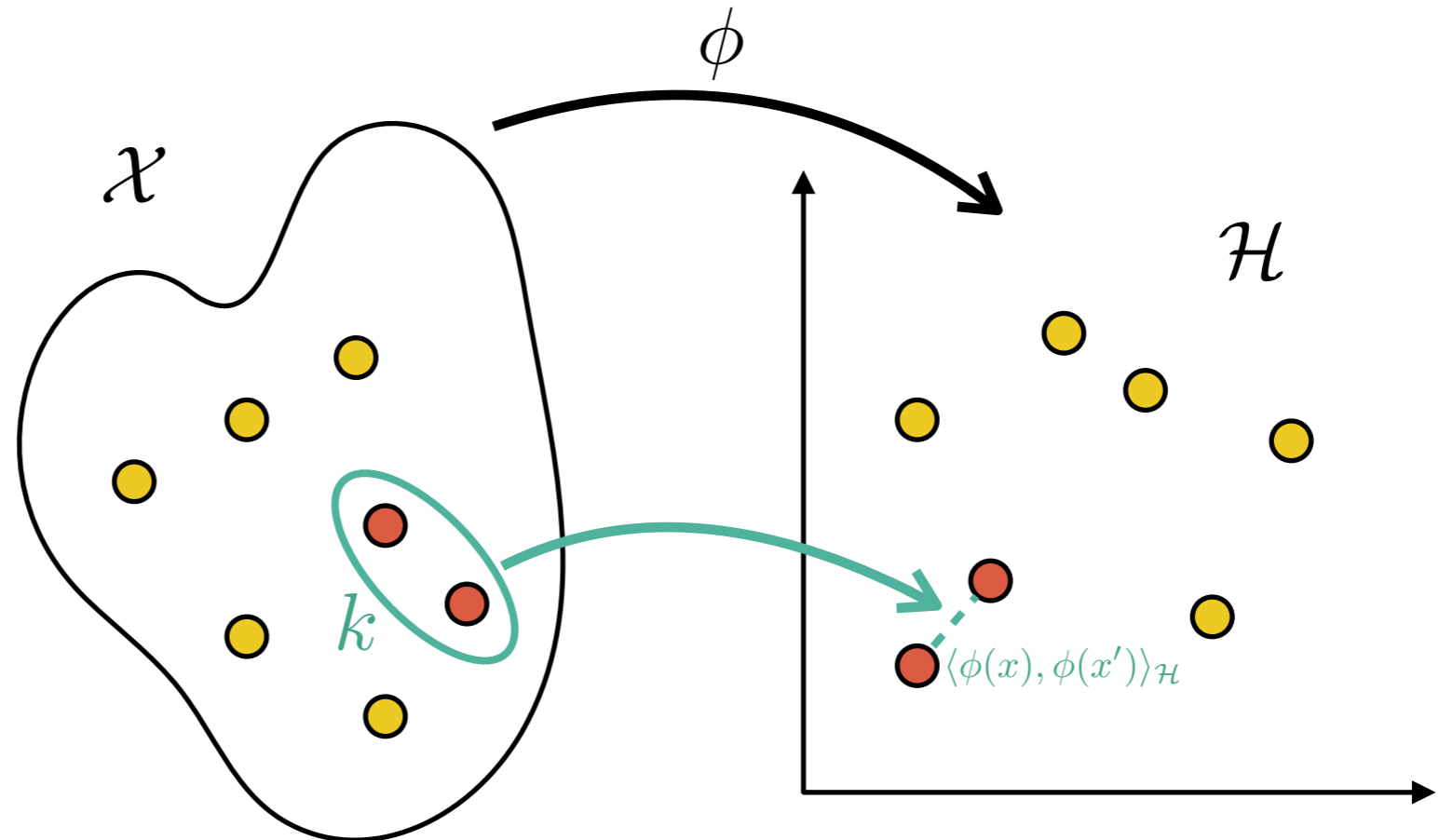
Traits

Growth habit	Categorical	Shrub
Minimum height (cm)	Numerical	50
Maximum height (cm)	Numerical	200
Mean height (cm)	Numerical	125
Blooming period	Dummy variables	[0,0,0,0,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,0]
Duration	Categorical	Perennial
Category	Categorical	Dicot
Flower colour	Dummy variables	[1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0]
Phyllotaxis	Categorical	Opposite decussated
Flower symmetry	Categorical	Versatile symmetrical
Position ovary	Categorical	Superior
Number of styles	Numerical	1
Number of stamens	Numerical	2

Phylogeny based on the *rcbL* gene.

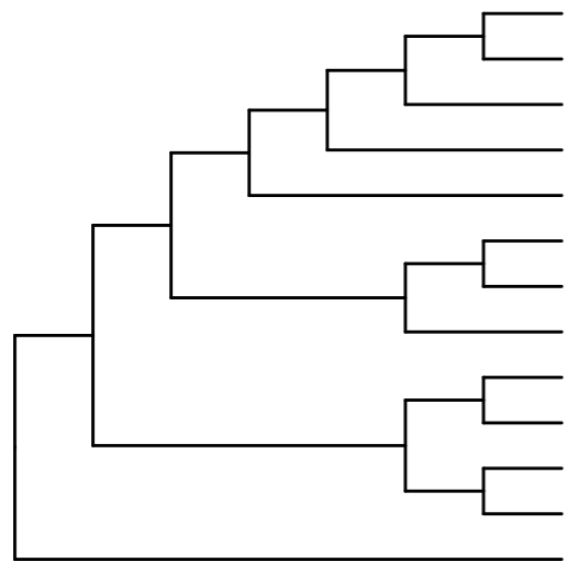
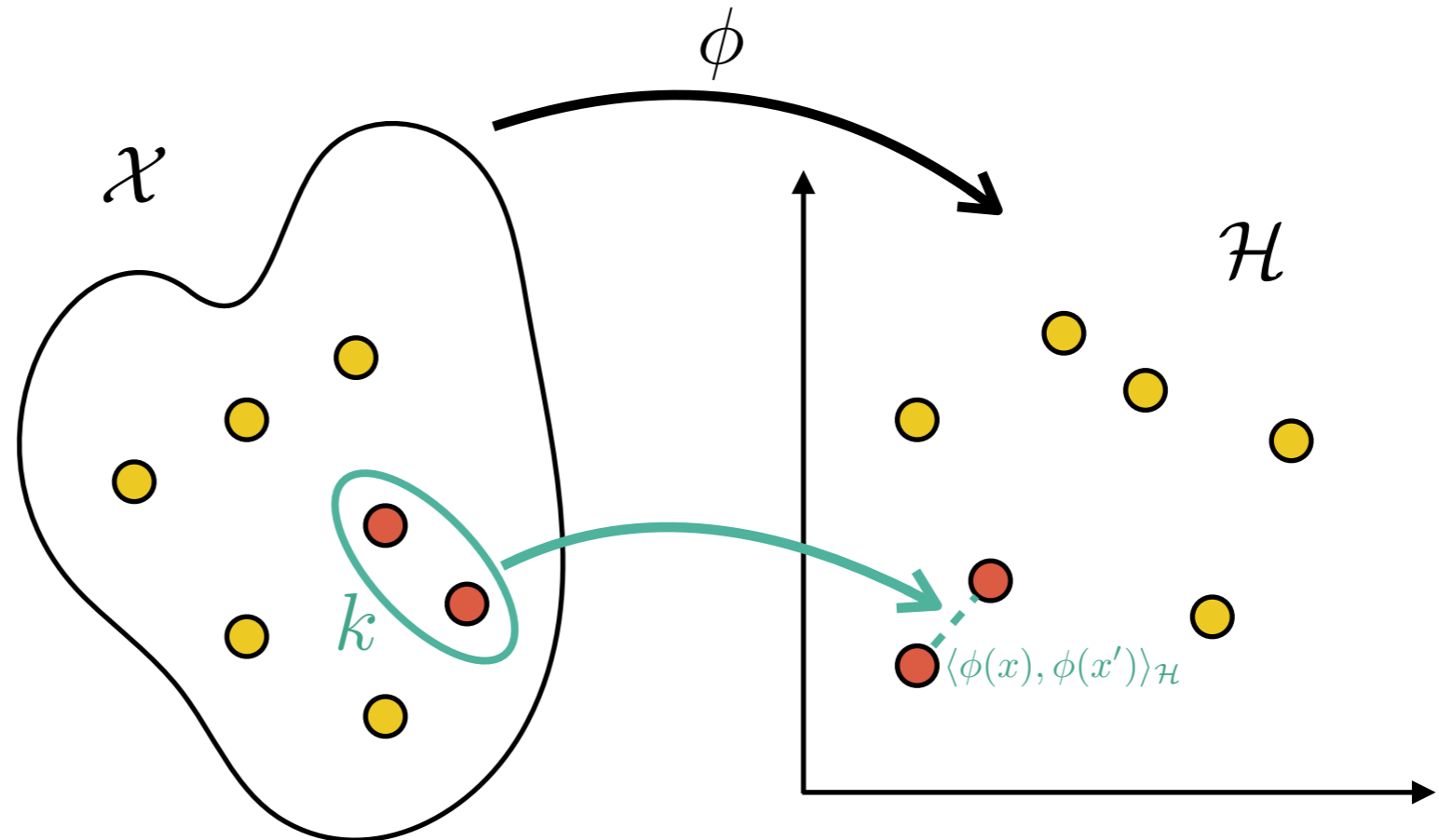
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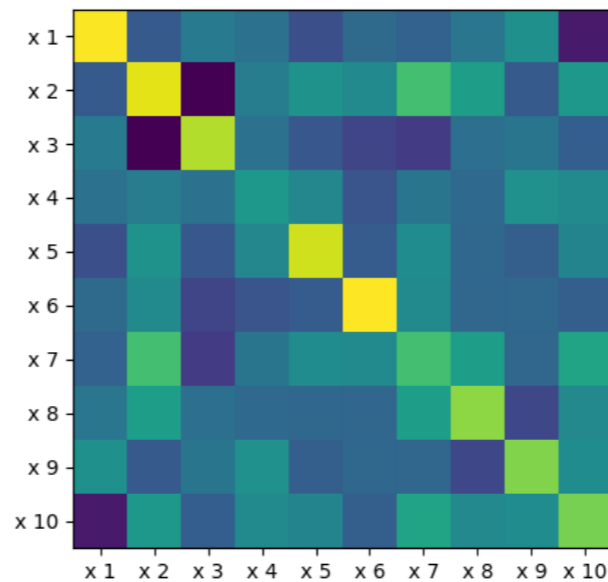


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numerical or structured description of **species**



Kernel matrix describes similarity between species i and j .

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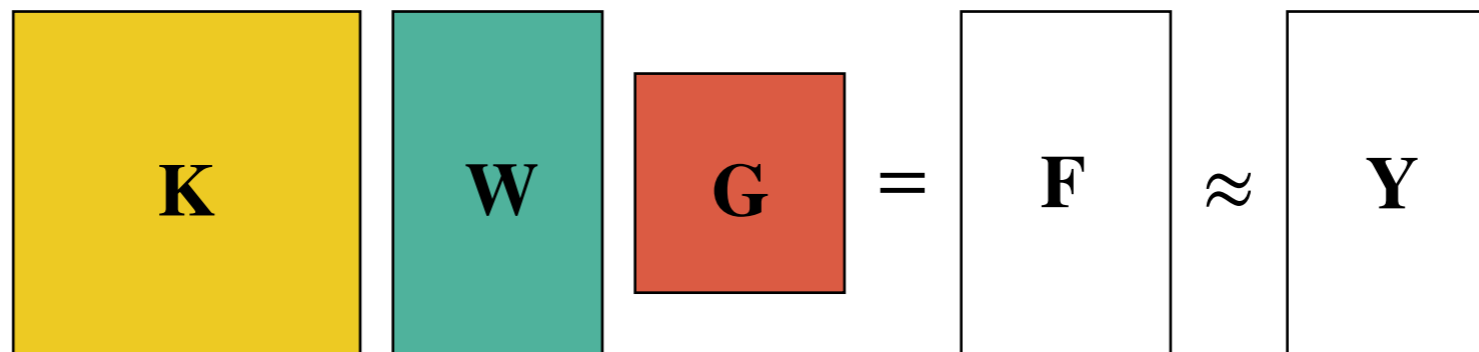
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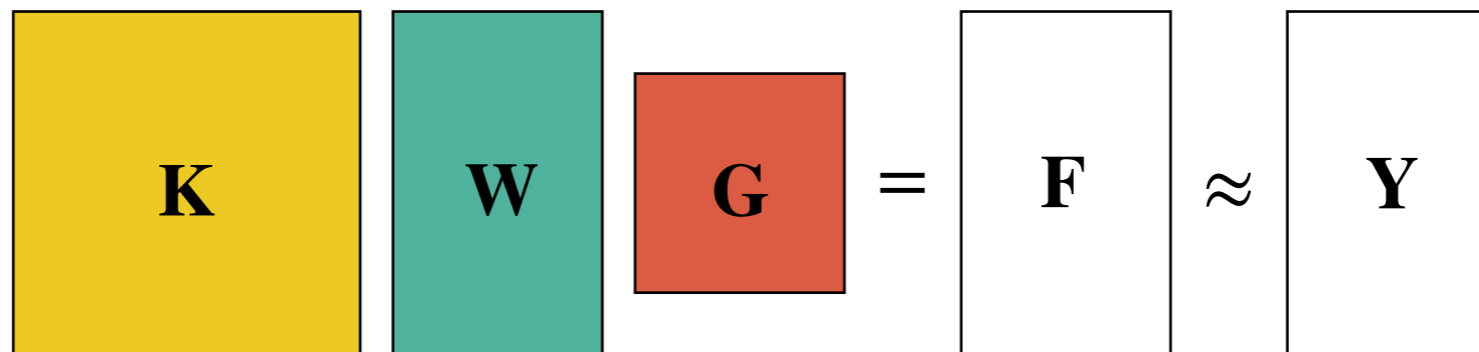


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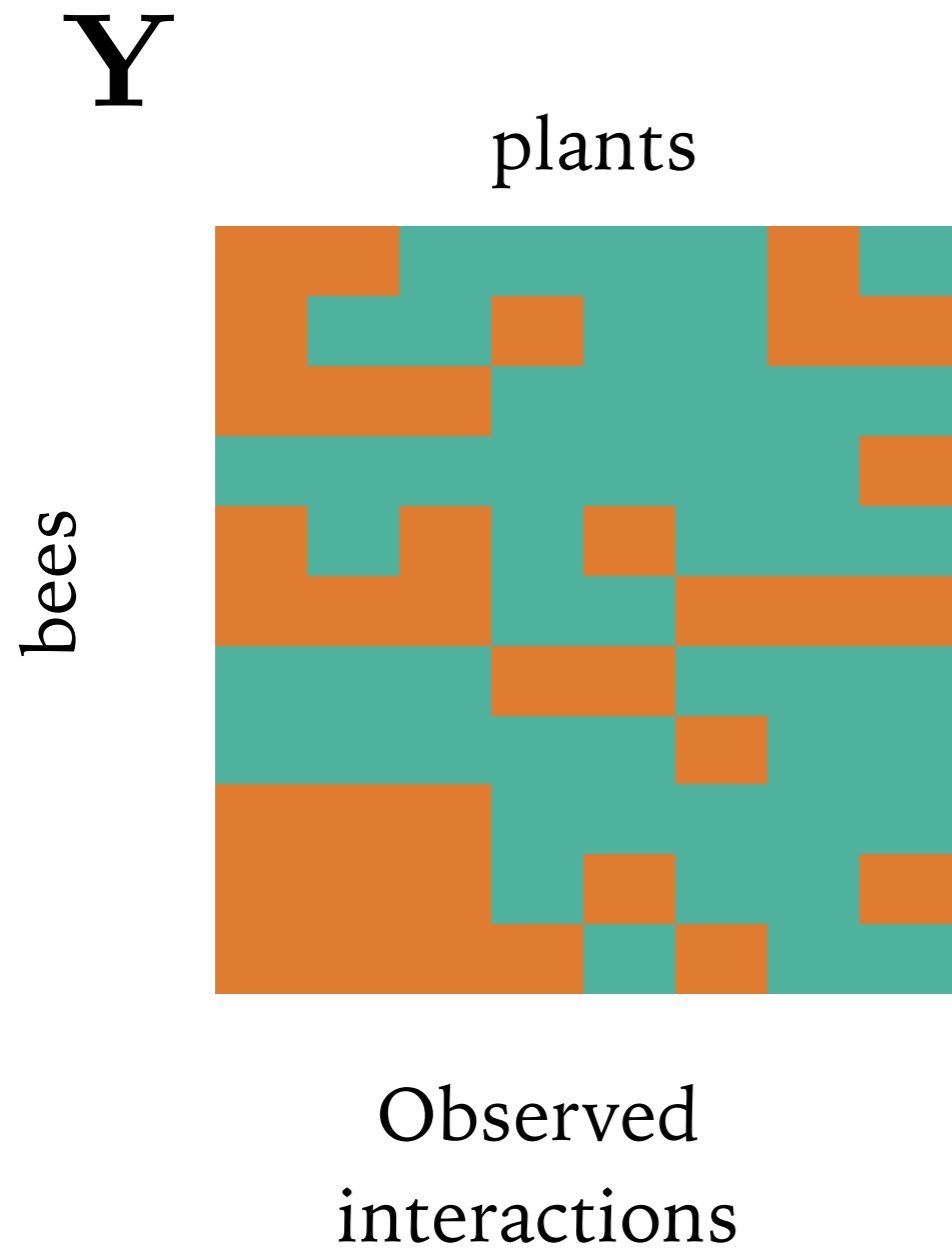
$$f(u, v) = \sum_{i,j} \underbrace{W_{ij}}_{\text{weights}} \underbrace{k(u, u_i)}_{\text{kernel over bees}} \underbrace{g(v, v_j)}_{\text{kernel over plants}}.$$



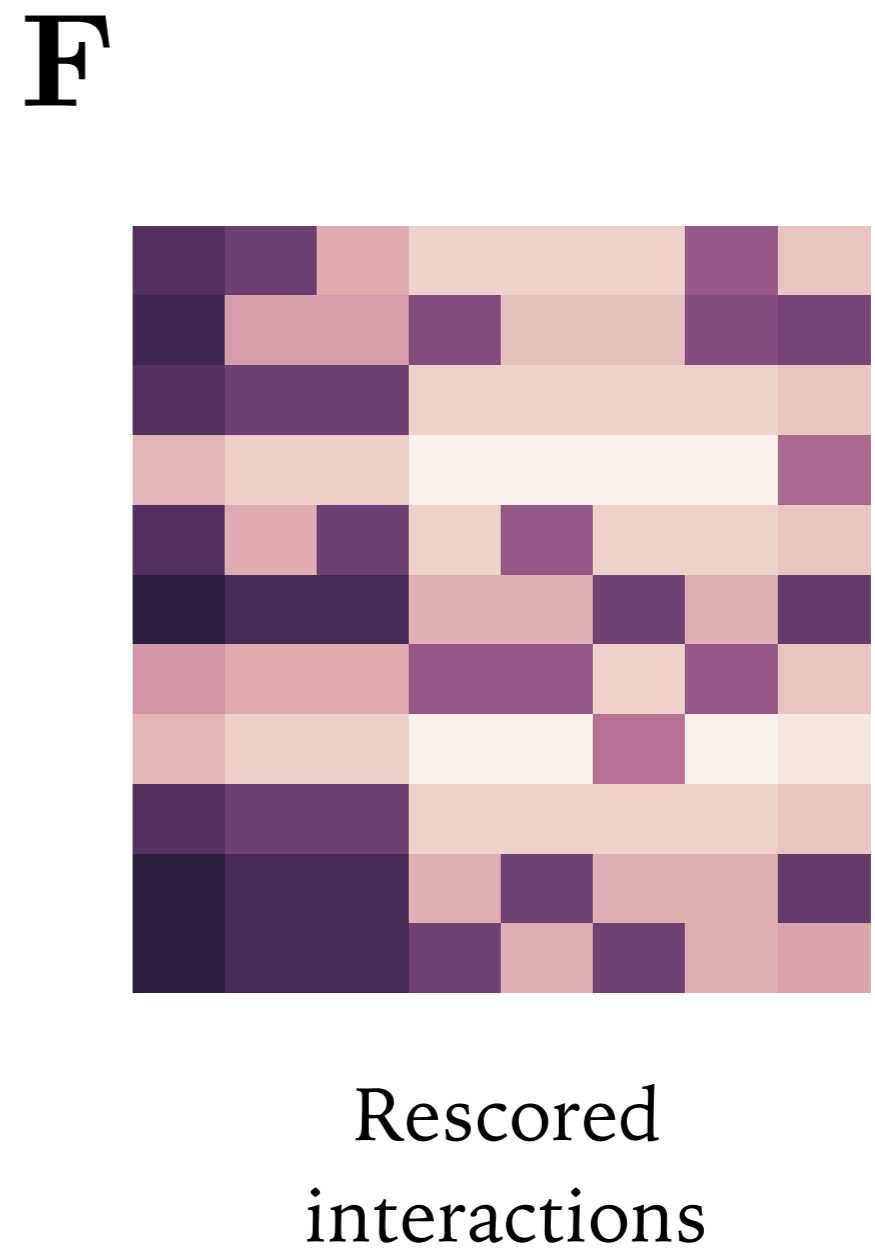
The weights can be found by computing:

$$\mathbf{W} = (\mathbf{K} + \lambda_u \mathbb{I})^{-1} \mathbf{Y} (\mathbf{G} + \lambda_v \mathbb{I})^{-1}.$$

FROM OBSERVATIONS TO PREDICTIONS



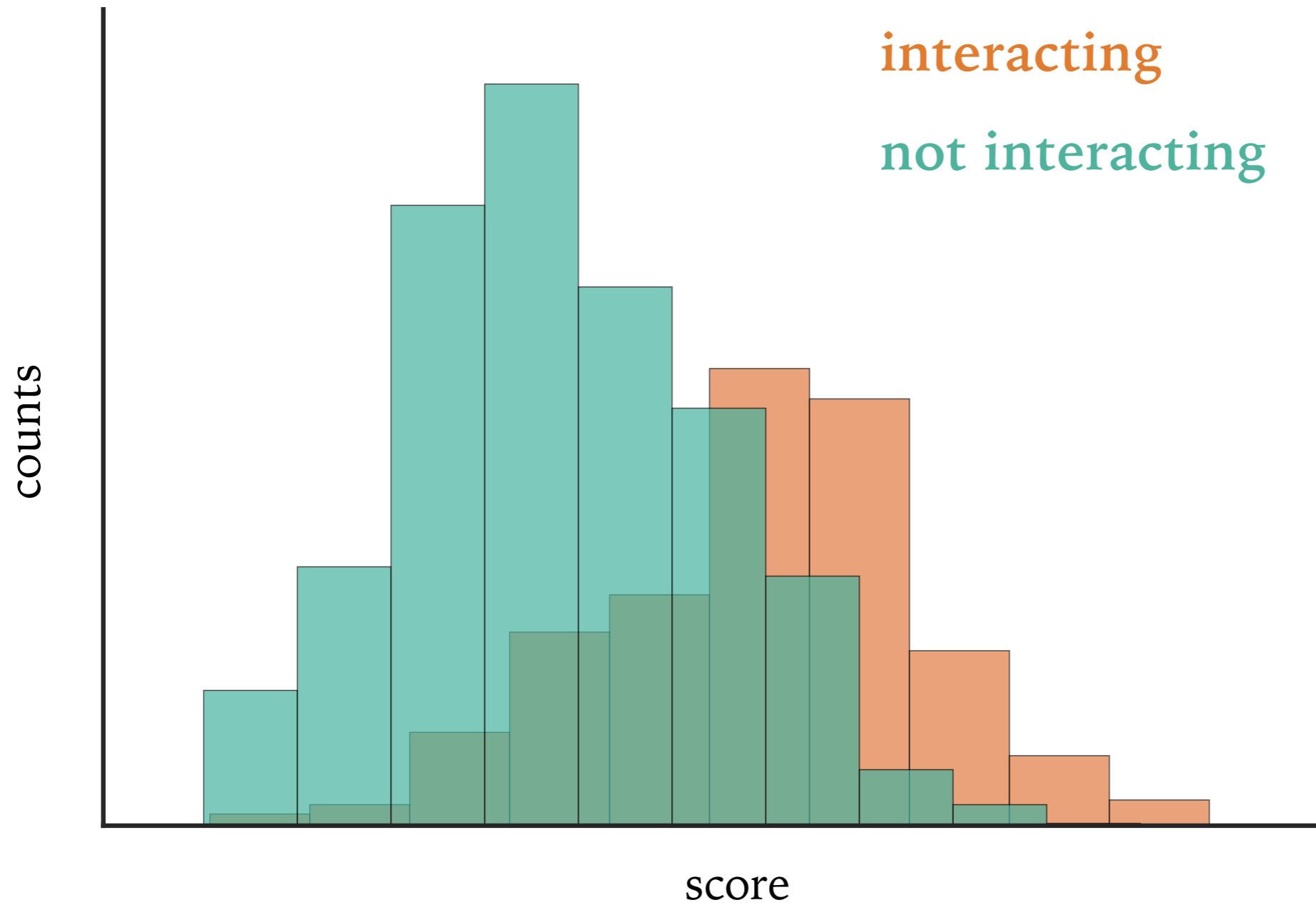
Applying
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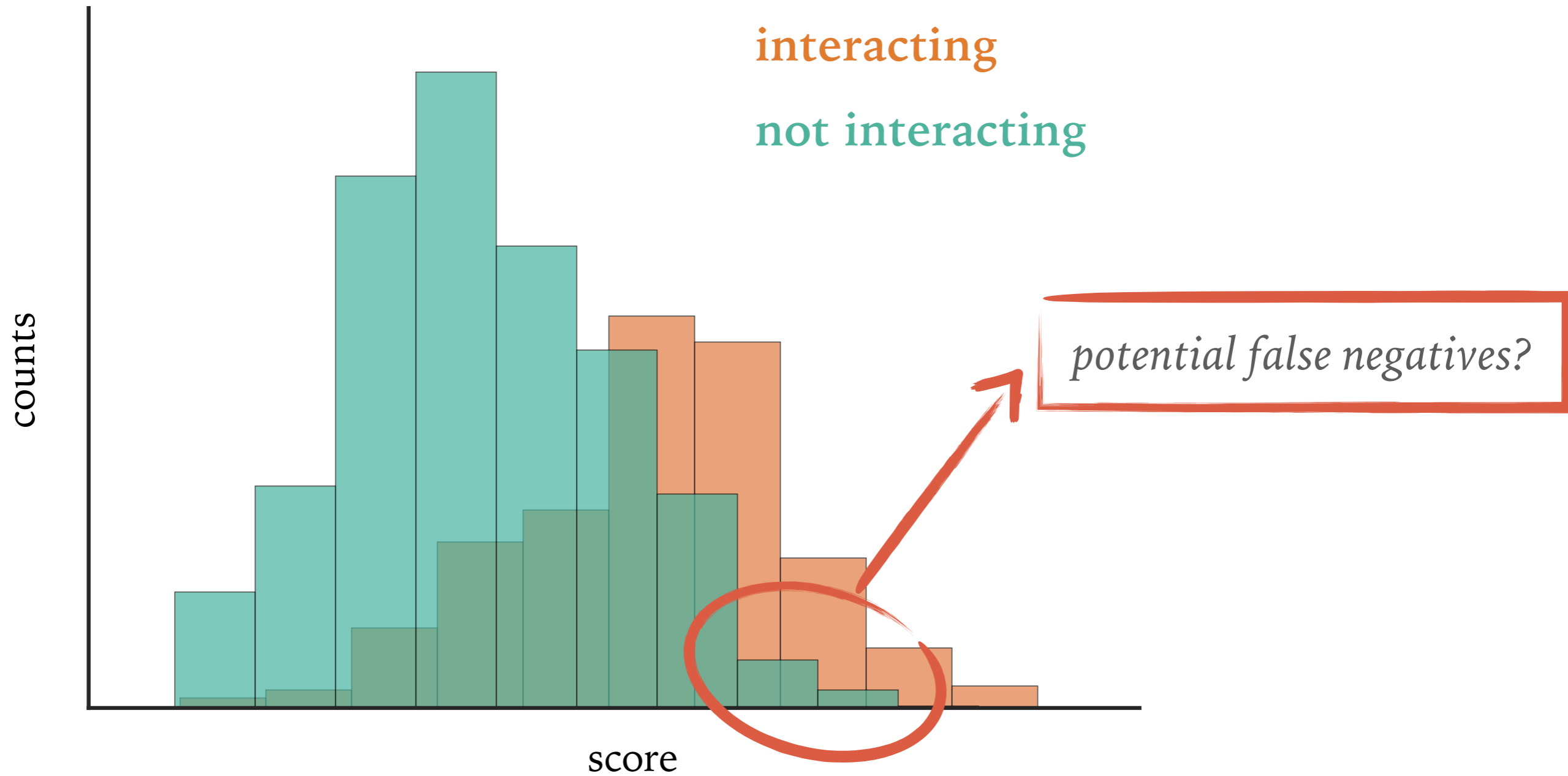
observed interaction

no interaction

USING THE SCORED INTERACTIONS

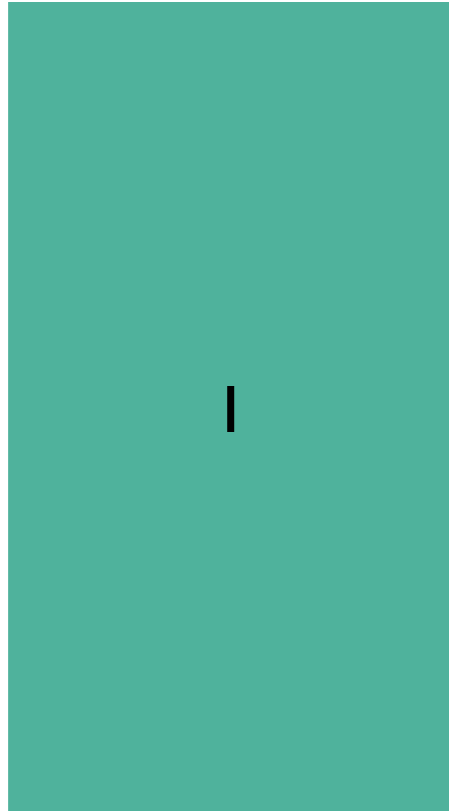


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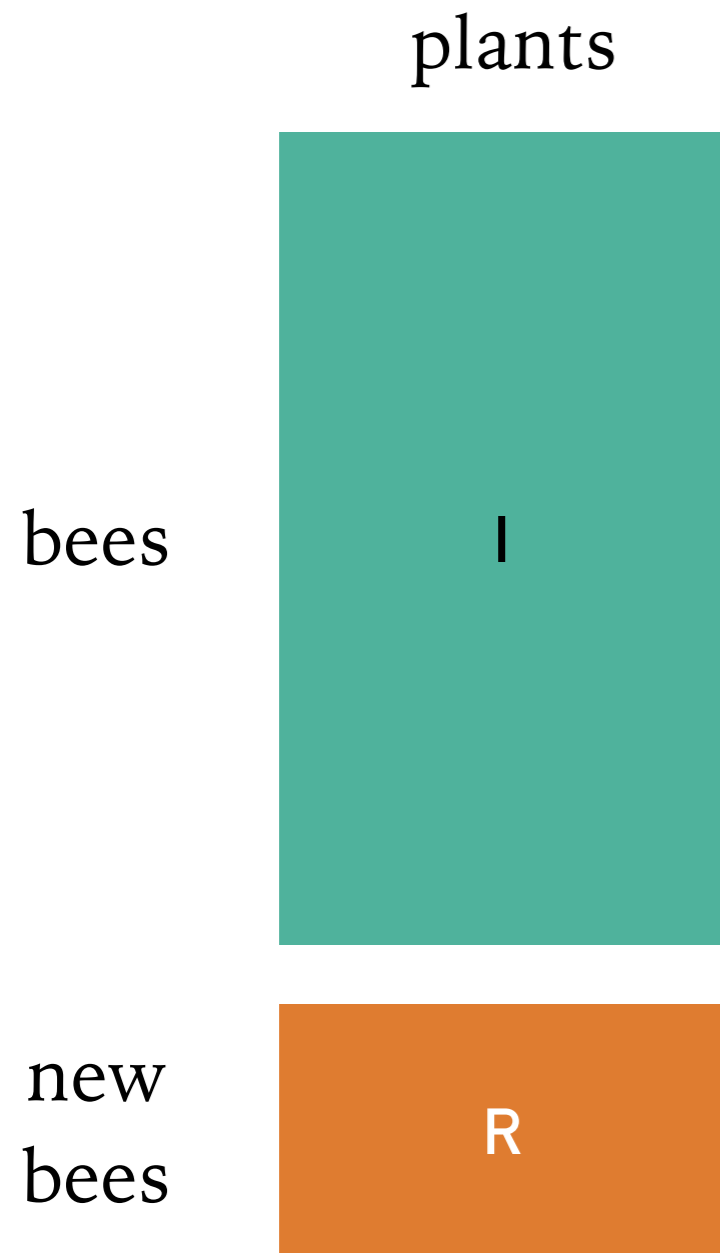
plants



bees

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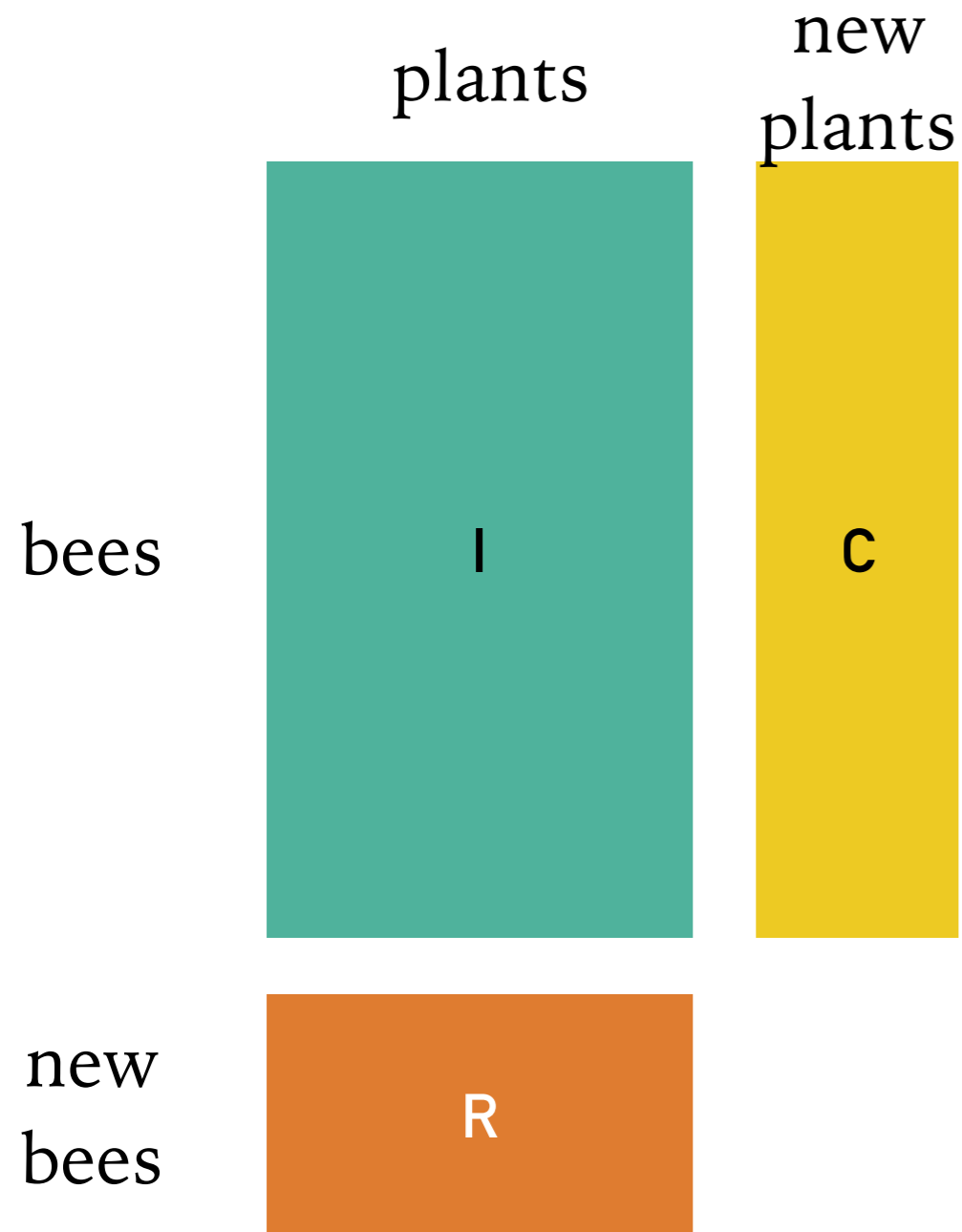
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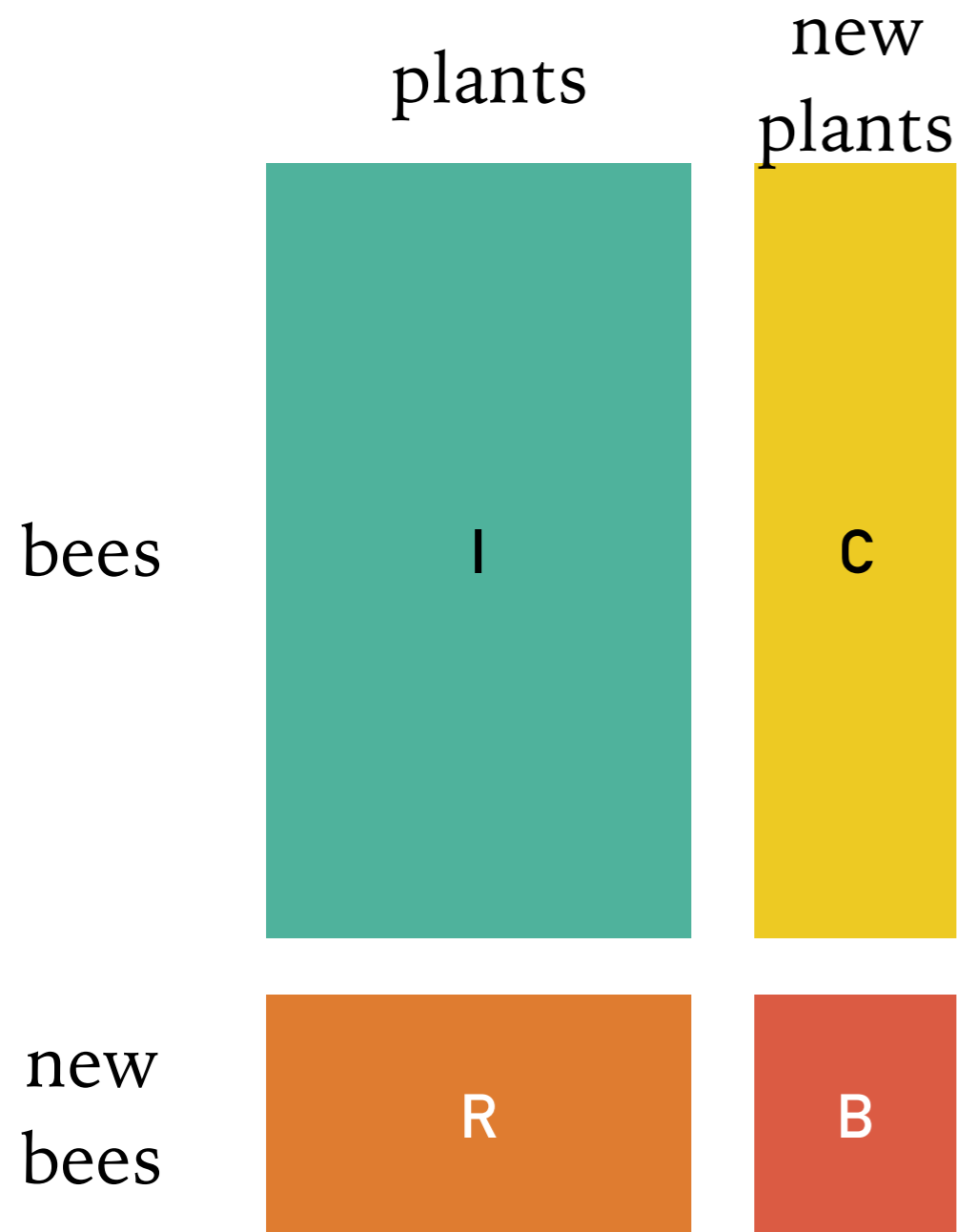


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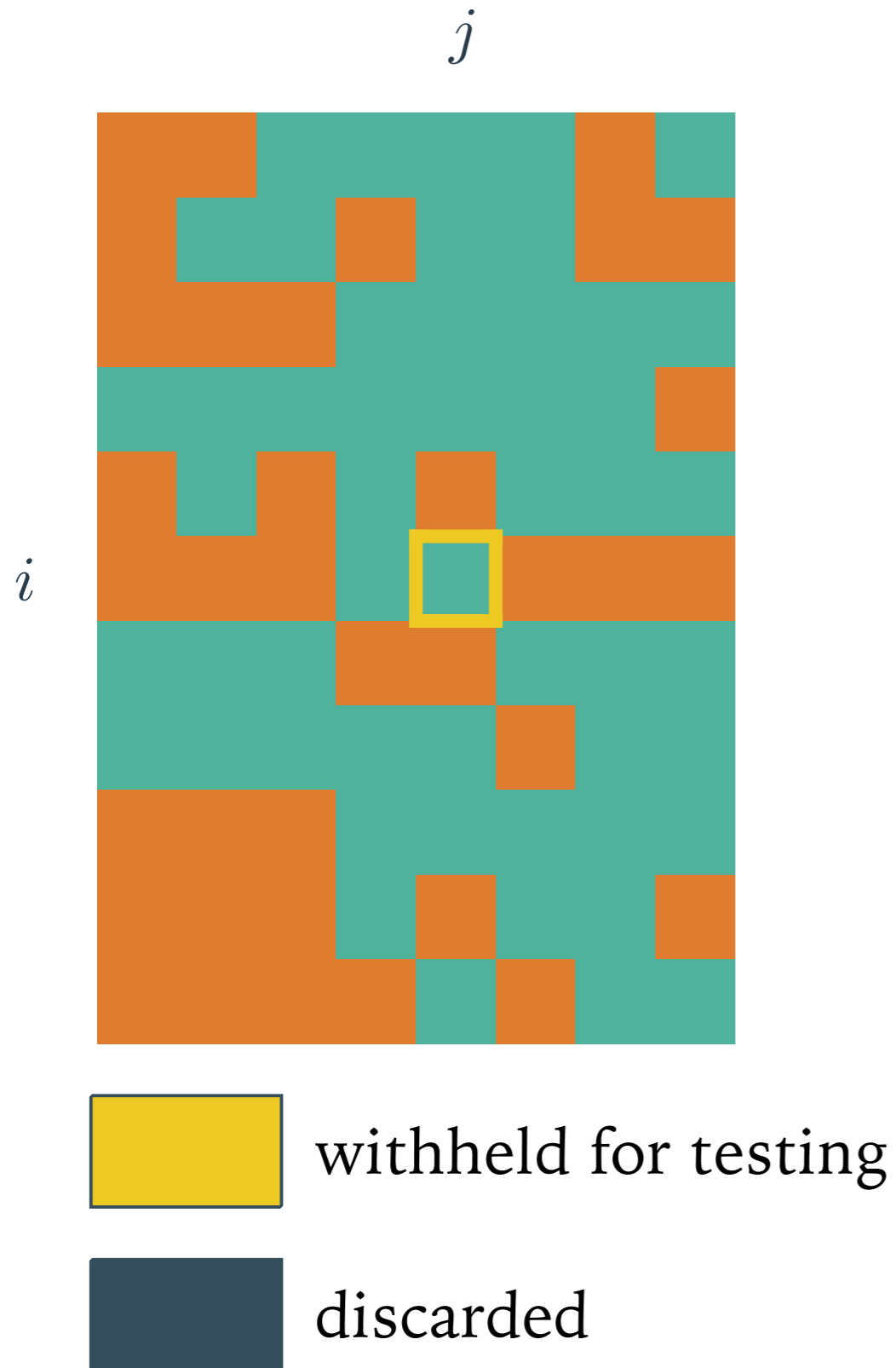
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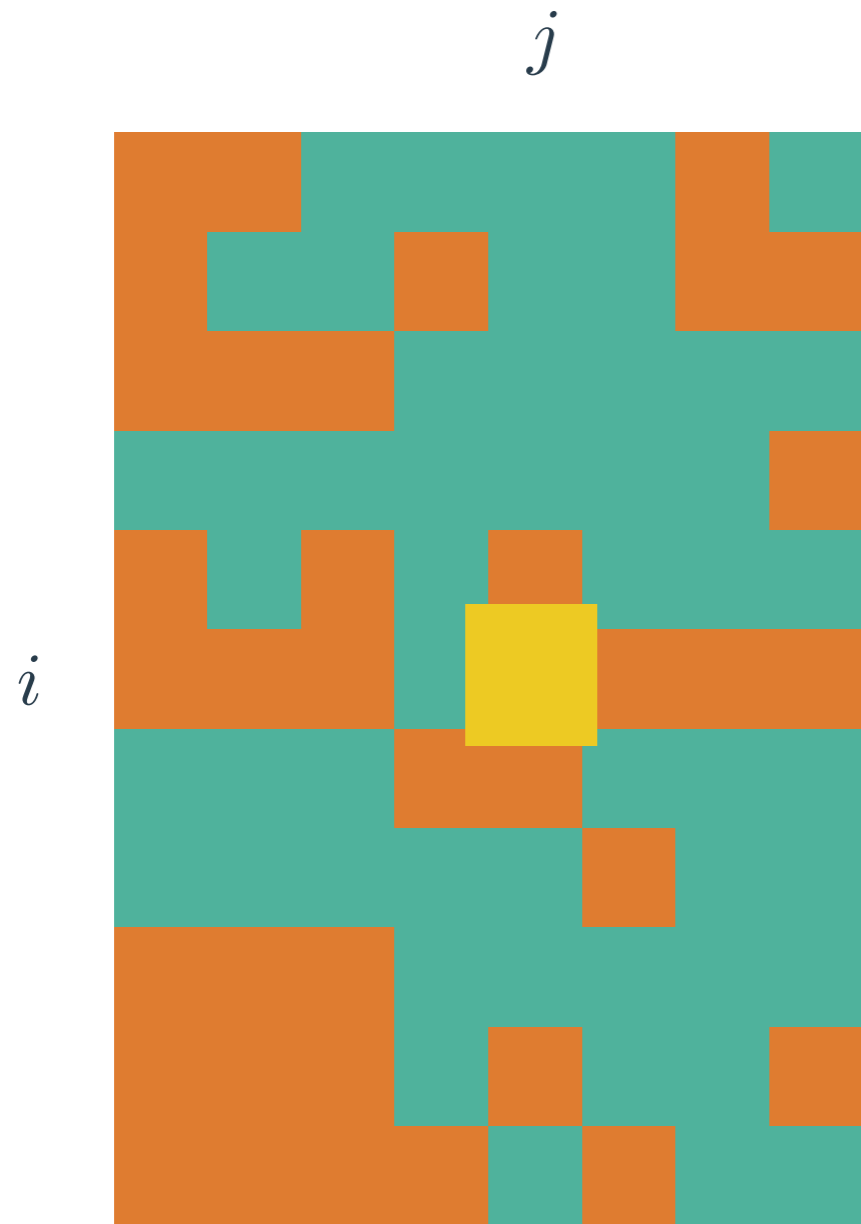
Setting C: same bees, new plants

Setting B: new bees, new plants

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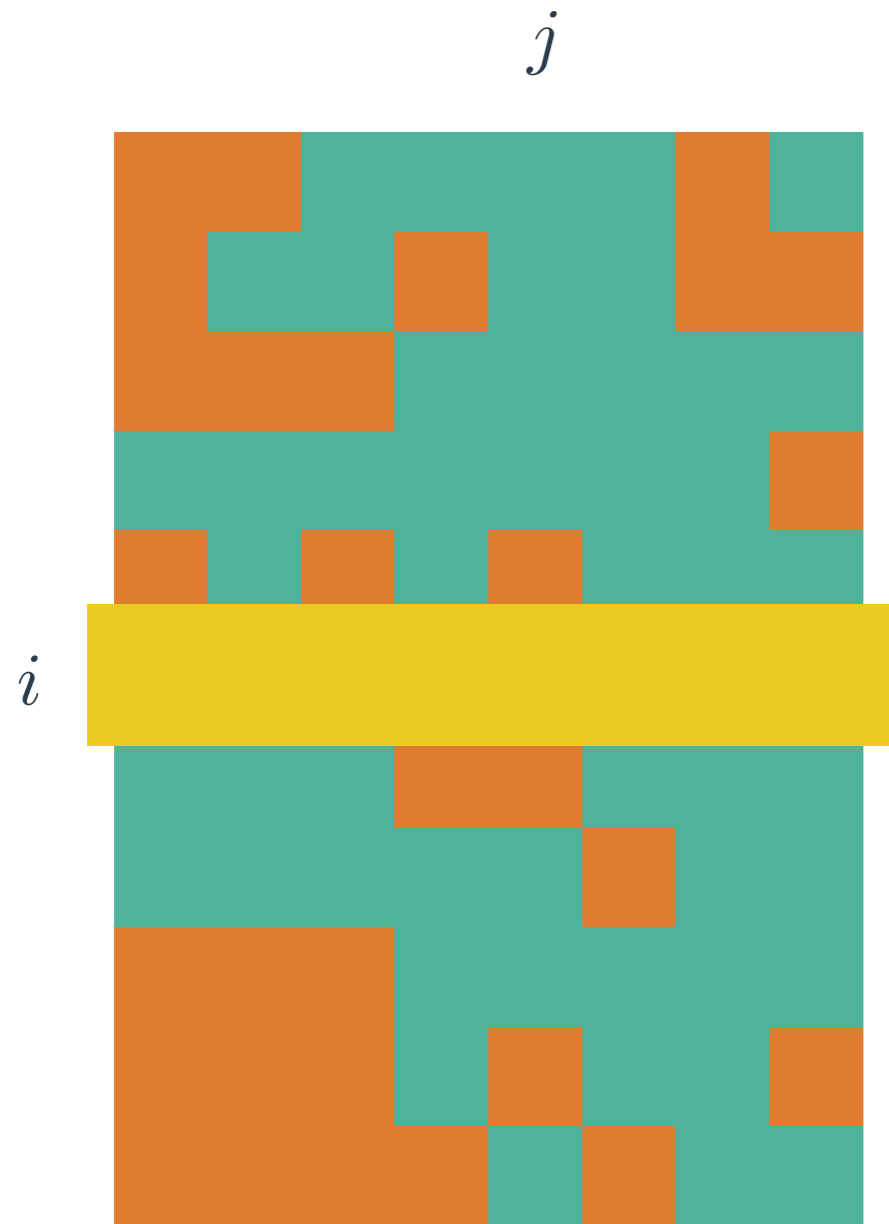


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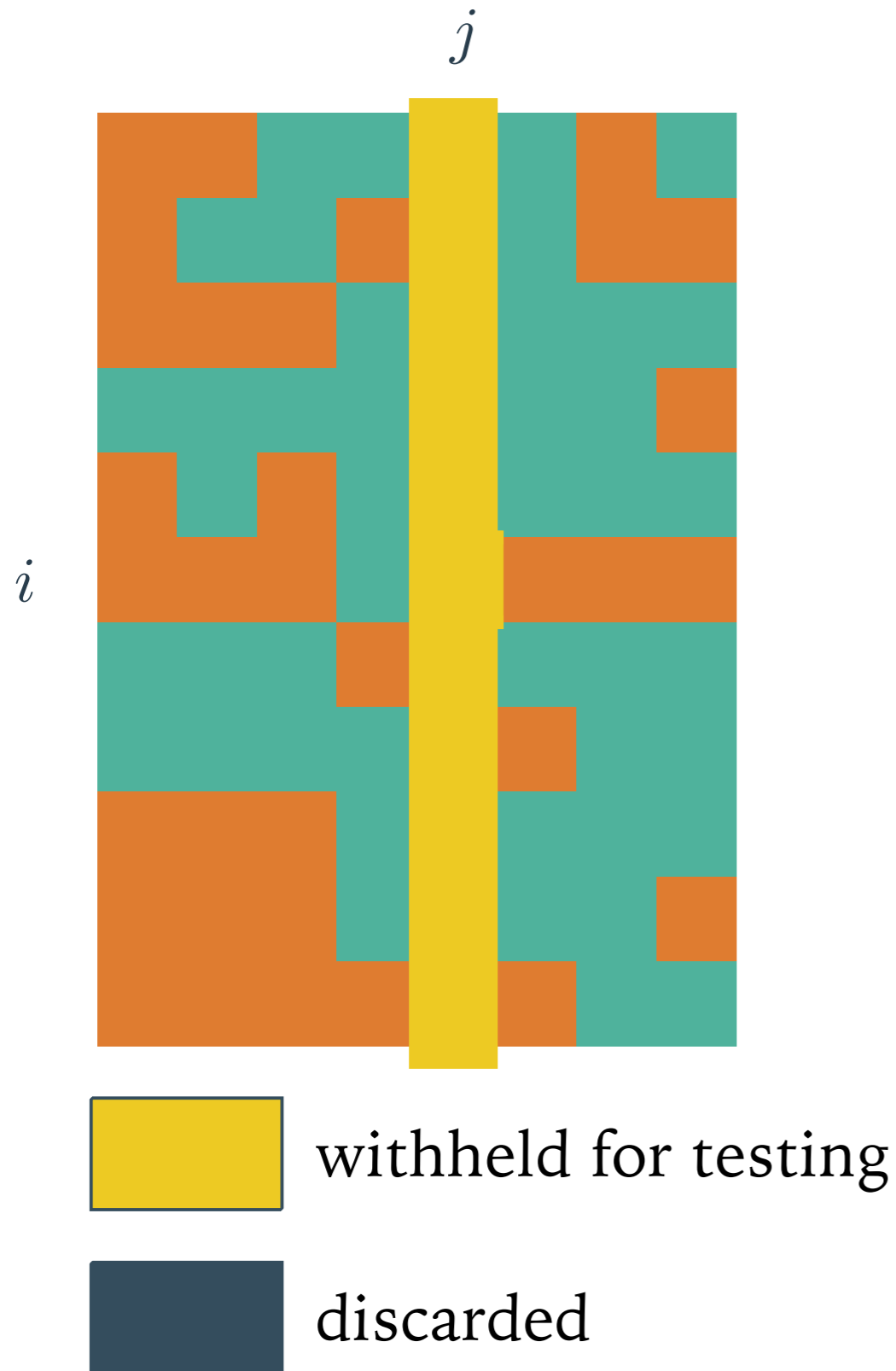
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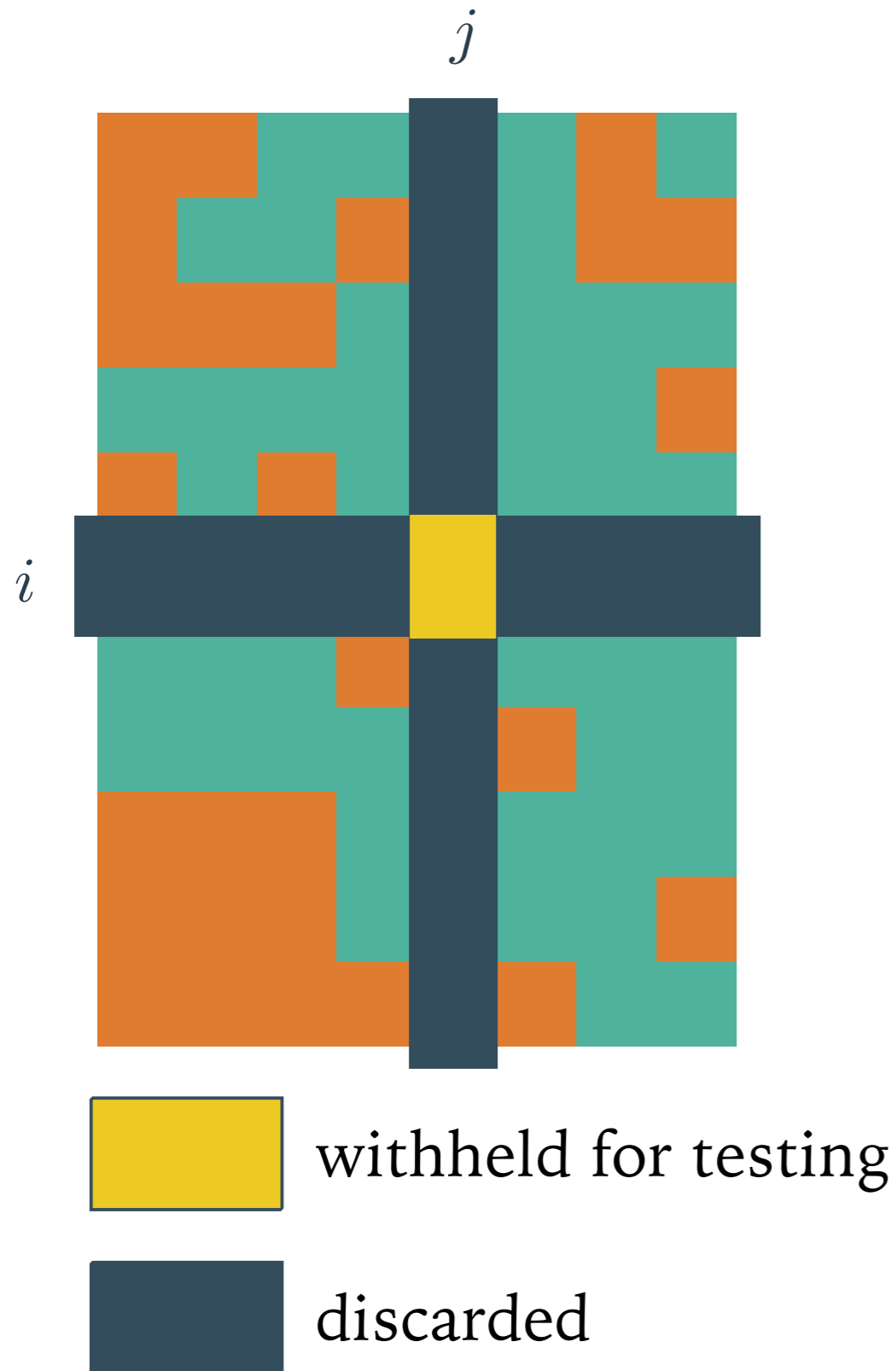


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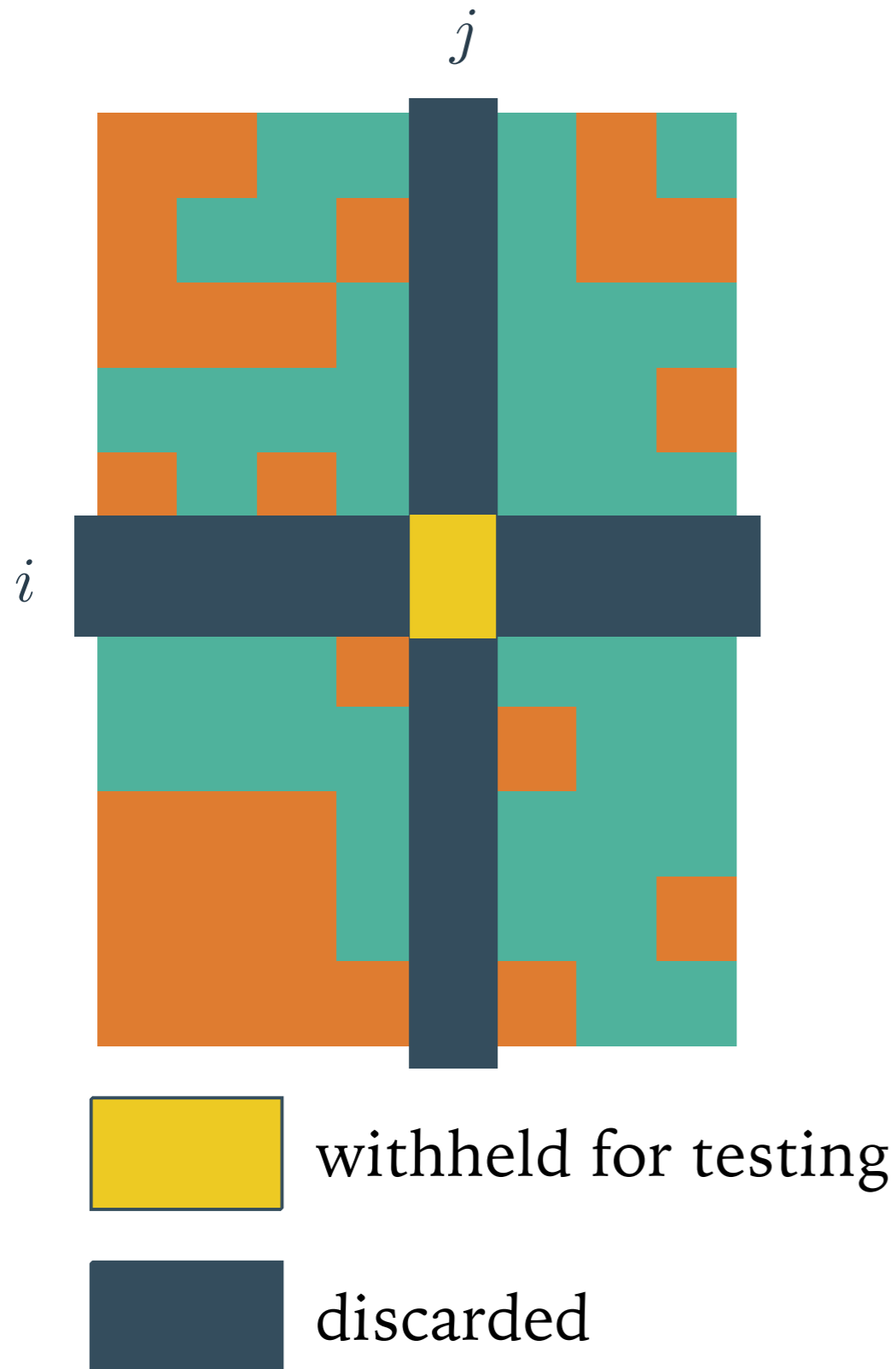
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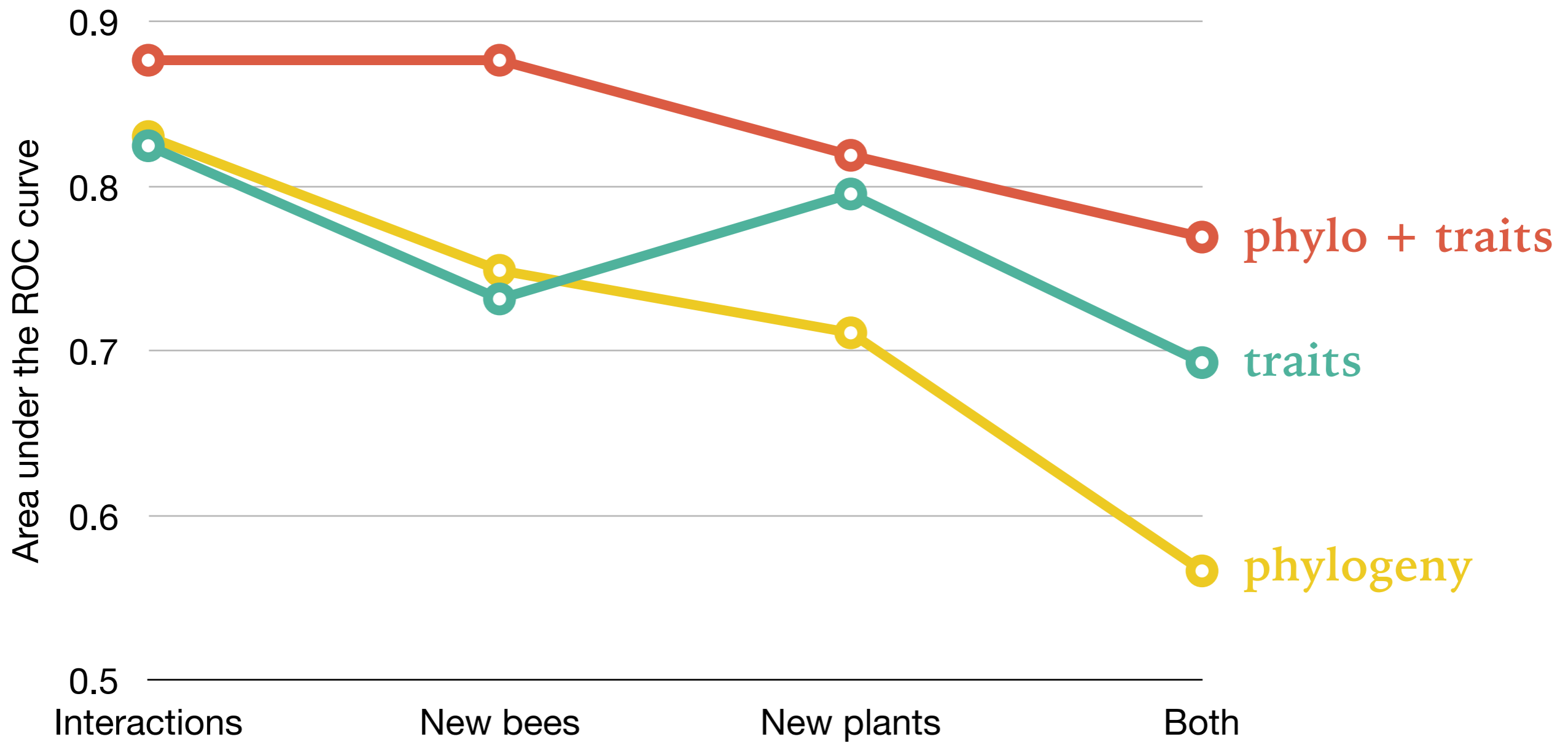
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Exact and efficient formulas
for computing the leave-
one-out values!

PERFORMANCE PREDICTING THE INTERACTIONS



A decorative graphic on the left side of the slide consists of a grid of black lines forming various sized rectangles. Some of these rectangles are filled with solid colors: a yellow rectangle at the top right, a large red rectangle in the upper middle, a smaller red rectangle in the middle left, a dark blue rectangle in the middle right, a teal rectangle in the lower middle, and an orange rectangle at the bottom right. The rest of the grid cells are white.

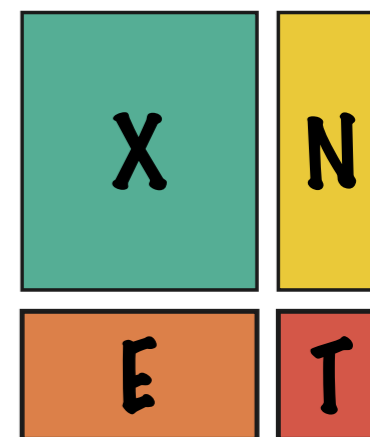
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