

Layered Area-Proportional Rectangle Contact Representations

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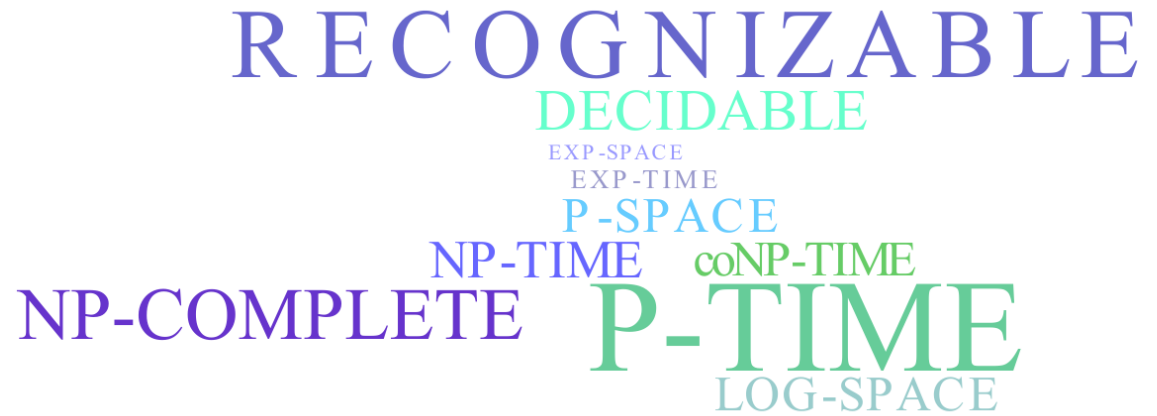
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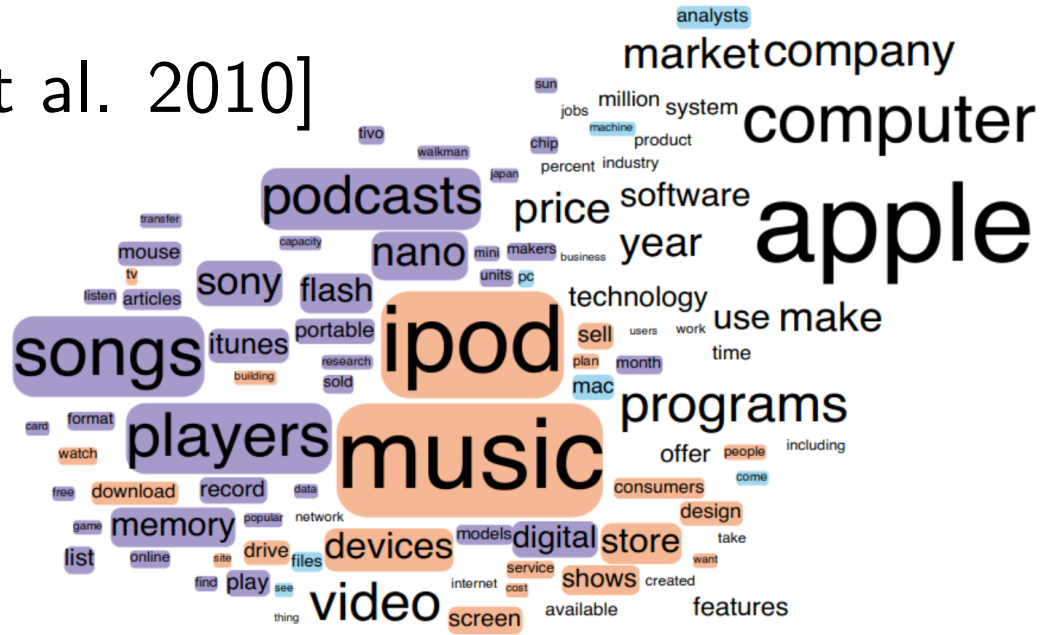
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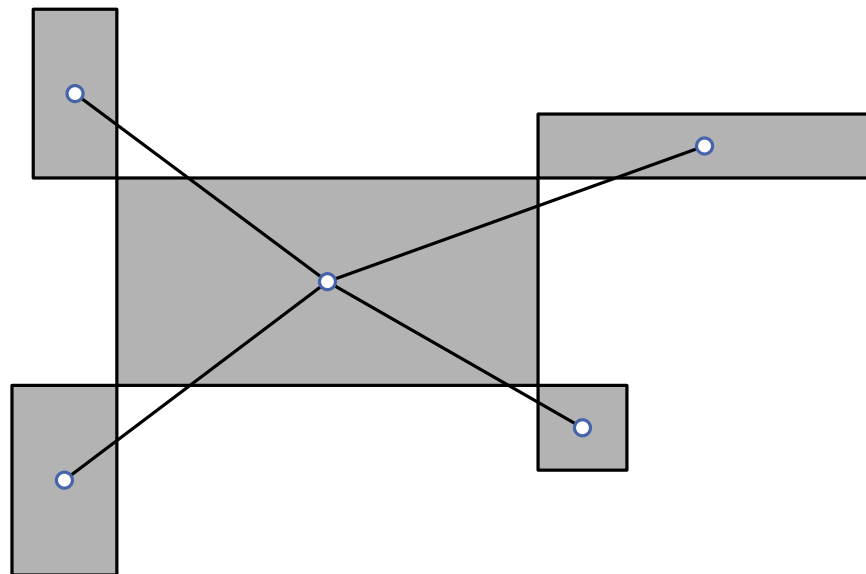
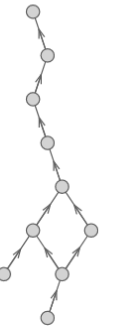
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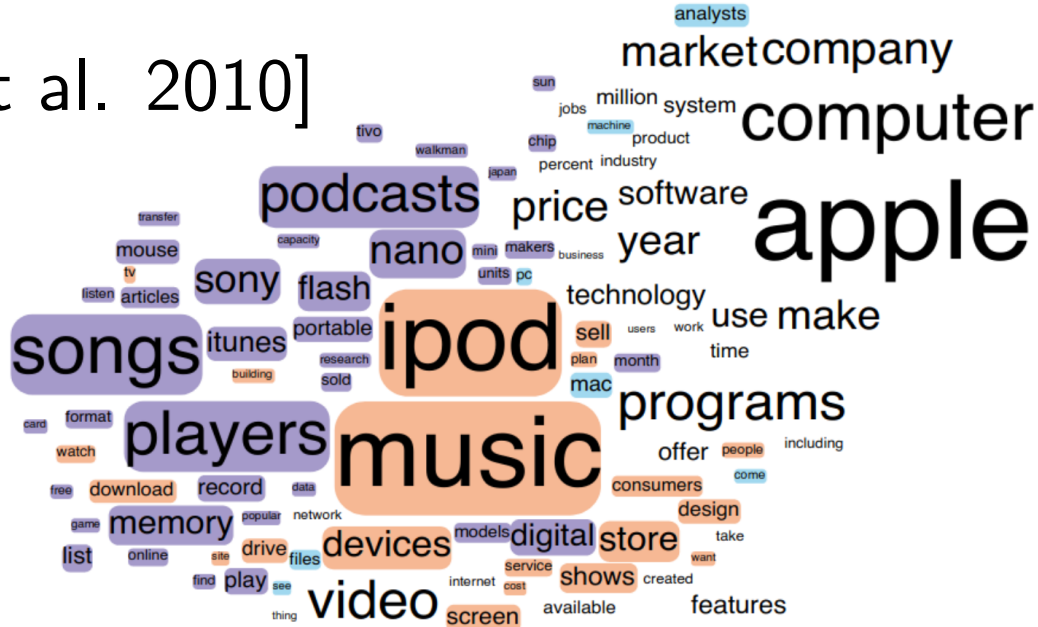
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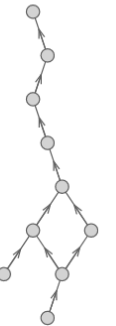
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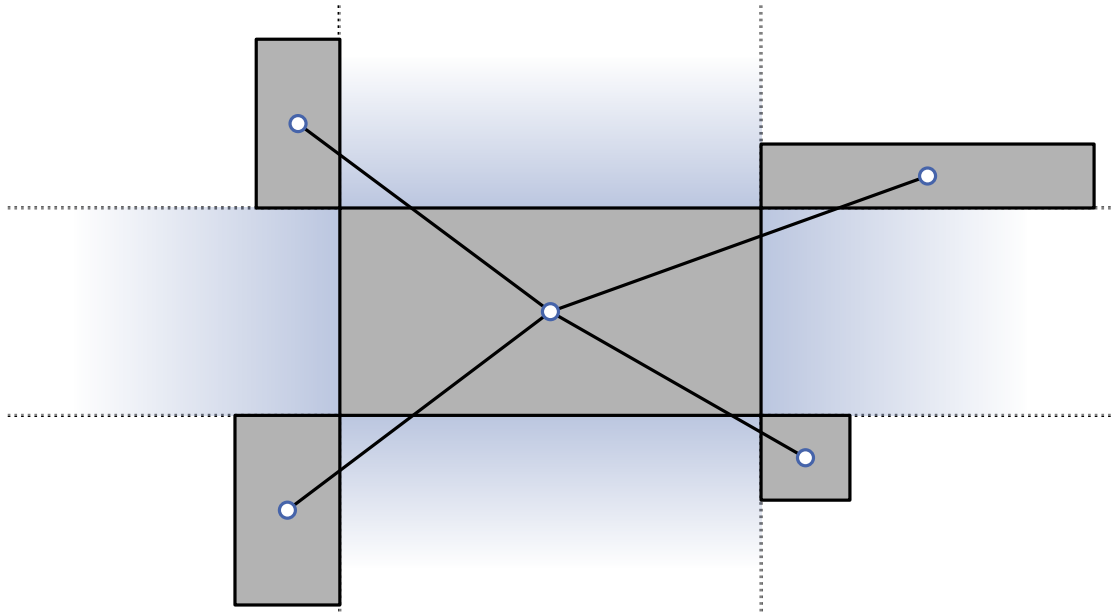
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→ based on generalized assignment problem approximation and graph decompositions

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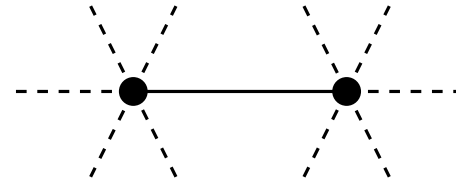
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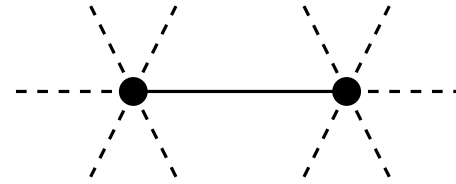
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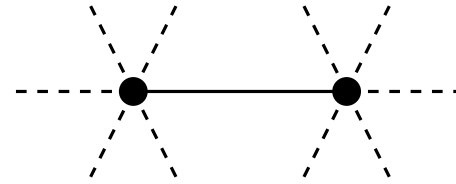


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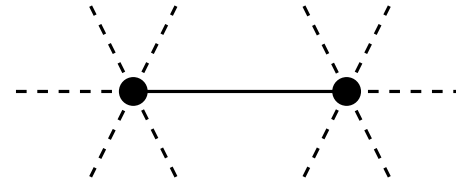
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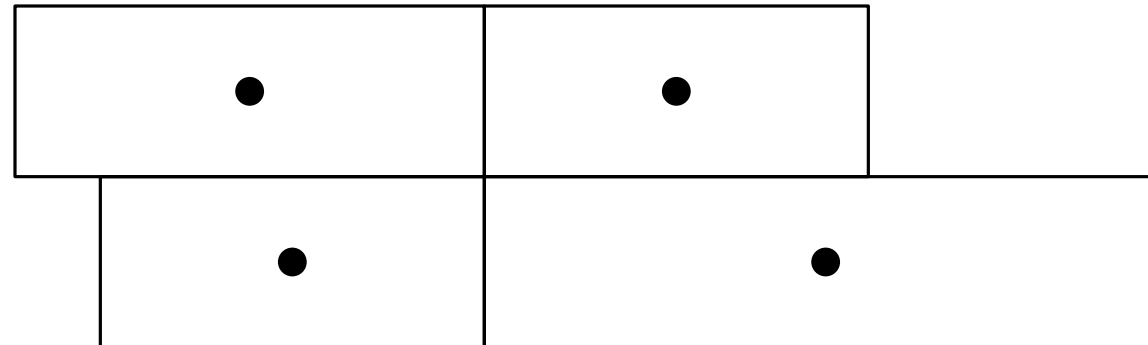
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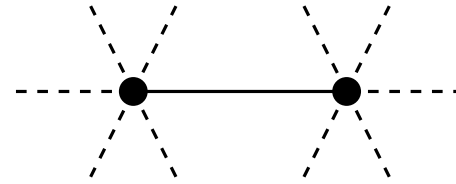


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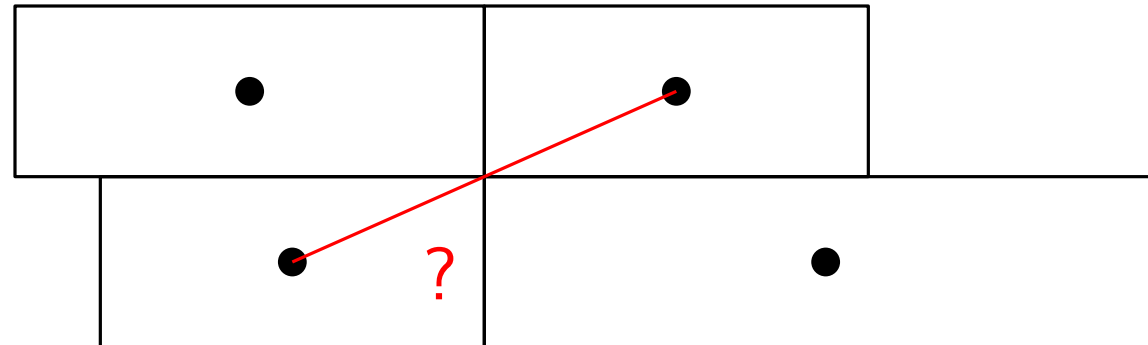


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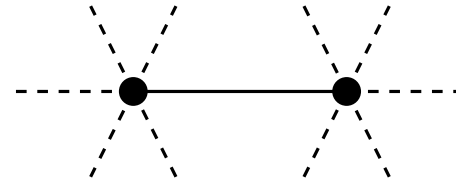


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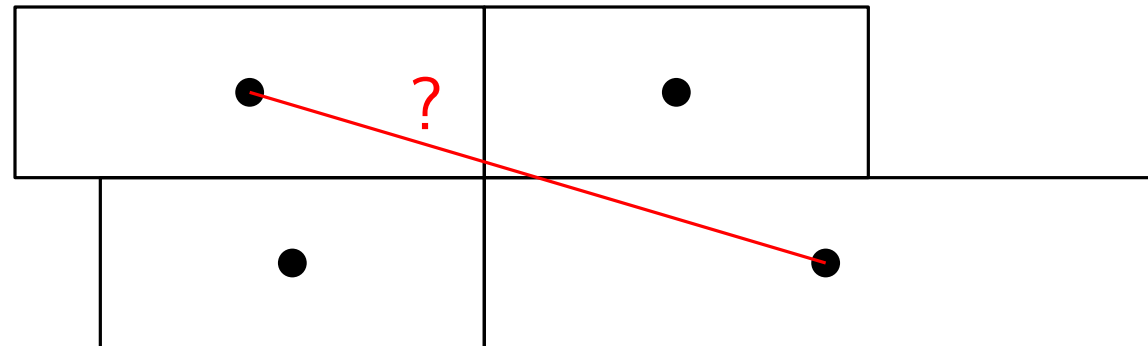


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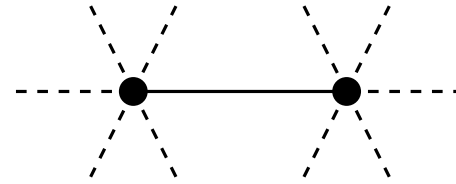


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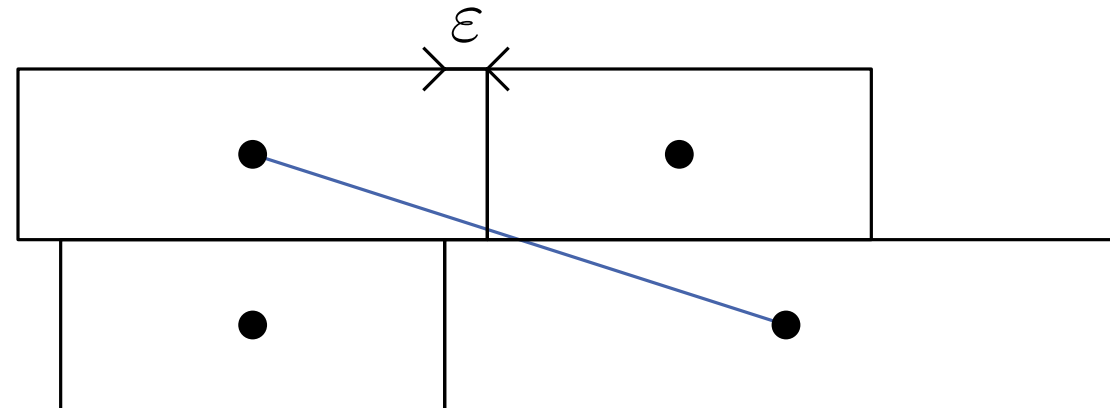


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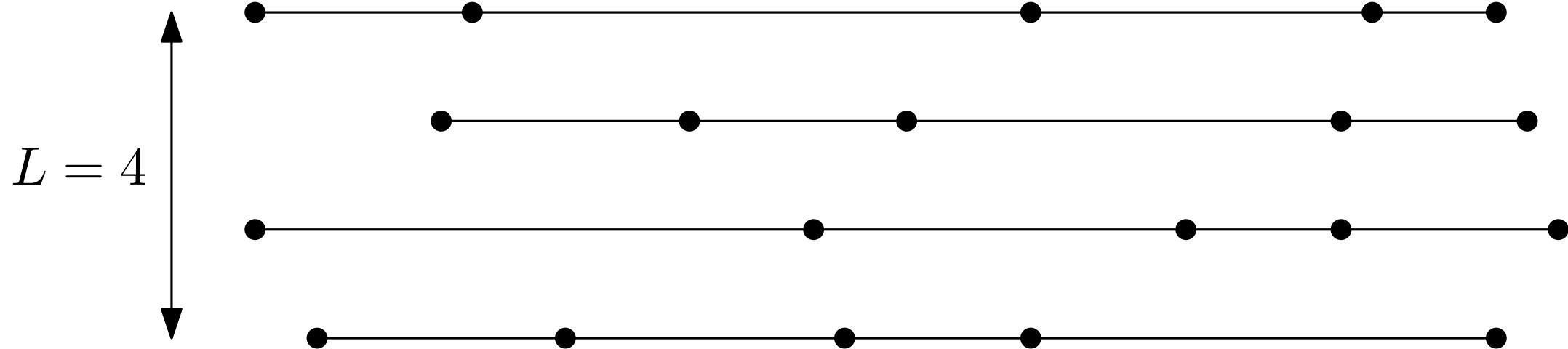
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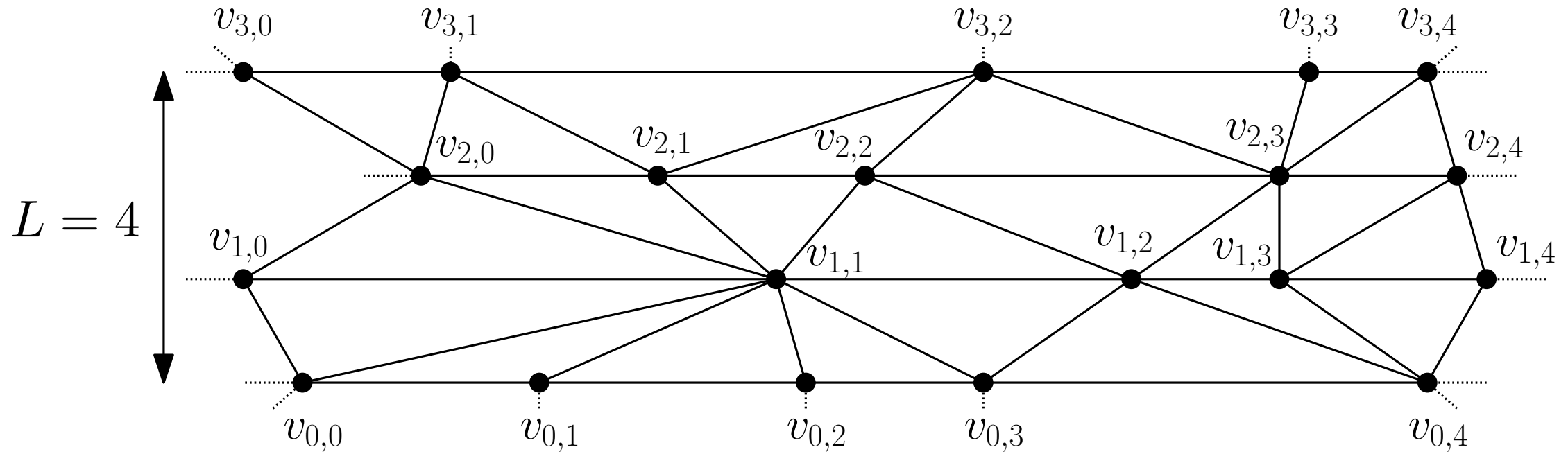
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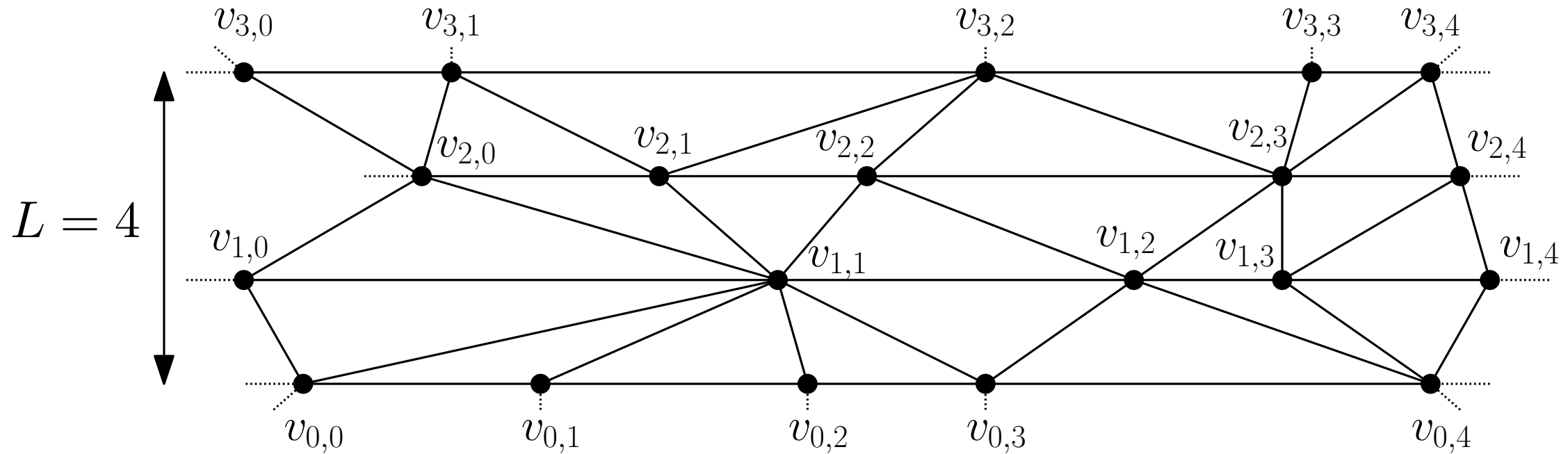


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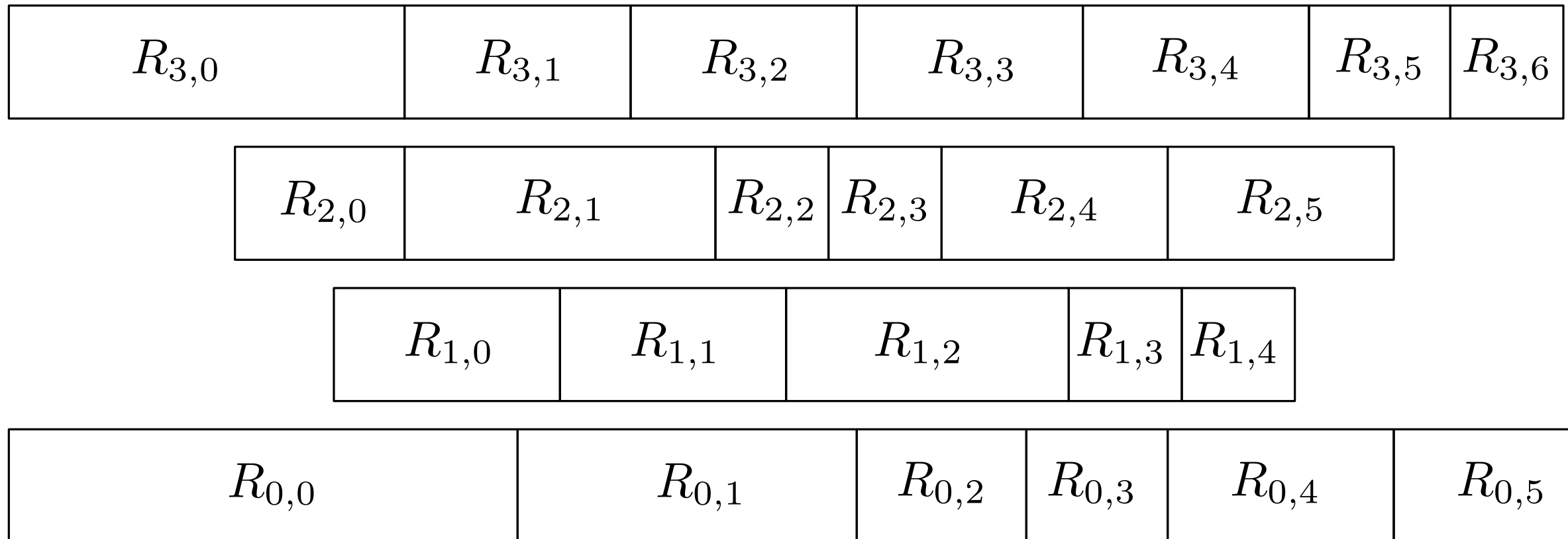


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$G = (V, E)$ layered graph with weight function $w : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$
Vertex weight \iff Rectangle width

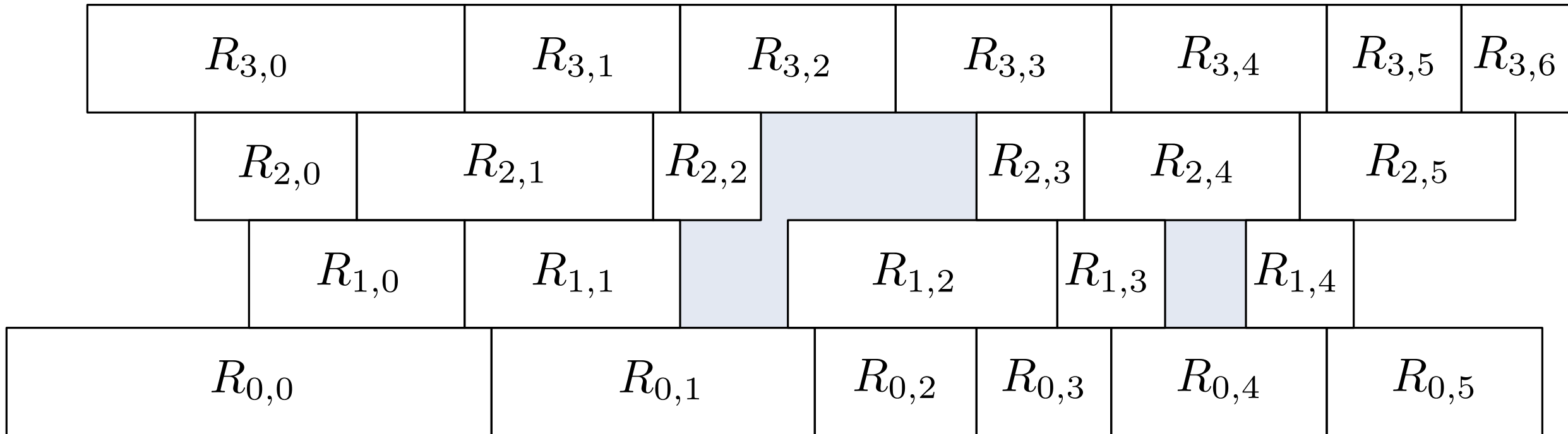


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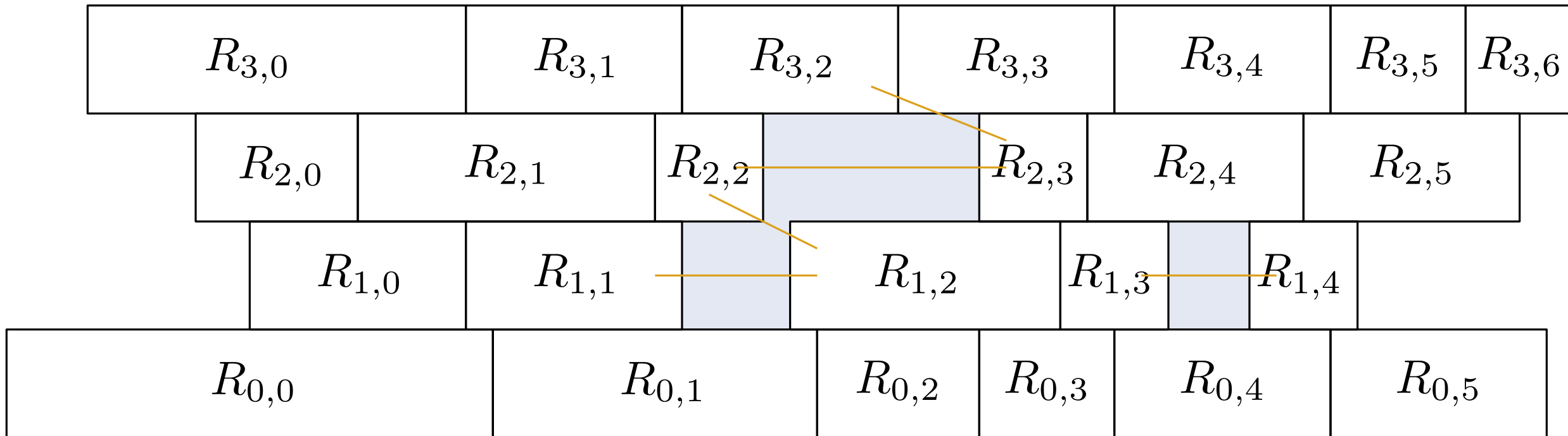


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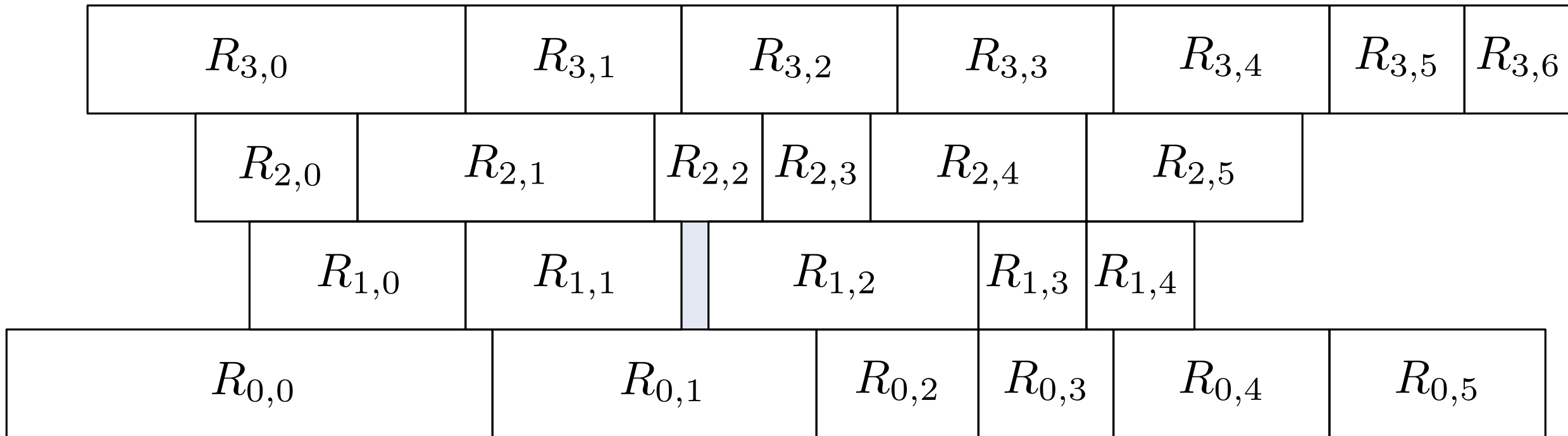
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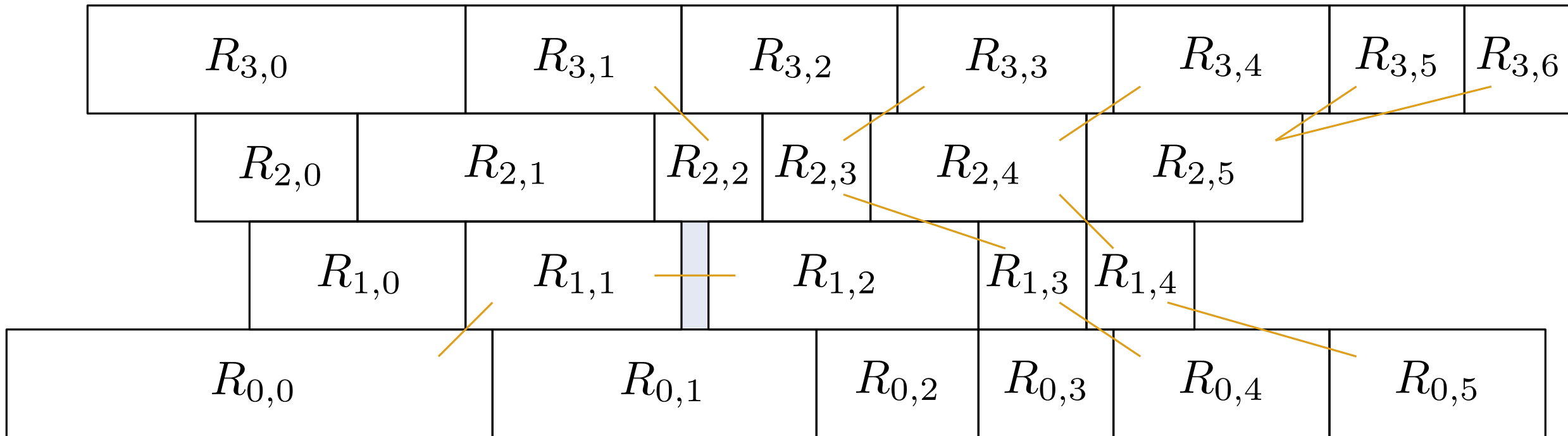
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Minimize the total gap width in the representation



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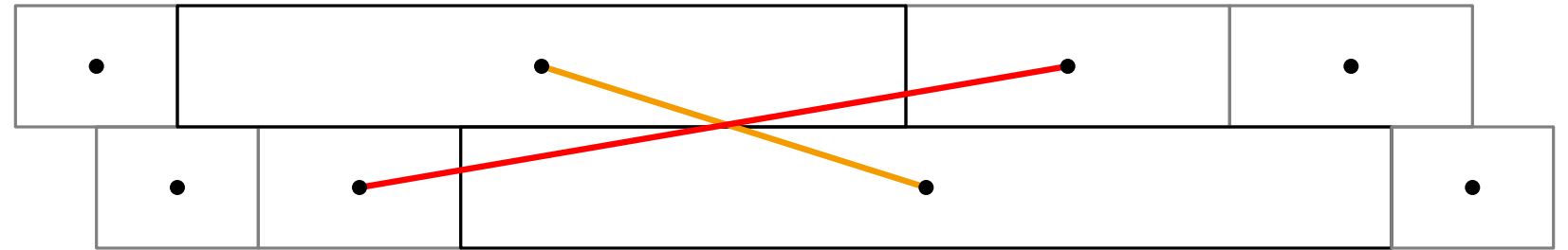
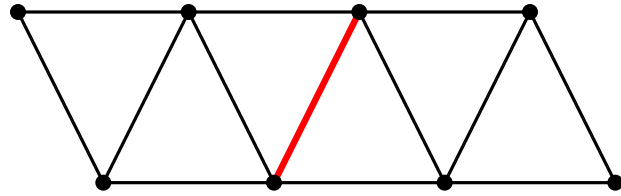
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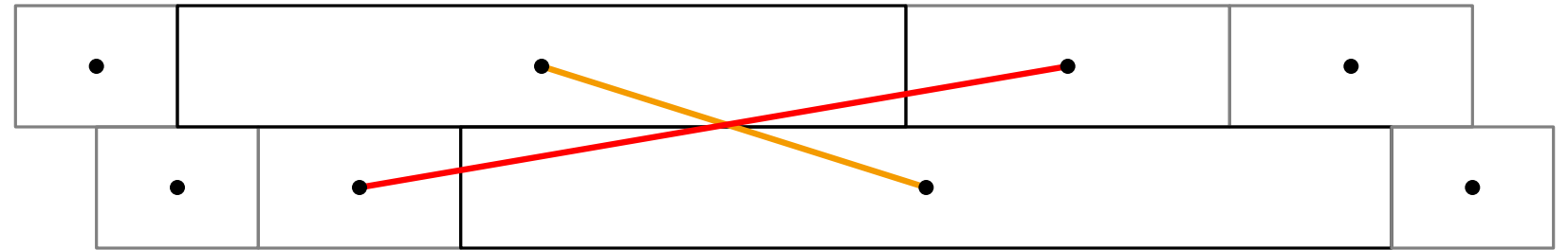
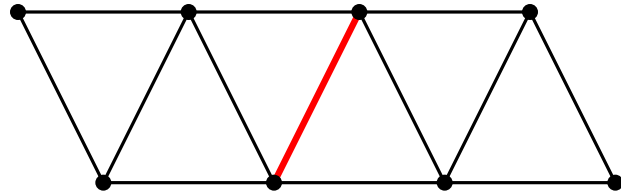
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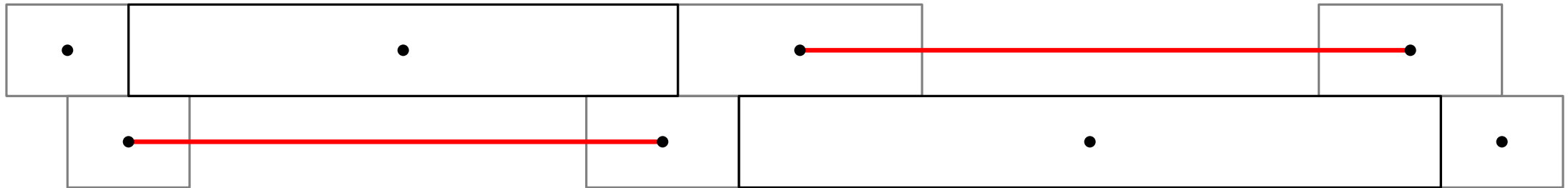
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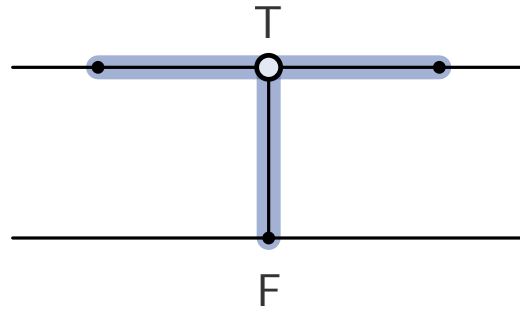
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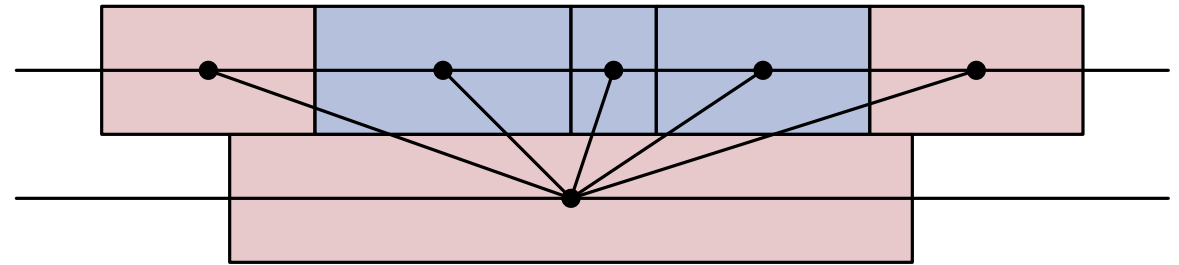
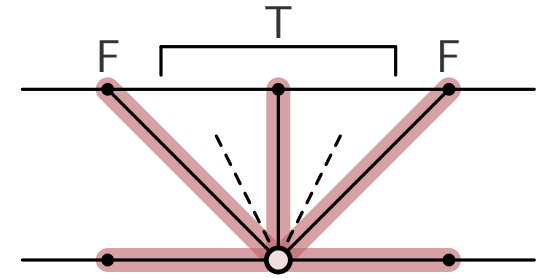
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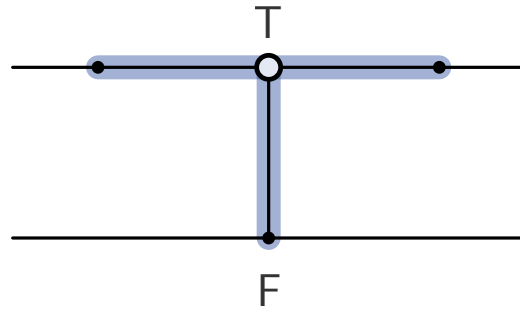
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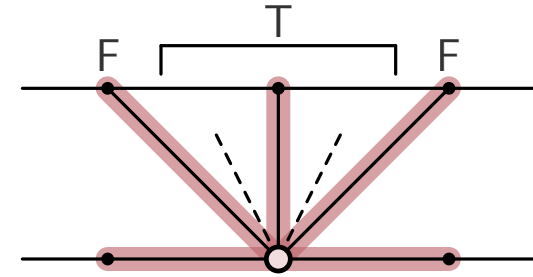
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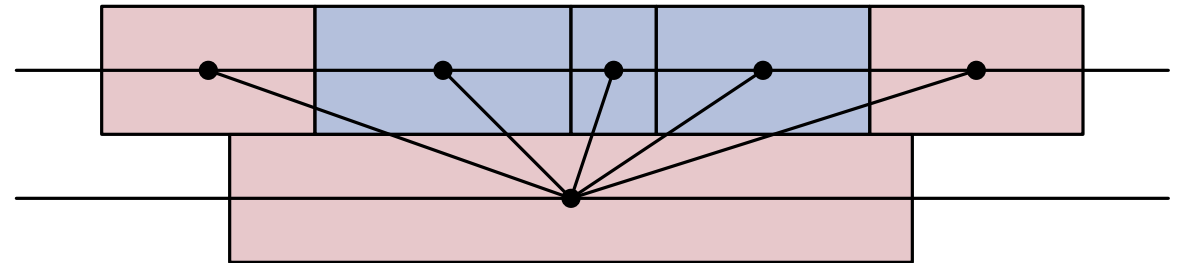
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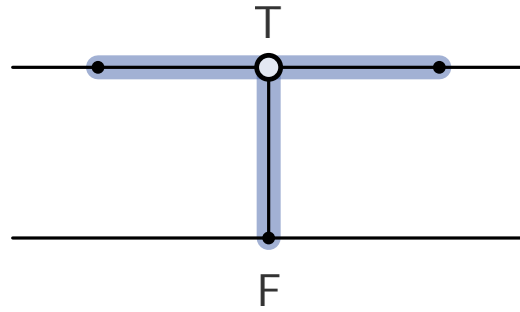
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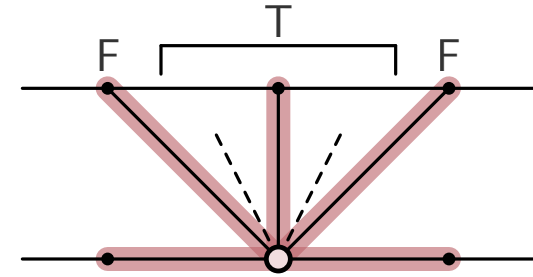
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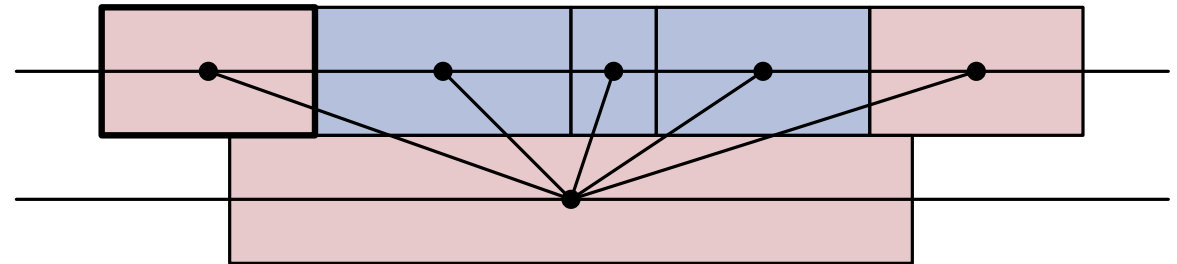
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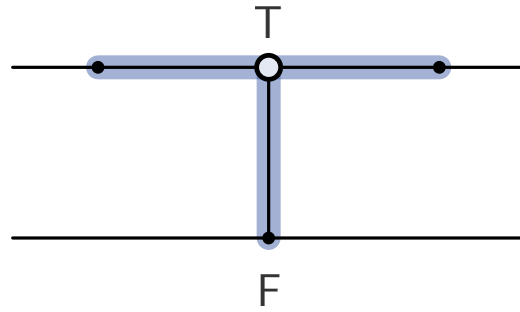
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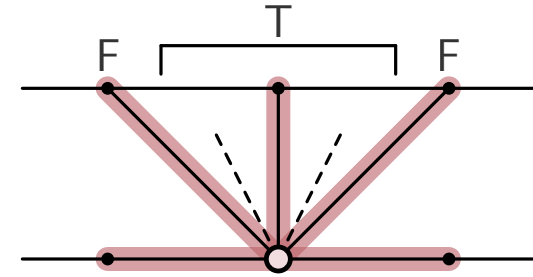
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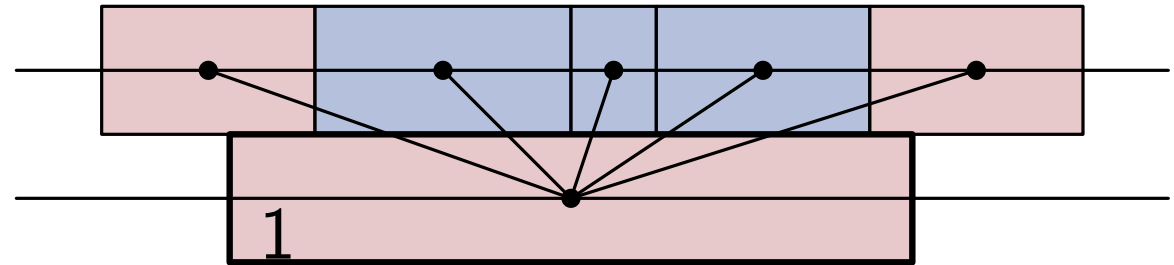


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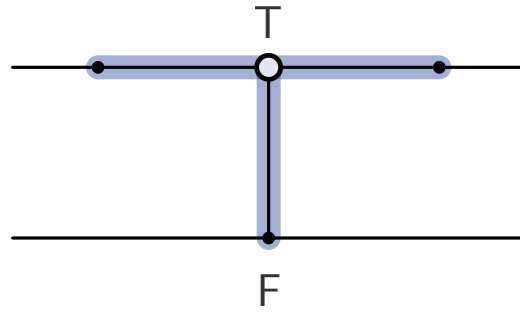
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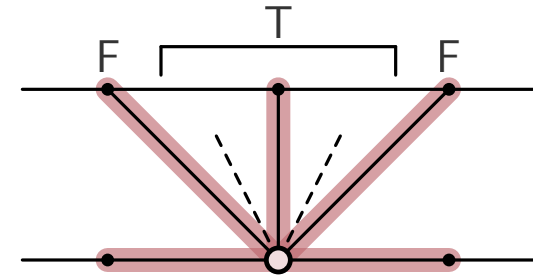
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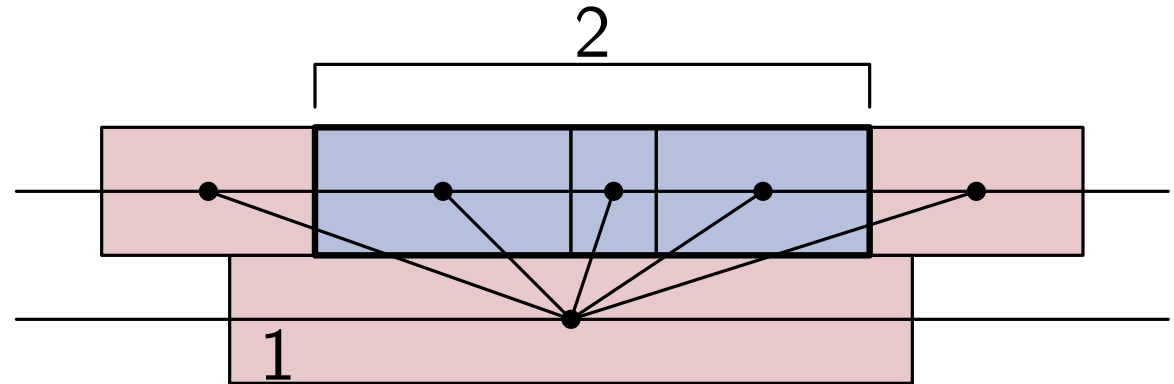


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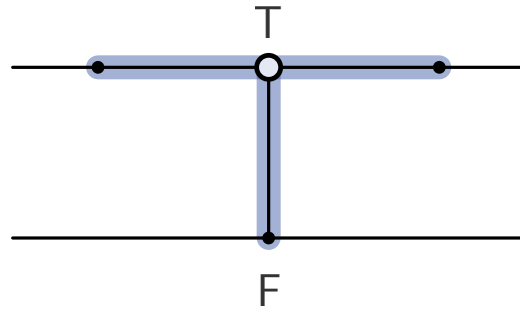
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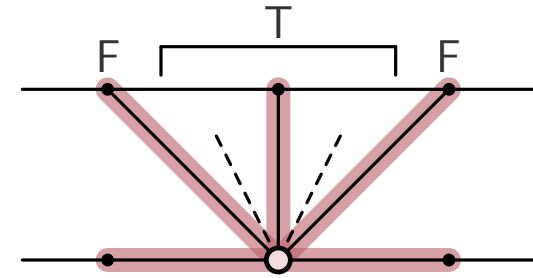
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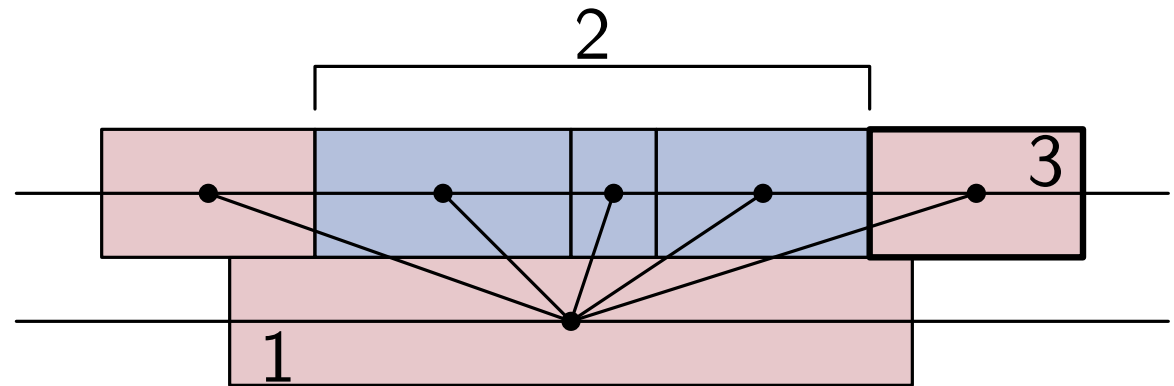


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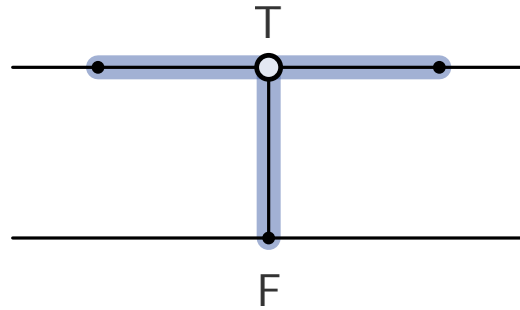
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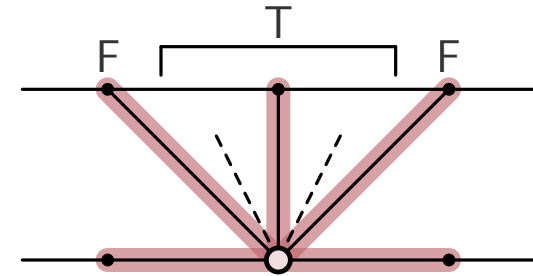
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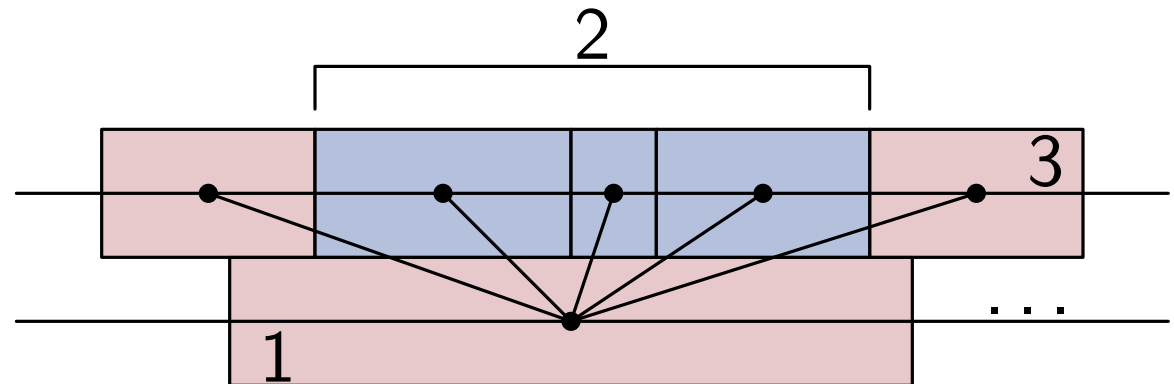


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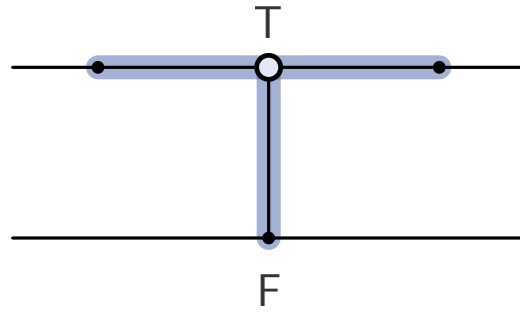
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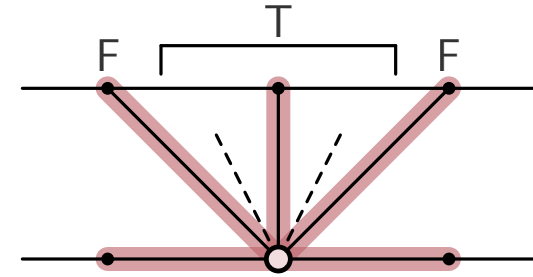
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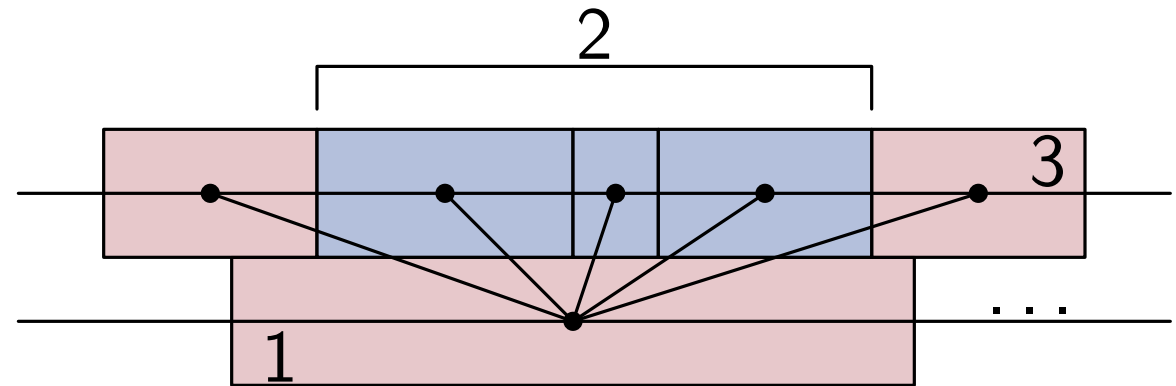


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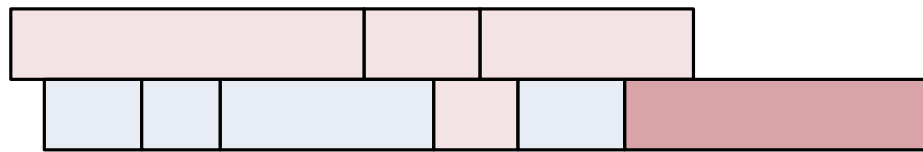
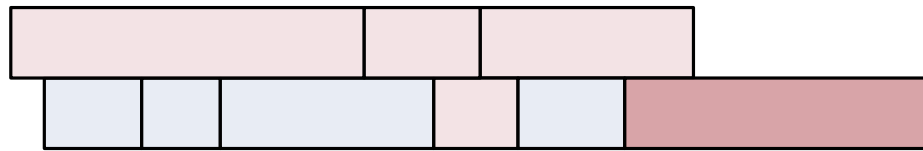
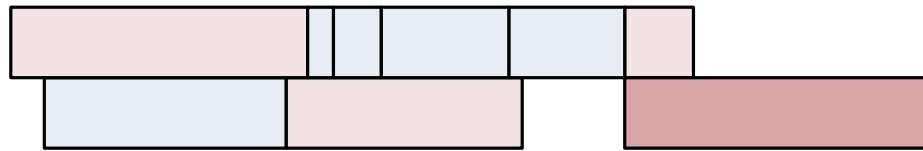
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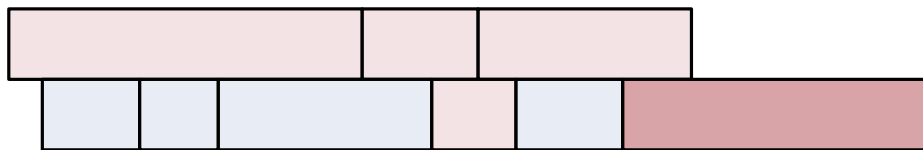
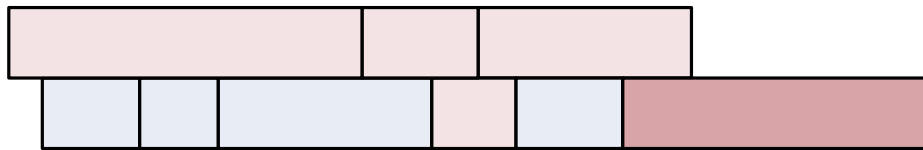
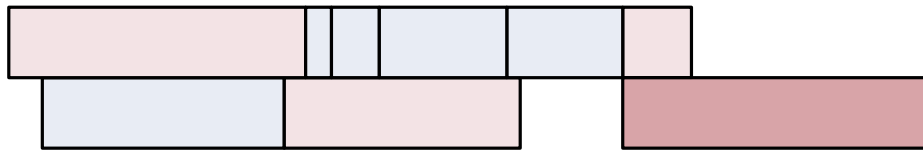


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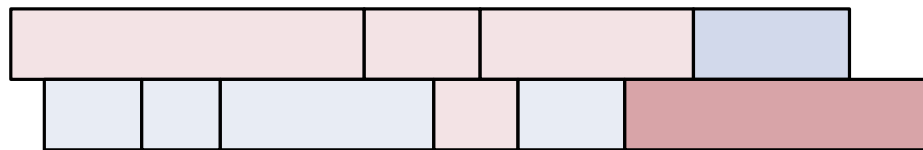
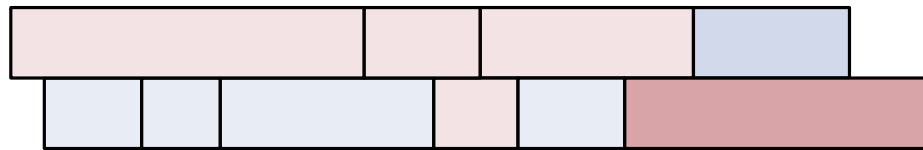
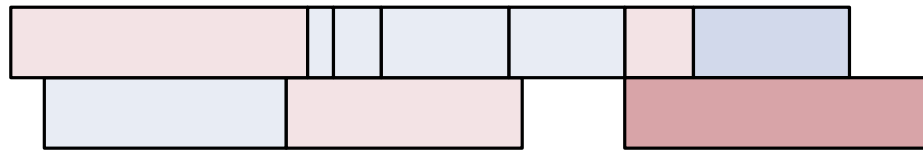
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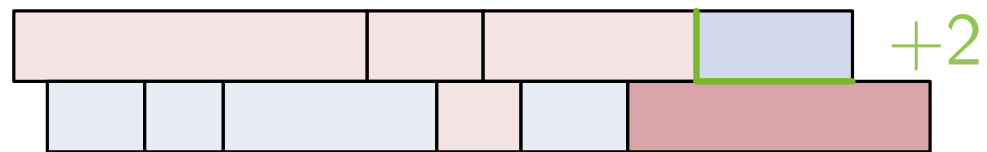
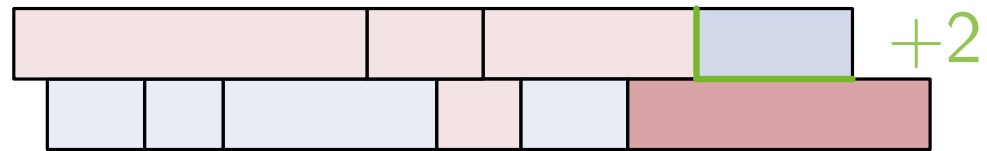
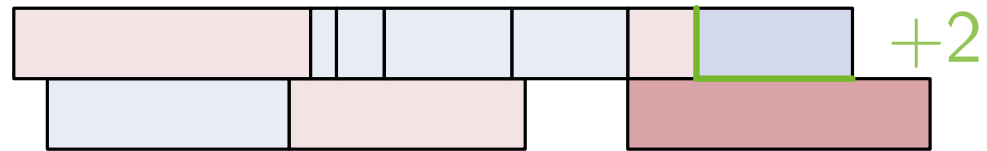


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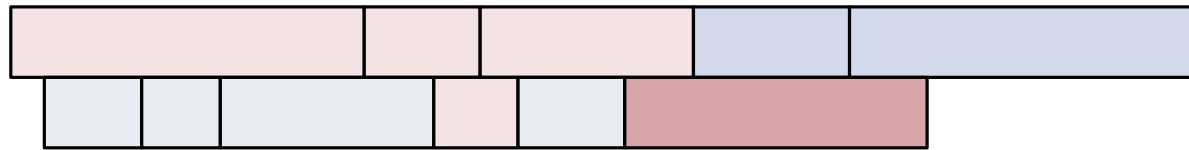
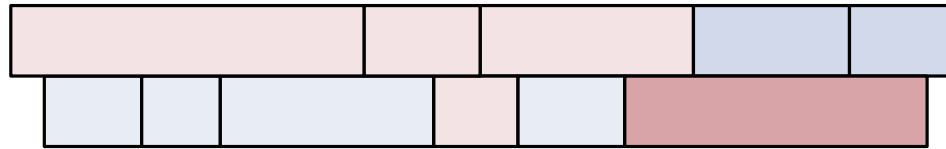
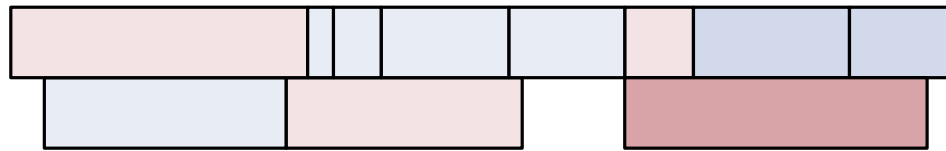


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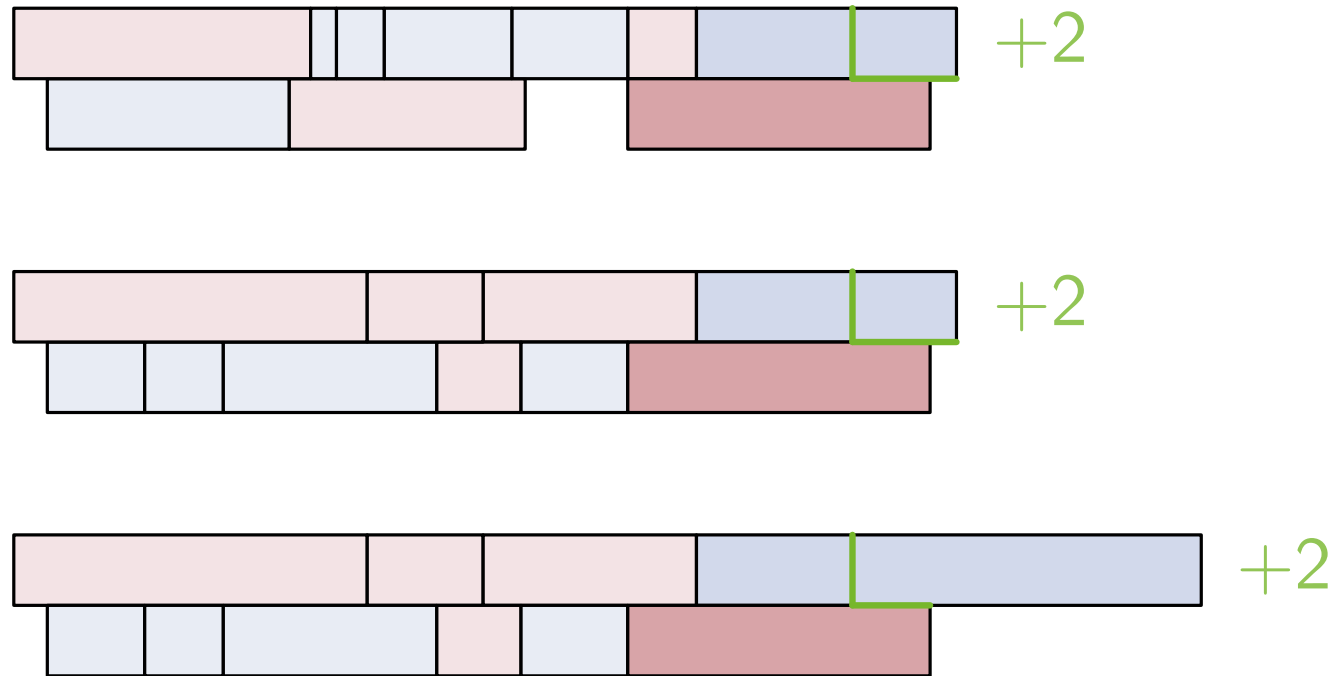


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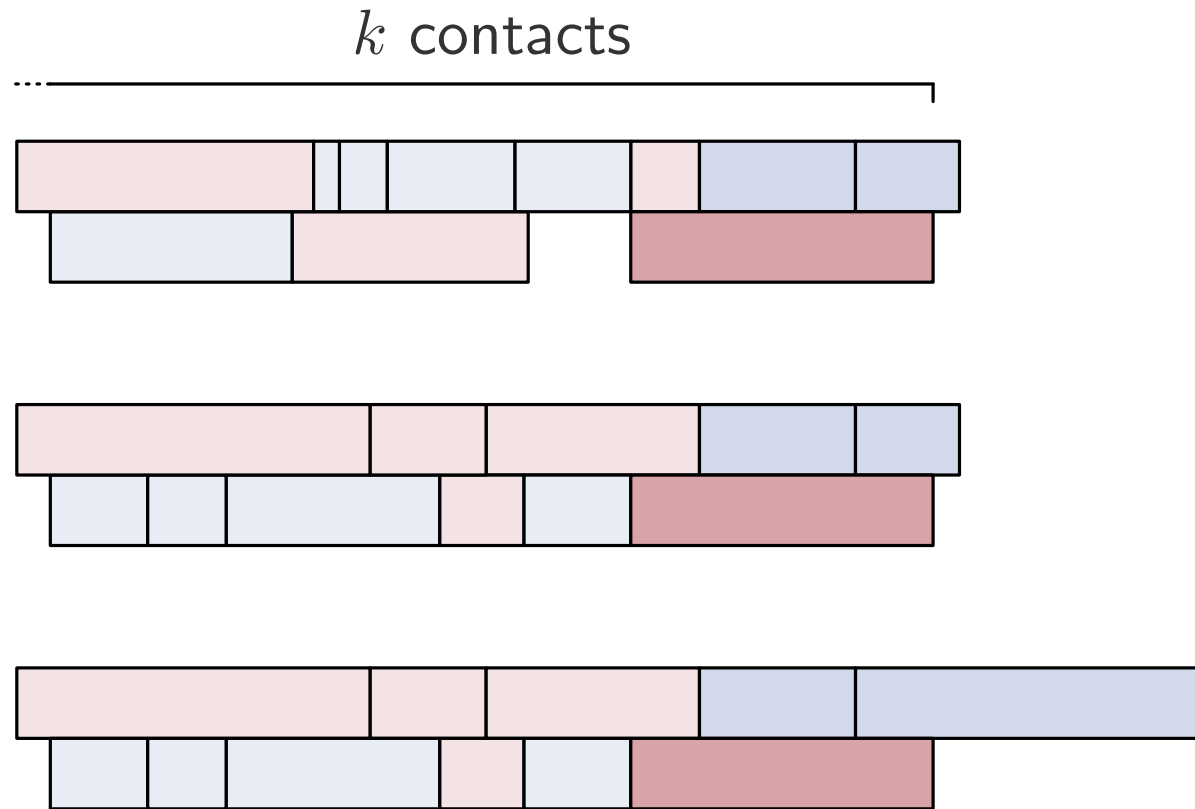


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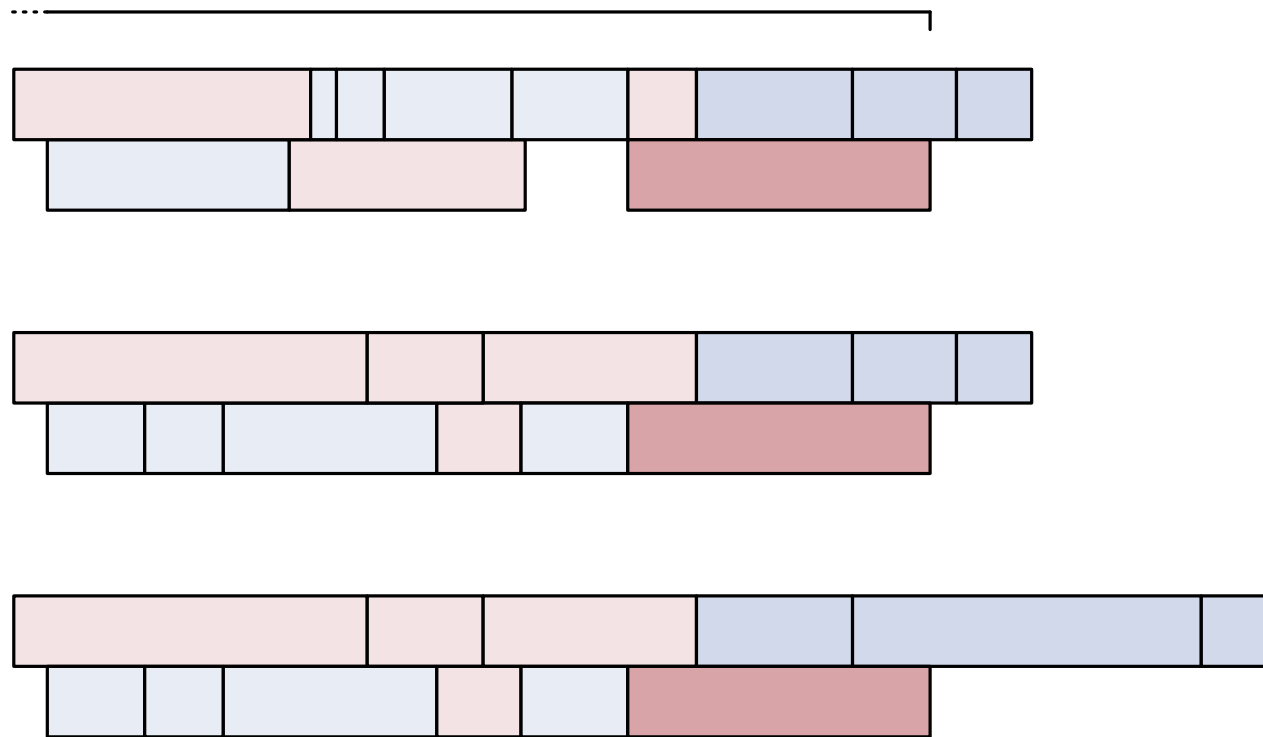
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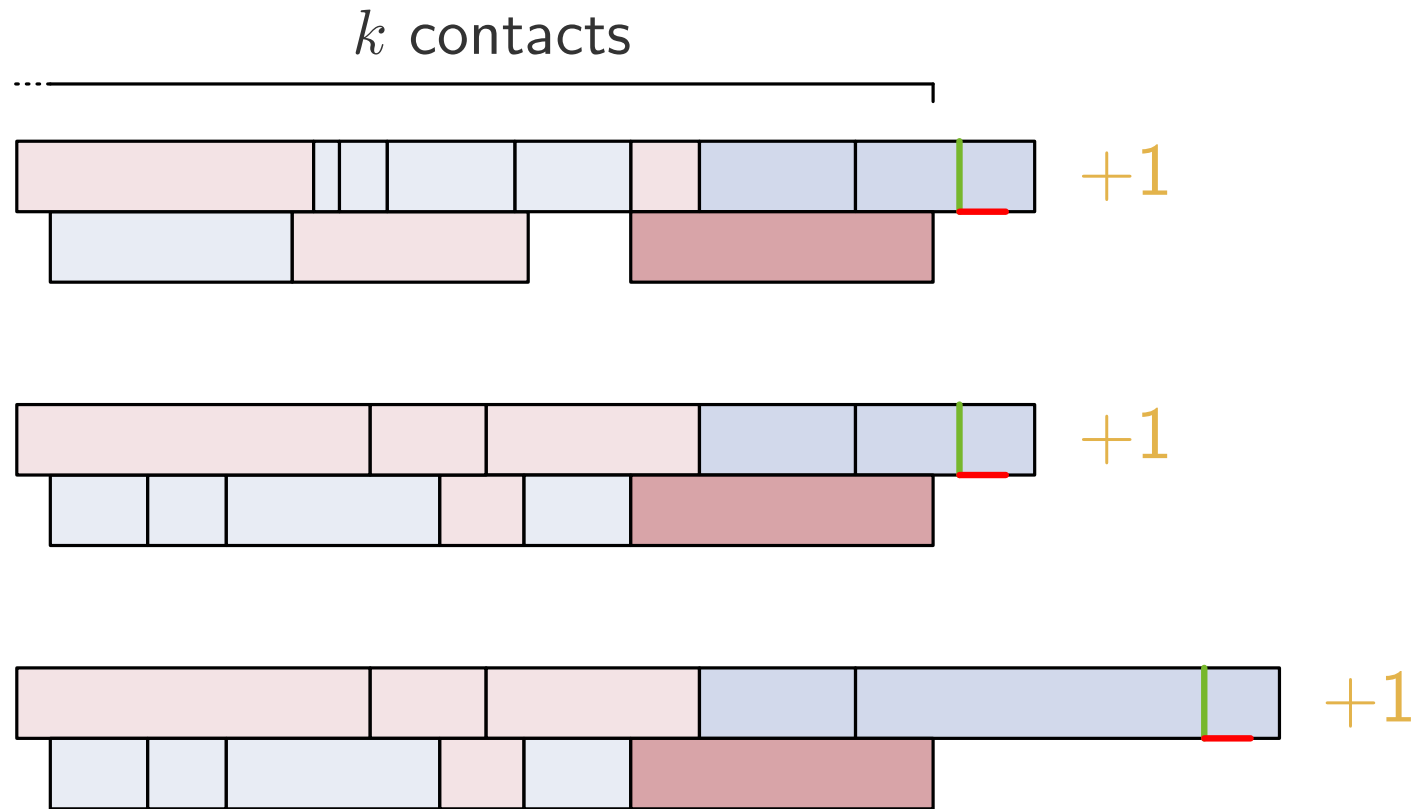


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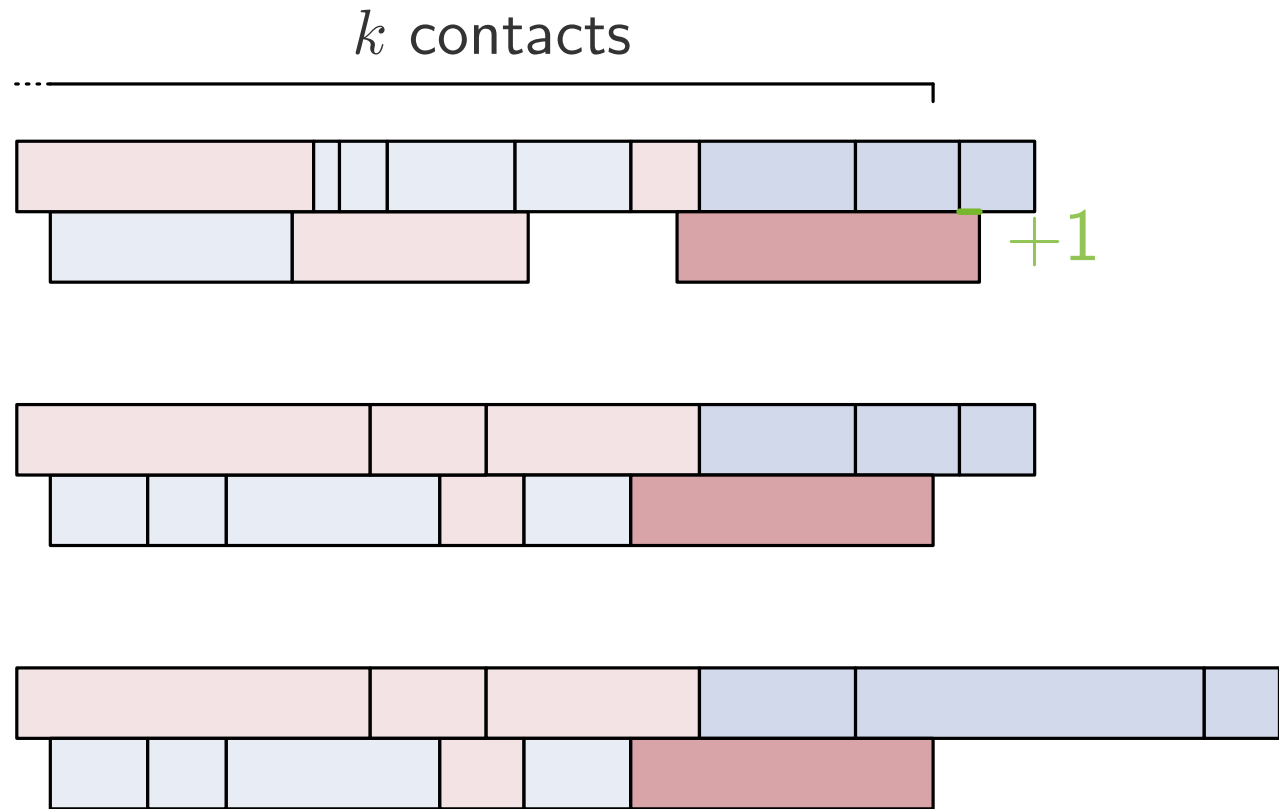


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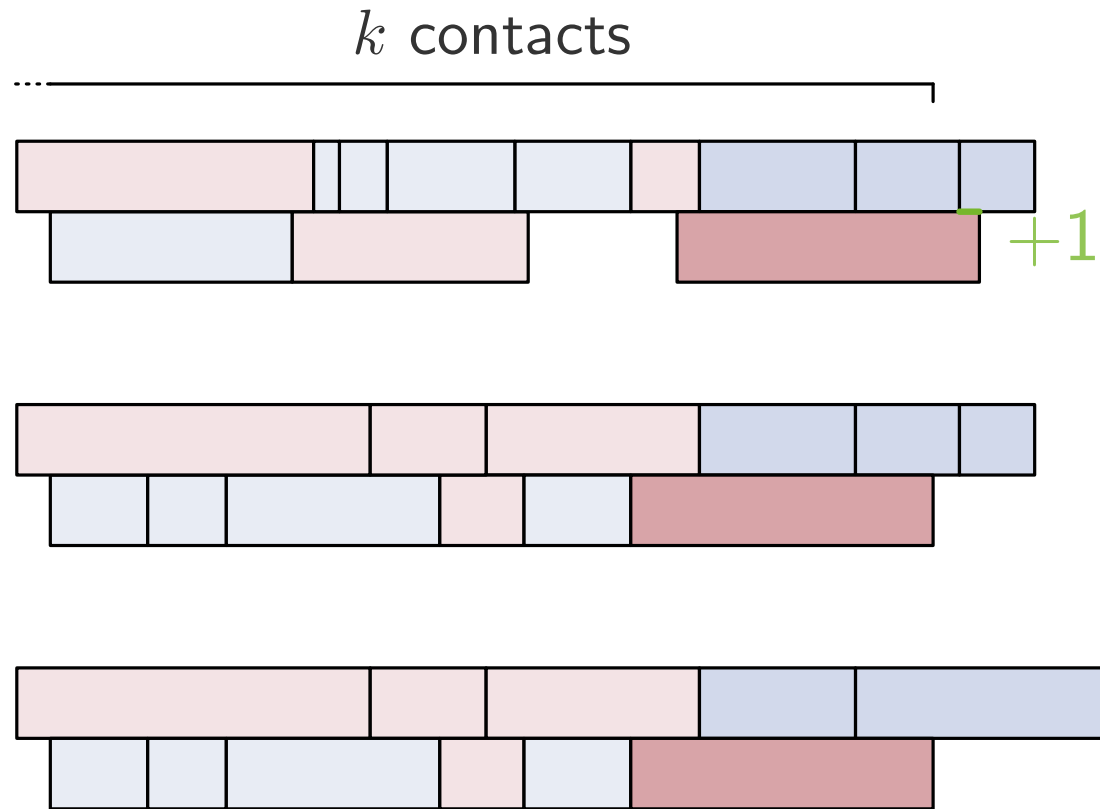


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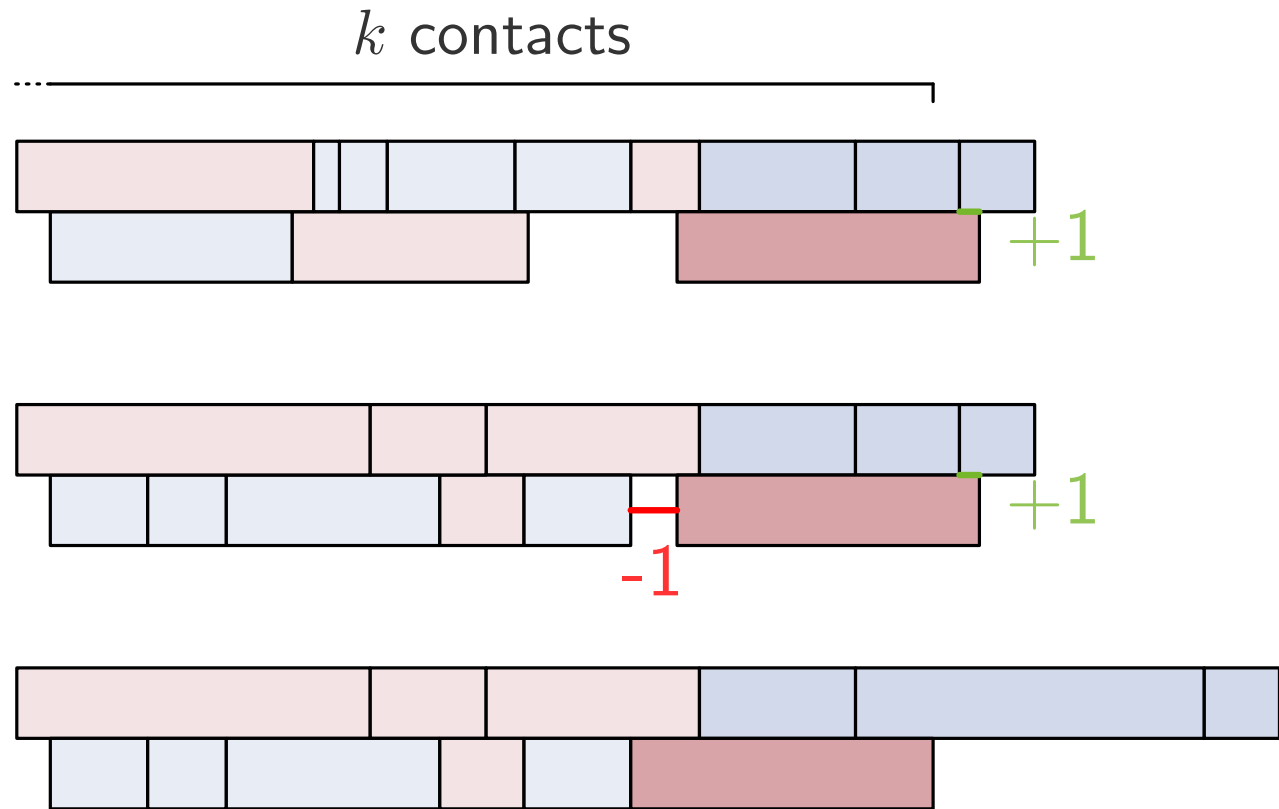
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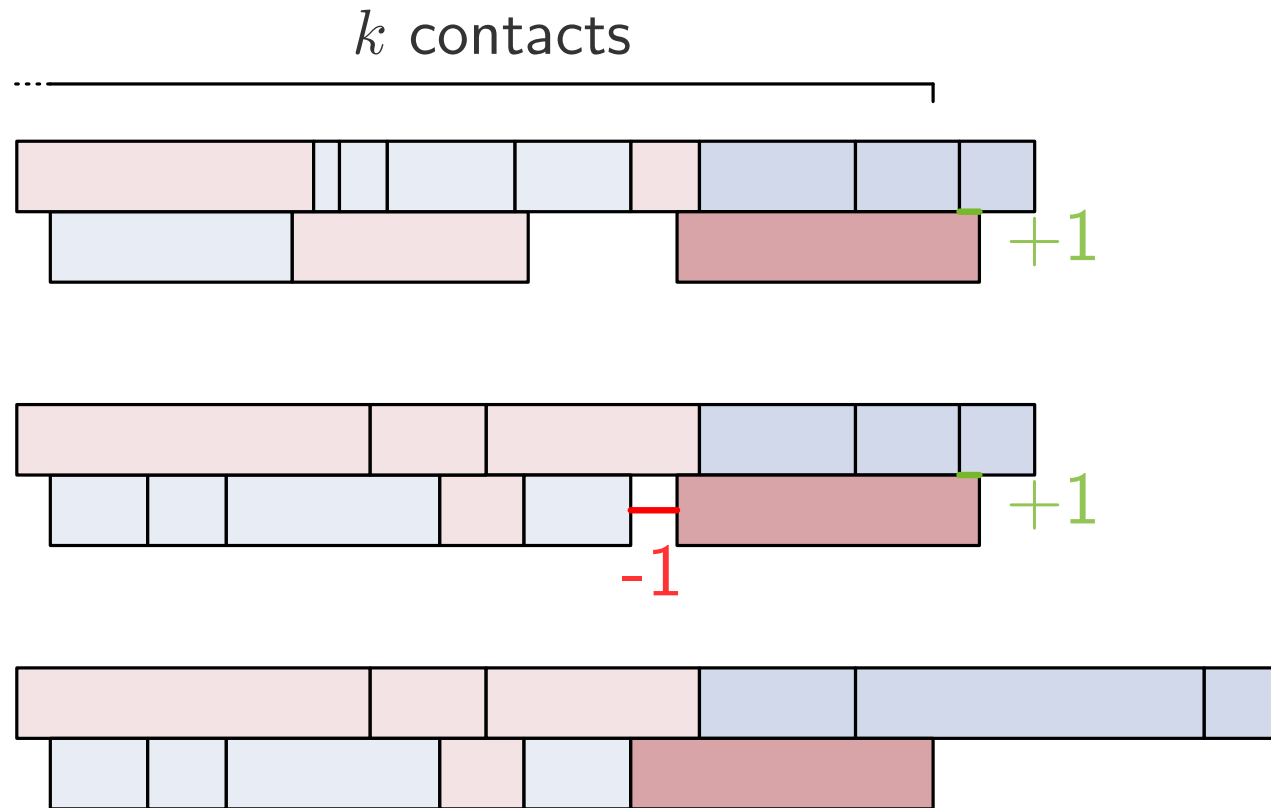
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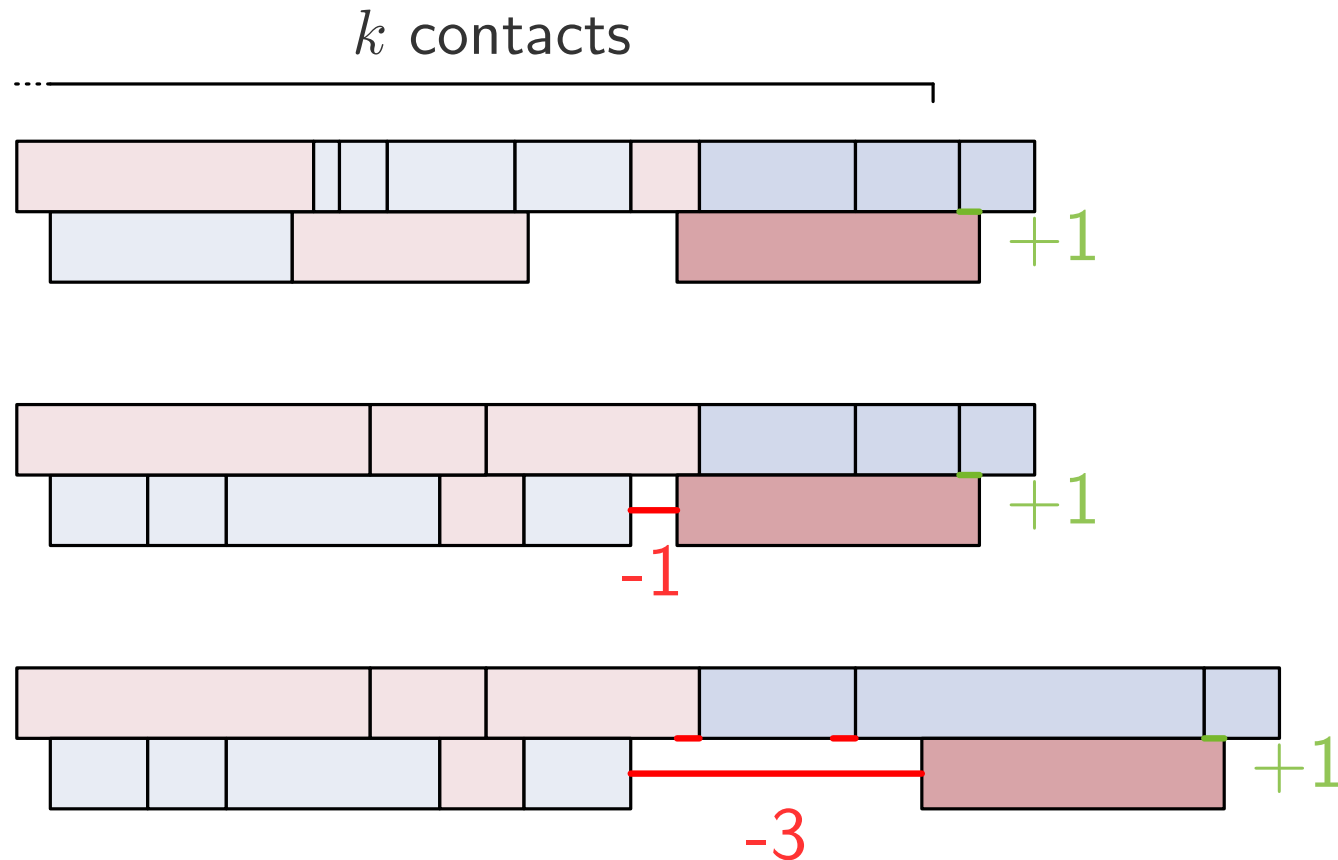
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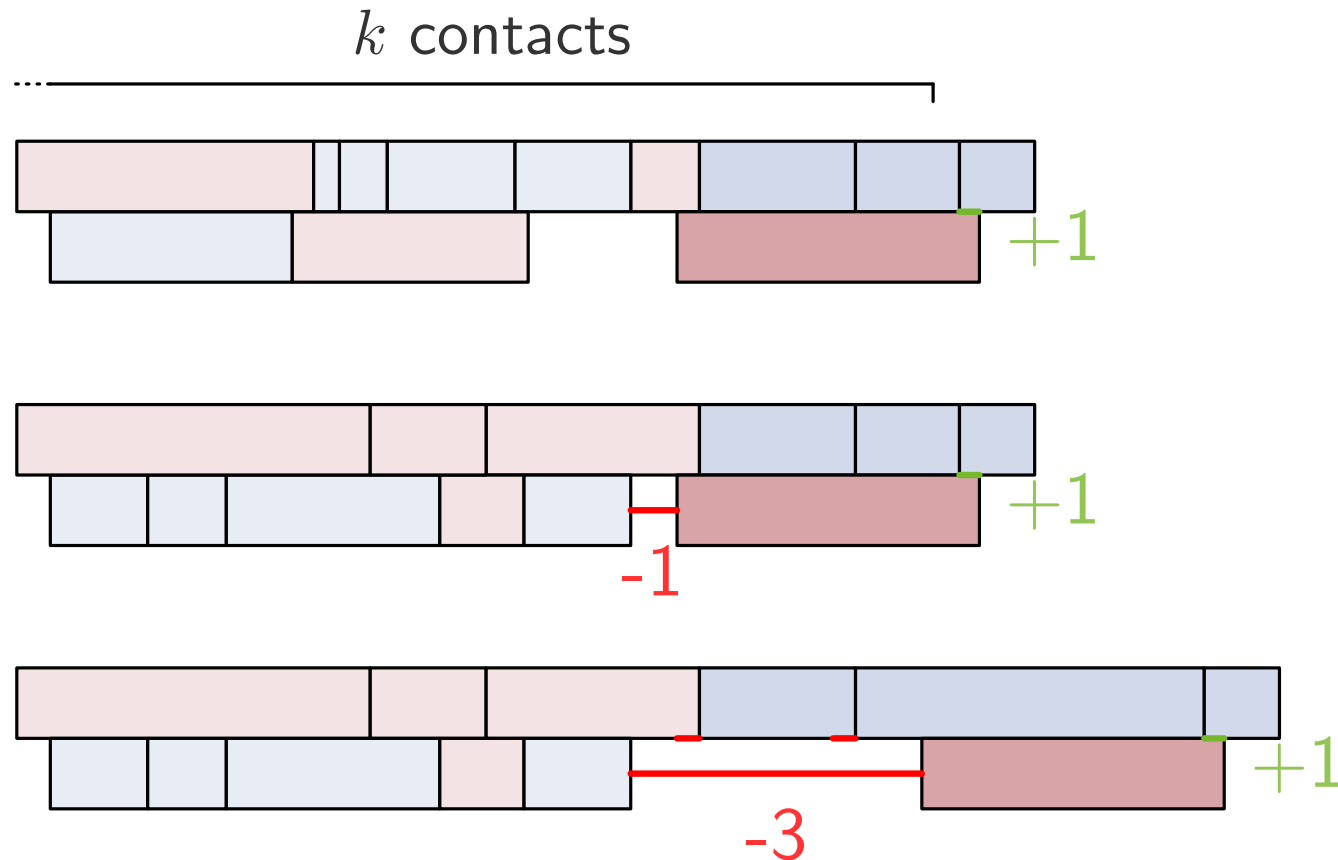
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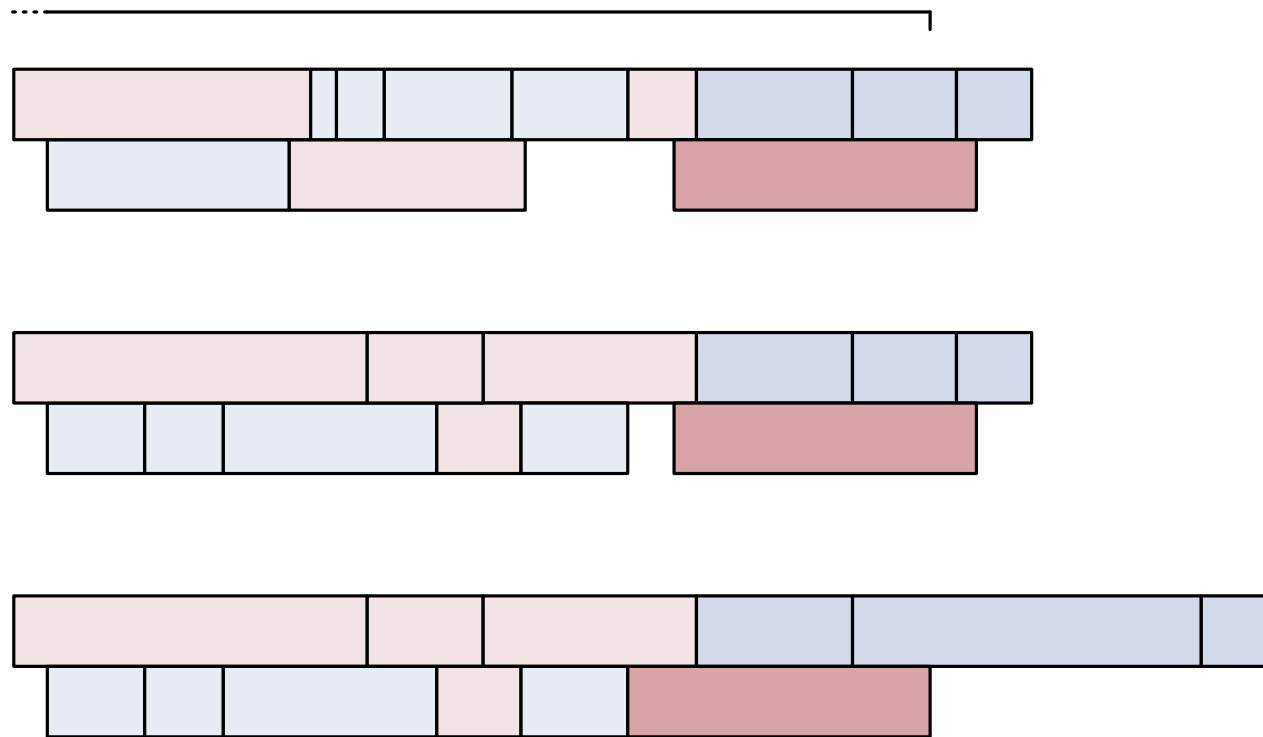
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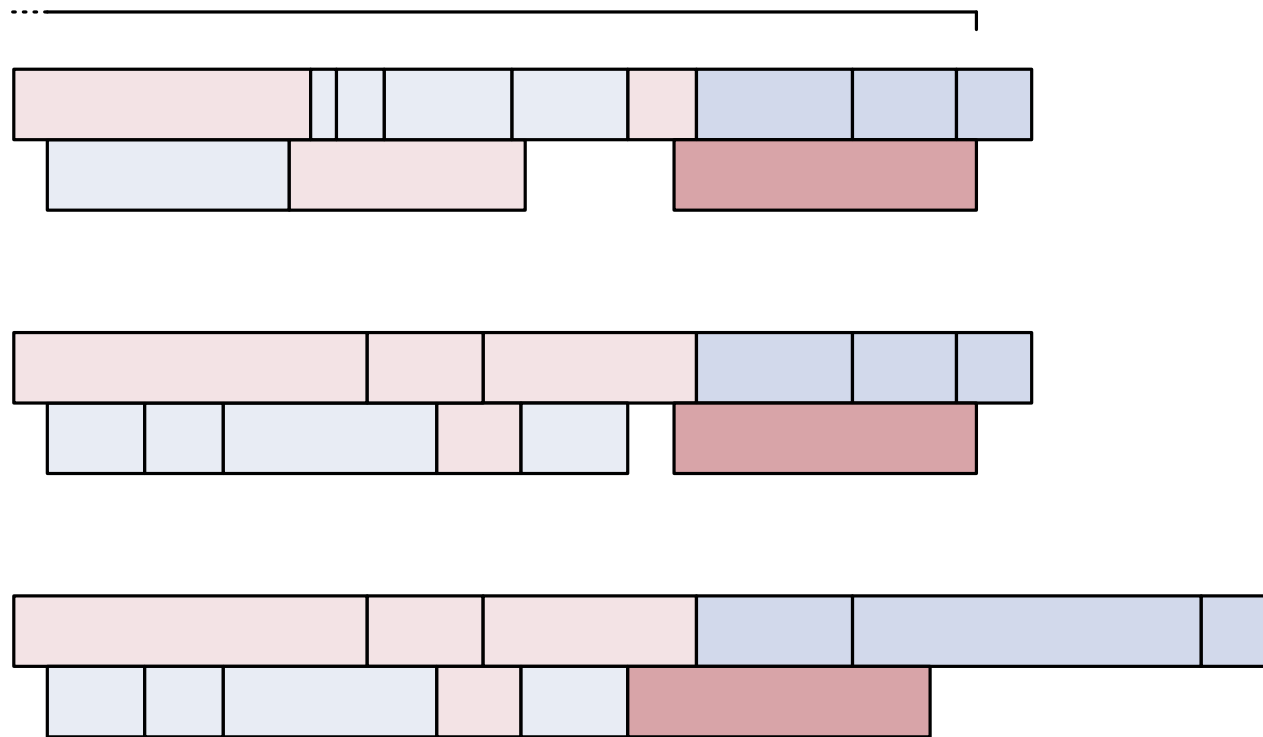
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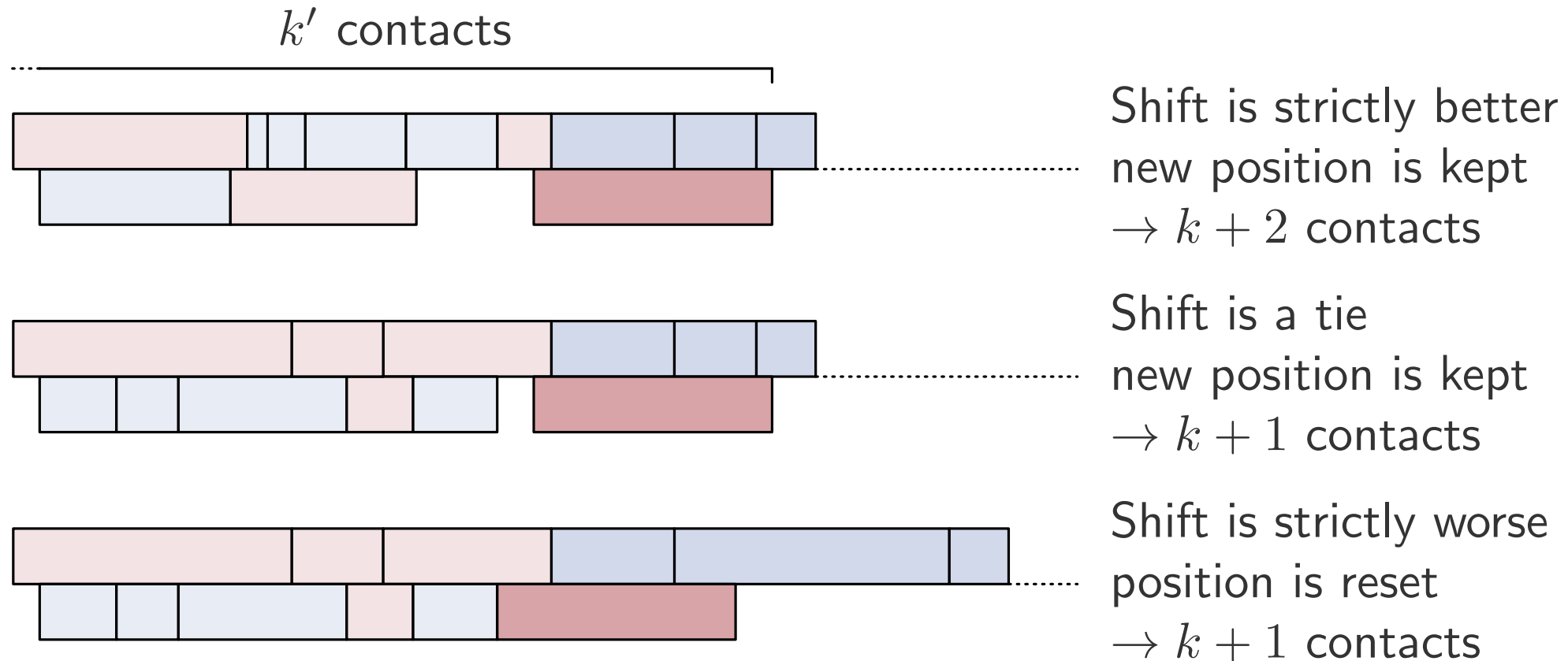
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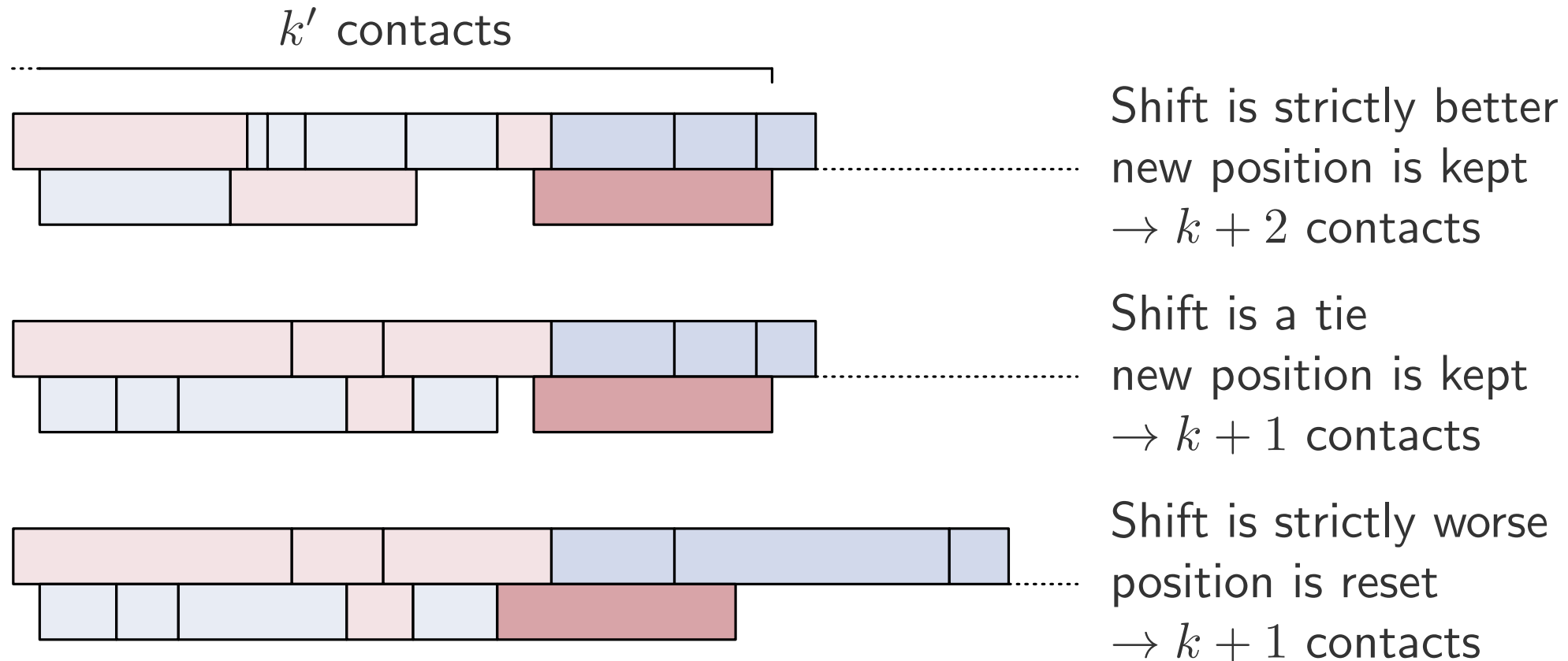


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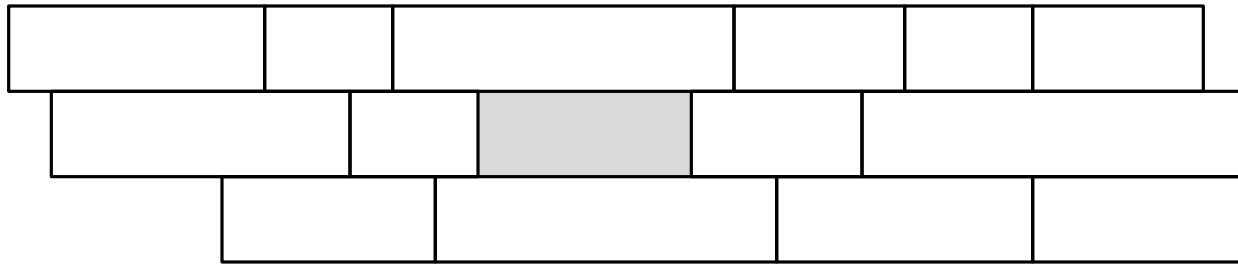


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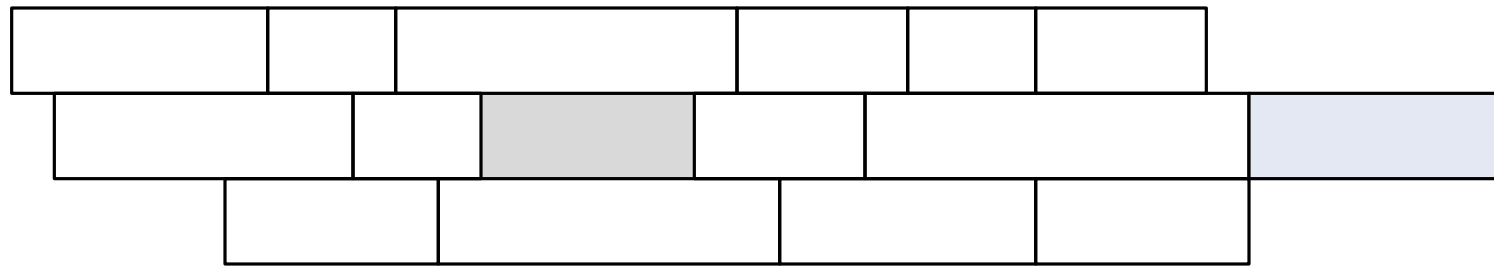
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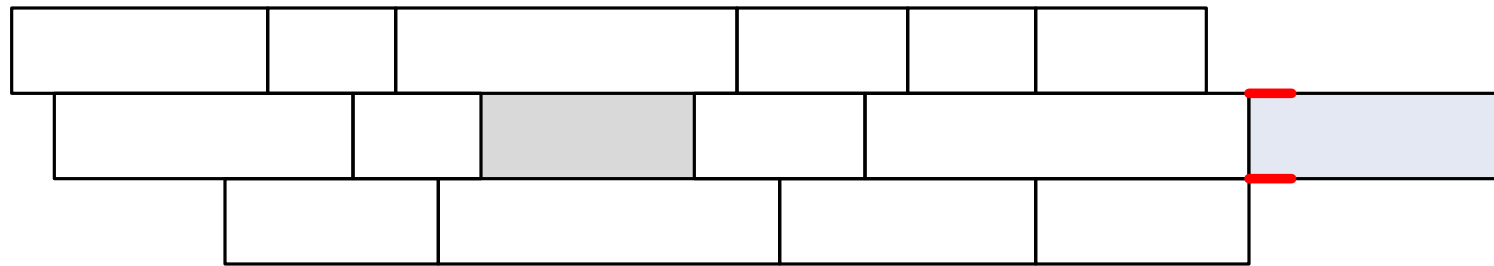
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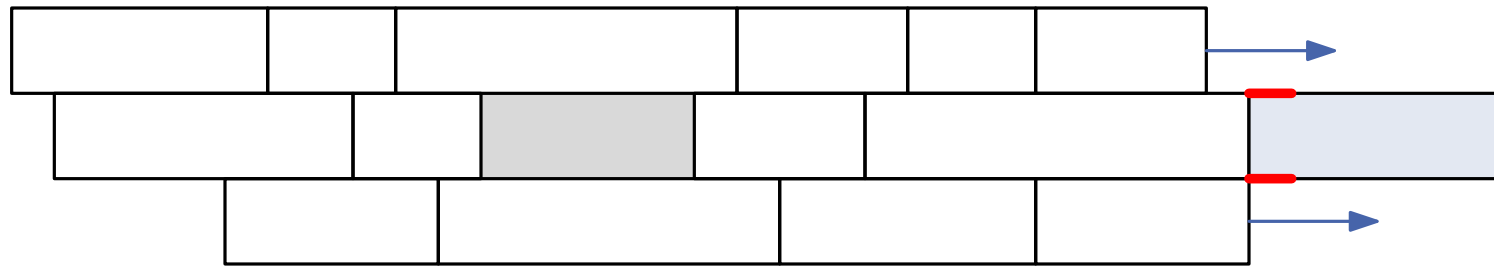
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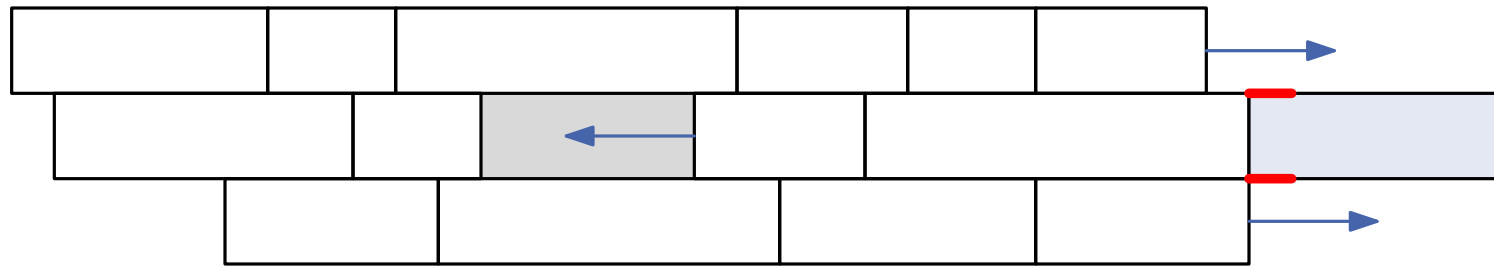
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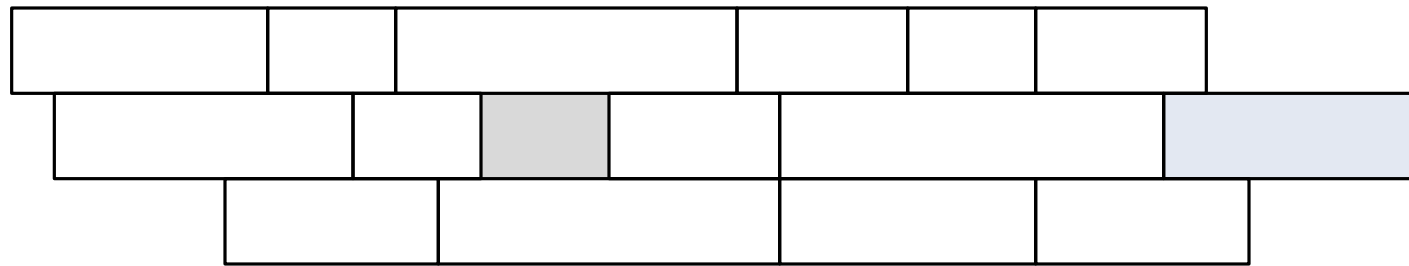
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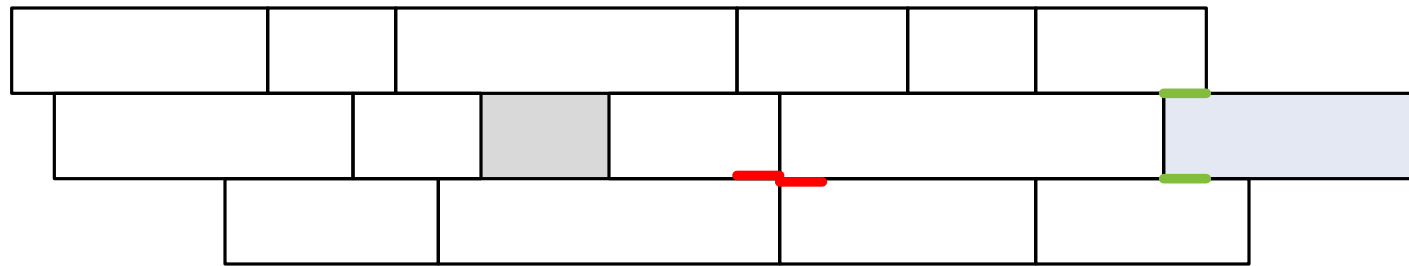
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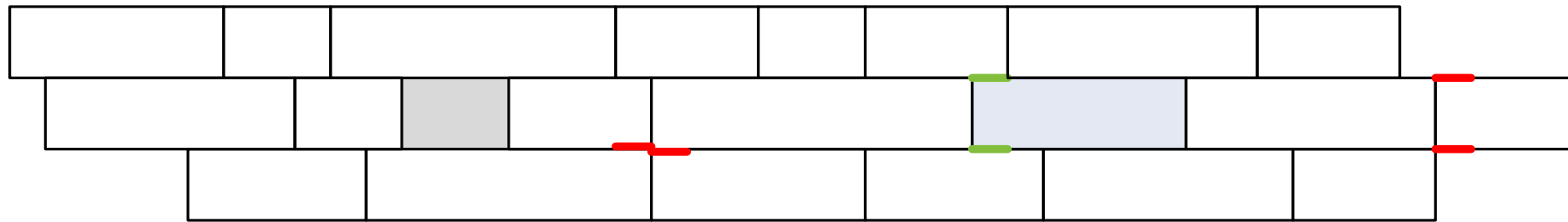
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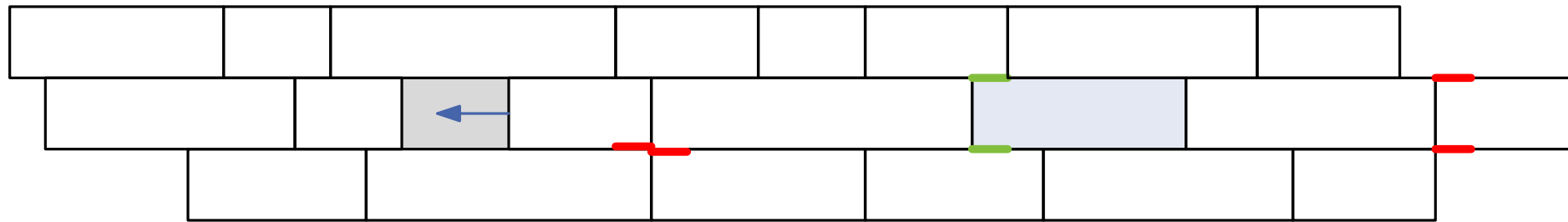
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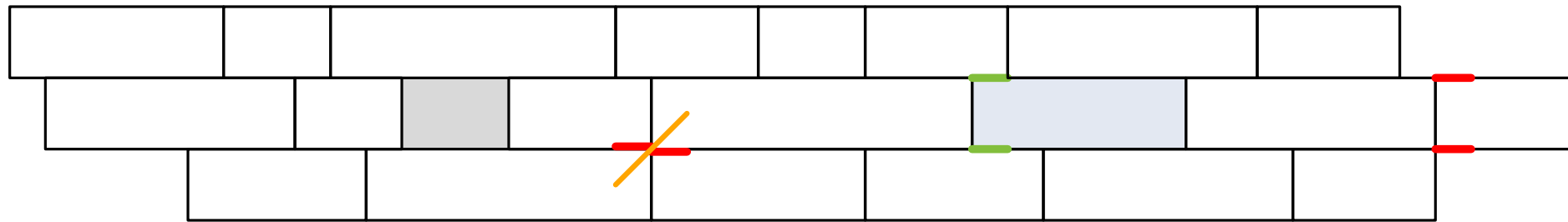
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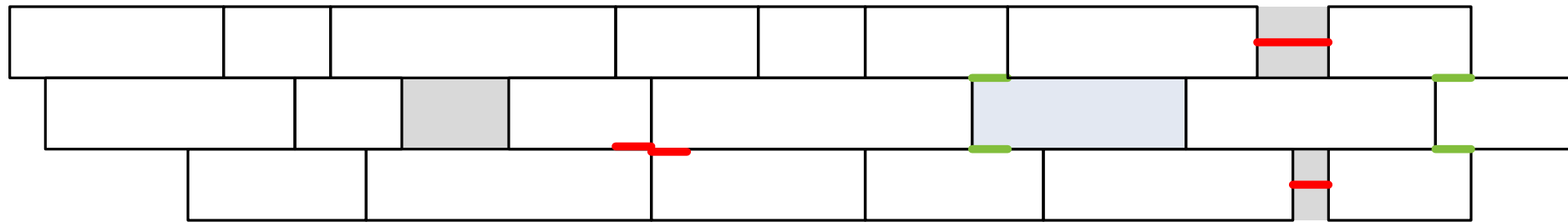
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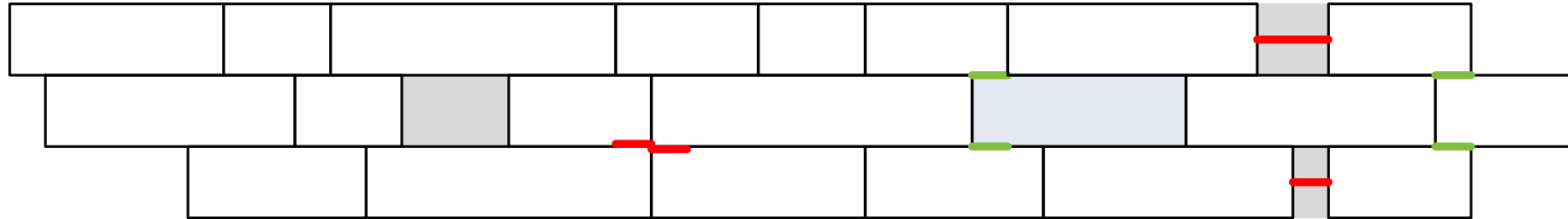
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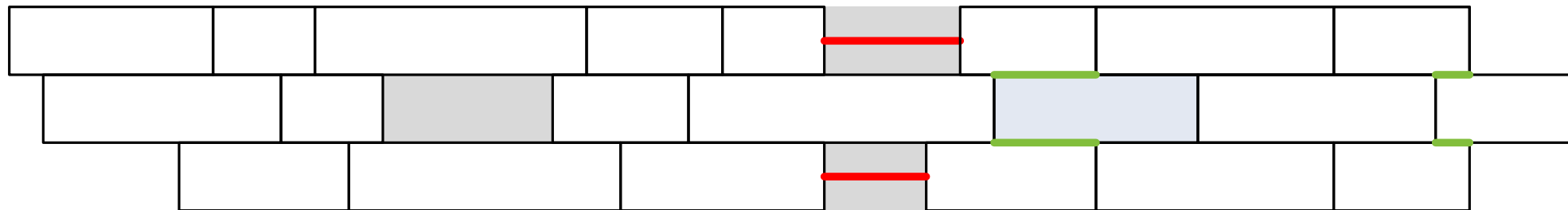
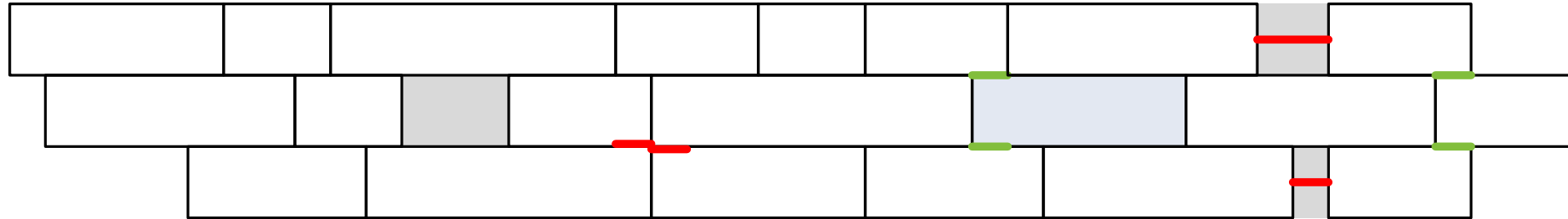
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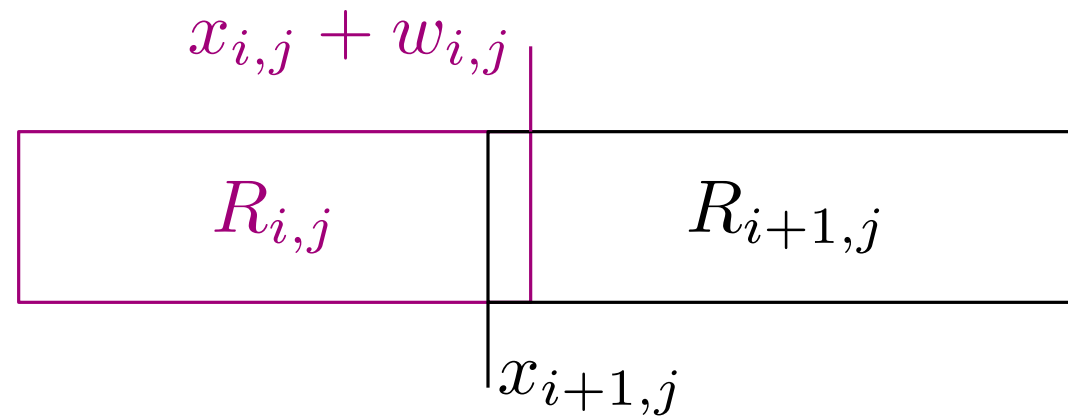


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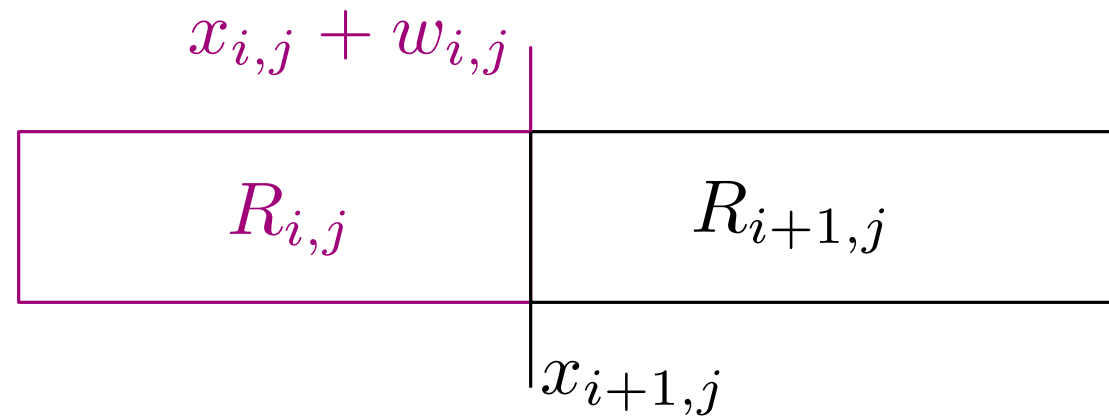
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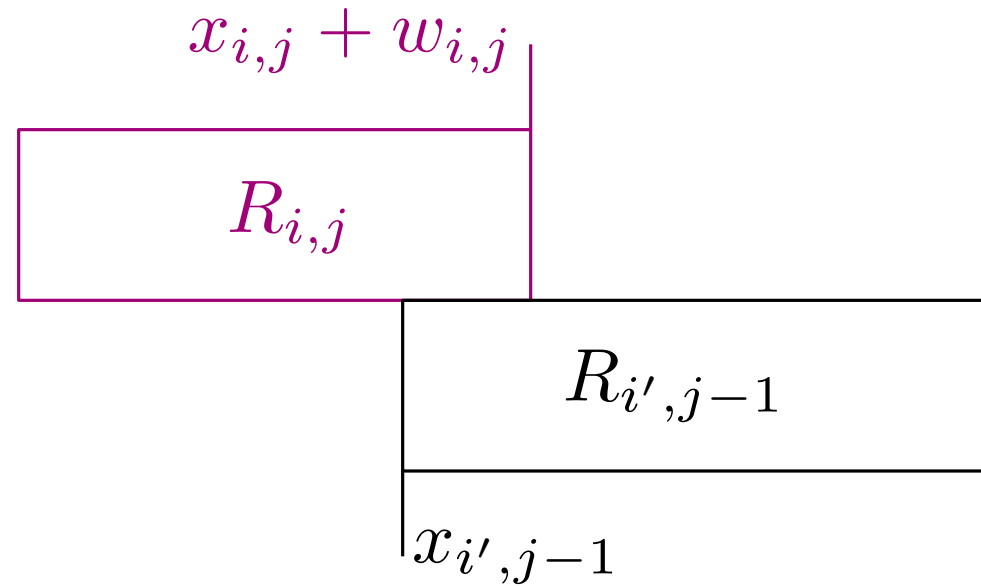
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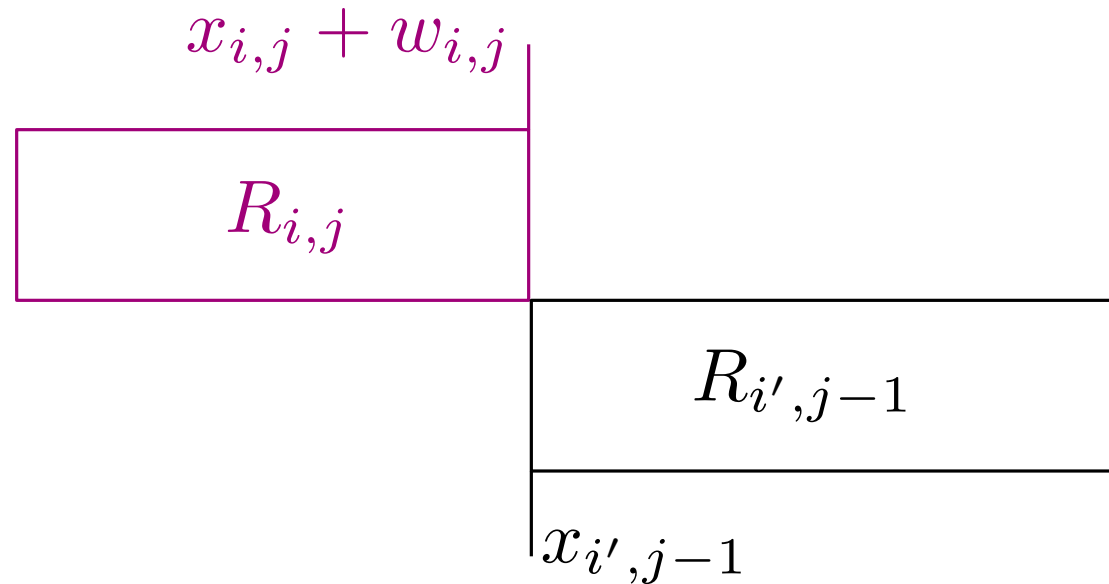
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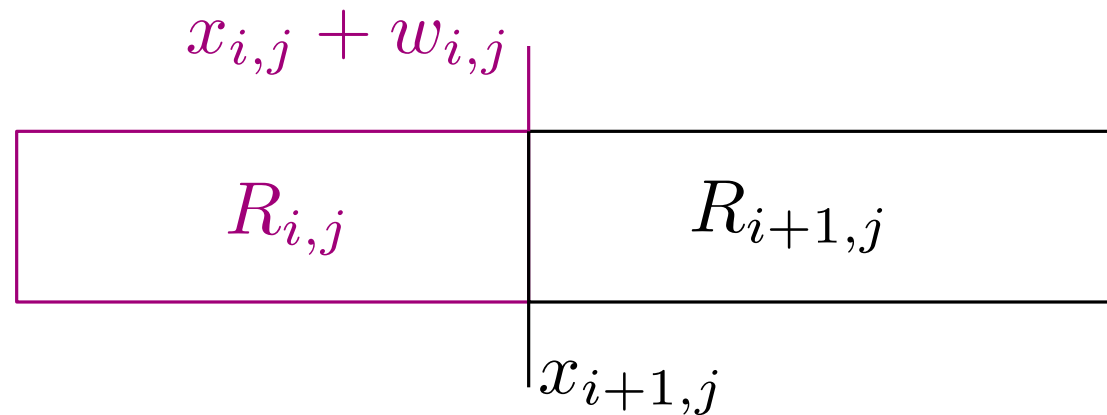
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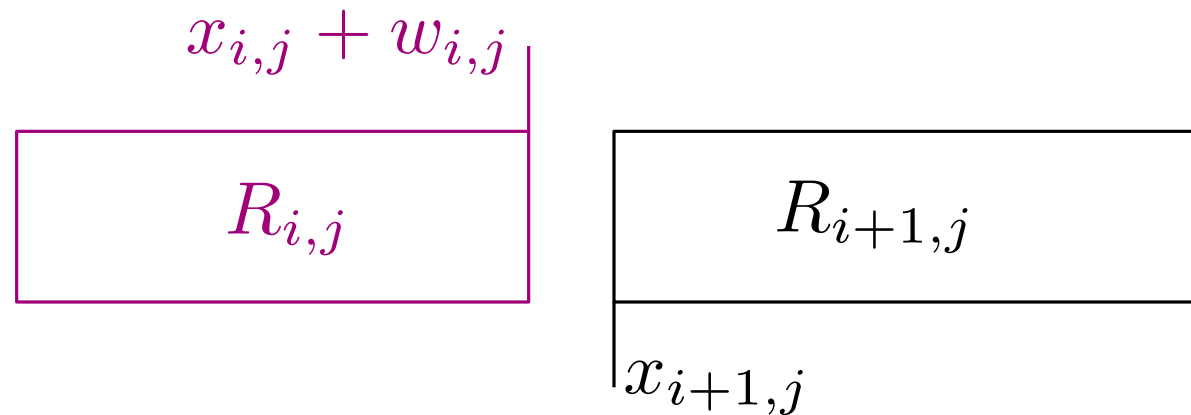
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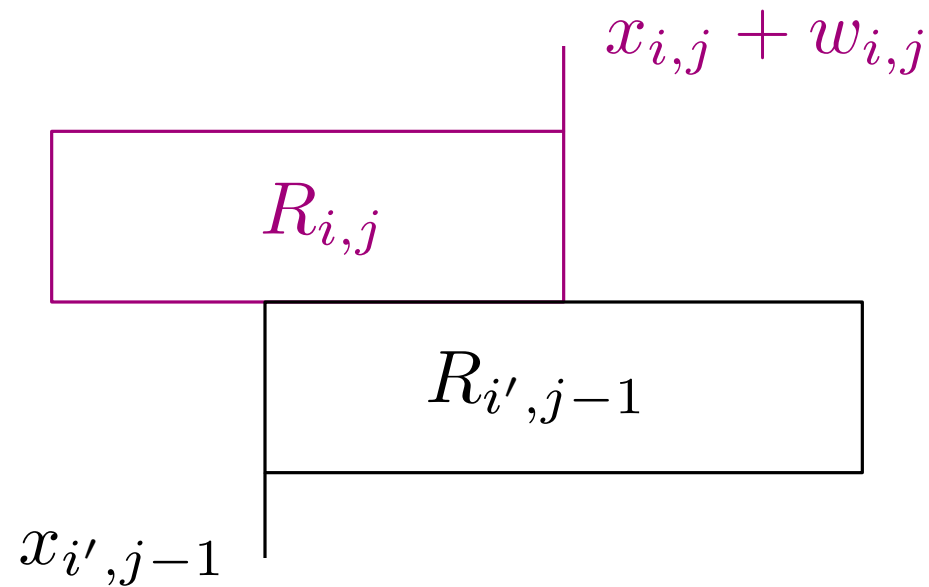
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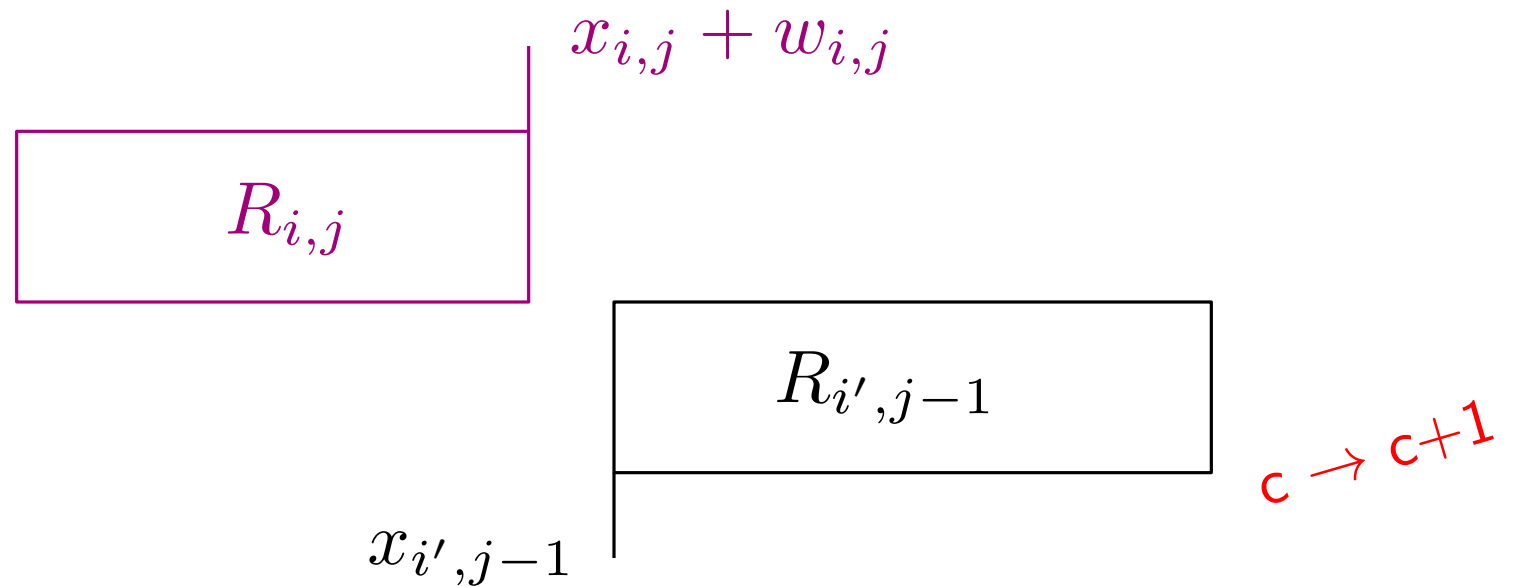
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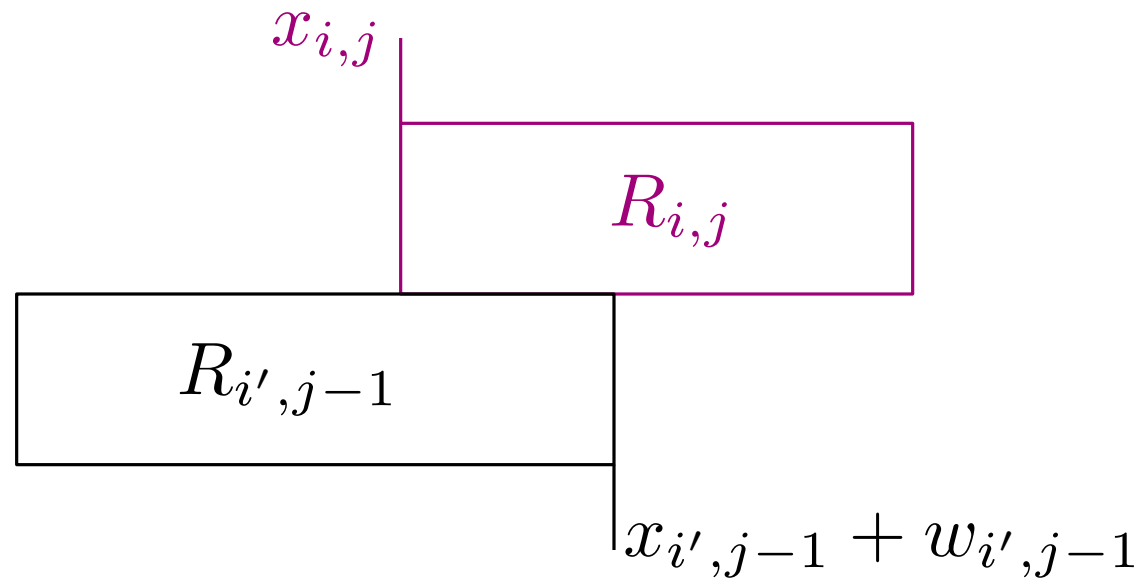
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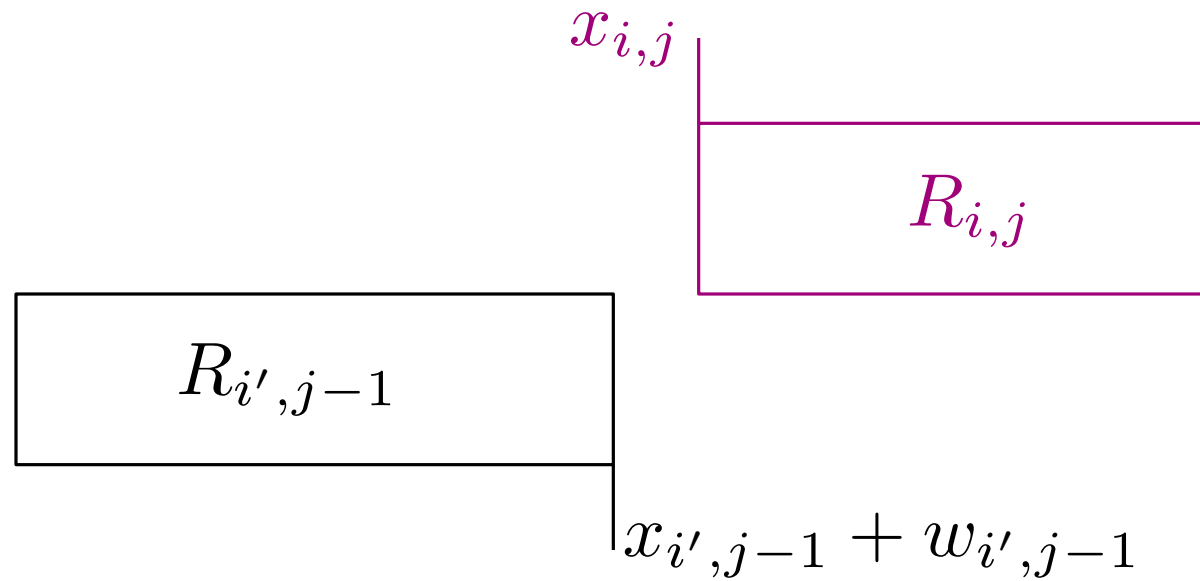
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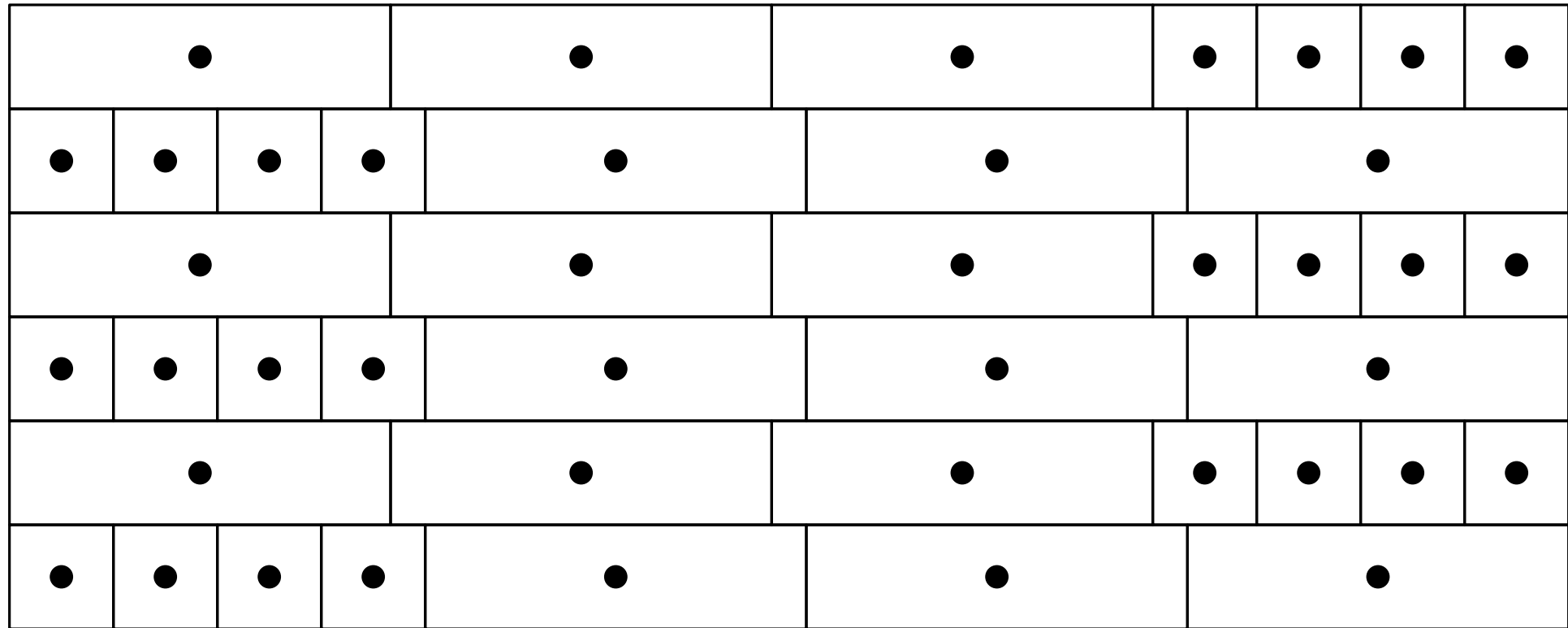
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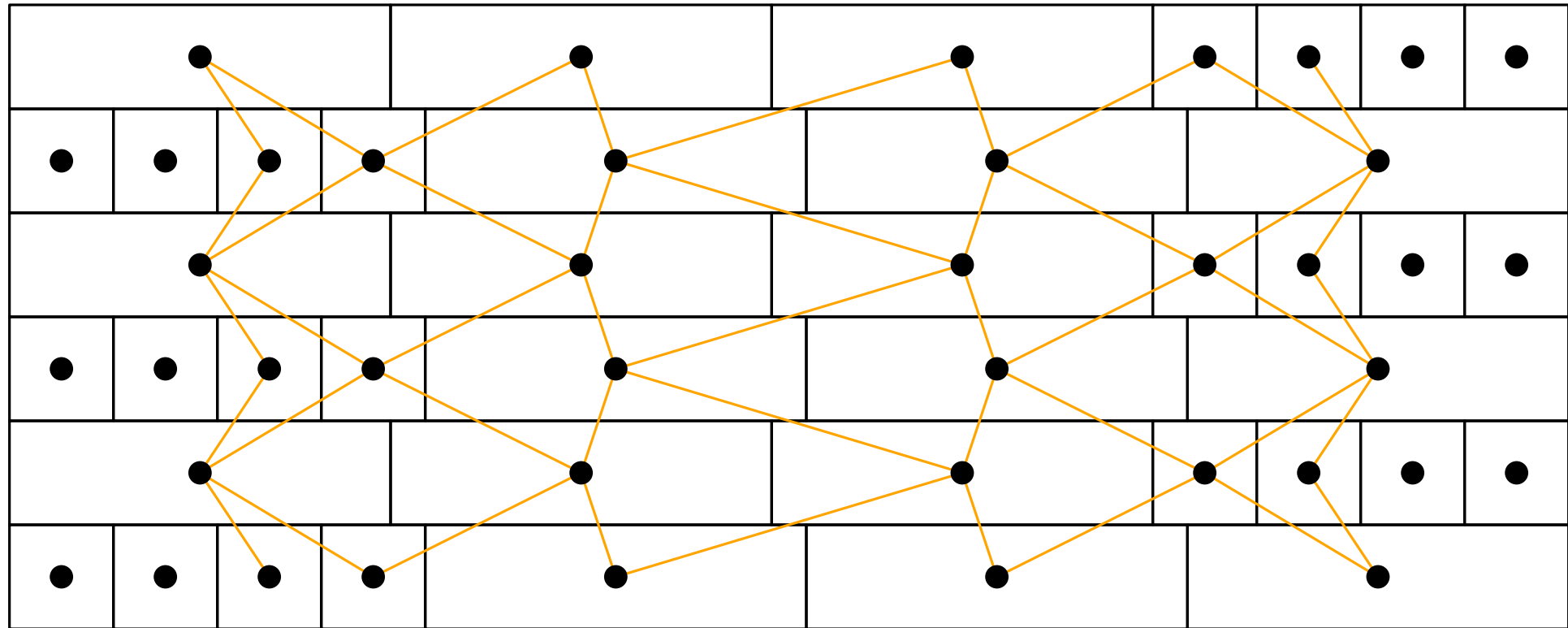
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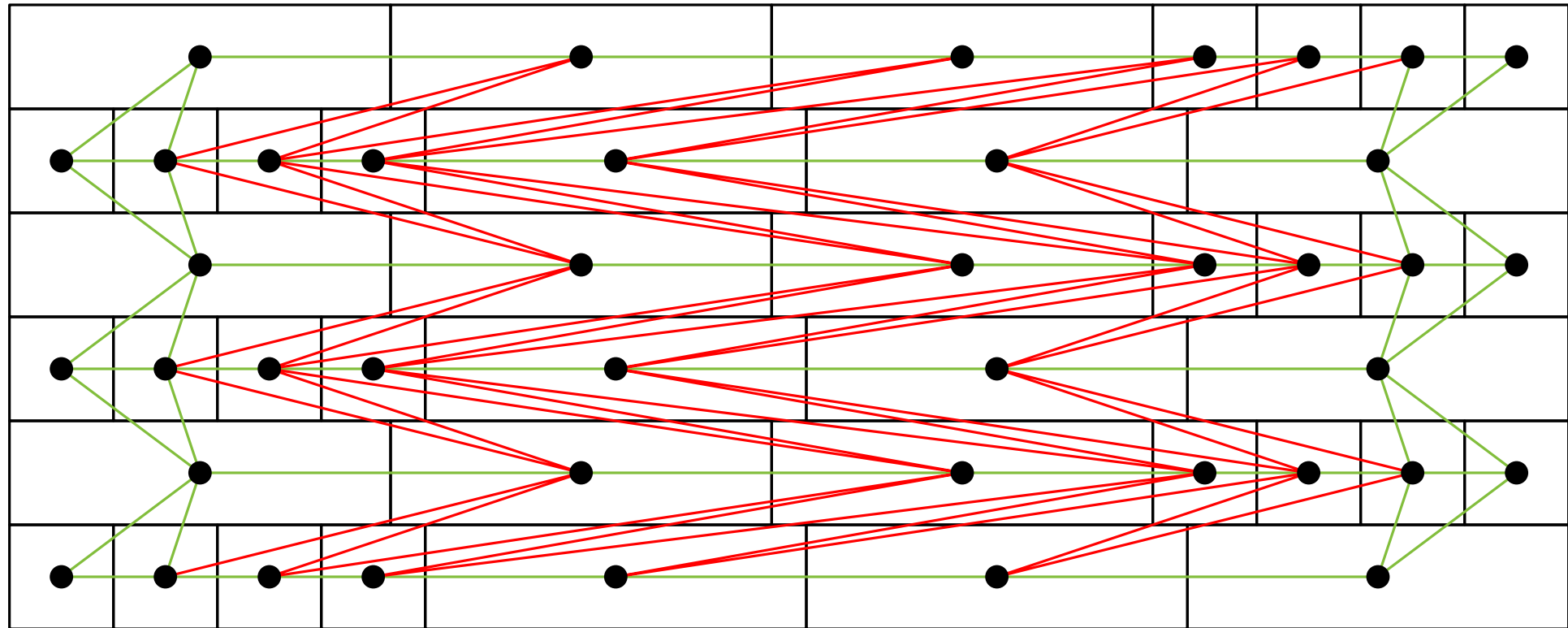
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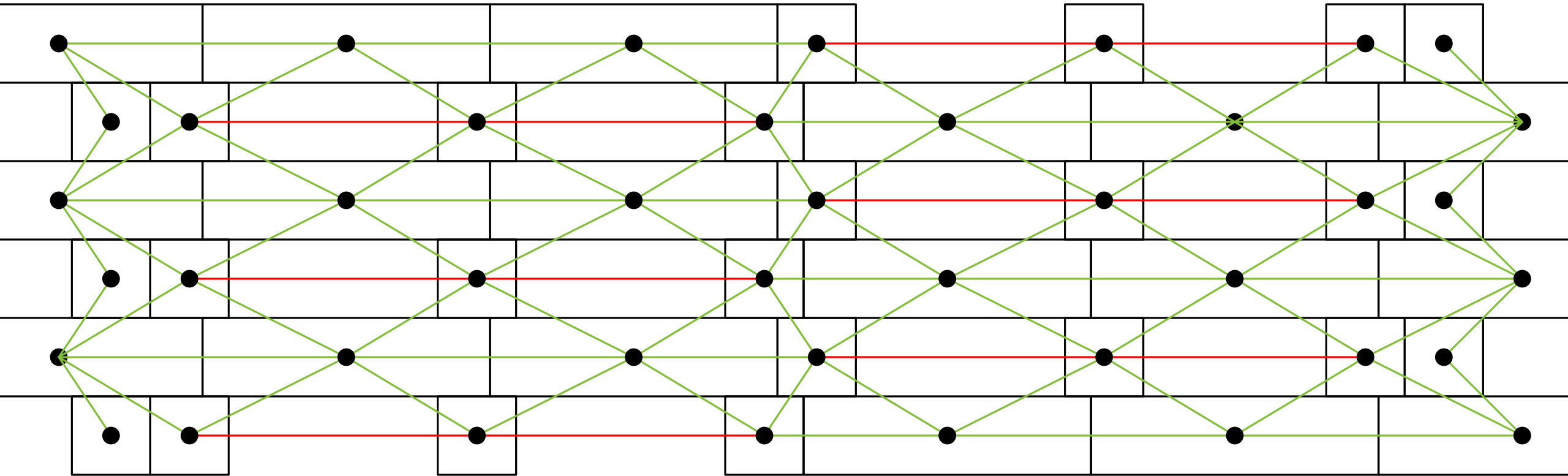
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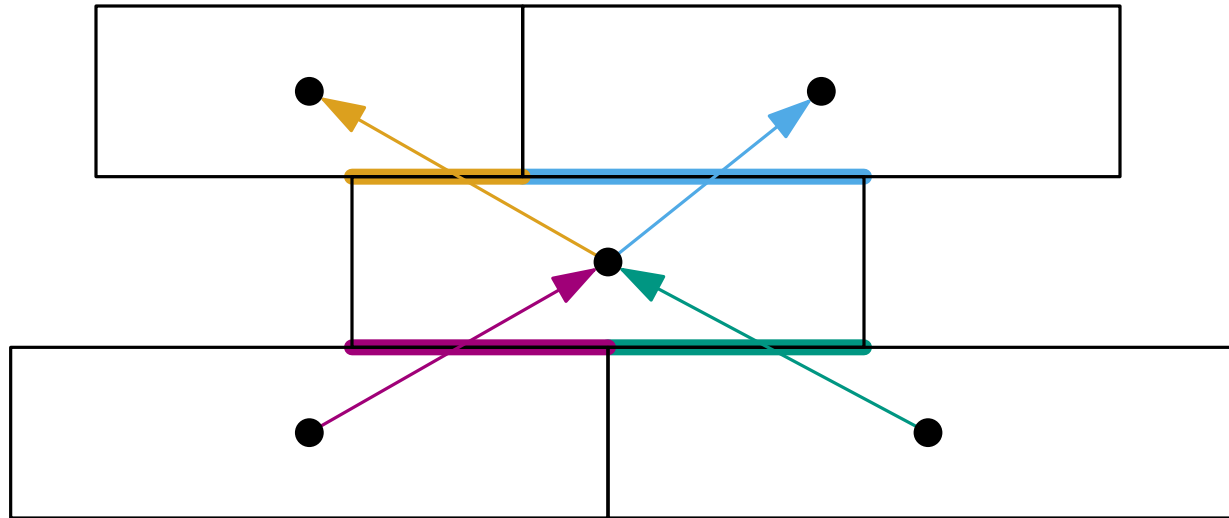
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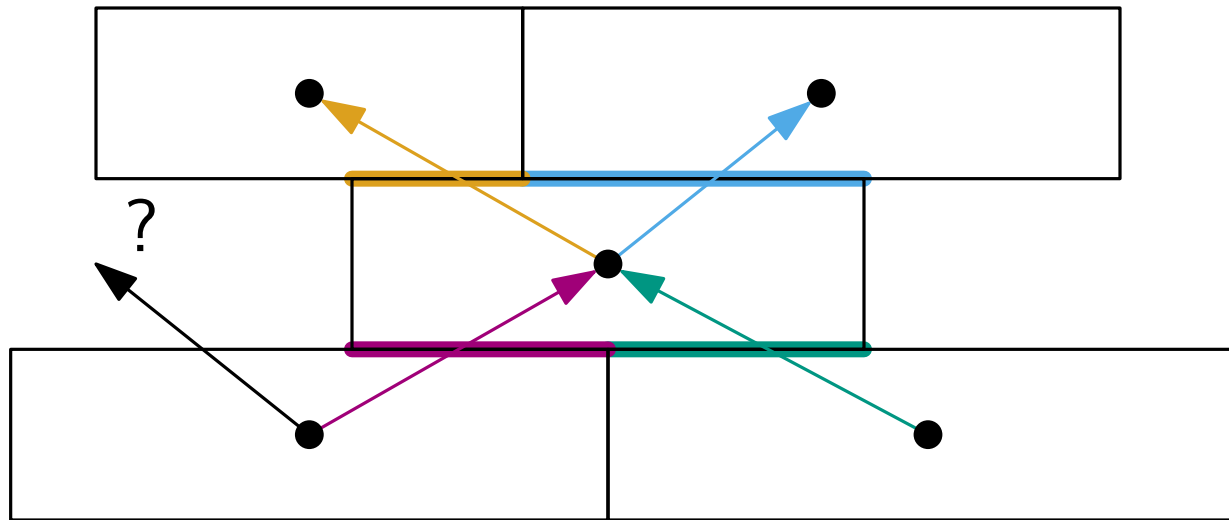
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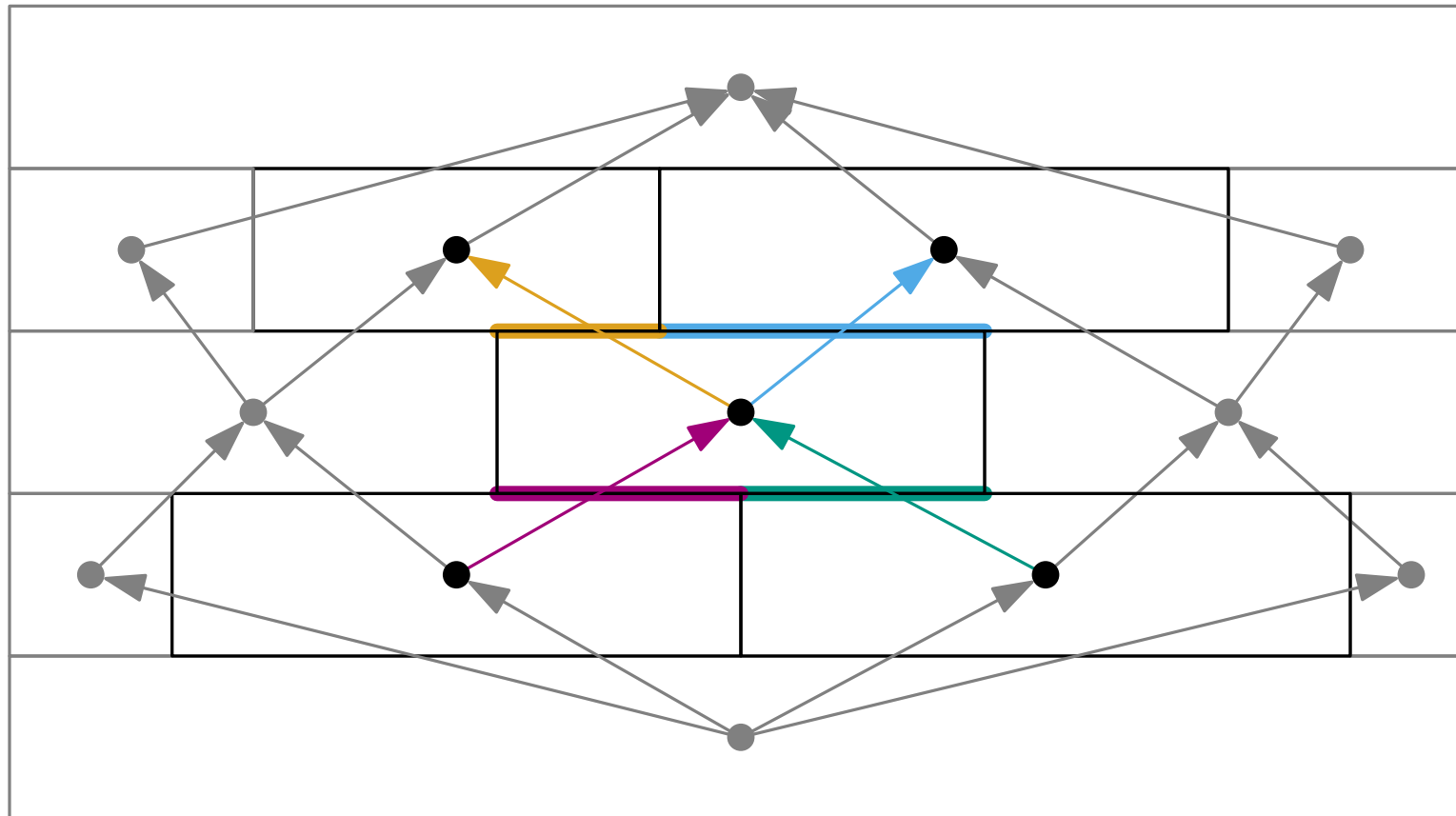
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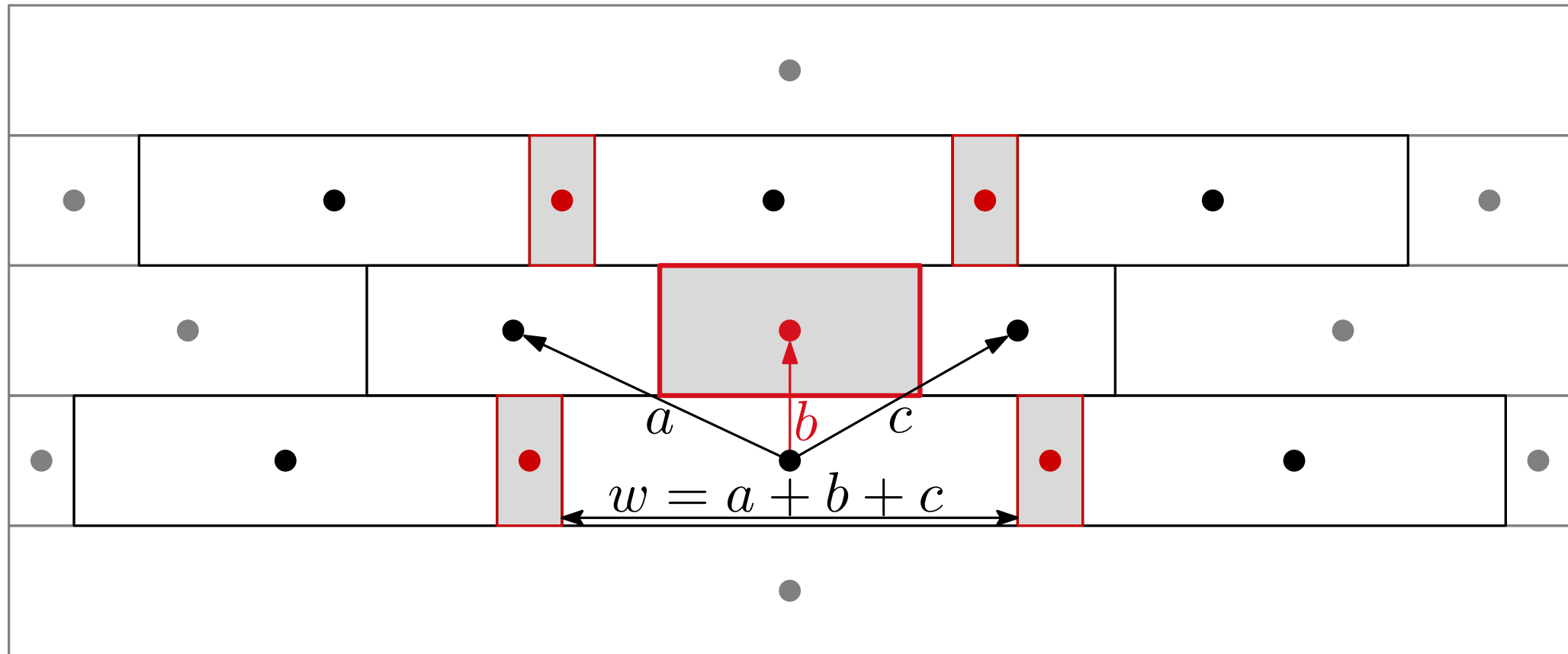
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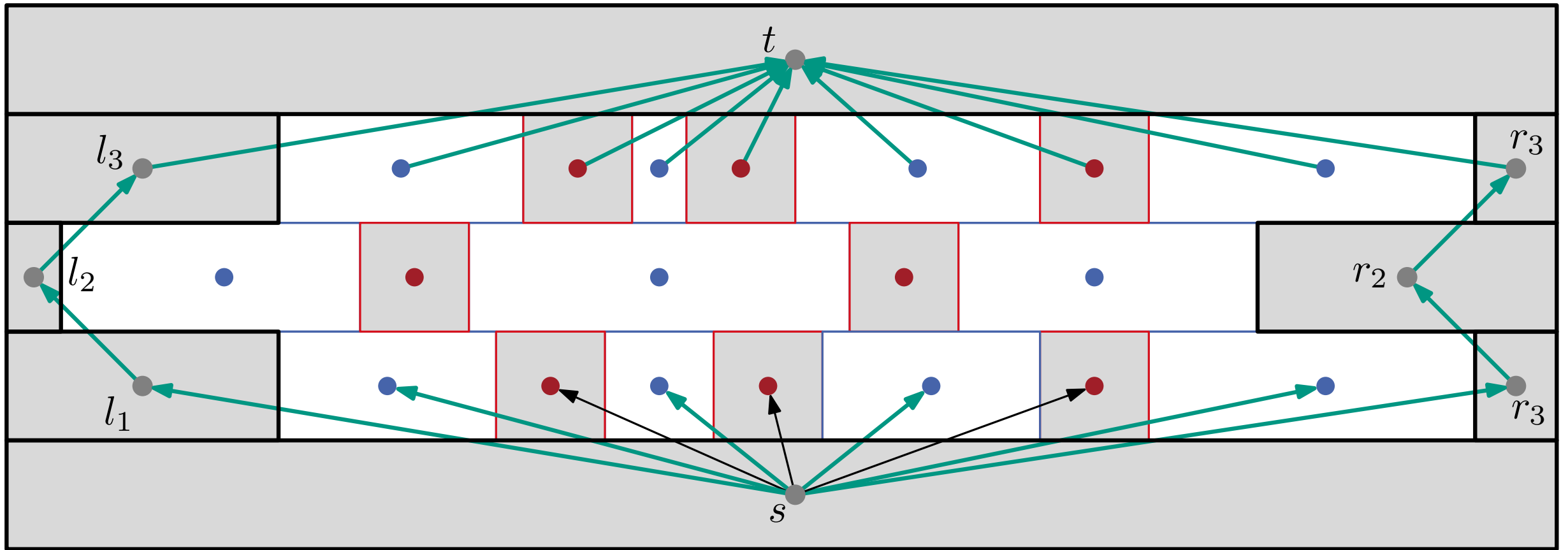


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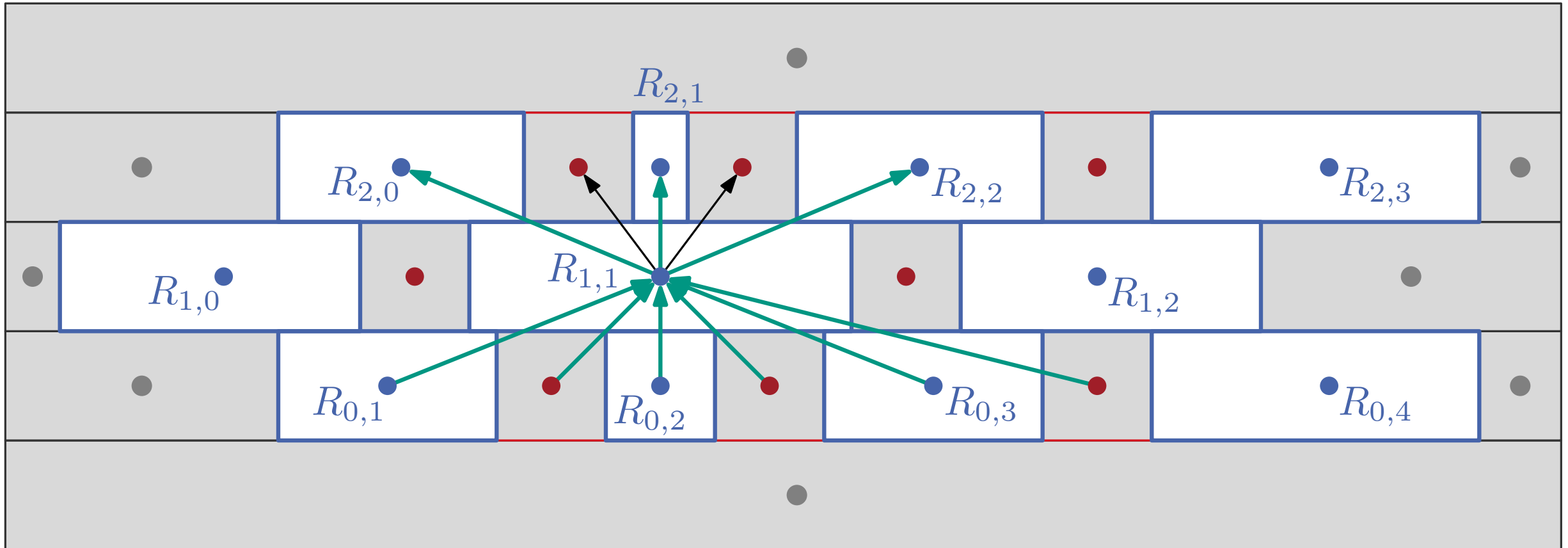
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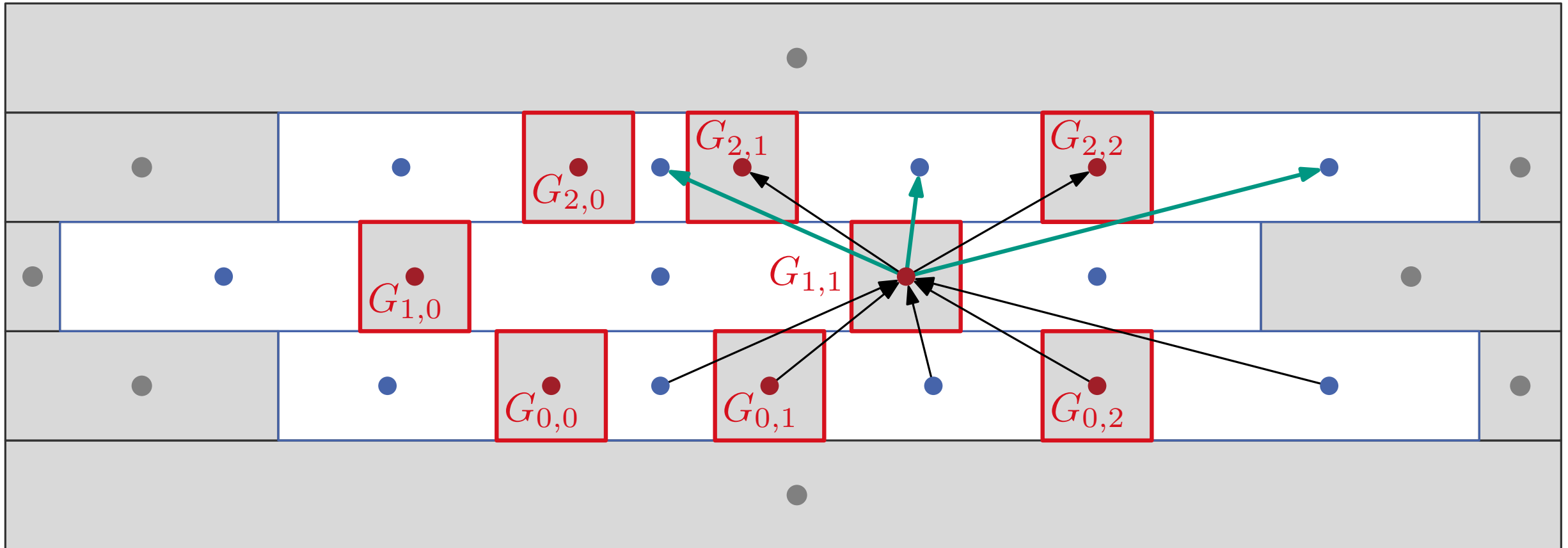


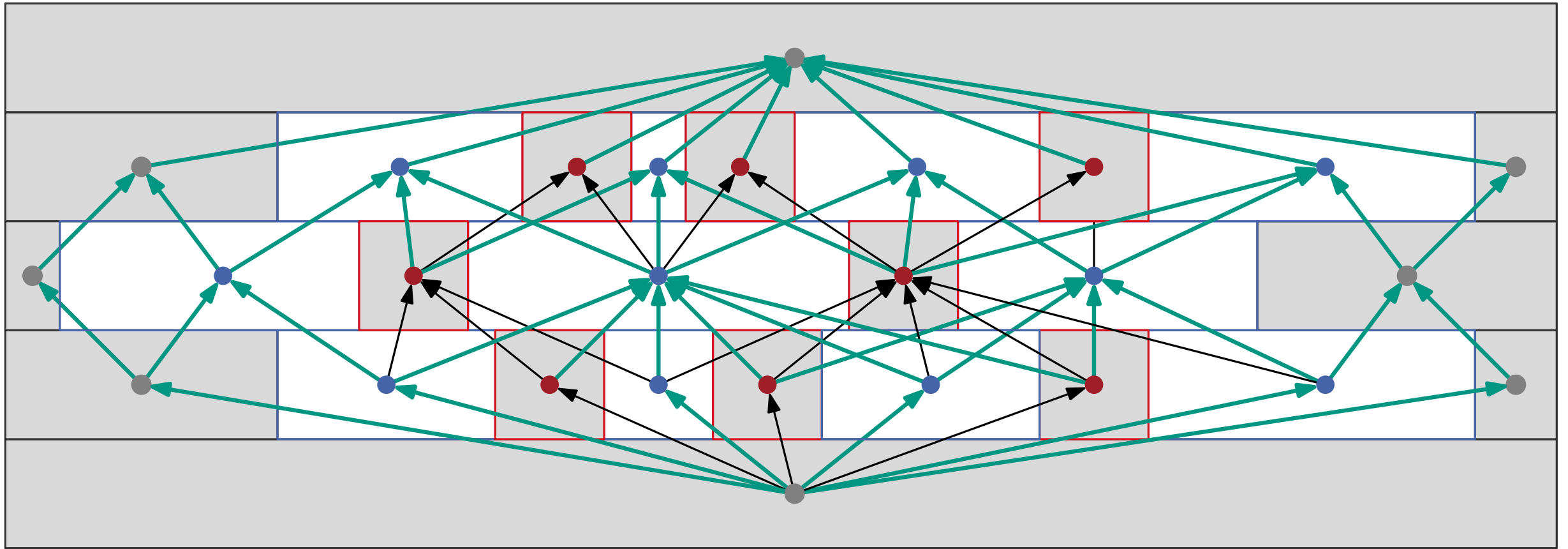
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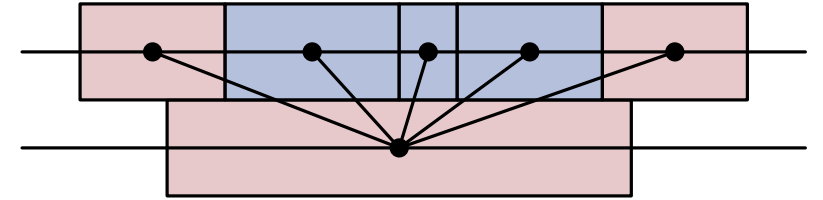
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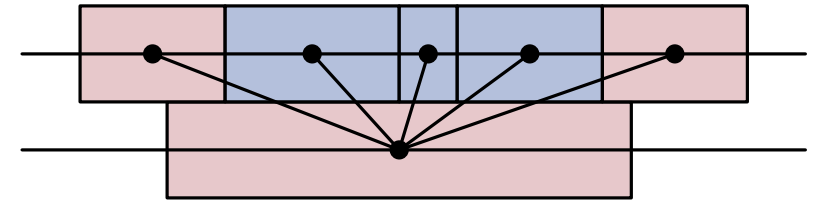
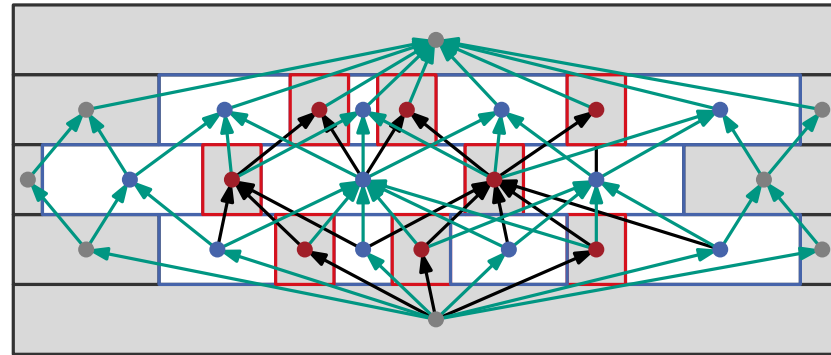
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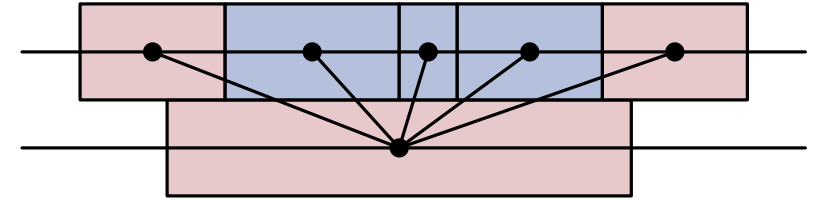
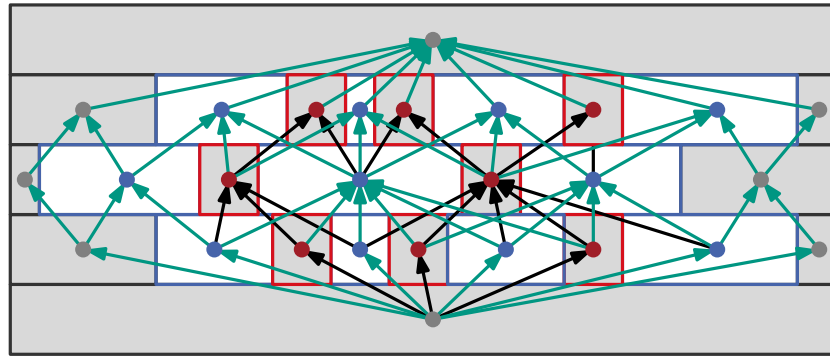
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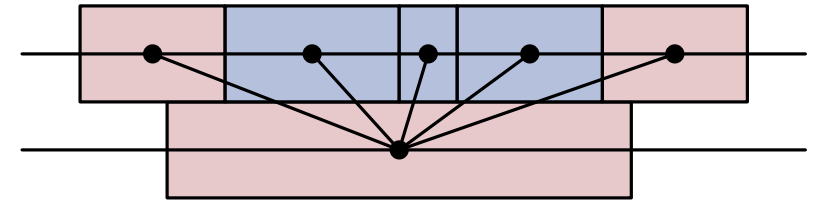
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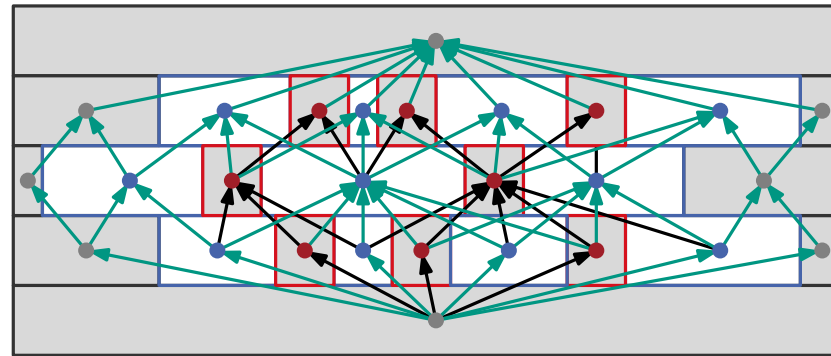
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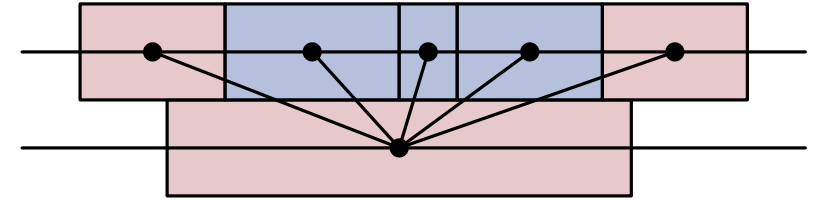
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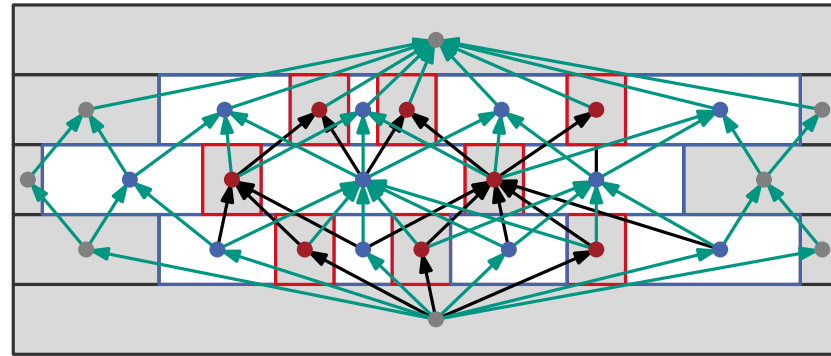
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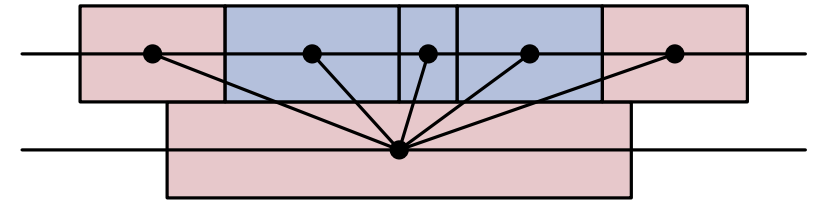
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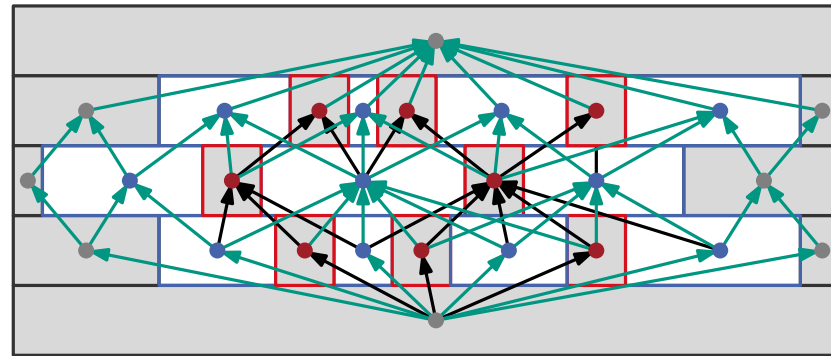
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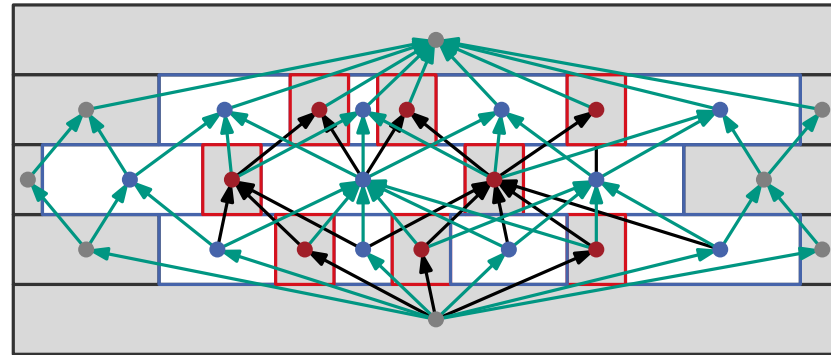
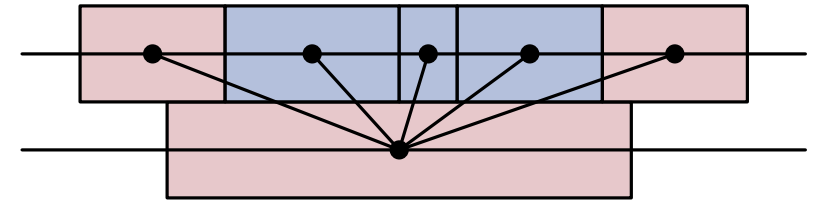
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