

# The Mondrian Kernel

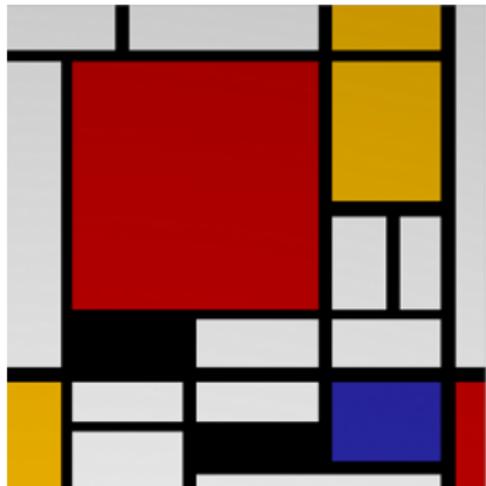
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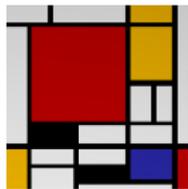
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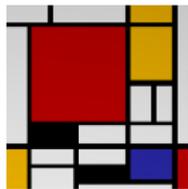
$$k(\cdot, \cdot) : \mathbb{R}^D \times \mathbb{R}^D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$



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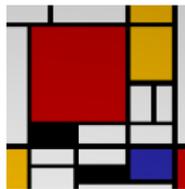


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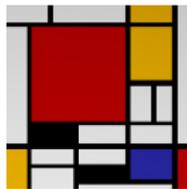


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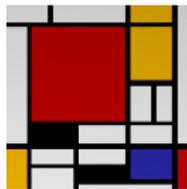
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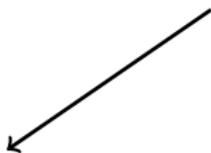
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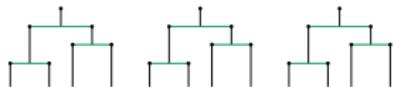
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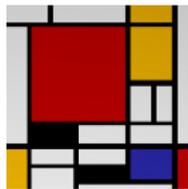
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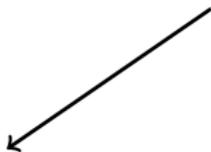
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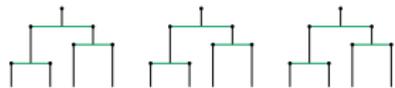
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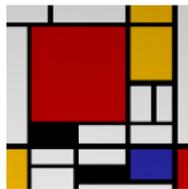


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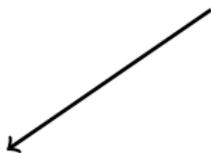


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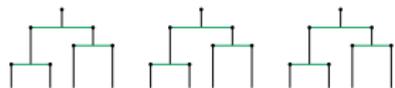
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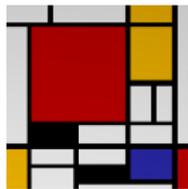
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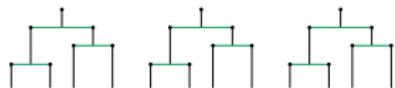
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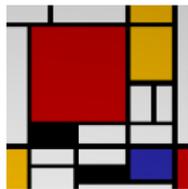


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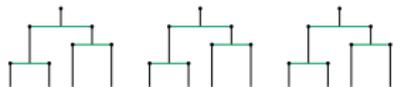
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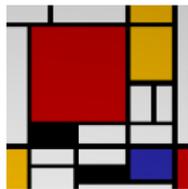
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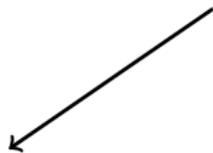


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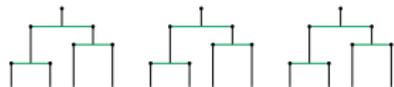
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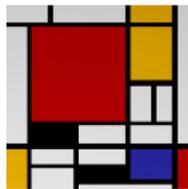


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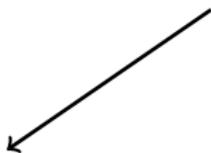


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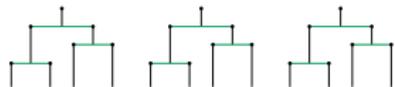


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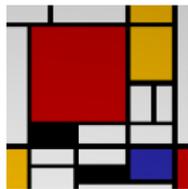
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**4** inverse width



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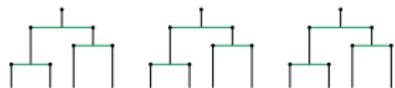
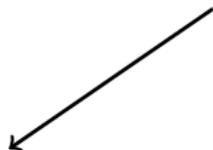
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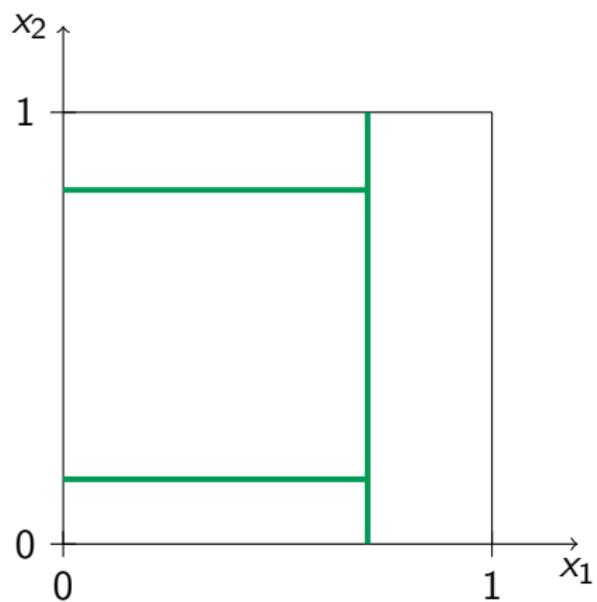
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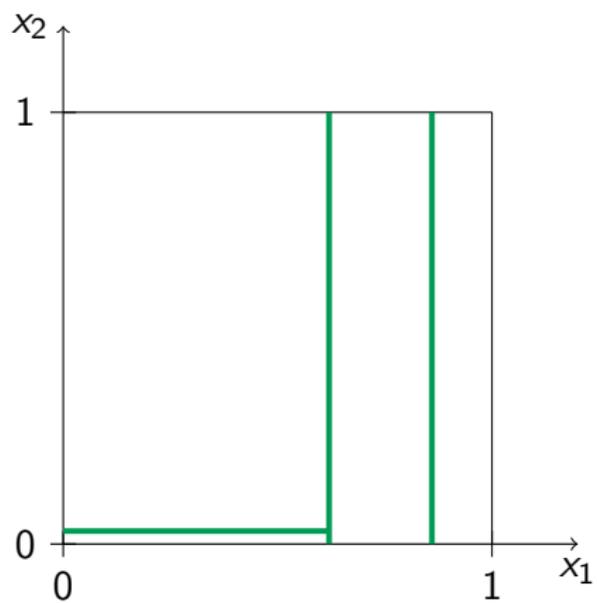
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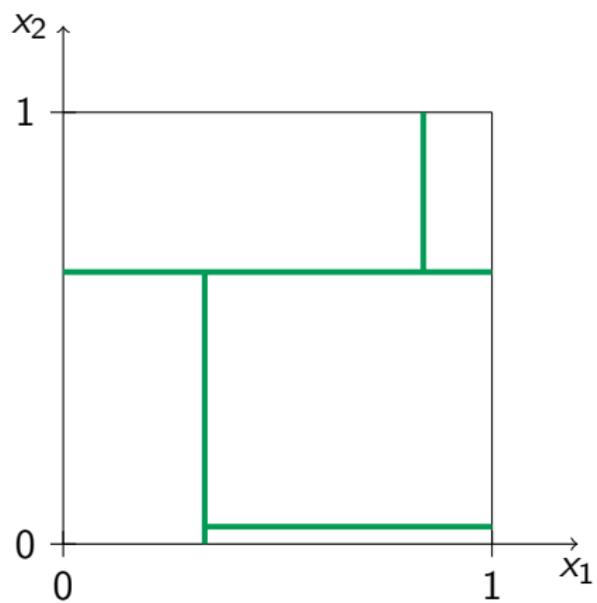
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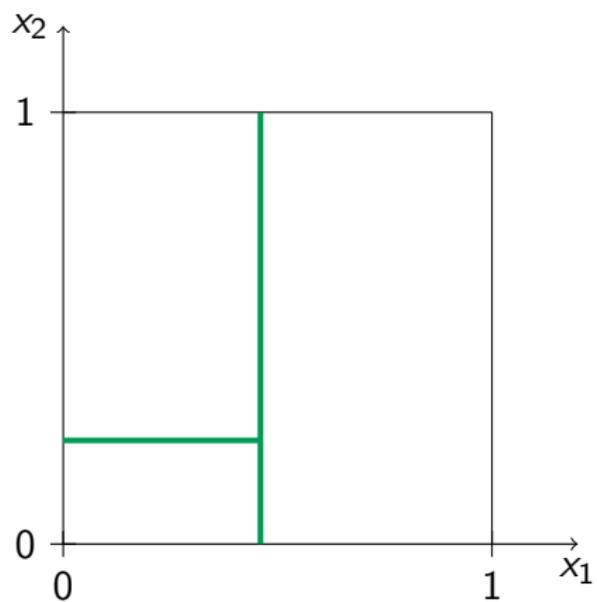


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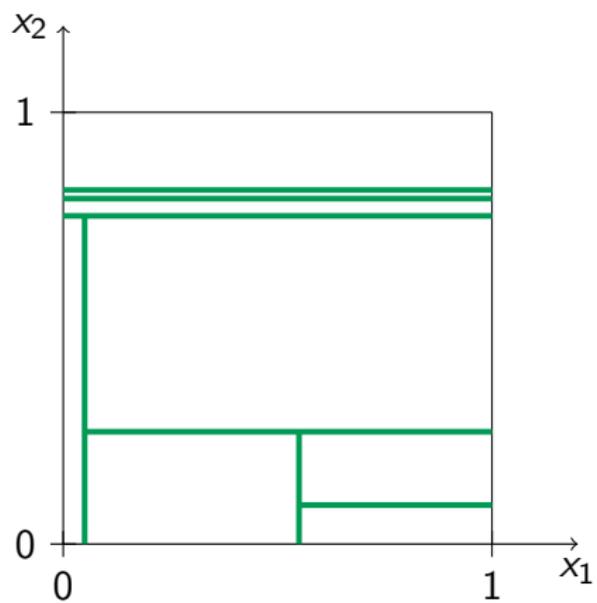




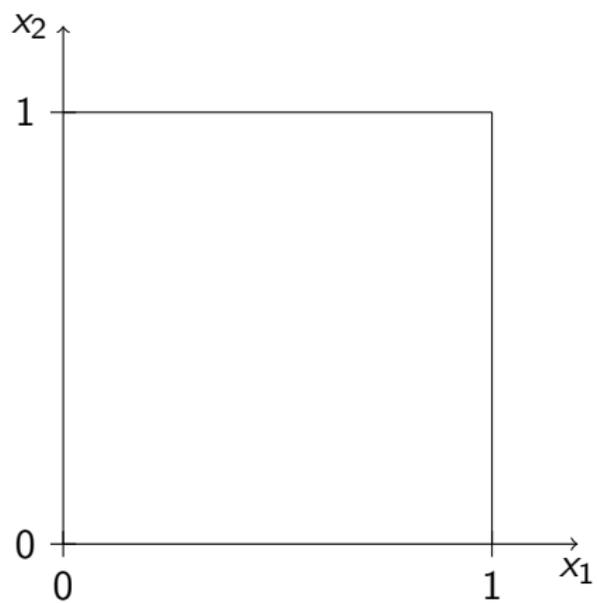
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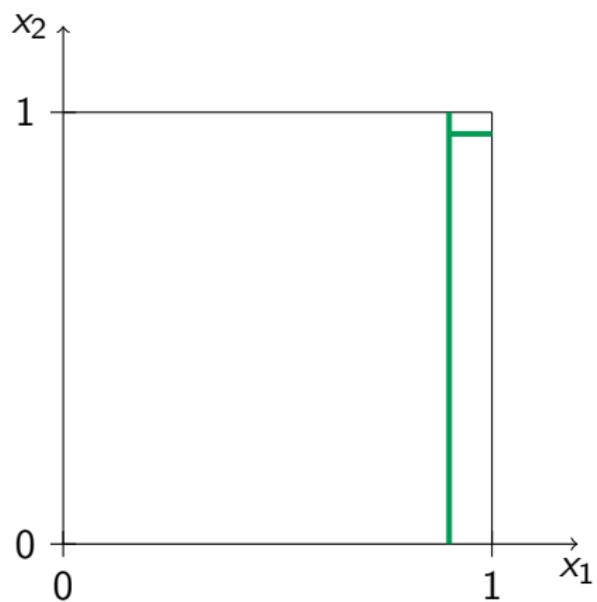
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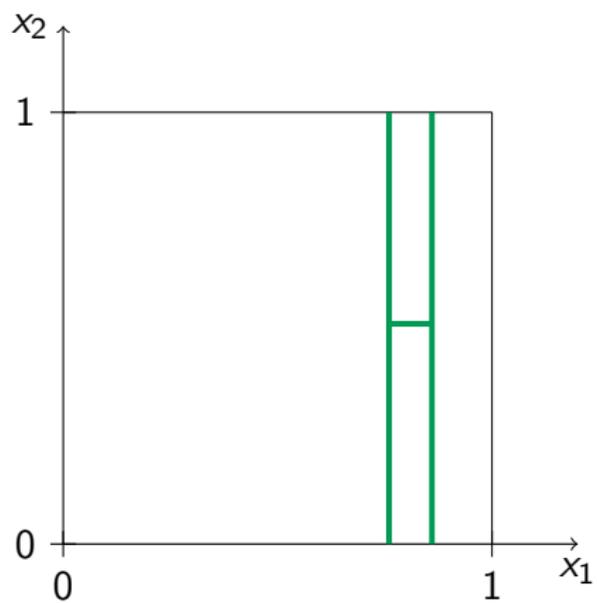
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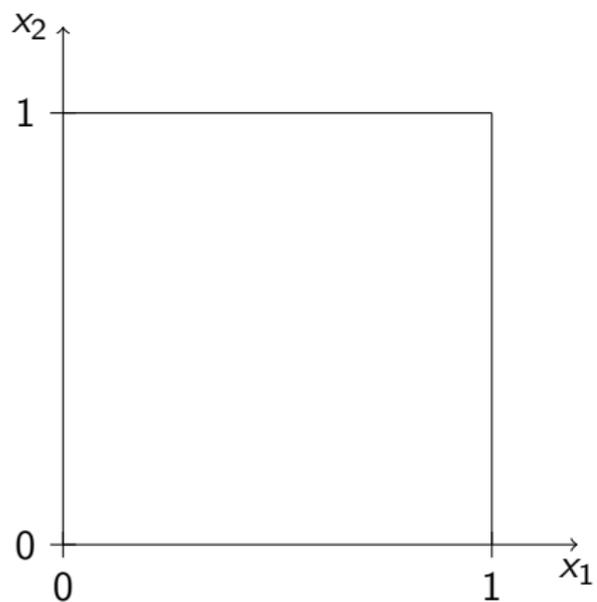
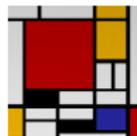
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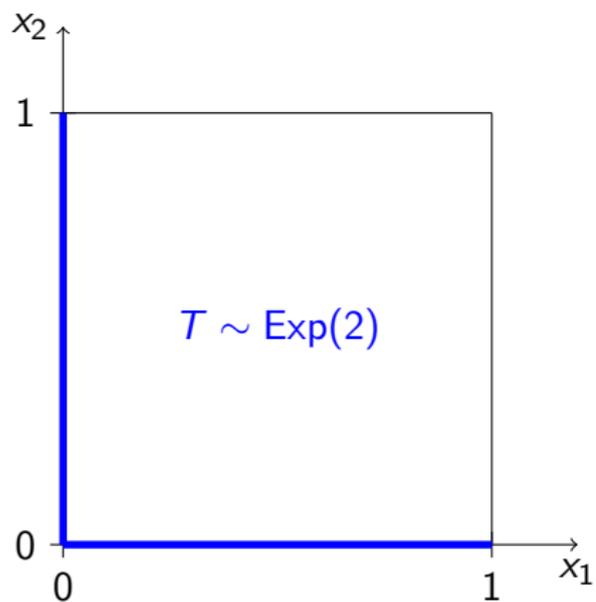
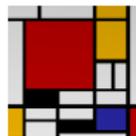
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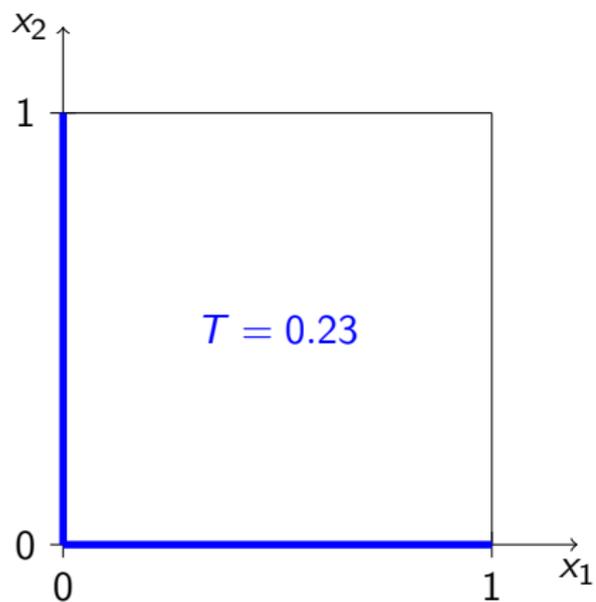
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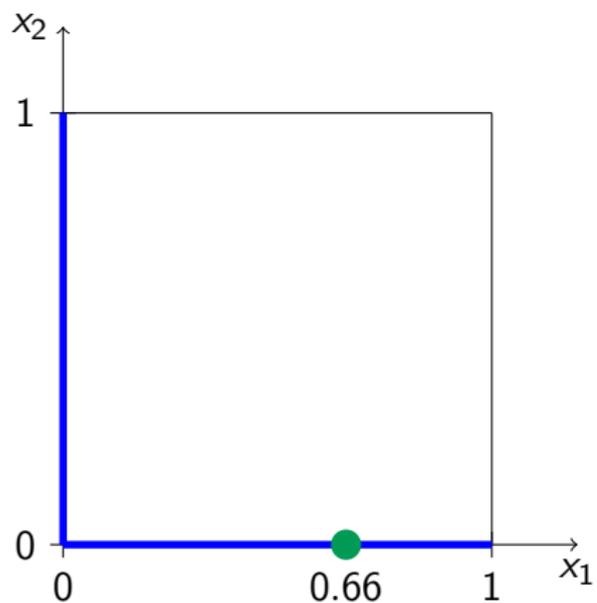
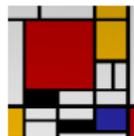
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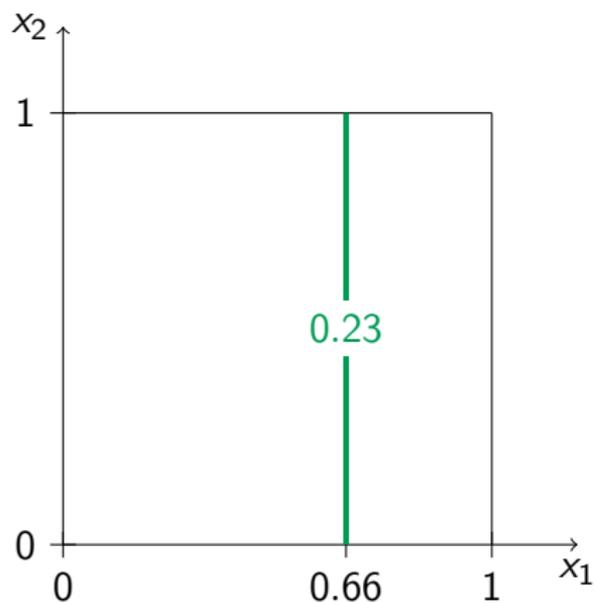
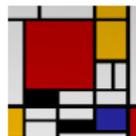
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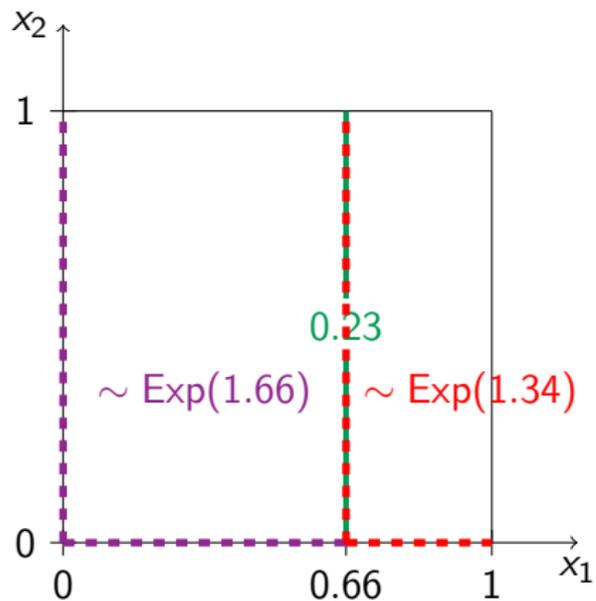
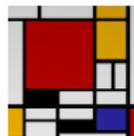
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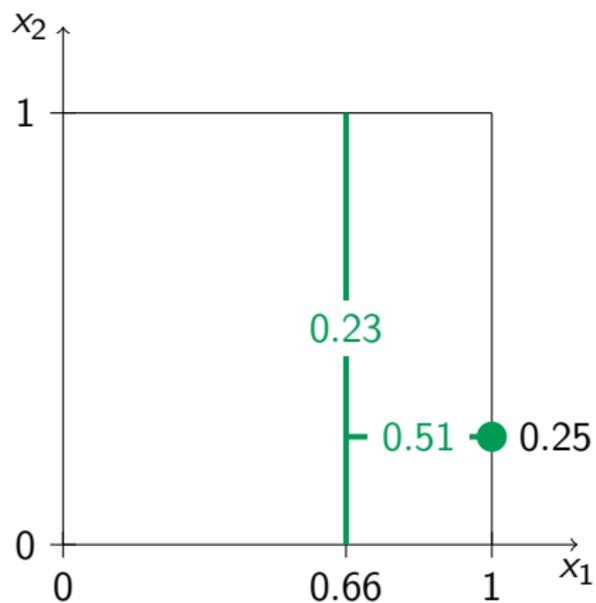
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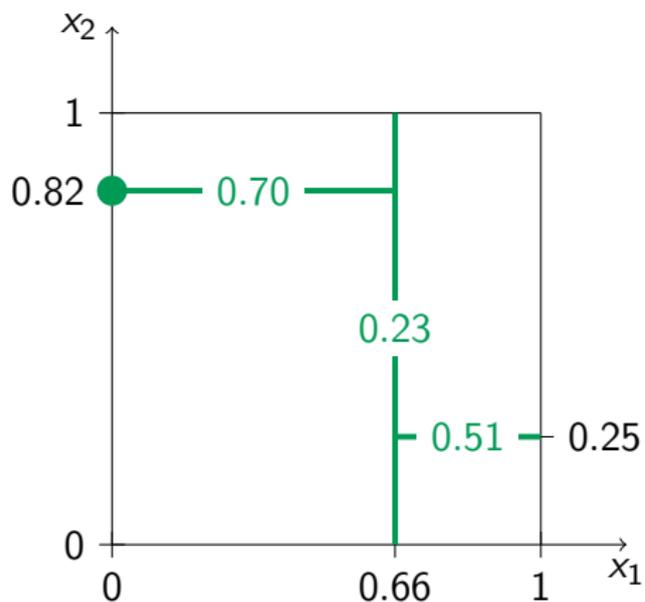
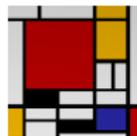
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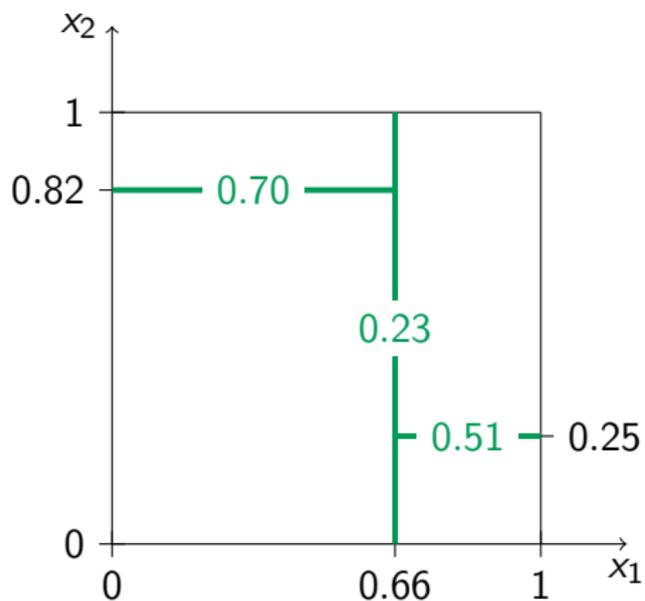
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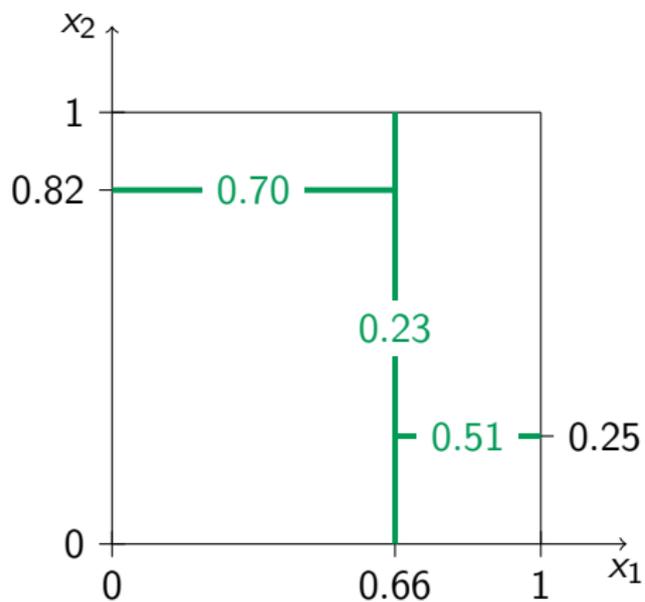
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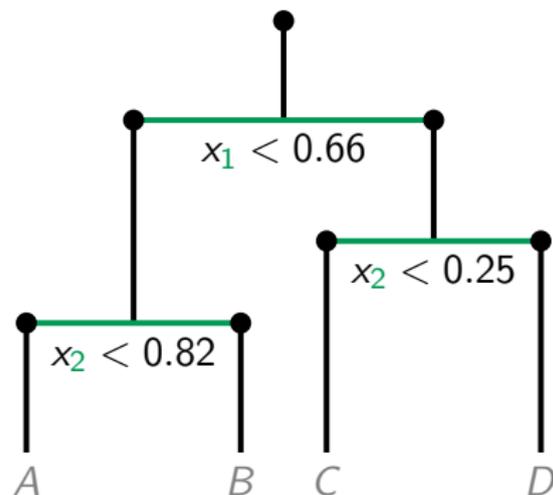
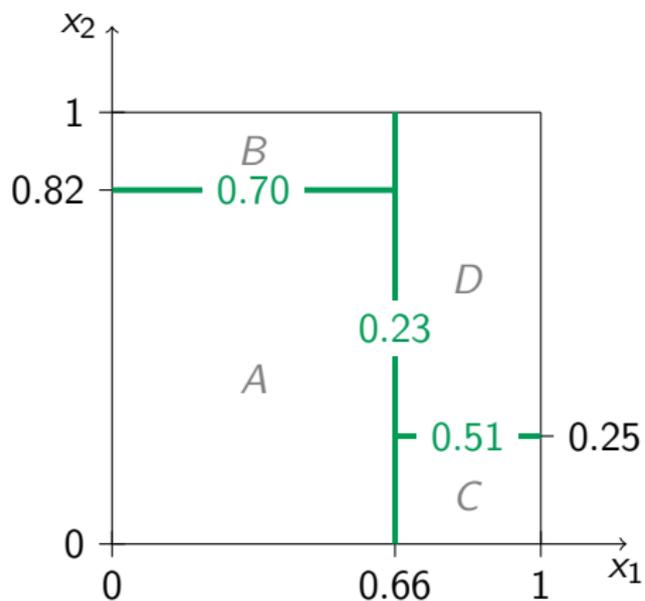
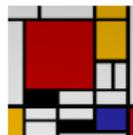
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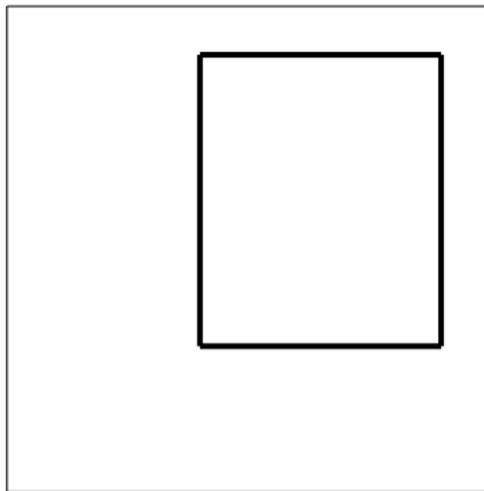
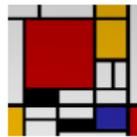
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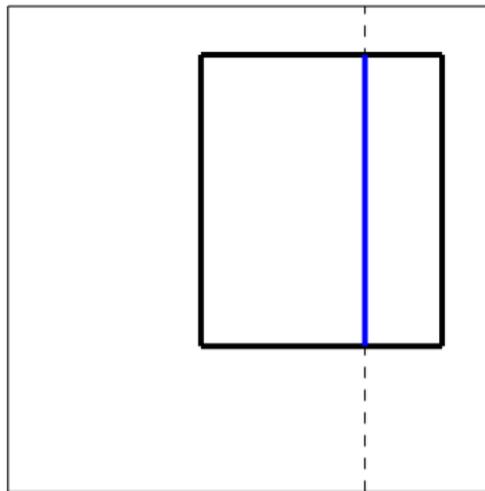
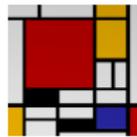
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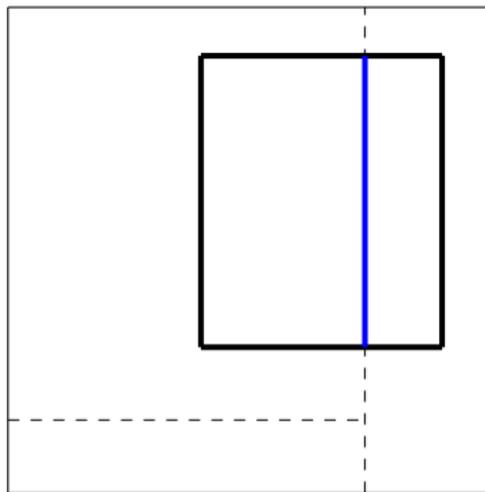
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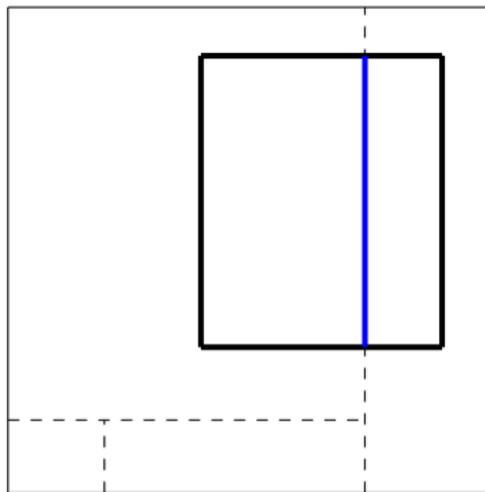
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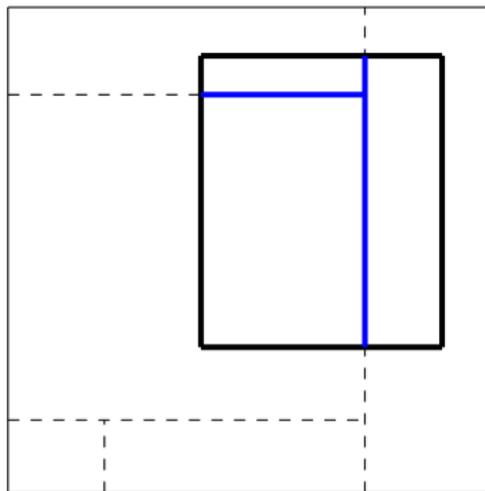
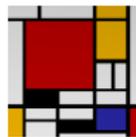
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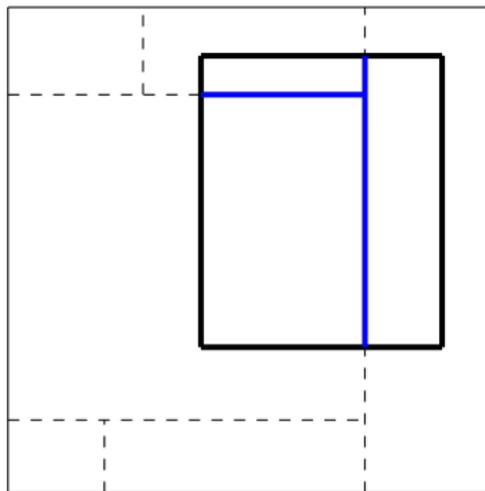
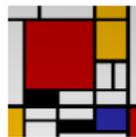
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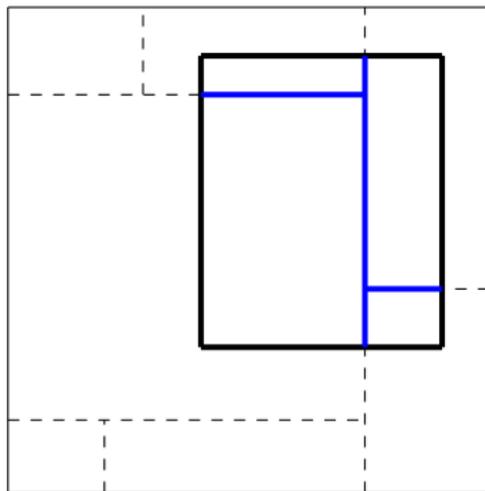
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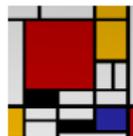
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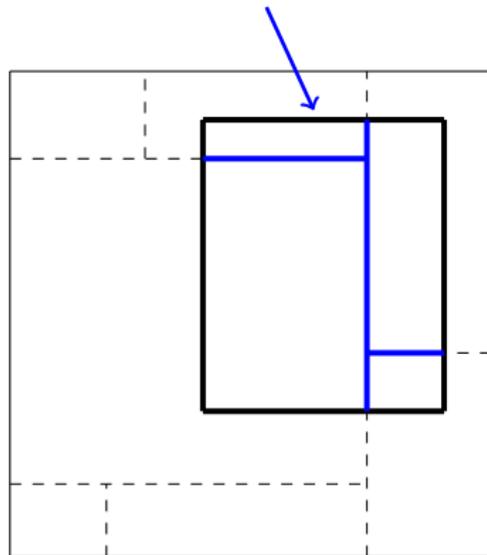
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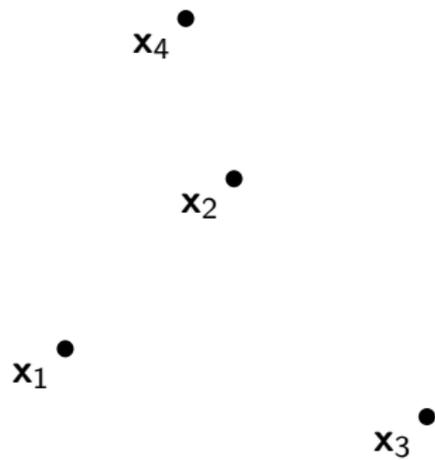
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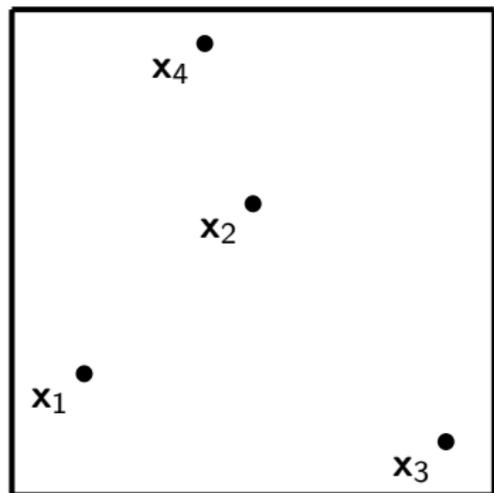
again a Mondrian process!



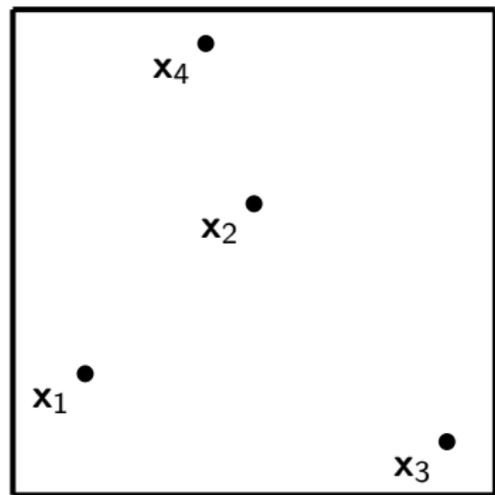
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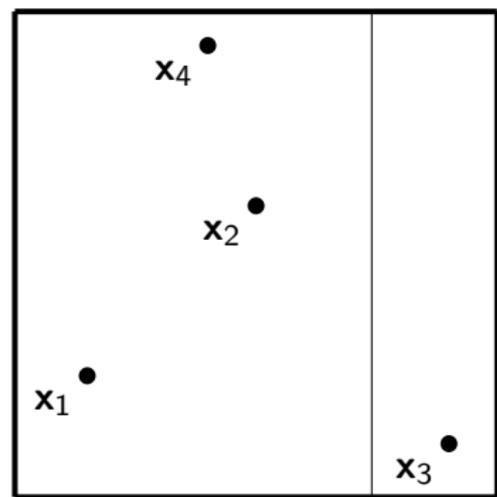
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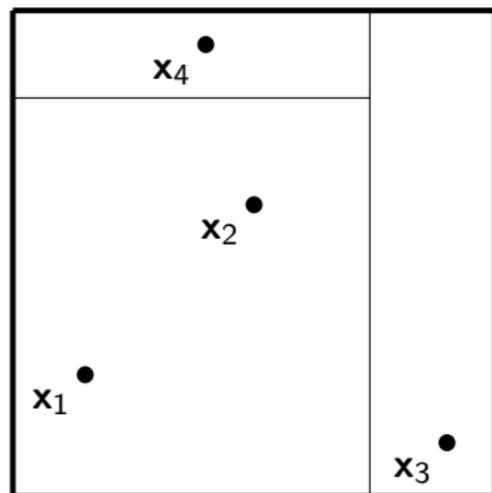
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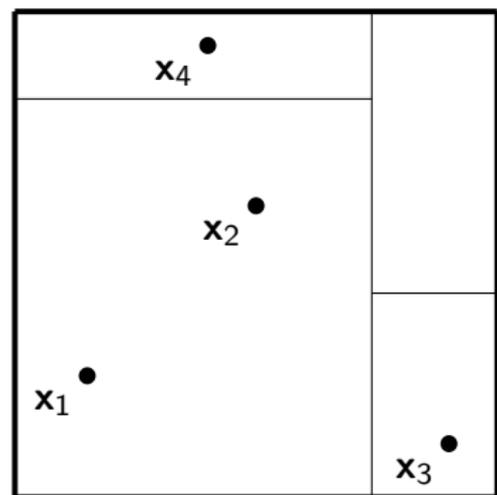
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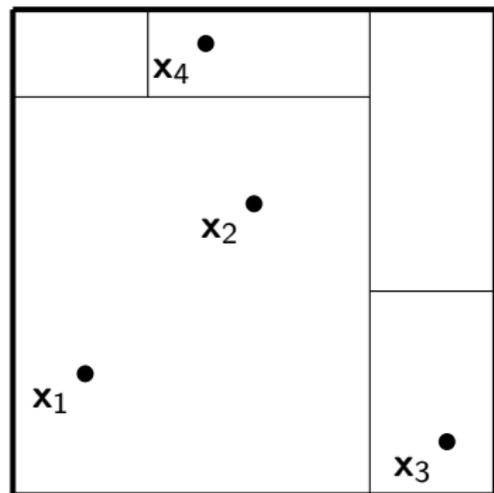
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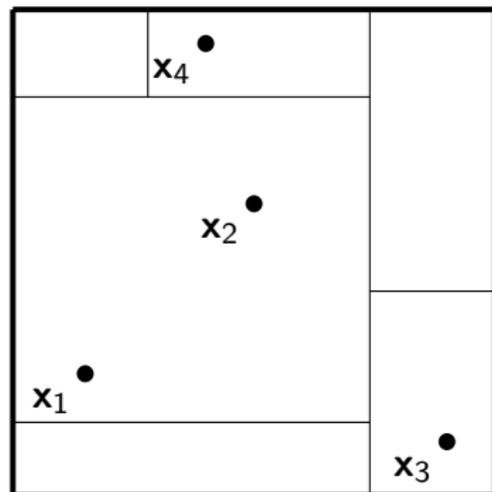
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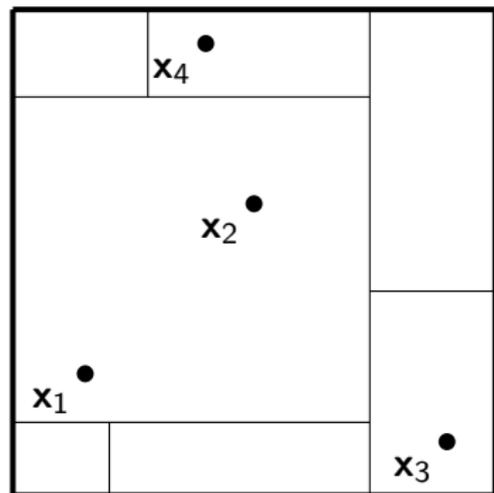
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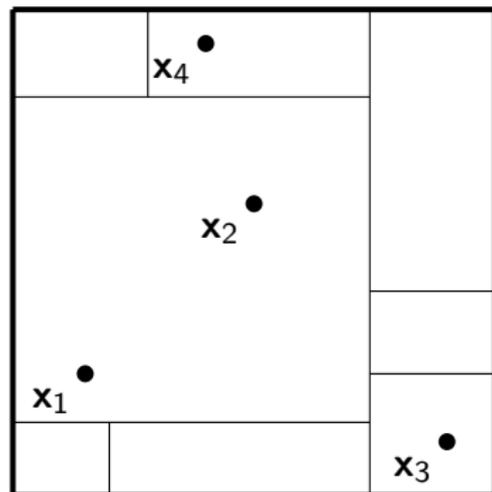
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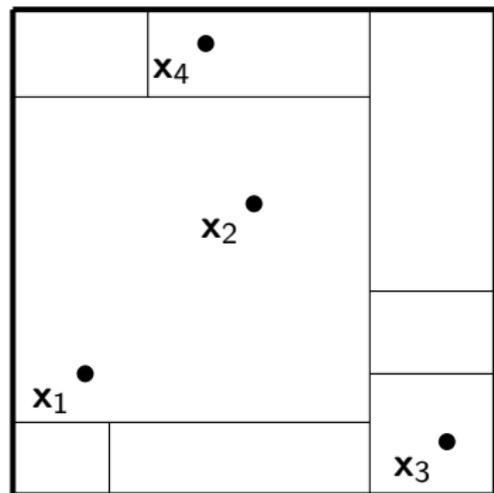
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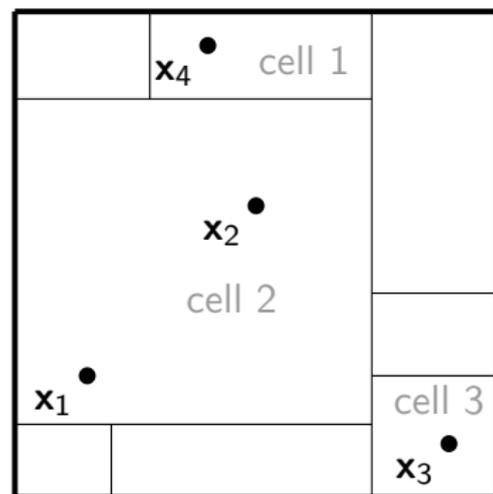
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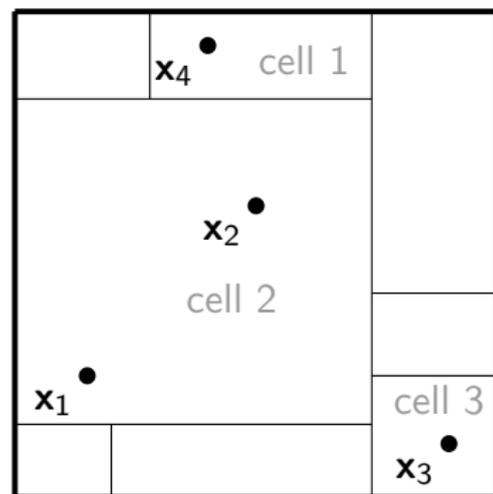
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$\mathbf{x}_1$	$[0 \ 1 \ 0]$
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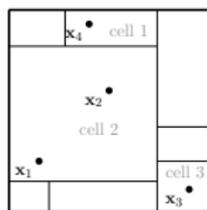
## Mondrian kernel (of order 1)



$\mathbf{x}$	$\phi(\mathbf{x})$
$\mathbf{x}_1$	[0 1 0]
$\mathbf{x}_2$	[0 1 0]
$\mathbf{x}_3$	[0 0 1]
$\mathbf{x}_4$	[1 0 0]

$$k_1(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') := \langle \phi(\mathbf{x}), \phi(\mathbf{x}') \rangle = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \text{ in the same cell} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Mondrian kernel (of order $M$ )

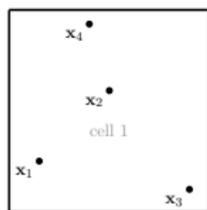


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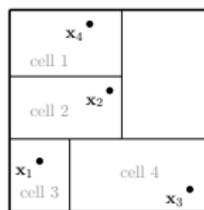
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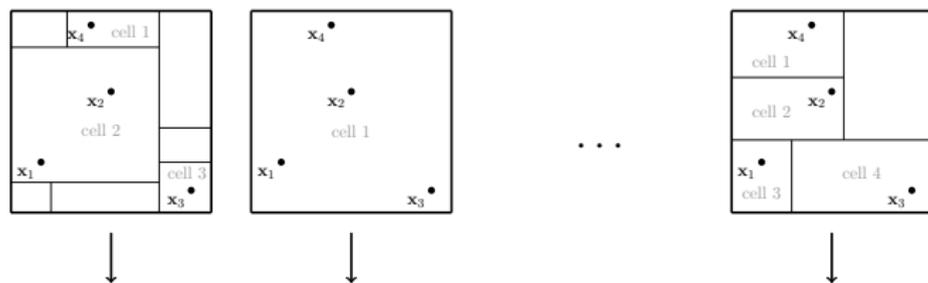
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# Mondrian kernel (of order $M$ )



$$\begin{aligned}
 \phi(\mathbf{x}_1) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
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 \end{aligned}$$



## Mondrian-Laplace connection

$$k_M(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M \mathbb{1}_{\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \text{ in same cell } | m\}} \xrightarrow{M \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P} [\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \text{ in same cell } ]$$

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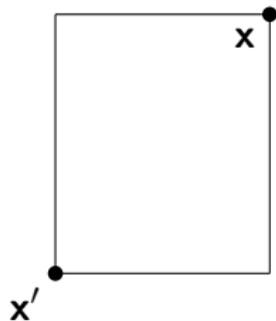
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$\mathbf{x}$  •

$\mathbf{x}'$  •

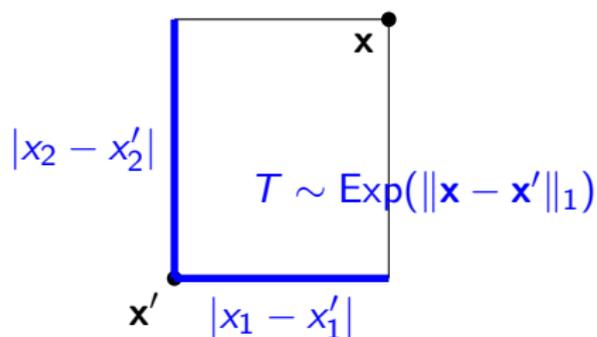
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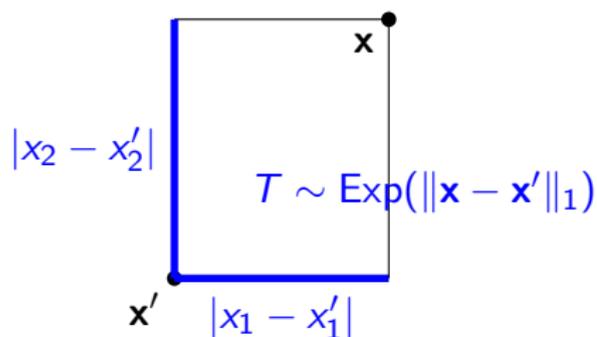


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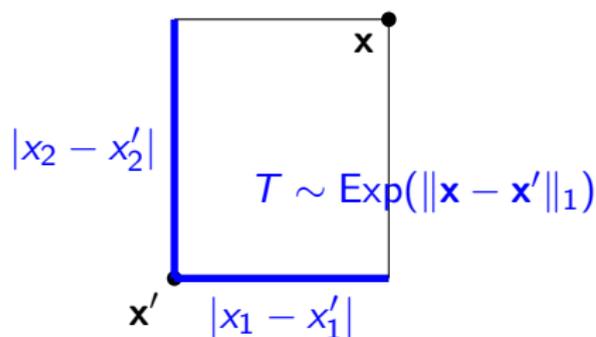


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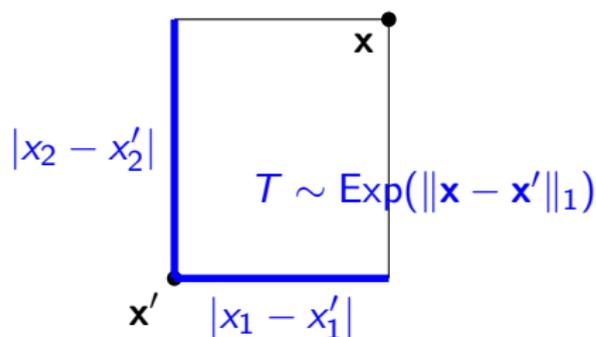
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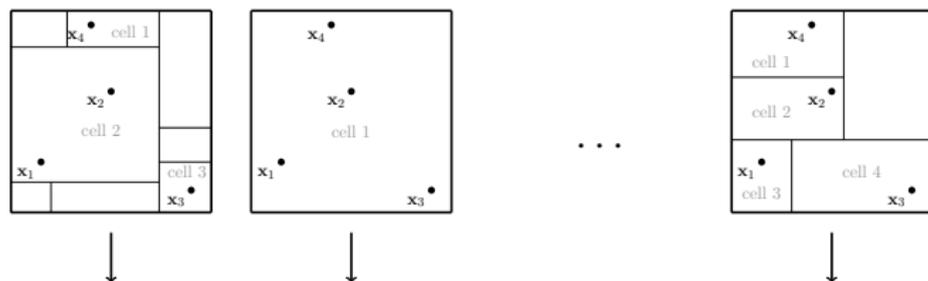
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Mondrian process lifetime



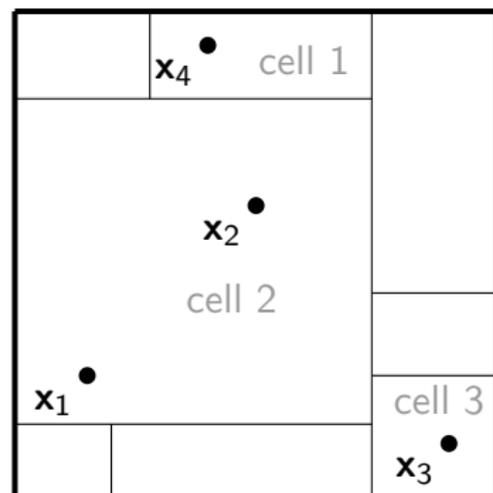
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 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 k_M(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') &:= \langle \phi(\mathbf{x}), \phi(\mathbf{x}') \rangle = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M \mathbb{1}_{\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \text{ in same cell of } m\text{-th partition}\}} \\
 &\xrightarrow{M \rightarrow \infty} \exp(-\lambda \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'\|_1)
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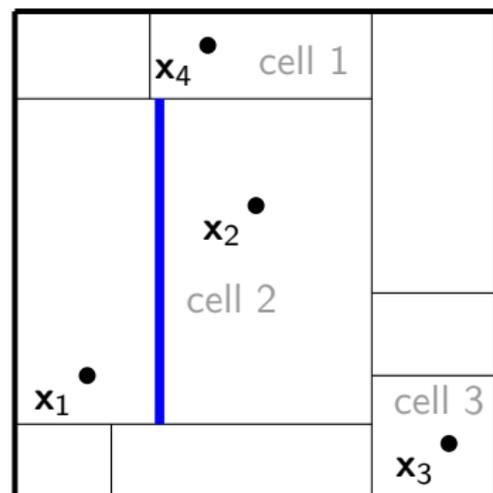
## Kernel width selection



$\mathbf{x}$	$\phi(\mathbf{x})$
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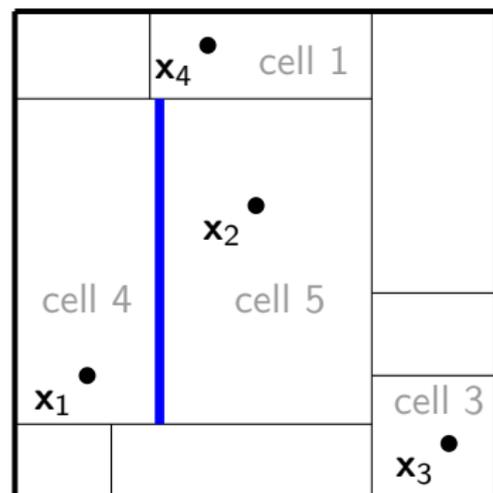
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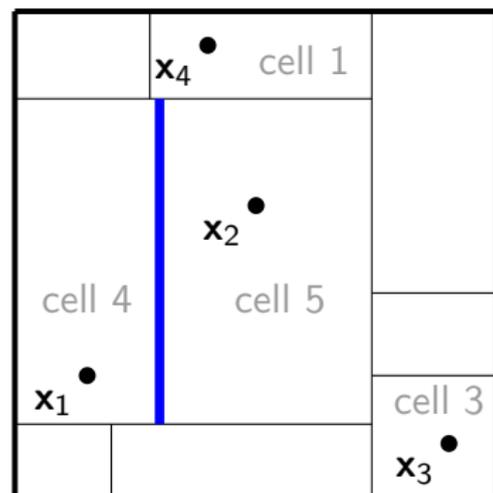
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# Kernel width selection



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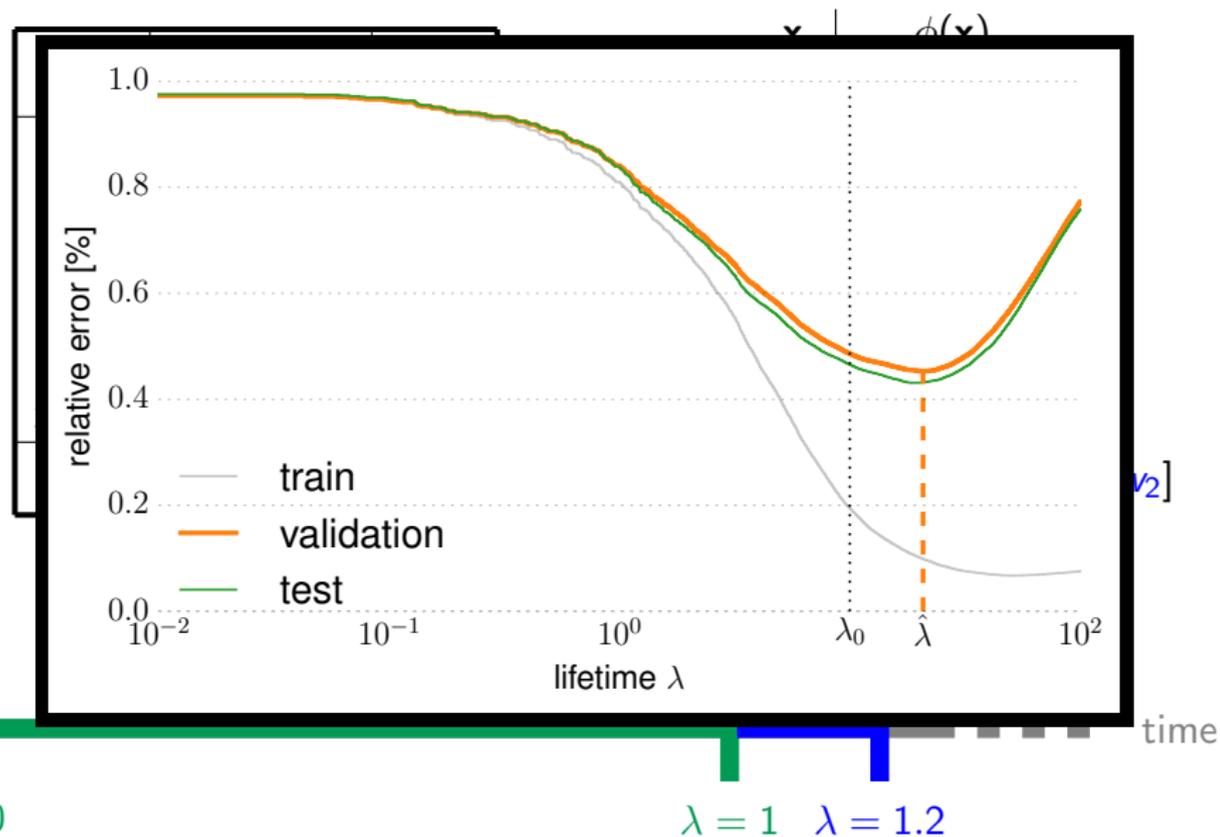
$$\mathbf{w}_{\text{opt}} = [w_1 \ w_2 \ w_3]$$

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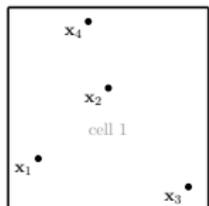
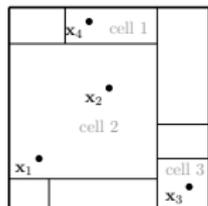
$$\mathbf{w}_{\text{init}} = [w_1 \ \cancel{w_2} \ w_3 \ w_2 \ w_2]$$



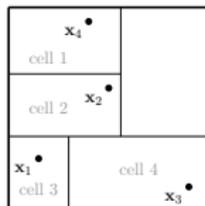
# Kernel width selection



# Mondrian kernel vs Mondrian forest



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 \phi(\mathbf{x}_1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \\
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kernel

feature weights fit jointly:  $\min_{\mathbf{w}} \|\Phi \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2$

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forest

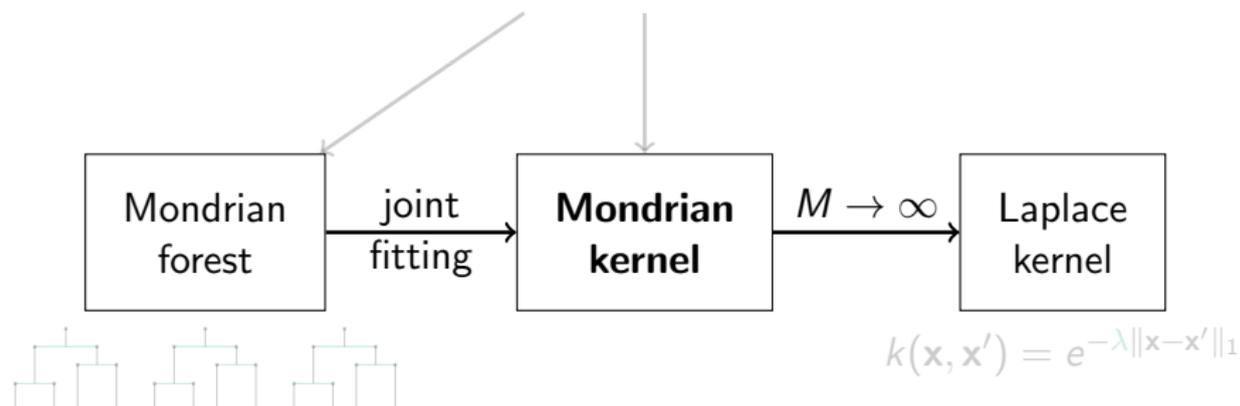


fit trees independently

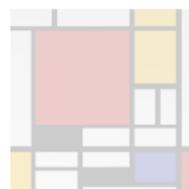
# Landscape



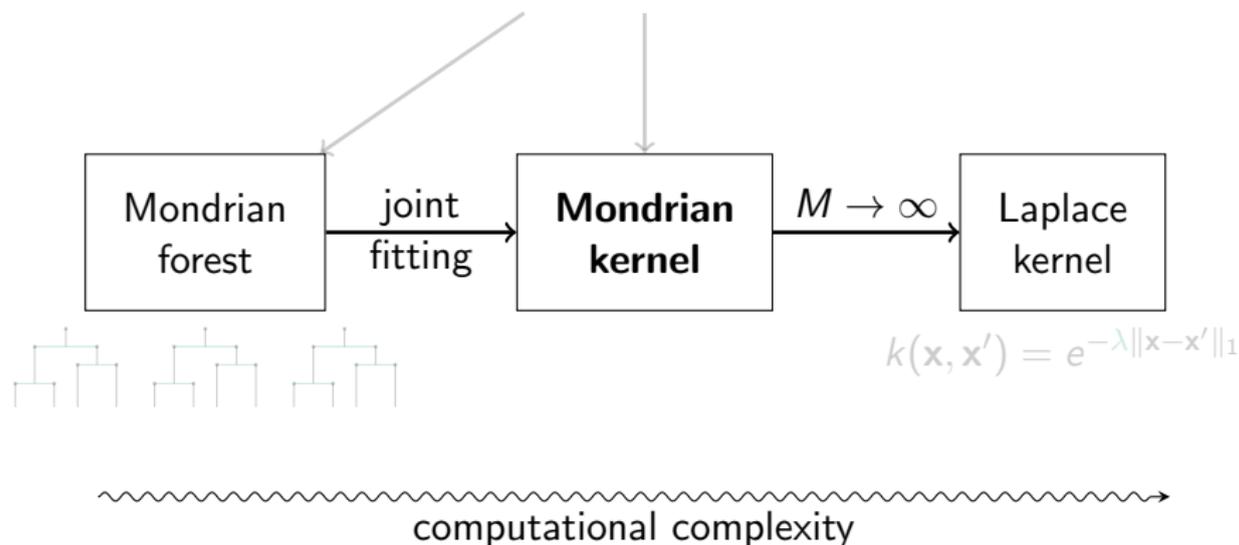
Mondrian  
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# Landscape



Mondrian process



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