

Geometric Sampling

Probability (and techniques)

Additive
Chernoff Inequality

Double-sampling

VC dimension

Algorithms

ϵ -samples
and ϵ -nets

Concentration phenomena

let $X_1, \dots, X_n \in [0, 1]$ be independent

$$\mu = E[X_1 + \dots + X_n]$$

Q: probability that

$X_1 + \dots + X_n$ is close to μ ?
(multiplicatively)

A: error probability exponentially small in μ

Multiplicative Chernoff bound

let $X_1, \dots, X_n \in [0, 1]$ be independent

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$$\epsilon \in (0, 1)$$

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- $P[X_1 + \dots + X_n \leq (1 - \epsilon)\mu] \leq e^{-\epsilon^2 \mu / 2}$

Additive Chernoff bound

let $X_1, \dots, X_n \in [0, 1]$ be independent

$$\mu = E[X_1 + \dots + X_n]/n$$

$$\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$$

$$\bullet \quad P\left[\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} \geq \mu + \varepsilon\right] \leq e^{-2\varepsilon^2 n}$$

$$\bullet \quad P\left[\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} \leq \mu - \varepsilon\right] \leq e^{-2\varepsilon^2 n}$$

(proof at end if time permits)

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Additive Chernoff

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Lecture 12

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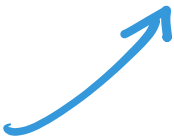
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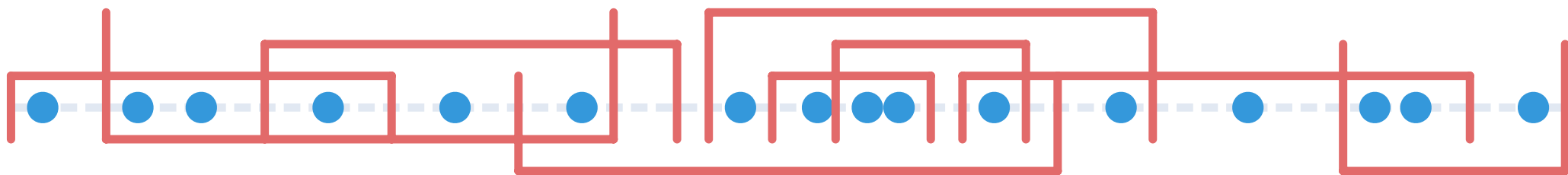
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Range Space

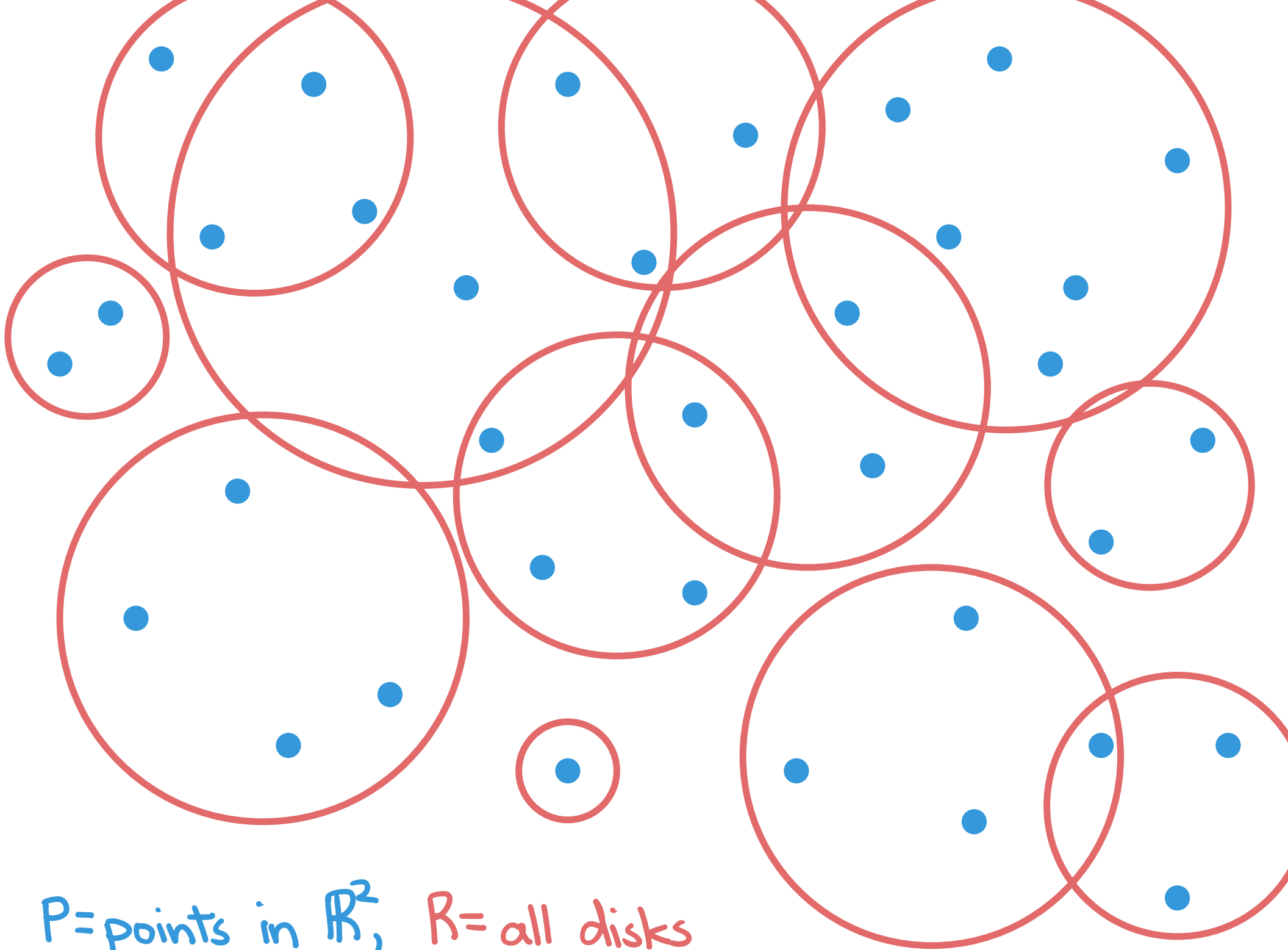
(P, R)

points 

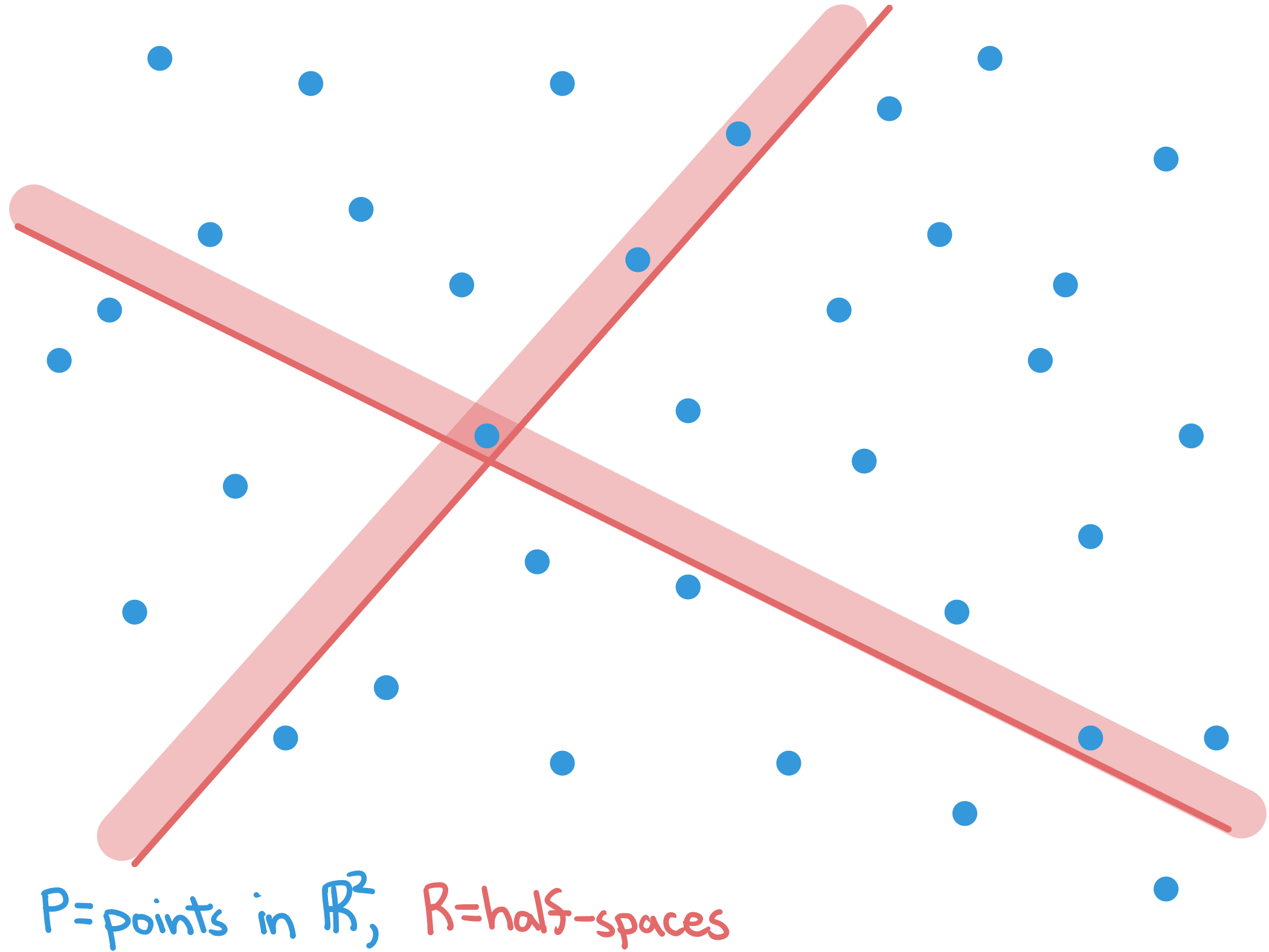
 ranges
(subsets of P)



P = points in $\mathbb{R}$, R = intervals



P =points in $\mathbb{R}^2$, R =all disks

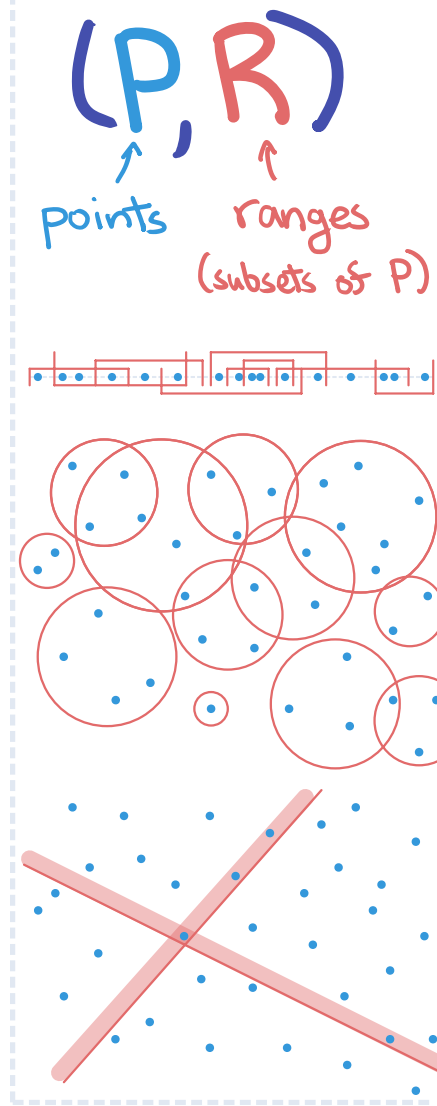


Typical queries: for $r \in R$:

Q: is r empty?

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Q: does r contain $\geq \epsilon$ -fraction of P ?
(for $\epsilon \in (0,1)$)

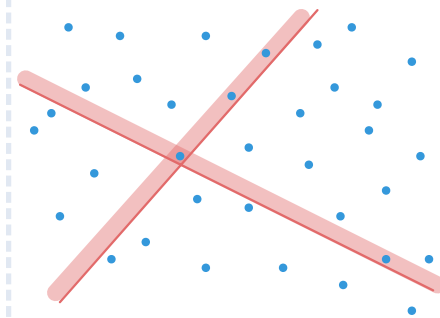
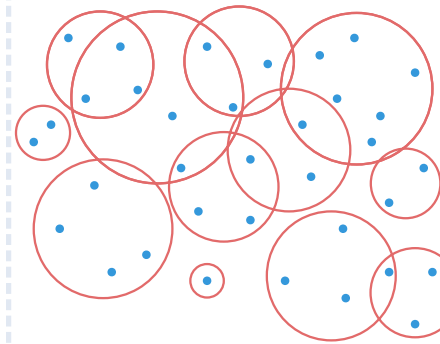


measure $\mu(r) = \frac{|P \cap r|}{|P|}$

for $Q \subseteq P$, let $\mu_Q(r) = \frac{|Q \cap r|}{|Q|}$

(high-level)
Question: how big should a random
sample $Q \subseteq P$ be so that
 $\mu_Q \approx \mu$?

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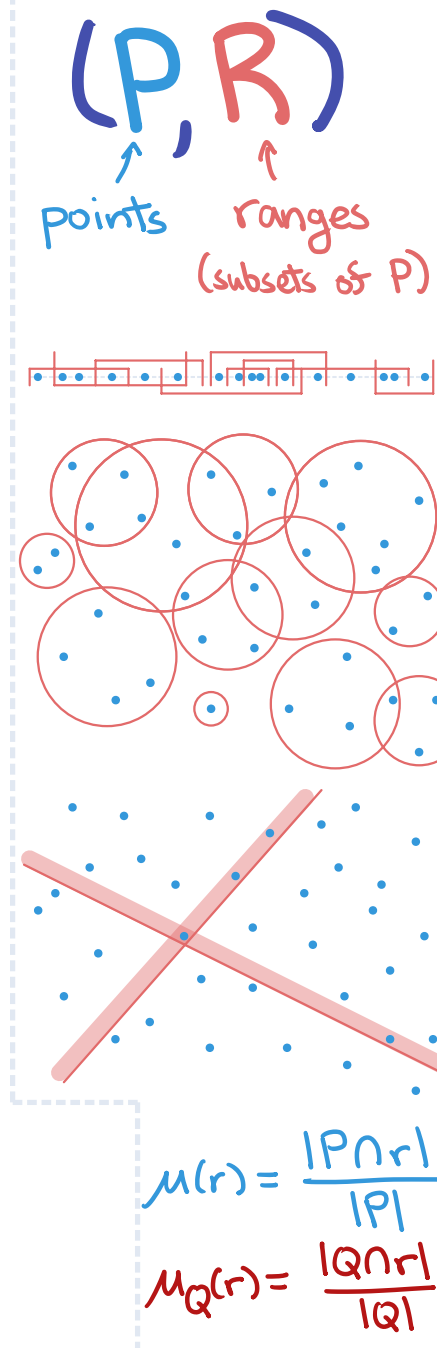
$$|\mu_Q(r) - \mu(r)| \leq \epsilon \quad \forall r \in R$$

ϵ -net

Q is an ϵ -net if

$$\mu_Q(r) > 0 \text{ whenever } \mu(r) \geq \epsilon$$

(ϵ -sample $\Rightarrow \epsilon$ -net)



ϵ -sample

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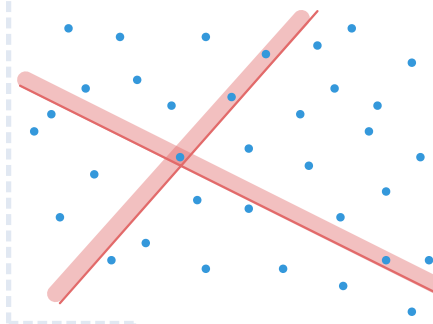
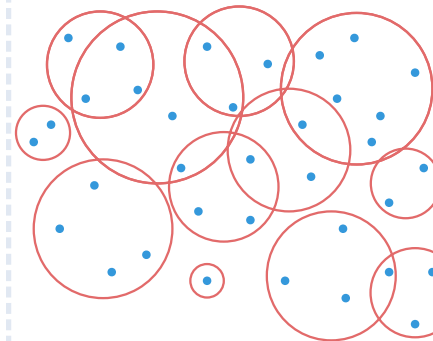
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(!) $|Q| < (1-\epsilon)|P|$ is impossible
w/out any assumptions on R

e.g. $R = 2^P$ (=all subsets of P)

if $|Q| < (1-\epsilon)|P|$, then $\bar{Q} = P \setminus Q$ has

$$\mu(\bar{Q}) > \epsilon, \quad \mu_Q(\bar{Q}) = 0$$



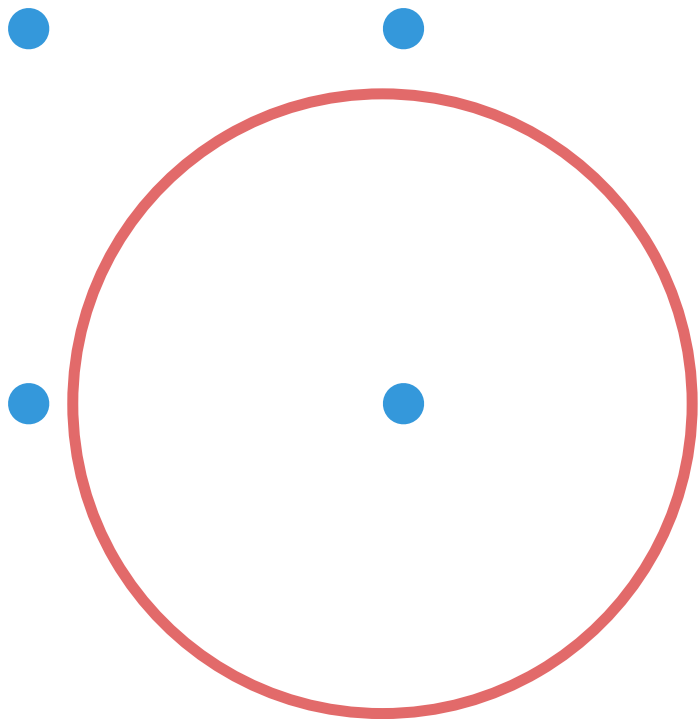
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(same for ϵ -nets)

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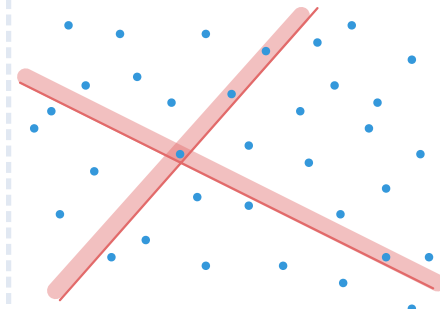
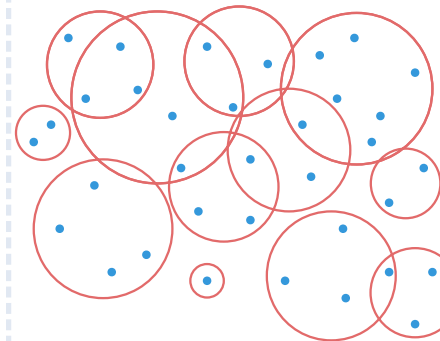


e.g. cannot cover
(only) opposite
corners of a square
w/ a disk

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growth function $g: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

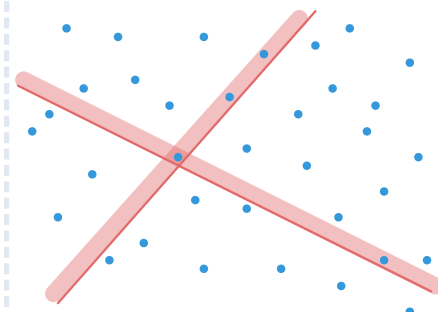
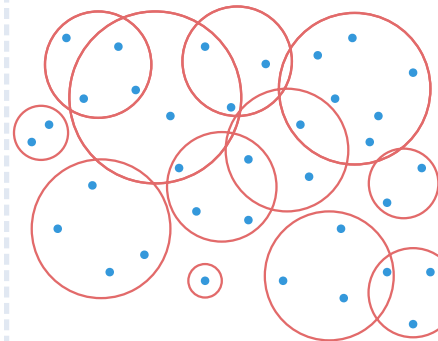
$$g(n) = \max \{ |R \wedge Q| : Q \subseteq P, |Q| \leq n \}$$

e.g. disks have $g(n) \leq O(n^3)$ (which we prove later)

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ϵ -sample $|\mu_Q(r) - \mu(r)| \leq \epsilon \quad \forall r \in R$

let Q sample k points w/ repetition

for range $r \in R$:

$$\mu_Q(r) = \frac{1}{k}(X_1 + \dots + X_k) \text{ w/ } X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i\text{th point in } r \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$P[|\mu_Q(r) - \mu(r)| \geq \epsilon]$$

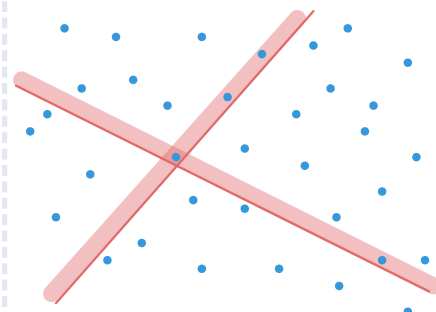
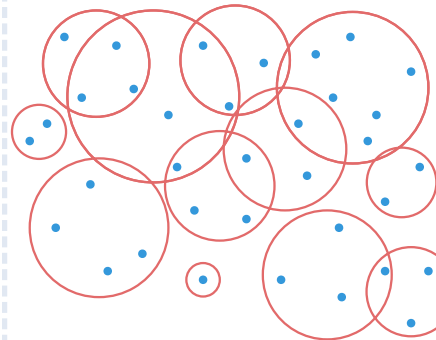
$$= P\left[\left|\frac{1}{k}(X_1 + \dots + X_k) - \mu(r)\right| \geq \epsilon\right]$$

$$\leq 2e^{-2\epsilon^2 k}$$

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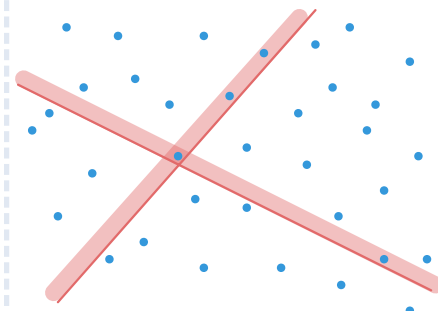
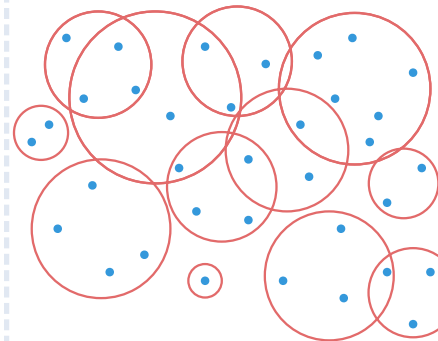
how many r 's?

$$|R \cap P| \leq g(|P|)$$

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✓ $P[|\mu_Q(r) - \mu(r)| \geq \epsilon] \leq 2e^{-2\epsilon^2 k}$ for $r \in R$

✓ $|R \cap P| \leq g(|P|)$

$k = O(\ln(g(|P|))/\epsilon^2) \Rightarrow$

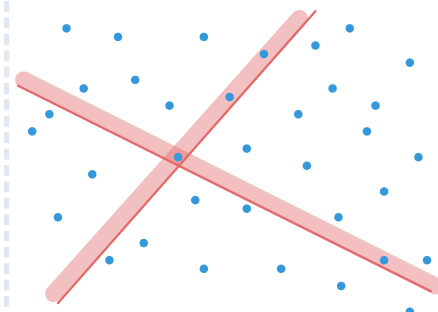
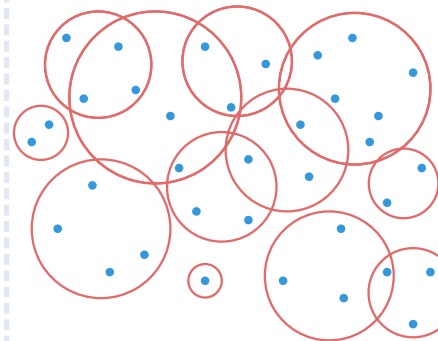
$P_r[Q \text{ not } \epsilon\text{-sample}]$

$\leq \sum_{r \in R \cap P} P[|\mu_Q(r) - \mu(r)| \geq \epsilon]$
(union bound)

$\leq g(|P|) e^{-\epsilon^2 k} \leq \frac{1}{2}$

(P, R)

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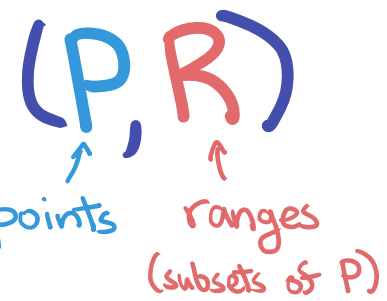
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let Q sample k points w/ repetition

$$k = O\left(\frac{\ln(g(|P|))}{\epsilon^2}\right) \Rightarrow \epsilon\text{-sample}$$

$(= O(\frac{\ln(|P|)}{\epsilon^2}) \text{ for } g(n) = n^{O(1)})$

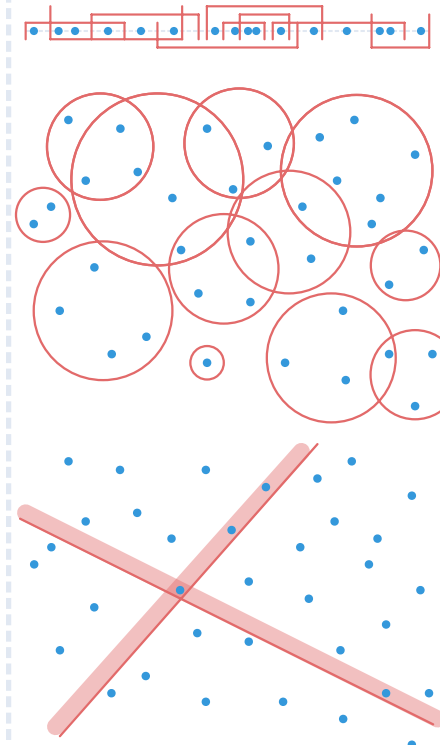
(w/ constant probability)

Also (exercise)

$$k = O\left(\frac{\ln(g(|P|))}{\epsilon}\right) \Rightarrow \epsilon\text{-net}$$

(w/ constant probability)

Better?



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ϵ -sample theorem

[VC71]

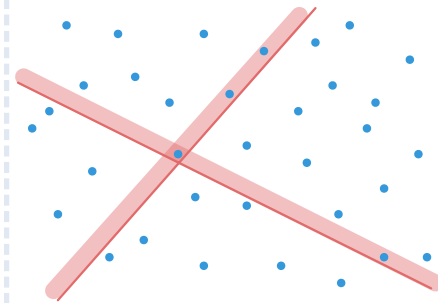
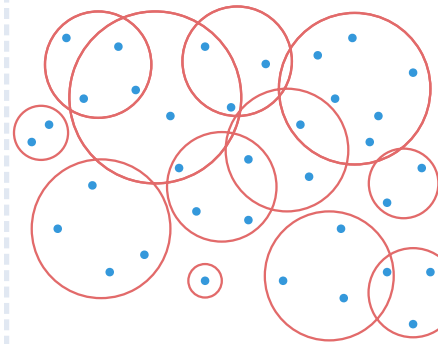
$$k \geq O\left(\frac{\ln(g(2k))}{\epsilon^2}\right) \Rightarrow \epsilon\text{-sample} \quad (\text{w/ constant probability})$$

e.g. $g(n) = O(n^d)$

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points $\uparrow$ ranges
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ϵ -net theorem

[HW87]

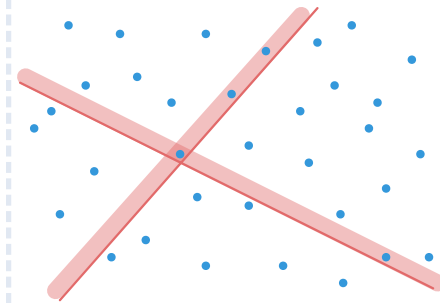
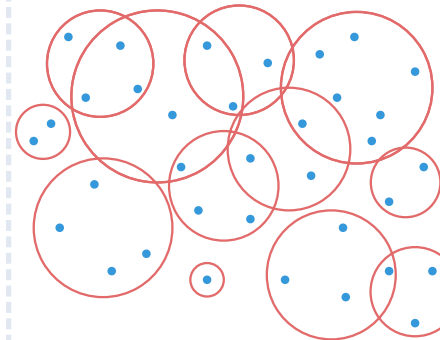
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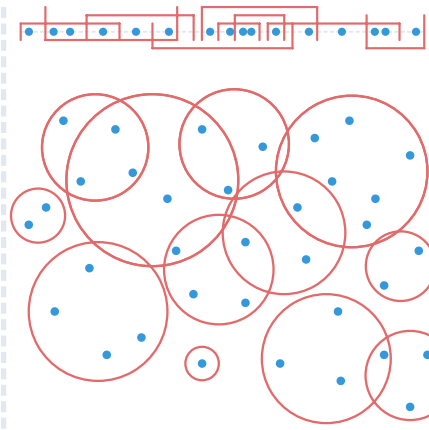
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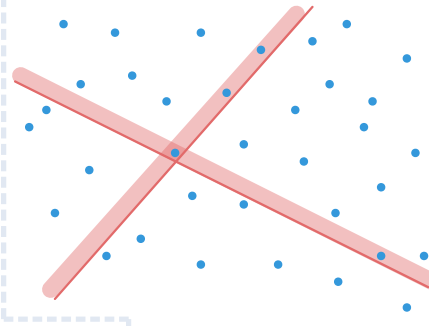
(w/ constant probability)



Proof let Q_1 sample k points (w/ repetition)

define event

$$A = \text{(event that)} |\mu_1(r) - \mu(r)| > \epsilon \text{ for some } r$$



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goal: prove $P[A] \leq \frac{1}{2}$

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$$\epsilon\text{-sample theorem}$$

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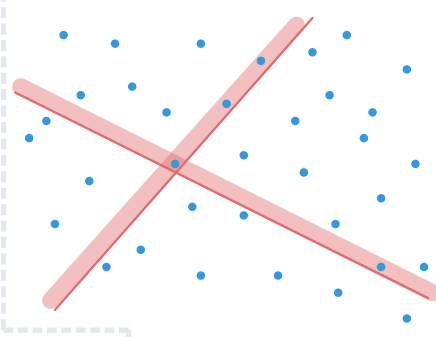
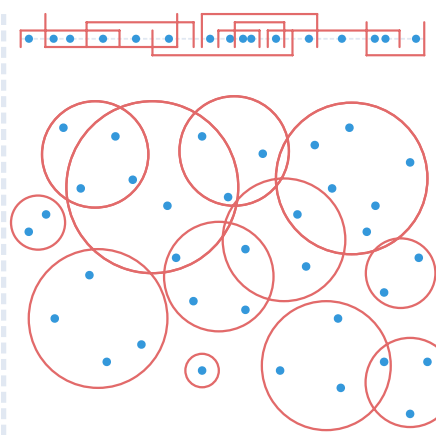
(!) let Q_2 sample k points

$$B = (\text{event that}) |\mu_2(r) - \mu_1(r)| > \frac{\epsilon}{2} \text{ for some } r$$

$$C = A \wedge B$$

$$= (\text{event that}) |\mu_1(r) - \mu(r)| > \epsilon \text{ and}$$

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let Q_1, Q_2 sample k points
(w/ repetition)

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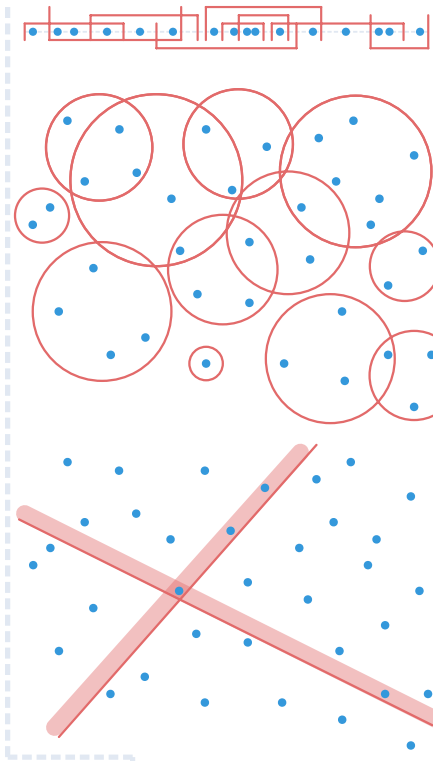
$B = (\text{event that}) |\mu_2(r) - \mu_1(r)| > \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ for some r

$C = (\text{event that}) |\mu_1(r) - \mu(r)| > \varepsilon$ and $|\mu_2(r) - \mu_1(r)| > \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ for some r

claim: $P[A] \leq 2P[B]$

ε -sample theorem

$$k \geq O\left(\frac{\ln(g(2k))}{\varepsilon^2}\right)$$



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ε -sample $|\mu_Q(r) - \mu(r)| \leq \varepsilon \quad \forall r$

ε -net $\mu_Q(r) > 0 \quad \forall \mu(r) \geq \varepsilon$

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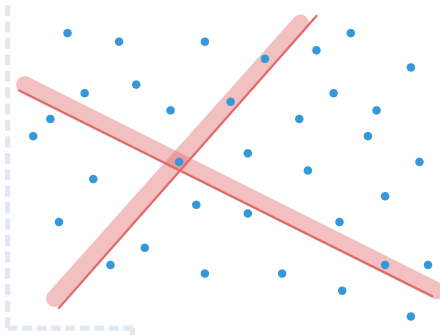
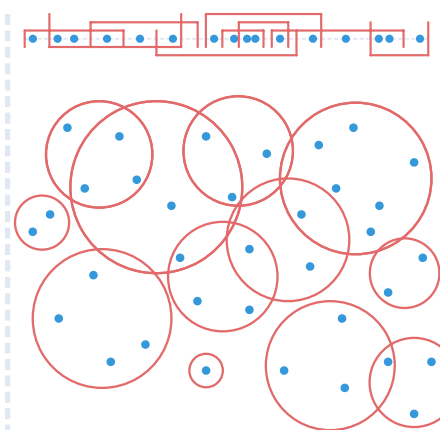
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goal: prove $P[B] \leq \delta$

ideas?

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let Q_1, Q_2 sample k points (w/ repetition)

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Suppose we generate Q_1, Q_2 as follows:

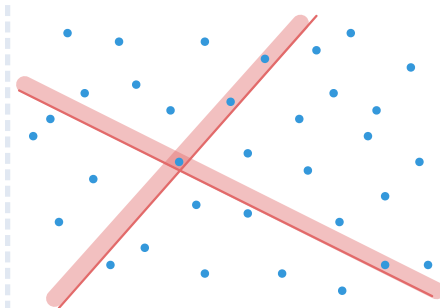
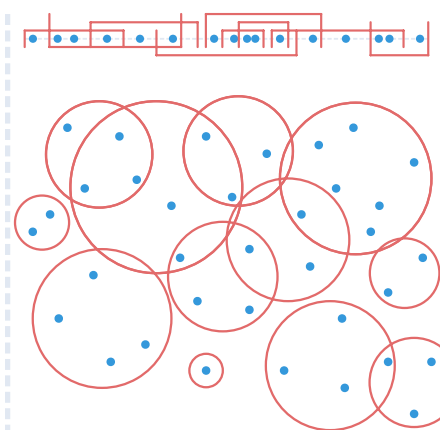
① sample $2k$ points Q_0

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$$P[B] = \sum_{Q_0} P[B|Q_0] \cdot P[Q_0] \\ \leq \max_{Q_0} P[B|Q_0]$$

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Fix Q_0 . let $\mu_0 = \text{measure w/r/t } Q_0$

$$|R \cap Q_0| \leq g(2k) \quad (!)$$

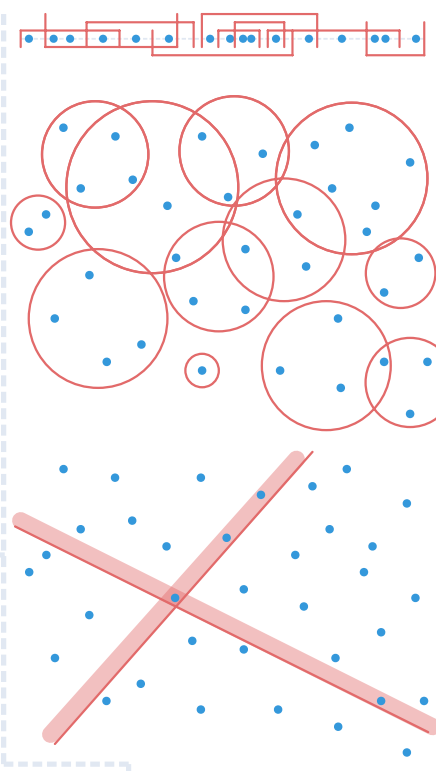
Additive Chernoff:

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Union bound $\Rightarrow$

$$|\mu_1(r) - \mu_0(r)| \leq \varepsilon/4, |\mu_2(r) - \mu_0(r)| \leq \varepsilon/4$$

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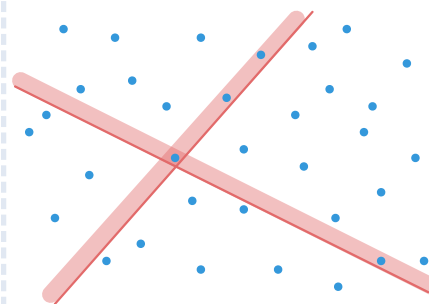
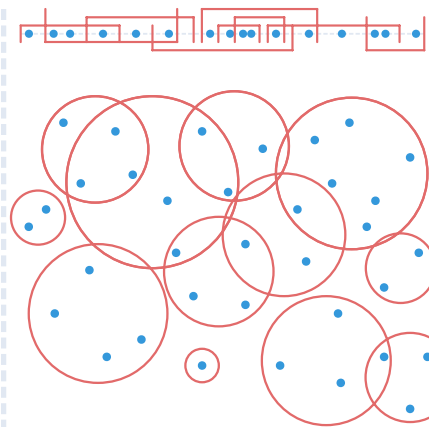
$$|\mu_1(r) - \mu_2(r)| \leq |\mu_1(r) - \mu_0(r)| + |\mu_2(r) - \mu_0(r)|$$

$$\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{4} + \frac{\varepsilon}{4} = \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

$\Rightarrow$ same $\forall r \in R$

So

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[VC71]

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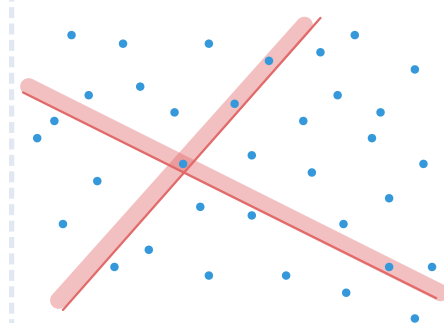
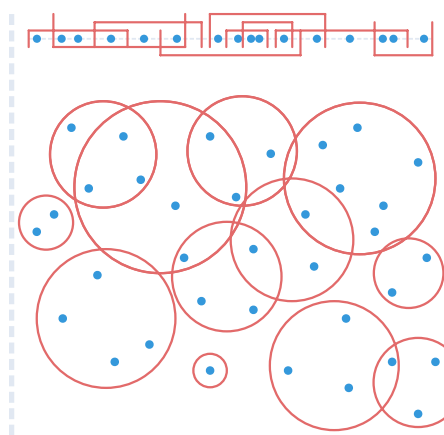
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ϵ -net theorem

[HW87]

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Lecture 12

Probability (and techniques)

✓ Additive
Chernoff Inequality

✓ Double-sampling

VC dimension

Algorithms

✓ ϵ -samples
and ϵ -nets

VC dimension

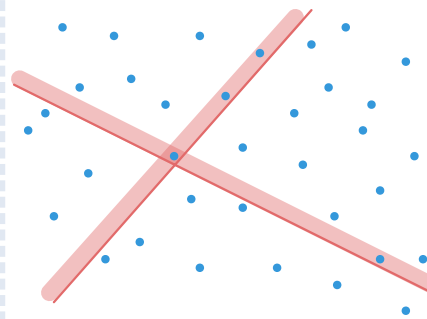
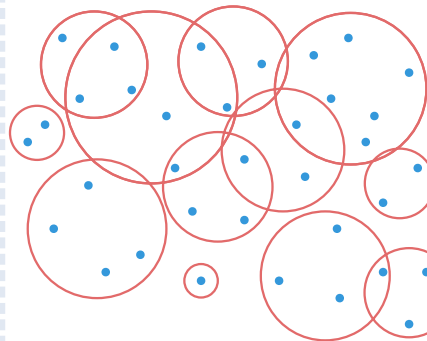
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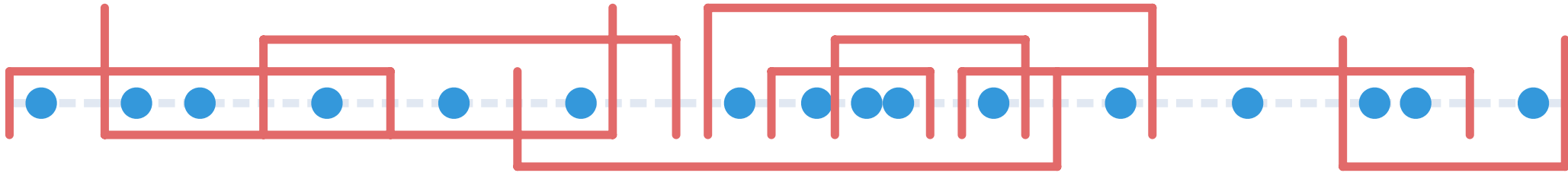
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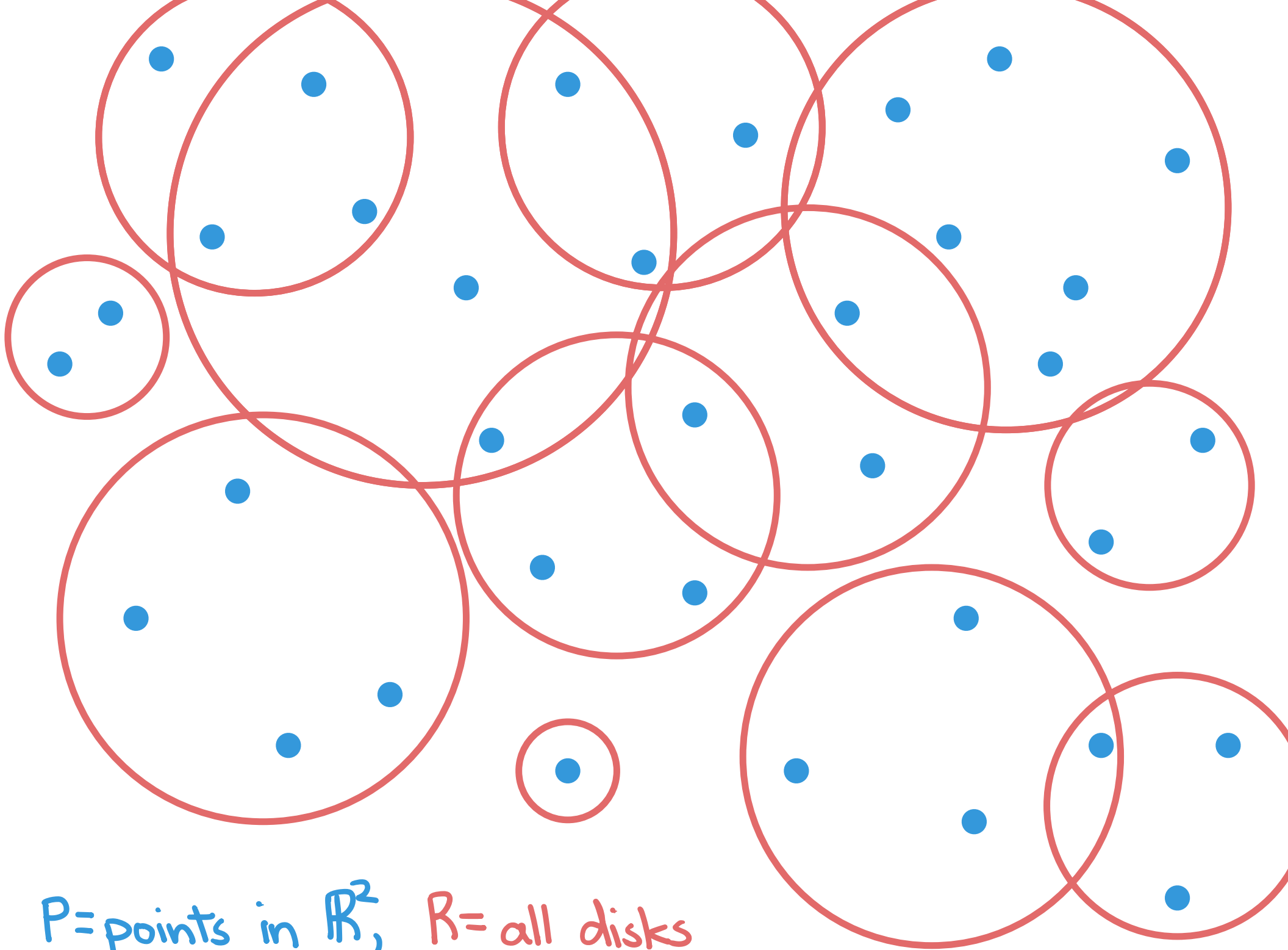
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VC-dim=3



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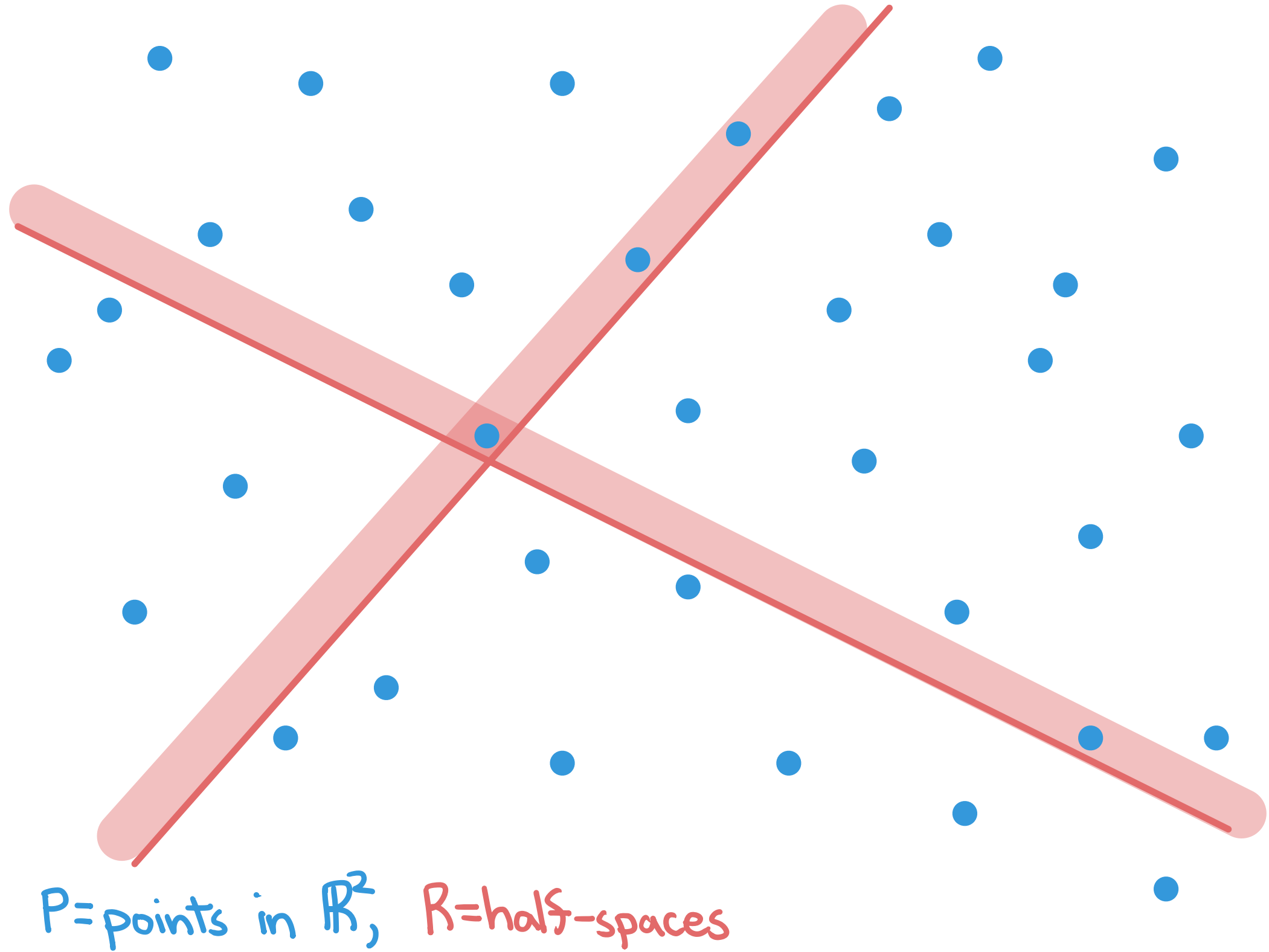


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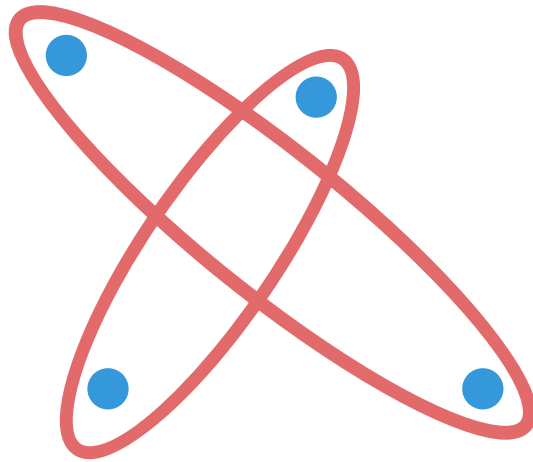
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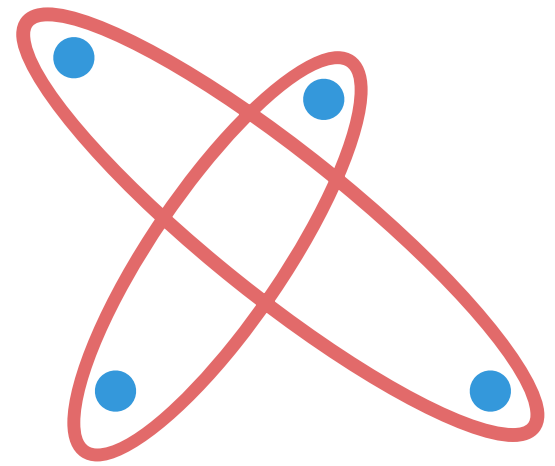
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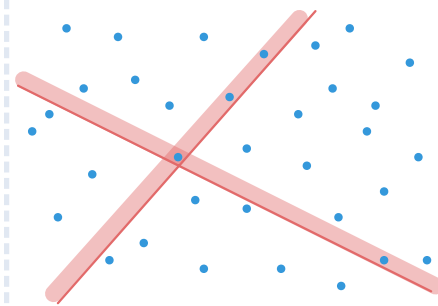
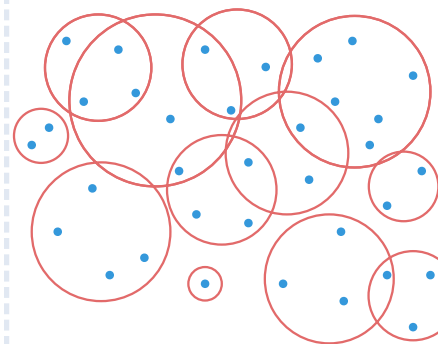
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e.g. intervals: $g(n) \leq n^2$

disks in $\mathbb{R}^2$: $g(n) \leq n^3$

halfspaces in $\mathbb{R}^d$: $g(n) \leq n^{d+1}$

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base cases: $n=0 \Rightarrow g(n) = 0 \leq f(d, 0)$

$VC=0 \Rightarrow g(n) \leq 1 \leq f(0, n)$

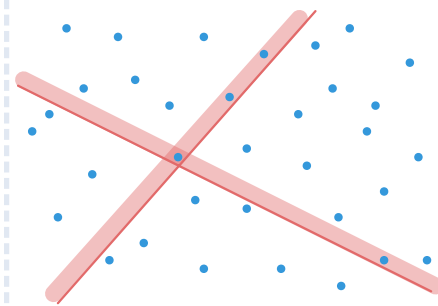
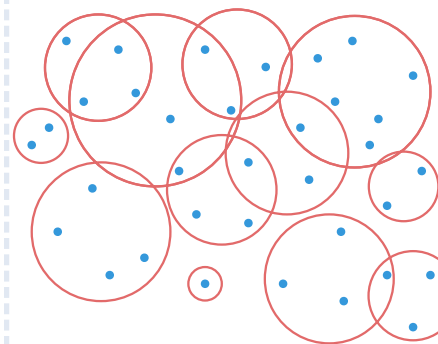
case $n, d > 0$: fix Q w/ $n = |Q|$, $p \in Q$.

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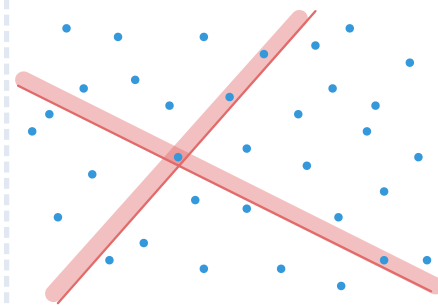
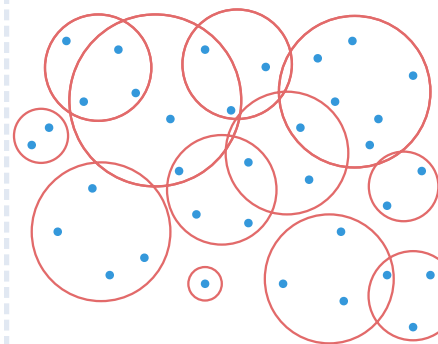
R^p has VC-dimension $\leq d$

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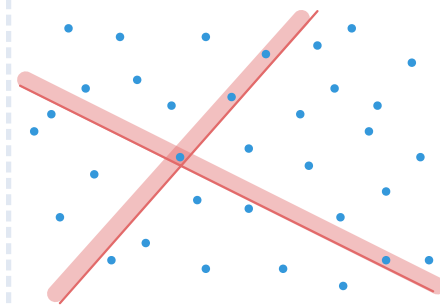
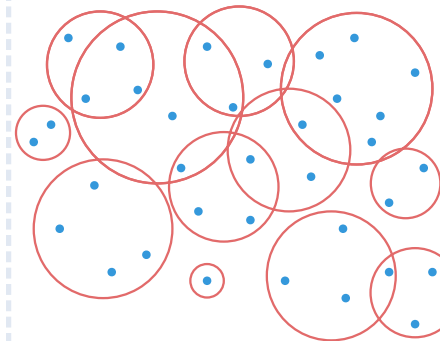
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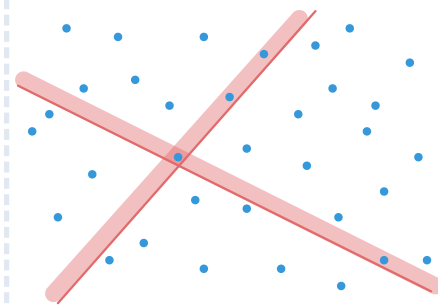
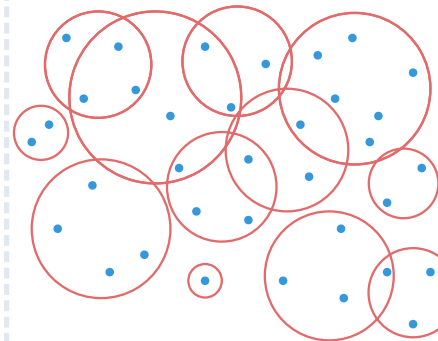
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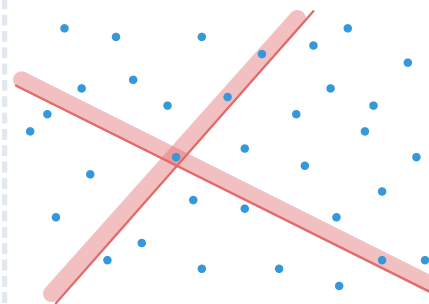
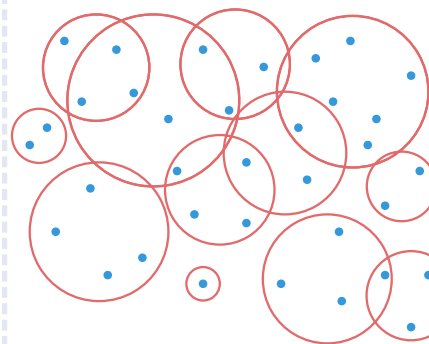
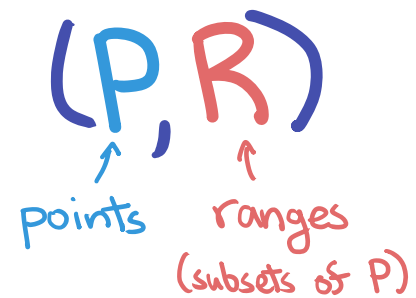
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$$= \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} \binom{n-1}{i} + \sum_{i=0}^d \binom{n-1}{i}$$

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