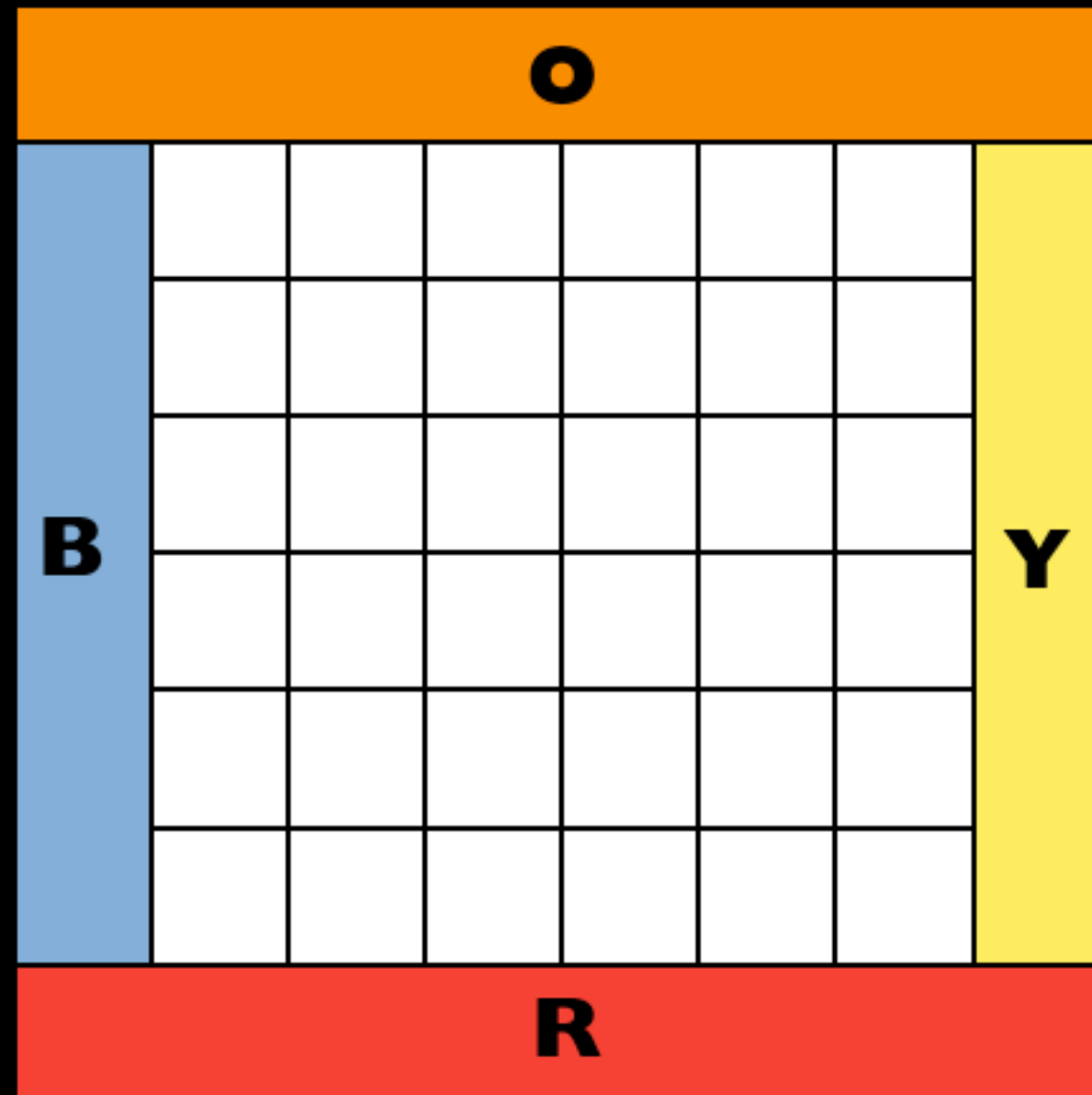


# Learning approximate predictive models

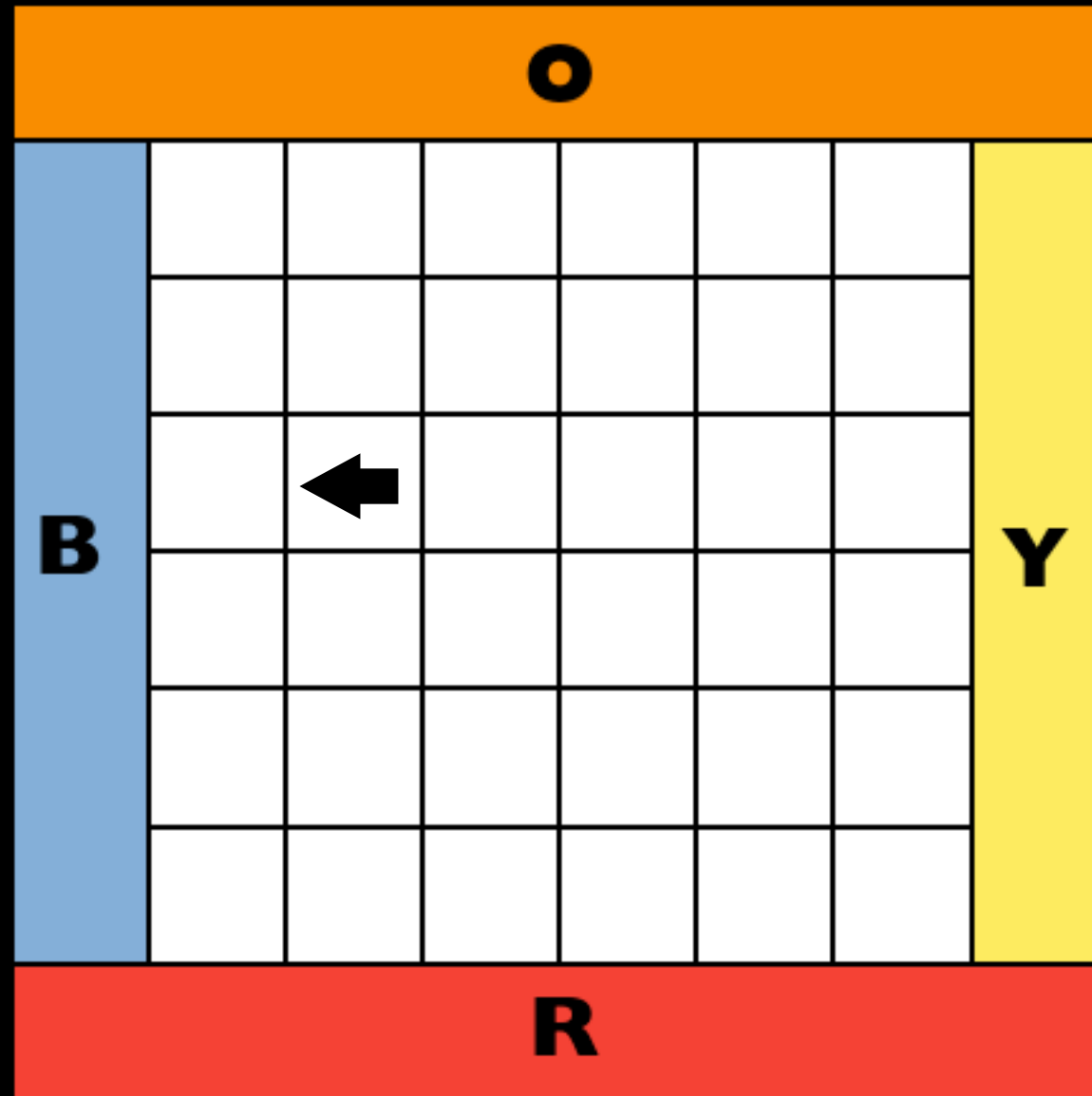
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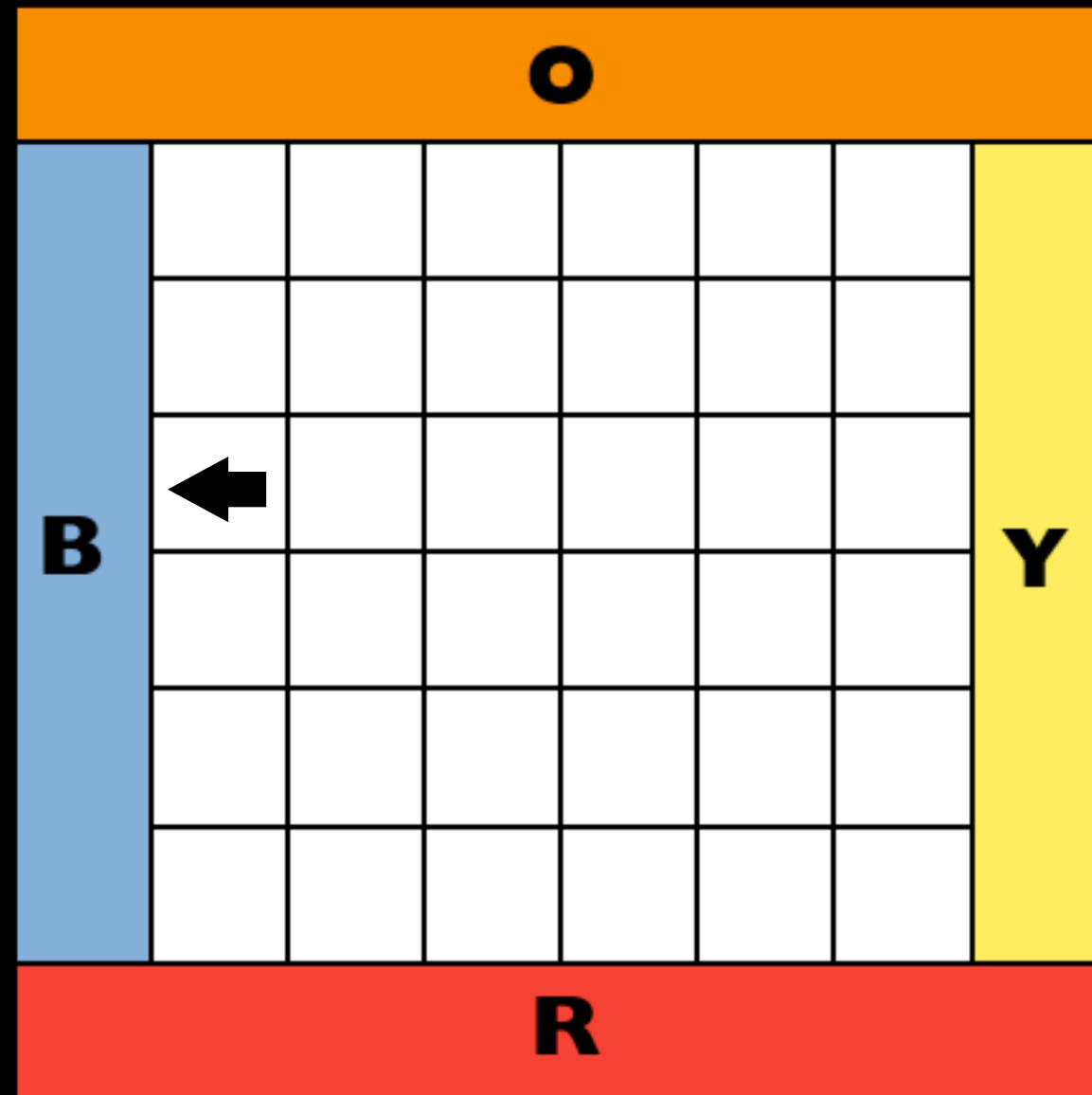


6x6x4 states

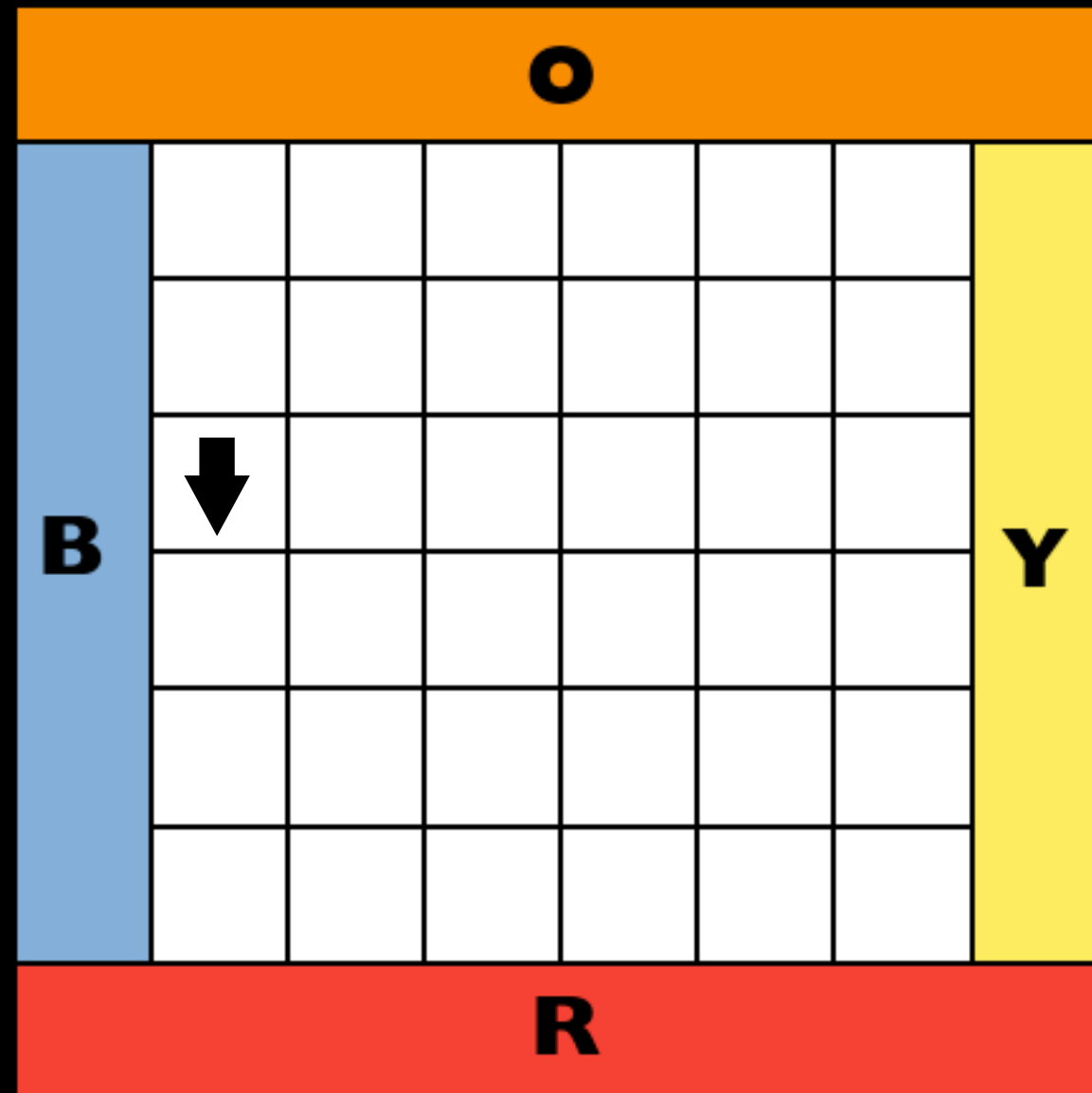
2 actions: Forward, Turn Left

Noise: action has no effect 5% of the time

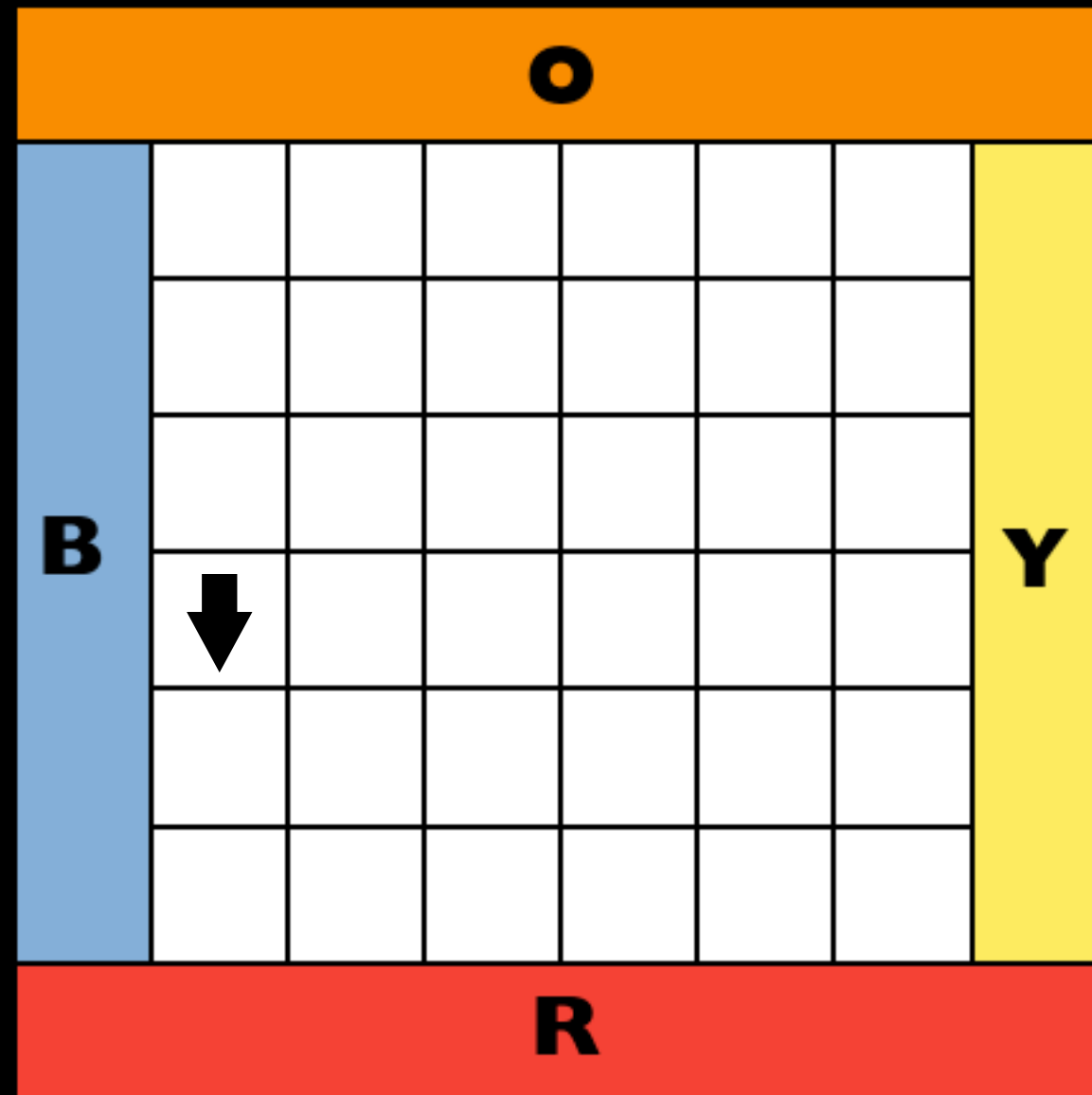




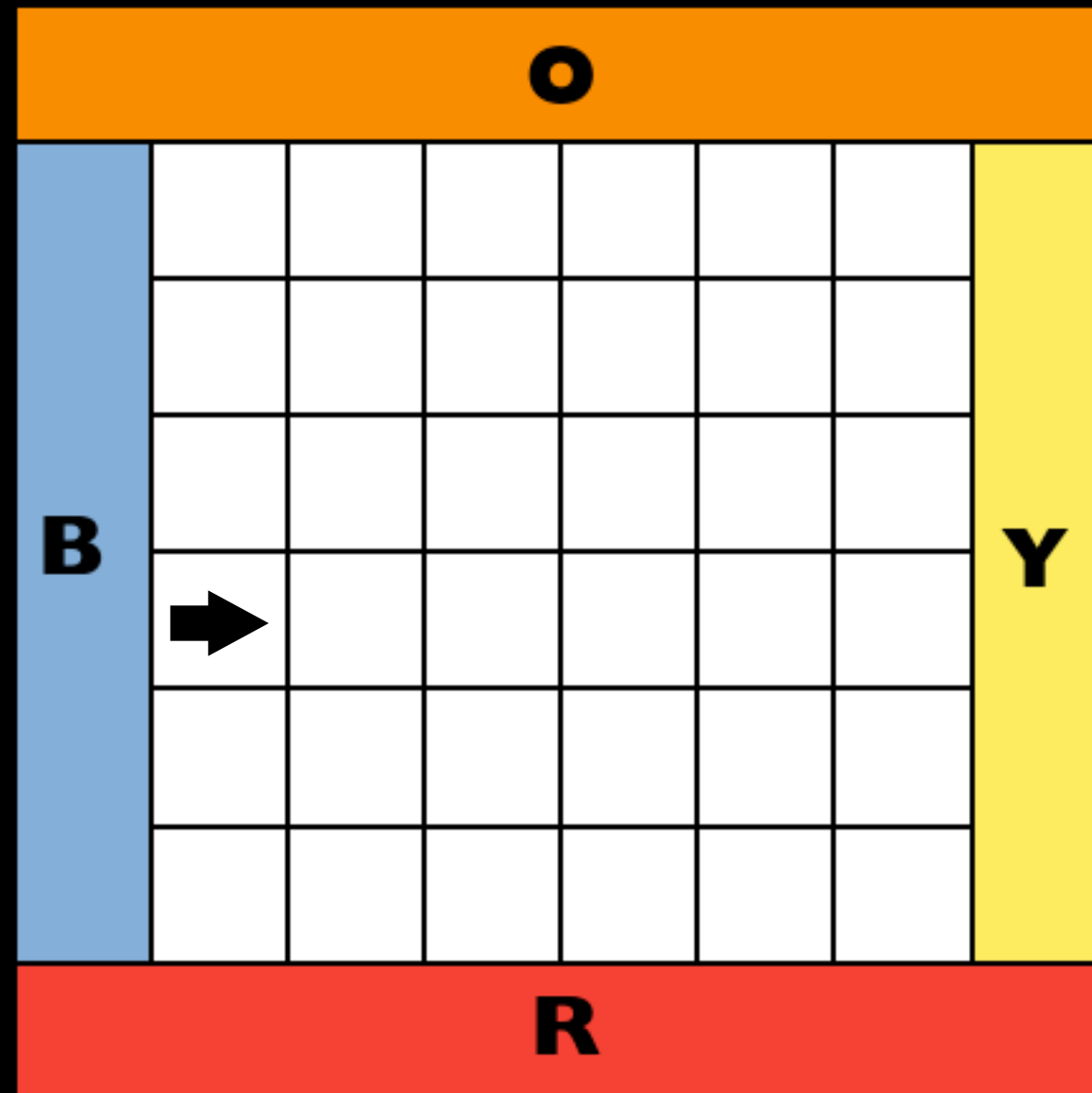
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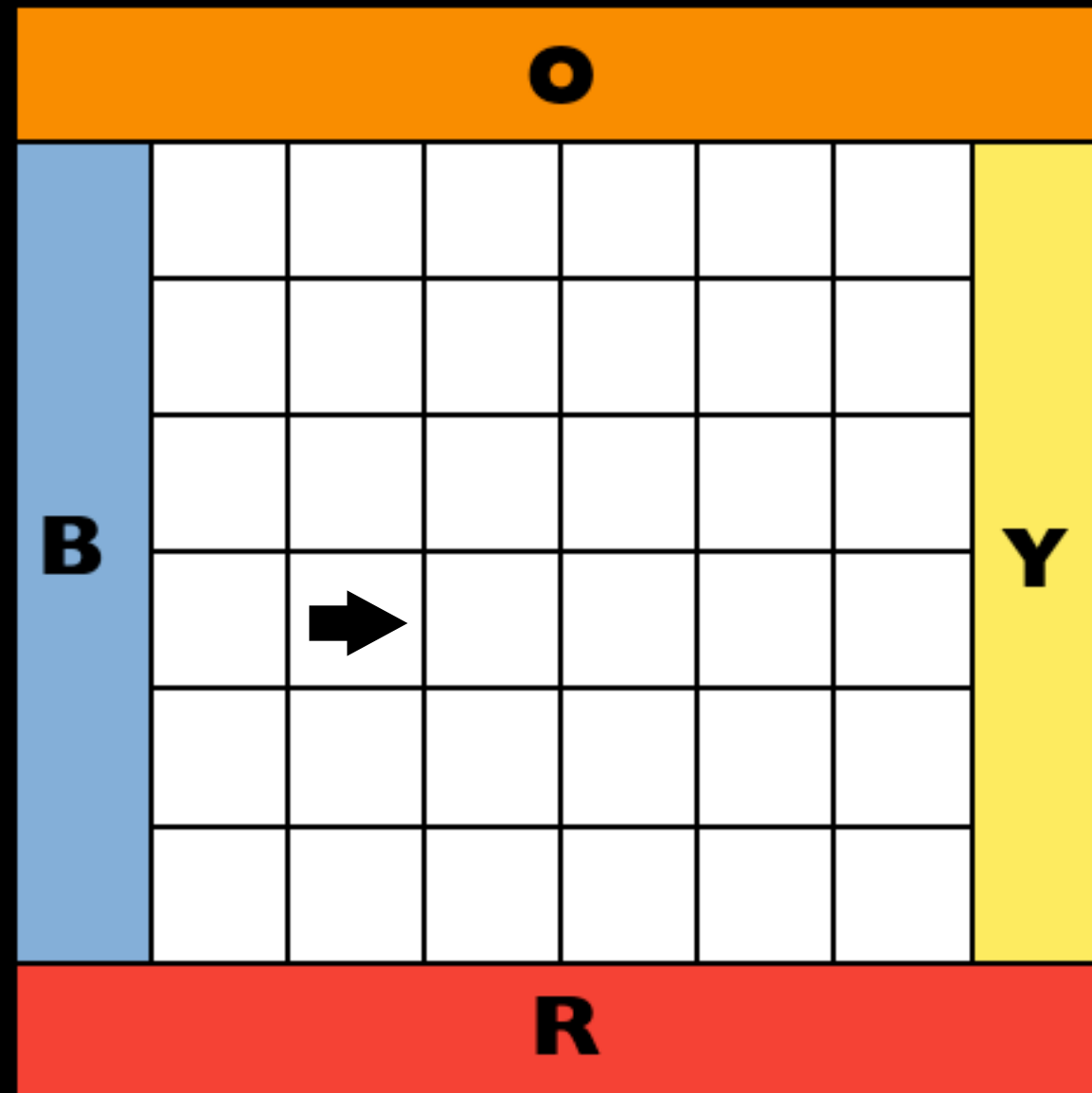
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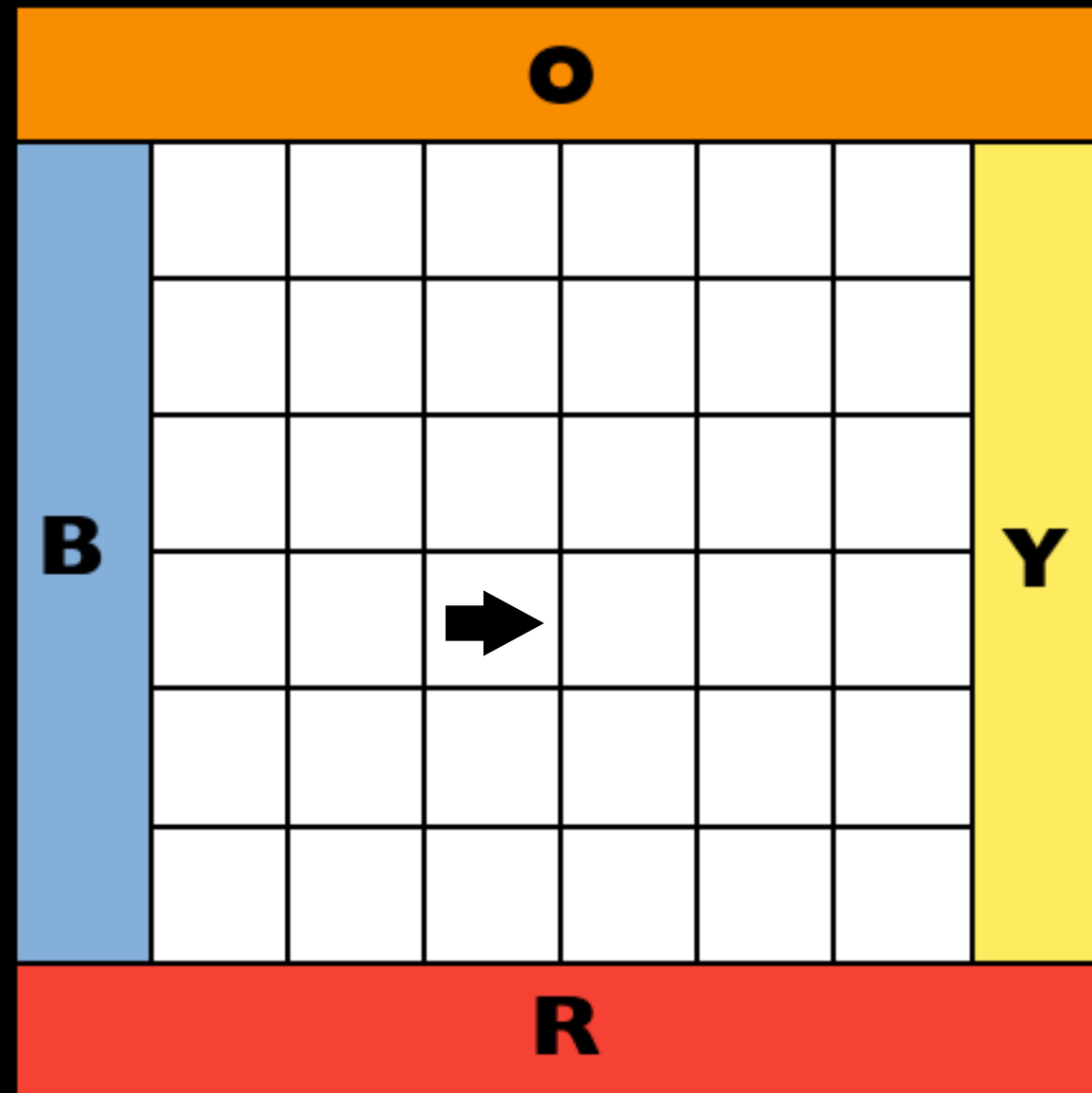


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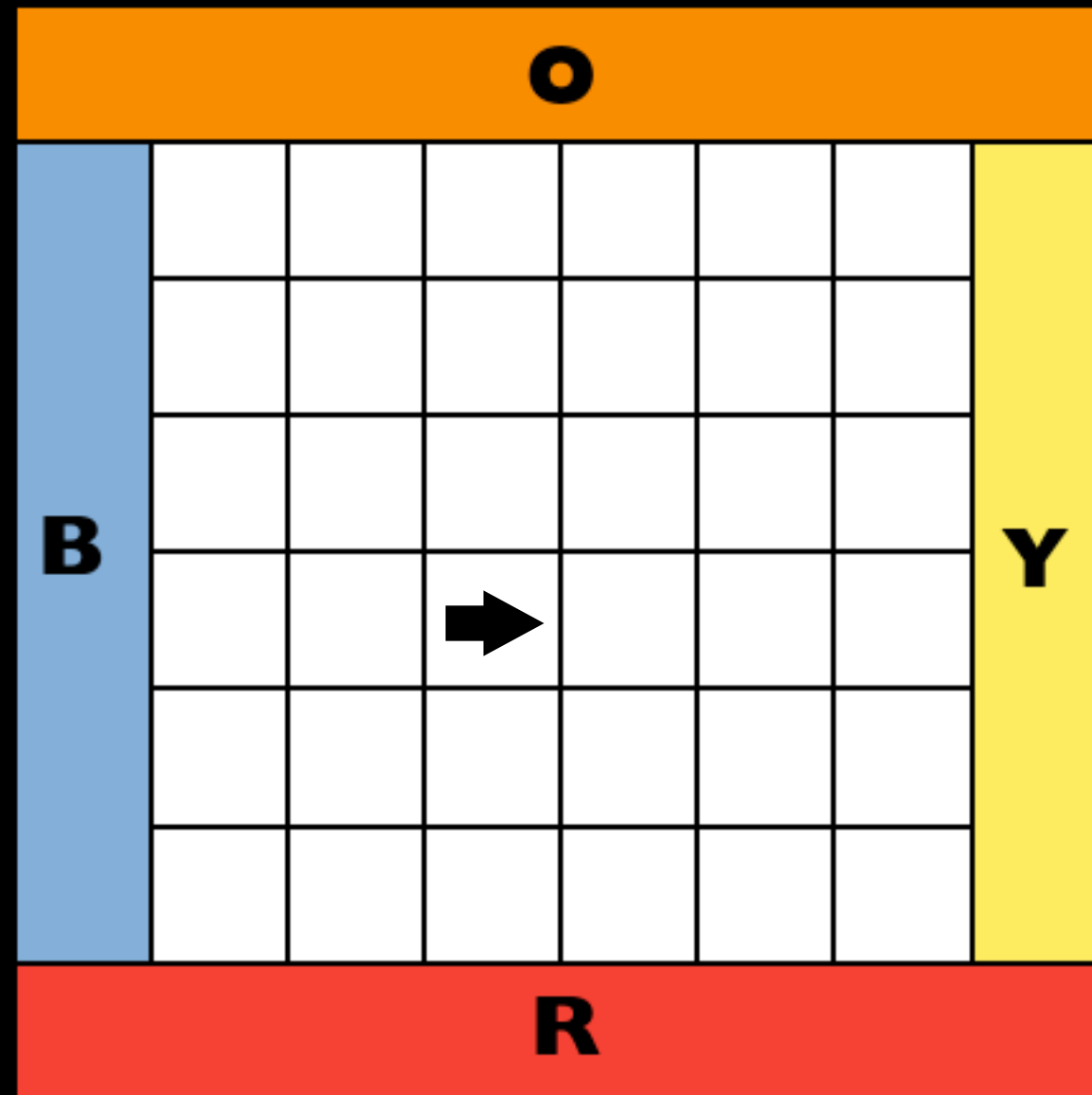


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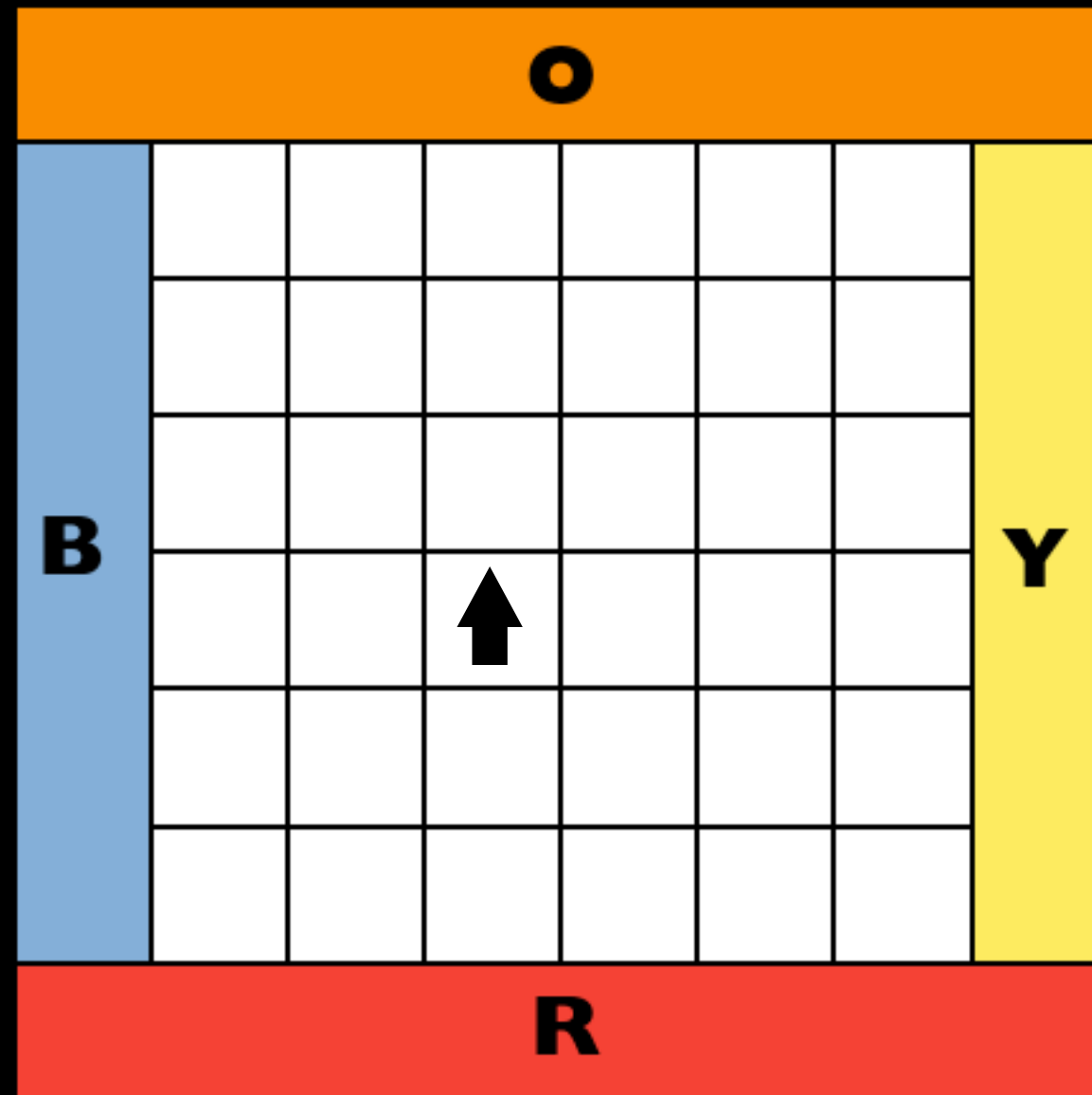


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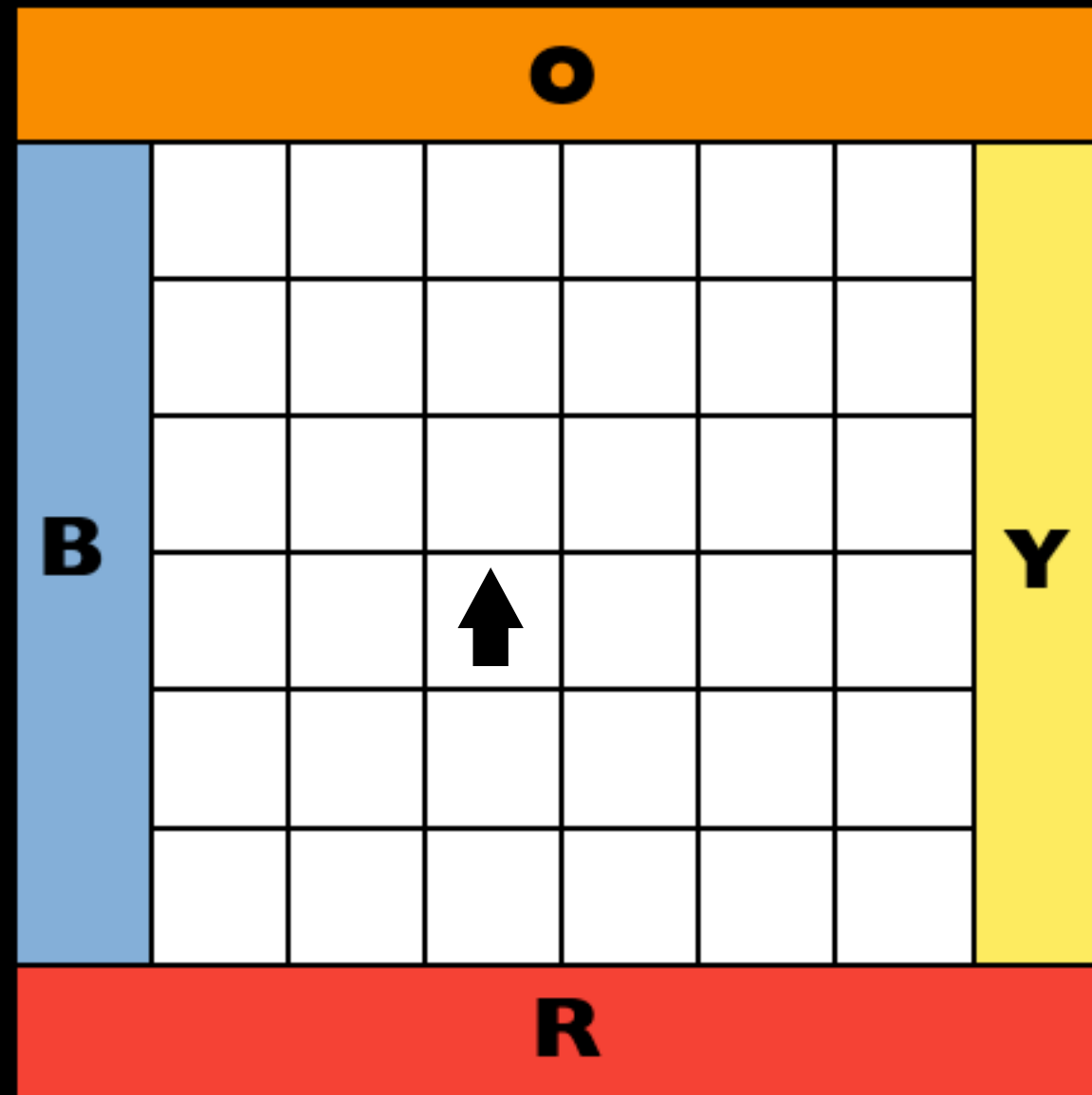


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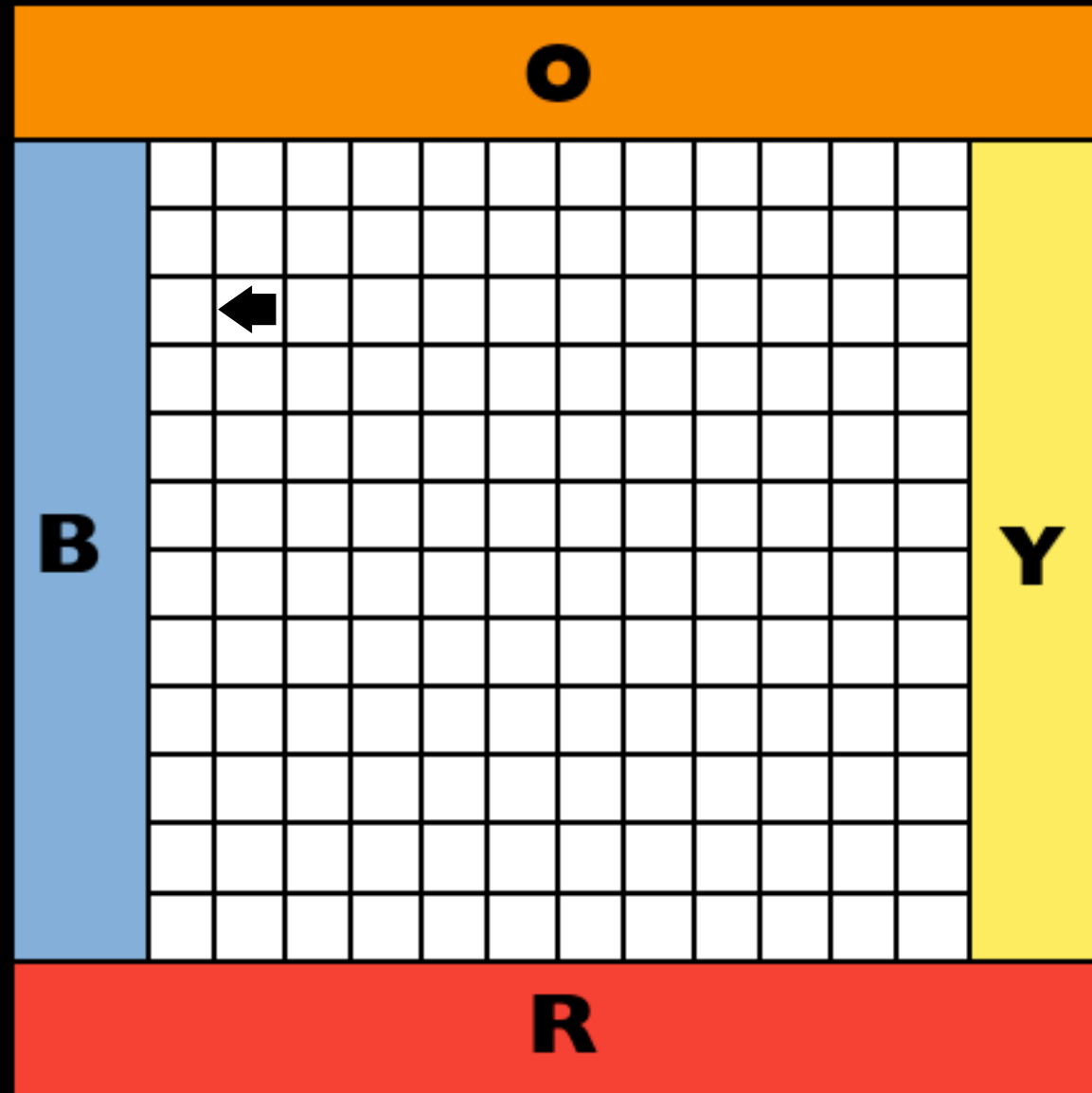


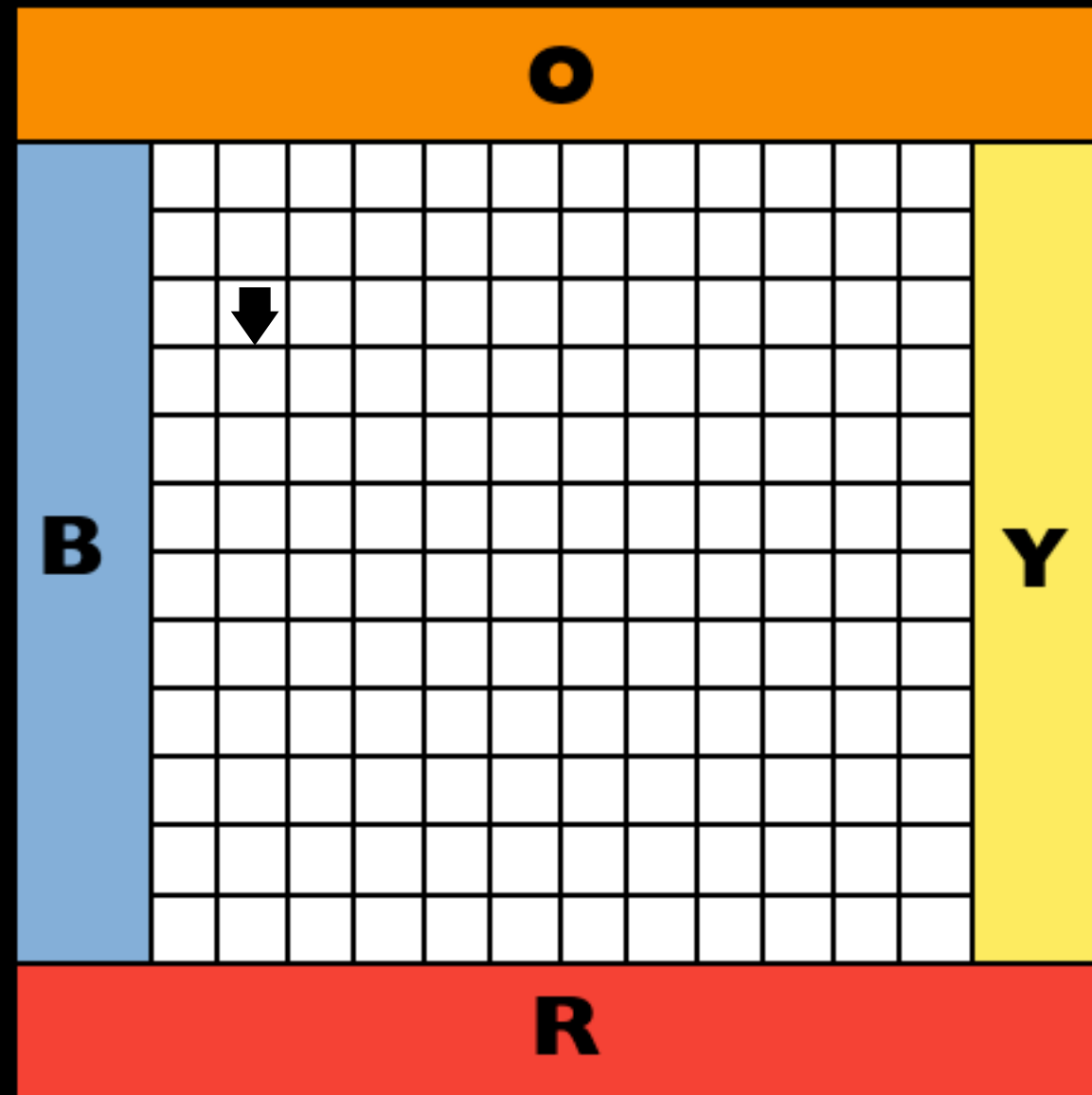
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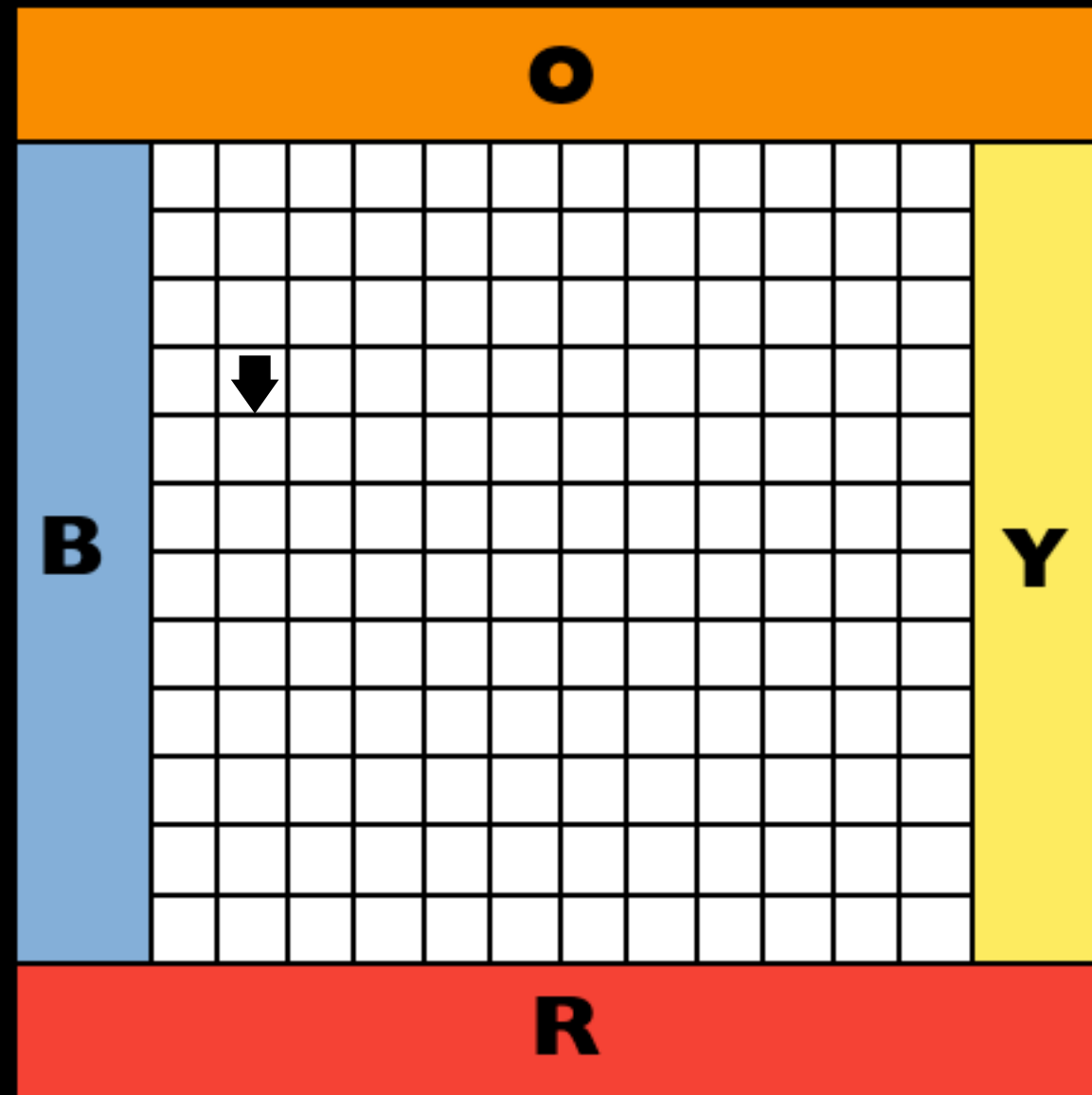
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Predict: Will I see **Orange** “in the near future”?

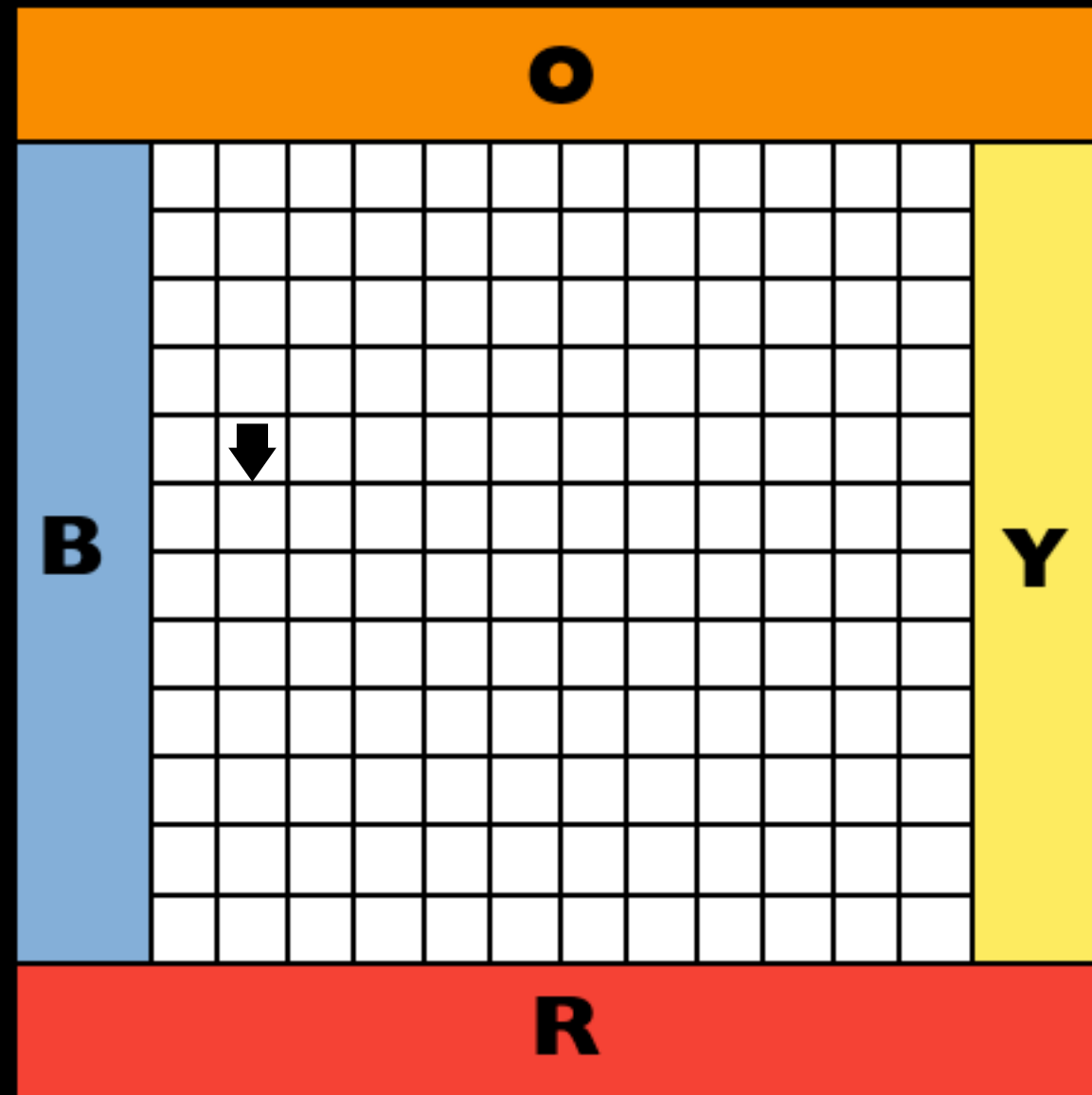




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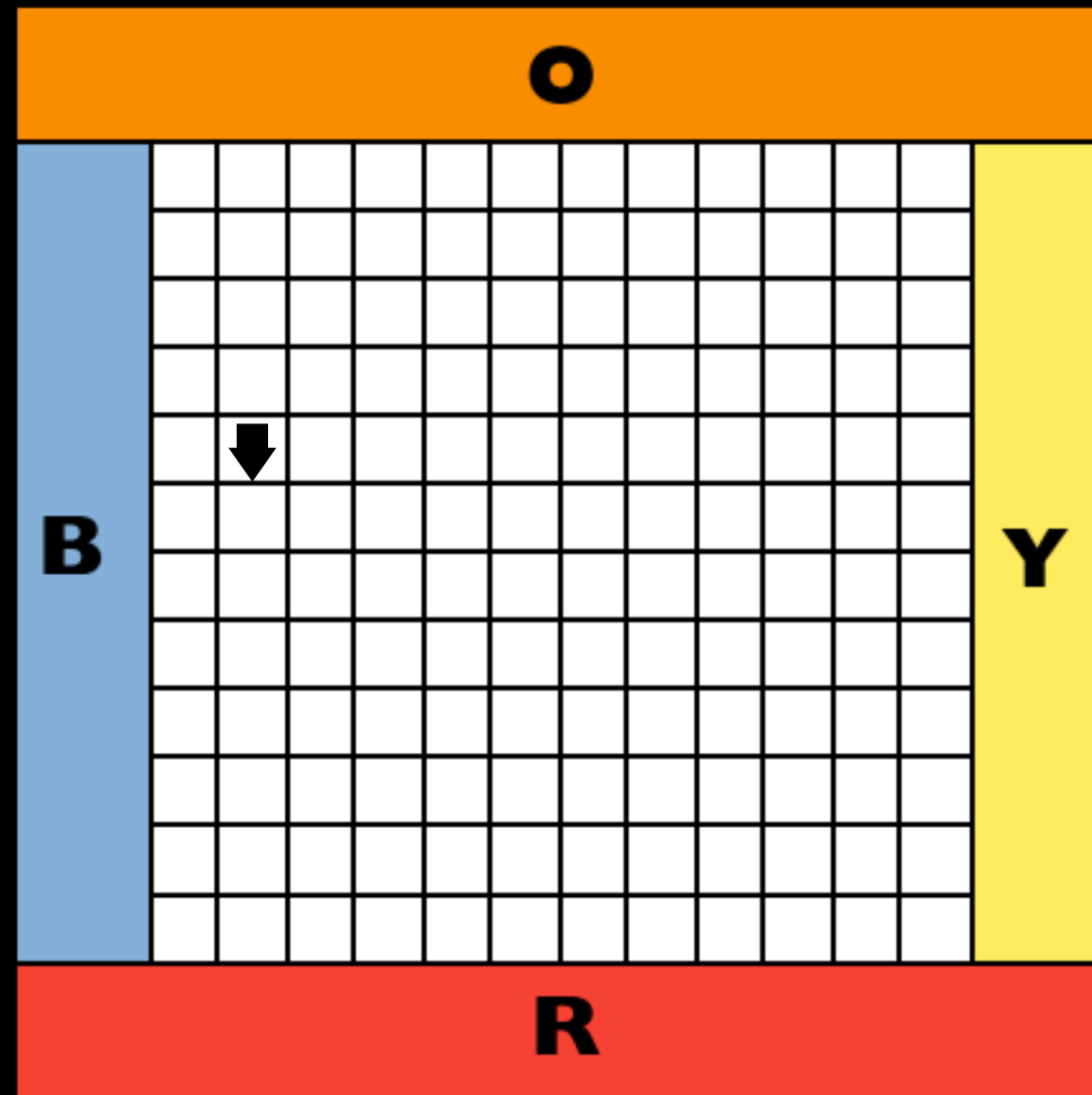


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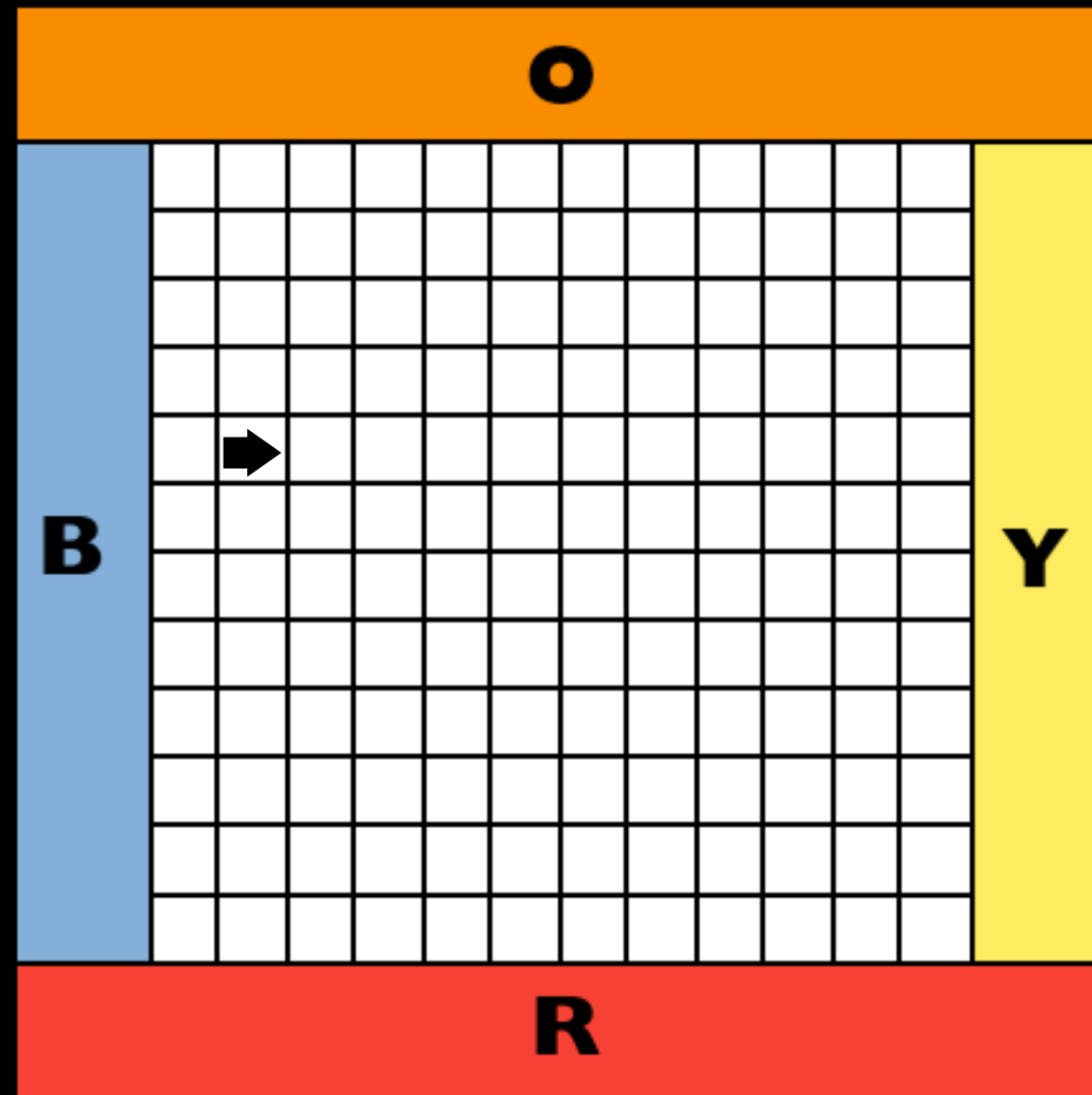
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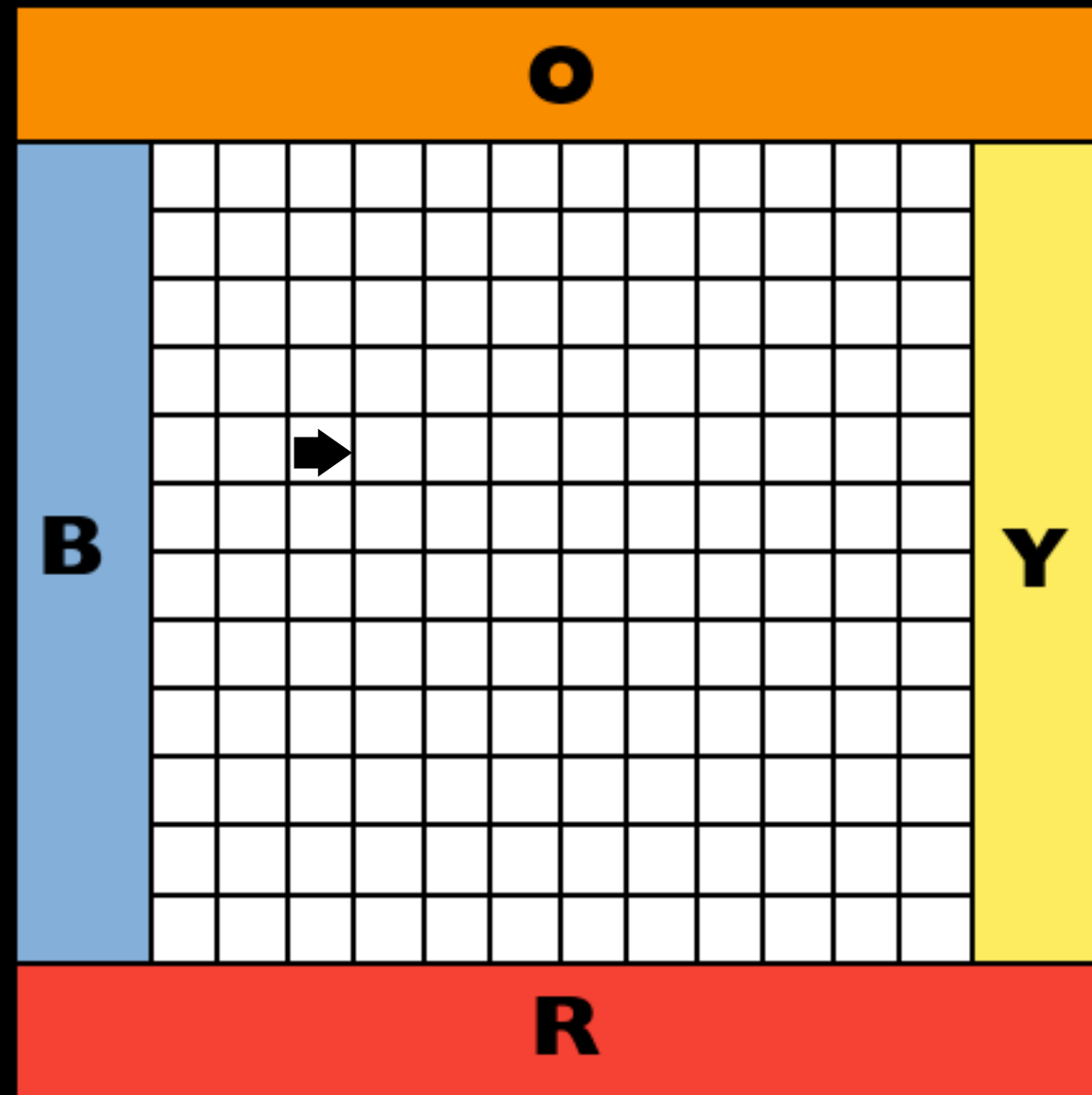


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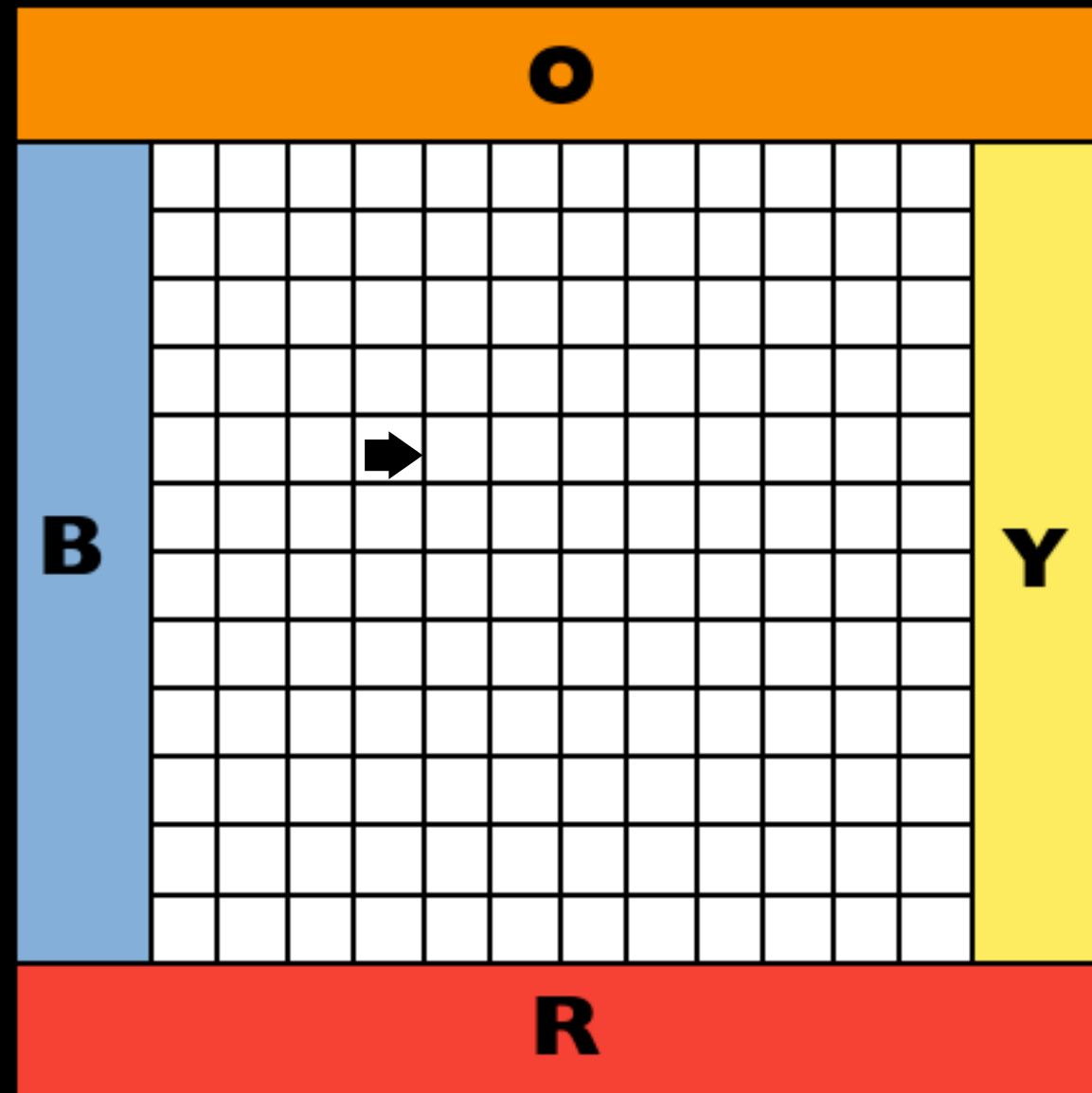
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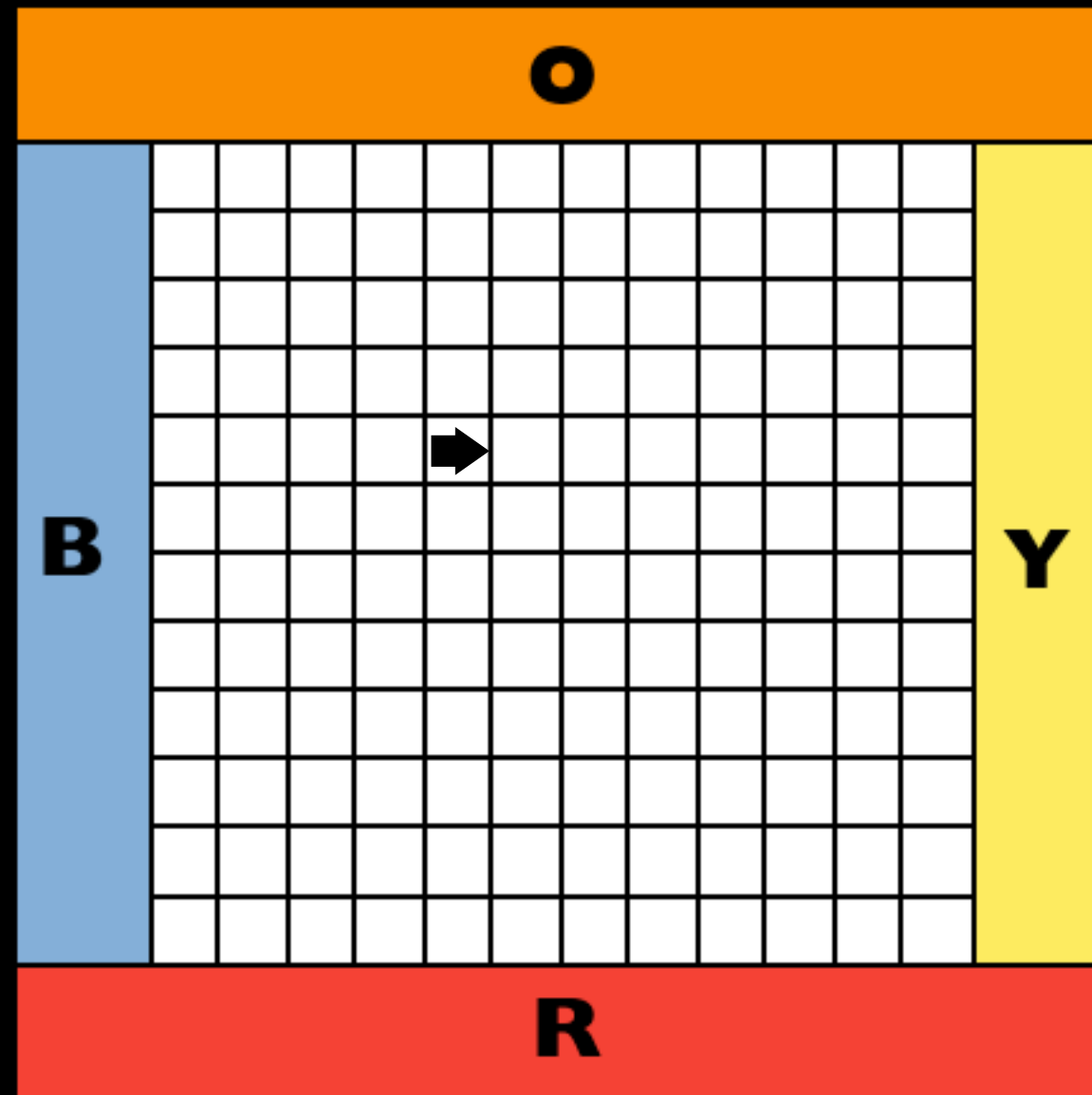
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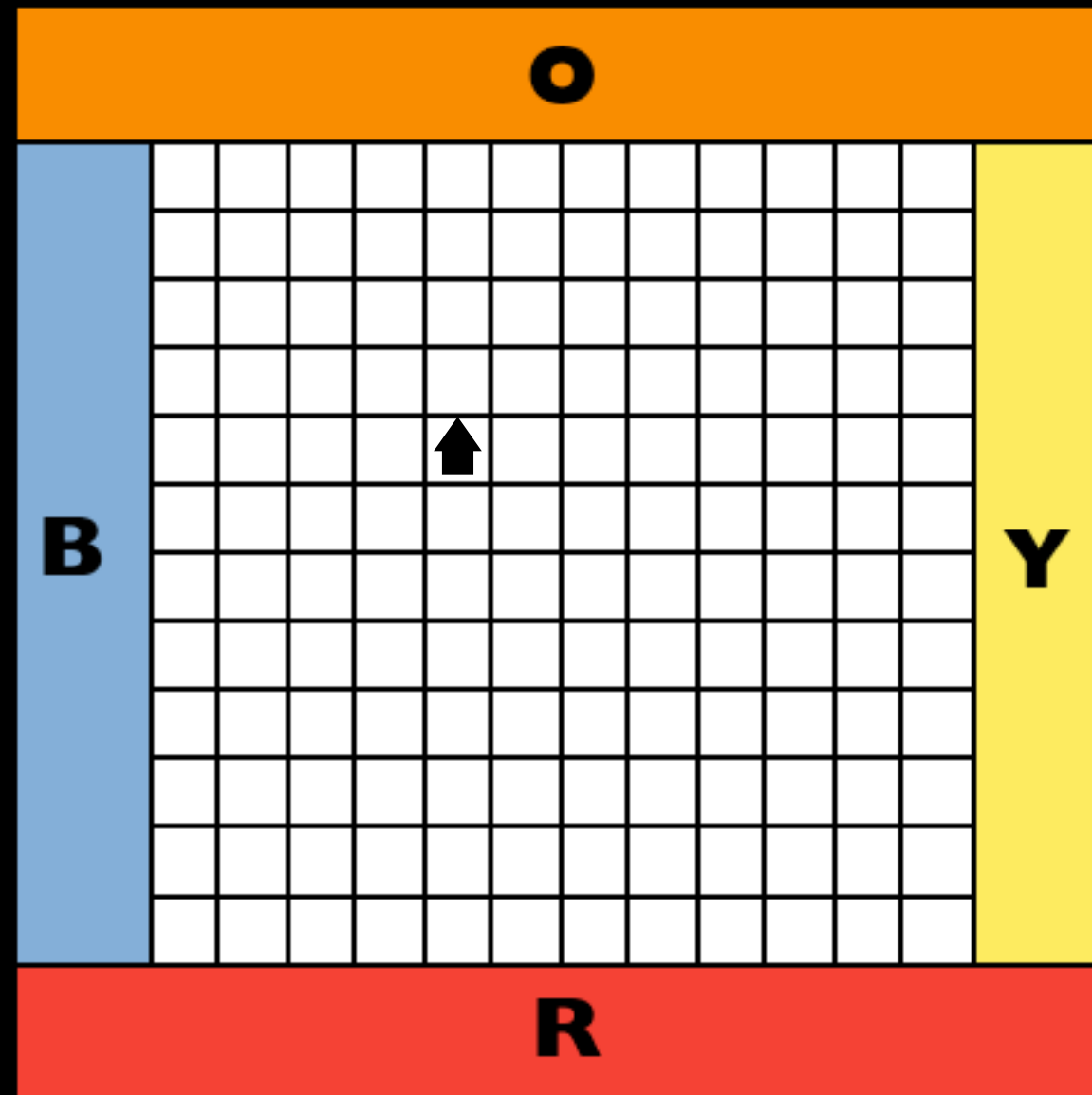
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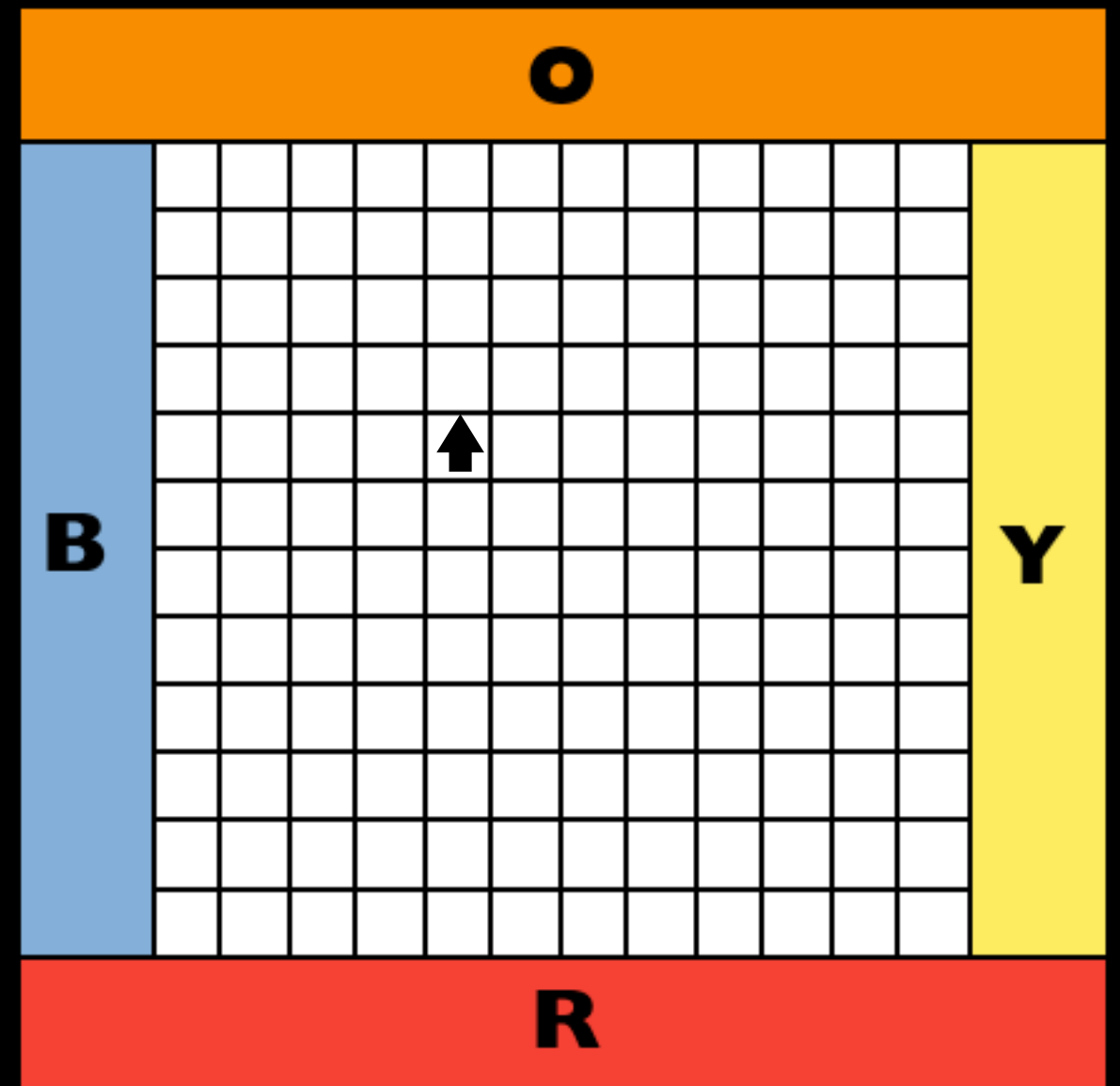
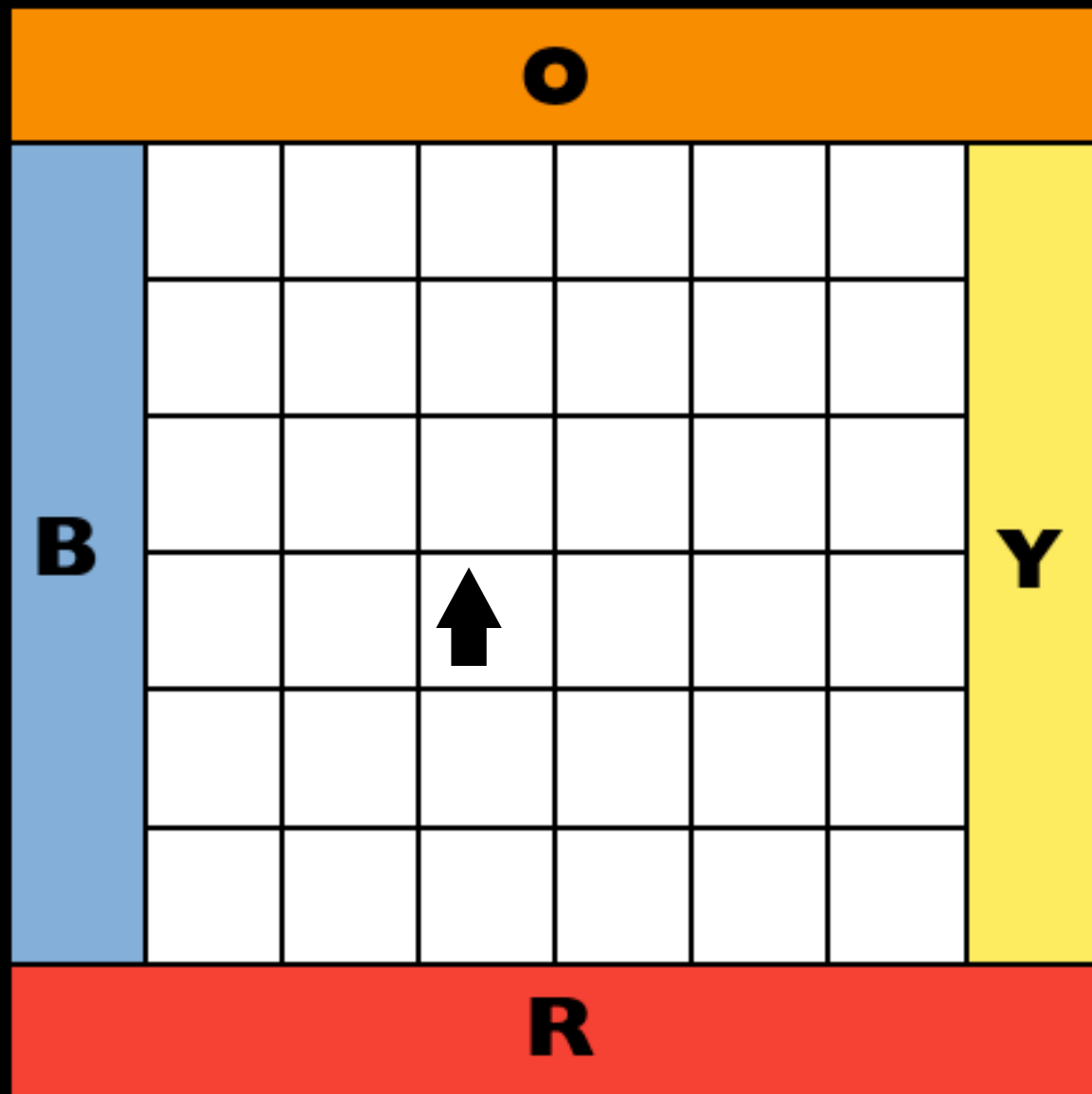


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What is the probability now?



How do I predict if I will see  
Orange “in the near future”?

# History based methods

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(Current) Algorithm

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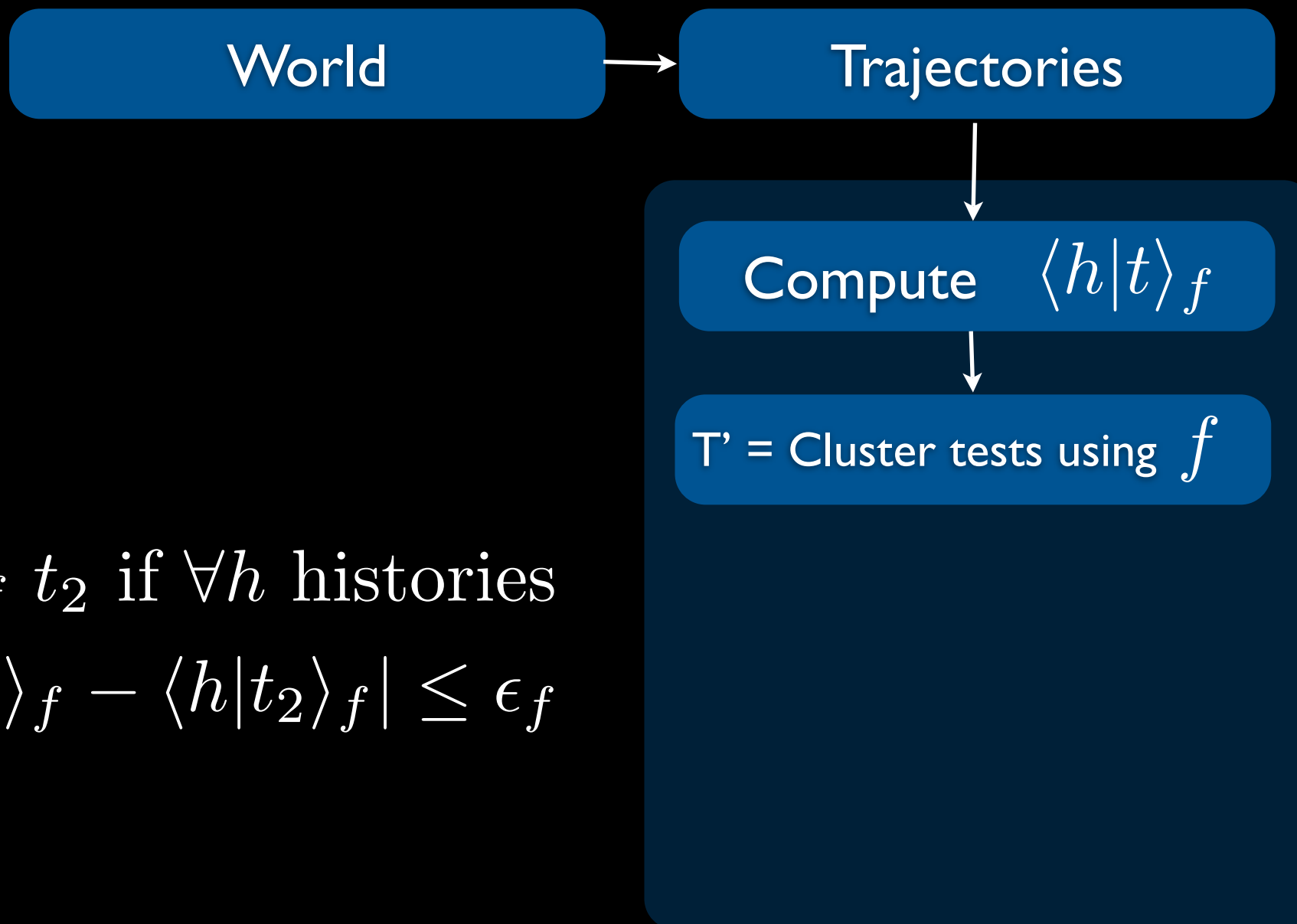
World

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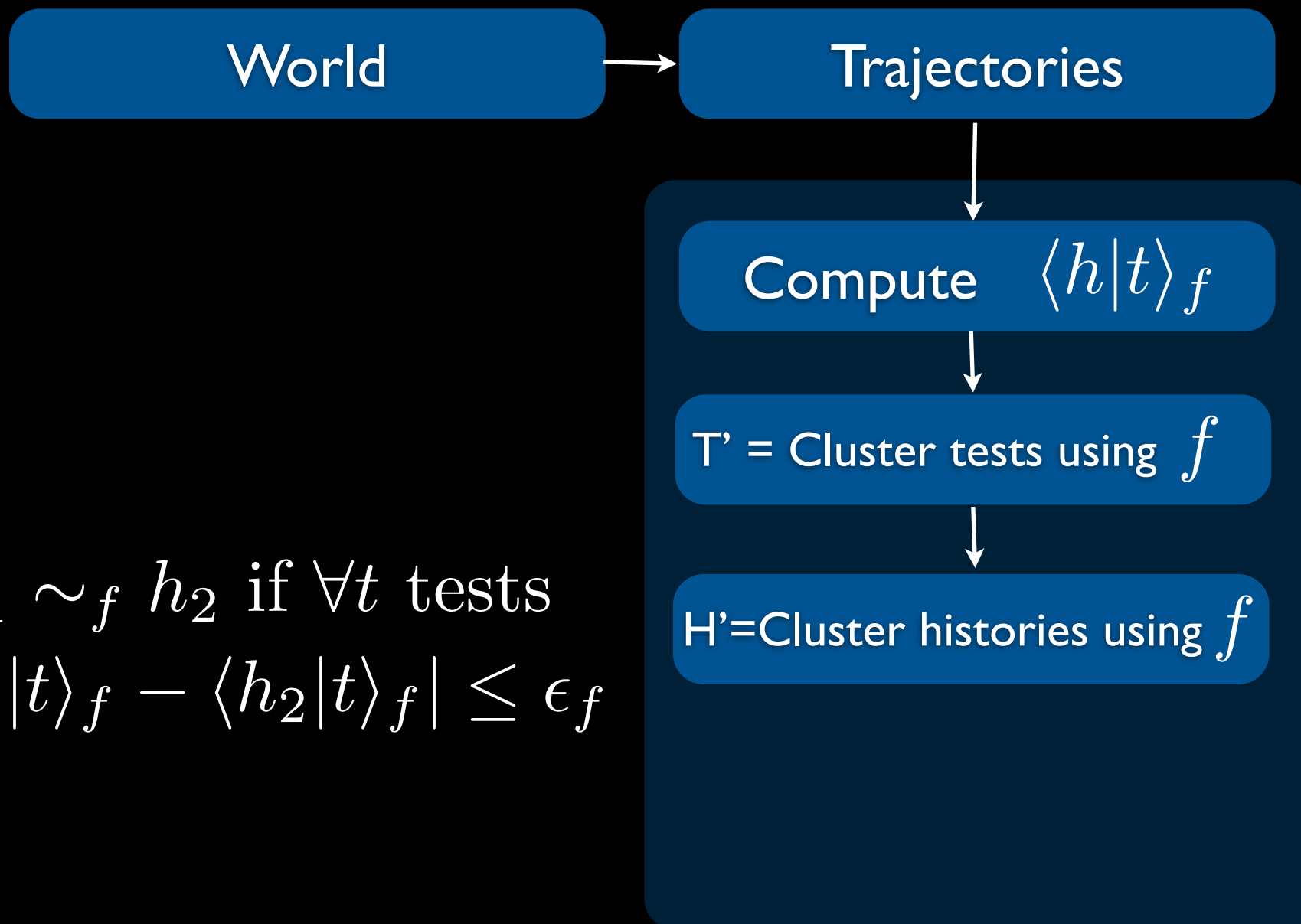
probed predictions

Compute  $\langle h|t \rangle_f$



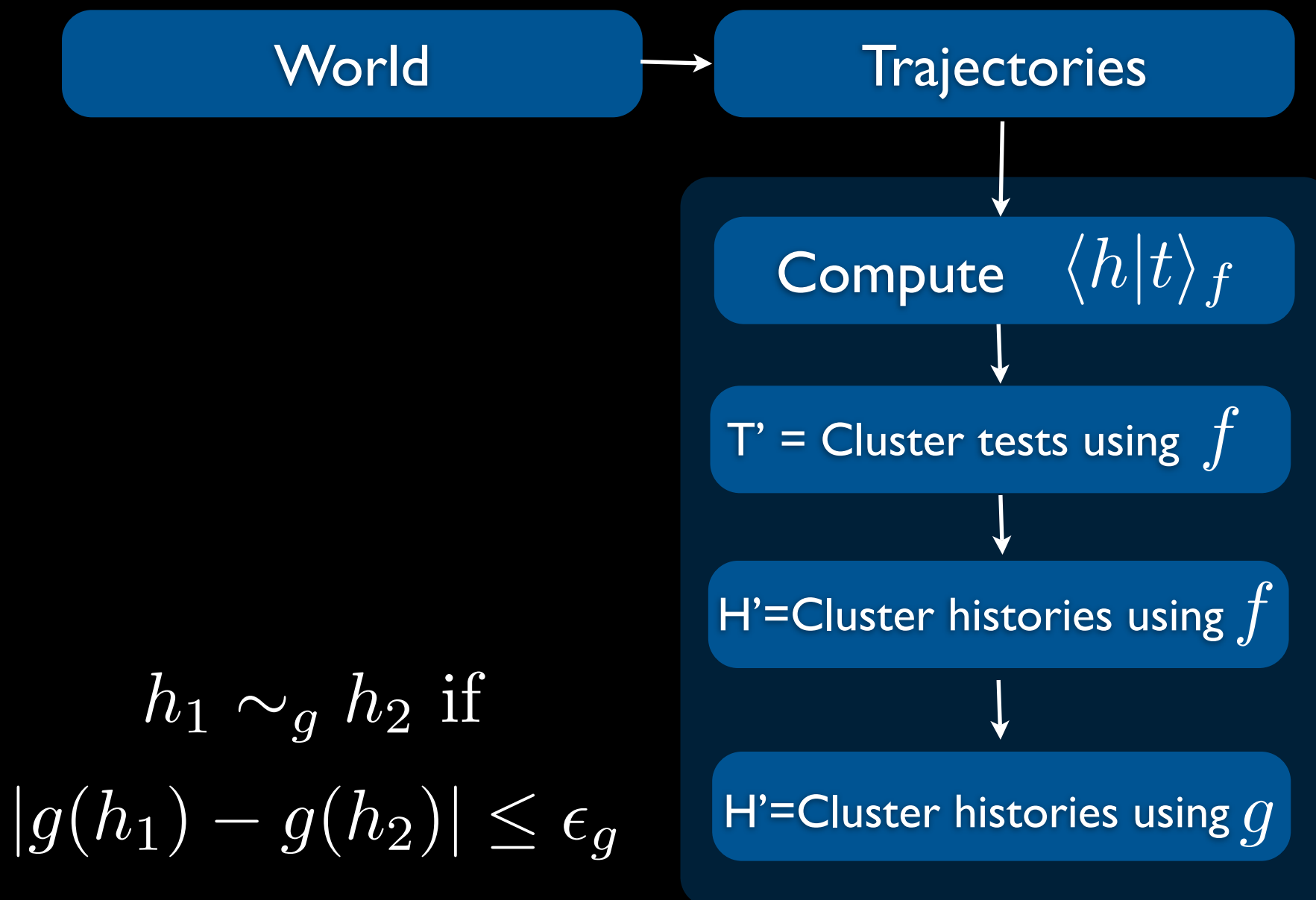


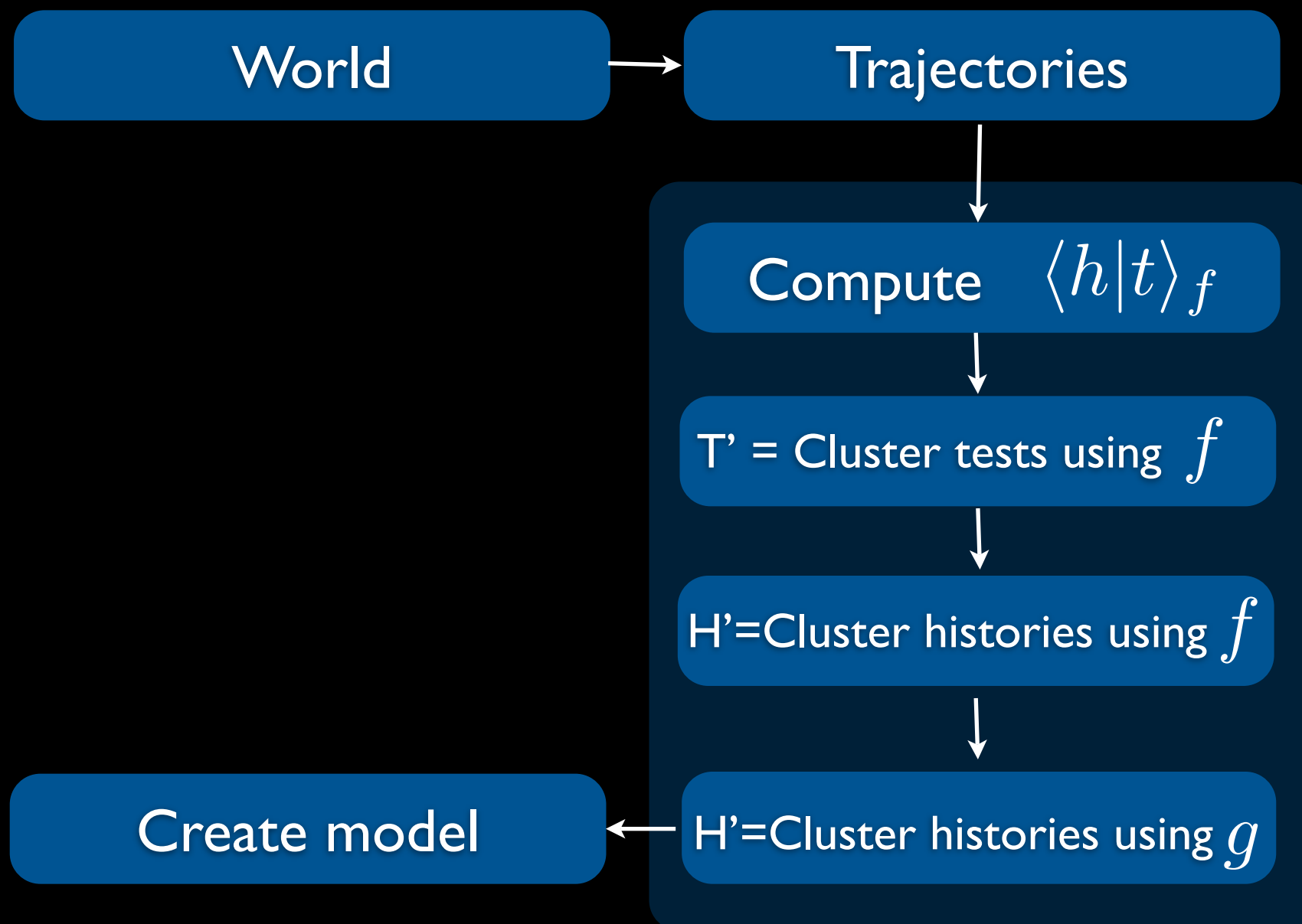
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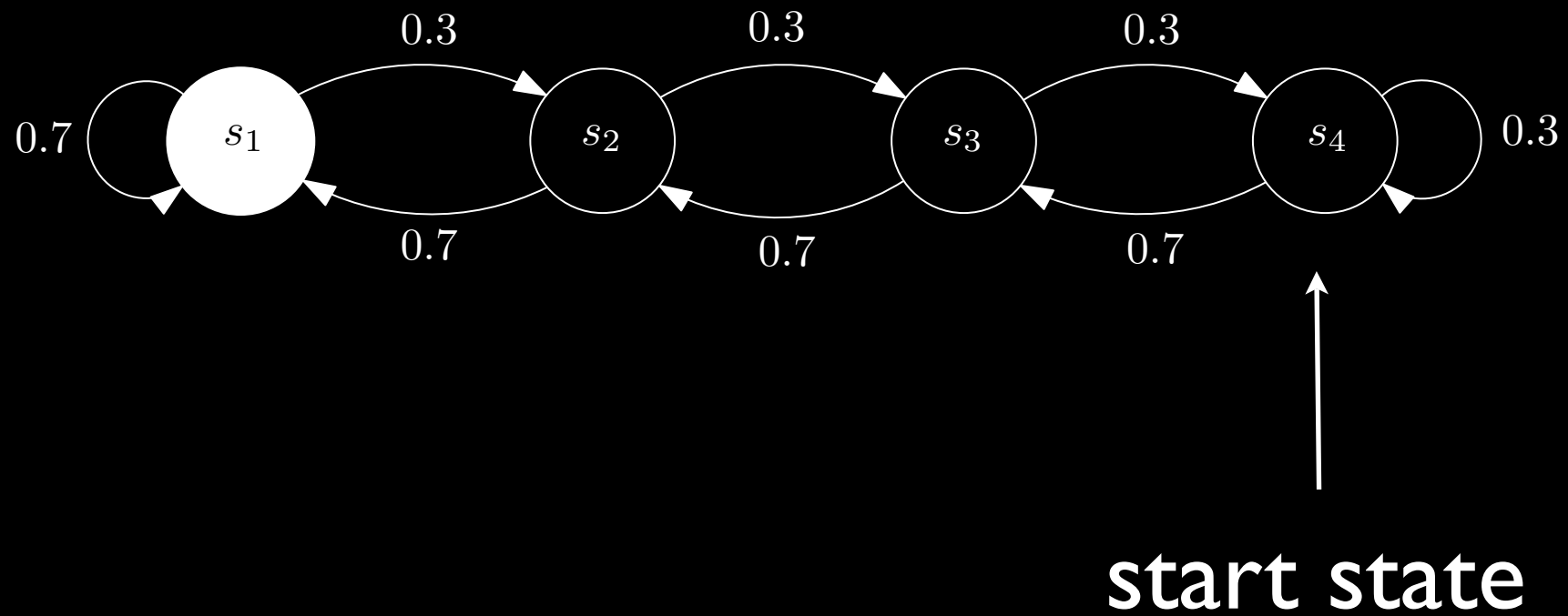




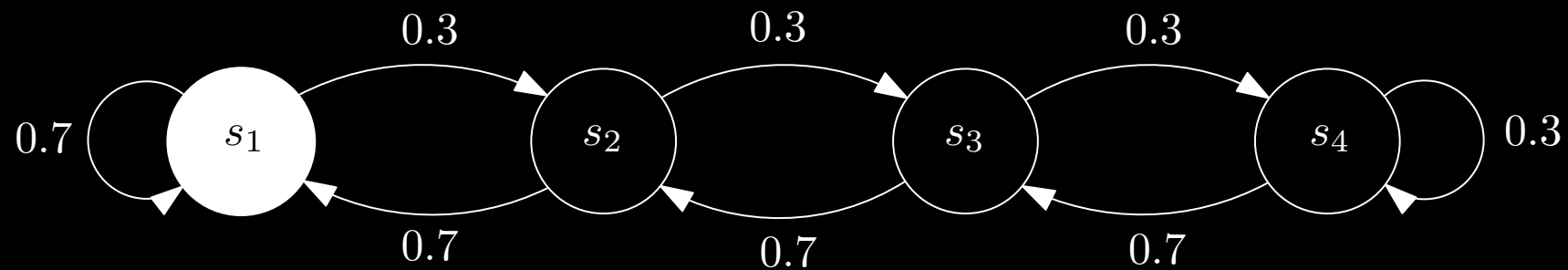


# Results

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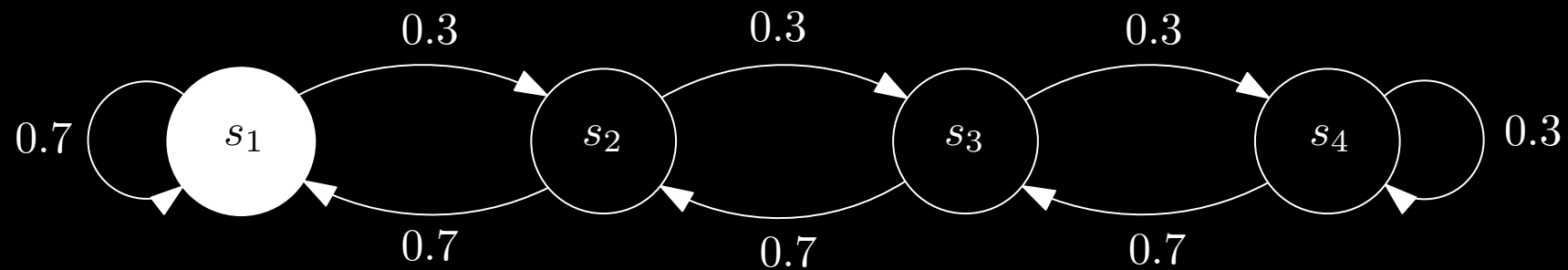
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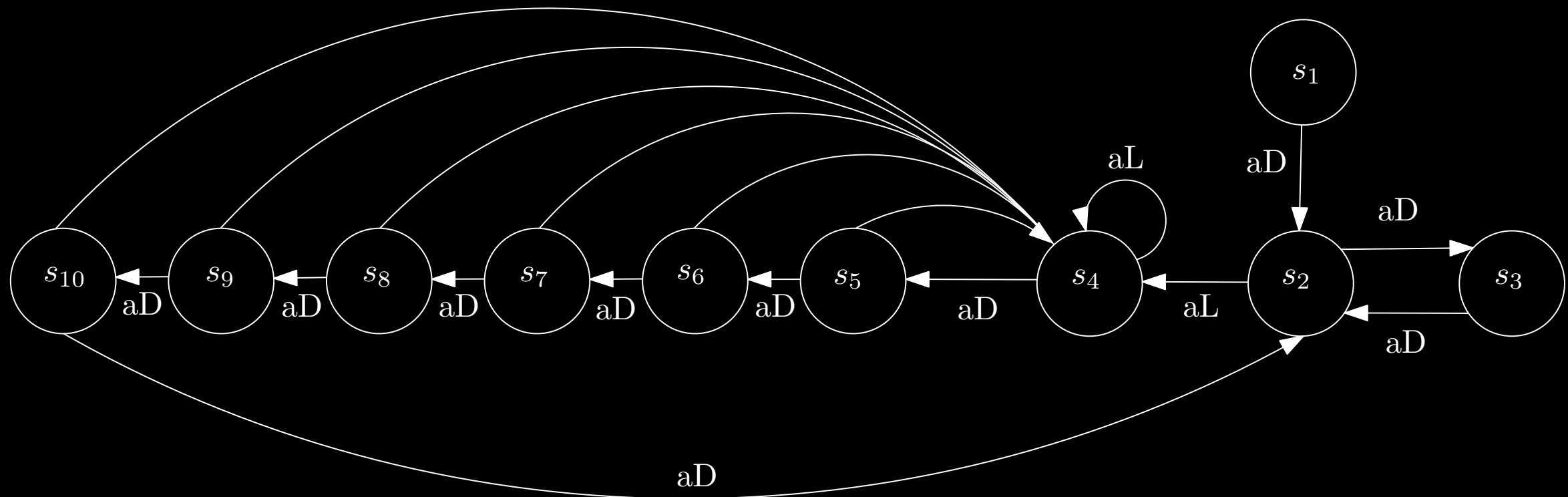
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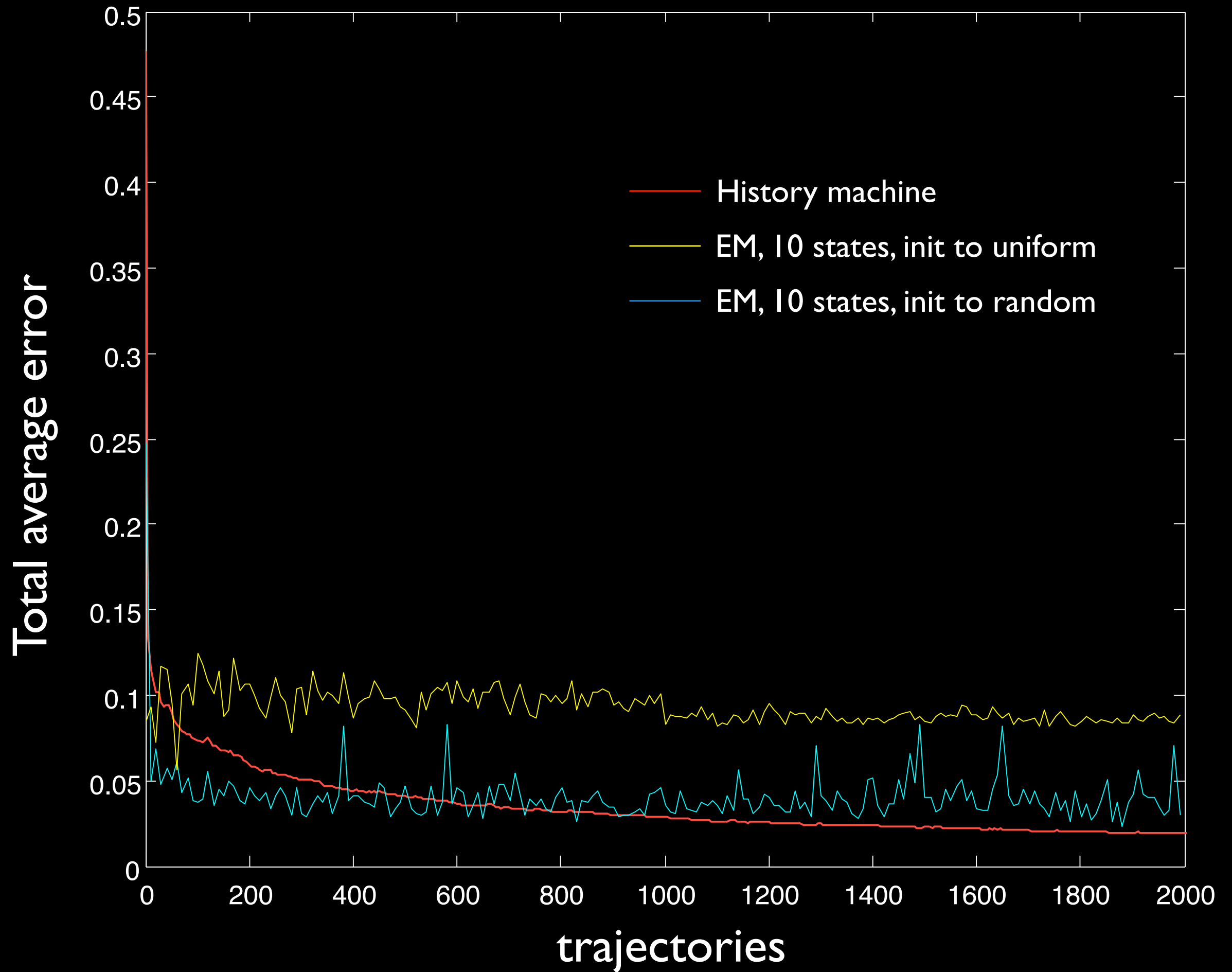
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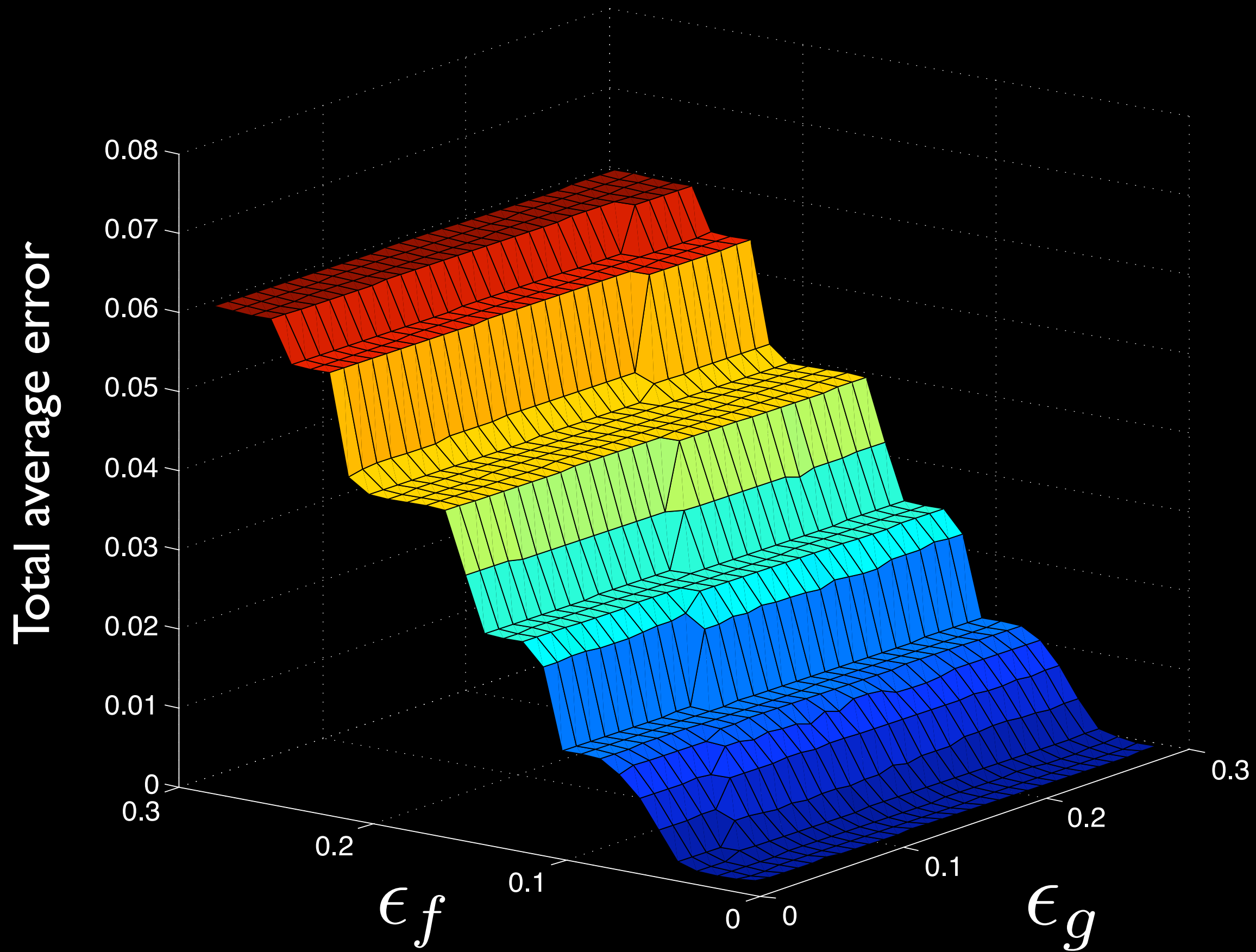
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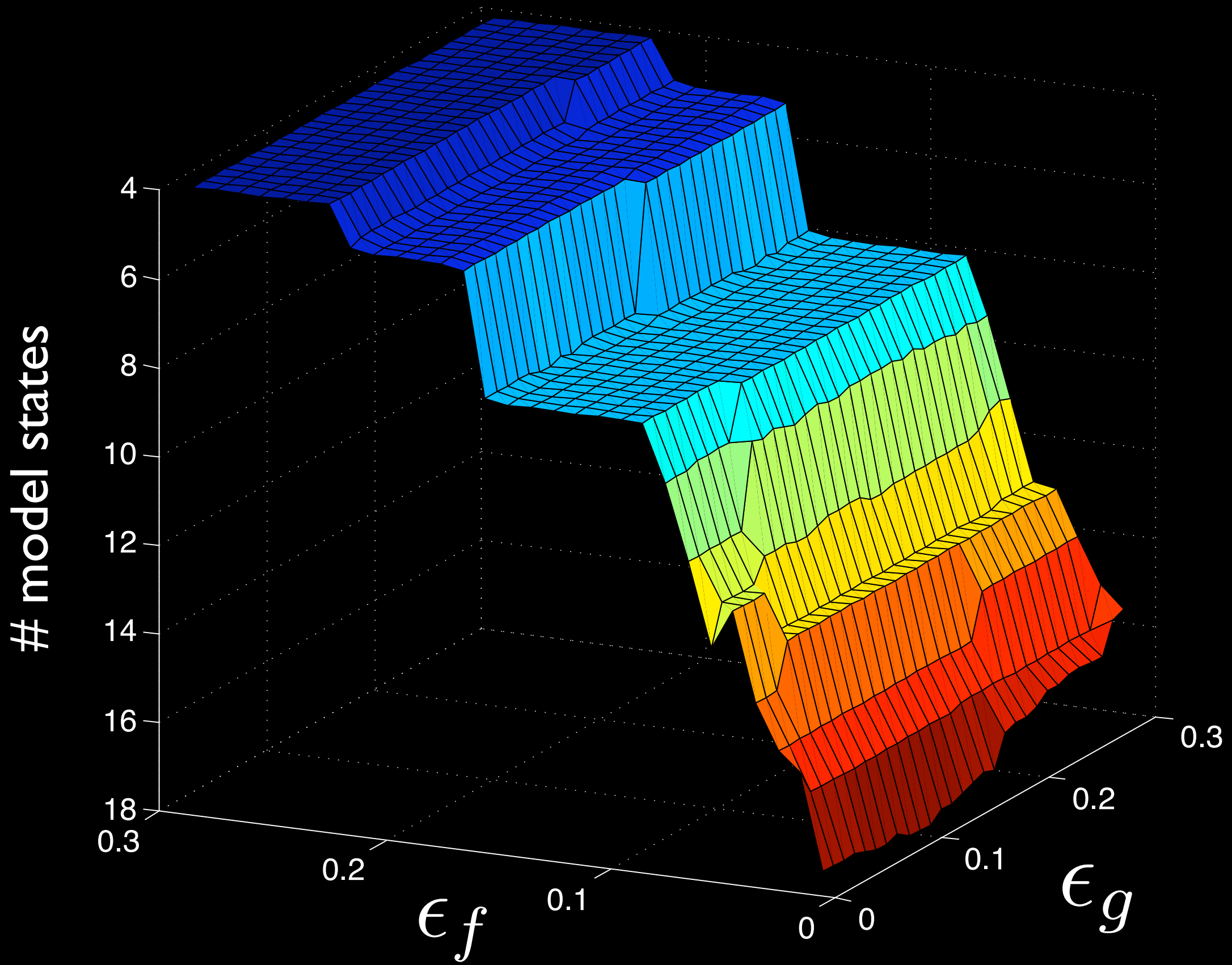
Learned representation:



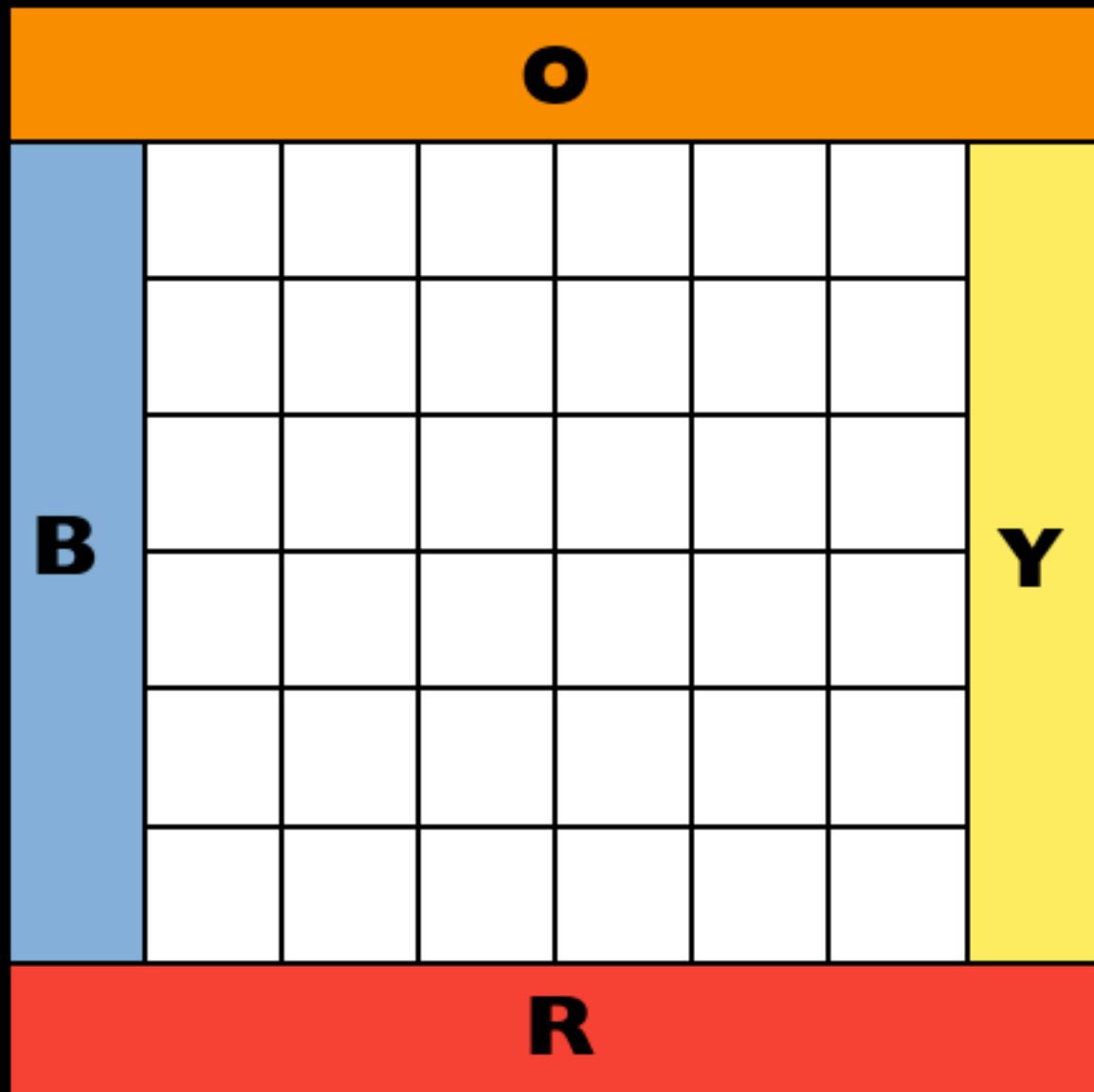








# Grid world

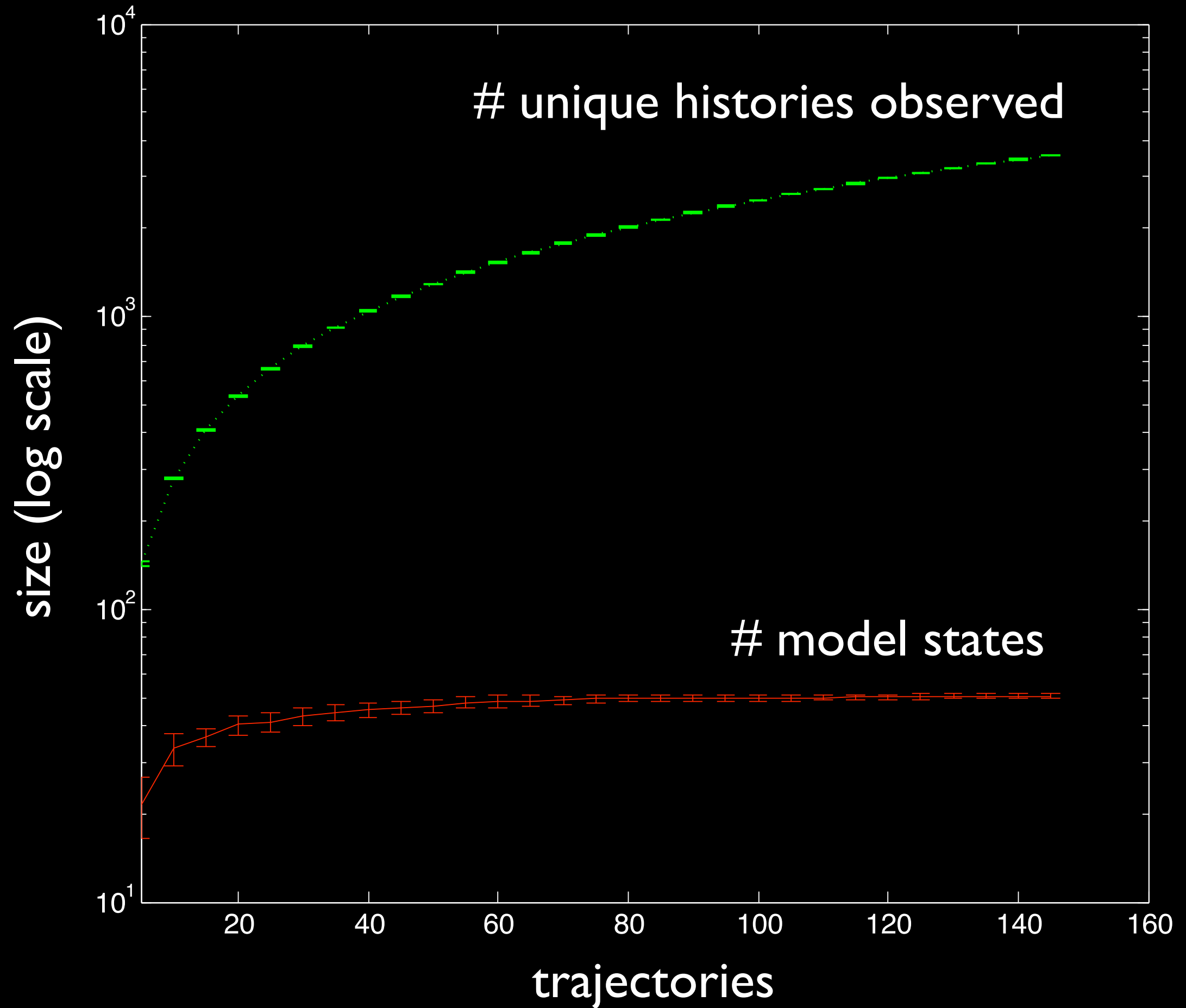


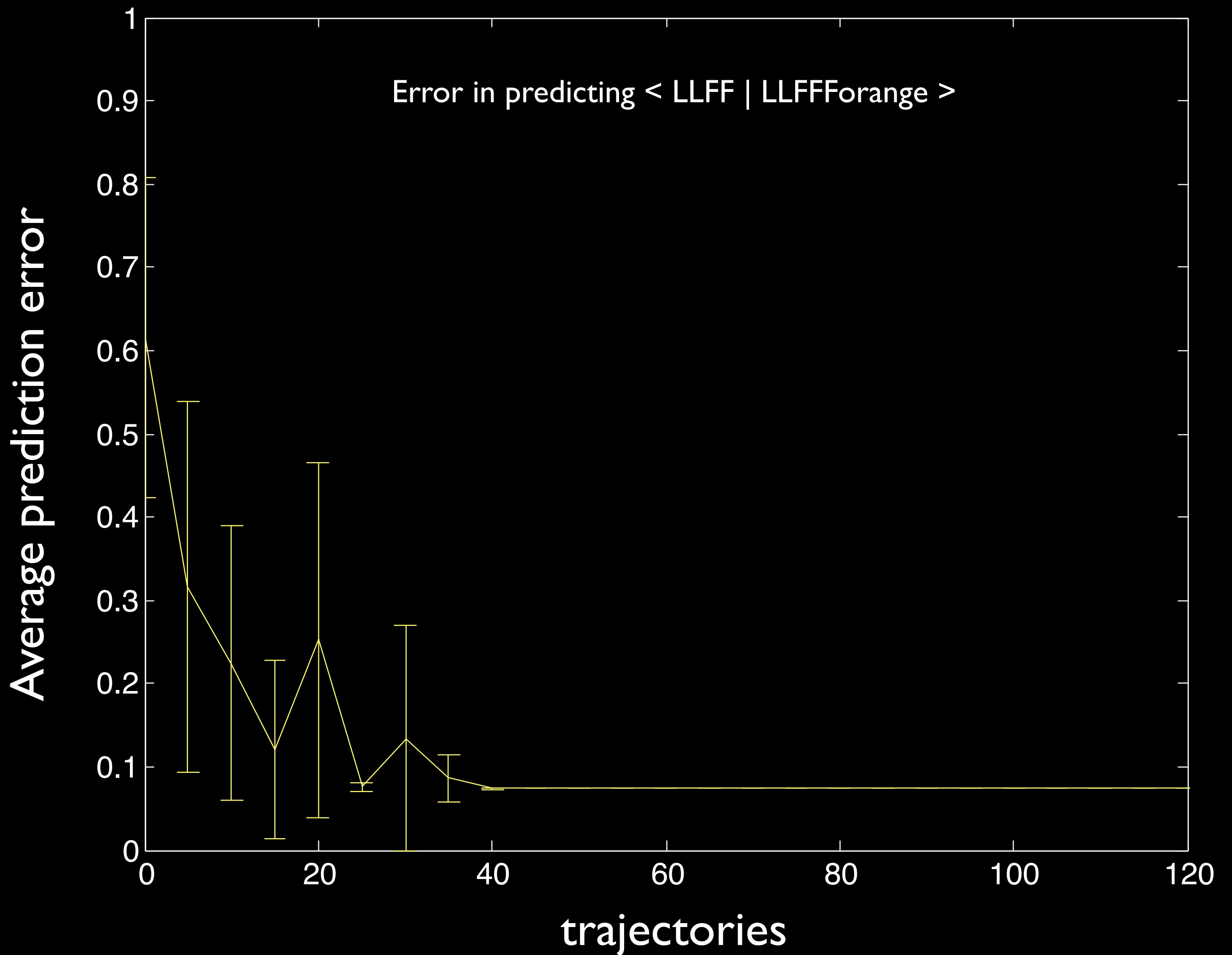
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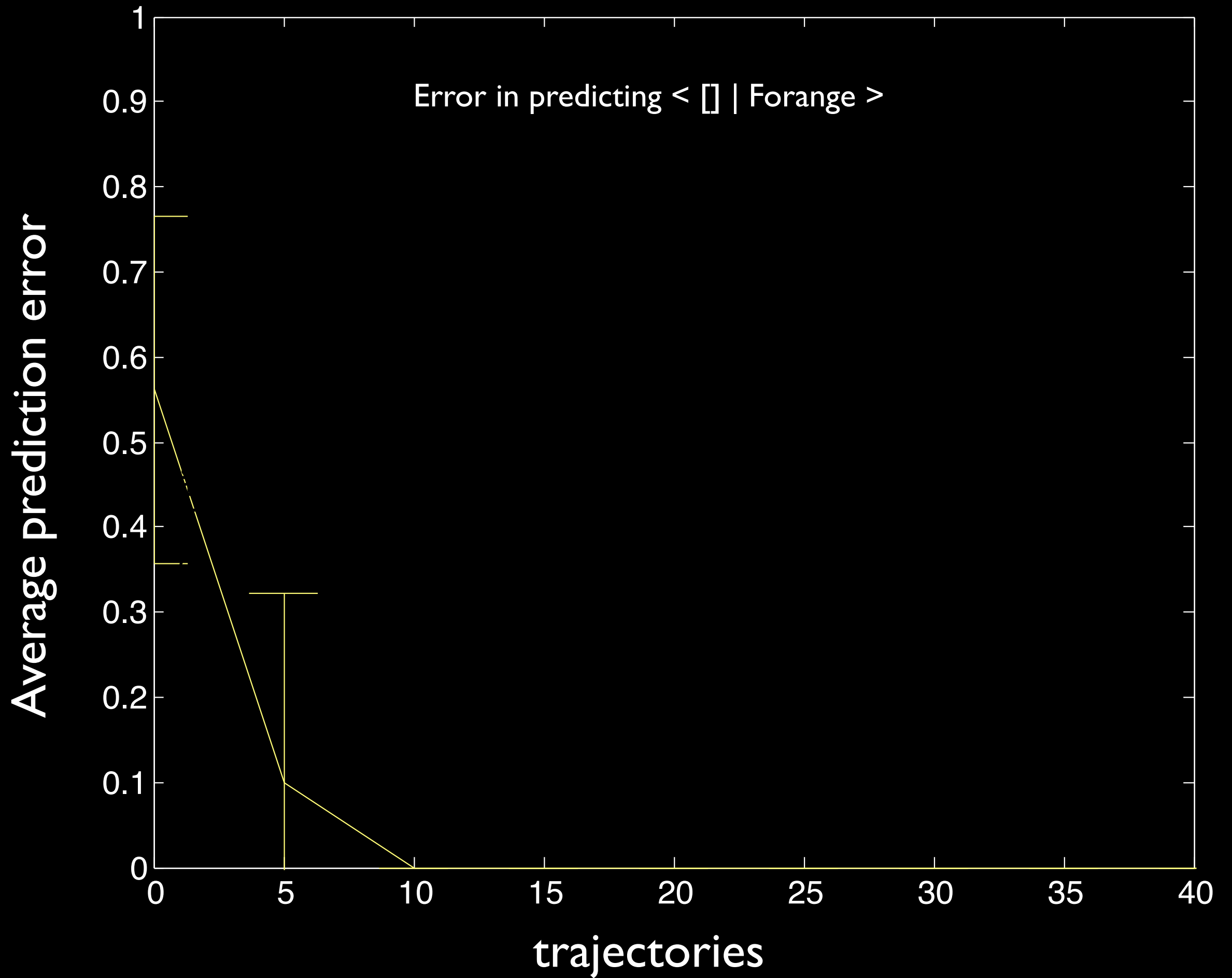
$$\epsilon_f = 0.04$$

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trajectories of length 40







# Conclusions

- Algorithm learns an approximate model that makes accurate predictions wrt to a set of tests of interest
- Needs a small amount of data
- Future work: scaling up to larger environments
- More efficient estimation of  $\langle h|t \rangle_f$

Questions?