

Let them cheat!

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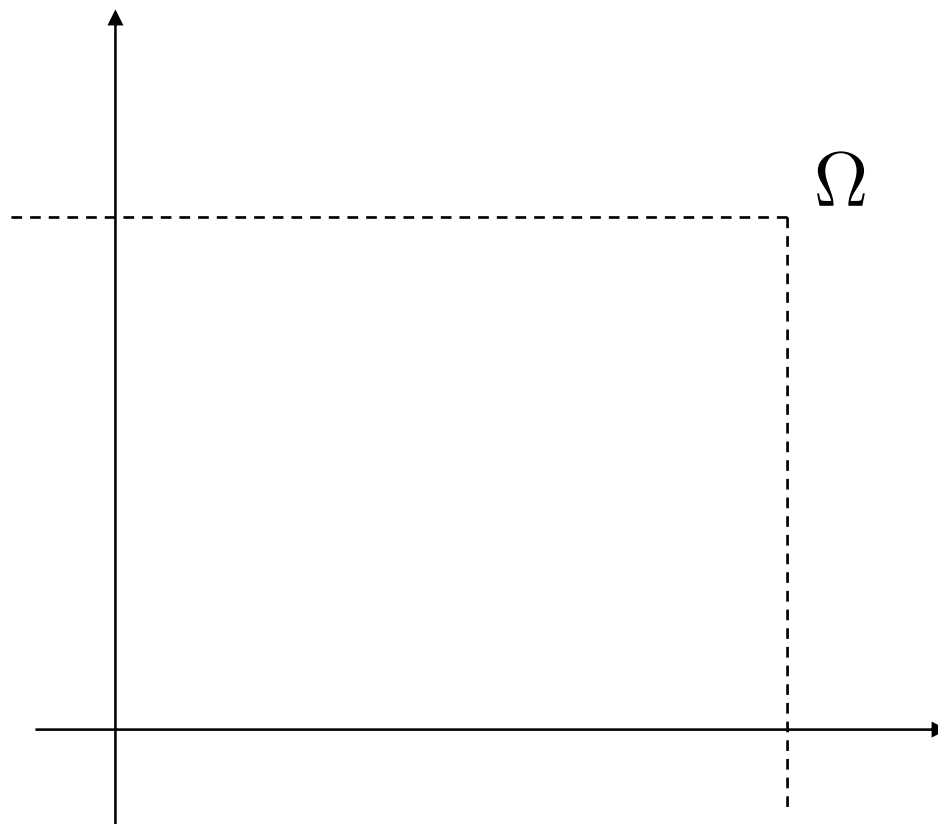
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General objectives:

- Propose a solution for the fair allocation of a social endowment of goods: the equal-sacrifice solution.
- Analyze incentives properties of the proposed solution.

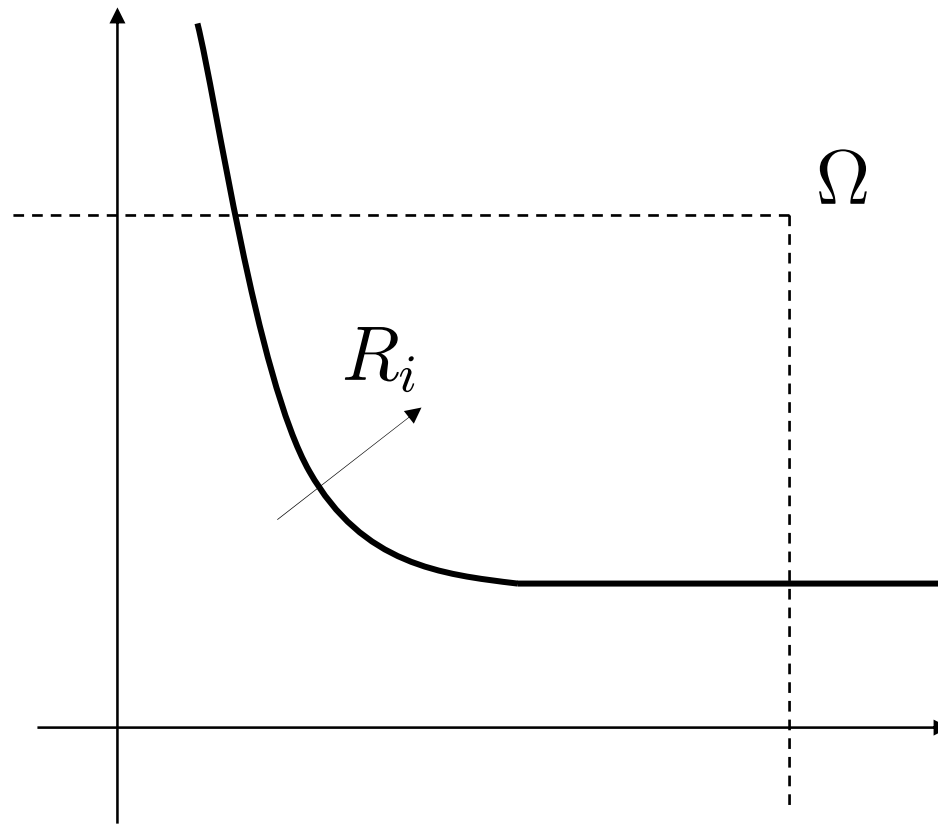
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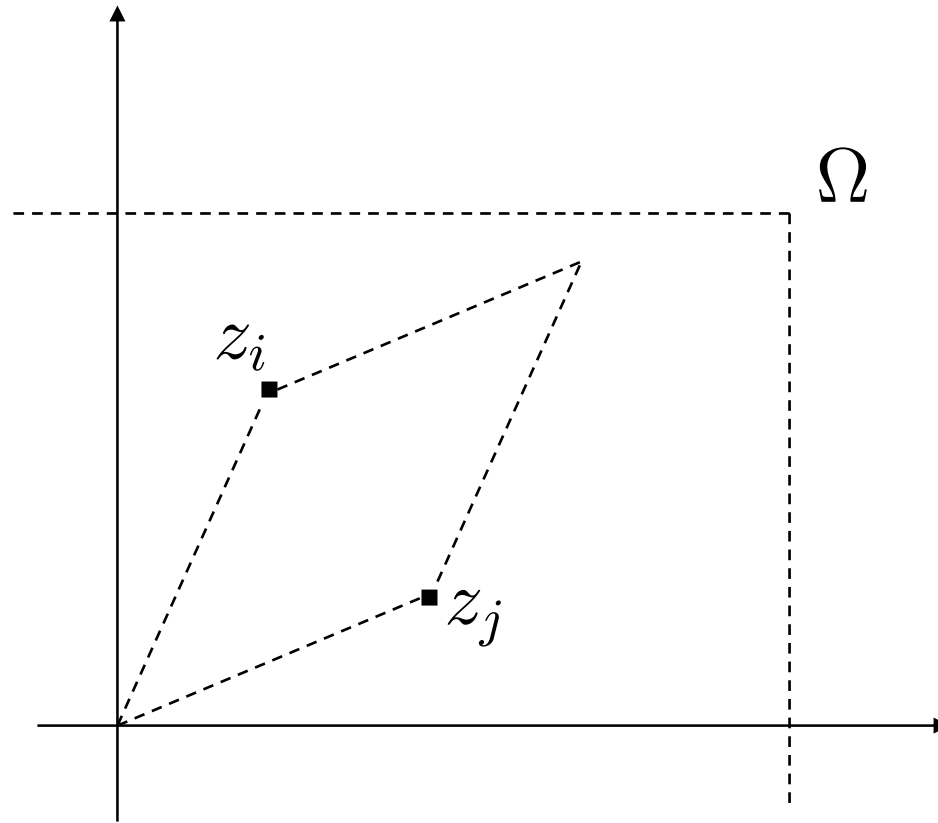
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Preference domain: \mathcal{U}



Feasible allocations

$$Z \equiv \{z \equiv (z_i)_{i \in N} : \sum_{i \in N} z_i \leq \Omega\}$$



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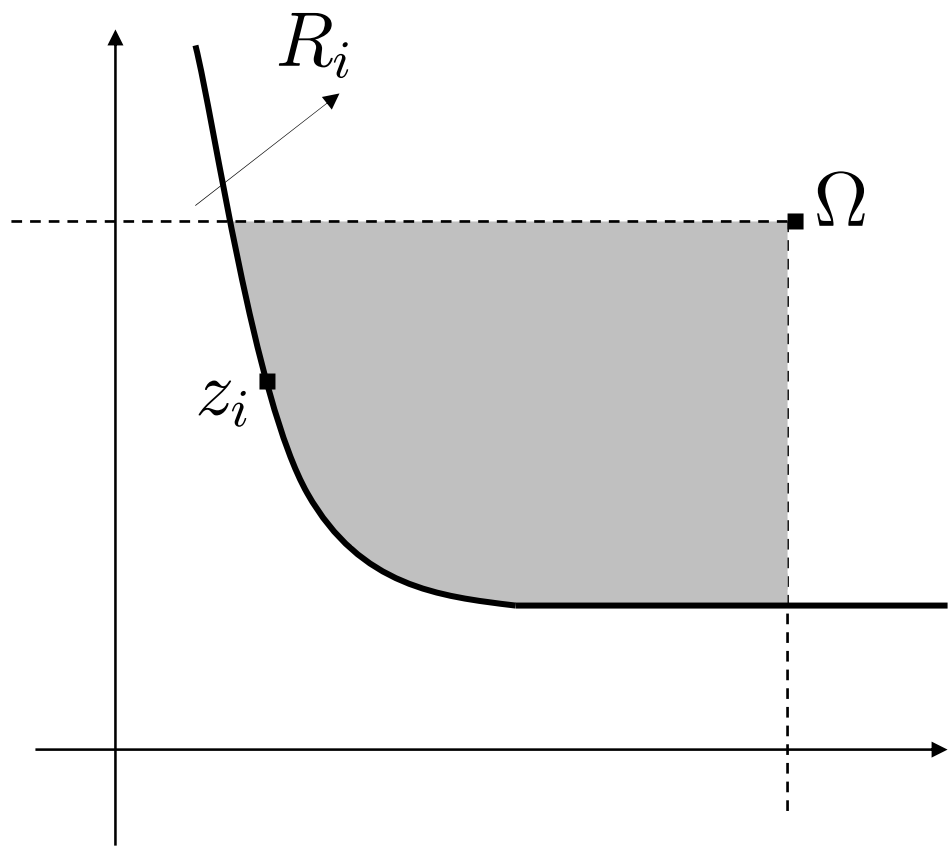
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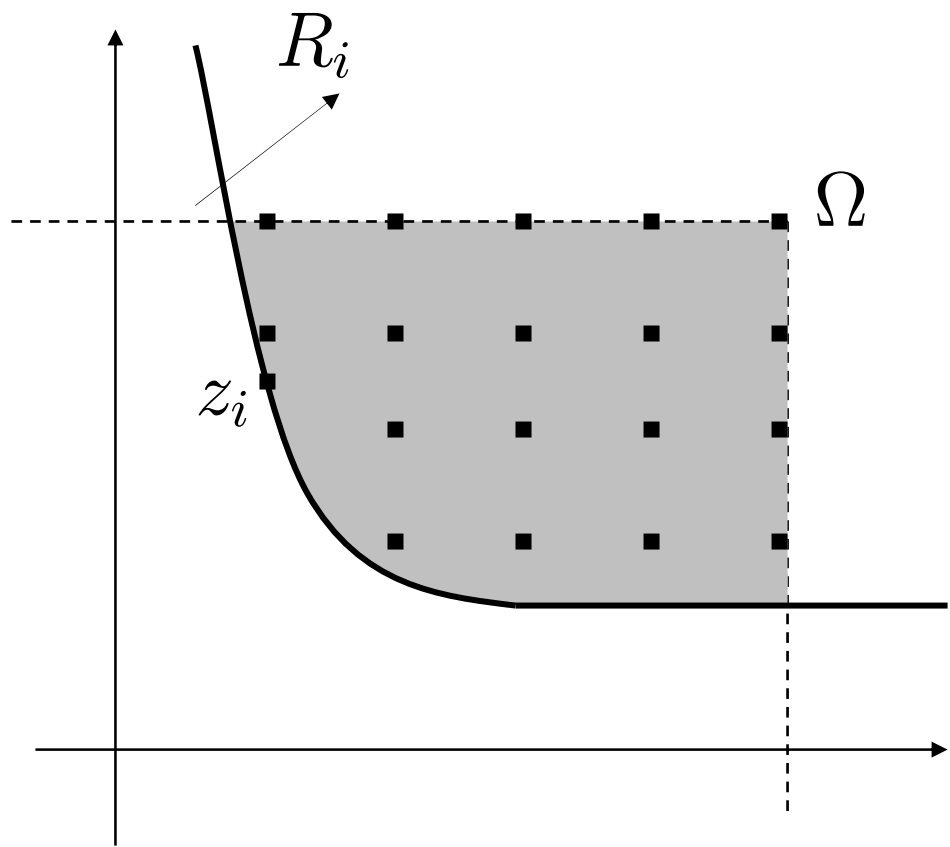
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- Select the allocations at which **sacrifices** are **equal** across agents and this common sacrifice is **minimal**.

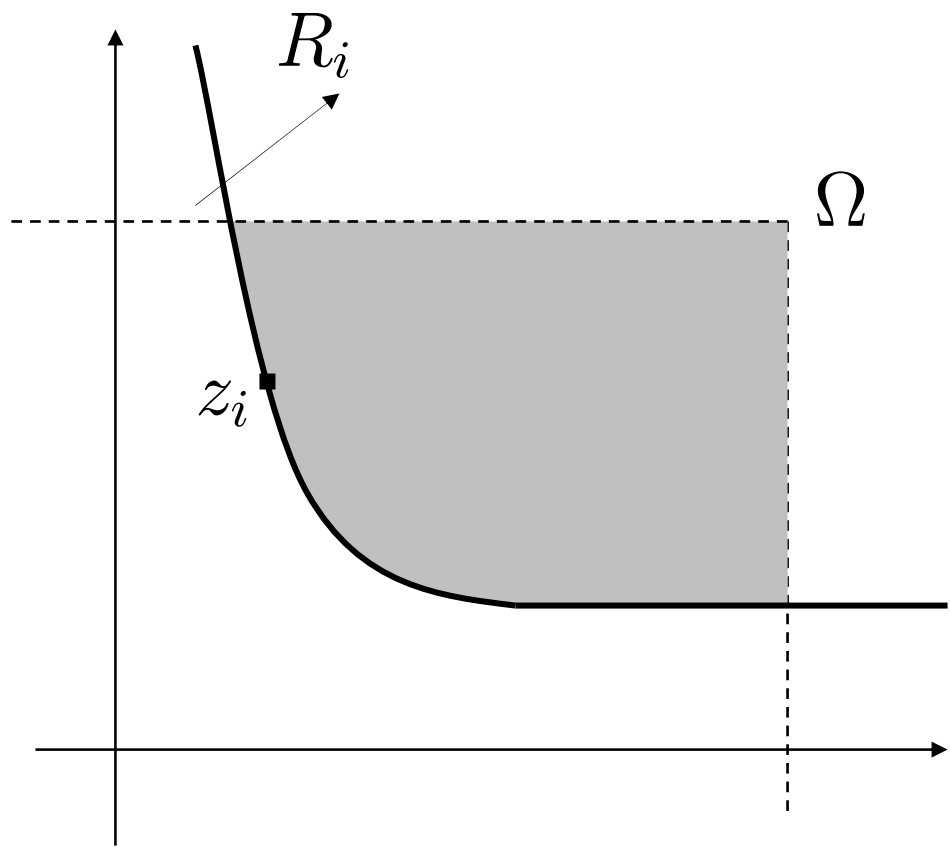
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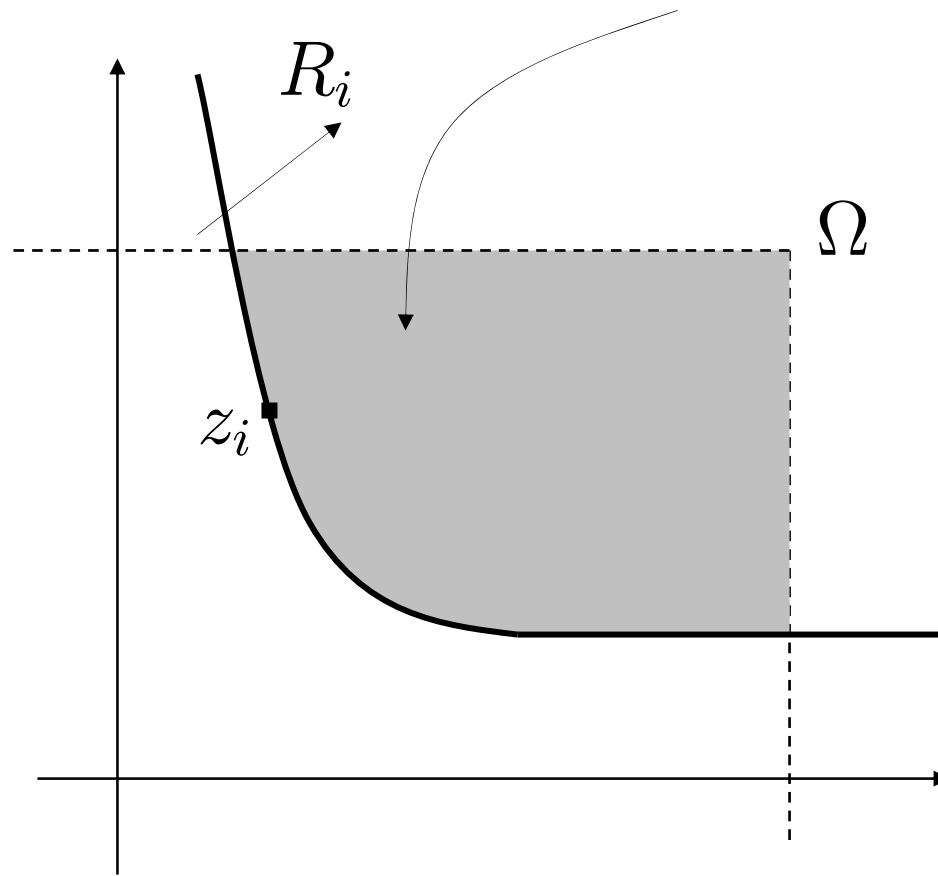


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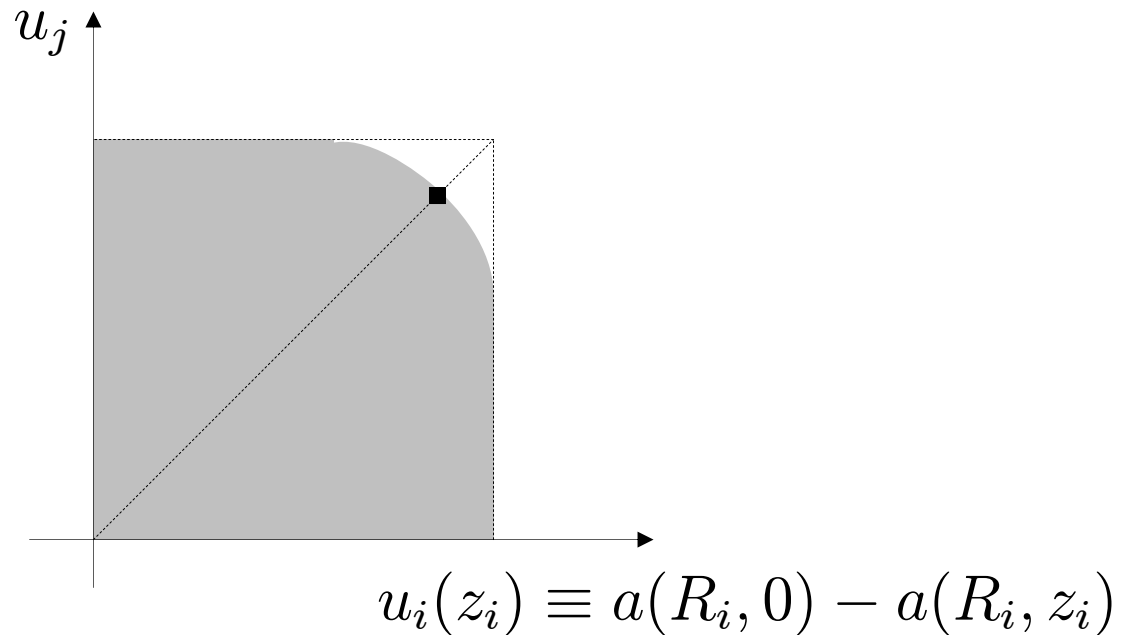
$$E(R) \equiv \left\{ z \in Z : \forall i \in N, a(R_i, z_i) = \min_{z' \in Z} \left\{ \max_{j \in N} a(R_j, z'_j) \right\} \right\}$$

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1. $E \subseteq \text{Weak}P$
2. $E \subseteq P$ whenever
 - There are only two-agents
 - Preferences are strictly-increasing in the interior of the consumption space.

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Theorem: (Hurwicz, 1972; Serizawa, JET 2002),

Domain (Strict-mon. interior + homothetic + smooth)

no f satisfies etc + P + Strat-proofness

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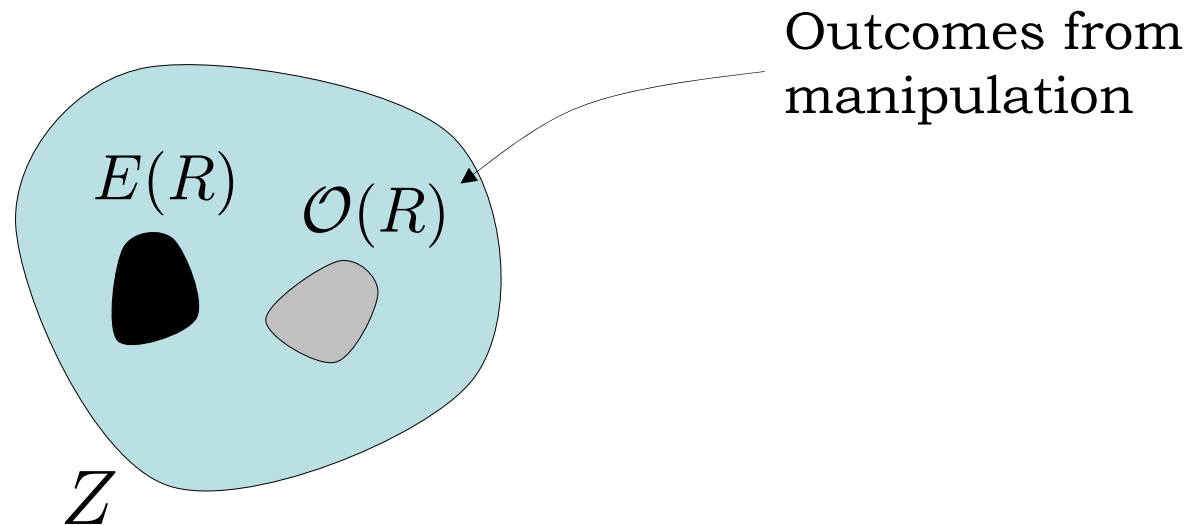
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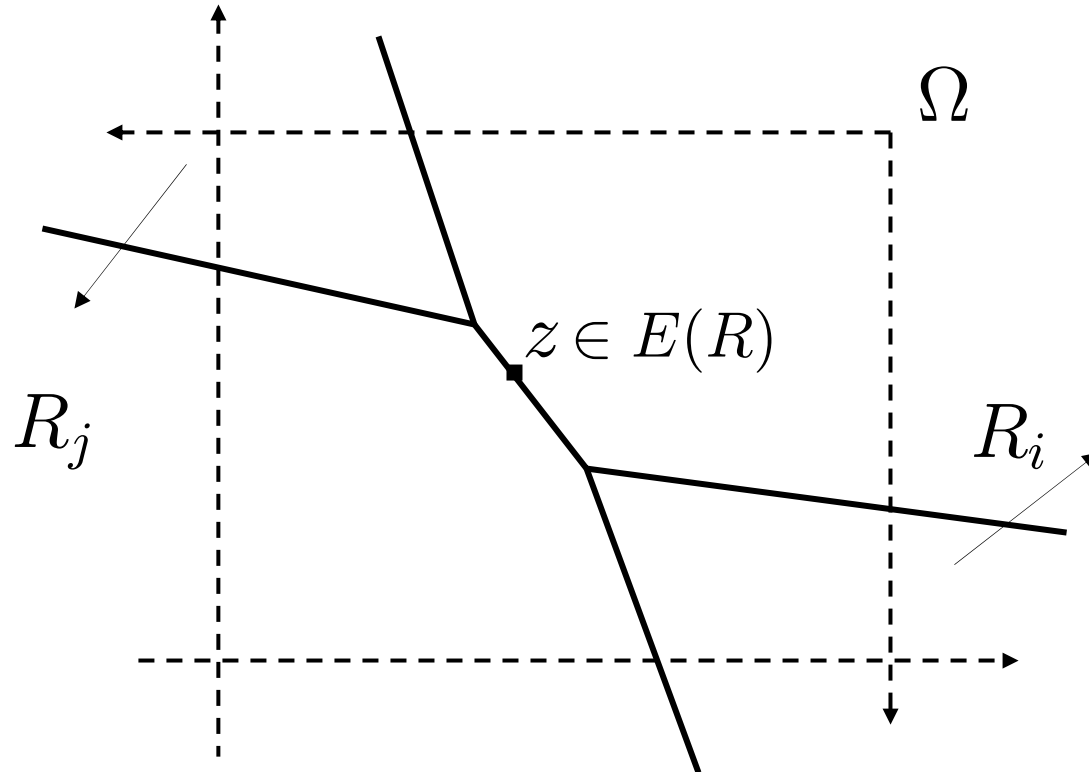
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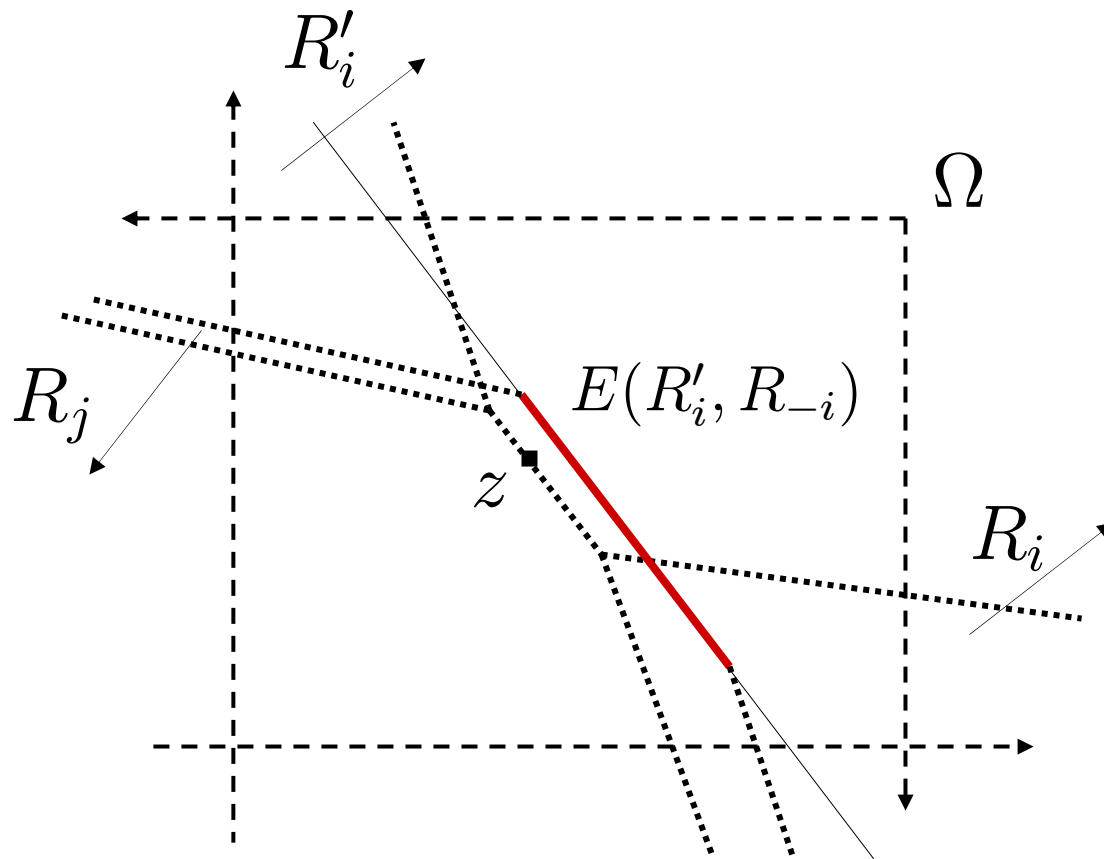
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- We propose to **complete** the description of the allocation process suggested by the solution.

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$$\forall f \text{ and } g, \mathcal{O}\langle \mathcal{D}, E, f, R^0 \rangle = \mathcal{O}\langle \mathcal{D}, E, g, R^0 \rangle$$

$$\text{Common set} \equiv \mathcal{O}\langle \mathcal{D}, E, R^0 \rangle$$

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- $\mathcal{O}\langle \mathcal{I}, E, R^0 \rangle \subseteq \text{Envy-free}(R^0) \cap B_{ed}(R^0)$
- $\mathcal{O}\langle \mathcal{I}, E, R^0 \rangle \subseteq P(R^0)$
- **Implementation** implications.

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