# Probabilistically Robust Learning

Balancing Average- and Worst-case Performance

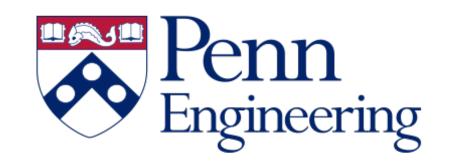








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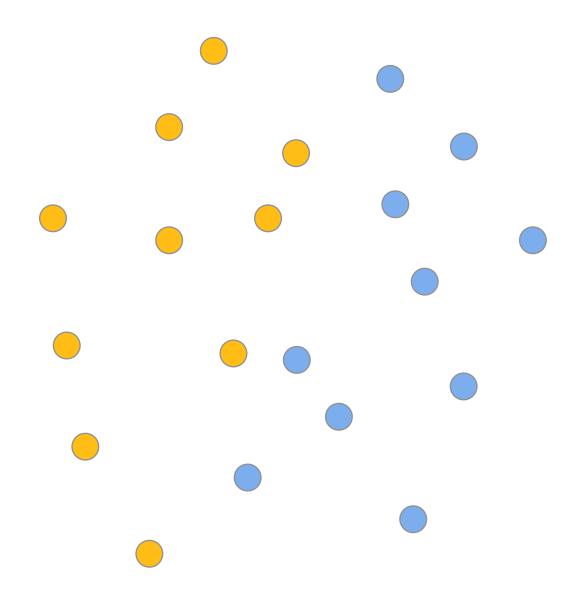




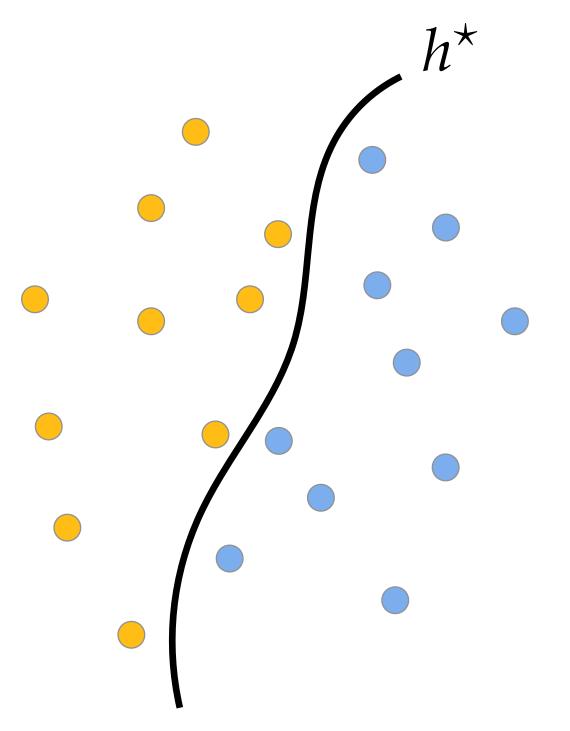


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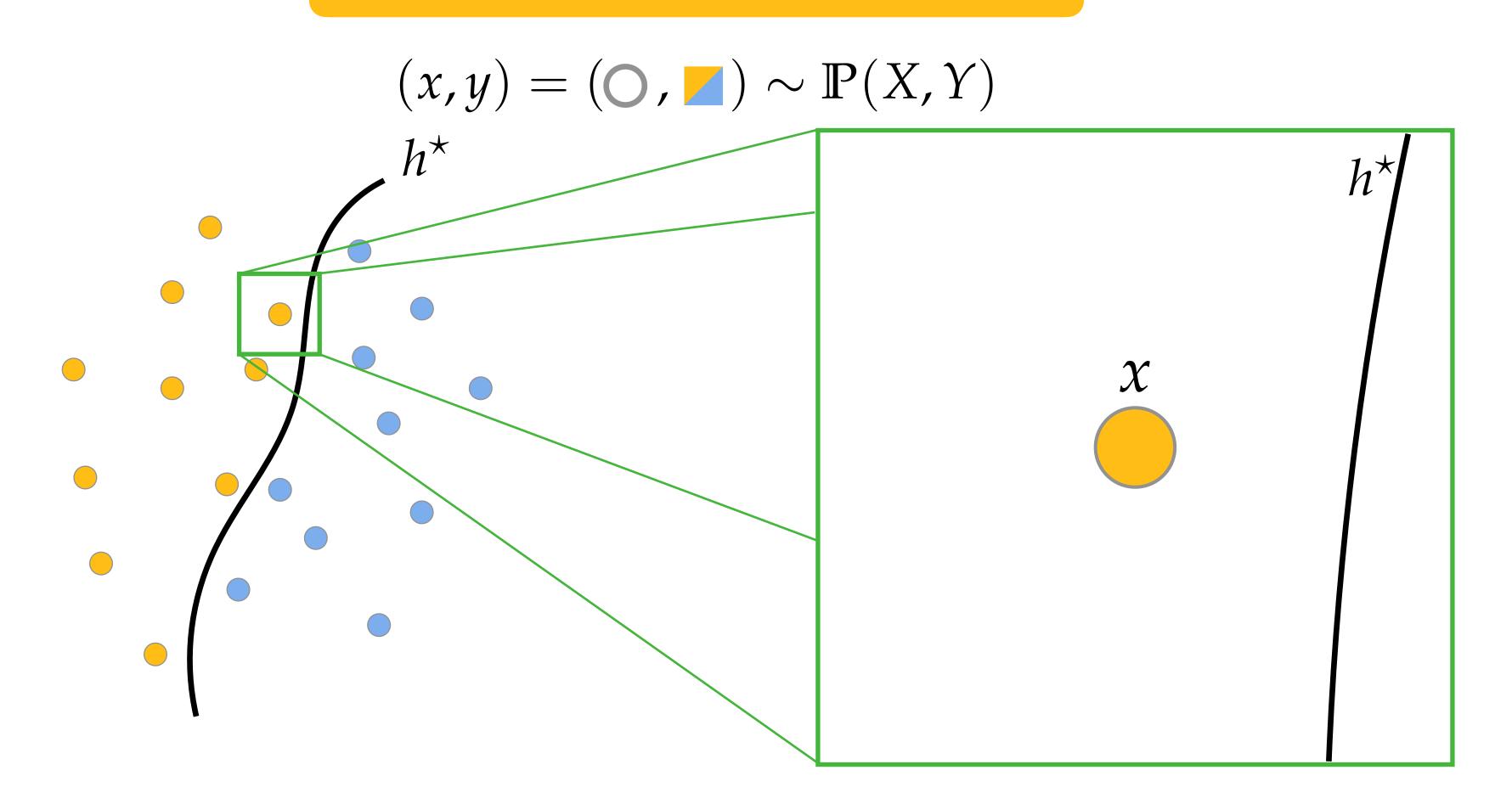


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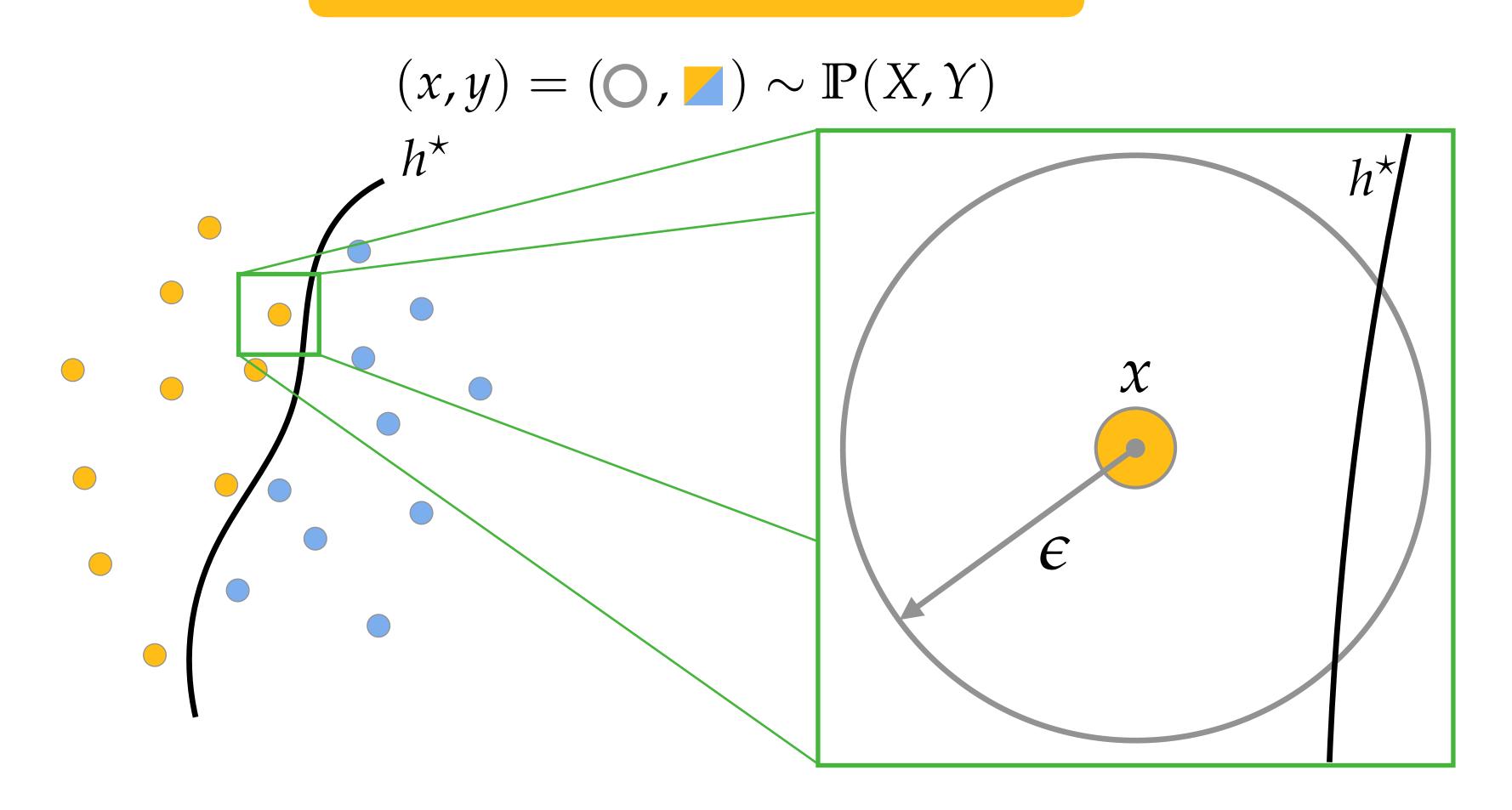
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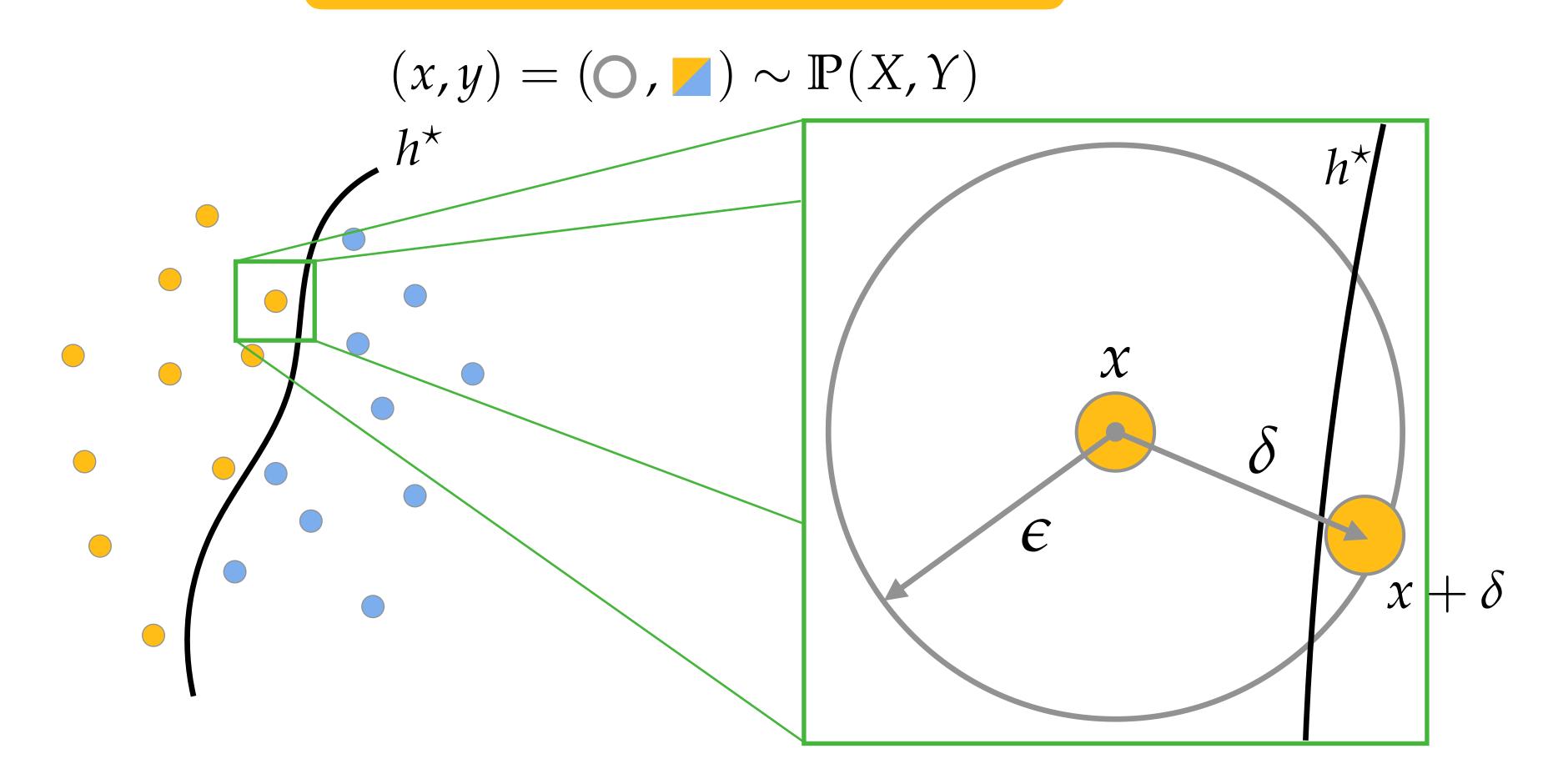
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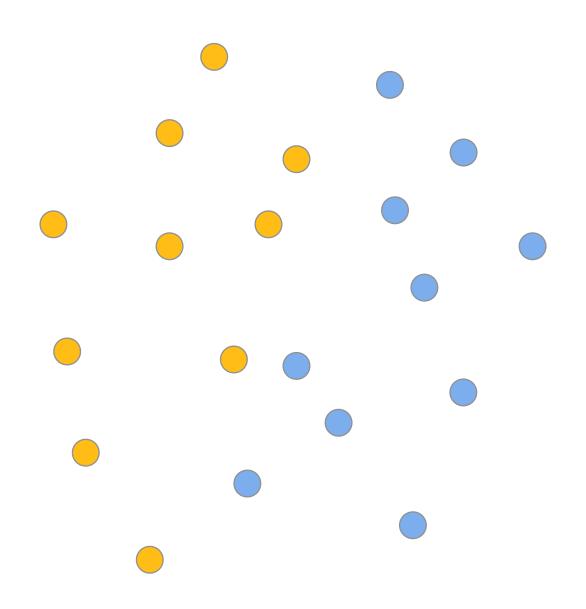
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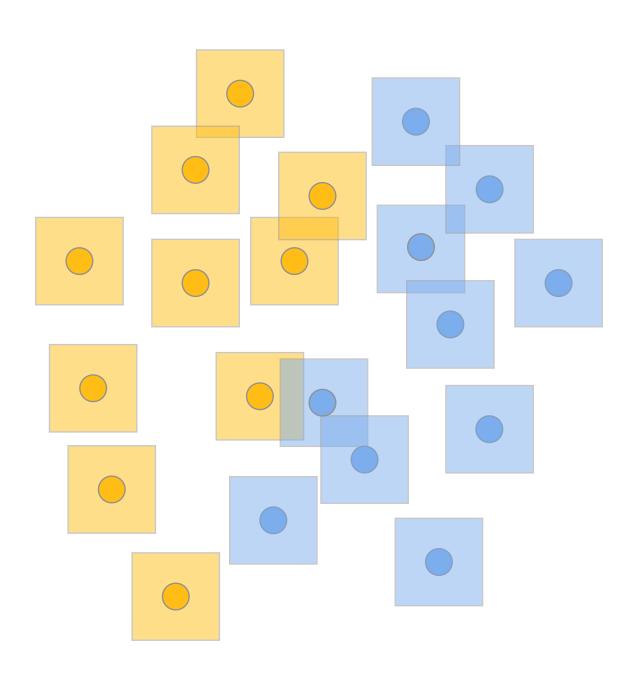


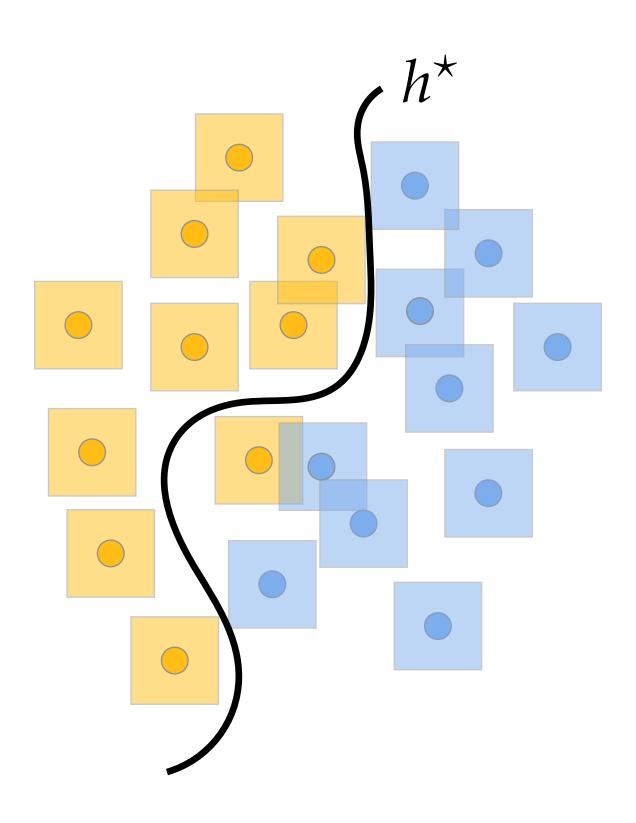
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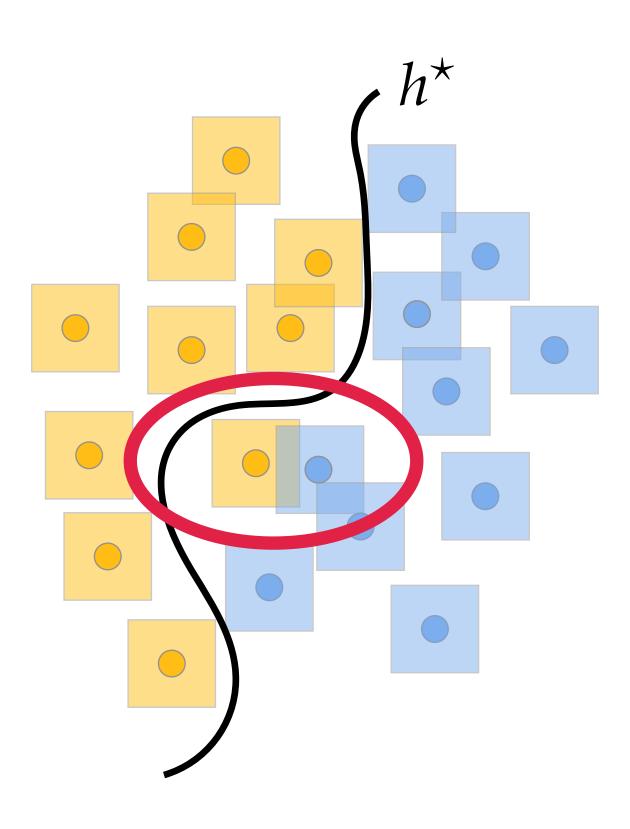
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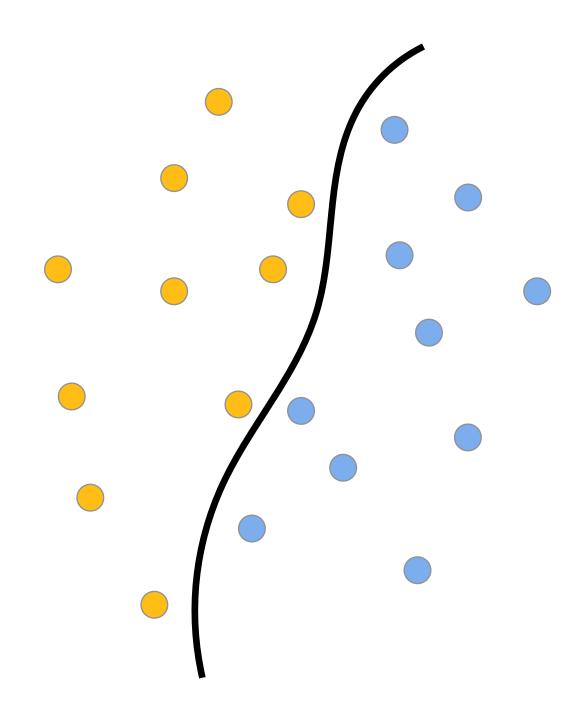


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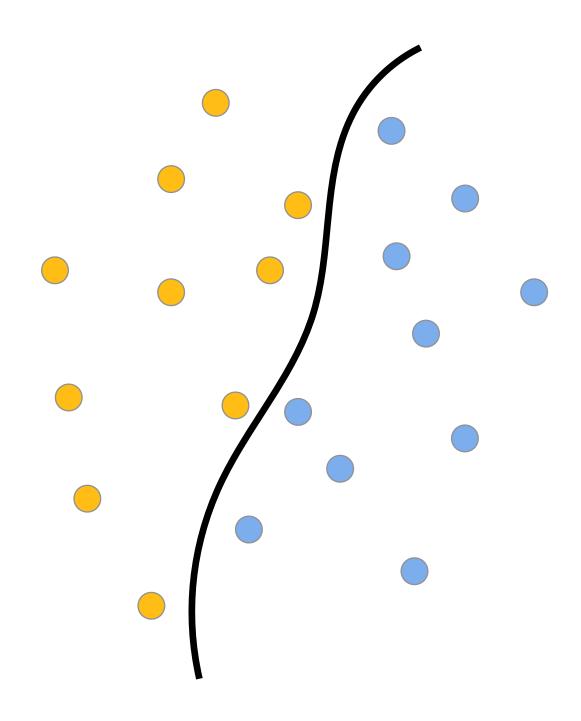
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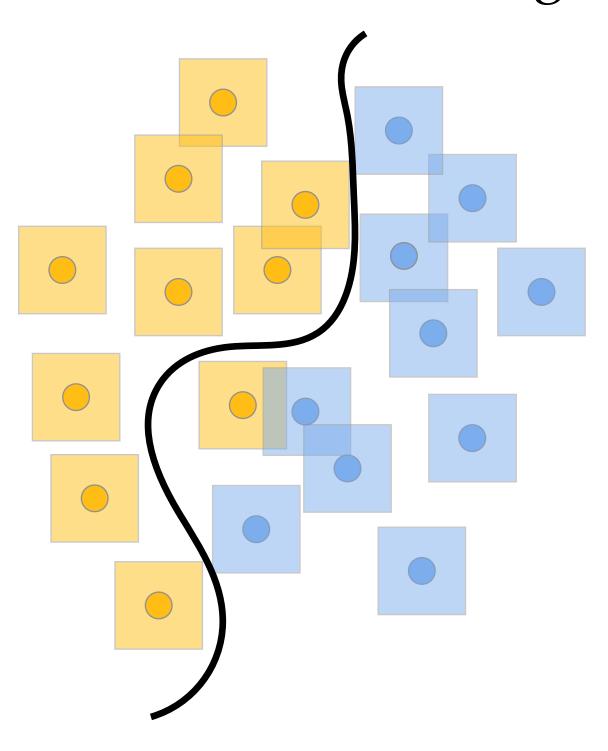
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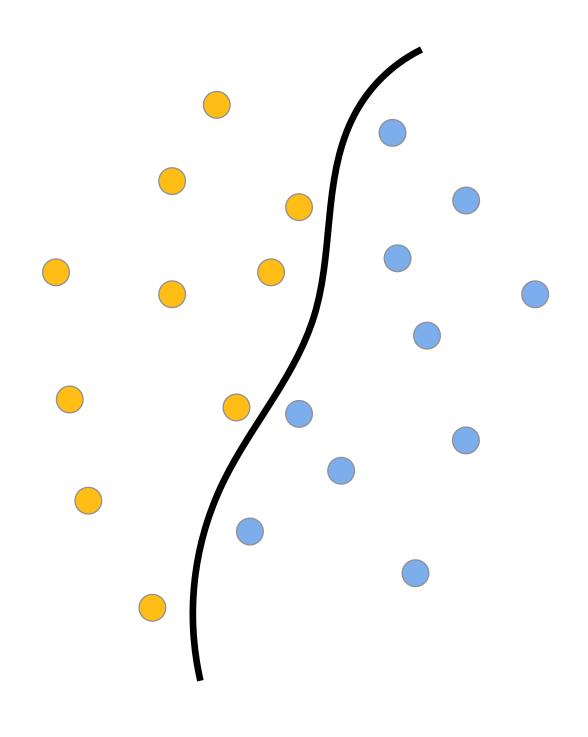
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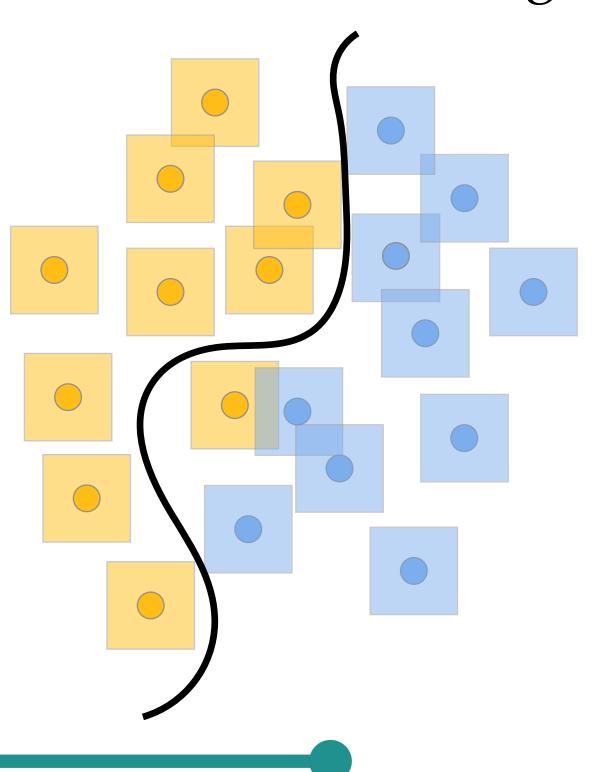
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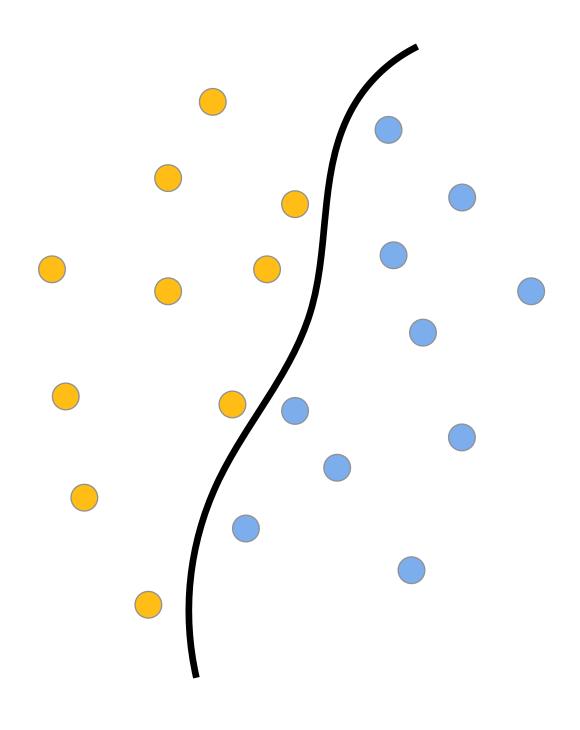
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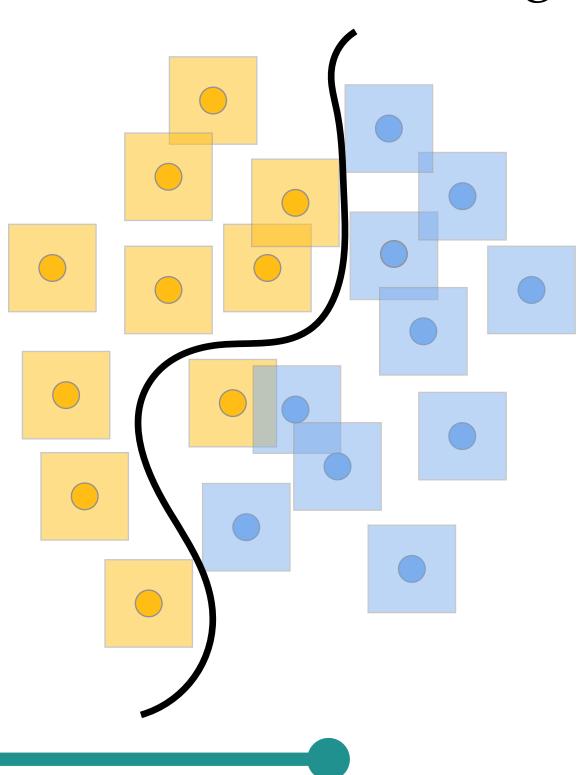
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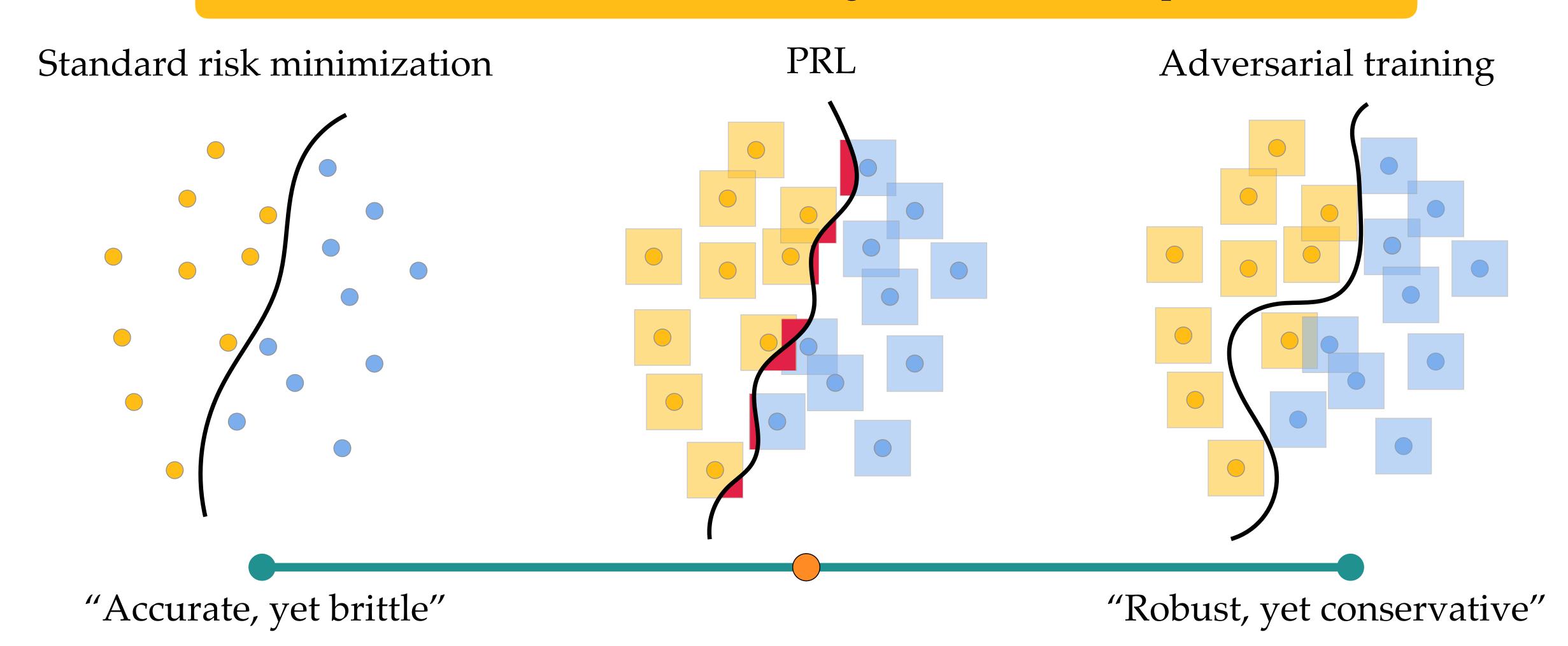
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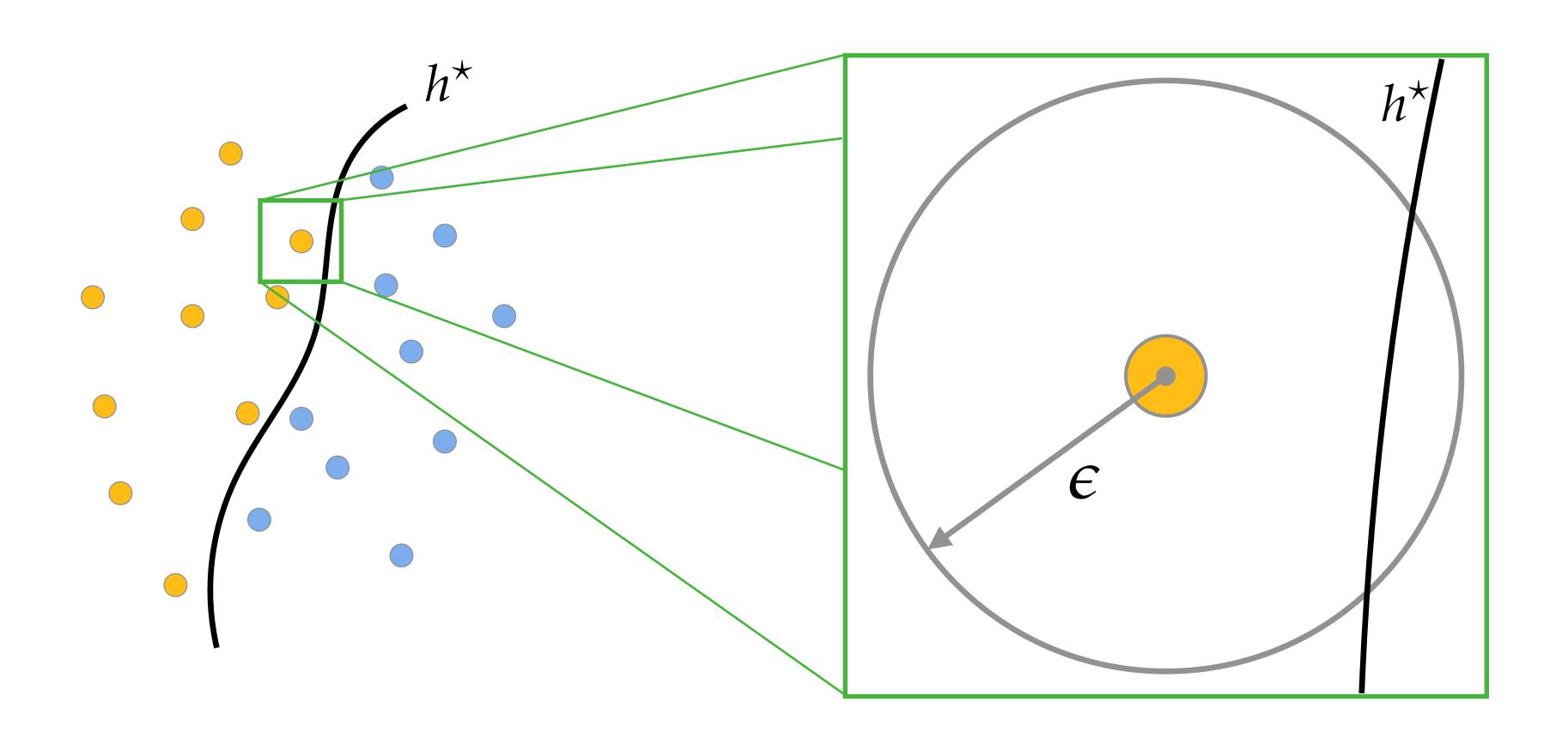


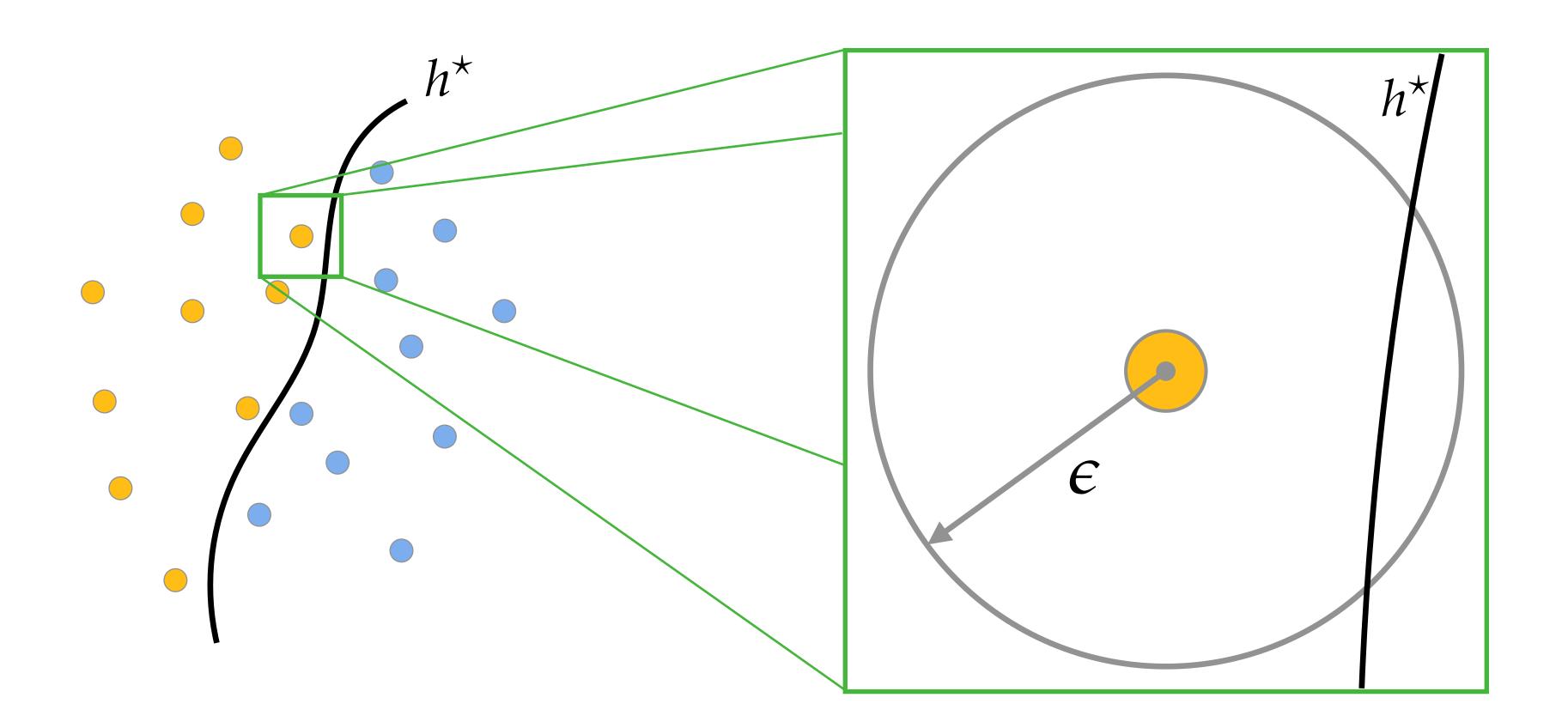
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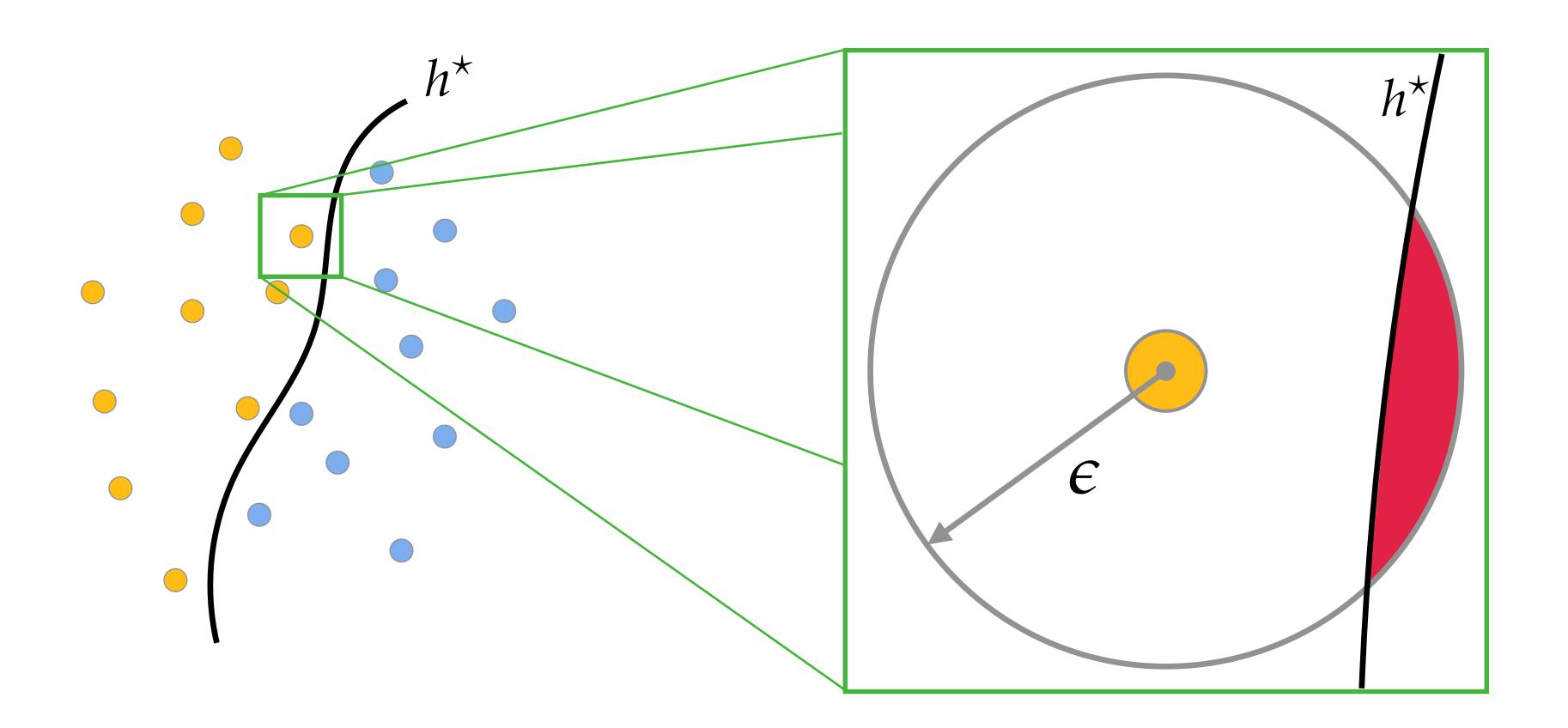


Our solution: Probabilistically Robust Learning (PRL)





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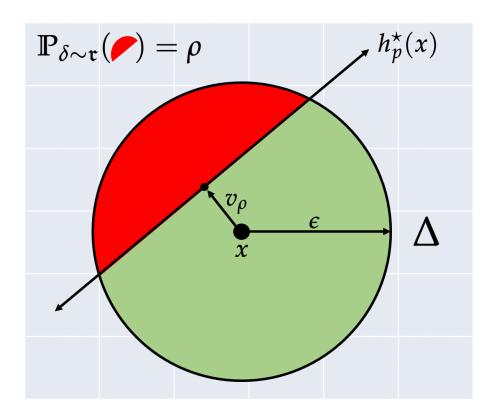
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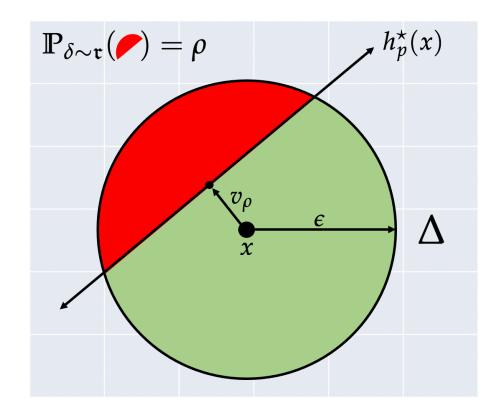
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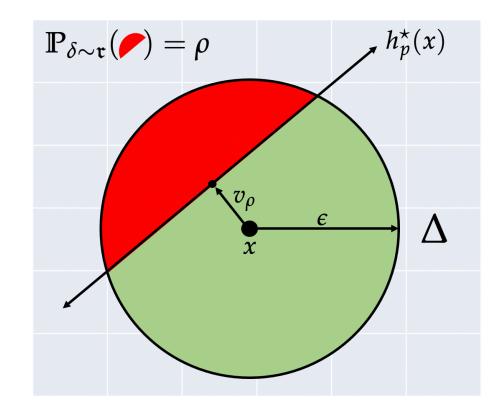
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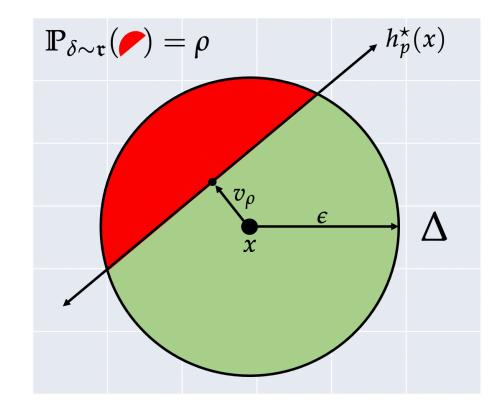
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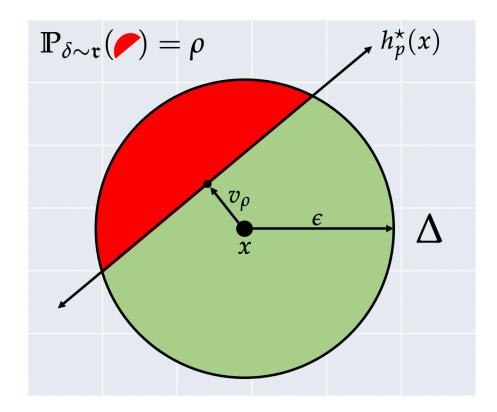
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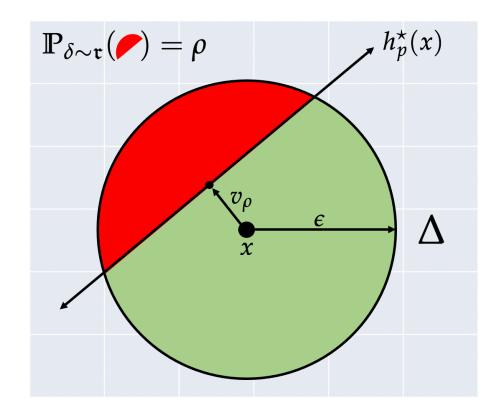


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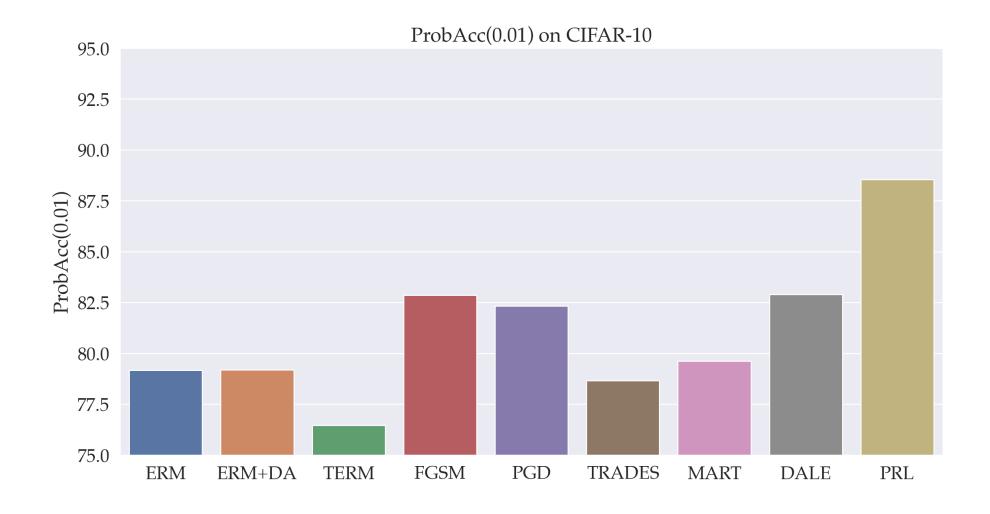
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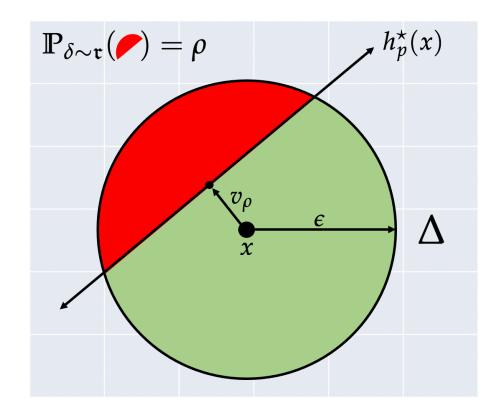
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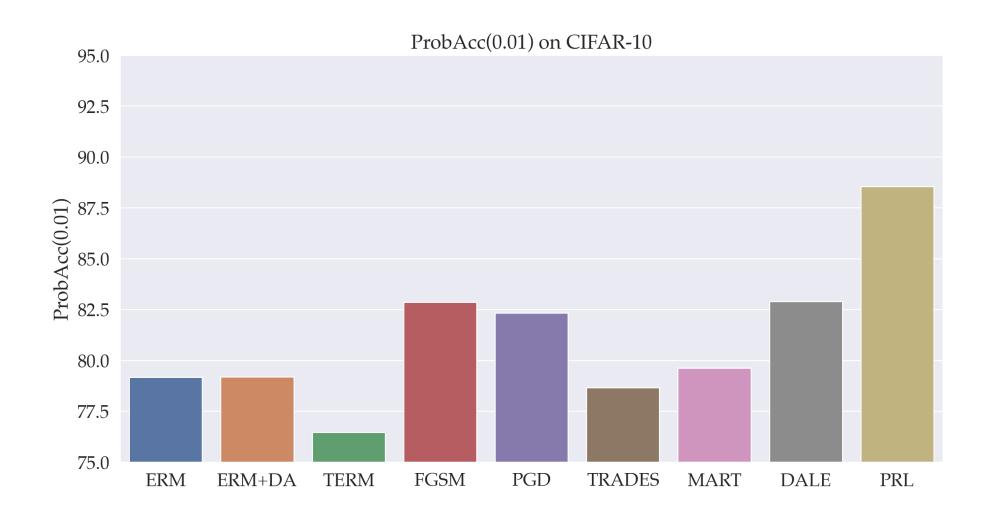
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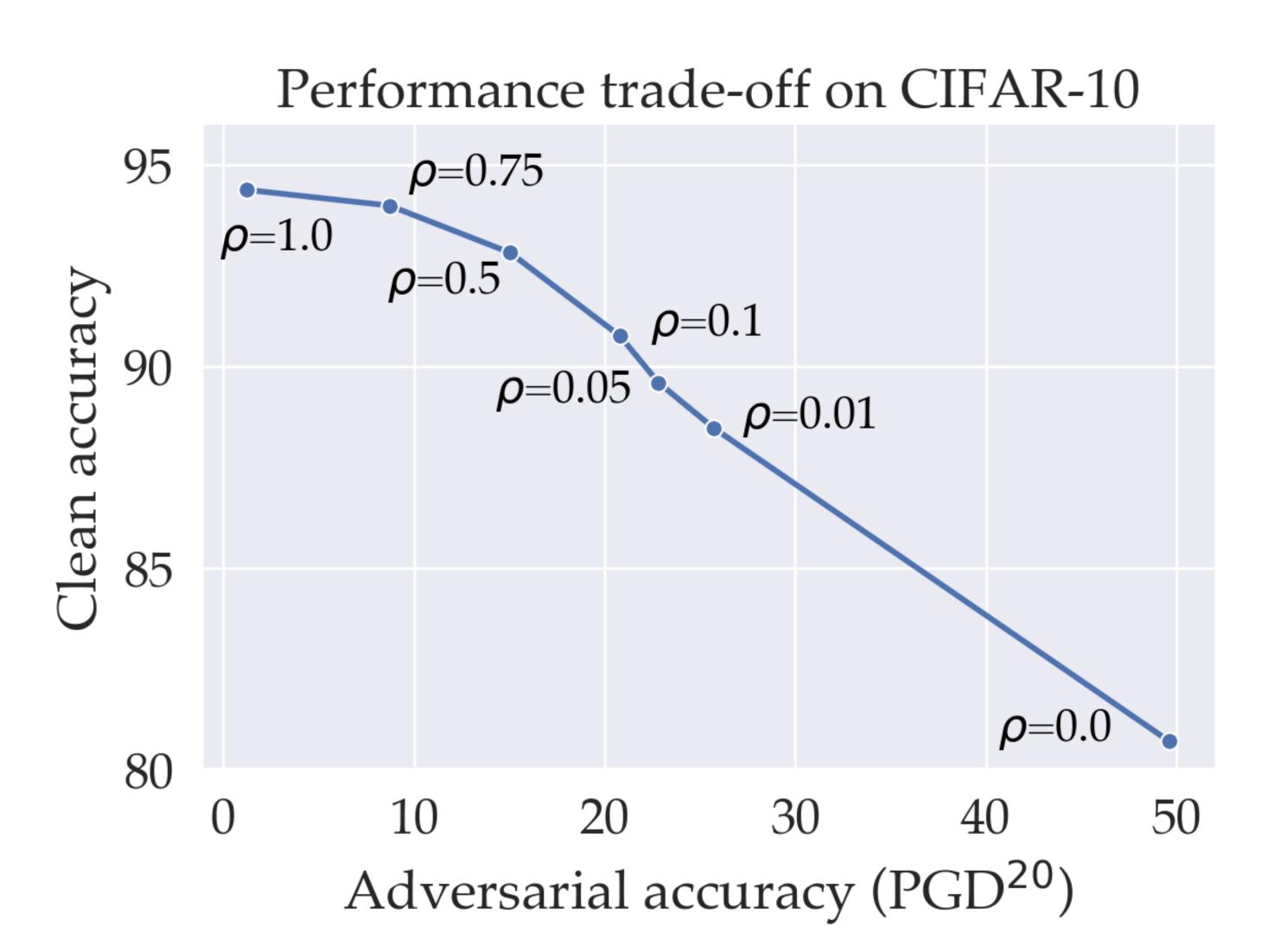


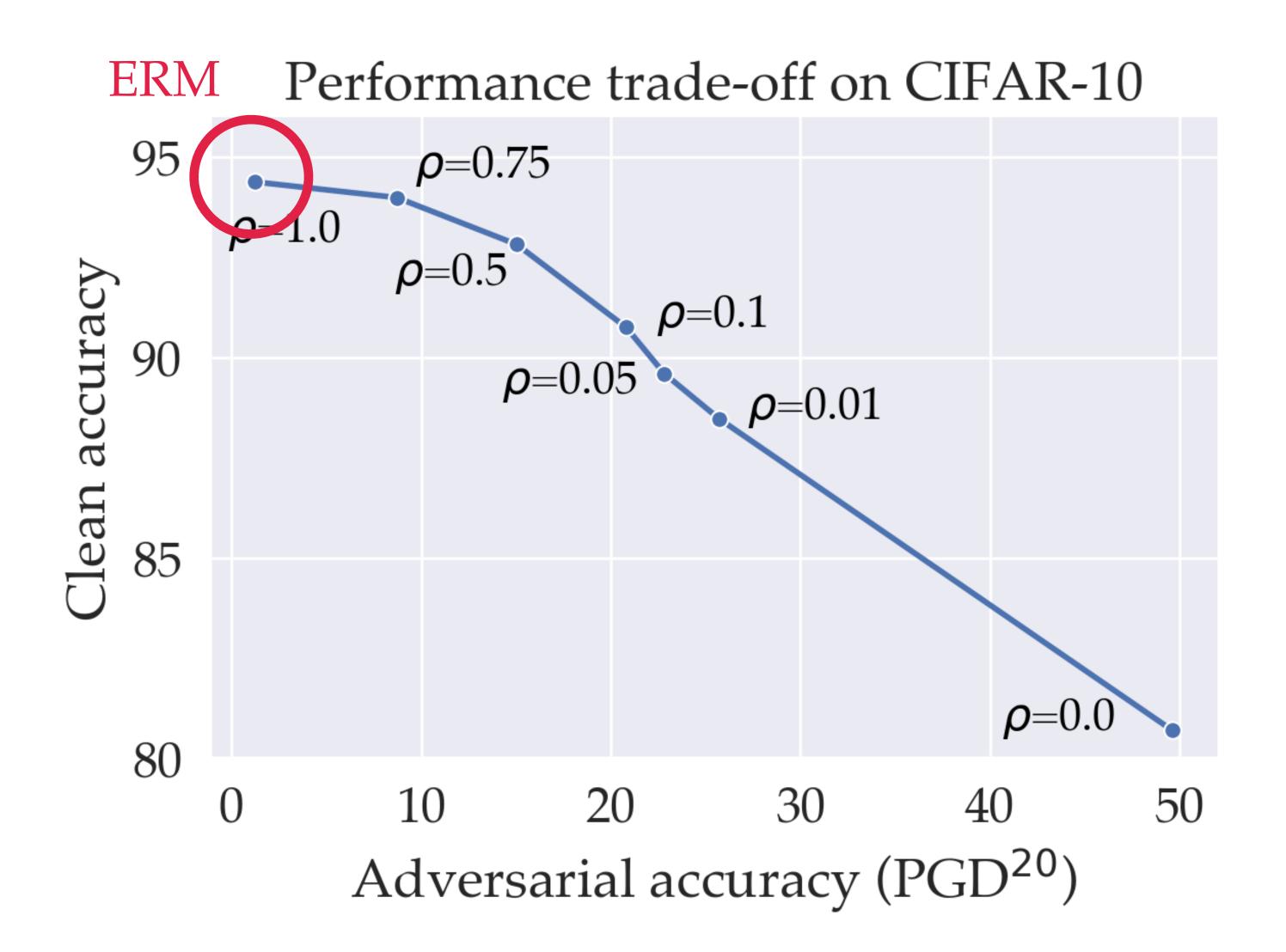
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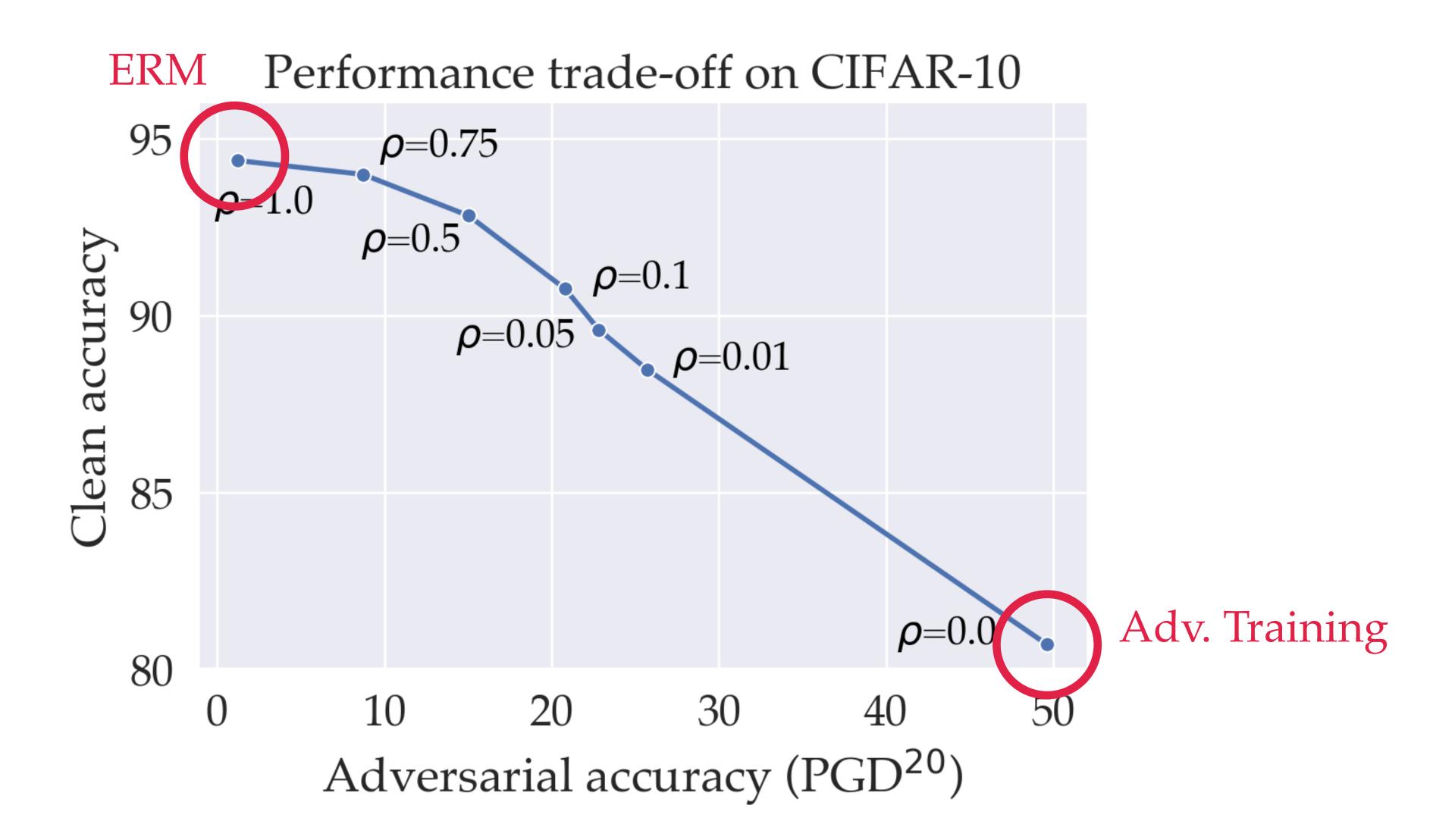
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# Any questions?



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